

To turn,  
 to  
*turn*  
 will be  
 our  
 delight,  
 Till by  
 turning, turning,  
 we come  
 round right

When  
*five*  
 simplicity  
 is gained,  
 to bow  
 and  
 to bend  
 we shant  
 be ashamed

It will  
 be  
 in the  
 valley of  
*love*  
 and  
 delight

And  
 when we  
*find*  
 ourselves  
 in the  
 place  
 just right

*Simple Gifts* was written by the Shaker Elder Joseph Brackett in 1848. The tune was used in John Williams's composition *Air and Simple Gifts* for the Inauguration of Barack Obama on January 20, 2009. It was played by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, violinist Itzhak Perlman, clarinetist Anthony McGill, and pianist Gabriela Montero.

*SIMPLE  
 Gifts*

*In Celebration of the  
 Inauguration of Barack Obama*

Tis the  
 gift  
 to be  
 simple  
 Tis the  
*gift*  
 to be  
 free

Tis the  
 gift  
 to  
 come  
 down  
*where*  
 we  
 ought  
 to be