Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

The Lawyers' Way

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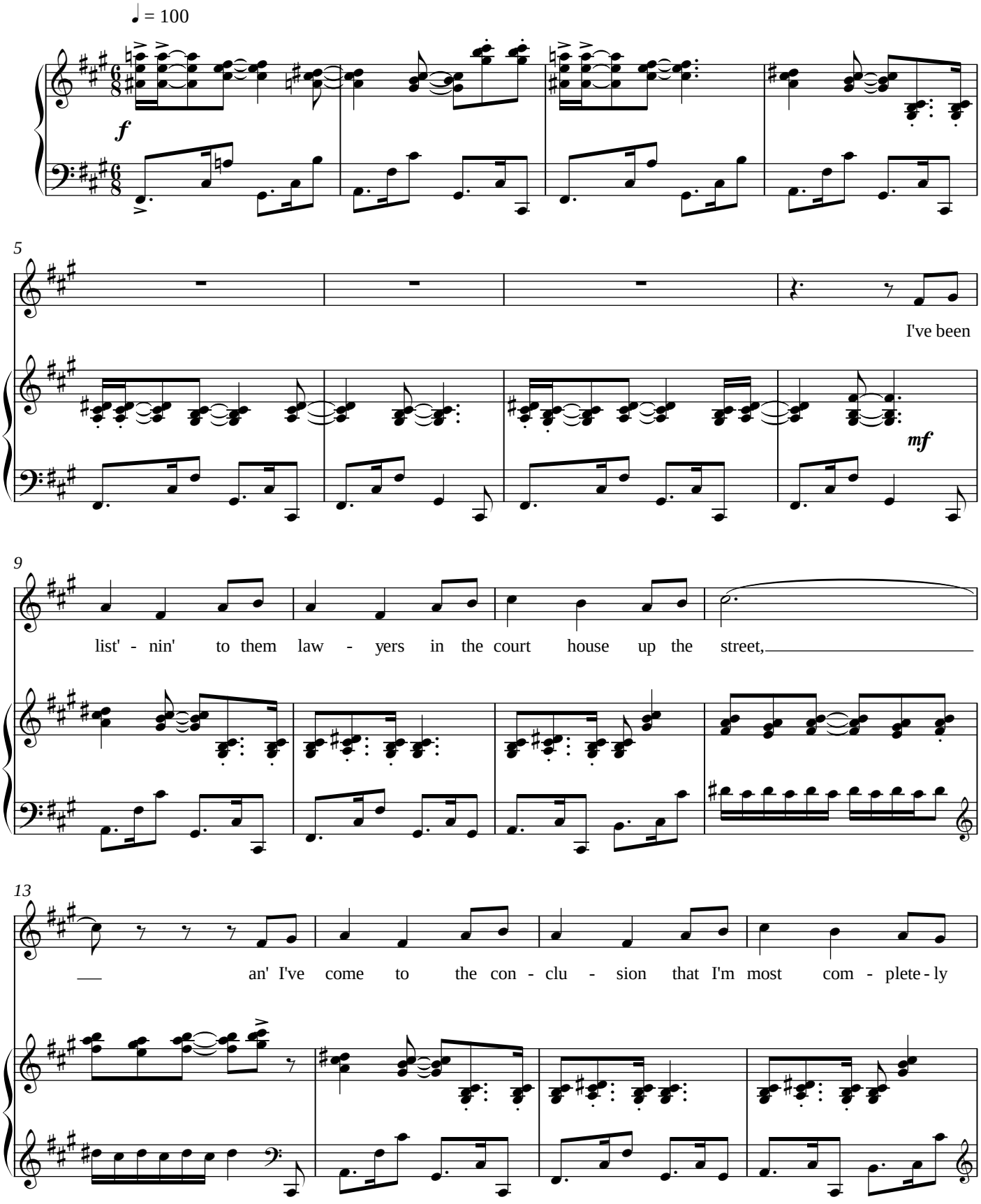

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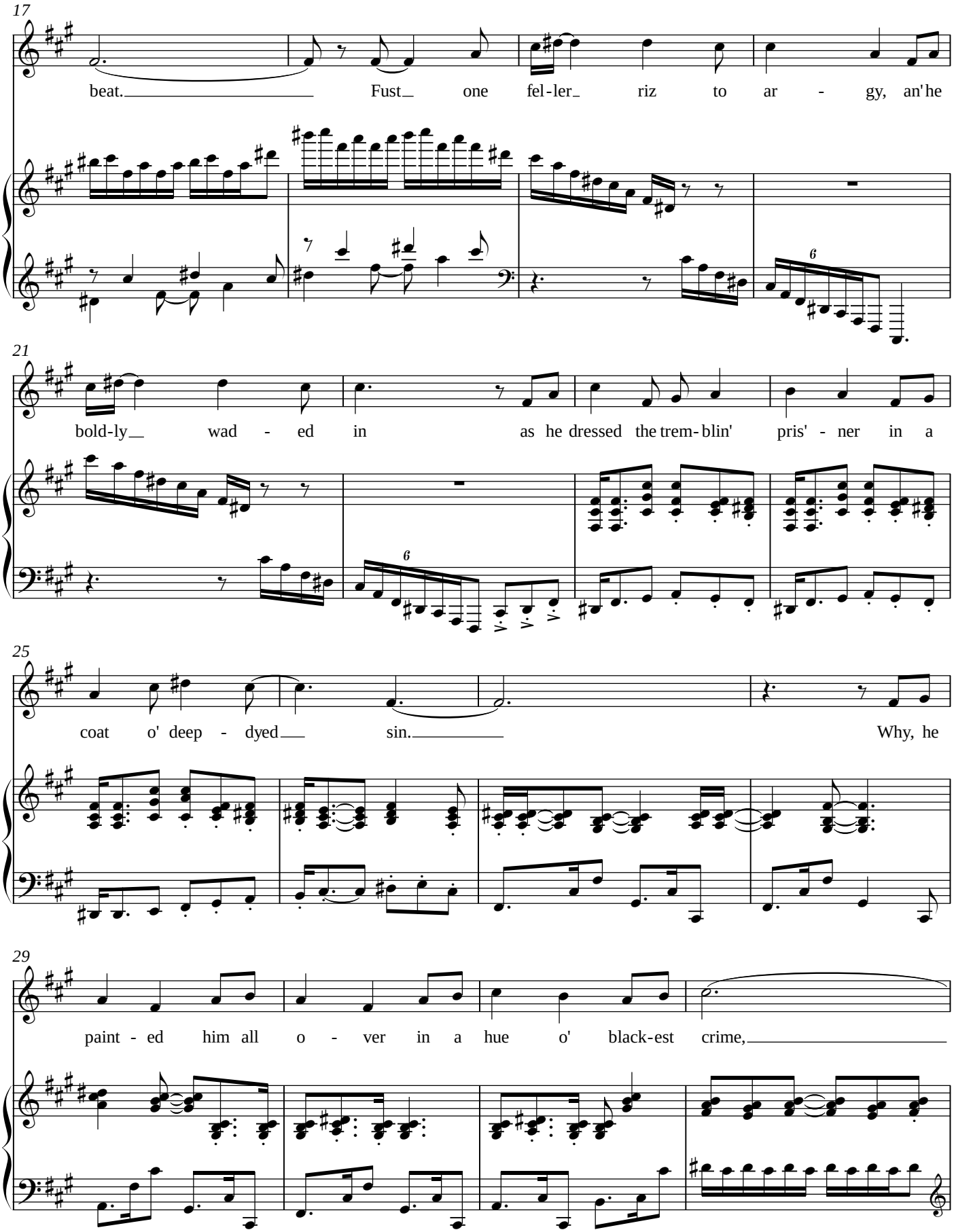
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beat. Fust one fel-ler riz to ar - gy, an'he
