For my friend and colleague, Lucy Baker: the honor is all mine.

Soap! Soap! Soap!

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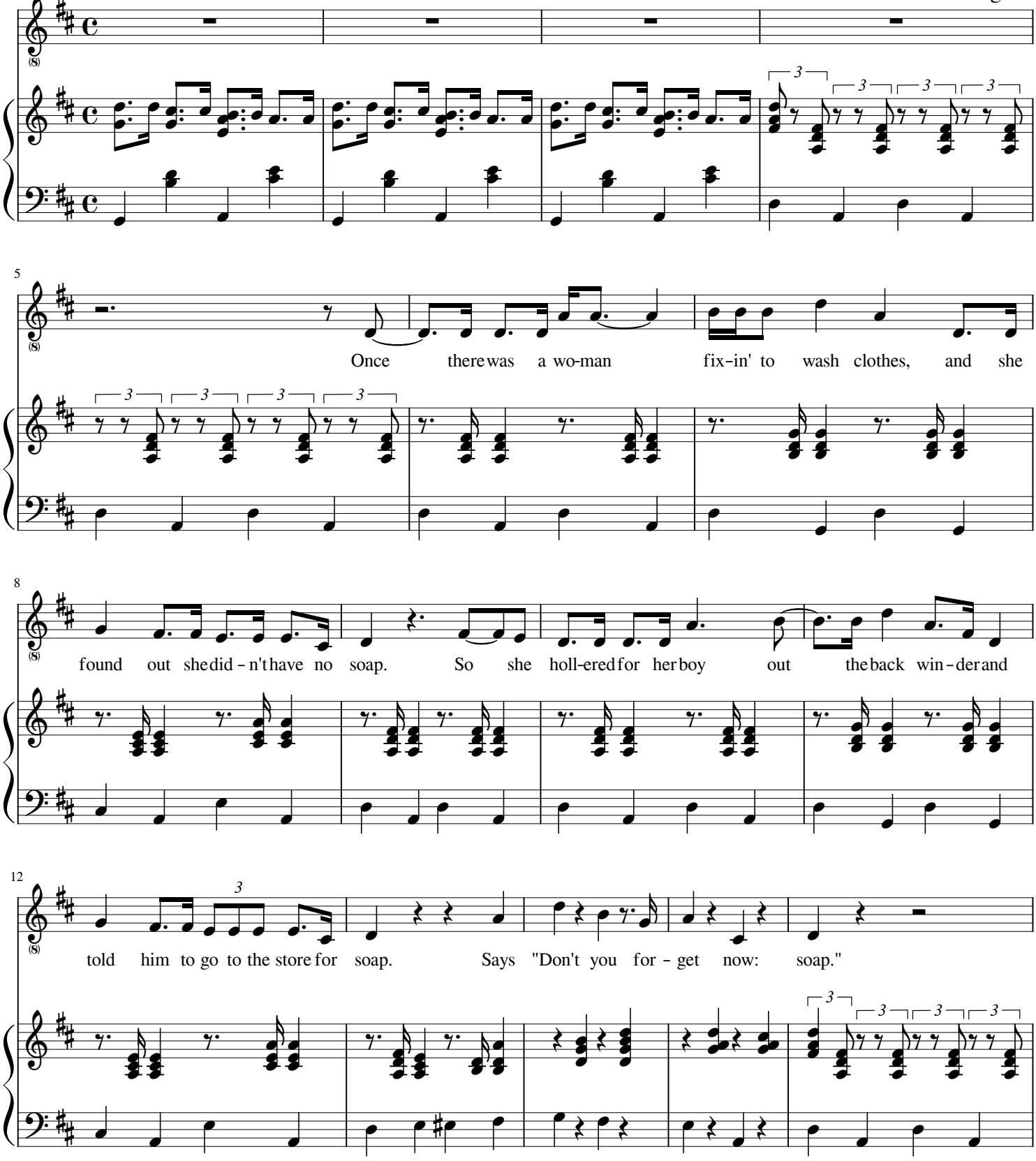

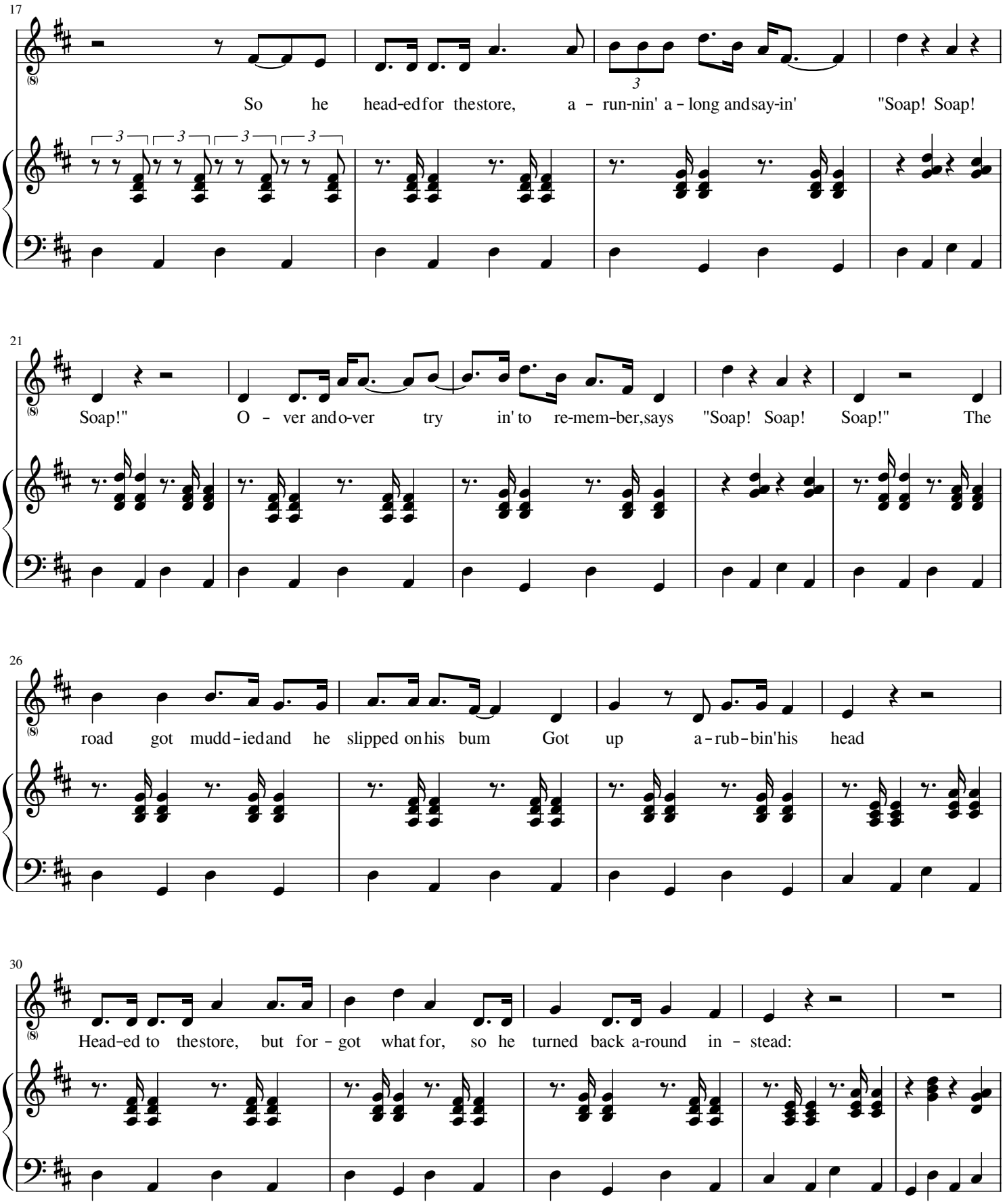
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So he head-ed for the store, a - run-nin' a - long and say-in' "Soap! Soap!
