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SONGS OF THE PURE LAND

For Soprano and Piano

(1997)

Lyrics by Honen Shonin

Dur.: 11:00

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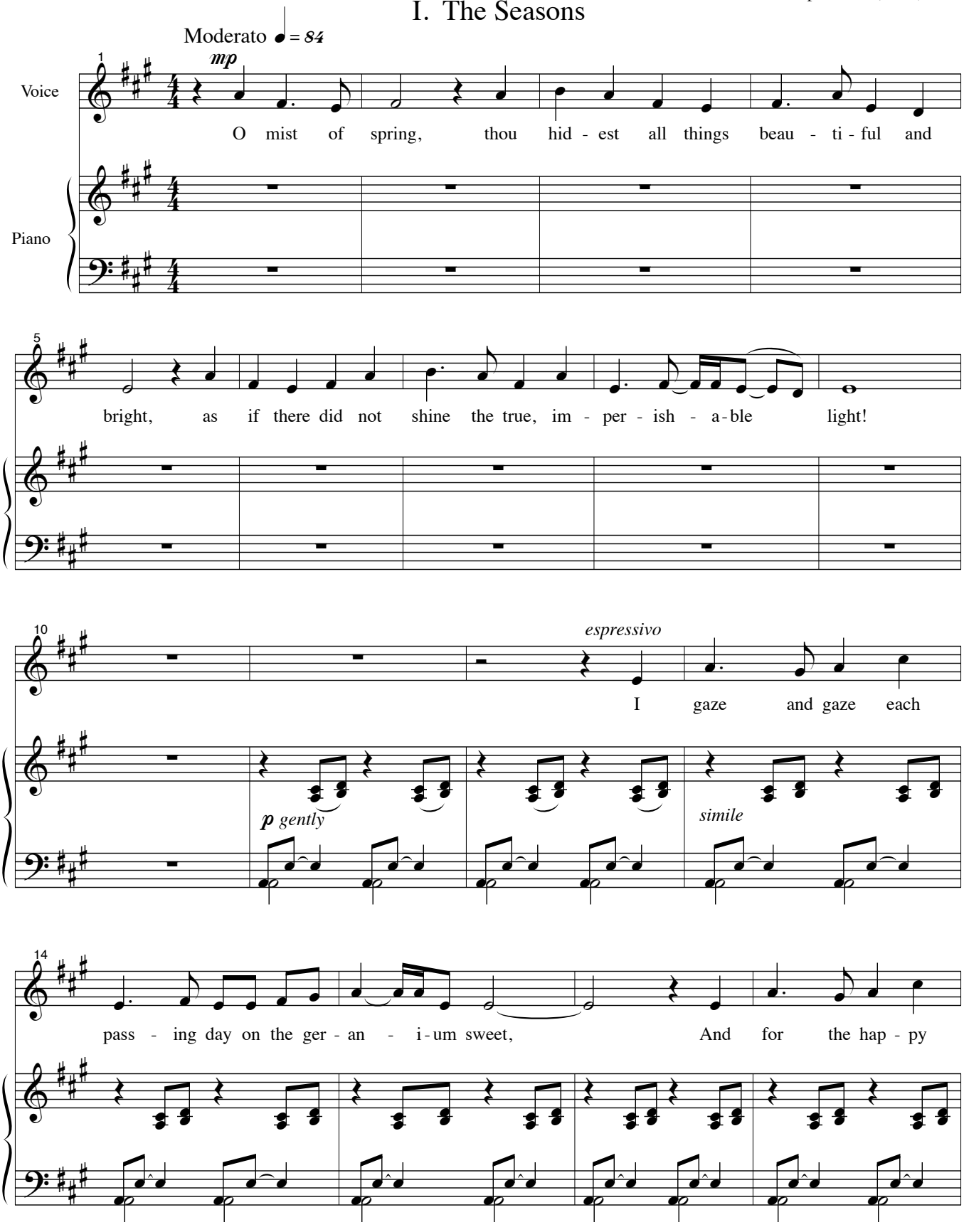
Text: Honen Shonin (Japan, 1133-1212)
(English rendition by Coates)

Music by Richard St. Clair
Opus 101 (1997)

