The Sound of Silence

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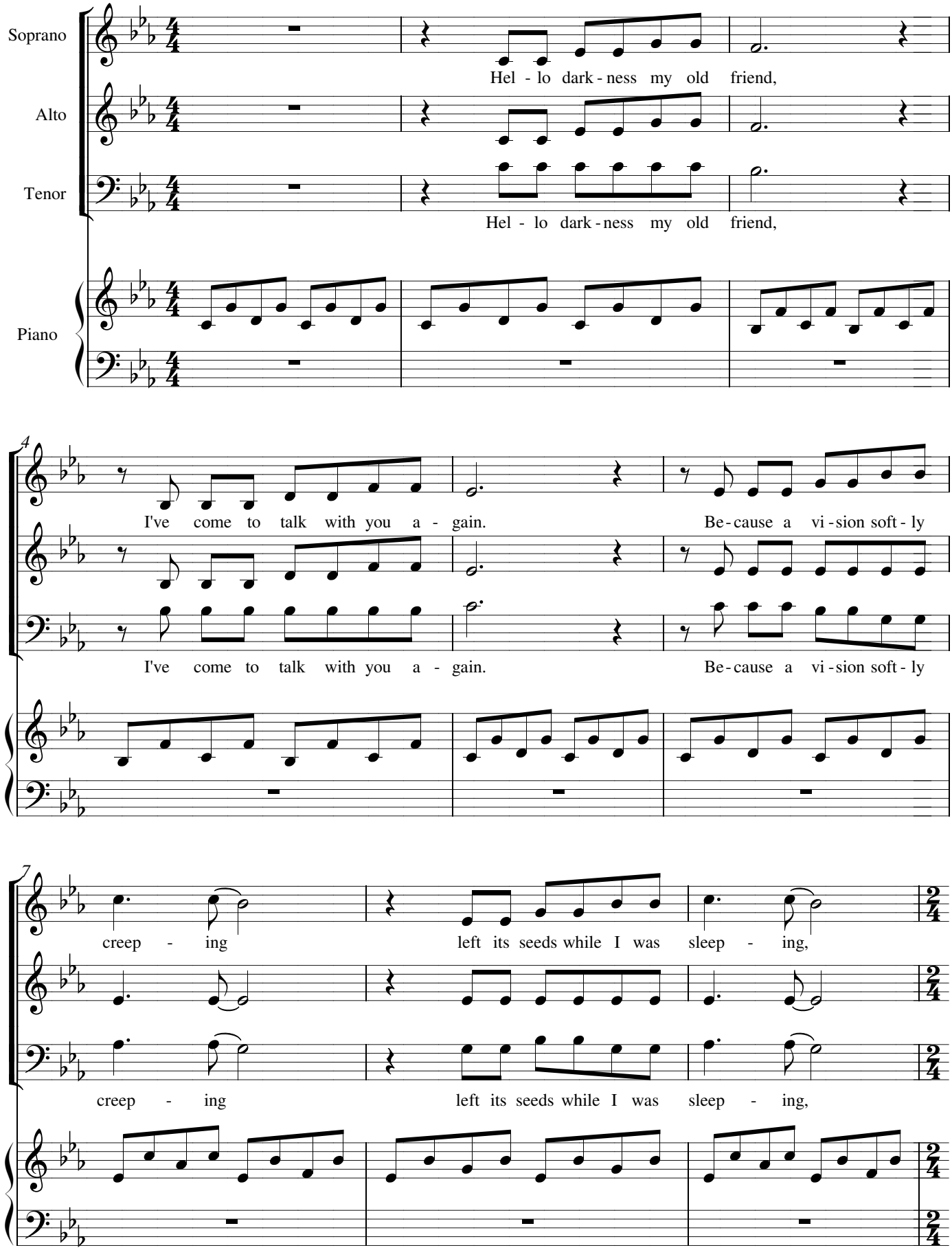

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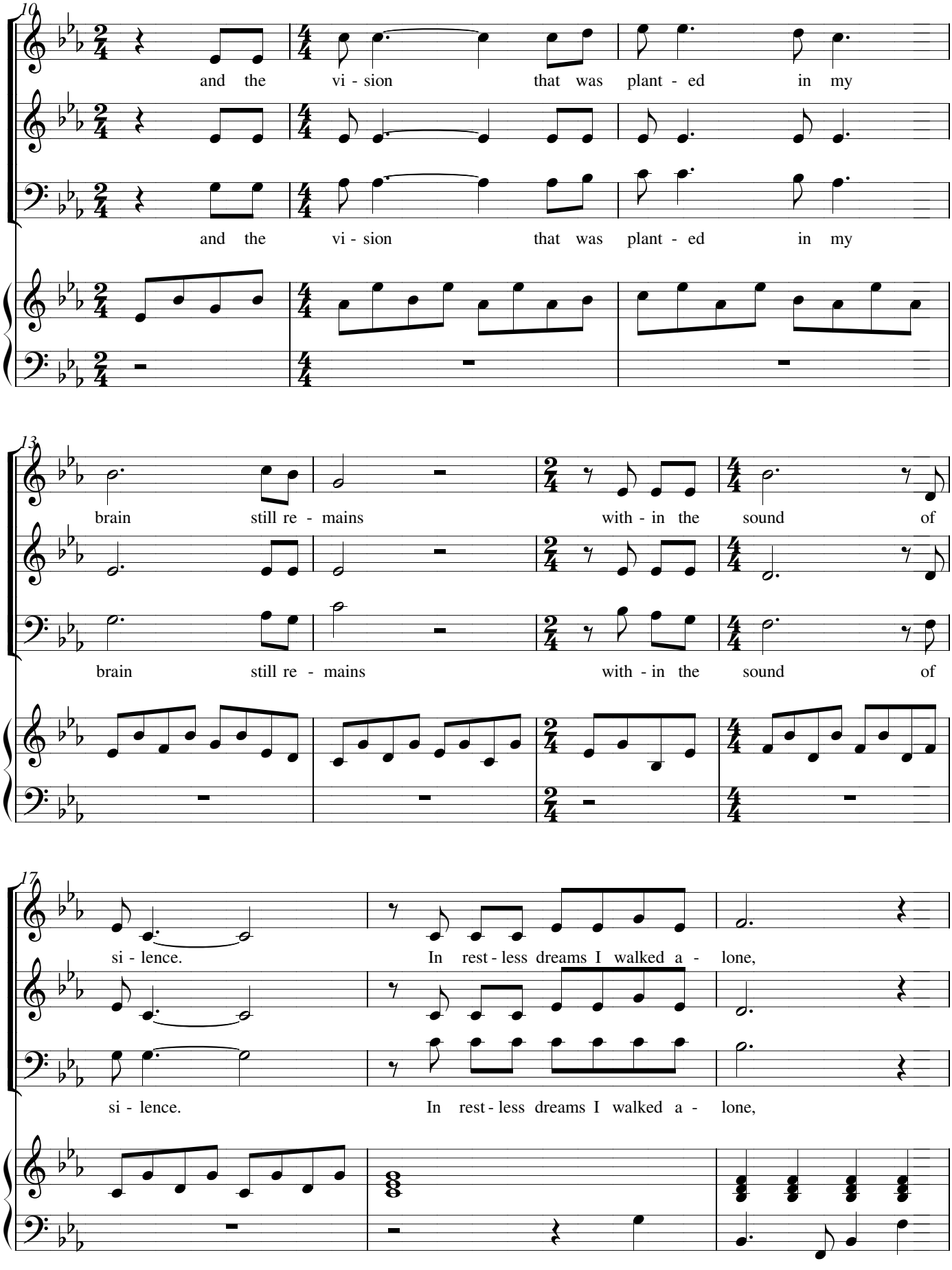
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and the vi - sion that was plant - ed in my
and the vi - sion that was plant - ed in my
13
brain still re - mains with - in the sound of