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bold-ly wad - ed in as he dressed the trem-blin' pris' - ner in a
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coat o' deep - dyed sin. Why, he
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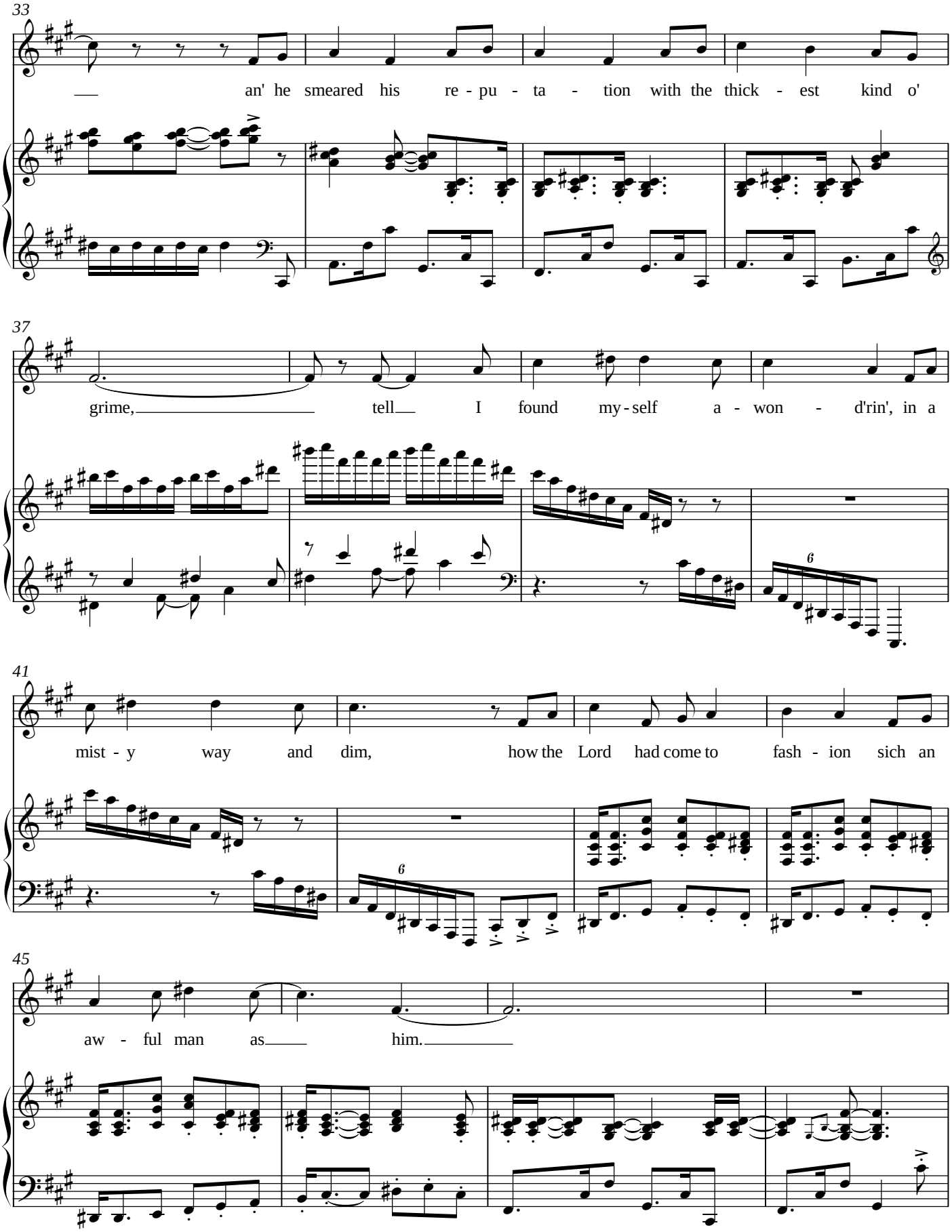
