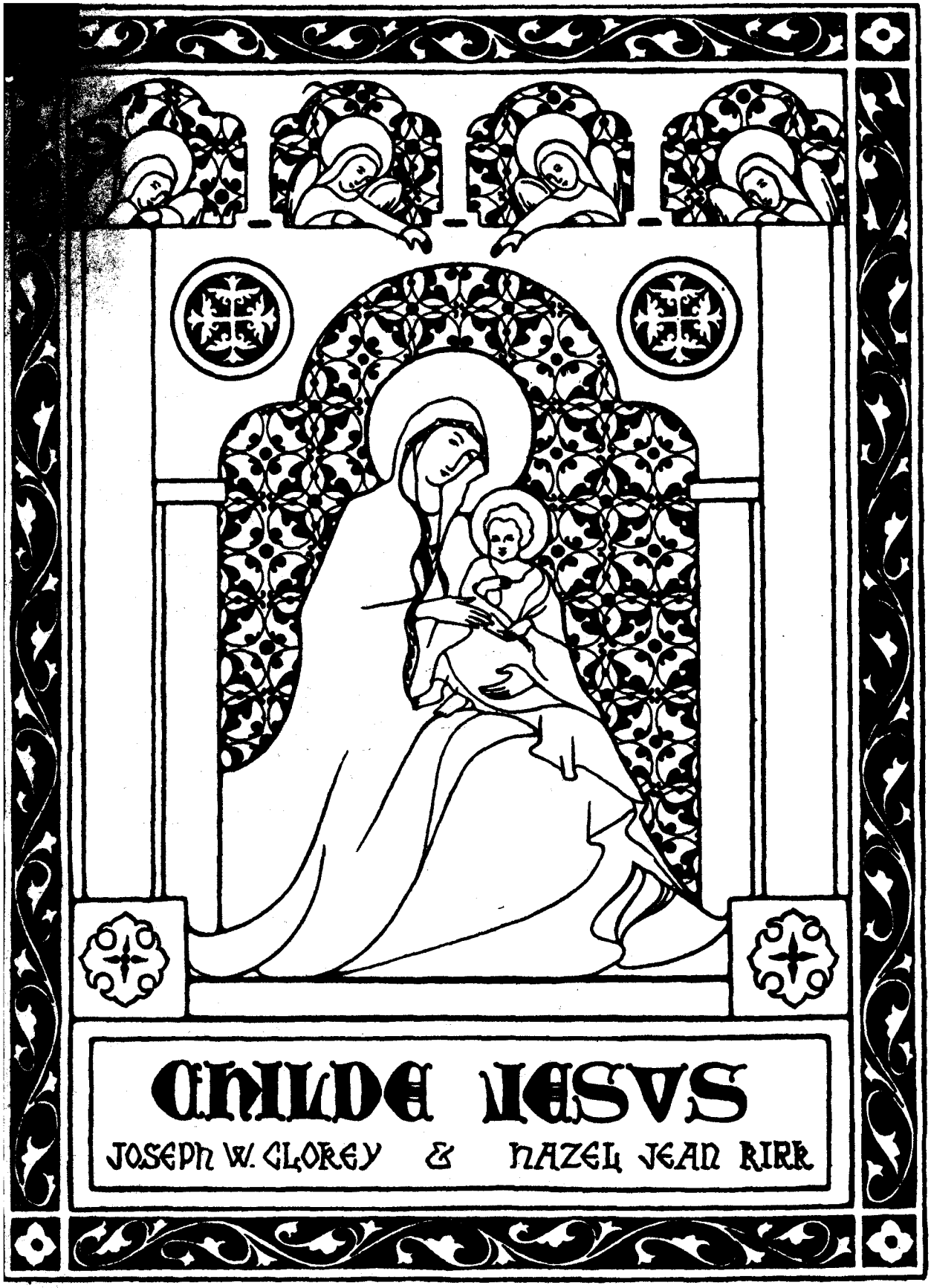

CHILDE IESVS

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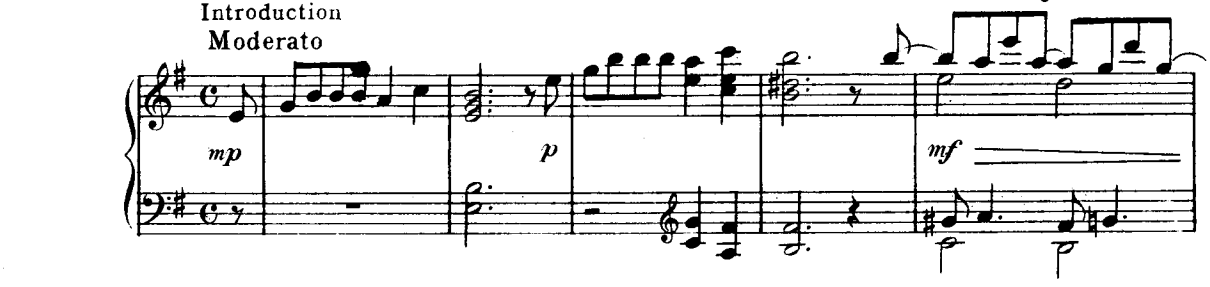
CHILDE JESUS

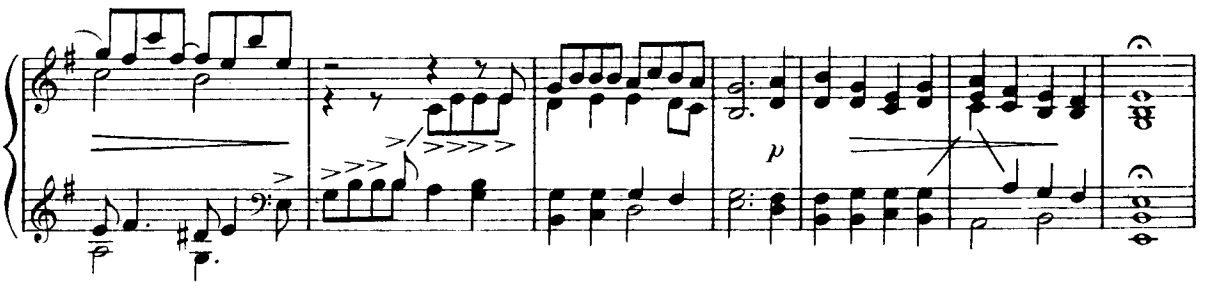
A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

No 1. The Promise

by JOSEPH W. CLOKEY
and HAZEL JEAN KIRK

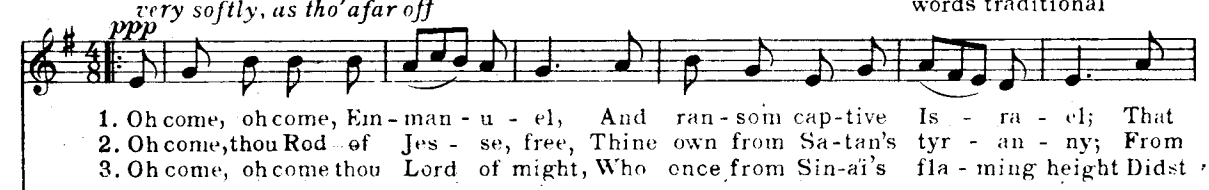
Introduction
Moderato



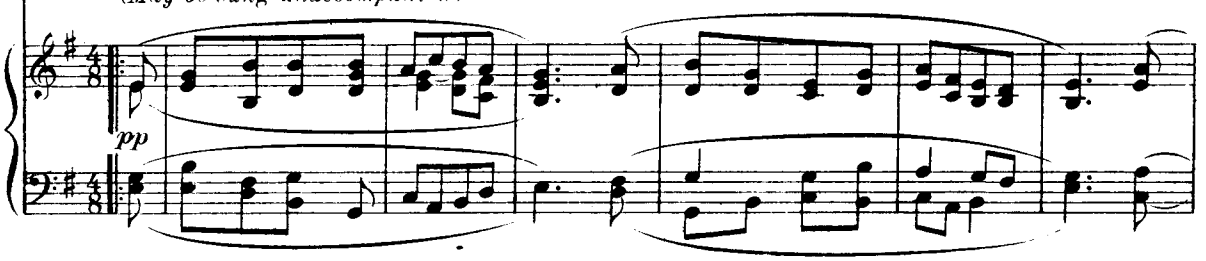


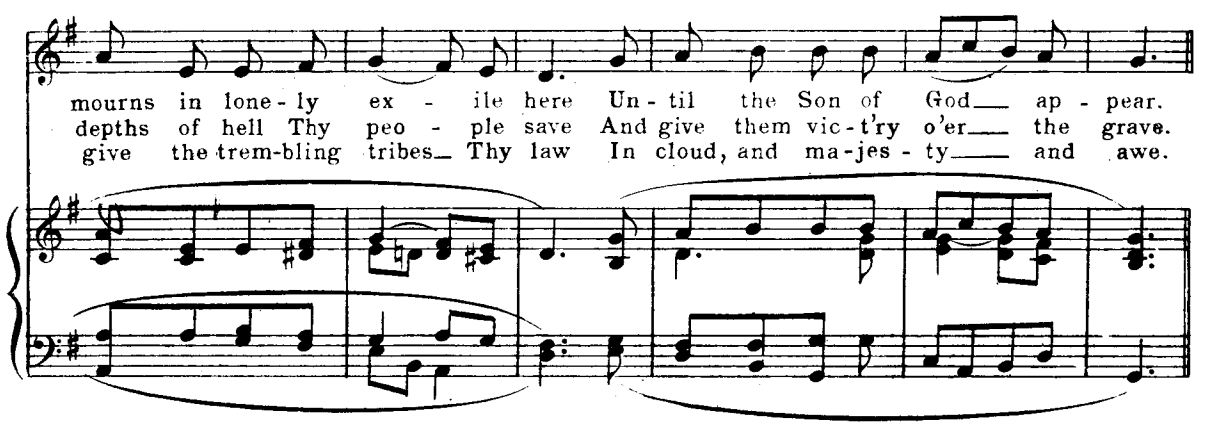
Andante
Unison CHORUS
very softly, as tho' afar off

(Gregorian melody. 8th Century)
words traditional

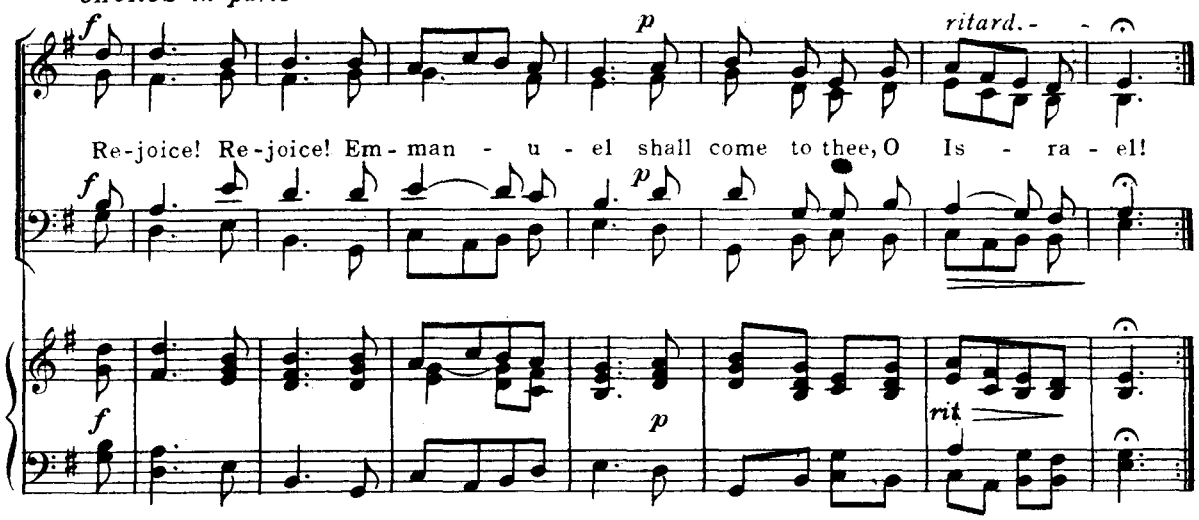


(May be sung unaccompanied)





CHORUS in parts



No 2. The Annunciation

Bearnais Air 13th Century
tr. H. J.K. and J.W.C.

