Holly, Ivy and Rose

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Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
By ancient sibyls sungA rose doth bear a flower
All in the cold midwinter
And at the midnight hourAnd he waits for who to find
The heart she left behind

He prays she'll find her way

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From tender stem hath sprung

The frozen air perfuming that tiny bloom doth swell

Its rays the night illuming, the darkness quite dispelOh, flower beyond compare

Bloom in our heart's midwinter

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