'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

Verses

Soprano/Alto

1. 'Tis the gift to sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
2. 'Tis the gift to gen-er-ous, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'Tis the
3. 'Tis the gift to 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. quiet rain, it blesses when it falls; And if we have the gift, we will

1. place just right, 'Twill be the val-ley of love and de-light.
2. path we choose, 'Tis the gift that we may ne'er come to lose.
3. truly be-lieve 'Tis bet-ter to give than it is to receive.
Refrain

Soprano

When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend we

Alto

shan’t be ashamed; To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by

Baritone

turning, turning we come ’round right.

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