It's Great When You Get In

Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953)

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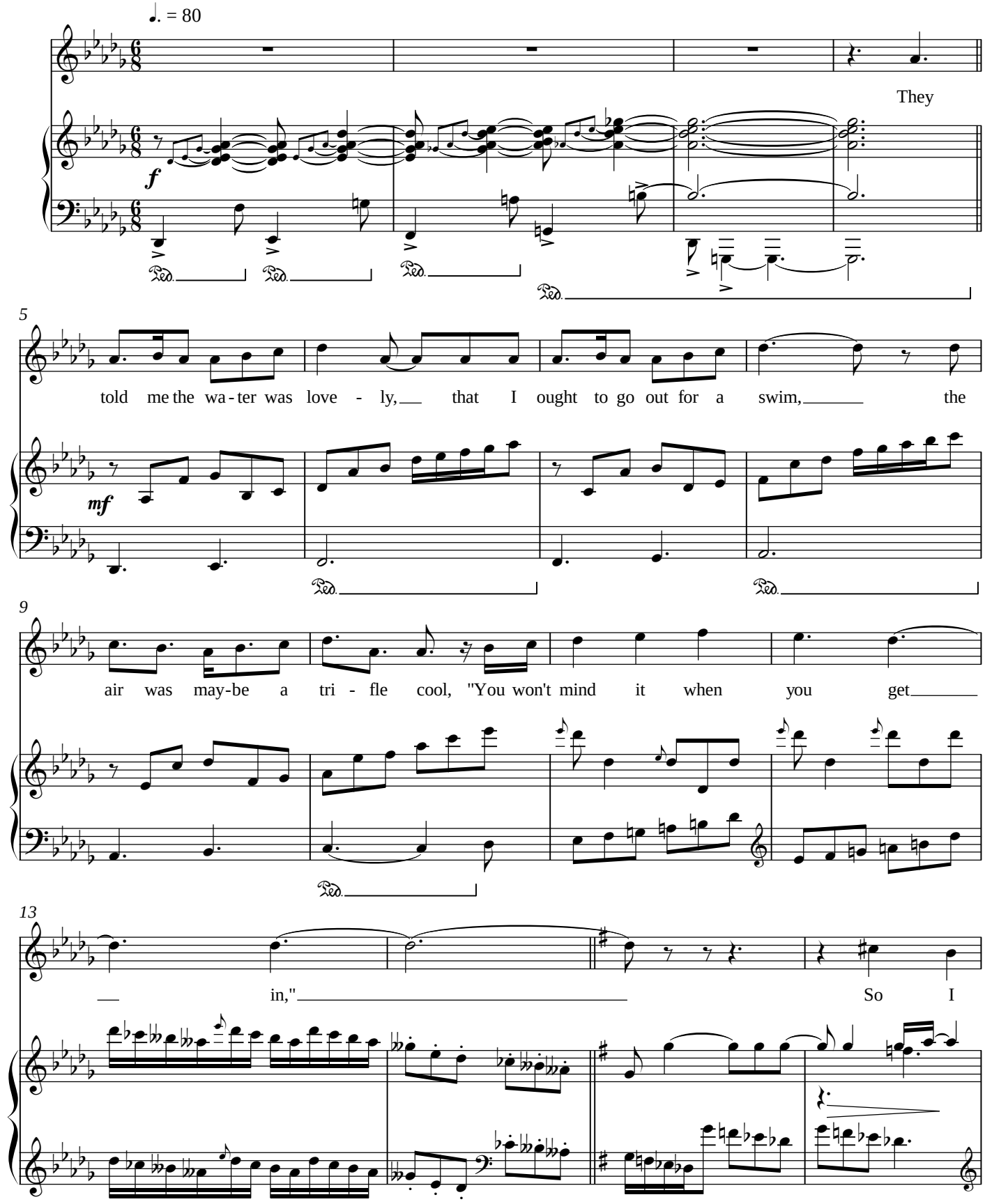

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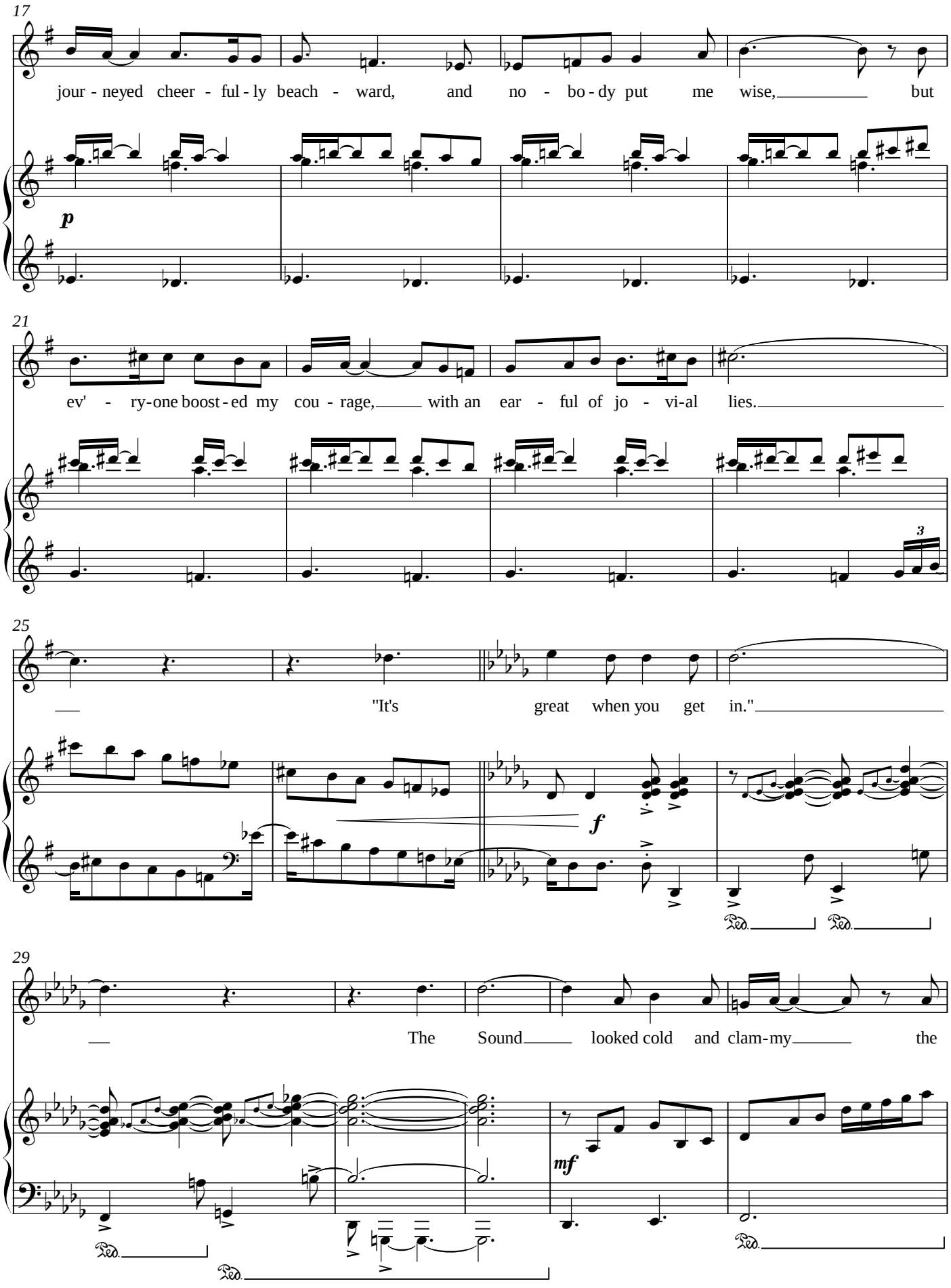
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jour - neyed cheer - ful - ly beach - ward, and no - bo - dy put me wise, but
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ev' - ry-one boost - ed my cou - rage, with an ear - ful of jo - vi-al lies.
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"It's great when you get in."
