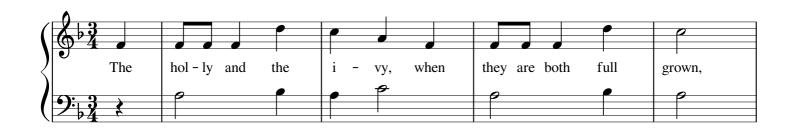
## The Holly and the Ivy

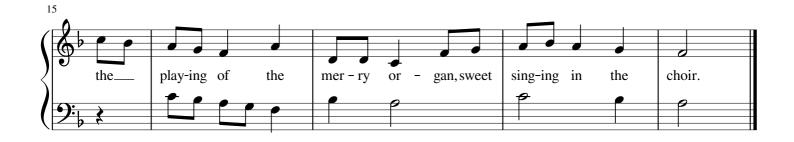
## **English Carol**

Traditional























The holly bears a blossom, As white as the lily flower, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, To be our sweet Saviour. Refrain

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

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

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