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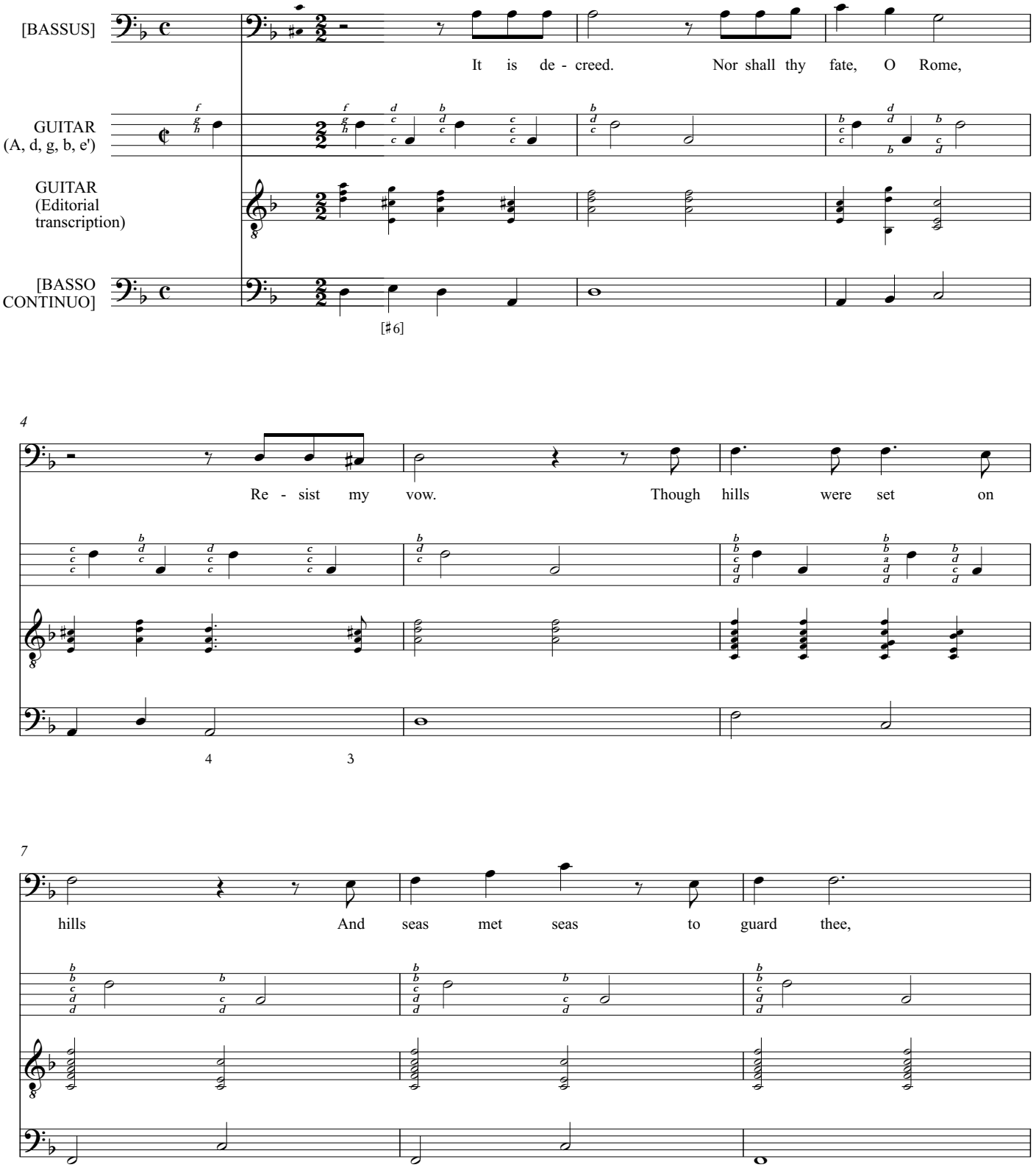

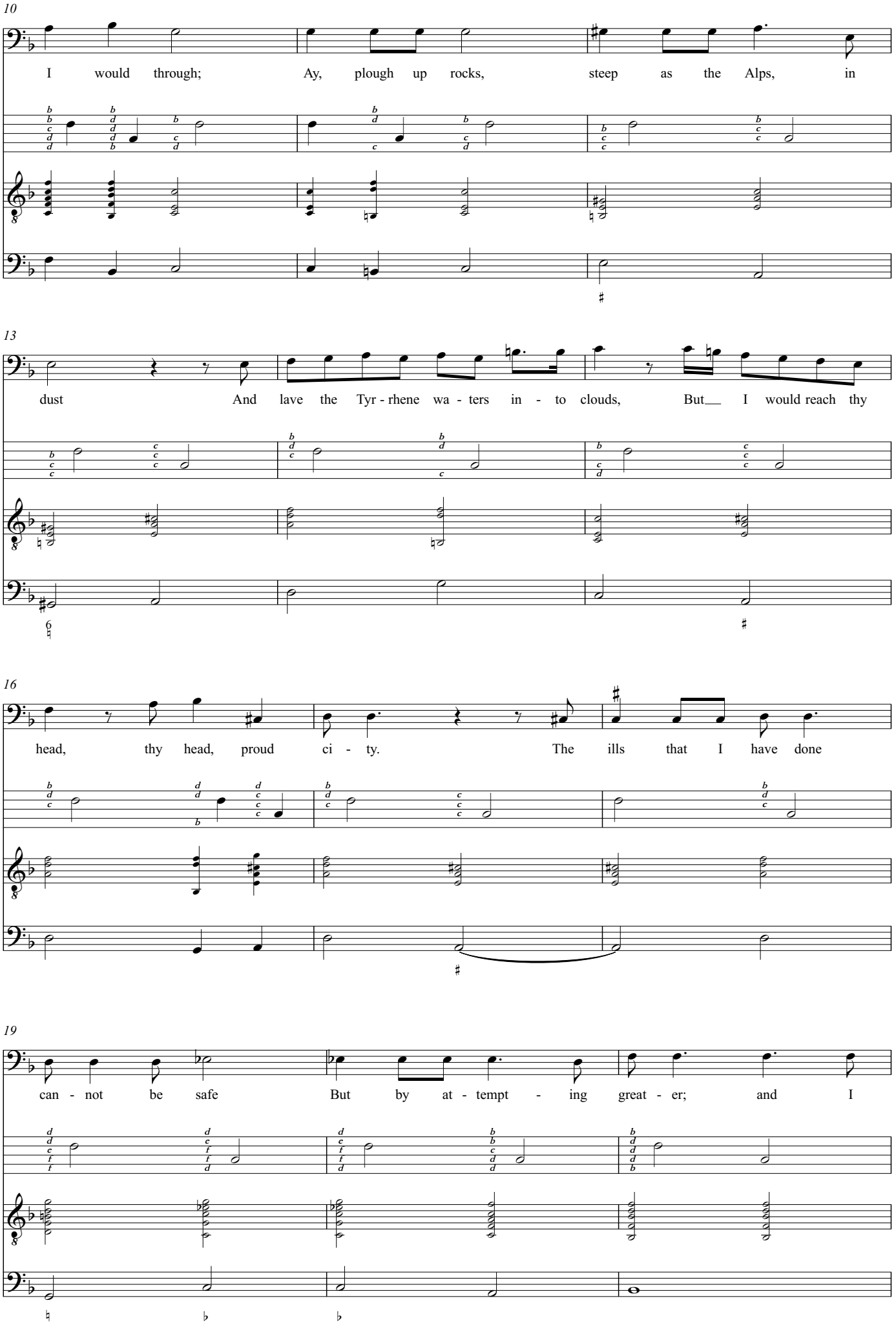
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