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Preface

In preparing these "Sacred Songs for Little Children," I have tried to make them short, concise and easy to remember, and for that reason many of them have but one verse. In my own teaching, I have found that additional verses have always been troublesome for little folks to learn. The central idea in the making of this book, has been to furnish suggestive material which shall not undertake to teach the lesson, but merely suggest, leaving the spiritual truths to be brought out by the teacher, just as the moral may be pointed out in any story, without being made an integral part of the story.

Just as the songs under the heading "The Awakening," suggest the Death and the Resurrection, so those under the heading, "Faith," imply or suggest faith in God. These ideas will be conveyed to the children through these suggestions, much better I think, than through explanations.

Trusting that these songs may meet the needs of my little friends, I hereby submit them to an indulgent public.

Jessie L. Gaynor

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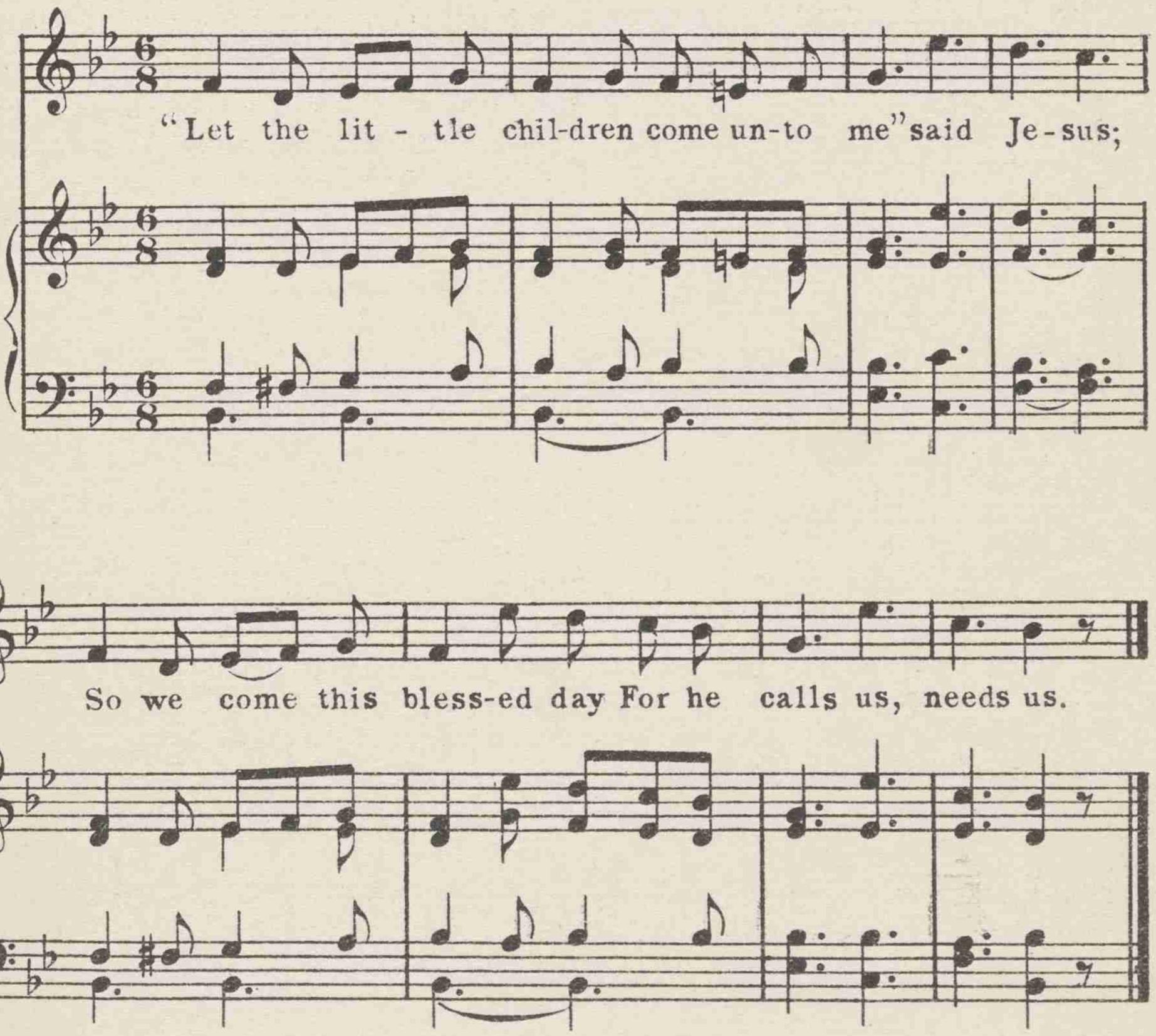
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Sacred Songs
for Little Children

OPENING SONGS

Let the little Children Come

1



Good Morning to All

2

1. Good morn - ing dear friends Good morn - ing we
2. Good morn - ing to all, to all we would

say, To teach-ers, good morn - ing, good morn - ing, good
say, A ver - y good morn - ing good morn - ing, good

morn - ing. To all a good morn-ing This fair Sab-bath day.
morn - ing. A ver - y good morn-ing Tho' rain - y and gray.

We must Thank the Rain

3

Pit - ter, pat - ter, pit - ter, pat - ter

On the win - dow pane, How they chase each

oth - er down-ward, All the drops of rain,

Wash-ing all the flow - er fa - - ces,

Bright - en - ing the grass_____

Wet-ting all the dust - y road - - ways For the

folk who pass.

`Pit-ter, pat-ter, pit-ter, pat-ter, We must thank the rain,

Pit-ter, pat-ter, pit-ter, pat-ter On the win-dow pane.

OFFERINGS

Offering

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The sun loves to give it's warmth to the earth, The

rain it's mois-ture too, And while all the great big

world loves to give I love to give, don't you?
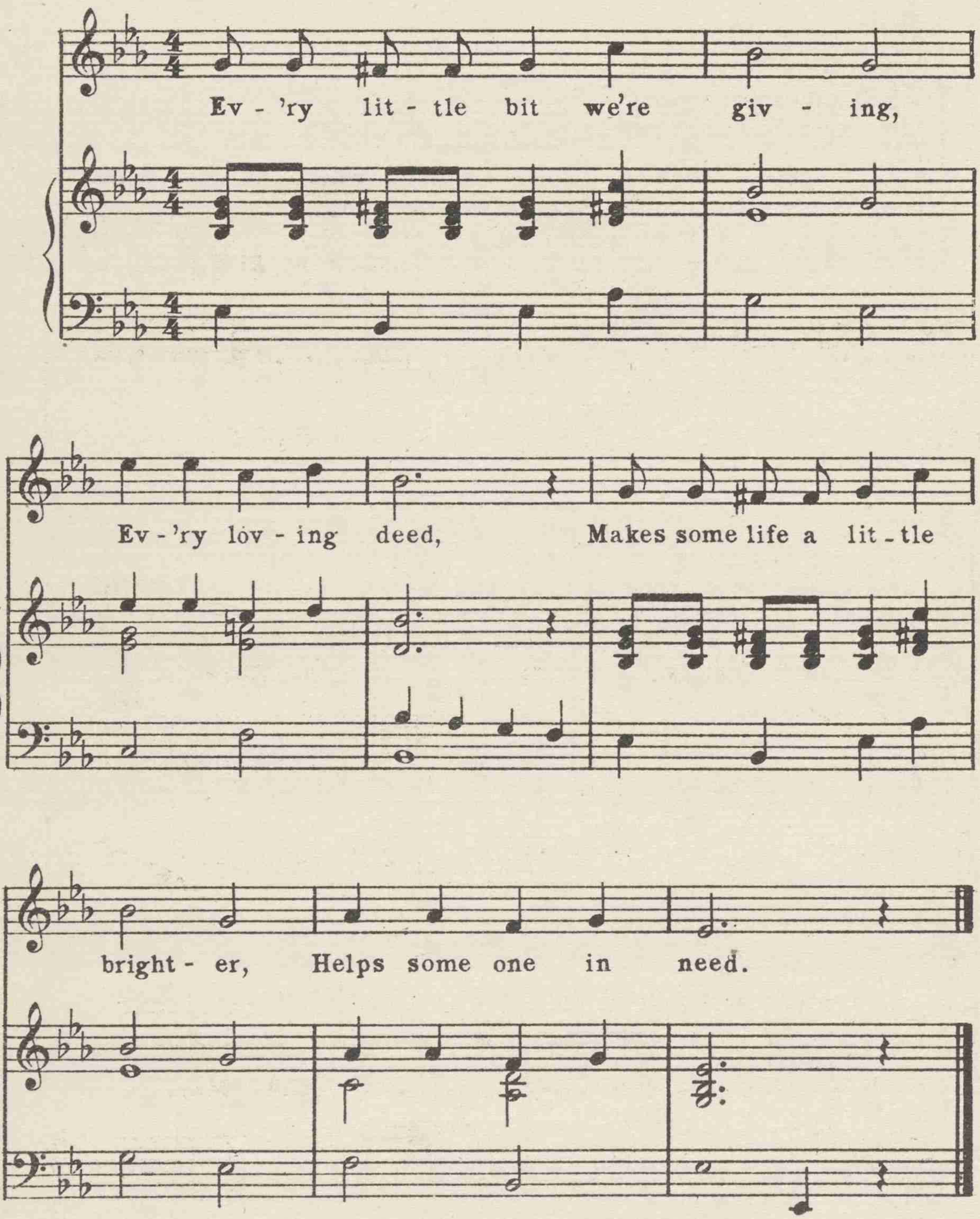
We love to give

5

We love to give as the heav-'ns give From the heart of the clouds soft gray, And we hope our gifts May bless-ings bring, As the rain on the flow'rs of May.

Every Little Bit We're Giving

6



What Can We Give Jesus?

7

What can we ___ give Je - - sus?

We would do our part,___ What can we___ give

Je - - sus? A lov - ing heart.___

Kindness

8

Ev - 'ry word of kind - ness,

Ev - 'ry smile of cheer, Helps to do the

good that Je - sus did when he was here.

CLOSING SONGS
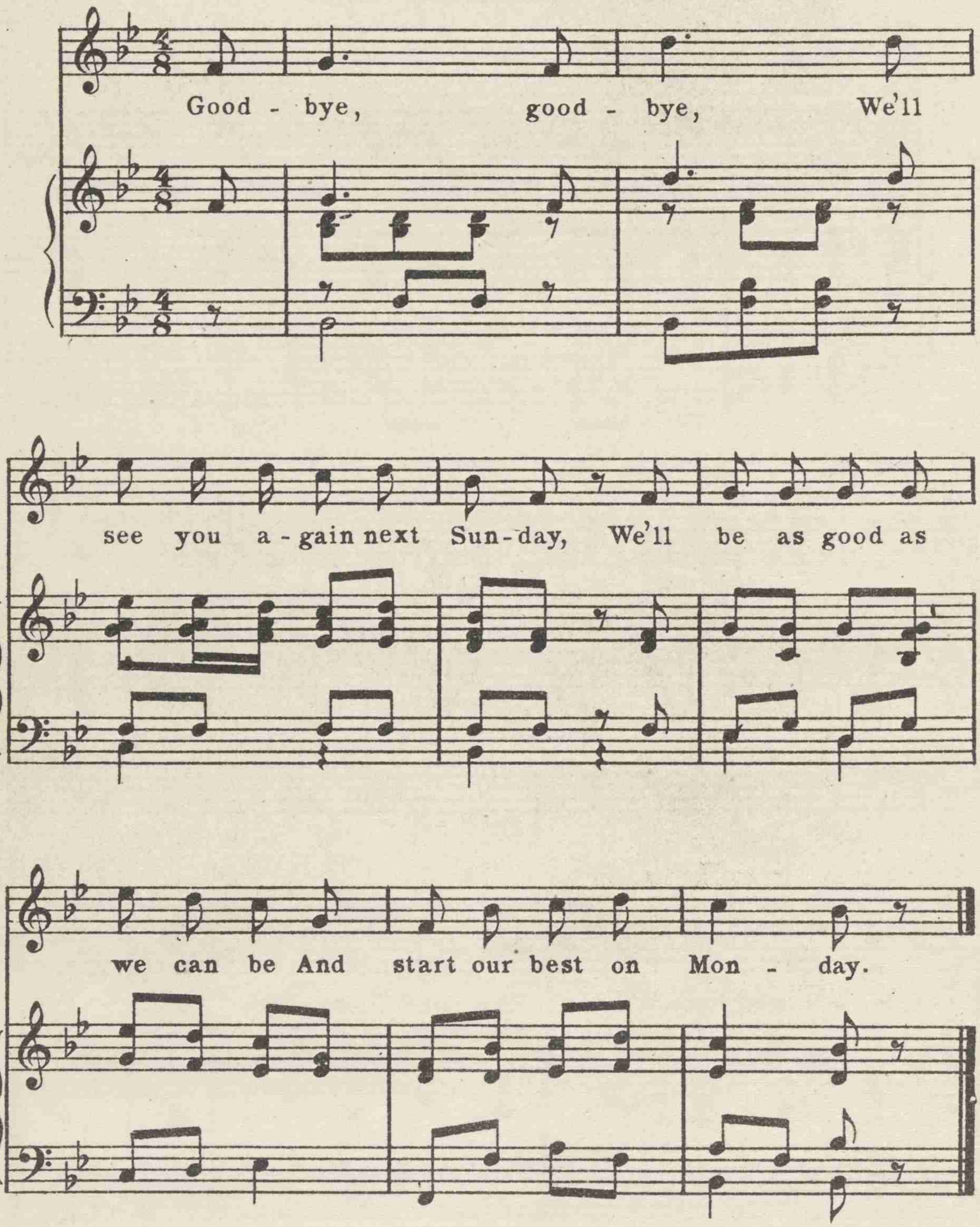
Good-bye Little Friends

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Good - bye, lit-tle friends For a week of days. May
each of us be true To the teach- ings we have
fol - lowed here To live and love and do.

Good-bye
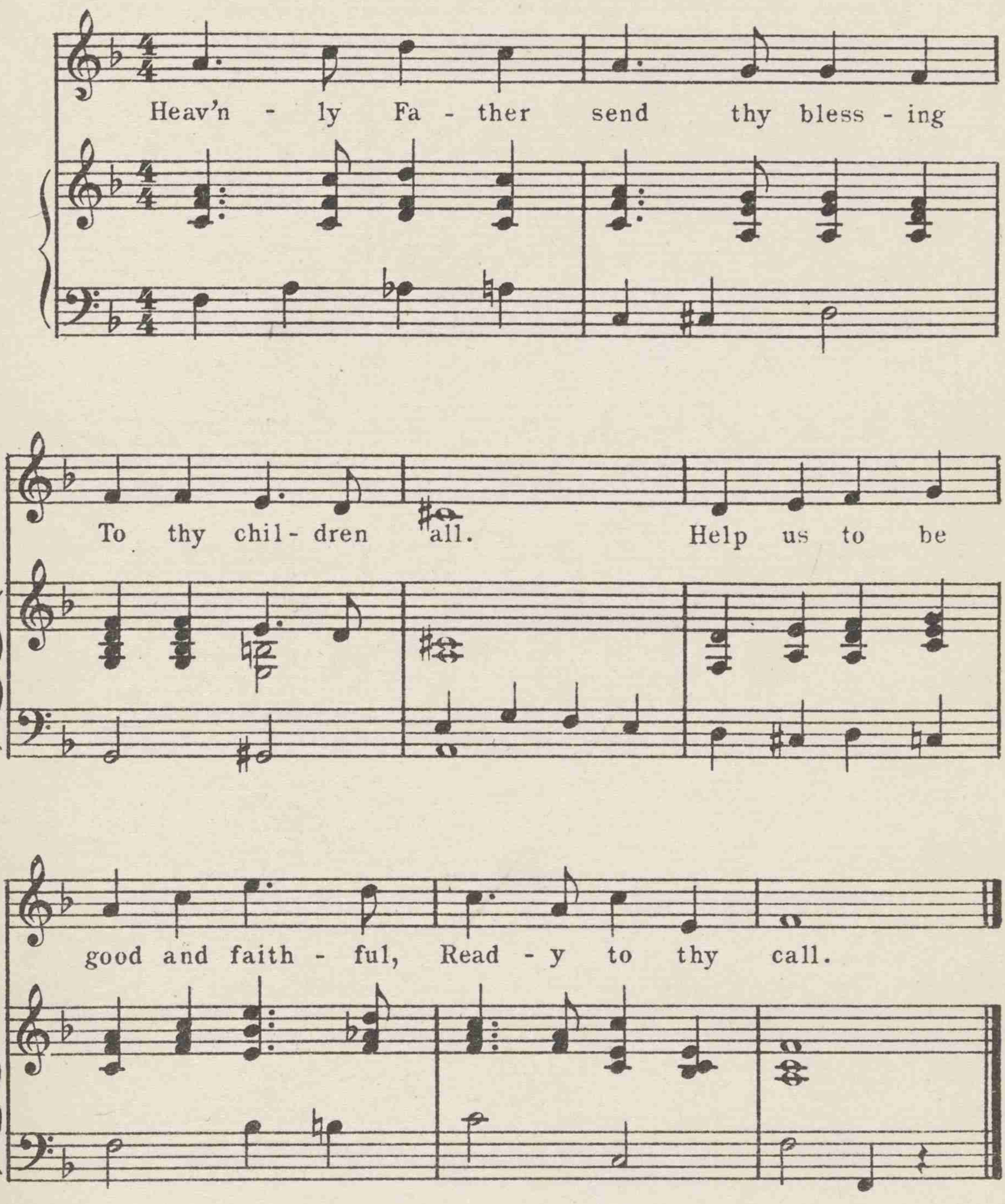
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Good - bye, good - bye, We'll
see you a - gain next Sun - day, We'll be as good as
we can be And start our best on Mon - day.

PRAYERS
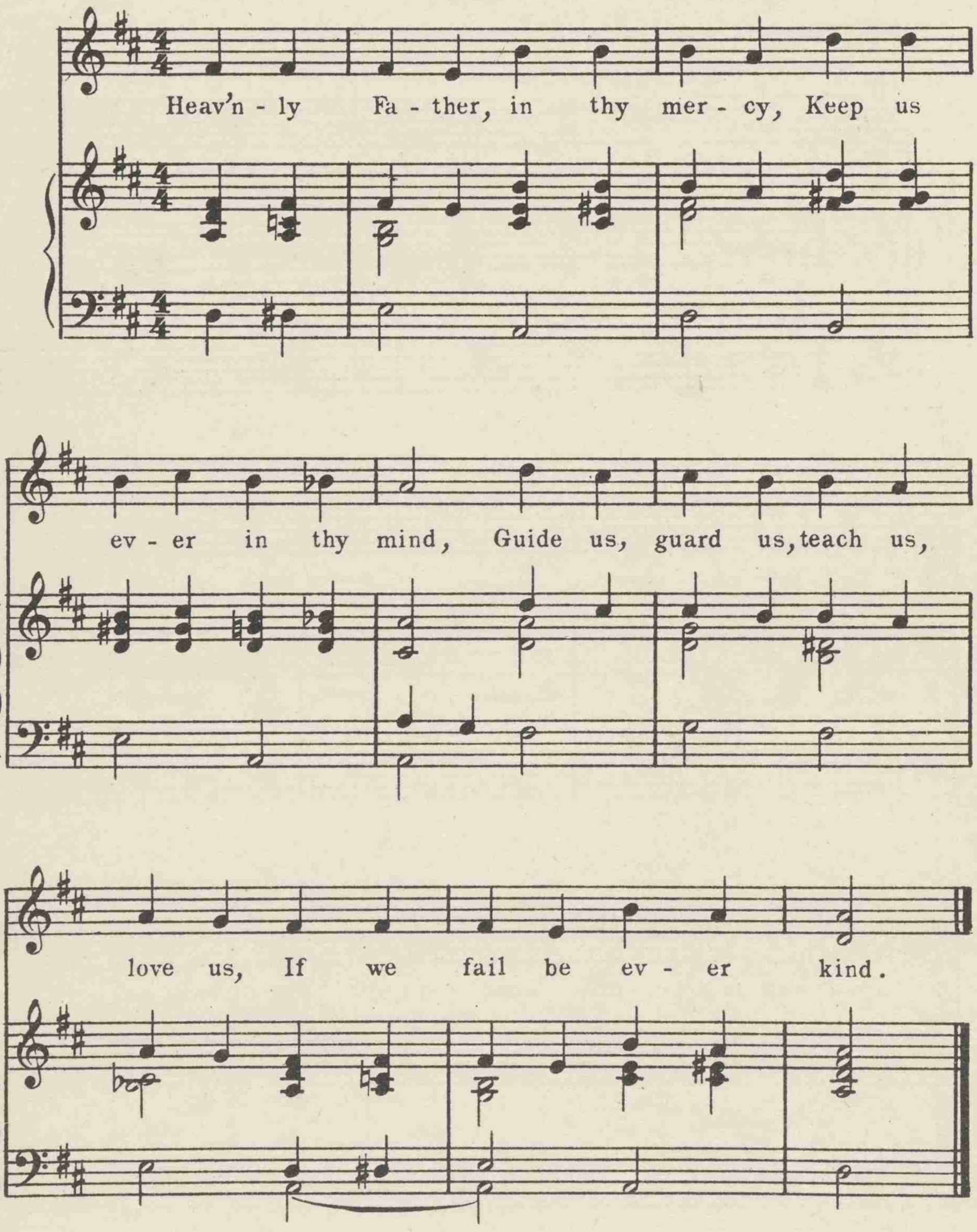
Morning Prayer

11



Prayer

12


Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, in thy mer - cy, Keep us
ev - er in thy mind, Guide us, guard us, teach us,
love us, If we fail be ev - er kind.

