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for Carol Plantamura

Frederic Rzewski, 1970

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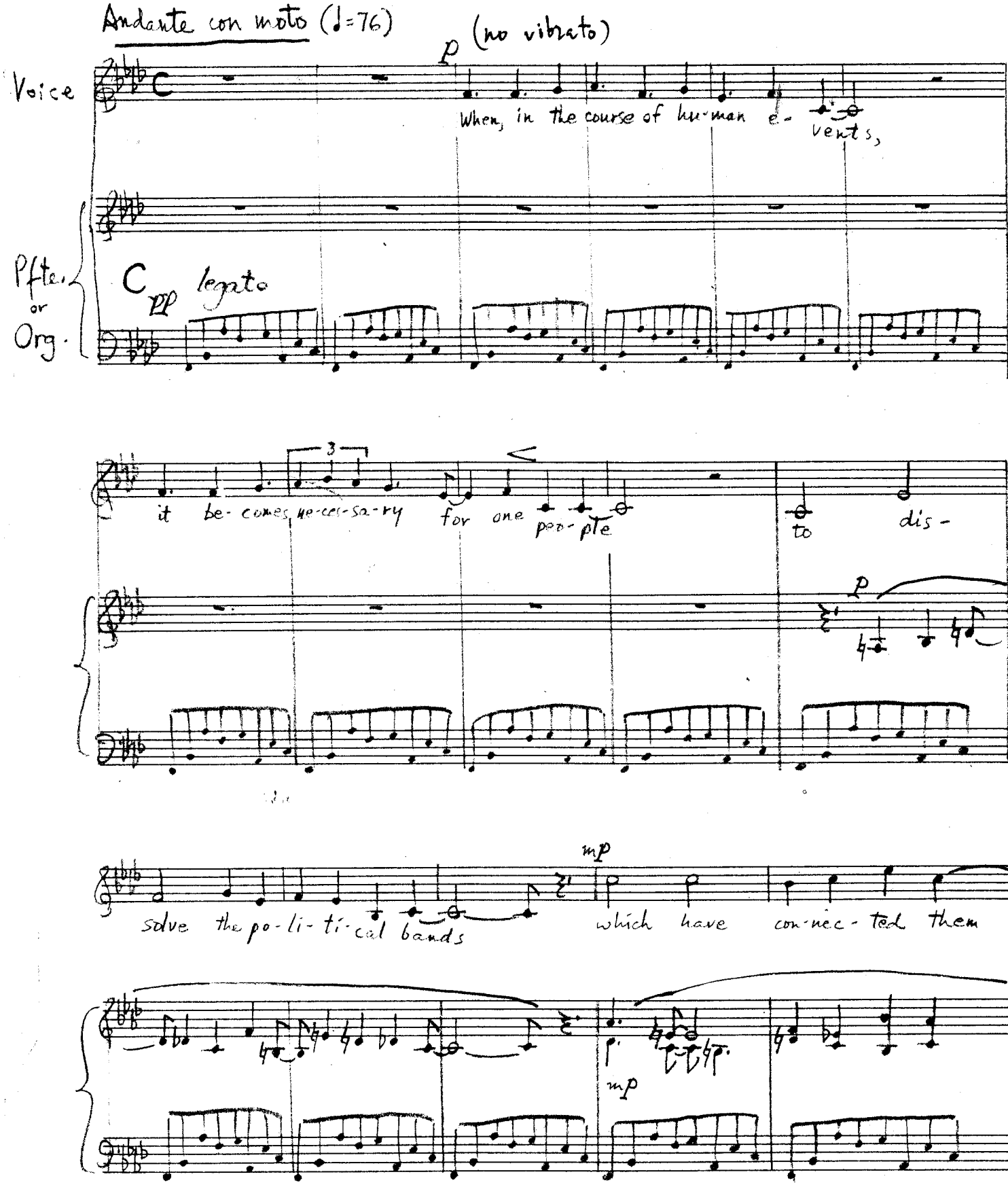

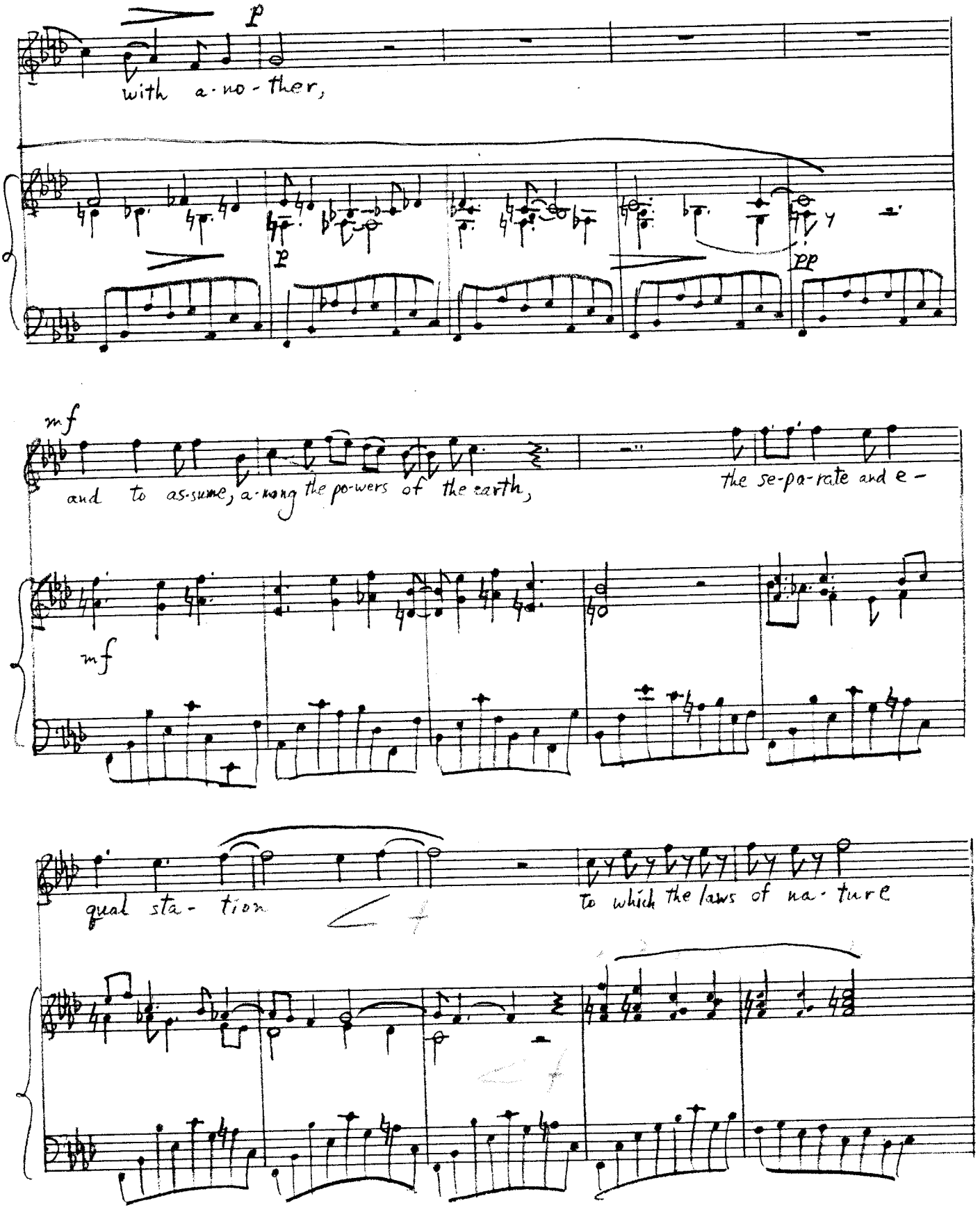
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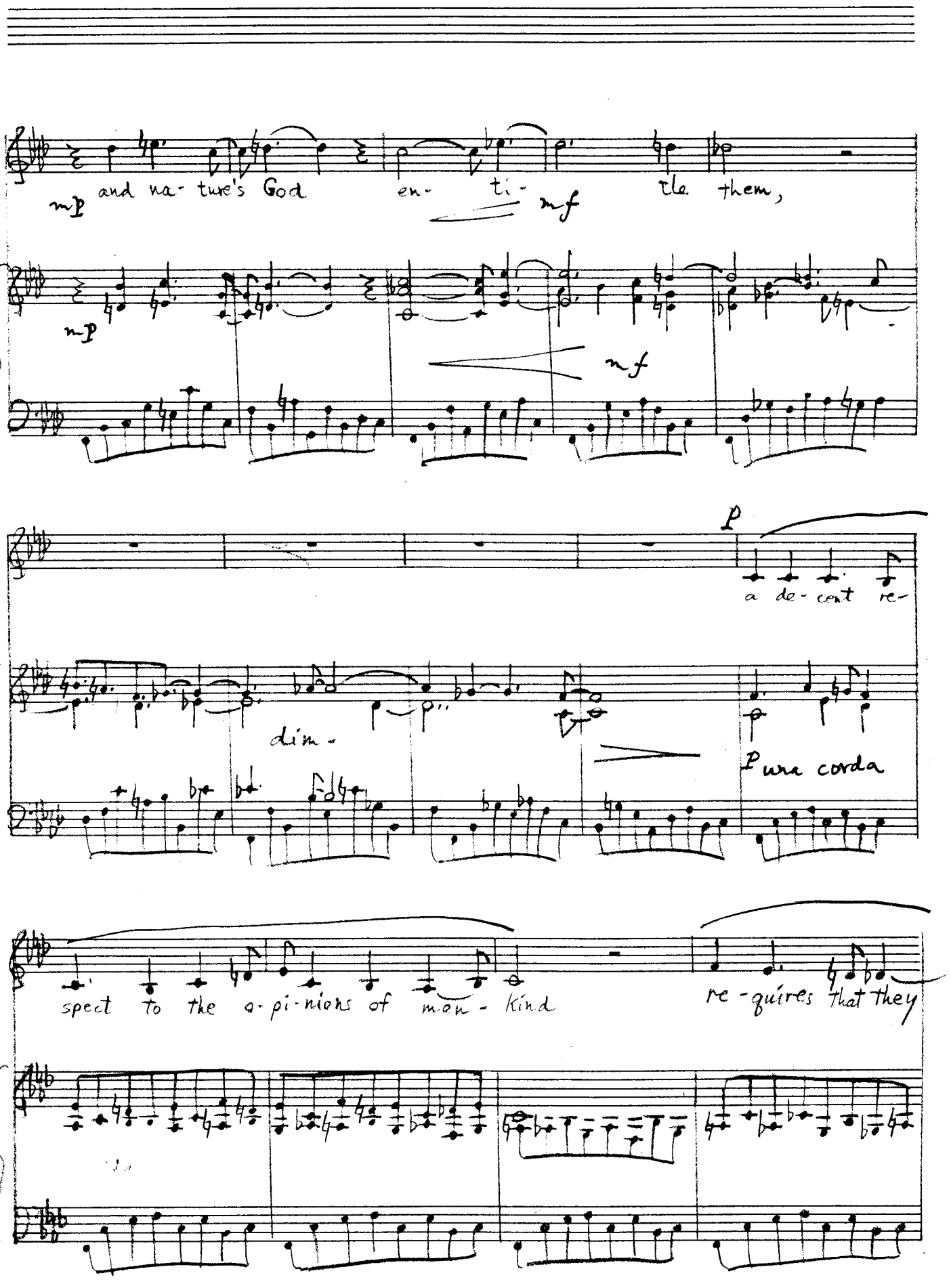
