THE FORWARD VIOLET

(from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XCIX)

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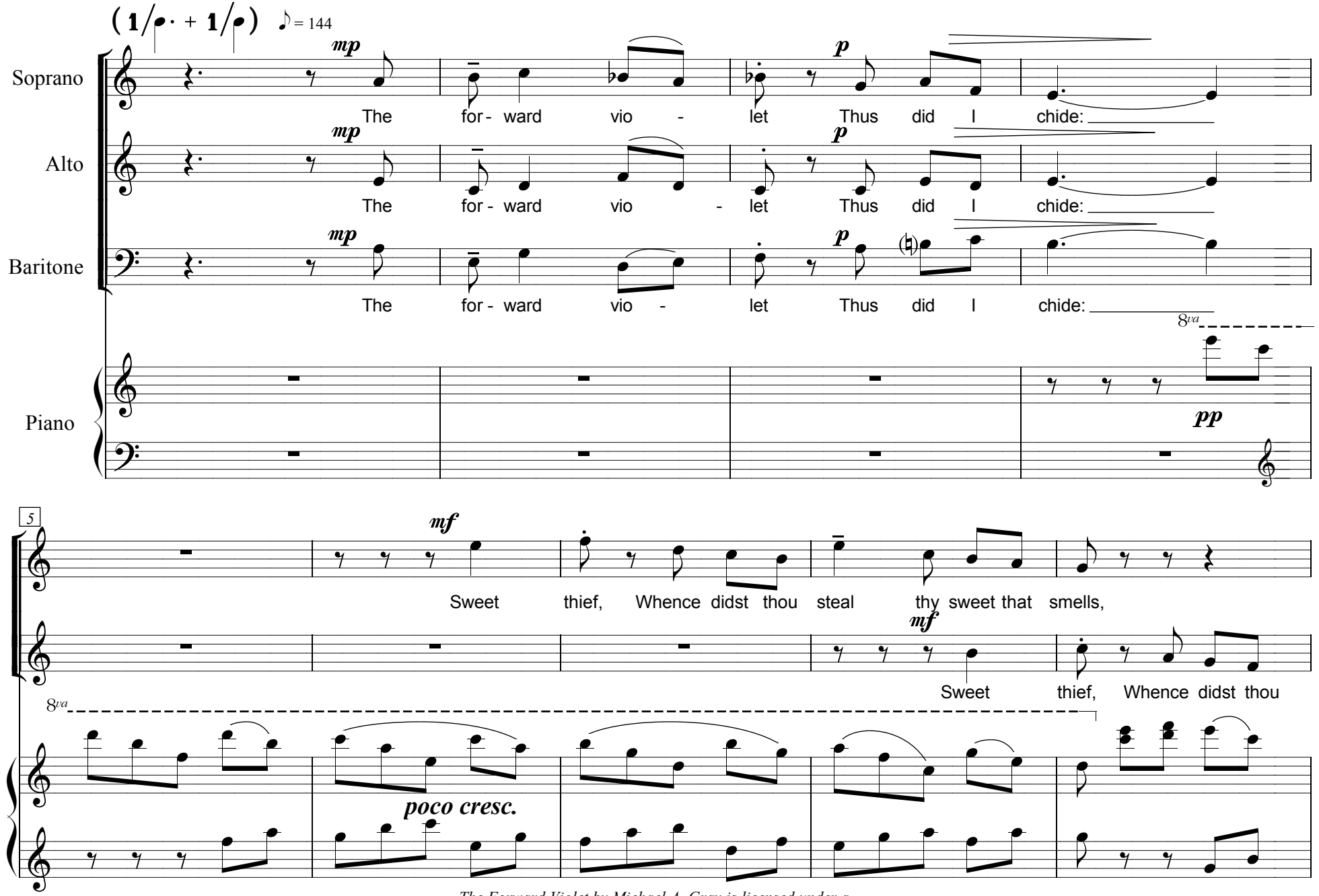

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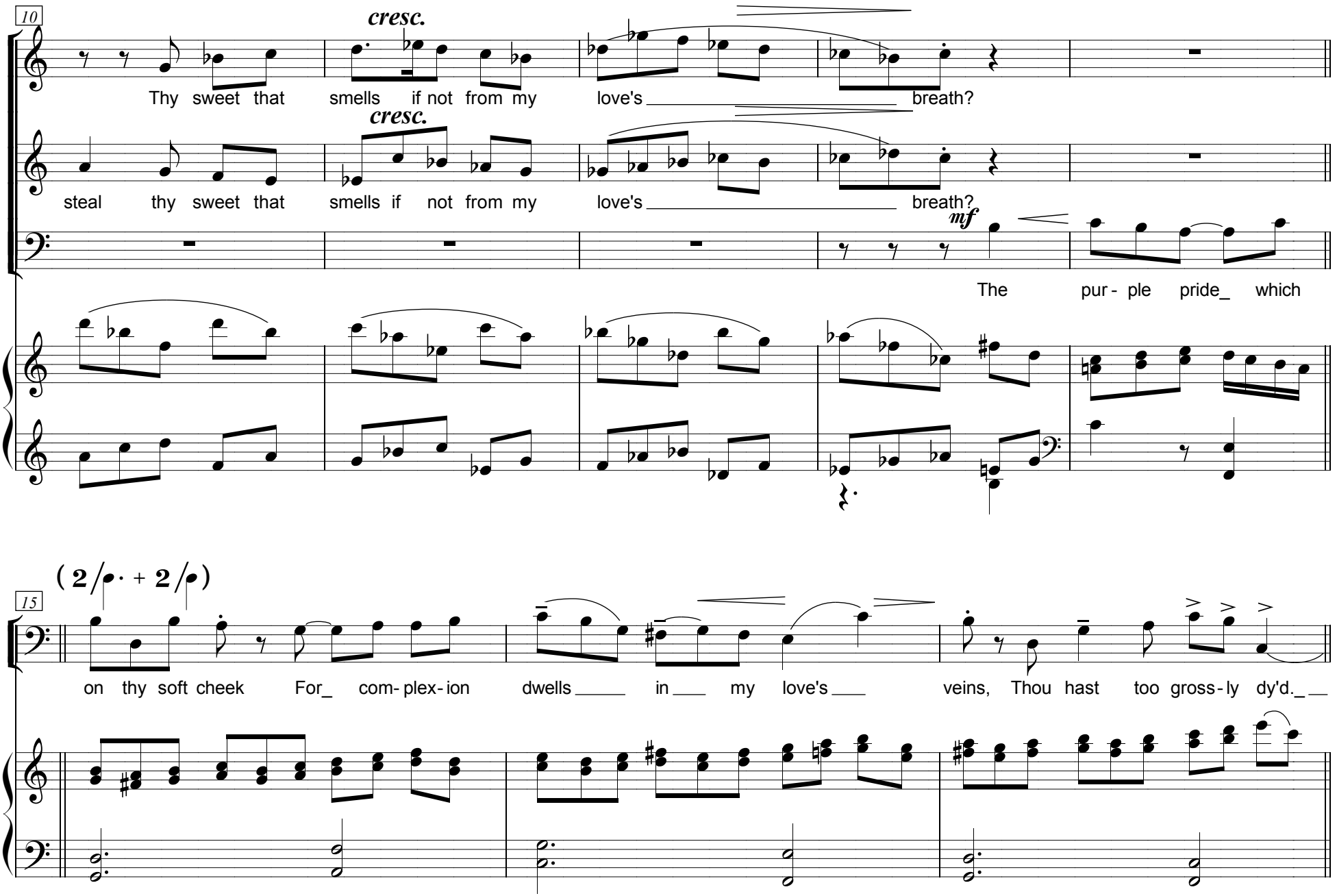
