INSCRIPTIONS FOR A PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS

AFTER A RESTORATION

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SET
FOR EIGHT MALE VOICES AND PIANOFORTE

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Inscriptions for a peal of eight bells
after a restoration

by James Walker
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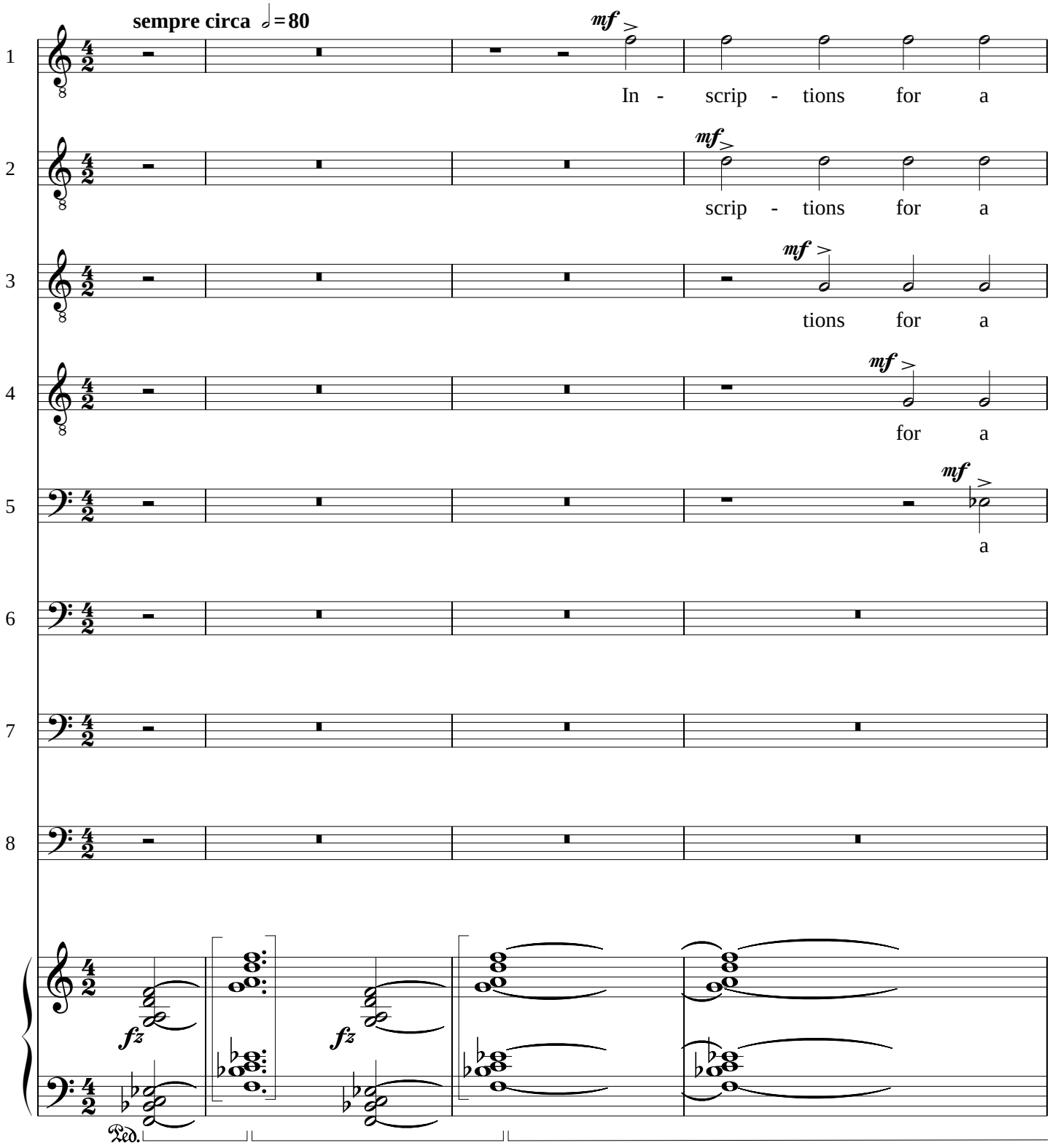

At bracketed chords press keys silently - release and re-apply pedal.
Anticipate slightly to allow effect to occur on the beat.

