NATURE SONGS

to Merrill Bradshaw,
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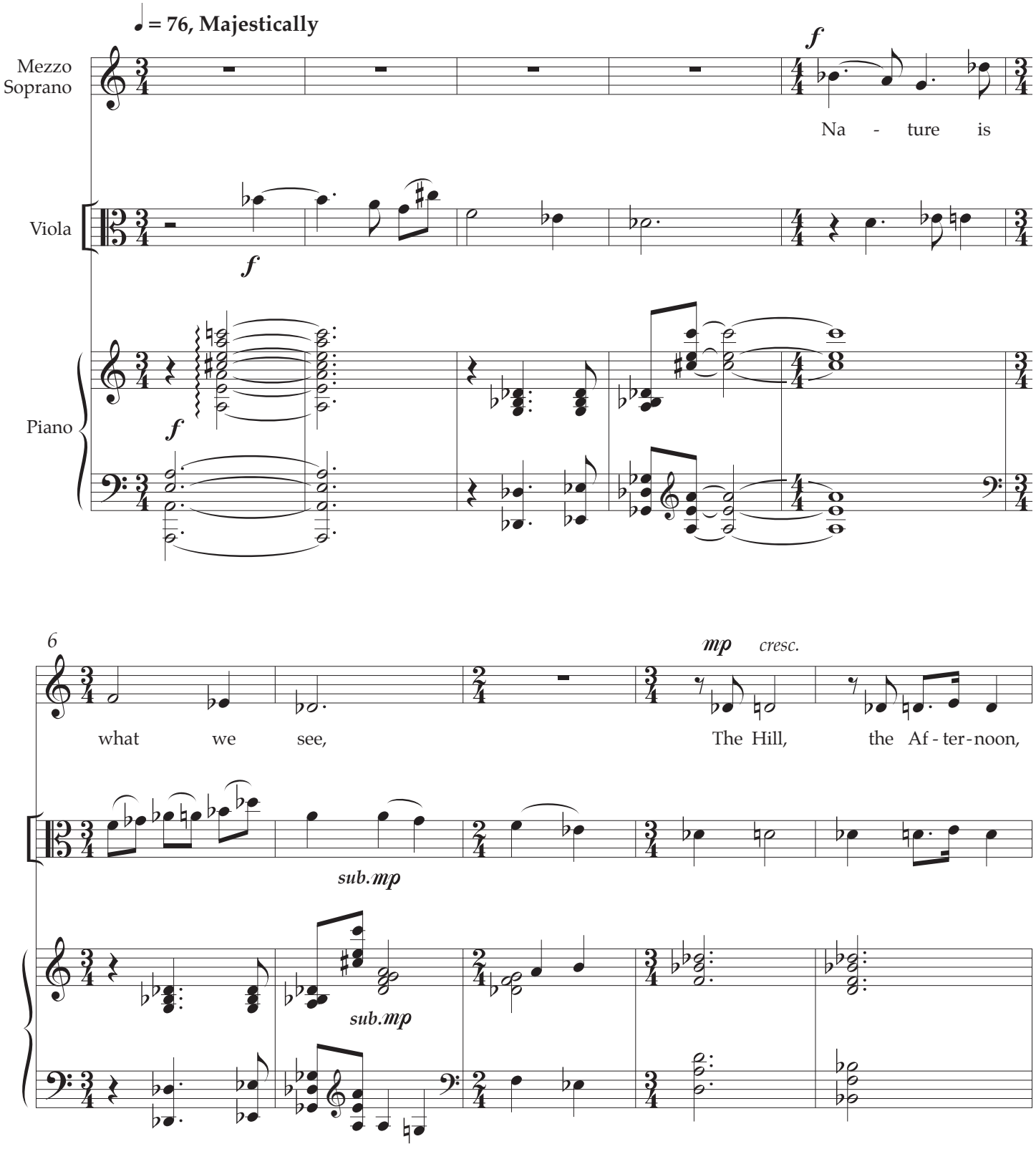
1. Nature



