VII A seal named Celia

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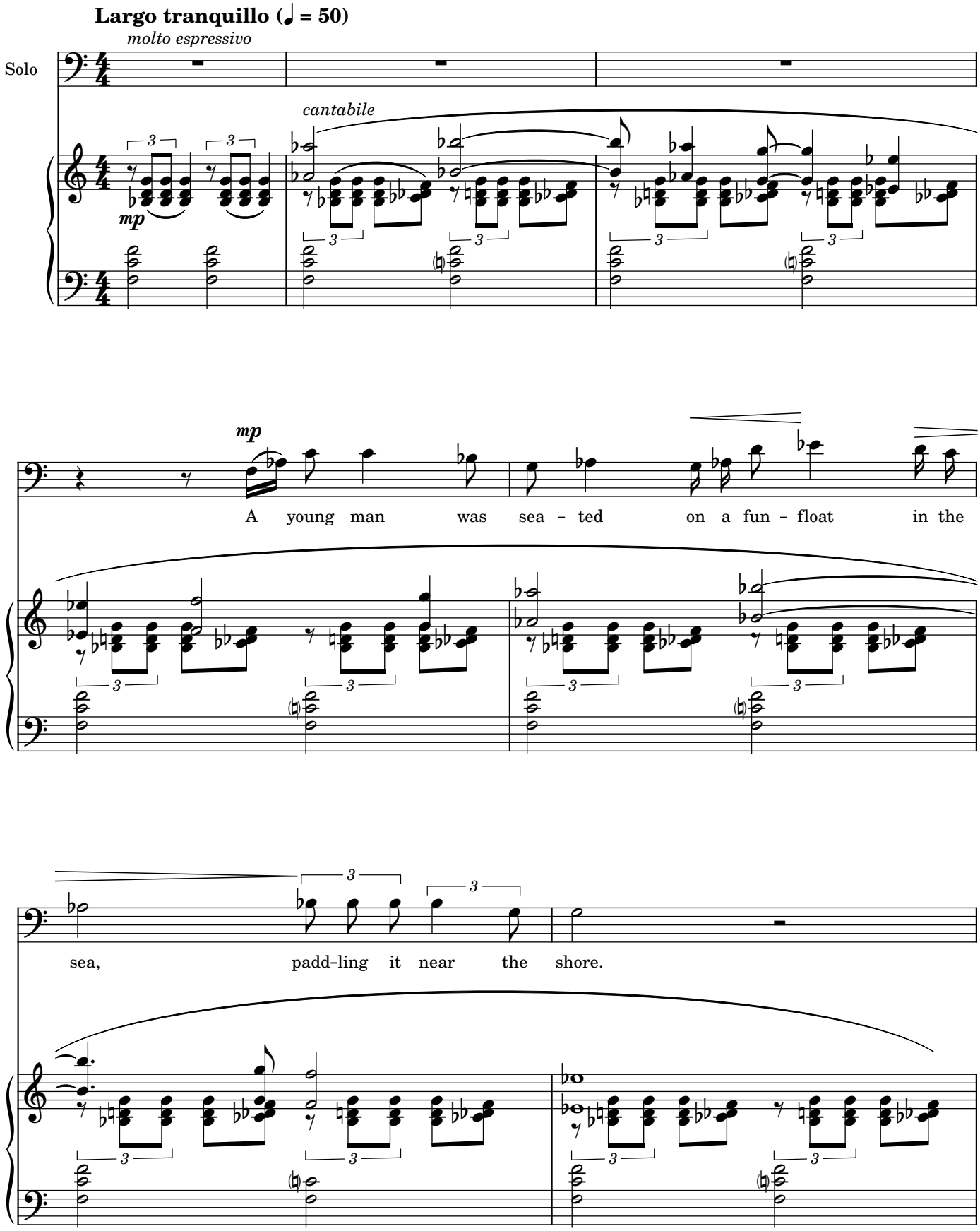

