

Simple Gifts

Intro bit

Intro bit musical score. Chords: Gm7, A♭maj7, B♭sus2, Cm, Gm7, A♭maj7, B♭sus2. Parts: Stefan, kids 1 - sweeter sounds, kids 2 - festive, kids 3 - rounder. Lyrics: Come a-round right! (Note record kids at full mf volume for best tone)

Musical score for the first vocal line. Chords: Gm7, A♭maj7, B♭sus2, Cm, Gm7, A♭maj7, B♭sus2. Parts: Stefan, kids 2. Lyrics: Come a-round right! Tis a

Musical score for the second vocal line. Chords: E♭maj7, Fm9, Gm7, A♭maj7, E♭9, Fm9, B♭sus2. Part: Stefan. Lyrics: gift to be simple tis a gift to be free, tis a gift to come round where we want to be and

Musical score for the third vocal line. Chords: E♭maj7, Fm9, Gm7, A♭maj7, B♭, A♭maj7/B♭, A♭, E♭. Parts: Stefan, kids 1. Lyrics: when we find our-selves in the place just right, we'll be in the val - ley of love and de - light. Oh,

Note on the melody: everyone does this melody slightly differently, so I've gone with what Stefan had on the recording except in a couple of places: I eliminated the melisma on the 'selves' syllable and also the 'just' syllable, because it'll be easier for the kids to be heard clearly. I've also straightened out the rhythm for them because it feeds the kid-feeling better. Stefan should be aware of this when he does his leads, though it doesn't need to change his style that much - I personally recommend he use the 'selves' and 'just' simplifications, but keep his own rhythmic variances on delight, simplicity, and some other light ones, which won't conflict with the kids.

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Stefan
 When true sim - plic-it - ty is gained, to be and to bend we won't be a - shamed. To
 kids 1 come! (go to m sound) (prod fade them out)

Stefan
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!
 kids 1 Oh,

intro bit 2nd time

Stefan
 kids 1 come! (go to m sound) (begin kids playground sounds)
 kids 2 *p* Come a - round right!
 kids 3 *pp* come!

Stefan
 kids 1 *pp* come! (continue kids playground sounds, fade right before A2)
 kids 2 *p* Come a - round right! *mf* Tis a
 kids 3 *pp* come! *mf* Tis a

A2

Stefan *E♭maj7 Fm⁹ Gm⁷ A♭maj⁷ E♭⁹ Fm⁹ B♭sus²*
 gift to be simple tis a gift to be free, tis a gift to come round where we want to be, and

Kids 1

kids 2
 gift to be simple tis a gift to be free, tis a gift to come round where we want to be, and

kids 3
 gift to be simple tis a gift to be free, tis a gift to come round where we want to be, and

Stefan *E♭maj⁷ Fm⁹ Gm⁷ A♭maj⁷ B♭ A♭maj⁷/B♭ A♭ E♭*
 when we find our-selves in the place just right, we'll be in the val - ley of love and de light.

Kids 1
p Oh,

kids 2
 when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll be in the val - ley of love and de light.

kids 3
 when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll be in the val - ley of love and de- light.

B2

Stefan *E♭maj⁷ Fm⁹ E♭maj⁷ Fm⁹ E♭maj⁷ Cm⁷ B♭sus²*
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty - is gained, to bow and to bend - we won't be a shamed. To

Kids 1
 come!

kids 2
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty - is gained, to bow and to bend - we won't be a-shamed. To

kids 3
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty - is gained, to bow and to bend - we won't be a-shamed. To

$E\flat$ maj7 Fm^9 $E\flat$ maj7 Fm^9 $B\flat$ $A\flat$ maj7/ $B\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$

Stefan
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!

kids 1
(note harmonies here)

kids 2
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round come a-round

kids 3
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!

(playground sounds fade in)

intro bit 3rd time

Gm^7 $A\flat$ maj7 $B\flat$ sus2 Cm Gm^7 $A\flat$ maj7 $B\flat$ sus2

Stefan

kids 1
mp Come! fol - low, fol - low me!

kids 2
 right! *mf* Come a-round

kids 3

Gm^7 $A\flat$ maj7 $B\flat$ sus2 Cm Gm^7 $A\flat$ maj7 $B\flat$ sus2

Stefan

kids 1
 Come! fol - low, fol - low me!

kids 2
 right!

kids 3

A3

(QUIETER)

Stefan *E♭maj7 Fm9 Gm7 A♭maj7 E♭9 Fm9 B♭sus2*
 danced in the morning when the world was be-gun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

Stefan *E♭maj7 Fm9 Gm7 A♭maj7 B♭ A♭maj7/B♭ A♭ E♭*
 dance in the heav-ens and I dance on the earth, in the heart of a child I have my birth.
 kids 1 *mf* Oh,

B3

Stefan *E♭maj7 Fm9 E♭maj7 Fm9 E♭maj7 Cm7 B♭sus2*
 Dance, then, who - ev - er you may be. "I am the Lord of the Dance" said he. to
 kids 1 come! come!
 kids 2 Dance, then, who - ev - er you may be. "I am the Lord of the Dance" said he. to
 kids 3 Dance, then, who - ev - er you may be. "I am the Lord of the Dance" said he. to

(could also use original lyric from lord of the dance: "I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all the dance, said he." I think the turn turn works fine here, though, and keeps it simpler and keeps the come round right cadence.