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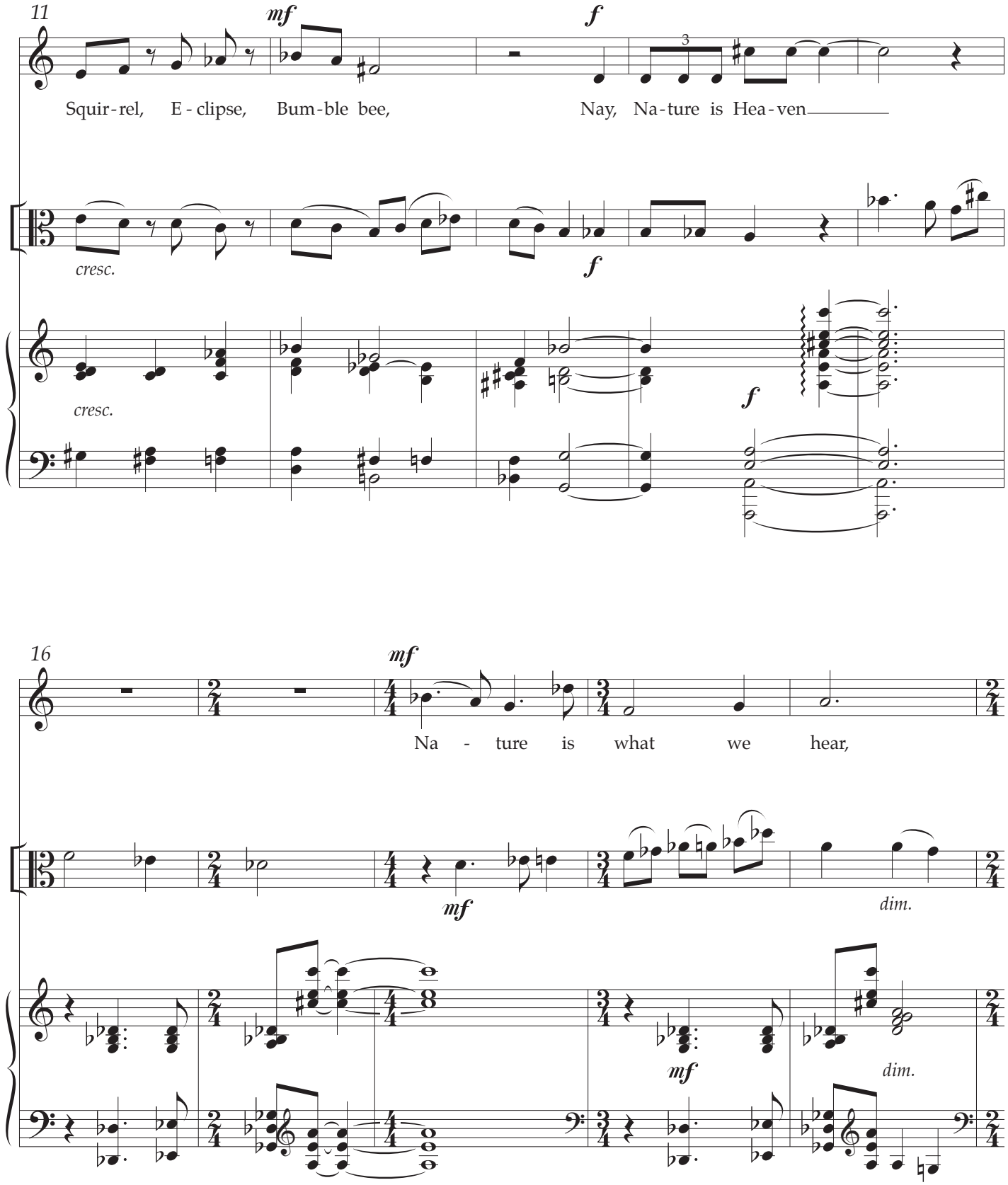
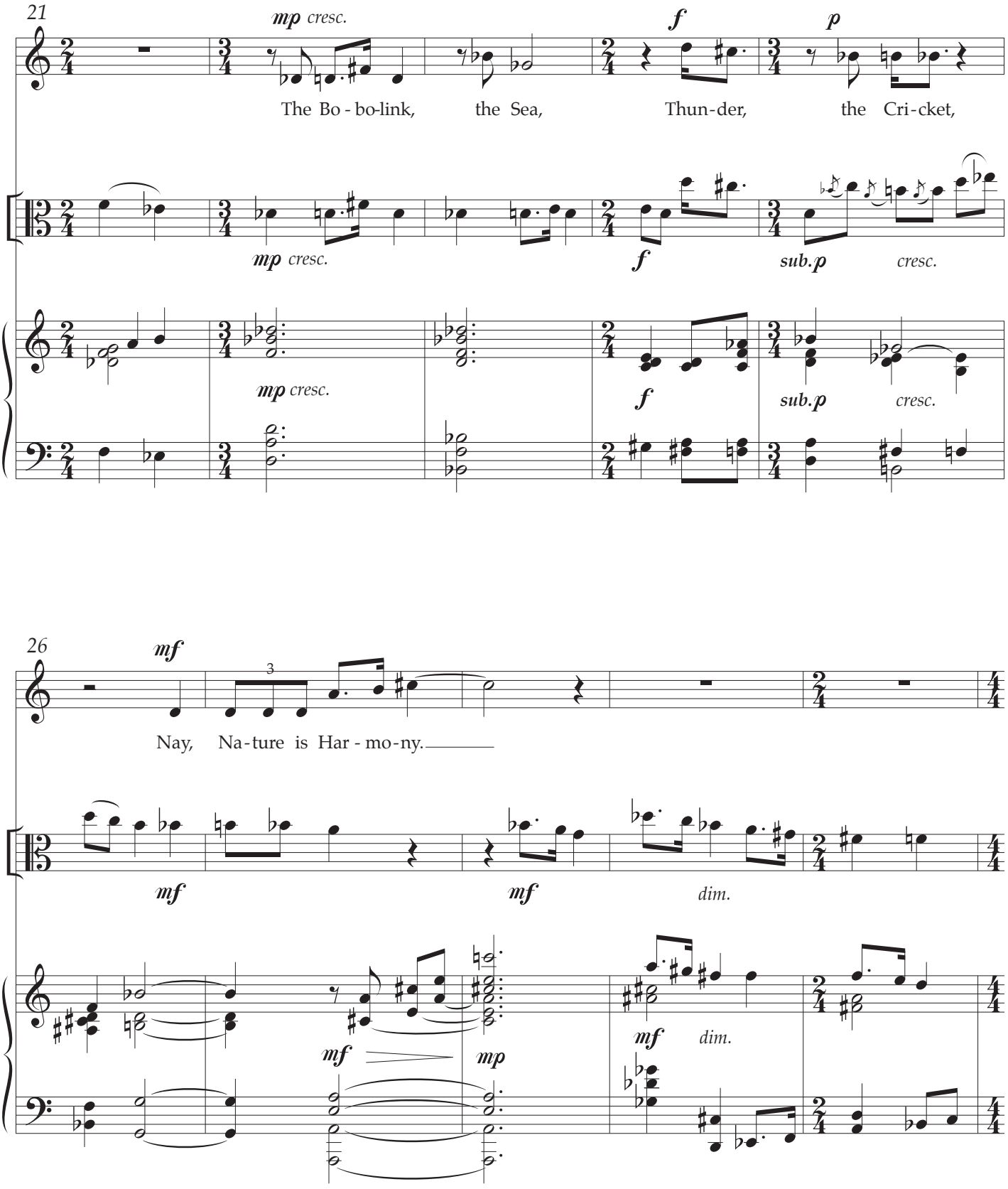
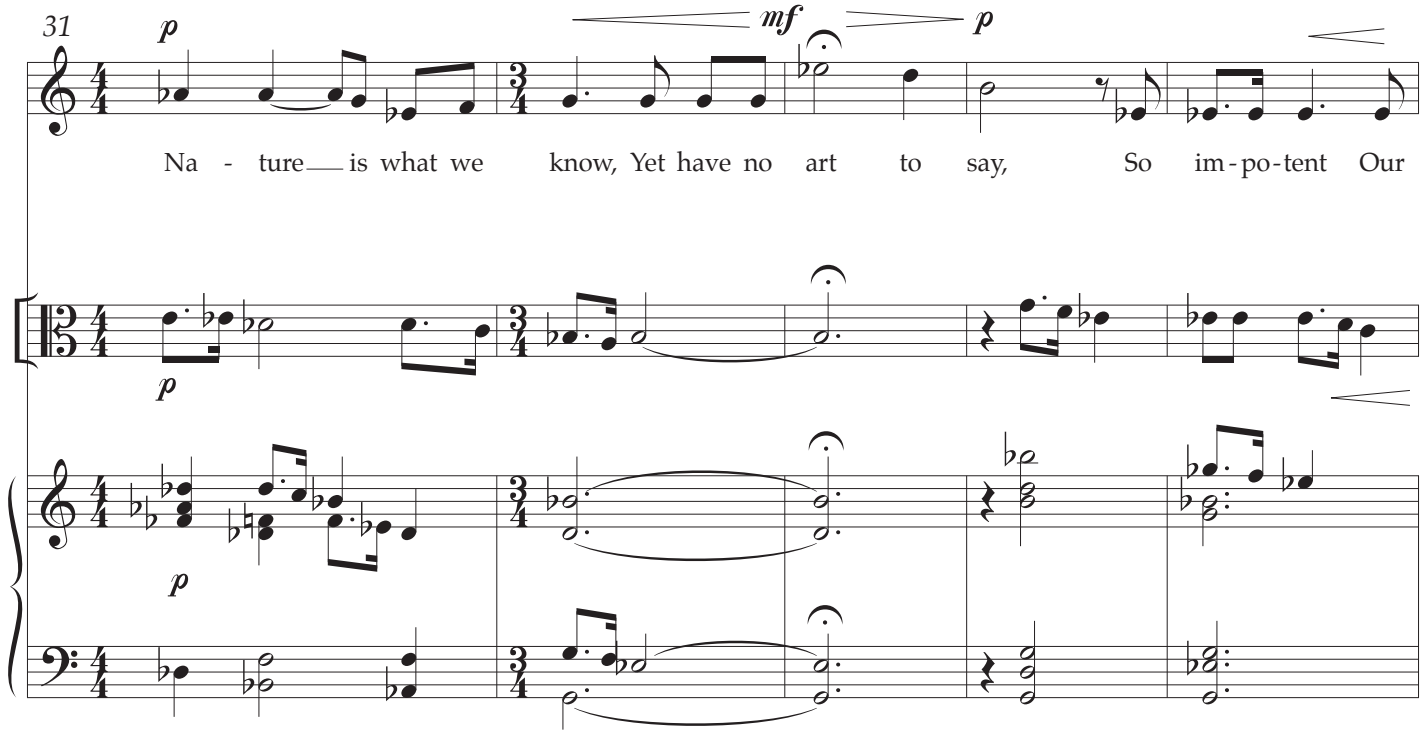
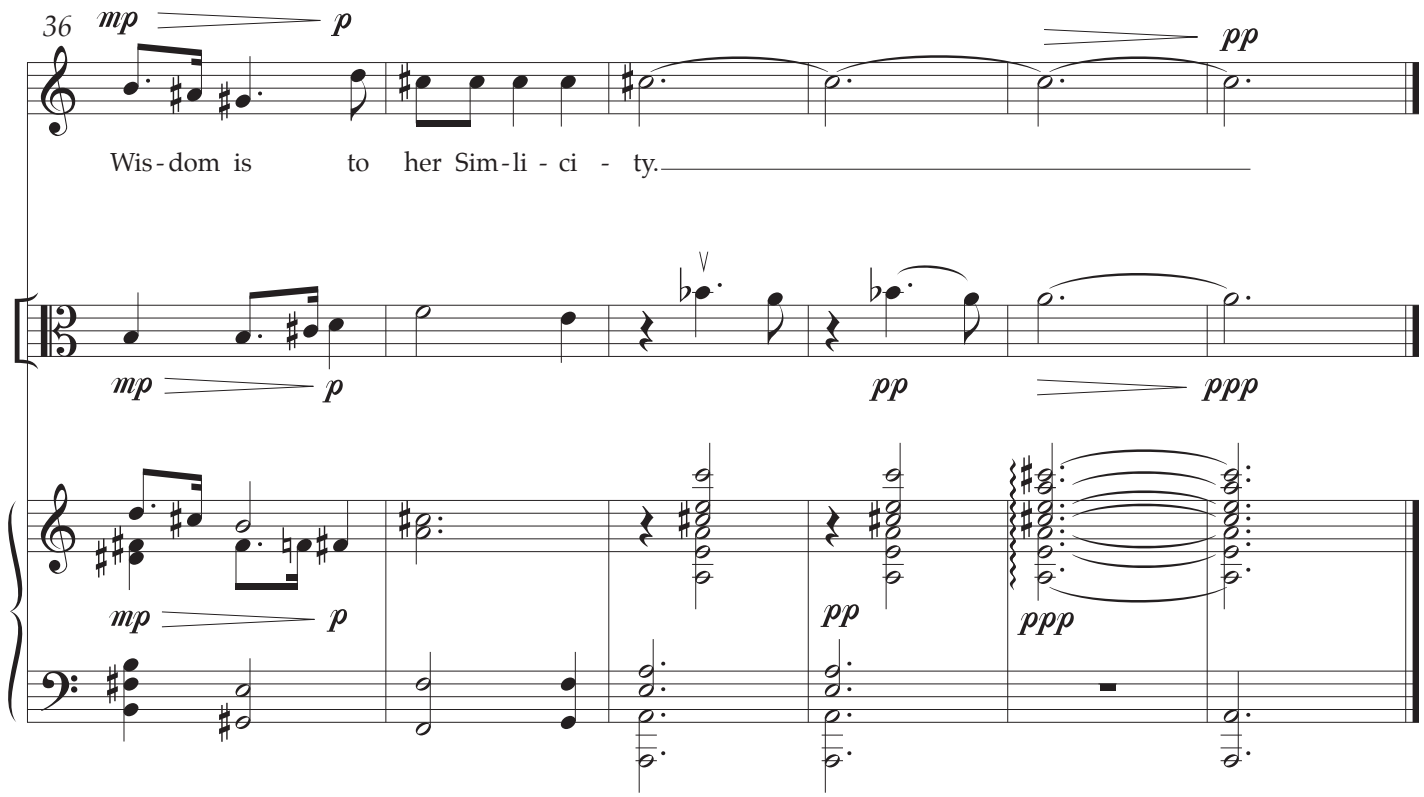