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Soap!" O - ver and o-ver try in' to re-mem-ber, says "Soap! Soap! Soap!" The
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road got mudd-ied and he slipped on his bum Got up a-rub-bin' his head
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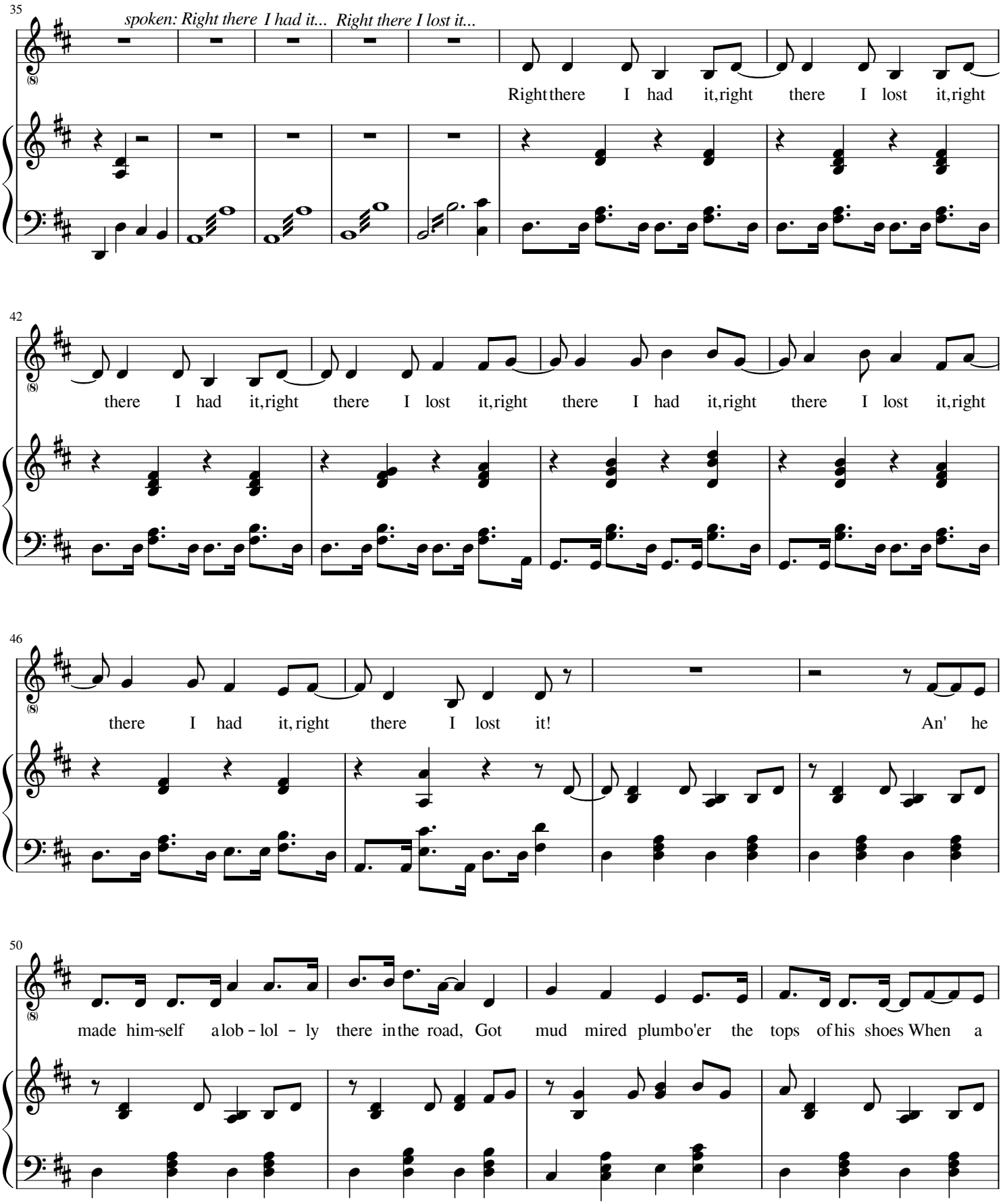
Head-ed to the store, but for - got what for, so he turned back a-round in - stead: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spoken: Right there I had it... Right there I lost it...
Right there I had it, right there I lost it, right
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there I had it, right there I lost it, right there I had it, right there I lost it, right
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there I had it, right there I lost it! An' he
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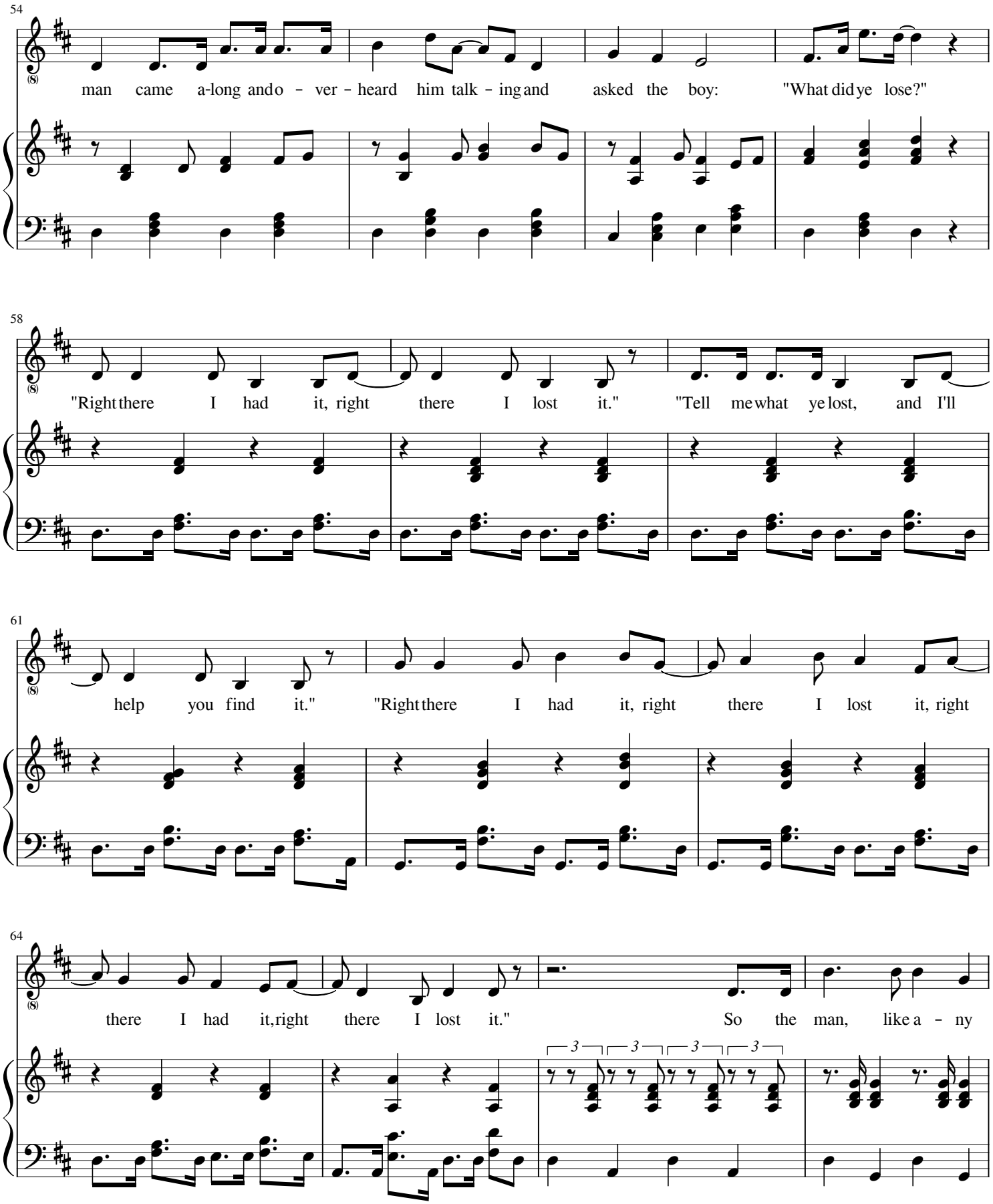
made him-self a lob - lol - ly there in the road, Got mud mired plumb o'er the tops of his shoes When a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man came a-long and o - ver - heard him talk - ing and asked the boy: "What did ye lose?"
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"Right there I had it, right there I lost it." "Tell me what ye lost, and I'll
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help you find it." "Right there I had it, right there I lost it, right
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there I had it, right there I lost it." So the man, like a - ny
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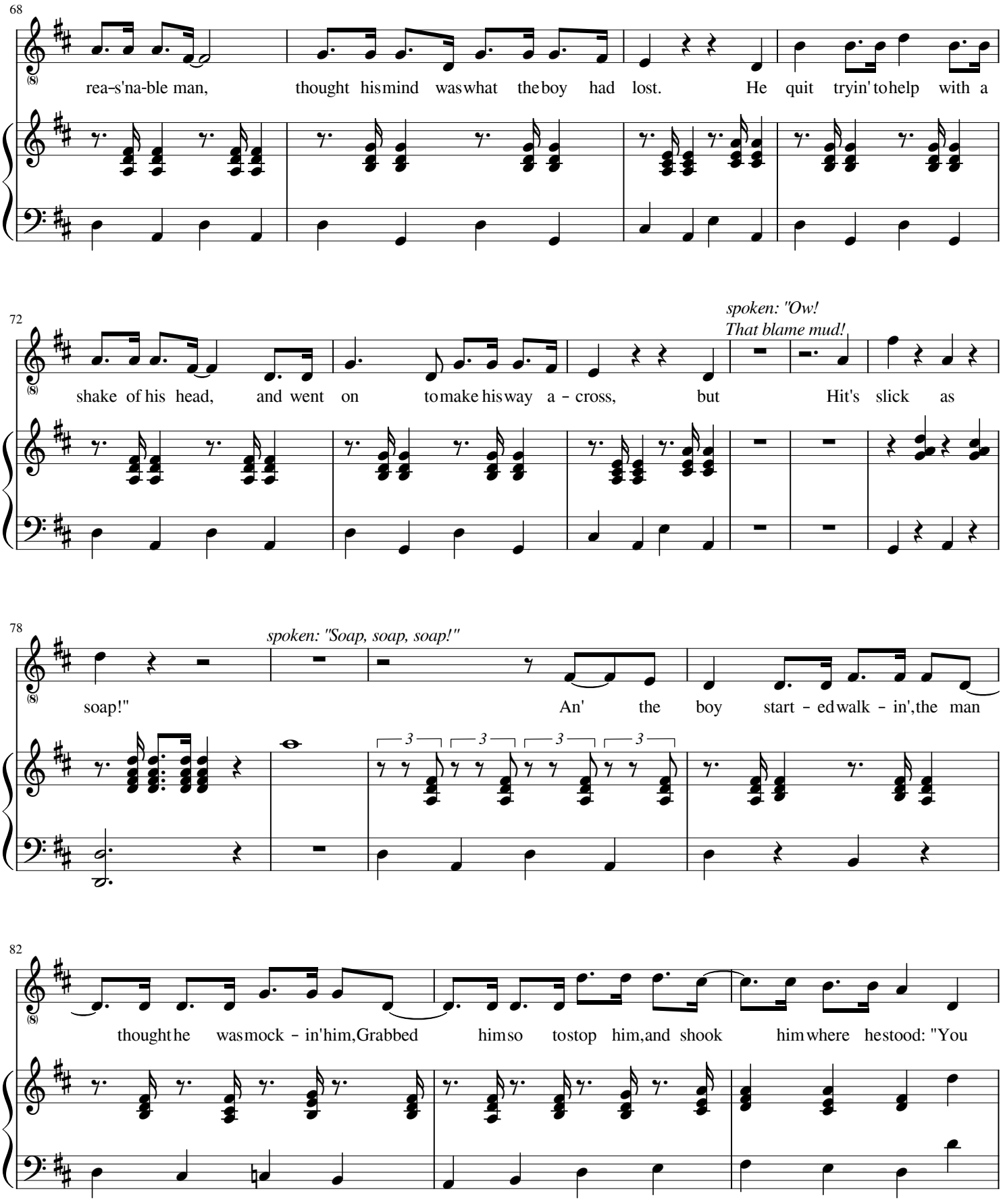
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rea-s'na-ble man, thought his mind was what the boy had lost. He quit tryin' to help with a
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spoken: "Ow!
