THE HOUSE OF LIFE.

A Cycle of six Sonnets.

No 1.

LOVE-SIGHT.

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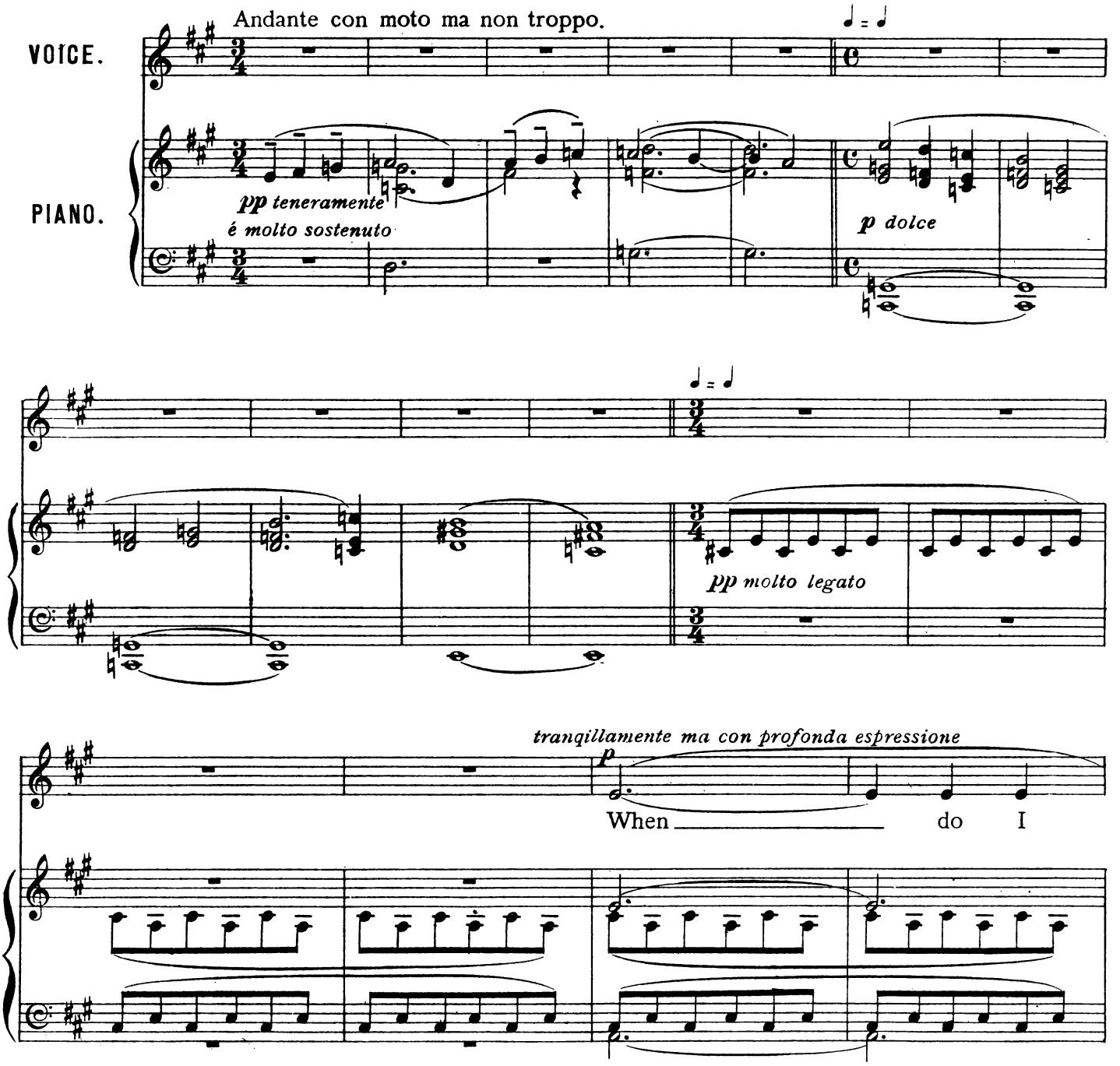
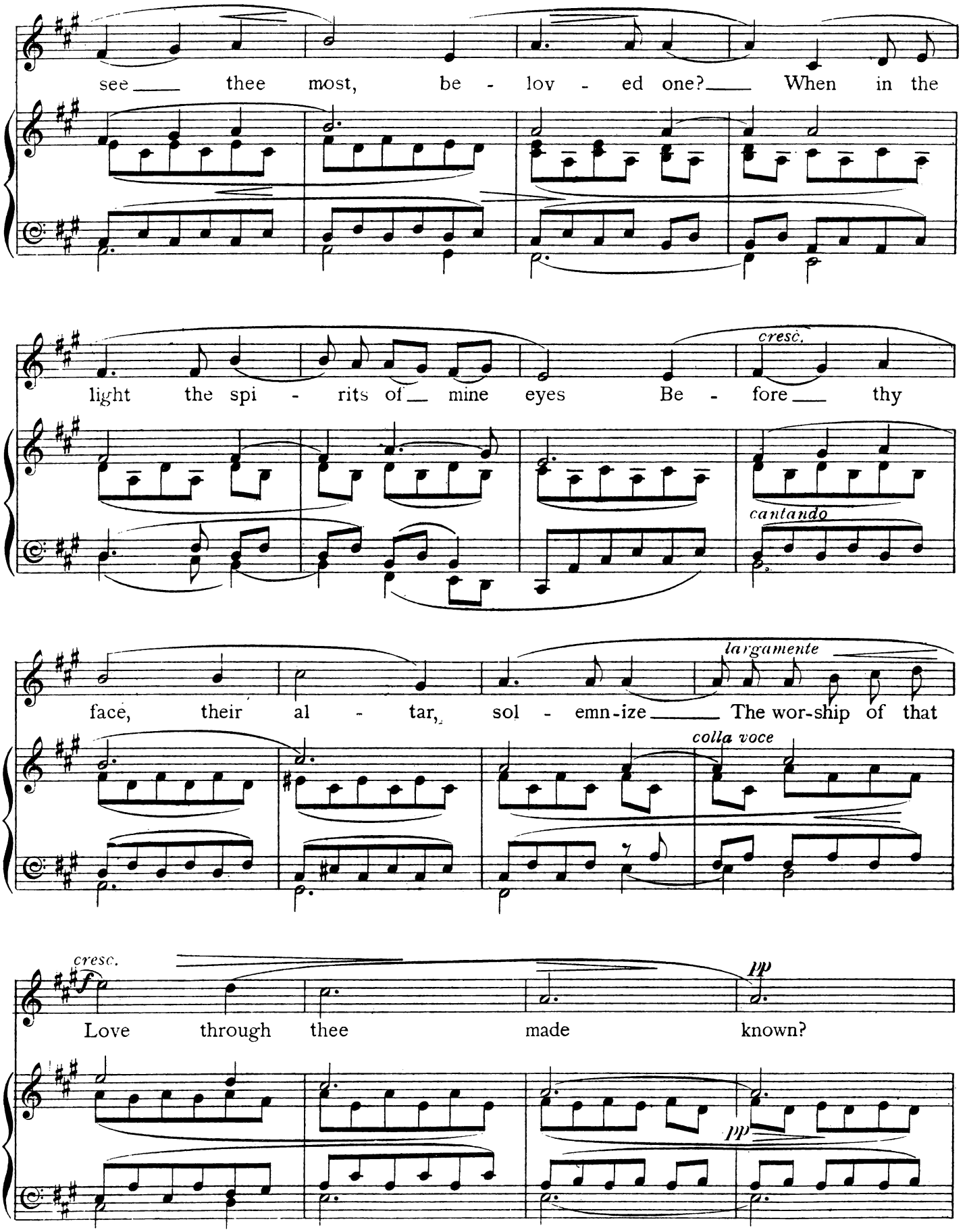
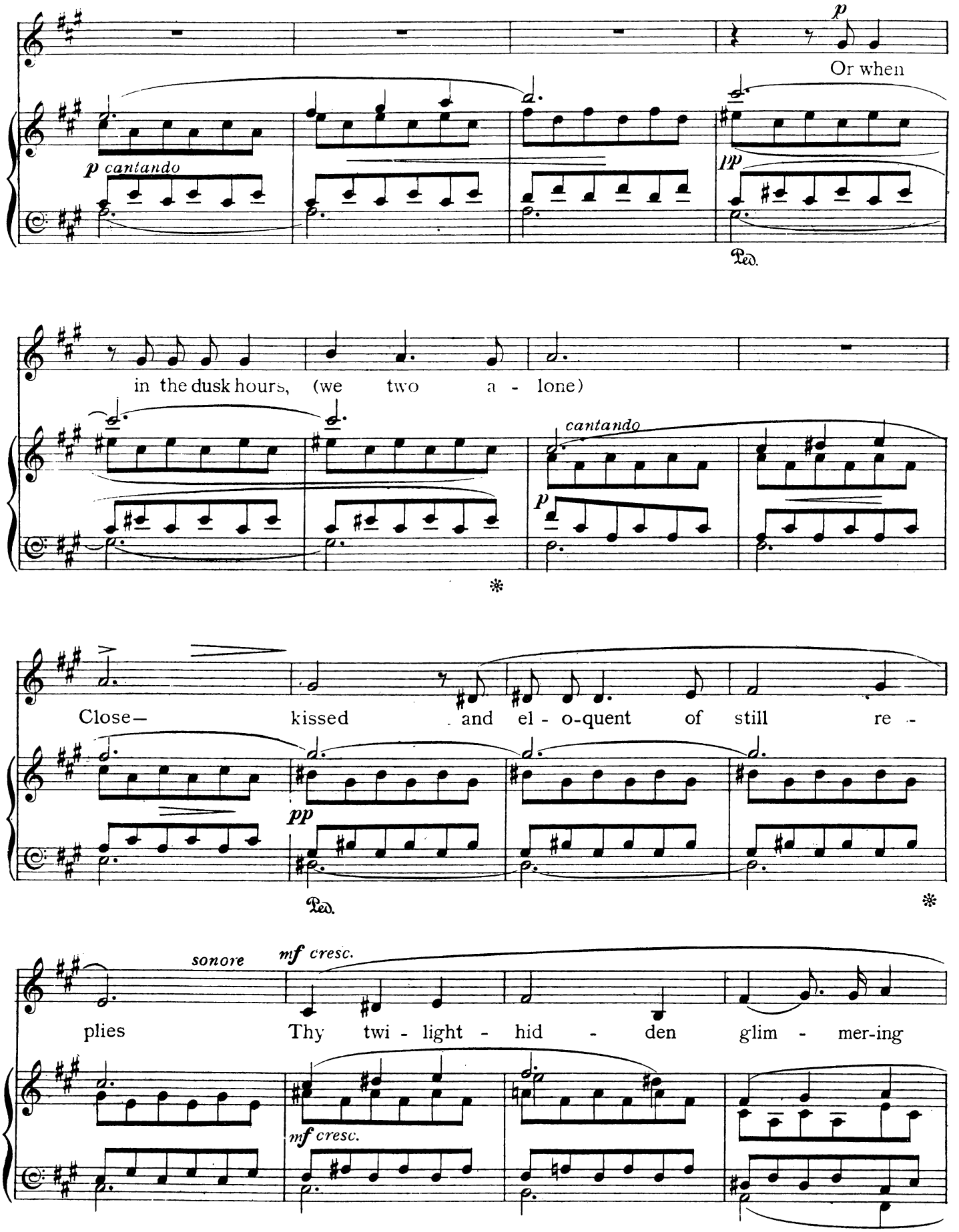
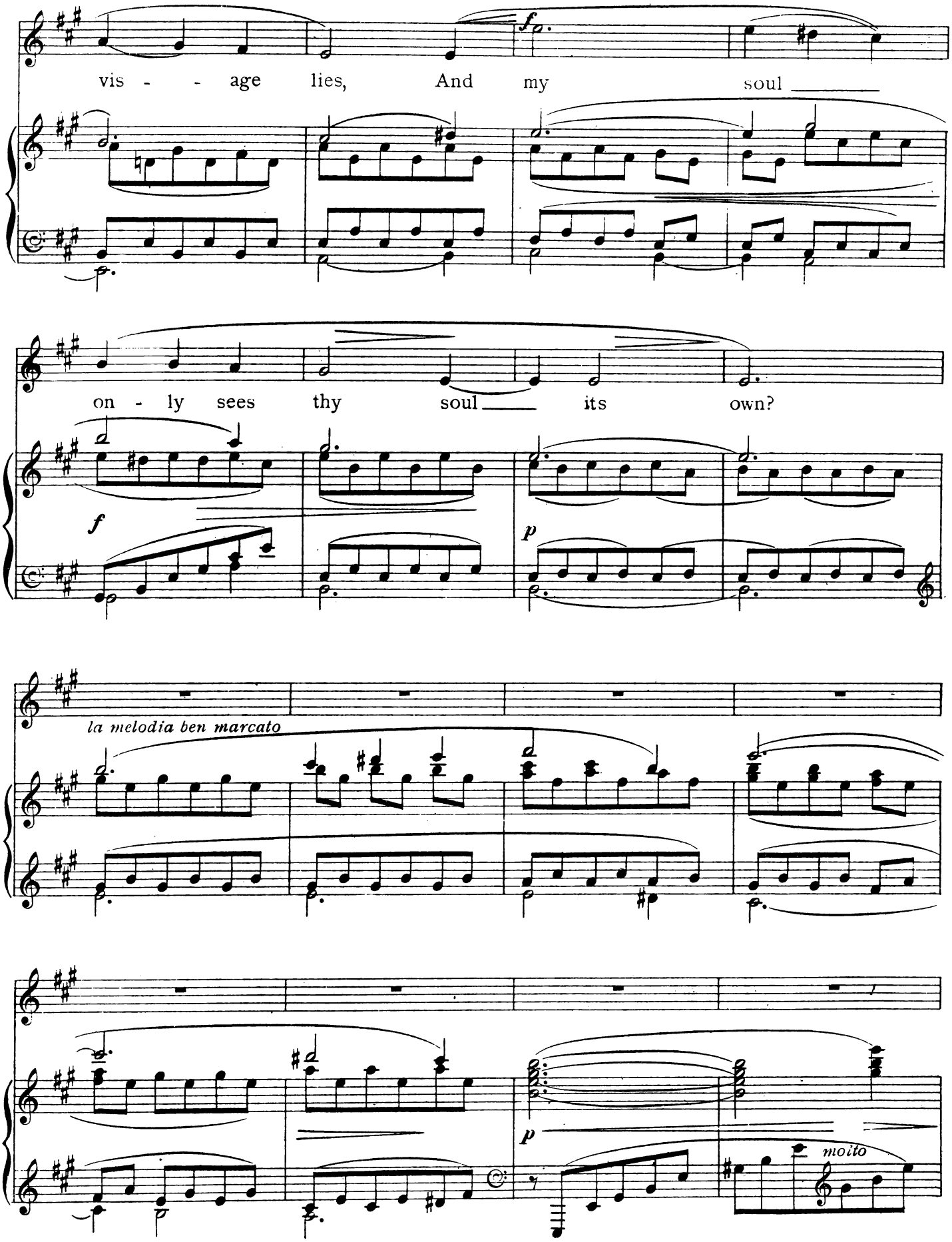
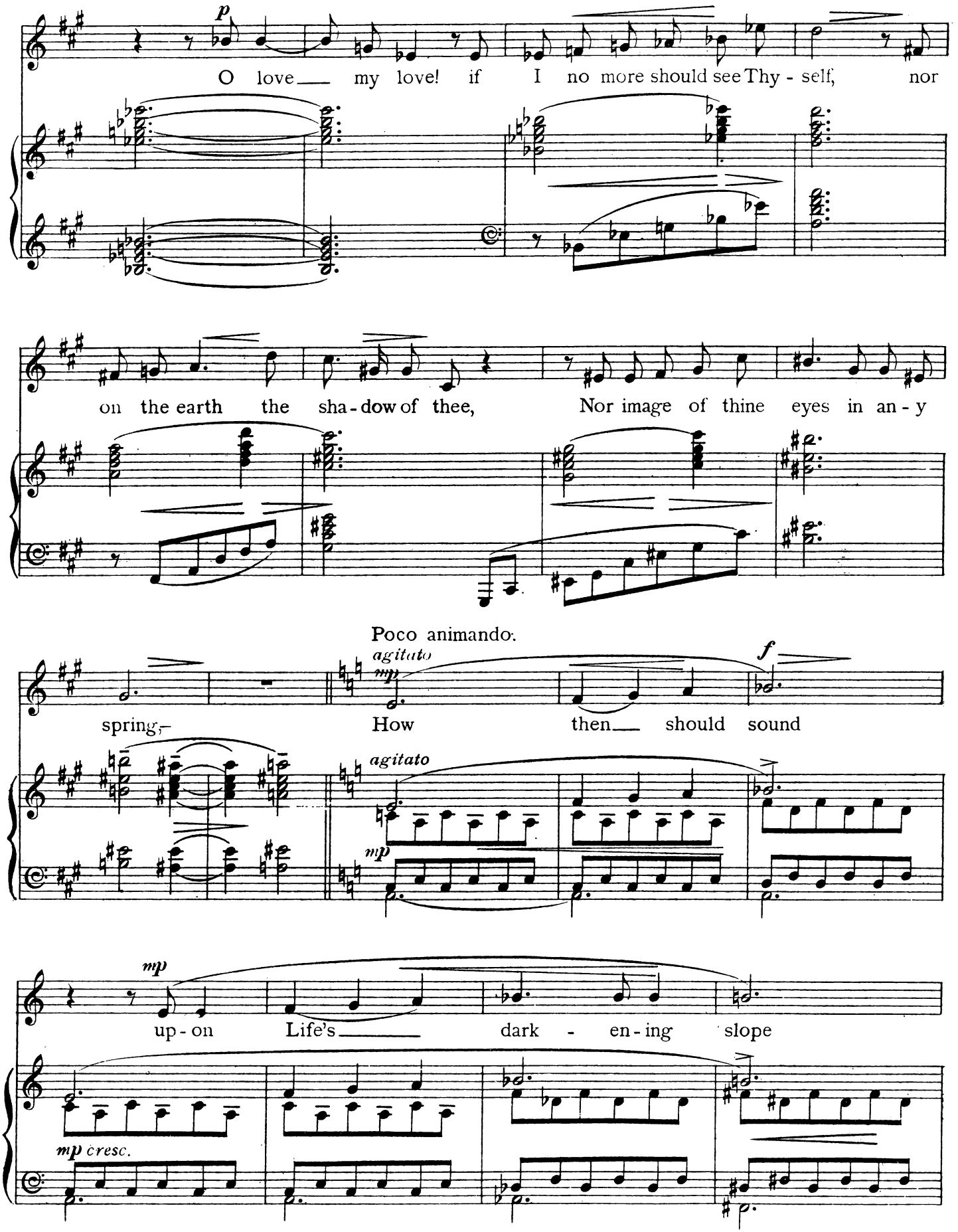
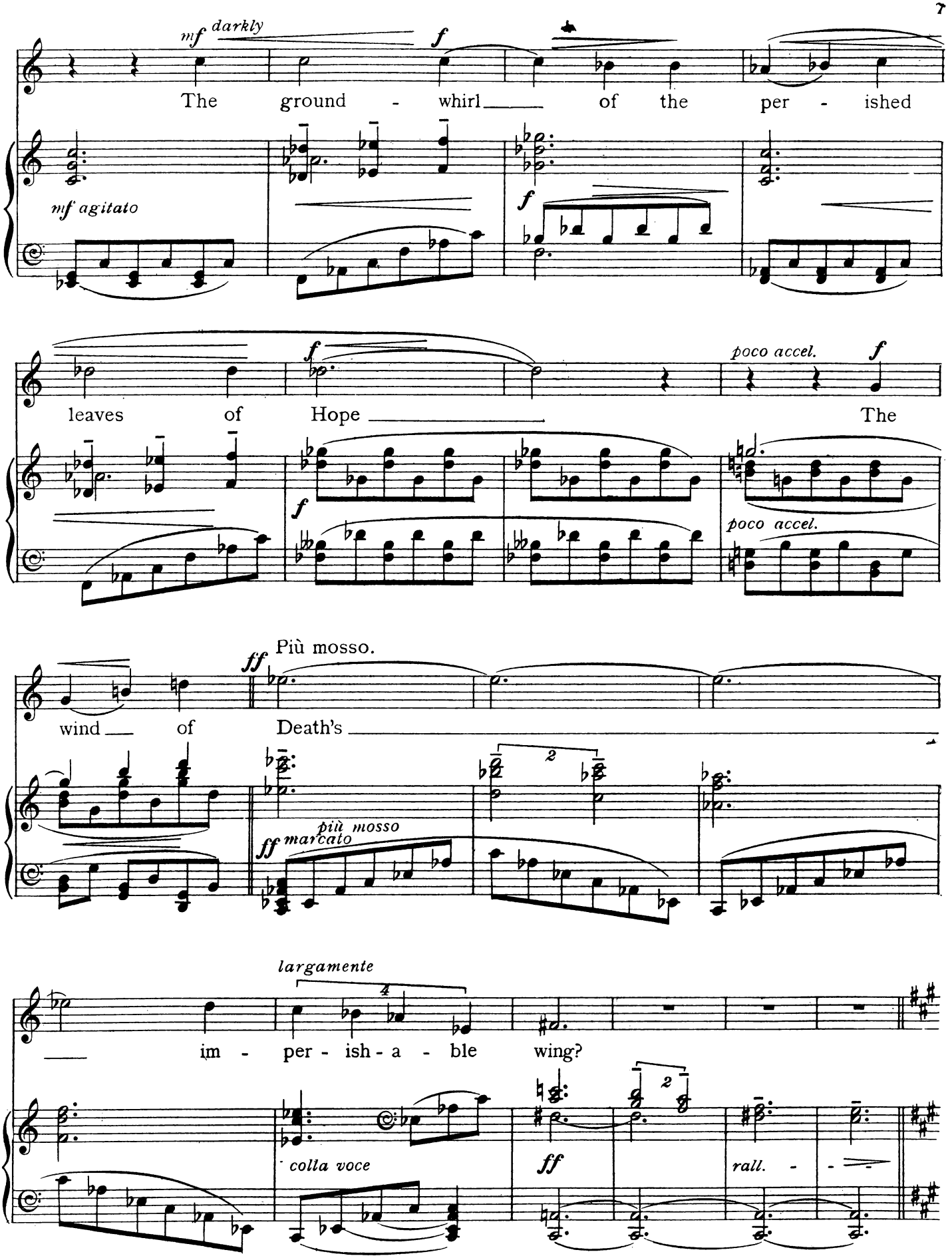


