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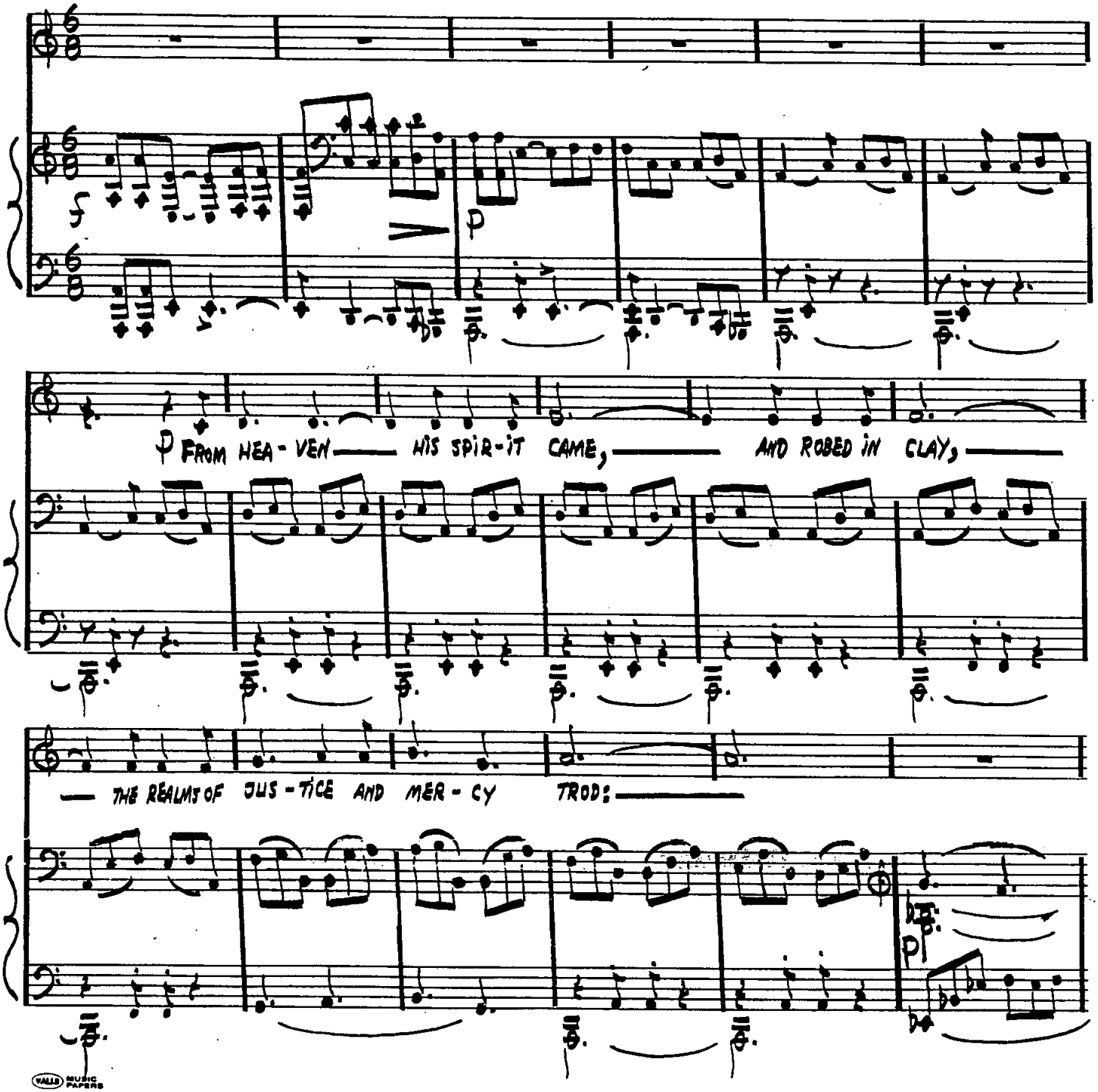
1. FROM HEAVEN HIS SPIRIT CAME

MEDIUM



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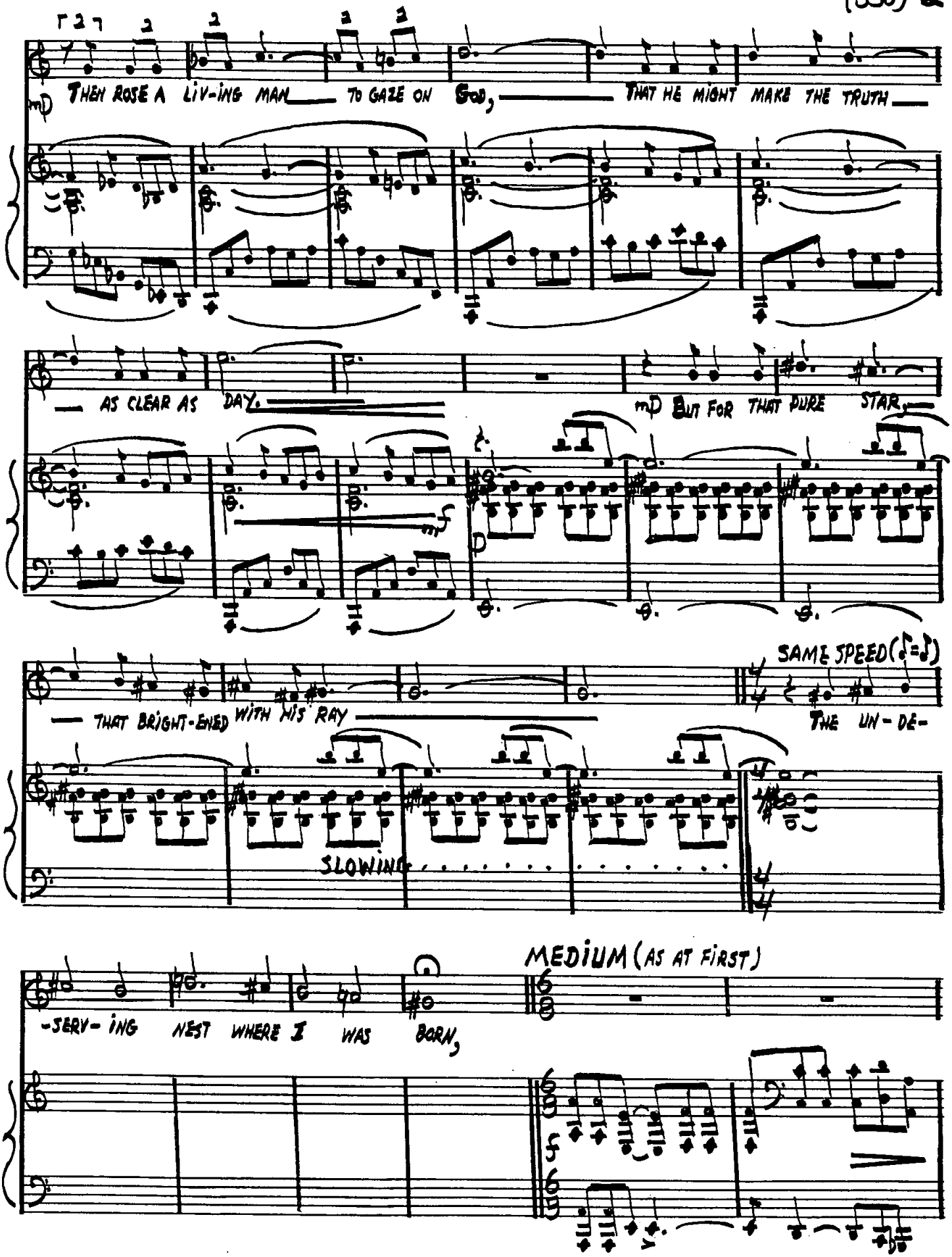

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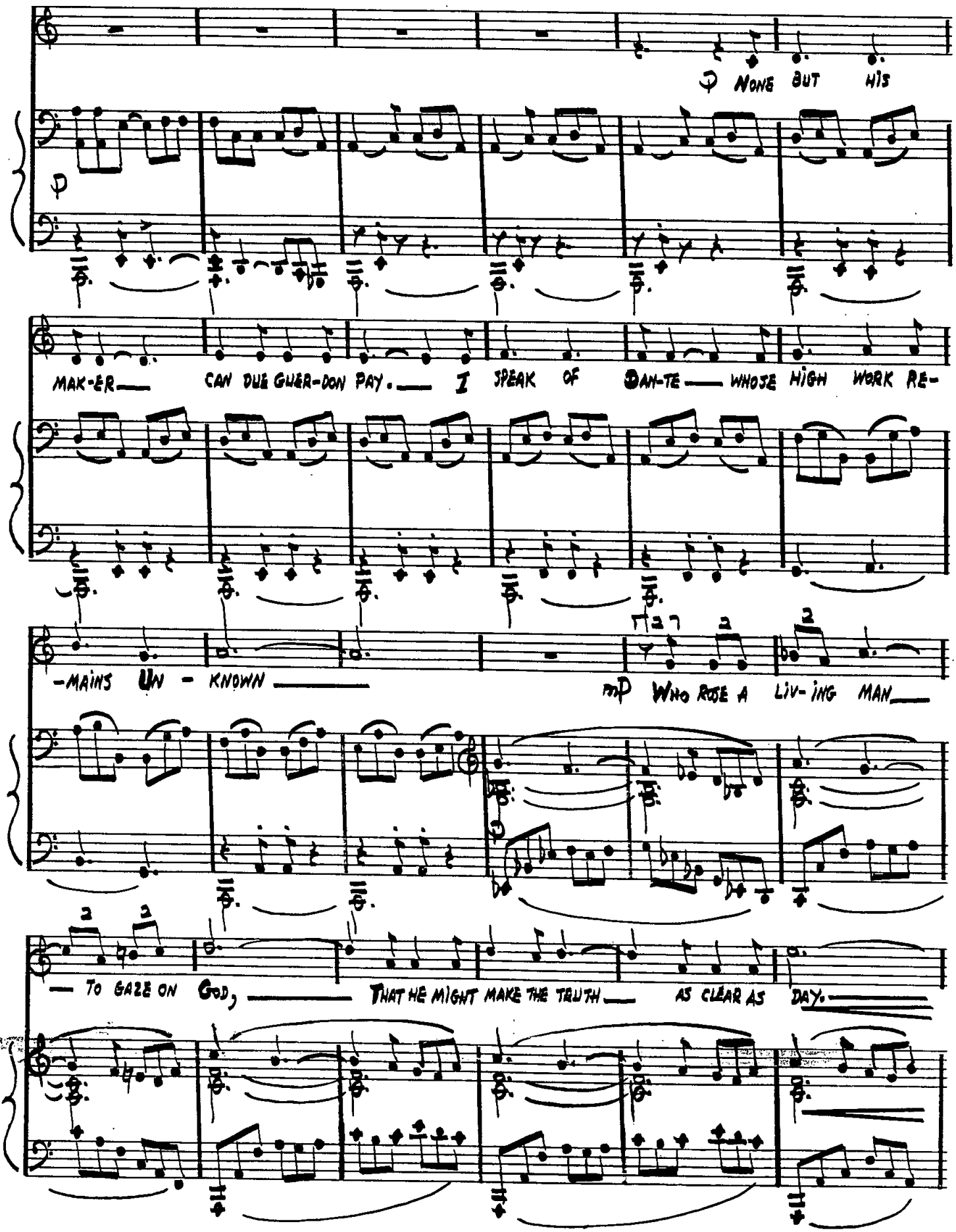

