

# O Lord because my hearts desire

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

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1592-c.1635)

Medius (part 2 of 4)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 3/2 time, treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with numbered measure markers (5, 10, 15, 20, 25) corresponding to specific notes. The lyrics describe the singer's desire to see the Lord, their suffering servant, and the joy and health of all mankind.

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  
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  
15  
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.  
20  
25