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CAST

In order of appearance (eighteen singers)

Lewis Carroll / Gryphon – lyric tenor Alice – lyric mezzo soprano or lyric soprano White Rabbit – countertenor Mouse - tenor Lory – baritone Dodo – soprano or mezzo soprano Caterpillar - baritone Fish-Footman – baritone Frog-Footman – baritone Cook - soprano Duchess - mezzo soprano Cheshire Cat – baritone Mad Hatter – baritone March Hare – tenor Dormouse - soprano Queen of Hearts – bass baritone or baritone King of Hearts – tenor Mock Turtle - tenor

ORCHESTRA

Oboe I & II Horn I & II

Percussion – single player (suspended cymbal with soft and hard sticks, triangle, five tubular bells - C#, G#, A, A# and B - castanets, tam-tam, wood block, tambourine, snare drum) Piano Harp

Strings (divisi) - 3,3,2,2,2,1 minimum



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I. Lewis Carroll's Prologue

[Against a scrim at the front of the stage is projected a portrait of Lewis Carroll, flanked by his photograhic portraits of Alice Liddell.]







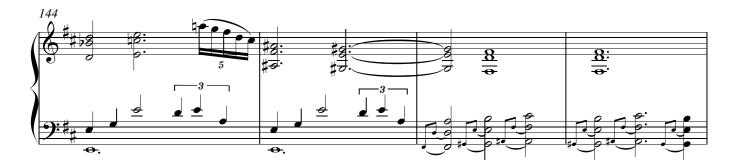
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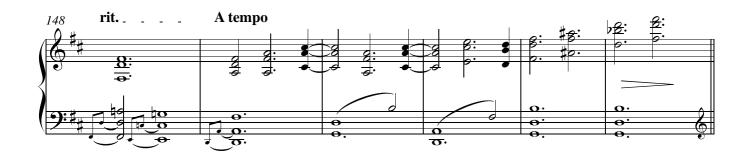
[Curtain rises on a riverbank scene, a rowboat pulled onto the bank, the remains of a picnic lunch visible. Lewis Carroll manipulates a large marionette of a white rabbit (dressed in a duplicate of the costume worn by the White Rabbit at his first entrance). Carroll's audience consists of Alice, her two sisters and the Reverend Robinson Duckworth. Alice is busy making a daisy chain.]



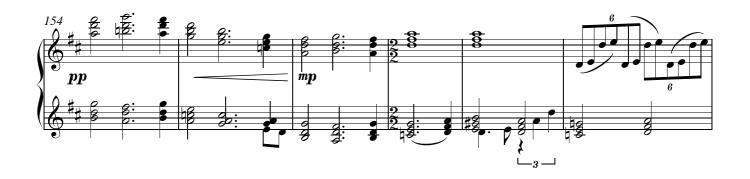




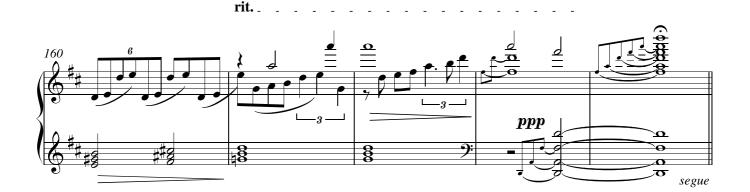
[The youngest girl spies something offstage worth investigating, and excitedly points to it. She imperiously drags Duckworth away, motioning for the others to come.]



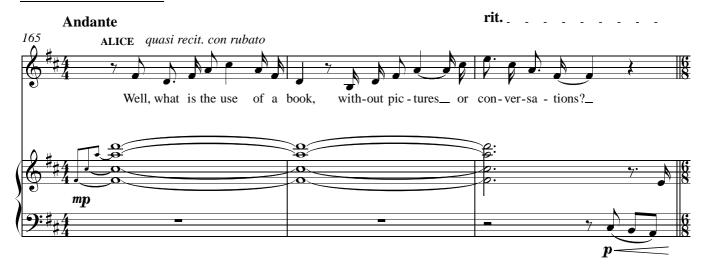
[Carroll looks questioningly at Alice, who, politely stifling a yawn and shaking her head, remains seated, putting the finishing touches on her daisy chain. He exits. Alice is left alone onstage.]



[Alice yawns again, then sleepily curious, looks into a book left behind by Duckworth.]



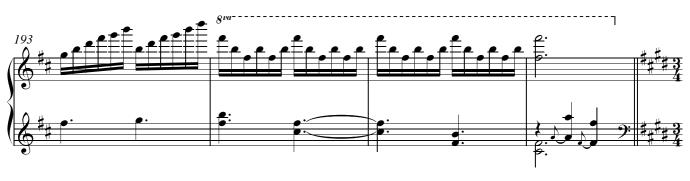
III. Childhood Dreams

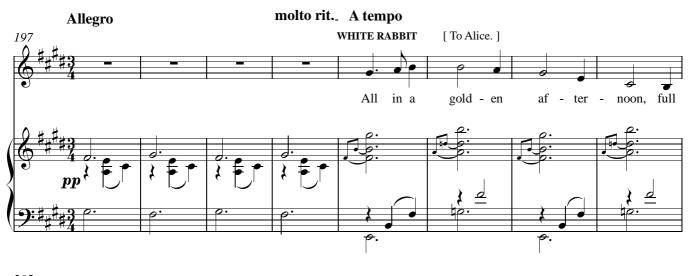


[Alice awards the white rabbit marionette the "Order of the Daisy Chain,"



