

The Holly and the Ivy

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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.
3.
The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good.
4.
The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn.
5.
The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all.