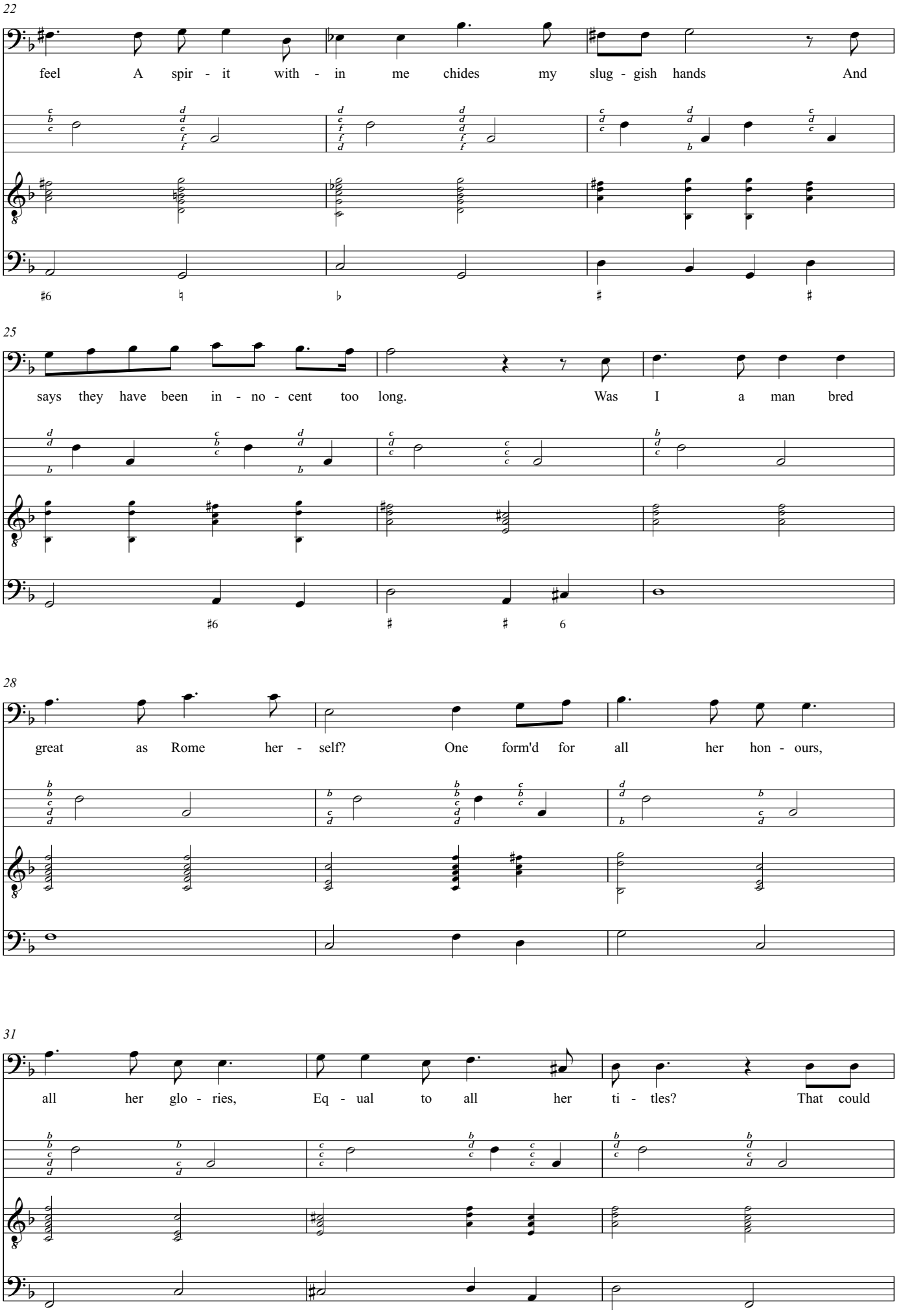
can - not be safe But by at - tempt - ing great - er; and I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feel A spir - it