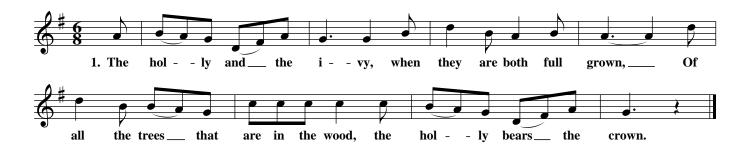
The Holly and the Ivy



Chorus

The rising of the sun, the running of the deer;

The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

- 2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet saviour.
- 3. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.
- 4. The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas day in the morn.
- 5. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

Source: Hill Family at Bromsberrow Heath, recorded Gwilym Davies and Mike Yates, 1980

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