

Sister's Spin

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"Good King Wenceslaus looked out

On the feast of Stephen

When the snow lay round about

Deep and crisp and even..."



Too early for Christmas Carols, you say? Well, maybe so, but then again, some stores are already stocking their shelves with lights and holiday paraphernalia, and on this old fashioned thing I have at home called a radio, there is already talk about the holidays. But the song above, a somewhat famous carol, refers to the saint of the day, Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia. He did much for the poor of his country and eventually was martyred for his actions--by his own brother, no less. As with yesterday's saint, he is one who saw the needs of the poor and did not allow this need to go unaddressed in his kingdom. The song itself was originally written for the feast of St. Stephen which comes right after Christmas, but it serves as a reminder of our responsibility to attend to the social concerns of our times, poverty\ being one of them. These two saints--Vincent and Wenceslaus--call us to address the concerns of the poor in whatever way is possible for us. Oh, and by the way, Wenceslaus was only a duke--named king only after his death!

-Sister Marianne