

The holly and the ivy

Traditional

SEMI-CHORUS

mf 1. The hol - ly and the i - vy Now both are full well grown, *f* Of all the trees that are in the wood, The

mf *f*

CHORUS

p hol - ly bears the crown. *f* O the ri - sing of the sun, The run - ning of the deer, The

p *f*

play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the quire Sweet sing - ing in the quire.

2. The holly bears a blossom,
As white as lily-flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour.
O the rising of the sun, &c.
3. The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good.
O the rising of the sun, &c.
4. The holly bears a prickles,
As sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn.
O the rising of the sun, &c.
5. The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all.
O the rising of the sun, &c.
6. The holly and the ivy
Now both are full well grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.
O the rising of the sun, &c.