Canticles for Jerusalem

I My heart's in the East

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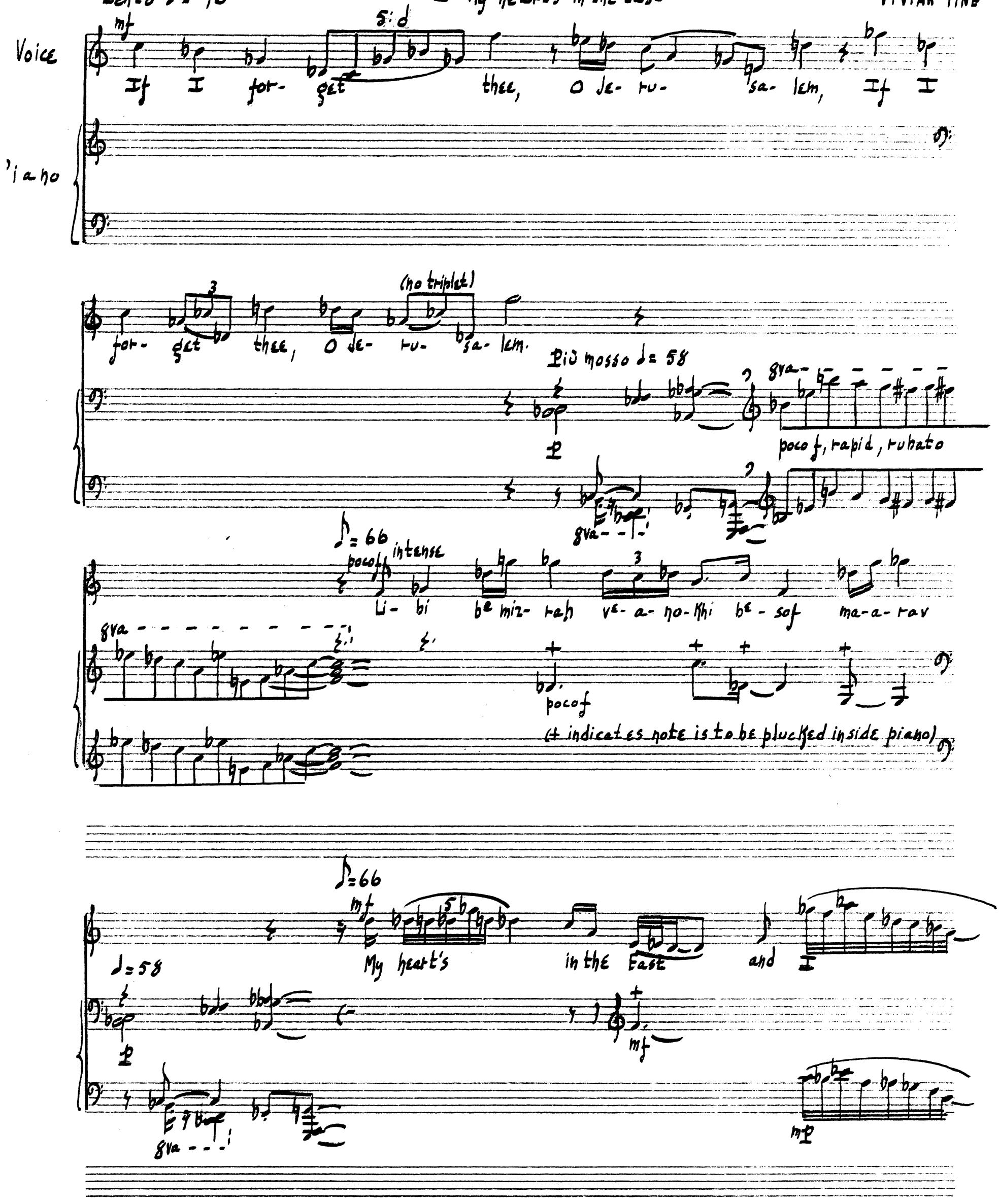

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at the end of the West

gva

P, rapidly and evenly, change pedal infrequently

gva

(Key struck, string plucked
with finger-nail, ped. down)