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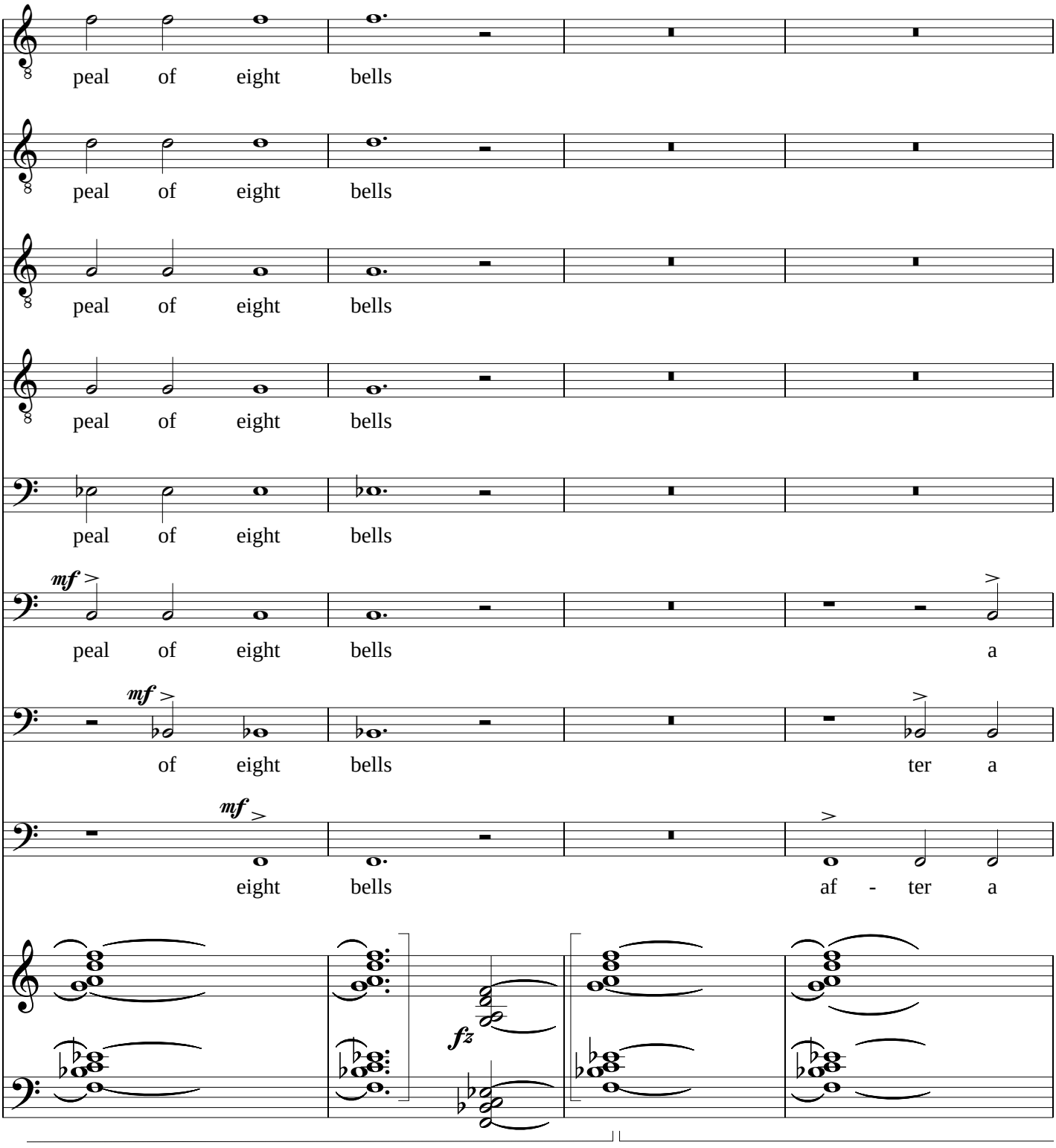
peal of eight bells
peal of eight bells
