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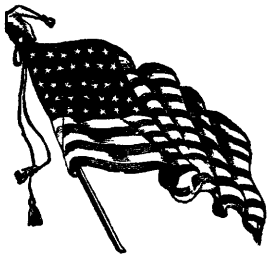

A Patriotic Cantata

FOR SOLO VOICE, CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

The Words by

JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE

THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY

CARL BUSCH

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To the Strawbridge and Clothier Chorus, Philadelphia, Pa.
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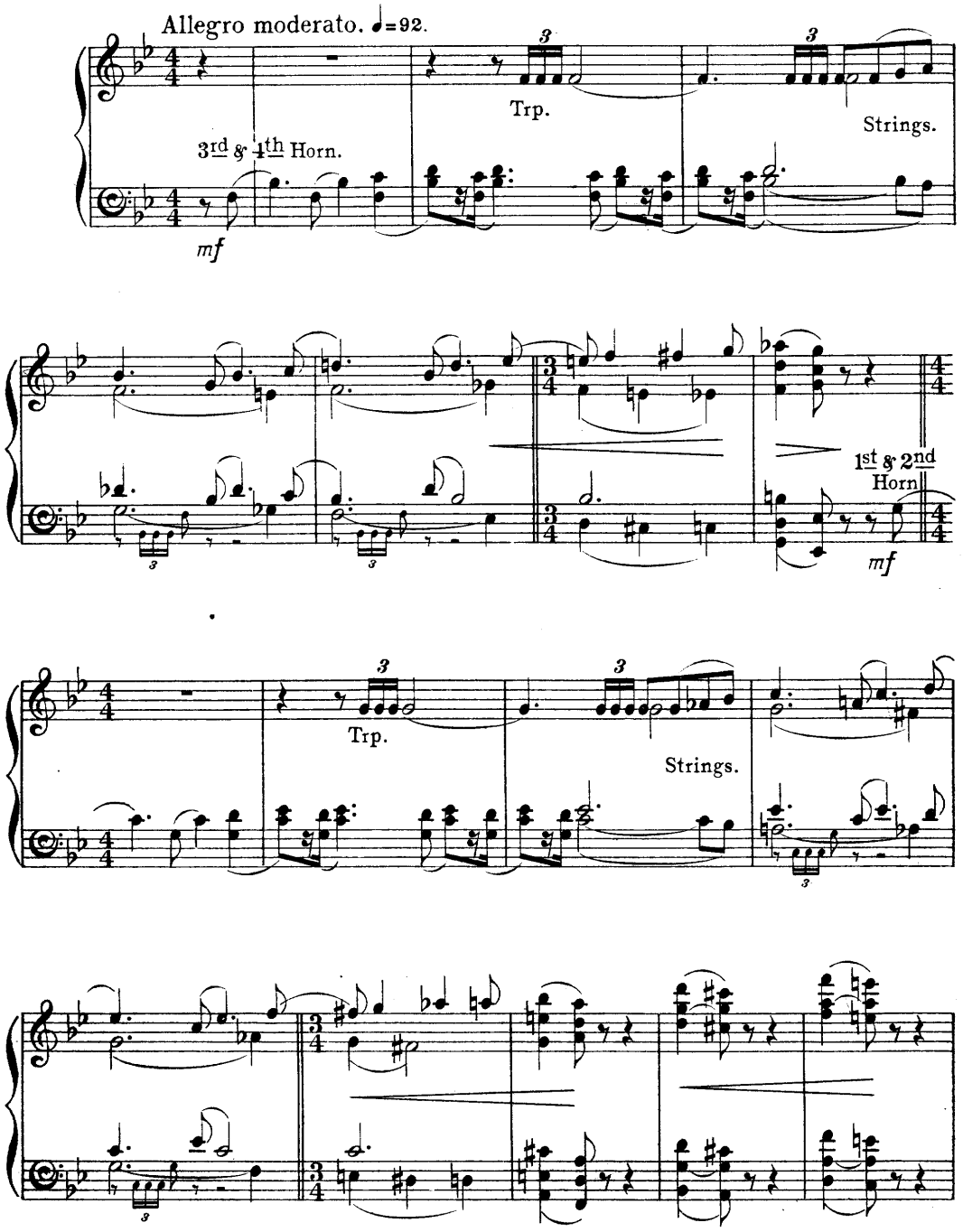

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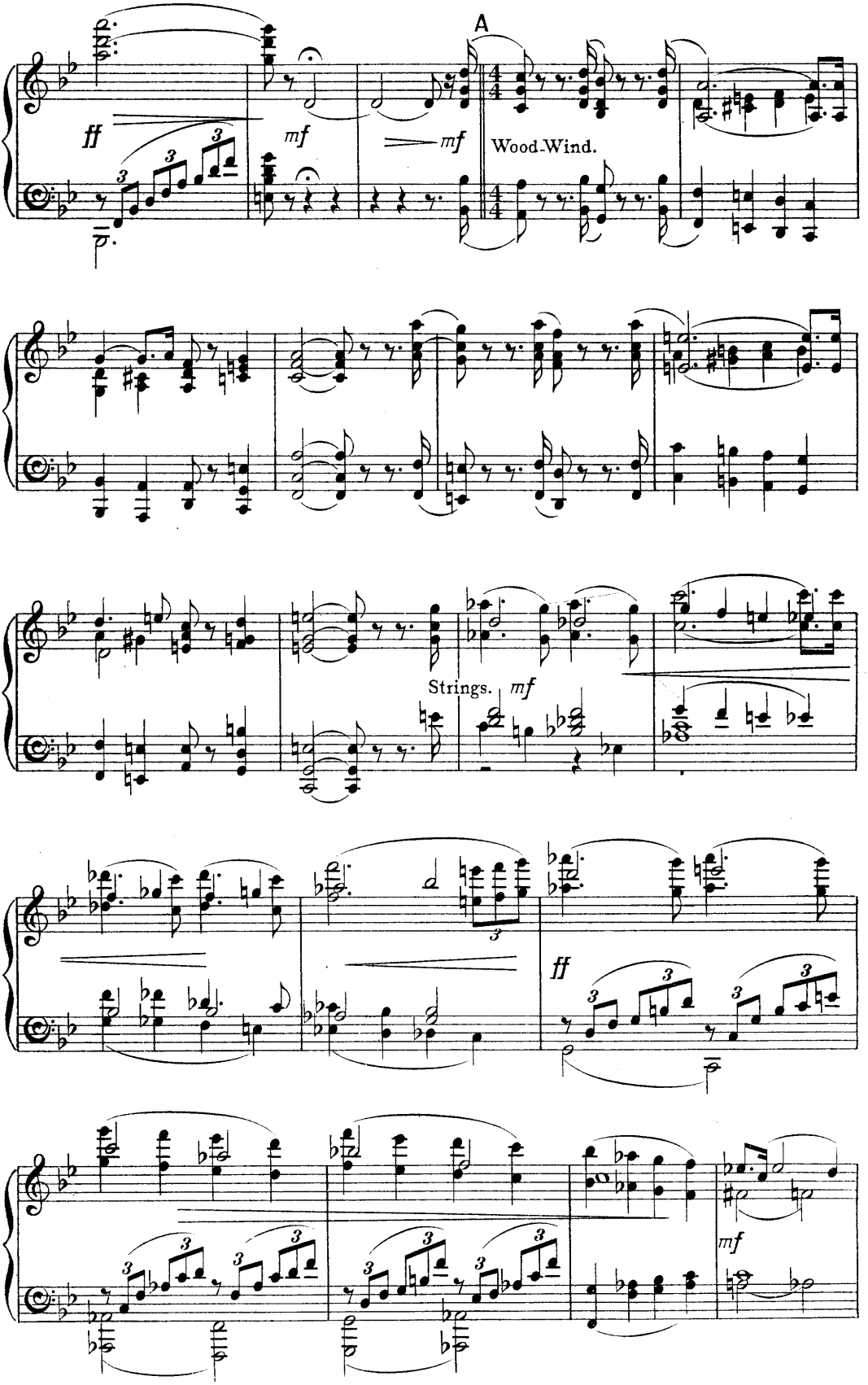
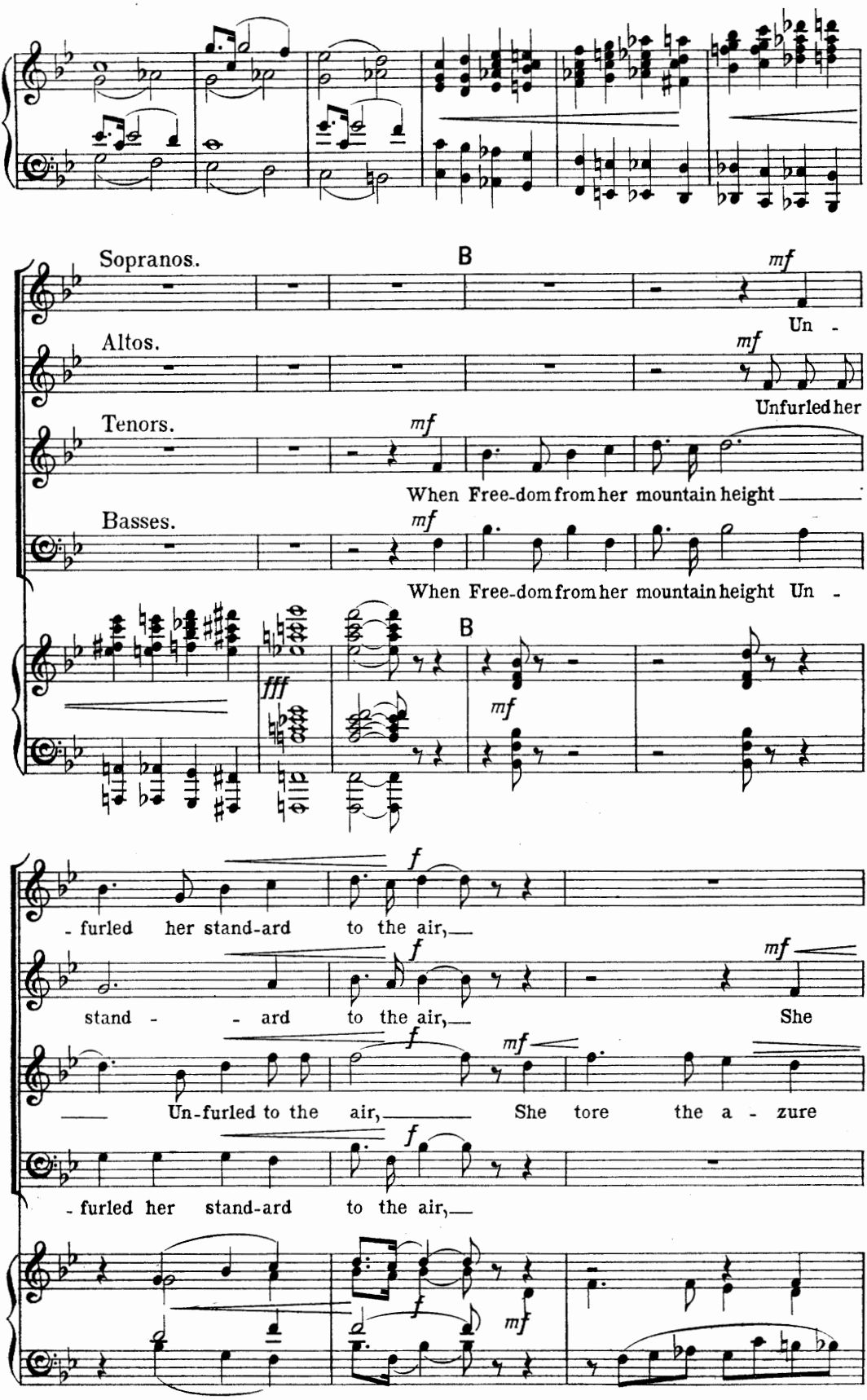
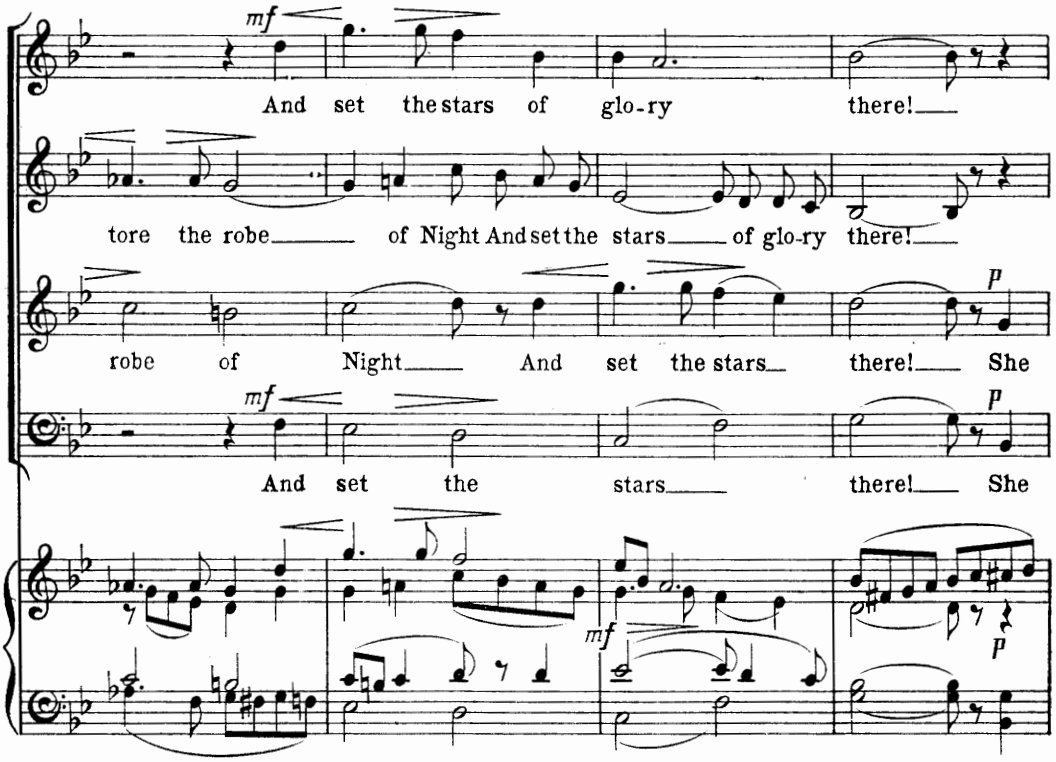
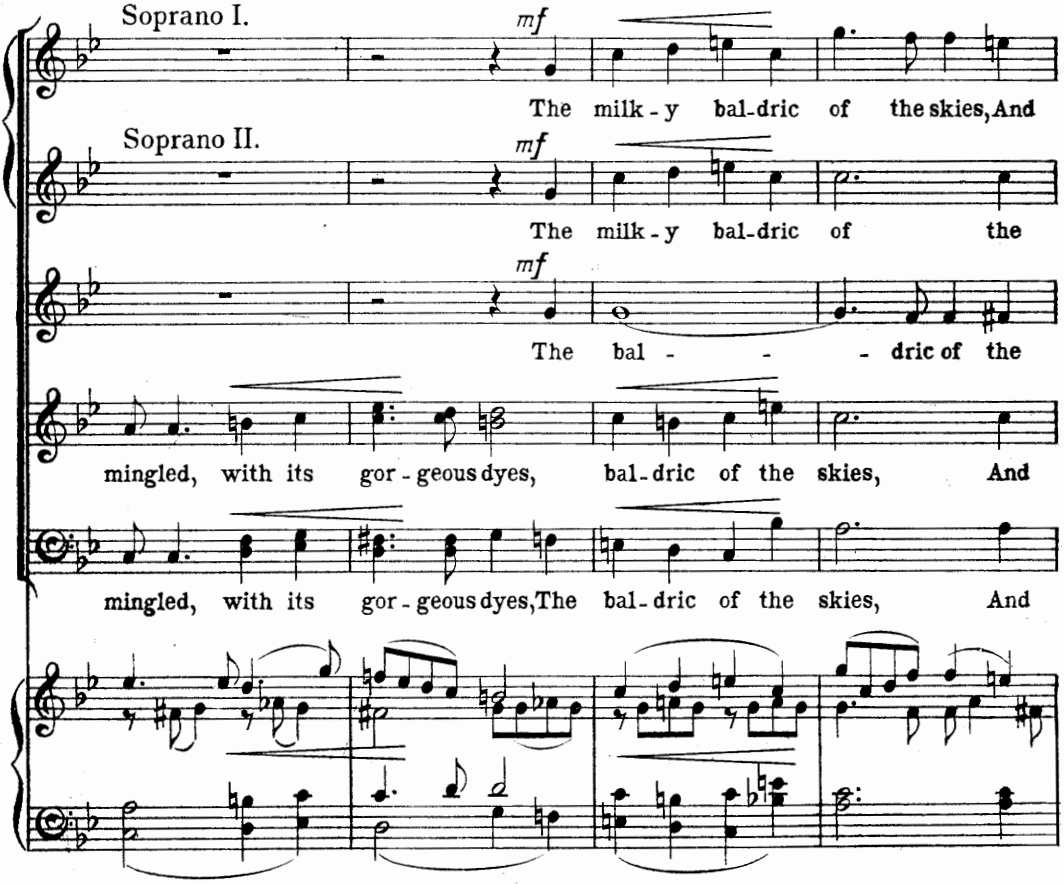
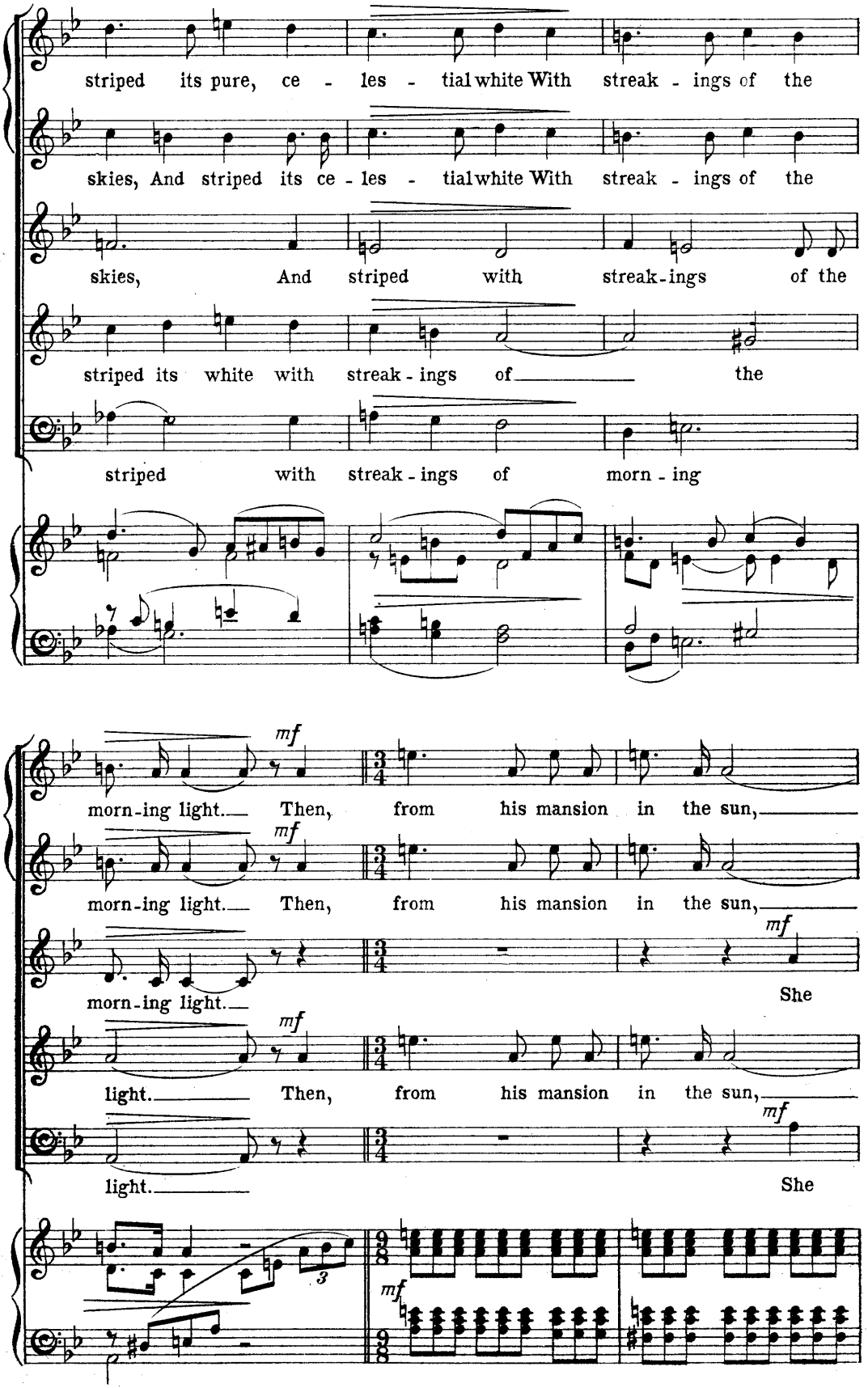
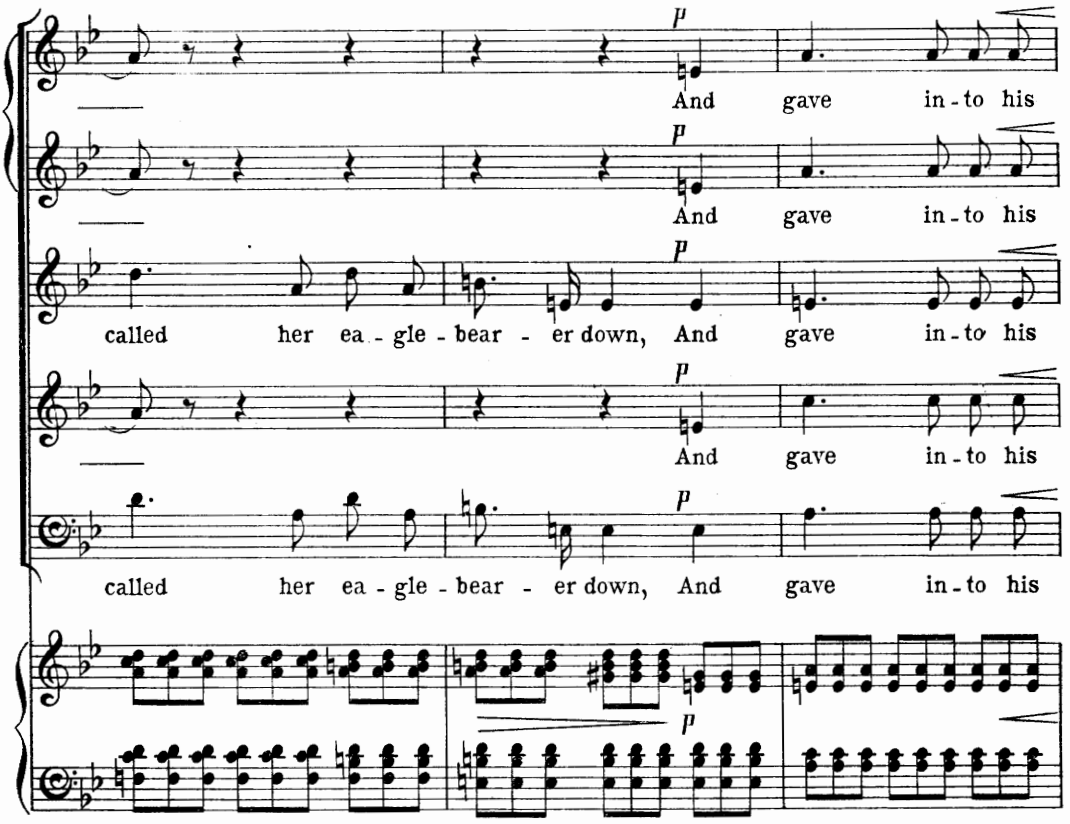