♩= 66 (do not co-ordinate with piano)

intense
mf

eikh ε- ta- mah et

gva loco

a- shet o- khal ve- eikh

gva

ye- ε- tav?

gva

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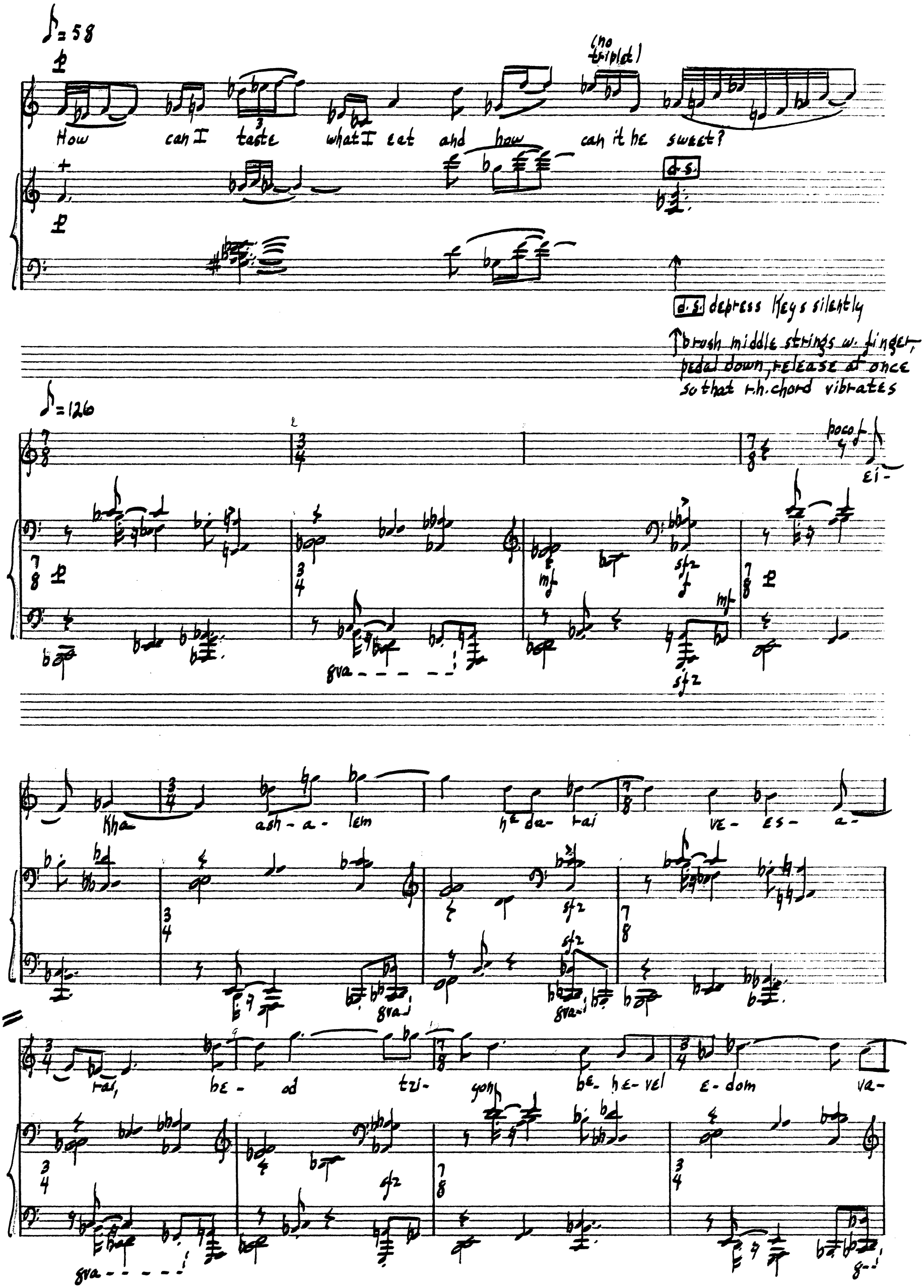

