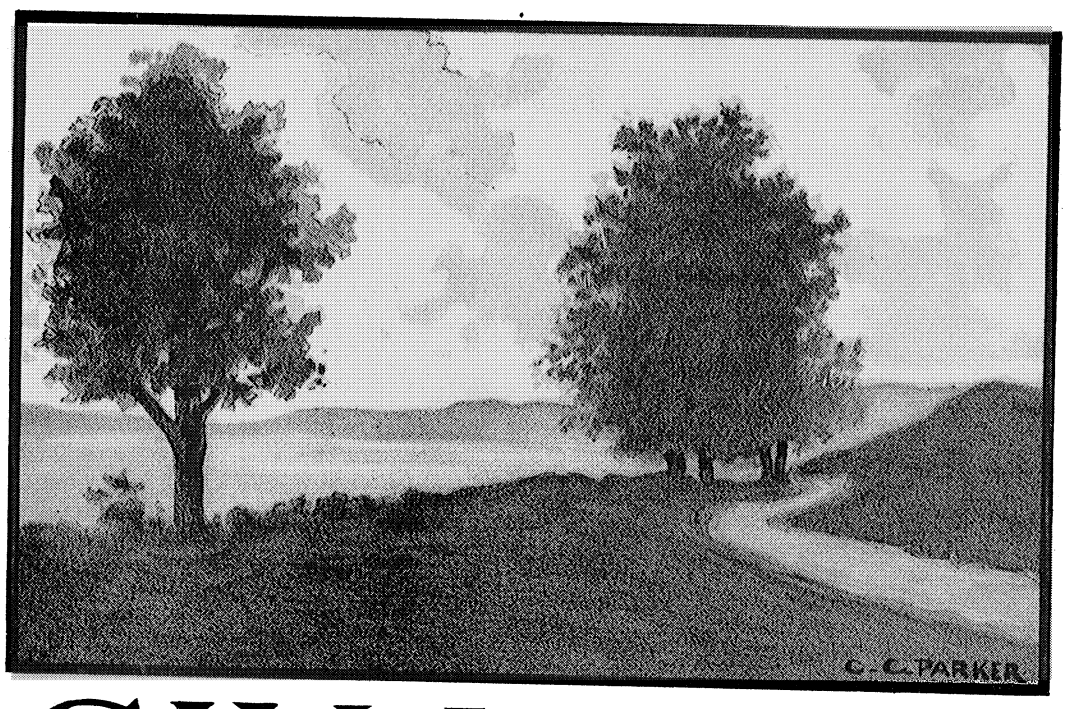

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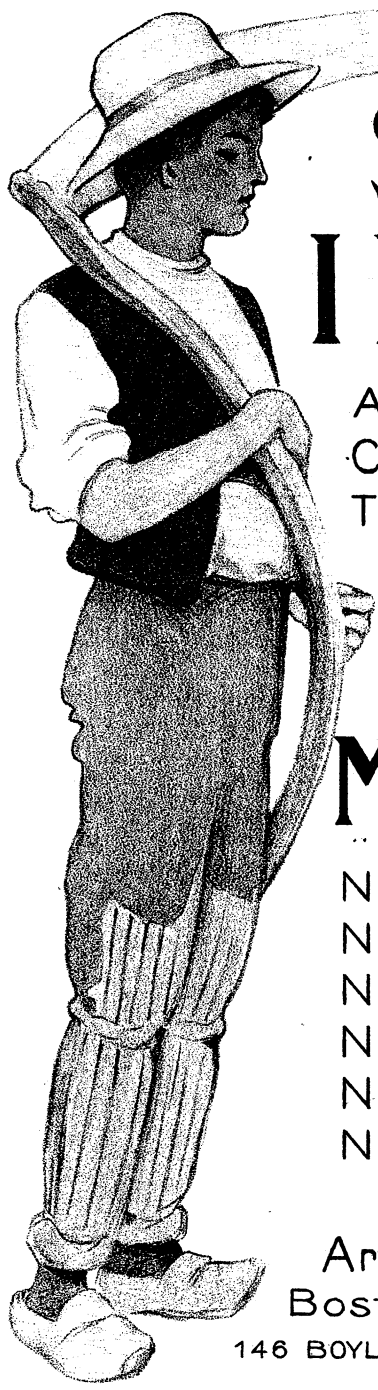

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I.

IN THE WOODS.