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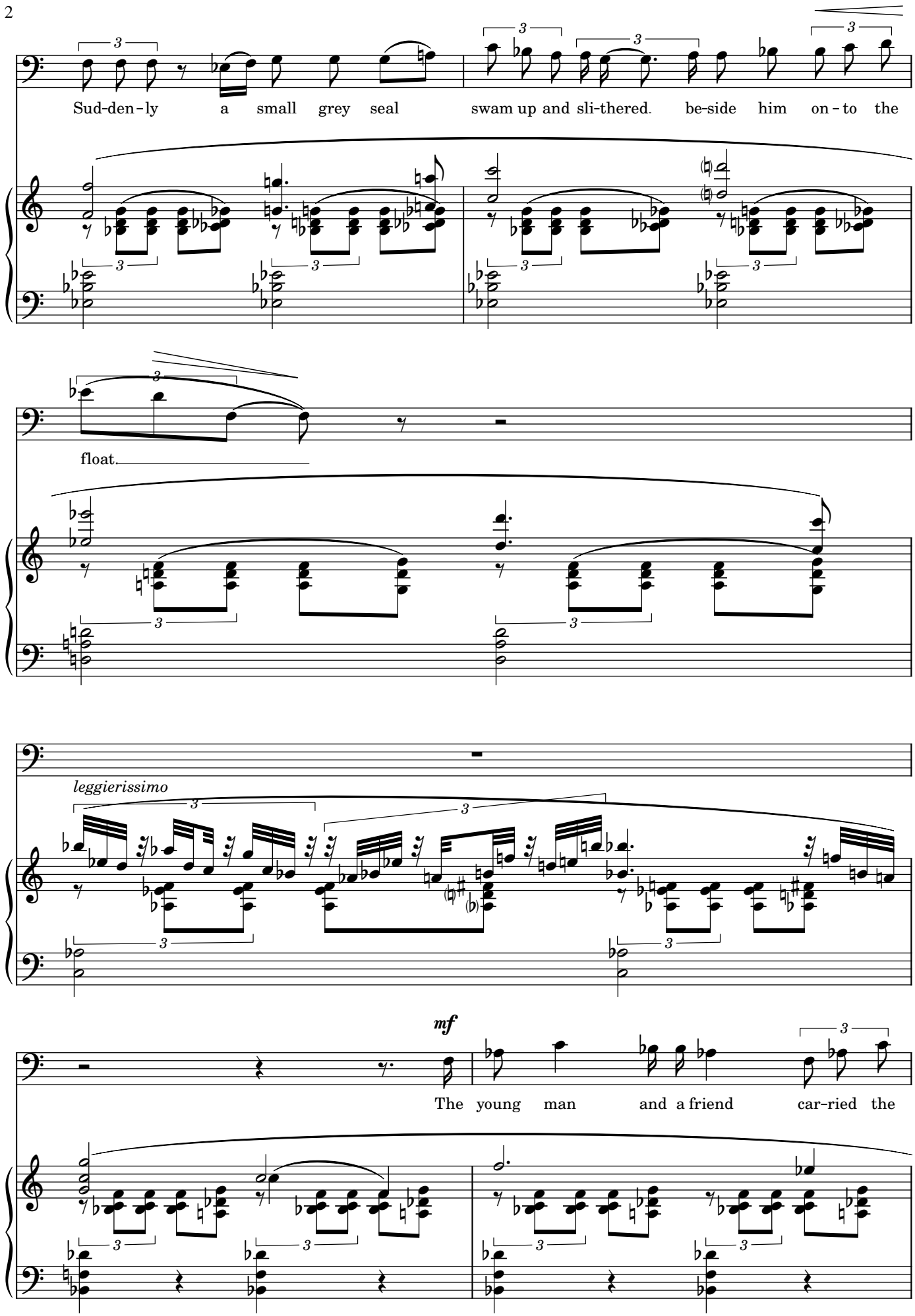
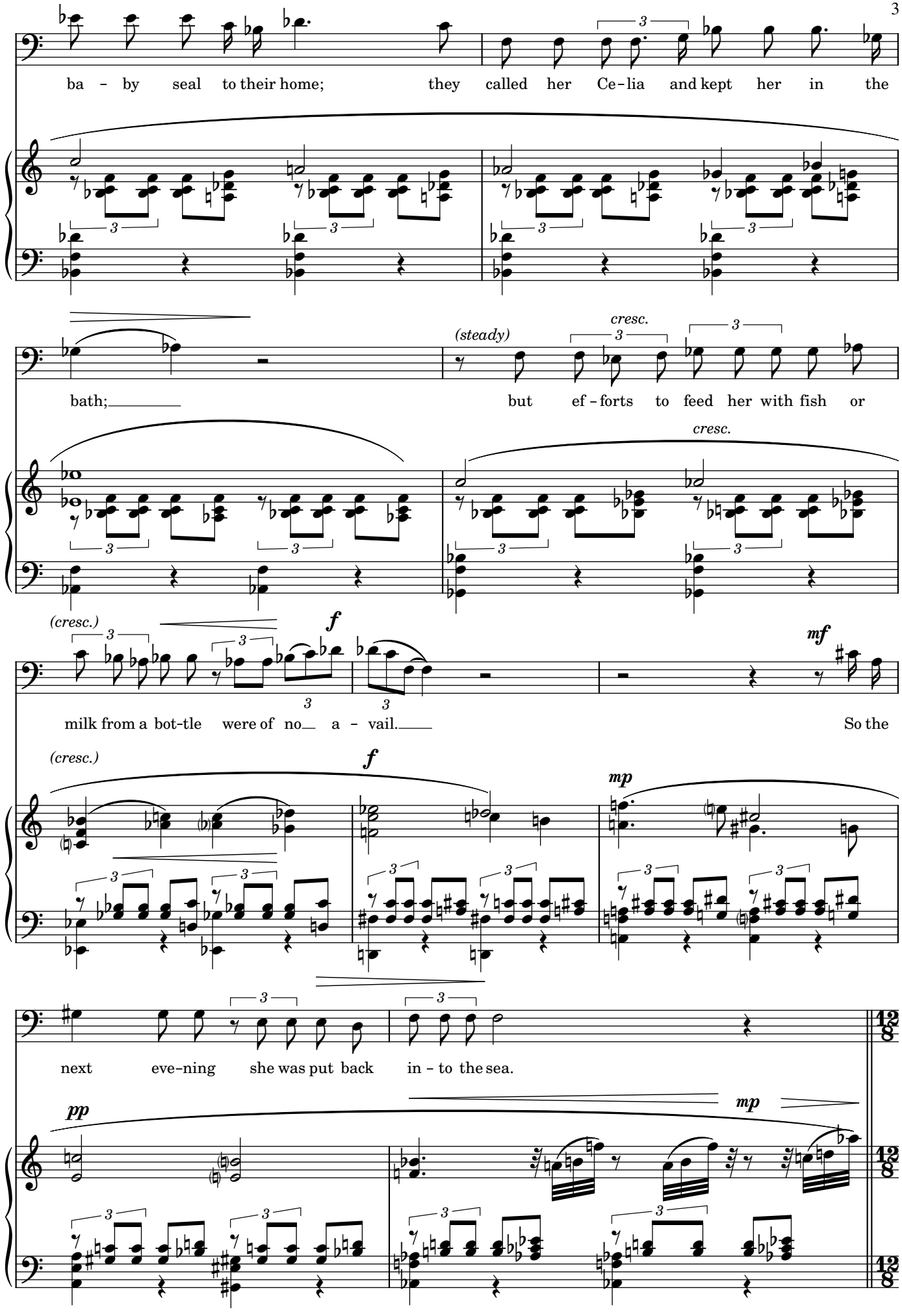