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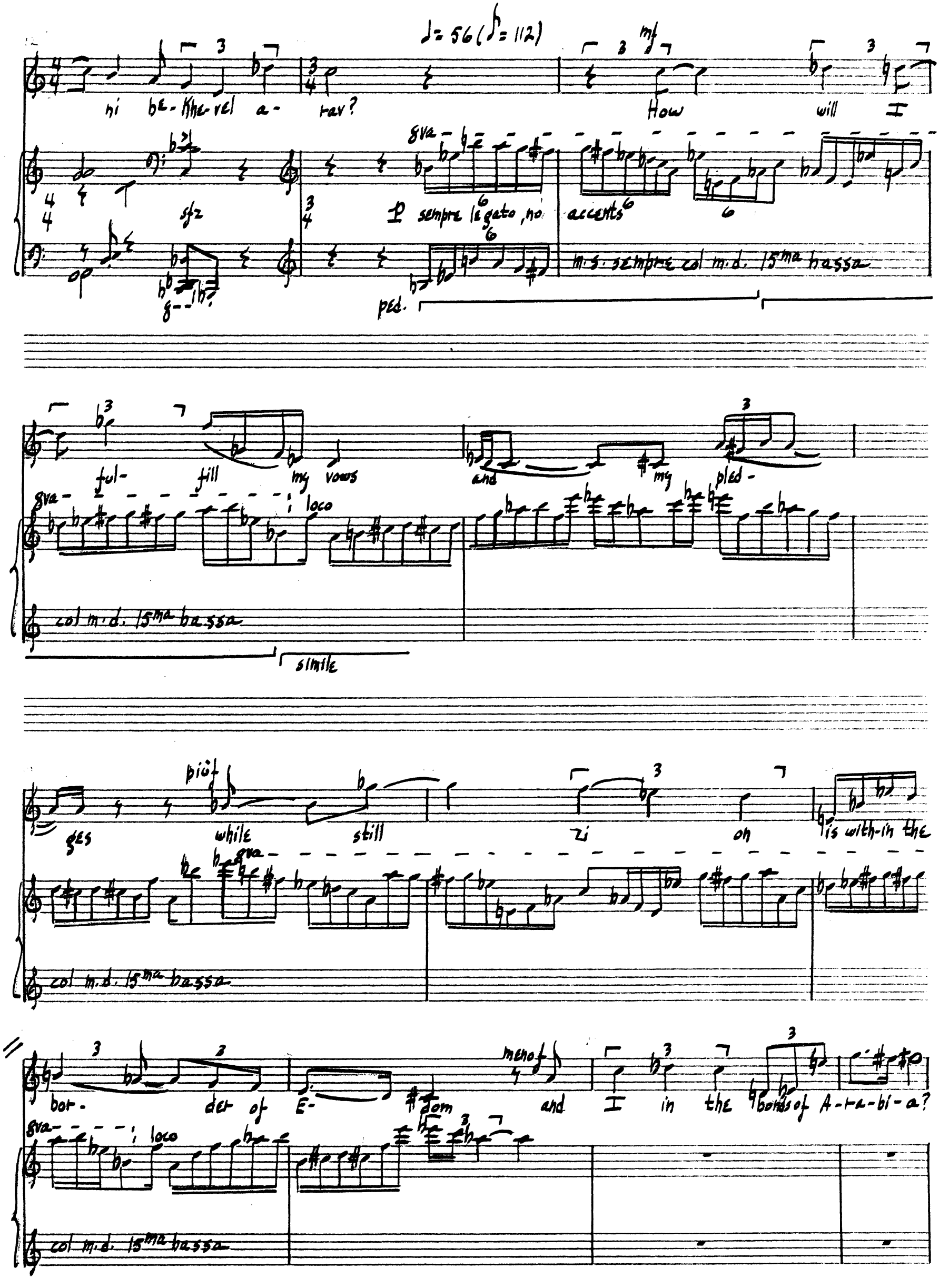

