

Simple Gifts - DADD Tuning

Shaker Hymn

There are so many dulcimer players using the DAD (or DADD) tuning that I include a version of "Simple Gifts" in this tuning. In this arrangement, use a flatpick and pick out the individual notes in the tablature rather than strumming all the strings all the time. Again if you have a three course fretted dulcimer rather than a four, ignore the notes for the inside treble string.

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Key of D
Ionian Melody
Tune D A D D
Strummed

$\text{♩} = 88$

D

♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩
'Tis	the	gift	to	be	sim - ple,	'tis	the
gift	to	be	free.	'Tis	the	gift	to
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	2	0	2	3
4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0

A

♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩
gift	to	come	down	where	we	ought	to
be.	And	be.	And	be.	And	be.	And
1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0
1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0

D

♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩	♩
when	we	find	our	selves	in	the	place
just	right	it	will	just	right	it	will
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	2	0	2	3
4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0

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A			F#m			G			D		
be in the			val - ley of			love and de -			light.		
1			2			3			2		
0			2			1			0		
1			2			0			0		
1	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0		

D											
When			true sim -			pli - ci - ty is			gained, To		
0			0			0			0		
0			0			0			0		
0			0			0			0		
4			2		1	2	3	2	1	0	1

A											
bow and to			bend we will			not be a -			shamed. To		
0			0			1			1		
0			0			0			0		0
0			0			1			1		
2	2	3	4	3	2	1	1	2	1		

D												
turn, to			turn — will —			be our de -			light When by			
0			0			0			0			
0			0			0			0			
0			0			0			0			
0		1	2	0	2	3	4	4	3	2	1	0

A			F#m			G			D		
turn - ing,			turn - ing we			come 'round			right.		
1			2			3			2		
0			2			1			0		
1			2			0			0		
1	1		2	2	1	0	0		0		