The Glamorous Life

Music and Lyrics by
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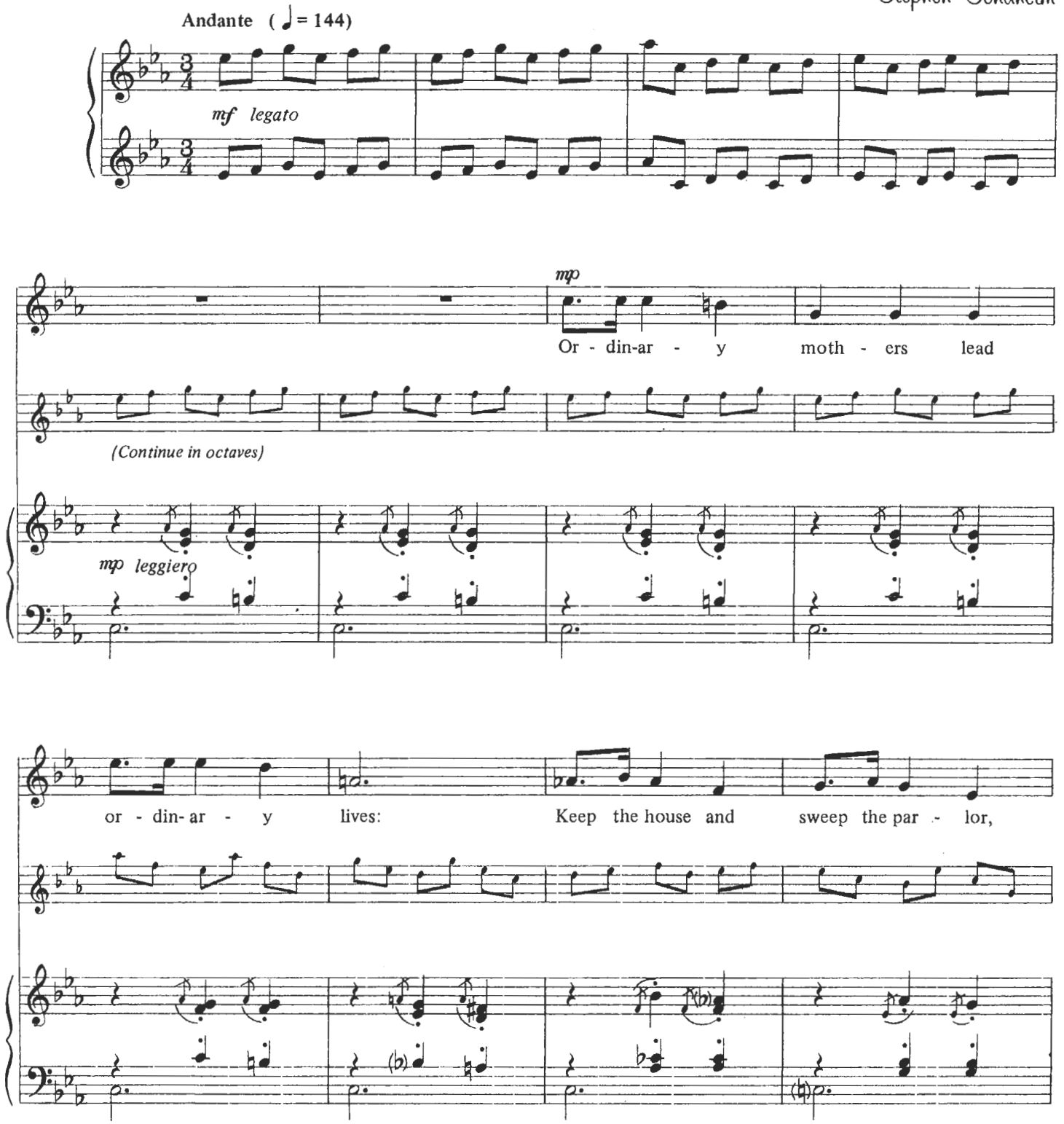