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The Sound looked cold and clam-my the
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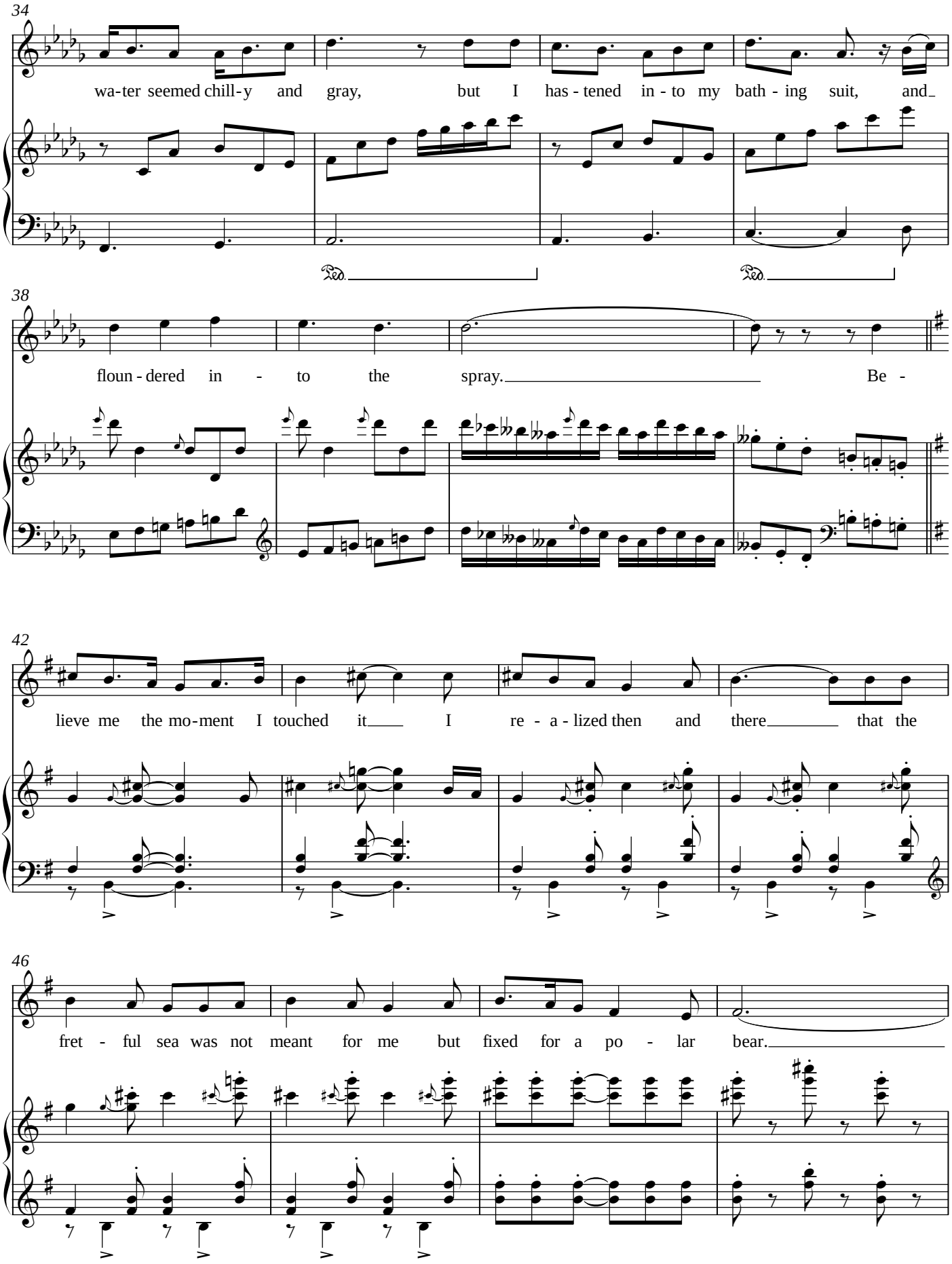
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wa-ter seemed chill-y and gray, but I has - tened in - to my bath - ing suit, and
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floun - dered in - to the spray. Be -
