

Good King Wenceslas

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Old Spring Carol

Moderately

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderately'. The score is divided into four systems, each with four measures. The lyrics are: '1. 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.' The piano accompaniment features various chords and arpeggios, with some measures containing fingerings (1-5) and accents. The first system has a 4/4 time signature, while the second system has a 3/4 time signature. The third system has a 4/4 time signature, and the fourth system has a 4/4 time signature. The key signature changes from F to Bb and back to F.

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2. "Come now, page, and stand by me,
I must hear thy 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."

3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither,
Thou and I shall see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Therefore Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

