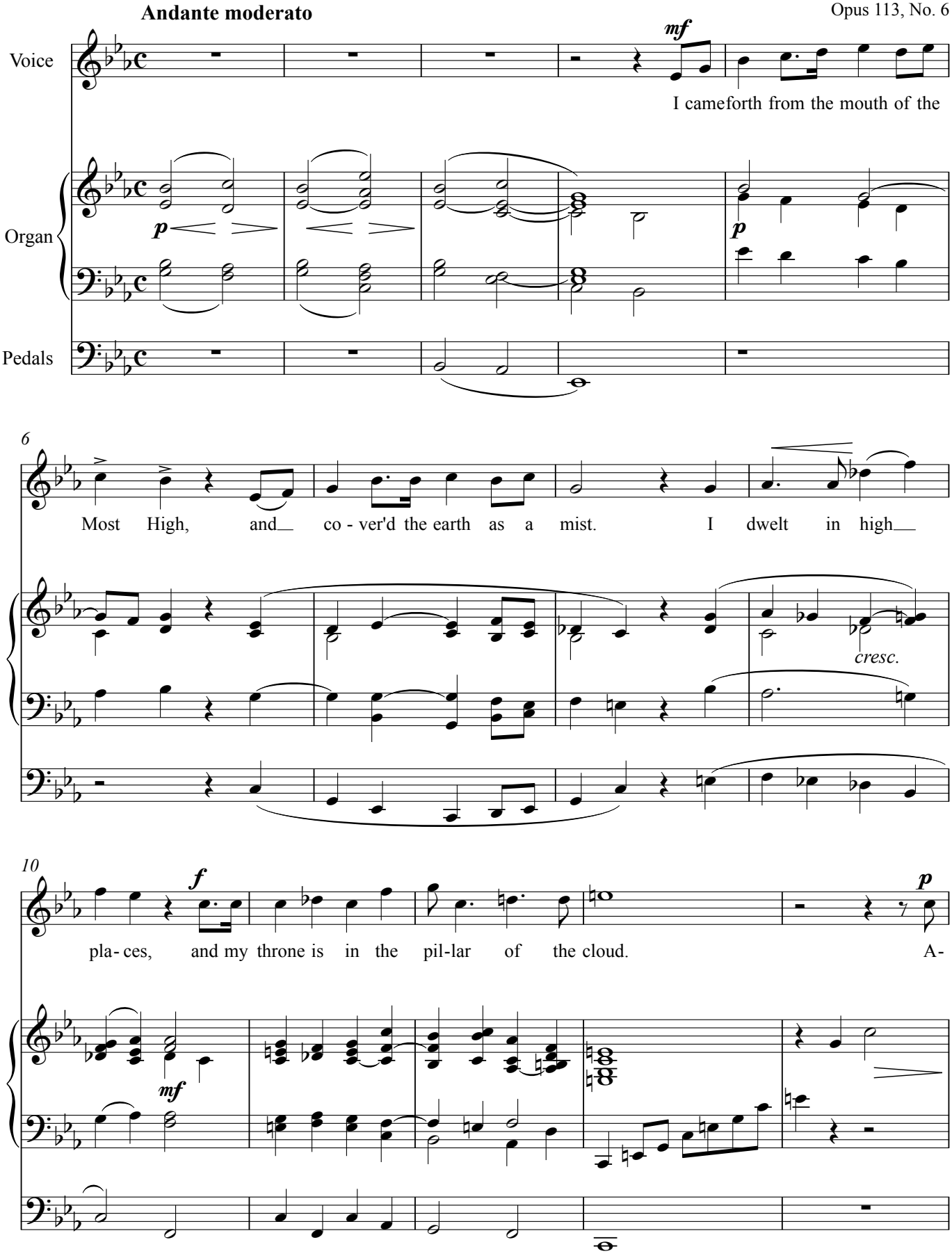
A Song of Wisdom

Ecclesiasticus 24

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Opus 113, No. 6



Note: This is the last of six Bible Songs bymCharles Villiers Stanford, opus 113, for solo voice or Unison voices.
All of the Bible Songs are intended to be followed by a short four-part Anthem. In this case it would be *O for a Closer Walk*.

