

OCP Choral Series

in honor of my father, Laurent

Let Me Go Now in Peace

Assembly, SAB Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

Based on Luke 2:29–32

Dan Schutte

INTRO *Reflectively* ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$)

Am Am/G F Eb Fm/Ab G7sus4 G

Keyboard

poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.*

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VERSES

Soprano *a tempo*

Alto

1. Hear the prayer of your ser - vant; let me go now in
 2. I have walked in your tem - ple in the soft morn - ing
 3. I have worn smooth your path - ways that I've loved from the

Baritone *a tempo*

C G/B Am F

a tempo

1. peace to the home you have prom - ised where our joys nev - er
 2. light, and have knelt in your pres - ence in the still of the
 3. start, as you've carved lov - ing fur - rows in the stone of my

G7sus4 G C/E F D/F#

REFRAIN *a tempo*

poco rit.

1. cease.
 2. night.
 3. heart.

I have seen with my eyes what the proph - ets have fore -

poco rit. *a tempo*

G Am Em F Fm/A \flat

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

told. I have held in my arms God, my Sav -

poco rit. *a tempo*

Am Dm C/E G7sus4 G7

poco rit. *a tempo*

1 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *rit. D.S.*

ior.

poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.*

1 C Am Am/G F Eb Fm/Ab G7sus4 G *D.S.*

poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.*

2 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *rit. D.S.*

ior.

poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.*

2 C Dm G E Am F Dm G7sus4 G7 *D.S.*

poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.*

Final *poco rit.* *a tempo* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

ior.

Final C Am Am/G F C/E Dm

poco rit. *a tempo* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

G7sus4 G7 C G7sus4 C

poco rit. *molto rit.*

Composer Notes

This piece was inspired by that magnificent passage in Luke, Chapter 2, where Mary and Joseph take their young infant to the temple to be presented and dedicated to God. And there's old Simeon, nearly blind, who realizes that this newborn child is the one the nation of Israel has waited for, the Messiah of God. Moved to tears, he sings a song, known later as the "Nunc Dimittis," that captures the moment: "Let me go now in peace, Lord, for my eyes have seen your salvation." It is the song of an old man who has lived a full life and is now ready to go home to God.

Although some of the guitar chords take practice, either piano or guitar works well for accompaniment. It's important to keep the accompaniment from masking the beauty of the words. Nothing should distract people's attention from entering into the prayer of the piece. On the recording you will hear the string arrangement that supports the overall effect – simple and elegant.

This is, of course, a perfect piece for a wake or funeral liturgy. However, it could also be used appropriately for healing, anointing services, and Night Prayer (Compline). At its core, the piece is a prayer of surrender to God, offering back to God the gift of our lives.

—Dan Schutte

Preview

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Am Am/G F *poco rit.* Eb *a tempo* Fm/A♭ G7sus4 G *rit.*

(Kbd)

VERSES

C *a tempo* G/B Am F G7sus4 G

1. Hear the prayer of your ser - vant; — let me go now in peace to the
2. I have walked in your tem - ple — in the soft morn - ing light, and have
3. I have worn smooth your path - ways — that I've loved from the start, as you've

C/E F D/F# G *poco rit.*

1. home you have prom - ised — where our joys nev - er cease.
2. knelt in your pres - ence — in the still of the night. } I have
3. carved lov - ing fur - rows — in the stone of my heart. }

REFRAIN

Am *a tempo* Em F Fm/A♭ Am *poco rit.*

seen with my eyes what the proph - ets have fore - told.

Dm *a tempo* C/E G7sus4 G7 1
C
poco rit.

I have held in my arms God, my Sav - ior.

Am *a tempo* Am/G F Eb Fm/A♭ G7sus4 *rit.* G *D.S.*

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C *poco rit.* Dm *a tempo* G E Am F Dm G7sus4 *rit.* G7 *D.S.*

ior.

Final
C *poco rit.* Am Am/G *a tempo* F *poco rit.* C/E Dm *a tempo* G7sus4 G7 C G7sus4 *molto rit.* C

ior.


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Assembly Edition


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Verses



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 2. I have walked in your tem - ple in the soft morn - ing light,
 3. I have worn smooth your path - ways that I've loved from the start,



1. to the home you have prom - ised where our joys nev - er cease.
 2. and have knelt in your pres - ence in the still of the night.
 3. as you've carved lov - ing fur - rows in the stone of my heart.

Refrain



I have seen with my eyes what the proph - ets have fore - told.



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