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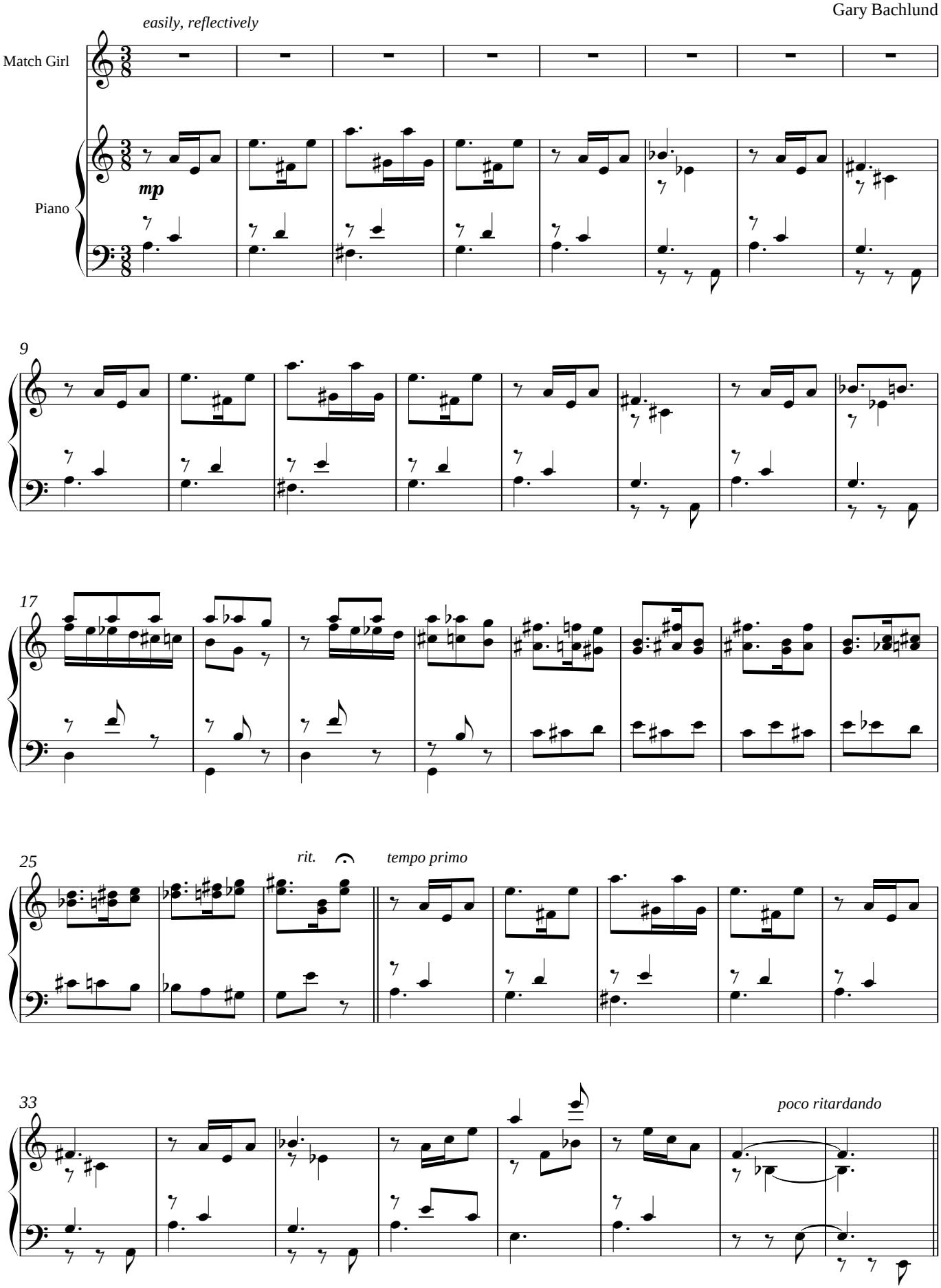