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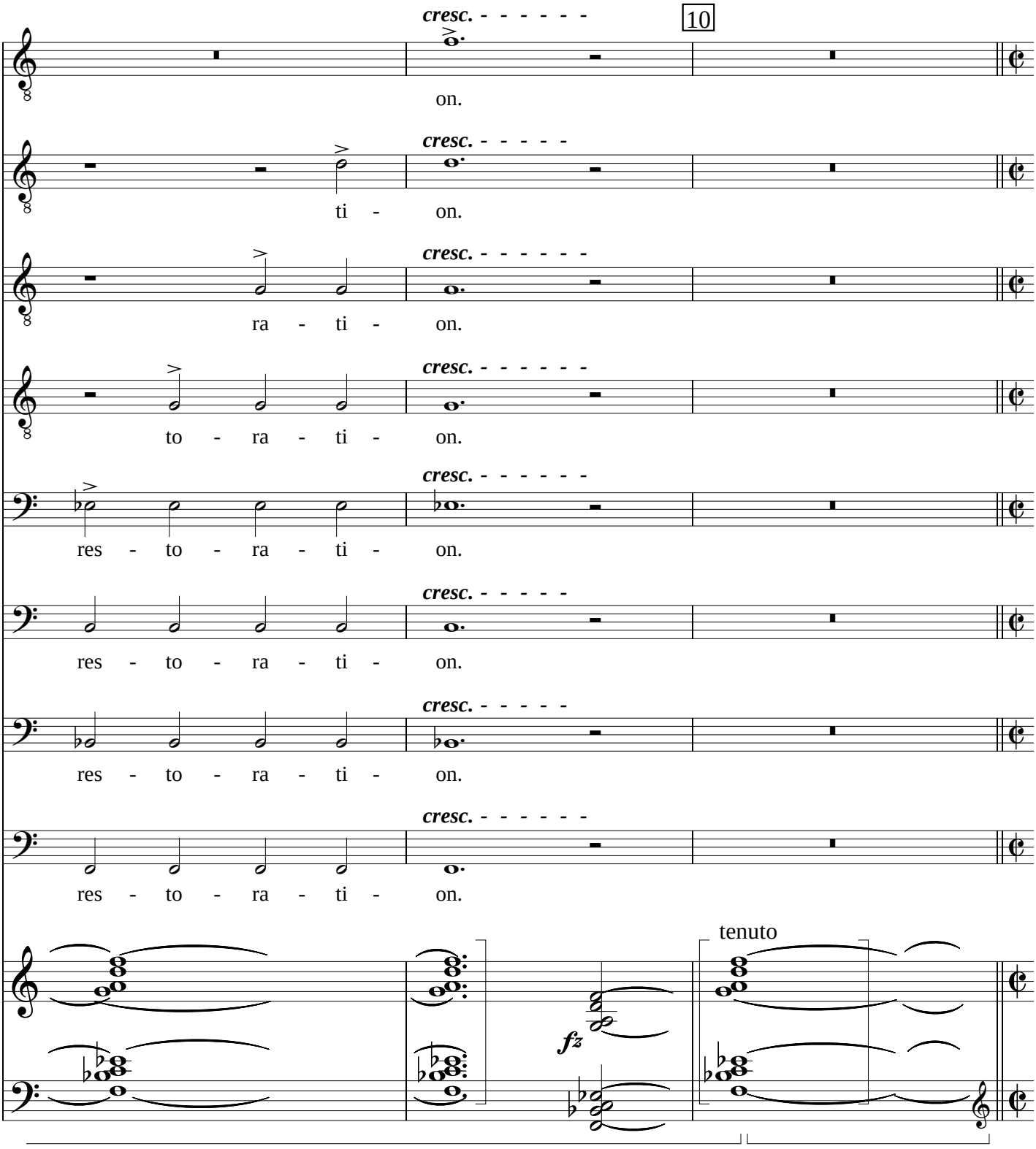
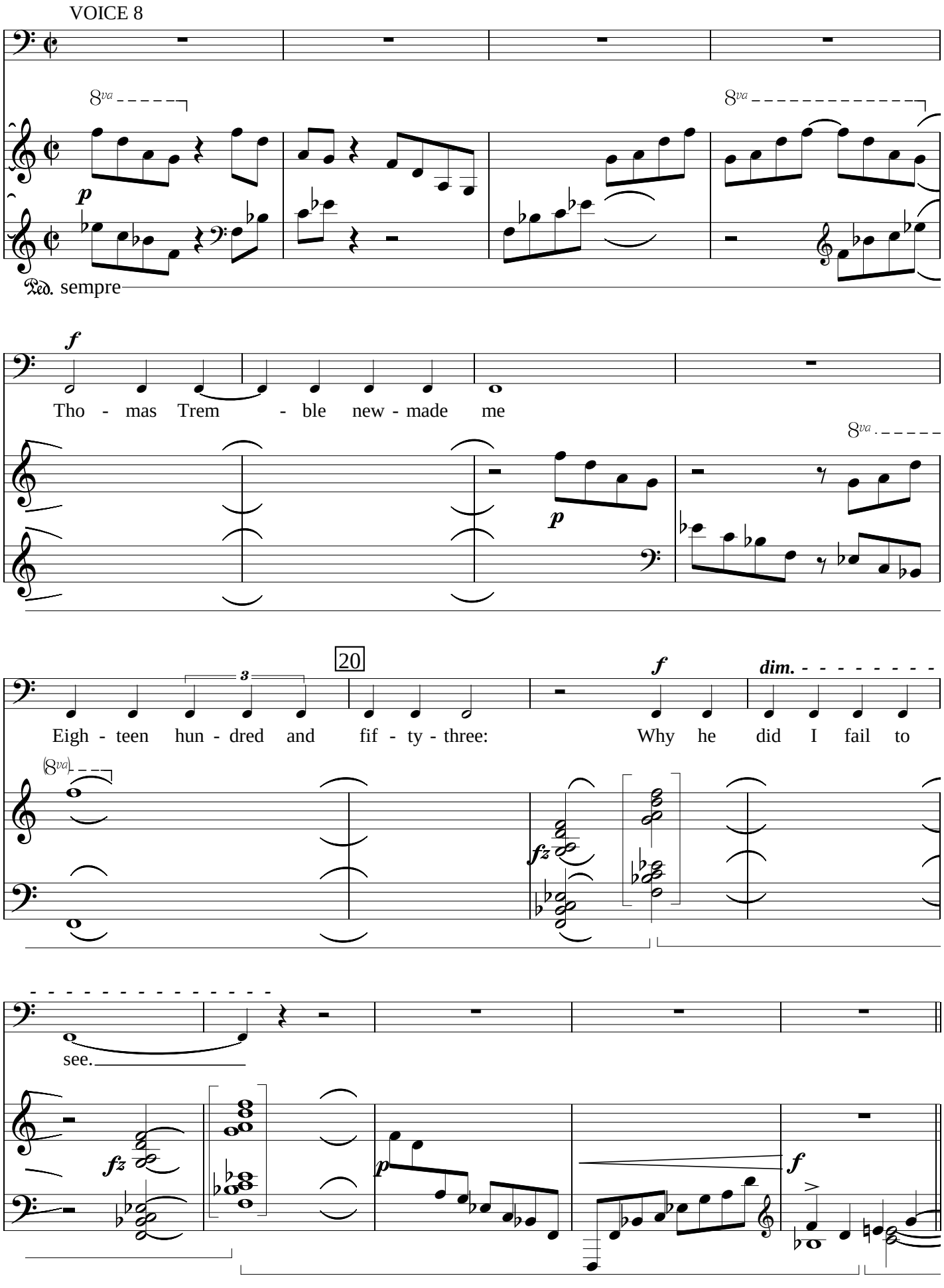
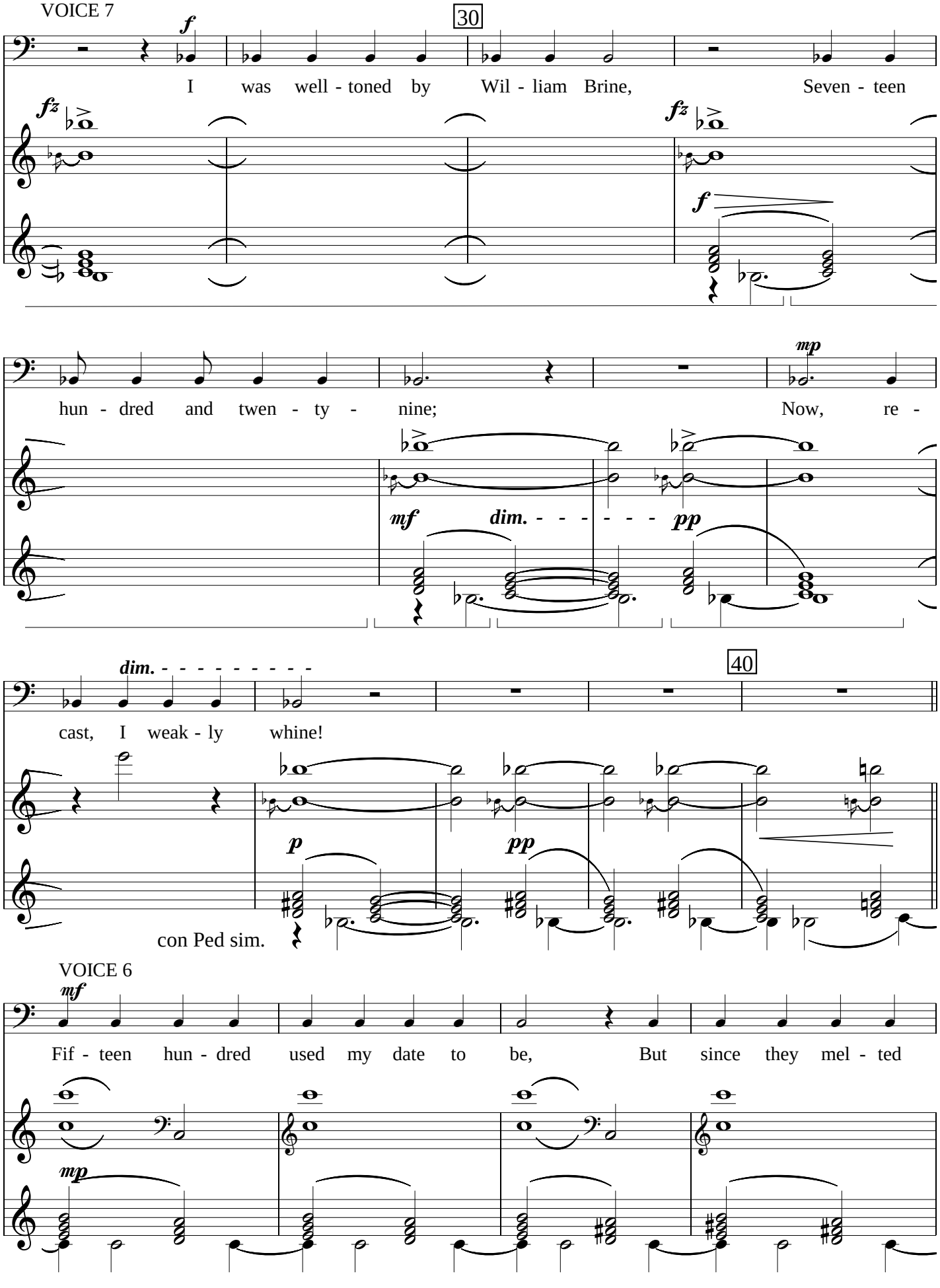