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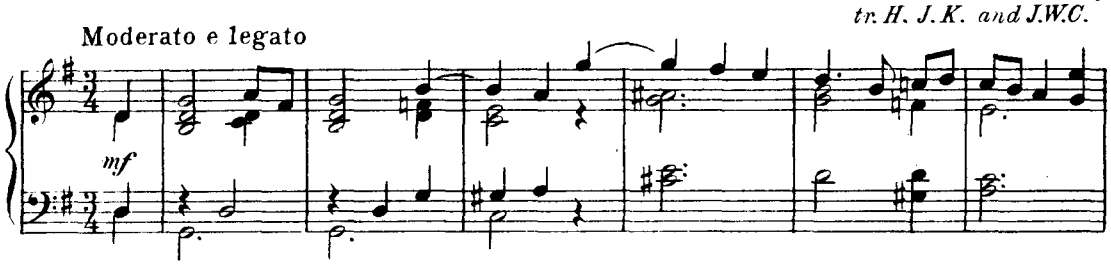
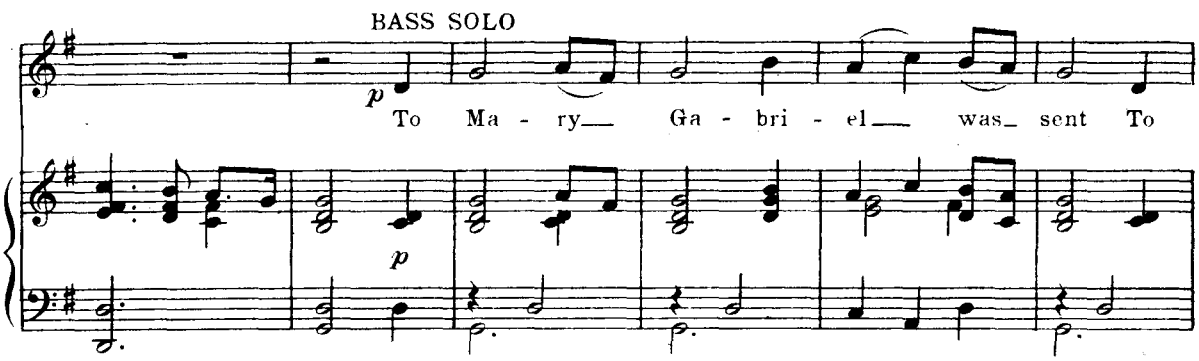
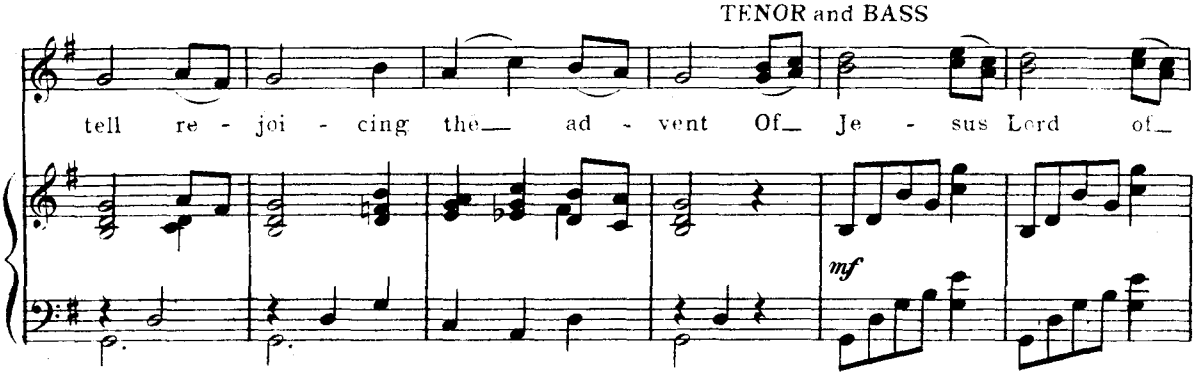
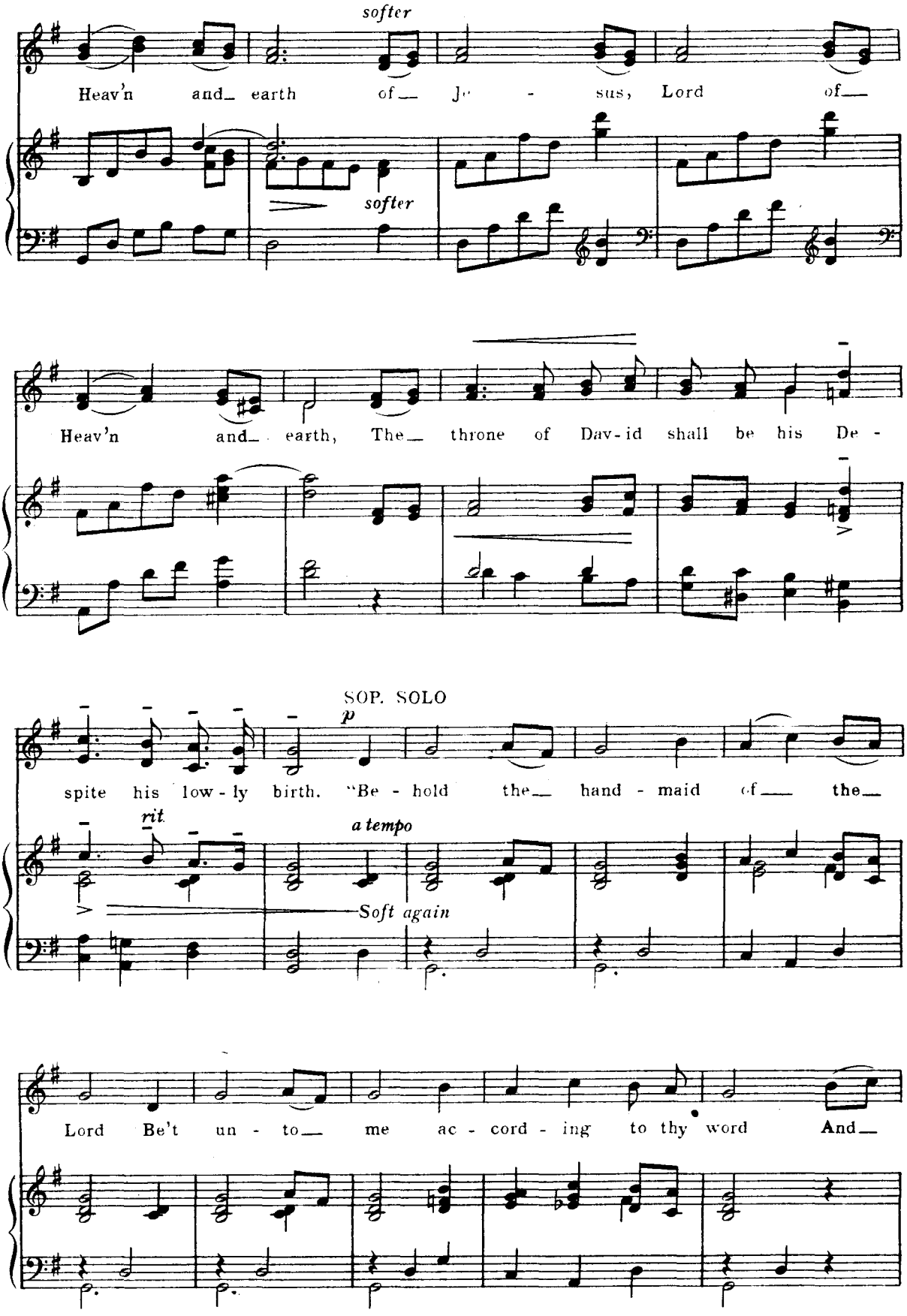


