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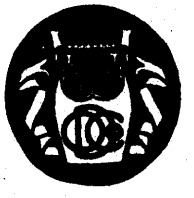

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MEN'S VOICES

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ANONYMOUS

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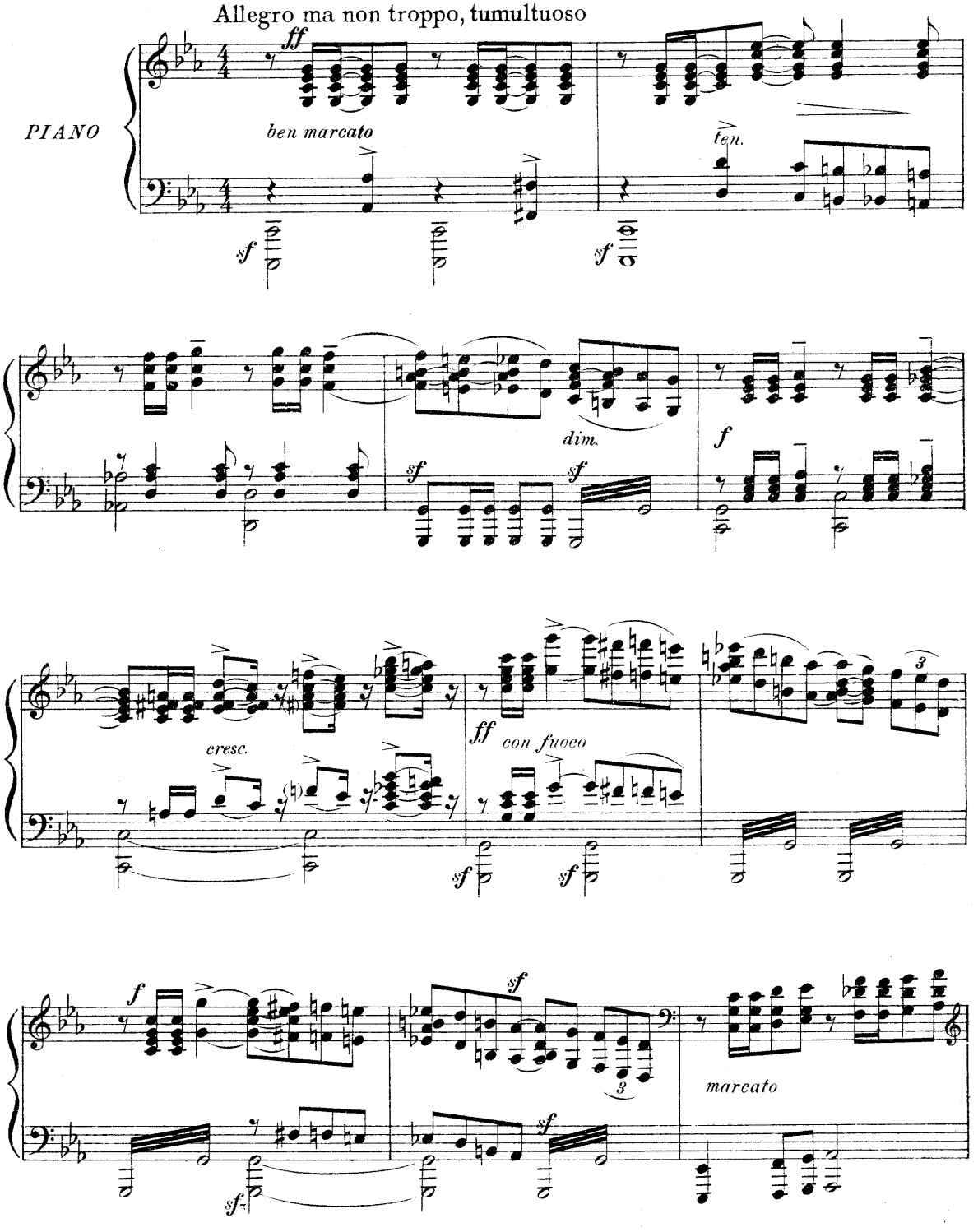

