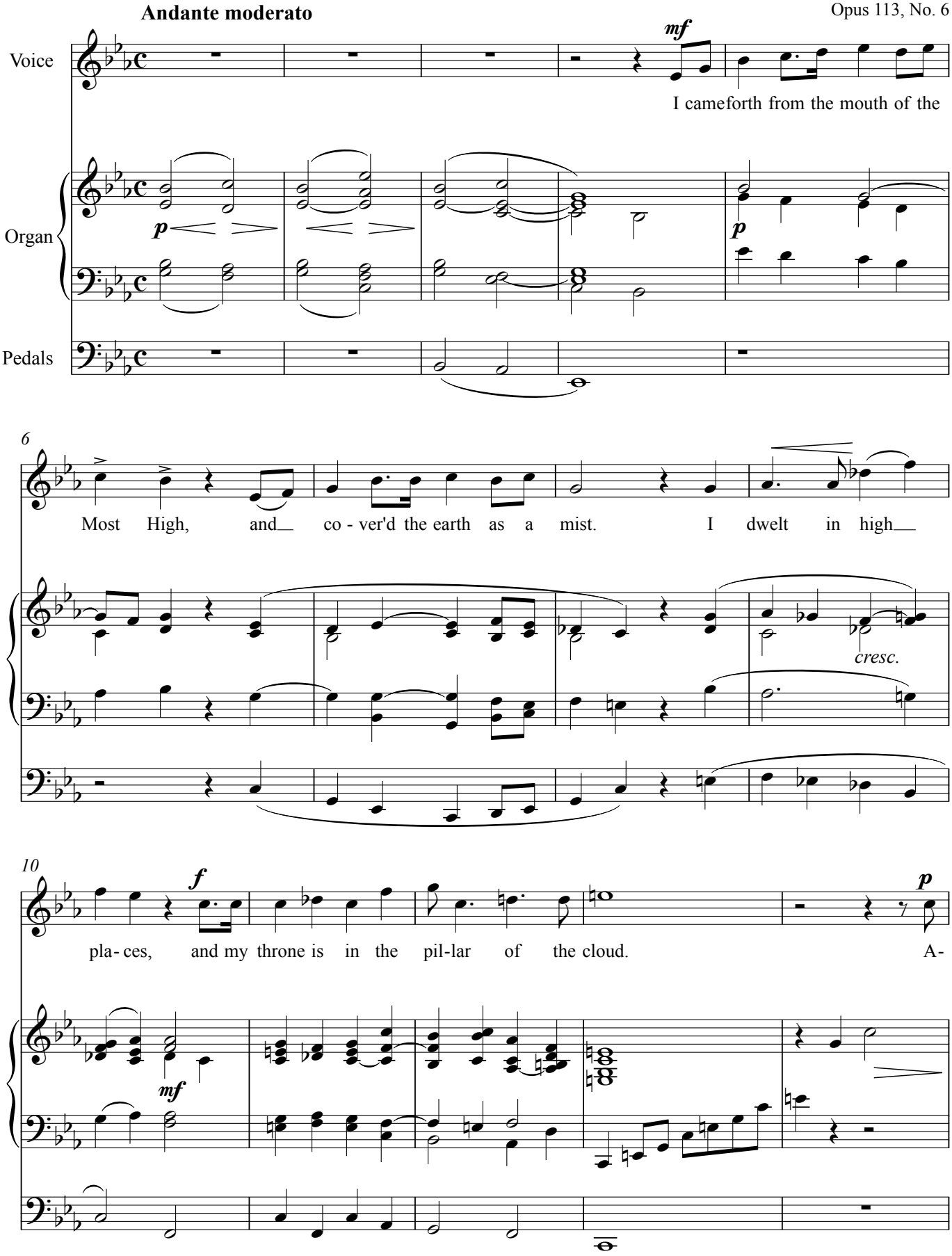
A Song of Wisdom

Ecclesiasticus 24

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



