

# Simple Gifts

Shaker Song

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. Chords D and A are indicated above the first and fourth measures respectively. The second staff starts at measure 5 and continues the melody with a D chord above the first measure. The third staff starts at measure 8 and includes chords A, G, and D above measures 8, 9, and 10. The fourth staff starts at measure 12 and includes chords A and D above measures 12 and 13. The fifth staff starts at measure 16 and includes chords A, G, and D above measures 16, 17, and 18. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,  
'Tis a gift to come down where you ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we won't be ashamed;  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning and turning we come out right.