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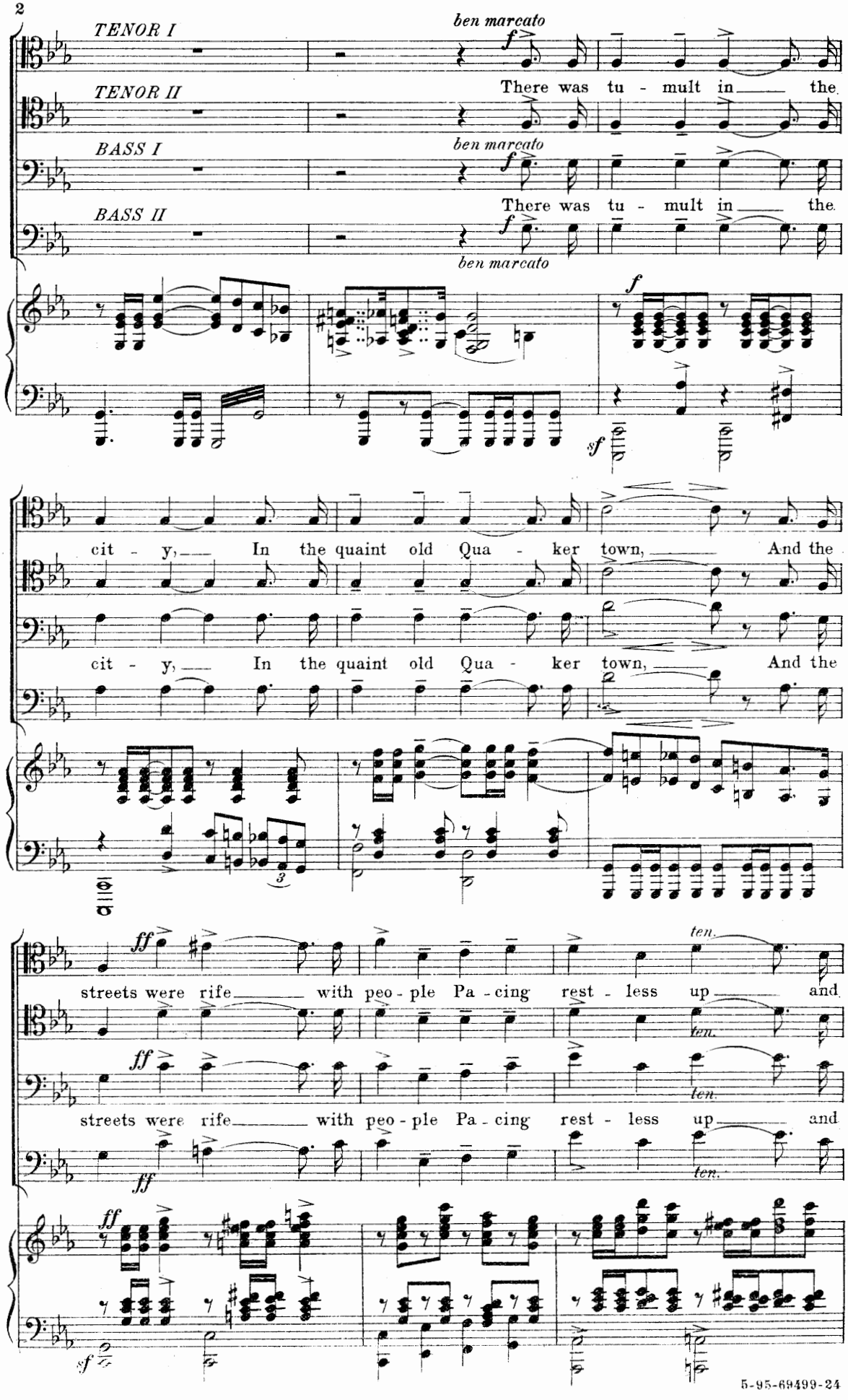
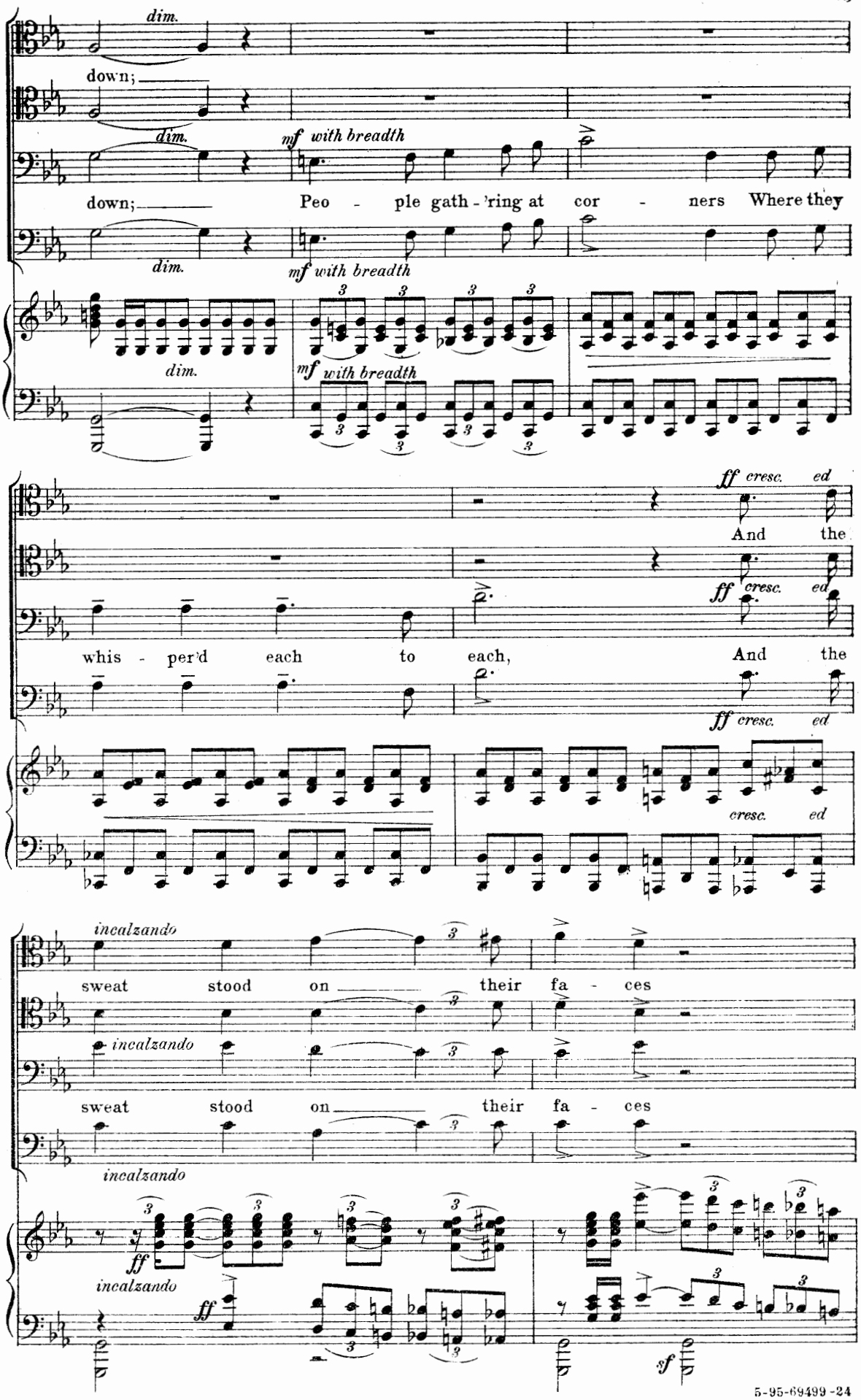
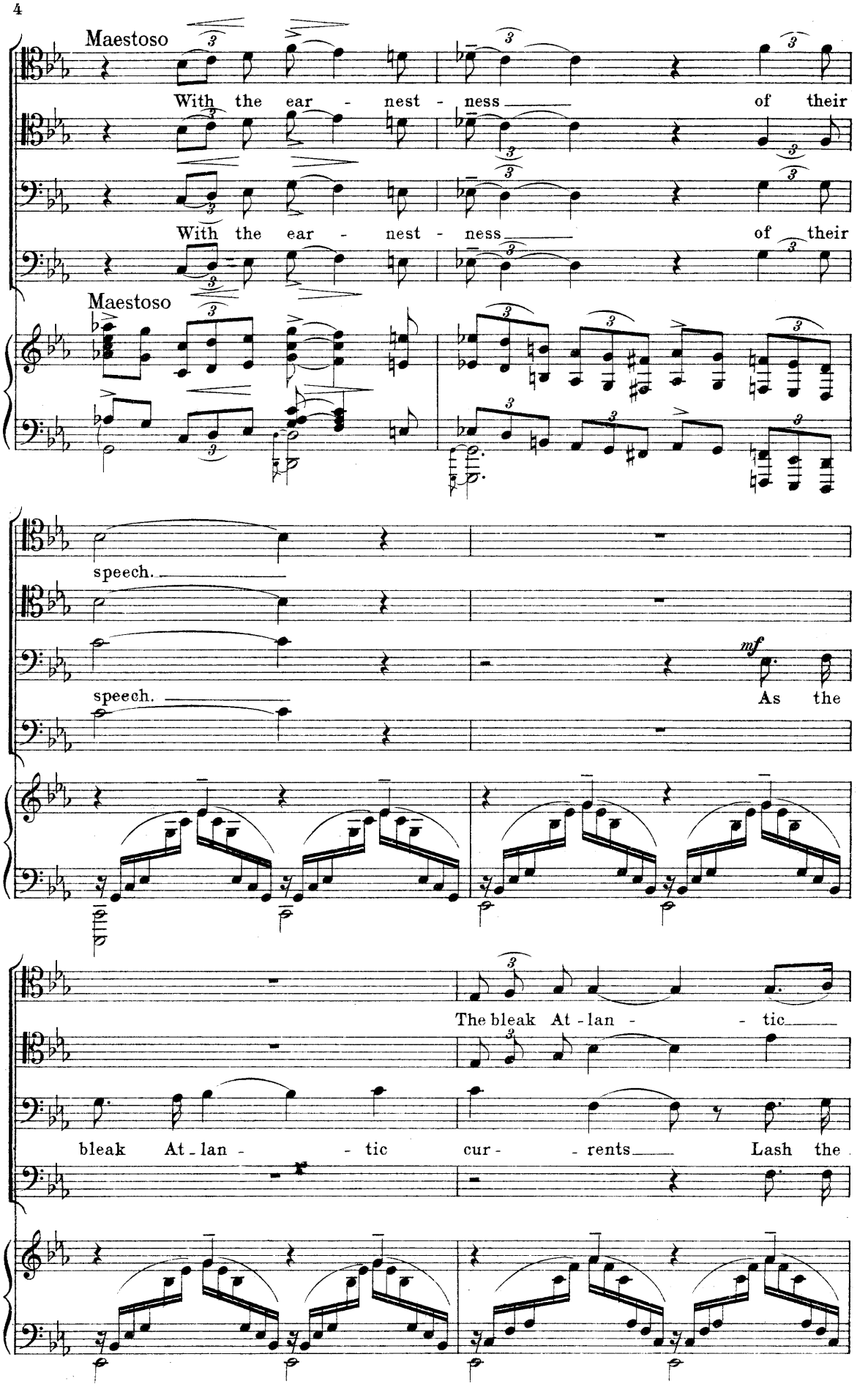
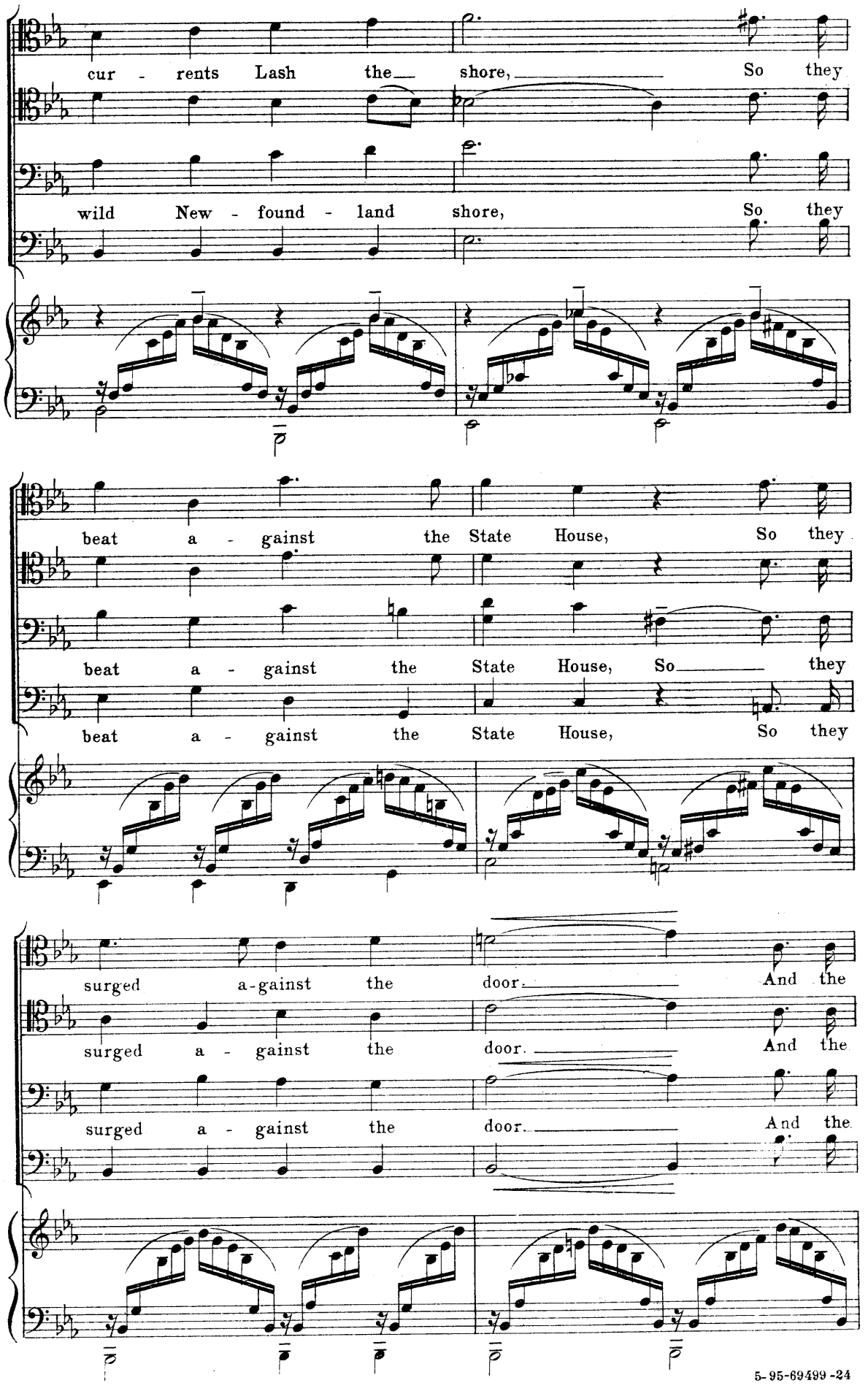
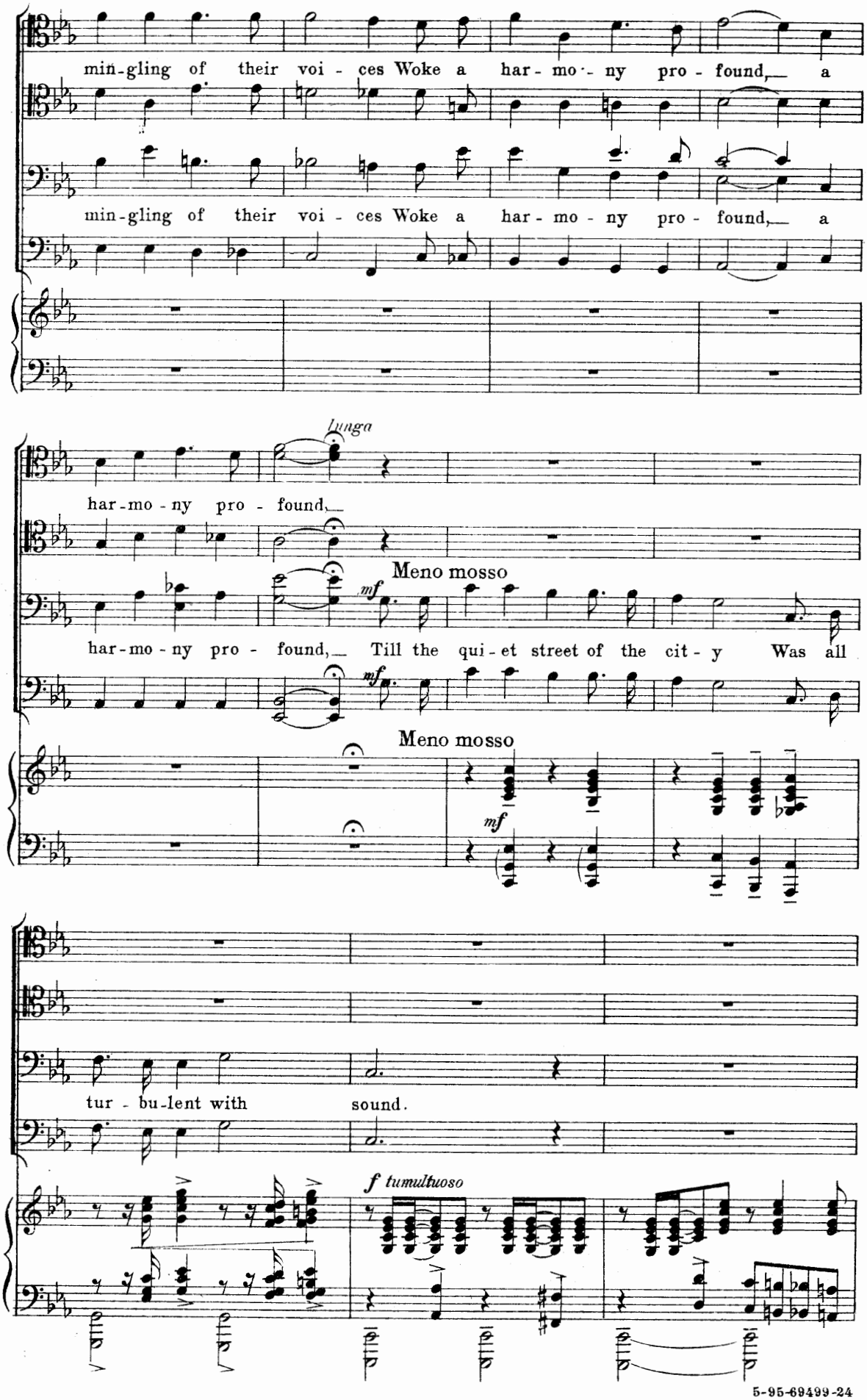
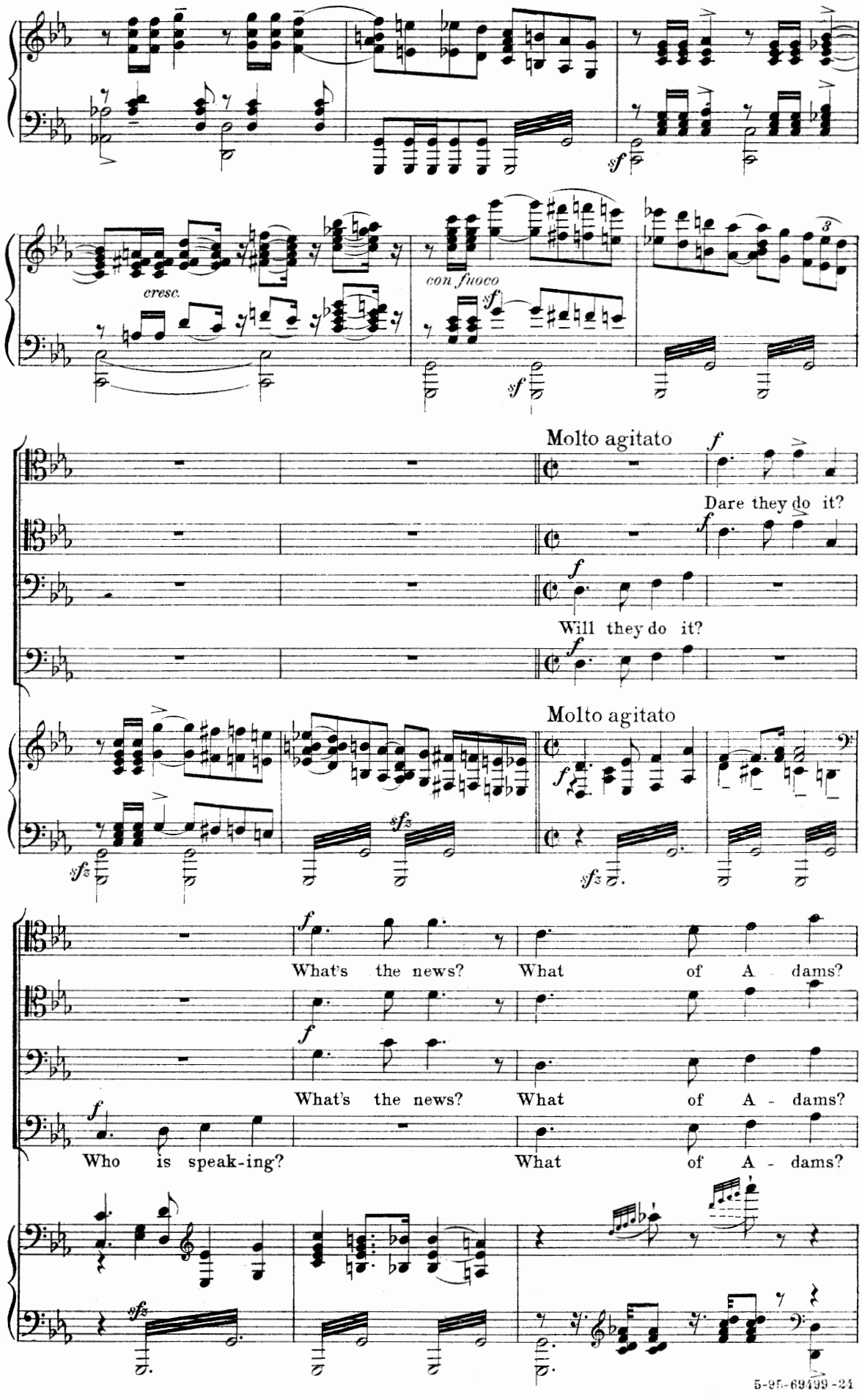

