

# 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 melody consists of quarter and half notes. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 are indicated above the staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined. The piece 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.

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20 si - red long be - fore, which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.  
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5  
15  
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8 5  
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10 15  
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20 25  
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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

20 25  
si - red long be - fore, which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.  
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Bassus (part 4 of 4)

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Though suf - fer - est thy ser - vant now in peace for to de - part, ac - cord - ing\_

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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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