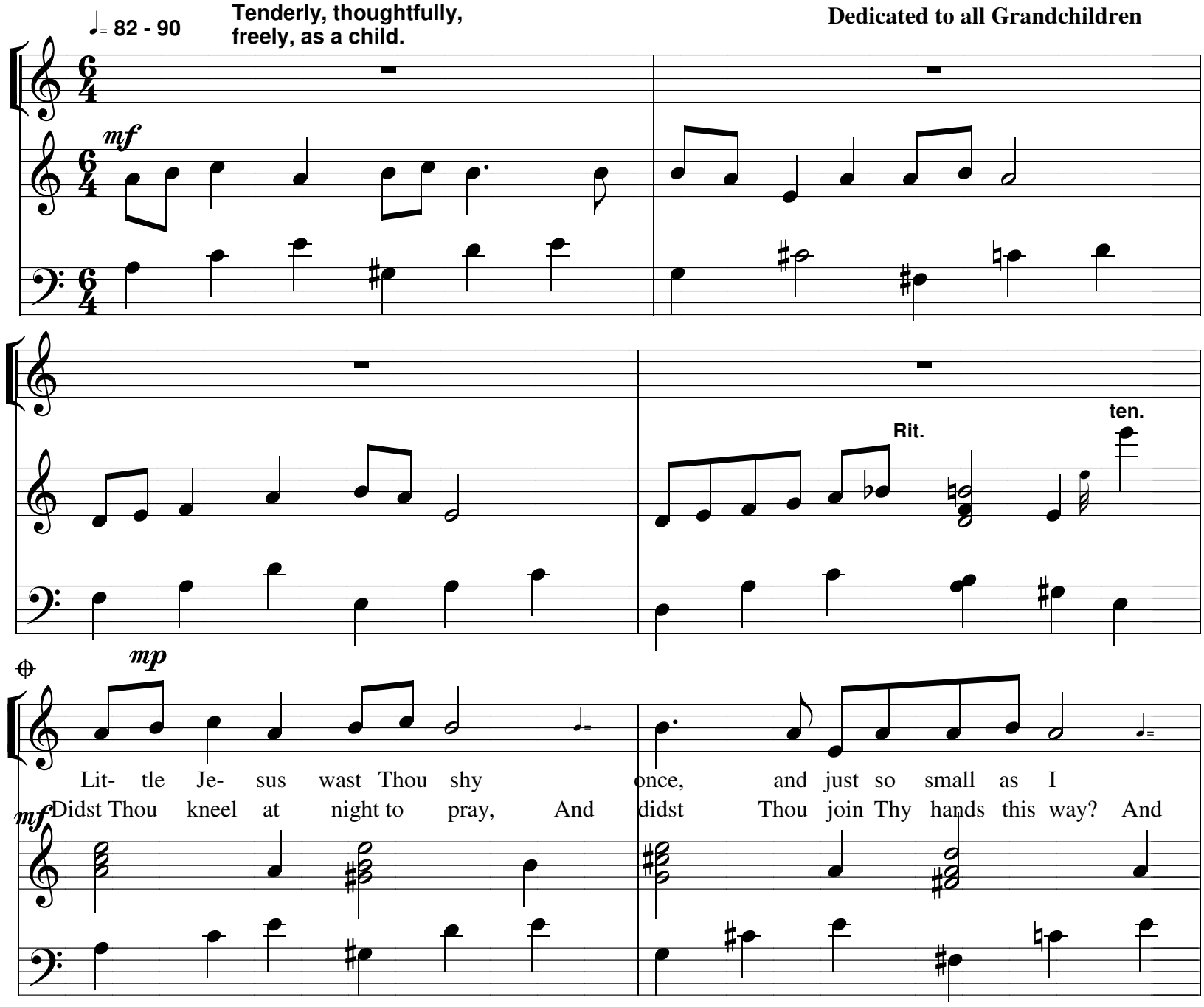
Little Jesus, Young Like Me

(Child's Solo)

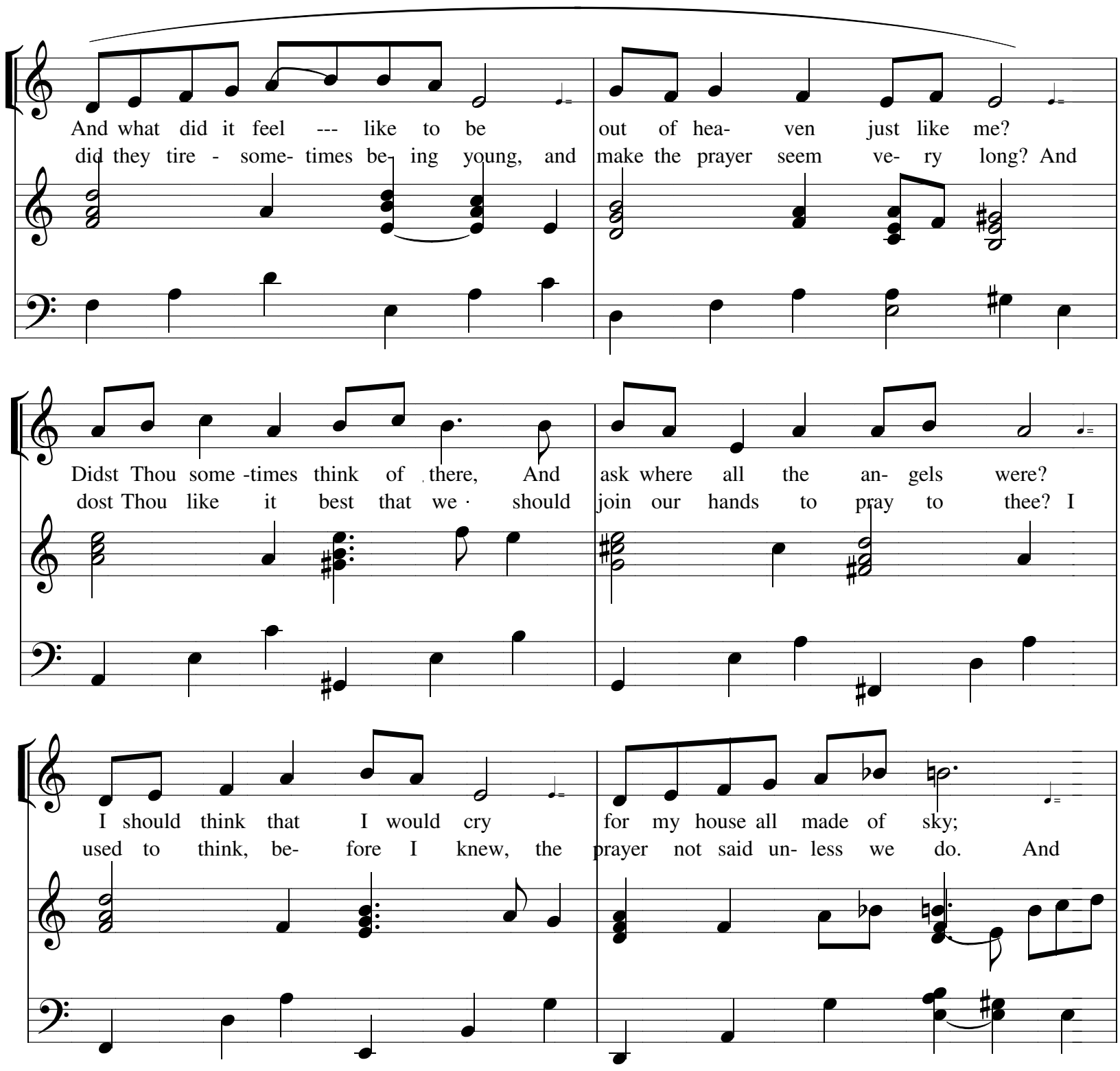
Poem: Francis Thompson

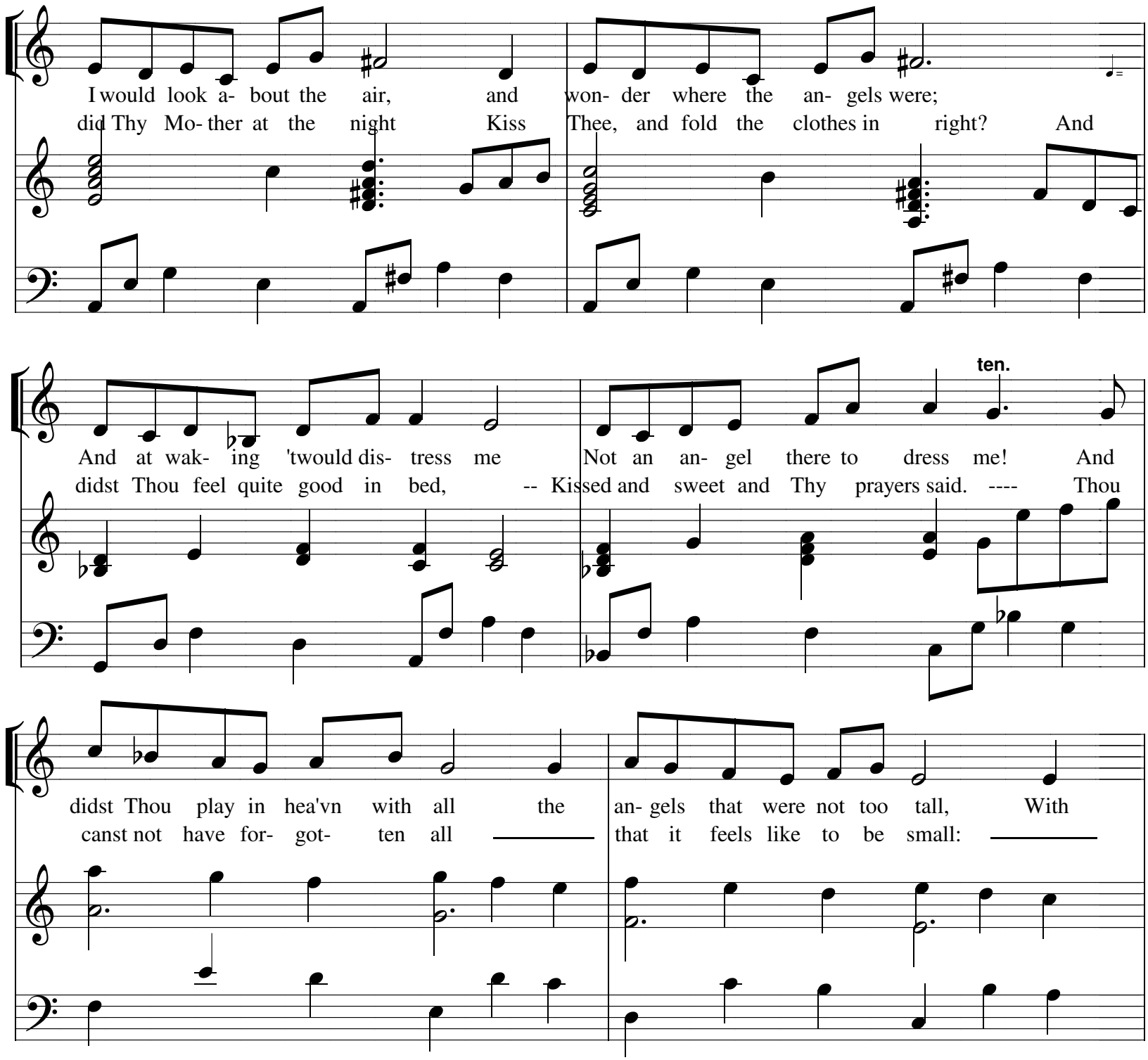
Music: Michael Smurthwaite, J/95

Dedicated to all Grandchildren

