

Good King Wenceslas

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Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night, tho' the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he leads a good league hence, underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence, by St. Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together;
Through the rude winds' wild lament and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page. Tread now in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winters' rage, freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his masters' steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod, which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing;
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

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