Care For Us

13
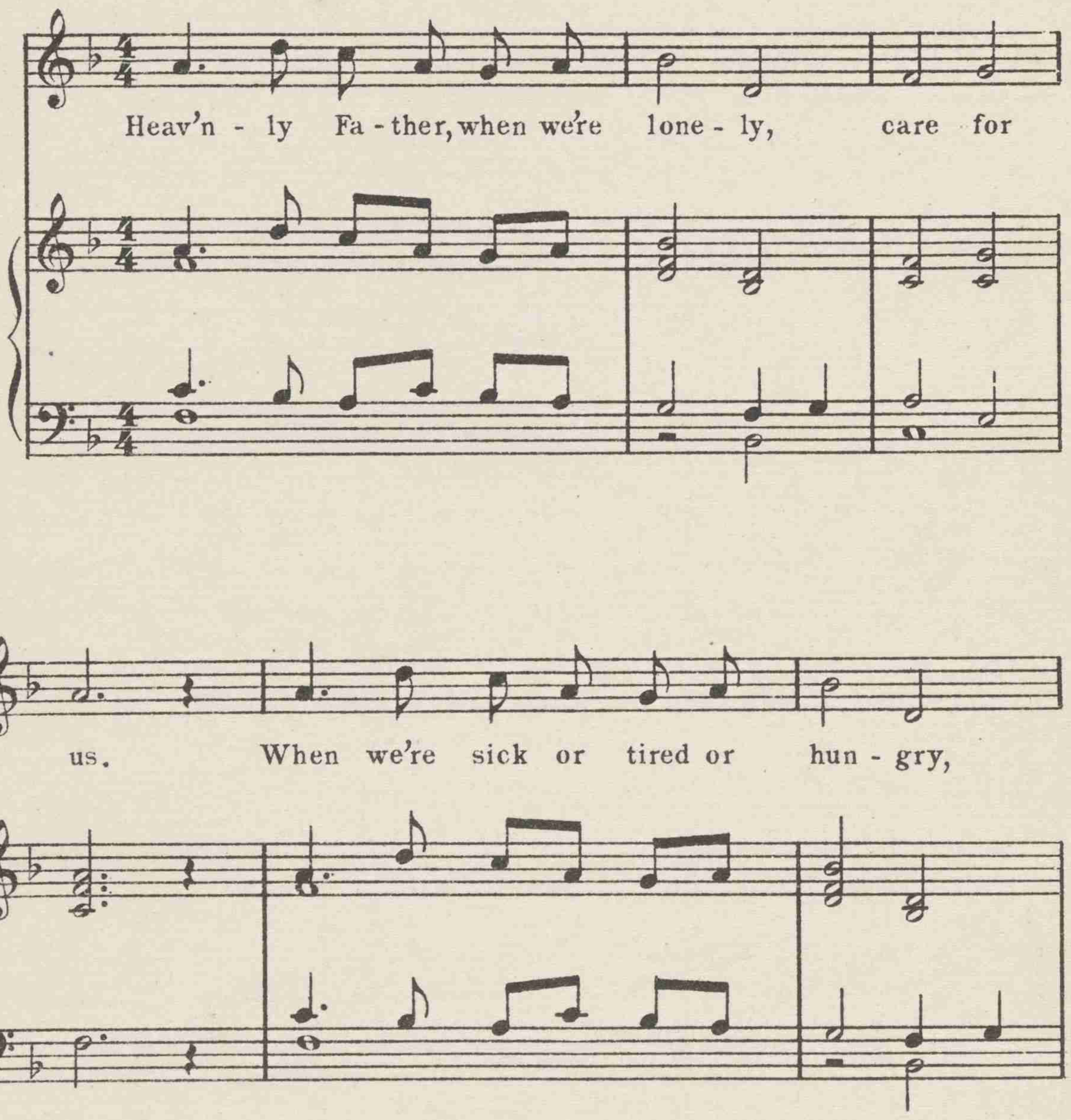
Oh keep us ev-er in thy love, Dear
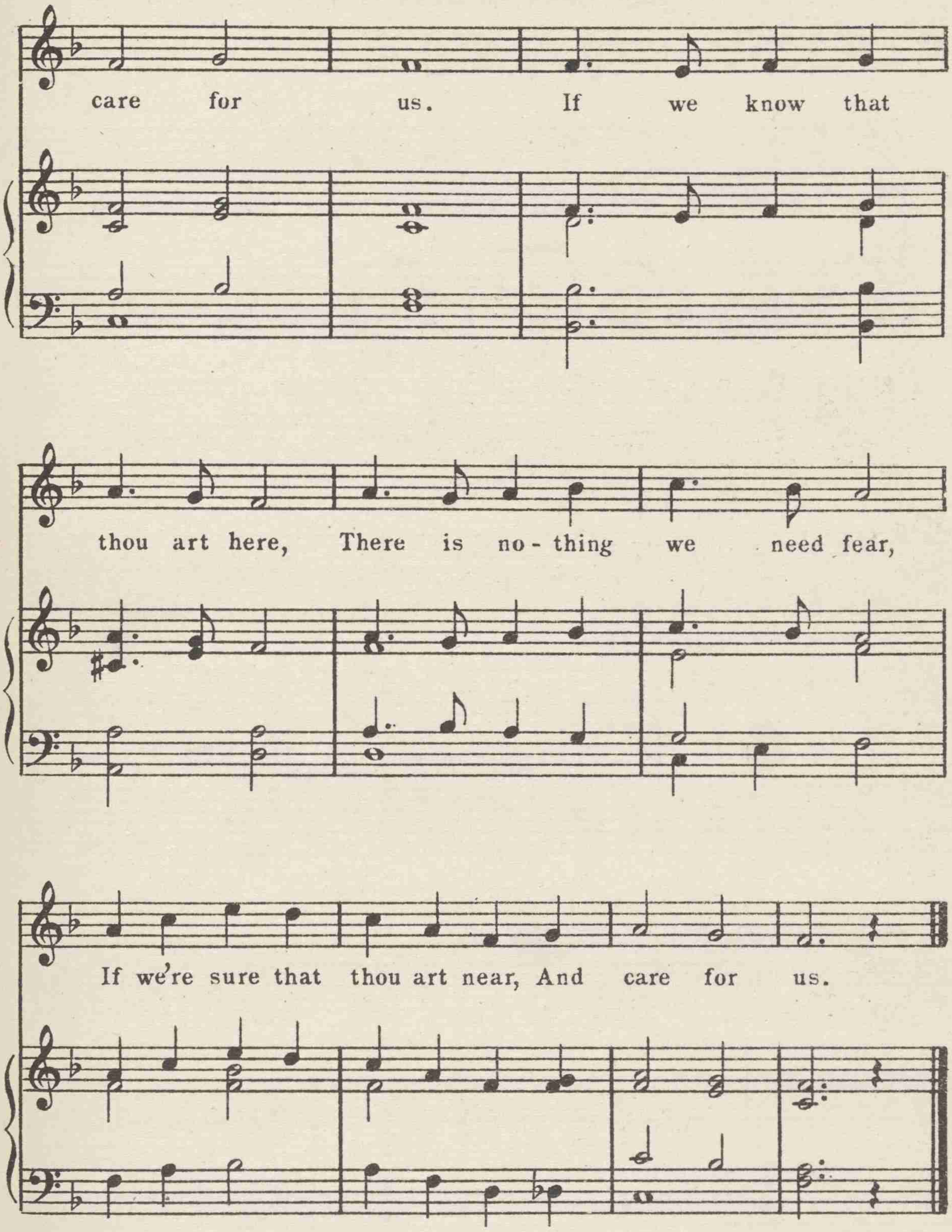
Fa - ther watch-ing from a - bove, And

care for us.

A Prayer

14


Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, when we're lone - ly, care for
us. When we're sick or tired or hun - gry,


care for us. If we know that
thou art here, There is no-thing we need fear,
If we're sure that thou art near, And care for us.

Just Because We're Here

15

Teach us how to light- en bur dens,
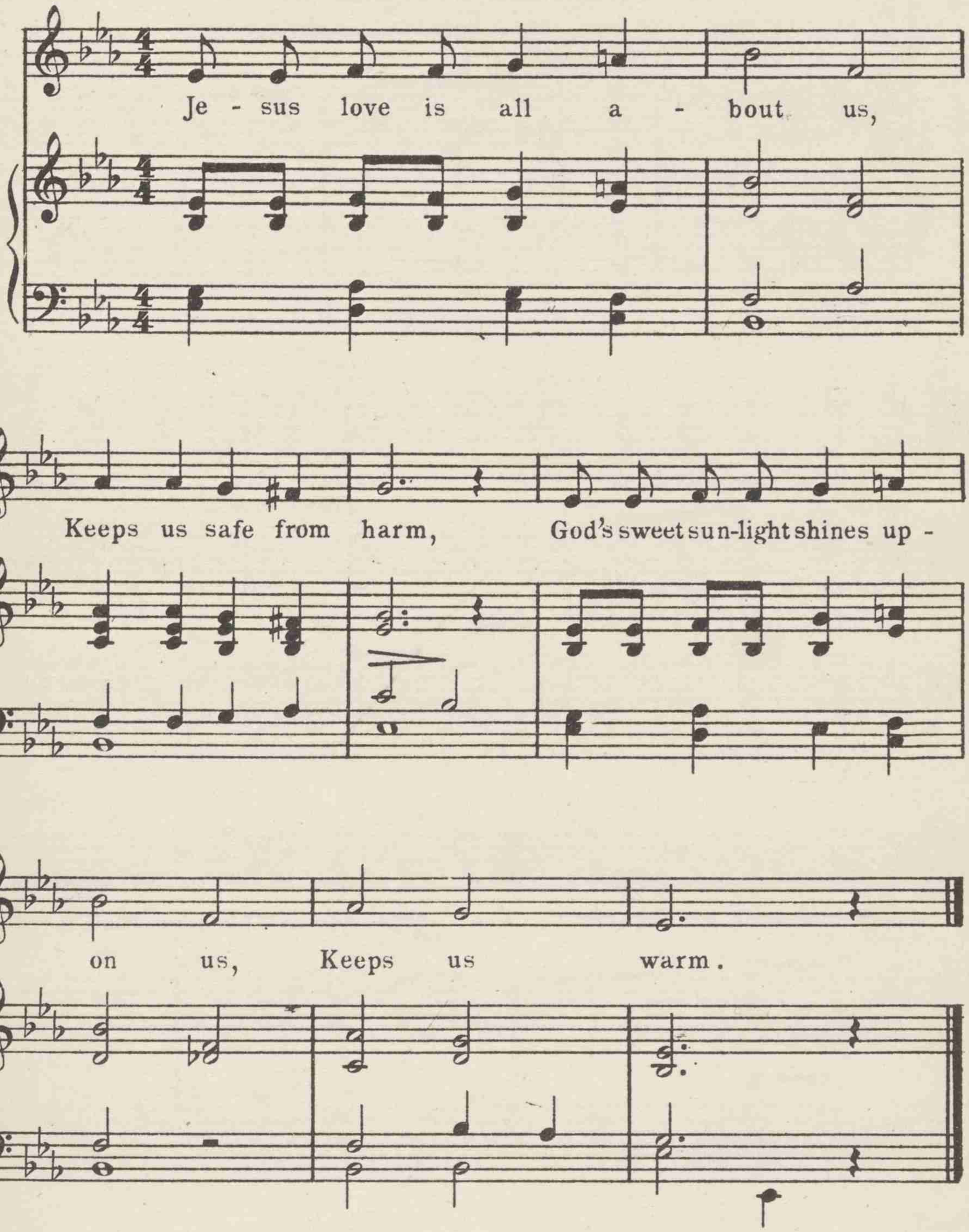
How to smile and cheer, Mak- ing ev- ery one the

bright - er, Just be - cause we're here.

SONGS OF GRATITUDE

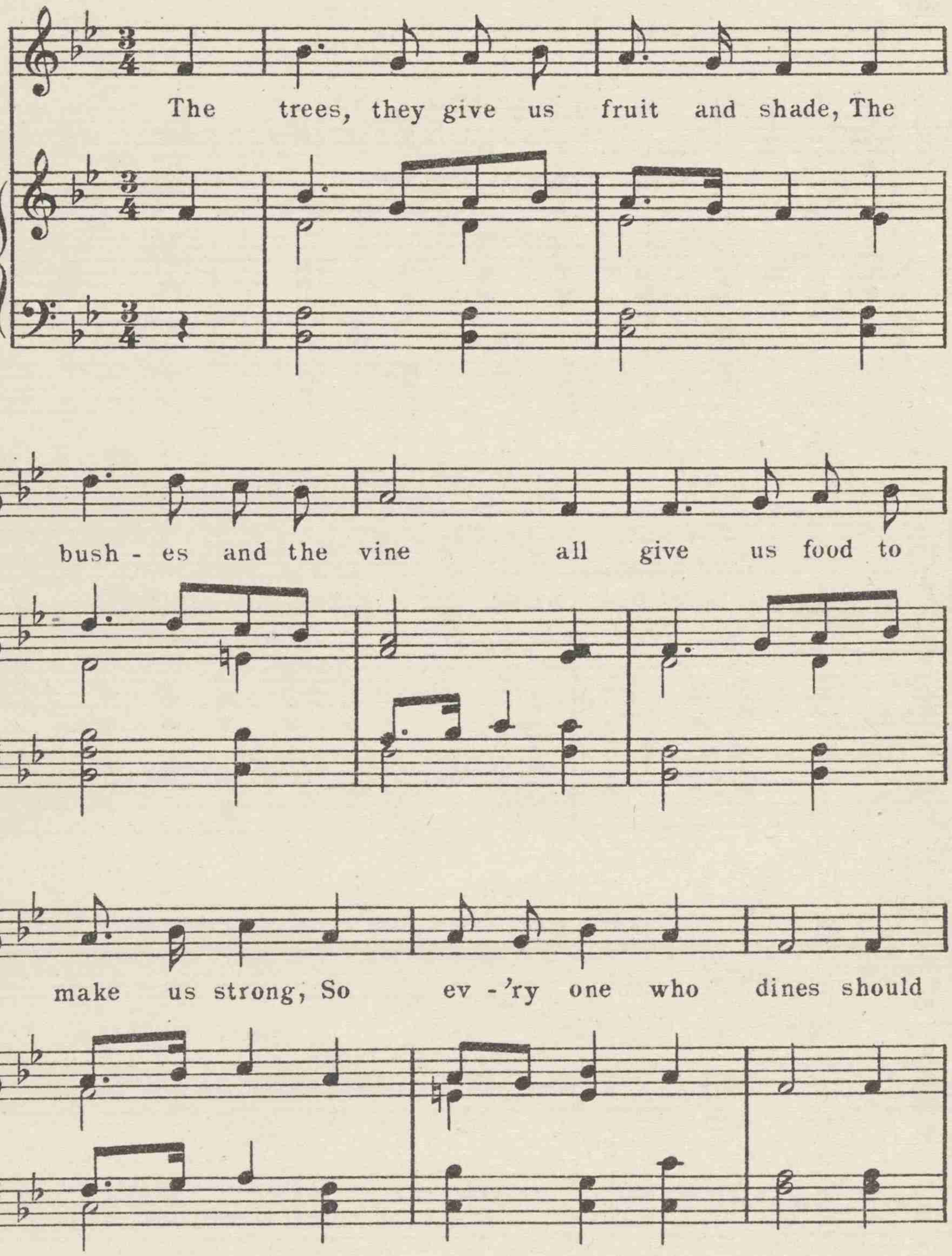
Cause for Thanks

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Thanks

17


The trees, they give us fruit and shade, The
bush - es and the vine all give us food to
make us strong, So ev - 'ry one who dines should
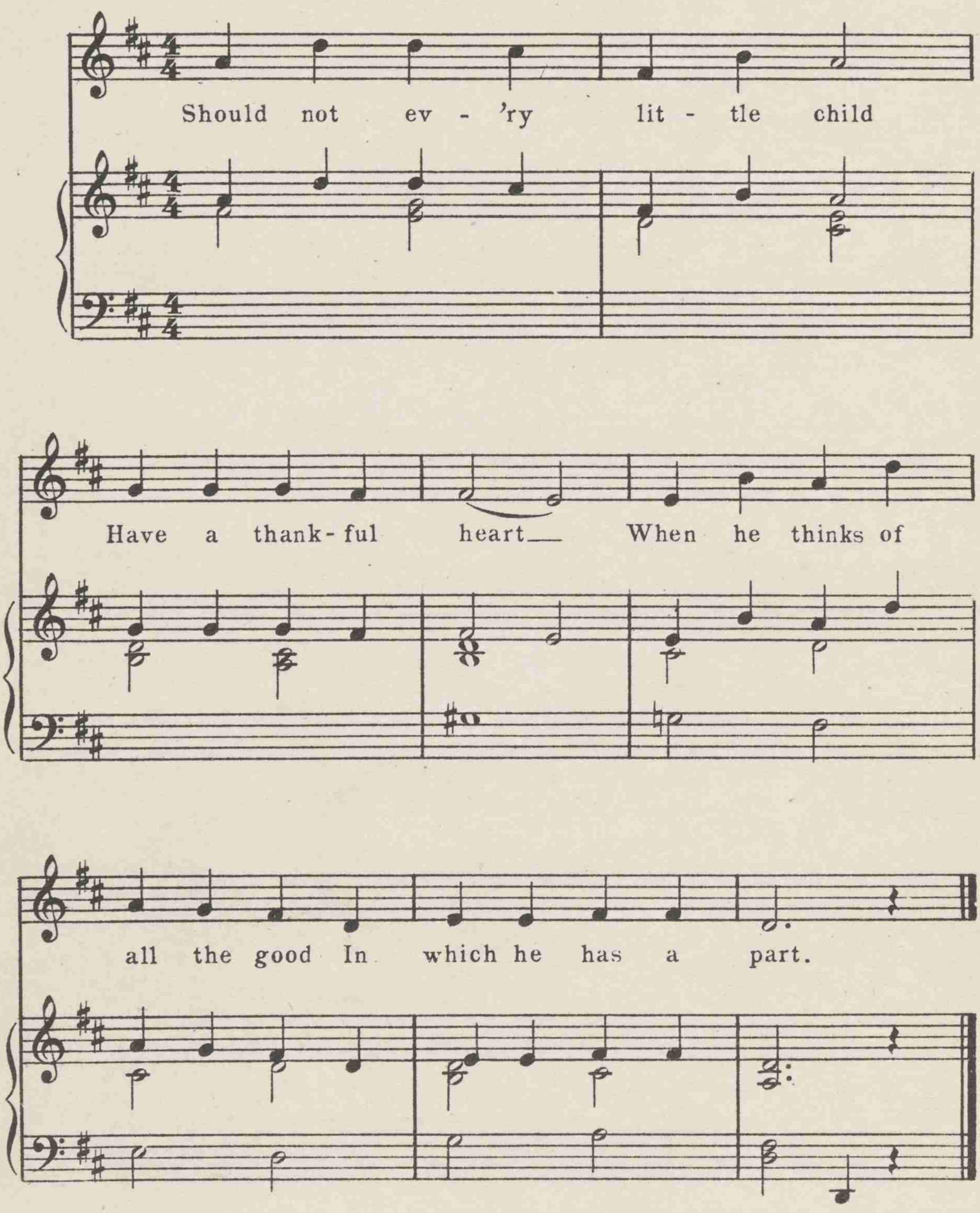
thank the Heav'n - ly Fa - ther For

all his lov - ing care, In send - ing to His

chil - dren, Of food a good - ly share.

