

The Sacred Lever Harp



single title, solo only:

Simple Gifts

A collection of hymns for lever harps
arranged by Barbara Ann Fackler

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The solo arrangements in this book were written for a small lever harp. With the exception of “Fairest Lord Jesus”, all the selections can be performed as written on a harp of 27 or fewer strings. If you perform them on a larger instrument, feel free to add to the range by adding full octaves or larger chords in the bass. You may want to combine selections to provide a longer performance piece, or shorten one of the longer versions. If the range of your harp allows, you can add length by repeating one variation, moving it up an octave. If harmonics or other techniques used here are difficult for you, don’t be discouraged, just adapt the music to fit your ability. Feel free to change or leave out notes where the reach is too large or awkward and to embellish where you wish. Don’t feel that there is only one correct way to perform these arrangements. Use them as a starting point and make the music your own.

The supplements parts (treble and bass clef) may be added to the solo parts to create duo or trio arrangements. Both are not needed for a satisfactory performance piece and each may be added to the harp duo (or trio) arrangements as desired.

The ensemble parts in this collection are meant to be flexible. Combine them as suits your available instrumentalists and program needs. Harp duo arrangements can be added to the supplemental parts and music may be extended in length by repeating the piece with a different combination of instruments or parts.

In many cases, dynamics are left to the performer’s preference.