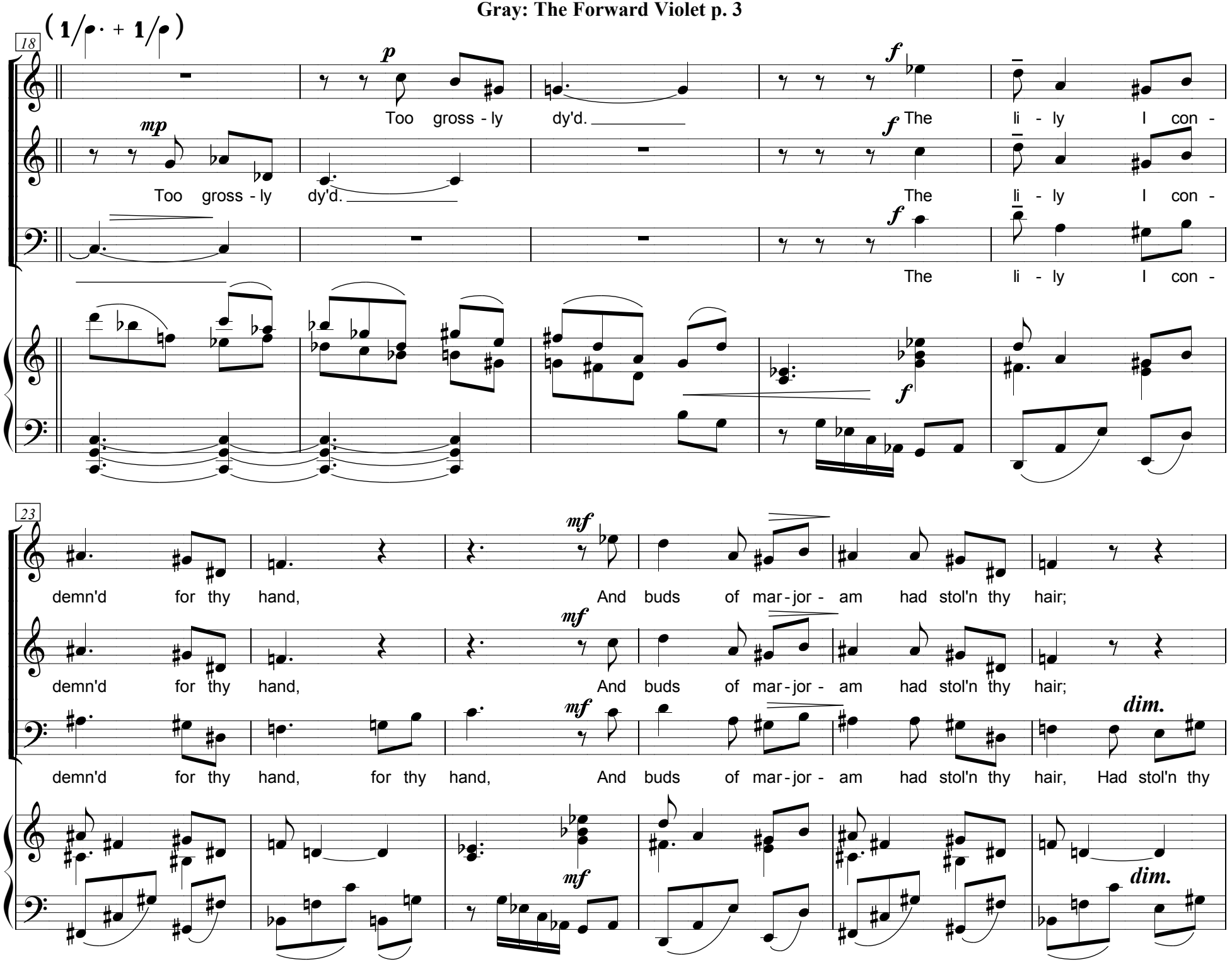
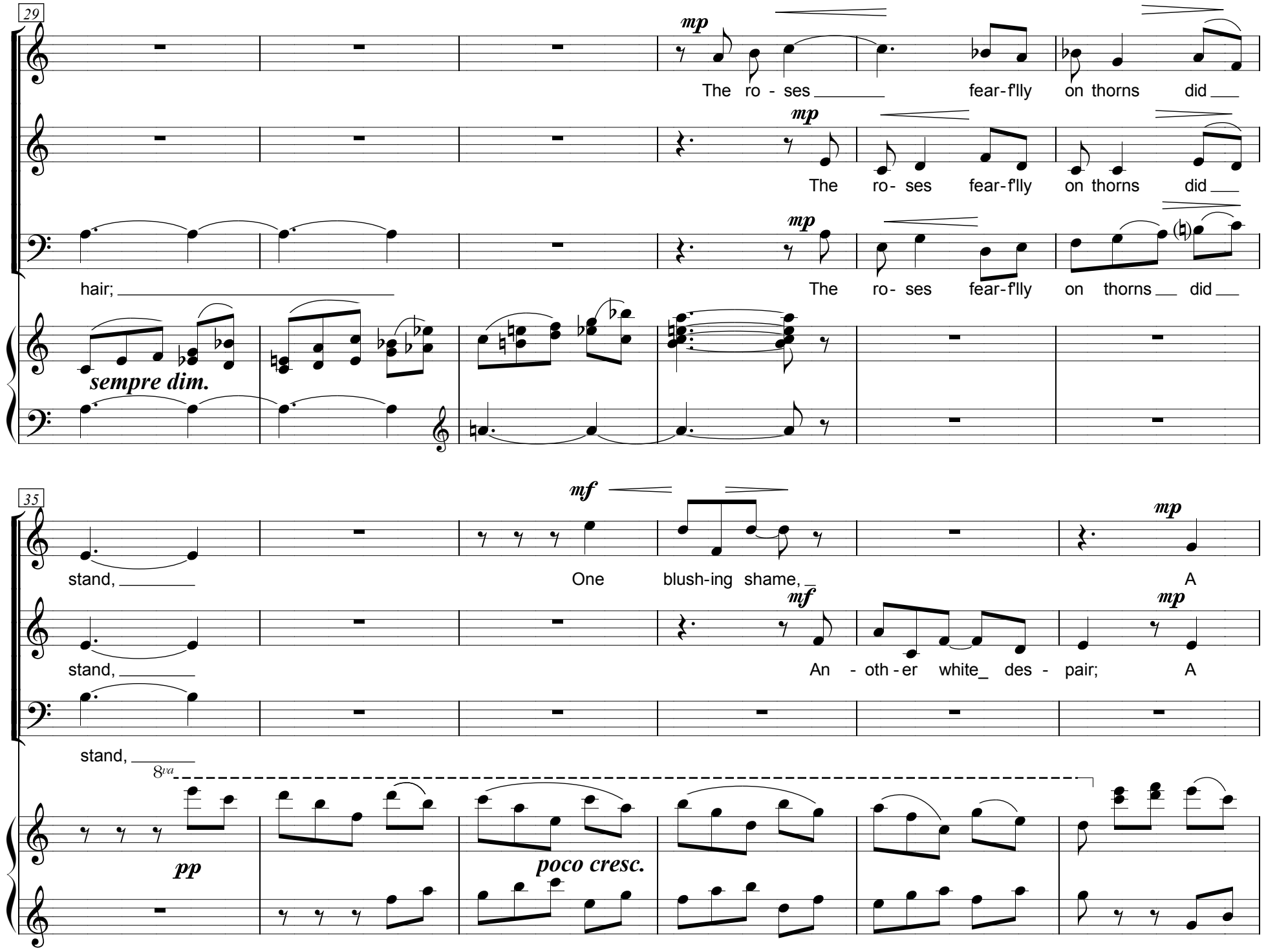
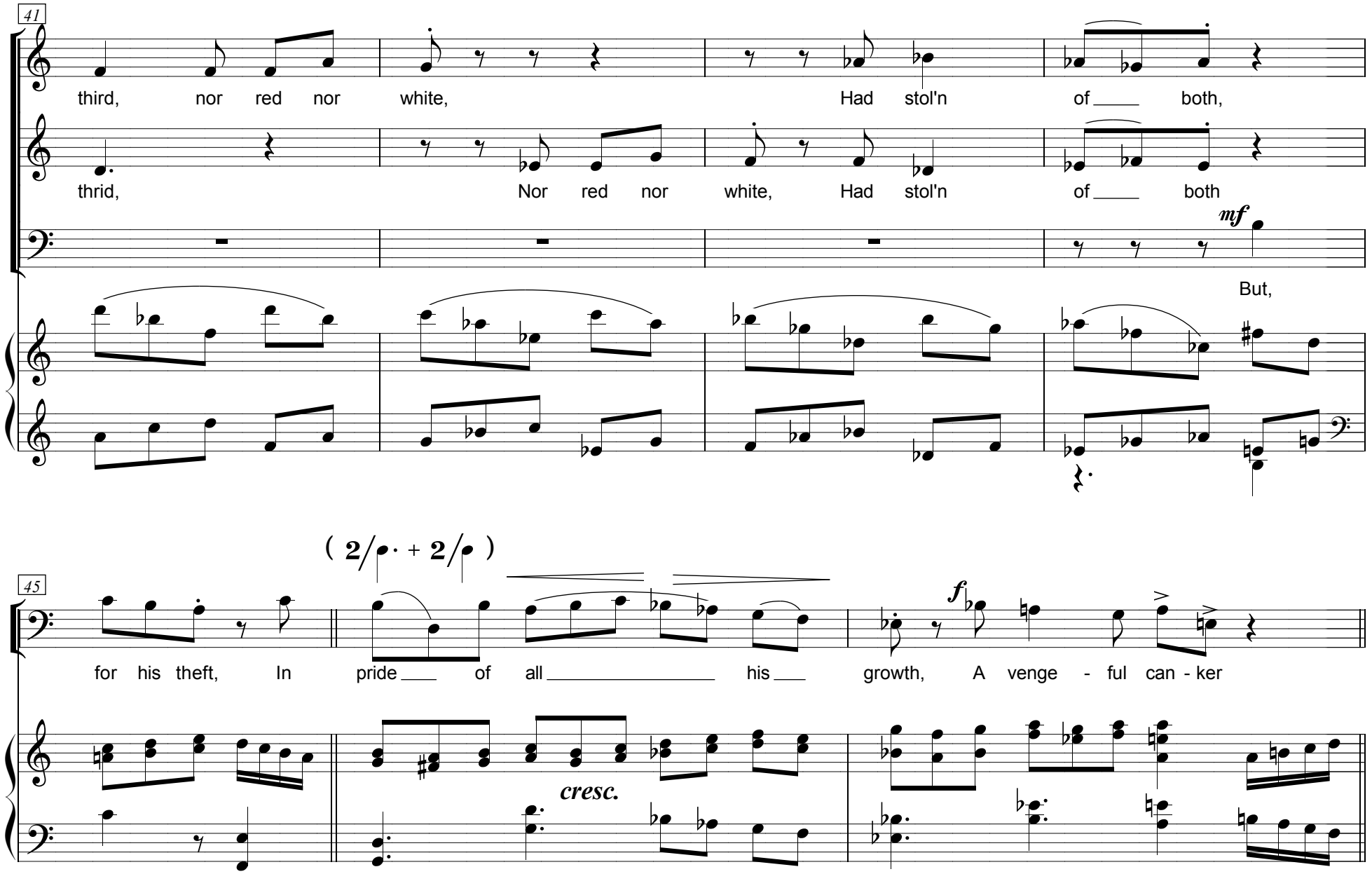
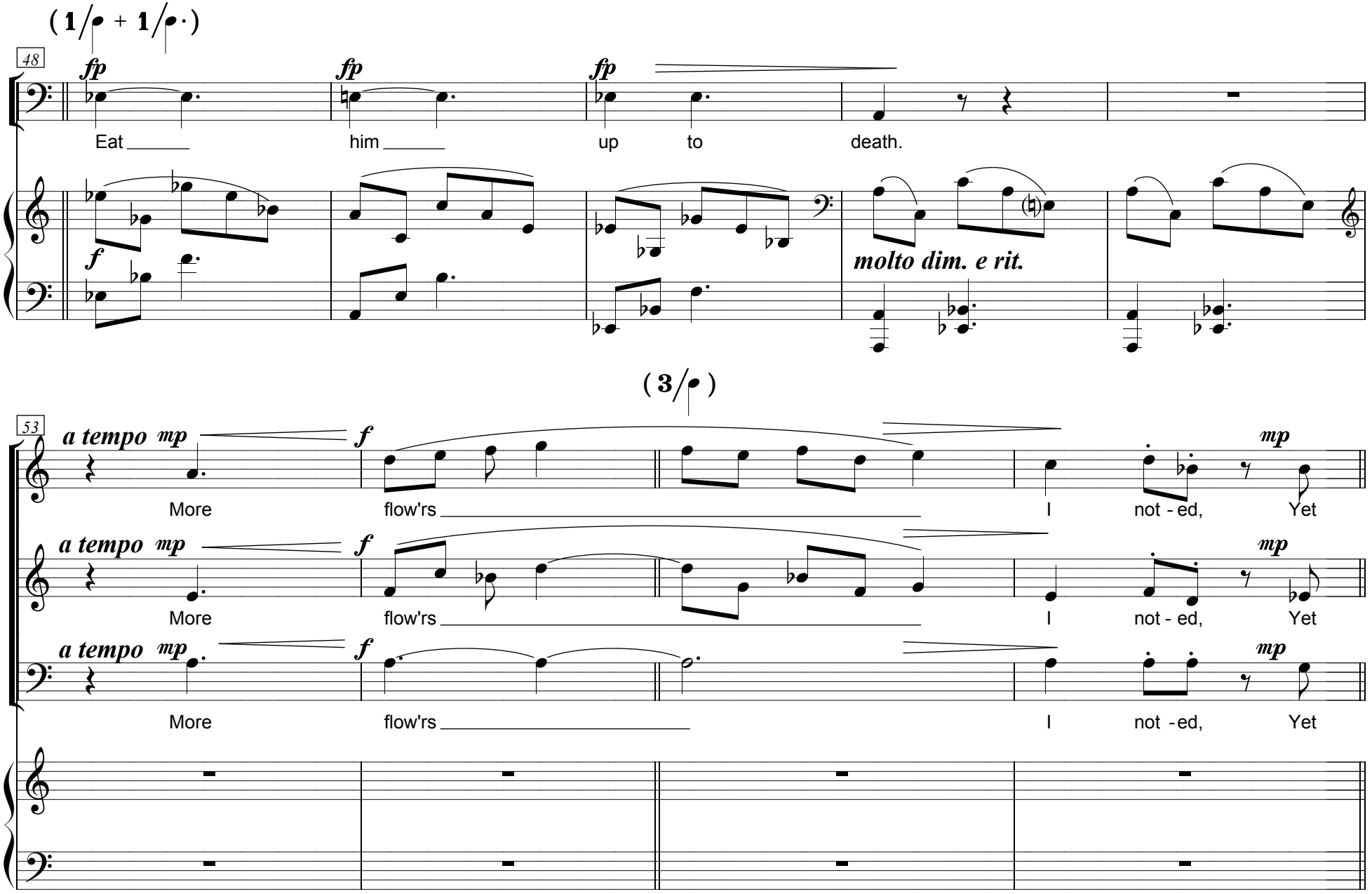
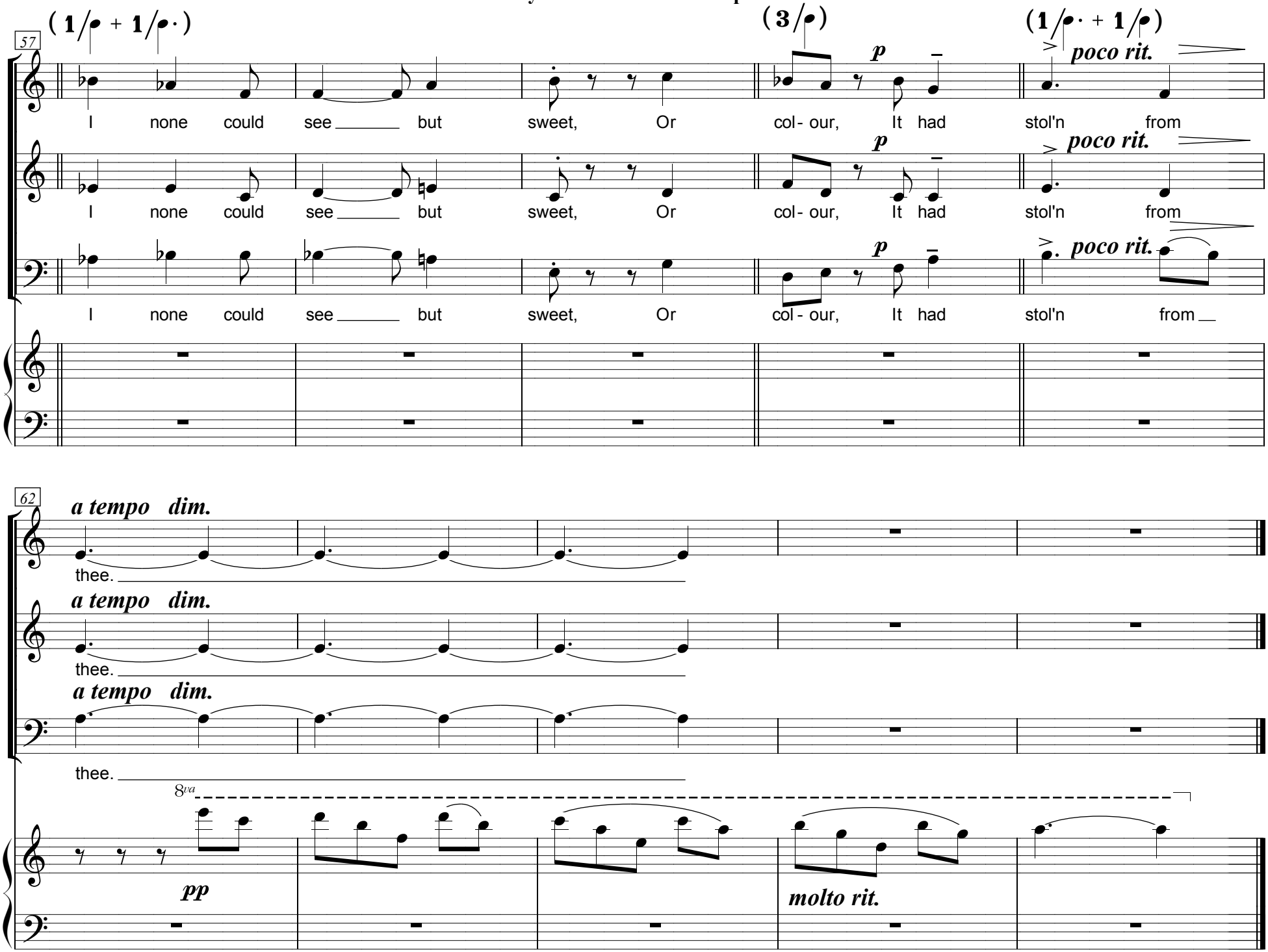

10
cresc.
Thy sweet that smells if not from my love's breath?
cresc.
