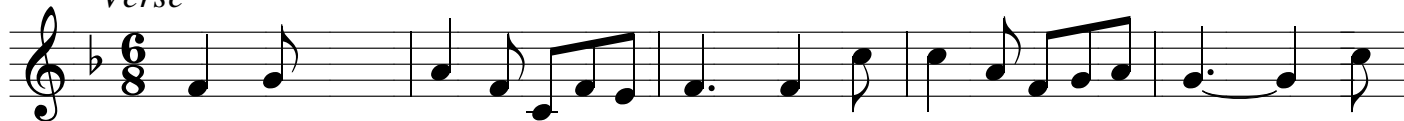


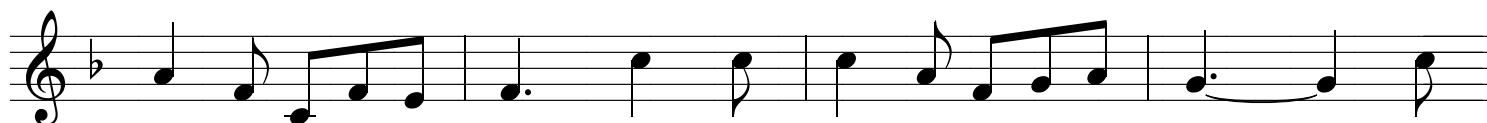
# The Holly and the Ivy

tune collected by Maud Karpeles & Pat Shaw

*Verse*



*Chorus*



1. Oh The Holly and the Ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the tree that are in the wood  
The holly-tree bears the crown

*Oh the rising of the sun,  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
sweet singing all in the choir*

*Women*

2. Oh, the Holly bears a blossom  
As white as the lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet saviour...

*Women*

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

*Men*

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

*Men*

5. Oh, the holly bears a bark,  
As bitter as any gall  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to redeem us all...
6. Oh The Holly and the Ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the tree that are in the wood  
The holly-tree bears the crown

*Verses sung in unison,  
Chorus in harmony*