Good King Wenceslas

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tune: Tempus Adest Floridum, 1582

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1. Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,
2. "Hi, wife, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it,
3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine, tell-ing; hi-ther,
4. "Sire, the night is darker now, bring me pine logs strong-er,
5. In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dint-ed.

when the snow lay round about, who is he?
yonder peasant, see him dine,
Fails my heart, I know not how;
Heat was in the very sod, which the saint had even.

Brightly shone the moon that night, good league hence,
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Page and monarch, my good page;" "Mark my footsteps, my good page;"
Therefore, Christian, thee and me sure;

when the frost was cruel, underneath the mountaine,
through the rude wind's rage bold-ly:
thou shalt find the win-ter's rage,
when a poor man right against the forest fence, wild lament:
thou shalt find the win-ter's rage, freeze thy blood less cold-ly:

gather 'ring winter in the Saint Agnes' fountain.
and the bitter wea-ther;
ye who now will bless the poor
shall your-selves find bles-sing.