That blame mud!
shake of his head, and went on to make his way a - cross, but Hit's slick as
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spoken: "Soap, soap, soap!"
soap!" An' the boy start - ed walk - in', the man
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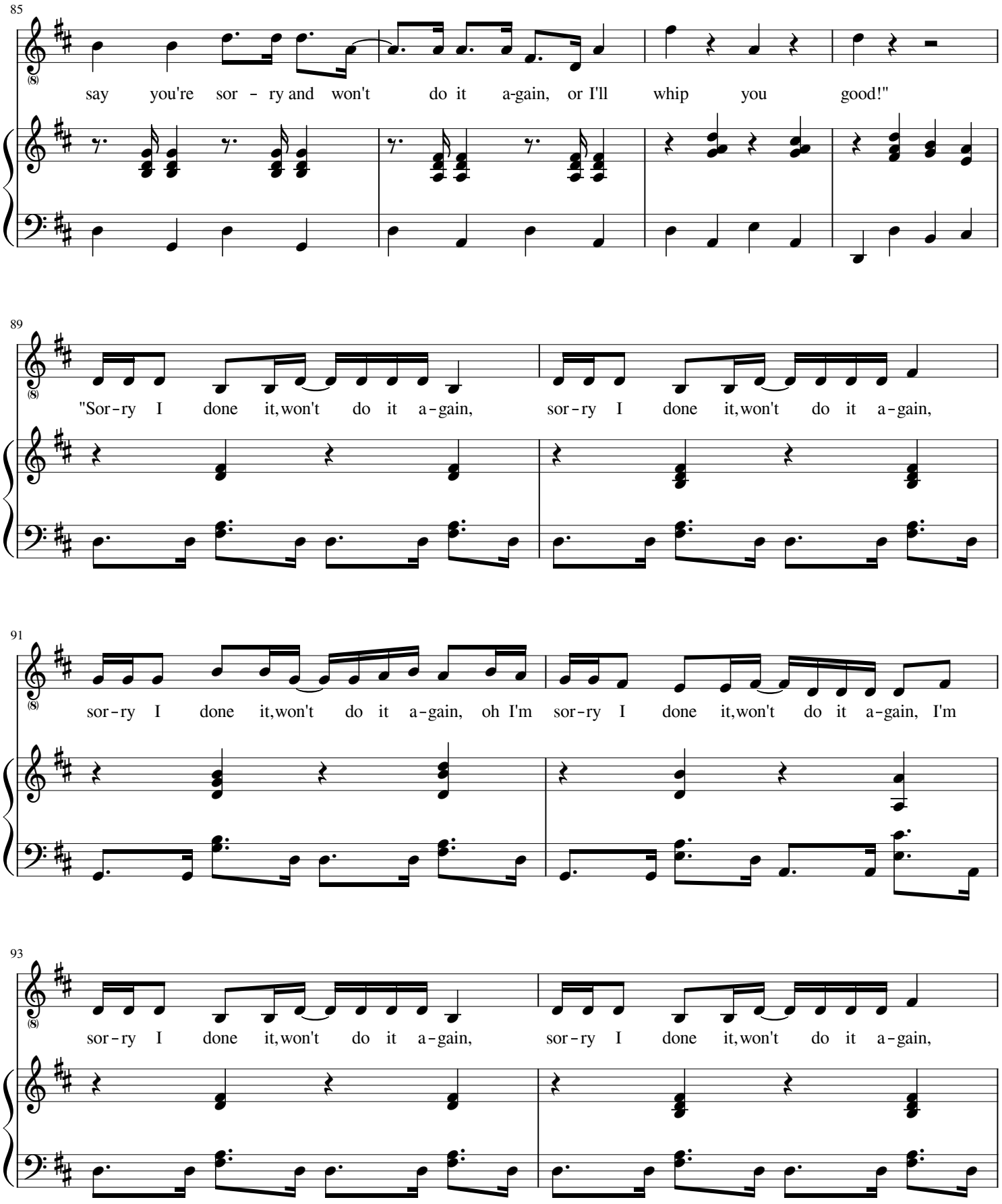
thought he was mock - in' him, Grabbed him so to stop him, and shook him where he stood: "You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say you're sor - ry and won't do it a-gain, or I'll whip you good!"
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"Sor-ry I done it,won't do it a-gain, sor-ry I done it,won't do it a-gain,
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sor-ry I done it,won't do it a-gain, oh I'm sor-ry I done it,won't do it a-gain, I'm
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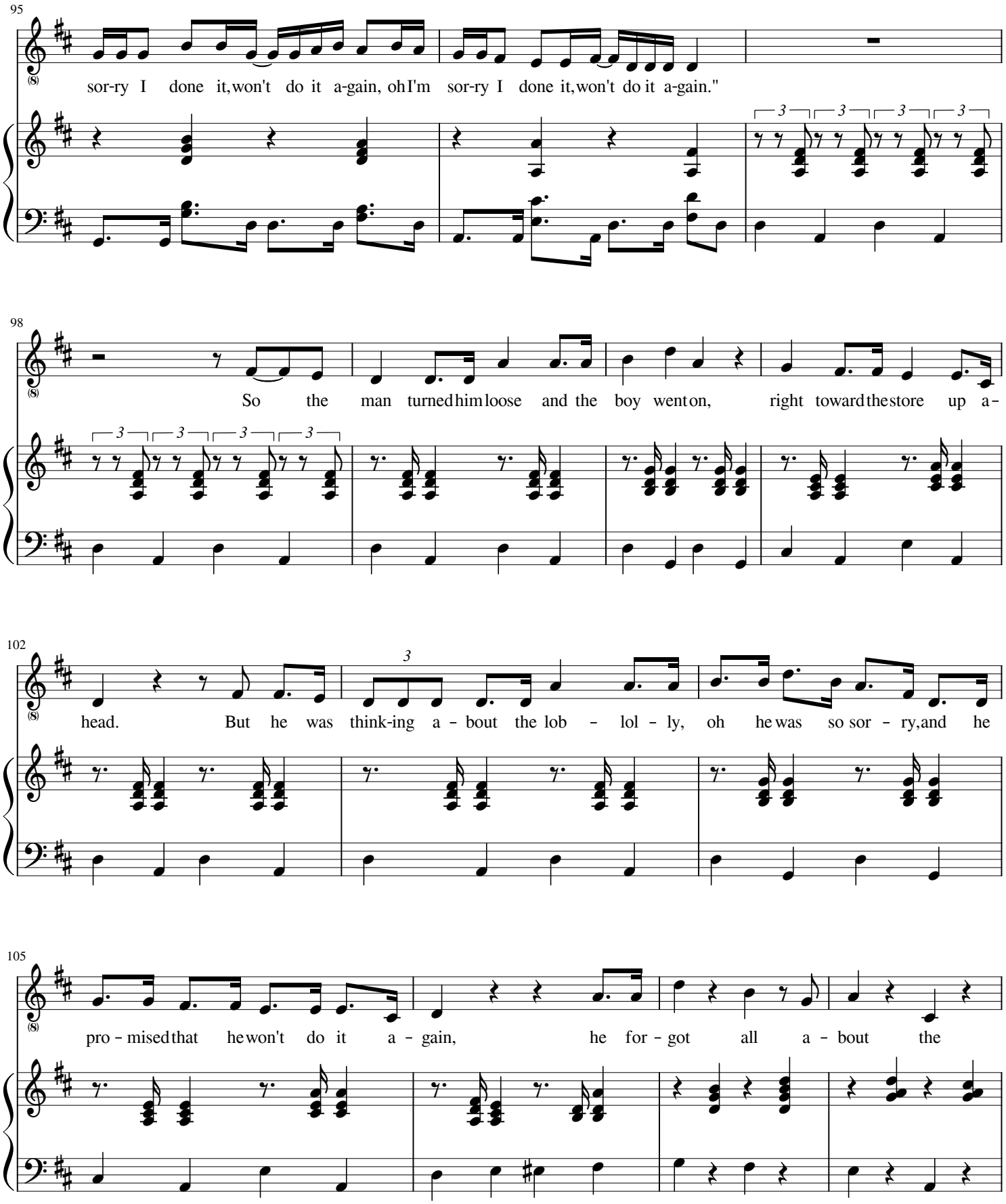
sor-ry I done it,won't do it a-gain, sor-ry I done it,won't do it a-gain,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sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain, oh I'm sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain."
