"GIVE ME A CLEAN HEART"

The Music of

Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux

SONGBOOK

Give Me A Clean Heart

The 50 Beloved Songs of Margaret Pleasant Douroux

This songbook is dedicated to:

Mr. Donald Douroux, the man who gives up Margaret Pleasant Douroux more than anyone else

In memory of

Rev. Earl Amos Pleasant and Olga Pleasant, parents of Margaret

Thurston Gilbert Frazier, mentor of Margaret

Rev. Earl Alfred Pleasant, brother of Margaret

Rev. James Cleveland and Rev. Donald Vails, friends of Margaret

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Douroux Songbook Committee

I was exposed to the music of Dr. Margaret Douroux at an early age, before I even considered a role in music ministry. I can recall the church choir singing songs like Take the Time Out, Give Me A Clean Heart and We're Blessed. As time progressed, I was able to witness Dr. Douroux in ministry, presenting music and ministering to the masses.

I'm reminded of an appropriate cliché, *Dr. Margaret Douroux is the "**real deal**."* She always has words of encouragement; she gives you that little push when you're feeling down. Dr. Douroux ministry will definitely draw your heart towards God.

It has been a privilege to work with Dr. Douroux over the years. I thank God for steering me in her direction.

Thank you Dr. Douroux for your contributions to Gospel Music as your songs will be shared for years to come. May God continue to bless you.

Mr. Michael G. Burns, Houston, TX

I came to know the music of Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux long before I knew her personally. Who would've thought that after being captivated by the song "Follow Jesus" at the age of 4-5, I would be a lifelong fan? It has been one of the great joys of my life to know Dr. Douroux personally, write my doctoral thesis on her life and music and have the privilege of presenting this body of her work to the masses. There is no one else who is humbler, more deserving, and more worthy of such an honor. The music of Margaret Pleasant Douroux has been the soundtrack to my life. When I couldn't think to pray, I thought of "Sooner than Right Now," when I didn't have words to express, I thought of "If It Had Not Been for the Lord on My Side," and when I think of Jesus, I think of "He would not come down from the cross just to save himself, "He Decided to Die" just to save me!" Thank you, Dr., for all you've been, for trusting God with your life and pen (being available as you always say), and for trusting us with this task.

Dr. Damian D. Price, Houston, TX

I was told by my fiancé, Jeffrey Richardson that we had to go to meet a very special person and dear friend of his. He spoke of how close they were and how he played for her at her church. I suspected it was a size Carmela up kind of meeting; so, I put on one of my nice Nordstrom dresses and shoes to match and off we went. She lived in a town that was almost unheard of by natives - so, it was a long ride. I did not know what to expect; however, I figured it would be fine. And fine it was! I thought maybe we would eat on china and drink out of crystal goblets. I figured the table would be set with linen. I mean after all; this was Dr. Margaret Douroux's house. Much to my surprise, we had chili dogs and carrot cake that was wrapped in aluminum

foil. We had a variety of sodas from which to choose. Although I was relieved that there was no pretense or "fu-fu-ness" I was taken aback by how warm and friendly Dr. Douroux was. She was just a sweet down to earth lady who happened to write songs people went crazy over. Who knew? I certainly did not! Well I am happy and thankful to say, I made the cut. Margaret later told me that She and God approved of me and that is why she let Jeff marry me. (and she said it in that order) It seems as though I have known her my entire life. Dr. Douroux is a stellar mother in Zion. She has a heart of gold. A laugh that is contagious and a smile that lights up a room. I am privileged to know her. I am blessed to be called one of her daughters. I love you Margaret!

Min. Carmela Richardson, Detroit, MI

For Margaret.
It is both easy and difficult for me to write a paragraph about my love and admiration for Dr. Margaret Douroux. Continuing almost 40 years from when I was first introduced to her, she has been an inspiration, encourager, mentor, motivator, counselor, confidant, and so much more. Condensing what could easily be a book into one paragraph is an unfair task. So, I will say thank you to Dr. Damian Price for including me in the process of making this presentation of selected songs from the pen of Dr. Douroux a reality.

I served as her organist and witnessed her teaching many of her songs for the first time at choir rehearsals at Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, in Inglewood, CA. She is among the finest people I know. Her music flows from her life. "Jefferson", (as only she can call me) has been eternally blessed by this living legend. I have no doubt you will be lifted and inspired by this hand-picked collection.

Pastor Jeffrey Richardson, Detroit, MI

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"We sat side by side at the piano bench in the modest home on the side of the hill overlooking the basin of Los Angeles, as the Lord gave us chords and progressions while we wrestled with the time signature; debating whether there would be six beats to the measure, or an extended twelve, to accompany the living lyrics and majestic melody the Lord had placed in her head and heart – in a ritual we would repeat over and over:

"The Lord is speaking,
to you; to you.
The Lord is speaking to you.
Can't you hear, what He's saying?
Why are you waiting?
The Lord is speaking, to you."

My mind raced as I imagined the accompanying organ compliment to enhance and not overpower the simple melody and lofty lyrics. In the providential step ordering of God, this scene would morph into an indefinite reprise. Little did we know, but in His sovereignty, God the Holy Spirit was crafting a gift that would become a global voice in ecclesiastical worship. More than once, I said amazed that I was being allowed to participate in musical creativity with a genius!

The Lord has continued to speak through the anointed vessel of my sister, colleague in the ministry of music, and gift to the Body of Christ, Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux. She is the generational extension of her multi-talented Father, Dr. Earl A. Pleasant, who himself could traffic from the manuscript of a sermon to the microphone of corporate praise and worship all in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. She was prodigy of the maestro, and co-founder, along with the great Rev. James Cleveland of The Gospel Music Worship of America, Prof. Thurston Frazier. This work contains the melodious voice of the Divine with messages from the Master that will lift you from the terrestrial to the celestial dimensions of church music, praise and worship.

I remain amazed that the Lord loved me enough to allow me to sit beside, play along with, and follow her as she donned the podium with as a uniquely forceful, regimented almost militaristic metronomic maestro, commanding the attention of both those before, behind and around her as she launched a musical journey into the presence of the Lord. No one could set the tempo for a musical presentation like Margaret!

This work is a compilation of a life lived as a voice and a vessel of the biblical exhortation to utilize music as an instrument of praise, worship and spiritual growth. Dr. Douroux's compositions create a common ground for the biblical genres of kerygmatic, koinoniac and leitourgic content. You will read, hum and sing lyrics and melodies that proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom, enhance spiritual fellowship, and often serve as ushers leading you behind the veil into the very presence of God. As you join the excursion of this hymnody, you will repeatedly realize why her musical masterpieces, often simple yet profound; always profoundly simplistic, have been used by God as profitable for exhortation, encouragement, enlightenment and inspiration unto the uttermost parts of the world.

Over and over the Bible exhorts us or exemplifies the exhortation to "sing a new song". Dr. Margaret Douroux is a contemporary Psalmist in the likeness of the sweet psalmist of Israel, David who declared in Ps 40:3 *And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD*. KJV. The word used here for "new" speaks of a creative new; brand new; a never seen or heard before new" – a "new" that only comes from God. Such is the creative gift of Dr. Margaret Douroux. Hers was never a "sampling" ministry or redressing, re-doing, remixing what others have done. She was the repository of a "new" song, fresh from the throne and voice of God. Ps 33:3 declares: *Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy*. NIV. The Davidic formula musically move through the new song, with skill, to shout. Invariably, Holy Spirit would take you to the double dot at the double bar instructing us to repeat, until we made it to the "shout!" Following the model of the Psalmist, you will sing, and with skillful accompaniment, worship on the path to praise and shouts of joy. Welcome to a musical experience from the pen of Dr. Margaret Douroux, and from the mind of God.

Kenneth C. Ulmer, Ph. D., D. Min.
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Give Me A Clean Heart

Based on Psalm 51:10

Moderato (Very Deliberate)

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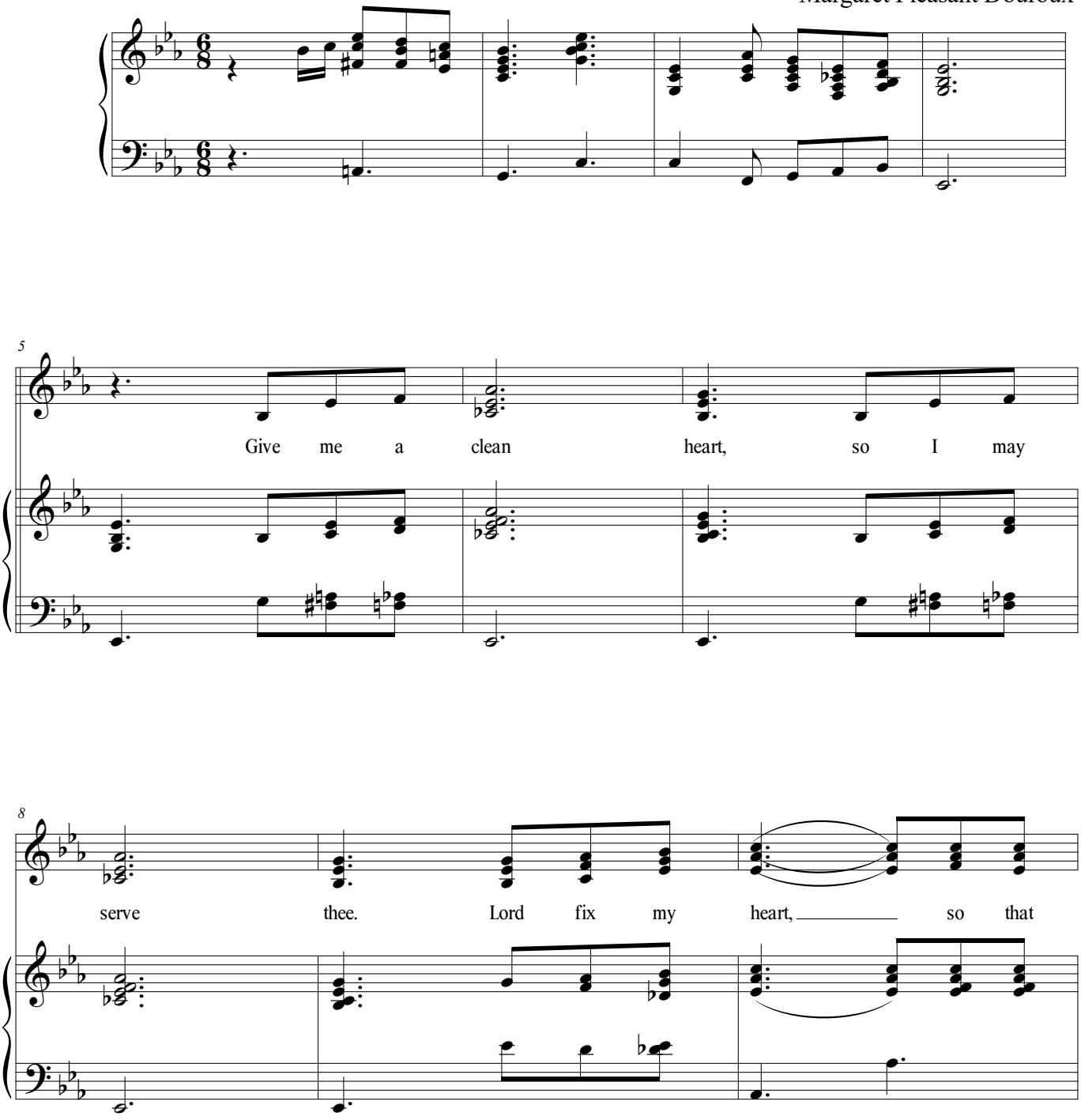

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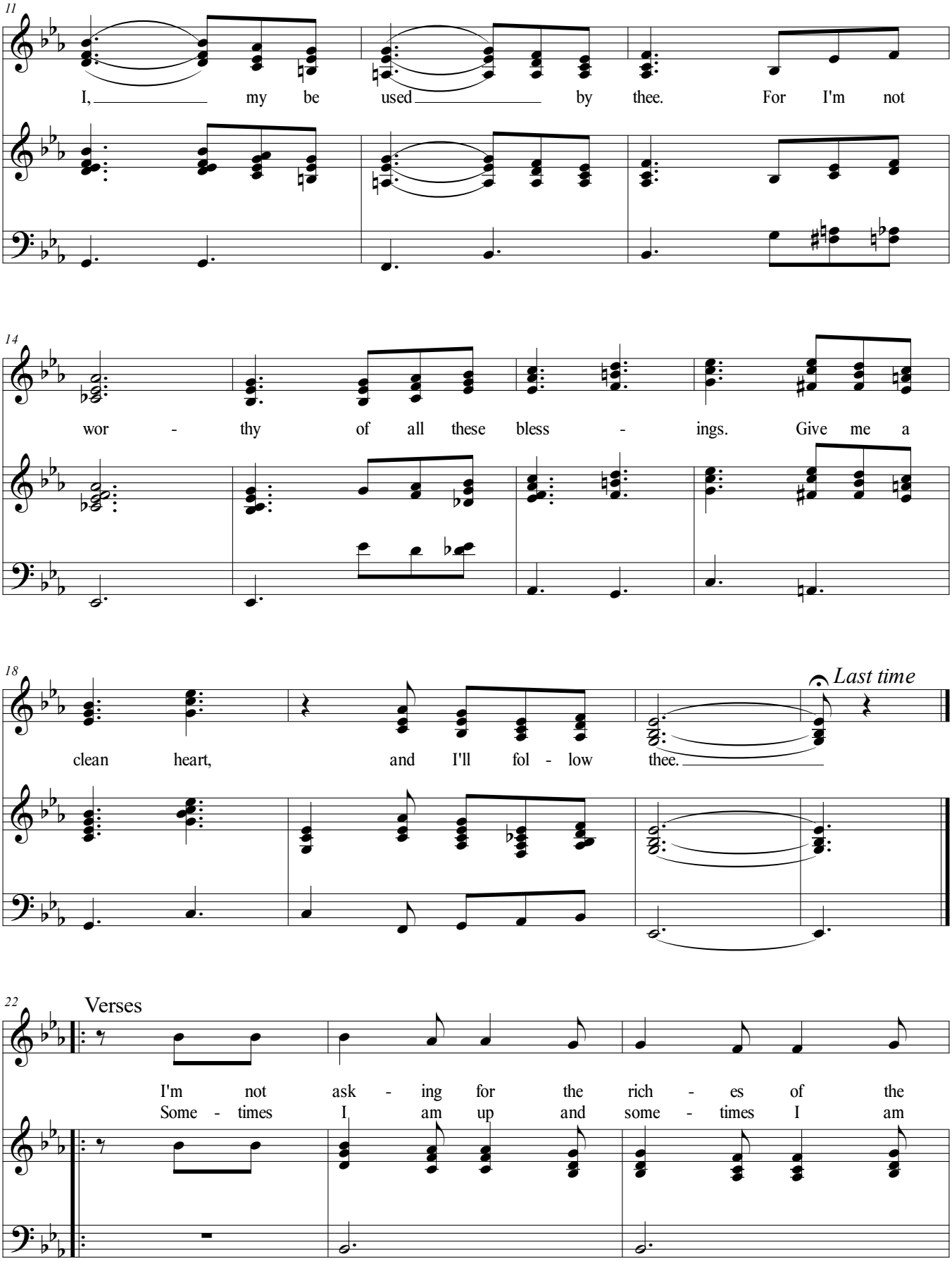
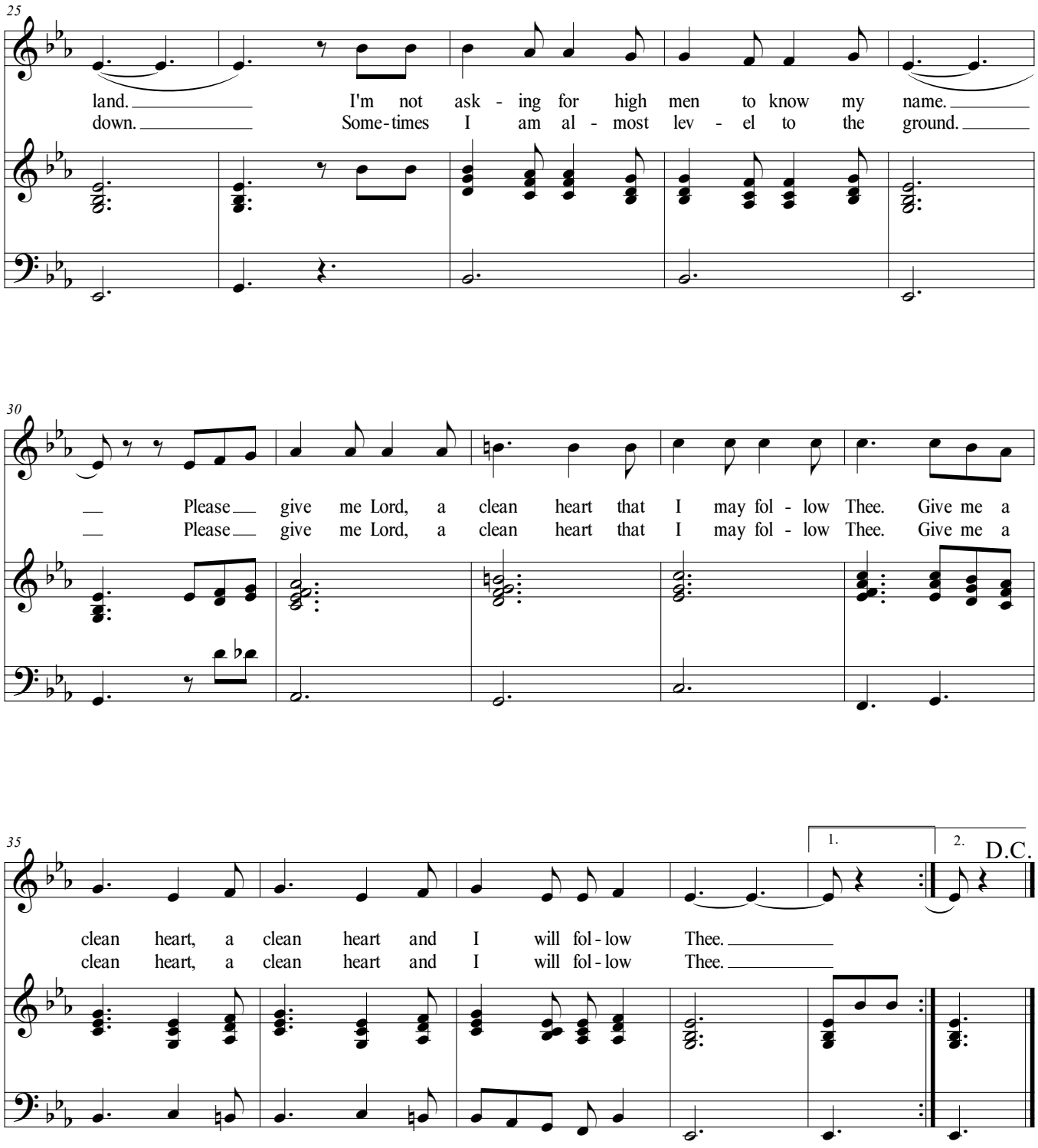

11
I, my be used by thee. For I'm not
14
wor - thy of all these bless - ings. Give me a
18
Last time
clean heart, and I'll fol - low thee.
22
Verses
I'm not ask - ing for the rich - es of the
Some - times I am up and some - times I am


25
land. I'm not ask - ing for high men to know my name.
down. Some-times I am al - most lev - el to the ground.
30
Please give me Lord, a clean heart that I may fol - low Thee. Give me a
Please give me Lord, a clean heart that I may fol - low Thee. Give me a
35
1.
2.
D.C.
clean heart, a clean heart and I will fol - low Thee.
clean heart, a clean heart and I will fol - low Thee.

Move Yourself

(If You Move Yourself)

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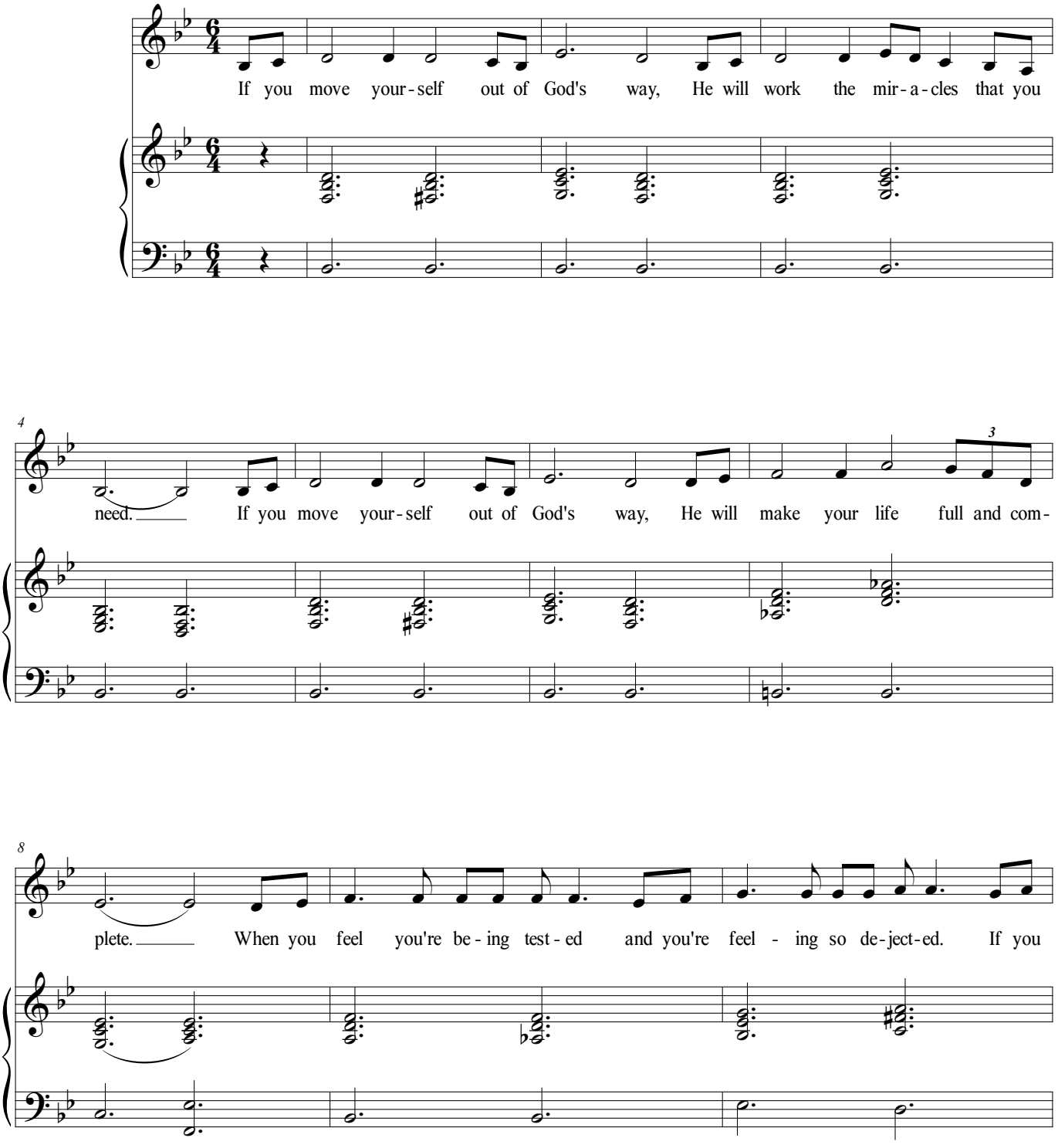

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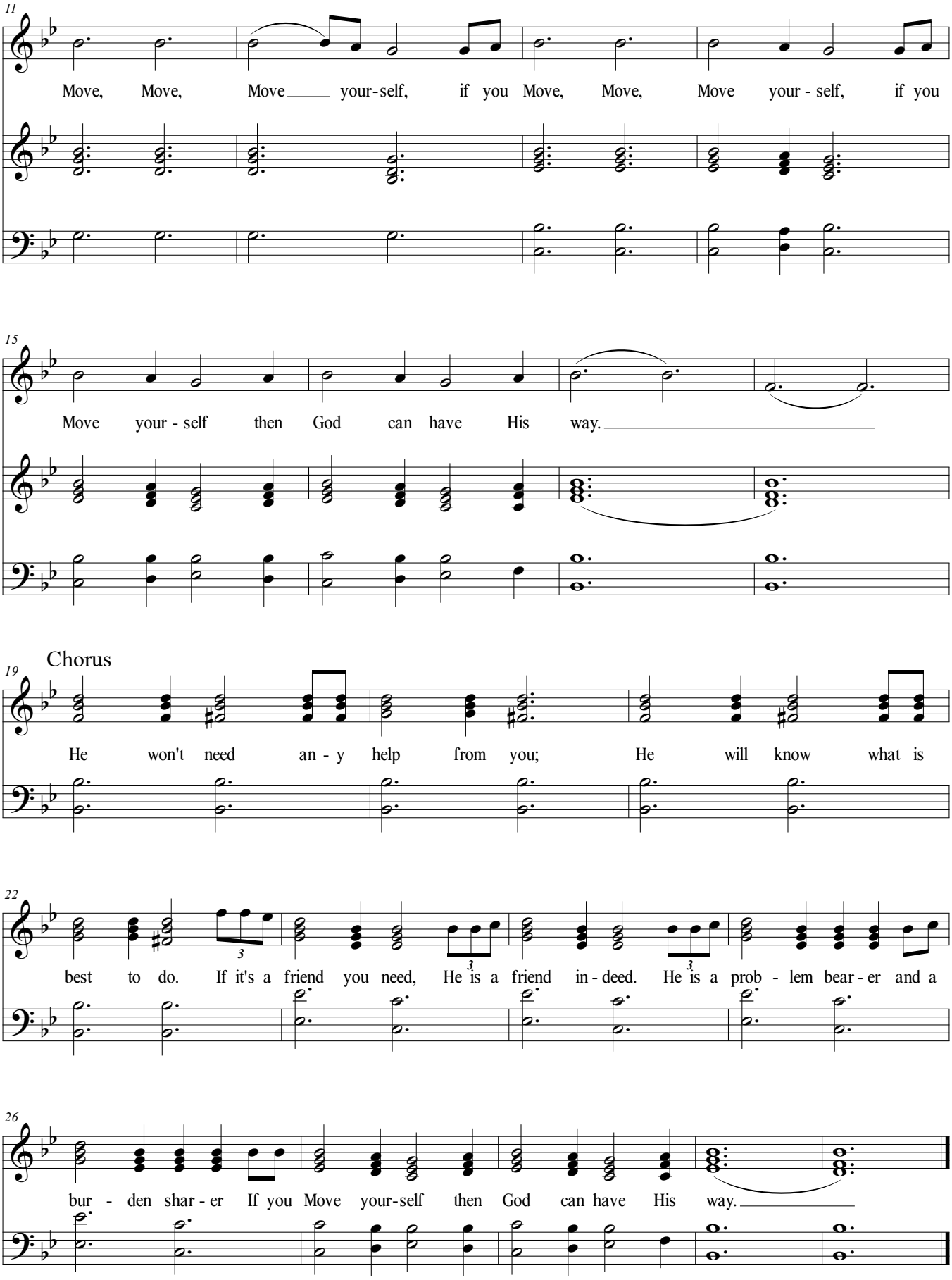
11
Move, Move, Move your-self, if you Move, Move, Move your - self, if you
15
Move your - self then God can have His way.
Chorus
19
He won't need an - y help from you; He will know what is
22
best to do. If it's a friend you need, He is a friend in - deed. He is a prob - lem bear - er and a
26
bur - den shar - er If you Move your-self then God can have His way.

Take The Time Out

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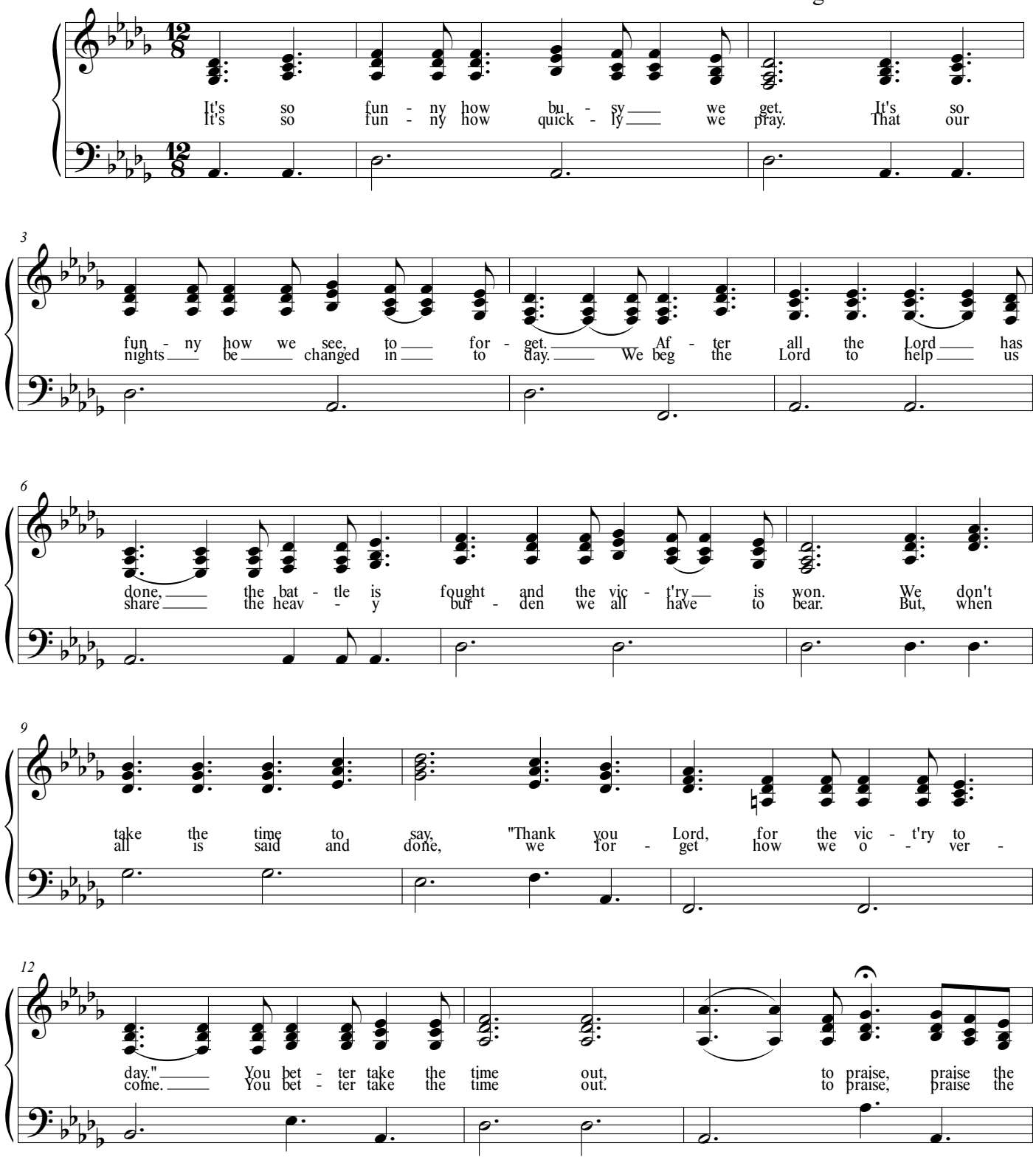

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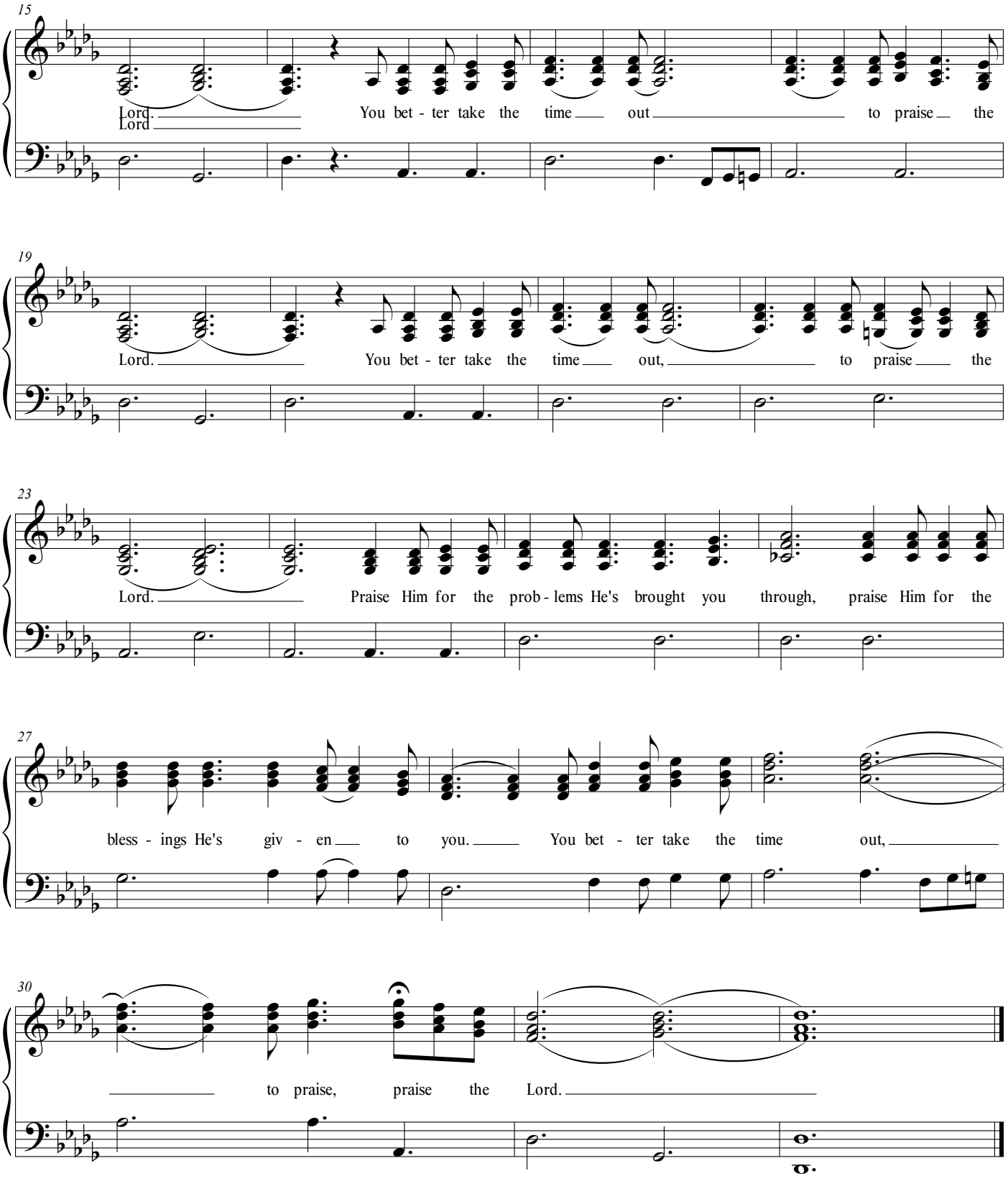
15
Lord.
Lord
You bet - ter take the time out to praise the
19
Lord.
You bet - ter take the time out, to praise the
23
Lord.
Praise Him for the prob - lems He's brought you through, praise Him for the
27
bless - ings He's giv - en to you.
You bet - ter take the time out,
30
to praise, praise the Lord.

Resting Place

Based on Matthew 11:30

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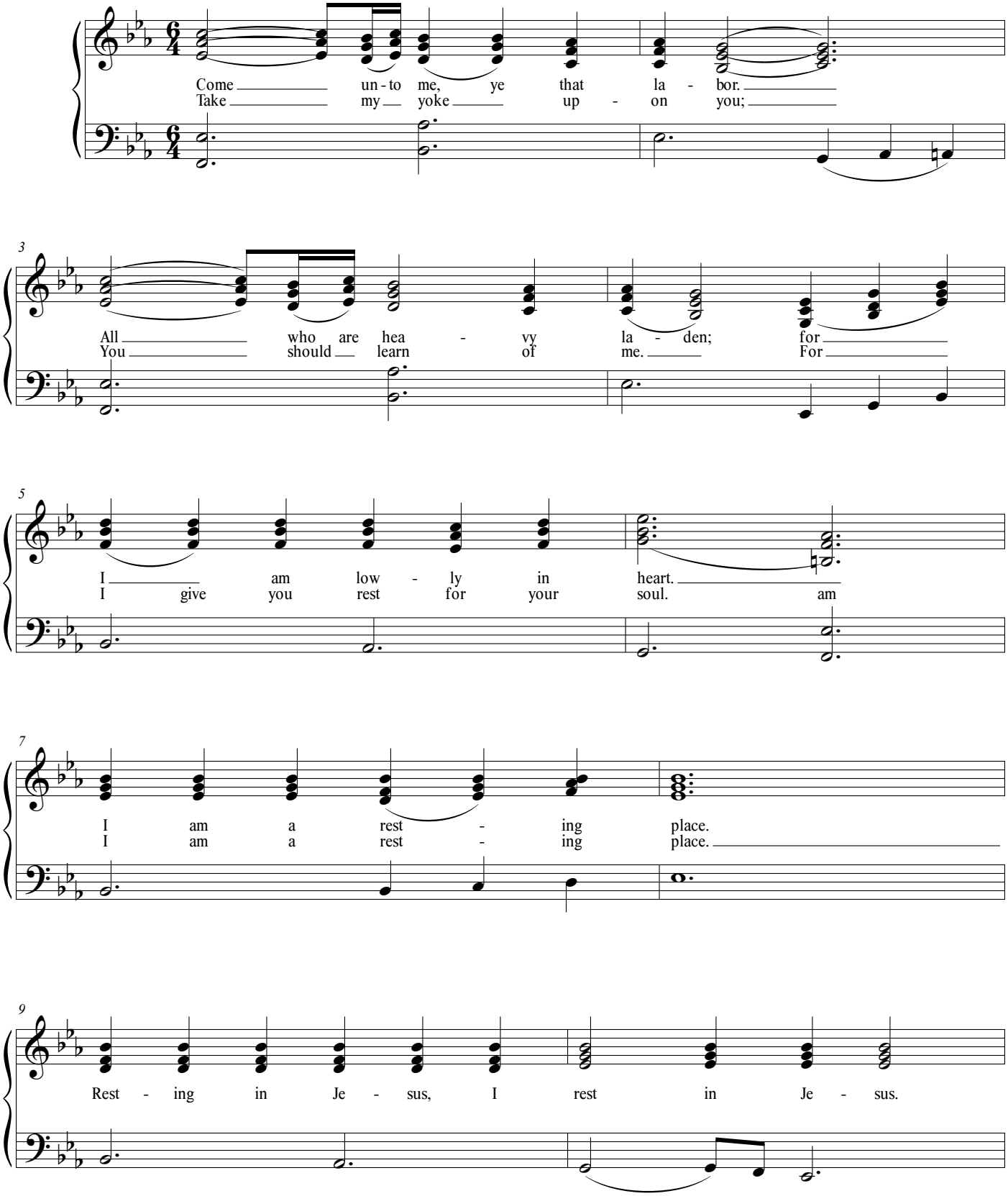

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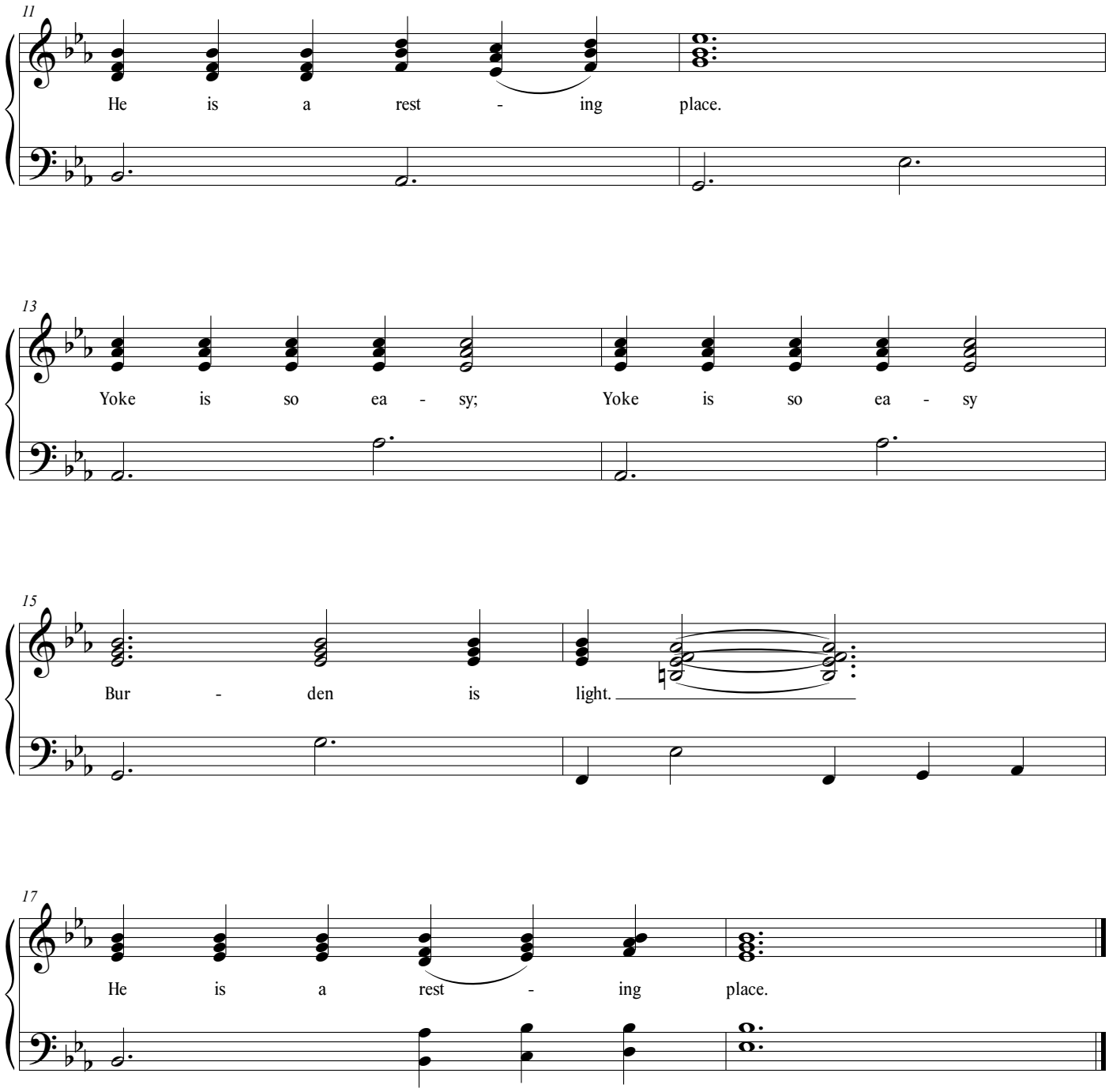
11
He is a rest - ing place.
13
Yoke is so ea - sy; Yoke is so ea - sy
15
Bur - den is light.
17
He is a rest - ing place.

