

Song of Simeon ***(Nunc Dimittis)***

Originally commissioned by Bill Carter for the jazz hymnal,
Swing a New Song to the Lord

Music by Deanna Witkowski

Lead sheet; piano score; bulletin insert

Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*) is a New Testament canticle from the second chapter of Luke. Simeon was a devout follower of God who had been promised that he would not die until he saw the Messiah. When he sees the Christ child in the temple, Simeon recognizes him as the promised one, takes him in his arms, and utters these words of praise.

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Guide us wak - ing, o Lord, and
guard us sleep - ing that a -

Verses (sung by soloist):

1. Now, Lord, dismiss your servant in peace according to your word.
My own eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared. (Refrain)
2. In the sight of every people is where you have prepared your salvation,
a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. (Refrain)