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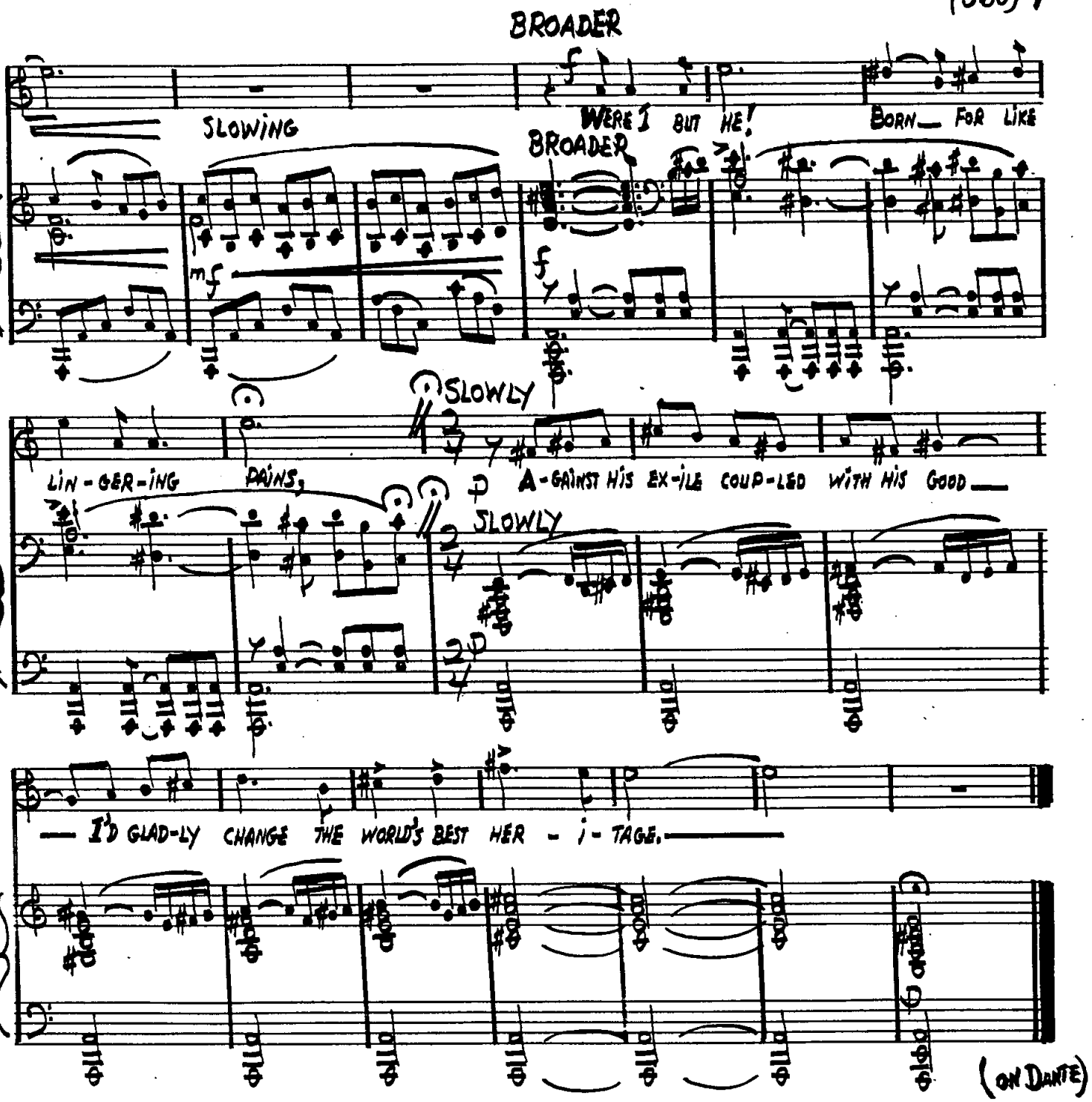
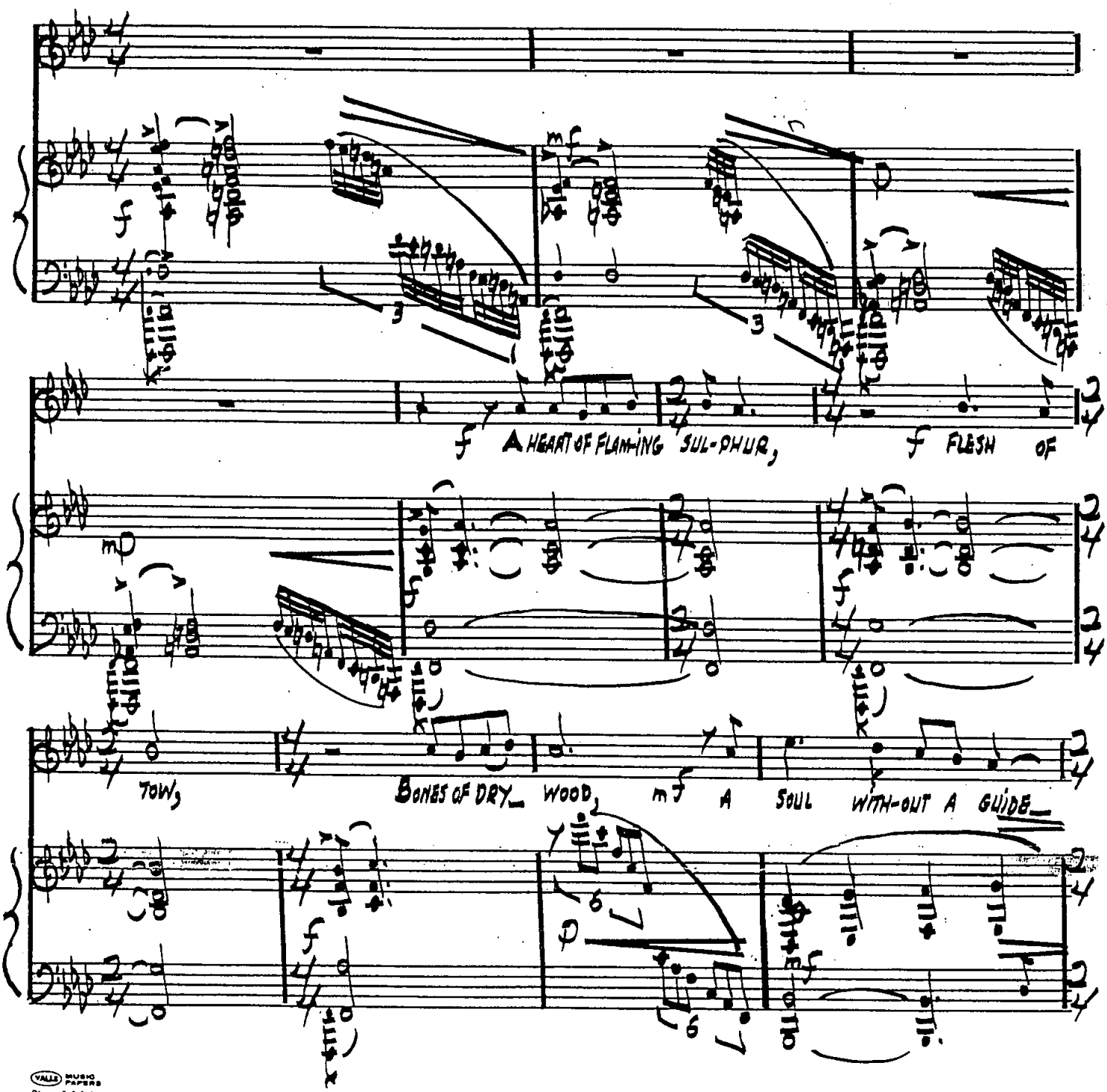

BROADER
SLOWING
WERE I BUT HE!
BORN FOR LIKE
BROADER
SLOWLY
LIN-GER-ING PAINS, A-GAINST HIS EX-ILE COUP-LED WITH HIS GOOD
SLOWLY
I'D GLAD-LY CHANGE THE WORLD'S BEST HER-I-TAGE.
(ON DANTE)

