Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs
Eph 5:19

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Psalms vs. Hymns vs. Spiritual Songs

- Psalms
  - ψαλμός (psalmos, noun)
    - Thayer: “a striking, twanging, … a striking the chords of a musical instrument; … a pious song, a psalm … the phrase [] is used of one who has is in his heart to sing a song of the sort; one of the books of the OT which is entitled Psalms”
    - The book of Psalms: **Lk 20:42; 24:44; Ac 1:20; 13:33**
    - “Each has a psalm”: **1 Cor 14:26**
    - Texts in question: **Eph 5:19; Col 3:16**
  - ψάλλω (psallo, verb)
    - Thayer: “to pluck off, pull out; to cause to vibrate by touching, to twang; to touch or strike the chord, to twang the strings of a musical instrument so that they gently vibrate; to play on a stringed instrument, to play, the harp, etc.; to sing to the music of the harp; in the NT to sing a hymn, to celebrate the praises of God in song.”
    - Quote from 2 Sam 22/Psalm 18: **Rom 15:9**
    - Singing with spirit & mind: **1 Cor 14:15**
    - “Making melody”: **Eph 5:19**
    - Sing psalms if happy: **James 5:13**

Psalms vs. Hymns vs. Spiritual Songs

- Hymns
  - ὕμνος (humnos, noun)
    - Thayer: “a song in praise of gods, heroes, conquerors, but in the Scriptures: of God; a sacred song, a hymn”
    - Only in: **Eph 5:19; Col 3:16**
  - ὑμνέω (humneo, verb)
    - Thayer: “to sing the praise of, sing hymns to; to sing a hymn, to sing; singing of paschal hymns these were Psalms 113 - 118 and 136, which the Jews called the "great Hallel”
    - Sang on betrayal night (likely from the Hallel, Ps 113-118): **Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26**
    - Paul and Silas singing in prison: **Acts 16:25**
    - Greek quote from Psalm 22: **Heb 2:12**
  - Co-opted Greek Hymn: **Acts 17:28** “for we indeed are his offspring”
    - Paul quoting from “Phainomena” by Aratus (c.315-240 BC)
    - “It is with Zeus that every way has to do, for <u>we are also his offspring</u>.”

Psalms vs. Hymns vs. Spiritual Songs

- Spiritual Songs
  - πνευματικός (pneumatikos, adj)

    ᾠδή (ode, noun)
    - These are general words for “spiritual’ (used frequently), and “song”
    - “Spiritual songs”: **Eph 5:19; Col 3:16**
      - NIV 2011 “Songs from the Spirit”
  - ᾄδω (ado, verb)
    - Thayer: “to sing, chant; to the praise of anyone”
    - “Singing”: **Eph 5:19; Col 3:16**
    - “Sang”: **Rev 5:9; 14:3; 15:3**

Psalms vs. Hymns vs. Spiritual Songs

- Observations:
  - “Psalms” usually means the book of Psalms
  - “Hymns” are generally songs of praise to deity
  - “Spiritual Songs” is the broadest category

The Flow of the Psalms

Less Praise, Increasing Lament

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Less Lament, Increasing Praise

Book 1: 3-41

Introduction
1: Torah
2: Messiah

3-41: David
[-10,33: Anonymous]

Book 2: 42-72

42-49: Sons of Korah [-43: Anon]

50: Asaph

51-71: David (Historical Titles)
[-66,67,71: Anon]

Solomon: **72**

Book 3: 73-89

73-83: Asaph

84-88: Sons of Korah [-86: David]

88: Heman
89: Ethan

Book 4: 90-106

90: Moses

91-106: Anonymous
[-101,103: David]

93-99: The LORD Reigns

104-106: Historical

Book 5: 107-145

107: God's *Hesed*
[Anonymous]

108-110: David

111-137: Anonymous
[-122,124,131,133: David]
[-127: Solomon]

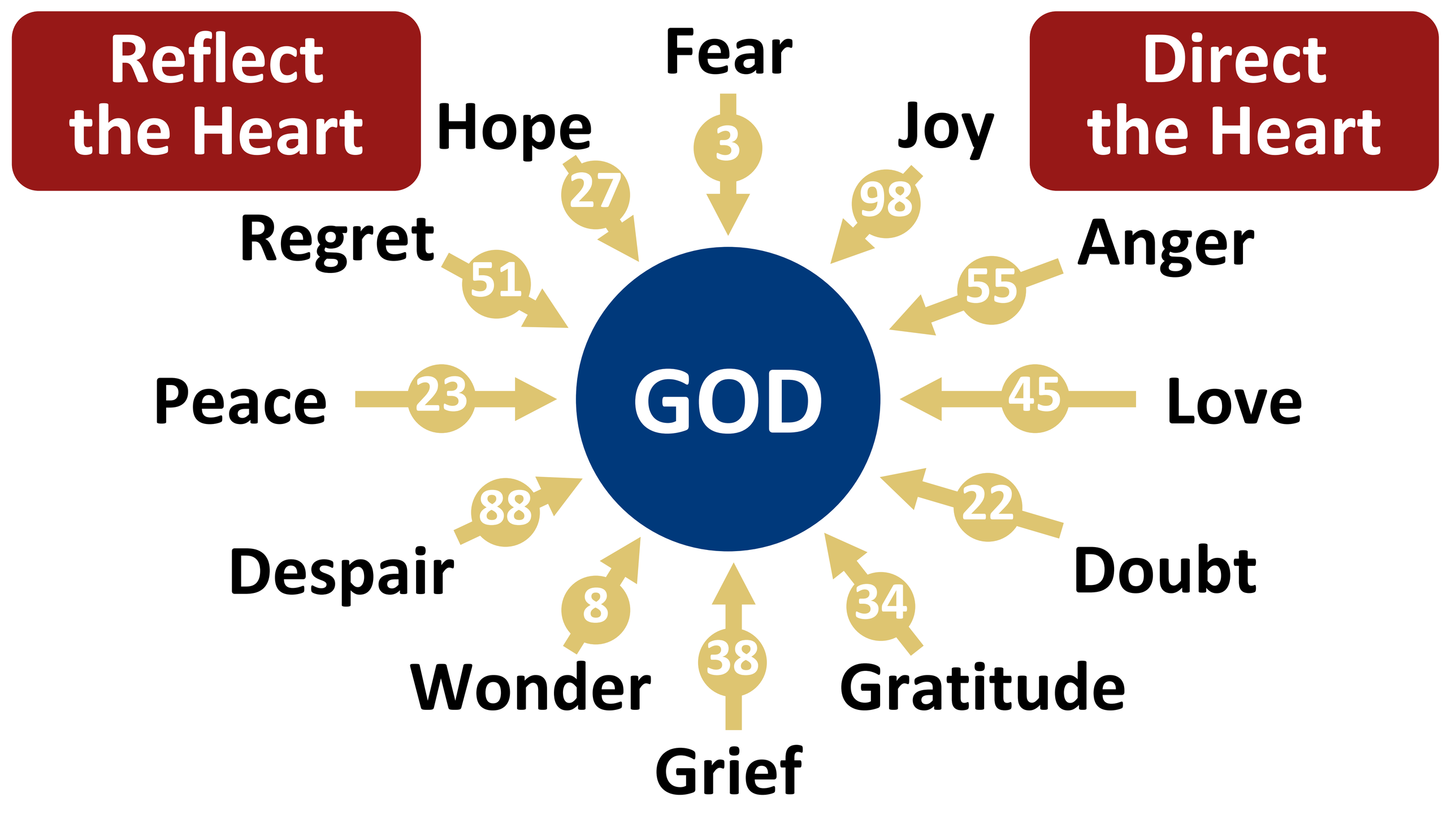
113-118: Passover
119: Torah
120-134: Ascent