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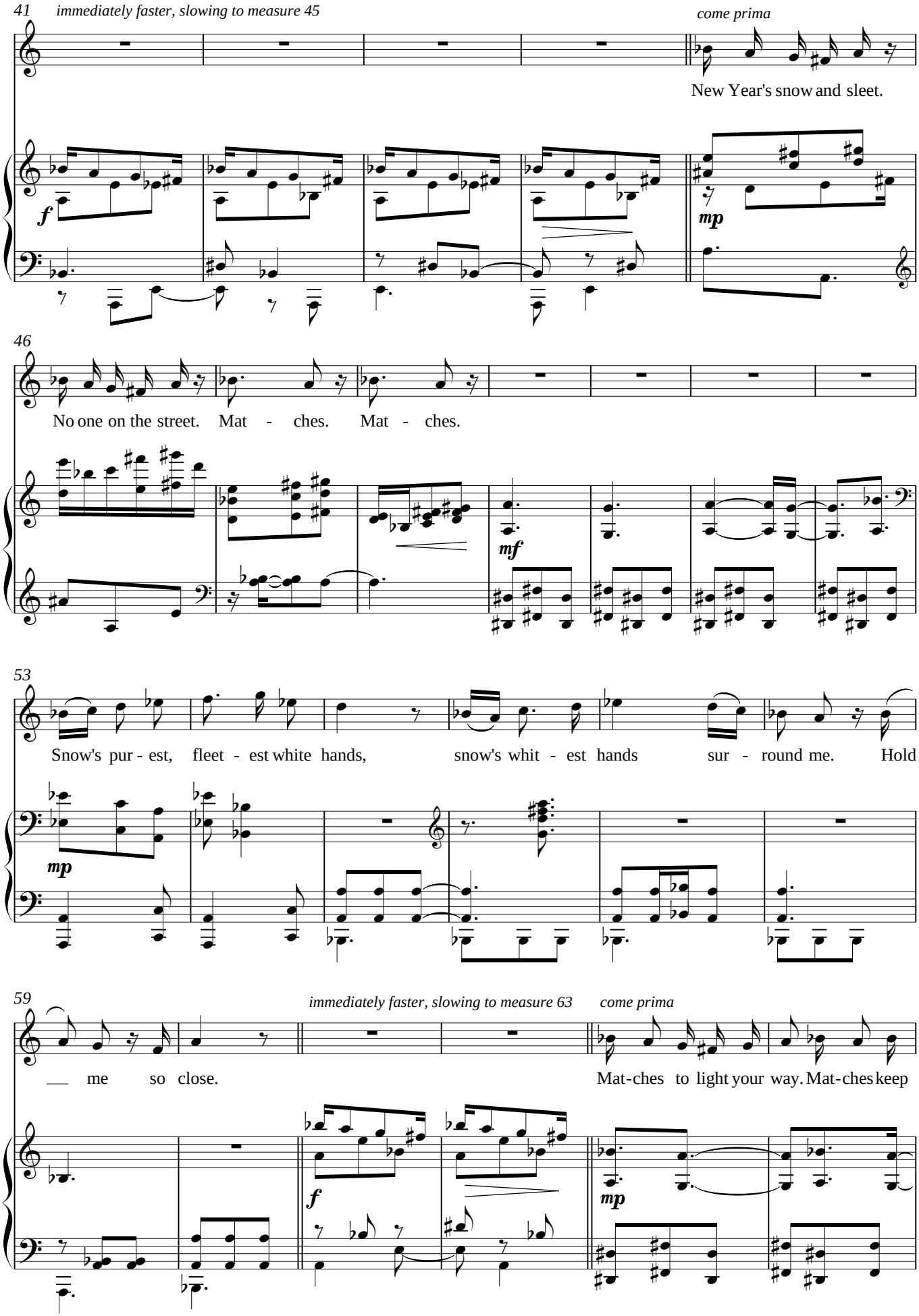
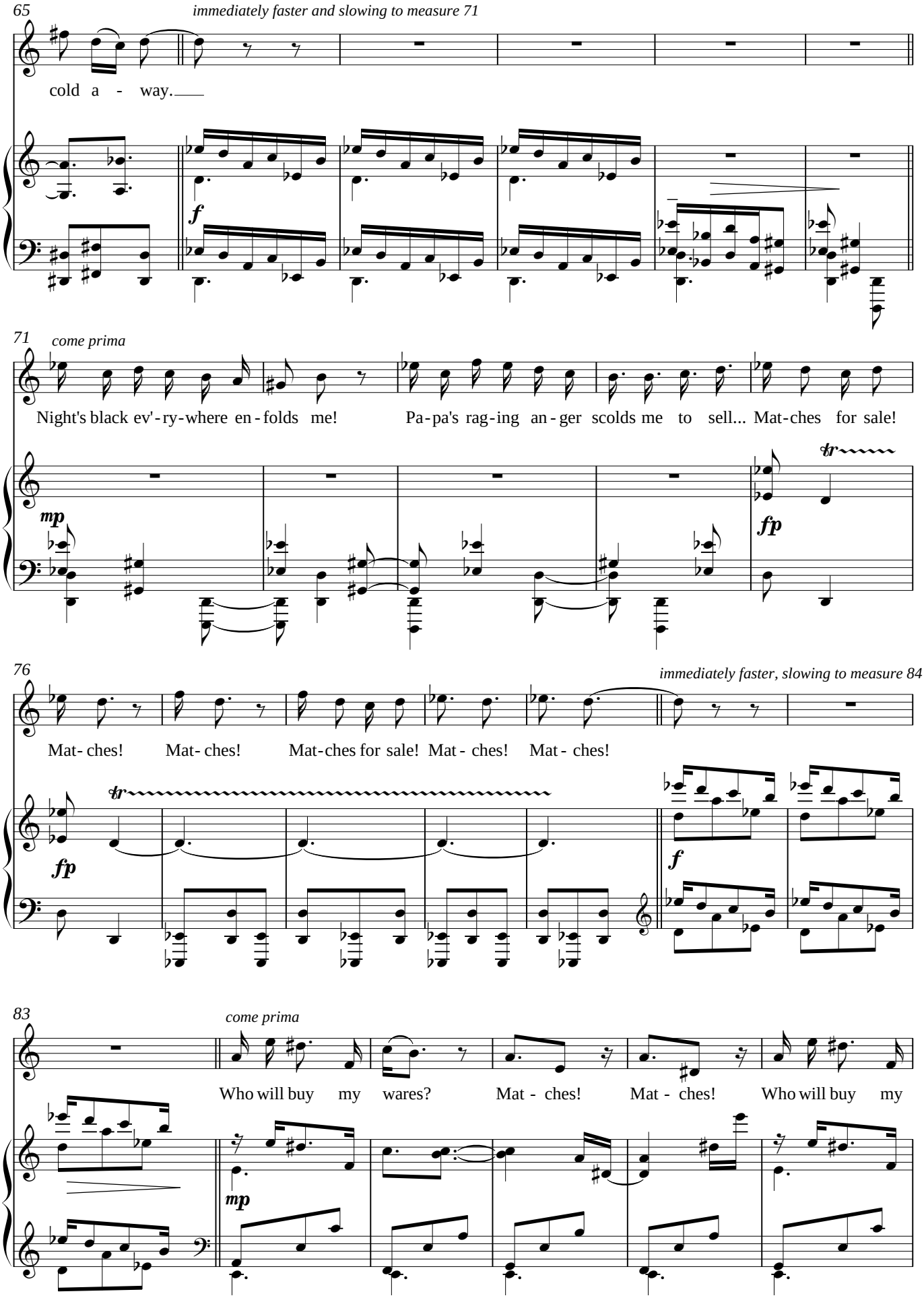

