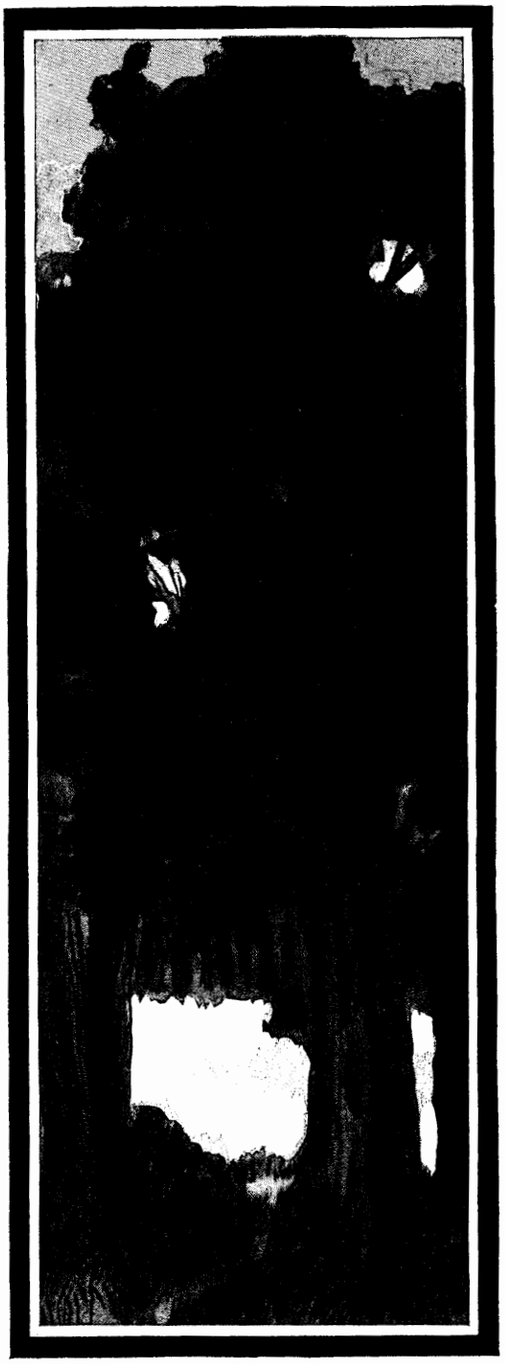

DER EICHWALD

(THE FOREST OF OAKS)

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Ich trat in einen düstern Eichwald
Da hörte Ich leis und lind,
Ein Bächlein unter Blumen flüstern—
War das Gebet von einem Kind.

Und mich ergriff ein süsses Grauen,
Es rauscht der Wald geheimniss voll
Als möcht er mir was anver trauen,
Das noch mein Herz nicht wissen soll.

Als möcht er heimlich mir entdecken,
Was Gottes Liebe sinnt und will
Doch schiener plötzlich zu erschrecken,
Vor Gottes näh, und wurde still.

—*Nikolaus Lenau.*

I entered in a sombre forest
Of sacred oaks—where soft and mild,
I heard a brook mid flowers whisper
'Twas like the prayer lisped by a child.

A sweet and gentle trembling seized me,
The mystic forest murmured low
As it would trust me with a secret,
Which not as yet my heart should know.

As it would secretly discover,
To me God's love—its plan and will;
But suddenly it seemed affrighted
At God's dread presence, and was still.