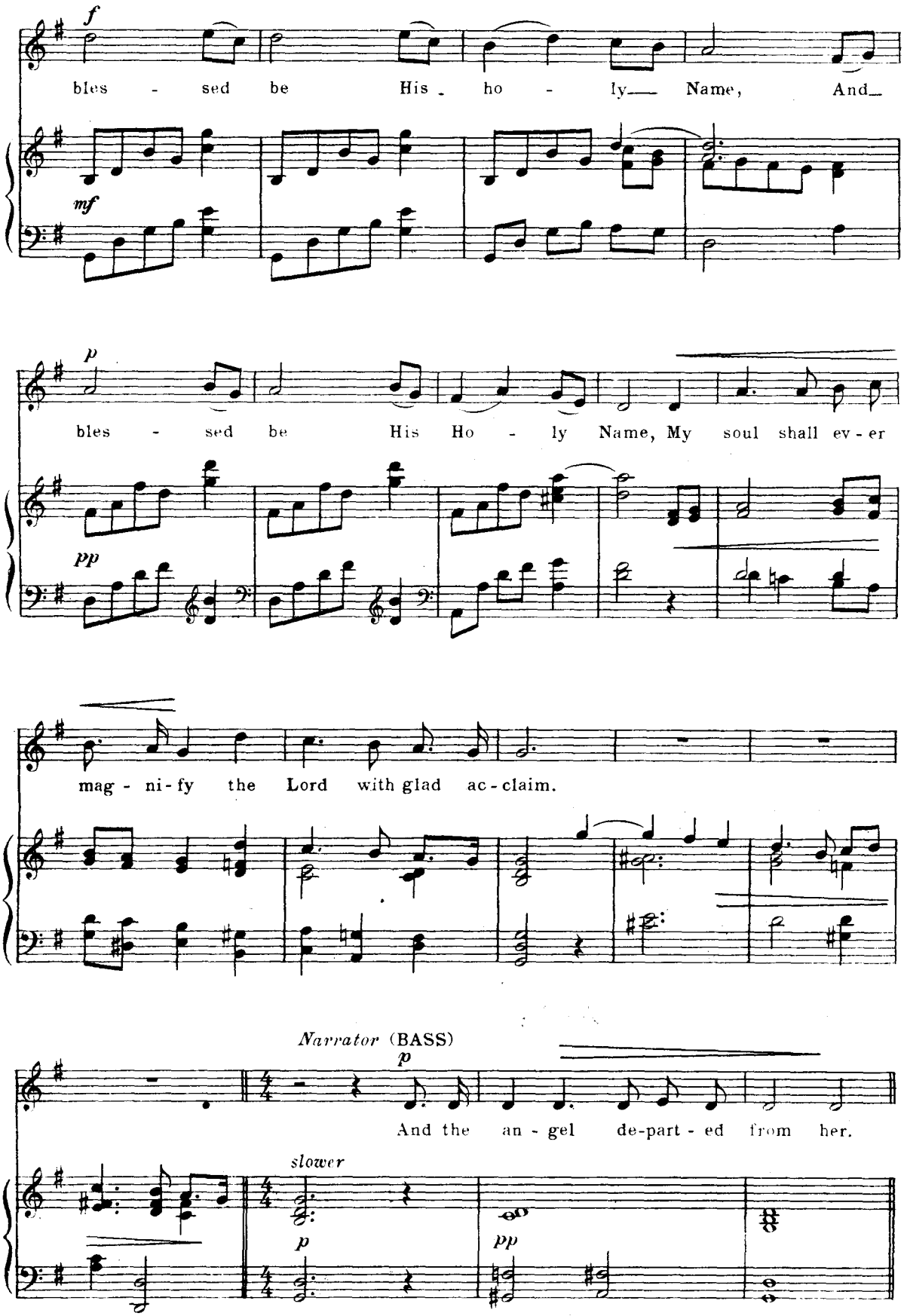
BASS SOLO



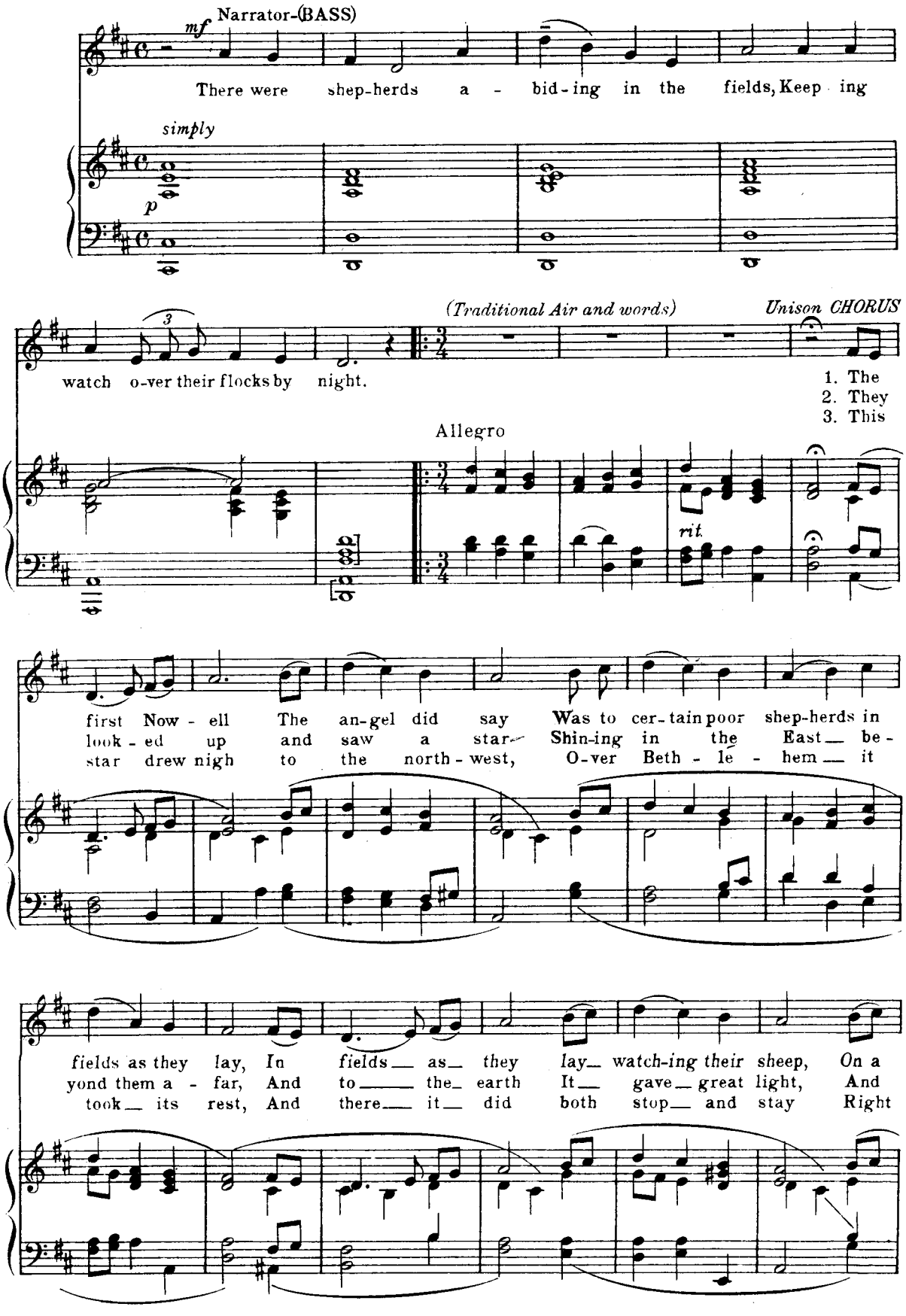
DUET
TENOR and BASS

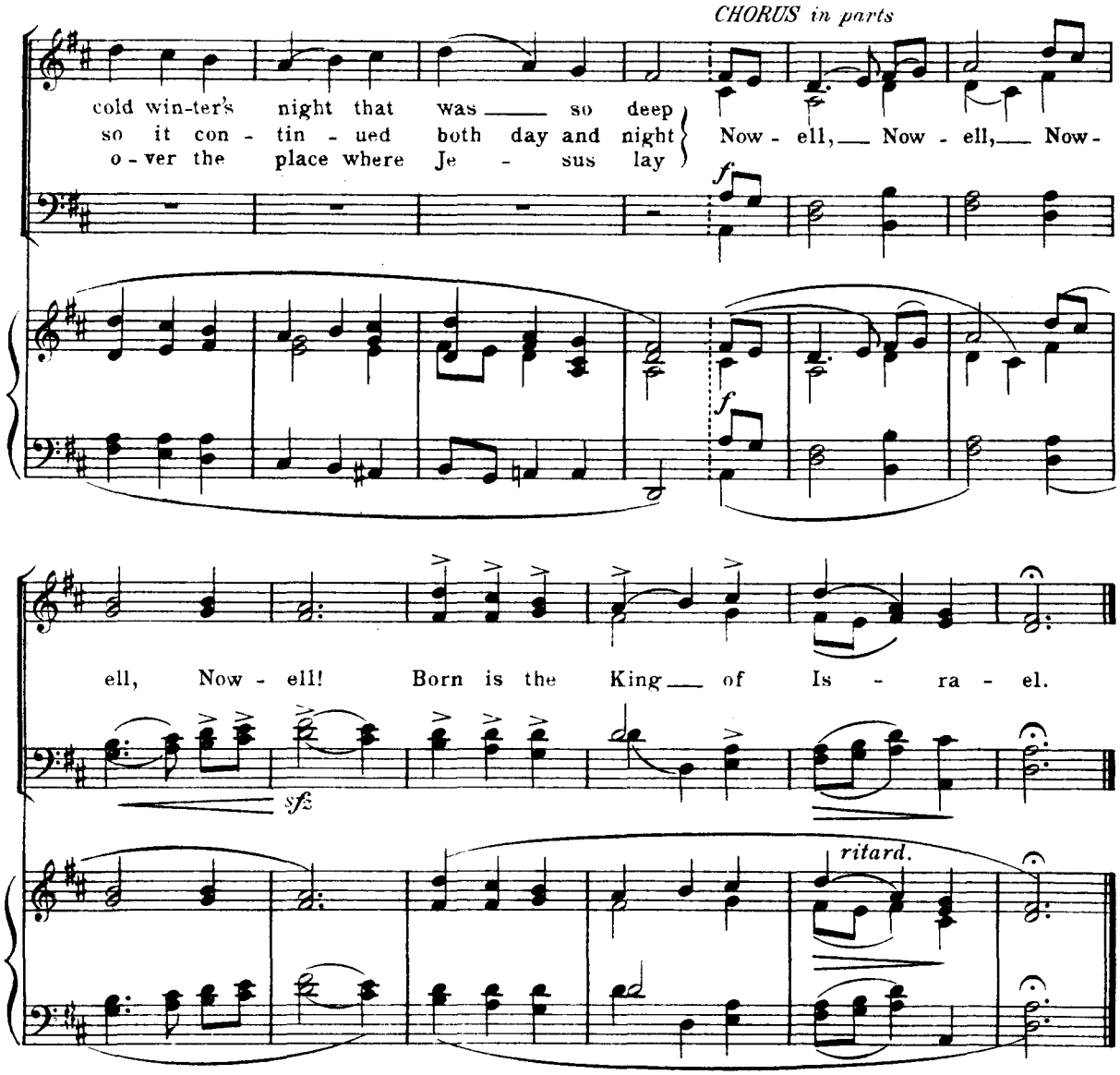



softer
Heav'n and_ earth of_ Je - sus, Lord of_
softer
Heav'n and_ earth, The_ throne of Dav-id shall be his De -
SOP. SOLO
p
spite his low-ly birth. "Be - hold the_ hand - maid of_ the_
rit.
a tempo
Soft again
Lord Be't un - to_ me ac - cord - ing to thy word And_


f
bles - sed be His ho - ly Name, And
mf
p
bles - sed be His Ho - ly Name, My soul shall ev - er
pp
mag - ni - fy the Lord with glad ac - claim.
Narrator (BASS)
p
And the an - gel de-part - ed from her.
slower
p
pp

Nº 3. The Apparition to the Shepherds





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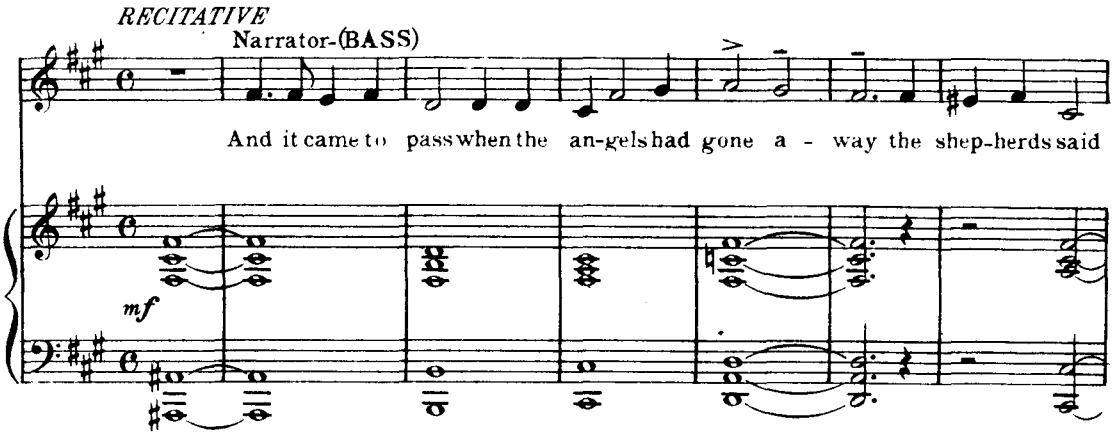


(Swedish Christmas Carol) *tr. H.J.K. and J.W.C.*

DUET

TENOR and BASS

one to an-oth - er:

1. Our foot-steps let— us— turn —— to—
2. And so they jour-neyed hence —— to—

Adagio

Beth-le - hem this night, And let us has - ten— thi - ther to
see the Ho - ly Child, And found him in— a — man - ger with

