

Depart in peace

Old faithful Simeon rose as the sun blazed
And there by the table sat an Angel of the Lord.
"Simeon we promised before you died
To hold the Messiah in your arms, go,
In the Temple you will find Mary and Anna
Speak the word according to him
And I will see you at the Temple gates".
Simeon departed and found the Temple almost empty
But for Mary, Anna and the infant child.
They knew the old man and welcomed him.
He took the child in his arms and said
"Mary he is God incarnate and come to deliver
Freedom and full possession to all mankind,
The suffering will be great but deliverance final."
He gave up the child, smiled and turning
walked toward the sunlit open doors,
The clamour of the world outside seemed silent
The promised angel appeared by his side
And suddenly at great speed they departed
"Faithful Simeon we are heaven bound"
He bowed as space and time dissolved in beauty.