

# Holly Tree

[Dar Williams](#)

When the robin builds in the holly tree  
Its a sign of life, its gentle victory  
Well, today as I set to go  
I saw a nest in a tree hollow Oh Emily, youre a brave girl  
With your husband gone to the other world  
Sing a hymn while I light the fire  
Well be joined by a heavenly choir Heres the tansy and the chamomile tea  
For you to drink  
As the pain increases, well, you only have to think  
About a baby, well save the baby I placed a holly sprig by the doctors door  
He has done this well and many times before  
Hell be careful which way he goes  
But hes been kind to us farm widows And this I heard just the other day  
That they came to buy, and you chose to stay  
Soon a child will help you reap and sow  
May he cast a long shadow But you say the trials are coming  
You have felt the gathering forces  
And the galloping you hear  
Is of one too many horses But rest your head, my darling girl  
There wont be any danger  
Any Christian ever loved an infant in a manger  
Saves the baby, theyll save the baby Now the pastor comes, shakes the farmers hand  
Says, the earth will bear like the promised land  
You have heard the stories down below  
But God will bless this farm hollow Now the farmers wife shudders  
Pulls the shawl up to her shoulder  
Every time she nears the hearth she feels a little colder  
Wheres the baby? There was a baby

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