—*English translation by Alfred Baskerville.*

To Christine Miller

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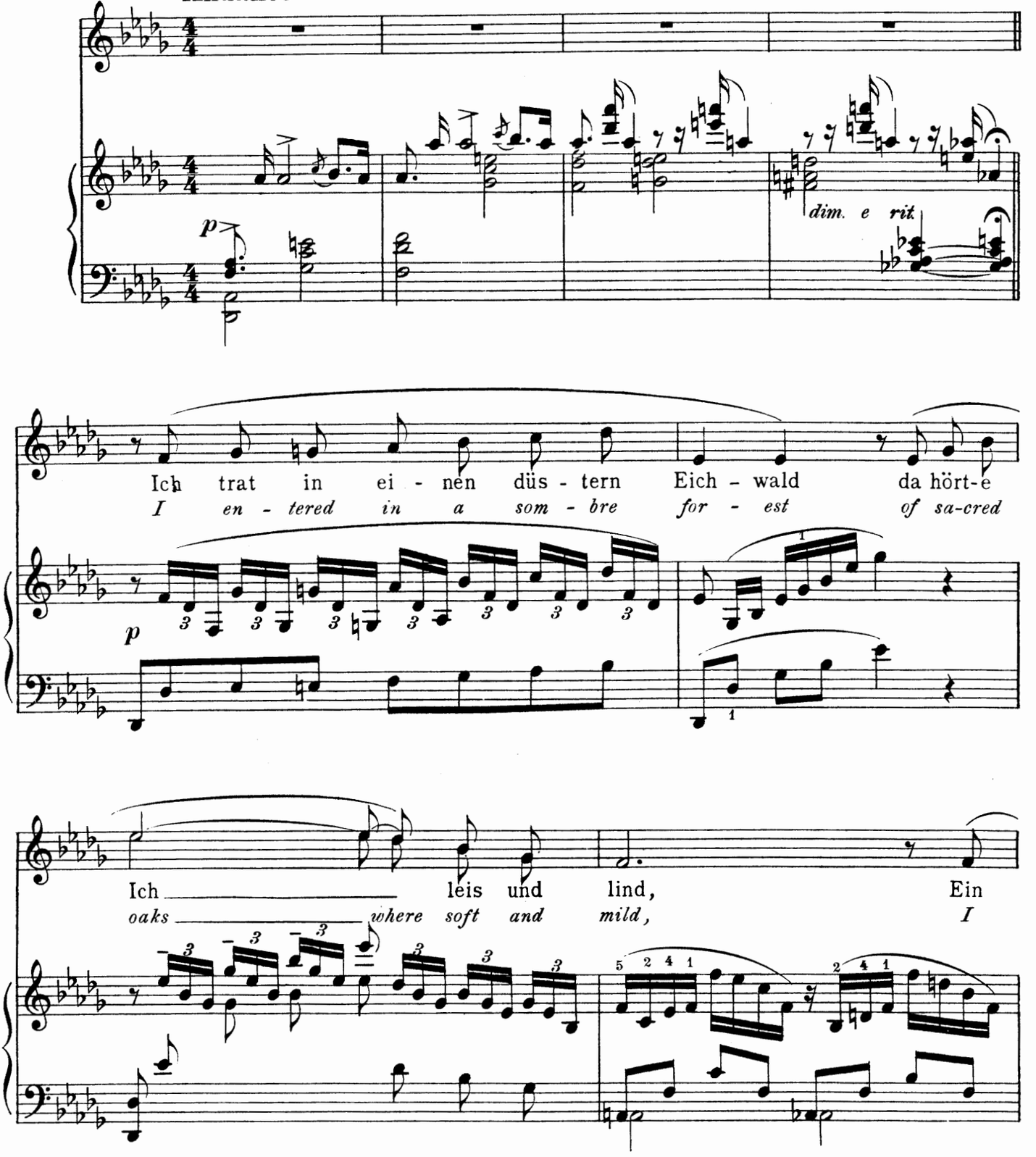