I. The Seasons



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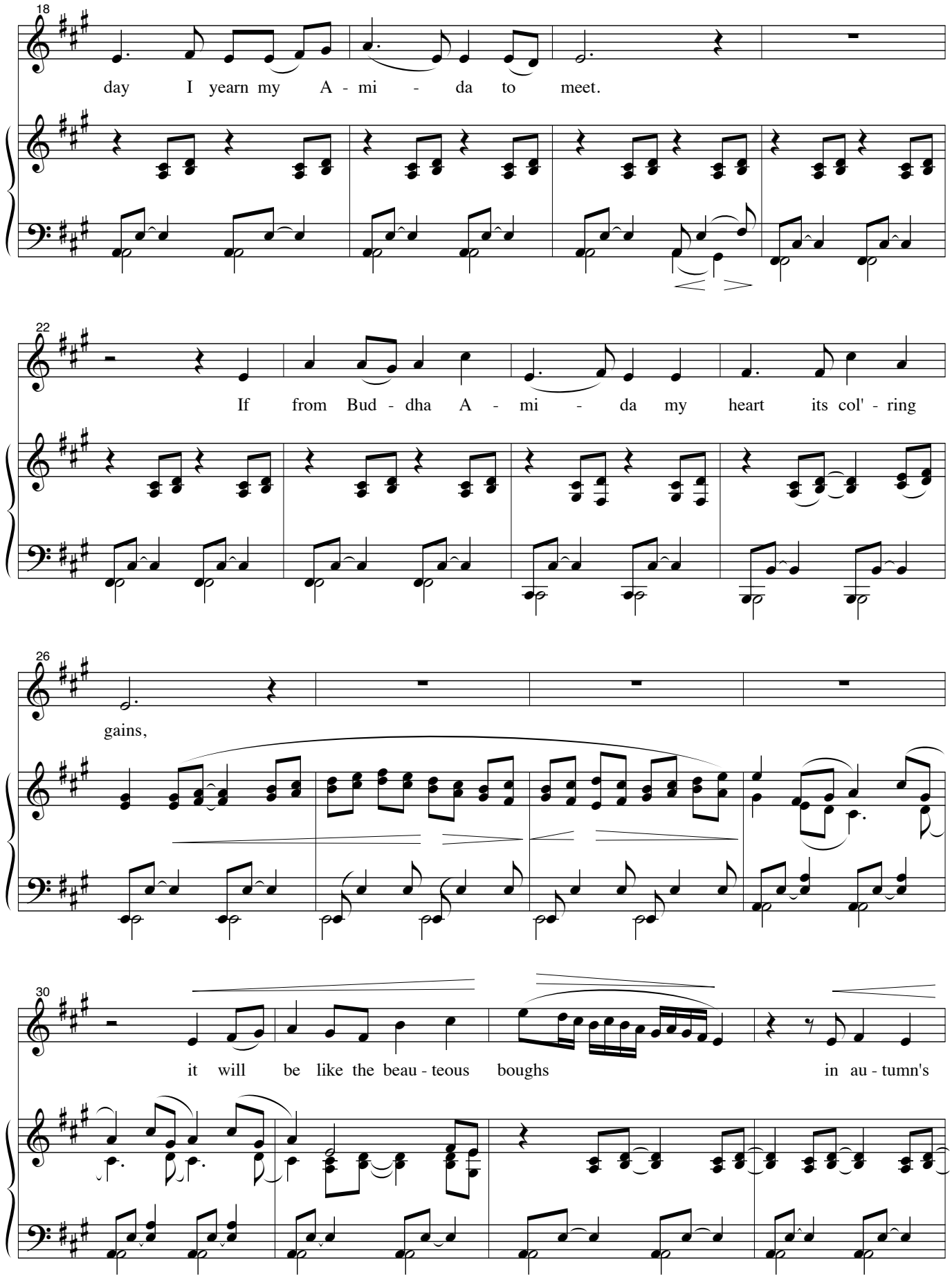
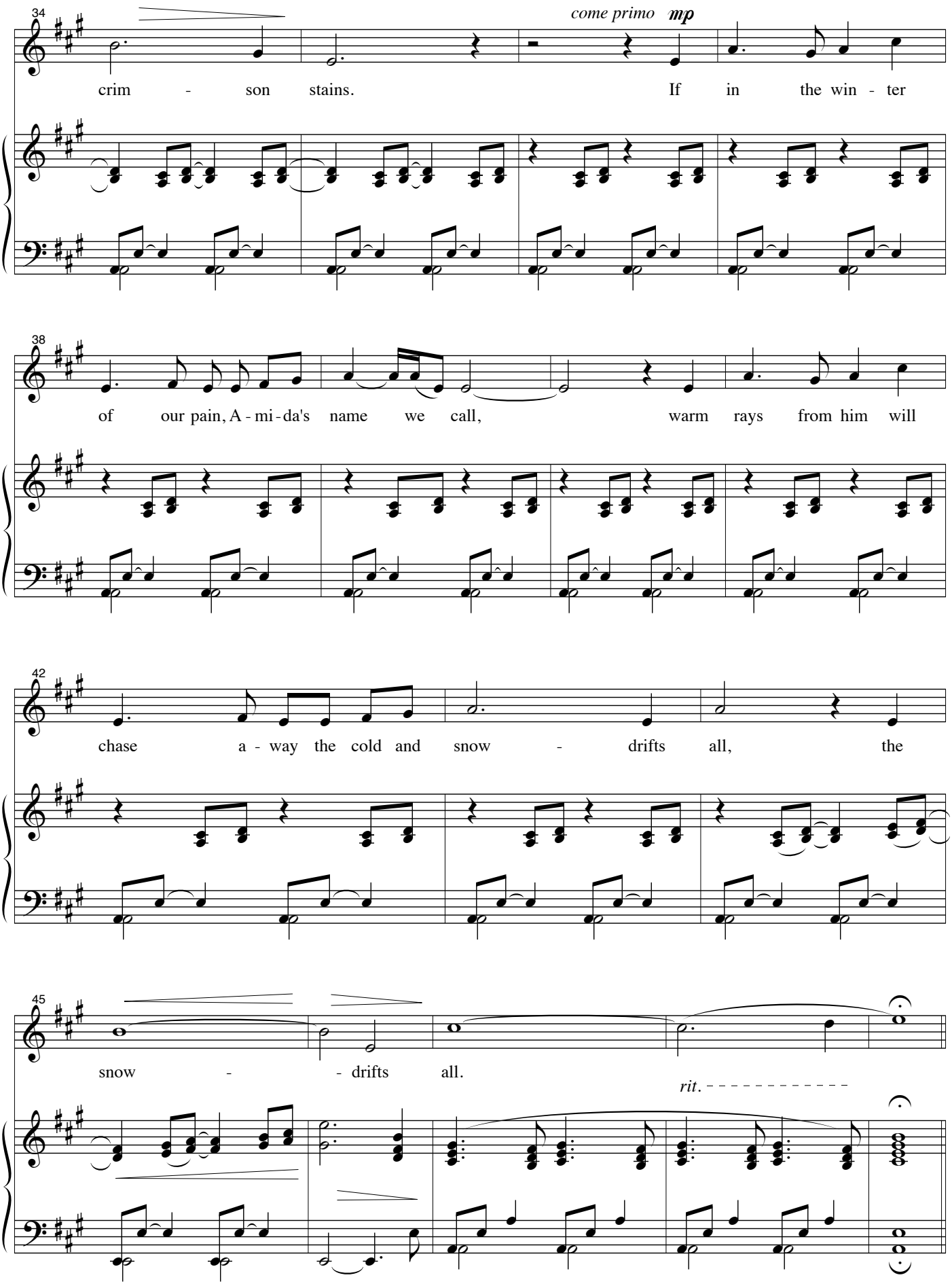
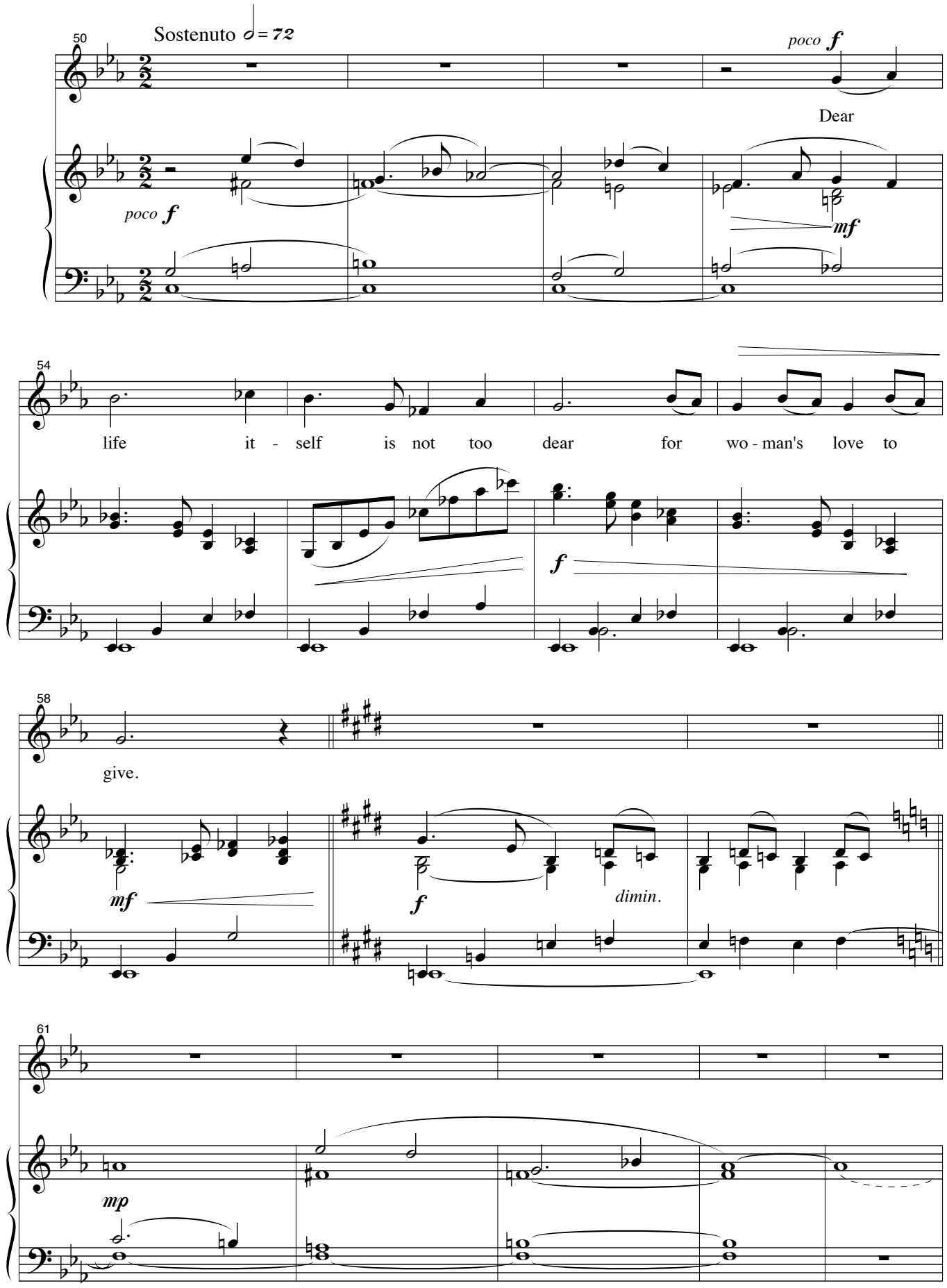
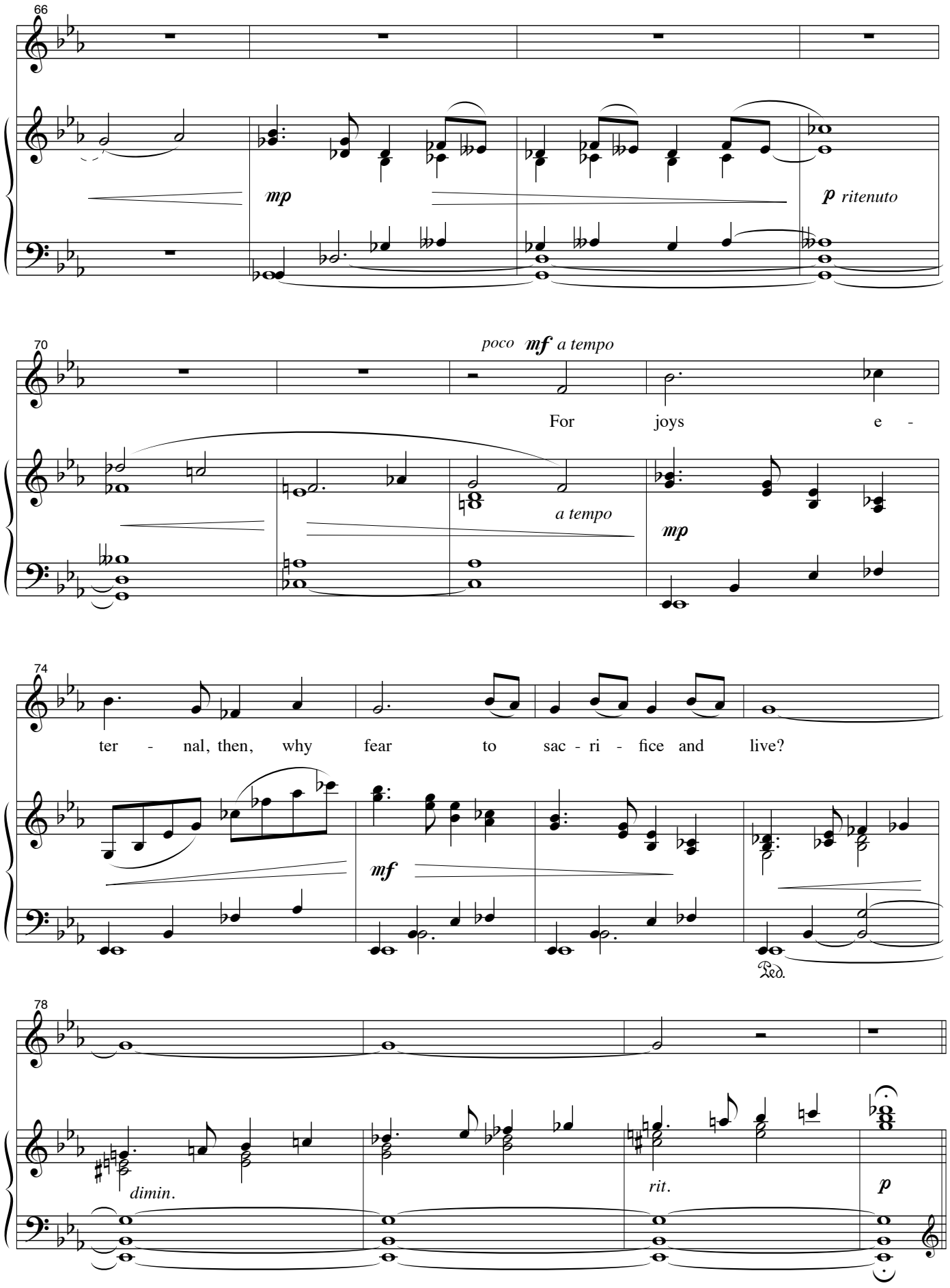