2. A HEART OF FLAMING SULPHUR

MEDIUM SLOW



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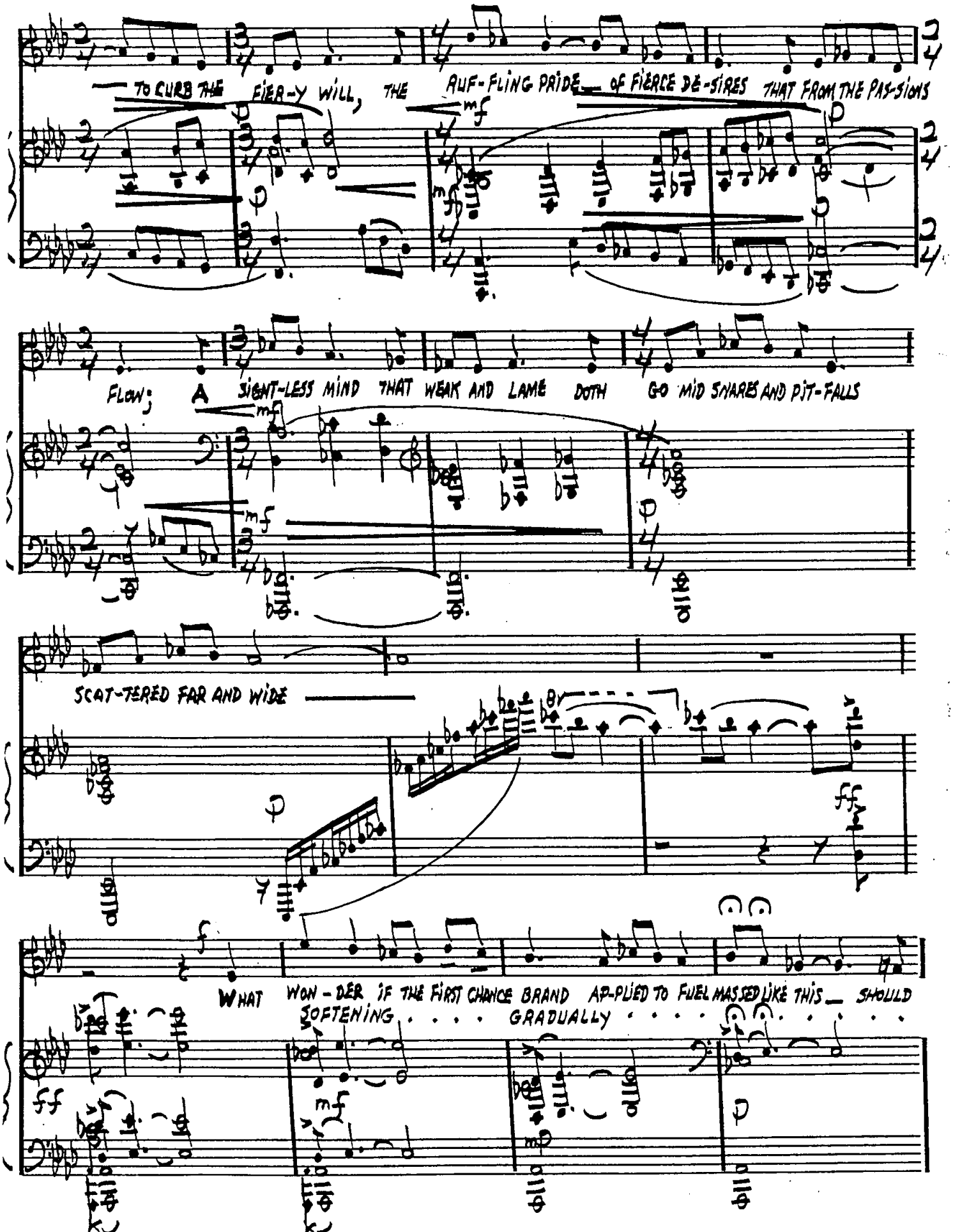
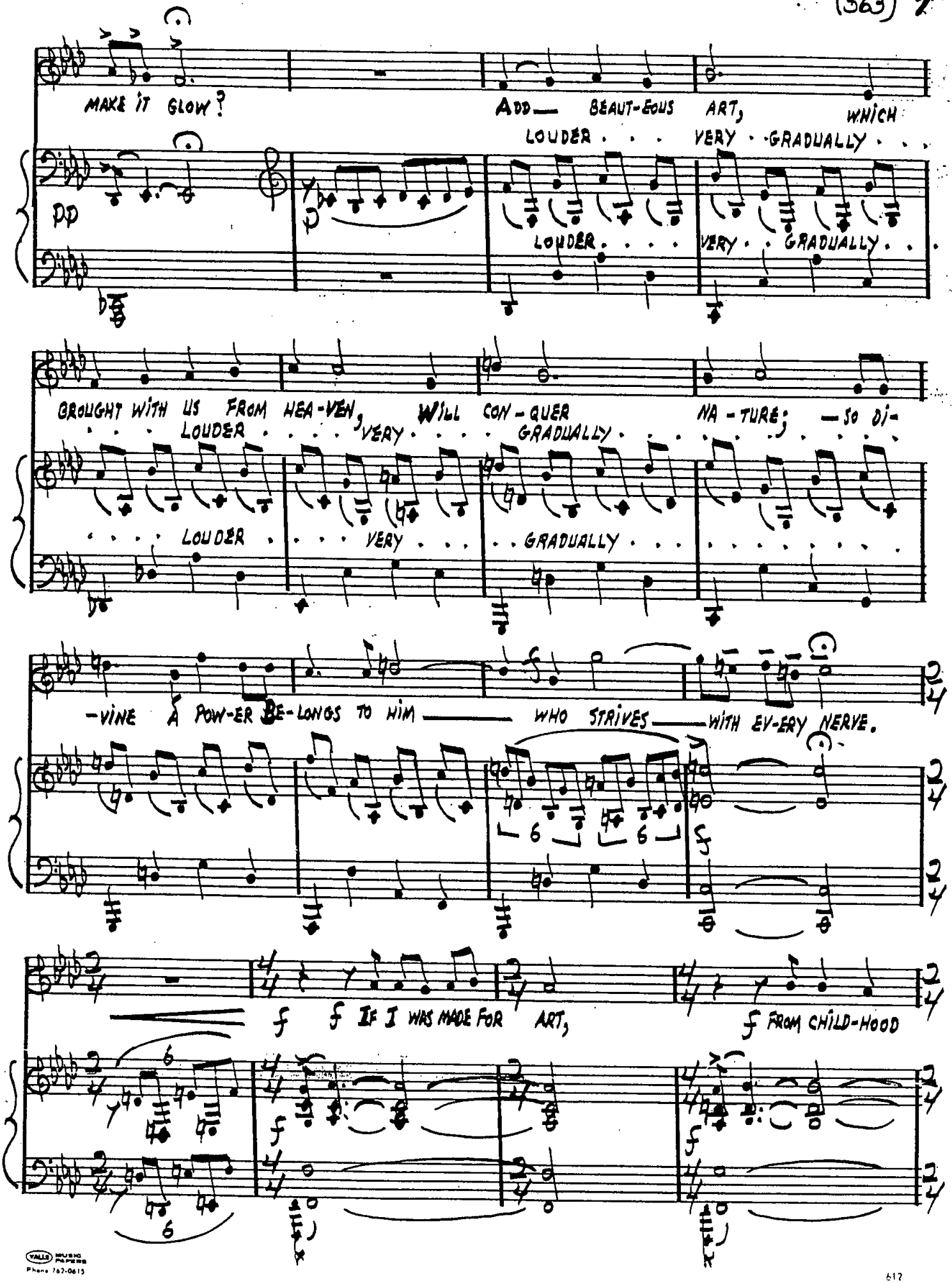

TO CURB THE FIER-Y WILL, THE
mf
HAUF-FLING PRIDE OF FIERCE DE-SIRES THAT FROM THE PAS-SIONS
FLOW; A
mf
SIGHT-LESS MIND THAT WEAK AND LAME DOTH GO MID SNARES AND PIT-FALLS
mf
SCAT-TERED FAR AND WIDE
8va
ff
WHAT WON-DER IF THE FIRST CHANCE BRAND AP-PLIED TO FUEL MASSED LIKE THIS SHOULD
SOFTENING . . . . GRADUALLY . . . . . .
fff
mf
p



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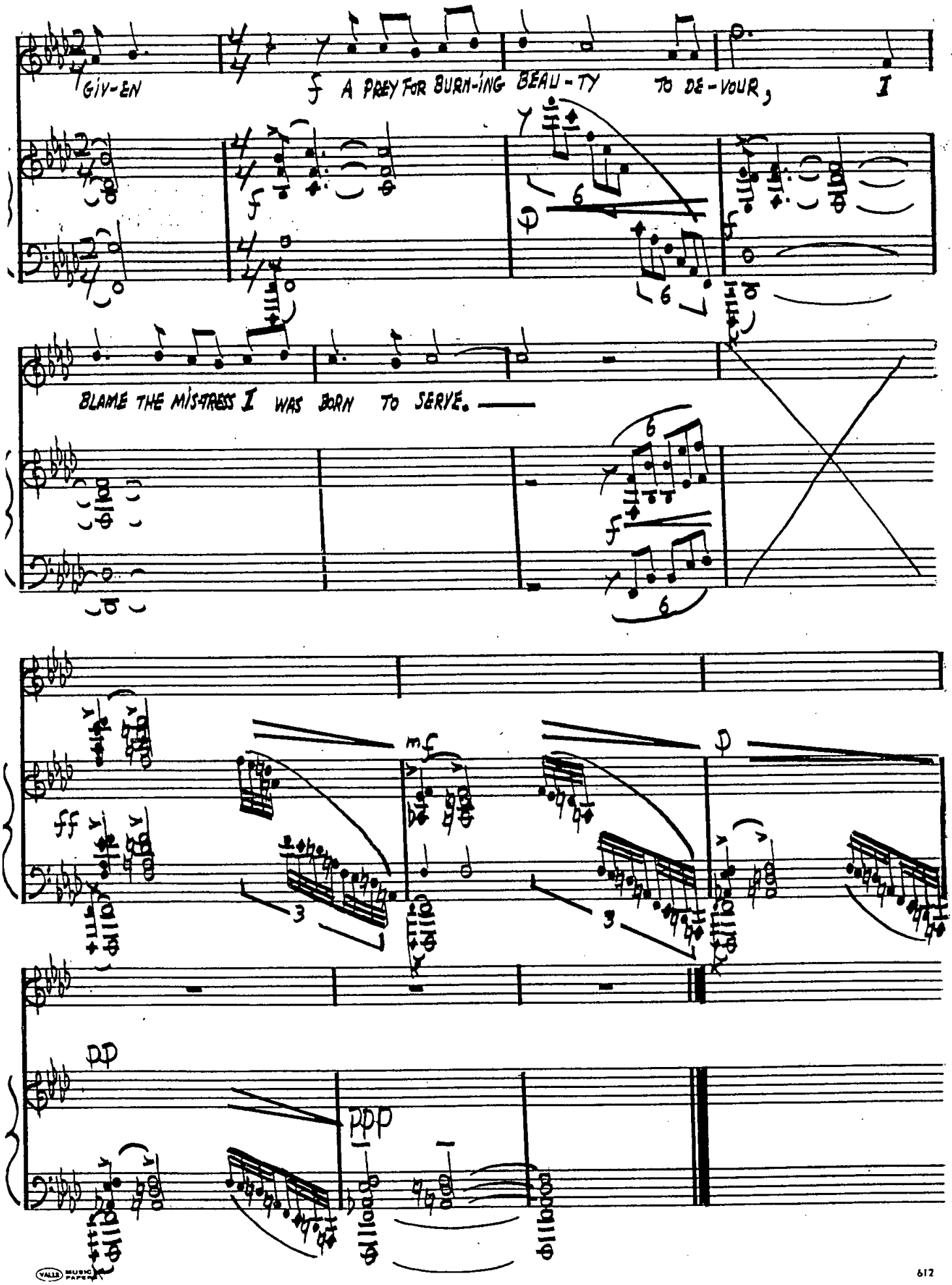
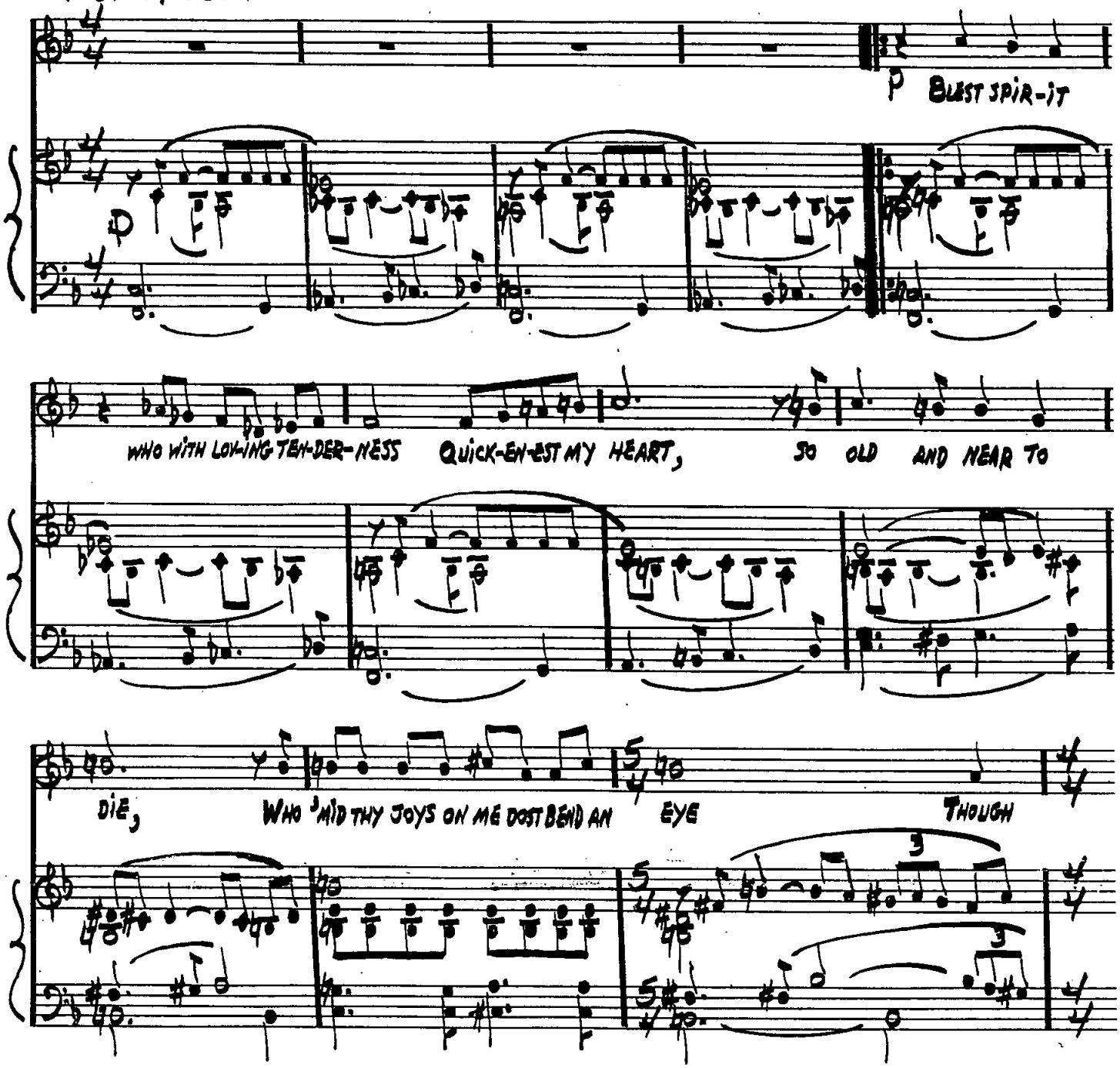