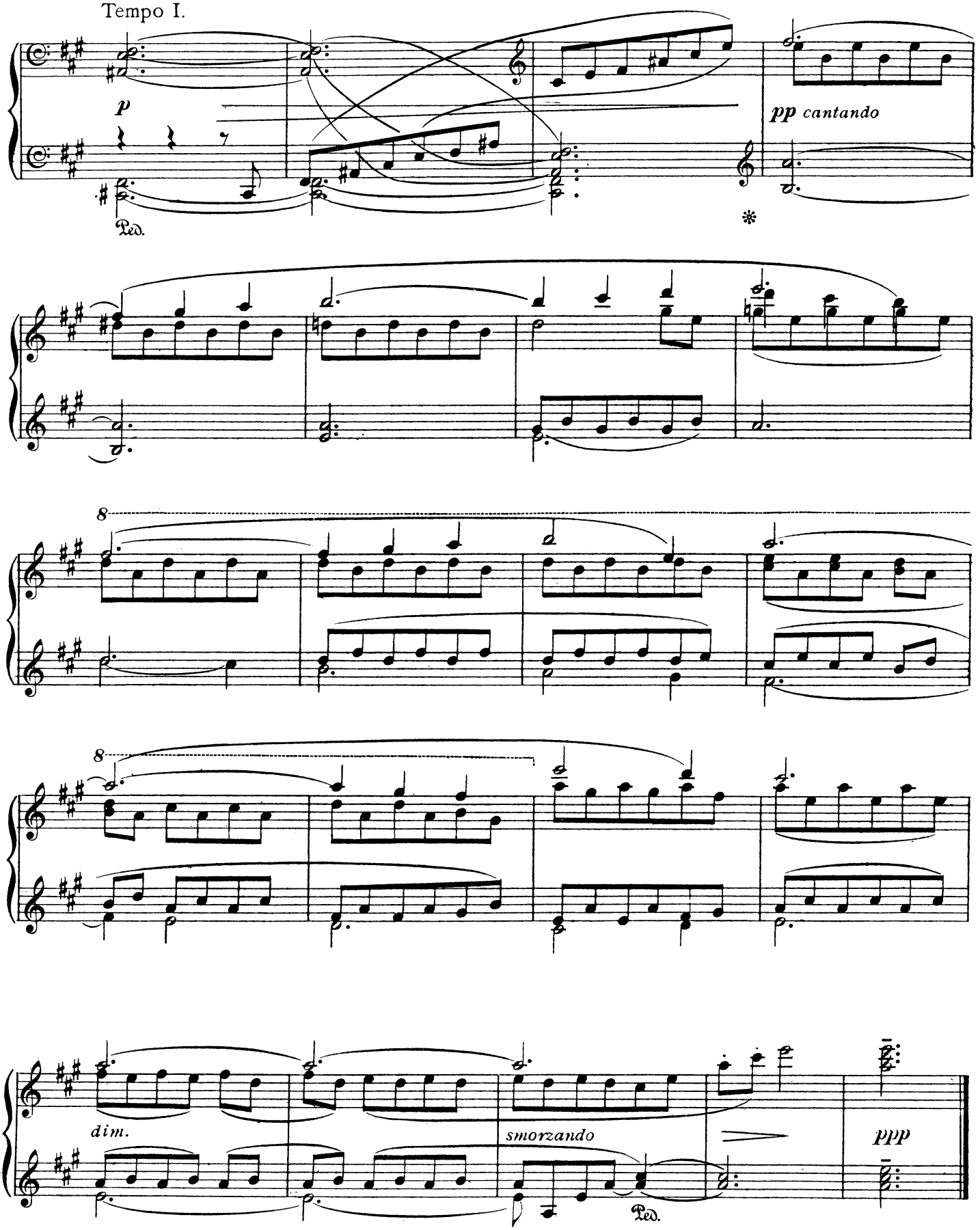

see thee most, be - lov - ed one? When in the
cresc.
light the spi - rits of mine eyes Be - fore thy
cantando
largamente
face, their al - tar, sol - emn-ize The wor-ship of that
colla voce
cresc.
pp
Love through thee made known?
pp


p
Or when
p cantando
pp
Ped.
in the dusk hours, (we two a - lone)
cantando
p
*
Close— kissed and el - o-quent of still re -
pp
Ped.
*
sonore
mf cresc.
plies Thy twi - light - hid - den glim - mer-ing
mf cresc.


vis - - age lies, And my soul
f
on - ly sees thy soul its own?
f
p
la melodia ben marcato
p
molto


p
O love my love! if I no more should see Thy - self, nor
on the earth the sha - dow of thee, Nor image of thine eyes in an - y
Poco animando.
agitato
mp
f
spring, How then should sound
agitato
mp
mp
up - on Life's dark - en - ing slope
mp cresc.


mf darkly
f
The ground - whirl of the per - ished
mf agitato
f
leaves of Hope
f
poco accel.
f
The
poco accel.
Più mosso.
ff
wind of Death's
ff più mosso marcato
largamente
im - per - ish - a - ble wing?
colla voce
ff
rall.


Tempo I.
p
Ped.
pp cantando
8
8
dim.
smorzando
Ped.
ppp

No 2
SILENT NOON.

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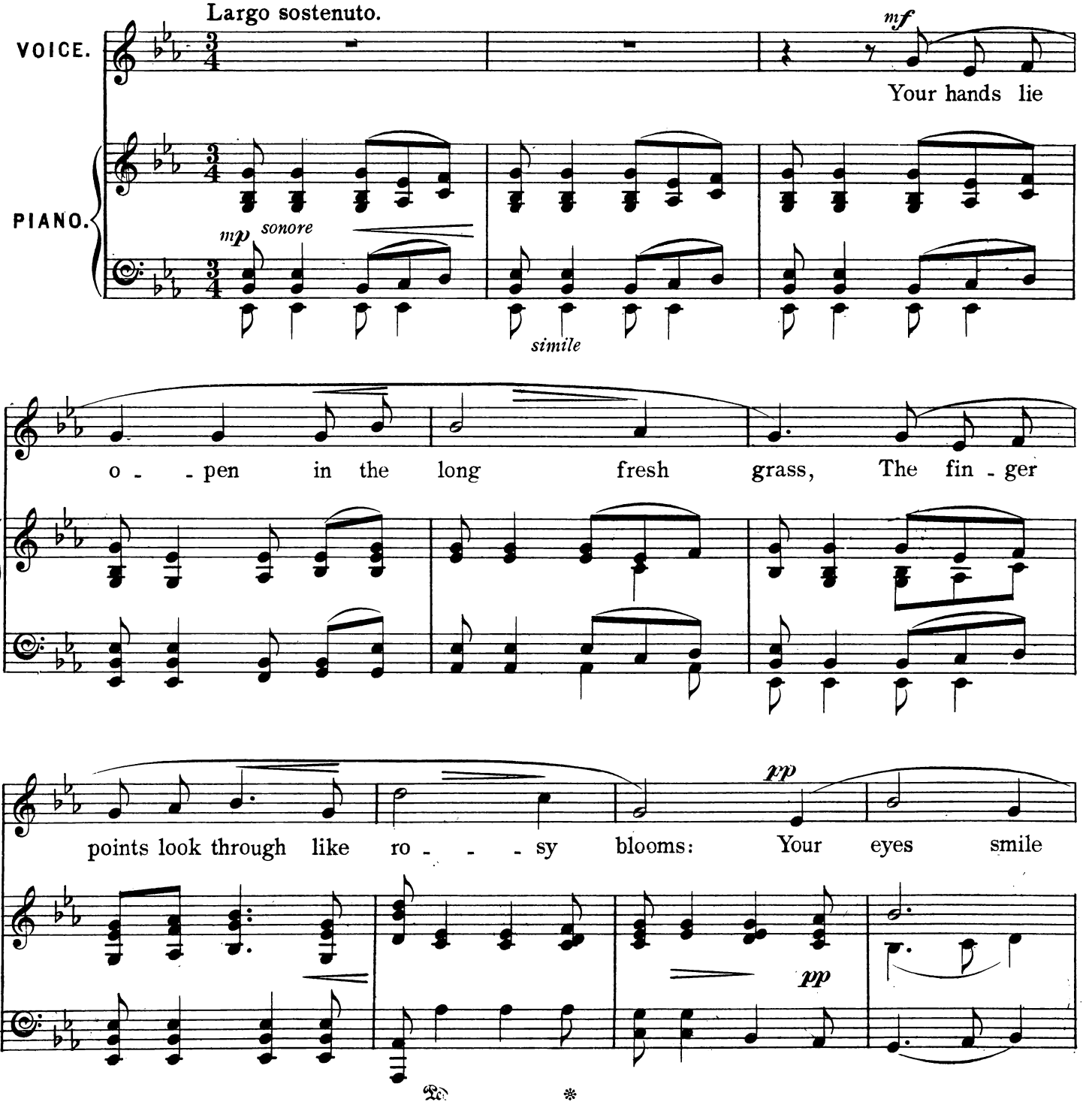

