

The Gift to Be Simple

For SSATBB and Optional Piano

Duration: ca. 2:10

Traditional Shaker Tune
Arranged by BOB CHILCOTT

Simple - Like a pop song

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Baritone Bass

Optional Piano*

p

The gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

p

The gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

p

The gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

p

The gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

p

with pedal, sostenuto

mp **5**

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

free, the gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

free, the gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

free, the gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

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* This arrangement may be sung accompanied or unaccompanied.



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where you ought - a be, and when we find our-selves in a place just right, _____

free, _____ the gift to _____ be just right. _____

free, _____ the gift to _____ be just right. _____

free, _____ the gift to _____ be just right. _____

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_____ 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light. _____

_____ Oo, _____ love and _____ de - light. _____

_____ Oo, _____ love and _____ de - light. _____

_____ Oo, _____ love and _____ de - light. _____

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Unis. Unis.

Oo, _____ love and _____ de - light.

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mp

To

pp legato

When true sim-plic-i - ty is gained, to bend we shan't be a-shamed,

pp legato

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed,

pp legato

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed,

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

p

turn, turn, turn, turn, turn, The

p

Turn, turn, turn, turn, turn, The

div. *p*

Turn, turn, turn, turn, The

p

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pp

'Tis the

gift to ___ be sim - ple, _ the gift to ___ be free, _ the

gift to ___ be sim - ple, _ the gift to ___ be free, _ the

gift to ___ be sim - ple, _ the gift to ___ be free, _ the

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

gift to ___ be sim - ple, _ the gift to ___ be

gift to ___ be sim - ple, _ the gift to ___ be

gift to ___ be sim - ple, _ the gift to ___ be

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pp

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Sop. 1 Solo (opt.)

where you ought - a be, and when we find our-selves in a place just right, _____

free, _____ the gift to _____ be just right. _____

free, _____ the gift to _____ be just right. _____

free, _____ the gift to _____ be just right. _____

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Unis.

_____ 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light. _____

_____ Oo, _____ love and de - light, the *f*

_____ Oo, _____ love and de - light, the *f*

_____ Oo, _____ love and de - light, the *f*

mf

mf

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Sop. I

Sop. II

Alto *f dim. al fine*

Tenor *f dim. al fine*

Bar. *f dim. al fine*

Bass

'Tis the gift to be

gift to be sim - ple, the gift to be

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f dim. al fine

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free, the gift to be free, the gift to be

'tis the gift to be free, the gift to be

mp free, the gift to be sim - ple, the

mp free, the gift to be sim - ple, the

mp free, the gift to be sim - ple, the

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free, _____ to be _____ free, -

free, _____ *mp* 'tis the gift to _____ be _____ free, to be _____ free, -

gift to _____ be free, _____ *p* the gift to _____ be sim - ple, _____ the

gift to _____ be free, _____ *p* the gift to _____ be sim - ple, _____ the

gift to _____ be free, _____ *p* the gift to _____ be sim - ple, _____ the

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to be free.

'Tis the gift to be free.

gift to be free, free.

gift to be free, free.

gift to be free, free.

gift to be free, free.

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