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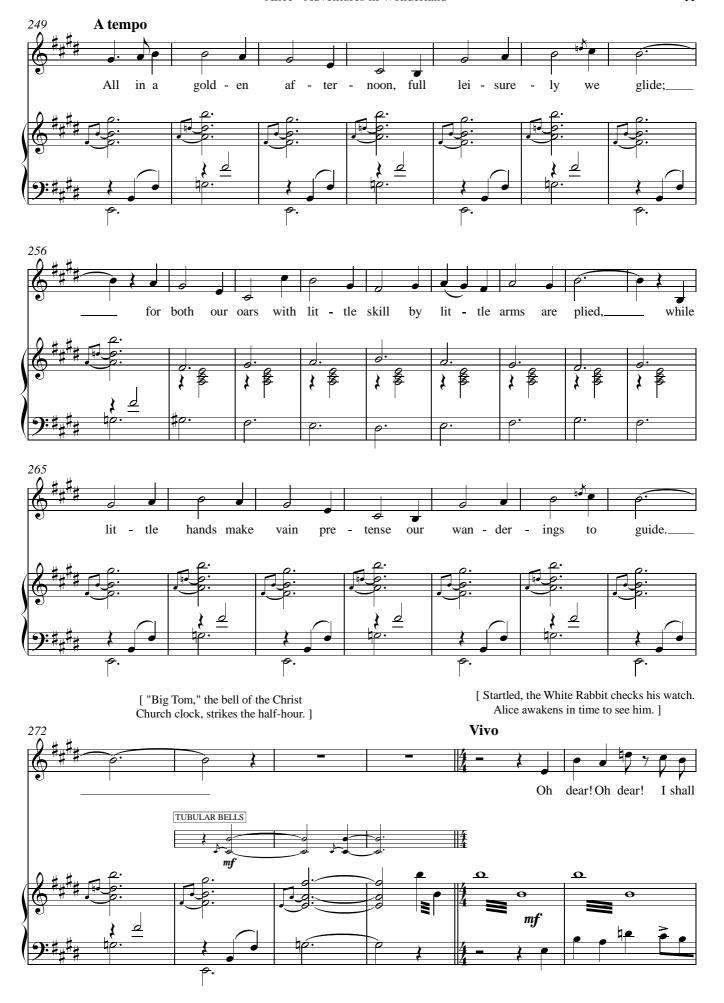


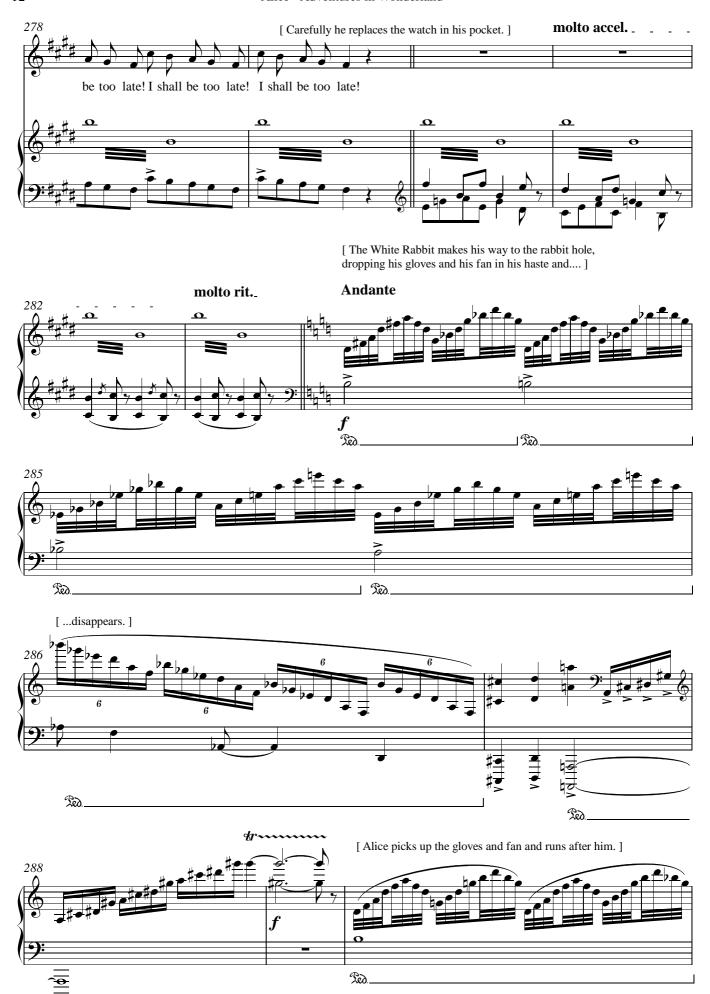


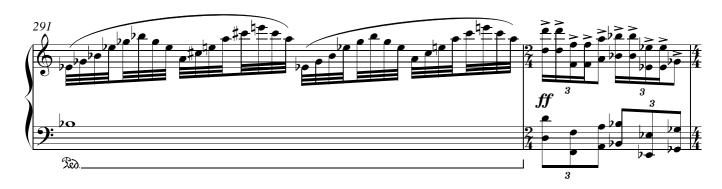


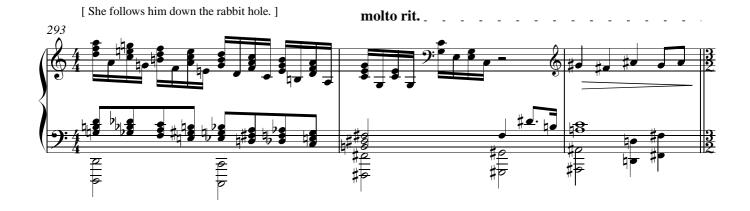












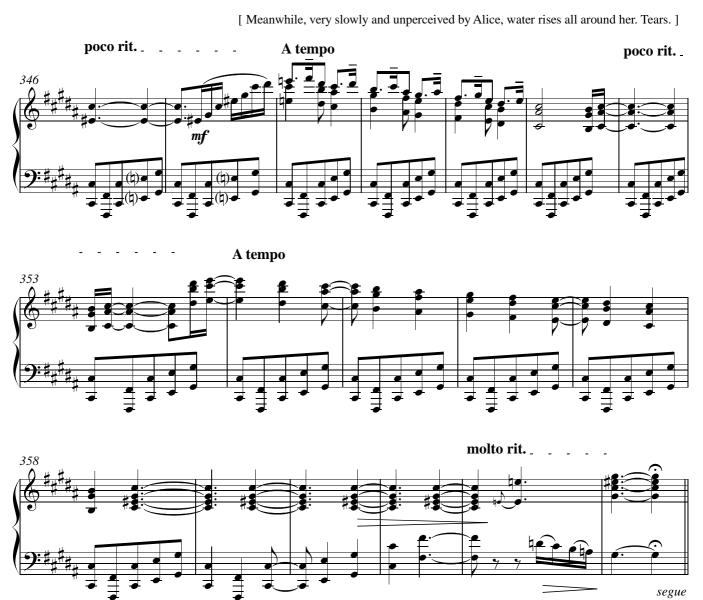
[The riverbank disappears. Alice's fall into Wonderland occurs in slow motion.]