paint - ed him all o - ver in a hue o' black-est crime,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an' he smeared his re - pu - ta - tion with the thick - est kind o'
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grime, tell I found my - self a - won - d'rin', in a
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mist - y way and dim, how the Lord had come to fash - ion sich an
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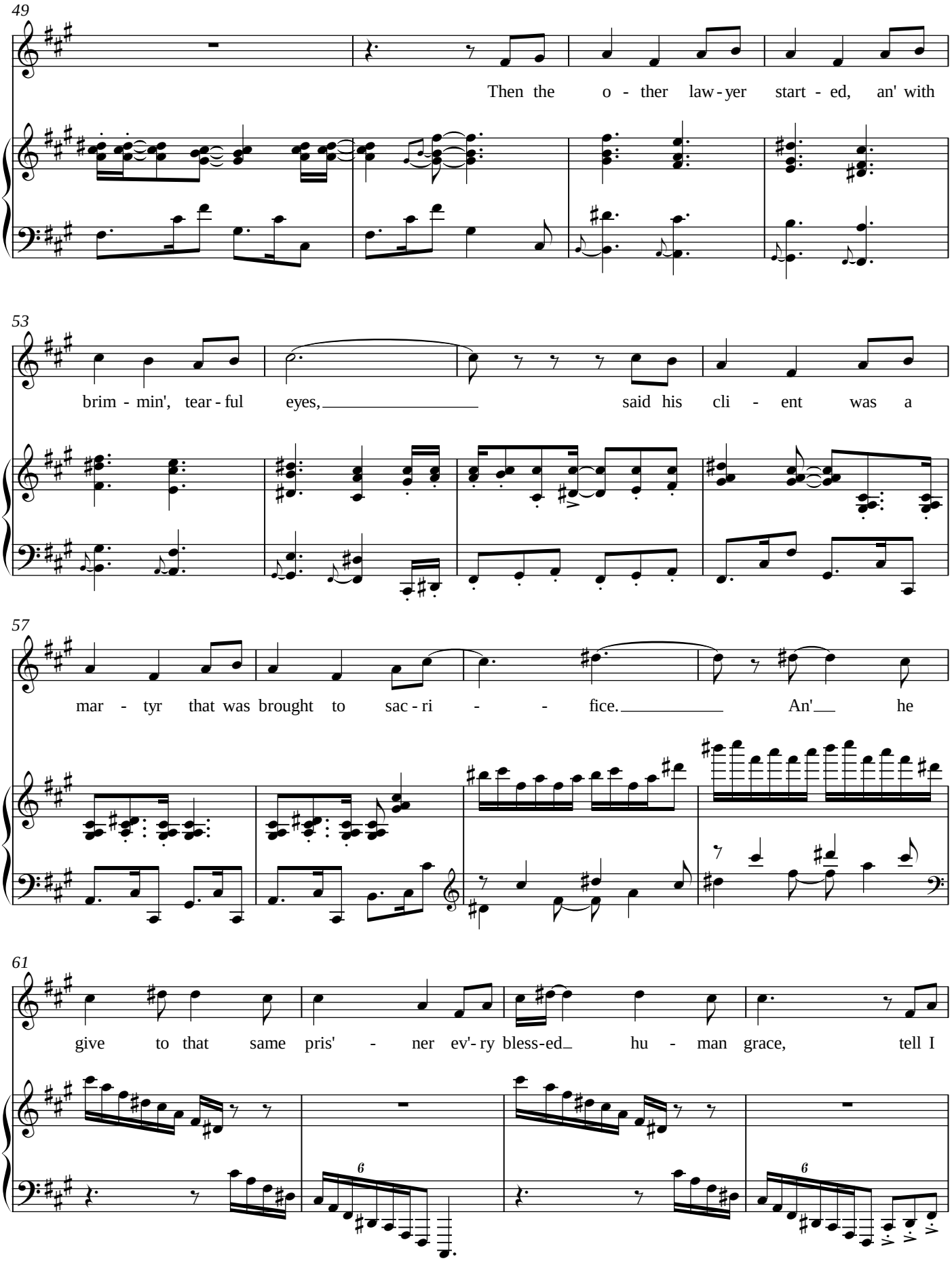
aw - ful man as him.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Then the o - ther law - yer start - ed, an' with
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brim - min', tear - ful eyes, said his cli - ent was a
