

Sans Day carol

A Cornish Christmas carol from my part of the world in the South West of England with Cornwall just a bit further down the peninsula.

This is a shortened version. For more about its origins and the full version visit: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sans_Day_Carol which says it is closely related to 'The holly and the ivy, a much more familiar carol.



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Now the hol - ly bears a ber - ry as white as the milk, And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus, who was wrapped up in silk: And Ma - ry bore Je - sus Christ our Sa - viour for to be, And the first tree in the green - wood it was the hol - ly. Hol - ly! Hol - ly! And the first tree in the green - wood it was the hol - ly." The score includes chord markings (G, D7, Bb#) above the notes.



Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:

Chorus:

And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Holly! Holly!

And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!