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lieve me the mo-ment I touched it I re - a - lized then and there that the
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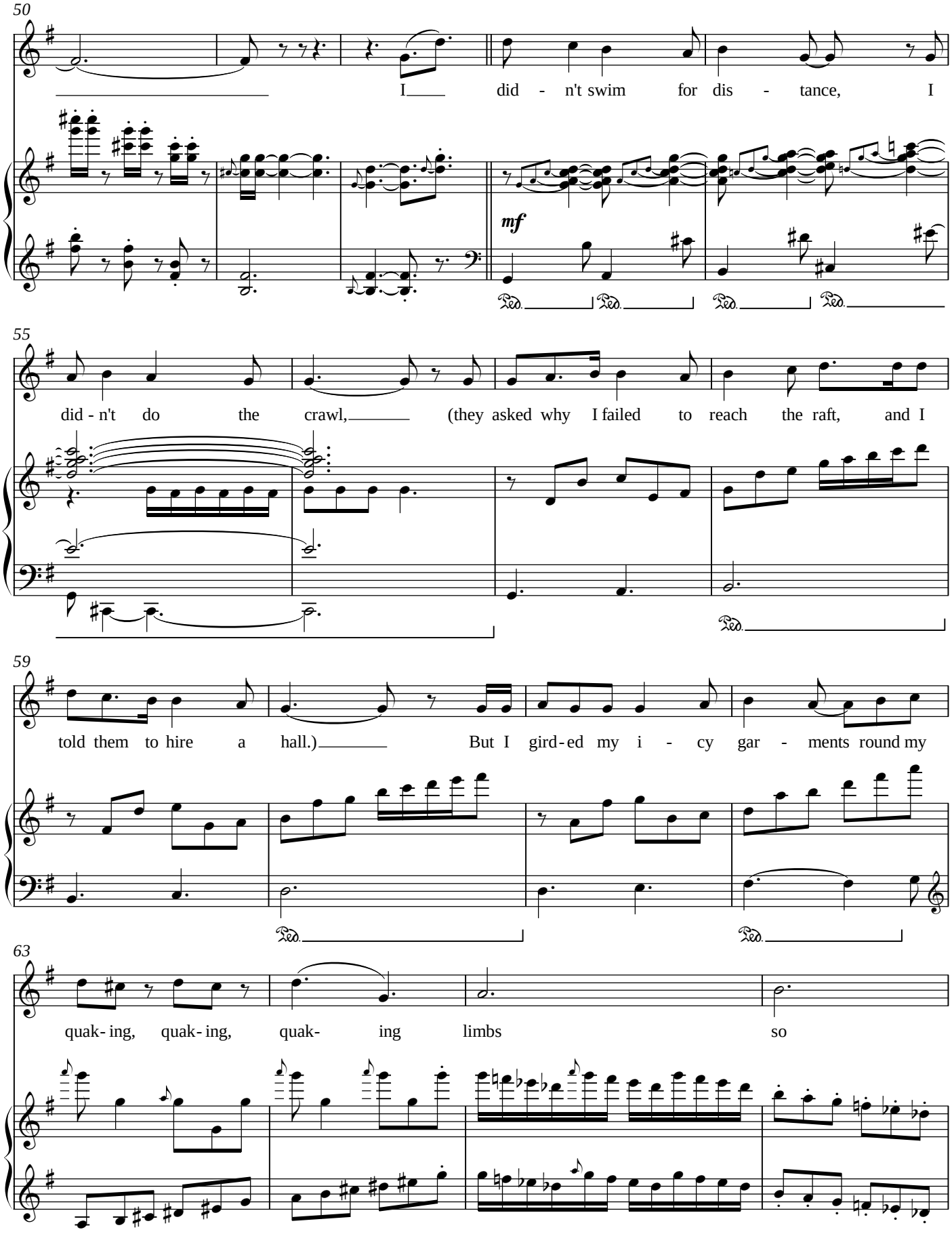
fret - ful sea was not meant for me but fixed for a po - lar bear.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I did - n't swim for dis - tance, I
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did - n't do the crawl, (they asked why I failed to reach the raft, and I
