Emily Dickinson's

Book of the Dead

Part One

This--is the Land--the Sunset washes--

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette

Maestoso

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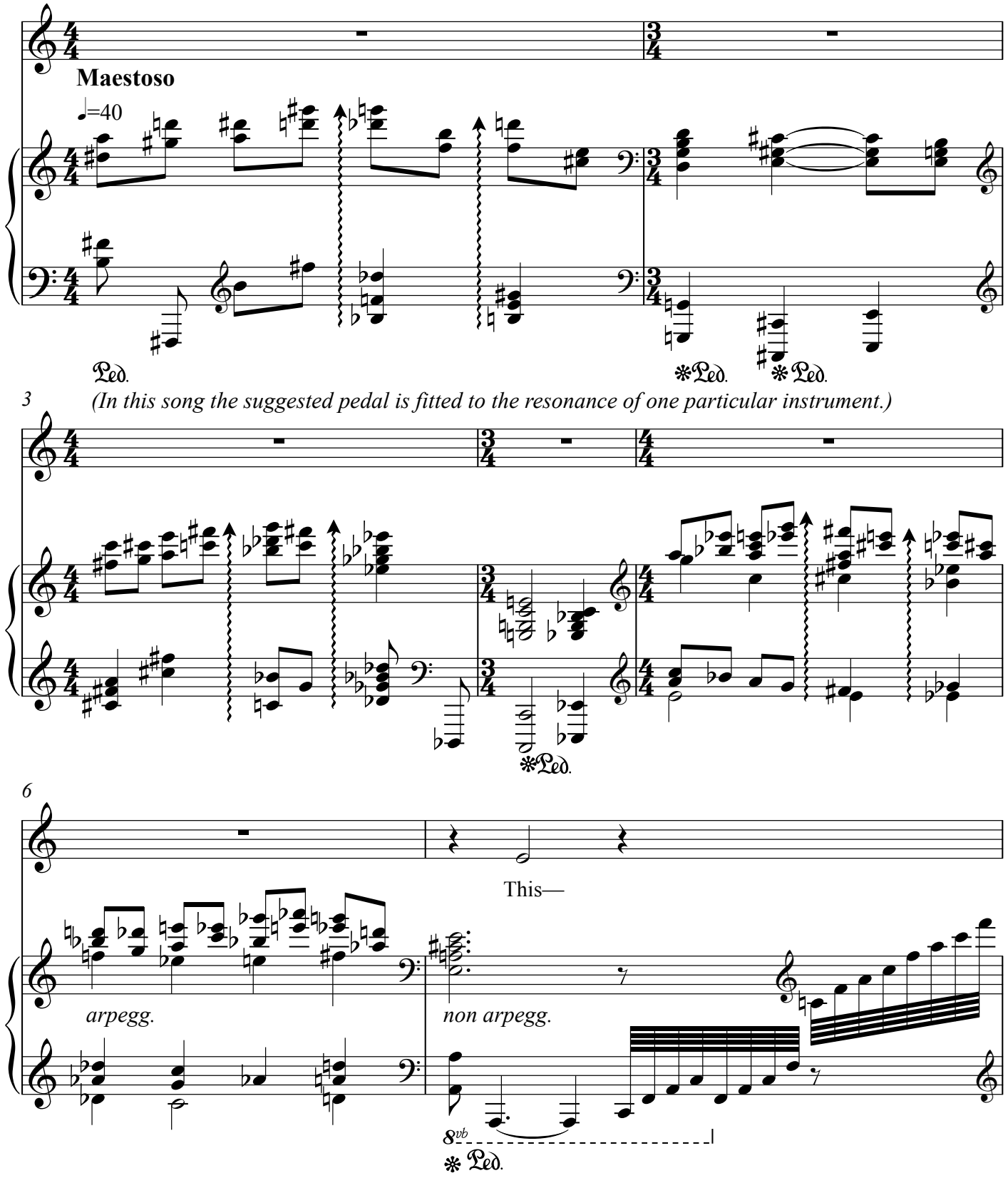

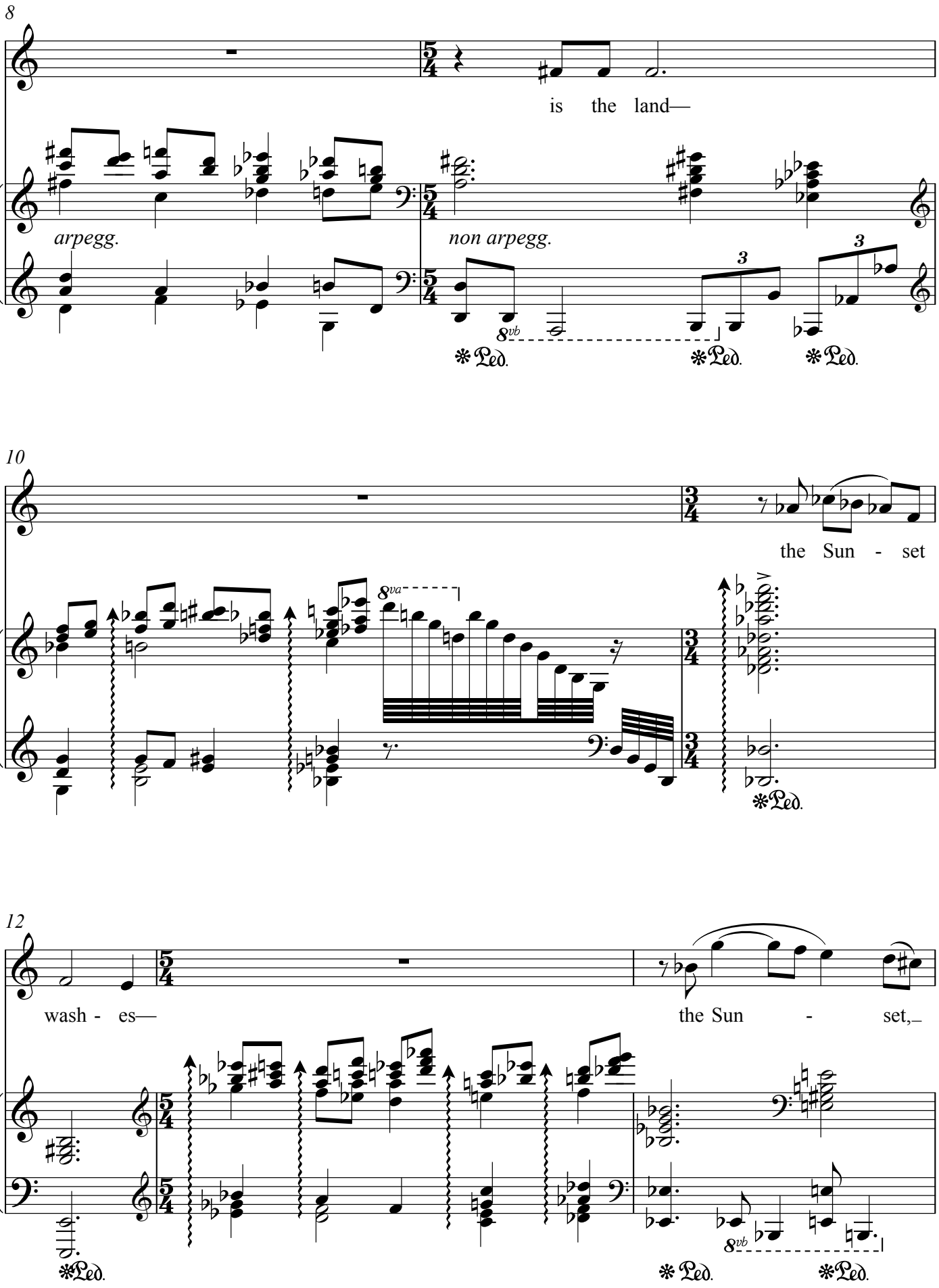
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is the land—
arpegg.
non arpegg.
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the Sun - set
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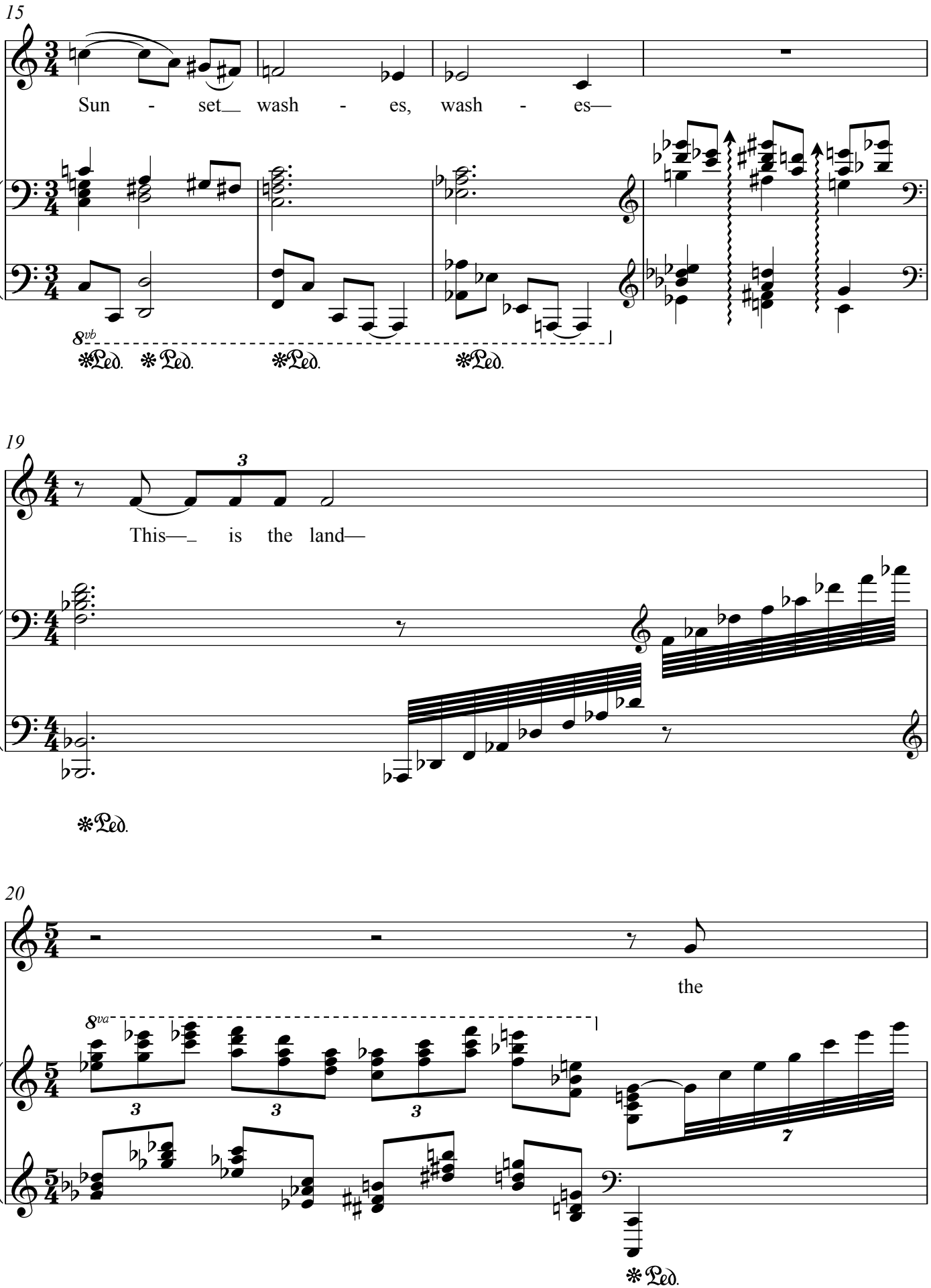
wash - es—
the Sun - set,—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Sun - set wash - es, wash - es—
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This— is the land—
Ped.
20
the
8va
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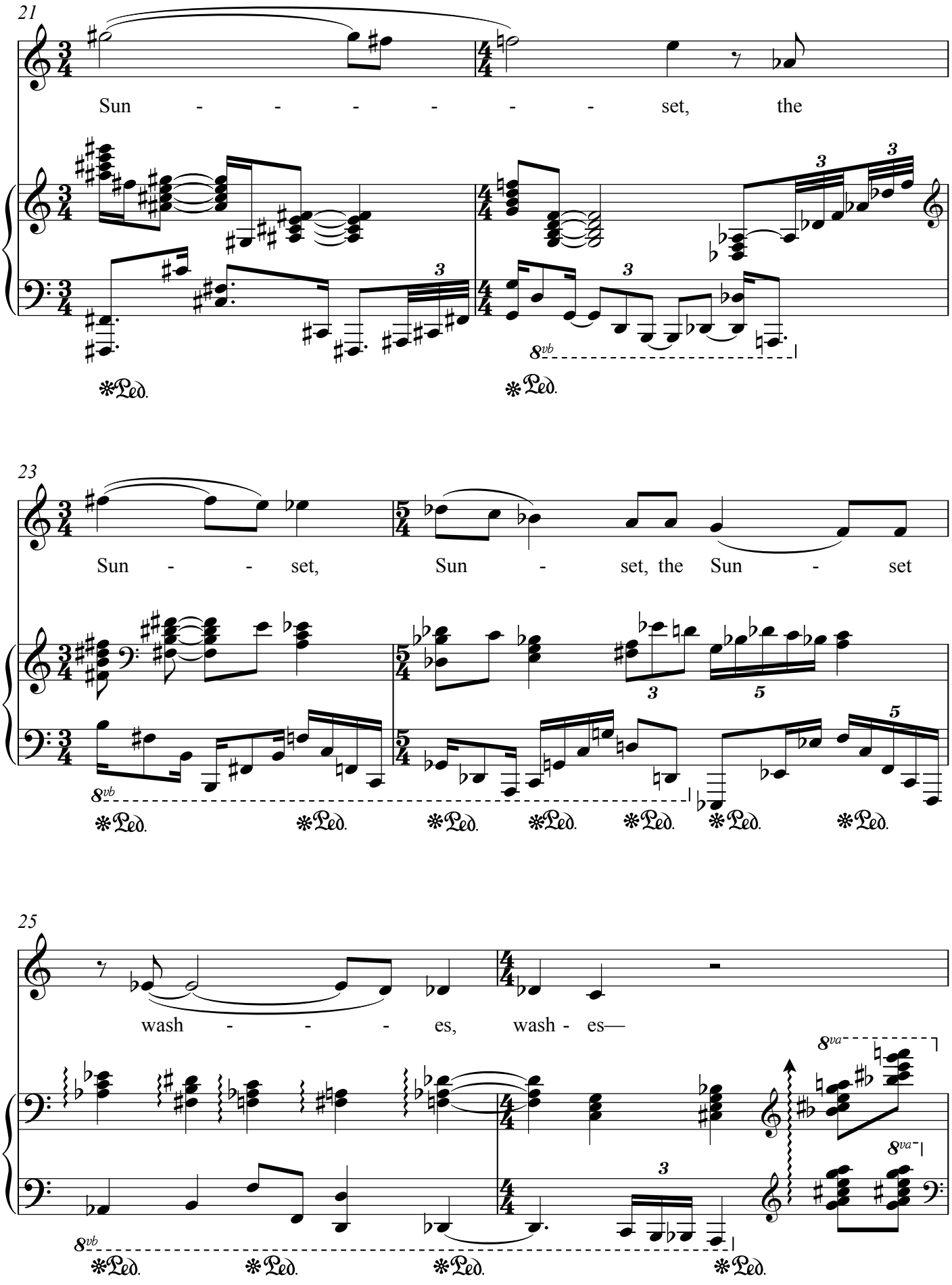
Ped.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Sun - - set, Sun - set, the Sun - set
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Ped.
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wash - - - es, wash - es—
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8va
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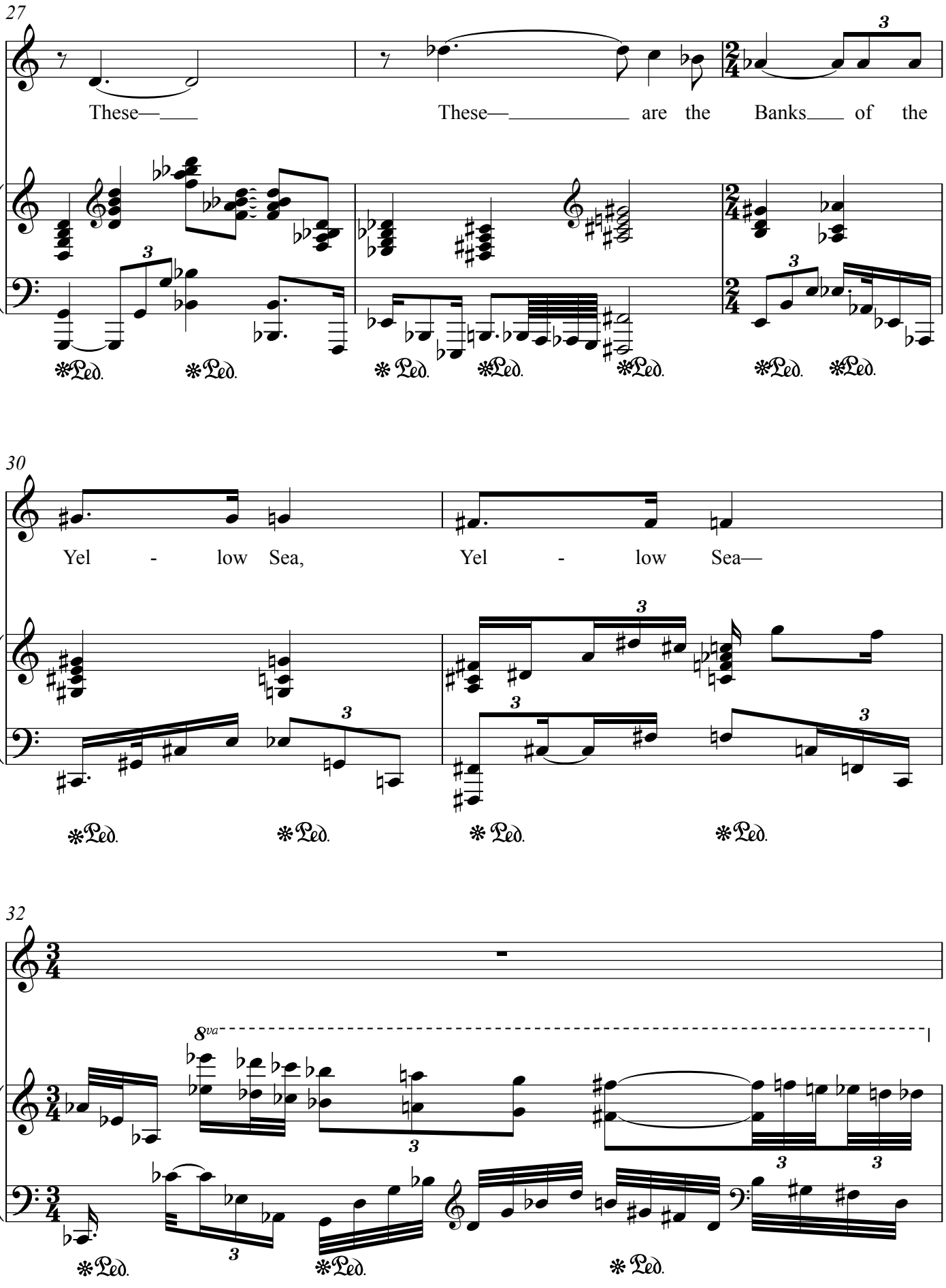
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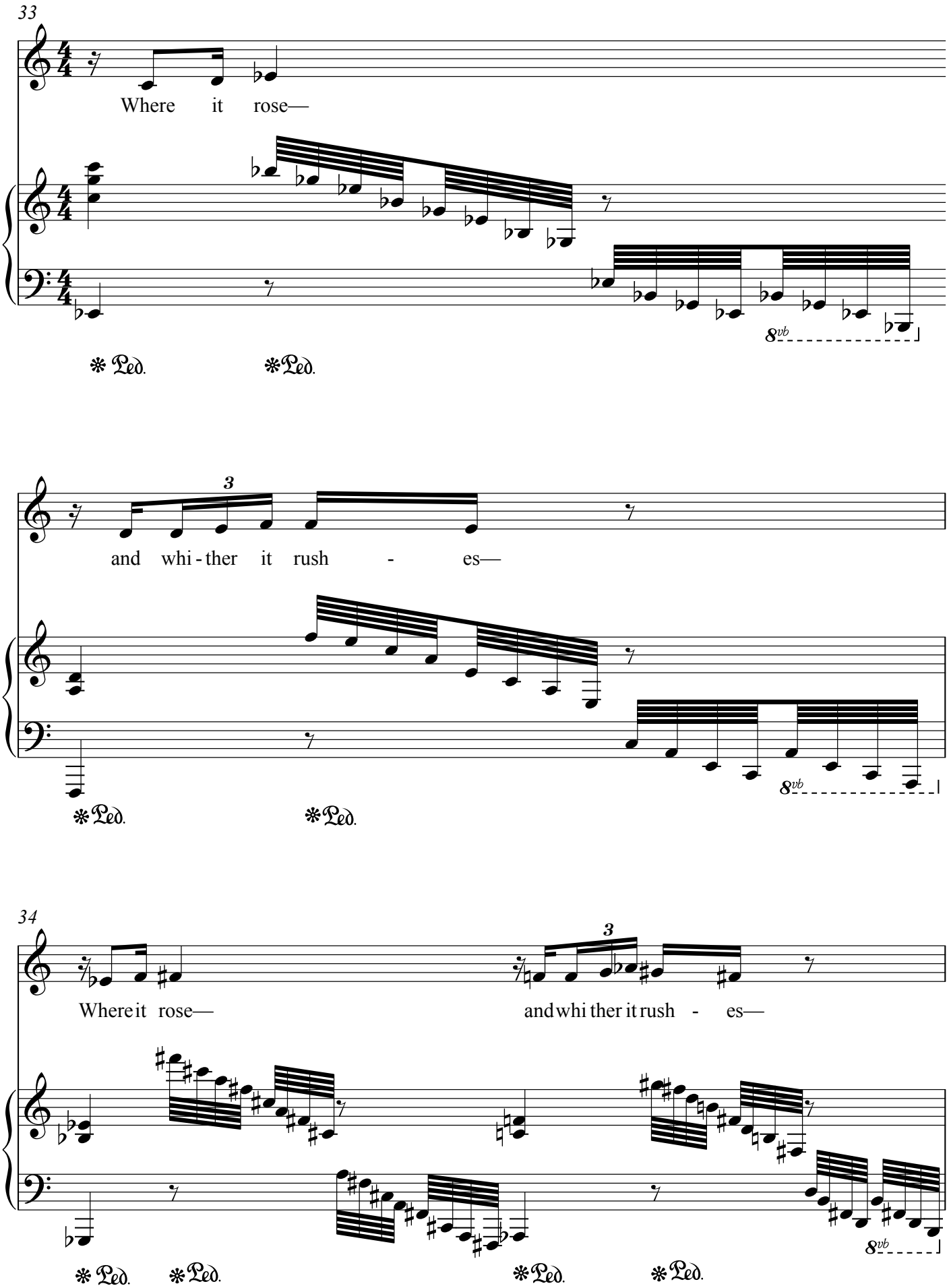
These—
These— are the Banks of the
30
Yel - low Sea,
Yel - low Sea—
32
8va
Ped.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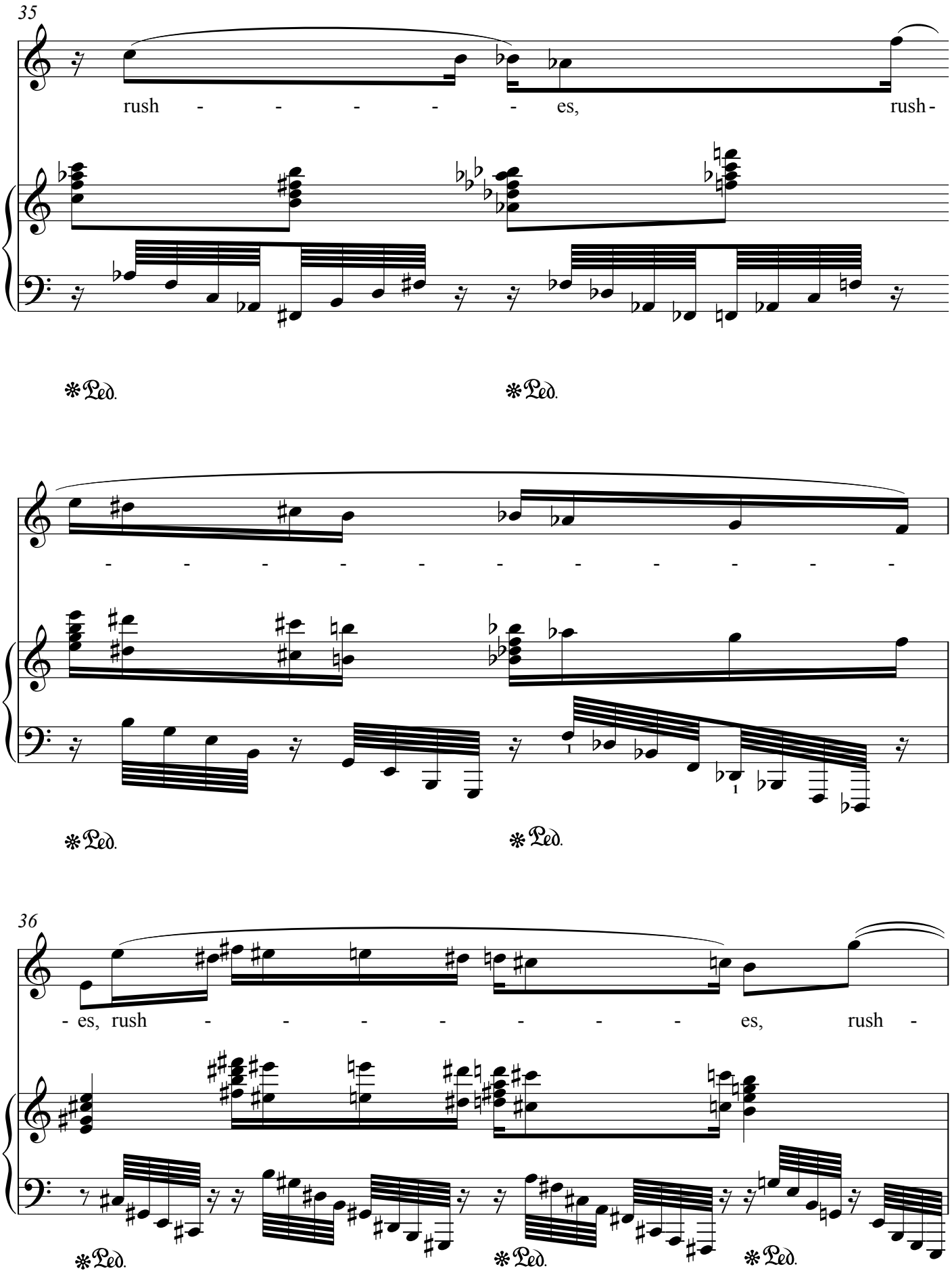
Where it rose—
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
3
and whi - ther it rush - es—
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
34
Where it rose—
3
and whi ther it rush - es—
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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rush - - - - - - es, rush -
Ped.
Ped.
- - - - - - - - - - - -
Ped.
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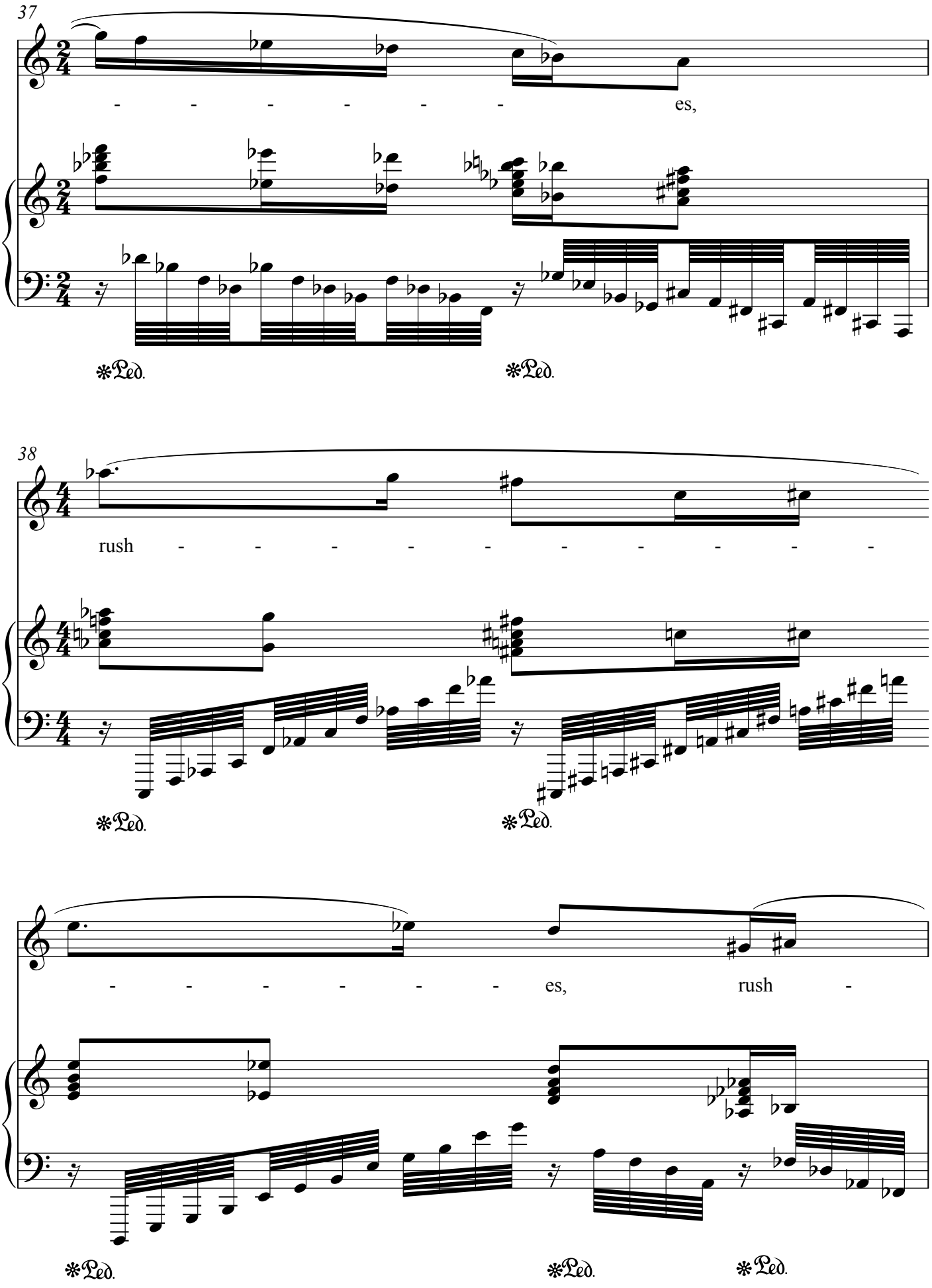
- es, rush - - - - - - - - es, rush -
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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- - - - - - es,
Ped.
Ped.
38
rush - - - - - - - - - -
Ped.
Ped.
- - - - - - es, rush -
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

39

- - - - - - - - - es—

*Ped. *Ped. *Ped. *Ped.

40

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tr

*Ped. *Ped. *Ped.

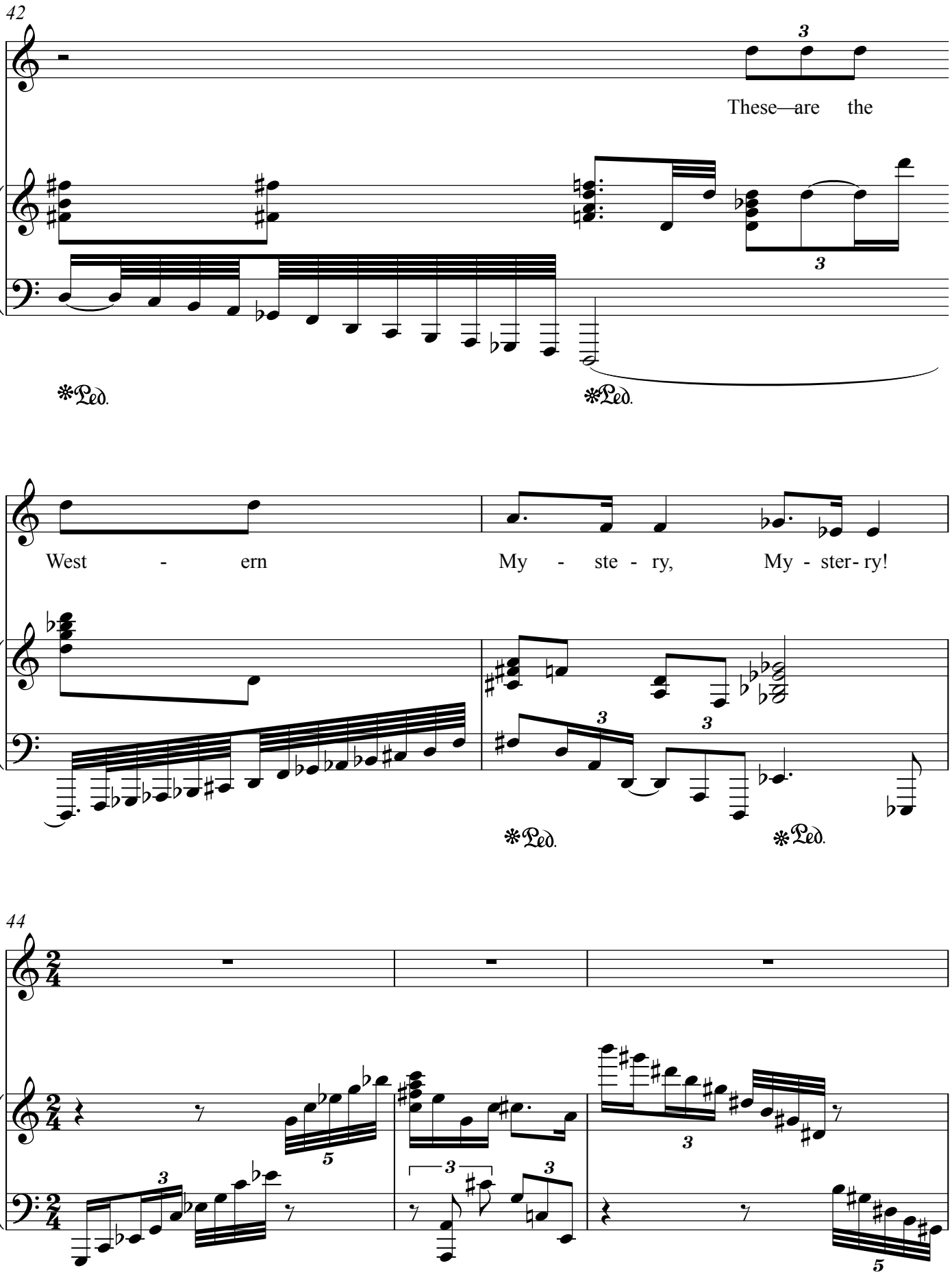
41

3

These—are the West - ern My - ste - ry!

3

*Ped. *Ped. *Ped. *Ped.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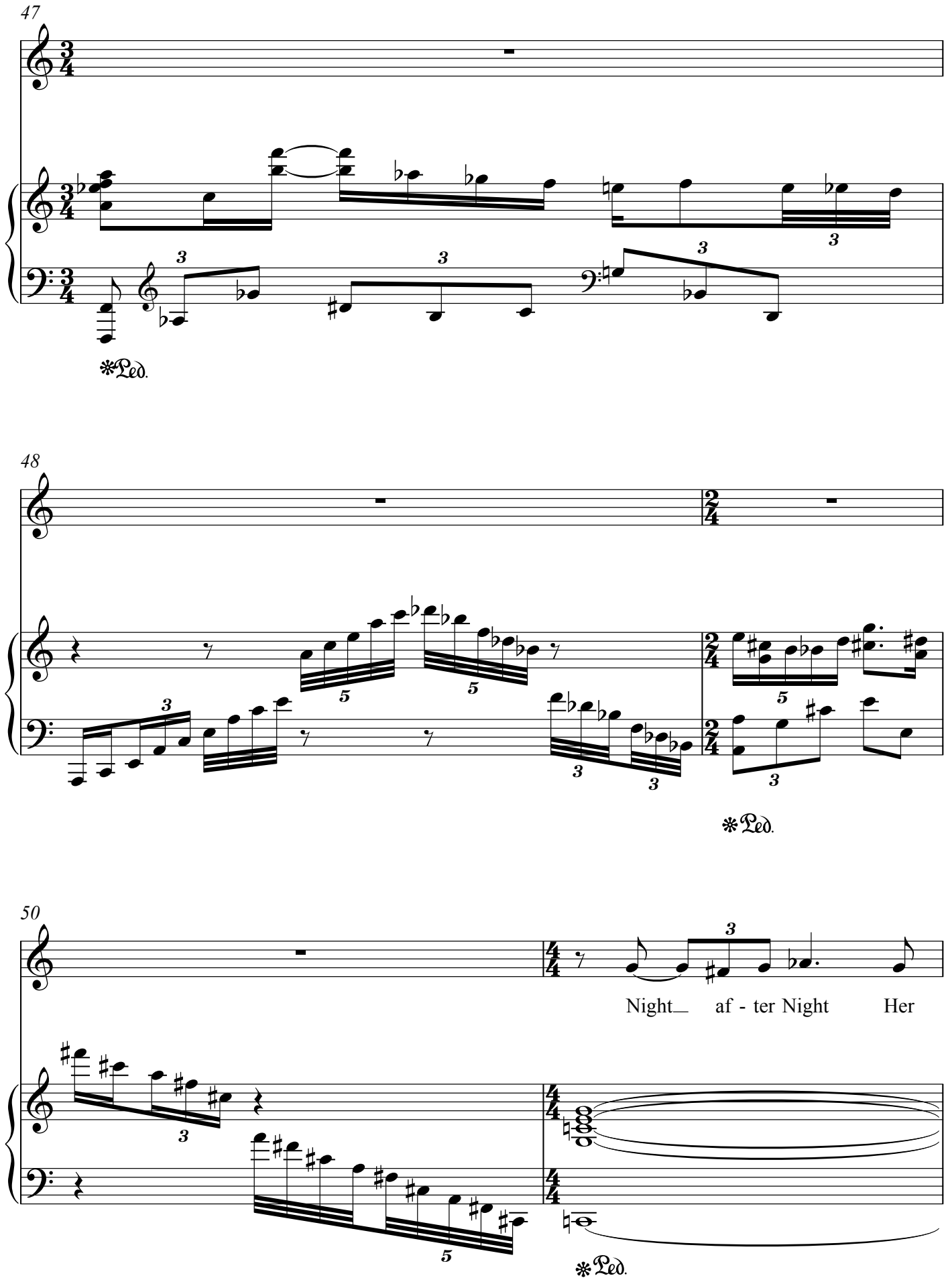
These—are the
West - ern
My - ste - ry,
My - ster- ry!
44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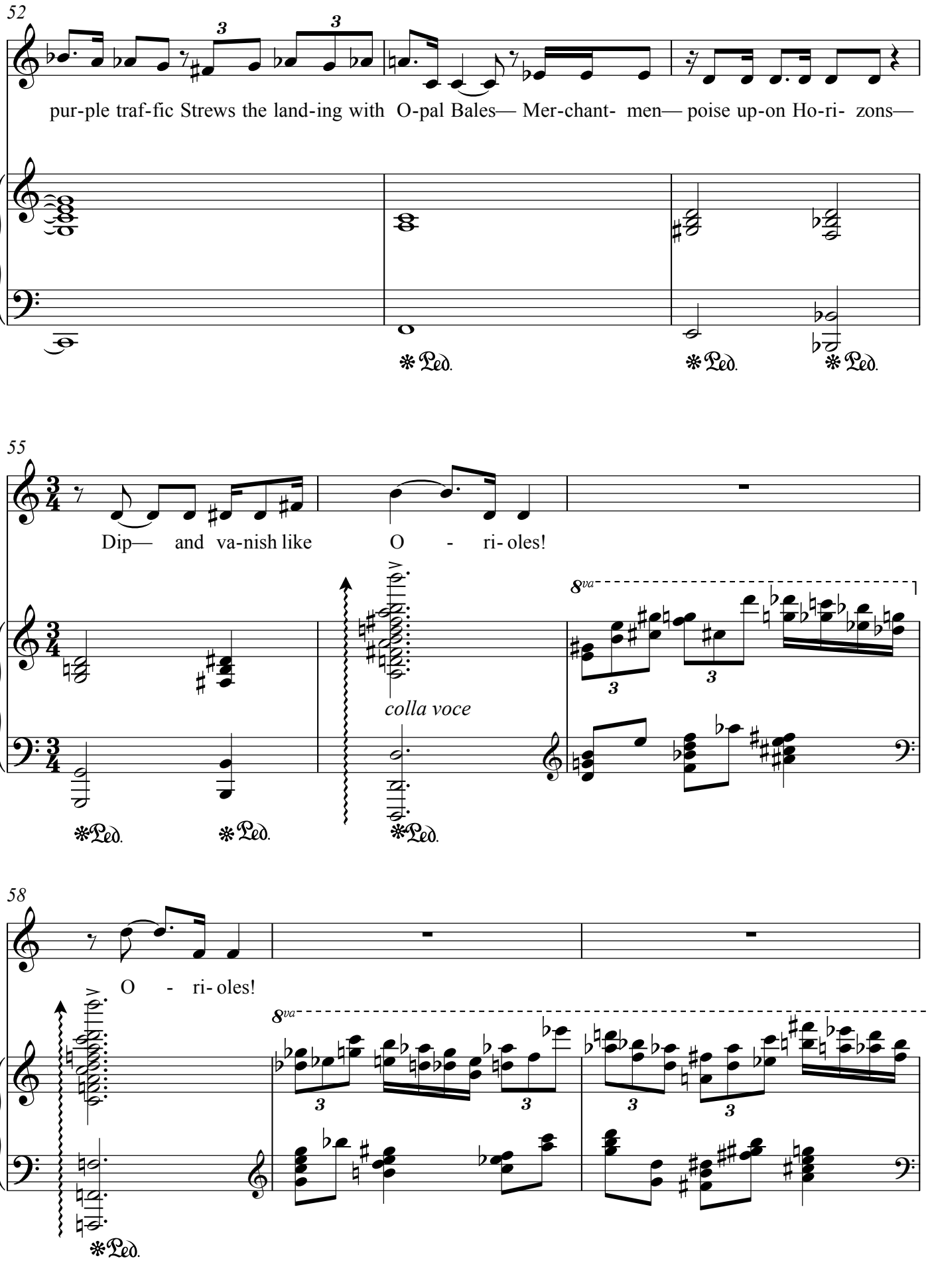
*Ped.
48
*Ped.
50
Night_ af - ter Night Her
*Ped.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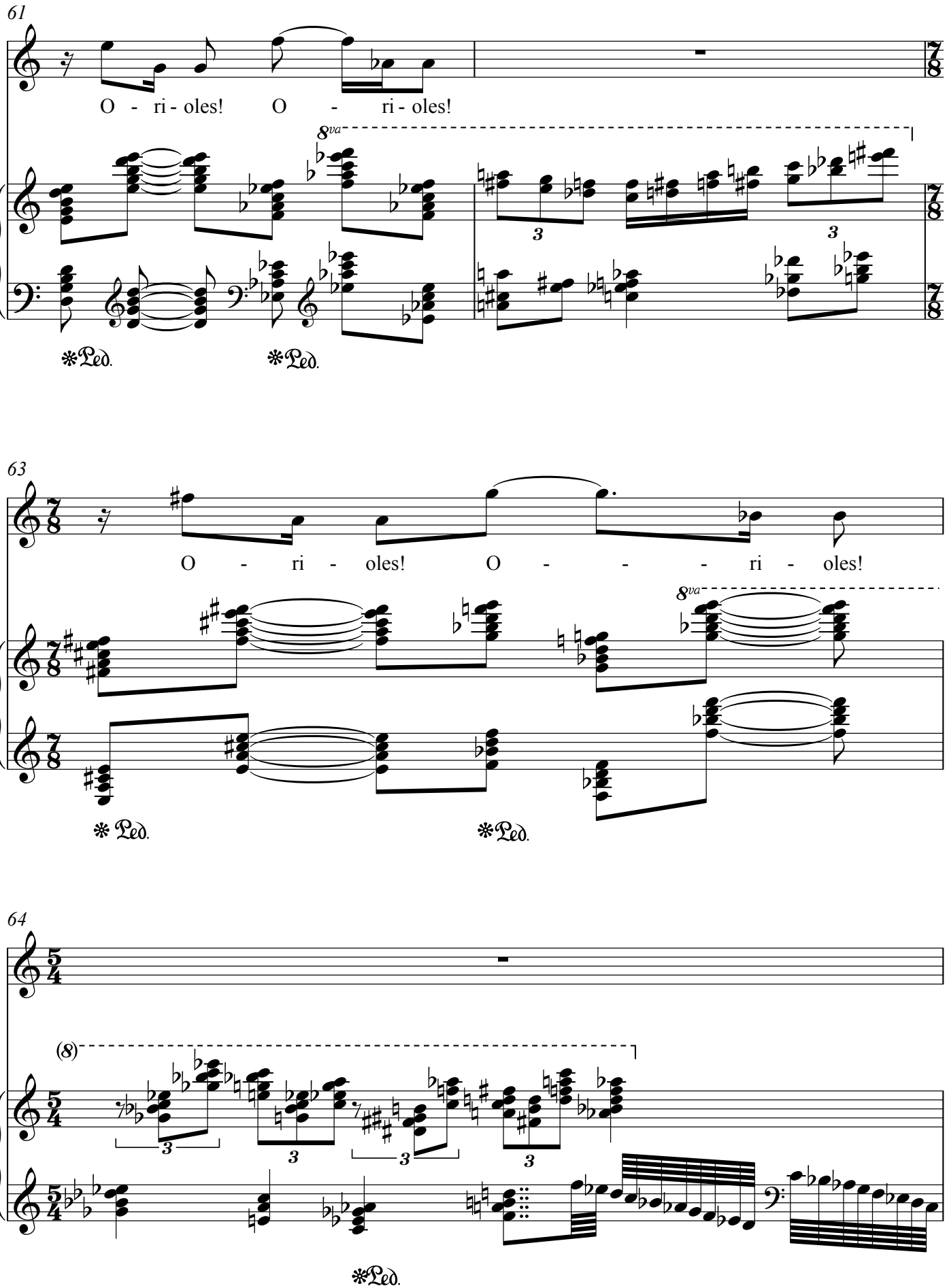
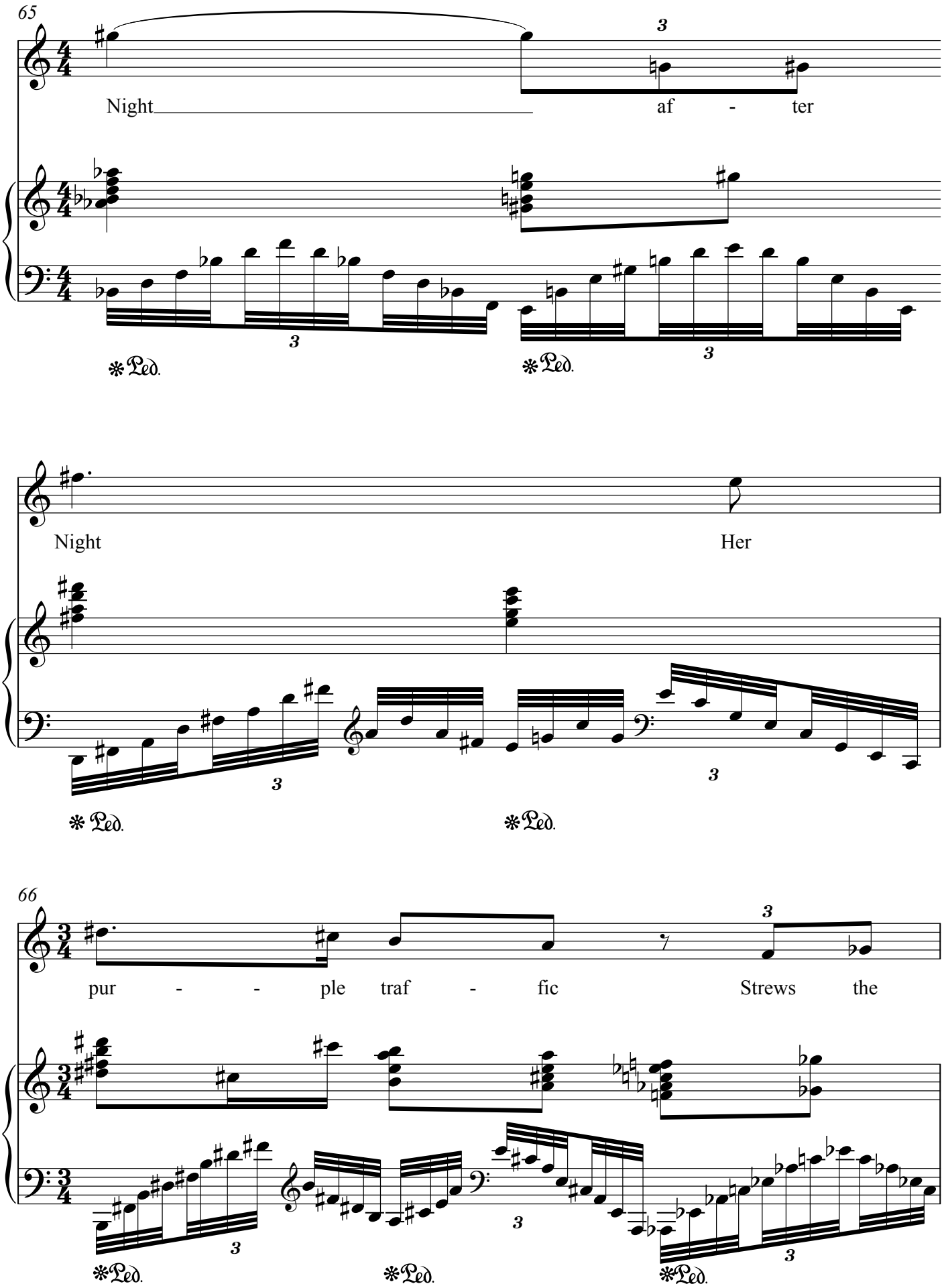
pur-ple traf-fic Strews the land-ing with O-pal Bales— Mer-chant- men— poise up-on Ho-ri- zons—
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
55
Dip— and va-nish like O - ri- oles!
colla voce
8va
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
58
O - ri- oles!
8va
Ped.