A
ff
mf
mf
Wood-Wind.
Strings.
mf
ff
mf

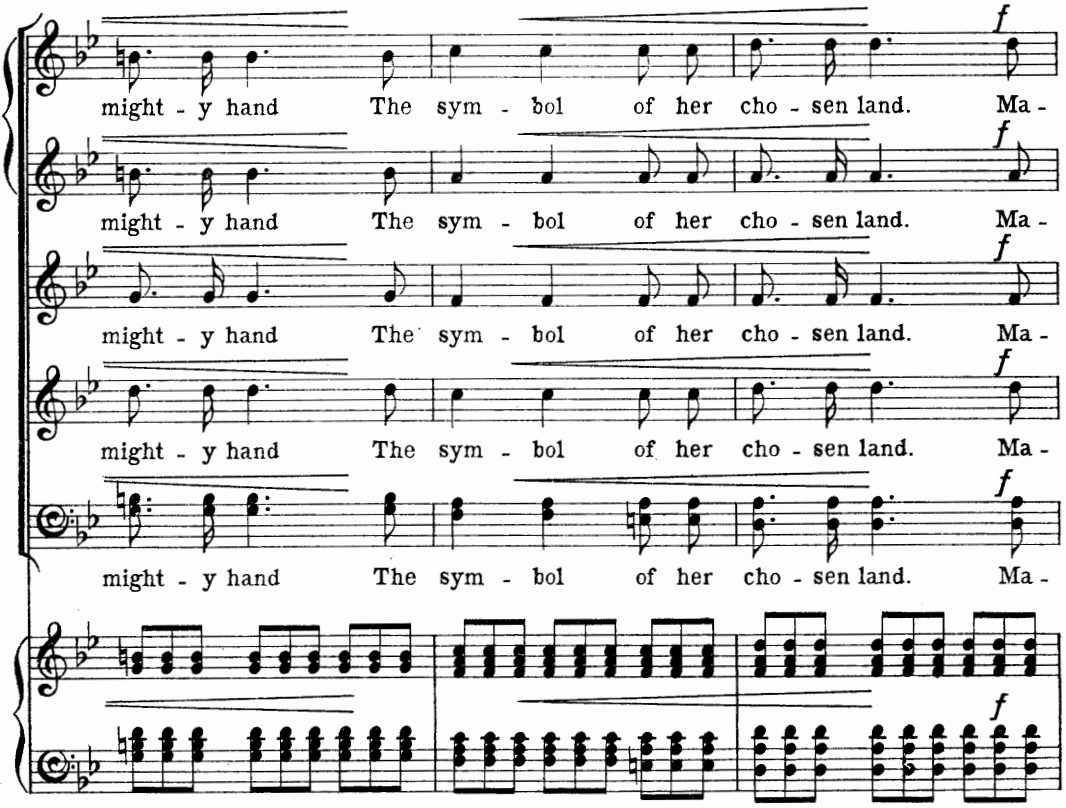

Sopranos.
Altos.
Tenors.
Basses.
B
mf
Un -
Unfurled her
When Free-dom from her mountain height
When Free-dom from her mountain height Un -
fff
f
- furled her stand-ard to the air,
stand - - ard to the air,
She
Un-furled to the air,
She tore the a - zure
- furled her stand-ard to the air,

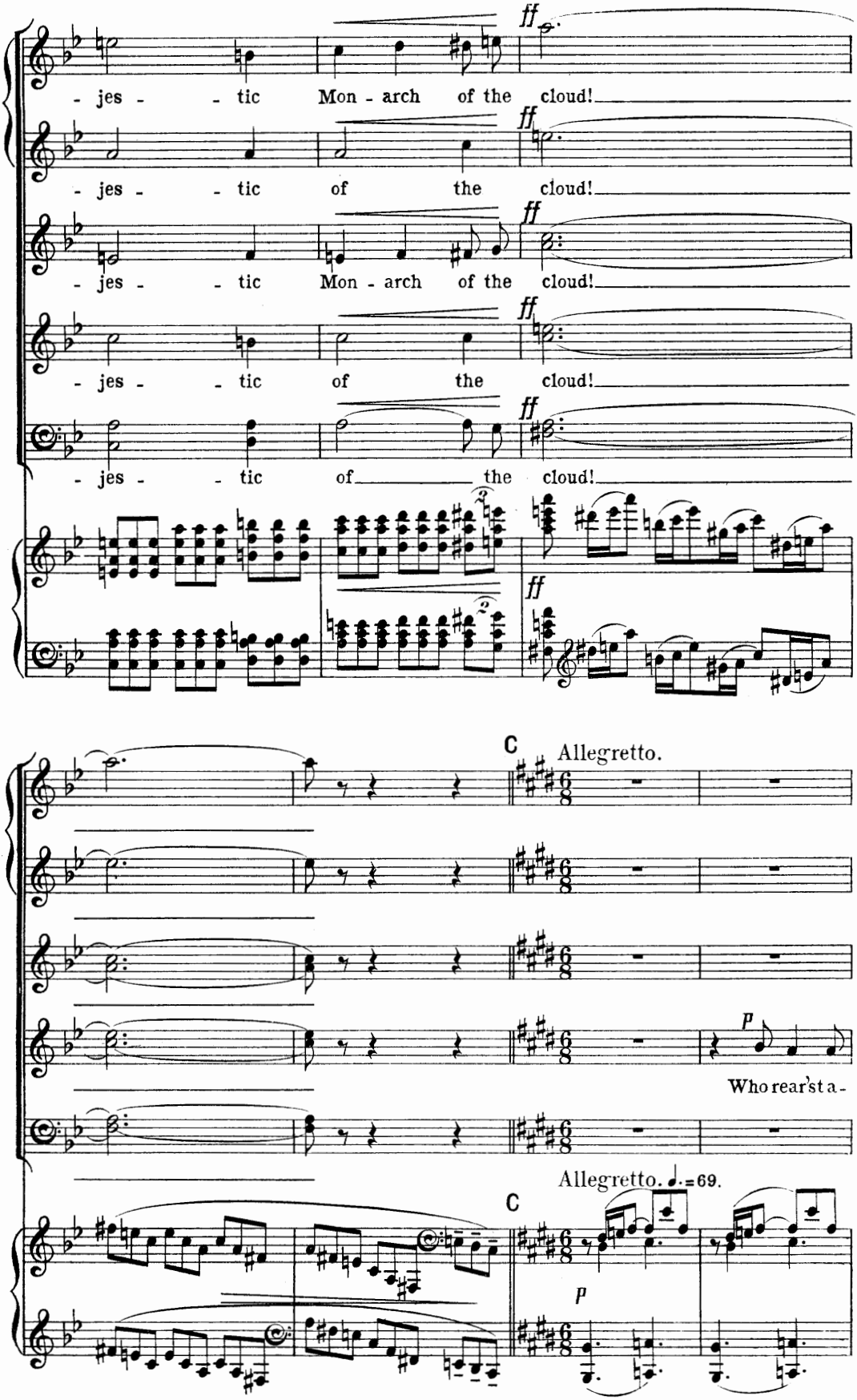

mf
And set the stars of glo-ry there!
tore the robe of Night And set the stars of glo-ry there!
robe of Night And set the stars there! She
p
And set the stars there! She
mf
p

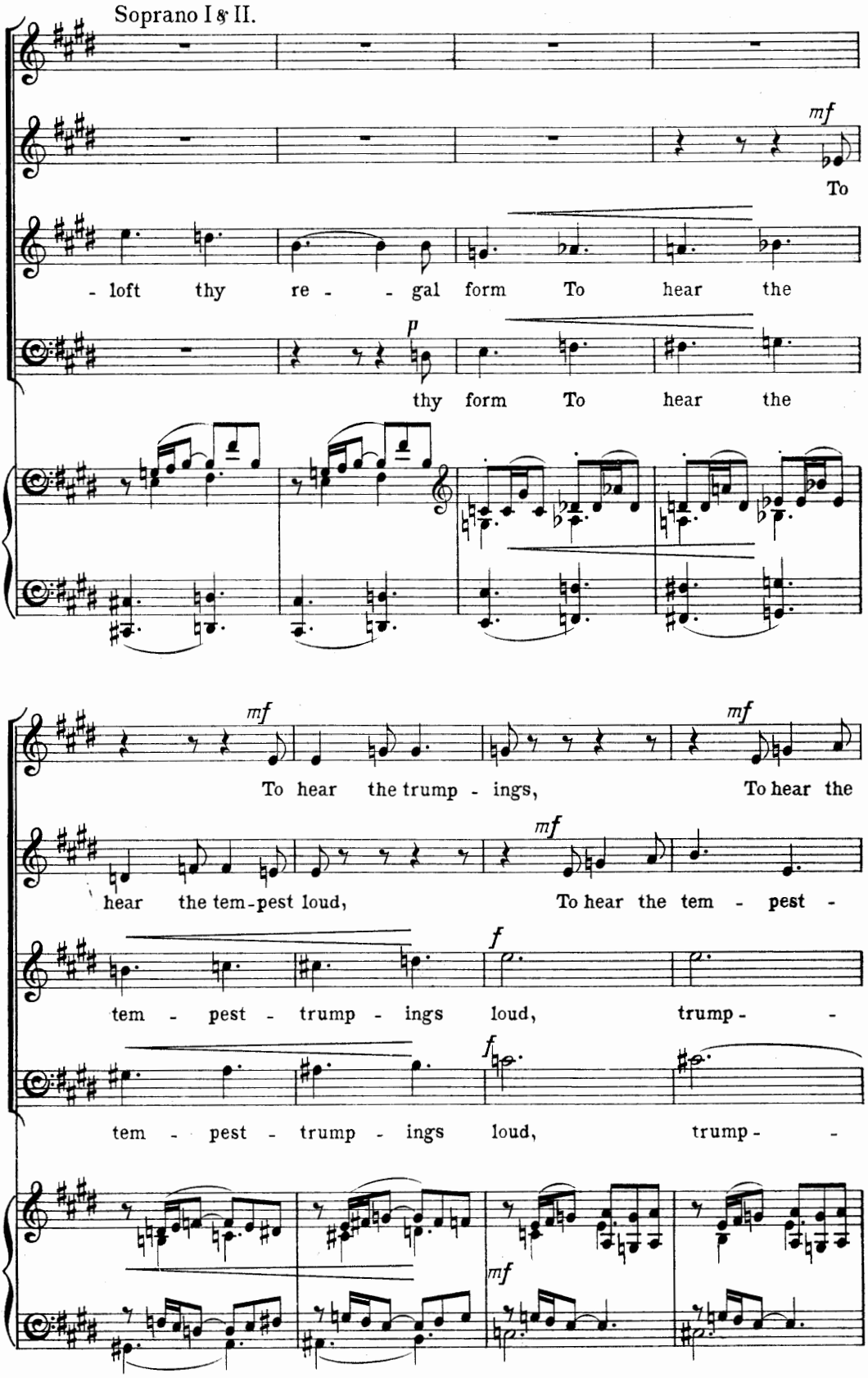

Soprano I.
mf
The milk-y bal-dric of the skies, And
Soprano II.
mf
The milk-y bal-dric of the
mf
The bal - - - dric of the
mingled, with its gor-geous dyes, bal-dric of the skies, And
mingled, with its gor-geous dyes, The bal-dric of the skies, And

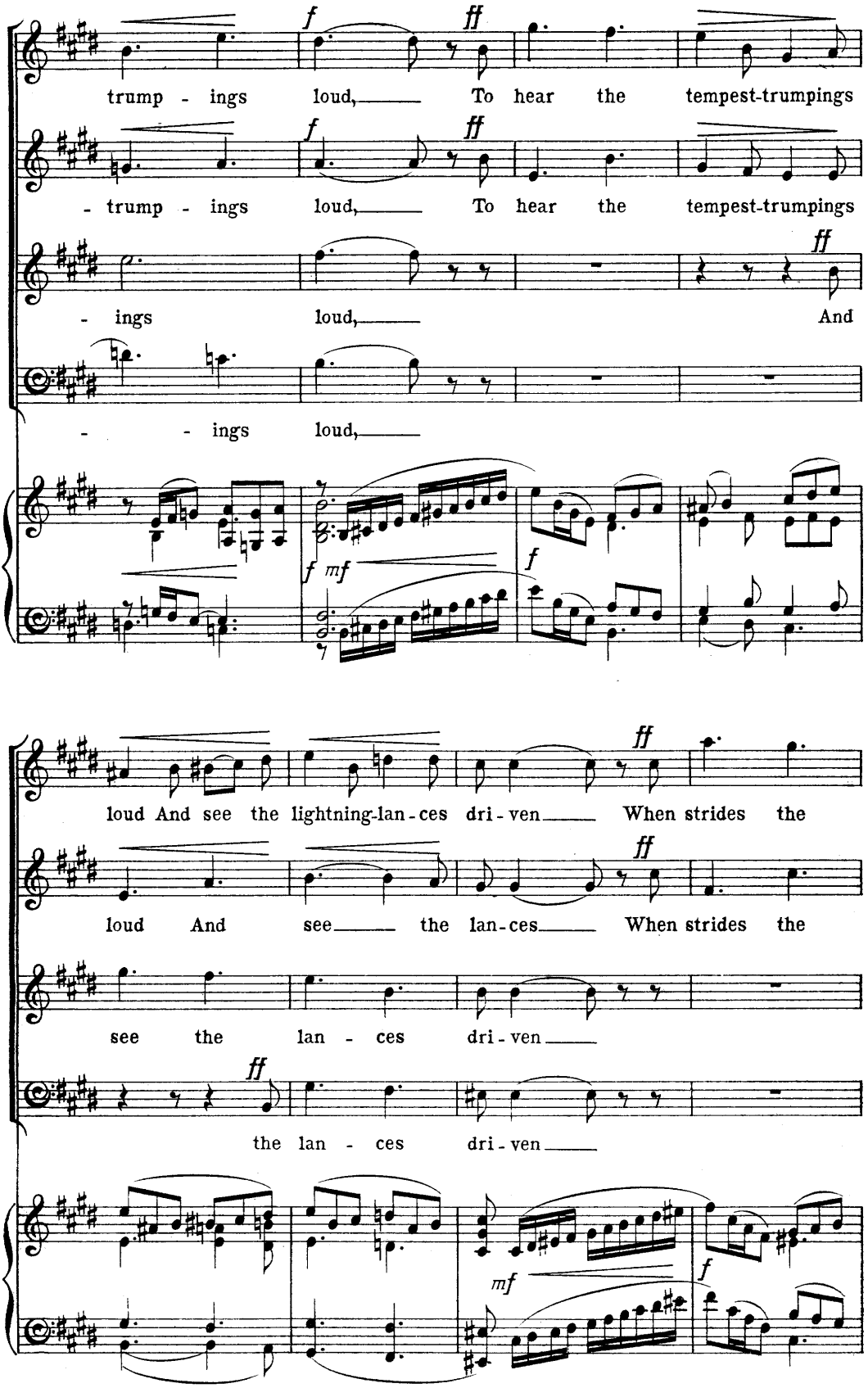

striped its pure, ce - les - tial white With streak - ings of the
skies, And striped its ce - les - tial white With streak - ings of the
skies, And striped with streak - ings of the
striped its white with streak - ings of the
striped with streak - ings of morn - ing
mf
morn - ing light. Then, from his mansion in the sun,
morn - ing light. Then, from his mansion in the sun,
morn - ing light.
She
light. Then, from his mansion in the sun,
light.
She
3
mf

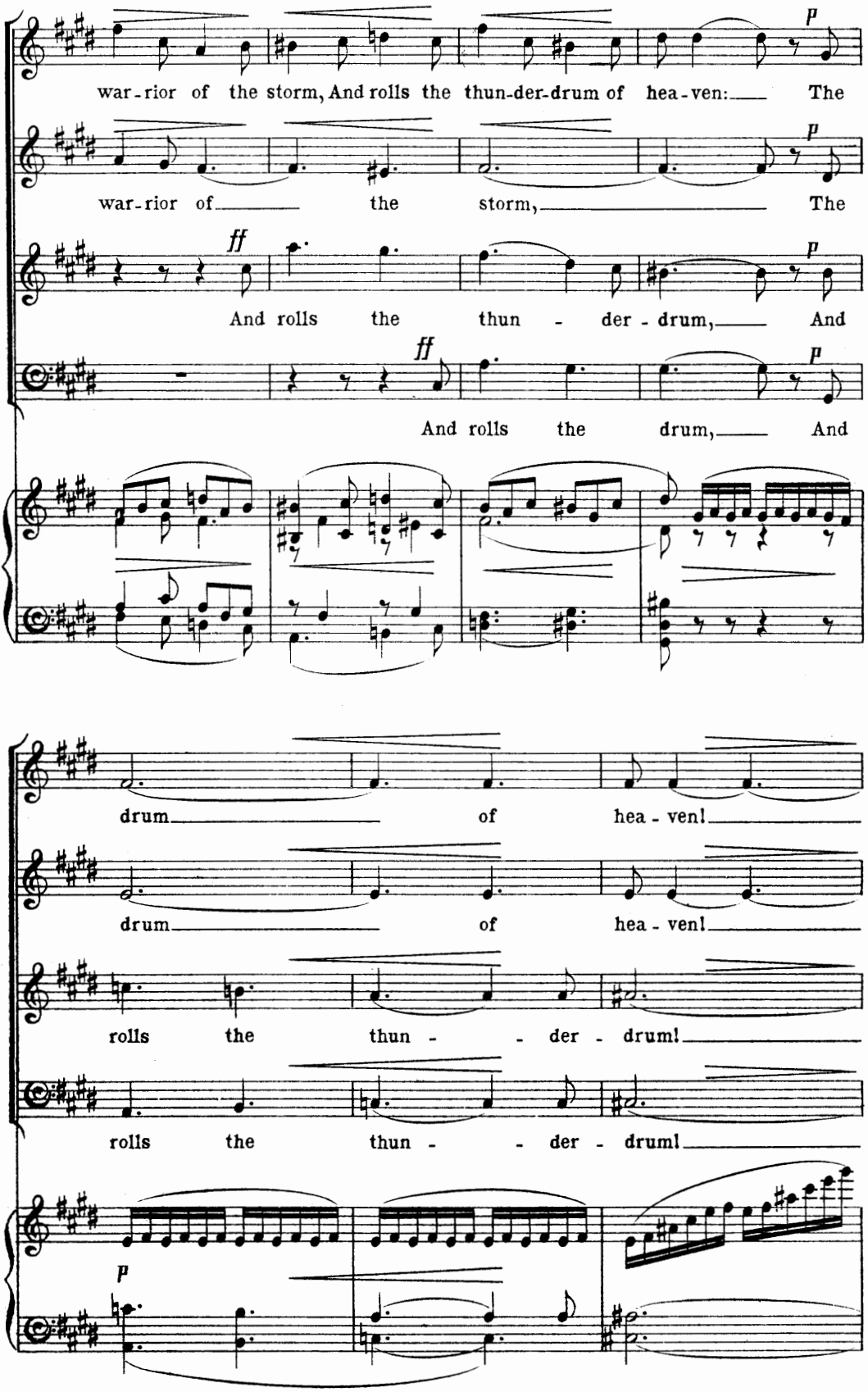

p
And gave in - to his
And gave in - to his
called her ea - gle - bear - er down, And gave in - to his
And gave in - to his
called her ea - gle - bear - er down, And gave in - to his

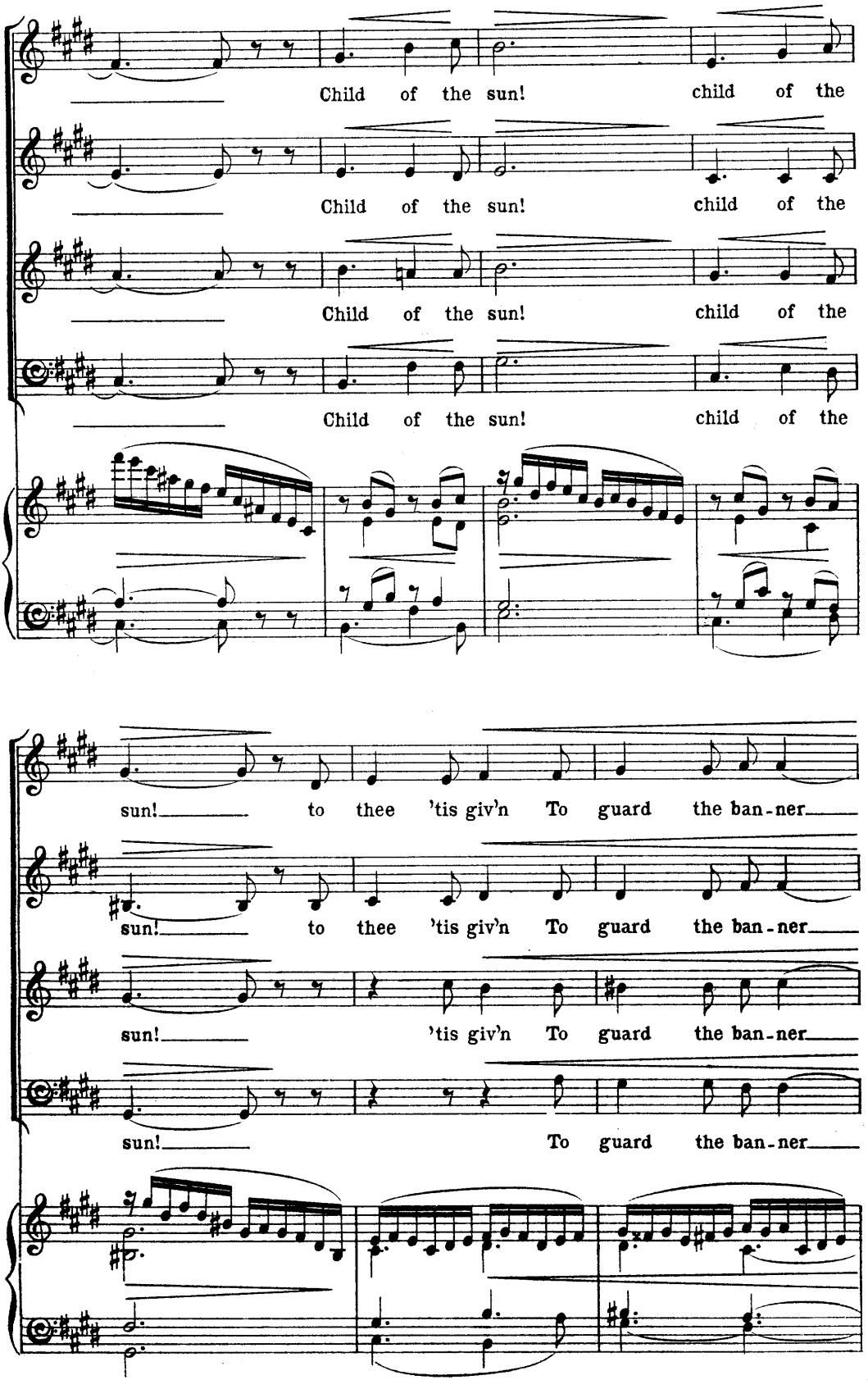

f
might - y hand The sym - bol of her cho - sen land. Ma -
might - y hand The sym - bol of her cho - sen land. Ma -
might - y hand The sym - bol of her cho - sen land. Ma -
might - y hand The sym - bol of her cho - sen land. Ma -