138-145: David

41:13 | **72:18-20** | **89:52** | **106:48**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Conclusion
146-150: Hallelu-YAH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Direct the Heart
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Despair
Doubt
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Wonder
Gratitude
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A Shield About Me

Un escudo en derredor mío

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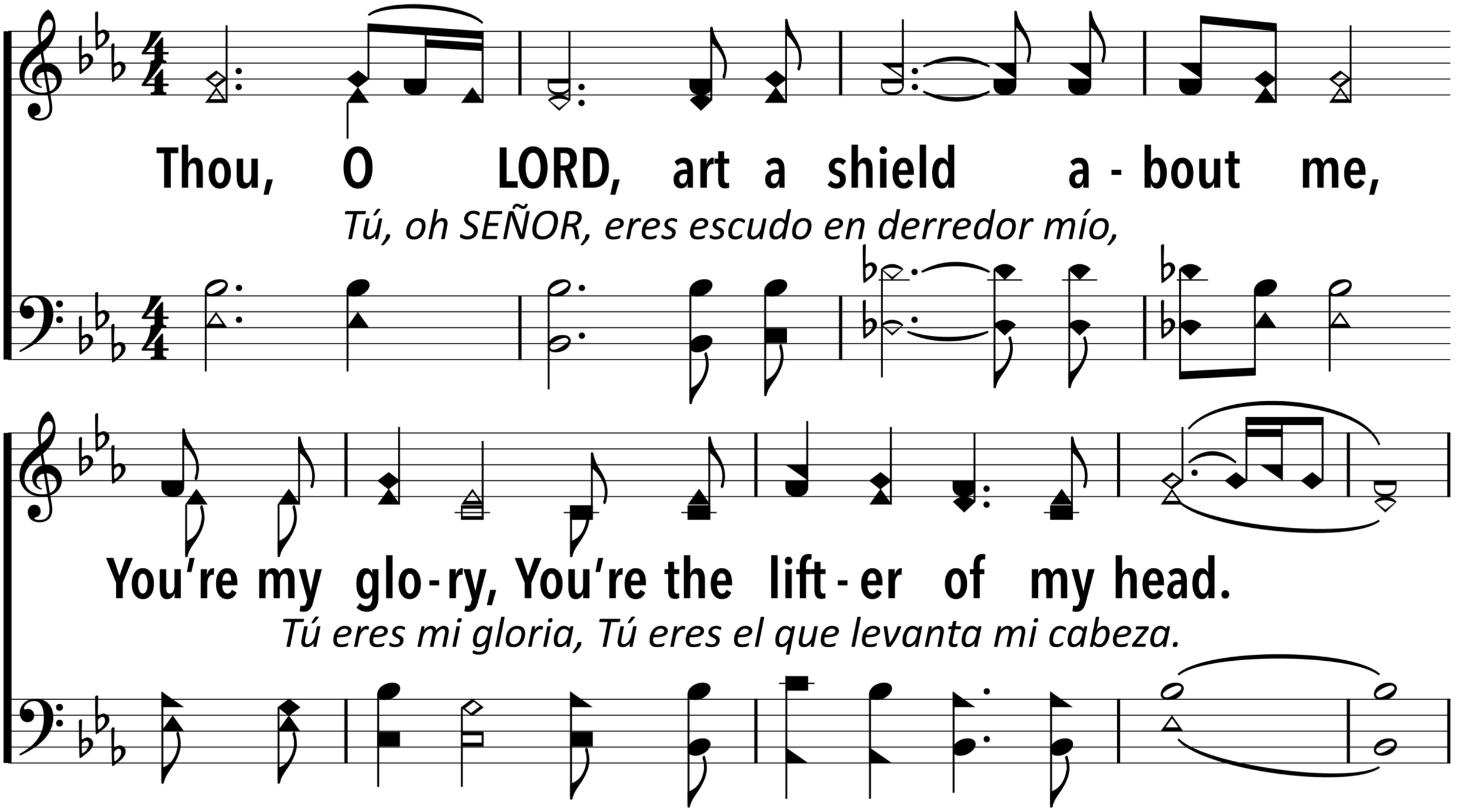
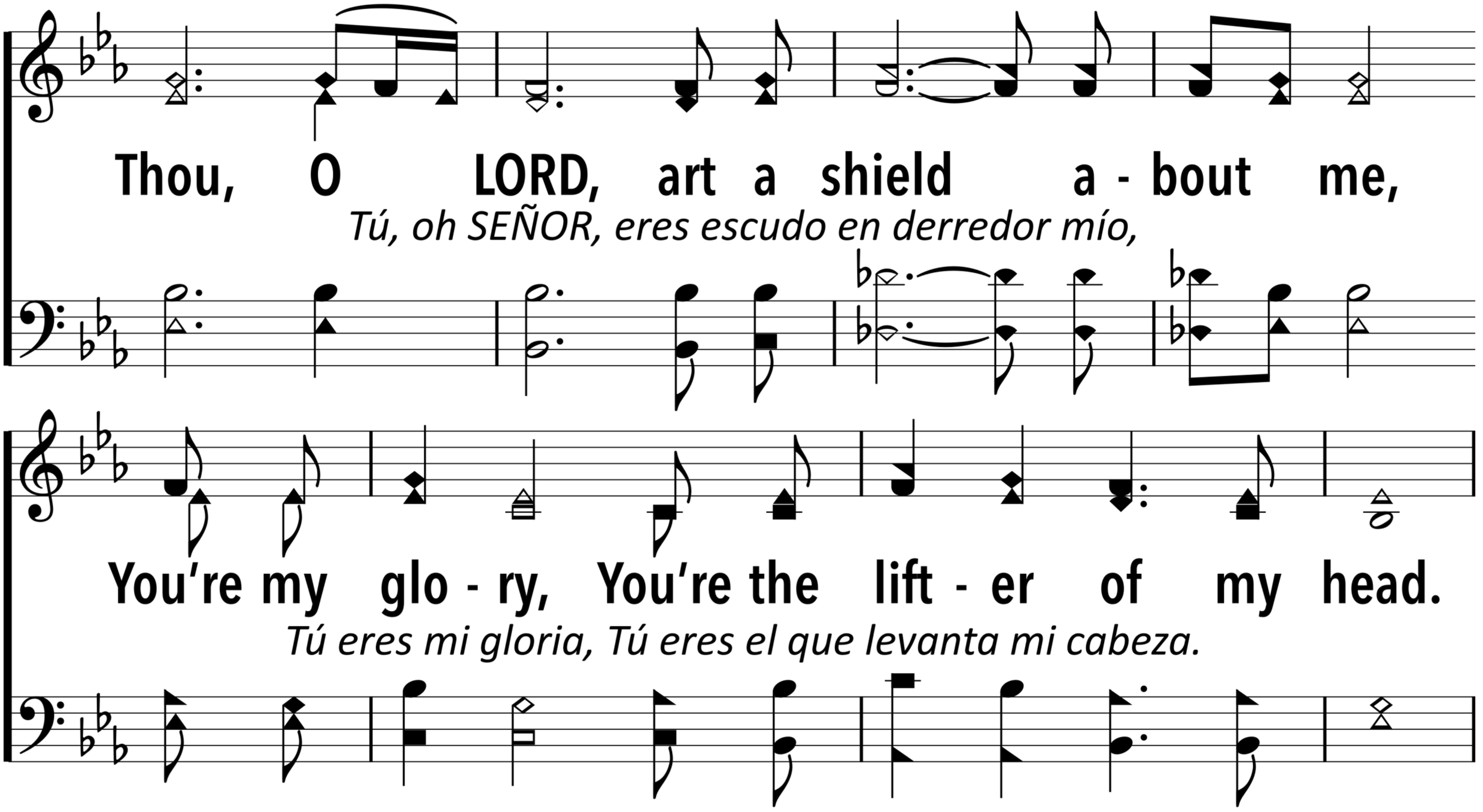
Psalm 3:3 ESV