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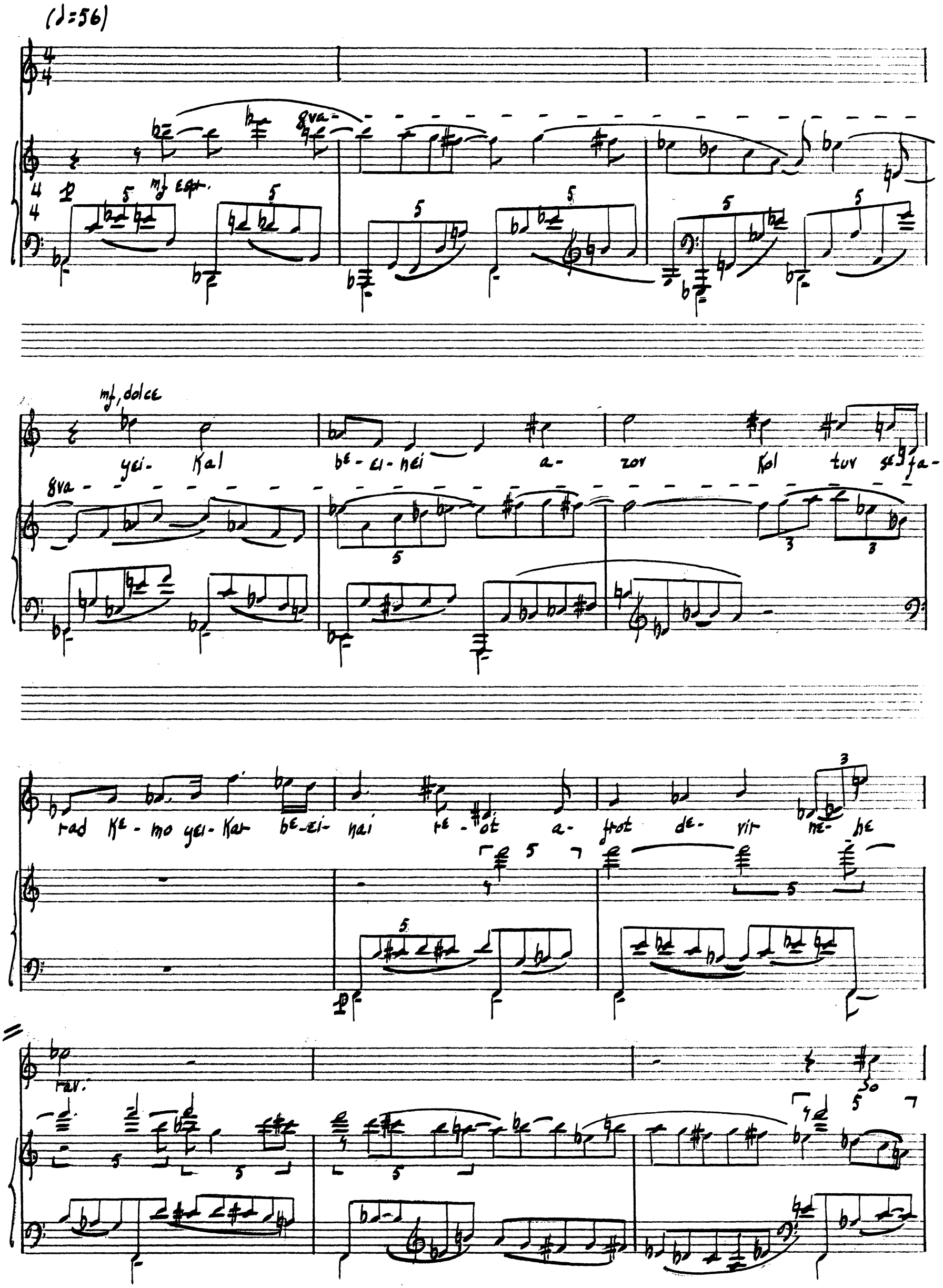

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II This year I traveled far

Semplice ♩= 88

mp

This year I tra-veled far to view the qui-et of my ci-ty.

♩= 56

p, dolce

Rock- ing soothes a ba- by, dis- tance soothes a

poco f

ci- ty. I lived in my long- ing. I played a game of

four se- vere squares of Ye- hu- da Ha- le- vi: my heart, my self,

pp

pp

4. c.

