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Thank you for auditioning for

SISTER ACT

at the John W. Engeman Theater

ROLE: Mother Superior

Initial Call please prepare:

- A short song of your own in the style of the show, or from the show. Bring your book in case they want to hear something else. You MAY be asked to read some of the show material, so please be familiar with this packet.

If you are called back please prepare:

- This entire packet of show material!

INSTRUCTIONS:
Be sure to bring your picture and resume, otherwise we will not have one in the room.

Thanks so much!
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SIDE 1 OF 2

START

(The nuns are singing poorly and joylessly as they file through on their way to mass. Mother Superior and Monsignor O'Hara enter.)

MOTHER SUPERIOR
Off to Christmas mass we go, sisters. And remember, God loves us when we sing. Even like that.

(The nuns exit)

Monsignor, there will be so few people in church this evening, who will notice how poorly they sing?

(Door bell rings)

Who is that at this hour?

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
The Philadelphia police department. They need to hide a wayward woman in our convent.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
A wayward woman? But Monsignor, I don't -

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
They are making a generous financial donation.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
I see.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
Think of it as a test.

(Door bell rings)

Coming! Coming!

(He goes)

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(To God)
Dear Lord, if this is a test, I cannot fail with you by my side. May she be of faith, of modesty…

DELORIS
(From offstage)
Woah! Would you look at this place - damn!

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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MOTHER SUPERIOR
Perhaps the choir of angels drowned me out and you didn't hear me lord. Faith...modesty...

(Deloris and Eddie enter with Monsignor O'Hara)

DELORIS
(To Eddie)
Incense? That ain't no incense. Somebody's smoking weed in here.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
Mother Superior, this is Deloris.

DELORIS
Deloris Van Cartier. As in Cartier's.

EDDIE
Thank you Mother Superior for letting her hide here for the month.

DELORIS
WHAT?!

MOTHER SUPERIOR
A month?!

EDDIE
Now you stay here, hide in this convent, and be inconspicuous.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(To Monsignor O'Hara)
Inconspicuous? How can she be inconspicuous? A neon sign blinking "Wawa food market" is less conspicuous. Pardon us for a minute.

(aside)
Monsignor, I must urge you to reconsider.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
Mother Superior, you took a vow of charity.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
I take it back.

MOTHER SUPERIOR

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
Mother Superior…

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(She sighs)
I suppose if it must be, then it must be.

DELORIS
So listen, while I'm here, these are my ground rules. I want three meals a day and I'll need two rooms, one for my clothes, one for my down time.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
And these are my rules. You will stay in your room. When you are not in your room, you will behave as a nun. Do you know how a nun behaves?

DELORIS
Hey, I went to catholic school when I was a kid.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
The benefits of which are quite apparent. Now. You will only come out of your room for meals or prayer - do you pray, child?

DELORIS
Well. Uhm. One time when I saw Donna Summer, she was wearing a white sequin dress and had a white fur - and I said to myself "Jesus Christ I wish I had that dress." Does that count as prayer?

MOTHER SUPERIOR
No.

(Beat)

The material world has no value here. This is a different world you enter now. Behind these walls we live a life of adoration and grace.

Continue into song

Lyrics on next page

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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[5] HERE WITHIN THESE WALLS

This is a sanctuary.

OUTSIDE,
LIFE'S A MESS
NO ONE'S PURE OF SPIRIT ANY LONGER
THERE'S NO WRONG OR RIGHT
JUST WRONG AND WRONGER
PEOPLE HAVE AMUSED THEMSELVES TO DEATH—

OUTSIDE,
LIFE IS GRIM
FILLED WITH SMUT AND SCANDAL TO THE BRIM.
I SUPPOSE THERE MAY BE ROOM FOR HIM.
(Gestures toward God)
FRANKLY, I DON'T PLAN TO HOLD MY BREATH.

BUT HERE WITHIN THESE WALLS,
DAYS ARE FILLED WITH GRACE,
GOD IS IN HIS PLACE,
HIS WISDOM STILL RESPECTED.
HERE WITHIN THESE WALLS
LIFE HAS A DIFF'RENT PACE
FROM LIFE BEYOND OUR DOORS...
AND FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH,
THIS LIFE'S NOW YOURS.

SO PUT ASIDE YOUR GLUTTONY!
PUT ASIDE YOUR PRIDE!
AS FOR CARNAL LUST
YOU NEED A BREAK, I TRUST -
PUT IT ALL ASIDE!
PUT ASIDE INTEMP'RANCE!
PROFANITY, AS WELL!
PUT ASIDE EACH REMNANT
OF YOUR FORMER WORLDLY SHELL - -

END

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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SIDE 2 OF 2

ENTR'ACTE

ACT TWO

Scene 1

A confessional

Mother Superior stands in the confessional.

START

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(To God)
Heavenly Father, you are throwing quite a few curve balls my way. Please help me to understand what is your will. A sign. Give me a sign.

(She sits. Deloris enters the other side of the confessional and sits. She opens the confessional window)

MOTHER SUPERIOR
Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It's been two days since my last confession.

DELORIS
Mother Superior?

MOTHER SUPERIOR
My God she's everywhere.

DELORIS
Look I know you don't trust me. But this could be bigger than Broadway! Bigger than Vegas!

MOTHER SUPERIOR
This is a house of worship.

DELORIS
I know. But that's the problem. See, people like going to theaters, and they like going to casinos, but they don't like coming to church. Why? Because it's a drag.
(Does hand gesture)
Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors,
(Shows open empty palms)
Look there's no people.

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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MOTHER SUPERIOR
As of tomorrow, Sister Mary Lazarus resumes her leadership of the choir. This is non-negotiable.

(Mother Superior slams the window shut. Deloris slams her window shut. Monsignor O'Hara enters through the confessional curtain and sees Deloris)

DELORIS
Oh. Excuse me.

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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(Monsignor O'Hara gestures for Deloris to stay. He opens the confessional window. Mother Superior opens her window)

MOTHER SUPERIOR
You are ruining the church.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
I'm doing the best I can.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(Embarassed)
Bless me Father for I have sinned.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
Yes yes I'm sure you have and that's fine. But Mother Superior, people are hearing the music and coming in off the streets. They are throwing money into the collection. This is a success!!

MOTHER SUPERIOR
It … it is?

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
And that is not all! The bachelors, dealing in antiques, love the service. They are donating the money they were going to purchase the church with to keep our services going! Here is the check!
(He gets up and runs to the other side of the confessional. Deloris sits in the Monsignor's chair.)

MOTHER SUPERIOR
Father?
(He opens the curtain on Mother Superior's side of the confessional. She screams)

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
The check! And look! In the memo, they've written a special message.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(Reading the check)
"Mary, you are fierce!"
(Looking forward)
How did they know my name was Mary?
(She looks to Monsignor O'Hara)

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
How much longer will Sister Mary Clarence be with us?

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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MOTHER SUPERIOR
I have spoken with Officer Souther about transferring her to our Reading diocese.

MONSIGNOR O'HARA
Oh I do hope she can stay. I adore this music, Reverend Mother. Sister Mary Clarence is a Godsend. You are a visionary.

(Mother Superior doesn't move. Monsignor O'Hara takes the check from her hands and exits)

DELORIS
A visionary. A Godsend.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
I can hear you smiling.