A Thankful Heart
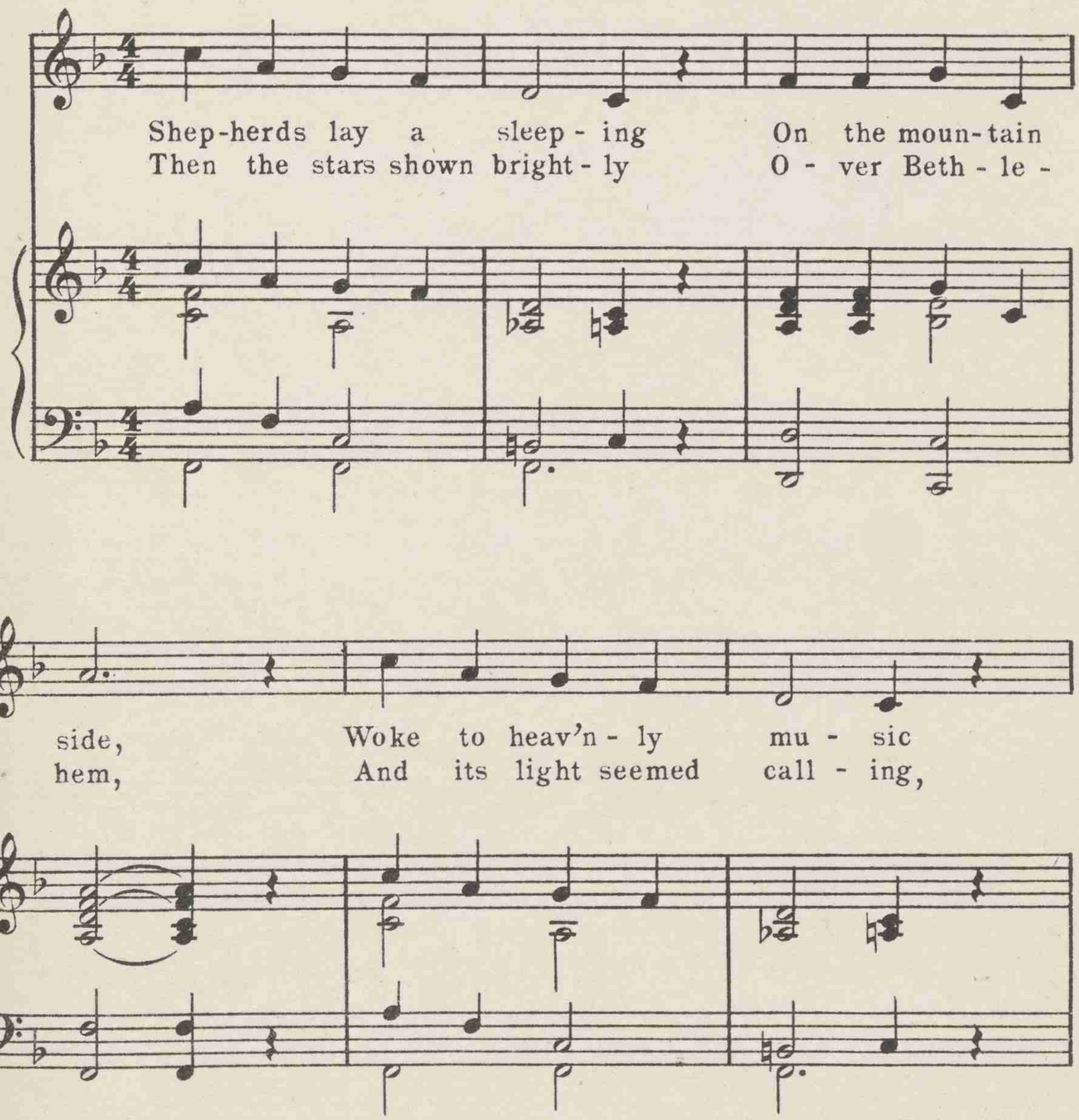
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CHRISTMAS

Christmas Song

19



Sound- ing far and wide, Woke to hear the
Beck - on - ing to them; There the shep - herds

an - gels Sing - ing sweet and clear,
found him 'Mongst the lov - ing kine,

Christ has come to save you, Christ the Lord is here.
Cra - dled in a man - ger Lay the child Di - vine.

The Wise Men

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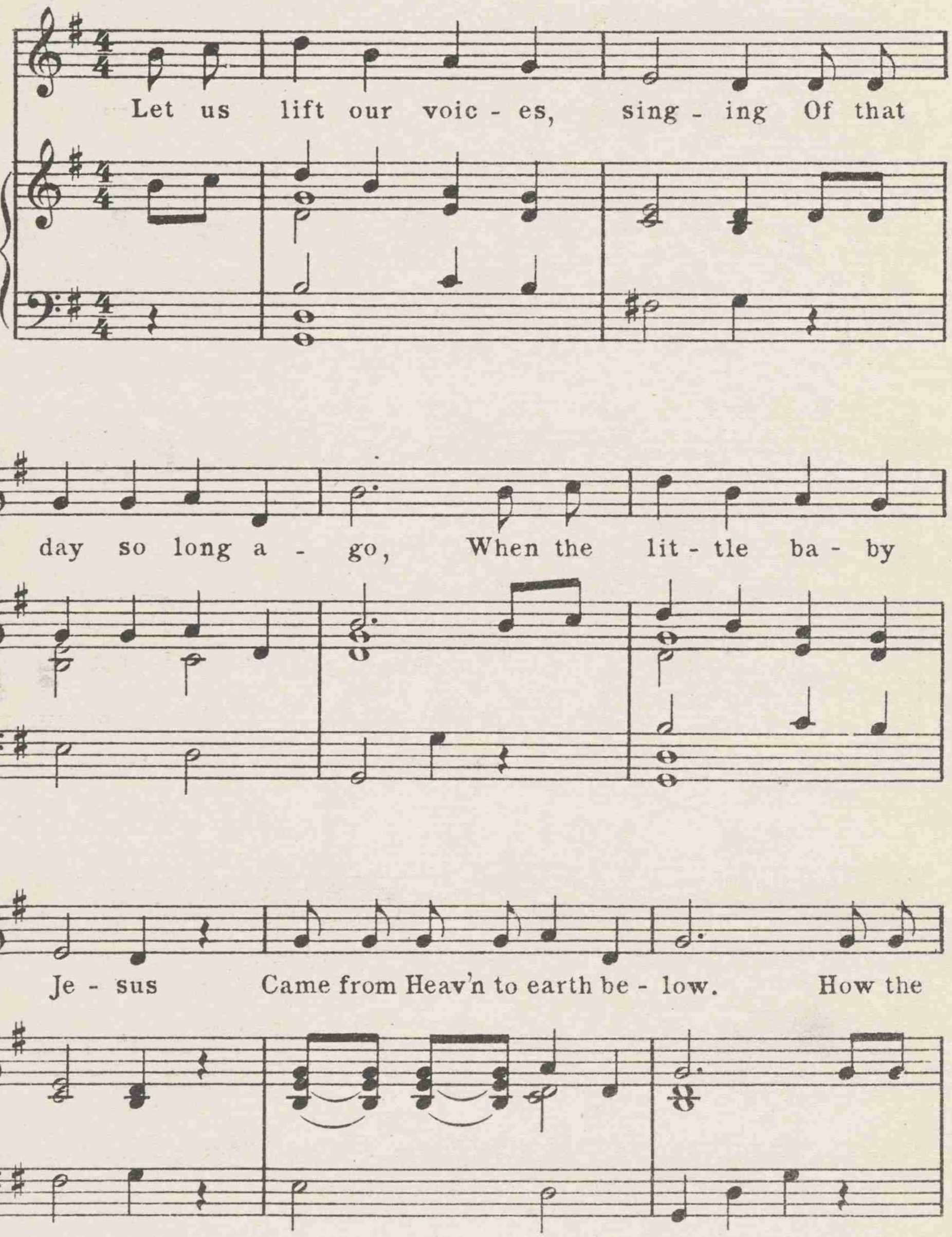
From the Ori - ent came the wise men
Pre - cious gifts both rare and cost - ly

Fol - low-ing a glo-rious star; With their cam-els
To the Christ child do they bring; At his feet they

heav- y lad - en, Gifts they're bringing from a - far.
kneel and wor- ship, Call - ing him their Lord and King.

Let us Lift Our Voices

21



shep-herds and the wise - men, Trav-el - ers from lands a -

far, Found at last the in - fant Je - sus,

Guid - ed by a bril - liant star.

The Legend of the Firs

22

ALICE ORUS ALLEN

1. Why are the firs so — green, so green,
2. For this is the eve of — ho - ly night, The
3. And ev - er green the — firs shall be, And

Why do they whis-per and sing? The firs are green for their
stars are shin - ing high. The fir trees sing their
ev - er shall they sing, When all the woods are

hearts are young. They whis - per — of the King.
old - en song, The King is — pass - ing by.
bare and still, The birth song of the King.

Fine

Who is the King? Will he come this way? Shall we see him pass-ing by?
Our boughs are green When all the world Is white with frost and snow,

The lit - tle child of Beth - le - hem Is King and he draw-eth nigh.
We hail his birth, the dear Christ child, With the song of long a - go.

to 3rd verse.

Our Gift

23

The wise men brought their pres - ents To

lay at Je - sus' feet, How hap - py must they

then have been To bring their tri - butes sweet. And
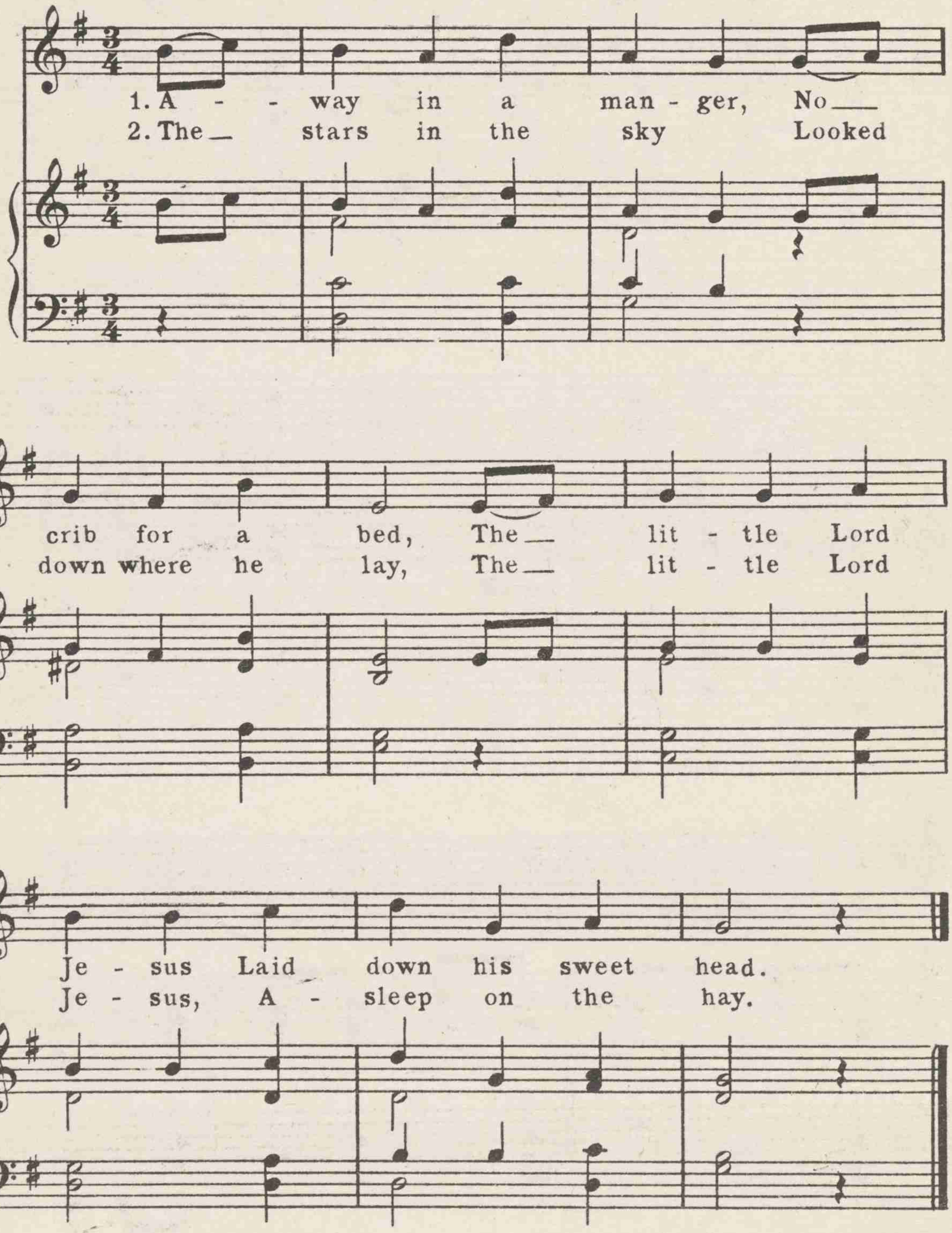
now we long a gift to bring, A

gift than all more fair, A lit - tle gift, but

from our hearts Our love's the gift we'd share.

Luther's Cradle Hymn

24



NEW YEAR

Good-bye to the Old Year

25

Good - bye to the old year, Good

day to the new. I hope you come with

good to us And that we're good to you.

Greeting to New Year

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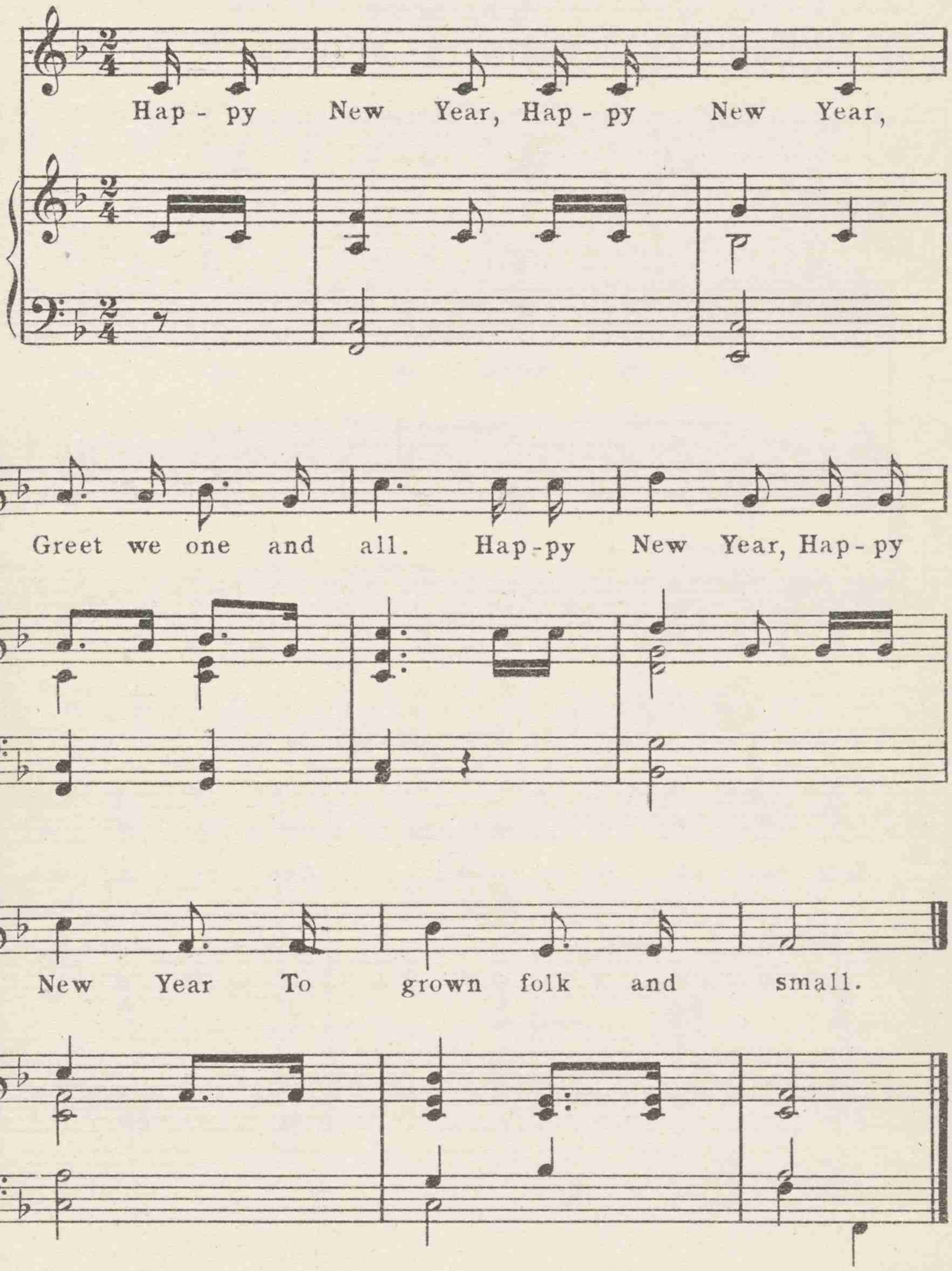
We're on the thresh-hold of New Year And

o - pen is the door I'll en- ter in a

bet - ter child Than I have been be - fore.