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

Salmo 3:3 NBLA

Pero Tú, oh SEÑOR, eres escudo en derredor mío ,
Mi gloria, y el que levanta mi cabeza .


Thou, O LORD, art a shield a - bout me,
Tú, oh SEÑOR, eres escudo en derredor mío,
You're my glo - ry, You're the lift - er of my head.
Tú eres mi gloria, Tú eres el que levanta mi cabeza.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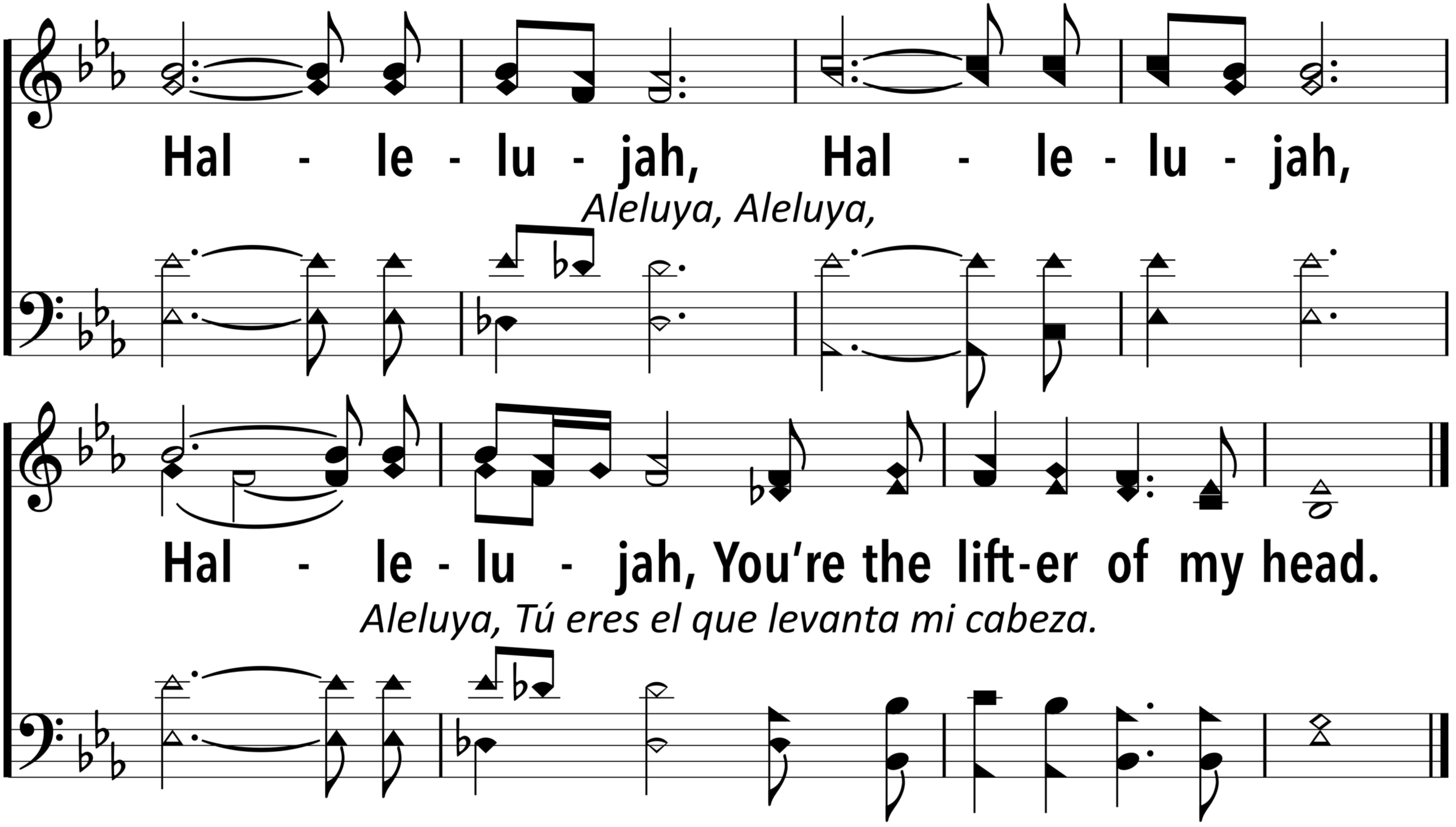
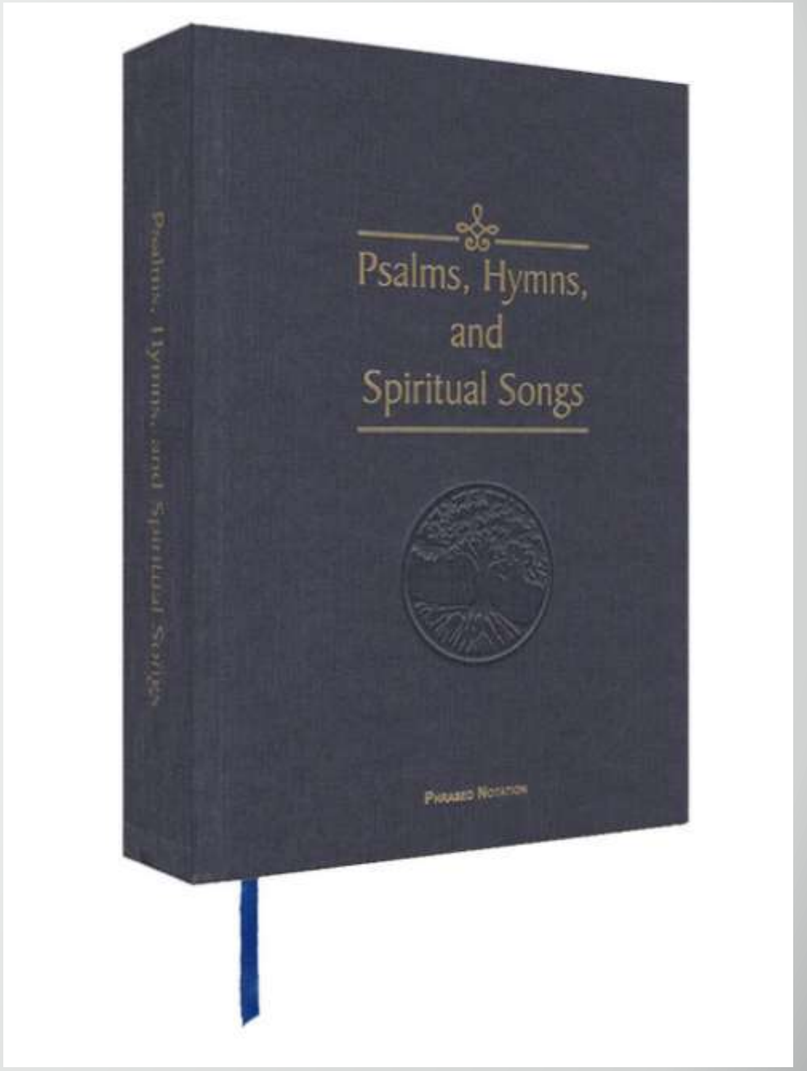

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,