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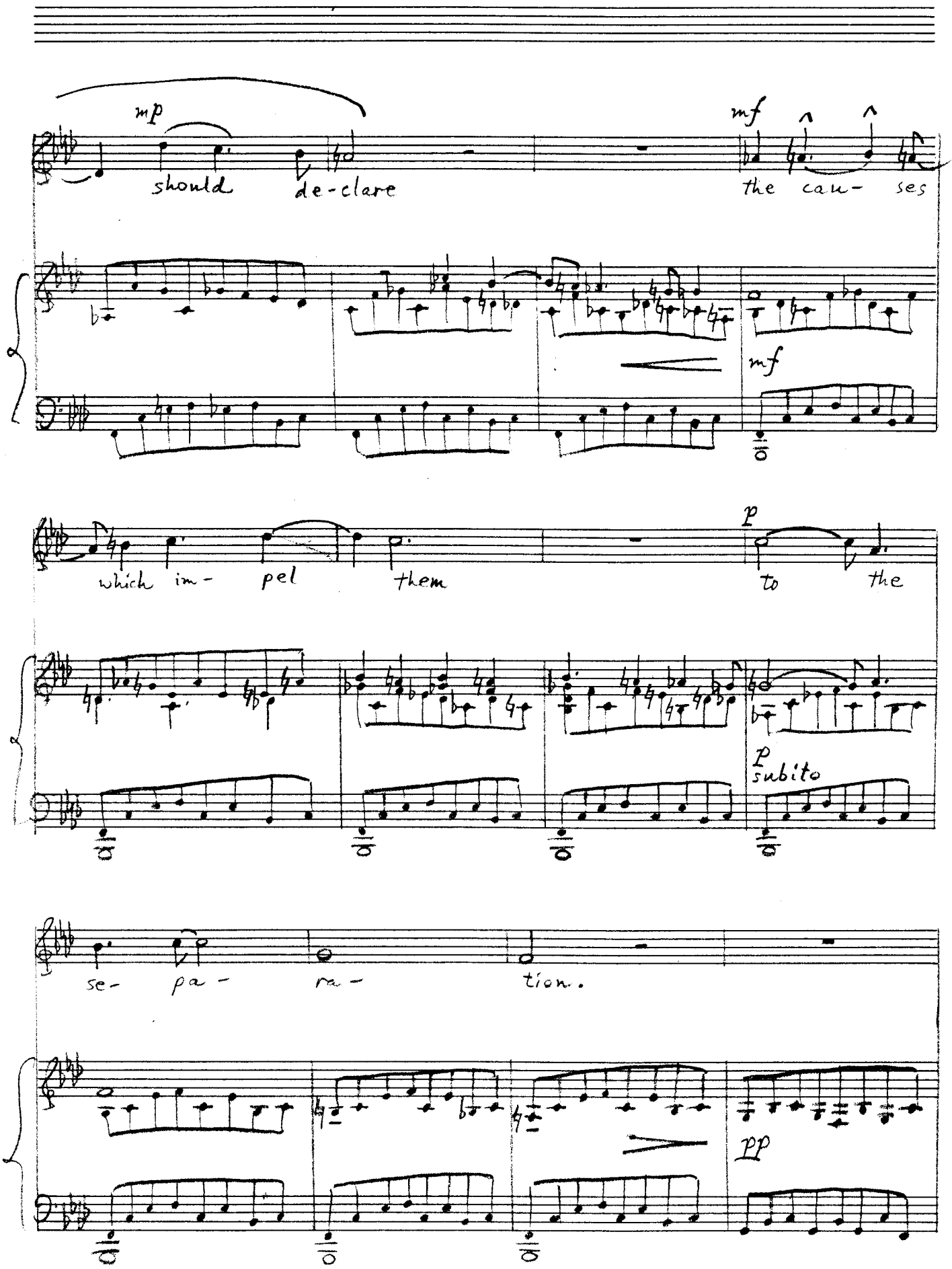
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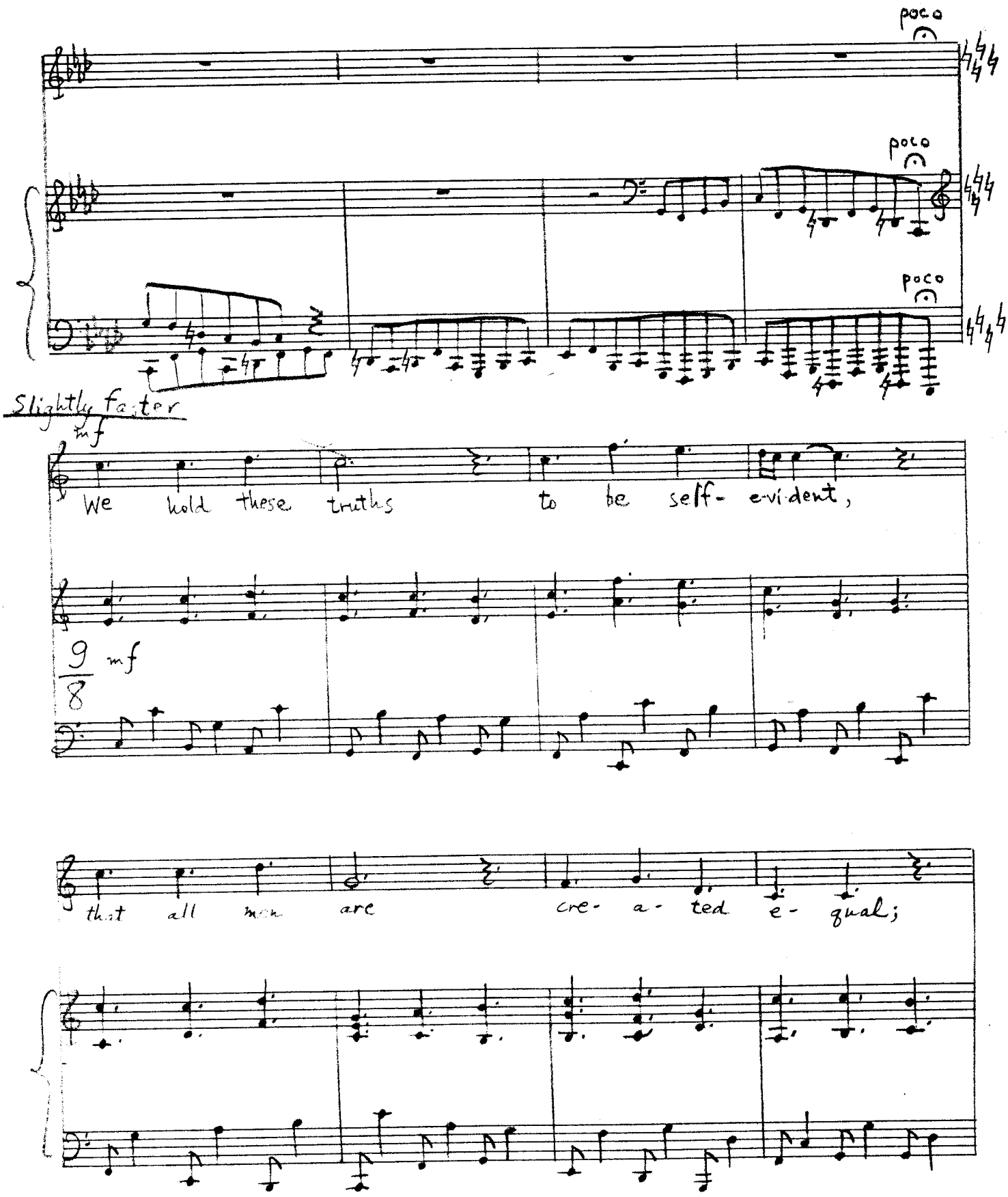
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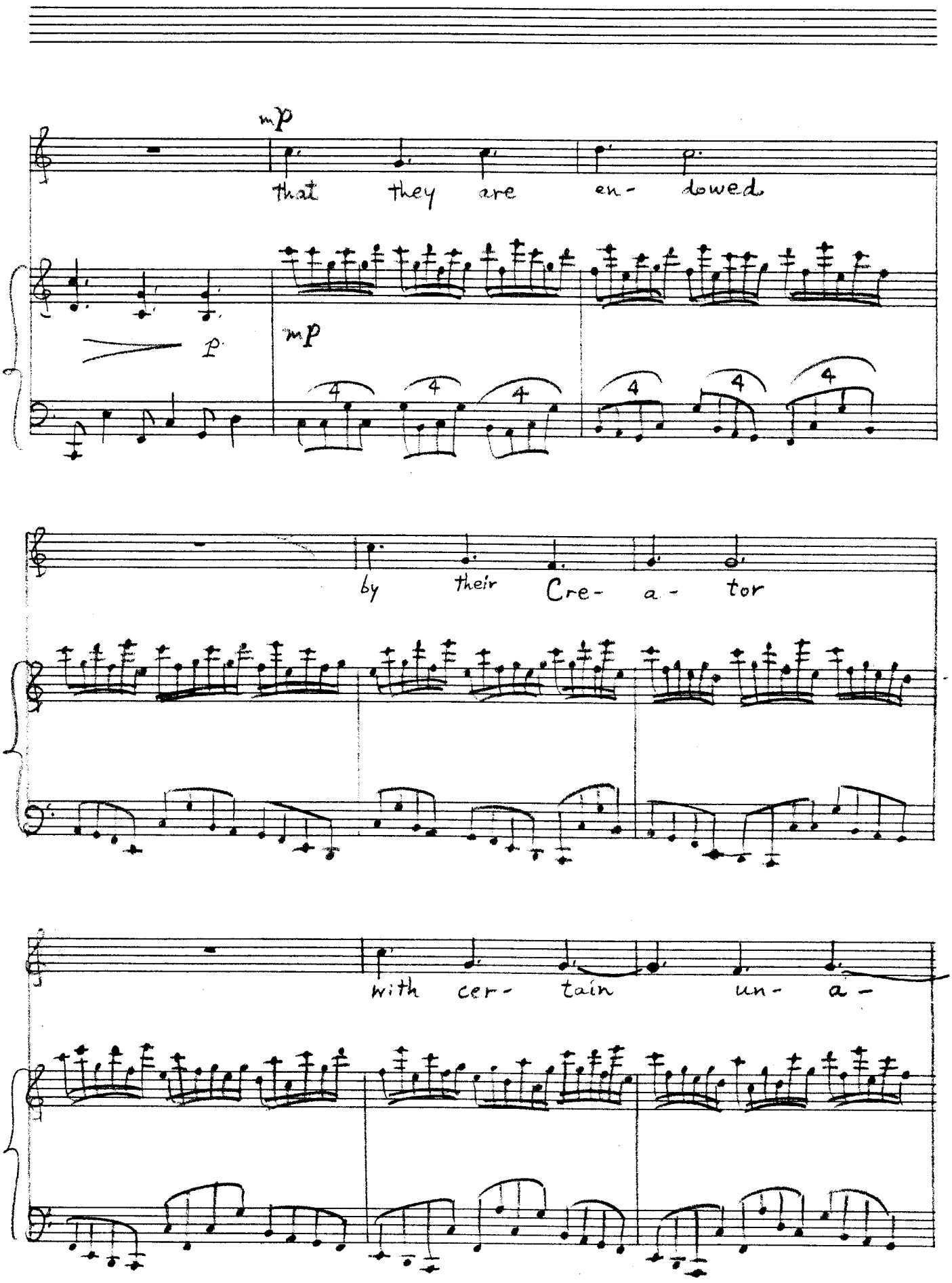
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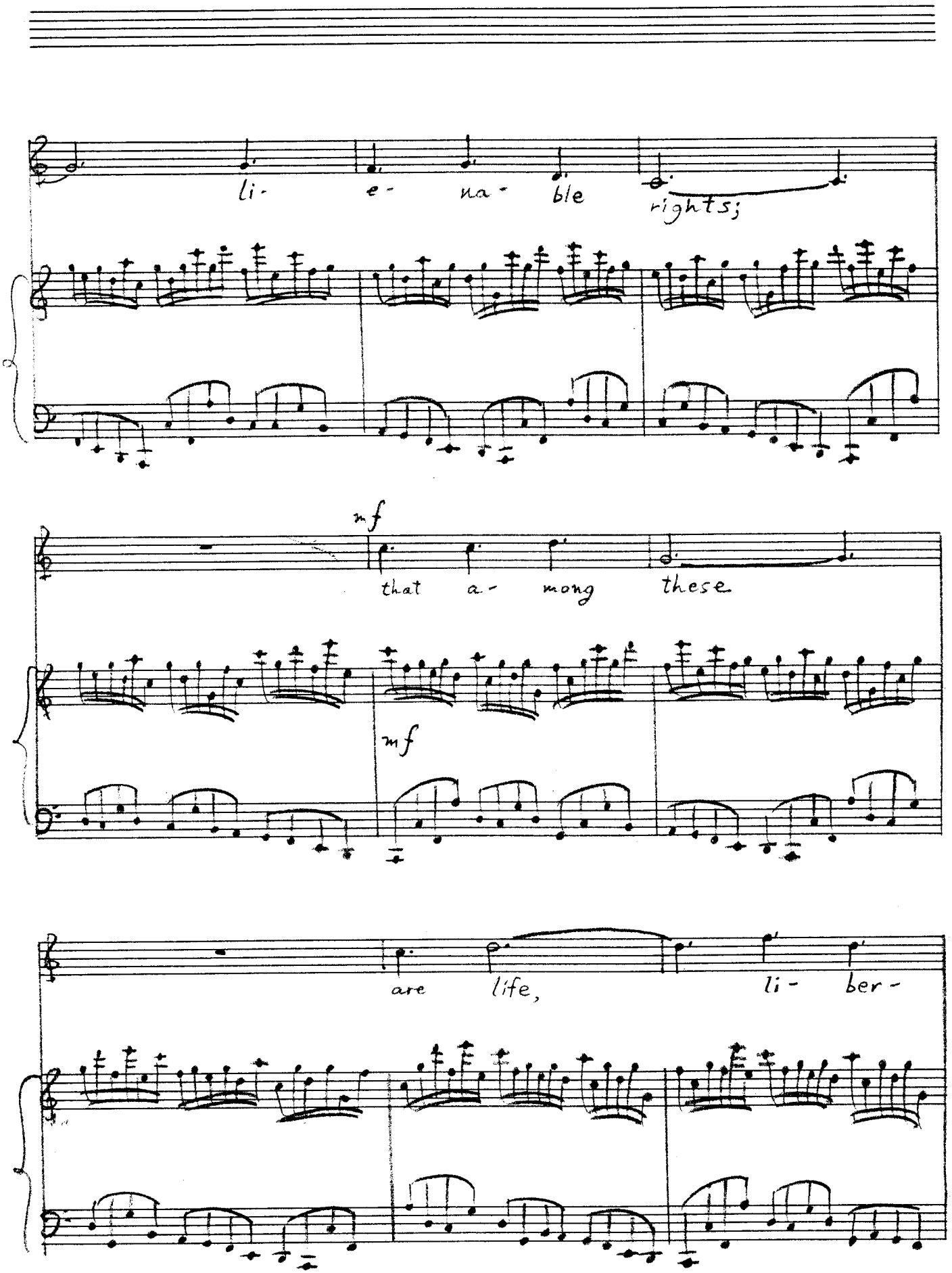