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the east, the west. I heard bells ring-

ing in time's re- li- gions, but the how

I heard with- in is still from

my Ju- de- an de- sert.

Now that I'm

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back, I cry a- gain.

pp

u.c. sim.

p

At night the stars come up like bub-bles from the drowned.

8va

poco f

Each morn- ing I cry the scream of a

poco f

cresc.

f

mf

p

poco f

cresc.

f

new- born ba- by From the blind chaos

poco f

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a piacere (no triplet) dim.

of hou- ses and all this great light.

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translation by Harold Schimmel

III Light against the Tower of David

Joyous ♩= 76

8va - - 5 - - - - 5 - - - loco

Light a-

gainst the Tow-er of Da- vid, light on the

8va

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Church of Ma- H- a, light on the Fa-thers a-sleep, a-sleep in their dou-

dim.

p

ble staves,

p cresc.

8va

f

8va

Poco meno mosso ♩= 66

p

light on your face from with- in,

8va

light on the trans-par-ent

p

(non cresc)

hon-ey cakes light on the clock face

and time is light-ed

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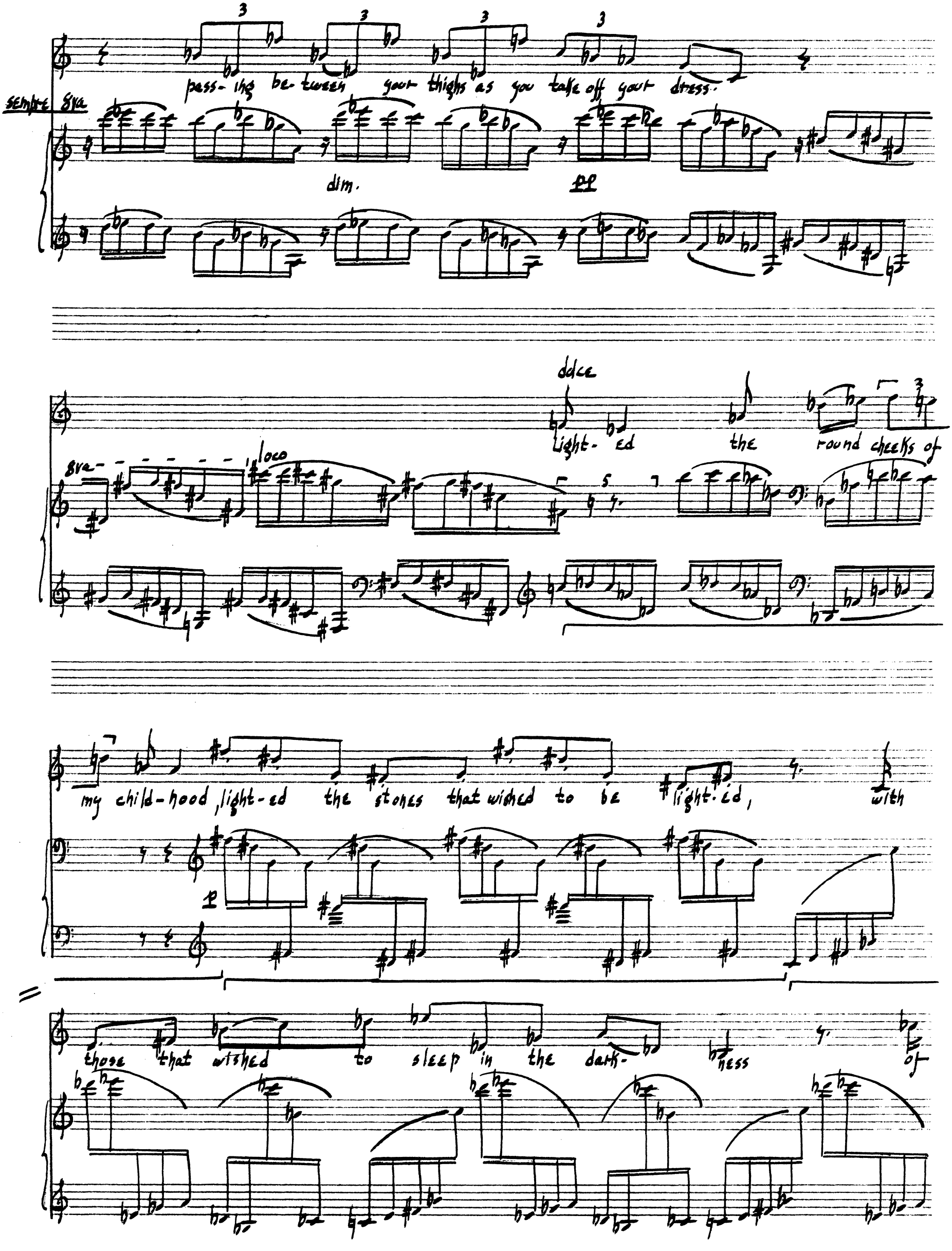