Through woodland glades,
One springtide fair,
I wandered idly,
With ne'er a care.

I stooped to pluck
A tiny flower,
When lo! it sighed
From out it's bower.

"Why break my life
An idle hour?
To fade and waste
My woodland dower?"

Then to my heart,
I took the flower,
With tender hand
And love's soft power.

And there it blooms
Forever fair,
For love is ours,
With ne'er a care.

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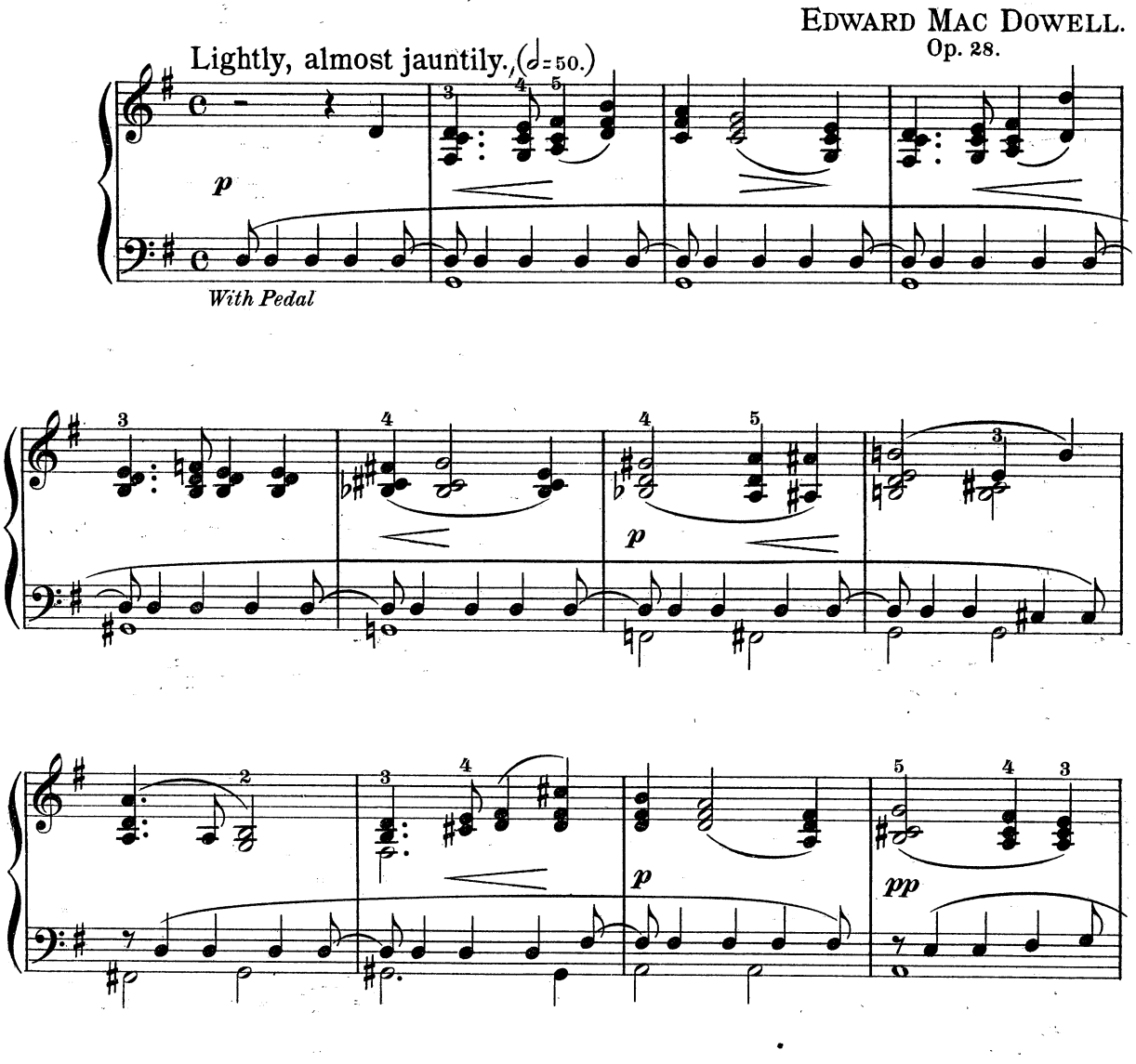

