

Good King Wenceslas

For Ronald Corp and the London Choral Society

14th century, arr. Peter Owens
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Allegro giocoso

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Good King Wen-ces - las looked out, On the feast of Ste - phen,

5
S
A
T
B

When the snow lay round a - bout, Deep, and crisp and e - ven.

9
S
A
T
B

Bright - ly shone the moon that night, shone the moon — that night,
moon shone bright, Al - though the frost was cru - el,

13 *p* *f* *poco rit.*

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

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

T
When a poor man came in sight, — Gath'-ring win-ter fu - - -

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

17 **A tempo** *mp* *mf*

S
el. 'Hi-ther, page, and stand by

A
el. 'Hi-ther, page, — by

T
el. 'Hi-ther, page, and stand by me,

B
el. — Good King Wen-ces-las called: 'Here, page,

19

S
me, If thou know - est it tell, Yon-der pea-sant who is

A
me, If thou know - est it tell, Yon-der pea-sant who's

T
If thou know'st it tel - ling, Yon - der pea - sant who is he,

B
stand by — me, Yon - - - der,

21

S he?' And the good page ans-wer'd: 'Sir, he lives a³ good league hence,

A he?' And the good page ans-wer'd: 'Sir, he lives — a good league — hence,

T where and what his dwel - ling?' 'He lives a

B who is — he?' 'He lives a

23

S un - der - neath the moun - tain, Right a - gainst the forest fence, By —

A un - der - neath the — moun - tain, Right a - gainst — the fo - rest fence,

T good league hence, A - gainst the fo - rest — fence,

B good league hence, A - gainst the fence, —

25

S — Saint³ Ag - nes' foun - - - - tain.' 'Bring

A By Saint — Ag - nes' foun - - - - tain.' 'Bring

T By Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain.' 'Bring me flesh and bring me wine,

B By Saint Ag - nes' foun - - - - tain.' 'Bring

rit. **A tempo risoluto** *ff*

27

S wine! Bring me flesh! We'll dine to - ge - ther!

A wine! Bring me flesh! We'll dine to - ge - ther!

T 8 Bring me pine logs hi - ther! Thou and I shall see him dine, When we bear them thi - ther.

B wine! Bring flesh! We'll dine to - ge - ther!

30

S Page and mo - narch forth they went, — Forth they went to - ge - ther,

A Page — and — mo - narch — forth — they — went, — Forth — they went to - ge - ther,

T 8 Page and mo - narch forth they went, Forth they went to - ge - ther,

B Page and mo - narch forth they went, — Forth they went to - ge - ther,

34

S Through the rude wind's wild la - ment, — And the bit - ter wea - - -

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

T 8 Through — the rude — wind's — wild la - ment, And the bit - ter — wea - ther.

B Through the rude wind's wild la - ment, And the bit - ter wea - - -

misterioso

38 *sub. p*

S ther. _____ 'Night is dark, _____ The wind blows

A *sub. p*

'Sire, the night is dark - er now, And the wind blows strong - er,

T *sub. p*

'Sire, the night is dark - er now, And the wind blows strong - er,

B *sub. p*

ther. _____ 'The wind blows strong - - - er,

42

S strong, _____ Fails my heart; _____ I'll go no lon - ger.'

A

Fails my heart I know not how; I can go no long - er.'

T

Fails my heart I know not how; I can go no long - er.'

B

I, _____ I can go no long - er.'

stringendo

46 *f*

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

A *f*

'Mark, mark my foot-steps, good my page, Tread thou

T *f*

'Mark my foot-steps, good my page, Tread thou in them

B *f*

'Mark, mark my foot-steps, good my page, Tread thou in them bold -

50 *rit.*

S Thou shalt find the win-ter's rage, Freeze thy blood less cold - - -

A in them bold - ly, Thou shalt find the win-ter's rage, Freeze thy

T bold - ly, Thou shalt find the win-ter's rage, Freeze thy blood less

B ly, Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage, Freeze thy blood, thy blood

54 **Alla breve** *mf*

S - - - - - ly.' In his mas-ter's steps he trod,

A blood less cold - - - - ly.' In his mas - ter's

T cold - ly.' So in his mas-ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay

B less cold - - - - ly.' In his mas - ter's steps he

58

S Where the snow lay dint - ed, Heat was in the ve - ry sod, Which the saint had

A steps he trod, Heat was in the ve - ry

T dint - ed, Heat was in the ve - ry sod, Which the saint had print - ed.

B trod, he trod, Heat was in the ve - ry sod, in the

allargando

63

S1
print-ed. Chris-tian men be sure, Wealth— or rank,— wealth or

A1
sod, in the sod. O Chris-tian men be— sure,

B1
sod. There - fore Chris - tian— men be sure,

T
8
There - fore Chris - tian men be sure, Wealth or

S2
print - ed. O Chris-tian men be sure, Wealth— or

A2
sod. O Chris - tian men there - fore be

B2
sod. Wealth or

68

S1
rank — pos - ses - - - sing,

A1
Wealth— or rank po - ses - - sing, Ye who will now bless the

B1
Wealth pos - - - ses - - sing, Ye

T
8
rank pos - ses - - - sing, Ye who now will

S2
rank,— wealth or— rank pos-ses - ing, Ye who will

A2
sure, Ye who will now bless the poor, bless—

B2
rank — pos - ses - sing, wealth or rank,

73

S1
Ye who now bless the poor,

A1
poor, You shall your - selves, shall your -

B1
who will bless, will bless the poor,

T
8
bless the poor, Shall your - selves find

S2
now bless the poor, You shall your -

A2
the poor, You shall your - selves, shall

B2
You shall your - selves find

rallentando

77

S1
You shall your - selves find bles - sing.

A1
selves find bles - sing.

B1
Shall your - selves find bles - - - sing.

T
8
bles - - - - - sing.

S2
selves, your - selves find bles - sing.

A2
your - selves find bles - sing.

B2
bles - sing, bles - sing.