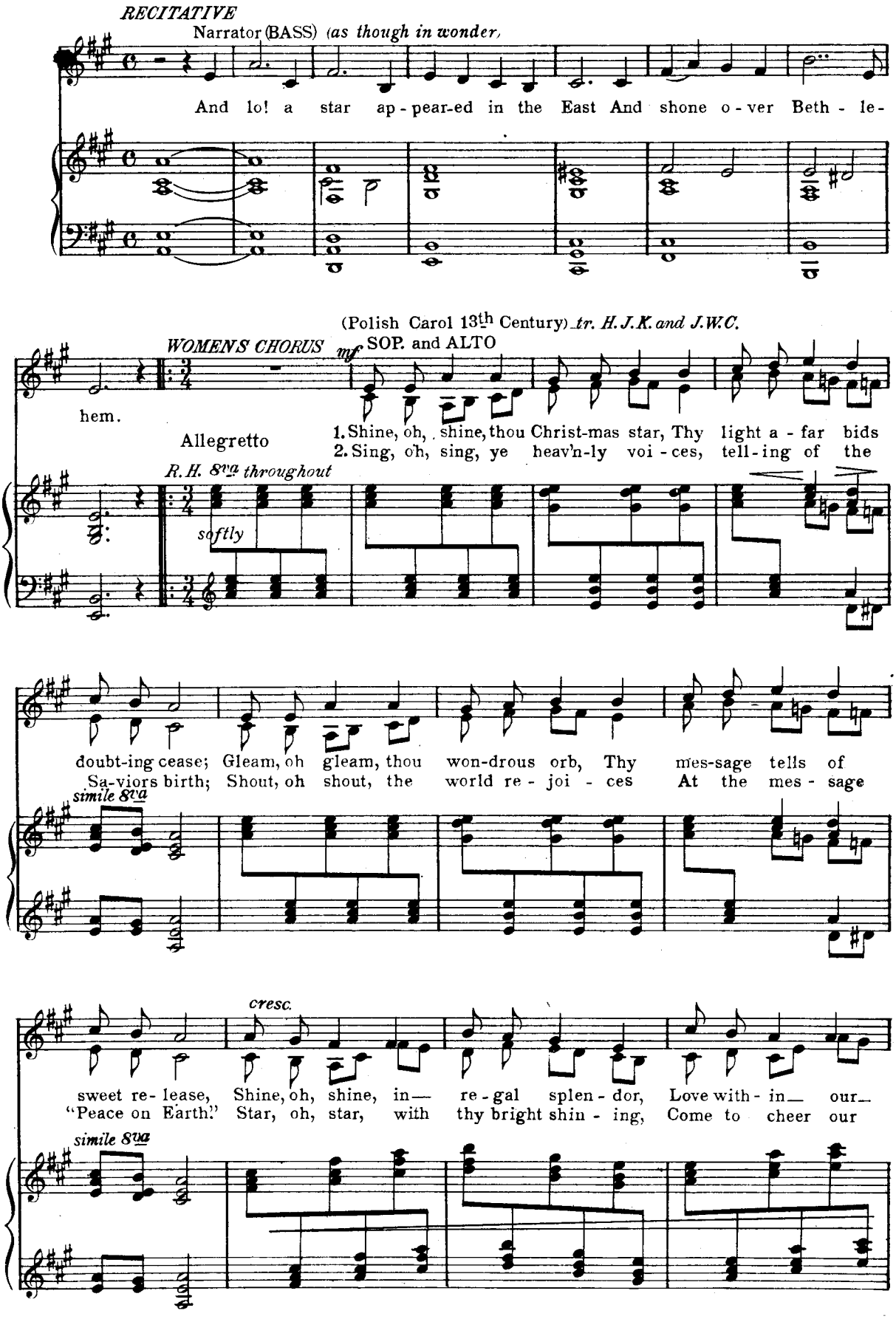
see this won-drous sight, This thing of which the an - gels have told us from the
Ma - ry watch-ing mild; The shep-herds bowed be-fore him there in the ox - ens

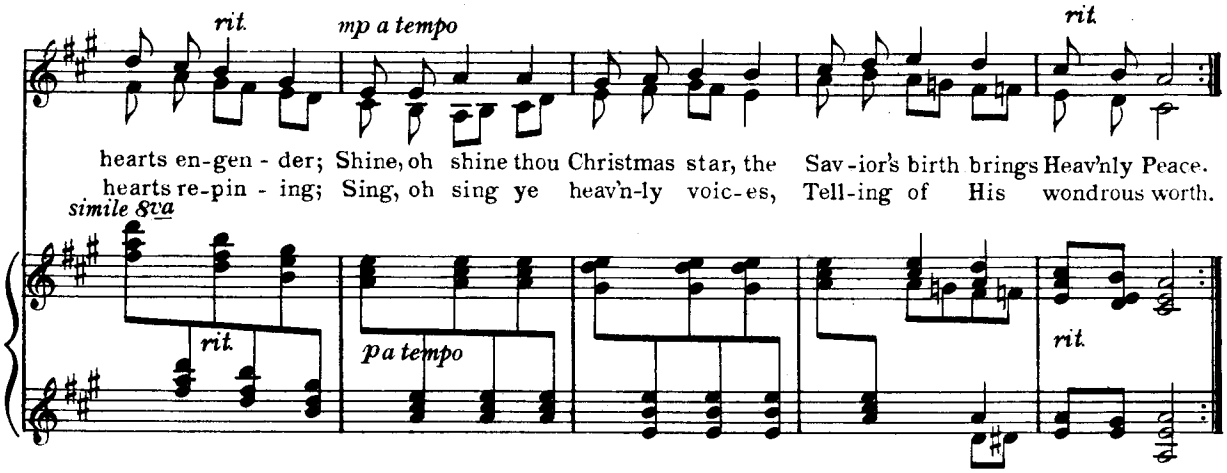
sky, The Sav - ior cal - led Je - sus who shall be our Lord on High.
stall, And paid their hom-age low - ly to —— Him our Lord of All.

rit.

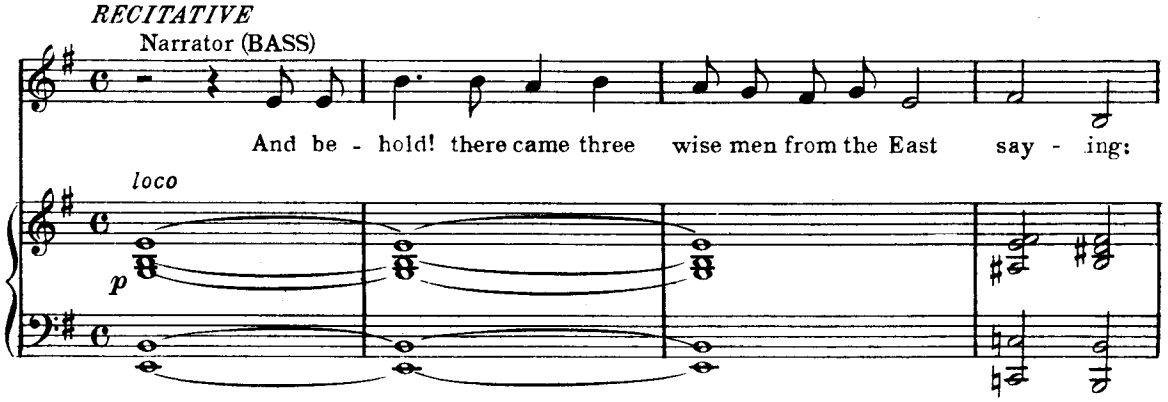
rit.

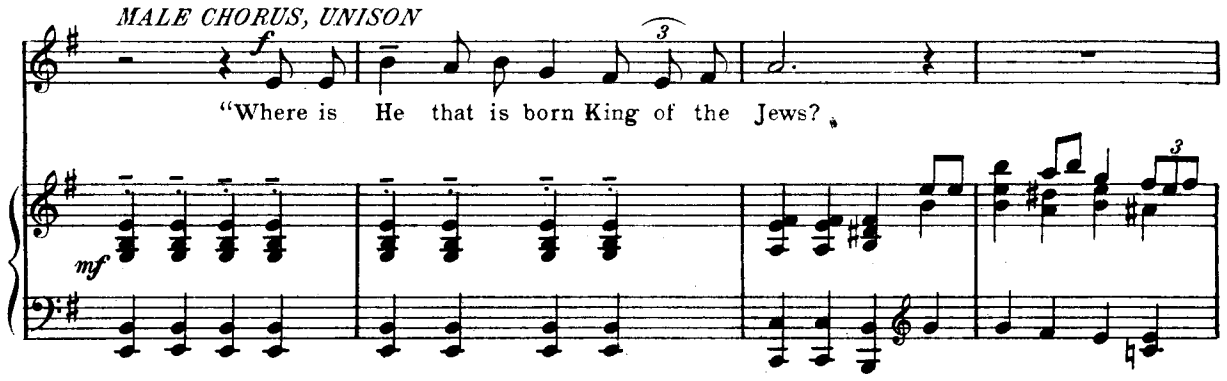
Nº 5 The Star

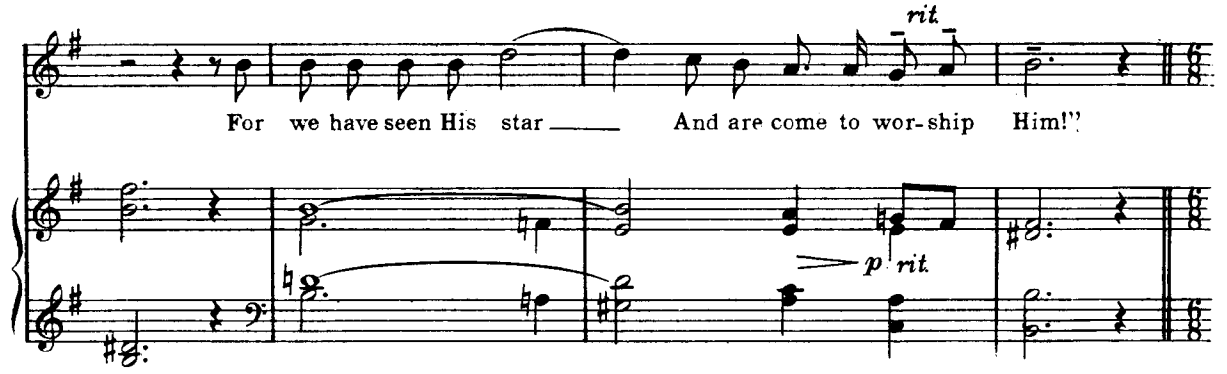

RECITATIVE
Narrator (BASS) (as though in wonder)
And lo! a star ap - pear-ed in the East And shone o - ver Beth - le-
(Polish Carol 13th Century) tr. H.J.K. and J.W.C.
WOMENS CHORUS mf SOP. and ALTO
hem.
Allegretto
1. Shine, oh, shine, thou Christ-mas star, Thy light a - far bids
2. Sing, oh, sing, ye heav'n-ly voi - ces, tell - ing of the
R.H. 8va throughout
softly
doubt-ing cease; Gleam, oh gleam, thou won-drous orb, Thy mes-sage tells of
Sa-viors birth; Shout, oh shout, the world re - joi - ces At the mes - sage
simile 8va
cresc.
sweet re - lease, Shine, oh, shine, in— re - gal splen - dor, Love with - in— our—
"Peace on Earth." Star, oh, star, with thy bright shin - ing, Come to cheer our
simile 8va