steal thy sweet that smells if not from my love's breath?
mf
The pur - ple pride_ which
(2/𝅗𝅥 · + 2/𝅗𝅥)
15
on thy soft cheek For_ com - plex - ion dwells in my love's veins, Thou hast too gross - ly dy'd._


(1/𝅗𝅥. + 1/𝅗𝅥)
18
p
Too gross - ly dy'd.
mp
Too gross - ly dy'd.
f
The li - ly I con -
f
The li - ly I con -
f
The li - ly I con -
f
23
mf
demn'd for thy hand, And buds of mar - jor - am had stol'n thy hair;
mf
demn'd for thy hand, And buds of mar - jor - am had stol'n thy hair;
mf
demn'd for thy hand, for thy hand, And buds of mar - jor - am had stol'n thy hair,
dim.
Had stol'n thy
mf
dim.


29
mp
The ro - ses fear-f'lly on thorns did
mp
The ro- ses fear-f'lly on thorns did
mp
hair;
The ro- ses fear-f'lly on thorns did
sempre dim.
35
mf
stand, One blush-ing shame, A
mf
mp
stand, An - oth - er white_ des - pair; A
stand,
8va
pp
poco cresc.


41
third, nor red nor white, Had stol'n of both,
thrid, Nor red nor white, Had stol'n of both
mf
But,
(2/𝅗𝅥· + 2/𝅗𝅥)
45
for his theft, In pride of all his
f
growth, A venge - ful can - ker
cresc.


(1/♩ + 1/♩·)
48
fp
fp
fp
Eat
him
up
to
death.
f
molto dim. e rit.
(3/♩)
53
a tempo mp
f
mp
More
flow'rs
I
not - ed,
Yet
a tempo mp
f
mp
More
flow'rs
I
not - ed,
Yet
a tempo mp
f
mp
More
flow'rs
I
not - ed,
Yet


(1/♩ + 1/♩·)
(3/♩)
(1/♩· + 1/♩)
57
I none could see ____ but sweet, Or col- our, It had stol'n from
p
poco rit.
62
a tempo dim.
thee. ____
8va
pp
molto rit.