

# 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

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F F Gm G7

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5 C F Dm Am

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8 Gm Gm/C F C F F Dm

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Chords: E, E, F#m, F#7, B, E, C#m, G#m, F#m, F#m/B, E, B, E, E, C#m, G#m, C#m7, F#m, B, C#m, A, E, F#m, B7, E

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Chords: Eb, Eb, Fm, F7, Bb, Eb, Cm, Gm, Fm/Bb, Bb, Eb, Cm, Gm, Cm7, Fm, Bb, Cm, Ab, Eb, Fm, Bb7, Eb

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Lyrics:  
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