Note: This is the last of six Bible Songs by Charles 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

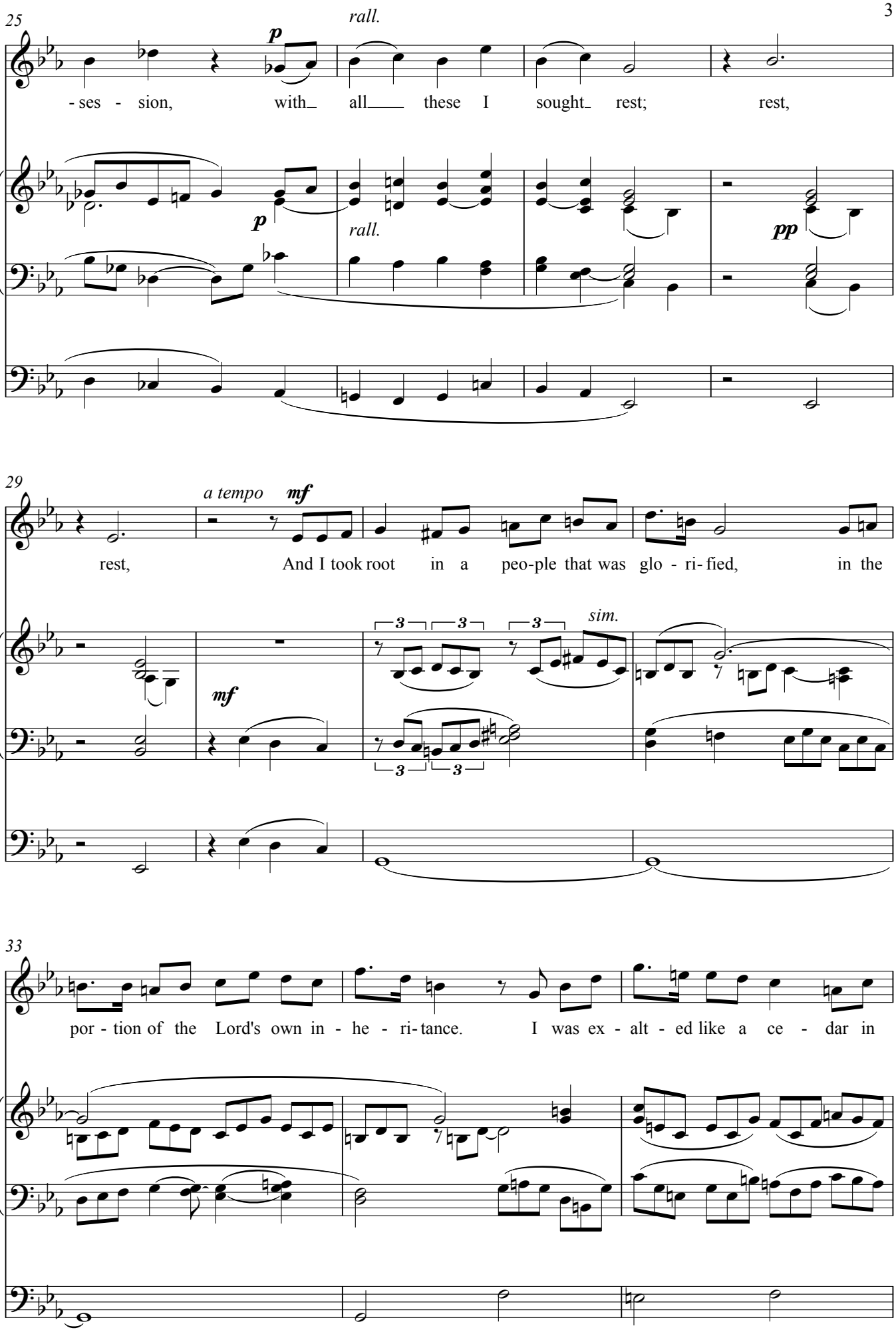
cresc.

