

THE IVY AND THE HOLLY (Chris Sugden)

Chorus:

Oh, the Ivy and the Holly, you'd know if you have seen them,
Of all the trees that grow in the wood, there's no good points between them.

1. Oh the Ivy has a berry, as black as any sin,
It's not much use in jams or pies and horrible in gin.

Chorus

2. Oh the Holly has a stalk, as green as any veg,
If you chop it up in salad it will set your teeth on edge.

Chorus

3. Oh the Ivy has a poison that makes you itch like hell,
If you boil it up in stews it will make you sick as well.

Chorus

4. Oh the Holly has a root, beneath the earth it rots,
And if you suck it, slowly it will bring you out in spots.

Chorus

5. Oh the Ivy has a leaf, sometimes it's variegated,
Sometimes it not that goes to show how things get complicated

Chorus

6. Oh the Ivy and the Holly, when they are both full grown,
The Ivy needs the holly for it can't stand up alone.

Chorus

7. Oh the Holly has a flower, it's hardly worth a mention,
And I don't see why these two trees should get all this attention.
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Chorus