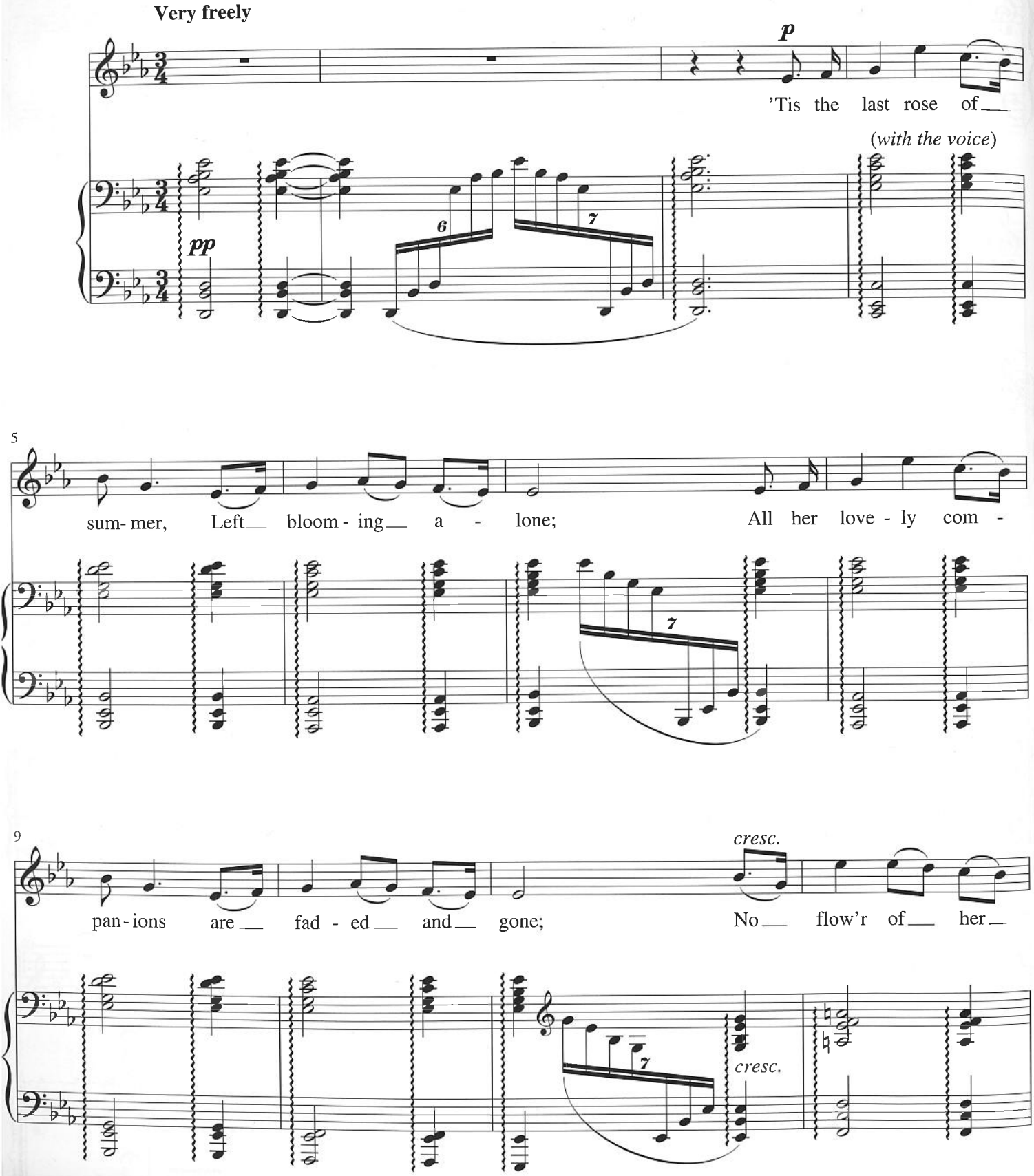The last rose of summer

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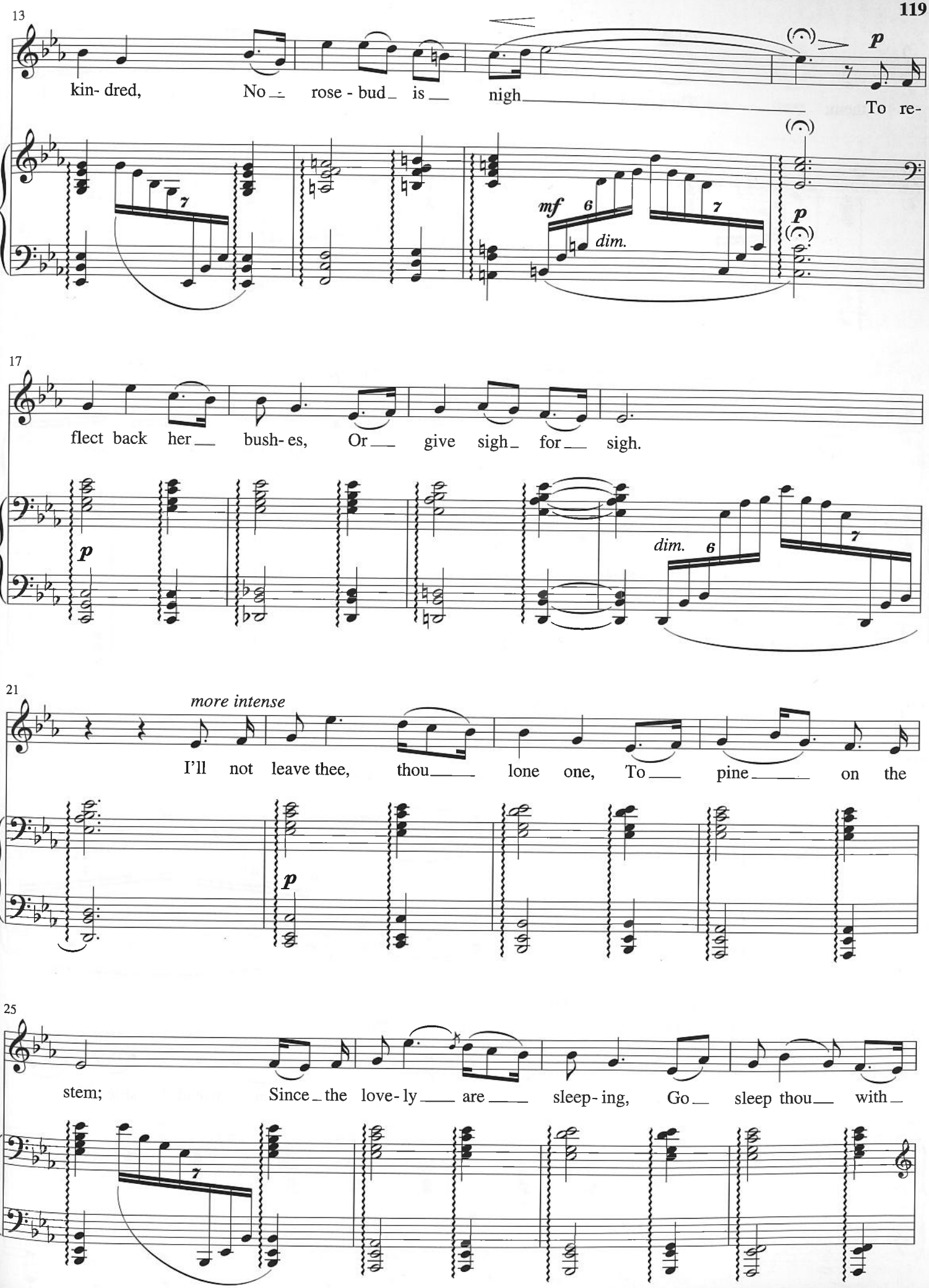
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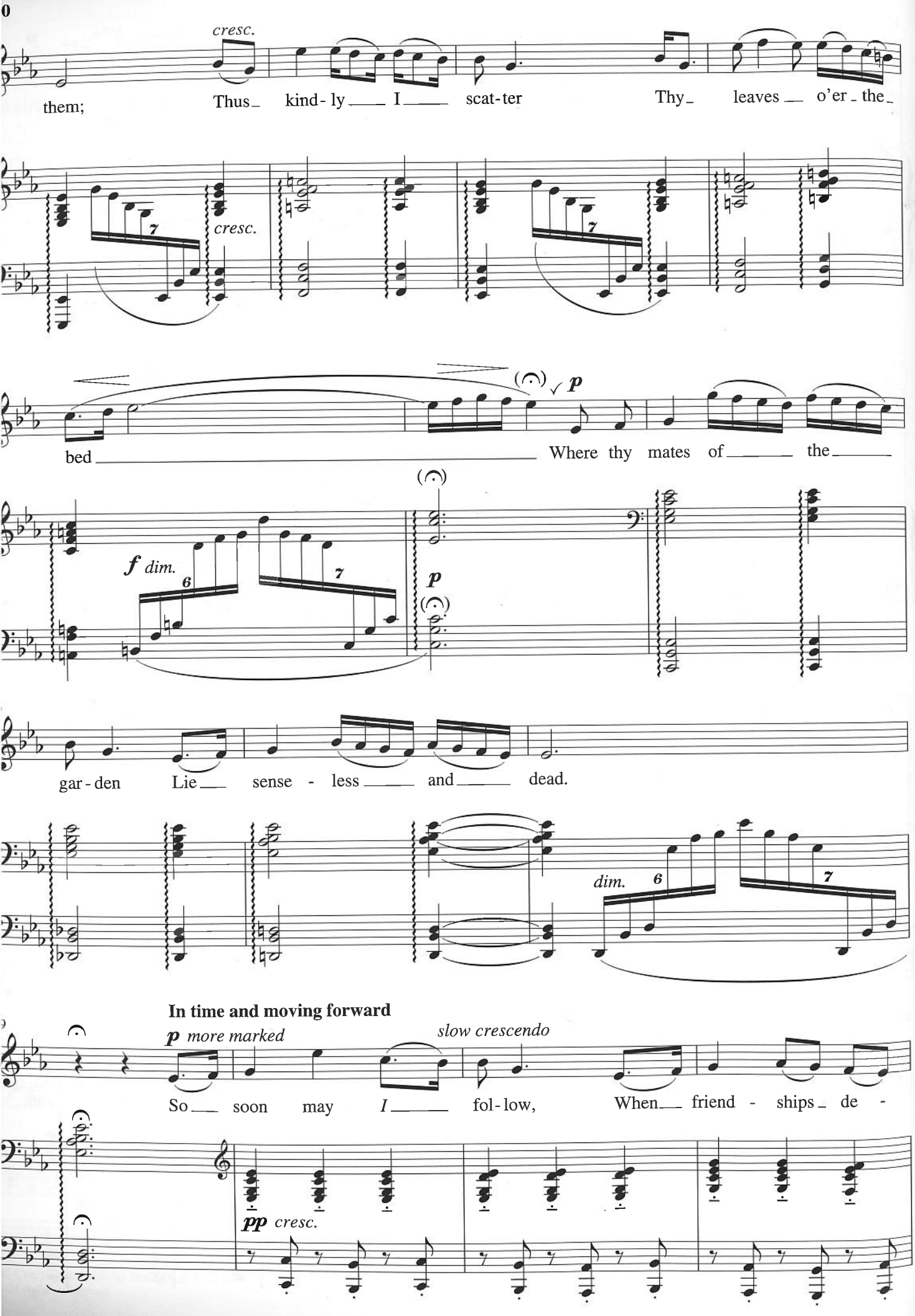