GIV-EN
f A PREY FOR BURN-ING BEAU-TY TO DE-VOUR,
I
BLAME THE MIS-TRESS I WAS BORN TO SERVE.
ff
mf
pp
ppp

3. BLEST SPIRIT

MEDIUM SLOW



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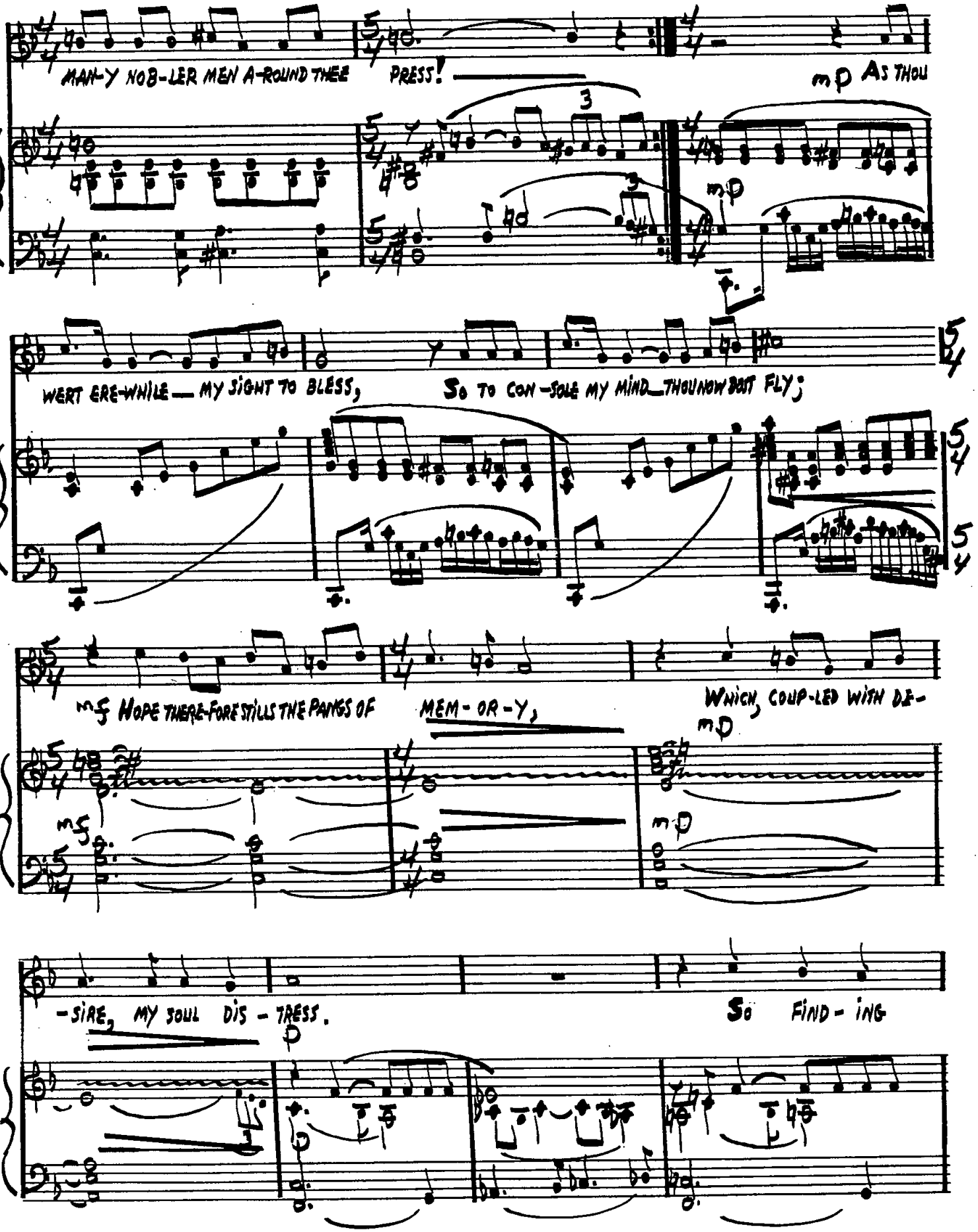
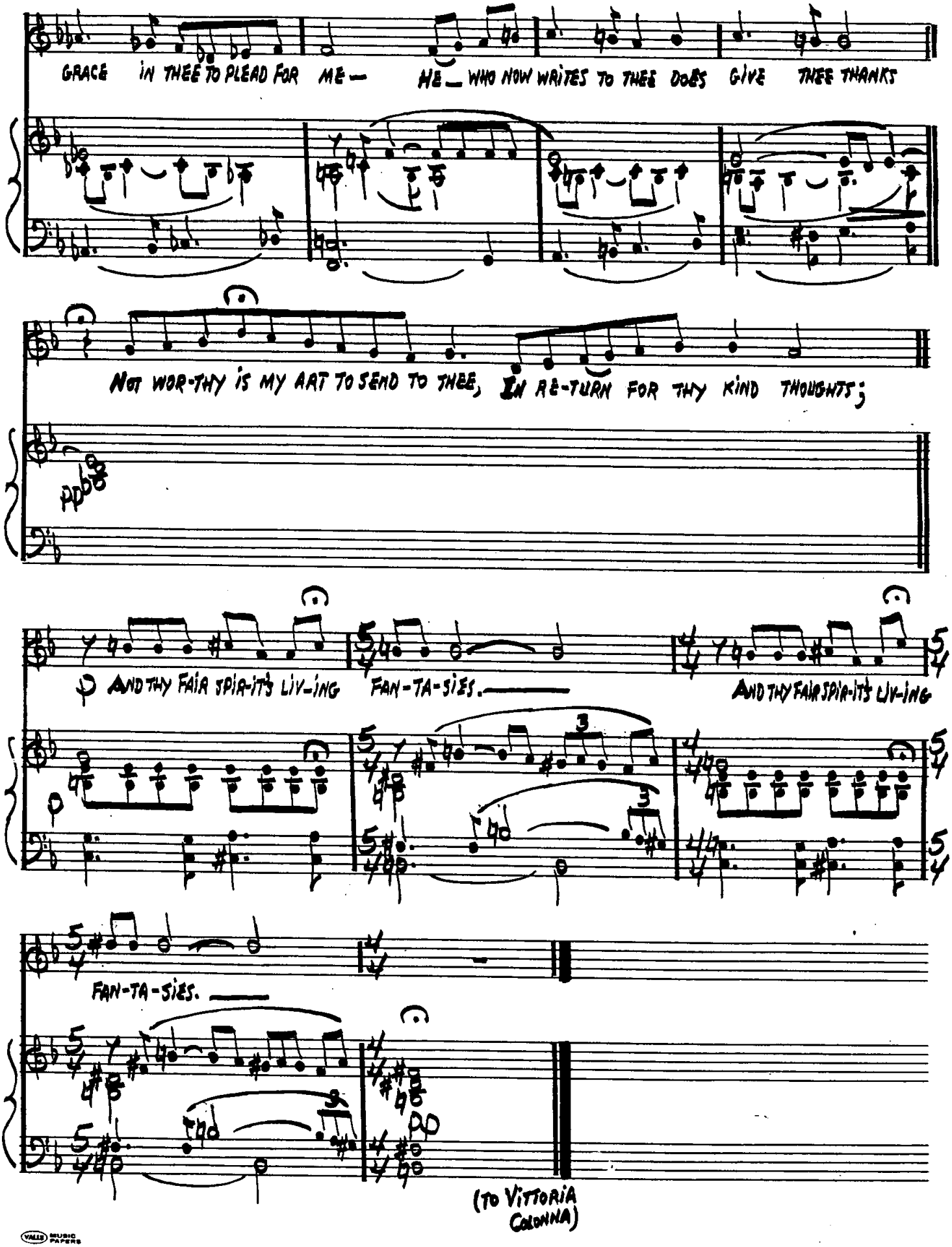
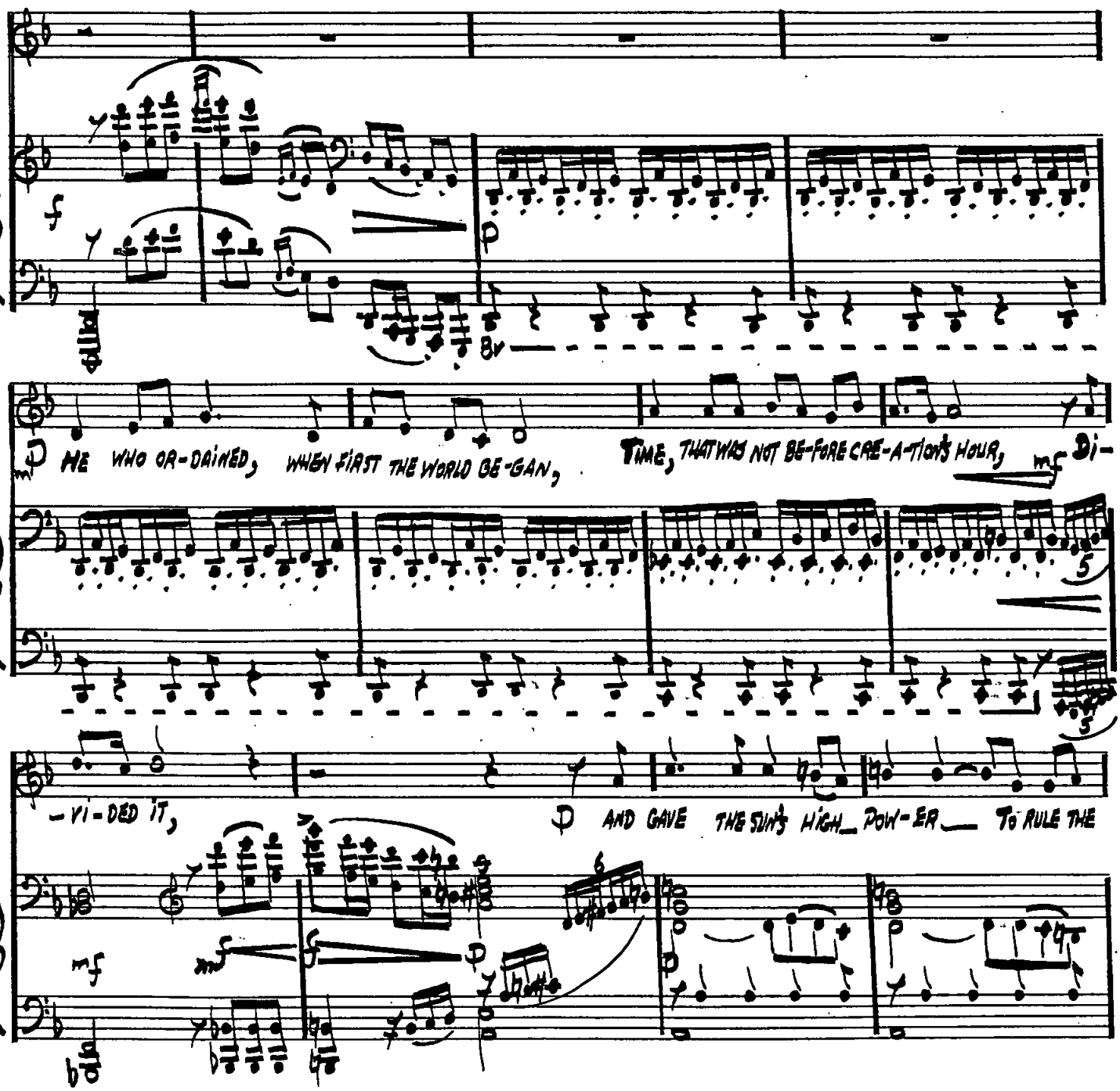
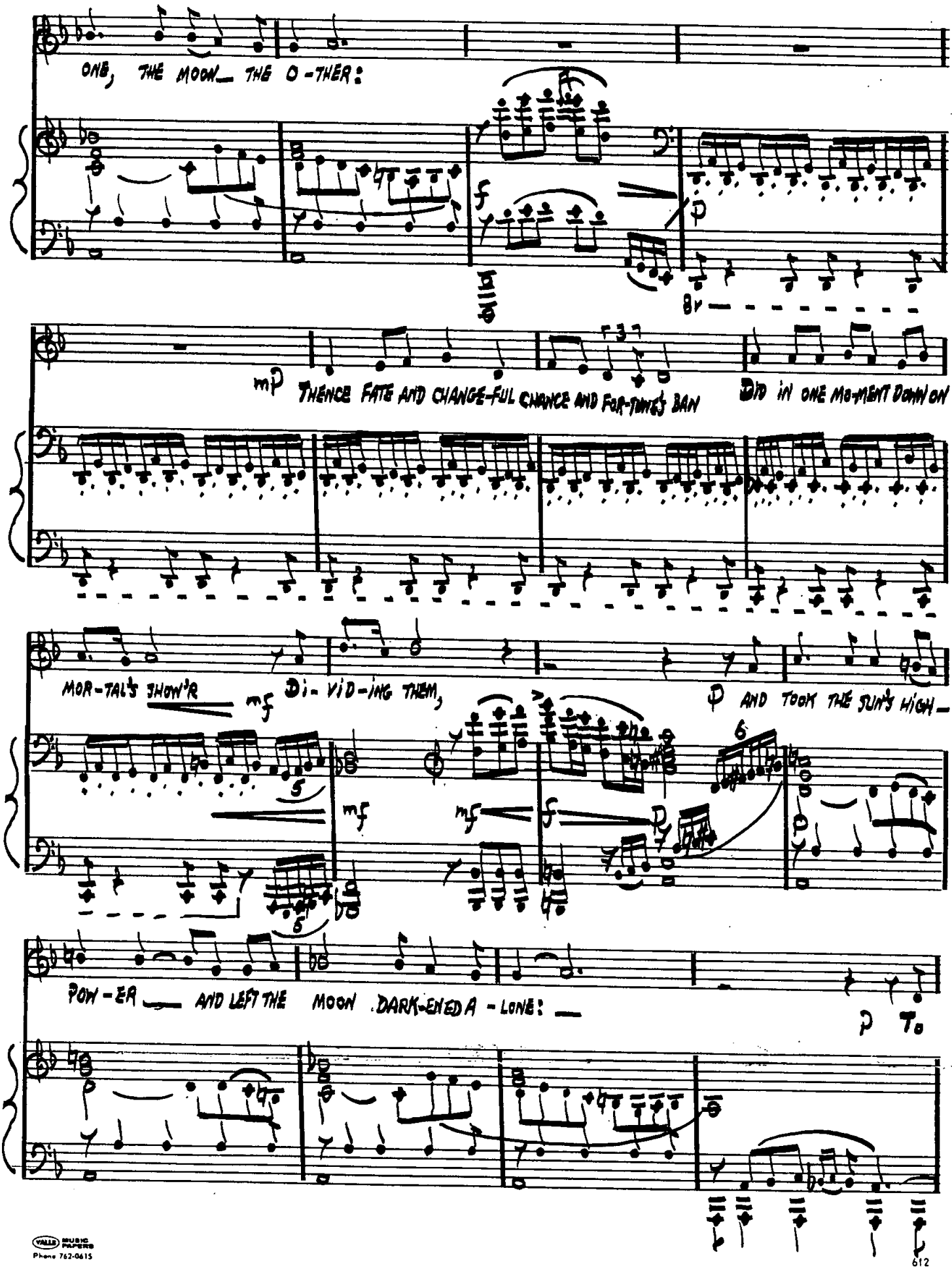

