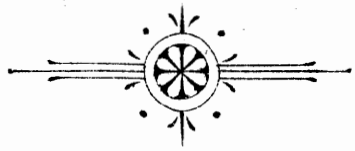

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Stay —Who goes there?
A Friend —
What friend—Whence come you?
From a dark cave beneath a ruined street.
Oh friend, where fare you;
Why would'st thou pass further?
To lay my heart down at our Mother's feet.

Whom call you Mother?
England—Nelson's; thine;
Her whom we proudly serve, in life, in death —
Her do I guard, friend —
Can'st thou also serve her?
Aye, when they fail her who do yet draw breath.

Who art thou, friend, then?
I was—and am No One —
No name is ours—An unknown host are we.
Pass on, brave spirit.
Oh, 'tis Christ that passes
In thee, poor soldier, who didst die for me.

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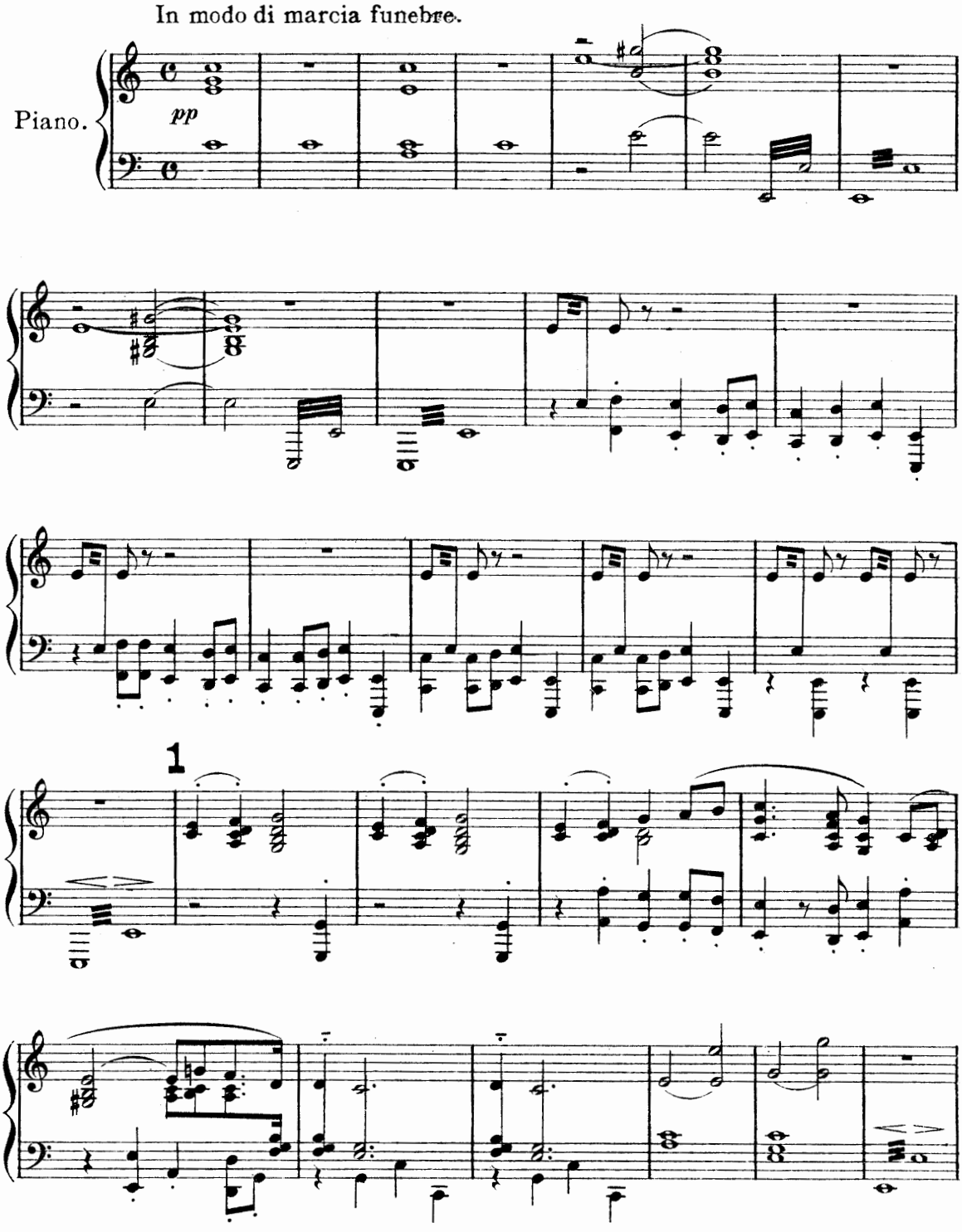