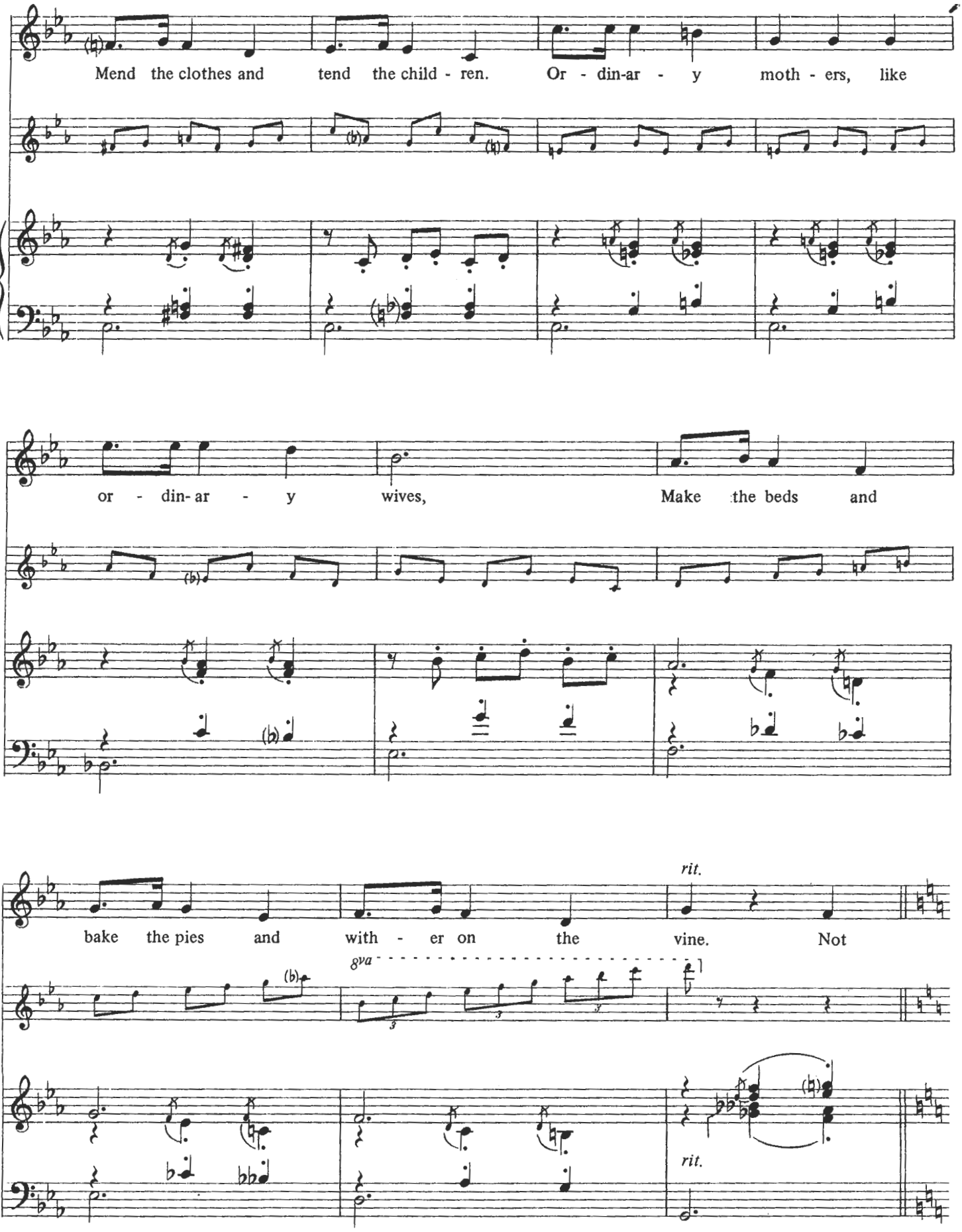
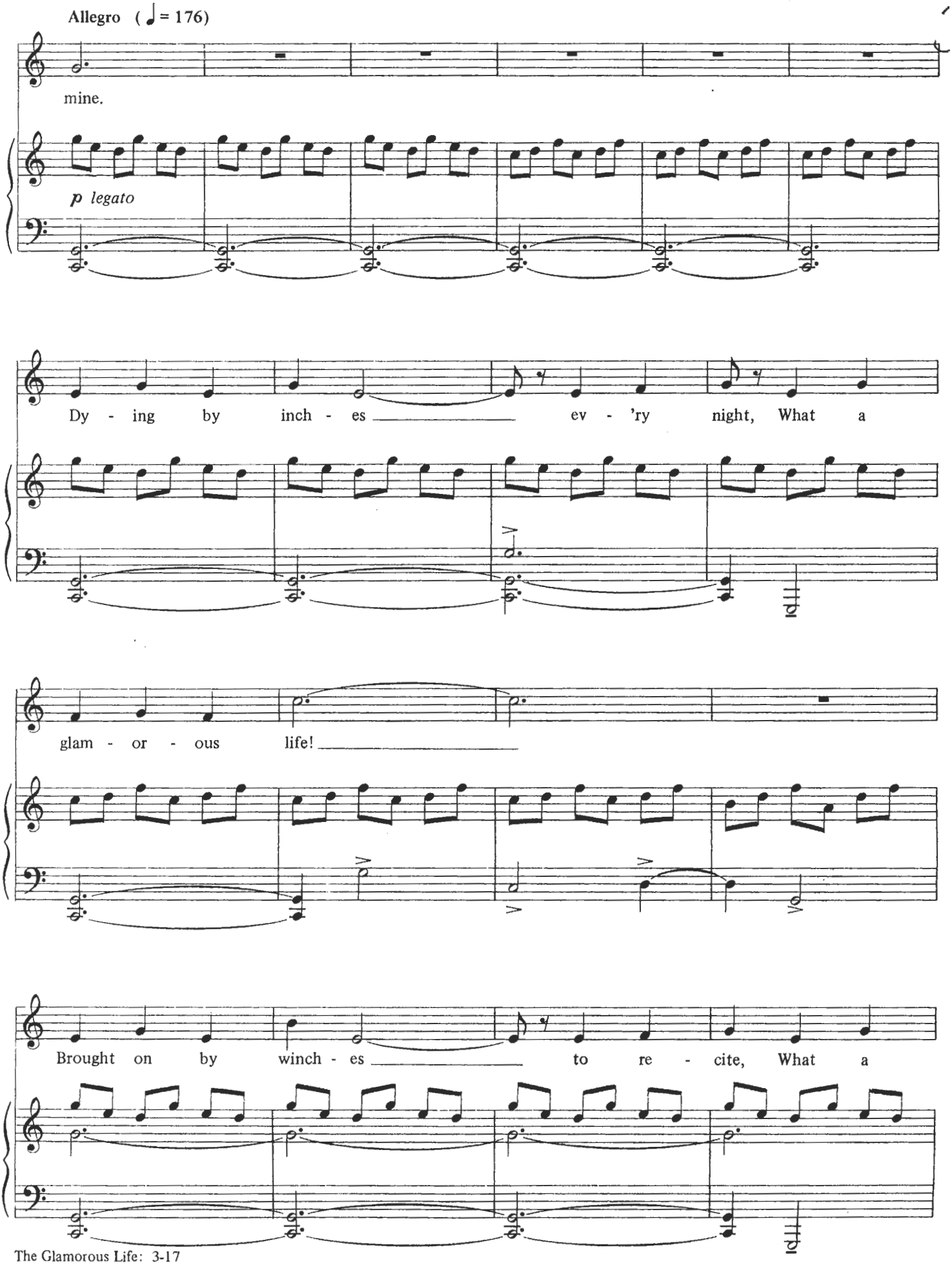