with - in me chides my slug - gish hands And
25
says they have been in - no - cent too long. Was I a man bred
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great as Rome her - self? One form'd for all her hon - ours,
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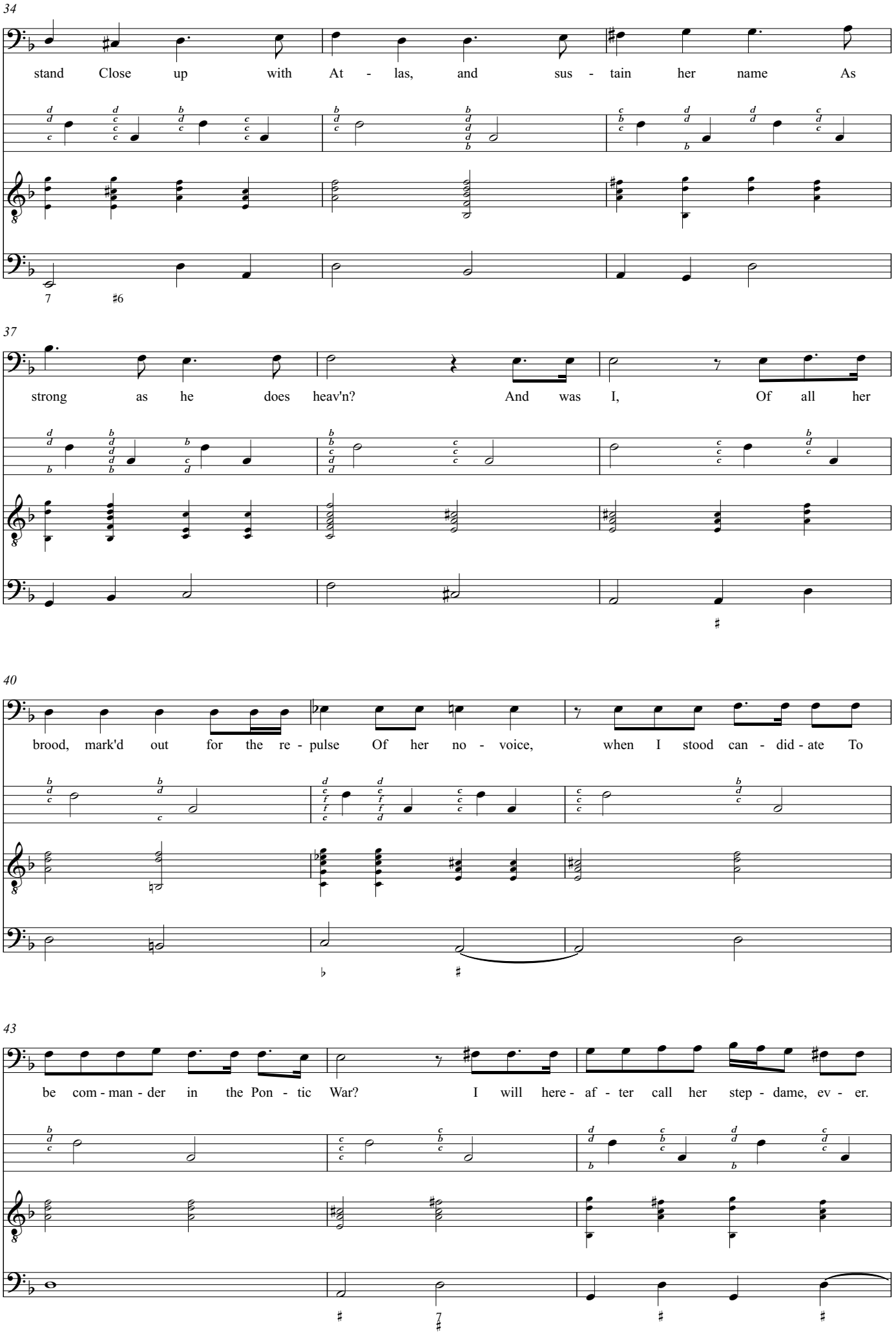
all her glo - ries, Eq - ual to all