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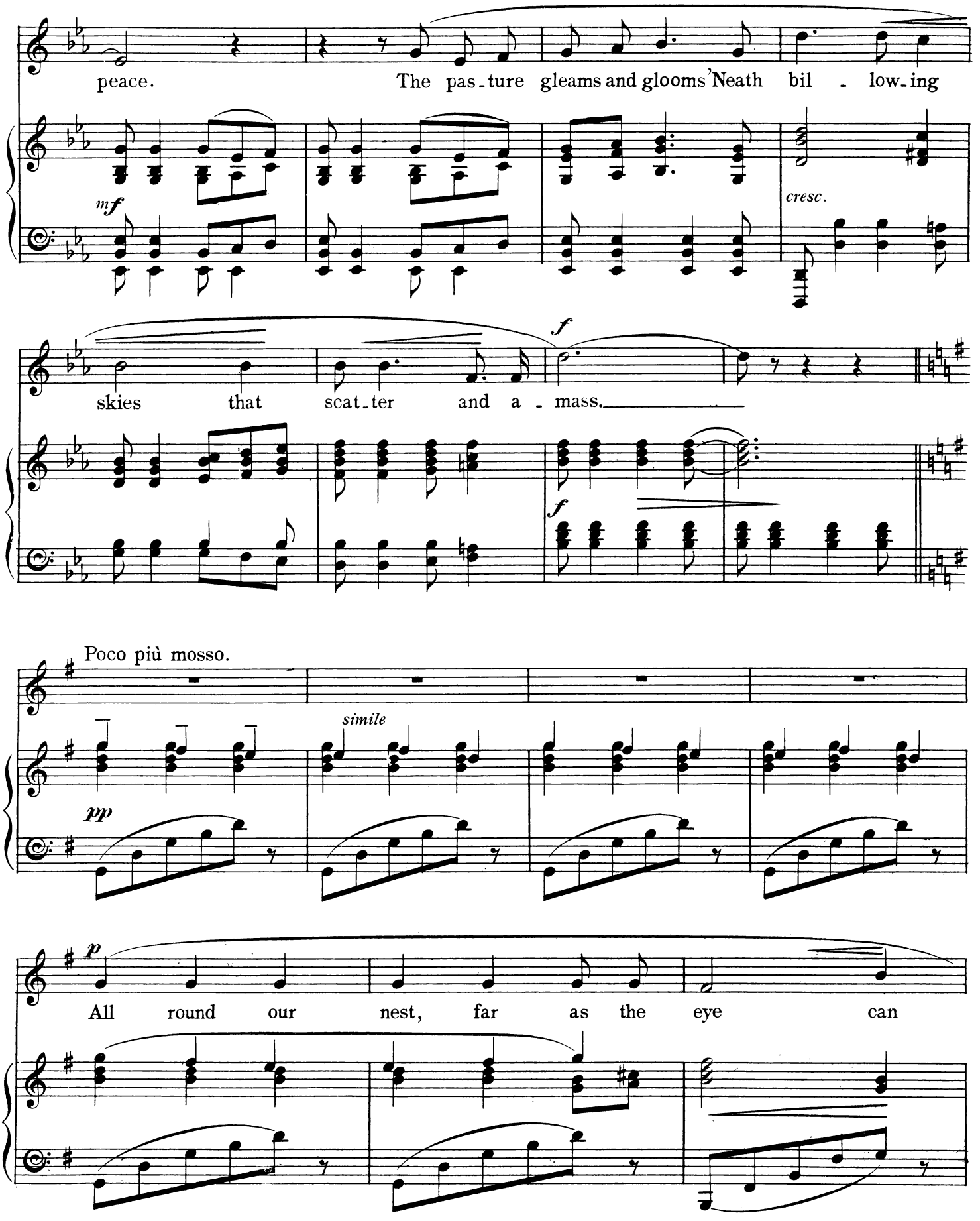
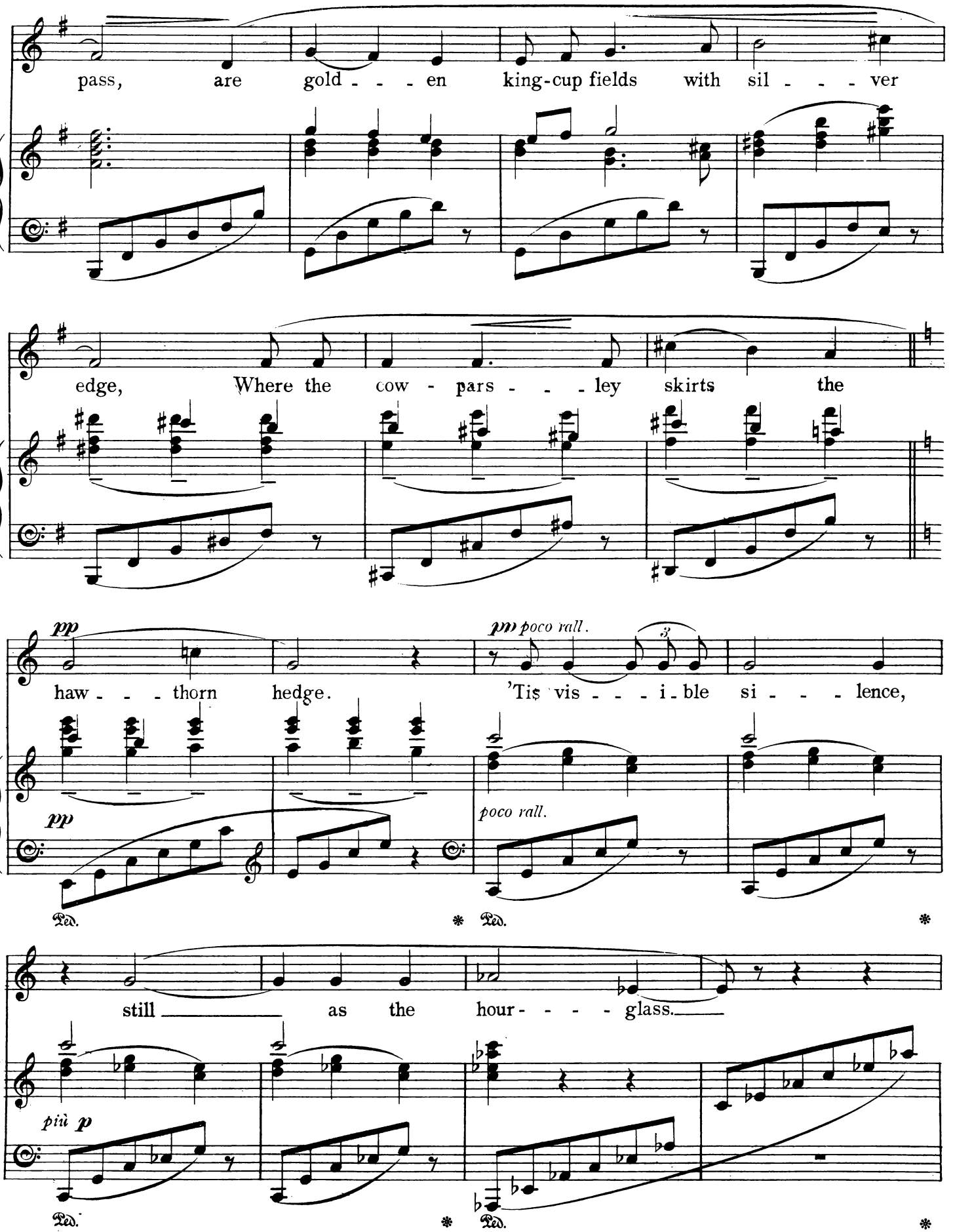
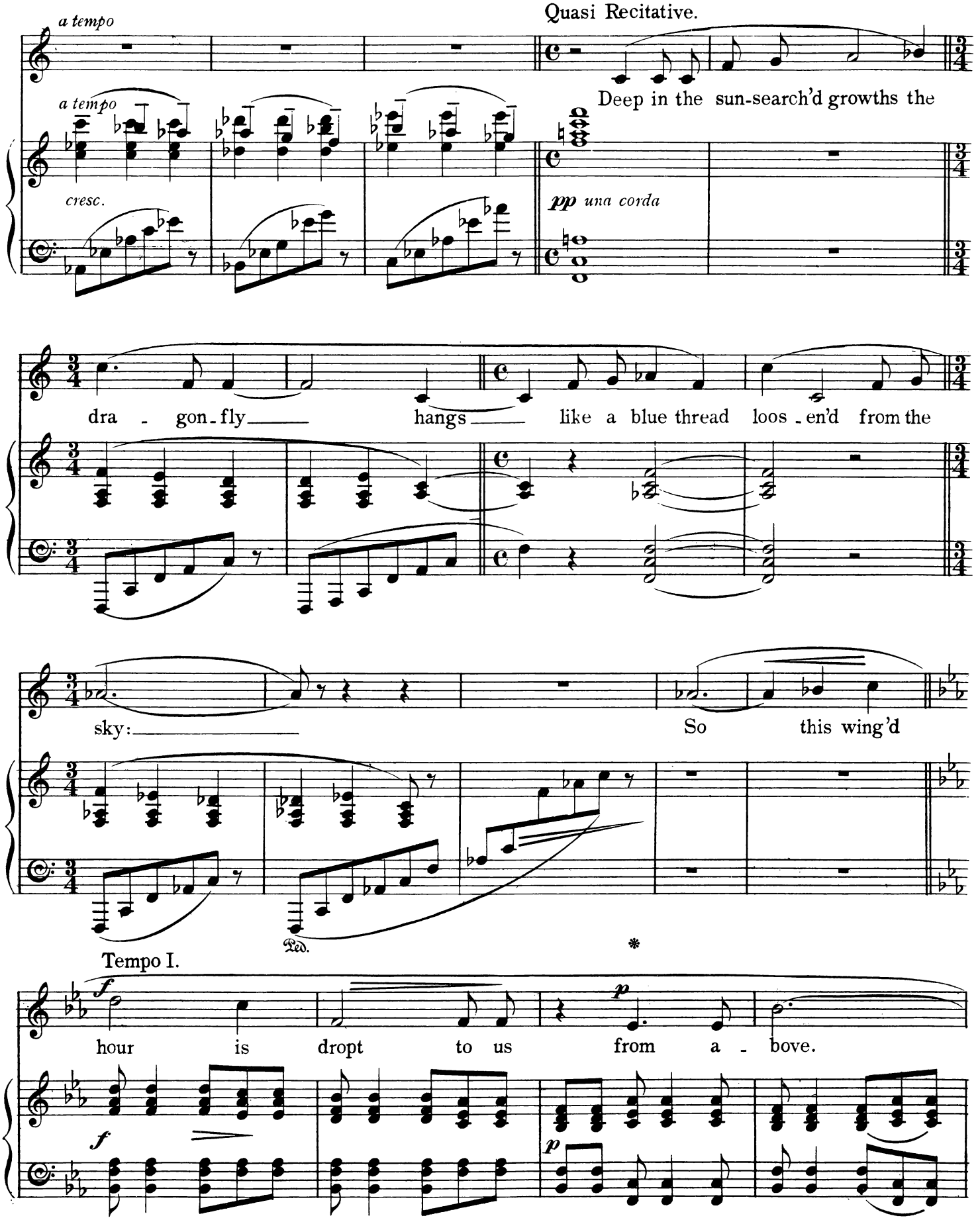
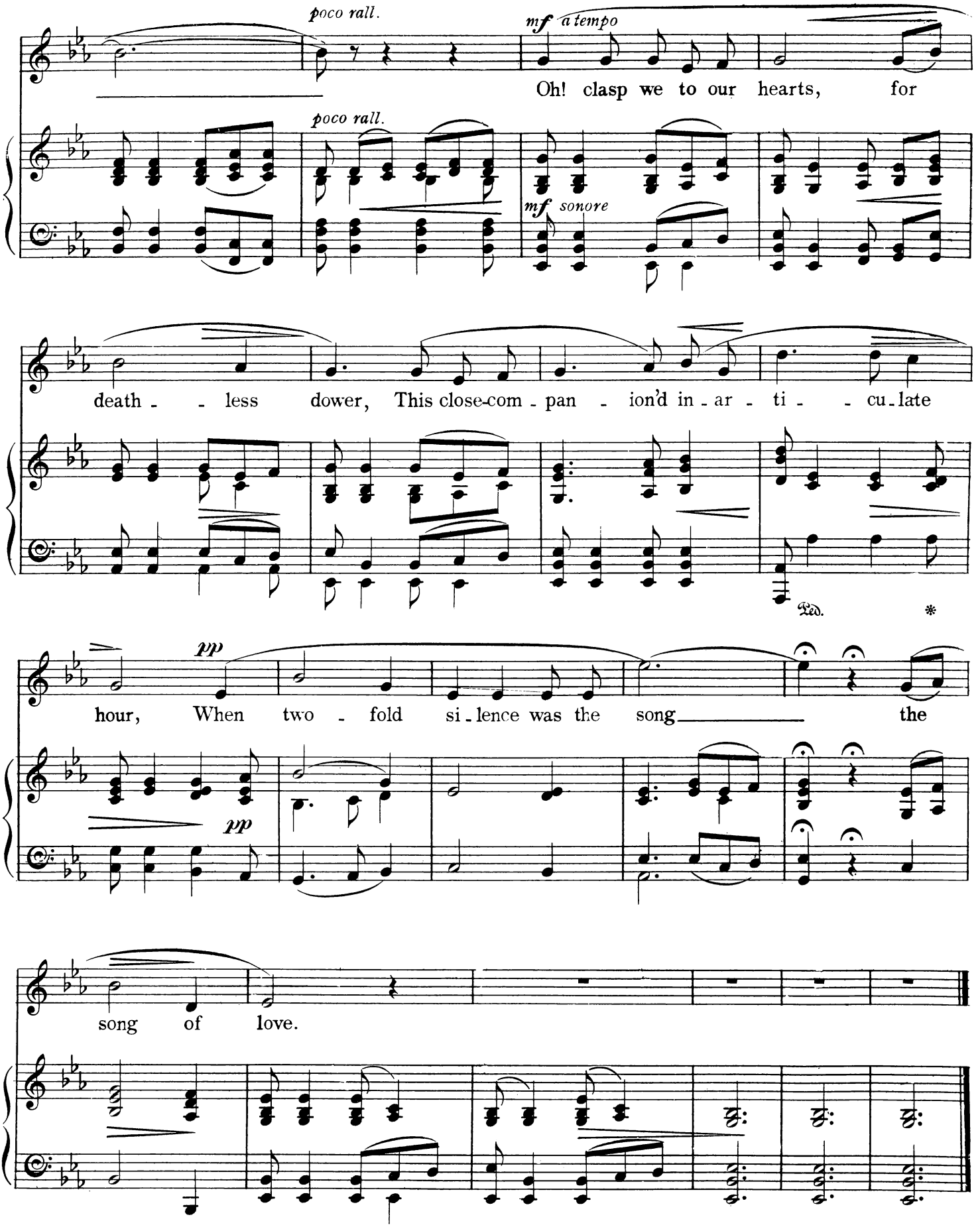

peace.
The pas-ture gleams and glooms 'Neath bil - low-ing
mf
cresc.
skies that scat-ter and a - mass.
f
f
Poco più mosso.
simile
pp
p
All round our nest, far as the eye can

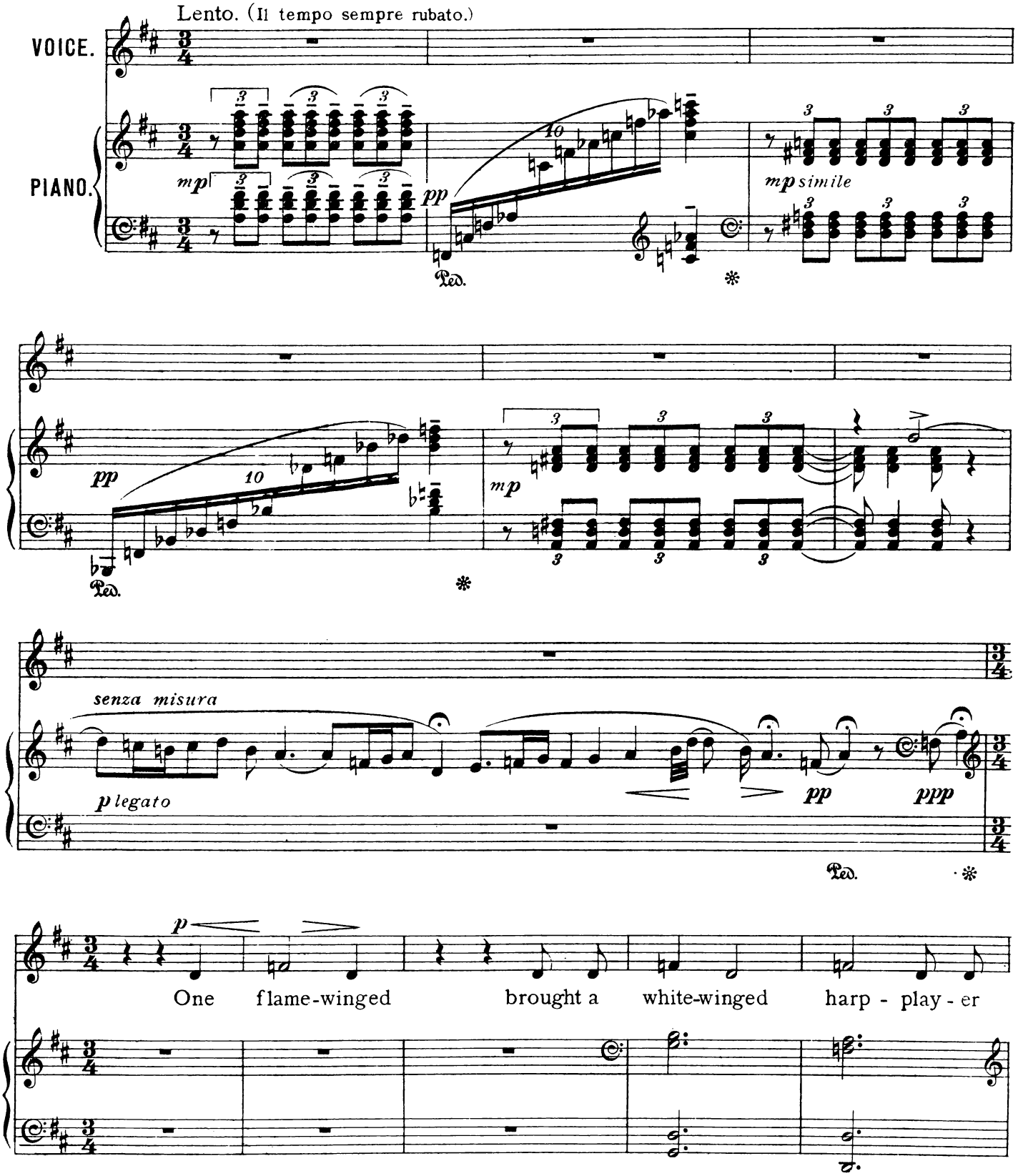

pass, are gold - - - en king-cup fields with sil - - - ver
edge, Where the cow - pars - - - ley skirts the
pp
haw - - - thorn hedge.
pp poco rall.
'Tis vis - - - i - ble si - - - lence,
poco rall.
Ped. * Ped. *
still as the hour - - - - glass.
più p
Ped. * Ped. *

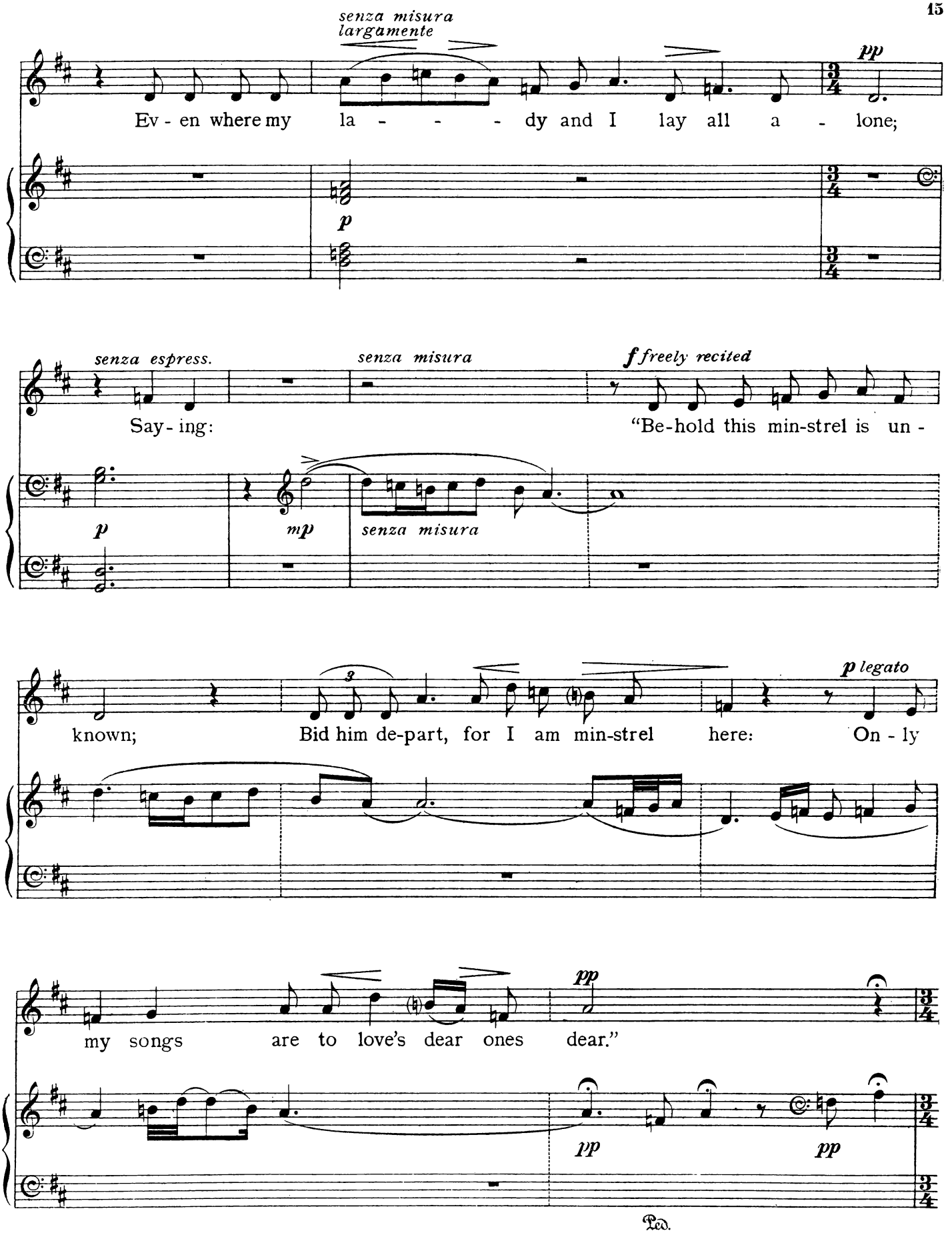

a tempo
Quasi Recitative.
Deep in the sun-search'd growths the
a tempo
cresc.
pp una corda
dra - gon-fly hangs like a blue thread loos-en'd from the
sky:
So this wing'd
Ped.
*
Tempo I.
hour is dropt to us from a - bove.

