

GREEN GROW'TH THE HOLLY (GENERAL)

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3 Full gold the harvest,
Grain for thy labour;
With God must work for daily bread,
Else, man, thou starvest.

4 Fast fall the shed leaves,
Russet and yellow;
But resting-buds are snug and safe
Where swung the dead leaves.

5 Green grow'th the holly,
So doth the ivy;
The God of life can never die.
Hope! saith the holly.