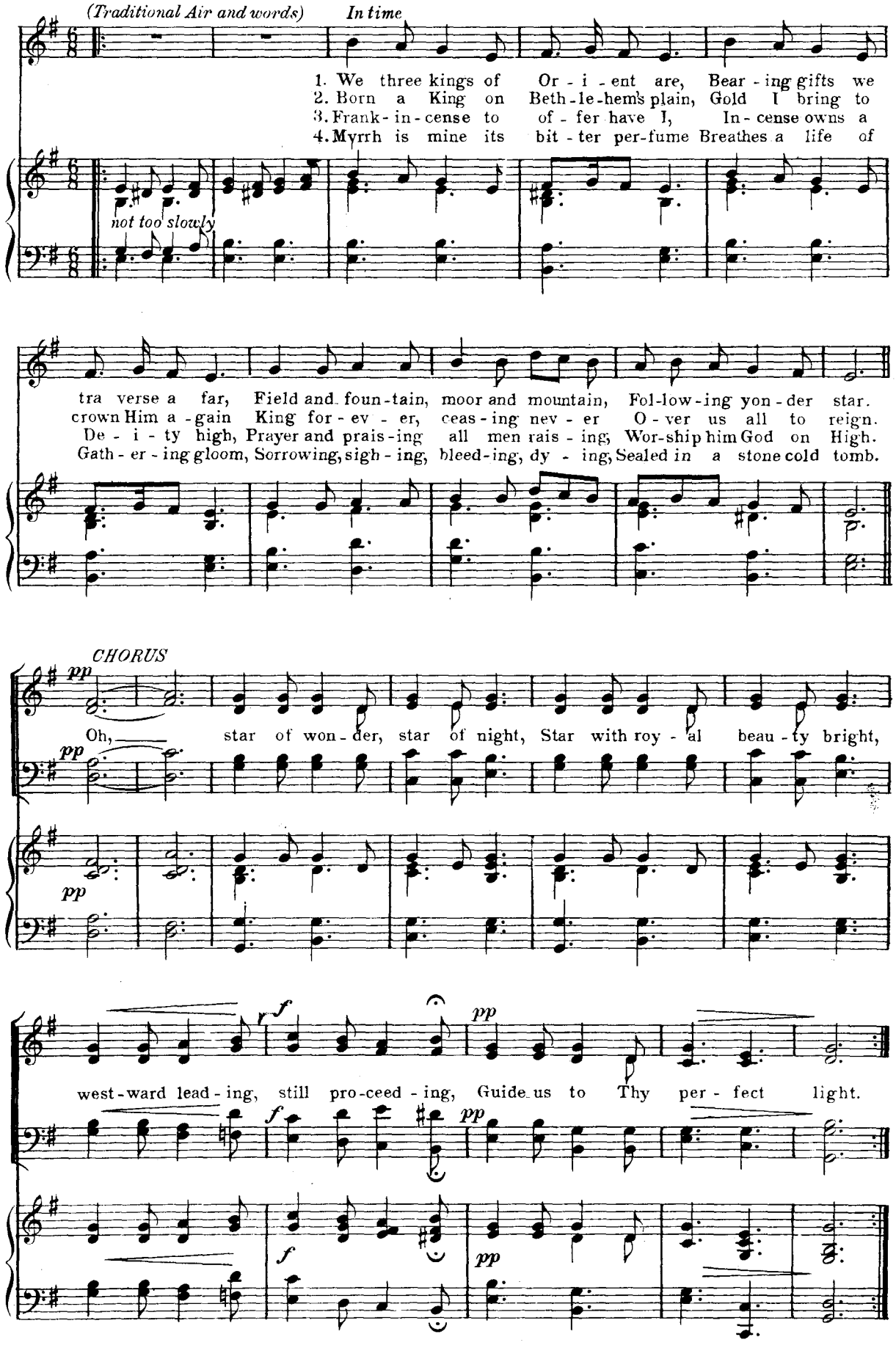


Nº 6 The Wise Men








(Traditional Air and words)
In time
1. We three kings of Or - i - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
not too slowly
tra verse a far, Field and foun - tain, moor and mountain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
crown Him a - gain King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
De - i - ty high, Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wor - ship him God on High.
Gath - er - ing gloom, Sorrowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in a stone cold tomb.
CHORUS
pp
Oh, star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to Thy per - fect light.
f
pp

No 7. At the Manger

RECITATIVE

Narrator-(BASS)

p

And they laid Him in a man-ger, For there was no room in the

p

(Old French Carol) *tr. H. J. K. and T. W. C.*

Brightly

f TENOR SOLO

inn. Ho, Jean - nette, make haste Is - a - bel - la, Quick - ly

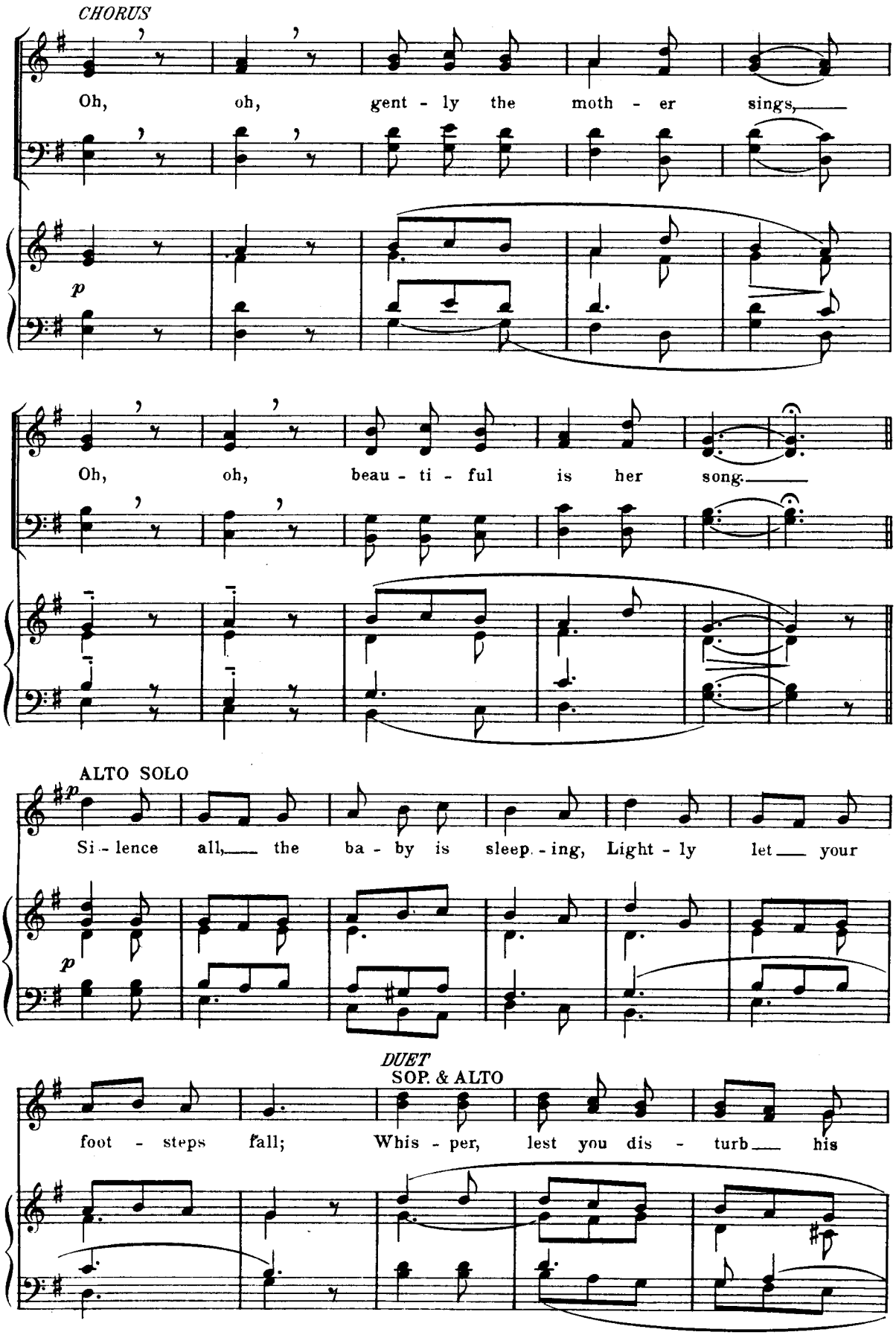
f

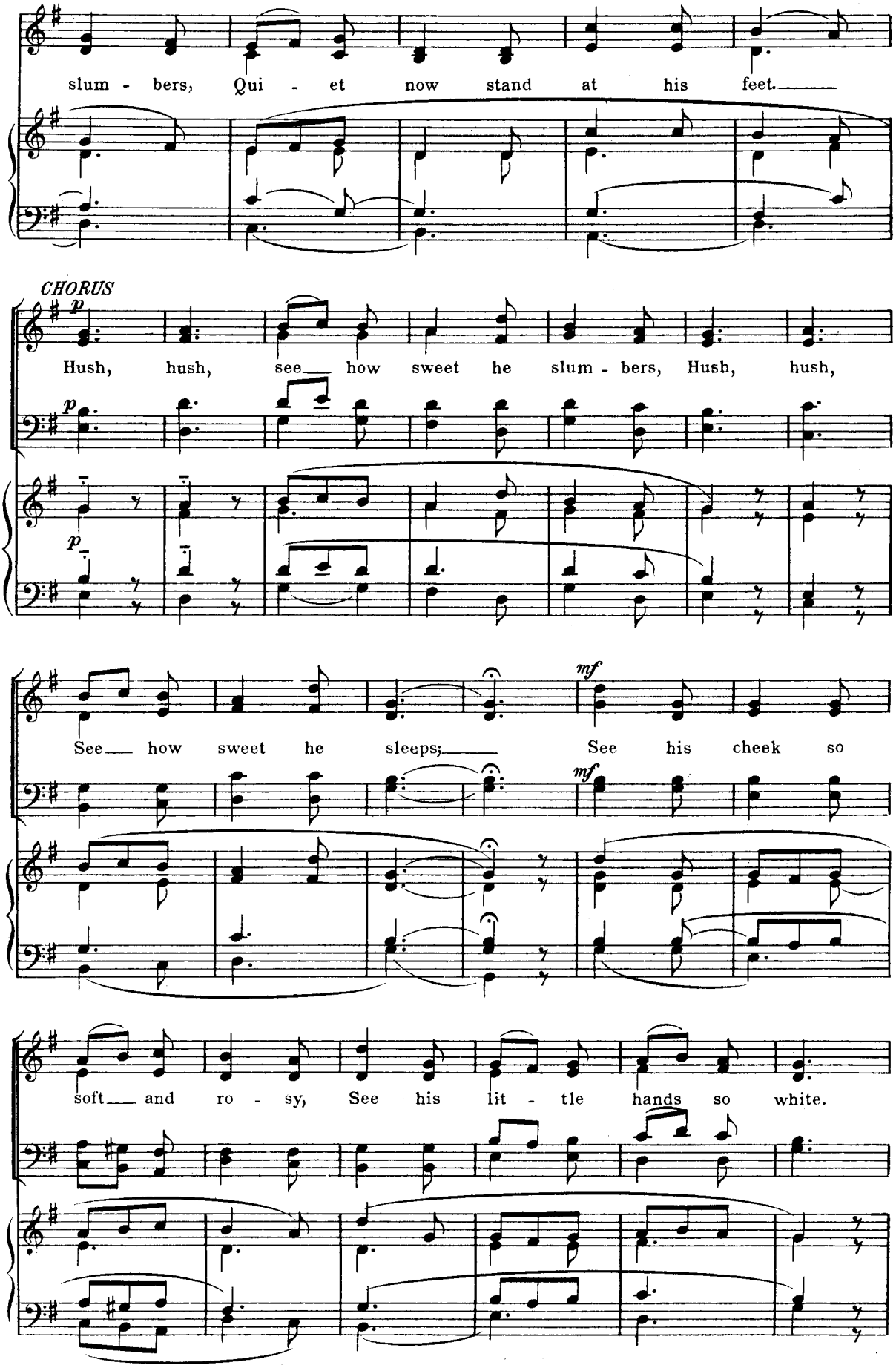
to the man - ger run; Je - sus wakes, good