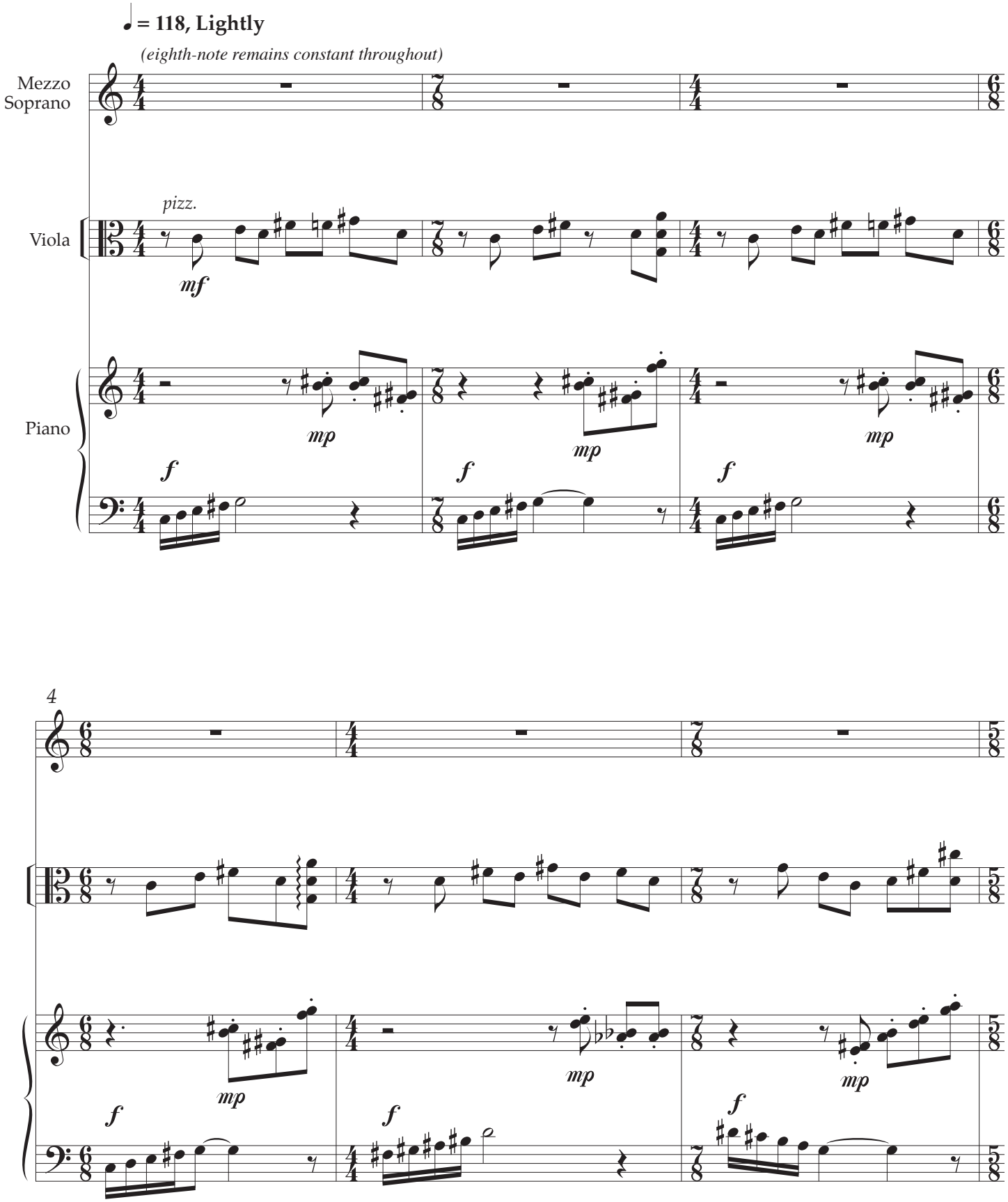

11
mf
f
3
Squir-rel, E-clipse, Bum-ble bee,
Nay, Na-ture is Hea-ven
cresc.
f
cresc.
f
16
mf
Na - ture is what we hear,
mf
dim.
mf
dim.