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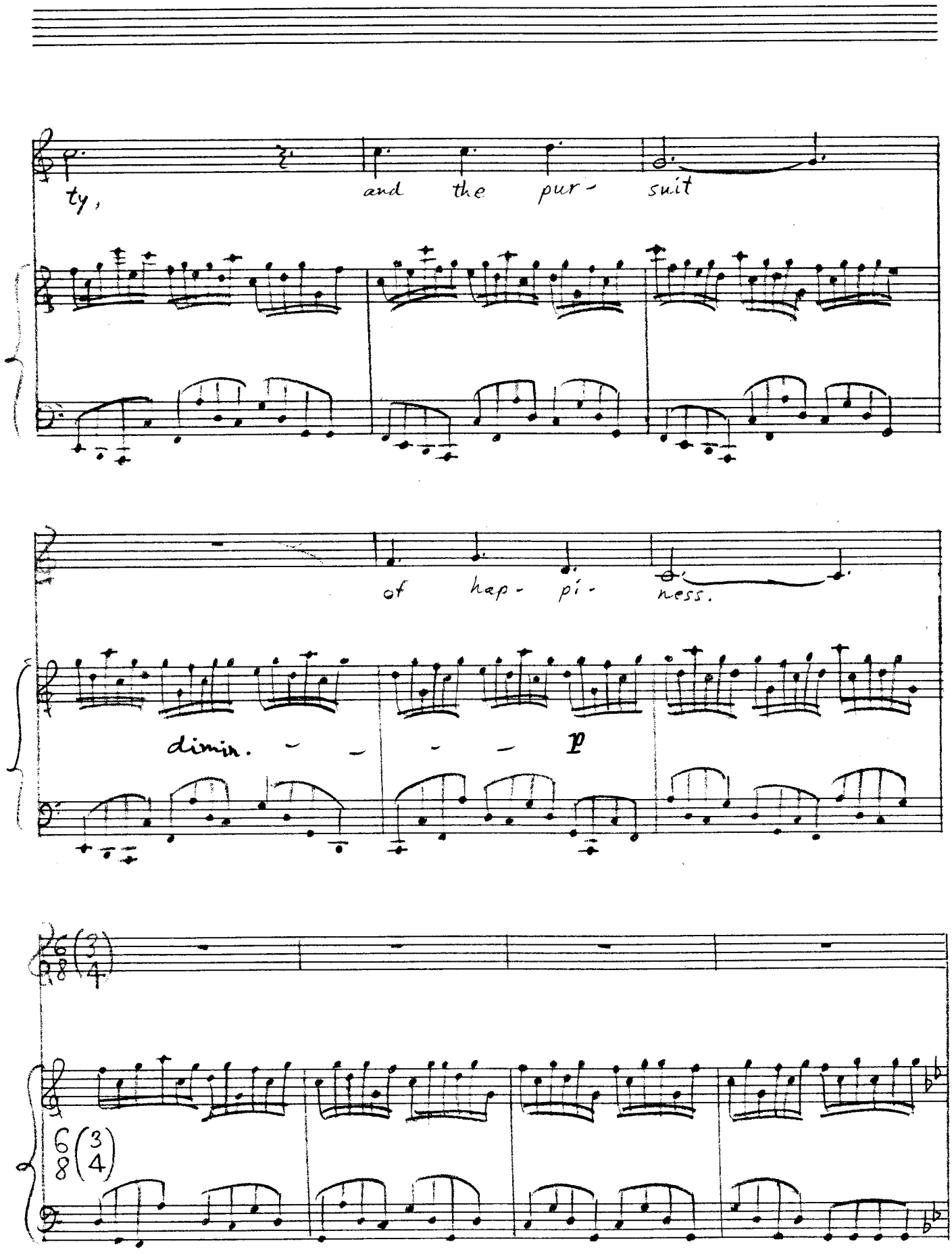
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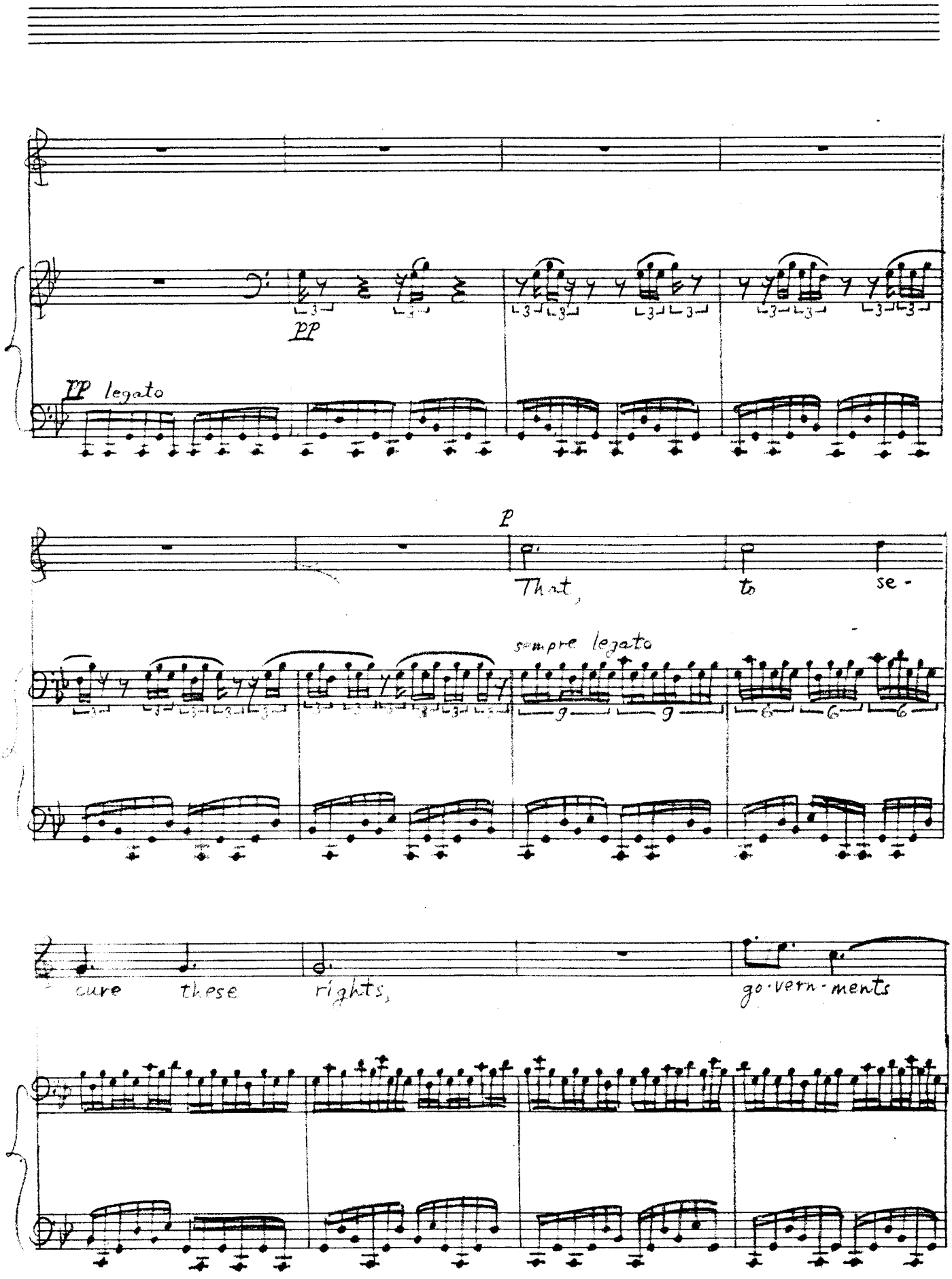
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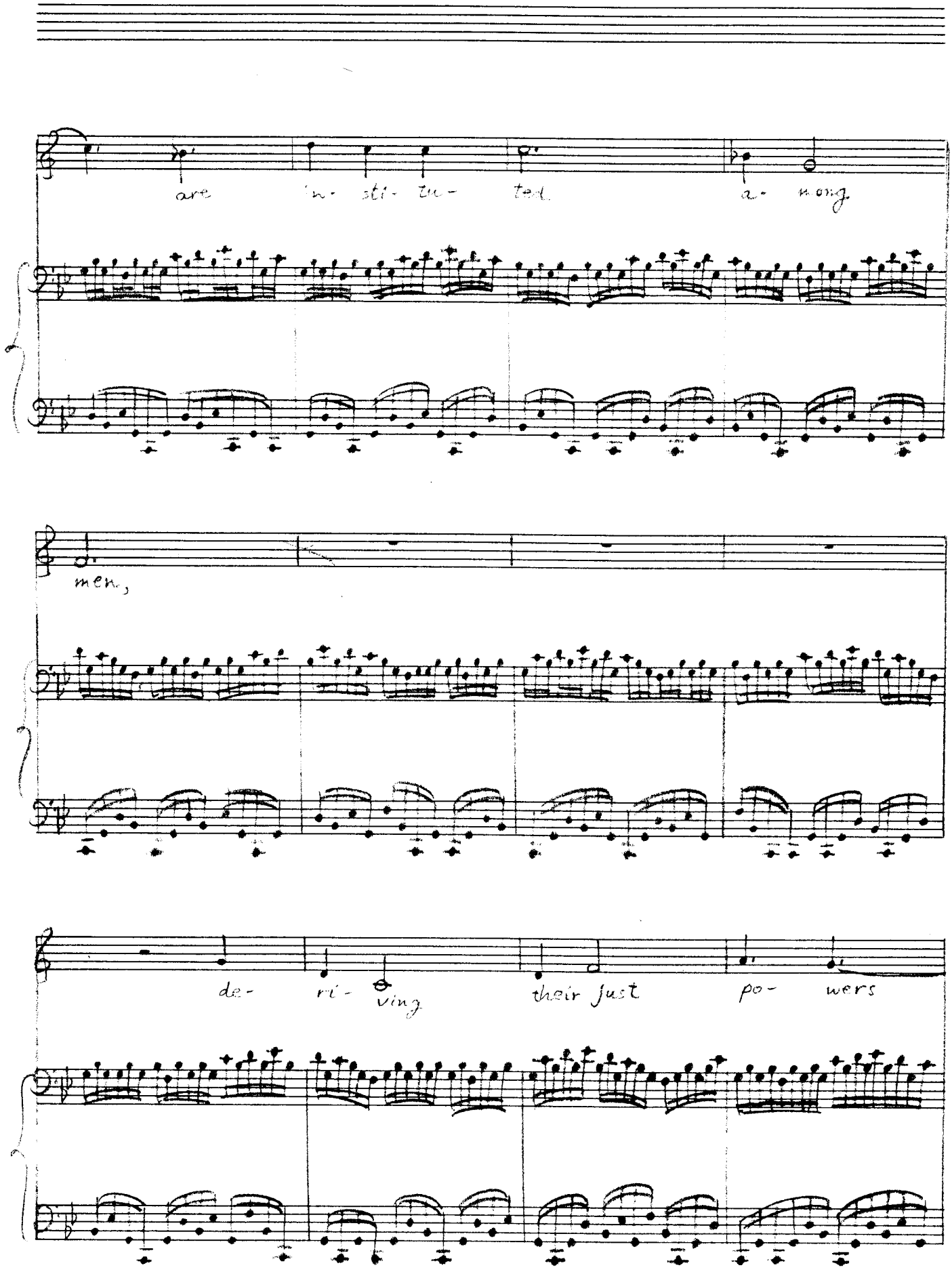
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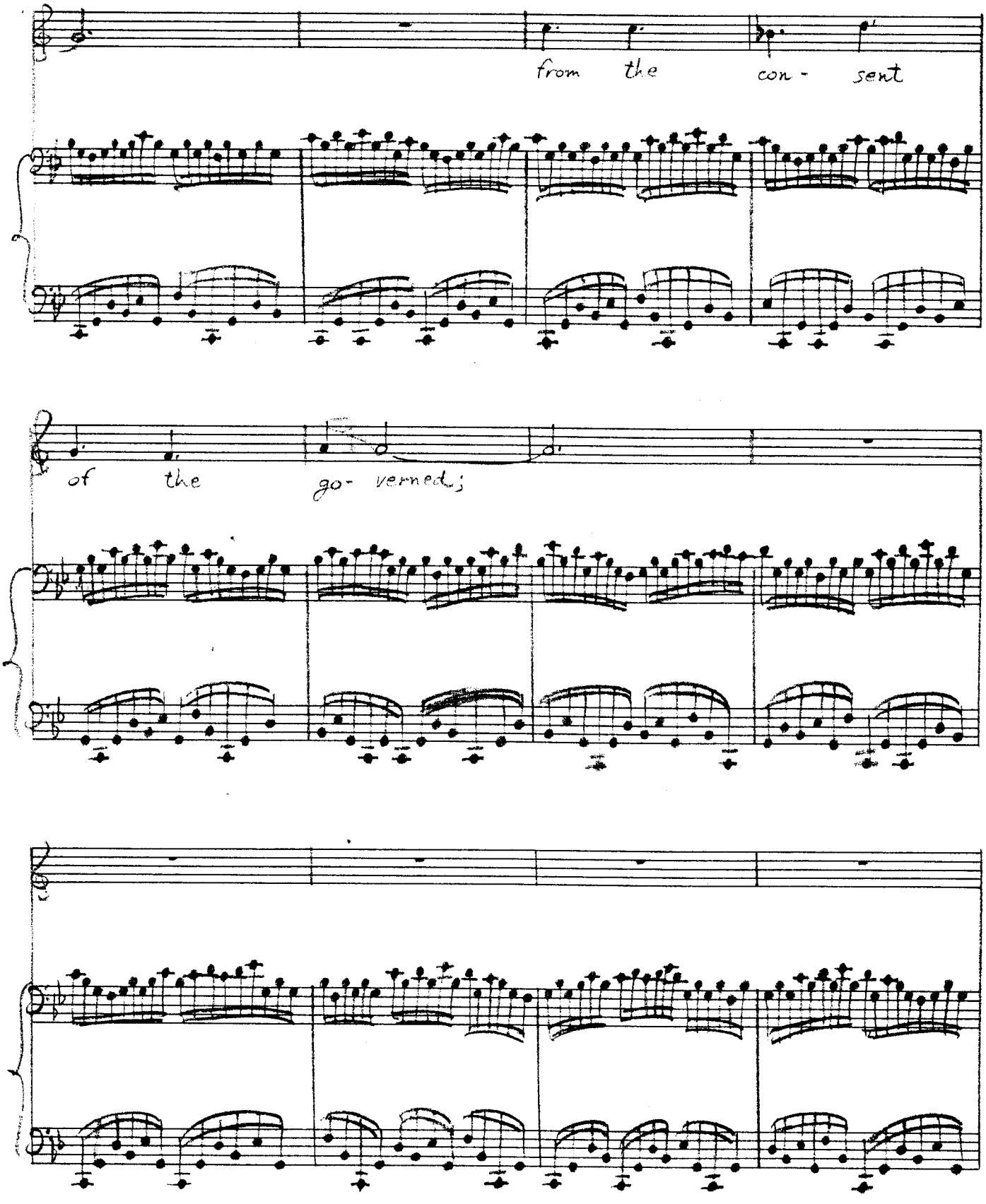