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told them to hire a hall.) But I gird - ed my i - cy gar - ments round my
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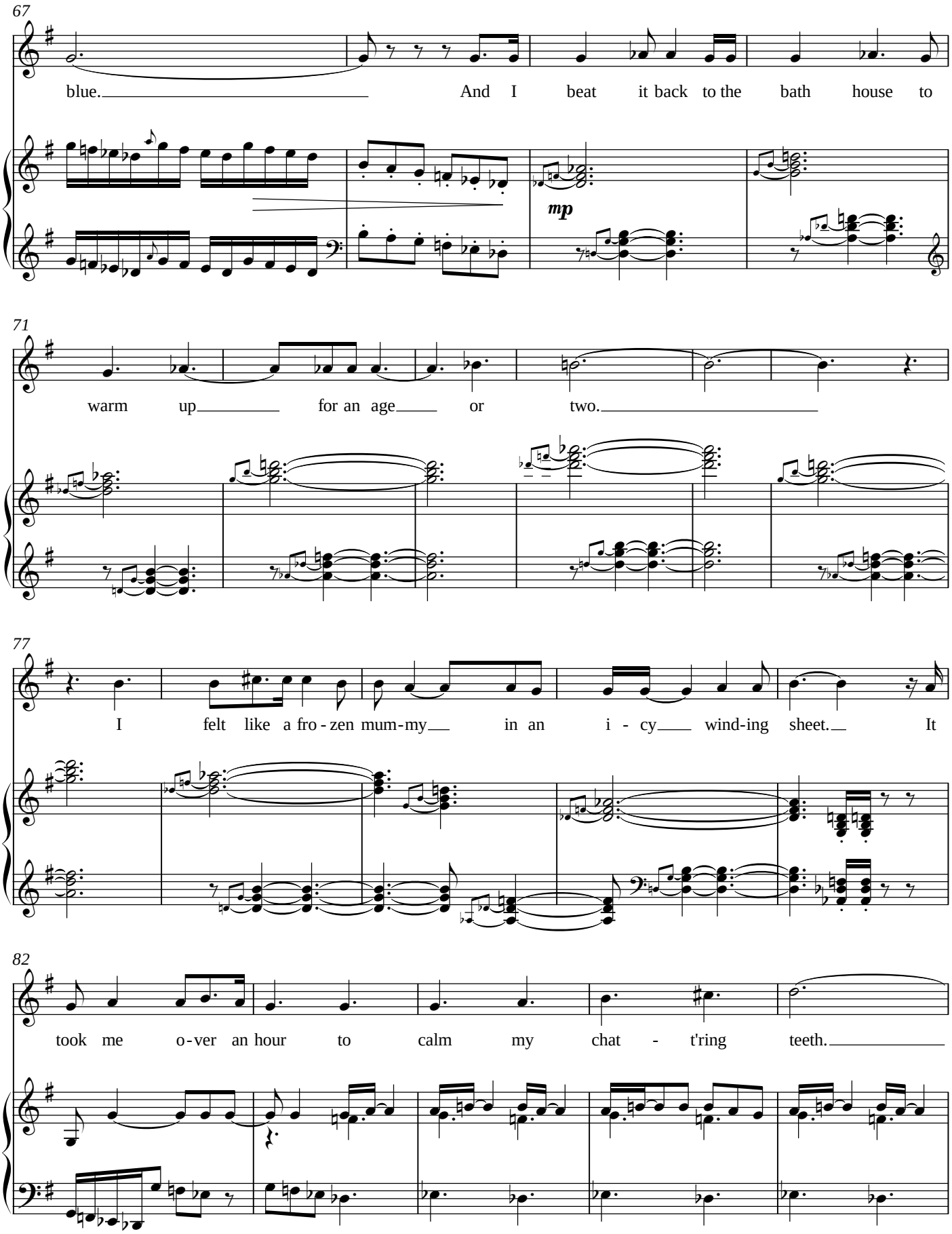
quak - ing, quak - ing, quak - ing limbs so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blue. And I beat it back to the bath house to
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warm up for an age or two.