18
day I yearn my A - mi - da to meet.
22
If from Bud - dha A - mi - da my heart its col' - ring
26
gains,
30
it will be like the beau - teous boughs in au - tumn's

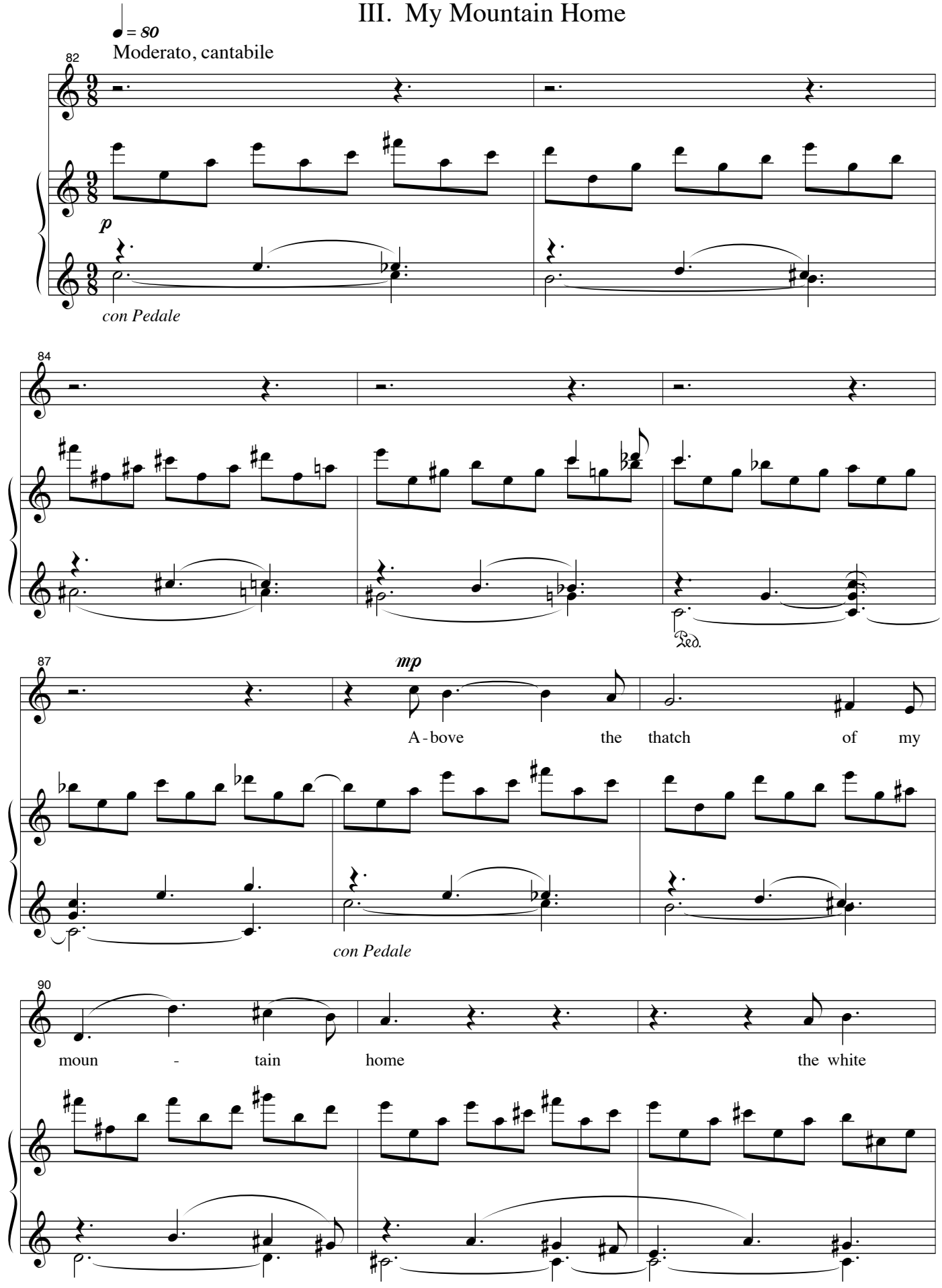

34
come primo mp
crim - son stains. If in the win - ter
38
of our pain, A - mi - da's name we call, warm rays from him will
42
chase a - way the cold and snow - drifts all, the
45
snow - - drifts all.
rit.