Happy New Year
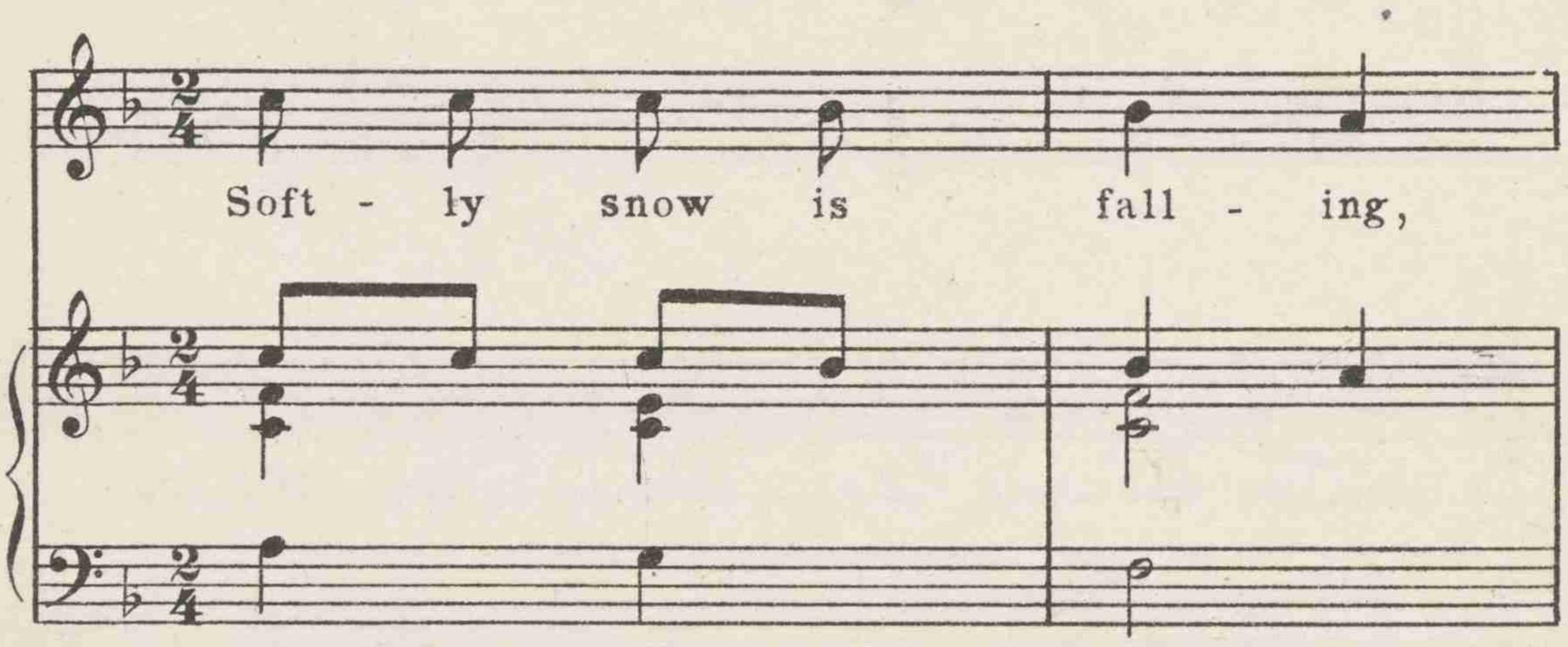
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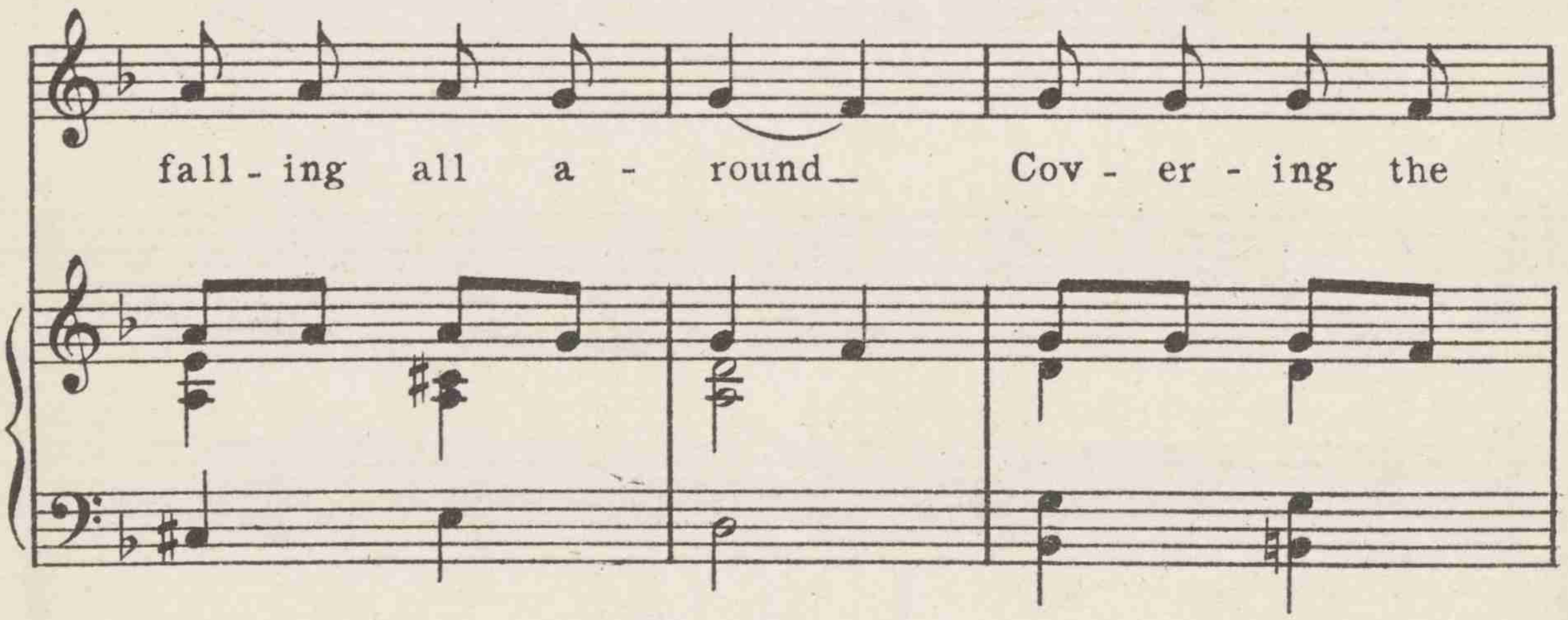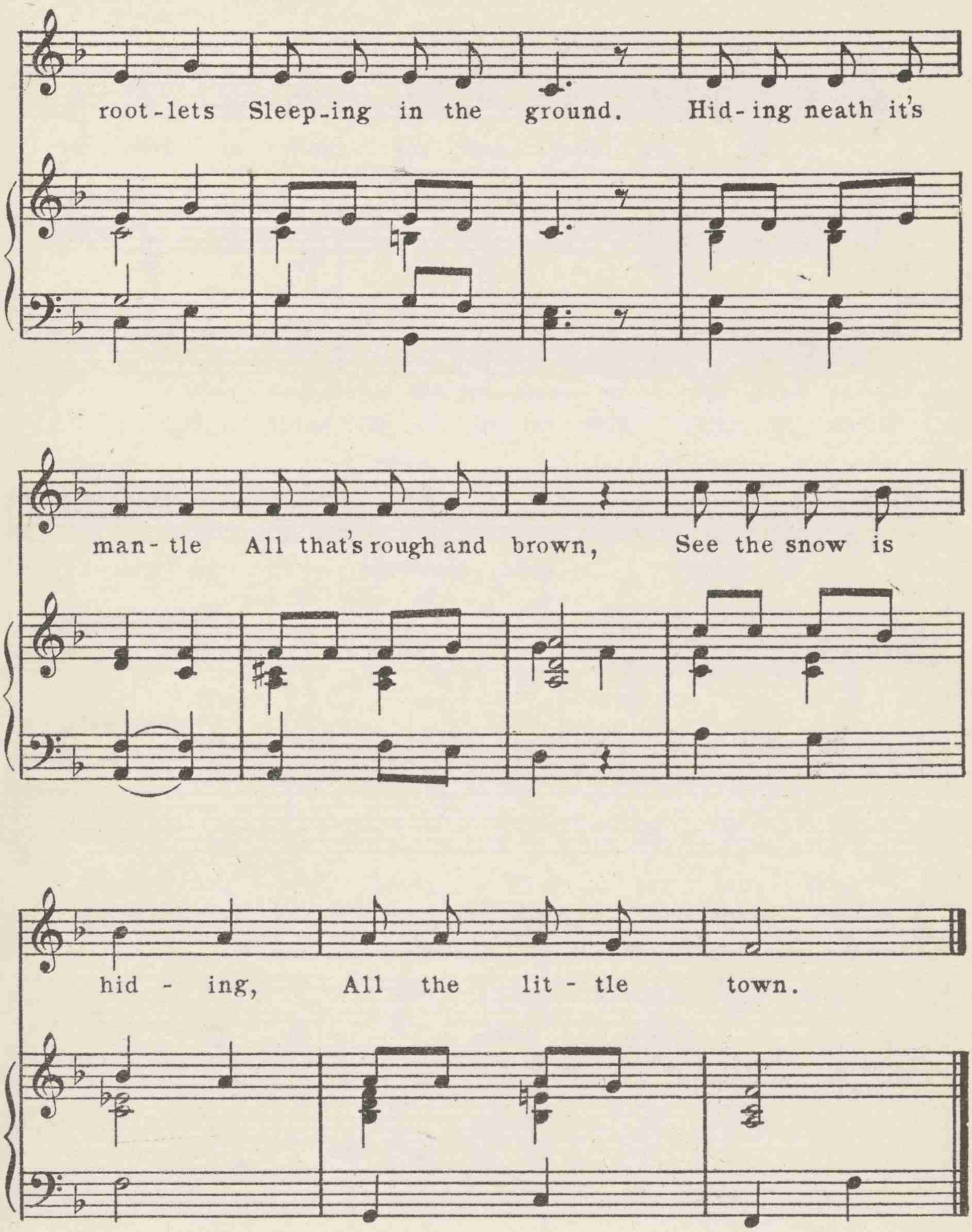


WINTER

The Snow

28






root-lets Sleep-ing in the ground. Hid-ing neath it's
man-tle All that's rough and brown, See the snow is
hid - ing, All the lit - tle town.

May I Help

29

My fa - ther and my moth - er give me
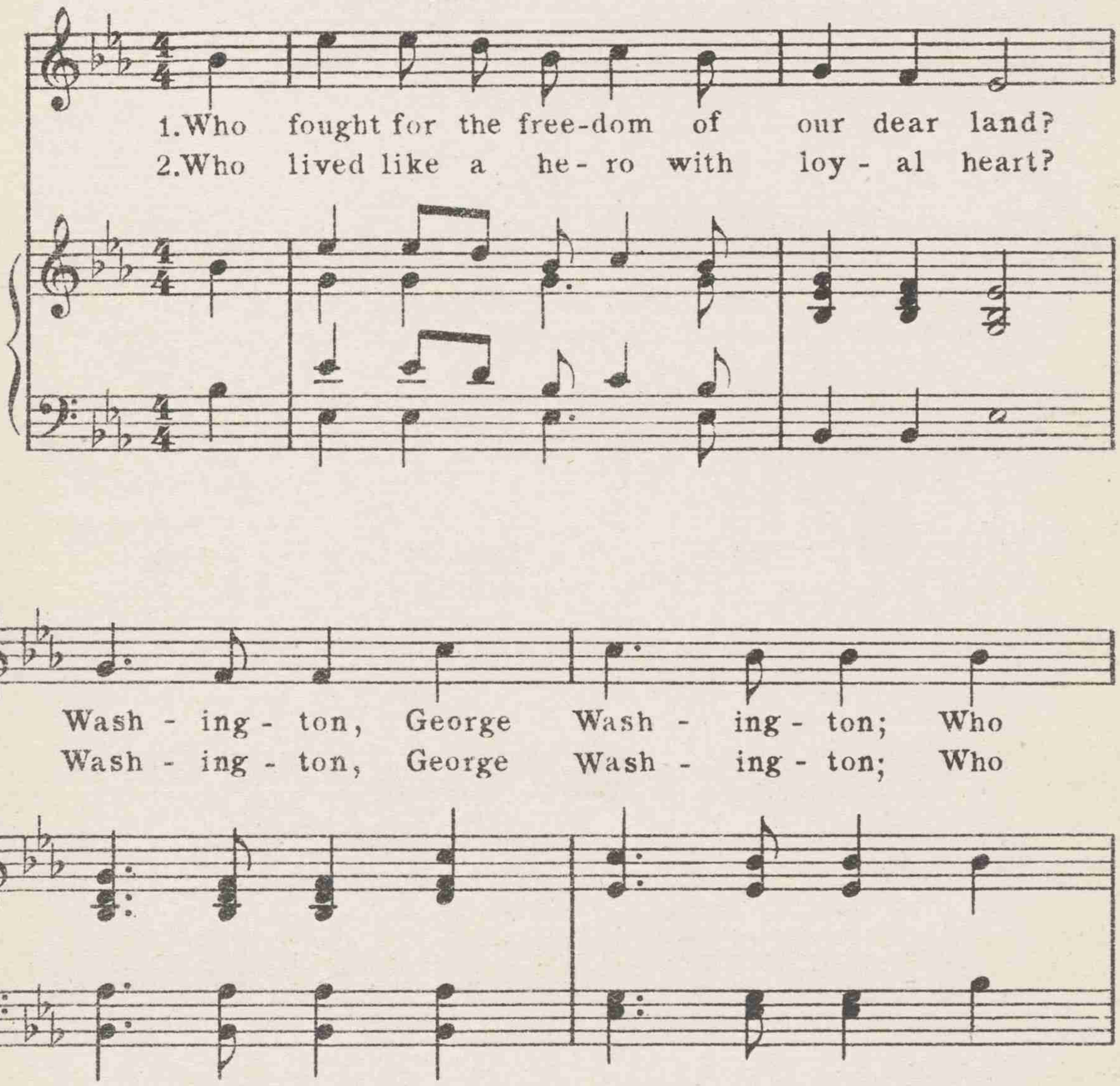
ev - 'ry - thing I need, May not I in win - t'ry

weath - er, Help God's need - y ones to feed?

GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington

30



ruled o'er the peo - ple with kind, just hand?
played in our coun - try a no - ble part?

Wash - ing - ton, George Wash - ing - ton.
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hail him the fa - ther of our coun - try, A

sol - dier to his na - tion true, We

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fend - er of the red white and blue.

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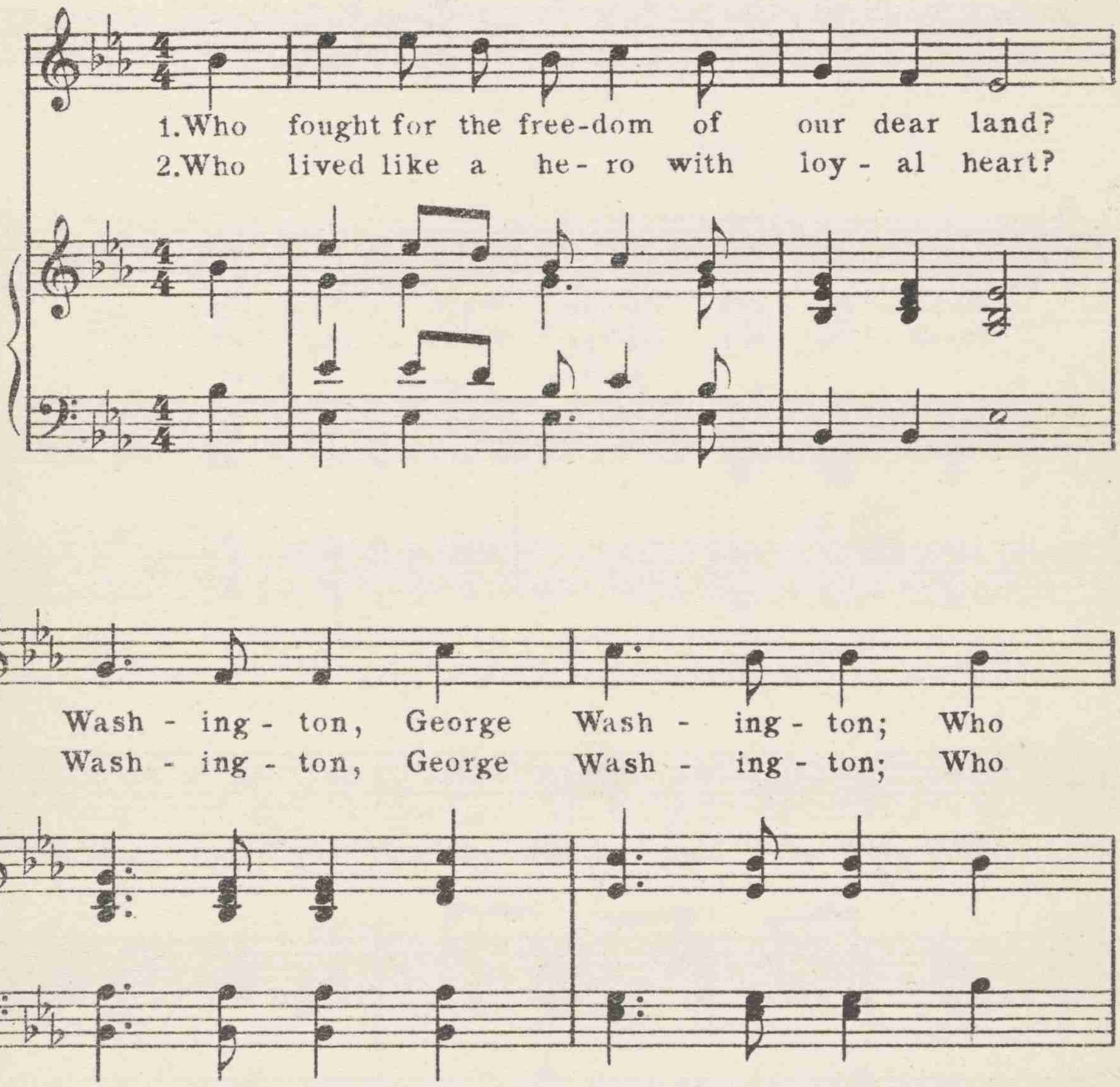
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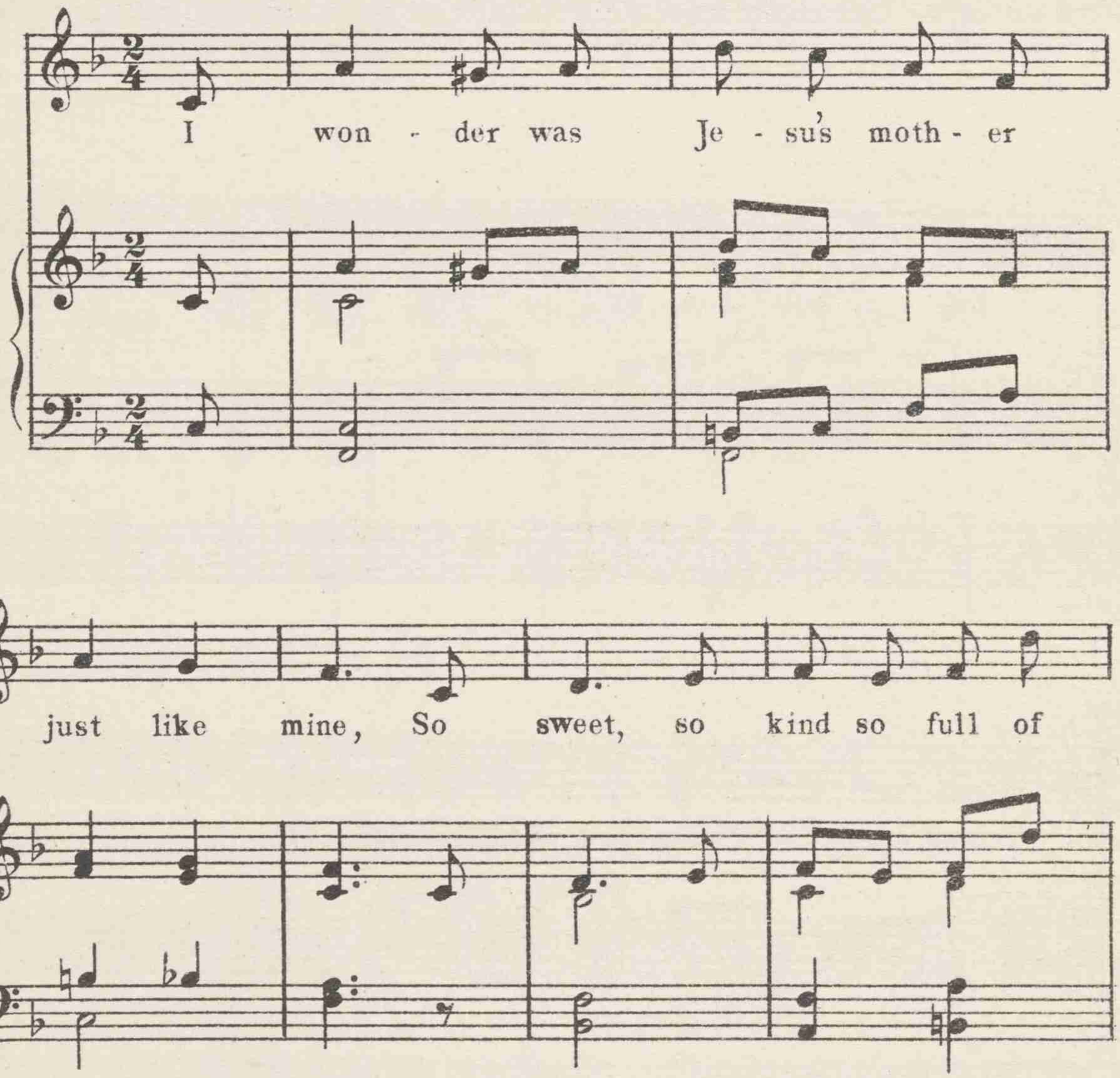
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fend - er of the red white and blue.