DELORIS
God has sent me here for a reason, take the hint.

MOTHER SUPERIOR
(A beat, then evenly)
One hymn per service.

DELORIS
That doesn't include encores!

(They slam their windows shut. The set splits as we transition to…)

STOP

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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SONG 1 OF 2

PIANO/VOCAL

"Sister Act"

MOTHER SUPERIOR
DELORIS
NUNS

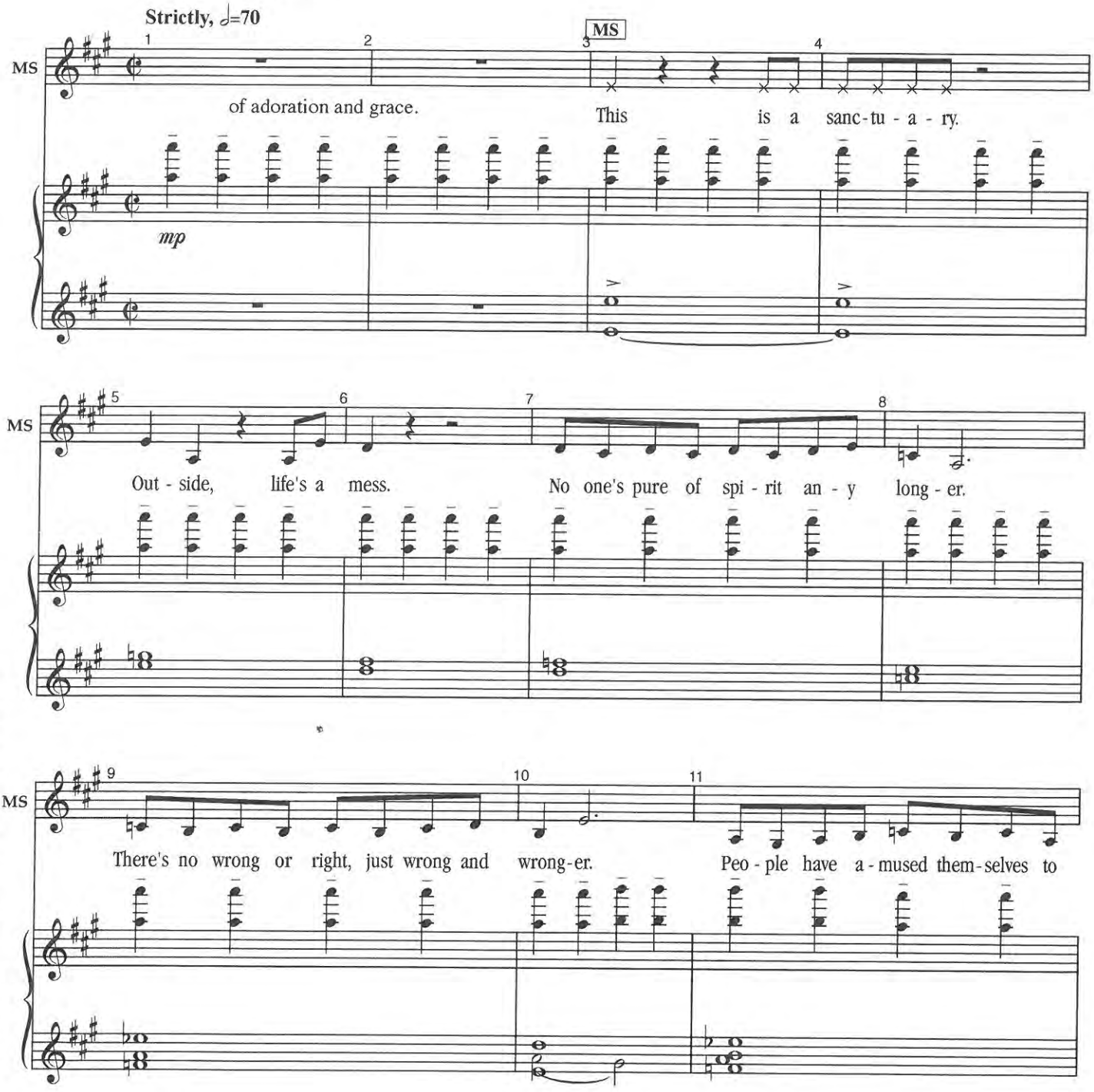
Here Within These Walls

US Audition

5/4/12

Music: Alan Menken
Lyric: Glenn Slater
Arr.: M. Kosarin

CUE [MS]:
Behind these walls we live a life



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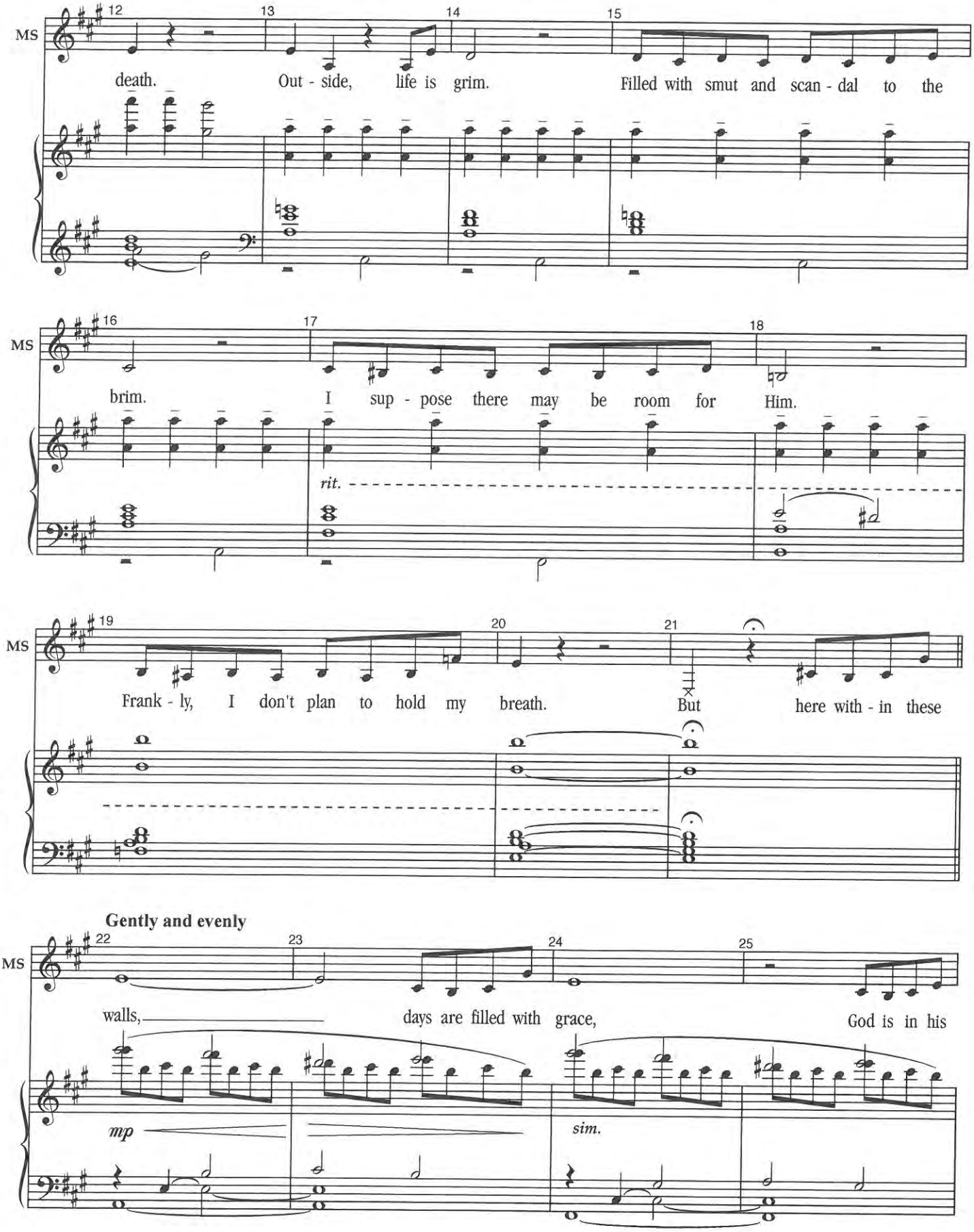

