

Simple Gifts

Composed by Mark Benis (2014)

Peacefully (♩=70)

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Flute

Violoncello

Piano

9 1

S. 1

S. 2

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

My child, Tis a gift to live simple,

mf

mp

18

S. 1
a gift dis - da-ined by thee. Jour - ney to a place yet un - touched, a world you

S. 2
a gift dis - dained by thee. Jour - ney to a place yet un - touched, a world you

Fl.
3

Vc.

Pno.

27

S. 1
can-not see.

S. 2
can - not see.

A.
Solo
Mo - ther, to what place have you tak-en me? All I see are bu-gs and trees.

Fl.
mf
3

Vc.

Pno.

35

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

Where are all the lights and ci-ty streets? How can I live in a pla-ce like this?

Take a *mf*

Take a *mf*

43

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

close - r look at the for-est that you have-n't seemed to care a - bout. May - be you'll find the sim - ple

close - r look at the for-est that you have-n't seemed to care a - bout. May - be you'll find the sim - ple

mf

mf

52

S. 1
 gifts. The fi - re flies spark like light bulbs and the dirt holds life like all of us and the trees grow tall as tow - ers. May

S. 2
 gifts. The fi - re flies spark like light bulbs and the dirt holds life like all of us and the trees grow tall as tow - ers. May

Vc.
 3

Pno.
 3

59

S. 1
 be you'll find the sim - ple gifts, my Child.

S. 2
 be you'll find the sim - ple gifts, my Child.

Fl.
 mp

Vc.
 3
 mp

Pno.
 3
 mp

4

68

S. 1 *Now mp*

S. 2 *Now mp*

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

79 5

S. 1
what do youmake of the o - cean? Just look be - low to see what

S. 2
what do youmake of the o - cean? Just look be - low to see what

A.
mp I see on - ly an end-less blue.

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

89

S. 1
hides from you.

S. 2
hides from you.

A.
But what is there in the dark be - neath? I see... could it be

Fl. *cresc.* *mp* *cresc.*

Vc. *mp* *cresc.*

Pno. *cresc.*

98

6

S. 1
f Take a close - r look at the o - cean that you have - n't seemed to care a -

S. 2
f Take a close - r look at the o - cean that you have - n't seemed to care a -

A.
oh so clear to me? *f* Take a close - r look at the o - cean that I have - n't seemed to care a -

Fl. *f*

Vc. *f*

Pno. *f*

106

S. 1
 bout. May - be you'll find the sim - ple gifts. The jell-y fish glow like flash lights and the curr-ents flow like

S. 2
 bout. May - be you'll find the sim - ple gifts. The jell-y fish glow like flash lights and the curr-ents flow like

A.
 bout. May - be I'll find the sim - ple gifts. The jell-y fish glow like flash lights and the curr-ents flow like

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

114

S. 1
 weav-ing roads and the whales sing songs to dive- rs. May - be you'll find the sim - ple gifts, my Child.

S. 2
 weav-ing roads and the whales sing songs to dive- rs. May be you'll find the sim - ple gifts, my Child.

A.
 weav-ing roads and the whales sing songs to dive- rs. May - be I'll find the sim - ple gifts, Mo - ther.

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

mf

mf

mf

122

S. 1 *mf* Life's full of sim-ple gifts.

S. 2 *mf* Life's full of sim-ple gifts.

A. *mf* Life's full of sim-ple gifts.

Fl.

Vc.

Pno.

127

rit.

S. 1 Life's full of sim-ple gifts.

S. 2 Life's full of sim-ple gifts.

A. Life's full of sim-ple gifts.

Fl.

Vc.

rit.

Pno.