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## GOOD KING WENSESLAS



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 Though the frost was cruel When a poor man came in sight Gath'ring 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 lives a good league hence
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes' fountain."
"Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear him thither."
Page and monarch forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's 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 thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."
In his master's 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.