41
immediately faster, slowing to measure 45
come prima
New Year's snow and sleet.
f
mp
46
No one on the street. Mat - ches. Mat - ches.
mf
53
Snow's pur - est, fleet - est white hands, snow's whit - est hands sur - round me. Hold
mp
59
immediately faster, slowing to measure 63
come prima
me so close.
Mat-ches to light your way. Mat-ches keep
f
mp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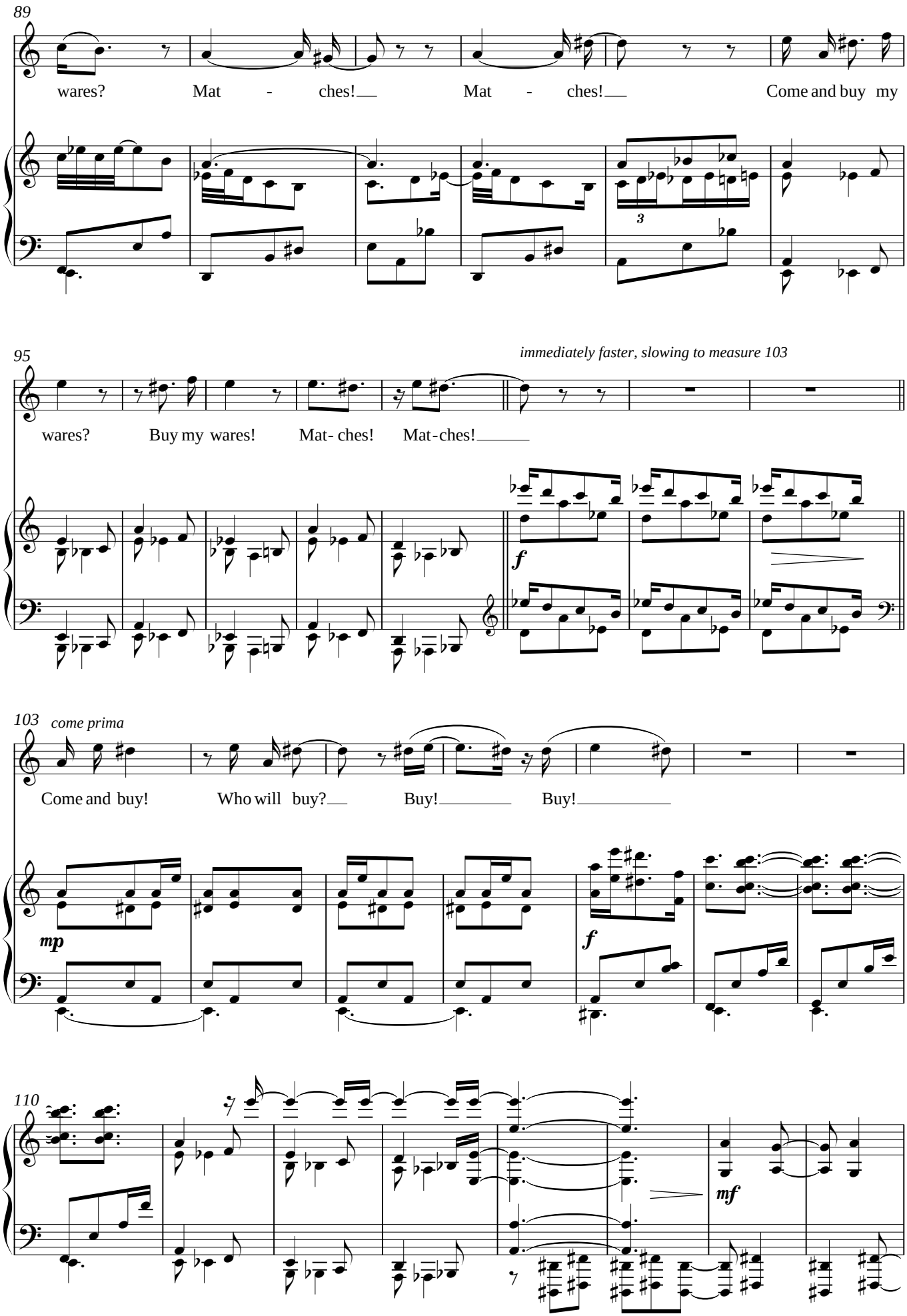
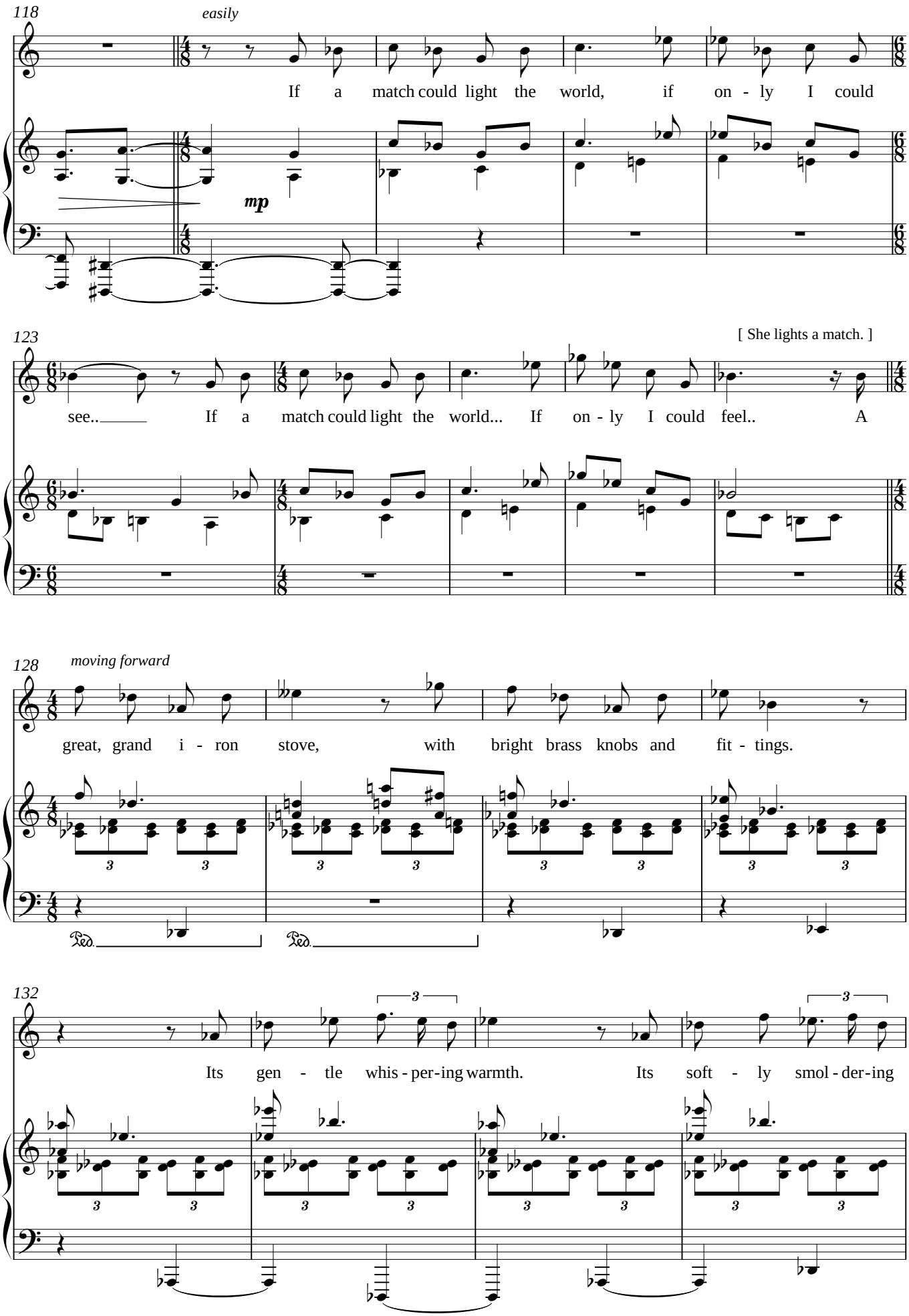
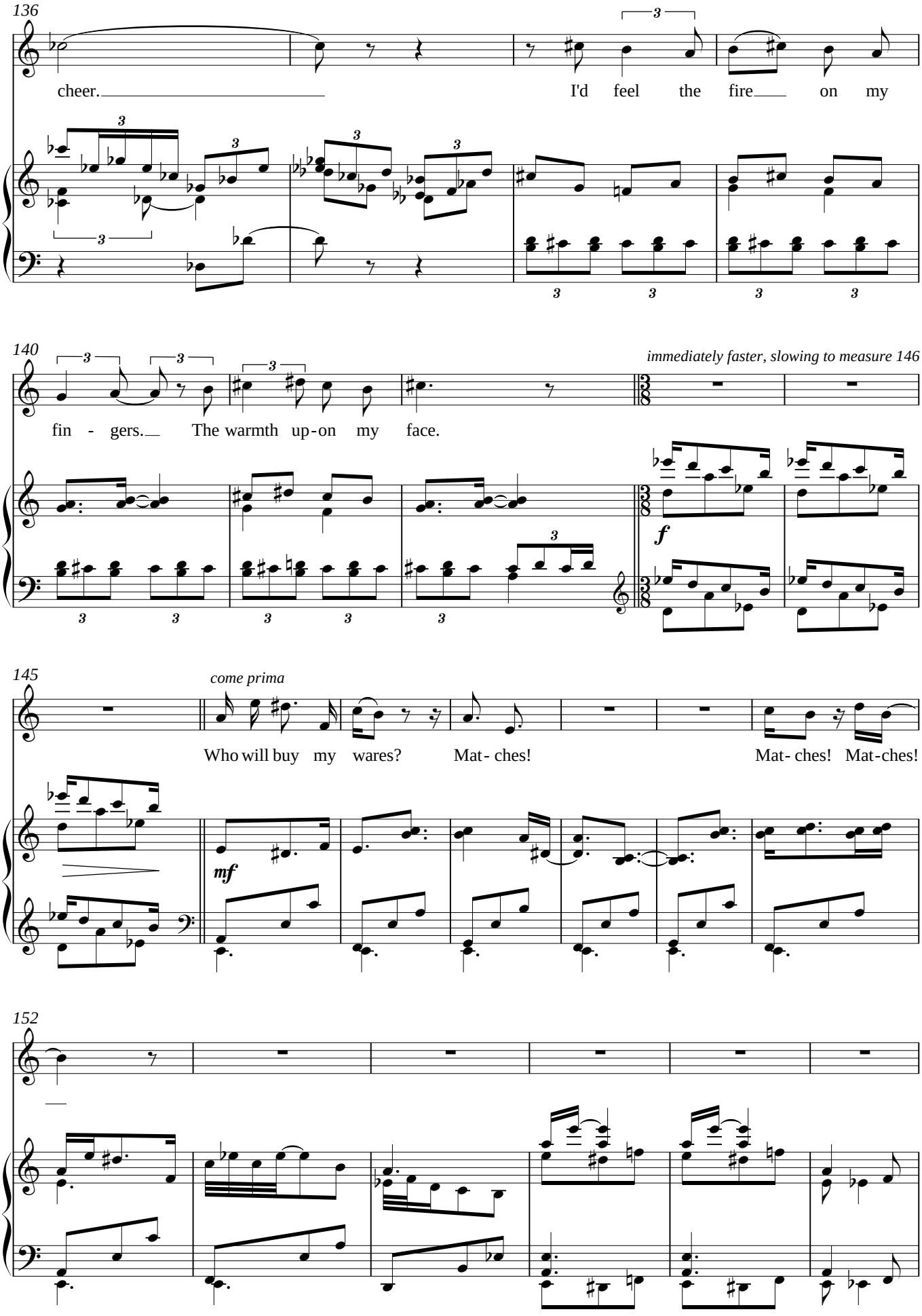
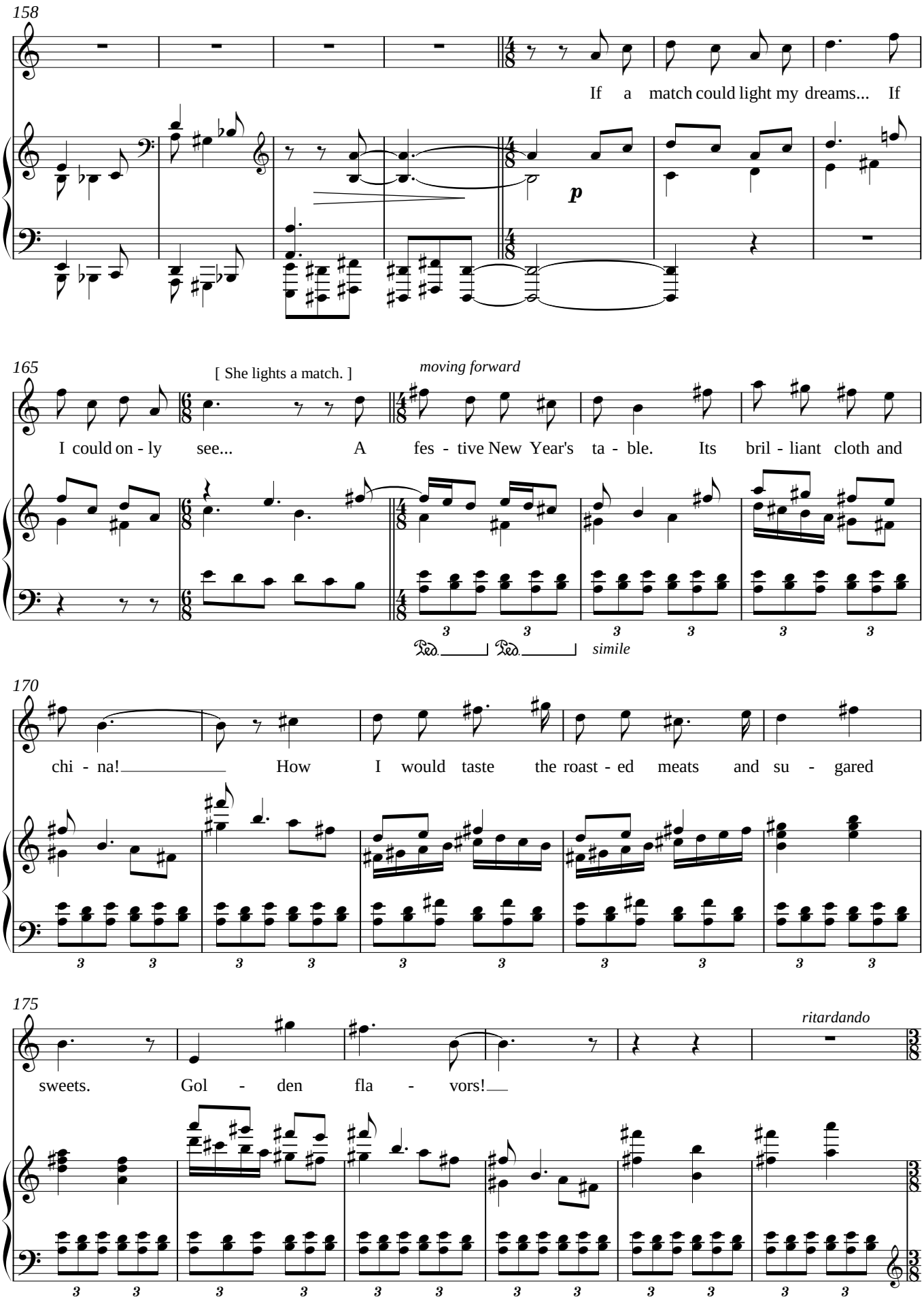
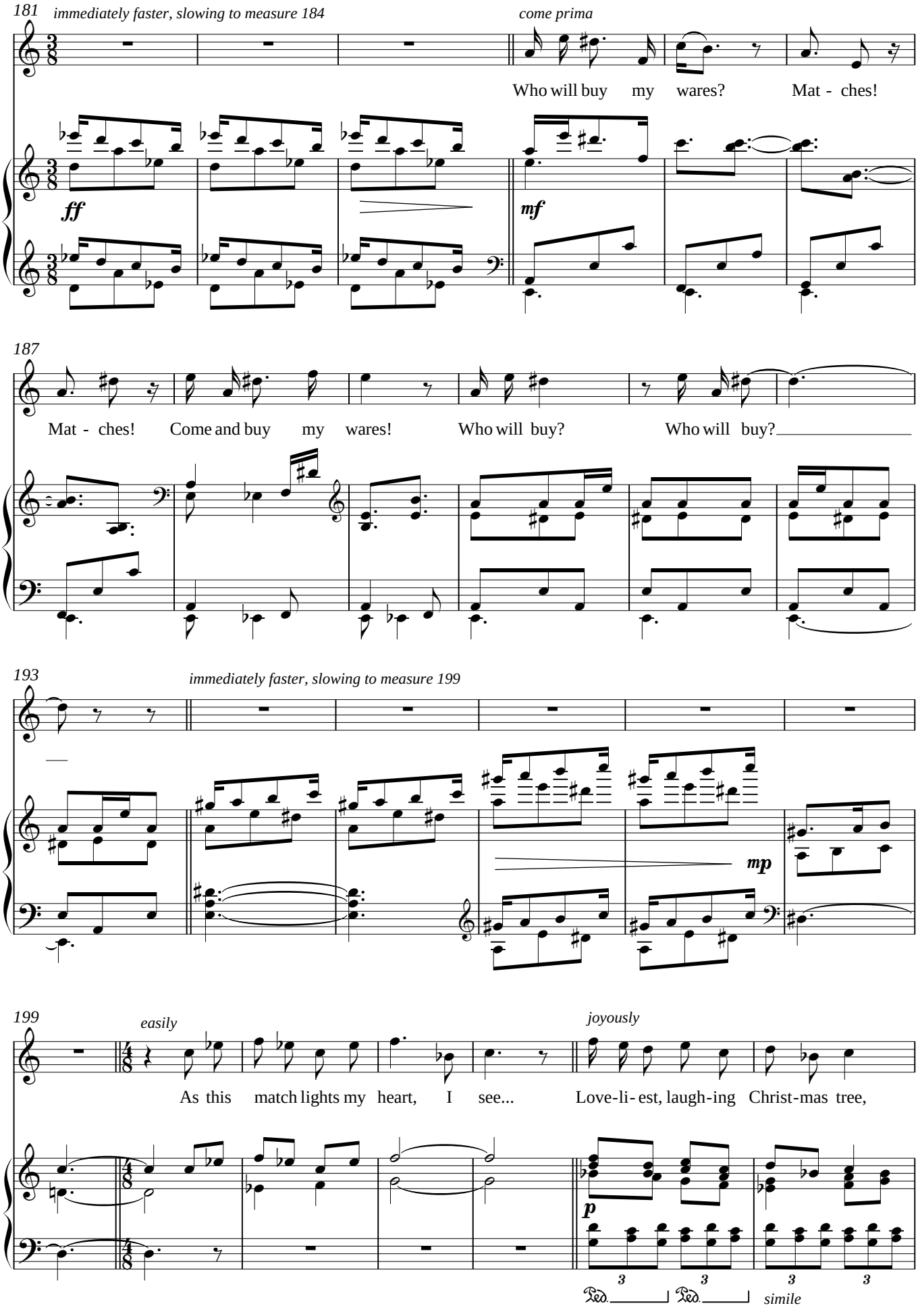
immediately faster and slowing to measure 71
cold a - way.
f
71
come prima
Night's black ev'-ry-where en-folds me!
Pa-pa's rag-ing an-ger scolds me to sell... Mat-ches for sale!
mp
fp
76
immediately faster, slowing to measure 84
Mat- ches! Mat- ches! Mat-ches for sale! Mat - ches! Mat - ches!
fp
f
83
come prima
Who will buy my wares? Mat - ches! Mat - ches! Who will buy my
mp