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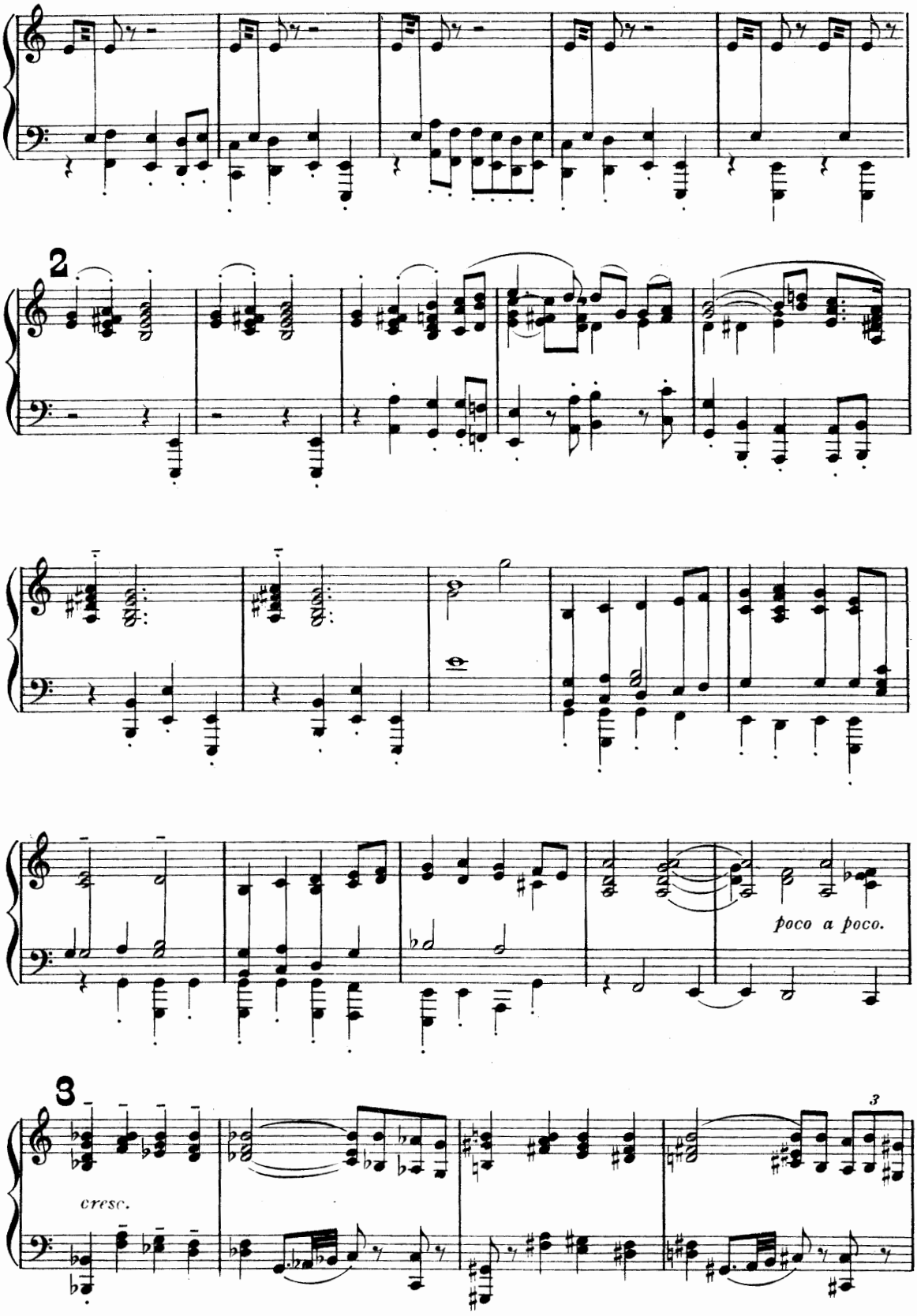
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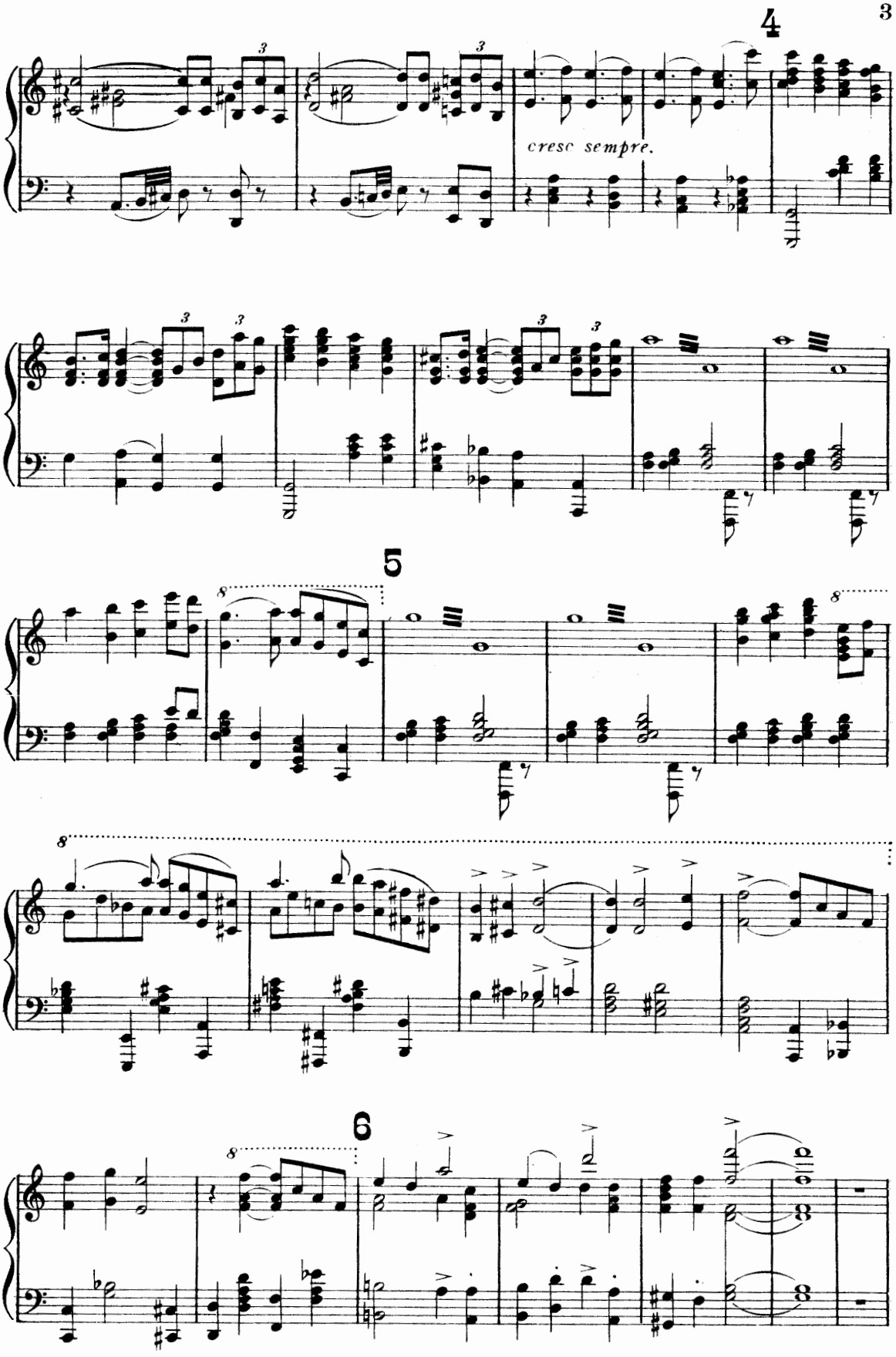
poco a poco.
3
cresc.
3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cresc sempre.
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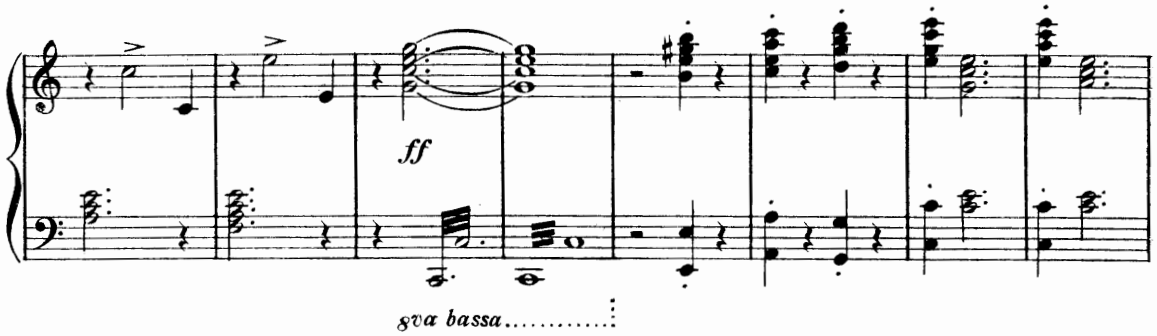


SOLO BARITONE.*

7

p

A friend.....

S

f

Stay, Who goes there?.....

A

f

Stay, Who goes there?.....

T

f

Stay, Who goes there?.....

B

f

Stay, Who goes there?.....

