

The Holly and the Ivy

Solstice version

trad. Hereford tune

D A D D A D G

7 D A D D D D A D

14 G D A D

The Holly and the Ivy, when they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the Holly bears the crown

Chorus

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The turning of the winter, sweet singing that all may hear

The Holly bears a berry, as red as any blood
And the Ivy grows evergreen, on the rock throughout the wood

Chorus

O, the Ivy is a Maiden, the Holly is her love
As they entwine at Yuletide, the Lady smiles above

Chorus

The Holly blooms in glory, when solstice day is near
we burn the Yule log brightly for the newborn Sun to appear

Chorus

Out of darkness shall come dawning, out of Winter shall come Spring
Out of the toil of striving comes the peace our Lady brings.

Chorus