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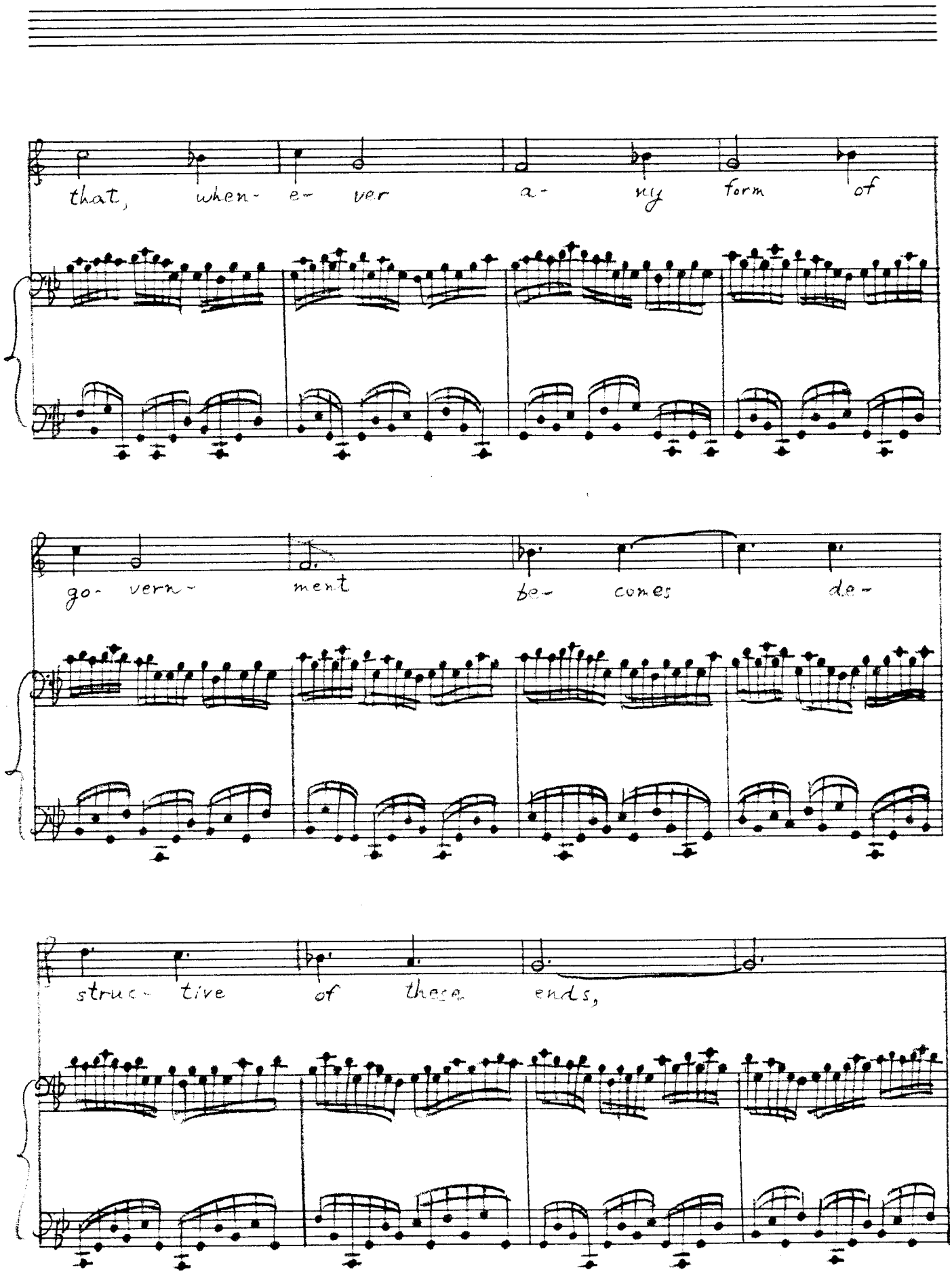
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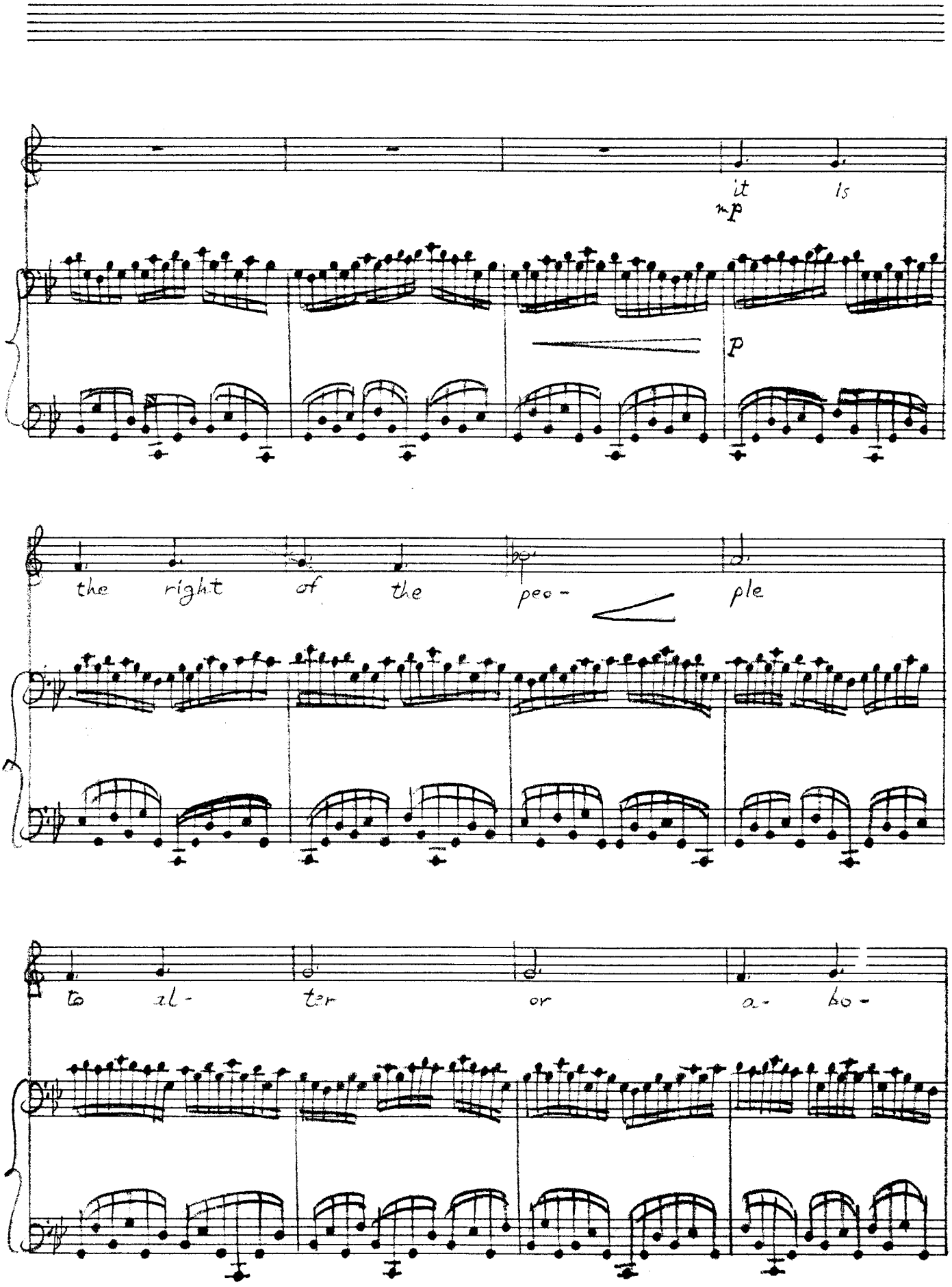
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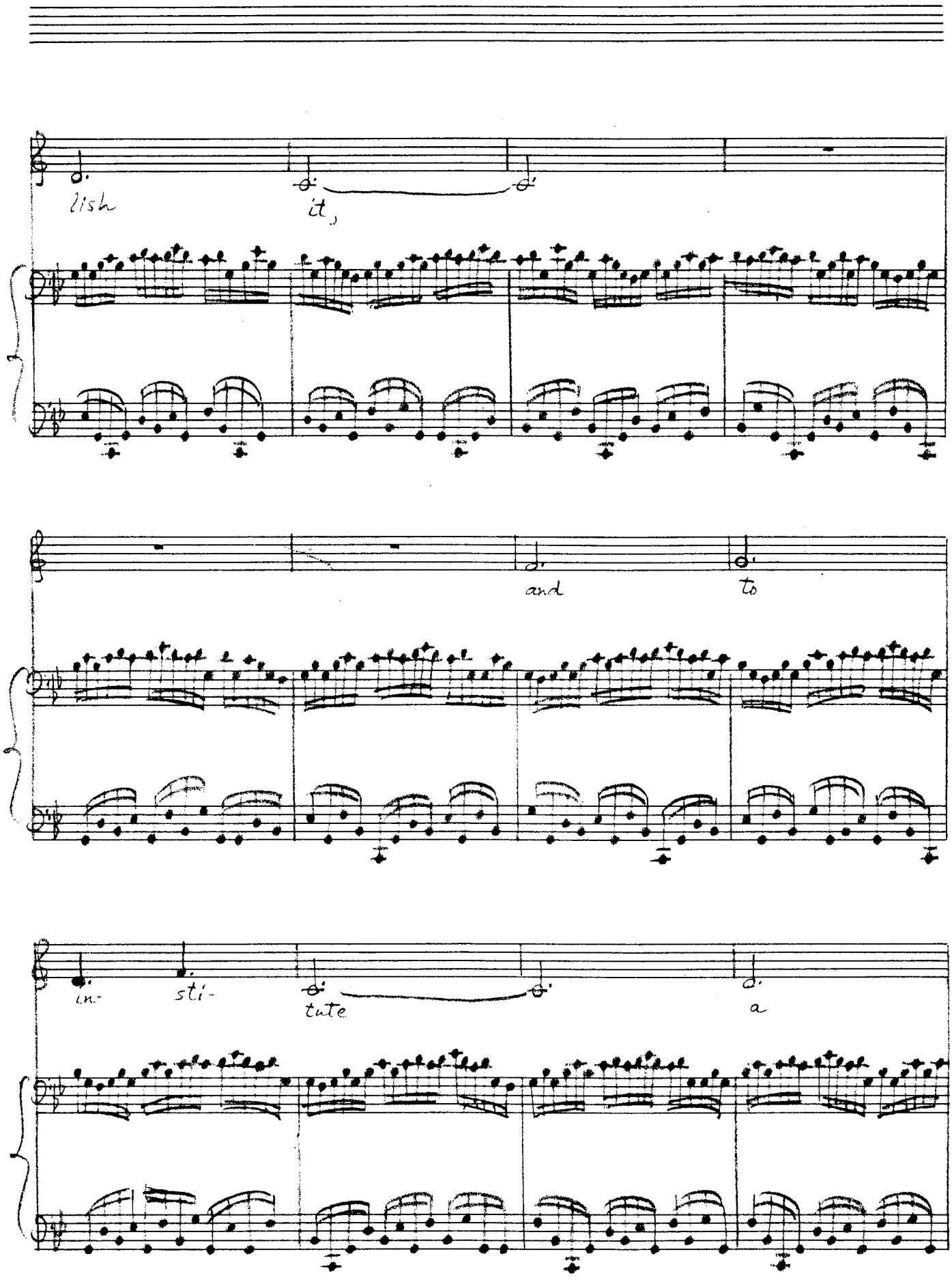
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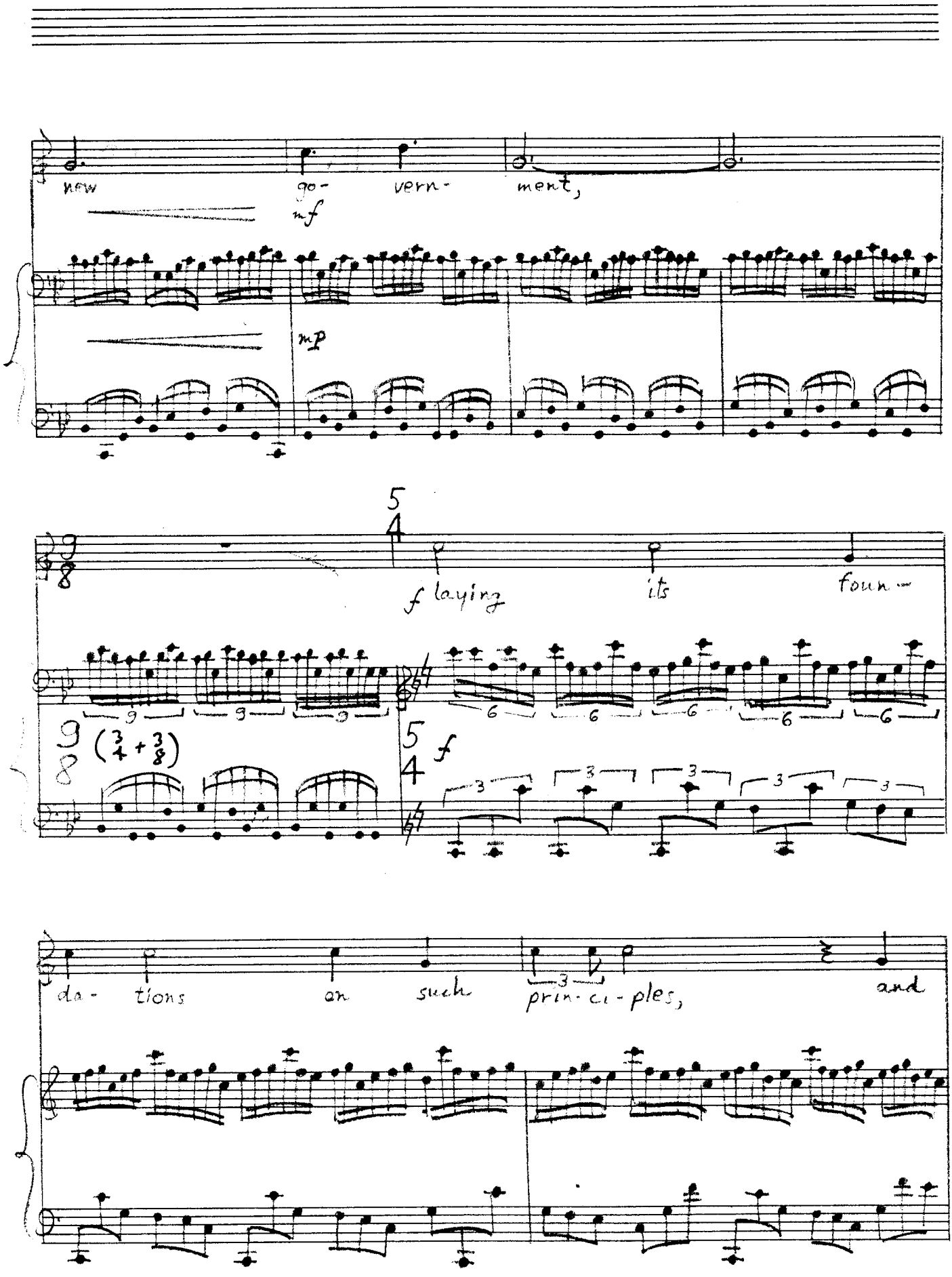