61
O - ri - oles! O - ri - oles!
8va
Ped.
Ped.
63
O - ri - oles! O - - - ri - oles!
8va
Ped.
Ped.
64
(8)
Ped.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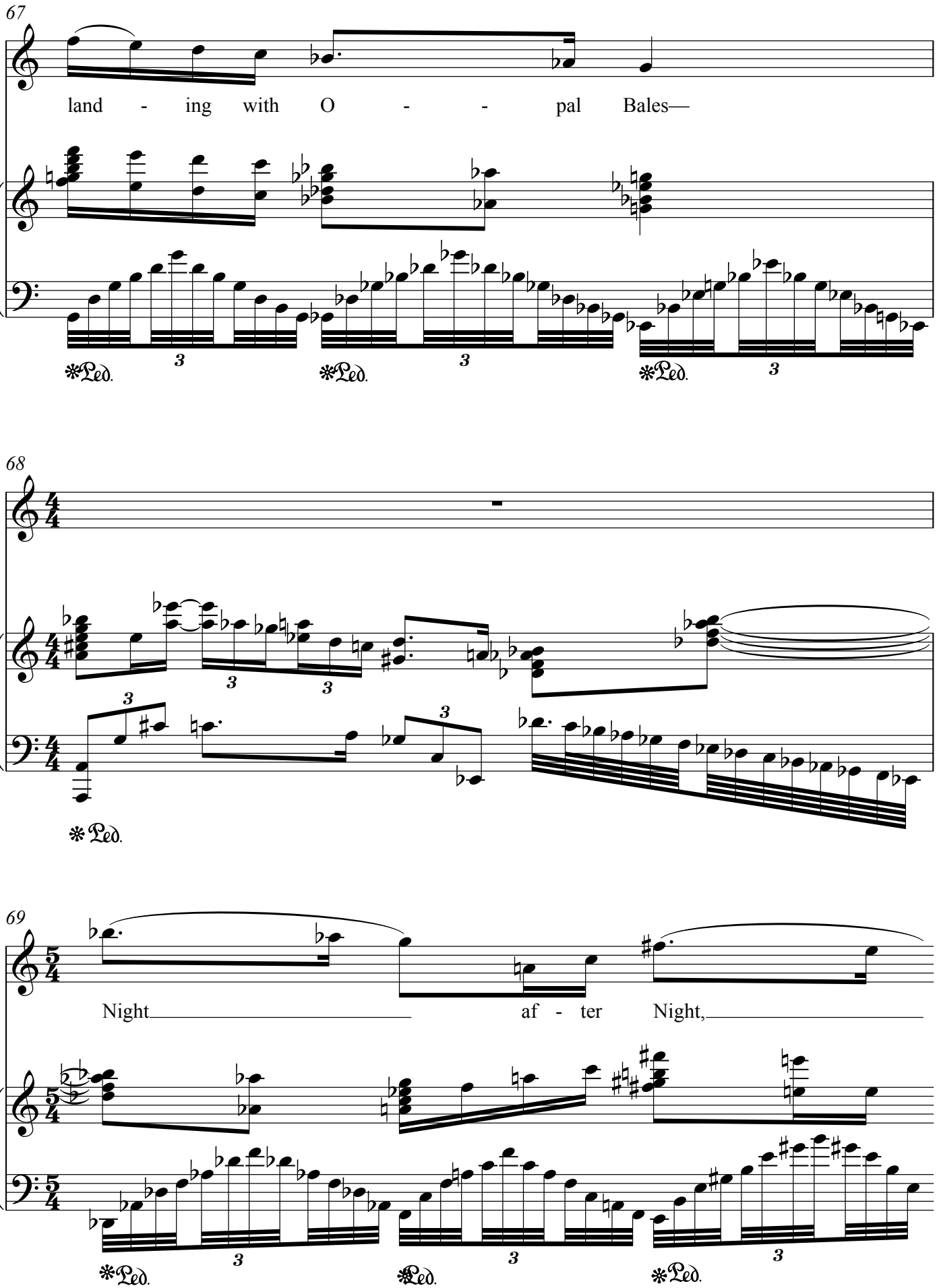
Night
af - ter
Night
Her
66
pur - - ple traf - fic
Strews the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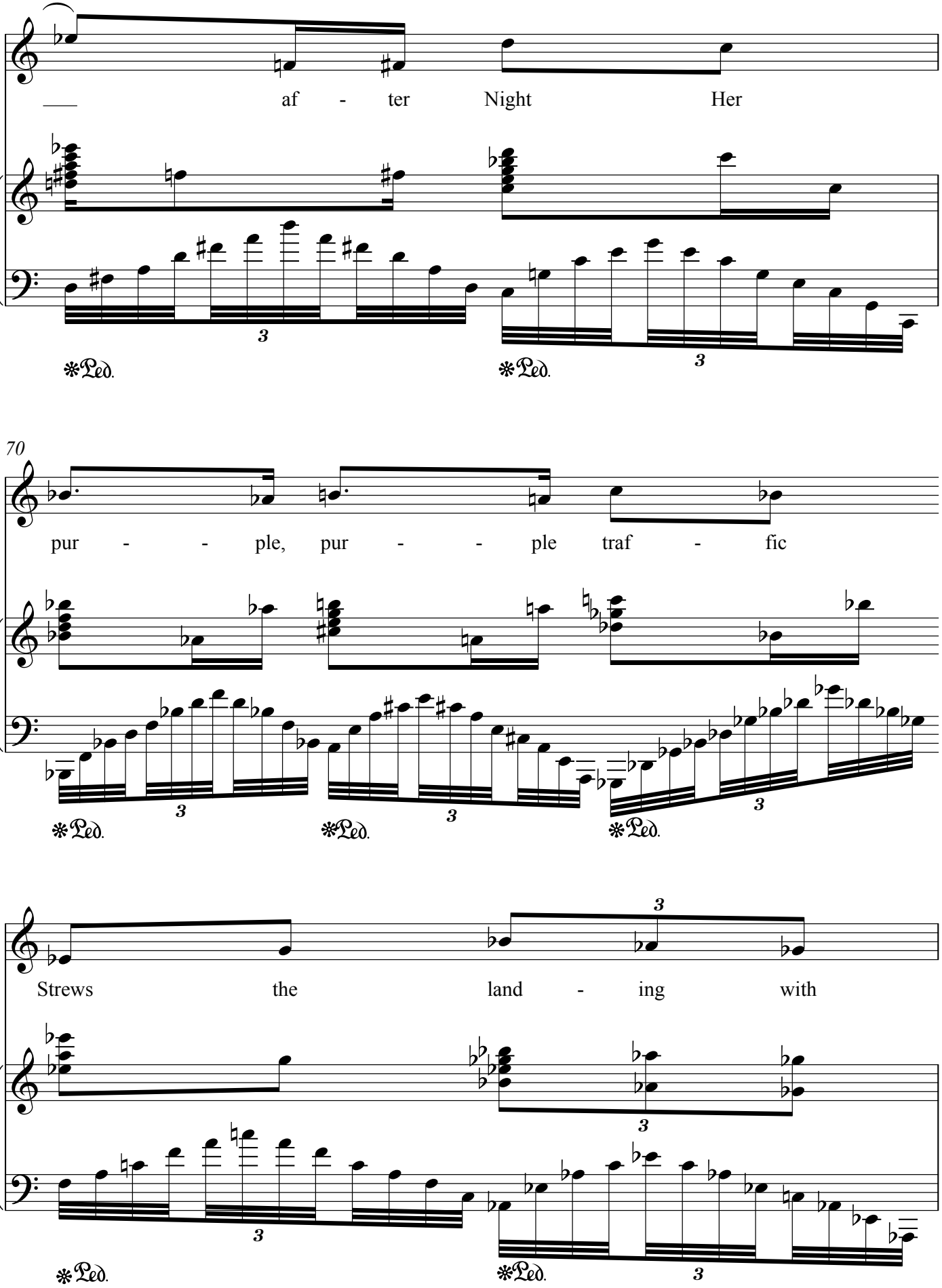
land - ing with O - - pal Bales—
68
69
Night af - ter Night,

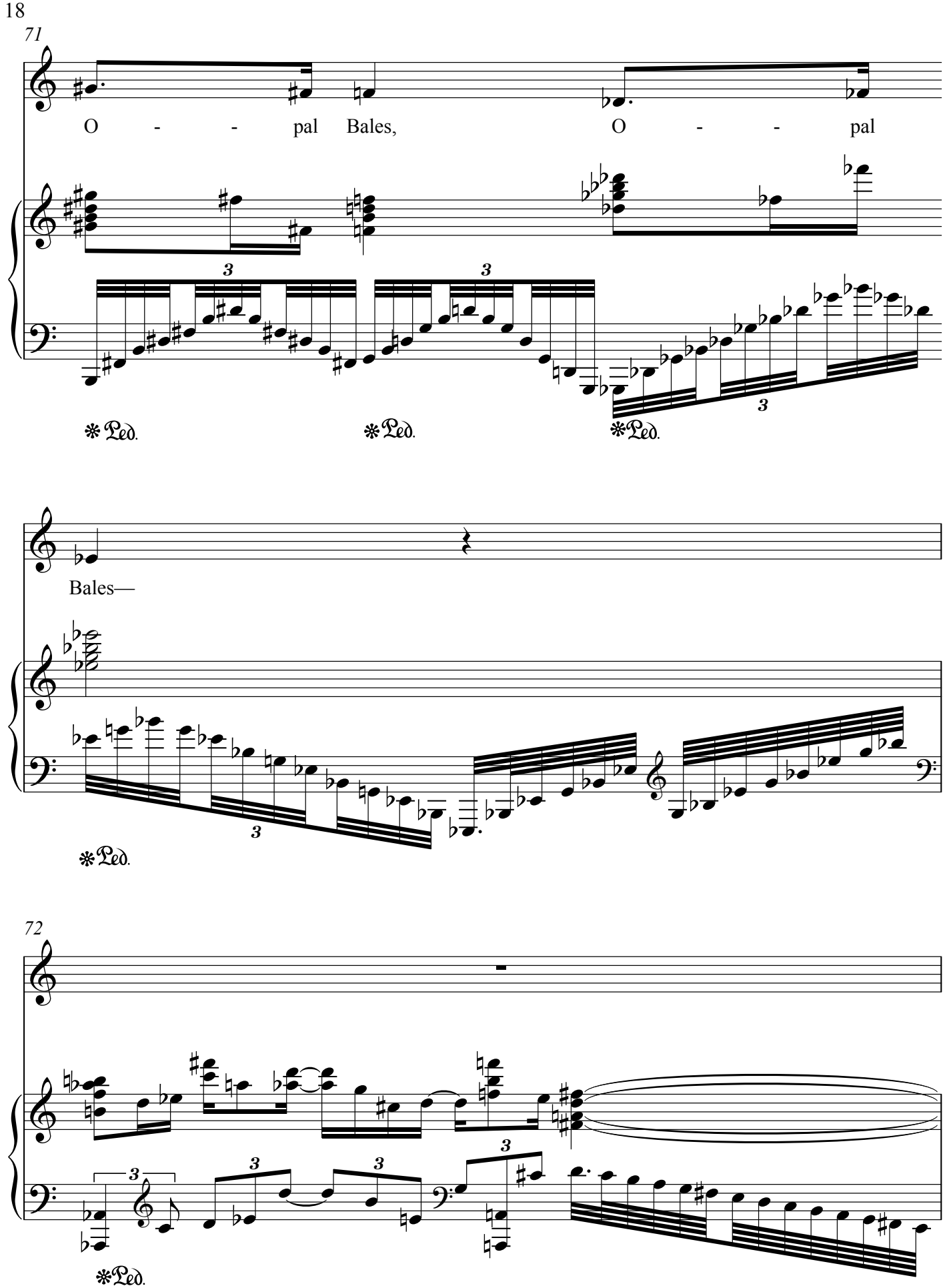

af - ter Night Her
70
pur - - ple, pur - - ple traf - fic
Strews the land - ing with
Ped.

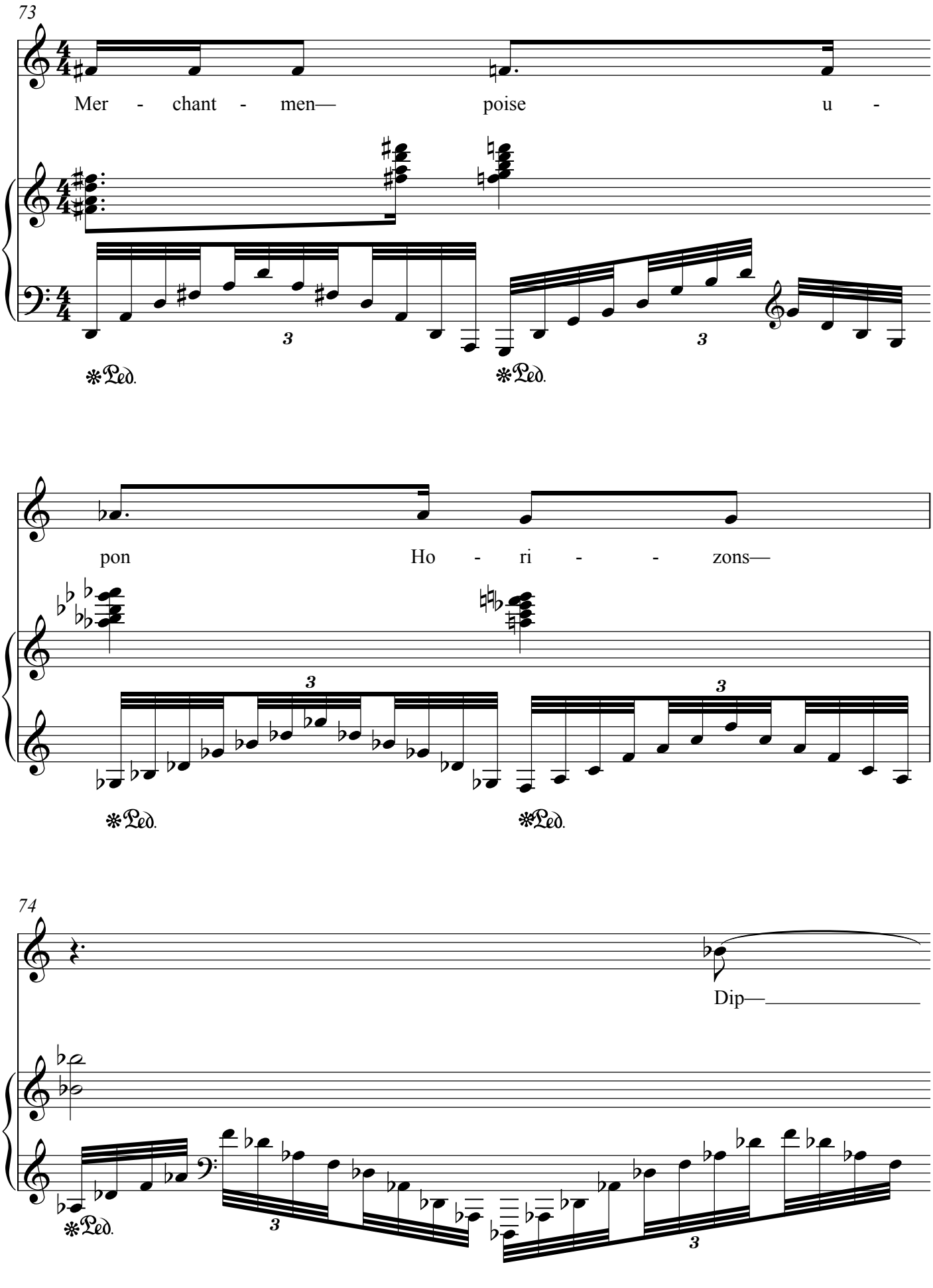
71

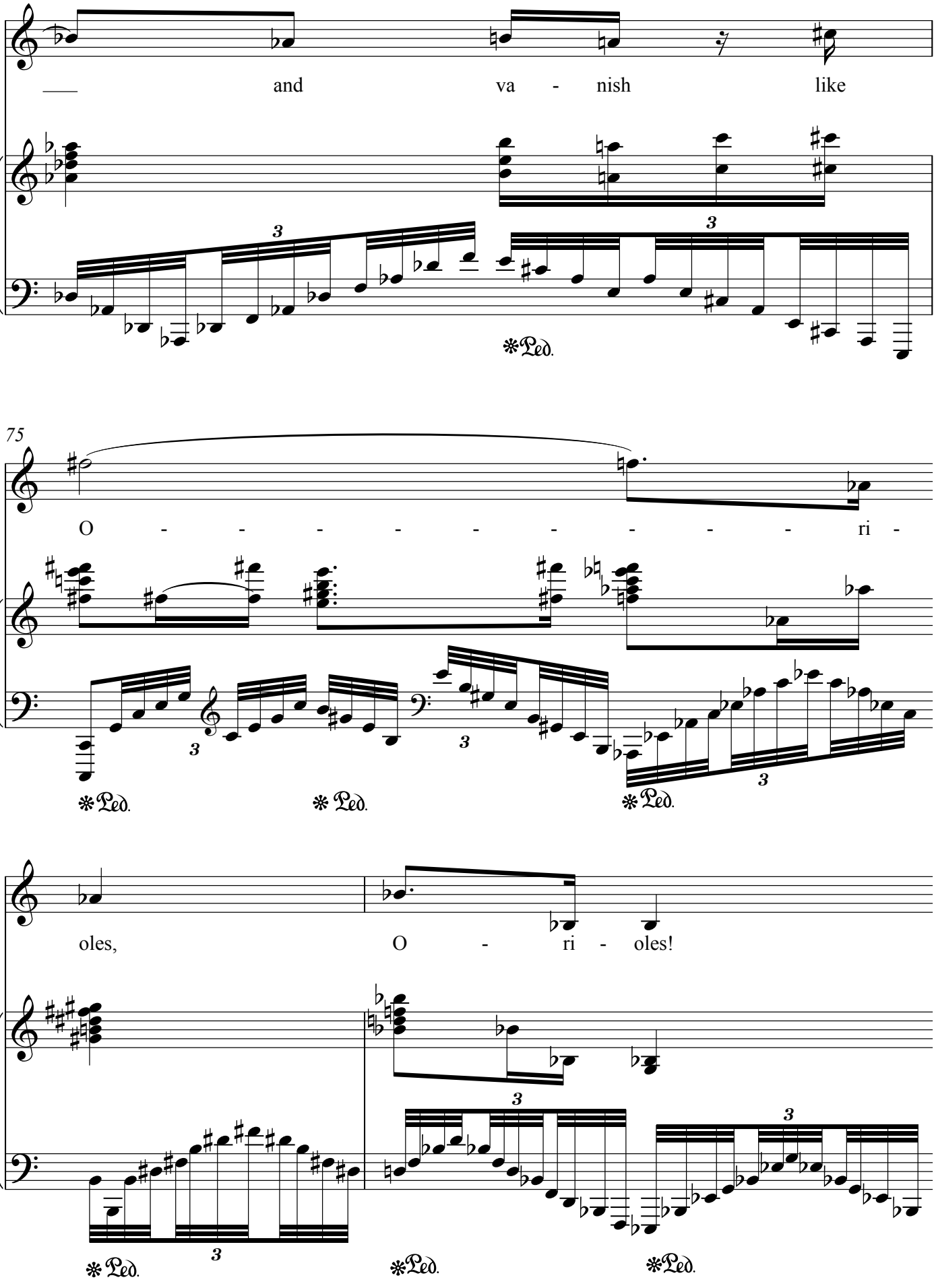
O - - pal Bales, O - - pal

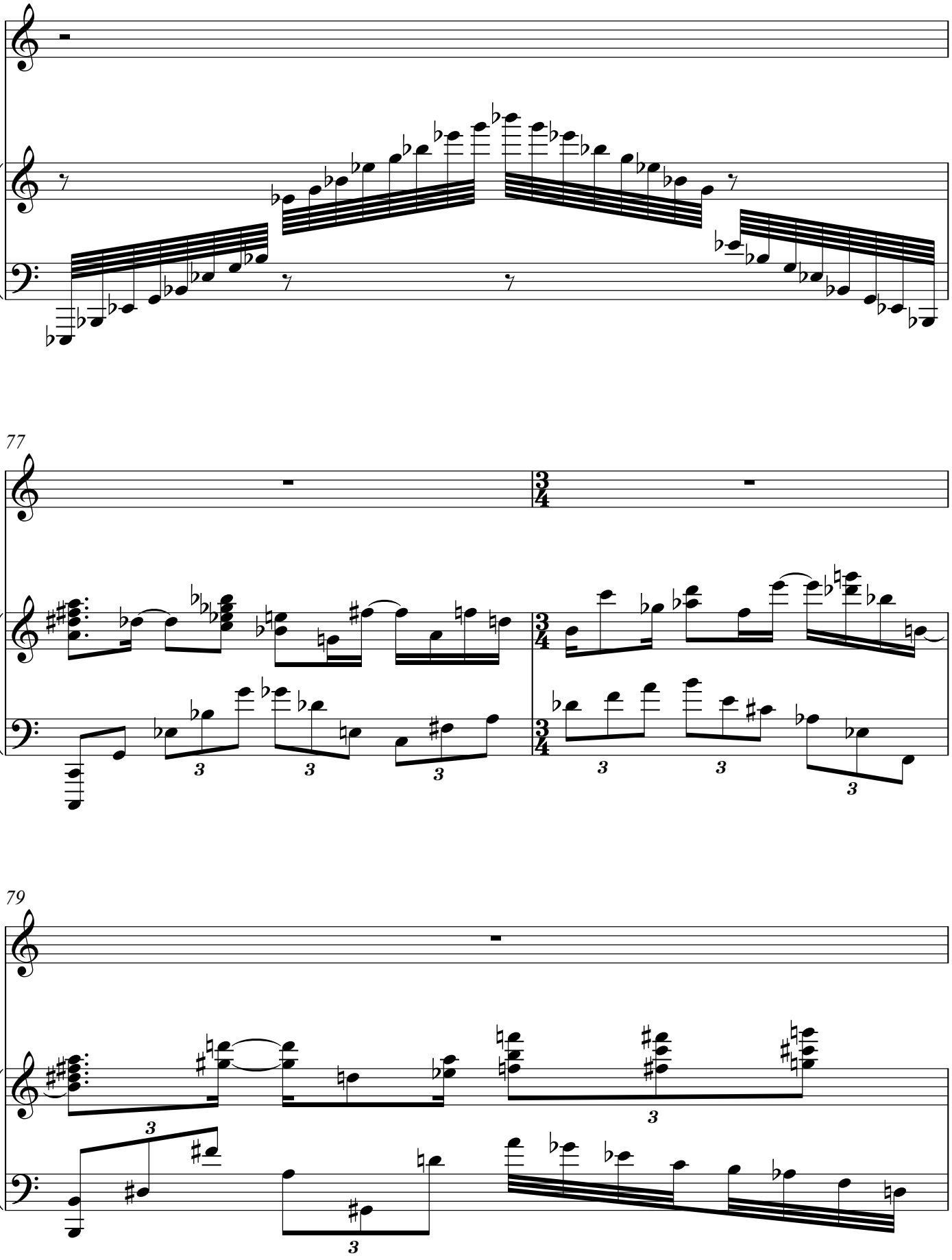
Bales—

72




73
Mer - chant - men— poise u -
3
3
Ped.
Ped.
pon Ho - ri - - zons—
3
3
Ped.
Ped.
74
Dip—
Ped.
3
3


and va - nish like
75
O - - - - - - - - - ri -
oles,
O - ri - oles!
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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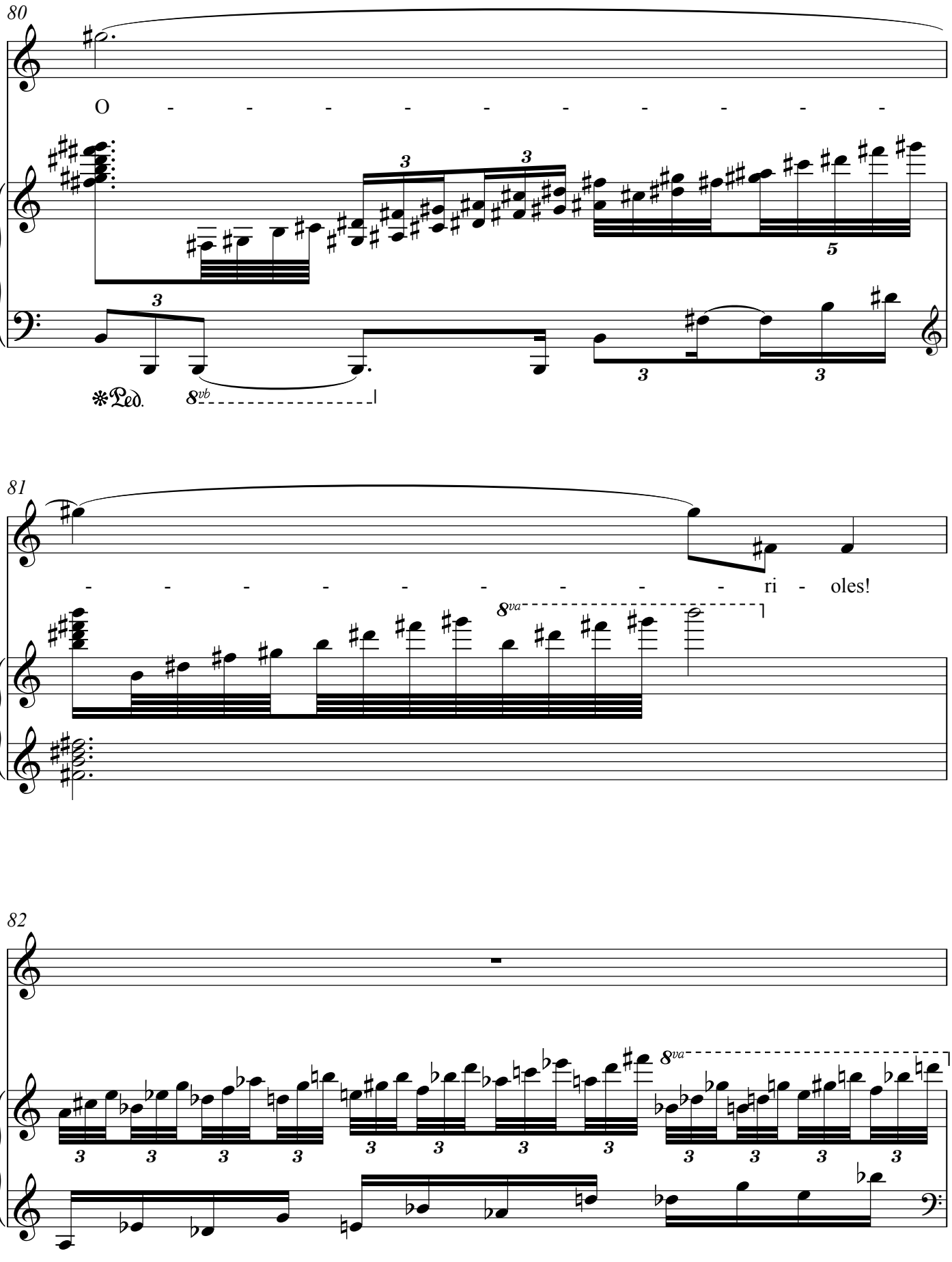
79
Ped.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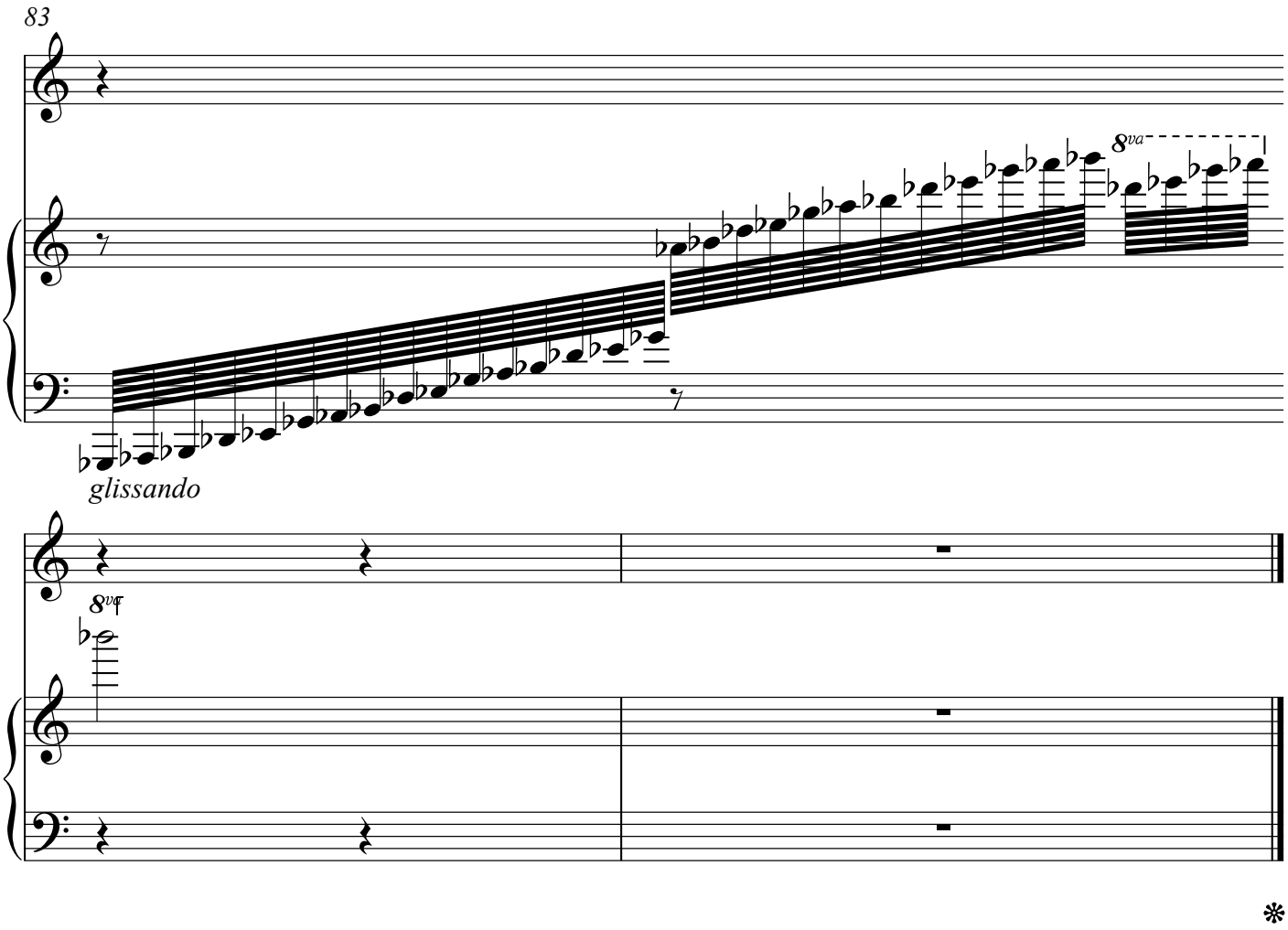
O - - - - - - - - - -
8vb
Ped.
81
- - - - - - - - - - ri - oles!
8va
82
8va


83
8va
glissando
8va

Safe in their Alabaster Chambers

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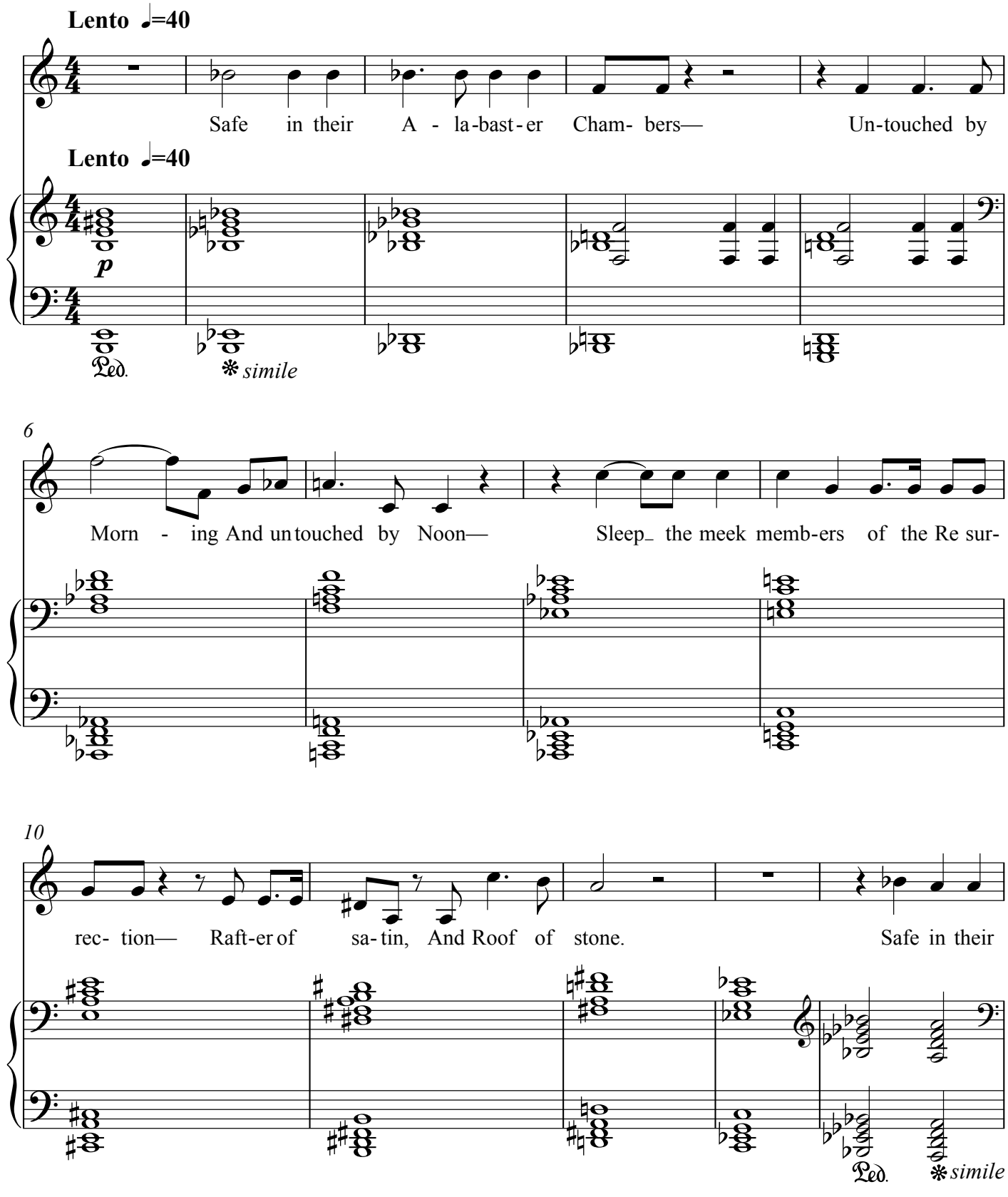


15

A - la-bast-er Cham- bers— Un-touched by Morn-ing And un - touched

20

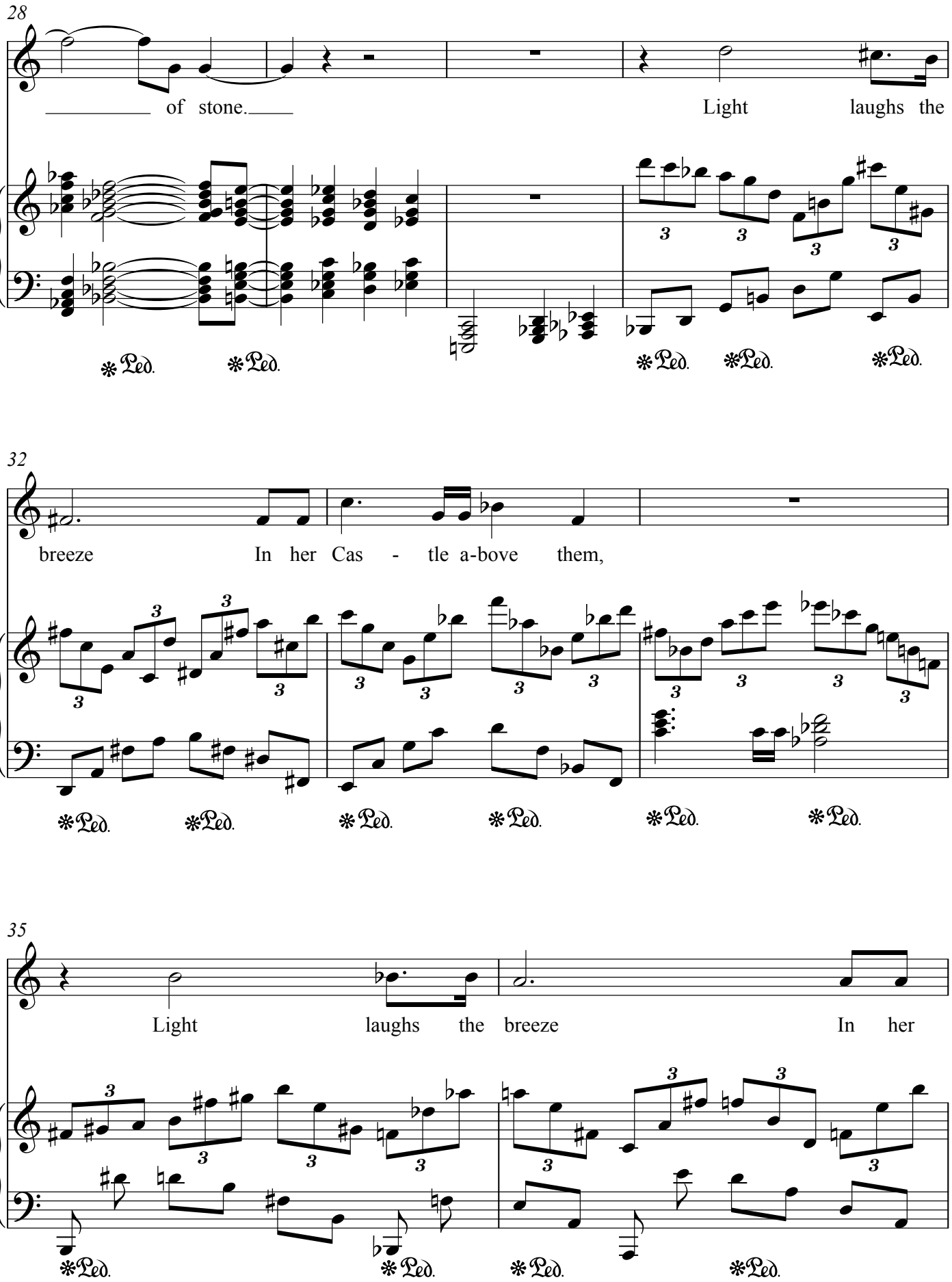
by Noon— Sleep the meek mem-bers of the

24

3

Re sur-rec- tion— Raft-er of sa- tin, of sa- tin, And Roof

Ped.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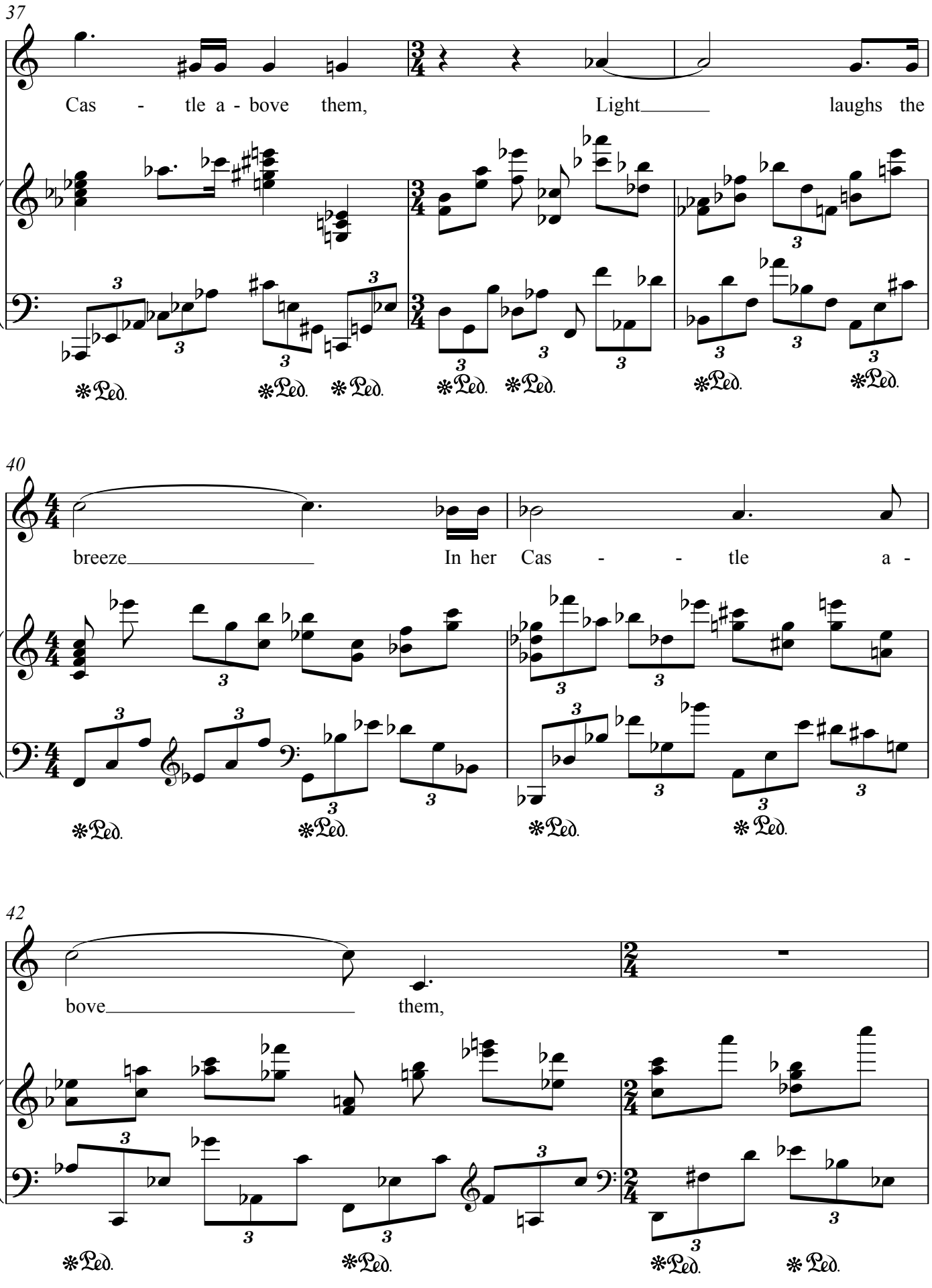
of stone.
Light laughs the
32
breeze In her Cas - tle a-bove them,
35
Light laughs the breeze In her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Cas - tle a - bove them, Light laughs the
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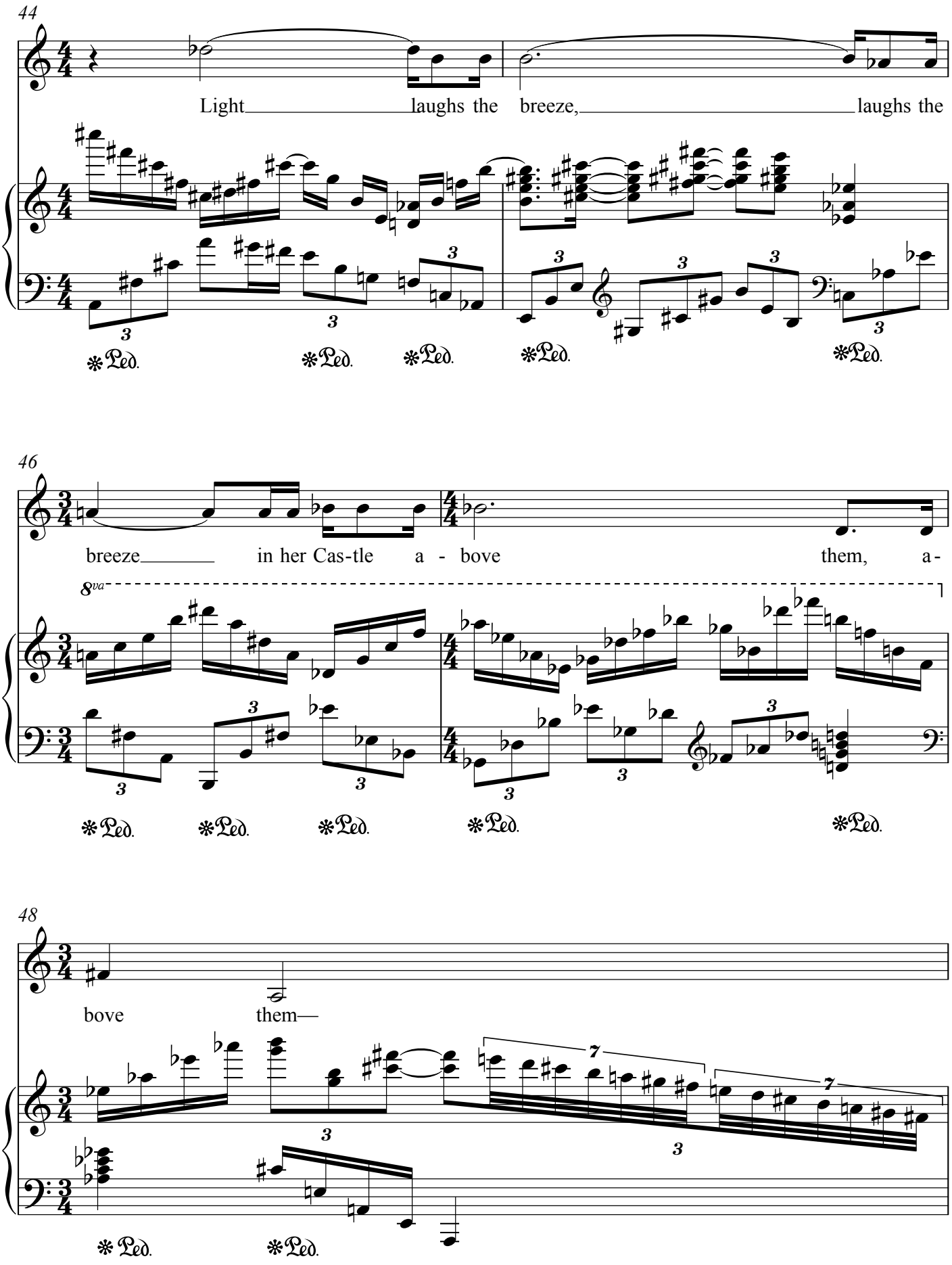
breeze In her Cas - - tle a -
42
bove them,
Ped.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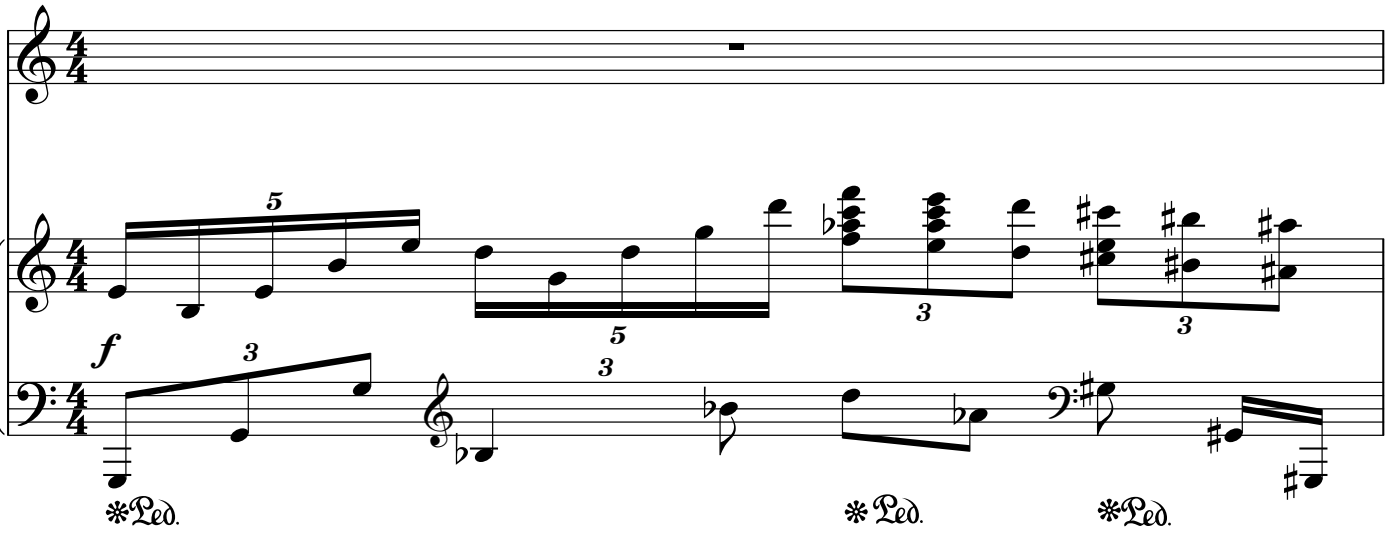
Light laughs the breeze, laughs the
46
breeze in her Cas-tle a - bove them, a-
8va
48
bove them—

49



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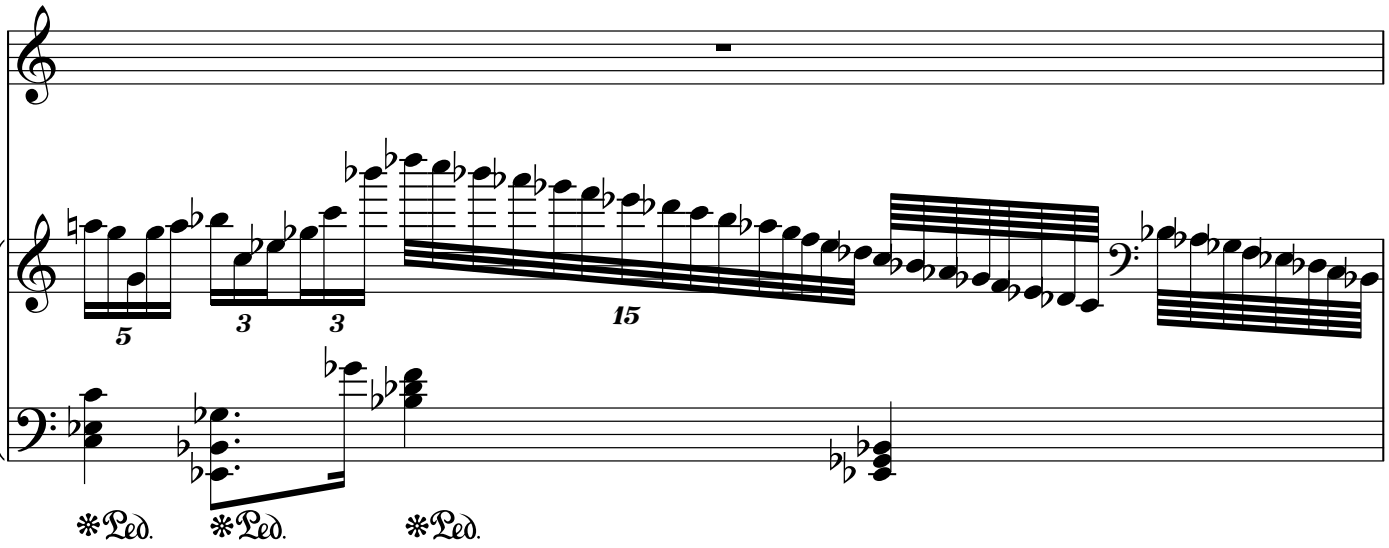

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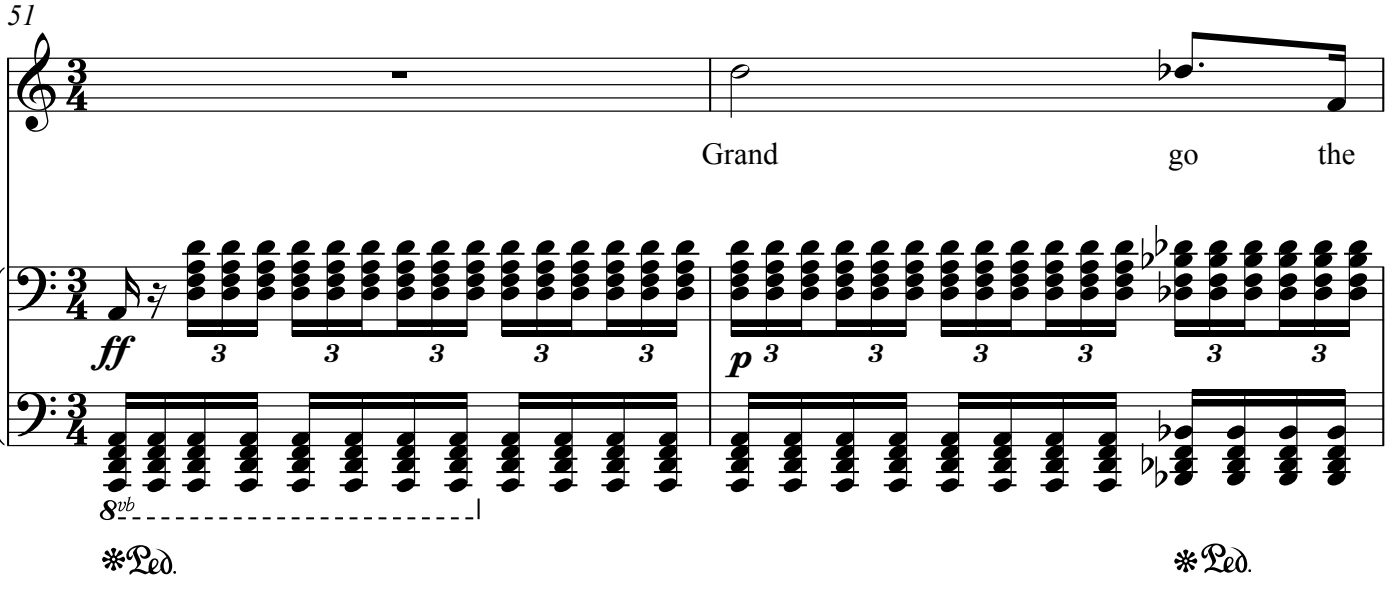