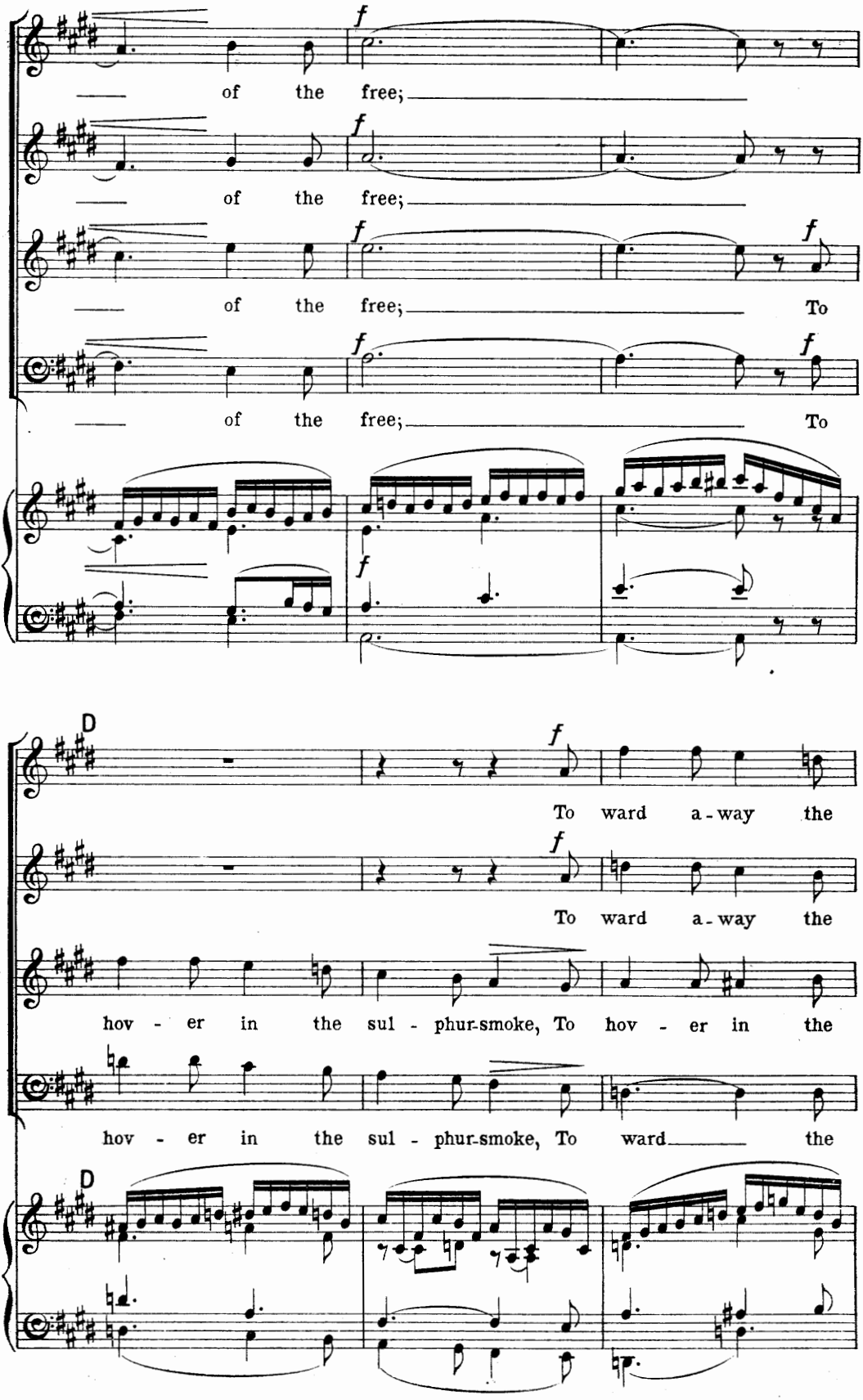

ff
- jes - - tic Mon - arch of the cloud!
- jes - - tic of the cloud!
- jes - - tic Mon - arch of the cloud!
- jes - - tic of the cloud!
- jes - - tic of the cloud!
C
Allegretto.
p
Who rear'st a -
Allegretto. ♩.=69.
C
p

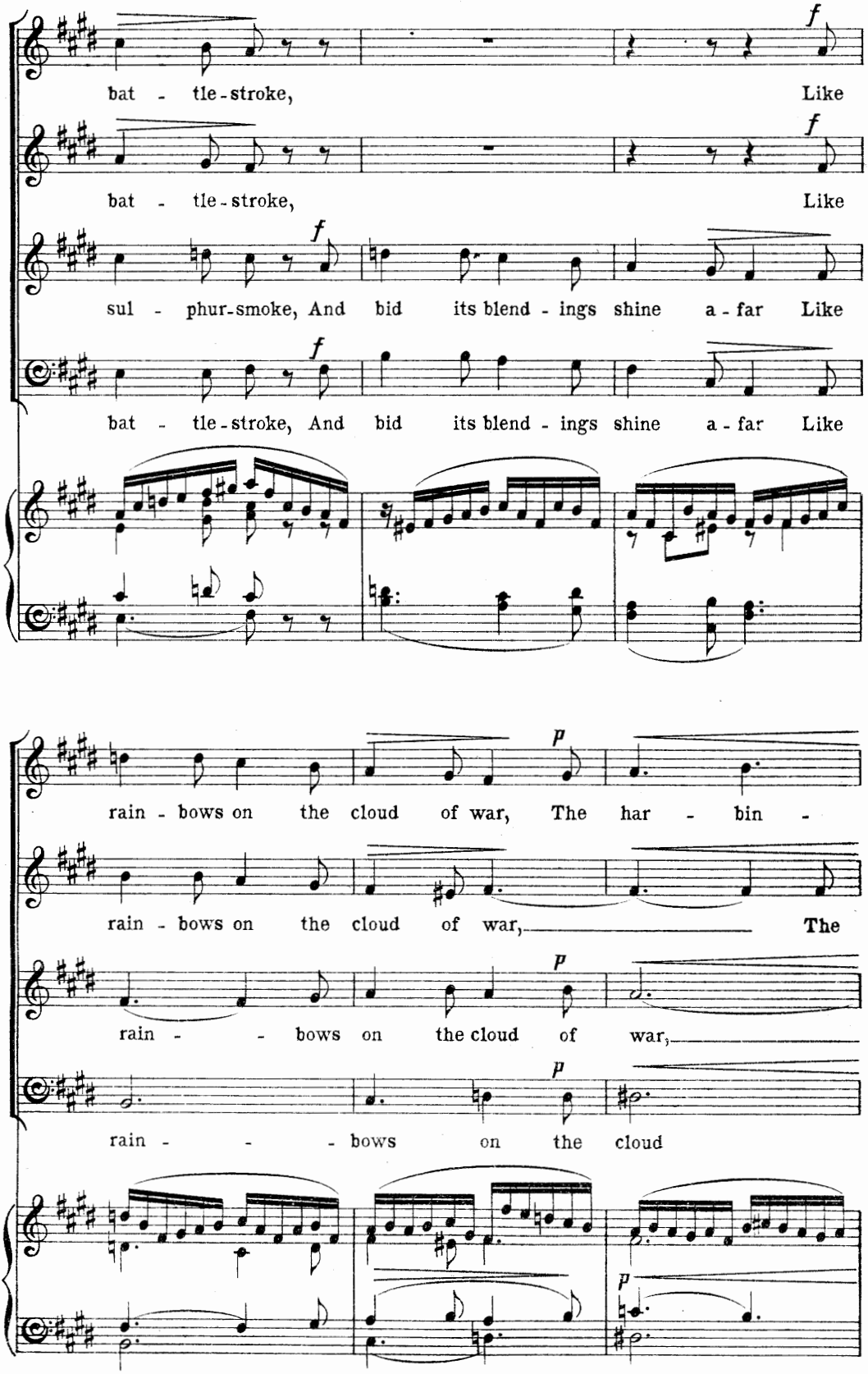

Soprano I & II.
mf
To
- loft thy re - - gal form To hear the
p
thy form To hear the
mf
To hear the trump - ings,
mf
To hear the
hear the tem-pest loud,
mf
To hear the tem - pest -
tem - pest - trump - ings loud,
f
trump - -
tem - pest - trump - ings loud,
f
trump - -
mf

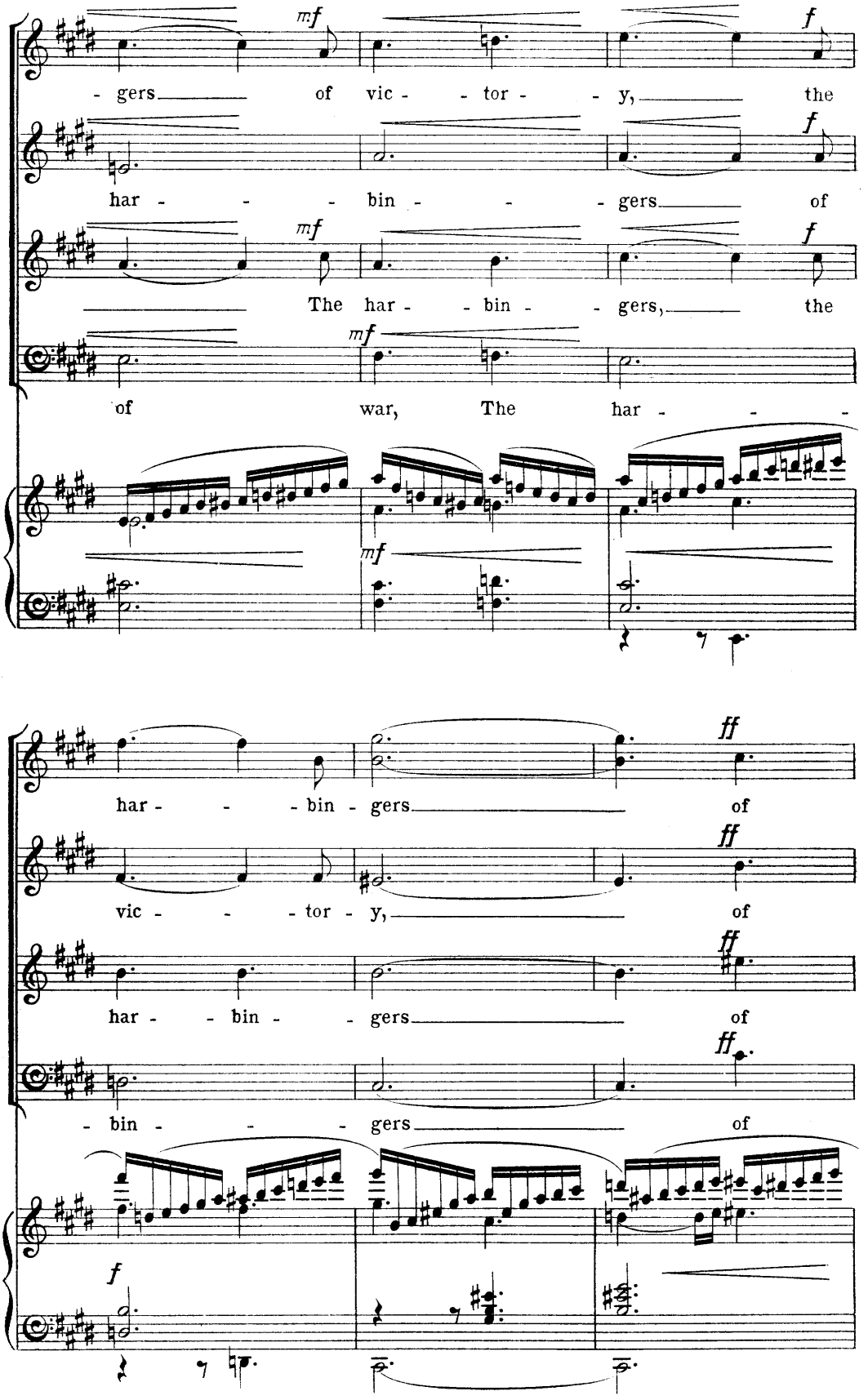

trump - ings loud, To hear the tempest-trumpings
- trump - ings loud, To hear the tempest-trumpings
- ings loud, And
- - ings loud,
loud And see the lightning-lan-ces dri-ven When strides the
loud And see the lan-ces When strides the
see the lan - ces dri-ven
the lan - ces dri-ven

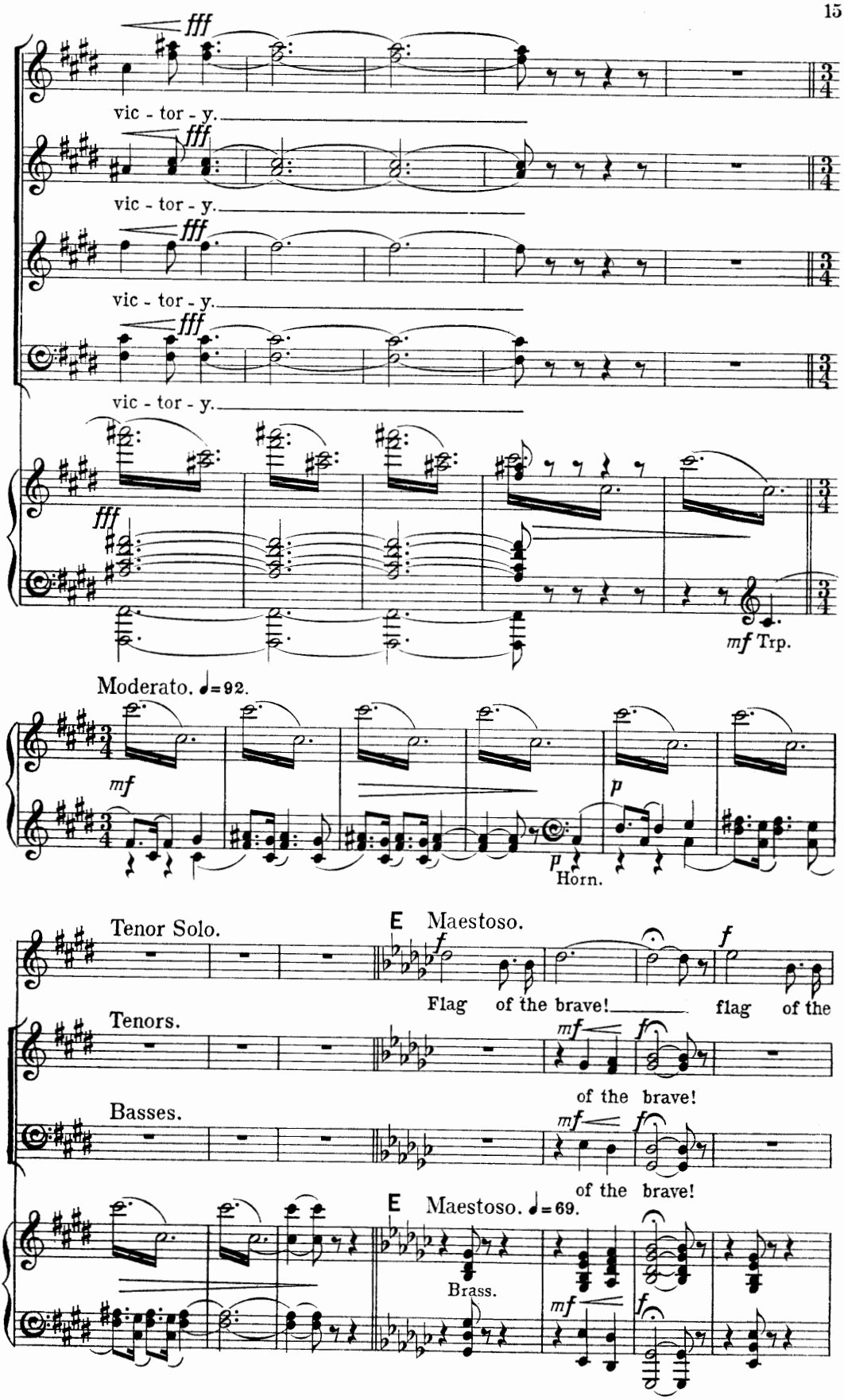

war-rior of the storm, And rolls the thun-der-drum of hea-ven: The
war-rior of the storm, The
And rolls the thun - der - drum, And
And rolls the drum, And
drum of hea - ven!
drum of hea - ven!
rolls the thun - - der - drum!
rolls the thun - - der - drum!

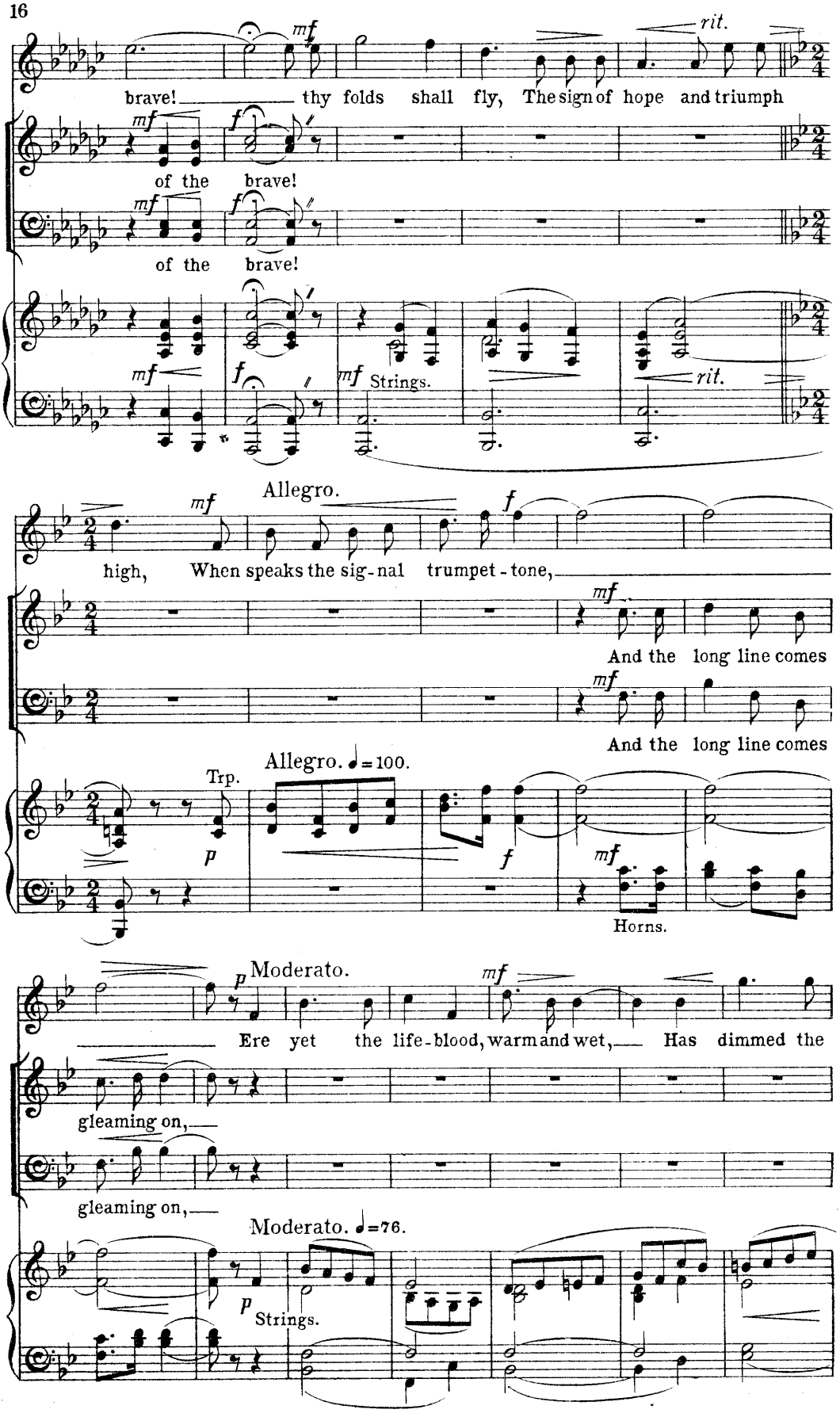

Child of the sun! child of the
Child of the sun! child of the
Child of the sun! child of the
Child of the sun! child of the
sun! to thee 'tis giv'n To guard the ban-ner
sun! to thee 'tis giv'n To guard the ban-ner
sun! 'tis giv'n To guard the ban-ner
sun! To guard the ban-ner

