

## **The Holly and the Ivy (SATB) LYRICS**

### **SOP**

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

*Refrain:*

### **ALL**

*Oh the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

### **SOP / ALTO**

2. The holly bears a blossom as white as any flow'r.  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet savior.

*Refrain:*

### **TENOR / BASS**

3. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood.  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

*Refrain:*

### **SOP (A/T/B "Ah")**

4. The holly bears a prickly, as sharp as any thorn.  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

*Refrain:*

5. **(SOP)** The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall.  
      **(+ ALTO)** And Mary bore  
      **(+ TENOR)** sweet Jesus Christ  
      **(+ BASS)** for to redeem us all.

*FINAL REFRAIN:*

**SOP**

*Oh the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.  
Sweet singing, sweet singing,  
Sweet singing in\_\_\_\_ the choir.*

**ALTO**

*Oh the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir,  
The choir, the choir.  
Sweet singing in\_\_\_\_ the choir.*

**TENOR**

*Oh the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
singing in the choir,  
The choir  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

**BASS**

*Oh the rising sun  
And the running deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
in\_\_ the choir, the choir.  
Sweet singing in the choir.*