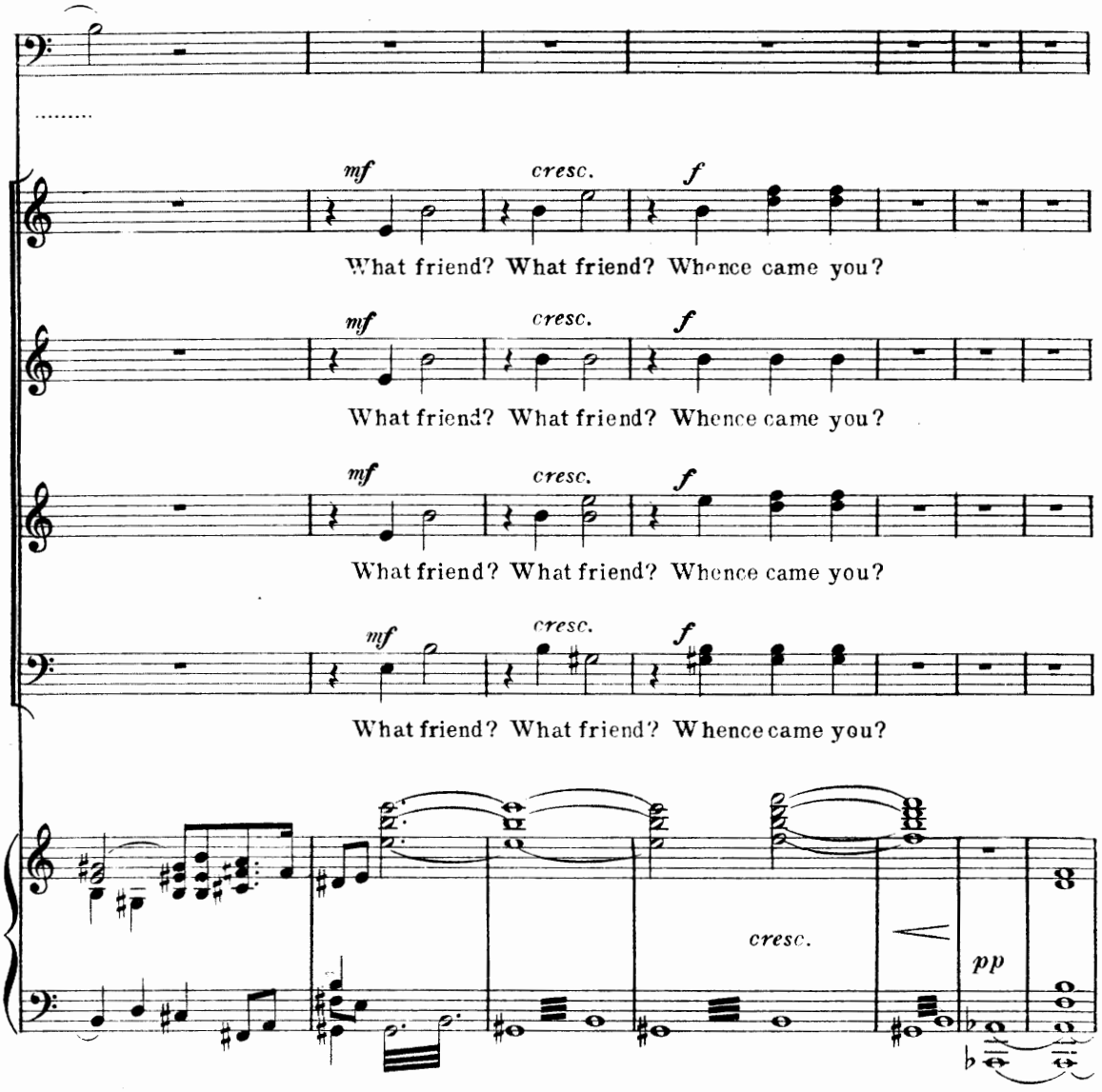
7

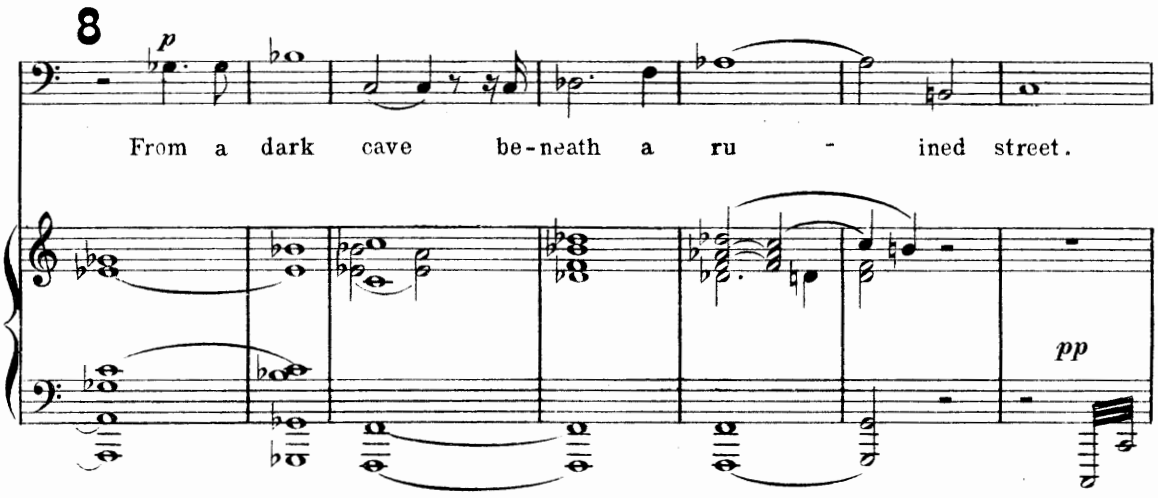
8

p

pp

* Or a few voices, in front of the orchestra.