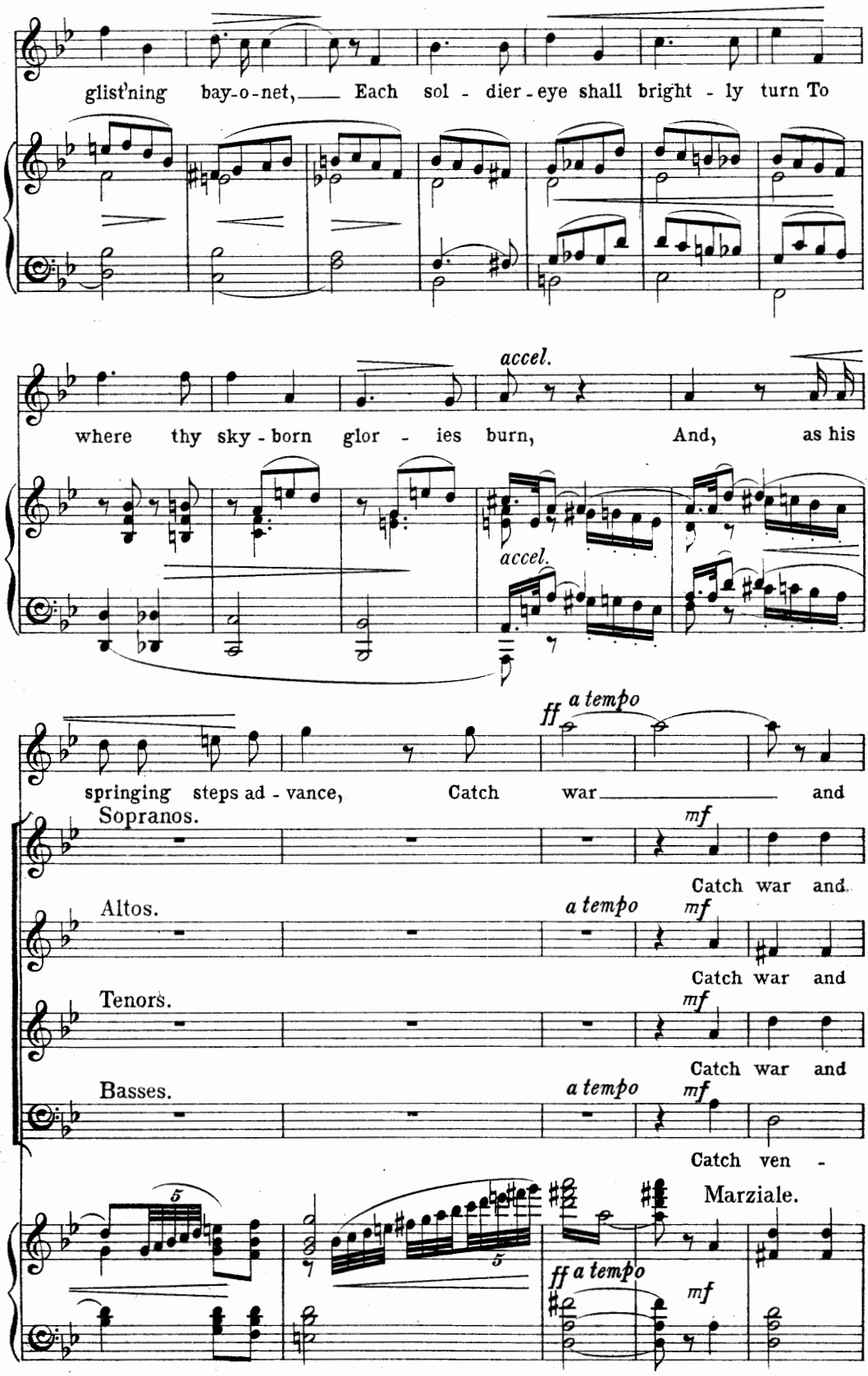

f
of the free;
of the free;
of the free; To
of the free; To
D
To ward a - way the
To ward a - way the
hov - er in the sul - phur-smoke, To hov - er in the
hov - er in the sul - phur-smoke, To ward the
D

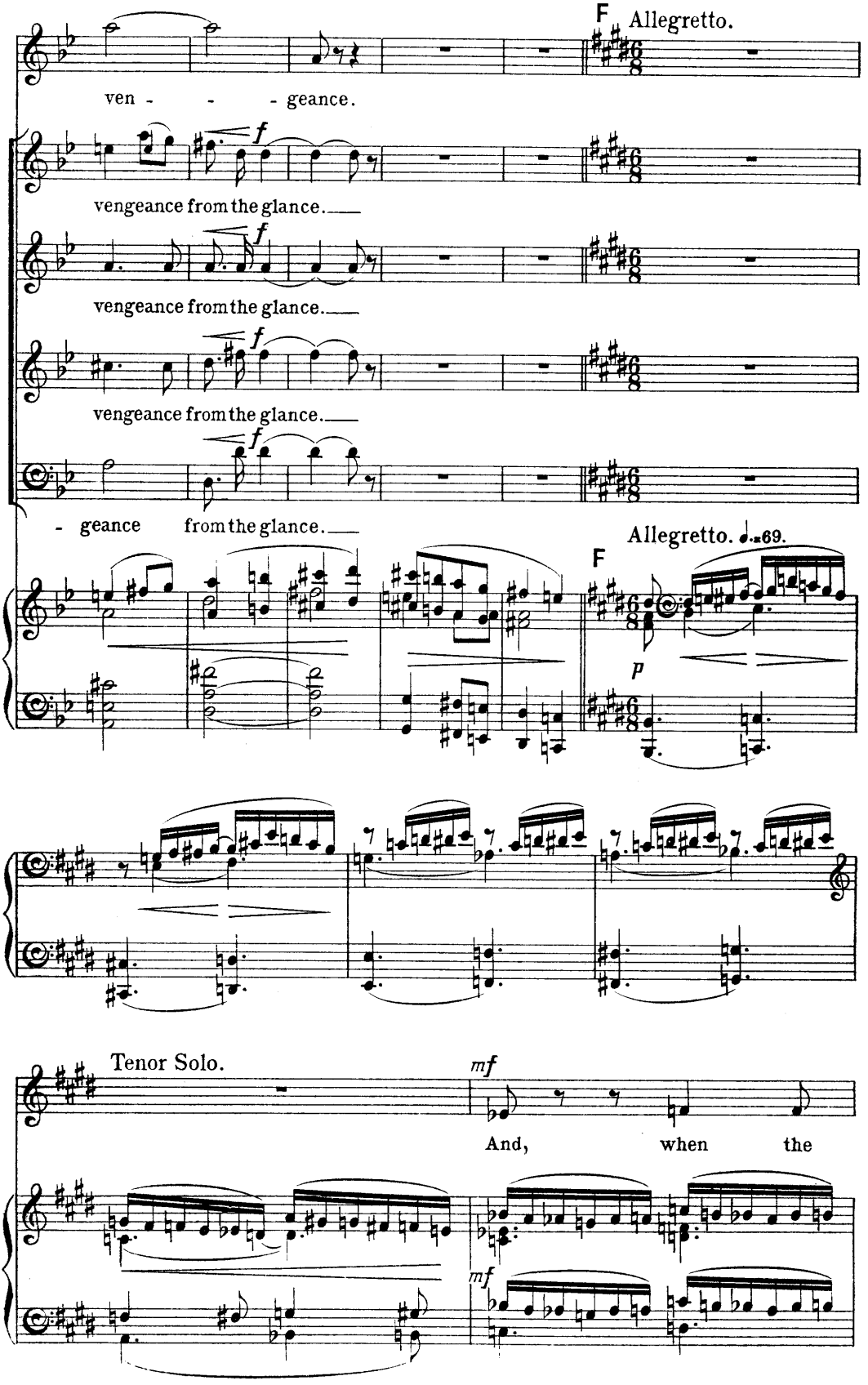

bat - tle-stroke, Like
bat - tle-stroke, Like
sul - phur-smoke, And bid its blend - ings shine a - far Like
bat - tle-stroke, And bid its blend - ings shine a - far Like
rain - bows on the cloud of war, The har - bin -
rain - bows on the cloud of war, The
rain - - bows on the cloud of war,
rain - - - bows on the cloud


mf
- gers of vic - tor - y, the
f
har - - - bin - - - gers of
mf
The har - bin - gers, the
f
of war, The har - - -
mf
ff
har - - - bin - gers of
ff
vic - - - tor - y, of
ff
har - - bin - - gers of
ff
- bin - - - gers of
f


fff
vic - tor - y.
fff
vic - tor - y.
fff
vic - tor - y.
fff
vic - tor - y.
fff
mf Trp.
Moderato. ♩=92.
mf
p
p
Horn.
Tenor Solo.
E Maestoso.
f
Flag of the brave!
f
flag of the
Tenors.
mf
f
of the brave!
Basses.
mf
f
of the brave!
E Maestoso. ♩=69.
Brass.
mf
f


mf
rit.
brave! thy folds shall fly, The sign of hope and triumph
mf
f
of the brave!
mf
f
of the brave!
mf
f
mf Strings.
rit.
Allegro.
mf
f
high, When speaks the sig-nal trumpet-tone,
mf
And the long line comes
mf
And the long line comes
Allegro. ♩=100.
Trp.
p
f
mf
Horns.
Moderato.
p
mf
Ere yet the life-blood, warm and wet, Has dimmed the
gleaming on,
gleaming on,
Moderato. ♩=76.
p
Strings.


glist'ning bay-o-net, Each sol - dier-eye shall bright - ly turn To
accel.
where thy sky - born glor - ies burn, And, as his
accel.
ff a tempo
springing steps ad - vance, Catch war and
Sopranos.
mf
Catch war and
Altos.
a tempo
mf
Catch war and
Tenors.
mf
Catch war and
Basses.
a tempo
mf
Catch ven -
Marziale.
ff a tempo
mf


F Allegretto.
ven - - - geance.
f
vengeance from the glance.
f
vengeance from the glance.
f
vengeance from the glance.
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- geance from the glance.
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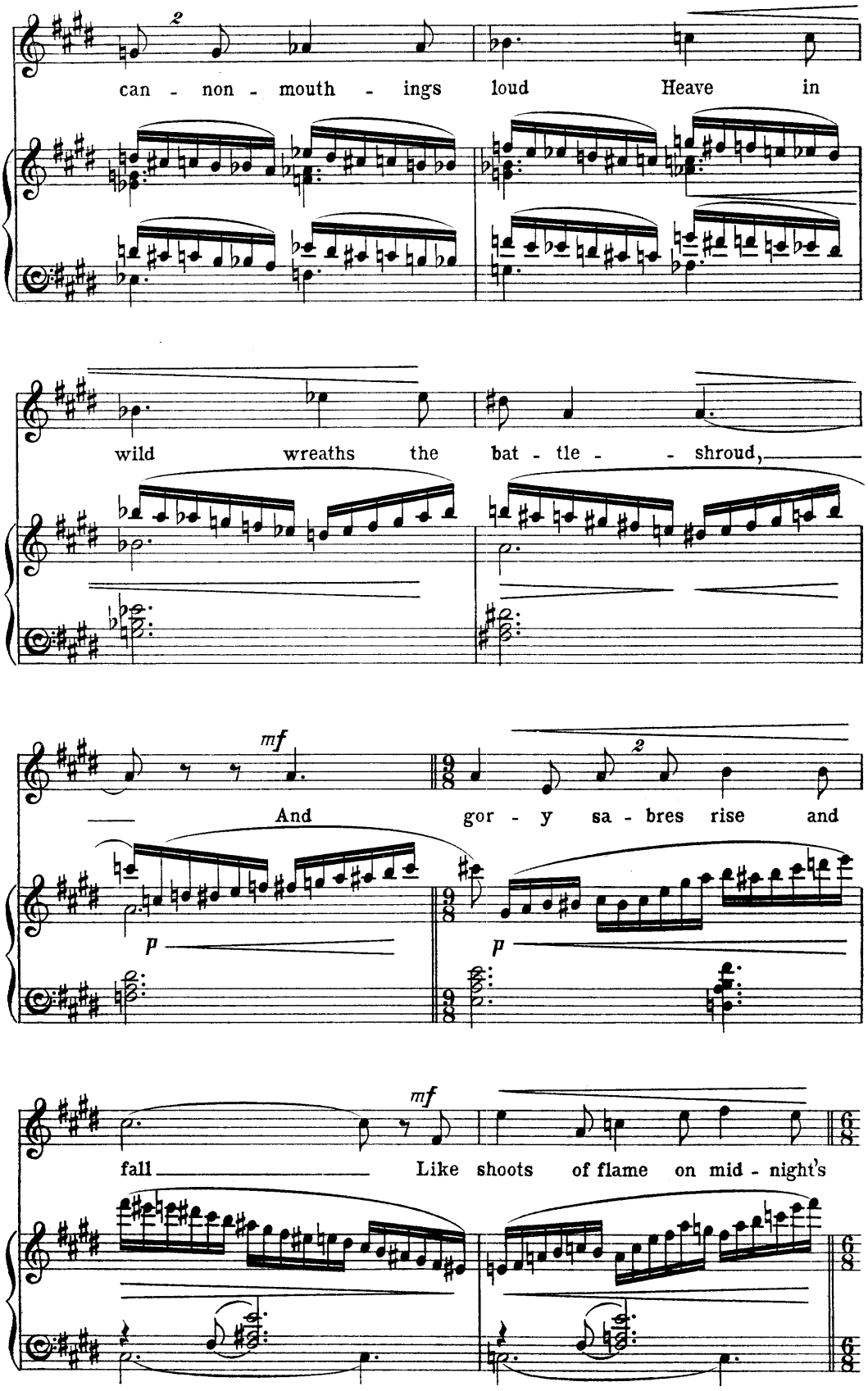
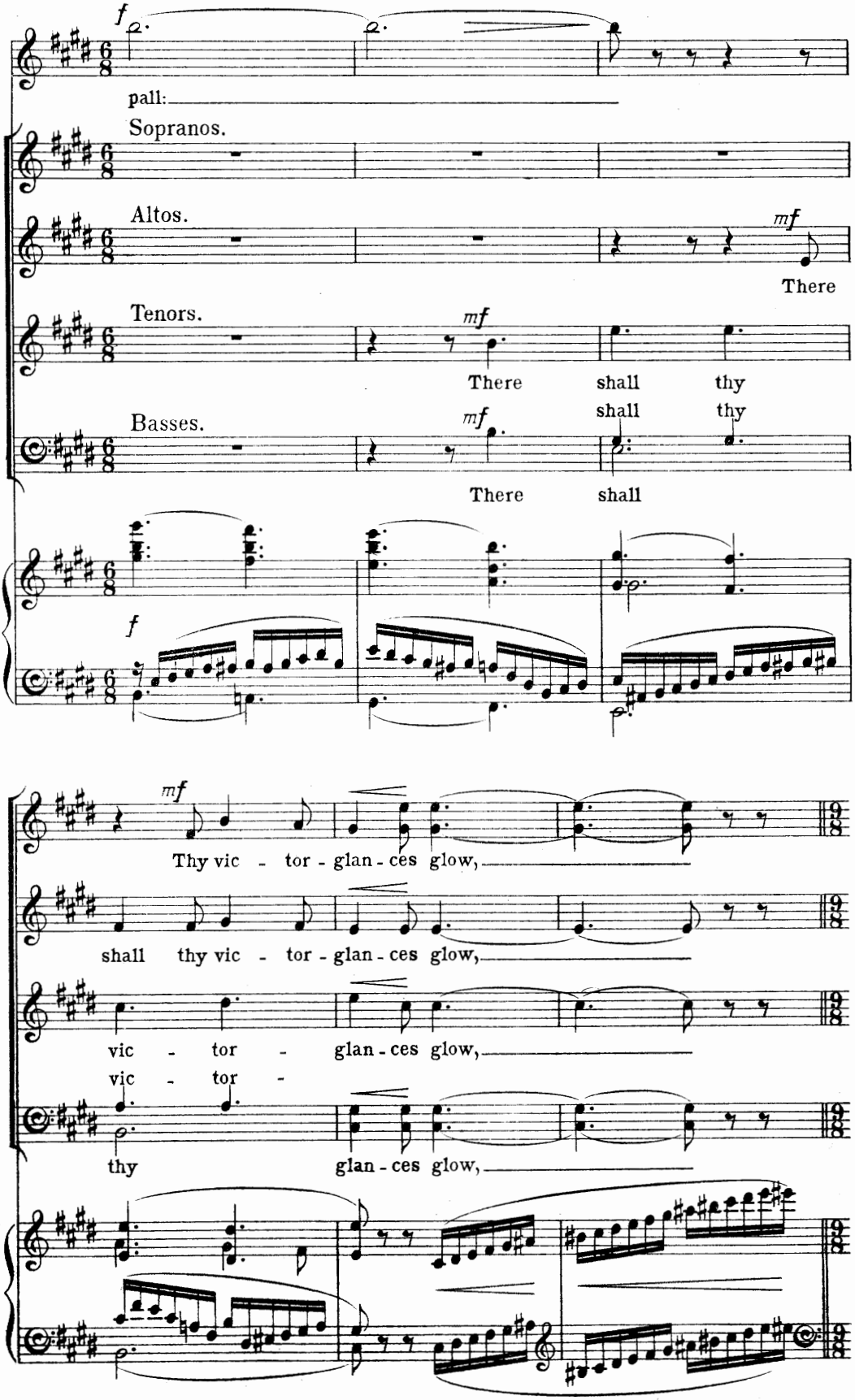
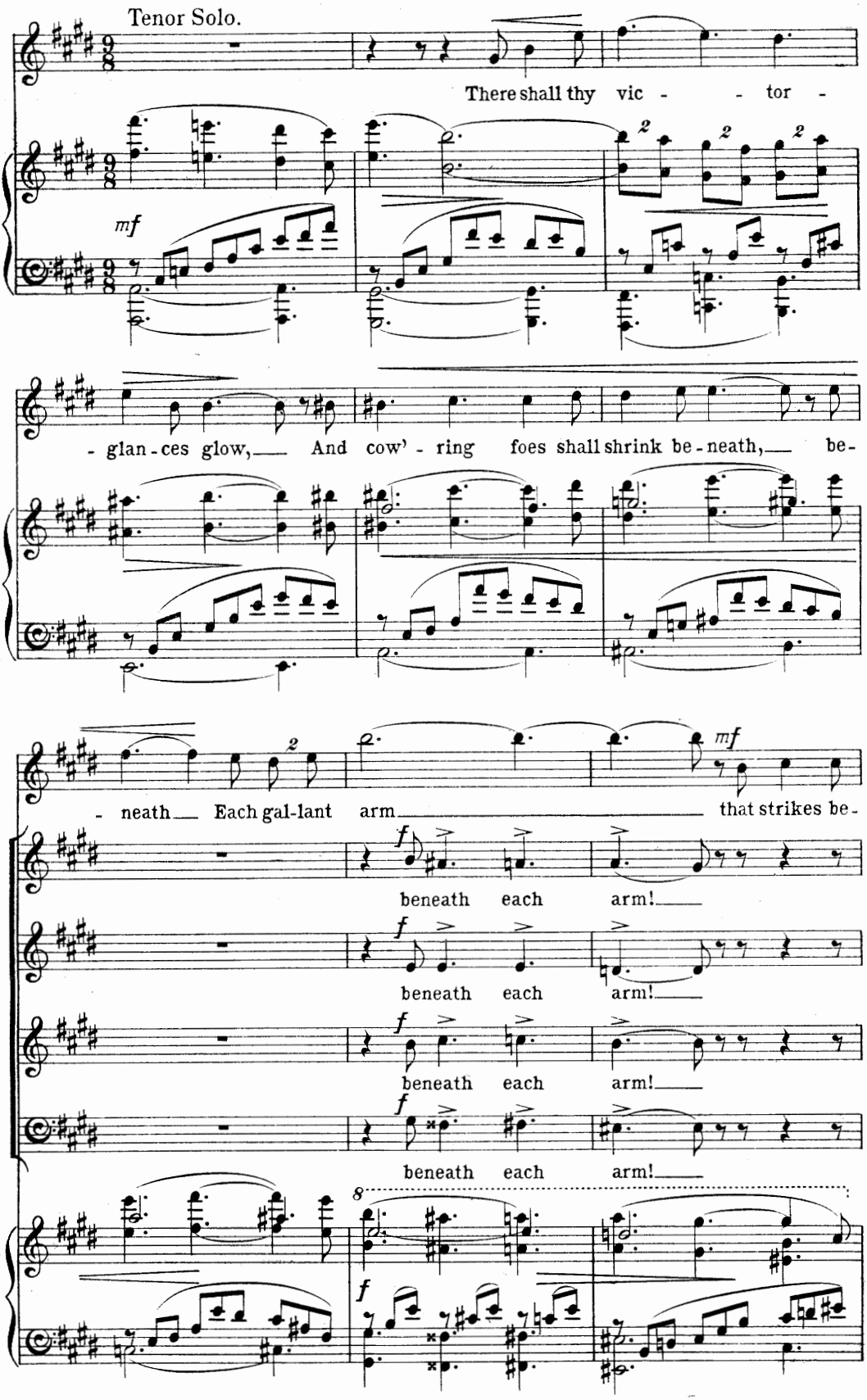
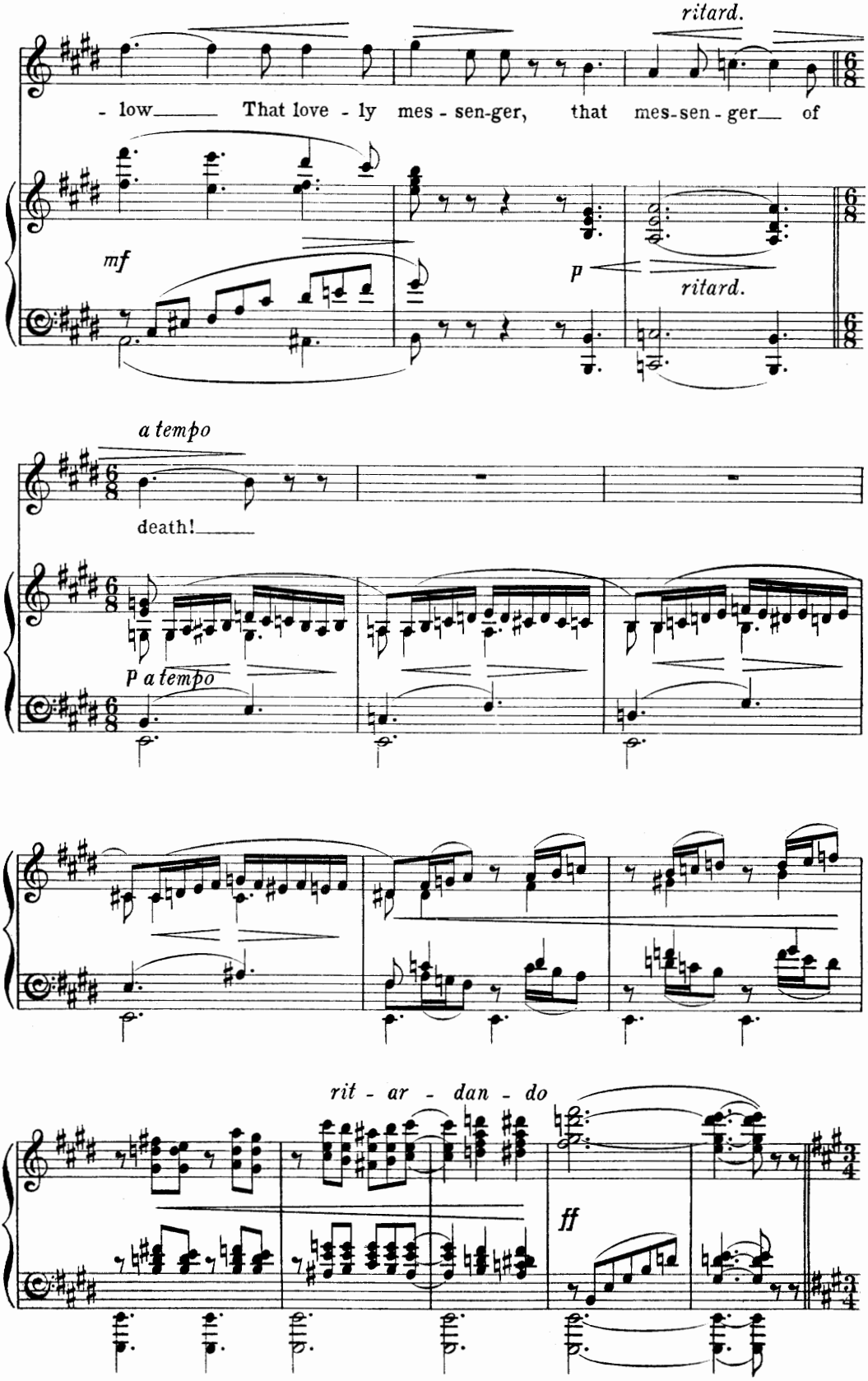
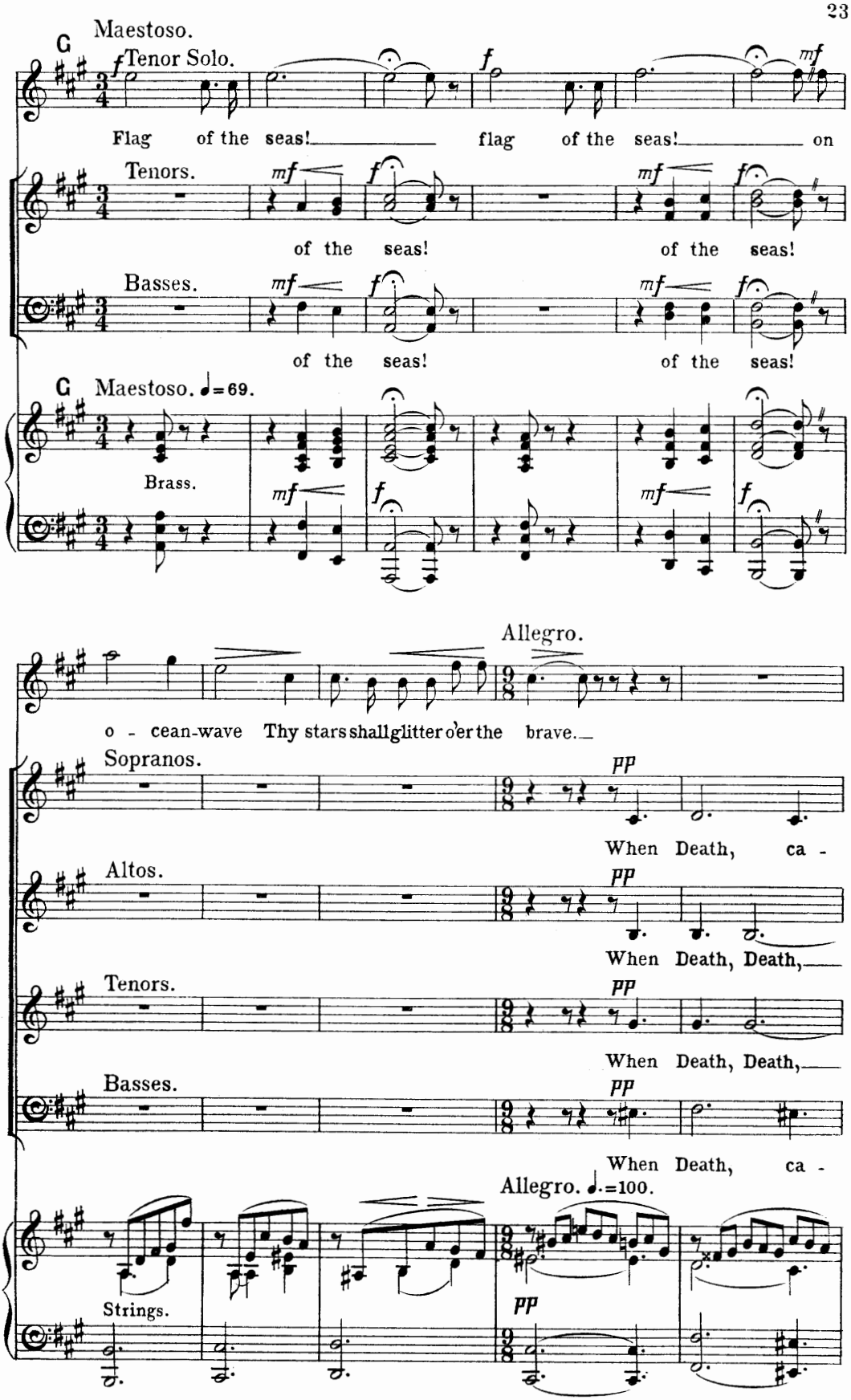
F
p
Tenor Solo.
mf
And, when the
mf

