

Good King Wenceslas

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'Tempus adest floridum', arr. John Stainer
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1. Good King Wen - ces - las looked out on the Feast of Steph - en,
2. "Hith - er, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, tell - ing,
3. "Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hith - er,
4. "Sire, the night is dark - er now, and the wind blows strong - er,
5. In his mas - ter's steps he trod, where the snow lay dint - ed;

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When the snow lay round a - bout, deep and crisp and ev - en.
Yon - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?"
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thith - er."
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no long - er."
Heat was in the ver - y sod which the saint had print - ed.

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Bright - ly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cru - el,
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, un - der - neath the moun - tain,
Page and mon - arch, forth they went, forth they went to - geth - er,
"Mark my foot steps, my good page, tread now in them bold - ly,
There - fore, Chris - tian men, be sure, wealth or rank pos - sess - ing,

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When a poor man came in sight, gather - ing win - ter fu - el.
Right a - gainst the for - est fence, by Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain."
Through the rude wind's wild la - ment and the bit - ter weath - er.
Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage freeze thy blood less cold - ly."
Ye who now will bless the poor shall your - selves find bless - ing.