

Simple Gifts

Elder Joseph Brackett (1849)

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'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

G D7 G
 D A7 D D7
 G D G D7 G
 C6 D7 C---G

Alt. chords

F Am ---
 Gm --- C7 ---
 F --- Am --- ---
 Gm C7 F F_{sus4} F

When true simplicity is gain'd
 To bow and to bend, we shan't be asham'd,
 To turn, turn will be our delight,
 Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

D G
 --- A7 D7
 G D G
 Am D7 G C G

C7 F
 Am Gm C7
 F --- Am
 Gm C7 F F_{sus4} F

(Additional, non-Shaker verse)

'Tis a gift to live simple, 'tis a gift to live fair,
 'Tis a gift to wake and breathe the morning air,
 and each day we walk the path that we freely choose,
 'Tis a gift we pray we never shall lose.

G D7 G
 D A7 D D7
 G D G D7 G
 C6 D7 C---G

F Am ---
 Gm --- C7 ---
 F--- Am --- ---
 Gm C7 F F_{sus4} F

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Notes: F_{sus4} - xx3311 [F A# C F]

"---" indicates chord change not made in that version

C6 - x32210