

Simple Gifts

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'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the
place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.
When true simp - li - ci - ty is gained, To bow and to bend we
shan't be a - shamed, To turn, turn, will be our de-light, till by
turn - ing, turn - ing, we come round right.

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The score is divided into six systems, each with a measure number (3, 6, 9, 12, 15) at the beginning. Chord symbols 'C' and 'F' are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

♩ = 100

3 F

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

3 C F

gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the

6 C F

place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.

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When true simp - li - ci - ty is gained, To bow and to bend we

12 C F

shan't be a - shamed, To turn, turn, will be our de-light, till by

15 C F

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

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