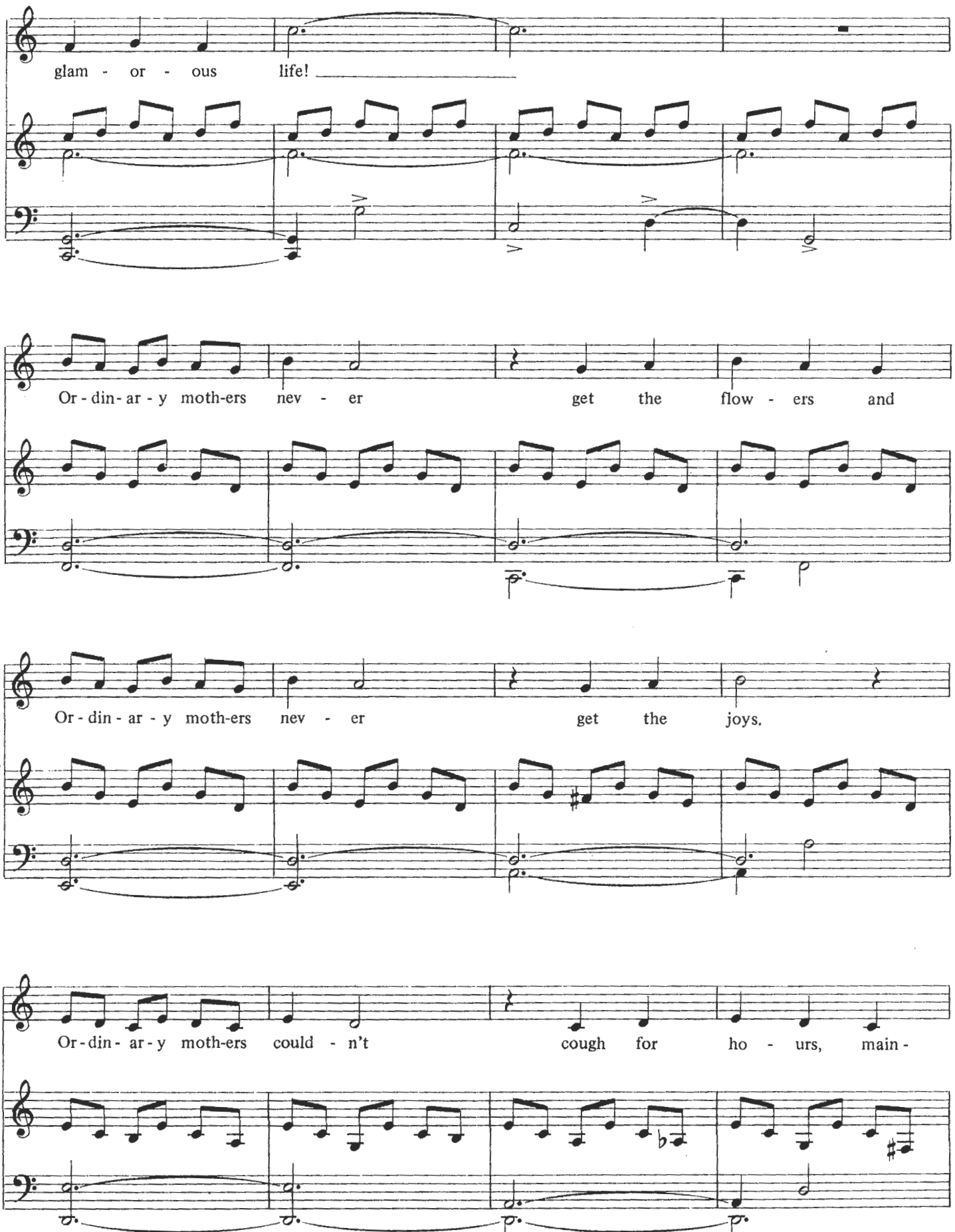
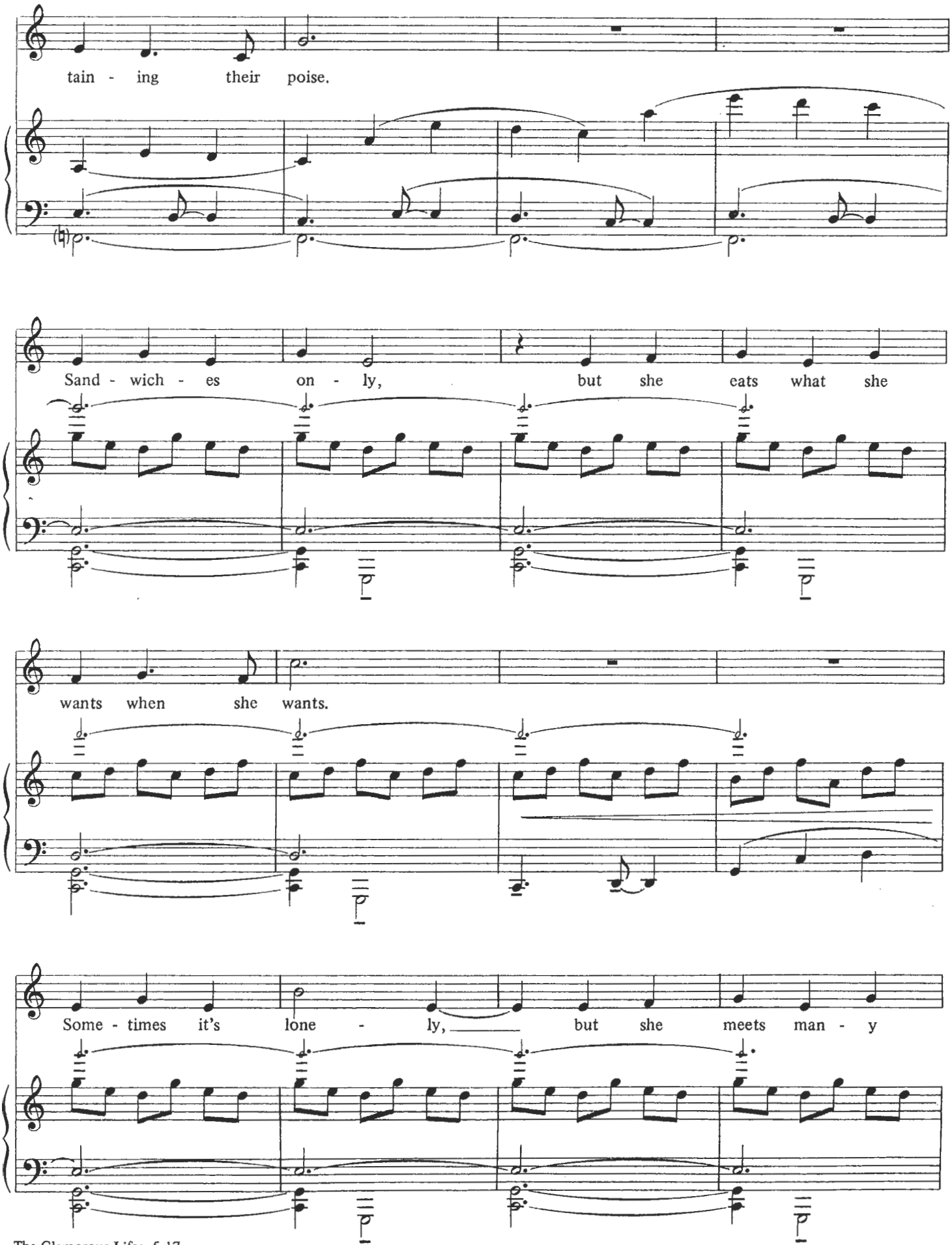
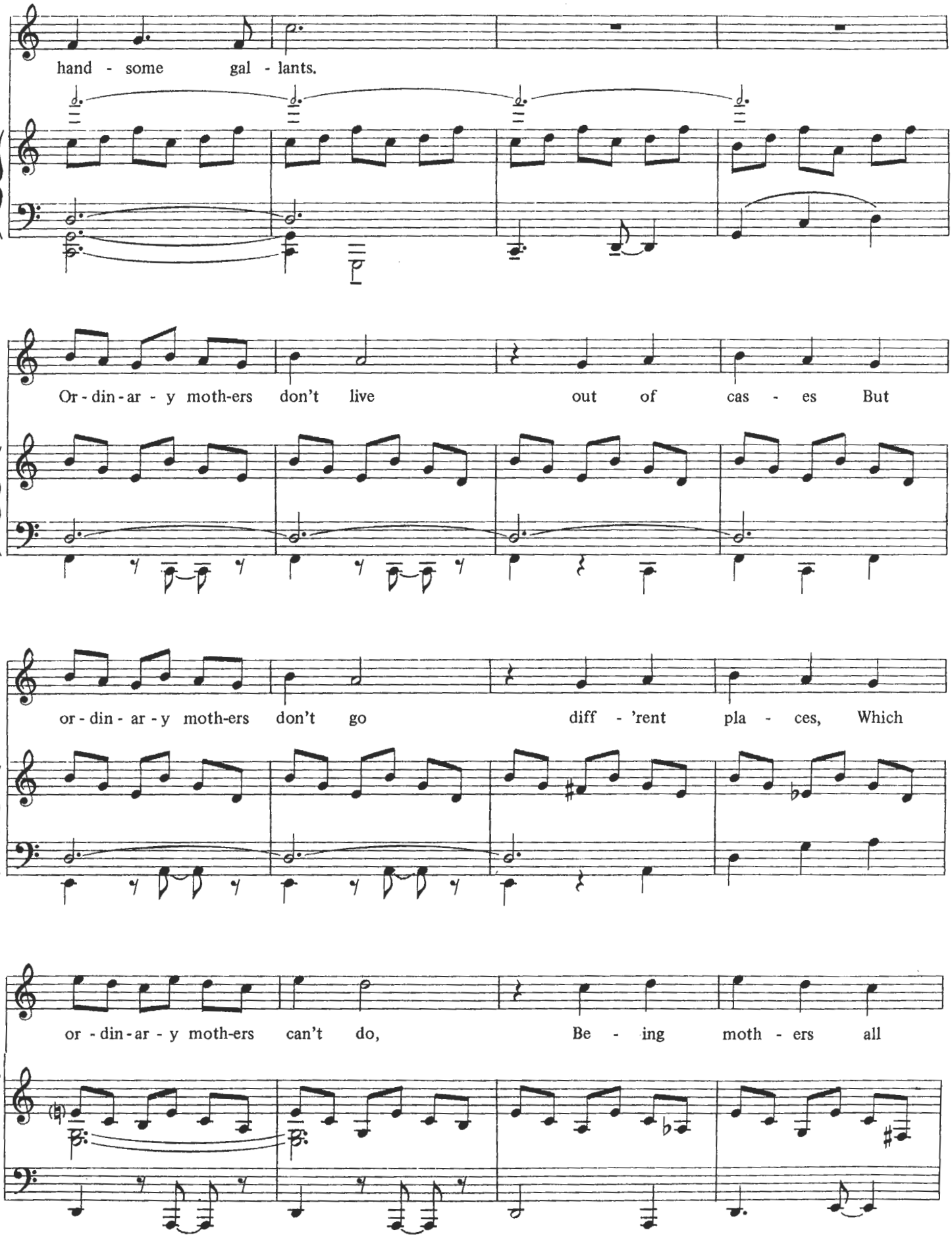