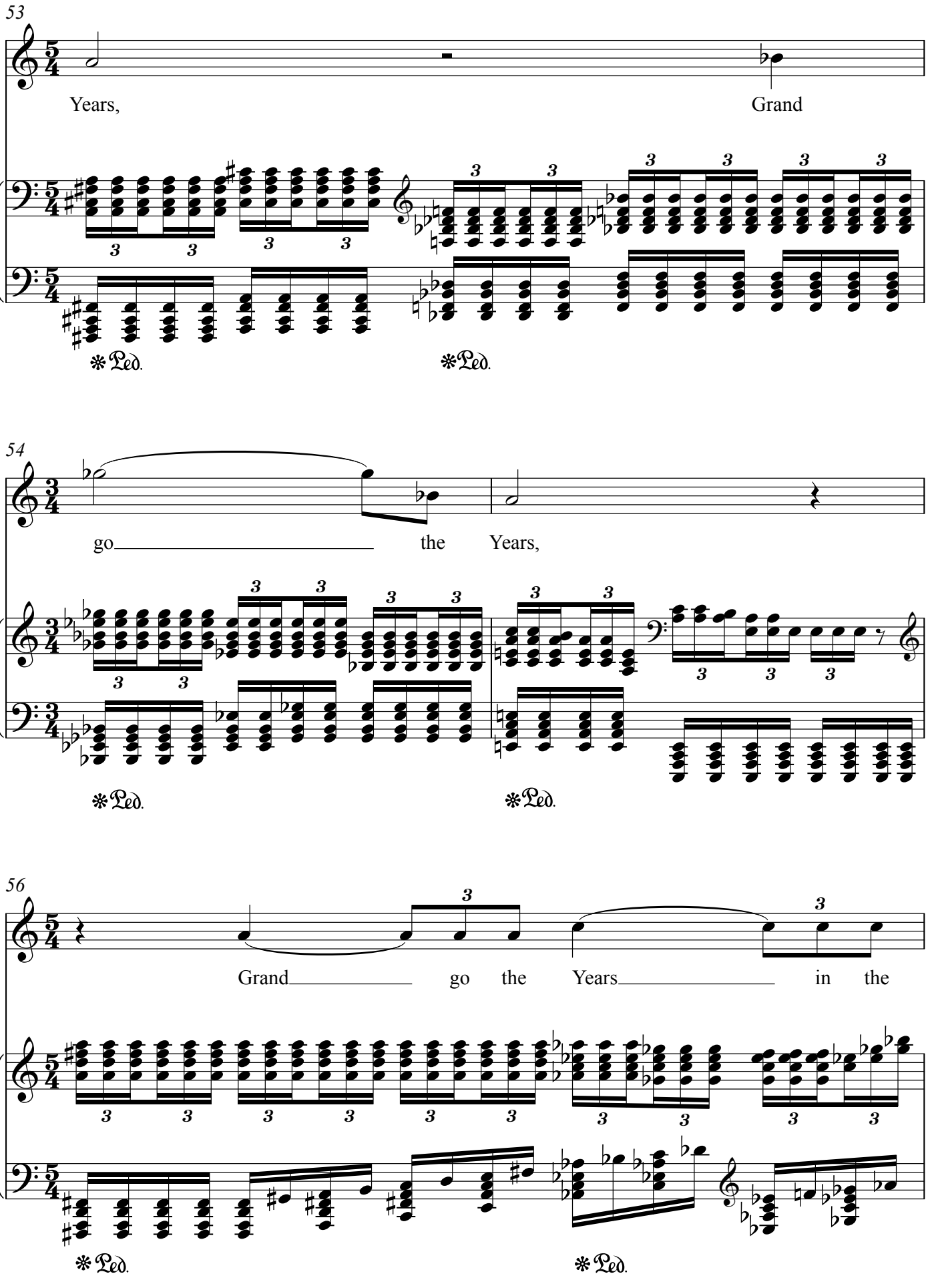
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Years,
Grand
Ped.
Ped.
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go
the
Years,
Ped.
Ped.
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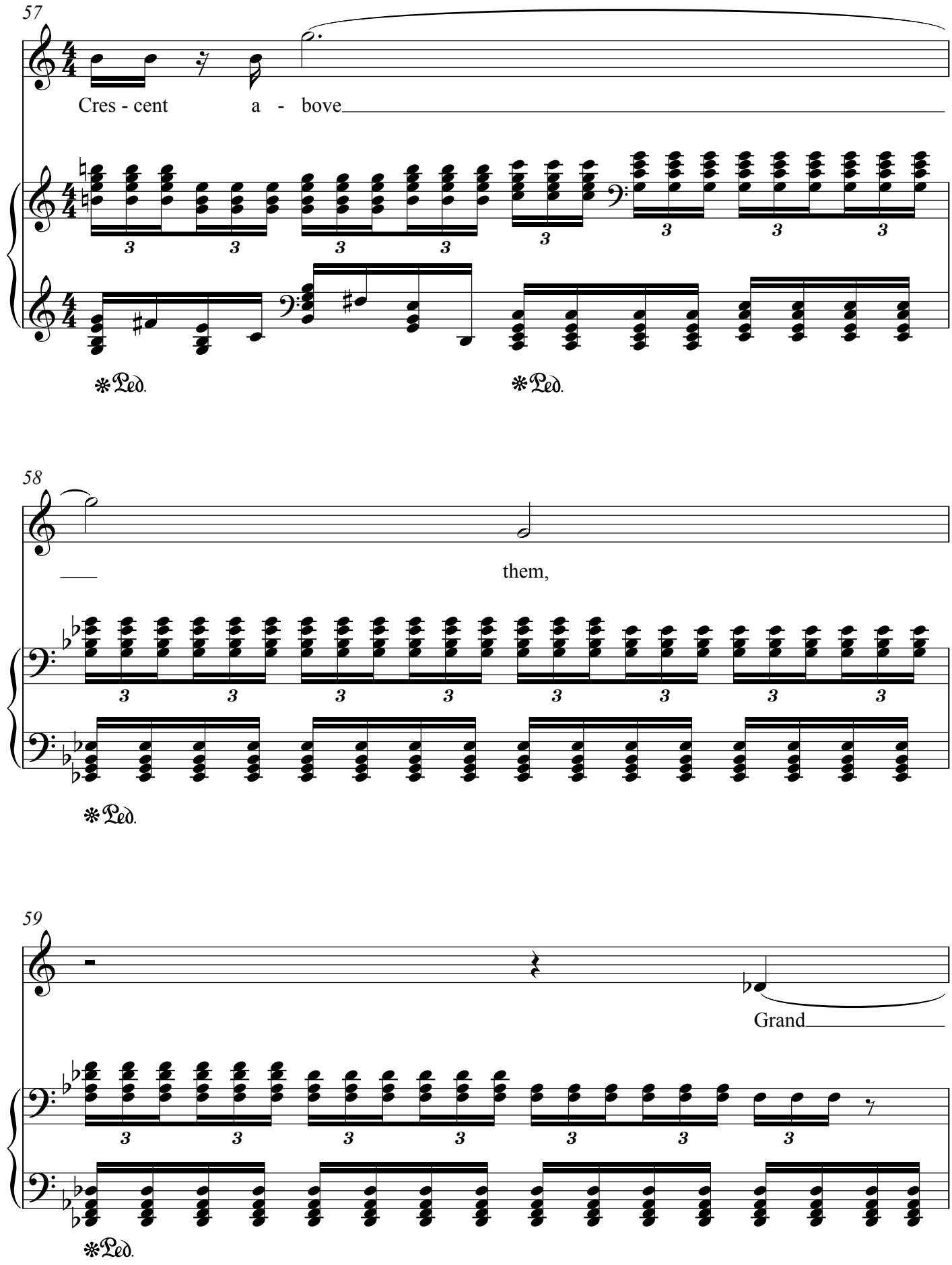
Grand
go
the
Years
in
the
Ped.
Ped.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Cres - cent a - bove
Ped.
Ped.
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them,
Ped.
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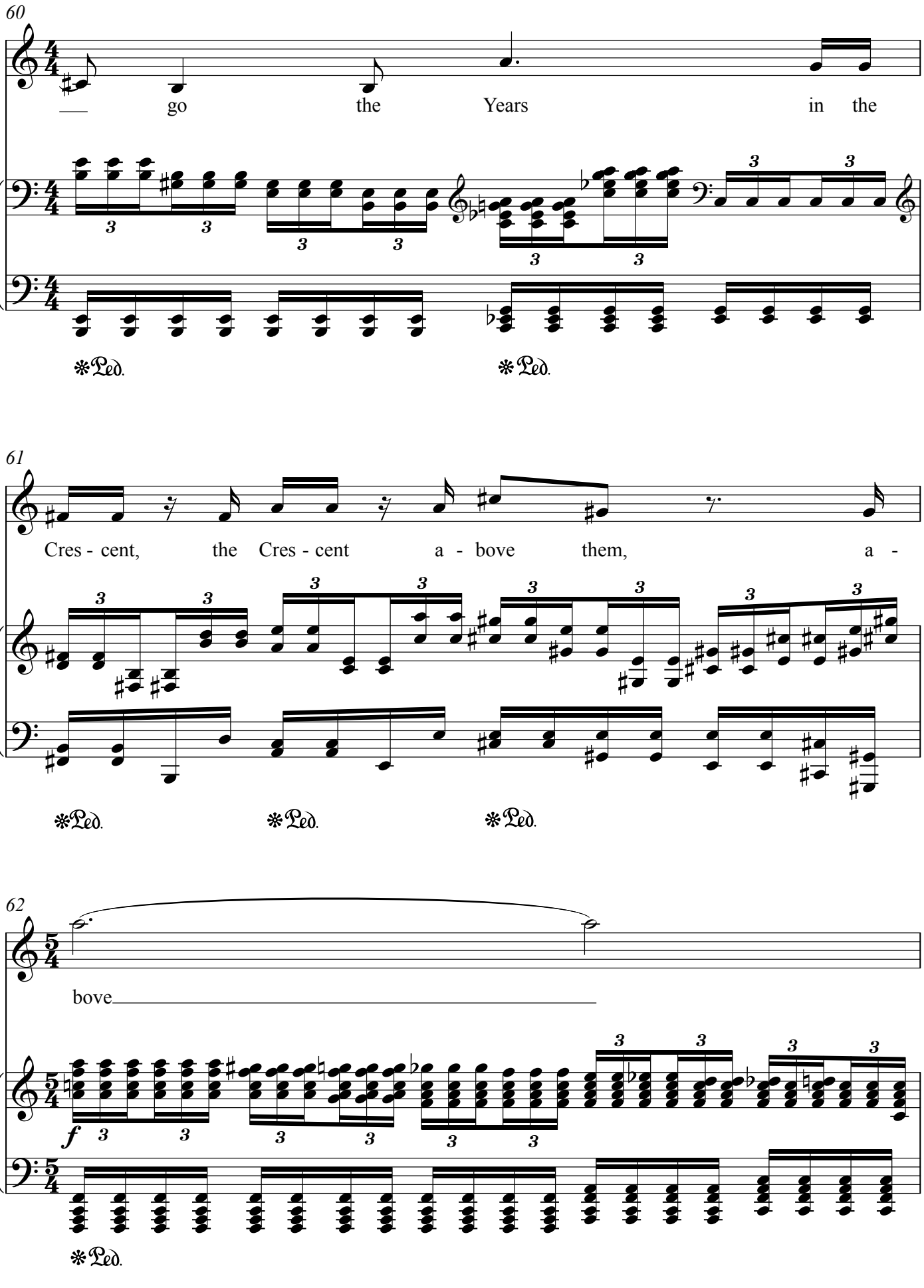
Grand
Ped.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62
bove
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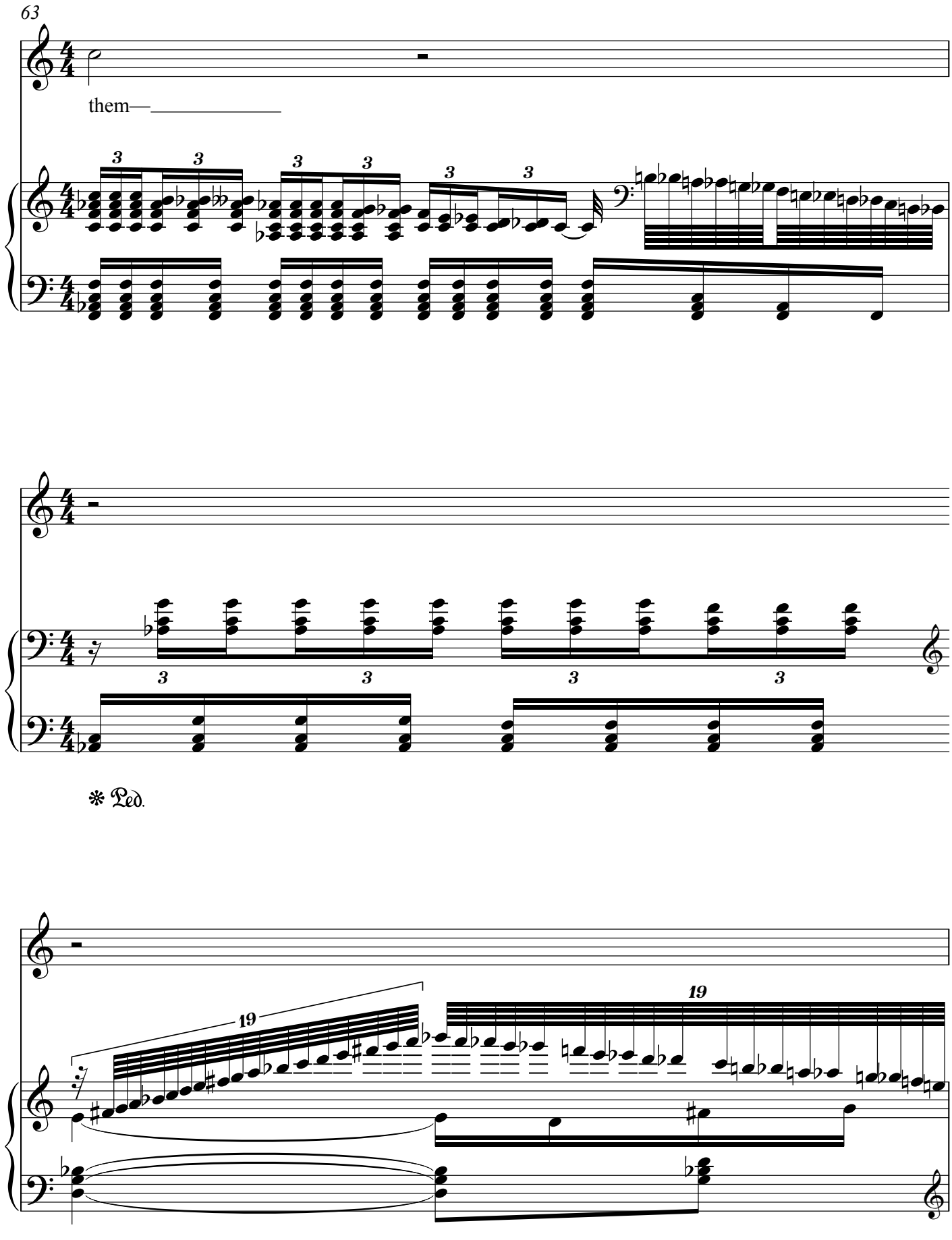
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3
19
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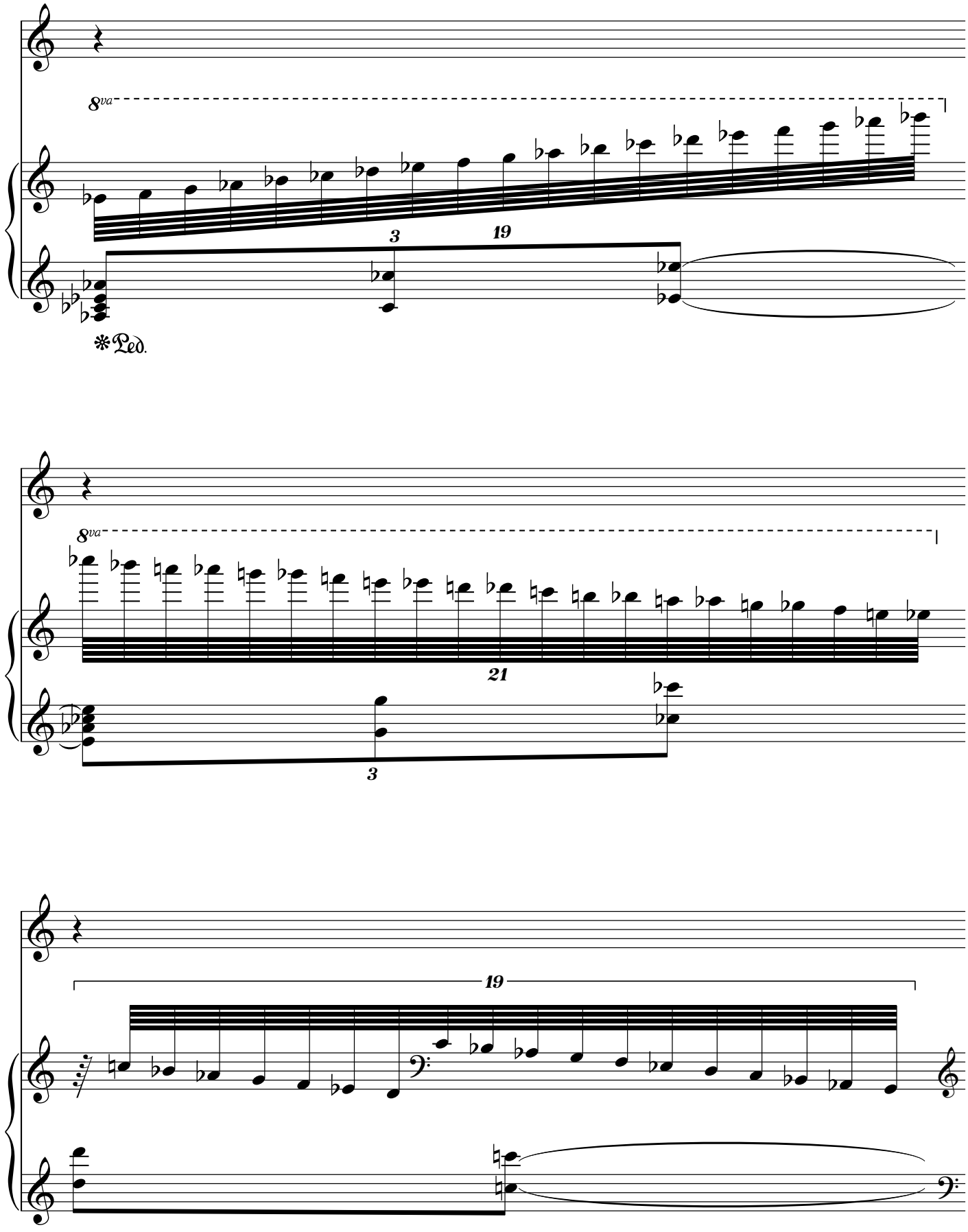
Ped.
Ped.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19
*Ped.
8va
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3
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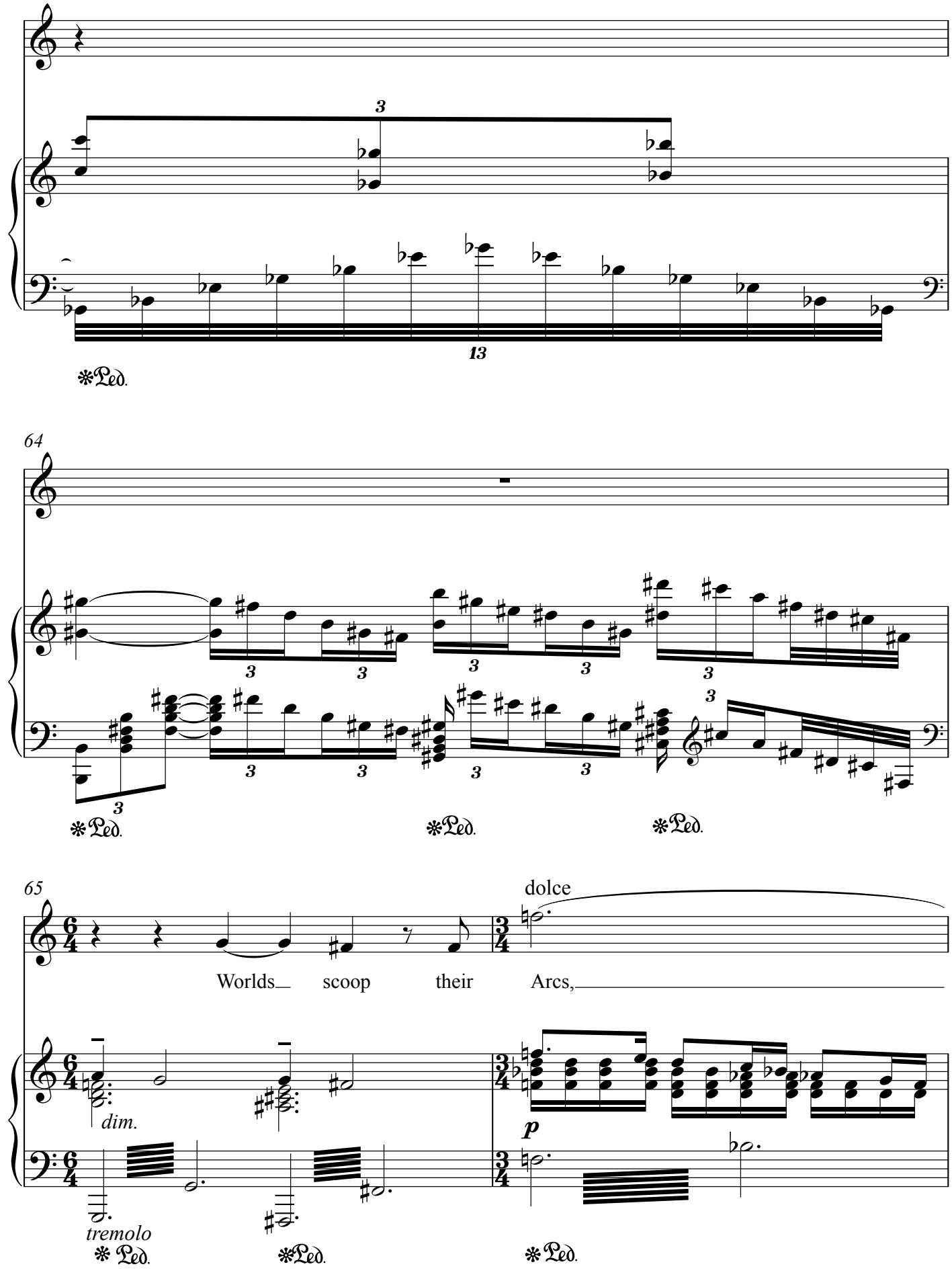
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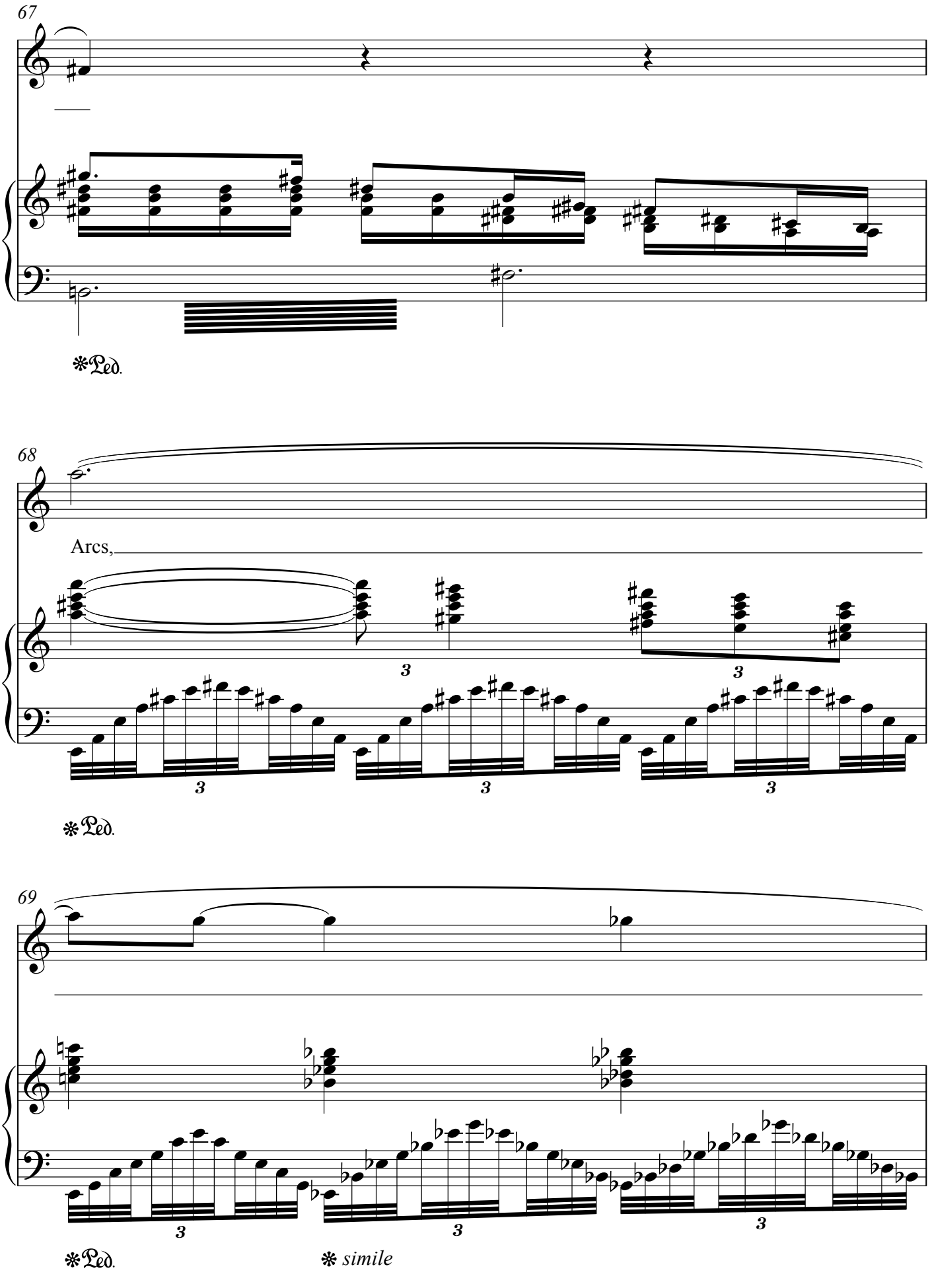
65
dolce
Worlds scoop their Arcs,
dim.
p
tremolo
Ped.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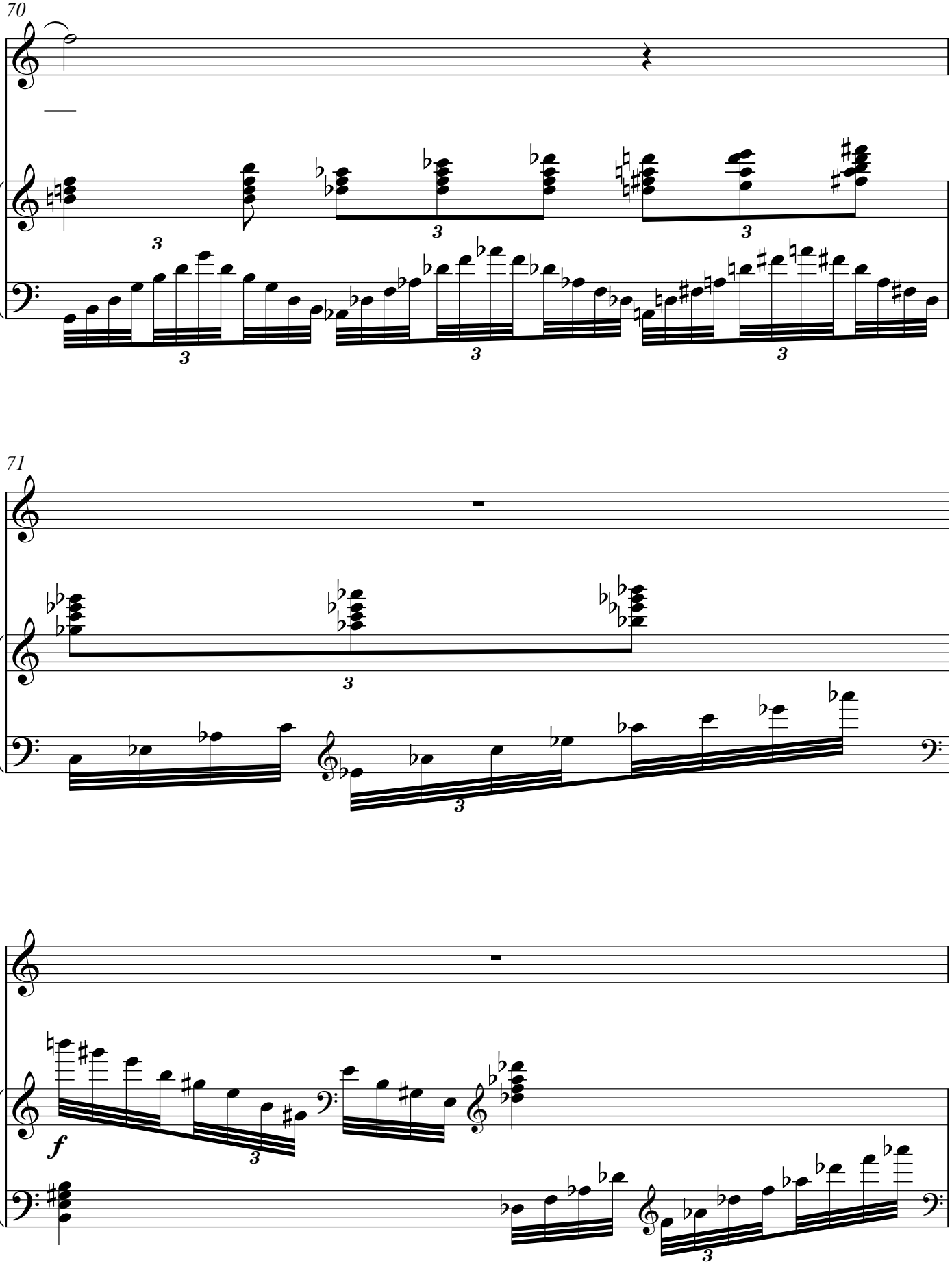
Ped.
68
Arcs,
Ped.
69
Ped.
simile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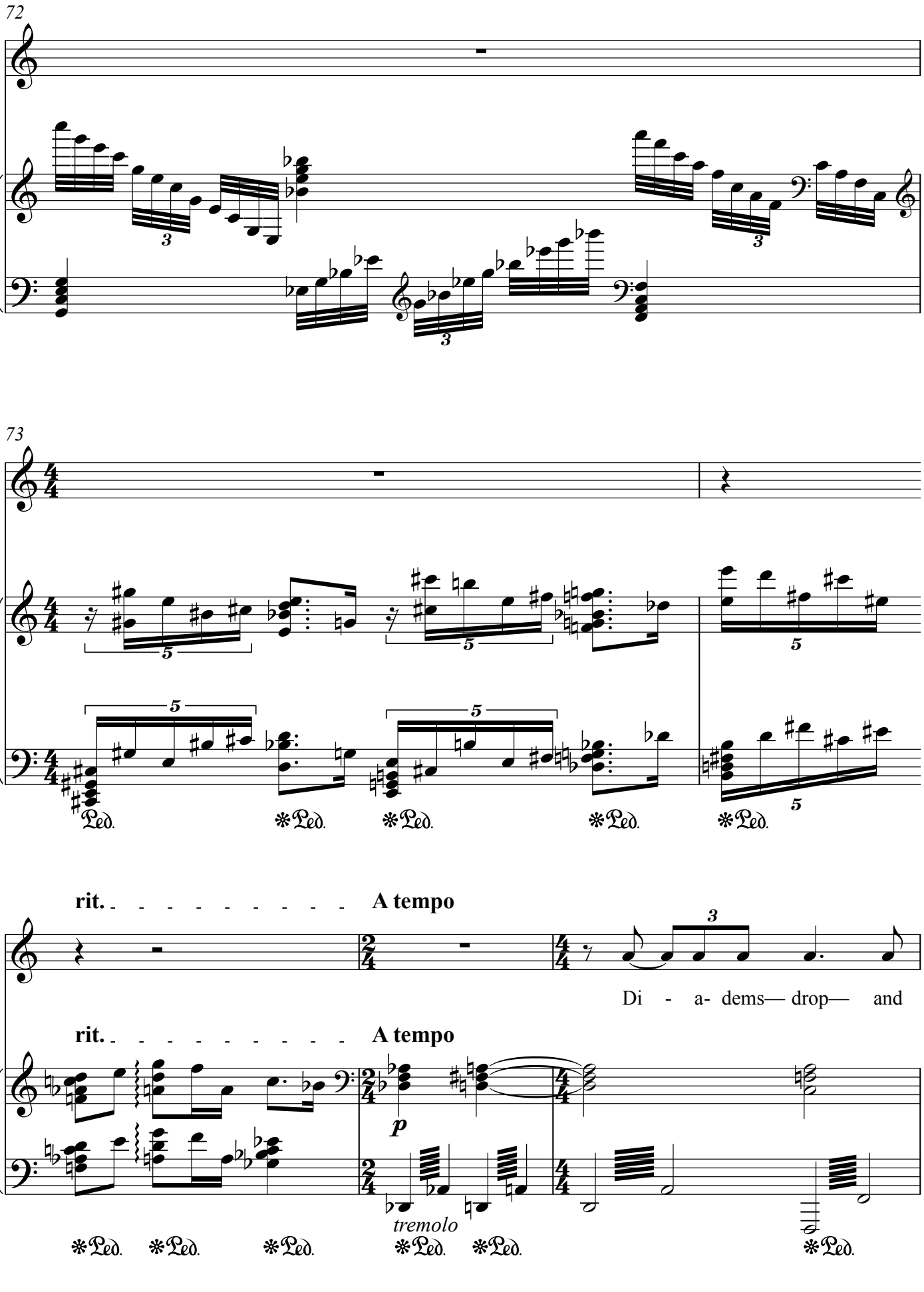
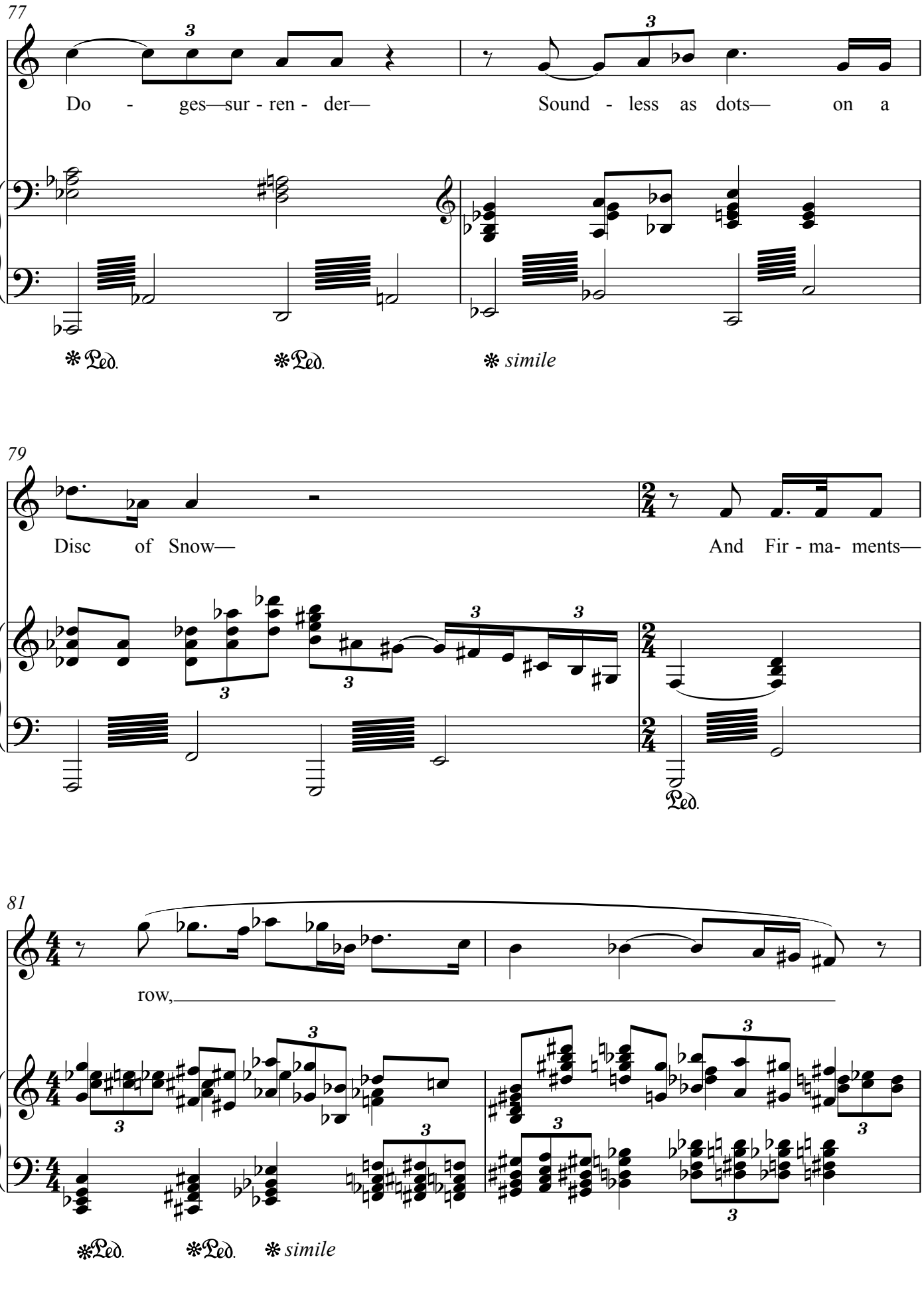

72
73
rit.
A tempo
rit.
A tempo
Di - a- dems— drop— and
p
tremolo
Ped.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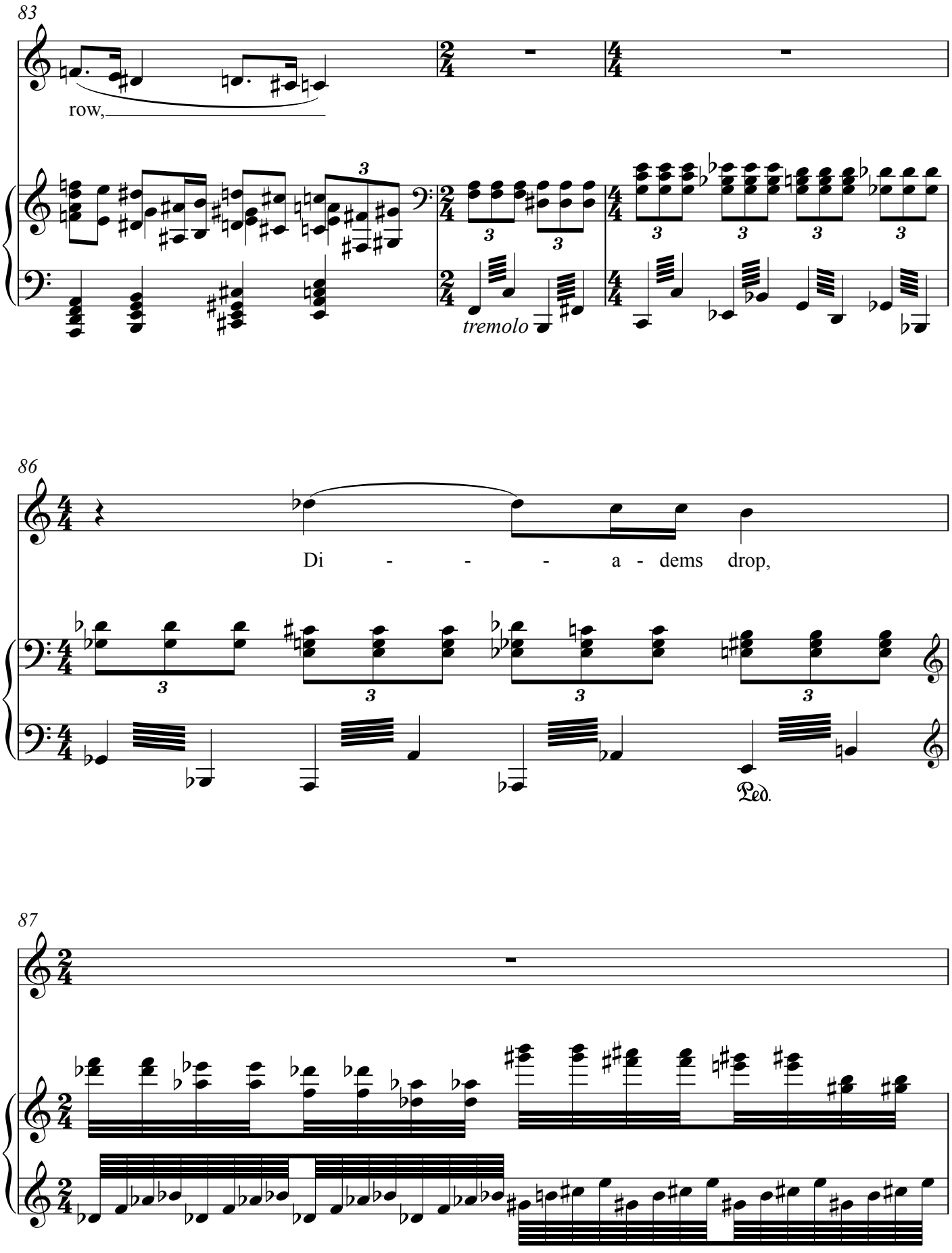
Do - ges—sur - ren - der—
Sound - less as dots— on a
Ped.
Ped.
simile
79
Disc of Snow—
And Fir - ma- ments—
Ped.
81
row,
Ped.
Ped.
simile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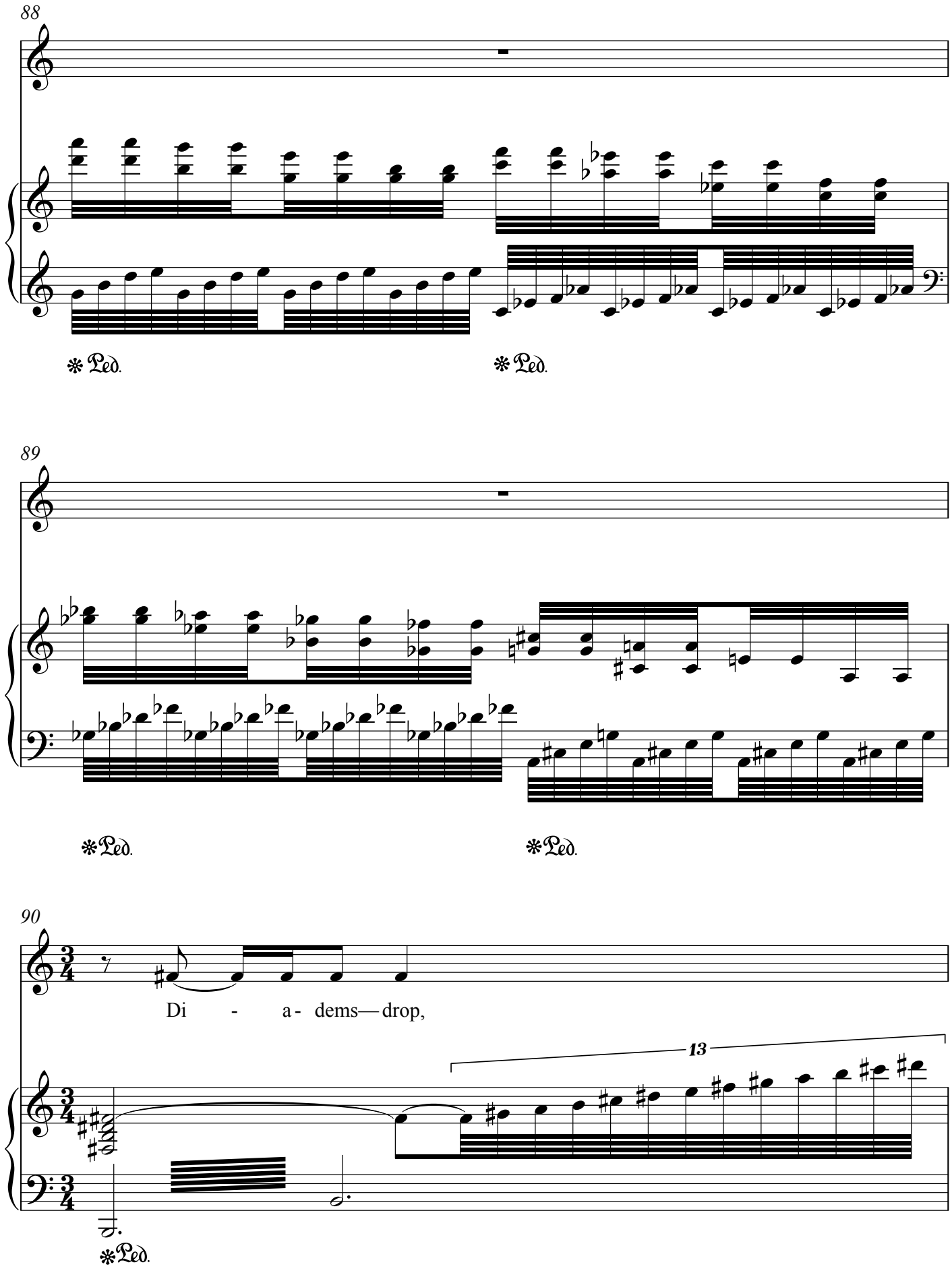
row,
tremolo
86
Di - - - a - dems drop,
Ped.
87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Ped.
Ped.
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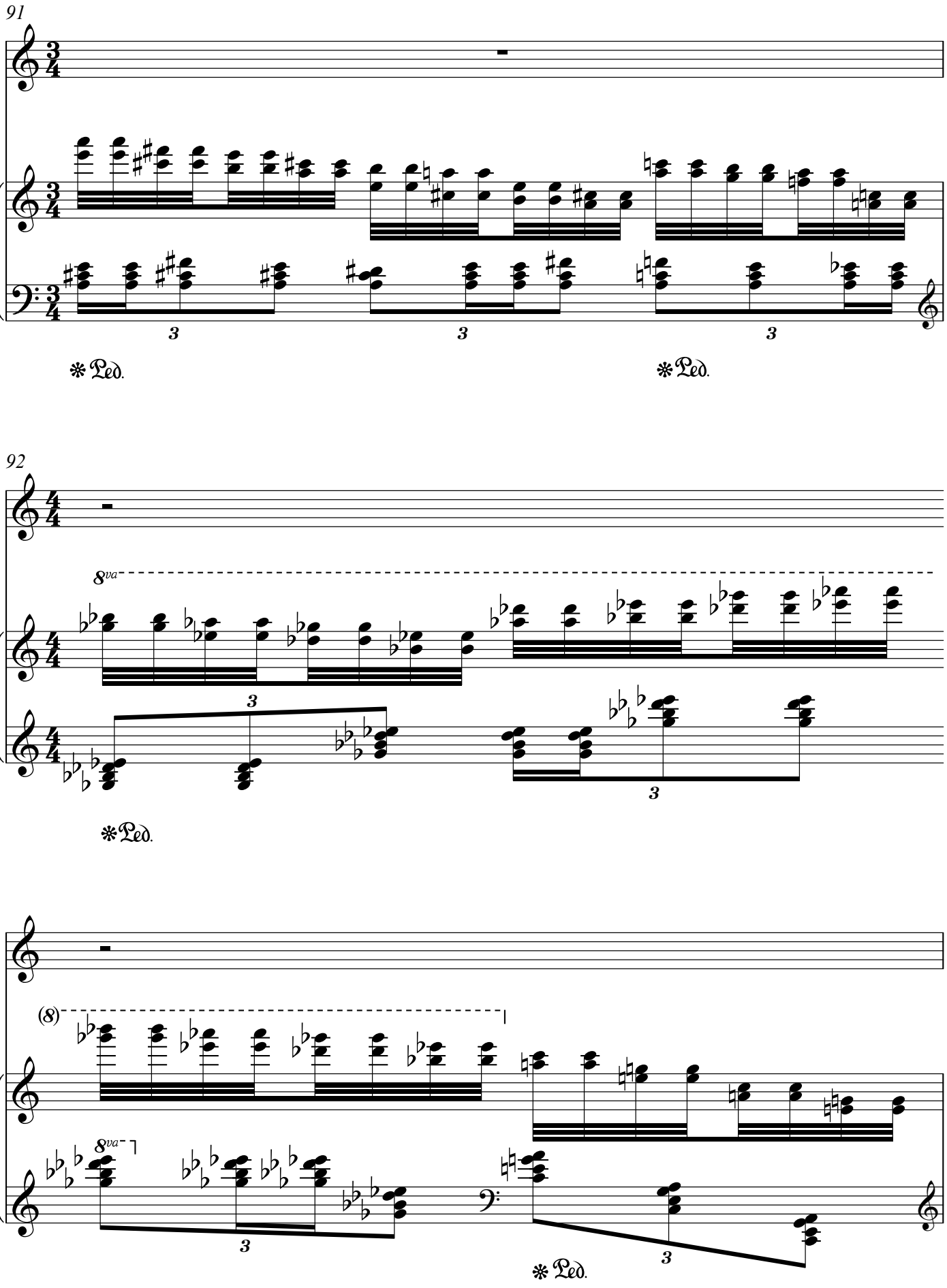
Ped.
Ped.
90
Di - a - dems— drop,
13
Ped.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3
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Ped.
Ped.
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8va
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3
Ped.
(8)
8va
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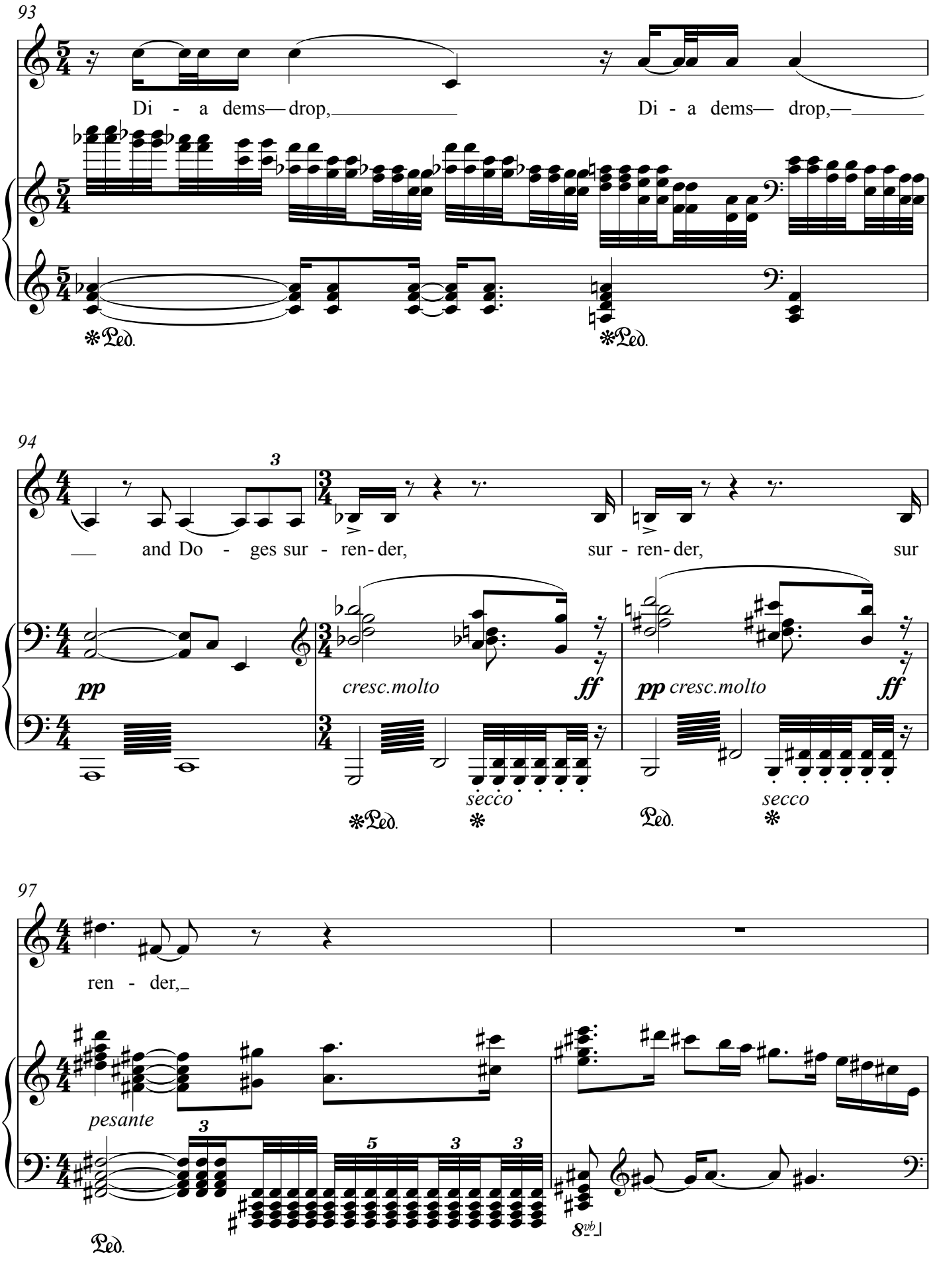
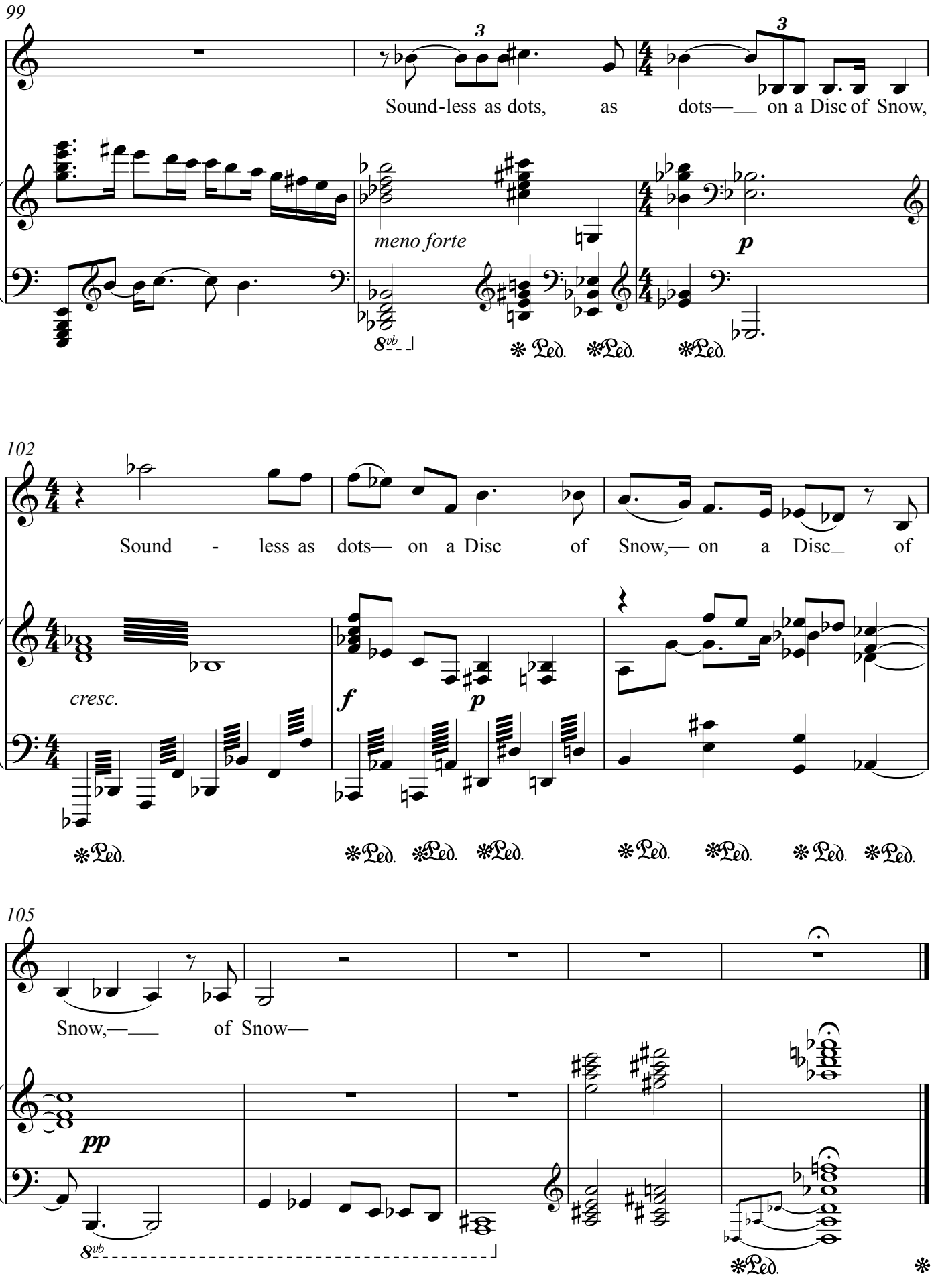
3
Ped.

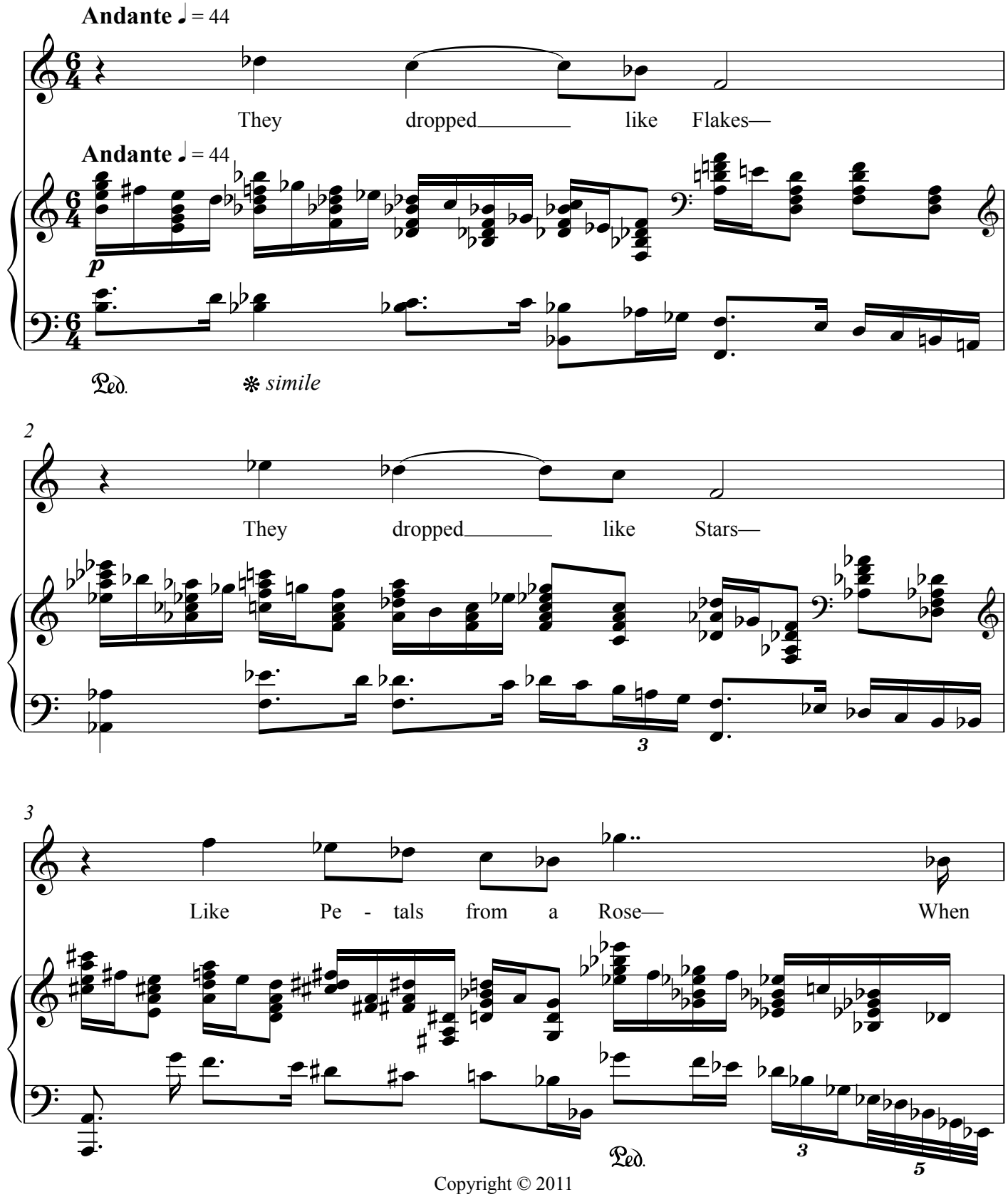

93
Di - a dems— drop,
Di - a dems— drop,—
Ped.
Ped.
94
and Do - ges sur - ren-der,
sur - ren-der,
sur
pp
cresc.molto
ff
pp cresc.molto
ff
secco
secco
Ped.
Ped.
97
ren - der,
pesante
Ped.
8vb


99
Sound-less as dots, as dots— on a Disc of Snow,
meno forte
p
8vb
Ped. Ped. Ped.
102
Sound - less as dots— on a Disc of Snow,— on a Disc of
cresc.
f
p
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
105
Snow,— of Snow—
pp
8vb
Ped.

