

# Responding

## Shaker Hymn Lyrics

'Tis the gift to be simple. 'Tis the gift to be free.  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight  
'Til by turning, turning we come down right.

### Explanation of words

'til=until

'tis=it is

'twill=it will

Shan't=should not

What do the lyrics communicate about the Shaker lifestyle? (Expressive Intent)

The lyrics of the song communicate that it is important and great to be simple because of how it has effected and made their lives come out. In the song it says "It is a gift to come out where we ought to be". They are explaining that there's to them living their lives simply they will turn out just right. The sentence when simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. This sentence means that when you gain simplicity to mess up and become messy you should not be ashamed of your self. In conclusion, the shaker life style is expressed through music in many different ways.