

And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
on Christmas day in the morn .... *Chorus*

The Holly bears a **BARK, AS BITTER** as any  
gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
for to redeem us all... *Chorus*

The holly and the ivy when they are both full  
grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
the holly bears the crown.

### **THE BOARS HEAD CAROL**

The boars head in hand bear I  
Bedecked with bay and rosemary  
So I prey you my masters be merry  
Quod Estis in convivio

Caout apri defero  
Reddens laudes Domino

The Boars head as I understand  
Is the rarest dish in all the land  
Which thus bedecked with a gay garland  
Let us servire cantico.

Our steward hast provided this  
In honour of the King of Bliss  
Which on this day to be served is  
In Reginensis atrio.

### **DECK THE HALLS**

1. Deck the hall with boughs of holly,  
Fa, la, la la la, la la, la la.

Ti's the season to be jolly,  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol,

2. See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa, la, la la la, la la, la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus,  
Follow me in merry measure,  
while I tell of Yule-tide treasure.

3. Fast away the old year passes,  
Fa la, la la la, la la, la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,  
Sing we joyous all together,

" Heedless of the wind and weather,"

### **SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night, holy night.  
All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:  
Christ the Saviour is born.  
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiance beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

### **THE HERTFORDSHIRE CAROL**

As I sat on a sunny bank  
A sunny bank, a sunny bank  
As I sat on a sunny bank  
On Christmas day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas day in the morning

And who do you think was in them then  
On Christmas day on Christmas day  
But Joseph and his fair lady  
On Christmas day in the morning

Oh he did whistle and she did sing  
On Christmas day ...

And all the bells on earth did ring  
On Christmas day ...

And all the angels in heaven did sing  
On Christmas day ....