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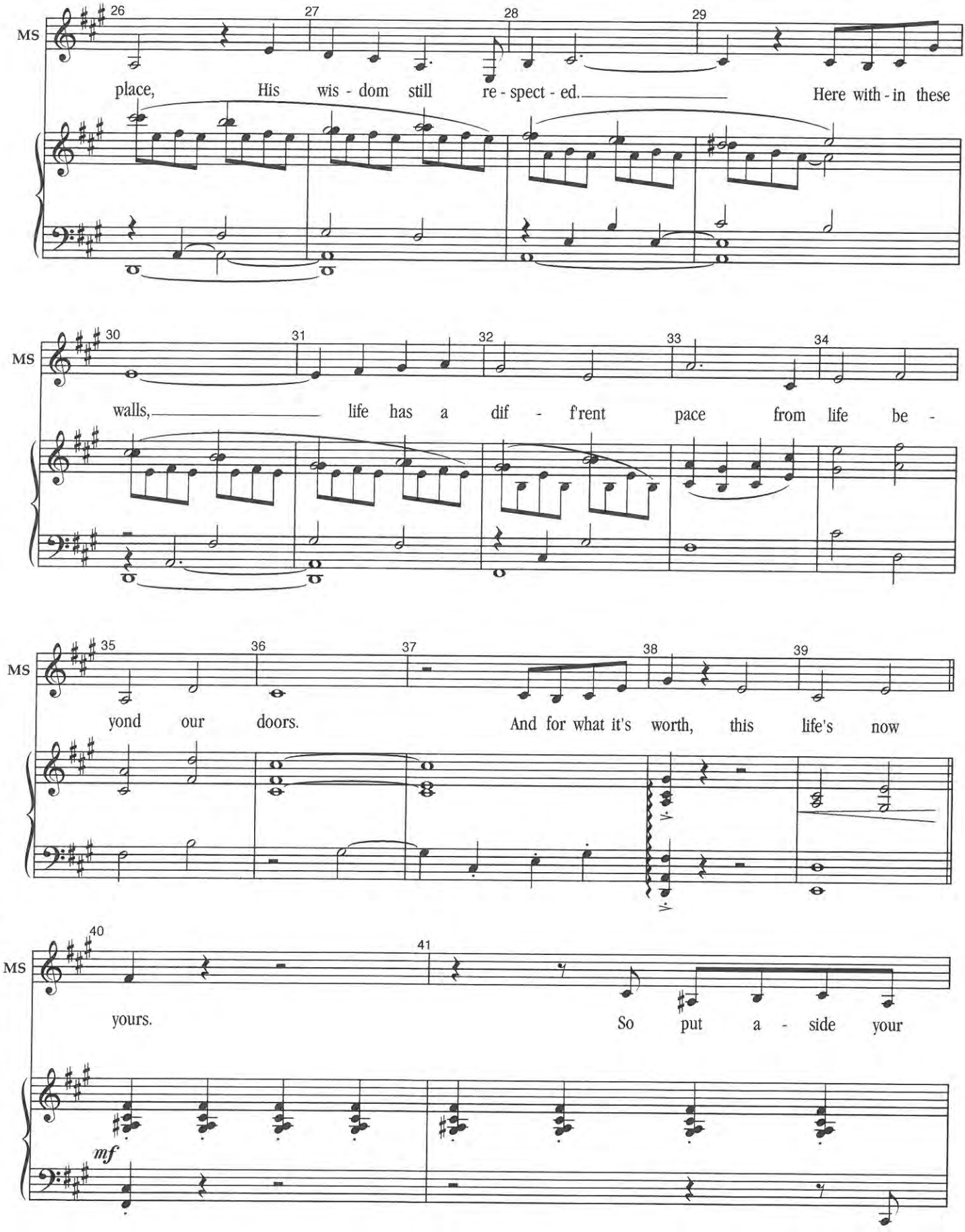

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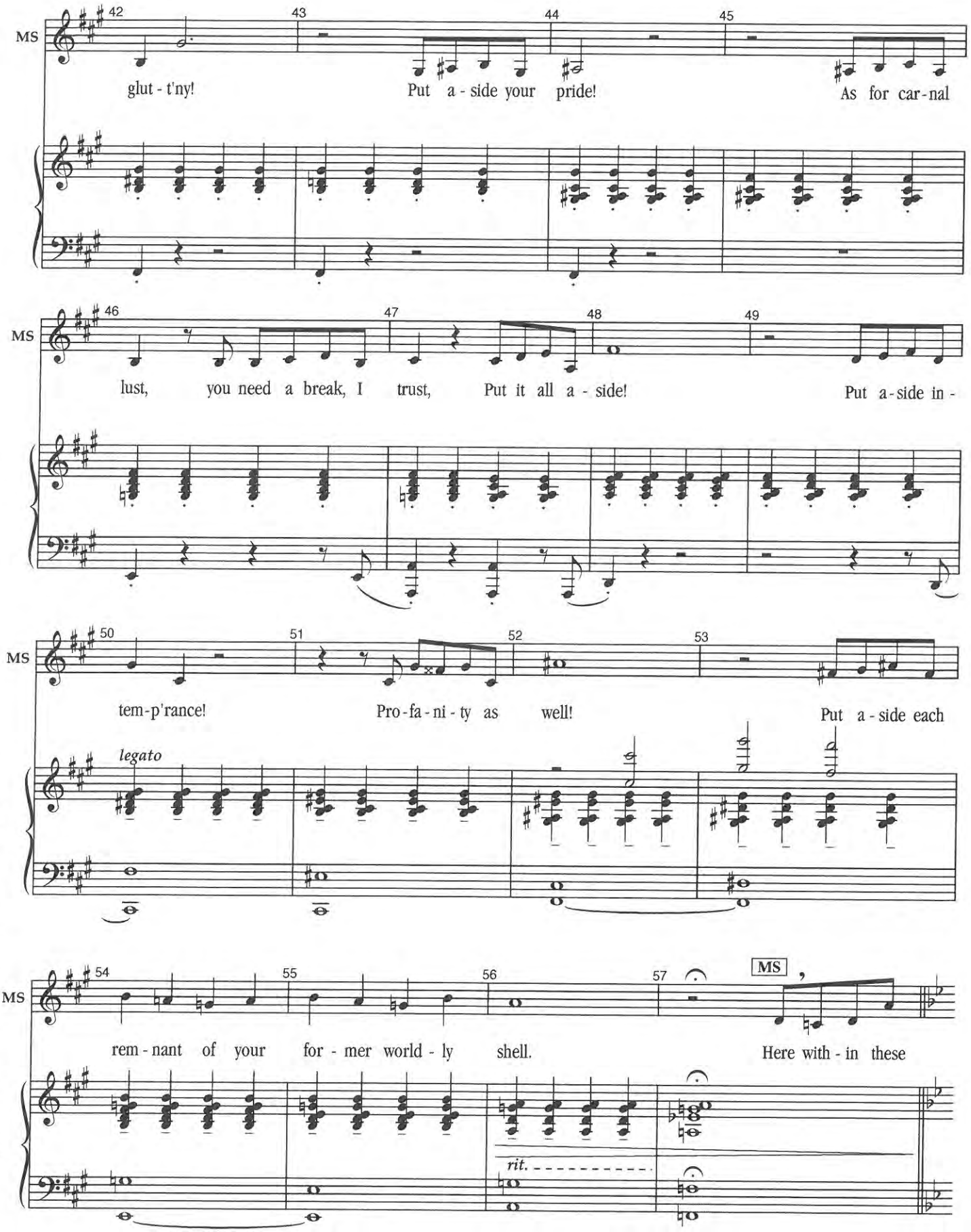