(I Have Never Seen)

The Righteous Forsaken

Based on Psalm 37

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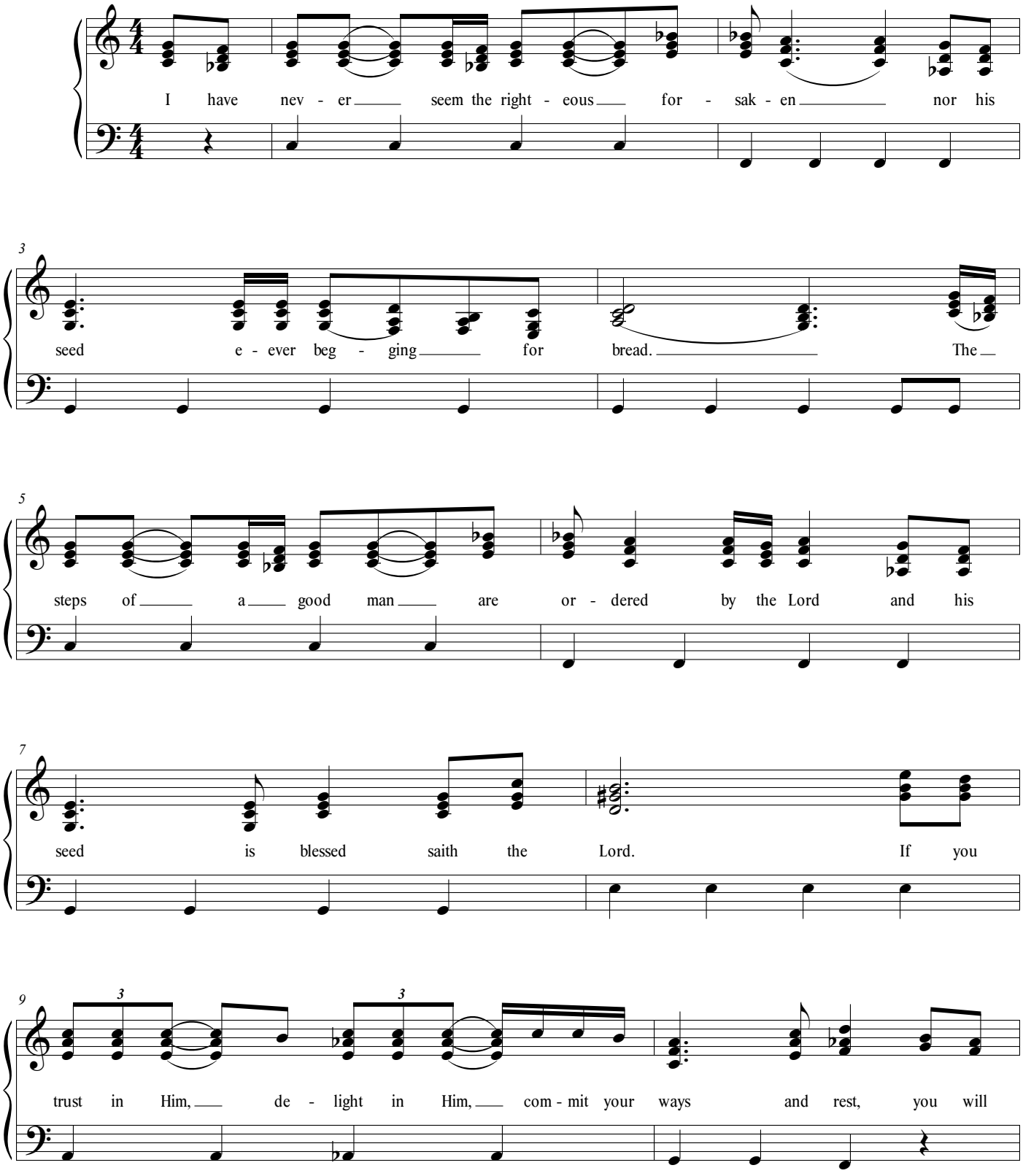

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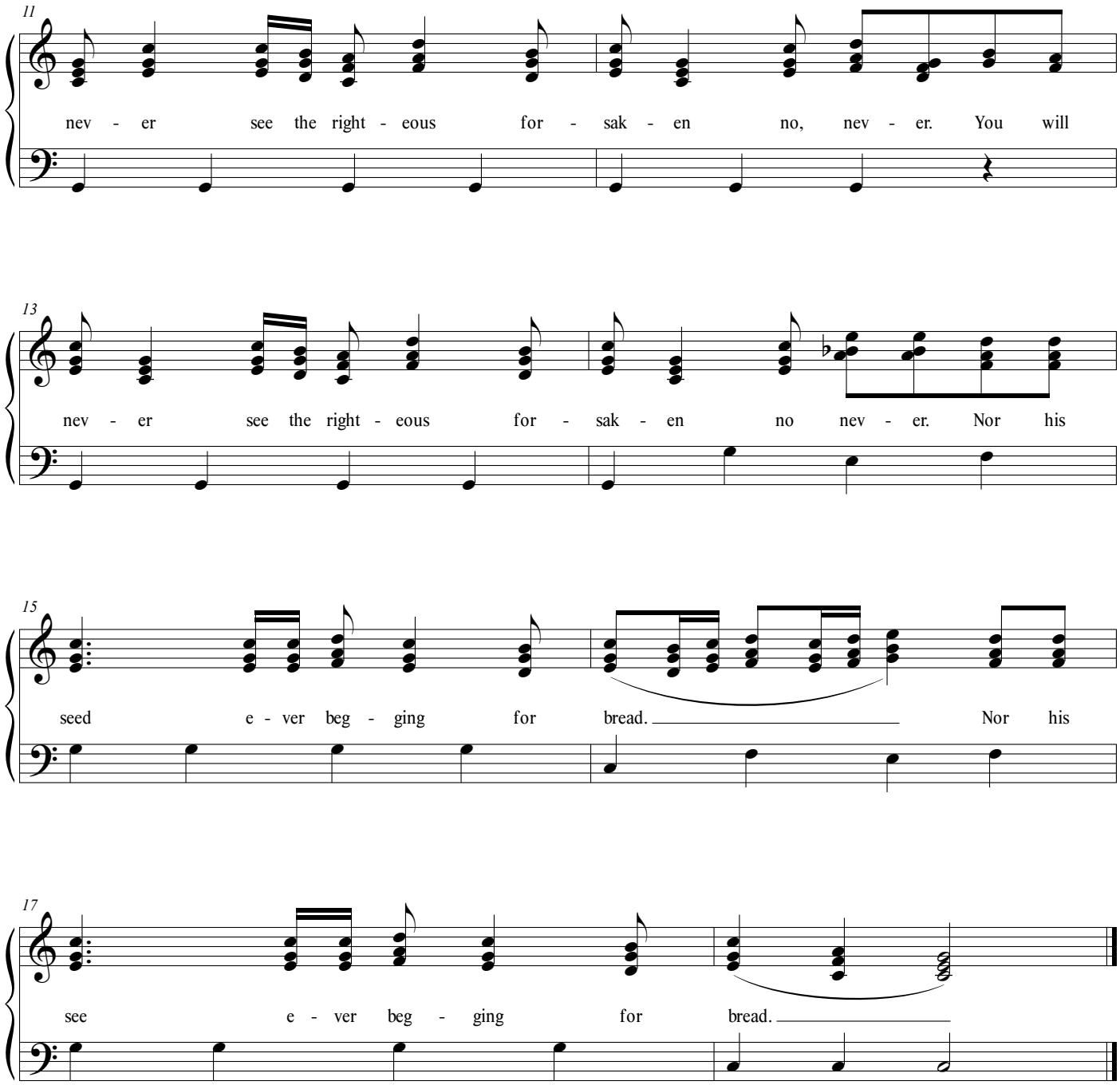
11
nev - er see the right - eous for - sak - en no, nev - er. You will
13
nev - er see the right - eous for - sak - en no nev - er. Nor his
15
seed e - ver beg - ging for bread. Nor his
17
see e - ver beg - ging for bread.

Rivers of Joy

Based on Psalm 46:4

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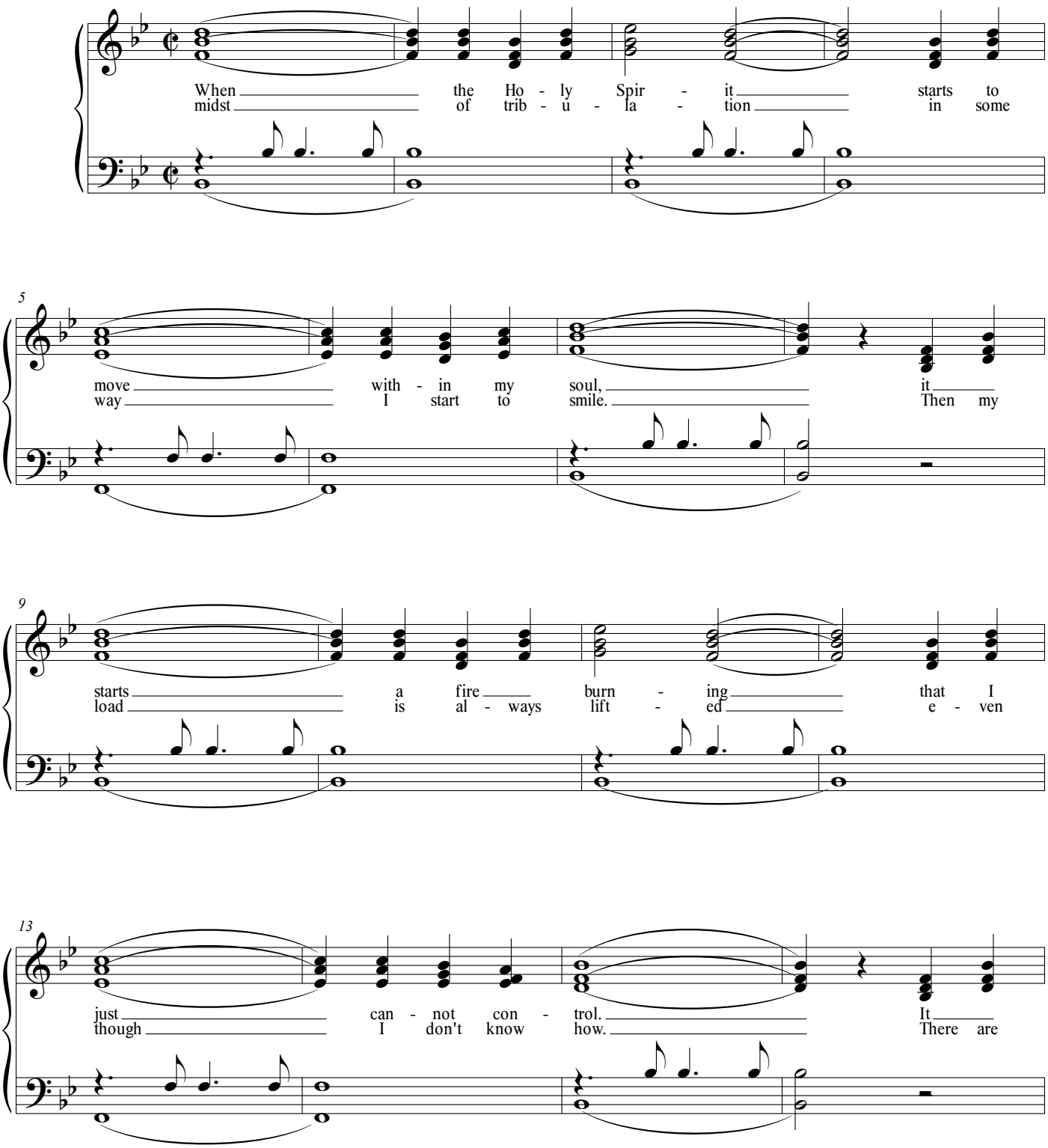

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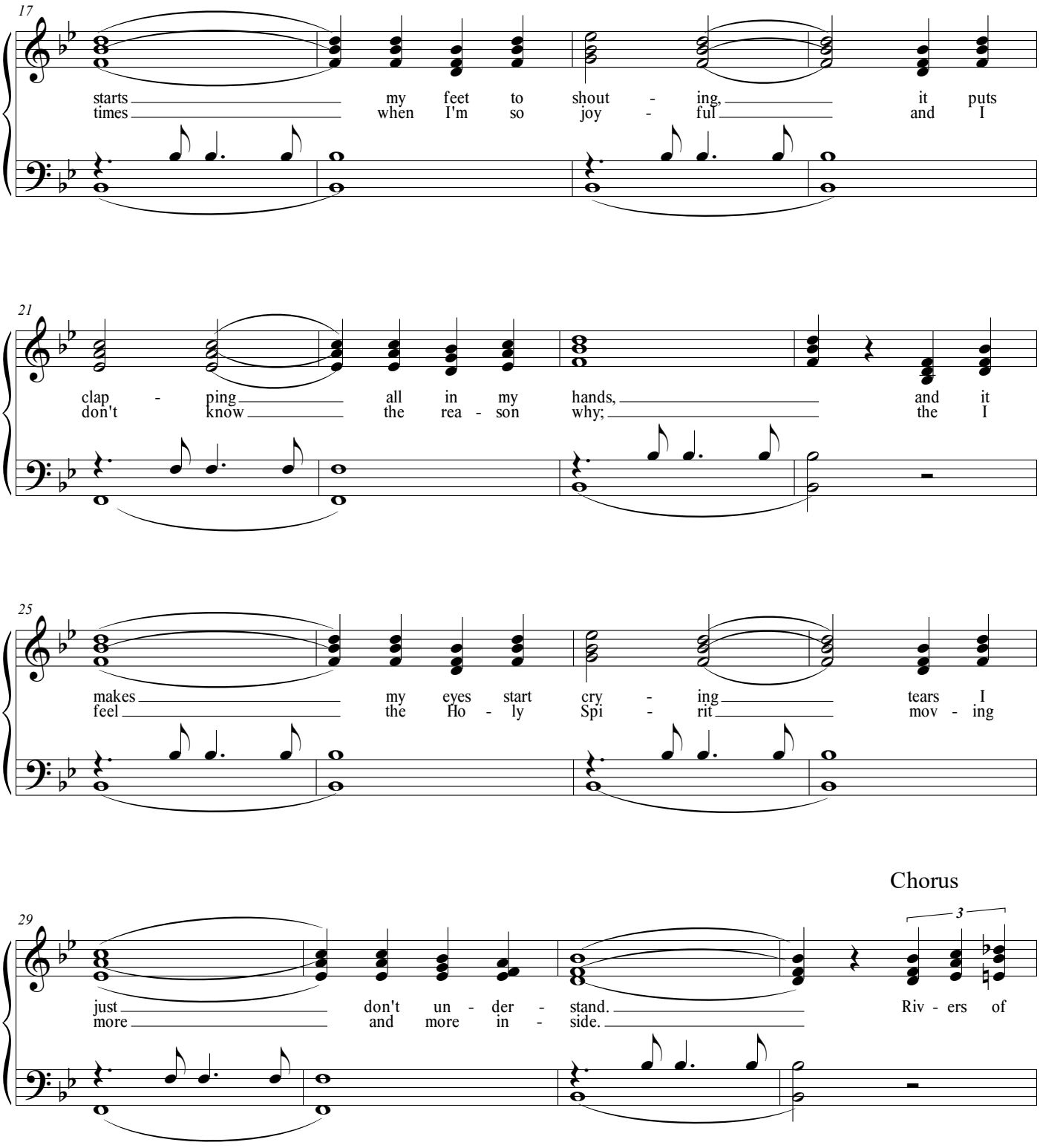
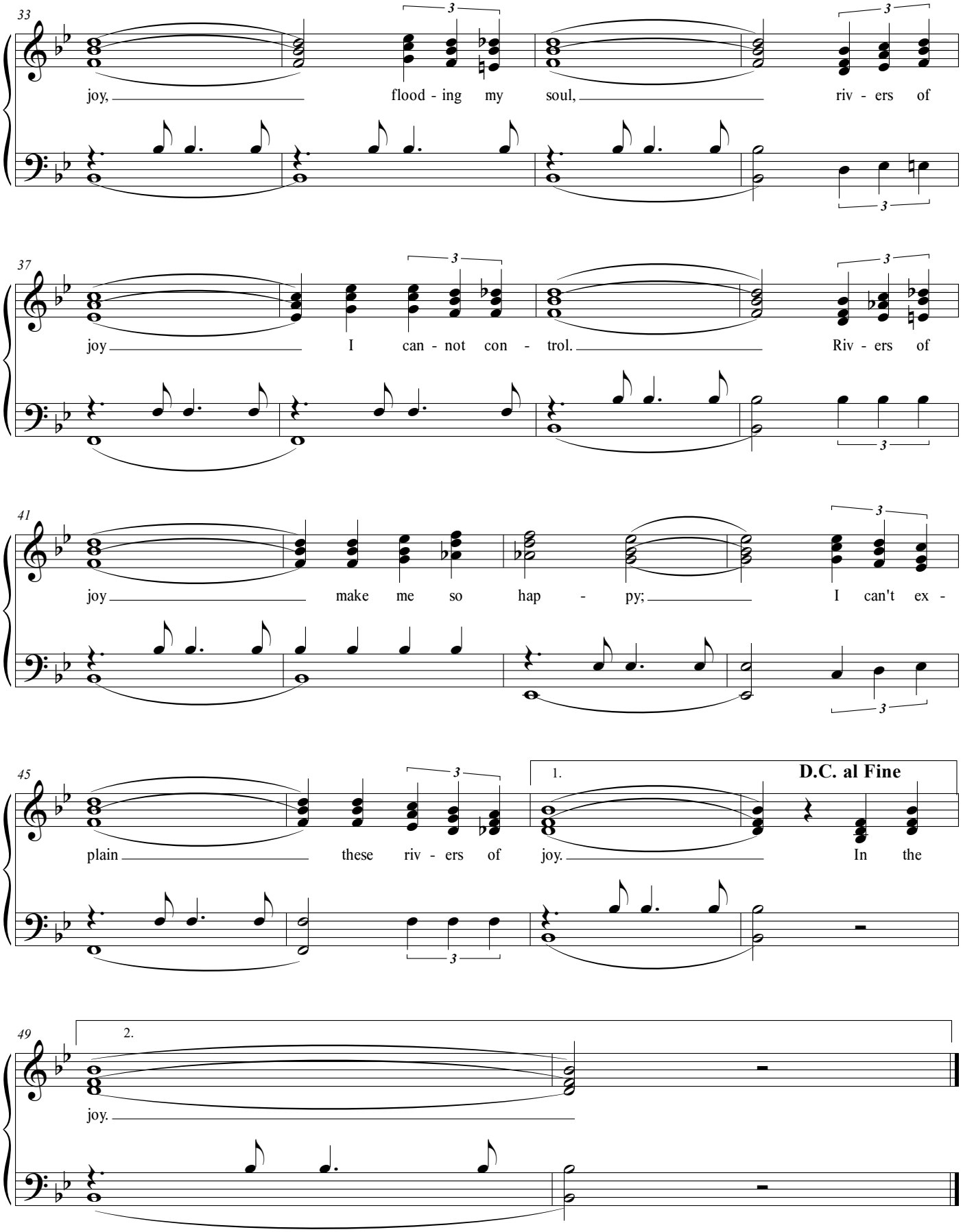

17
starts my feet to shout - ing, it puts
times when I'm so joy - ful and I
21
clap - ping all in my hands, and it
don't know the rea - son why; the I
25
makes my eyes start cry - ing tears I
feel the Ho - ly Spi - rit mov - ing
Chorus
29
3
just don't un - der - stand. Riv - ers of
more and more in - side.


33
joy, flood - ing my soul, riv - ers of
37
joy I can - not con - trol. Riv - ers of
41
joy make me so hap - py; I can't ex -
45
plain these riv - ers of joy. In the
1.
D.C. al Fine
49
2.
joy.

Sooner Than Right Now

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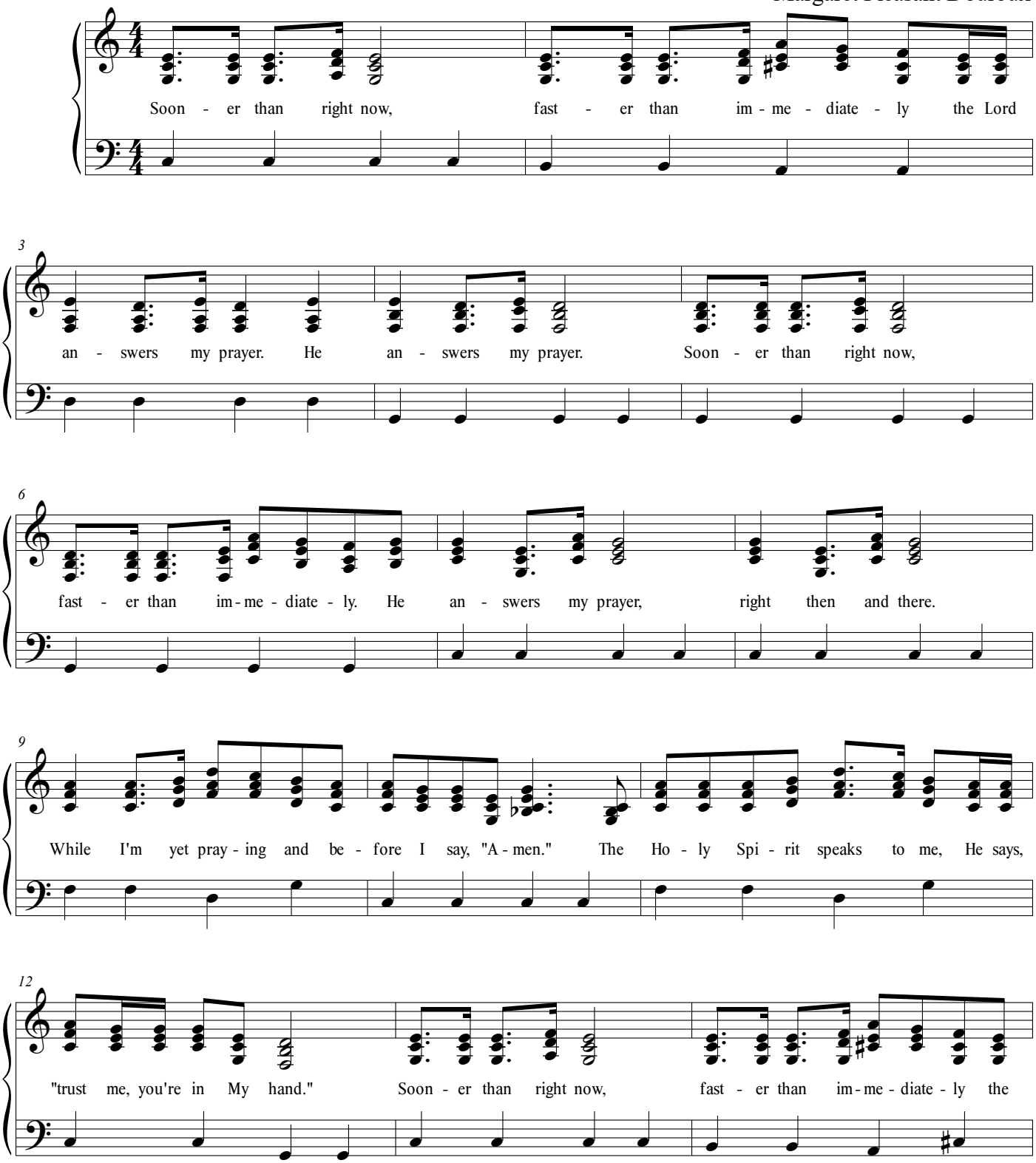
Moderate Rhythm



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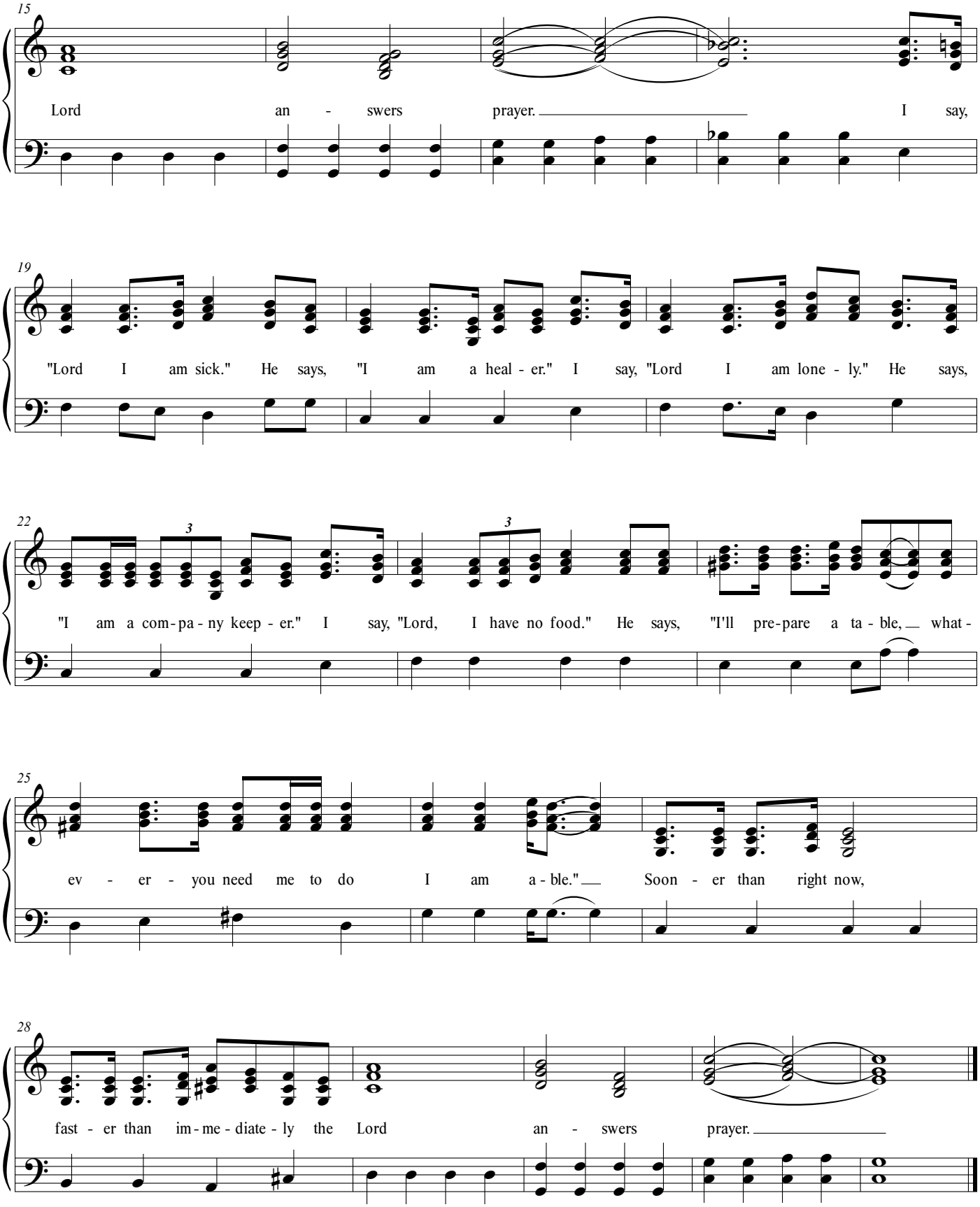
15
Lord an - swers prayer. I say,
19
"Lord I am sick." He says, "I am a heal - er." I say, "Lord I am lone - ly." He says,
22
"I am a com-pa-ny keep - er." I say, "Lord, I have no food." He says, "I'll pre-pare a ta - ble, what -
25
ev - er - you need me to do I am a - ble." Soon - er than right now,
28
fast - er than im-me-diate - ly the Lord an - swers prayer.

(The Lord Be Praised)

Day and Night Praise

Based on Psalm 113

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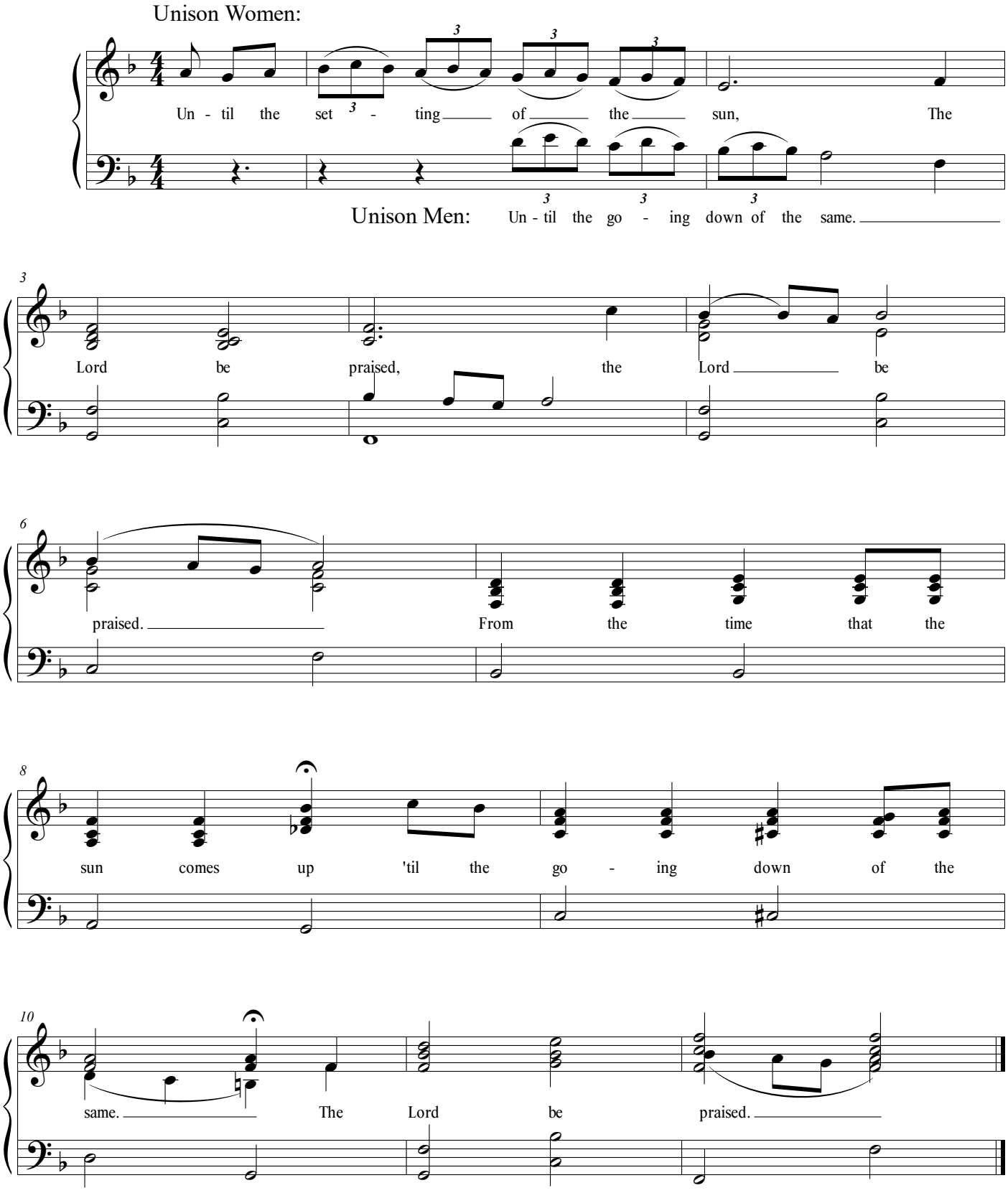

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Trees

Based on Judges 9:8-15

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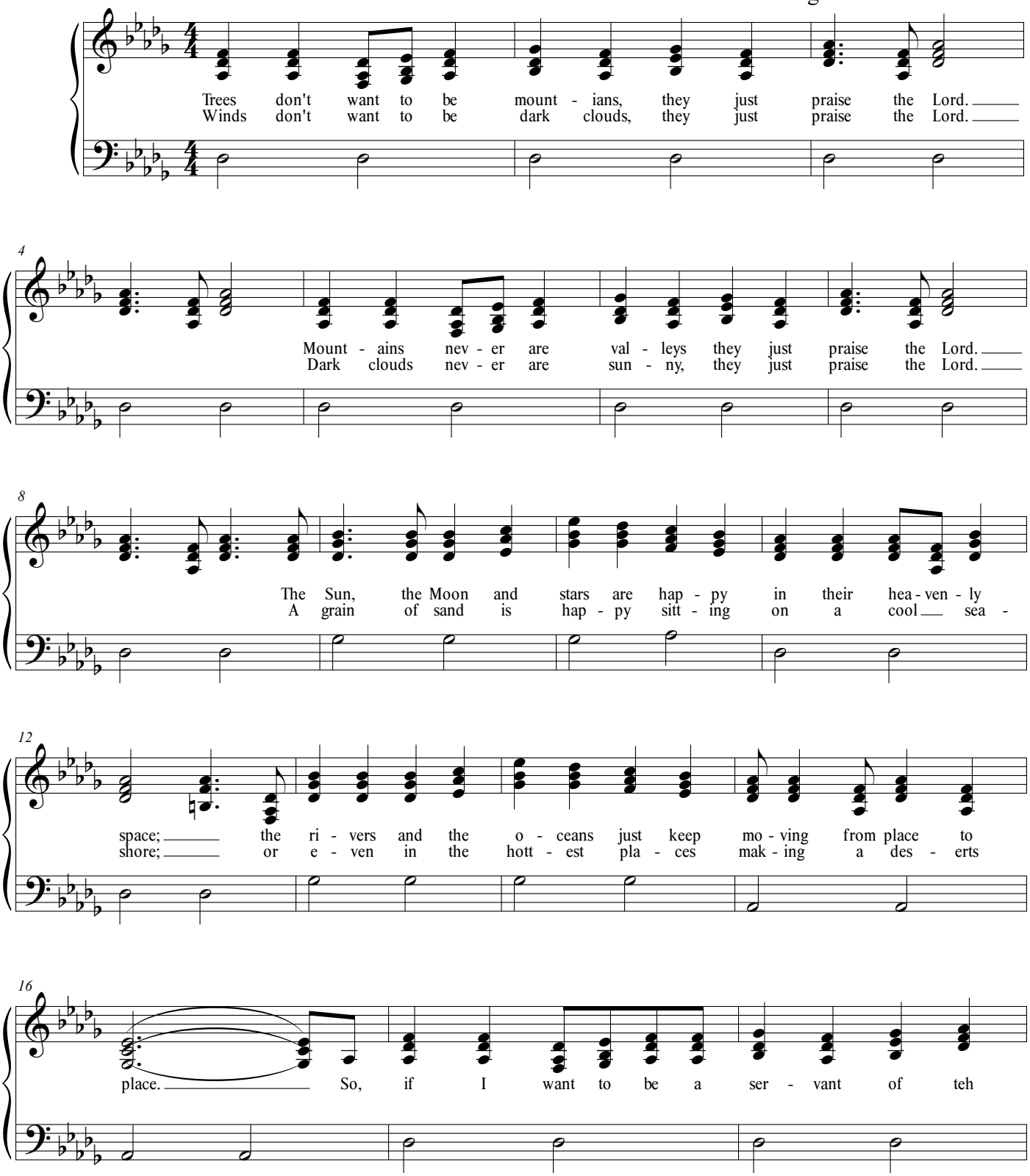

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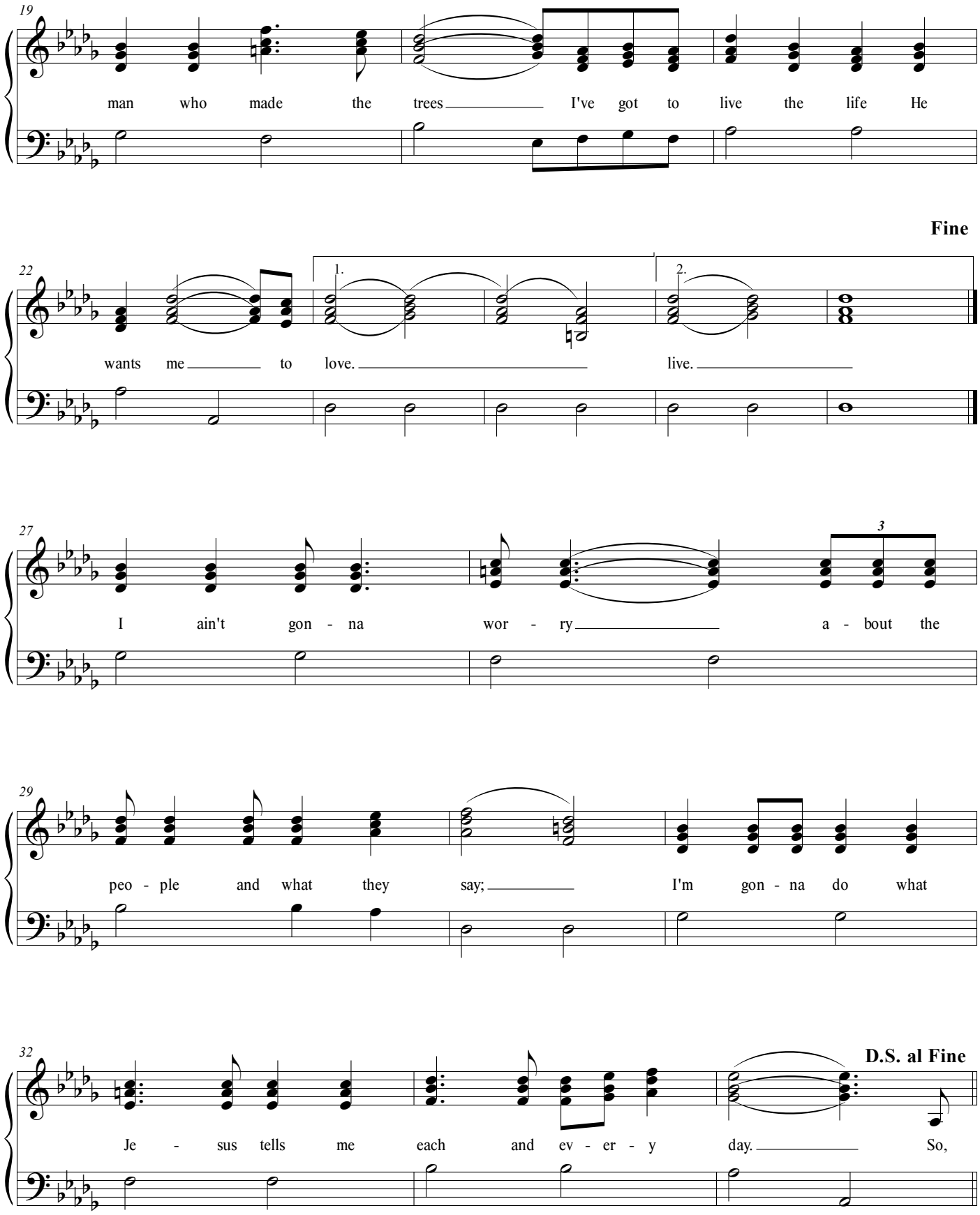
19
man who made the trees I've got to live the life He
Fine
22
1.
2.
wants me to love. live.
27
3
I ain't gon - na wor - ry a - bout the
29
peo - ple and what they say; I'm gon - na do what
32
D.S. al Fine
Je - sus tells me each and ev - er - y day. So,

What Shall I Render

Based on Psalm 116:12

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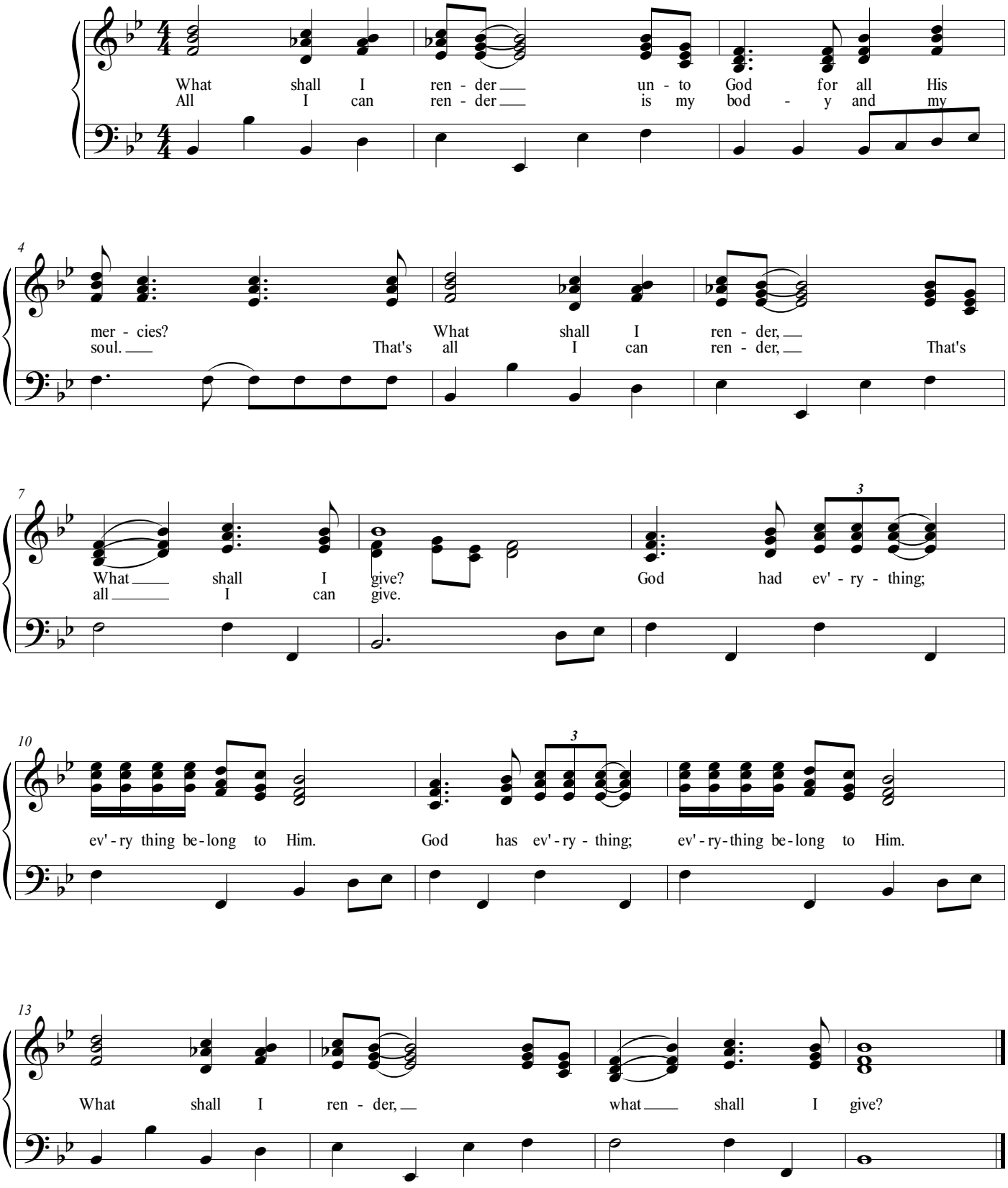
Hymn



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Twice, New Testament Scripture references types of songs we (the Body of Christ) are to sing. Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are the three. They are for the purpose of encouraging, exhorting, and instructing. These words do not pertain to specific styles of music as we understand today. Rather, they speak of lyrical content and intention.

The compositions of Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux follow this injunction perfectly. As an instrument of God, she has adorned our fellowships with sounds of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Flawlessly, Dr. Douroux has crafted works that preserve a historical sound, while also presenting a fresh new auditory imprint. It would be correct to say that her catalogue consists of both praise and worship and gospel music.

Dr. Margaret Douroux has influenced many young writers. Her music has blessed and inspired millions. This present collection is proof of such. The music will continue. It will be preserved in the hearts of those who know her and love sacred music. Whether on the stages of great venues or in the sanctuaries of churches around the world, her music will be performed, ministered, arranged, and rendered for epochs, surpassing her physical presence.

I am honored to call her friend; to have worked with her; to have traveled with her; to have learned from her. Writing this forward has been nothing less than a reverent honor.

It is my prayer that this work will be appreciated and celebrated by all who have heard and loved her musical offerings. I also pray that distant generations will value this treasure, keeping it foundational as they pursue their own service, creating new sounds for their time.

