

The Gift to Be Simple / Be Thou Humble

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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 a vocal line with lyrics: "The gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down" and a piano accompaniment starting with "Hmm...". The second system (measures 9-15) continues the vocal line: "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) concludes the first verse: "va- lley of love and light." and begins the second verse: "When true sim- pli- ci- ty - is - gain'd, To - bow and to". The fourth system (measures 24-30) continues the second verse: "bend we - shan't be a- shamed, To turn, Ah... - - - turn - will - be our de- light, Ah... Till by". The fifth system (measures 31-38) concludes the second verse: "tur- ning, tur- ning we come round right." and includes a piano accompaniment with a final melodic flourish.

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

Piano

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