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accel. poco a

3 cresc.

squares. Light- ed the spi- ders of rail- ings and cob- webs of

8va

cresc.

poco

Più mosso ♩= 84

church- es, and ac- ro- bats of spi- ral stairs.

8va

f

But of all of these, most is light- ed the true

8va

and ter- ri- ble x- ray in let- ters of white bones and

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light - ning: Me - ne Me - ne Me - ne Me - ne

8va 15ma 8va

sempre 15ma Te - Kel U - phar - sin.

sempre 8va

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II By the rivers of Babylon

♪ = 84

mf

By the ri- vers of Ba- by- lon, there we sat down,

P + (plucked)

N N N N N N

Depress keys with right hand; left hand sweeps strings in back of hammers; N indicates use of fingernail instead of soft part of finger; depress pedal after sweep, never during it

(K) indicates usual use of keyboard.

yea we wept, when we re- mem- bered Zi- on, yea we wept, when we re-

8va

(K)

ped. down

mem- bered Zi- on.

P sweep stgs.

We hanged our harps u- pon the wil- lows

K mf

in the midst there- of, in the midst there- of.

P swp. stgs.

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più f

più mosso

For there they that carried us a-way cap.tive re-quired of us a song, re-

swp. stgs.

meno mosso

rit.

♪ = 84

poco f, intense

quired of us a song; and they that wa-sted us re-quired of us mirth, say-ing,

p

swp. stgs.

Ⓚ poco f

f

♩ = 56

Sing us one of the songs of Zi-on, sing us one of the songs of Zi-on.

f

Ⓚ

swp. stgs.

Ⓚ 𝄫 sempre

f swp. stgs.

ped. down
release sharply

poco f

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

sempre gva bassa

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p

how shall we sing the Lord's song in a

sempre gra
bassa

strange land?

f

If I for-get thee O Je- ru- sa- lem

5:d.

gra
bassa

let my right hand for-get her cun- ning, let my right

Meno mosso ♩=84

hand for-get her cun- ning.

mp espress.

If I do

swp. stgs.

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5:d mf

not re-mem-ber thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I pre-fer

mf

not Je- ru- sa- lem a- bove my chief joy, if I pre-fer not Je-

più intenso

swp. stgs.

mf

ru- sa- lem a- bove my chief joy. By the ri-

p

N N

vers of Ba- by- lon, there we sat down, yea we wept, when we re-

N N N N

mem- bered Zi- on

8

Psalm 137, King James version

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V Ode to Zion

Semplice ♪ = 92, somewhat freely

mp

Zi-on, do you not ask how your cap-tives are, tzi-yon, ha- lo tish-a- li lish-e-

p

lom a- si- ra- yikh. Who seek your good, this rem- nant of your flock, of your flock?

mf

dor-shei she-lo-meikh ve- heim ye-ter a- da-ra- yikh,

mf

a- da-ra- yikh? From the Great West-ern Sea, and the East and the

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North, and ye- men in the South, mi- yam u-miz-rah u-mi-tza

(no triplet)

fon ve-tei-man she- lom ra- hok ve-ke- rov se- i mi- kol a- va- ra- yikh.