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17
si - lence. In rest - less dreams I walked a - lone,
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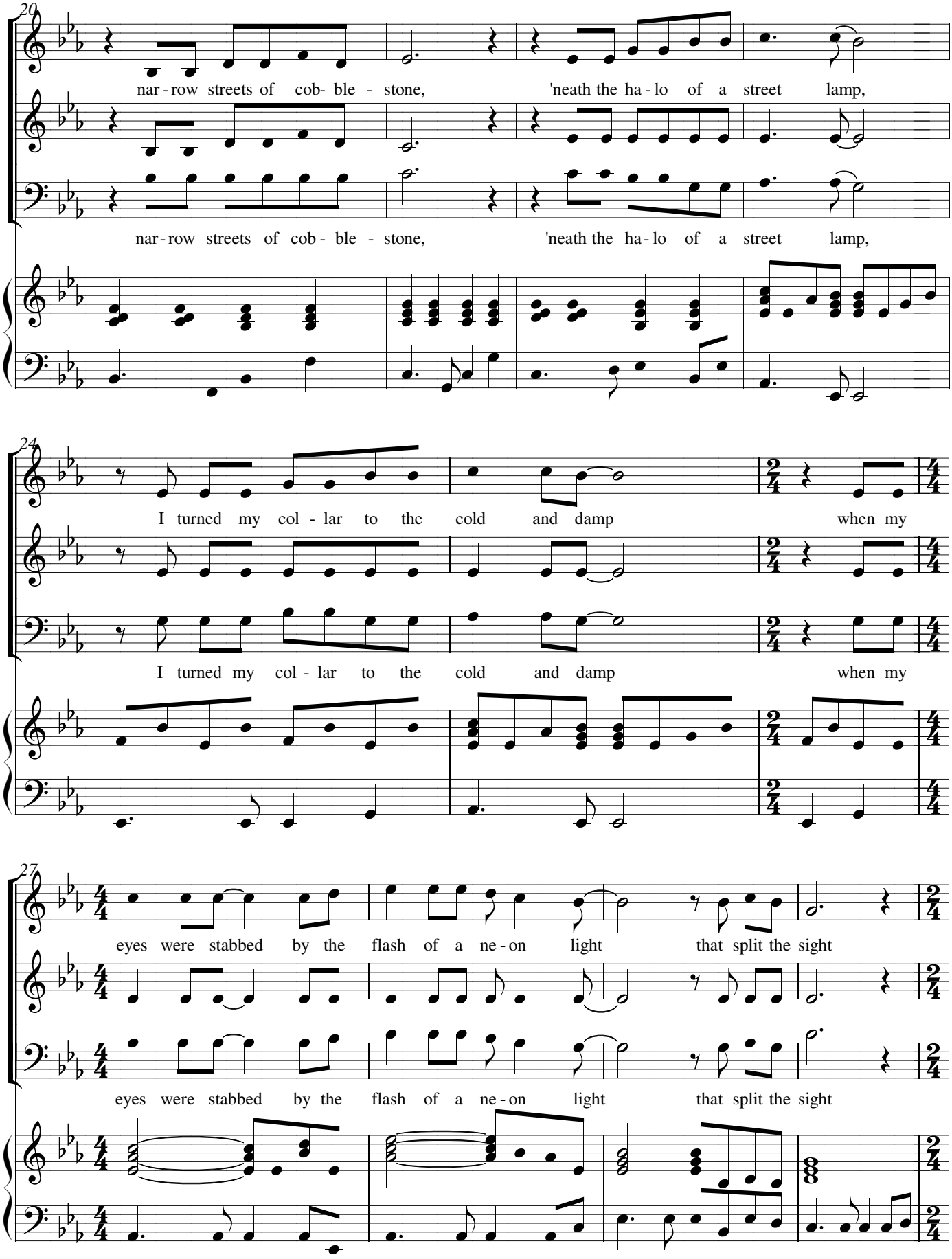
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nar - row streets of cob- ble - stone, 'neath the ha - lo of a street lamp,
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24