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So the man turned him loose and the boy went on, right toward the store up a-
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head. But he was think-ing a - bout the lob - lol - ly, oh he was so sor - ry, and he
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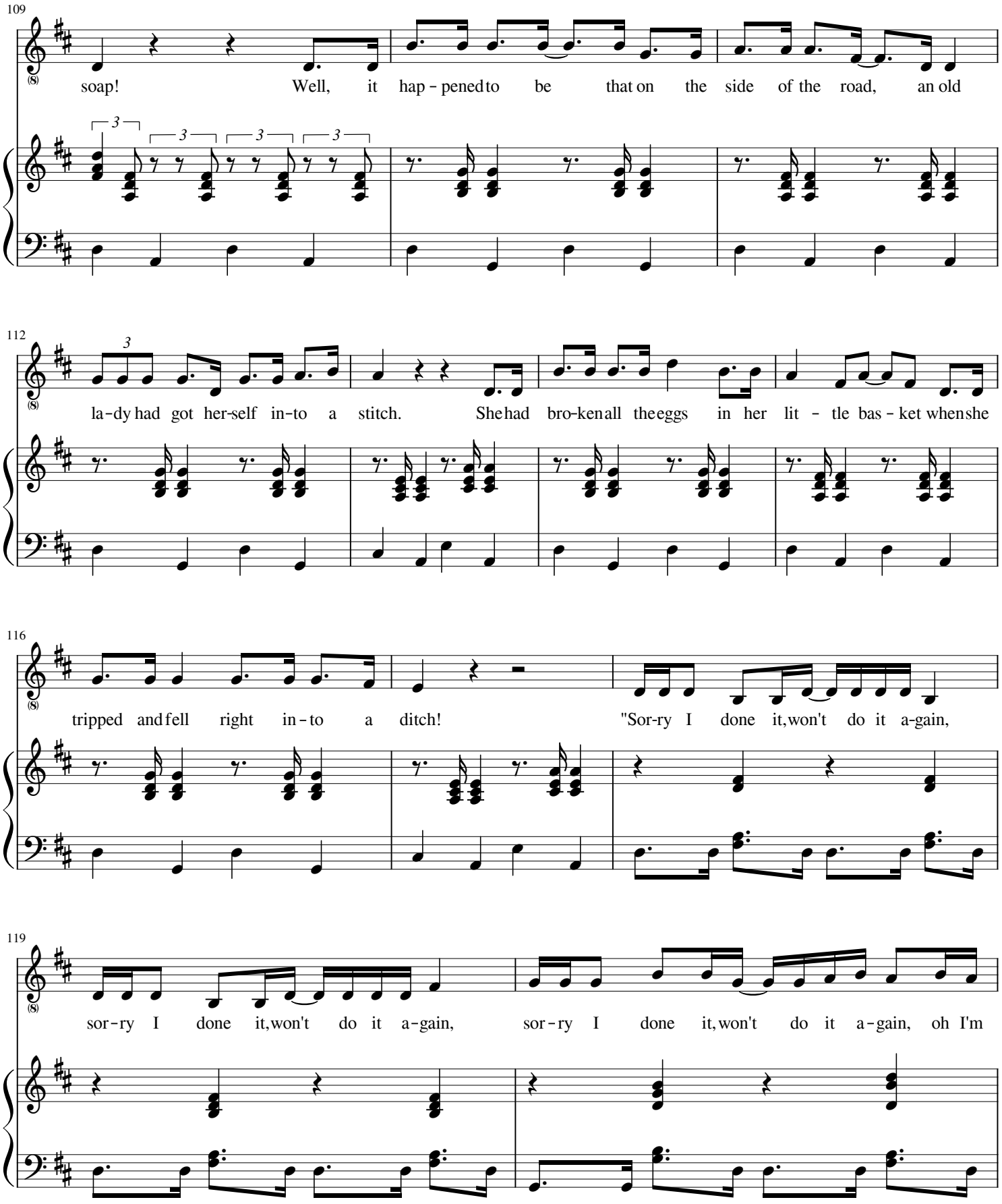
pro - mised that he won't do it a - gain, he for - got all a - bout the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soap! Well, it hap - pened to be that on the side of the road, an old
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la - dy had got her-self in-to a stitch. She had bro-ken all the eggs in her lit - tle bas - ket when she
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tripped and fell right in - to a ditch! "Sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain,
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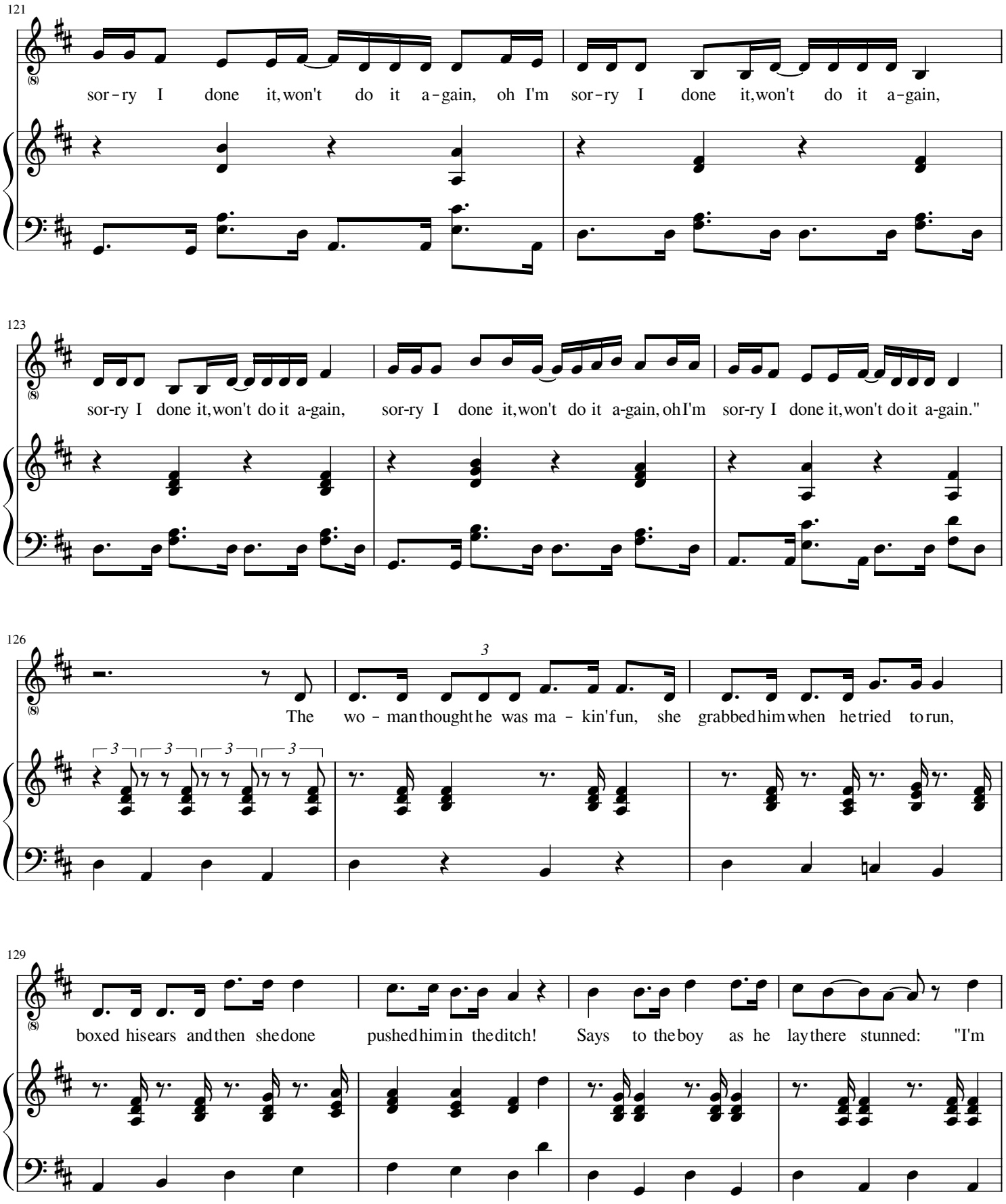
sor - ry I done it, won't do it a - gain, sor - ry I done it, won't do it a - gain, oh I'm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sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain, oh I'm sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain,
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sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain, sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain, oh I'm sor-ry I done it, won't do it a-gain."