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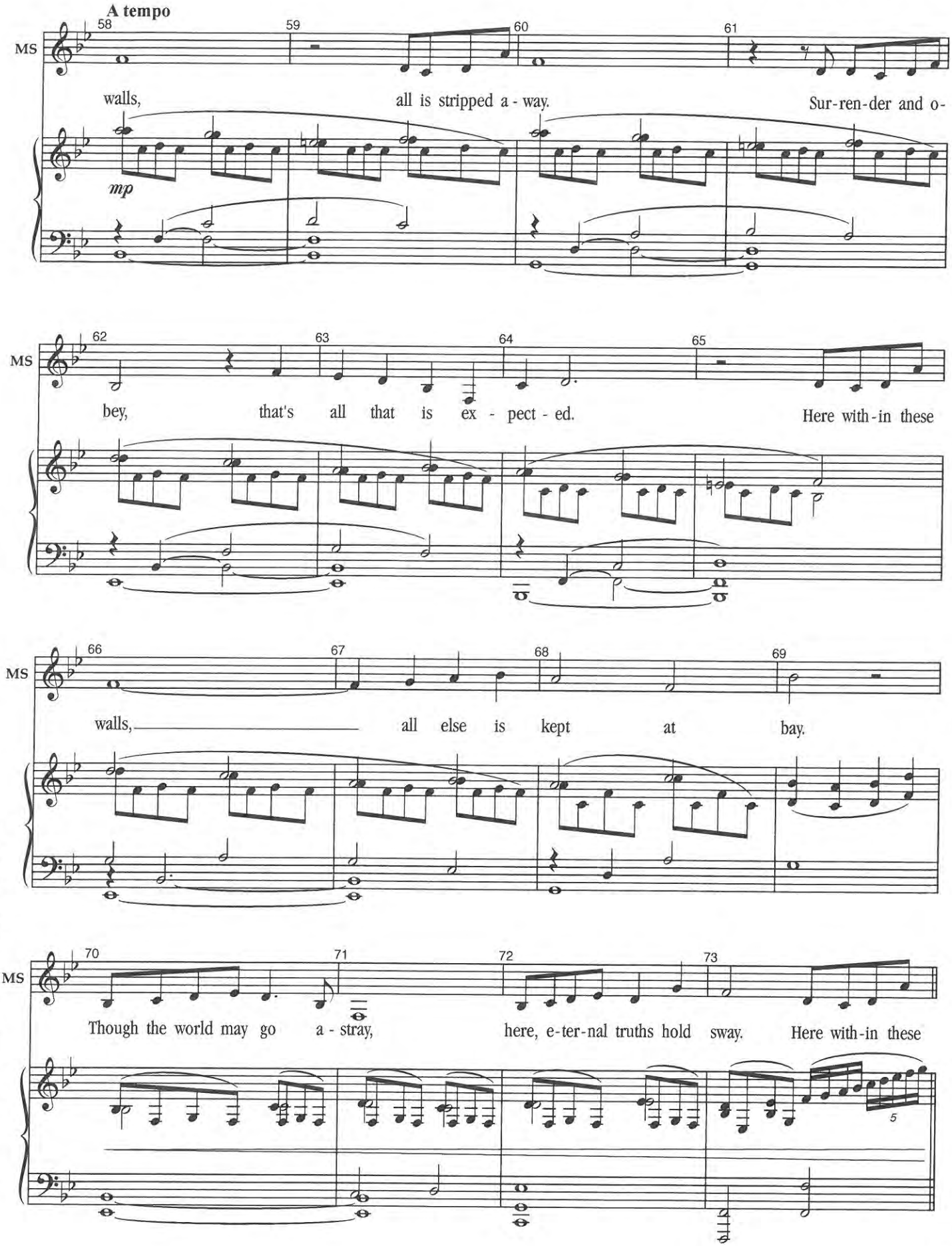

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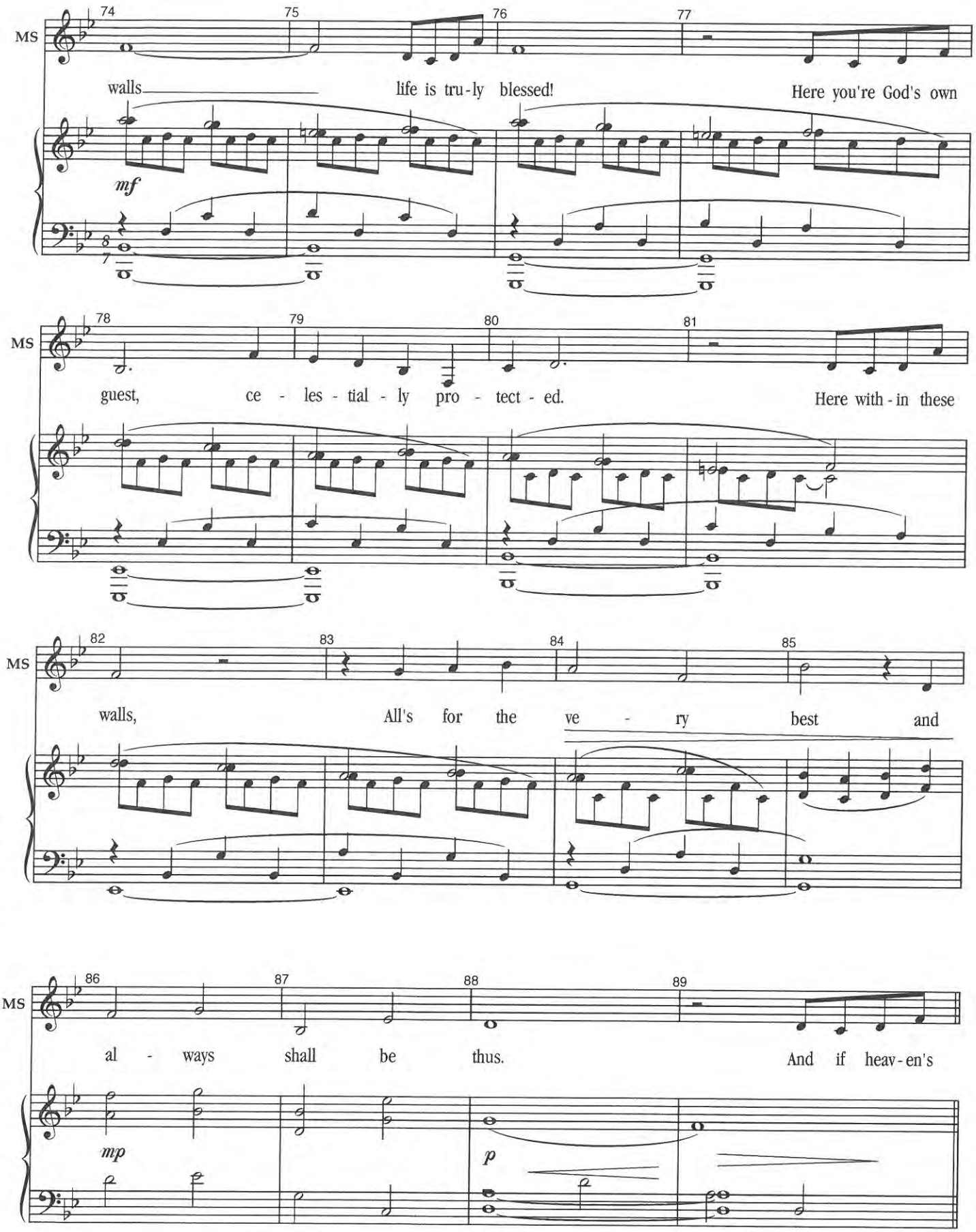

