

# O Lord because my hearts desire

Nunc dimittis (The Canticle of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32)

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1592-c.1635)

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Cantus

Medius

Tenor

Bassus

O Lord be - cause my hearts de - sire hath wish - ed long to see, my on - ly  
 Though suf - fer - est thy ser - vant now in peace for to de - part, ac - cor - ding

10 15

Lord and Sa - vi - our, thy Son be - fore I die: the joy and health of all man - kind de -  
 to the Ho - ly Word which light - en - eth my heart. Be - cause mine eyes which thou hast made to

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 to the Ho - ly Word which light - en - eth my heart. Be - cause mine eyes which thou hast made to give

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si - red long be - fore, which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.  
 give my bo - dy light, have now be - held thy sa - ving health which is the Lord of might.

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hath wished long to see,  
my only Lord and Saviour,  
thy Son before I die:  
the joy and health of all mankind  
desired long before,  
which now is come into the world,  
of mercy bringing store.

Though sufferest thy servant now  
in peace for to depart,  
according to the Holy Word  
which lighteneth my heart.  
Because mine eyes which thou hast made  
to give my body light,  
have now beheld thy saving health  
which is the Lord of might.