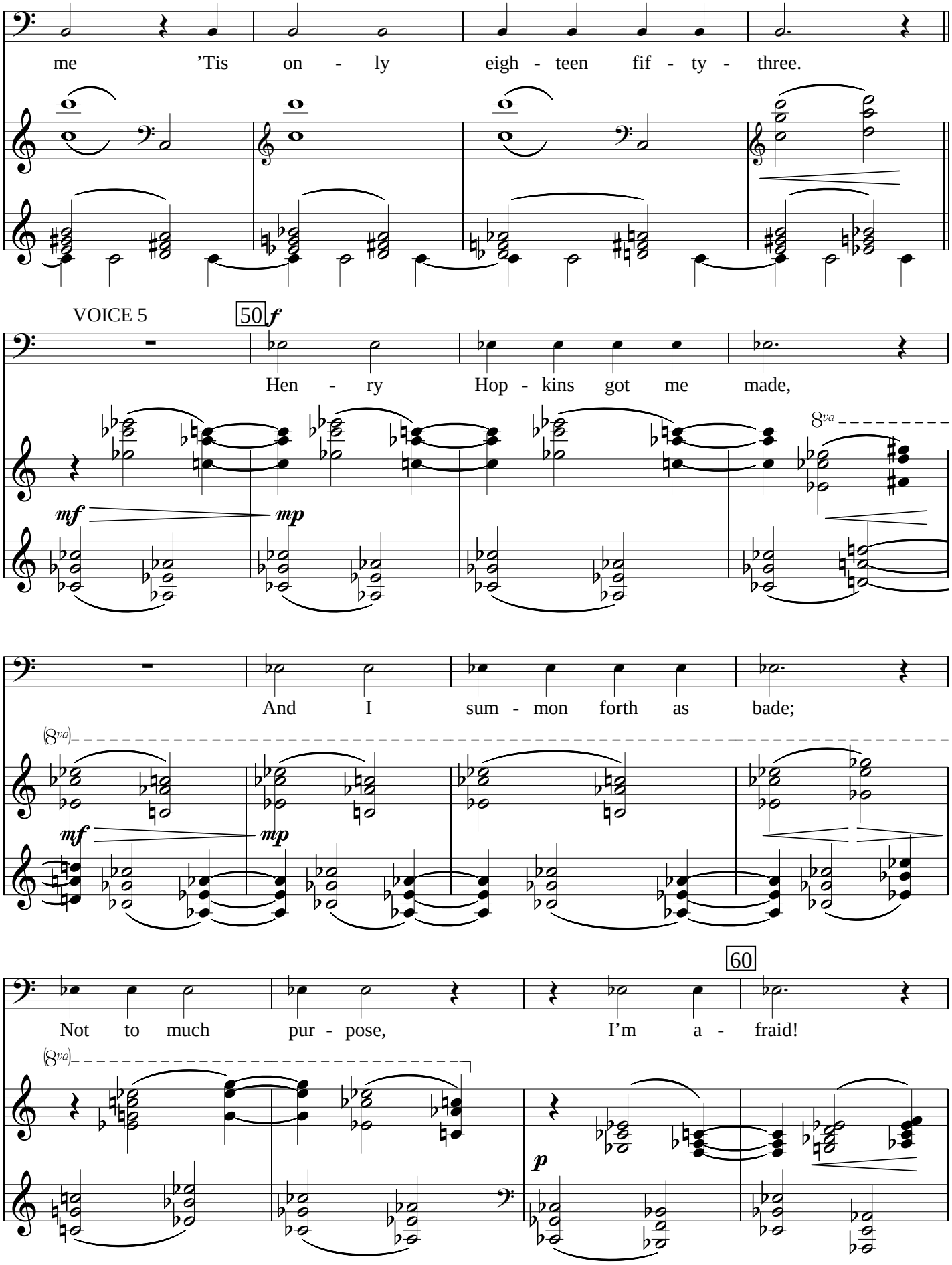
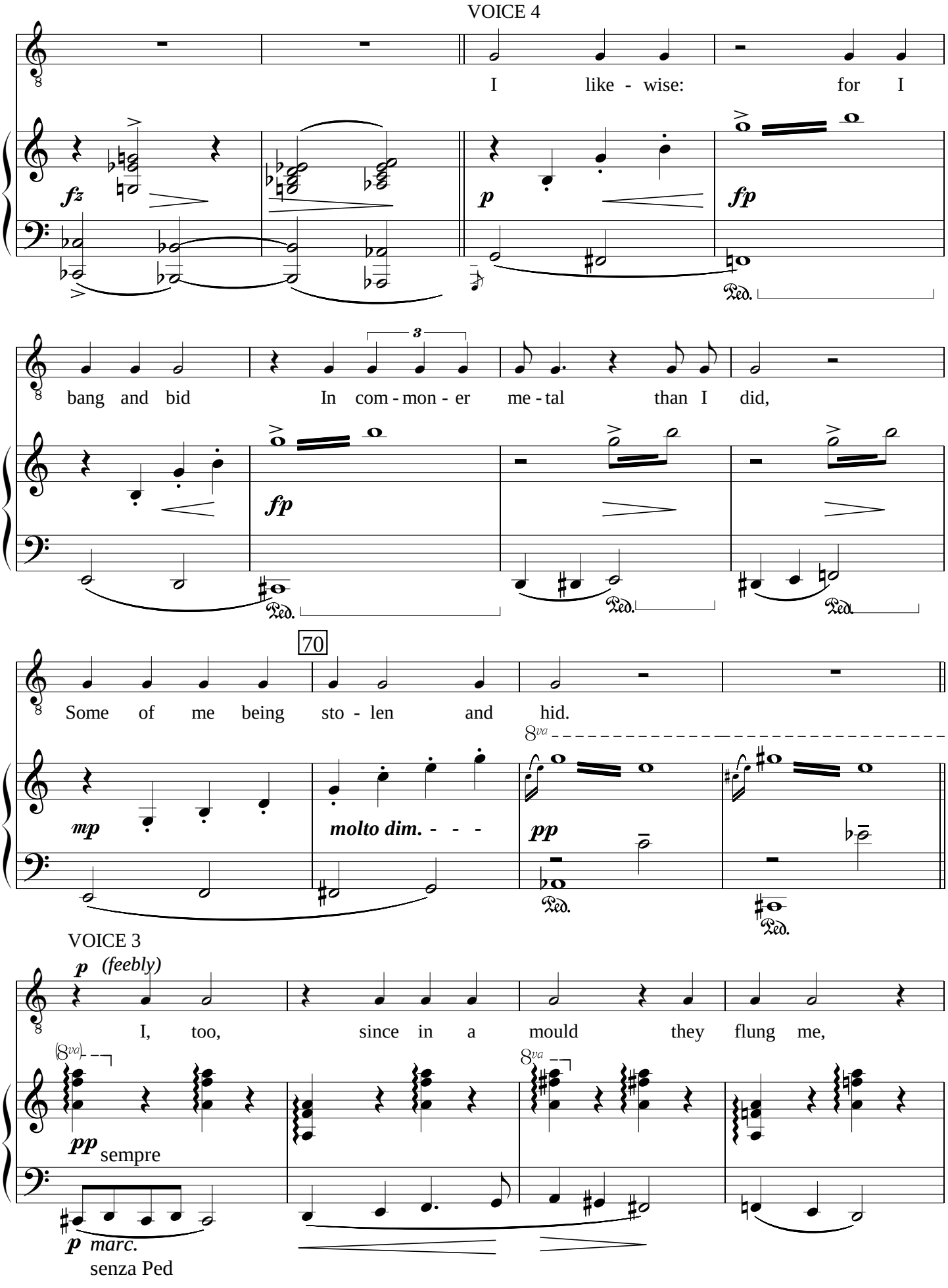
mf
peal of eight bells a
mf
of eight bells ter a
mf
eight bells af - ter a
fz