They dropped like Flakes

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette



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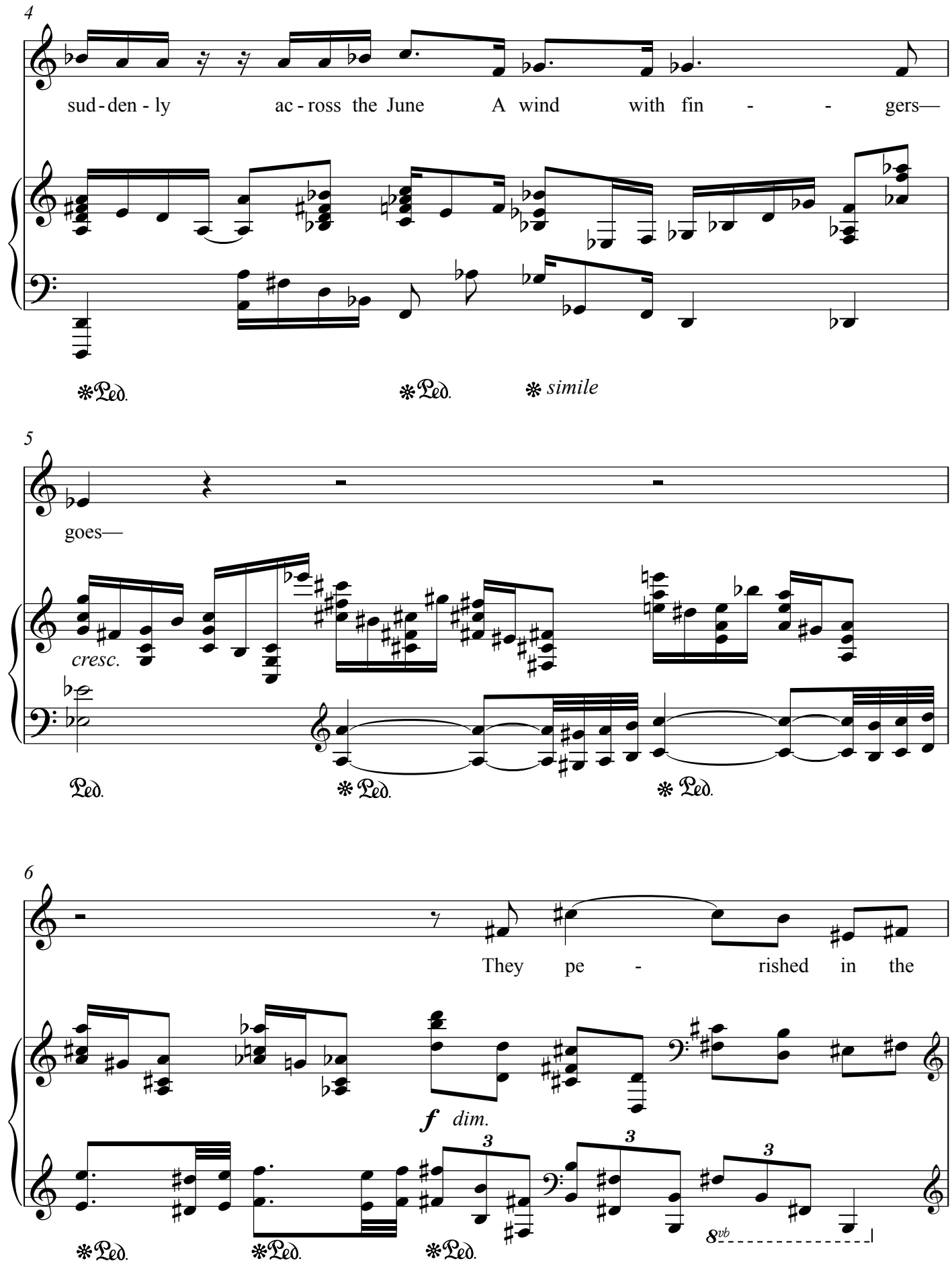
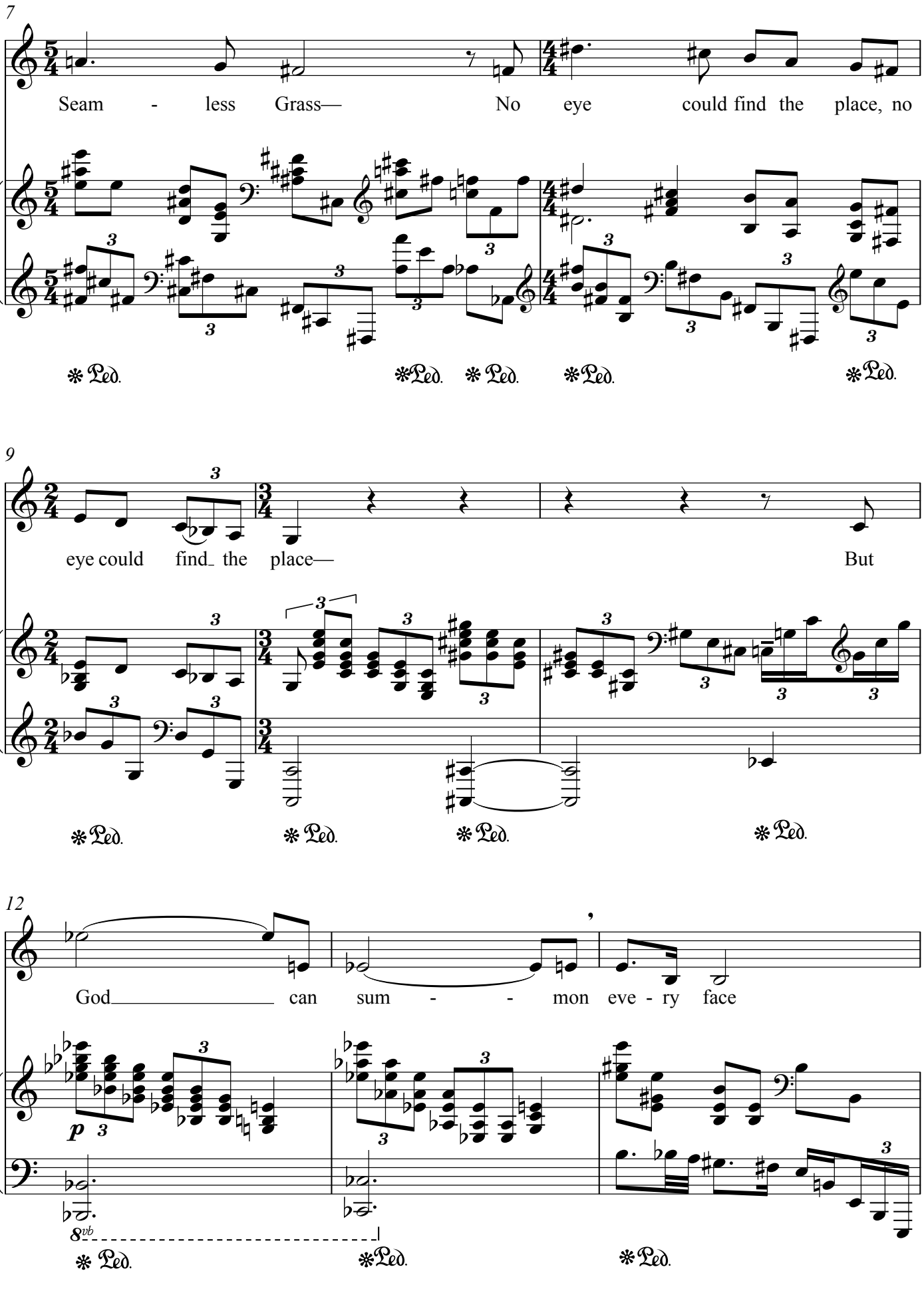
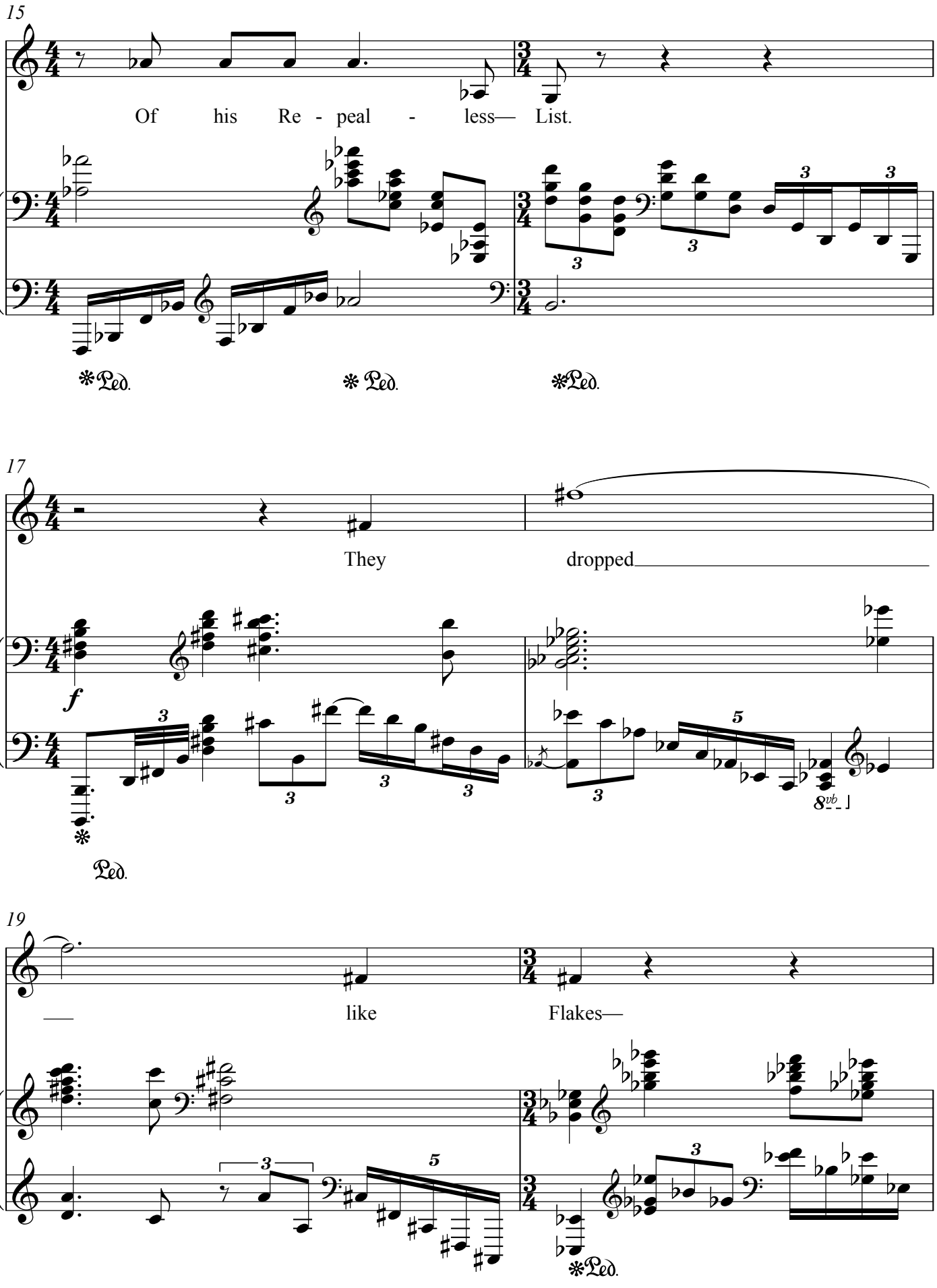

4
sud - den - ly ac - ross the June A wind with fin - - - gers—
Ped.
Ped.
simile
5
goes—
cresc.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
6
They pe - rished in the
f dim.
3
3
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
8vb


7
Seam - less Grass— No eye could find the place, no
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
9
eye could find the place— But
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
12
God can sum - - mon eve - ry face
p
8vb
Ped. Ped. Ped.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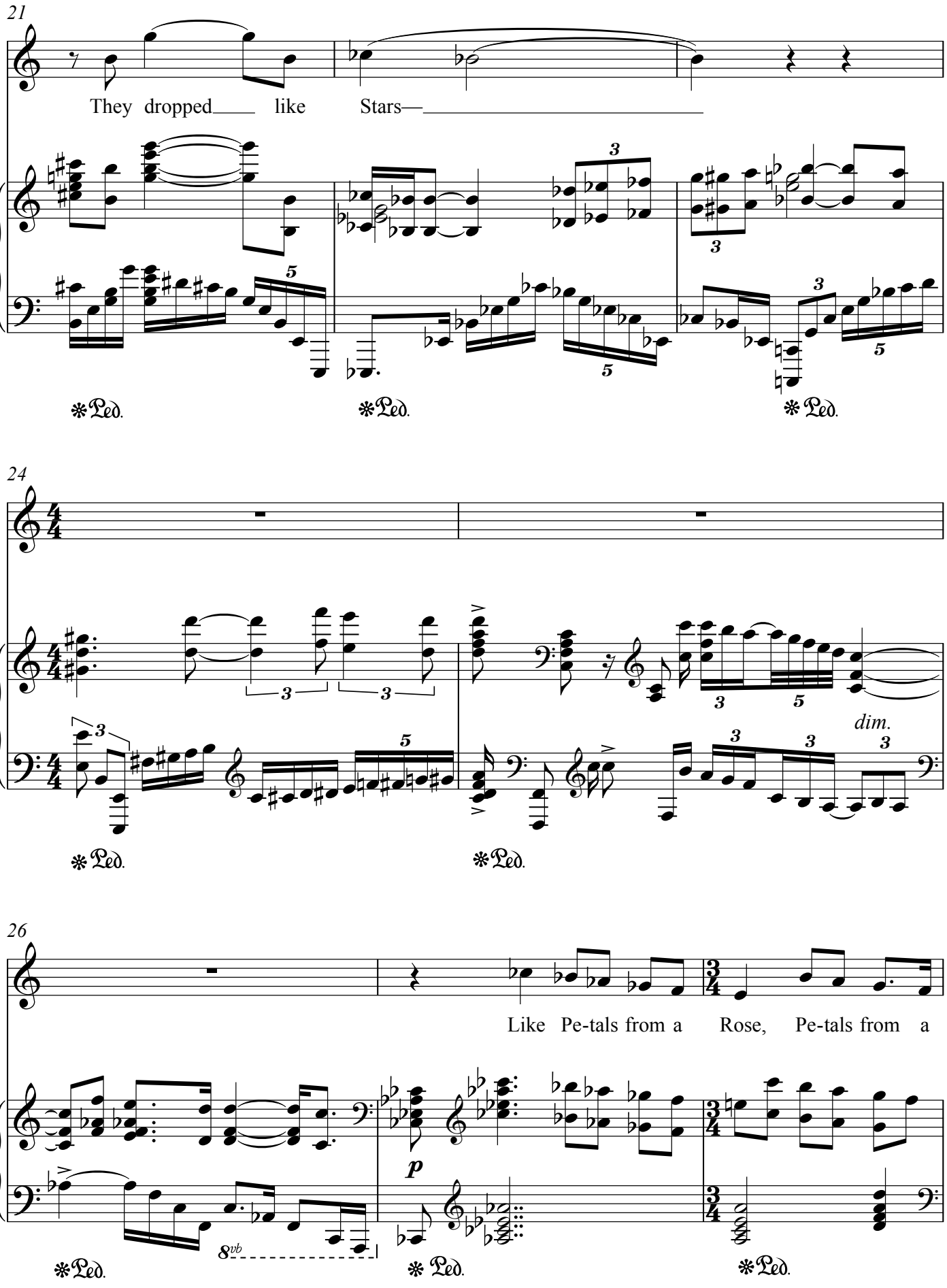
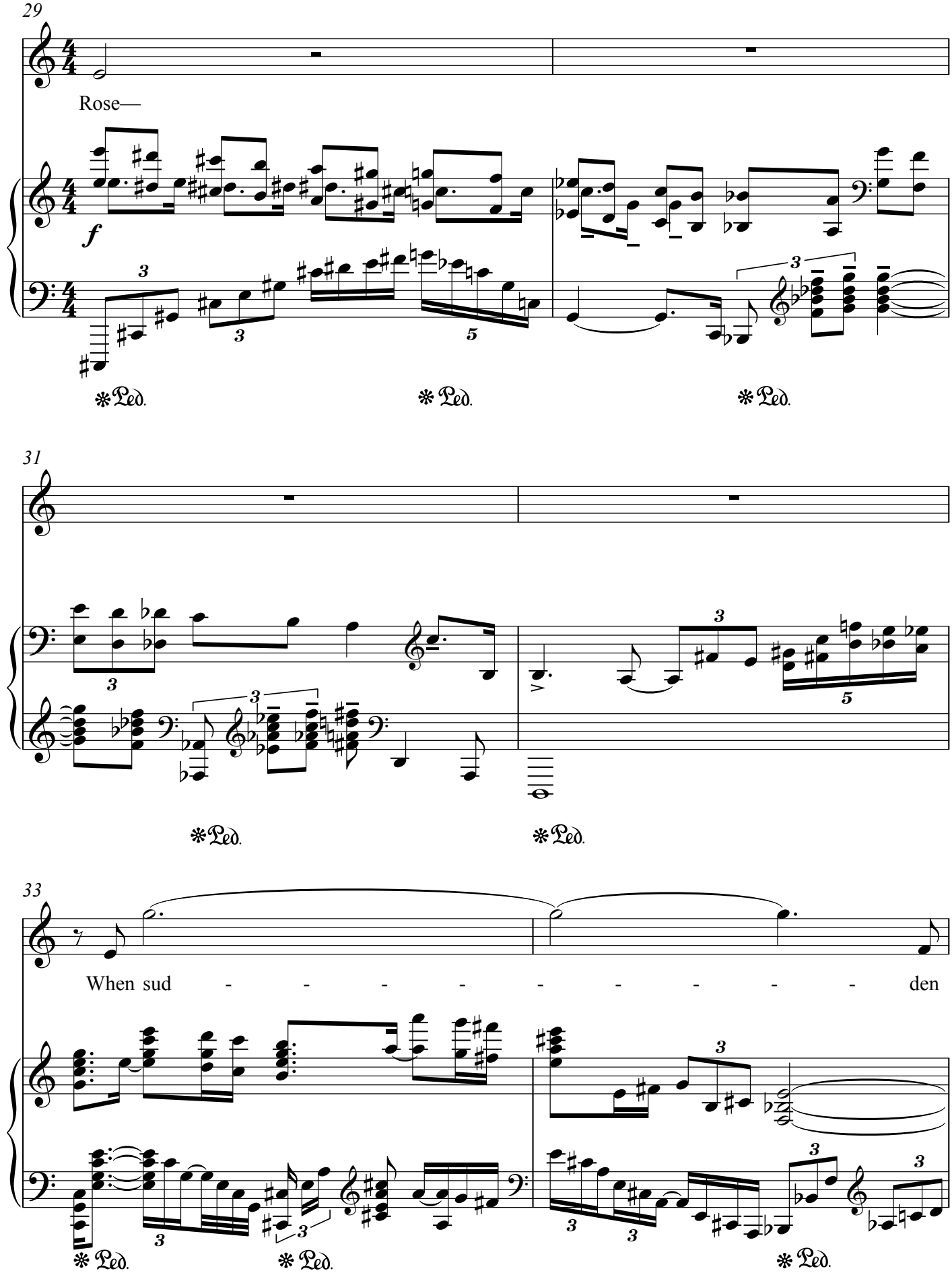
Of his Re - peal - less— List.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
17
They dropped
f
Ped.
8vb
19
— like Flakes—
Ped.


21
They dropped like Stars—
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
24
dim.
Ped.
Ped.
26
Like Pe-tals from a Rose, Pe-tals from a
p
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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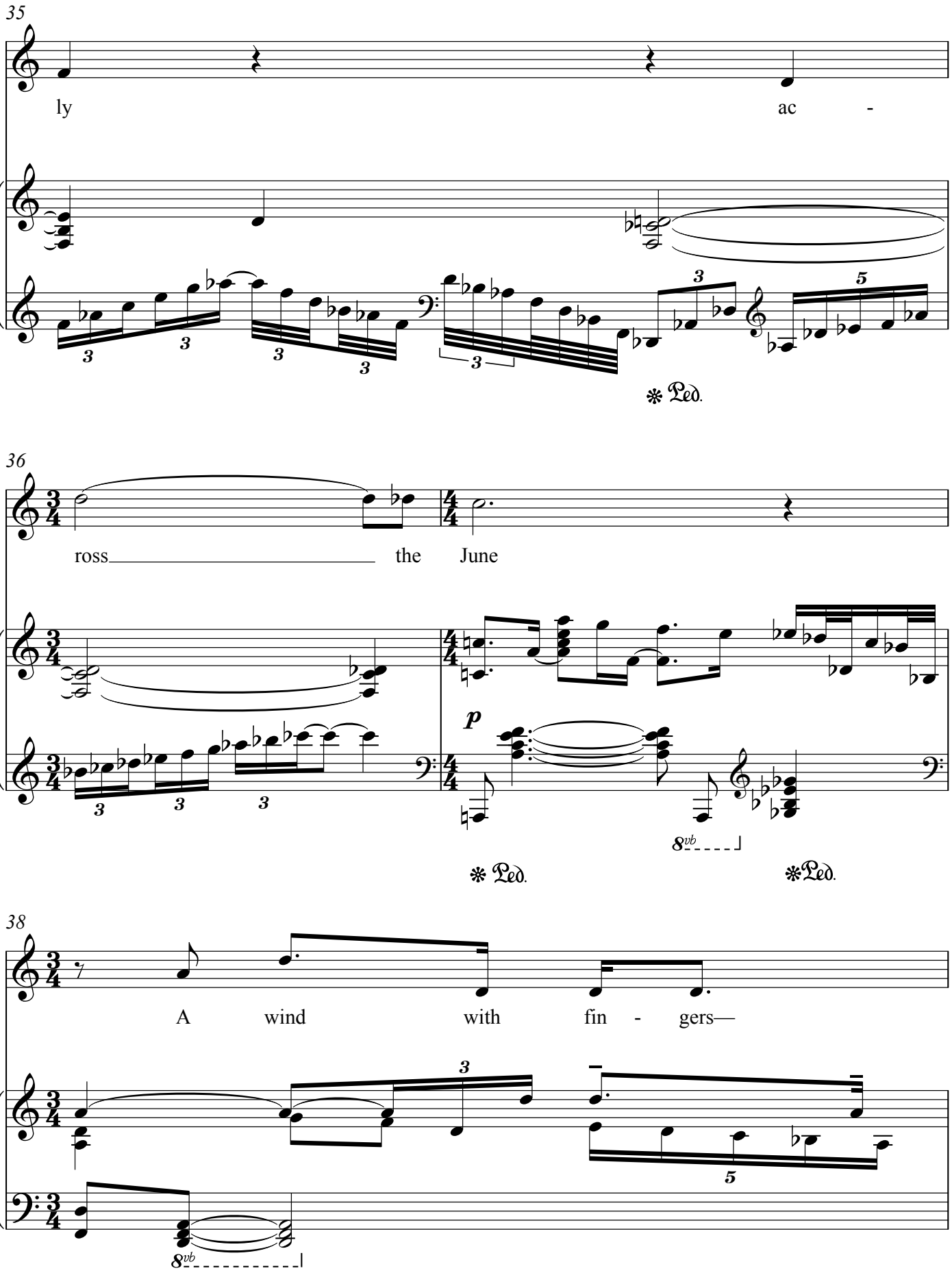
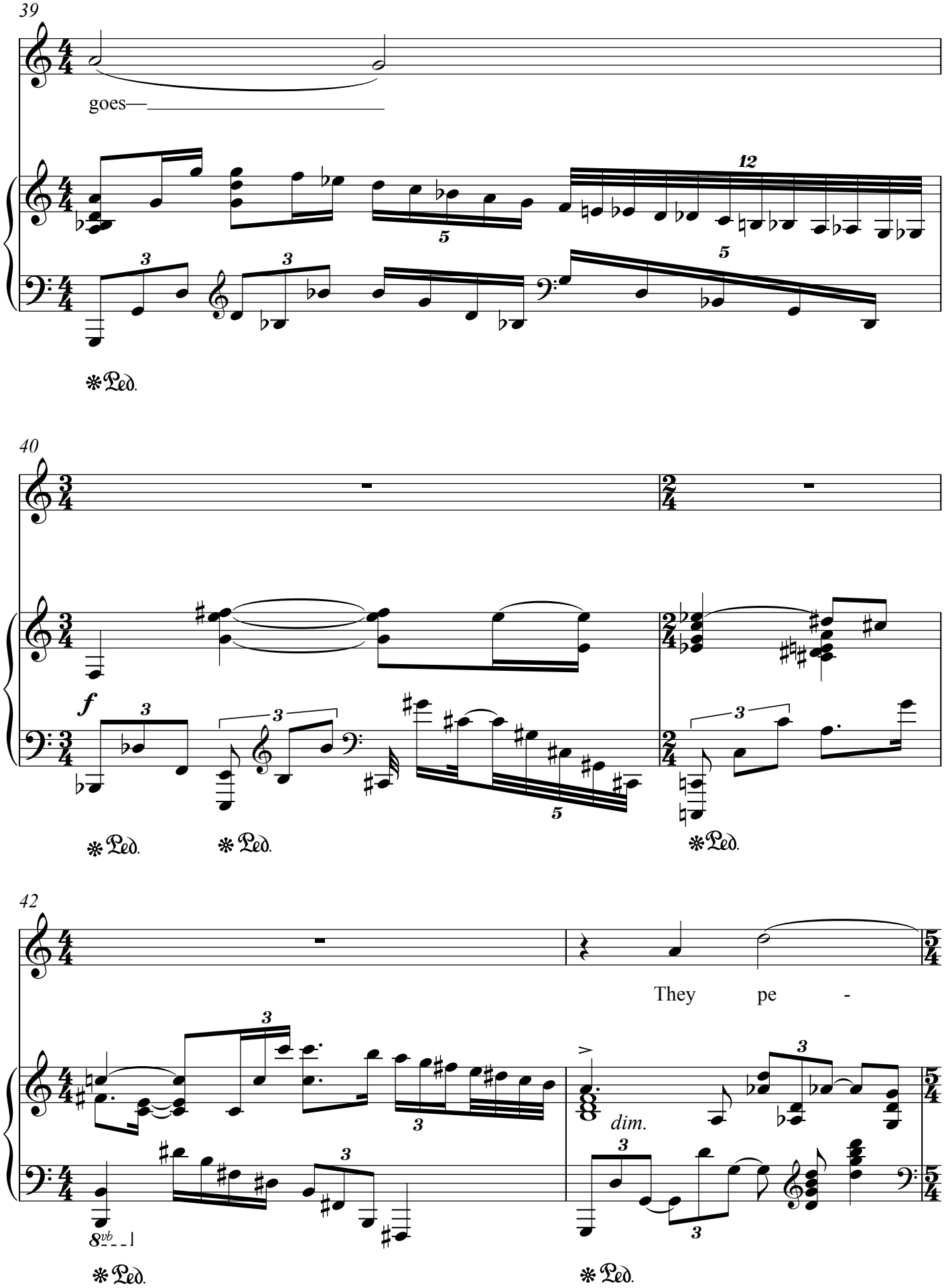
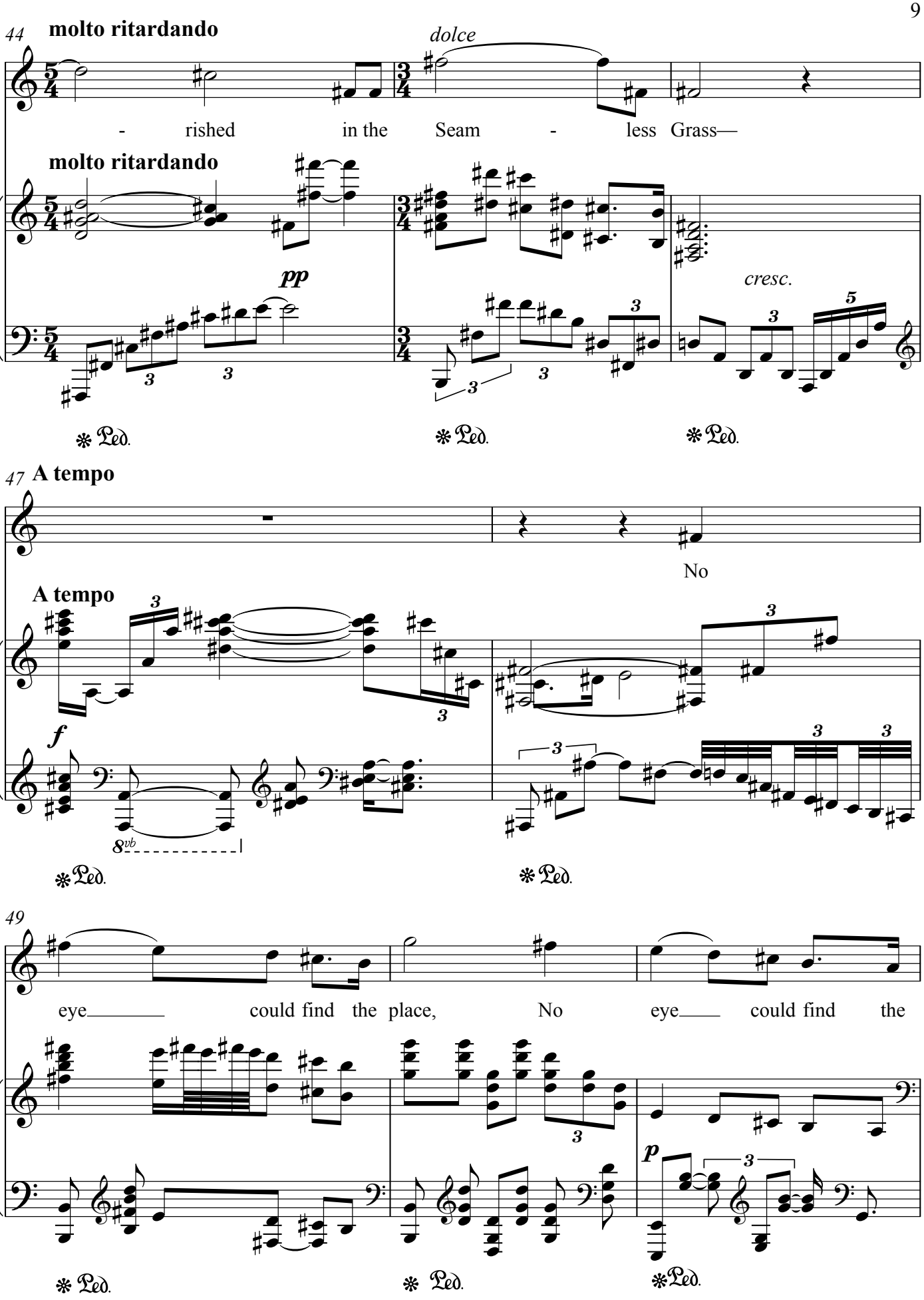
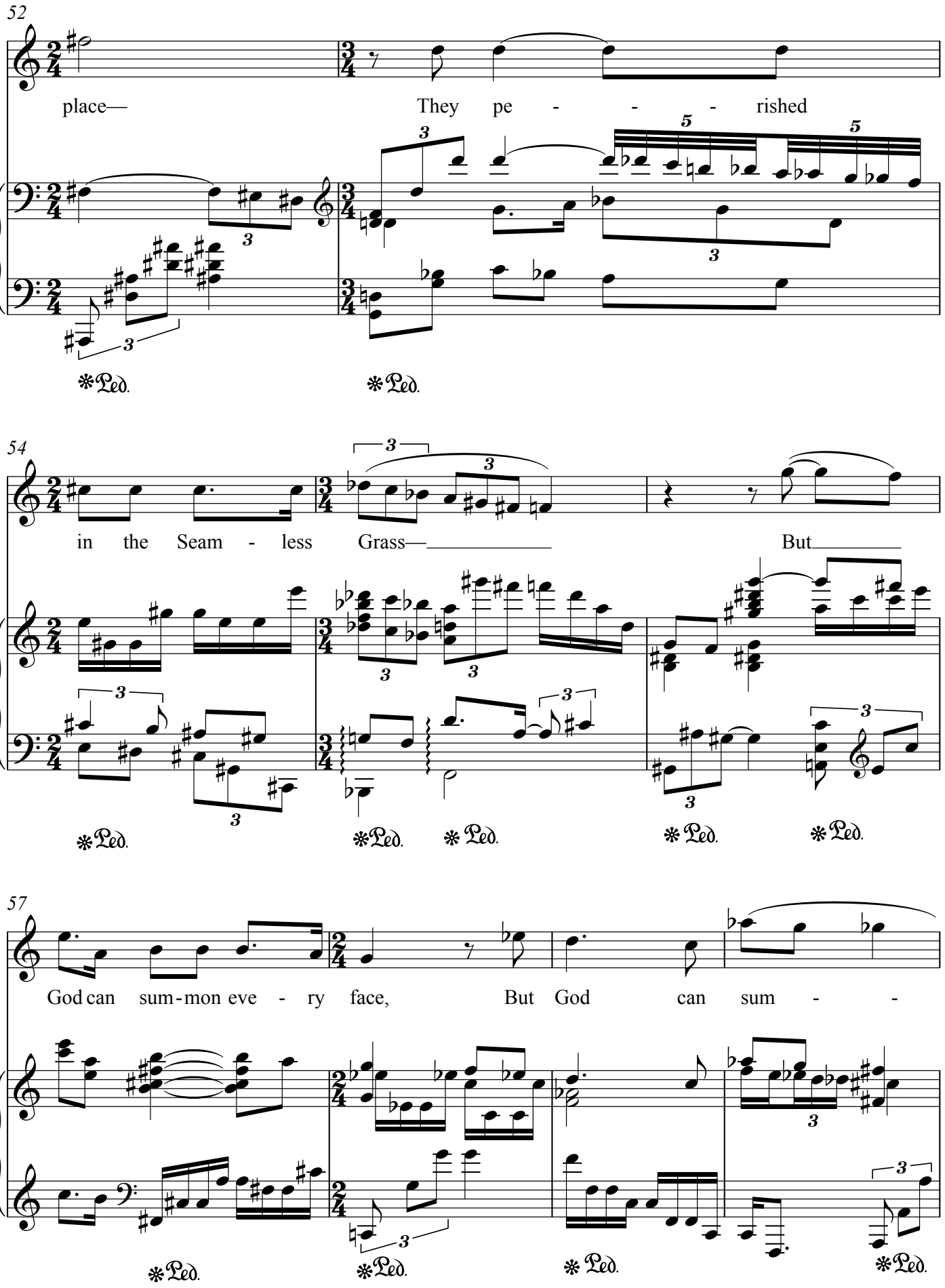
Rose—
f
31
33
When sud - - - - - - - - - den


35
ly
ac -
Ped.
36
ross
the June
p
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
38
A wind with fin - gers—
8vb
Ped.


39
goes—
12
5
3
3
5
40
f
3
3
5
3
42
They pe -
3
3
dim.
3
3
3
8vb
3


44
molto ritardando
dolce
- rished in the Seam - less Grass—
molto ritardando
pp
cresc.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
47
A tempo
No
A tempo
f
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
49
eye could find the place, No eye could find the
p
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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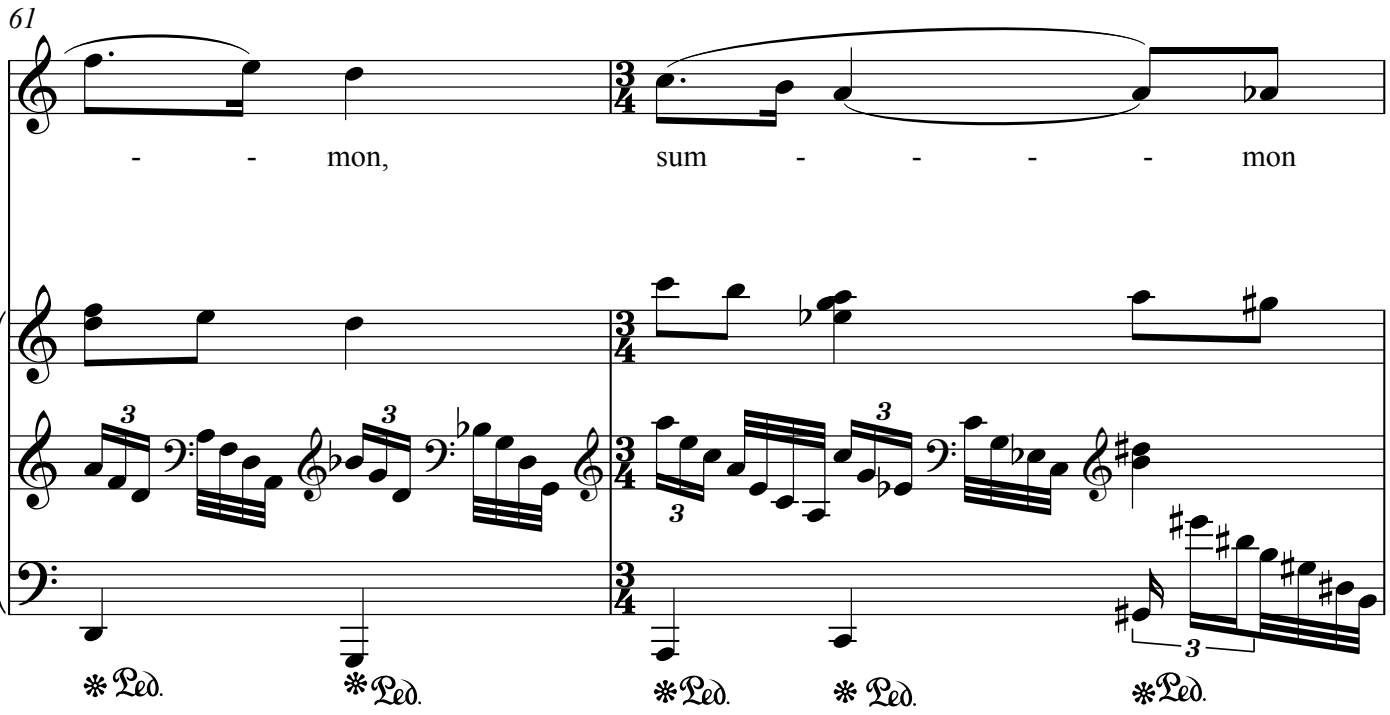
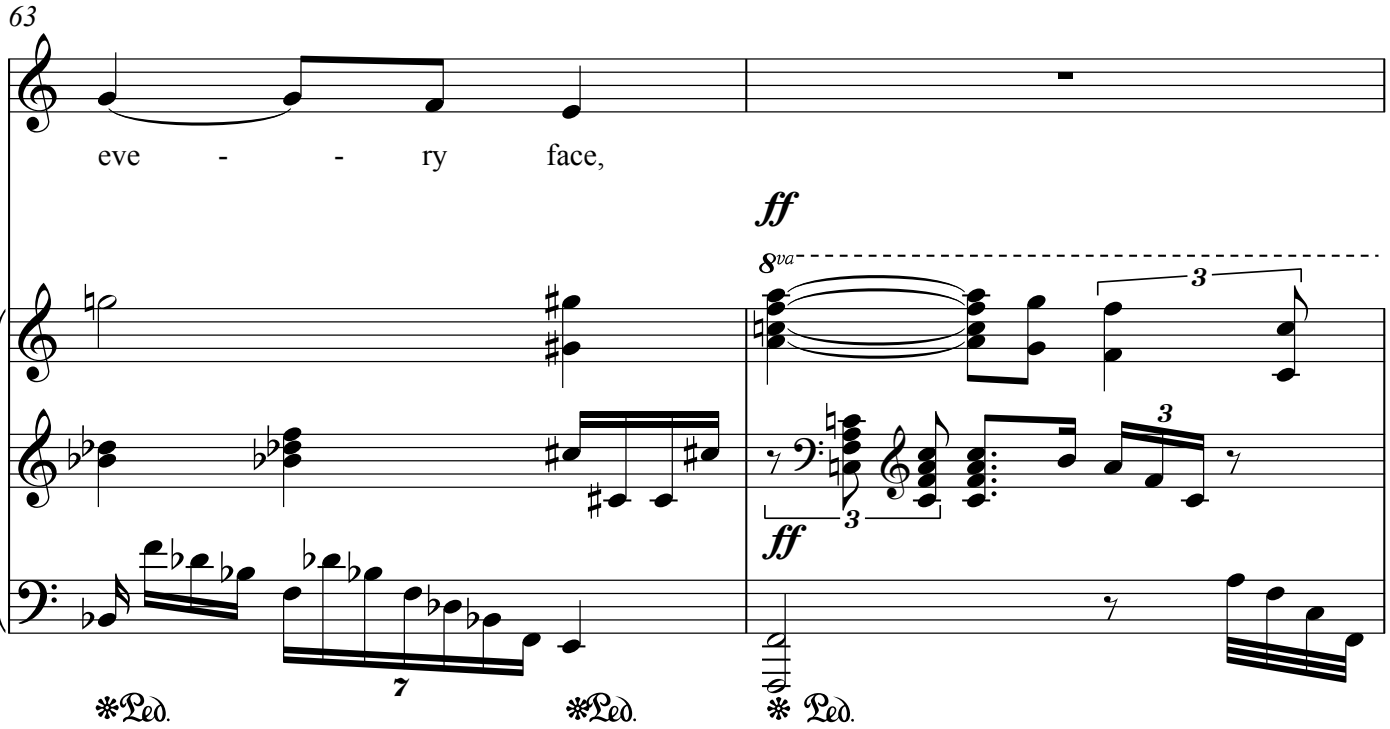
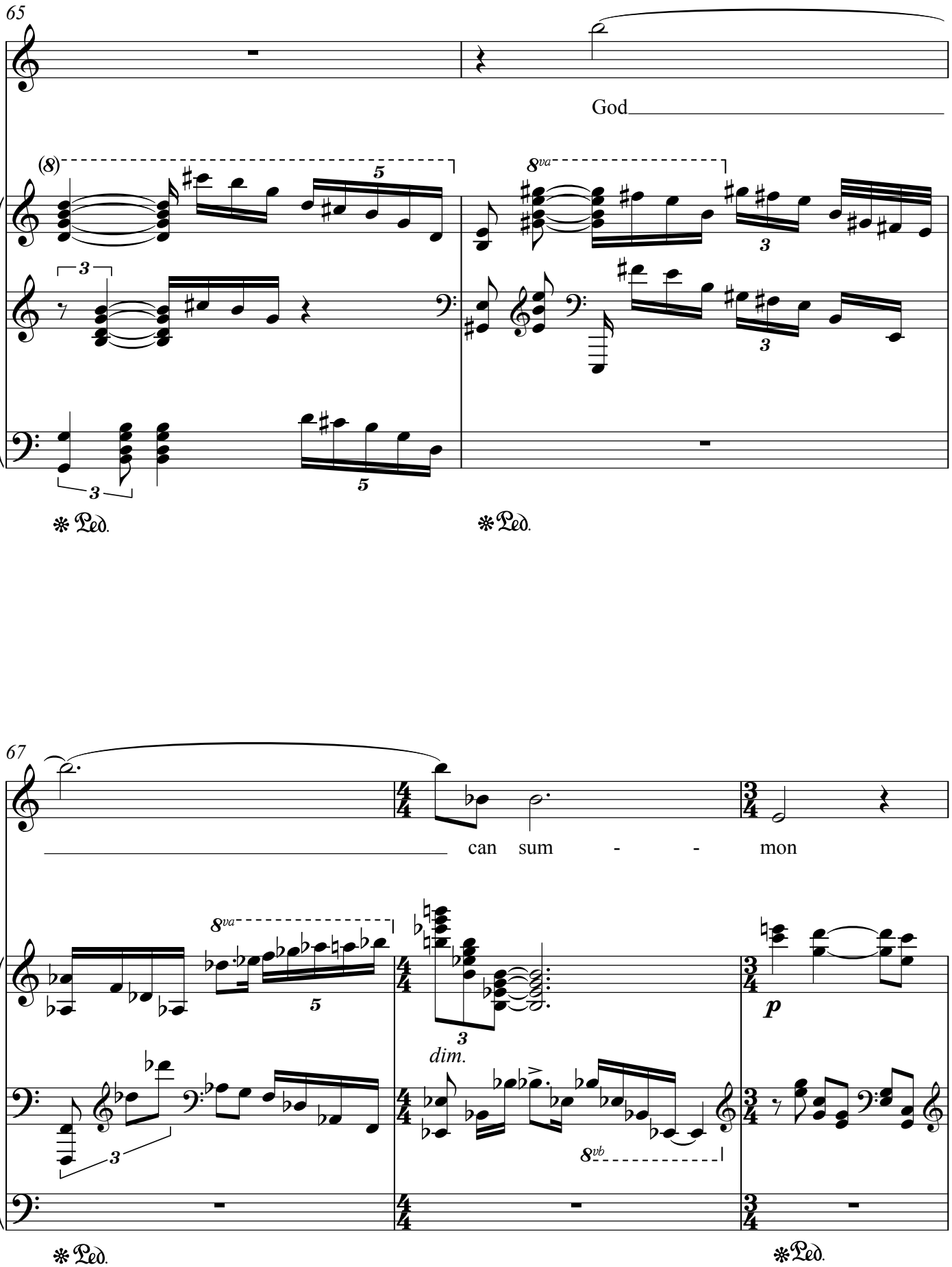
place— They pe - - - - rished
54
in the Seam - less Grass— But
57
God can sum-mon eve - ry face, But God can sum - -
Ped.


61
- - mon,
sum - - - - mon
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


63
eve - - ry face,
ff
8va
ff
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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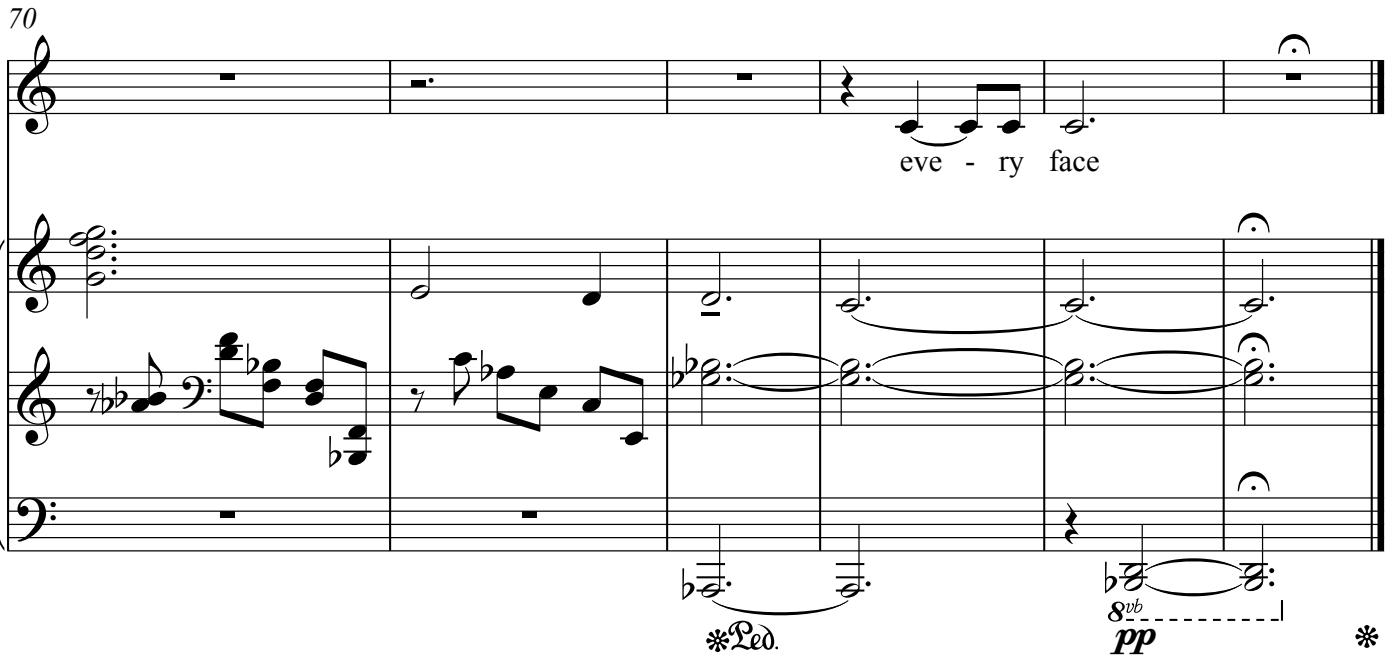
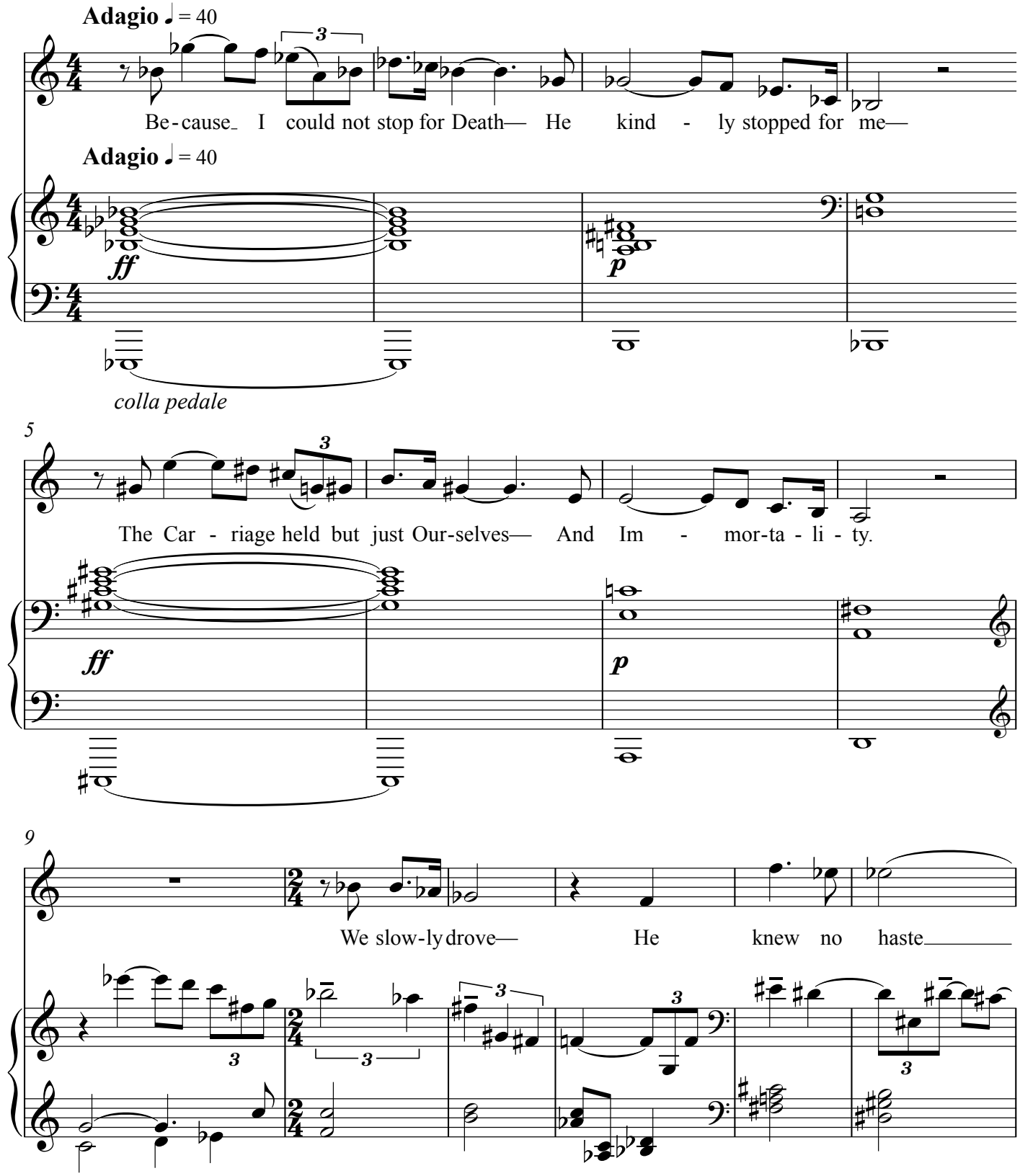
God
(8)
8va
Ped.
Ped.
67
can sum - - mon
8va
dim.
8vb
p
Ped.
Ped.


