The Oxen

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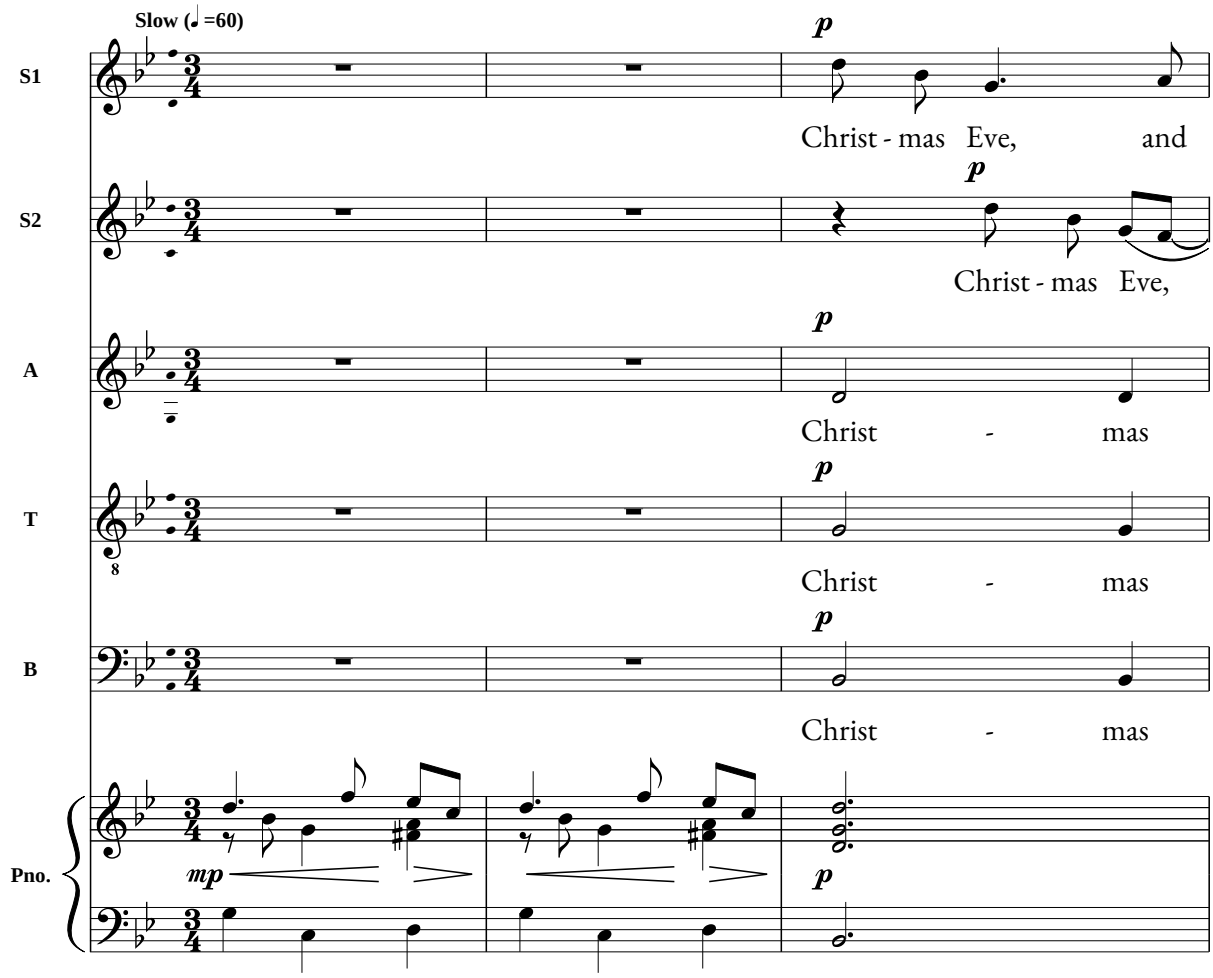

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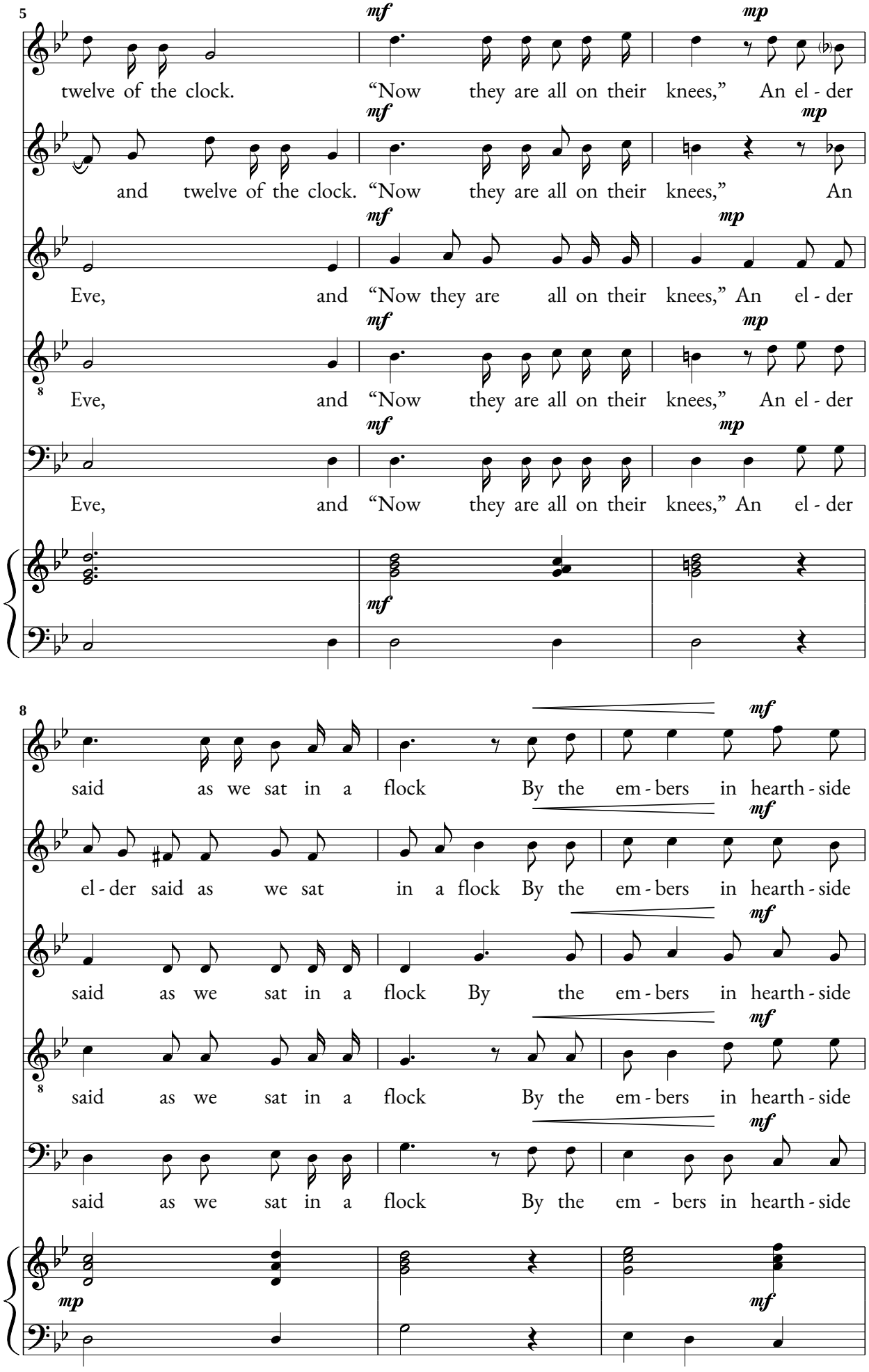
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mf
mp
twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," An el - der