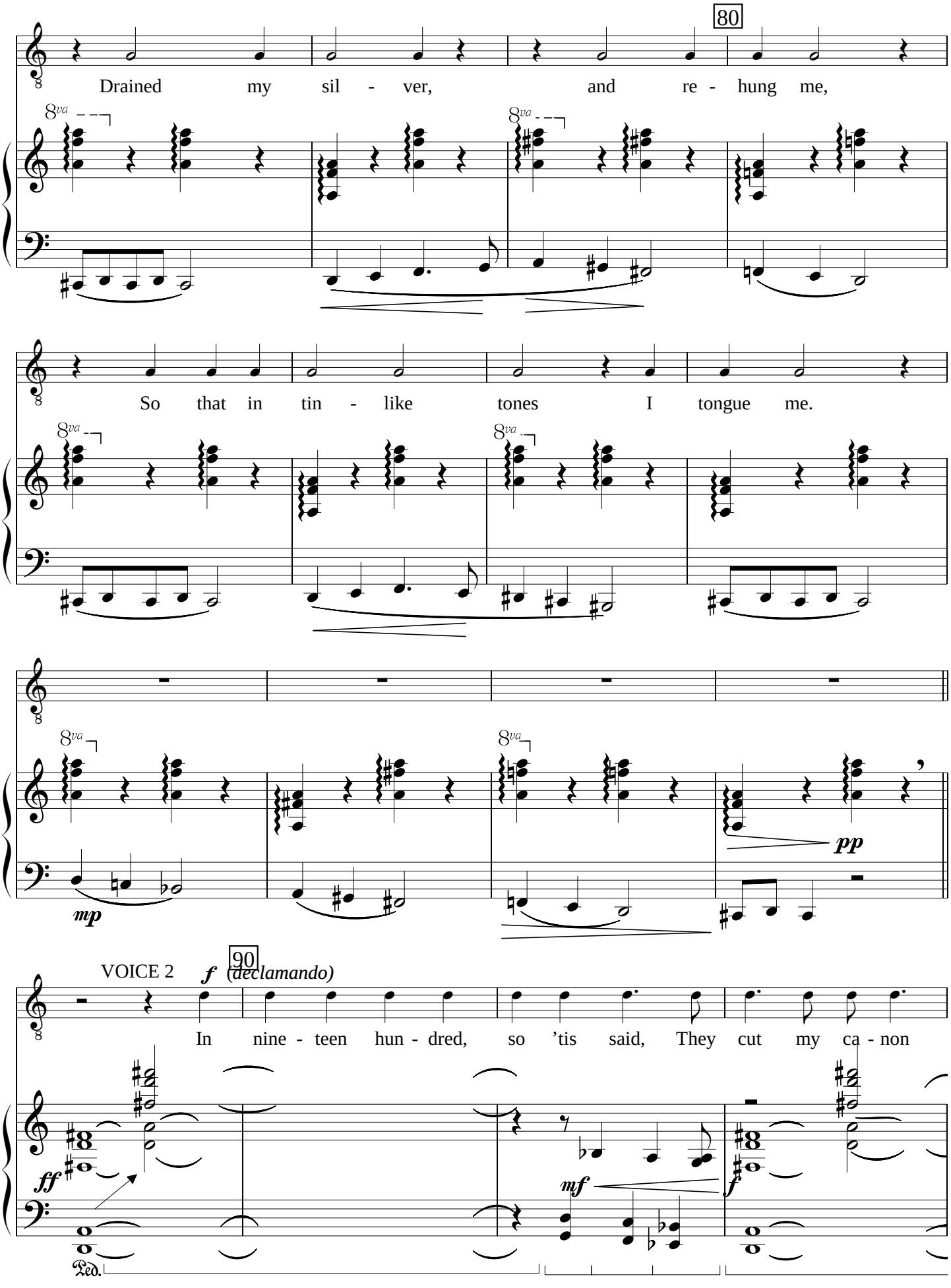

cresc.
10
on.
ti - on.
ra - ti - on.
to - ra - ti - on.
res - to - ra - ti - on.
fz
tenuto