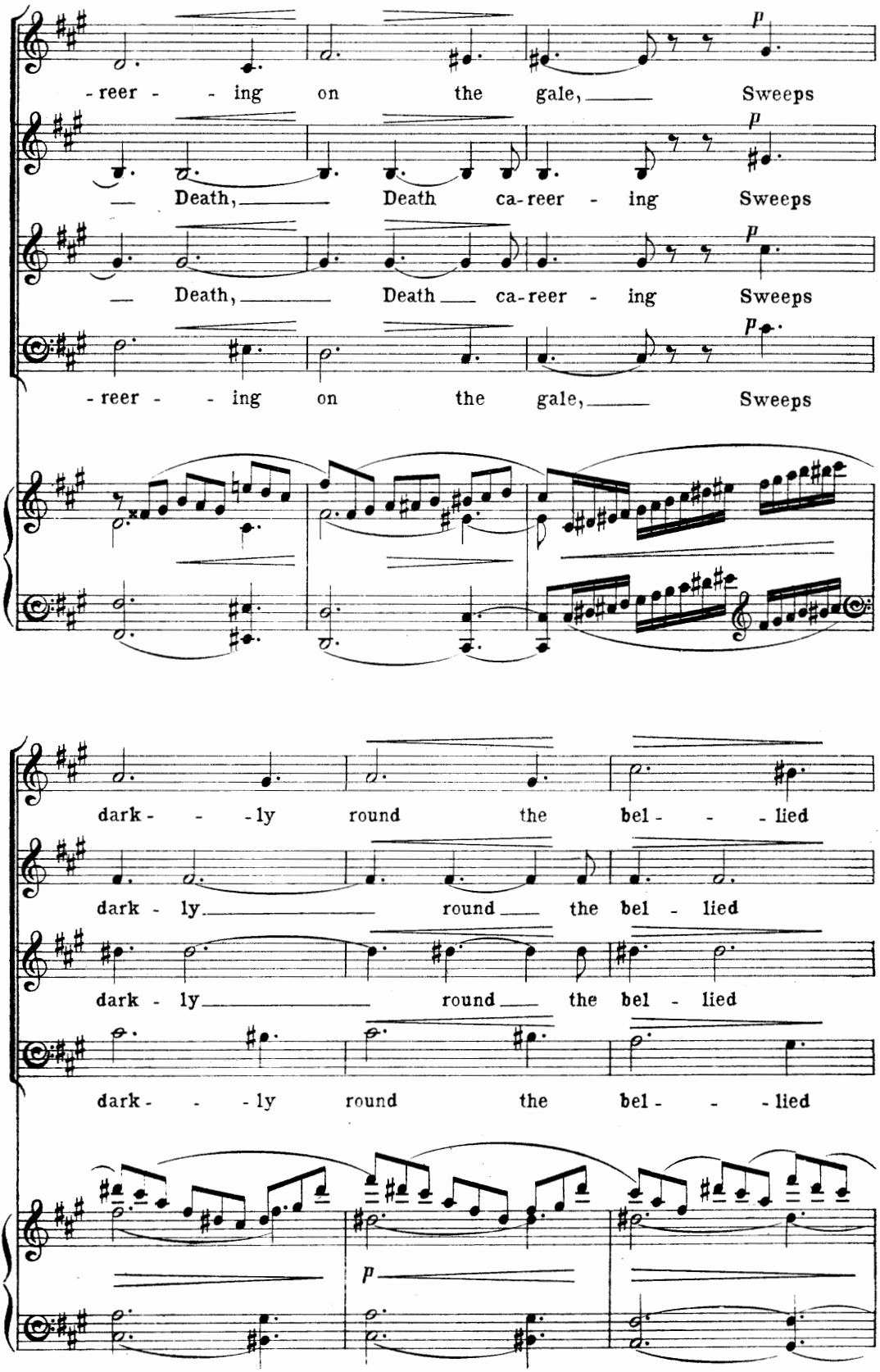

2
can - non - mouth - ings loud Heave in
wild wreaths the bat - tle - - shroud,
mf
And
2
gor - y sa - bres rise and
p
p
mf
fall
Like shoots of flame on mid - night's

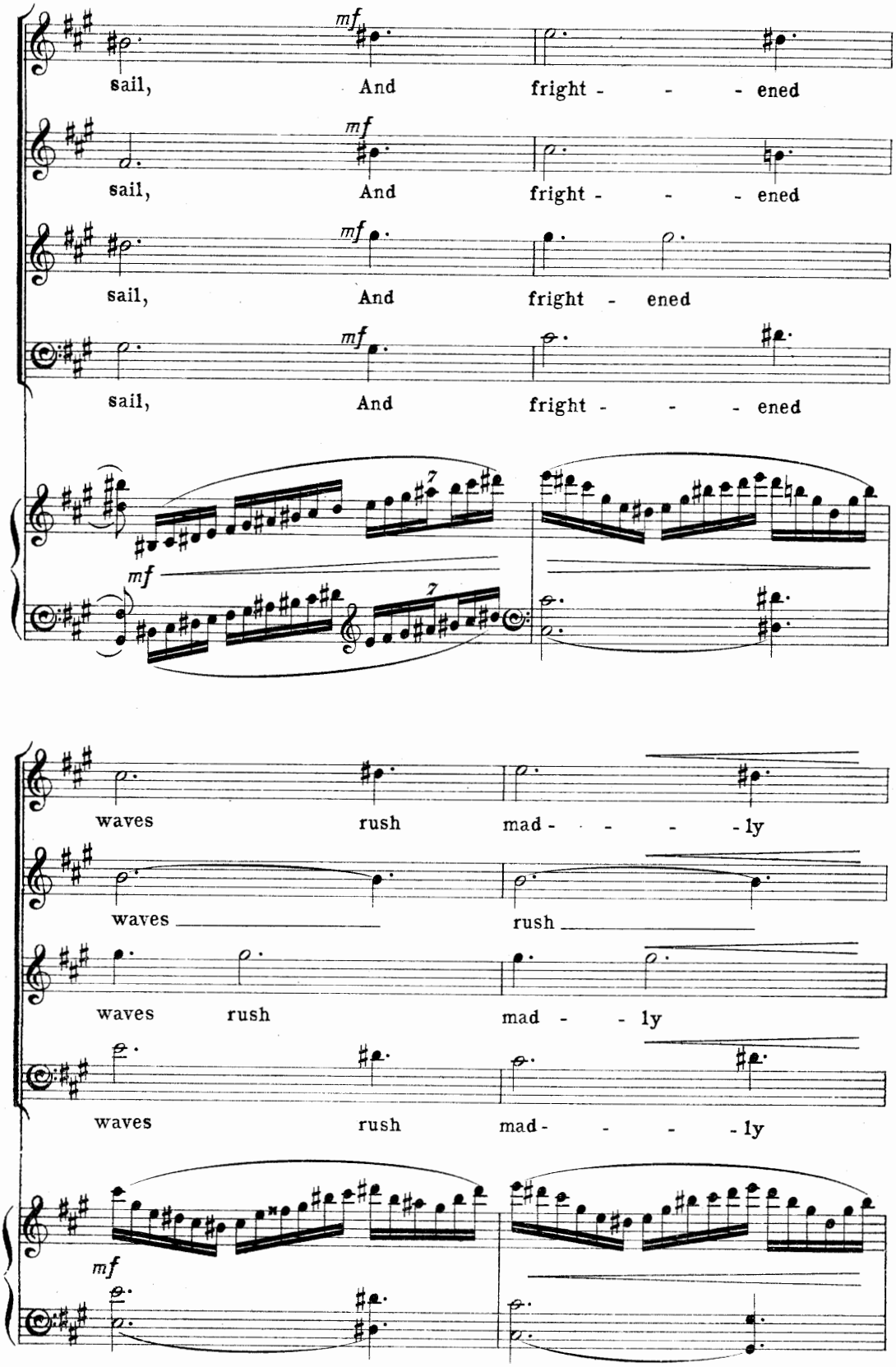

f
pall:
Sopranos.
Altos.
mf
There
Tenors.
mf
There shall thy
Basses.
mf
shall thy
There shall
f
mf
Thy vic - tor - glan - ces glow,
shall thy vic - tor - glan - ces glow,
vic - tor - glan - ces glow,
vic - tor -
thy glan - ces glow,

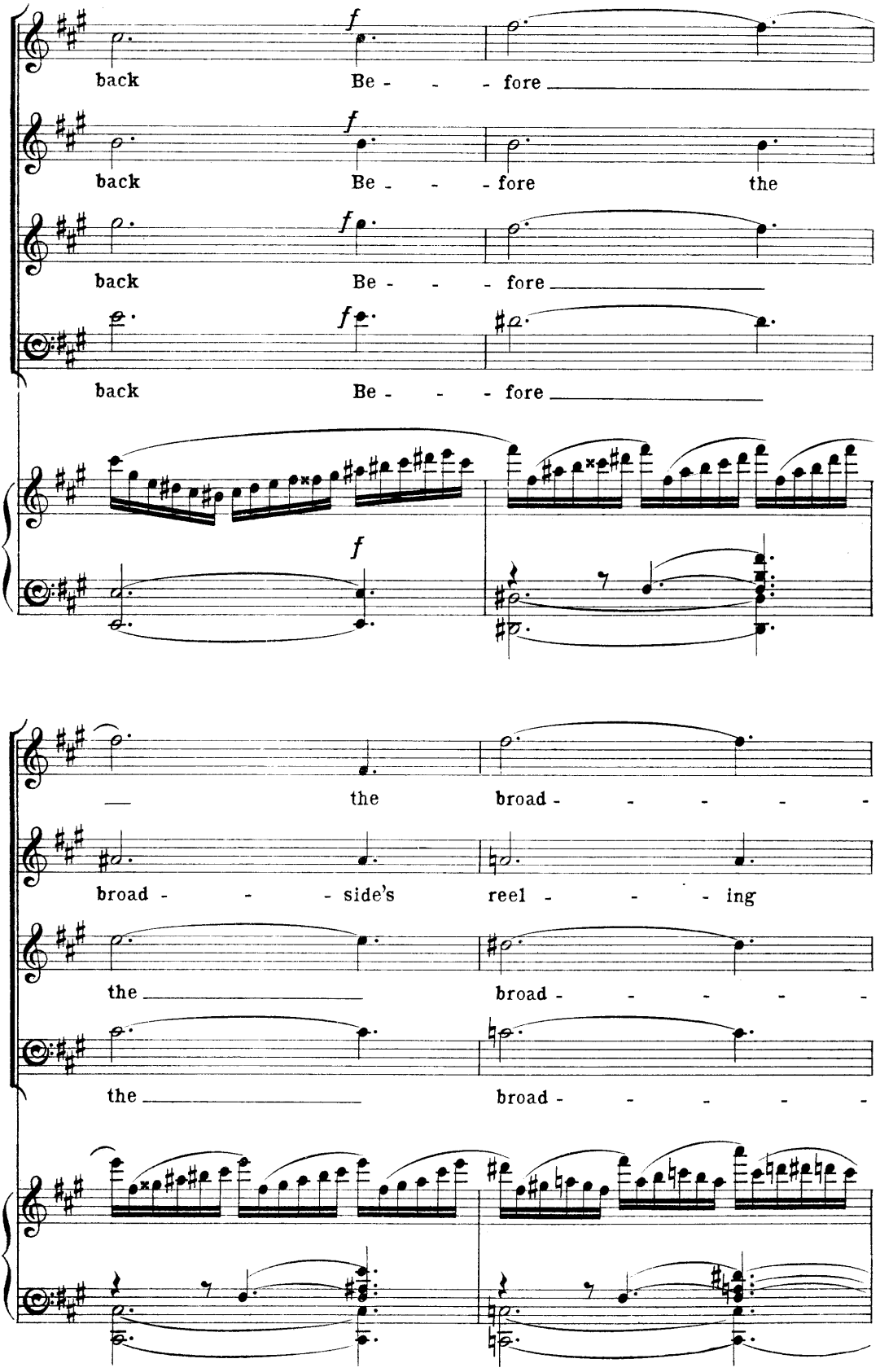

Tenor Solo.
There shall thy vic - - tor -
mf
- glan - ces glow, And cow' - ring foes shall shrink be - neath, be -
- neath Each gal-lant arm that strikes be -
f
beneath each arm!
beneath each arm!
beneath each arm!
beneath each arm!
8
f

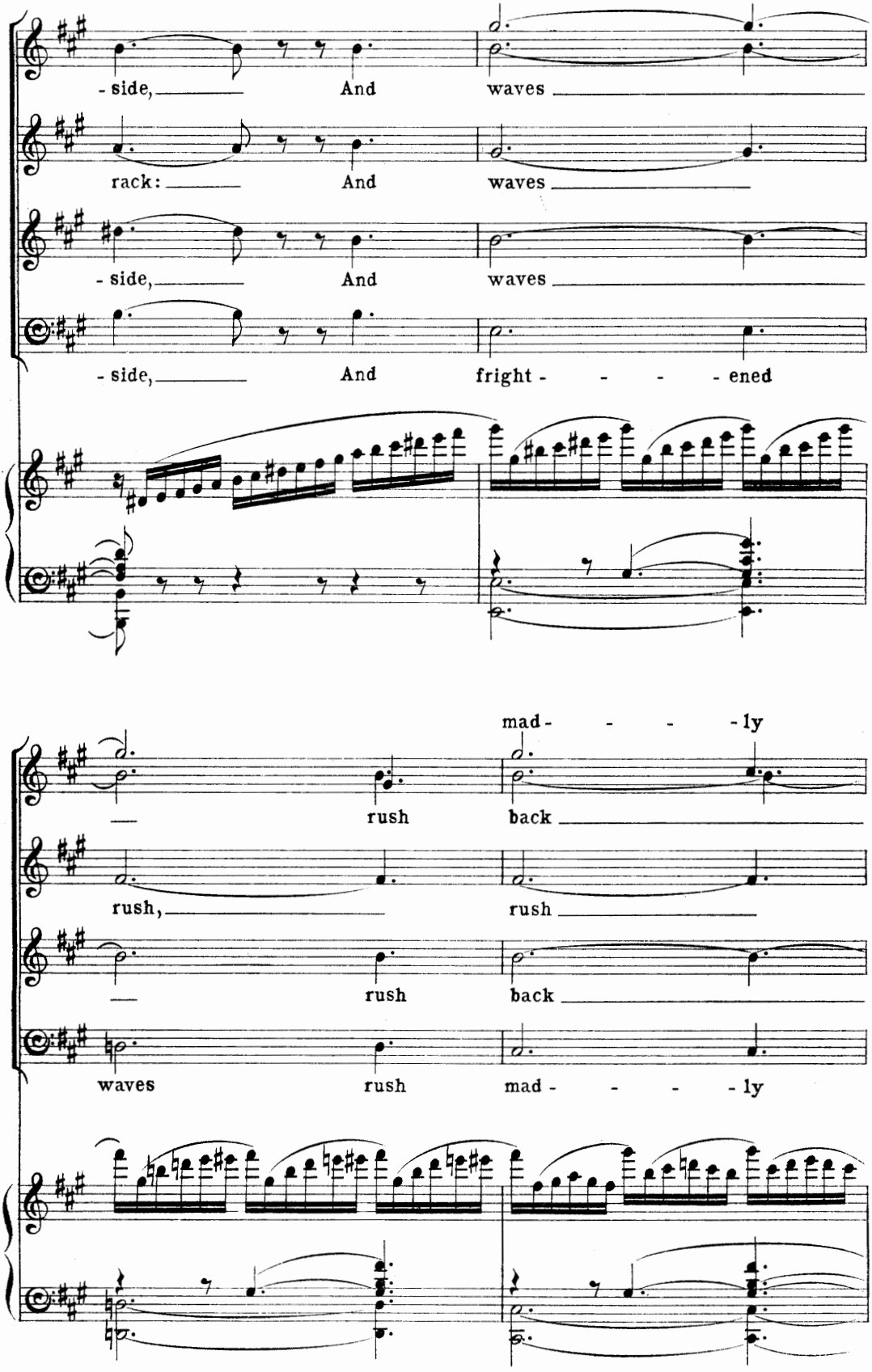

ritard.
- low That love - ly mes - sen-ger, that mes-sen - ger of
mf
p
ritard.
a tempo
death!
p a tempo
rit - ar - dan - do
ff

