

The Gift to Be Simple / Be Thou Humble

19th Century Shaker Hymn / Grietje Rowley

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The musical score is arranged for Soprano/Alto (S/A), Tenor/Bass (T/B), and Piano. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-8) features vocal lines with lyrics: 'The gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down'. The second system (measures 9-15) continues the lyrics: 'where we ought to be, And when we find our selves - in the place just - right, 'Twill be in the'. The third system (measures 16-23) includes the lyrics: 'va- lley of love and light.' and 'When true sim- pli- ci- ty - is - gain'd, To - bow and to'. The fourth system (measures 24-30) contains the lyrics: 'bend we - shan't be a- shamed, To turn, - - - turn - will - be our de- light, Till by'. The fifth system (measures 31-38) concludes with the lyrics: 'tur- ning, tur- ning we come round right.' The piano accompaniment is primarily in the right hand, with some bass line activity in the final system. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, and slurs.

39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

S/A

T/B

Piano

Piano

47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

S/A

T/B

Piano

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Be thou hum- ble in thy

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55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62

S/A

T/B

Piano

Piano

weak- ness, and the Lord thy God shall

weak- ness, and the Lord thy God shall

63 64 65 66 67 68

S/A
lead thee, Shall lead thee by the hand and give thee

T/B
lead thee, Shall lead thee by the hand and give thee

Piano

Piano

69 70 71 72 73 74 75

S/A
an- swer to thy prayers. Be thou hum- ble in thy plea- ding, and the

T/B
an- swer to thy prayers. Ah... Ah...

Piano

Piano

76 77 78 79 80

S/A
Lord thy God shall bless thee, Be thou hum- ble in thy plea- ding, and the Lord thy God shall

T/B
Ah... Ah... Be thou hum- ble in thy plea- ding, and the Lord thy God shall

Piano

Piano

81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88

S/A
 bless thee, Be thou hum- ble in thy plea- ding, and the Lord thy God shall bless thee, Ah... Ah...

T/B
 bless thee, Be thou hum- ble in thy plea- ding, and the Lord thy God shall bless thee, Ah... Ah...

Piano

Piano

89 90 91 92 93 94

S/A
 Shall bless thee with a sweet and calm a- ssur- ance that He cares.

T/B
 Shall bless thee with a sweet and calm a- ssur- ance that He cares.

Piano

Piano

95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

S/A

T/B

Piano

Piano

103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110

S/A The life of our Sa- viour, an e- xam- ple in- deed, Free of world- ly po- sse- ssions, va- ni- ties, and

T/B

Piano

Piano

111 112 113 114 115 116 117

S/A greed, The so- vrein of His soul, the ma- ster of His de- sires Let us live our lives like His:

T/B

118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125

S/A sim- ple and free. When true hu- mi- li- ty - is - gained, we are o- pen to learn and we

T/B

126 127 128 129 130 131 132

S/A serve un- re- strained. "Be hum- ble in thy ca- lling and - in thy - long- ing", through lear- ning and

T/B

133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141

S/A ser- ving we'll come out right. Throug lear- ning and ser- ving we'll come out right.

T/B