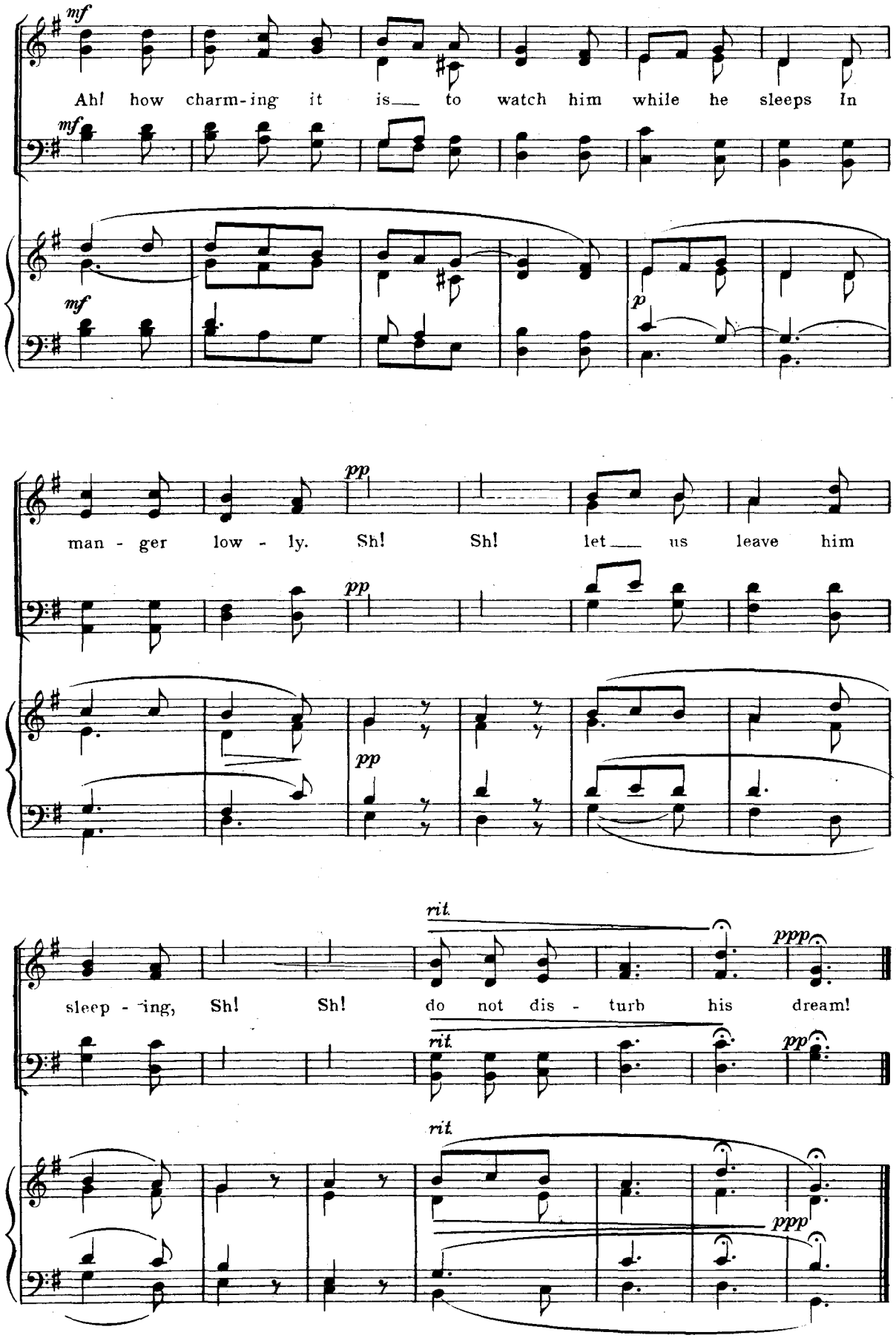
mf

friends of the vil - lage, Light a torch that you may see.

f


CHORUS
Oh, oh, gent - ly the moth - er sings,
p
Oh, oh, beau - ti - ful is her song.
ALTO SOLO
p
Si - lence all, the ba - by is sleep - ing, Light - ly let your
p
DUET
SOP. & ALTO
foot - steps fall; Whis - per, lest you dis - turb his


slum - bers, Qui - et now stand at his feet.
CHORUS
p
Hush, hush, see how sweet he slum - bers, Hush, hush,
p
p
mf
See how sweet he sleeps; See his cheek so
mf
soft and ro - sy, See his lit - tle hands so white.


mf
Ah! how charm-ing it is to watch him while he sleeps In
mf
mf
p
pp
man - ger low - ly. Sh! Sh! let us leave him
pp
pp
rit.
ppp
sleep - ing, Sh! Sh! do not dis - turb his dream!
rit.
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rit.
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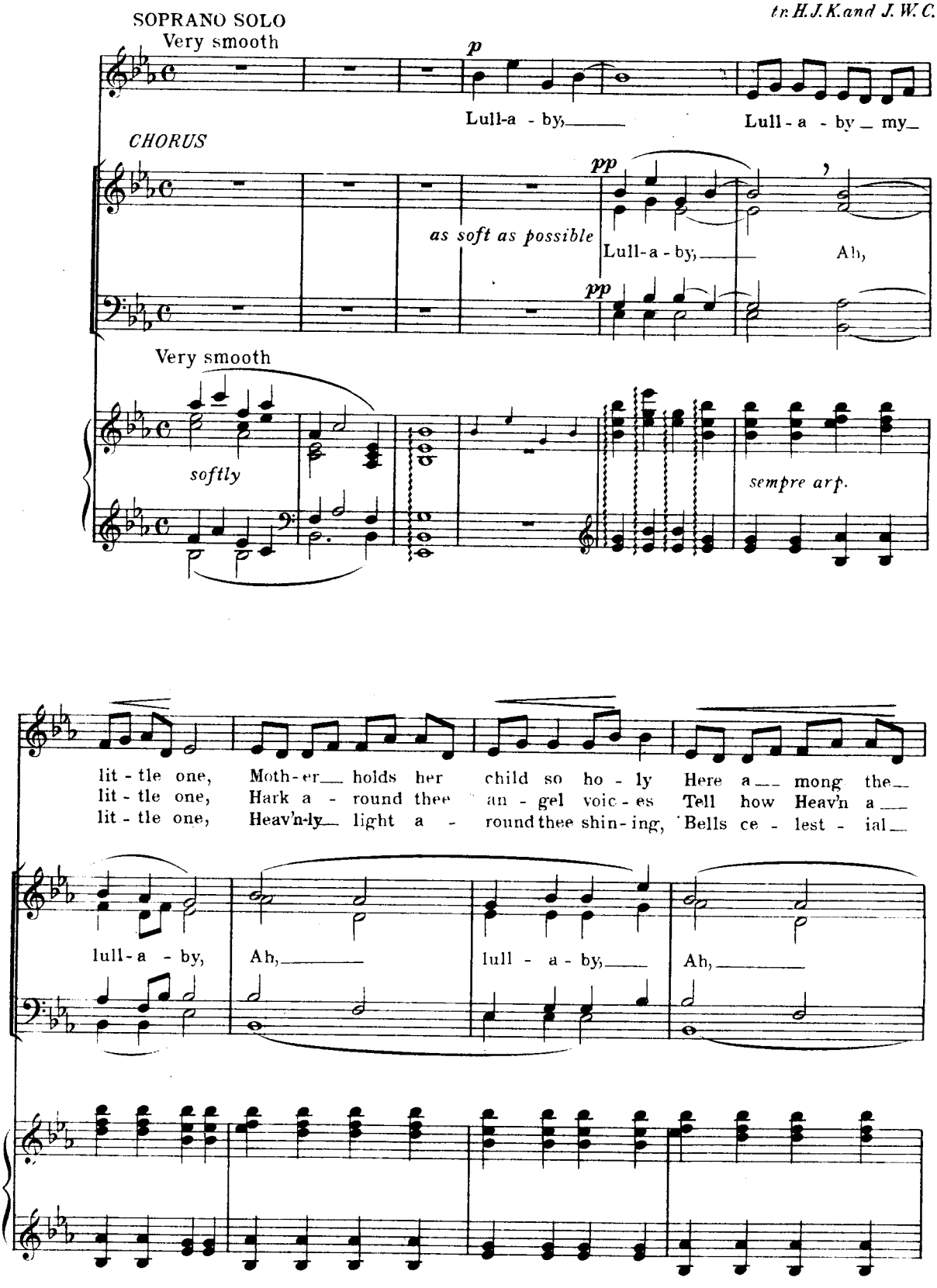
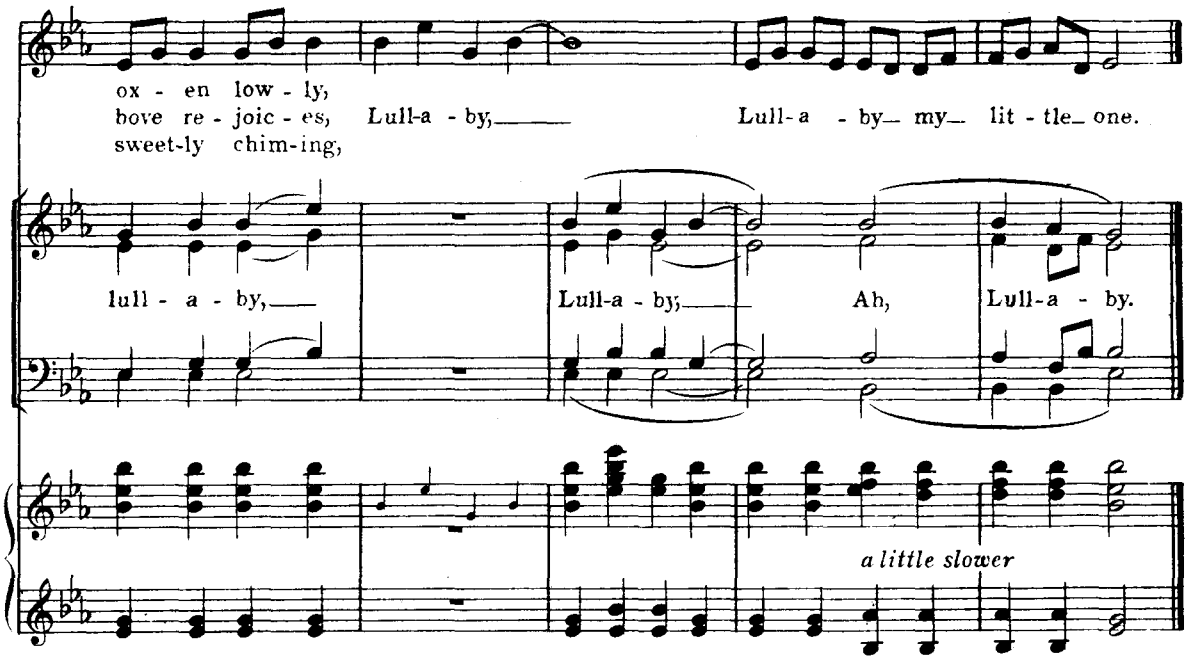
No 8 Mary's Lullaby