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15

lone I com - passed the cir - cuit of heav'n, and walk'd in the depth of the a -

p

18

mf

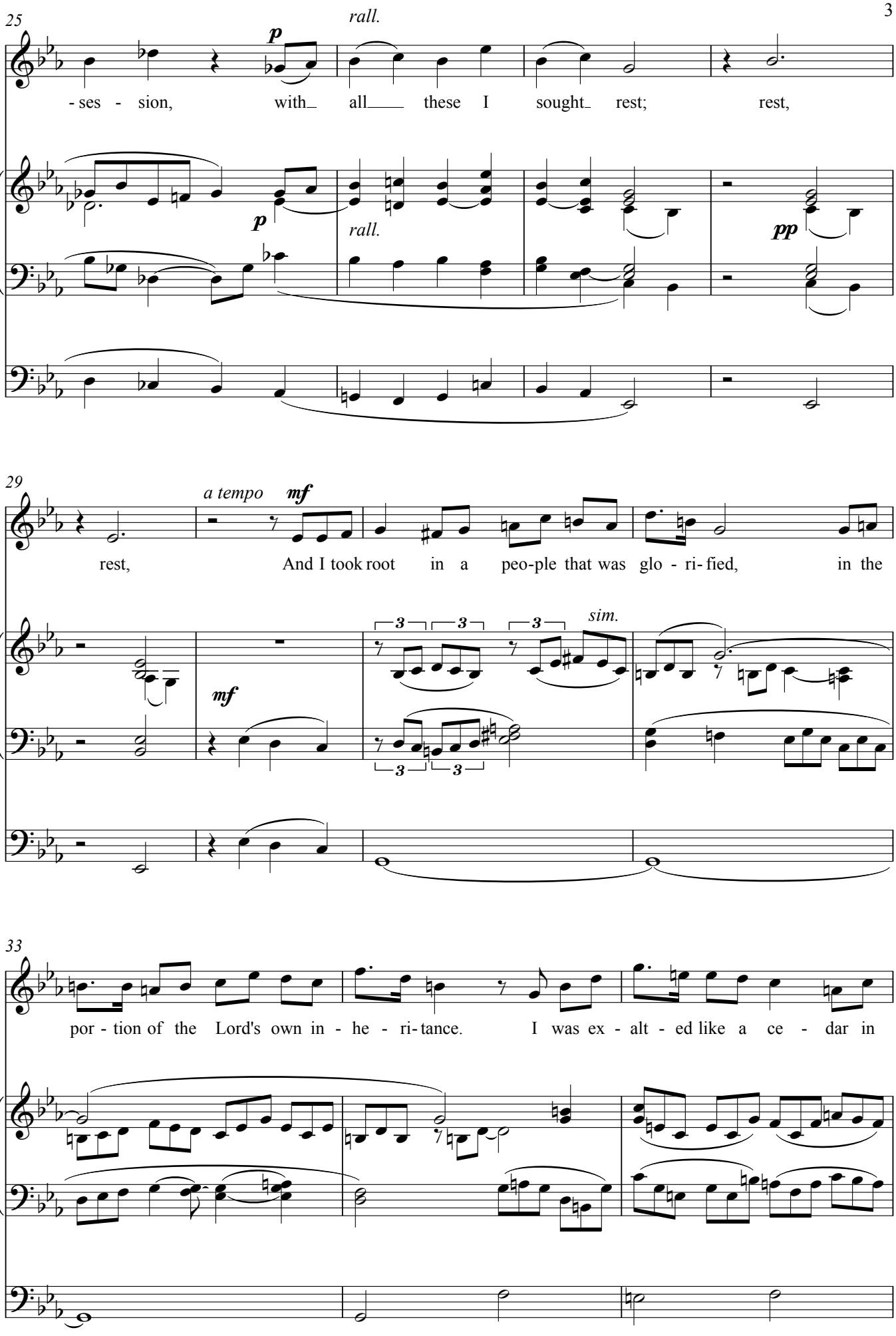
cresc.