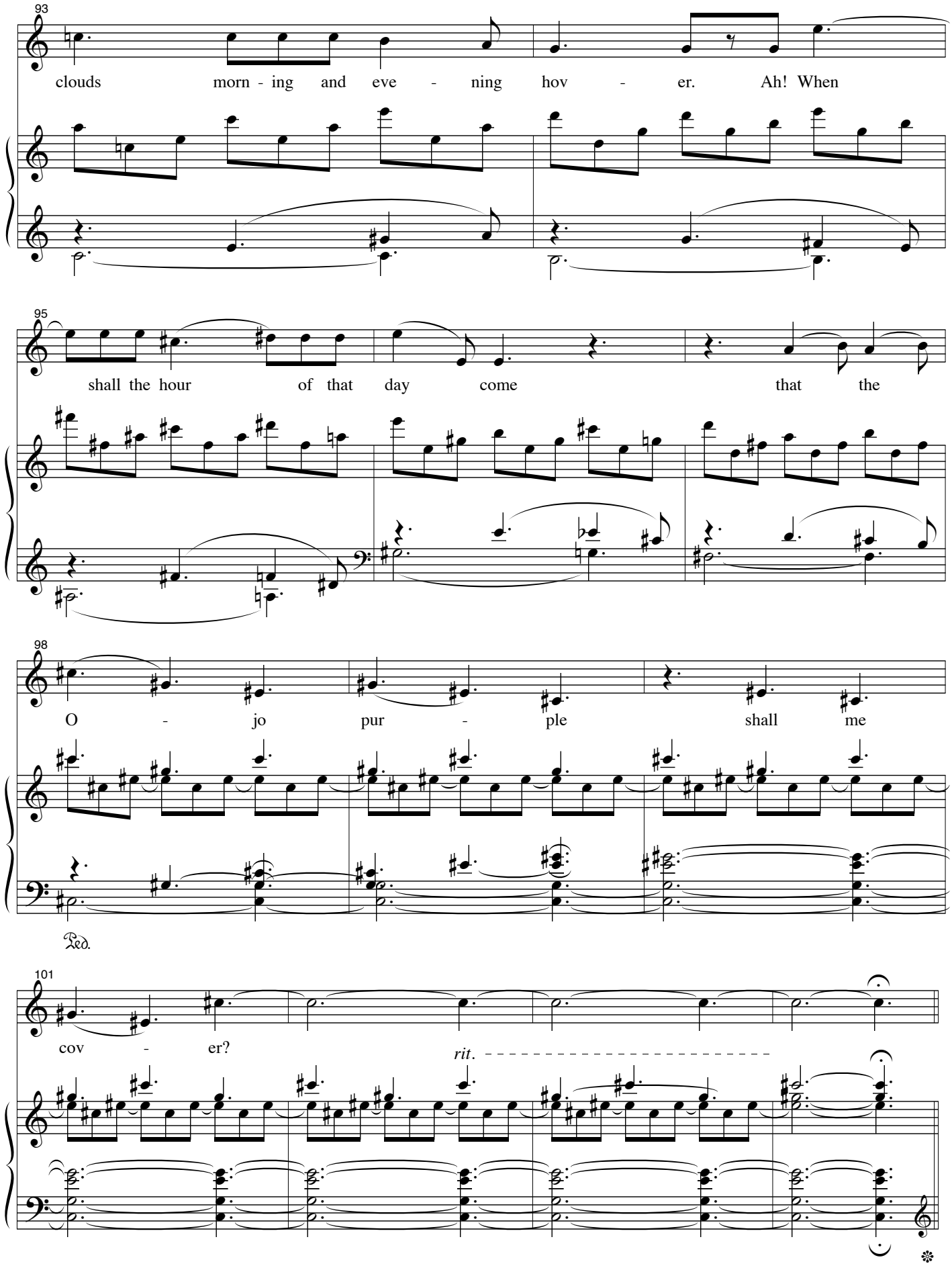
II. Sacrifice



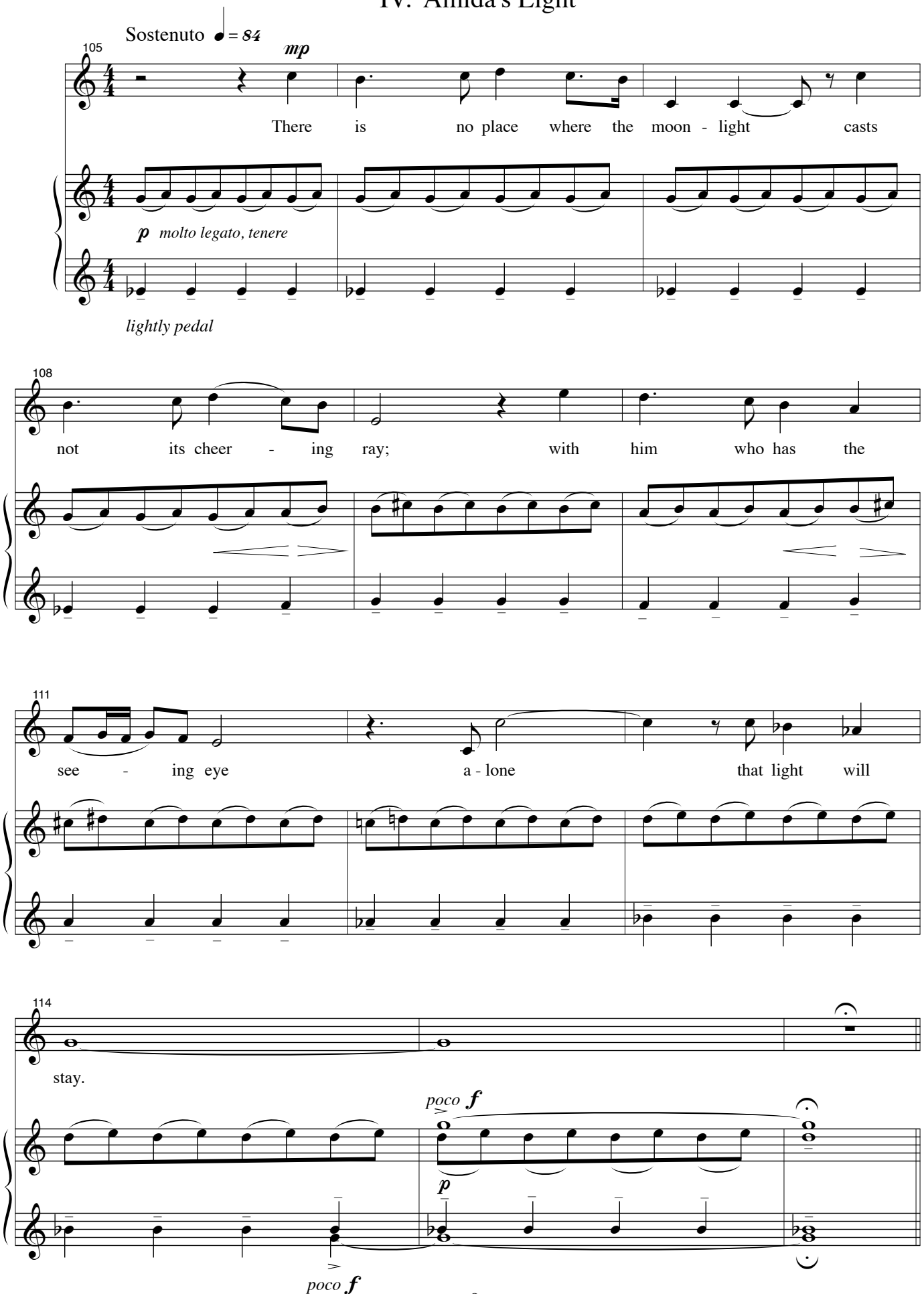

66
mp
p ritenuto
70
poco mf a tempo
For joys e -
a tempo
mp
74
ter - nal, then, why fear to sac - ri - fice and live?
mf
Ped.
78
dimin.
rit.
p