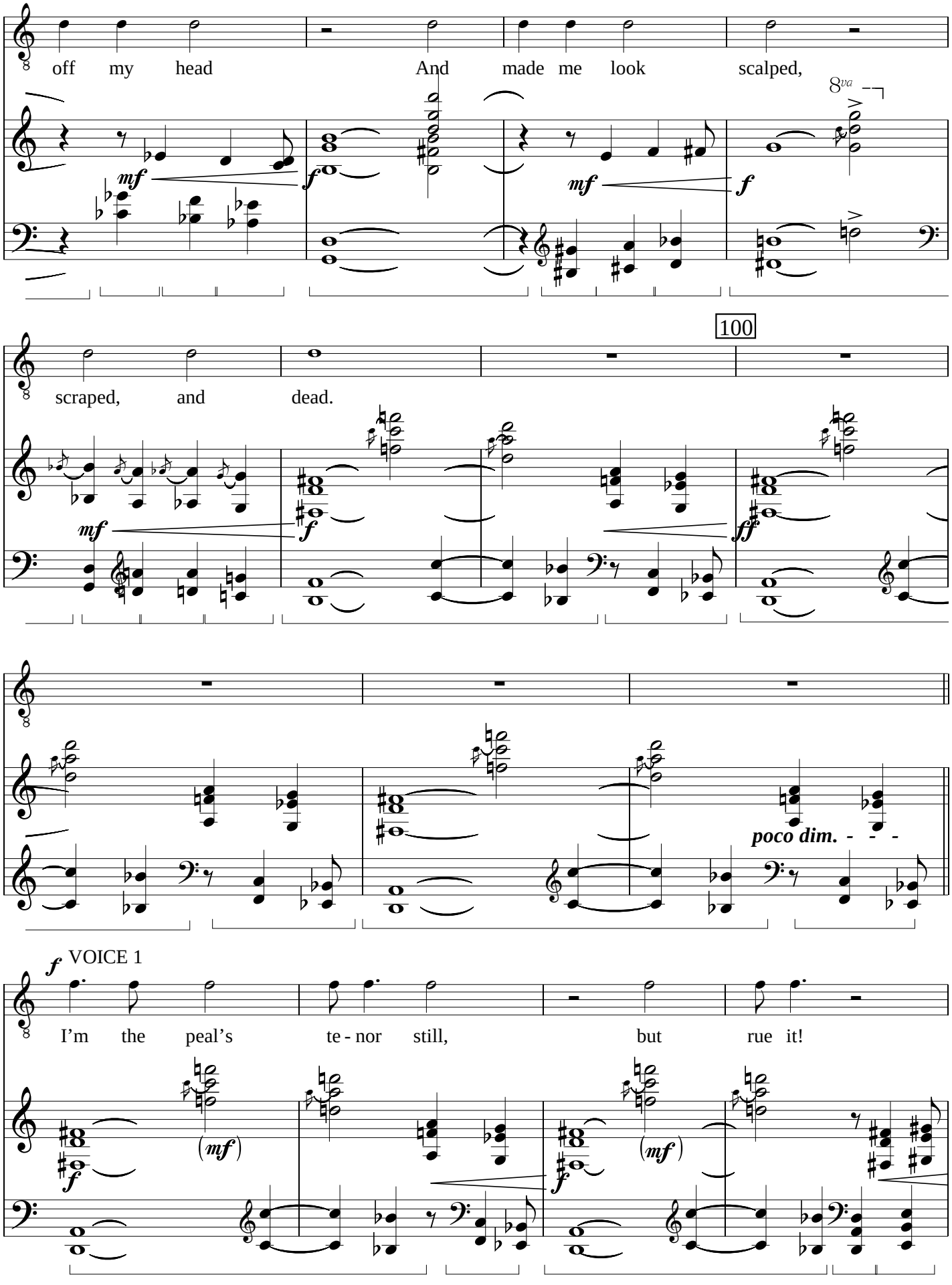

VOICE 8
8va
p
Ped. sempre
f
Tho - mas Trem - ble new - made me
20
Eigh - teen hun - dred and fif - ty - three:
Why he did I fail to
dim.
fz
see.

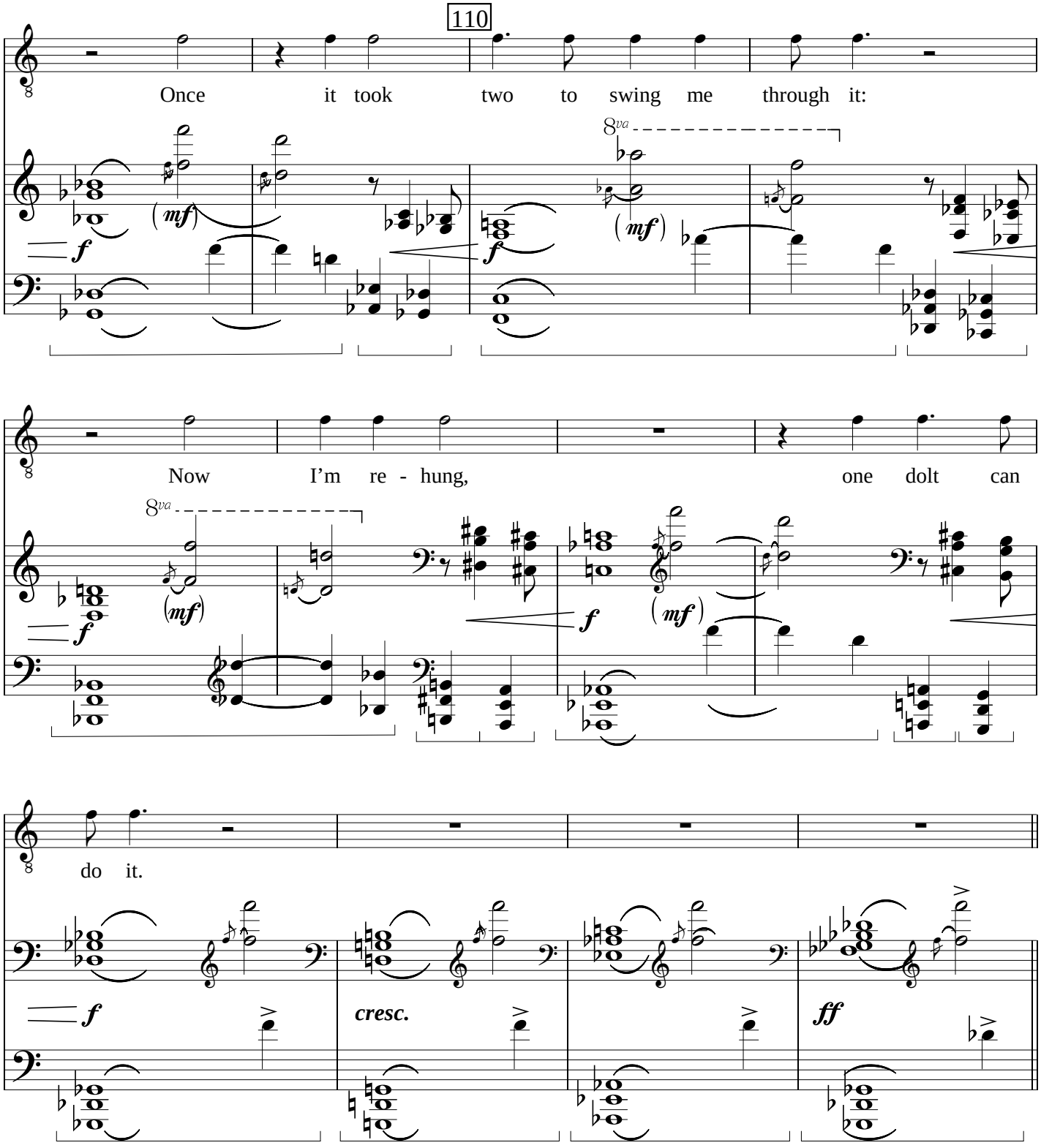

VOICE 7
30
I was well - toned by Wil - liam Brine, Seven - teen
hun - dred and twen - ty - nine; Now, re -
cast, I weak - ly whine!
40
con Ped sim.
VOICE 6
Fif - teen hun - dred used my date to be, But since they mel - ted