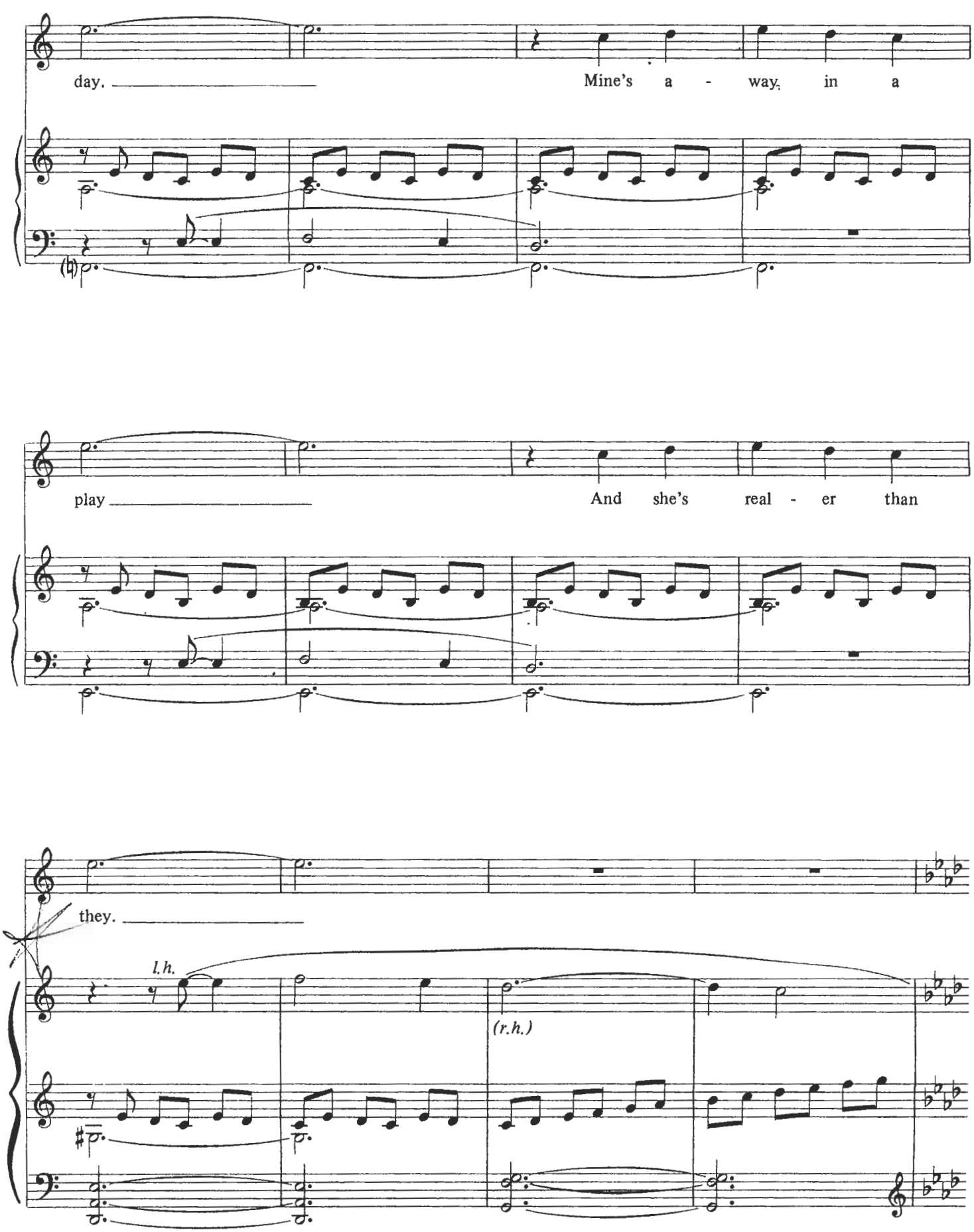

Mend the clothes and tend the child - ren. Or - din-ar - y moth - ers, like
or - din- ar - y wives, Make the beds and
bake the pies and with - er on the vine. Not
rit.
8va
rit.

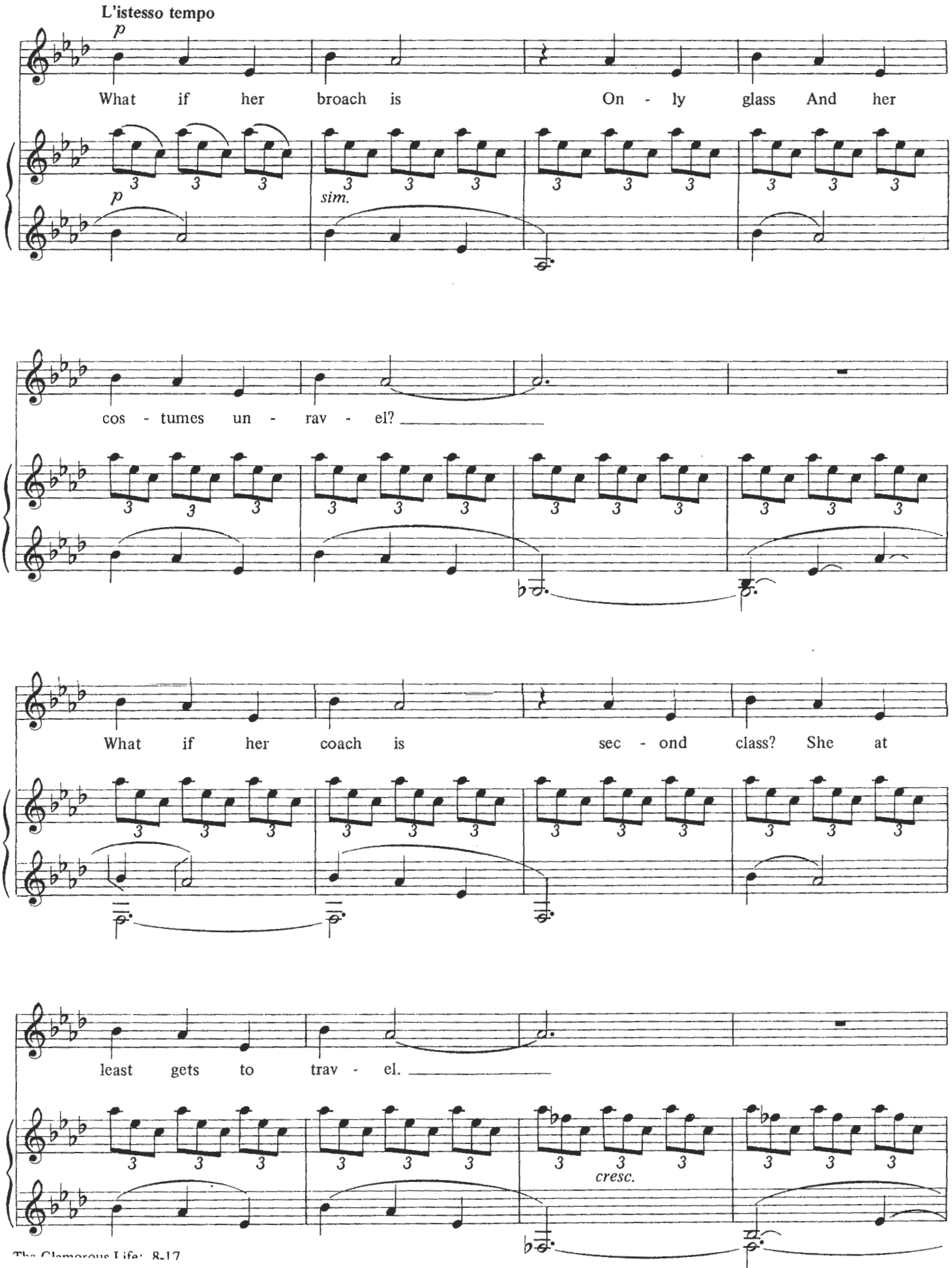

Allegro (♩ = 176)
mine.
p legato
Dy - ing by inch - es ev - 'ry night, What a
glam - or - ous life!
Brought on by winch - es to re - cite, What a

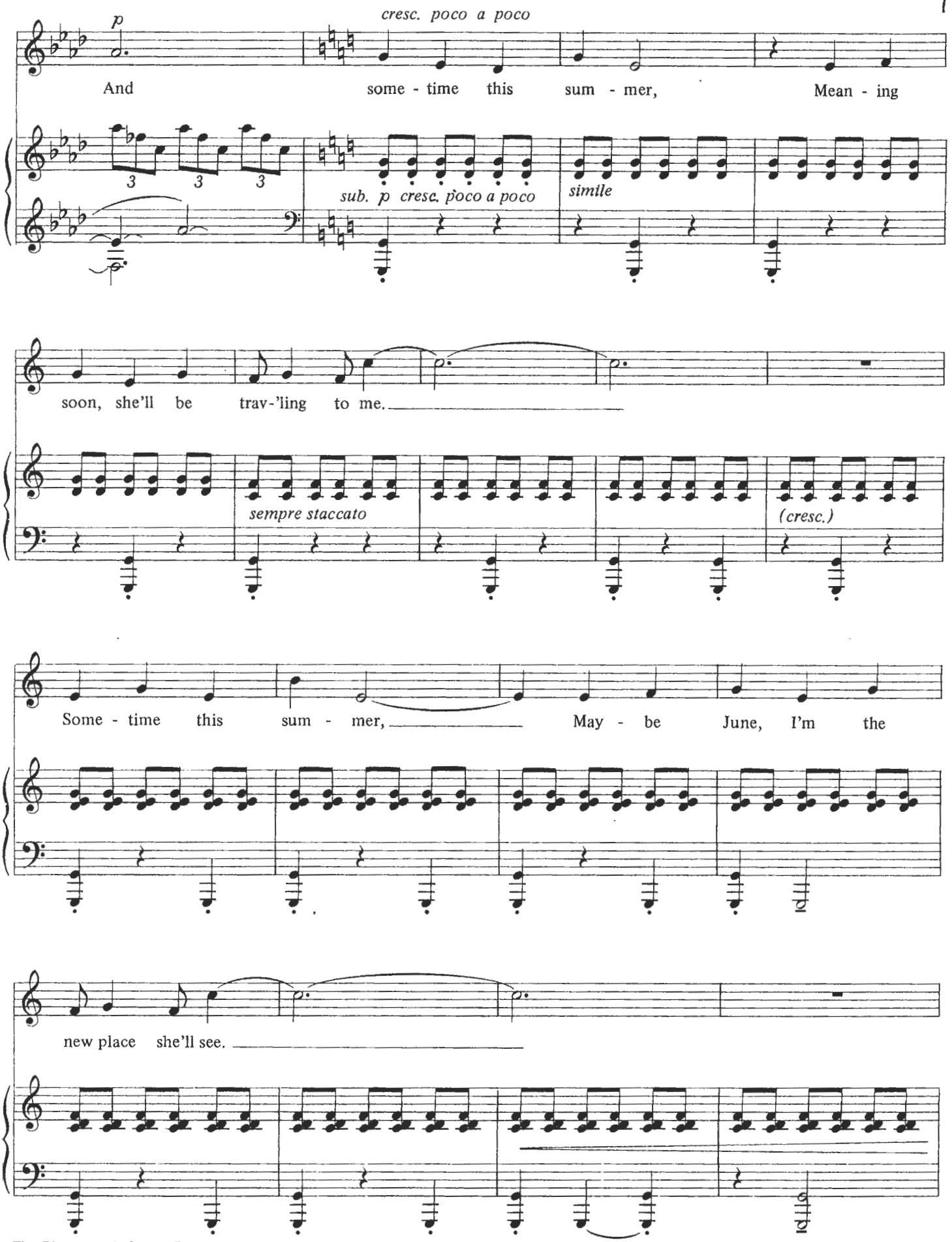

glam - or - ous life!
Or - din - ar - y moth-ers nev - er get the flow - ers and
Or - din - ar - y moth-ers nev - er get the joys.
Or - din - ar - y moth-ers could - n't cough for ho - urs, main -

