FOUR SONNETS
OF
MICHELANGELO

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HIGH VOICE
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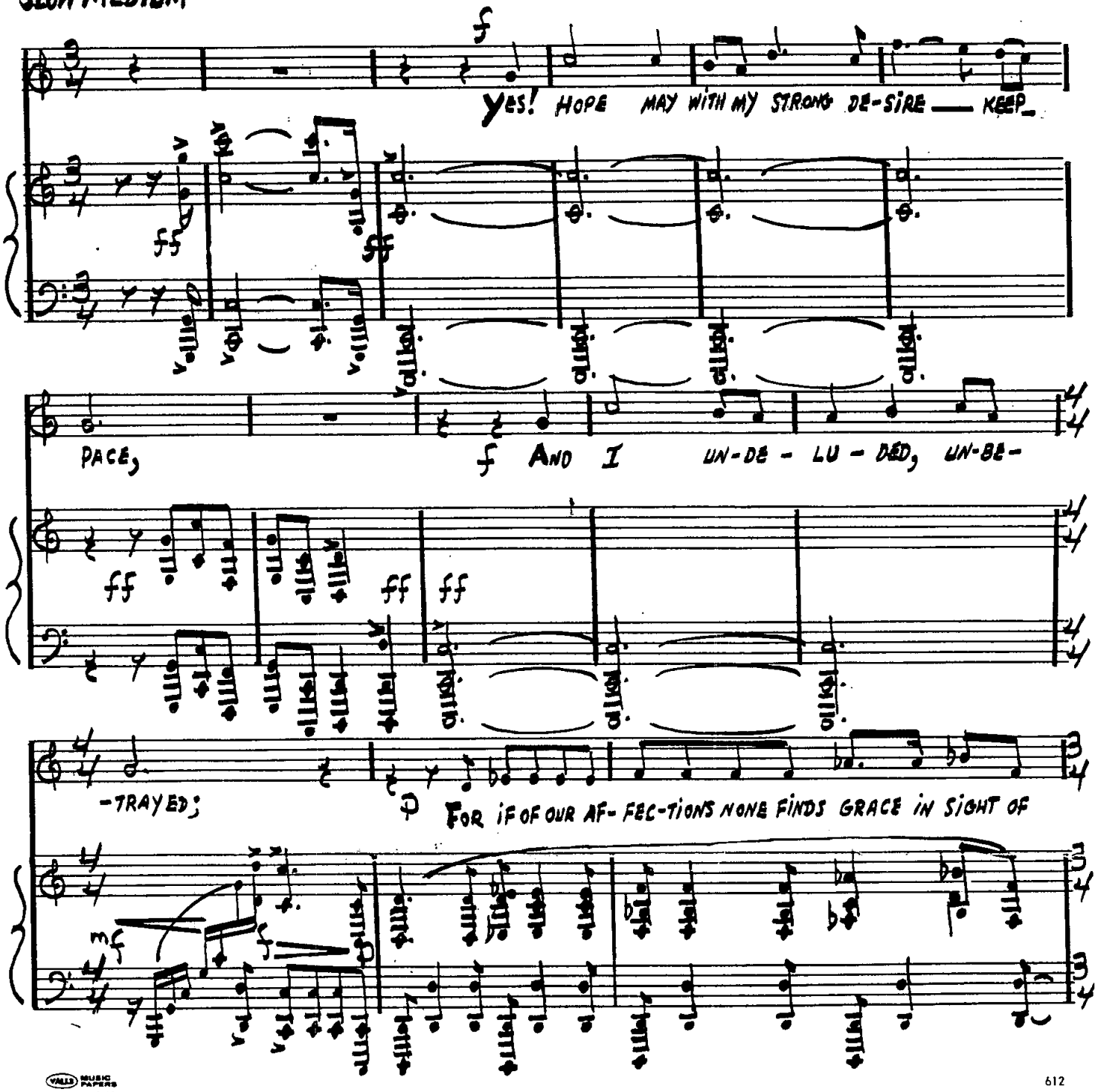
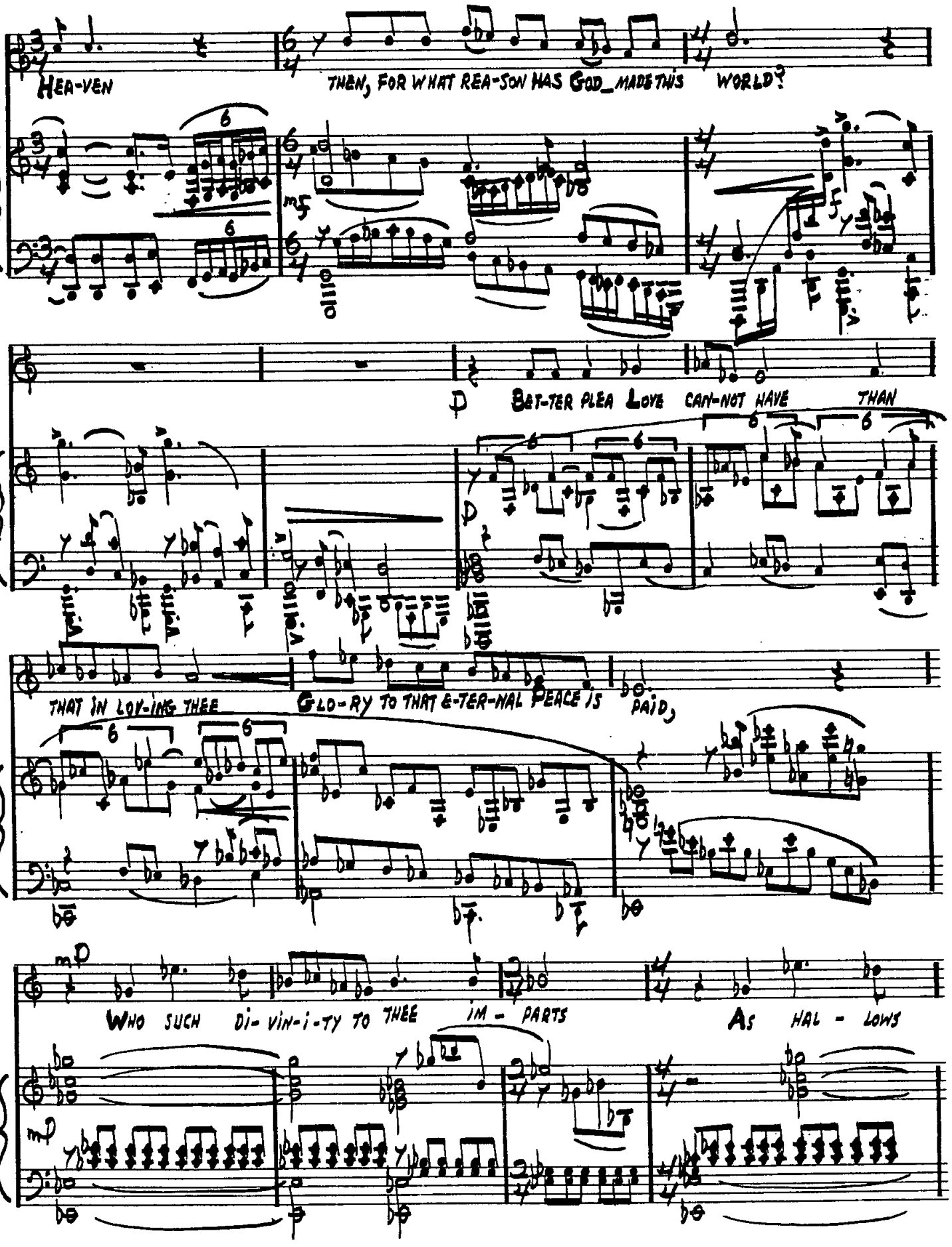
YES! HOPE MAY WITH MY STRONG DESIRE KEEP PACE...

