

The Holly and the Ivy

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1st Verse

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the tress that are in the wood,
The holly wears the crown.

Refrain

The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry fife,
Sweet singing in the choir.

2nd Verse

The Ivy bears a blossom,
As white as lily flower.
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our dear Savior.

3rd Verse

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