70
eve - ry face
*Ped.
8vb
pp
*

Because I could not stop for Death

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette



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15

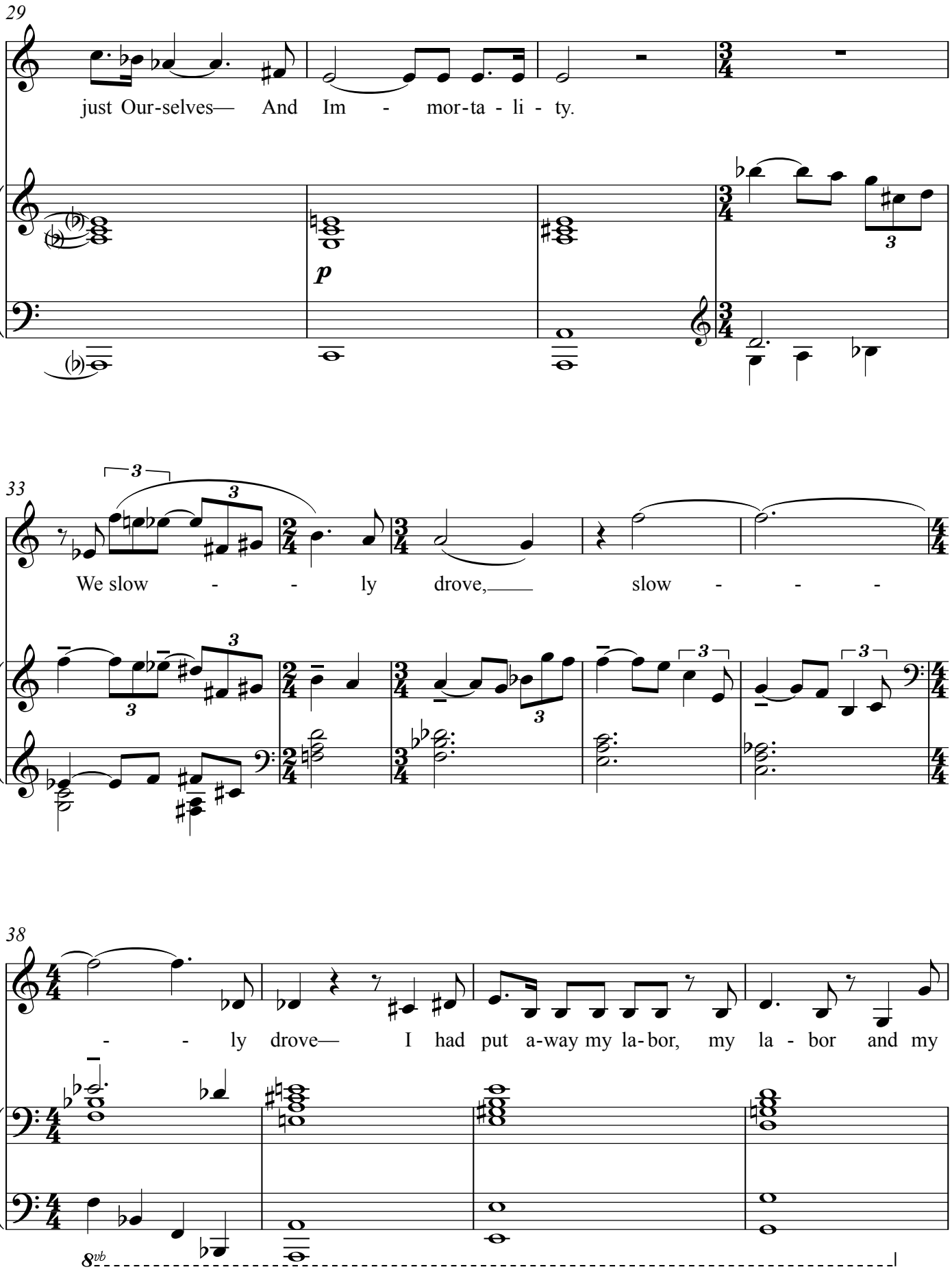
And I had put a way My la bor and my lei sure too,

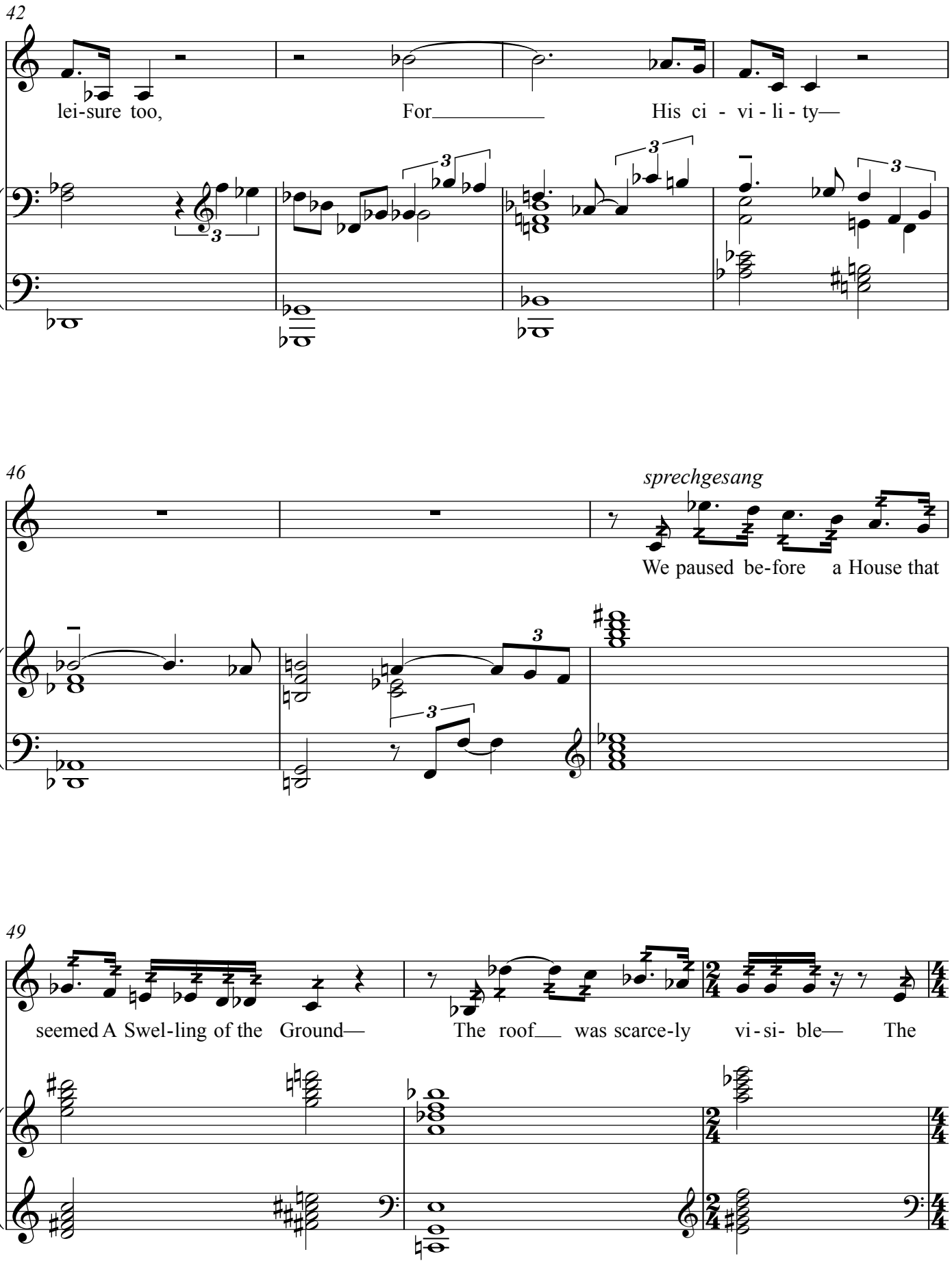
21

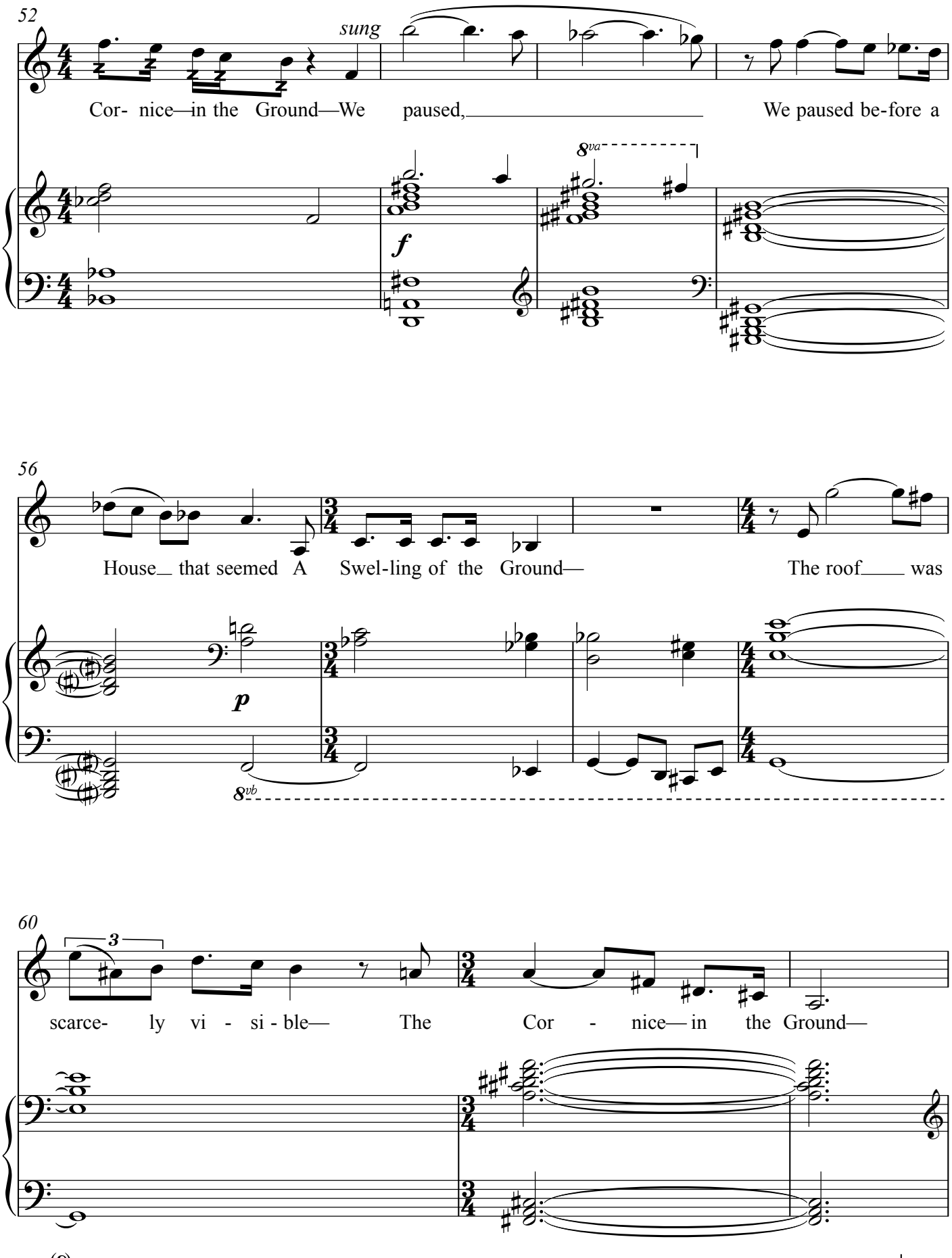
For His ci-vi-li-ty, His ci - vi-li - ty— Be - cause I could not

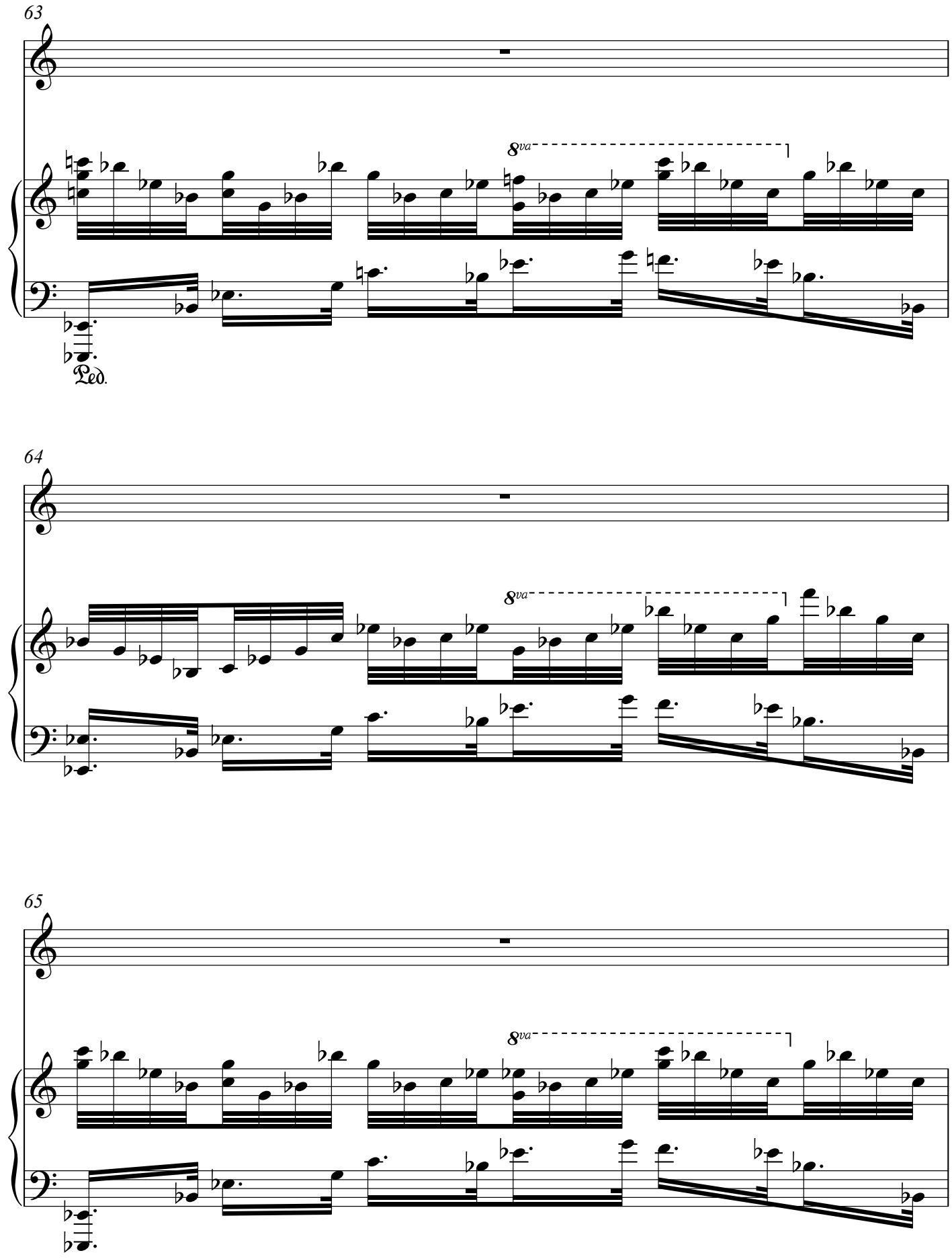
25

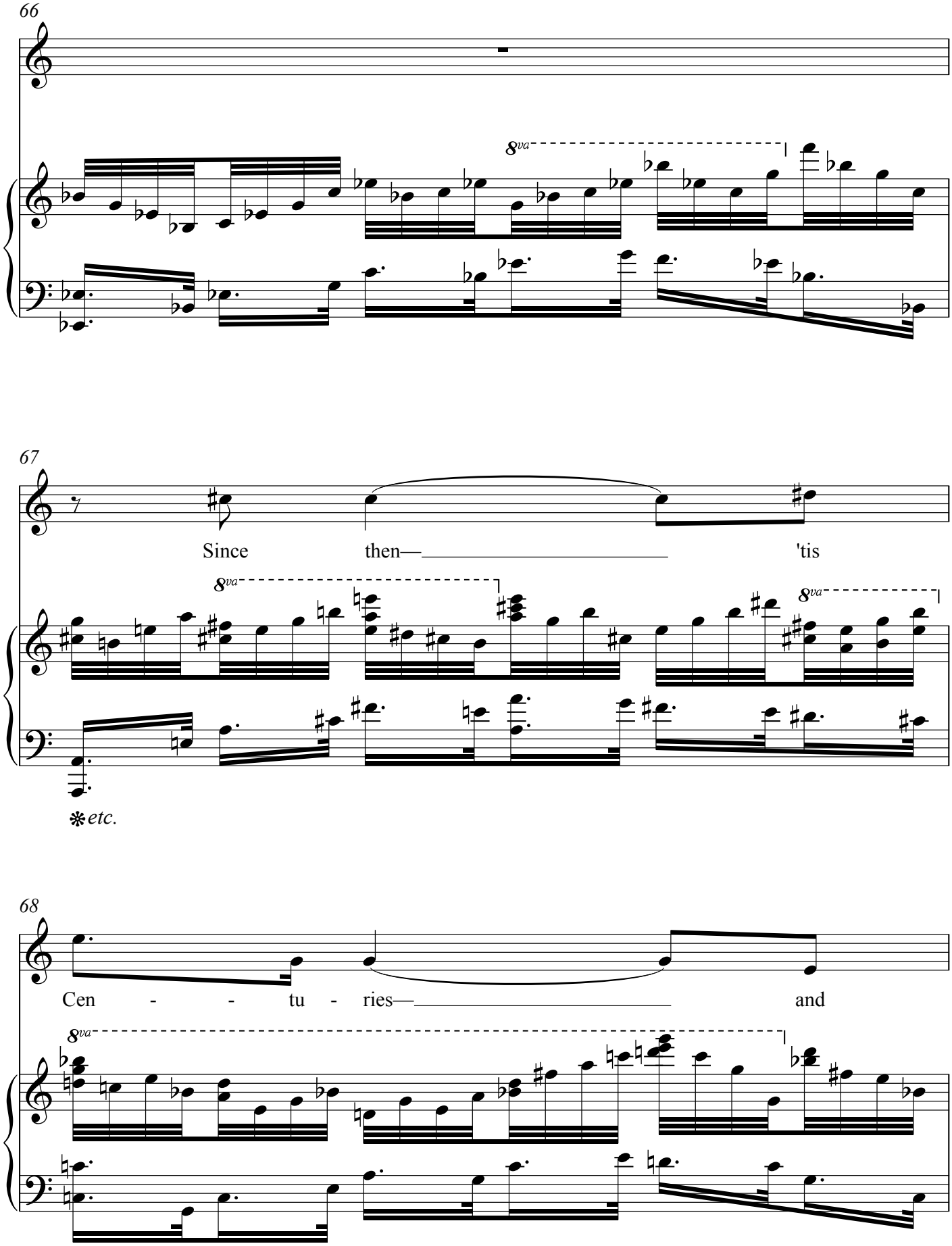
stop for Death— He kind - ly stopped for me— The Car - riage held but


29
just Our-selves— And Im - mor-ta - li - ty.
p
33
We slow - - ly drove,— slow - - -
38
- - ly drove— I had put a-way my la-bor, my la - bor and my
8vb


42
lei-sure too,
For
His ci - vi - li - ty—
46
sprechgesang
We paused be-fore a House that
49
seemed A Swel-ling of the Ground—
The roof was scarce-ly vi - si- ble—
The


52
sung
Cor- nice—in the Ground—We paused, We paused be-fore a
8va
f
56
House that seemed A Swel-ling of the Ground— The roof was
p
8vb
60
3
scarce- ly vi - si - ble— The Cor - nice— in the Ground—
(8)


63
8va
Ped.
64
8va
65
8va


66
8va
67
Since then— 'tis
8va
8va
etc.
68
Cen - - tu - ries— and
8va

69

yet Feels

8va

70

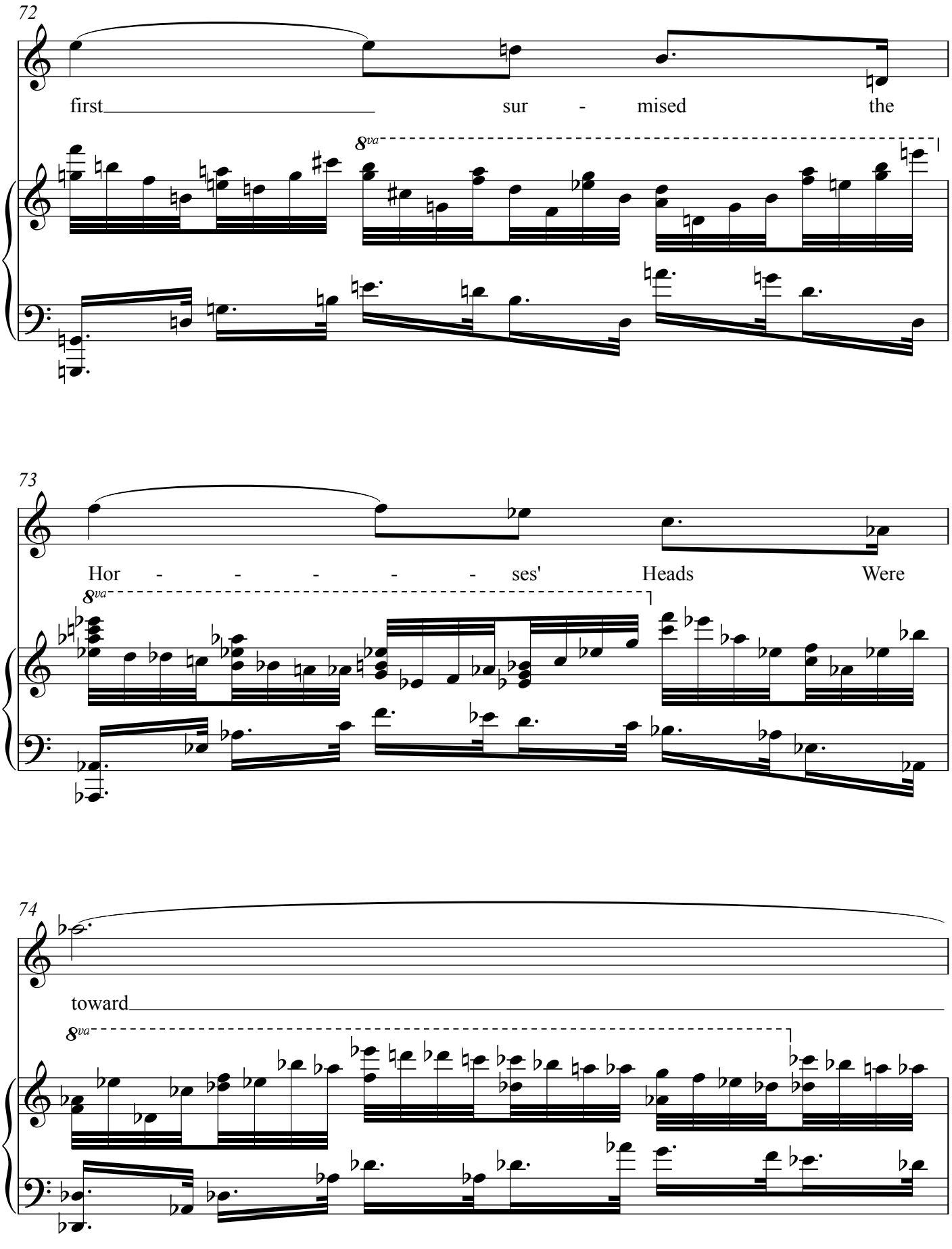
short - - - er than the

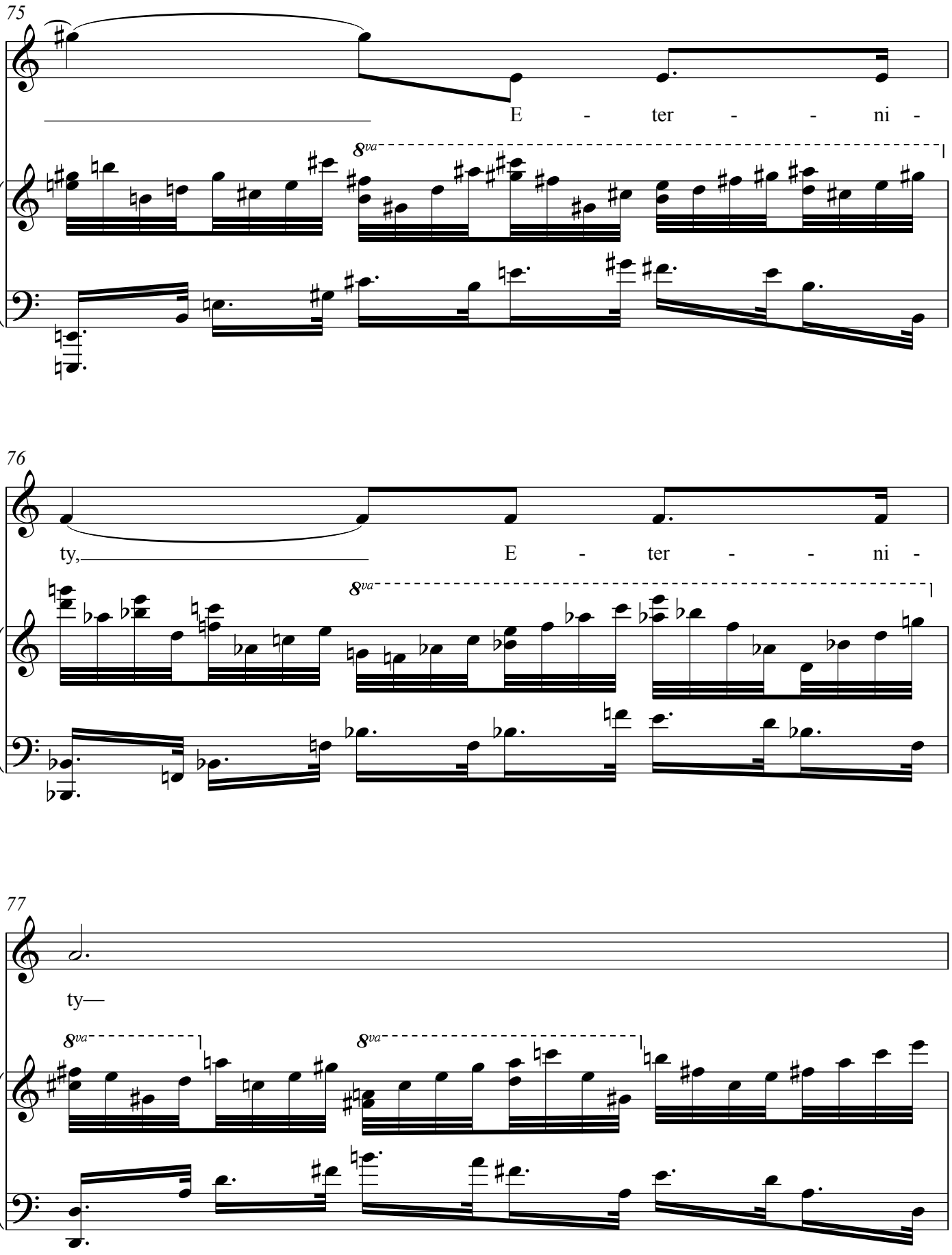
8va

71

Day I

8va


72
first sur - mised the
8va
73
Hor - - - - - ses' Heads Were
8va
74
toward
8va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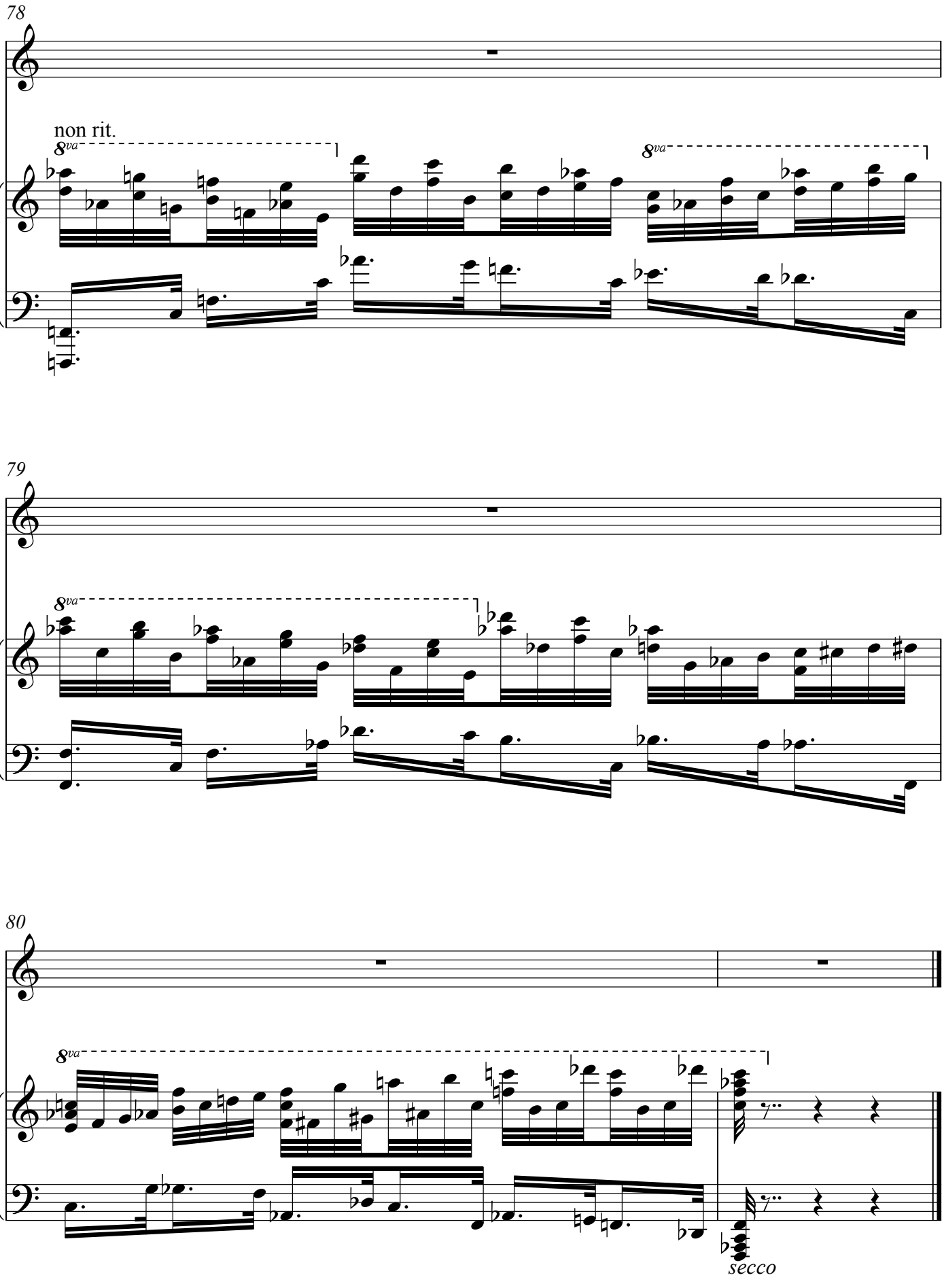
E - ter - - ni -
8va
76
ty,
E - ter - - ni -
8va
77
ty—
8va
8va


78
non rit.
8va
8va
79
8va
80
8va
secco

Emily Dickinson's

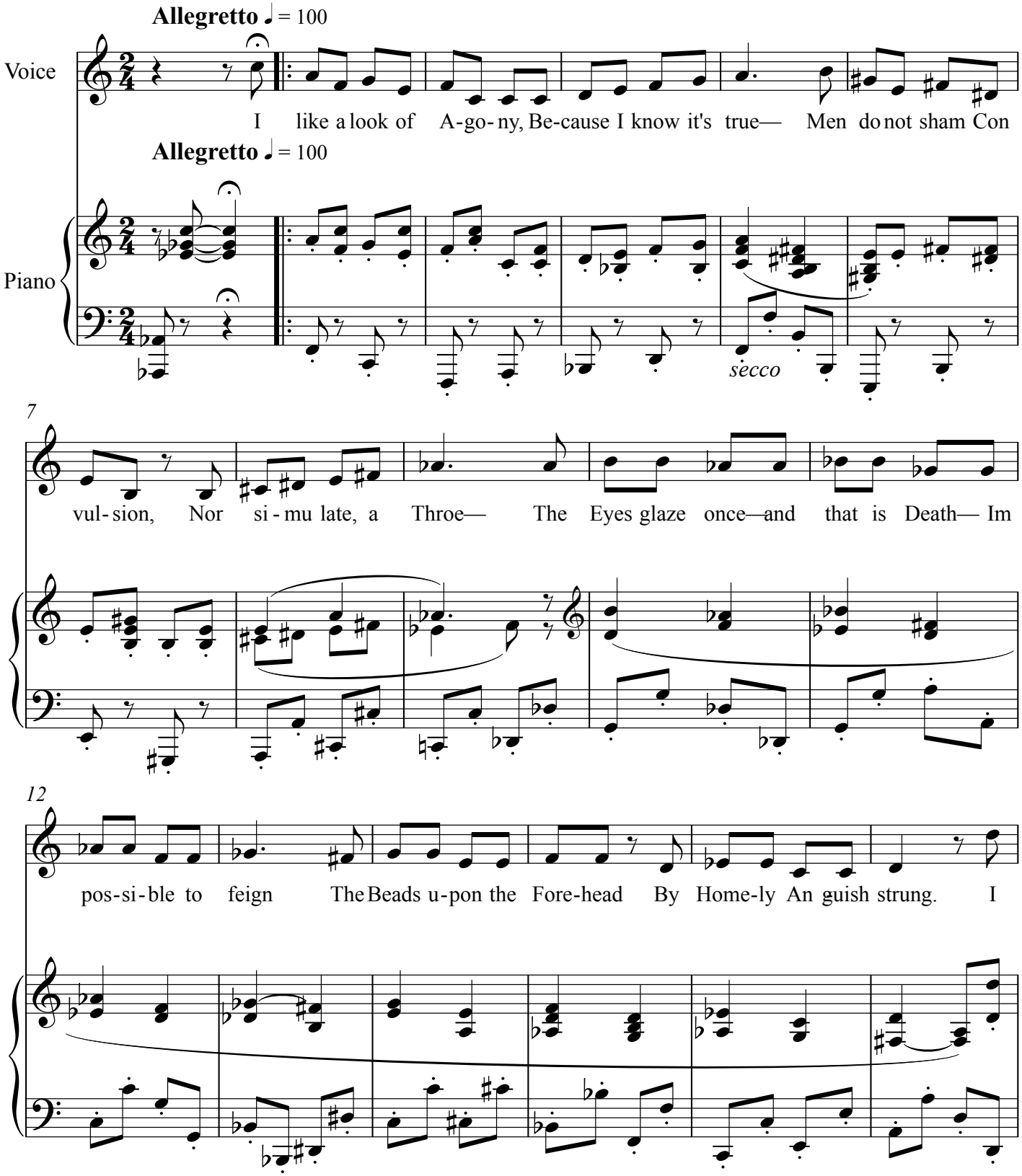
Book of the Dead

Part Two

I Like a Look of Agony

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette



18

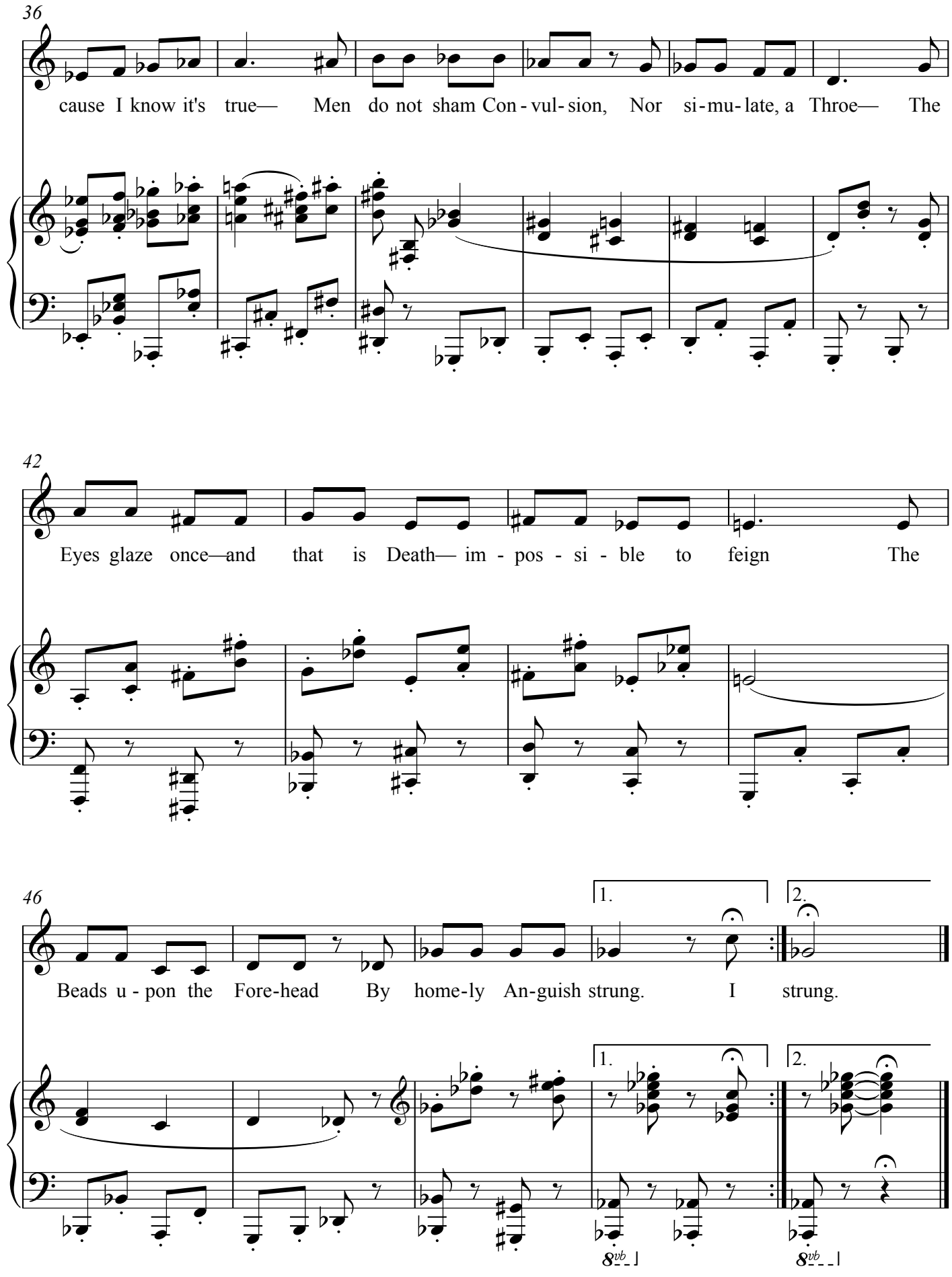
like a look of A - go - ny, Be - cause I know it's true— Men do not sham Con - vul - sion, Nor

24

si - mu - late, a Throe— The Eyes glaze once—and that is Death—Im - pos - si ble to feign The

30

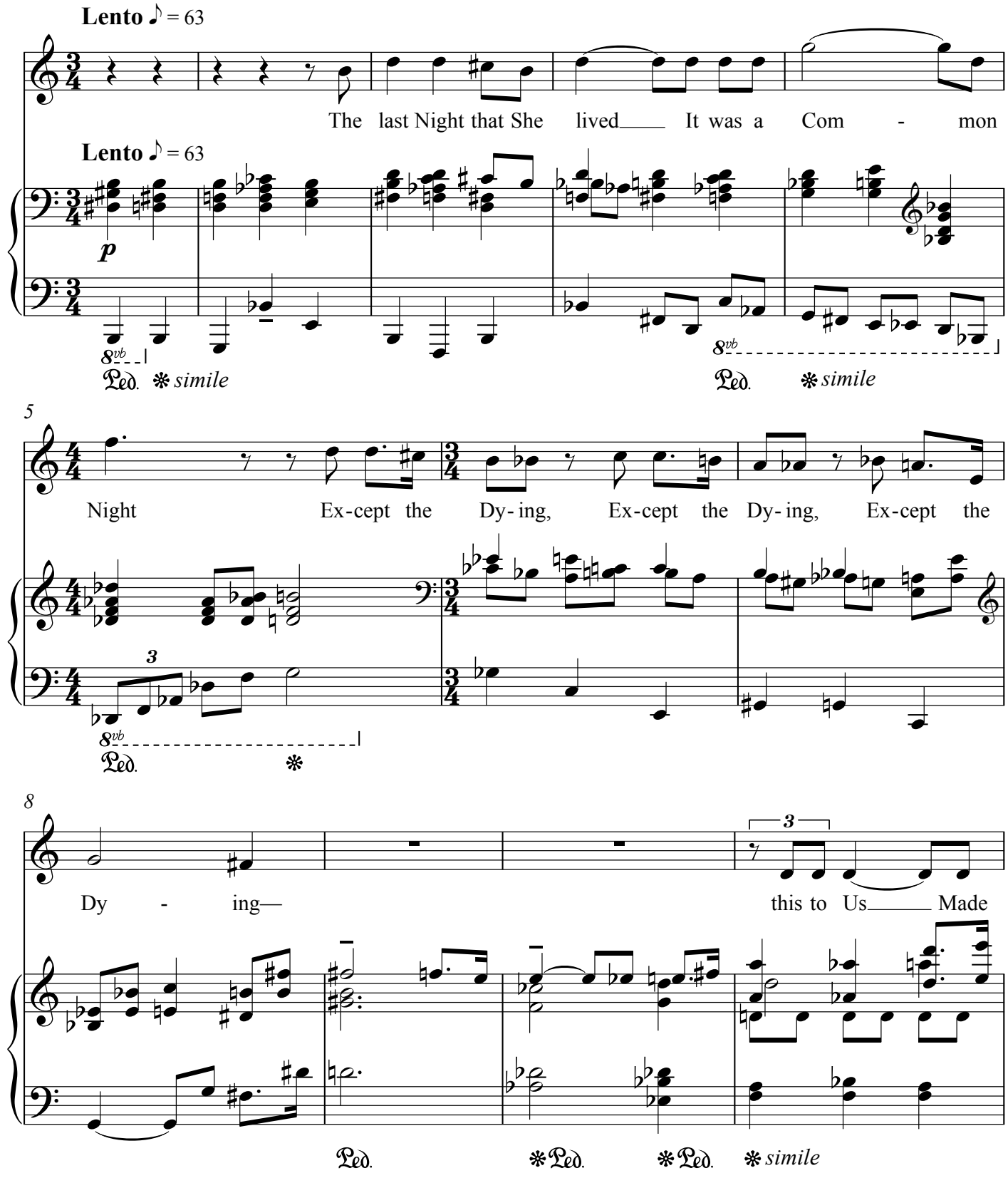
Beads u - pon the Fore - head By home - ly An - guish strung. I like a look of A - go - ny, Be -

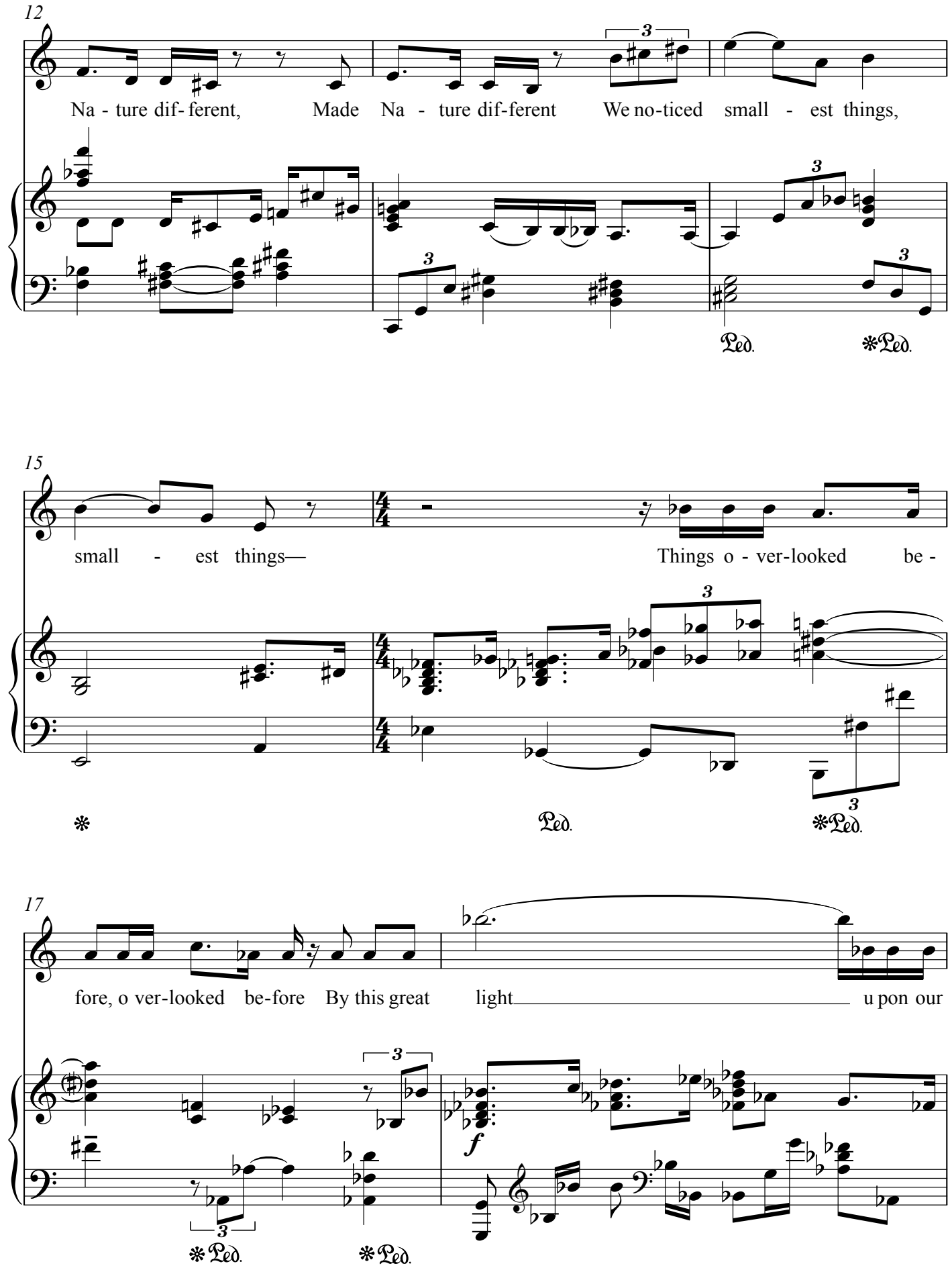

36
cause I know it's true— Men do not sham Con - vul - sion, Nor si - mu - late, a Throe— The
42
Eyes glaze once—and that is Death— im - pos - si - ble to feign The
46
1.
2.
Beads u - pon the Fore-head By home-ly An-guish strung. I strung.
8vb
8vb

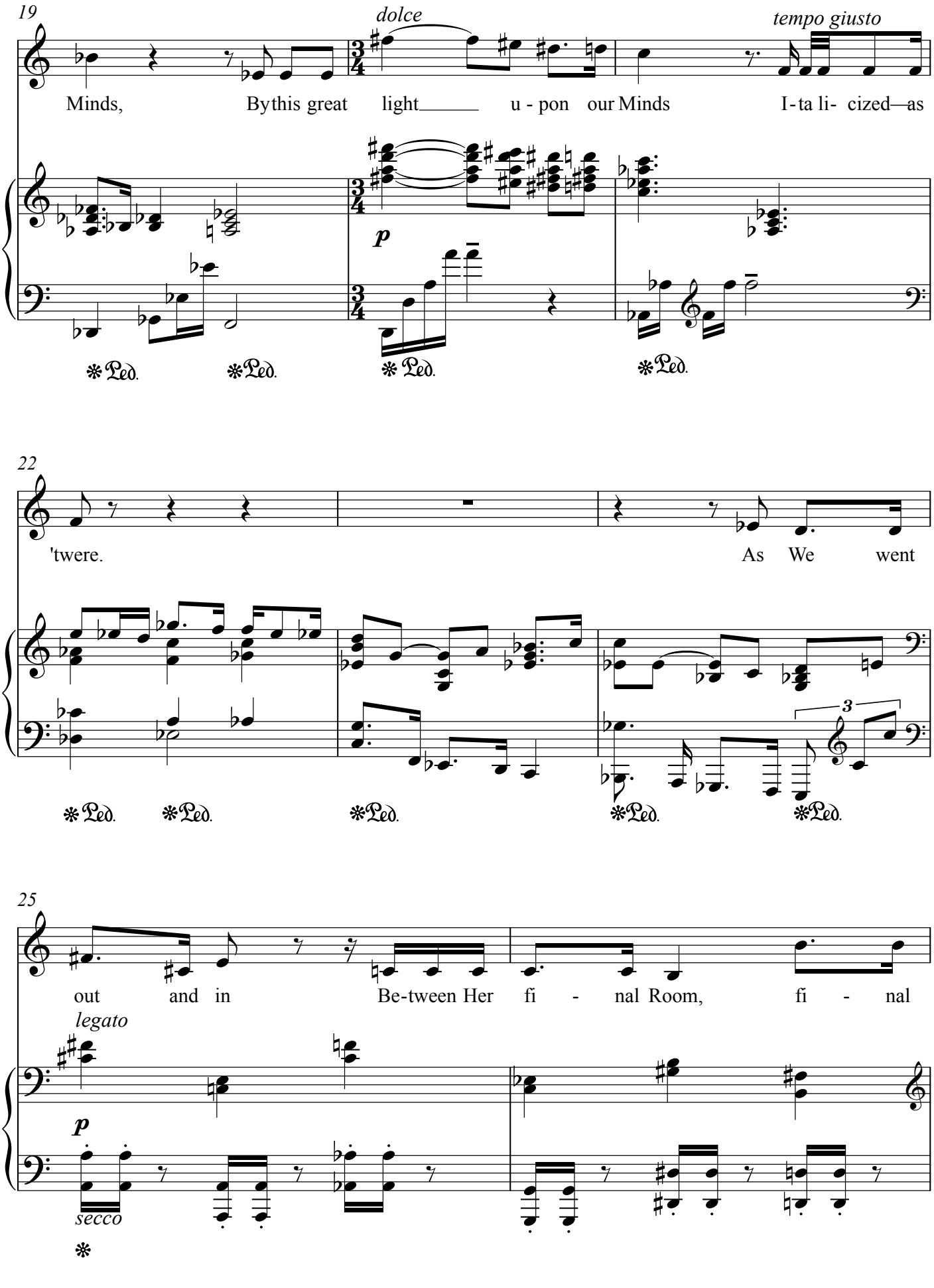
The last Night that She lived

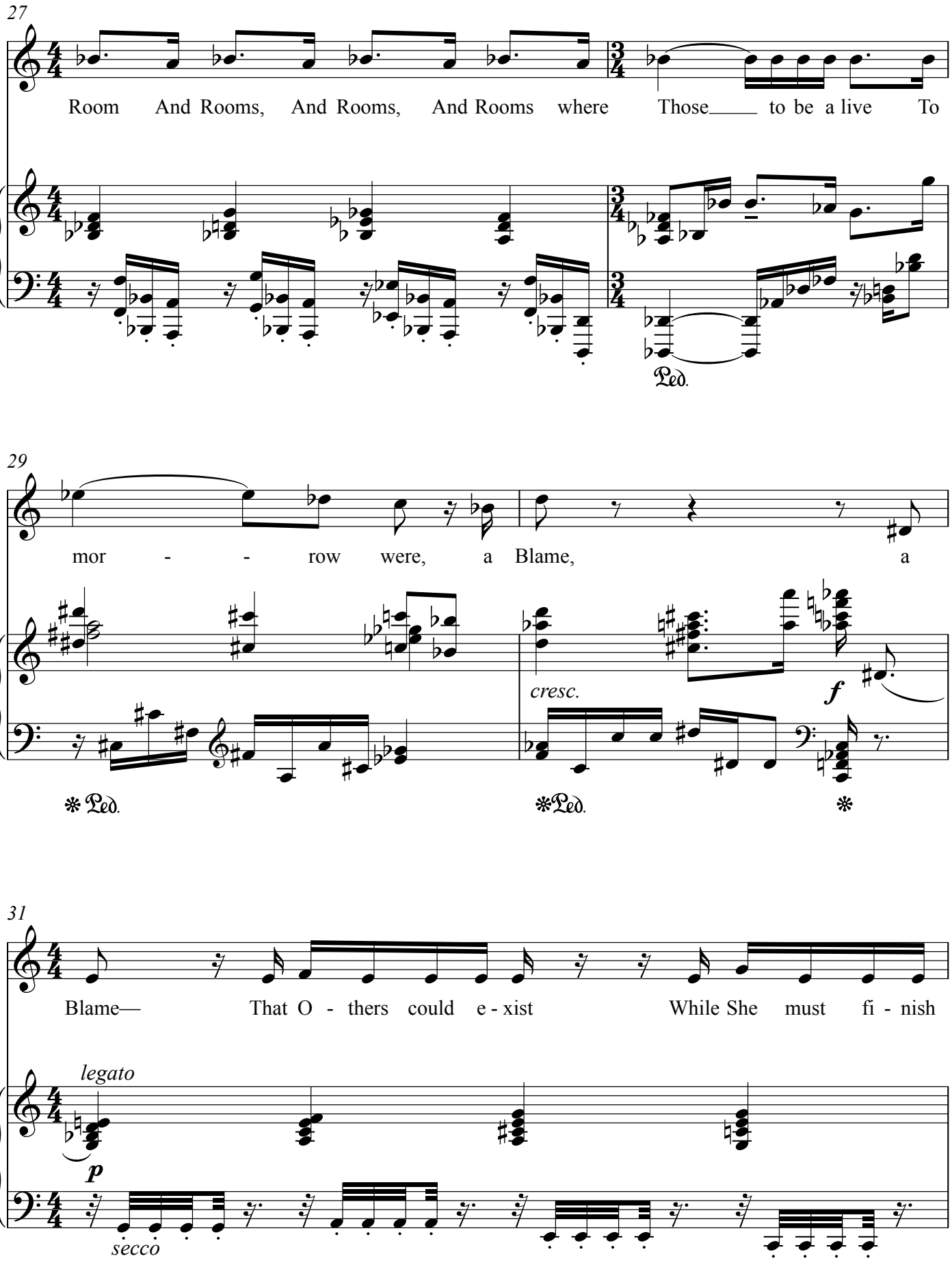
Emily Dickinson

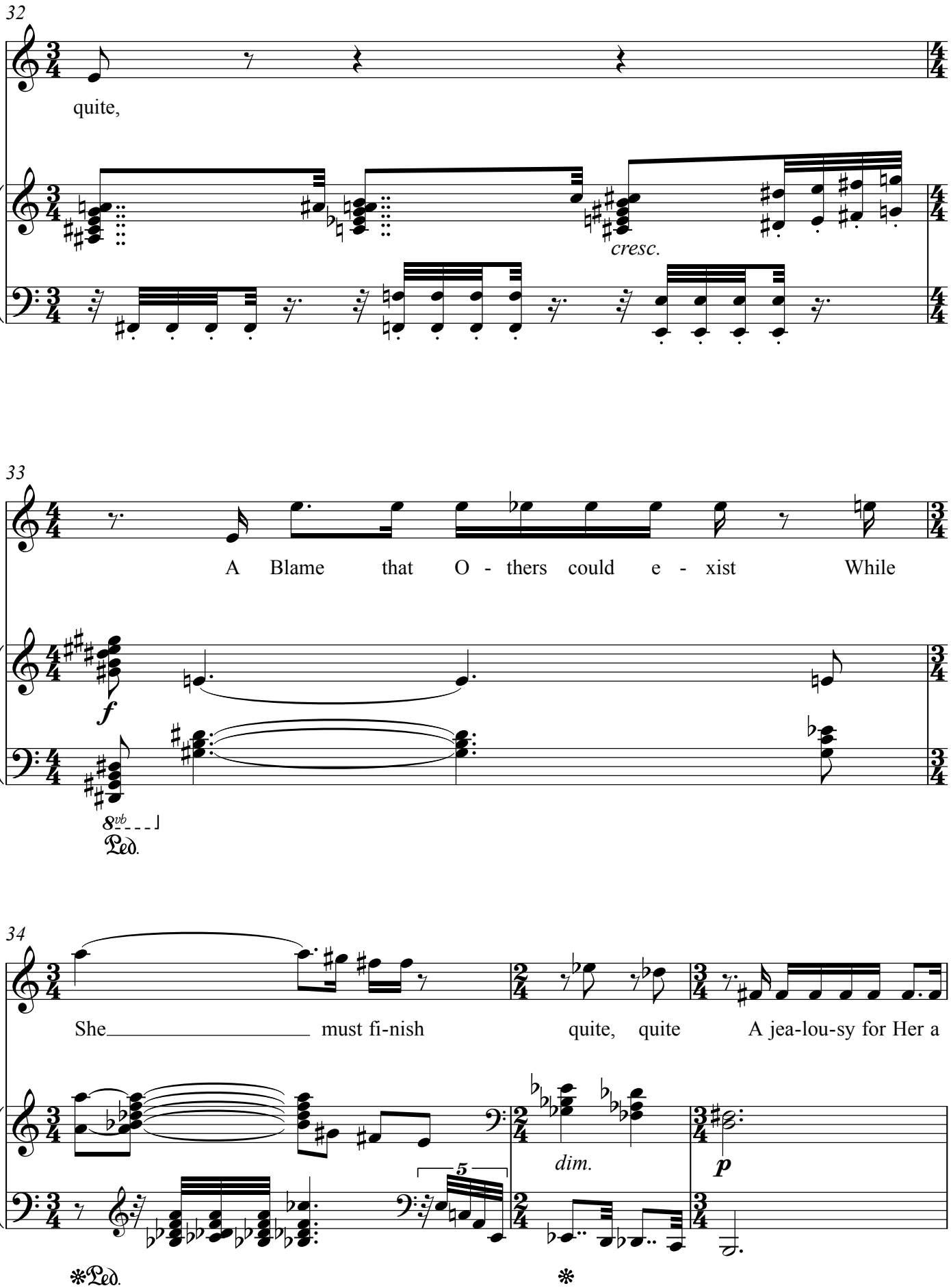
Andrew Violette

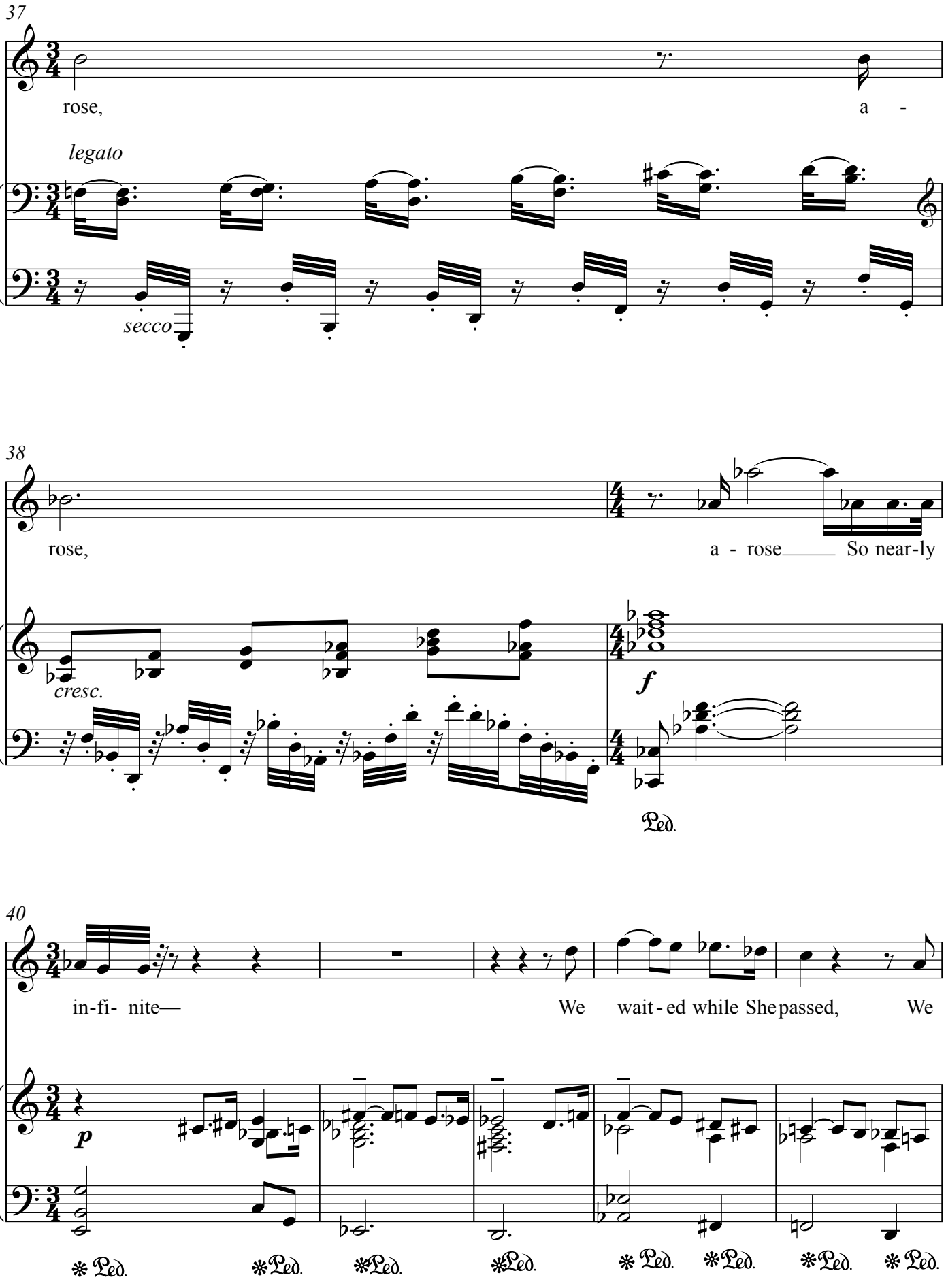


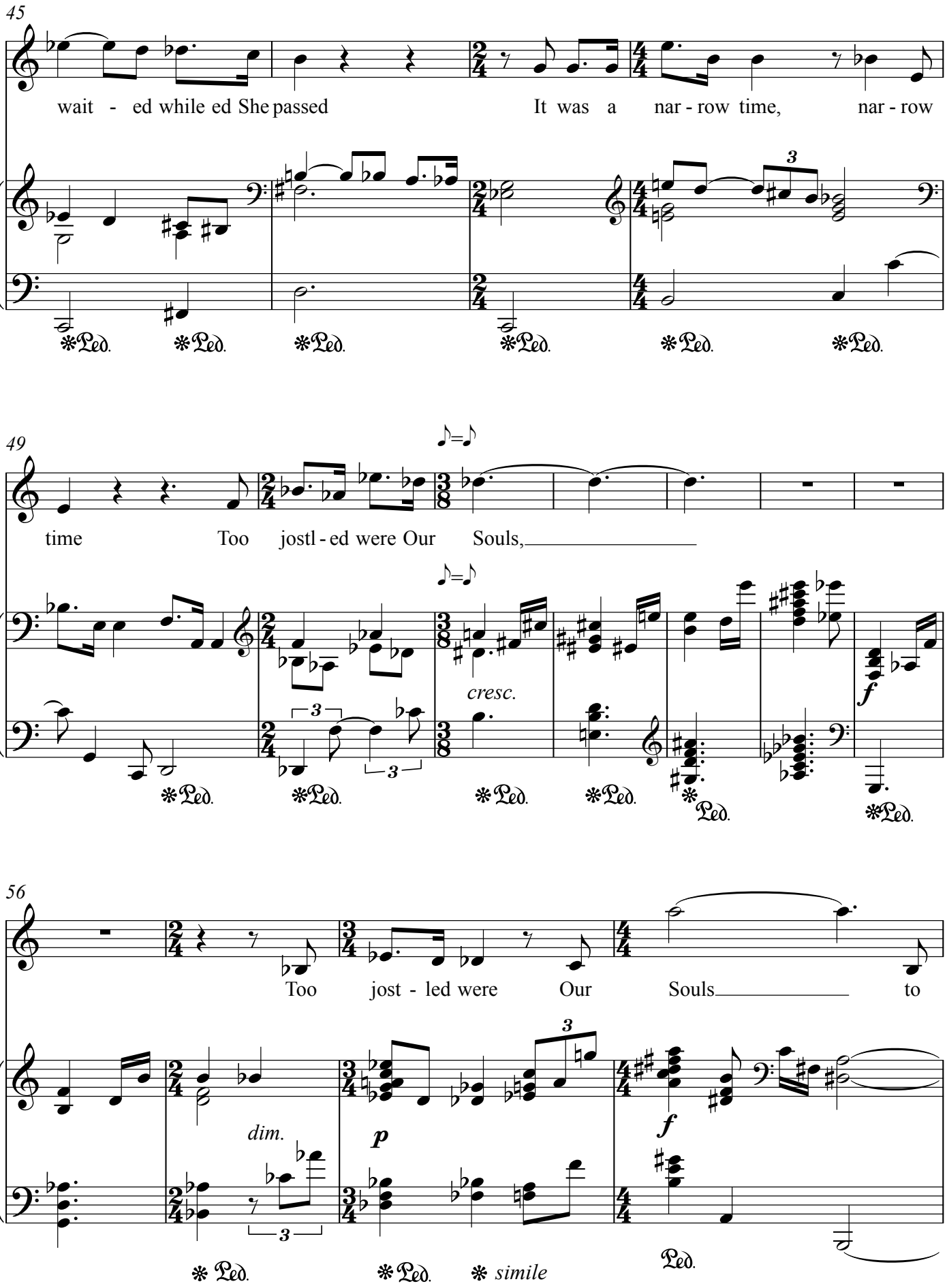

12
Na - ture dif- ferent, Made Na - ture dif-ferent We no-ticed small - est things,
Ped.
*Ped.
15
small - est things— Things o - ver-looked be -
*
Ped.
*Ped.
17
fore, o ver-looked be-fore By this great light u pon our
f
*Ped.
*Ped.