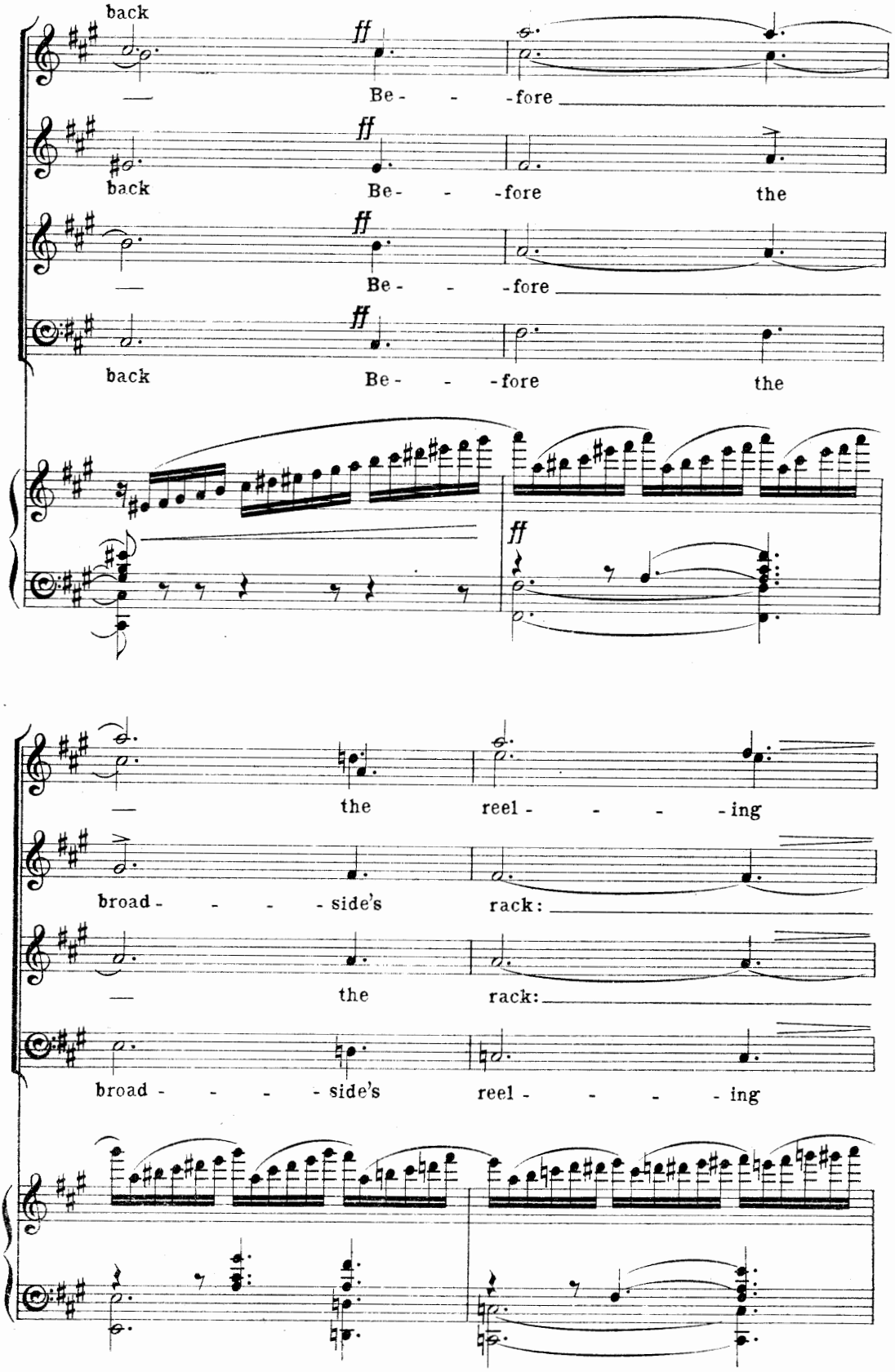

Maestoso.
Tenor Solo.
Flag of the seas! flag of the seas! on
Tenors.
of the seas! of the seas!
Basses.
of the seas! of the seas!
Maestoso. ♩=69.
Brass.
Allegro.
o - cean-wave Thy stars shall glitter o'er the brave.
Sopranos.
When Death, ca -
Altos.
When Death, Death,
Tenors.
When Death, Death,
Basses.
When Death, ca -
Allegro. ♩.=100.
Strings.

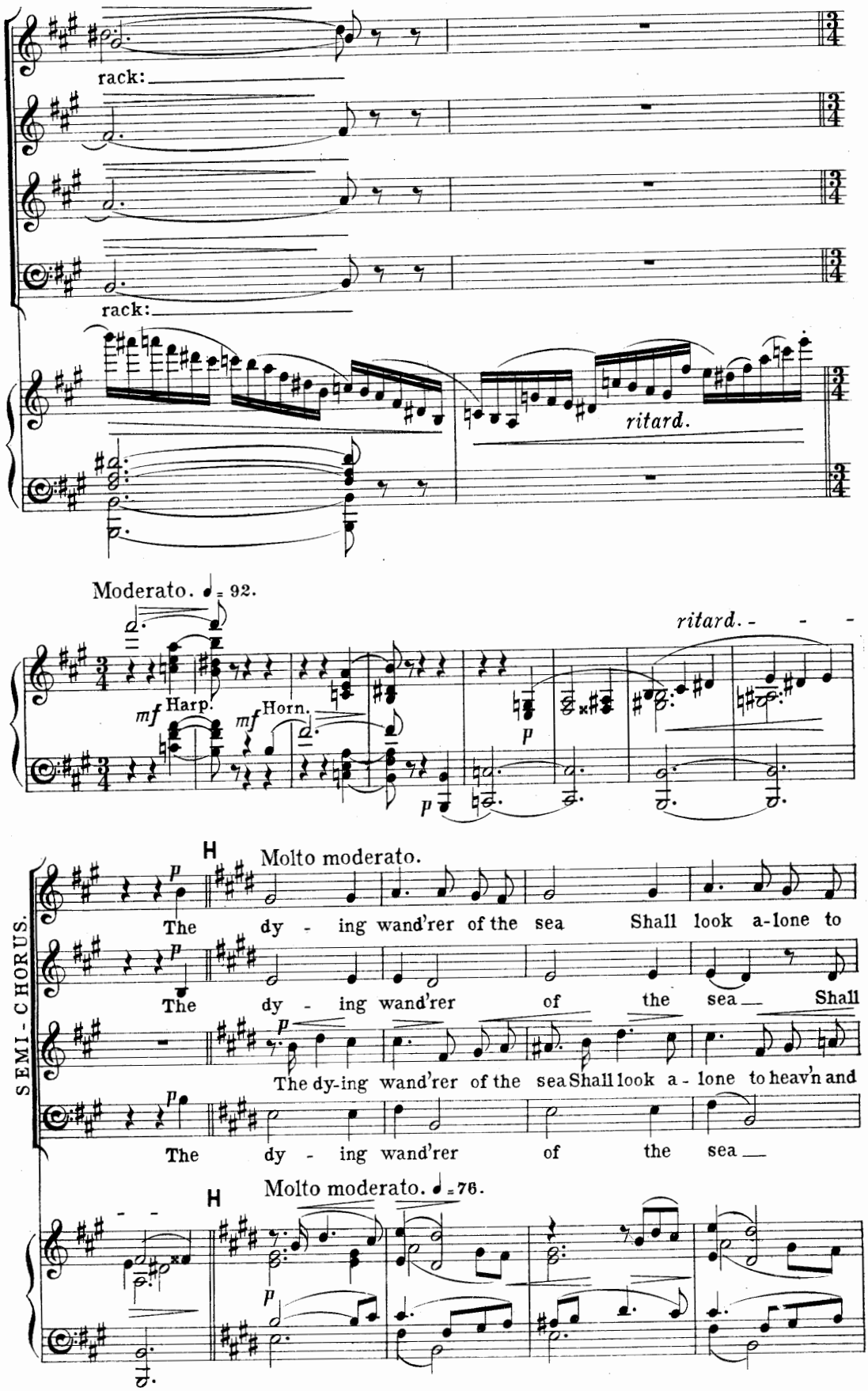

-reer - - ing on the gale, Sweeps
— Death, Death ca-reer - ing Sweeps
— Death, Death ca-reer - ing Sweeps
-reer - - ing on the gale, Sweeps
p
dark - - - ly round the bel - - - lied
dark - ly round the bel - lied
dark - ly round the bel - lied
dark - - - ly round the bel - - - lied
p

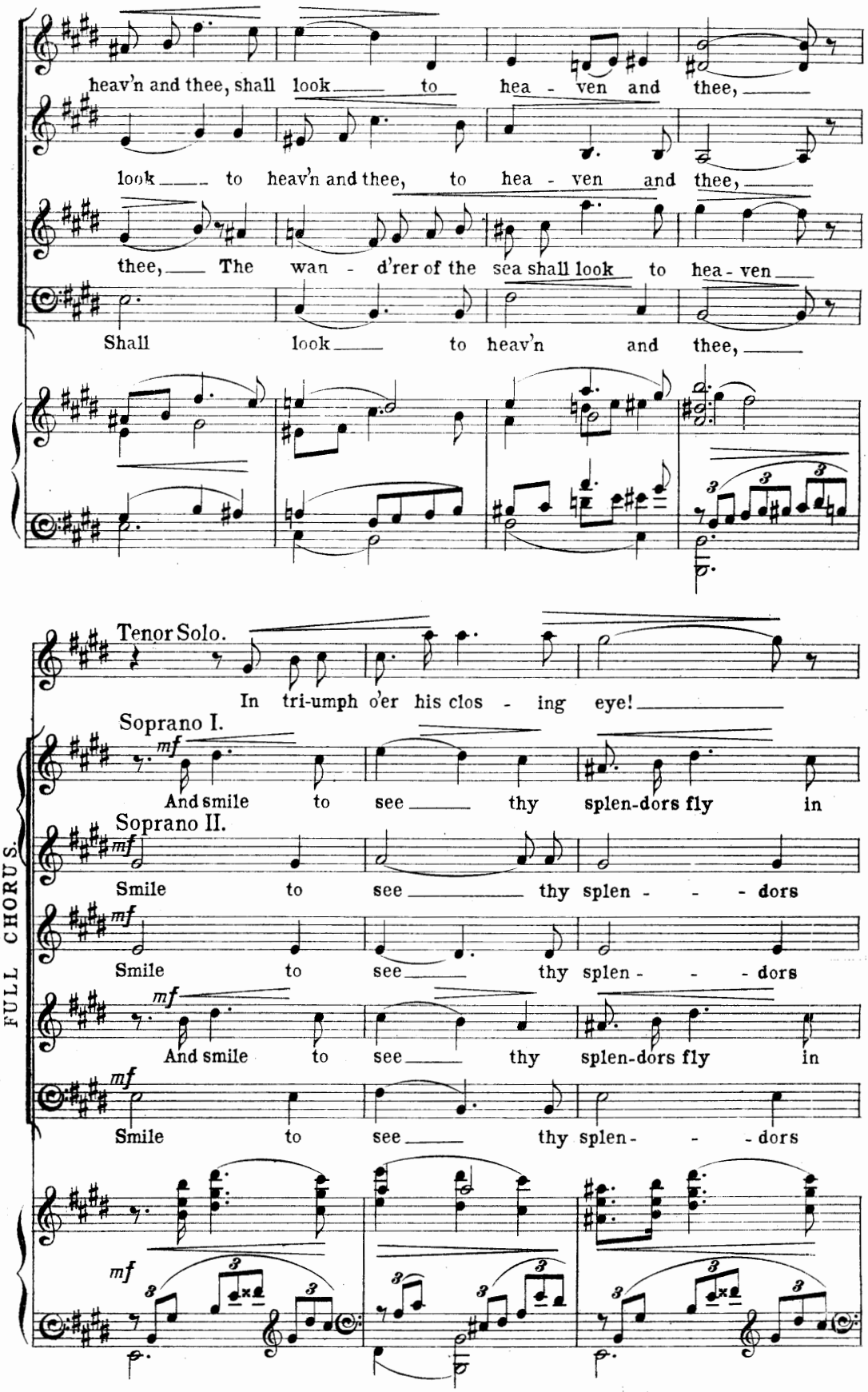

mf
sail, And fright - - - ened
mf
sail, And fright - - - ened
mf
sail, And fright - ened
mf
sail, And fright - - - ened
mf
waves rush mad - - - - ly
waves rush
waves rush mad - - ly
waves rush mad - - - - ly
mf

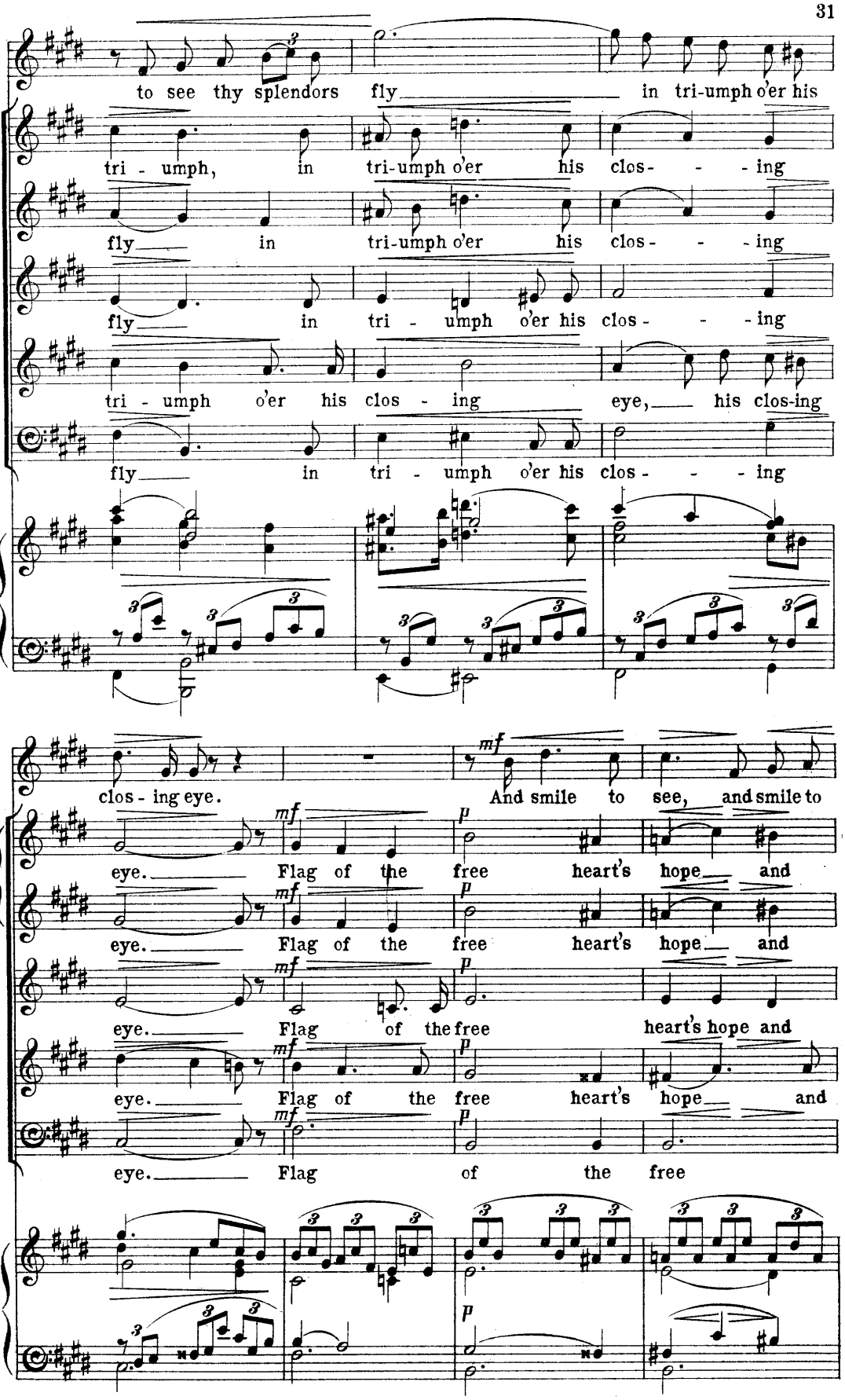

f
back Be - - - fore
f
back Be - - - fore the
f
back Be - - - fore
f
back Be - - - fore
f
the broad - - - - -
broad - - - side's reel - - - ing
the broad - - - - -
the broad - - - - -


- side, And waves
rack: And waves
- side, And waves
- side, And fright - - - - ened
mad - - - - ly
rush back
rush, rush
rush back
waves rush mad - - - - ly


back
ff
Be - - -fore
back
Be - - -fore the
Be - - -fore
back
Be - - -fore the
the reel - - - -ing
broad - - - - side's rack:
the rack:
broad - - - - side's reel - - - -ing


rack:
rack:
ritard.
Moderato. ♩ = 92.
mf Harp.
mf Horn.
p
ritard.
SEMI-CHORUS.
H
Molto moderato.
p
The dy - ing wand'rer of the sea Shall look a-lone to
The dy - ing wand'rer of the sea Shall
The dy-ing wand'rer of the sea Shall look a - lone to heav'n and
The dy - ing wand'rer of the sea
H
Molto moderato. ♩ = 76.
p


heav'n and thee, shall look to hea - ven and thee,
look to heav'n and thee, to hea - ven and thee,
thee, The wan - d'rer of the sea shall look to hea - ven
Shall look to heav'n and thee,
Tenor Solo.
In tri-umph o'er his clos - ing eye!
Soprano I.
mf
And smile to see thy splen-dors fly in
Soprano II.
mf
Smile to see thy splen - - - dors
mf
Smile to see thy splen - - - dors
mf
And smile to see thy splen-dors fly in
mf
Smile to see thy splen - - - dors
mf
FULL CHORUS.