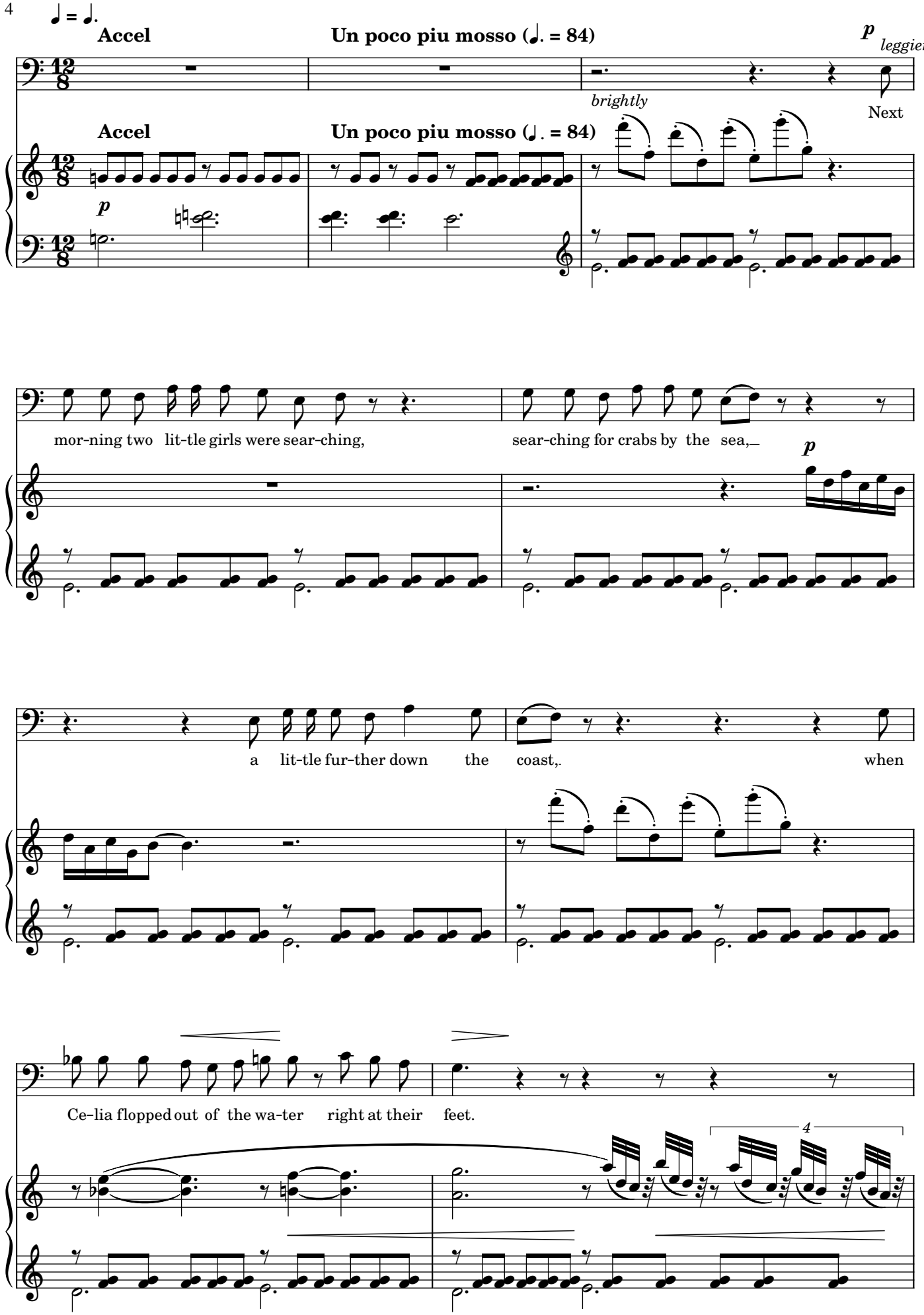