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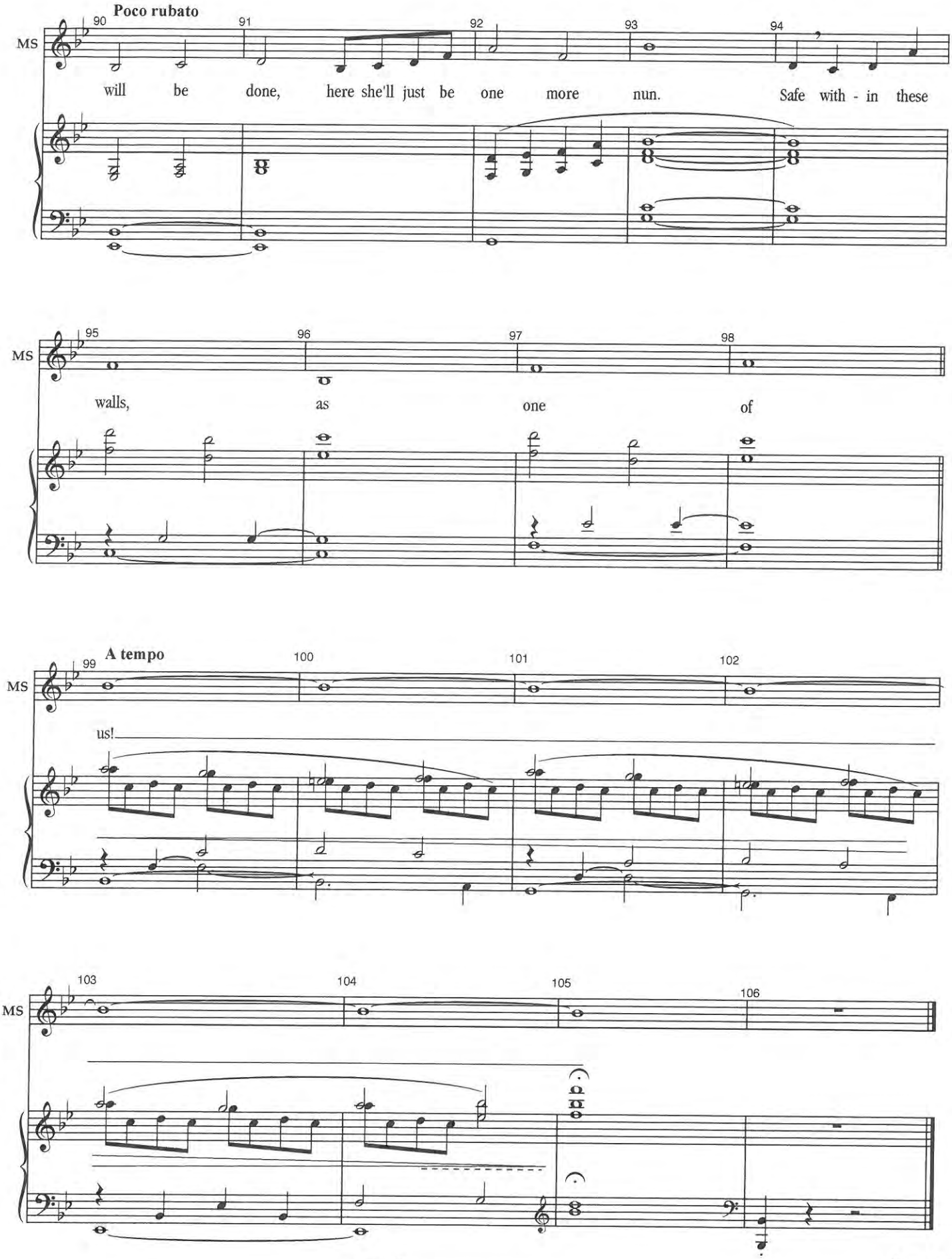

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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SONG 2 OF 2

PIANO/VOCAL

MOTHER SUPERIOR

"Sister Act"