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The wo - man thought he was ma - kin' fun, she grabbed him when he tried to run,
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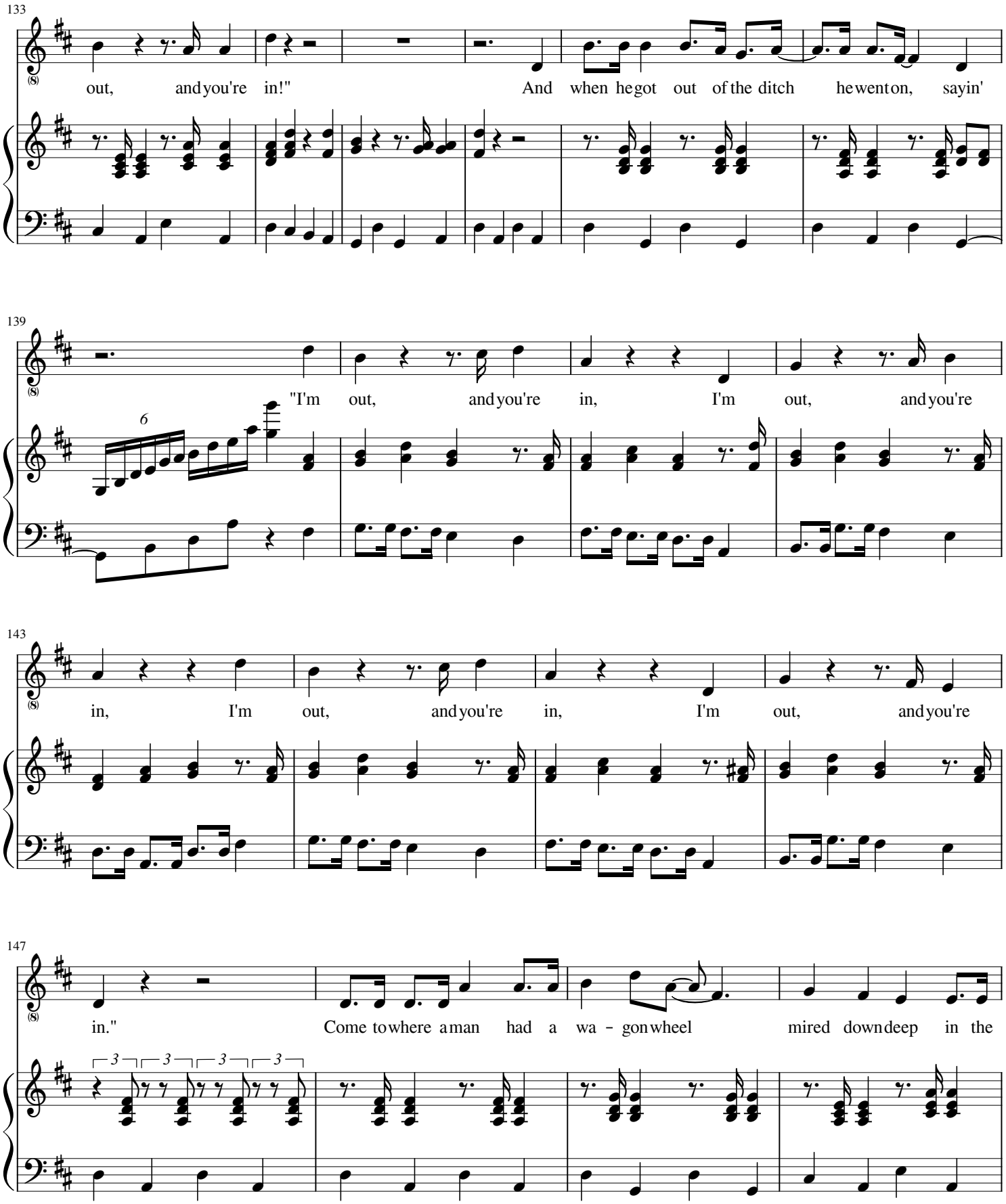
boxed his ears and then she done pushed him in the ditch! Says to the boy as he lay there stunned: "I'm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out, and you're in!" And when he got out of the ditch he went on, sayin'
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"I'm out, and you're in, I'm out, and you're
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in, I'm out, and you're in, I'm out, and you're
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in." Come to where a man had a wa - gon wheel mired down deep in the
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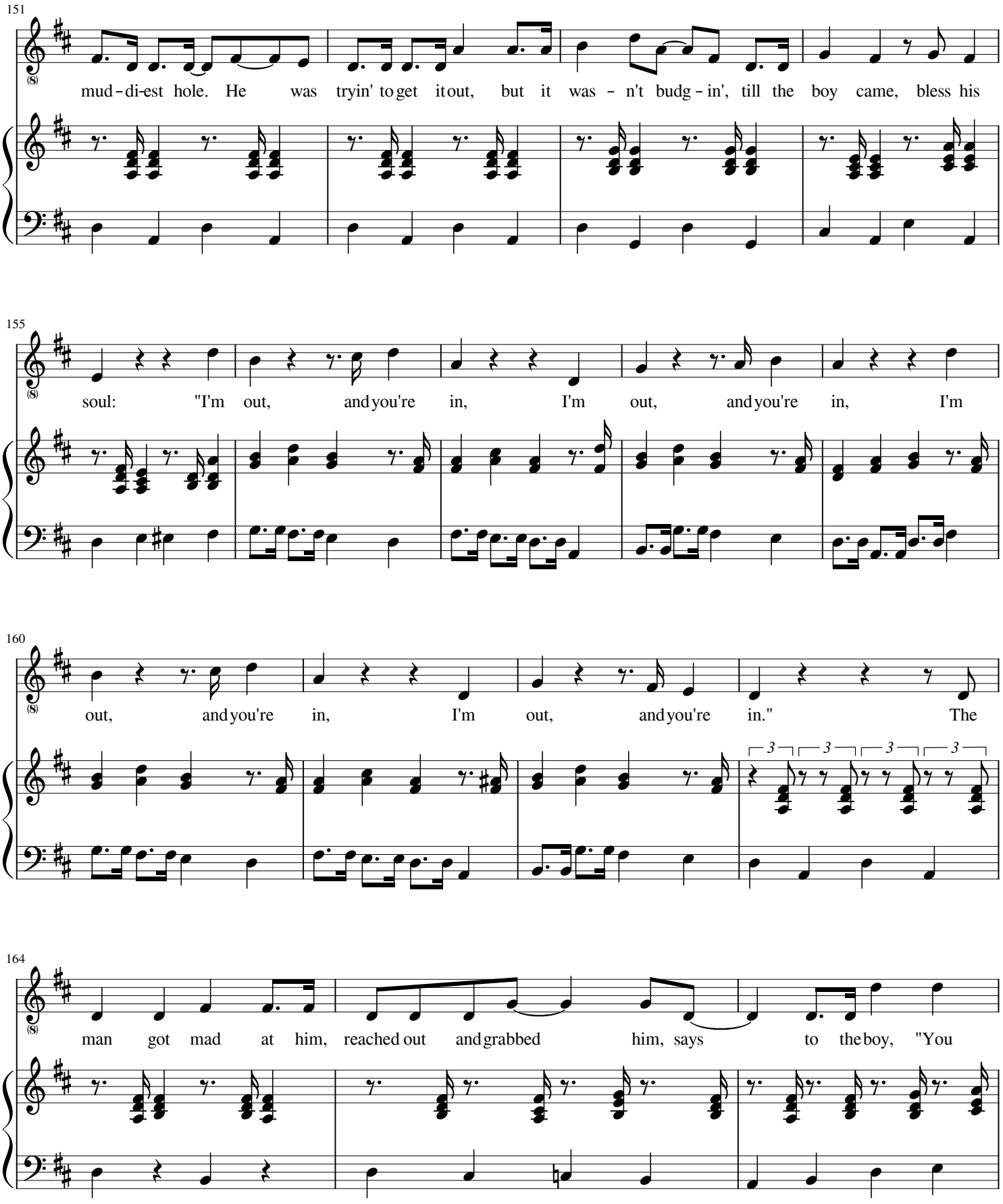
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mud - di-est hole. He was tryin' to get it out, but it was - n't budg - in', till the boy came, bless his
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soul: "I'm out, and you're in, I'm out, and you're in, I'm
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out, and you're in, I'm out, and you're in." The
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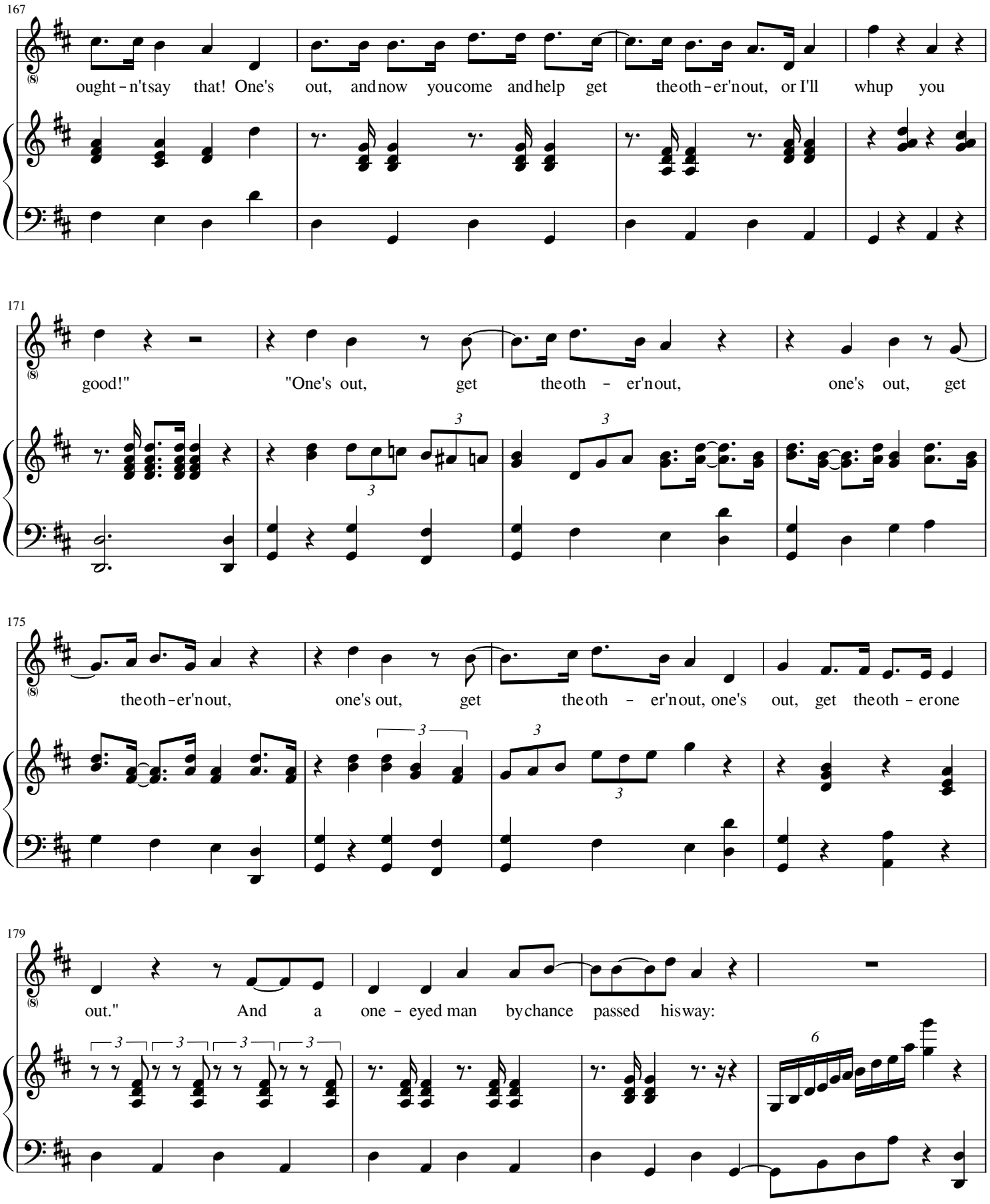