TENOR I
ben marcato
f
TENOR II
There was tu - mult in the
BASS I
ben marcato
f
BASS II
There was tu - mult in the
f
sf
cit - y, In the quaint old Qua - ker town, And the
cit - y, In the quaint old Qua - ker town, And the
ff
ten.
streets were rife with peo - ple Pa - cing rest - less up and
streets were rife with peo - ple Pa - cing rest - less up and
ff
sf

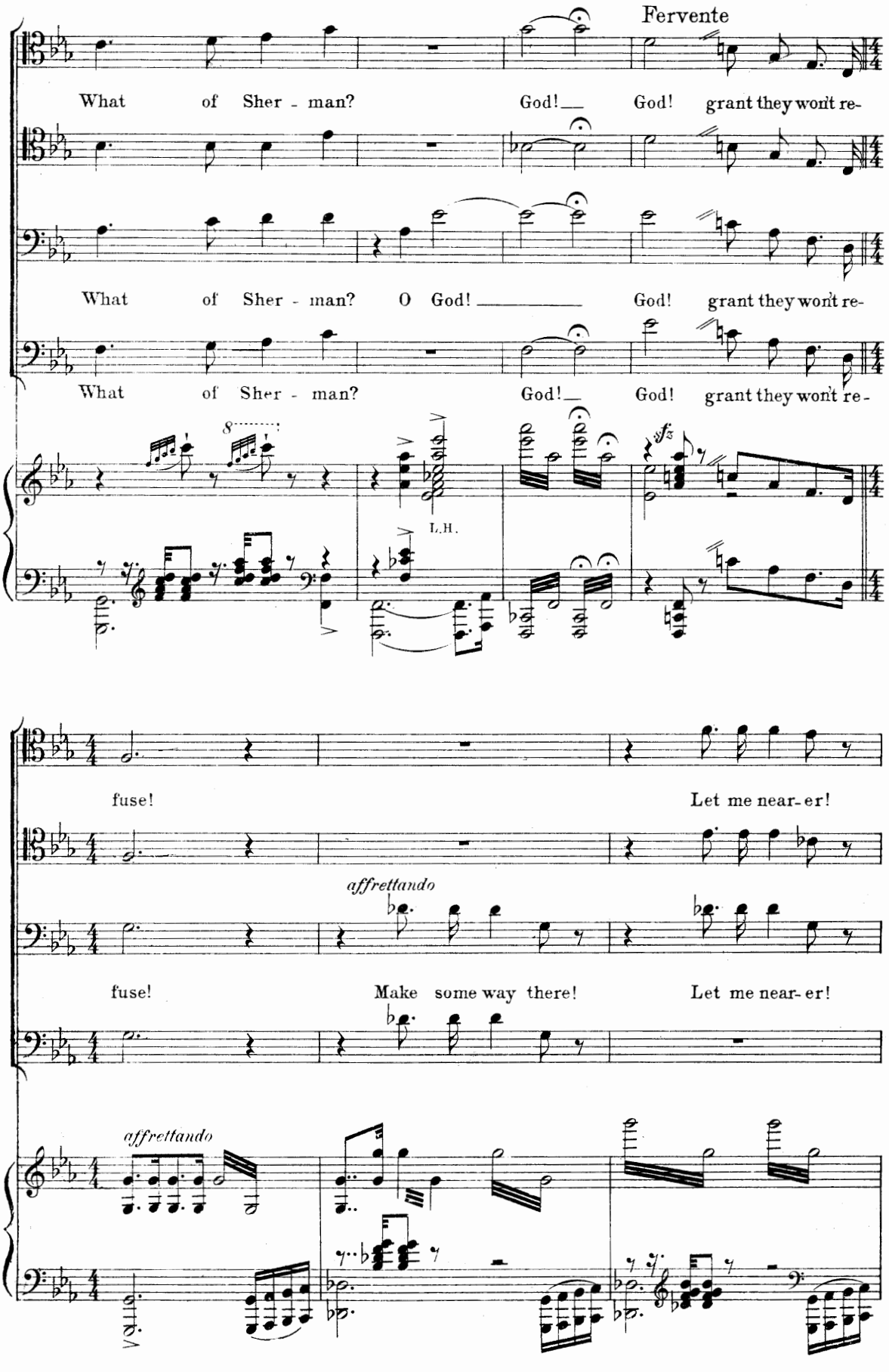

dim.
down;
dim.
down;
mf with breadth
Peo - ple gath - 'ring at cor - ners Where they
dim.
mf with breadth
dim.
mf with breadth
ff cresc. ed
And the
ff cresc. ed
whis - per'd each to each,
And the
ff cresc. ed
cresc. ed
incalzando
sweat stood on their fa - ces
incalzando
sweat stood on their fa - ces
incalzando
ff
incalzando
ff
sf


Maestoso
With the ear - nest - ness of their
With the ear - nest - ness of their
Maestoso
speech.
speech.
mf
As the
The bleak At - lan - tic
bleak At - lan - tic cur - rents Lash the


cur - rents Lash the shore, So they
wild New - found - land shore, So they
beat a - gainst the State House, So they
beat a - gainst the State House, So they
beat a - gainst the State House, So they
surged a-gainst the door. And the
surged a - gainst the door. And the
surged a - gainst the door. And the


min-gling of their voi - ces Woke a har - mo - ny pro - found, a
min-gling of their voi - ces Woke a har - mo - ny pro - found, a
lunga
har-mo - ny pro - found,
Meno mosso
mf
har-mo - ny pro - found, Till the qui - et street of the cit - y Was all
mf
Meno mosso
mf
tur - bu-lent with sound.
f tumultuoso


sf
cresc.
con fuoco
sf
sf
Molto agitato
f
Dare they do it?
f
f
Will they do it?
f
Molto agitato
f
sfz
sfz
sfz
f
What's the news? What of A dams?
f
What's the news? What of A - dams?
f
Who is speak-ing? What of A - dams?
sfz


Fervente
What of Sher - man? God! God! grant they won't re-
What of Sher - man? O God! God! grant they won't re-
What of Sher - man? God! God! grant they won't re-
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L.H.
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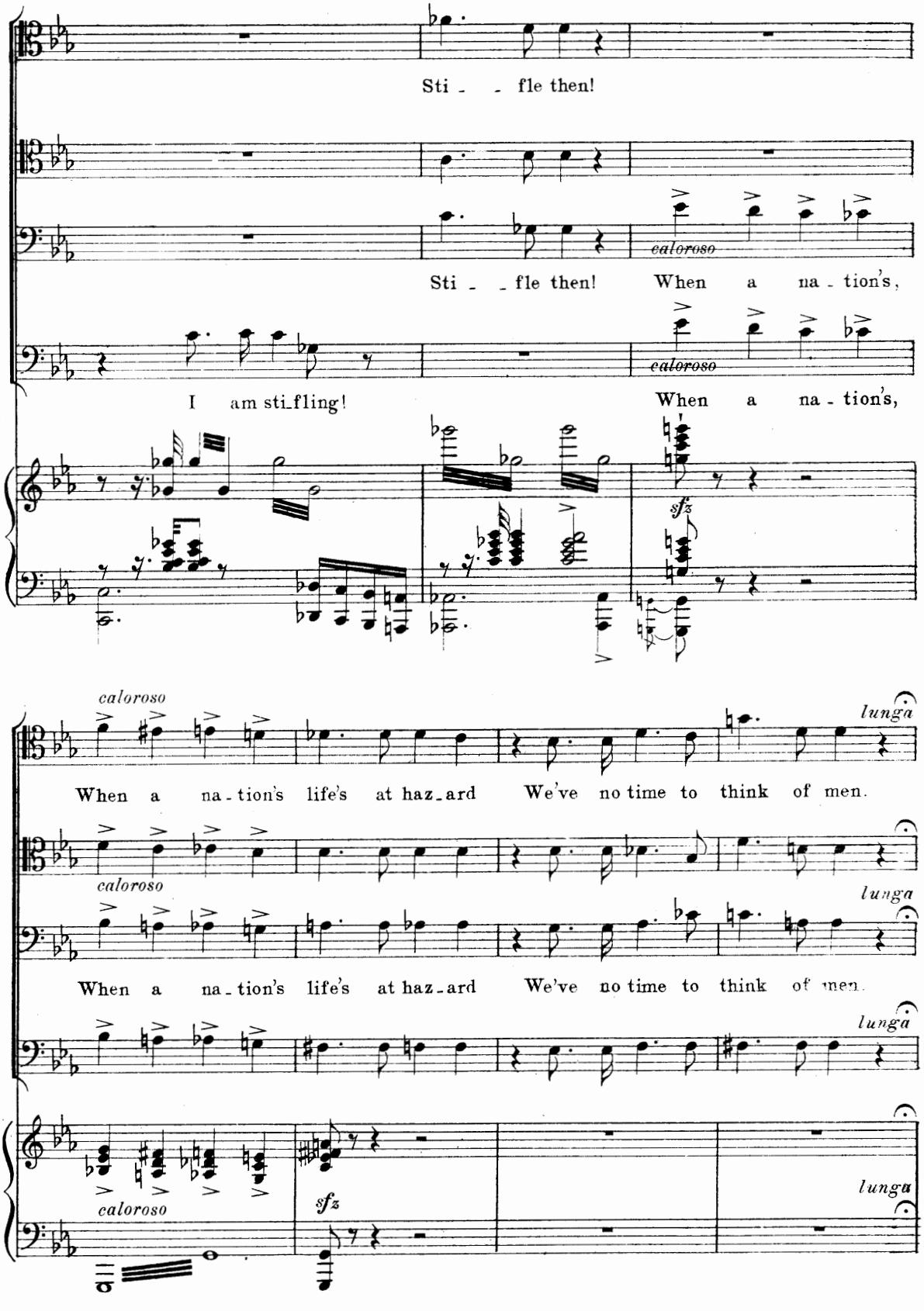
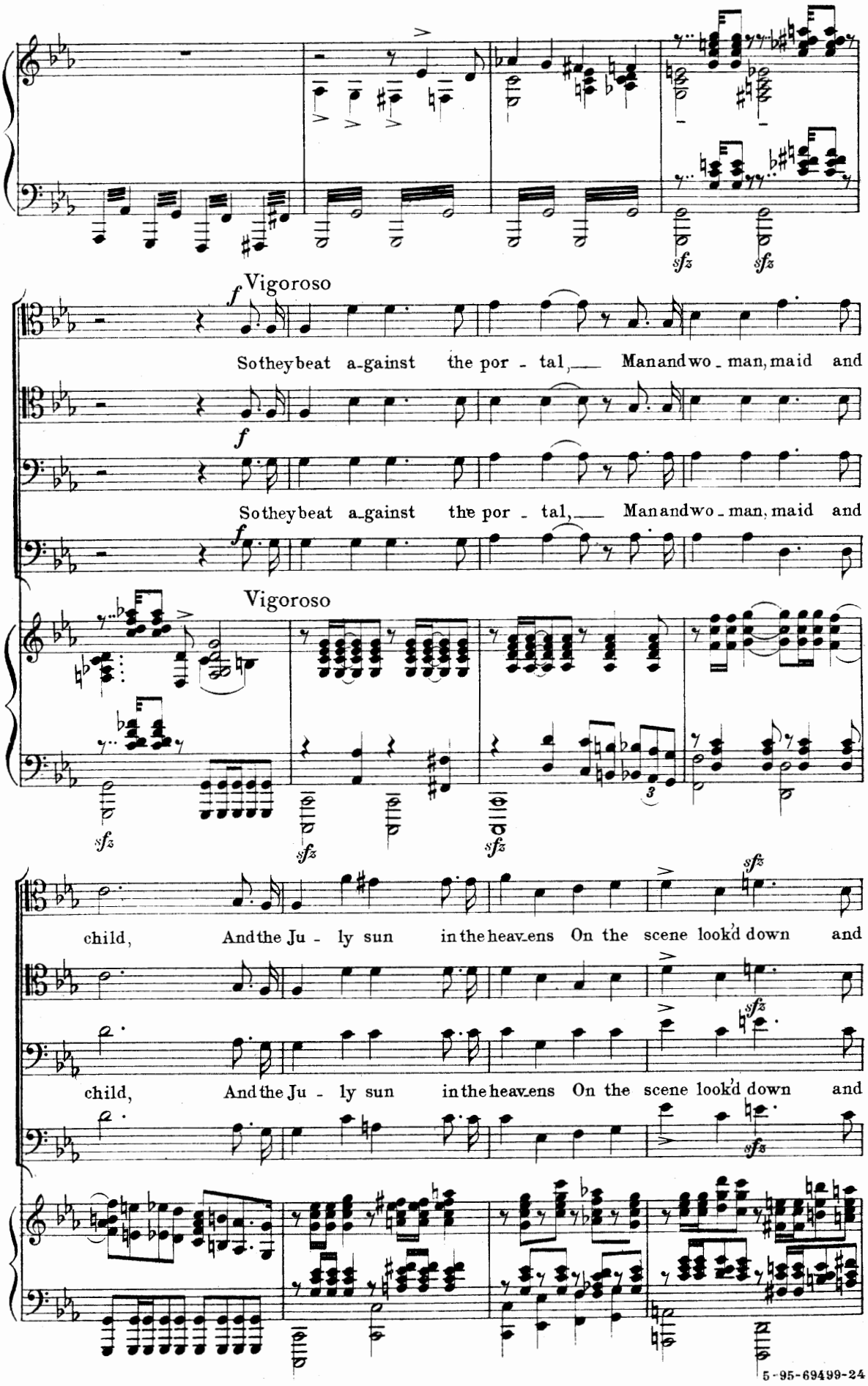
fuse! Let me near-er!
affrettando
fuse! Make some way there! Let me near-er!
affrettando