I Haven't Got a Prayer

[5/4/12]
AUDITION CUT

Music: Alan Menken
Lyric: Glenn Slater
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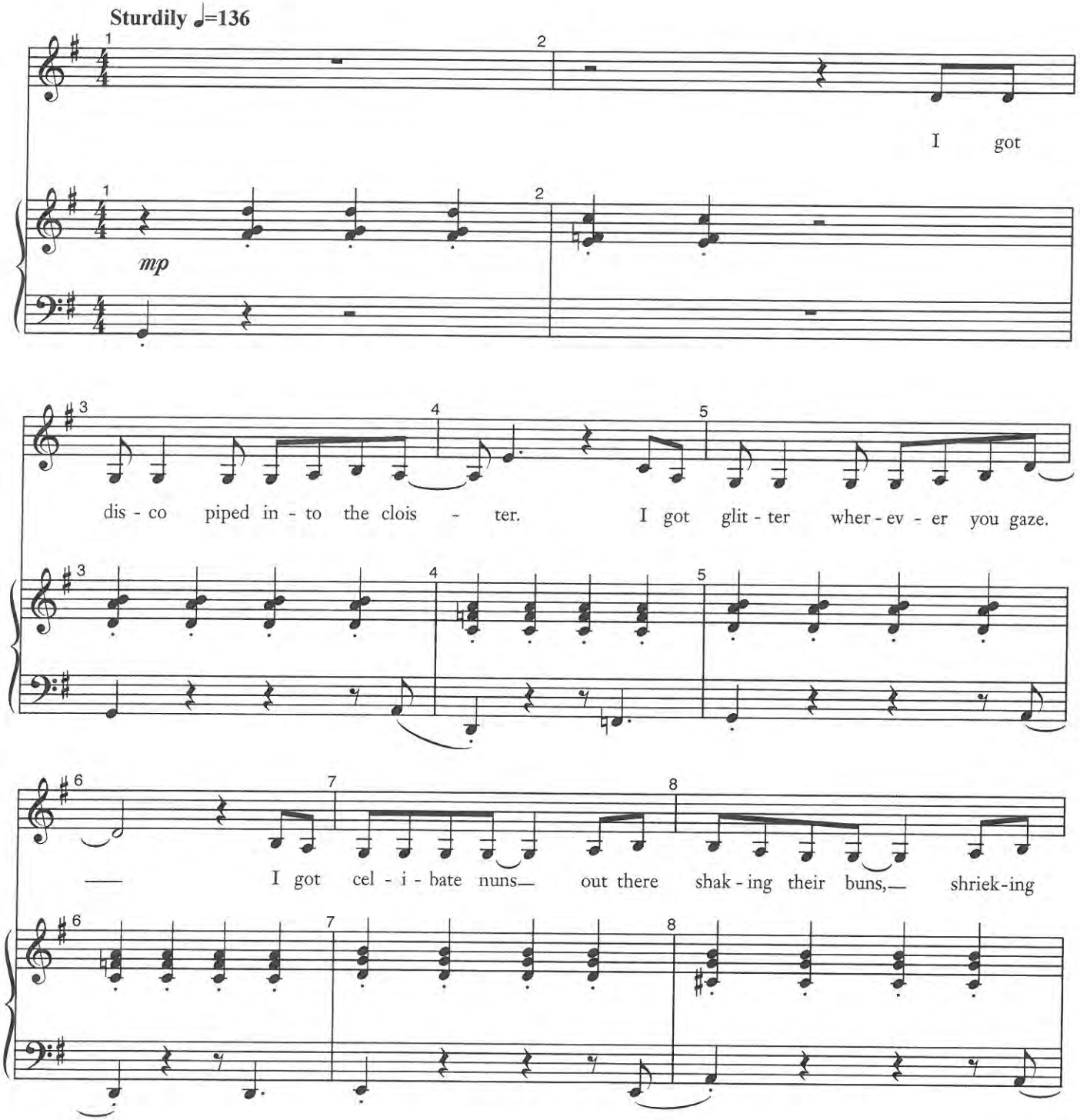

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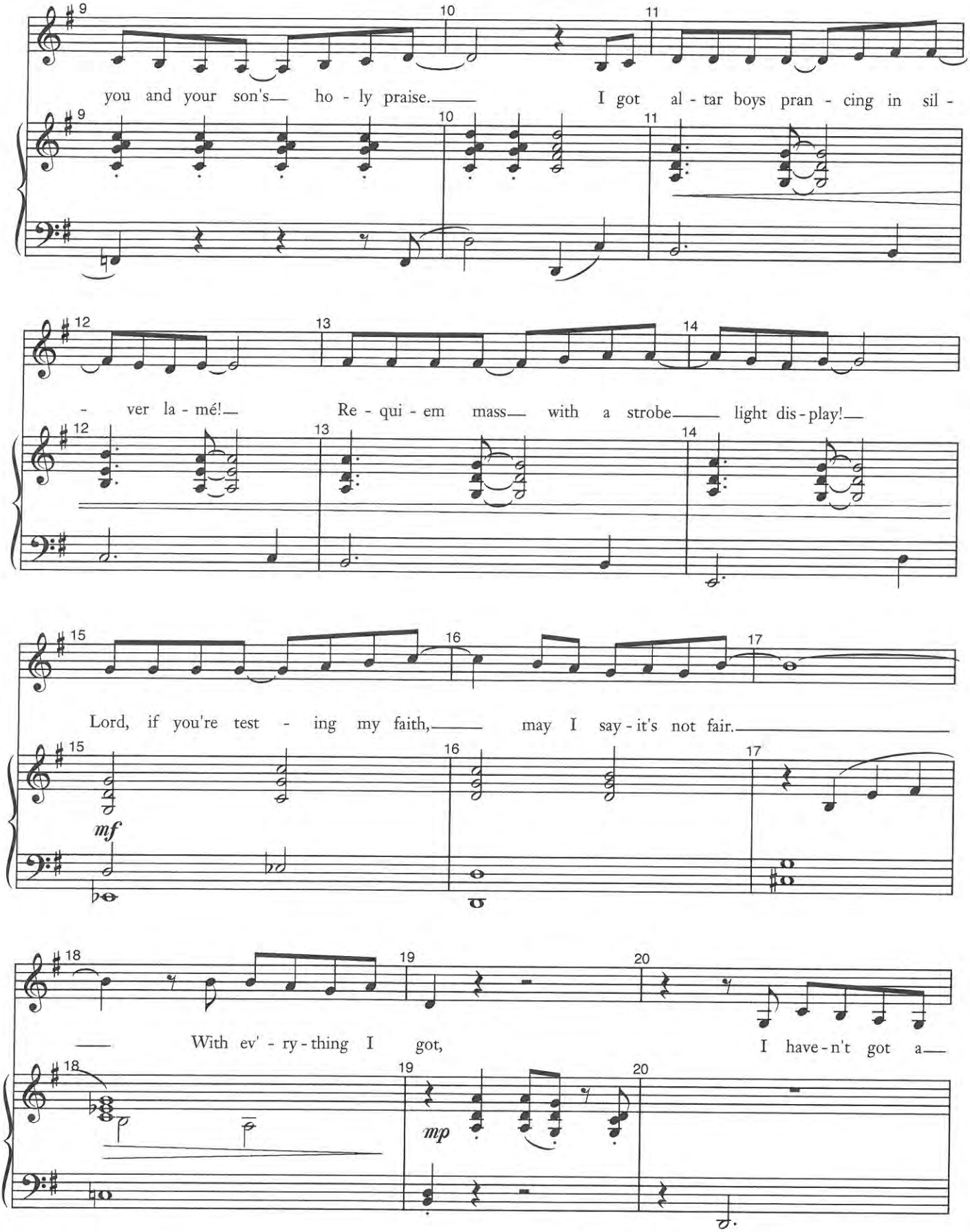

