Nunc dimittis
"O Lord because my heart's desire"

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1. O Lord, because my heart's desire hath wished long to see,
2. Thou sufferest thy servant now in peace for to depart:
3. Whom thou mercifully hast set of thine abundant grace,

My only Lord and Saviour thy son before I die,
According to thy holy word, which lighteneth my heart.
In open light and visible, before all people face.

The joy and health of all mankind desired long before,
Which because mine eyes, which thou hast made, to give my body light:
Have the Gentiles to illuminate and Satan over quell:
And

now is come into this world of mercy bringing store,
now behold thy saving health, which is the Lord of might,
eke to be the glory of thy people, Israel.

* In the manuscript, there is a B-flat in the alto, but it should be B-natural.