I turned my col - lar to the cold and damp when my
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27
eyes were stabbed by the flash of a ne - on light that split the sight
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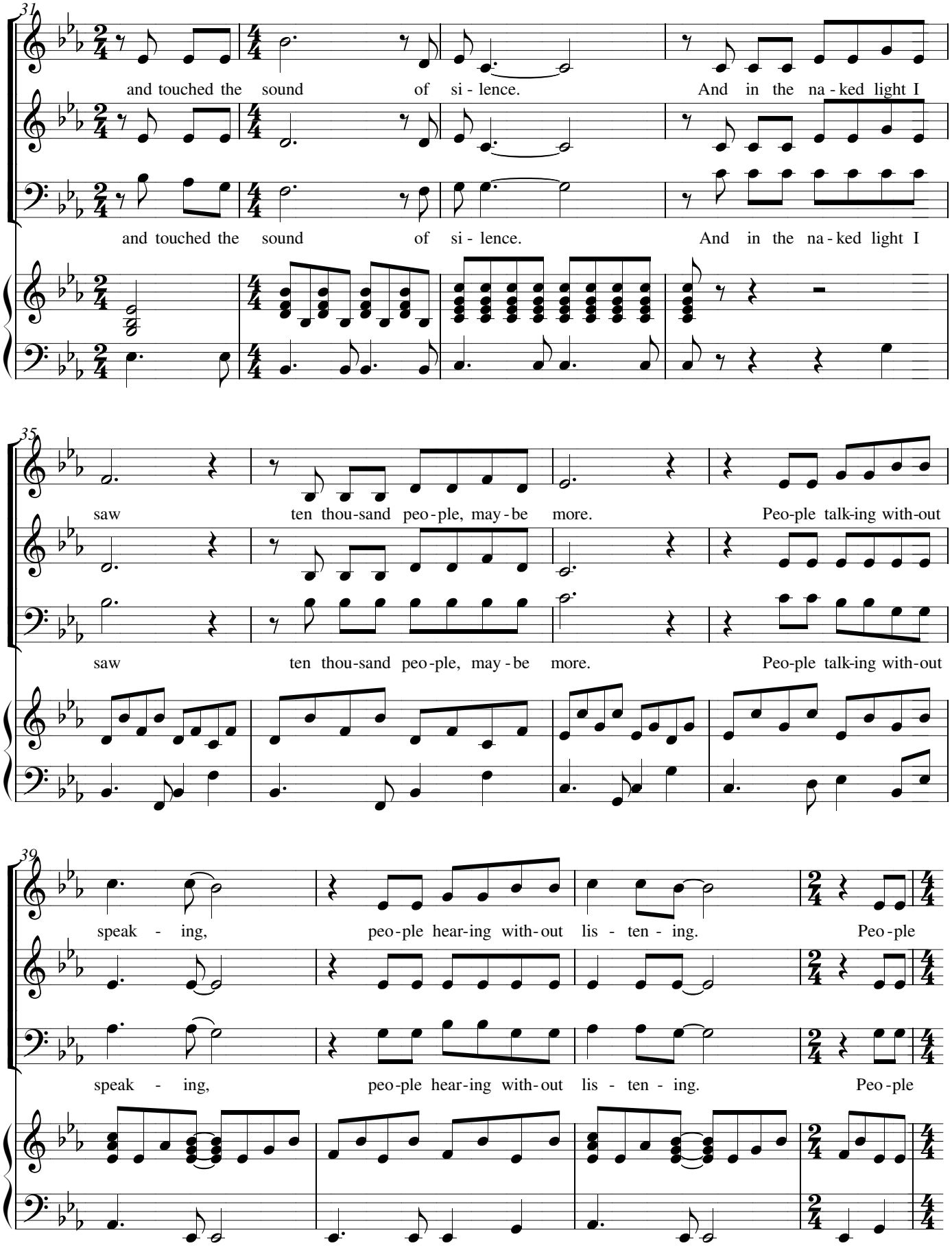
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and touched the sound of si - lence. And in the na - ked light I