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mar - tyr that was brought to sac - ri - - fice. An' he
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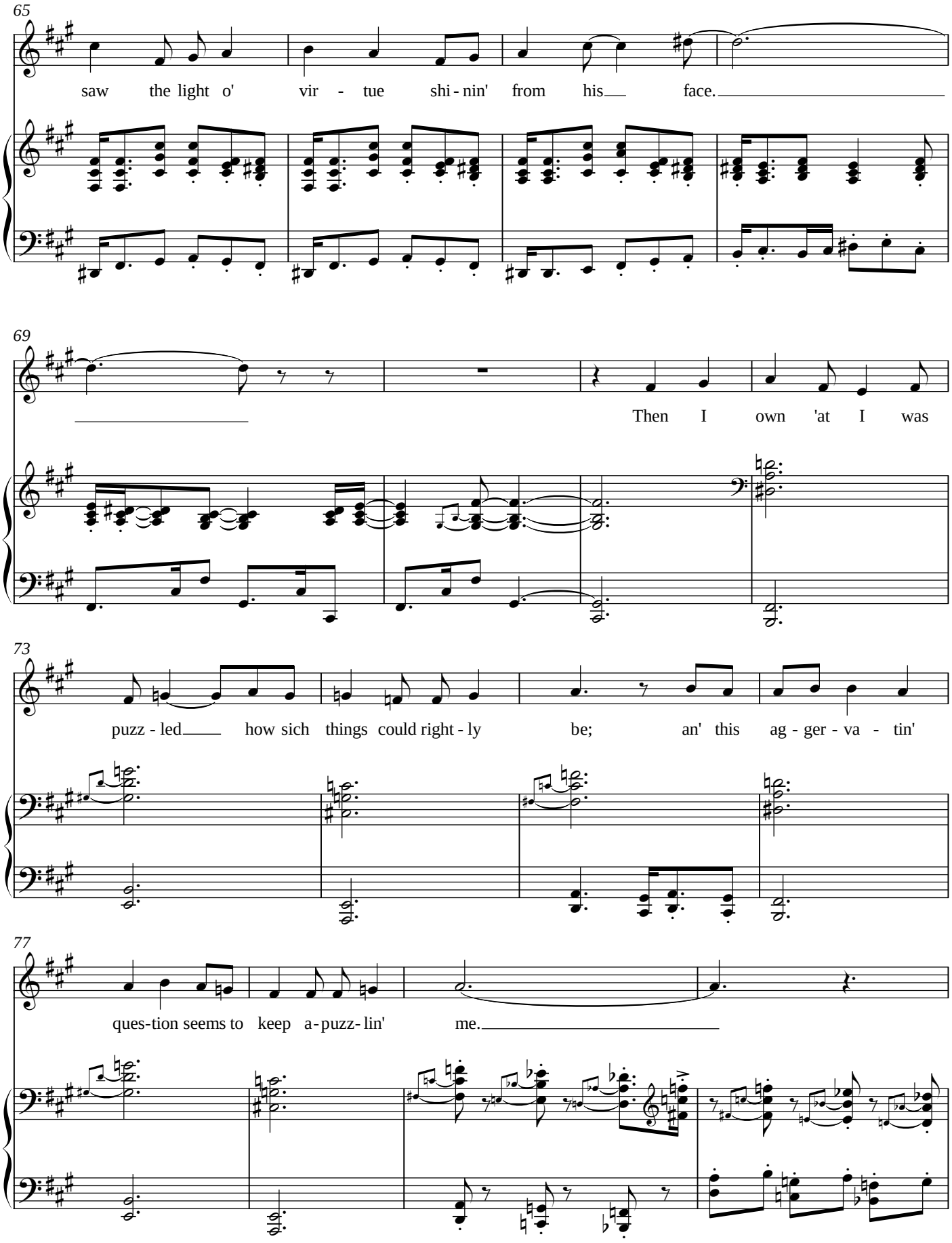
give to that same pris' - ner ev' - ry bless-ed hu - man grace, tell I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saw the light o' vir - tue shi - nin' from his face.