and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," An
Eve, and "Now they are all on their knees," An el - der
Eve, and "Now they are all on their knees," An el - der
Eve, and "Now they are all on their knees," An el - der
8
said as we sat in a flock By the em - bers in hearth - side
el - der said as we sat in a flock By the em - bers in hearth - side
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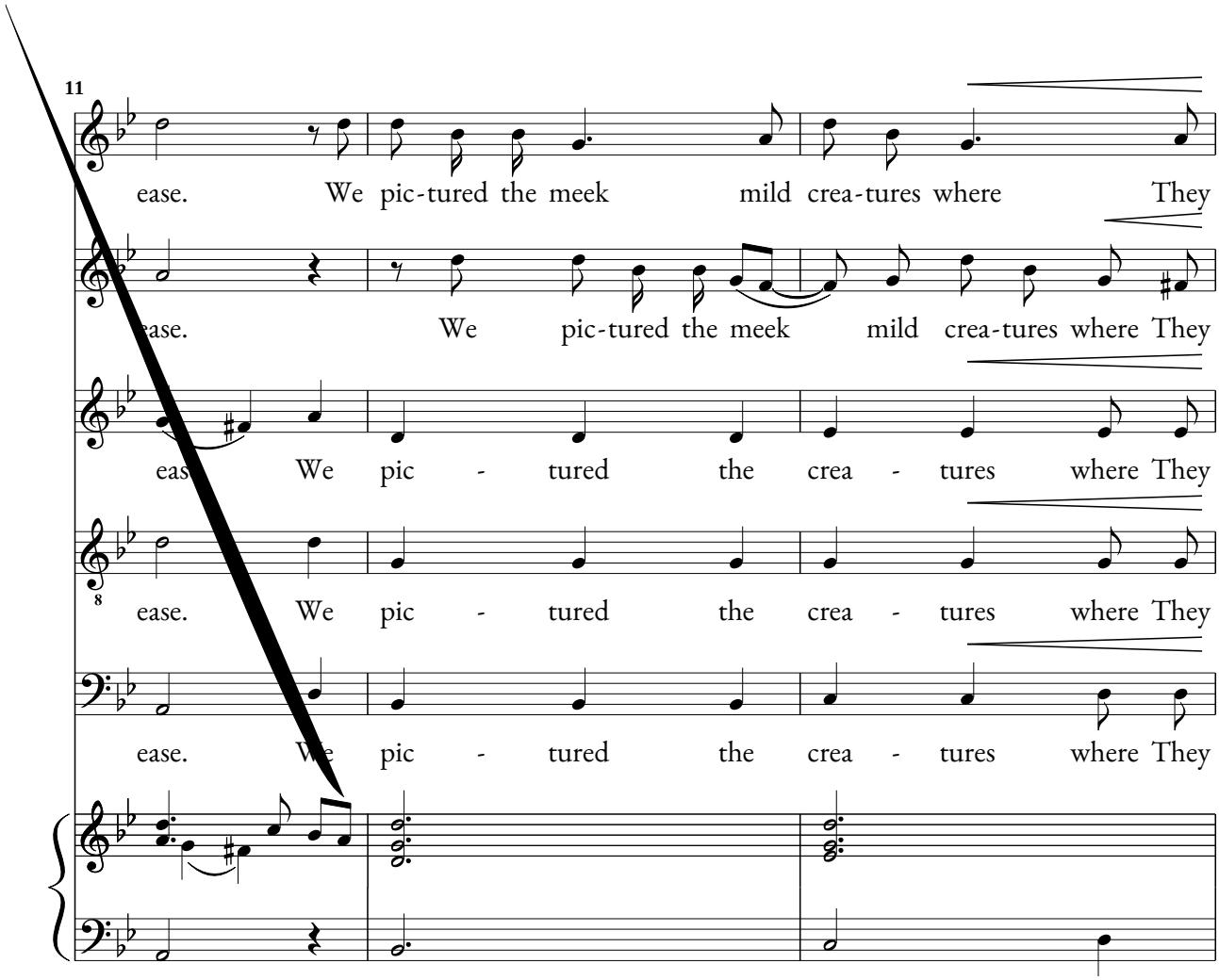
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ease. We pic-tured the meek mild crea-tures where They