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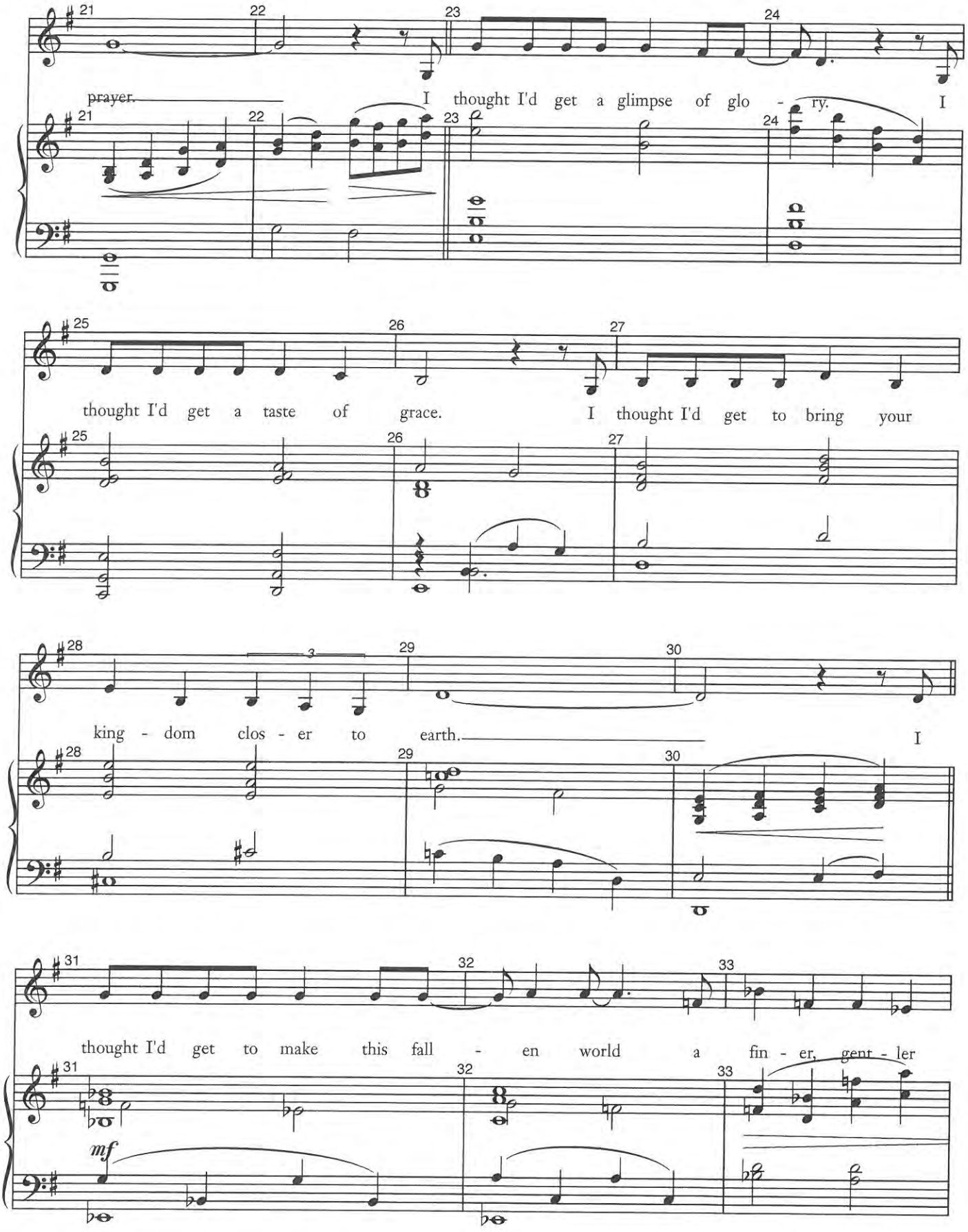

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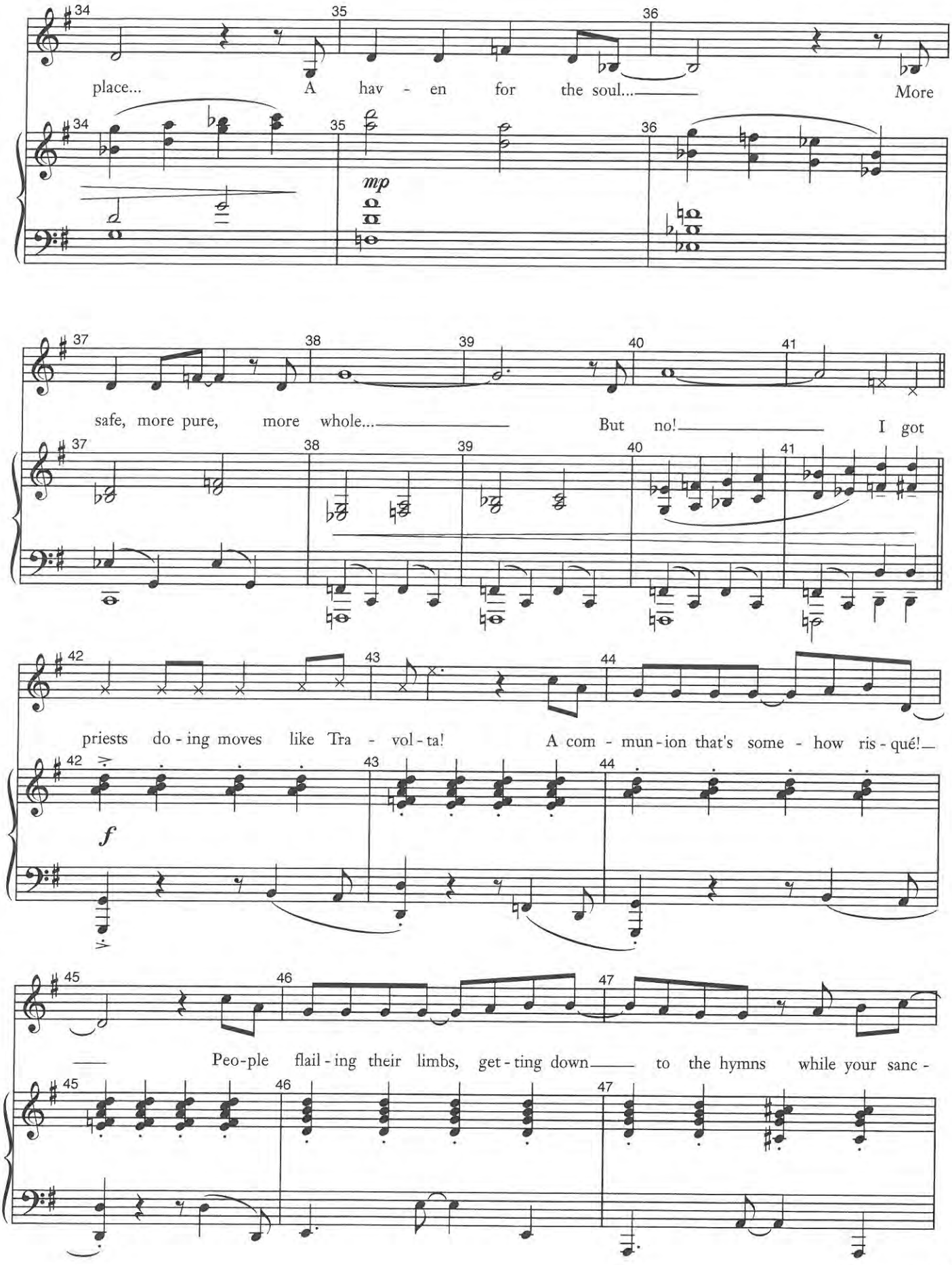

