

## **Vanessa Williams**

### **"The Holly And The Ivy"**

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

[Chorus:]

O 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.

The holly bears a blossom  
As white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

The holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas day in the morn

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

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When they are both full grown,

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The holly wears the crown.

[Chorus]

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