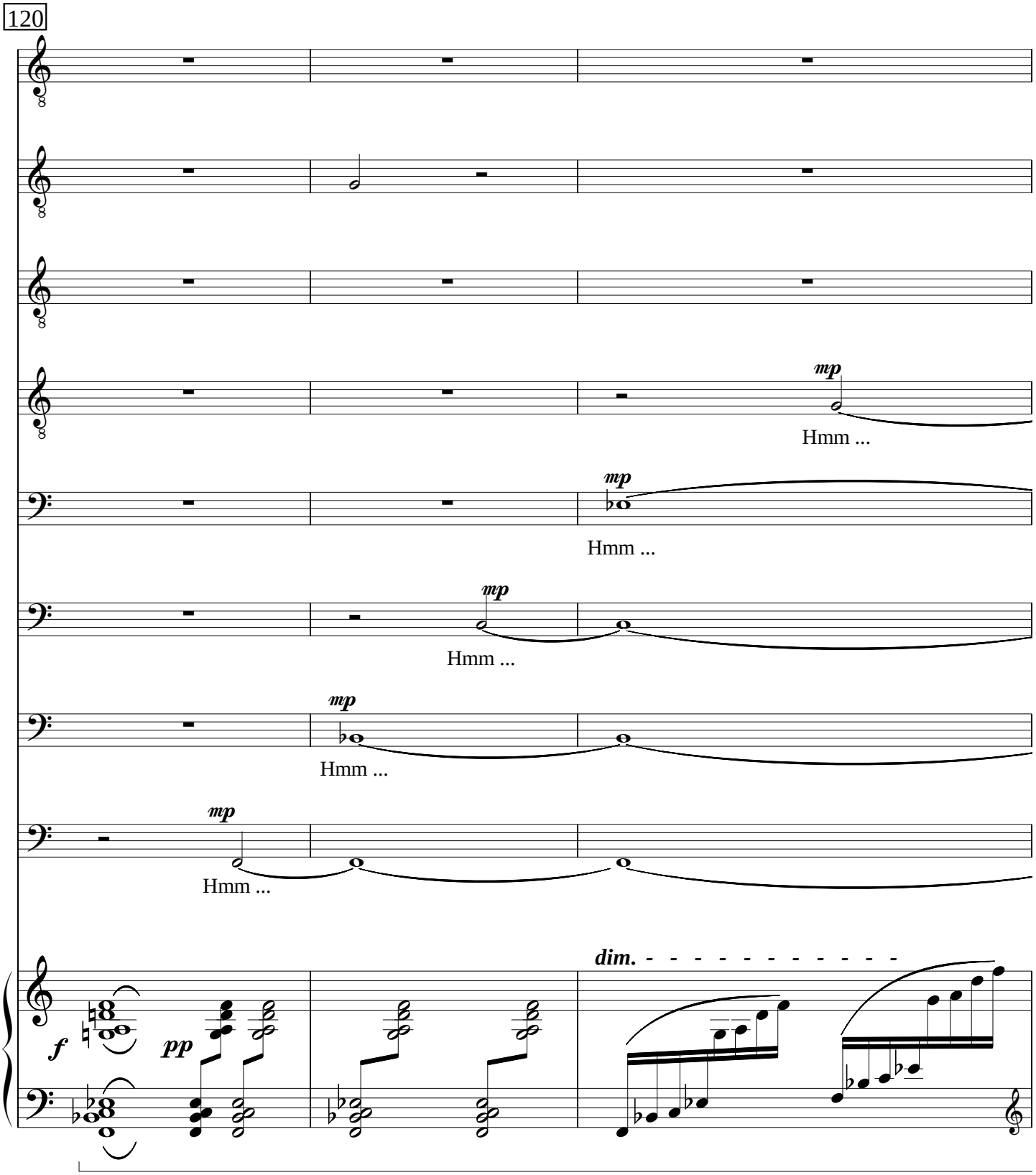

me 'Tis on - ly eigh - teen fif - ty - three.
VOICE 5
50
f
Hen - ry Hop - kins got me made,
8va
mf
mp
And I sum - mon forth as bade;
(8va)
mf
mp
60
Not to much pur - pose, I'm a - fraid!
(8va)
p