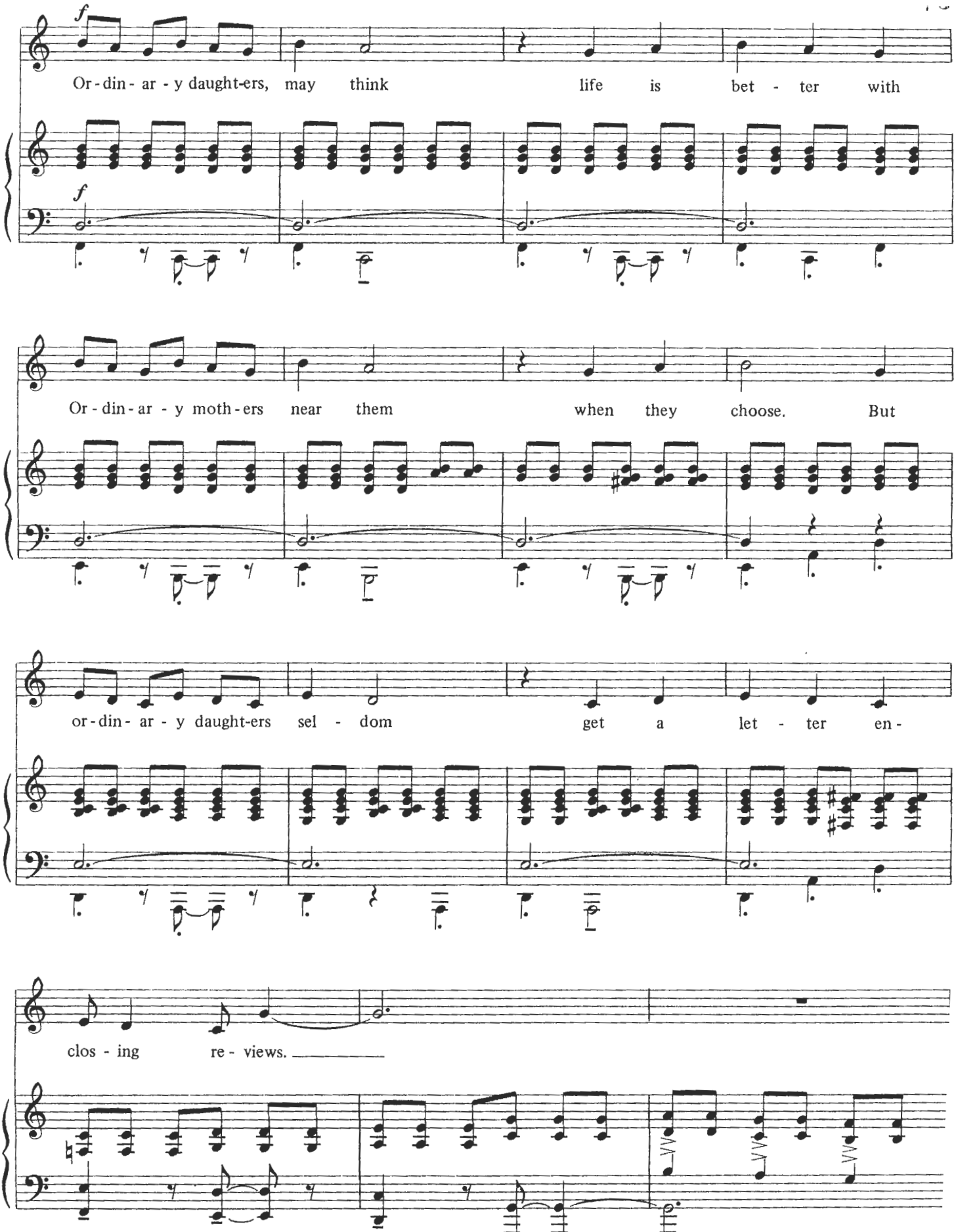

tain - ing their poise.
Sand - wich - es on - ly, but she eats what she
wants when she wants.
Some - times it's lone - ly, but she meets man - y

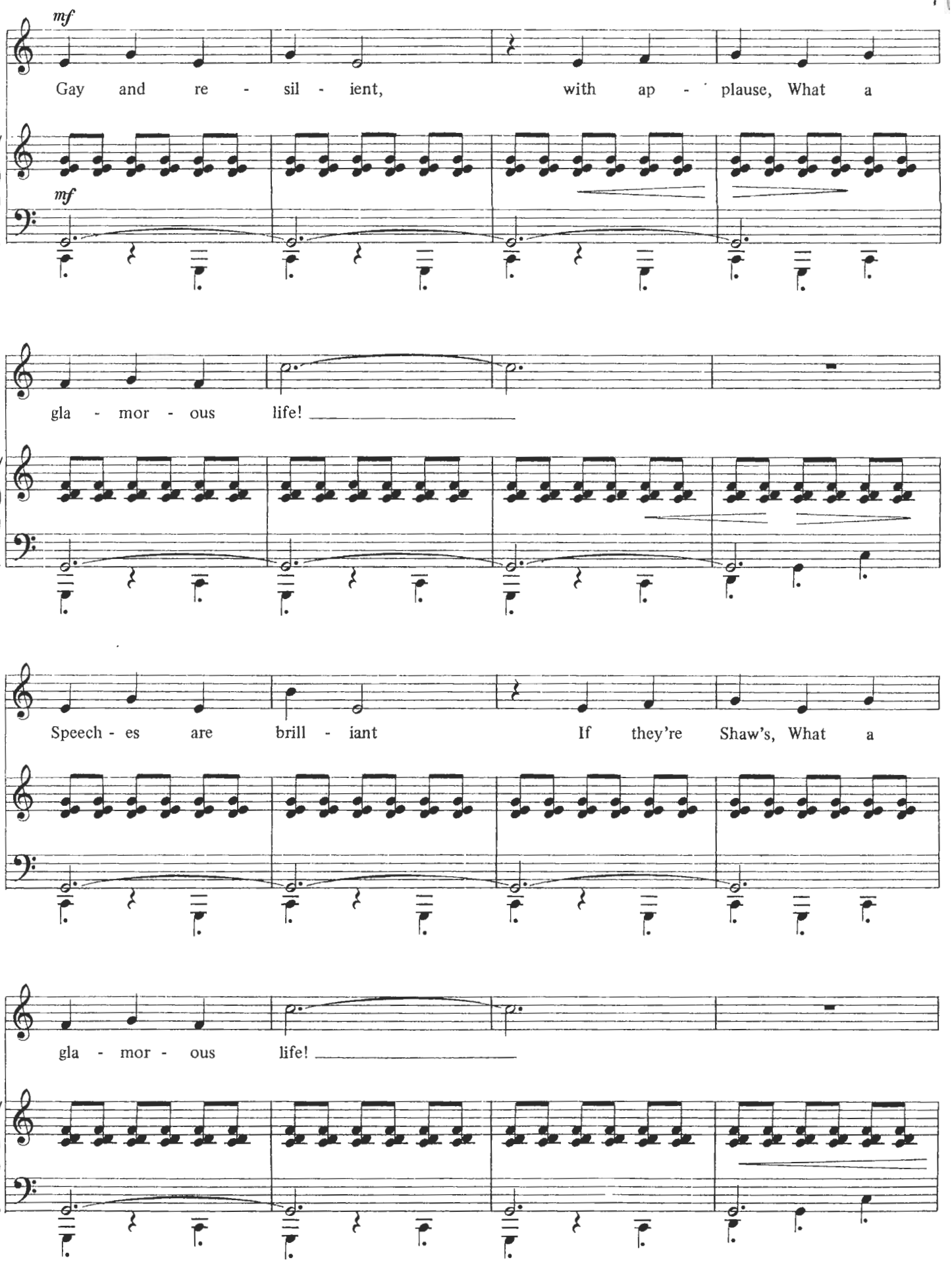

hand - some gal - lants.
Or - din - ar - y moth-ers don't live out of cas - es But
or - din - ar - y moth-ers don't go diff - 'rent pla - ces, Which
or - din - ar - y moth-ers can't do, Be - ing moth - ers all