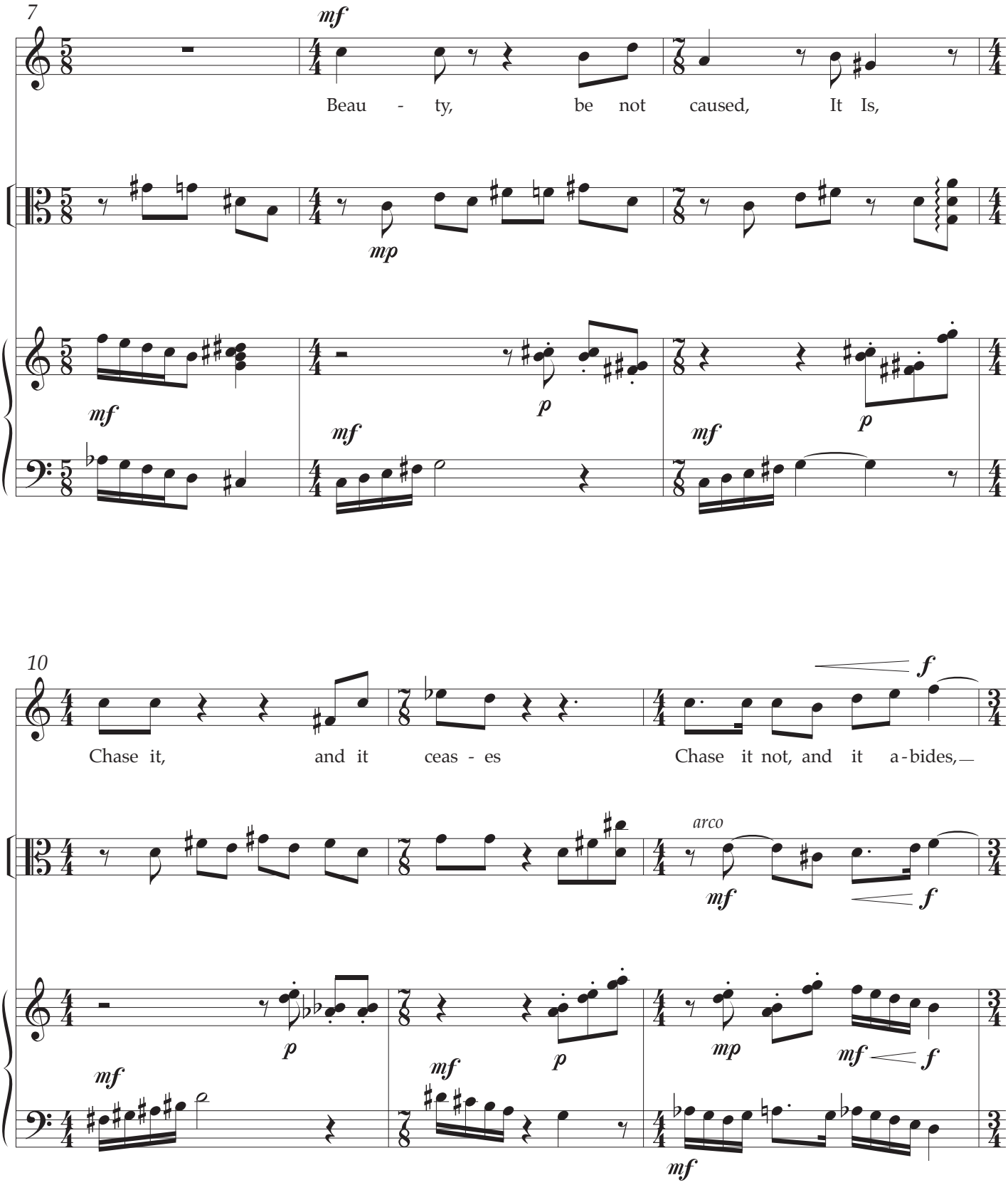

21
mp cresc.
f
p
The Bo - bo-link, the Sea, Thun-der, the Cri-cket,
mp cresc.
f
sub.p
cresc.
mp cresc.
f
sub.p
cresc.
26
mf
3
Nay, Na-ture is Har - mo-ny.
mf
mf
dim.
mf
mp
mf
dim.

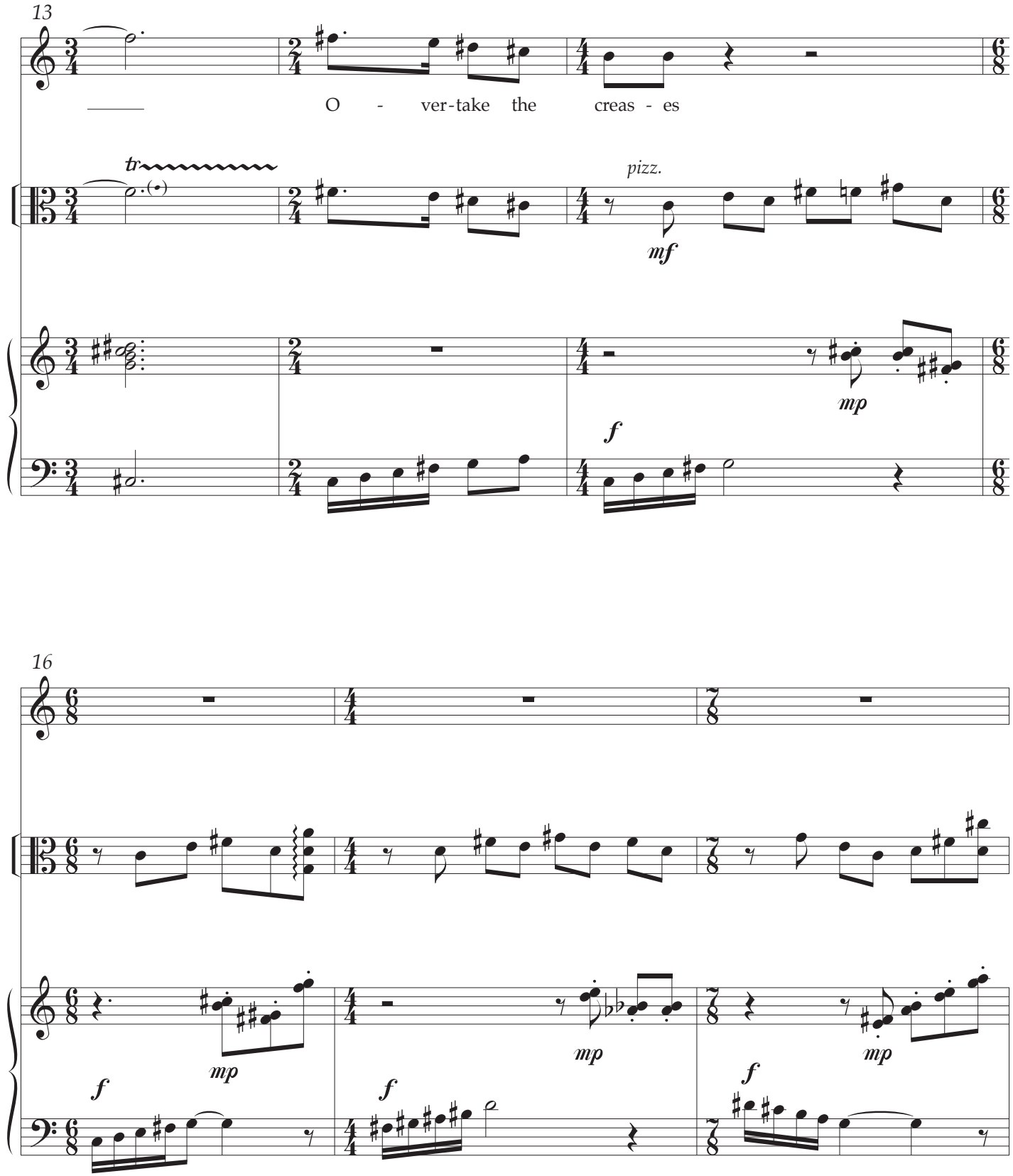

31
p
mf
p
Na - ture is what we know, Yet have no art to say, So im-po-tent Our
p
p