SLOW MEDIUM





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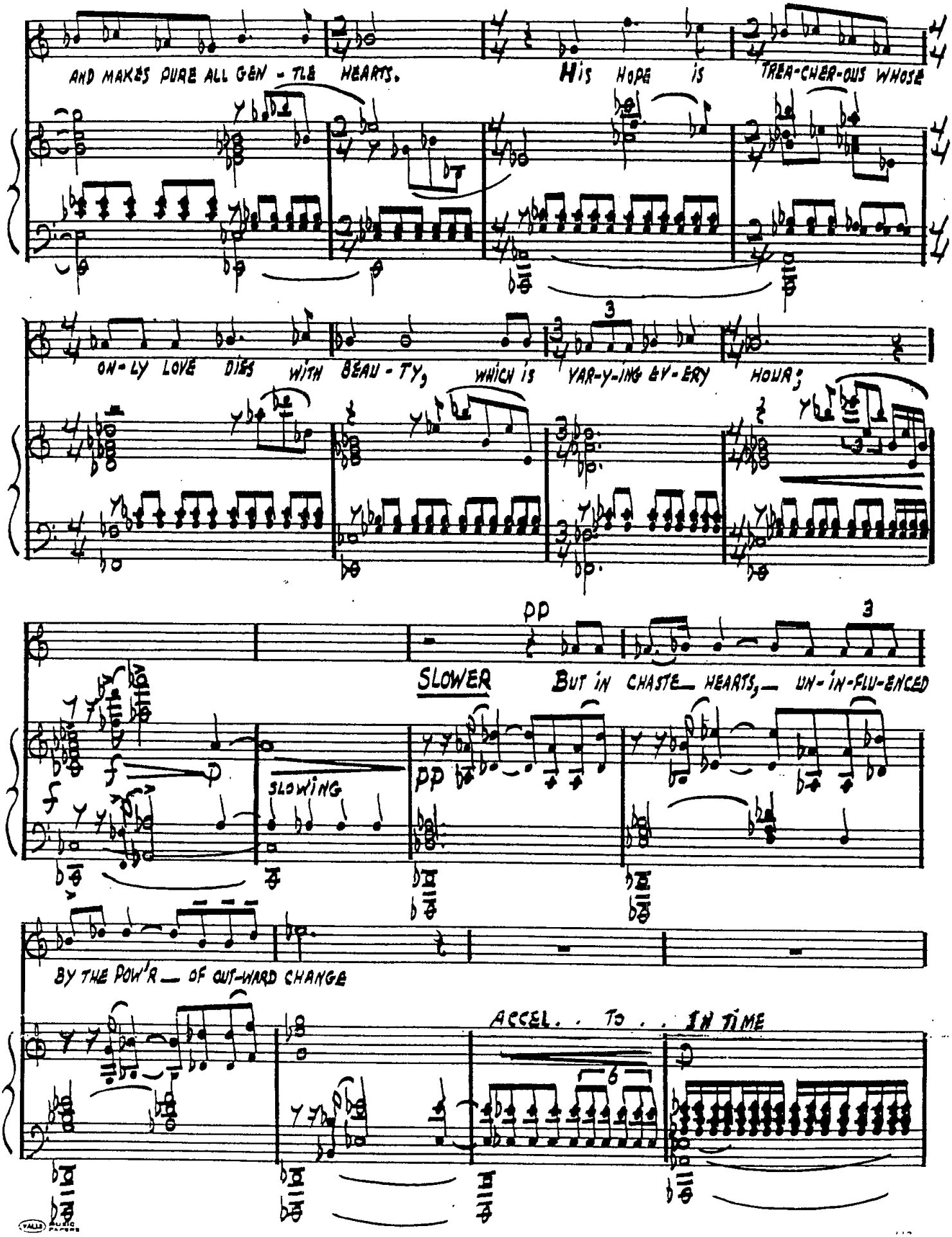
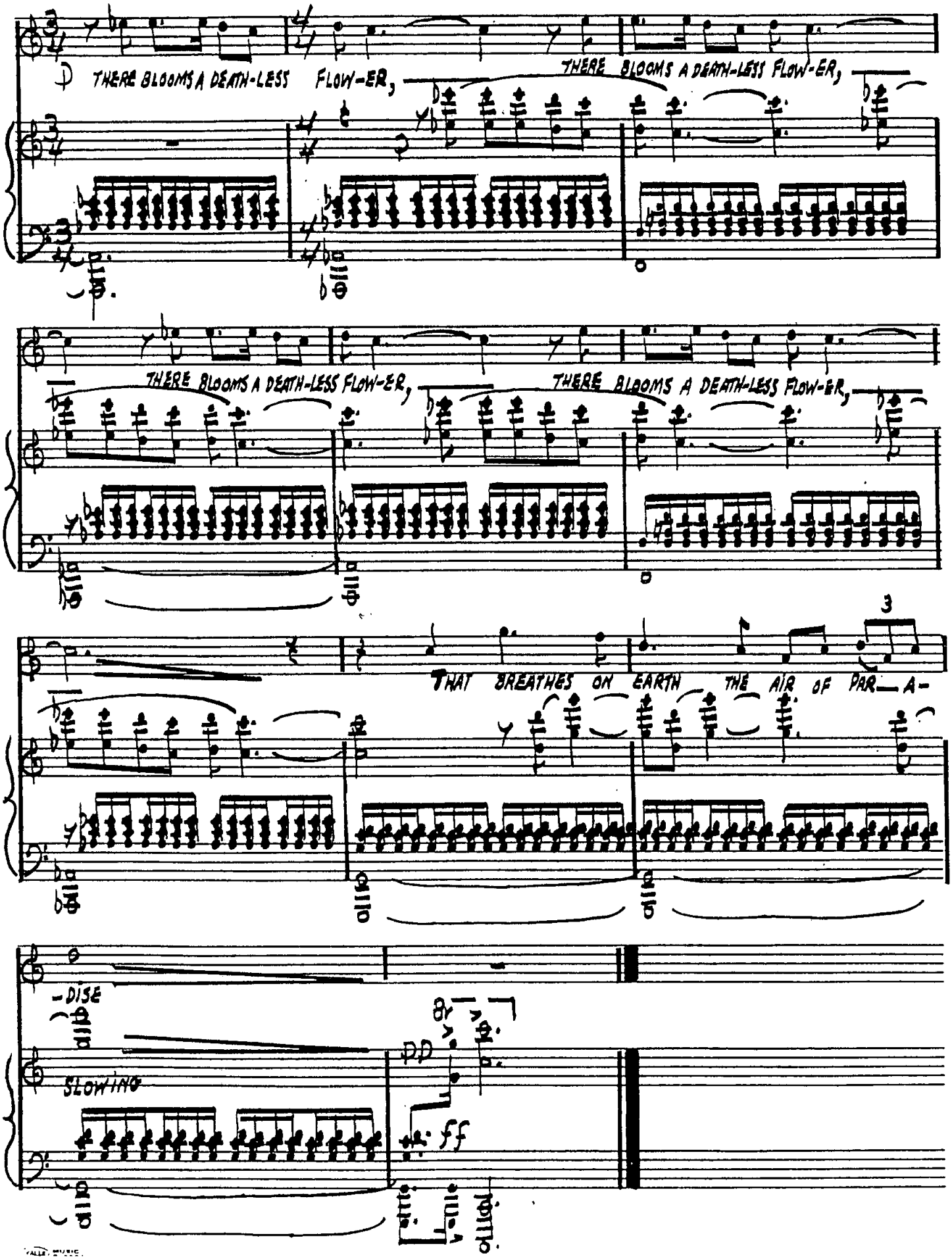