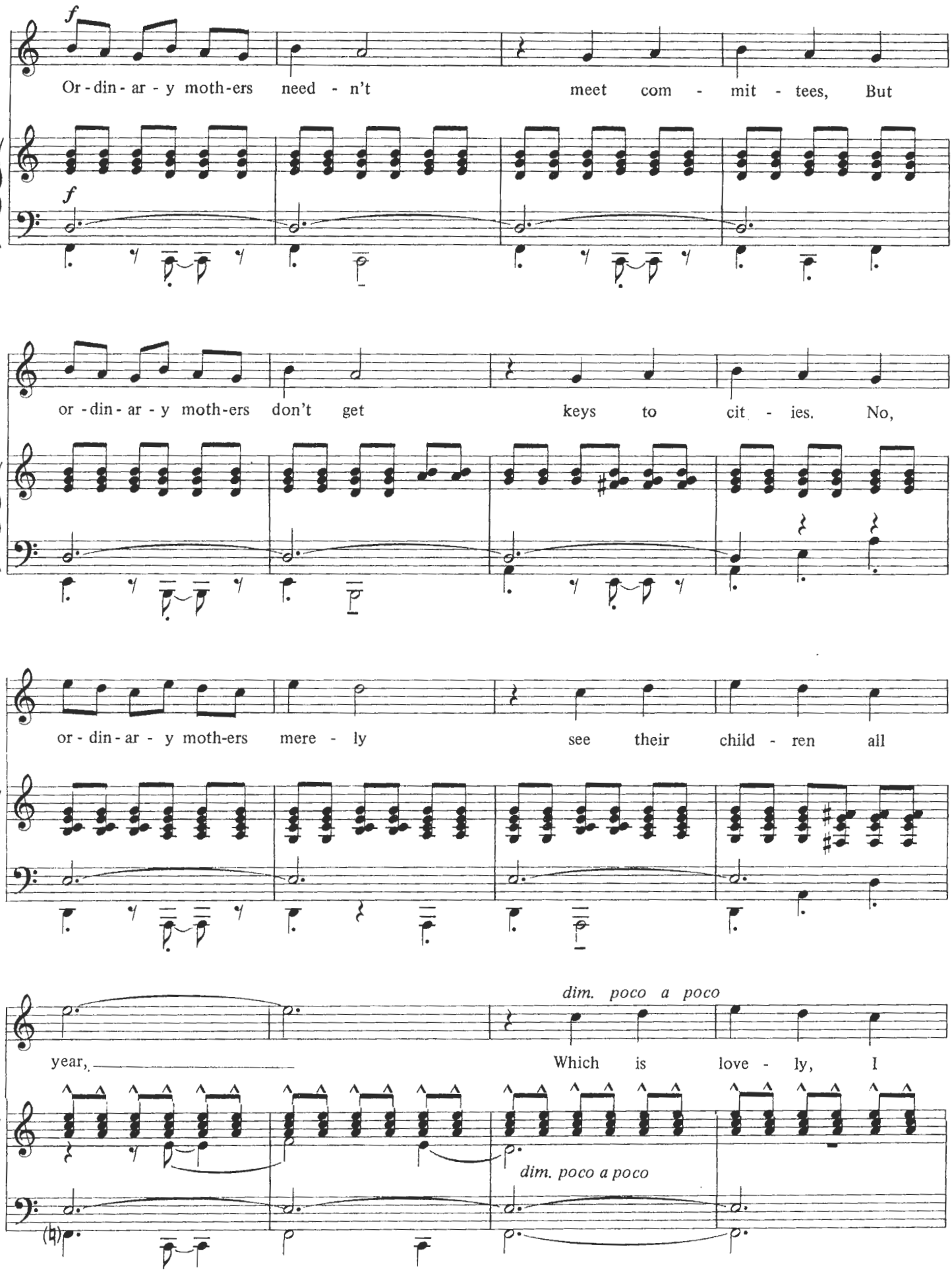

day.
Mine's a - way, in a
play
And she's real - er than
they.
l.h.
(r.h.)

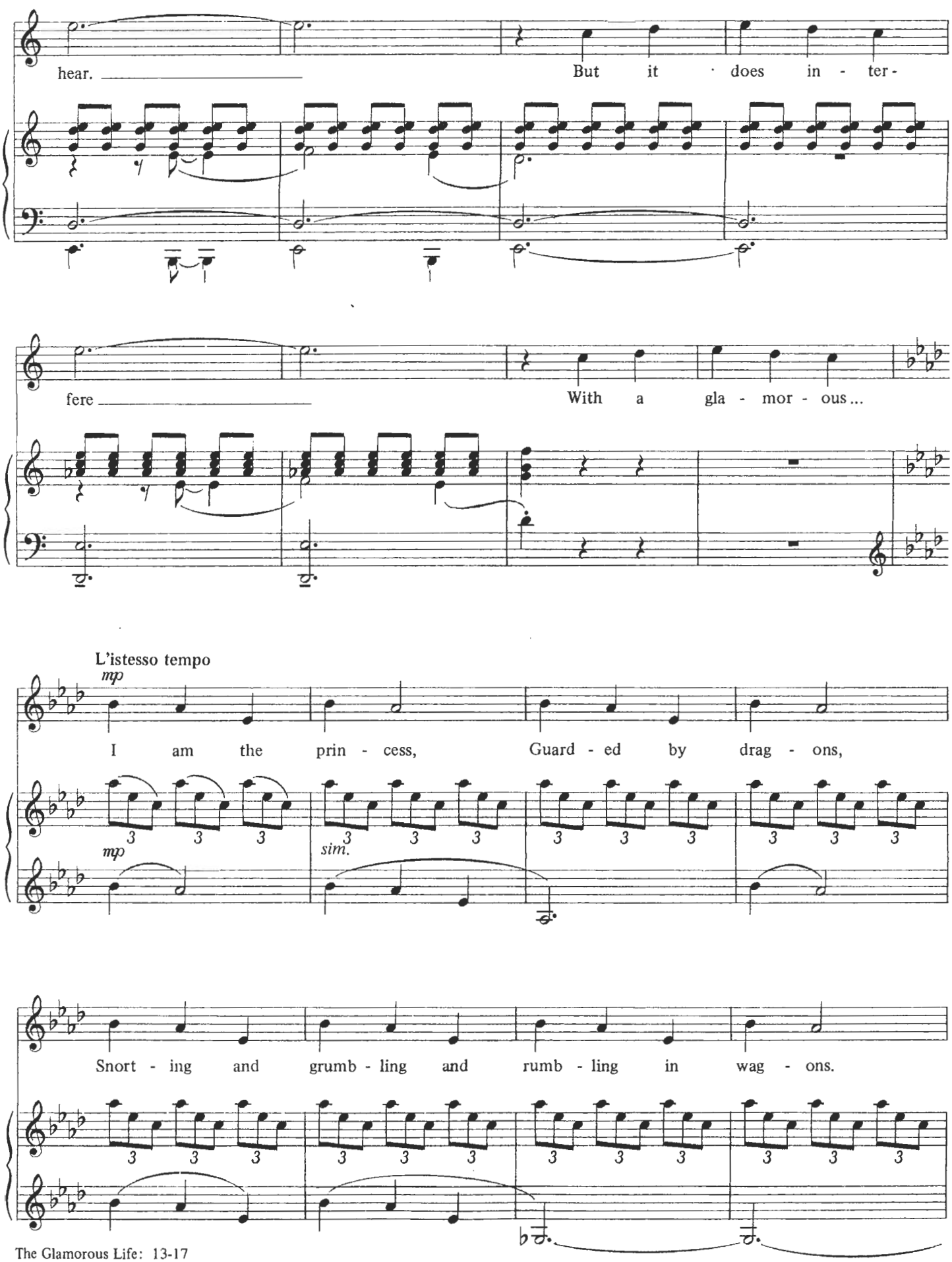

L'istesso tempo
p
What if her broach is On - ly glass And her
p
sim.
cos - tumes un - rav - el?
What if her coach is sec - ond class? She at
least gets to trav - el.
cresc.