her ti - tles? That could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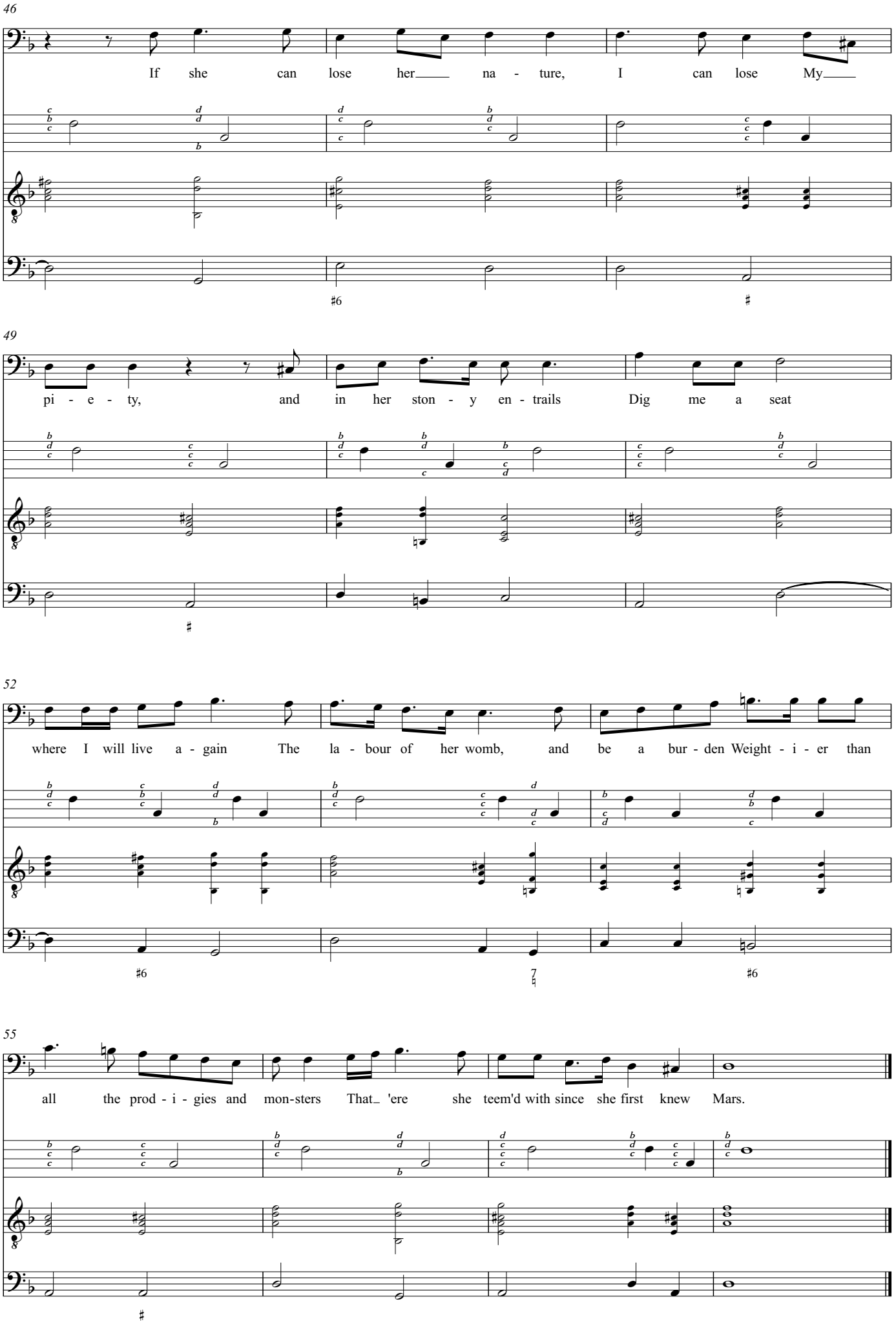
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