AND MAKES PURE ALL GEN - TLE HEARTS.
His HOPE is TREA-CHER-OUS WHOSE
ON-LY LOVE DIES WITH BEAU - TY, WHICH is VAR-Y-ING EV-ERY HOUR;
pp
SLOWER
BUT IN CHASTE HEARTS, UN-IN-FLU-ENCED
SLOWING
pp
BY THE POW'R OF OUT-WARD CHANGE
ACCEL. . TO . . IN TIME


THERE BLOOMS A DEATH-LESS FLOW-ER,
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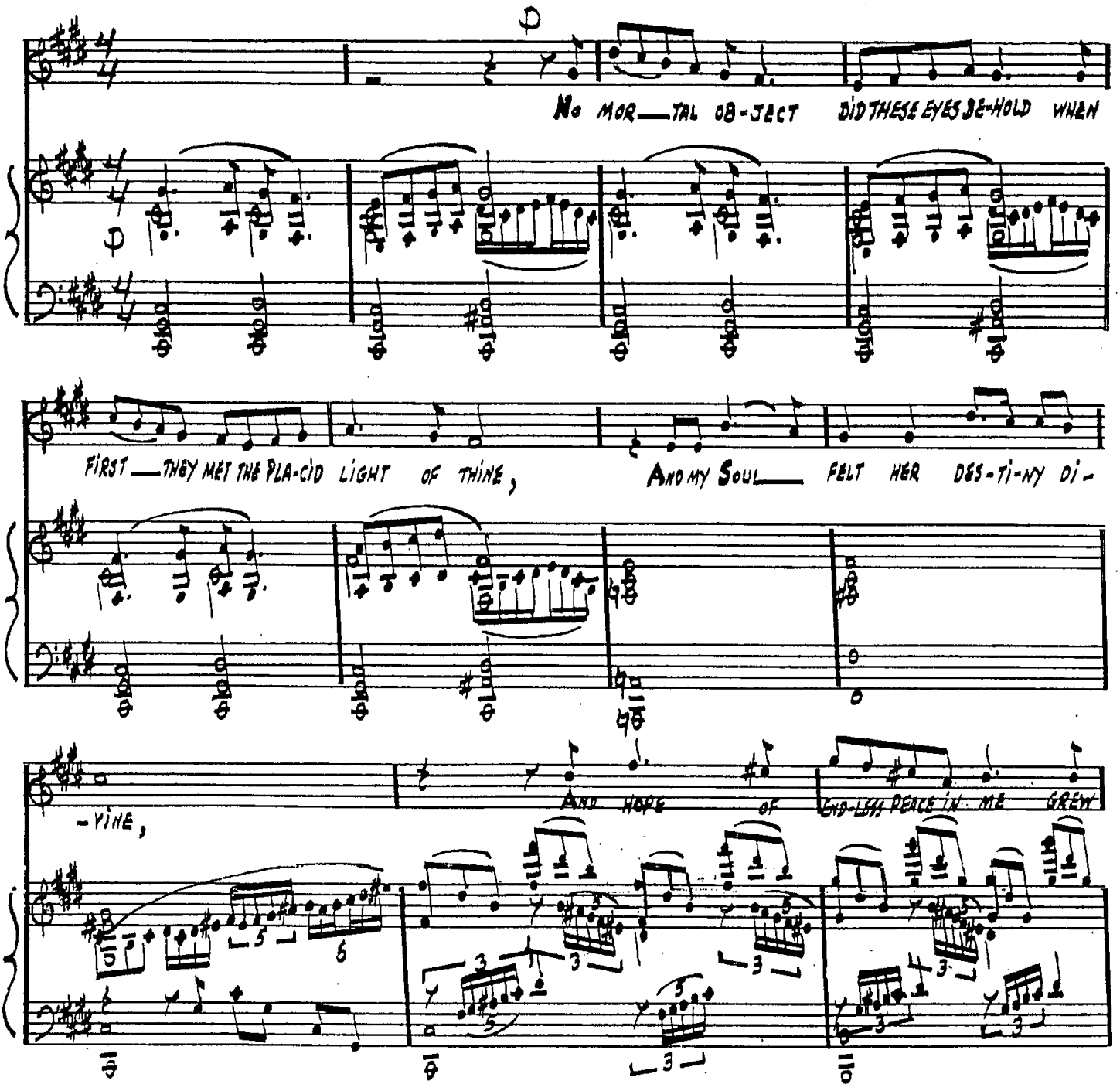
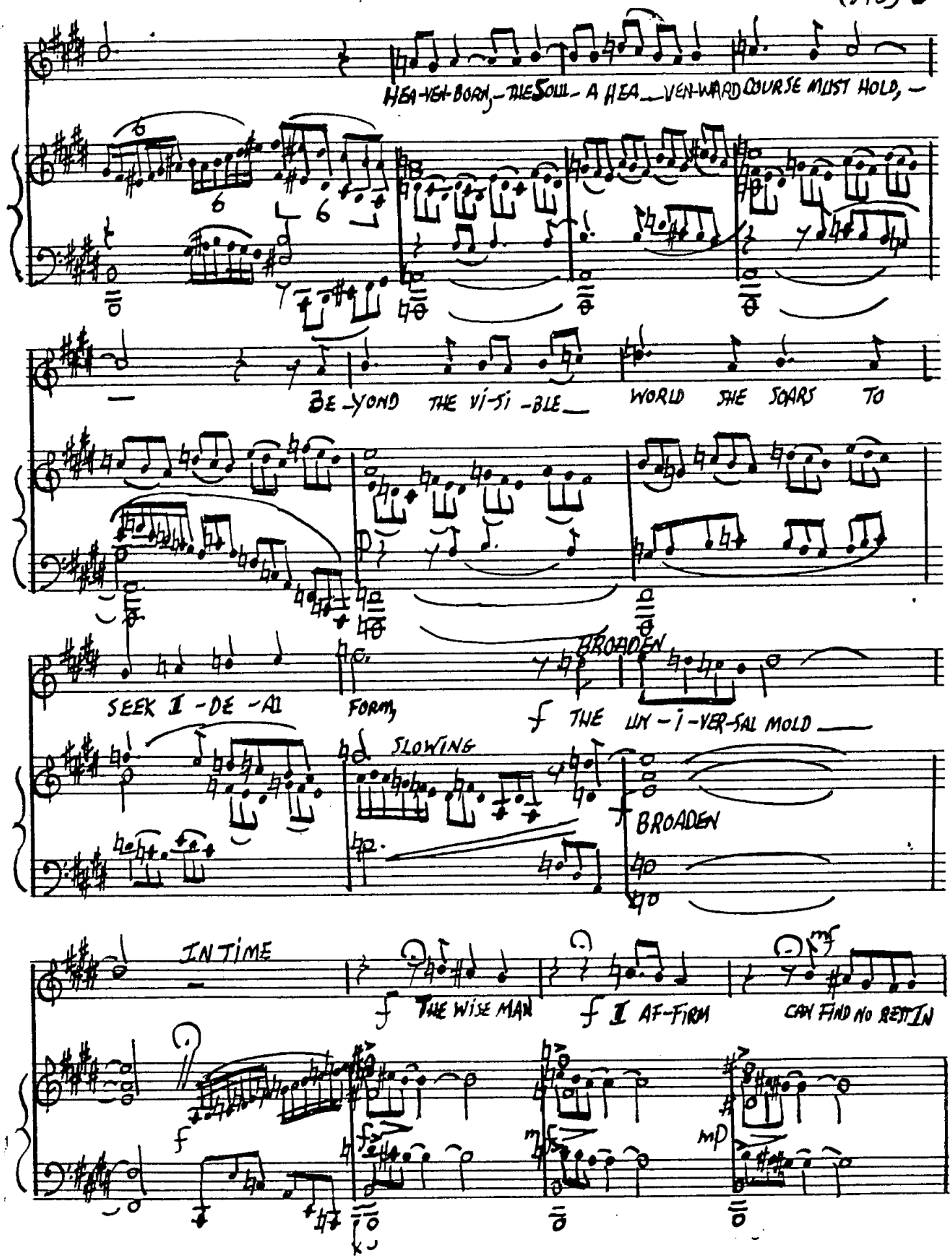
THERE BLOOMS A DEATH-LESS FLOW-ER,
3
THAT BREATHES ON EARTH THE AIR OF PAR— A-
-DISE
SLOWING
pp
ff

