

Verse 4

(G) C G
The holly bears a prickle,
C G
As sharp as any thorn,
D Em C D
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
G C D⁷ G
On Christmas day in the morn.
C G C G C D
The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
Em G C D G C D⁷ G
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

Verse 5

C G
The holly bears a bark,
C G
As bitter as any gall,
D Em C D
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
G C D⁷ G
For to redeem us all.
C G C G C D
The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
Em G C D G C D⁷ G
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

Verse 6

C G
The holly and the ivy,
C G
When they are both full grown,
D Em C D
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
G C D⁷ G
The holly bears the crown.
C G C G C D
The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
Em G C D G C D⁷ G
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.