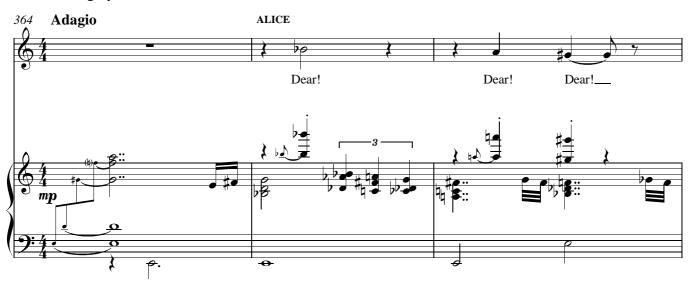


[A ballet of doors moves in front of and behind Alice; and gradually they recede.]





IV. Waiting by the Door





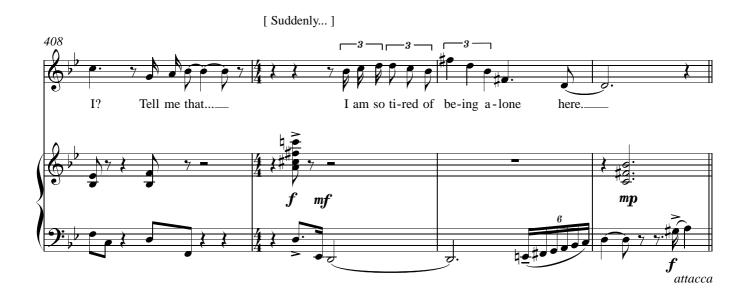












V. The Caucus-Race





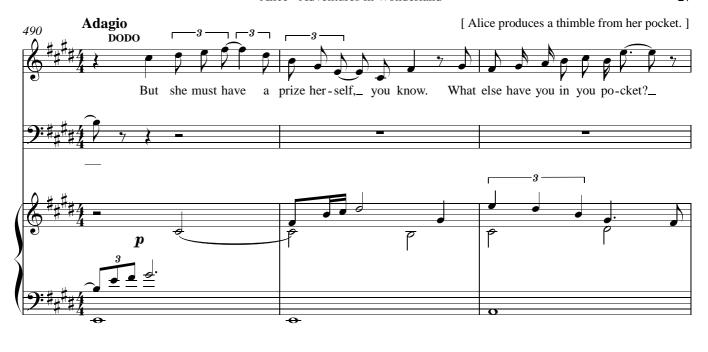


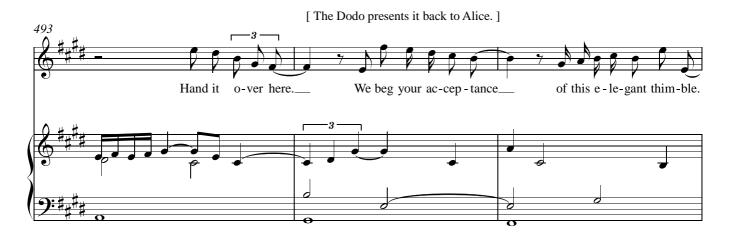


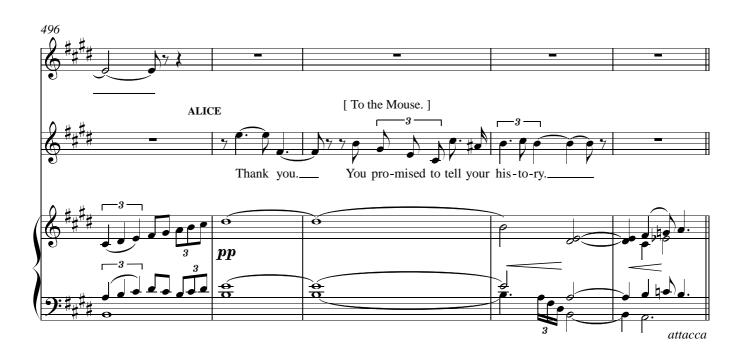












VI. The Mouse's Tail











[The White Rabbit scurries by. looking for something.]

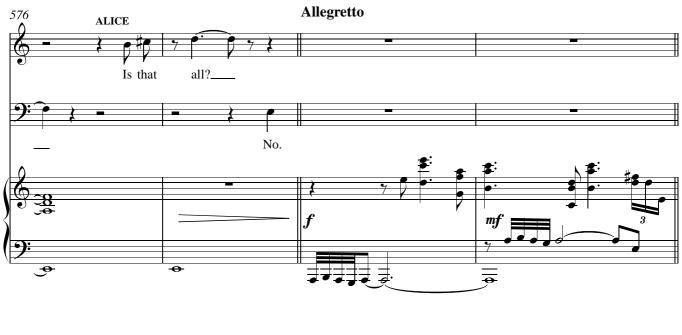


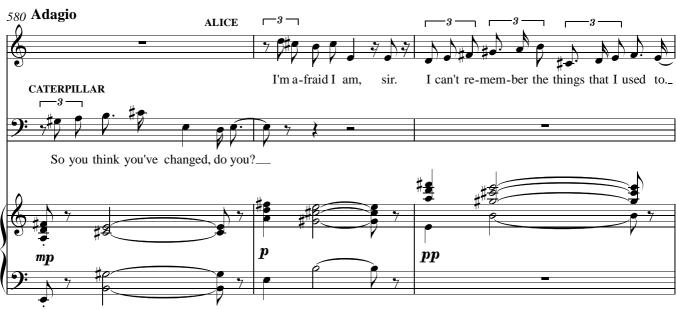


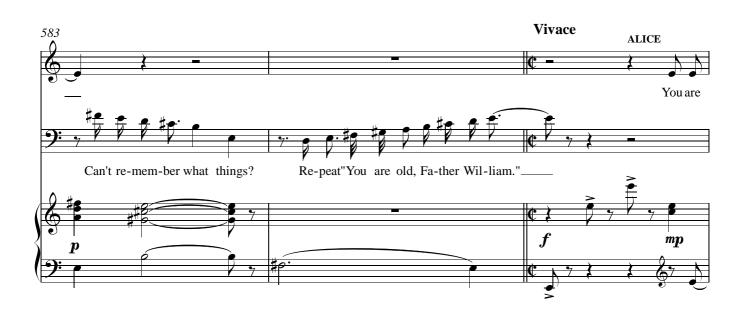
VIII. "Father William"

[Suddenly, a Caterpillar appears, sitting upon a large mushroom and smoking a hookah.]



