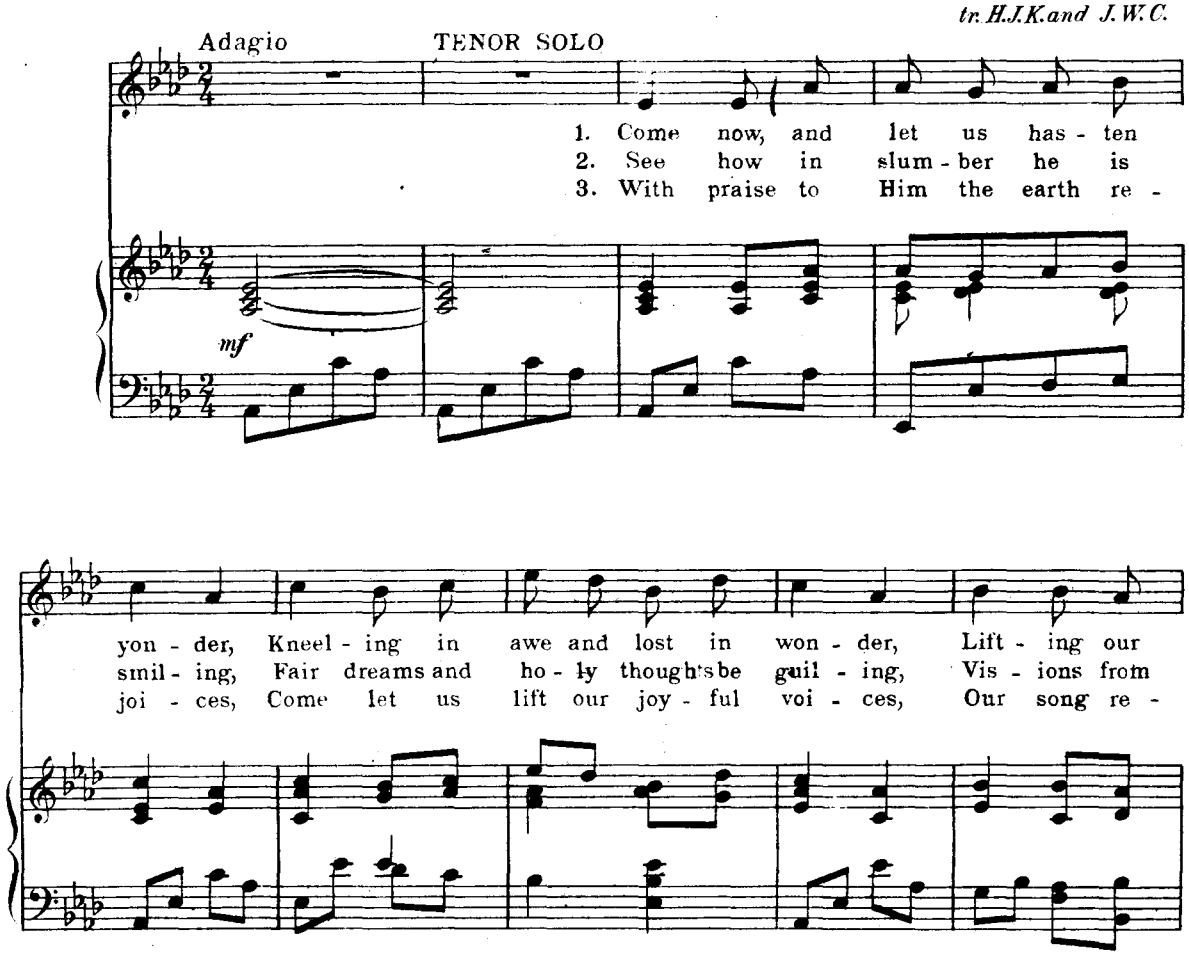
Tyrolean Carol
tr H.J.K. and J.W.C.





№ 9 Song of Devotion

Old French Carol
tr. H.J.K. and J.W.C.



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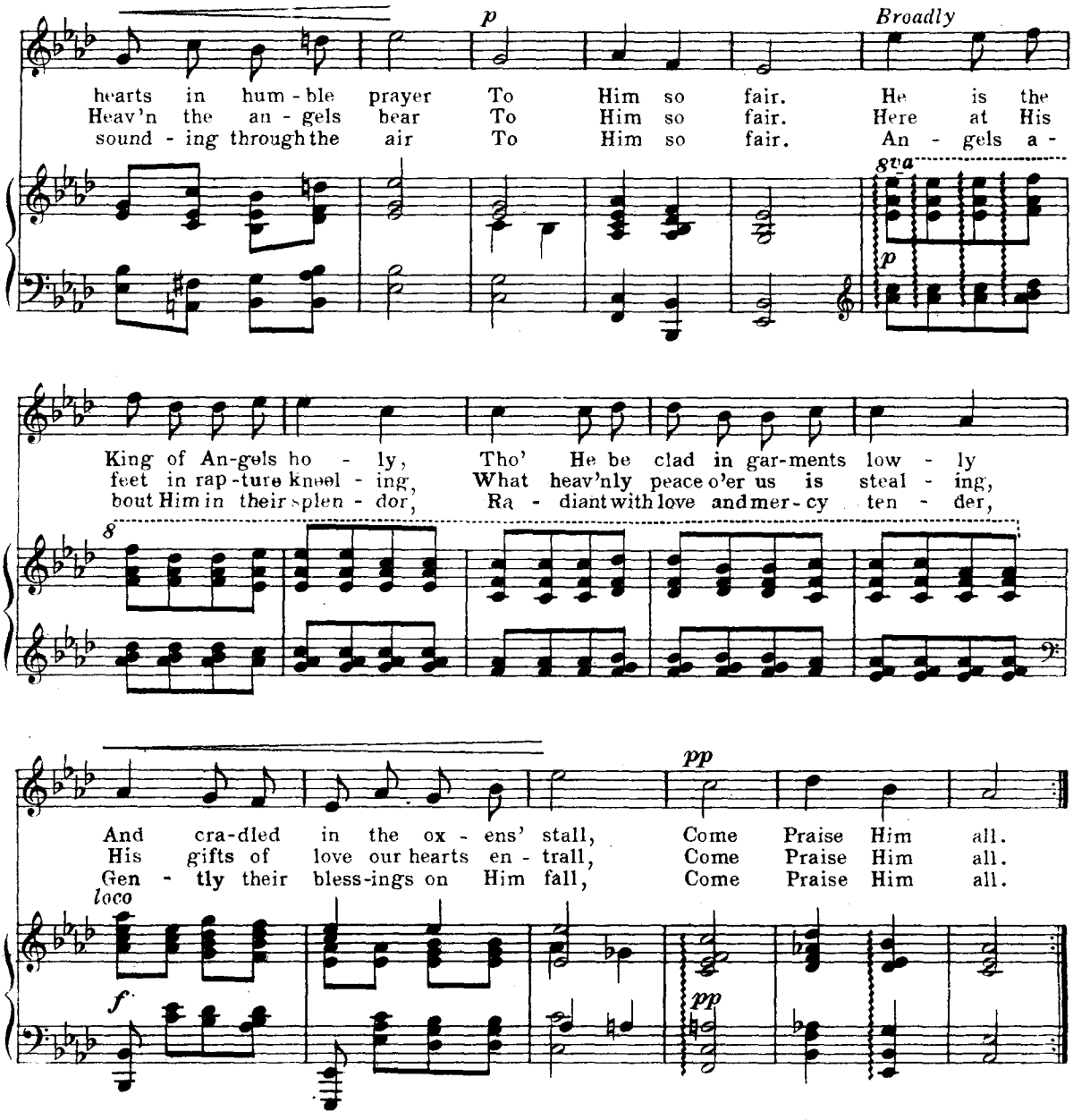
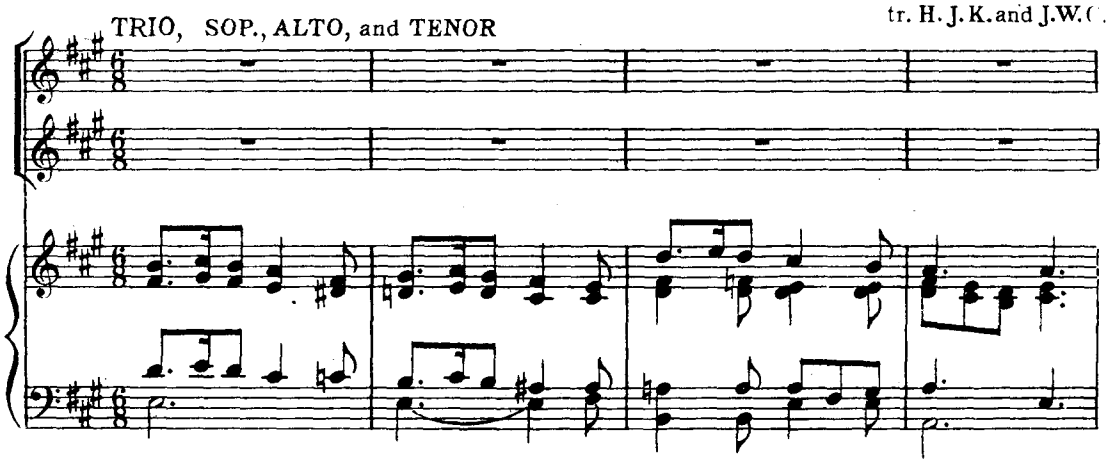


No 10 The Child Jesus

Danish Carol
tr. H. J. K. and J. W. C.

