

# Song of Simeon

Based on Luke 2:29–32

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**INTRO** (♩ = ca. 90)

Keyboard

B♭add9 E♭sus4/B♭ B♭add9 A♭

**Melody**

Now, O God, let your ser - vant go.

**Harmony**

B♭ Cm A♭maj7 B♭

Let me go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word.

A♭maj7 Gm A♭ F(no3)

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A clarinet part is available from the publisher, edition 70211.

For my eyes be - hold your sav - ing work: a

B $\flat$  Cm A $\flat$ maj7 B $\flat$

light for all the world, al - le - lu - ia.

A $\flat$  Gm B $\flat$ /A $\flat$  A $\flat$  F

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

A $\flat$  Gm7

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

$E\flat$ maj7  $B\flat/A\flat$   $A\flat$

lu - ia.

$B\flat$ add9

# Performance Notes

This simple setting of the *Nunc Dimittis* is based upon the account of Simeon's stirring encounter with the newborn Christ Child in the temple (Luke 2). This beautiful Gospel passage is proclaimed on the Feasts of the Holy Family (Lectionary Year B) and The Presentation (February 2). "Song of Simeon" has many general uses as well, having been used quite effectively during Taizè or evening prayer services, and as a dismissal song for funeral liturgies. It is especially suited for two-part choirs, and for duet singing. Because of its modest range, this canticle can be sung comfortably by junior high singers or Cambiata choirs (those containing changing adolescent male voices).

Although the form can be repeated as often as desired, the clarinet part (edition 70211) is scored for twice through, followed by the final ending, as on the recording. When the final ending is reached, the song should gently *decrescendo* to its final, hushed "alleluia."

Preview

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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**INTRO** (♩ = ca. 90)Capo 1: (Aadd9)  
B♭add9(Dsus4/A)  
E♭sus4/B♭(Aadd9)  
B♭add9(G)  
A♭

(Keyboard)

(A) B♭      (Bm) Cm      (Gmaj7) A♭maj7      (A) B♭

**Melody**

Now, O God, let your ser - vant go.

**Harmony**

(Gmaj7) A♭maj7      (F♯m) Gm      (G) A♭      (E(no3)) F(no3)

Let me go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word.

(A) B♭      (Bm) Cm      (Gmaj7) A♭maj7      (A) B♭

For my eyes be - hold your sav - ing work: a

(G) A♭      (F♯m) Gm      (A/G) B♭/A♭      (G) A♭      1 (E) F

light for all the world, al - le - lu - ia.

**Final**  
**(G)** **(F#m7)**  
**A<sup>b</sup>** **Gm7**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

**(Dmaj7)** **(A/G)** **(G)**  
**E<sup>b</sup>maj7** **B<sup>b</sup>/A<sup>b</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>**

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

**(Aadd9)**  
**B<sup>b</sup>add9**

al - le - lu - ia.

Aadd9 OR Aadd9 Dsus4/A Dmaj7 E(no3)

F#m OR F#m F#m7 OR F#m7 Gmaj7

## Assembly Edition

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a light for all the world, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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