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Then I own 'at I was
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puzz - led how sich things could right - ly be; an' this ag - ger - va - tin'
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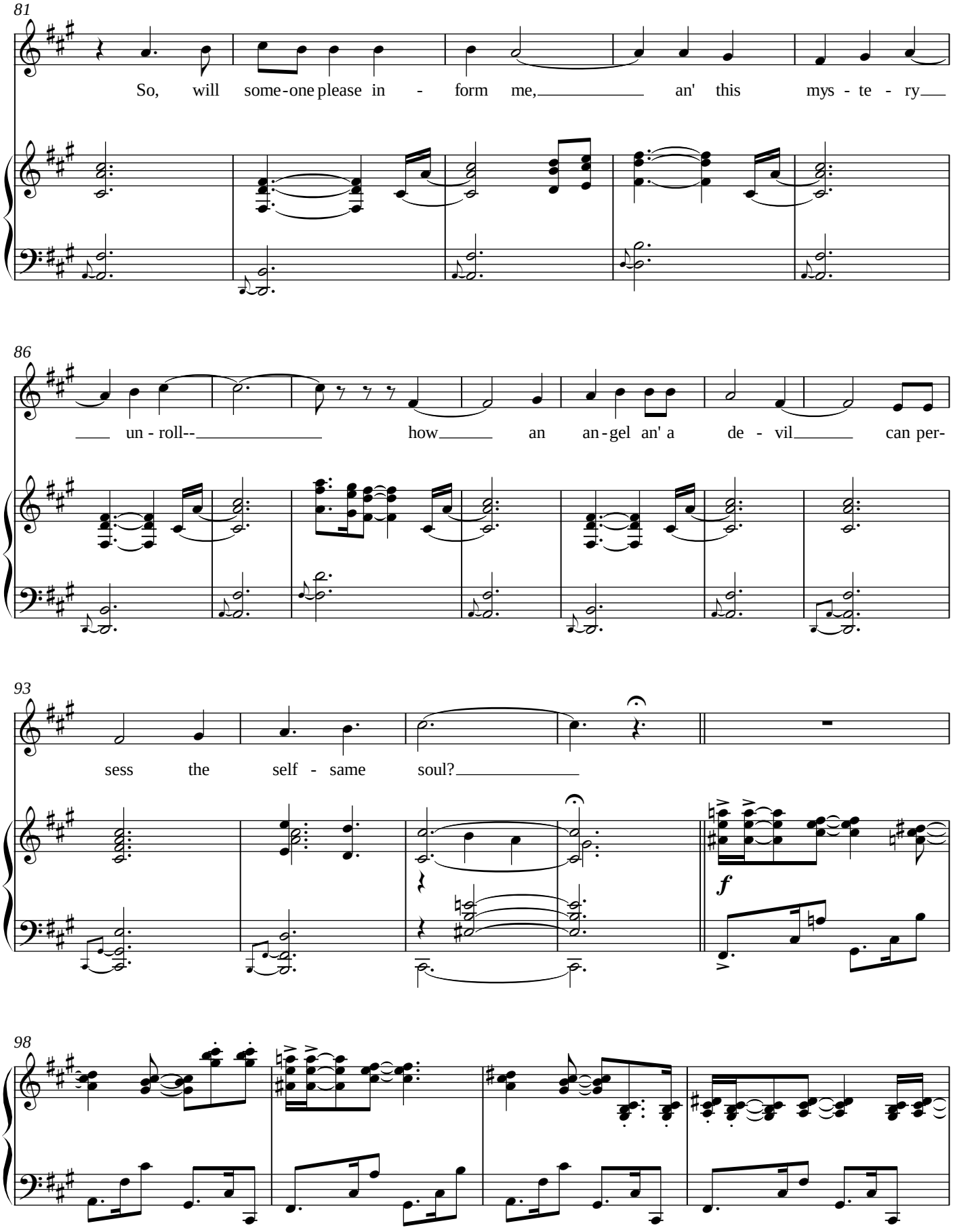
ques-tion seems to keep a-puzz-lin' me.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So, will some-one please in - form me, an' this mys - te - ry
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un - roll-- how an an-gel an' a de - vil can per-
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sess the self - same soul?