to see thy splendors fly in tri-umph o'er his
tri - umph, in tri-umph o'er his clos - - - ing
fly in tri-umph o'er his clos - - - ing
fly in tri - umph o'er his clos - - - ing
tri - umph o'er his clos - ing eye, his clos-ing
fly in tri - umph o'er his clos - - - ing
clos - ing eye. And smile to see, and smile to
mf
p
eye. Flag of the free heart's hope and
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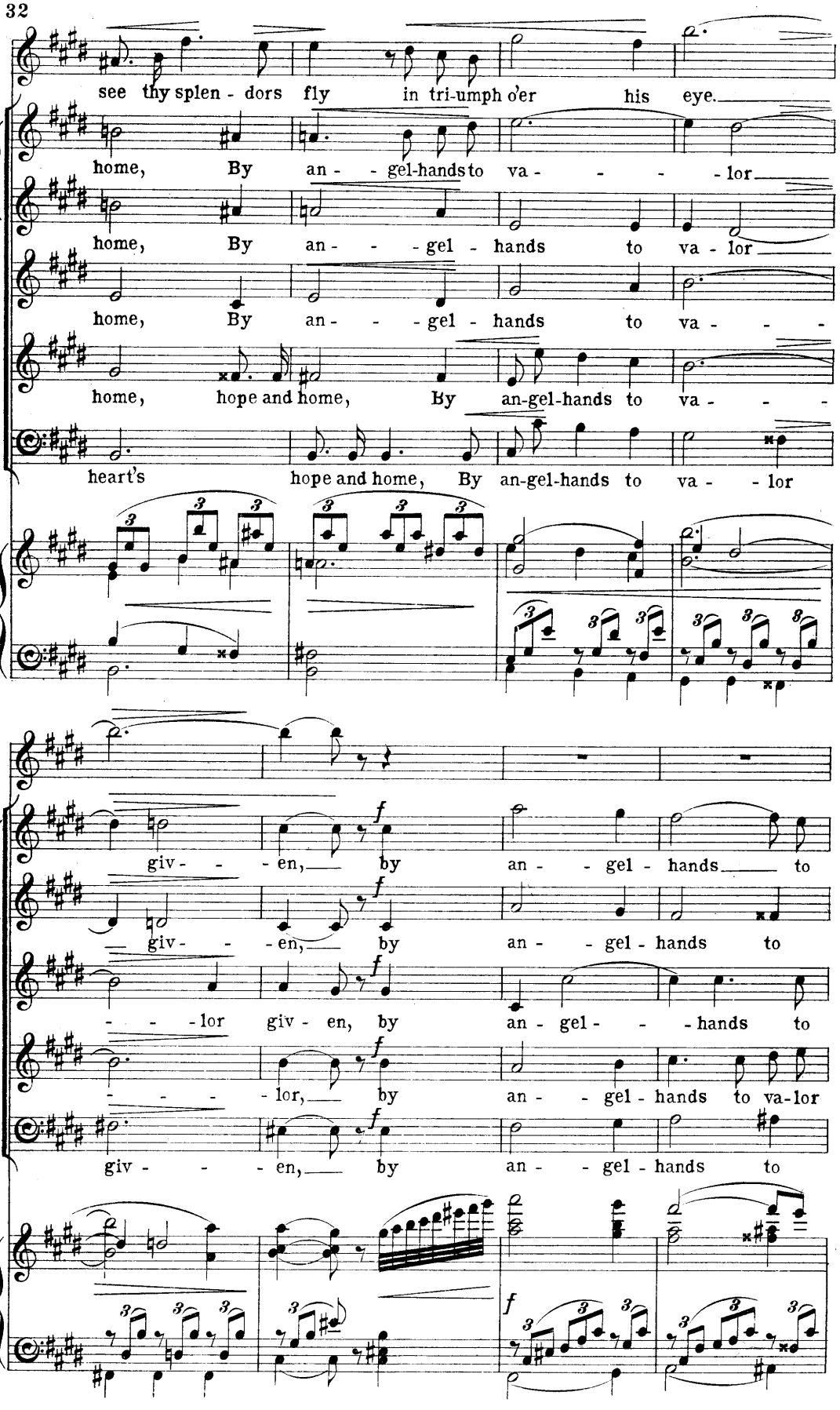
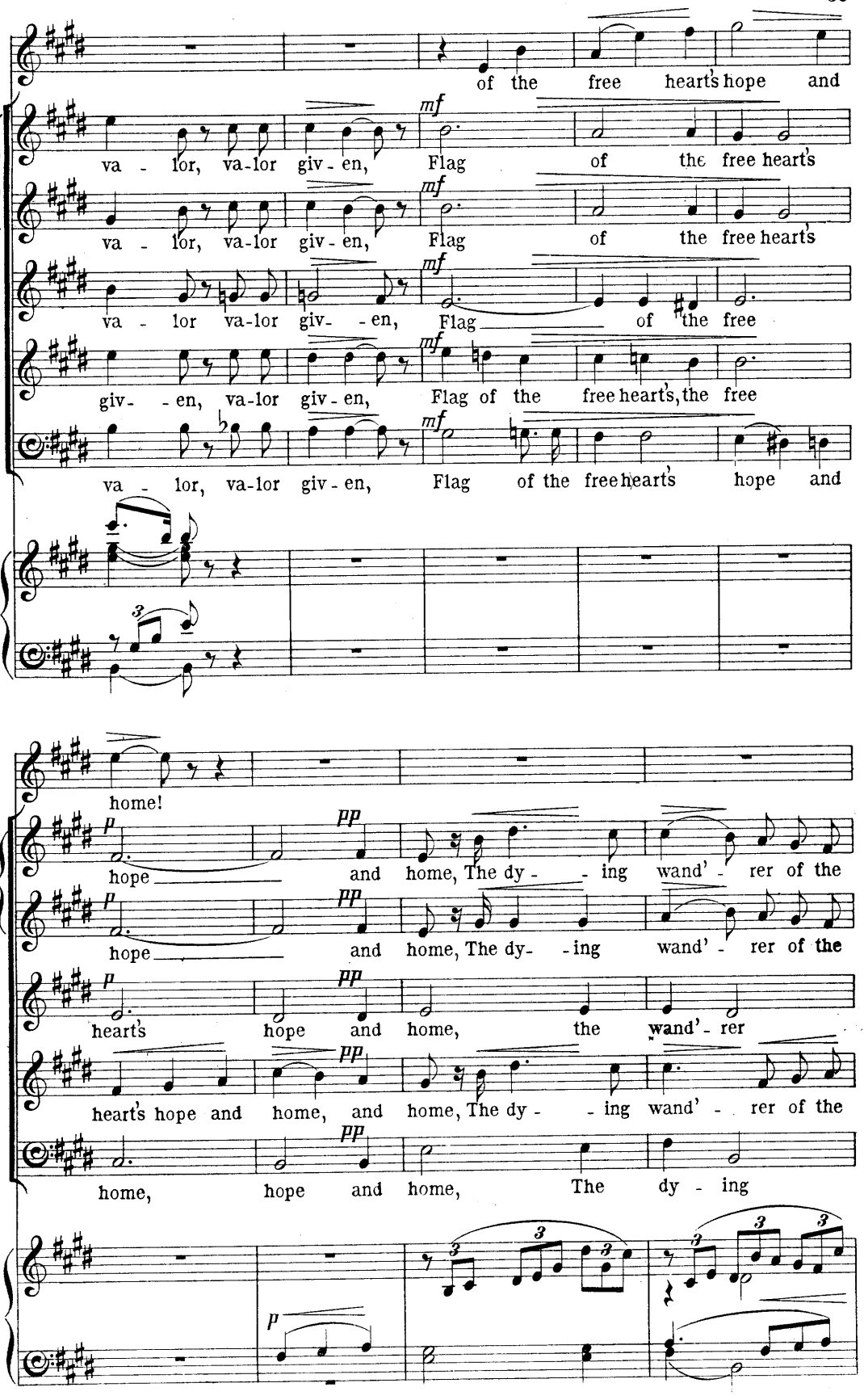
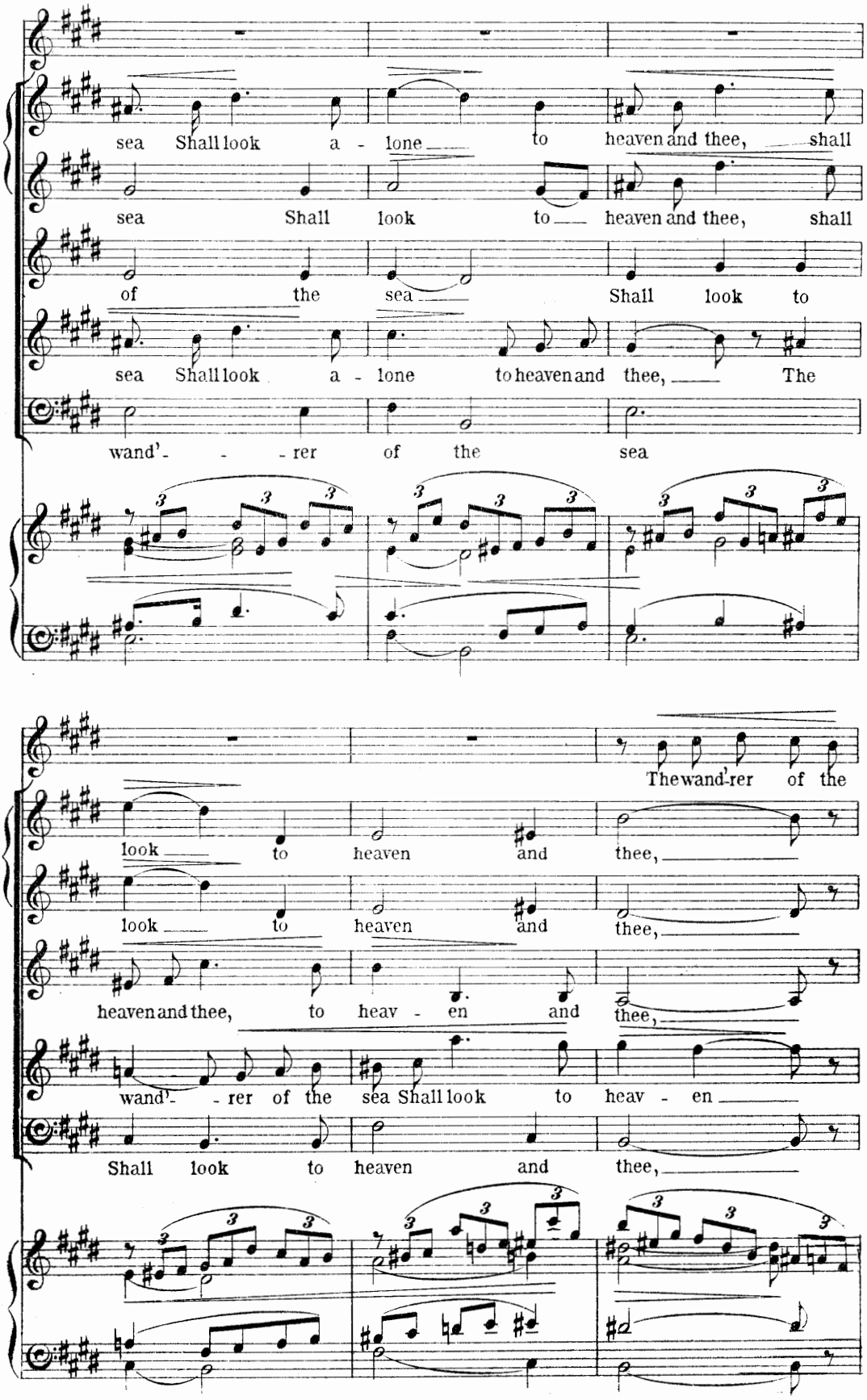
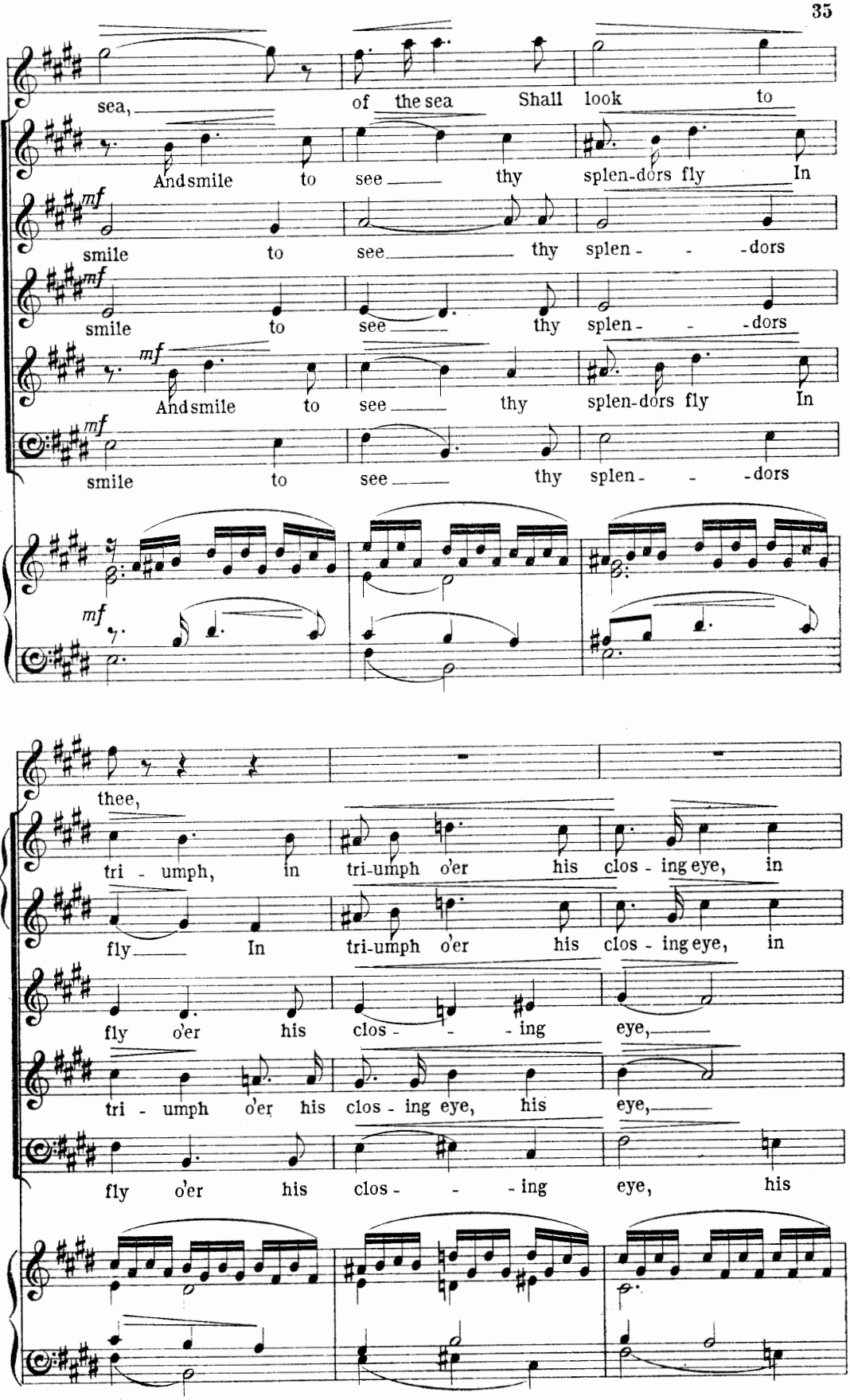
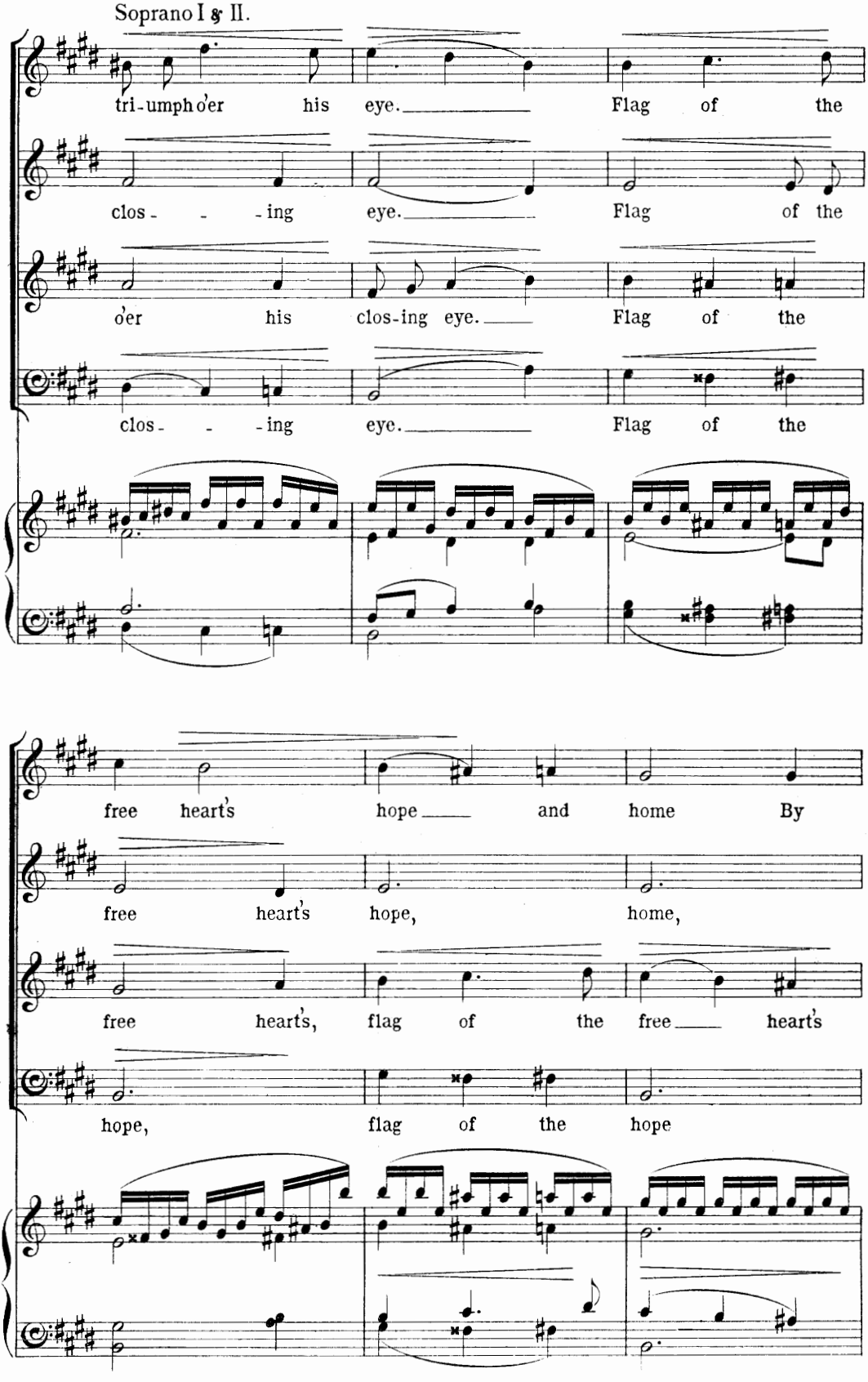
eye. Flag of the free

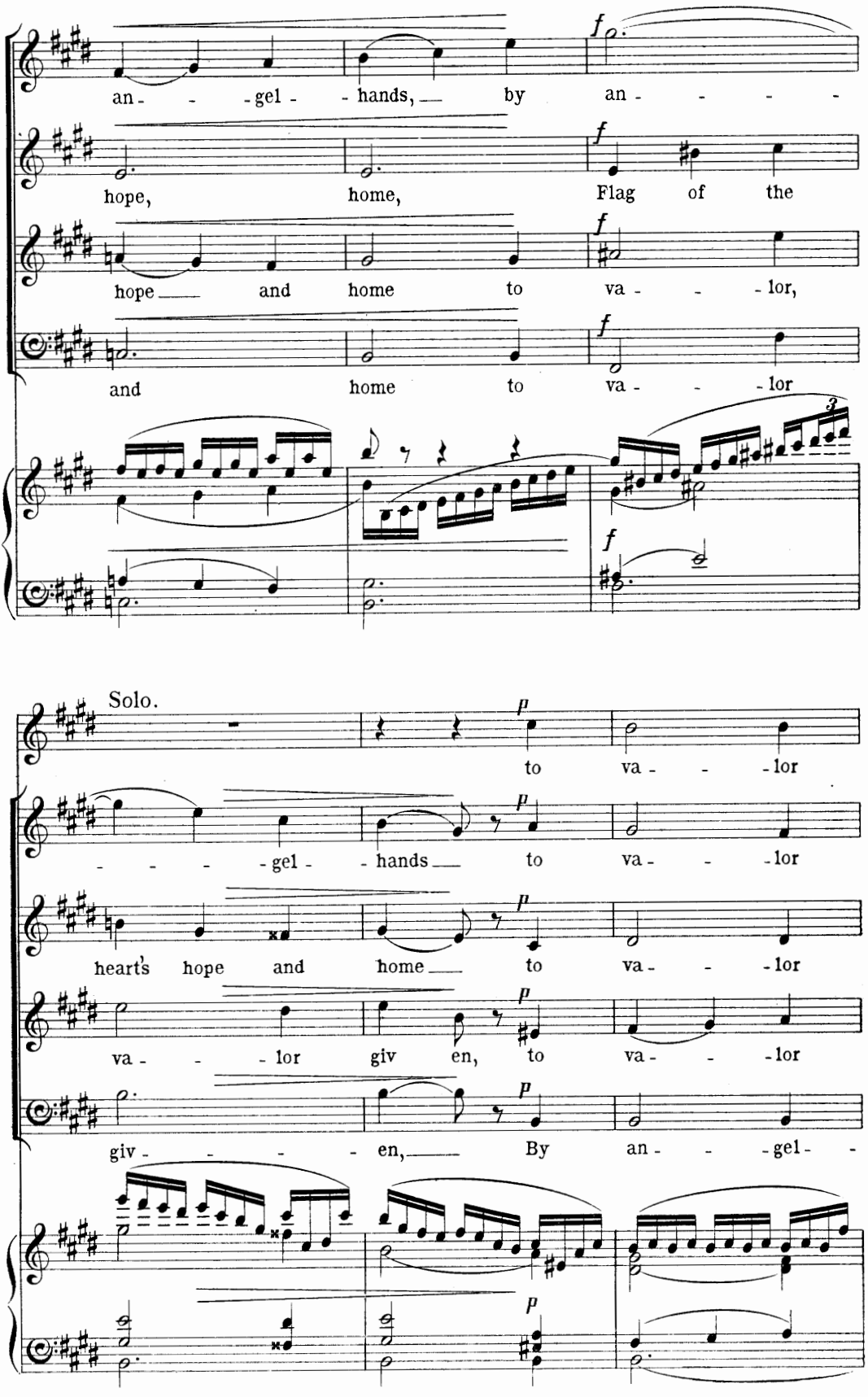

see thy splen - dors fly in tri-umph o'er his eye.
home, By an - - gel-hands to va - - - - lor
home, By an - - - gel - hands to va - lor
home, By an - - - gel - hands to va - - -
home, hope and home, By an-gel-hands to va - - -
heart's hope and home, By an-gel-hands to va - - lor
giv - - en, by an - - gel - hands to
giv - - en, by an - - gel - hands to
- - - lor giv - en, by an - gel - - - hands to
- - - - lor, by an - - gel - hands to va-lor
giv - - - en, by an - - gel - hands to

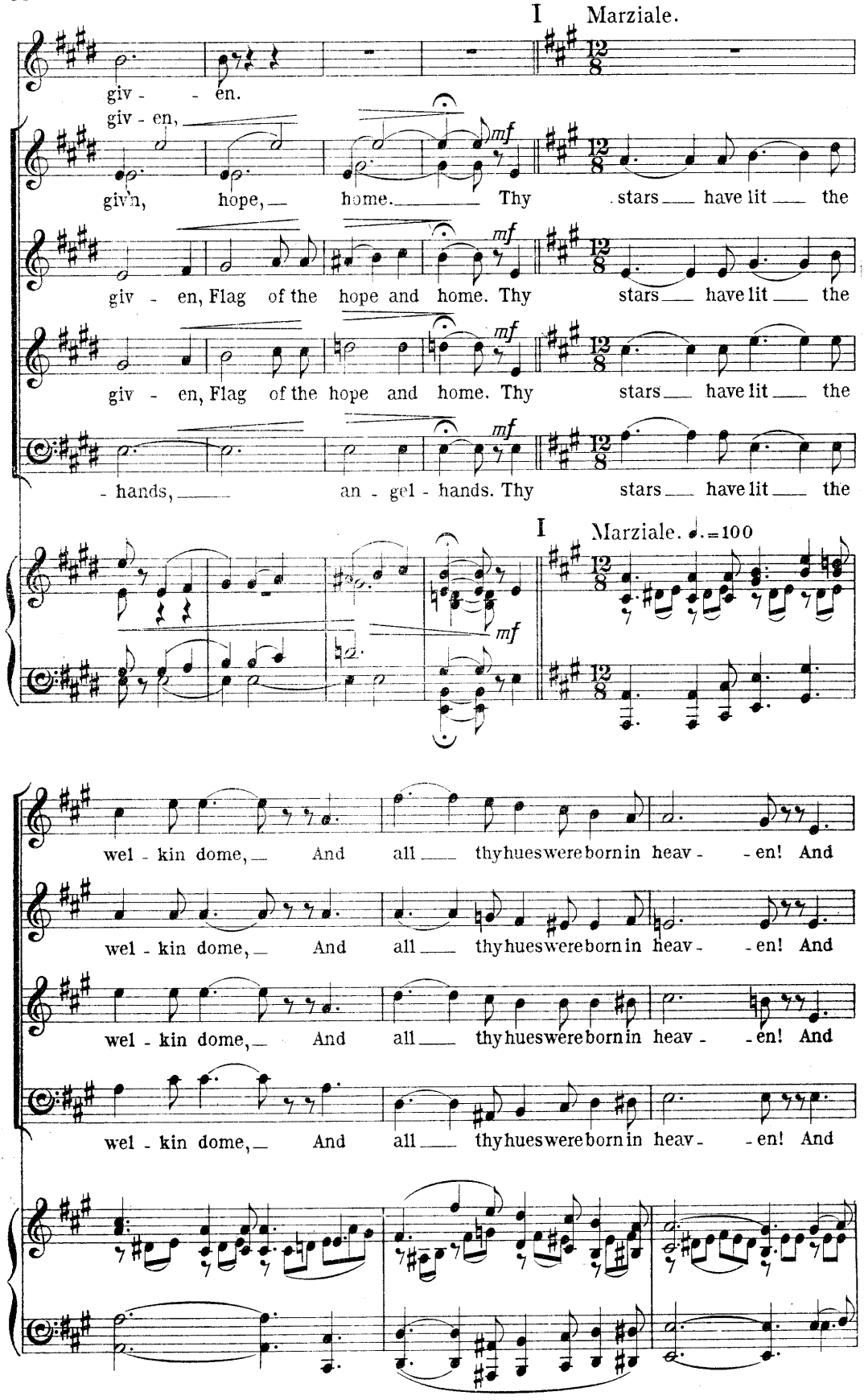

of the free heart's hope and
va - lor, va-lor giv - en, Flag of the free heart's
va - lor, va-lor giv - en, Flag of the free heart's
va - lor va-lor giv- - en, Flag of the free
giv- - en, va-lor giv - en, Flag of the free heart's, the free
va - lor, va-lor giv - en, Flag of the free heart's hope and
home!
hope and home, The dy - - ing wand' - rer of the
hope and home, The dy- - ing wand' - rer of the
heart's hope and home, the wand' - rer
heart's hope and home, and home, The dy - - ing wand' - rer of the
home, hope and home, The dy - ing

