

Saint Stephen was a clerk

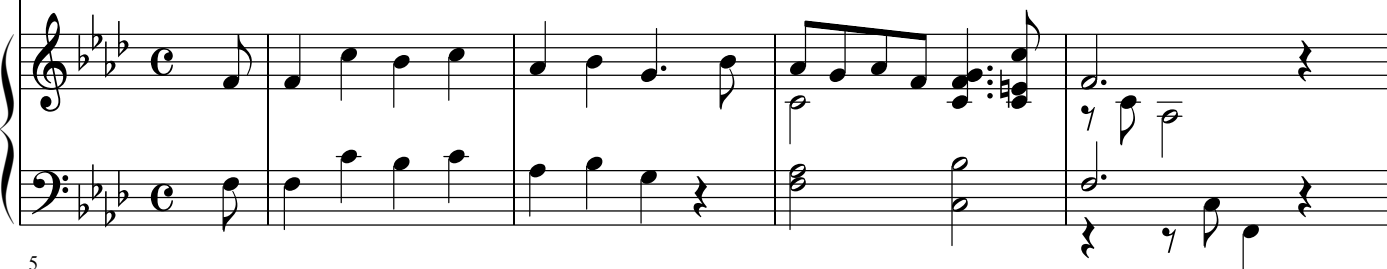
Anonymous (15th. Century)

"The Cheshire Man," English Ballad,
arr. John A. Fuller-Maitland (1856-1936)

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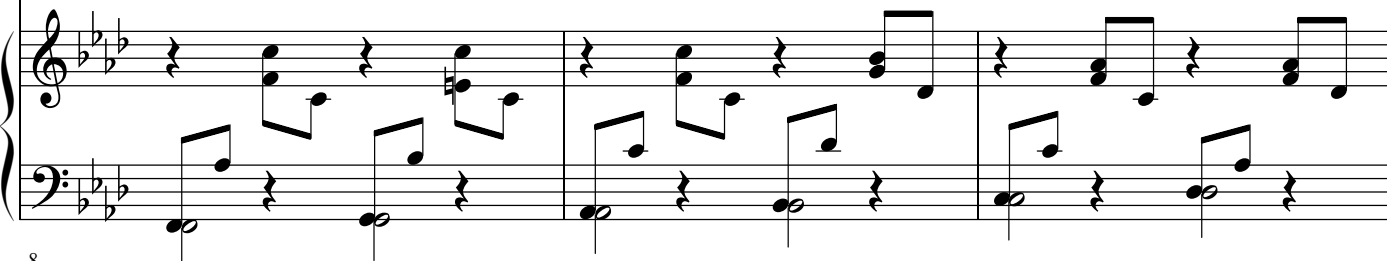
1. Saint
2. Ste -
3. He
4. I
5. "What



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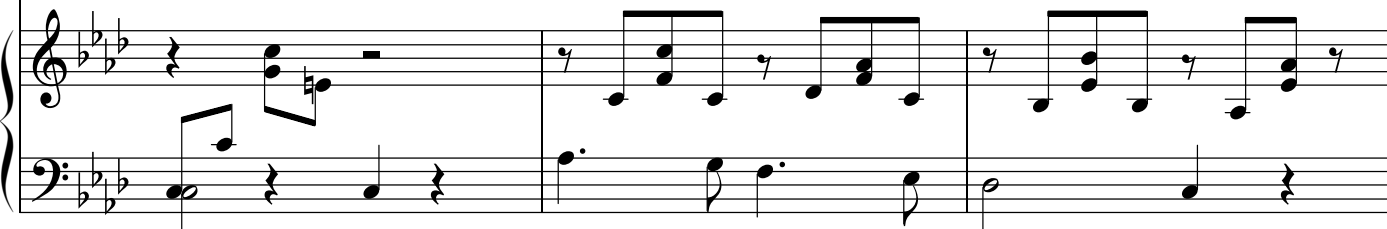
1. Ste - phen was a clerk In King He - rod's
2. phen out of the kit - chen came With boar - es head in
3. cast down the boar - es head, And went in to the
4. for sake thee King He - rod, And their wor - kes
5. ail - eth thee, Ste - phen, What is thee be -



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1. hall, And ser - ved him of bread and cloth As
2. hand; He saw a star was fair and bright O -
3. hall; "I for - sake thee, King He - rod, And
4. all: There is a Child in Beth - lehem born Is
5. fall? Lack-eth thee ei - ther meat or drink In



1. ev - er King be - fall, As ev - er King be - fall.
 2. ver Beth - le - hem stand, O - ver Beth - le - hem stand.
 3. thy wor - kes all; And thy wor - kes all.
 4. bet - ter than we all; Is bet - ter than we all."
 5. King He - rod's hall, In King He - rod's hall?"

6. "Lacketh me neither meat nor drink
 In King Herod's hall:
 There is a Child in Bethlehem born
 Is better than we all."
7. "What aileth thee, Stephen,
 Art thou wod, or thou ginnest to breide?
 Lacketh the either gold or fee,
 Or any riché weed?"
8. "Lacketh me neither gold nor fee,
 Nor any riché weed:
 There is a Child in Bethlehem born
 Is better than we all."
9. "That is also sooth, Stephen,
 Also sooth, iwis,
 As this capon crowé shall
 That lieth in my dish."
10. That word was not so sooner said,
 That word in that hall.
 The capon crew *Christus natus est*
 Among the lordès all.
11. "Riseth up, my tormentors,
 By two and all by one,
 And leadeth Stephen out of this town
 And stoneth him with stone."
12. Tooketh they Stephen
 And stoned him in the way;
 And therefore is his even
 On Christès owen day.