ease. We pic-tured the meek mild crea-tures where They
eas We pic - tured the crea - tures where They
ease. We pic - tured the crea - tures where They
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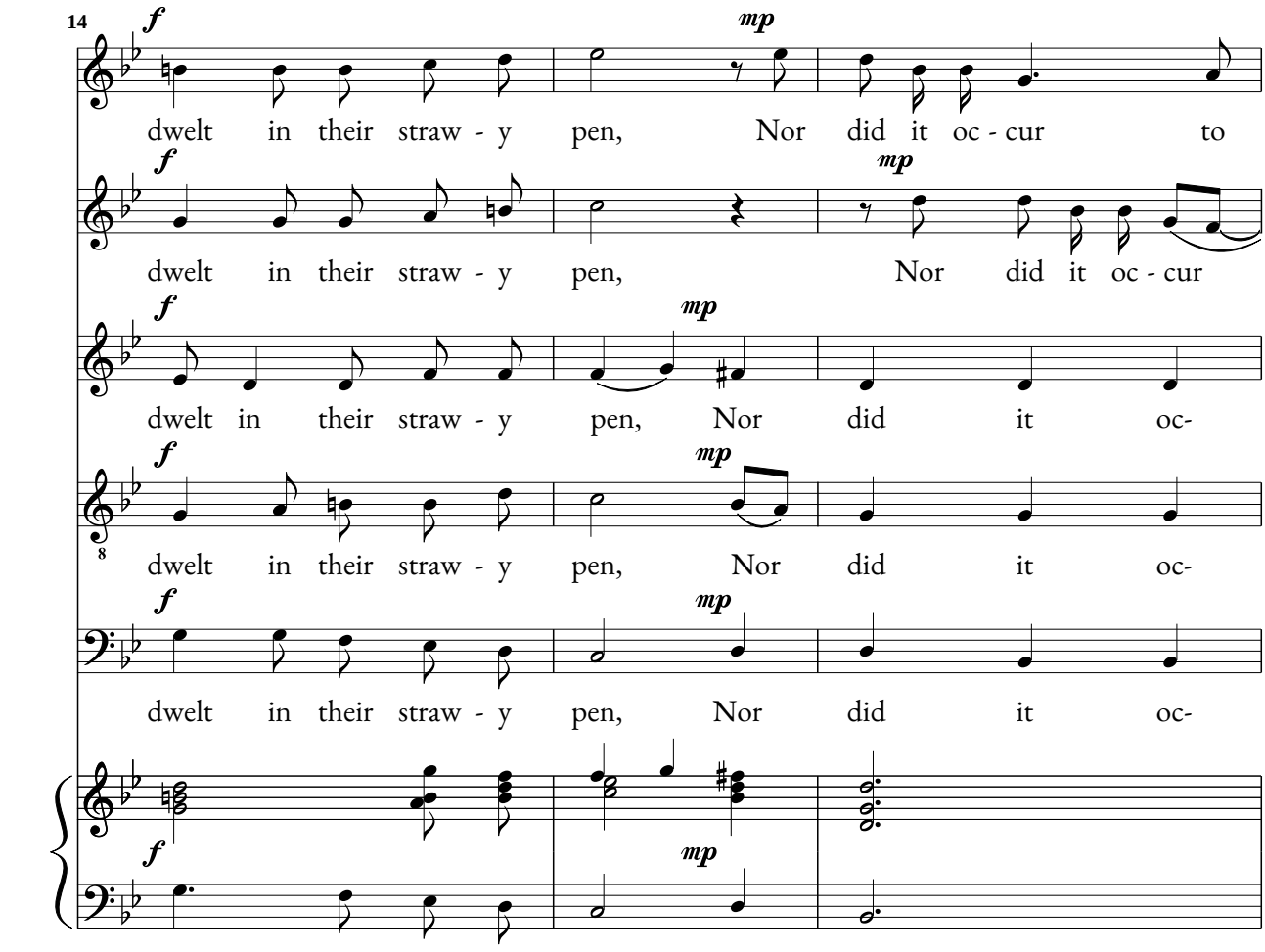
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f