mf
cresc.
f
What friend? What friend? Whence came you?
mf
cresc.
f
What friend? What friend? Whence came you?
mf
cresc.
f
What friend? What friend? Whence came you?
mf
cresc.
f
What friend? What friend? Whence came you?
cresc.
pp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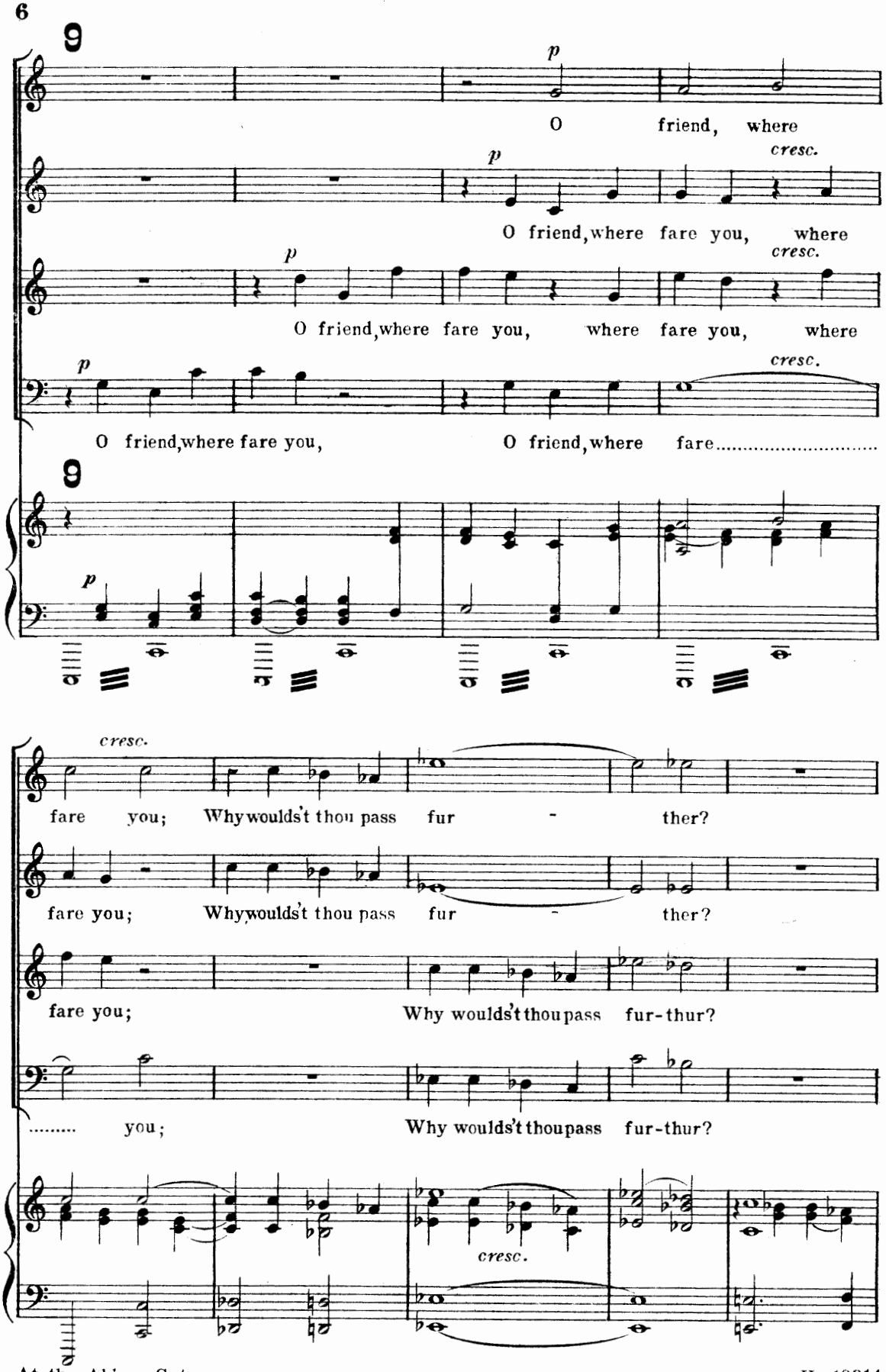
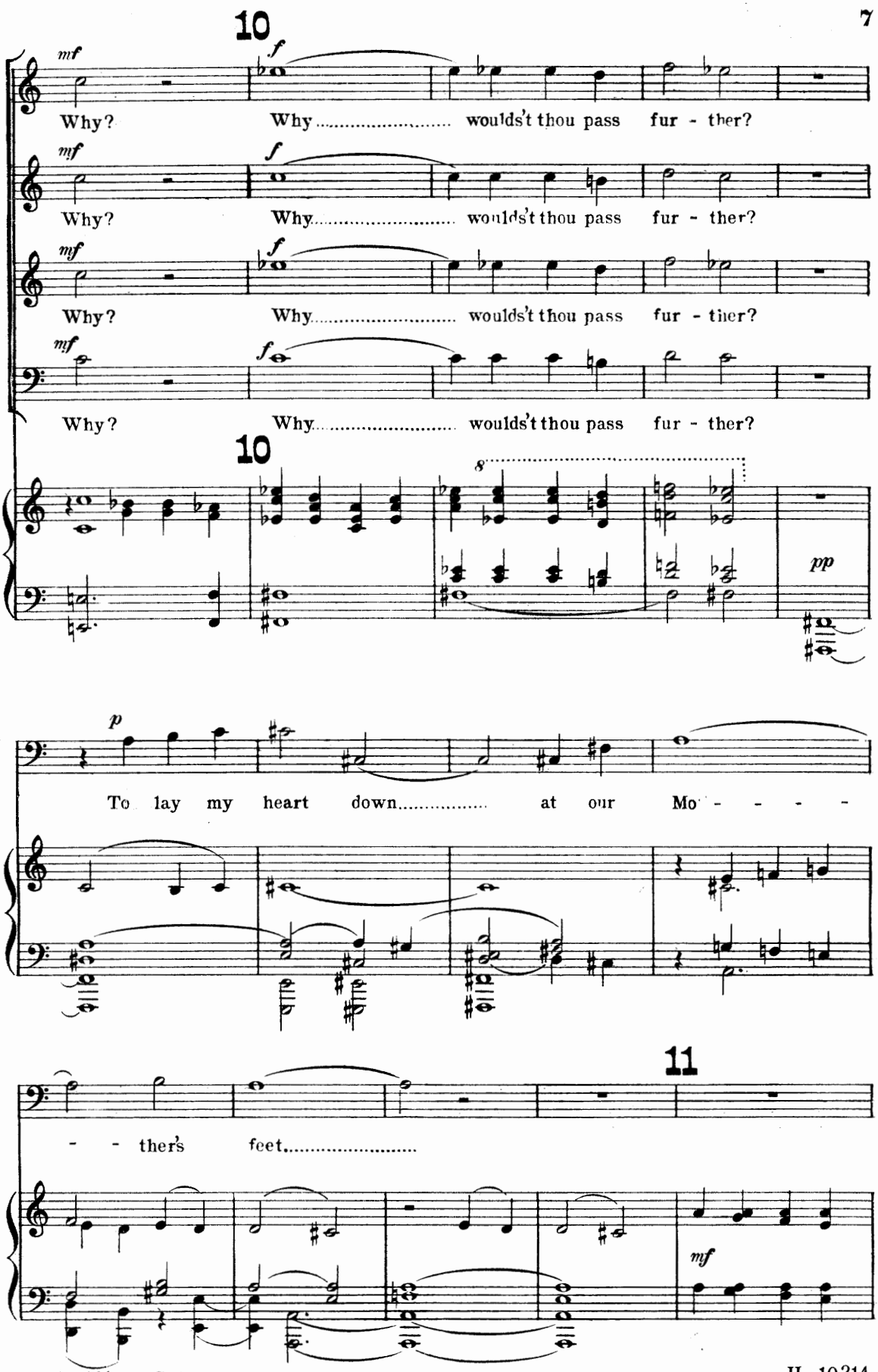
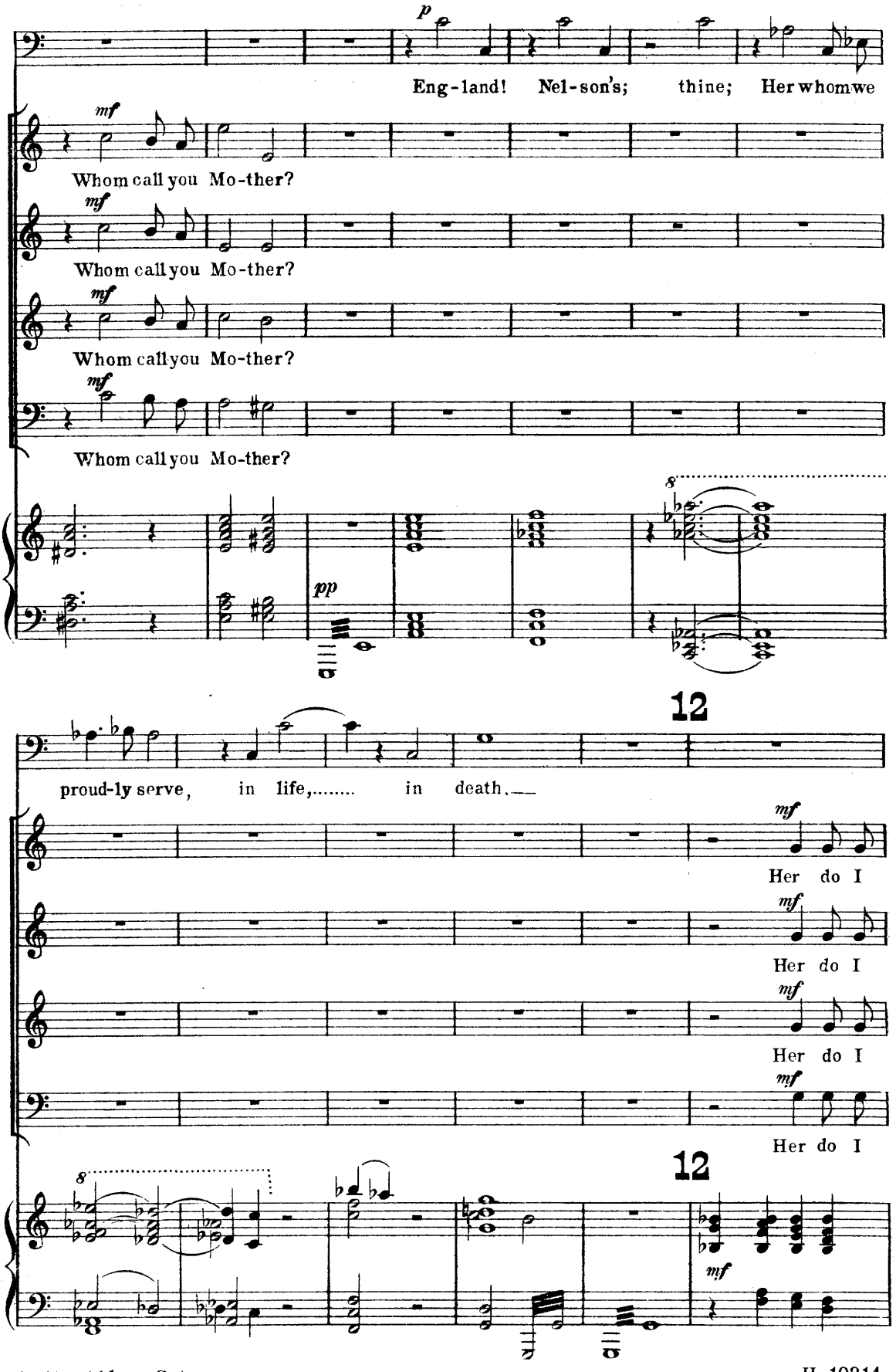
p
From a dark cave be-neath a ru - ined street.
pp


p
O friend, where
p
cresc.
O friend, where fare you, where
p
cresc.
O friend, where fare you, where fare you, where
p
cresc.
O friend, where fare you, O friend, where fare.....
p
cresc.
fare you; Why wouldst thou pass fur - ther?
fare you; Why wouldst thou pass fur - ther?
fare you; Why wouldst thou pass fur-thur?
..... you; Why wouldst thou pass fur-thur?
cresc.