Sud-den-ly a small grey seal swam up and sli-thered be-side him on-to the
float.
leggierissimo
mf
The young man and a friend car-ried the


ba - by seal to their home; they called her Ce-lia and kept her in the
bath; but ef-forts to feed her with fish or
milk from a bot-tle were of no a - vail. So the
next eve-ning she was put back in - to the sea.
(steady)
cresc.
(cresc.)
f
mf
mp
pp


♩ = ♩.
Accel
Un poco piu mosso (♩. = 84)
p
leggiero
brightly
Next
Accel
Un poco piu mosso (♩. = 84)
p
mor-ning two lit-tle girls were sear-ching,
sear-ching for crabs by the sea,
p
a lit-tle fur-ther down the coast,
when
Ce-lia flopped out of the wa-ter right at their feet.
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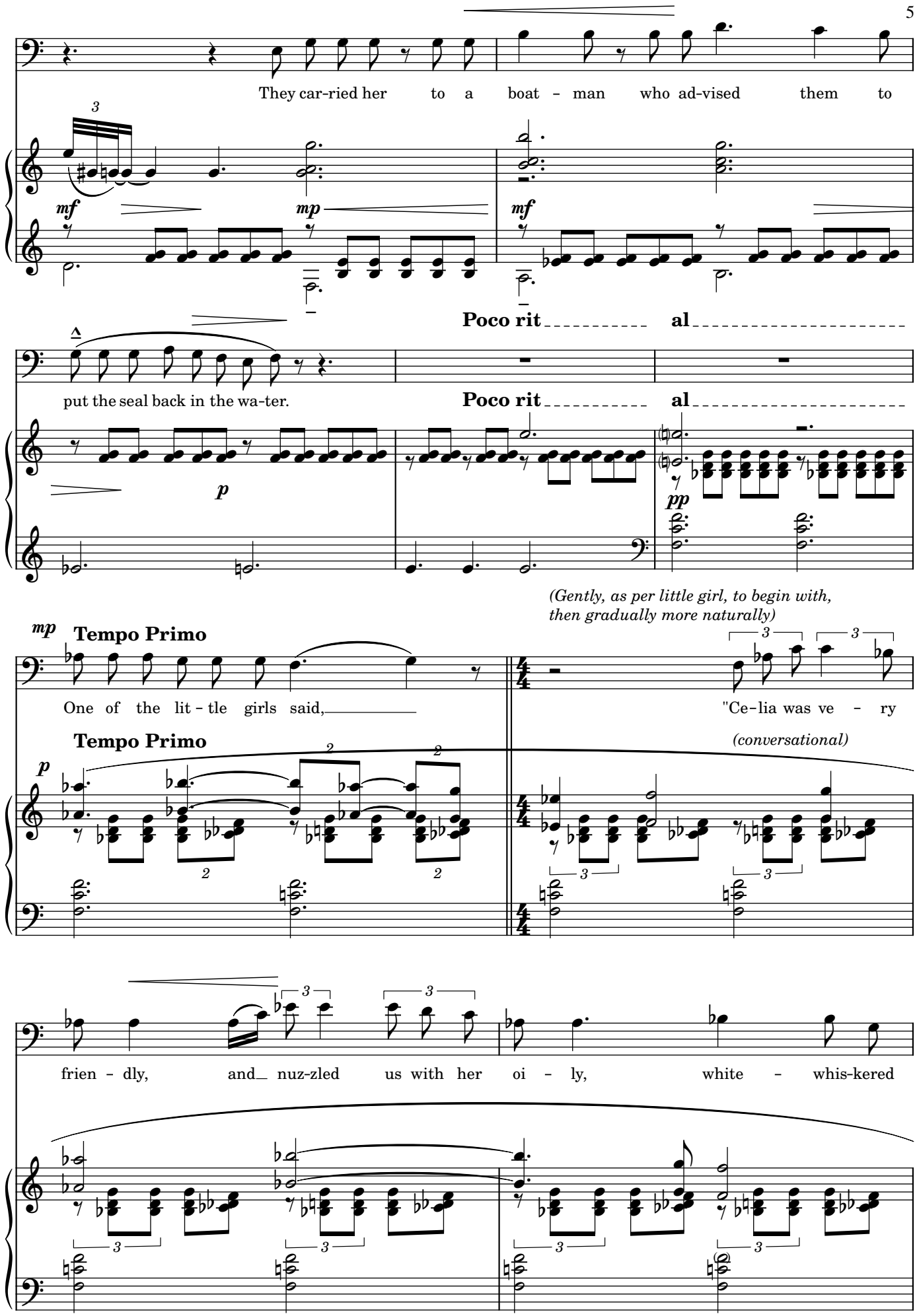
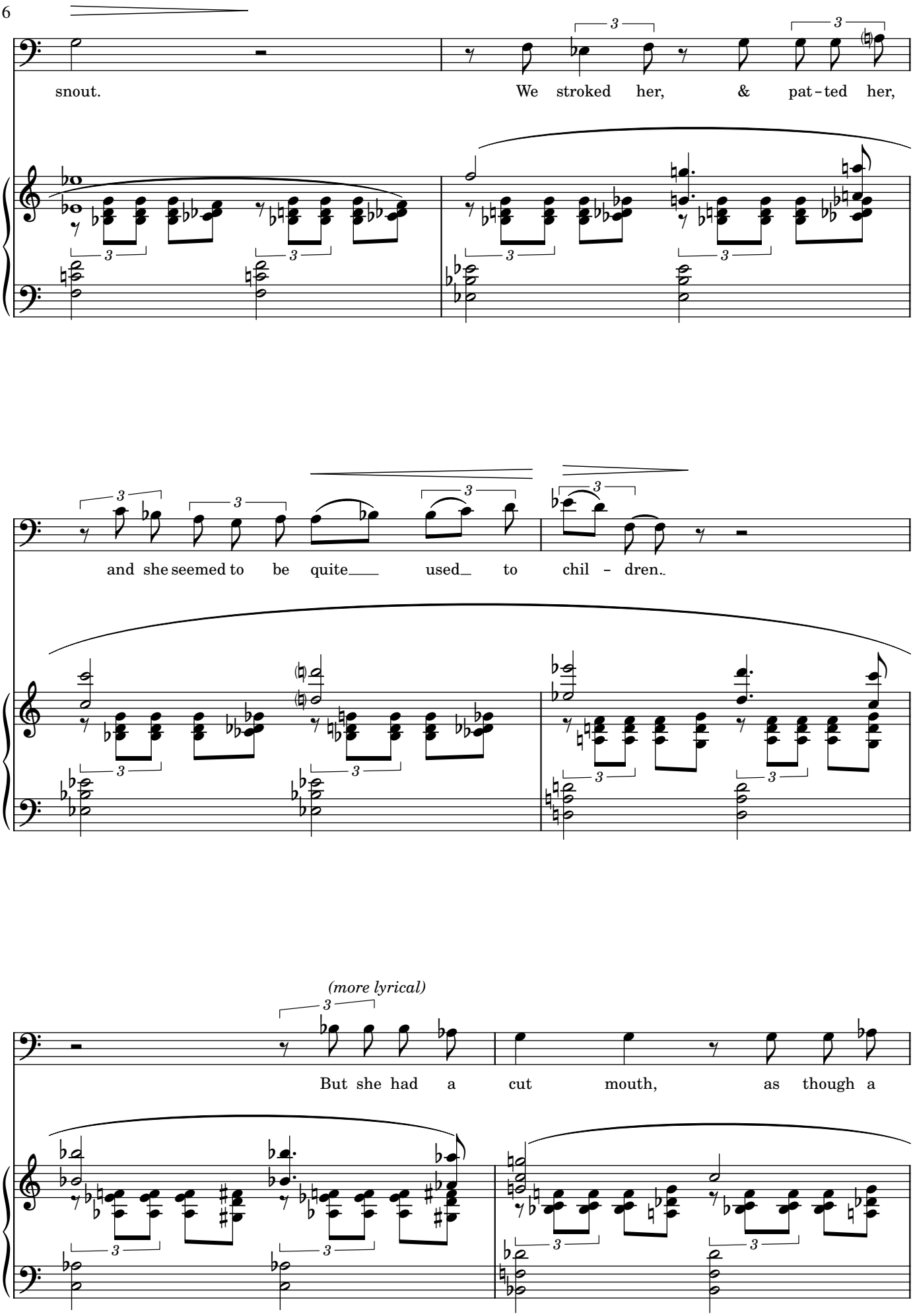