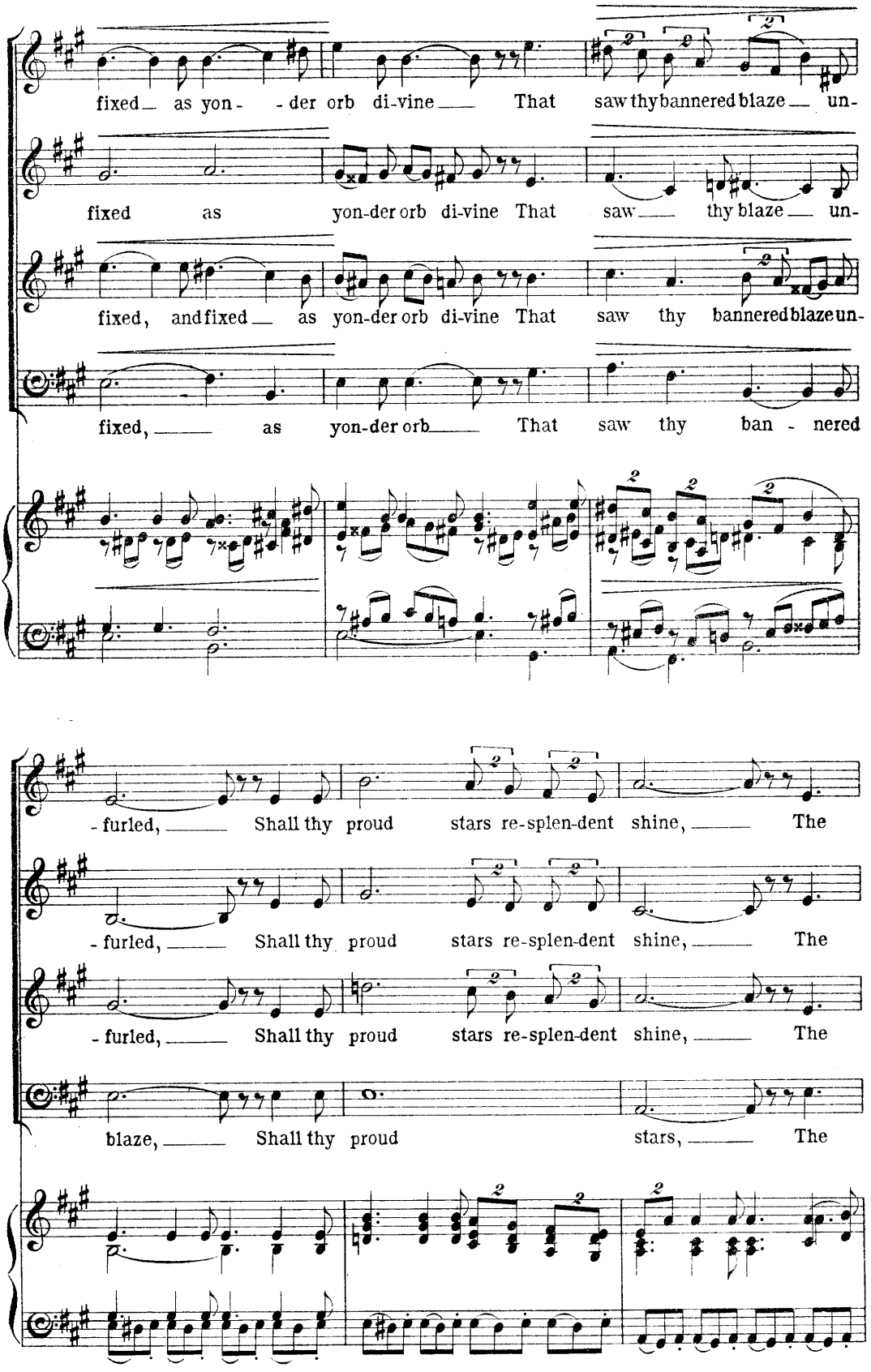

sea Shall look a - lone to heaven and thee, shall
sea Shall look to heaven and thee, shall
of the sea Shall look to
sea Shall look a - lone to heaven and thee, The
wand'- - - rer of the sea
The wand'rer of the
look to heaven and thee,
look to heaven and thee,
heaven and thee, to heav - en and thee,
wand'- - rer of the sea Shall look to heav - en
Shall look to heaven and thee,

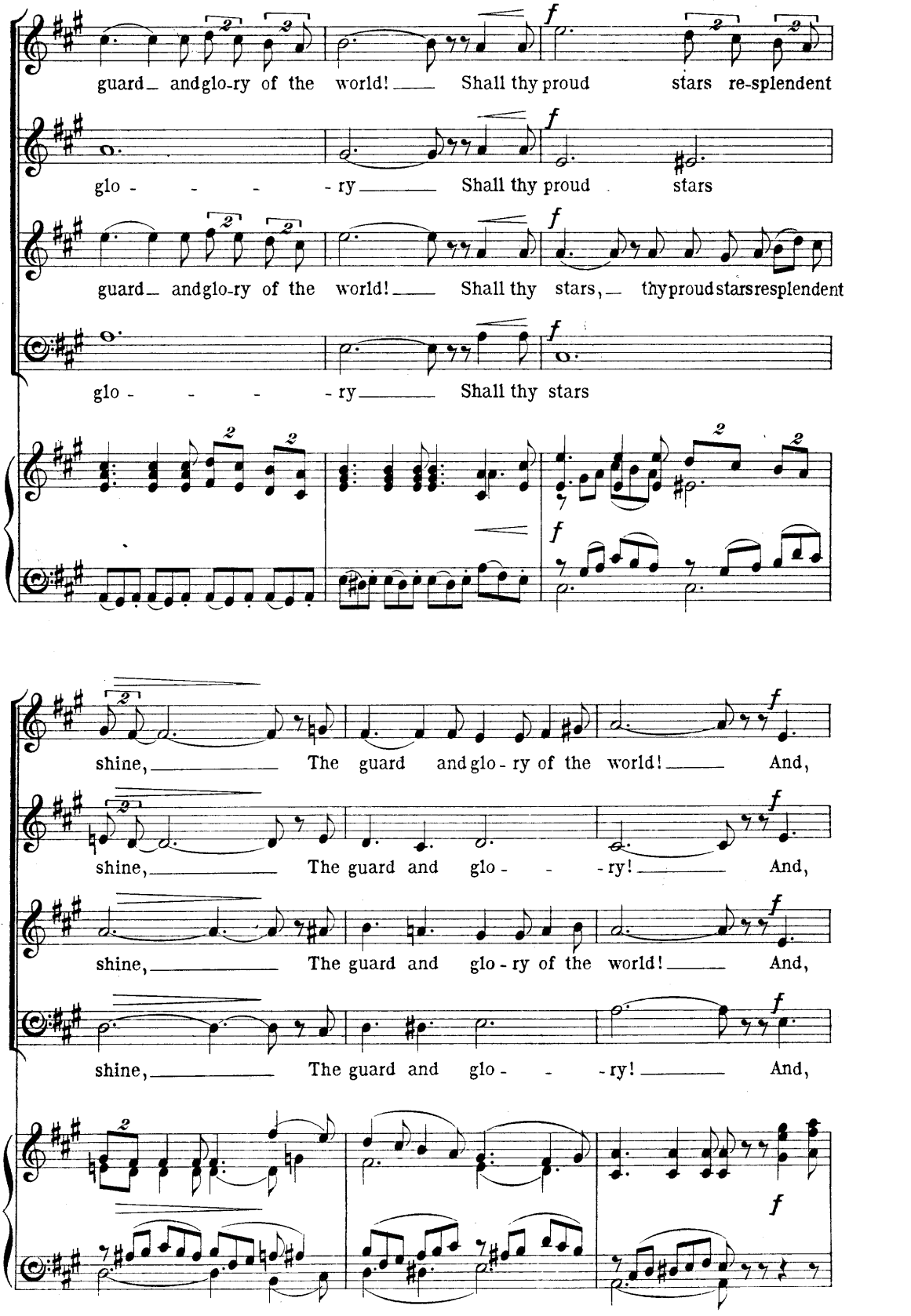

sea, of the sea Shall look to
And smile to see thy splen-dors fly In
mf
smile to see thy splen - - -dors
mf
smile to see thy splen - - -dors
mf
And smile to see thy splen-dors fly In
mf
smile to see thy splen - - -dors
mf
thee,
tri - umph, in tri-umph o'er his clos - ing eye, in
fly In tri-umph o'er his clos - ing eye, in
fly o'er his clos - - - ing eye,
tri - umph o'er his clos - ing eye, his eye,
fly o'er his clos - - - ing eye, his

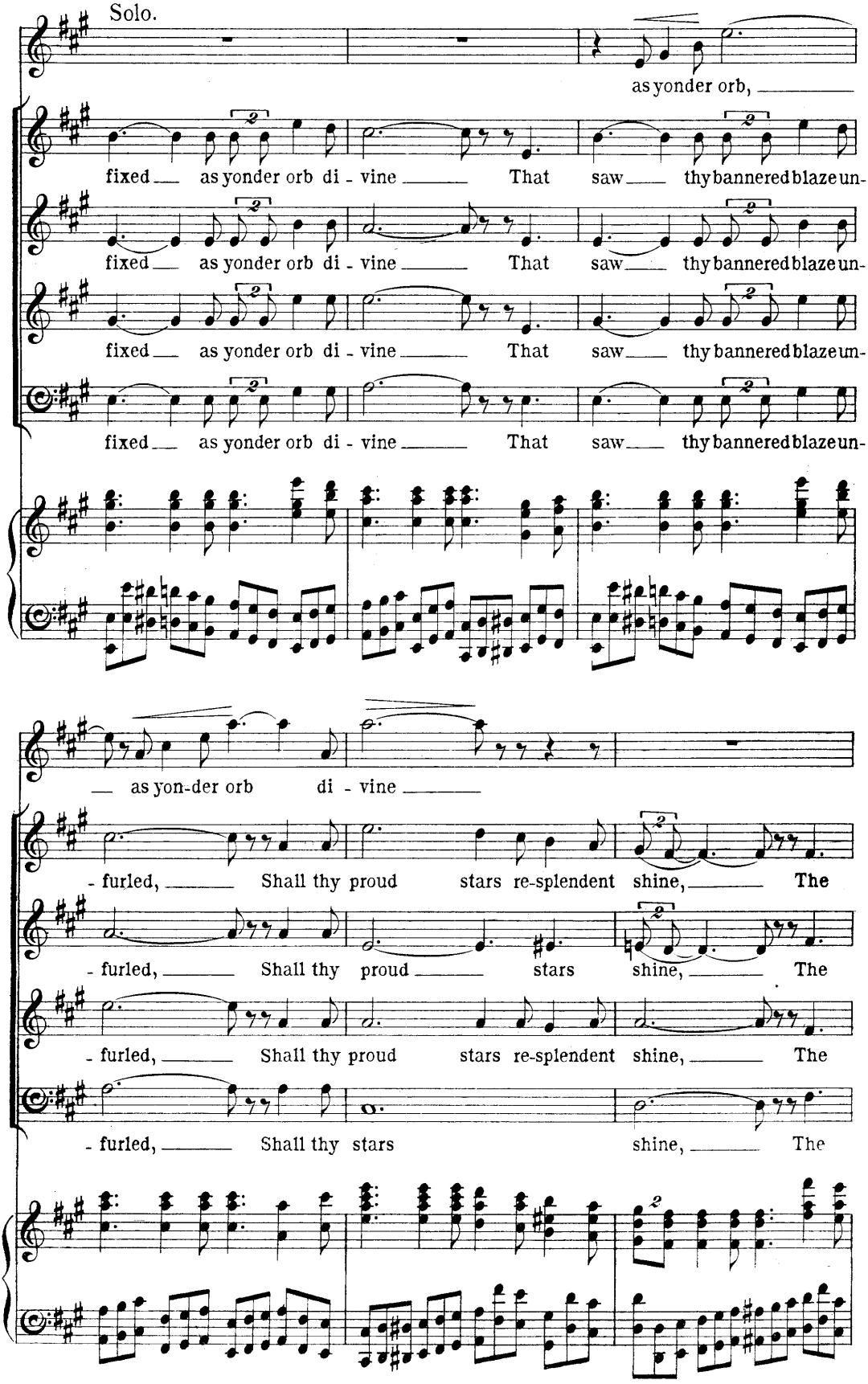

Soprano I & II.
tri-umph o'er his eye. Flag of the
clos - - - ing eye. Flag of the
o'er his clos-ing eye. Flag of the
clos - - - ing eye. Flag of the
free heart's hope and home By
free heart's hope, home,
free heart's, flag of the free heart's
hope, flag of the hope

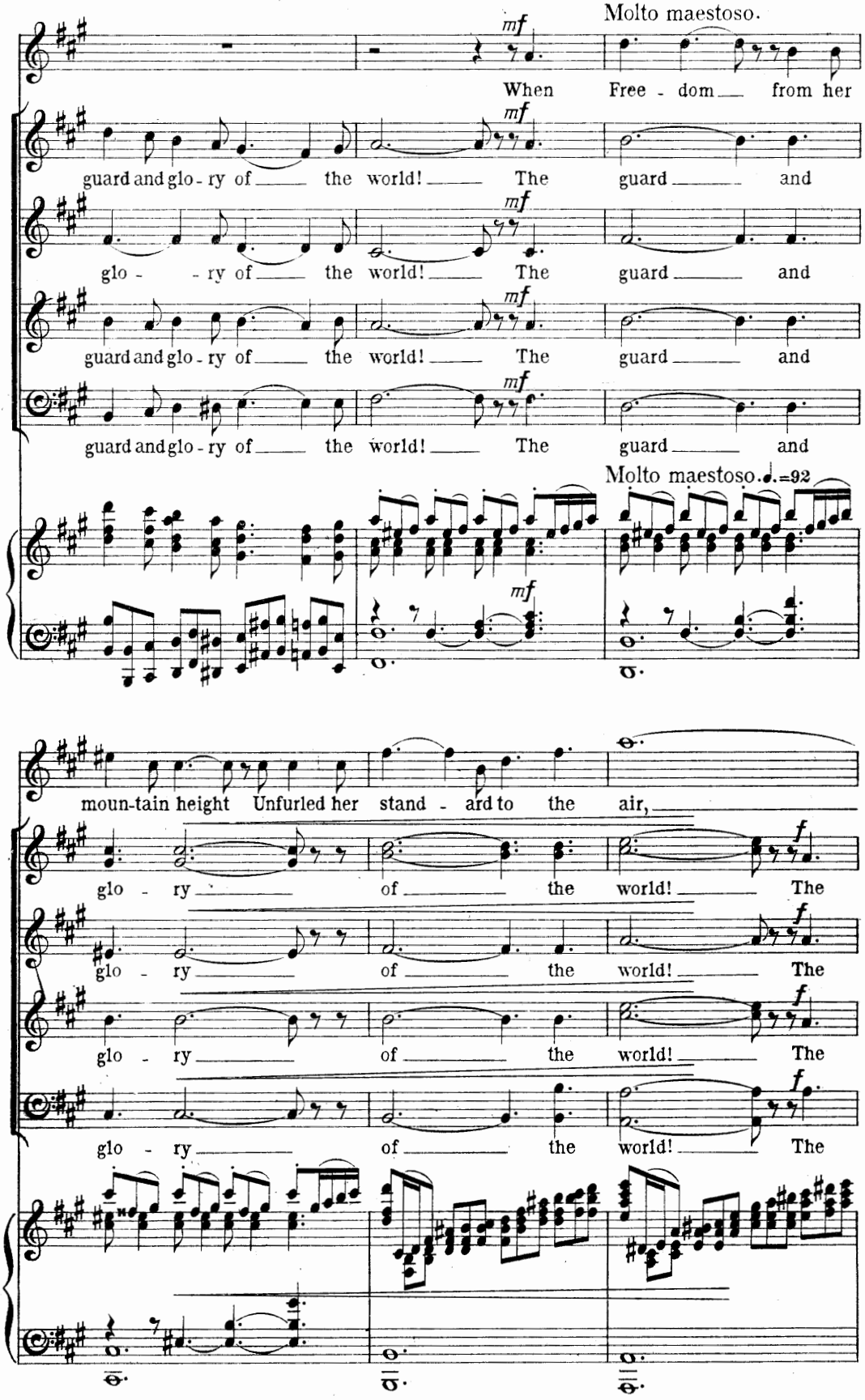

an - - - gel - - hands, by an - - - - -
hope, home, Flag of the
hope and home to va - - - lor,
and home to va - - - lor
Solo.
to va - - - lor
- - - - gel - - hands to va - - - lor
heart's hope and home to va - - - lor
va - - - lor giv en, to va - - - lor
giv - - - - en, By an - - - gel - -


I Marziale.
giv - - en.
giv - en,
giv'n, hope, home. Thy stars have lit the
giv - en, Flag of the hope and home. Thy stars have lit the
giv - en, Flag of the hope and home. Thy stars have lit the
- hands, an - gel - hands. Thy stars have lit the
mf
I Marziale. ♩.=100
wel - kin dome, And all thy hues were born in heav - - en! And
wel - kin dome, And all thy hues were born in heav - - en! And
wel - kin dome, And all thy hues were born in heav - - en! And
wel - kin dome, And all thy hues were born in heav - - en! And


fixed as yon - der orb di-vine That saw thy bannered blaze un-
fixed as yon-der orb di-vine That saw thy blaze un-
fixed, and fixed as yon-der orb di-vine That saw thy bannered blaze un-
fixed, as yon-der orb That saw thy ban - nered
furled, Shall thy proud stars re-splen-dent shine, The
furled, Shall thy proud stars re-splen-dent shine, The
furled, Shall thy proud stars re-splen-dent shine, The
blaze, Shall thy proud stars, The


guard_ and glo-ry of the world! Shall thy proud stars re-splendent
glo - - - - ry Shall thy proud stars
guard_ and glo-ry of the world! Shall thy stars, thy proud stars re splendent
glo - - - - ry Shall thy stars
shine, The guard and glo - ry of the world! And,
shine, The guard and glo - - - ry! And,
shine, The guard and glo - ry of the world! And,
shine, The guard and glo - - - ry! And,


Solo.
as yonder orb,
fixed as yonder orb di - vine That saw thy bannered blaze un-
fixed as yonder orb di - vine That saw thy bannered blaze un-
fixed as yonder orb di - vine That saw thy bannered blaze un-
fixed as yonder orb di - vine That saw thy bannered blaze un-
as yon-der orb di - vine
- furled, Shall thy proud stars re-splendent shine, The
- furled, Shall thy proud stars shine, The
- furled, Shall thy proud stars re-splendent shine, The
- furled, Shall thy stars shine, The


Molto maestoso.
mf
When Free - dom from her
guard and glo - ry of the world! The guard and
glo - ry of the world! The guard and
guard and glo - ry of the world! The guard and
guard and glo - ry of the world! The guard and
Molto maestoso. ♩.=92
mf
moun-tain height Unfurled her stand - ard to the air,
glo - ry of the world! The
glo - ry of the world! The
glo - ry of the world! The
glo - ry of the world! The
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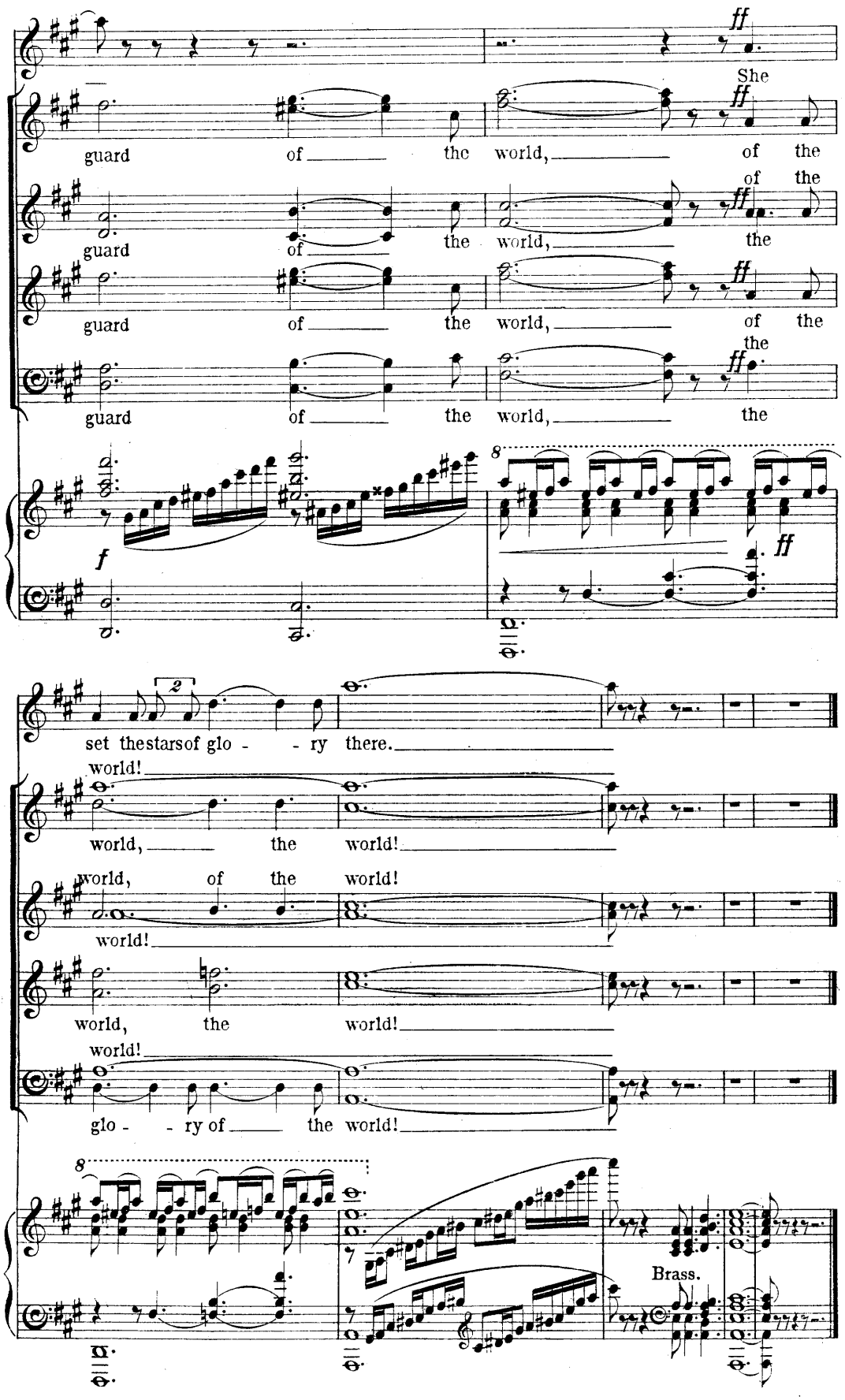
She
guard of the world, of the
guard of the world, of the
guard of the world, of the
guard of the world, the
set the stars of glo - ry there.
world!
world, the world!
world, of the world!
world!
world, the world!
world!
glo - ry of the world!
Brass.

"*The American Flag*" is scored for Strings, Flutes, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoons, Horns, Trumpet, Trombone, Kettle Drum, and Harp.

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