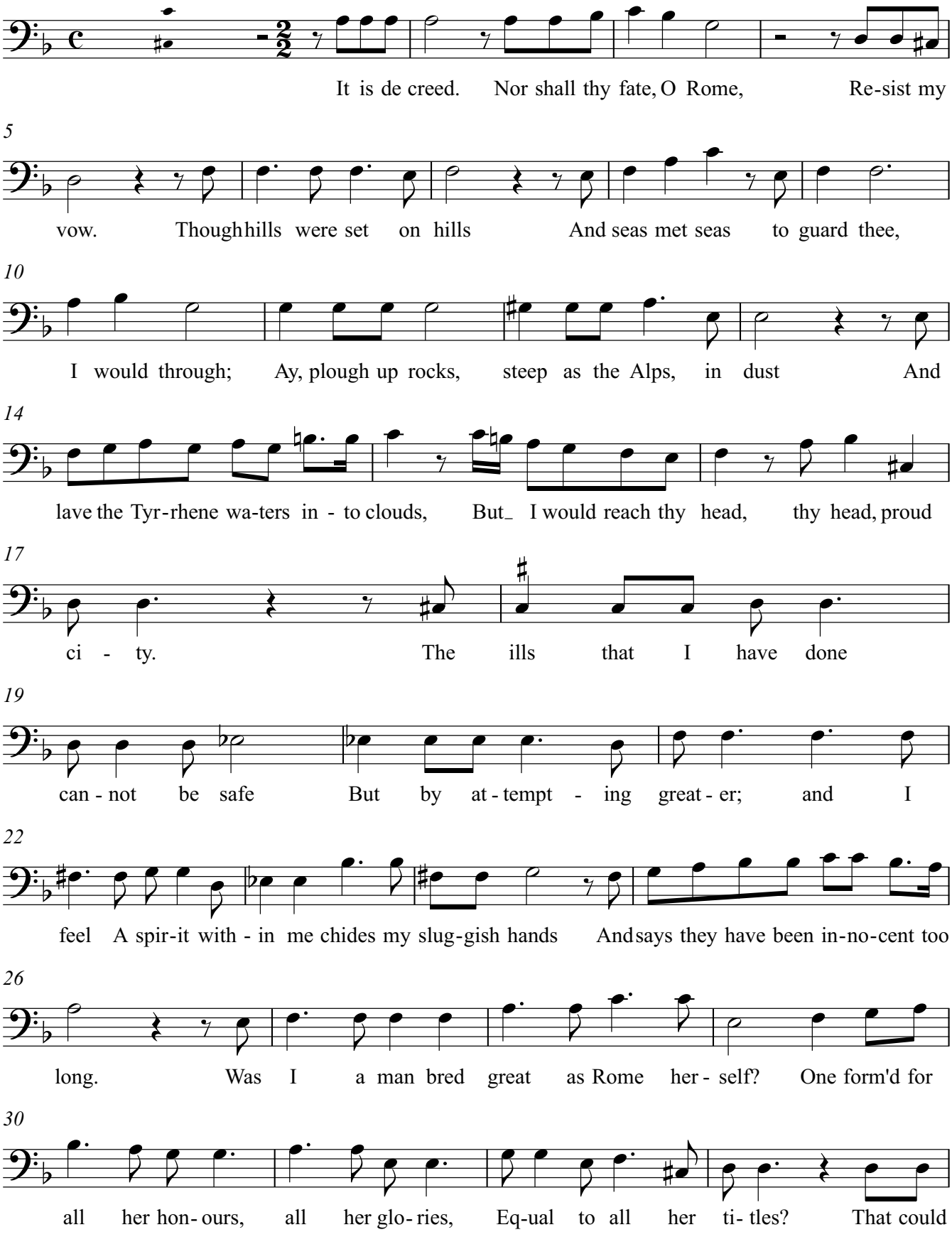

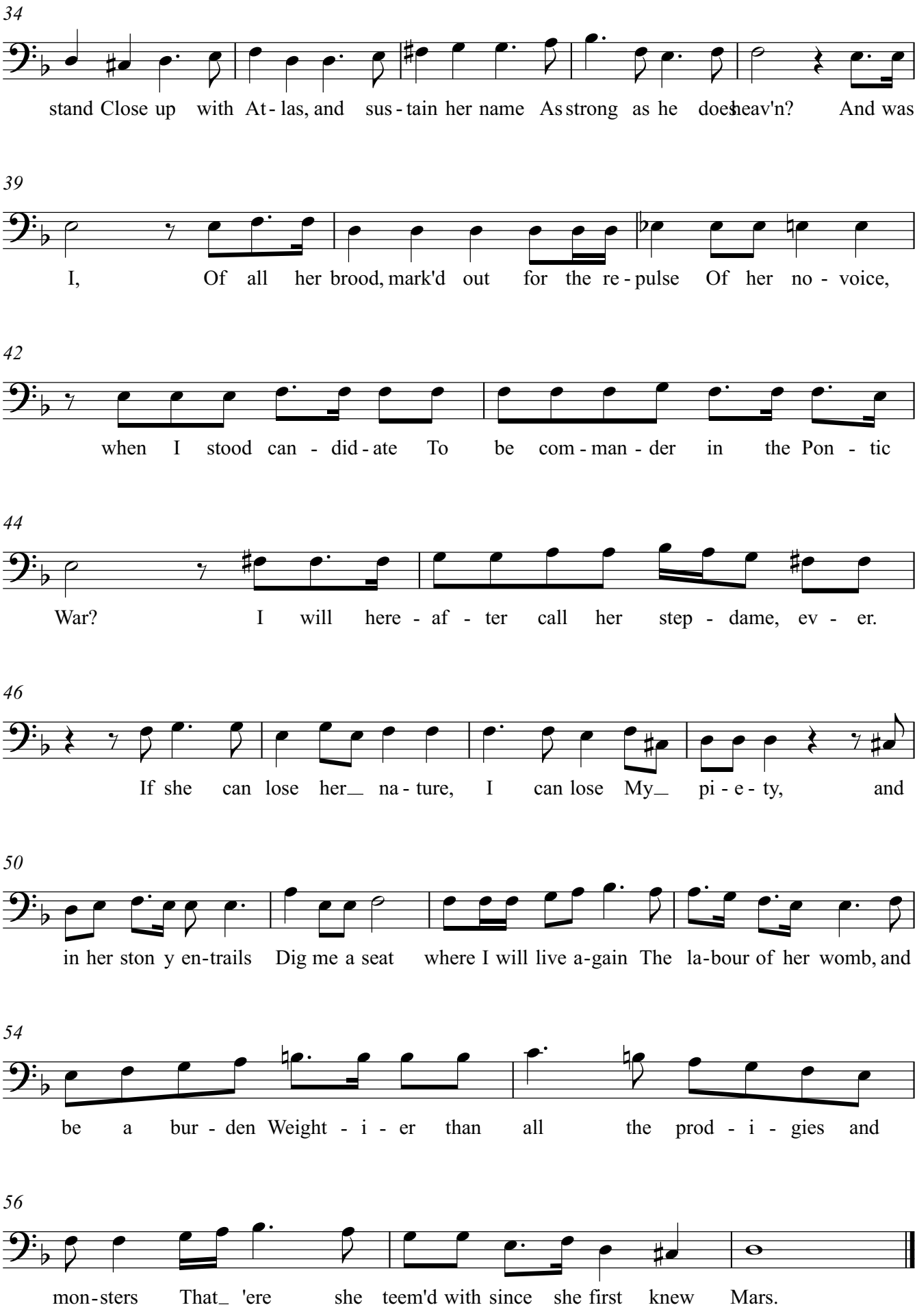
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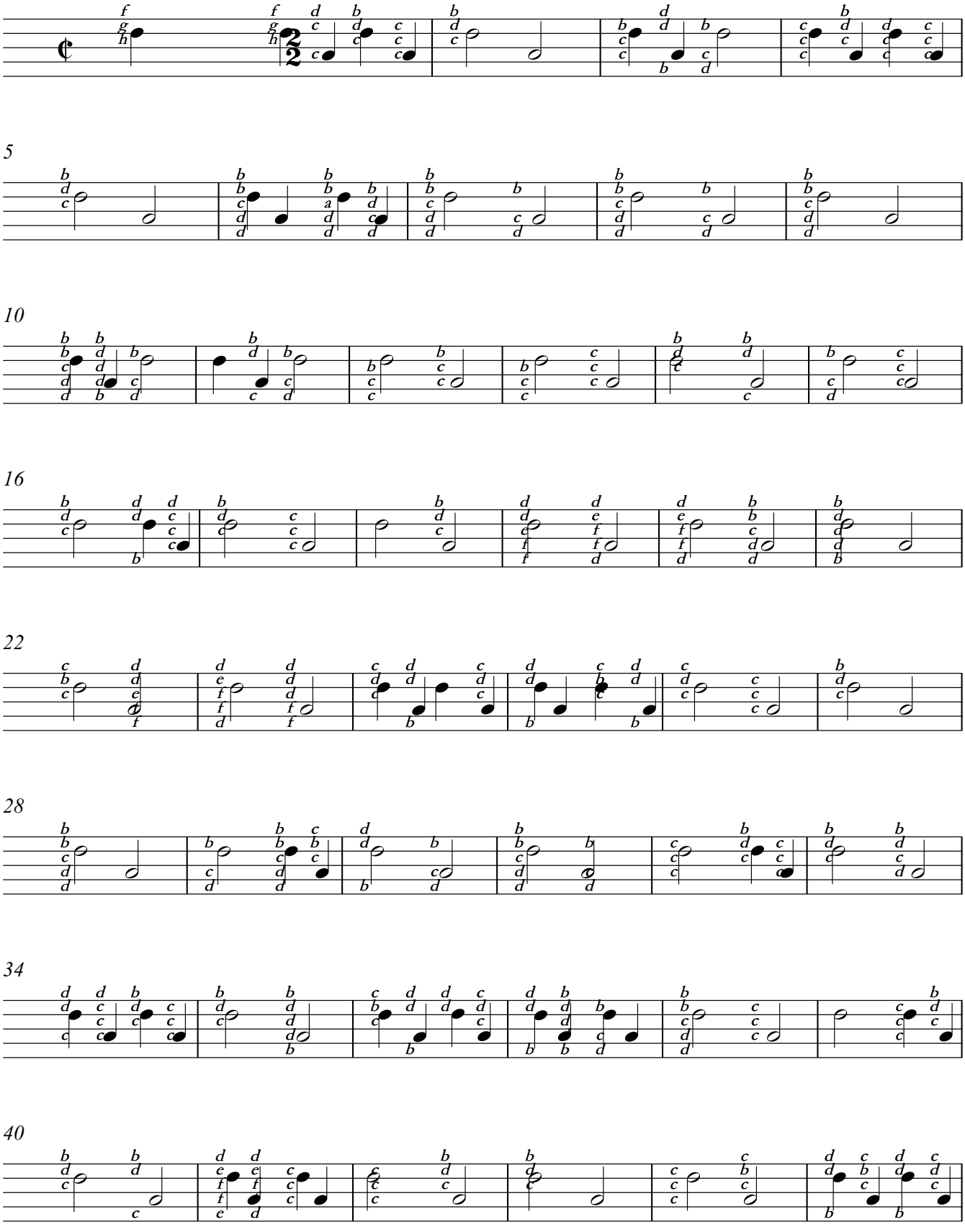