They car-ried her to a boat - man who ad-vised them to
mf
mp
mf
Poco rit al
put the seal back in the wa-ter.
Poco rit al
p
pp
(Gently, as per little girl, to begin with, then gradually more naturally)
mp
Tempo Primo
One of the lit - tle girls said,
"Ce-lia was ve - ry
Tempo Primo
(conversational)
p
frien - dly, and nuz-zled us with her oi - ly, white - whis-kered


snout.
We stroked her, & pat-ted her,
and she seemed to be quite used to chil - dren..
(more lyrical)
But she had a cut mouth, as though a

fish – er – man's hook had caught it. When we

poco a poco cresc.

cresc.

wa – ded in – to the sea to let her go, she

f

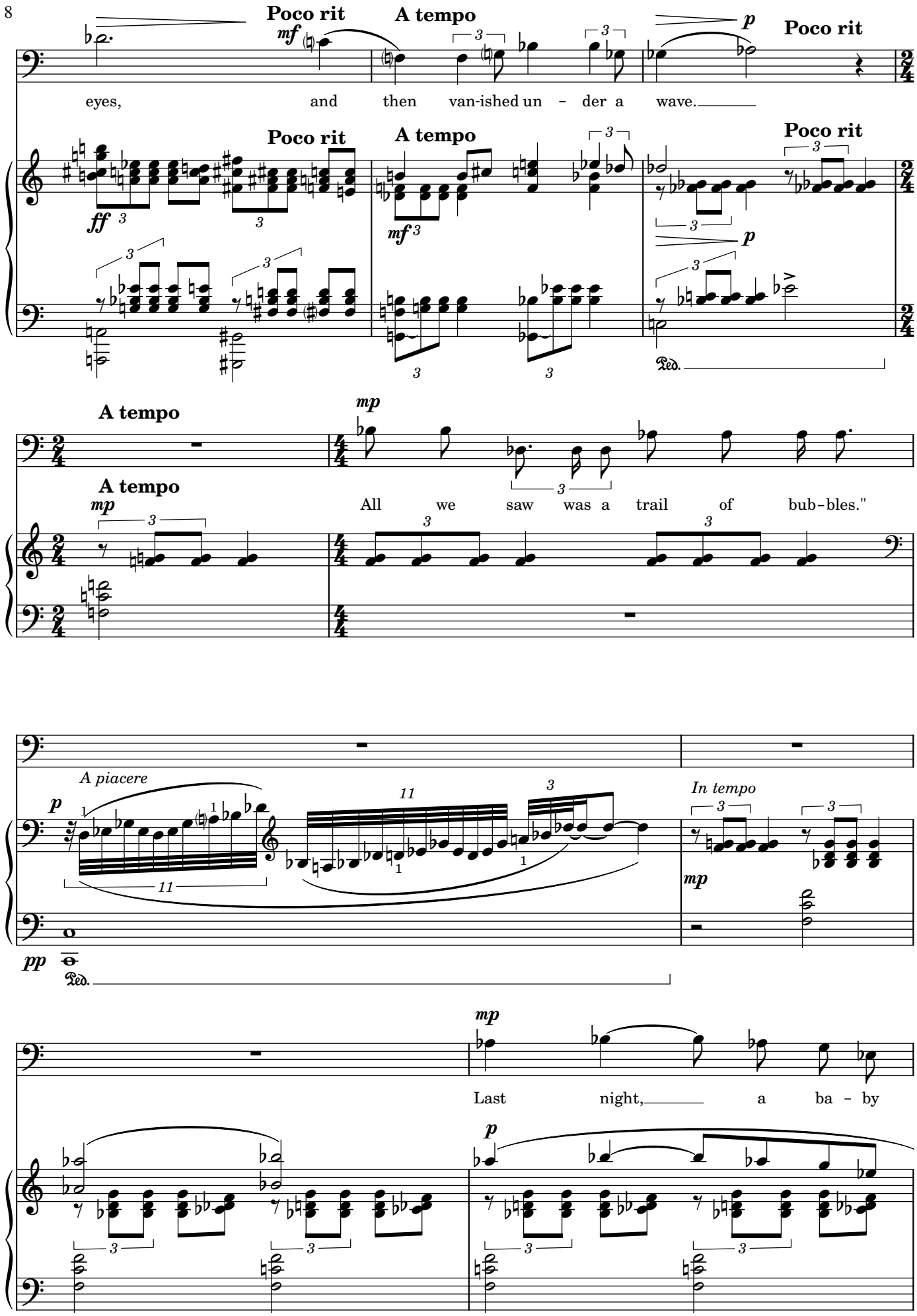
(cresc.)