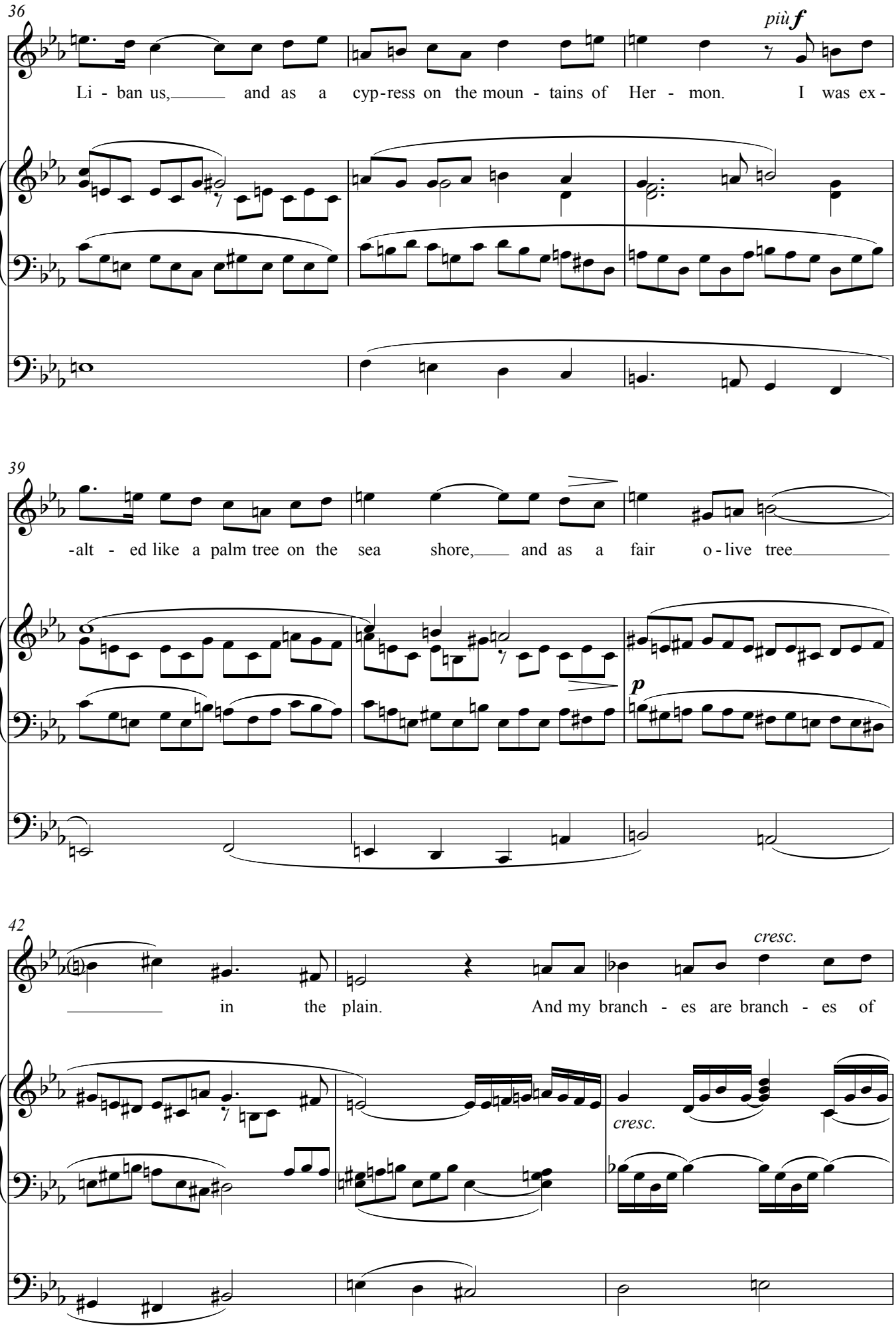
- byss. In the waves of the sea, and in all the