MAN-Y NOB-LER MEN A-ROUND THEE PRESS!
mp AS THOU
WERT ERE-WHILE — MY SIGHT TO BLESS,
SO TO CON-SOLE MY MIND — THOU NOW DOST FLY;
mf HOPE THERE-FORE STILLS THE PANGS OF MEM-OR-Y,
WHICH, COUP-LED WITH DE-
-SIRE, MY SOUL DIS-TRESS.
SO FIND-ING


GRACE IN THEE TO PLEAD FOR ME — ME — WHO NOW WRITES TO THEE DOES GIVE THEE THANKS
NOT WOR-THY IS MY ART TO SEND TO THEE, IN RE-TURN FOR THY KIND THOUGHTS;
AND THY FAIR SPIR-IT'S LIV-ING FAN-TA-SIES.
AND THY FAIR SPIR-IT'S LIV-ING
FAN-TA-SIES.
(TO VITTORIA COLONNA)

4. HE WHO ORDAINED

FAST MEDIUM





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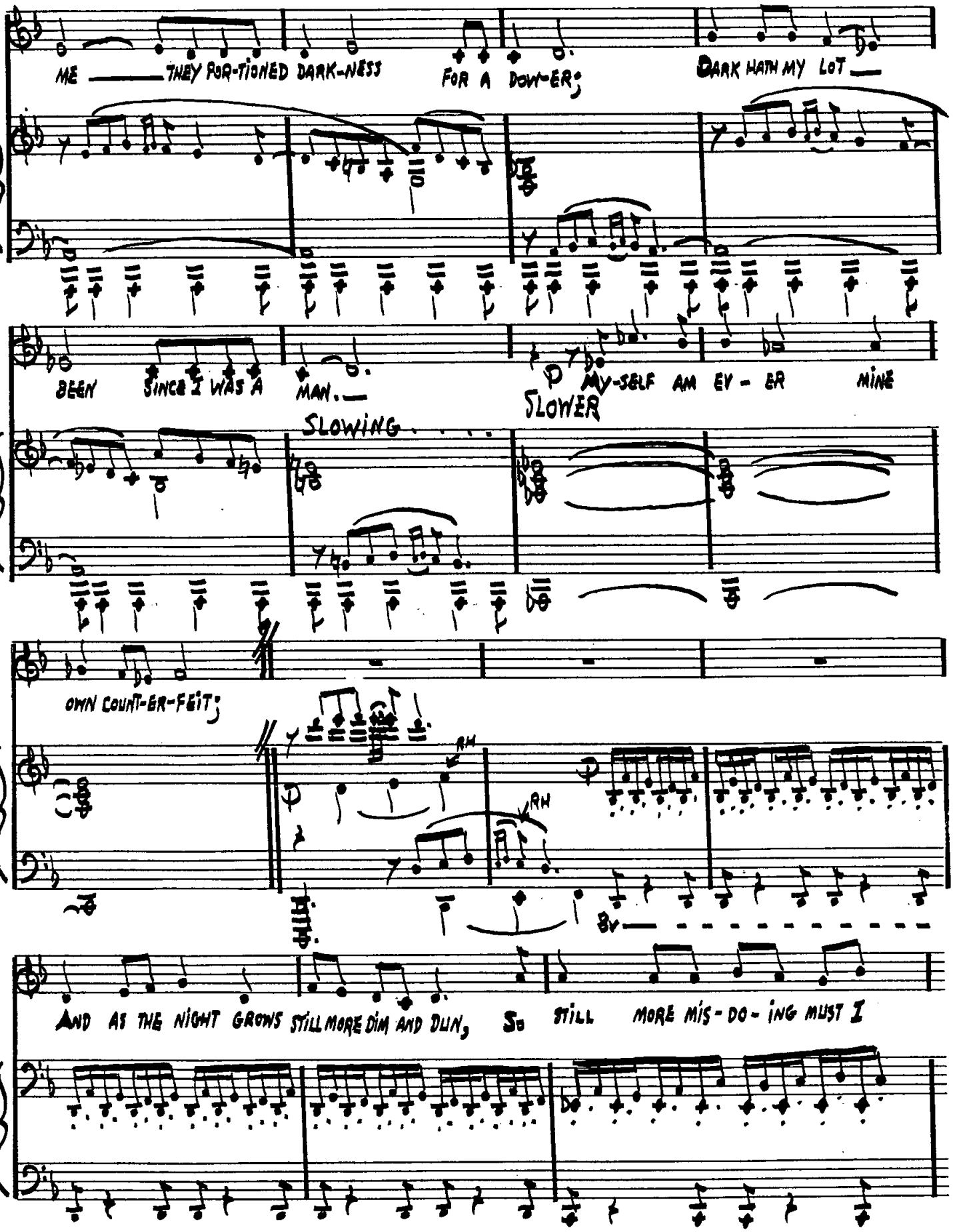

