

# **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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$\text{♩} = 52$

straight eighths;  
bass/drums enter at A

1  $F\Delta 7(\#11)$   $C\Delta 7$   $D-7$   $A-7$

6  $Bb\Delta 7$   $Eb\Delta 7$   $D7(sus)$   $D/F\#$

**A** Refrain (w/congregation); bs/dr enter

14  $G^6$   $D/F\#$   $C\Delta 7$   $C/D$

Guide us wak - ing, o Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and

18  $E-7$   $B-7$   $F\Delta 7$

guard us sleep - ing \_\_\_\_\_ that a -

22  $C\Delta 7$   $E-7$

wake we may watch with Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and a -