Rev. Calvin Bernard Rhone
Pastor, Hope of Glory Christian Center of Los Angeles
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I'm Glad

Based on Genesis 1:27

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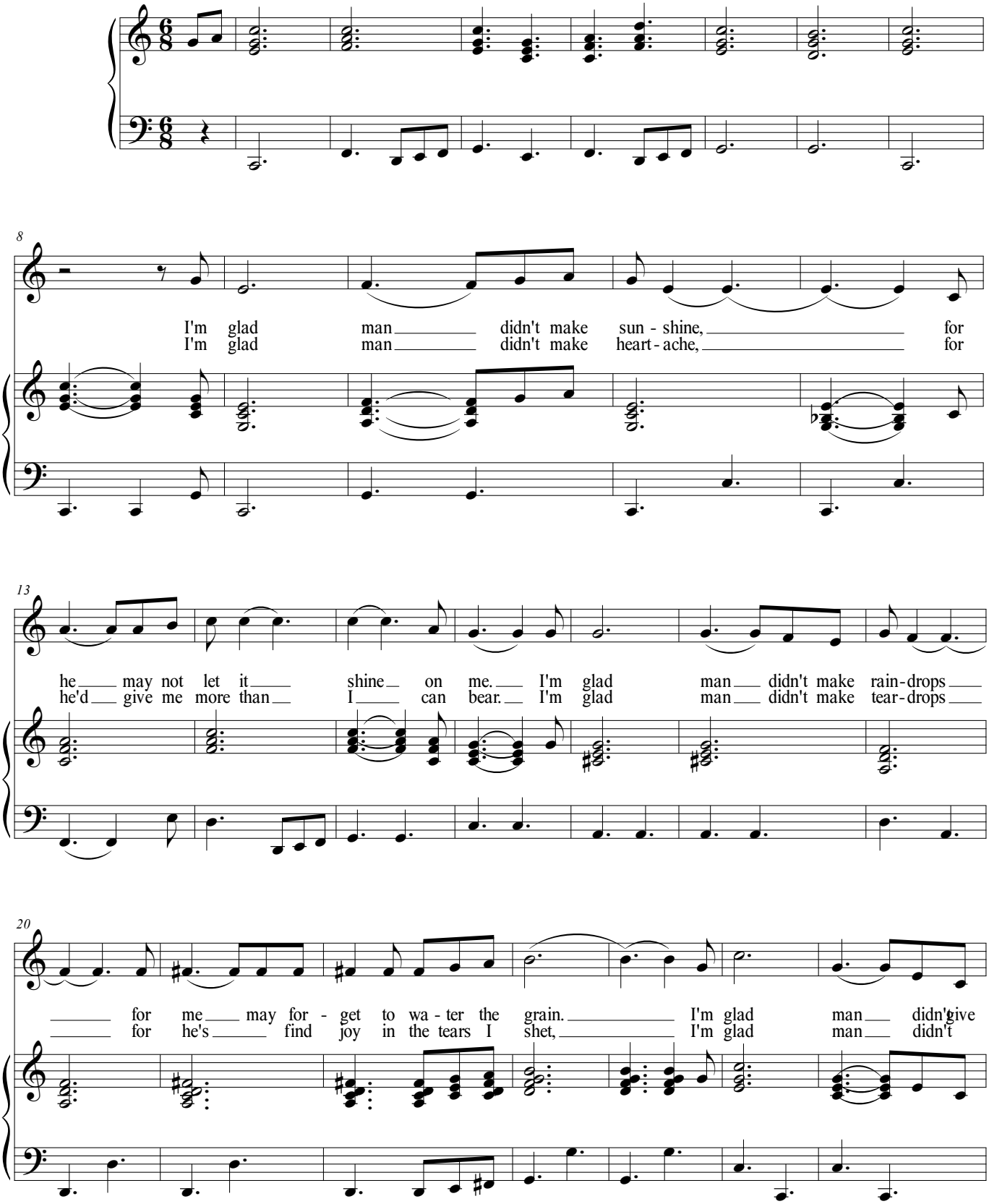
Moderate Tempo



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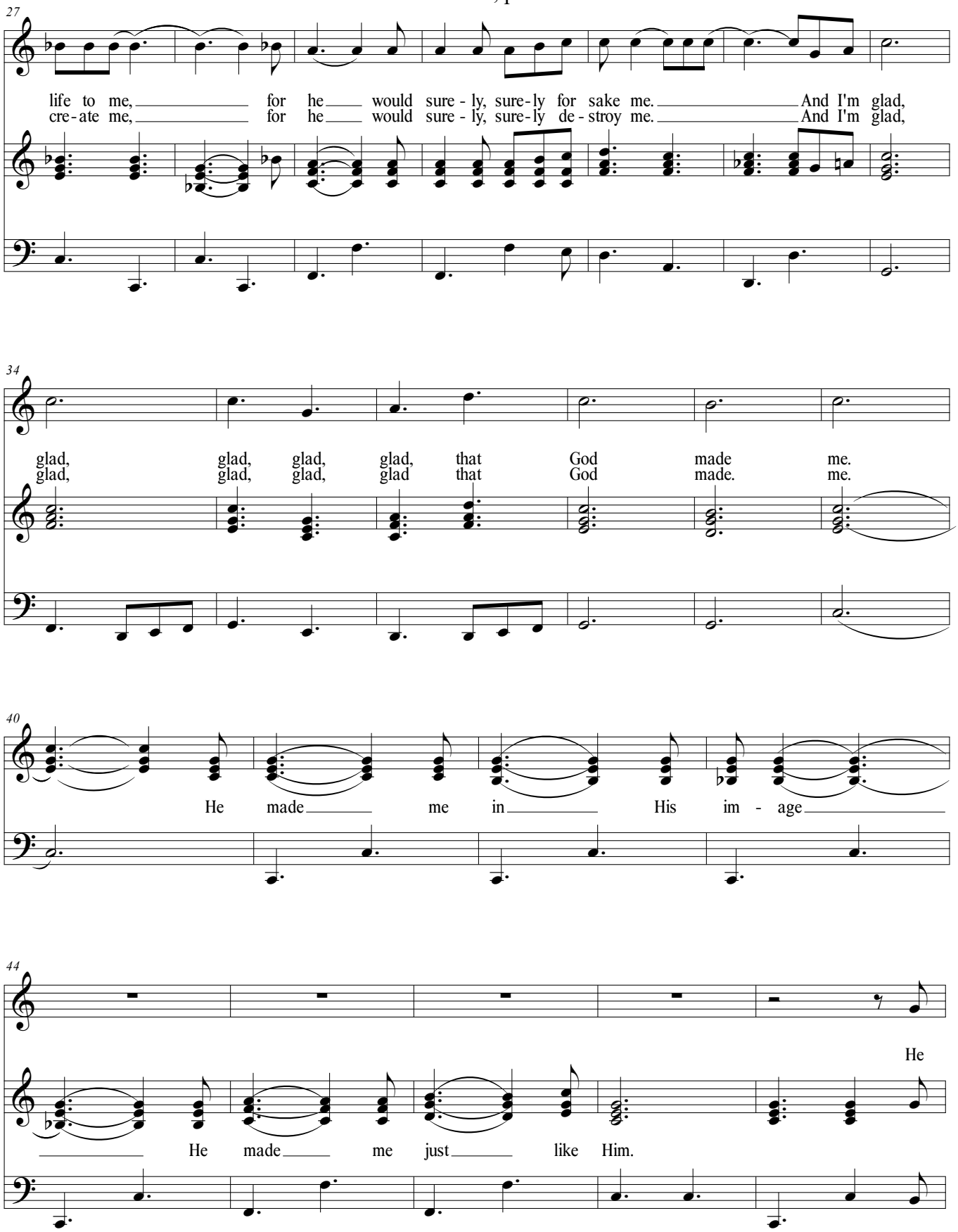
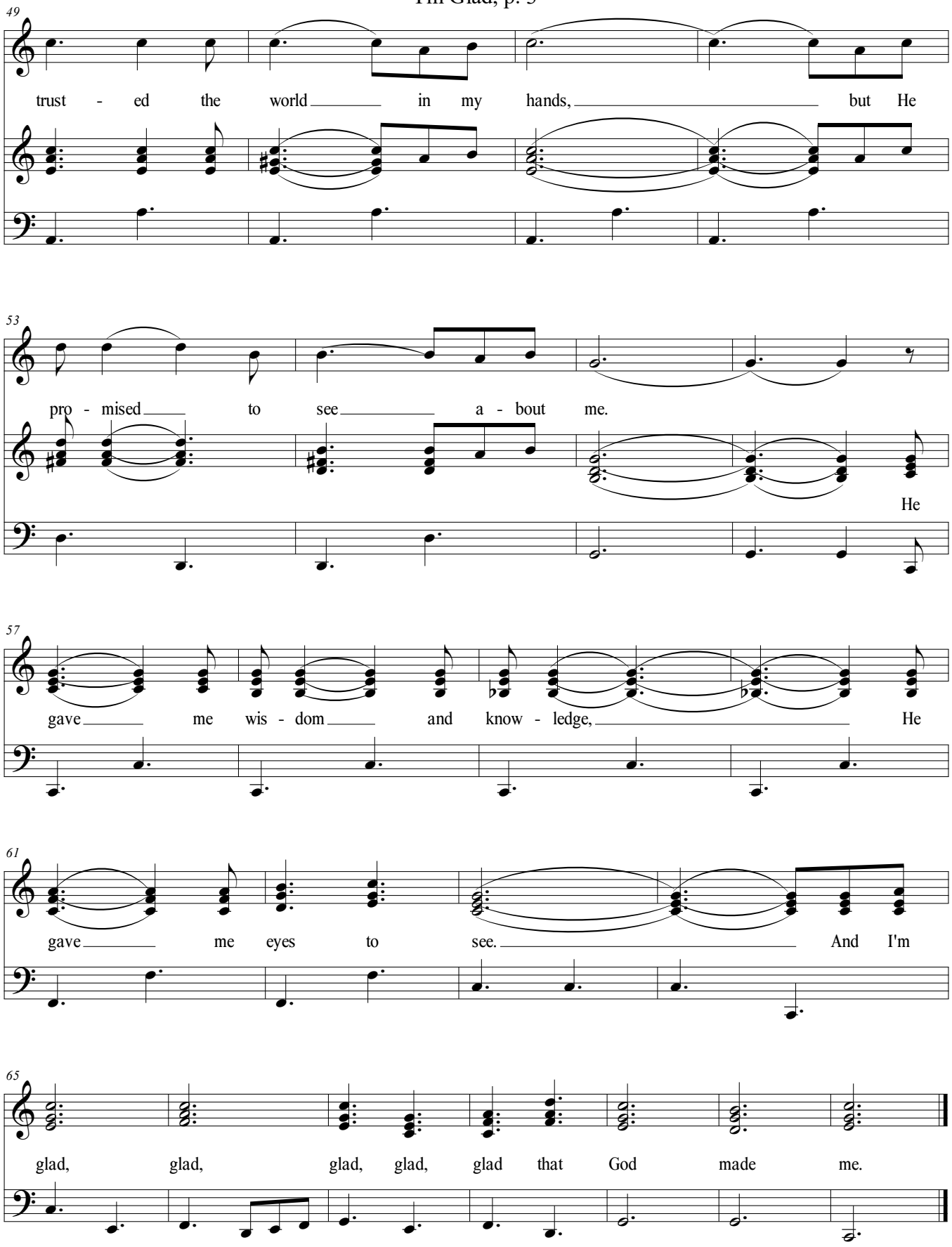

27
life to me, for he would sure - ly, sure - ly for sake me. And I'm glad,
cre - ate me, for he would sure - ly, sure - ly de - stroy me. And I'm glad,
34
glad, glad, glad, glad, that God made me.
glad, glad, glad, glad that God made. me.
40
He made me in His im - age
44
He
He made me just like Him.


49
trust - ed the world in my hands, but He
53
pro - mised to see a - bout me.
He
57
gave me wis - dom and know - ledge, He
61
gave me eyes to see. And I'm
65
glad, glad, glad, glad, glad that God made me.

Jesus Gave Me A Light

Based on Matthew 5:14-16

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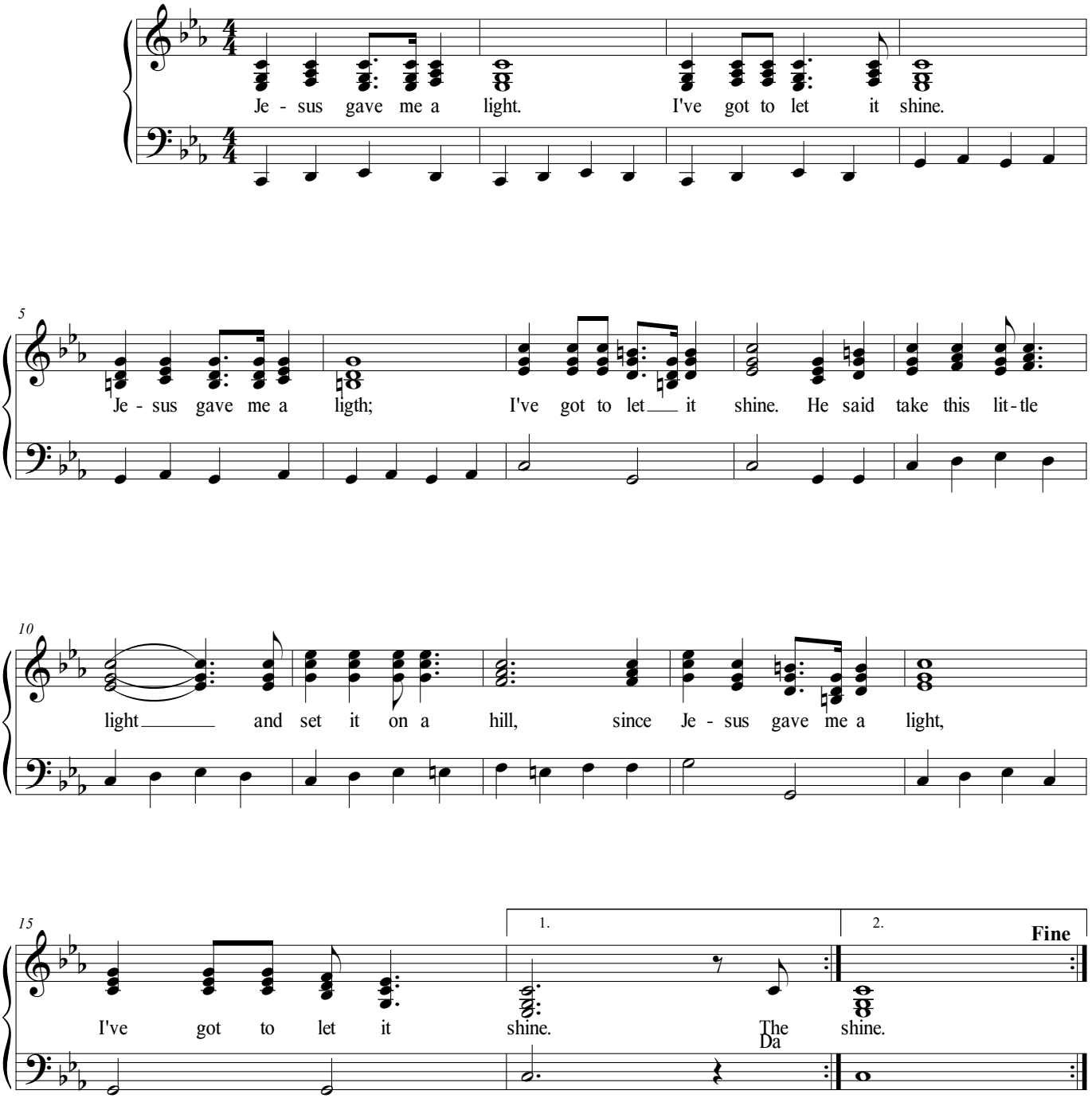

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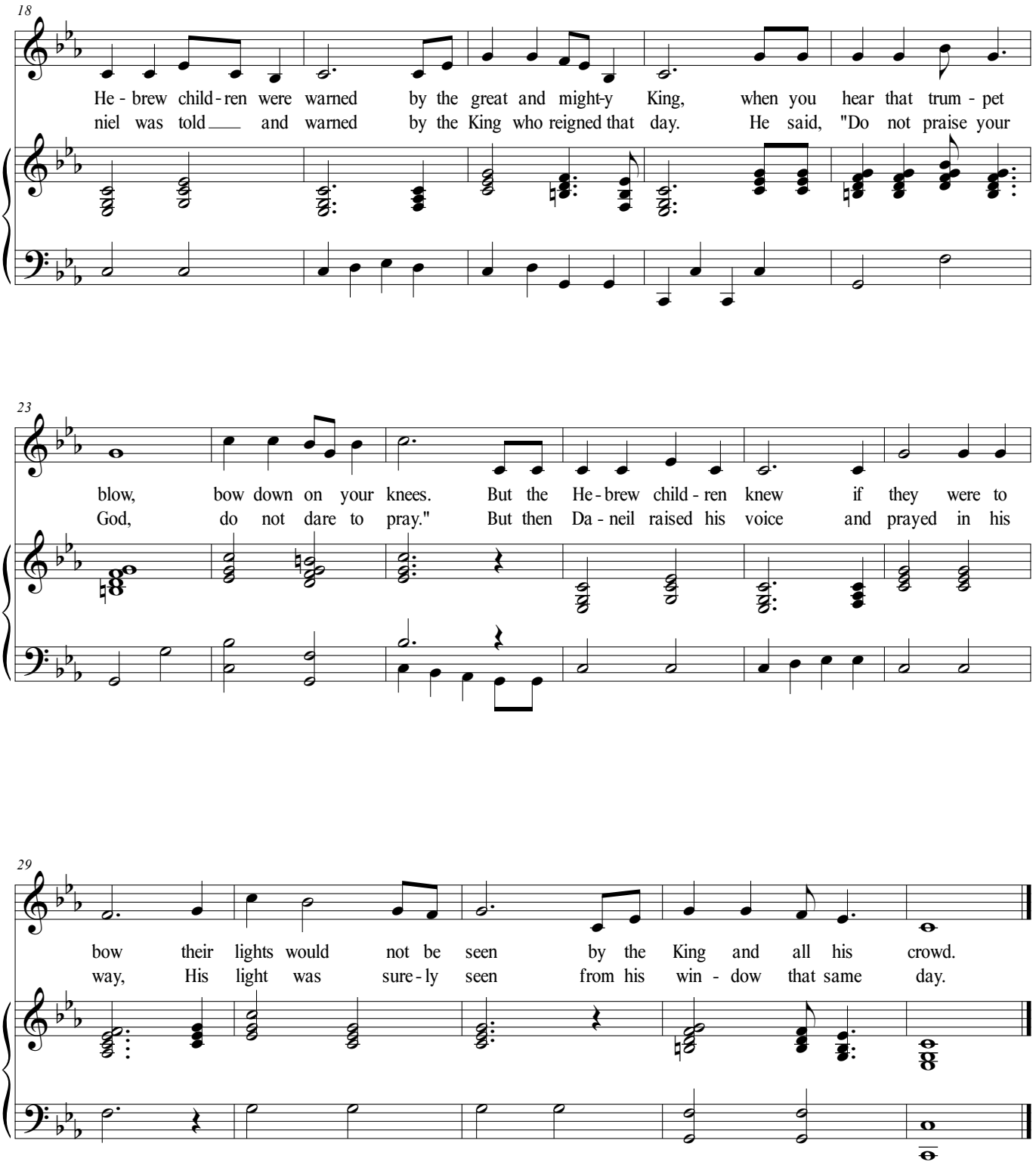
18
He - brew child - ren were warned by the great and might-y King, when you hear that trum - pet
niel was told and warned by the King who reigned that day. He said, "Do not praise your
23
blow, bow down on your knees. But the He - brew child - ren knew if they were to
God, do not dare to pray." But then Da - neil raised his voice and prayed in his
29
bow their lights would not be seen by the King and all his crowd.
way, His light was sure - ly seen from his win - dow that same day.

Like A Tree

Based on Psalm 1

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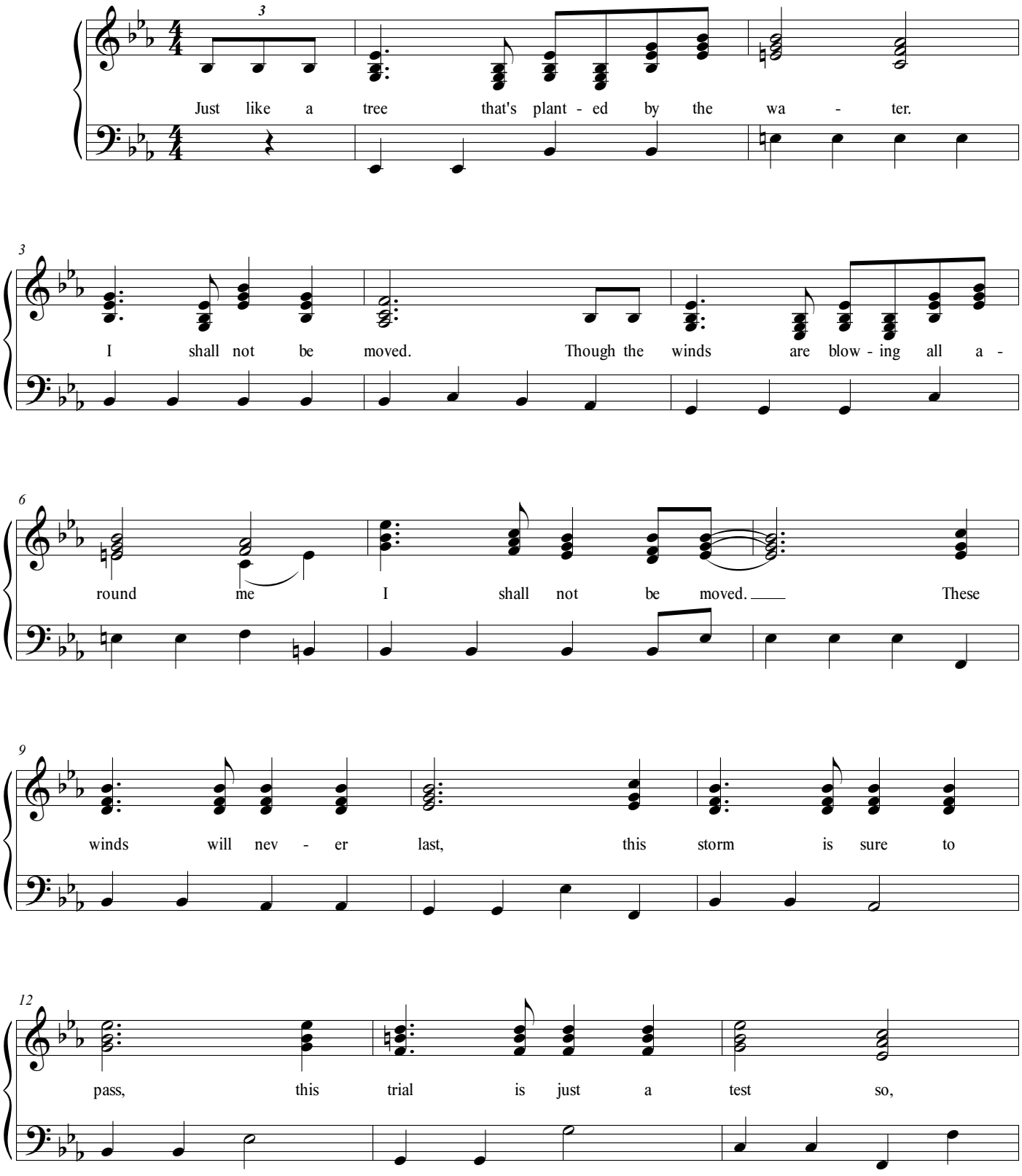
Hard Gospel Feel



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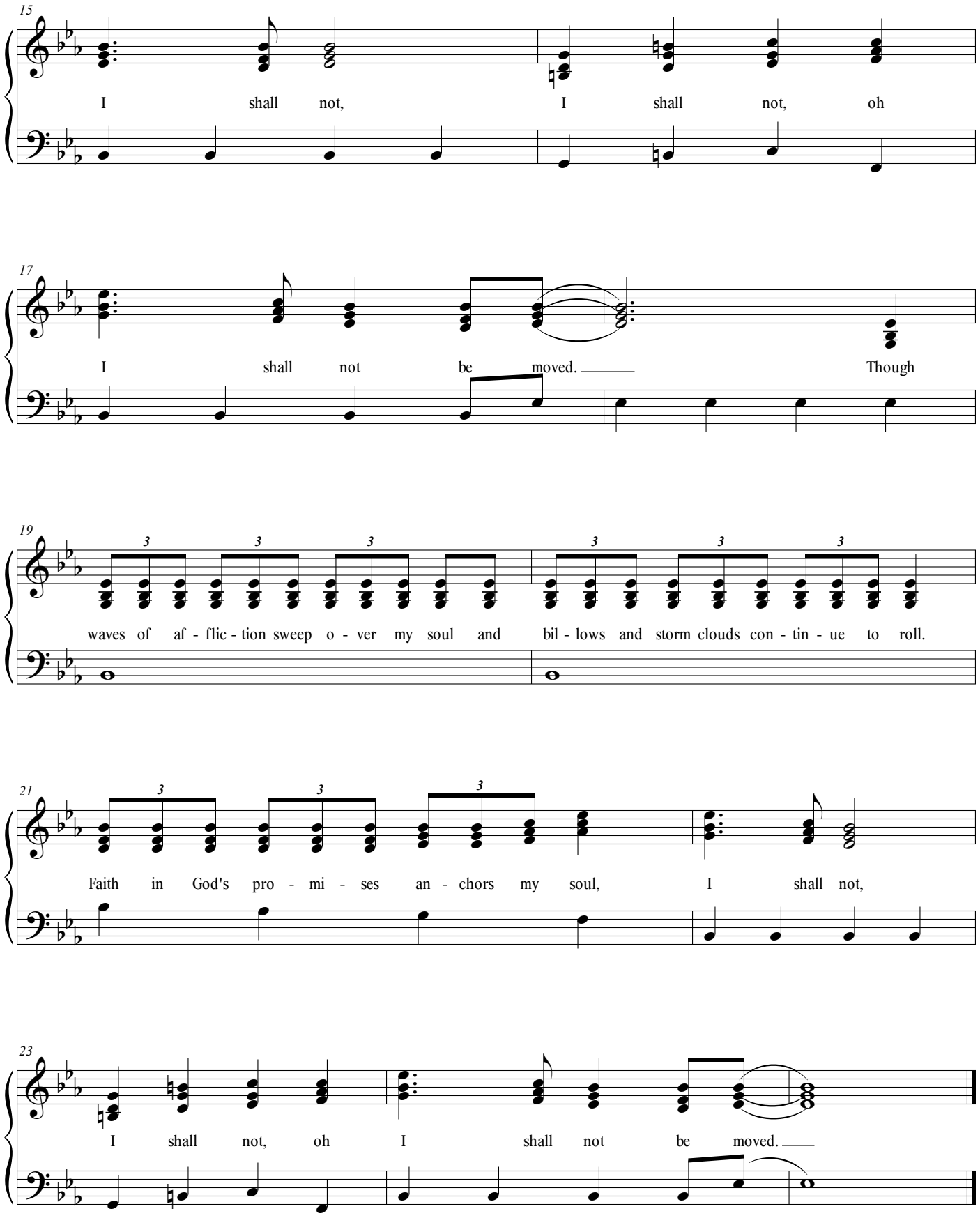
15
I shall not, I shall not, oh
17
I shall not be moved. Though
19
waves of af - flic - tion sweep o - ver my soul and bil - lows and storm clouds con - tin - ue to roll.
21
Faith in God's pro - mi - ses an - chors my soul, I shall not,
23
I shall not, oh I shall not be moved.

The Lord Is Speaking

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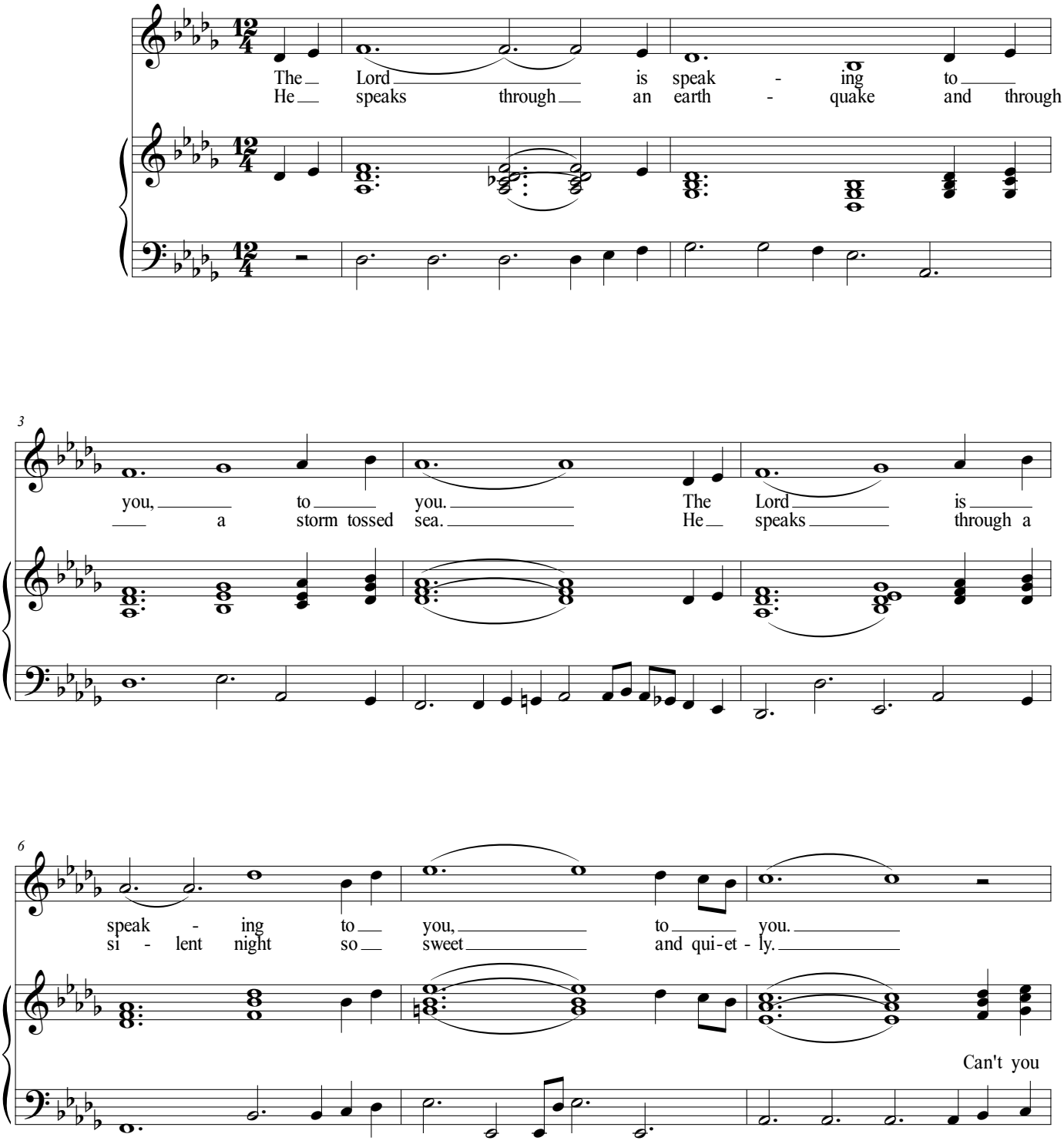
Very Deliberate



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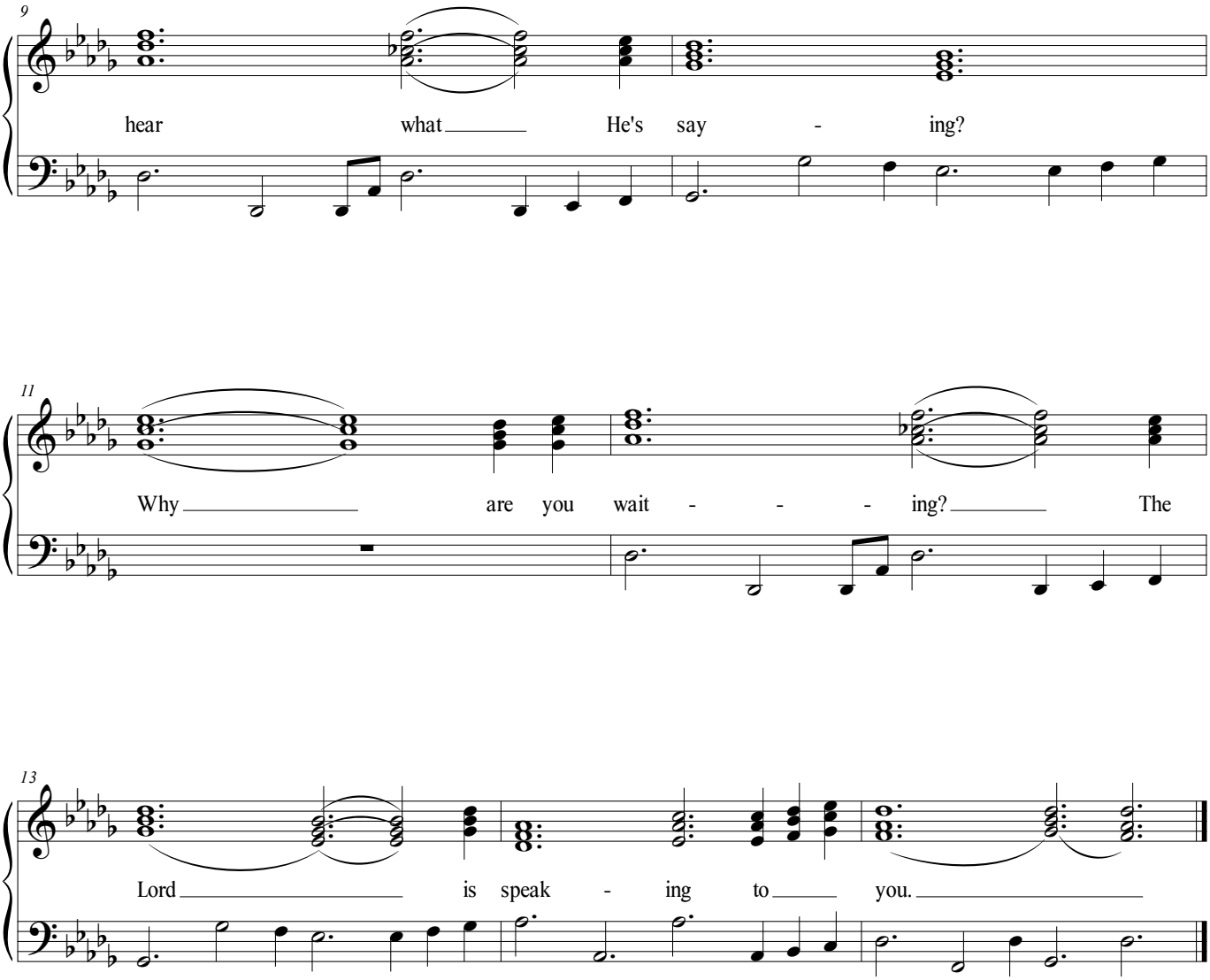
9
hear what He's say - ing?
11
Why are you wait - - - ing? The
13
Lord is speak - ing to you.

One More Day

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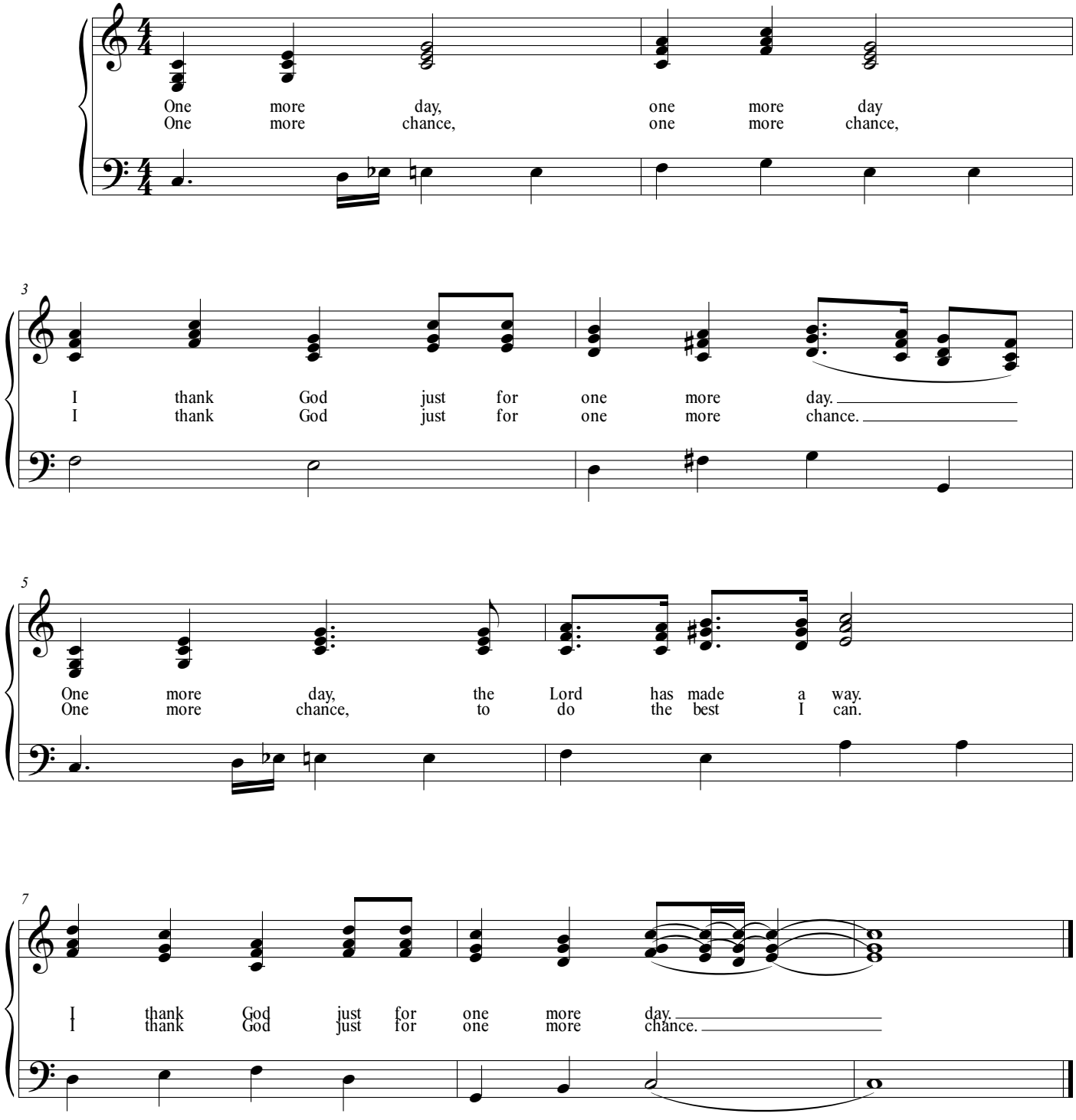

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Remember Me

Based on Luke 23:42

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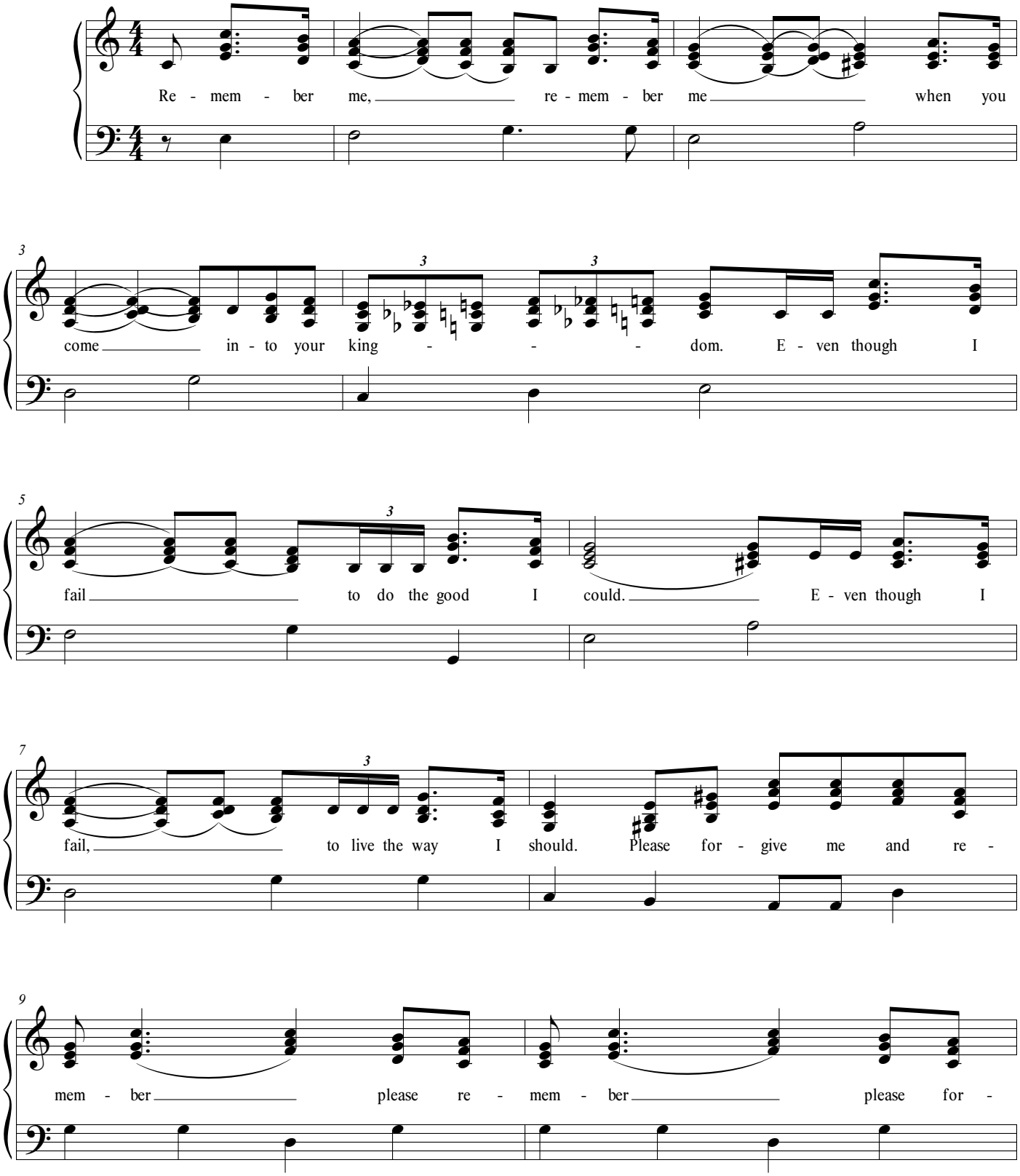

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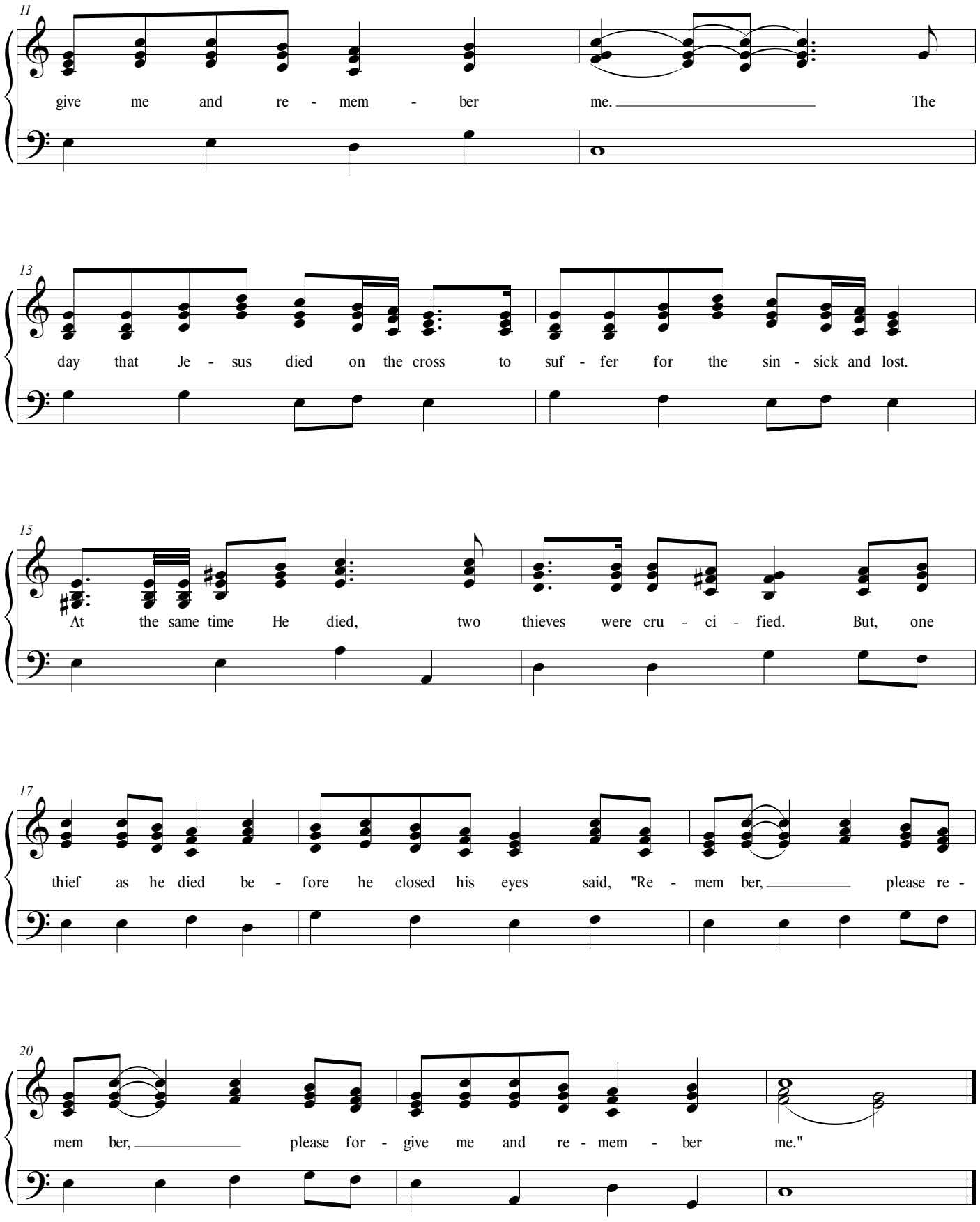
11
give me and re - mem - ber me. The
13
day that Je - sus died on the cross to suf - fer for the sin - sick and lost.
15
At the same time He died, two thieves were cru - ci - fied. But, one
17
thief as he died be - fore he closed his eyes said, "Re - mem ber, please re -
20
mem ber, please for - give me and re - mem - ber me."