Lió mosso ♪=152

From far and near they greet you from all sides, As this

cap- tive of de- sire greets you, shed- ding his tears like Her- mon's

8va

8-

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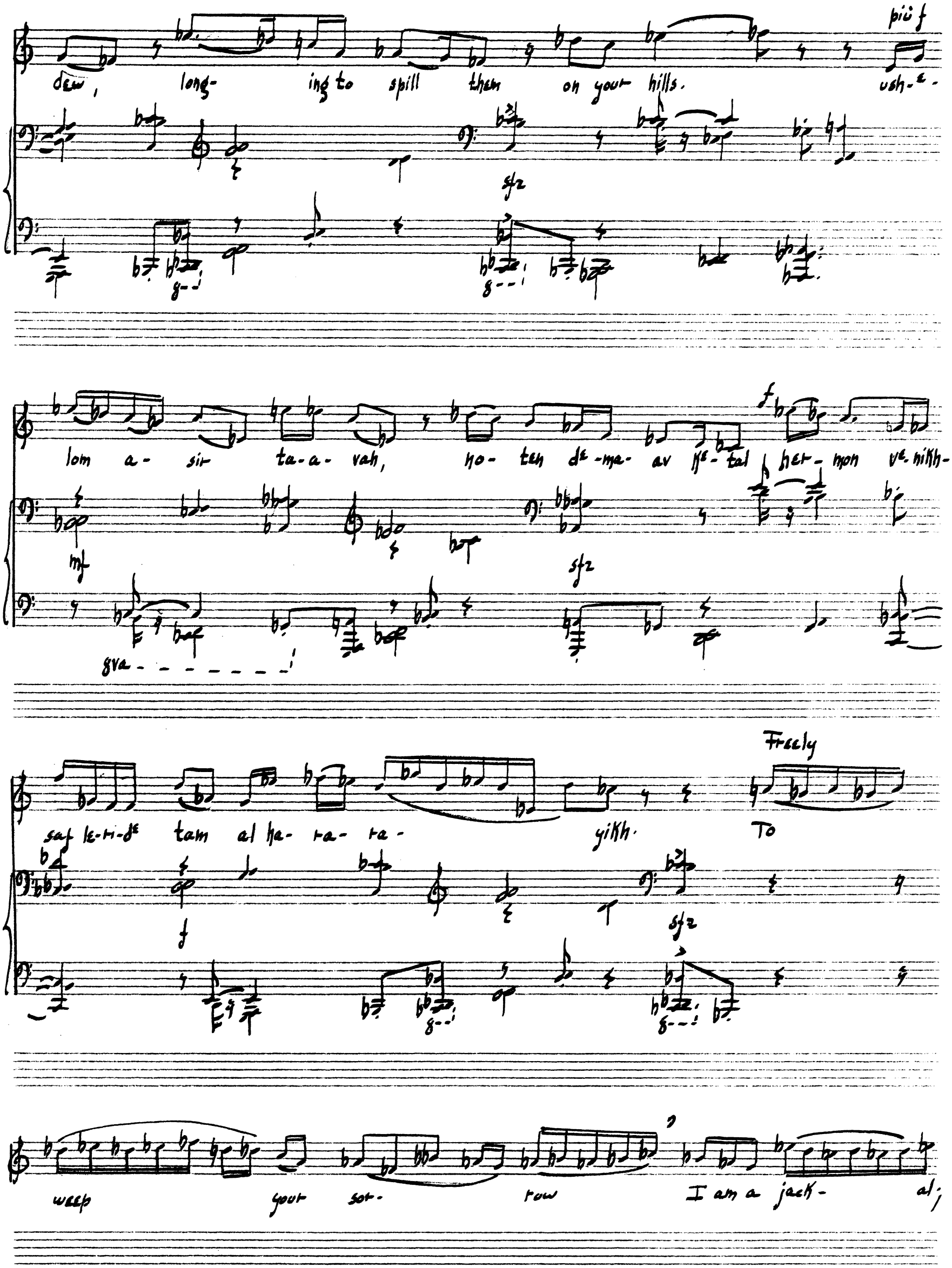

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più dolce

(no triplet)

when I dream of your ex- iles re- turn I am a lute for your songs.