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pp *ret.* *in time*

pp

pp

pp *dim.*

dim. *and* *retard.* *ppp* *L.H.*

in time

p

f

pp

with two Pedals

ppp slightly broader

with soft tenderness.

tenderly

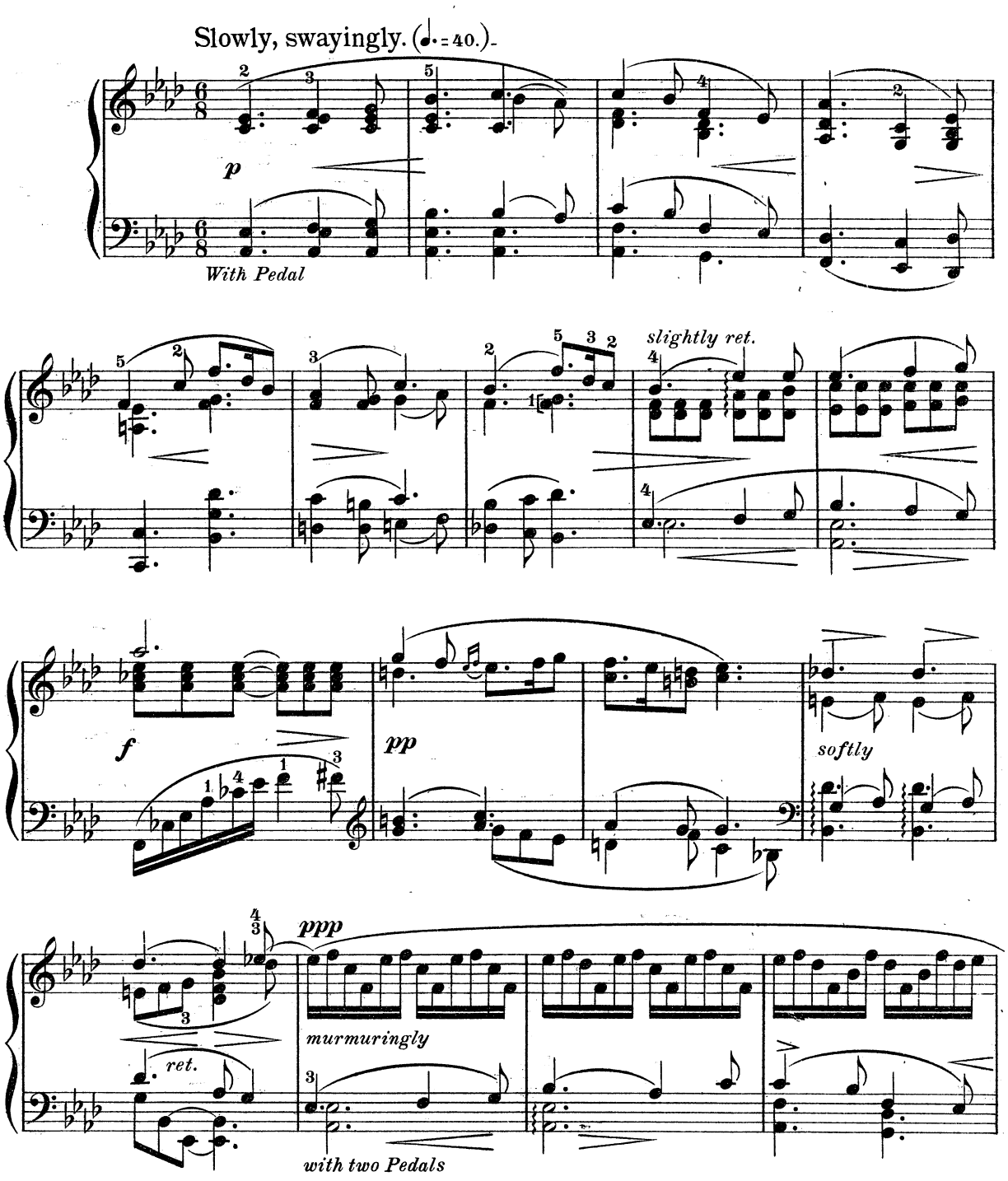
slightly ret.

ppp

II.

SIESTA.

Under the verdure's
Fragrance rare,
Midsummer extasy
Throbs in the air,
Drowsy and sweet
As a lullabye fair.