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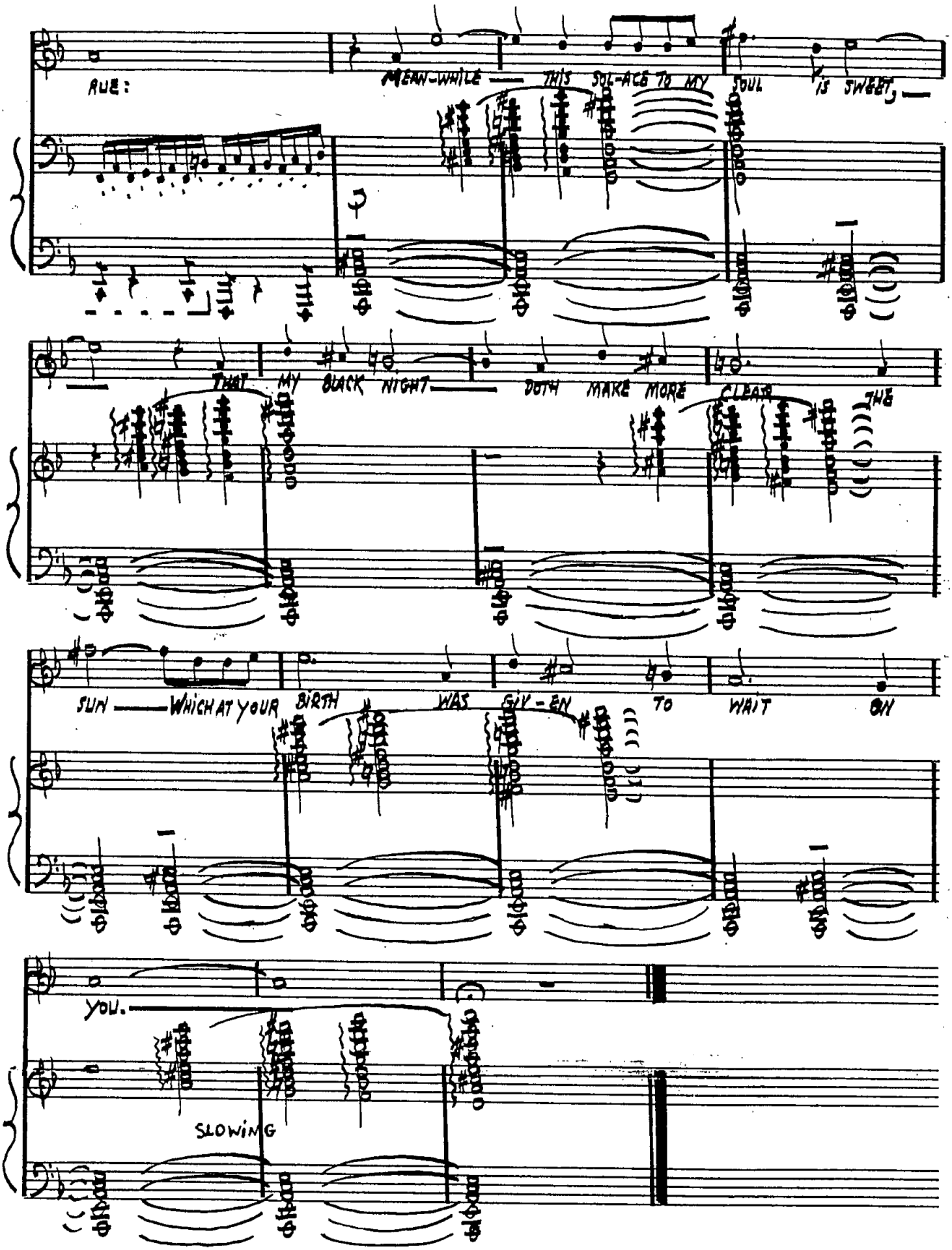
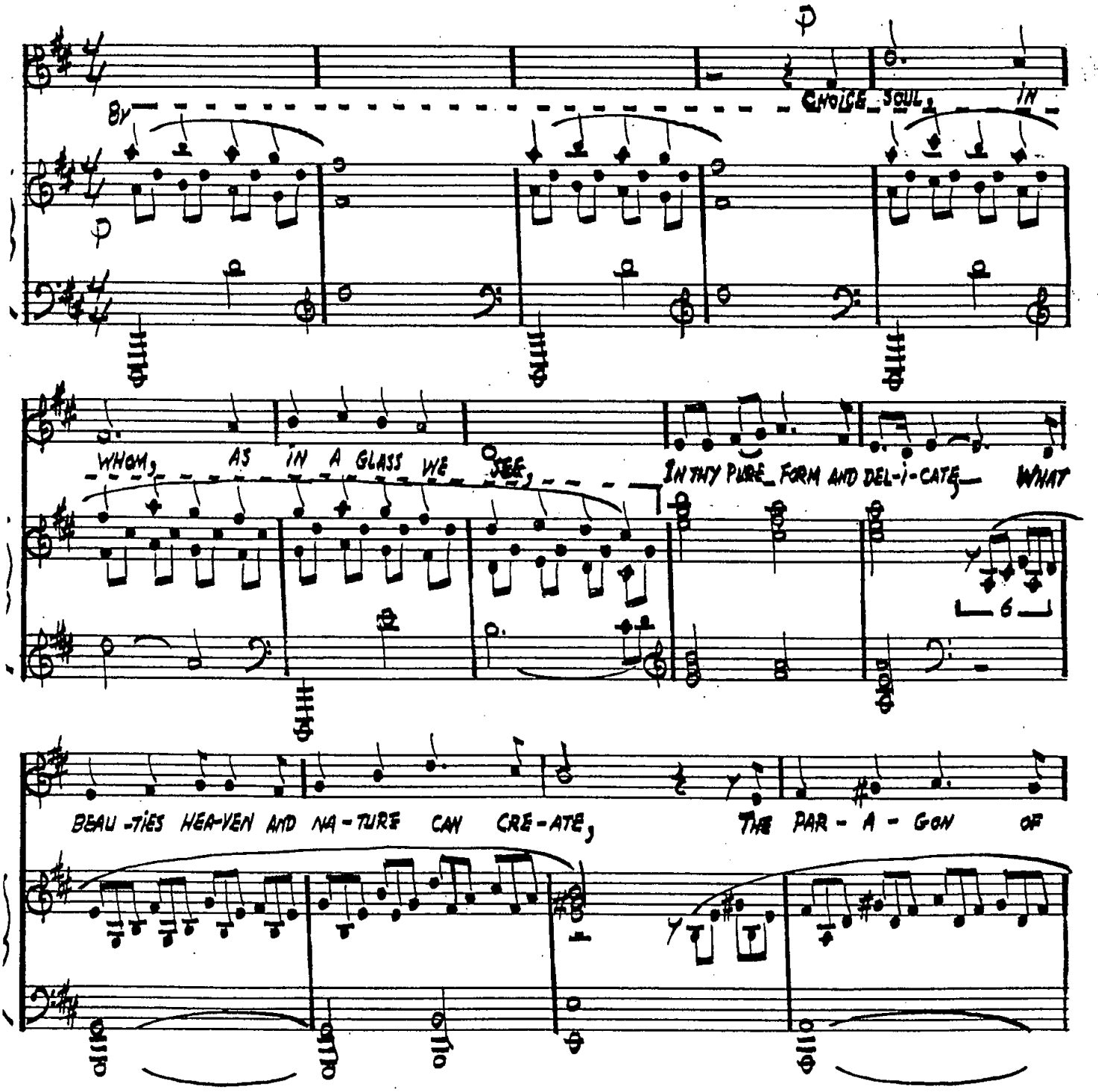
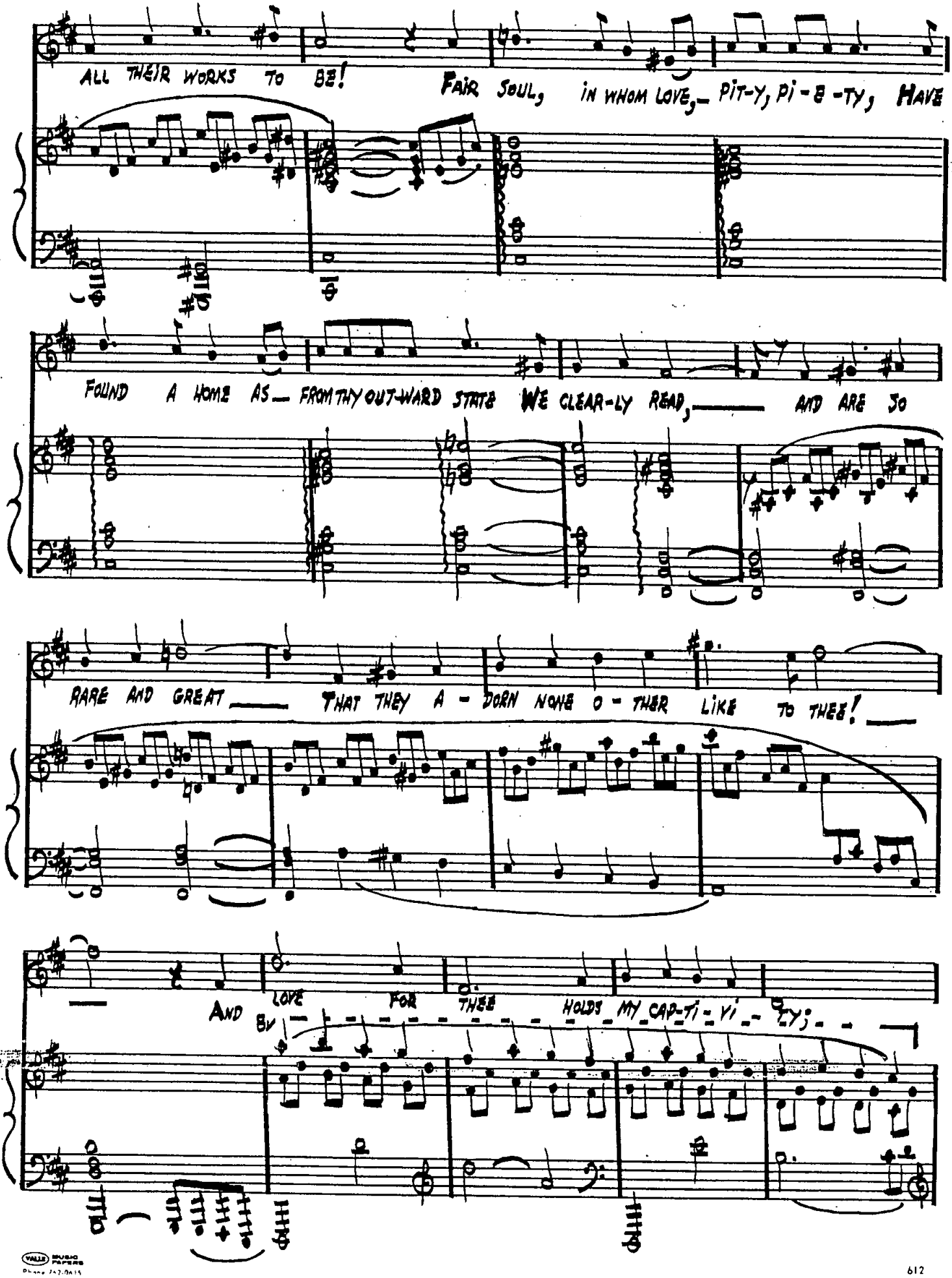
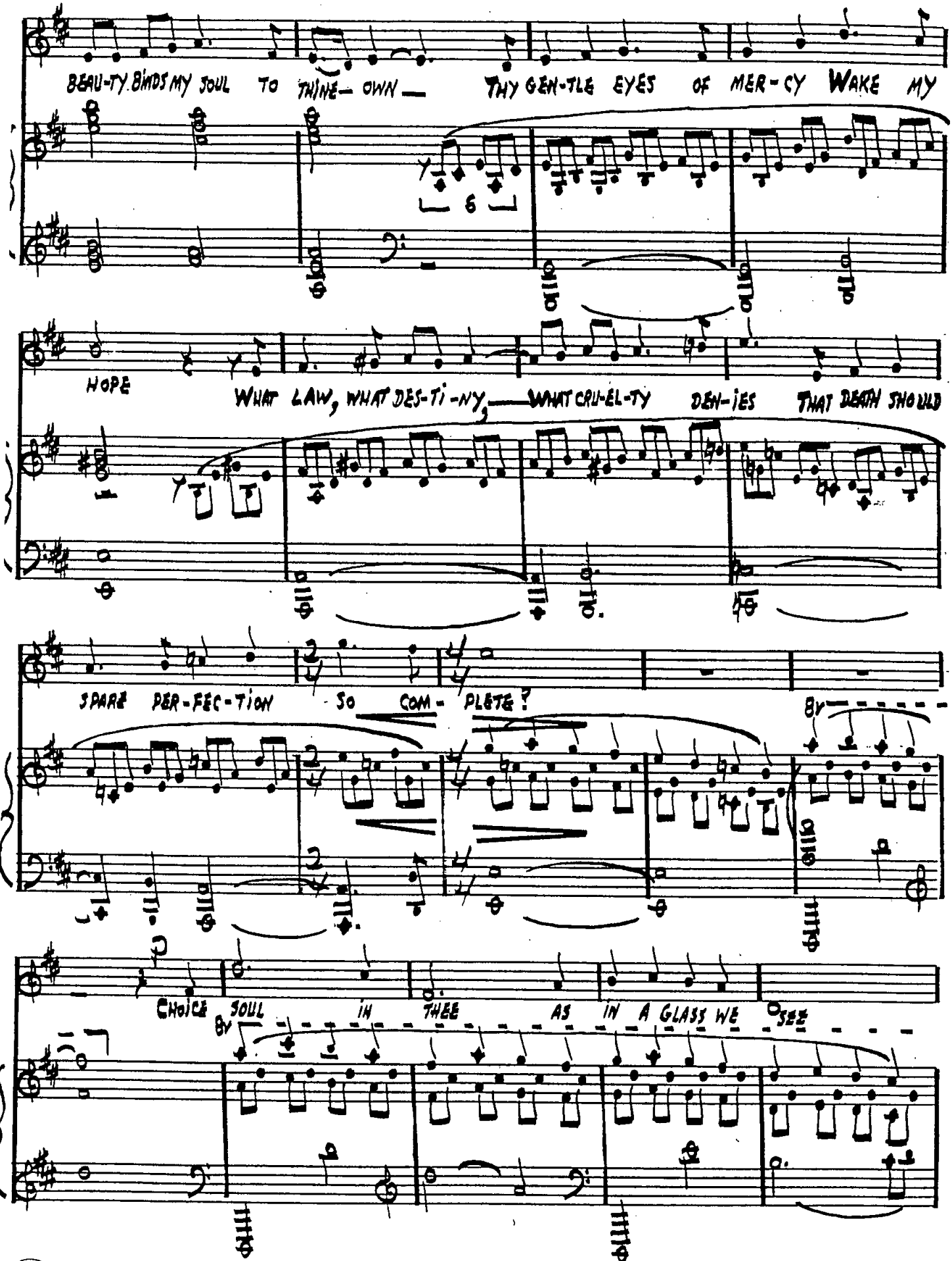

