

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song from Old American Songs (First Set)

Words: traditional

Arranged by
Aaron Copland
(1900-1990)

Quietly flowing ($\text{♩} = 72$)

legato, simply
mp (2nd time *f*)

'Tis the gift to be sim-ple 'tis the

f (very plain)

mf

mp (2nd time *f*)

gift to be free 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be And

[2nd time play small notes]

p

hold back a trifle (♩) ,

when we find our-selves in the place just right 'Twill be in the val - ley of

hold back a trifle (♩)



[2nd time to Coda] *f*

love and de-light. When true sim-ple-ci-ty is gained To

mf (plainly) *f* *mf*

Red. *

mp

bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed To turn, turn will be our de-light 'Till by

mf *mp* *p*

Red. *

f

turn-ing, turn-ing we come round right. 'Tis the

p *f*

Red. *

CODA

p (rit. - - - -)

p *pp*

(dreamily) *