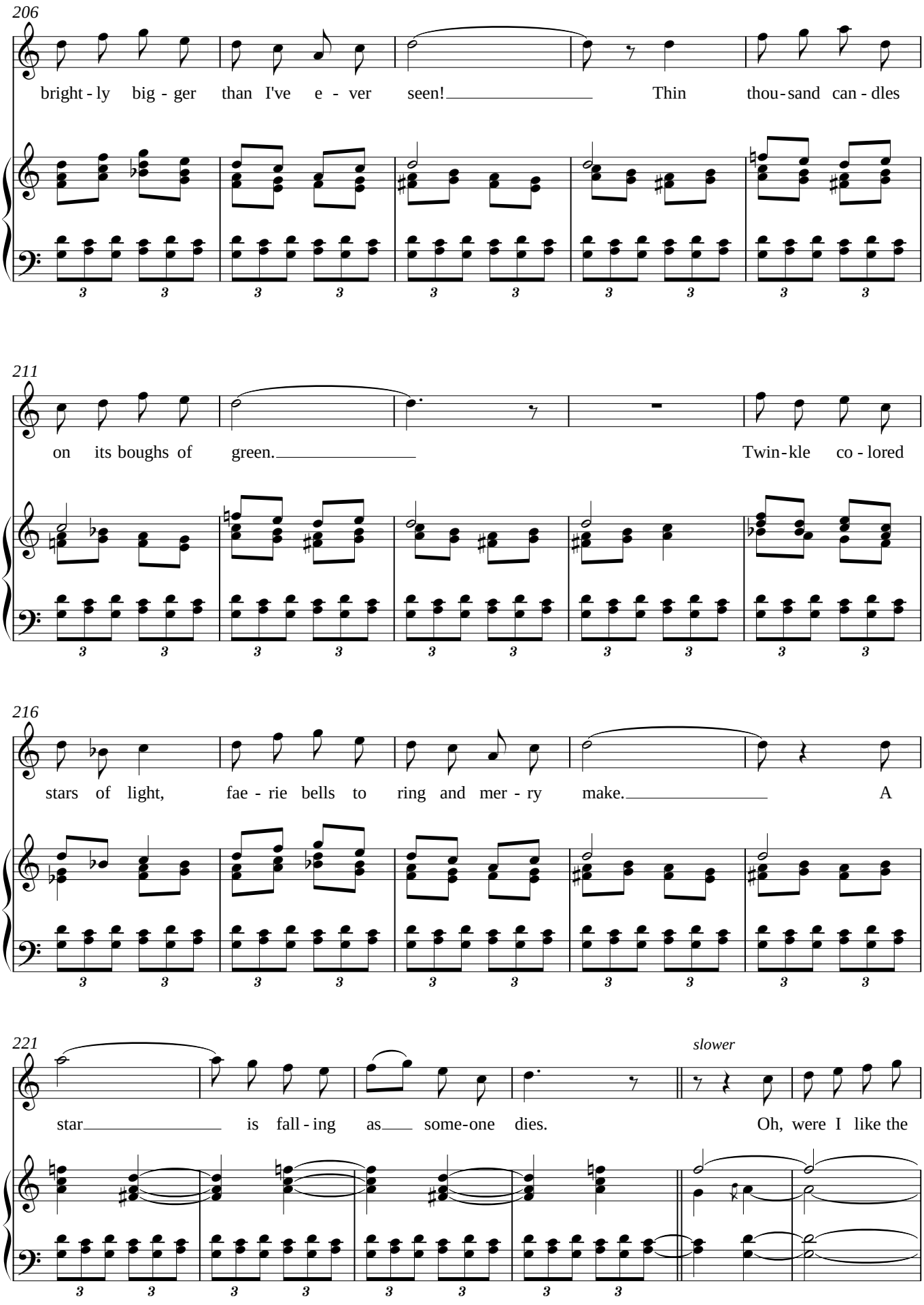

89
wares? Mat - ches! Mat - ches! Come and buy my
95
immediately faster, slowing to measure 103
wares? Buy my wares! Mat- ches! Mat-ches!
f
103
come prima
Come and buy! Who will buy? Buy! Buy!
mp
f
110
mf