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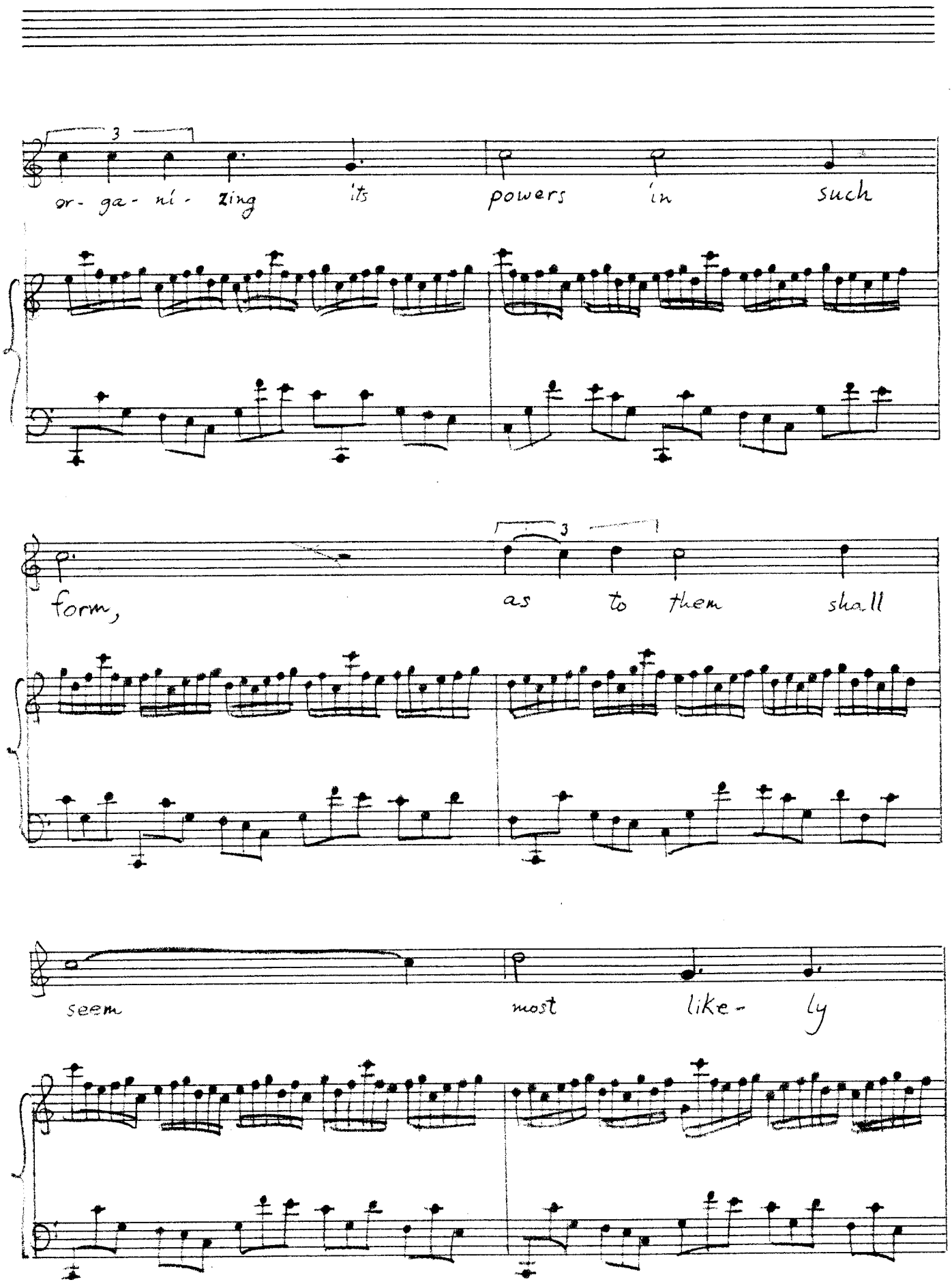
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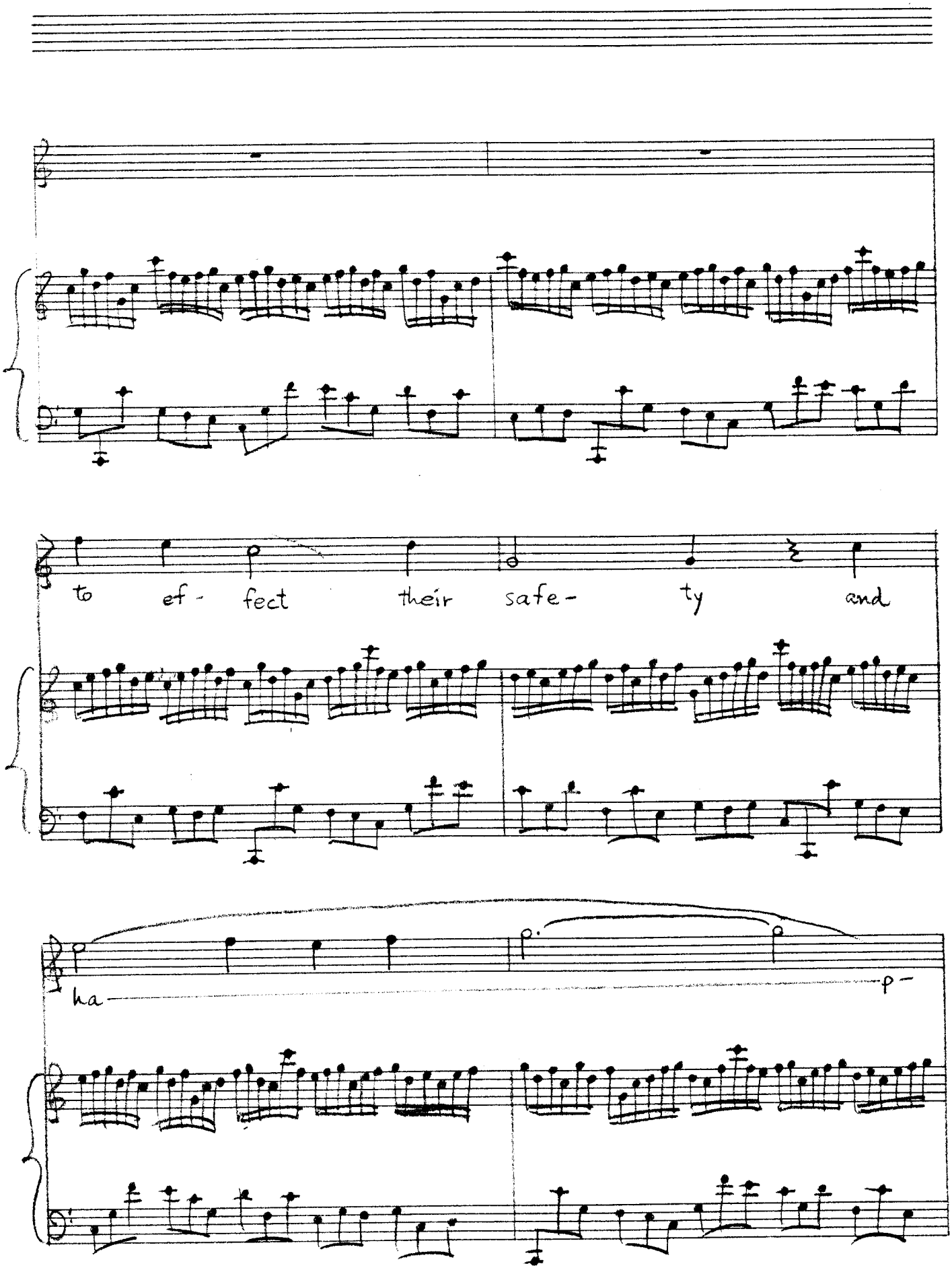
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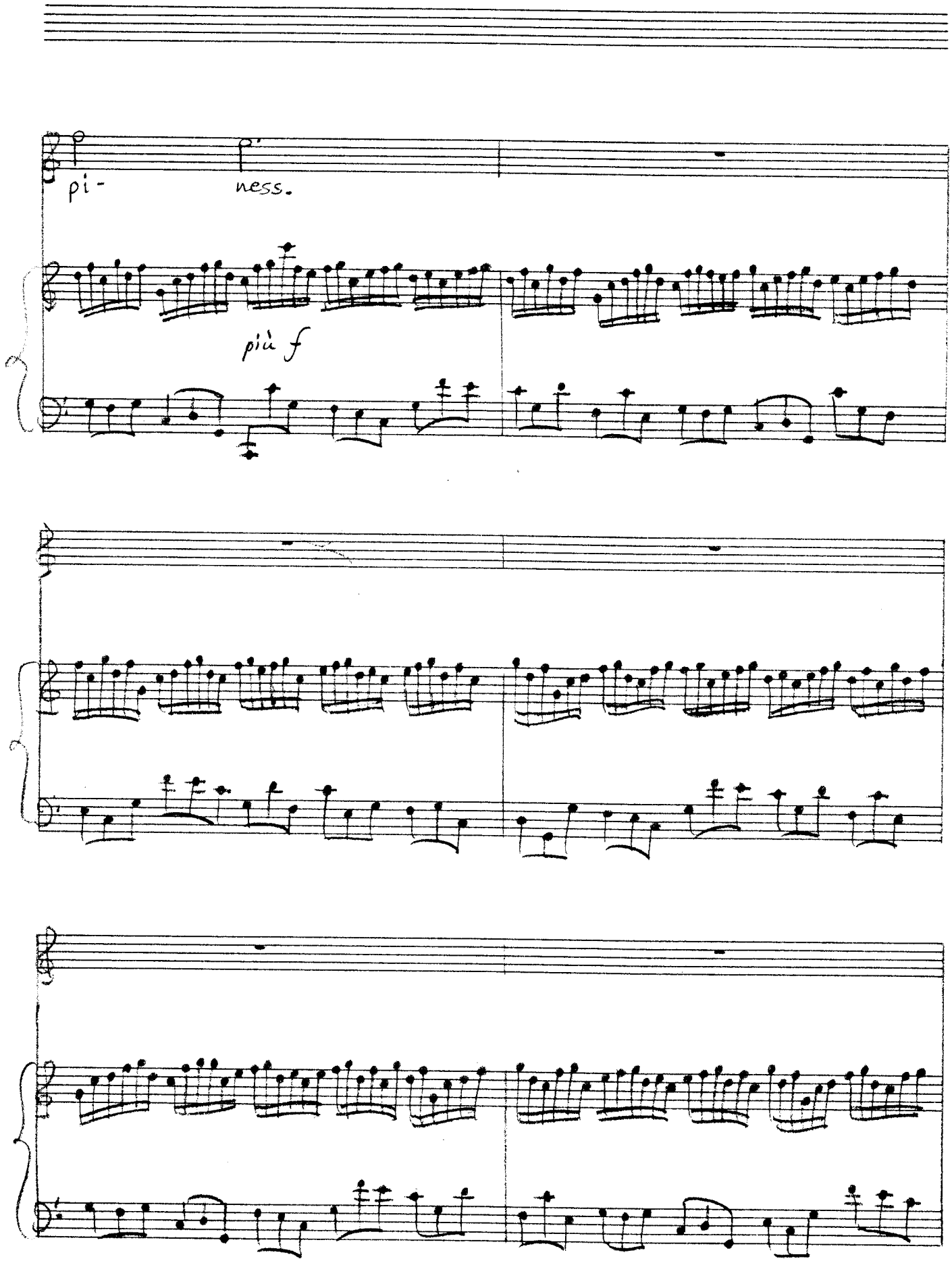
