

## Simeon

How can I feel the joy of Simeon  
who held the Christ Child close within his arms?  
Simeon's tear falls from one lidded eye...  
It is ecstasy and we know reasons why  
this painting draws us in to feel it's charms.

We see the open mouth, the wrinkled hand;  
Earth's latitude and longitude of line.  
The **cross**, reflected, burning as a flame  
His sermon in oil...DiCianni's fame;  
three gifts to the world and all of them are mine!

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Winifred wrote this poem after viewing the painting "Simeon's Moment"  
By religious artist Ron DiCianni.  
You can see this painting at the following web-site:  
<http://www.christcenteredmall.com/stores/art/dicianni/simeons-moment.htm>

The painting and poem are based on the following scripture from The New Testament:

**LUKE 2: 25-35**

*[25] Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26] It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27] Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, [28] Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:*

*[29] "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you now dismiss your servant in peace.  
[30] For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
[31] which you have prepared in the sight of all people,  
[32] a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."*

*[33] The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. [34] Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, [35] so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."*