

Sans Day Carol

"The Holly Bears a Berry"

19th Century Cornish Carol
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D **A7** **D**

Oh, the hol - ly bears a ber - ry as white as the milk. Mar -

A7 **D**

y bore Je - sus all wrap - ped in silk. Mar - y bore

F#m **Bm** **D**

Je - sus our Sav - iour to be. And the first tree in the green - wood it

A7 D A7 D

was the hol - ly. Hol - ly, hol - ly. And the

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of a musical piece. It features three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (bass clef), and a guitar accompaniment (treble clef). The key signature is D major (one sharp, F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The guitar accompaniment consists of a simple bass line with a '0' (open string) in each measure. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The vocal line has lyrics: 'was the hol - ly. Hol - ly, hol - ly. And the'.

A7 D

first tree in the green - wood it was the hol - ly.

Detailed description: This system contains the final four measures of the musical piece. It features three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment (bass clef), and a guitar accompaniment (treble clef). The key signature is D major (one sharp, F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The guitar accompaniment continues with a simple bass line, including a double bar line and fingerings '0 2 4' in the third measure. The piano accompaniment and vocal line conclude the phrase with lyrics: 'first tree in the green - wood it was the hol - ly.'

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Oh, the *Holly Bears a Berry*,
As white as the milk,
Mary bore Jesus all,
Wrapped up in silk.

Chorus:

And the first tree in the green wood
Was the holly, holly.
And the first tree in the green wood
It was the holly.

Oh, the holly bears a berry,
As green as the grass.
Mary bore Jesus
Who died on the Cross.

Oh, the holly bears a berry,
As black as the coal.
Mary bore Jesus,
Who died for us all.

Oh, the holly bears a berry,
As blood it is red.
Mary bore Jesus
Who died in our stead.