IX. Pig and Pepper

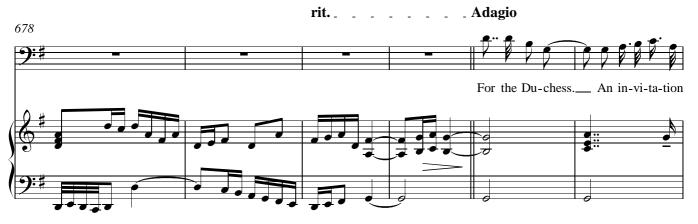
[A Fish-Footman enters, bearing an over-sized letter.]



[He knocks at a door in the mushroom. A Frog-Footman opens the door of the mushroom-house, and inadventently closes it behind him.]



FISH-FOOTMAN





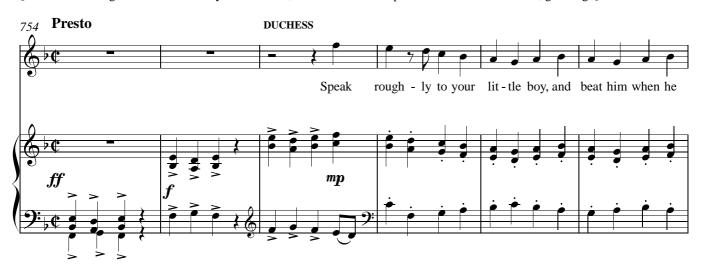


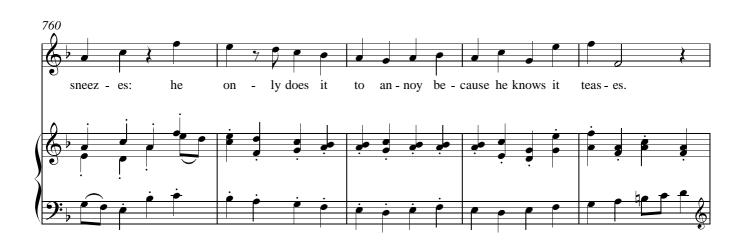


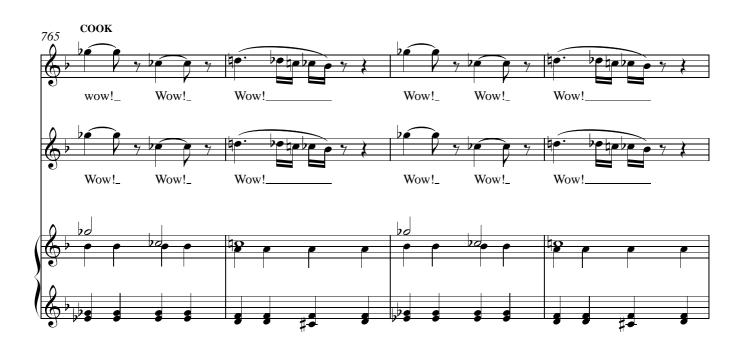


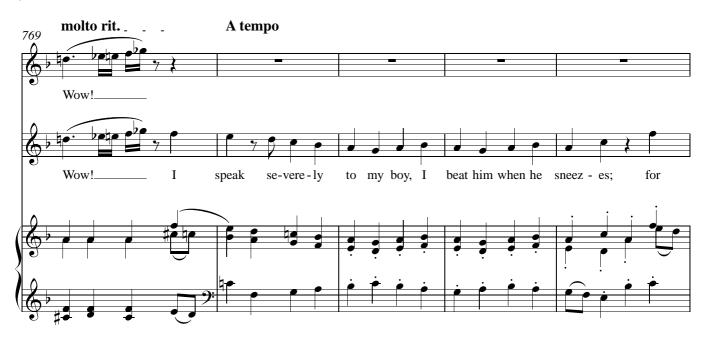


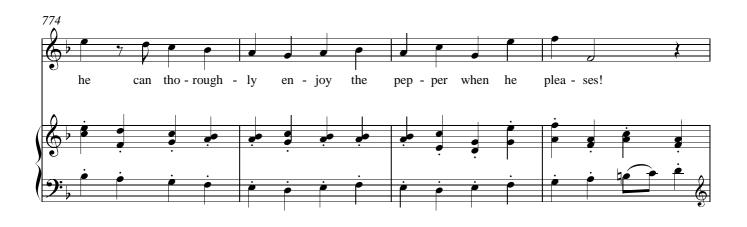
[The Duchess begins to shake the baby. Unobserved, a Cheshire Cat creeps onto the roof and watches, grinning.]

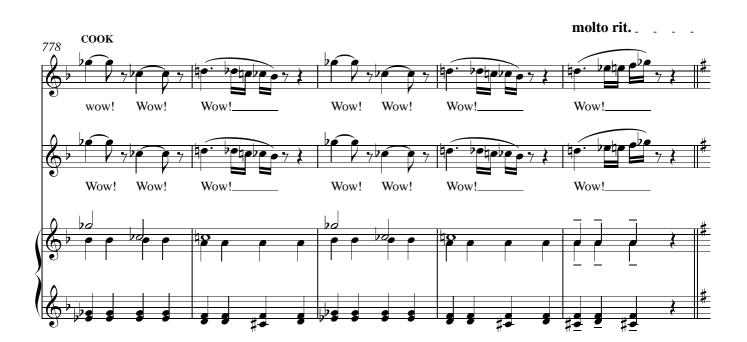








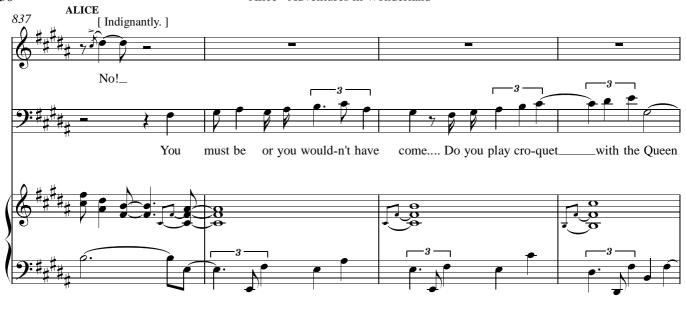


















X. Three for Tea, and Four Makes More

[The Cheshire Cat disappears abruptly. The mushroom-house descends back into the ground, revealing the Mad Hatter, March Hare and Dormouse at a tea-table.]



