

The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional English

Joyfully *mf*

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 lily flowers,
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 . . .

