**The holly and the Ivy,**  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown

**(All together)**

*The rising of the sun,  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.*  
  
The holly bears a blossom,  
As white as lily flow'r,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our dear Saviour

**(All together)***The rising of the sun……….*  
**(Change Key)**

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

**(1Sop&Ten. 2 Alto & Bass)***The rising of the sun……….*  
The holly bears a prickle,  
As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
On Christmas Day in the morn

**(1Sop&Ten. 2 Alto & Bass)***The rising of the sun……*  
**(Change Key)**

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

**(1Men, 2 Alto, 3Sop)***The rising of the sun……..*  
The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown

**(1Men, 2 Alto, 3Sop)**

*The rising of the sun…..*

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**(1Men, 2 Alto, 3Sop)**

*The rising of the sun…..*

The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown  
  
[Refrain:]  
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And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.  
  
The holly bears a blossom,  
As white as lily flow'r,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our dear Saviour  
  
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The holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To do poor sinners good  
  
[Refrain]  
  
The holly bears a prickle,  
As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
On Christmas Day in the morn  
  
[Refrain]  
  
The holly bears a bark,  
As bitter as the gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
For to redeem us all  
  
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