

# When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace

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KINGSFOLD

Traditional English Melody



1. When Ste-phen, full of power and grace, went forth through - out the land,
2. When Ste-phen preached a - gainst his own, and by their law was tried,
3. When Ste-phen, young and doomed to die, fell crushed be - neath the stones,
4. Let me, O Lord, Your cause de - fend as one with - out a sword;



he bore no shield be - fore his face, no wea - pon in his hand;  
he had no friend to plead his cause, no spokes - man at his side,  
he spoke no curse nor venge - ful cry for those who broke his bones,  
no shield I ask, no faith - ful friend, no ven - geance, no re - ward,



but on - ly in his heart a flame, and on his lips a sword.  
but on - ly in his heart a flame and in his eyes a light.  
but on - ly in his heart a flame and on his lips a prayer  
but on - ly in my heart a flame and in my soul a zeal



With those he fought and o - ver - came the ri - vals of the Lord.  
With those God's day - break he pro - claimed, and break the bonds of night.  
that God, in His for - giv - ing way, would un - der - stand and spare.  
to glad - ly suf - fer for the faith, the truth of Christ re - veal.

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Note: Measure ten varies from hymnal to hymnal; check your hymnal's setting of the KINGSFOLD tune to be sure it includes the final two eighth notes; some have a half note on beat three! Because the harmonization by Ralph Vaughan Williams is still under Oxford Press copyright, we can not publish it on this site.