10
mf
f
Why? Why ..... wouldst thou pass fur - ther?
mf
f
Why? Why ..... wouldst thou pass fur - ther?
mf
f
Why? Why ..... wouldst thou pass fur - ther?
mf
f
Why? Why ..... wouldst thou pass fur - ther?
10
8
pp
p
To lay my heart down ..... at our Mo - - - -
- - ther's feet .....
11
mf


p
Eng-land! Nel-son's; thine; Her whom we
mf
Whom call you Mo-ther?
mf
Whom call you Mo-ther?
mf
Whom call you Mo-ther?
mf
Whom call you Mo-ther?
pp
8
12
proud-ly serve, in life,..... in death.—
mf
Her do I
mf
Her do I
mf
Her do I
mf
Her do I
8
12
mf

cresc.

guard, friend,— Canst thou al-so serve her? Canst thou..... al - so

cresc

guard, friend,— Canst thou al-so serve her? Canst thou..... al - so

cresc

guard, friend,— Canst thou al-so serve her? Canst thou..... al - so

cres

guard, friend,— Canst thou al-so serve her? Canst thou..... als- so

cresc.

p

Aye,..... when they fail her who do yet draw breath.

serve her?

serve her?

serve her?

serve her?

fp

pp

13

p

Who art thou, friend, then? Who art thou, friend, then?

p

Who art thou, friend, then? Who art thou, friend, then?

p

Who art thou, friend, then? Who art thou, friend, then, Who art thou

p

Who art thou, friend, then? Who art thou, friend, then, Who art thou

13

14

cresc. *f* *cresc.*

Who art thou friend, Who art thou friend,..... then?

cresc. *f* *cresc.*

Who art thou friend, Who art thou friend,..... then?

cresc. *f* *cresc.*

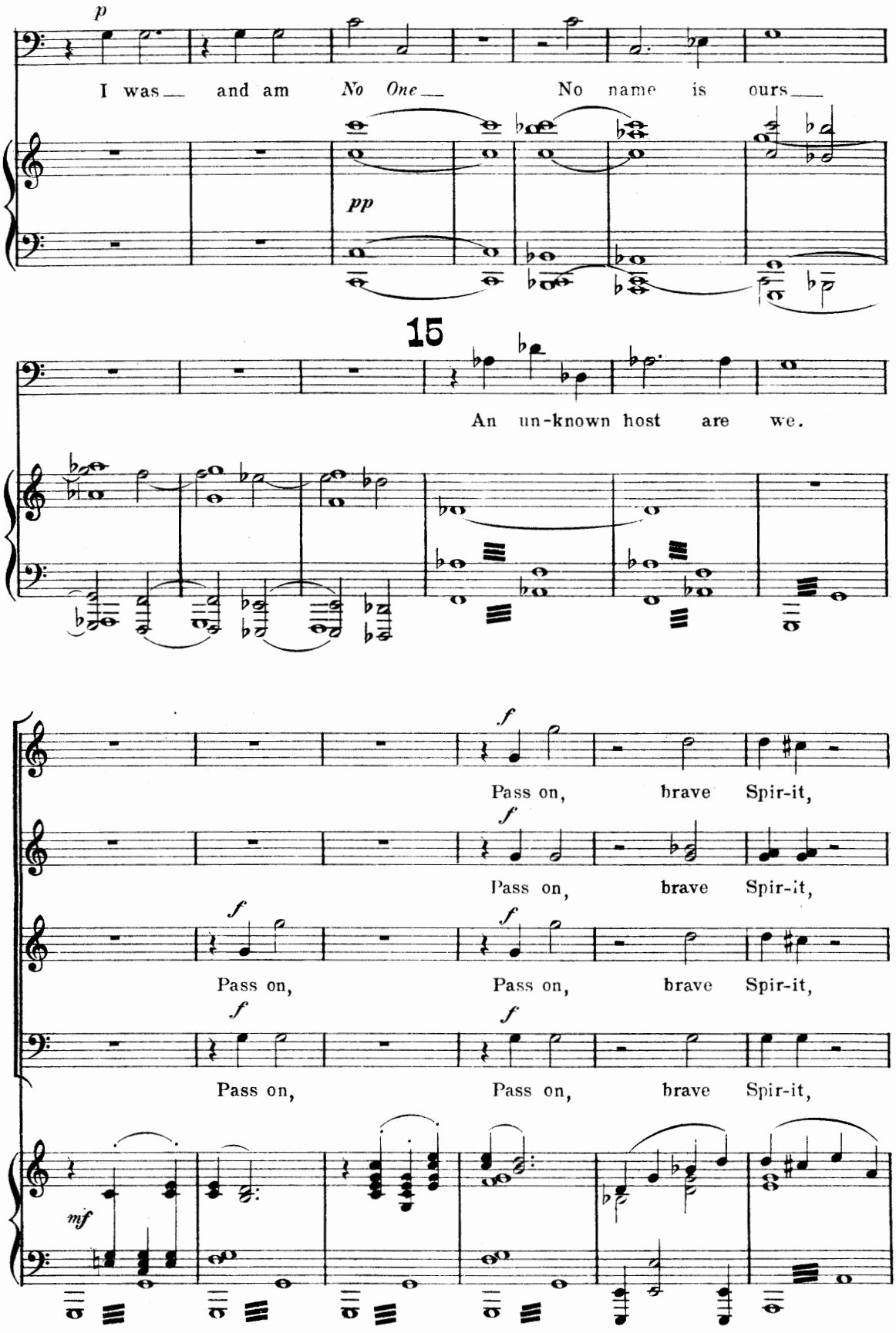
friend, Who art thou friend, friend,..... then?

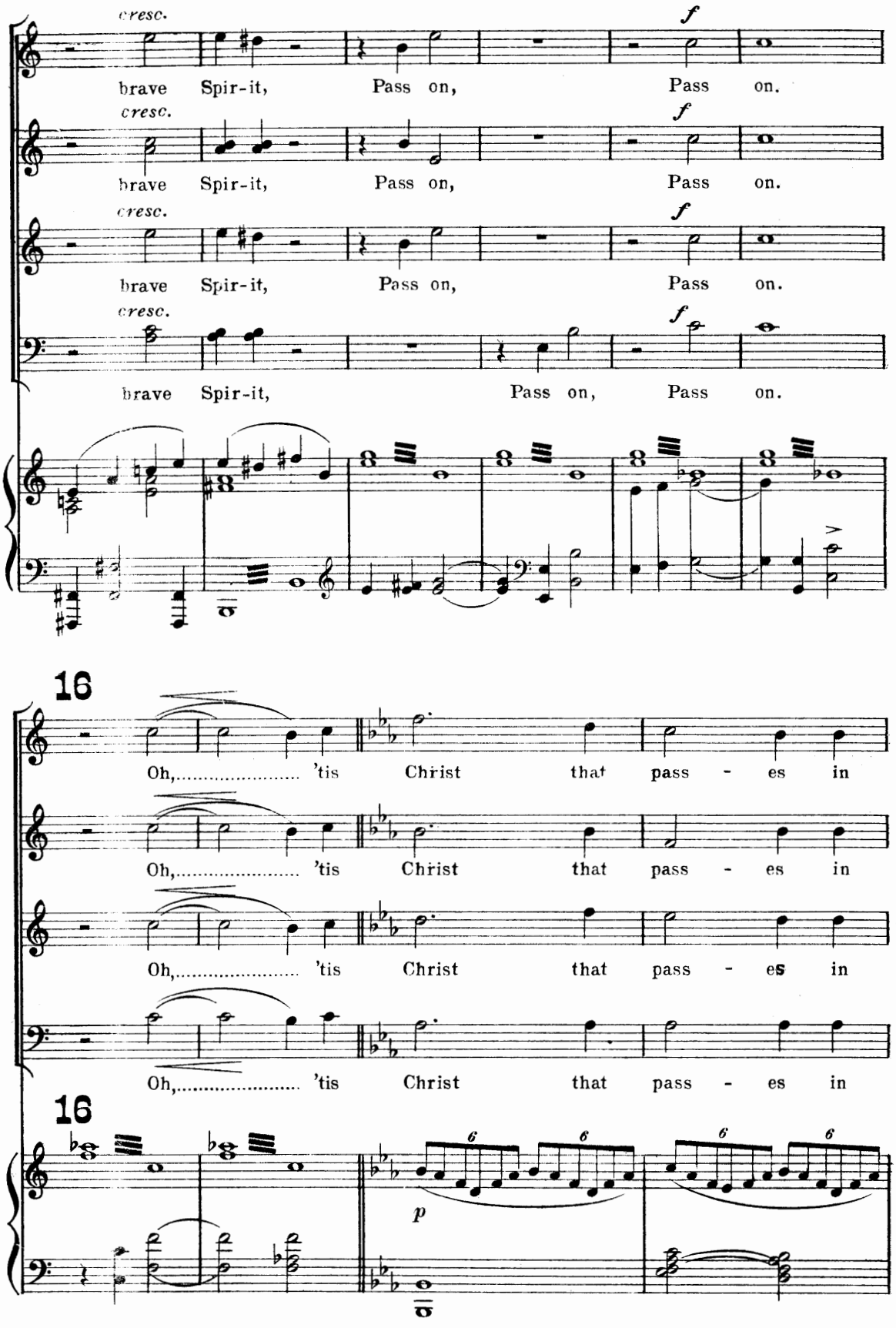
f

friend, Who art thou friend, friend,..... then?