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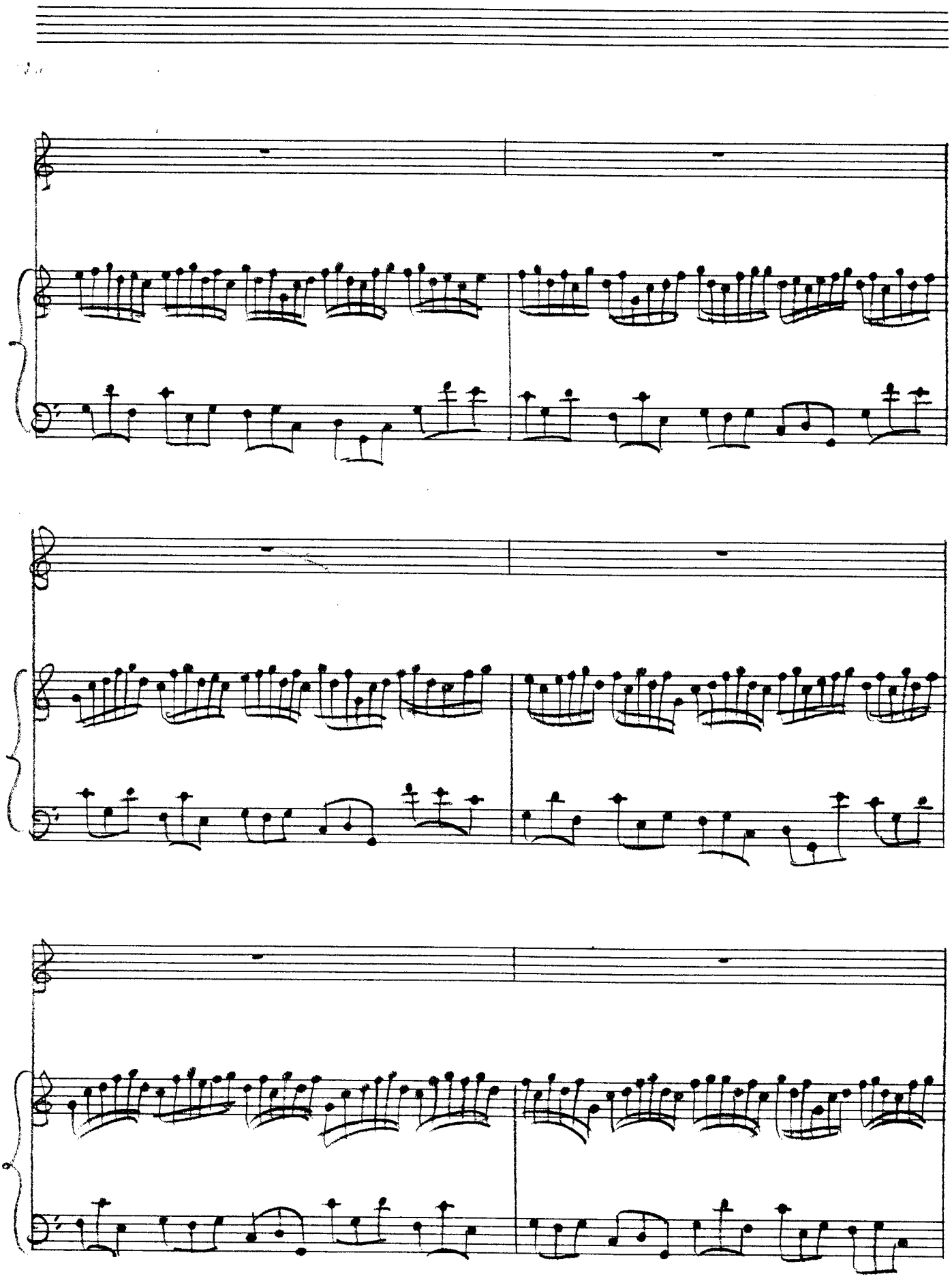

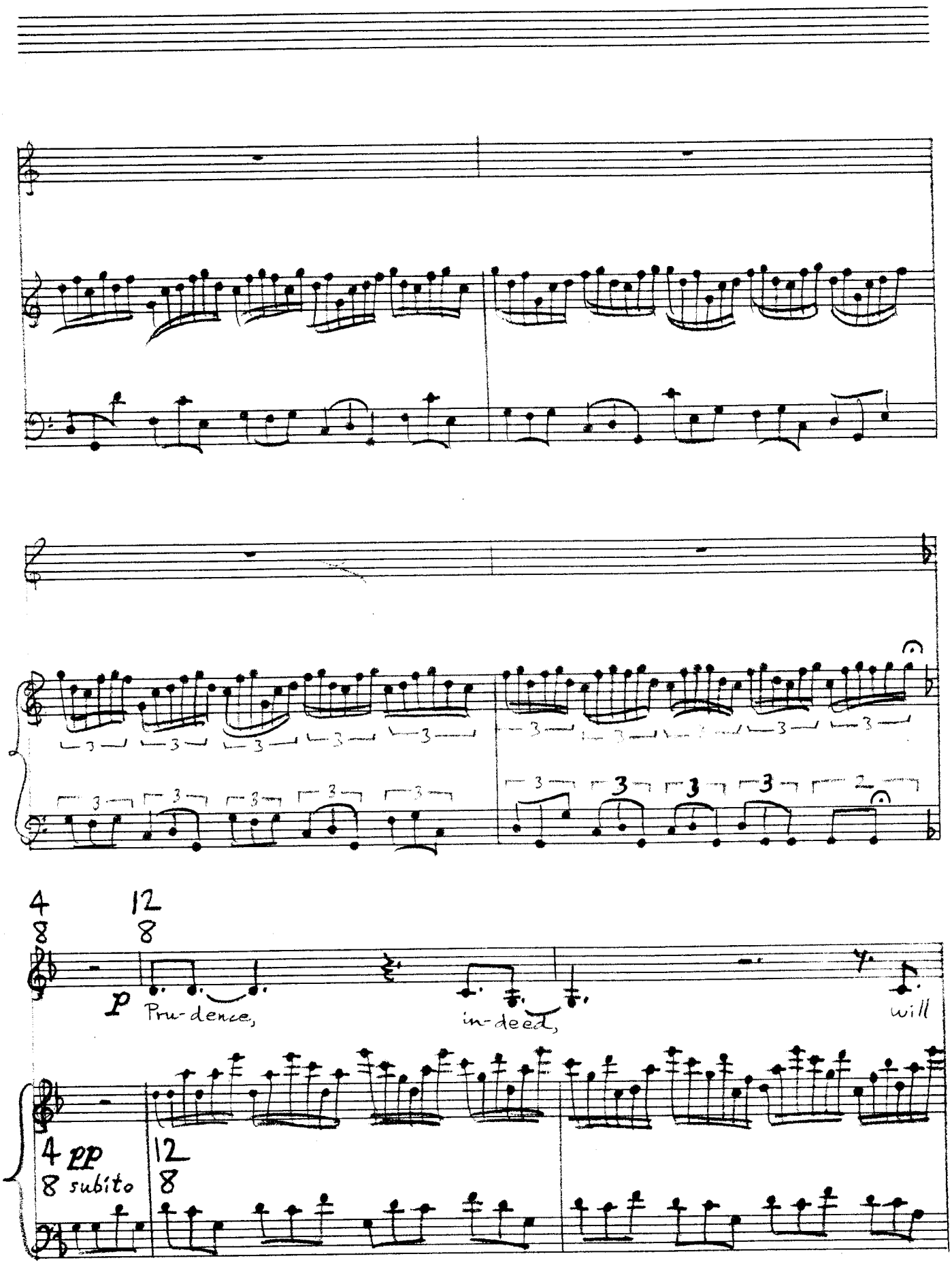
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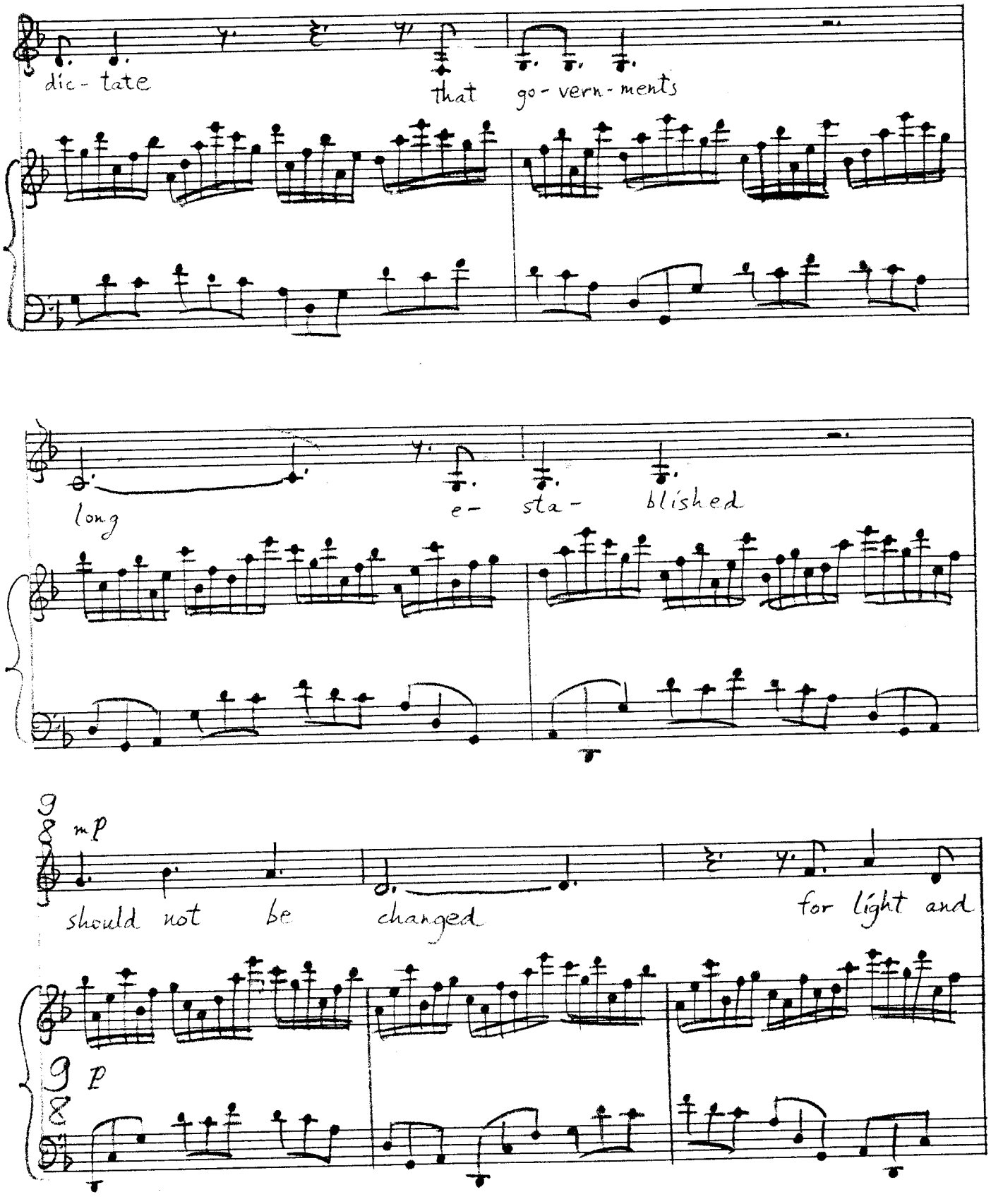
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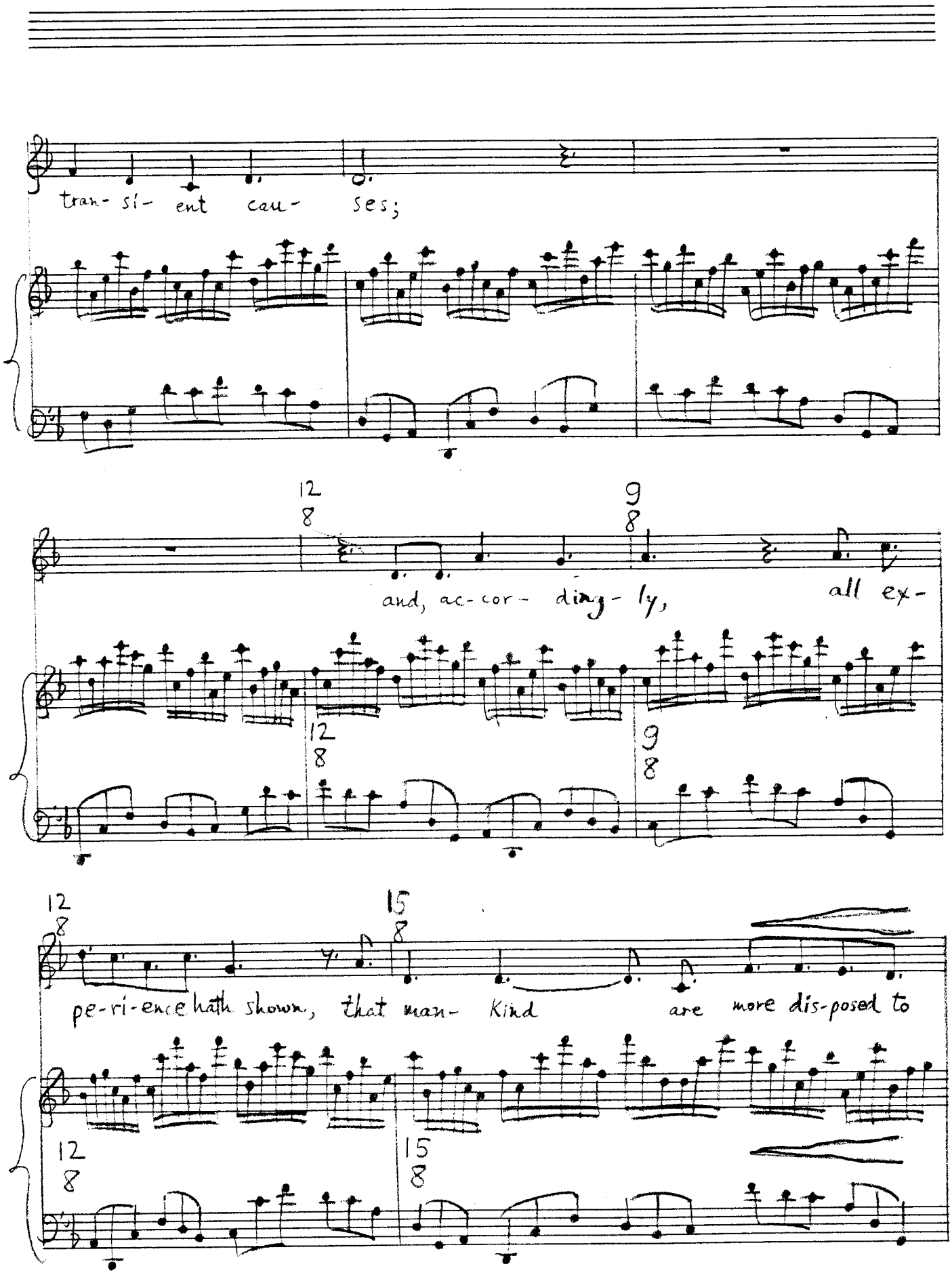
tran- si- ent cau- ses;