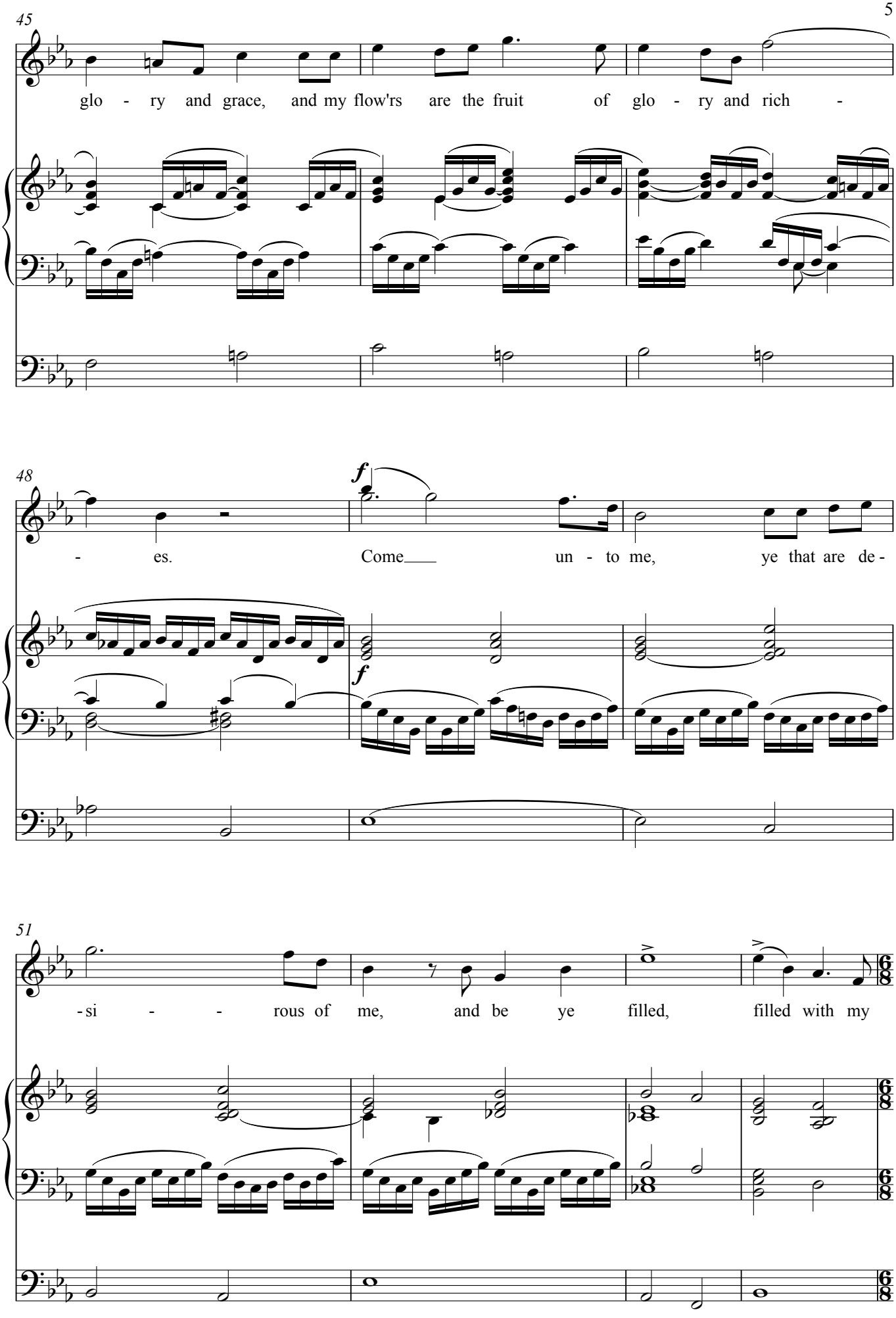
21

f

earth, and in ev - 'ry peo - ple and na - tion, I got a pos


25
rall.
p
- ses - sion, with all these I sought rest; rest,
rall.
pp
29
a tempo
mf
rest, And I took root in a peo-ple that was glo - ri- fied, in the
sim.
33
por - tion of the Lord's own in - he - ri- tance. I was ex - alt - ed like a ce - dar in


36
più f
Li - ban us, and as a cyp-ress on the moun - tains of Her - mon. I was ex -
39
-alt - ed like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair o - live tree
p
42
in the plain. And my branch - es are branch - es of
cresc.
cresc.


