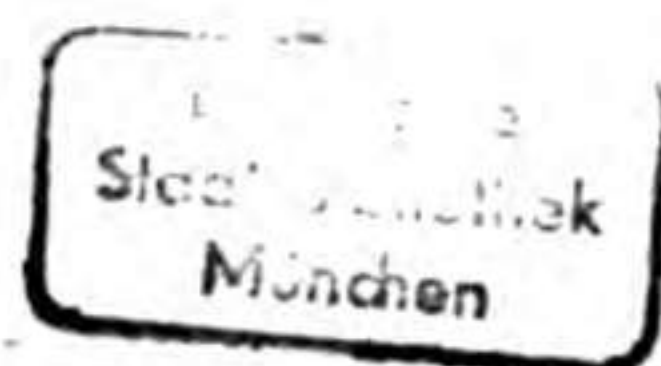


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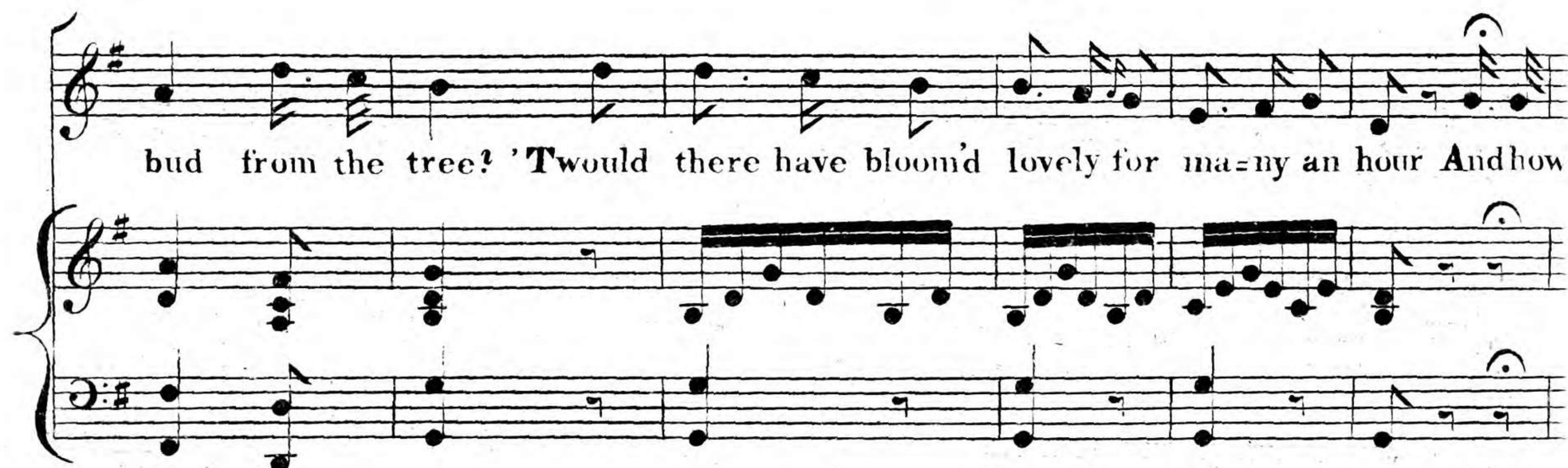


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Ah! why did I ga=ther this de=li=cate flow'r? Why pluck the young



bud from the tree? 'Twould there have bloom'd lovely for ma=ny an hour And how



soon will it perish with me.



Al=ready its beau=ti=ful texture de=ays Al=ready it

Ah! why &c.

fades on my sight — 'Tis thus that chill languor too of=ten o'er=pays The

mo=ments of transient de=light, The mo=ments of transient de=light.

2

When eagerly pressing enjoyments too near,
 Its blossoms we gather in haste;
 How oft thus we mourn with a penitent tear,
 O'er the joys that we lavish'd in waste:
 This elegant flow'r had I left at rest,
 Might still have delighted my eyes;
 But pluck'd prematurely and plac'd in my breast
 It languishes withers and dies.

Ah! why &c.