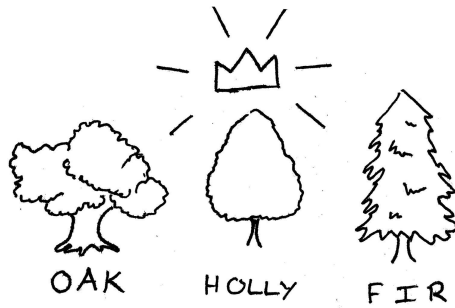


The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional British folk Christmas carol form the early nineteenth century.

verse 1



OAK

HOLLY

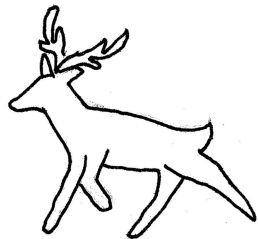
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The holly and the ivy, Of all the trees that are in the wood,
When they are both full grown. The holly bears the crown.

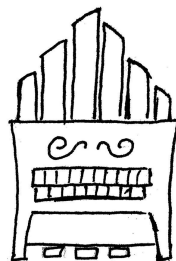
chorus



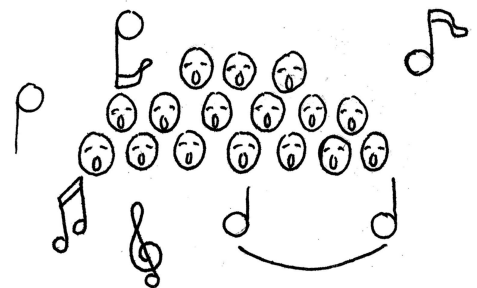
Oh, the rising
of the sun,



The running
of the deer.

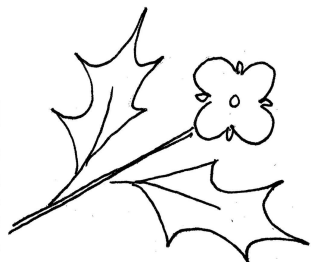


The playing
of the merry organ,

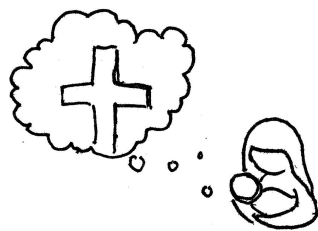


Sweet singing in the choir.
Sweet singing in the choir.

verse 2

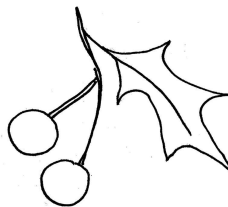


The holly bears
a blossom
As white as
lily flower;



And Mary bore
sweet Jesus Christ
To be our
sweet Savior.

verse 3



The holly
bears a berry
As red as
any blood;



And Mary bore
sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor
sinners good.

verse 4

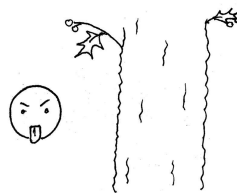


The holly bears
a prickle
As sharp as
any thorn;



And Mary bore
sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas day
in the morn.

verse 5



The holly bears
a bark
As bitter as
any gall;



And Mary bore
sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem
us all.