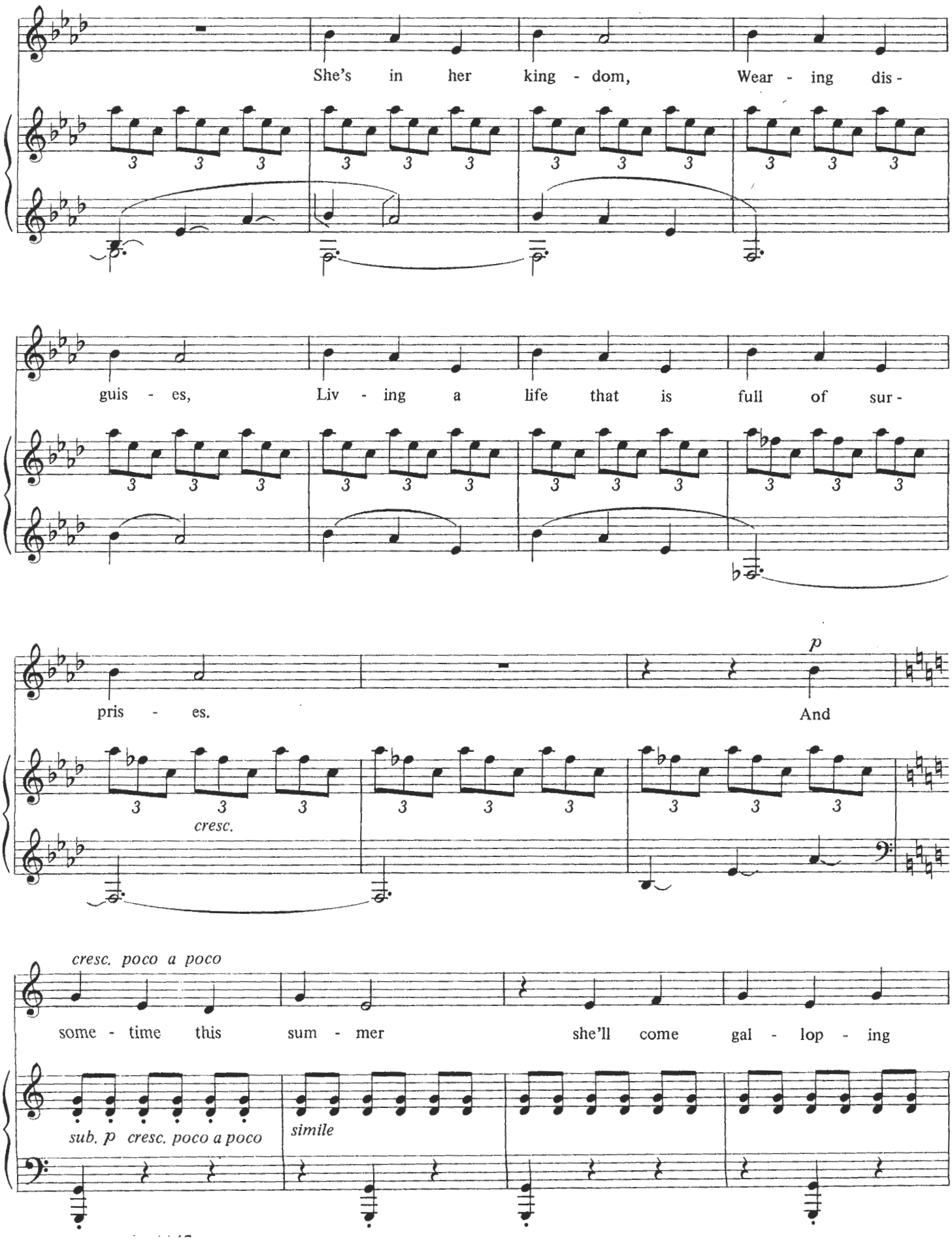

p
cresc. poco a poco
And some - time this sum - mer, Mean - ing
3 3 3
sub. p cresc. poco a poco
simile
soon, she'll be trav-'ling to me.
sempre staccato
(cresc.)
Some - time this sum - mer, May - be June, I'm the
new place she'll see.

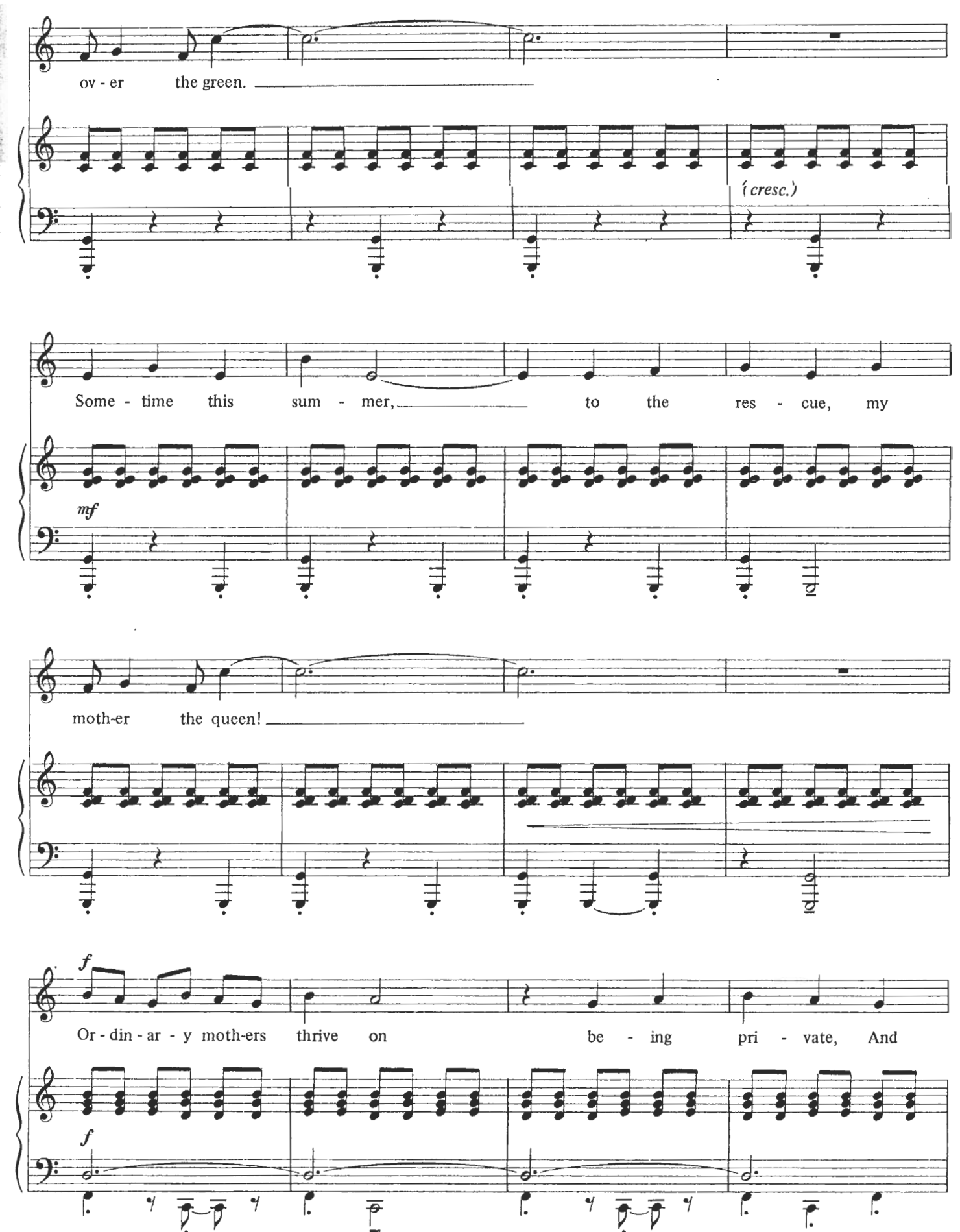

f
Or - din - ar - y daught-ers, may think life is bet - ter with
f
Or - din - ar - y moth - ers near them when they choose. But
or - din - ar - y daught-ers sel - dom get a let - ter en -
clos - ing re - views.

