

## Holly King

(He should be dressed in green and wear a crown of holly — silk holly will do. He should also be holding a chalice.)

Sings: “Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.”

I am the Holly King, Lord of the Waning Year. You may know me as the Green Man or as the Winter King. I rule from Midsummer to Midwinter, and my reign culminates in the festivities of Yuletide. As the wren dies to make way for the robin, soon I will bow before my brother the Oak King. You will not see me again until the sun once more begins to wane. As I prepare to withdraw into the deep midwinter, I contemplate the glowing light of the reborn sun in my cup — and in this holy grail, I see visions and dreams of the year to come.

## Jack Frost

Look out! Look out!  
Jack Frost is about!  
I'll nip at your fingers and toes;  
While all through the night,  
This gay little sprite  
Will be working where nobody  
knows.

I'll climb each tree,  
Where no one will see,  
My silvery powder I'll shake.  
To windows I'll creep  
And while you're asleep  
Such wonderful pictures I'll make.

Across the grass  
I will merrily pass,  
And change all of its greenness to  
white.

Then home I will go  
And laugh, ha, ha, ha, ho!  
For what fun I have had on this night!

(Adapted by Lee LaMar from a poem by C.E. Pike. The first year that Lee played Jack Frost, he was such a big hit that the crowd insisted he do it twice!)

