

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# It's a Gift

TUNE: 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple, alt.

C F Dm  $\frac{B\flat}{D}$  C Dm

1. It's a gift to be sim - ple! It's a gift to be free!  
2. Tell me, what are you search - ing for and what do you seek?

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the song. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, F, Dm, Bb/D, C, Dm. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Dm Gm F add<sup>9</sup>  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{Gm7}{B\flat}$  B $\flat$

It's a gift all to be just and who you ought to be!  
I am all you want and all you want to be!

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of the song. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Dm, Gm, F add<sup>9</sup>, E/A, Gm7/Bb, Bb. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C F Dm  $\frac{B\flat}{D}$  C Dm

No, you don't have to strug - gle now To live just right.  
It's a gift to be sim - ple! It's a gift to be free!

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the song. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, F, Dm, Bb/D, C, Dm. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Dm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$   $\frac{E}{C}$  C<sup>7</sup> F  $\frac{B\flat}{F}$  F

Just walk with Me, and you walk in the Light.  
It's a gift to be ho - ly, and the gift is Me!

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of the song. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Dm, Gm/Bb, E/C, C7, F, Bb/F, F. The lyrics are written below the notes.

WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Bible, based on a Shaker Hymn

IT'S A GIFT  
Irregular

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Refrain

F
C7
F
 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ 
F
 $\frac{C^7_{sus}}{F}$ 
F
C7
F
 $\frac{E}{C}$ 
B $\flat$ 
 $\frac{E}{A}$ 
F

Come, come, who - ev - er you may be; O come be as free as

$\frac{C}{E}$ 
 $\frac{C_{sus}}{D}$ 
C
F
Dm
 $\frac{B\flat}{D}$

free can be. You can breathe in the o - pen; You can

C
Dm
 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ 
 $\frac{E}{C}$ 
C7
F
 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ 
F

dance in the Light, For I am the Lord, and I am Life.

TOPICS: Holiness; Seekers; Living in Christ; Invitation; Knowing Christ

LEAD-IN: *It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.* (Ephesians 2:8, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Set Apart

*“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”* (John 17:17, NIV)

We are weak, imperfect people  
sent into an evil, hostile world  
to do the work of a holy God.

How can we be protected from the evil all around us?  
How can we effectively do God’s work here?

We must be sanctified.  
“Sanctified” means “set apart”.  
We must be set apart to God:  
consecrated entirely to Him,  
cleansed and made entirely His own,  
equipped for His service.

What does God use to set us apart entirely as His own?  
He sets us apart and keeps us  
by the truth—  
that is, by the *reality* and *reliability* of His mighty word.  
We go into this evil world in complete safety and  
do His work boldly and effectively  
because we are shielded and empowered by  
the *reality* and *reliability* of Who He is and all He says.

In all our weakness  
we can be holy and effective in this world  
because God is Who He is, and  
we are in Him.