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adapted by Thomas Helmore

C

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Wreathe the holly, twine the bay;  
Dm                    C            G  
Christus natus ho-di-e;  
          C            F            C        G7        C  
The Babe, The Son, the Holy One of Mary.

C

2. He is born to set us free,  
He is born our Lord to be,  
Dm                    C            G  
Ex Maria Vir-gi-ne,  
          C            F            C        G7        C  
The God, the Lord, by all a-dor'd for-ever.

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3. Let the bright red berries glow,  
Ev'ry where in goodly show,  
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