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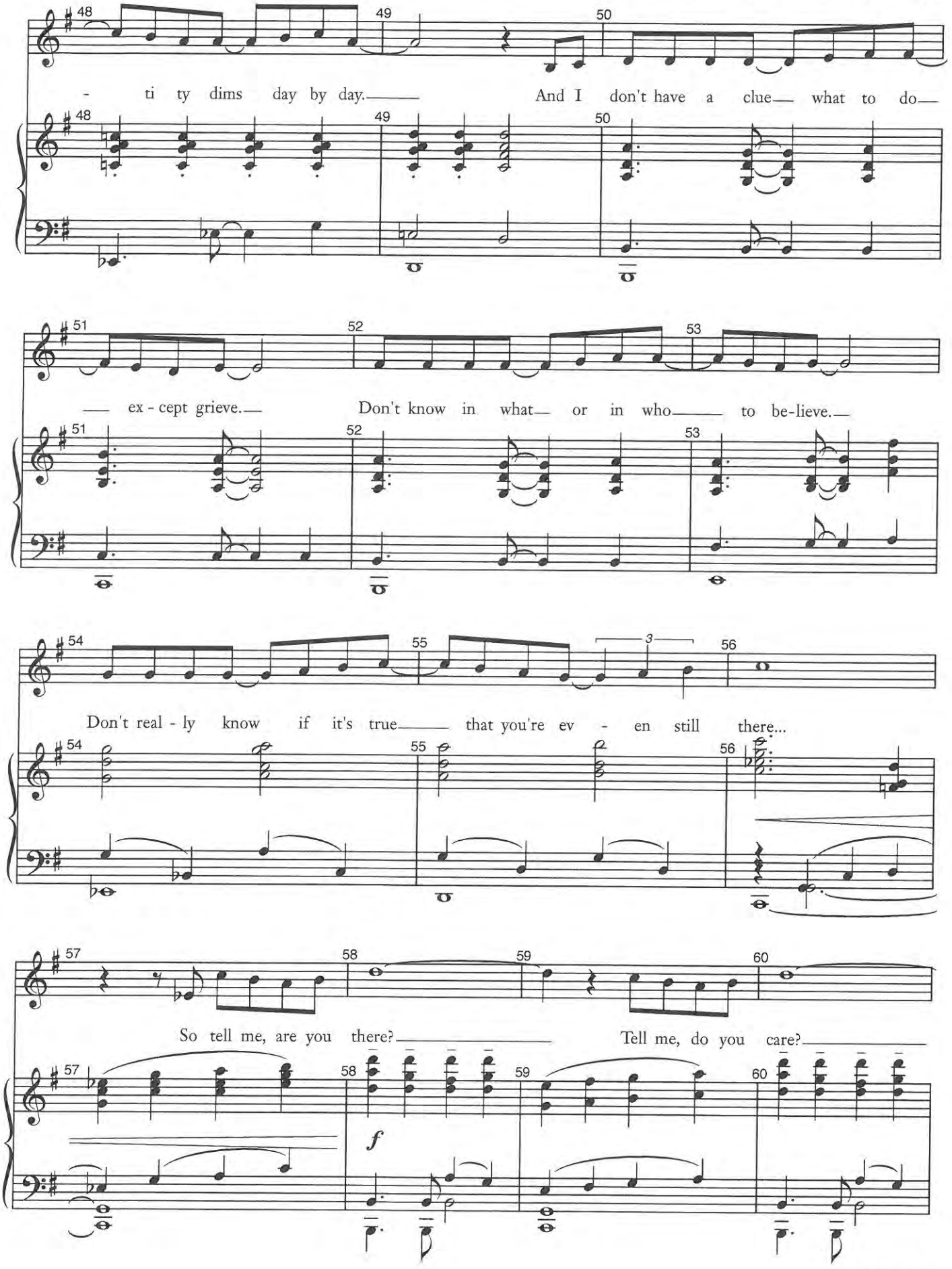

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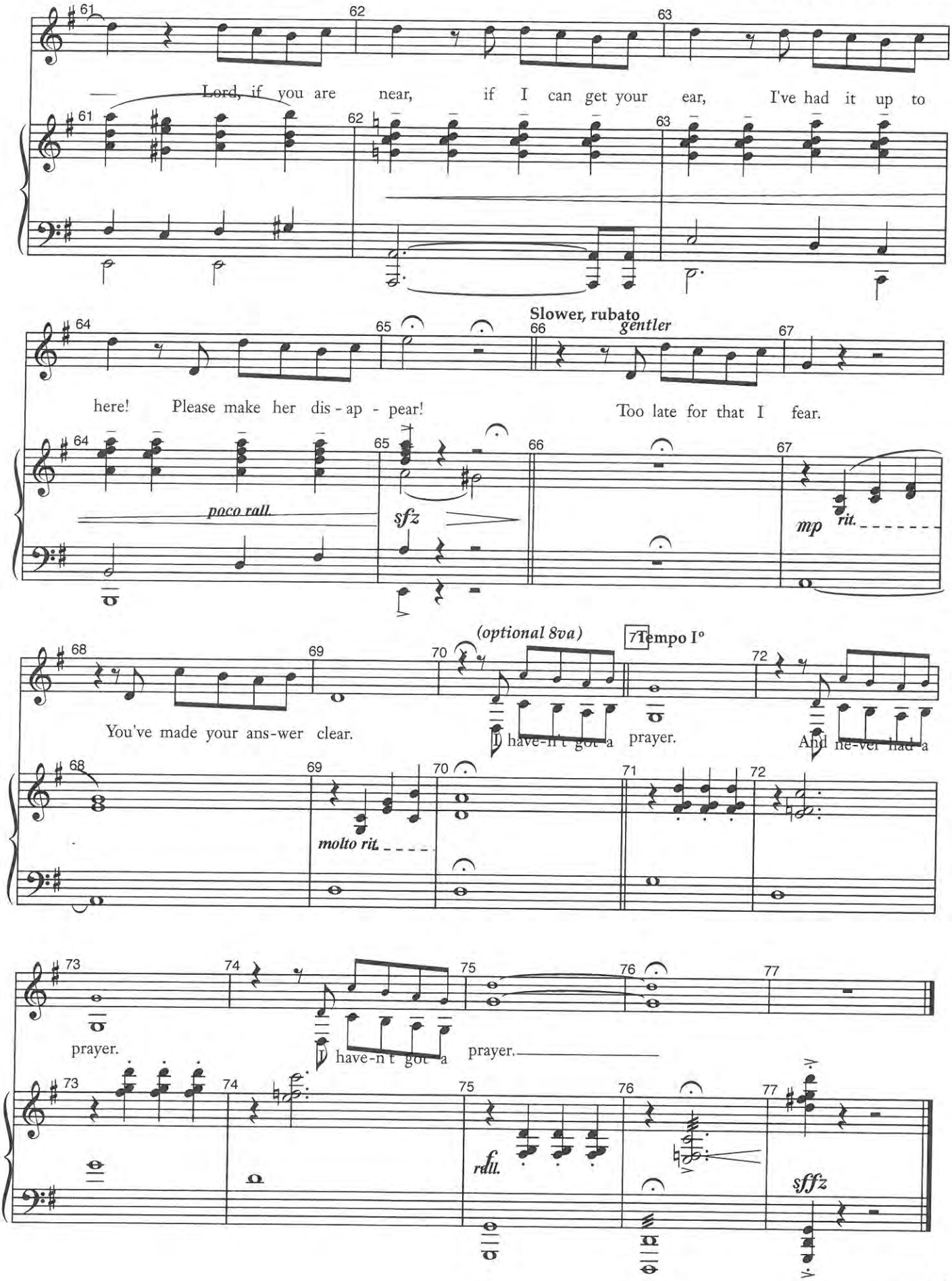

MOTHER SUPERIOR

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