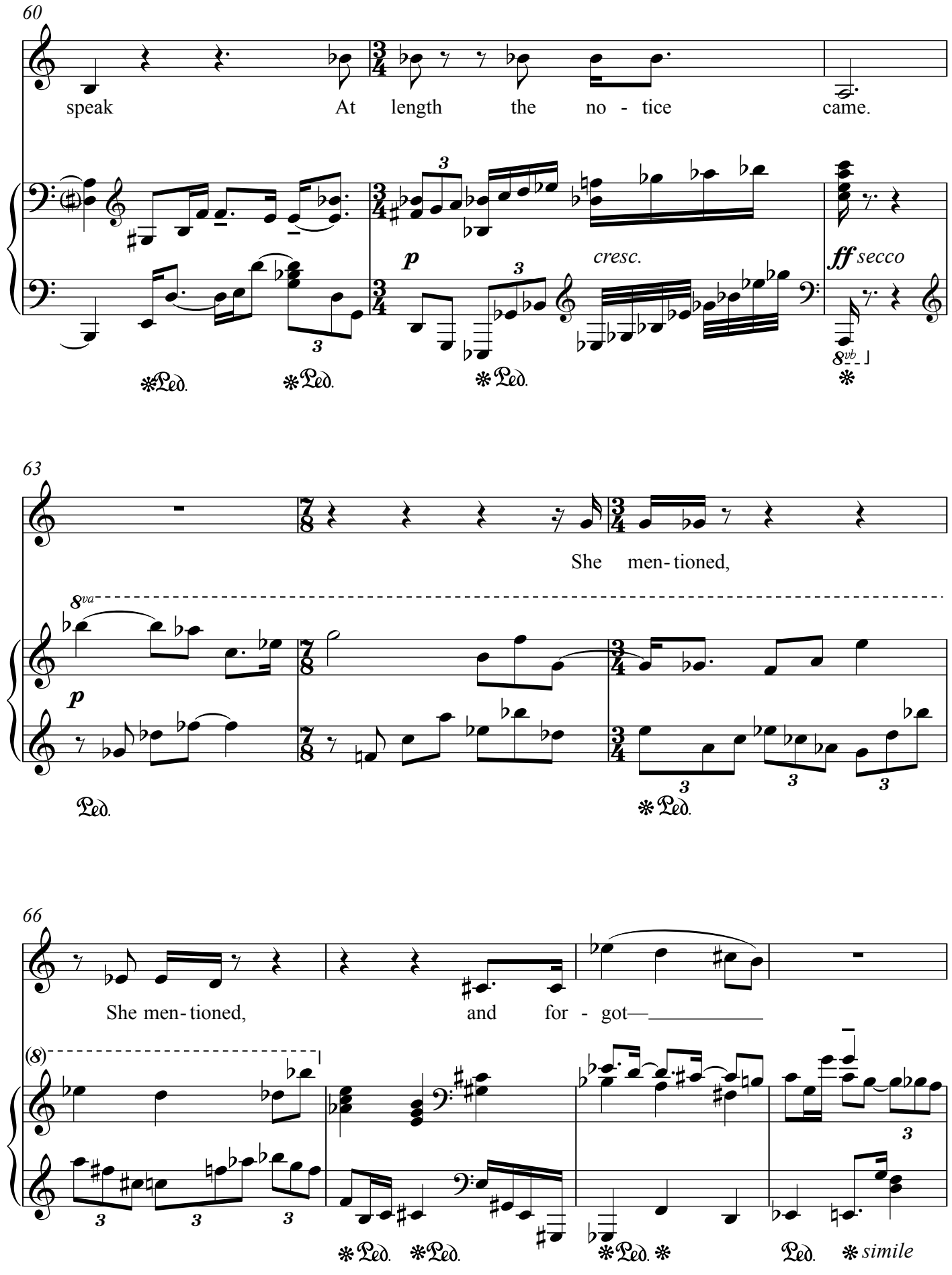

19
dolce
tempo giusto
Minds, Bythis great light u - pon our Minds I - ta li- cized—as
p
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
22
'twere. As We went
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
3
25
out and in Be-tween Her fi - nal Room, fi - nal
legato
p
secco
Ped.

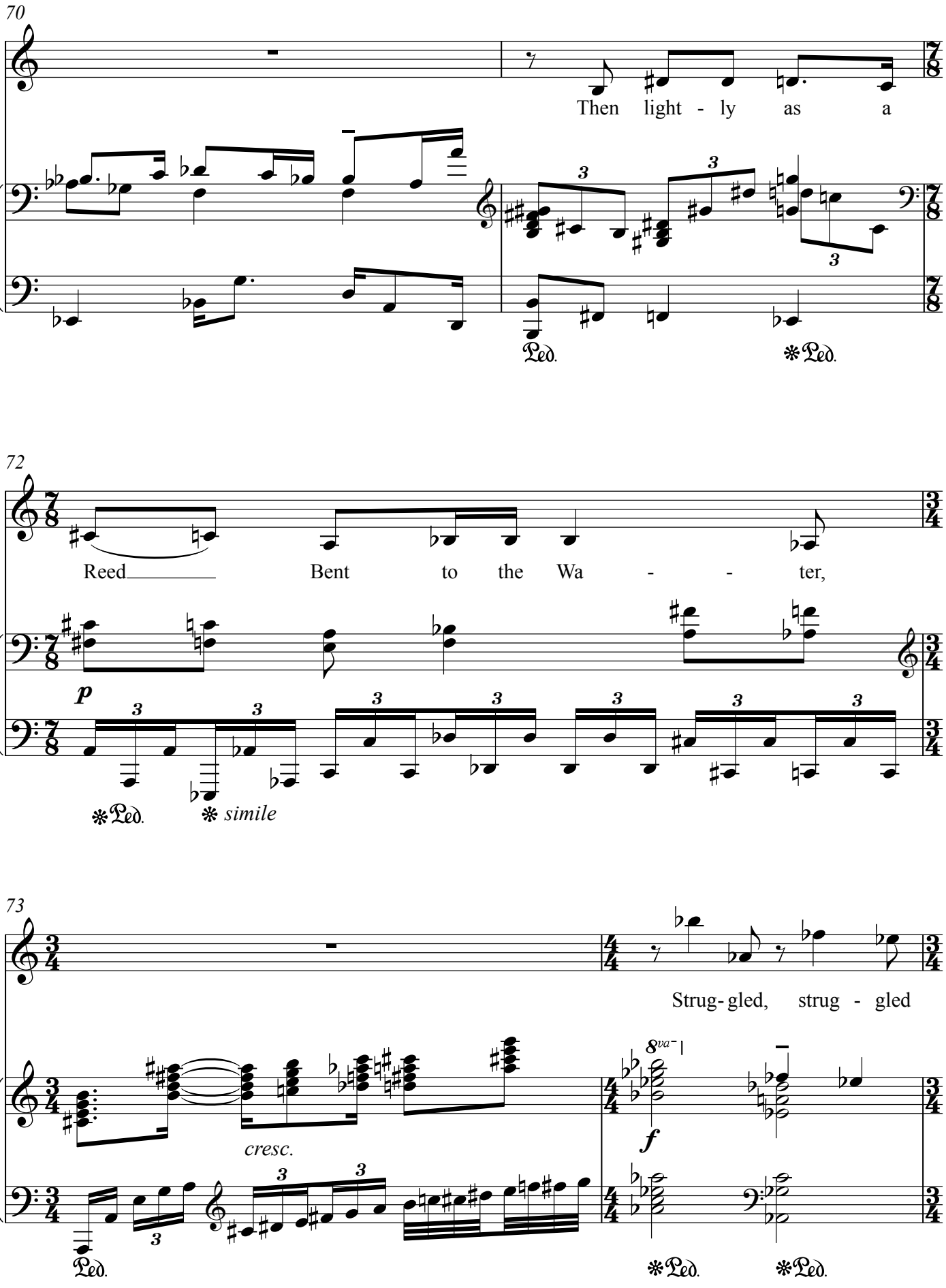

27
Room And Rooms, And Rooms, And Rooms where Those to be a live To
Ped.
29
mor - - row were, a Blame, a
cresc.
f
Ped.
Ped.
31
Blame— That O - thers could e - xist While She must fi - nish
legato
p
secco

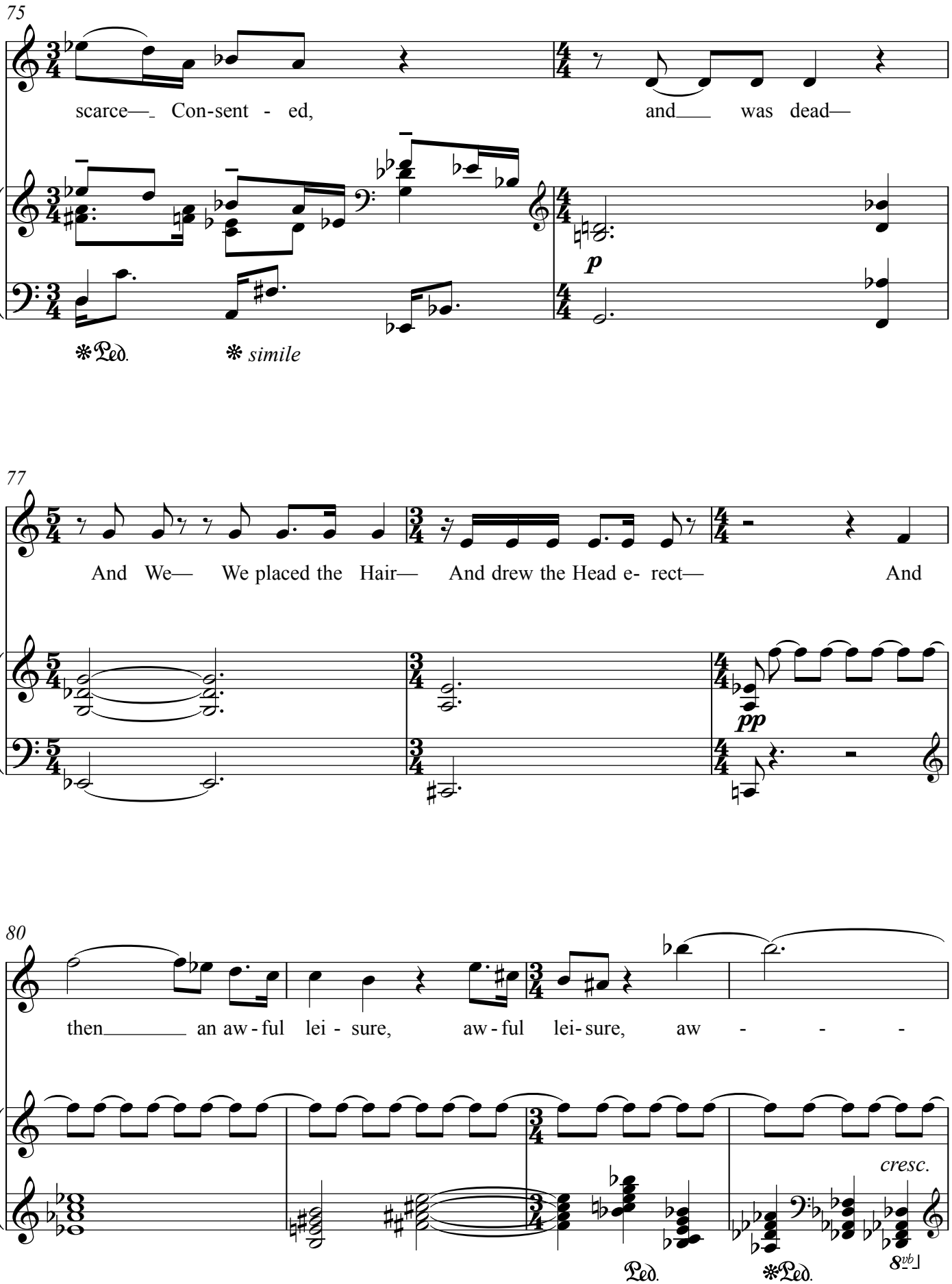

32
quite,
cresc.
33
A Blame that O - thers could e - xist While
f
8vb
Ped.
34
She must fi-nish quite, quite A jea-lou-sy for Her a
5
dim.
p
*Ped.
*

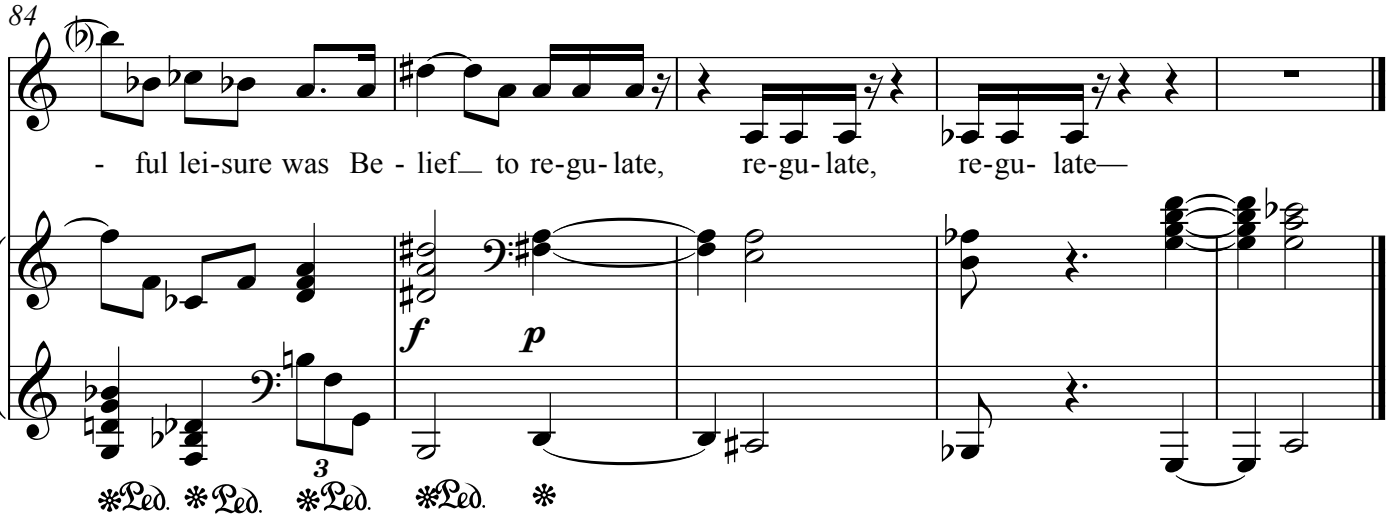

37
rose,
a -
legato
secco
38
rose,
a - rose
So near-ly
cresc.
f
Ped.
40
in-fi- nite—
We
wait - ed while She
passed,
We
p
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


45
wait - ed while ed She passed
It was a nar - row time, nar - row
49
time
Too jostl - ed were Our Souls,
cresc.
56
Too jost - led were Our Souls to
dim.
simile


60
speak
At length the no - tice came.
cresc.
ff secco
63
She men- tioned,
66
She men- tioned,
and for - got—
simile

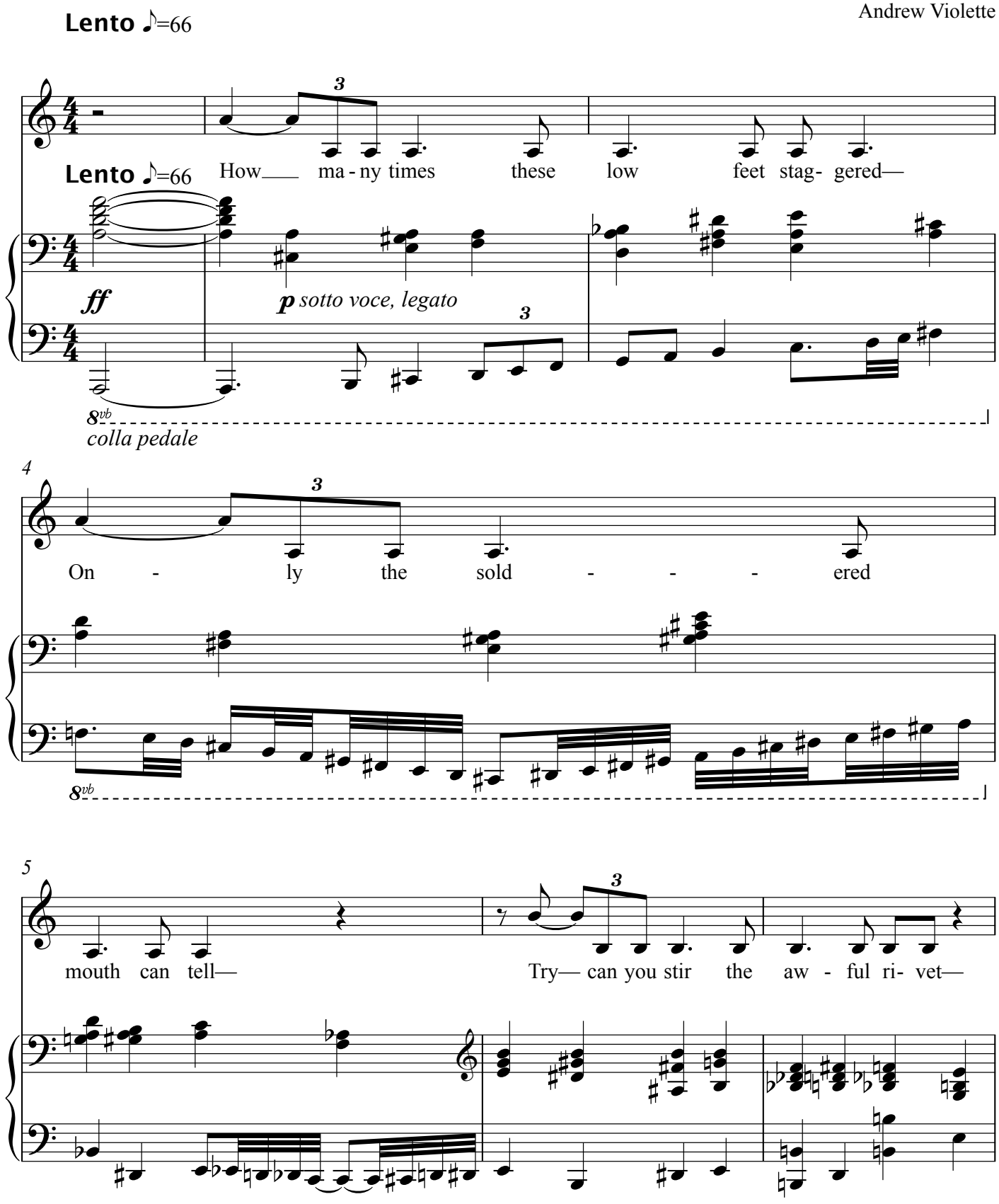

70
Then light - ly as a
Ped.
Ped.
72
Reed Bent to the Wa - - ter,
p
Ped.
simile
73
Strug- gled, strug - gled
cresc.
8va
f
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

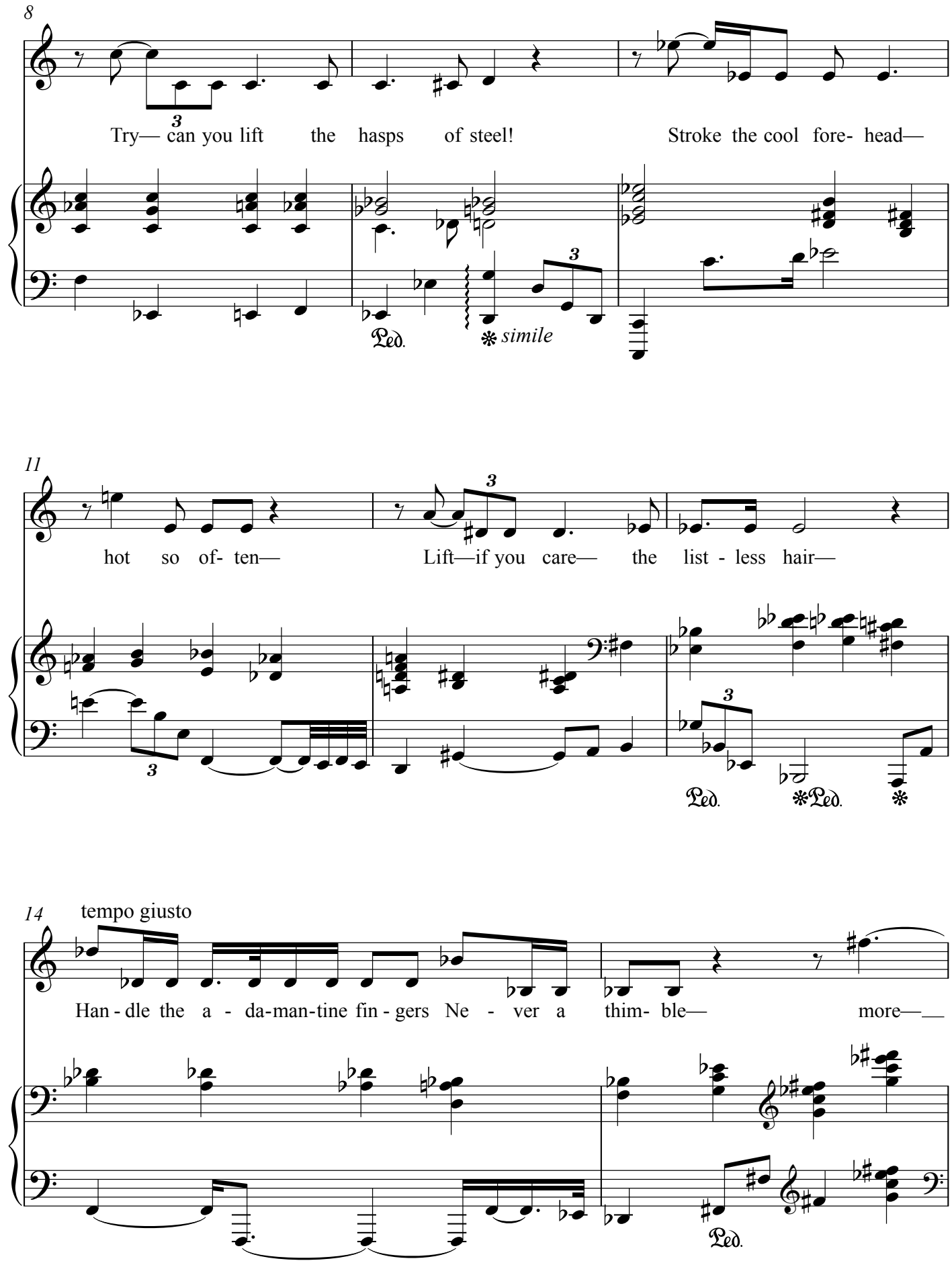

75
scarce— Con-sent - ed, and was dead—
p
✻Ped.
✻ simile
77
And We— We placed the Hair— And drew the Head e- rect— And
pp
80
then an aw - ful lei - sure, aw - ful lei - sure, aw - - -
cresc.
Ped.
✻Ped.
8vb

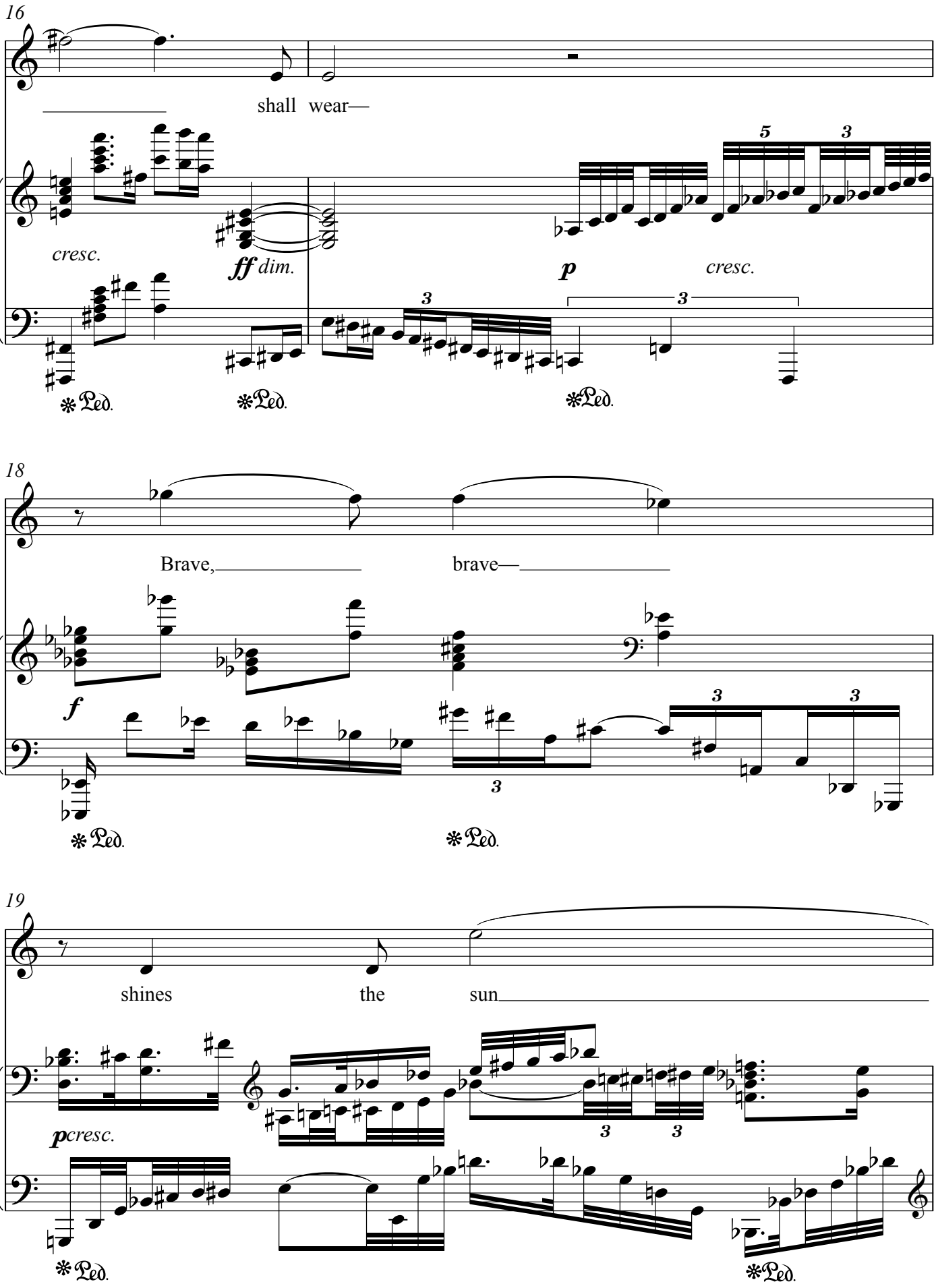

84
- ful lei-sure was Be - lief to re-gu- late, re-gu- late, re-gu- late—
f
p
3
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

How many times these low feet staggered

Andrew Violette




8
Try— can you lift the hasps of steel!
Stroke the cool fore- head—
Ped.
simile
11
hot so of- ten—
Lift—if you care— the list - less hair—
Ped.
Ped.
14
tempo giusto
Han - dle the a - da-man-tine fin - gers Ne - ver a thim- ble— more—
Ped.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shall wear—
cresc.
ff dim.
p
cresc.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
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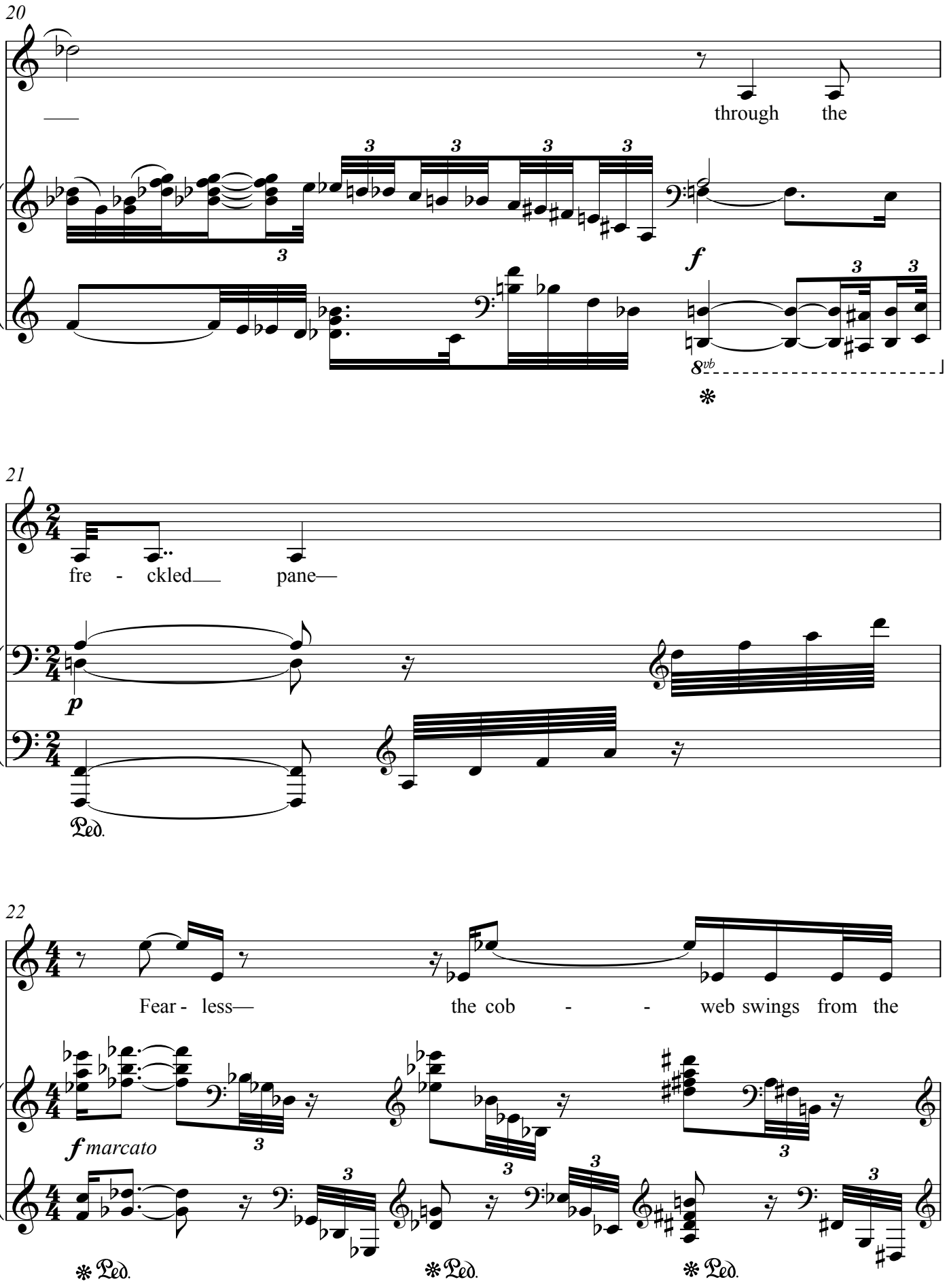
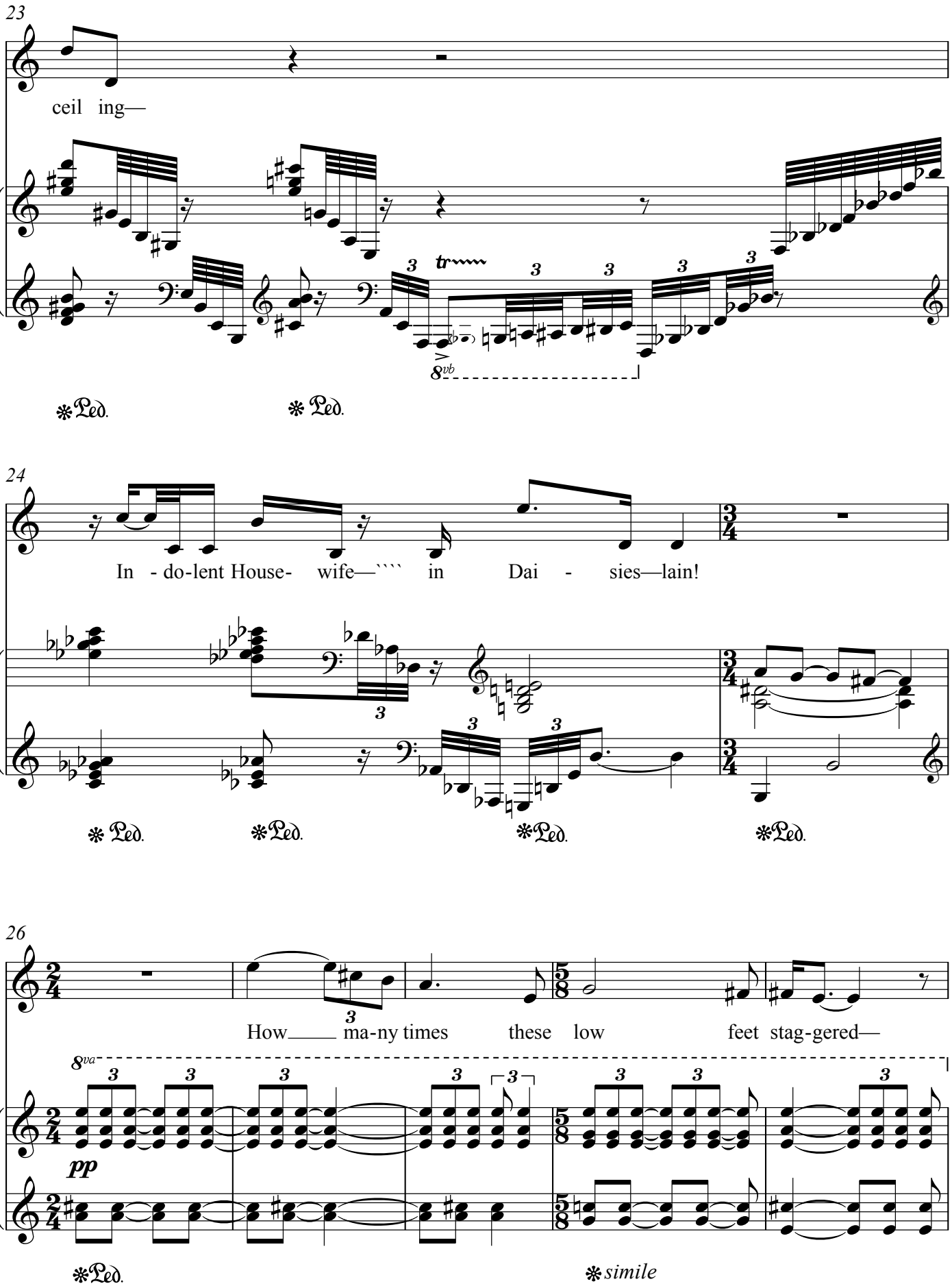
Brave,
brave—
f
Ped.
Ped.
19
shines
the
sun
pcresc.
Ped.
Ped.


20
through the
f
8vb
21
fre - ckled pane—
p
Ped.
22
Fear - less— the cob - - web swings from the
f marcato
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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ceil ing—
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
24
In - do-lent House- wife—`` in Dai - sies—lain!
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
26
How___ ma-ny times these low feet stag-gered—
8va
pp
Ped.
simile

31

On - ly the sold - eredmouth can tell— Try—can you stir the aw-ful ri-vet-

37

Try–ean you liftthe hasps of steel!

42

Stroke_____the cool fore - head— hot so of ten— Lift— if you care—the list-less

47

tempo giusto

hair—

Han-dle the a - da-man-tine fin-gers Ne-ver a

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thim- ble—more— shall wear—

Brave—

8va

55

— shines— the sun—

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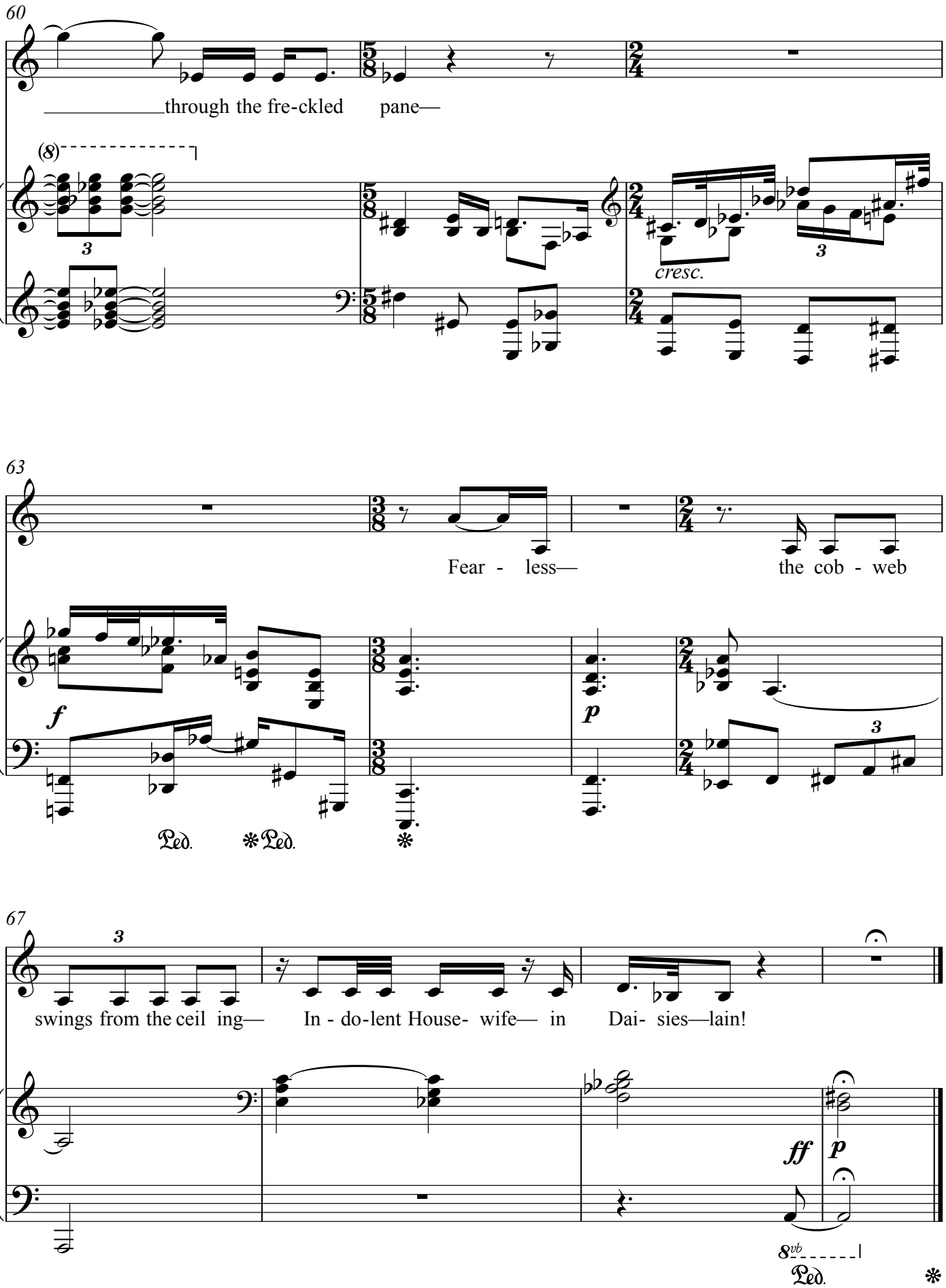
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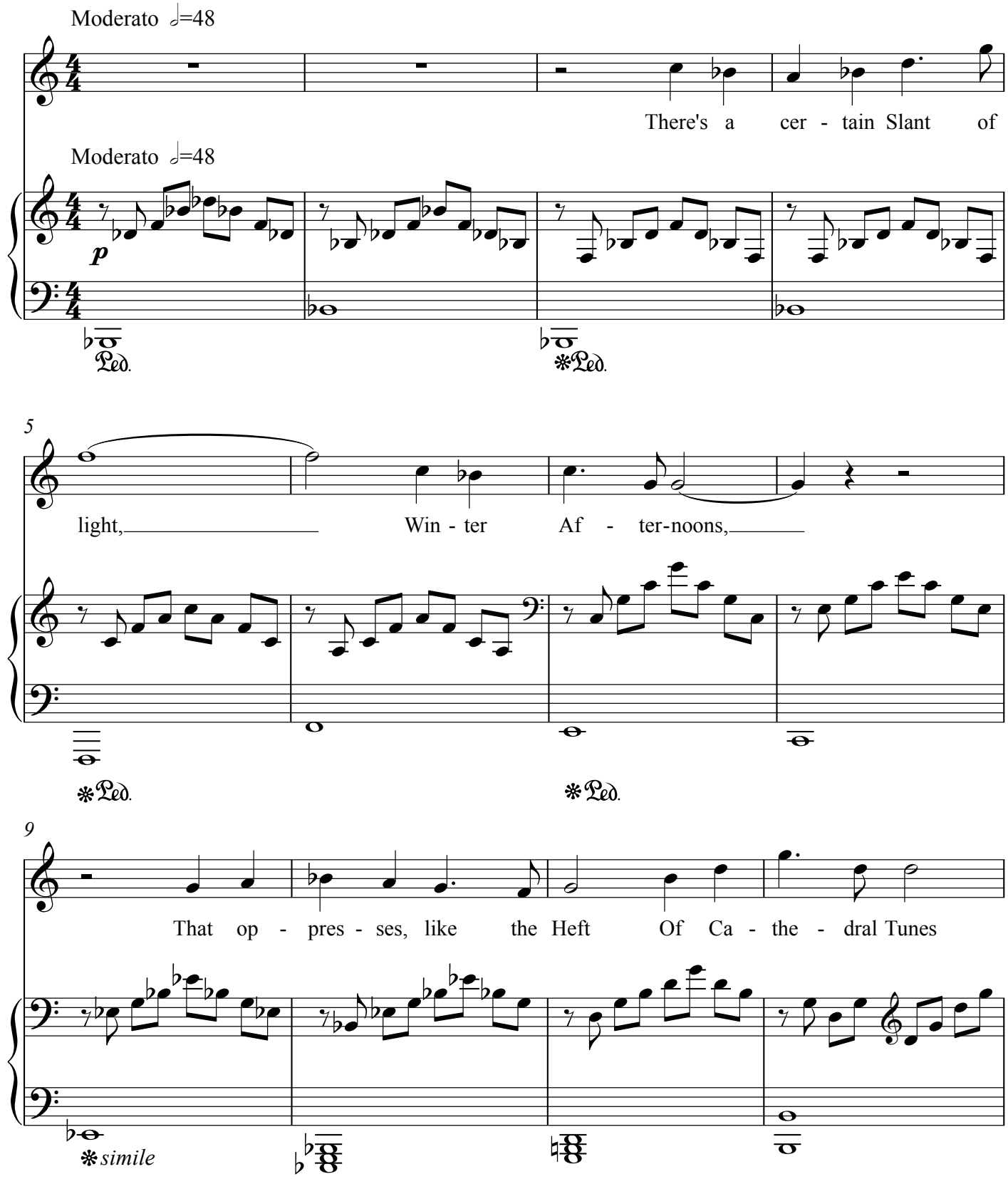
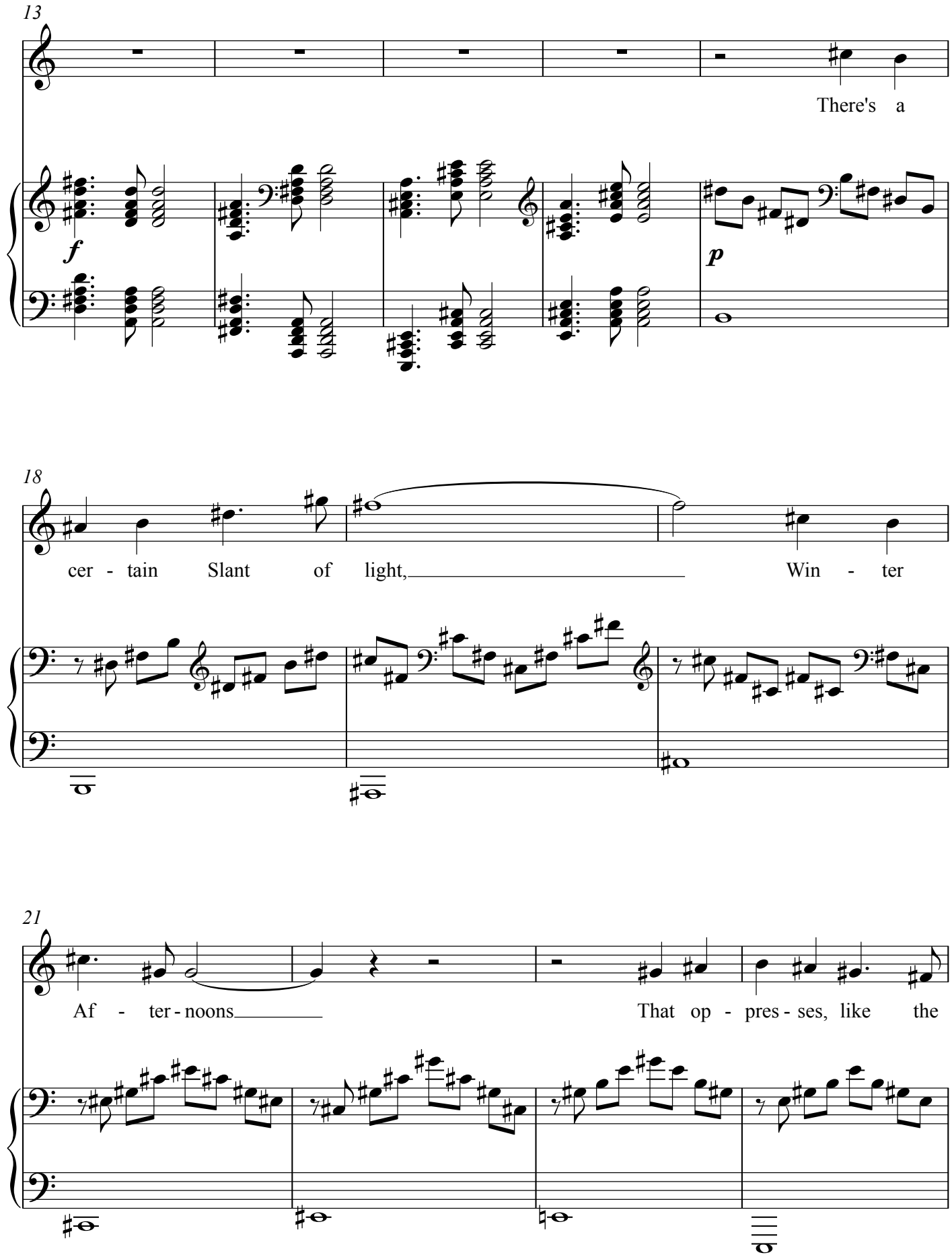
through the fre-ckled pane—
(8)
3
cresc.
63
Fear - less—
the cob - web
f
p
Ped.
Ped.
67
swings from the ceil ing—
In - do-lent House- wife— in
Dai- sies—lain!
ff
p
8vb
Ped.

