



CHORAL HYMNS OF PRAISE

Simple Gifts

SATB Choir, Organ

Shaker song, 18th cent.
Verses 2, 3 by John H. Olivier, S.S.

SIMPLE GIFTS, Irregular with refrain
Shaker melody, 18th cent.
Arranged by John H. Olivier, S.S., 1920–2013

INTRO *Allegretto* (♩ = ca. 116)

VERSE 1

Light and energetic
Unison choir

mp 1. 'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the

mp

8
1. gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be; and when we find our -

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1. selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val-ley of love and de-light.

no Ped.

24

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

Ped.

33

1. shamed; to turn, turn, will be our de-light, 'til by turn-ing, turn-ing we

40

VERSE 2

Soprano/Alto
1. come 'round right. *mf* 2. 'Tis the gift to be hum-ble, 'tis the

Tenor/Bass
mf 2. 'Tis the gift to be

mf

46

2. gift to be kind, 'tis the gift to leave all self - ish - ness be -

2. hum - ble, 'tis the gift to be kind, and leave all self - ish -

51

2. hind; and when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the

2. ness be - hind; when we find the place just right, it will be the

57

2. val - ley of love and de - light.

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no Ped.

64 *cantabile*

S
A

2. When true sim - plic - i - ty is —

T
B

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

71

2. gained, to turn, turn will be our de - light, 'til by turn - ing, turn - ing we

unis.

2. shamed; to turn — will — be — our de - light, 'til by turn - ing, — turn - ing we

Ped.

78 **VERSE 3**

Sopranos lightly

mp

2. come 'round right. 3. Be sim - ple. — Be hum - ble. —

div. unis. *lightly*

mf

2. come 'round right. 3. 'Tis the gift to be o - pen, 'tis the gift to be

mp

85

3. — Come down to where we ought — to — be, and when we

3. true, 'tis the gift to share the good that you can do, and when we find our -

91

3. come to the place — that's — right, we will — be free. —

3. selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de -

97

dolce e legato unis.

3. — *mf* When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to bow and to

dolce e legato

3. light. *mf* When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained.

mf

no Ped.

105

3. bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn will be our de-light, 'til by turn-ing,

3. To turn, and turn a-round a-gain, we shan't be a-shamed,

113

3. turn - ing we come 'round right.

3. 'tis the gift to be sim - ple, to be free!

4. O give

allargando *f*

allargando *f*

f *Ped. f*

VERSE 4 *Maestoso* (♩ = 78-80)

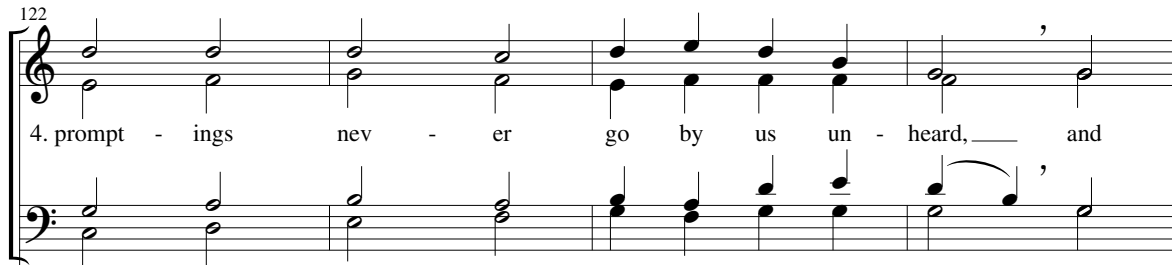
118 *molto legato*

4. ear to the Spir - it, O give ear to the Word, may his

molto legato

molto legato

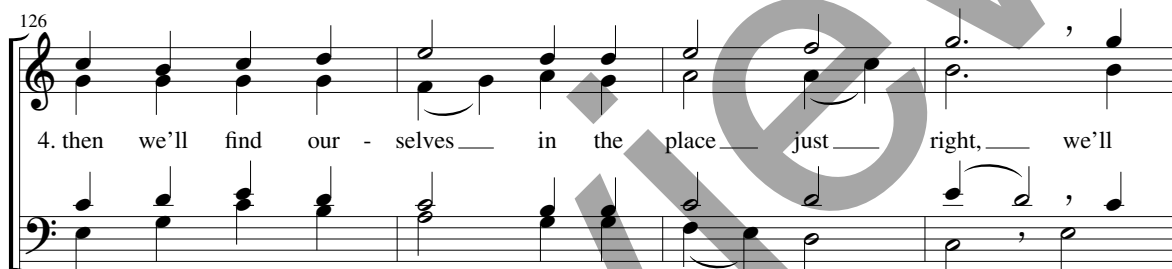
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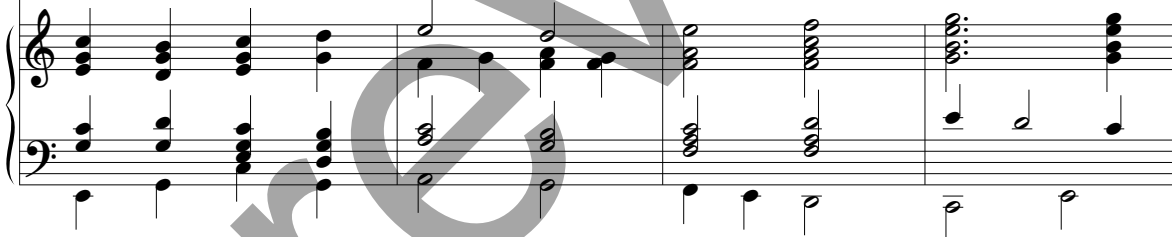
4. prompt - ings nev - er go by us un - heard, and



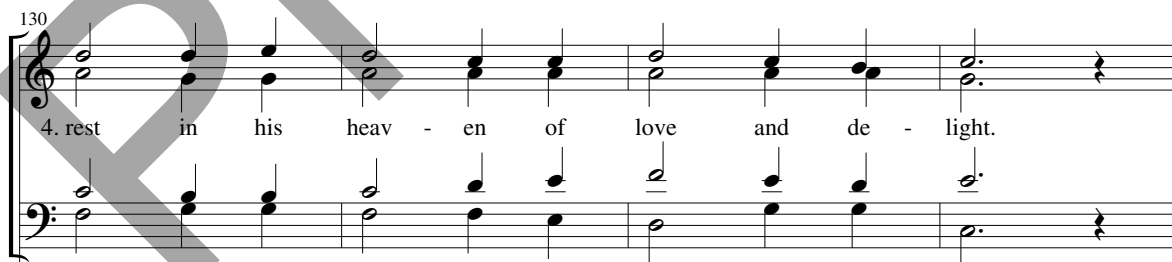
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4. then we'll find our - selves in the place just right, we'll



130



4. rest in his heav - en of love and de - light.



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Sw. 8', 4' Reeds (box closed)

141

f *ff* *poco a poco rall.*

4. To turn, turn will be our de - light, 'til by

f *ff* *poco a poco rall.*

f *ff* *poco a poco rall.*

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molto allargando

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

molto allargando

molto allargando