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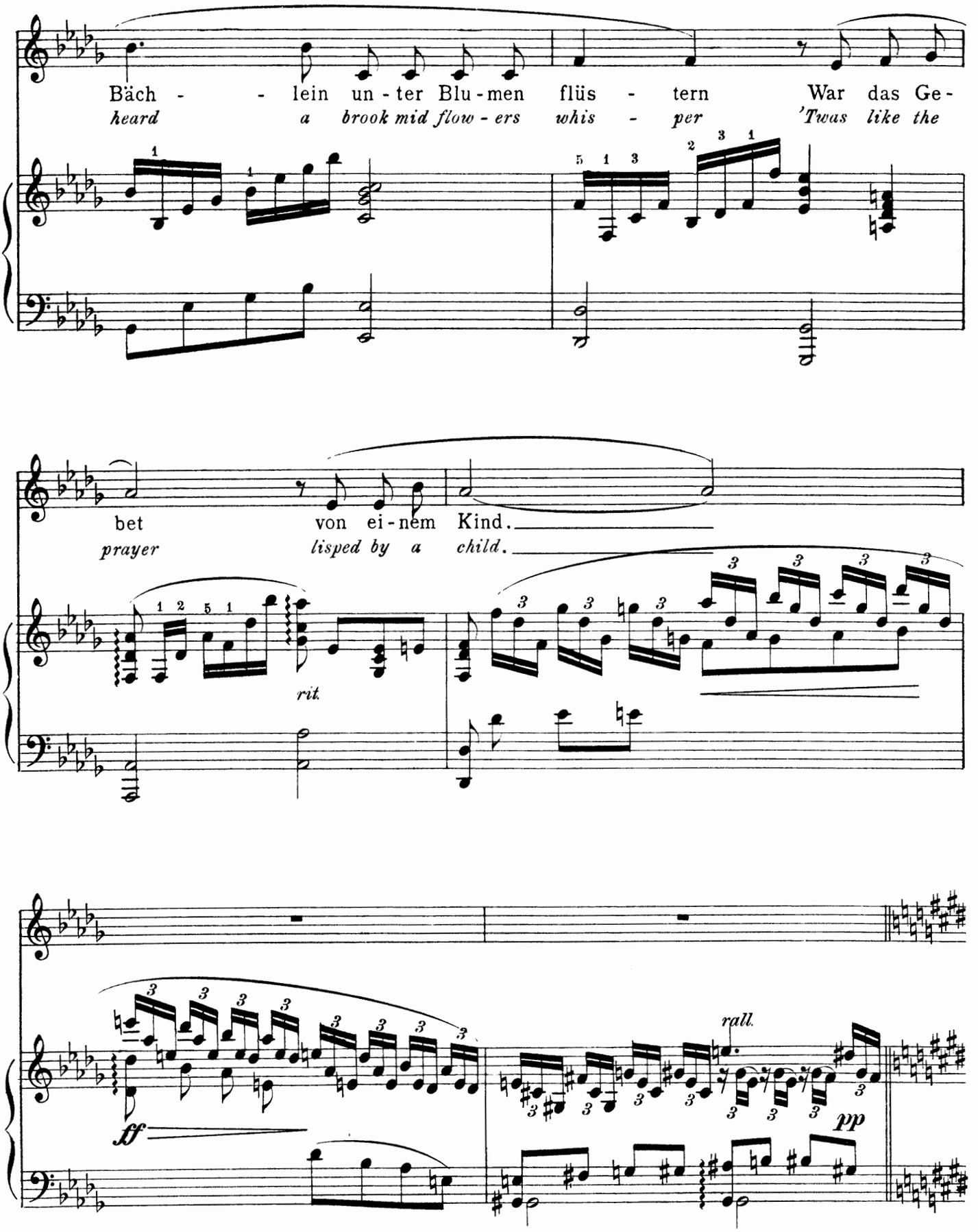
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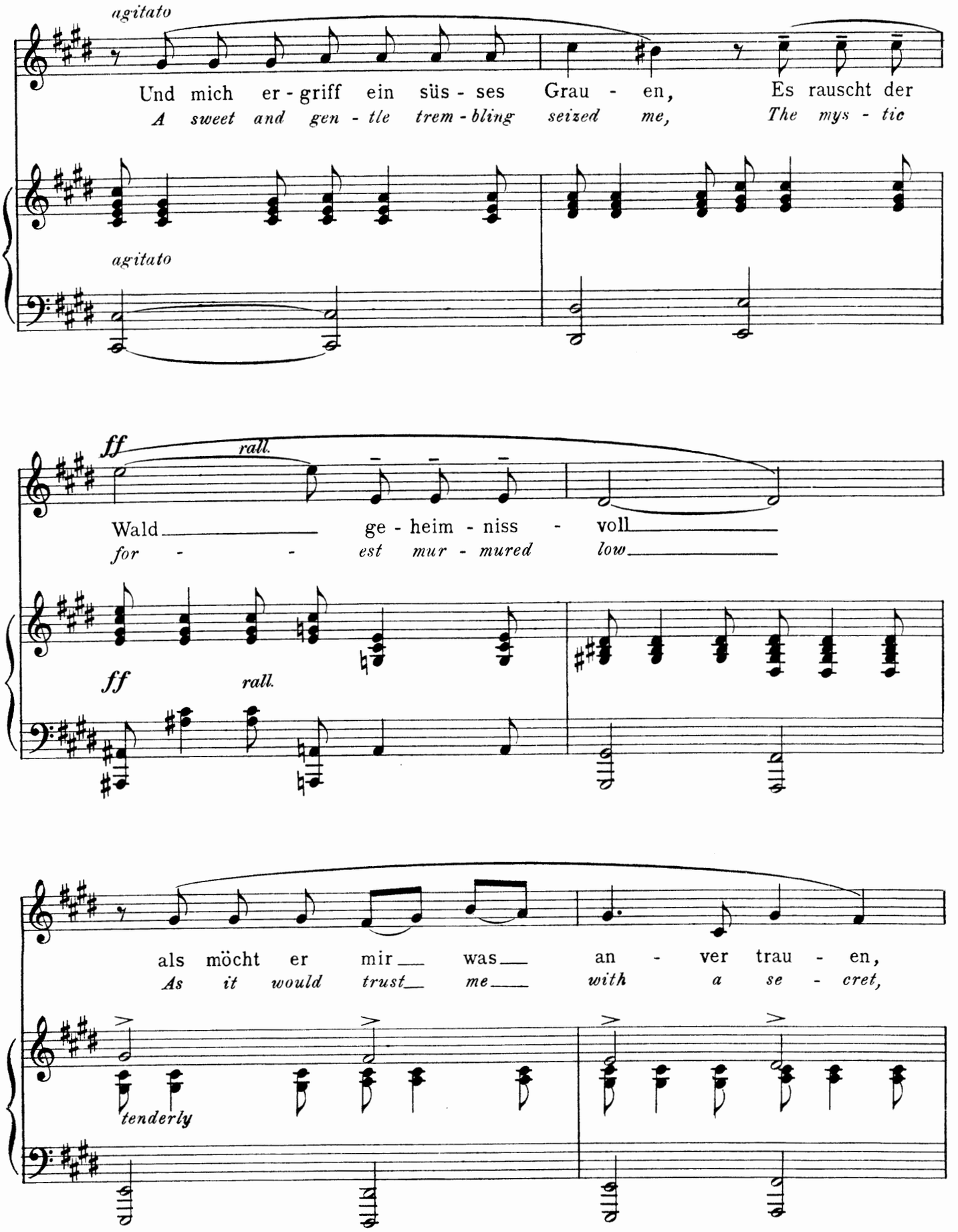