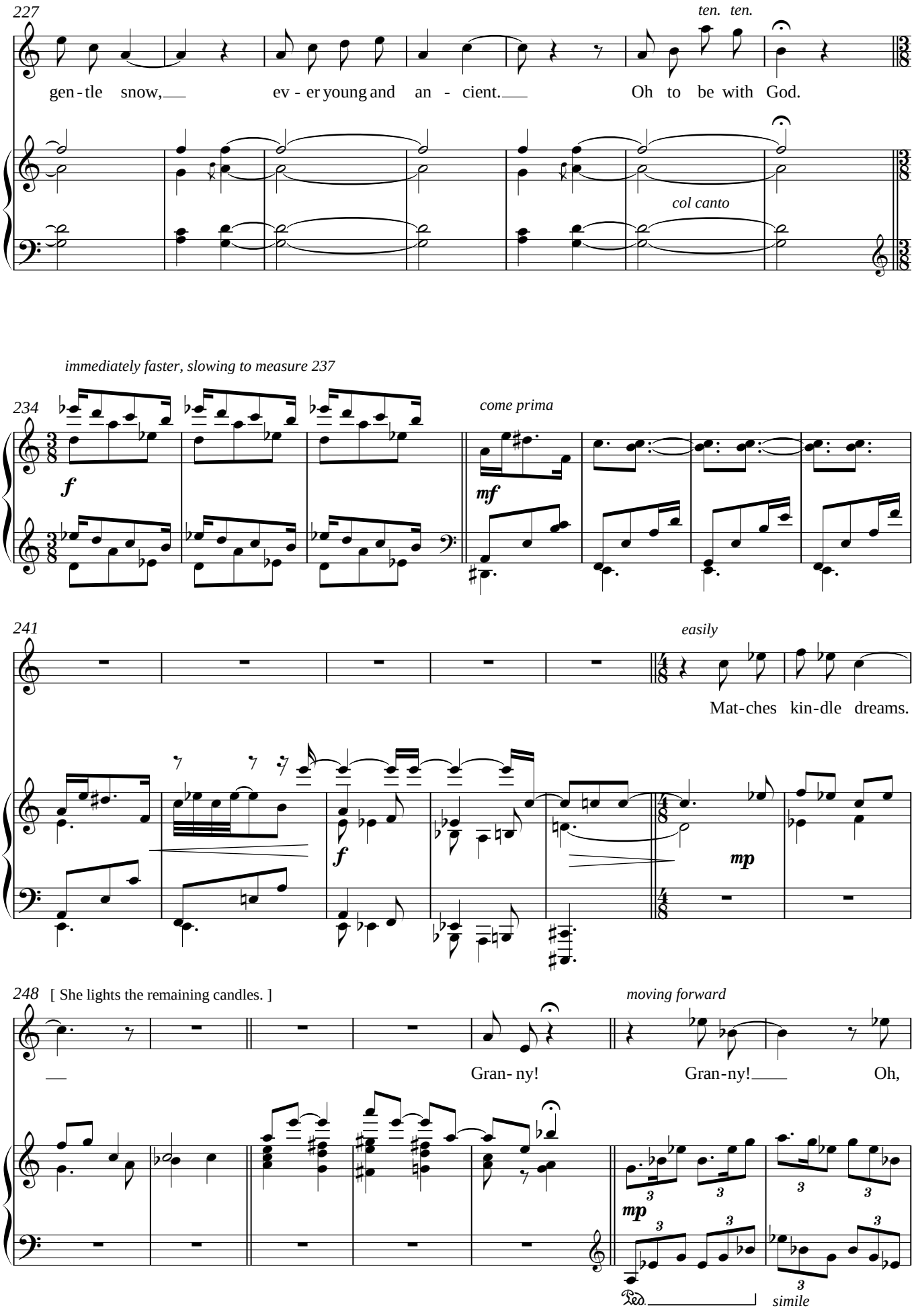

118
easily
If a match could light the world, if on - ly I could
mp
123
[She lights a match.]
see.. If a match could light the world... If on - ly I could feel.. A
128
moving forward
great, grand i - ron stove, with bright brass knobs and fit - tings.
Ped.
Ped.
132
Its gen - tle whis - per-ing warmth. Its soft - ly smol - der-ing

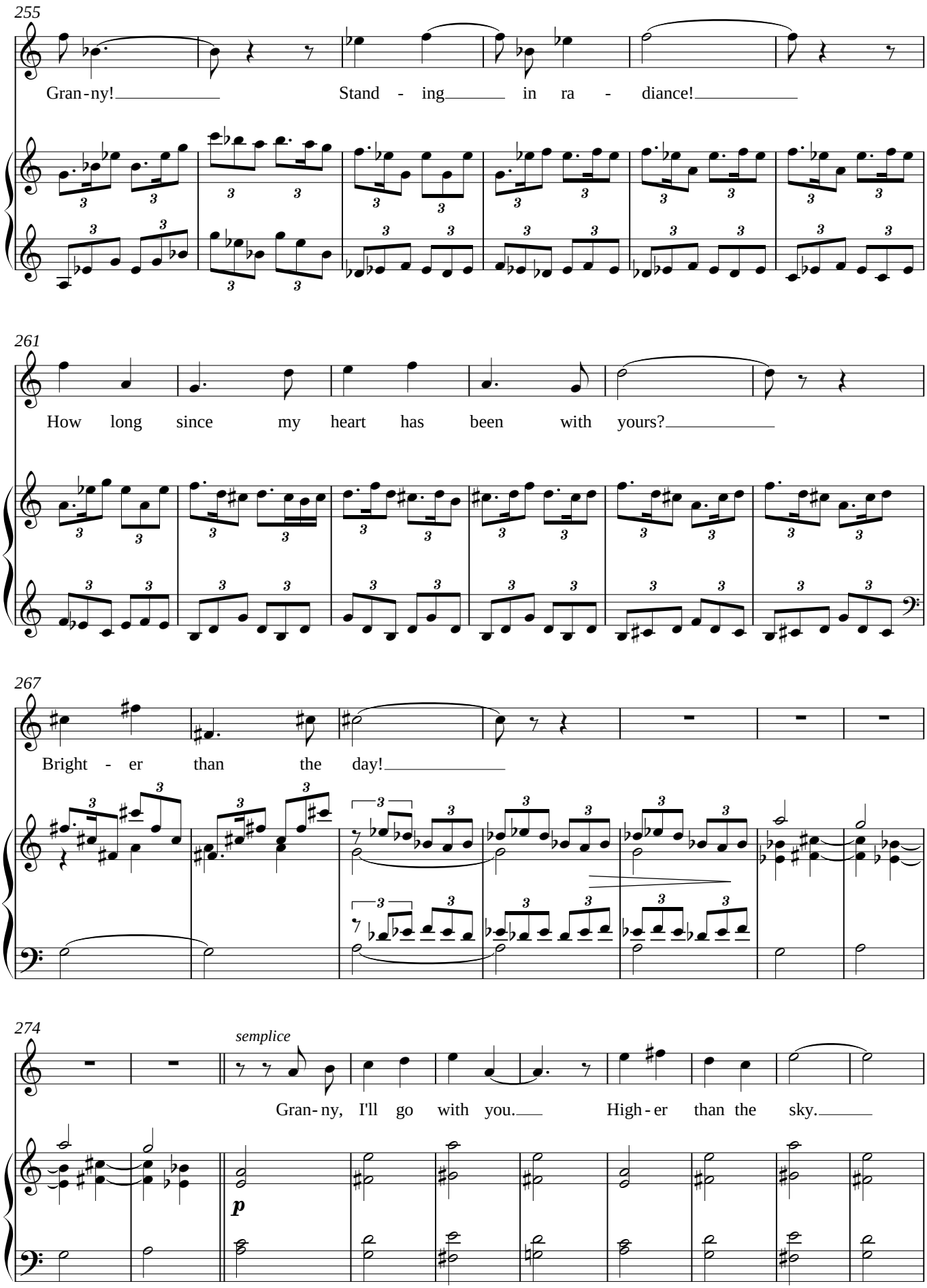

136
cheer.
I'd feel the fire on my
140
immediately faster, slowing to measure 146
fin - gers.
The warmth up-on my face.
f
145
come prima
Who will buy my wares?
Mat- ches!
Mat- ches!
Mat-ches!
mf
152