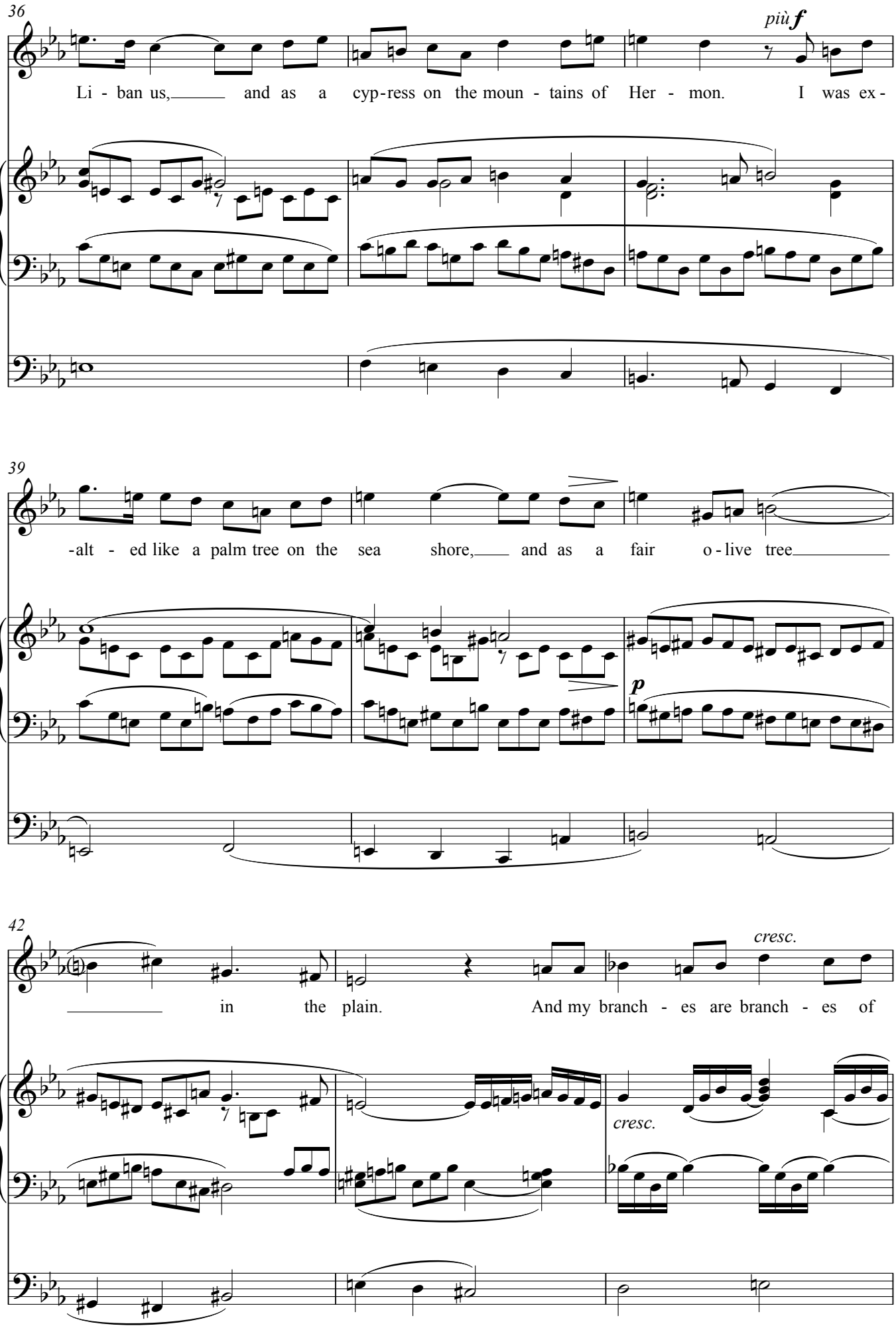
- byss. In the waves of the sea, and in all the