and touched the sound of si - lence. And in the na - ked light I
35
saw ten thou-sand peo - ple, may - be more. Peo-ple talk-ing with-out
saw ten thou-sand peo - ple, may - be more. Peo-ple talk-ing with-out
39
speak - ing, peo - ple hear-ing with - out lis - ten - ing. Peo - ple
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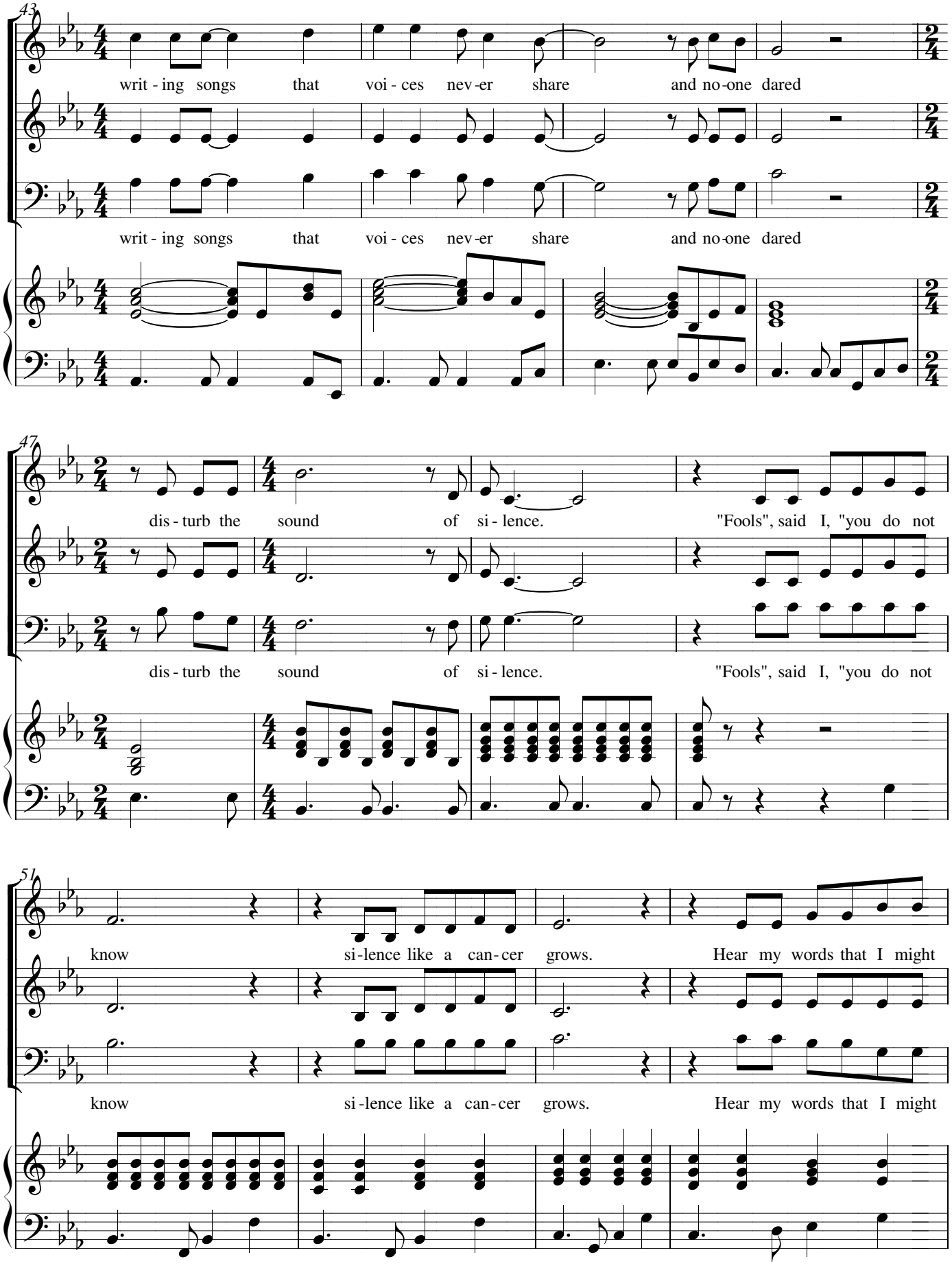