RUE:
MEAN-WHILE — THIS SOL-ACE TO MY SOUL IS SWEET, —
THAT MY BLACK NIGHT — DOTH MAKE MORE CLEAR THE
SUN — WHICH AT YOUR BIRTH WAS GIV-EN TO WAIT ON
YOU.
SLOWING

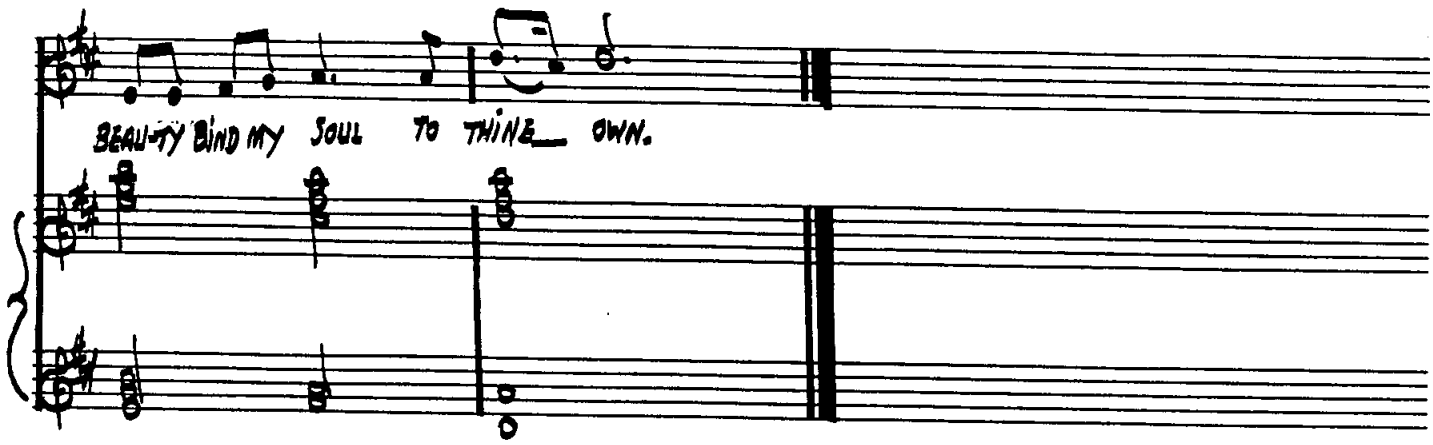
5. CHOICE SOUL

MEDIUM SLOW




ALL THEIR WORKS TO BE! FAIR SOUL, IN WHOM LOVE, PIT-Y, PI-E-TY, HAVE
FOUND A HOME AS FROM THY OUT-WARD STATE WE CLEAR-LY READ, AND ARE SO
RARE AND GREAT THAT THEY A-DORN NONE O-THER LIKE TO THEE!
AND BY LOVE FOR THEE HOLDS MY CAP-TI-VI-TY;


BEAU-TY BINDS MY SOUL TO THINE— OWN— THY GEN-TLE EYES OF MER-CY WAKE MY
HOPE
WHAT LAW, WHAT DES-TI-NY,— WHAT CRU-EL-TY DEN-IES THAT DEATH SHOULD
SPARE PER-FEC-TION SO COM-PLETE?
8v
CHOICE
SOUL IN THEE AS IN A GLASS WE SEE
8v



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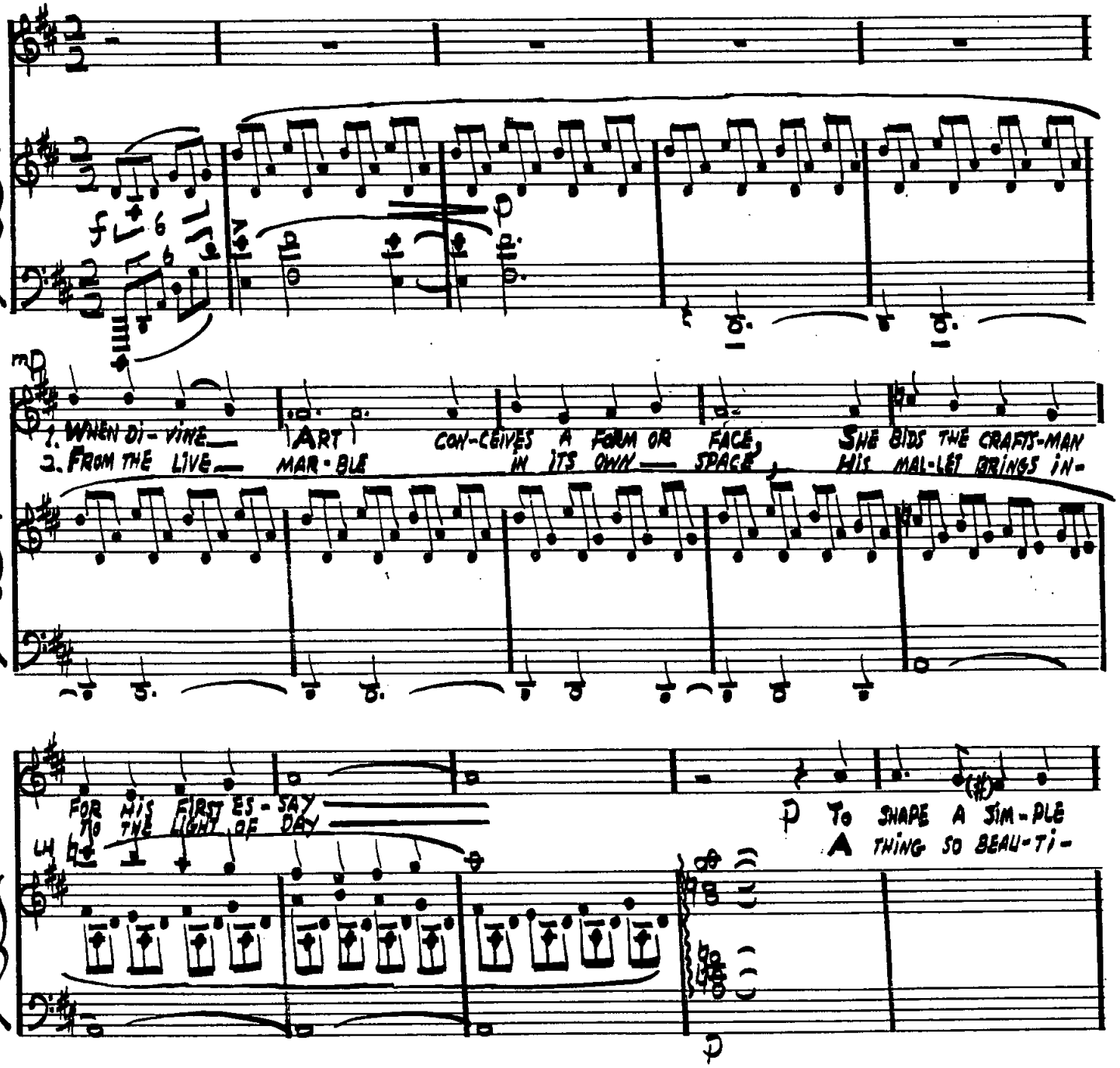
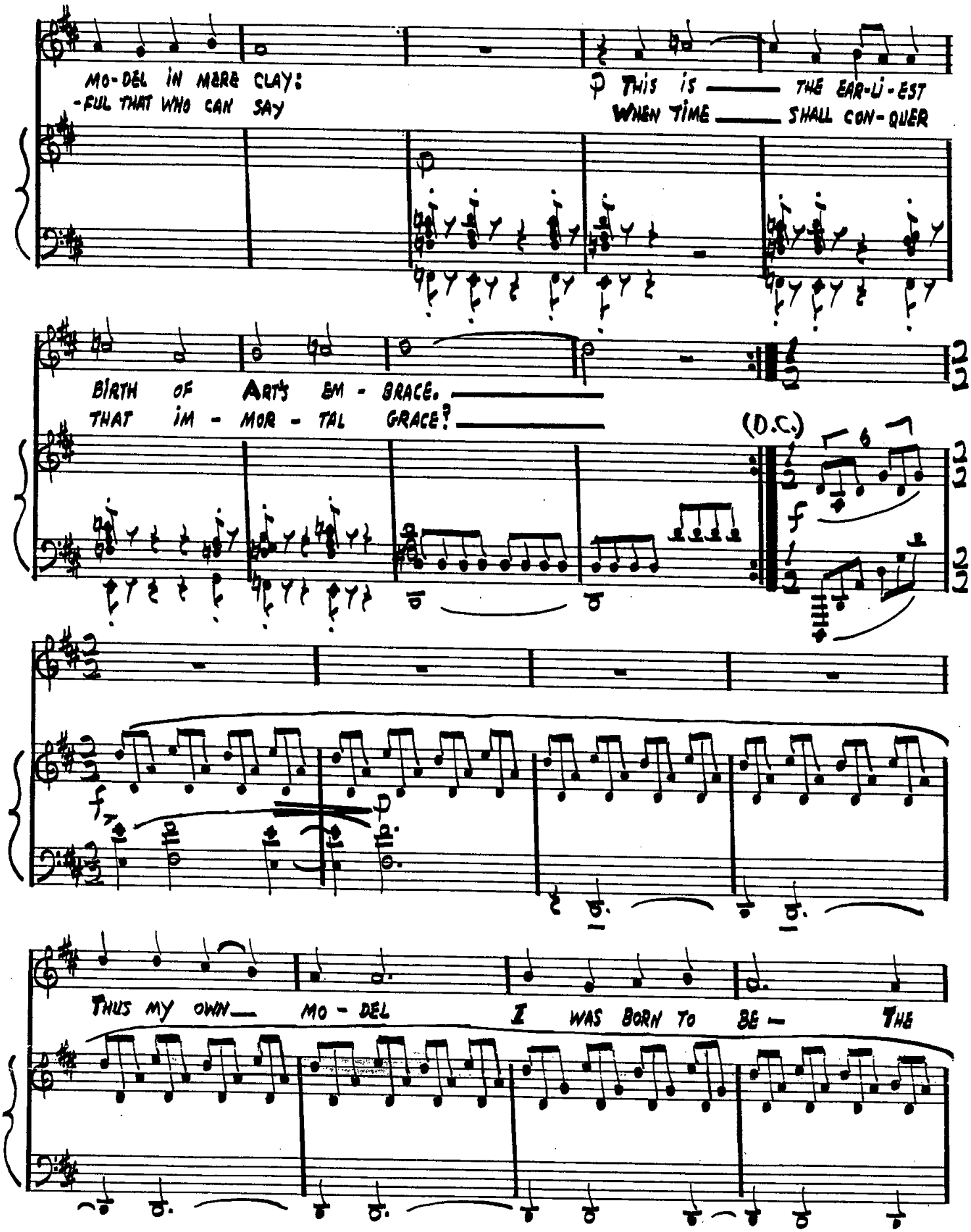
MEDIUM FAST





