

rit. *a tempo* 3

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colla voce

American Folksong
Simple Gifts

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Simple Gifts

Joseph Brackett (1797-1882)
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Simply ♩ = 44

'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.

poco rit. *a tempo*

The first system of the score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand. The tempo markings 'poco rit.' and 'a tempo' are placed above the vocal line.

When true sim - pli - 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.
'Tis the gift to be sim-ple tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down

The second system continues the musical score. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'When true sim - pli - 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.' The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The final line of the system shows the vocal line starting with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics: ''Tis the gift to be sim-ple tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down'.

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