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St. Stephen Distributing Alms  
-Fra Angelico

“God executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the foreigner, giving them food and clothing. You shall also love the foreigner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.”

"At the end of every three years  
you shall bring out the full  
tithe... the Levite, the foreigner,  
the fatherless, and the widow...  
shall come and eat and be  
filled."

"You shall not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice... When you reap your harvest and sheaves fall along the way, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow."

“There shall be no  
poor among you.”

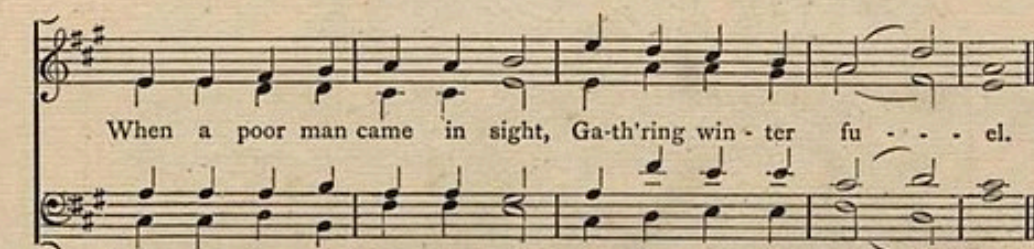
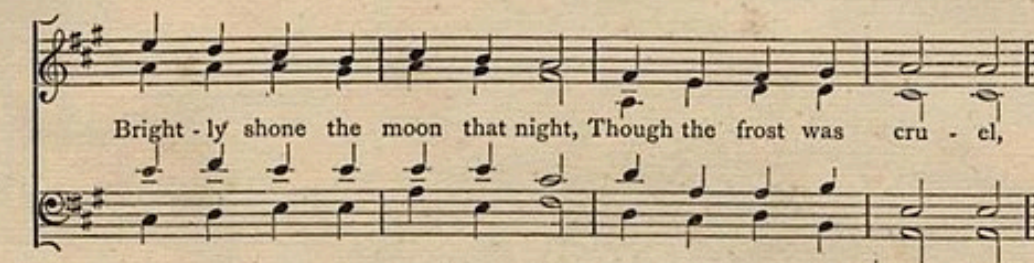
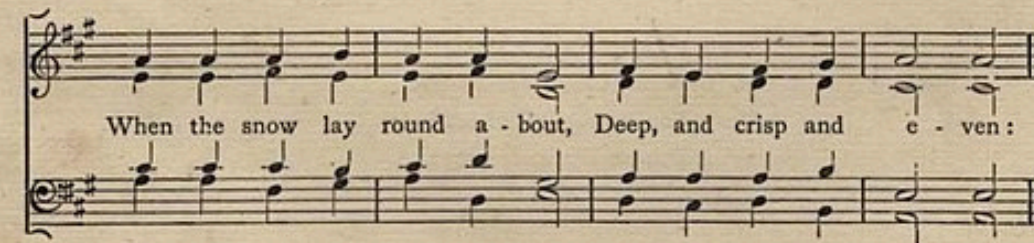
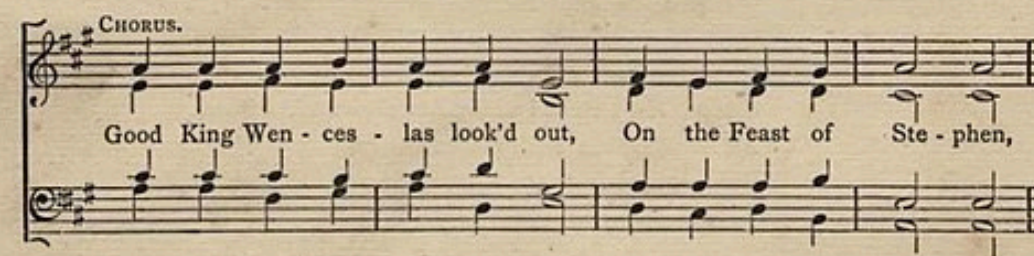
“If there is among you anyone in  
need... do not be hard-hearted or  
tight-fisted.”