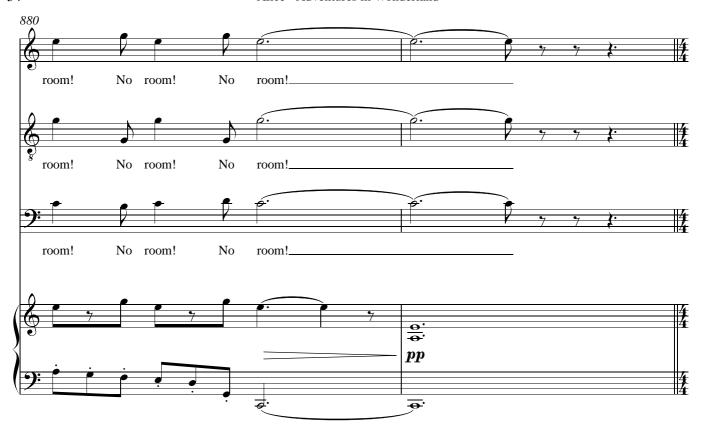
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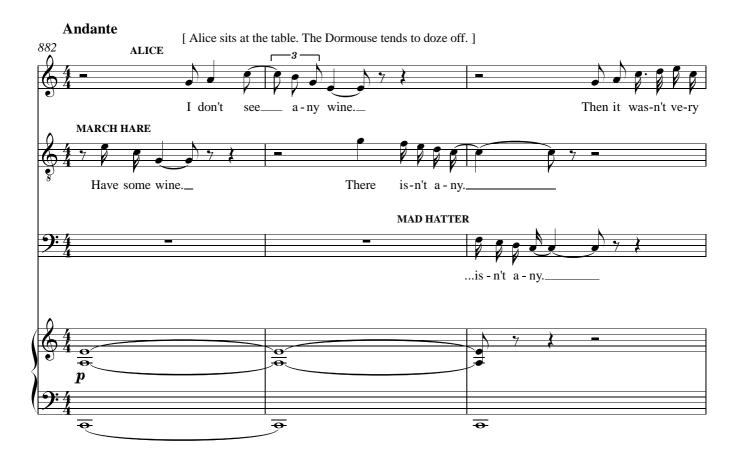
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XI. Twinkle









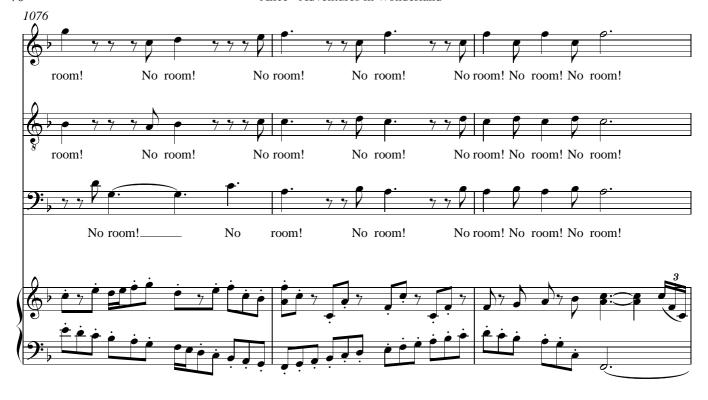












[Alice leaves the table abruptly.]





XIII. Off!

[The Queen of Hearts enters in high dudgeon preceded by the Gryphon (Lewis Carroll) bearing a banner emblazoned with the Mock Turtle encircled by the inscription, "Queen of Hearts and Marchioness of Mock Turtle." The Queen of Hearts, the White Rabbit as herald, and the other eleven Hearts follow behind as the Queen's entourage.]









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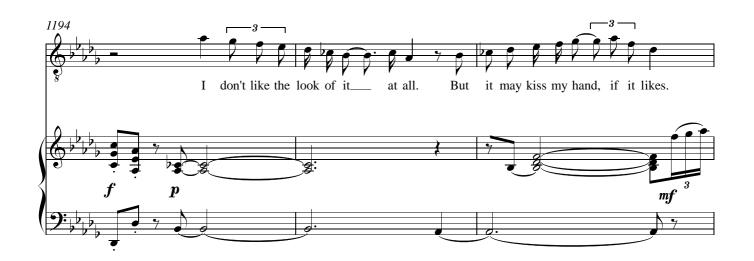












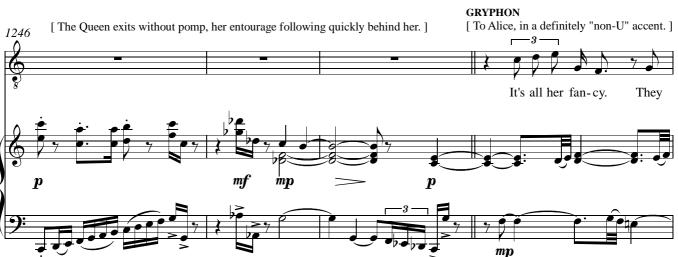


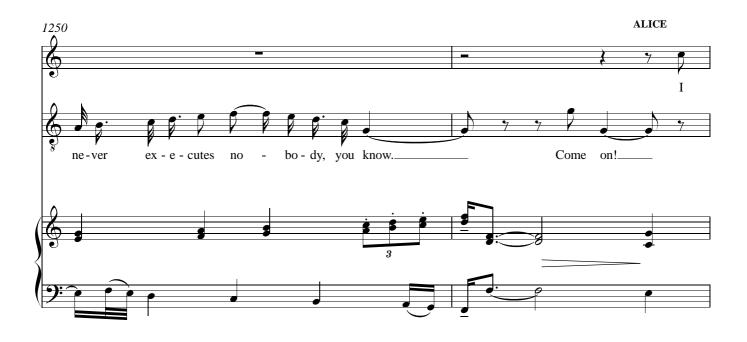


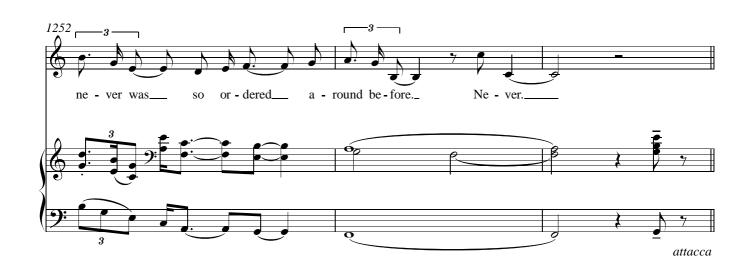




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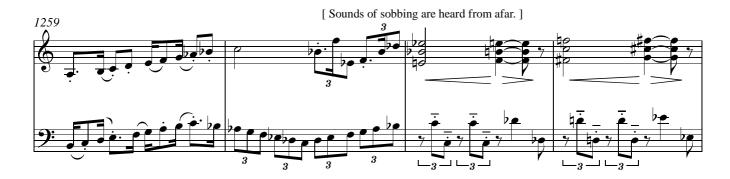




