

Simeon: Wide-eyed and Watching

73

NARRATOR

(music begins) "Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man...."

"Let's imagine a white-headed, wizened fellow working his way down the streets of Jerusalem. People in the market call his name and he waves but doesn't stop. Neighbors greet him and he returns the greeting but doesn't pause. Friends chat on the corner and he smiles but doesn't stop. He has a place to be and he hasn't time to lose...."

"Simeon's one incredible moment occurs eight days after the birth of Jesus. Joseph and Mary have brought their son to the temple. It's the day of a sacrifice, the day of circumcision, the day of dedication. But for Simeon, it would be a day of celebration...."

He was "a man on tiptoe, wide-eyed and watching for the one who will come to save Israel...."

"He was waiting with anticipation. Calmly expectant." Eyes open and arms extended. "Searching the crowd for the right face, and hoping the face appears today...."

"In the end, the prayer of Simeon was answered. 'Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God; 'Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace, as you said (Luke 2:28-29).'"

"One look into the face of Jesus, and Simeon knew the hope of his life had been fulfilled. One look into the face of our Savior, and we will know the same."

47 ♪ = 96 † "Day of Celebration" Arranged by Tom Fettke

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system consists of four measures. The melody in the treble clef starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass line starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3 and a whole note F3. The second system also consists of four measures. The melody continues with quarter notes D5, C5, B-flat4, and A4. The bass line has a half note G3 and a whole note F3. The third system consists of four measures. The melody has quarter notes G4, A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass line has a half note G3 and a whole note F3. The fourth system consists of four measures. The melody has quarter notes D5, C5, B-flat4, and A4. The bass line has a half note G3 and a whole note F3. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed below the first measure of the first system.

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Musical score for measures 74-76. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). Measure 74: Treble clef has a dotted quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 75: Treble clef has a dotted half note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3. Measure 76: Treble clef has a quarter note A4, an eighth note B4, and a quarter note C5. Bass clef has a whole note G3.

10

Musical score for measures 77-79. Measure 77: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 78: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 79: Treble clef has a dotted half note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3.

13 "...but doesn't pause..."

Musical score for measures 80-82. Measure 80: Treble clef has a dotted quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 81: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 82: Treble clef has a dotted half note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3.

16

48

"Simeon's one incredible..."

Musical score for measures 83-85. Measure 83: Treble clef has a whole note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3. Measure 84: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 85: Treble clef has a dotted half note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3.

19

Musical score for measures 86-88. Measure 86: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 87: Treble clef has a dotted half note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3. Measure 88: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3.

22

"It's the day of a sacrificing..."

Musical score for measures 89-91. Measure 89: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 90: Treble clef has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. Bass clef has a half note G3. Measure 91: Treble clef has a dotted half note G4. Bass clef has a whole note G3.

"He was a man on..."

25

28

Slower ♩ = 84

"...and arms extended..."

† "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

31

"...In the end, a prayer..."

34

(Segue to "At Last I See Him")

"One look into the face of Jesus,..."

37

49

Warmly ♩ = 80

40 *mp* A m E m F maj 7

43 F m 6 C 2

...and we will know the same."

† "At Last I See Him"

SOLO: Simeon

46 *mp* a tempo (2nd time only)

1. Wait - ing, long - ing, hop - ing for the day
2. Lov - ing, thank - ing, prais - ing God on high,

CHOIR (2nd time only)

mp

Oo

(TENORS only)

C 2 G A A m 7 G A A m 7 F 2

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49 SOLO

I would look up - on Mes - si - ah's
I re - joice to hold sal - va - tion's

CHOIR

Oo

Dm⁷ $\frac{E}{G}$ G⁷ C² $\frac{G}{A}$ Am⁷ $\frac{G}{A}$ Am⁷

52

face; _____
light. _____

Know - ing in my
But I know great

Oo

D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{E}{G\#}$ Am⁷ $\frac{G}{A}$

55

spir - it that be - fore my life was done 7 /
sor - row 7 will be the price He pays, That

BASSES join

Oo

Em⁷ F C/E

50

 1st time

52

 2nd time

58

I'd be - hold the prom - ise — Em - man - u - el, God's
we may find re - demp - tion, that we may know His

Oo Oo

E^b Ebmaj⁷ B^b2/D Dm⁷

61

rit. mf *a tempo*

Son. grace. At last I see Him with my—

Sing both times mp

See Him with my—

G sus G G⁷ G¹³ G⁷ C $\frac{C}{E}$

rit. mf a tempo

64

eyes. I touch Him with my— hands. I mar - vel in the

eyes. Touch Him with my— hands. —

F $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G sus $\frac{G}{F}$ Em⁷

2nd time to Coda $\oplus$
(meas. 85)

53

2nd time

68

pres-ence of the Great I _____ AM. Now my soul can be at_

2nd time to Coda $\oplus$

Now my soul can_

2nd time to Coda $\oplus$
(meas. 85)

G A Am G A Am7 C D D7 G sus G13 G7 C C²
A E

72

rest. I reach out with joy to bless Him, And I smile. _____

rest. I reach out to bless Him, _ And I

F E7 E7 G# A⁴ 2 Am Am G D F#

76

I re - ceive Him; At last I smile. Oo

Fm^6 C^2/E C/E C^{maj7}/E $A m^7$

79

see Him, this ho - ly Child. I see Him, this ho - ly Child.

$D m^7$ E/G E^{maj7}/G G^7_{sus} G^7 F/G $A m$

82

82

51

D.S. al Coda
(to meas. 46)

Em Fmaj⁷ Fm⁶ *D.S. al Coda*
(to meas. 46)

CODA

85

rit. SOLO *f* *a tempo*

AM. Now my soul can be at

CHOIR unis. *rit. f*

Now my soul can be at

CODA

G sus G Absus Ab Db Db²/_F

f rit. a tempo

88

rest. I reach out with joy to bless Him, And I

rest. I reach out with joy to bless Him,

G $\flat$ F 7 $\frac{F7}{A}$ B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ m $\frac{B\flat m}{A\flat}$

91

smile. I re - ceive Him;

And I smile. Oo

E $\flat$ / G G $\flat$ m 6 $\frac{D\flat 2}{F}$ $\frac{D\flat}{F}$ $\frac{D\flat maj 7}{F}$

94

rit.

At last I see Him, this ho - ly

Bbm7 Ebm7 Gbmaj7 / Ab Ab7 Ab

rit.

† "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

97

a tempo mp

Child.

mp

Come, let us a - dore Him, Come, let us a -

mp a tempo

Db Ab / Db Ebm11 / Db Db Ebm / Db Ebm

100 *mp*

O come, let us a - dore Him, —

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, —

$\text{D}^{\flat}$ $\text{A}^{\flat}/\text{G}^{\flat}$ $\text{D}^{\flat}/\text{F}$ $\text{G}^{\flat}$ $\text{D}^{\flat}/\text{F}$ $\text{E}^{\flat}\text{m}7$ $\text{D}^{\flat}$ $\text{A}^{\flat}/\text{C}$ $\text{D}^{\flat}/\text{F}$ $\text{G}^{\flat}$

103 *rit.*

This ho - ly Child.

dim.

This ho - ly Child. —

Child, ho - ly Child.

$\text{D}^{\flat}/\text{A}^{\flat}$ $\text{A}^{\flat}\text{sus}$ $\text{A}^{\flat}$ $\text{G}^{\flat}/\text{A}^{\flat}$ $\text{D}^{\flat}$ $\text{D}^{\flat}$

rit.