

Good King Wenceslas

A Christmas carol for four voices
(Tune from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582)

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Briskly ♩=120

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Good King Wen-ces - las looked out On the feast of Ste-phen, When the snow lay round a-bout,

Briskly ♩=120

Piano
(For practice only)

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S.
A.
T.
B.

Deep, and crisp, and e - ven: Bright-ly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was cru - el,

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Deep, and crisp, and e - ven: Bright-ly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was cru - el,

Pno.

13

S. When a poor man came in sight, Gath'-ring win-ter fu - el.

A. When a poor man came in sight, Gath'-ring win-ter fu - el.

T. 8 When a poor man came in sight, Gath'-ring win - ter fu - el. Hith-er, page, and stand by me, *mf*

B. When a poor man came in sight, Gath'-ring win-ter fu - el.

Pno. *mf*

20

S. *p* (hum) _____ (hum) _____

A. *p* (hum) _____ (hum) _____

T. 8 If thou know'st it tell - ing, Yon-der pea-sant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?

B. *p* (hum) _____ (hum) _____

Pno. *p* *p*

26 *mf*

S. "Sire, he lives a good league hence, Un-der-neath the moun-tain, Right a-against the for-est fence,

A. *mp legato*
(hum)

T. *mp legato* *mf*
(hum)

B. *mp legato*
(hum)

Pno.

32

S. By Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain" *p*
(hum)

A. *mf* *p*
(hum)

T. *mf*
"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine logs

B. *mf* *p*
(hum)

Pno. *mf* *p*

38

S. *mp* *f*
ah Page and mon-arch

A. *mp* *f*
ah Page and mon-arch

T. *f*
hith - er; Thou and I will see him dine, When we bear them thith - er" Page and mon-arch

B. *mp* *f*
ah Page and mon-arch

Pno. *mf* *mp* *f*

44

S. forth they went, Forth they went to - geth - er; Thro' the rude wind's wild la - ment, And the bit - ter

A. forth they went, Forth to - geth - er; Thro' the rude wind's wild la - ment, And the bit - ter

T. forth they went, Forth to - geth - er; Thro' the rude wind's wild la - ment, And the

B. forth they went, Forth to - geth - er; Thro' the wind's la - ment, And the bit - ter wea - *legato*

Pno.

50 *rall.* *lunga* **P** *A very little slower*

S. wea - ther. "Sire, the night is dark-er now, And the wind blows strong - er;

A. *rall.* *lunga* **pp** **pp**
wea - ther. (hum)

T. *rall.* *lunga* **pp** **pp**
bit - ter wea - ther. (hum)

B. *rall.* *lunga* **pp** **pp**
- - ther. (hum)

Pno. *rall.* *lunga* **pp** *A very little slower*

56 **pp** *a tempo.*

S. Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no long - er"

A. **mp** *a tempo.* **mf**
(hum) ah

T. **mp** *a tempo.* **f** *boldly (melody well standing out)*
ah "Mark my foot-steps, good my page,

B. **p** *a tempo.* **mf**
(hum) ah

Pno. *a tempo.* **f** **mf** **mf**

62 *mf* *mf* *mf*

S. ah ah

A. ah *mf*

T. 8 Tread thou in them bold - ly: Thou shalt find the win-ter's rage Freeze thy blood less

B. ah *mf*

Pno. *mf* *mf*

67 *f* *A little slower, and dignified.*

S. In his mas-ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay dint - ed; Heat was in the

A. *f* *A little slower, and dignified.* In his mas-ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay dint - ed; Heat was in the

T. 8 *f* *A little slower, and dignified.* cold - ly" In his mas-ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay dint - ed; Heat was in the

B. *f* *A little slower, and dignified.* In his mas-ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay dint - ed; Heat was in the

Pno. *A little slower, and dignified.* *f*

74

S. *ff*
 ve-ry sod Which the saint had print-ed. There-fore Chris-tian men, be sure, Wealth or rank pos

A. *ff*
 ve-ry sod Which the saint had print-ed. There-fore, Chris-tian men, be sure, Wealth or rank pos

T. *ff*
 ve-ry sod_ Which the saint had print-ed. There-fore Chris-tian men, be sure, Wealth or rank pos

B. *ff* There - - fore, be sure,
 ve-ry sod Which the saint had print-ed. *ff* There - fore, be sure Wealth or rank pos

Pno.

80

S. *poco rit.* *fff* very broadly.
 sess - ing, Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall your-selves find bless - ing-

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 sess - ing, Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall_ your-selves find bless - ing.

T. *poco rit.* *fff* very broadly.
 sess - ing, Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall find bless - ing.

B. *poco rit.* *fff* very broadly.
 sess - ing, Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall find bless - ing-

Pno.