14

cresc.


p
I was and am No One No name is ours
pp
15
An un-known host are we.
f
Pass on, brave Spir-it,
f
Pass on, brave Spir-it,
f
f
Pass on, Pass on, brave Spir-it,
f
f
Pass on, Pass on, brave Spir-it,
mf


cresc.
f
brave Spir-it, Pass on, Pass on.
cresc.
f
brave Spir-it, Pass on, Pass on.
cresc.
f
brave Spir-it, Pass on, Pass on.
cresc.
f
brave Spir-it, Pass on, Pass on.
16
Oh,..... 'tis Christ that pass - es in
Oh,..... 'tis Christ that pass - es in
Oh,..... 'tis Christ that pass - es in
Oh,..... 'tis Christ that pass - es in
16
6
6
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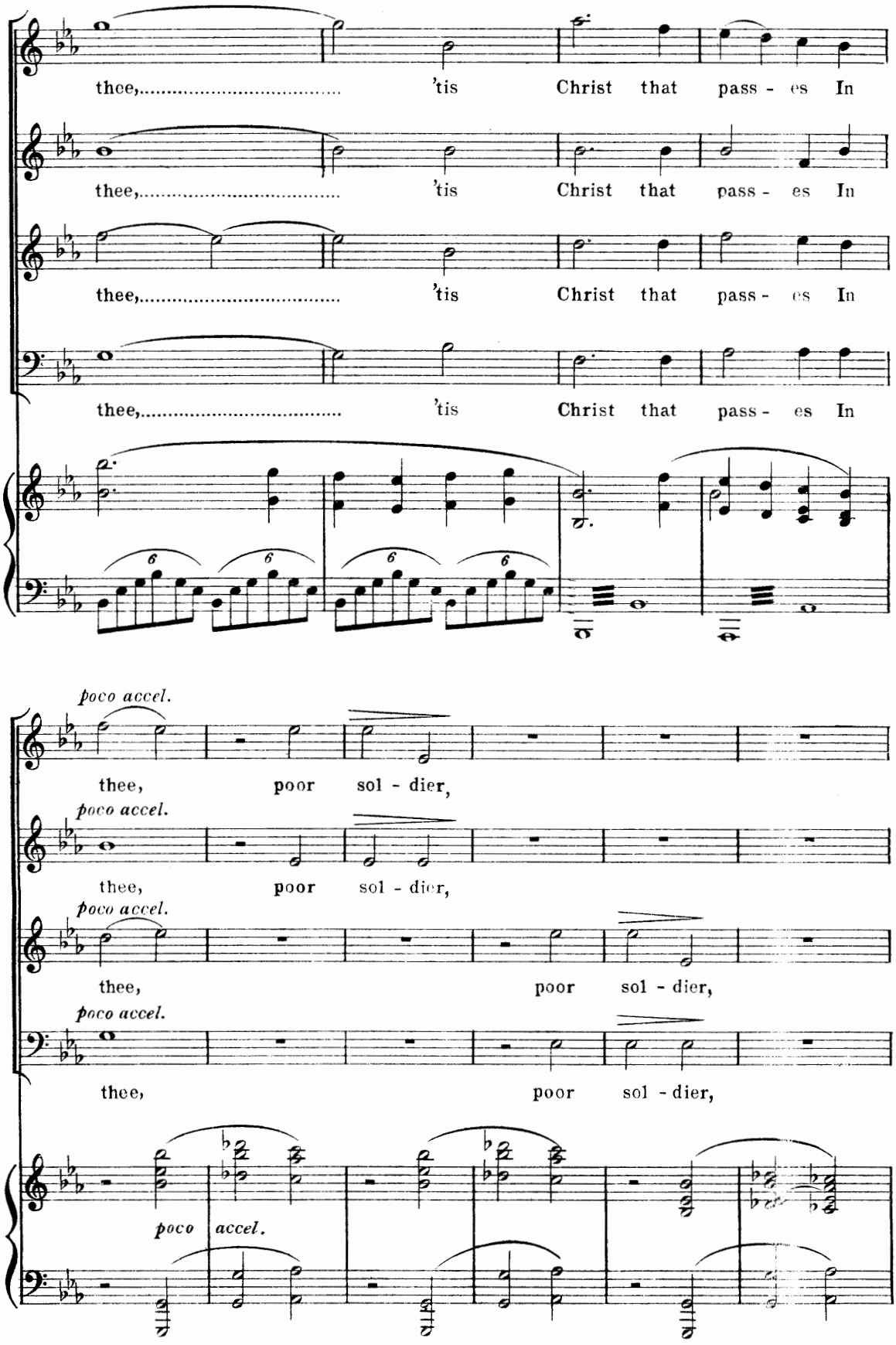
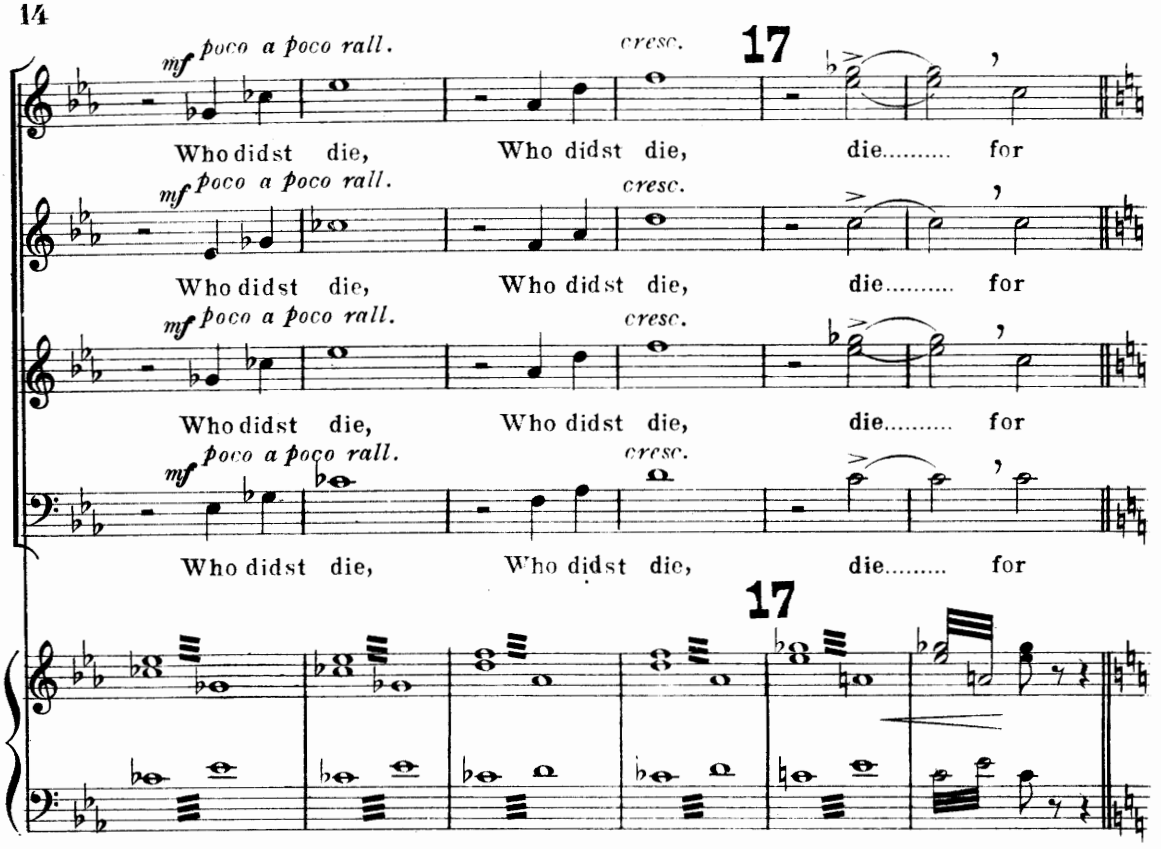
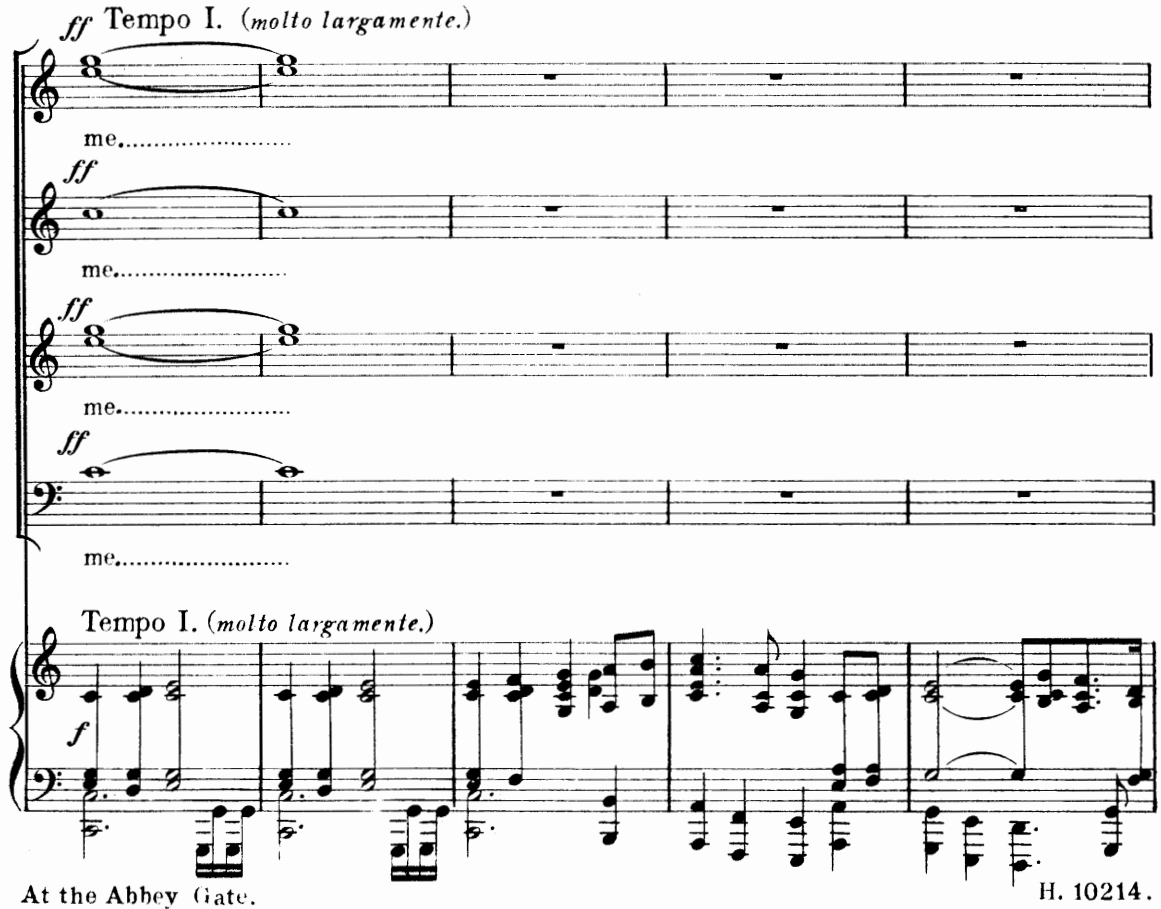
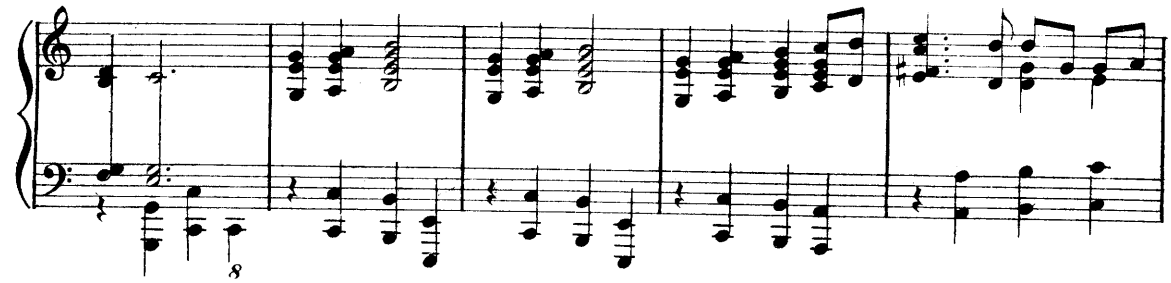
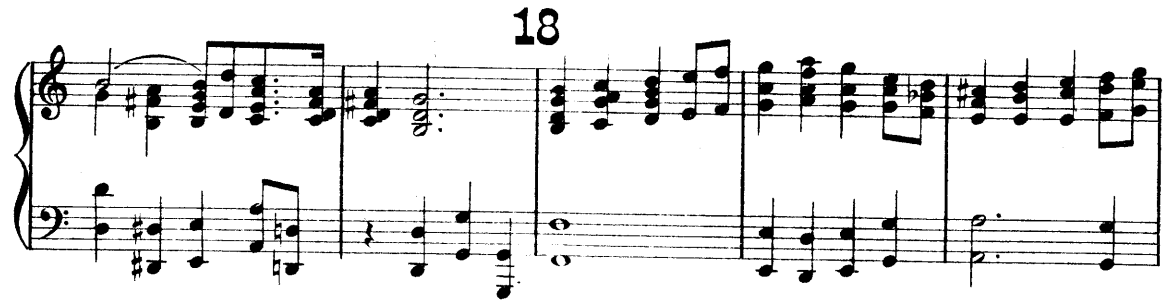
6
p