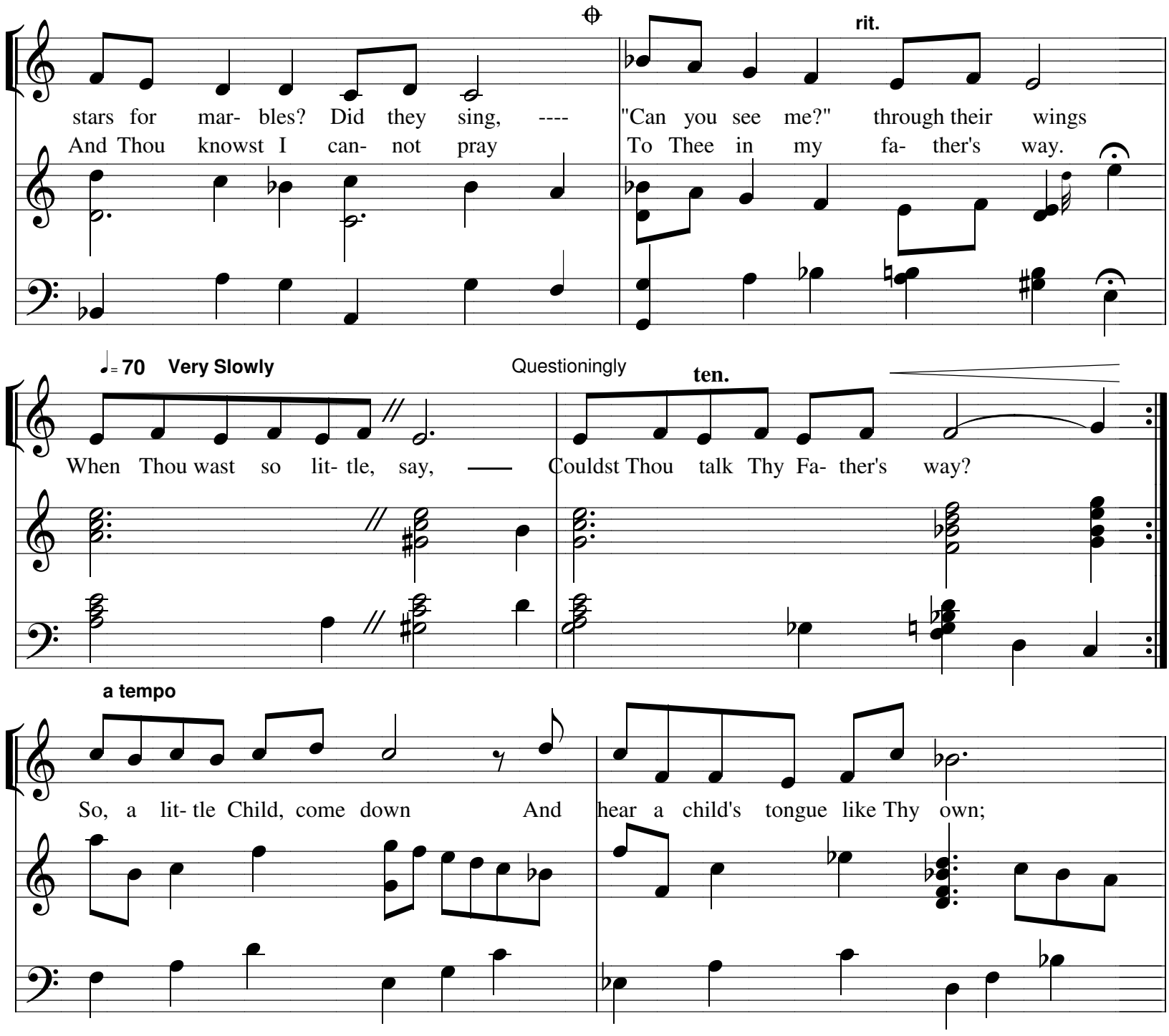


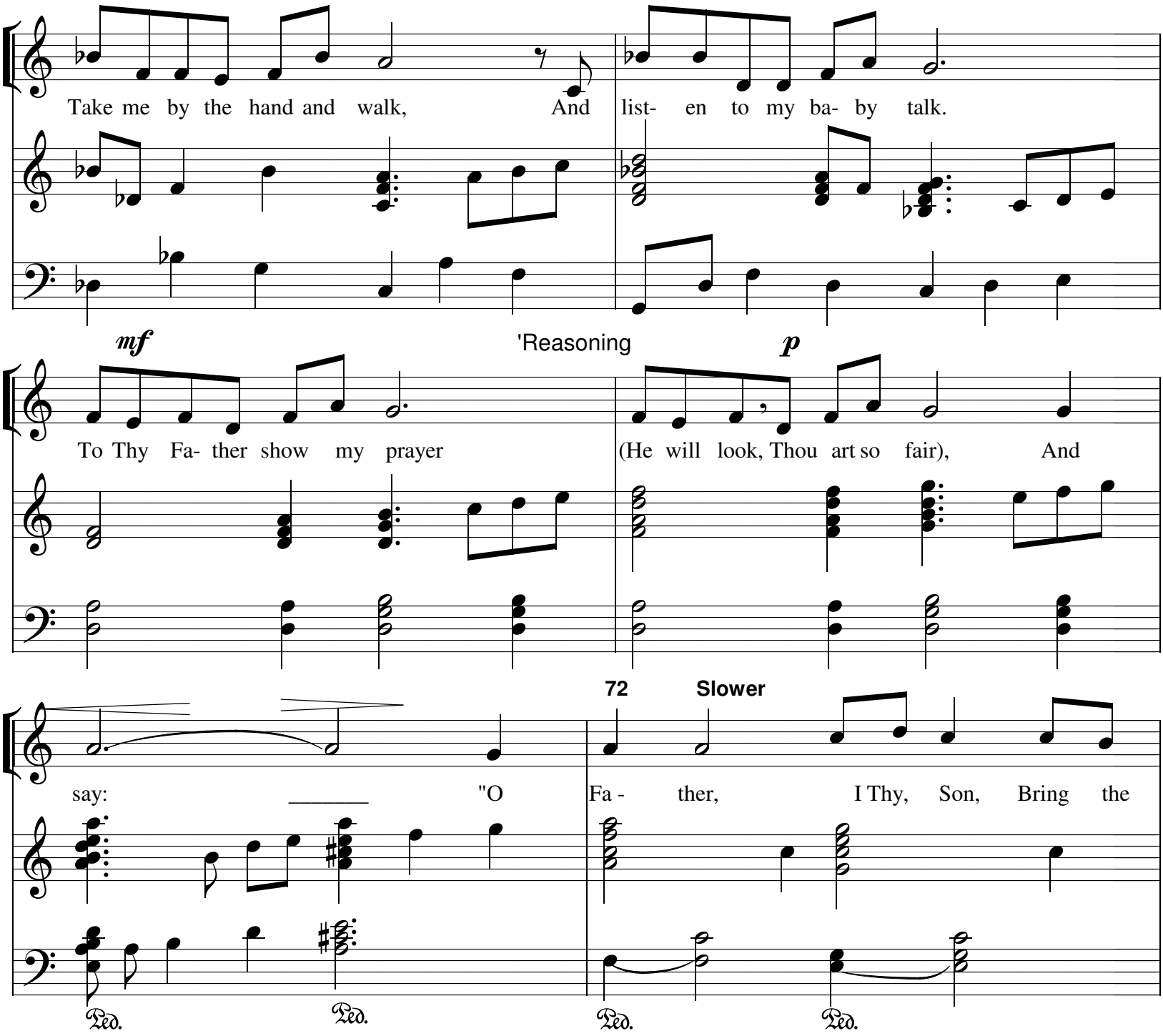
Optional Simplified Accompaniment for Rehearsal or Performance: Play solo (melody) line in right hand.


And what did it feel --- like to be out of hea- ven just like me?
did they tire - some- times be- ing young, and make the prayer seem ve- ry long? And
Didst Thou some -times think of there, And ask where all the an- gels were?
dost Thou like it best that we · should join our hands to pray to thee? I
I should think that I would cry for my house all made of sky;
used to think, be- fore I knew, the prayer not said un- less we do. And


I would look a- bout the air, and won- der where the an- gels were;
did Thy Mo- ther at the night Kiss Thee, and fold the clothes in right? And
And at wak- ing 'twould dis- tress me Not an an- gel there to dress me! And
didst Thou feel quite good in bed, -- Kissed and sweet and Thy prayers said. ---- Thou
ten.
didst Thou play in hea'vn with all the an- gels that were not too tall, With
canst not have for- got- ten all ____ that it feels like to be small: ____

D.C.al Fine: After 2nd verse, go on.