The Angels Sang

Based on Matthew 2

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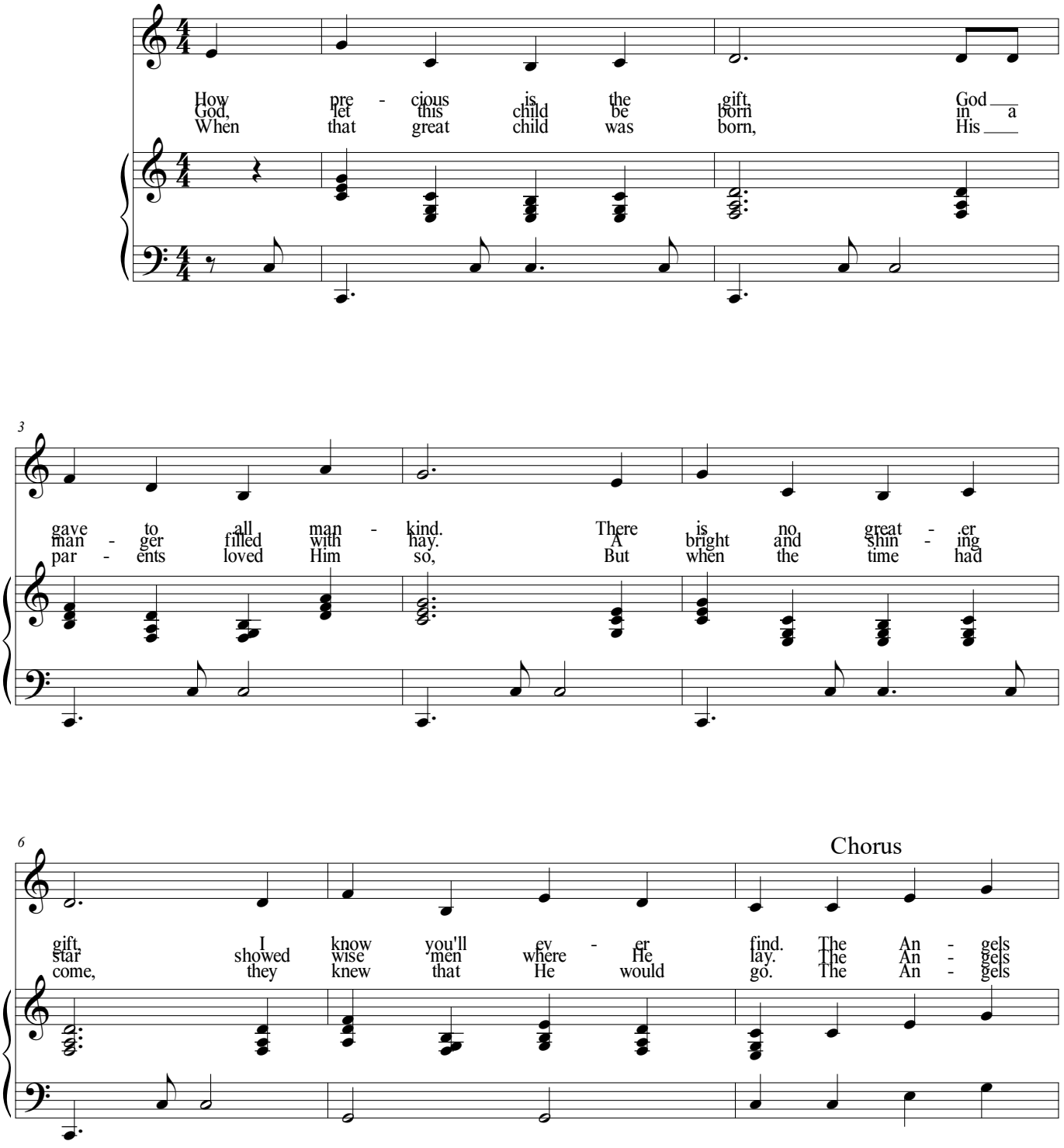
Verse: Slow and Sweetly



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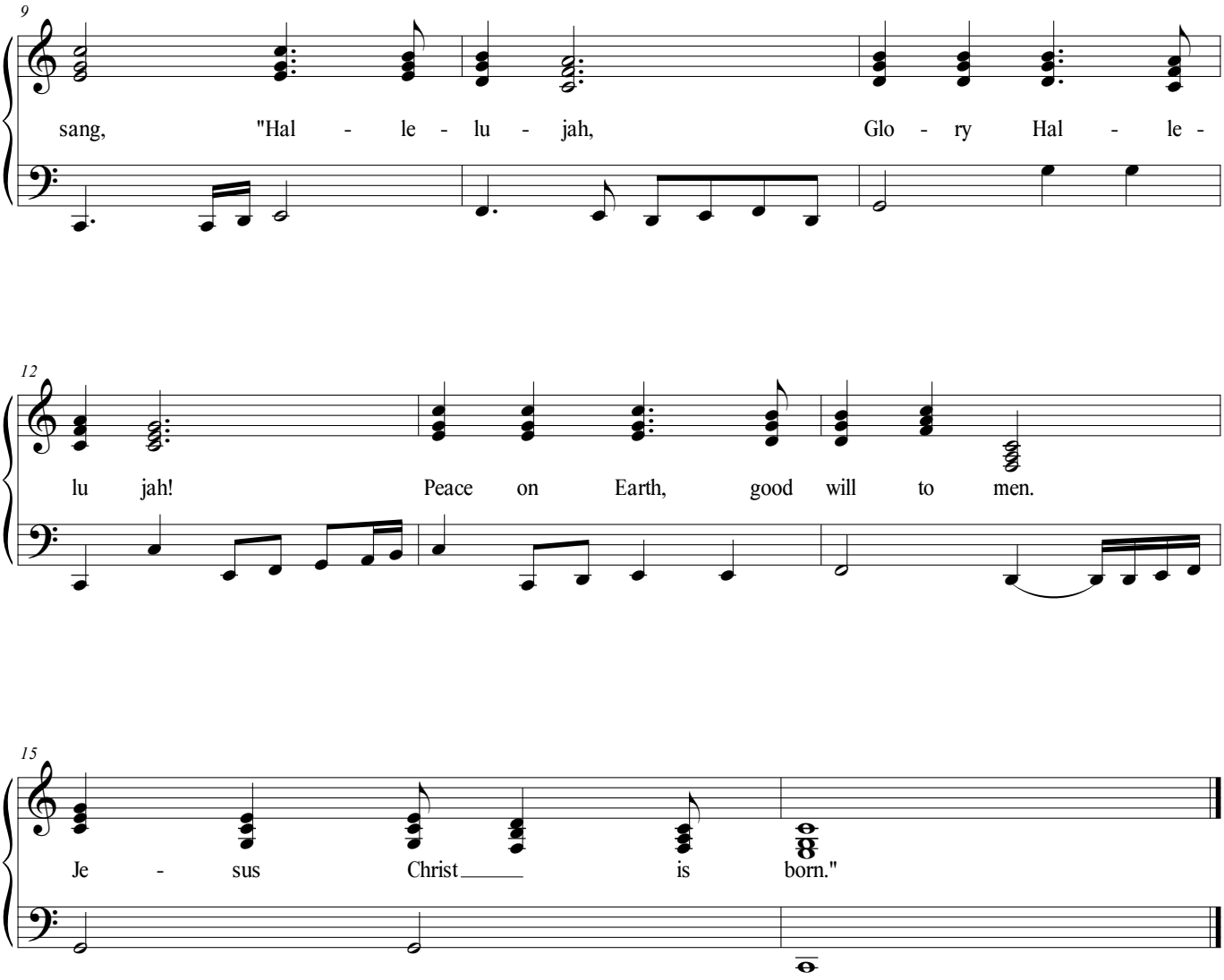
9
sang, "Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -
12
lu jah! Peace on Earth, good will to men.
15
Je - sus Christ is born."

Through A Storm

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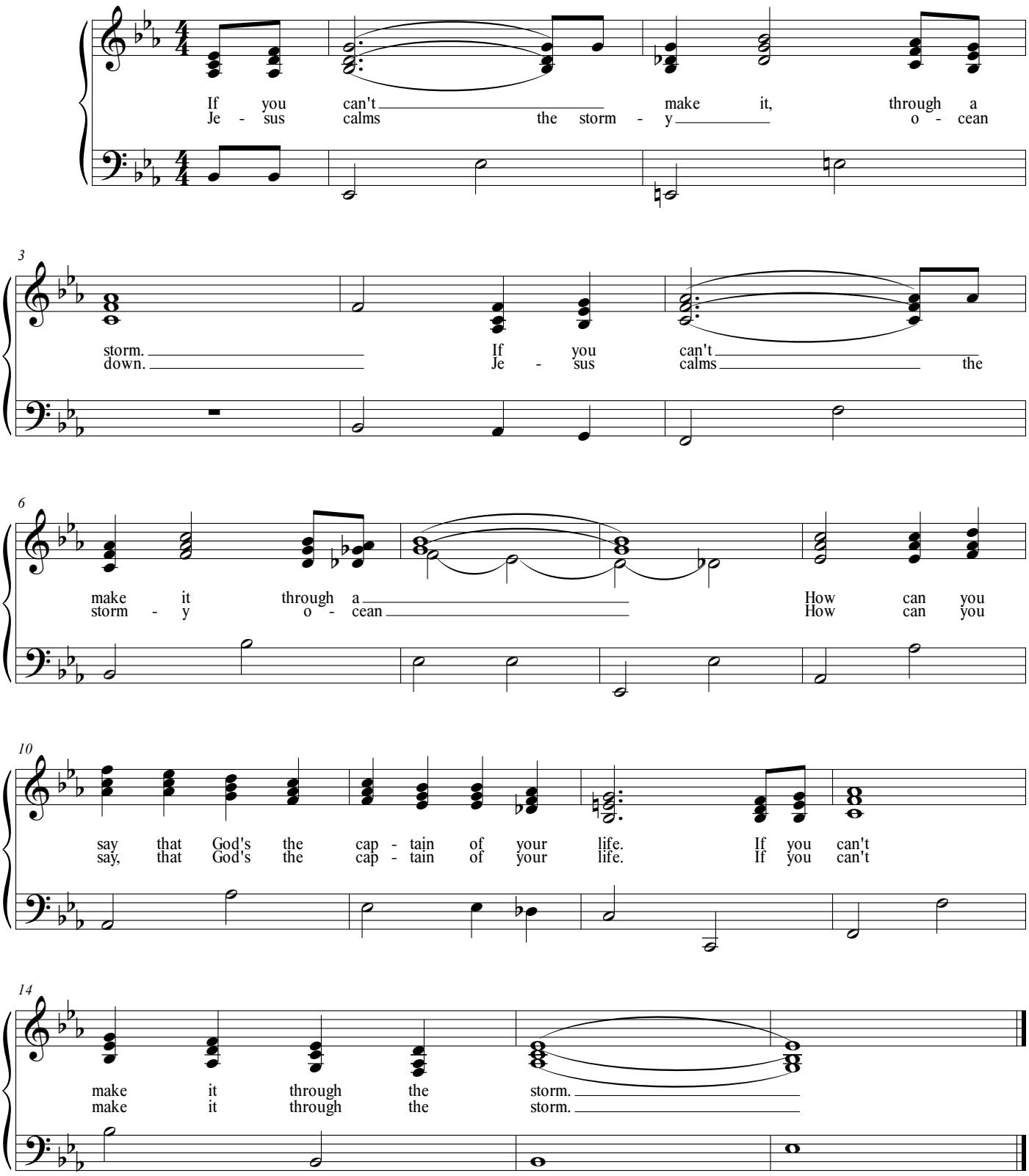

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We're Blest

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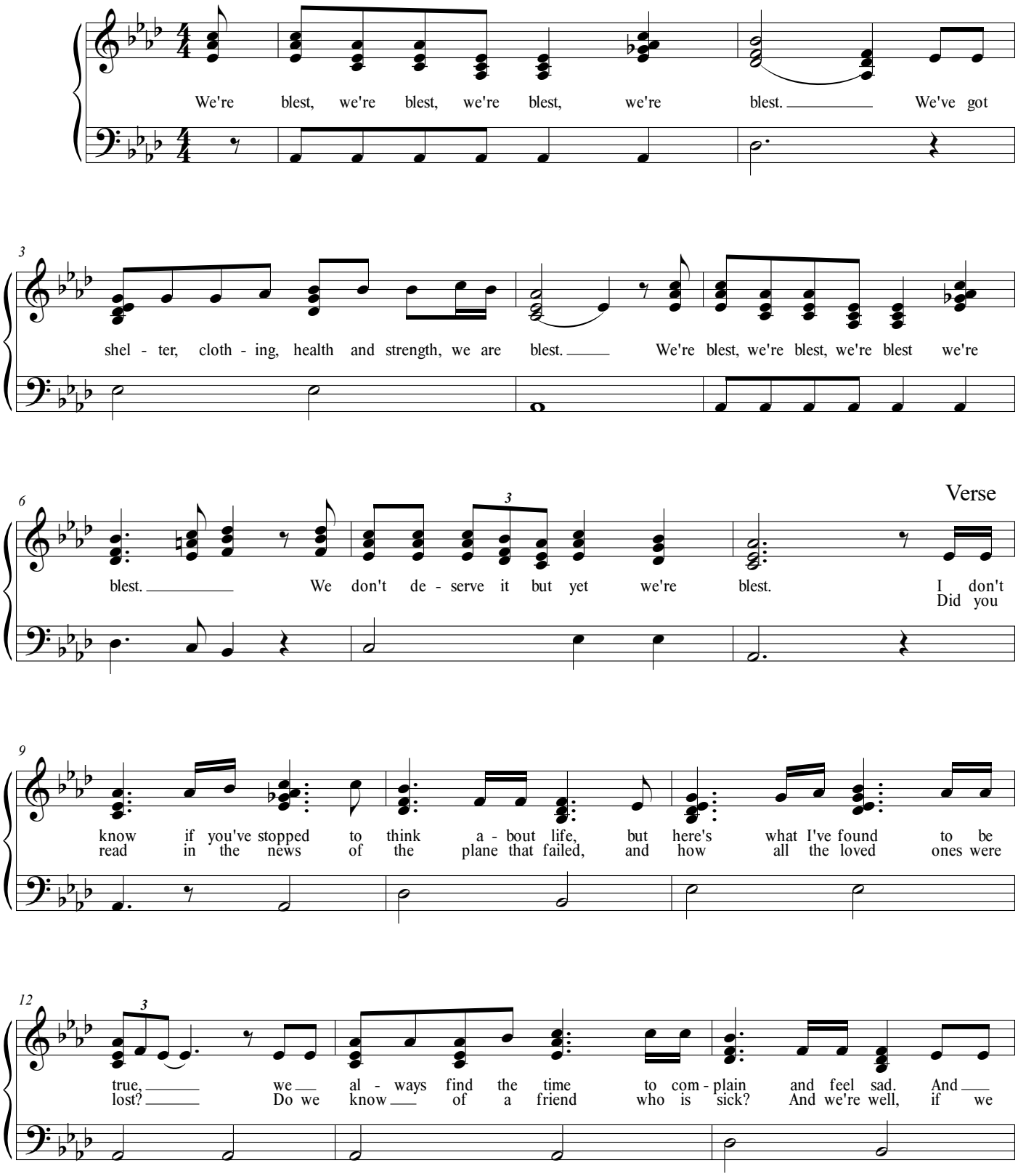

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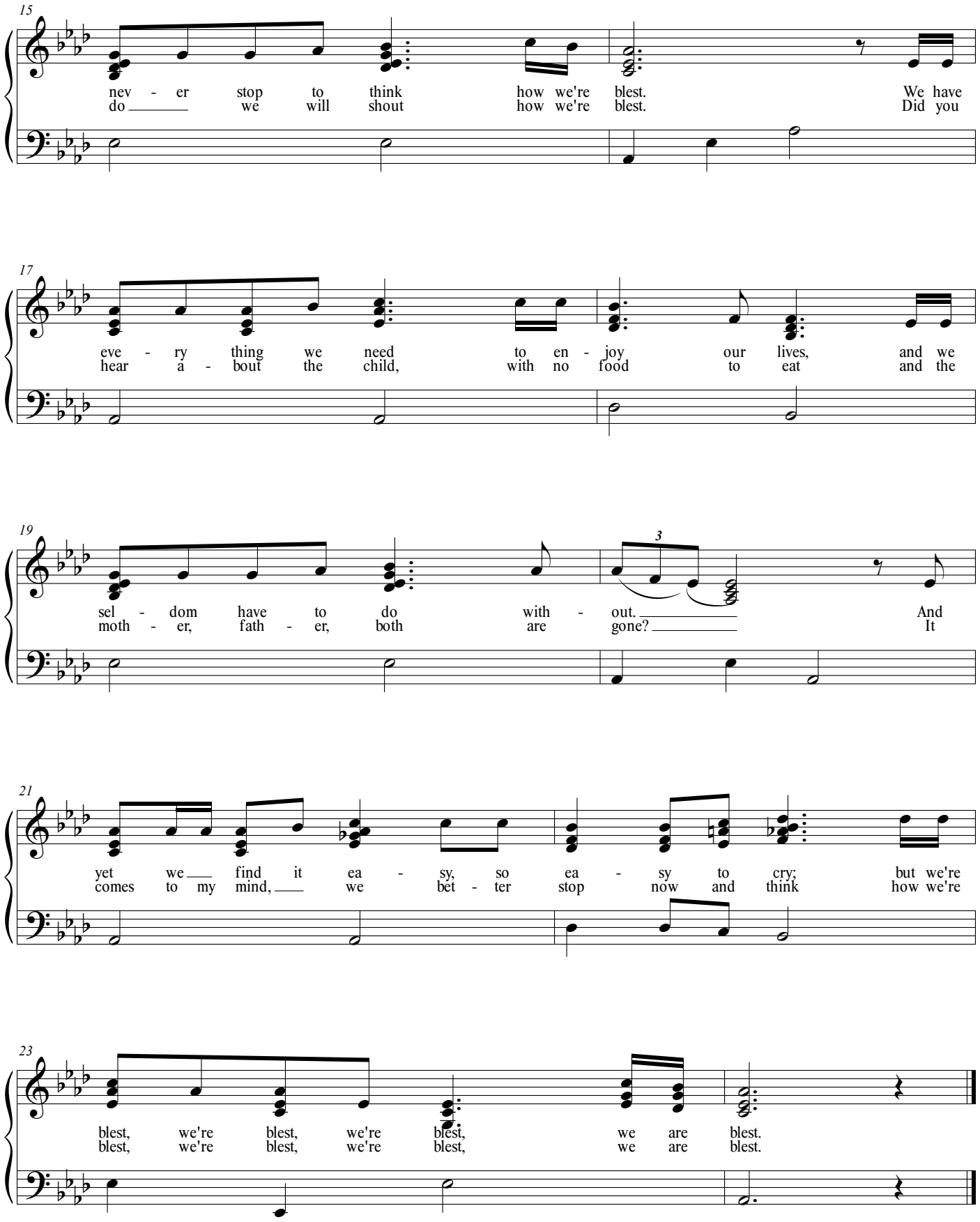
15
nev - er stop to think how we're blest. We have
do we will shout how we're blest. Did you
17
eve - ry thing we need to en - joy our lives, and we
hear a - bout the child, with no food to eat and the
19
3
sel - dom have to do with - out. And
moth - er, fath - er, both are gone? It
21
yet we find it ea - sy, so ea - sy to cry; but we're
comes to my mind, we bet - ter stop now and think how we're
23
blest, we're blest, we're blest, we are blest.
blest, we're blest, we're blest, we are blest.

"*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him*." Colossians 3:16-17 King James Version

The compositions of Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux have long served as a conduit for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Her catalogue is a testament to her spiritual relationship with Christ, and as a vehicle of evangelism--reaching the souls of men and women throughout the country and around the world. She has enthusiastically shared her capability of songwriting throughout the years, with such memorable compositions as "If God Is Dead", "High Praise", "Give Me A Clean Heart", "The Lord Strong And Mighty" (one of my personal favorites) and many others that have blessed the hearts and souls of Gospel music enthusiasts everywhere. And now, the perfect collectable of modern-day hymns compiled to bring joy to today's minstrels. These songs are guaranteed to lift spirits, to bring peace to troubled minds, and to offer praise to God. As you peruse and use these blessed compositions, allow the Spirit of the Lord to permeate your soul and saturate your spirit. Enter into His gates; make your way to His courts; and worship—be it privately or corporately- as you sing these melodies with a grateful heart and enthusiasm.

Elder A. Jeffrey LaValley
Minister of Music, Composer, Producer

Already Done

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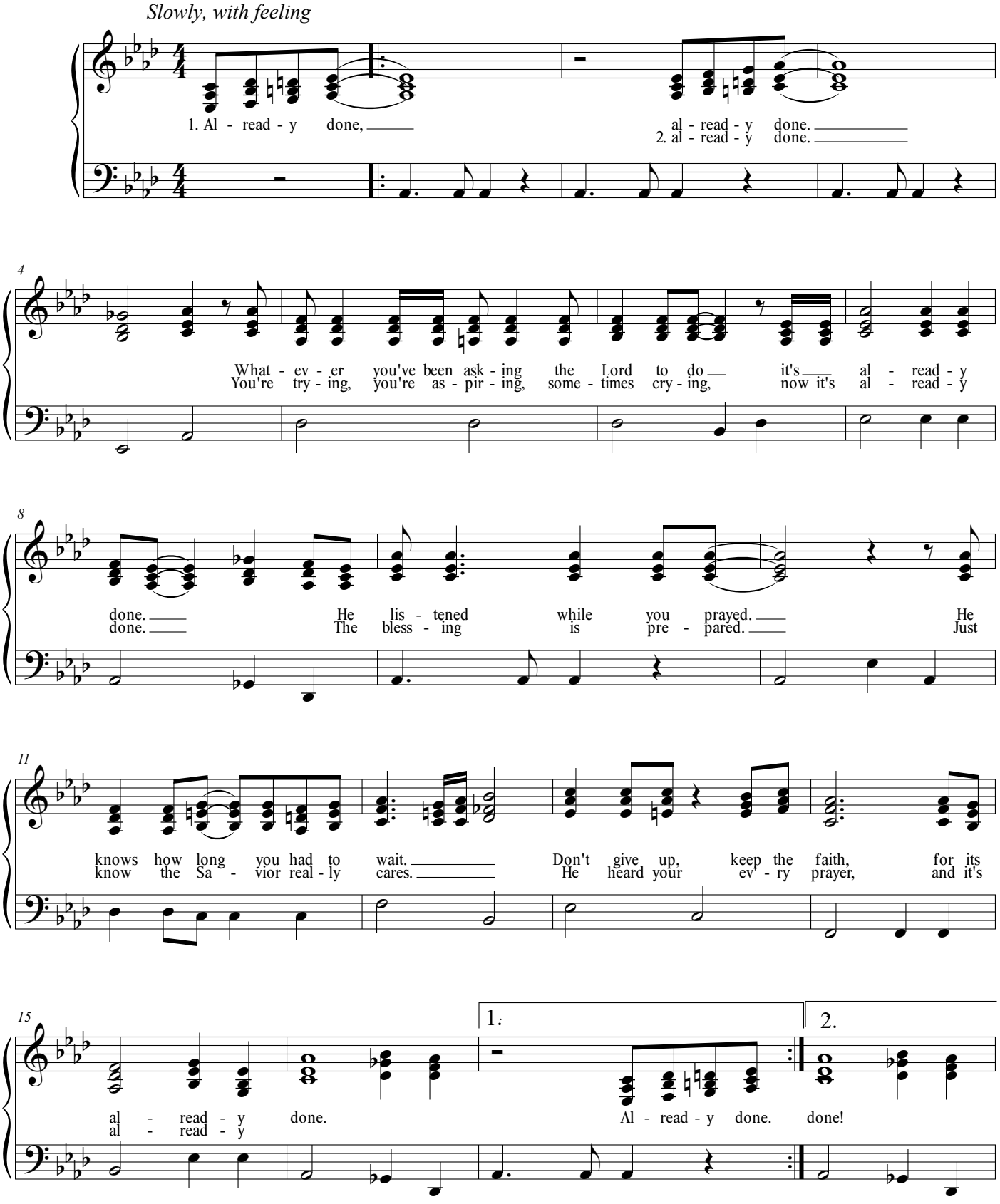
Slowly, with feeling



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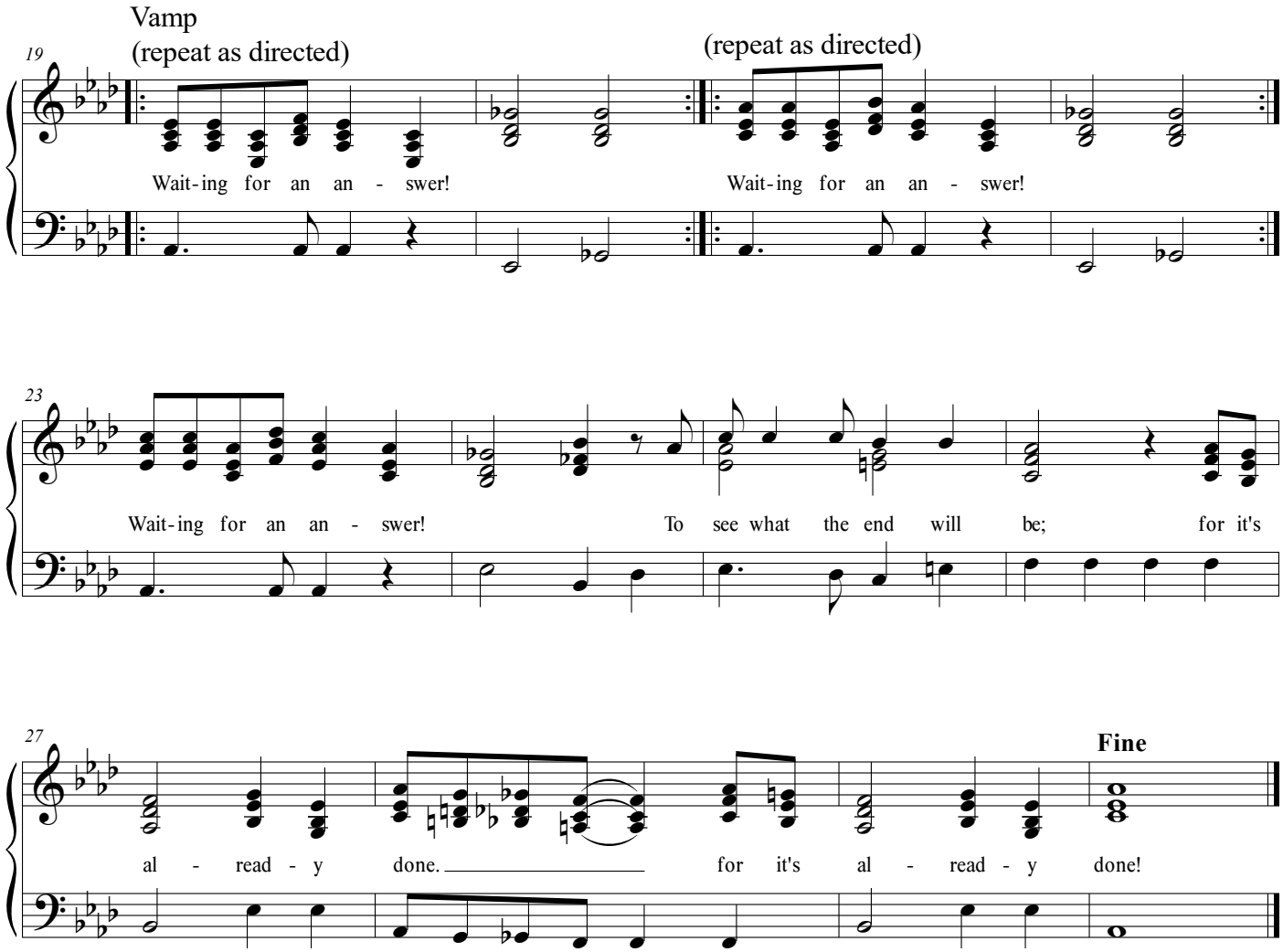
Vamp
(repeat as directed)
19
Wait-ing for an an - swer!
(repeat as directed)
Wait-ing for an an - swer!
23
Wait-ing for an an - swer! To see what the end will be; for it's
27
al - read - y done. for it's al - read - y done!
Fine

All These Blessings Are Mine

Based on Matthew 7:7

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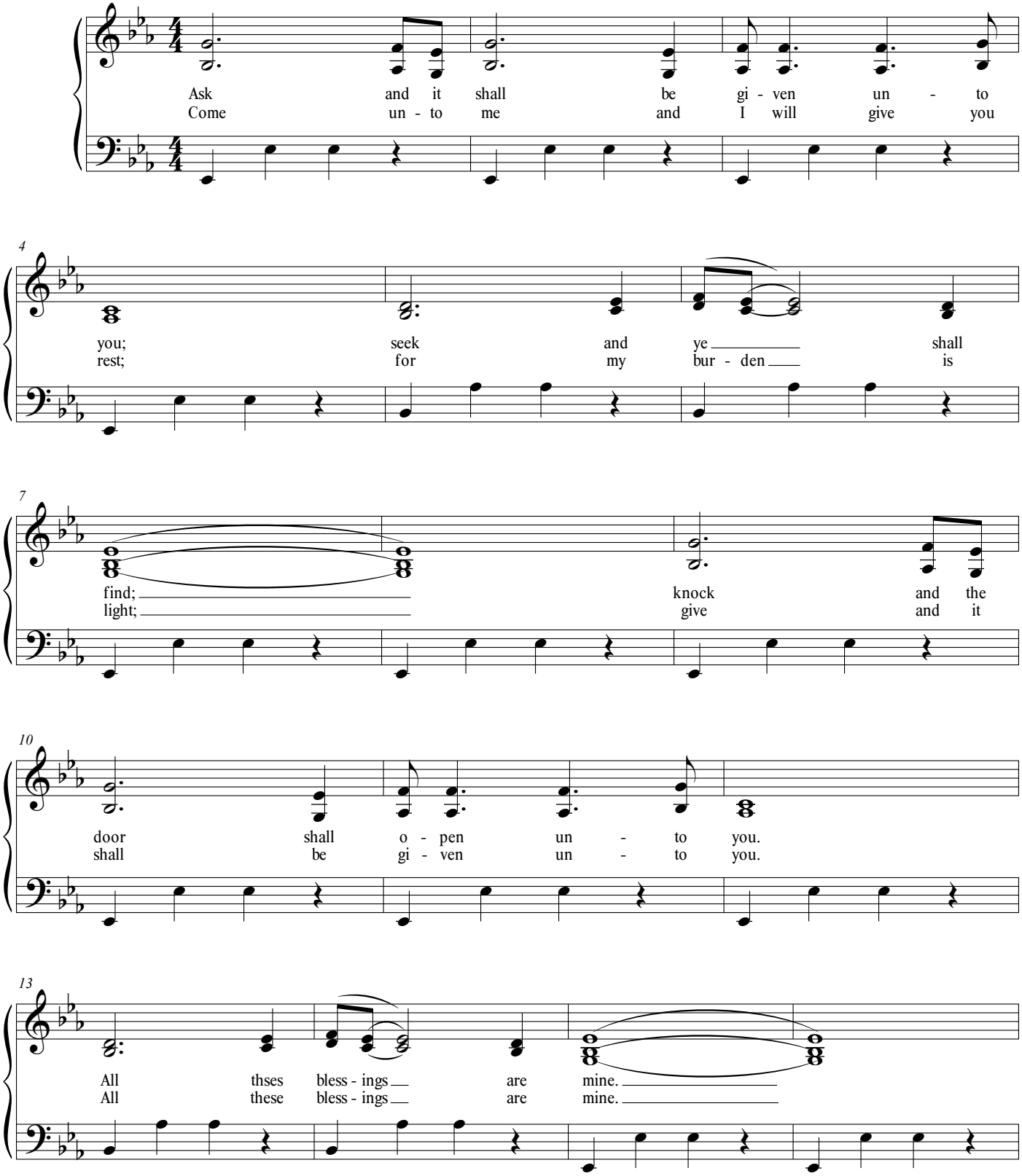

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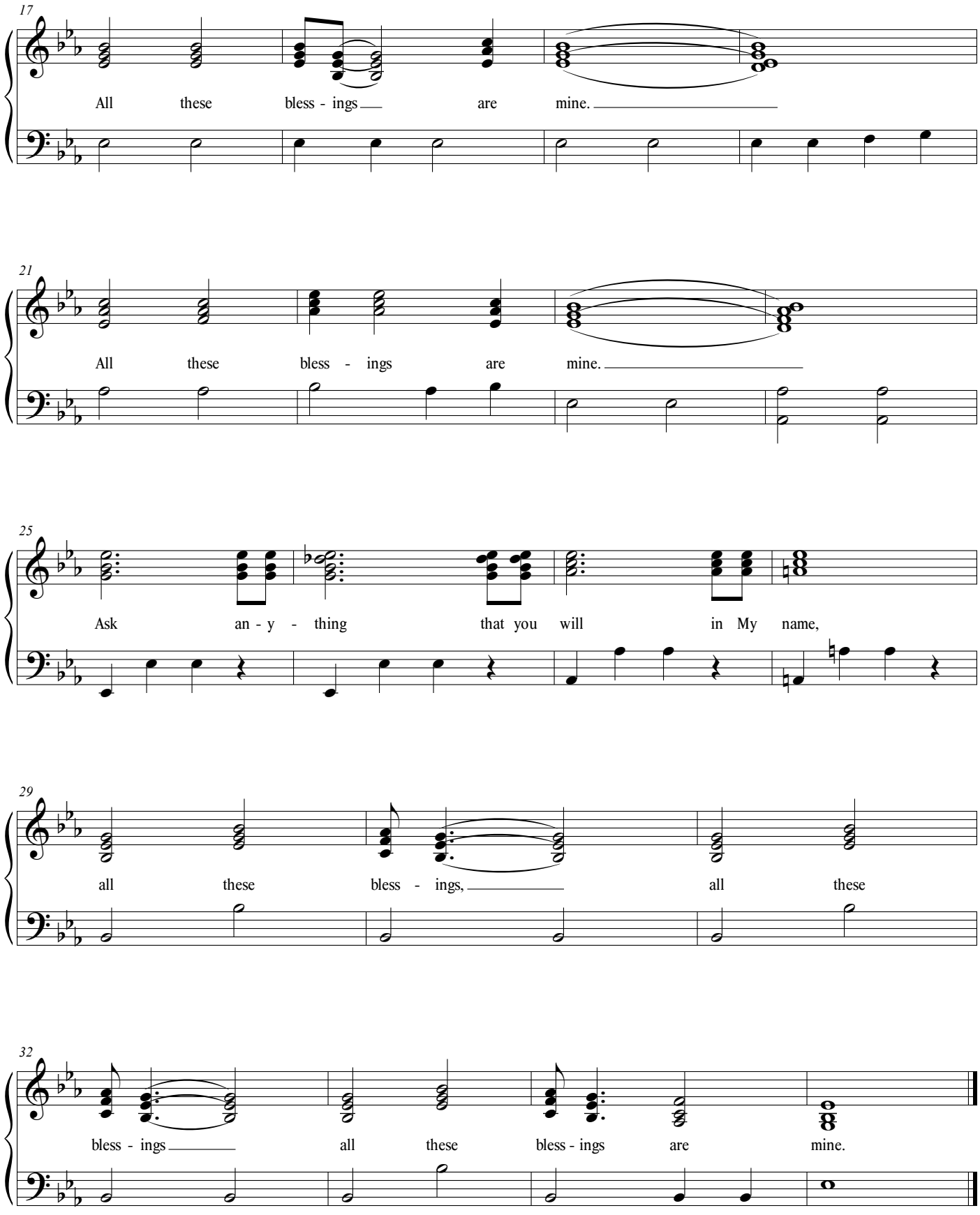
17
All these bless - ings are mine.
21
All these bless - ings are mine.
25
Ask an - y - thing that you will in My name,
29
all these bless - ings, all these
32
bless - ings all these bless - ings are mine.

If It Had Not Been For the Lord

(Dedicated to Rev. Melvin Wade and Mount Moriah Baptist Church)

Based on Psalms 124

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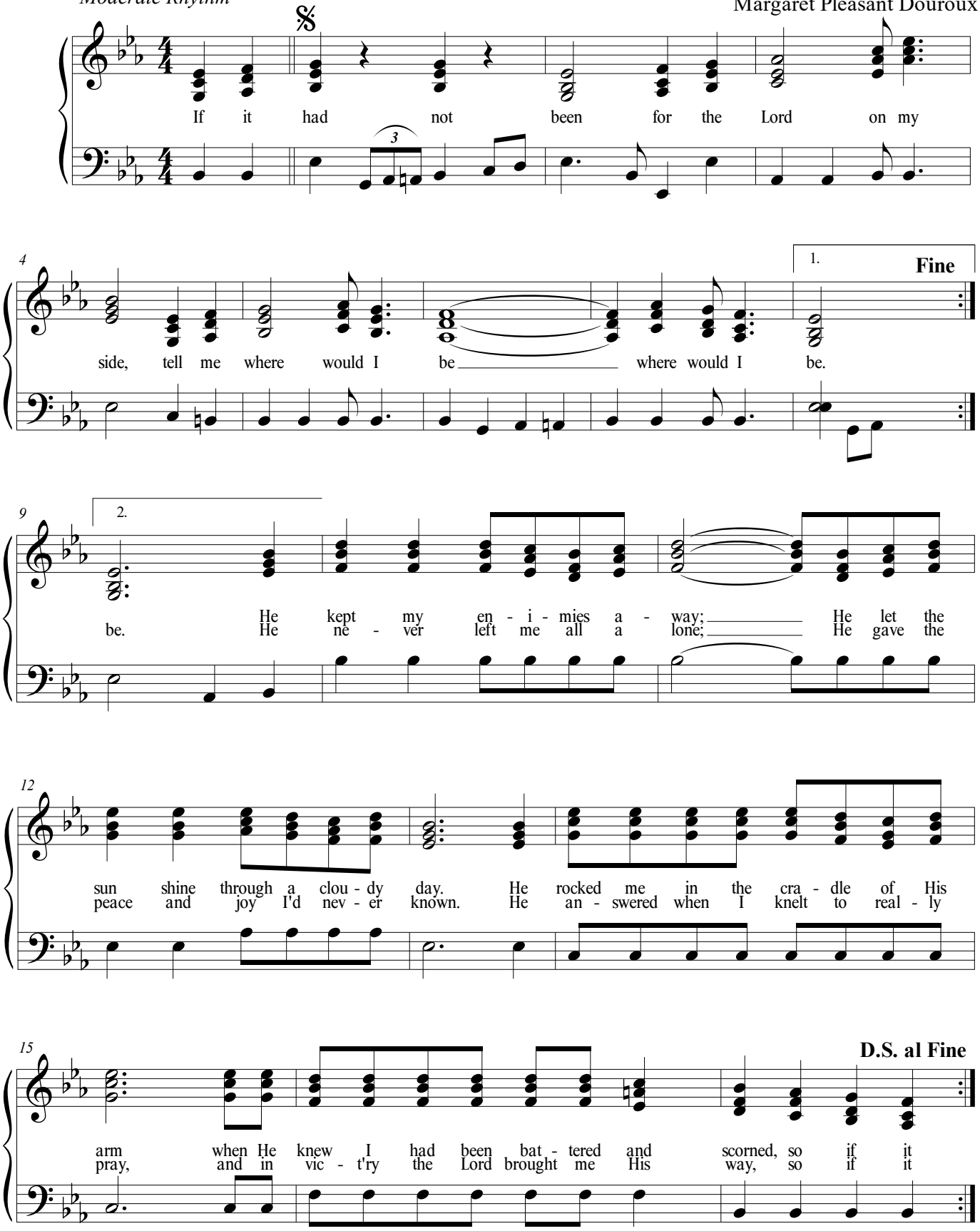
Moderate Rhythm



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He Decided To Die

Inspired from a sermon by Civil Rights Leader,
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Based on Matthew 27: 41

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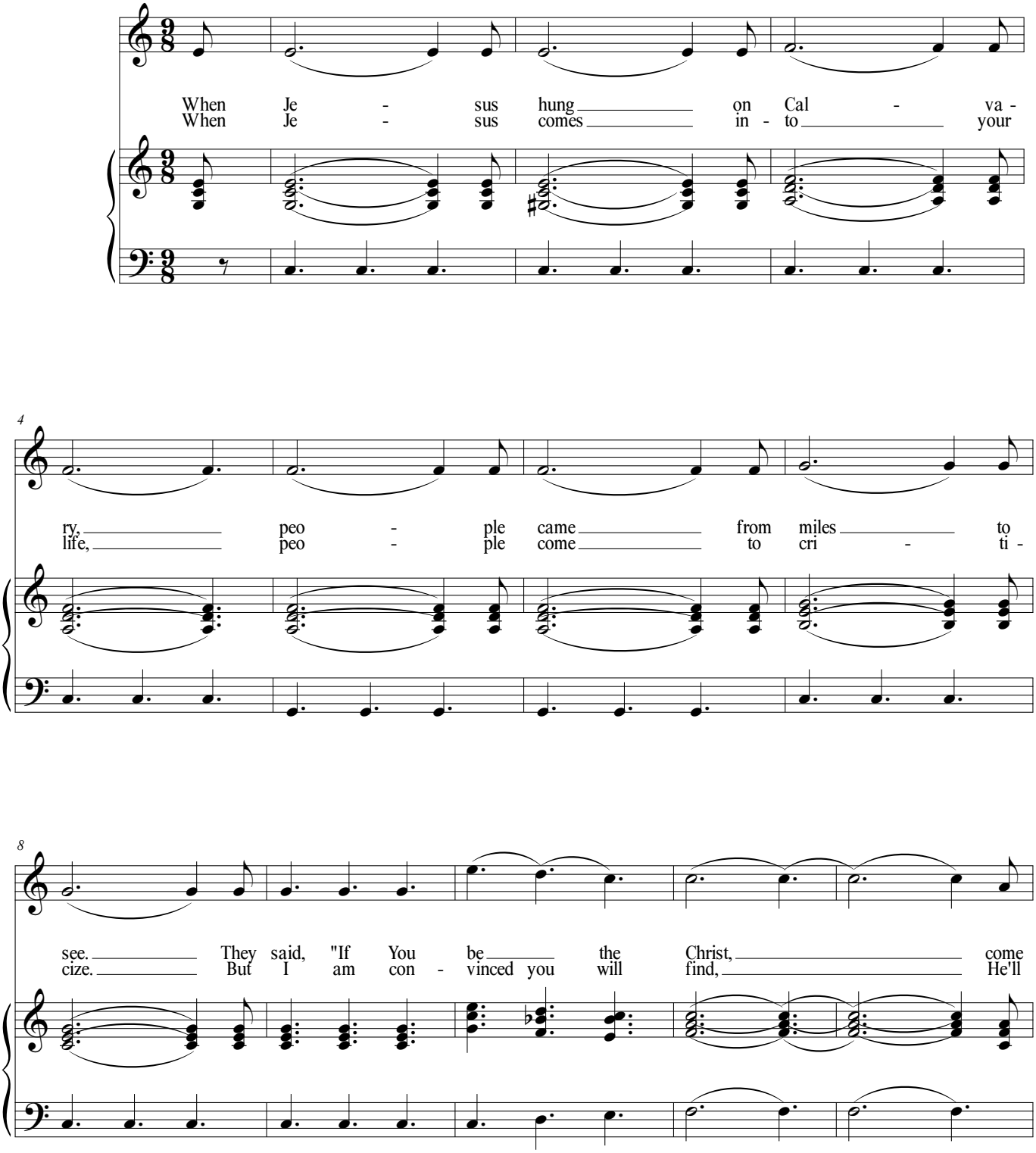
Moderate Rhythm



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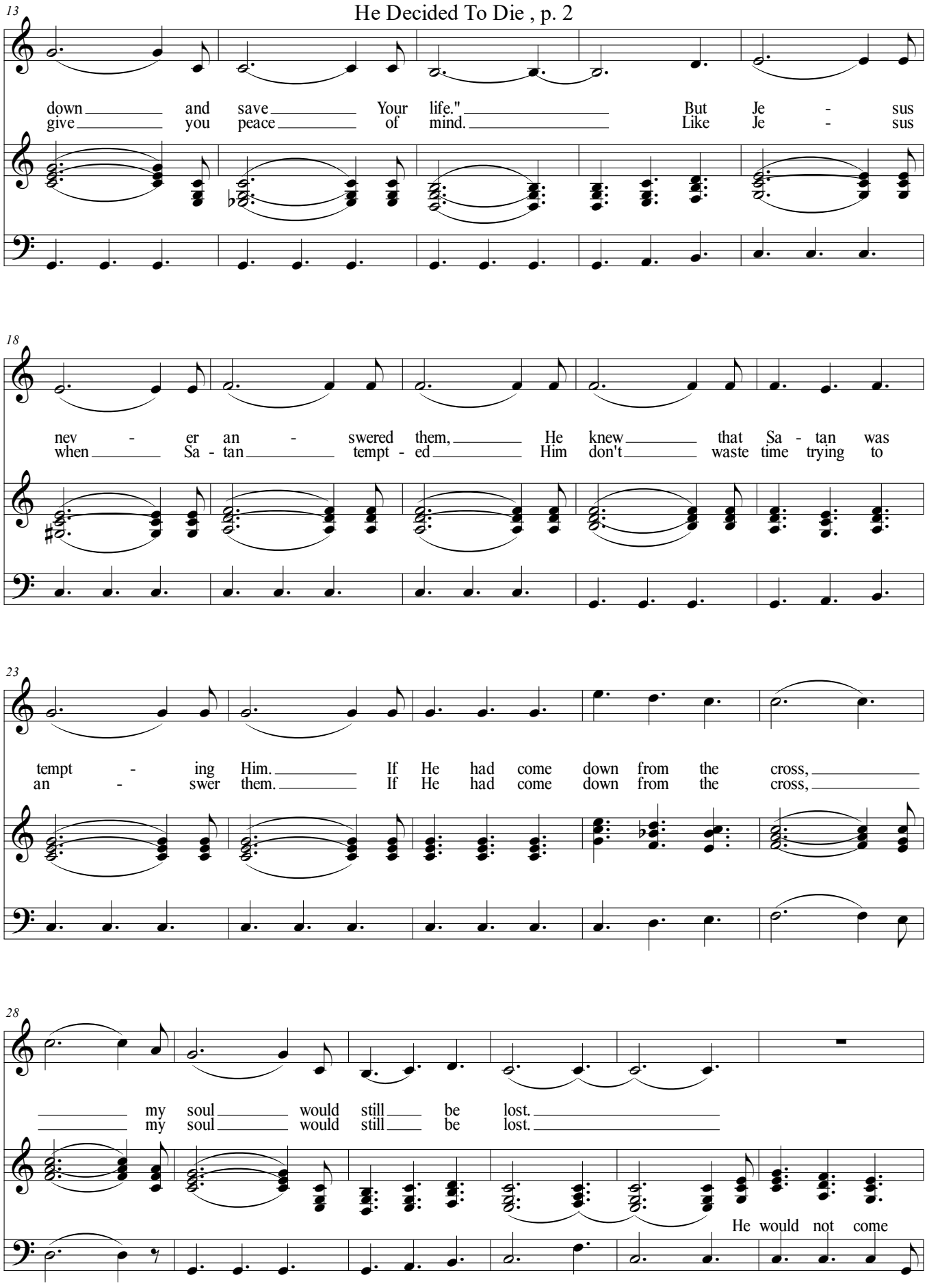
13
down and save Your life." But Je - sus
give you peace of mind. Like Je - sus
18
nev - er an - swered them, He knew that Sa - tan was
when Sa - tan tempt - ed Him don't waste time trying to
23
tempt - ing Him. If He had come down from the cross,
an - swer them. If He had come down from the cross,
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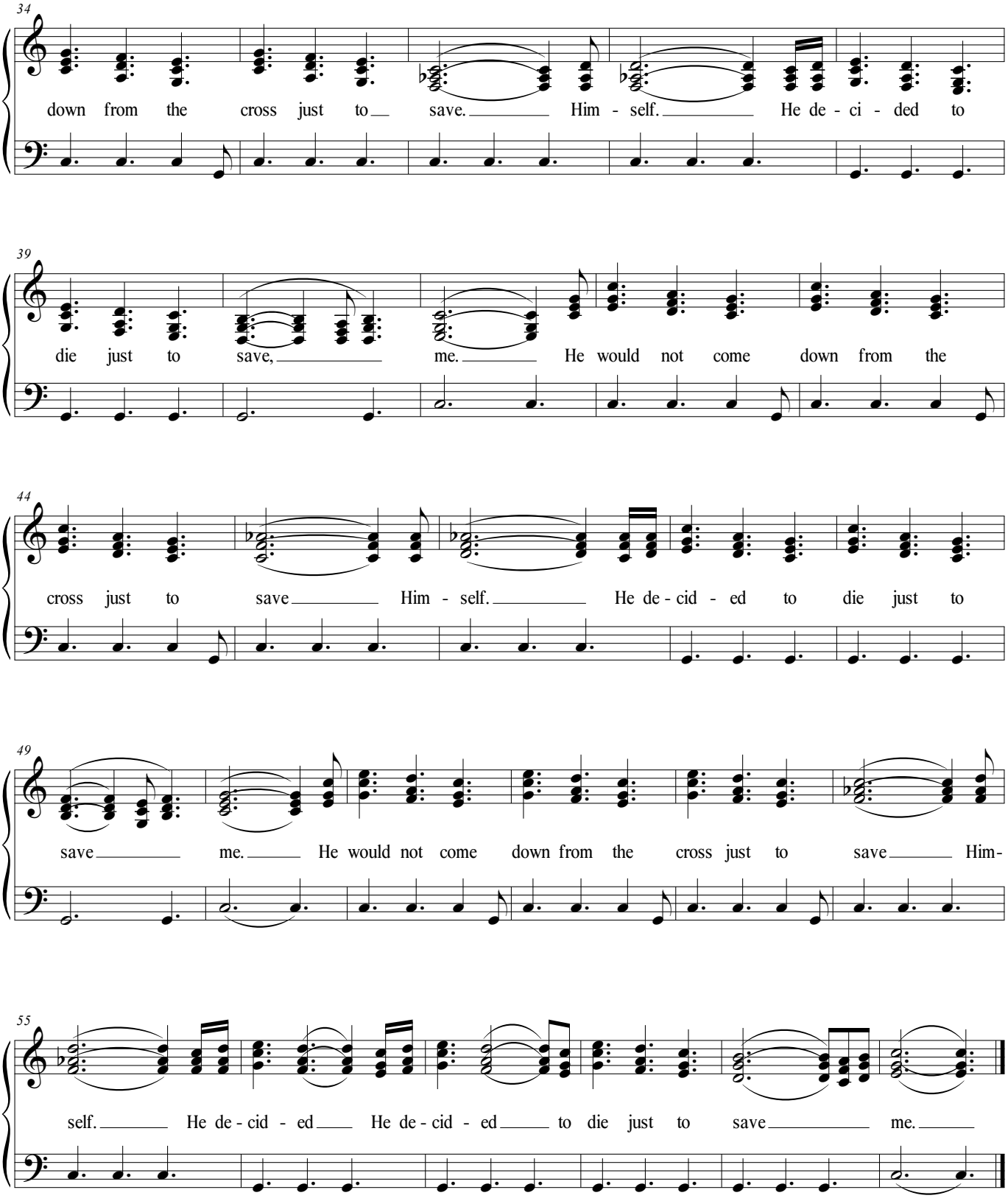
my soul would still be lost.
my soul would still be lost.
He would not come


34
down from the cross just to save. Him - self. He de - ci - ded to
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die just to save, me. He would not come down from the
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cross just to save Him - self. He de - cid - ed to die just to
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save me. He would not come down from the cross just to save Him-
55
self. He de - cid - ed He de - cid - ed to die just to save me.

