## **Mp3 Simple Gifts - Other Places, Other Times**

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Two fiddles, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, concertina, piano and more play acoustic instrumental music from Romania, Ireland, Finland, Ukraine, England, Israel, Bulgaria, and the Klezmer tradition. 14 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, WORLD: World Traditions Details: Other Places, Other Times is the third of Simple Gifts' five recordings. (You can see a complete list of albums at simplegiftsmusic.com/recordings.html). According to Helen Sherman of Wild Woman Radio: "[This CD] is filled with beautiful melodies, wonderful harmonies and the sounds of more instruments than any ordinary three people could play." Simple Gifts is three women playing twelve instruments and performing music of many lands. Instrumentation includes 2 fiddles, concertina, mandolin, guitar, hammered dulcimer, banjolin, 6-string banjo, baritone fiddle, piano, and percussion. Genres include Klezmer, Romanian, Ukrainian, Finnish, Scottish, Irish, Bulgarian, and American, plus originals by band members. Combining tradition with innovation, Simple Gifts creates some of the finest arrangements in folk music today. Highlights of Other Places, Other Times include a hard-driving Klezmer tune with guest artists on clarinet and flute, a set of Irish jigs, a Bulgarian tune in 15/16 meter, and a unique arrangement of the well-known American fiddle tune, "Fisher's Hornpipe". Simple Gifts is a member of the prestigious PennPAT roster, a group of 120 Pennsylvania artists who have been chosen through a competitive, juried process to represent the best of Pennsylvania performing arts. Simple Gifts has further distinguished themselves as the most frequently requested artists on the roster. Non-profit and government organizations in DC, DE, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, or WV may apply for a matching grant from PennPAT when hiring Simple Gifts or other artists on the roster. PennPAT is funded by the Vira I. Heinz Endowment, the William Penn Foundation, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and The Pew Charitable Trusts. Simple Gifts has performed for many arts centers, festivals, and concert series, including the Smithsonian, Longwood Gardens, National Theatre, Hershey Theatre, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Ontario Center for Performing Arts, Eisenhower Hall at West Point, Old Songs Festival, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Pennsylvania Consort Society, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Smith Opera House, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Bethlehem Musikfest, and dozens of colleges. In addition to playing concerts, they offer a variety of workshops,

ranging from a percussion workshop for all ages where they teach people to play spoons, to a hands-on workshop for amateur musicians, to school assembly programs, to a lecture/discussion with the general public. For more information, contact Simple Gifts at 814/238-8048 or linda@simplegiftsmusic.com. Their website is simplegiftsmusic.com.

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