

# The holly and the ivy

Großbritannien

1. The hol - ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown, of \_  
all the trees that are in the wood the \_ hol - ly bears the crown.  
The 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.

2. The holly bears a blossom  
as white as the lily flower,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
to be our sweet Saviour.  
The rising of the sun ...

3. The holly bears a berry  
as red as any blood,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
to do poor sinners good.  
The rising of the sun ...

4. The holly bears a prickle  
as sharp as any thorn,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
on Christmas Day in the morn.  
The rising of the sun ...

5. The holly bears a bark  
as bitter as any gall,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
for to redeem us all.  
The rising of the sun ...

Oft wird die 1. Strophe am Ende noch einmal gesungen.  
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