thee, 'tis Christ that pass - es In
thee, 'tis Christ that pass - es In
thee, 'tis Christ that pass - es In
thee, 'tis Christ that pass - es In
poco accel.
thee, poor sol - dier,
poco accel.
thee, poor sol - dier,
poco accel.
thee, poor sol - dier,
poco accel.
thee, poor sol - dier,
poco accel.


mf poco a poco rall.
cresc.
17
Who didst die, Who didst die, die..... for
Who didst die, Who didst die, die..... for
Who didst die, Who didst die, die..... for
Who didst die, Who didst die, die..... for
17


ff Tempo I. (molto largamente.)
me.....
ff
me.....
ff
me.....
ff
me.....
Tempo I. (molto largamente.)
f

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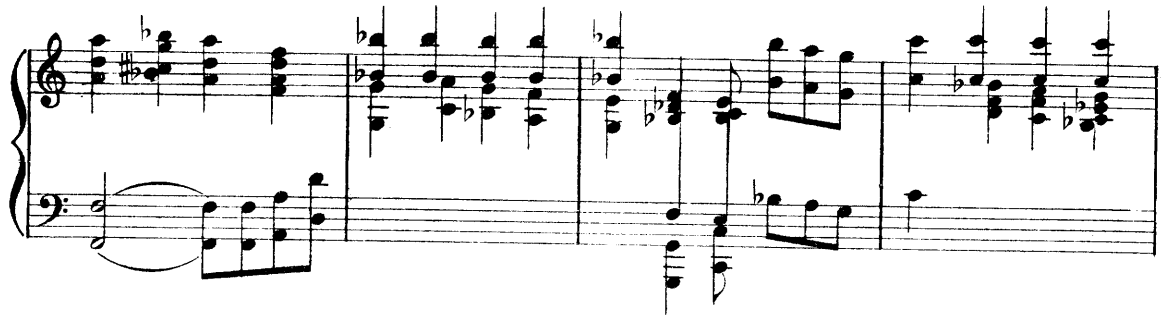