TRIO, SOP., ALTO, and TENOR



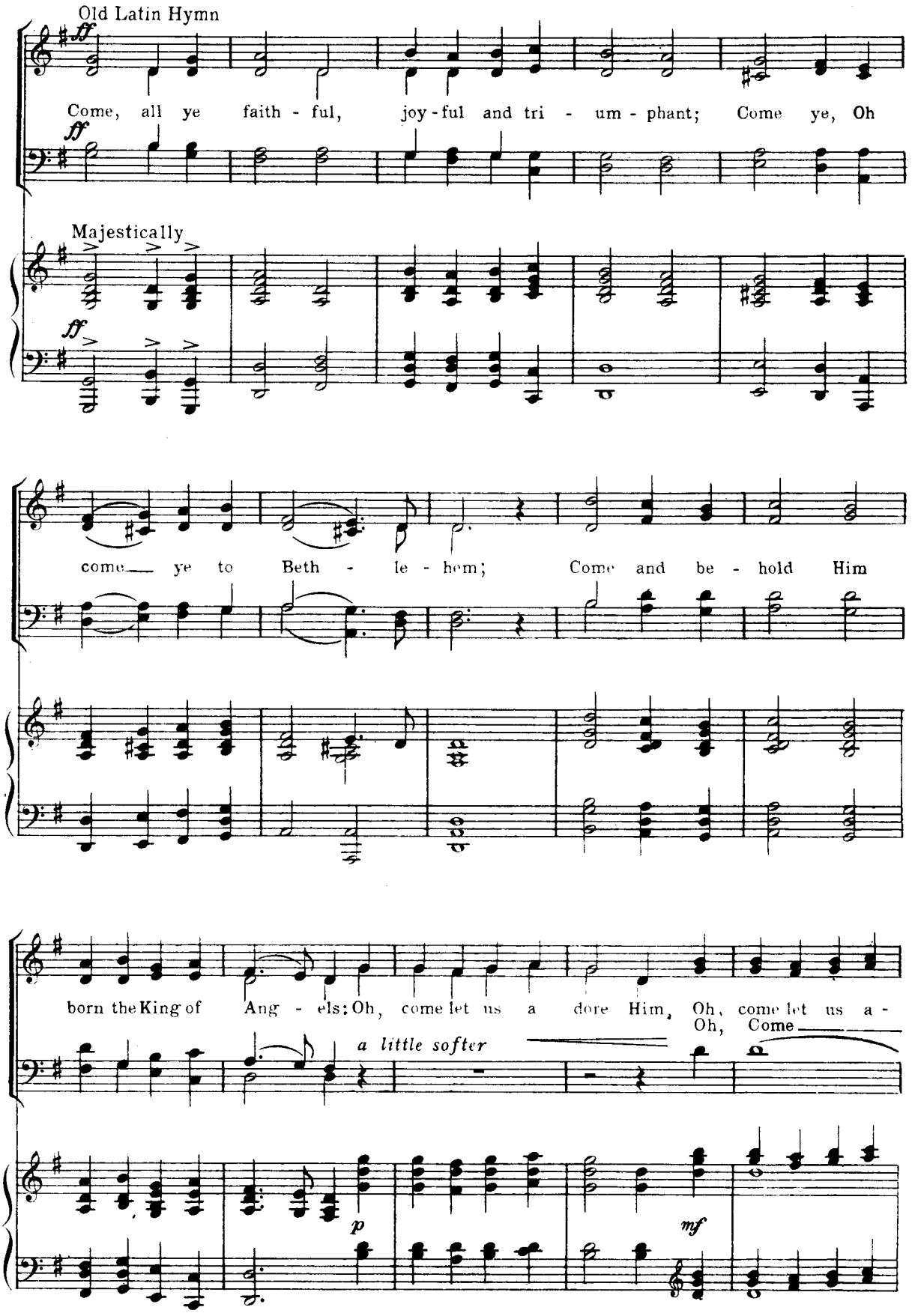
1. When to the earth the Christ child came, A strang-er poor and low - ly,
2. When to the earth the Christ child came, Con - tent-ment sweet He brought us,
3. When to the earth the Christ child came, His mer - cy sweet and ten - der

Walk - ing each day God's bless - ed way, Show-ing the path so ho - ly.
Pa - tient each day To live and pray, In meek - ness all he taught us.
Brought joy and grace To ev - 'ry place, a life of sweet sur - rend - er.

Nº 11 Adeste Fideles

pp *with increasing enthusiasm* *cres - - cen - - do*

rit.


Old Latin Hymn
ff
Come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; Come ye, Oh
Majestically
come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold Him
born the King of Ang - els: Oh, come let us a dore Him, Oh, come let us a -
a little softer
Oh, Come
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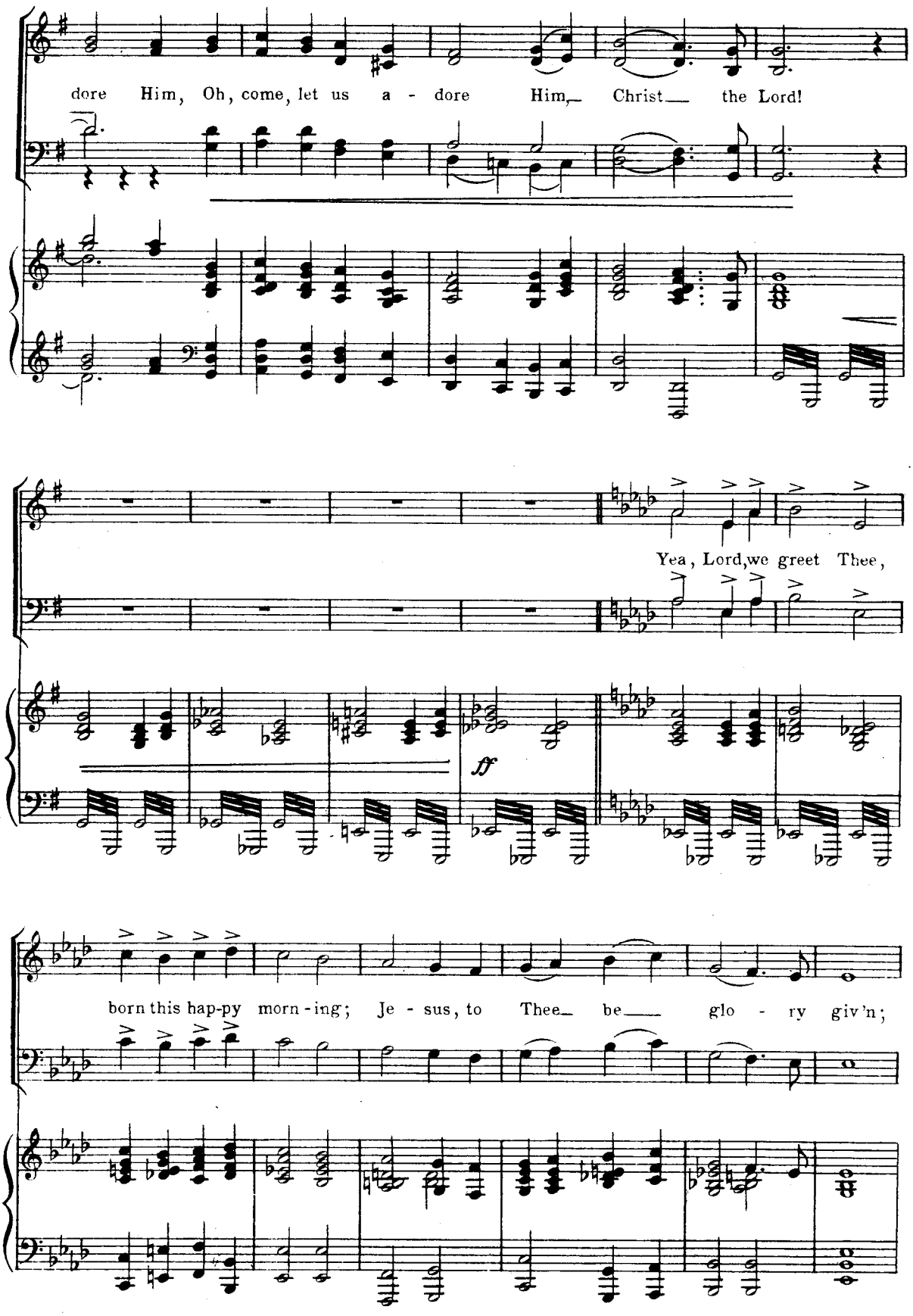
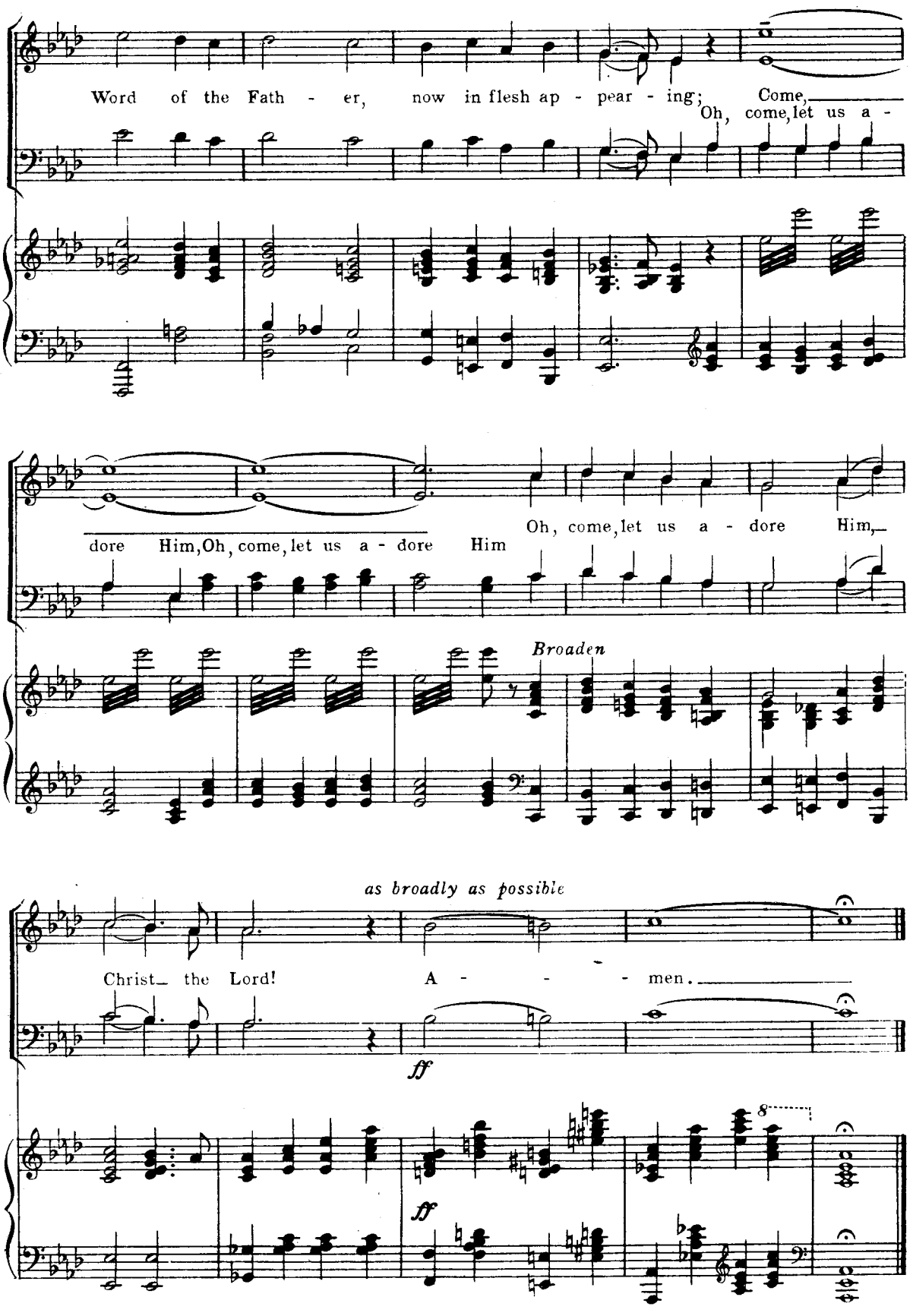
mf


dore Him, Oh, come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
ff
born this hap-py morn-ing; Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n;



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