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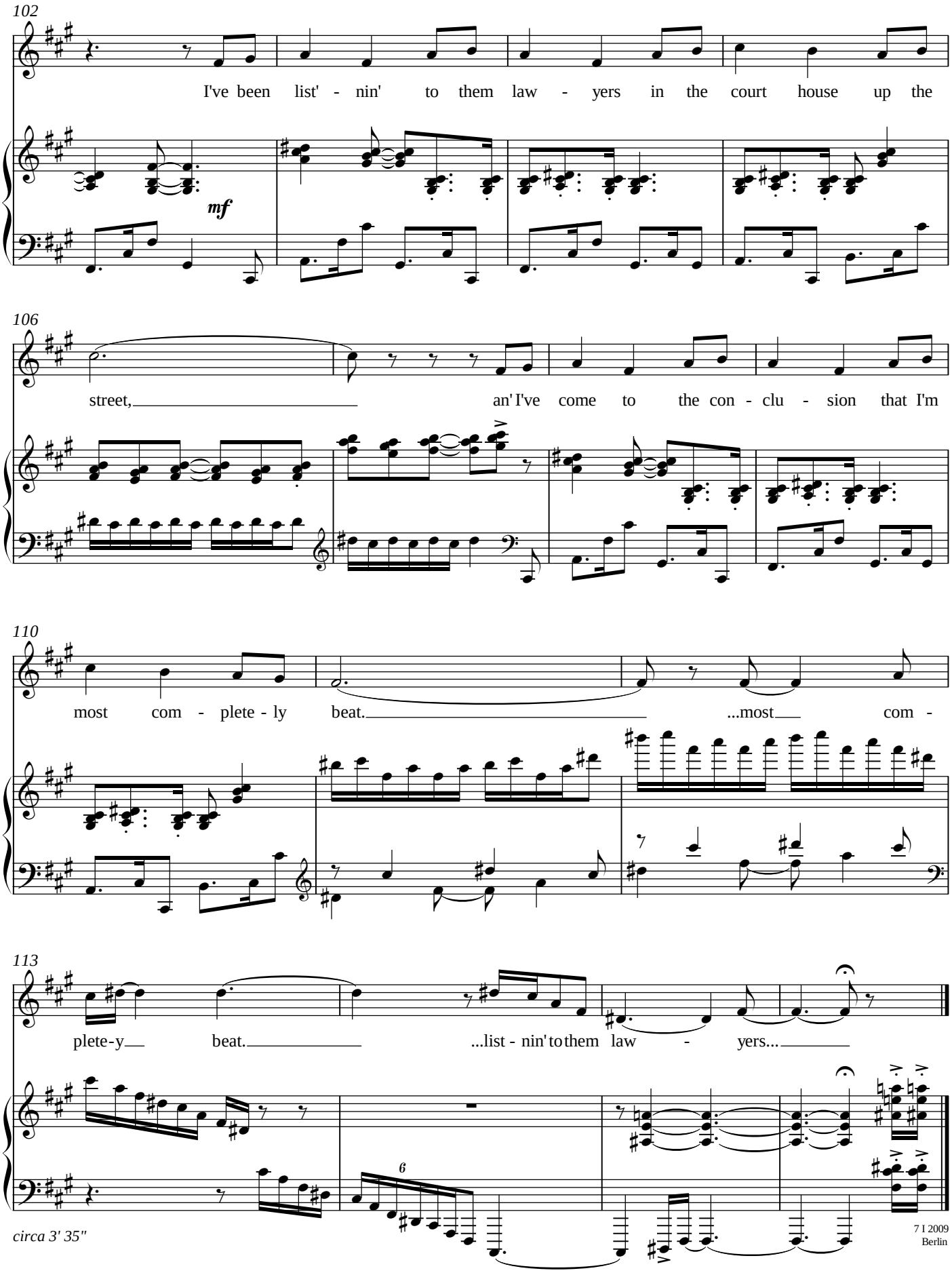
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I've been list' - nin' to them law - yers in the court house up the
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street, an' I've come to the con - clu - sion that I'm
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most com - plete - ly beat. ...most com -
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plete-y beat. ...list - nin' to them law - yers...
circa 3' 35"
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