PARENT LOVE

Jesus' Mother

31



joy ___ And did ___ she

love ___ him as moth - er does me, When

he was a lit - tle boy? ___

My Mother

32

My moth - er is the dear - est thing in

all the world to me___ I of - ten wish that

she were small and I as tall as she___ I'd
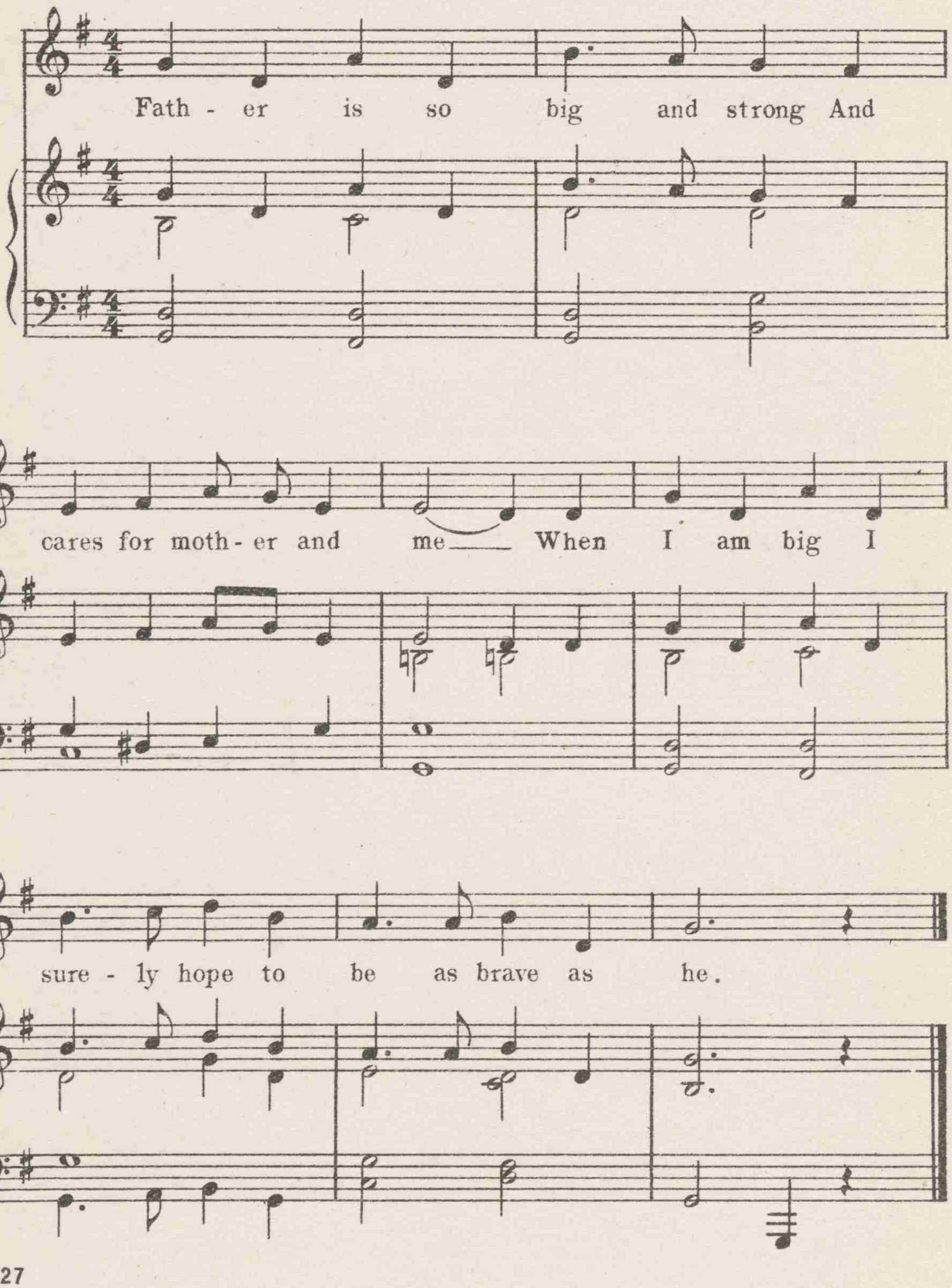
love to take such care of her as she dose now of

me ___ When she gets lit - tle and

I get big that's what I'll do, you see.___
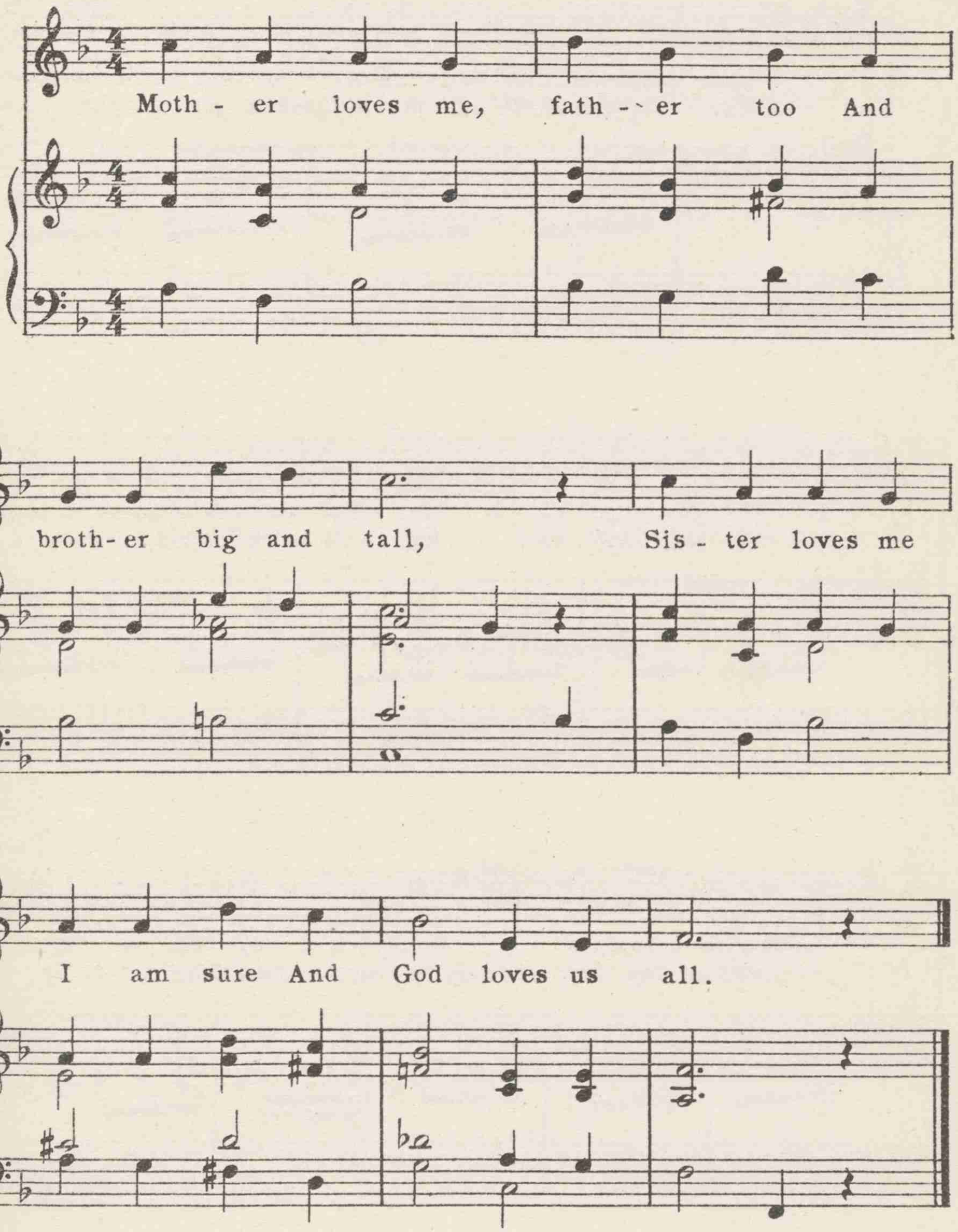
Father

33


Fath - er is so big and strong And
cares for moth - er and me___ When I am big I
sure - ly hope to be as brave as he.

God Loves Us All

34



Parents

35

1. The moth - er bird cud-dles her ba- bies to rest, So I do you, my ba - by, She cov-ers them warm neath her
2. The fa-ther birds off at the break o' day, As dad - dy is_ my ba - by, To work for his fam - i - ly

feath-ered breast, So I ___ hold you, my ba - by.
in the same way As dad-dy for us, my ba - by.

poco rit.

Rock-a-bye

36

Moth-er bird sings to the bird in the nest "So

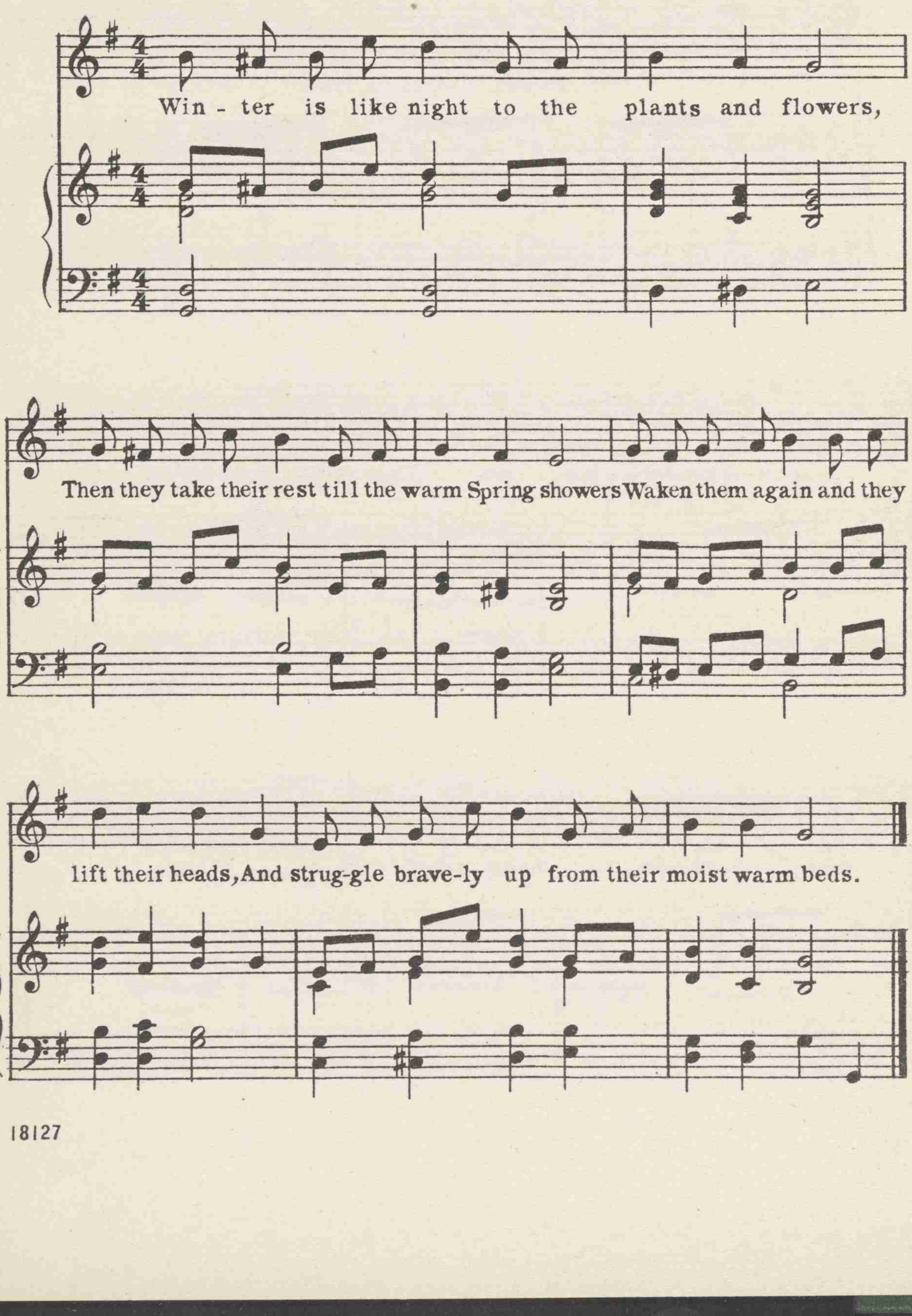
rock-a-bye, Rock-a - bye, The moth-er holds ba-by dear

close to her breast, So rock-a-bye, rock-a - bye.

THE AWAKENING

The Resurrection

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Winter

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The trees have lost their leaves And the branch-es bare

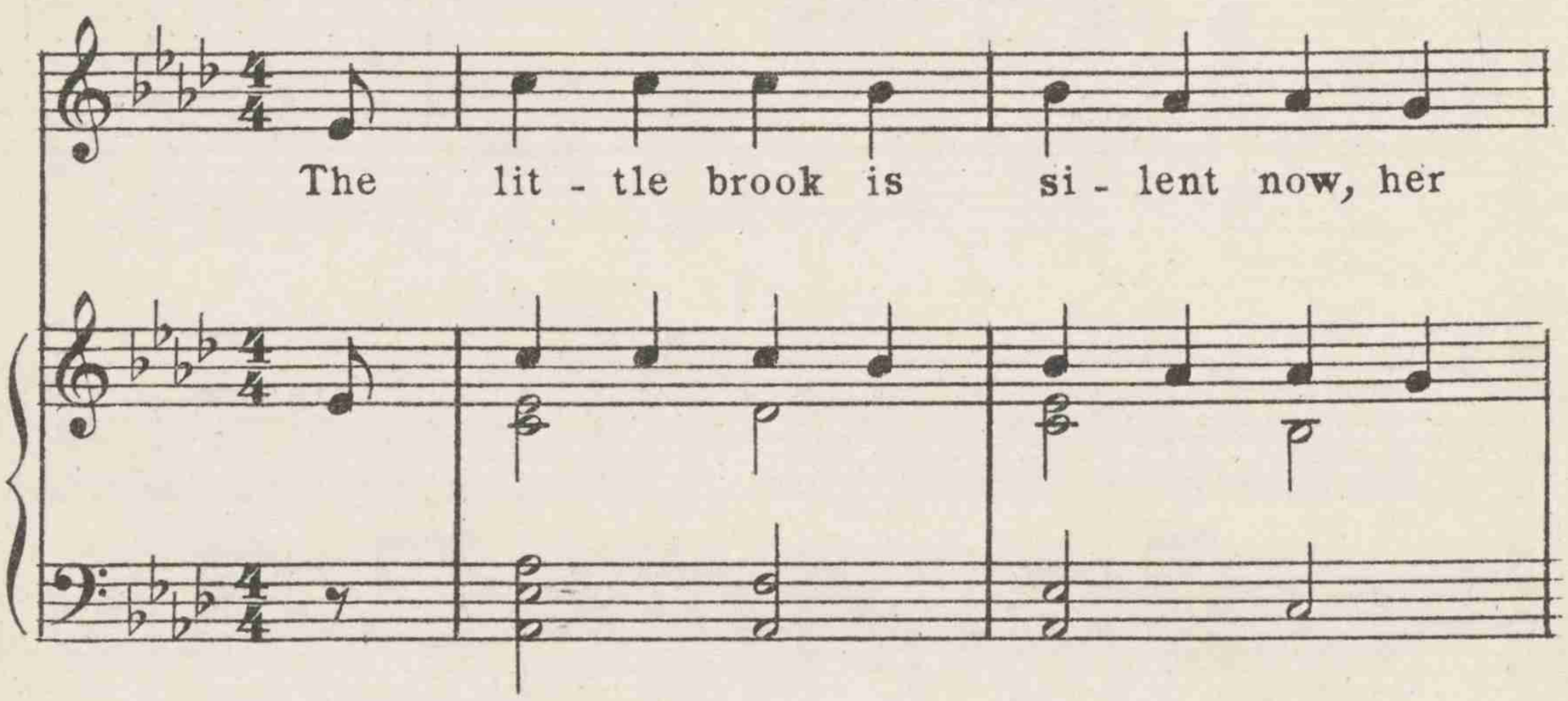
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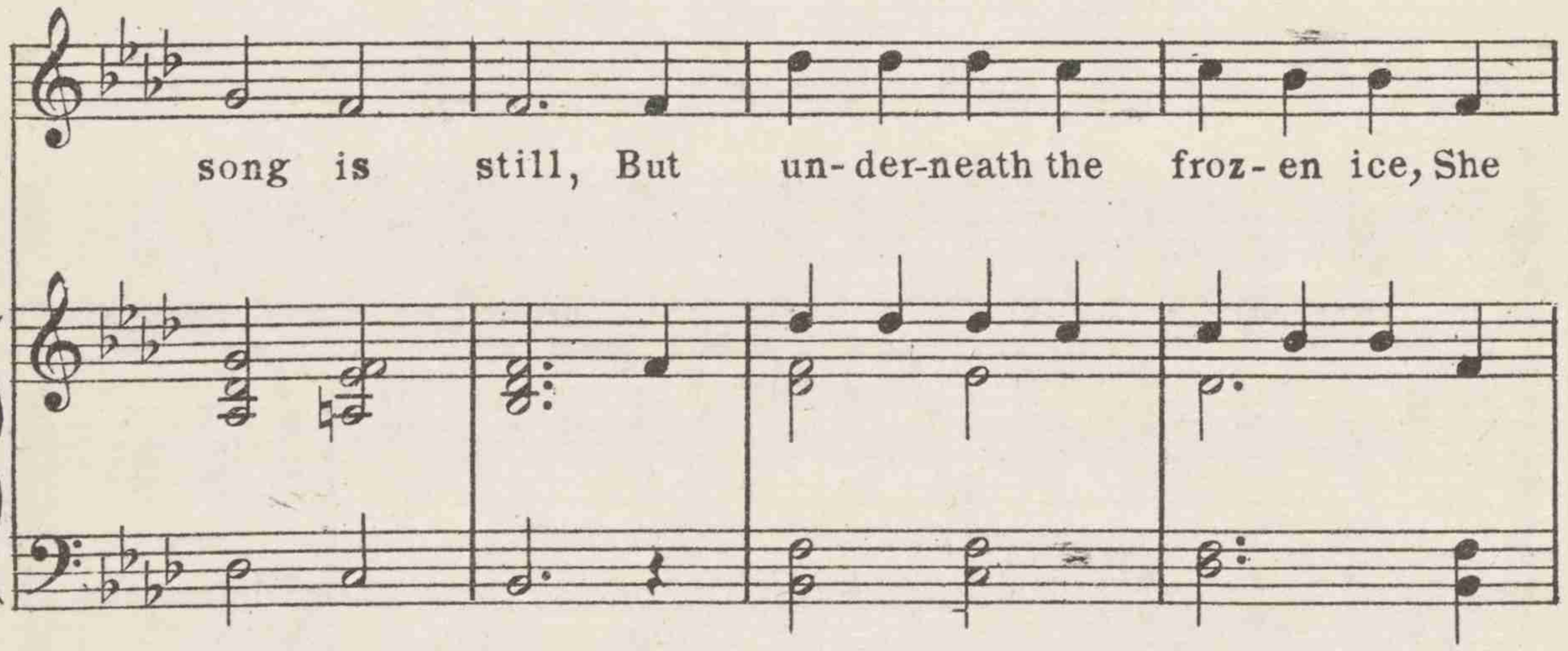
Creak and shiver In the win-t'ry air; But spring will come again, And the

leaves will peep, And whis-per in the sun-light, Of their long long, sleep.