man got mad at him, reached out and grabbed him, says to the boy, "You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ought - n't say that! One's out, and now you come and help get the oth - er n out, or I'll whup you
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good!" "One's out, get the oth - er n out, one's out, get
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the oth - er n out, one's out, get the oth - er n out, one's out, get the oth - er one
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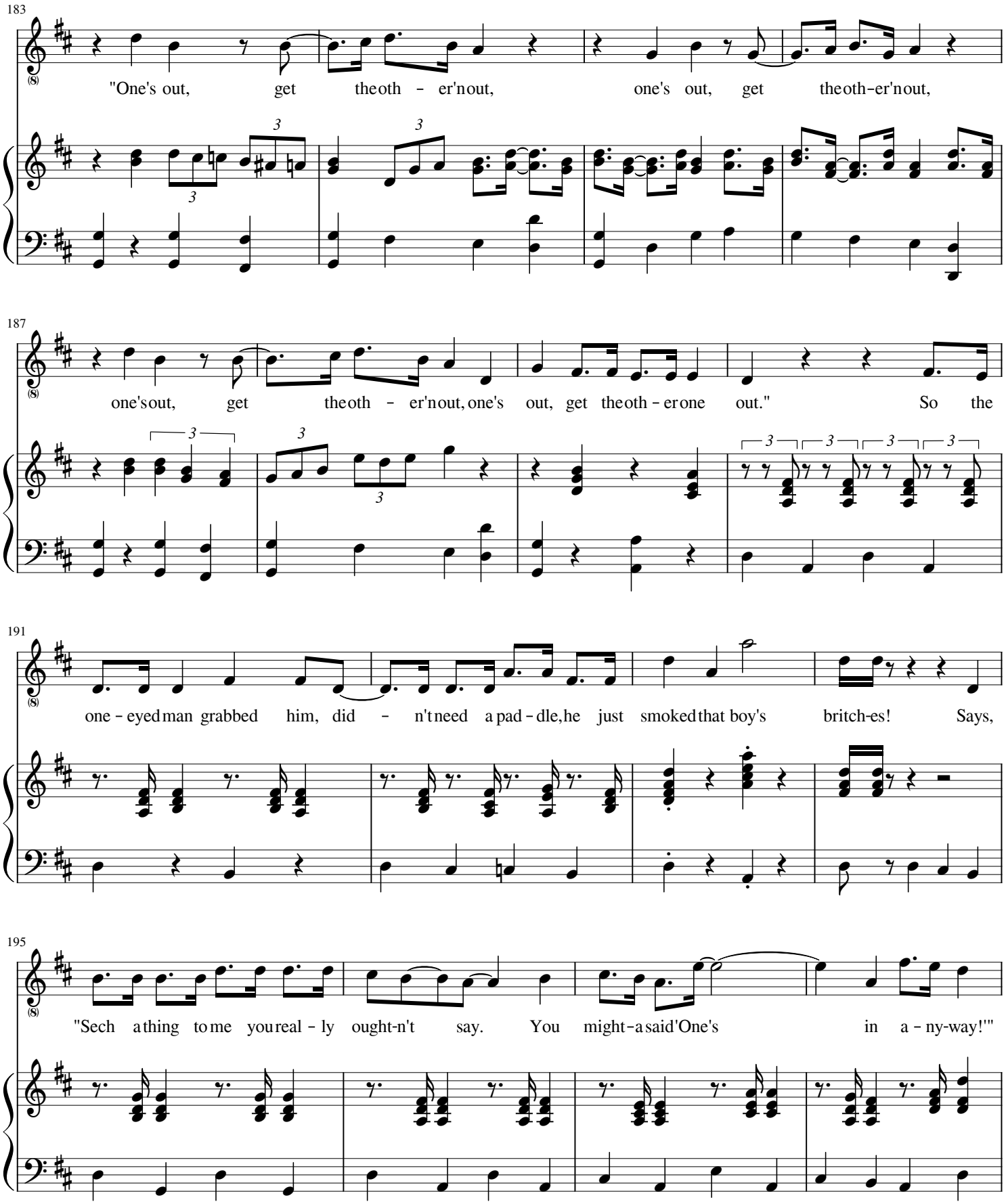
out." And a one - eyed man by chance passed his way: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"One's out, get the oth - er'n out, one's out, get the oth-er'n out,
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one's out, get the oth - er'n out, one's out, get the oth - er one out." So the
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one - eyed man grabbed him, did - n't need a pad - dle, he just smoked that boy's britch-es! Says,
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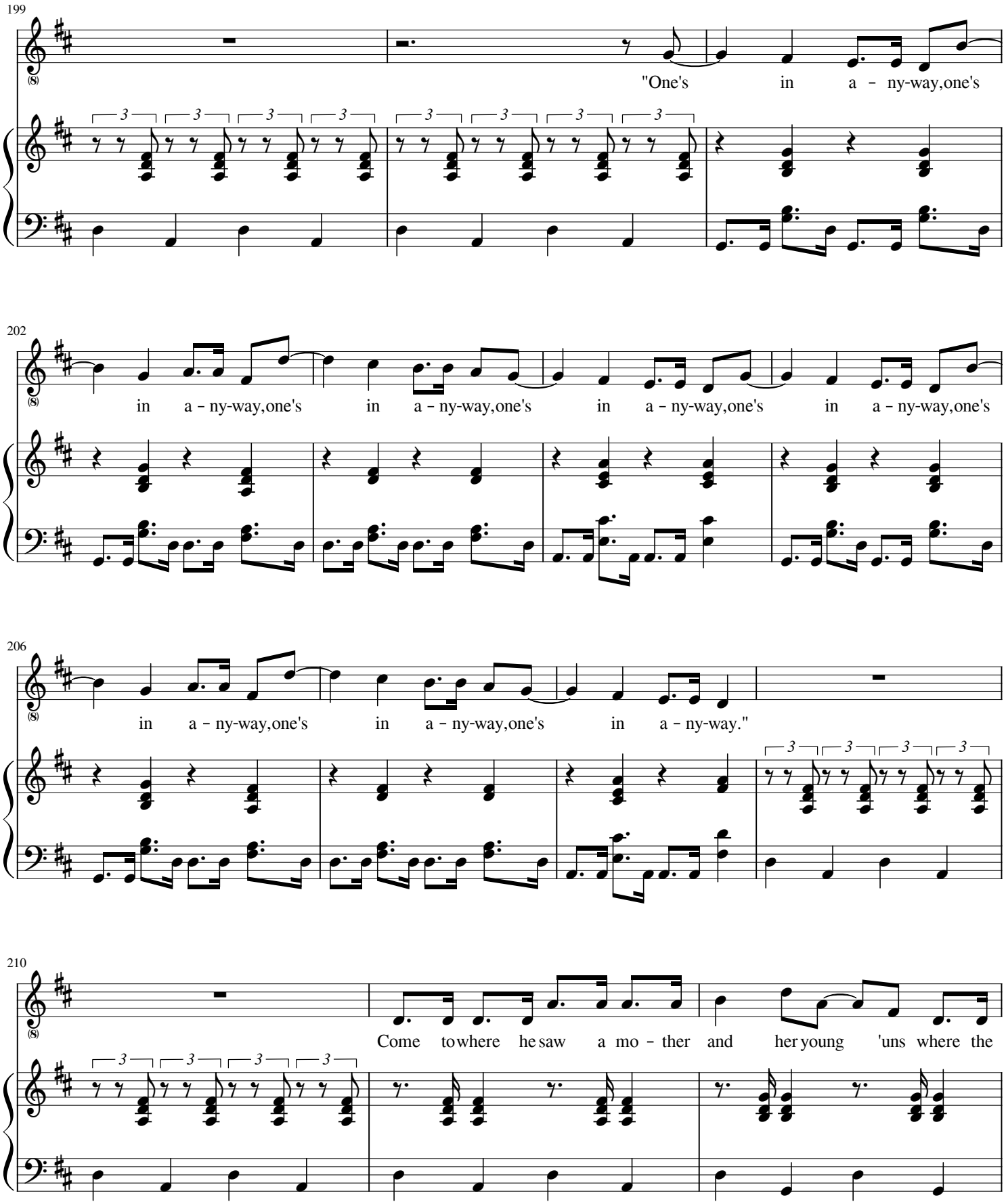
"Sech a thing to me you real - ly ought-n't say. You might-a said 'One's in a - ny-way!'"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"One's in a - ny-way,one's
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in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's
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in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way."
