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 hollowOh 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 choirHeres 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 babyI 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 widowsAnd 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 shadowBut you say the trials are coming
You have felt the gathering forces
And the galloping you hear
Is of one too many horsesBut 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 babyNow 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 hollowNow 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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