There's a certain Slant of light

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette

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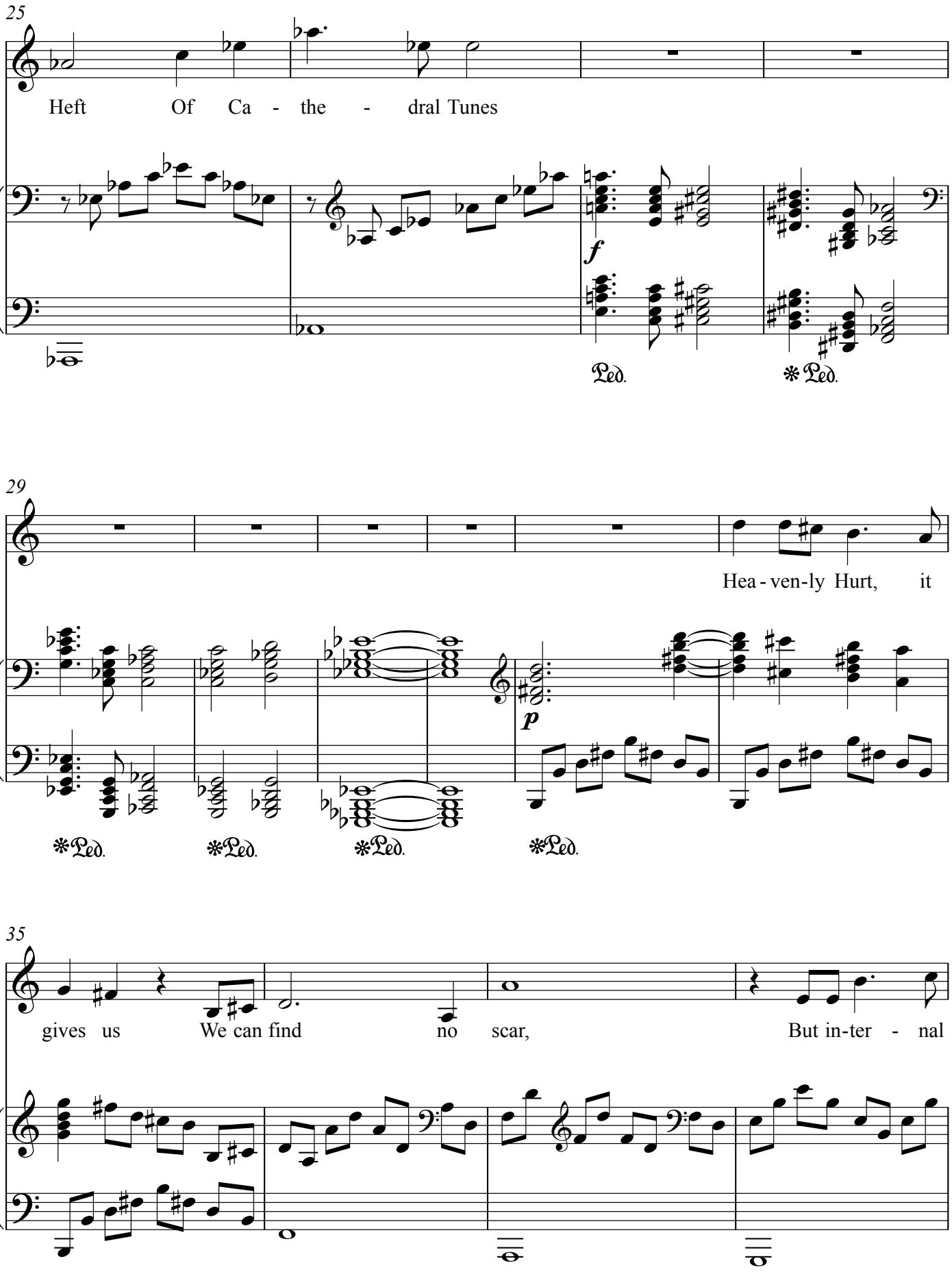
There's a
f
p
18
cer - tain Slant of light, Win - ter
21
Af - ter - noons That op - pres - ses, like the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Heft Of Ca - the - dral Tunes
f
Ped.
*Ped.
29
Hea - ven-ly Hurt, it
p
*Ped.
*Ped.
*Ped.
*Ped.
35
gives us We can find no scar, But in-ter - nal
*Ped.
* simile

39

dif- ference, Where the Mean - ings are

f

Ped. ✻ Ped. ✻ *simile*

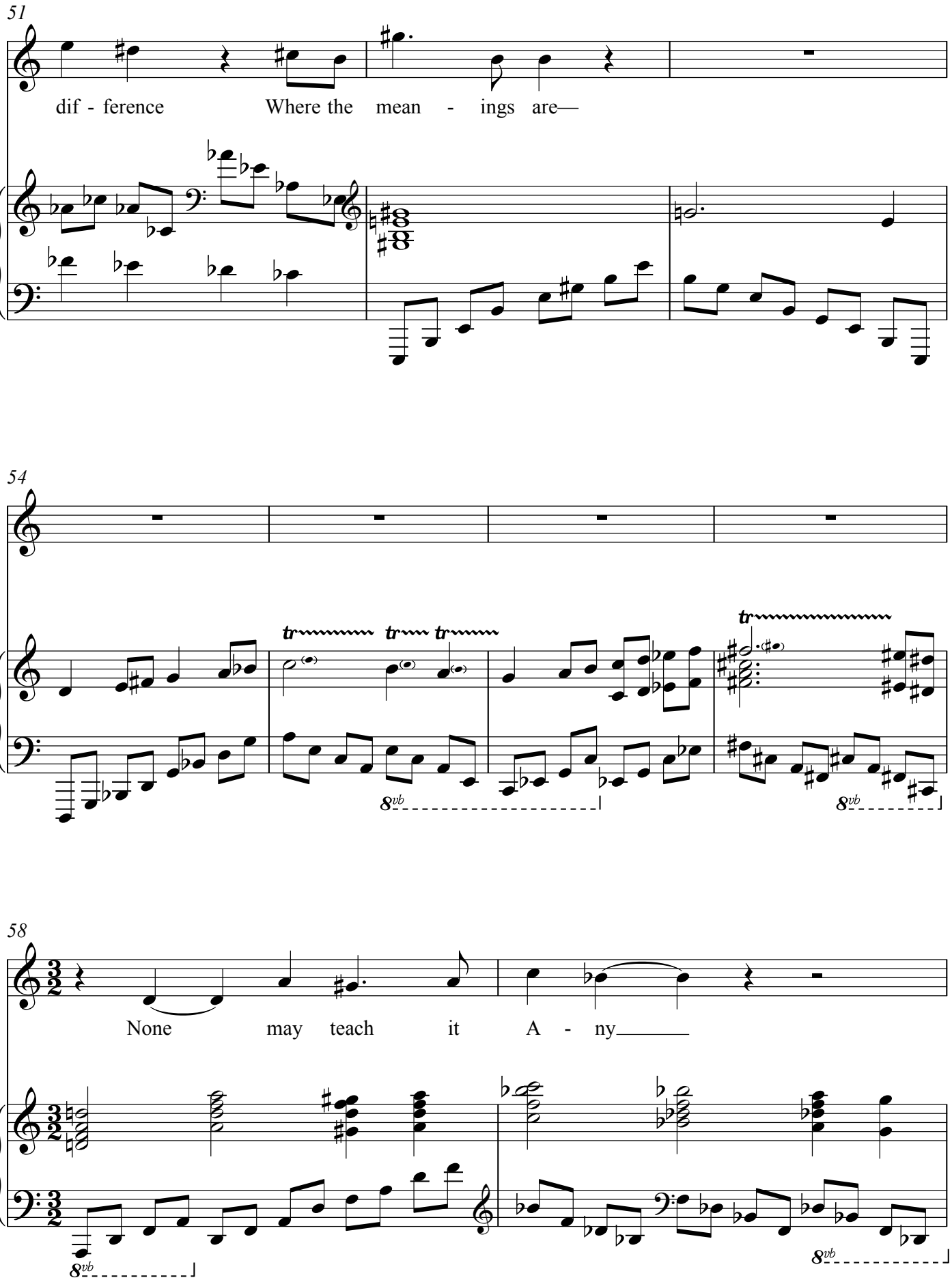
44

Hea - ven-ly Hurt, it gives us We can

p

48

find no scar, But in - ter - nal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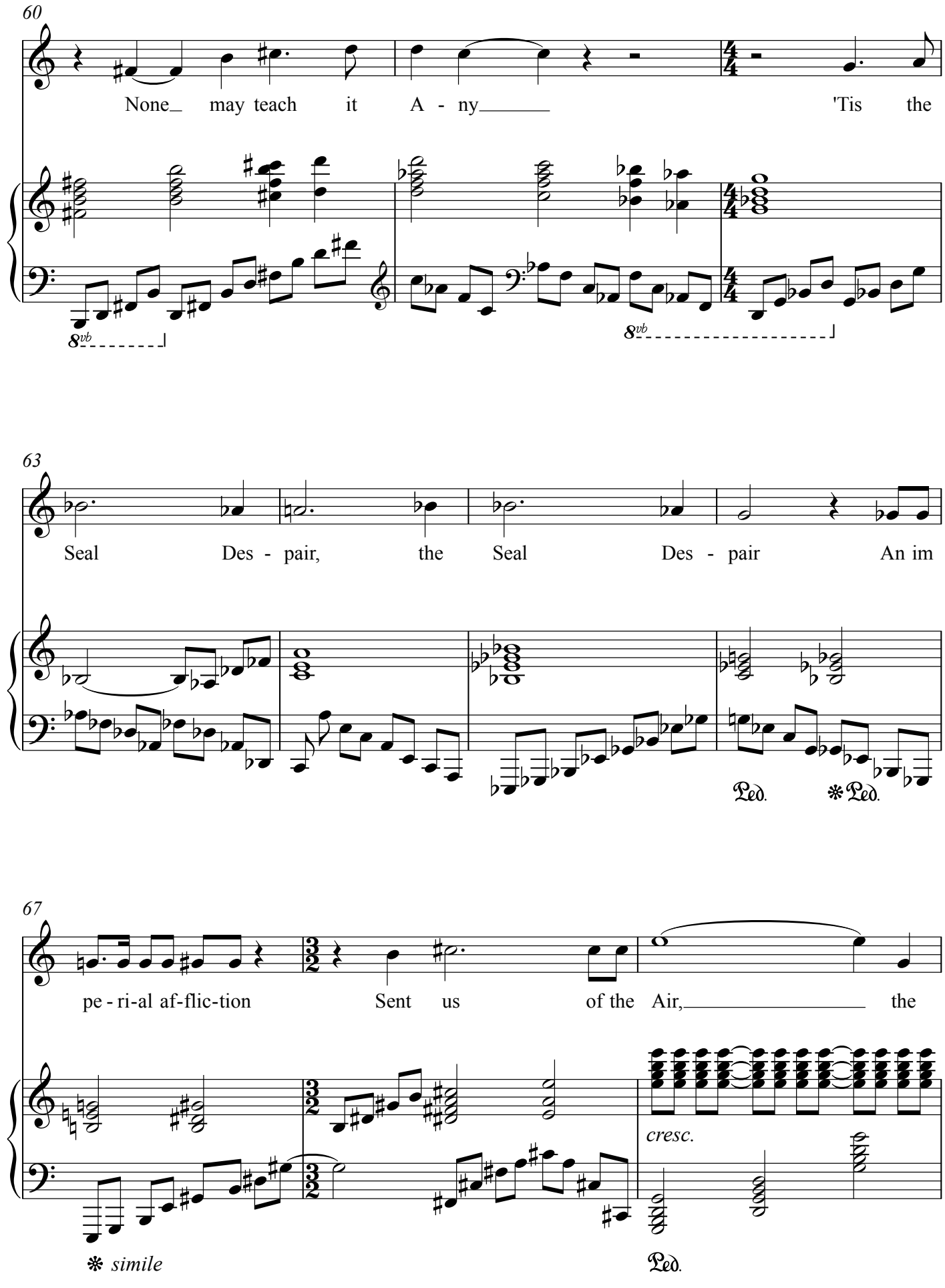
dif - ference Where the mean - ings are—
54
tr tr tr
8vb
tr
8vb
58
None may teach it A - ny
8vb
8vb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None may teach it A - ny 'Tis the
8vb
8vb
63
Seal Des - pair, the Seal Des - pair An im
Ped.
*Ped.
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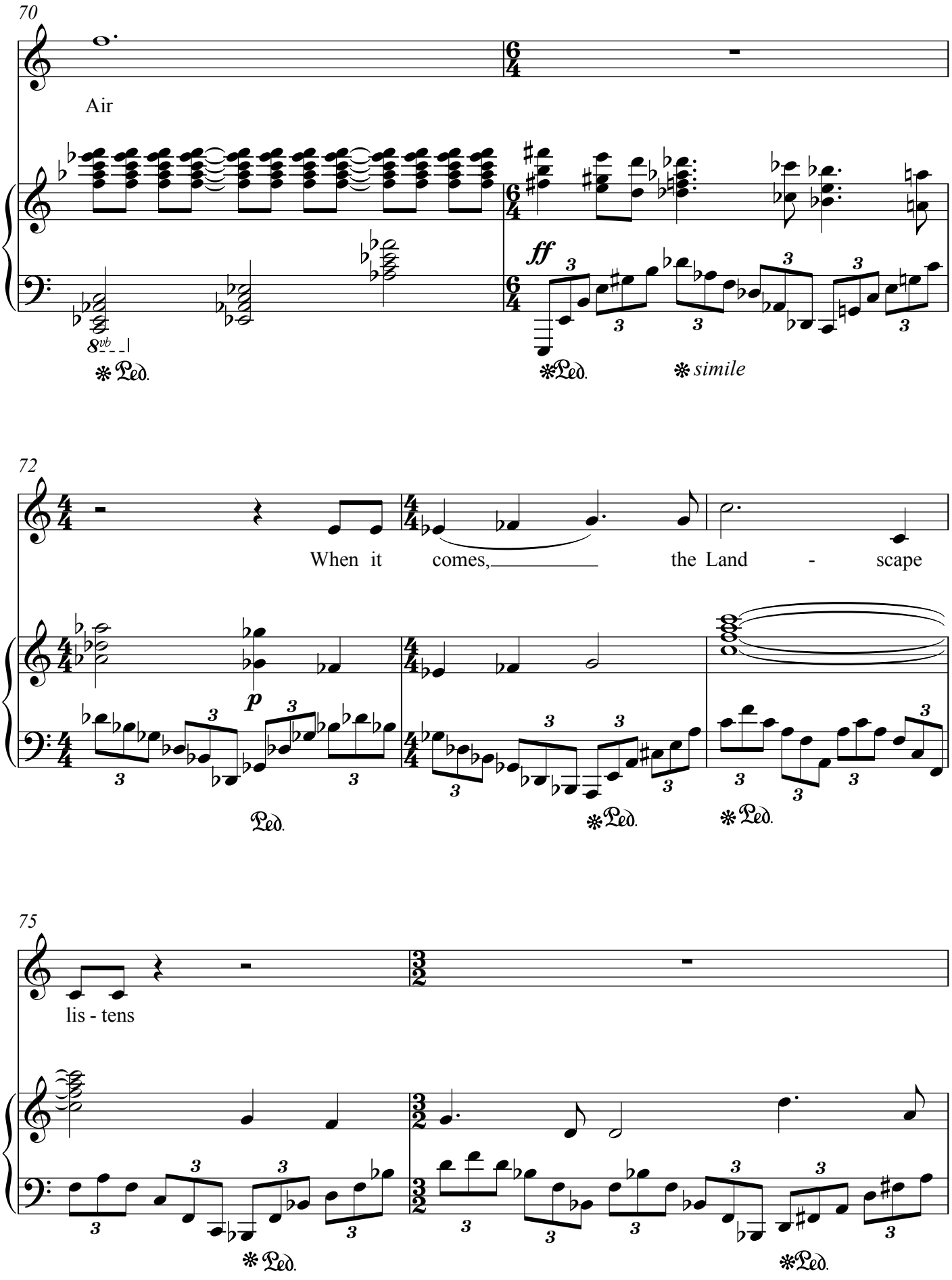
pe - ri-al af-flic-tion Sent us of the Air, the
cresc.
* simile
Ped.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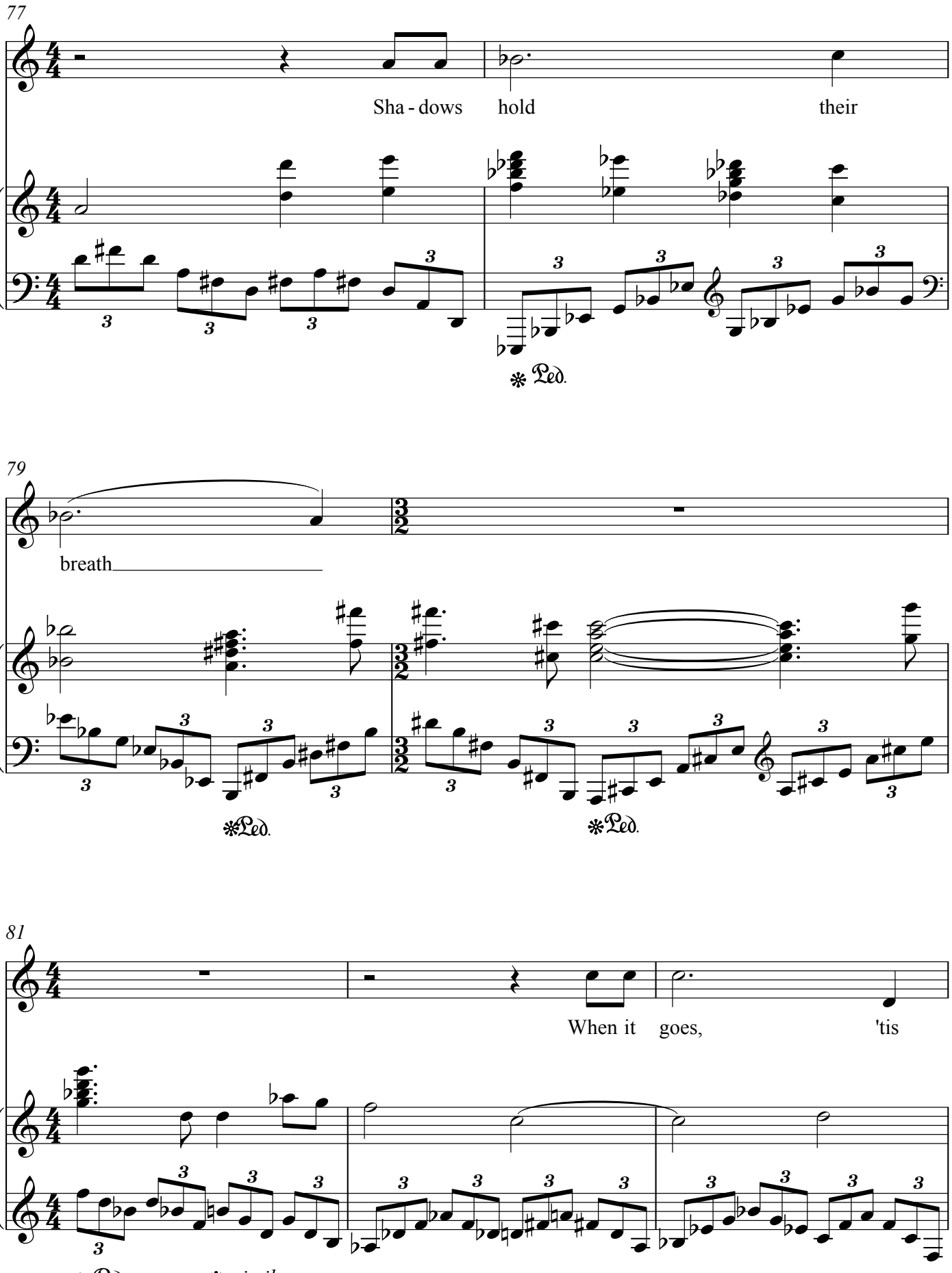
Air
8vb
Ped.
ff
Ped.
simile
72
When it comes, the Land - scape
p
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
75
lis - tens
Ped.
Ped.


77
Sha - dows hold their
Ped.
79
breath
Ped.
Ped.
81
When it goes, 'tis
Ped.
simile

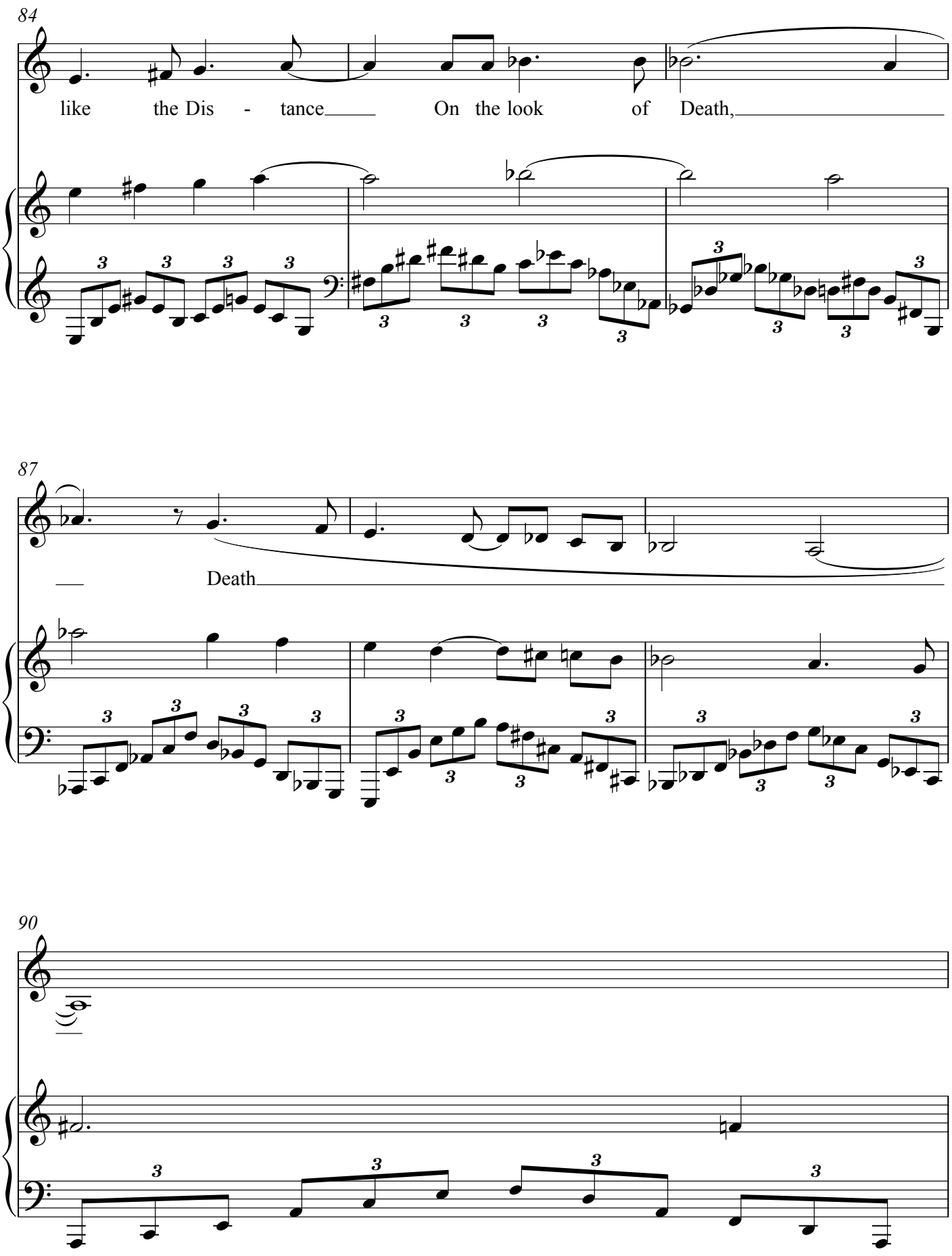
84

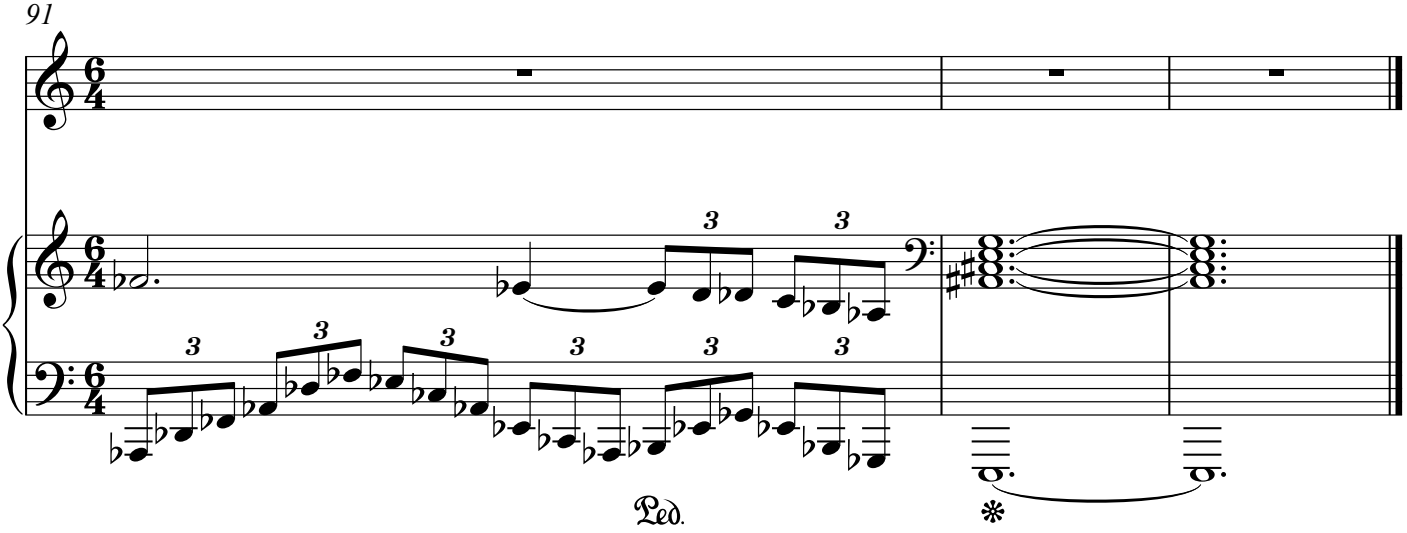
like the Dis - tance On the look of Death,

87

Death

90

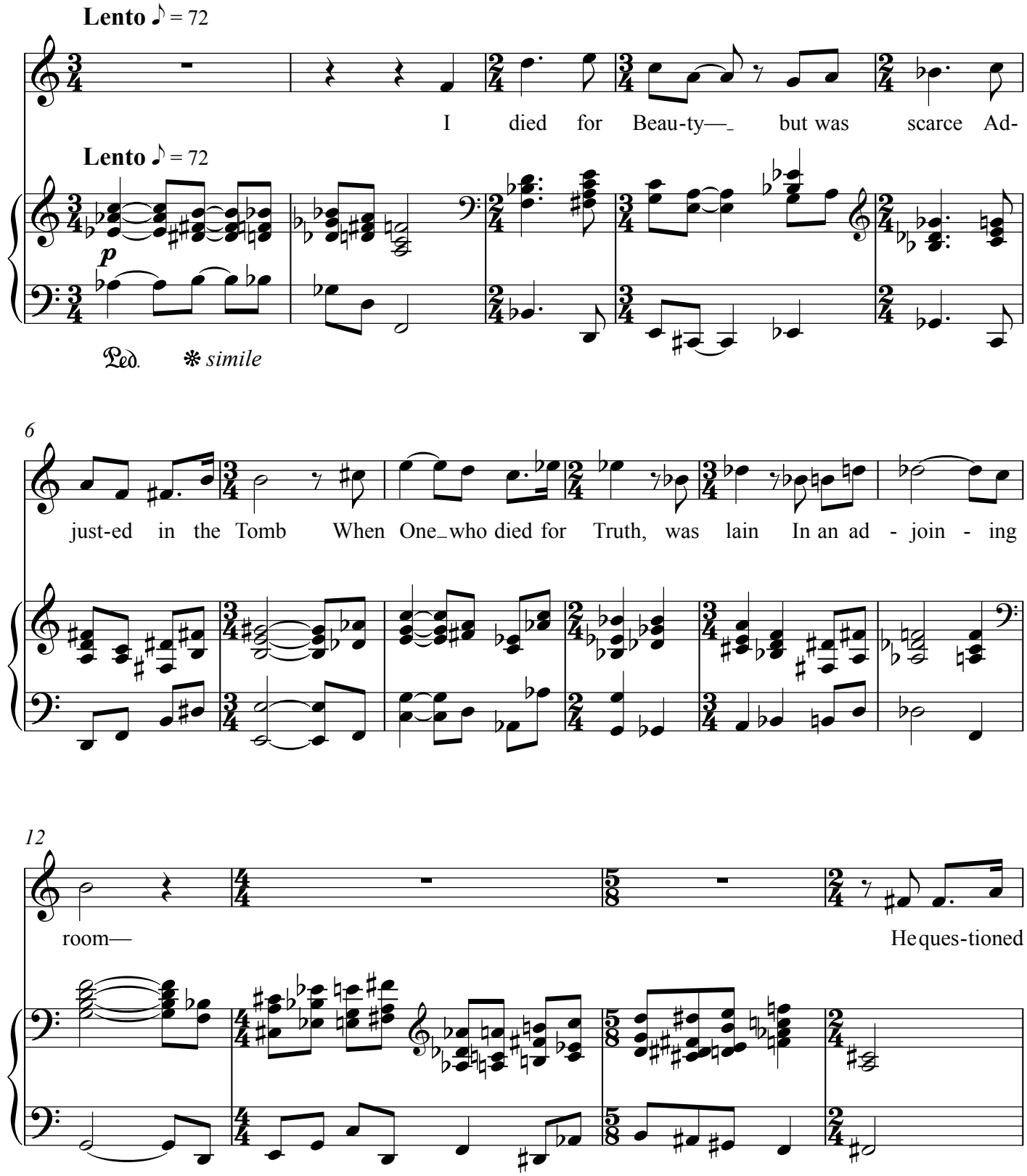



91
Ped.

I died for Beauty

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette



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16

soft - ly "Why I failed, Why I failed?"

23

"For Beau - ty," I___ re - plied— "And I— for

cresc.

28

Truth— Them - self— are One We Breth - ren, are, Breth - ren, are," He

f *p*

33

said— And so, as

39

Kins- men, met a Night— We talked_ be-tween the Rooms— Un - til the

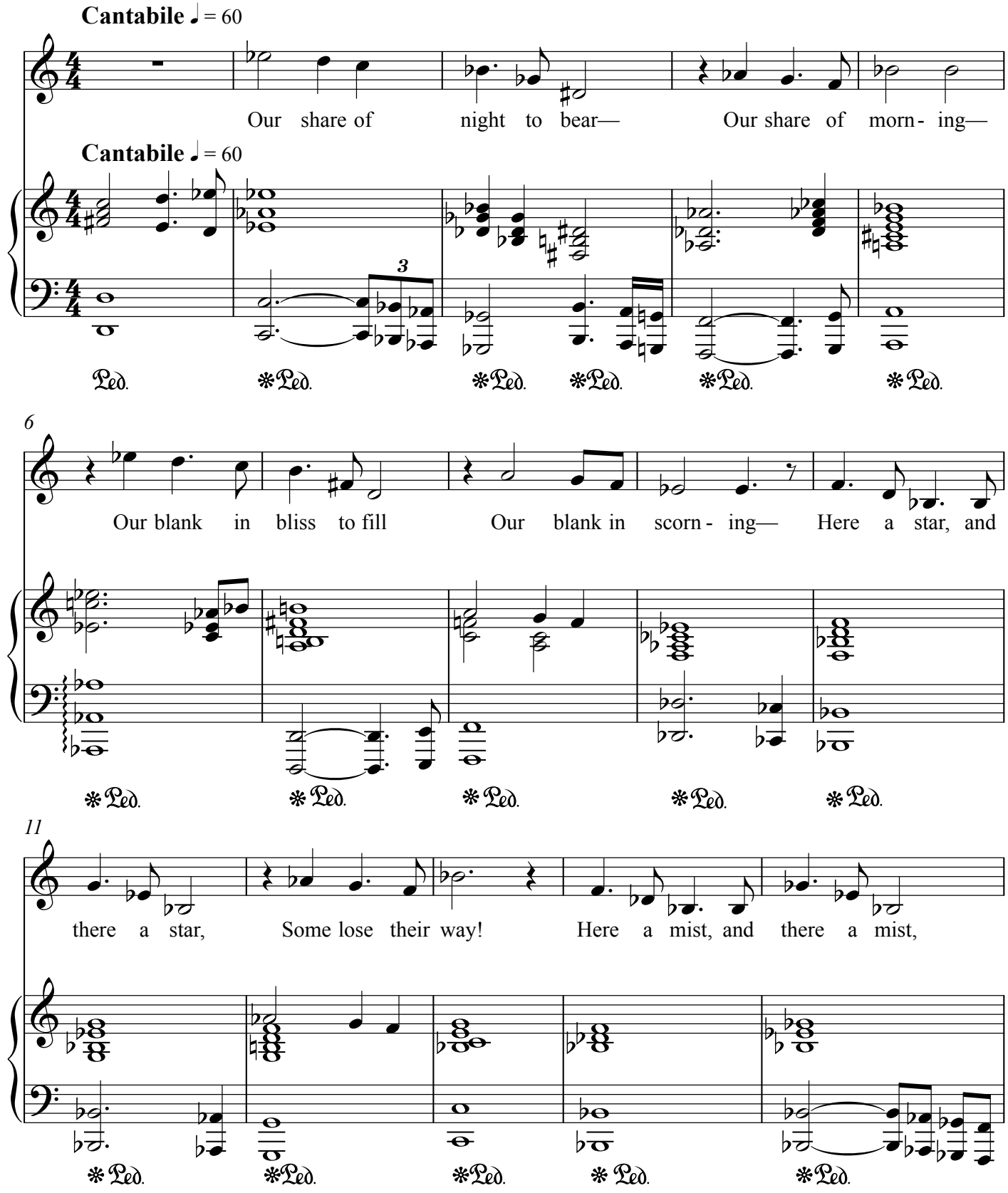
43

Moss had reached our lips— And co - vered up— our names—

Our share of night to bear--

Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette



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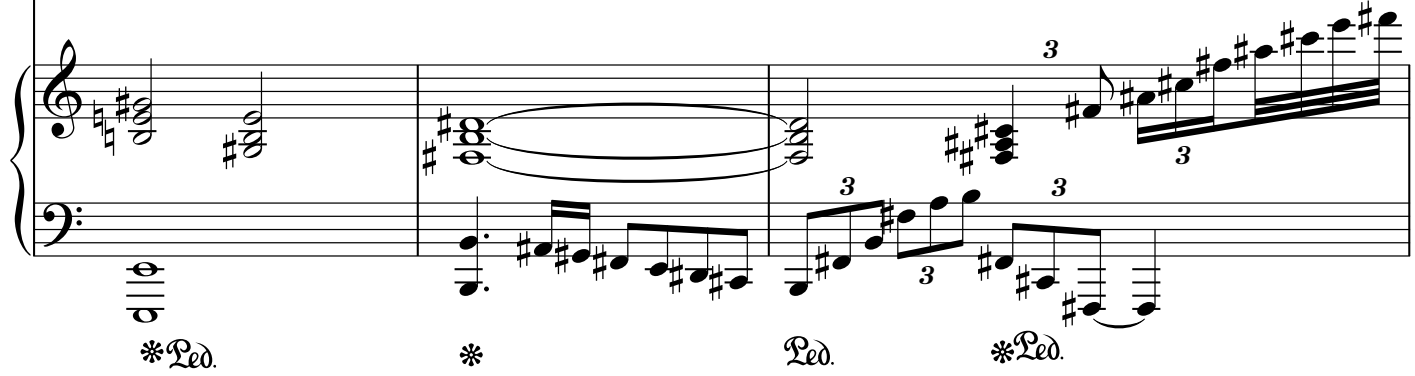
Af - ter- wards— Day!



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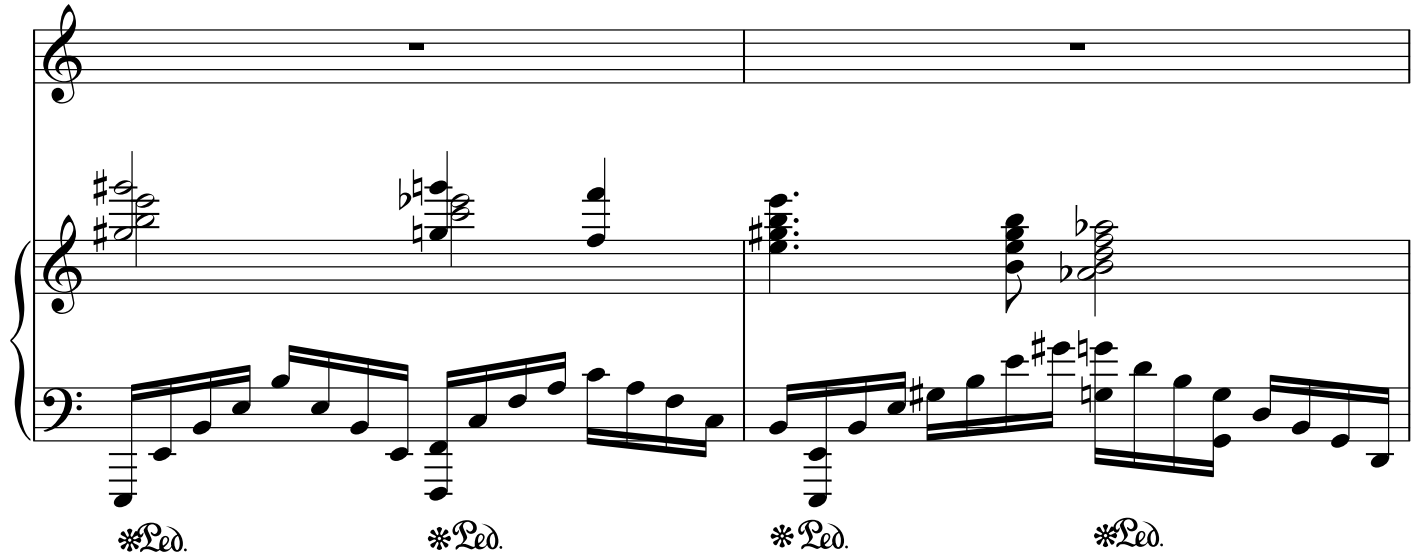

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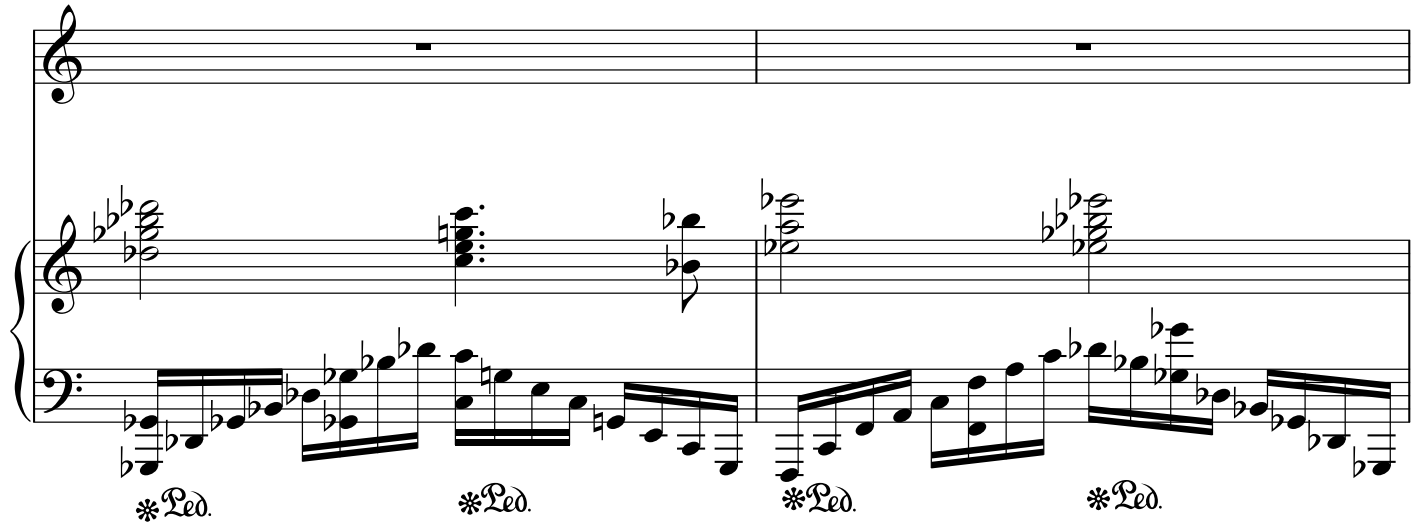
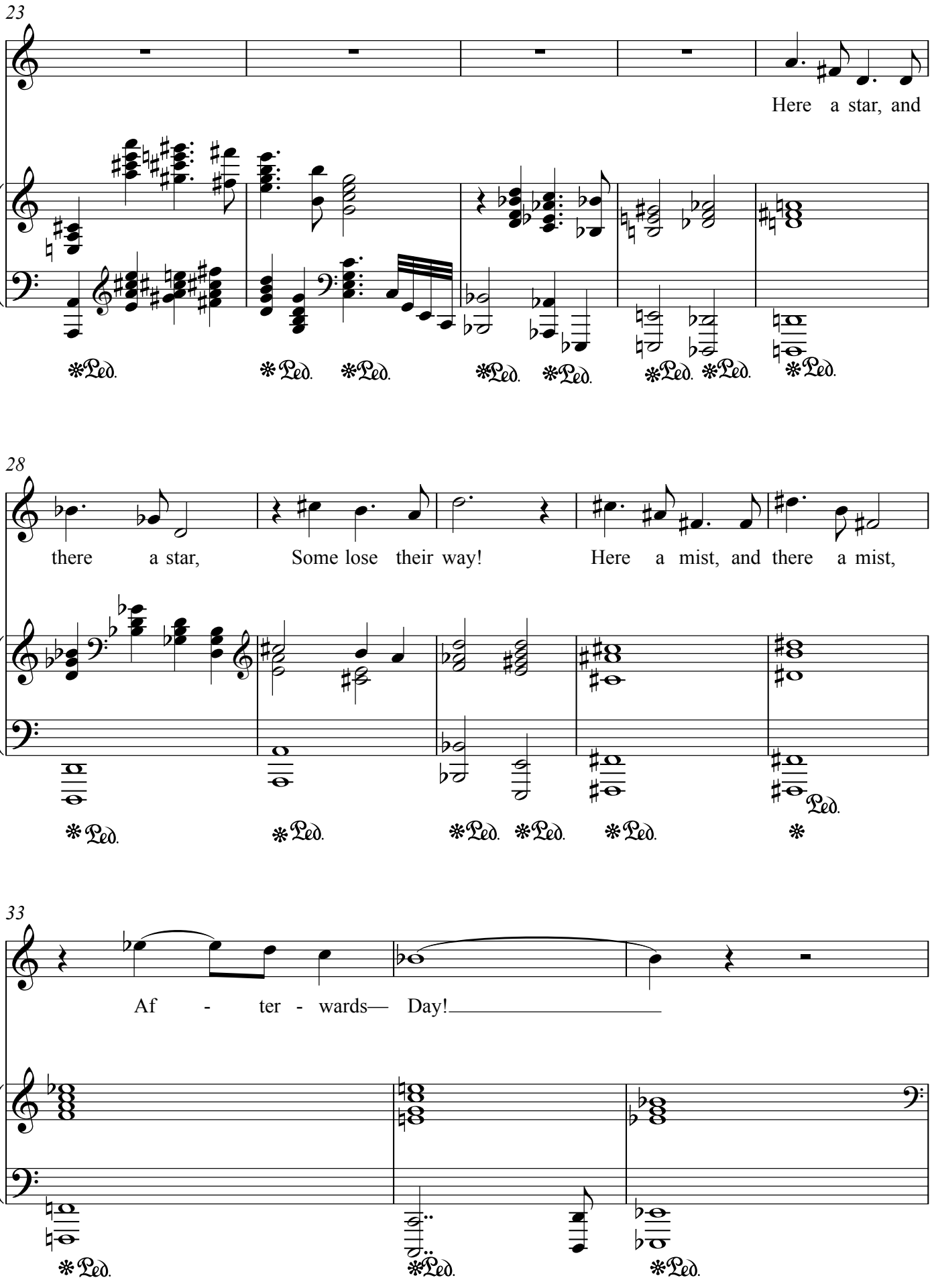
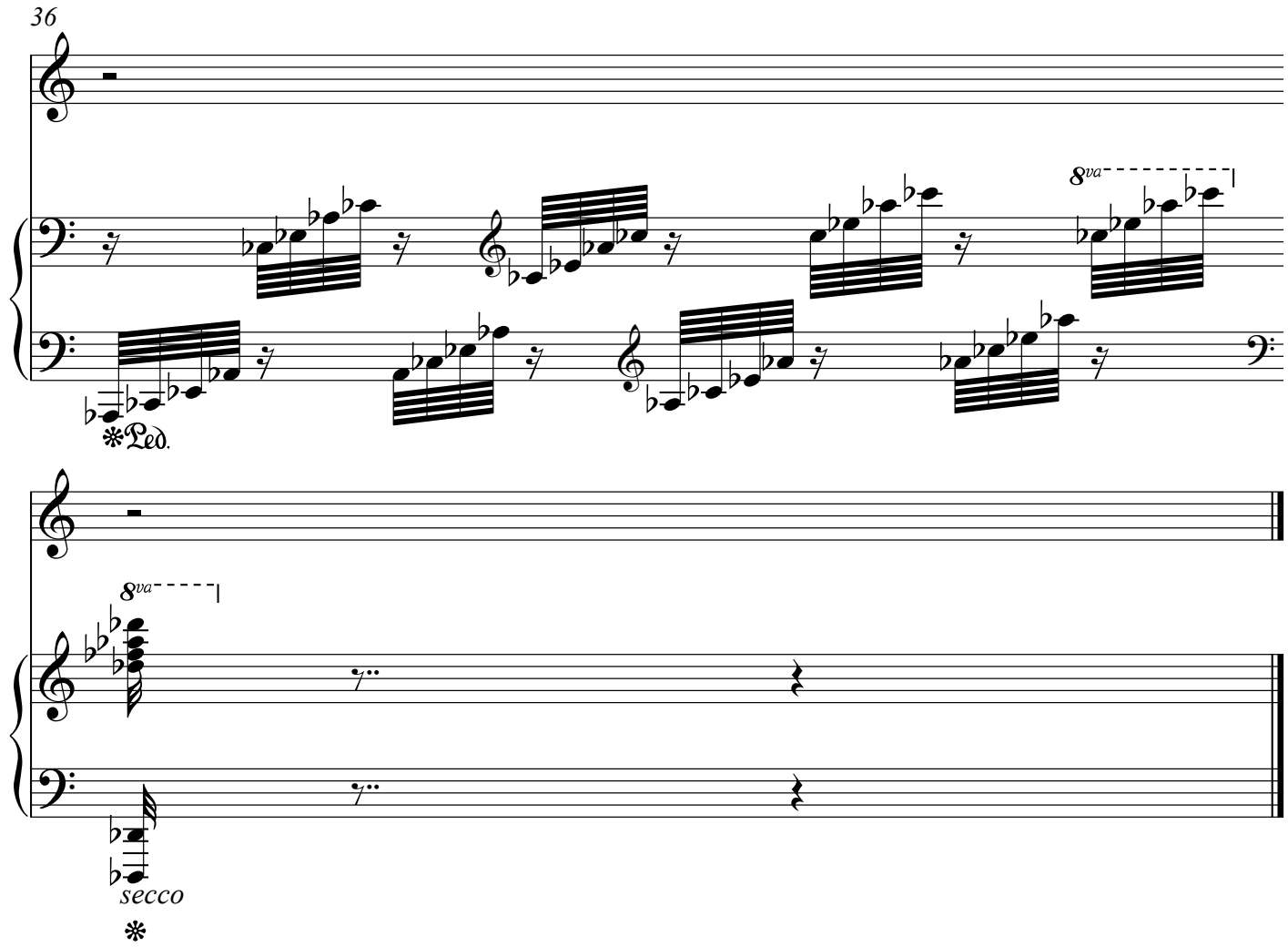
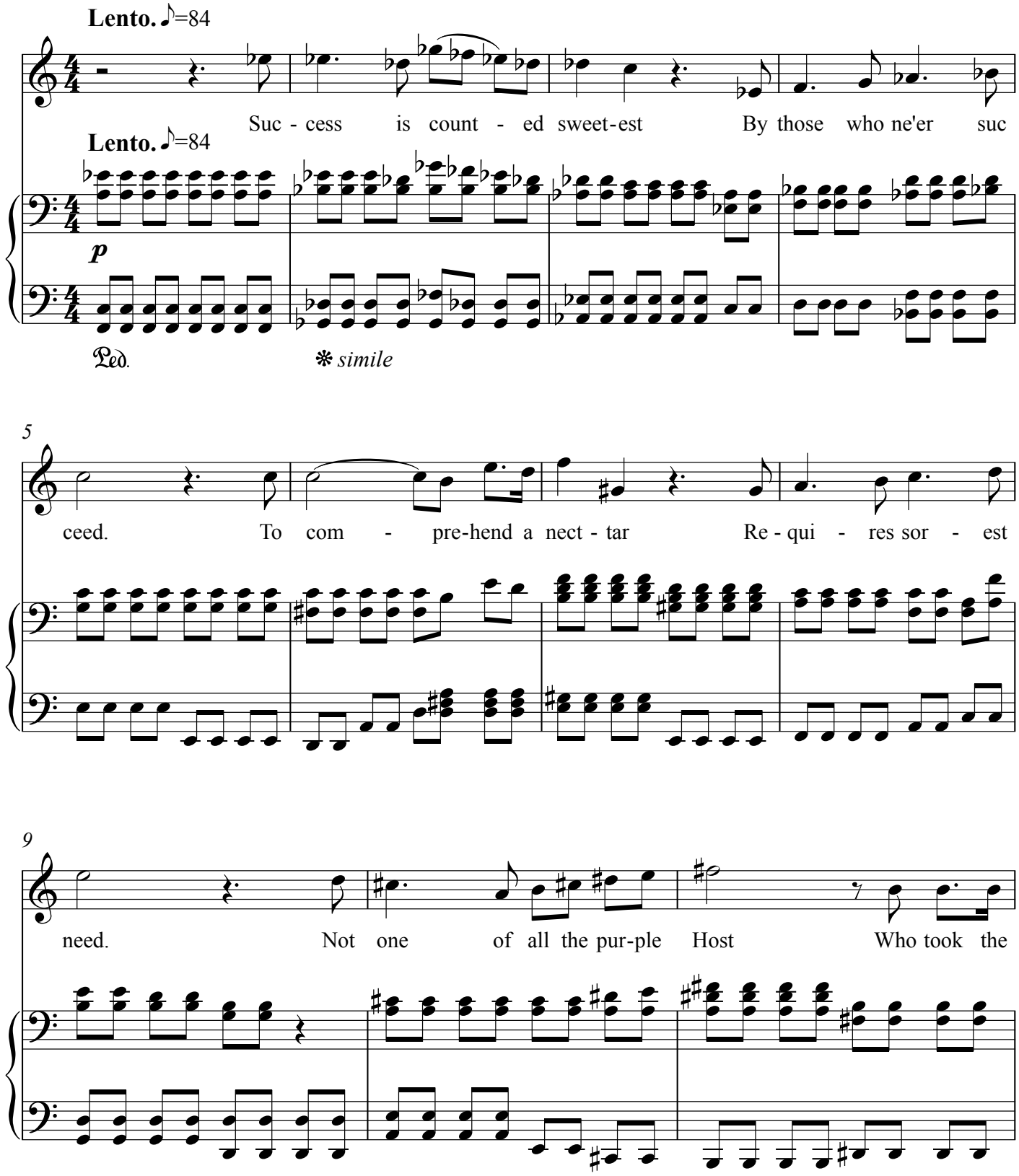



23
Here a star, and
28
there a star, Some lose their way! Here a mist, and there a mist,
33
Af - ter - wards— Day!


36
8va
*Ped.
8va
secco
*

Success is counted sweetest

Andrew Violette



12

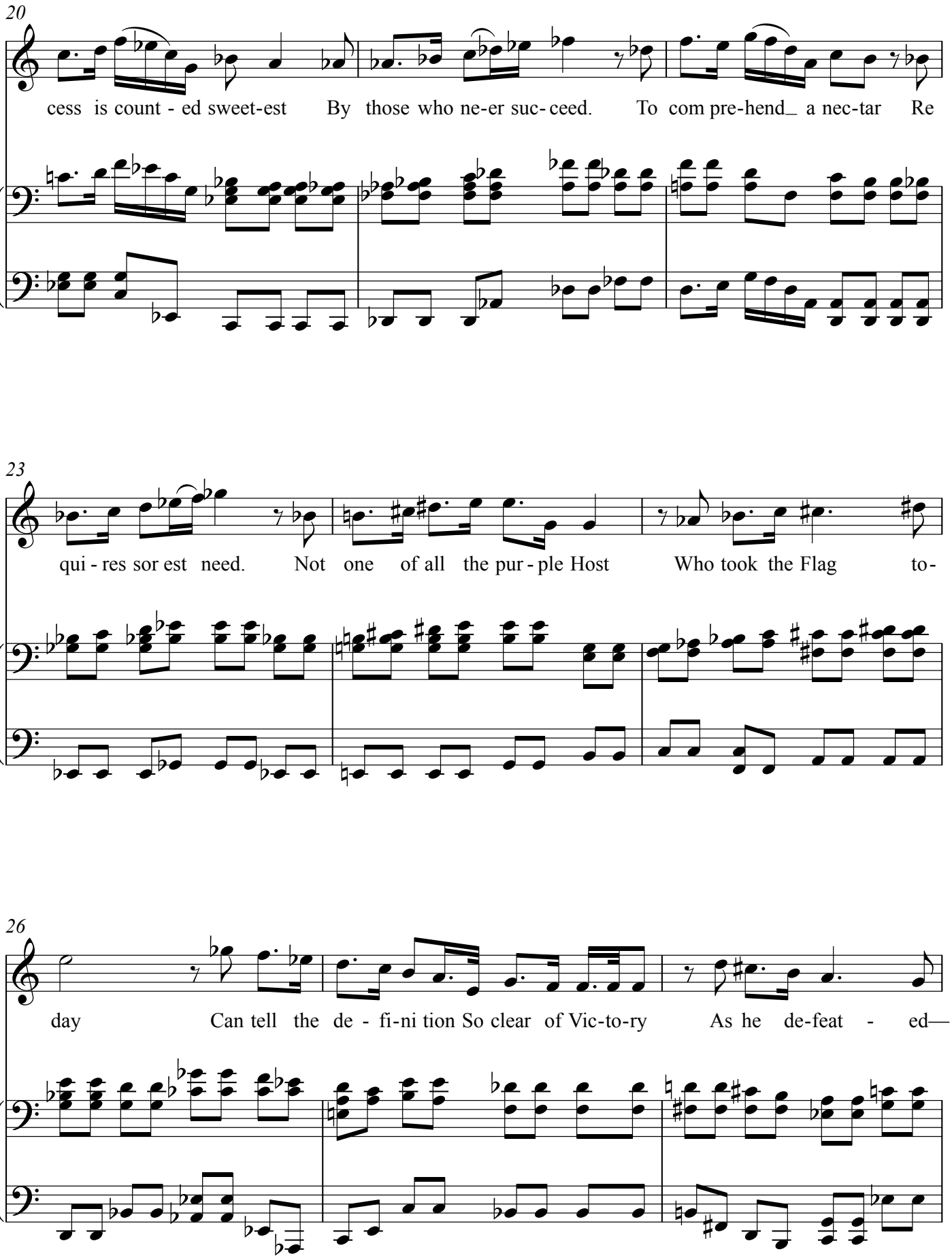
Flag to-day Can tell the de - fi-ni-tion So clear of Vic - to-ry as he de

