

Responding Worksheet

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

1. What do the lyrics communicate about the Shaker lifestyle? [Expressive Intent]

They are simple and like to be simple. They are not ashamed that they are simple. They do not live in society or have a lot of technology. They are very happy people.