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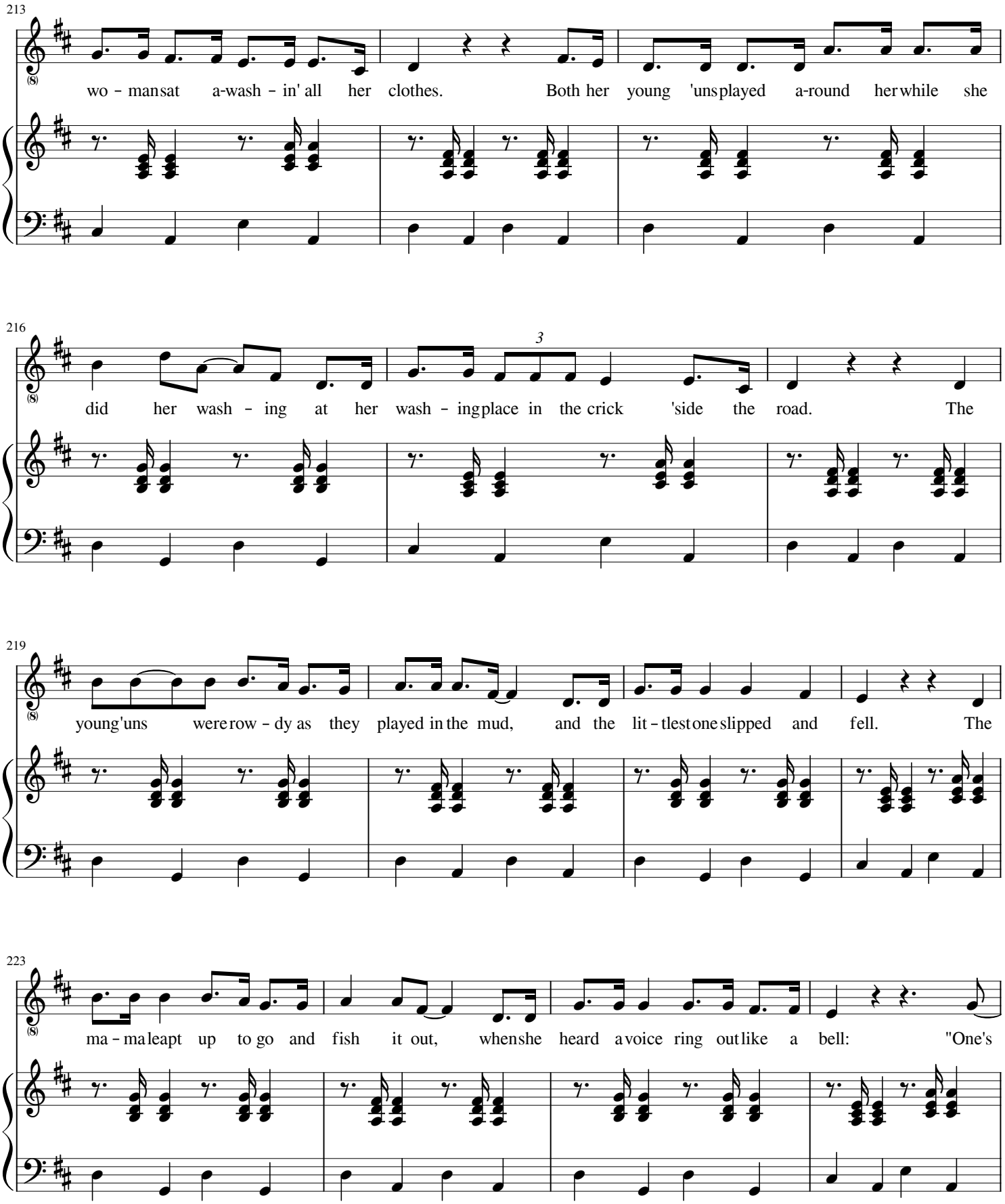
Come to where he saw a mo - ther and her young 'uns where the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wo - man sat a-wash - in' all her clothes. Both her young 'uns played a-round her while she
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did her wash - ing at her wash - ing place in the crick 'side the road. The
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young'uns were row - dy as they played in the mud, and the lit - tlest one slipped and fell. The
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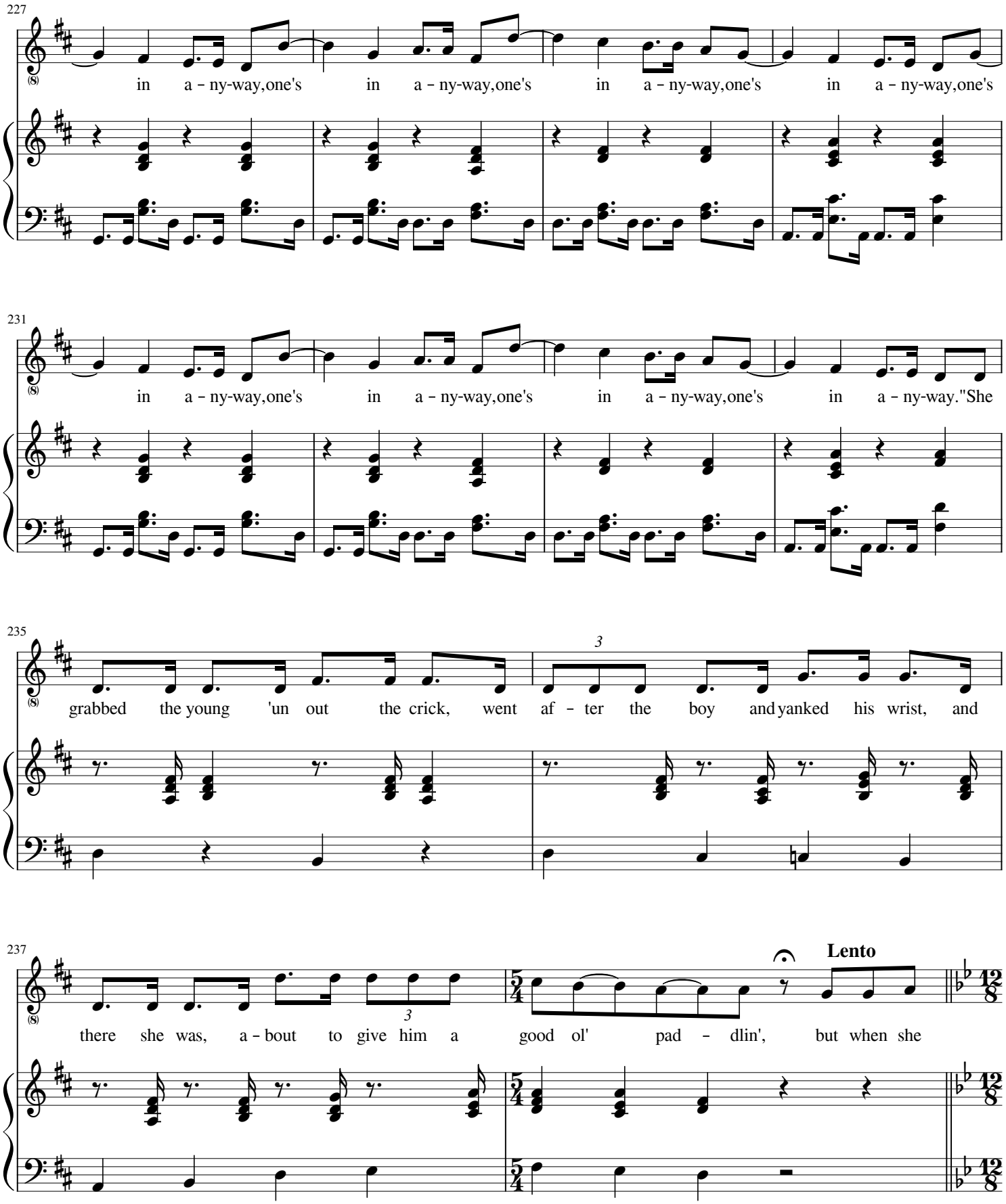
ma - ma leapt up to go and fish it out, when she heard a voice ring out like a bell: "One's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in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's
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in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way,one's in a - ny-way."She
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grabbed the young 'un out the crick, went af - ter the boy and yanked his wrist, and
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there she was, a - bout to give him a good ol' pad - dlin', but when she
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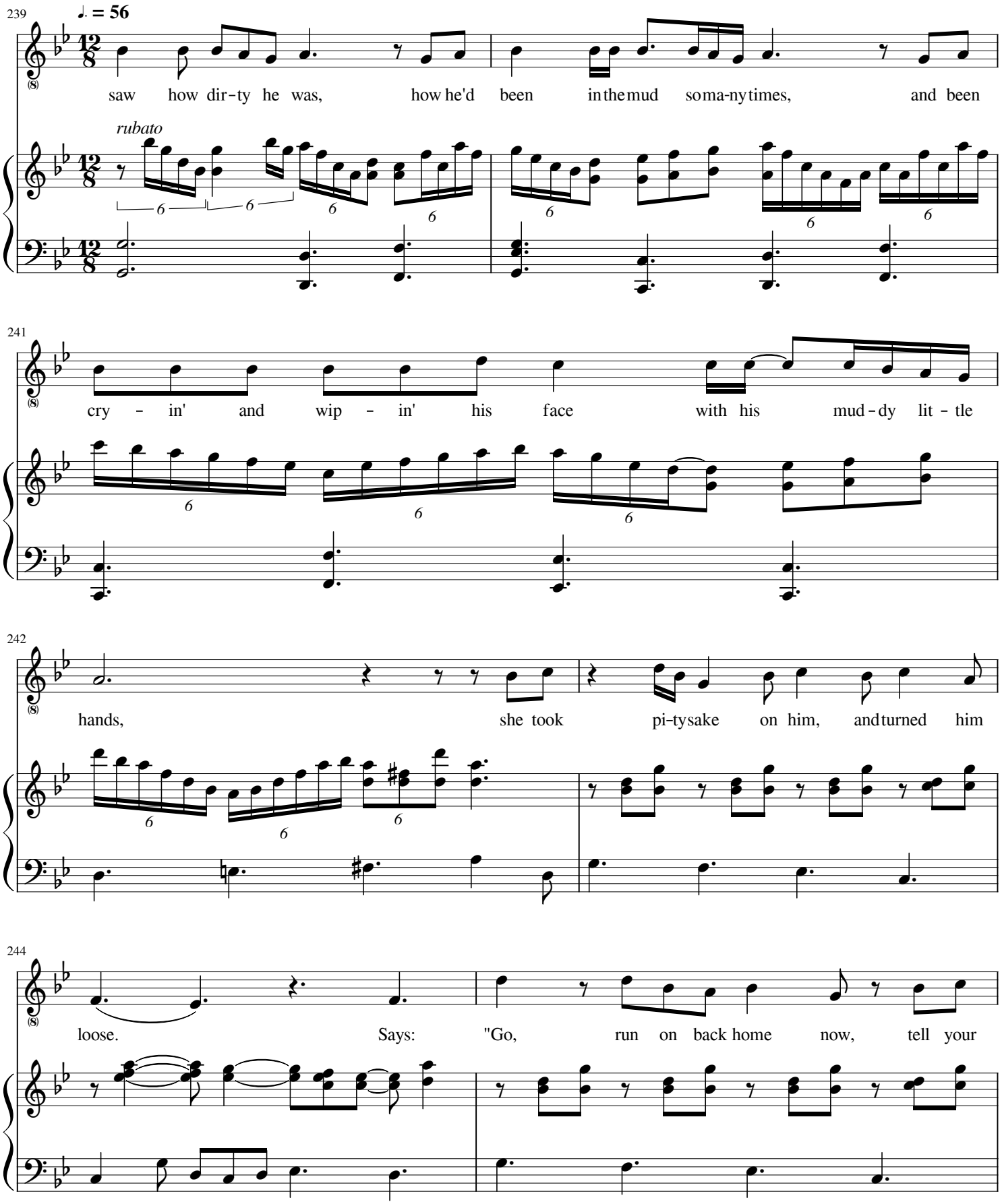
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saw how dir-ty he was, how he'd been in the mud so ma-ny times, and been
rubato
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cry - in' and wip - in' his face with his mud-dy lit - tle
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hands, she took pi-ty sake on him, and turned him
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loose. Says: "Go, run on back home now, tell your

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spoken: "Soap! Soap! Soap!"