XV. A Visit to the Mock Turtle

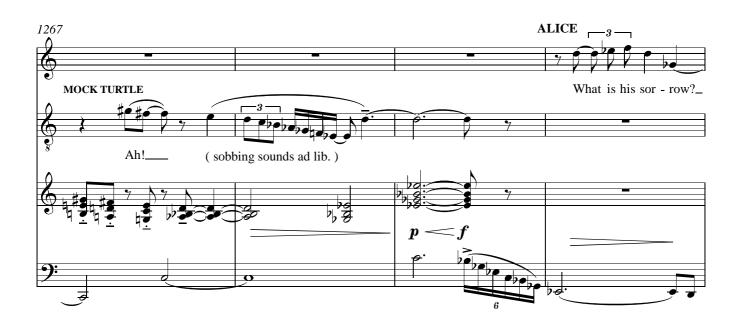
[Alice and the Gryphon leave the croquet party, and walk together.]





[Alice and the Gryphon come upon the Mock Turtle, who is weeping.]

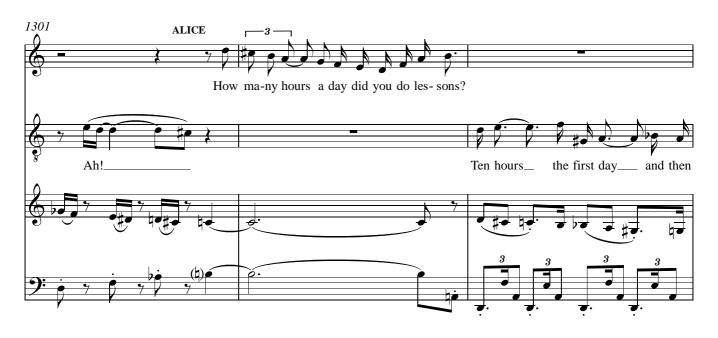




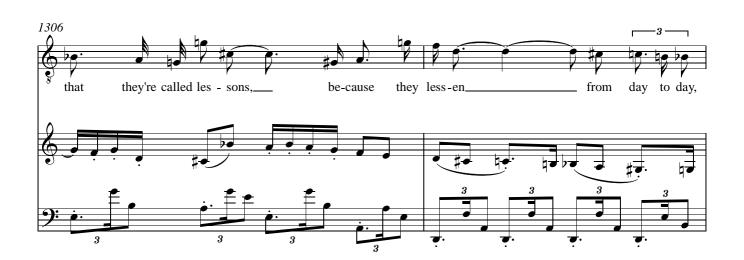


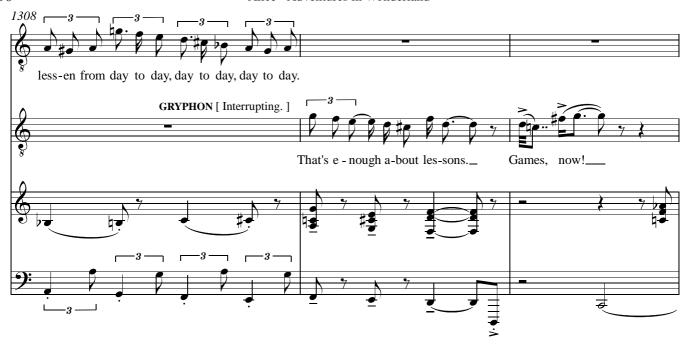


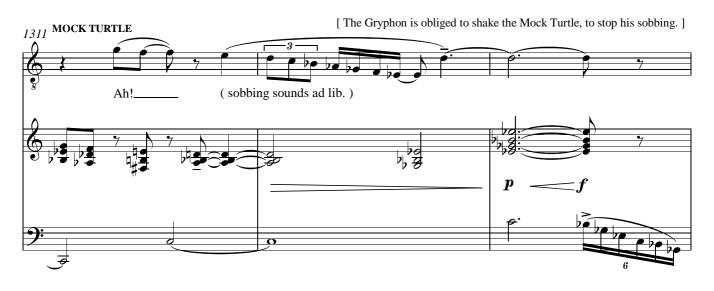


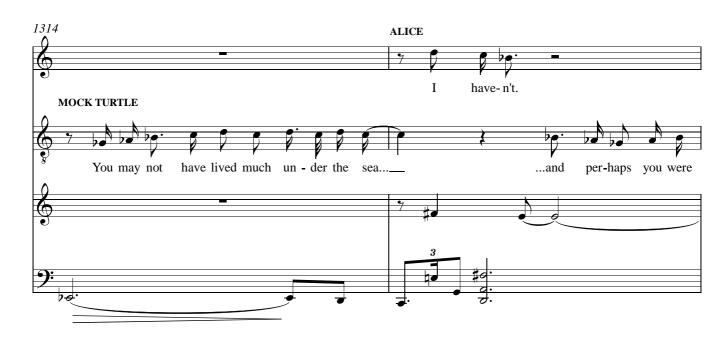


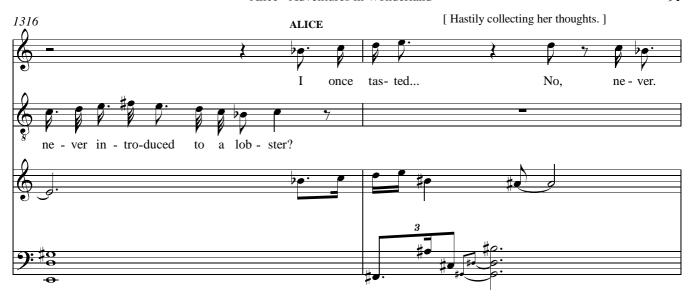




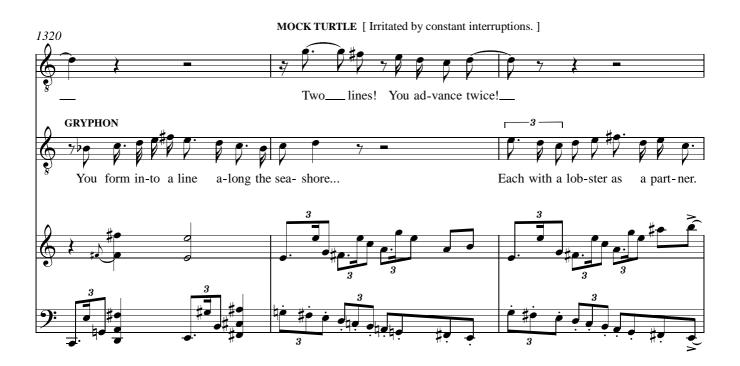




