

# SIMPLE GIFTS

for S.S.A. voices and piano  
with optional PianoTrax CD\*

Words Traditional  
Second verse by JAY ALTHOUSE

American Shaker Song  
Arranged by JAY ALTHOUSE

Lightly, in two (♩ = ca. 60)

SOPRANO I  
SOPRANO II

ALTO

PIANO

Lightly, in two (♩ = ca. 60)

*mf*

5

*rit.*

*a tempo* **7**

*mf*

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

*rit.*

*a tempo*

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gift to be free. \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

'Tis the

gift to come down where we ought to be \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* 15

And when we find our-selves in the place just right, \_\_\_\_\_

And when we find our-selves in the place just right, \_\_\_\_\_

17

'twill be in the val - ley of

'twill be in the val ley of

20

love and de-light. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to

love and de-light. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to

23

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

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

26

till by turn - ing, turn - ing we

be our de - light, \_\_\_\_\_ turn, turn, \_\_\_\_\_ we

be our de - light, \_\_\_\_\_ turn, turn \_\_\_\_\_ we

29

come 'round right.

come 'round right.

32

*mf* 34

'Tis the gift to be lov - ing, 'tis the

*mf*

*Hm* *hm* *hm*

35

gift to be kind. 'Tis the gift of grace we know that we will find.

*hm hm hm* And

38

*Hm hm* we'll know that the truth will

when we see the light at the break of day we'll know that the truth will

41

42

show us the way. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to

show us the way. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to

44

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

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

47

till by turn - ing, turn - ing we  
be our de - light, turn, turn, we

be our de - light, turn, turn, we

50

come 'round right. *f* 'Tis the

come round right. *f* 'Tis the

53

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

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

56

where we ought to be. And when we find our-selves in the

where we ought to be. And when we find our-selves in the

58

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

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

61

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we

64

shan't be a-shamed. To turn, turn, will be our de-light, \_\_\_\_\_

shan't be a-shamed. To turn, turn, will be our de-light, \_\_\_\_\_

67

till by turn - ing, turn - ing we

turn, turn, we come 'round

turn, turn, we come 'round



70

*decresc.*

right.

*decresc.*

*mf*

'Tis the gift,

*decresc.*

*mf*

74

*mf*

*rit.*

*mp*

Slowly, freely

'tis the gift, 'tis the gift to be

*mp*

'tis the gift to be

Slowly, freely

*rit.*

*mp*

77

*p*

sim - ple and free.

*p*

sim - ple and free.

*p*

8<sup>va</sup>