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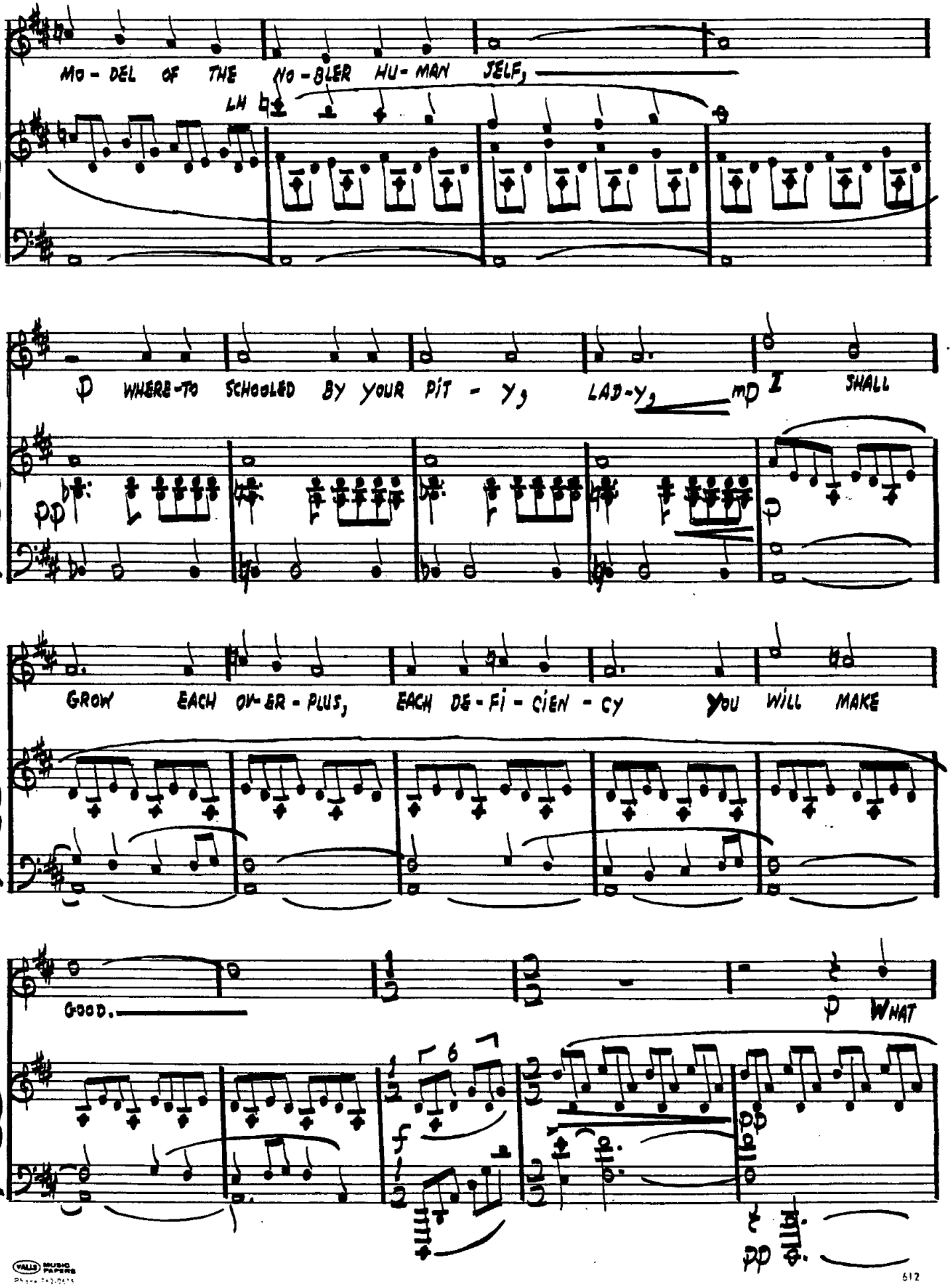
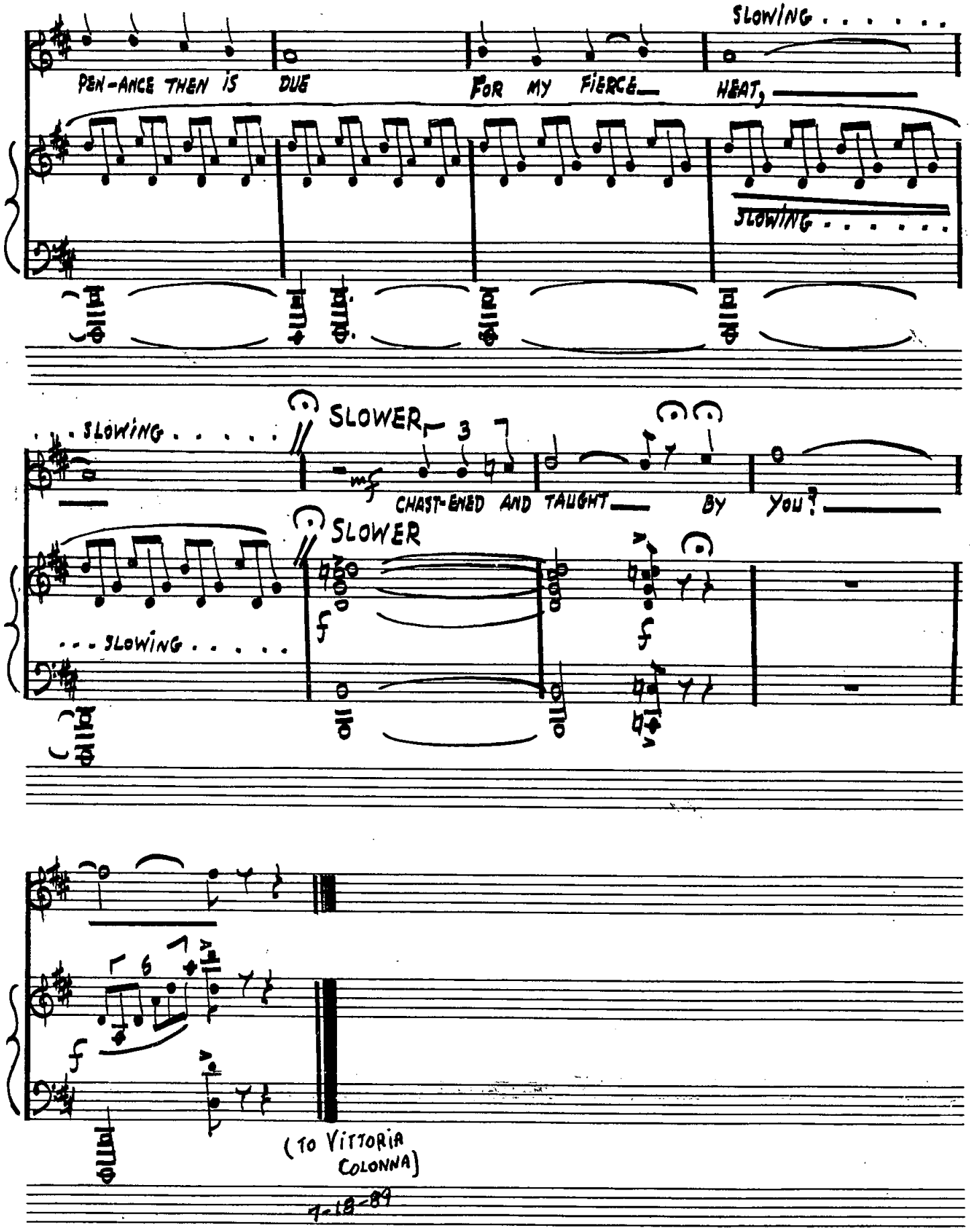

MO - DEL OF THE NO - BLER HU - MAN SELF,
LH
WHERE-TO SCHOOLED BY YOUR PIT - Y, LAD-Y, I SHALL
GROW EACH OV-ER - PLUS, EACH DE - FI - CIEN - CY YOU WILL MAKE
GOOD.
WHAT



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