Aleluya, Aleluya,
Hal - le - lu - jah, You're the lift-er of my head.
Aleluya, Tú eres el que levanta mi cabeza.

Tools for Making Hymns a Habit

- Hymnal
- Psalter (Book of Psalms for Singing)
- Recordings / practice
- List: “Hymns for the Moment”

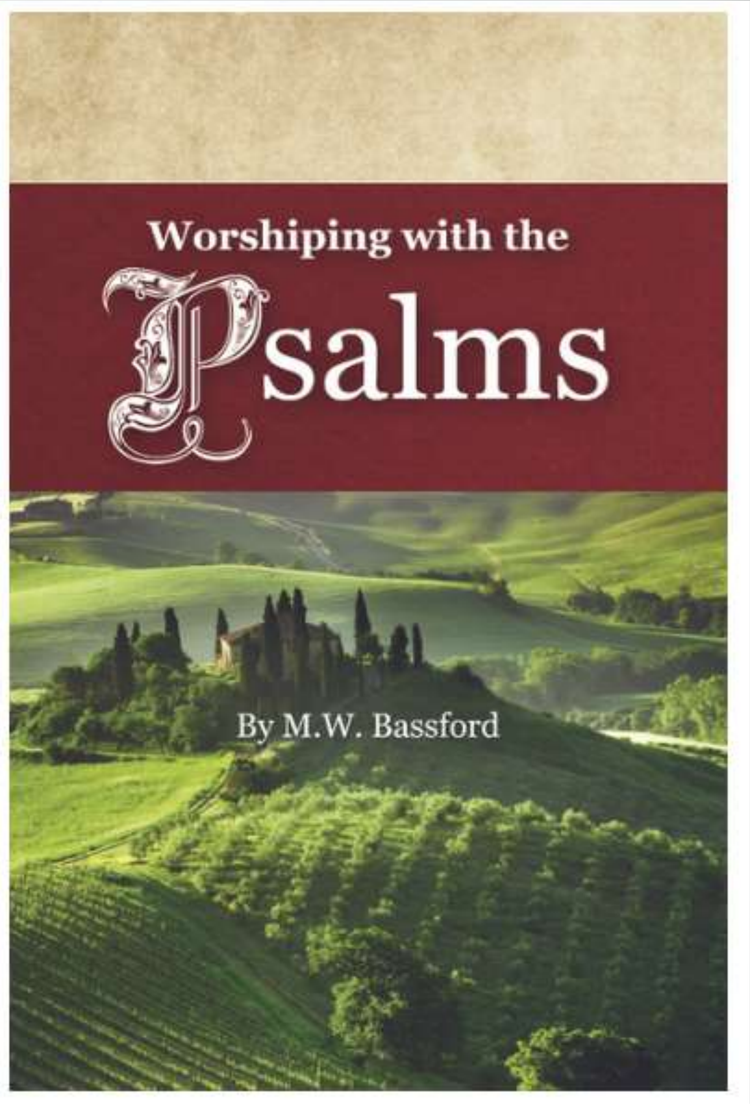
Hymnal

- Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs
  - Personal copy for notes
- Indexes:
  - Index of Optional Arrangements
  - Metrical Index of Hymns and Tunes
  - Index of Tunes
  - Topical Index
  - Index of Titles and First Lines



