

### 43. THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

English traditional carol  
arranged by  
JOHN RUTTER

**Allegretto con moto**

VERSES 1, 2 and 5

SOPRANO 1 (solo or full)

PIANO \*  
(optional)

1. The hol - ly and the  
2. The hol - ly bears a  
5. The hol - ly bears a  
(verse 2 accomp. an octave higher)

*mf legato* *p*

SOPRANO 1 and 2 (soli or full)  
or SOPRANO and ALTO (soli or full)

i - vy When they are both full grown; Of  
blos - som As white as a - ny flower; And  
bark As bitt - 'r as a - ny gall; And

all the trees that are in the wood The hol - ly bears the  
Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ To be our sweet Sa -  
Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ For to re - deem us

\*This setting may be sung unaccompanied.

S.  
A.  
crow  
- viou  
all.

run

or  
din  
play  
din

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15  
(or full)  
ly and the  
ly bears a  
ly bears a  
(an octave higher)

1 and 2 (soli or full)  
O and ALTO (soli or full)  
Of  
And  
And

bears the  
sweet Sa -  
deem us

S. *mp cresc.* (full) *f* *mf*  
crown. O the ris - ing of the sun And the  
- viour. all. *mp cresc.* *f* *mf*  
A. *mp cresc.* *f* *mf*  
(v.2 *accpt. loco*) *mp cresc.* *f* *mf*

The play - ing of the mer - ry  
run - ning of the deer, The  
*mf dim.*

or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the choir. *to next page for vo. 3 and 4*  
*dim.* *mp* *mp*  
play - ing of the or - gan, sing - ing in the choir.  
*dim.* *mp*

VERSES 3 and 4  
(solo or full)

S. 1  
S. 2

Ah

A. (solo or full)

3. The hol-ly bears a ber - ry As red as a - ny blood; And\_  
4. The hol-ly bears a pric - kle As sharp as a - ny thorn; And\_

Ah

O the

Ma-ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ To do poor sin - ners good.  
Ma-ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ On Christmas Day in the morn.

O the ris-ing of the sun, And the

ris-ing of the sun And the run - ning, And the run-ning of the  
And the run-ning of the deer, The

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deer, the or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the choir.  
play-ing of the mer-ry or - gan, Sweet sing-ing in the choir.

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SOPRANO 1

SOPRANO 2

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

wings

low -

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