

The holly and the ivy

Tekst: Traditional English  
Melodi: Old French Carol

1. The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown.

Chorus (Omkvæd)  
The rising of the sun,  
The running of the deer.  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing 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 Savior.

Chorus (Omkvæd)

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

Chorus

4. The holly bears a prick  
As sharp as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas day in the morn.

Chorus

5. The holly bears a bark  
As bitter as any gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas day in the morn.

Chorus

6. The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown.

Chorus