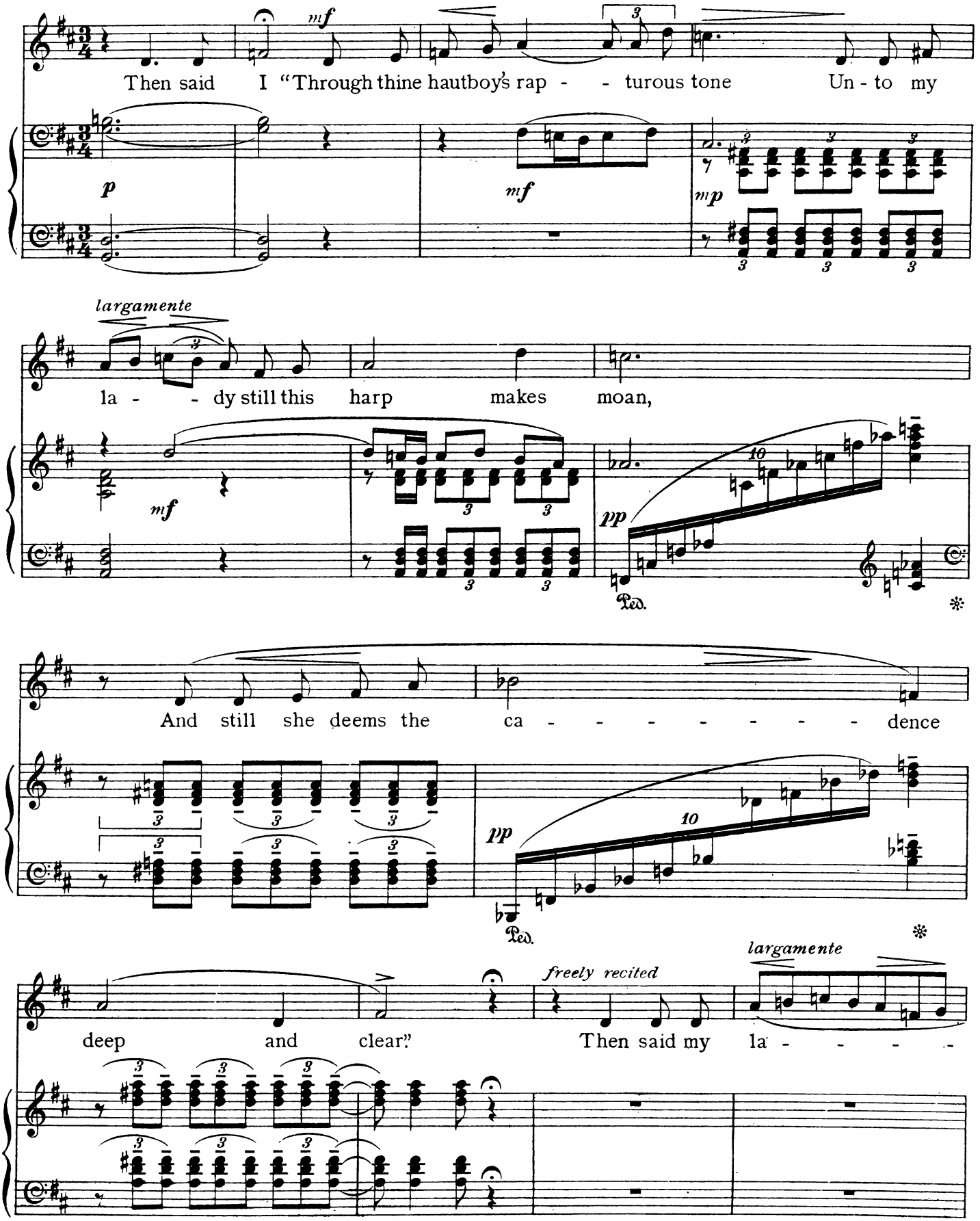

poco rall.
mf a tempo
Oh! clasp we to our hearts, for
poco rall.
mf sonore
death - - less dower, This close-com - pan - ion'd in - ar - ti - - cu - late
Ped. *
pp
hour, When two - fold si - lence was the song the
pp
song of love.

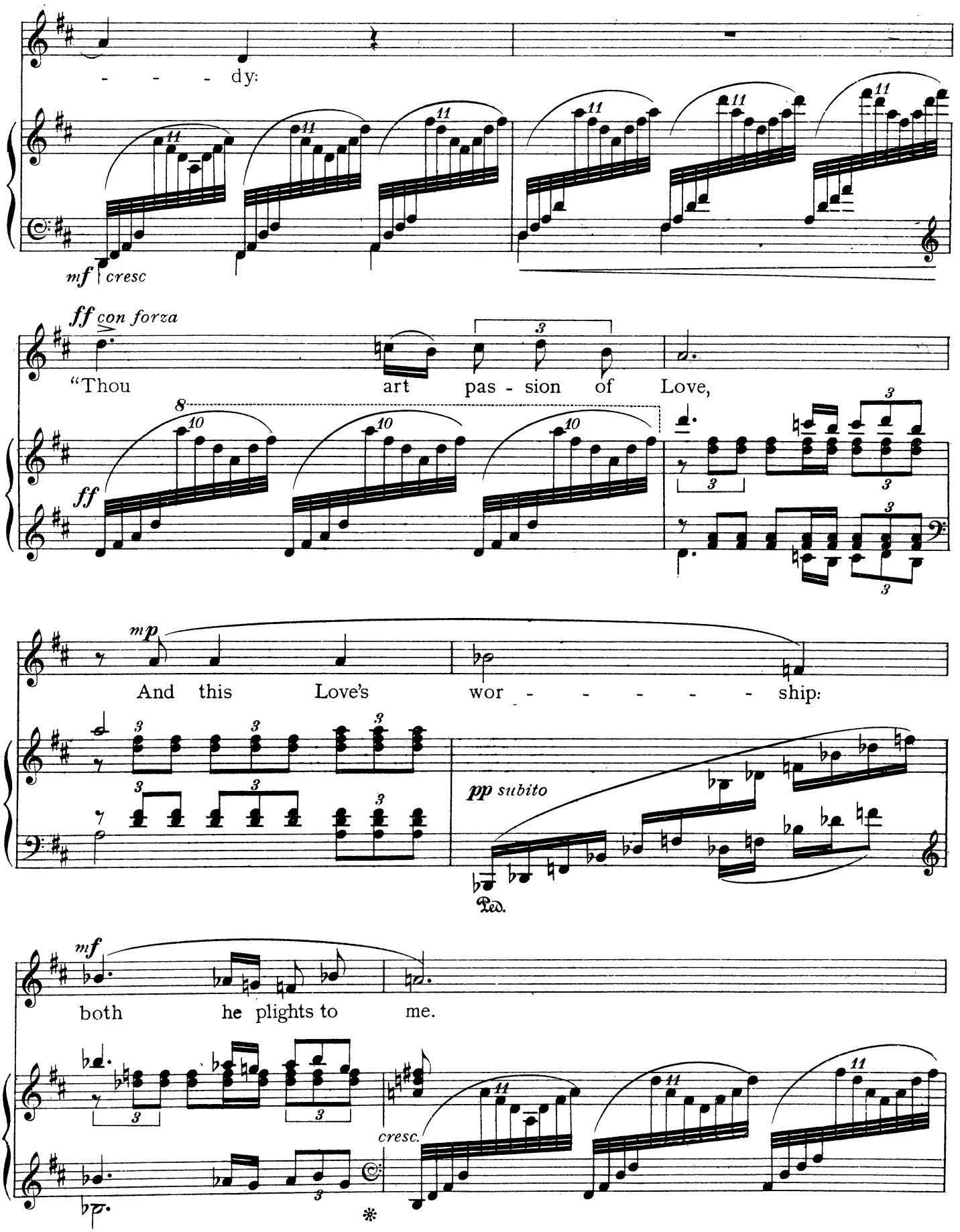
Nº 3.

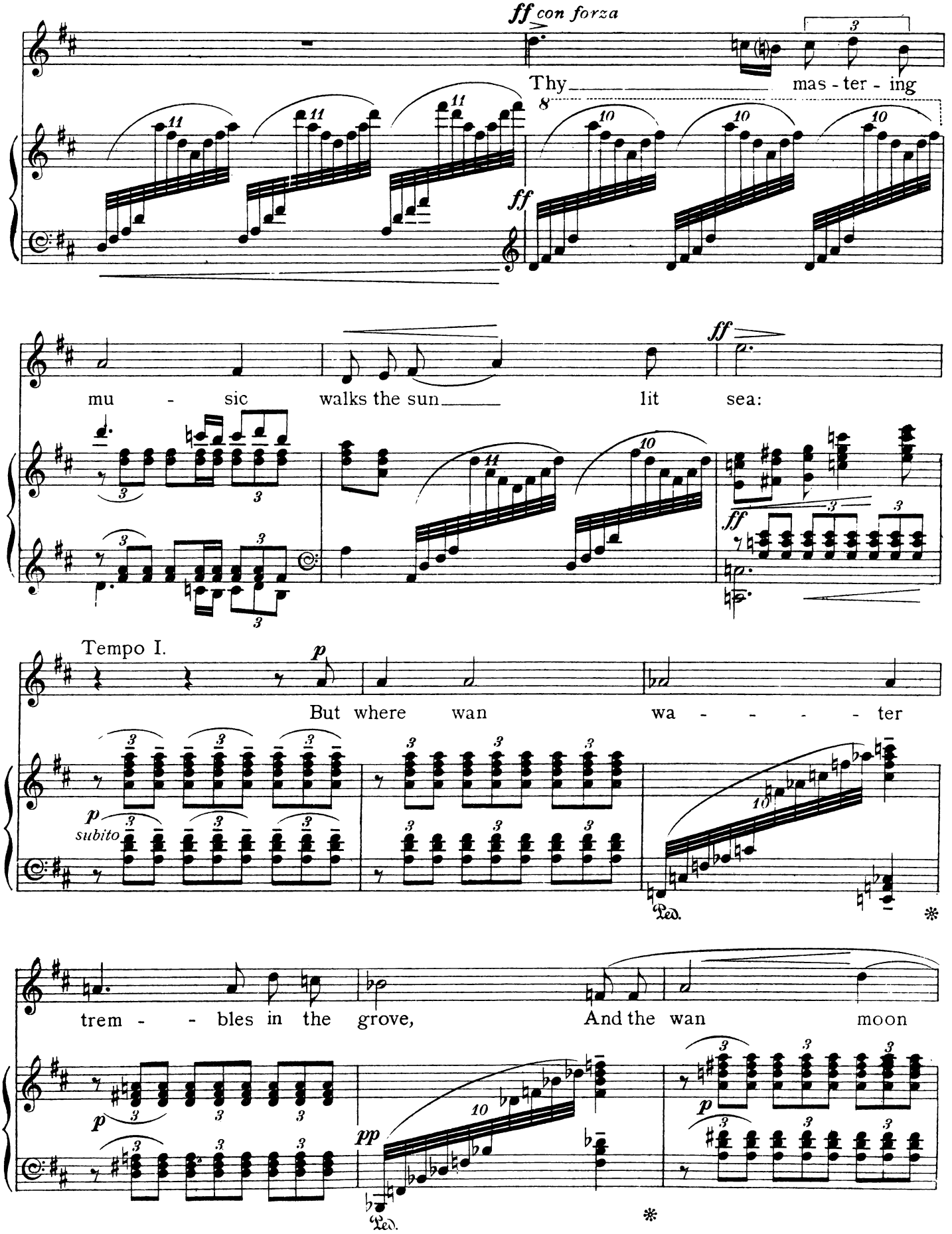
LOVE'S MINSTRELS.

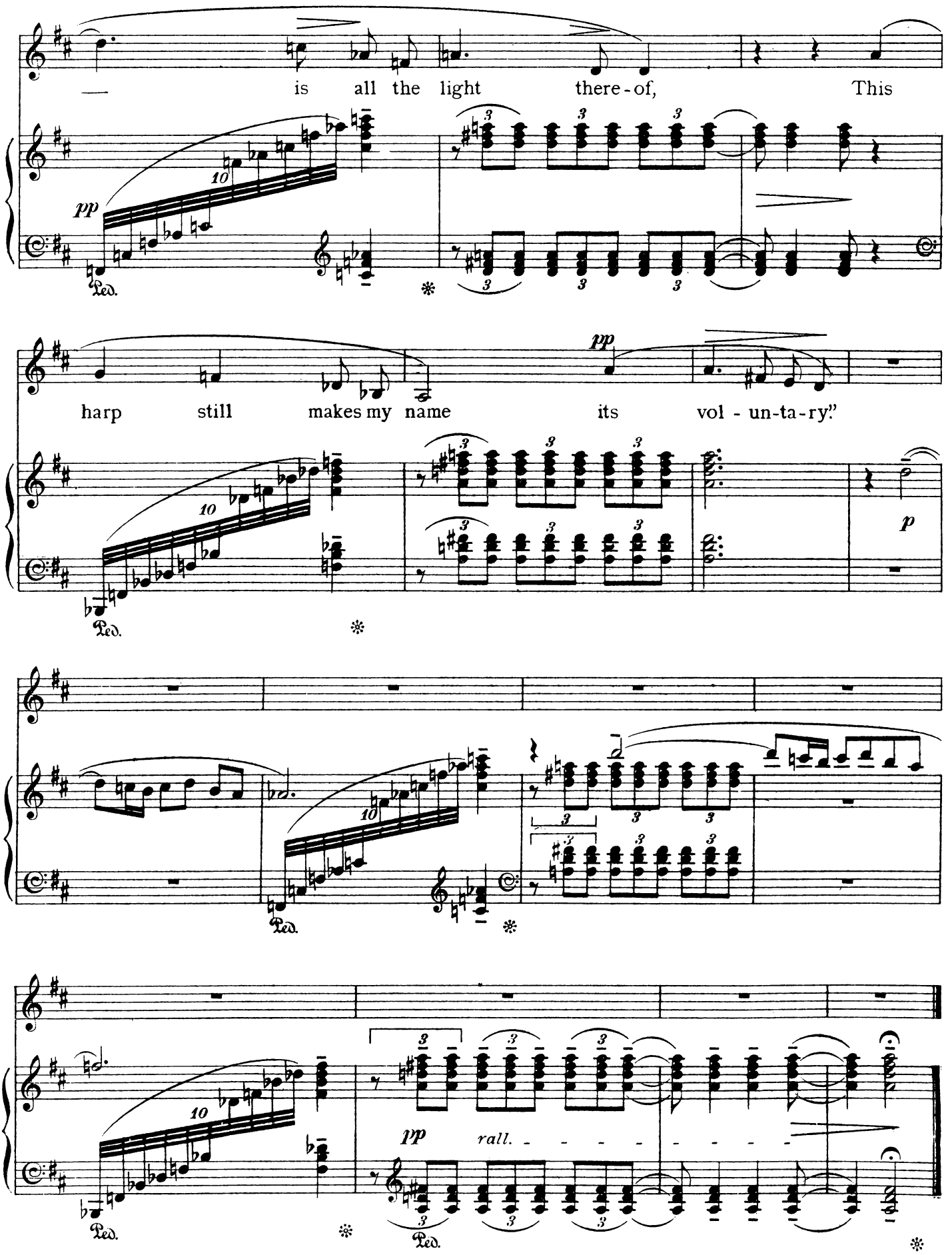



senza misura
largamente
pp
Ev - en where my la - - - - dy and I lay all a - lone;
p
senza espress.
senza misura
f freely recited
Say - ing:
"Be-hold this min-strel is un -
p
mp
senza misura
known;
Bid him de-part, for I am min-strel here:
p legato
On - ly
my songs are to love's dear ones dear."
pp
pp
pp
Ped.


Then said I "Through thine hautboy's rap - - turous tone Un - to my
largamente
la - - dy still this harp makes moan,
And still she deems the ca - - - - - - - - dence
deep and clear." Then said my la - - - -
freely recited
largamente


- - - dy:
mf cresc
ff con forza
"Thou art pas - sion of Love,
ff
mp
And this Love's wor - - - - - - ship:
pp subito
Ped.
mf
both he plights to me.
cresc.


ff con forza
Thy mas - ter - ing
ff
mu - sic walks the sun lit sea:
ff
Tempo I.
p
But where wan wa - - - - - ter
p subito
Ped.
trem - - bles in the grove, And the wan moon
p
pp
Ped.


— is all the light there-of, This
pp
Ped.
harp still makes my name its vol - un-ta-ry."
pp
p
rall.

Nº 4
HEART'S HAVEN.

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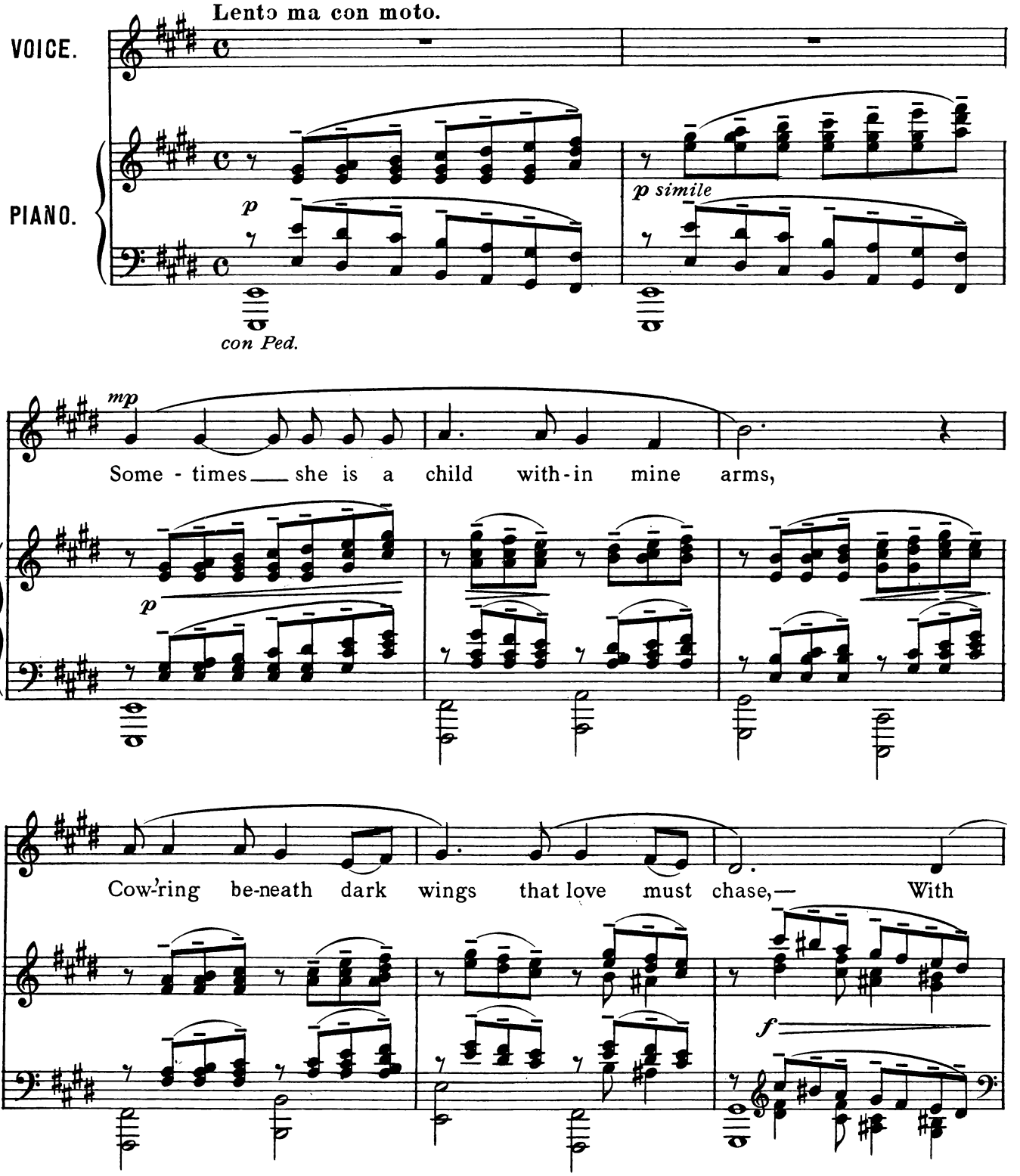