dwelt in their straw - y pen,
mp
Nor did it oc - cur to
dwelt in their straw - y pen,
Nor did it oc - cur
dwelt in their straw - y pen, Nor did it oc-
dwelt in their straw - y pen, Nor did it oc-
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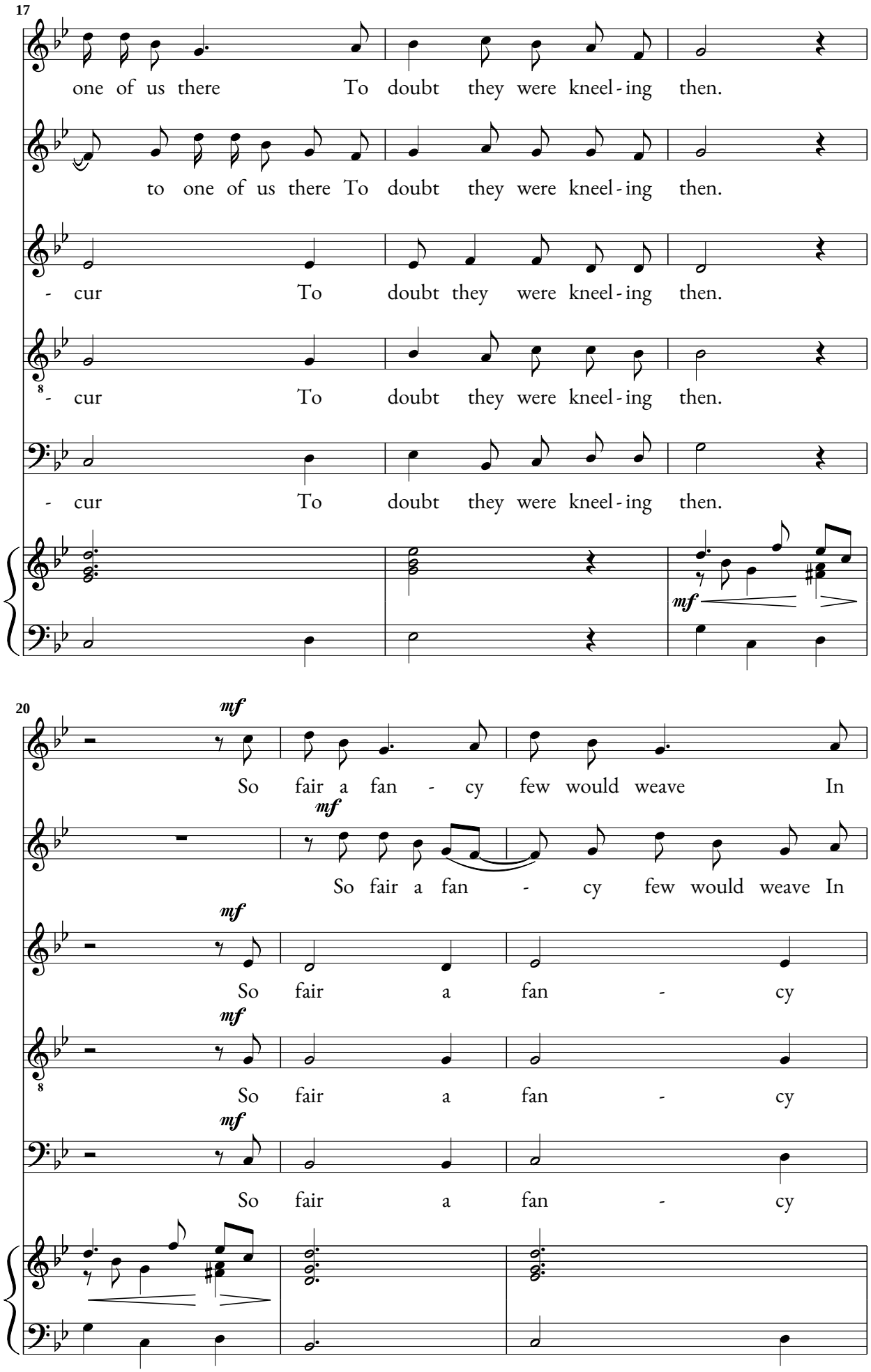
