

Commissioned for *The Singers* by Michael Armstrong, in honor of Maureen

The Holly and the Ivy

SATB *divisi*, a cappella

Traditional English carol

Matthew Culloton

Gently moving (♩ = 104)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard

mf

Ooh, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo,

mf

Doo, doo, doo, doo,

Gently moving (♩ = 104)

(for rehearsal only)

NOTE: This carol may be sung a half step lower.

Text: Traditional English carol (PD).

Tune: Traditional English carol (PD).

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5 *mf simply*
 The hol-ly and the
mp
 Oh.
 ooh, doo, ooh, doo, ooh, doo, ooh, doo, ooh, doo,
 doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo doo, doo, doo,
 doo, doo, doo, doo, doo,

10
 i - vy, when they are both full grown; of all the trees that are
 ooh, ooh, of all the trees that are
 doo, doo, doo, doo, ooh,
 doo, doo, doo, doo,

10

14

in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown.

mf

The hol - ly bears a blos - som, as

(ooh,) ooh, ooh,

mp

in the wood, the hol - ly bears the crown. Ooh,

(ooh,) doo, doo, doo, doo,

mp

doo, doo, doo, doo,

14

18

white as lil - y flower, and Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ to

ooh, ooh.

ooh. and Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus to

doo, doo, ooh.

doo, doo, doo, doo,

18

22

O the ris - ing of the sun — and the
 be our sweet Sav - ior. The ris - ing sun — and the
 (ooh.) be our sweet Sav - ior. — O the ris - ing of the sun — and the
 (ooh.) doo, doo, doo. — O the ris - ing of the sun — and the

f
mf
f
f *Unis.*
f *Unis.*

26

run - ning of the deer, the — play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet
 run - ning of the deer, — the play - ing of the — mer - ry or - gan, sweet
 run - ning of the deer, — the play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet
 run - ning of — the deer, — the play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet

f

30

mp
sing - ing in the choir.

mp
sing - ing in the choir.

mf
sing - ing in the ooh, — ooh, — ooh, —
Doo, — doo, doo, — doo, doo, — doo, — doo

mf
sing - ing in the choir. *mf* Doo, doo,

30

34

mp
The hol - ly bears a ber - ry as red as an - y

mp
The hol - ly bears a — ber - ry as red as an - y

p
ooh, — ooh. — as red as

p
doo, doo. —

p
doo, doo. —

p
T1 only *p*

34

38

blood; and Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ to do poor sin - ners

blood; and Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ to do poor sin - ners

blood; and Mar - y bore Je - sus.

38

42

good.

good.

Tutti mp O the ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the *f*

mp O the ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the *f*

42

46

deer, the play-ing of the mer-ry or-gan, sweet sing-ing in the
 deer, the play-ing of the mer-ry or-gan, sweet sing-ing in the

46

50 *mp*

Oh. The hol-ly bears
 Oh. The hol-ly bears
 choir. The hol-ly bears, the
 choir. The

50

55 *mp*

a prick - le as sharp as thorn; and

a prick - le as sharp as thorn; and

hol - ly bears a prick - le as sharp as thorn; and

ho - ly bears a prick - le as sharp as an - y thorn; and

55

59

Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus on Christ - mas in the

Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ on Christ - mas Day in the

Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ on Christ - mas Day in the

Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ on Christ - mas Day in the

59

62

morn. _____

mf
morn. O the ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the

mf
morn. O the ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the

morn. _____

62

66

deer, the play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the

deer, the play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the

66

70 *mp*

Sweet— sing - ing in the *mp*

choir. Oh.

choir.

Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo,

mp Doo, doo, doo, doo,

74 *mf* *f*

choir. The

(Oh.)

mf Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh,

doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo,

mf doo, doo, doo, doo,

74

78

hol - ly bears a bark _____ as bit - ter as an - y gall; and _____

mf espr.

(Oh.) _____ As bit - ter gall; _____ and ooh. _____

ooh, _____ ooh, _____ ooh, _____ and Mar - y _____

doo, _____ doo, _____ doo, _____ doo, _____ ooh. _____

doo, _____ doo, _____ doo, _____ doo, _____

82

Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ for _____ to re - deem us all. O the

Mar - y bore Je - sus for _____ to re - deem us all.

(ooh.) _____

bore sweet _____ Je - sus for to re - deem us all. _____ O the

(ooh.) _____

doo, _____ doo, _____ doo, _____ doo, doo. _____ O the

82

f

Unis., *f*

86

ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the deer, the

mf *f*

The ris - ing sun and the run - ning of the deer, the

Unis.

ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the deer, the

ris - ing of the sun and the run - ning of the deer, the

86

90

play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir.

play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir.

play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the

mf *mf* ooh, —

Doo, — doo,

mf

play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, sweet sing - ing in the choir.

90

94

mf espr.

Oh, sweet sing - ing in the choir,

ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh,

doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo,

mf Doo, doo, doo, doo,

98

Oh, *mp*

Oh, sweet sing - ing, Oh,

Oh, sweet sing - ing.

ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh,

doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo,

doo, doo, doo, doo, *mp* doo,

98

102 oh, — sweet — sing - ing,

sweet — sing - ing, oh, sweet

mp
Oh, sweet sing - ing in the choir,

ooh, — ooh, — ooh, — ooh, —

doo, — doo, doo, — doo, doo, — doo, — doo,

doo, doo, doo, doo,

102

Slowing to the end

106

sing - ing, oh, — sweet — sing - ing. —
 oh, — sweet — sing - ing, — sweet — sing - ing.
 — oh, — sweet — sing - ing. —
 ooh, — oh, — sweet — sing - ing.
 doo, — doo. Oh, — sweet sing - ing.
 doo. Oh, sweet sing - ing.

Slowing to the end

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