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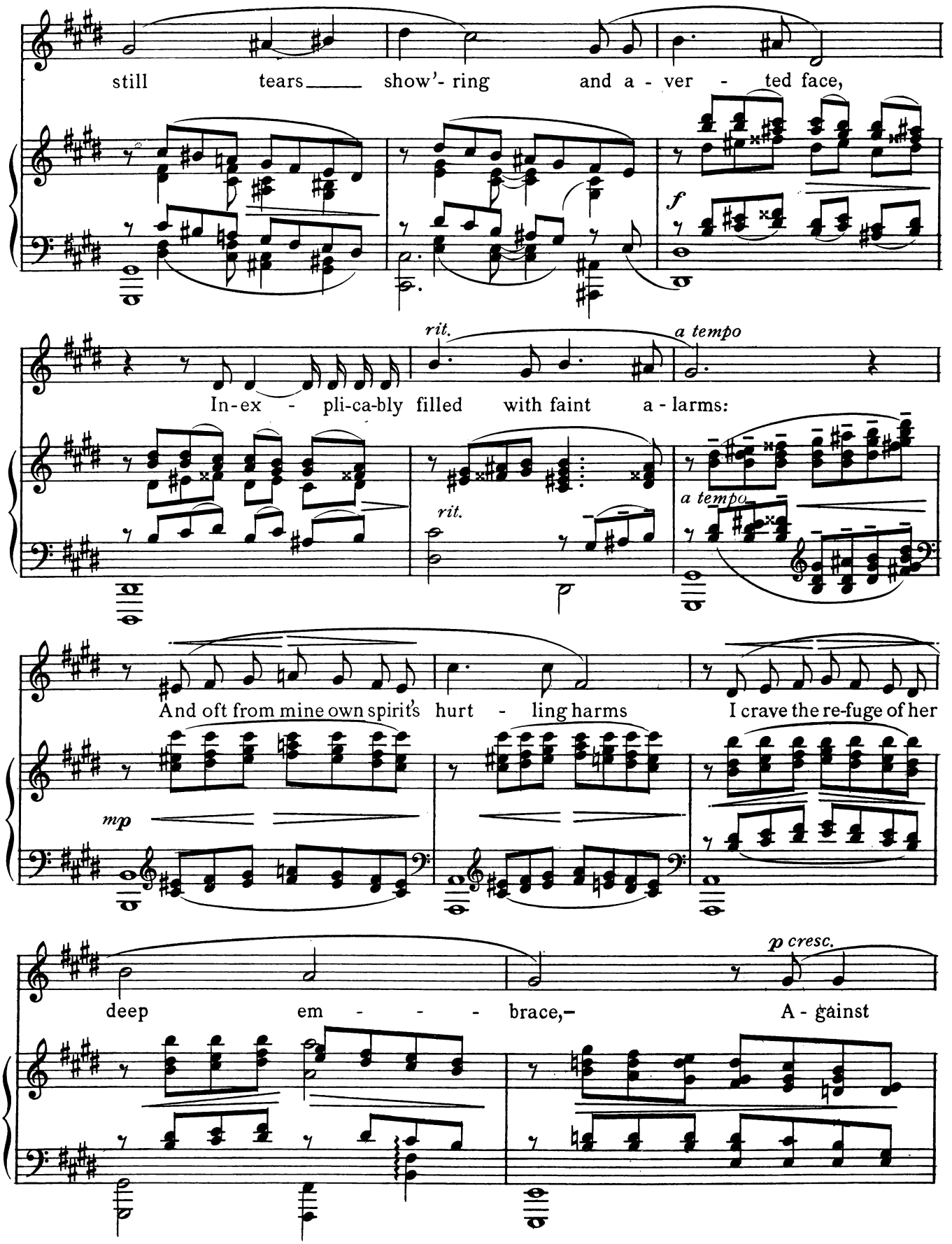
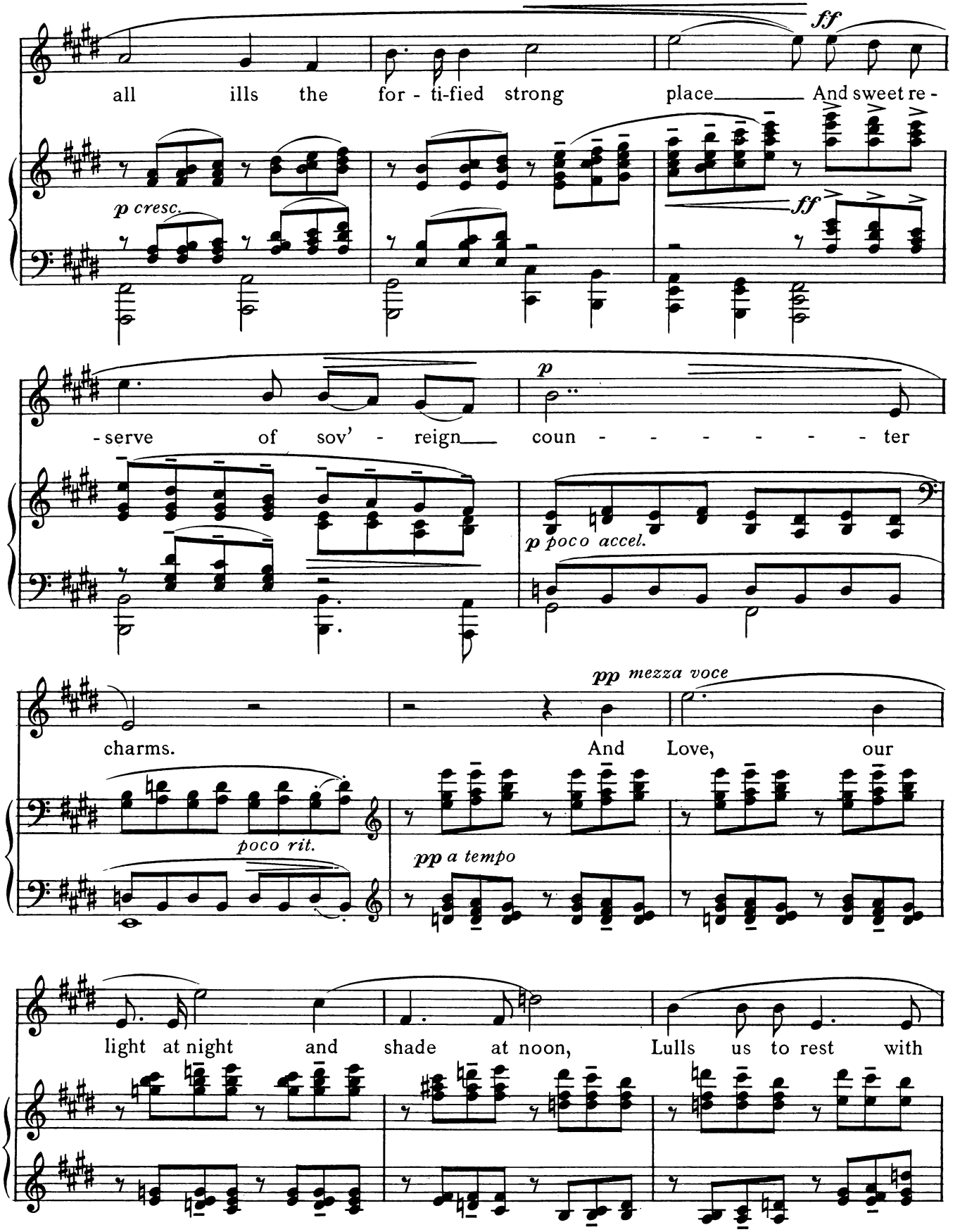
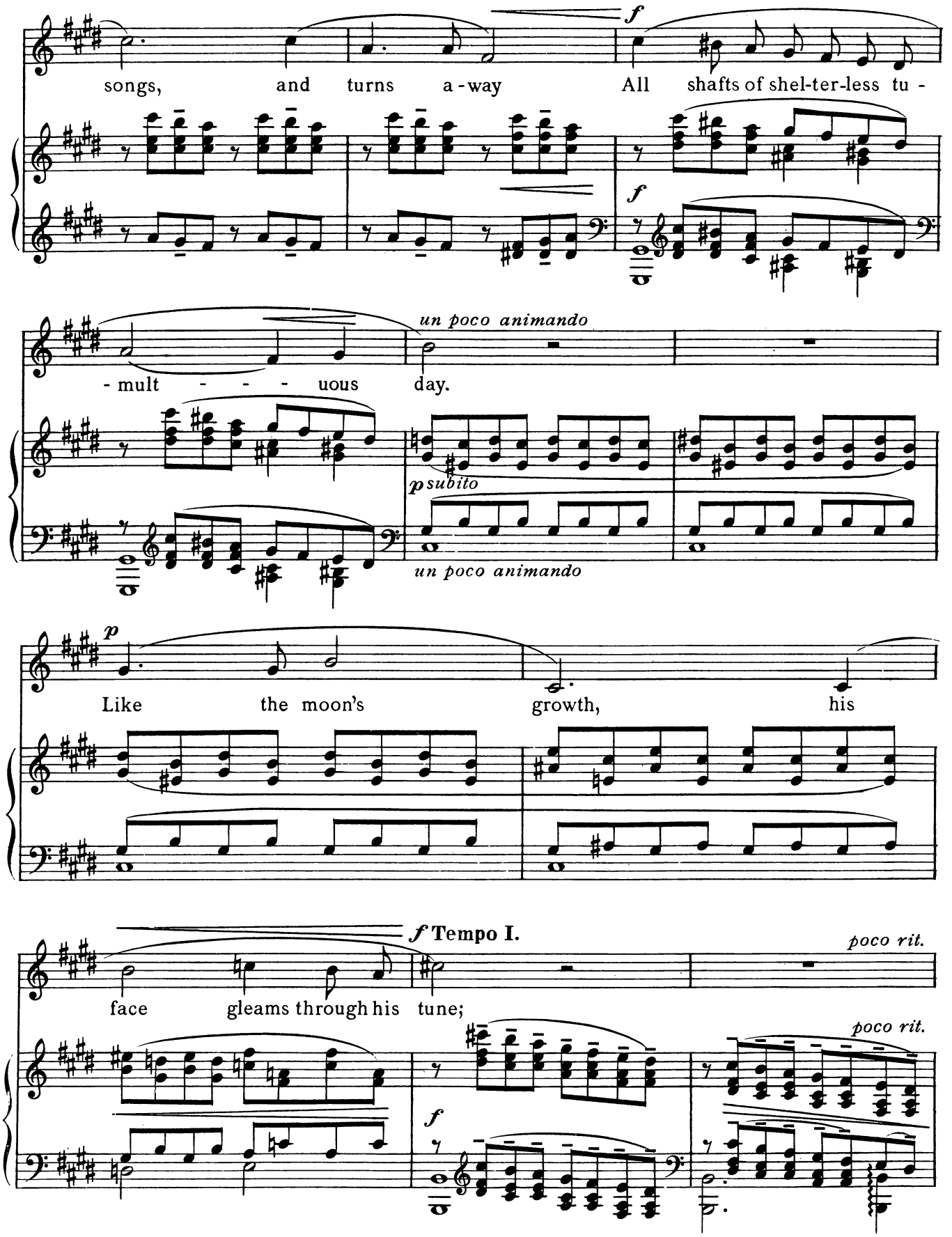
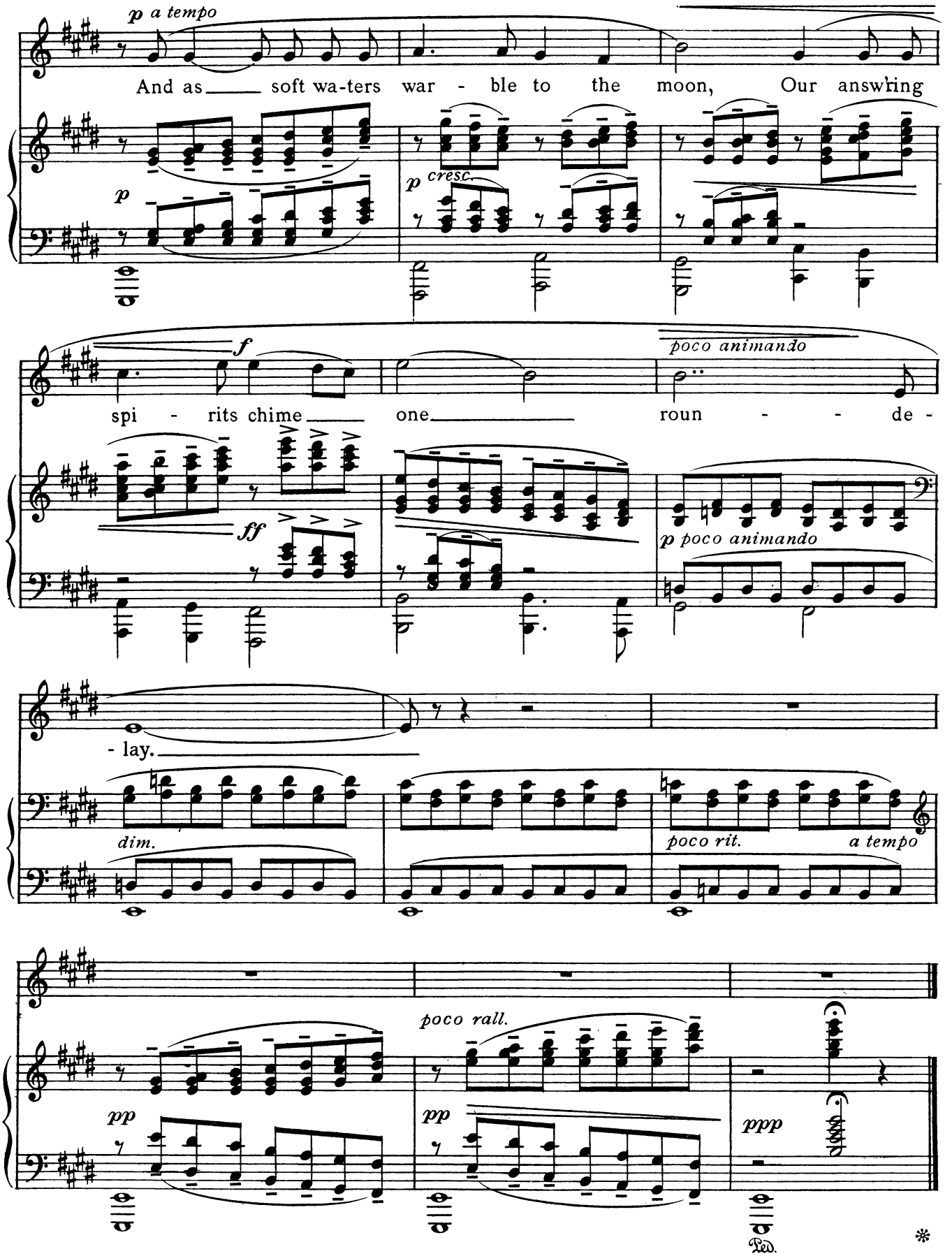

still tears show'- ring and a - ver - ted face,
f
rit.
a tempo
In-ex - pli-ca-bly filled with faint a - larms:
rit.
a tempo
And oft from mine own spirit's hurt - ling harms
I crave the re-fuge of her
mp
deep em - - - brace,–
p cresc.
A - gainst

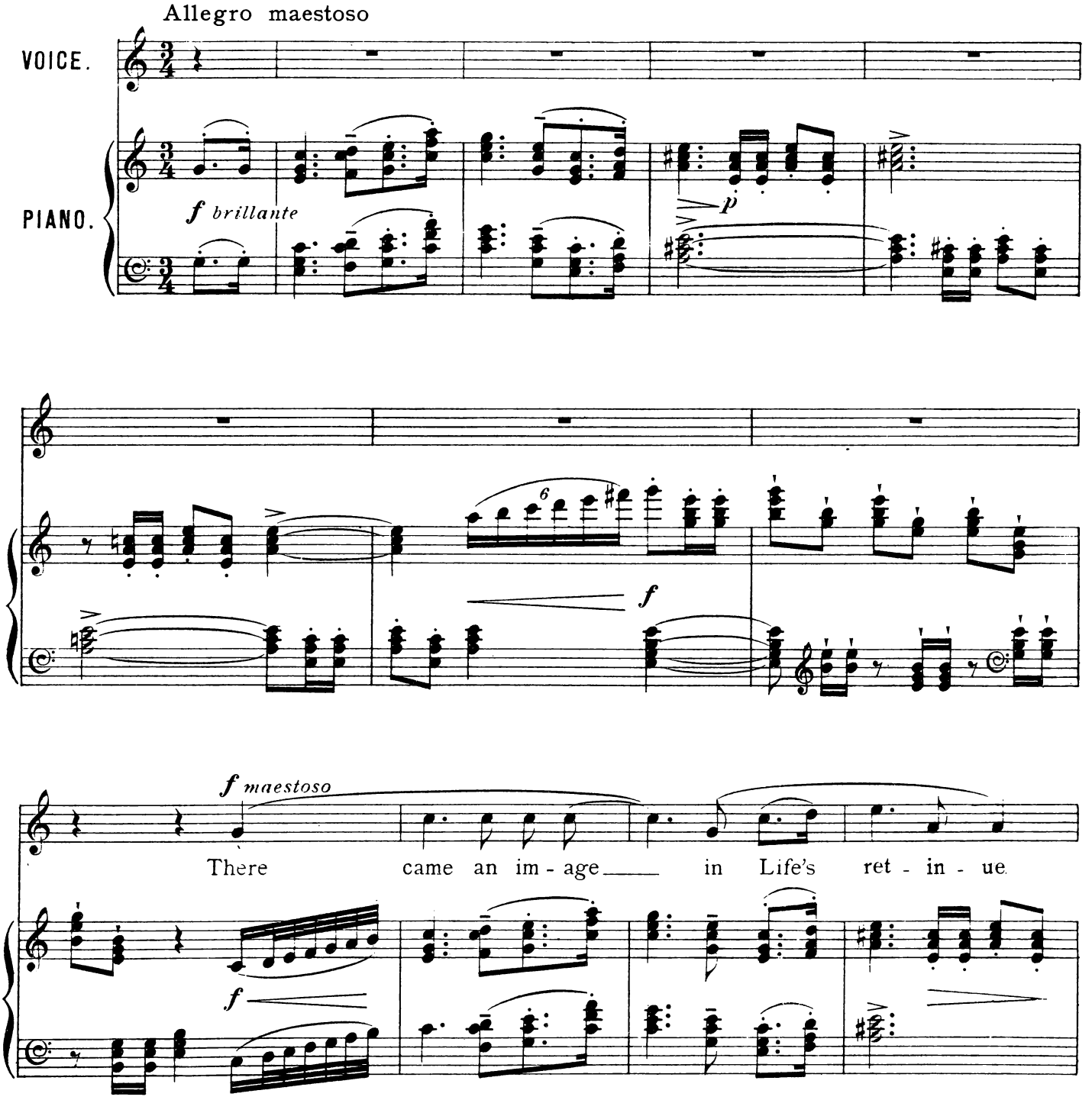

ff
all ills the for - ti-fied strong place And sweet re -
p cresc.
ff
p
- serve of sov' - reign coun - - - - - - - ter
p poco accel.
pp mezza voce
charms. And Love, our
poco rit.
pp a tempo
light at night and shade at noon, Lulls us to rest with