III. My Mountain Home




93
clouds morn - ing and eve - ning hov - er. Ah! When
95
shall the hour of that day come that the
98
O - jo pur - ple shall me
Ped.
101
cov - er?
rit.

IV. Amida's Light



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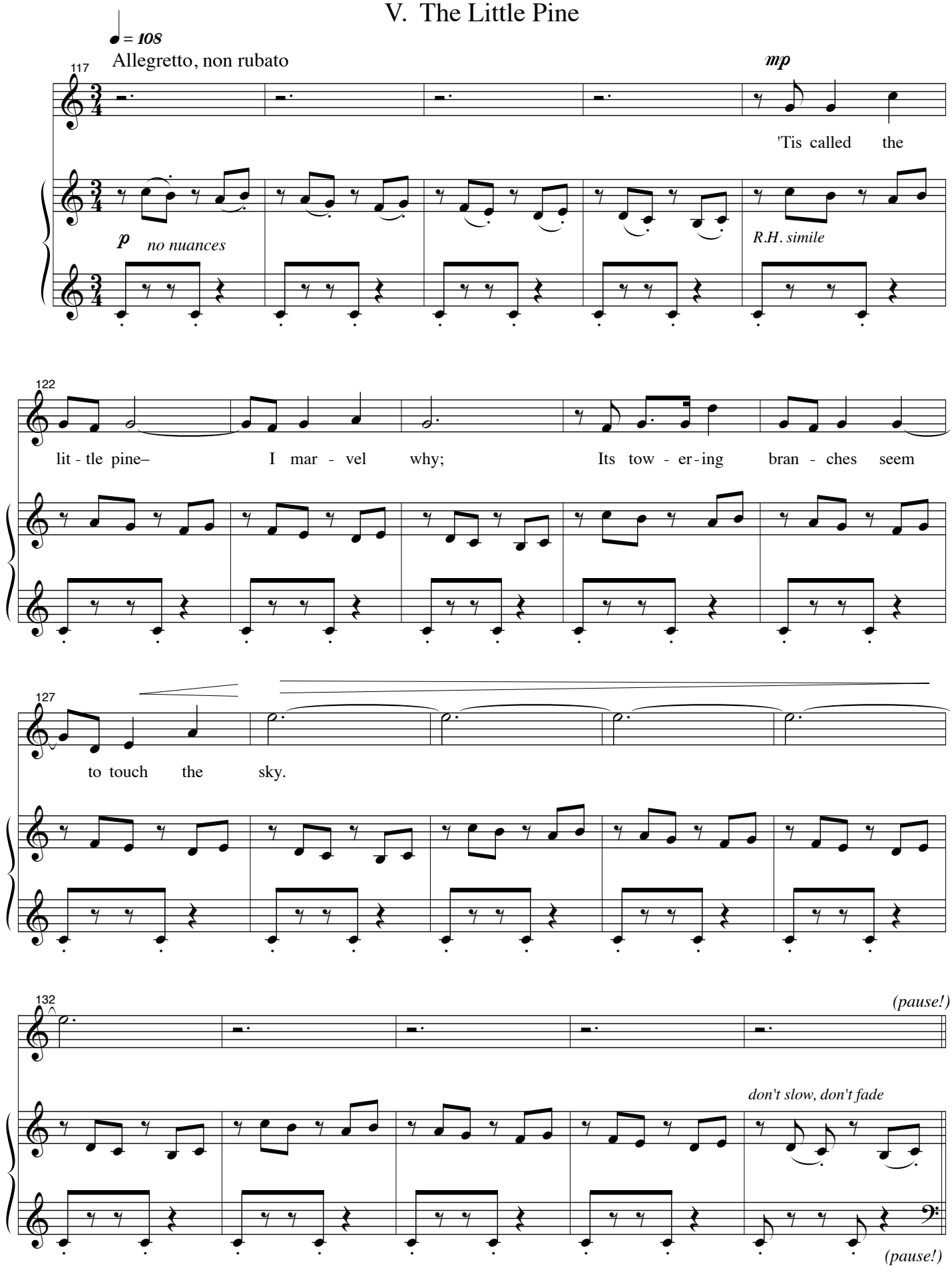

