

Traditional English

# The holly and the ivy

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1. The hol-ly and the i - vy, when they are both full - grown, of  
2. *The hol-ly bears a blos-som, as white as lil - ly flower, and*  
3. The hol-ly bears a ber - ry, as red as a - ny blood, and  
4. *The hol-ly bears a prick - le, as sharp as a - ny thorn, and*  
5. The hol-ly bears a bark, as bit - ter as the gall, and

all the trees that are in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown:  
*Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ, to be our dear Sa - viour:*  
Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ to do poor sin - ners good: O, the  
Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ on Christ-mas Day in the morn:  
Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ for to re - deem us all:

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.