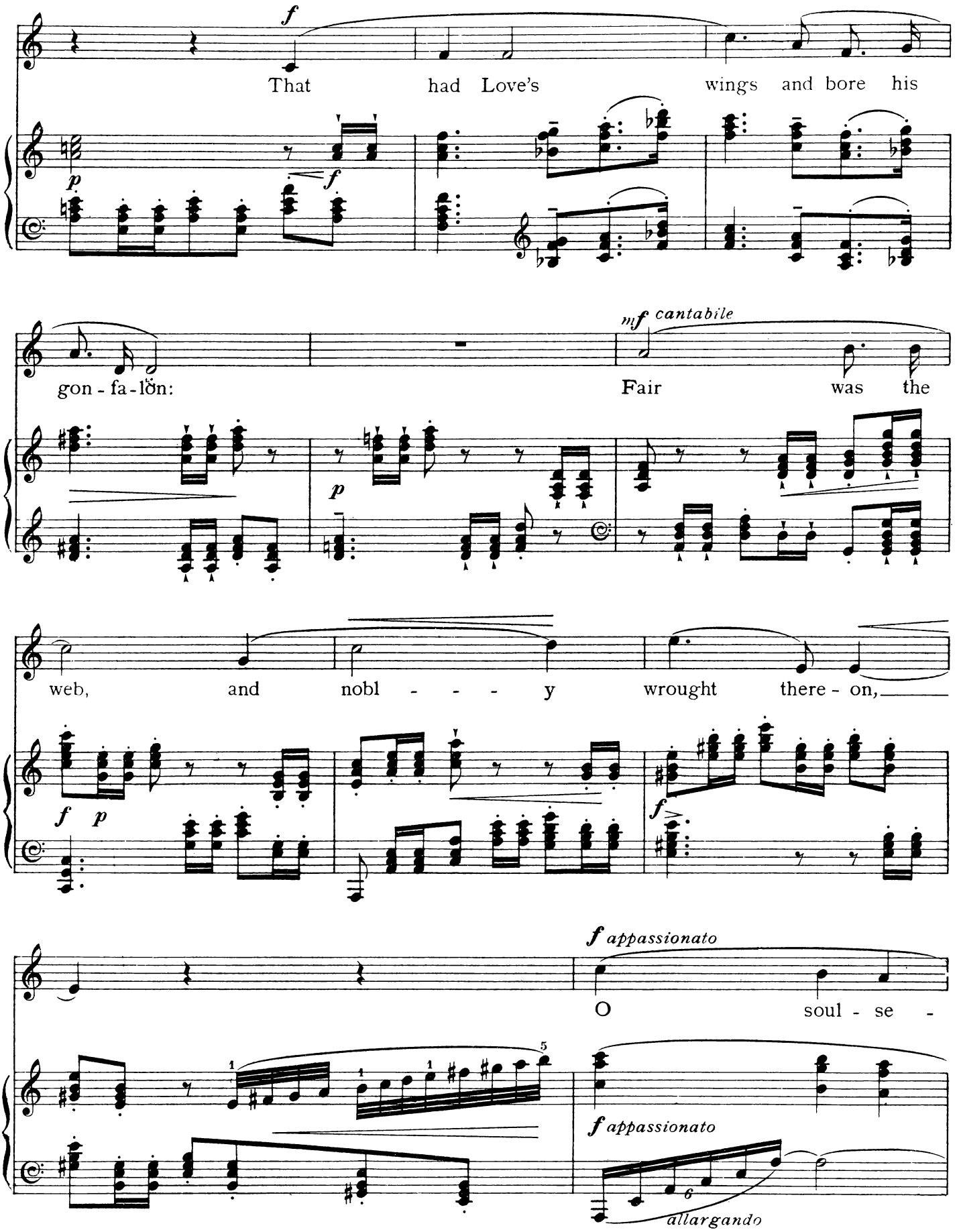

songs, and turns a-way All shafts of shel-ter-less tu -
f
f
un poco animando
- mult - - - uous day.
p subito
un poco animando
p
Like the moon's growth, his
f Tempo I.
poco rit.
face gleams through his tune;
poco rit.
f

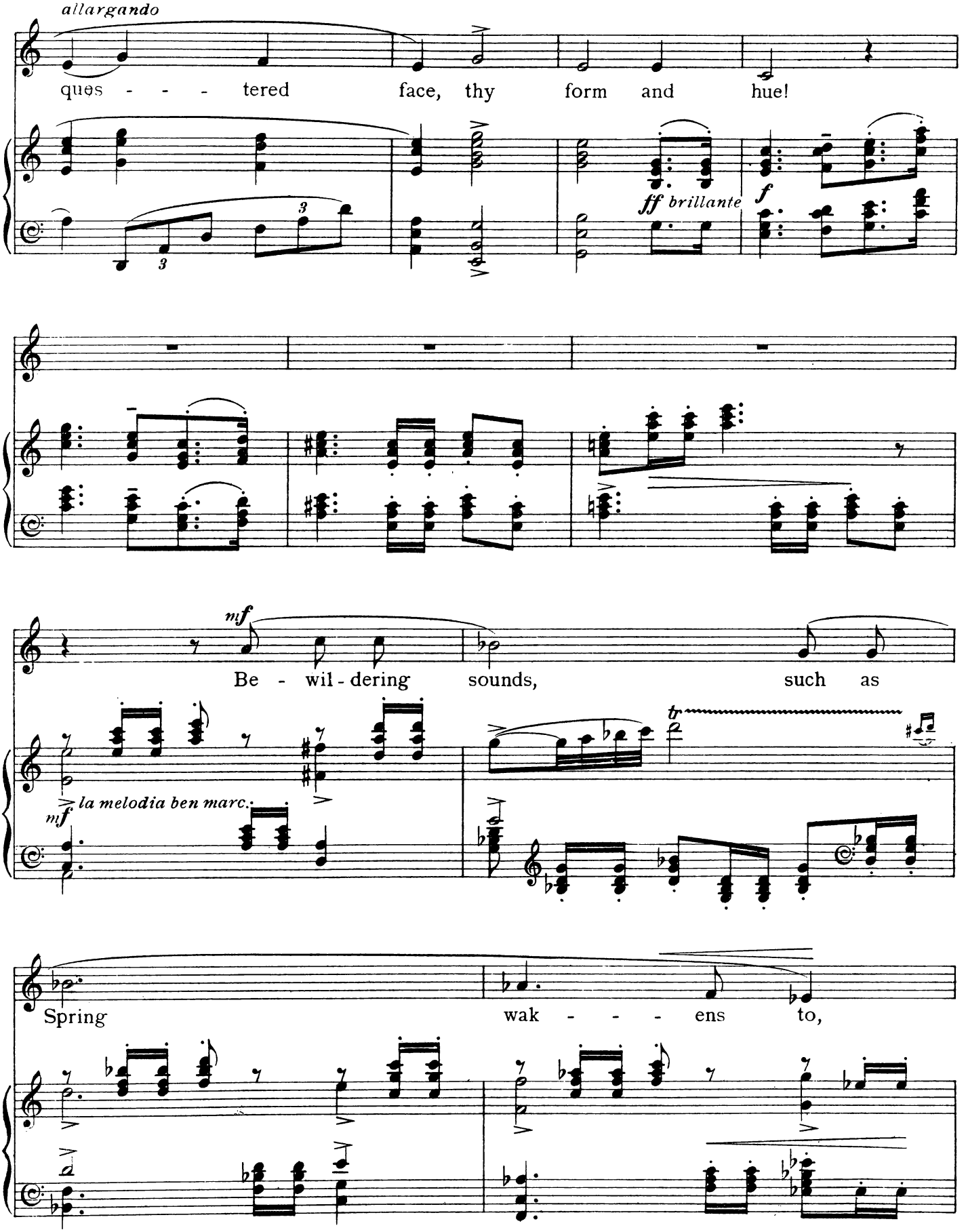

p a tempo
And as soft wa-ters war - ble to the moon, Our answ'ring
p cresc.
f
spi - rits chime one roun - - de -
poco animando
ff
p poco animando
- lay.
dim.
poco rit.
a tempo
poco rall.
pp
pp
ppp
Ped.
*

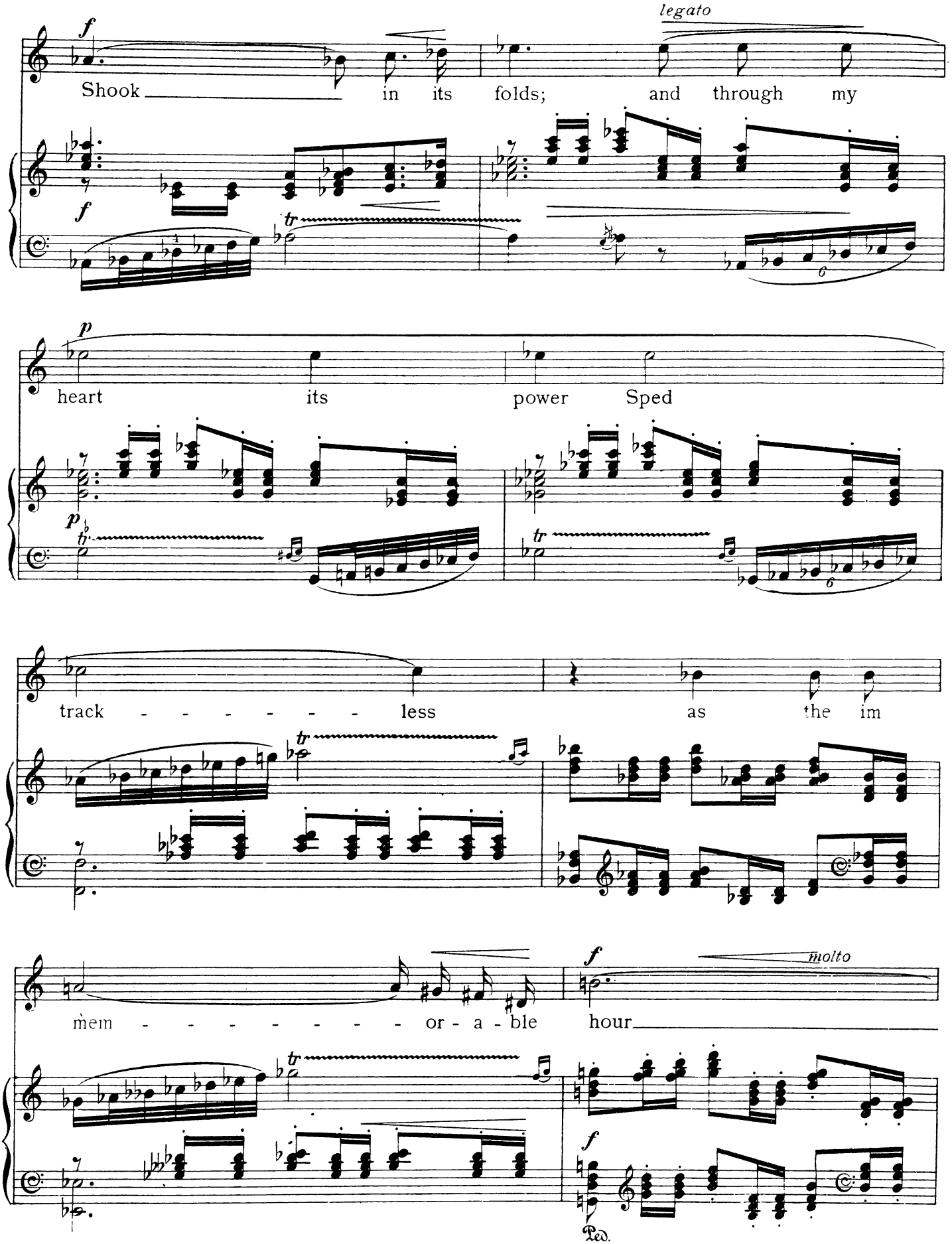
No. 5.

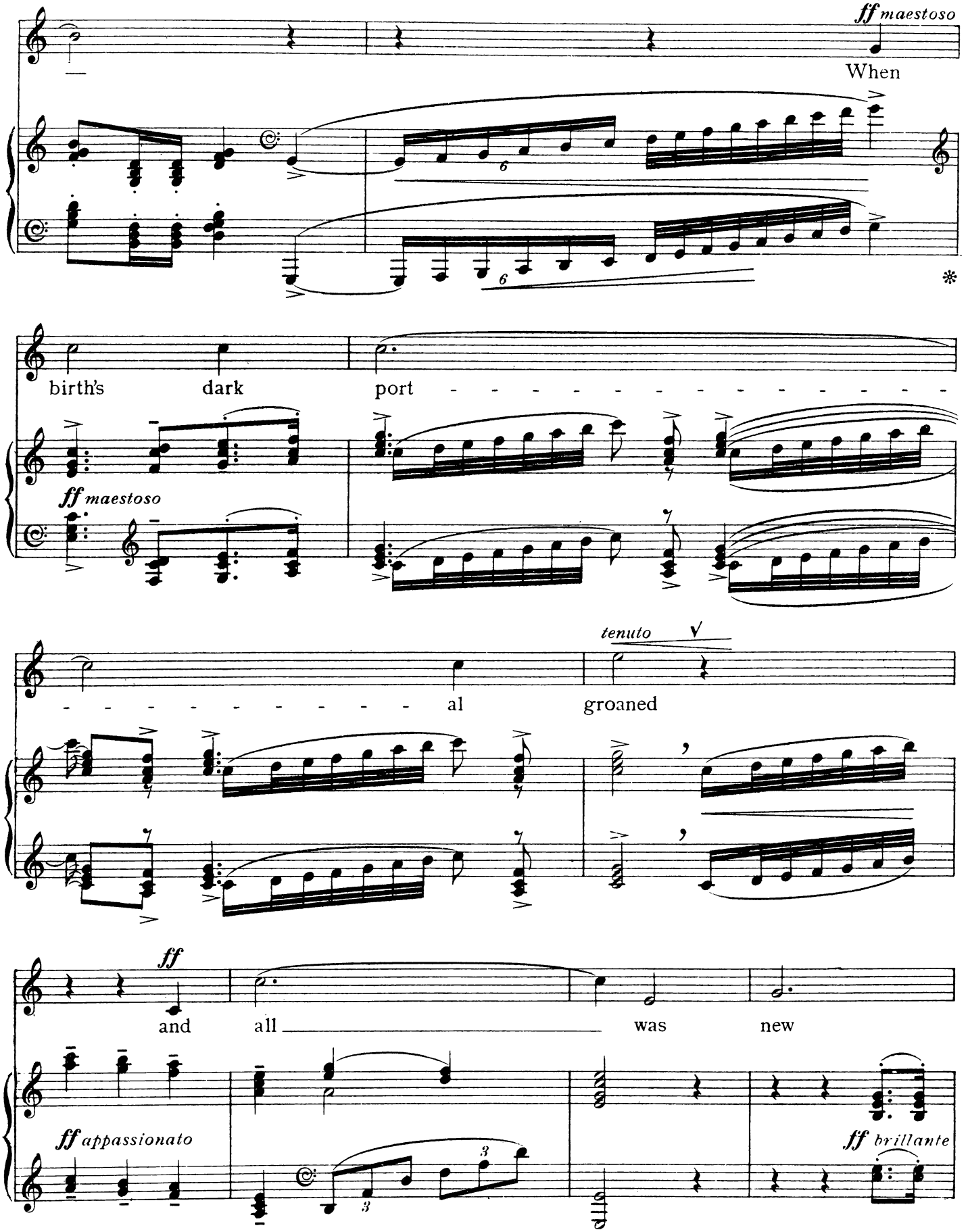
DEATH IN LOVE.

