

# SIMPLE GIFTS

(Shaker Song)

(No. 4 from *Old American Songs, Set 1*)

for SATB Chorus & Piano \*

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Quietly flowing ( $\text{♩} = 72$ ) *mp legato, simply*

Soprano

Alto

Quietly flowing ( $\text{♩} = 72$ ) *f (very plain)* *mf* *mp*

Piano

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gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, And

gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where — you ought to be, And

*p*

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*hold back a trifle*

when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light. \_

when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the val-ley of love and de-light. \_

*hold back a trifle*

12 Soprano

*f*

Alto

*f*

Tenor

*f*

Bass

*f*

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, To

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, To

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, To

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, To

*mf (plainly)*

*f*

*mf*

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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

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

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

*mf* *mp* *p*

Red.

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be our de-light 'Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right. —

be our de-light 'Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right. —

be our de-light 'Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right. —

be our de-light 'Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right. —

(Red.)

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*p* *f*  
 'Tis the gift  
 'Tis the gift to be simple 'tis the  
 'Tis the gift to be  
 'Tis the gift to be  
*p* *f* div.  
 'Tis the gift to be

(*And.*)

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to be free 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be And  
 gift to come down where you ought to be And  
 sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free. And  
 unis. , div.  
 sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free. And

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*hold back a trifle*

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

when we find our-selves in the place just right 'Twill be in the val-ley of love and de-light. \_

when in the place just right unis.

when in the place just right

*hold back a trifle*

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*p* *rit.*

*p*

*mf* *p* *rit.* *p* *pp*

(*And.*) (dreamily)