*The McDougal lever harp drawing was provided by Pat Dougal of Swanson Harps.
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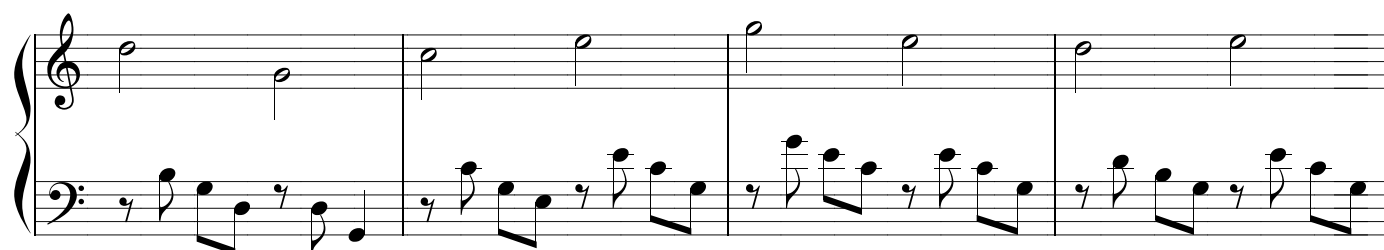
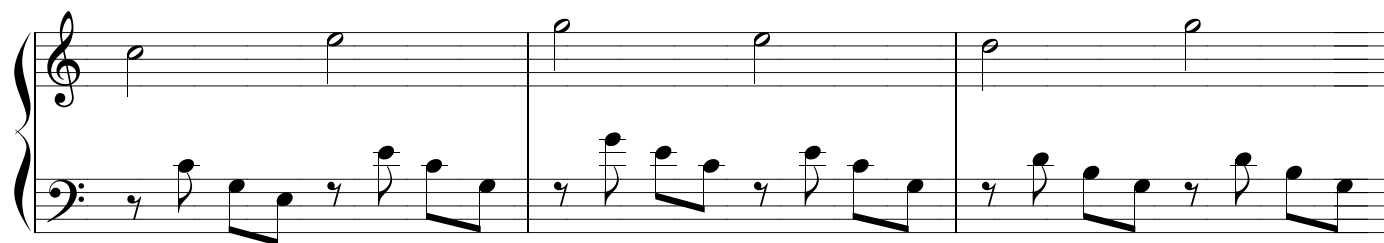
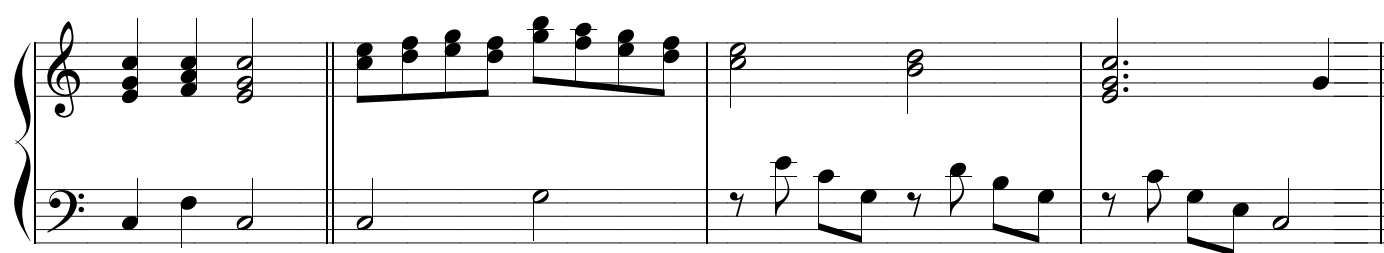
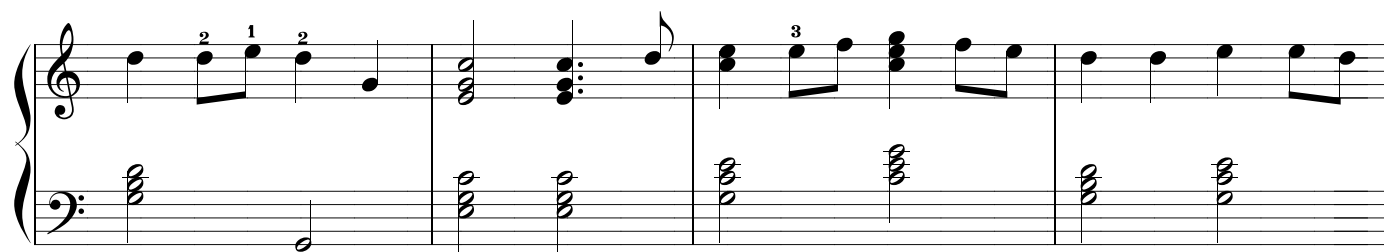
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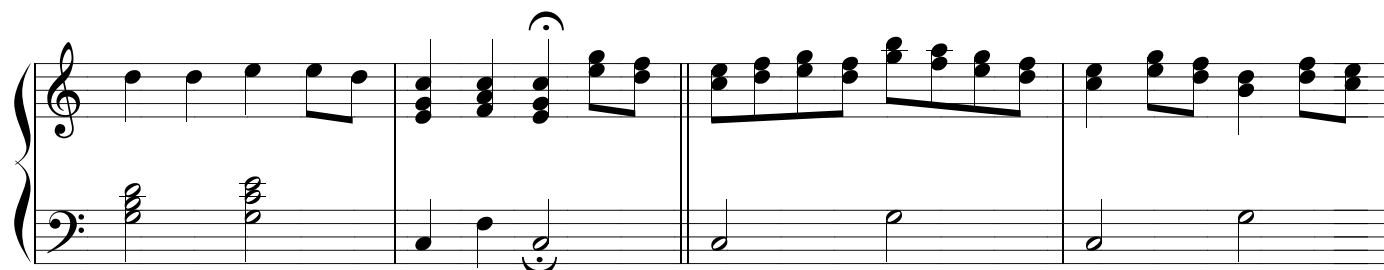
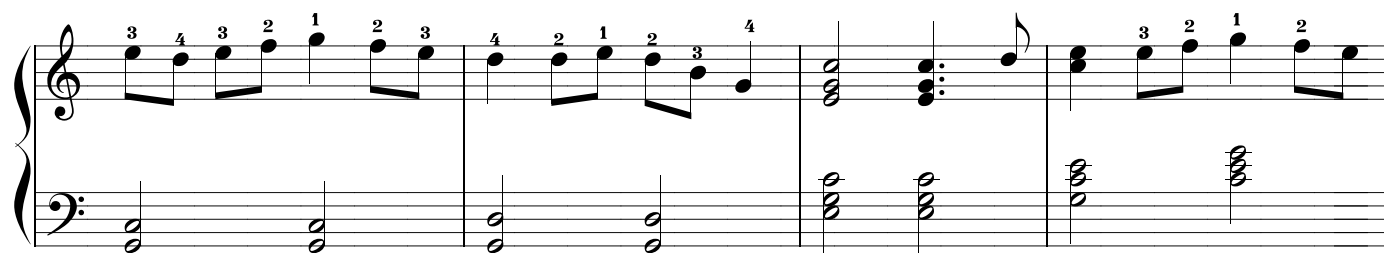
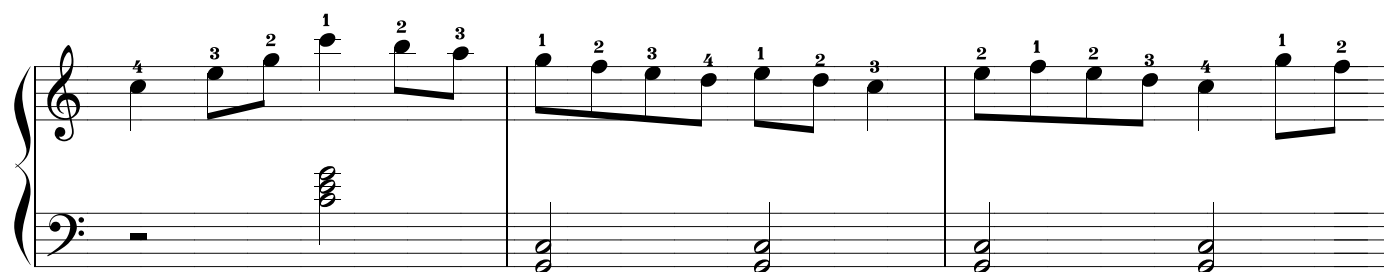
Matthew 18:4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

duration: 2'30"

Traditional American
arranged by B. Fackler

The musical score for "Simple Gifts" is presented in four systems. The first system shows the initial melody with fingerings 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1. The second system continues the melody with a repeat sign. The third system shows the melody continuing with a repeat sign. The fourth system shows the final cadence with fingerings 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2.





PDLT

PDLT: pres de la table, play as near to the sound board as possible, in this case only with left hand, as indicated

First system of a musical score. The treble clef staff contains two chords per measure. The bass clef staff contains a sequence of eighth notes with fingerings: 2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3. A decorative wavy line is positioned below the bass staff.

Second system of a musical score. The treble clef staff contains two chords per measure, followed by a sequence of eighth notes with fingerings: 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3. The bass clef staff contains two chords per measure. A decorative wavy line is positioned below the bass staff.

Third system of a musical score. The treble clef staff contains a sequence of eighth notes with fingerings: 2, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3. The bass clef staff contains two chords per measure.

Adagio

Fourth system of a musical score, marked "Adagio". The treble clef staff contains a sequence of eighth notes with fingerings: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1. The bass clef staff contains two chords per measure.

"The aim
and final reason
of all music should be
nothing else but the
Glory of God
and the refreshment
of the Spirit."

J.S. Bach