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slightly ret. *lightly* *pp*

p *pp*

lightly *f* *p*

without 2d Ped.

pp *ppp* *pp*

Two Pedals

ret. *ppp*

pp

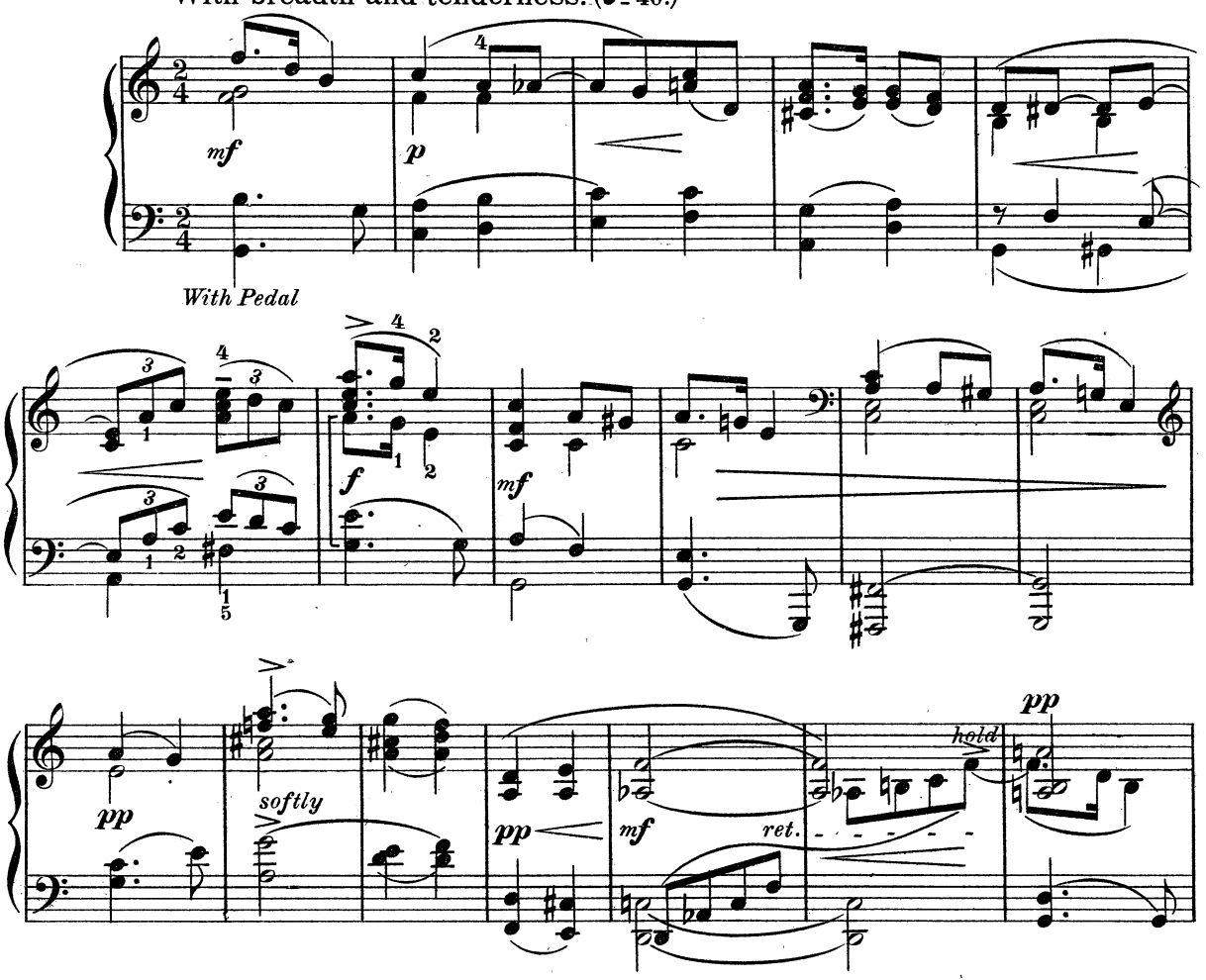
III.

TO THE MOONLIGHT.

Streaming over hill and dale
Hail! O pallid rays;
Again thou free'st my weary soul
From the dross of days.

What by men was ne'er beknown,
Comes with thy mystic light,
And through the soul's deep labyrinth,
Wanders in the night.

With breadth and tenderness. (♩= 40.)



