


'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE



Verses

Soprano/Alto





1. 'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
2. 'Tis the gift to be gen-tle, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'Tis the
3. 'Tis the gift to be lov-ing, 'tis the gift best of all, Like a


Baritone



1. gift to come down where you ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the
2. gift to wake and breathe the morn-ing air; And ev-'ry day to walk in the
3. qui-et rain, it bless-es where it falls; And if we have the gift, we will




1. place just — right — 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.
2. path we — choose, 'Tis the gift that we pray we may ne'er come to lose.
3. tru - ly be-lieve — 'Tis bet - ter to give than it is to re-ceive.



'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE, cont. (2)

Refrain

Soprano
Alto



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

Baritone

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



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



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