

WENCESLAS

A Christmas Pageant



By **Nicholas Conti**

Join in as King Wenceslas celebrates his Coronation Celebration in the Throne Room at the castle, where Wenceslas makes it quite clear that he is determined to be a man of the people. This brings the peasants great joy, but makes the nobles upset and hostile toward him. So enjoys the duties of a King! A few months later, we witness the King's Tribunal where he sits in judgment of criminals, doling out punishment justly and even offering positions in the castle to help straighten their ways (as long as retribution is made to their victims). Happily, Wenceslas inspires them all to entertain and assist with the Christmas Pageant. With envy and personal ambition, his younger step-brother, Sigismund, ruler of Luxembourg, visits and warns that the nobility is unhappy with his reign and his pageant. After Wenceslas' lack of concern, Sigismund becomes vindictive and attempts to assassinate him. The failed attempt leaves Wenceslas free to go ahead with his pageant. And so it goes, the enthusiastic King and his peasants break into festive dancing, acrobatics and song, getting the audience to join them in the festivities.

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