

D Mixolydian/Ionian

Simple Gifts

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5 times ♩ = 68

Soprano

Alto 3rd x on 'tis the gift to be simple... 'tis the gift to be free

Tenor 3rd x on ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay — ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh

Bartitone ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay — ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh

Bass che - za n - go - ma che - za n - go - ma (sim.)

che - za n - go - ma che - za n - go - ma (sim.)

(means dance & sing in Swahili)

S — 'tis the gift to — come down — where you — ought to be. And

A ay oh ay oh ay oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay oh ah ay oh ay oh ah

T ay oh ay oh ay oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay oh ah ay oh ay oh ah

B che - za n - go - ma

B che - za n - go - ma

S when we find — ourselves in the place just — right — It will be in — the valley of

A ah oh oh ay ay oh oh ay in the place just — right

T ah oh oh ay ay oh oh ay in the place just — right

B che - za n - go - ma place just — right, — place just — right

B che - za n - go - ma li la li lu li lu che - za n - go - ma che - za n - go - ma

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S love and de light. 'tis the gift to be sim-ple. 'tis the

A love and de light. ay oh oh ay ah ay oh ah ah

T love and de light ay oh oh ay ah ay oh ah gift to be sim-ple 'tis the

B love and de li la li la li la che - za n go-ma ah ee ay ee ah

B love and de li la li la li la che - za n go-ma gift to be

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S gift to be free. 'tis the gift to come down where e'er you ought to be. And

A ay oh ah ay ah oh ay ah ay

T gift to be free. 'tis the gift to come down where e'er you ought to be. ay

B an oh ay ah ay ah oh ay ay

B sim ple, gift to be free where you ought to be and

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S when we find ourselves in the place just right of love and de-

A oh ah ay ah it will be in the val-ley of love and de-

T oh ay ah oh love and de-

B when we find ourselves in the place just right be in the val-ley of love and de-

B we find in the place just right be in the val-ley love and de light,

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S light.

A ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ay ah

T ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ee ah oh ay oh ay ay ah

B li la li la lay li - la li - la lay li la li la lay la la la

B li la li la lay li - la li - la lay li la li la lay la la la

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S When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we will not be a-shamed to

A when oh, when sim pli - ci - ty is gained be a-shamed

T when oh, when true sim pli - ci - ty is gained be a-shamed

B li - la li - la li - la (sim.) la la lay la

B li - la li - la li - la (sim.) la la lay la

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S turn, turn, will be our delight 'til by turn-ing, turn-ing we come round right.

A ay oh ay oh it will be our delight turn-ing, turn-ing, we come round right.

T ay oh ay oh it will be our delight turn-ing, turn-ing, we come ay oh ay ee ah oh

B (sim.) che - za n - go-ma

B (sim.) che za n - go-ma