

# Simple Gifts

2020-2021 GMEA Solo Excerpt: Grades 7-8

Bb major: All Sopranos & Low Tenors

Joseph Bracket (1848)

arranged for GMEA by S. Rotz

*mf*

'Tis a gift to be sim-ple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a

*mf*

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a 2/2 time signature and a key signature of two flats (Bb major). It begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a melodic line starting on G4. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It features a steady accompaniment of chords and moving lines in both hands.

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gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the

This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The vocal line continues from the previous system, starting with a melodic line on G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. A fermata is placed over the final note of the vocal line in this system.

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*f*

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

This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The vocal line continues with a melodic line on G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. A fermata is placed over the final note of the vocal line in this system.

May be freely reproduced for GMEA All-State Chorus purposes.

12 *mp* *mf*

When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a - shamed, to

16 *f* *mp*

turn, turn will be our de - light till by turn - ing, tur - ning we come round right. To turn, turn will

21 *p*

be our de light \_\_\_\_\_ till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

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