

# Simple Gifts

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The sheet music for "Simple Gifts" is arranged in four staves. The first staff starts with a F chord (G-B-D) and continues with a melody and lyrics: "'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free 'Tis the gift to come down". The second staff begins with a C7 chord (G-B-D-G) and continues with a melody and lyrics: "where we ought to be, And when we find our - selves in the place just — right, 'Twill be". The third staff begins with a Gm chord (D-G-B) and continues with a melody and lyrics: "in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim -". The fourth staff begins with an F chord (G-B-D) and continues with a melody and lyrics: "pli - ci - ty is gain'd, To bow and to bend we — shan't be a - sham'd, To". The fifth staff begins with an F chord (G-B-D) and continues with a melody and lyrics: "turn, turn will be our de-light, Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.". Chords are indicated above the staves, and lyrics are placed below the notes.

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The sheet music for "Simple Gifts" is arranged in four staves, each starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a G chord (x00) and ends with a D chord (o••). The second staff begins with a D7 chord (o••) and ends with an A7 chord (o•••). The third staff begins with an Am chord (o••) and ends with a Bm chord (o••). The fourth staff begins with a G chord (o••) and ends with a Bm chord (o••). The lyrics are as follows:

'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 sim -  
pli - ci - ty is gain'd, To bow and to bend we — shan't be a - sham'd, To  
turn, turn will be our de-light, Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

Chords shown above the staff:

- Staff 1: G (x00), D (o••)
- Staff 2: D7 (o••), G (o••), Em (x00), Bm (o••), Em (x00)
- Staff 3: Am (o••), D7 (o••), G (o••), C (x00), G (o••), G (o••), Bm (o••)
- Staff 4: G (o••), Em (o•••), Bm (o••), D (o••), Am (o••), D7 (o••)
- Staff 5: G (x00), Em (x00), Bm (x00), Em7 (x00), Am (o••), D (o••), G (o••), C (x00), G (o••)

'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,  
'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,  
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,  
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,

'Tis the gift to have friends and a true friend to be,  
'Tis the gift to think of others not to only think of "me",  
And when we hear what others really think and really feel,  
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real.

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D                                  A                                  E7

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

A7                                  D                                  Bm                                  F#m                                  Bm

4

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

Em                                  A7                                  D                                  G                                  D                                  D                                  F#m

7

in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim -

D                                  Bm                                  F#m                                  A                                  Em                                  A7

10

pli - ci - ty is gain'd, To bow and to bend we — shan't be a - sham'd, To

D                                  Bm                                  F#m                                  Bm7                                  Em                                  A                                  D                                  G                                  D

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

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The sheet music for "Simple Gifts" is arranged in four staves, each starting with a different chord: A, E, B7, and E7. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the chords. Chord boxes are provided above the staff for each section.

**Chords:**

- Staff 1: A (x3), E, B7
- Staff 2: E7, A, F#m, C#m, F#m
- Staff 3: Bm, E7, A, D, A, A, C#m
- Staff 4: A, F#m, C#m, E, Bm, E7
- Staff 5: A, F#m, C#m, F#m7, Bm, E, A, D, A

**Lyrics:**

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The sheet music for "Simple Gifts" is arranged in four staves. The first staff starts with a G chord (1), followed by a bass line in 12/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are "'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free 'Tis the gift to come down". Chords shown are D7, G, Em, Bm, and A7. The second staff begins at measure 4 with a D7 chord, followed by a bass line in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are "where we ought to be, And when we find our - selves in the place just — right, 'Twill be". Chords shown are G, Em, Bm, and Em. The third staff begins at measure 7 with an Am chord, followed by a bass line in 12/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are "in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim -". Chords shown are Am, D7, G, C, G, G, and Bm. The fourth staff begins at measure 10 with a G chord, followed by a bass line in 12/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are "pli - ci - ty is gain'd, To bow and to bend we — shan't be a - sham'd, To". Chords shown are G, Em, Bm, D, Am, and D7. The fifth staff begins at measure 13 with a G chord, followed by a bass line in 12/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are "turn, turn will be our de-light, Till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.". Chords shown are G, Em, Bm, Em7, Am, D, G, C, and G.

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## Ukulele

F C G7

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

C7 F Dm Am Dm

where we ought to be, And when we find our - selves in the place just \_\_ right, 'Twill be

Gm C7 F B♭ F F Am

in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim -

F Dm Am C Gm C7

pli - ci - ty is gain'd, To bow and to bend we \_\_ shan't be a - sham'd, To

F Dm Am Dm7 Gm C F B♭ F

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