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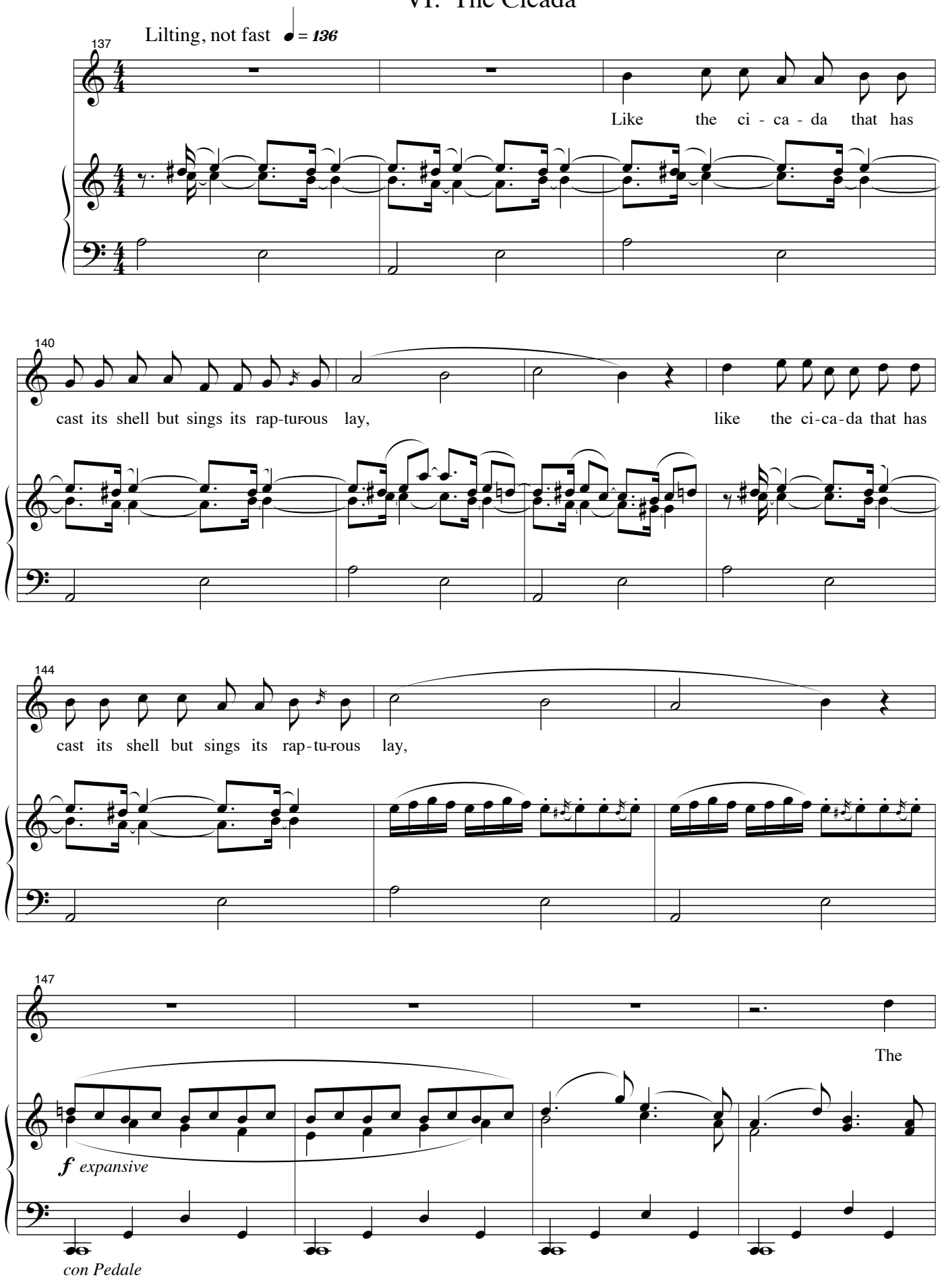
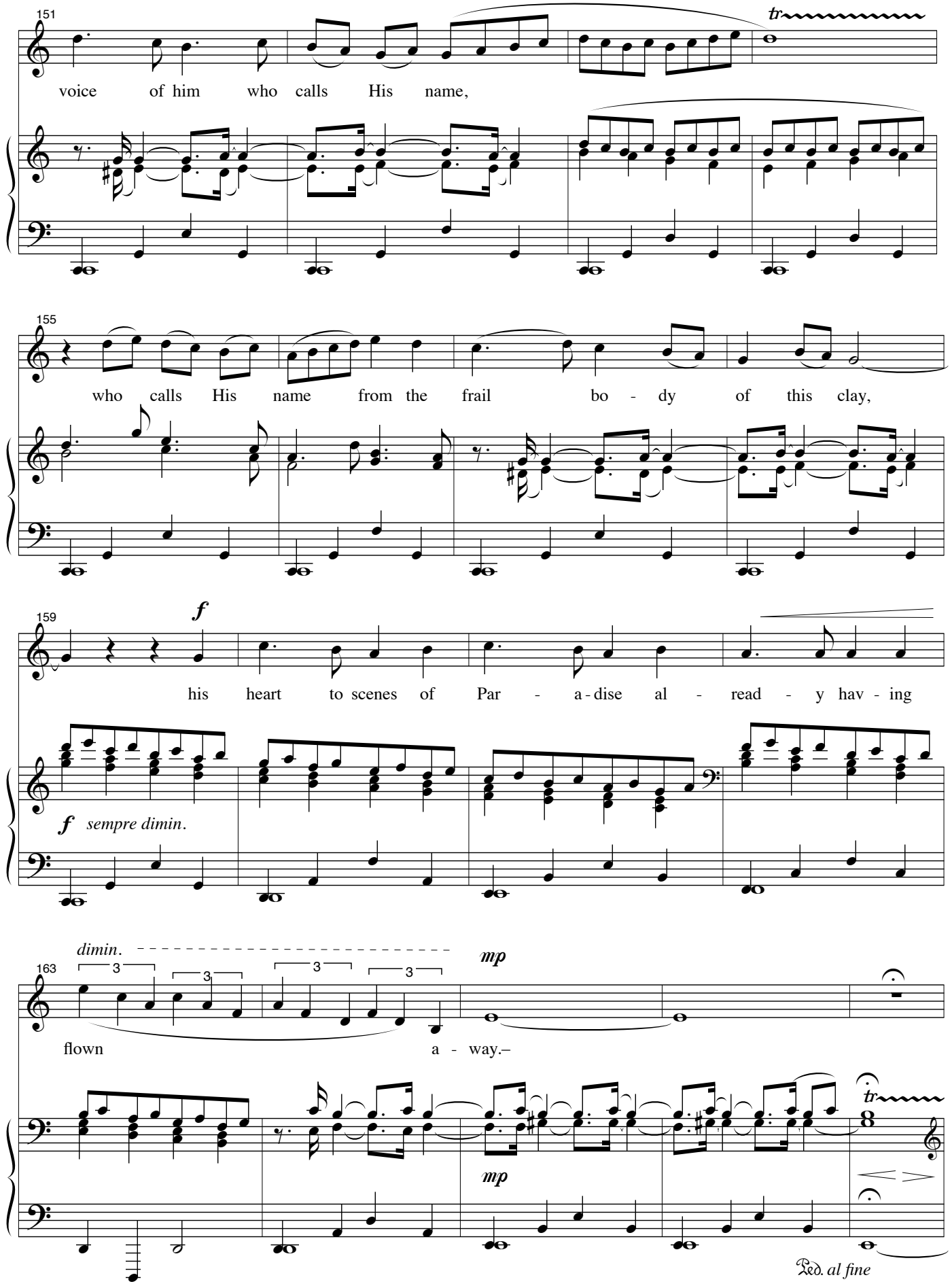
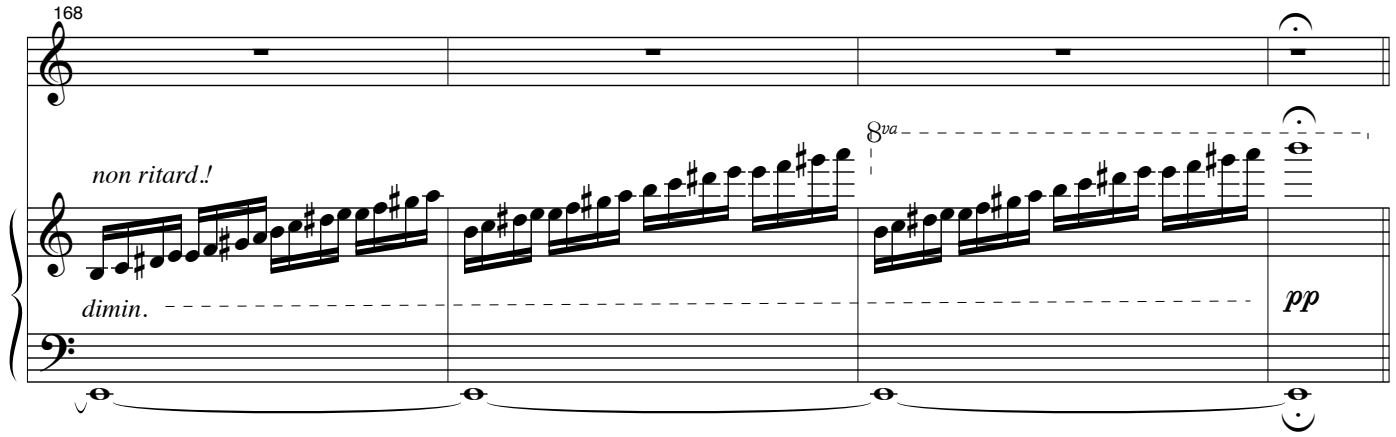
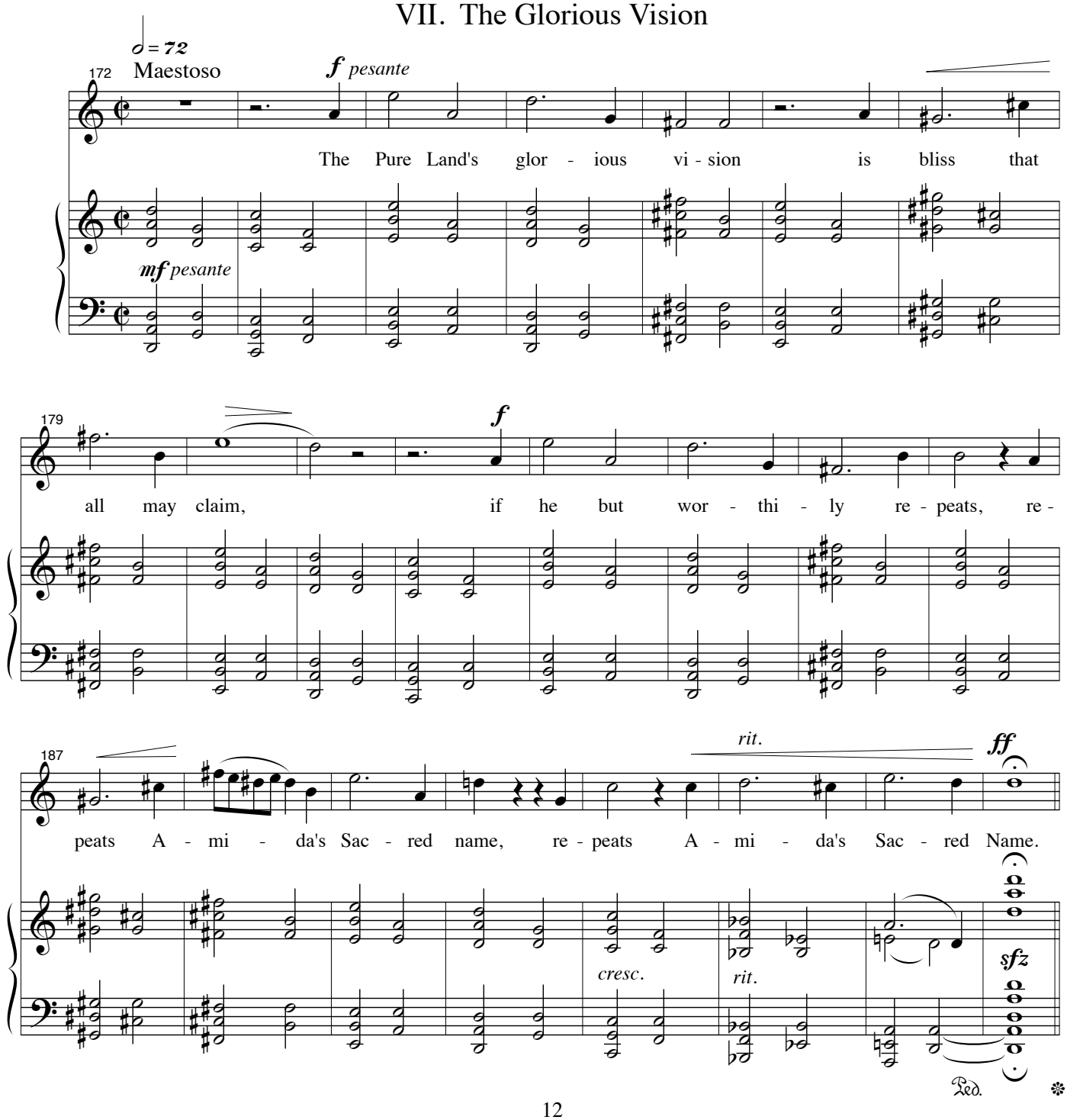