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I felt like a fro - zen mum-my in an i - cy wind-ing sheet. It
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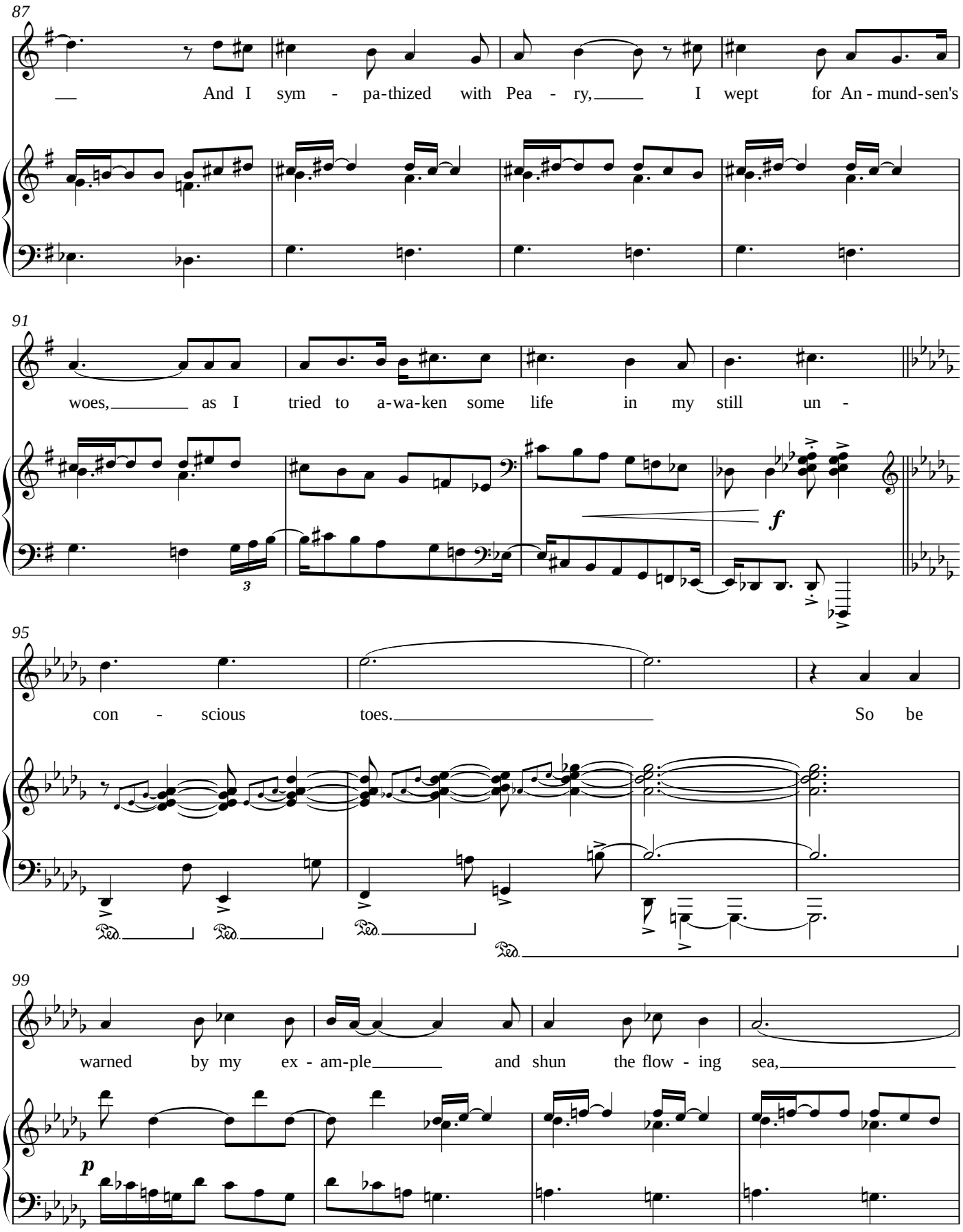
took me o-ver an hour to calm my chat - t'ring teeth.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And I sym - pa-thized with Pea - ry, I wept for An - mund-sen's
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woes, as I tried to a-wa-ken some life in my still un -