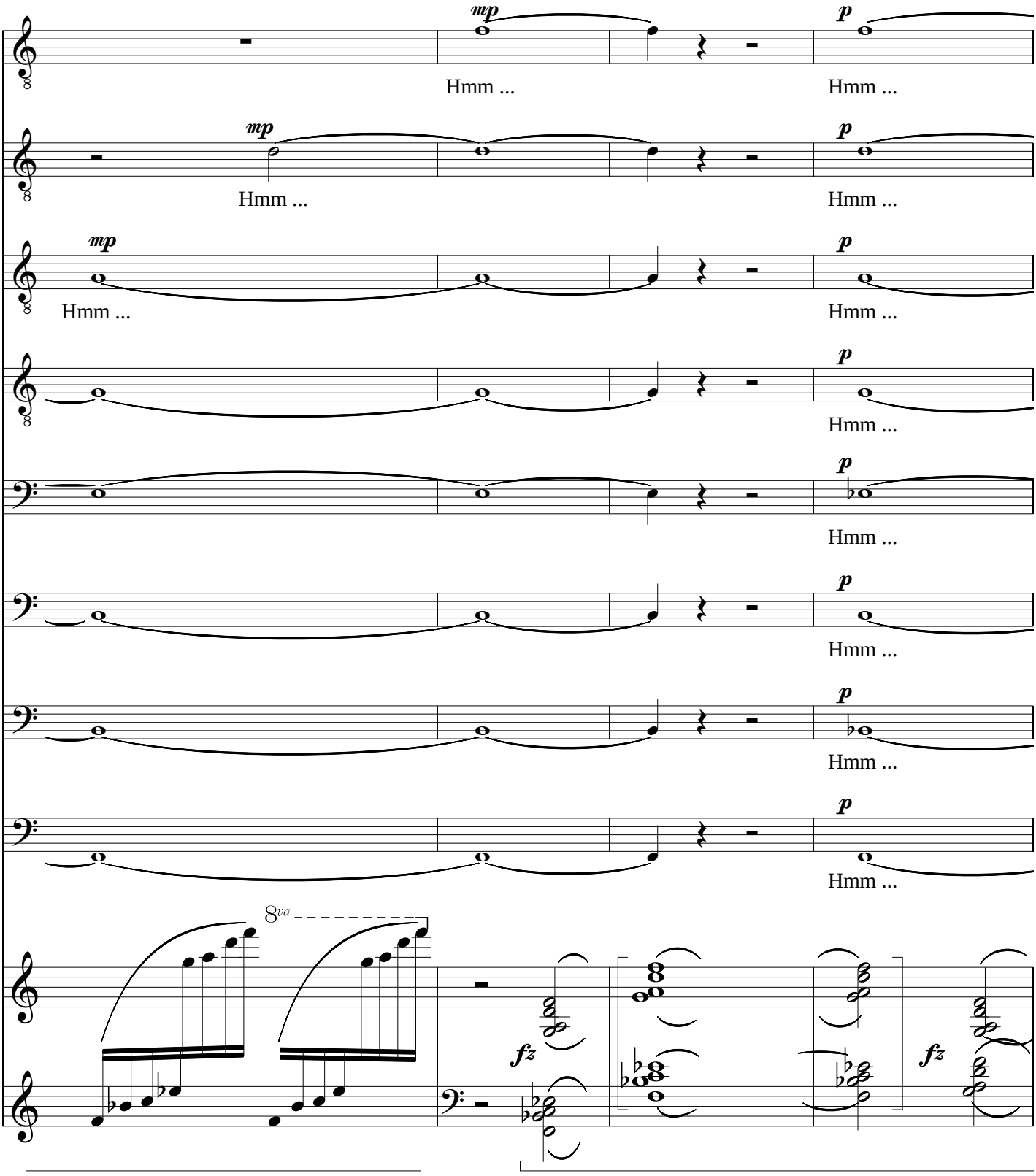

VOICE 4
I like - wise: for I
fz
p
fp
Ped.
bang and bid In com - mon - er me - tal than I did,
3
fp
Ped.
70
Some of me being sto - len and hid.
mp
molto dim. - - -
8va
pp
Ped.
VOICE 3
p (feebly)
I, too, since in a mould they flung me,
8va
8va
pp sempre
p marc.
senza Ped


80
Drained my sil - ver, and re - hung me,
8va
So that in tin - like tones I tongue me.
mp
pp
90
VOICE 2
f (declamando)
In nine - teen hun - dred, so 'tis said, They cut my ca - non
ff
mf
f
Ped.


off my head And made me look scalped,
8va
100
scraped, and dead.
poco dim. - - -
f VOICE 1
I'm the peal's te - nor still, but rue it!


110
Once it took two to swing me through it:
Now I'm re - hung, one dolt can
do it.
8va
(mf)
f
cresc.
ff


120
mp
Hmm ...
mp
Hmm ...
mp
Hmm ...
mp
Hmm ...
mp
Hmm ...
f
pp
dim.


mp
Hmm ...
p
Hmm ...
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Hmm ...
p
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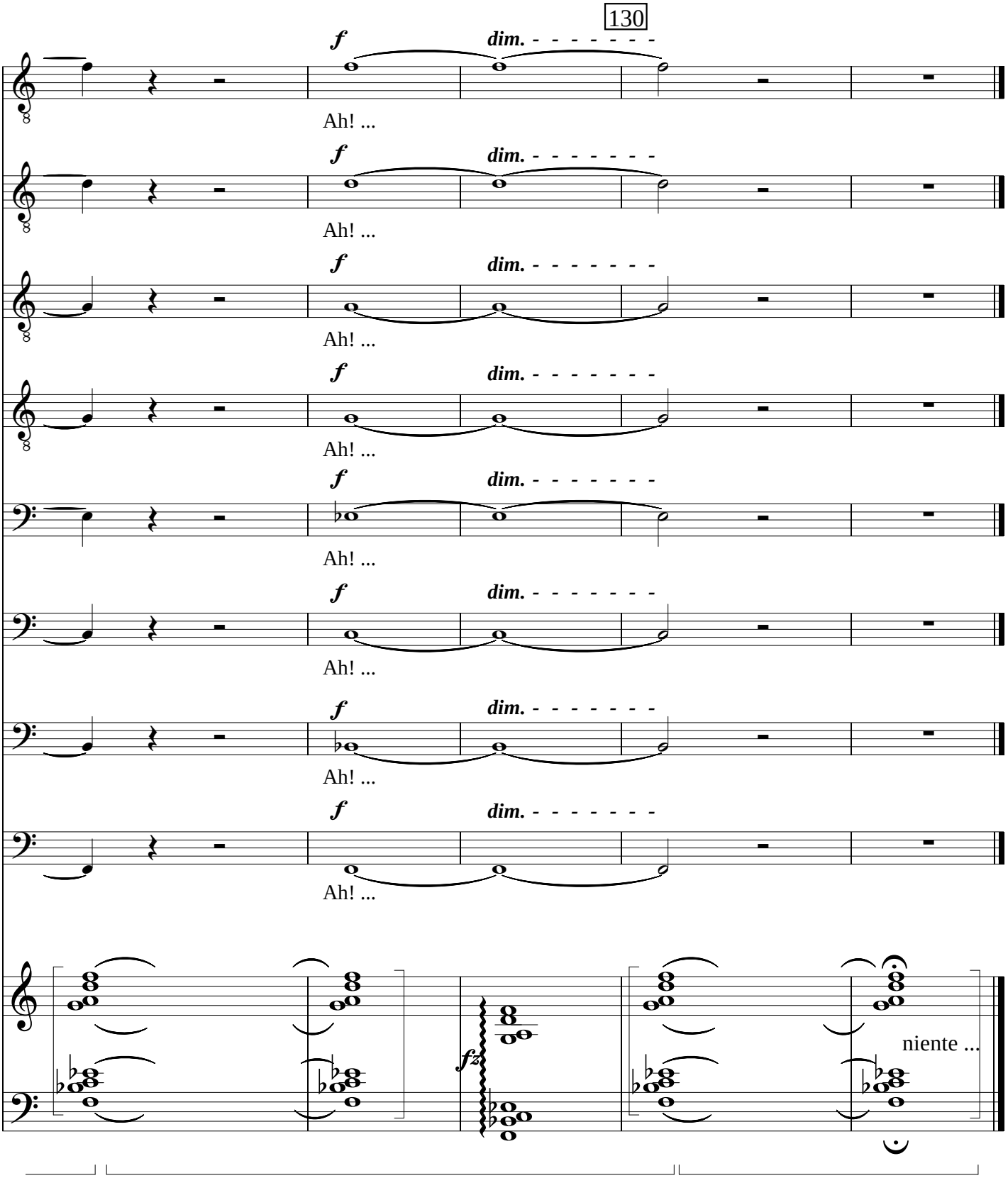
p
Hmm ...
p
Hmm ...
8va
fz
fz


130
f
dim.
Ah! ...
fz
niente ...