

SIMPLE GIFTS

for S.A.T.B. voices, a cappella
with optional congas, claves, and maracas*

Traditional Shaker Song
Arranged, with additional Words, by **MARK BURROWS**

Lyricaly (♩ = ca. 120)

SOPRANO *p* 'Tis a gift to be sim - ple, 'tis a gift to be *poco rit.*

ALTO *p* Oo. *poco rit.*

TENOR *p* Oo. *poco rit.*

BASS *p* Oo. *poco rit.*

5 With rhythmic vitality (♩ = ca. 132)

free.

mp 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim - ple, 'tis a

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8 *mp* 10

'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

gift to ___ be free. ___ 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

gift to ___ be free. ___ 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

gift to ___ be free. ___ 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

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

- ple, 'tis a gift to ___ be free, ___ to be free.

- ple, 'tis a gift to ___ be free, ___ to be free.

- ple, 'tis a gift to ___ be free, ___ to be free.

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gift to come down where we ought ___ to

'Tis a gift, ___ 'tis a gift ___ to come down where we

'Tis a gift, ___ 'tis a gift, ___ to come down where we

'Tis a gift, ___ 'tis a gift ___ to come down where we

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

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place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of
 place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley, the
 place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley, the
 place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley, the

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love, love and de - light.
 val - ley of love. 'Tis a gift to be sim - ple, 'tis a
 val - ley of love. 'Tis a gift to be sim - ple, 'tis a
 val - ley of love. 'Tis a gift to be sim - ple, 'tis a

30

mf

28

When true sim - plic -

cresc. gift to be free, to be free. *mf* When true sim - plic -

cresc. gift to be free, to be free. *mf* When true sim - plic -

cresc. gift to be free, to be free. *mf* When true sim - plic -

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- i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a - shamed. To

- i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a - shamed. To

- i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a - shamed.

- 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

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

To turn will be our de - light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing

To turn will be our de - light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing

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come 'round right. We come 'round right. *decesc.*

come 'round right. We come 'round right, come 'round *decesc.*

we come 'round right. We come 'round right, come 'round *decesc.*

we come 'round right. We come 'round right, come 'round

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warmly

right. 'Tis a gift to be lov ing, 'tis a gift to be *mp*

right. Oo. *p*

right. Oo. *p*

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right. 'Tis a gift to be a bea - con in the

49 *mp*

And when you shine your light, it will be a

p

night. Oo...

Oo...

Oo...

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guide, lead - ing oth - ers to share their own light in - side.

58 *with rhythmic energy*

mp

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

mp

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

mp

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

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

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— be a-shamed. To turn will be — our de-light, till by

— be a-shamed. To turn will be — our de-light, till by

— be a-shamed. To turn, turn will be — our de-light, till by

— be a-shamed. To turn, turn will be — our de-light, till by

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turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

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cresc. We come 'round right, come 'round right. 'Tis a *mf*

cresc. We come 'round right, come 'round right. 'Tis a *mf*

cresc. We come 'round right, come 'round right. 'Tis a *mf*

cresc. We come 'round right, come 'round right. 'Tis a *mf*

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gift to ___ be hope - ful, 'tis a gift to ___ be true, _

gift to ___ be hope - ful, 'tis a gift to ___ be true. _

gift to ___ be hope - ful, 'tis a gift to ___ be true.

gift to ___ be hope - ful, 'tis a gift to ___ be true, _

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___ to be true. 'Tis a gift, ___ 'tis a gift ___ to

___ 'Tis a gift to find the

___ 'Tis a gift, ___ 'tis a gift ___ to

___ to be true. 'Tis a gift, ___ 'tis a gift ___ to

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find the joy that lives in you. ___ And when you find your voice, _

joy that lives ___ in you. And when you find your voice, _

find the joy that lives in you. ___ And when you find your voice, _

find the joy that lives in you. ___ And when you find your voice, _

— find your voice, when you sing your — song, — you give

— find your voice, when you sing your — song, — you give

— when you sing your — song, — you give

— when you sing your — song, — you give

oth - ers — the cour - age — to sing, — to sing a -

oth - ers — the cour - age, — the cour - age — to sing. 'Tis a

oth - ers — the cour - age, — the cour - age — to sing. 'Tis a

oth - ers — the cour - age, — the cour - age — to sing. 'Tis a

long. —

gift to — be sim - ple, 'tis a gift to — be free, — *cresc.*

gift to — be sim - ple, 'tis a gift to — be free, — *cresc.*

gift to — be sim - ple, 'tis a gift to — be free, — *cresc.*

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89 *f*
 — to be free. When true sim-plic - i - ty is gained, to
 — to be free. When true sim-plic - i - ty is gained, to
 — to be free. When true sim-plic - i - ty is gained, to
 — to be free. When true sim-plic - i - ty is gained, to

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

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 ___ our de-light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing, till by
 ___ our de-light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing, till by
 ___ our de-light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing,
 ___ our de-light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing,

turn - ing, turn - ing, we come 'round right.

turn - ing, turn - ing, turn - ing. 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

turn - ing, turn - ing, turn - ing. 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

turn - ing, turn - ing, turn - ing. 'Tis a gift to ___ be sim -

We come 'round right. _____ 'Tis a

- ple, 'tis a gift to ___ be free. _____ 'Tis a

- ple, 'tis a gift to ___ be free. _____ 'Tis a

- ple, 'tis a gift to ___ be free. _____ 'Tis a

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

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

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

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