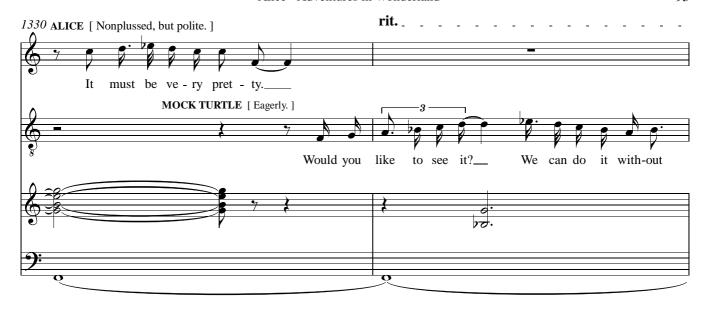












XVI. The Lobster Quadrille

[The Mock Turtle and Gryphon approach one another, and bow. Hand in hand, they dance mincingly.]

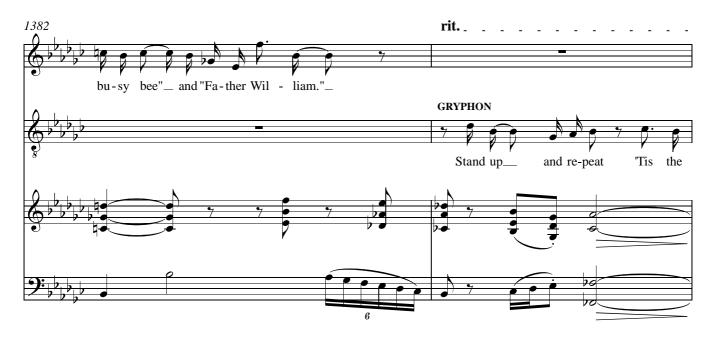






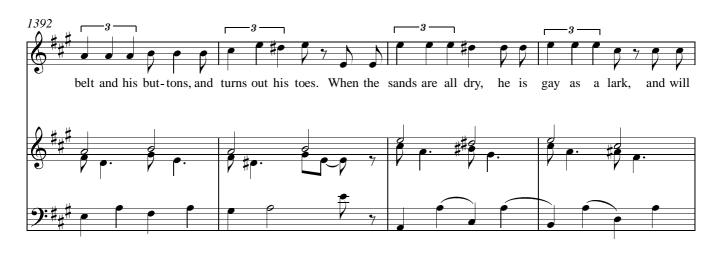


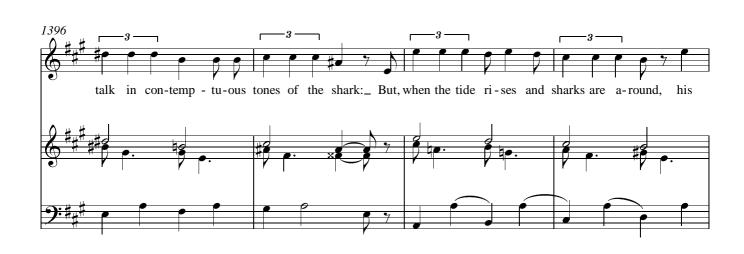


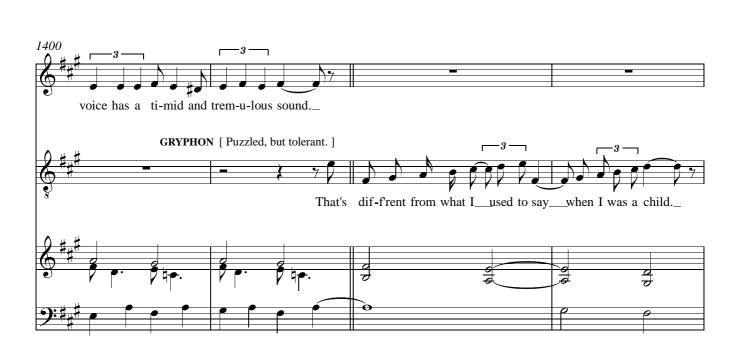


XVII. The Voice of the Lobster







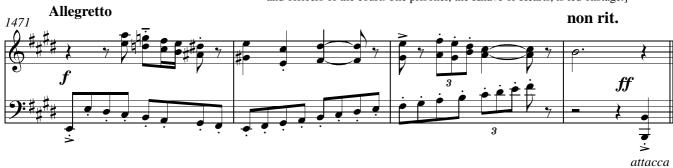












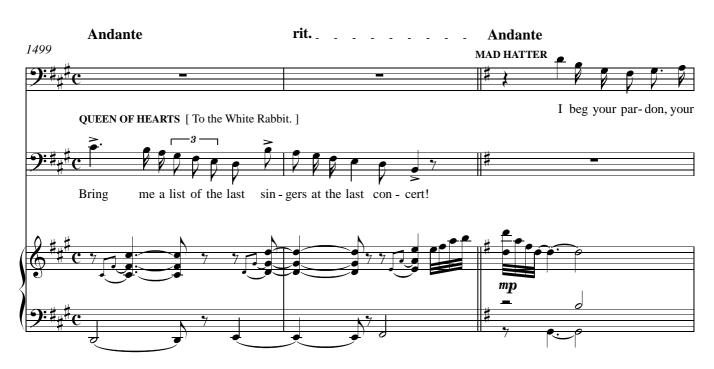
XIX. Who Stole the Tarts?