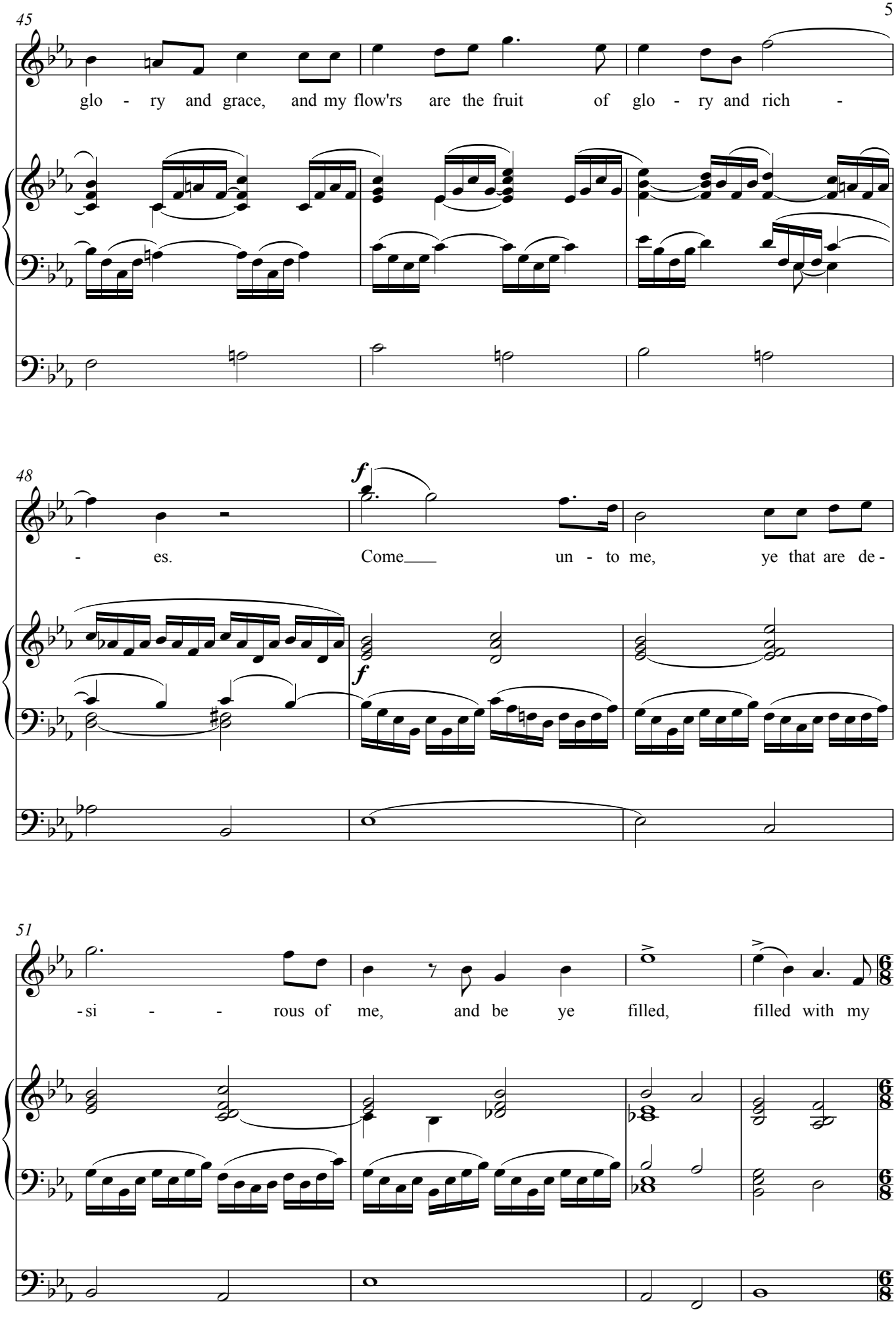
21

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

