

# June Apple

Tommy Jarrell

Key: A / Fiddle tuning: AEAE

Structure: A1 (sung), A2, B1, B2

I wish I was a June apple  
Hanging on that tree  
'cause every time my true love passed  
She'd take a little bite of me

Going across the mountain  
I'm going in the spring  
It's when I get on the other side  
I'm gonna hear my woman sing

Don't you hear that banjo sing  
I wish that girl was mine  
Can't you hear that banjo sing  
I wish that girl was mine

Charlie he's a nice young man  
Charlie he's a dandy  
Charlie he's a nice young man  
Feeds the girls on candy

Over the river to feed my sheep  
Over the river Charlie  
It's over the river to feed my sheep  
Feed them on barley

I wish I had some sticks and poles  
To build my chimney higher  
'cause every time it rains and snows  
It puts out all my fire

Tune structure: A1 A2, B1 B2

Verses are sung on the first low part. Tommy started the tune on the low part. Bluegrassers and many old-time fiddlers start on the high part, so talking about where to start can be a good idea. Verses can be sung out of order, but the first verse is typically sung first.

Recommended Recordings:

Tommy Jarrell – [June Apple](#) (members-only)

Tommy Jarrell – [June Apple](#) (YouTube)

Tommy Jarrell – [Stay All Night](#) (YouTube)

The first two recordings are both from the June Apple album, an iconic old-time album. The members-only recording is there in case the YouTube recording disappears.