High Praise

Based on Psalm 146:2

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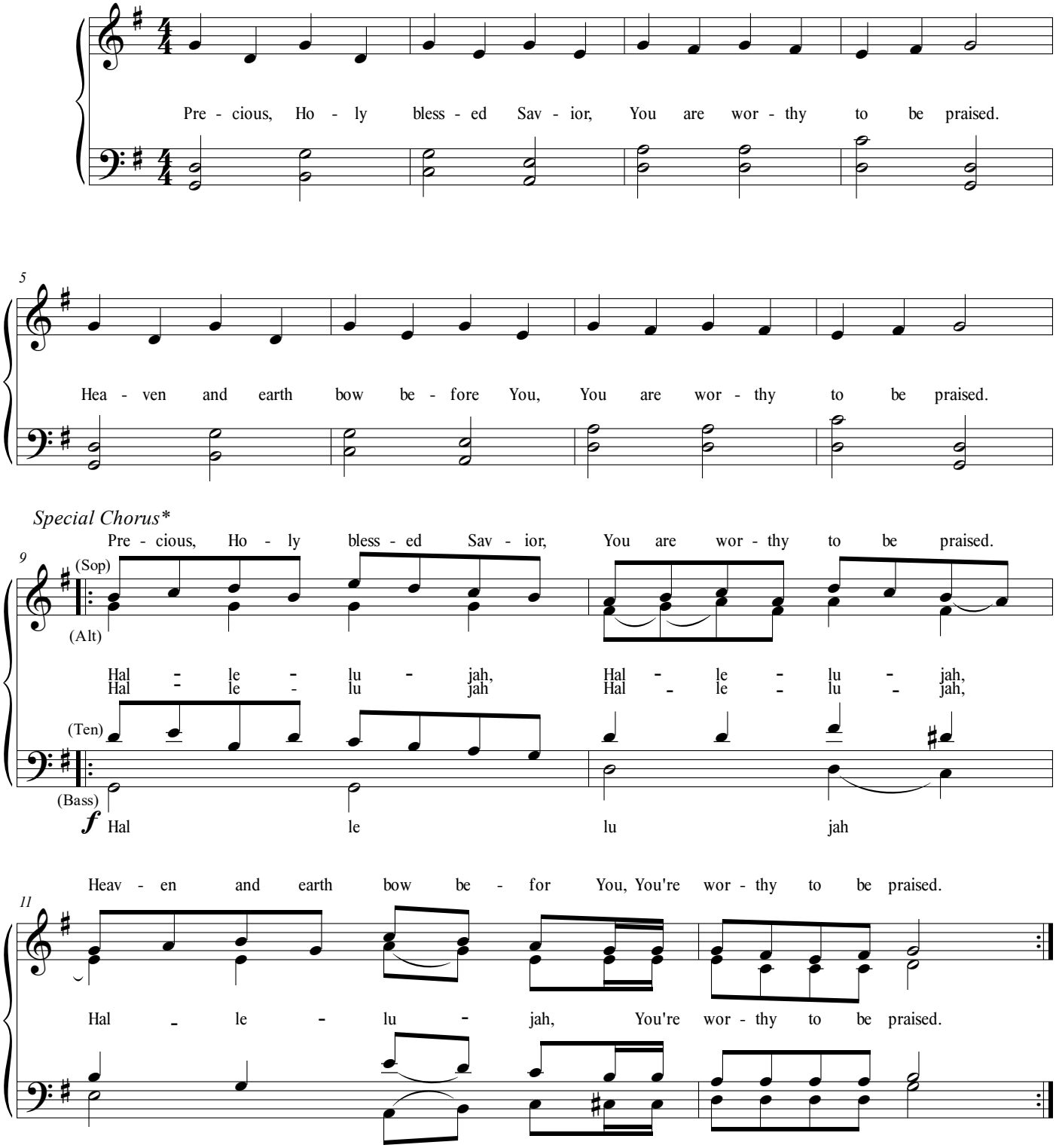
Light Praise - *Legato*



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Hold On

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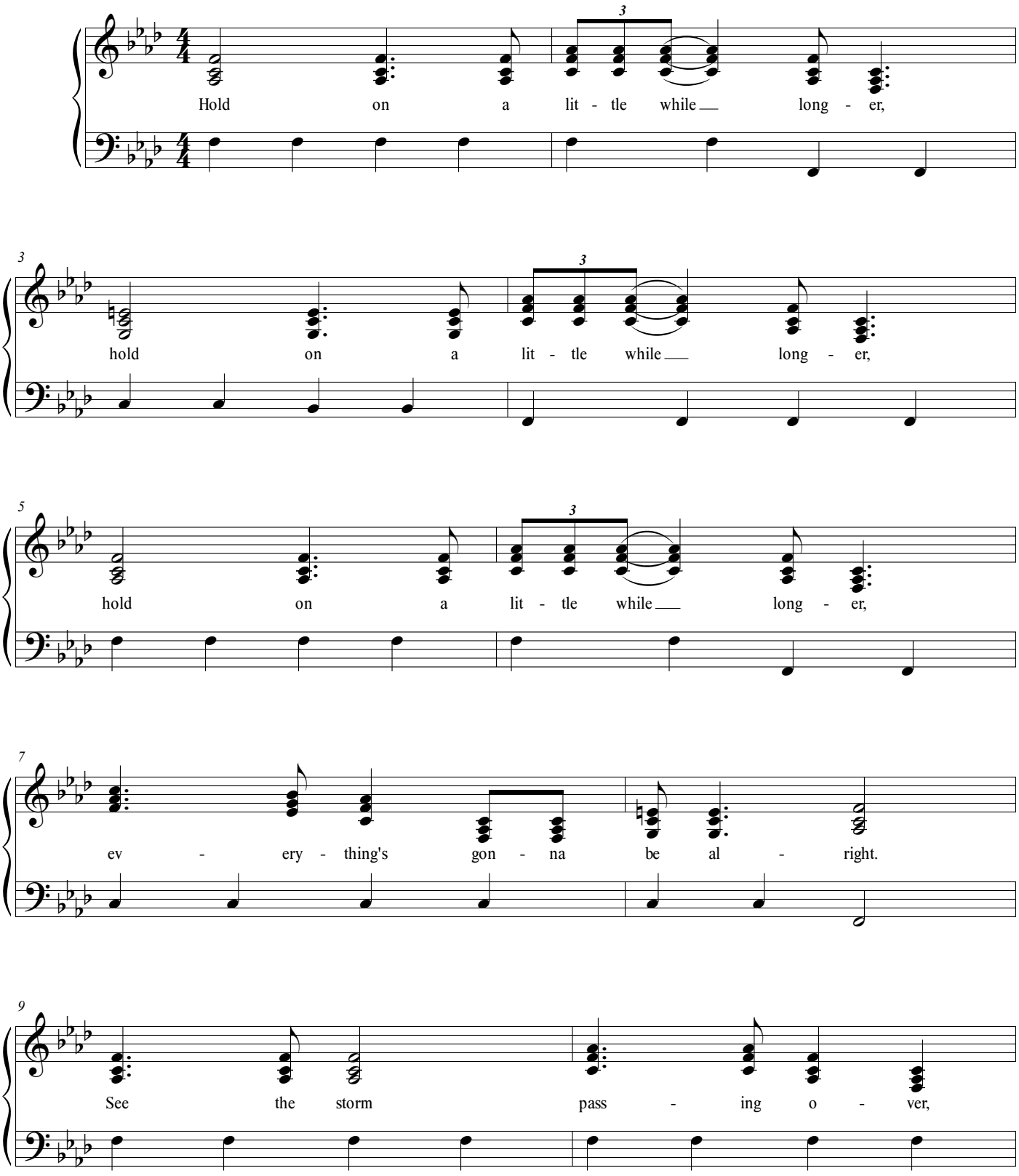
Traditional Negro Spiritual



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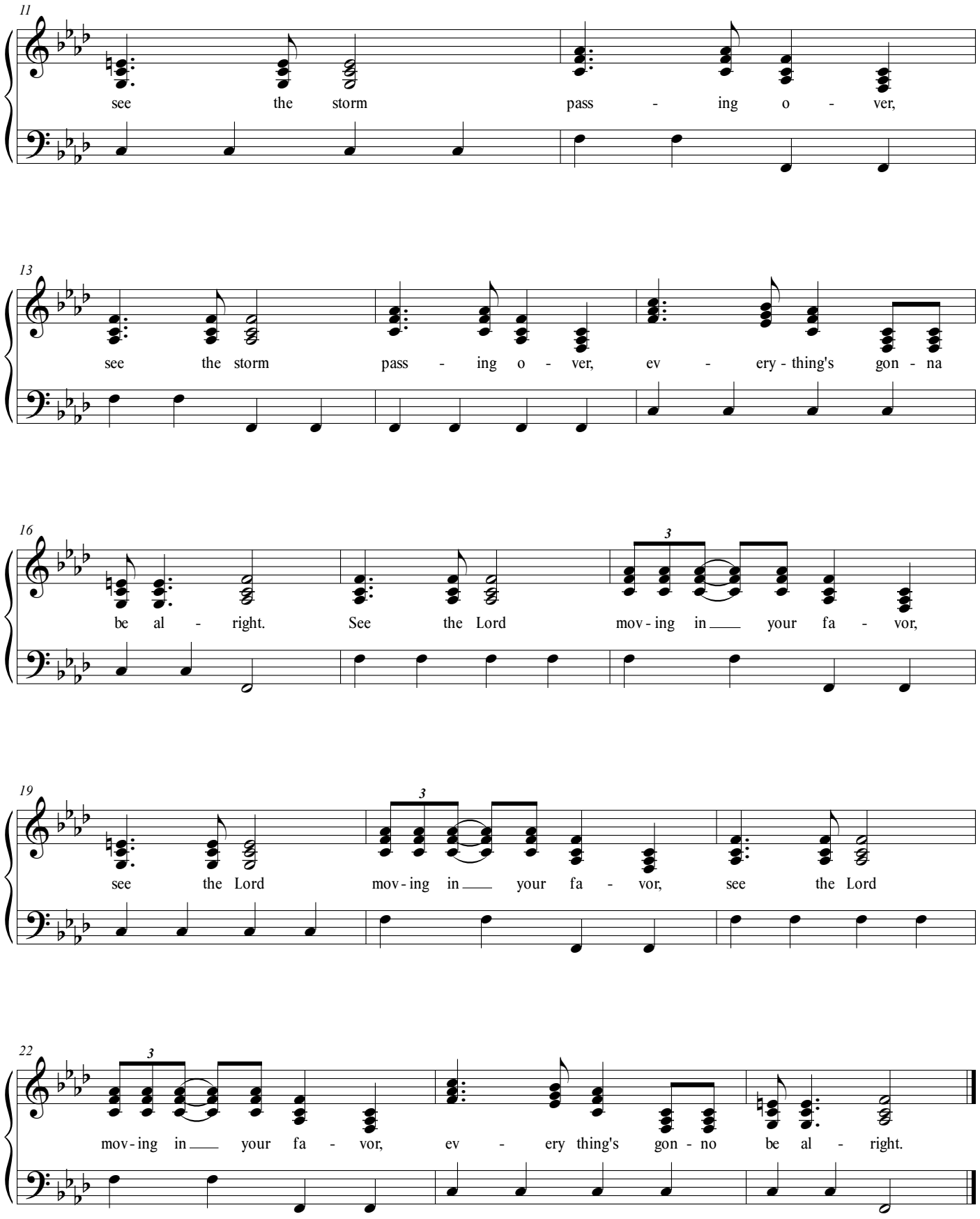
11
see the storm pass - ing o - ver,
13
see the storm pass - ing o - ver, ev - ery - thing's gon - na
16
be al - right. See the Lord mov - ing in your fa - vor,
3
19
see the Lord mov - ing in your fa - vor, see the Lord
3
22
mov - ing in your fa - vor, ev - ery thing's gon - no be al - right.
3

Home Over The Mountain

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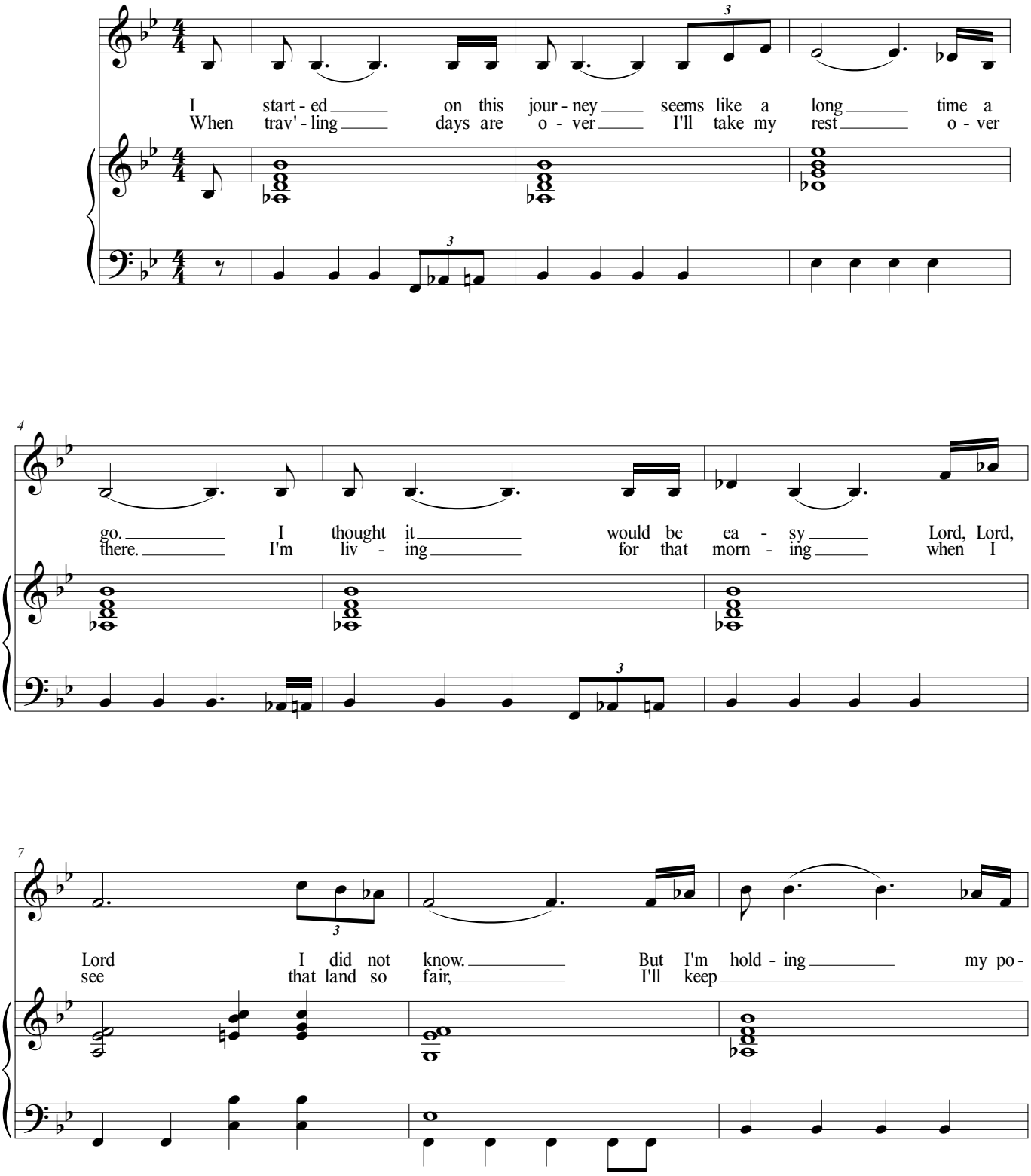
Verse: Soloist /Alto Section Solo



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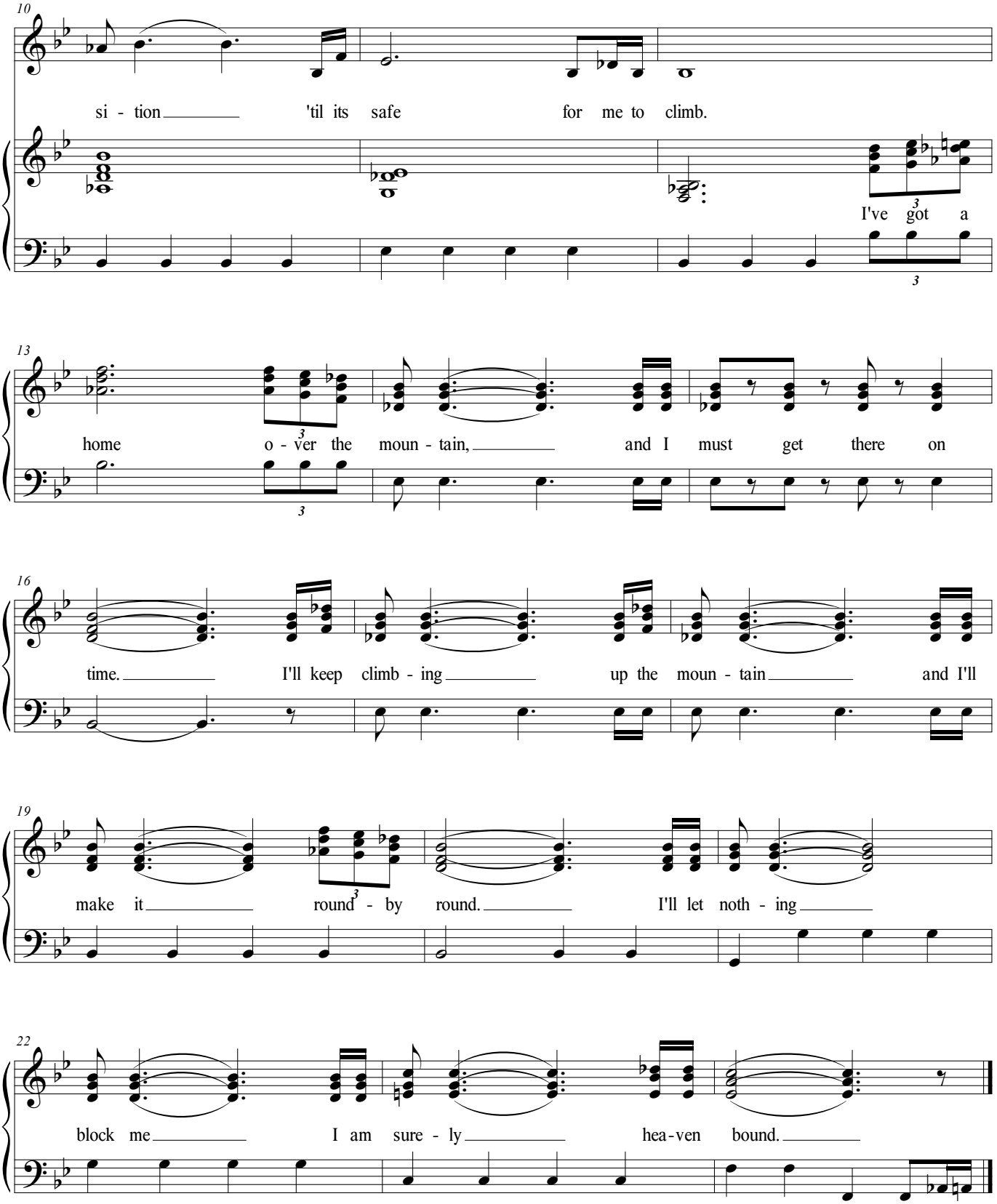
10
si - tion 'til its safe for me to climb.
I've got a
13
home o - ver the moun - tain, and I must get there on
16
time. I'll keep climb - ing up the moun - tain and I'll
19
make it round - by round. I'll let noth - ing
22
block me I am sure - ly hea-ven bound.

Is Your Lamp Ready?

Based on Matthew 25:1-8

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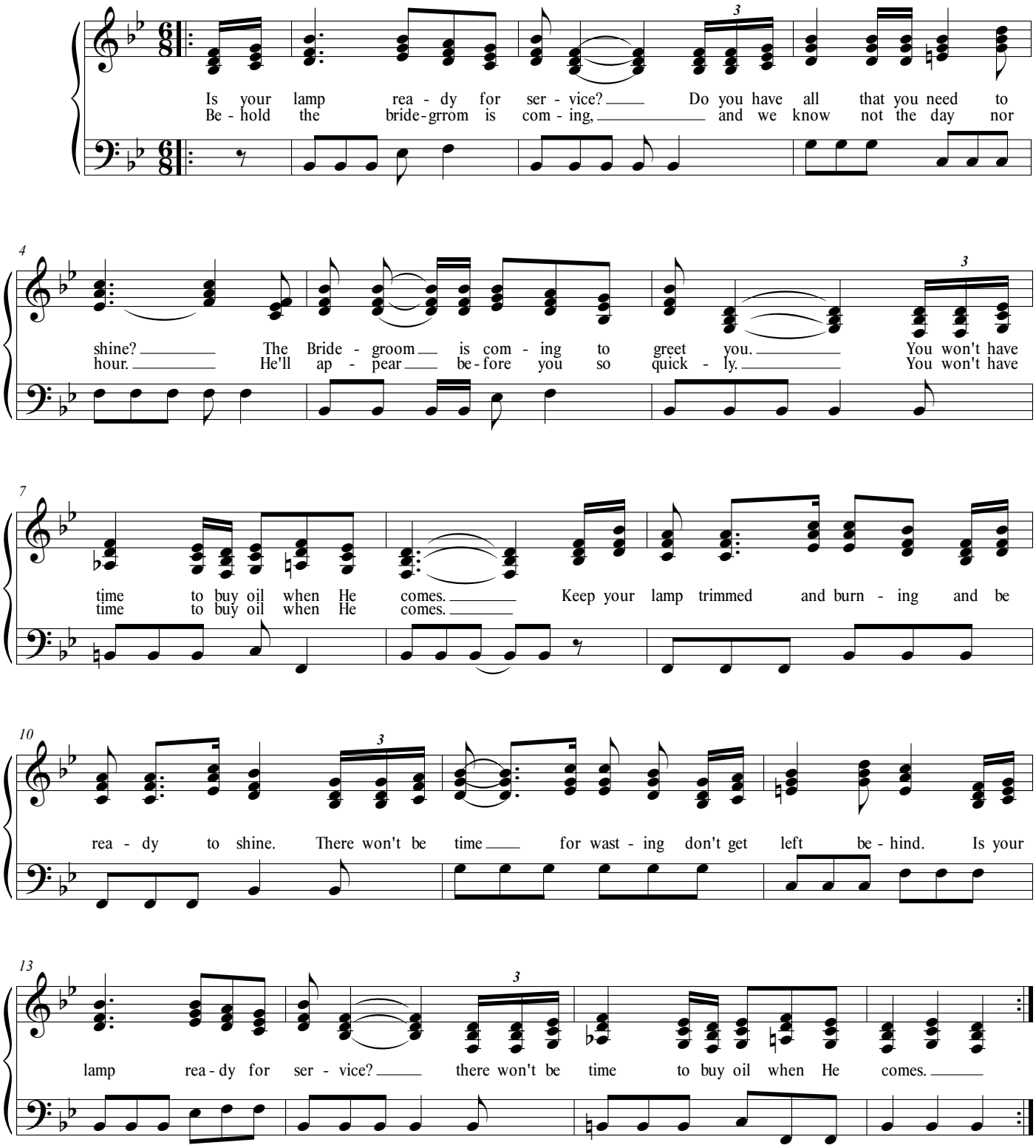
Moderato - Traditional Gospel



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Mercy That Suits

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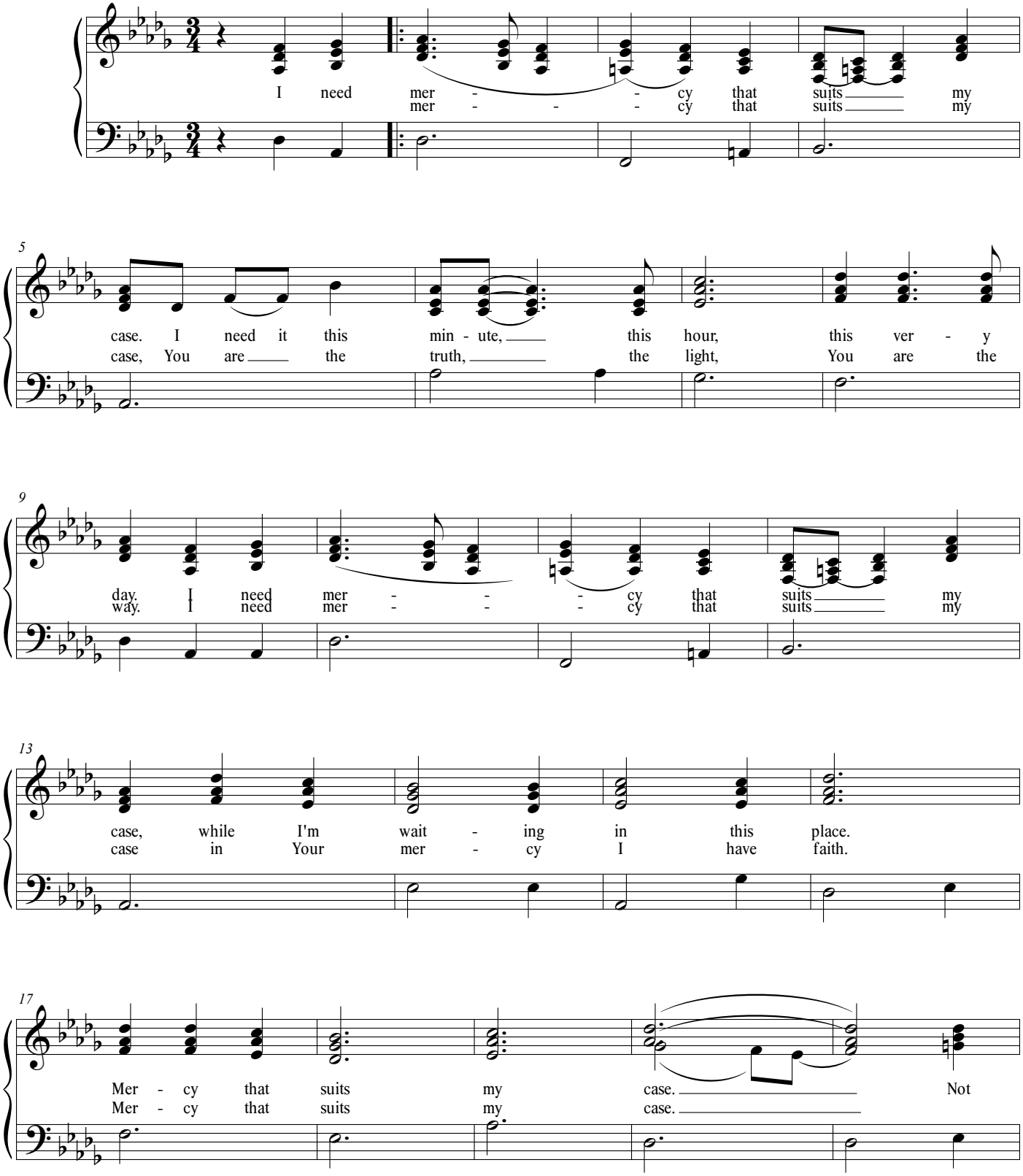

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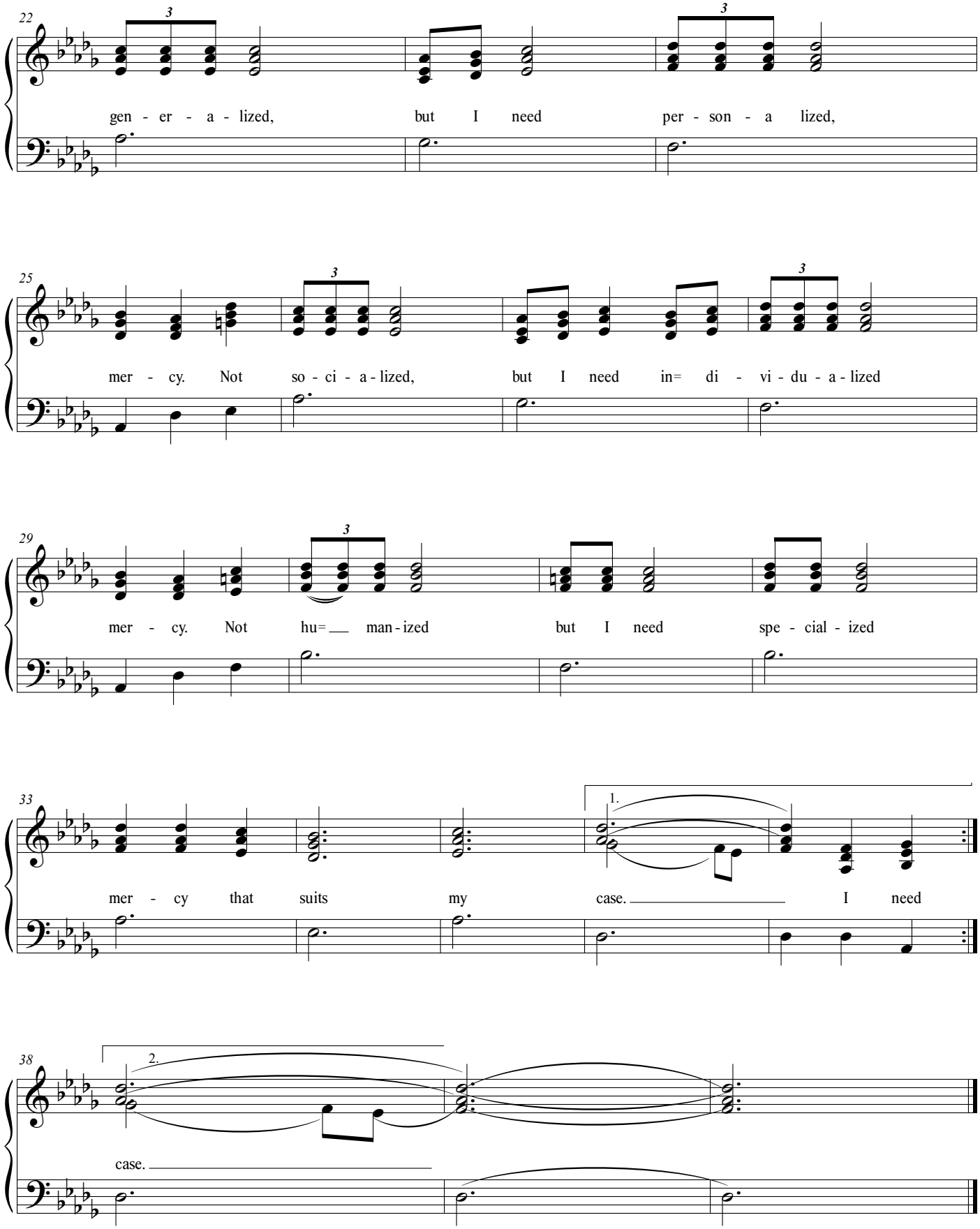
22
gen - er - a - lized, but I need per - son - a lized,
25
mer - cy. Not so - ci - a - lized, but I need in= di - vi - du - a - lized
29
mer - cy. Not hu= man - ized but I need spe - cial - ized
33
1.
mer - cy that suits my case. I need
38
2.
case.

I Thank You Lord

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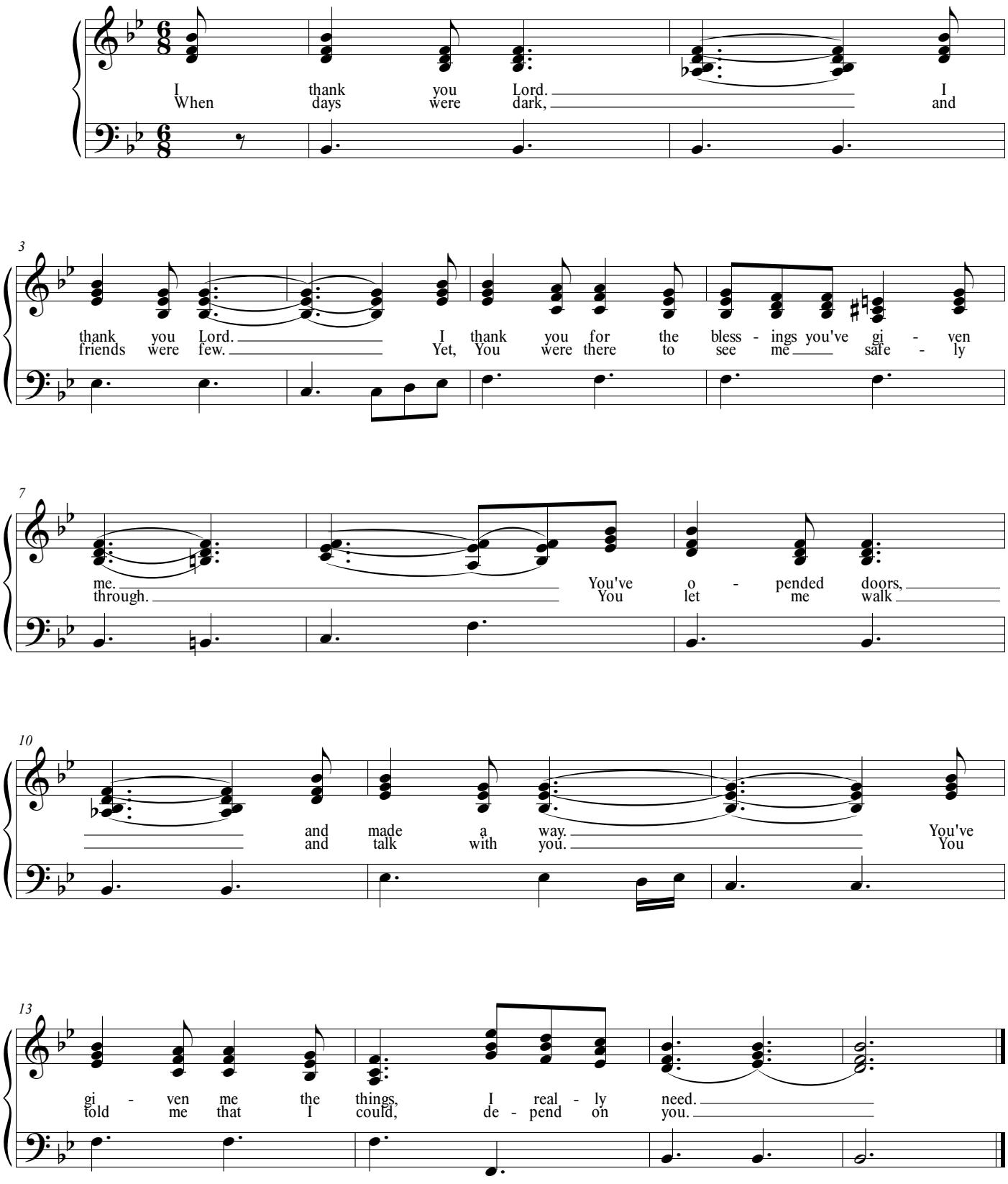

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No one can imagine the consecutive hours that this writer has spent in prayer in order to produce and write the hundreds of melodies, words, tunes and songs that has qualified her as the "Dean" of gospel music writers. Margaret Pleasant Douroux has given birth to songs that we will never forget for years to come. Her incomparably broad and varied styles of composing reflects her diverse and rich musical abilities and embraces a message that one knows upon hearing the text, renders a biblical revelation. As stated in Colossians 3:16, "*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs….*" suggests that her biblical knowledge gives balance and spiritual challenge in every songs that she composes. One immediately knows she is not a novice in Bible study. Her compositions are doctrinally sound and will always minister and teach biblical principles to others. The simplicity found in her selecting composition titles immediately denotes a message that is relational and easily transformed into a personal testimony by the singer and listener.

Dr. Douroux as a matured Christian displays a guiding faith, a faith system which gives her purpose for her musical thematic composing in series that speaks to and addresses needs, ideals and values. It is evidenced that she recognized her giftedness very early in life and develop the skills and competencies necessary to exercise her gift and talents. Her abilities to teach, mentor, coach and pour into other musicians the interpretations of her compositions represent self-knowledge, which is insight into oneself. She knows what, how and when to impart into others what God placed in her for the edification of the church and building the confidence of others. Without fail these "on-stage" actions have become a viable part of her "Douroux" brand down through many years of her public music ministry.

"Give Me A Clean Heart" 1970, "What Shall I Render" 1975, "Trees" 1979, down to "God Said I Got This" 2015 and many, many others represent half a century of treasured gospel songs that have had a remarkable impact upon the world of Christendom, given to us by my friend of 30 plus years, Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux. An unselfish, humble and accomplished composer that flies with the "eagles".