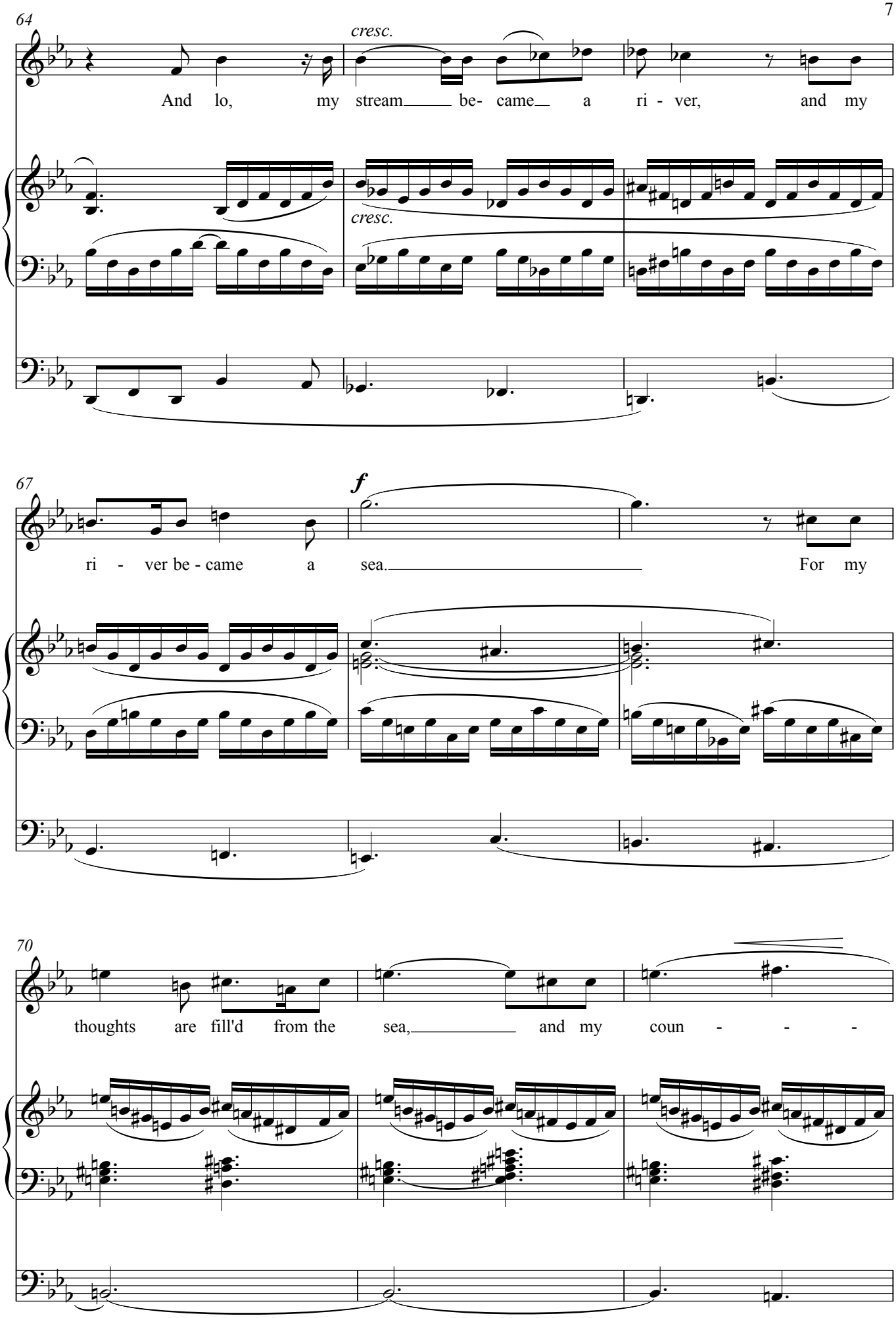
p