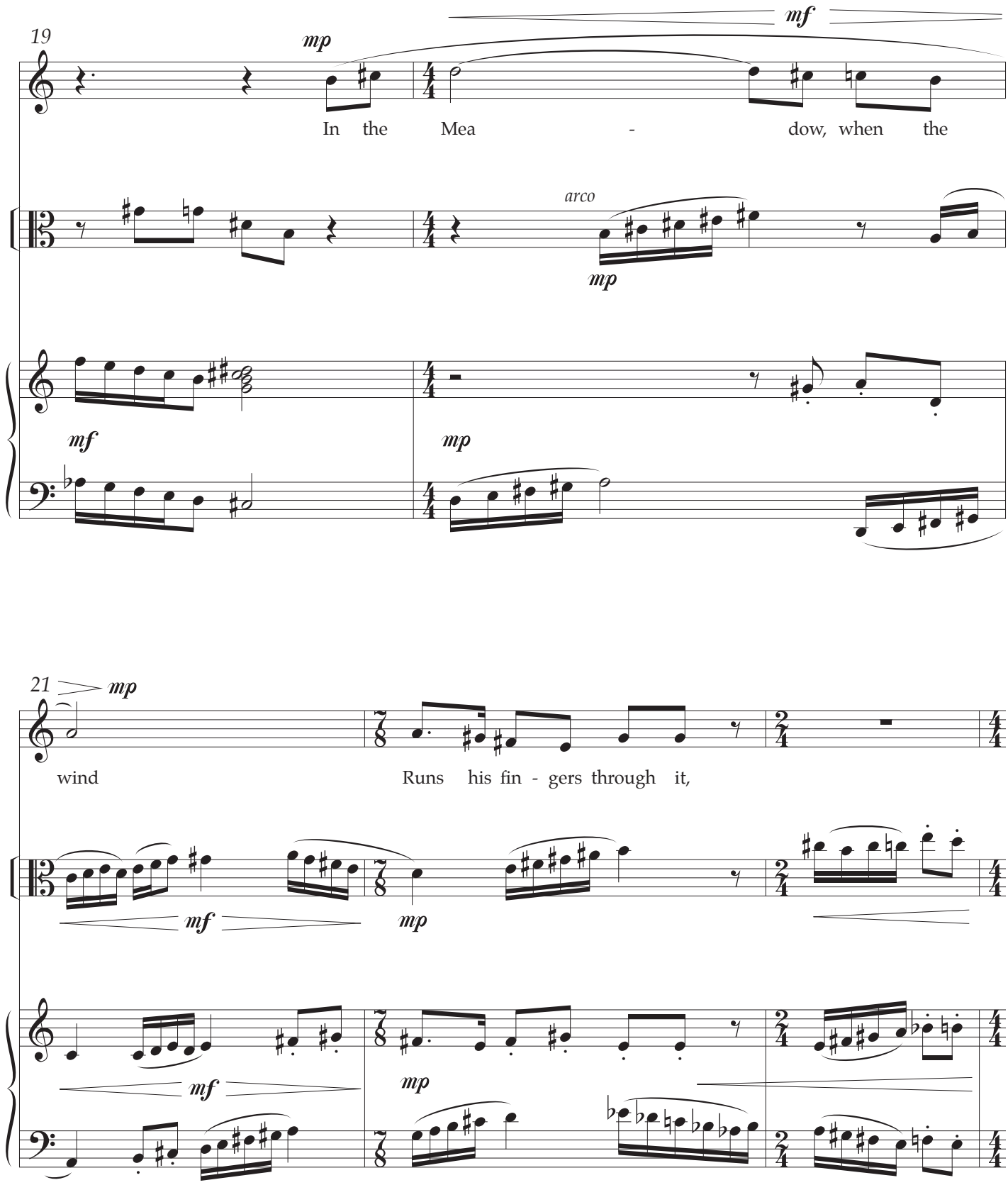

36
mp
p
pp
Wis-dom is to her Sim-li - ci - ty.
mp
p
pp
ppp
mp
p
pp
ppp

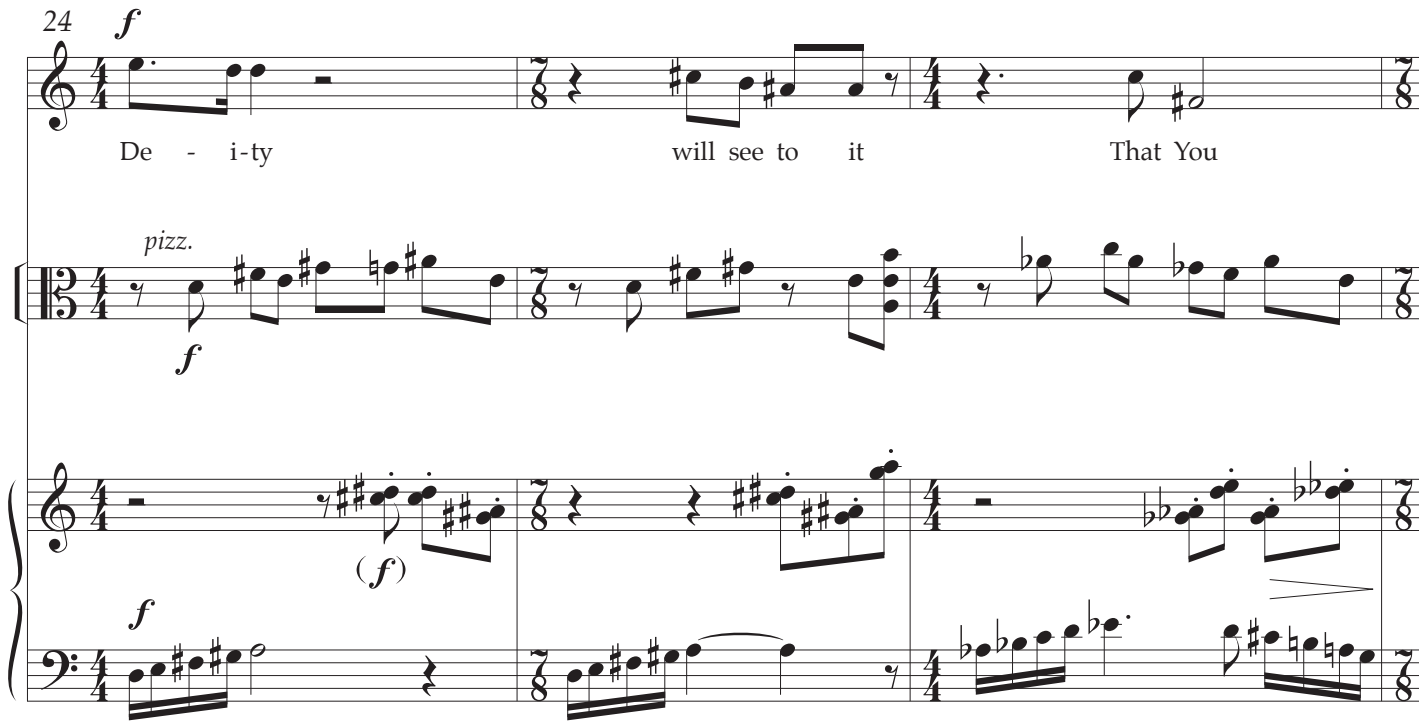
2. Beauty


♩ = 118, Lightly
(eighth-note remains constant throughout)
Mezzo Soprano
Viola
pizz.
mf
Piano
mp
f
4
mp
f

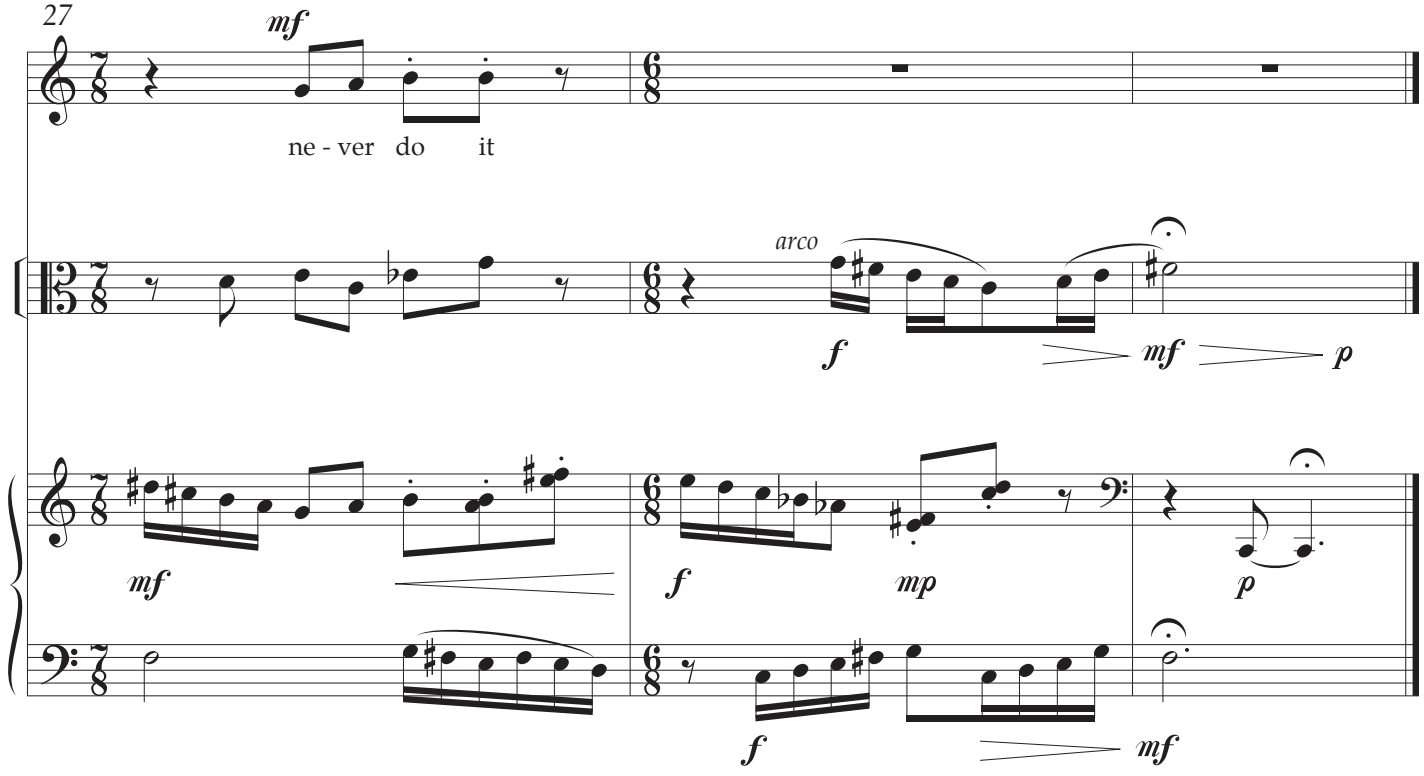

7
mf
Beau - ty, be not caused, It Is,
mp
mf
p
mf
p
mf
10
f
Chase it, and it ceas - es
Chase it not, and it a - bides,
arco
mf
f
p
mf
p
mp
mf
f
mf
mf


