

Simple Gifts

for SATB chorus with piano accompaniment

Arranged by Peter Bloesch

Dedicated to Shawn Kirchner

Duration: ca. 4:35

Words & Melody: Amercian Shaker song, ca. 1848; Words for verses 2 & 3 by Peter Bloesch
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Nobly and with great expression (♩ = ca. 90)

The musical score is divided into three systems. The first system is for the piano, with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The second system is also for the piano, with a dynamic marking of *mf* and a section number '5' at the beginning. The third system includes a tenor vocal line (T.) and piano accompaniment (PNO.). The vocal line starts at measure 9 and includes tempo markings: *Slight rall.*, *A tempo*, *Poco rit.*, *Più rit.*, and *A tempo*. The lyrics for the vocal line are "Tis a". The piano accompaniment in the third system includes a dynamic marking of *mf* and a section number '9' at the beginning.

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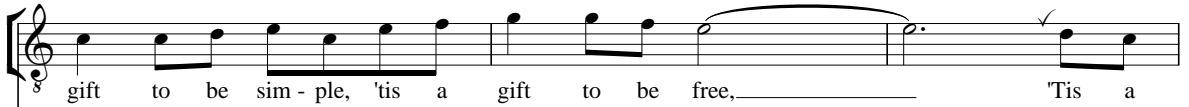
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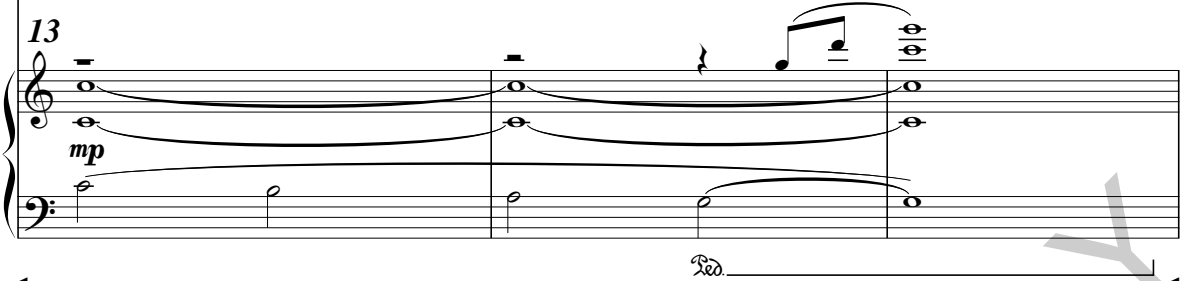
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13

T.  gift to be sim - ple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'Tis a

PNO.  *mp*

16

T.  gift to come down where we ought to be. And


PNO. 


19

T.  when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'Twill

PNO. 

22

T.  be in the val - ley of love and de - light.

PNO.  *mf*

26 **Poco rit.** **A tempo**
p
 S. With true sim - plic - i - ty we
 A. (All ALTOS with 1/3 to 1/2 of the TENORS) **mf** bring out melody
 When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, To
 T. (The remaining TENORS, divided) **p**
 Mm,
 B. **p**
 Mm,
 PNO. **Poco rit.** **A tempo**
 26 **p**
 shan't be a - shamed. Mm,
 A. bow and to bend we shan't be a - shamed. To
 T. mm,
 mm,
 B. mm,
 mm,
 PNO. 30 **mp**
 30

33

S. *mp* *mf*
Till by

A. *mm,* *mf*
turn, turn, will be our de - light, Till by

T. *mp* *mm,* *mm,*

B. *mp* *mm,* *mm,*

PNO. *mp* *p*

36

S. *mp*
turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

A. *mp*
turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

T. *mf* *mp*
we come 'round right.

B. *mf* *mp*
we come 'round right.

PNO. *mf*

39

PNO.

42

PNO.

45

S.

pp

Mm,

(All ALTOS with 1/3 to 1/2 of the TENORS)

mp cantabile

A.

'Tis a gift to be gen- tle, 'tis a gift to be wise, 'Tis a

(The remaining TENORS)

pp

T.

Mm,

B.

pp

Mm,

45

PNO.

mp

gently

pp

48

S. *mm,* *mm,*

A. gift to see God's won-der with our eyes. And when we find our-selves in the

T. *mm,* *mm,*

B. *mm,* *mm,*

PNO.

48

51 *poco*

S. *mm,* *mm,* *mm,*

A. heart of Love, We will share our de-sire for peace from a-bove.

T. *poco* *mm,* *mm,*

B. *poco* *mm,* *mm,* *mm,*

PNO.

51

54 *pp*

S. *pp*
With true sim - plic - i - ty we shan't be a -

A. *mp*
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, To bow and to bend we -

T. *pp*
Mm, mm,

B. *pp*
Mm, mm,

PNO. *pp*

54

57

S. *p*
shamed. Mm, mm,

A. *p*
shan't be a - shamed. To turn, turn, will be our de -

T. *p*
mm, mm,

B. *p*
mm, mm,

PNO. *p*

57

61 *mp* *mp*

S. Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

A. *mf* *mp*
light, Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

T. *mp* *p* *mp* **Unis.**
mm, we come 'round, come 'round

B. *mp* *p* *mp*
mm, we come 'round, come 'round
we come 'round right.

PNO. *mp* *p*

64 **Moving ahead a bit** (♩ = ca.96)

mf sturdy

S. 'Tis a gift to be lov-ing, to our neigh - bor and friend, 'Tis a

A. (ALTOS only) *mf sturdy*
'Tis a gift to be lov-ing, to our neigh - bor and friend, 'Tis a

T. (All TENORS) *mf sturdy*
right. 'Tis a gift to be lov-ing, to our neigh - bor and friend, 'Tis a
right.

B. **Unis.** *mf sturdy*
'Tis a gift to be lov-ing, to our neigh - bor and friend, 'Tis a

64 **Moving ahead a bit** (♩ = ca.96)
Ideally, for rehearsal only, but piano can play m.65-72, if desired

PNO. *pp* *mp*

67

S. gift to be in un - ion to the end. And when we have the grace to

A. gift to be in un - ion to the end. And when we have the grace to

T. gift to be in un - ion to the end. And when we have the grace to

B. gift to be in un - ion to the end. And when we have the grace to

PNO.

70

S. stand in the light, We will lav - ish our neigh - bors with love and de - light. *f* Slight rall.

A. stand in the light, We will lav - ish our neigh - bors with love and de - light. *f*

T. stand in the light, We will lav - ish our neigh - bors with love and de - light. *f*

B. stand in the light, We will lav - ish our neigh - bors with love and de - light. *f*

PNO. *mf* *mp* Slight rall. Play

79 *f* **A tempo**

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

A. shan't be a - shamed... 'Tis a gift to be sim-ple, 'tis a gift to be

T. shan't be a-shamed, 'Tis a gift to be sim-ple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'Tis a

B. shan't be a - shamed... 'Tis a gift to be sim-ple, 'tis a gift to be

79 **A tempo**

PNO. *mf* *f*

82

S. gift to come down where we ought to be. And

A. free, 'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to

T. gift to come down where we ought to be. And

B. free, 'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to

82

PNO.

84

S. *ff*
when we find our - selves in the place just right,

A. *ff*
be. And when in the place just right,

T. *ff*
when we find our - selves in the place just right,

B. *ff*
be. And when we're in the place just right,

PNO. *mf* *f* *ff*

86

S. *mf dolce*
'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de light.

A. *mf dolce*
'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de light.

T. *mf dolce*
'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de light.

B. *mf dolce*
'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de light.

PNO. *ff* *mp* *mf*