

# The holly and the ivy

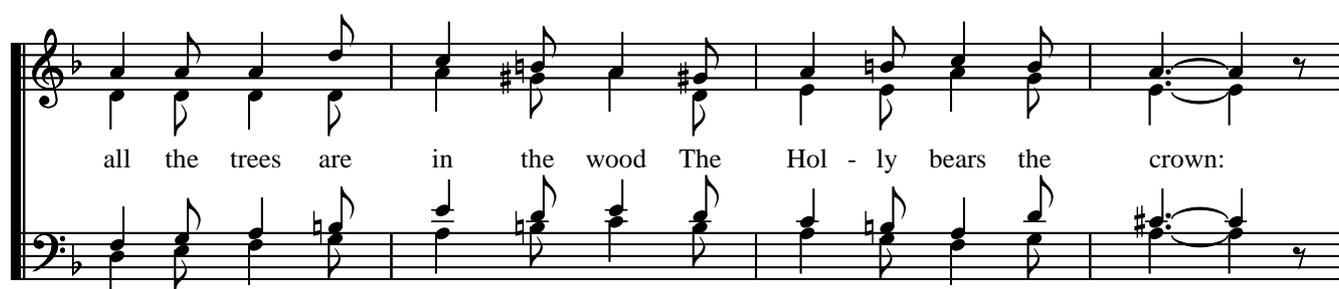
Words traditional

Tune old French

## SOLO OR SEMI-CHORUS

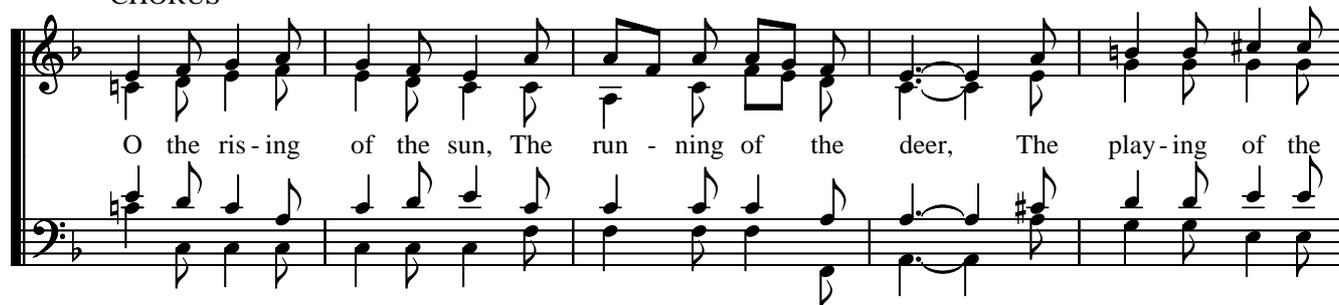


1. The Hol - ly and the I - vy Now both are full well grown; Of



all the trees are in the wood The Hol - ly bears the crown:

## CHORUS



O the ris - ing of the sun, The run - ning of the deer, The play - ing of the



mer - ry or - gan, The sing - ing in the choir, The sing - ing in the choir.

2. The Holly bears a blossom  
As white as any flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour:

*O the rising etc...*

3. The Holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To do poor sinners good:

*O the rising etc...*

4. The Holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas Day in the morn:

*O the rising etc...*

5. The Holly bears a bark  
As bitter as any gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to redeem us all:

*O the rising etc...*