


## 22. Good King Wenceslas

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(1818-66)

Melody from *Piae Cantiones* (1582)  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

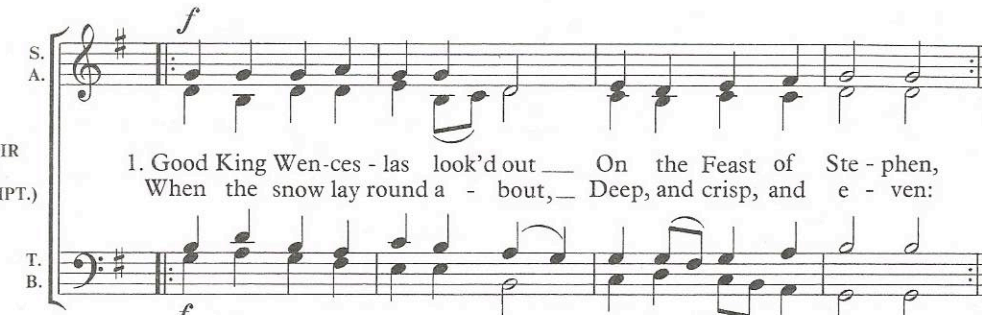
ORGAN  
or  
PIANO



(Man.)

(CHOIR  
and  
ACCOMP.)

1. Good King Wen-ces - las look'd out — On the Feast of Ste - phen,  
When the snow lay round a - bout, — Deep, and crisp, and e - ven:



Bright - ly shone the moon that night, Though the frost — was cru - el,  
cru - el,



When a poor man came in — sight, — Ga - th'ring win - ter fu - - el.



Also available separately (X314)

*mf*

2. 'Hi - ther, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, tell - ing,

*mf*

(Man.)

Yon - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?'

SOPRANO SOLO or  
FULL SOPRANOS (and ALTOS)

*mf*

'Sire, he lives a good league hence, Un - der-neath the moun - tain,

Right a-against the fo-rest fence, By Saint Ag - nes' foun - - tain.'



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BASS SOLO or  
FULL BASSES (and TENORS)

*mf*

3. 'Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine - logs hi - ther:

*mf*

(Ped.)

Thou and I will see him dine, When we bear them thi - ther.'

*f*

S. A. (CHOIR and ACCOMPT.)

Page and mon-arch, forth they went, Forth they went to - ge - ther:

T. B.

*f*

to - ge - ther:

Through the rude wind's wild la - ment And the bit - ter wea - - ther.

S. SOLO or  
FULL S. (and A.)

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*p*

4. 'Sire, the night is dar - ker now, And the wind blows stron - ger;

*p*

Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no lon - ger.'

B. SOLO or  
FULL B. (and T.)

*f*

'Mark my foot-steps, good my page; Tread thou in them bold - ly:

*f*

Thou shalt find the win-ter's rage Freeze thy blood less cold - - ly.'

(Melody in Alto)

*f*

S. A. (CHOIR and ACCOMPT.)

5. In his mas - ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay  
Heat was in the ve - ry sod Which the saint had

T. B. *f*

din - ted; — There - fore, Chris - tian men, be sure,  
prin - ted.

(2nd time: small notes)

Wealth or rank pos - sess - ing, — Ye who now — will —

poor, — Shall your - selves find bless - ing.  
bless the poor, Shall your - selves find bless - - - ing.