

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Song, or canticle, of Simeon)
(From Luke 2:29-32)

Simeon, had been promised by the Holy Ghost that he would not die until he had seen the Saviour. When Mary & Joseph brought the baby Jesus to Jerusalem, Simeon was there. He took the baby into his arms and said the words of nunc dimittis.

Now, Lord you send this servant in peace,
for your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen your salvation
Which you have prepared in the presence of all people.

A light to show you to the gentiles
And give glory to the people of Israel.

Keith Hearne's version for song:

Now, Lord you may send this servant quietly,
for your word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have now witnessed your salvation
Which we all were told would come.
Let this Light be seen by all nations -
World without end, world without end
And give greatness to your people -
World without end, world without end.
Now, Lord you may send this servant quietly,
For your words has been fulfilled.

(Gloria patri:)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.