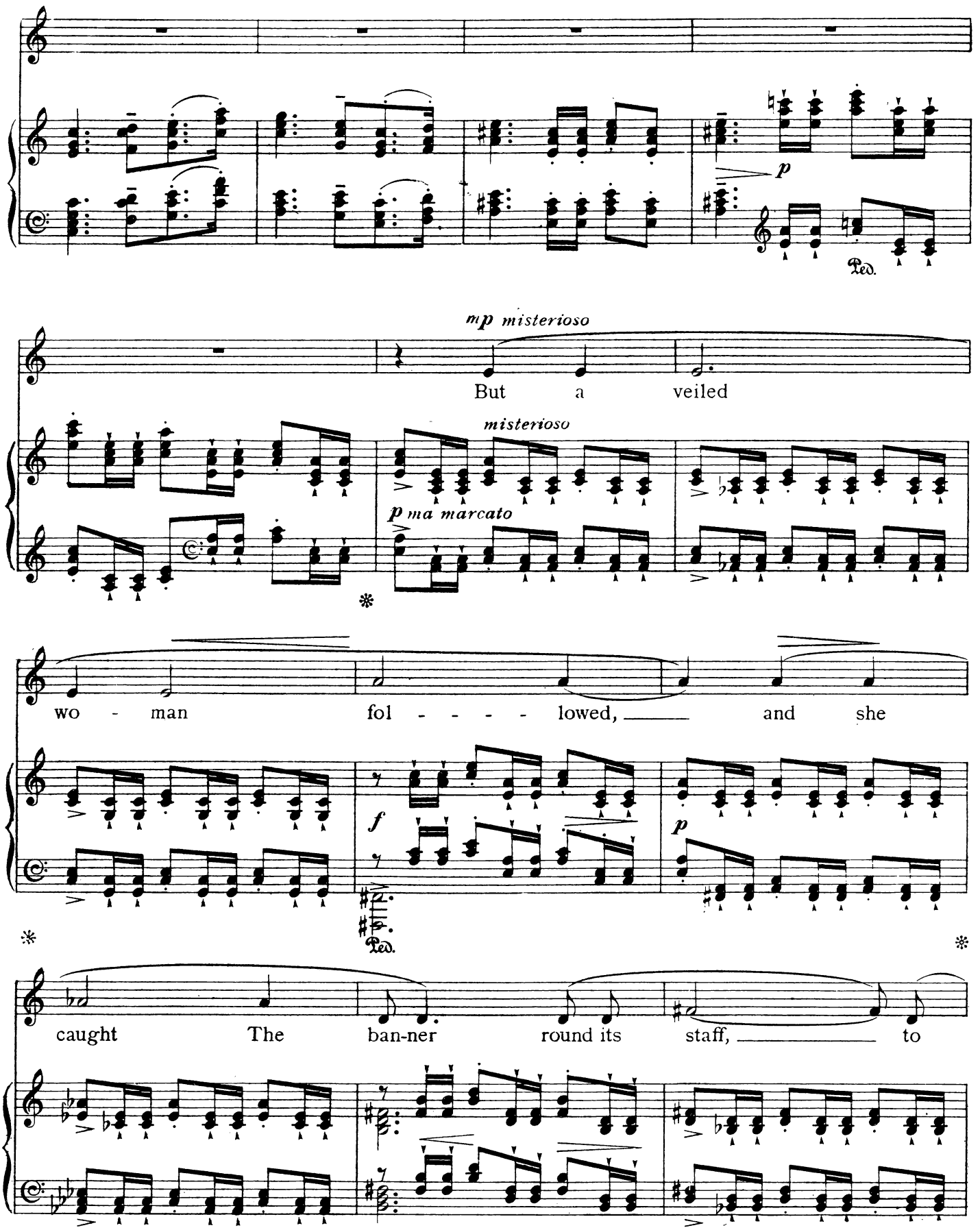


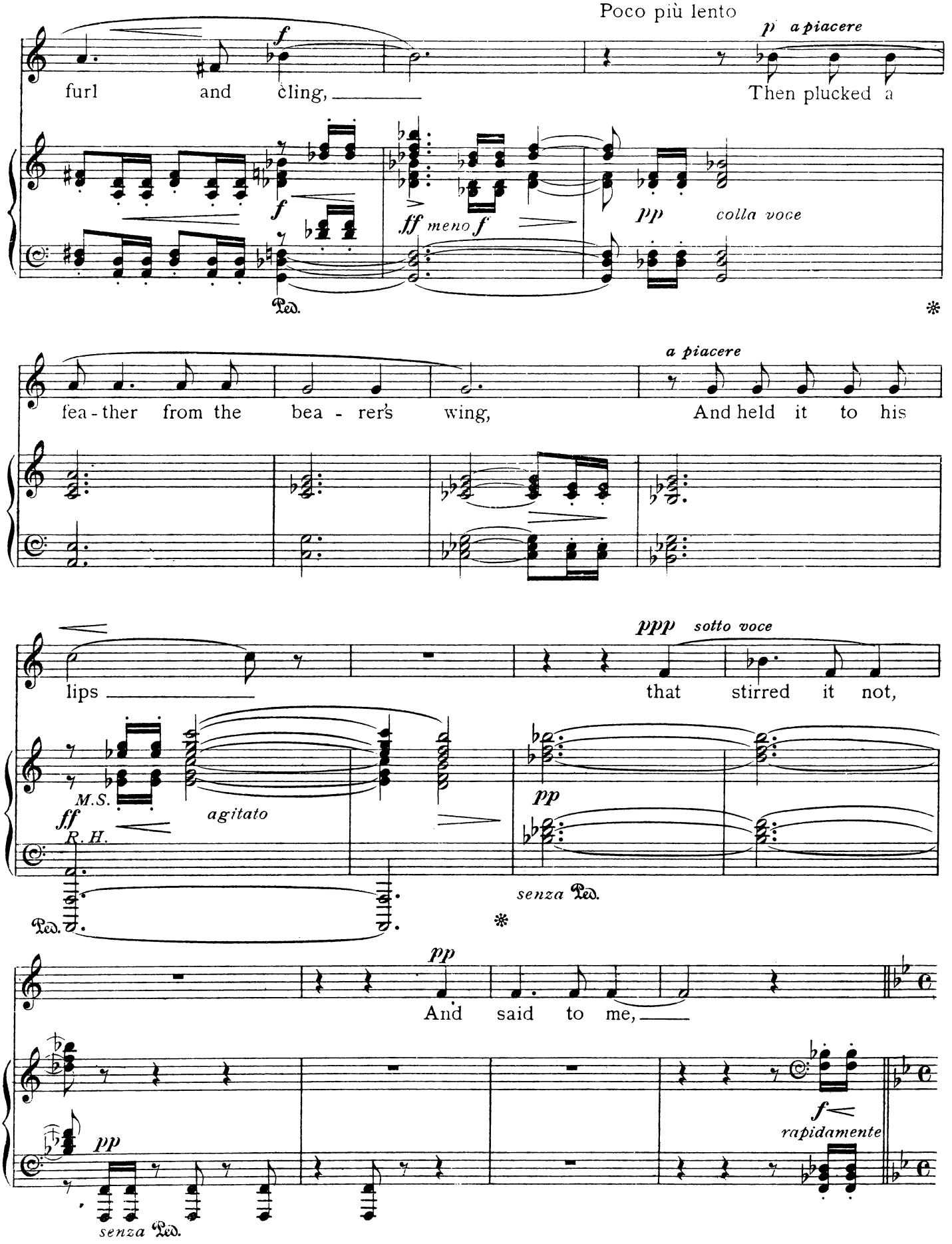

That had Love's wings and bore his
gon - fa - lön:
Fair was the
web, and nobl - - - y wrought there - on,
O soul - se -
mf cantabile
f appassionato
f appassionato
allargando

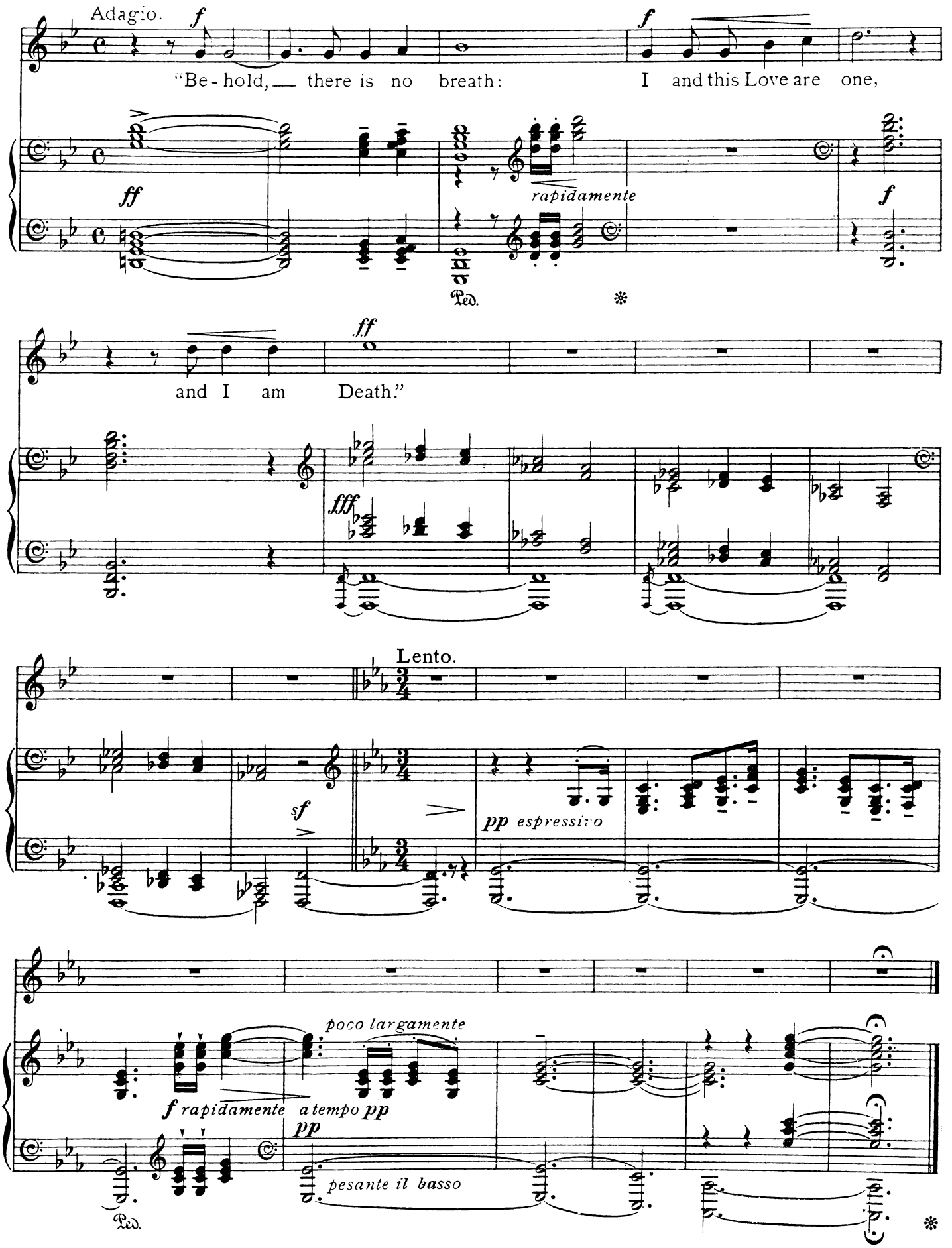

allargando
ques - - - - tered face, thy form and hue!
ff brillante
f
mf
Be - wil - dering sounds, such as
la melodia ben marc.
mf
tr
Spring wak - - - - ens to,


f
legato
Shook in its folds; and through my
f
tr
6
p
heart its power Sped
p
tr
tr
6
track - - - - - - less as the im
tr
mem - - - - - - - - or - a - ble hour
molto
f
tr
f
Ped.


ff maestoso
When
birth's dark port
ff maestoso
tenuto
al groaned
ff
and all was new
ff appassionato
ff brillante

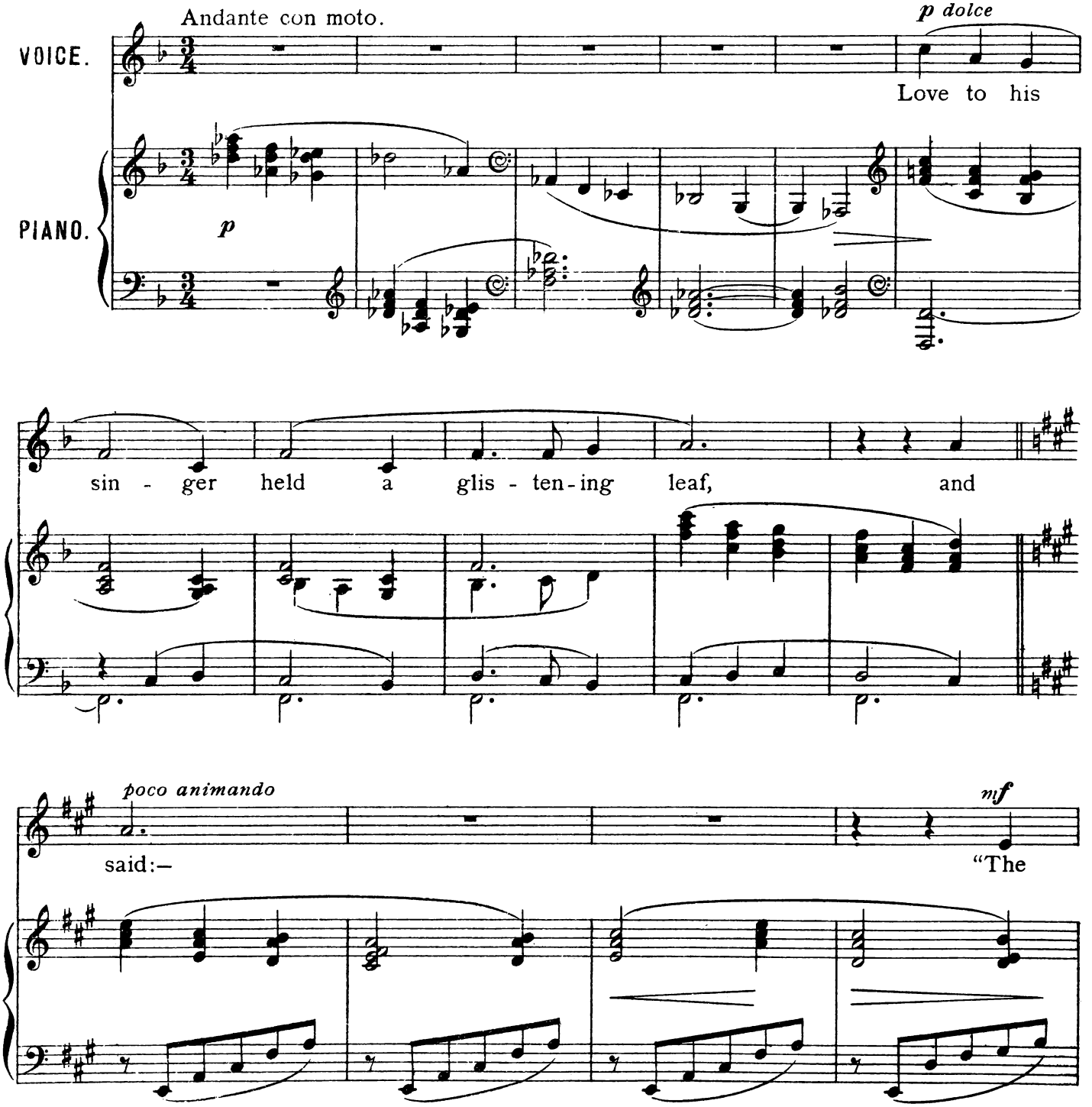

p
Ped.
mp misterioso
But a veiled
misterioso
p ma marcato
wo - man fol - - - - lowed, and she
f
p
Ped.
caught The ban-ner round its staff, to

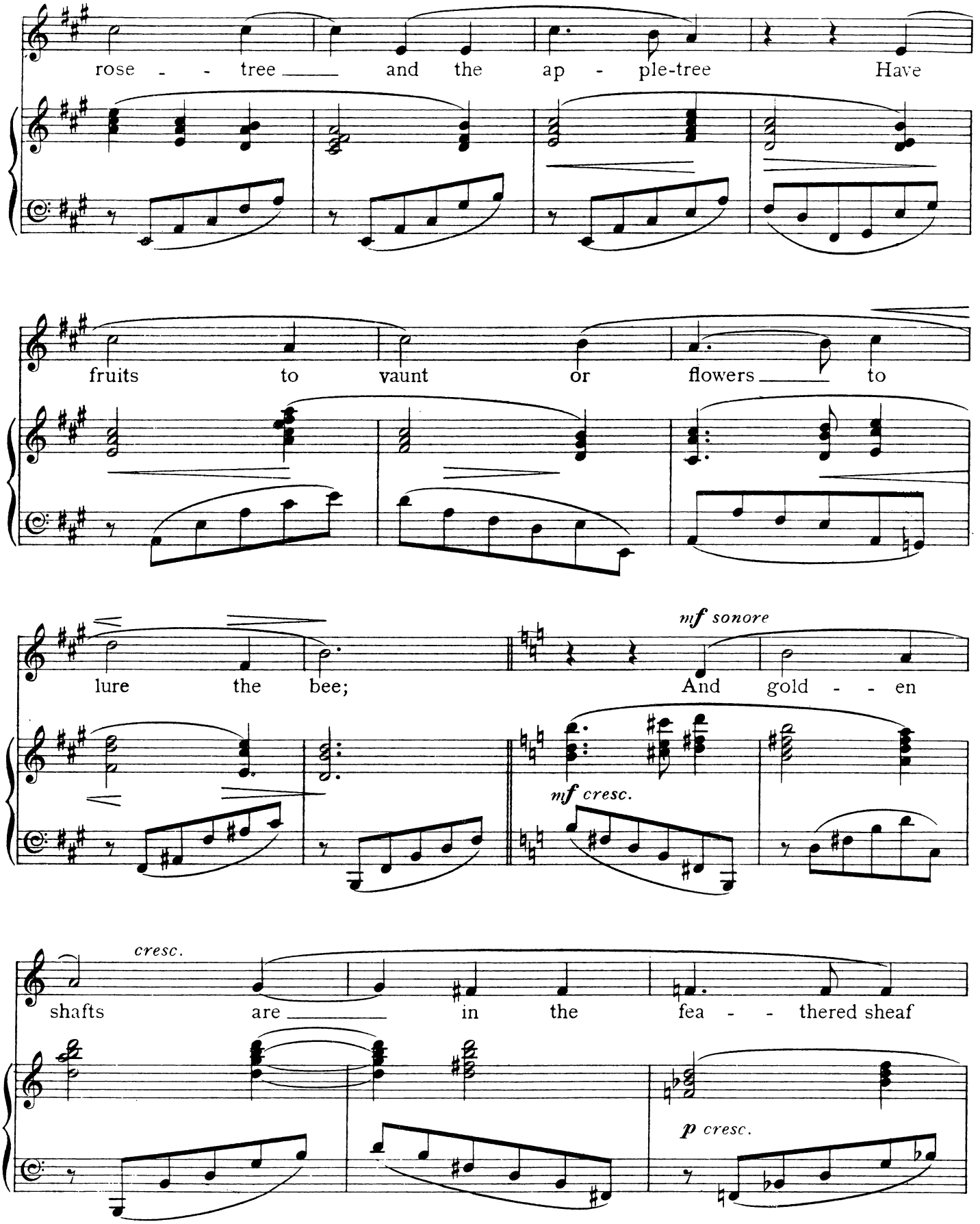

Poco più lento
f
p a piacere
furl and cling,
Then plucked a
f
ff meno f
pp colla voce
Ped.
*
a piacere
fea-ther from the bea-rer's wing,
And held it to his
ppp sotto voce
lips
that stirred it not,
M.S.
ff
R. H.
agitato
pp
senza Ped.
Ped.
*
pp
And said to me,
f
rapidamente
pp
senza Ped.