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## Good King Wenceslas.



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while God's gifts possessing,  
You who now shall bless the poor  
shall yourselves find blessing.”

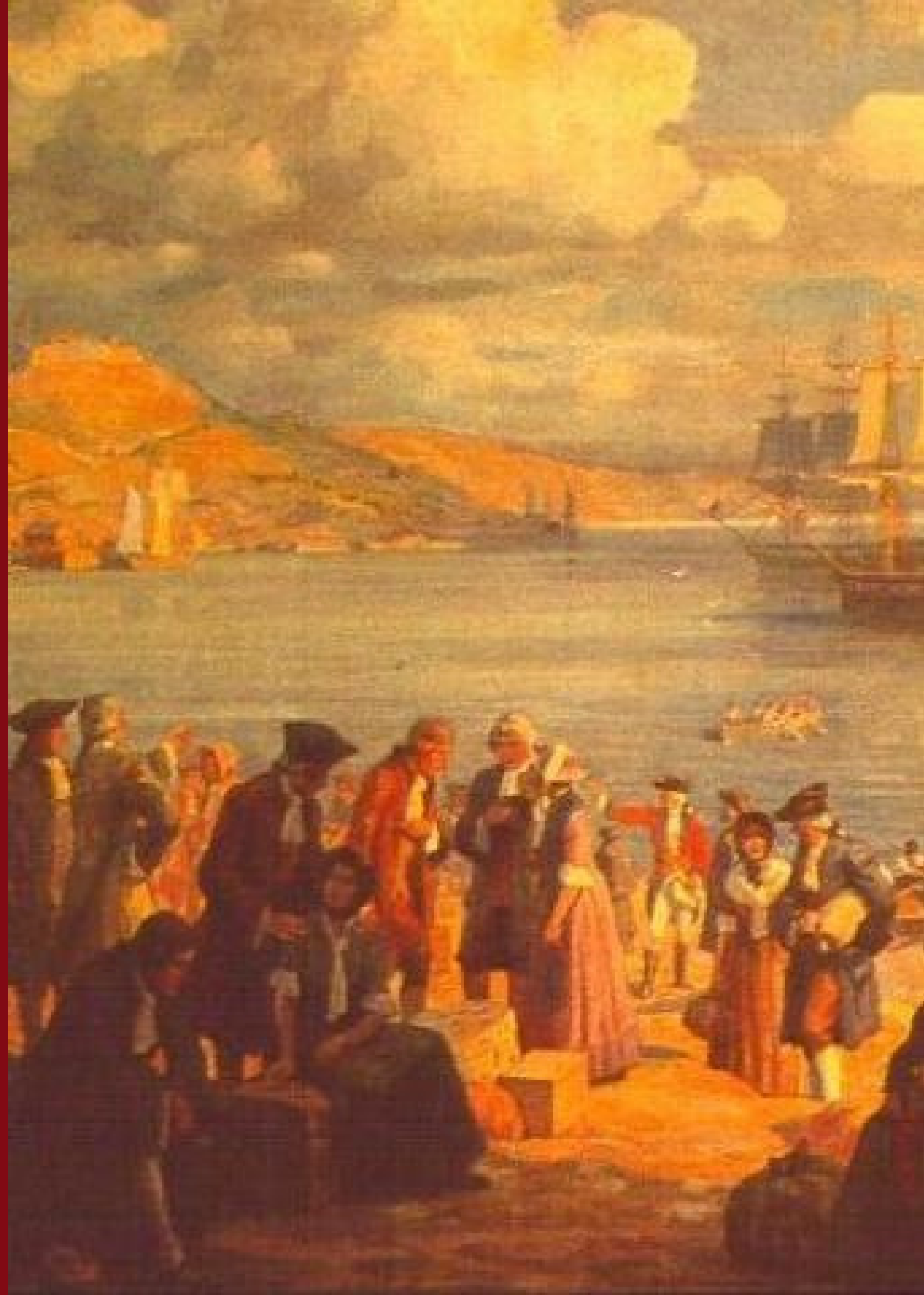




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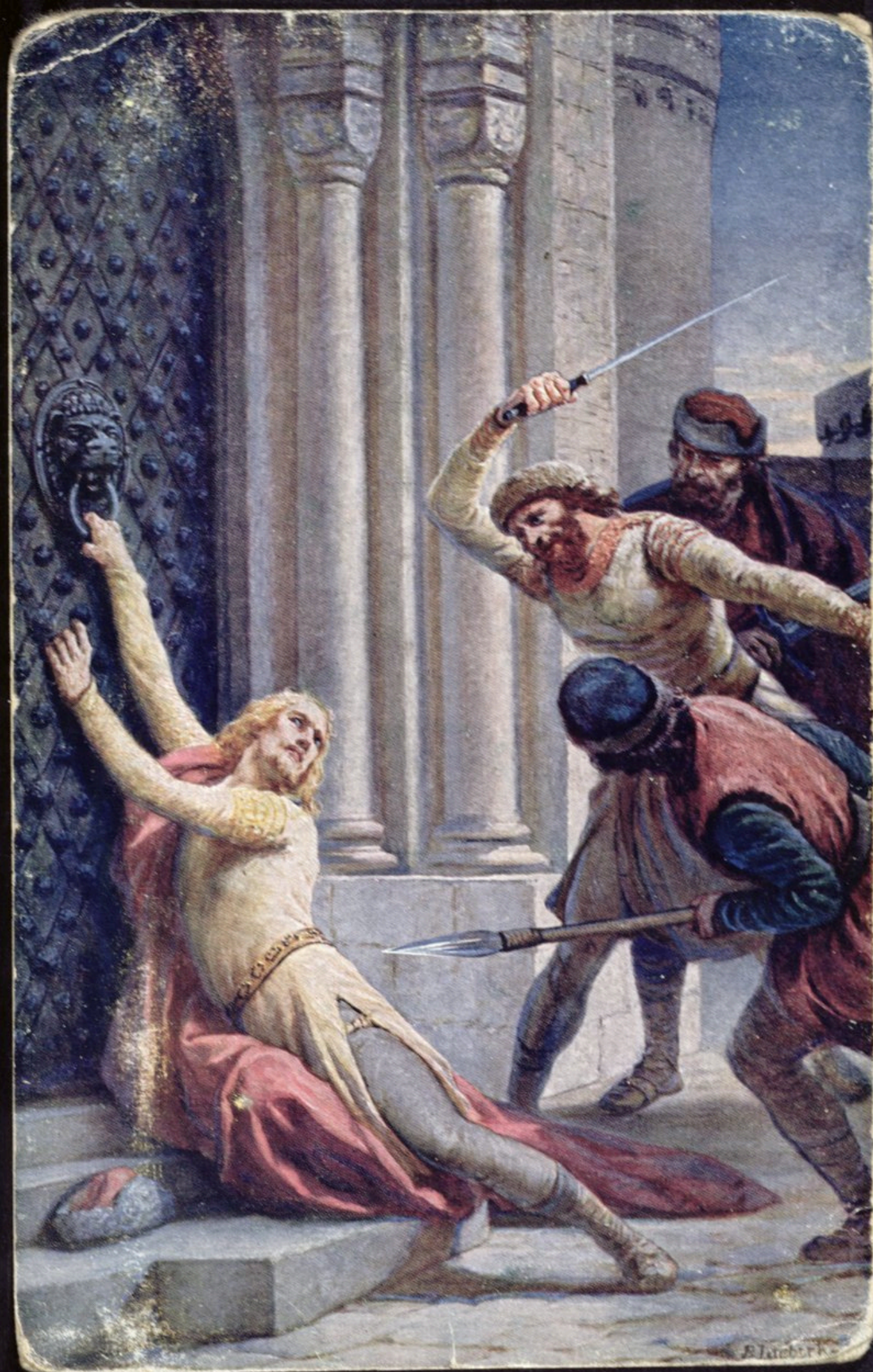
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"You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears still do not show the sign of God's covenant. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him, you who have received the law that was given through messengers but have not obeyed it."





“The poor shall always...” (?)

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# THE FEAST OF STEPHEN: a command and a promise

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