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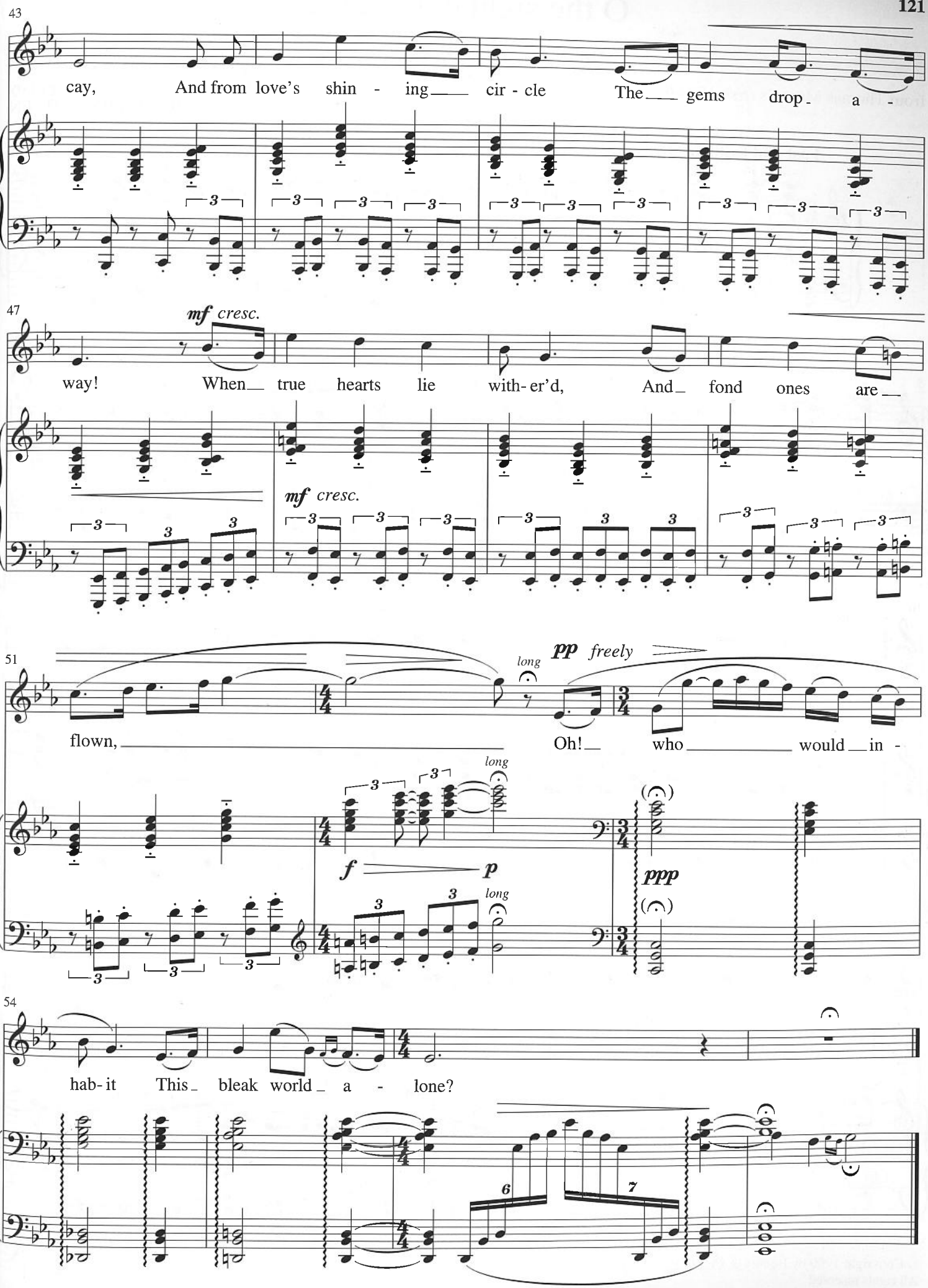
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13
kin- dred, No rose - bud is nigh To re-
p
mf
dim.
17
flect back her bush- es, Or give sigh for sigh.
p
dim.
21
more intense
I'll not leave thee, thou lone one, To pine on the
p
25
stem; Since the love- ly are sleep- ing, Go sleep thou with


cresc.
them;
Thus kind - ly I scat - ter Thy leaves o'er the
cresc.
bed
Where thy mates of the
f dim.
p
gar - den
Lie sense - less and dead.
dim.
In time and moving forward
p more marked
slow crescendo
So soon may I fol - low, When friend - ships de -
pp cresc.


43
cay, And from love's shin - ing cir - cle The gems drop - a -
47
mf cresc.
way! When true hearts lie with - er'd, And fond ones are
mf cresc.
51
long
pp freely
flown, Oh! who would in -
long
f
p
long
ppp
54
hab - it This bleak world a - lone?