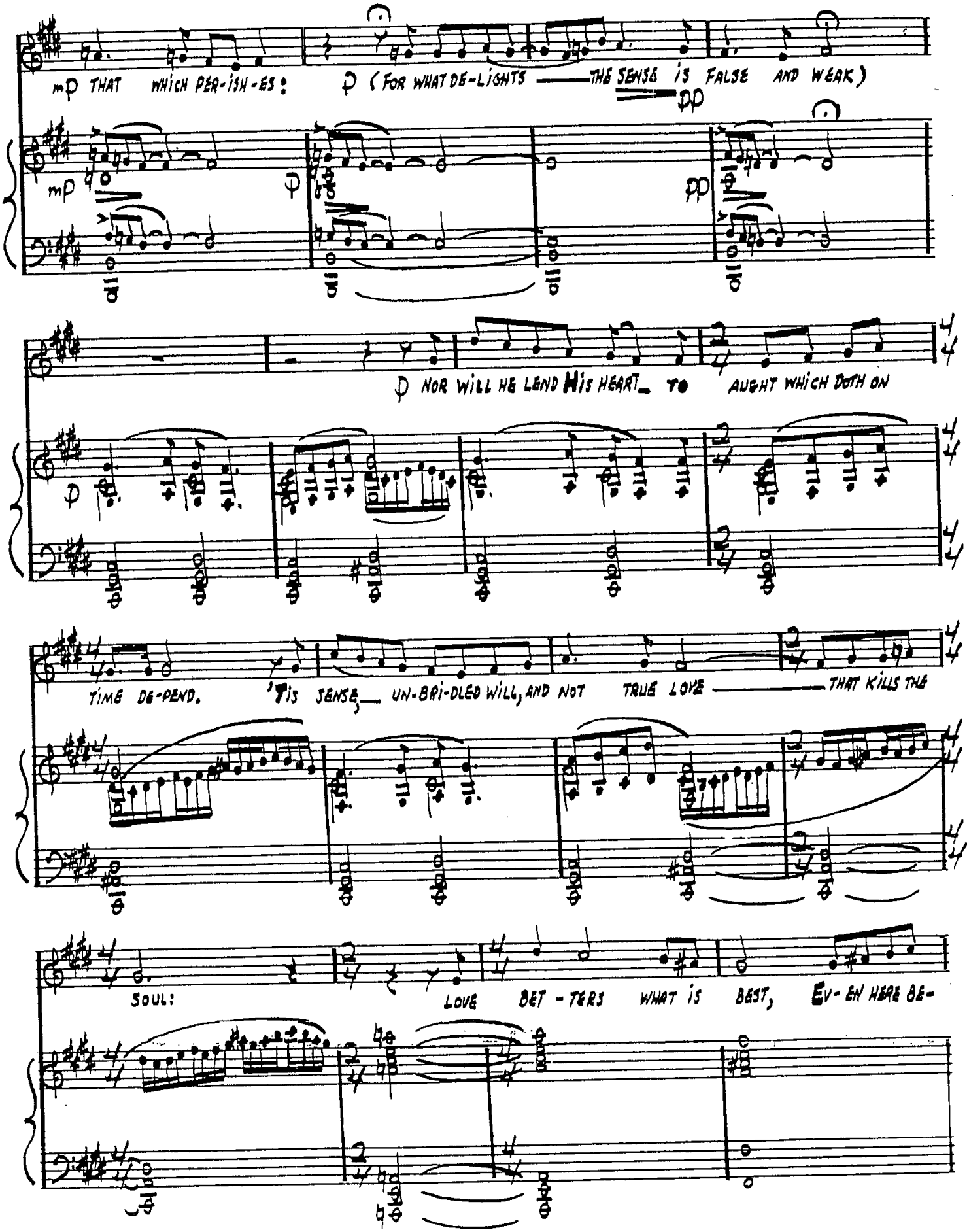
NO MORTAL OBJECT

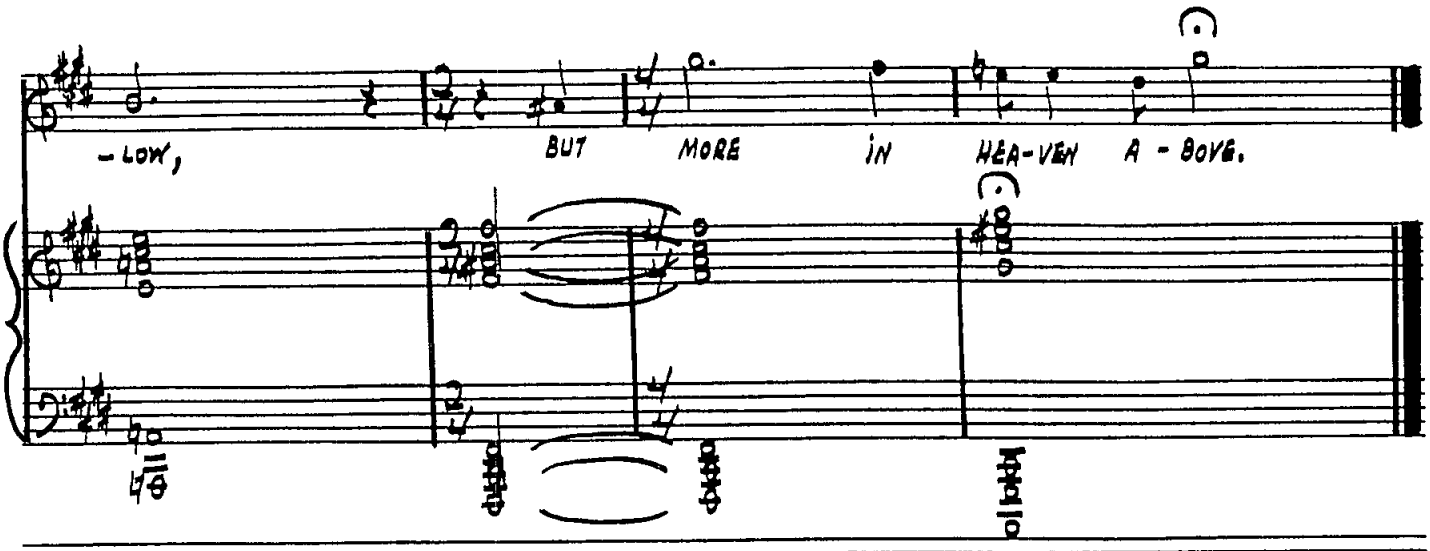
DID THESE EYES BEHOLD...