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writ - ing songs that voi - ces nev -er share and no -one dared
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47
dis - turb the sound of si - lence. "Fools", said I, "you do not
dis - turb the sound of si - lence. "Fools", said I, "you do not
51
know si - lence like a can - cer grows. Hear my words that I might
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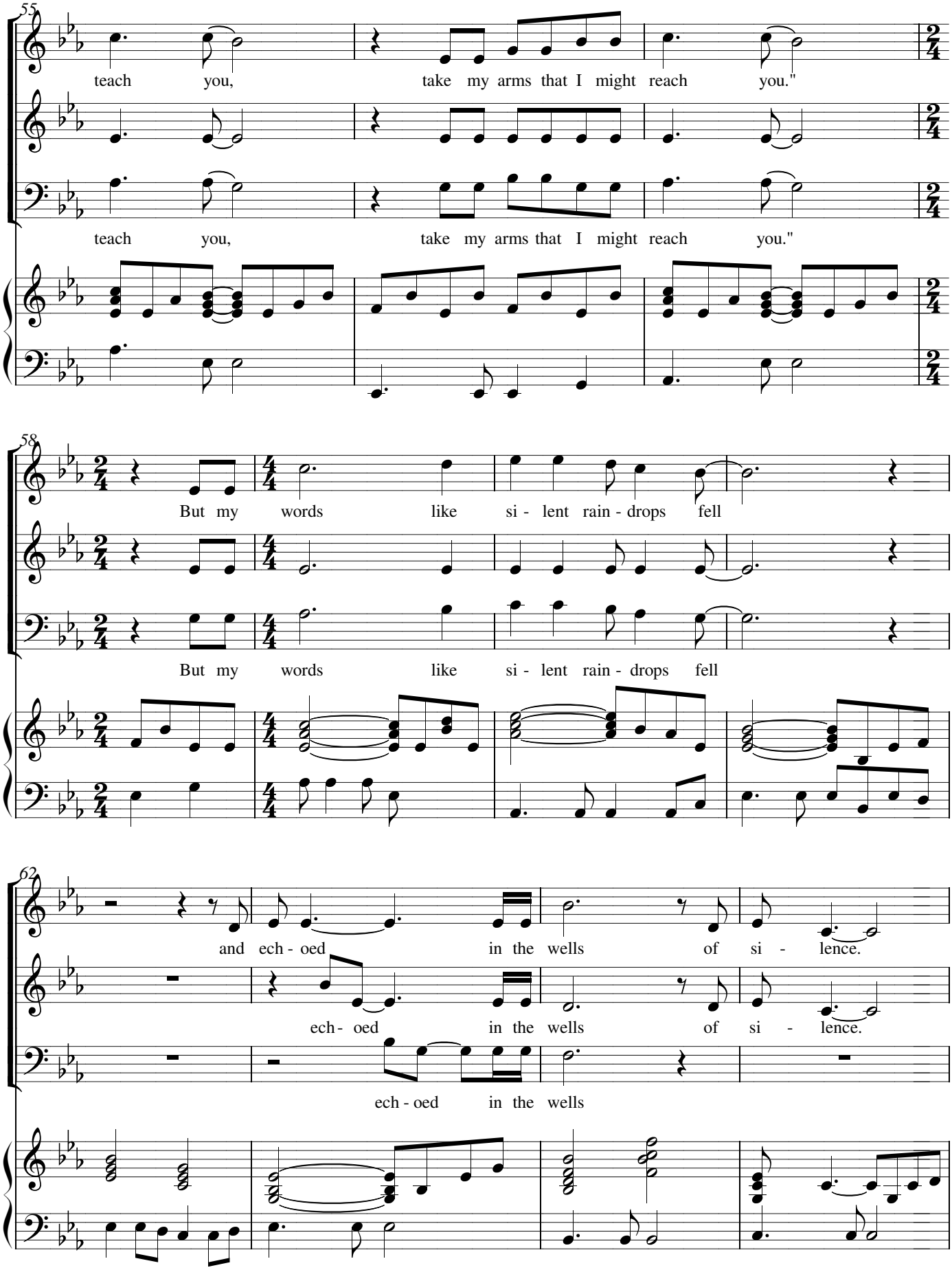
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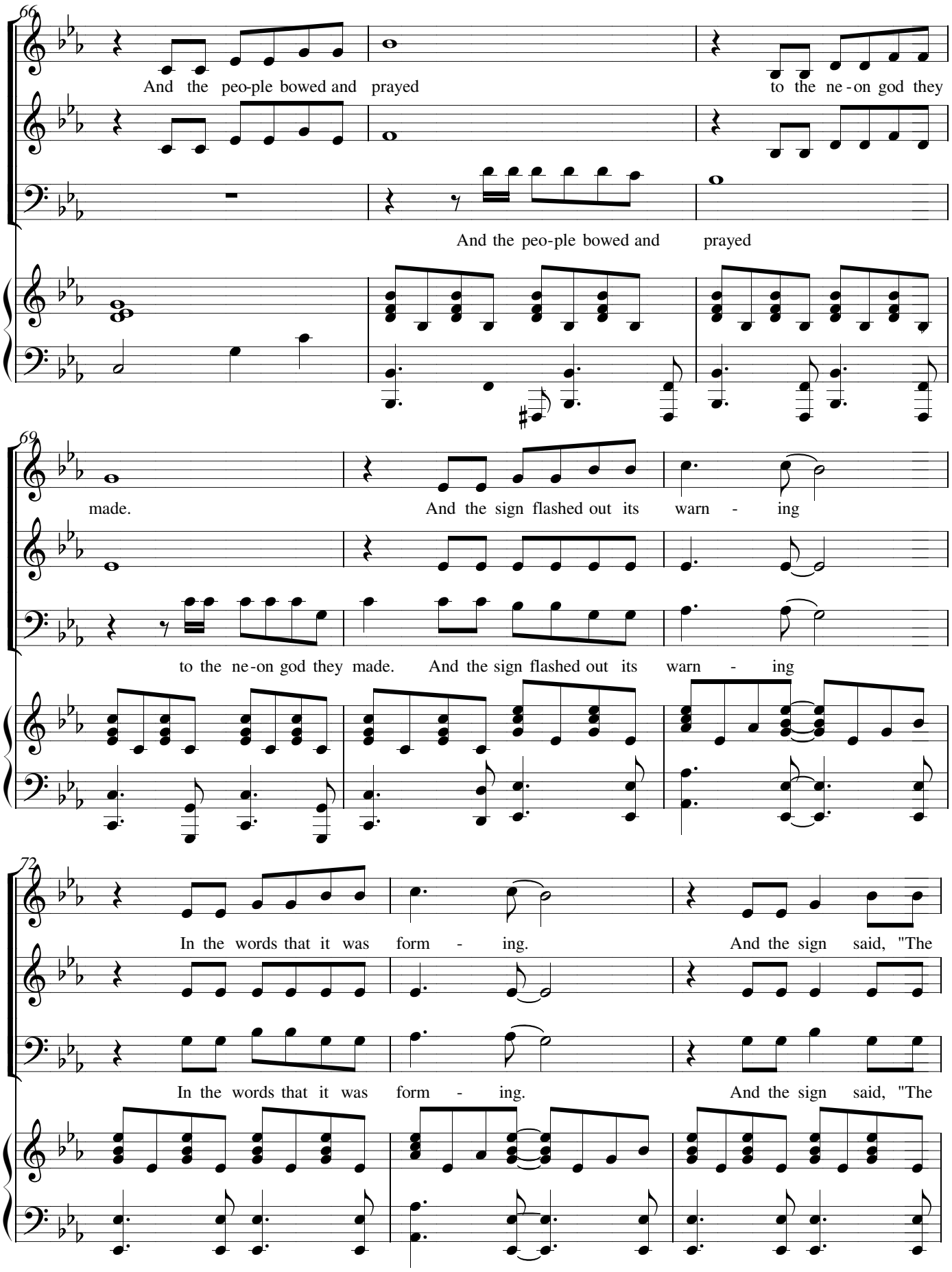
teach you, take my arms that I might reach you."
teach you, take my arms that I might reach you."
58
But my words like si - lent rain - drops fell
But my words like si - lent rain - drops fell
62
and ech - oed in the wells of si - lence.
ech - oed in the wells of si - lence.
ech - oed in the wells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And the peo-ple bowed and prayed
to the ne-on god they
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69
made.
And the sign flashed out its warn - ing
to the ne-on god they made.
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72
In the words that it was form - ing.
