



The Holly & The Ivy

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For SATB choir

Program Notes

I've always been fond of the text of the traditional British folk carol *The Holly & The Ivy*, but I never particularly cared for the melody. This arrangement of *The Holly & The Ivy* uses the text of the traditional melody, but with a lovely original melody by renowned Celtic musician Loreena McKennitt. Throughout the piece the accompanying voices frequently mimic the strokes of a bodhran drum.

Performance Notes

- The nonsense syllables are pronounced using the following standard English IPA:

[rum] [dɛ] [ro]

- Be certain to roll the [r] as much as is tasteful to imitate the stroke of a bodhran drum.
- Anytime performers sing [rum] they should close to the [m] as soon as possible.

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Traditional English Carol Text

Melody by Loreena McKennitt

Arranged by Daniel J. McIntosh

Andante ♩ = 52

SOPRANO
p
The hol-ly and the i - vy when they are full grown, — of

ALTO
p
The hol-ly and the i - vy when they are full grown, — of

TENOR
pp
rum rum rum

BASS
pp
rum rum rum

PIANO
p
pp
piano for rehearsal only

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all the trees in the wood the hol-ly bears the crown... The ri-sing of the sun, the run-ning of the deer, the

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p *pp*
rum rum rum

p *pp*
rum rum rum

p *pp*

9 *mp*

pla-ying of the or-gan sweet sing-ing in the choir. The *mp*

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pp

rum rum rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum - de-ro

pp

rum rum rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum - de-ro

pp *mp*

14

hol-ly wears a blos-som as white as a - ny flow'r, _____ and Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ to be our Sa-

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rum - de-rorum - de-ro rum - de-rorum de-ro rum de-rorum de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-rorum-de-ro

rum - de-rorum - de-ro rum - de-rorum de-ro rum de-rorum de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-rorum-de-ro

18

viour. The ri-sing of the sun, the run-ning of the deer, the pla-ying of theor-gan sweet

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p rum-de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro *pp*

p rum-de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro *pp*

22

sing-ing in the choir. *mf* rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum-de-ro *f*

sing-ing in the choir. *f* The hol-ly bears a ber- ry as red as a - ny blood, *3*

p > *pp* < *mf* *f*

rum - de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum ro ro ro ro ro ro ro ro

p > *pp* < *mf* *f*

rum - de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum ro ro ro ro ro ro ro ro

p > *pp* < *mf* *f* *3*

27 *mf* *f* *dim. poco a poco*

rum-de-rorum rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum-de-rorum rum - de-rorum - de-ro

and Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ to do sin - ners good. The ri-sing of the sun, the

mf *f* *dim. poco a poco*

ro ro ro ro ro ro ro ro ro

mf *f* *dim. poco a poco*

ro ro ro ro ro ro ro ro ro

37

rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum-de-ro

run-ning of the deer, the pla-ying of the or-gan sweet sing-ing in the choir. rum

ro ro rum rum

ro ro rum rum rum

35 *mp* *pp*

rum rum-de-ro rum-de-ro rum

mp *pp*

rum rum-de-ro rum rum-de-ro rum rum-de-ro rum

mp *pp*

rum-de-ro rum rum-de-ro rum The hol-ly bears a pri-ckle as

mp *pp*

rum rum-de-ro rum rum

40 *p* *pp*

p *pp*

rum rum-de-ro rum

sharp as a - ny thorn, and Ma-ry bore sweet Je-sus Christ on Christ-mas Day in the morn. The

p *pp*

rum

44 *p dim. poco a poco*

rum rum

p dim. poco a poco

rum rum

ri-sing of the sun, the run-ning of the deer, the pla-ying of the or gan_sweet sing ing in_

p dim. poco a poco

rum rum

p dim. poco a poco

l.h. *r.h.* *l.h.*

48

p *f*

rum rum de-ro rum de-rorum rum rum de-ro rum The

p

rum-de-rorum de-ro rum rum rum de-rorum - de-ro

p

the choir. rum de-rorum ro ro ro ro

p

rum-de-rorum rum rum de-ro rum ro ro ro ro

p

53

hol - ly bears a bark as bit - ter as a - ny gall, and
mf *f*

rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro
mf *f*

ro ro ro ro ro
mf *f*

ro ro ro ro ro
mf *f*

56

Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ to re - deem us all. The ri - sing of the sun, the
mf *f* *mf dim. poco a poco*

rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro
mf *f* *mf dim. poco a poco*

ro ro ro ro ro
mf *f* *mf dim. poco a poco*

ro ro ro ro ro
mf *f* *mf dim. poco a poco*

59 *mp*
 run-ning of the deer, the pla-ying of theor gan sweet sing-in gin the choir. rum-de-ro
mp
 rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum - de-ro rum-de-ro rum
mp
 ro ro rum ro ro rum rum-de-ro
mp
 ro ro rum ro ro rum-de-ro rum
mp

63 *p*
 rum de-ro rum rum rum The
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 rum rum de-ro rum de-ro rum rum
p