

Holly and ivy are two of the best-known, traditional Christmas plants. In Europe and Asia, these plants were used in winter festivities as a way to make sure that new life and growth would return again in spring.

# The Holly and the Ivy



CD 24:28



Old English Carol



1. The hol-ly and the i-vy, when they are both full grown,  
2. The hol-ly bears a ber-ry as red as an-y blood,



Of all the trees that are in the wood, the hol-ly bears the crown.  
And Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus to do poor sin-ners good.



Oh, the ris-ing of the sun and the run-ning of the deer,

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The.. play-ing of the mer-ry or-gan, sweet sing-ing of the choir.

The play - ing of the or-gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir.

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