And the sign said, "The
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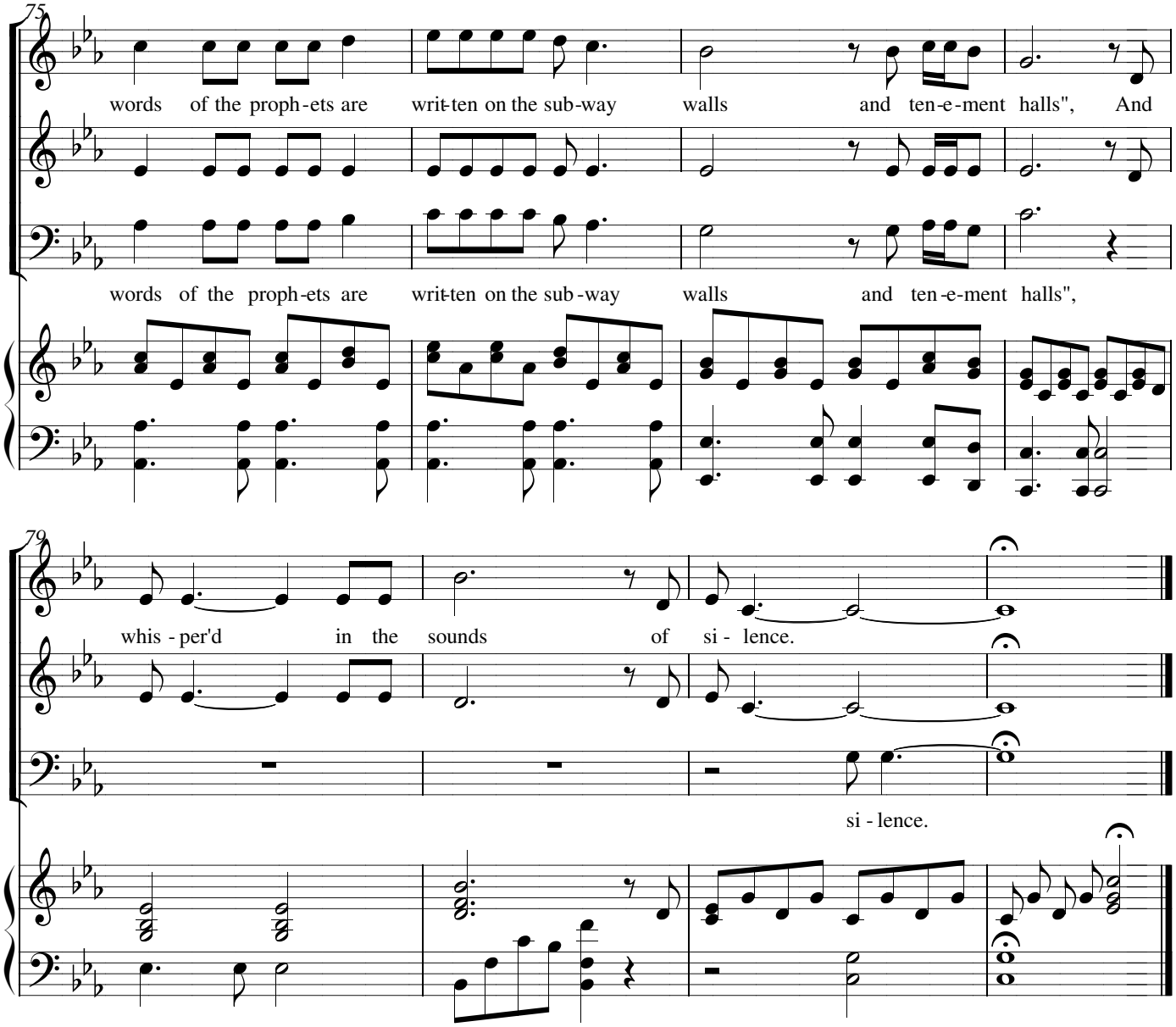
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words of the proph-ets are writ-ten on the sub-way walls and ten-e-ment halls", And
words of the proph-ets are writ-ten on the sub-way walls and ten-e-ment halls",
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whis-per'd in the sounds of si-lence.
si-lence.