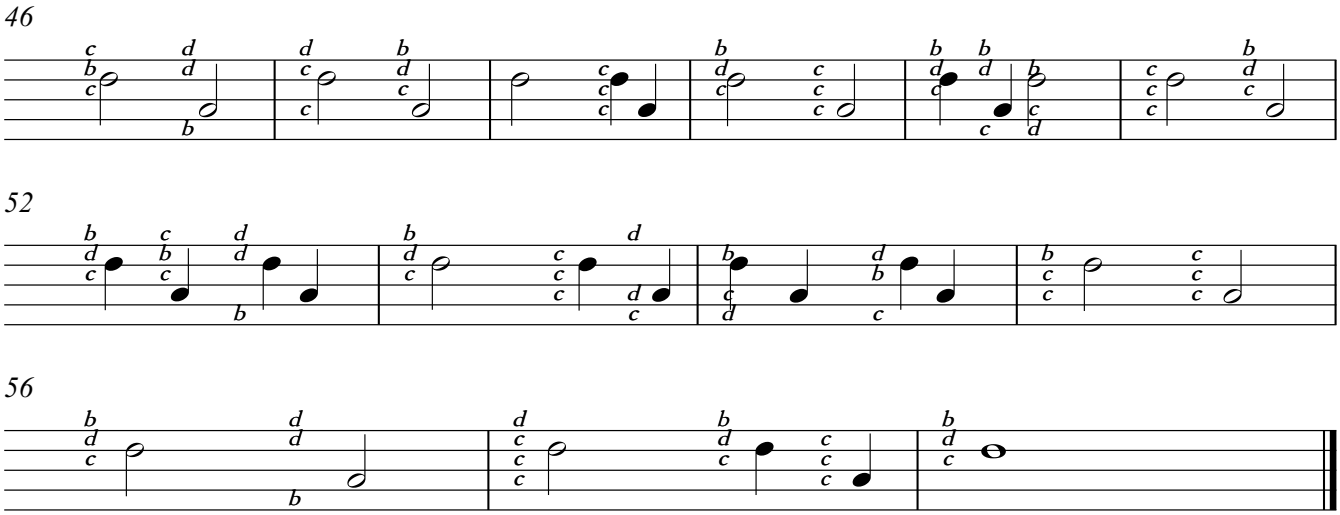
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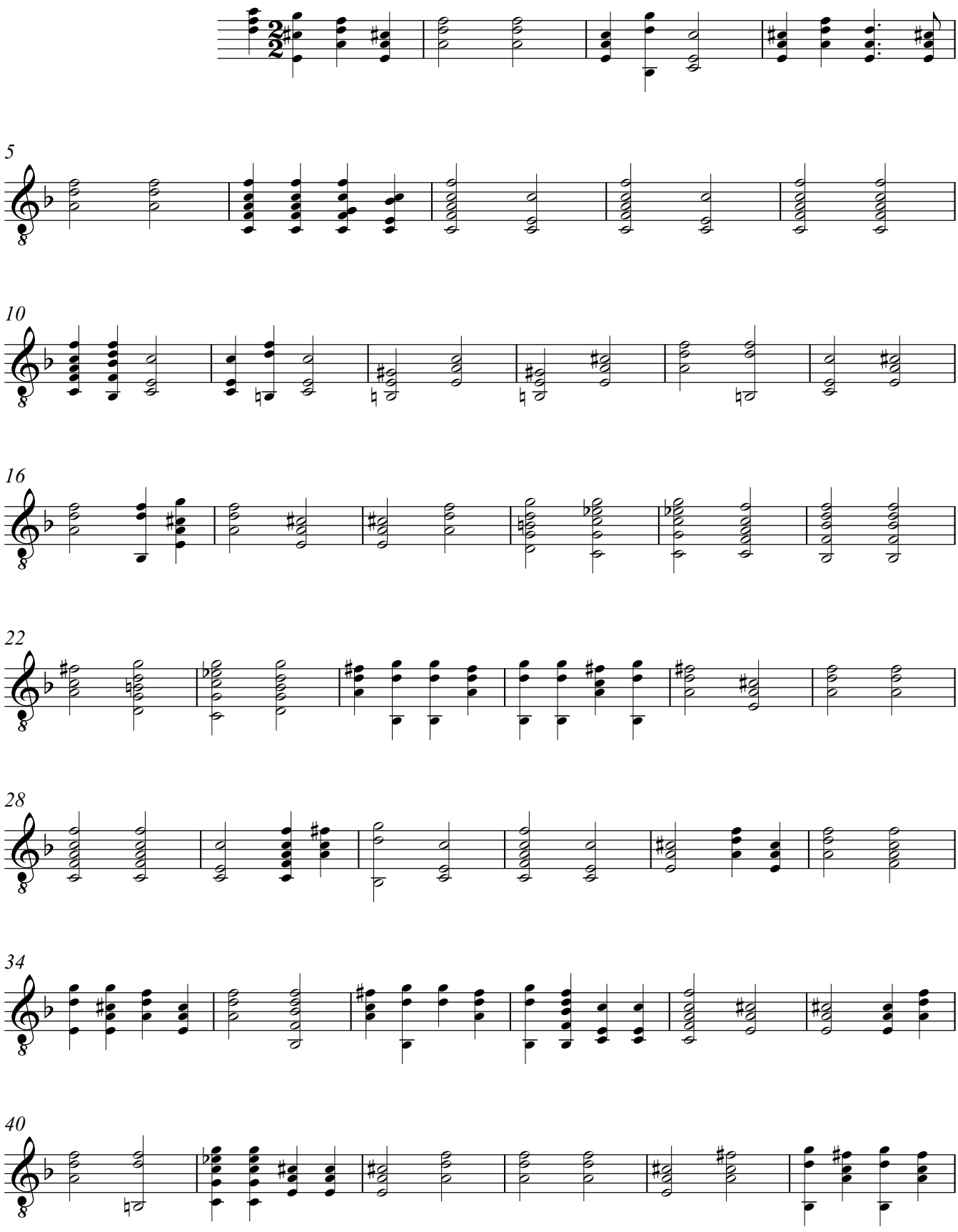

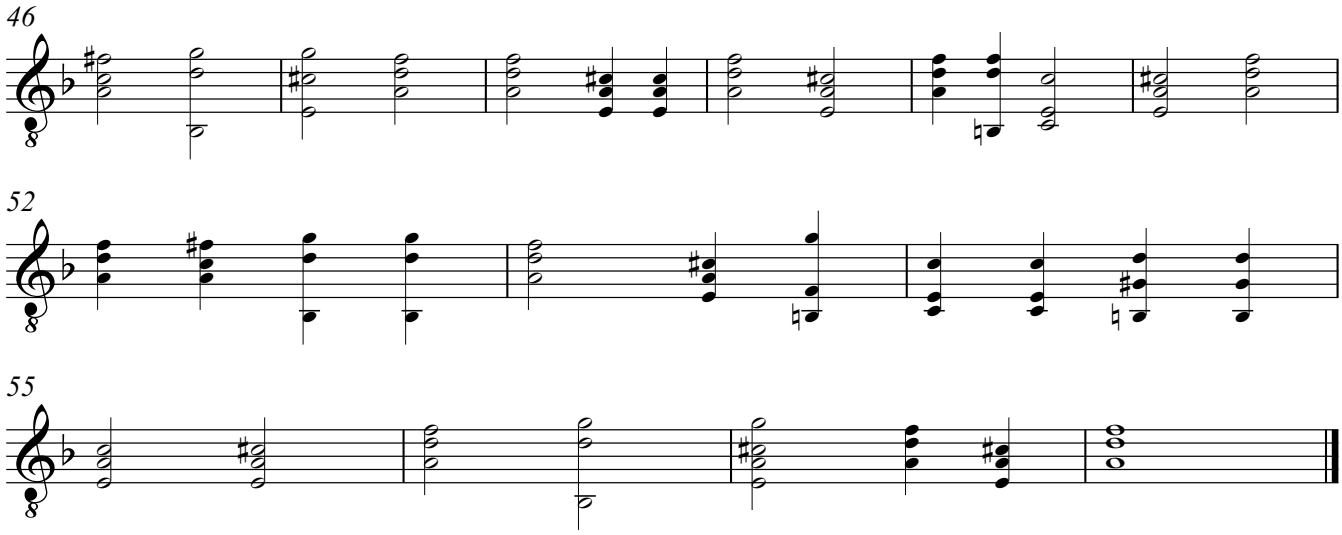
