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J. Elwood Roberts - Mars Hill College (NC) Choral Festival, February 1-2, 2013
Rollo Dilworth, Conductor

The Gift to Be Free

For SATB and Piano

Duration: ca. 3:30

Based on the Shaker Tune "Simple Gifts"
Adapted and Arranged with additional lyrics
by ROLLO DILWORTH

With simplicity (♩ = ca. 60) 3

p *mp poco rit.* **A tempo**

Soprano
Du du du du du du du du du. Sim - ple

Alto
Du du du du du du du du du. Sim - ple

Tenor
8 Du du du du du du du.

Bass
Du du du du du du.

Piano
With simplicity (♩ = ca. 60) 3
poco rit. *mp* **A tempo**



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and free. 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be.

And

And

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when in the place just right, it will be in the val - ley of

when in the place just right, it will be in the val - ley of

7

love___ and de - light.

love___ and de - light.

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13 *mf*

Sim - ple and free. _____ 'Tis the gift to come down -

mf

Sim - ple and free. _____ 'Tis the gift to come down

mf

8 Sim - ple and free. _____ 'Tis the gift to come down

mf

Sim - ple and free. _____ 'Tis the gift to come down

13

mf

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THE GIFT TO BE FREE - SATB

where you ought to be. And when in the place just right, it will be

where you ought to be. And when in the place just right, it will be

where you ought to be. And when in the place just right, it will be

where you ought to be. And when in the place just right, it will be

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in the val - ley of love and de - light.

in the val - ley of love and de - light.

div.
in the val - ley of love and de - light.

in the val - ley of love and de - light.

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'Tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the
 'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the
 'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the
 'Tis the

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

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THE GIFT TO BE FREE – SATB

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

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light. When true sim -
light. When true sim -
light.
light.

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plic-i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed.
 plic-i - ty is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed.
 To bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed. To ___
 To bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed. To ___

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Turn, turn will be our de-light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing we
 Turn, turn will be our de-light, till by turn - ing, turn - ing we
 turn, turn, will be our de-light, till be turn - ing, turn - ing we
 turn, turn, our de - light, turn - ing, turn - ing we

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THE GIFT TO BE FREE – SATB

come 'round right. *poco rit.*

come 'round right. *f poco rit.*

8 come 'round right. *poco rit.*

come 'round right. *poco rit.*

40

42 **A tempo**
più mf

Sim - ple and free. 'Tis the gift to come down

gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the gift to come down

8 *più mf*

Sim - ple and free. 'Tis the gift to come down

più mf

Sim - ple and free. 'Tis the gift to come down

42 **A tempo**

f

42

where you ought to be. And when in the

where you ought to be. And when we find our - selves in the

where you ought to be. And when in the

where you ought to be. And when in the

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place just right, it will be in the val - ley of

place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of

place just right, it will be in the val - ley of

place just right, it will be in the val - ley of

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THE GIFT TO BE FREE – SATB

love and de - light. Du du
div. love and de - light. Du du
 love and de - light. Du du
 love and de - light. Du du

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52 Broaden to end

du du du du du du du du du.
 du du du du du du du du du du du.
 du du du du du du du du du.
 du du du du du du du du du.

52 Broaden to end

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THE GIFT TO BE FREE - SATB