Sti - - fle then!
Sti - - fle then!
caloroso
When a na - tion's,
I am sti_fling!
caloroso
When a na - tion's,
sfz
caloroso
lunga
When a na - tion's life's at haz_ard
We've no time to think of men.
caloroso
lunga
When a na - tion's life's at haz_ard
We've no time to think of men.
lunga
caloroso
sfz
lunga


f Vigoroso
So they beat a-gainst the por - tal, Man and wo - man, maid and
f
So they beat a-gainst the por - tal, Man and wo - man, maid and
Vigoroso
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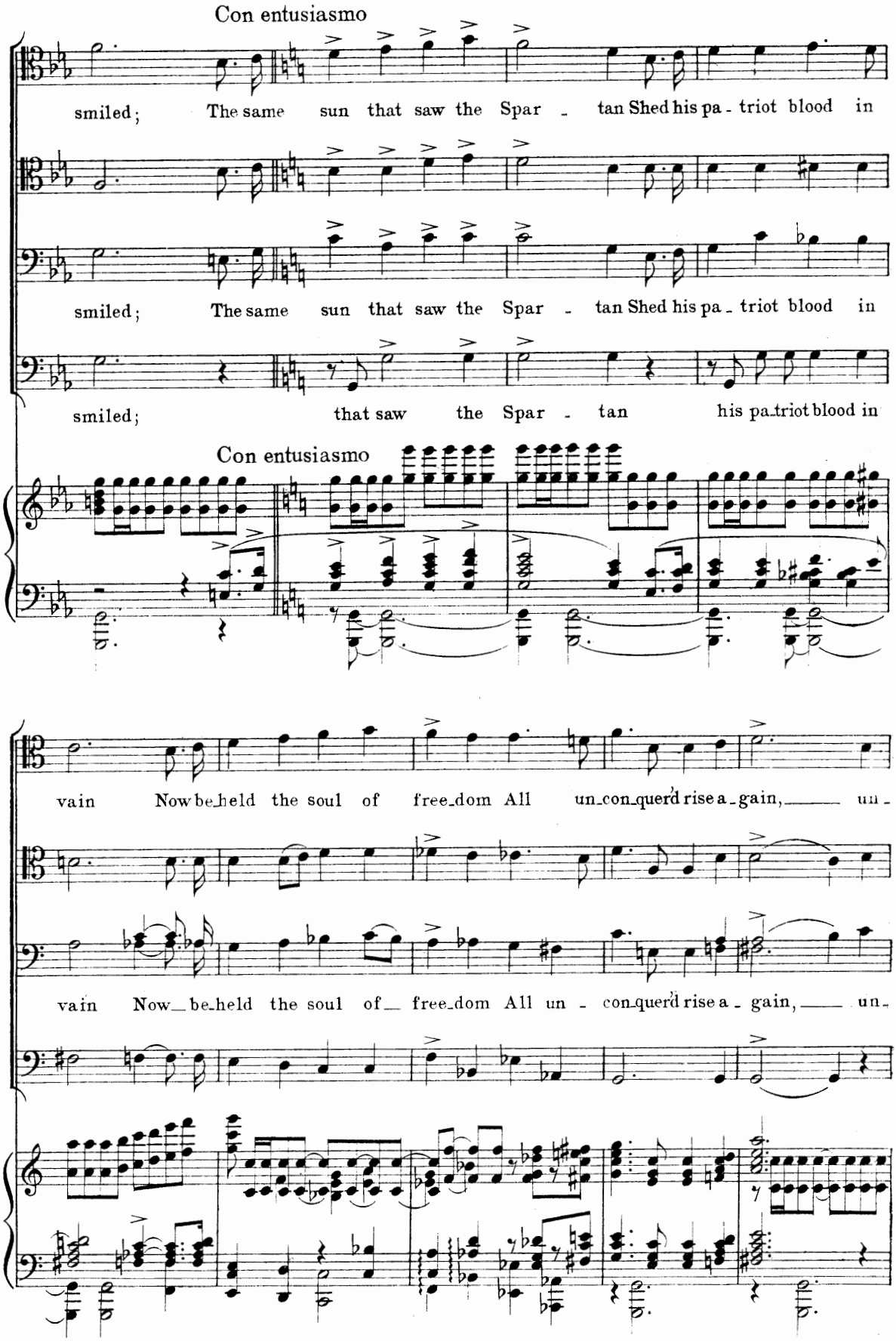
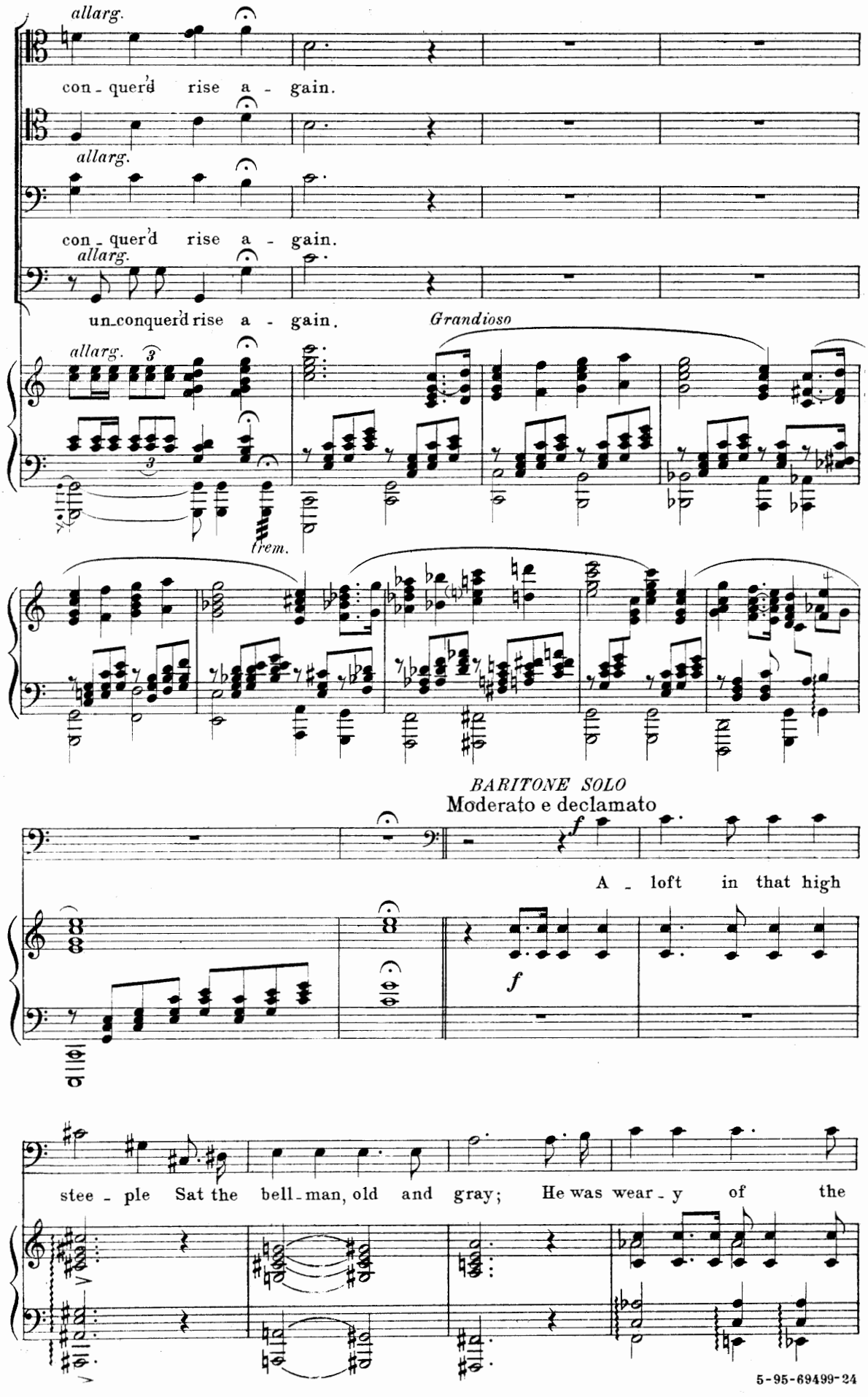
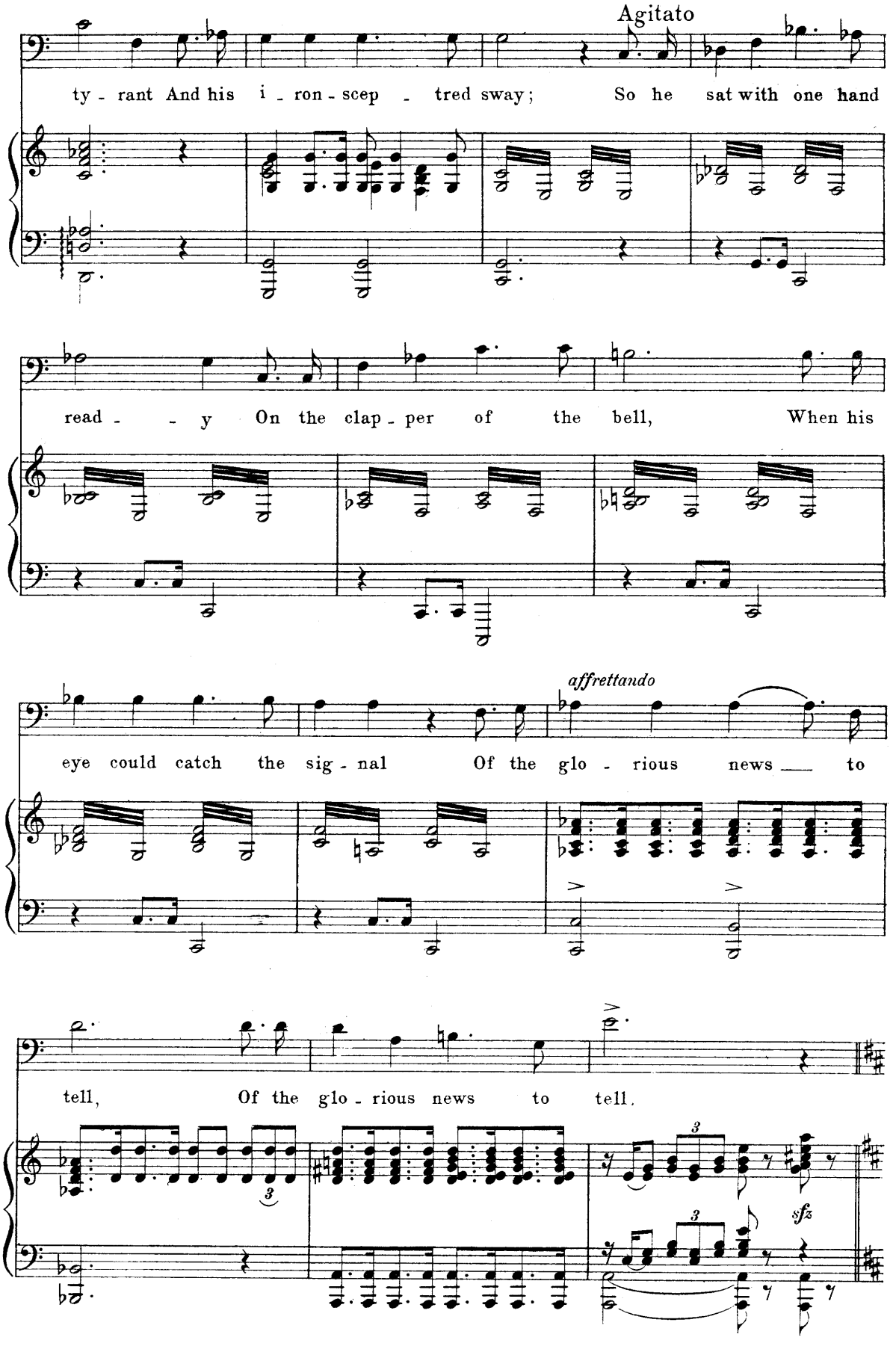
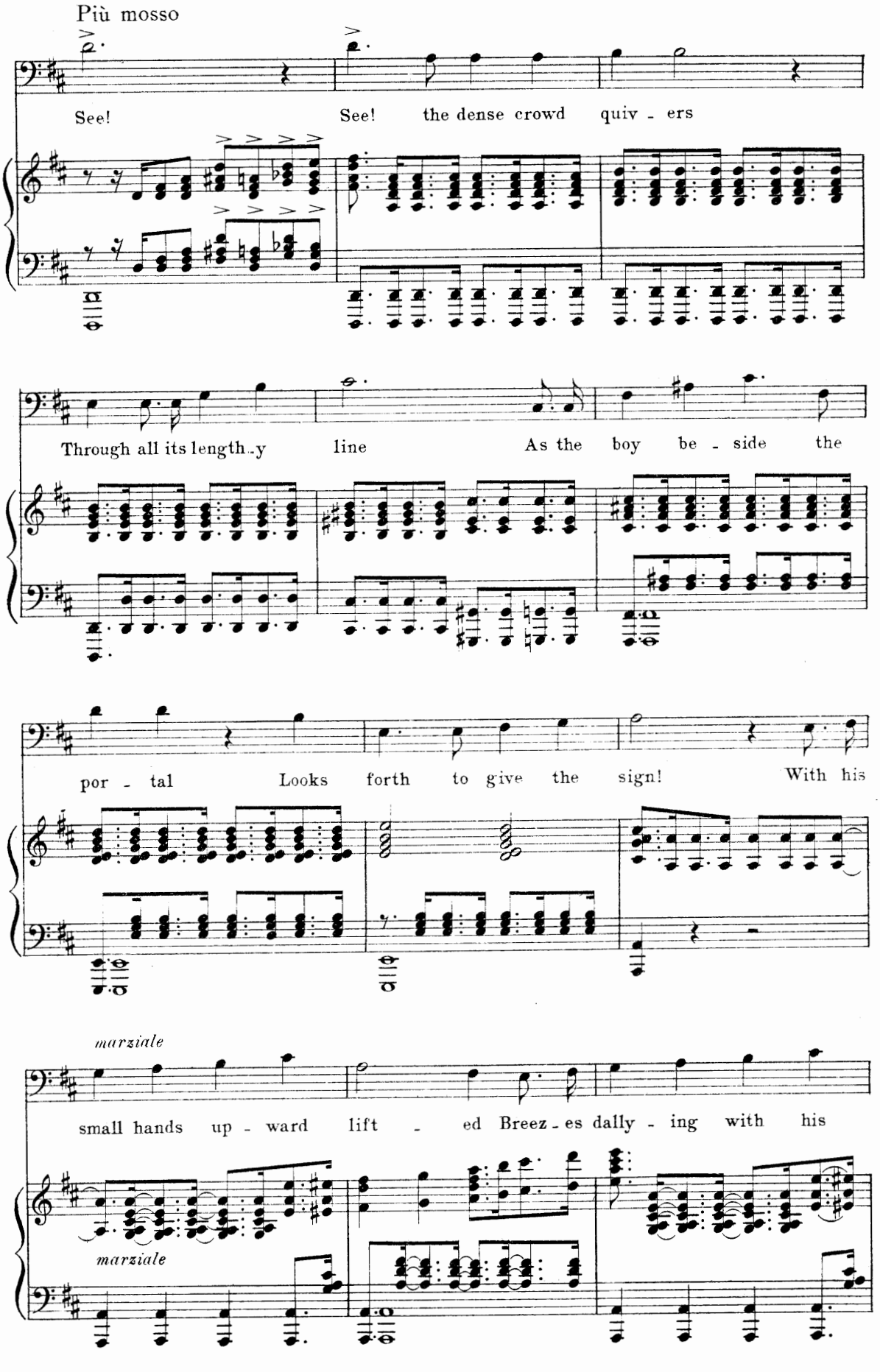
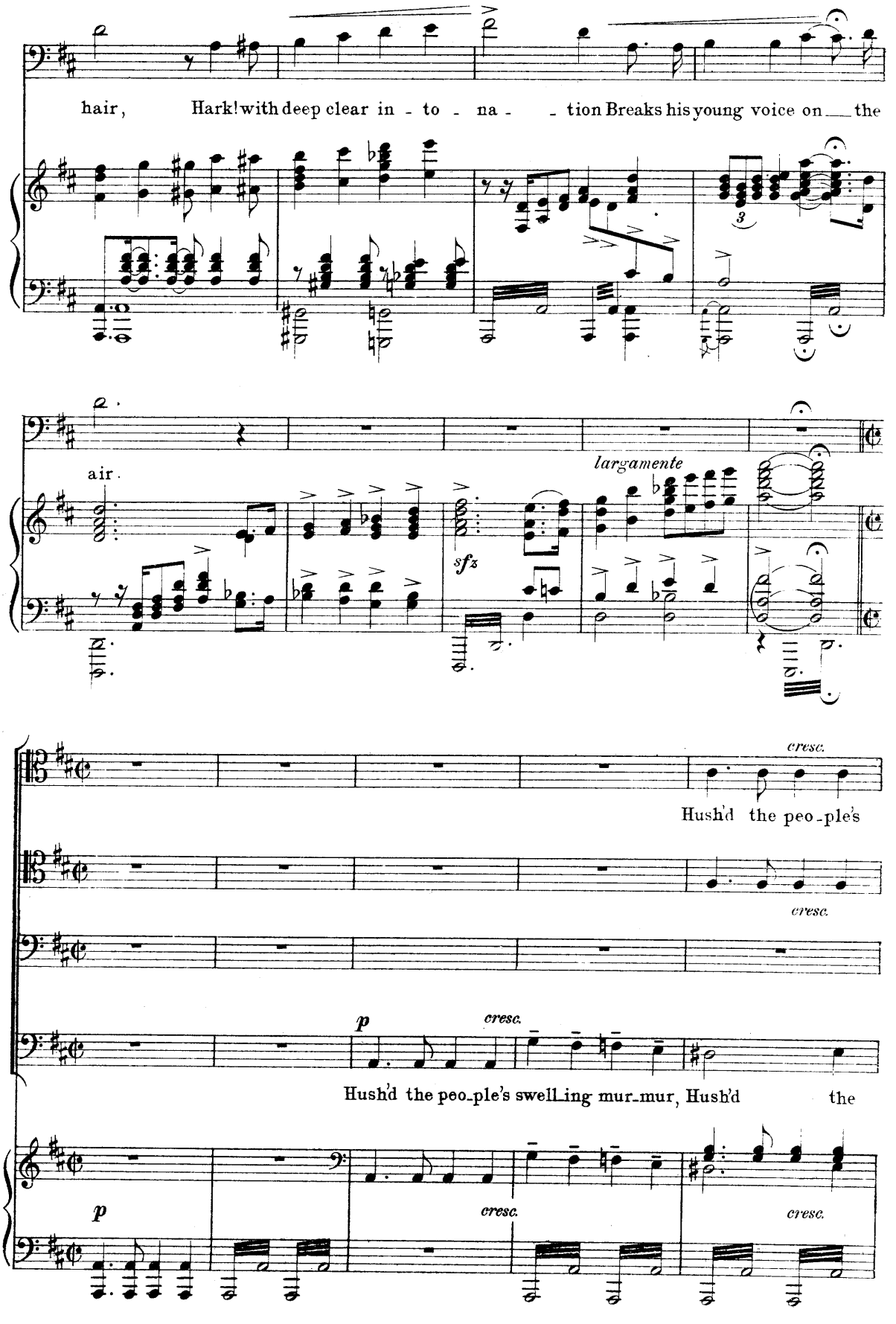
child, And the Ju - ly sun in the heav-ens On the scene look'd down and
child, And the Ju - ly sun in the heav-ens On the scene look'd down and