Take me by the hand and walk, And list- en to my ba- by talk.
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'Reasoning
p
To Thy Fa- ther show my prayer (He will look, Thou art so fair), And
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Slower
say: "O Fa - ther, I Thy, Son, Bring the
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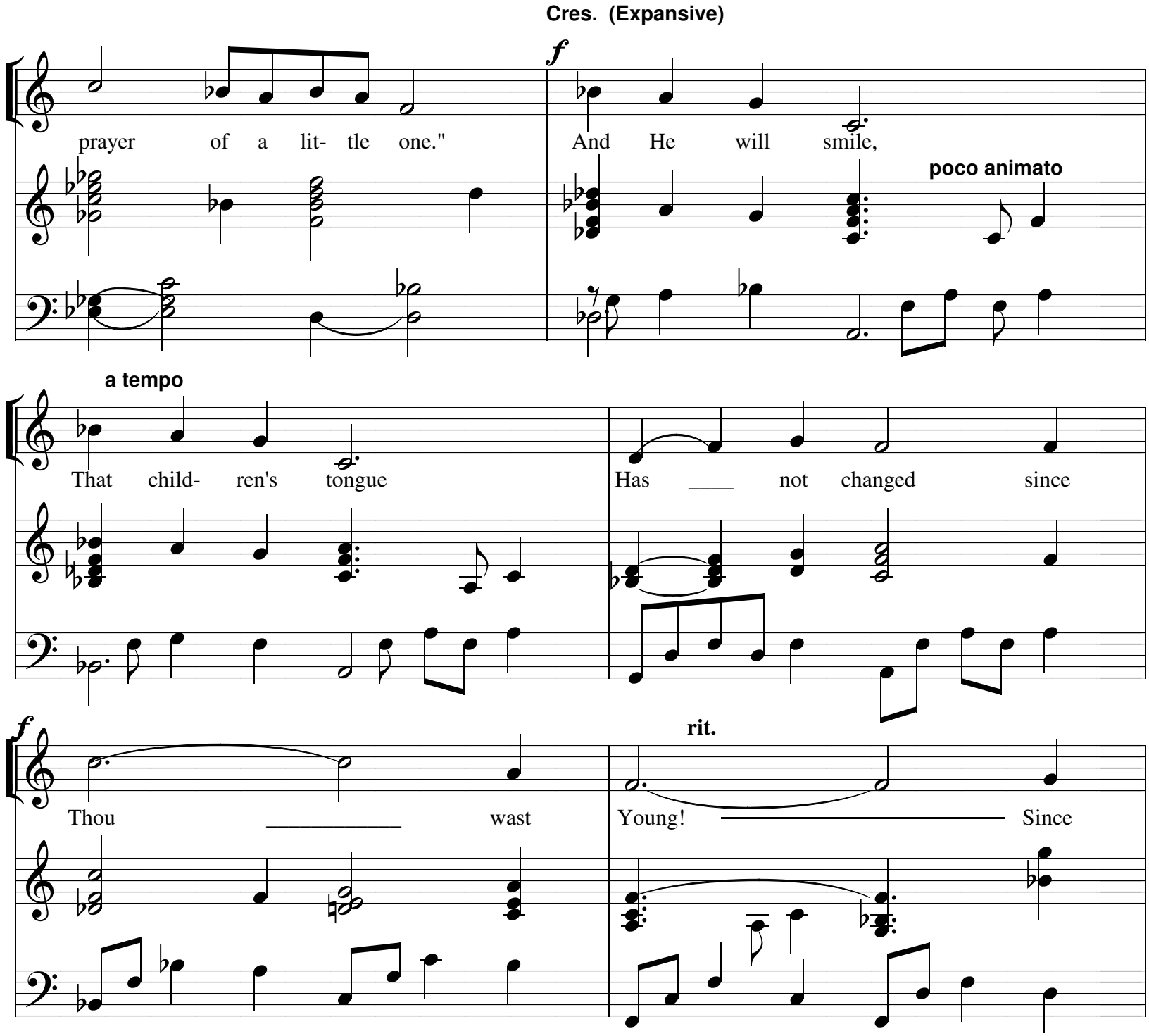