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softly

pp

ret.

ppp

f

hold

ret.

pp

ff

p

retard

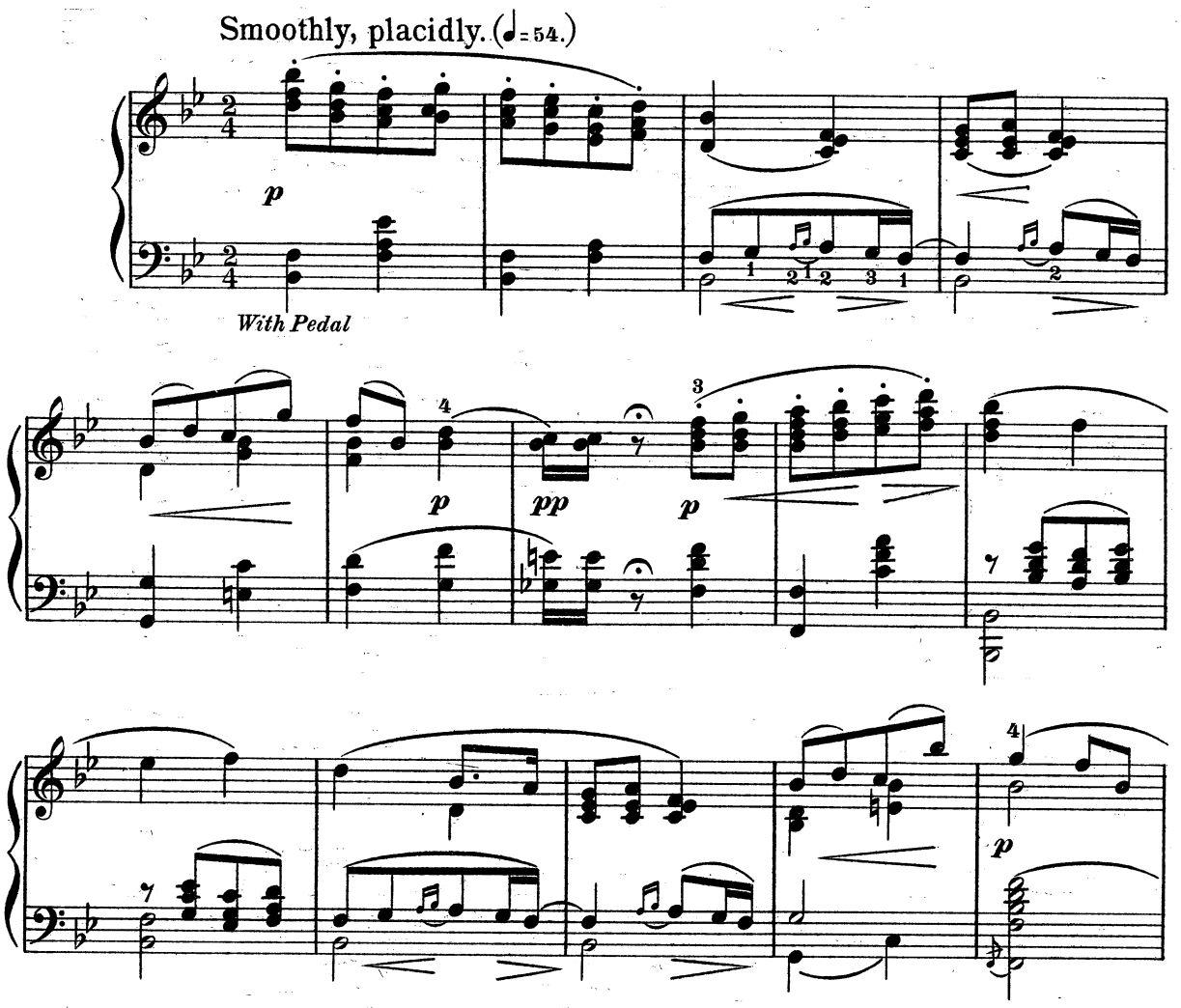
hold

pp

IV.

SILVER CLOUDS.

Silver clouds are lightly sailing
Through the drowsy, trembling air,
And the golden summer sunshine
Casts a glory everywhere.
Softly sob and sigh the billows,
As they dream in shadows sweet,
And the swaying reeds and rushes
Kiss the mirror at their feet.