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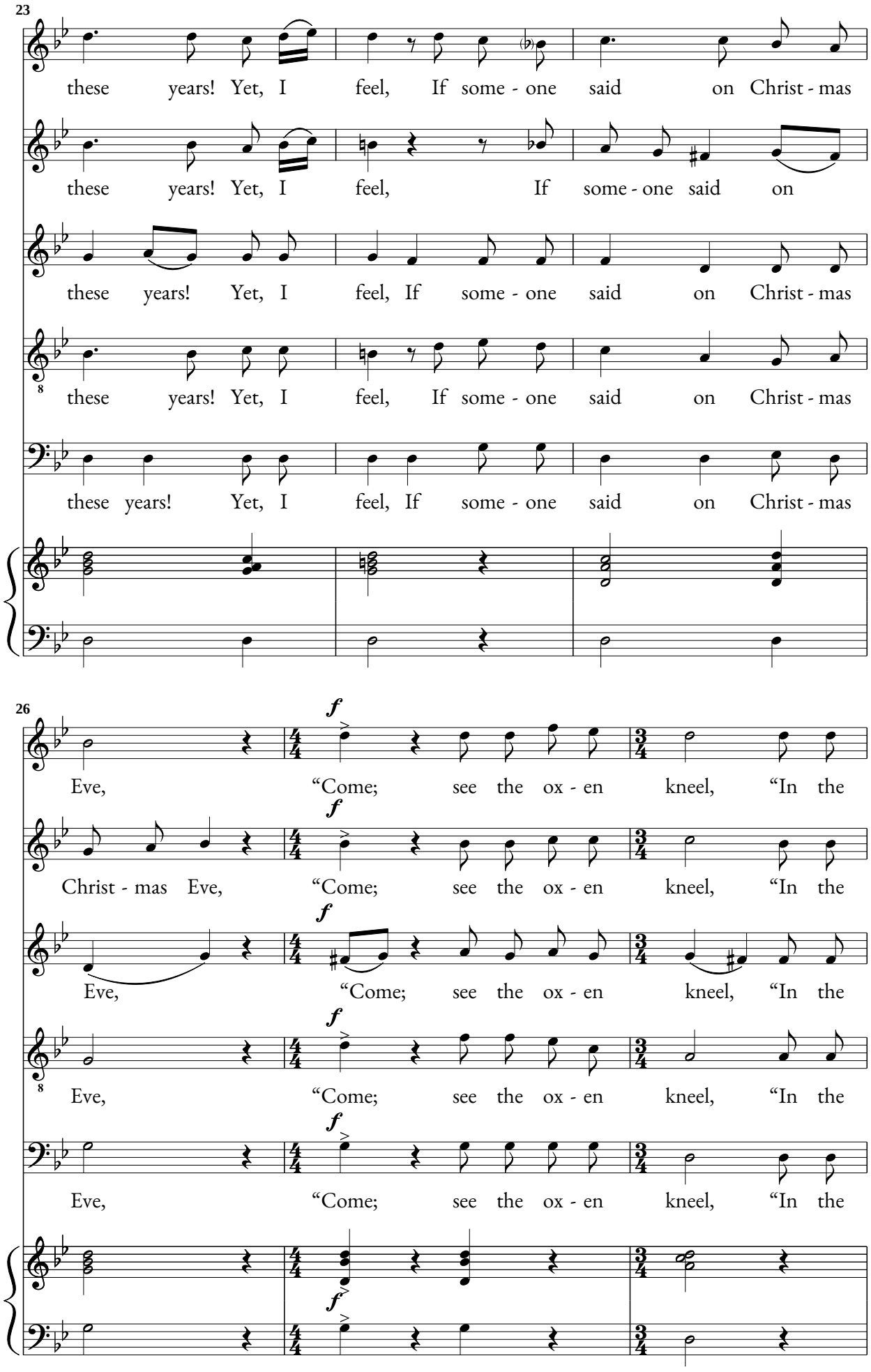
one of us there To doubt they were kneel - ing then.
to one of us there To doubt they were kneel - ing then.
- cur To doubt they were kneel - ing then.
- cur To doubt they were kneel - ing then.
