

Simple Gifts

A Shaker song written and composed in 1848 by Elder Joseph Brackett.

$\text{♩} = 38$

arr, Joseph Knapicius

Mezzo-Soprano solo

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

The first system of the musical score is for a five-part vocal ensemble. It consists of five staves: Mezzo-Soprano solo, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/8. The Soprano part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and the vocal line "Aah," followed by a melodic phrase. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts provide harmonic support with their own melodic lines. The Mezzo-Soprano part is a solo line with rests.

Solo

S

A

T

B

The second system of the musical score is for a five-part vocal ensemble. It consists of five staves: Solo, Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The Solo part is a solo line with rests. The Soprano part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and the vocal line "Aah," followed by a melodic phrase. The Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts provide harmonic support with their own melodic lines. The Solo part is a solo line with rests.

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Solo *f* Tis the gift to be sim-ple tis the gift to be free tis the gift to come down where we ought to

S *mp* Aah, _____ Aah, _____

A *mp* Aah, _____

T *mp* Aah, _____

B *mp* Aah, _____ Aah, _____

10

Solo *mp* be and when we find our selves in the place just right twill be in the val - ley of love and de-

S *mp* Aah, _____ Aah, _____

A *mp* Aah, _____ Aah, _____

T *mp* Aah, _____

B *mp* Aah, _____ Aah, _____

13

Solo

light when true sim- pli - ci - ty is gain'd to bow and to bend we_ shan't be a -

S

Aah, _____ Aah, _____

A

Aah, _____

T

Aah, _____ Aah, _____

B

Aah, _____ Aah, _____ Aah, _____

16

Solo

shamed to turn, turn will be our de-light till by turn-ing, turn - ing we come round right.

S

Aah, _____ Aah, _____ Aah,

A

Aah, _____ Aah, _____ Aah,

T

Aah, _____ Aah,

B

Aah, _____ Aah, _____ Aah,

19

Solo

when true sim - pli - ci - ty is gain'd to bow and to bend we__shan't be a-shamed to

S

Aah, _____ Aah, _____

A

Aah, _____

T

Aah, _____

B

Aah, _____ Aah, _____ Aah, _____

22

Solo

turn, turn will be our de - light till by turn-ing, turn - ing we come round right.

S

Aah, _____ Aah, _____

A

Aah, _____

T

Aah, _____ Aah, _____

B

Aah, _____ Aah, _____