

The Holly And The Ivy

 G C G
The holly and the ivy,
 C G
When they are both full grown,
 G C G
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
 D7 G
The holly bears the crown.

Chorus:

 C G
The rising of the sun
 C G
And the running of the deer,
 C G
The playing of the merry organ,
 D7 G
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet saviour.

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

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

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