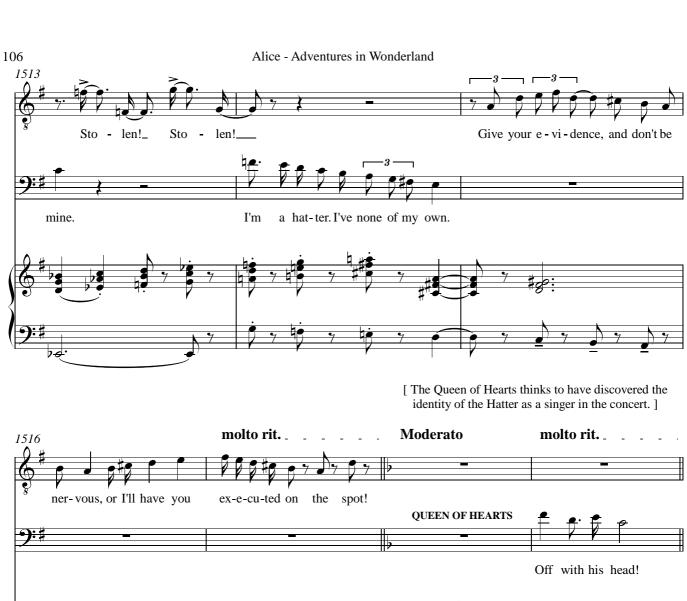


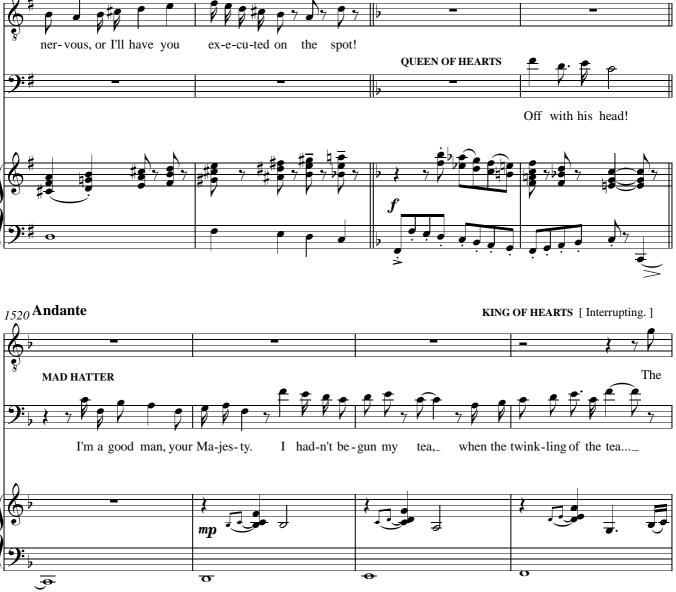
[The Mad Hatter takes the witness stand, tea-cup and saucer in hand. The Queen of Hearts looks at him frowning.]



















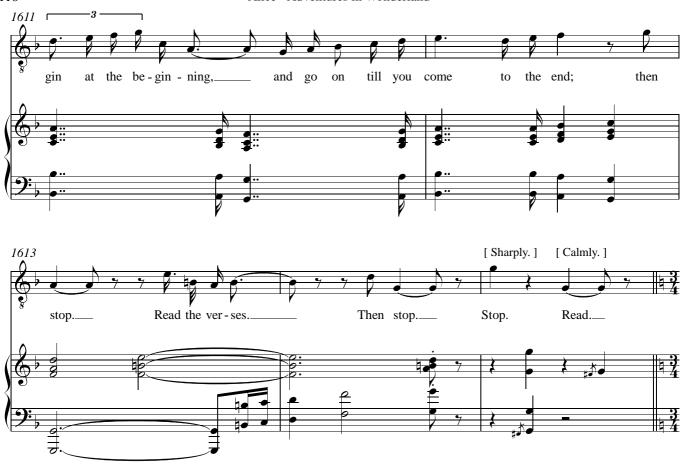




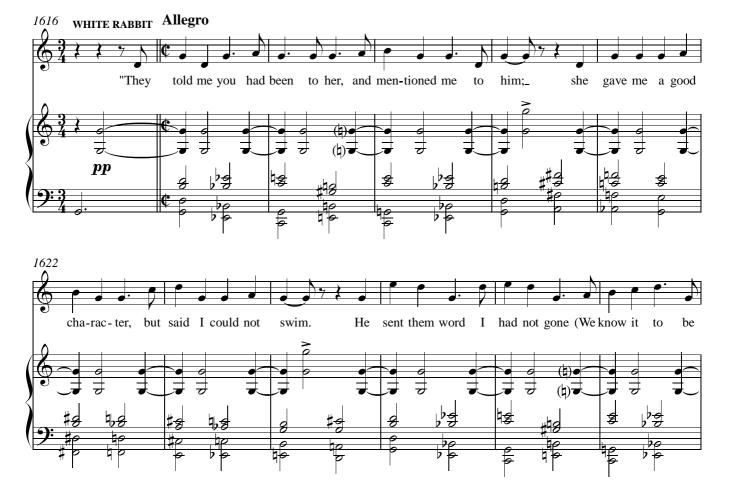




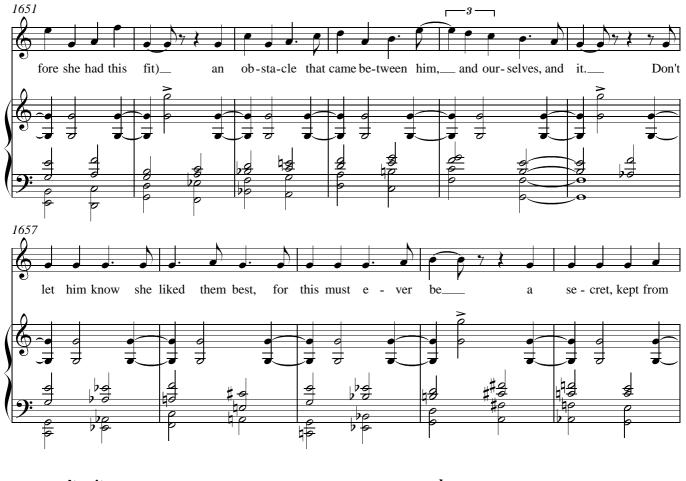


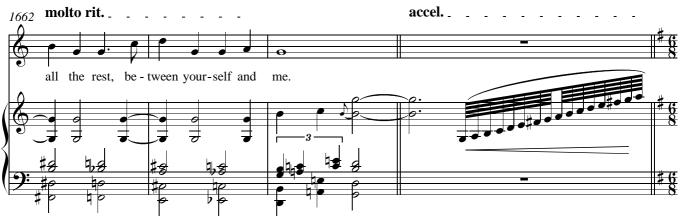


XX. A Letter from Somebody









XXI. Such a Curious Dream