Dr. Ulysses G. Moyé, II
Third Vice-President National Conventions of Gospel Choirs and Choruses

No Trouble At The River

(A Spiritual Arrangement)

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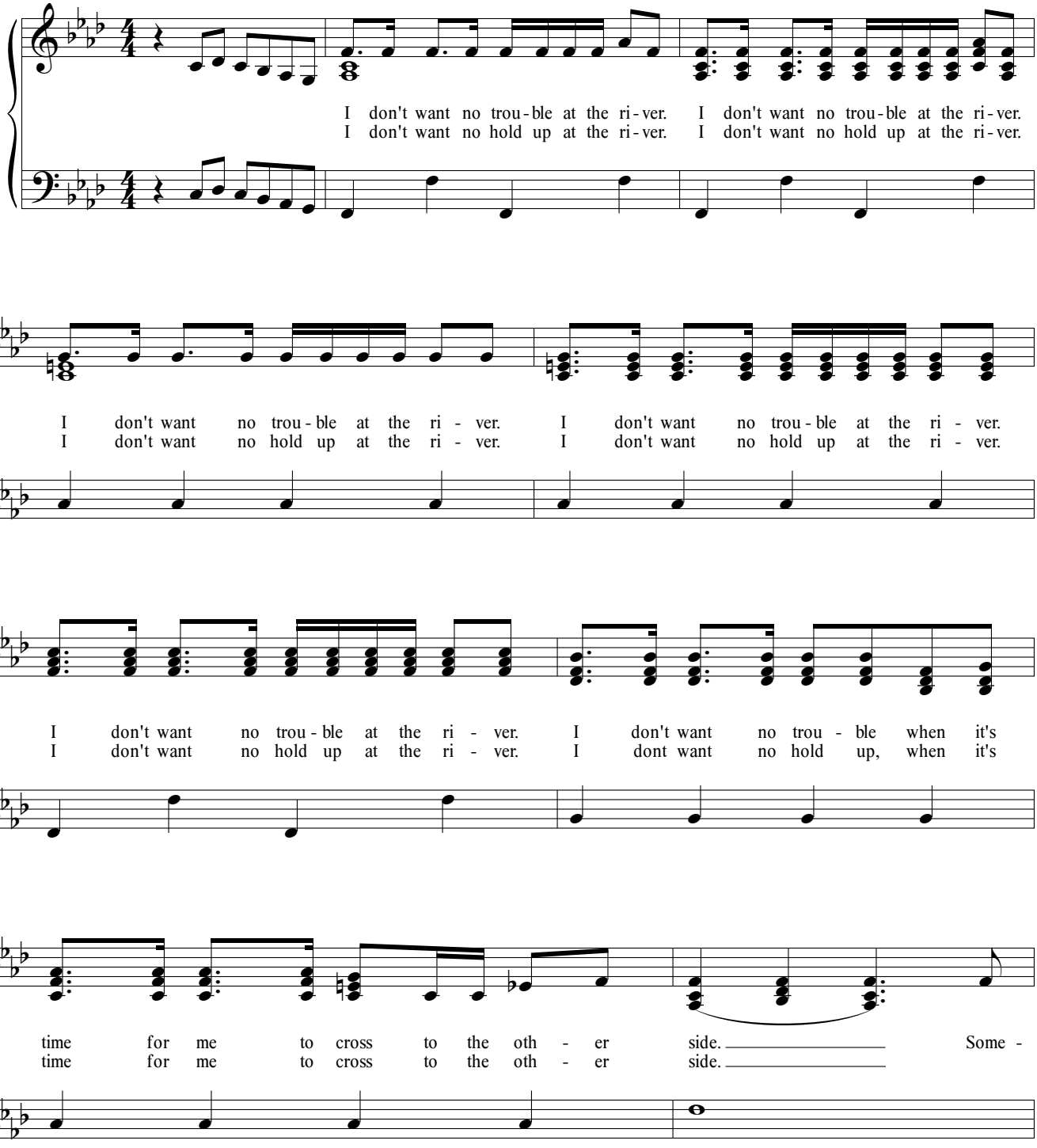

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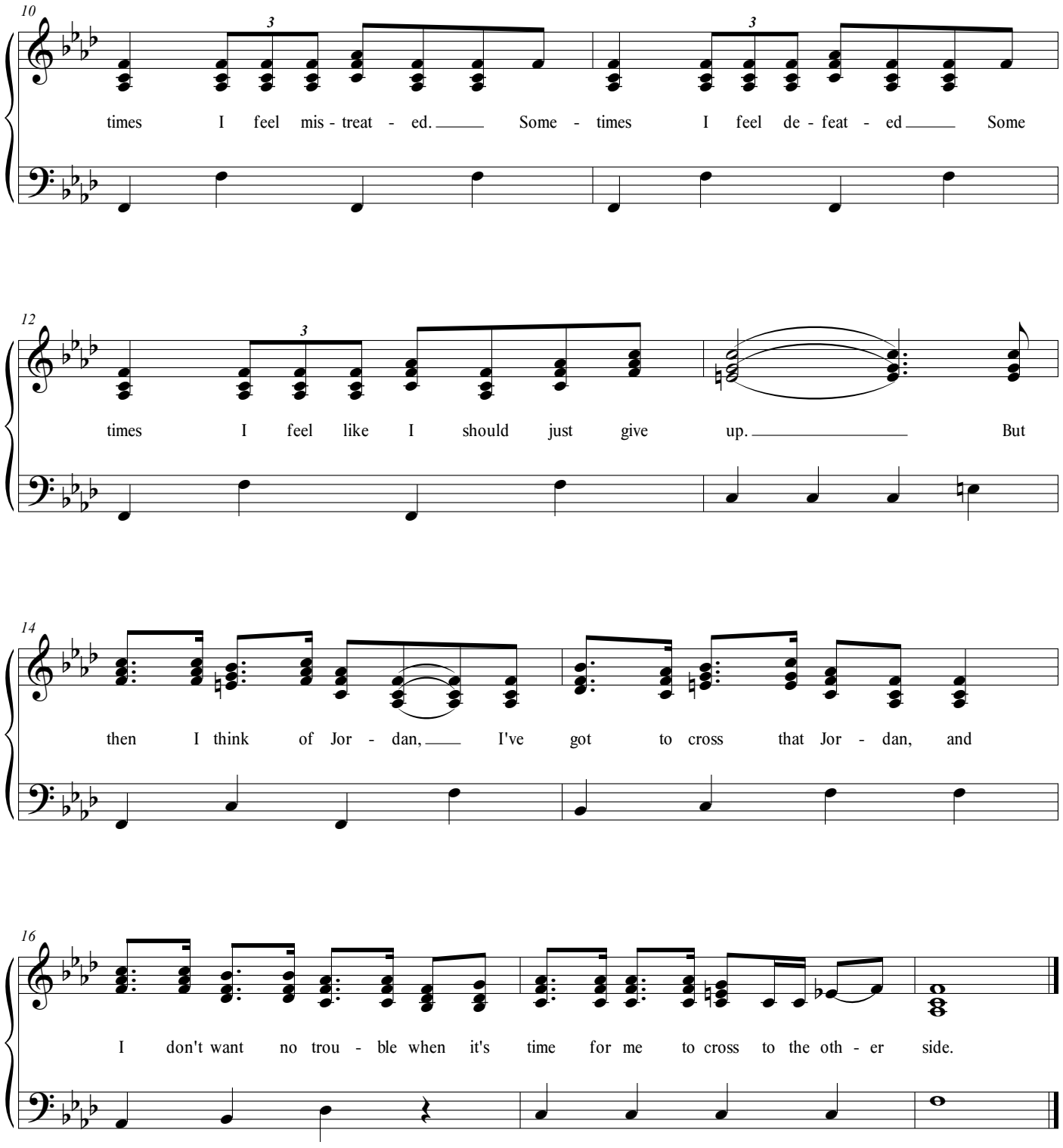
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times I feel mis - treat - ed. Some - times I feel de - feat - ed Some
12
times I feel like I should just give up. But
14
then I think of Jor - dan, I've got to cross that Jor - dan, and
16
I don't want no trou - ble when it's time for me to cross to the oth - er side.

Chosen

Based on Revelation 17:14

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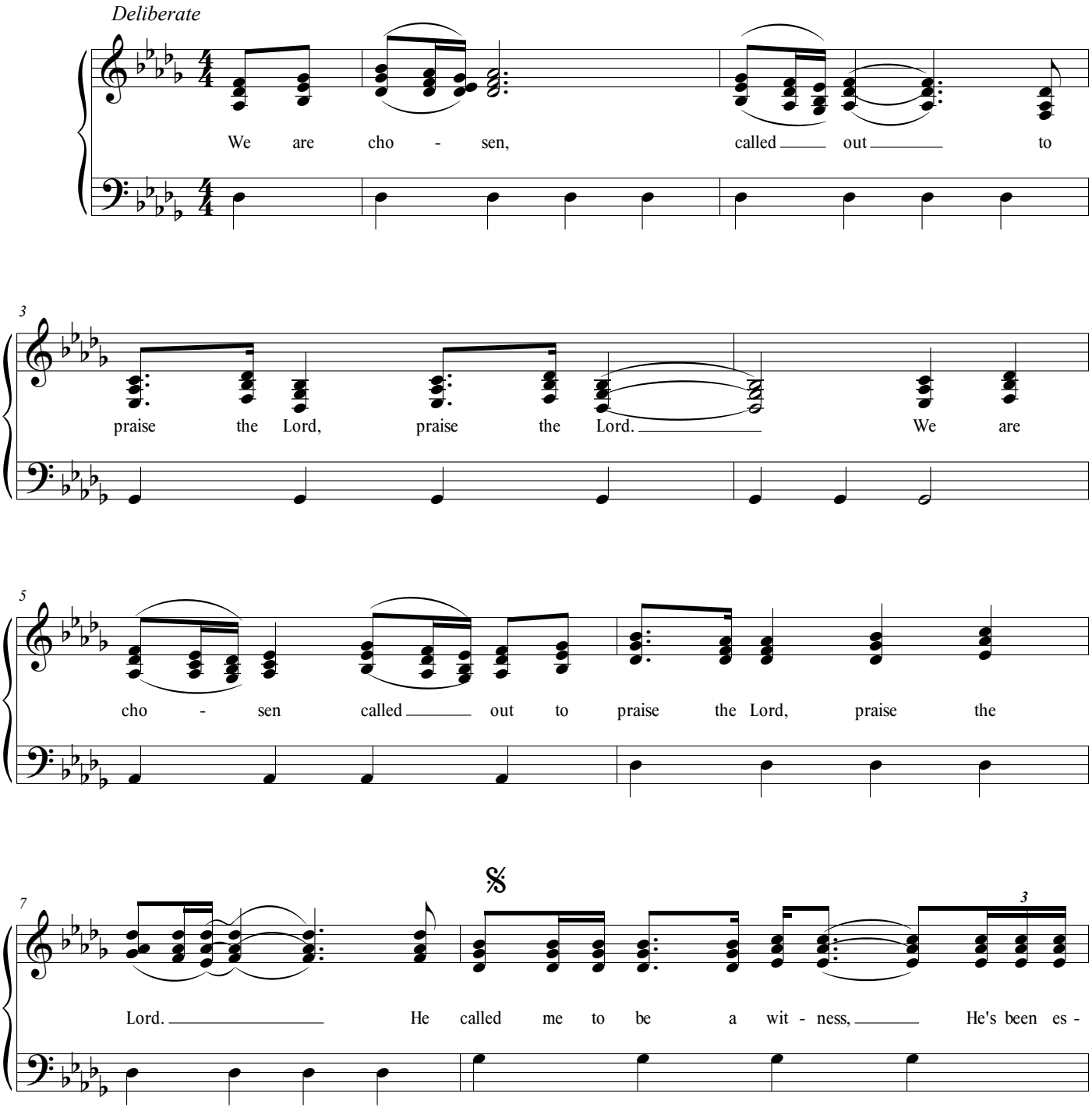

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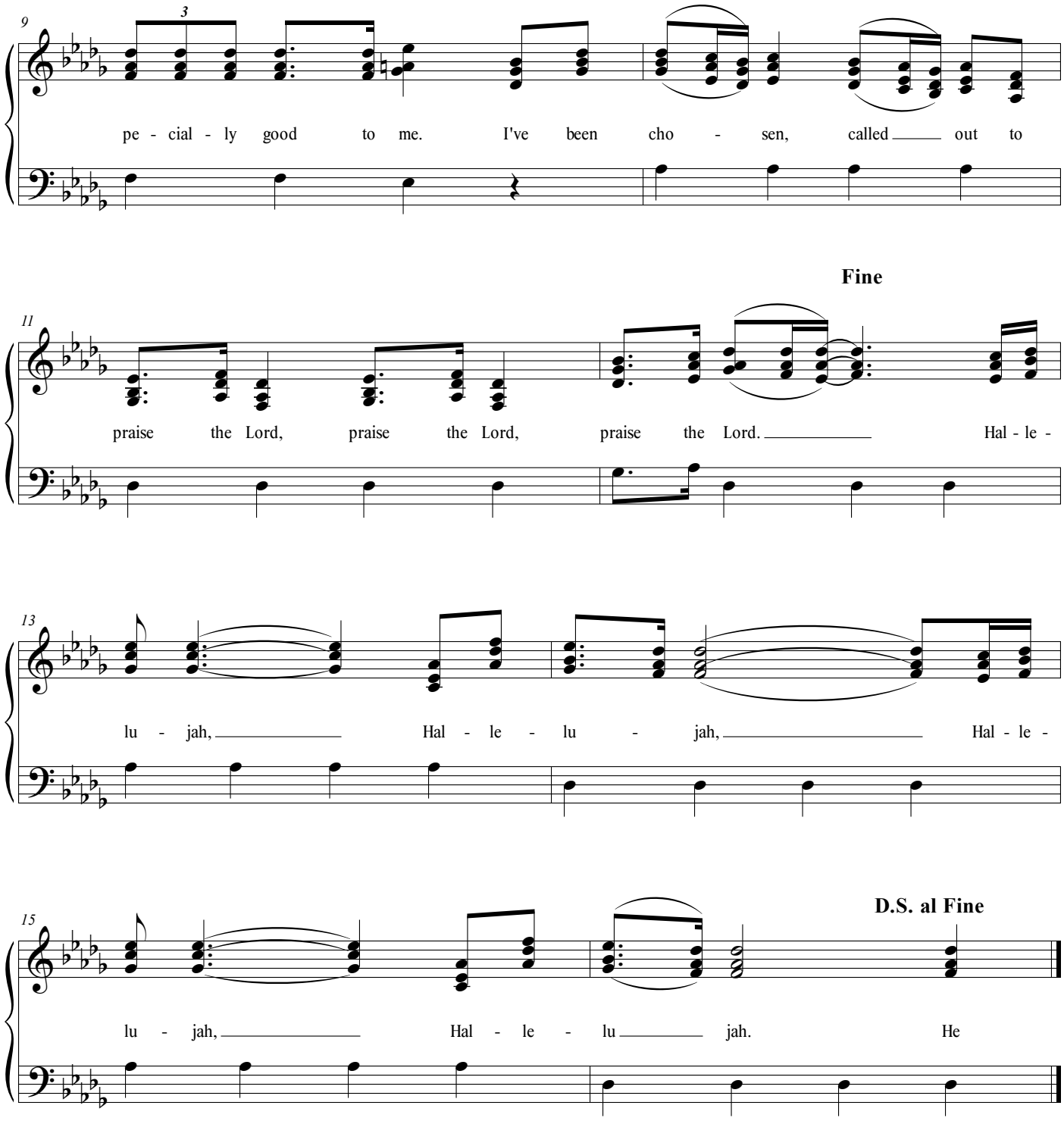
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3
pe - cial - ly good to me. I've been cho - sen, called out to
Fine
11
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Hal - le -
13
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -
15
D.S. al Fine
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu jah. He

Deep Water

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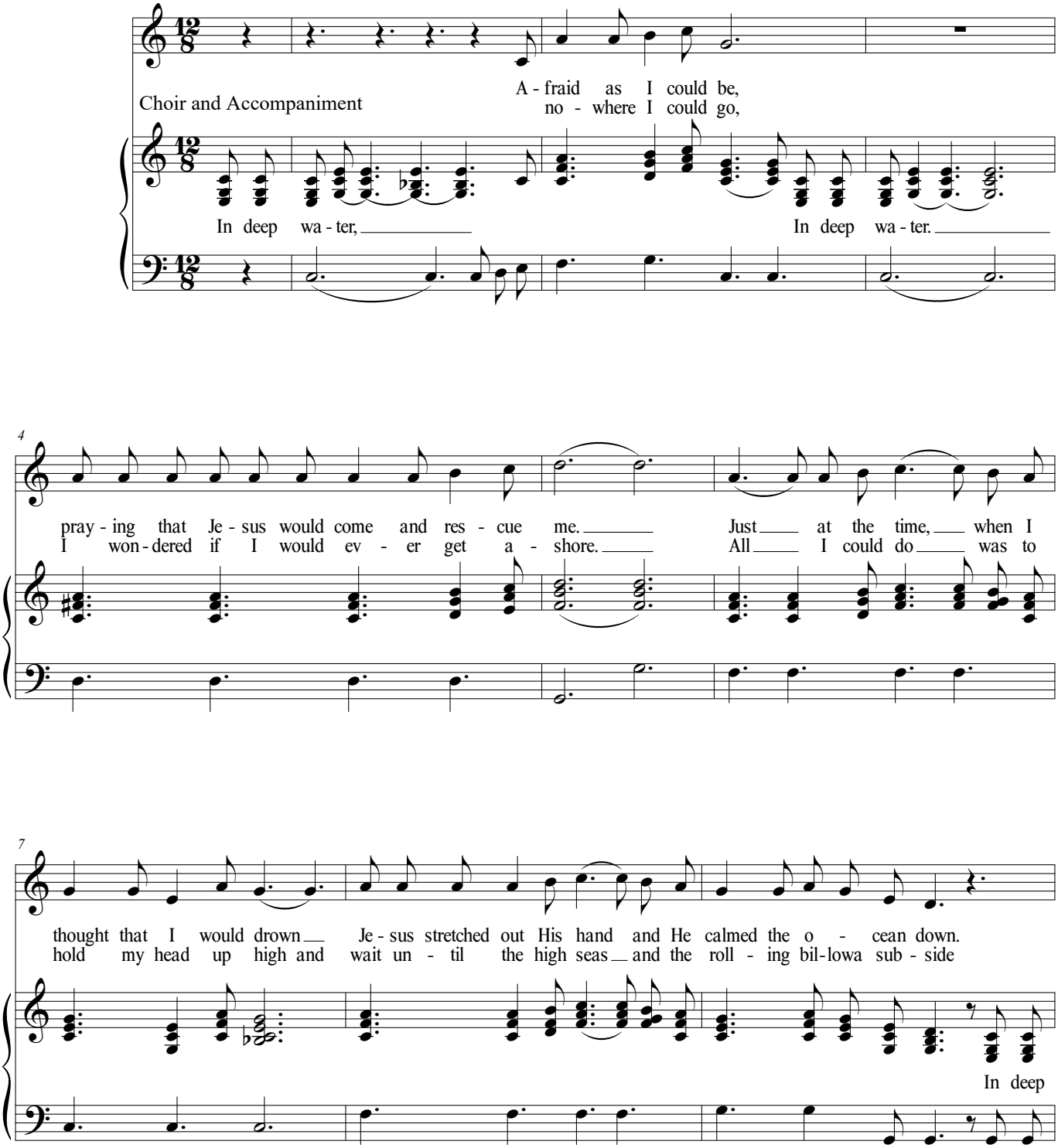
Solo or Unison



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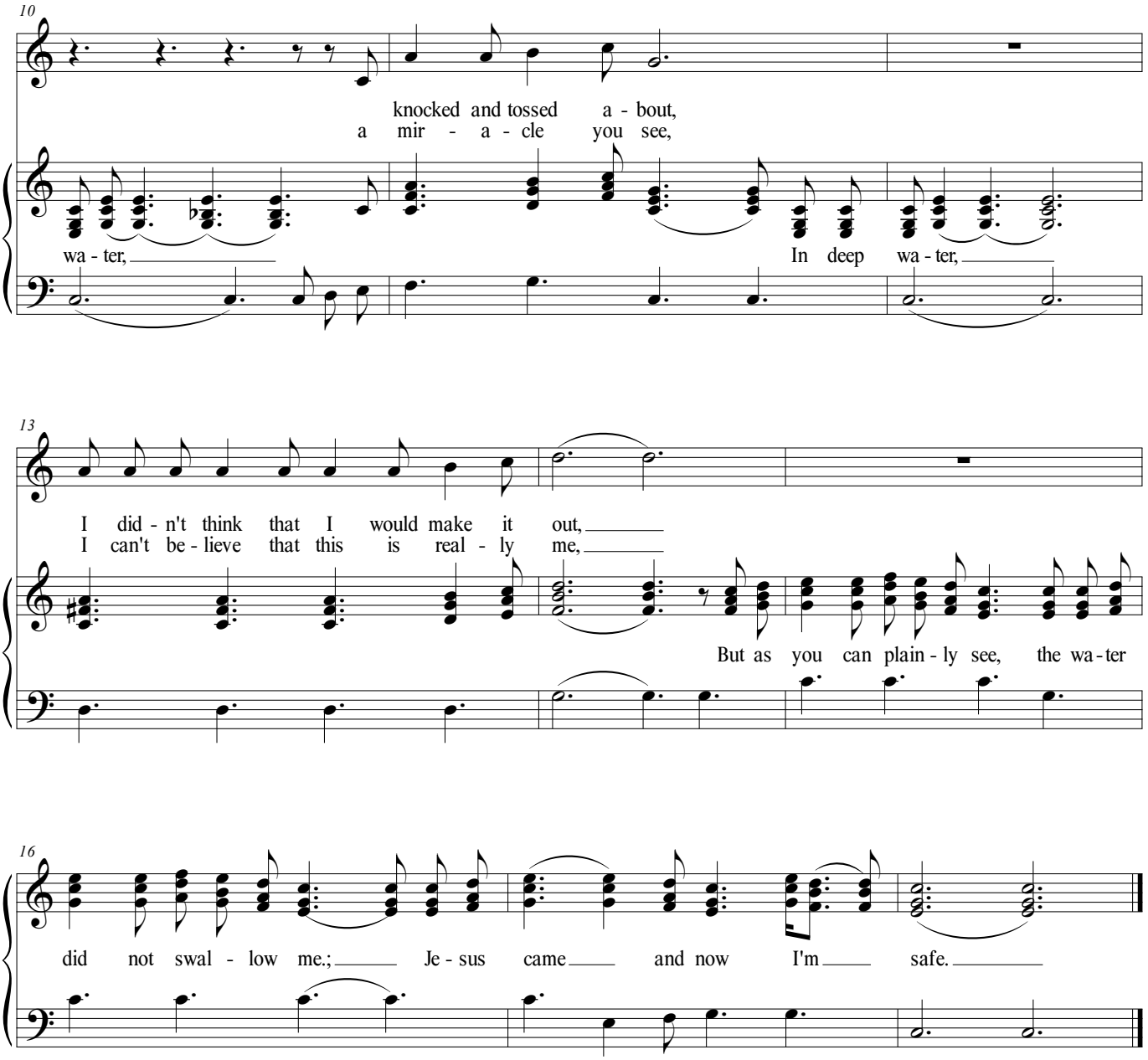
10
knocked and tossed a - bout,
a mir - a - cle you see,
wa - ter,
In deep wa - ter,
13
I did - n't think that I would make it out,
I can't be - lieve that this is real - ly me,
But as you can plain - ly see, the wa - ter
16
did not swal - low me.; Je - sus came and now I'm safe.

Follow Jesus

Based on Luke 9:23

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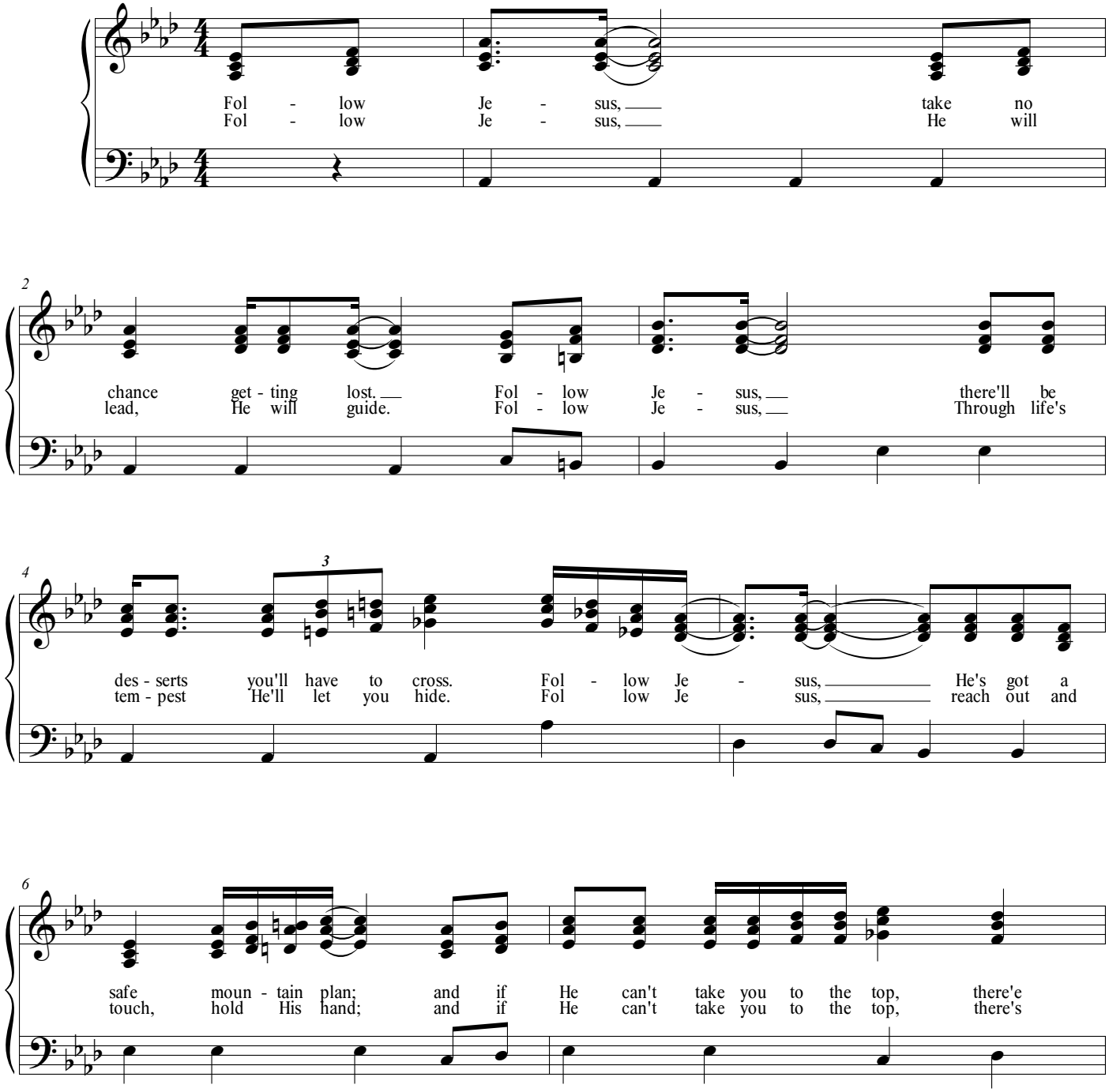
Optional solo lead



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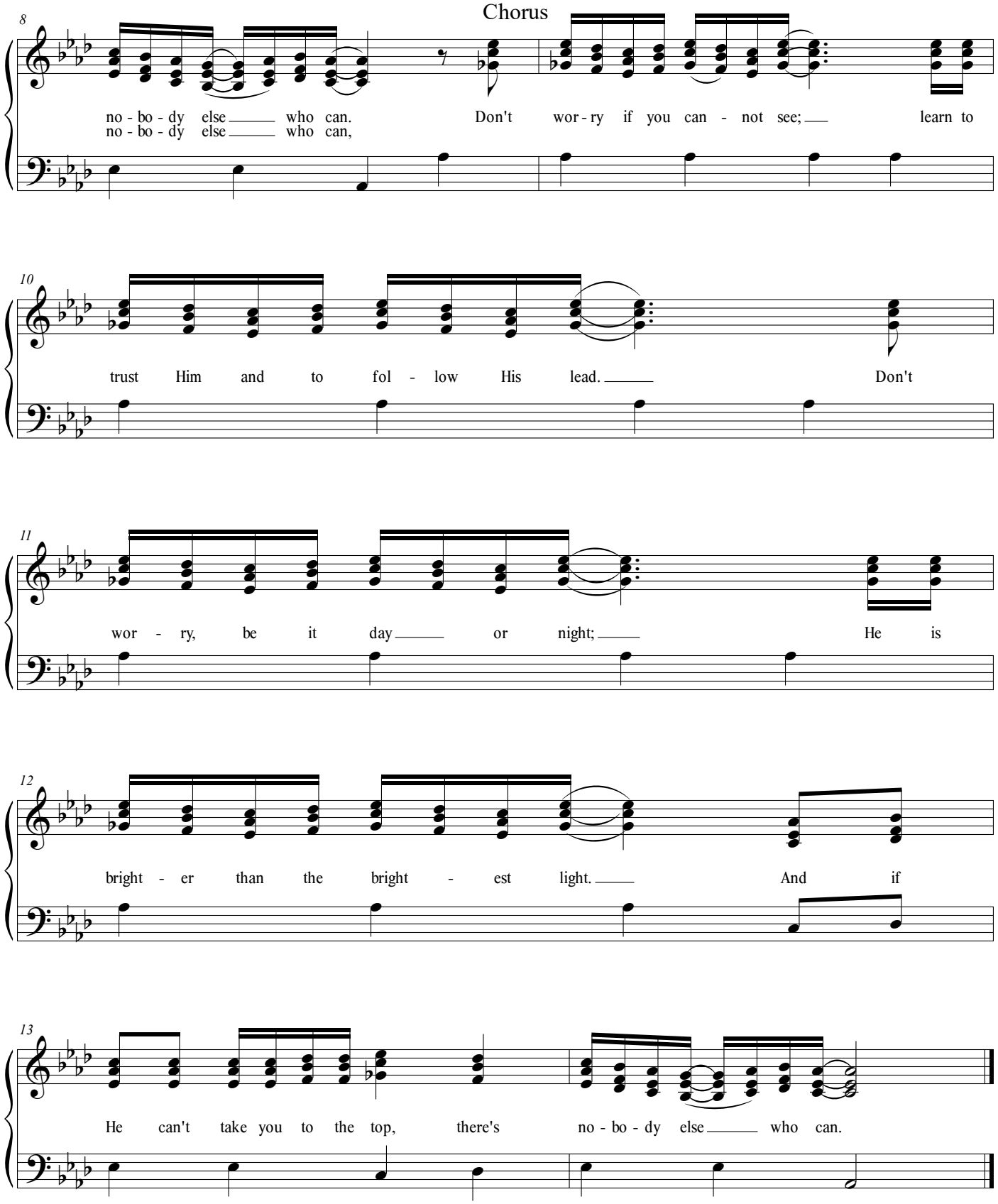
Chorus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no - bo - dy else who can.
no - bo - dy else who can,
Don't wor - ry if you can - not see; learn to
10
trust Him and to fol - low His lead. Don't
11
wor - ry, be it day or night; He is
12
bright - er than the bright - est light. And if
13
He can't take you to the top, there's no - bo - dy else who can.

God Is Not Dead

Inspired from a sermon by my father,
the late Rev. Earl Amos Pleasant

Slowly with feeling

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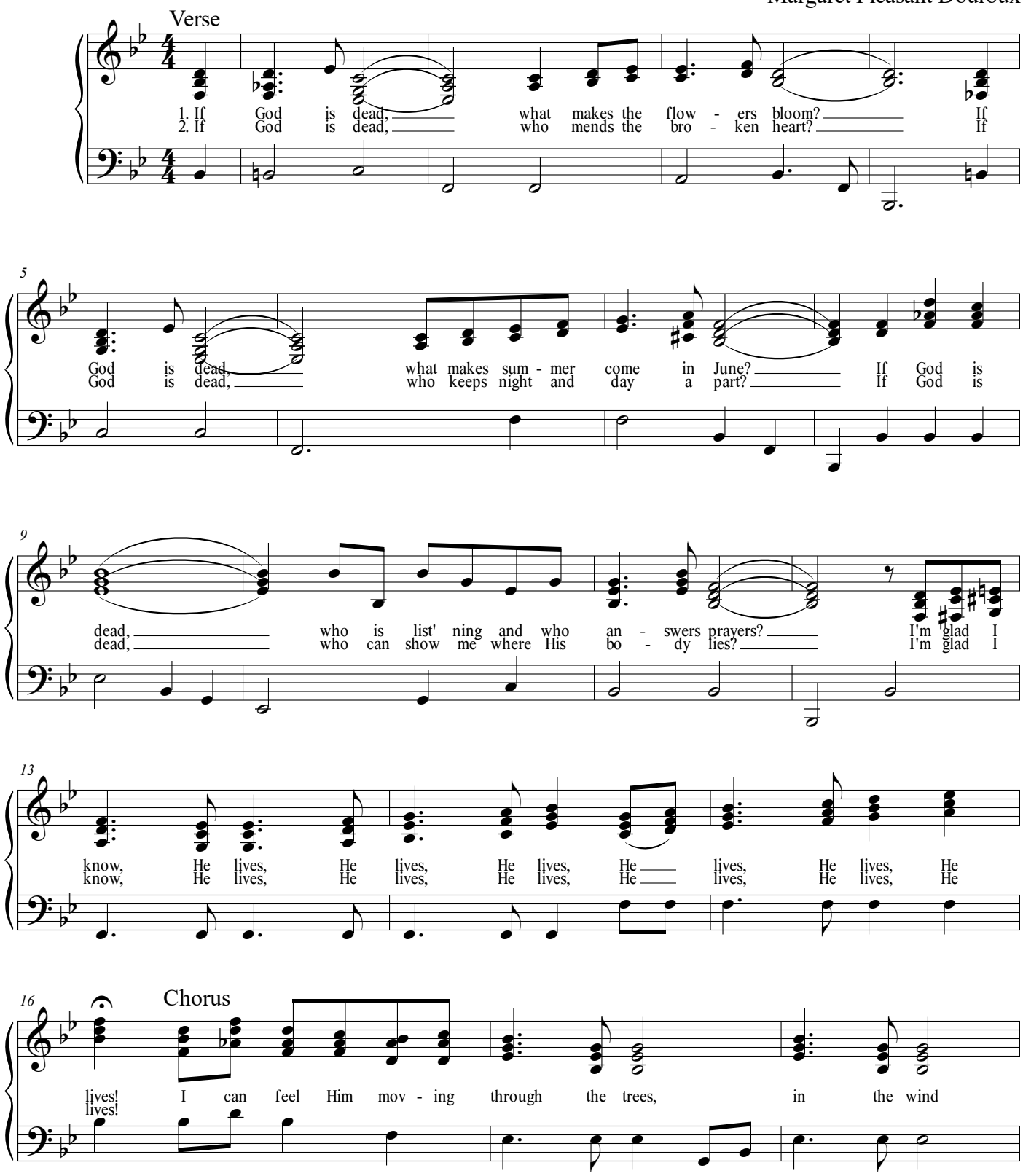

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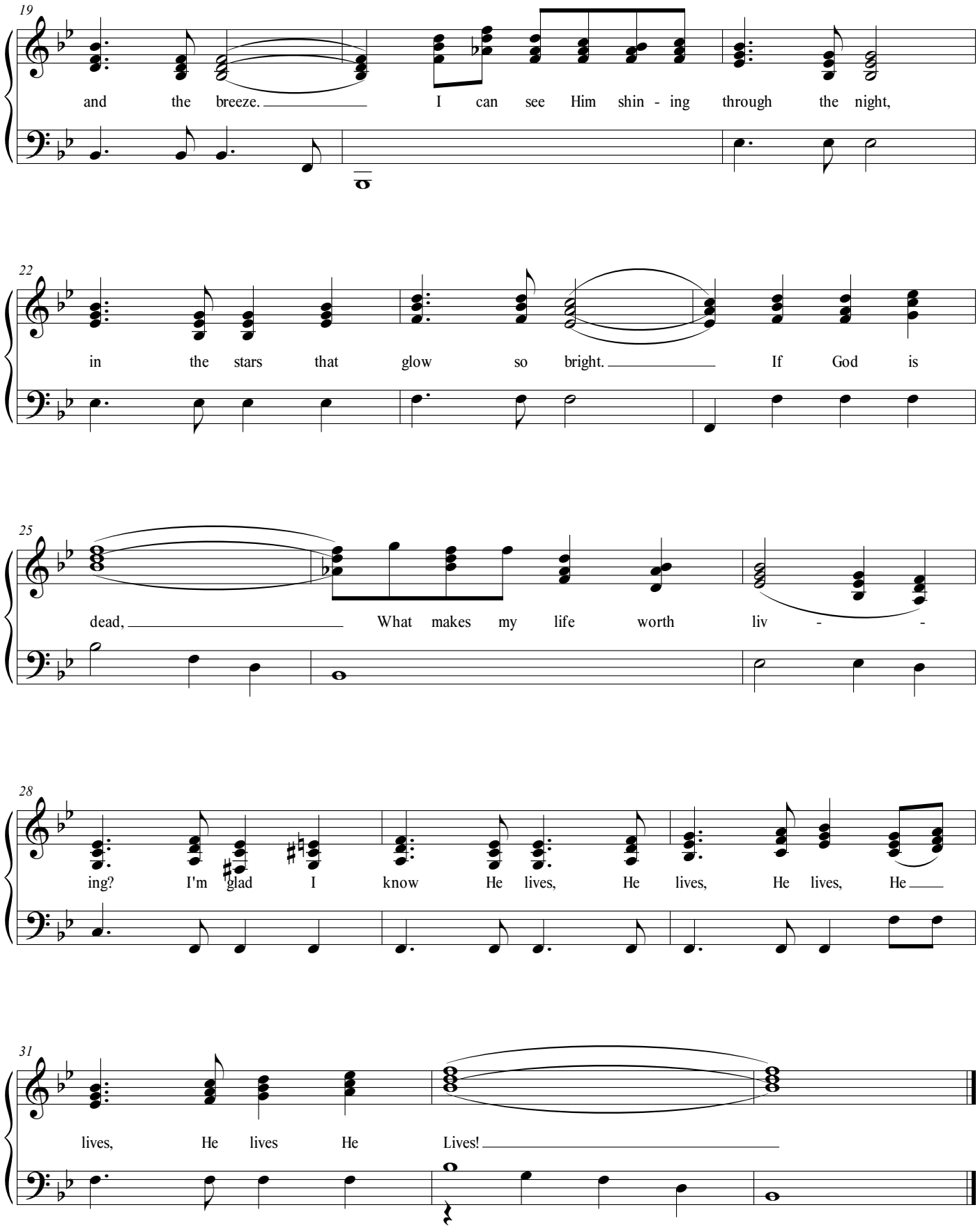
19
and the breeze. I can see Him shin - ing through the night,
22
in the stars that glow so bright. If God is
25
dead, What makes my life worth liv - -
28
ing? I'm glad I know He lives, He lives, He lives, He
31
lives, He lives He Lives!

Somebody, Somebody Touch Me

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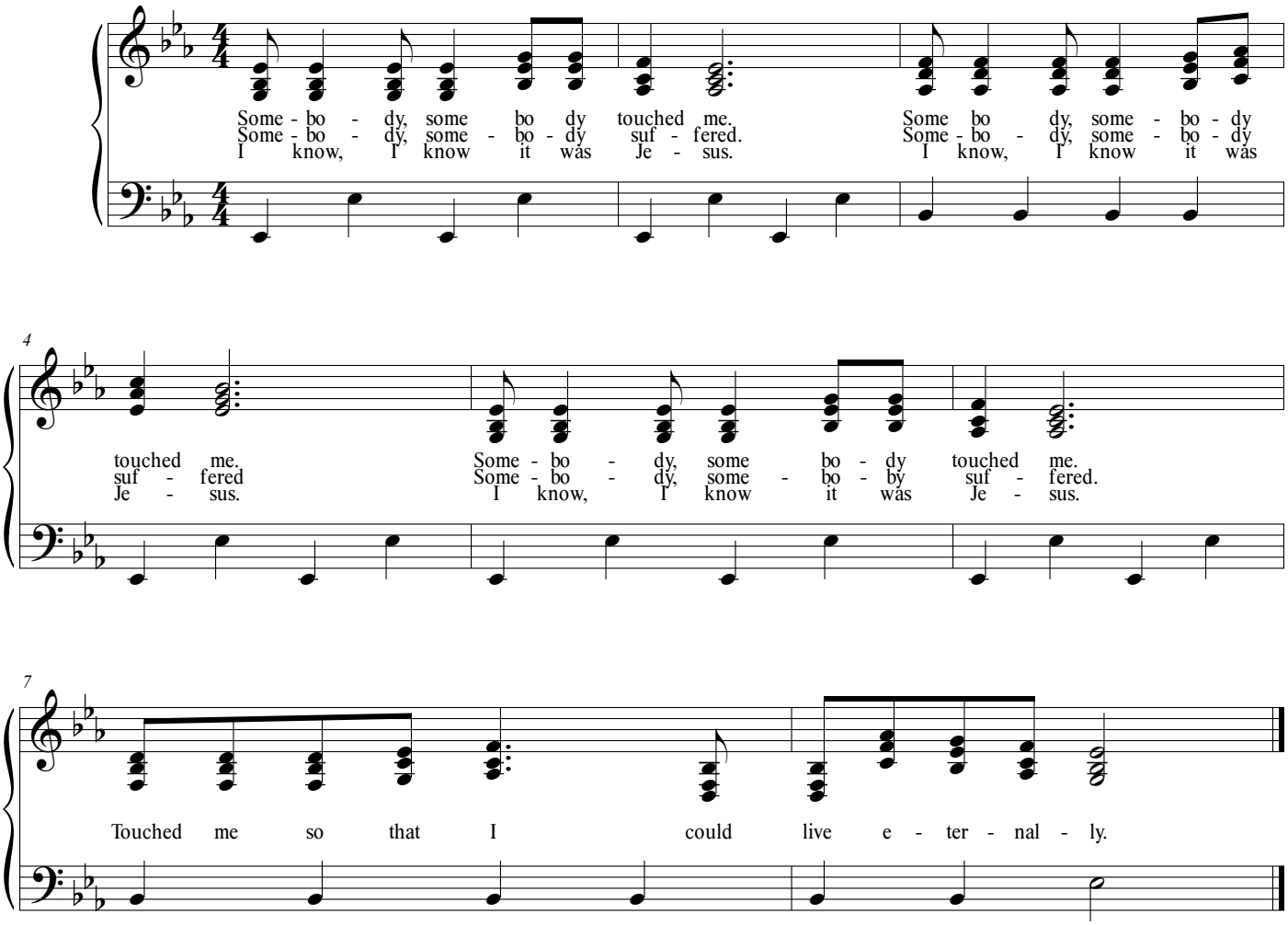

**Optional: Transpose 1/2 step up after 1 and 2 verses.*

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He Prepareth A Table

Based on Psalm 23:5

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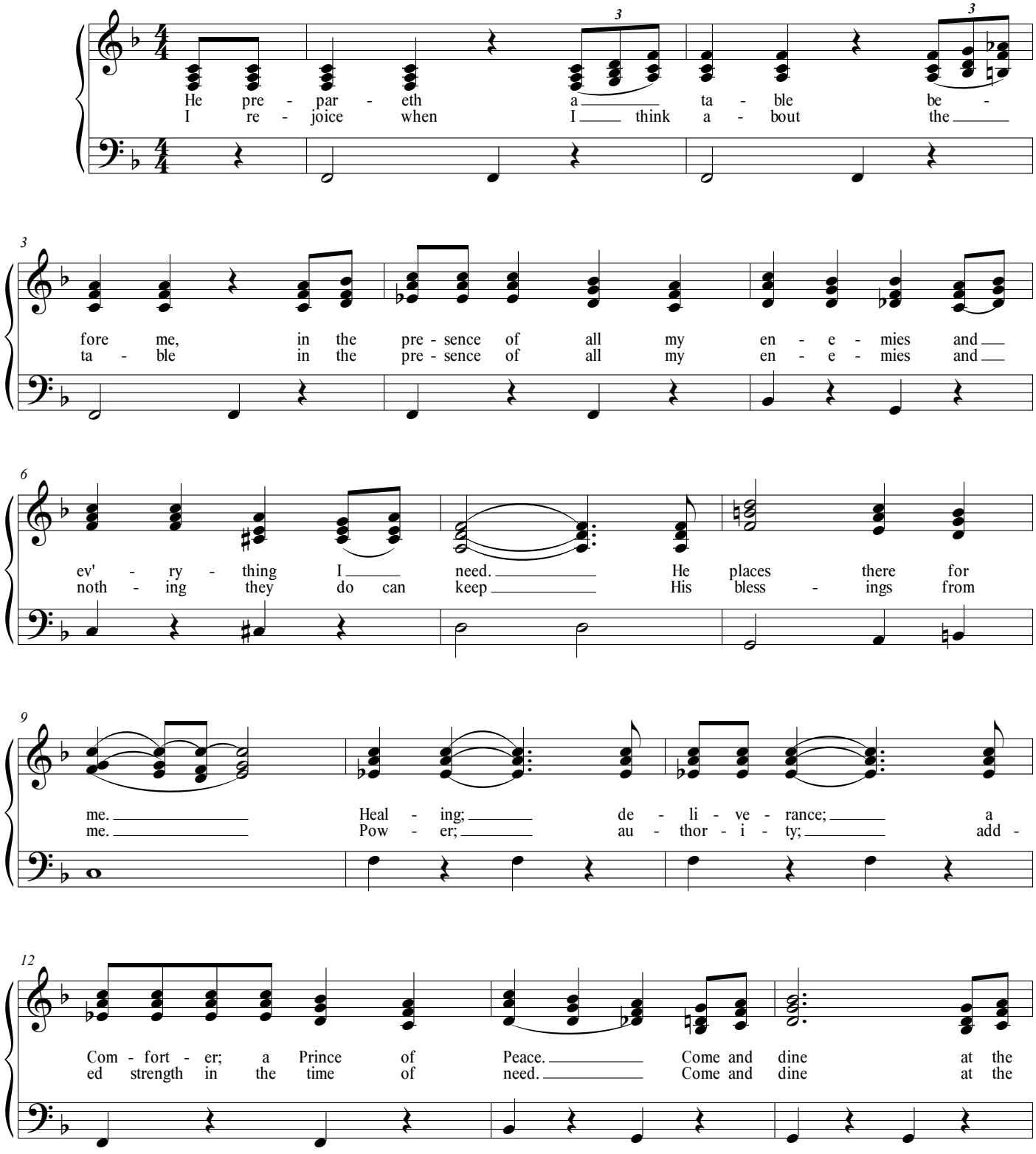

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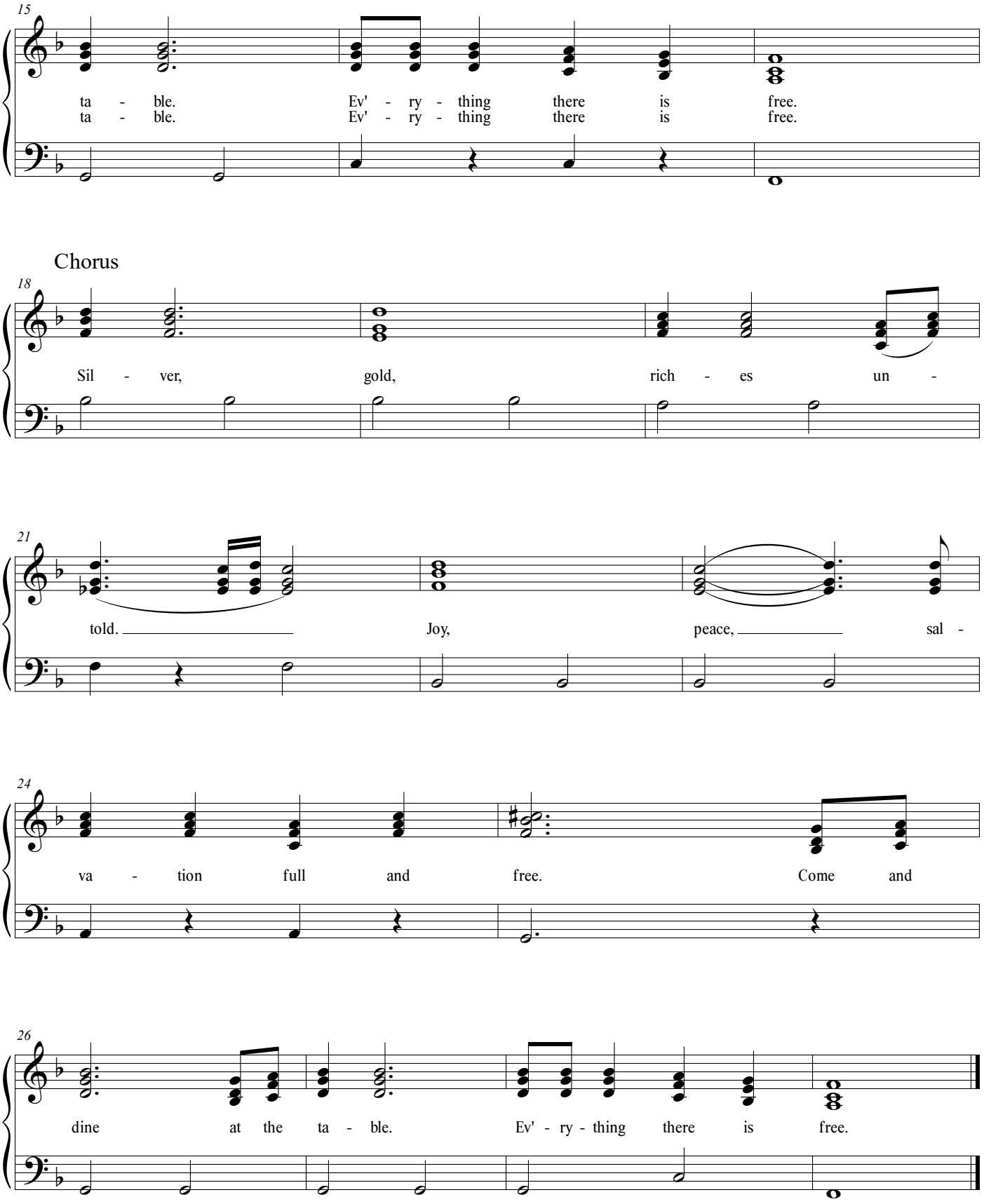
15
ta - ble. Ev' - ry - thing there is free.
ta - ble. Ev' - ry - thing there is free.
Chorus
18
Sil - ver, gold, rich - es un -
21
told. Joy, peace, sal -
24
va - tion full and free. Come and
26
dine at the ta - ble. Ev' - ry - thing there is free.