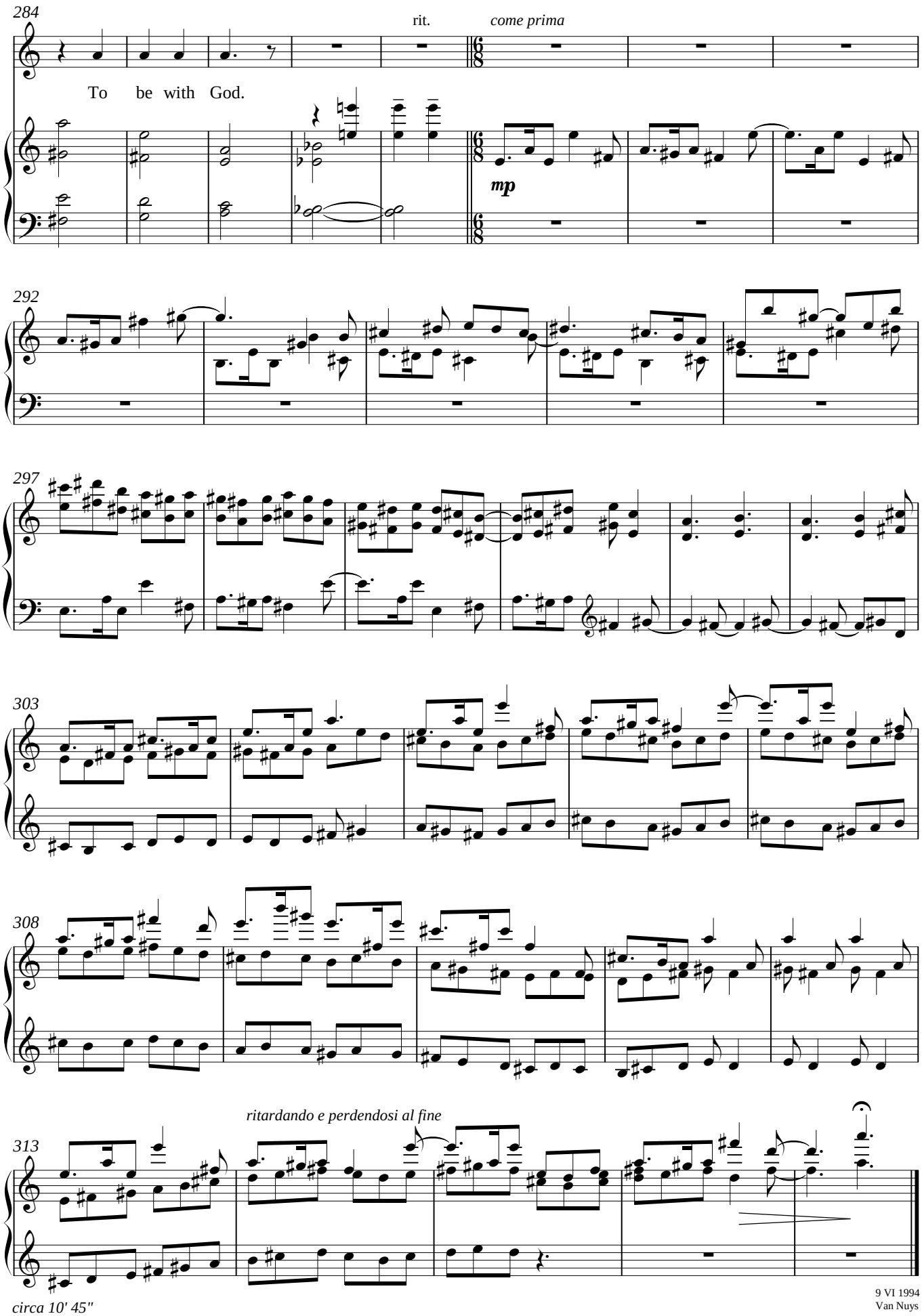

158
If a match could light my dreams... If
p
165
[She lights a match.]
moving forward
I could on - ly see... A fes - tive New Year's ta - ble. Its bril - liant cloth and
Ped. Ped.
simile
170
chi - na! How I would taste the roast - ed meats and su - gared
175
ritardando
sweets. Gol - den fla - vors!


181
immediately faster, slowing to measure 184
come prima
Who will buy my wares? Mat - ches!
ff
mf
187
Mat - ches! Come and buy my wares! Who will buy? Who will buy?
193
immediately faster, slowing to measure 199
mp
199
easily
joyously
As this match lights my heart, I see... Love-li- est, laugh-ing Christ-mas tree,
p
simile


206
bright - ly big - ger than I've e - ver seen! Thin thou - sand can - dles
211
on its boughs of green. Twin - kle co - lored
216
stars of light, fae - rie bells to ring and mer - ry make. A
221
slower
star is fall - ing as some - one dies. Oh, were I like the


227
ten. ten.
gen - tle snow, ev - er young and an - cient. Oh to be with God.
col canto
immediately faster, slowing to measure 237
234
come prima
f
mf
241
easily
Mat-ches kin-dle dreams.
f
mp
248
[She lights the remaining candles.]
moving forward
Gran- ny! Gran-ny! Oh,
mp
simile


255
Gran-ny! Stand - ing in ra - diance!
261
How long since my heart has been with yours?
267
Bright - er than the day!
274
semplice
Gran-ny, I'll go with you. High-er than the sky.
p


284
rit.
come prima
To be with God.
mp
292
297
303
308
ritardando e perdendosi al fine
313
circa 10' 45"
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