

Simple Gifts

2020-2021 GMEA Solo Excerpt: Grades 7-8

G major: All Altos & High Basses

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

The first system of the musical score for 'Simple Gifts'. It features a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The vocal line begins with a rest for two measures, then enters with a melodic line starting on G4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. The dynamic marking is mezzo-forte (*mf*).

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

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues from the previous system, starting on A4. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The dynamic marking is mezzo-forte (*mf*).

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f

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

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues, starting on B4. The piano accompaniment features a more active melodic line in the right hand. The dynamic marking is forte (*f*).

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.

15^{ma}