The Frozen Brook

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waits un - til The warm sun melts the
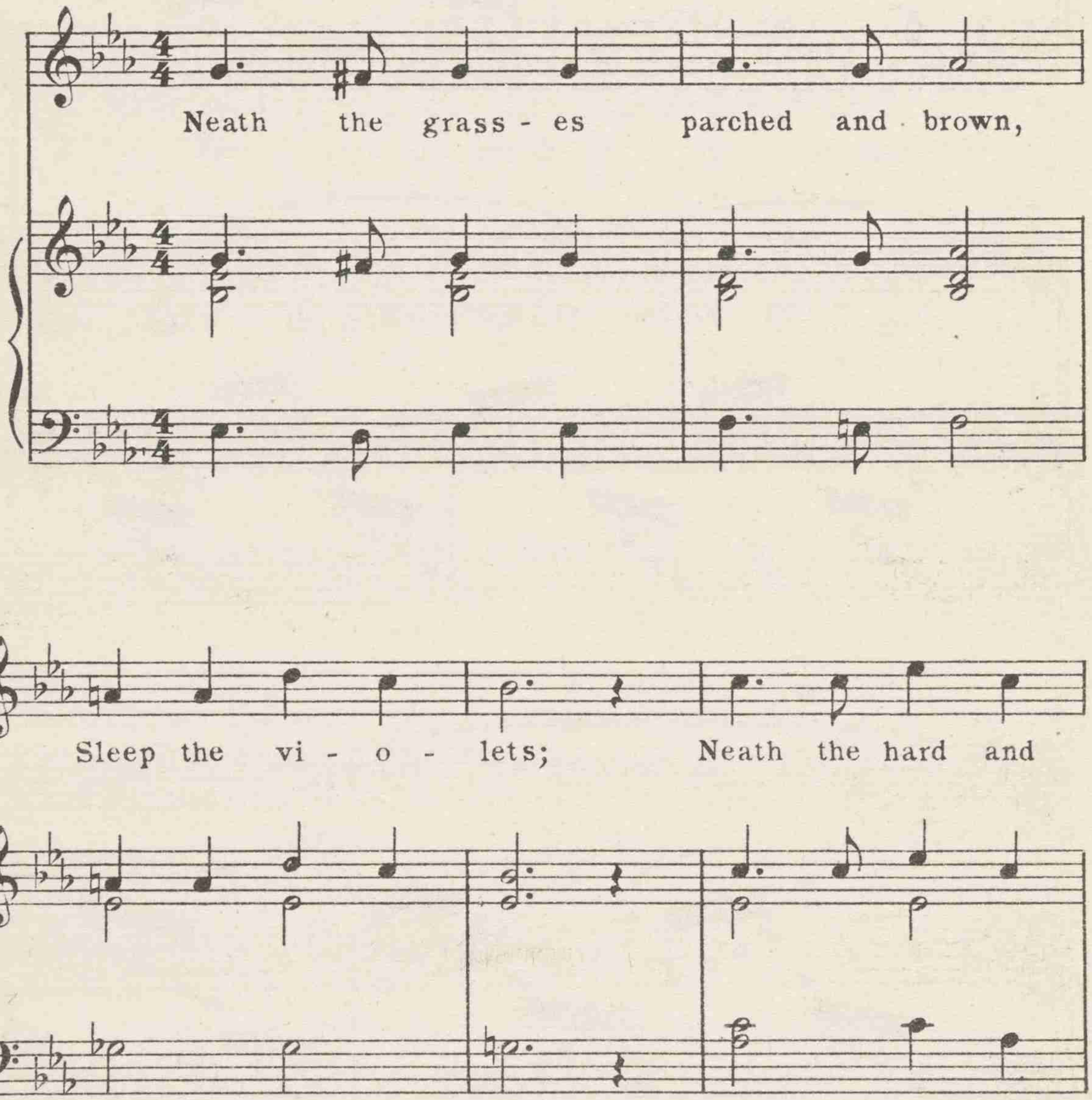
fro - zen walls, And the brook - let sings And the

rit.

blue bird calls.

The Violets

40



fro - zen ground, Sleep the vi - o - lets, But

Spring will come with her sweet, warm days, And

vi - o - lets will wak - en neath the sun's bright rays.

FAITH

The Unseen

41

I can - not see the wind

nor in - deed can you, But I see the

trem-bling leaves as the wind blows through.

Faith

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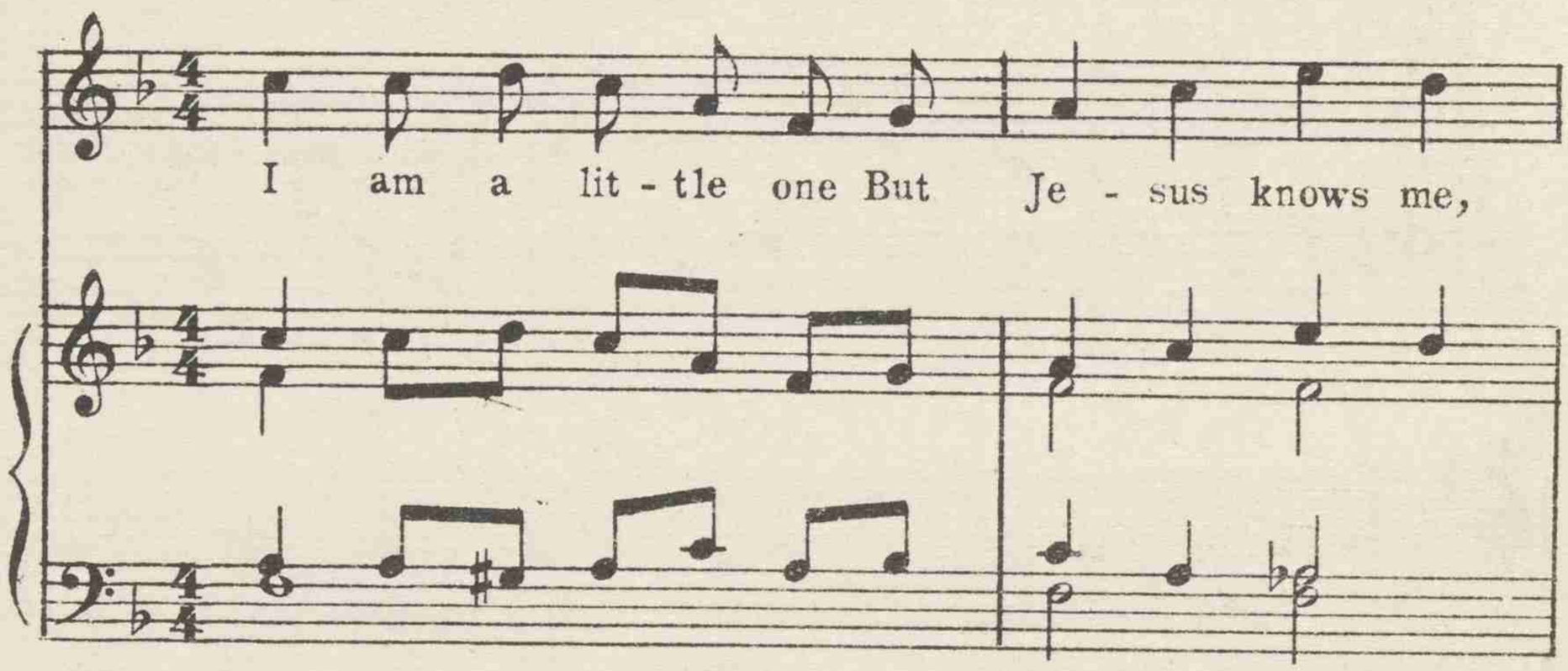
1. I can - not see the wind that blows On land and sea, I feel its soft breath on my cheek, So it must be.
2. I can - not see the heat that warms me When I'm cold, Nor can I see the frost that nips me fierce and bold.
3. I can - not see my moth - ers love, I must con - fess, But all a - round my heart I feel Its soft ca - ress.
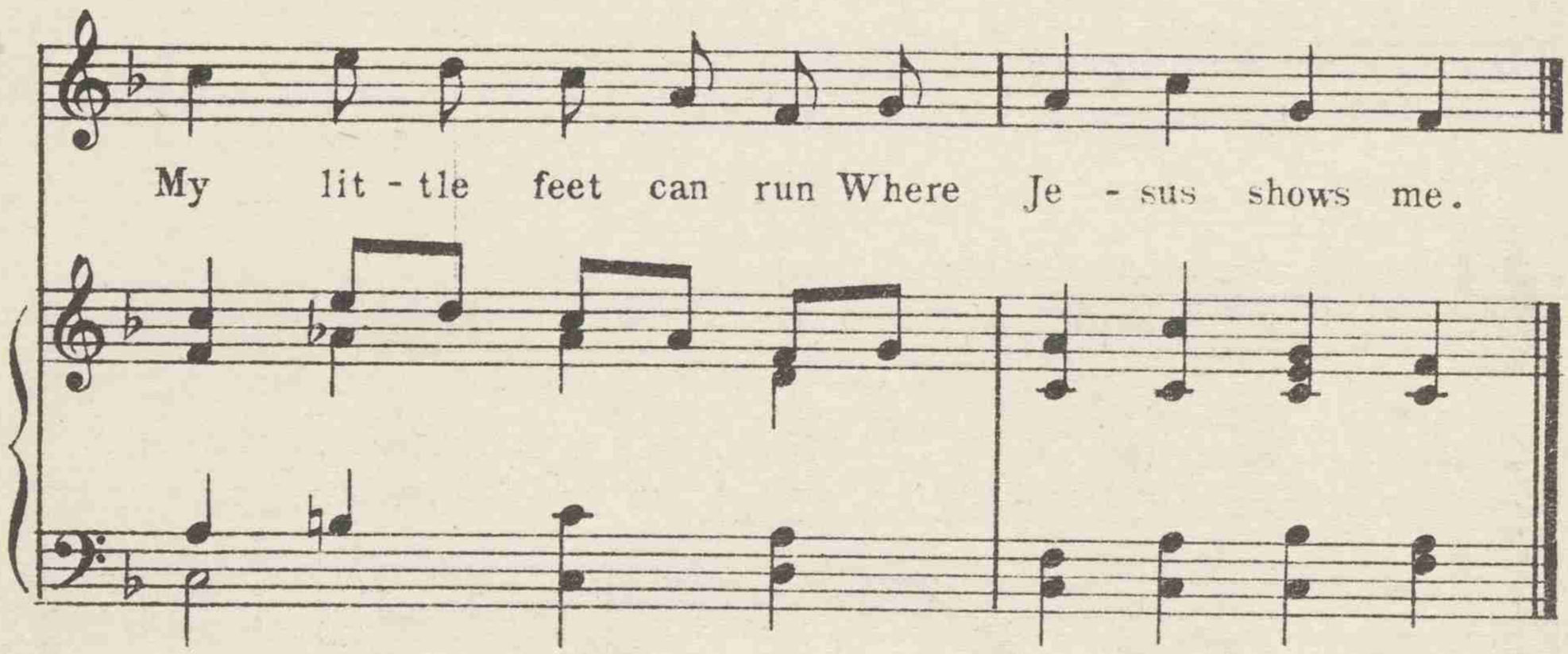
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The Little One

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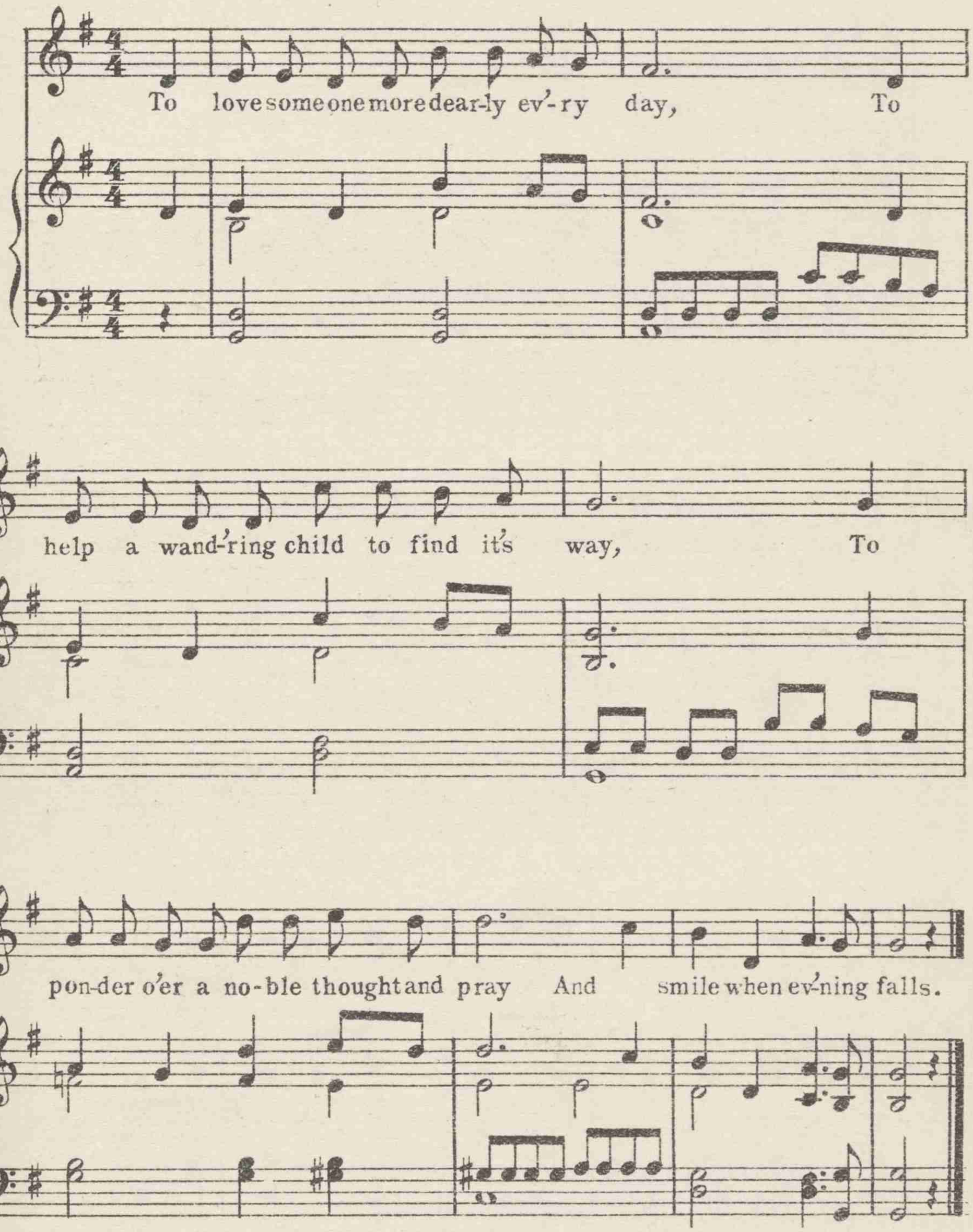
Words from Child Love





44 My Task

Words from Child Love



The Golden Rule

45

Make me feel for those who are sad,

Make me hide all the faults that I see, If I show mer-cy to

oth-ers, dear Lord, I pray you show mer-cy to me.

I am Glad

46

1. I am glad I have two lit - tle eyes To see the col - ors gay, I am glad I have a lit - tle nose To smell the fra - grant hay.
2. I am glad I have two lit - tle ears The song of birds to hear, I am glad I have two lit - tle hands To help my moth - er dear.
3. I am glad that my two lit - tle feet Can ser - vice give to love, That I've a tongue to sing the praise Of God who reigns a - bove.

We Want to Help

47

The cow gives milk, The sheep his wool, The

tree its fruit and shade, The horse draws loads, The

fields give grain; For what were chil - dren made?

We want to help make the world grow good,

We want to help plow the fields, We want to help make the

wool in - to cloth, To work for the joy it yields.

Each Little Rain Drop

48

DOROTHY GAYNOR BLAKE

Each lit-tle rain drop does its part to make the flow-ers grow. Each lit-tle child can help to make a bright-er world, I know.

CRADLE ROLL

Cradle Roll

49

1. Je - sus, bless this lit - tle ba - by,
2. Lit - tle ones are ve - ry ten - der,

Keep him close to you;
And they need thy love;

When he grows a lit - tle
Heav'n - ly Fa - ther bless this

old - er
wee one

He will join us too.
From the house a - bove.

SPRING

The Stream

50

1. The stream is danc-ing gai - ly now twixt grass - y banks, and
2. It twists and turns and o - ver stones It rip-ples full of

see! It has brok-en its bonds of ice and snow And it laughs and runs and
glee, As neath the sun it sings and smiles, And hur - ries on for

gleams as though It were thank-ful to be free, It were thankful to be free.
miles and miles To reach the great big sea, To reach the great big sea.

Spring Comes
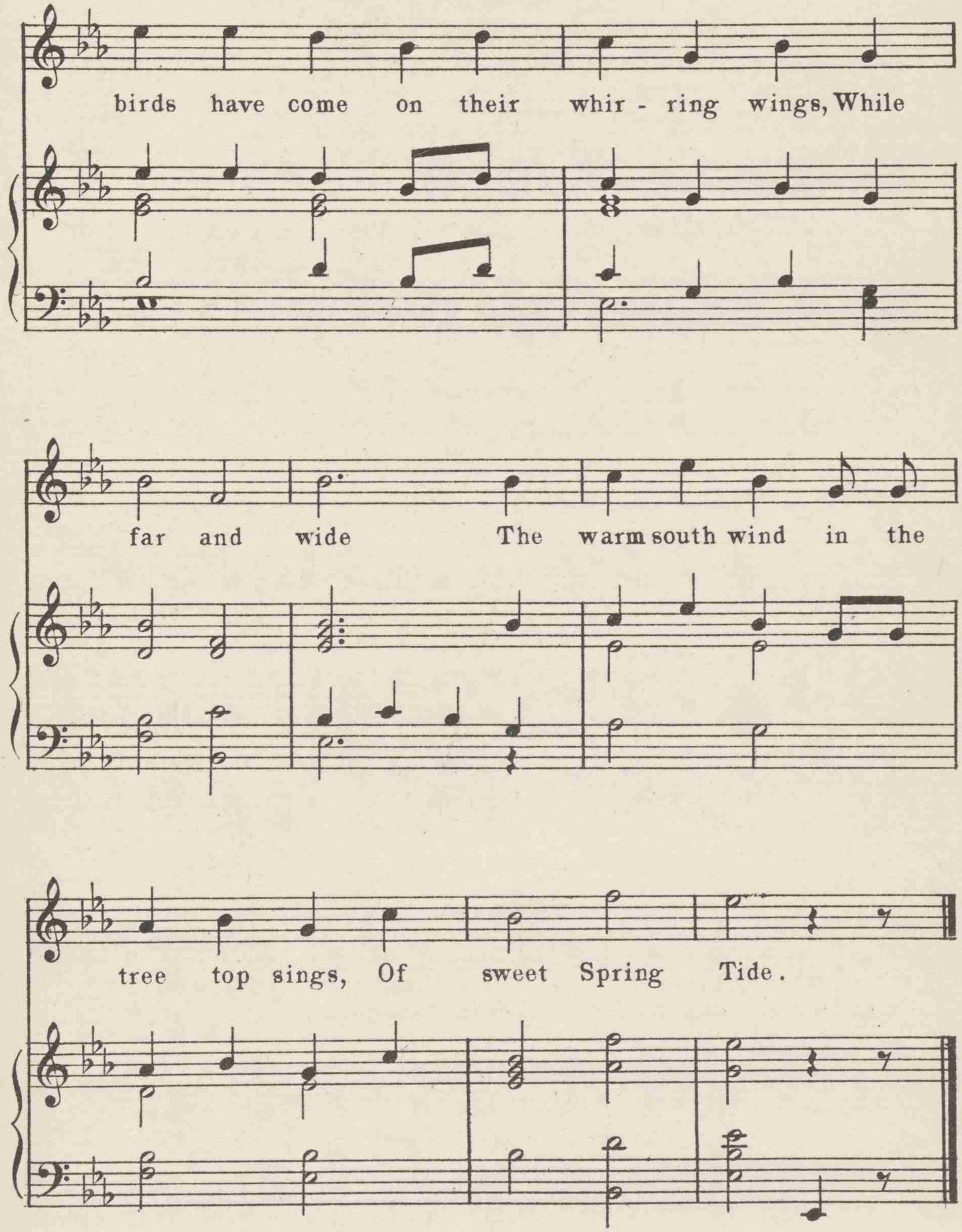
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1. The cold earth melts 'neath the sun's warm rays, The soft rain falls While o'er the hill and a long way off A blue bird calls. The

brown, parched grass turns a love - ly green, While

high o'er head The swell - ing buds on the

trees are seen, No twig is dead. The


birds have come on their whir - ring wings, While
far and wide The warm south wind in the
tree top sings, Of sweet Spring Tide.