- cur To doubt they were kneel - ing then.
mf
20
mf
So fair a fan - cy few would weave In
mf
So fair a fan - cy few would weave In
mf
So fair a fan - cy
mf
So fair a fan - cy
mf
So fair a fan - cy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these years! Yet, I feel, If some - one said on Christ - mas
these years! Yet, I feel, If some - one said on
these years! Yet, I feel, If some - one said on Christ - mas
these years! Yet, I feel, If some - one said on Christ - mas
these years! Yet, I feel, If some - one said on Christ - mas
26
f
Eve, "Come; see the ox - en kneel, "In the
Christ - mas Eve, "Come; see the ox - en kneel, "In the
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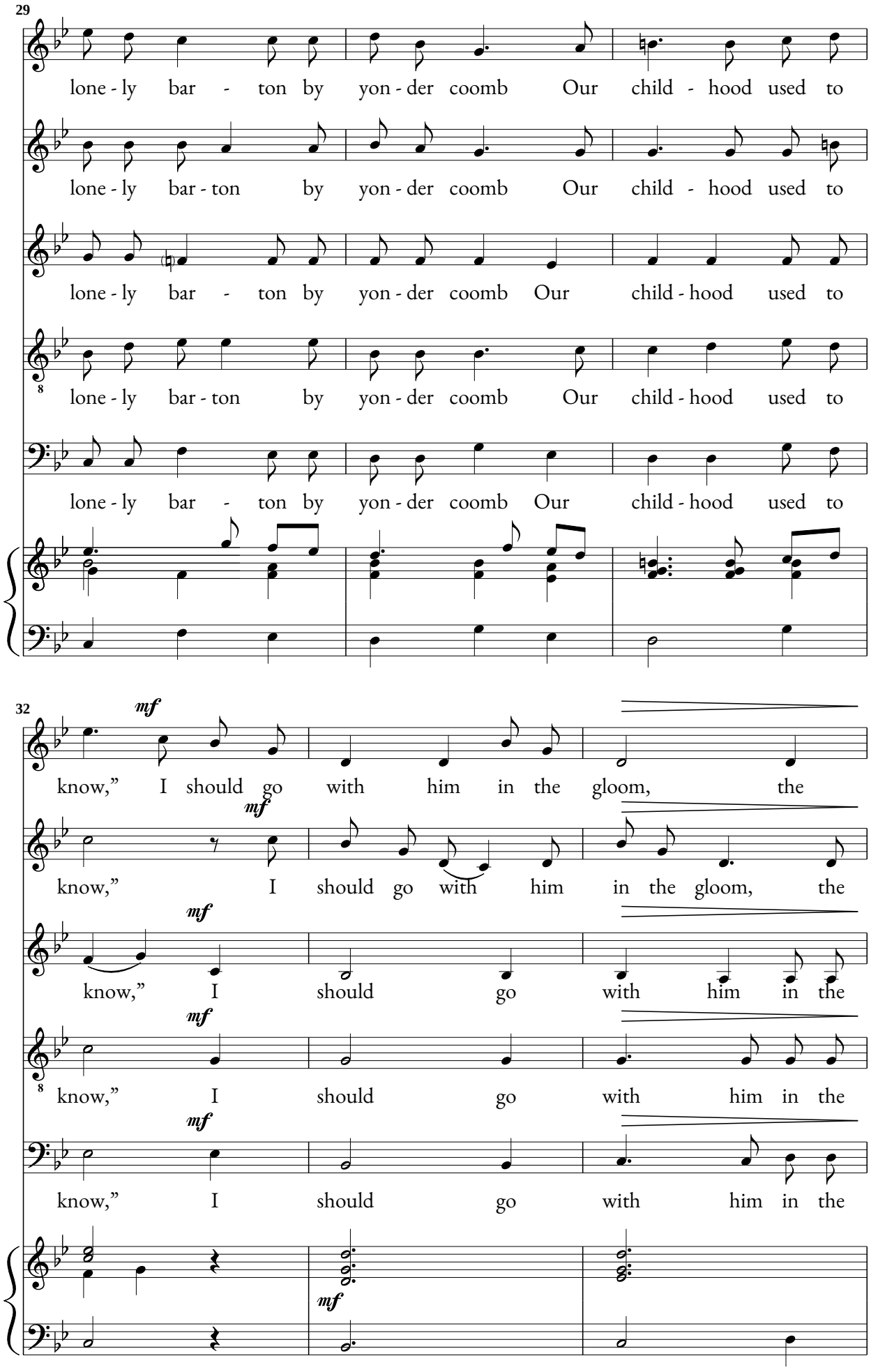
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lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to