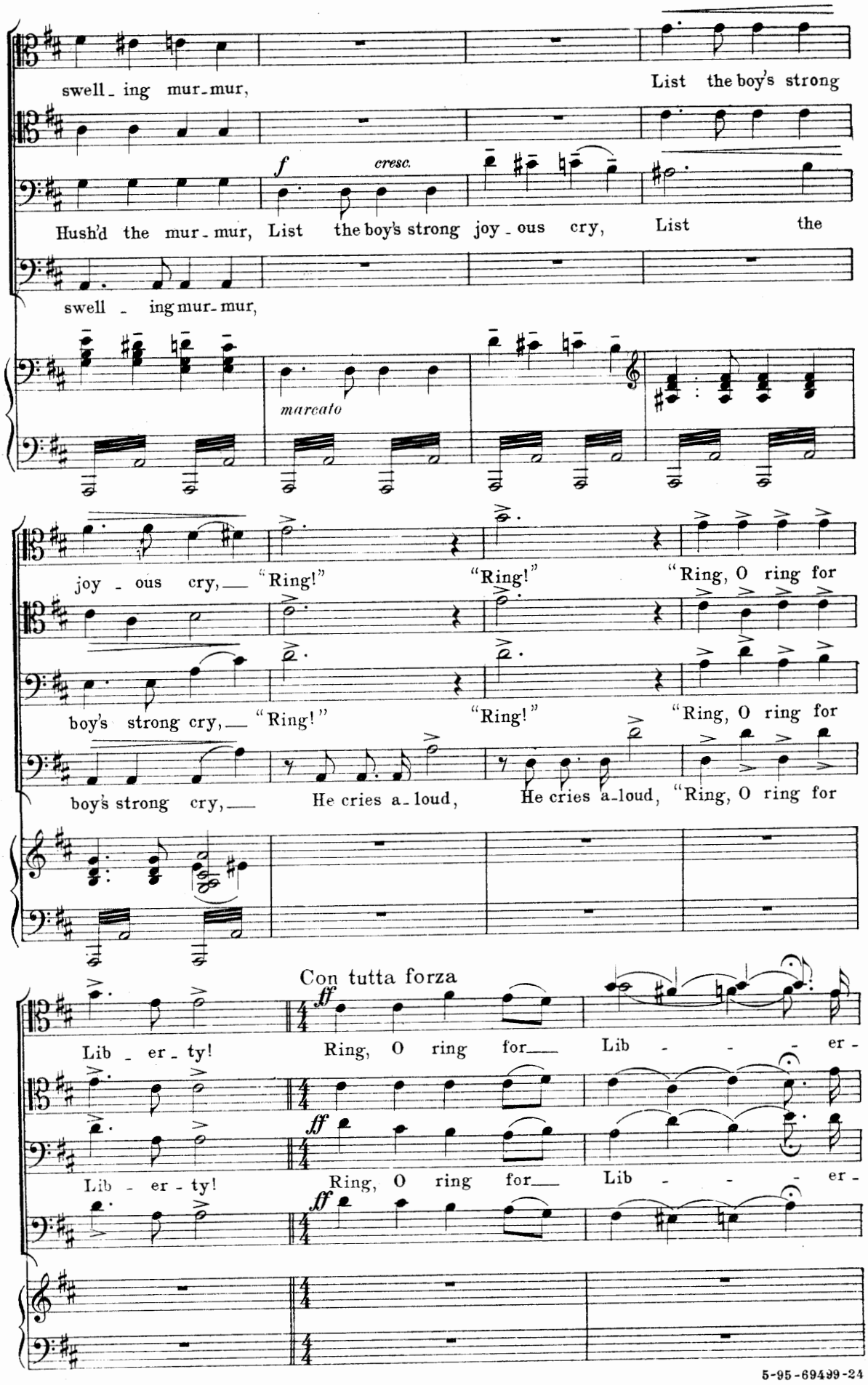

Con entusiasmo
smiled; The same sun that saw the Spar - tan Shed his pa - triot blood in
smiled; The same sun that saw the Spar - tan Shed his pa - triot blood in
smiled; that saw the Spar - tan his pa - triot blood in
Con entusiasmo
vain Now be - held the soul of free - dom All un - con - querd rise a - gain, un -
vain Now - be - held the soul of - free - dom All un - con - querd rise a - gain, un -


allarg.
con - quer'd rise a - gain.
allarg.
con - quer'd rise a - gain.
allarg.
un - conquer'd rise a - gain.
Grandioso
allarg.
trem.
BARITONE SOLO
Moderato e declamato
A - loft in that high
stee - ple Sat the bell - man, old and gray; He was wear - y of the


