

(Nunc dimittis) O Lord because my hearts desire

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or Playnsong
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O Lord be - cause my hearts de - sire hath wish - ed long to see,
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S. my one - ly Lord and Sa - vi - our, thy Son be - fore I die:
A. my one - ly Lord and Sa - vi - our, thy Son be - fore I die:
T. my one - ly Lord and Sa - vi - our, thy Son be - fore I die:
B. my one - ly Lord and Sa - vi - our thy Son be - fore I die:

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S. The joy and health of all man - kind, de - si - red long be - fore:
A. The joy and health of all man - kind, de - si - red long be - fore:
T. The joy and health of all man - kind, de - si - red long be - fore:
B. the joy and health of all man - kind de - si - red long be - fore:

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S. which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.
A. which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.
T. which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.
B. which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy bring - ing store.

Thou sufferest thy servant now
In peace for to depart,
According to thy holy word,
Which lightened my heart.
Because mine eyes which thou hast made
To give my body light,
Have now beheld thy saving health
Which is the Lord of might.

Whom thou mercifully hast set
Of thine abundant grace:
In open sight and visible,
Be-fore all peoples face.
The Gentiles to illuminate,
And Satan overquell:
And eke to be the glory of
Thy people Israel.

Critical notes:

Text somewhat modernised.