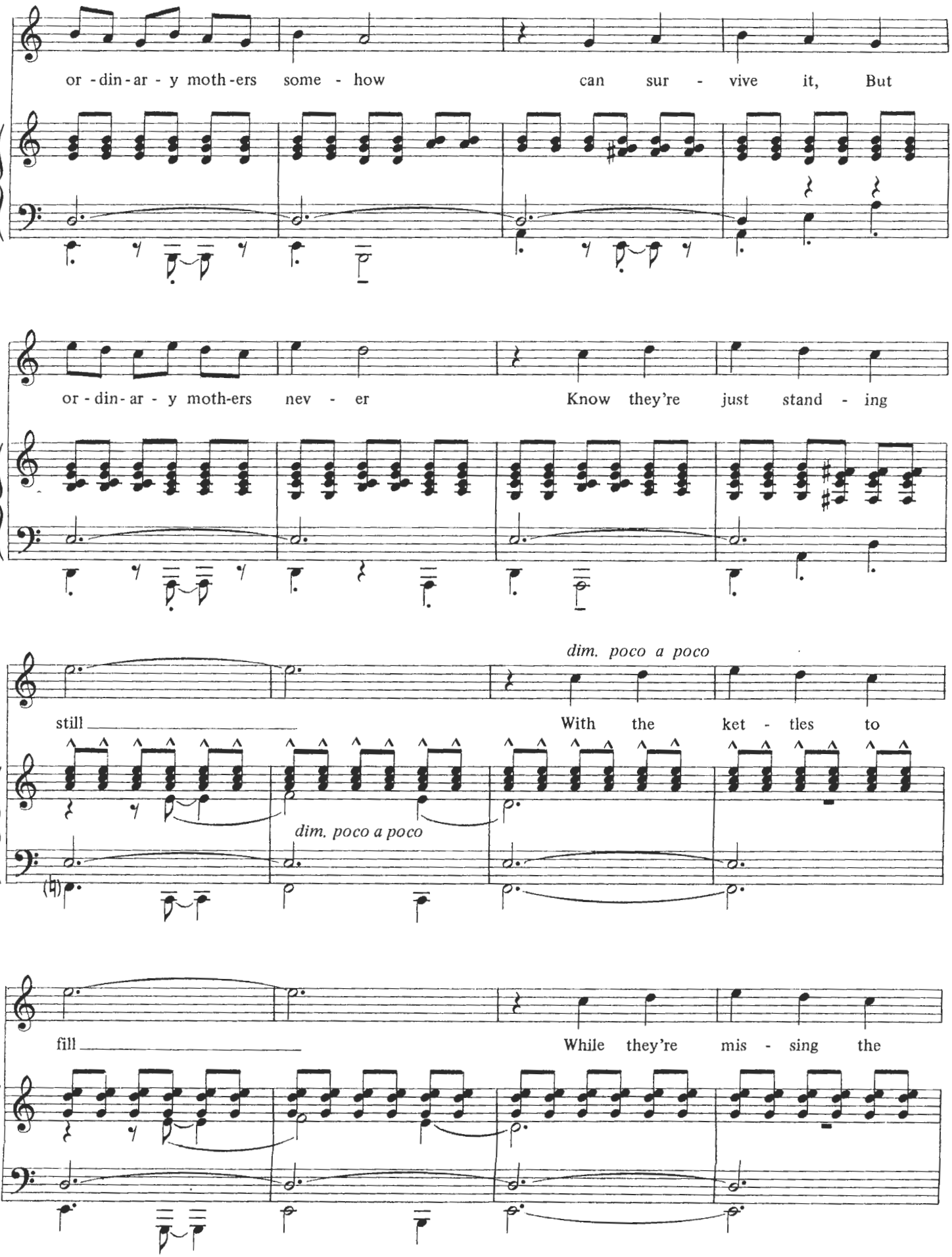

mf
Gay and re - sil - ient, with ap - plause, What a
mf
gla - mor - ous life!
Speech - es are brill - iant If they're Shaw's, What a
gla - mor - ous life!

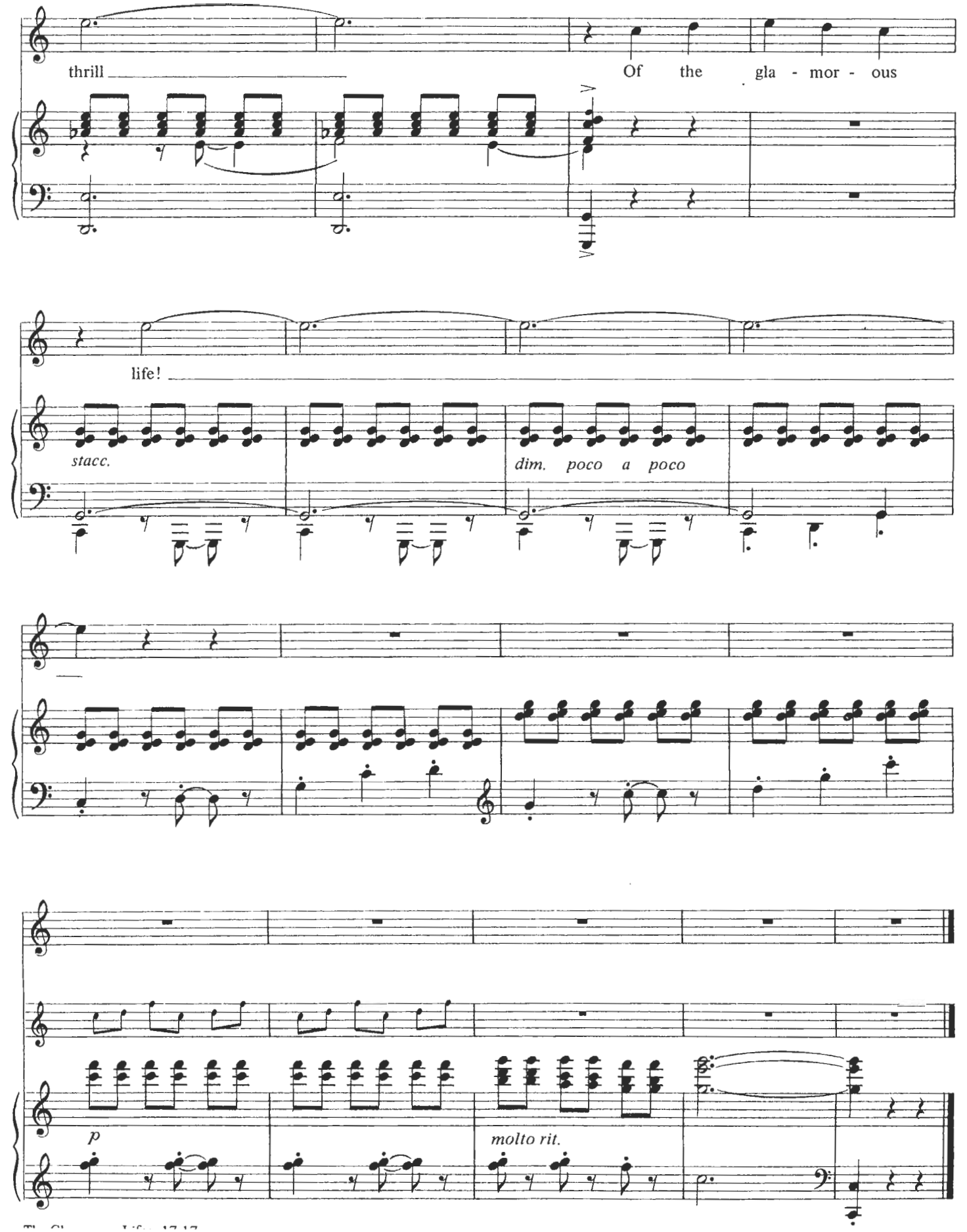

f
Or - din - ar - y moth-ers need - n't meet com - mit - tees, But
f
or - din - ar - y moth-ers don't get keys to cit - ies. No,
or - din - ar - y moth-ers mere - ly see their child - ren all
dim. poco a poco
year, Which is love - ly, I
dim. poco a poco


hear.
But it does in - ter -
fere
With a gla - mor - ous...
L'istesso tempo
mp
I am the prin - cess,
Guard - ed by drag - ons,
mp
sim.
Snort - ing and grumb - ling and rumb - ling in wag - ons.


She's in her king - dom, Wear - ing dis -
guis - es, Liv - ing a life that is full of sur -
pris - es.
p
And
cresc.
cresc. poco a poco
some - time this sum - mer she'll come gal - lop - ing
sub. p cresc. poco a poco
simile


ov - er the green.
(cresc.)
Some - time this sum - mer, to the res - cue, my
mf
moth-er the queen!
f
Or - din - ar - y moth-ers thrive on be - ing pri - vate, And
f


or - din - ar - y moth - ers some - how can sur - vive it, But
or - din - ar - y moth-ers nev - er Know they're just stand - ing
dim. poco a poco
still With the ket - tles to
dim. poco a poco
fill While they're mis - sing the


thrill
Of the gla - mor - ous
life!
stacc.
dim. poco a poco
p
molto rit.