45
glo - ry and grace, and my flow'rs are the fruit of glo - ry and rich -
48
f
- es. Come un - to me, ye that are de -
f
51
-si - - rous of me, and be ye filled, filled with my

55 **Andante con moto**

p

fruits. And I came out as a stream from a

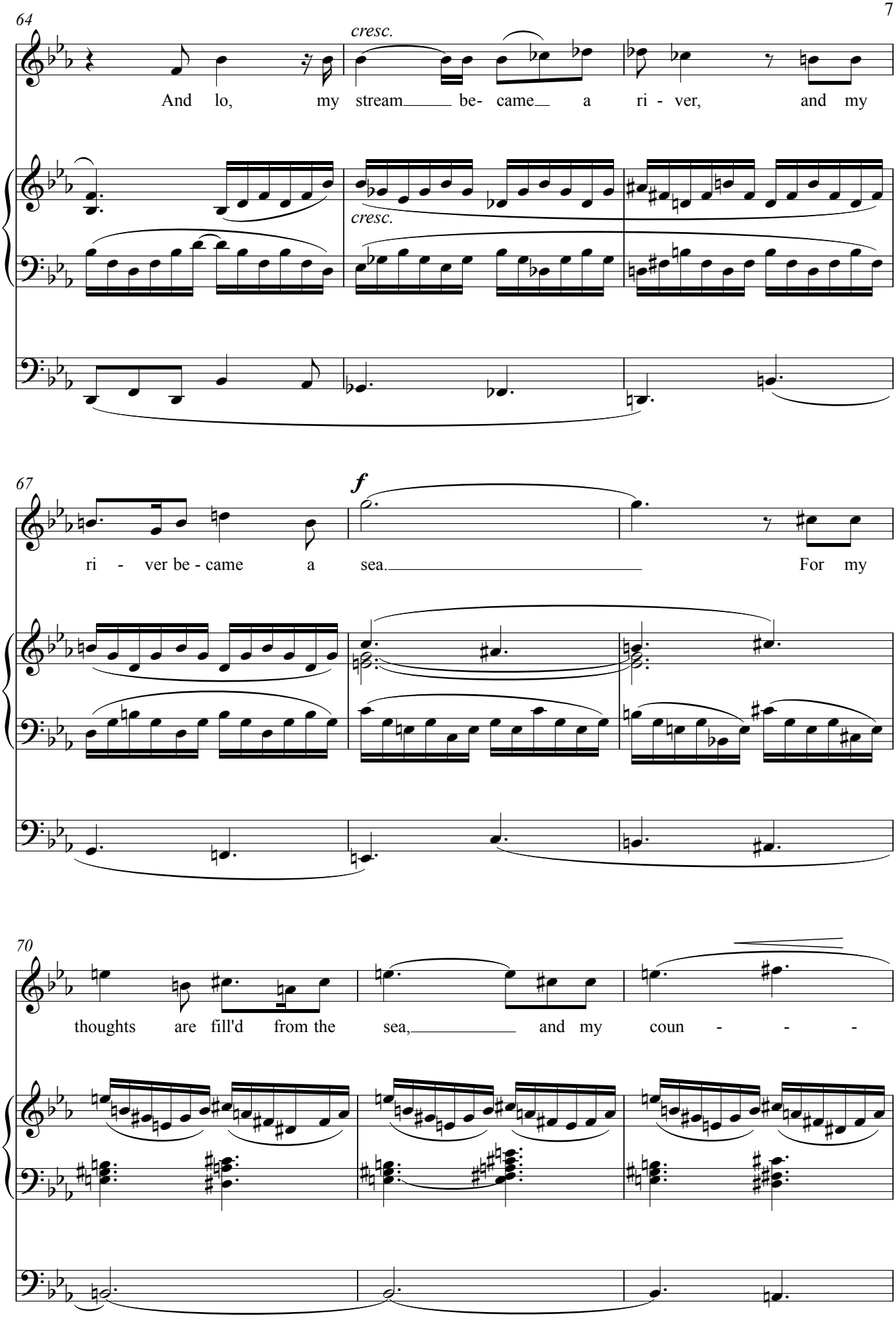
p

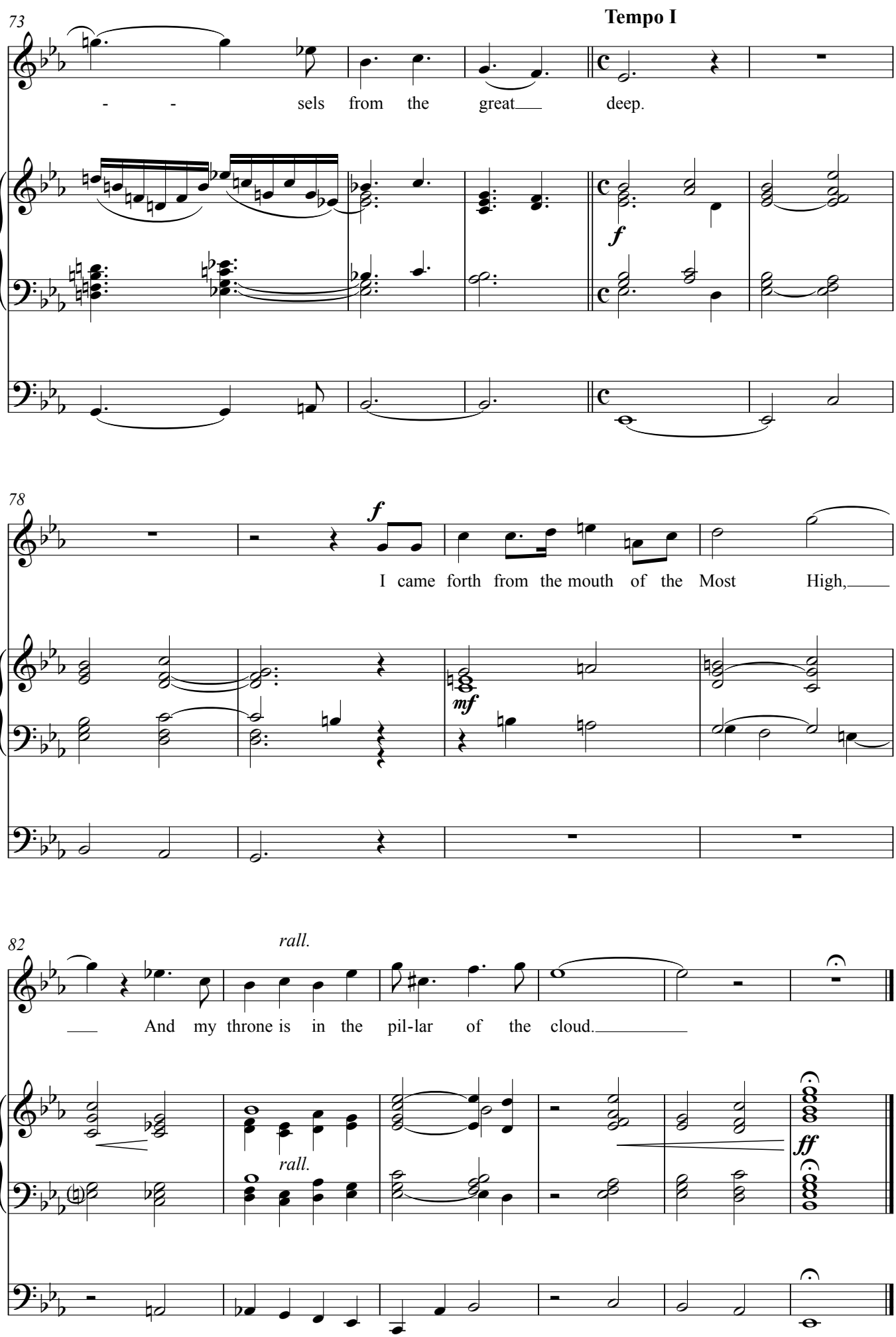
58

ri - ver, I said, I will wa - ter my gar - den and will

61

wa - ter a - bun - dant-ly my gar - den bed;


64
cresc.
And lo, my stream be- came a ri - ver, and my
cresc.
67
f
ri - ver be - came a sea. For my
70
thoughts are fill'd from the sea, and my coun - - -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Tempo I
- - sels from the great deep.
f
78
f
I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
mf
82
rall.
And my throne is in the pil-lar of the cloud.
rall.
ff