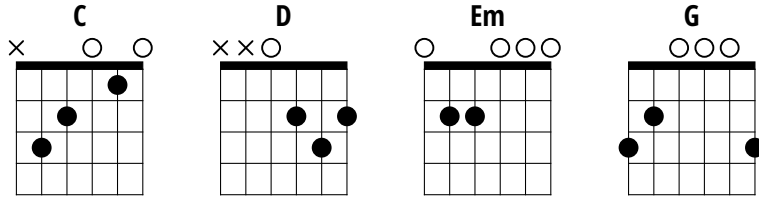


# The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional



**G C G**  
The holly and the ivy,  
**G C D**  
When they are both full grown,  
**Em G C**  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
**G D G**  
The holly bears the crown.

## Refrain

**G C G**  
The rising of the sun  
**G C D**  
And the running of the deer,  
**Em G C**  
The playing of the merry organ,  
**G D G**  
Sweet singing in the choir.

**G C G**  
The holly bears a blossom,  
**G C D**  
As white as the lily flower,  
**Em G C**  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
**G D G**  
To be our sweet Saviour.

## Repeat: Refrain

**G C G**  
The holly bears a berry,  
**G C D**  
As red as any blood,  
**Em G C**  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
**G D G**  
For to do us sinners good.

## Repeat: Refrain

**G C G**  
The holly bears a prickly,  
**G C D**  
As sharp as any thorn,  
**Em G C**  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
**G D G**  
On Christmas Day in the morn.

## Repeat: Refrain

**G C G**  
The holly bears a bark,  
**G C D**  
As bitter as any gall,  
**Em G C**  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
**G D G**  
For to redeem us all.

## Repeat: Refrain