♩=152

p leggiero

mf

liv- Rot e- no- teikh

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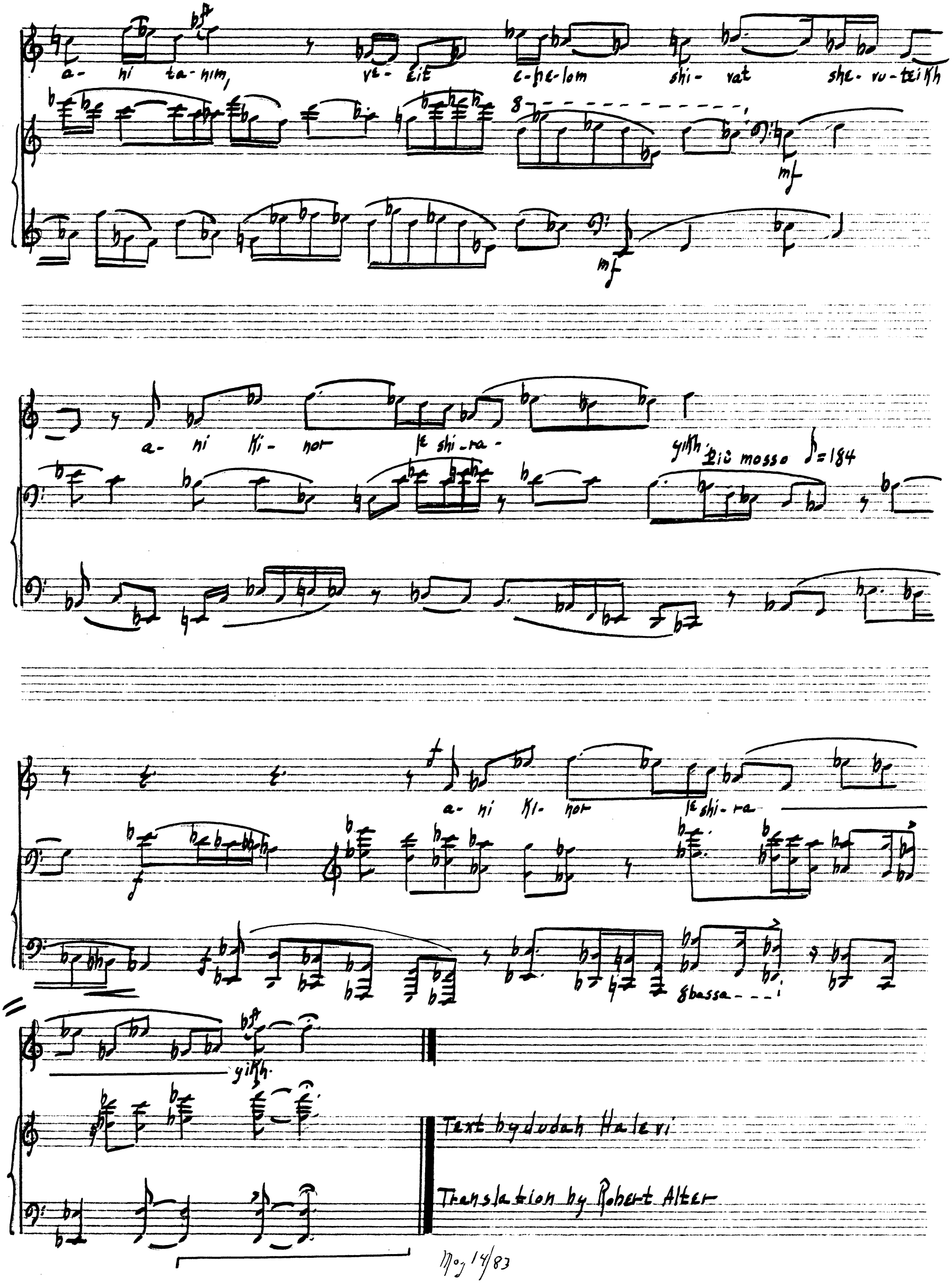
a- ni ta-nim, ve- eit e-he-lom shi- vat she- vu-teikh
mf
mf
a- ni ki- nor le shi-ra-
yikh. Più mosso ♪=184
a- ni ki- nor le shi-ra
8bassa
yikh.
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