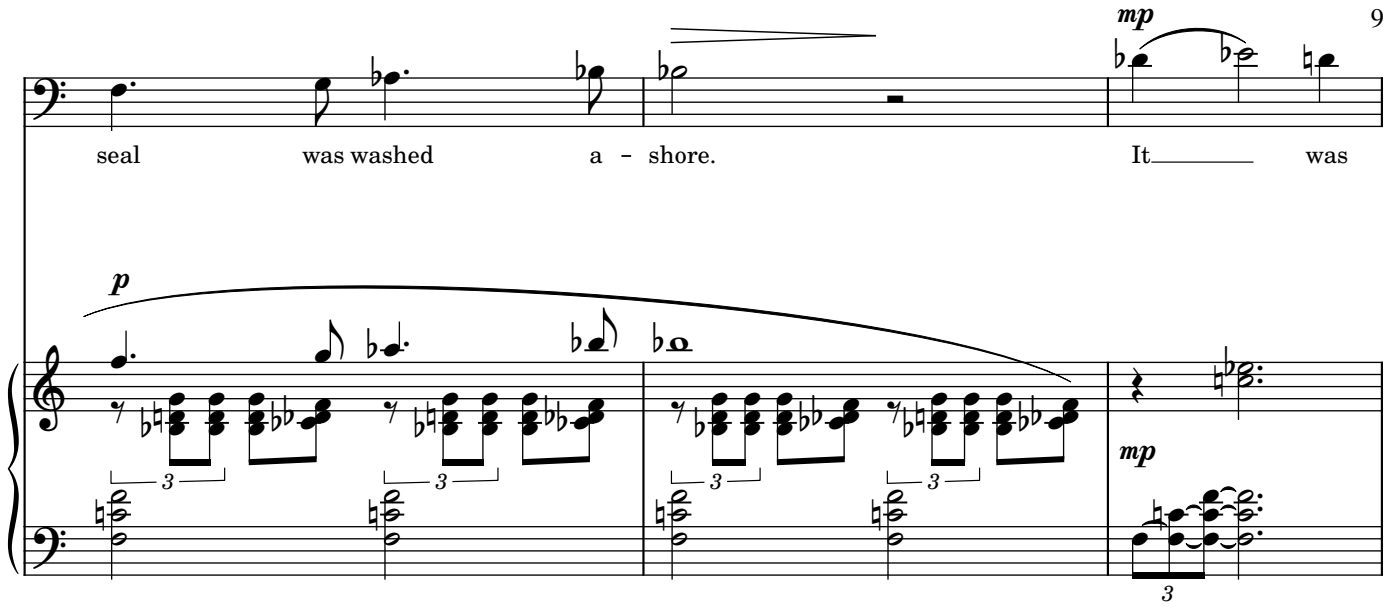
gave us a long sad look with her big black

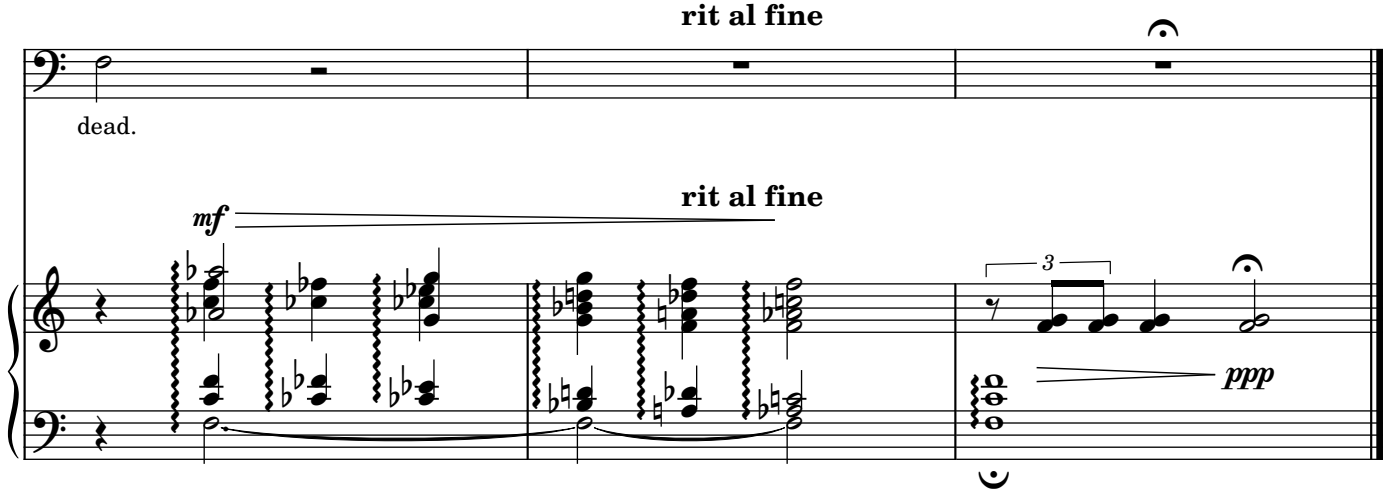
ff

(cresc.)

ff


Poco rit
A tempo
Poco rit
eyes, and then van-ished un - der a wave.
A tempo
All we saw was a trail of bub-bles."
A piacere
In tempo
Last night, a ba - by


mp
seal was washed a - shore. It was
p
mp


rit al fine
dead.
rit al fine
mf
ppp