PSALTER

- All 150 Psalms set to meter and rhyme
- Often set to familiar tunes
- Easily participate in the Psalms



Psalm 8

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Music: MENDELSSHON • Felix Mendelssohn (1840), arr. William H. Cummings
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Psalm 8 ESV

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
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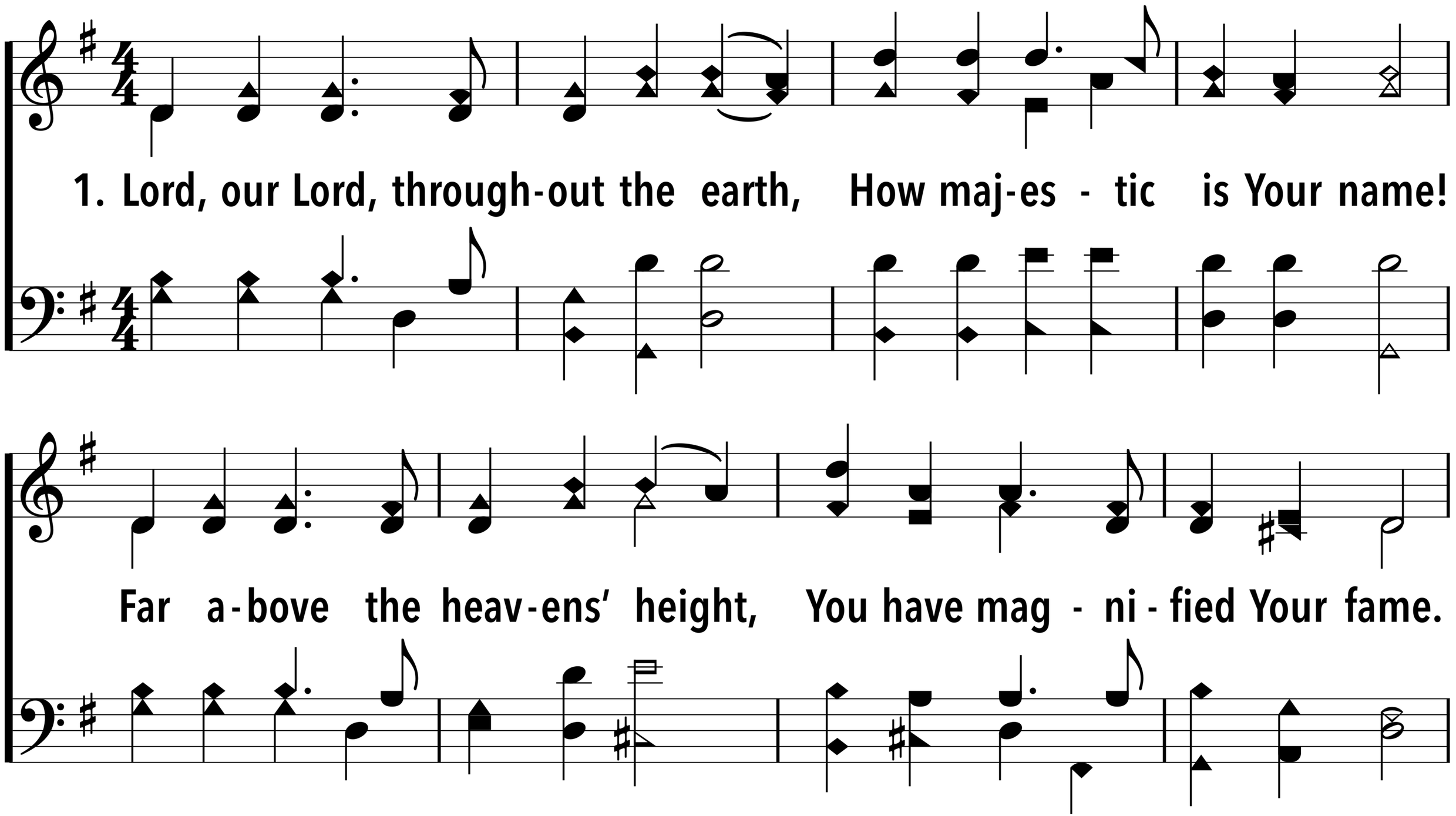
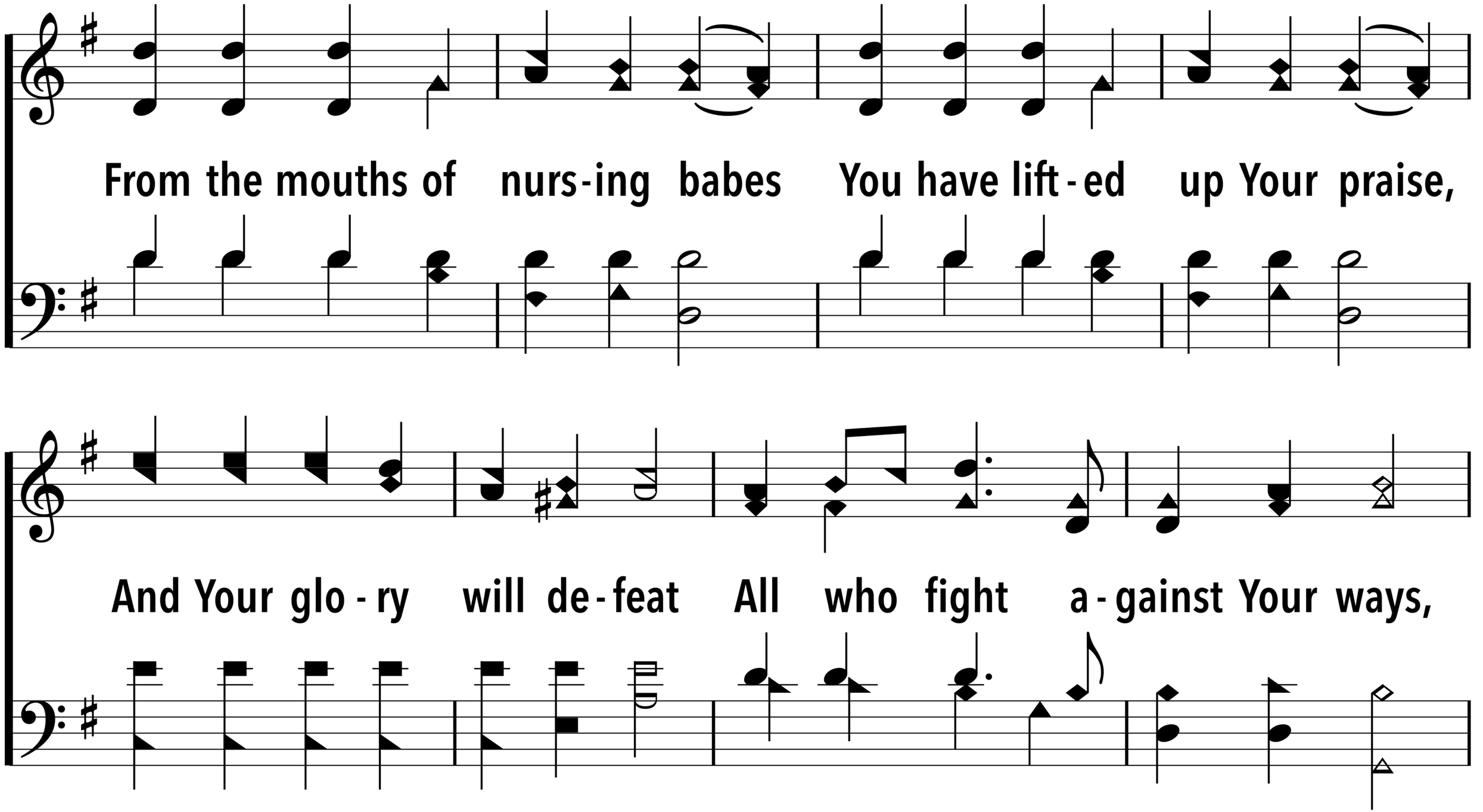
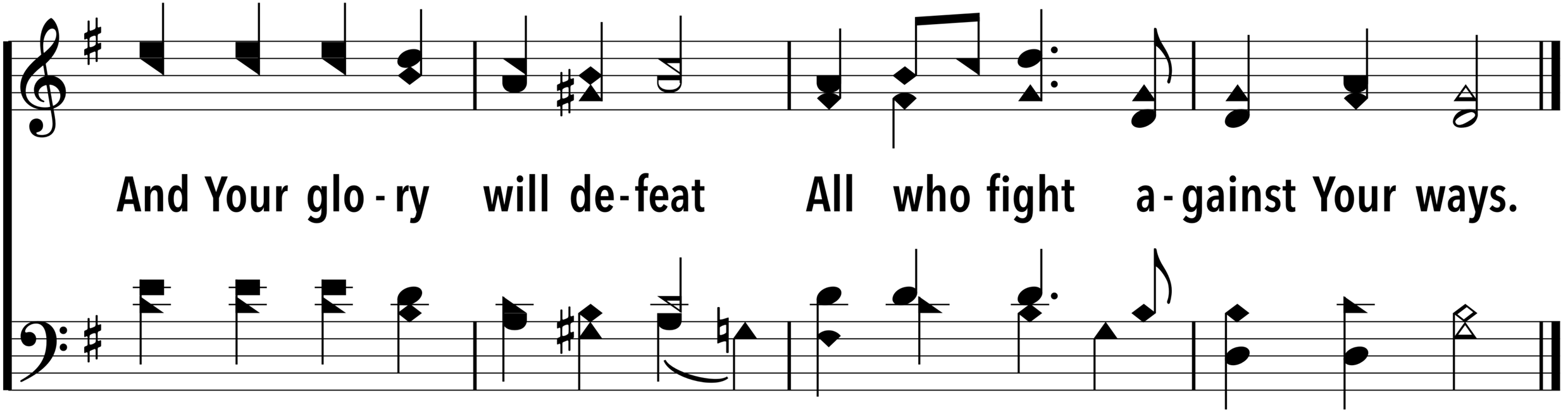
how majestic is your name in all the earth!