SLOW MEDIUM




HEA-VEN-BORN, THE SOUL A HEA-VEN-WARD COURSE MUST HOLD,
BE-YOND THE VI-SI-BLE WORLD SHE SOARS TO
SEEK I-DE-AL FORM,
BROADEN
f THE UN-I-VER-SAL MOLD
SLOWING
BROADEN
IN TIME
f THE WISE MAN
f I AF-FIRM
CAN FIND NO REST IN
f
mf
mp


mp THAT WHICH PER-ISH-ES:
p (FOR WHAT DE-LIGHTS
THE SENSE IS FALSE AND WEAK)
pp
mp
p
pp
p NOR WILL HE LEND His HEART TO AUGHT WHICH DOTH ON
p
TIME DE-PEND. 'Tis SENSE, UN-BRI-DLED WILL, AND NOT TRUE LOVE
THAT KILLS THE
SOUL:
LOVE BET-TERS WHAT IS BEST, EV-EN HERE BE-


-LOW,
BUT
MORE
IN
HEA-VEN
A-BOVE.

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THE PRAYERS I MAKE

WILL THEN BE SWEET INDEED . . .

MEDIUM SLOW

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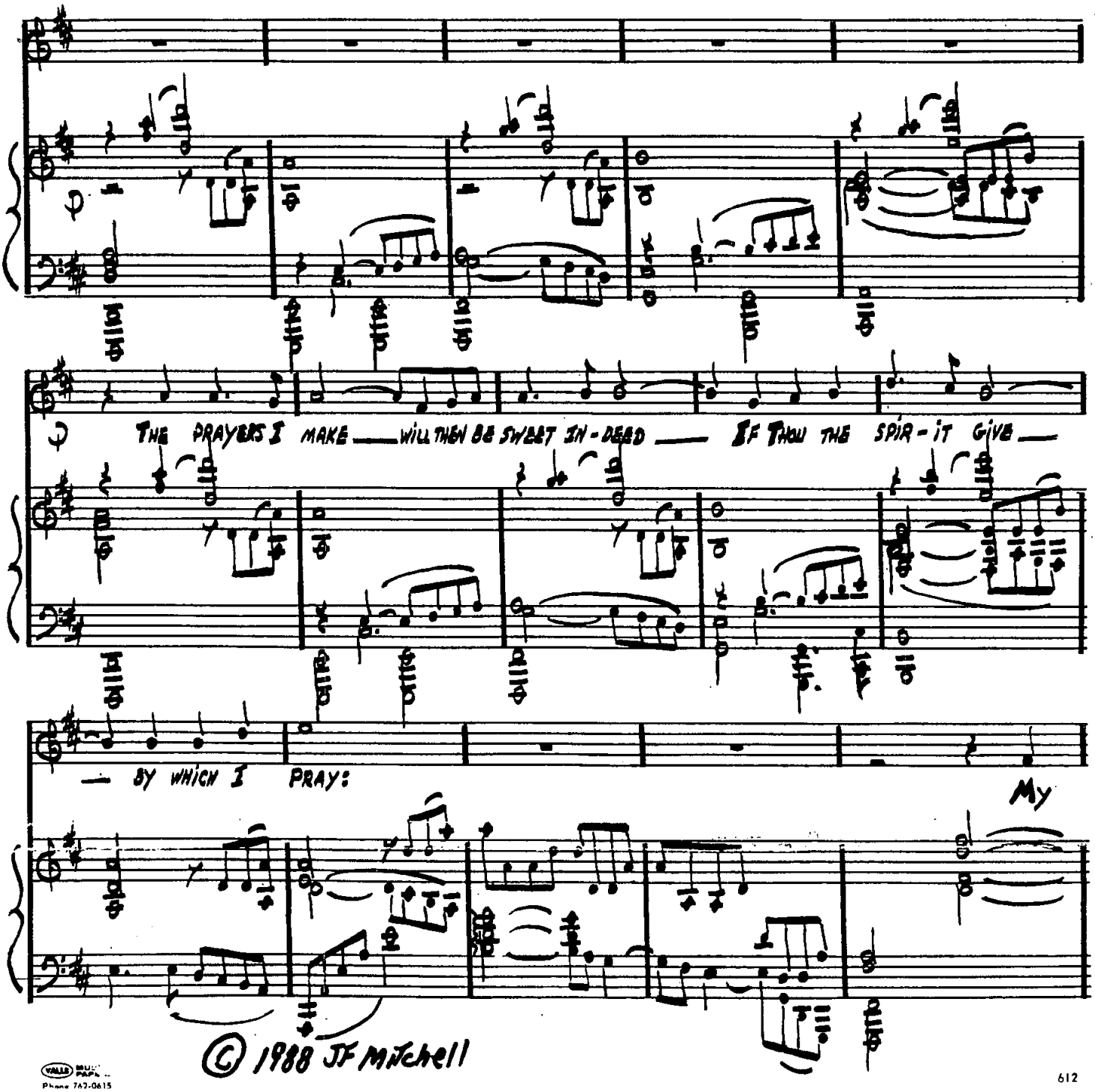