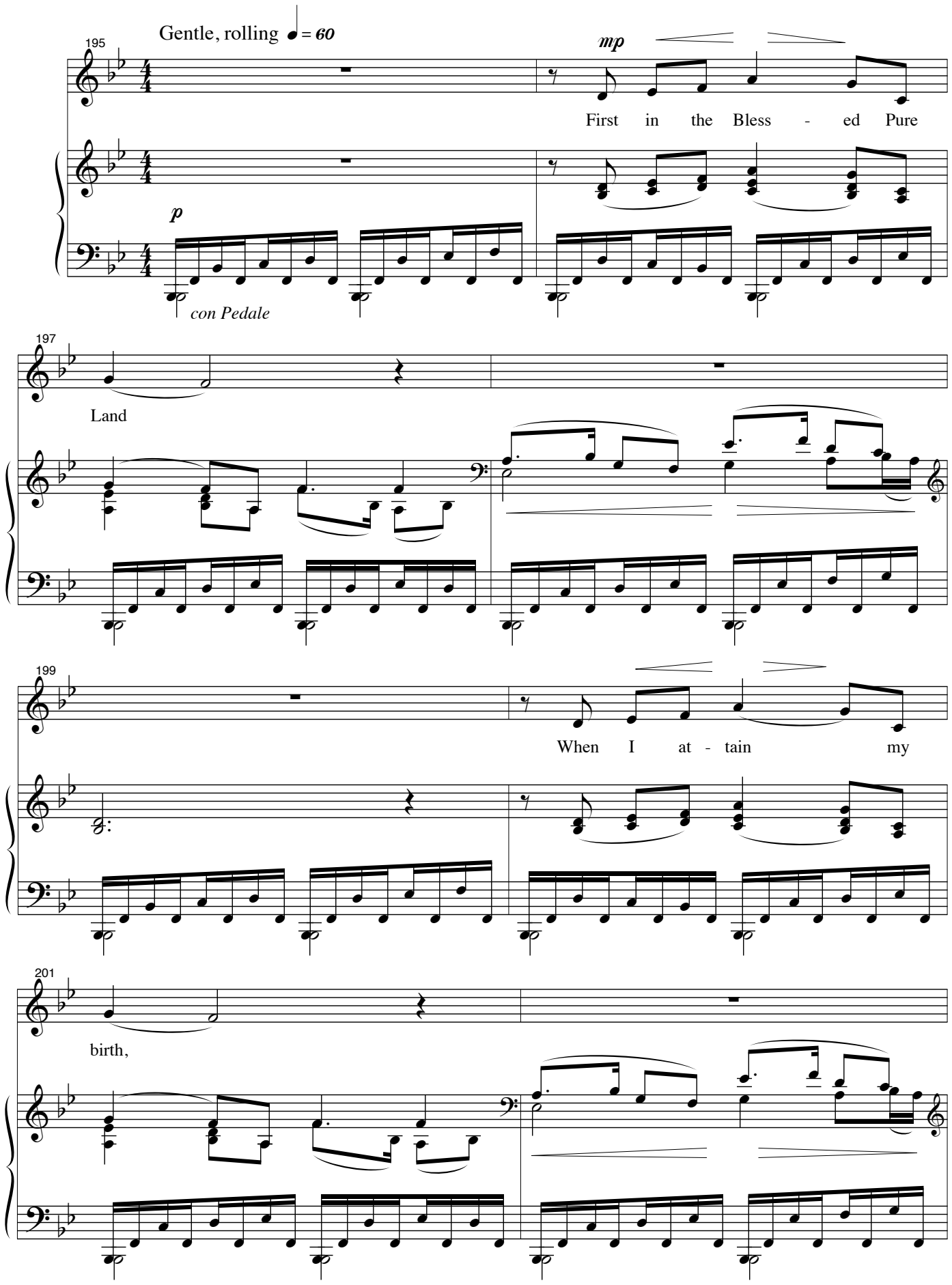

151
tr
voice of him who calls His name,
155
who calls His name from the frail bo - dy of this clay,
159
f
his heart to scenes of Par - a - dise al - read - y hav - ing
f sempre dimin.
dimin.
163
3
mp
flown a - way.–
mp
tr
Ped. al fine