1. Lord, our Lord, through-out the earth, How maj-es - tic is Your name!
Far a-bove the heav-ens' height, You have mag - ni - fied Your fame.


From the mouths of nurs-ing babes You have lift-ed up Your praise,
And Your glo-ry will de-feat All who fight a-gainst Your ways,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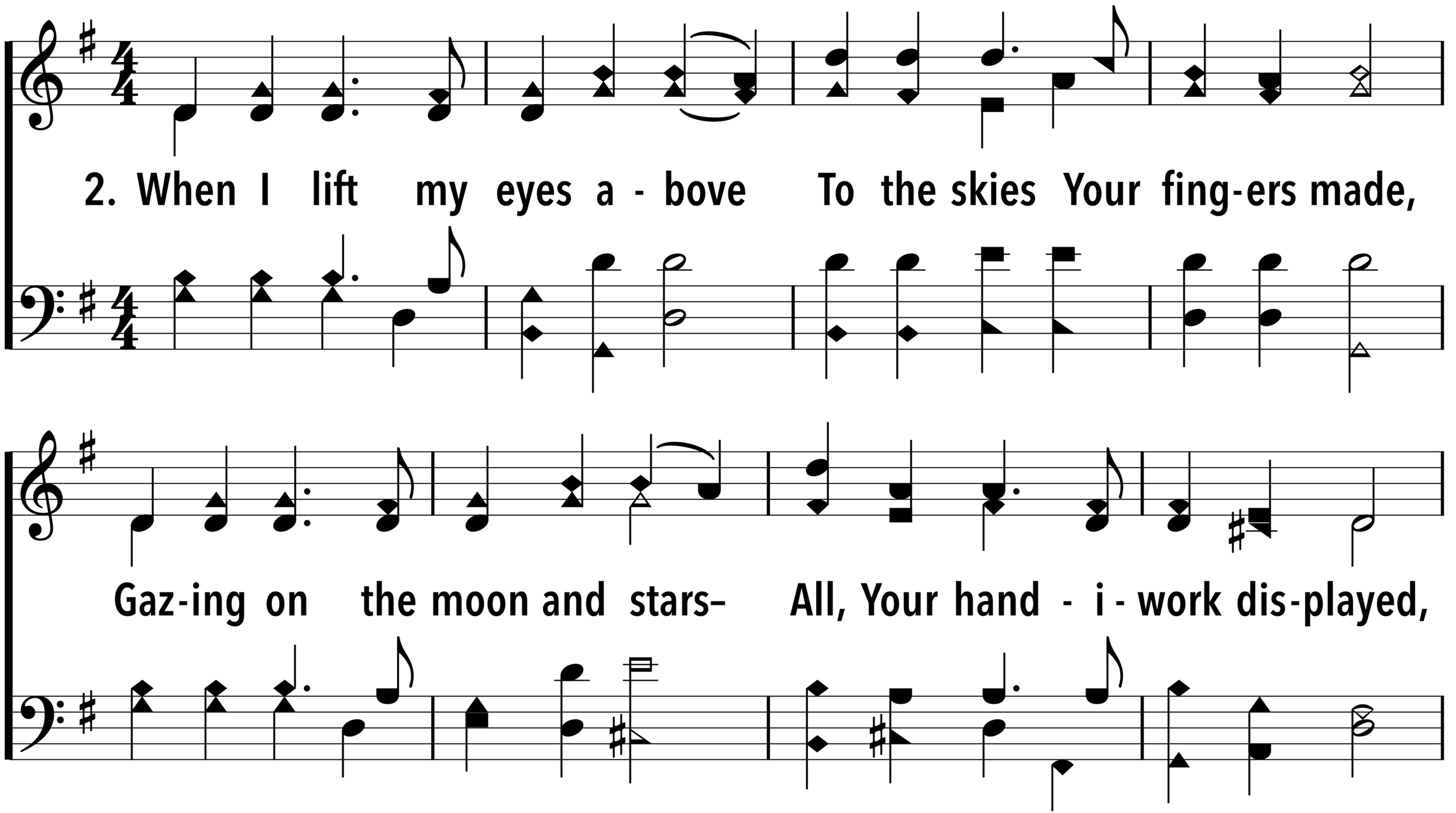
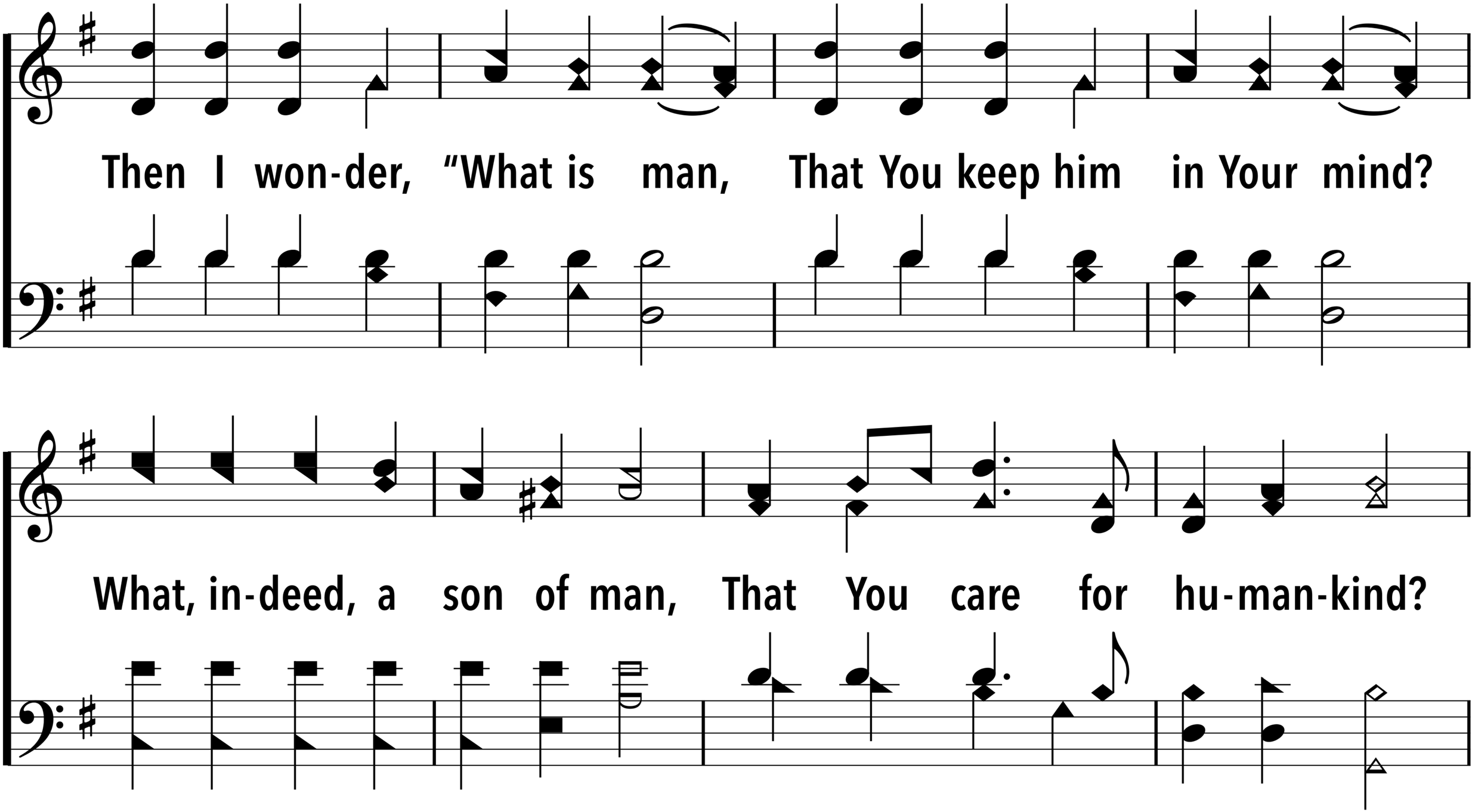
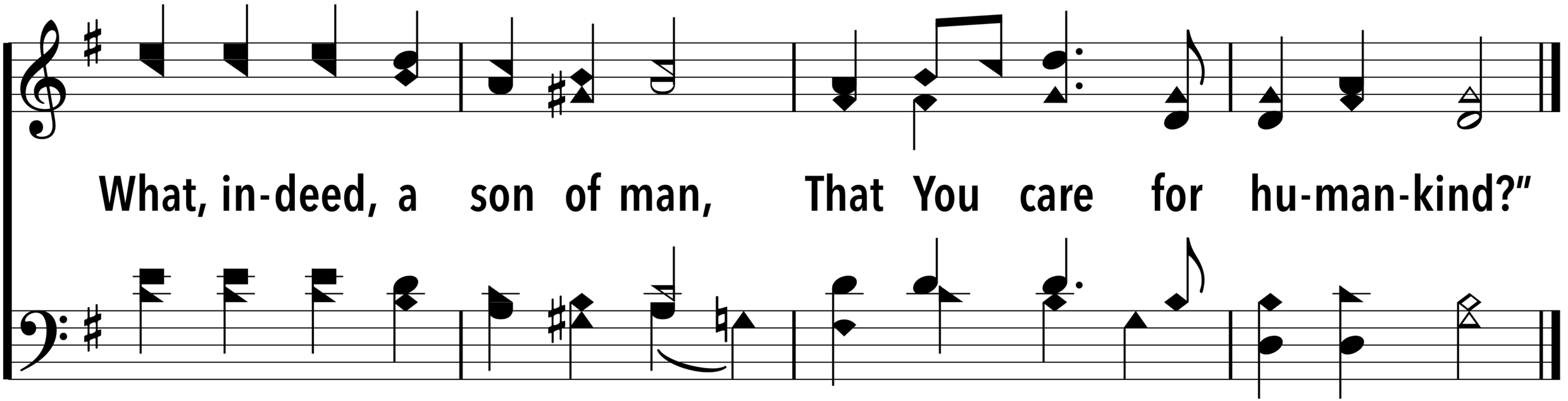