The Lord Strong and Mighty

Based on Psalm 24

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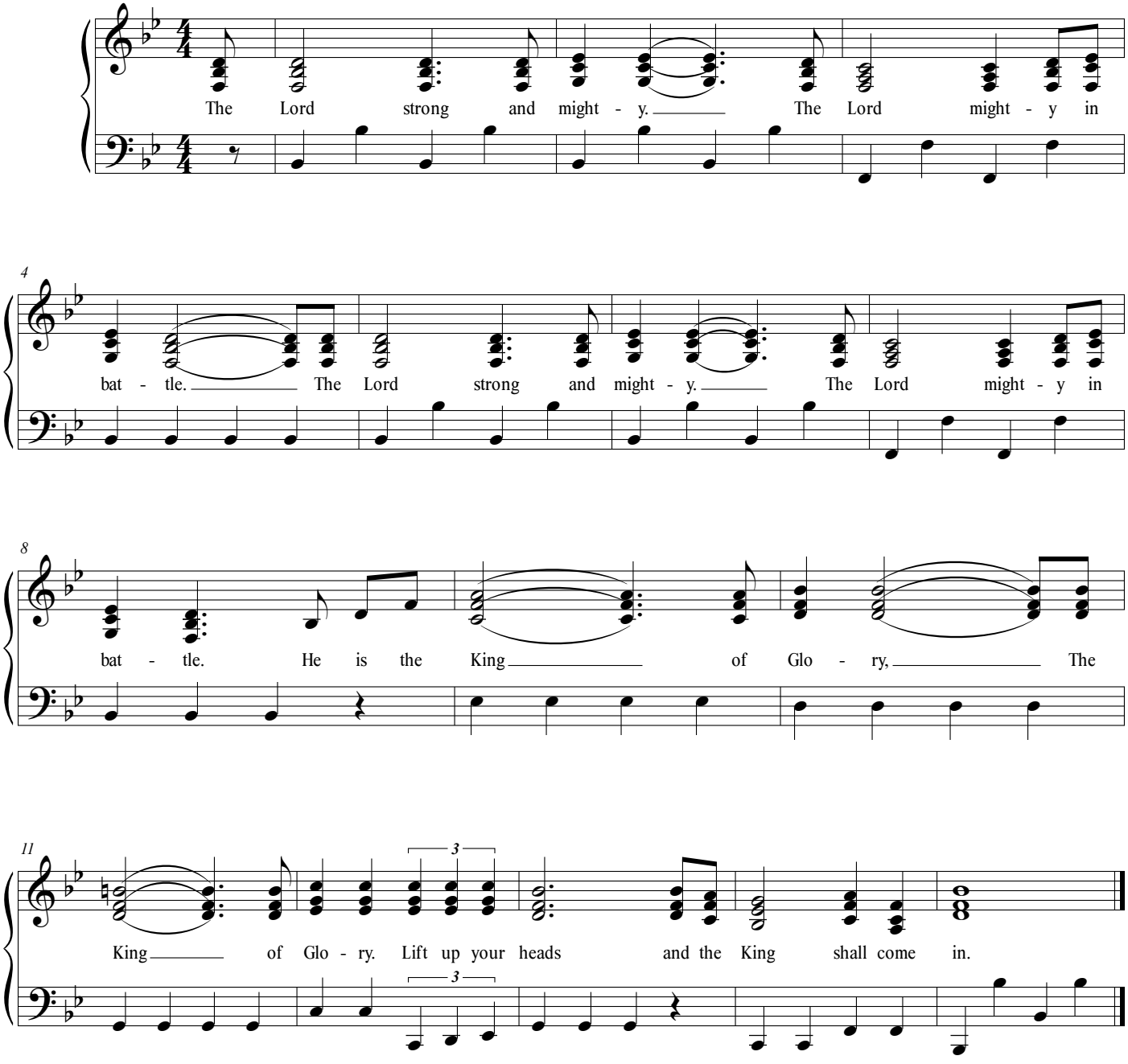
Deliberate and Bold



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Move Mountain

Based on Matthew 17:20

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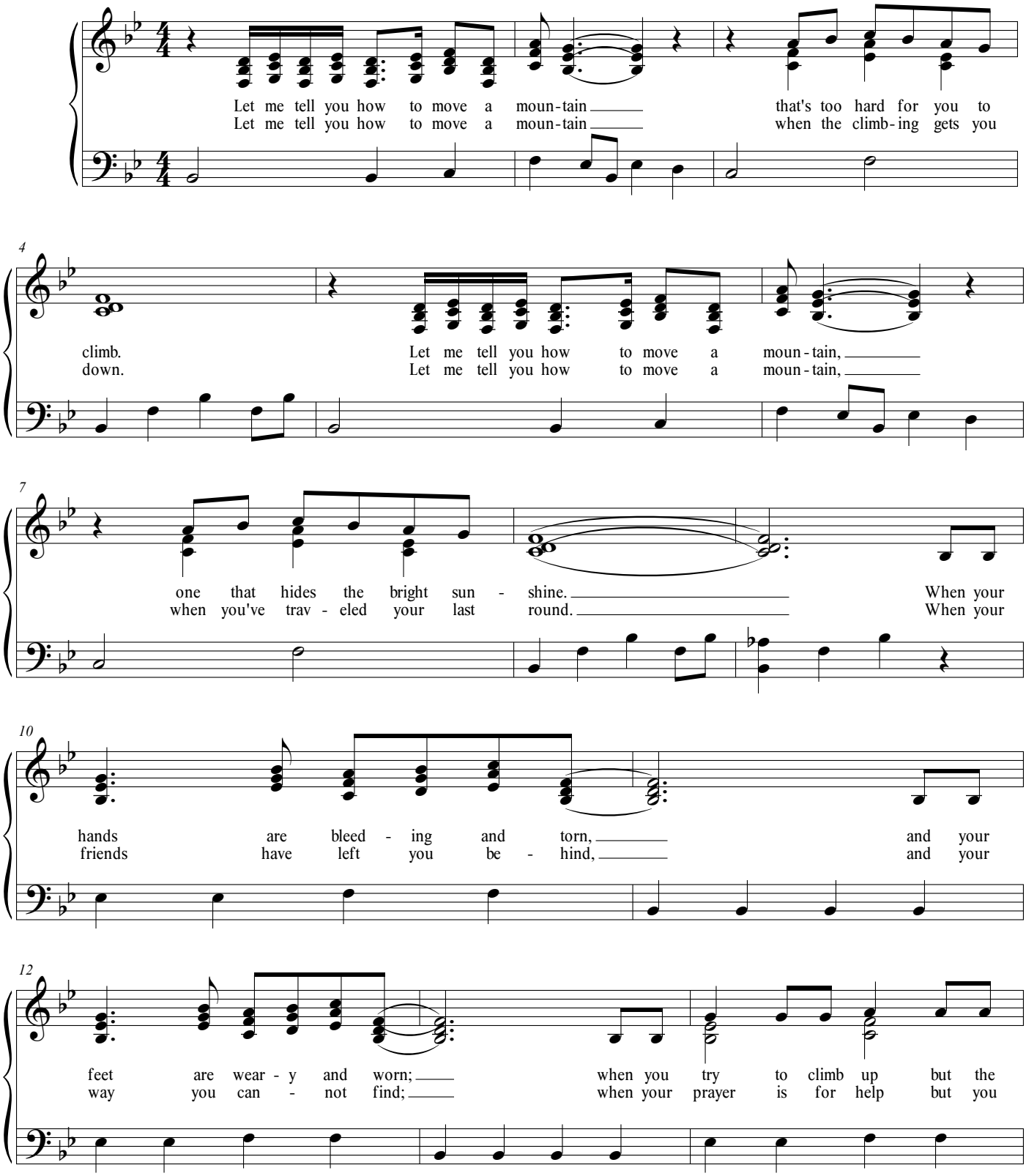

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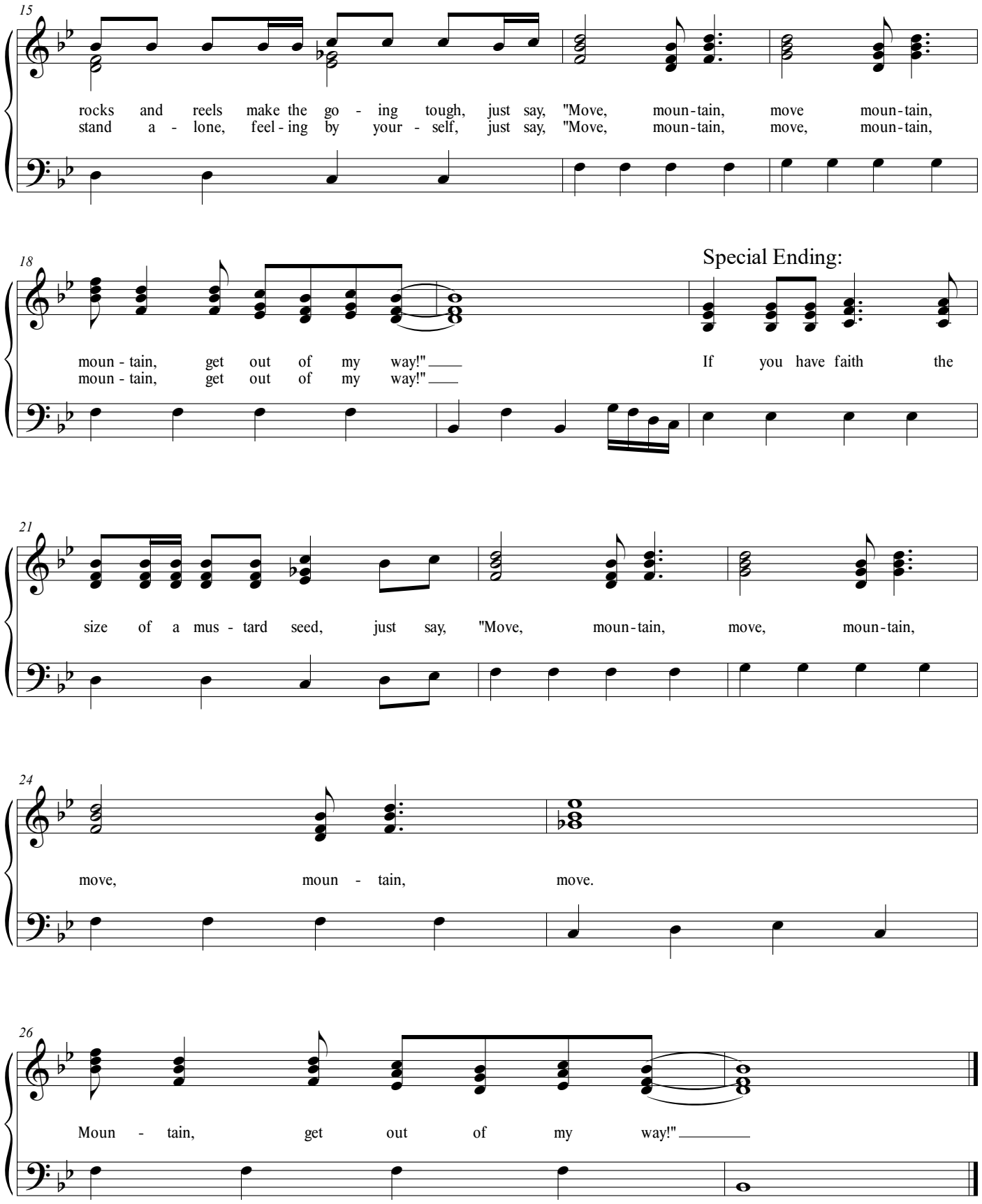
15
rocks and reels make the go - ing tough, just say, "Move, moun-tain, move moun-tain,
stand a - lone, feel-ing by your - self, just say, "Move, moun-tain, move, moun-tain,
18
Special Ending:
moun - tain, get out of my way!"
moun - tain, get out of my way!"
If you have faith the
21
size of a mus - tard seed, just say, "Move, moun-tain, move, moun-tain,
24
move, moun - tain, move.
26
Moun - tain, get out of my way!"

Out of His Way

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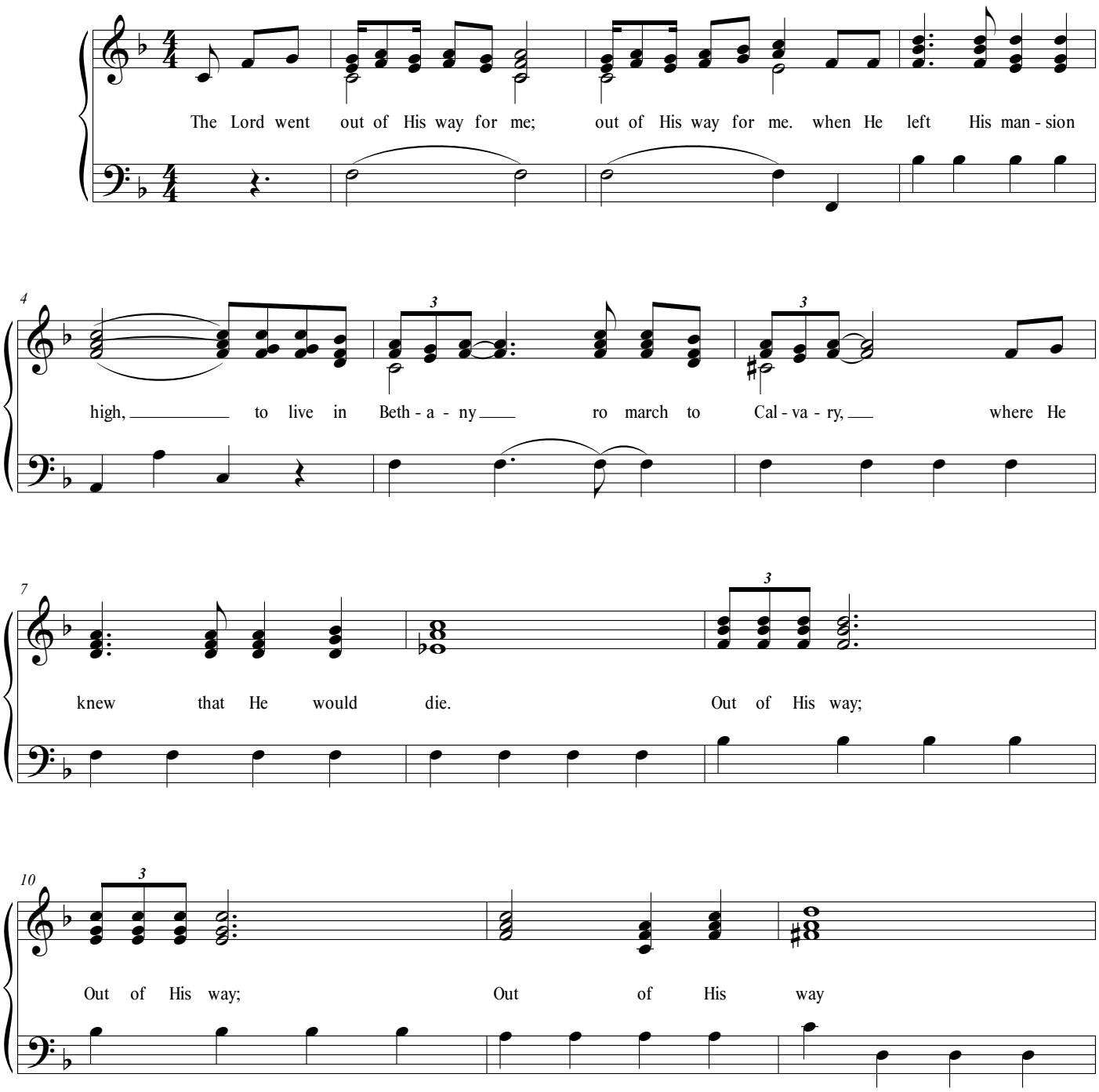

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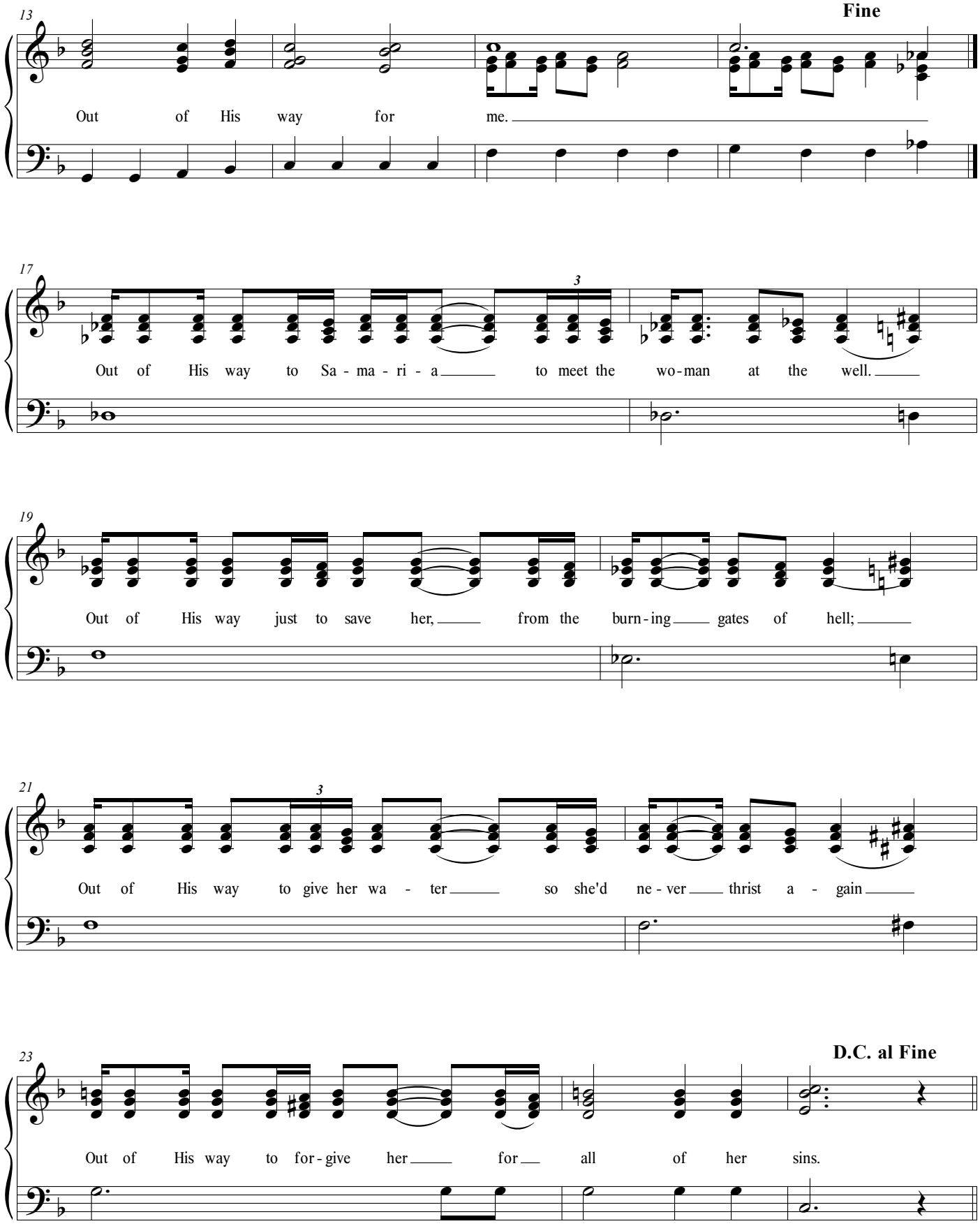
13
Fine
Out of His way for me.
17
3
Out of His way to Sa - ma - ri - a to meet the wo-man at the well.
19
Out of His way just to save her, from the burn-ing gates of hell;
21
3
Out of His way to give her wa - ter so she'd ne - ver thrist a - gain
23
D.C. al Fine
Out of His way to for-give her for all of her sins.

I'm Gonna Take My Burdens Lord

(A Spiritual Arrangement)

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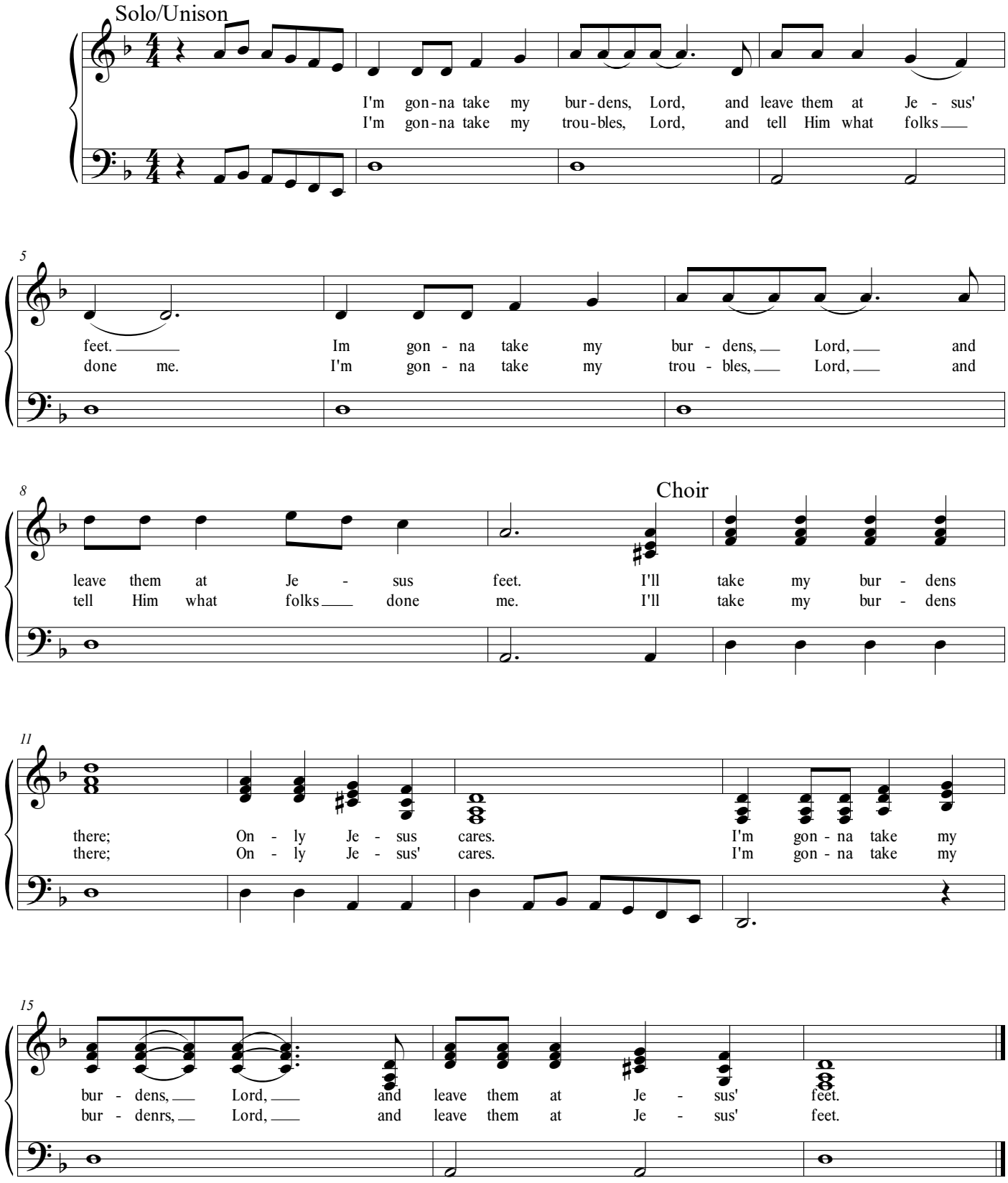

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On this special occasion of your 80th Birthday, I am humbled and honored to have been invited to share words with you. You have proven yourself as California-based minister of music, pianist, composer, music publisher, educator, author, clinician, and lecturer and referred to by many as a Living Legend and "Reigning Queen of African American Gospel Music."

Following in the rich legacy of the eleventh century composer Hildegard (von Bingen), nineteenth century gospel songwriter Fanny J. Cosby and early twentieth century African American women songwriters Roberta Martin, Lucie E. Campbell, and Doris Akers, your hymns have found their way into mainline denominational hymnals and supplements, into the hearts and on the lips of countless Christians and African American gospel music aficionados. You have written more than 150 original copyrighted compositions, conducted workshops across the country and abroad and have had many of your compositions recorded by outstanding artists and choirs all over the United States.

You once told us: "The 98th Psalm is my testimony", and that "My commitment to the work has to be because the Lord has done marvelous things, and because He has been consistently faithful. He has done more for me than I have done for myself." We have all witnessed your commitment, faithfulness, dedication, passion, and perseverance in your anointed music ministry across at least five decades. Your songs have inspired, comforted, enriched, enhanced, and uplifted us in worship and along life's journey, to which I say To God be the Glory for the great work that He has done in you and through you!

God says you are…**UNIQUE** (Psalm 139:13), **SPECIAL** (Ephesians 2:10), **LOVELY** (Daniel 12:3), **VIRTUOUS** (Proverbs 31:10-31), **PRECIOUS** (I Corinthians 6:20, Psalm 18:35, **CHOSEN** (John 15:16) and **FORGIVEN** (Psalm 103:12). On this special day, I wish you all the very best, all the joy, peace, and love you can ever have, bountiful blessings and "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow" and all the days to come.

With Love,

Jimmie

James Abbington, DMA, FHS
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Bless Me Today

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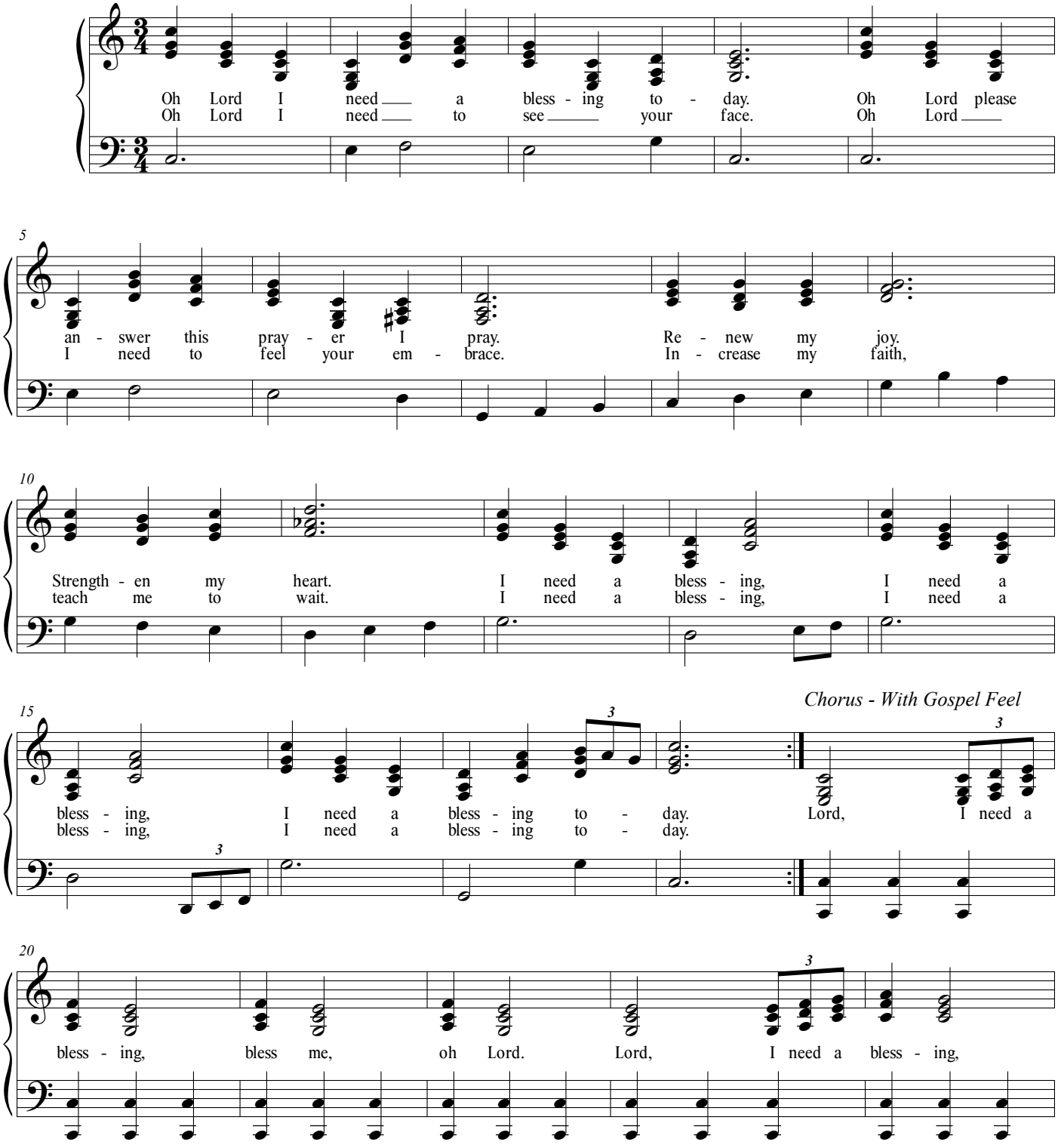
Hymn Style



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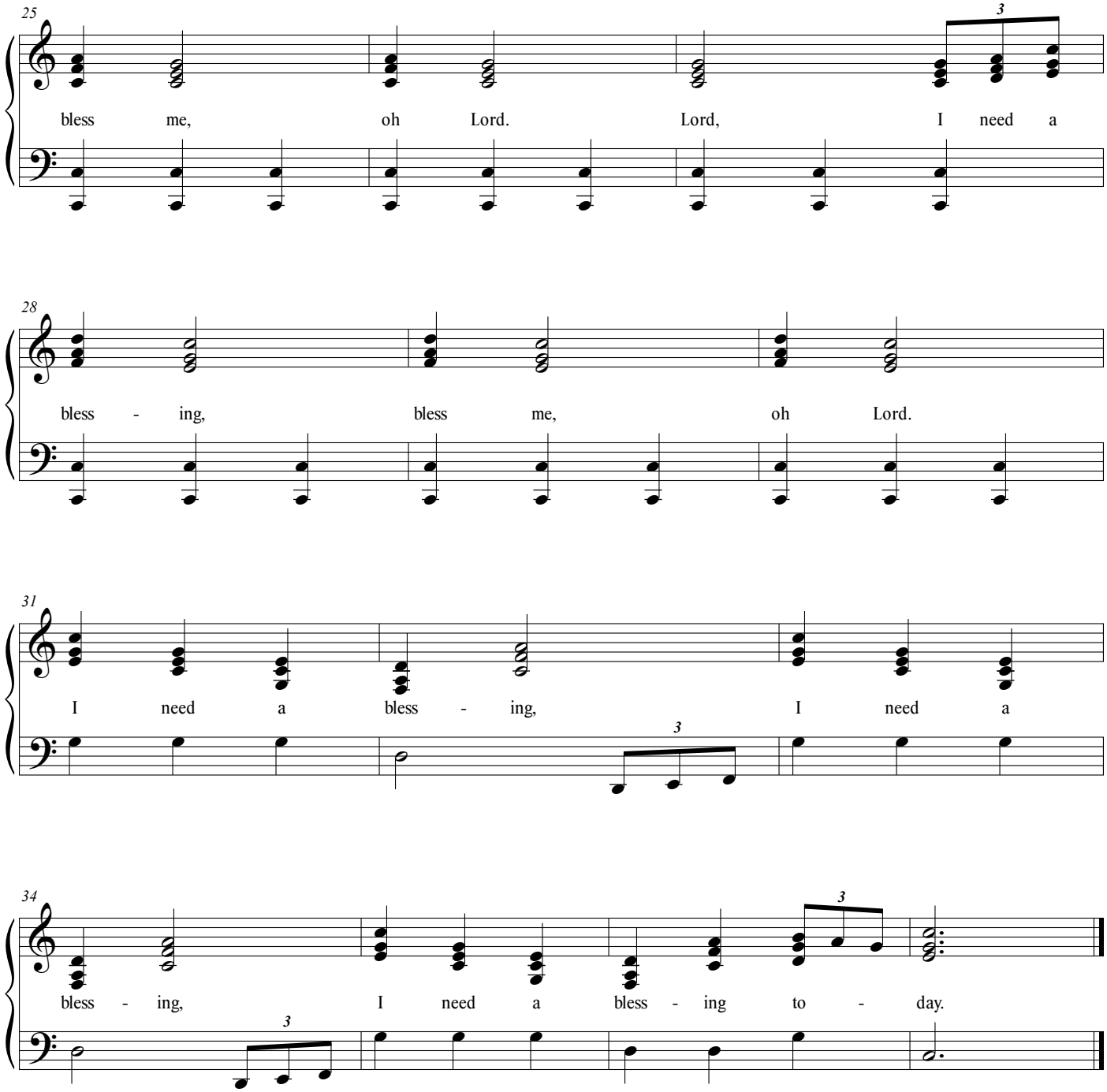
25
bless me, oh Lord. Lord, I need a
28
bless - ing, bless me, oh Lord.
31
I need a bless - ing, I need a
34
bless - ing, I need a bless - ing to - day.

Blessing In This House

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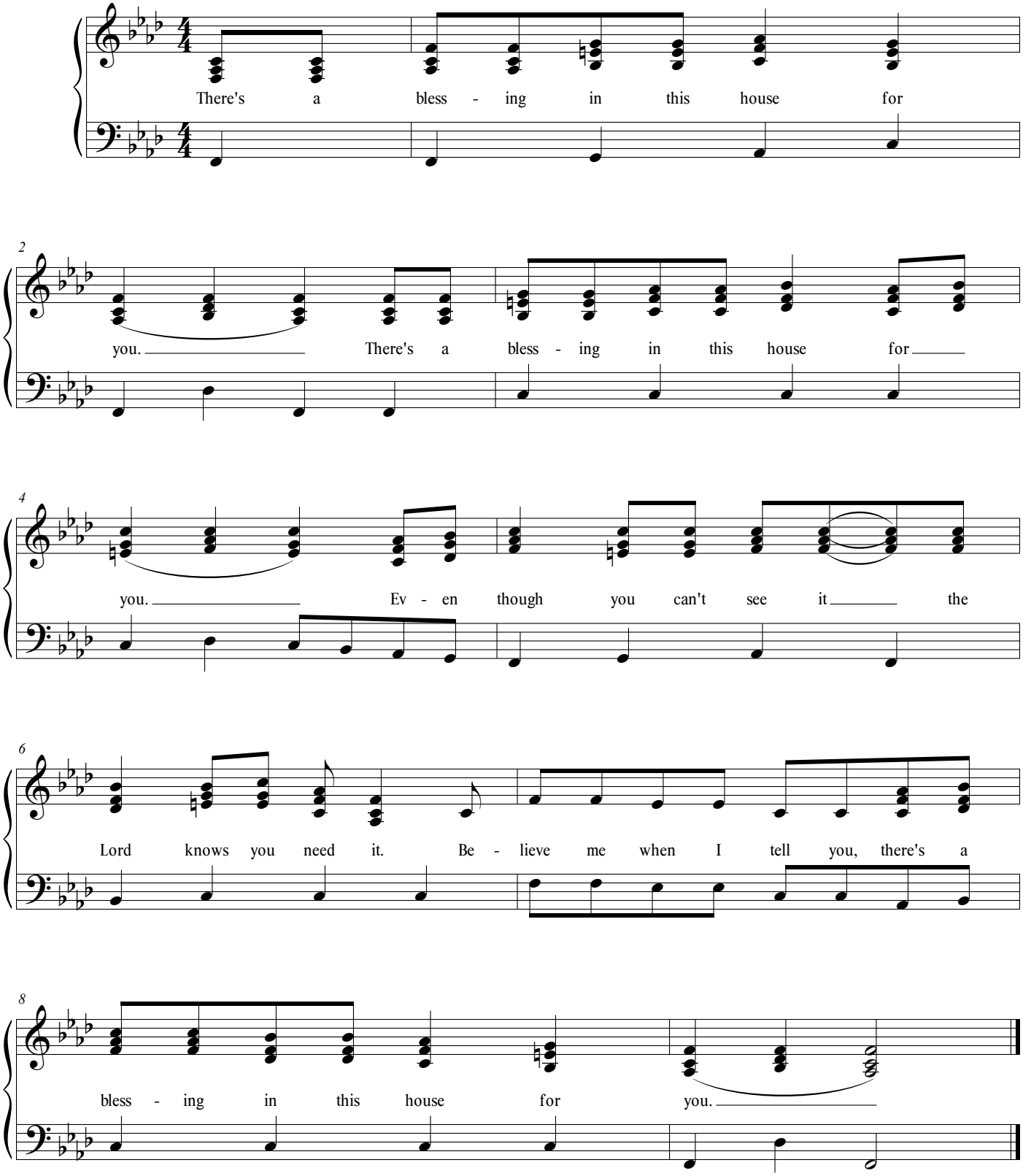

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Glory Be To The Father

Based on Philippians 4:20

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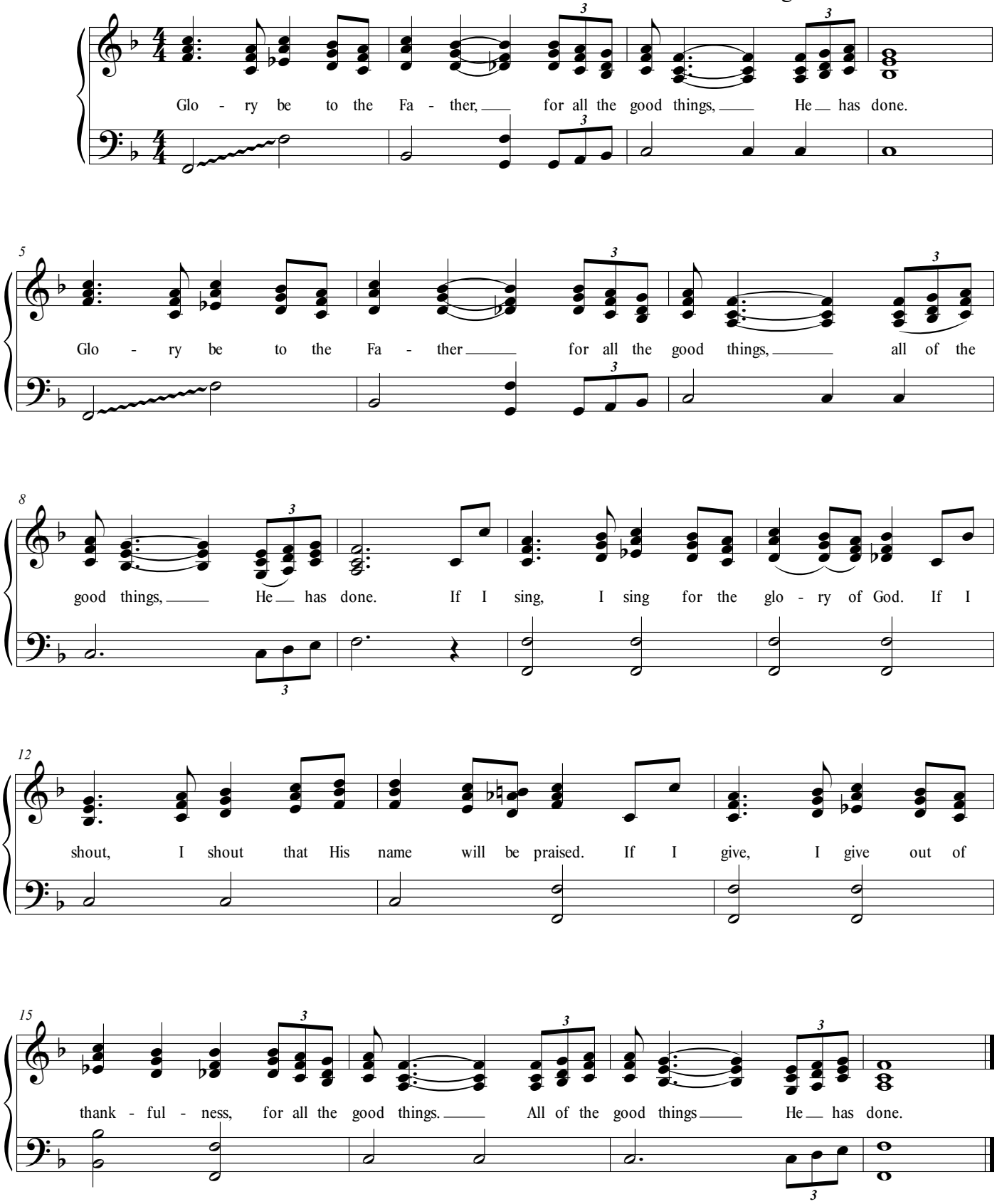

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Grace and Mercy Covered Me

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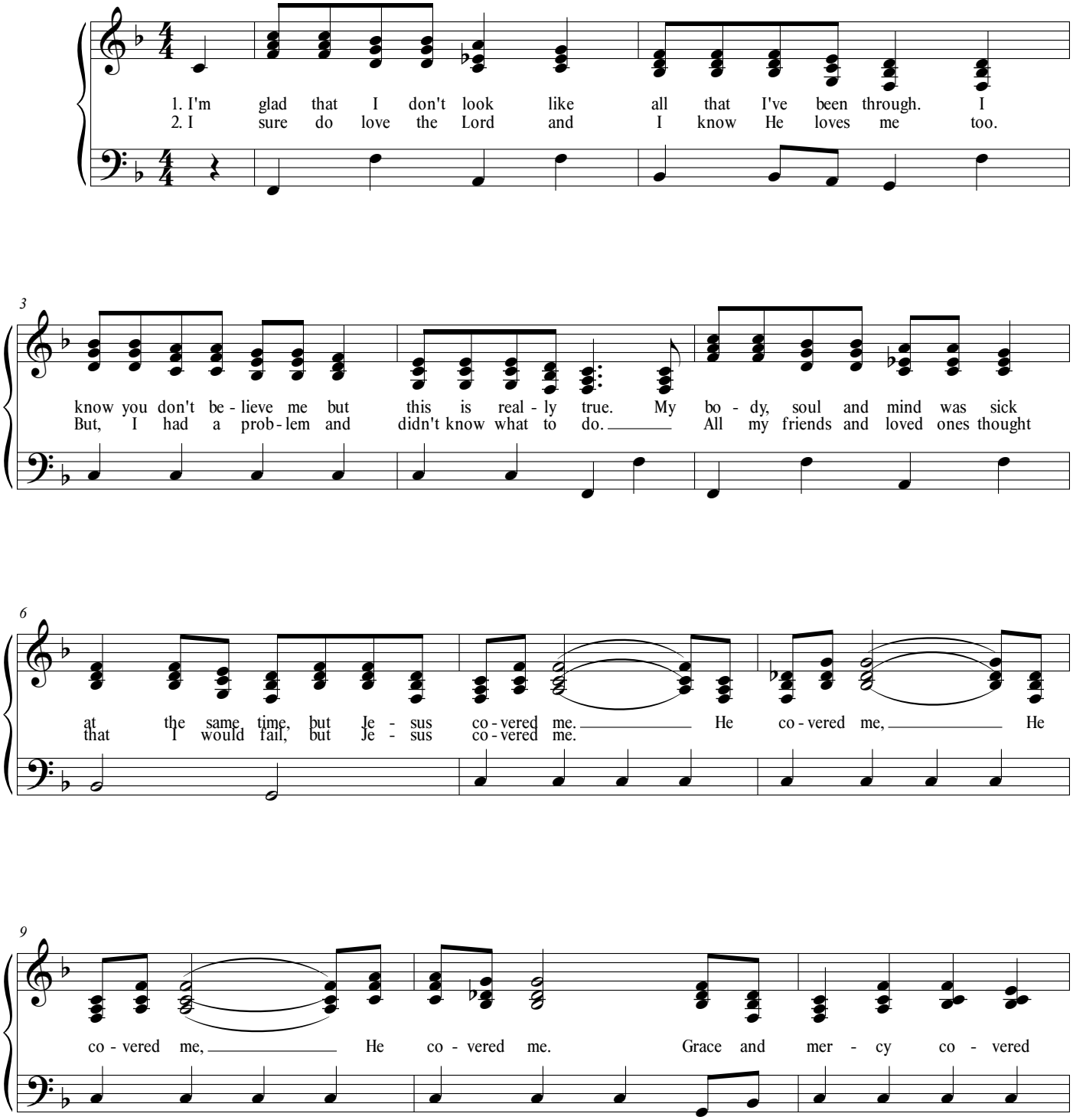

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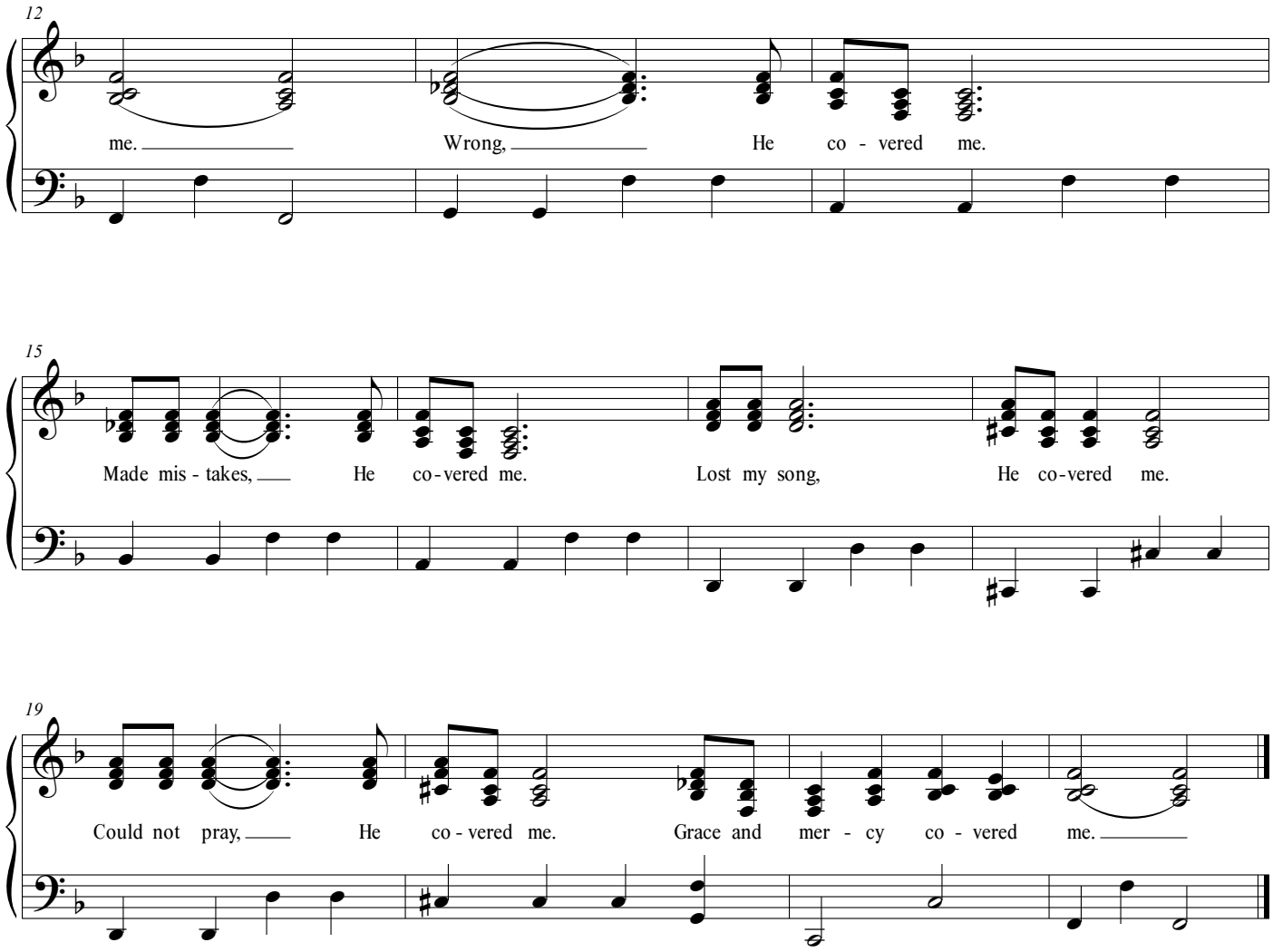
12
me.
Wrong,
He co - vered me.
15
Made mis - takes,
He co-vered me.
Lost my song,
He co-vered me.
19
Could not pray,
He co - vered me.
Grace and mer - cy co - vered me.