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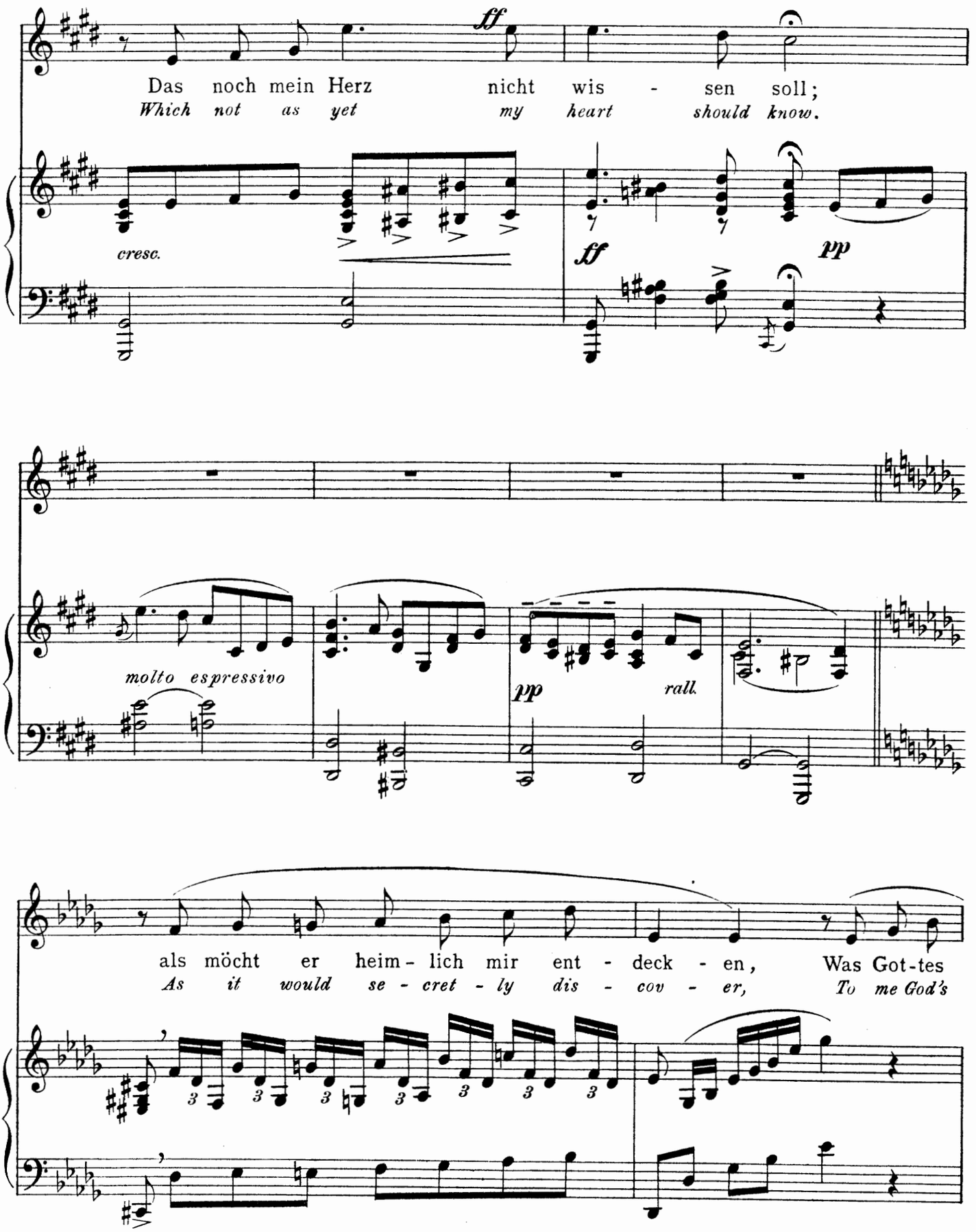
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Which not as yet my heart should know.
