

# Simple Gifts

2 Parts for Voice  
or Soprano Recorder

A Shaker Hymn

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*Shaker Hymn*

A

Part I      Part II

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the  
'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the

This section consists of two staves. Staff 1 (Part I) starts with a quarter note followed by an eighth note. Staff 2 (Part II) starts with a half note. Measures 1-4 are identical for both parts.

I      II

gift to come down where we ought to be. And  
gift to be free. \_\_\_\_\_ And

This section continues the melody from section A. It features a melodic line that descends from the first measure and then ascends back up in the fourth measure. Measure 8 concludes with a fermata over the 'And' at the end of the phrase.

I      II

when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'Twill  
when, \_\_\_\_\_ and when we find our - selves in the

This section continues the melody from section A. It features a melodic line that descends from the first measure and then ascends back up in the fourth measure. Measure 12 concludes with a fermata over the 'And' at the end of the phrase.

I      II

be in the val - ley of love and de - light.  
place just right, of love \_\_\_\_\_ and de - light.

This section continues the melody from section A. It features a melodic line that descends from the first measure and then ascends back up in the fourth measure. Measure 16 concludes with a fermata over the 'And' at the end of the phrase.

B

I                    II

17                    18                    19                    20

When              true              sim - plic i - ty      is      gained,      To

When              true              sim -

I                    II

21                    22                    23                    24

bow              and              to              bend              we      shan't      be      a - shamed.      To

plic - i - ty      is              gained,              To      bow      and      bend,

I                    II

25                    26                    27                    28

turn,              turn              will              be      our      de - light,      'Til      by

bow              and              bend.              To      turn,              turn              will

I                    II

29                    30                    31                    32

turn - ing,              turn - ing      we      come      round      right.

be              our      de - light      as      we      come      round      right.