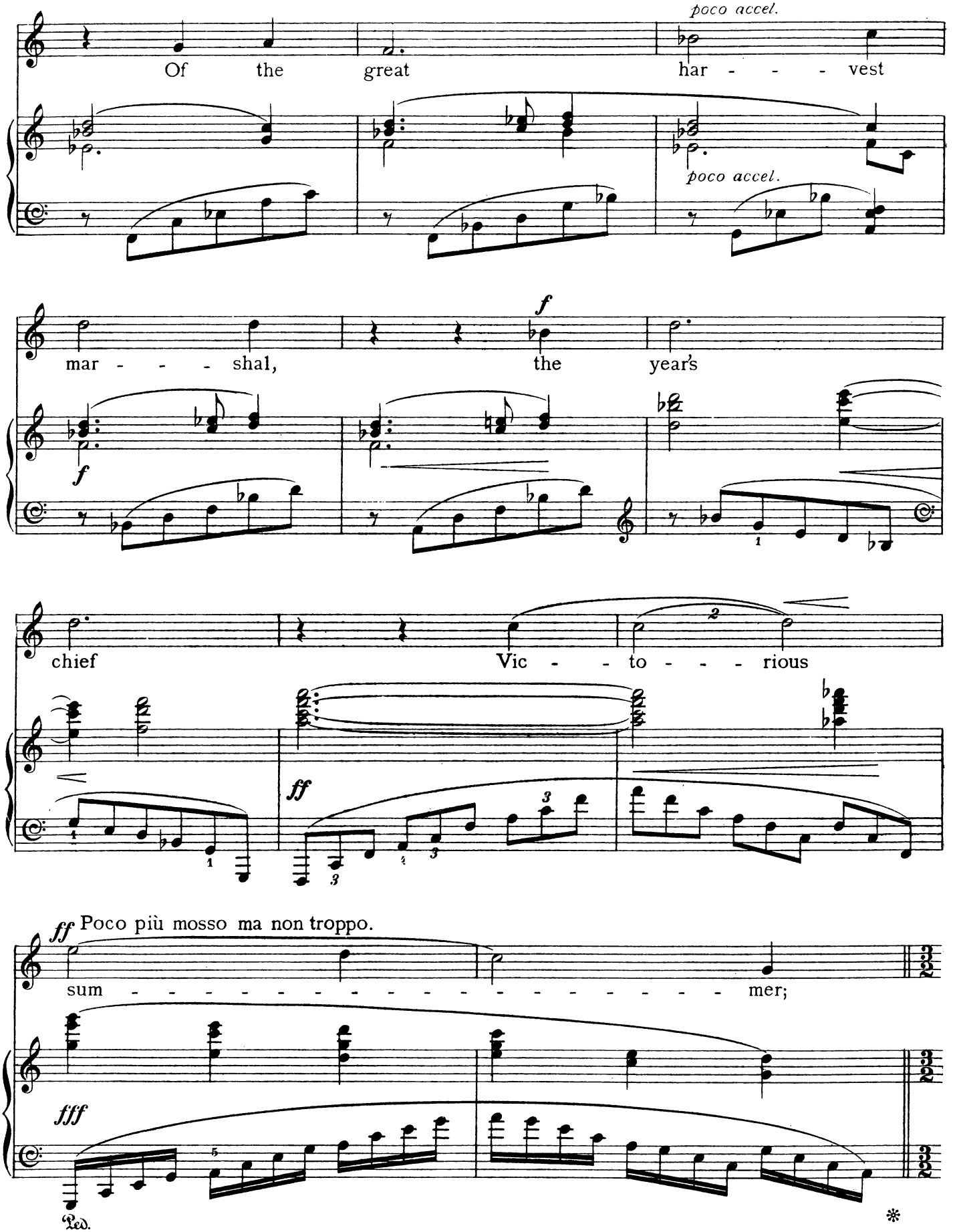

Adagio.
f
"Be - hold, there is no breath:
f
I and this Love are one,
ff
rapidamente
f
Ped.
*
ff
and I am Death."
fff
Lento.
sf
pp espressivo
poco largamente
f rapidamente a tempo pp
pp
pesante il basso
Ped.
*

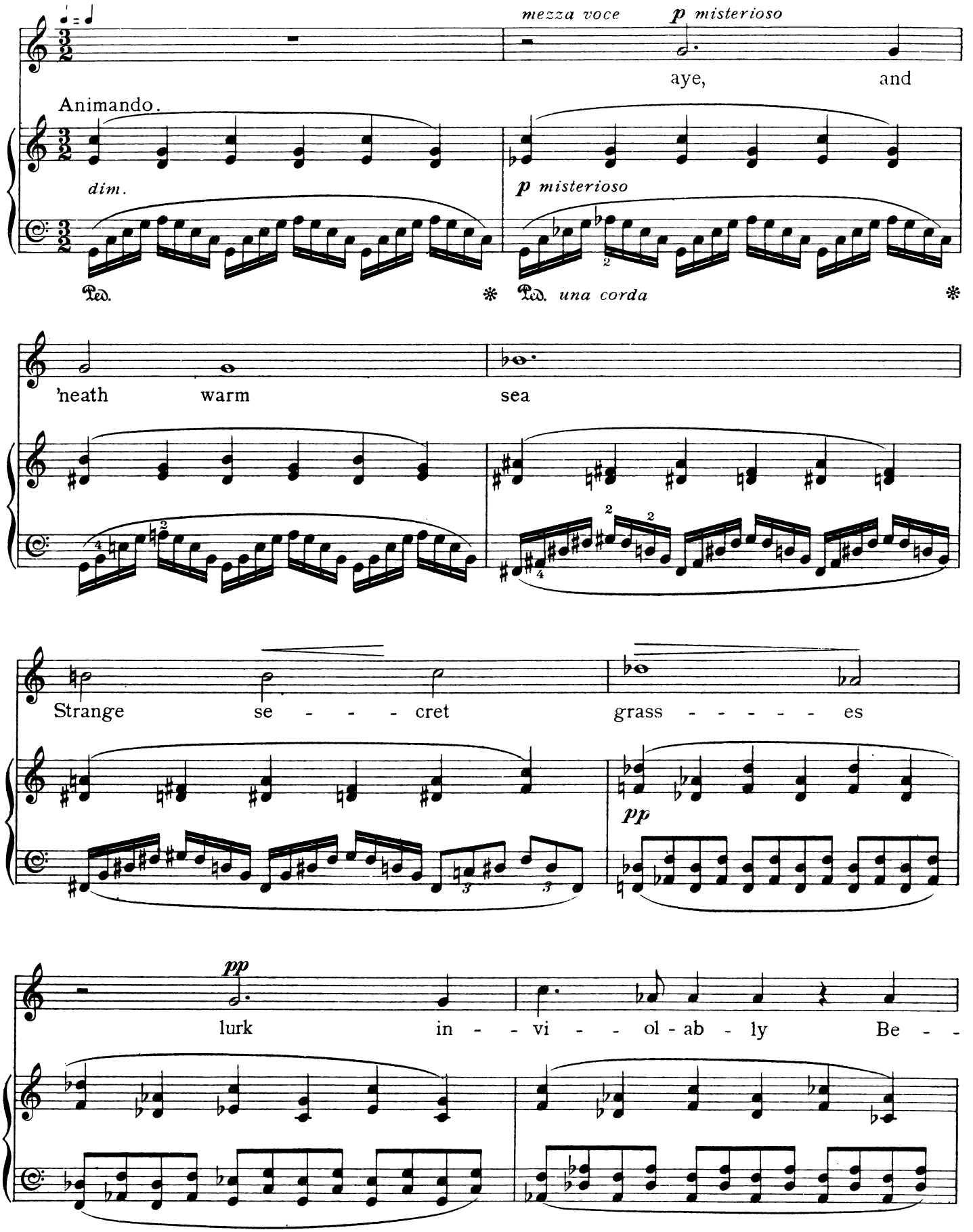
Nº 6.

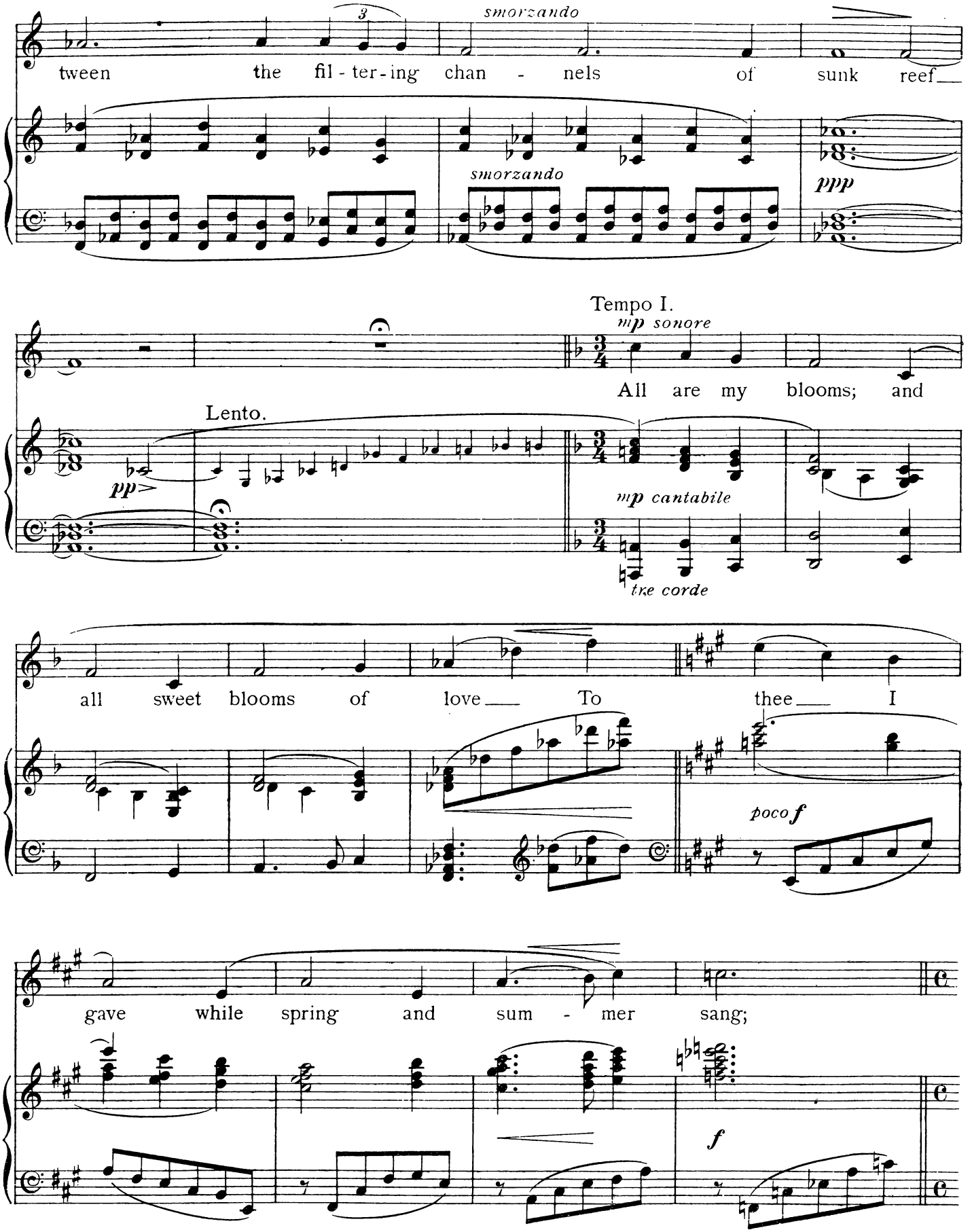
LOVE'S LAST GIFT.

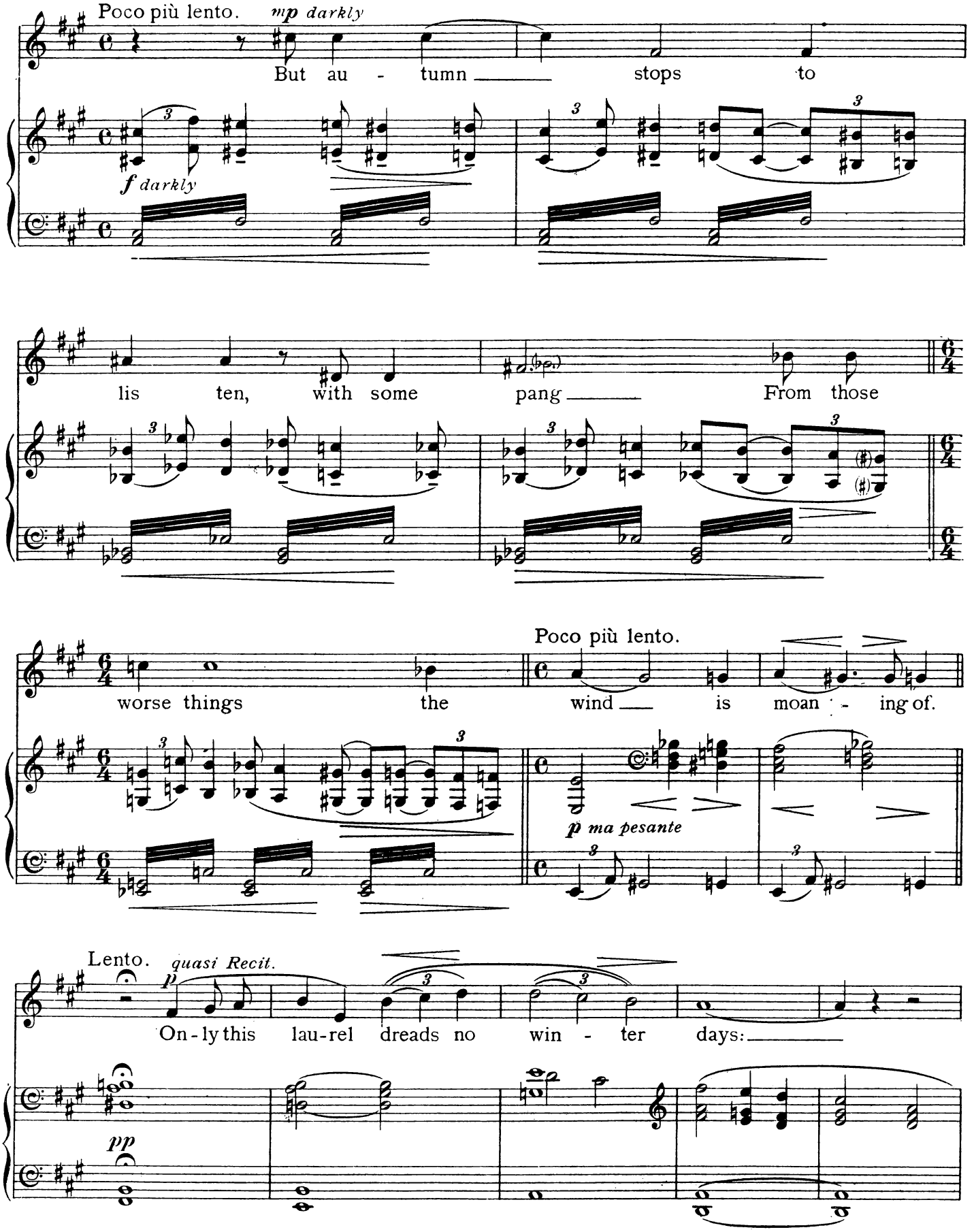



rose - - tree and the ap - ple-tree Have
fruits to vaunt or flowers to
lure the bee;
mf sonore
And gold - - en
mf cresc.
cresc.
shafts are in the fea - - thered sheaf
p cresc.


poco accel.
Of the great har - - - - vest
poco accel.
f
mar - - - - shal, the year's
f
chief Vic - - to - - - - rious
ff
ff Poco più mosso ma non troppo.
sum - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - mer;
fff
Ped.
*


mezza voce
p misterioso
aye, and
Animando.
dim.
p misterioso
Ped.
Ped. una corda
'neath warm sea
Strange se - - - - cret grass - - - - - es
pp
pp
lurk in - - vi - - ol - ab - ly Be - -


smorzando
tween the fil - ter - ing chan - nels of sunk reef
smorzando
ppp
Tempo I.
mp sonore
All are my blooms; and
Lento.
pp
mp cantabile
tre corde
all sweet blooms of love To thee I
poco f
gave while spring and sum - mer sang;
f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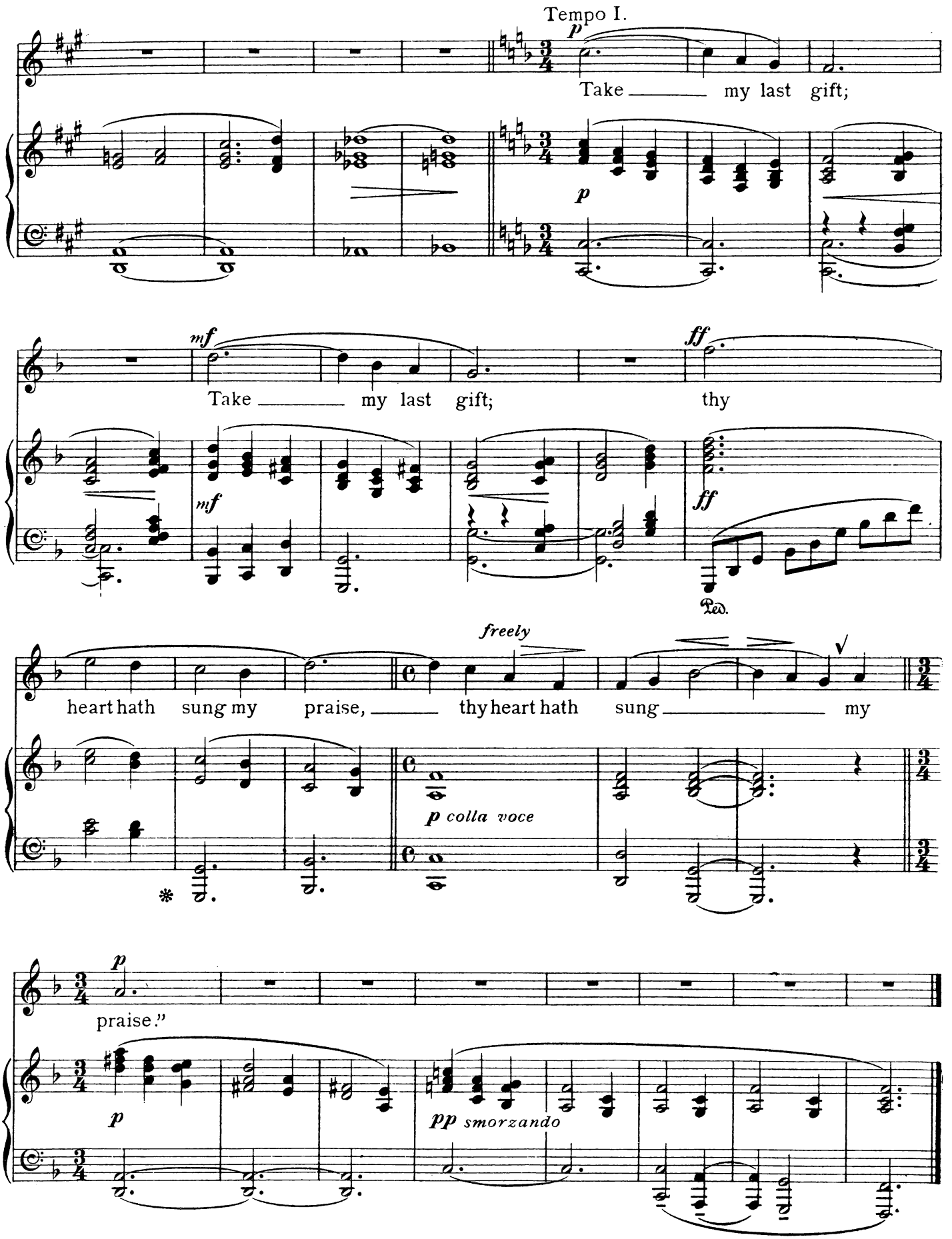

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