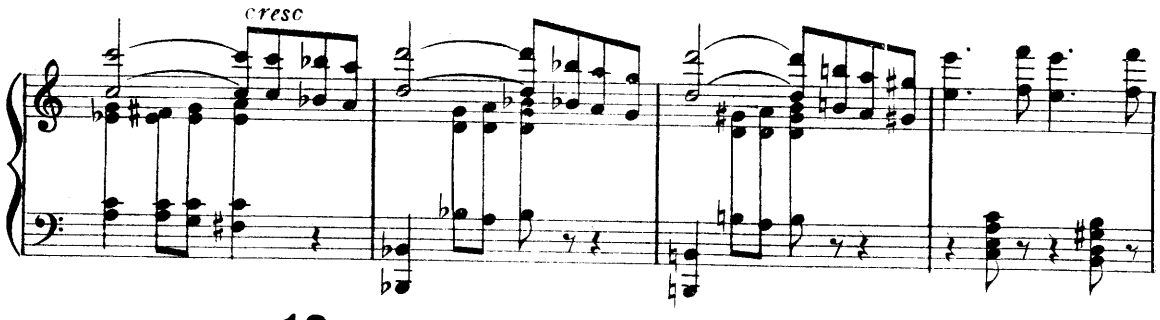
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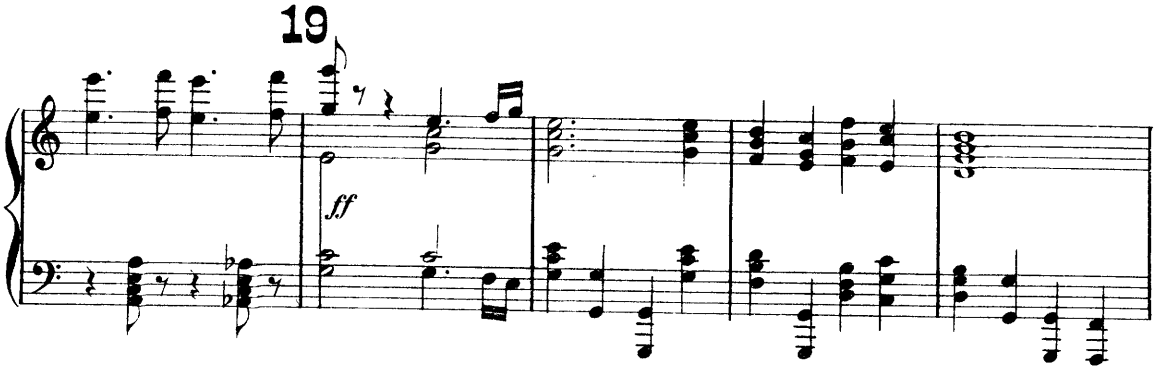
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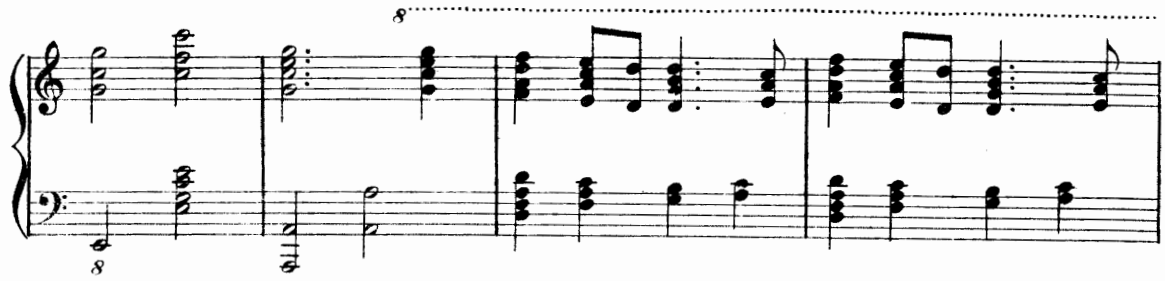

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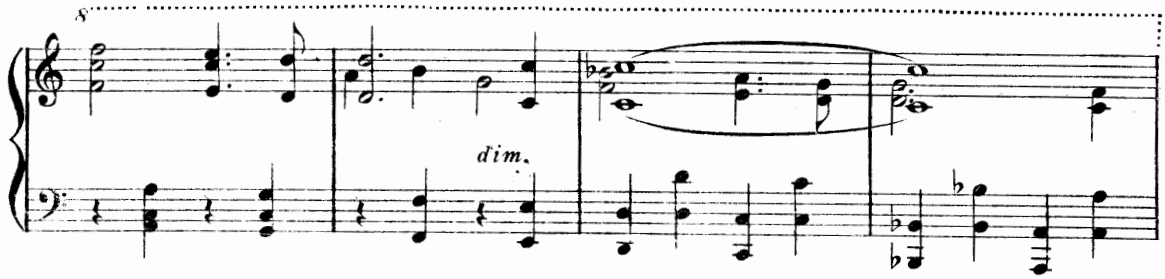

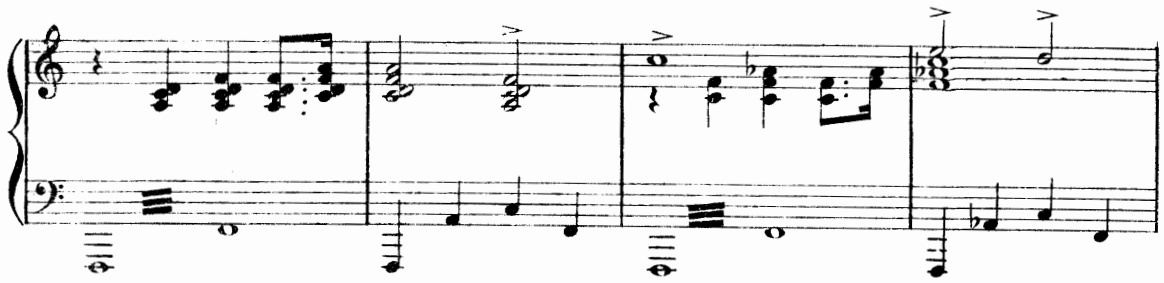

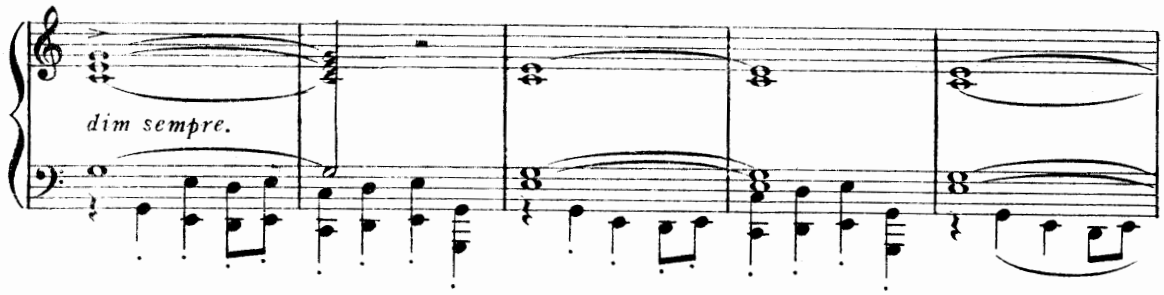

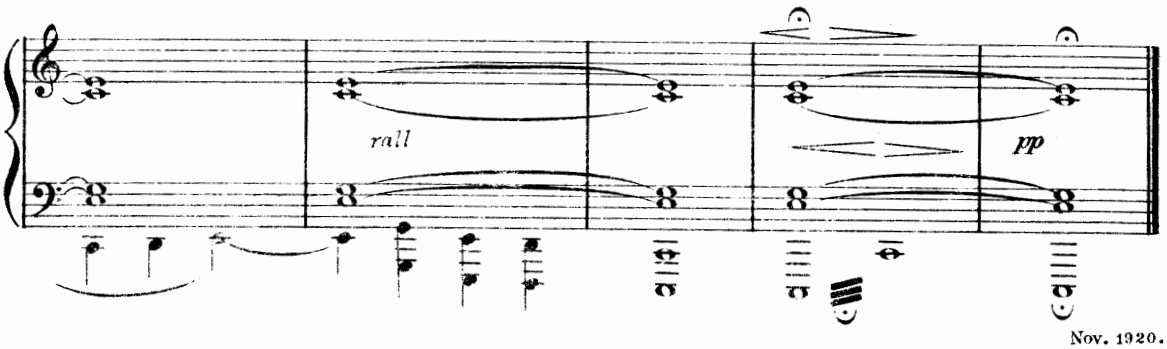

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