Agitato
ty - rant And his i - ron - scep - tred sway; So he sat with one hand
read - - y On the clap - per of the bell, When his
affrettando
eye could catch the sig - nal Of the glo - rious news ___ to
tell, Of the glo - rious news to tell.
sfz


Più mosso
See!
See! the dense crowd quiv - ers
Through all its length - y line
As the boy be - side the
por - tal
Looks forth to give the sign!
With his
marziale
small hands up - ward lift - ed Breez - es dally - ing with his
marziale


hair, Hark! with deep clear in - to - na - - tion Breaks his young voice on the
air.
largamente
sfz
cresc.
Hush'd the peo-ple's
cresc.
p
cresc.
Hush'd the peo-ple's swell-ing mur-mur, Hush'd the
p
cresc.
cresc.


swell - ing mur - mur,
List the boy's strong
f
cresc.
Hush'd the mur - mur, List the boy's strong joy - ous cry, List the
swell - ing mur - mur,
marcato
joy - ous cry, "Ring!" "Ring!" "Ring, O ring for
boy's strong cry, "Ring!" "Ring!" "Ring, O ring for
boy's strong cry, He cries a - loud, He cries a - loud, "Ring, O ring for
Con tutta forza
ff
Lib - er - ty! Ring, O ring for Lib - - - er -
Lib - er - ty! Ring, O ring for Lib - - - er -

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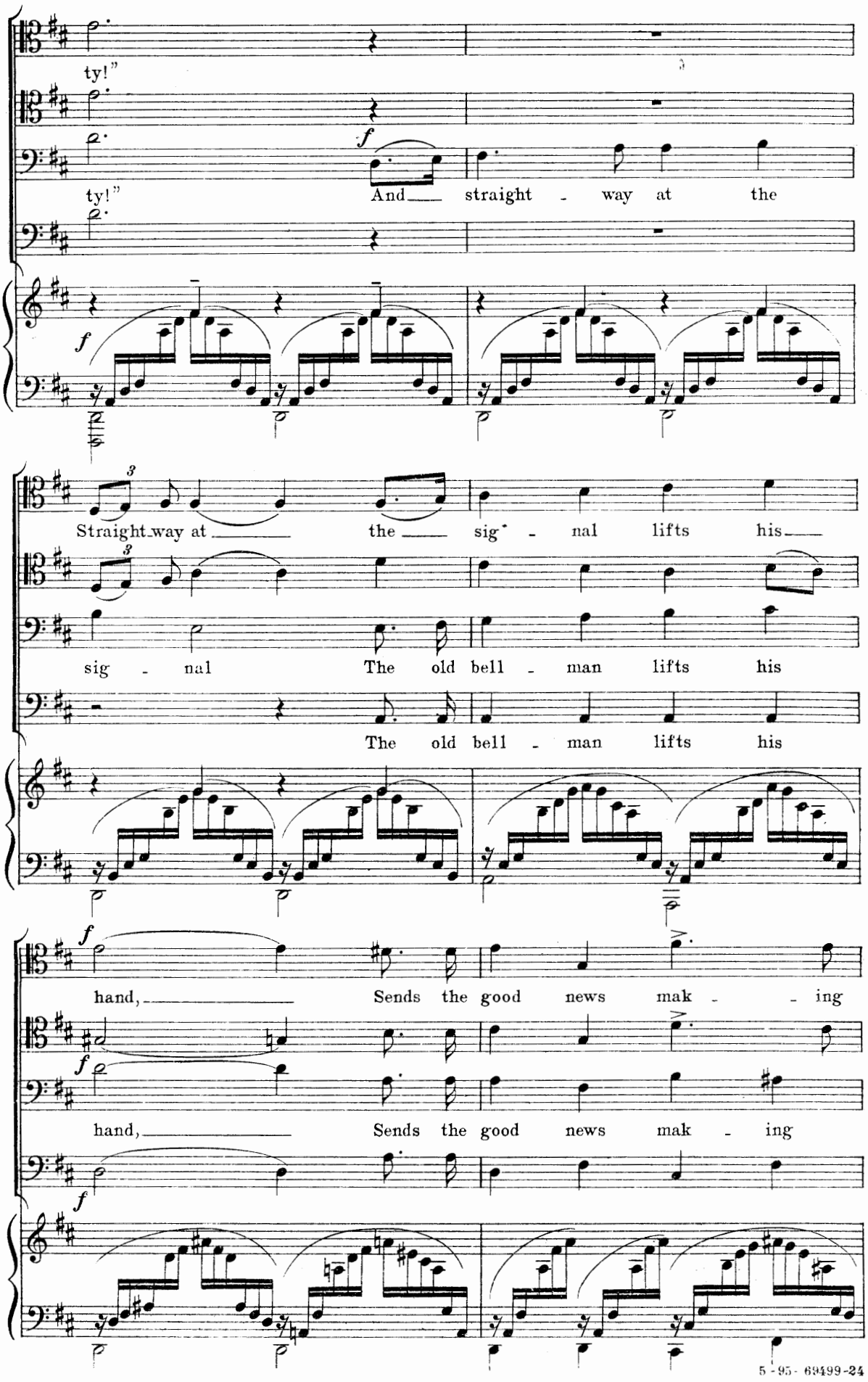
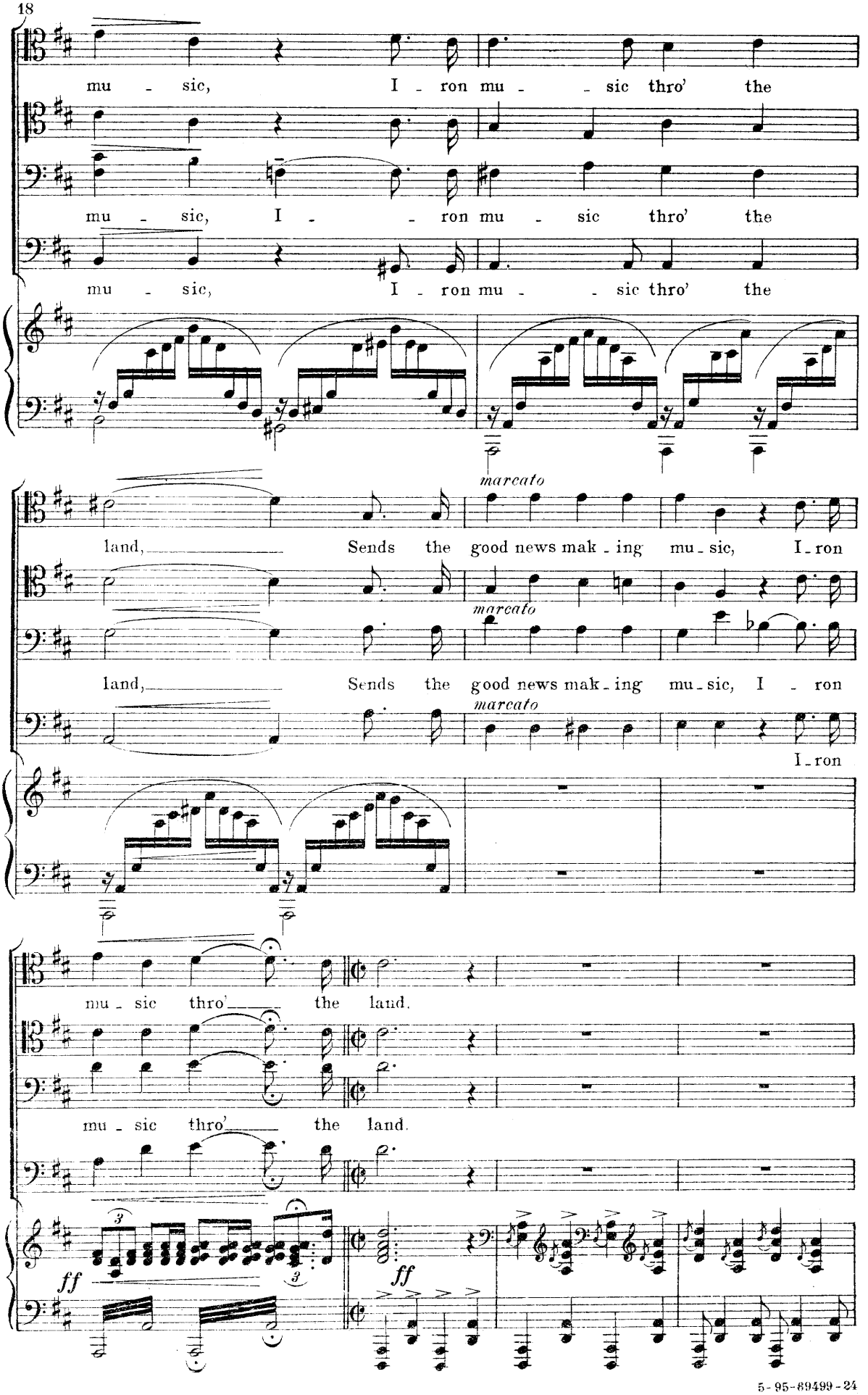
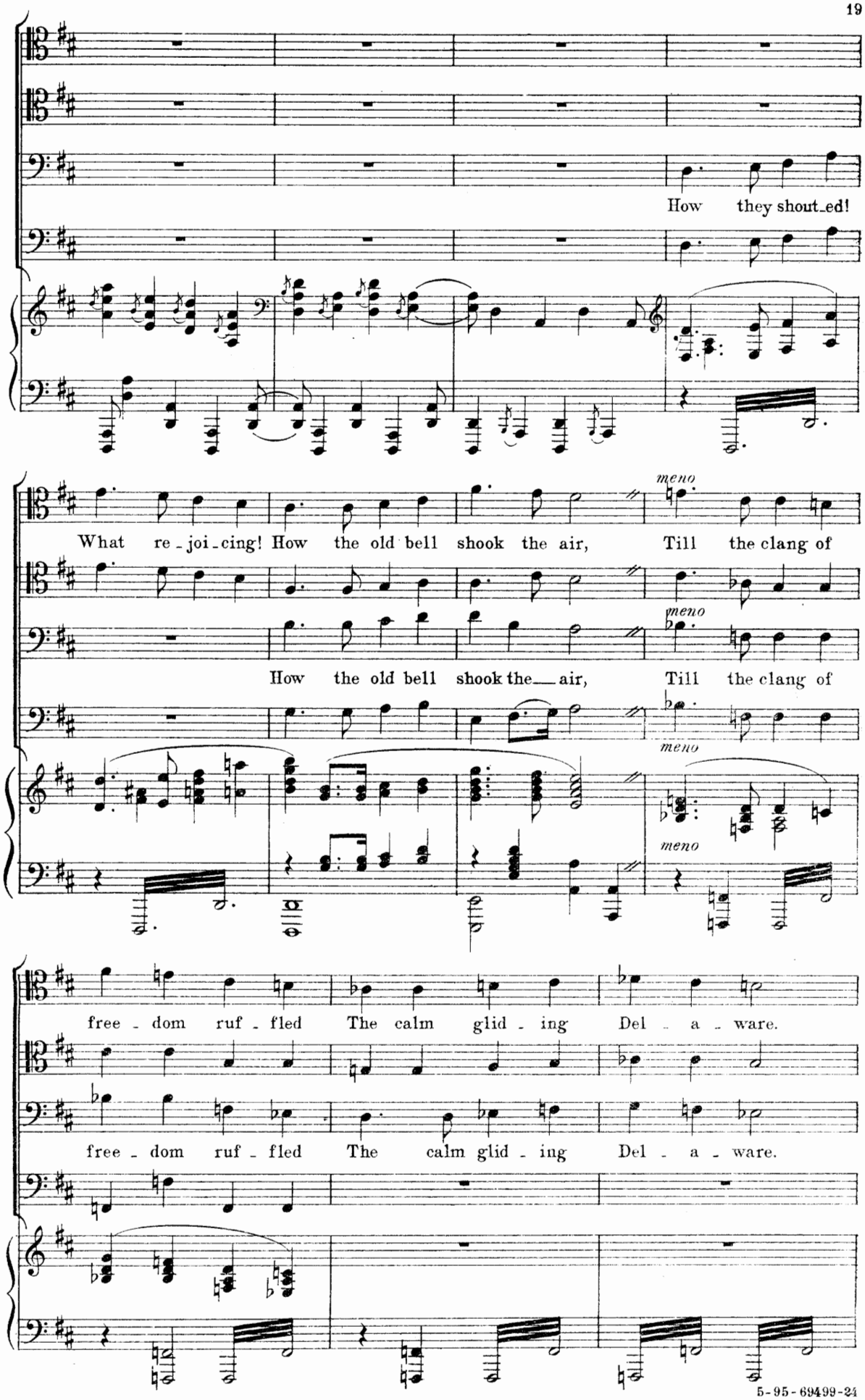
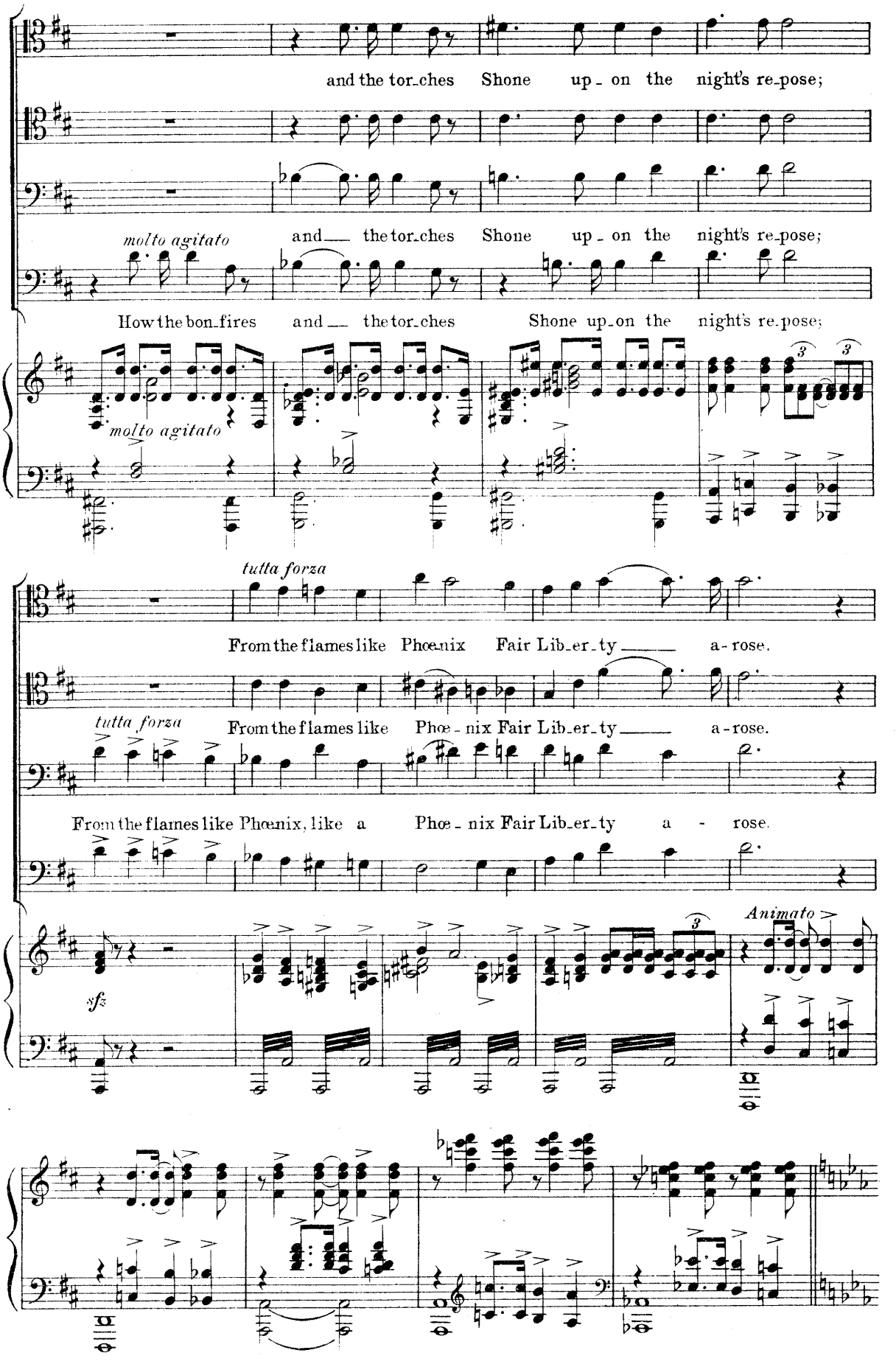