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pp

Two Pedals

very lightly

pp

p

pp

pp

ret.

in time

very lightly

ppp

ret.

pp

ret.

ppp

slightly ret.

p

ppp

2 Ped.

slightly ret.

2 Ped.

gradually

pp

slower

murmuringly, and softer and slower to the end.

ppp

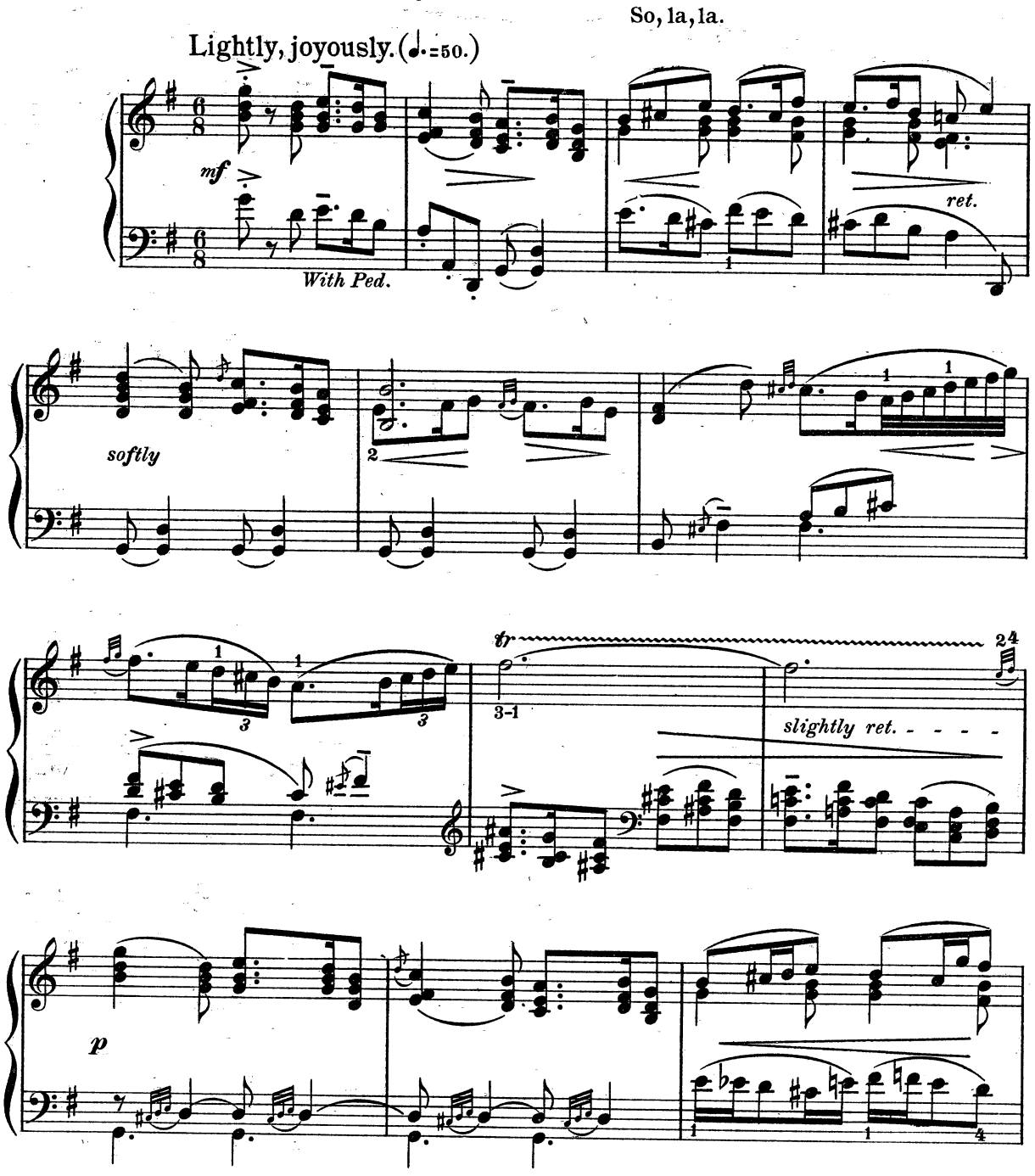
V.

FLUTE IDYL.

In the woods at eve, I wandered,
Through the sunset's crimson light.
There sat Damon playing softly,
On the flute for my delight—
So, la, la.