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and, ac- cor- ding- ly, all ex-
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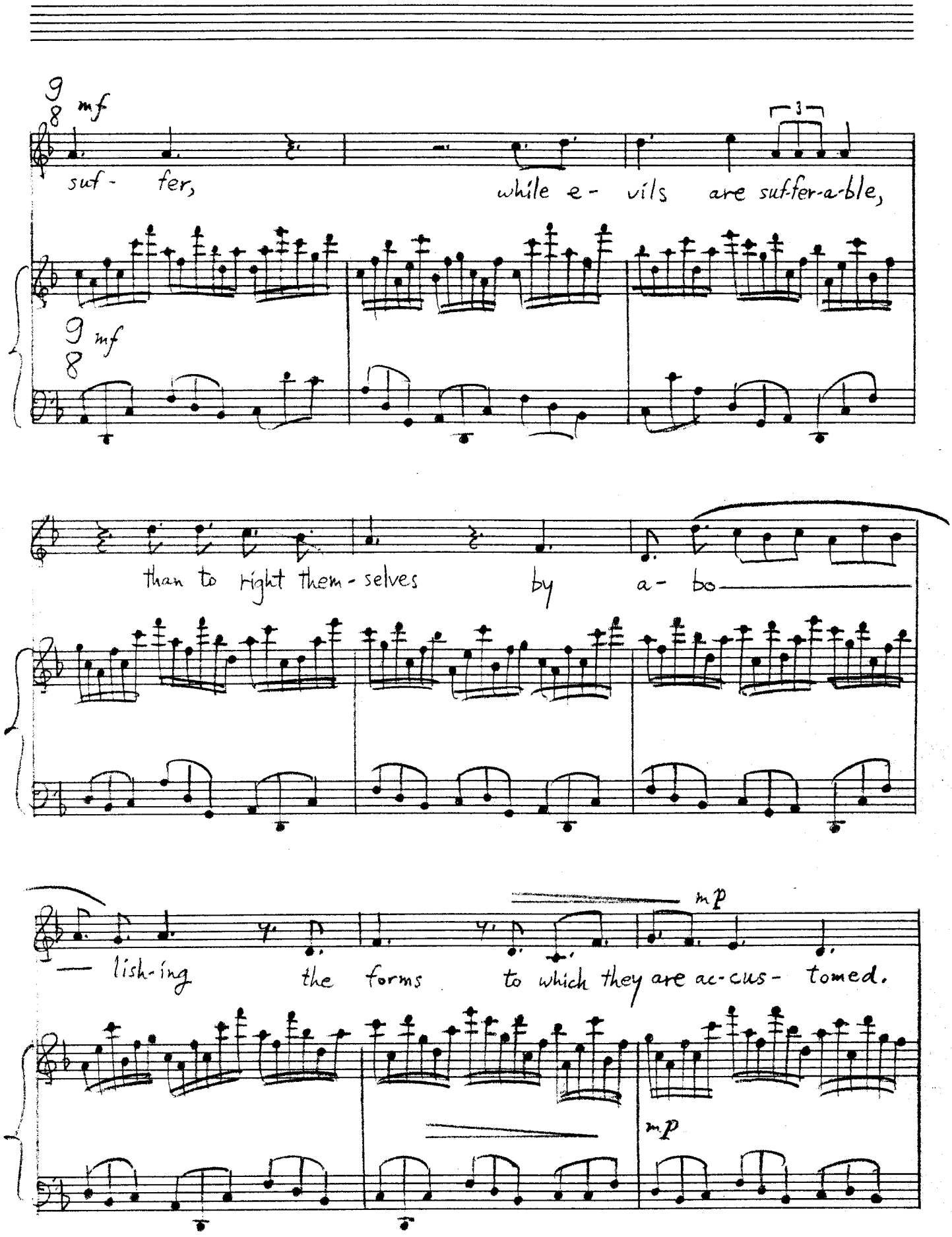
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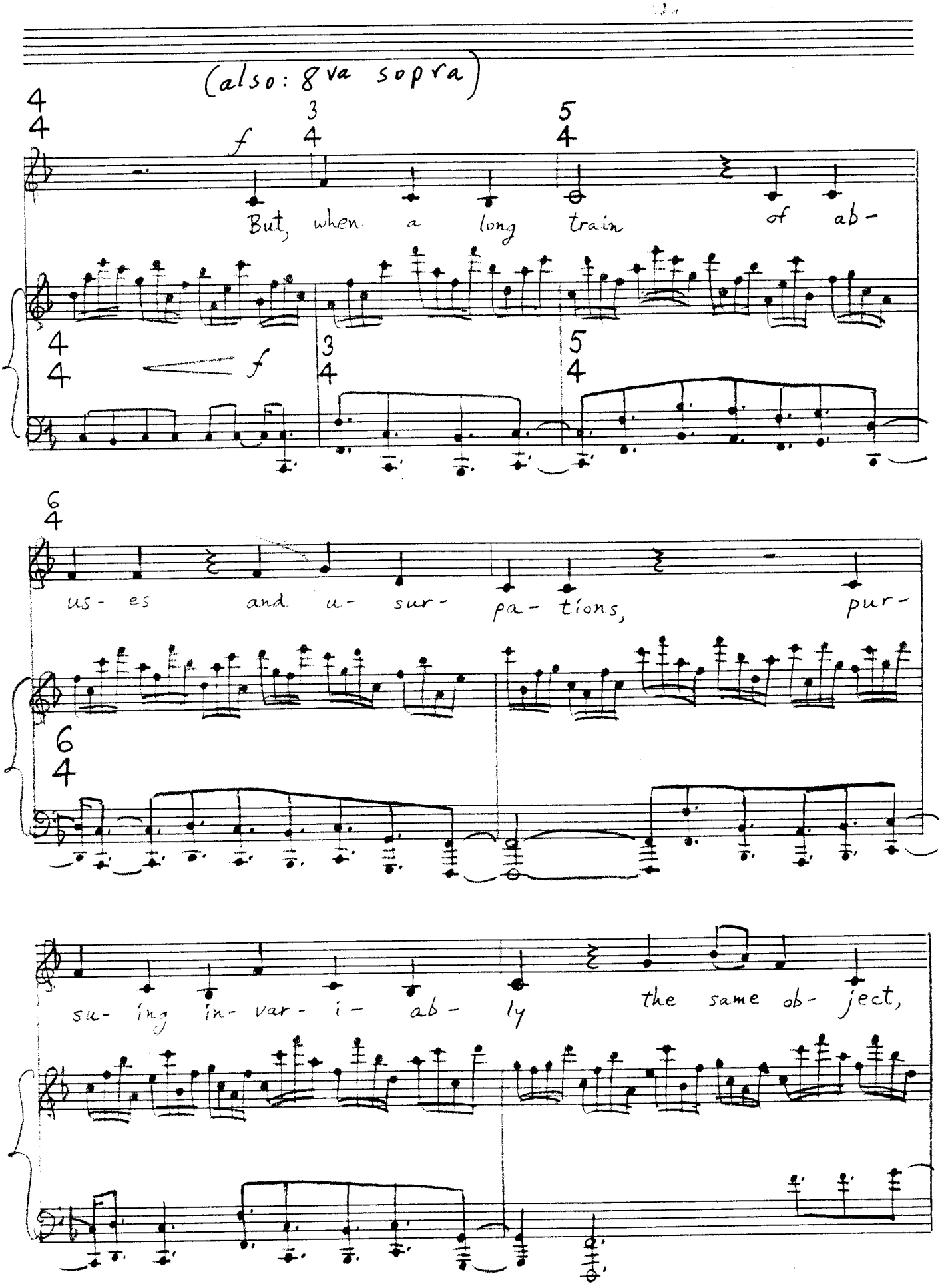
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us- es and u- sur- pa- tions, pur-