13
O - ver-take the creas - es
tr
pizz.
mf
mp
f
16
f
mp
f
mp
f
mp
f

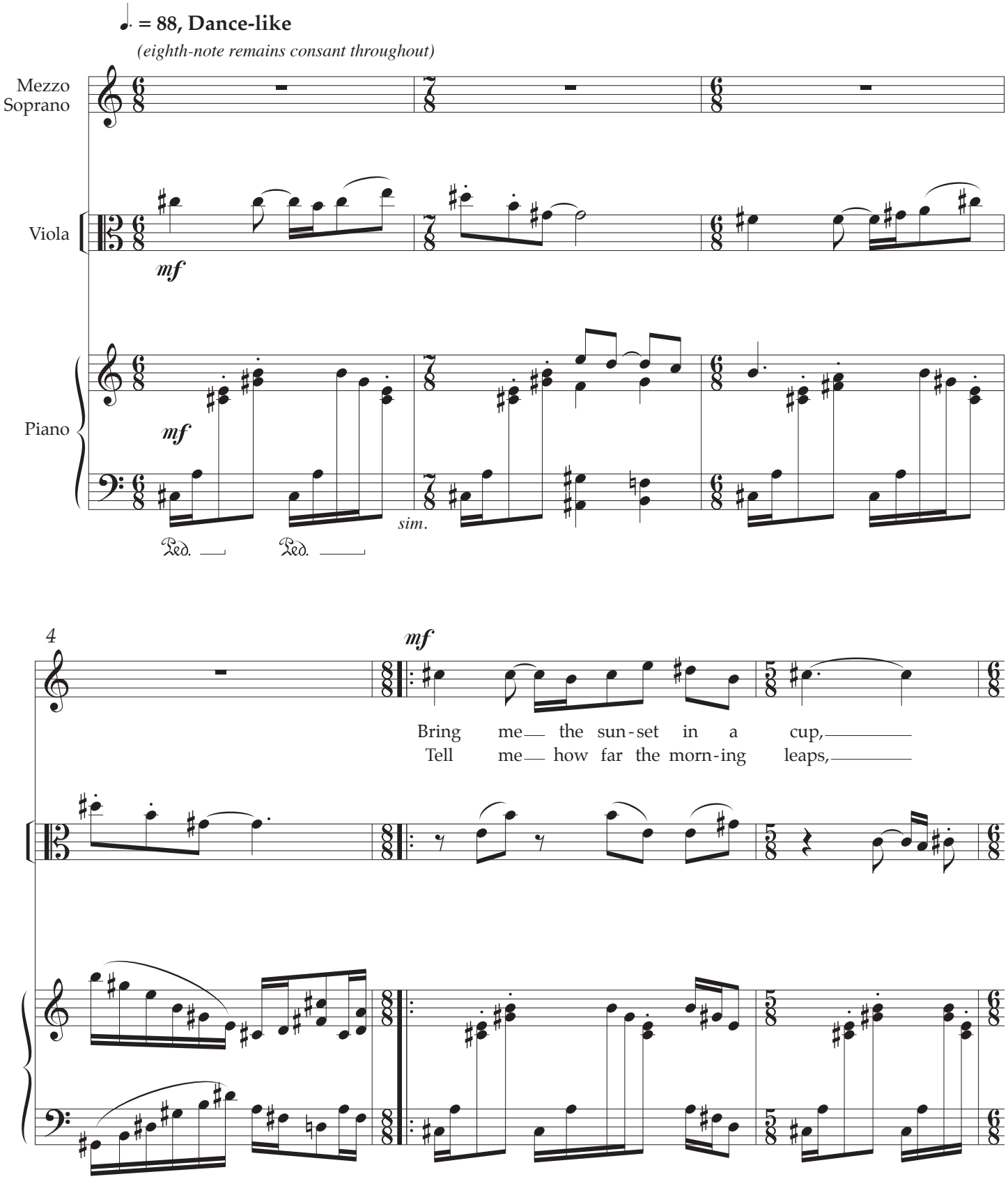

19
mp
mf
In the Mea - dow, when the
arco
mp
mf
mp
21
mp
wind
Runs his fin - gers through it,
mf
mp
mf
mp

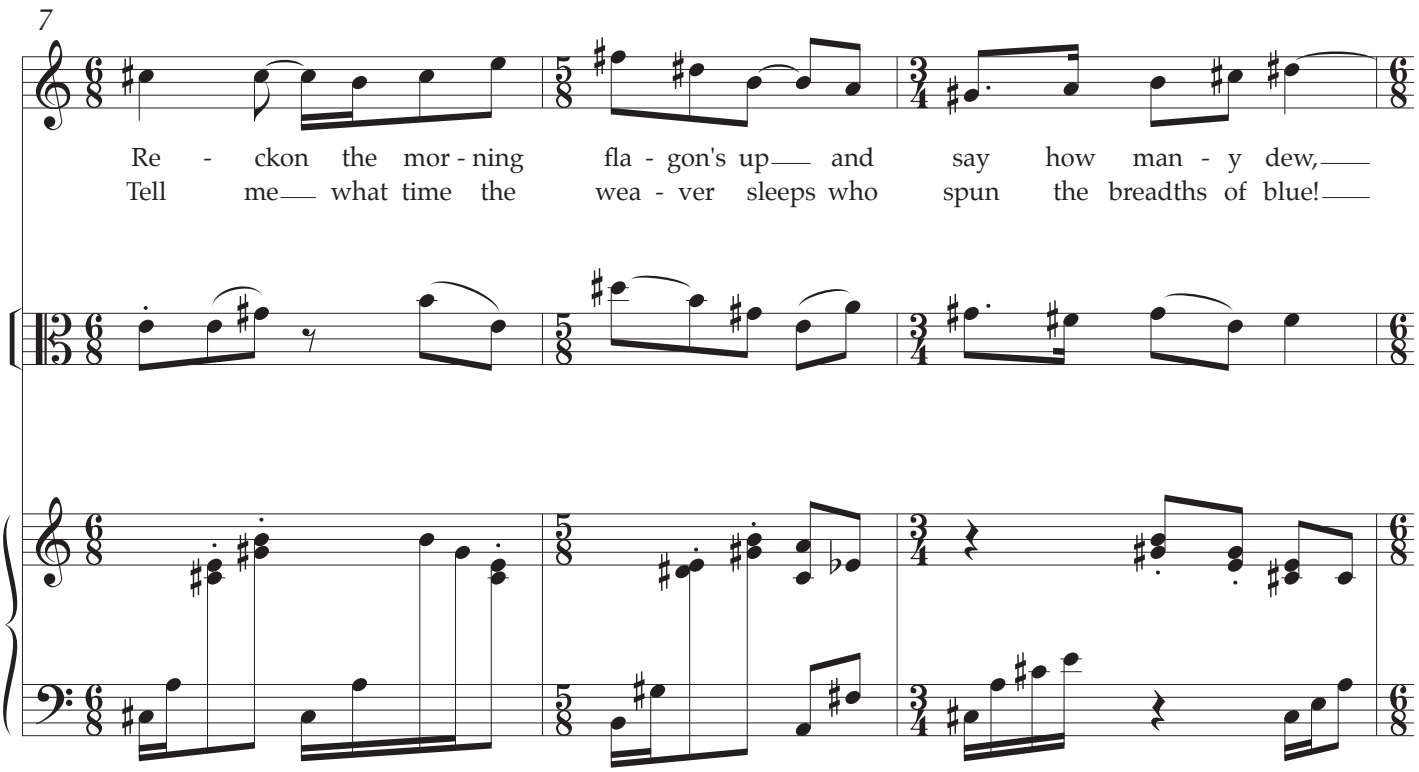


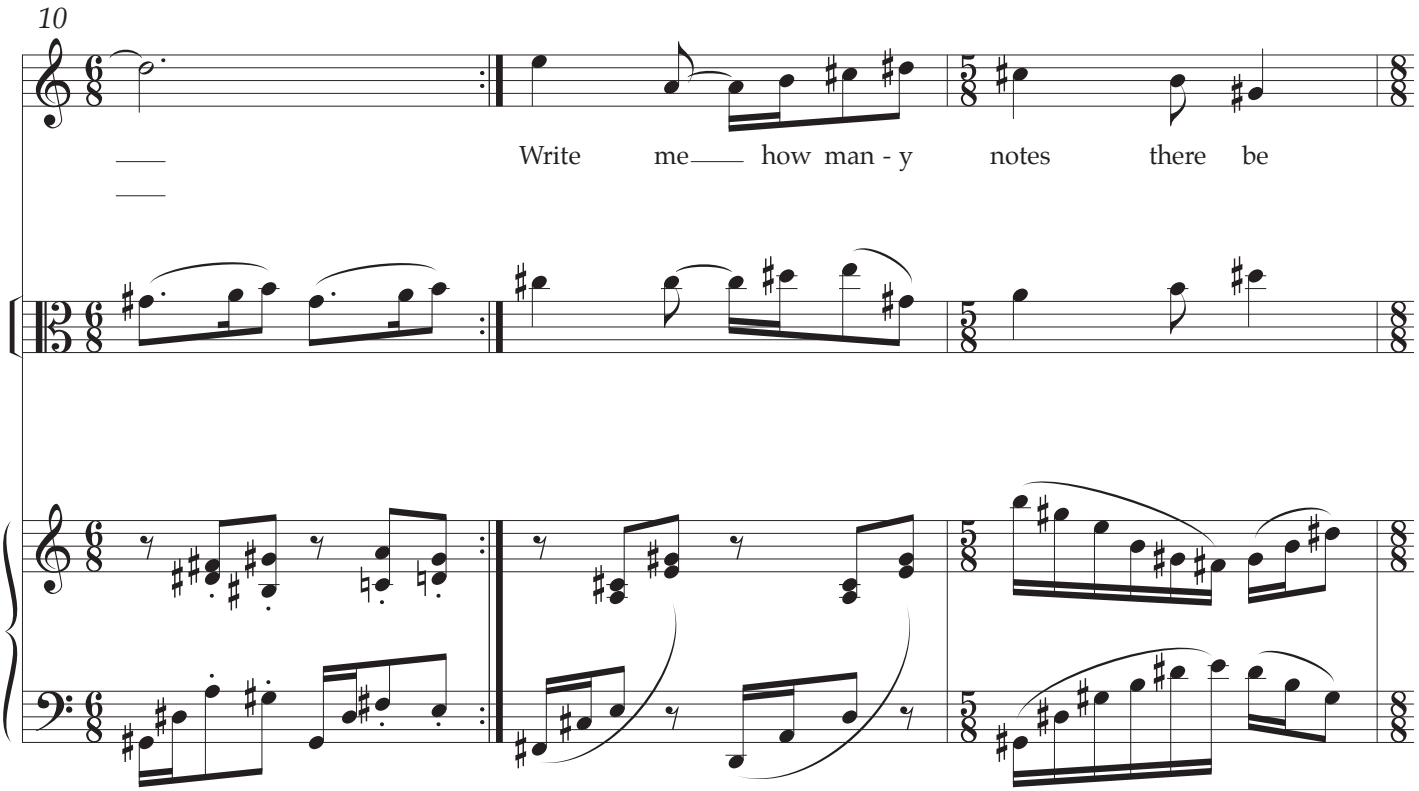
molto ritard.