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con - scious toes. So be
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warned by my ex - am-ple and shun the flow - ing sea,
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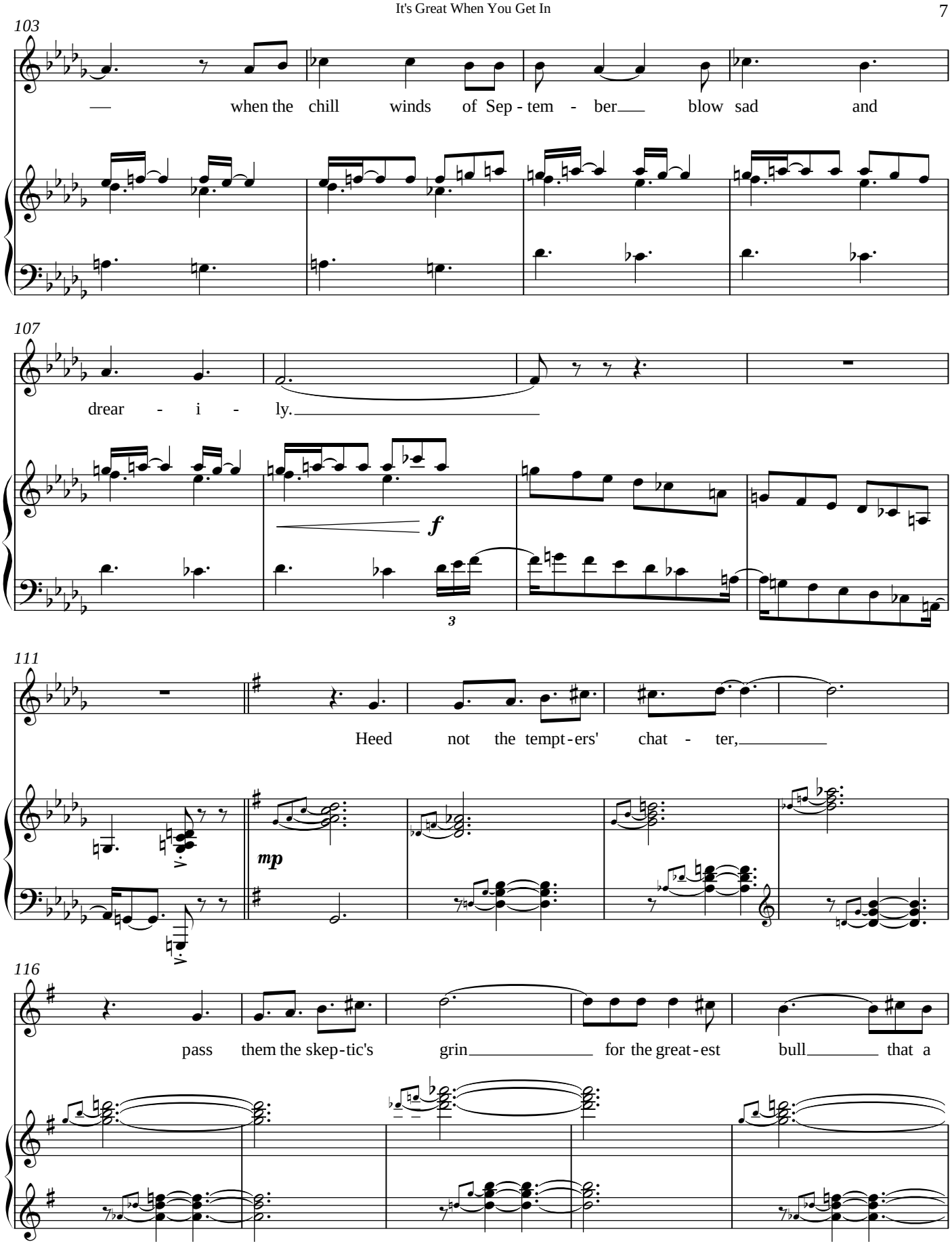
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when the chill winds of Sep - tem - ber blow sad and
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drear - i - ly.