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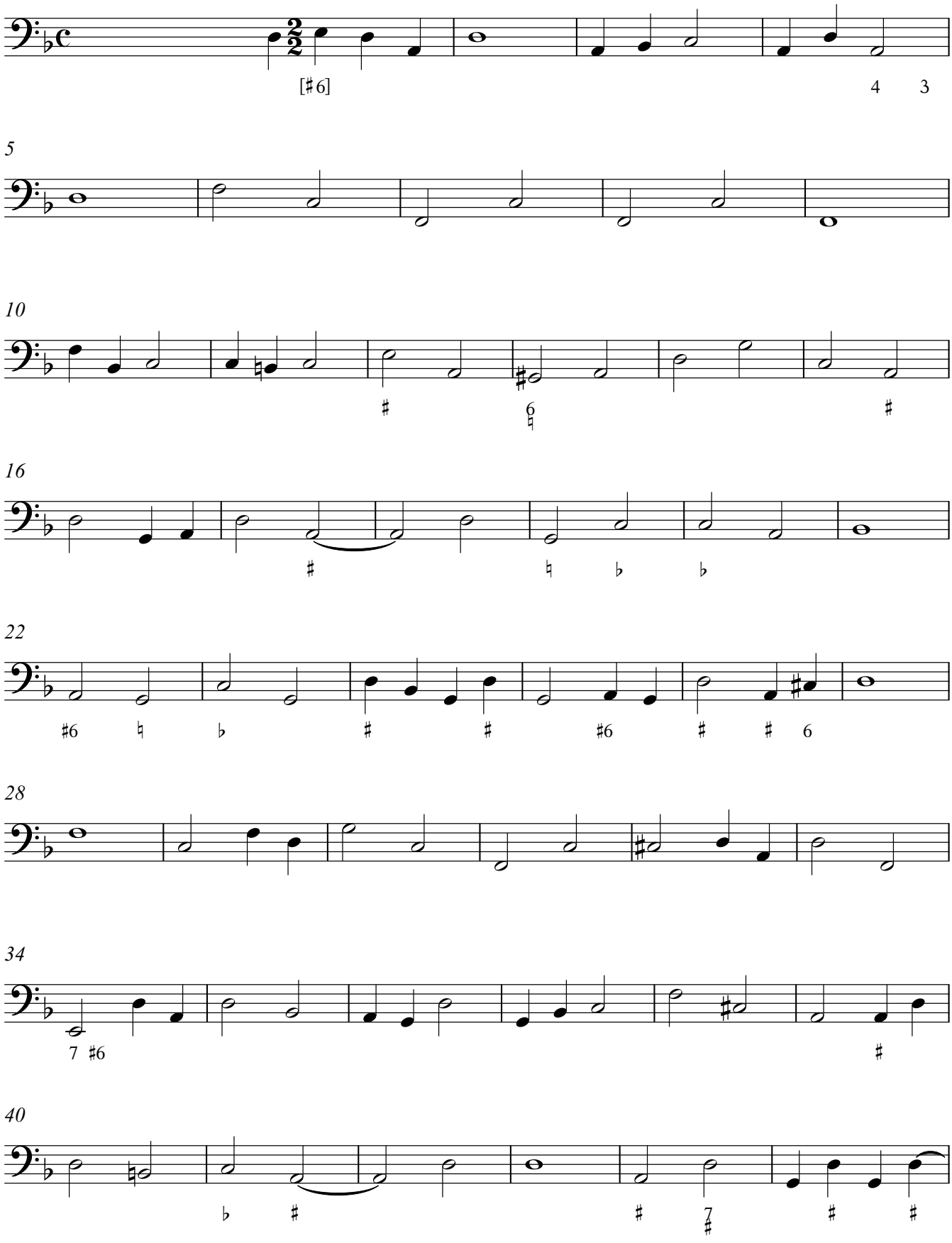

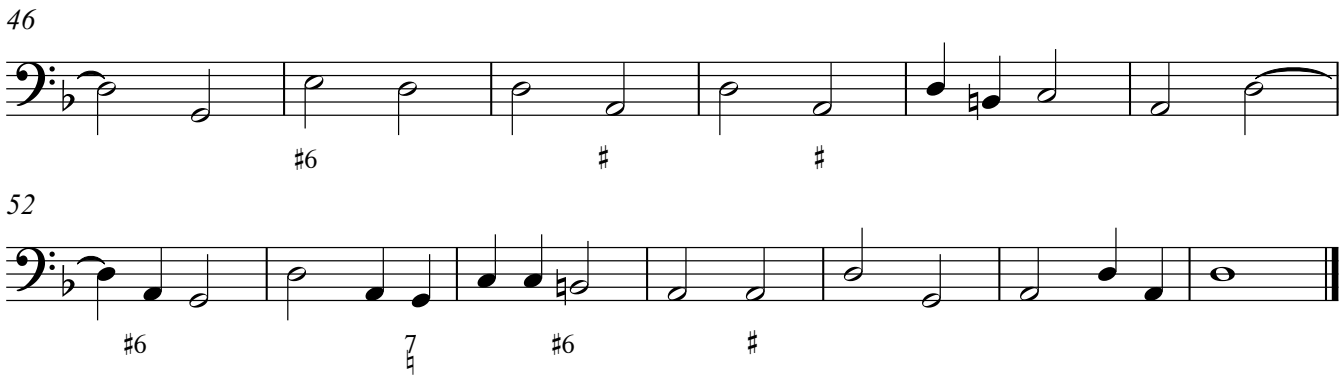
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