GOD'S CREATURES

The Clever Birds

52

The birds are far more clev - er than we, Just see their nest, how they weave it! If you or I tried to make it for them I fear they would want to leave it.

My Pets

53

Be - cause I'm small and help - less, My
I'll not for - get to feed them, With

moth - er cares for me. So to my cat and
milk in sau cer white I'll put them care - ful -

dog - gie A moth - er I must be.
ly to bed And tell them each good - night.

The Little Chicken's Thanks

54

When a lit - tle chick - en drinks He

lifts his head on high, To thank the heav'n - ly

Fa - ther For the rains sent from the sky; And

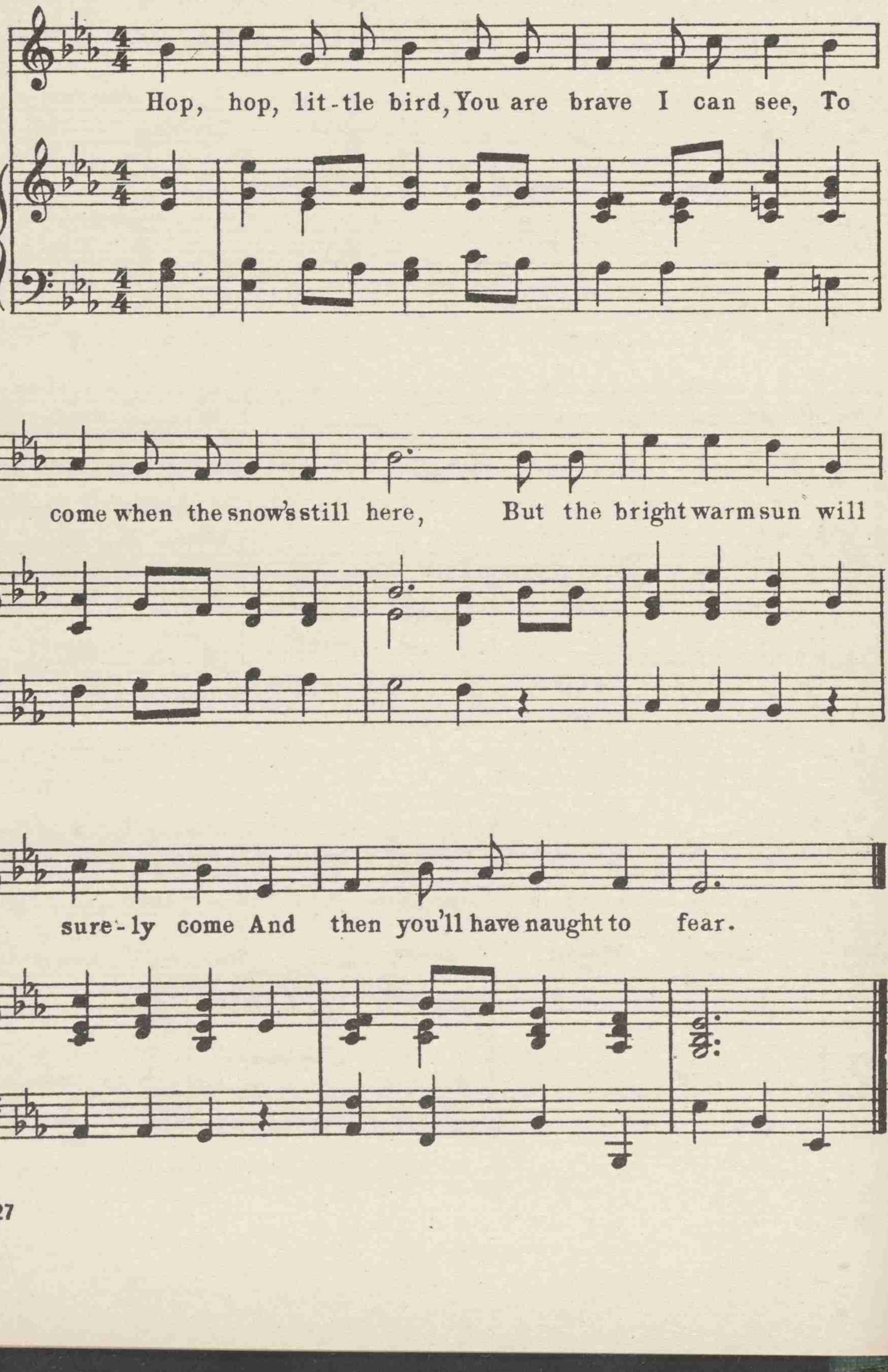
may we not say "thank you" For the

Heavn-ly Fa-ther's care, For clothes and food and

hap-pi-ness And sun-shine ev-ry-where.

Hop Hop Little Bird
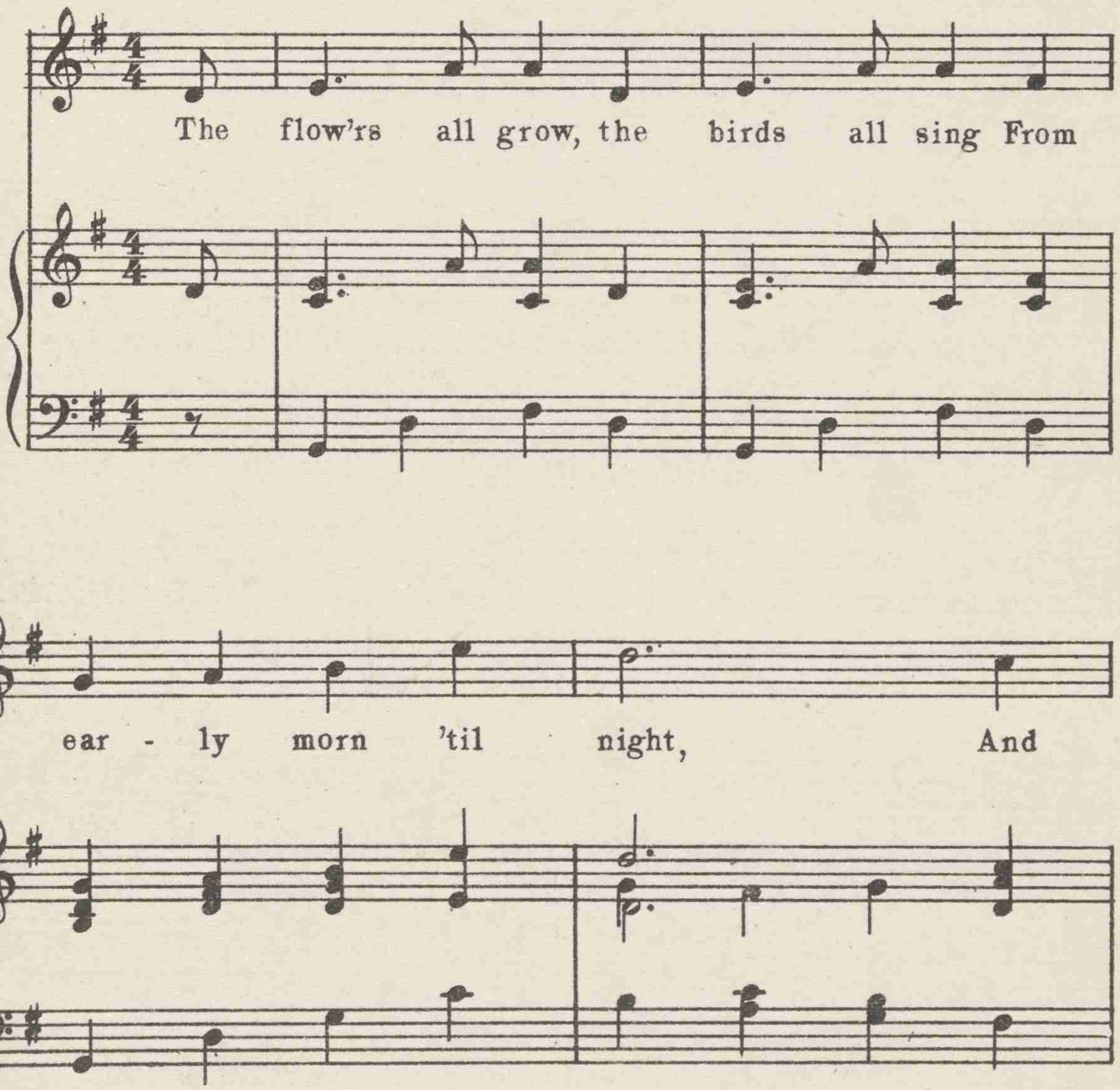
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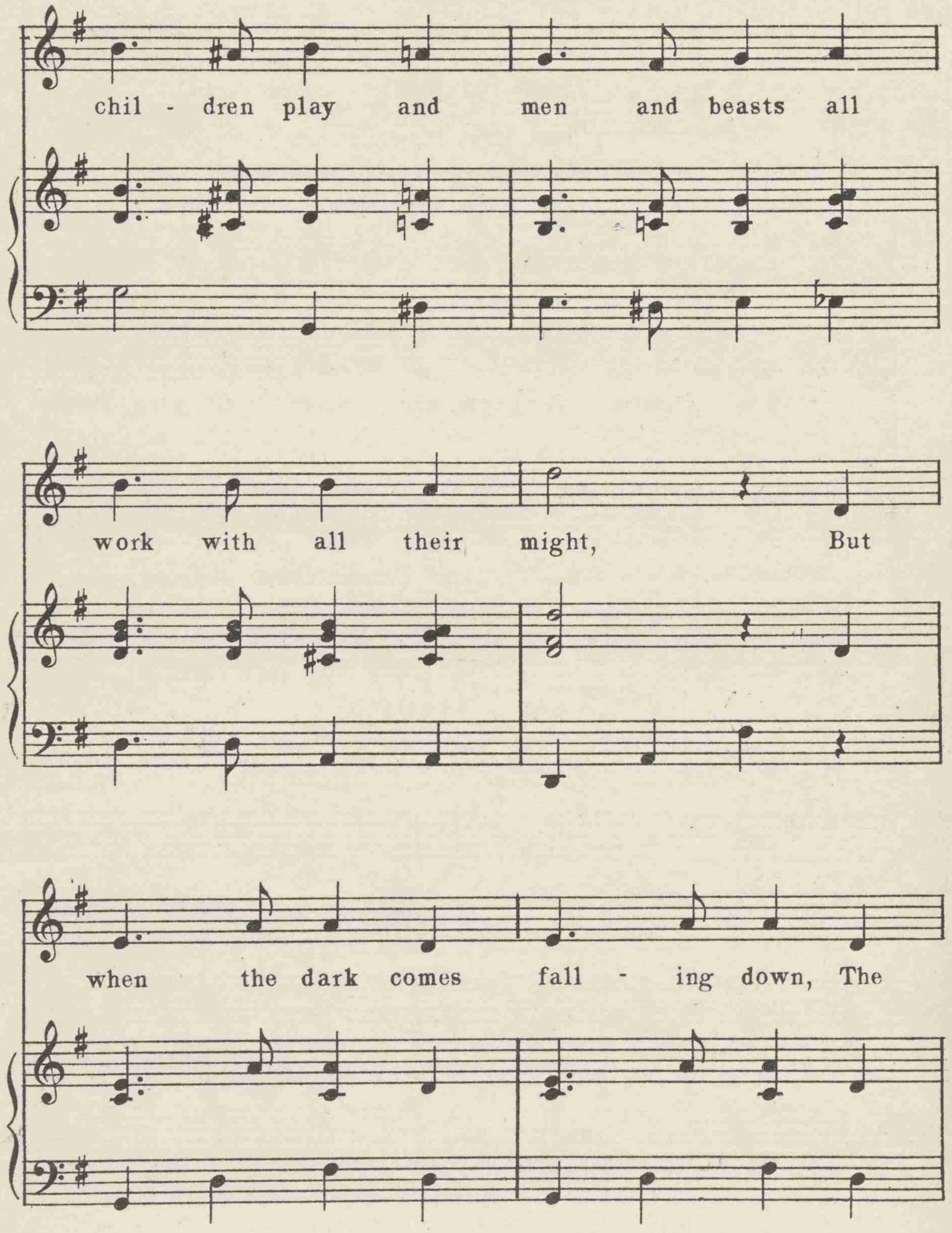


DAY AND NIGHT

Time for Rest

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chil - dren play and men and beasts all
work with all their might, But
when the dark comes fall - ing down, The

world must take its rest, And

birds and bees and flow'rs and trees must

sleep for it is best.

Day and Night

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The day is full of col - or and light And each

hour it faint - er grows ___ From ro - sy dawn till

pur - ple night, When the wes - tern sun set
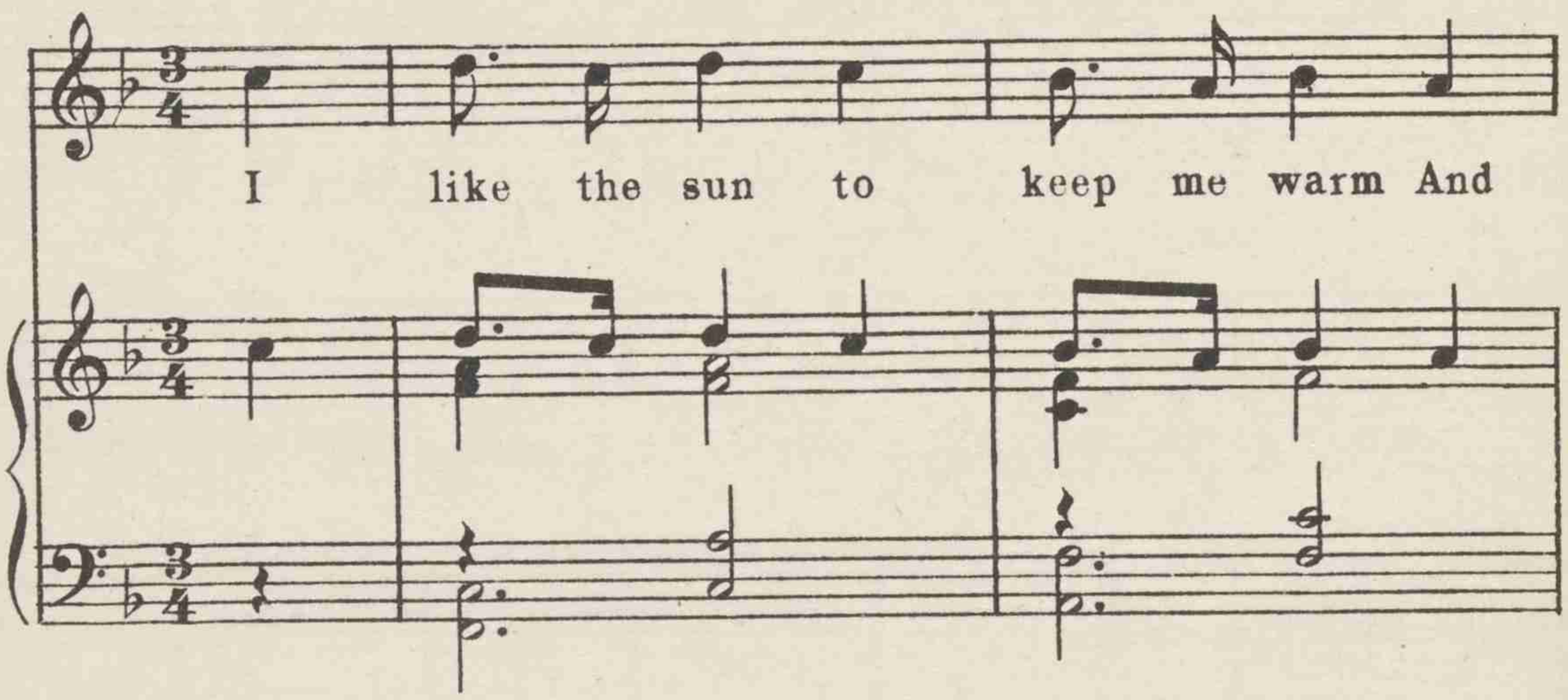
glows. The night is still and vel - vet dark With

span - gled points of light, I love to watch each

twink-ling spark, As it glis - tens thro' the night.