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Heed not the tempt-ers' chat - ter,
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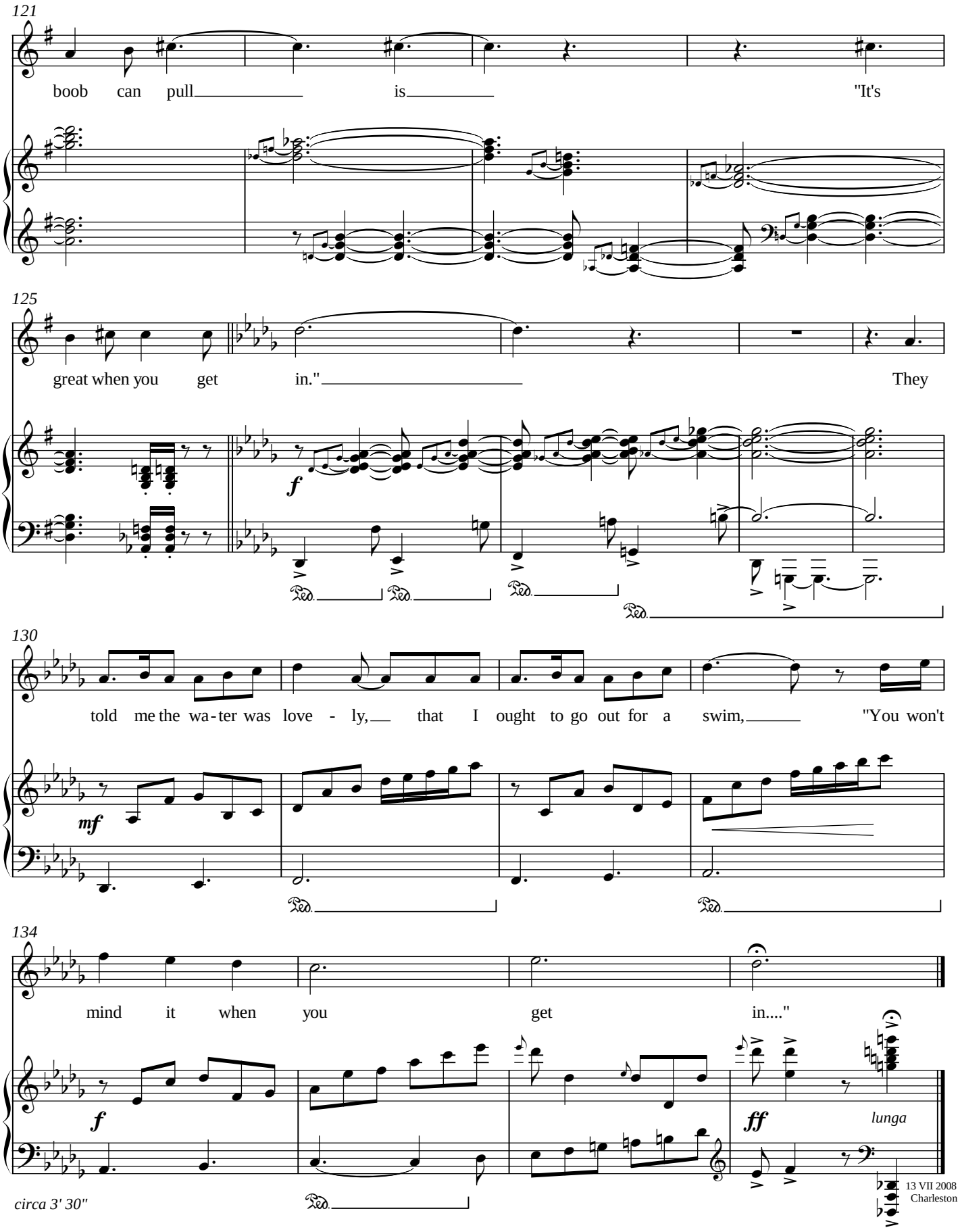
pass them the skep-tic's grin for the great-est bull that a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boob can pull is "It's
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great when you get in." They
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told me the wa-ter was love - ly, that I ought to go out for a swim, "You won't
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mind it when you get in...."
f
ff
lunga
circa 3' 30"
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