The holly and the ivy

1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of

2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flower, and

3. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood, and

4. The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn, and

5. The holly bears a bark, as bitter as the gall, and

all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown:

Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our dear Saviour:

Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good: O, the

Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn:

Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all:

rising of the sun, and the running of the deer, the

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

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