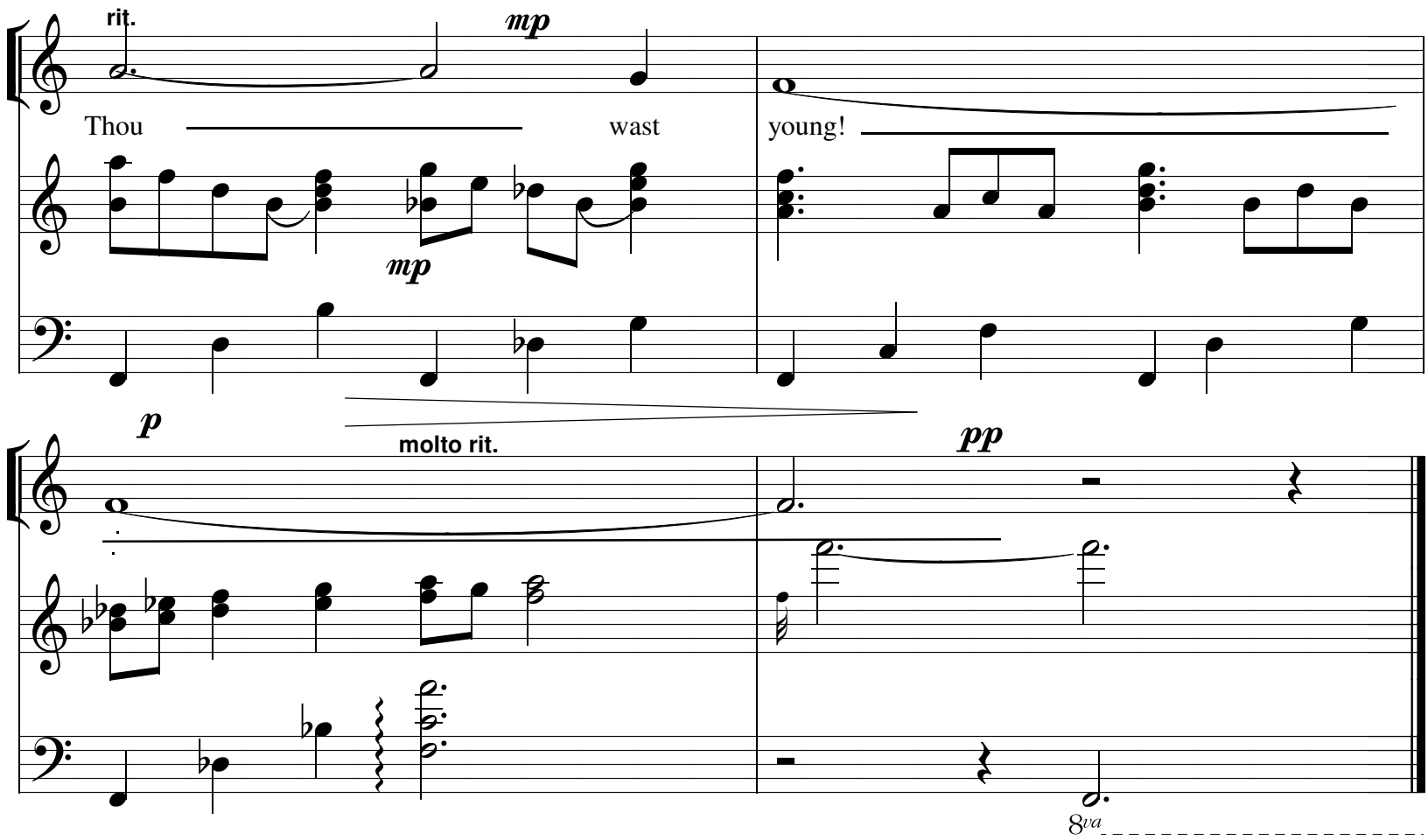
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


Cres. (Expansive)
f
prayer of a lit- tle one."
And He will smile,
poco animato
a tempo
That child- ren's tongue
Has ___ not changed since
f
Thou ___ wast
rit.
Young! ___ Since


rit.
mp
Thou
wast
young!
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molto rit.
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