

# The Holly and the Ivy (as collected)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 13-Jan-1909

Sung by Mrs Mary Ann Clayton (64)  
of Chipping Campden, Glos

(a)

The hol - ly hath the ber - ry as red as a - ny blood, And\_

mer - ry rose sweet Je - sus Christ for to do poor sin - ners good.

Sharp also noted this variant for bar (a)

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The holly hath the berry as red as any blood  
And merry rose sweet Jesus Christ for to do poor sinners good.

*Chorus* The rising of the sun and the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir

The holly hath a prickle as sharp as any thorn  
And merry rose sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.  
*Chorus*

The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown,  
But of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown.  
*Chorus*

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Source: Sharp manuscript ref FT2068. Words from a typed page by Sharp FW1923

Notes: 1. Singer age was noted by Sharp  
2. Sharp has typed four verses, and marked the second verse in a way which indicates it is sung as a chorus, hence it is shown as a chorus above

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