

# Sing Ivy

trad. (coll. G. B. Gardiner), arr. Gustav von Holst

*Allegretto.*

My father gave me an acre of land, Sing o - vy, sing i - vy, My

*mf* *p*

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fa-ther gave me an acre of land, A bunch of green holly and i - vy. I

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harrowed it with a bramble bush, Sing o - vy, sing i - vy, I harrowed it with a

*pp legatissimo*

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bramble bush, A bunch of green holly and i - vy. I i - vy.

23 *Poco animato.*  
*cresc.*

My team o' rats came ratt - ling back, Sing o - vy, sing

27 *cresc.*

i - vy, My team o' rats came ratt - ling back With fif - ty bright guineas and an

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emp - tysack, A bunch of green holly and i - vy.

*dim.* *pp*

1. My father gave me an acre of land,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
My father gave me an acre of land,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
2. I harrowed it with a bramble bush,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I harrowed it with a bramble bush,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
3. I sowed it with two peppercorns,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I sowed it with two peppercorns,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
4. I rolled it with a rolling-pin,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I rolled it with a rolling-pin,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
5. I reaped it with my little penknife,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I reaped it with my little penknife,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
6. I stowed it in a mouse's hole,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I mowed it in a mouse's hole,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
7. I threshed it out with two beanstalks,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I threshed it out with two beanstalks,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
8. I sent my rats to market with that,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
I sent my rats to market with that,  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.
9. My team o'rats came rattling back,  
Sing ovy, sing ivy,  
My team o'rats came rattling back,  
With fifty bright guineas and an empty sack  
A bunch of green holly and ivy.