ty!"
ty!"
And straight - way at the
Straight way at the sig - nal lifts his
sig - nal The old bell - man lifts his
The old bell - man lifts his
hand, Sends the good news mak - ing
hand, Sends the good news mak - ing


mu - sic, I - ron mu - - sic thro' the
mu - sic, I - - ron mu - sic thro' the
mu - sic, I - ron mu - - sic thro' the
marcato
land, Sends the good news mak - ing mu - sic, I - ron
marcato
land, Sends the good news mak - ing mu - sic, I - ron
marcato
I - ron
mu - sic thro' the land.
mu - sic thro' the land.
ff
ff


How they shout-ed!
What re-joi-cing! How the old bell shook the air, Till the clang of
meno
How the old bell shook the air, Till the clang of
meno
meno
meno
free-dom ruf-fled The calm glid-ing Del-a-ware.
free-dom ruf-fled The calm glid-ing Del-a-ware.


and the tor_ches Shone up_on the night's re_pose;
molto agitato
and the tor_ches Shone up_on the night's re_pose;
How the bon_fires and the tor_ches Shone up_on the night's re_pose;
molto agitato
tutta forza
From the flames like Phœnix Fair Lib_er_ty a_rose.
tutta forza
From the flames like Phœ_nix Fair Lib_er_ty a_rose.
From the flames like Phœnix, like a Phœ_nix Fair Lib_er_ty a_rose.
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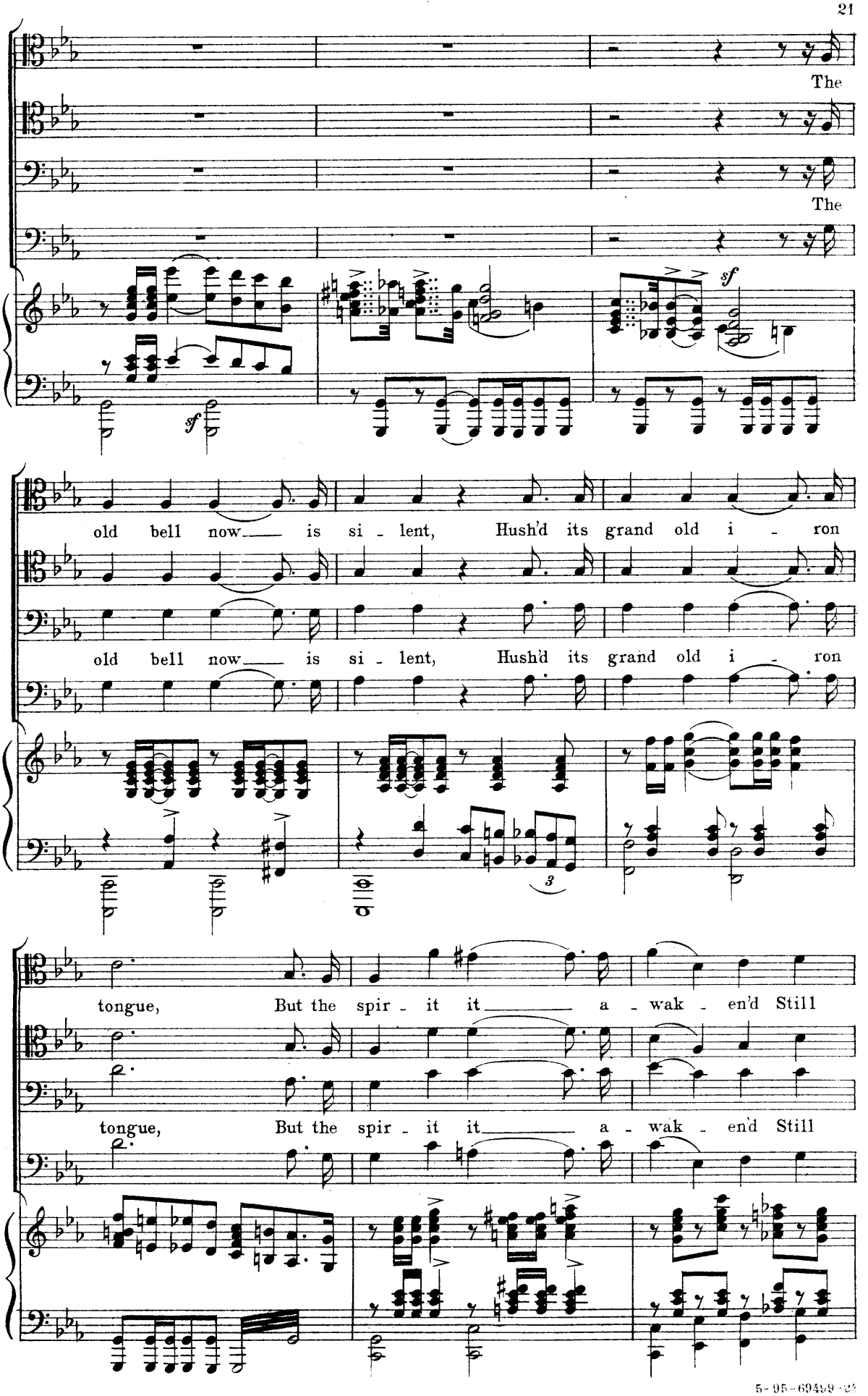
Animato