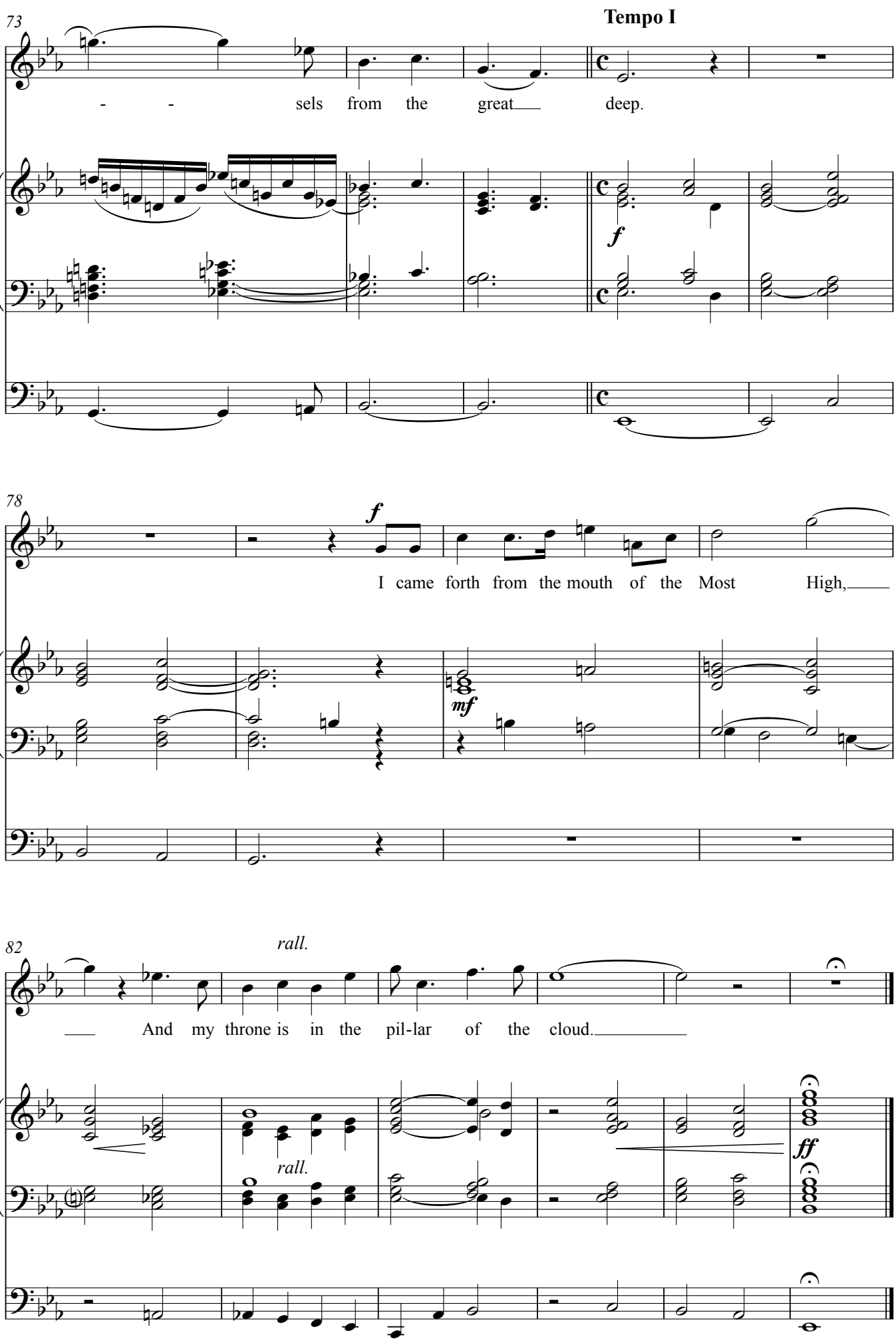
58

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