

Good king Wenceslas

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Tune from Piaie Cantiones
arr. Francis Melville

Con moto
(in 2)

Soprano
Alto

mf marcato 1. Good King Wen-ces - las look'd out On the Feast of Ste - phen, When the snow lay round a - bout,

Tenor
Bass

1. Good King Wen-ces - las look'd out On the Feast of Ste - phen, When the snow lay round a - bout,

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S
A

molto marcato Deep, and crisp, and e - ven: *mp legato* Bright - ly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was

T
B

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

12

S
A

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

T
B

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

a tempo

18

Bar.
Solo

mf 2. Hi - ther, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, tel - ling,

molto rit.

T

p win - ter fu - el. 'Hi - ther, stand by me, If thou know'st it, tel - ling,

B

p

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Bar. Solo
 Yon - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwel - ling? Ah
 S
 Ah
 Ah
 Ah
 T
 p Yon - der, who is he? Where and what his dwel - ling?
 B

28

S Solo
 mp 'Sire he lives a good league hence, Un - der-neath the moun - tain, Right a - gainst the
 Ah
 S
 p Ah
 Ah
 A
 Ah Ah

33

S Solo
 fo - rest fence, By Saint Ag - nes' foun - - tain.
 Ah
 S
 Ah
 Ah
 A
 Ah
 T
 8 Saint Ag - nes' fount-tain.
 B

a tempo

38 *ff*

Bar. Solo

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

T

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

B

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Bar. Solo

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

S

Ah

A

Ah

T

Thou shall see him dine, When we bear them thi - ther.'

B

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S

A

f Page and mon-arch, forth they went, Forth they went to - ge - ther; Through the rude wind's wild la-ment

T

B

molto rit. **Meno Mosso (in 4)**

mp rall. e dim. poco a poco

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S Solo

4.'Sire, the night is dar - ker now,

And the bit - ter wea - ther. (Sopranos to start make wind noises)

S

A

And the bit - ter, bit - ter wea - ther. Hmm

T

B

And the bit - ter, bit - ter wea - ther. Hmm

p dim.

Solo S
And the wind blows stron - ger Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no lon - ger.'
(Sopranos to gradually stop make wind noises)

S
A

T
B

pp

Bar. Solo
rit. 'Mark my foot-steps, good; Tread thou in them bold - ly:
rit. 'Mark my foot-steps, good my page; Tread thou in them bold - ly:
al niente p molto cresc e accel 'Mark my foot - steps, Tread thou bold - ly:
mf

S
A

T
B

p molto cresc. e accel *f* *rit.*

Bar. Solo
A Tempo
Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage Freeze thy blood less cold - - ly.'
f Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage Freeze thy blood less cold - - ly.'

S
A

T
B

ff

Choir 1
f 5. In his ma - ster's steps he trod, Where the snow lay din - - ted;
5. In his ma - ster's steps he trod, Where the snow lay din - - ted;

S
A

T
B

Choir 2
f 5. In his ma - ster's steps he trod, Where the snow lay din - - ted;
5. In his ma - ster's steps he trod, Where the snow lay din - - ted;

S
A

T
B

73

77

Choir 1
Heat was in the ve - ry sod Which the Saint had prin - ted

Choir 2
Heat was in the ve - ry sod Which the Saint had prin - ted

81

Choir 1
There-fore, Chris - tian men, be sure, Wealth or rank pos - sess - ing,

Choir 2
There-fore, Chris - tian men, be sure, Wealth or rank pos - sess - ing,

85

rit. *p* *f* *ff* **Allargando**

Choir 1
Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall your-selves find bless - - ing.

Choir 2
Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall your-selves find bless - - ing.