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# Simple Gifts

(Shaker Tune)

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1. 'Tis the gift to be simple 'Tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down  
2. The earth is the Lord's and the full-ness of the-re of. Its stre-ets, its slums as

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where we ought to be, And when we find our selves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the val ley of  
well as stars above. Sal - va - tion is here, where we lau - gh and we cry. Where we seek and love, where we

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love and delight. When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, To bow and to bend we shall  
live and we die When the true Li ber ty is found, By fear and by hate we will

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not be a shamed, to turn, and to turn will be our de - light 'Til by turn-ing, turn ing - we  
no more be bound, In love and in life we will find a new birth, In peace and in freedom re -

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come deem 'round the right. earth.

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foot note: The Shakers were one of the most successful 19th century communitarianism movements.