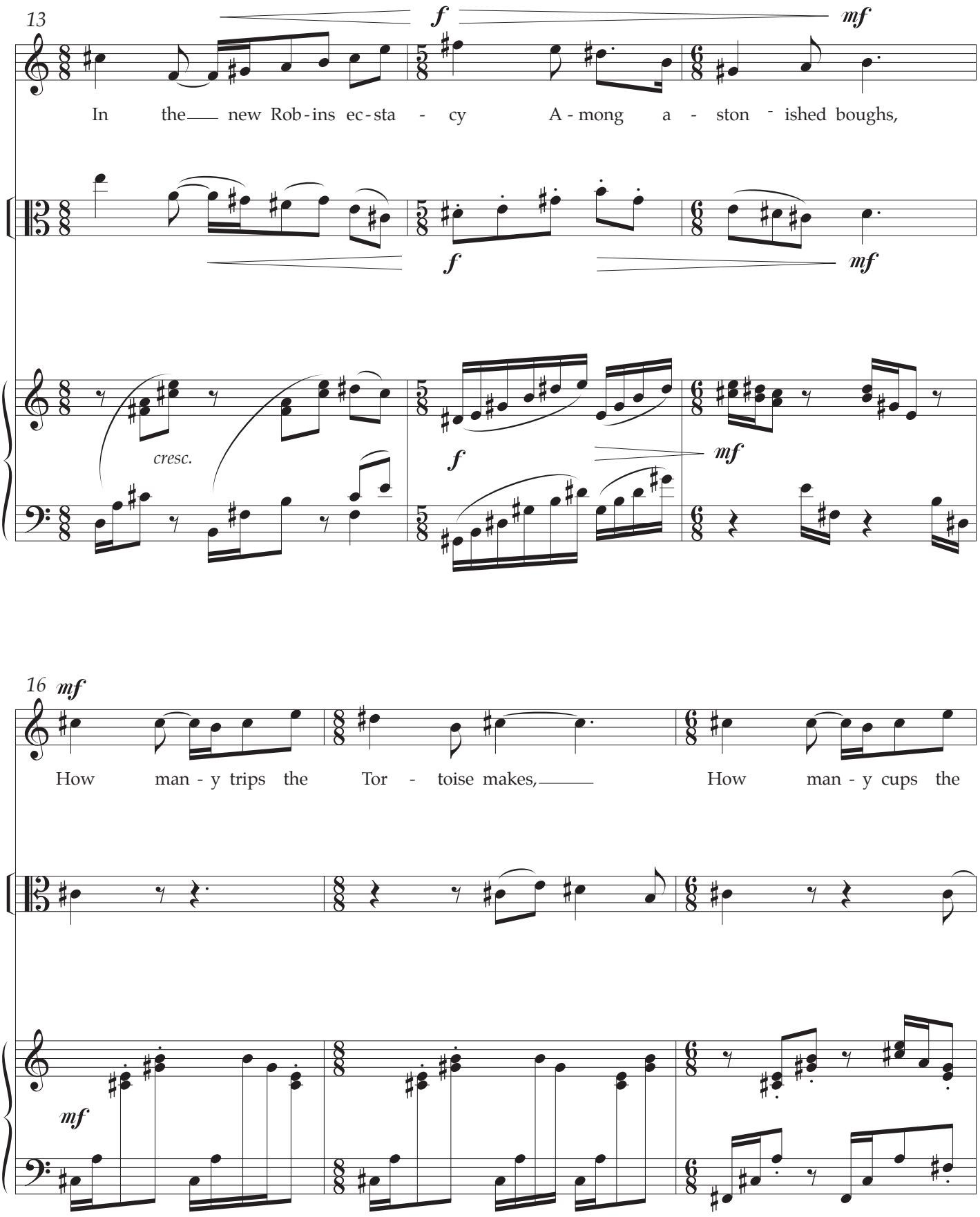


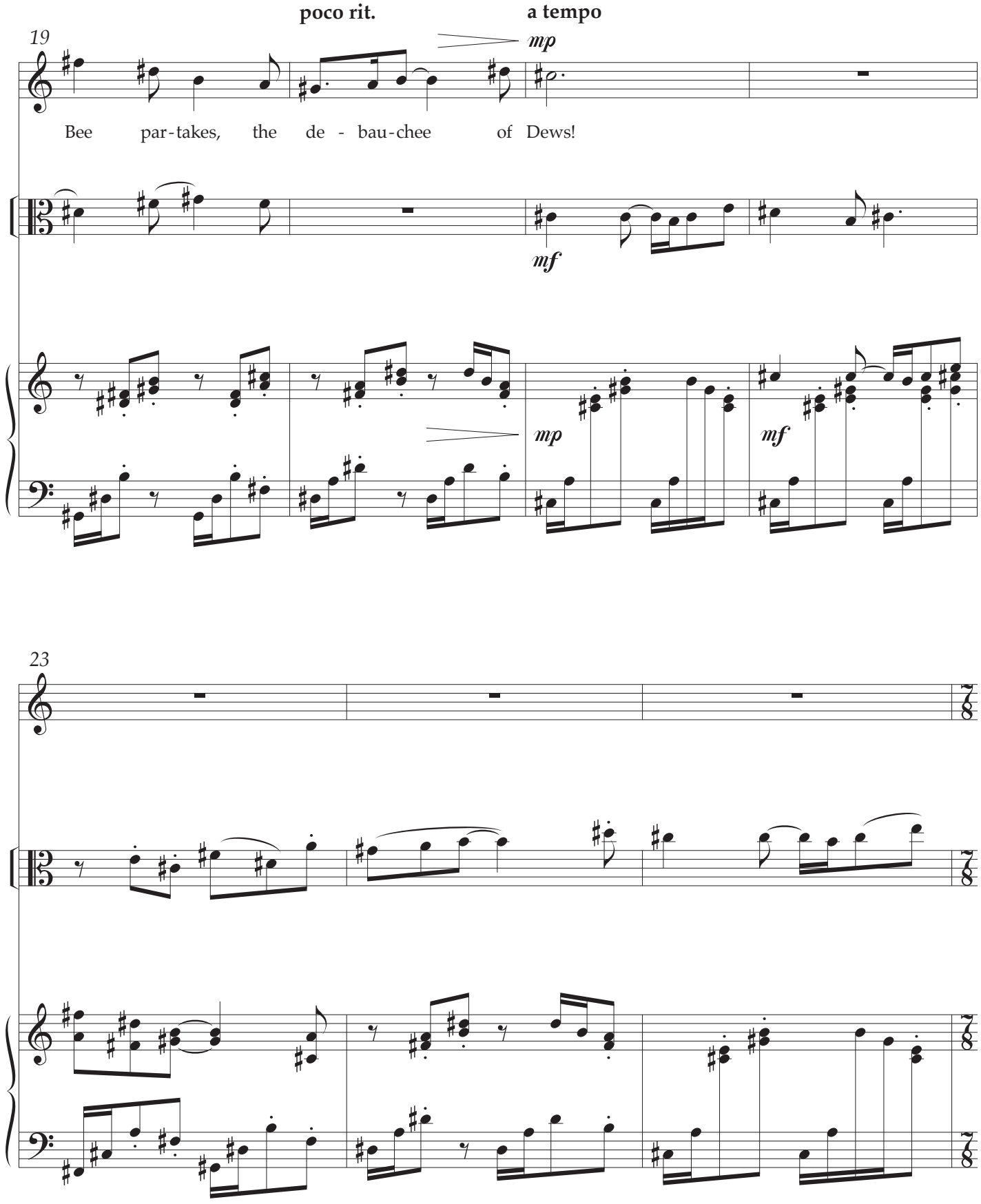
3. Bring Me the Sunset

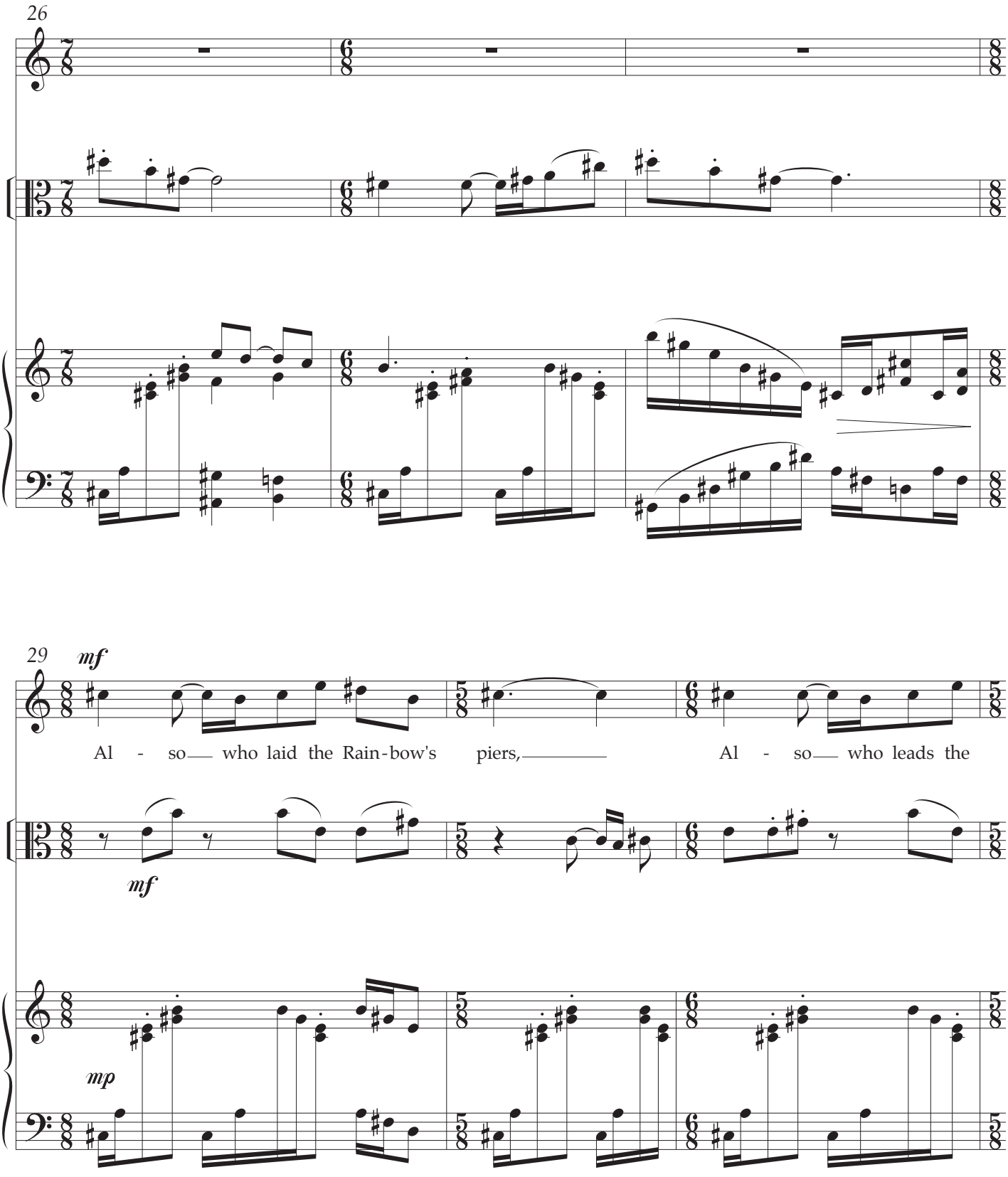


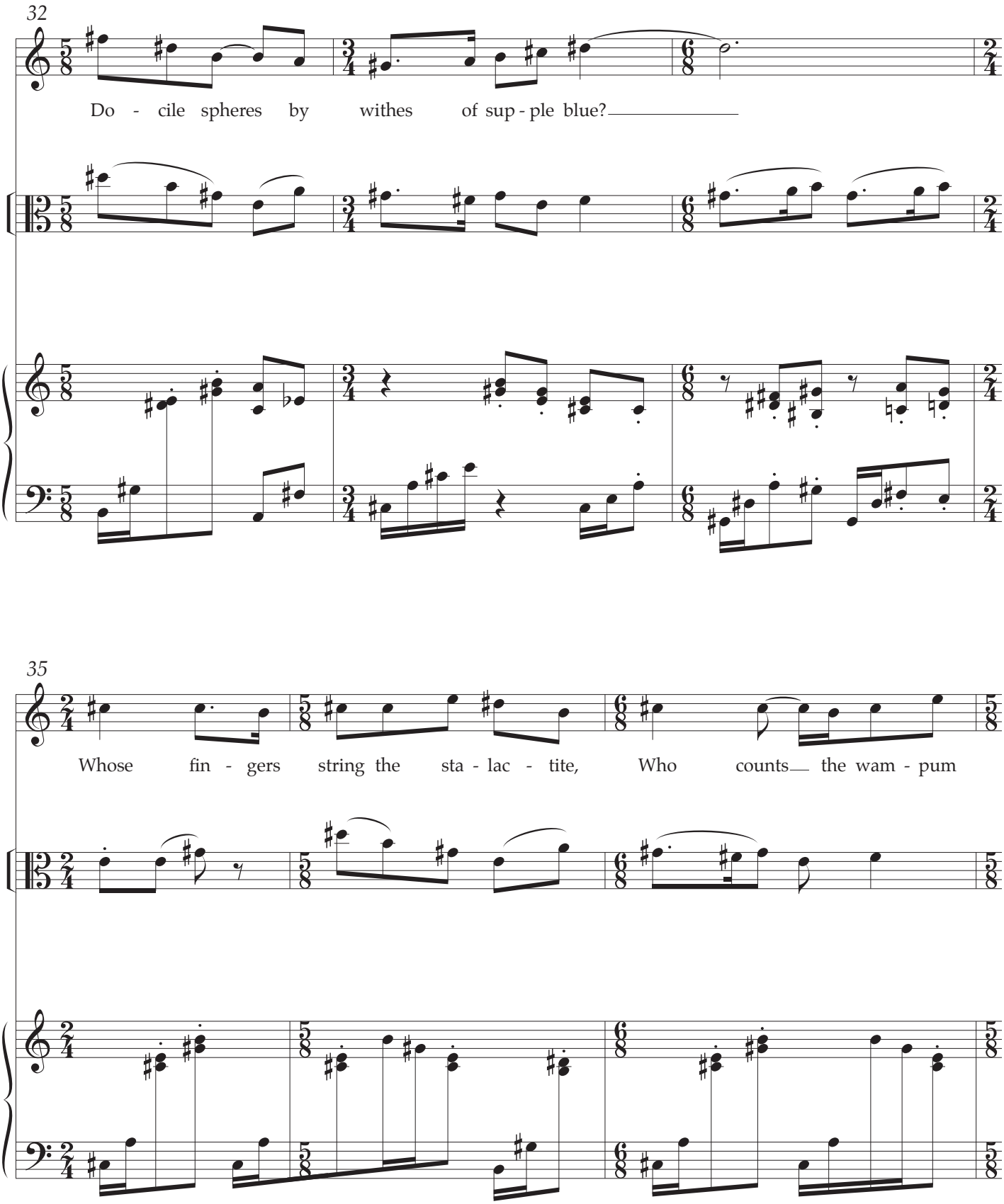

7
Re - ckon the mor - ning fla - gon's up and say how man - y dew,
Tell me what time the wea - ver sleeps who spun the breadths of blue!