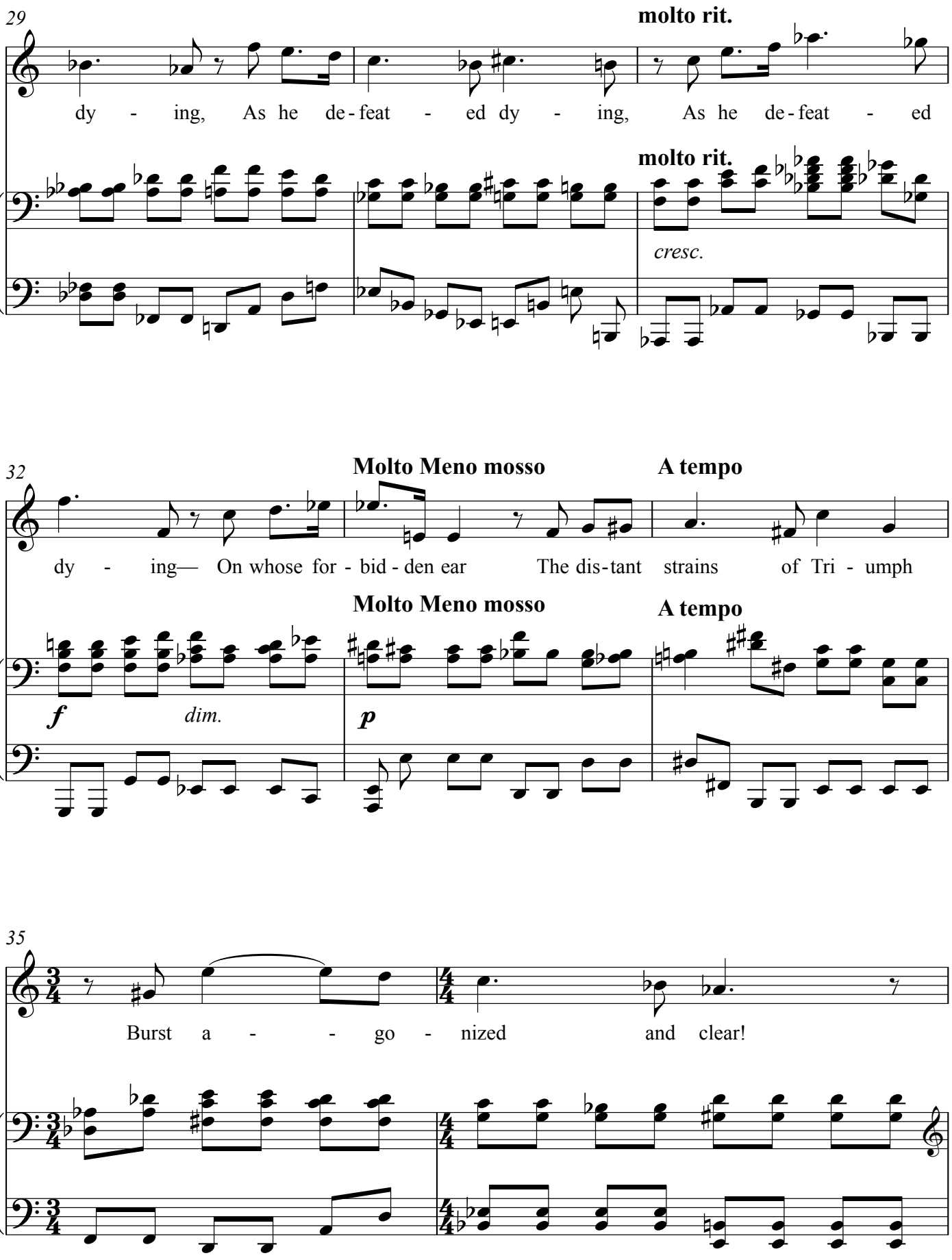
15

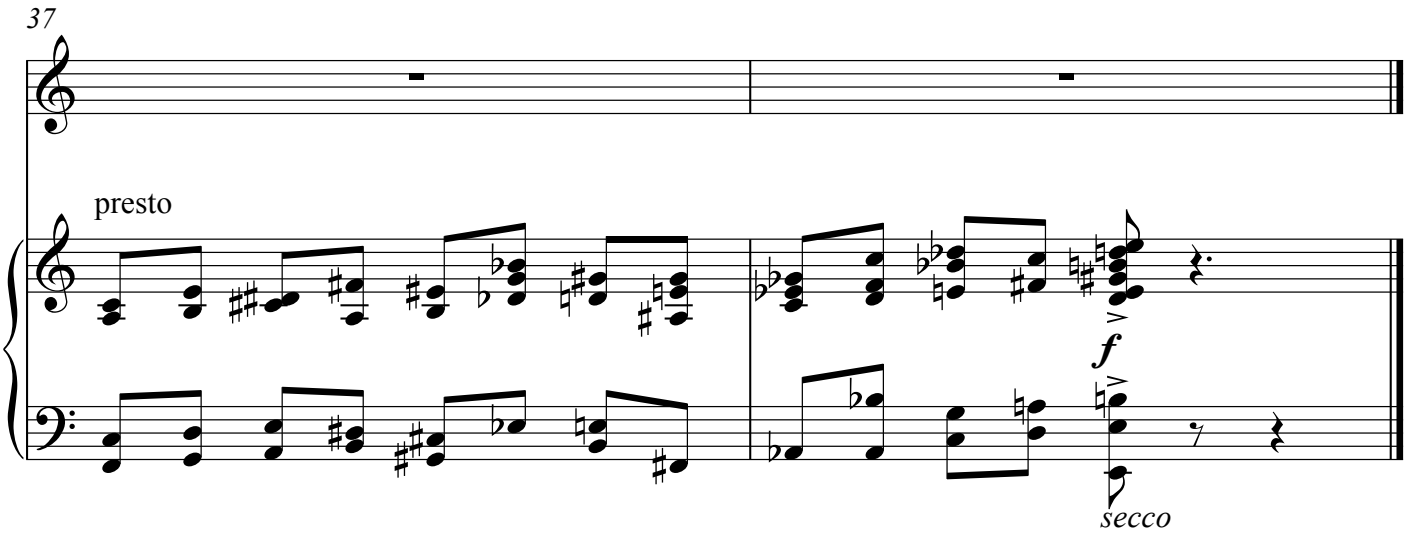
feat - ed—dy - ing— On whose for bid - den ear The dis - tant strains of tri-umph Burst

18

a - go-nized and clear! Suc -


20
cess is count - ed sweet-est By those who ne-er suc- ceed. To com pre-hend_ a nec-tar Re
23
qui - res sor est need. Not one of all the pur - ple Host Who took the Flag to-
26
day Can tell the de - fi-ni tion So clear of Vic-to-ry As he de-feat - ed—

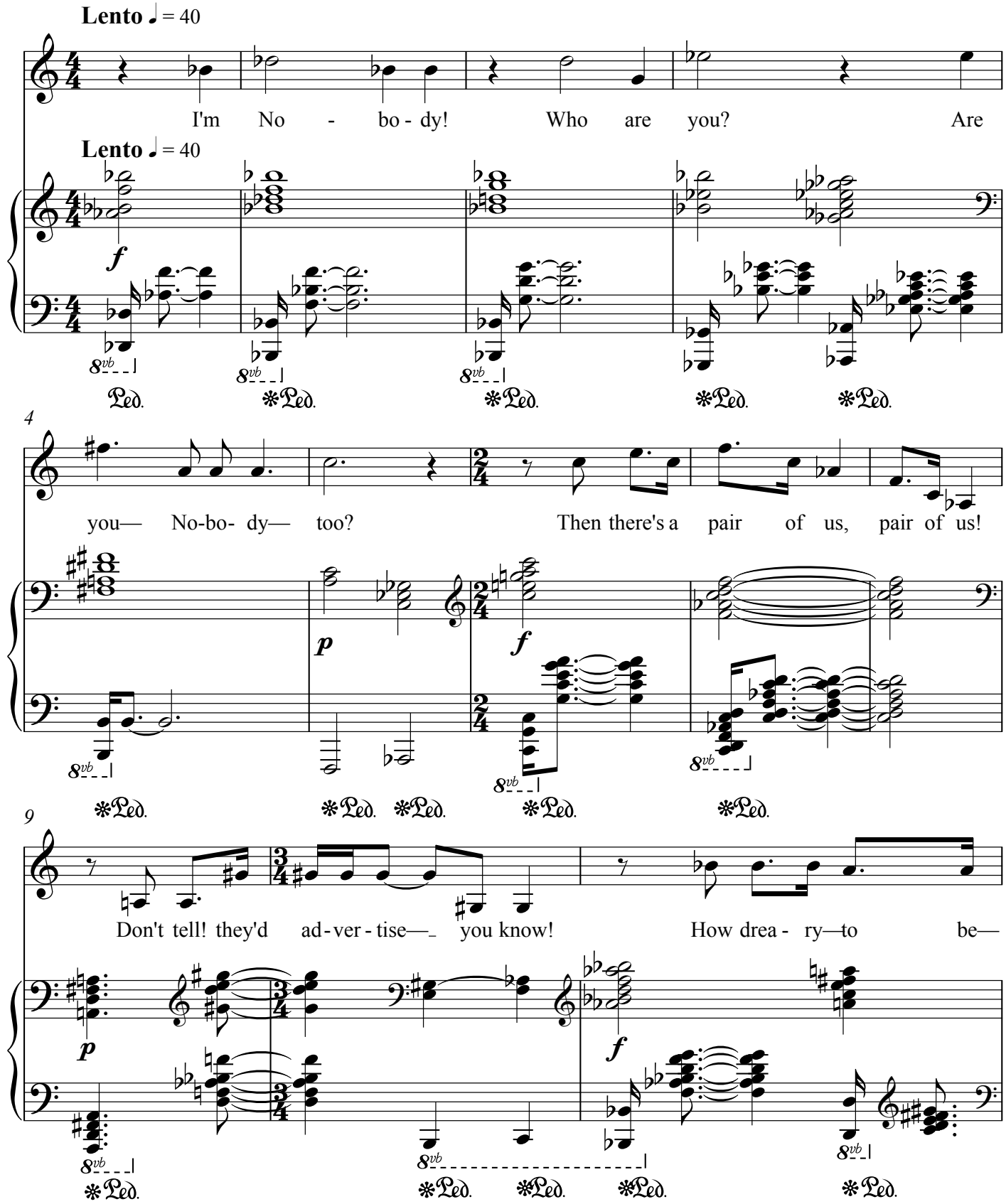

29
molto rit.
dy - ing, As he de - feat - ed dy - ing, As he de - feat - ed
molto rit.
cresc.
32
Molto Meno mosso
A tempo
dy - ing— On whose for - bid - den ear The dis - tant strains of Tri - umph
Molto Meno mosso
A tempo
f
dim.
p
35
Burst a - - go - nized and clear!

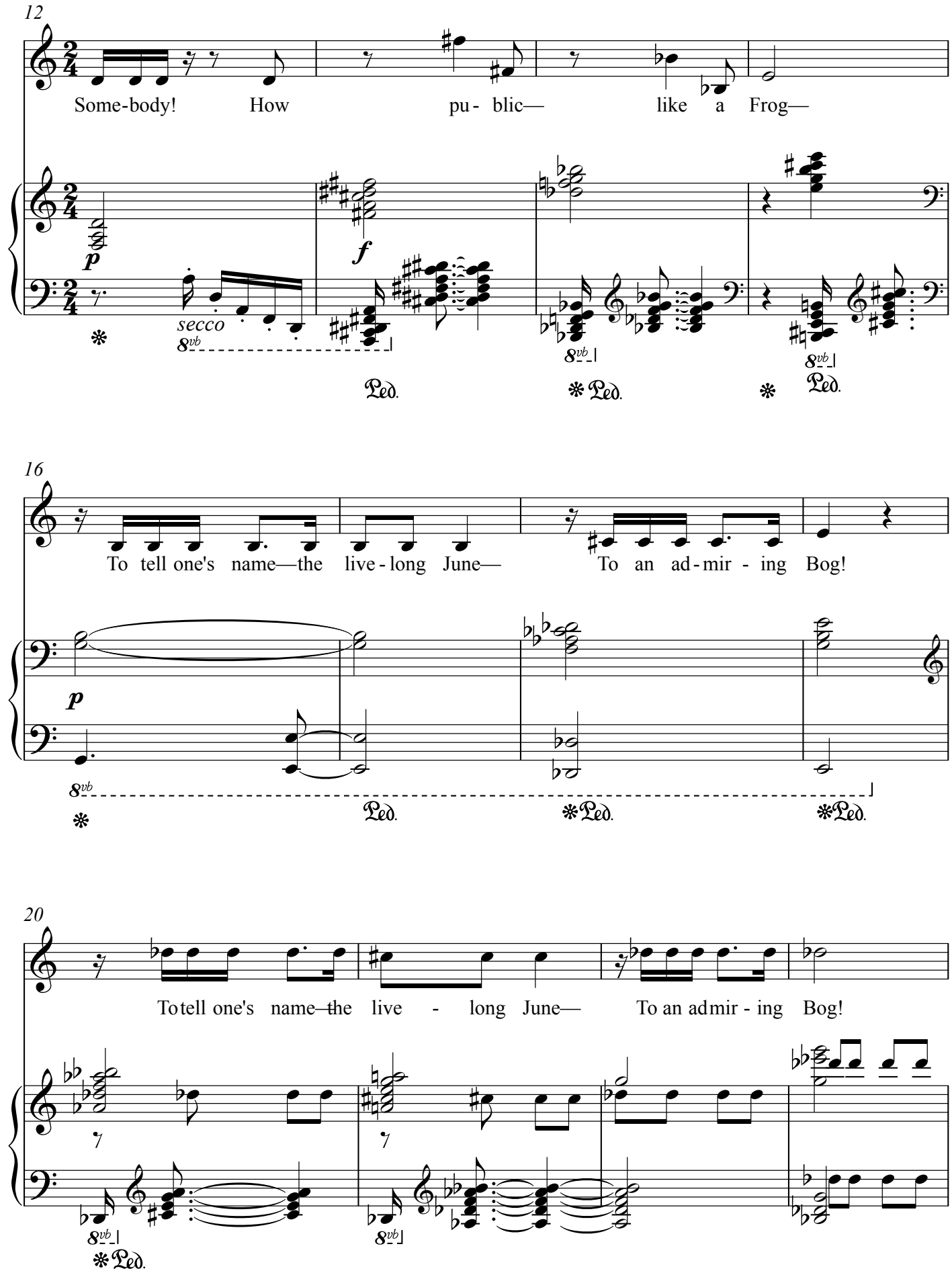

37
presto
f
secco

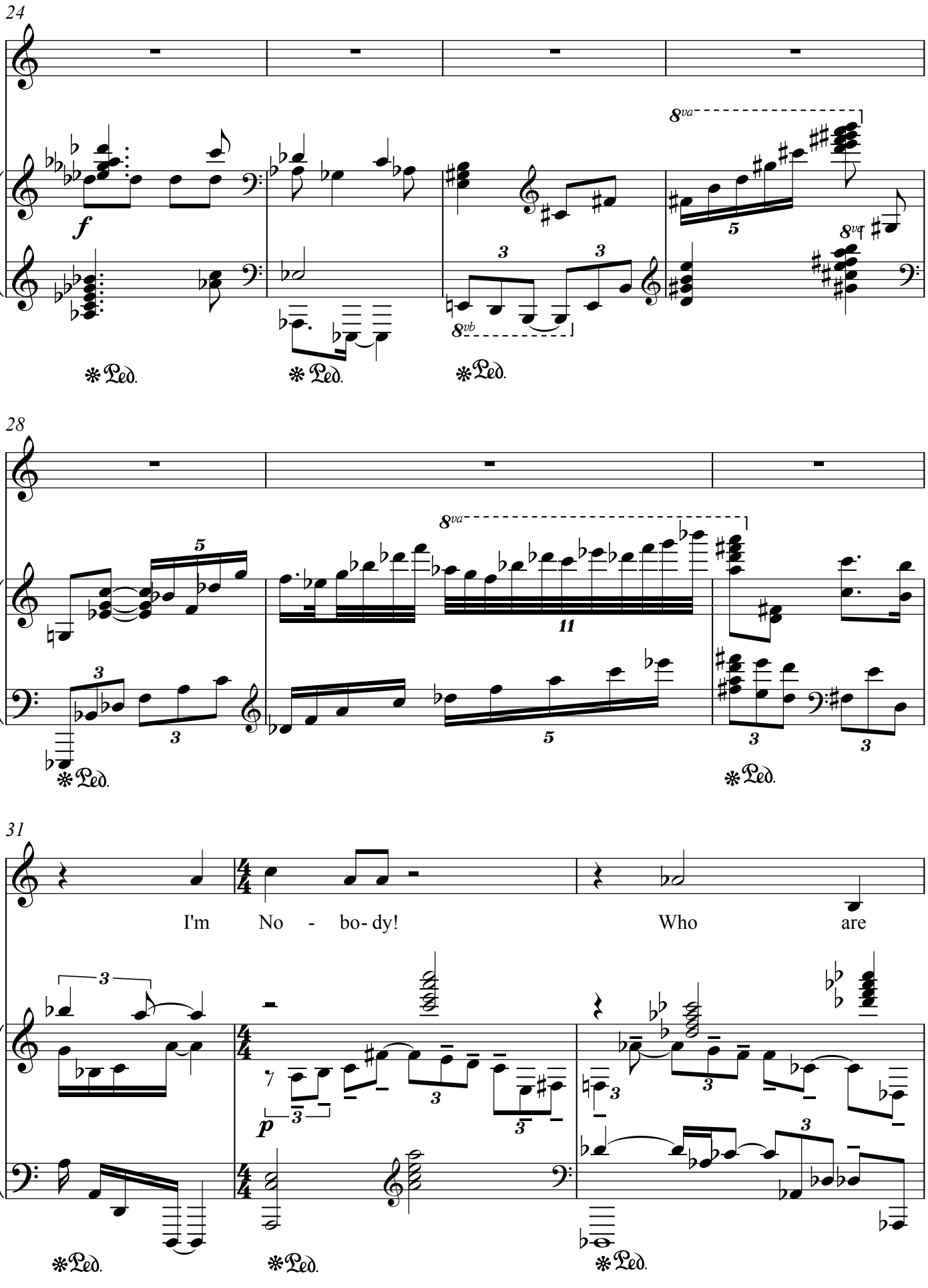
I'm Nobody! Who are you?

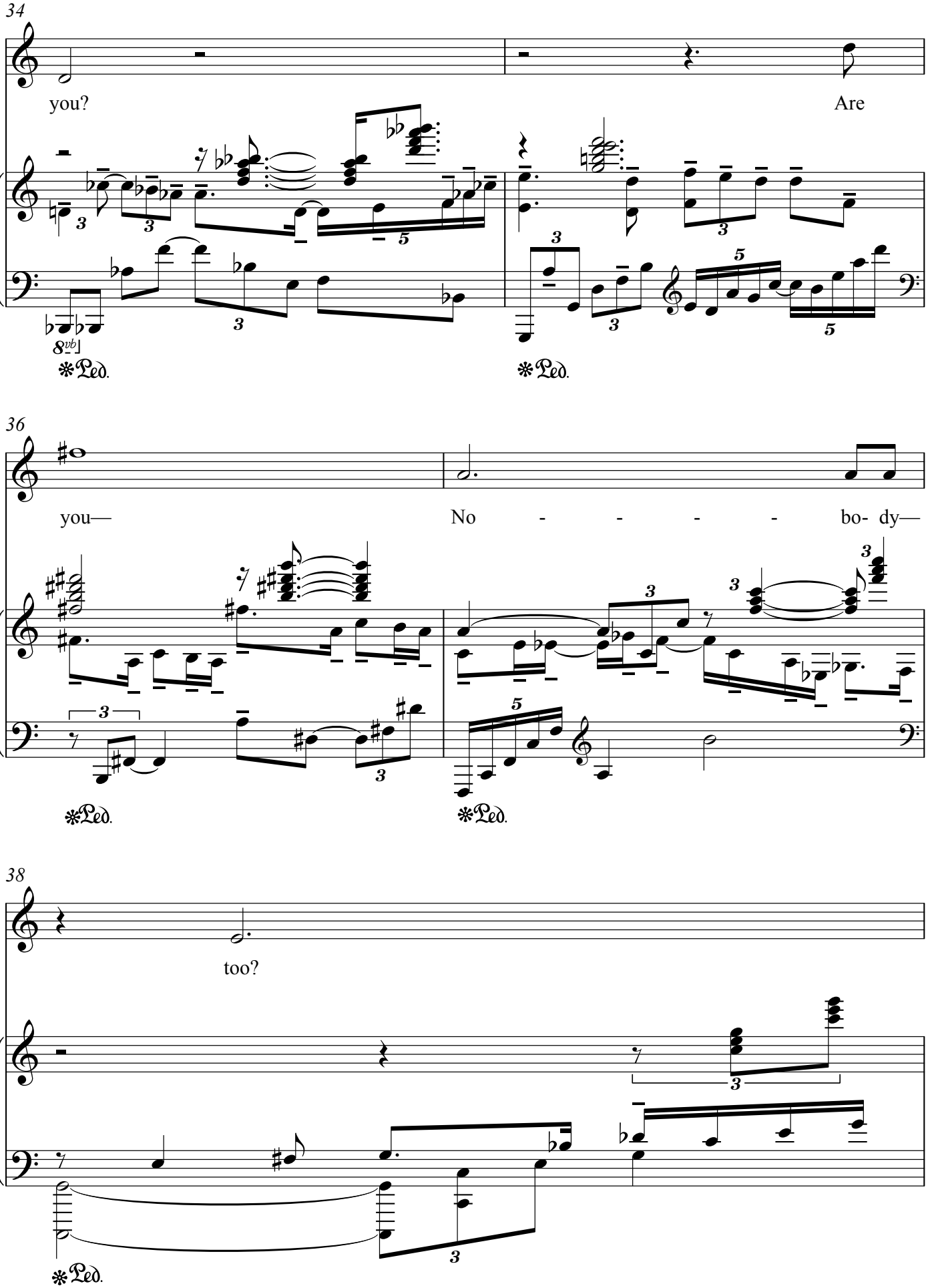
Emily Dickinson

Andrew Violette

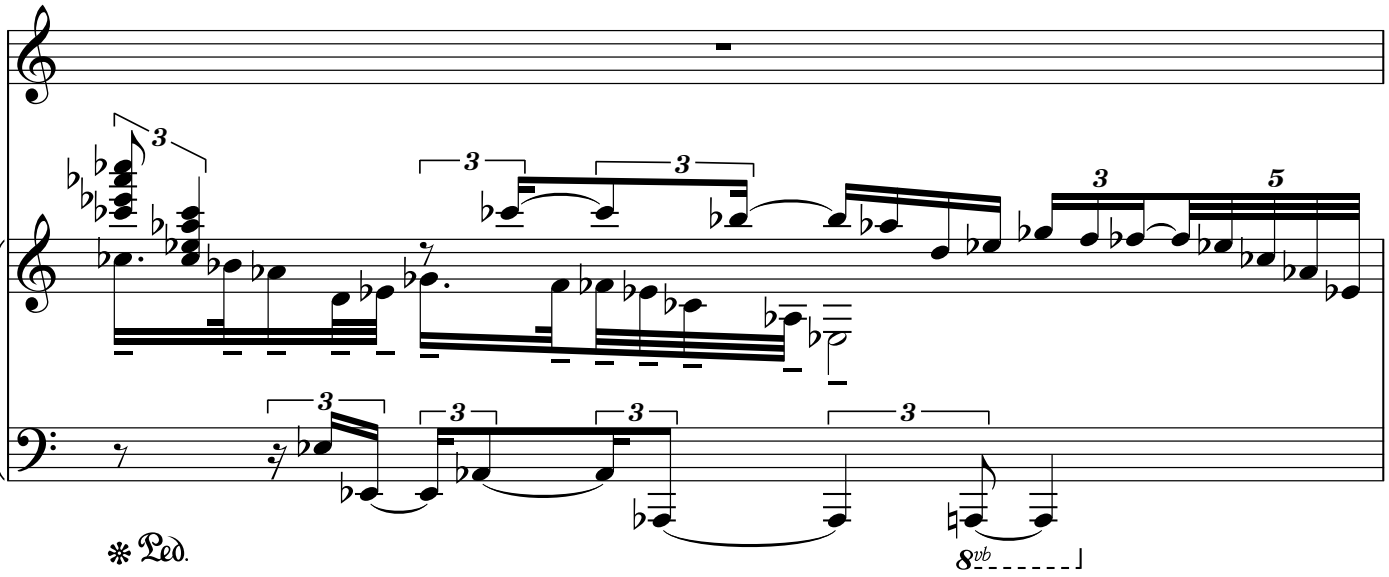



12
Some-body! How pu - blic— like a Frog—
p
f
secco
8vb
Ped.
16
To tell one's name—the live - long June— To an ad - mir - ing Bog!
p
8vb
Ped.
20
To tell one's name—the live - long June— To an ad mir - ing Bog!
8vb
Ped.


24
f
8va
8vb
Ped.
28
8va
11
Ped.
31
I'm No - bo- dy! Who are
p
Ped.


34
you?
Are
8vb
Ped.
Ped.
36
you—
No - - - - bo- dy—
Ped.
Ped.
38
too?
Ped.

39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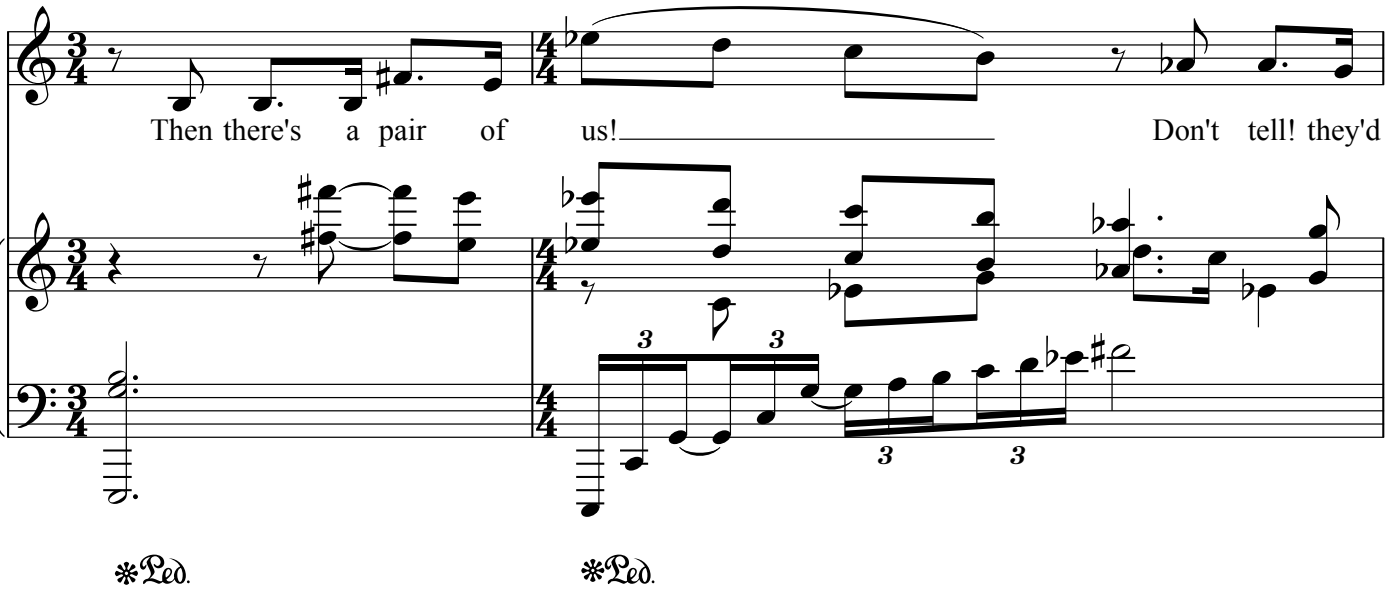
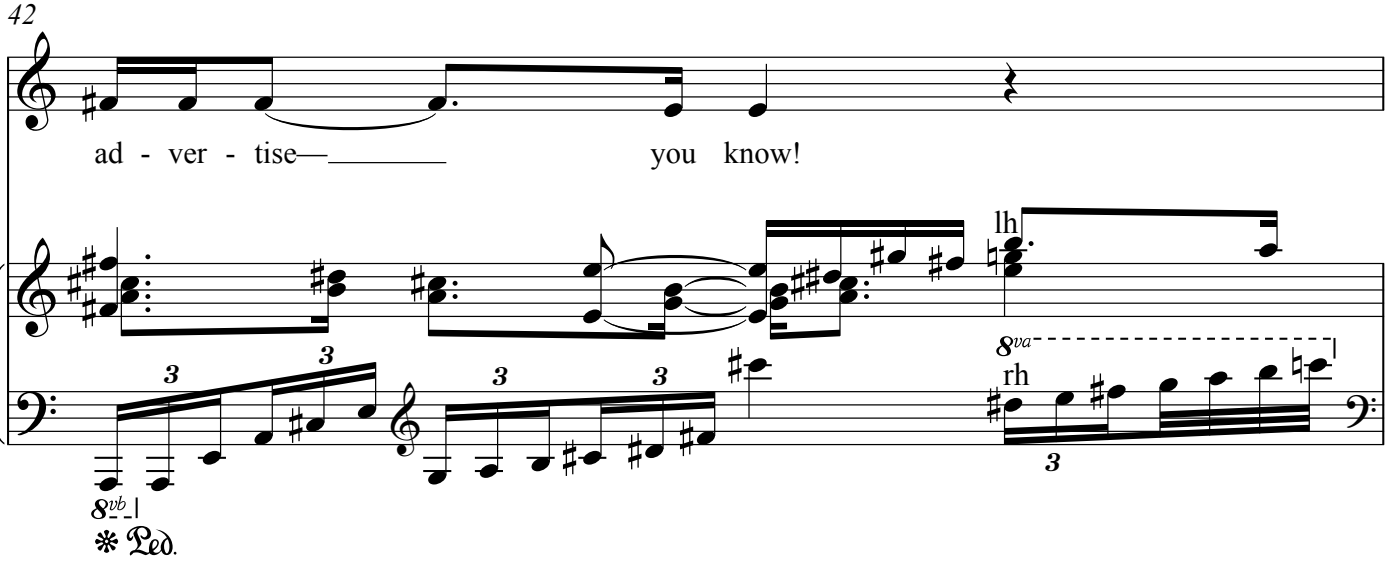
3
3
3
3
5
3
3
3
3
8vb
Ped.

40


Then there's a pair of us!
Don't tell! they'd
3
3
3
3
Ped.
Ped.

42


ad - ver - tise—
you know!
lh
8va
rh
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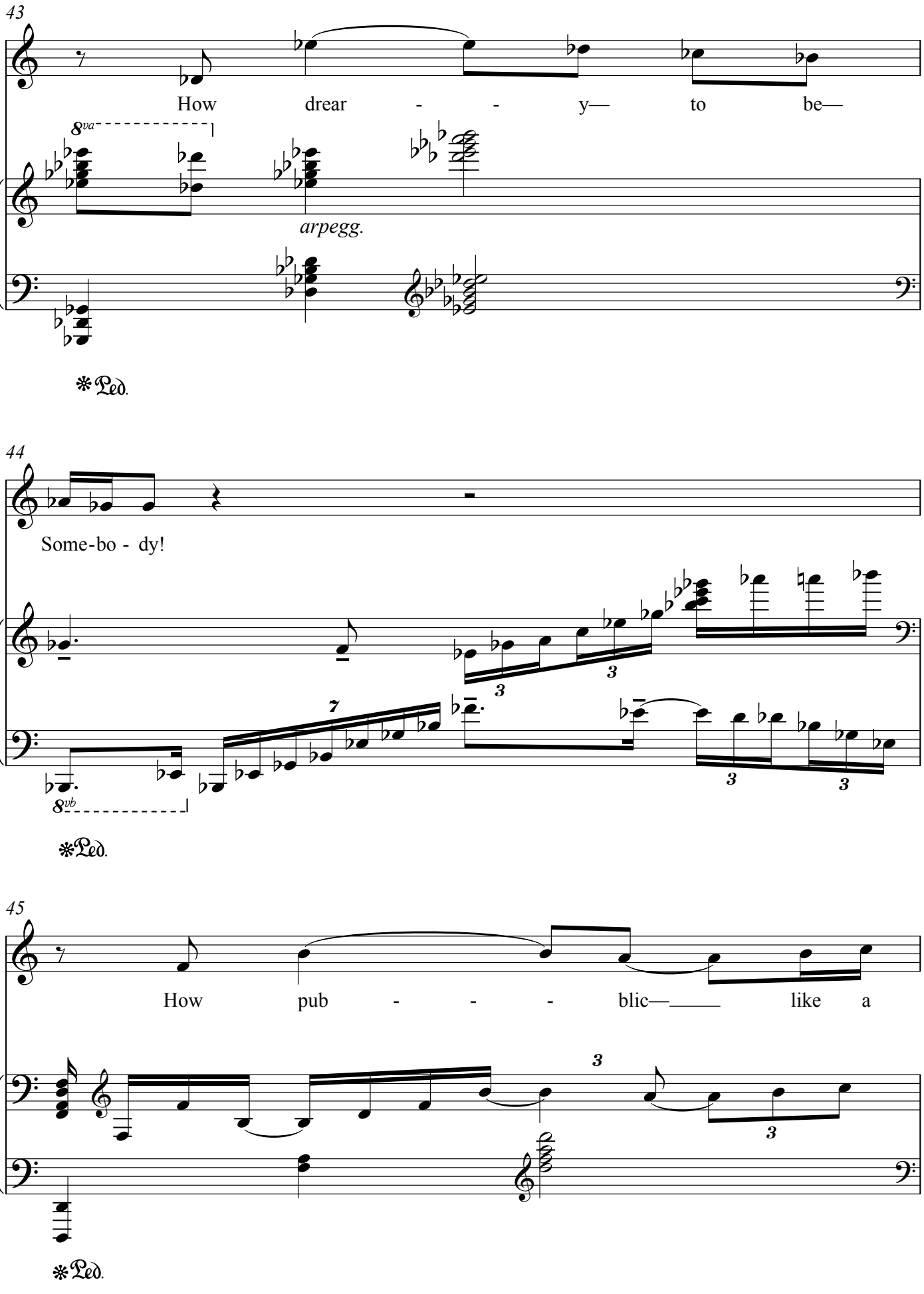
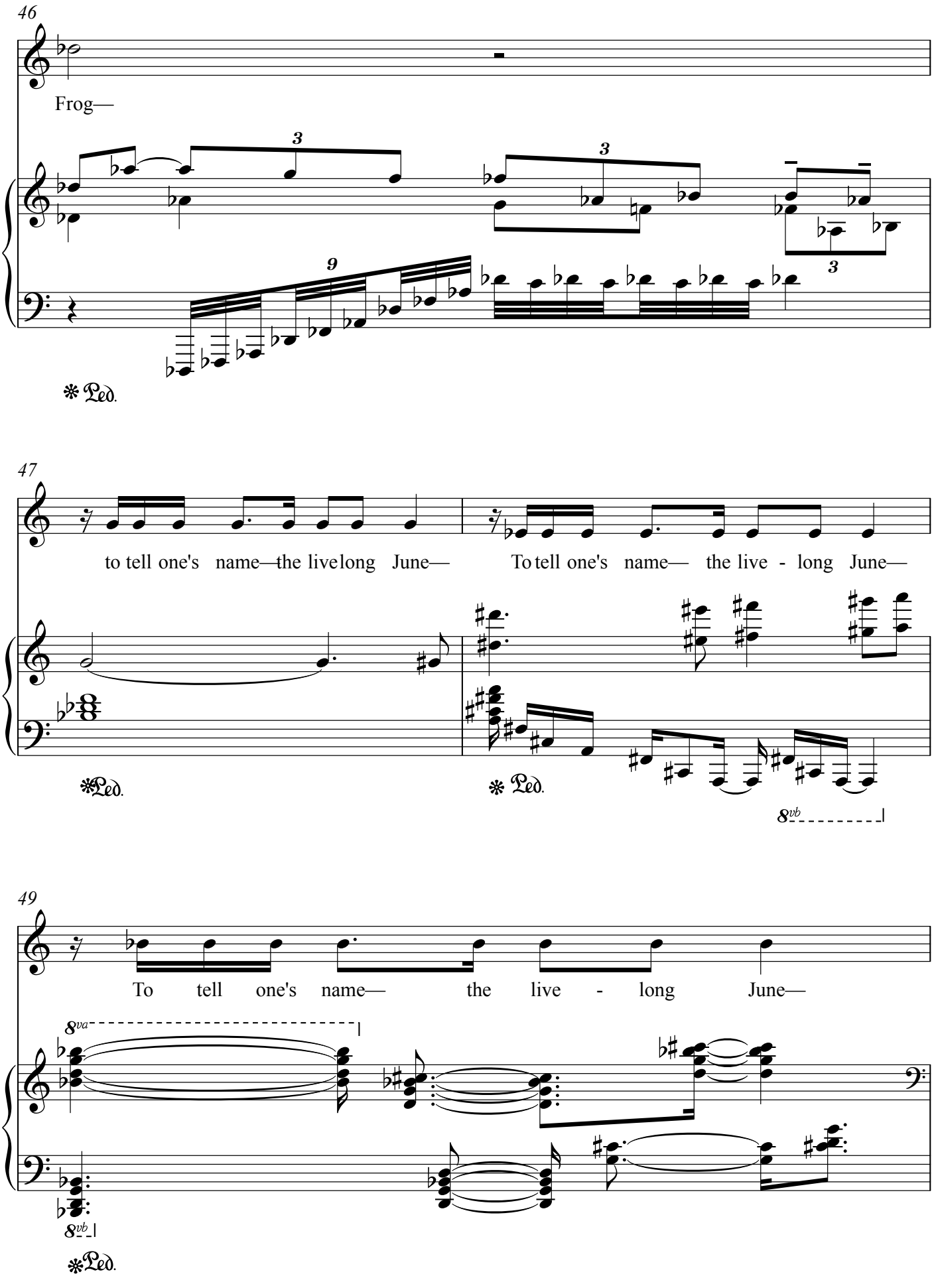
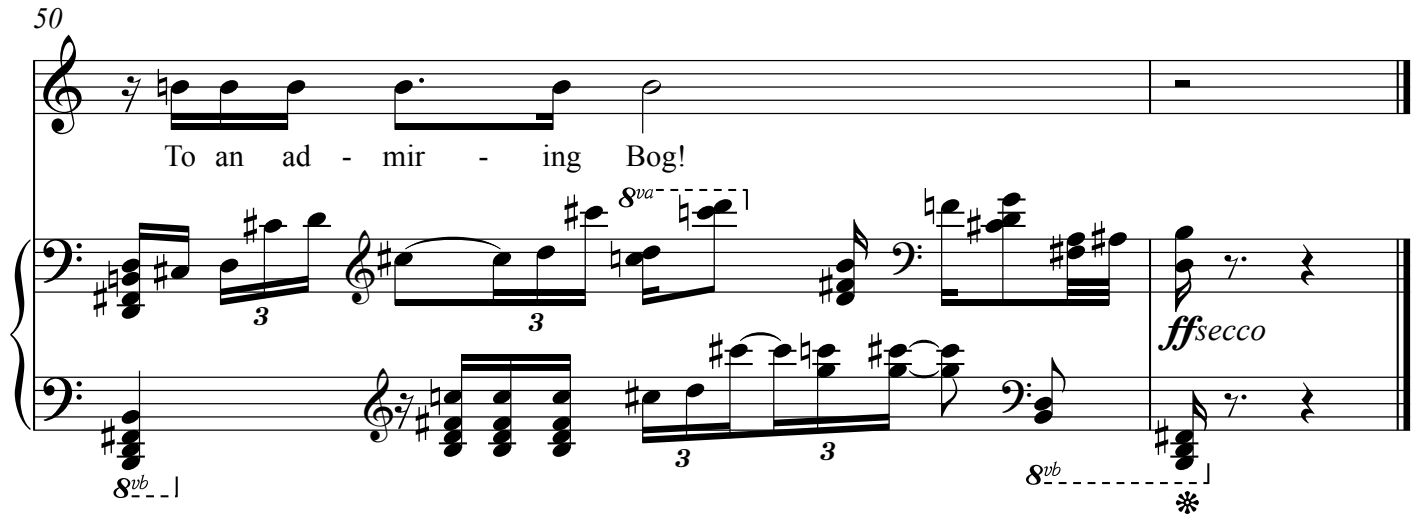
3
3
3
8vb
Ped.


43
How drear - - y— to be—
8va
arpegg.
Ped.
44
Some-bo - dy!
8vb
Ped.
45
How pub - - - blic—_____ like a
Ped.


46
Frog—
3
3
9
3
Ped.
47
to tell one's name—the live long June—
To tell one's name— the live - long June—
Ped.
Ped.
8vb
49
To tell one's name— the live - long June—
8va
8vb
Ped.


50
To an ad - mir - ing Bog!
8va
8vb
ffsecco
8vb

(♩=69)

'Twas such a little— little boat That toddled down the

1 2 3 4 5 6

PP sempre

Ped sempre

bay! 'Twas such a gallant—gallant sea That beckoned it a-way! 'Twas such a

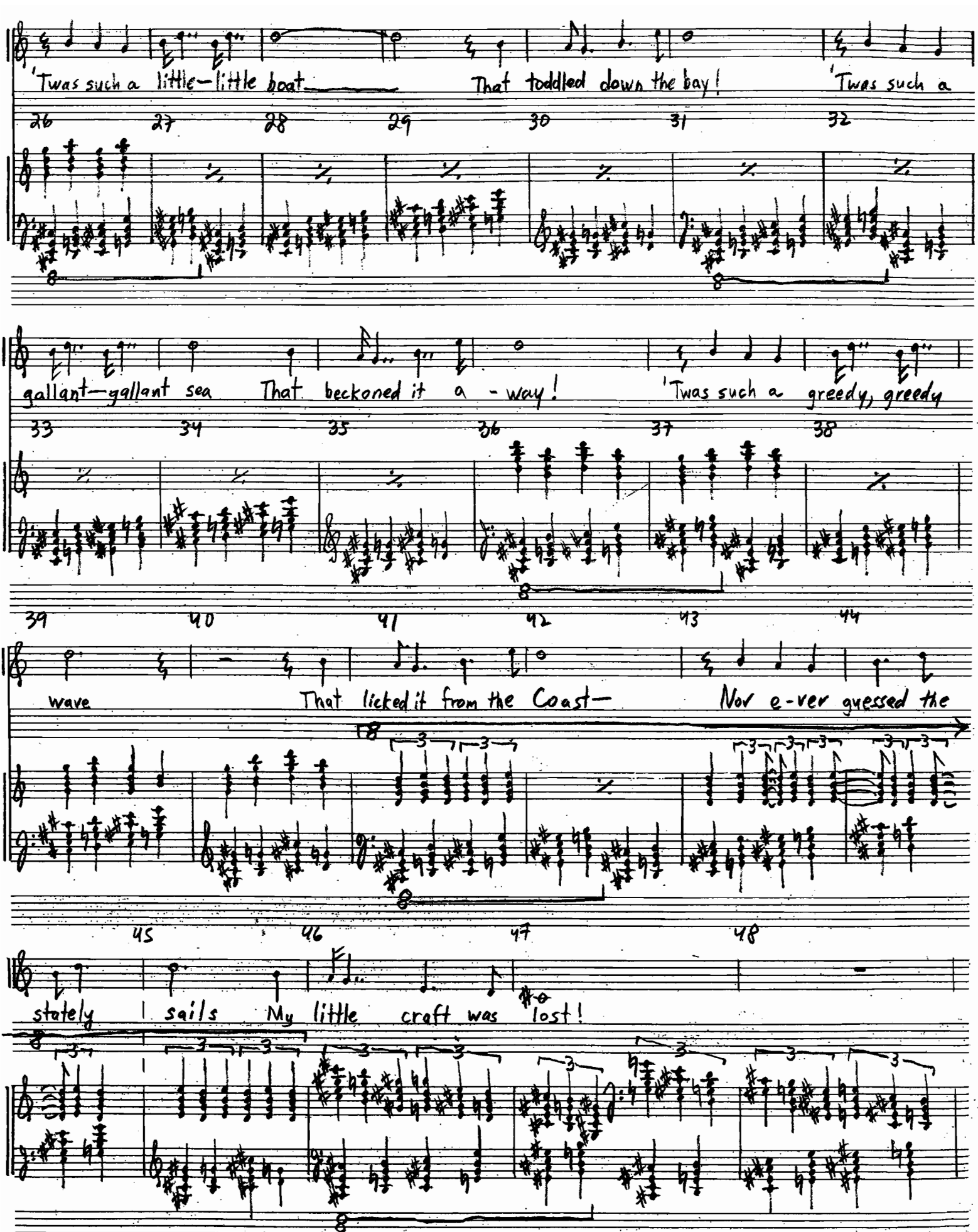
7 8 9 10 11 12 13

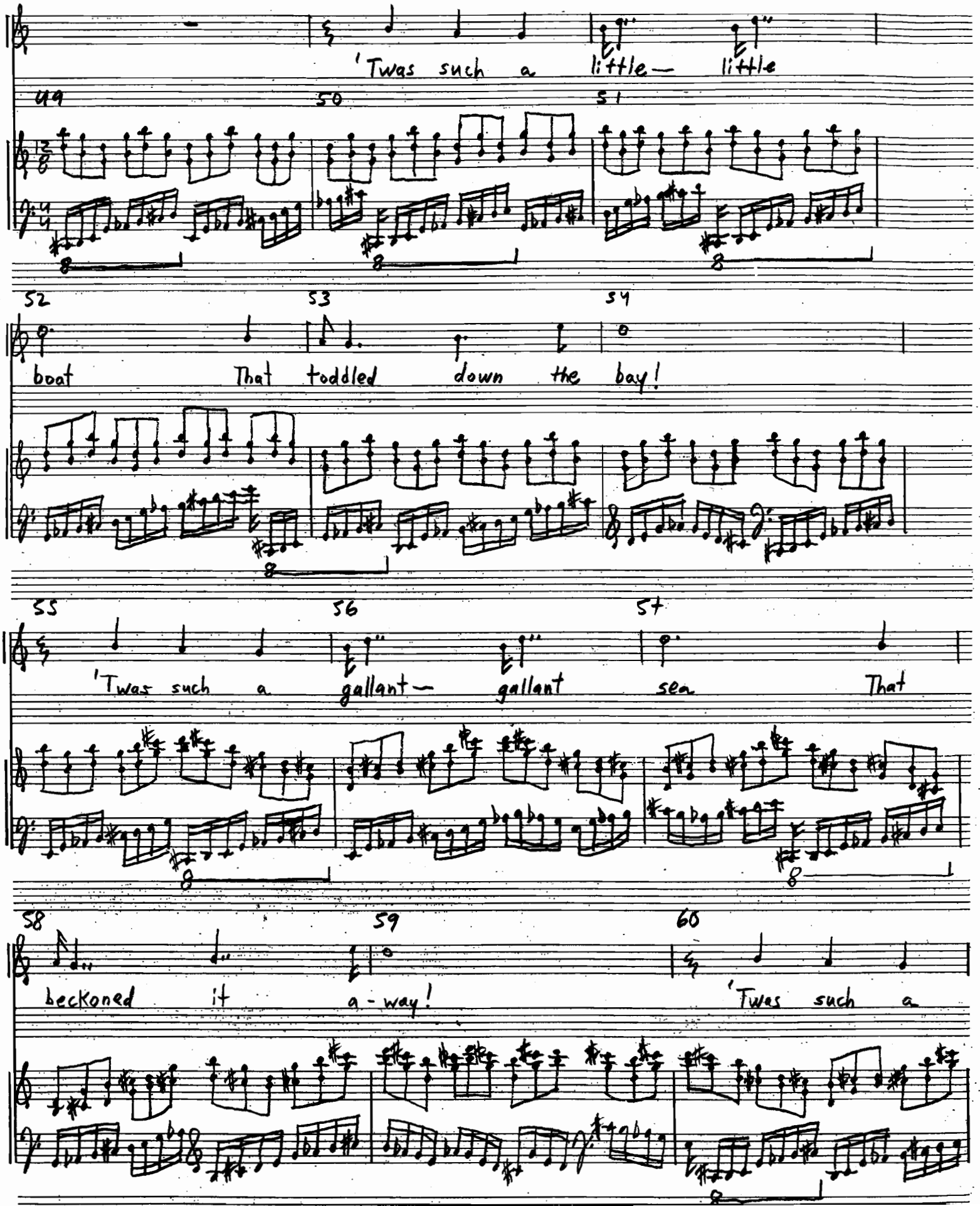
greedy, greedy wave That licked it from the Coast— Nor e-ver

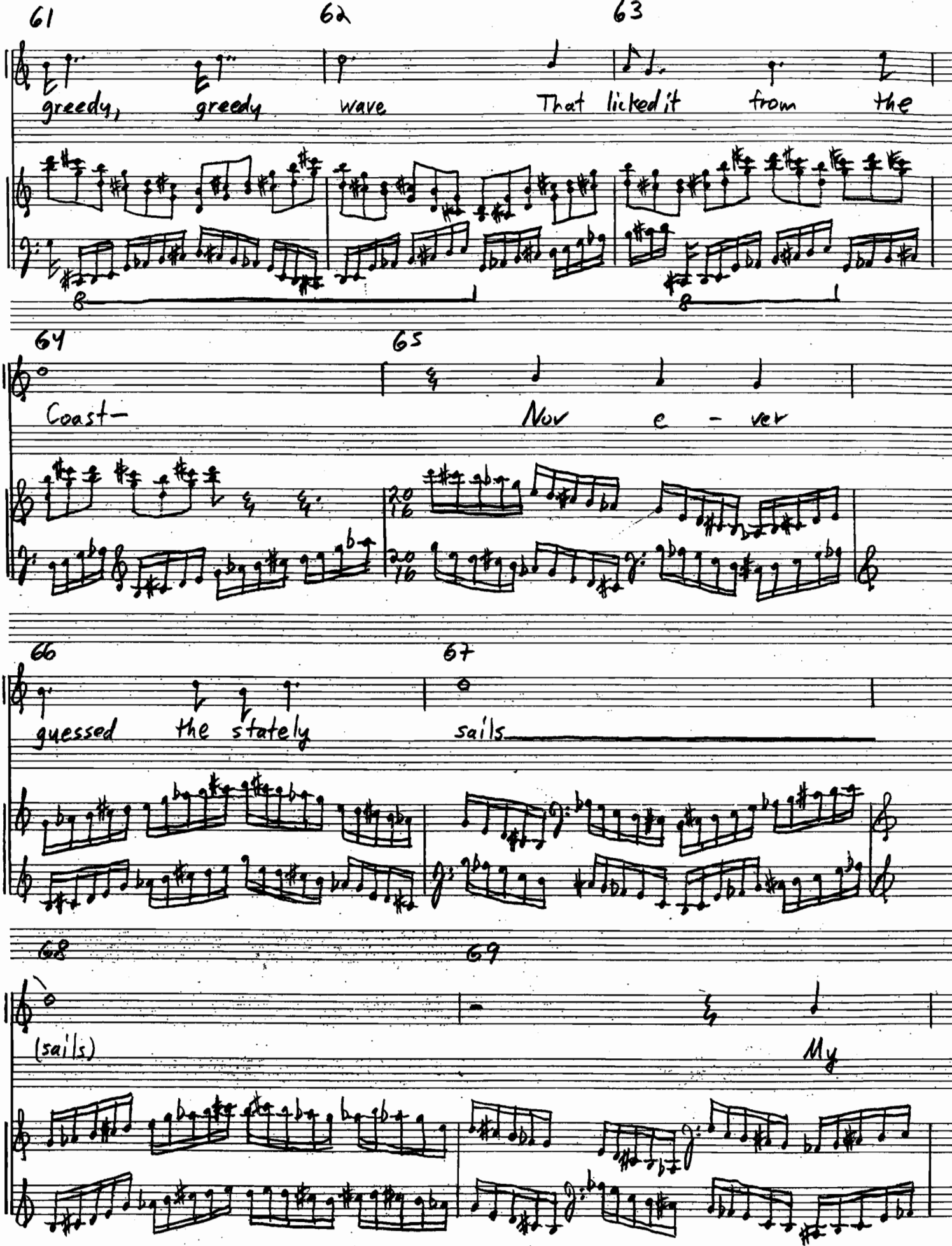
14 15 16 17 18 19

guessed the stately sails My little craft was last!

20 21 22 23 24 25


'Twas such a little-little boat That toddled down the bay! 'Twas such a
26 27 28 29 30 31 32
gallant-gallant sea That beckoned it a-way! 'Twas such a greedy, greedy
33 34 35 36 37 38
39 40 41 42 43 44
wave That licked it from the Coast- Nor e-ver guessed the
45 46 47 48
stately sails My little craft was lost!


'Twas such a little— little
boat That toddled down the bay!
'Twas such a gallant— gallant sea That
beckoned it a-way!
'Twas such a


61
62
63
greedy, greedy wave That licked it from the
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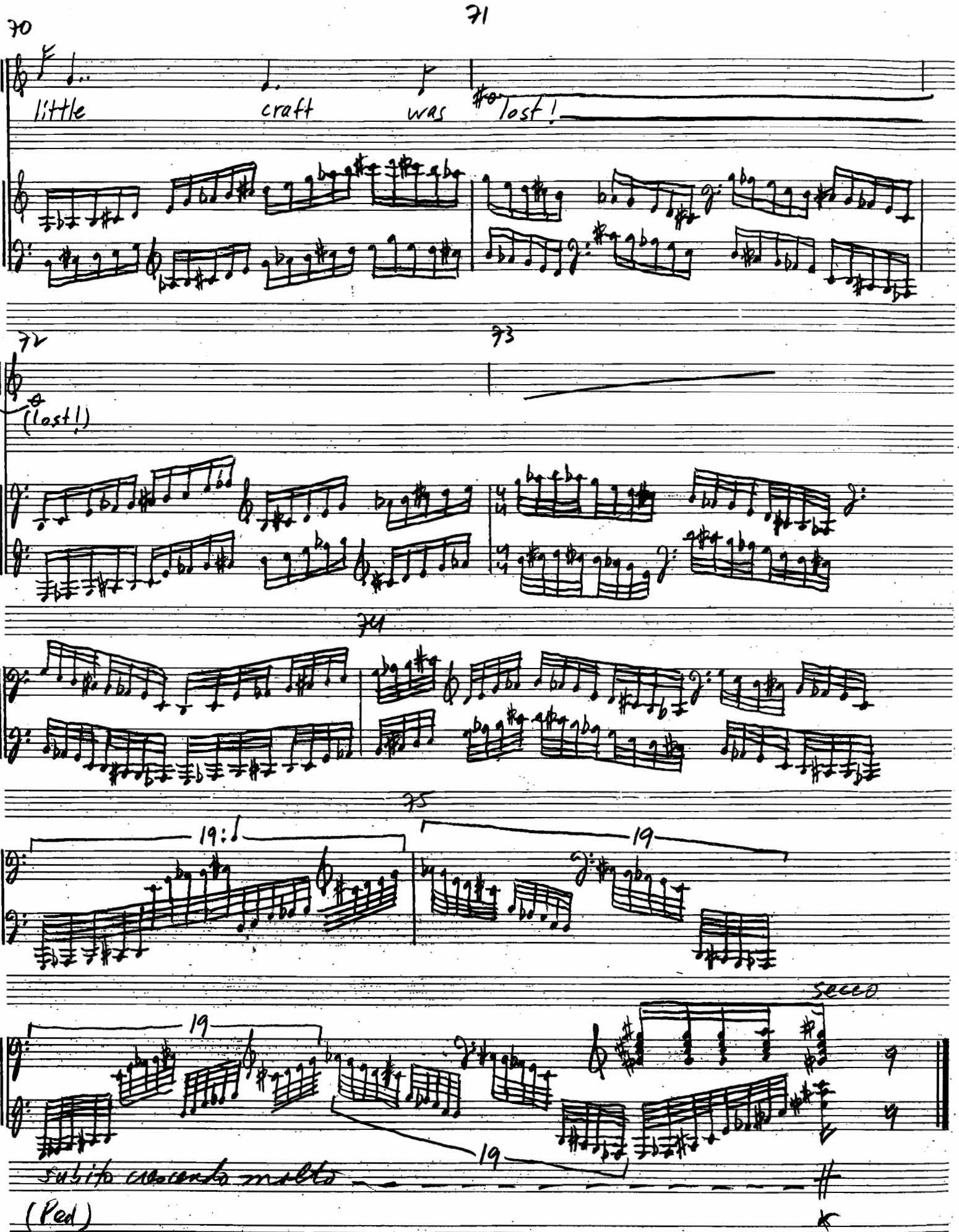
65
Coast- Nev e - ver
66
67
guessed the stately sails
68
69
(sails) My


70
71
little
craft
was
lost!
72
73
(lost!)
74
75
19:
19
19
19
secco
subito crescendo molto
(Ped)