



**Carol 489.** **The holly and the ivy.** *Old French.*  
SEMI-CHORUS. CHRISTMAS.

*mf* 1. The hol - ly and the i - vy Now both are full well grown, Of all the trees that  
2. The hol - ly bears a blos - som, As white as li - ly flower, As Ma - ry bore sweet  
3. The hol - ly bears a ber - ry, As red as an - y blood; And Ma - ry bore sweet  
4. The hol - ly bears a prick - le, As sharp as an - y thorn; And Ma - ry bore sweet

**CHORUS.**  
are in the wood, The hol - ly bears the crown.  
Je - sus Christ, To be our sweet Sav - iour. } O the ri - sing of the sun, The run - ning of the  
Je - sus Christ, To do poor sin - ners good.  
Je - sus Christ, On Christ - mas day in the morn.

deer, The play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, Sweet singing in the quire, Sweet singing in the quire.

5 The holly bears a bark,  
As bitter as dry gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
For to redeem us all.  
Cro. O the rising of the sun, etc.

6 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.  
Cro. O the rising of the sun, etc.

H is for The Holly & The Ivy, this beautiful Christmas Carol can be dated back to 1823. You can listen to it here.