E♭maj7 Fm9 E♭maj7 Fm9 B♭ A♭maj7/B♭ A♭ E♭
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round come a - round
 turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!

Interlude and solo

Chords: Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus² Cm Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus²

Stefan (throughout this interlude/solo section - playground sounds and perhaps distinguishable phrases or sentences - ask kids about how they know it's Springtime, what's the best thing about the sun, who do they know who likes flowers and what's their favorite flower, what's their favorite playground equipment, how high can they jump, what's their favorite way to walk, hopping, skipping or jumping, what's the best acrobatic trick they can do.)

kids 1: Come! fol - low, fol - low me!

kids 2: right! come a - round

kids 3: *mp* whi - ther shall I fol - low?

Chords: Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus² Cm Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus²

(can add Stefan on 'come around right anywhere in here)

Come! fol - low, fol - low me!

right! Come a - round Come a - round Come a - round

whi - ther shall I fol - low?

2nd time

(can also say "follow thee")

Chords: Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus² Cm Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus²

whi-ther shall I fol - low fol - low fol - low whi-ther shall I fol - low? Fol - low me.

right!

whi - ther shall I fol - low fol - low fol - low whi - ther shall I fol - low? Fol - low me.

Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²
Cm
Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²

Come!
fol - low, fol - low
me!
whi - ther shall I

whi - ther shall I fol-low
To the green wood

3rd time piano solo starts

Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²
Cm
Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²

fol - low
talk/noise track gets stronger as the singing becomes more sparse

To the green wood

Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²
Cm
Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²

Come!
fol - low, fol - low
me!

To the green wood

4th time

Chords: Gm7, A^bmaj7, B^bsus2, Cm, Gm7, A^bmaj7, B^bsus2

Come! fol - low, fol - low me!

Chords: Gm7, A^bmaj7, B^bsus2, Cm, Gm7, A^bmaj7, B^bsus2

To the green wood
whitheshall lfolow

5th time band quiet

Chords: Gm7, A^bmaj7, B^bsus2, Cm, Gm7, A^bmaj7, B^bsus2

Ooh

to the green - wood, to the green-wood, to the green- wood tree

to the green - wood, to the green-wood, to the green- wood tree

louder

Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²
Cm
Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²
B^bsus²

(fade out playground sounds and talking) Tis a
 Come! fol - low, fol - low me!
 Come a round Come a - round Come a - round right! fol-low me
 whi-ther shall I fol -low fol - low fol - low whi-ther shall I fol -low fol-low me

A4

E^bmaj⁷
Fm⁹
Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
E^b9
Fm⁹
B^bsus²

gift to be simple tis a gift to be free, tis a gift to come round where we want to be, and

E^bmaj⁷
Fm⁹
Gm⁷
A^bmaj⁷
B^b
A^bmaj⁷/B^b
A^b
E^b

when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll be in the val - ley of love and de light.
pp Ooh
pp Ooh

B4

$E^b\text{maj}^7$ $F\text{m}^9$ $E^b\text{maj}^7$ $F\text{m}^9$ $E^b\text{maj}^7$ $C\text{m}^7$ $B^b\text{sus}^2$

When true sim - pli - ci - ty - is gained, to bow and to bend - we won't be a shamed. To

Ooh

When true sim - pli - ci - ty - is gained, to bow and to bend - we won't be a shamed. To

When true sim - pli - ci - ty - is gained, to bow and to bend - we won't be a shamed. To

$E^b\text{maj}^7$ $F\text{m}^9$ $E^b\text{maj}^7$ $F\text{m}^9$ B^b $A^b\text{maj}^7/B^b$ A^b E^b

turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!

turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!

turn, turn we be our de-light, when by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right!

intro bit last time

$G\text{m}^7$ $A^b\text{maj}^7$ $B^b\text{sus}^2$ $C\text{m}$ $G\text{m}^7$ $A^b\text{maj}^7$ $B^b\text{sus}^2$

Come a - round right

Come fol - low, fol - low me!

mf Come a - round

To the green wood

Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ B^bsus² Cm
Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷
B^bsus²

Come fol-low, fol-low me!
 right!
 whi-ther shall I fol-low

A5

E^bmaj⁷ Fm⁹
Gm⁷ A^bmaj⁷ E^b⁹ Fm⁹ B^bsus²

Solo kid
 gift to be simple tis a gift to be free, tis a gift to come round where we want to be, and
 when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll be in the val-ley of love and de light.

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