

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

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Words by
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Tunes: **SIMPLE GIFTS**
Traditional Shaker Melody
and **GLORIA**
Traditional French Carol
Arranged by
MARY MCDONALD

Lightly ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 58$)

ACCOMP.

3

6

9 UNISON CHOIR
(opt. S.A. unison)

11

'Tis the Gift of a Sa- vior, 'tis the

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Gift of God's love who came to us from heav'n above. The

Prom - ised Mes - si - ah born in Beth - le-hem's stall came to free His own as the

Lord of all. Sing, sing a sim - ple song of cheer; a

Christ - mas gift for all is here! Sing! Sing, for this

24

Ho - ly One is a gift of love, God's ho - ly Son!

27

30

S.A. *mp* 31

T.B. *mp*

Give a gift, sing a car - ol, let the heart re - joice, share the

news of Christ, lift up your voice, the dark - ness fades, there is

Hope this night: Christ is born, the Lord of Light!

mf

Sing! Sing a simple song of cheer; a Christ - mas gift for

mf
mf

42

all is ___ here! Sing, sing, for this Ho - ly One is a

45

gift of love, God's ___ ho - ly Son! Glo -

47 + UNISON CHOIR

48

ri - a ___

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

This system contains measures 51, 52, and 53. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The vocal line has a melodic line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A large red watermark is overlaid on the page.

- - - - - ri - a

This system contains measures 54, 55, and 56. The vocal line continues with a melodic line and a bass line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. A large red watermark is overlaid on the page.

in ex - cel - sis De - o!

This system contains measures 57, 58, and 59. The vocal line continues with a melodic line and a bass line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. A large red watermark is overlaid on the page.

UNISON CHOIR
(opt. S.A. unison)

60

mf

'Tis the

63

Gift of a Sa - vior, 'tis the Gift of God's love, who came to us from —

66

heav'n - a - bove. The Prom - ised Mes - si - ah born in Beth - le-hem's stall came to

69

free His own as the Lord of all.

T.B. *mf*

came to free His own as the

72

S.A. + UNISON CHOIR (*cued notes*) *f*

The great - est Gift of

Lord of all.

Lord of all.

75

all!

About the Composer/Arranger

Mary McDonald is a multi-talented musician from Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition to her work as a composer, arranger, producer, pianist, and organist, she currently serves as the organist for Central Baptist Church in Knoxville. Her music and talents have blessed choirs and congregations across the country for more than 25 years.

Mary is the composer of more than 600 published choral anthems, several Christmas and Easter cantatas, and numerous keyboard collections. She is also active as a choral clinician, traveling throughout the United States conducting workshops and concertizing. Her unique blend of heart, hands, and humor, combined with a wide range of writing and performing styles, keep her in constant demand. One of Mary's greatest joys has been serving as accompanist for the Tennessee Men's Chorale since 1985. In 2000, Mary served as the first woman President of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. She is currently on the board of the John Ness Beck Foundation and is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

Mary is a 1978 graduate of Carson-Newman College. She and her husband, Brian, a Knoxville architect, have been married for more than 30 years and have two children: Bethany K. and C.A. Smith are their daughter and son-in-law, and Chris and Hope McDonald are their son and daughter-in-law.

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