

The Holly and Ivy  
Traditional.

The Holly and the Ivy  
Now both are full well grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The Holly bears the crown.

Refrain

O the rising of the sun,  
The running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the quire,  
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The Holly bears a blossom,  
As white as lily-flower;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Savior.

Refrain

The Holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To do poor sinners good.

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The Holly bears a prickle,  
As sharp as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
On Christmas Day in the morn.

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The Holly bears a bark,  
As bitter as any gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
For to redeem us all.

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