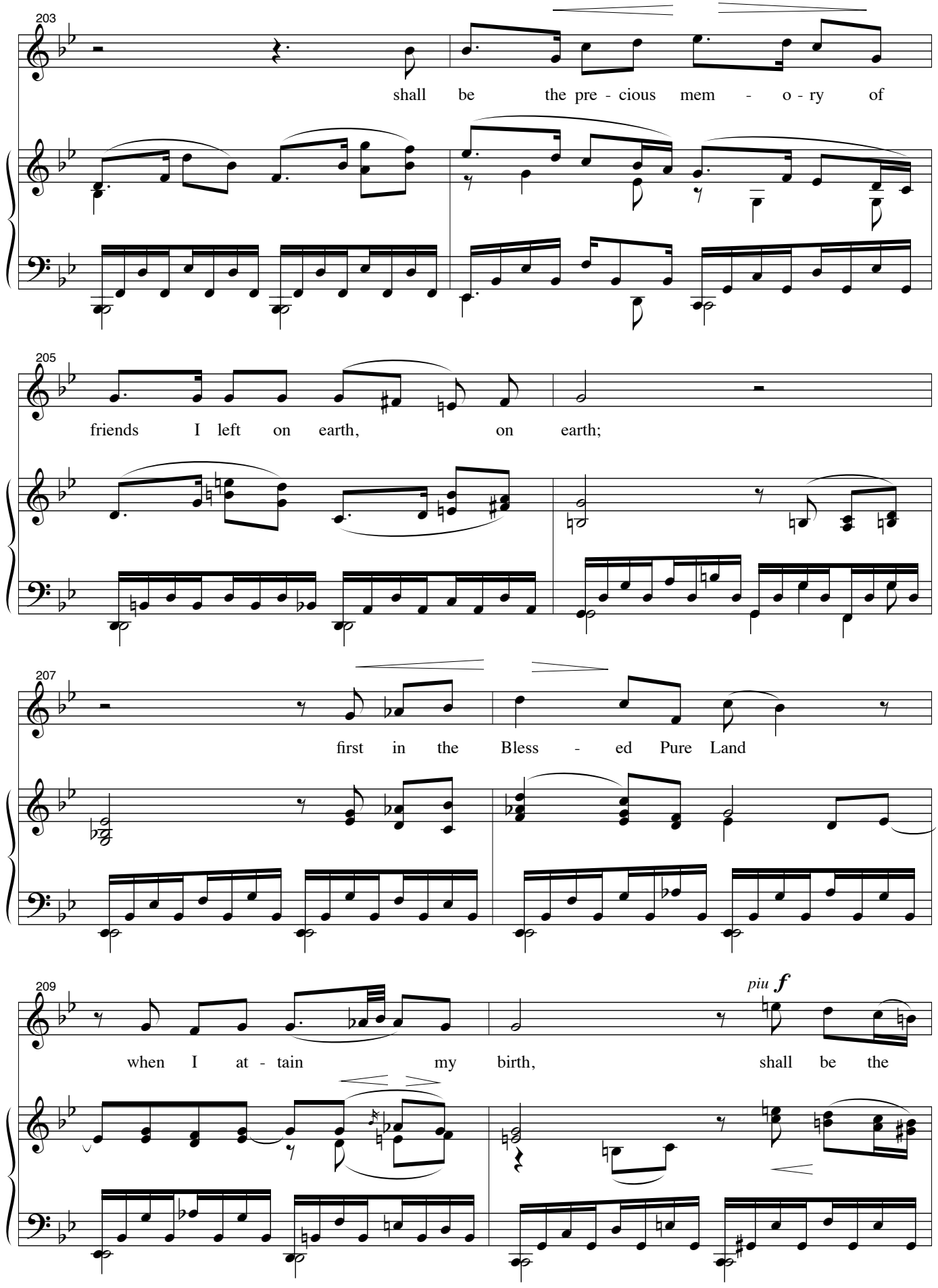


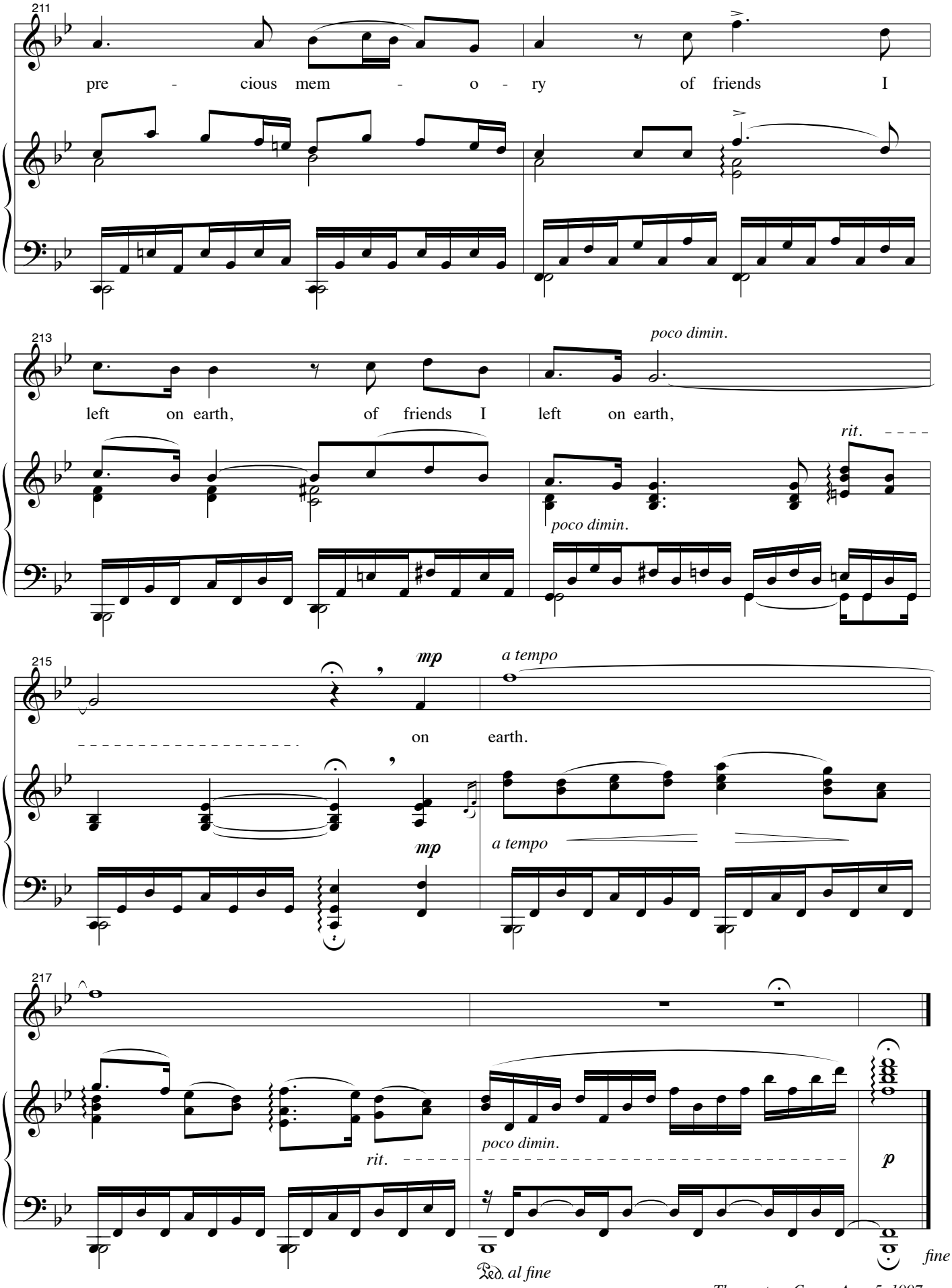
VII. The Glorious Vision



VIII. Precious Memory




203
shall be the pre - cious mem - o - ry of
205
friends I left on earth, on earth;
207
first in the Bless - ed Pure Land
209
piu f
when I at - tain my birth, shall be the



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