

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

VERSES

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

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

(Em) (Esus4) (Em) (Bm) (A) (Em/A) (F#m/A) (A7) (D) (A/D)
 Gm Gsus4 Gm Dm C Gm/C Am/C C7 F C/F

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

(D) (G) (D) (Em) (F#m) (Em/G) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 F Bb F Gm Am Gm/Bb Dm Gm C F

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.

REFRAIN

(A) (D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm) (Em7) (A)
 C F Dm Am Bb F Am Dm Gm7 C

When true sim-plic-i-ty is gained, To bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed; To

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D) (G/D) (D)
 F Dm Am Dm Gm7 C F Bb/F F

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

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