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mo-ther dear to wash that face withsome warm wa-ter andsoap."

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as bubbles

"Soap,soap,soap! Soap,soap,soap! Soap, soap, soap, soap, soap, soap, soap, soap, soap, soap!

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Soap, soap, soap, soap, ah Ah-ha!

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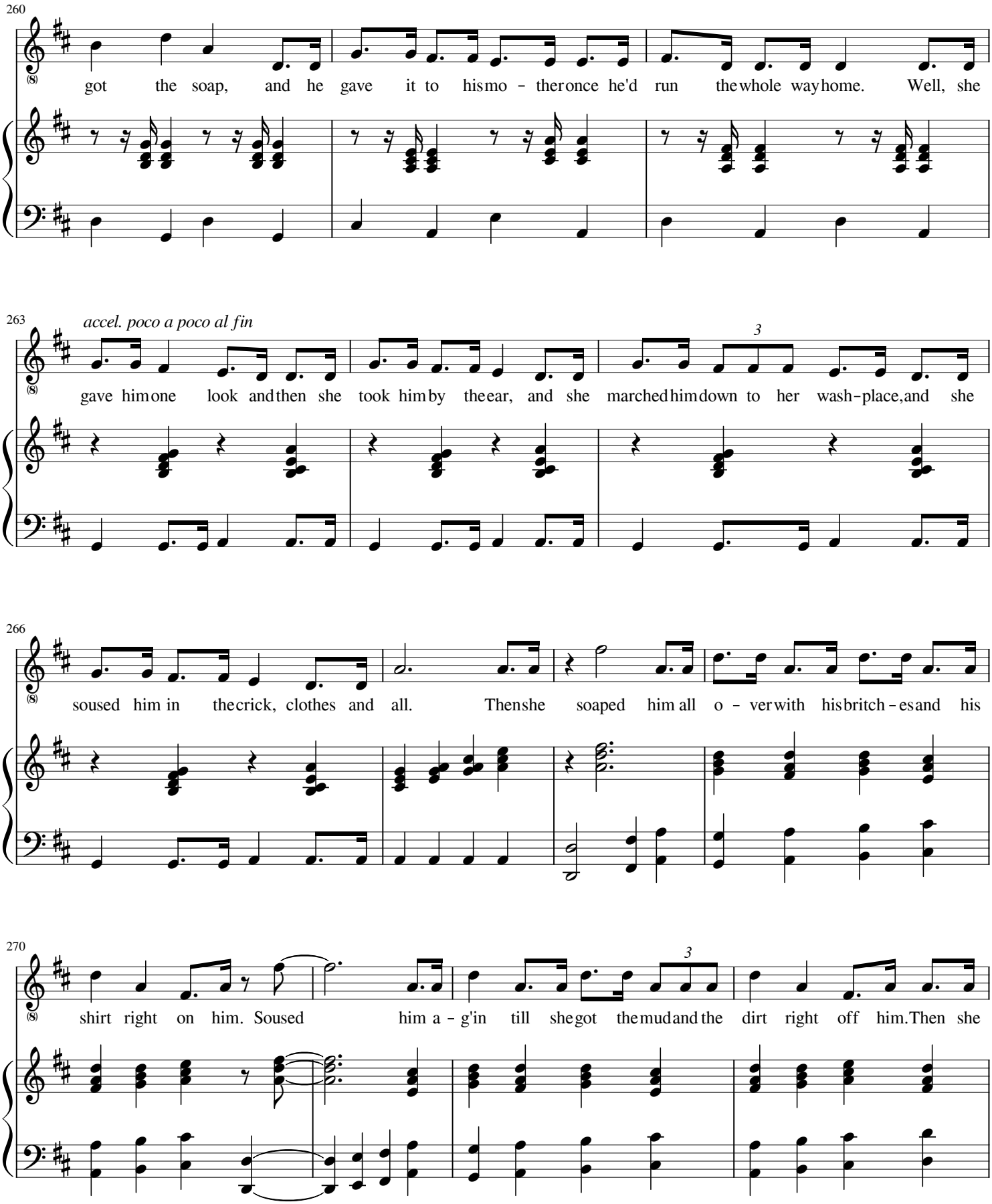
Soap!" That time, he got to the store and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got the soap, and he gave it to his mo - ther once he'd run the whole way home. Well, she
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accel. poco a poco al fin
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gave him one look and then she took him by the ear, and she marched him down to her wash-place, and she
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soused him in the crick, clothes and all. Then she soaped him all o - ver with his britch - es and his
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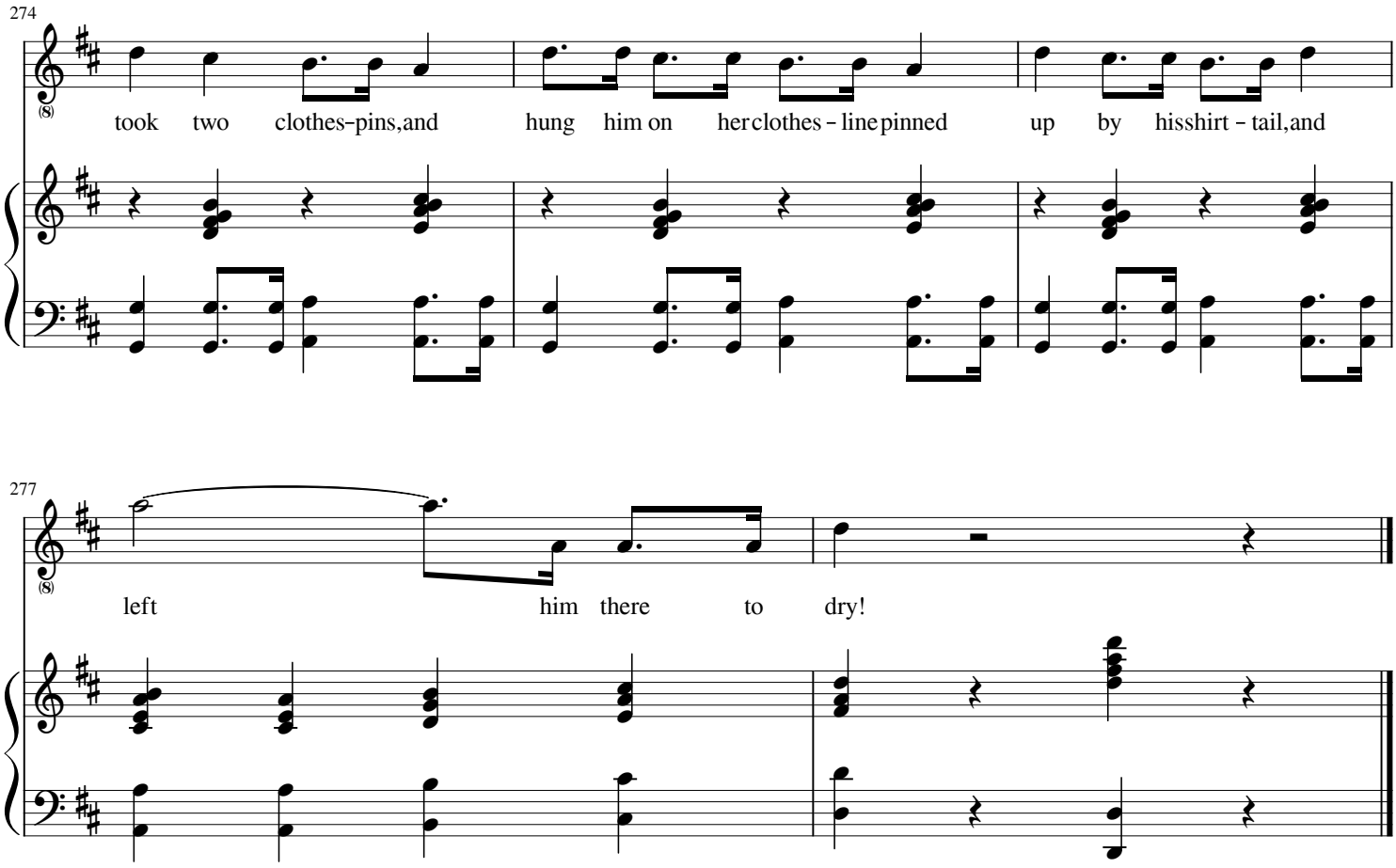
shirt right on him. Soused him a - g'in till she got the mud and the dirt right off him. Then she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took two clothes-pins,and hung him on herclothes - linepinned up by hisshirt - tail,and
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left him there to dry!