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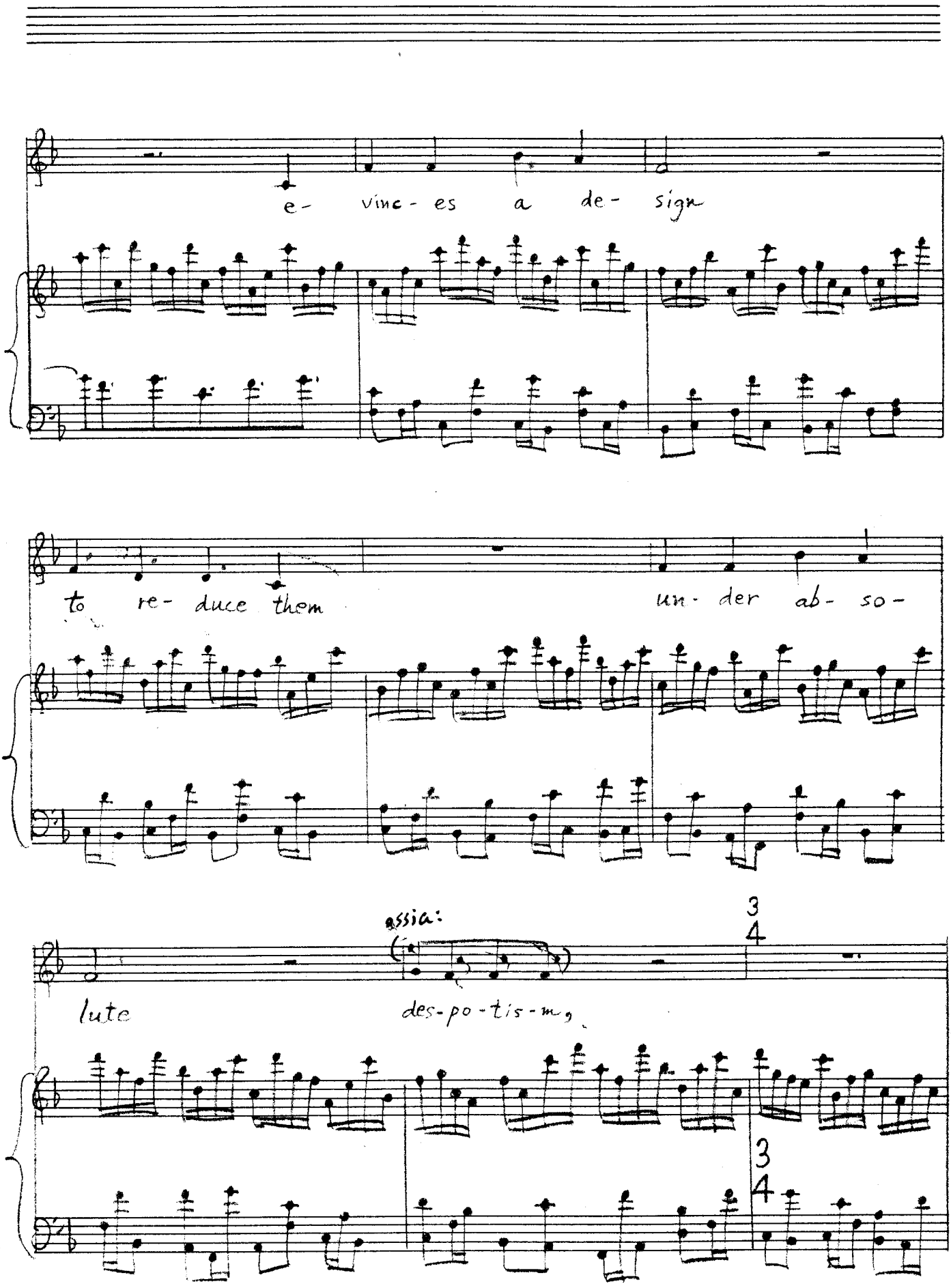
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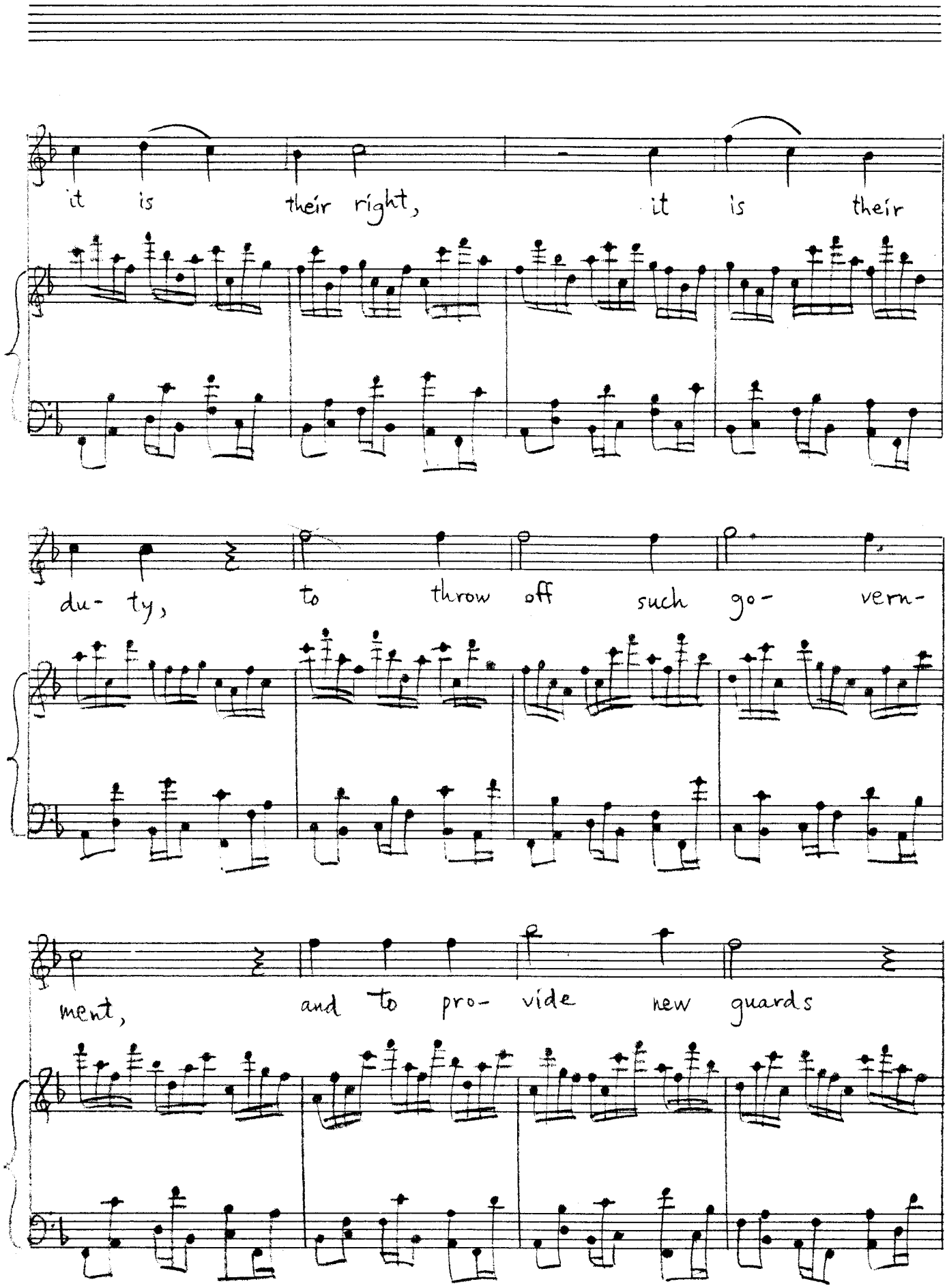
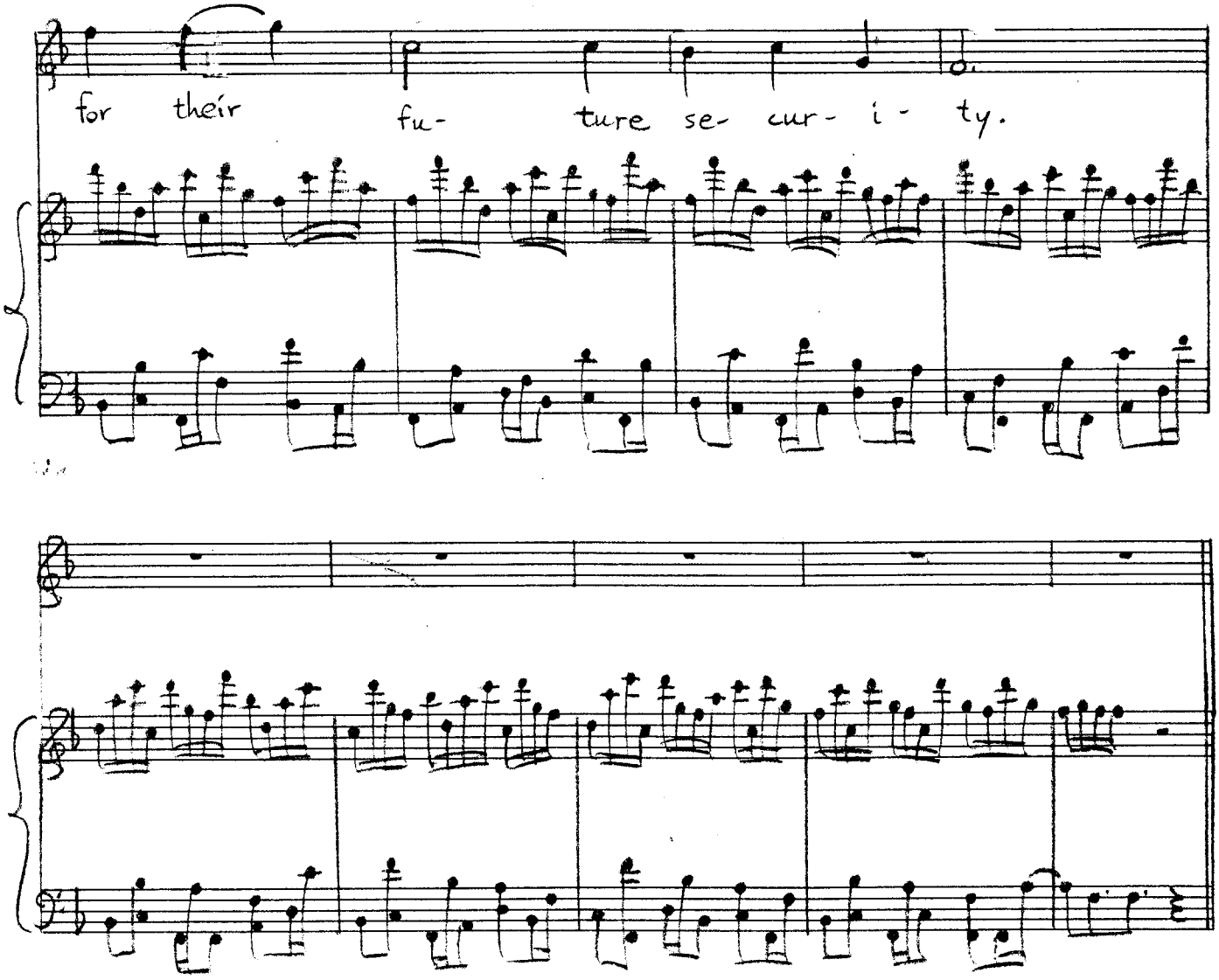

it is their right, it is their
du- ty, to throw off such go- vern-
ment, and to pro- vide new guards



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