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lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to
lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to
32
mf
know," I should go with him in the gloom, the
mf
know," I should go with him in the gloom, the
mf
know," I should go with him in the
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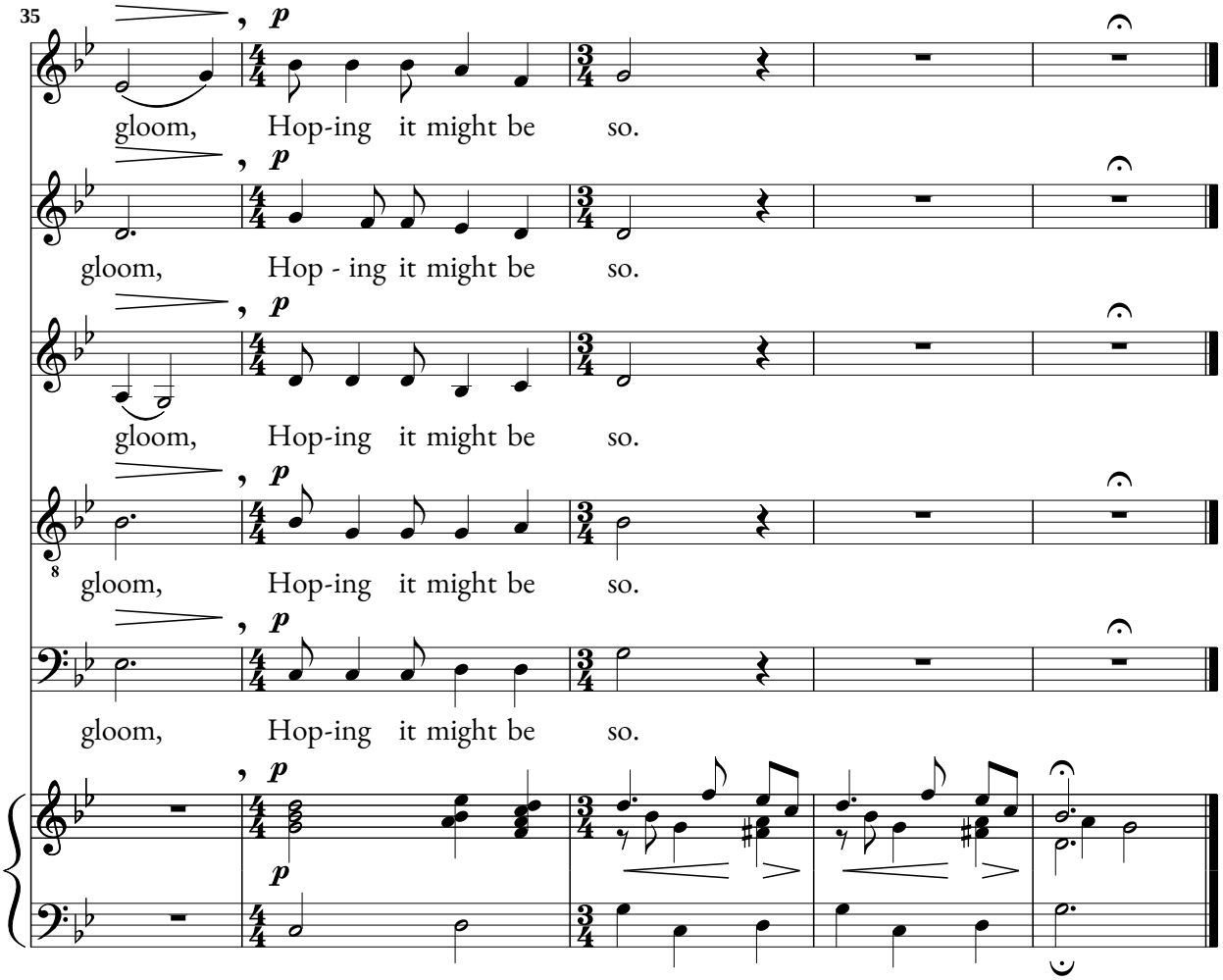
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p
gloom, Hop-ing it might be so.
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gloom, Hop - ing it might be so.
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gloom, Hop-ing it might be so.
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gloom, Hop-ing it might be so.
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gloom, Hop-ing it might be so.
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