The
The
sf
sf
old bell now is si - lent, Hush'd its grand old i - ron
old bell now is si - lent, Hush'd its grand old i - ron
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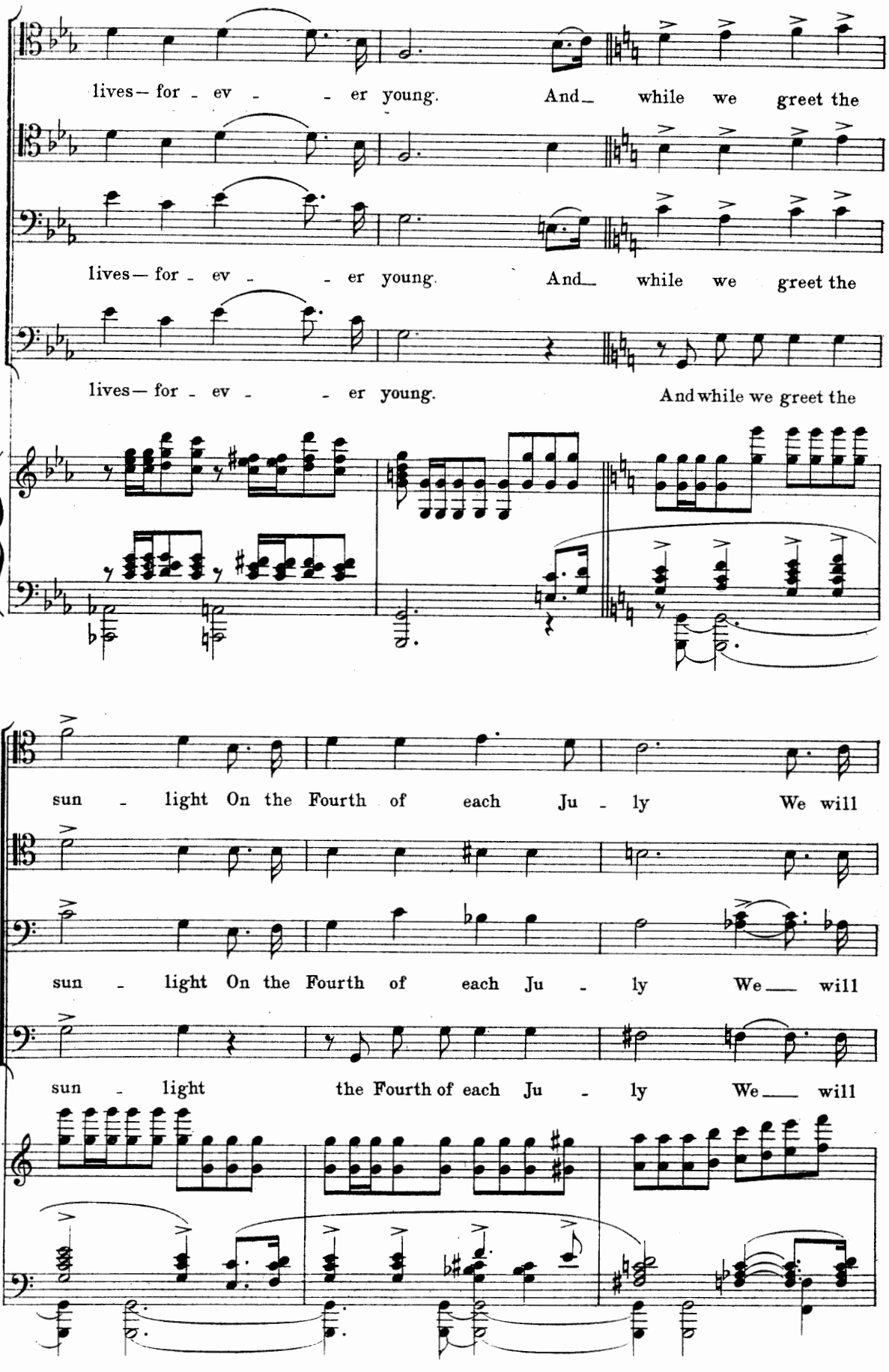
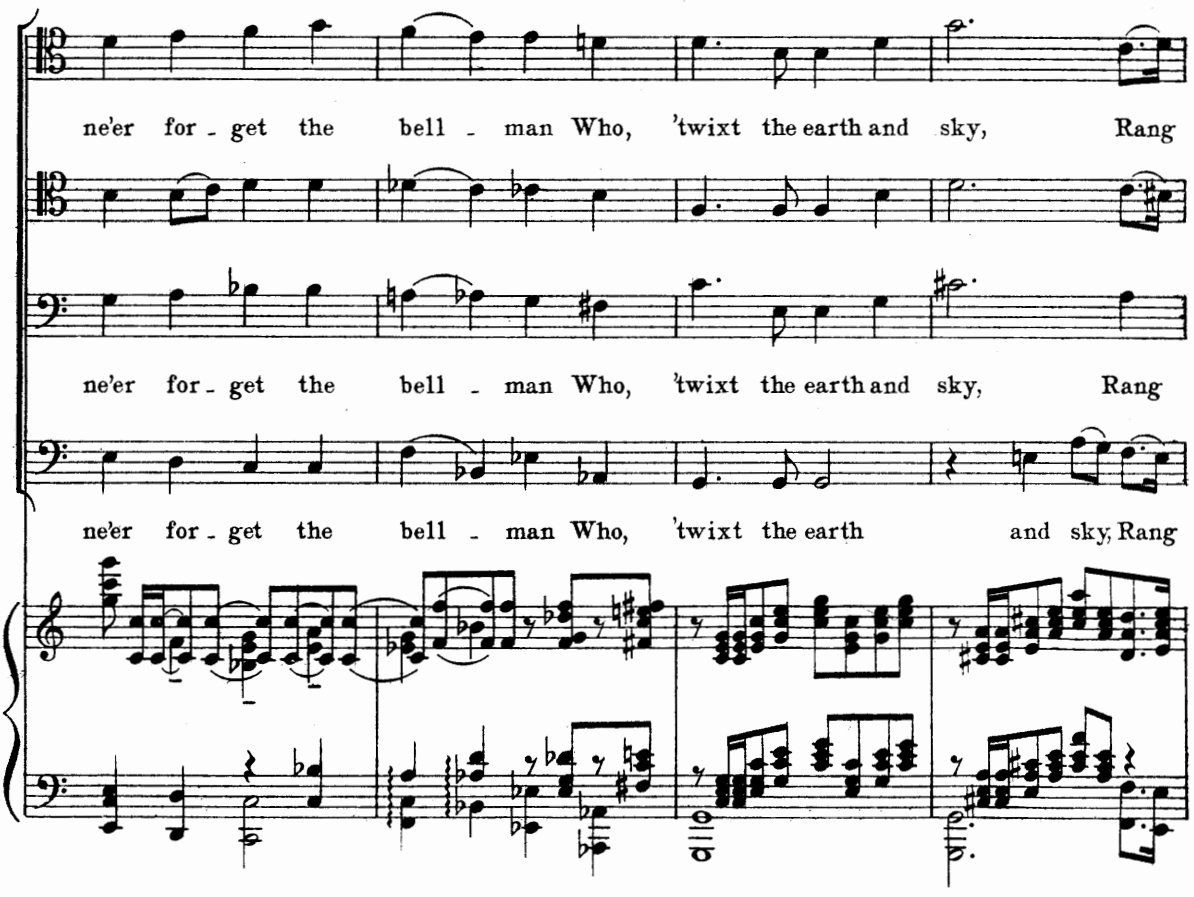
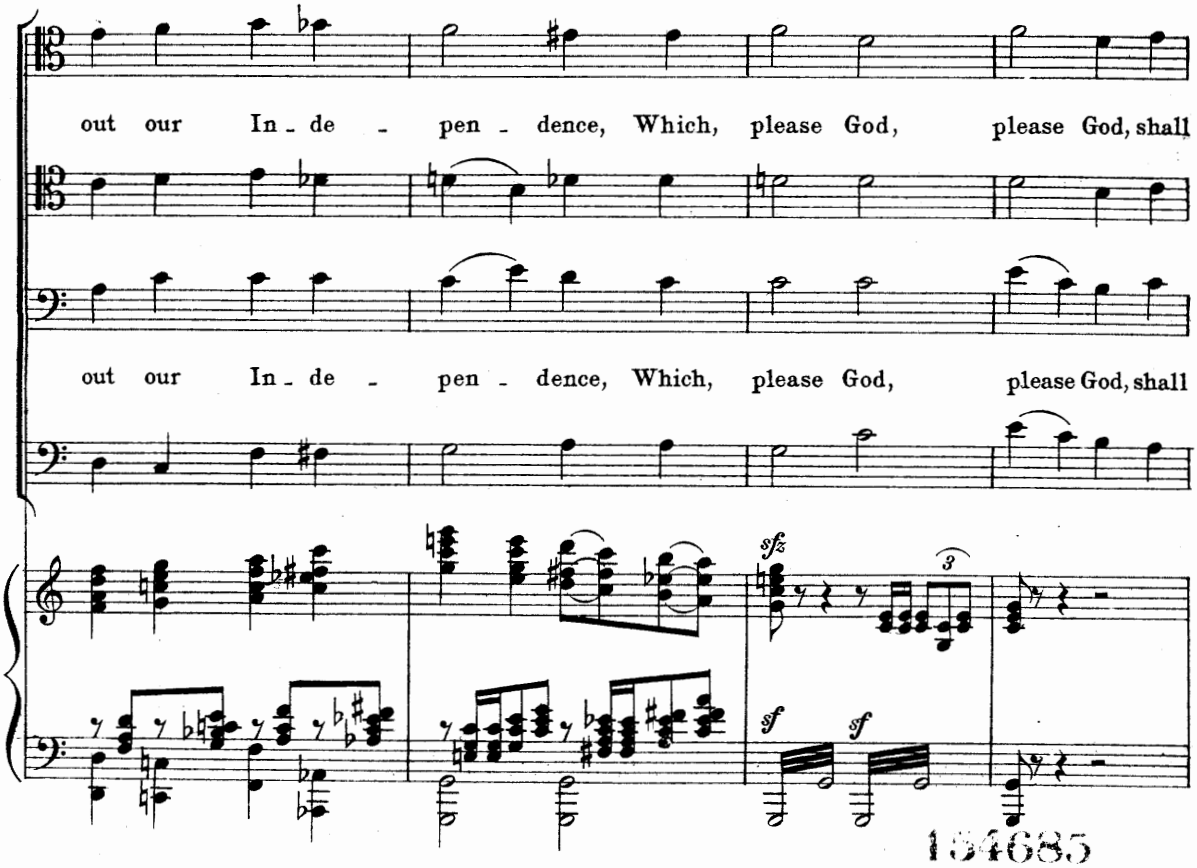
tongue, But the spir - it it a - wak - en'd Still
tongue, But the spir - it it a - wak - en'd Still


lives— for - ev - - er young. And_ while we greet the
lives— for - ev - - er young. And_ while we greet the
lives— for - ev - - er young. And while we greet the
sun - light On the Fourth of each Ju - ly We will
sun - light On the Fourth of each Ju - ly We___ will
sun - light the Fourth of each Ju - ly We___ will





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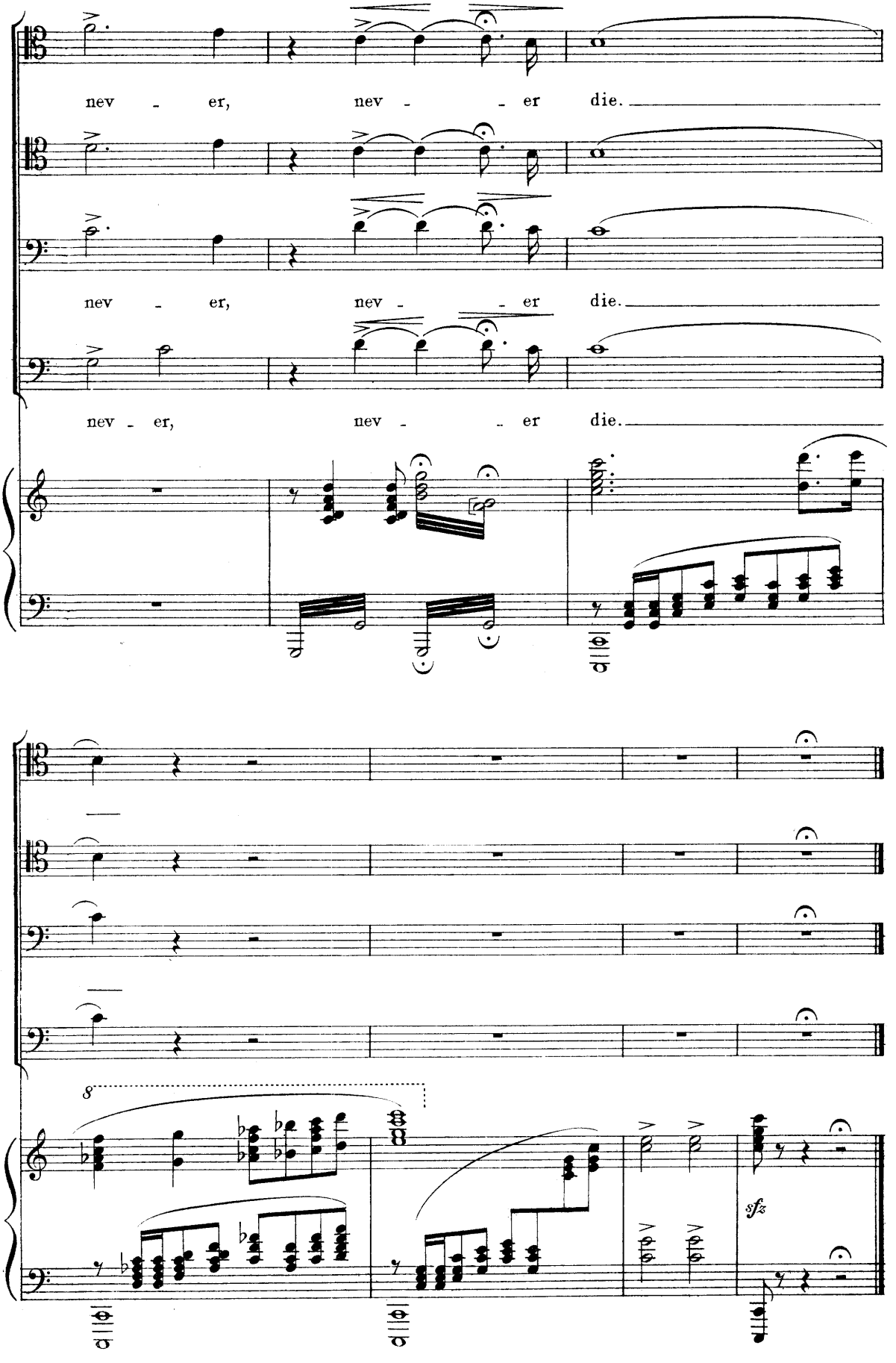
nev - er, nev - - er die.
nev - er, nev - - er die.
nev - er, nev - - er die.
8
sfz

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