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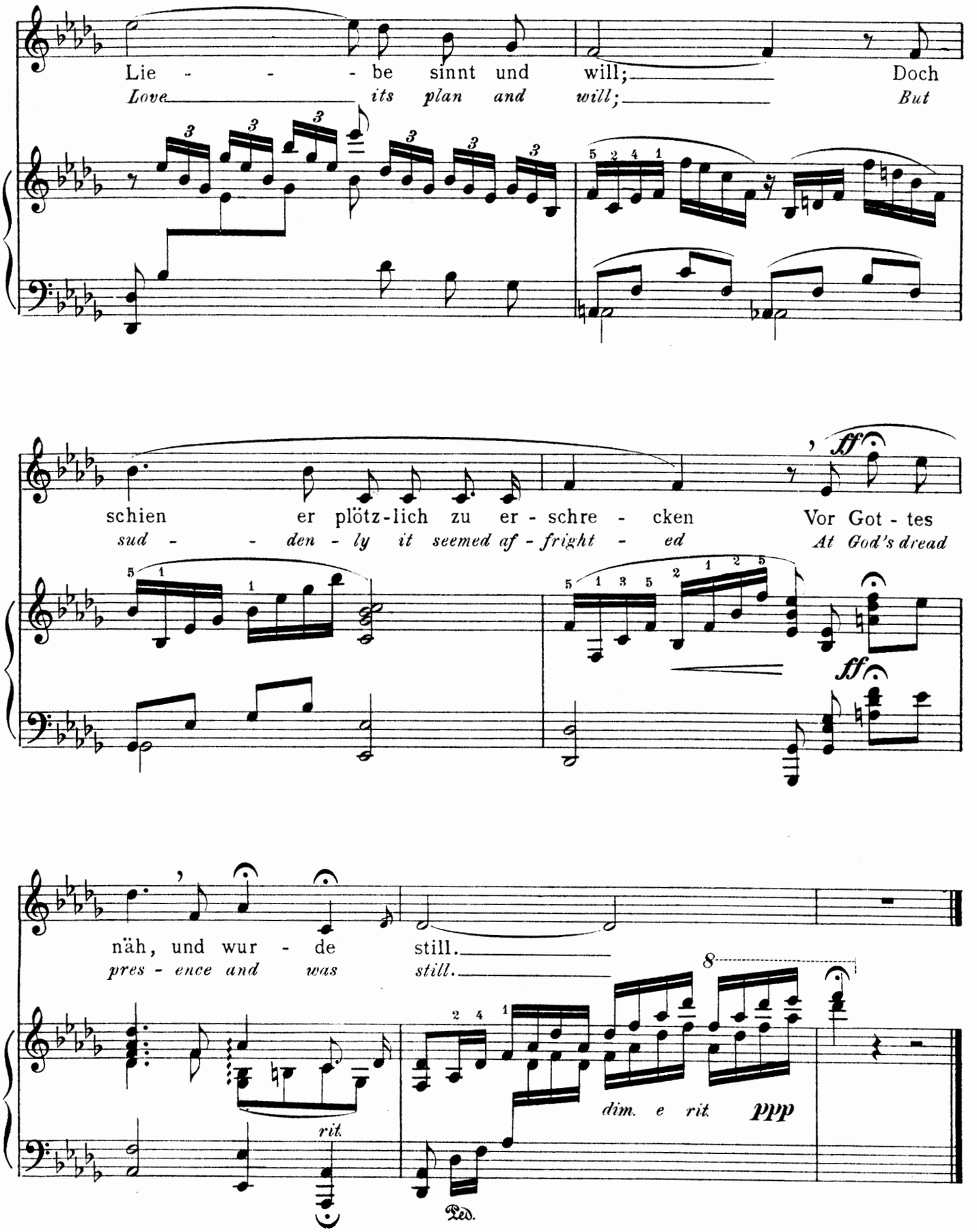
As it would se - cret - ly dis - cov - er, To me God's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