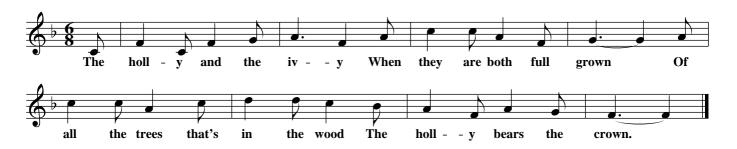
## The Holly And The Ivy



1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown Of all the trees that's in the wood. the holly bears the crown.

## Chorus:

The rising of the sun, the running of the deer The playing of the merry organ, sweet music in the choir.

- 2. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.
- 3. The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet saviour.
- 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: Charley Williams, Bream, Forest of Dean. Collected by Bob Patten and Andrew Taylor, 19 November 1977. Mr Williams only sang 2 verses and the chorus. Remaining verses are from another version

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