Our Lovely World

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like the moon to send her sil - ver; ray This
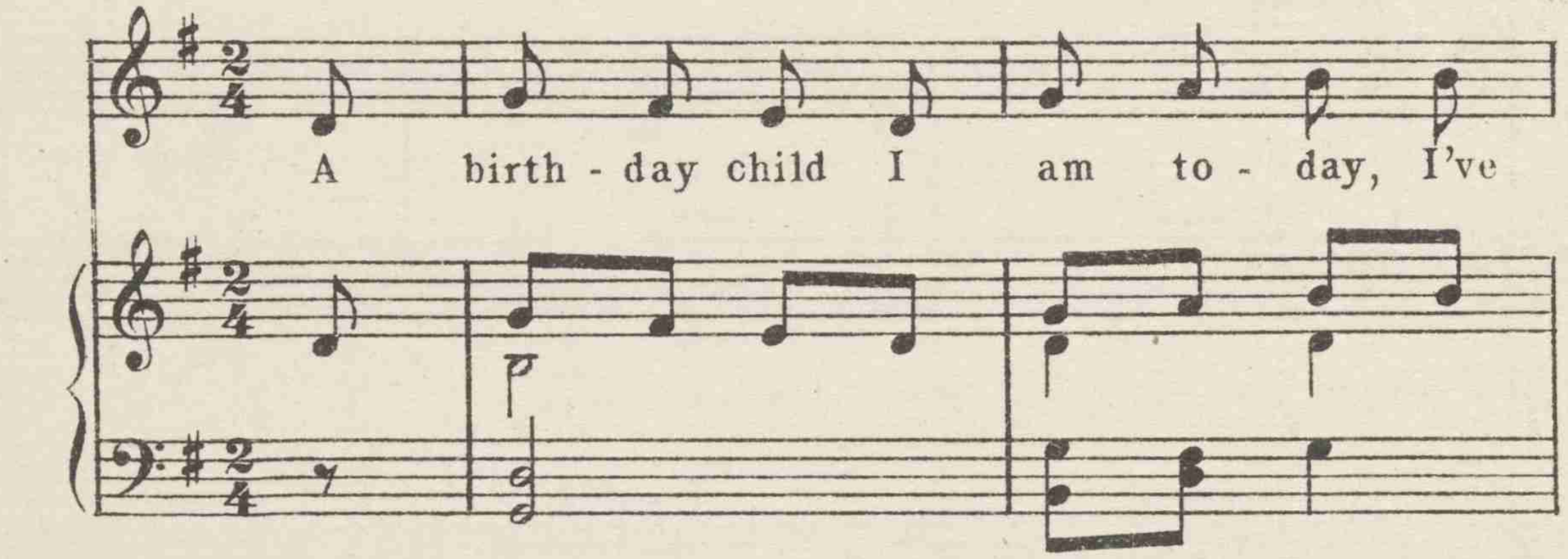
is a love-ly world of ours, In day time or at night, for
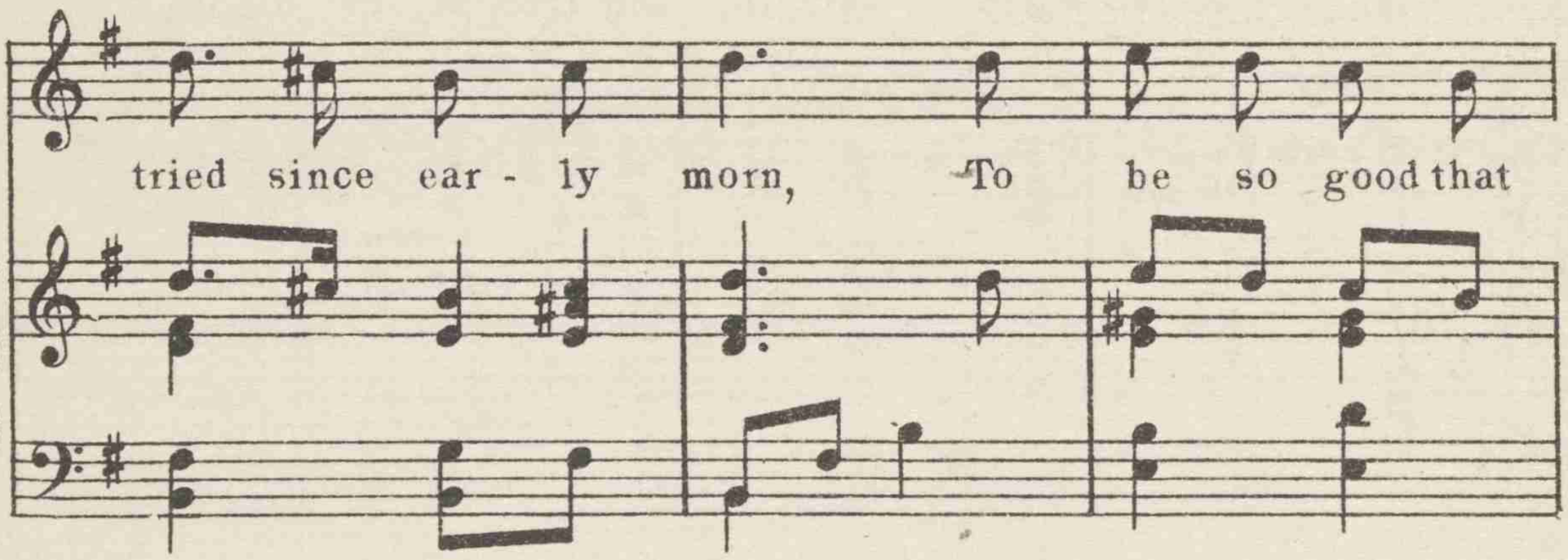
God has made it beau - ti - ful, Though it be dark or light.
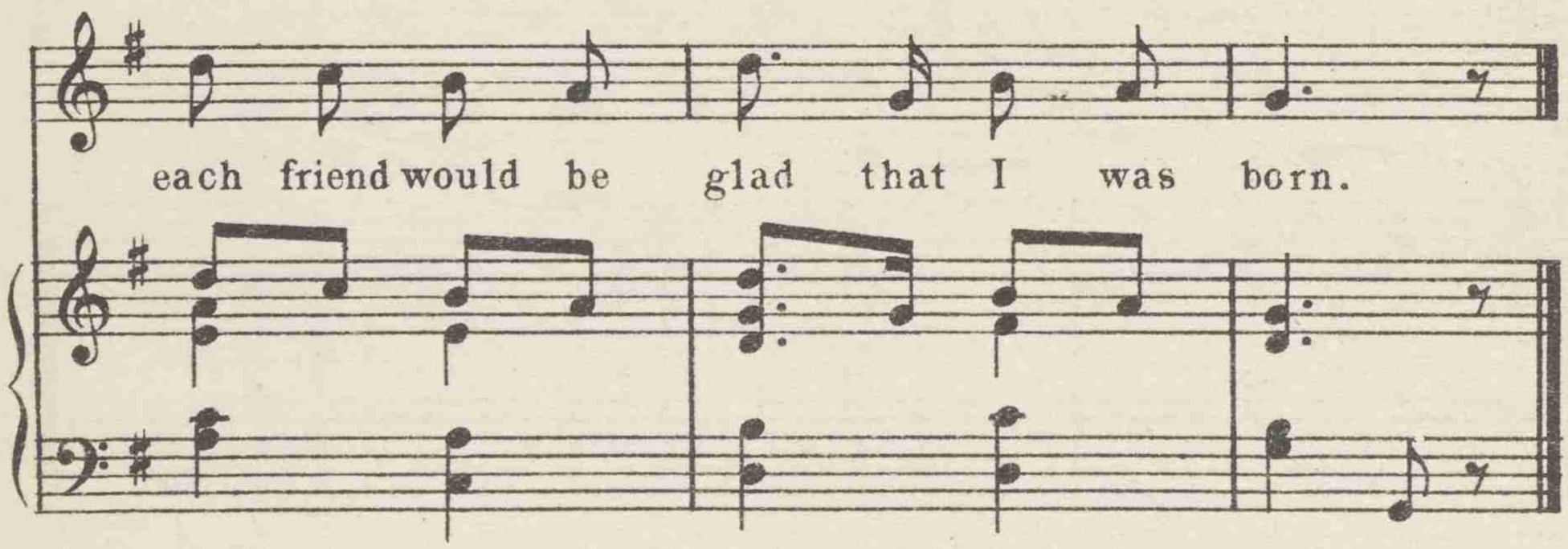
BIRTHDAY SONG

Birthday Child

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All Things Come from God

60

Moth-er made our clothes But the cloth was made from the

snowwhite wool of God's sheep; Moth-er baked the bread But the

flour was made From God's wheat that the far-mers reap.

God's Gift to Me

61

The world is full of love - ly things, They all be - long to me, The grass, the flow'rs, the fruits, the trees, On

sum - mer days the cool - ing breeze, The
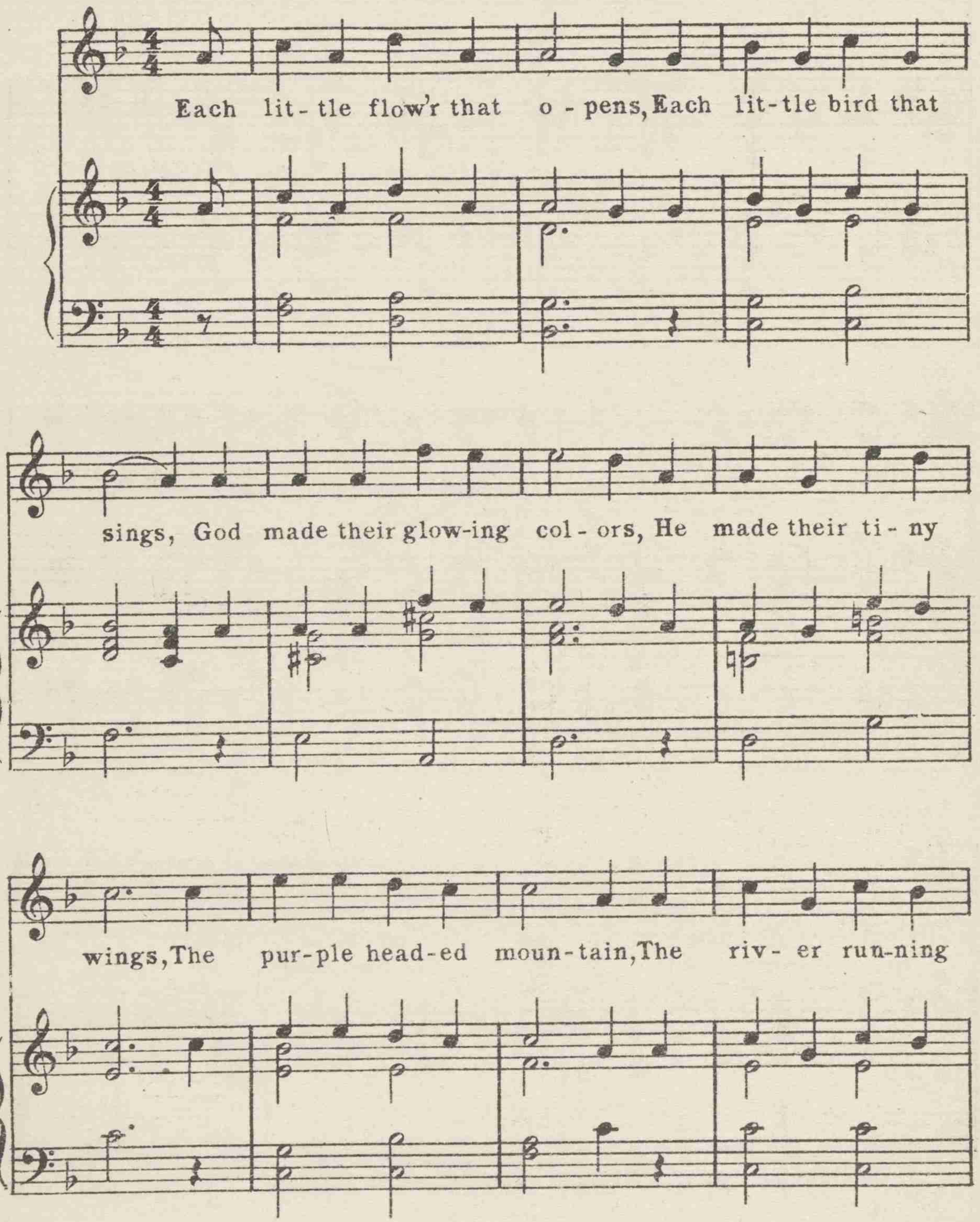
brook that flows through flow-'ry leas, God gave them all to

me and thee, To me and thee.

God Made Them All

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by, The sun-set and the morn-ing red That bright-ens up the
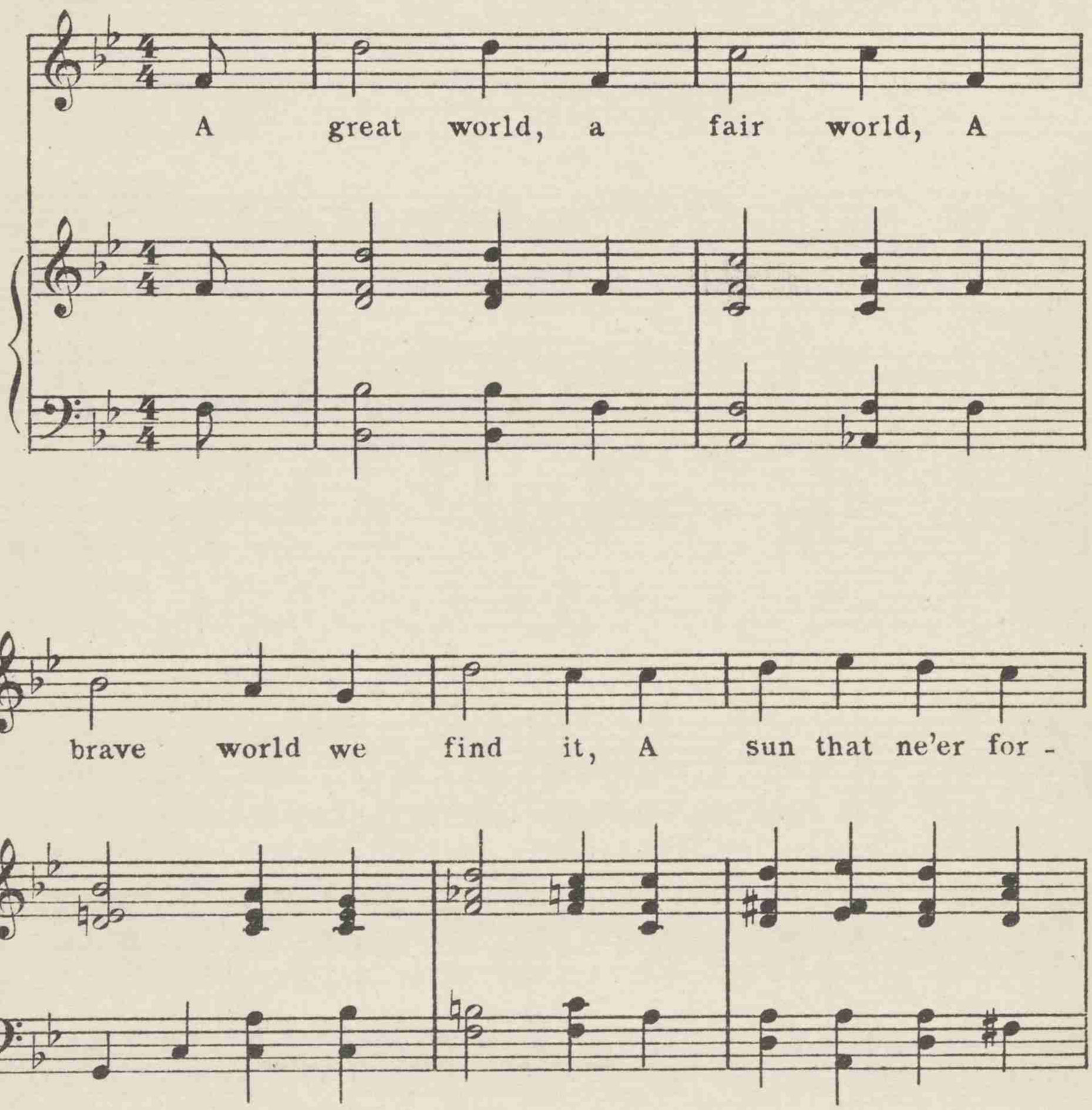
sky, Yes, all things bright and beau-ti-ful, All crea-tures great and

small And all things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

God and the World

Words thro' the courtesy of the Farm Journal

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gets to rise, On dark - est nights a

star in the skies And a God of love be -

hind it, And a God of love be - hind it.

Flowers of the Field

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1. See the flow - ers of the field
2. Let us then be like the flow'rs,
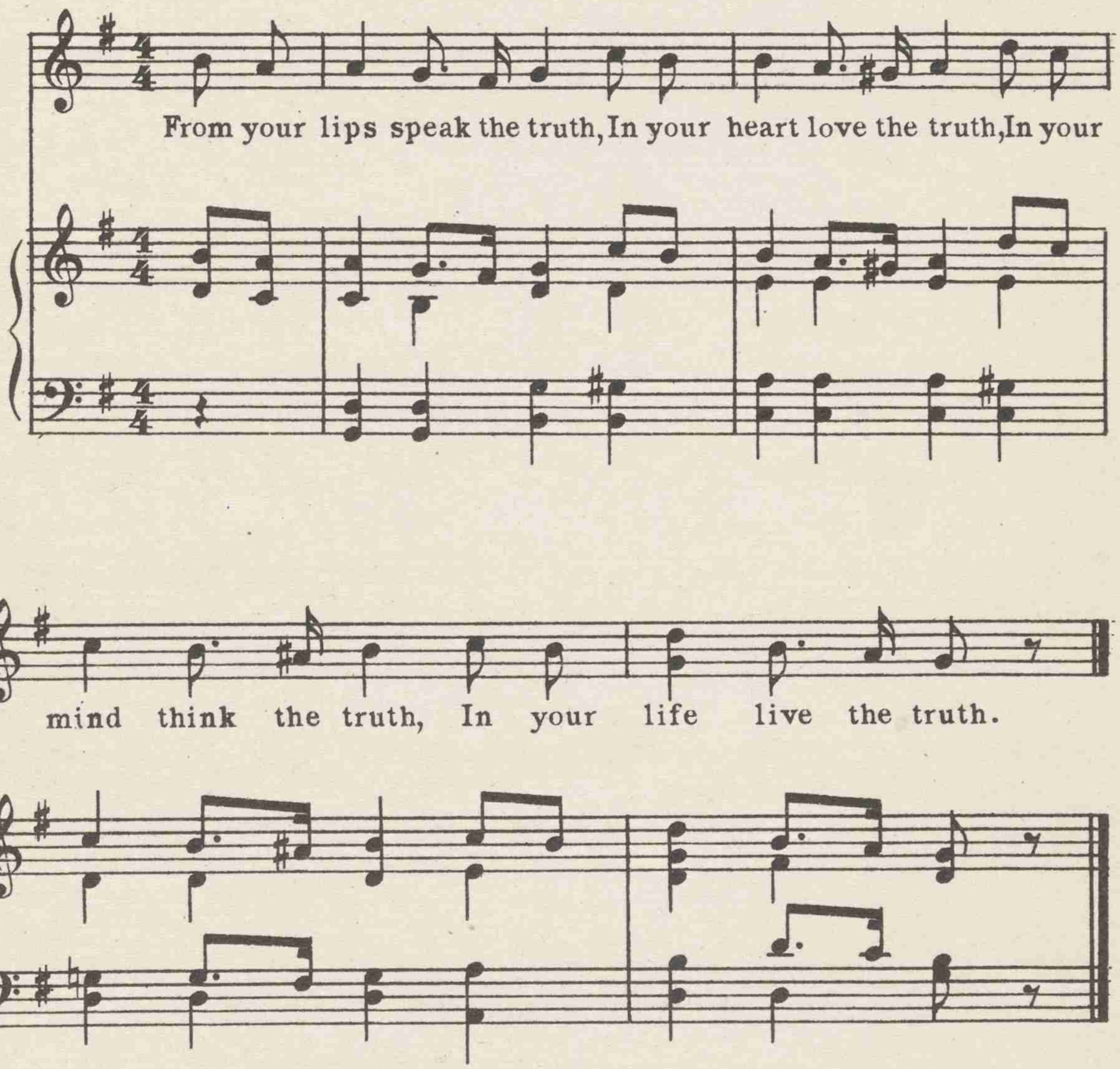
Nod and smile to - geth - er, Just as cheer - y
Brave and hap - py ev - er, Wheth - er good or

when it rains As in sun - ny weath - er.
ill we meet, Cross and spite - ful nev - er.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Truth

65



Story of the Flood

66

1. In old - en times the wise men say, There
2. And thrice they sent a white dove forth, That
3. So No - ah blessed the Lord that saved Those

was a might - y rain; It flood - ed all the
brought an o - live branch To say the wa - ters
liv - ing in the ark, And nev - er peo - ple

cit - ies o'er And woods and hills and plain. So
less-ened now. And safe the ark and staunch. A
since that day, God's prom-ise fail to mark. For

No - ah built a good - ly ark Helped by his strong sons
light on old Mount Ar - a - rat, While all the earth was
when we see a - cross the sky A rain-bow shin - ing

three, And here they lived with
dry, Forth fared they then both
bright, We say al - way, that

herds and flocks A - float on that wide sea.
folk and kinds That creep and walk and fly.
nev - er more Such flood can cause us fright.

The Little Helper

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My fa - ther needs a strong lit - tle man to

help him fetch and car - ry, My moth - er wants a

will - ing son, To go and nev - er tar - ry, Oh

let me be that bu - sy one, that

bu - sy one, that bu - sy one, O let me be that

bu - sy one And so the work will soon be done

68 I will never fear

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1. I will nev - er fear, Love is ev - er
2. I will nev - er fear, Help is ev - er

near, In the night or in the day, In my sleep or
near, What I need do that I can, Ev-er since the

in my play I am I and God is here.
world be - gan I am I and God is here.