

Nunc Dimitis

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Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

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Lord, now let test thou thy servant

for rehearsal only

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part in peace, Lord, now let test thou thy servant

de - part in peace, Lord, now let test thou thy

de - part in peace, Let - test thou thy

de - part in peace, Let - test thou thy

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— de - part — in — peace, ac - cord - ing to — thy word;
 mf p
 servant de - part — in — peace, ac - cord - ing to — thy word;
 mf p
 8 servant de - part — in — peace, ac - cord - ing to — thy word;
 mf p
 servant de - part — in — peace, ac - cord - ing to — thy word;

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ser - vant de - part — in — peace, ac - cord - ing to — thy word;

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p
 for mine eyes, — mine eyes have seen: thy sal -
 p
 for mine eyes, — for mine eyes have seen:
 p
 8 for mine eyes, for mine eyes, for mine eyes have
 p
 for mine eyes, for mine eyes have

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for mine eyes, — for mine eyes have

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va - tion which thou,
thy sal - va - tion
seen: thy sal - va - tion

which thou, which thou,
which thou, which thou,
which thou,

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which thou, which thou,

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pared, pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple, to be a
hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple, to be a
hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple, to be a

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hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple, to be a

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light a light to light - en the Gen - tiles, to be a
light, a light, to light - en the Gen - tiles, to be a
light, a light, to light - en the Gen - tiles, to be a
light, a light, to light - en the Gen - tiles, to be a

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light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the

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light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the

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light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the
light, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles: and to be the

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glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry

glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry

glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry

glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry

glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry

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glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry

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be ____ to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly - Ghost. As ____

be ____ to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly - Ghost.

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be ____ to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly - Ghost.

be ____ to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly - Ghost.

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— it was in the begin - ning, is now, and ev - er, and ev - er

mp

As it was in the begin - ning, is now, and ev - er, ev - er shall

mp

As _____ it was in the begin - ning, is now, and ev - er, ev - er

mp

As _____ it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er, ev - er shall

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8

As _____ it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er, ev - er shall

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shall be,

be,

mp cresc.

world with-out end, world with - out

p cresc.

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shall be, world with-out end, world with - out end, world with - out

be,

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73 *mf cresc.* *accel.* ,*f* *poco più mosso* *ff*

world with-out end, with-out end, world with - out end, world
 end, world with - out end, world with-out end, world
 end, world with - out end, world with - out, world
mf cresc. *f* *ff*

8 world with-out end, world with - out, world

{ 73 world with-out end, world with - out, world

rit. *Tempo I* *f*

— with out end. A - men. A - men. A - - - men.
 — with out end. A - men. A - men. A - - men.
 8 — with - out end. A - men. A - men. A - - men.
 — with out end. A - men. A - men. A - - men.

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