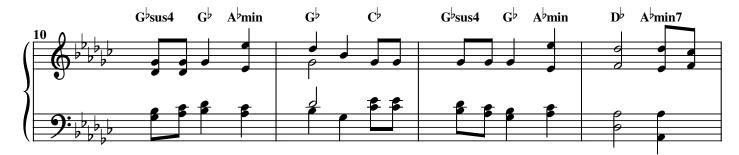
The Holly and the Ivy

English Traditional Carol

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The Holly and the Ivy Now both are full well grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood, The Holly bears the crown.

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O the rising of the sun, The running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the quire, Sweet singing in the quire.

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

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

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The Holly bears a bark, As bitter as any gall; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, For to redeem us all.

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