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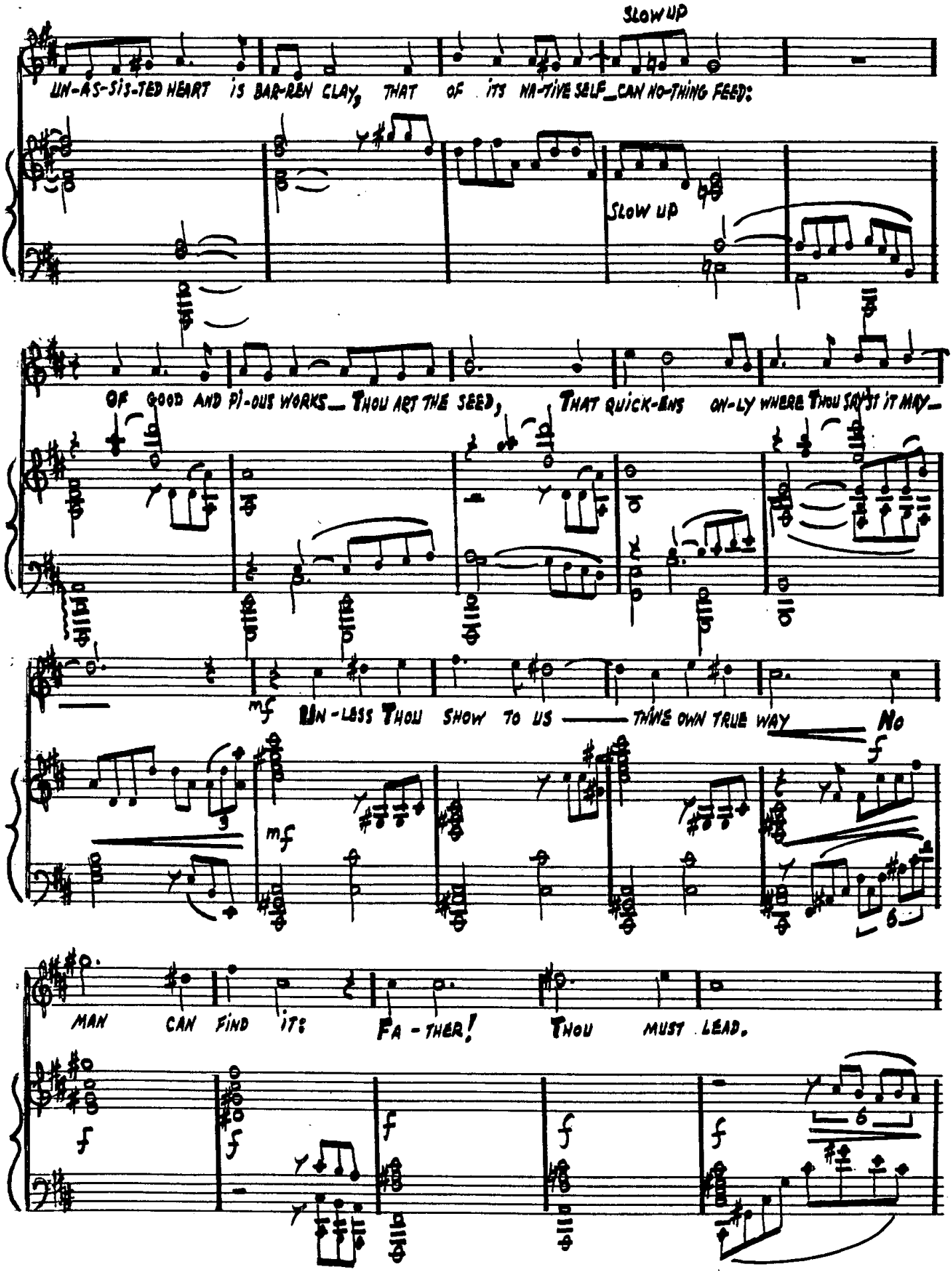
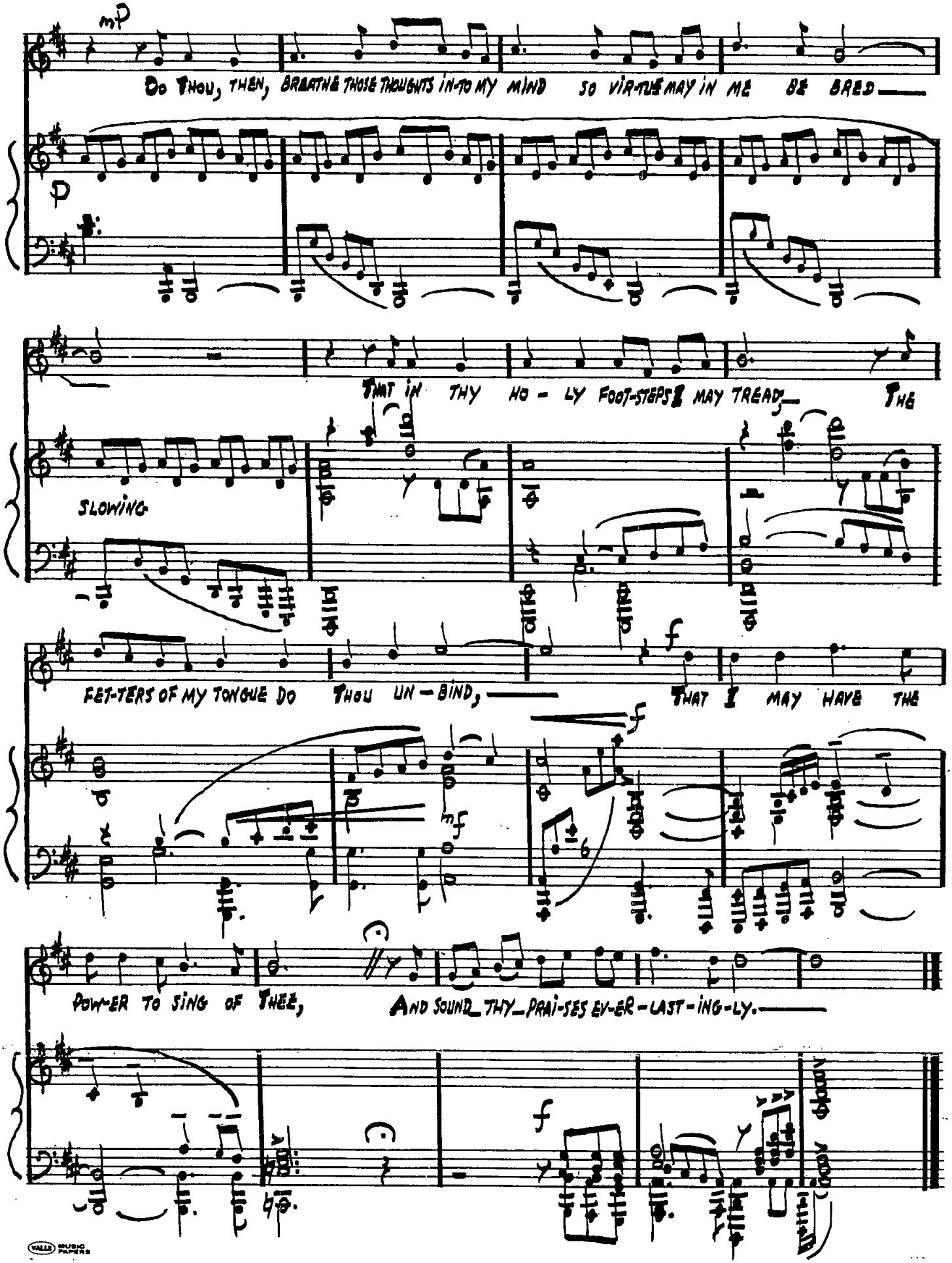

Slow up
UN-AS-SIS-TED HEART IS BAR-REN CLAY, THAT OF ITS NA-TIVE SELF CAN NO-THING FEED:
Slow up
OF GOOD AND PI-OUS WORKS Thou art the seed, THAT QUICK-ENS ON-LY WHERE Thou SAY'ST IT MAY
mf UN-LESS Thou SHOW TO US THINE OWN TRUE WAY No
mf
f
MAN CAN FIND IT: FA-THER! Thou MUST LEAD.
f
f
f
f


mp
Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts in-to my mind so vir-tue may in me be bred
p
That in thy ho - ly foot-steps I may tread; The
slowing
fet-ters of my tongue do Thou un - bind, That I may have the
f
mf
pow-er to sing of Thee, And sound thy prai-ses ev-er-last-ing-ly.
f

