

O Lord because my hearts desire

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

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1592-c.1635)

Cantus (part 1 of 4)

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (London, 1621)

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a 3/2 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 are indicated above the staves. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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 - cord - ing
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
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.