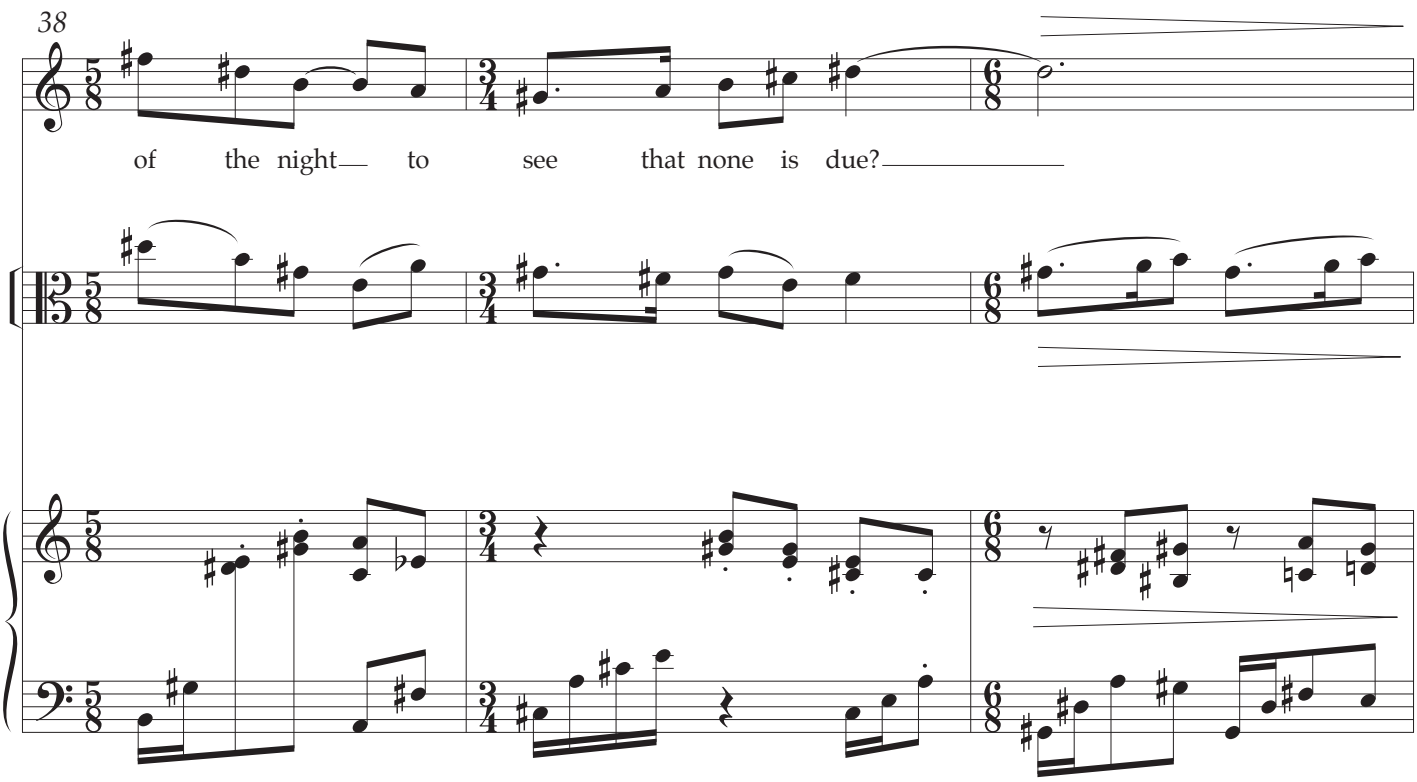

10
Write me how man - y notes there be

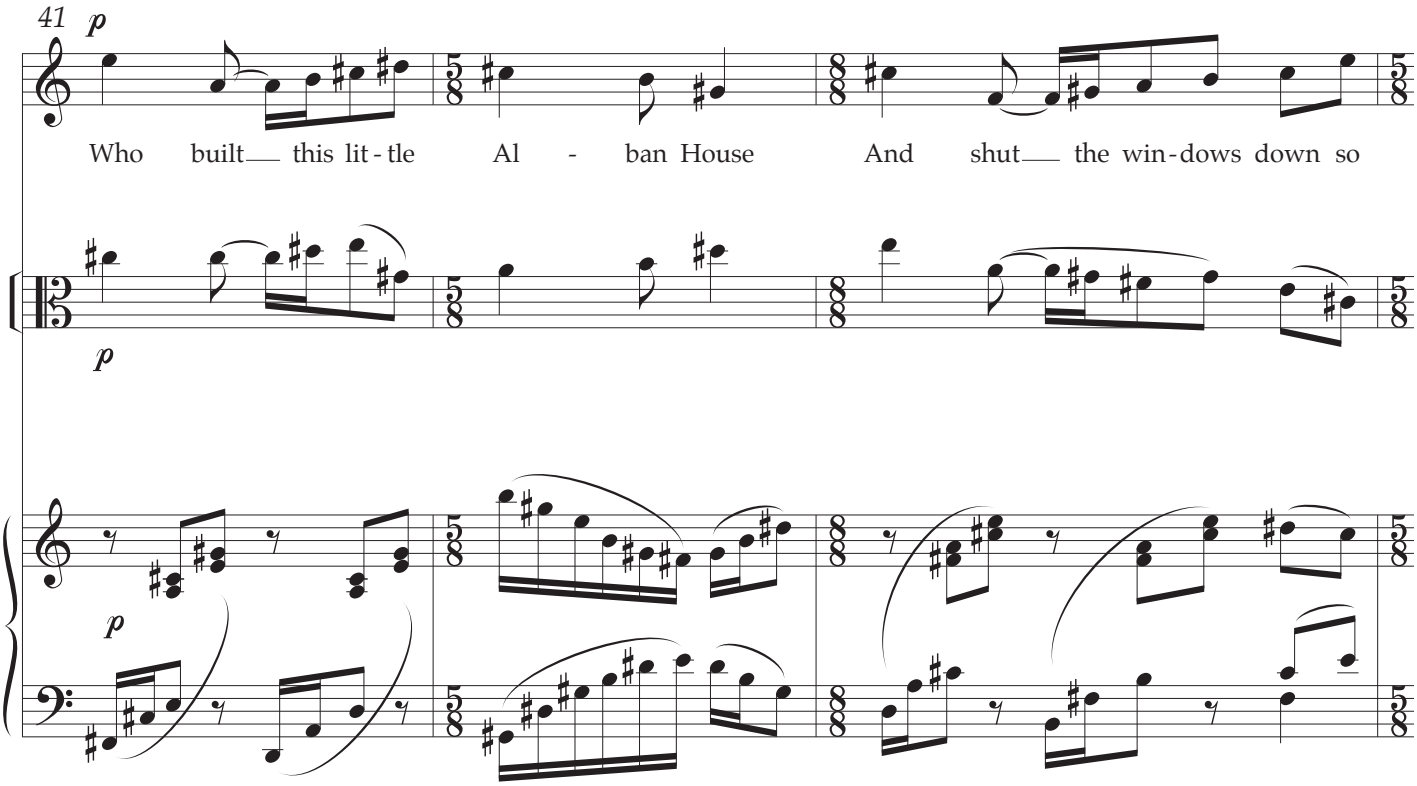

13
f
mf
In the new Rob-ins ec-sta - cy A-mong a - ston - ished boughs,
f
mf
cresc.
f
mf
16
mf
How man - y trips the Tor - toise makes, How man - y cups the
mf

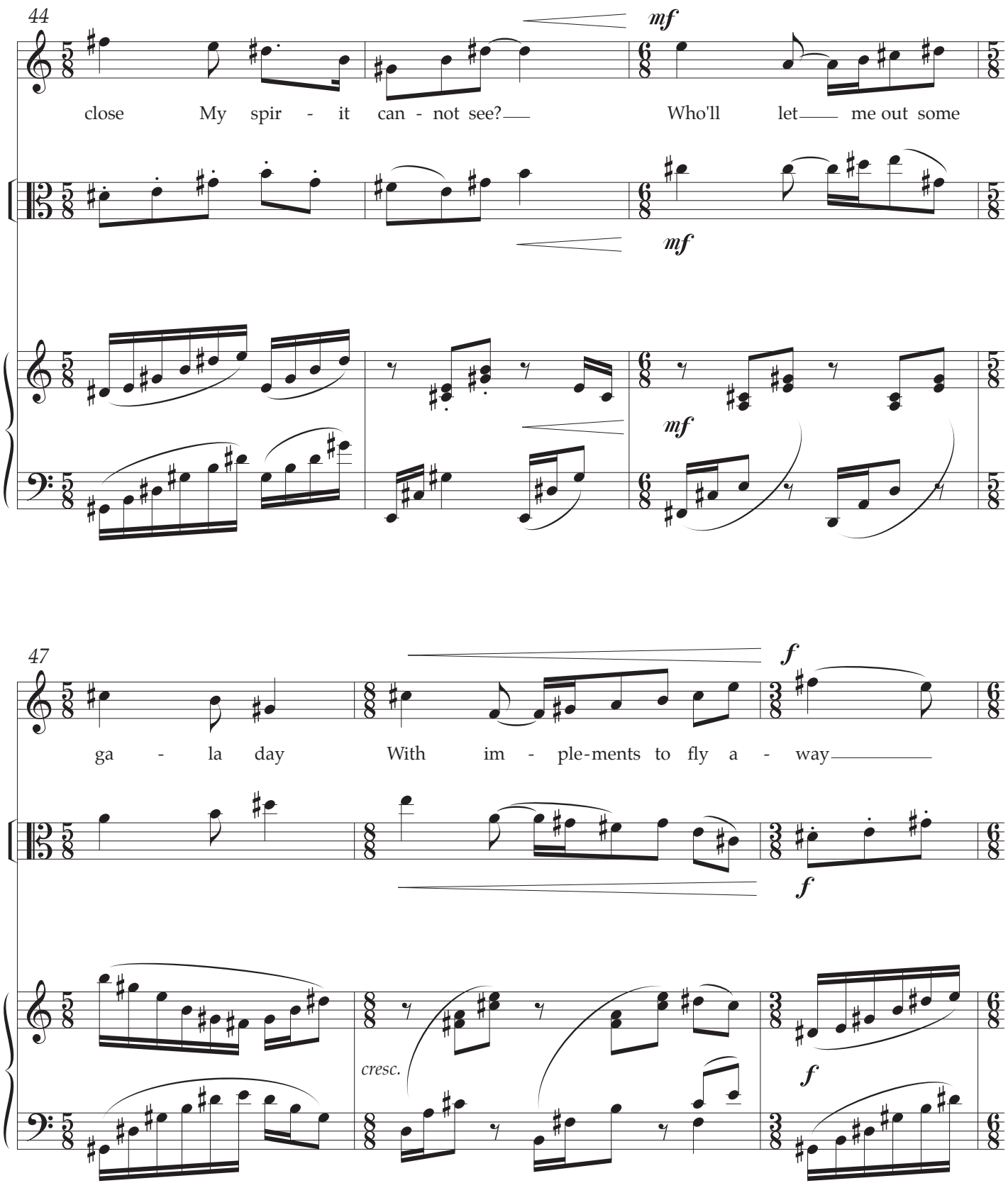

poco rit.
a tempo
19
mp
Bee par-takes, the de - bau-chee of Dews!
mf
mp
mf
23
7/8

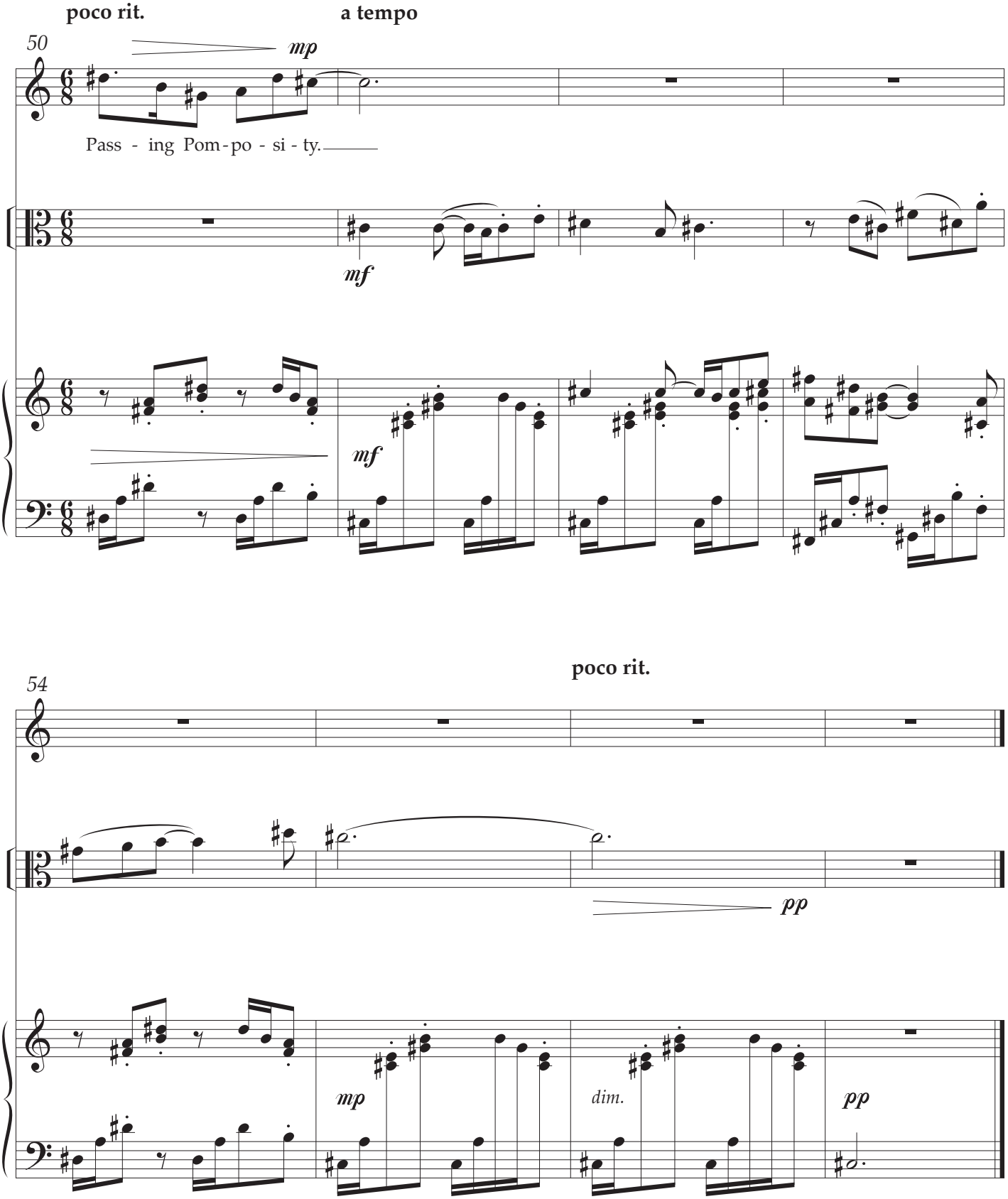

26
29
mf
Al - so who laid the Rain-bow's piers, Al - so who leads the
mf
mp


32
Do - cile spheres by withes of sup - ple blue?
35
Whose fin - gers string the sta - lac - tite, Who counts the wam - pum


38
of the night to see that none is due?


41
p
Who built this lit - tle Al - ban House And shut the win - dows down so
p
p


44
mf
close My spir - it can - not see?
Who'll let me out some
mf
mf
47
f
ga - la day With im - ple-ments to fly a - way
f
cresc.
f


poco rit.
a tempo
50
mp
Pass - ing Pom - po - si - ty.
mf
mf
54
poco rit.
pp
mp
dim.
pp