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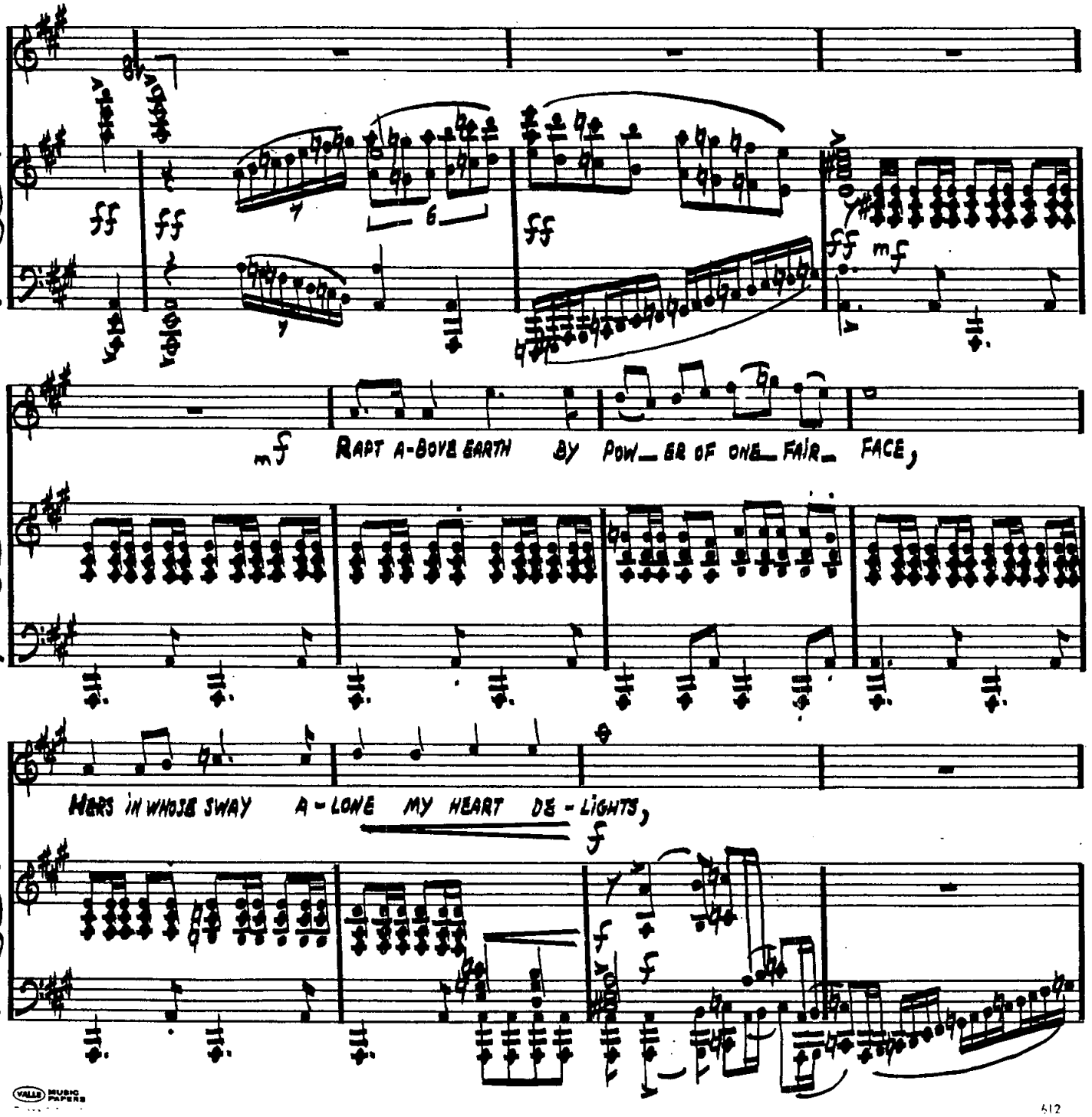
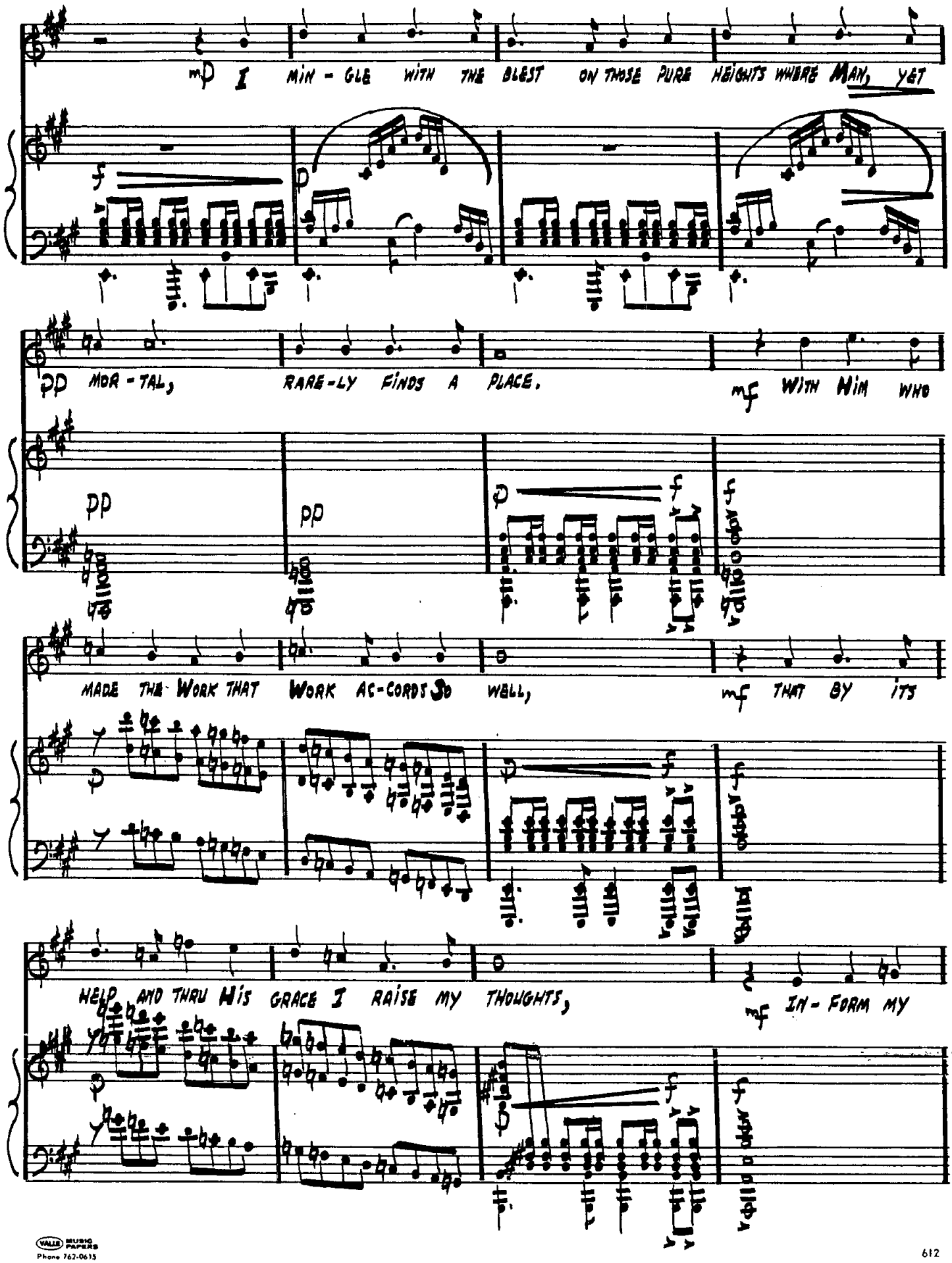
RAPT ABOVE EARTH BY POWER OF ONE FAIR FACE...

