

'Tis the Gift to be Simple

For Four-Part Chorus of Women's Voices
a cappella

American Shaker Hymn
Arranged by Alice Parker

Lightly ♩ = c. 84

Soprano 1 *mf*
'Tis the gift to be free, _____

Soprano 2 *mf*
'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, _____ 'Tis the gift to come down

And when we find our-selves in the place just right, _____
where we ought to be; _____ The place just right, 'Twill

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

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, To bow and to bend we
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, we

shan't be a - sham'd; To turn will be our de - light; _____ Turn - ing we
shan't be a - sham'd; To turn will be our de - light, Till by turn - ing _____ we

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come 'round— right.

S2
come 'round— right. *mf*
Hop

Alto 1 *mp*
We come 'round— right, we come 'round

Alto 2 *mp*
We come— round

(Piano for rehearsal only) *mp* *mf*

20 *mf*
Whirl— 'round whirl— 'round, Here it is,

up and— jump up, Gath - er love: Here it

right. *mf* Gath - er love

right. *mf* Gath - er love

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mf

Here is love— flow - ing 'round, Reach

is, all a - round; As you whirl a - round,

mf all a - round; Here is love— flow - ing 'round,

mf all a - round; As you whirl a - round,

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up, down, here it is all a - round. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, To

mf Here it is all a - round.

mf Reach down, here it is all a - round. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, To

Reach down, here it is all a - round. When true sim - plic - i - ty is

30 *cresc.*
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-sham'd; To turn will
cresc.
 And then to turn, turn will
cresc.
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-sham'd; To turn
cresc.
 gain'd, To bow we shan't be a-sham'd; To turn will
cresc.

33 *f* *mf*
 be our de-light; Till by turn - ing we come 'round right, We
f *mf*
 be our de-light; Till by turn - ing, - turn - ing we come 'round right, We
f *mf*
 - is de-light; we come 'round right, We
f *mf*
 be de - light; Till by turn - ing _____ We
f *mf*

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come 'round right, 'round right. *p*

come 'round right, 'round right. *p*

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

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

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