

## **SIMPLE GIFTS**

**American Shaker Folk Song as set by Aaron Copeland**

**T'is the gift to be simple,  
T'is the gift to be free,  
'T's the gift to come down  
Where you 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,  
'Till by turning, turning  
We come round right.**

## WORDS

- A. Eutopia: a happy place
- B. Outopia: away from a place
- C. Dystopia, catatopia and cacotopia (J.S. Mill on the French Revolution): a bad place, a catastrophe
- D. Heterotopia: a place that is abnormal or misplaced, not normally there, shouldn't be there (medical term)
- E. Edutopia: a perfect educational place
- F. Caltopia: Welcome Day festivities at the University of California, Berkeley
- G. McTopia: Disneyland or McDonald's
- H. UTOPIA? WHAT KIND OF PLACE?

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**Schedule of Lectures**

- I. Introduction: perfect places**
- II. The Master Texts: Plato and Sir Thomas More**
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