

'Tis the Gift to be Simple

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For Four-Part Chorus of Women's Voices
a cappella

American Shaker Hymn
Arranged by Alice Parker

Lightly $\text{♩} = c. 84$

mf

Soprano 1
'Tis the gift to be free,

mf

Soprano 2
'Tis the gift to be simple, 'Tis the gift to come down

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And when we find our-selves in the place just right,
where we ought to be; The place just right, 'Twill

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in the val - ley of love and de-light.
be in the val - ley of love and de-light.

10

mf

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

mf

When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, we

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shan't be a - sham'd; To turn will be our de-light; Turn - ing we

shan't be a - sham'd; To turn will be our de-light, Till by turn - ing we

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17 S1
come 'round— right.

S2
come 'round— right. *mf*
Hop

Alto 1
mp
We come 'round— right, we come 'round

Alto 2
mp
We come— 'round—

(Piano for rehearsal only) *mp* *mf*

20 *mf*
Whirl— 'round, whirl— 'round, Here it is,

up and— jump up, Gath - er love: Here it

right. *mf*
Gath - er love

right. *mf*
Gath - er love

23 *mf*

Here is love— flow - ing 'round, _____ Reach

is, — all a - round; As you whirl — a - round,

mf

— all a - round; Here is love — flow - ing 'round, _____

mf

— all a - round; As you whirl — a - round,

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up, down, here it is all a-round. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, To

mf

Here it is all a-round.

mf

Reach down, here it is all a-round. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, To

Reach down, here it is all a-round. When true sim - plic - i - ty is

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bow and to bend we shan't be a-sham'd; To— turn will *cresc.*

And then to turn, turn will *cresc.*

bow and to bend we shan't be a-sham'd; To turn— *cresc.*

gain'd, To bow we shan't be a-sham'd; To turn will *cresc.*

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be our de-light; Till by turn - ing we come-'round- right, We *f* *mf*

be our de-light; Till by turn - ing,— turn - ing we come-'round- right, We *f* *mf*

— is de-light; we come 'round right, We *f* *mf*

be de - light; Till by turn - ing— We *f* *mf*

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come 'round right, 'round right. *p*

come 'round right, 'round right. *p*

come 'round, we come 'round right. *mp* *p*

come 'round right, we come 'round right. *mp* *p*