Count It All Joy

Based on James 1:2

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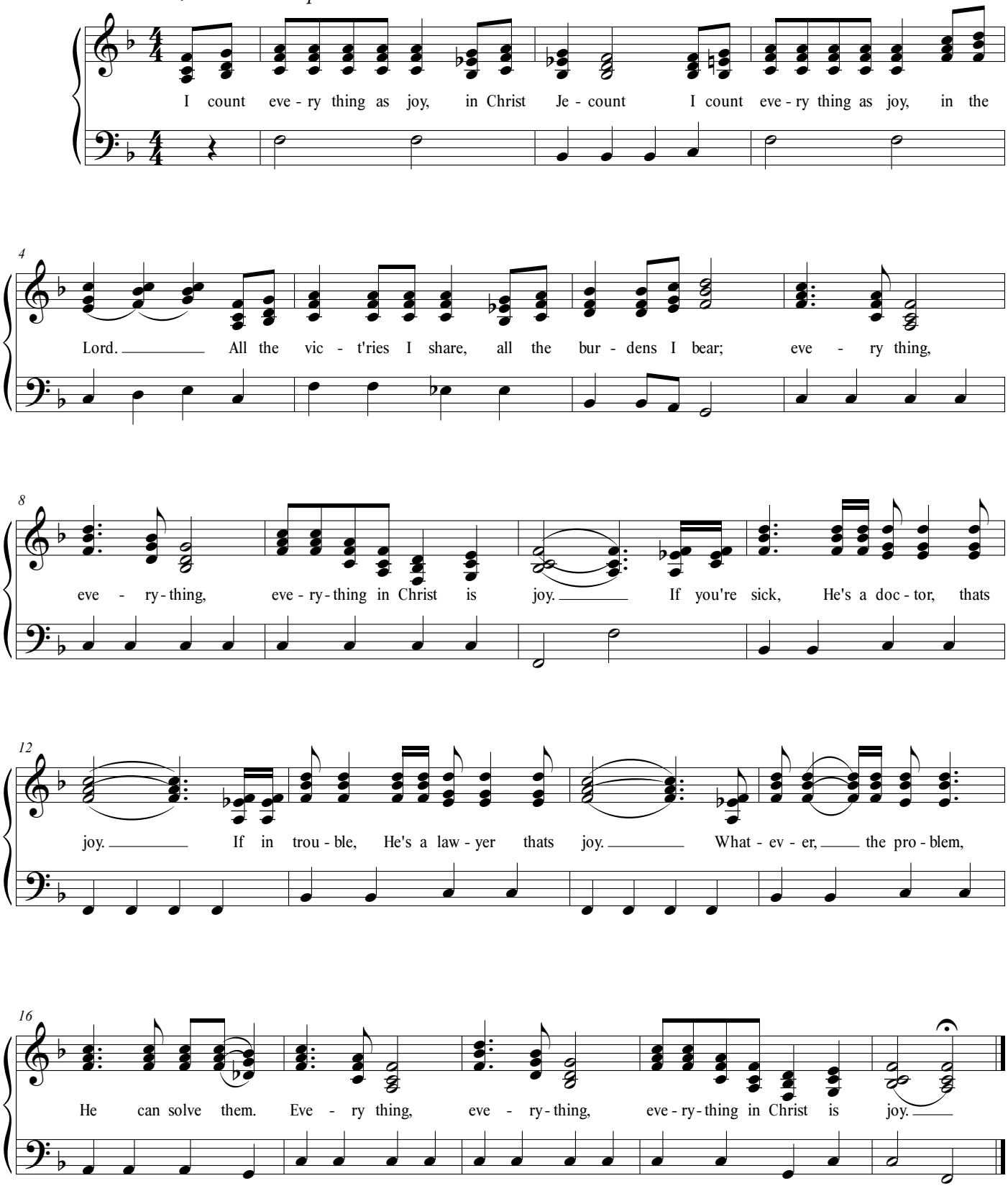
Deliberate, Moderate Gospel



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I Can't Deny It

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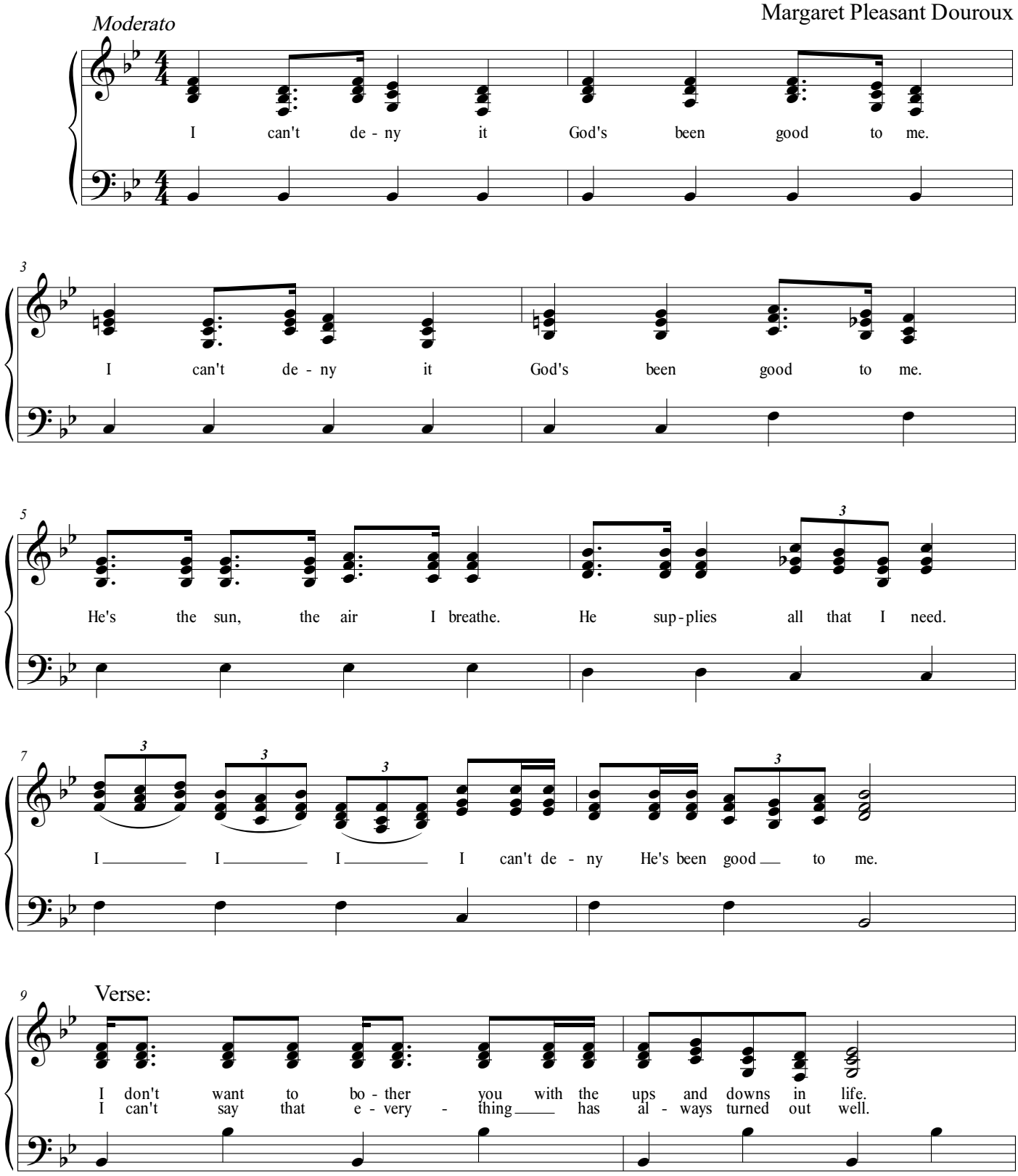

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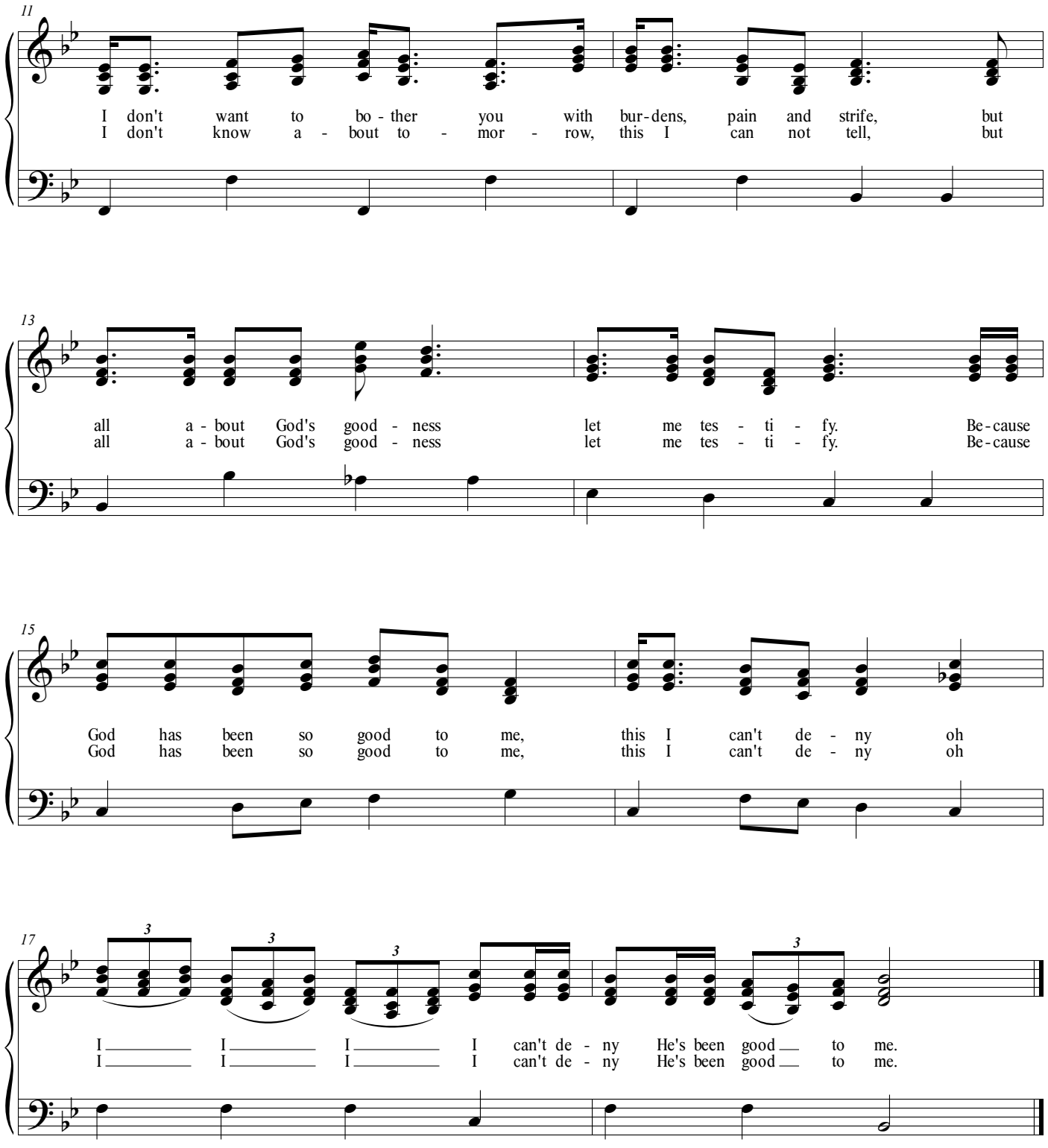
11
I don't want to bo - ther you with bur-dens, pain and strife, but
I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, this I can not tell, but
13
all a - bout God's good - ness let me tes - ti - fy. Be-cause
all a - bout God's good - ness let me tes - ti - fy. Be-cause
15
God has been so good to me, this I can't de - ny oh
God has been so good to me, this I can't de - ny oh
17
3
I I I I can't de - ny He's been good to me.
I I I I can't de - ny He's been good to me.

Don't Wait Too Late

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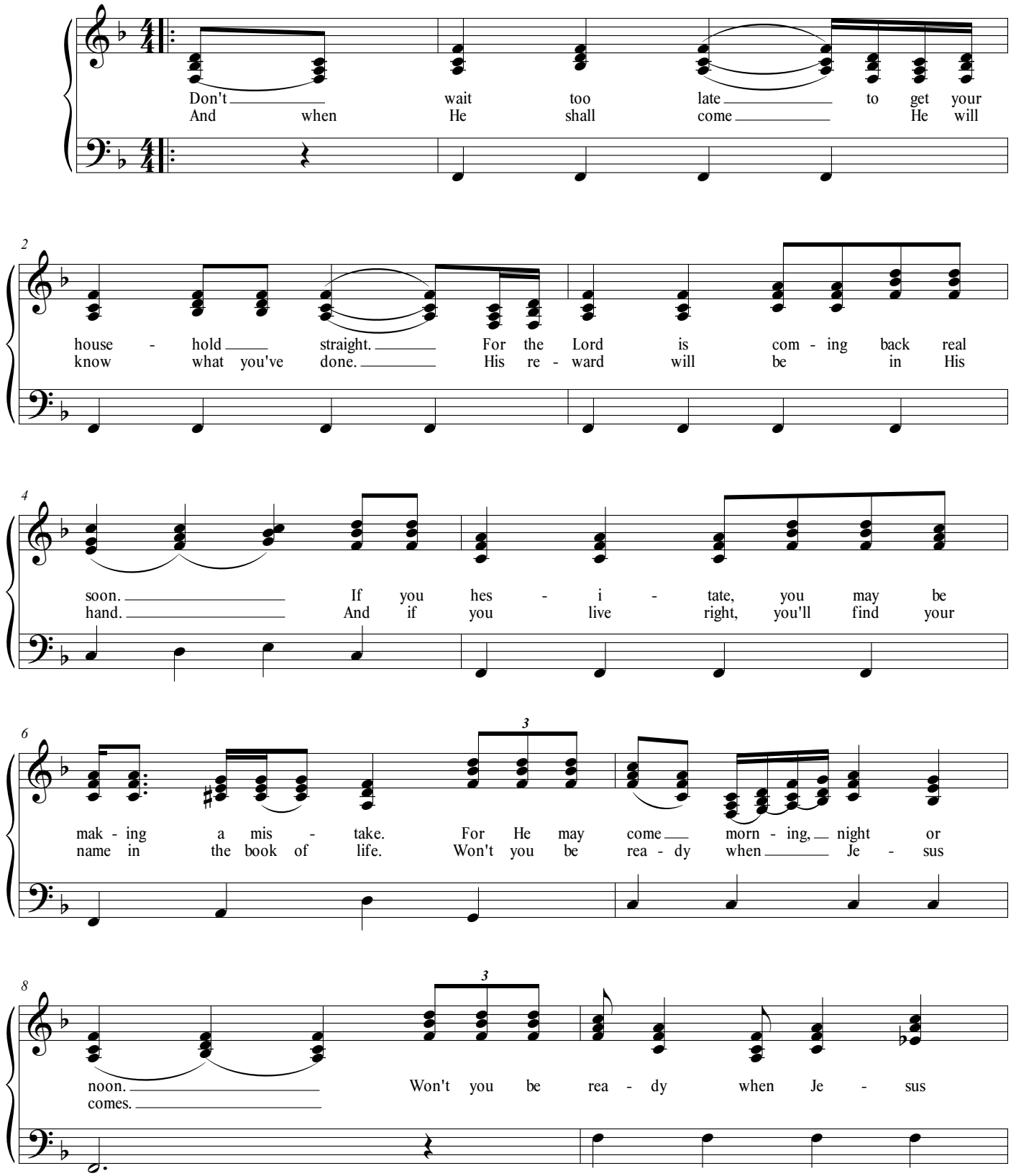

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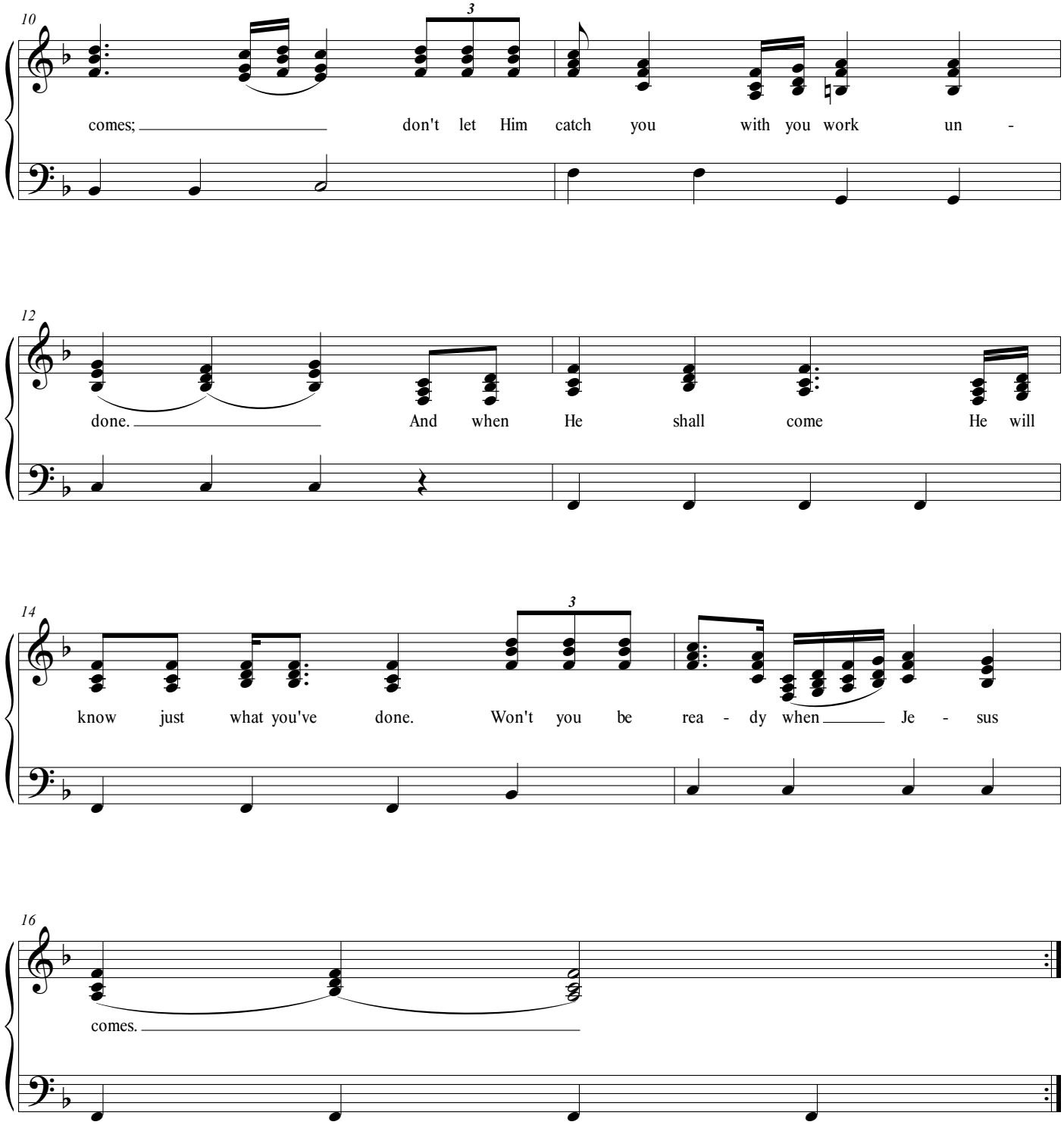
10
3
comes; don't let Him catch you with you work un -
12
done. And when He shall come He will
14
3
know just what you've done. Won't you be rea - dy when Je - sus
16
comes.

Until I Reach My Home

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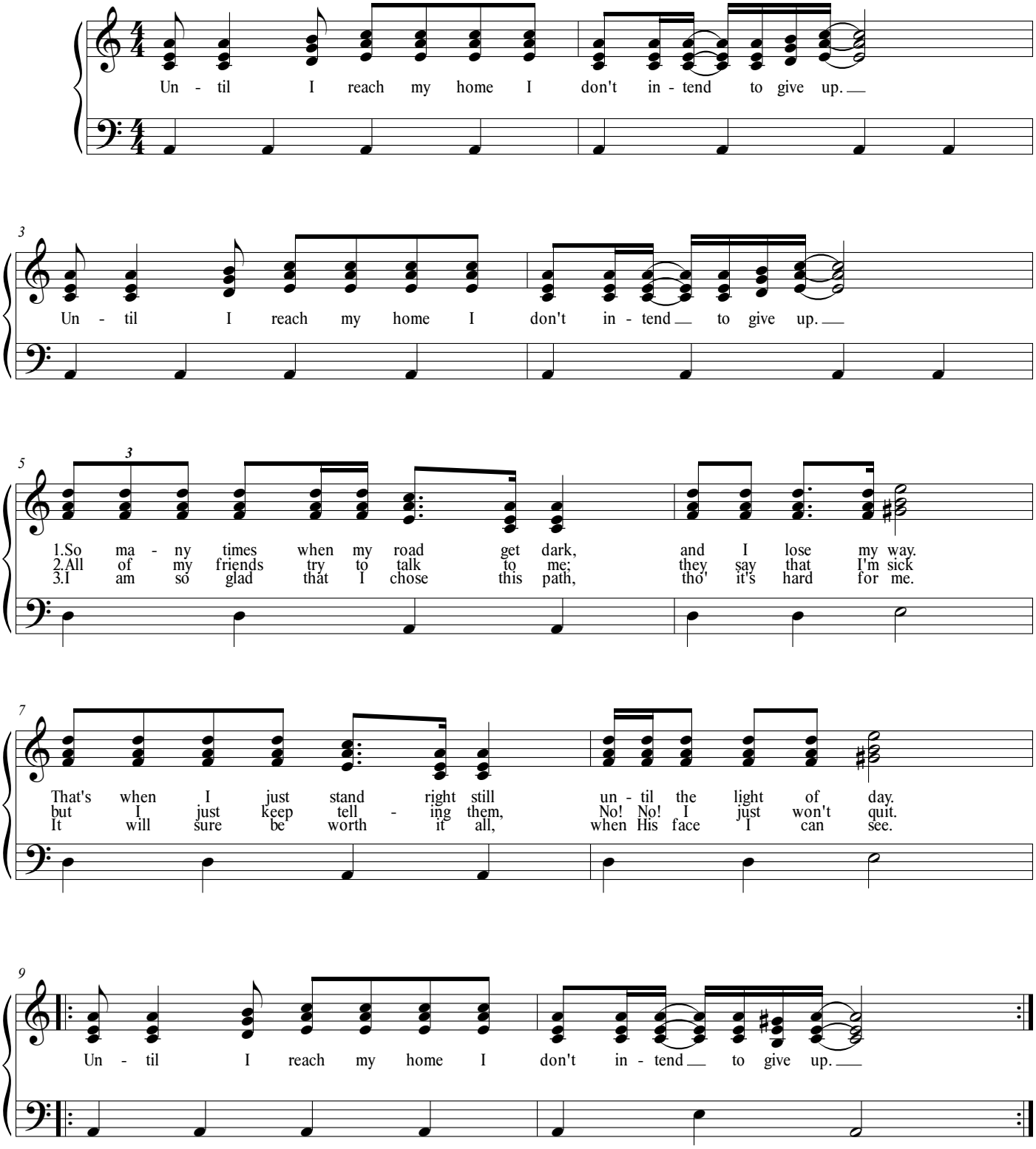
Lively, Spiritual Style



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Hide Your Word

Based on Psalm 119:105

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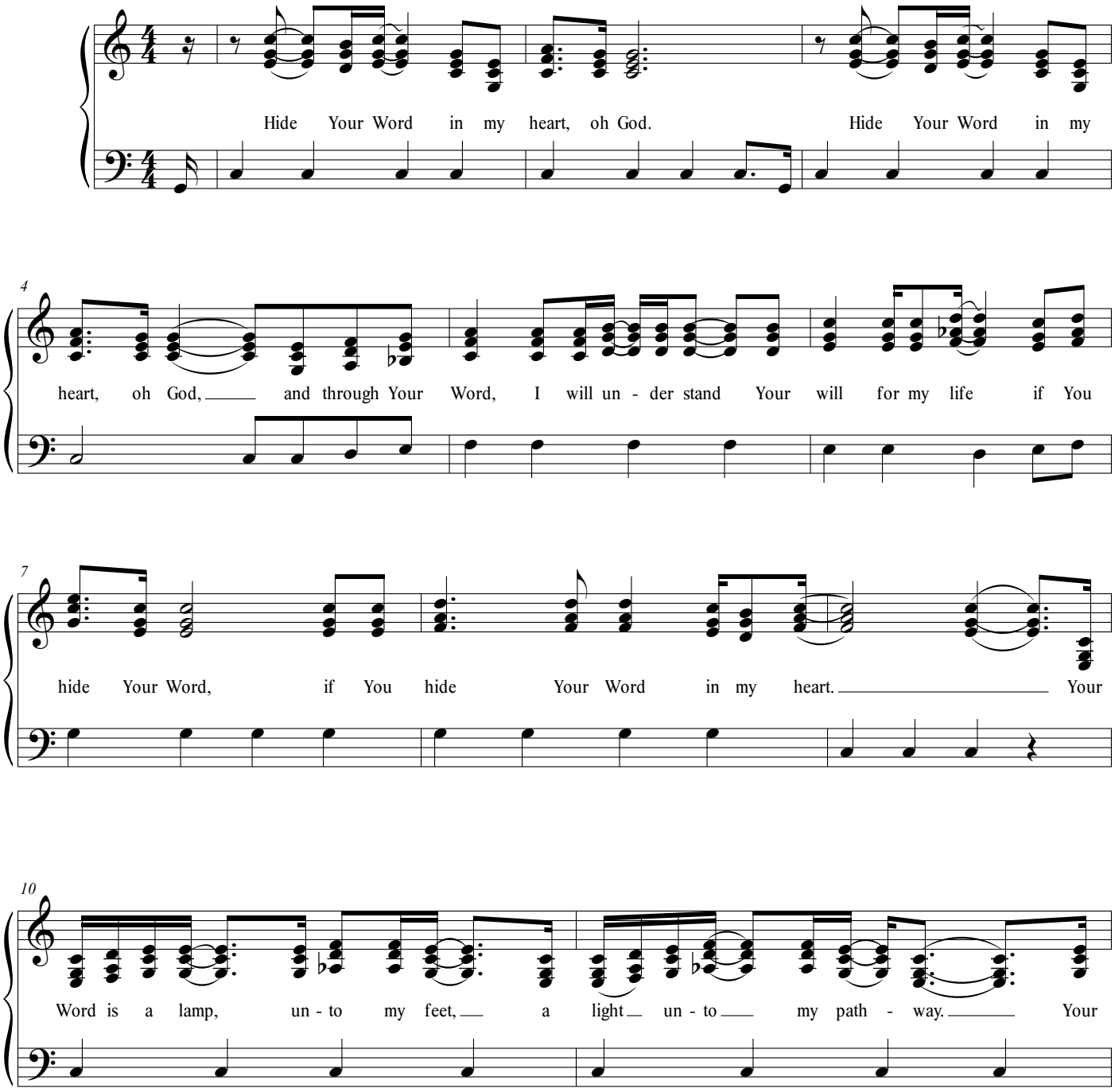

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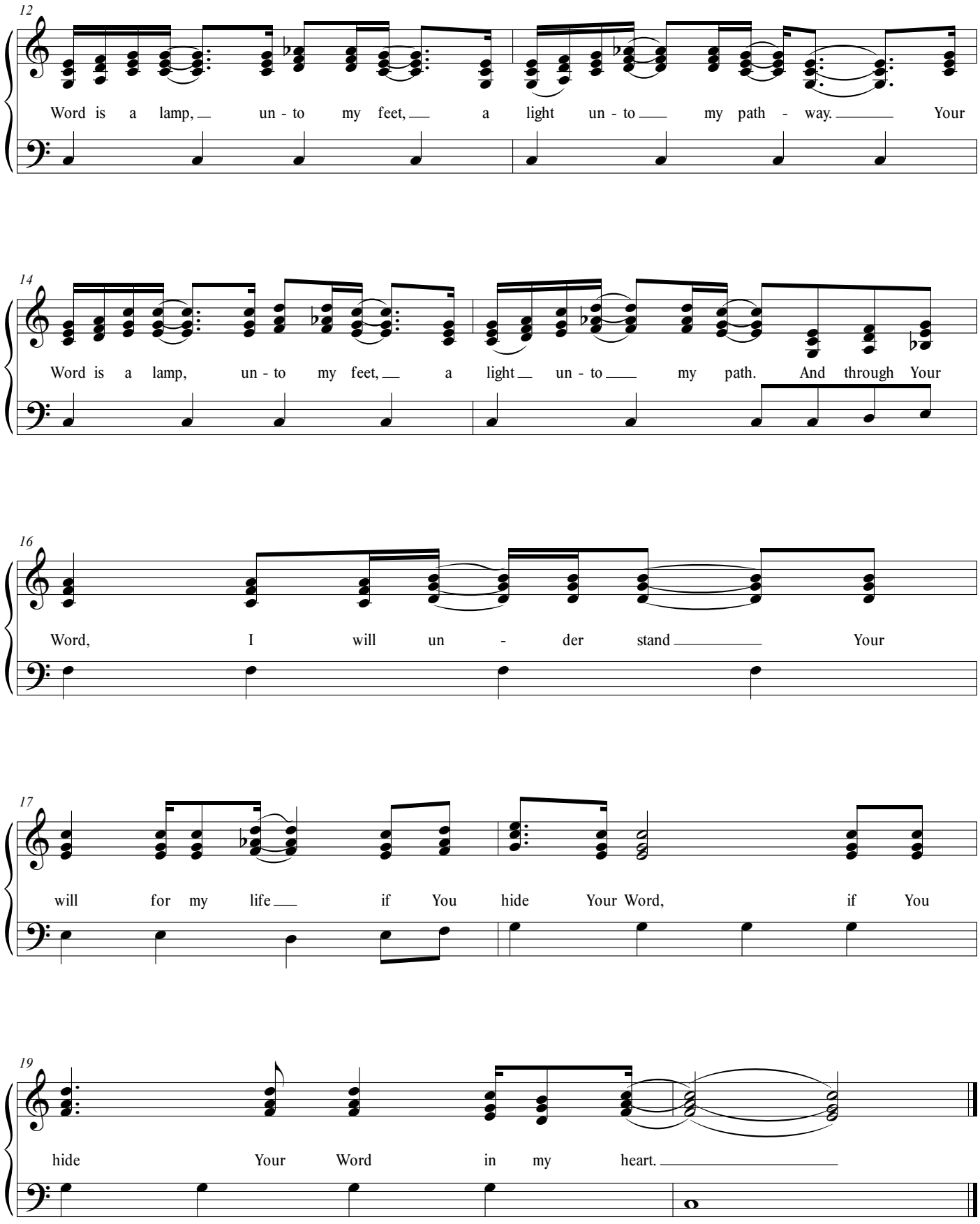
12
Word is a lamp, un - to my feet, a light un - to my path - way. Your
14
Word is a lamp, un - to my feet, a light un - to my path. And through Your
16
Word, I will un - der stand Your
17
will for my life if You hide Your Word, if You
19
hide Your Word in my heart.

God Knows Just What He's Doing

As spoken by Pastor William Timothy Glynn

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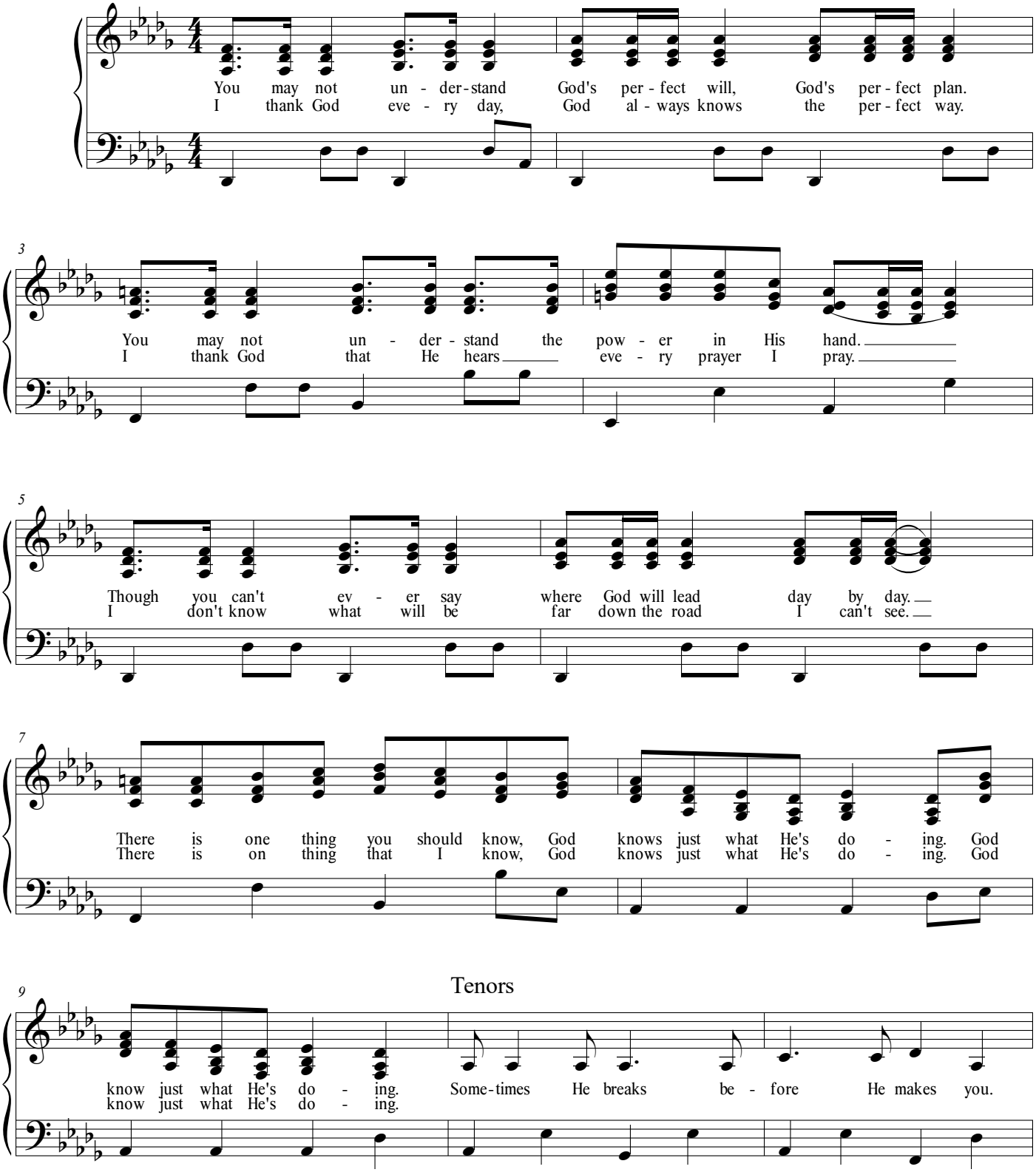

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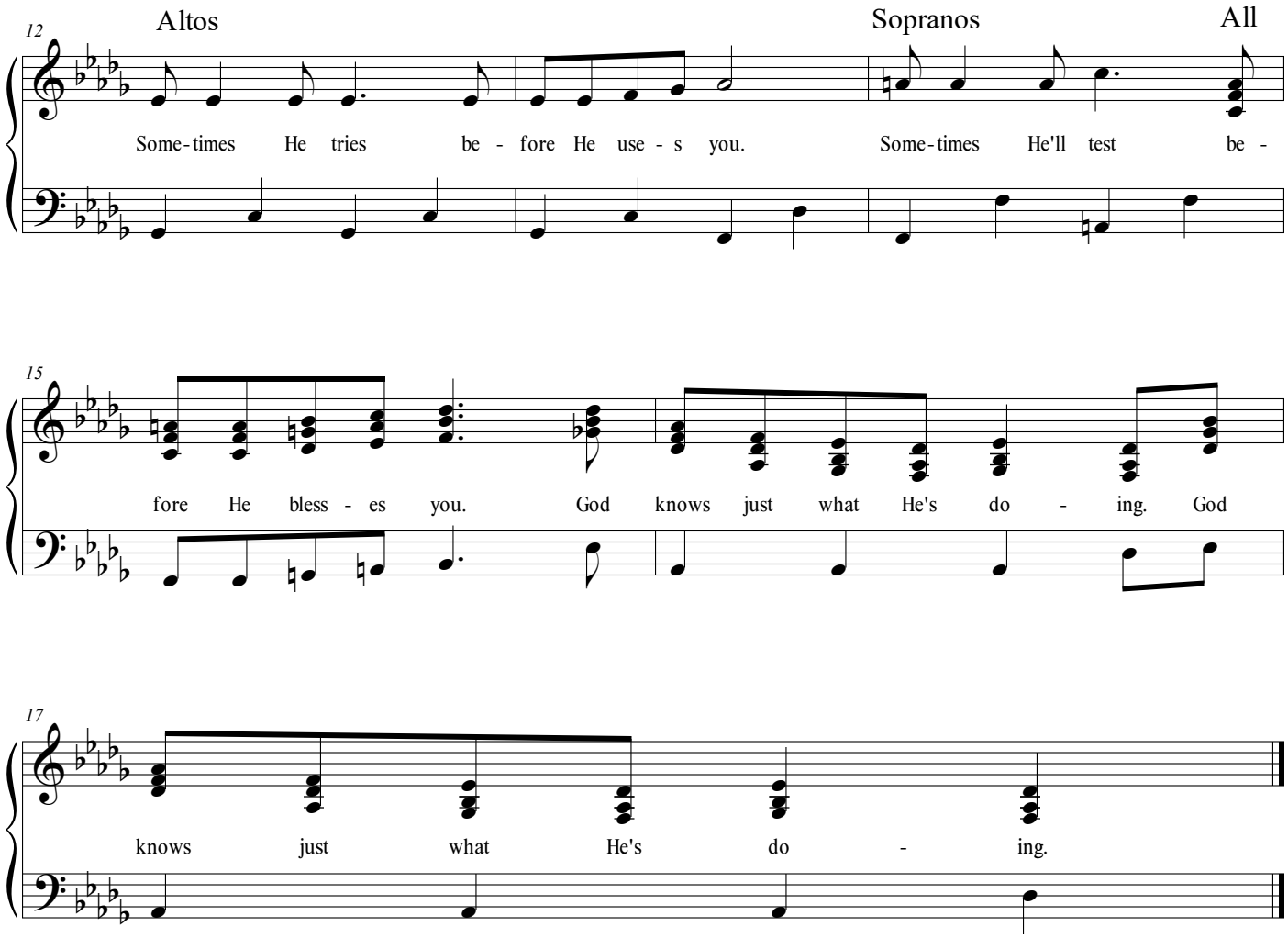
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Some-times He tries be - fore He use - s you.
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fore He bless - es you. God knows just what He's do - ing. God
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