Ah, he swore he loved me truly,
Begged me would I love him too,
And bewitched me with his music,
As it thrilled the forest through—
So, la, la.

Now my heart ne'er ceases longing
For a lover proven false,
And that cruel, haunting music,
Still my restless soul enthralls—
So, la, la.



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mf *p* *tr* *dim.* *slightly ret.*

(♩= 42.) *with warmth* *p*

tr *slightly marked* *p increase*

p *tr* *pp* *sadly* *slightly marked*

in time *pp* *ret.* - - - *ppp* *tr*

tr

softly

p

tr

gradually ret.

marked

softly

pp

tr

slightly marked

tr

sadly

ret.

pp

ppp

slightly ret.

very lightly

Ped.

ppp

despondently

✻ Ped.

ret.

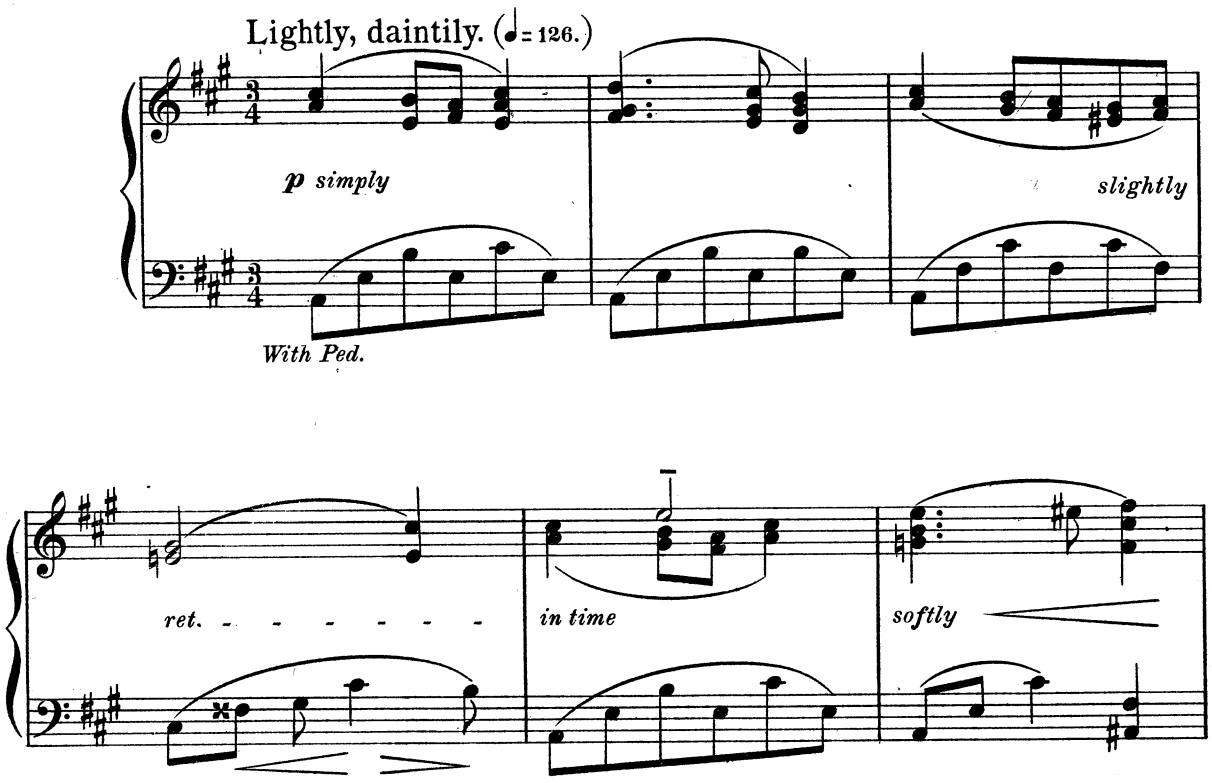
✻ Ped.

VI.

THE BLUEBELL.

An azure bluebell
All daintily sweet,
Had early blossomed
The Springtide to greet.

A bumble-bee came
And kissed her soft cheek;
Ah! surely they're lovers
Who each other seek.



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p in time

softly

pp

Quick and lightly

pp
with soft pedal

pp

f

ppp

without soft pedal

mf

slightly ret.

p

ret.

in time

softly

p

pp

broader

increase

ret.

f

Fast and lightly

pp

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