

The Holly and the Ivy

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The hol - ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown, of
 all the trees that are in the wood the hol - ly bears the crown. The
 ris - ing of the sun and the run-ning of the deer, the
 play-ing of the mer-ry or - gan, sweet sing-ing 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.
 The rising of the sun ...

4. The holly bears a prickle
 as sharp as any thorn,
 and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
 on Christmas Day in the morn.
 The rising of the sun ...

3. The holly bears a berry
 as red as any blood,
 and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
 to do poor sinners good.
 The rising of the sun ...

5. The holly bears a bark
 as bitter as any gall,
 and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
 for to redeem us all.
 The rising of the sun ...



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