FAST





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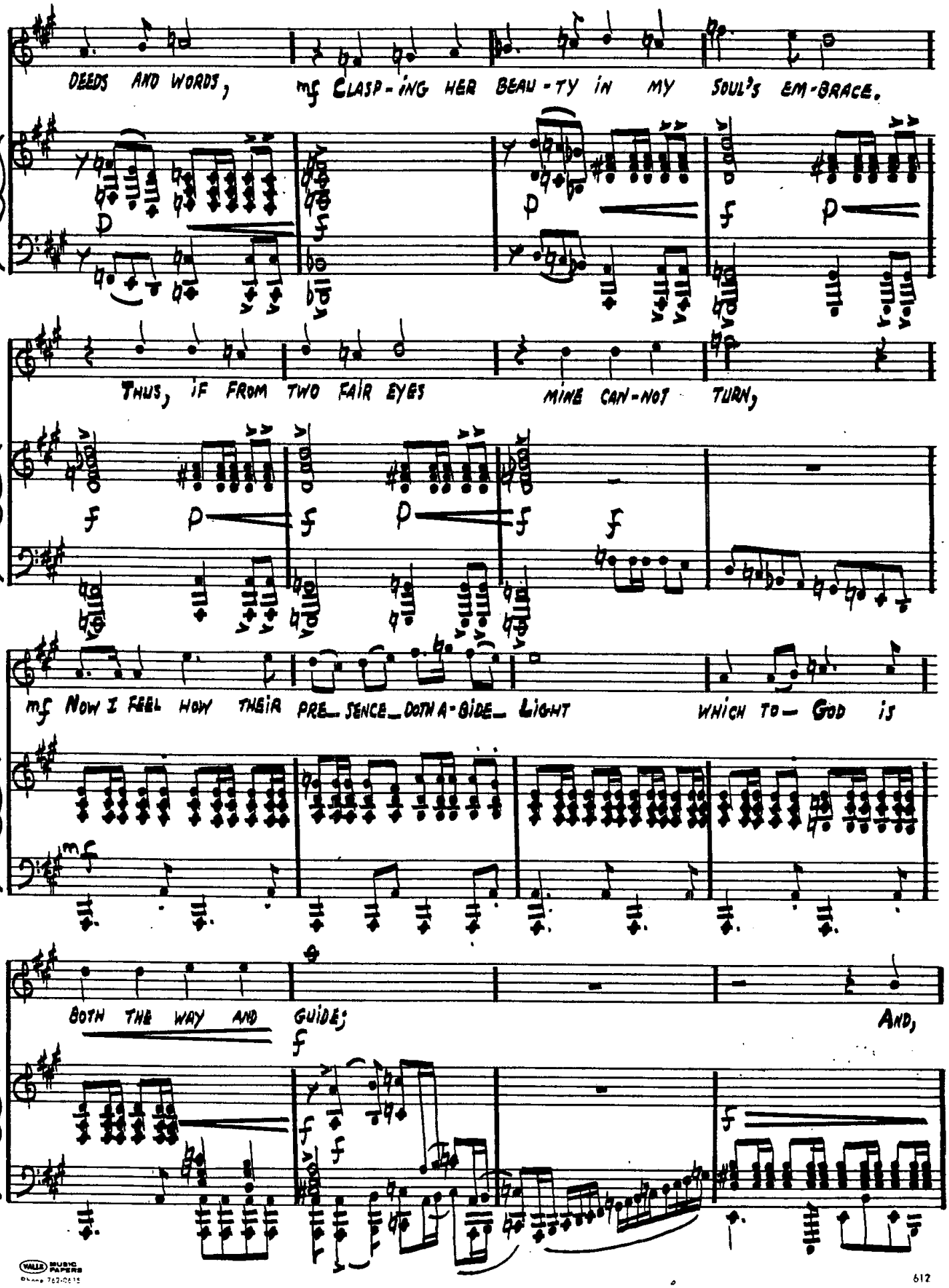

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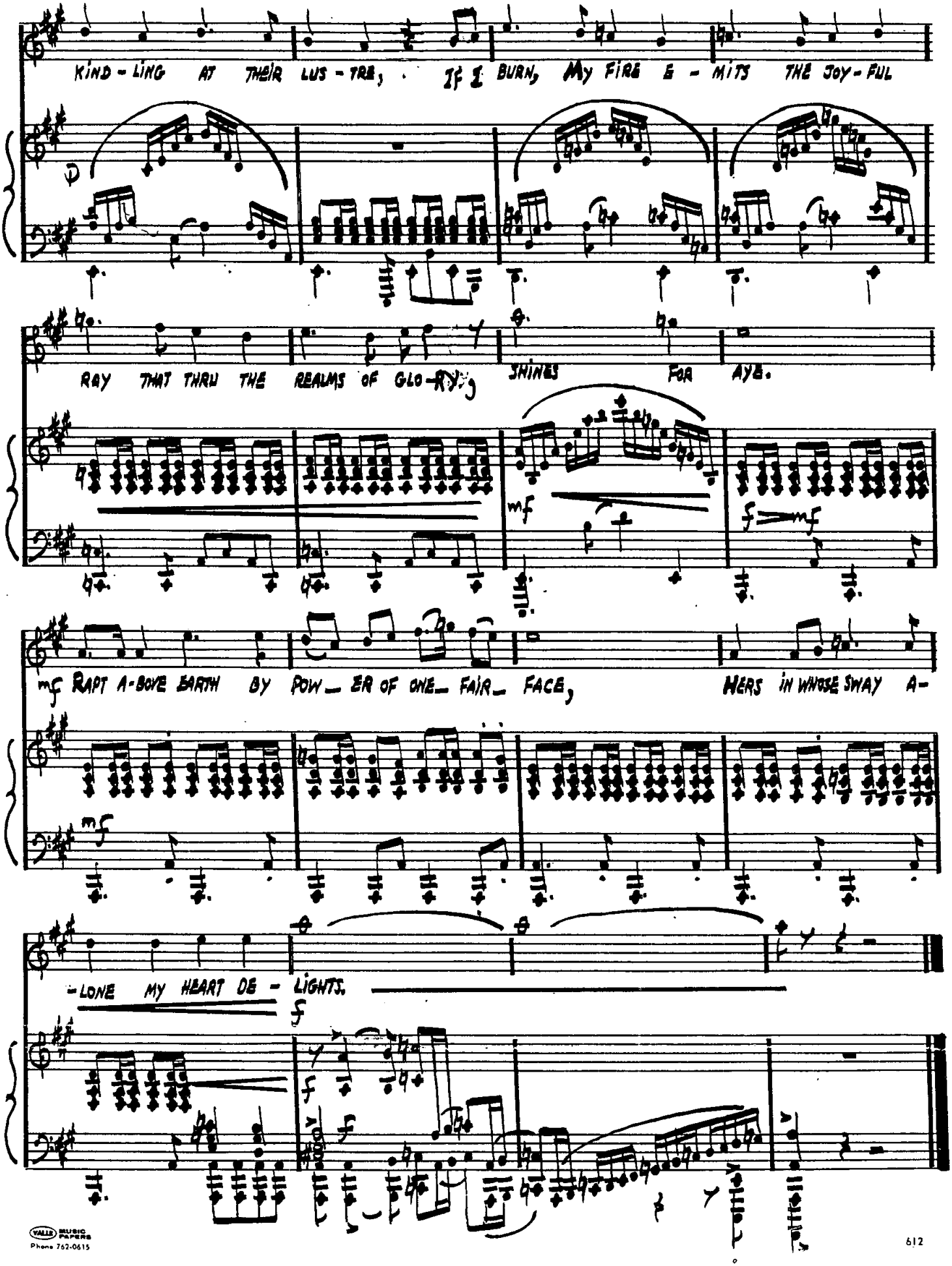

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