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Not So Simple: The History and Life of “Simple Gifts”

Audience:	K-12 Teachers of Music, Professional Development Specialists, Curriculum Specialists	Location:	October 9: Adams Middle School in Holliston OR November 30: Natick High School
Instructor:	Jonathan Rappaport	Cost:	\$100 TEC members \$125 Non-Members
Dates & Times:	October 9, 2015 ~ 8:00AM – 2:30PM OR Nov. 30, 2015 ~ 8:00AM – 3:00PM	Earn:	6 Hours of Participation

Course Description: This seminar will focus on a “deep dive” interdisciplinary unit centered on the American Shaker tune, “Simple Gifts.” Composed in 1848 by Joseph Brackett (1797–1882) of the Sabbath day Lake Shaker community in Maine, this tune is perhaps one of the most-loved American songs, used in Presidential inaugurations and funerals, ballets, classical and popular renditions and arrangements, and a host of other genres. Although it was said that this song came to Brackett in a vision, there are melodic antecedents of this song that may suggest that the tune was in Brackett’s musical memory. The history of this period, including the “Second Great Awakening” religious movements, will be explored as a context for the beginning of the Shakers and other religious groups in early to mid 1800s. The unit will culminate in studying several important American instrumental, vocal and choral compositions based on “Simple Gifts” by Aaron Copland, John Williams, and others, as well as versions in popular American and Irish culture.

About the Instructor: Jonathan Rappaport is currently the Executive Director of ArtsLearning in Natick, MA. He also is co-founder and co-director of the Kodaly Music Institute, now housed in Southborough, MA. His previous associations include Shir Joy Chorus, the New England Conservatory and the Conservatory Lab Charter School.

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