2. When I lift my eyes a - bove To the skies Your fing-ers made,
Gaz-ing on the moon and stars– All, Your hand - i - work dis-played,


Then I won-der, "What is man, That You keep him in Your mind?
What, in-deed, a son of man, That You care for hu-man-kind?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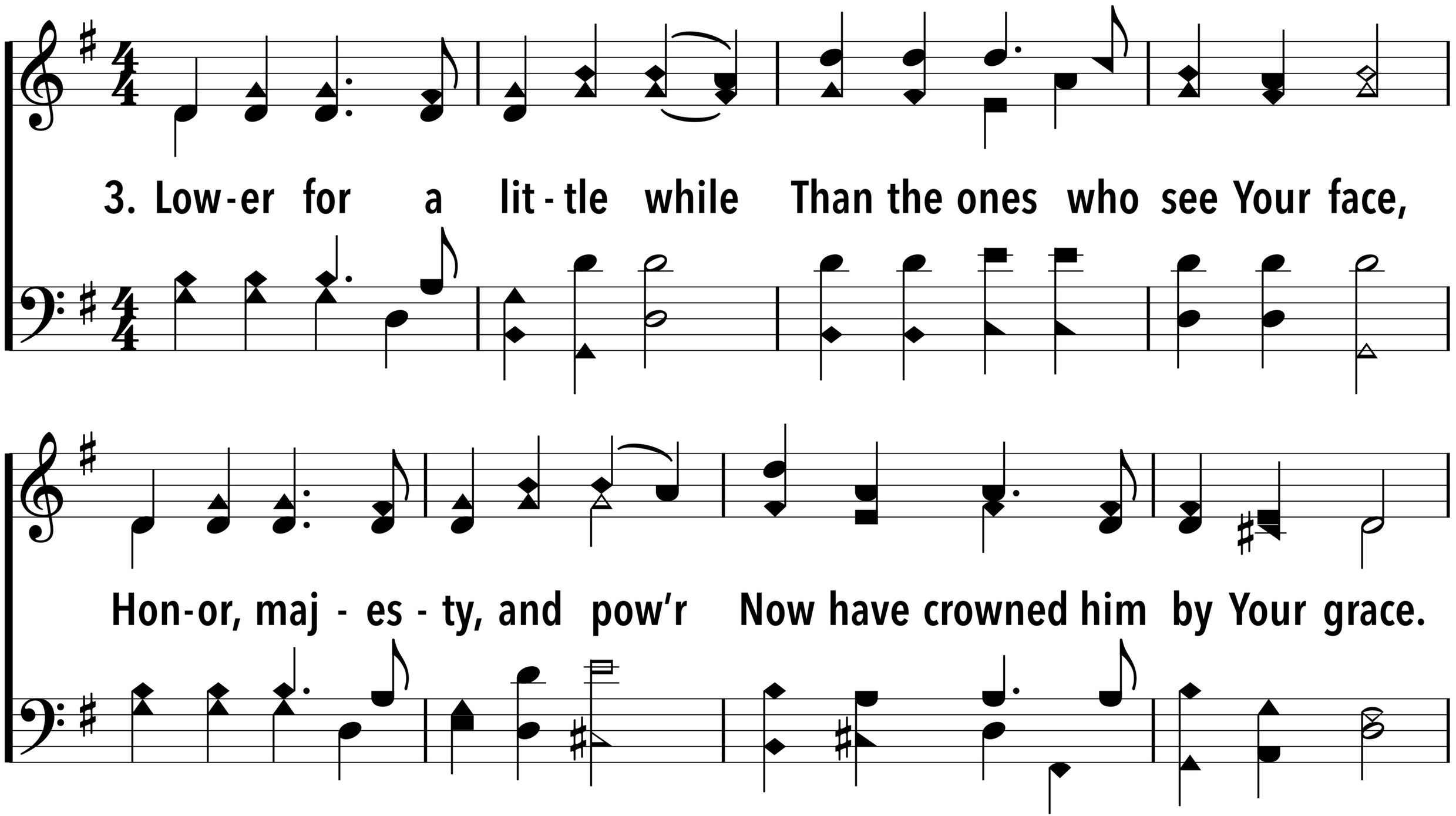
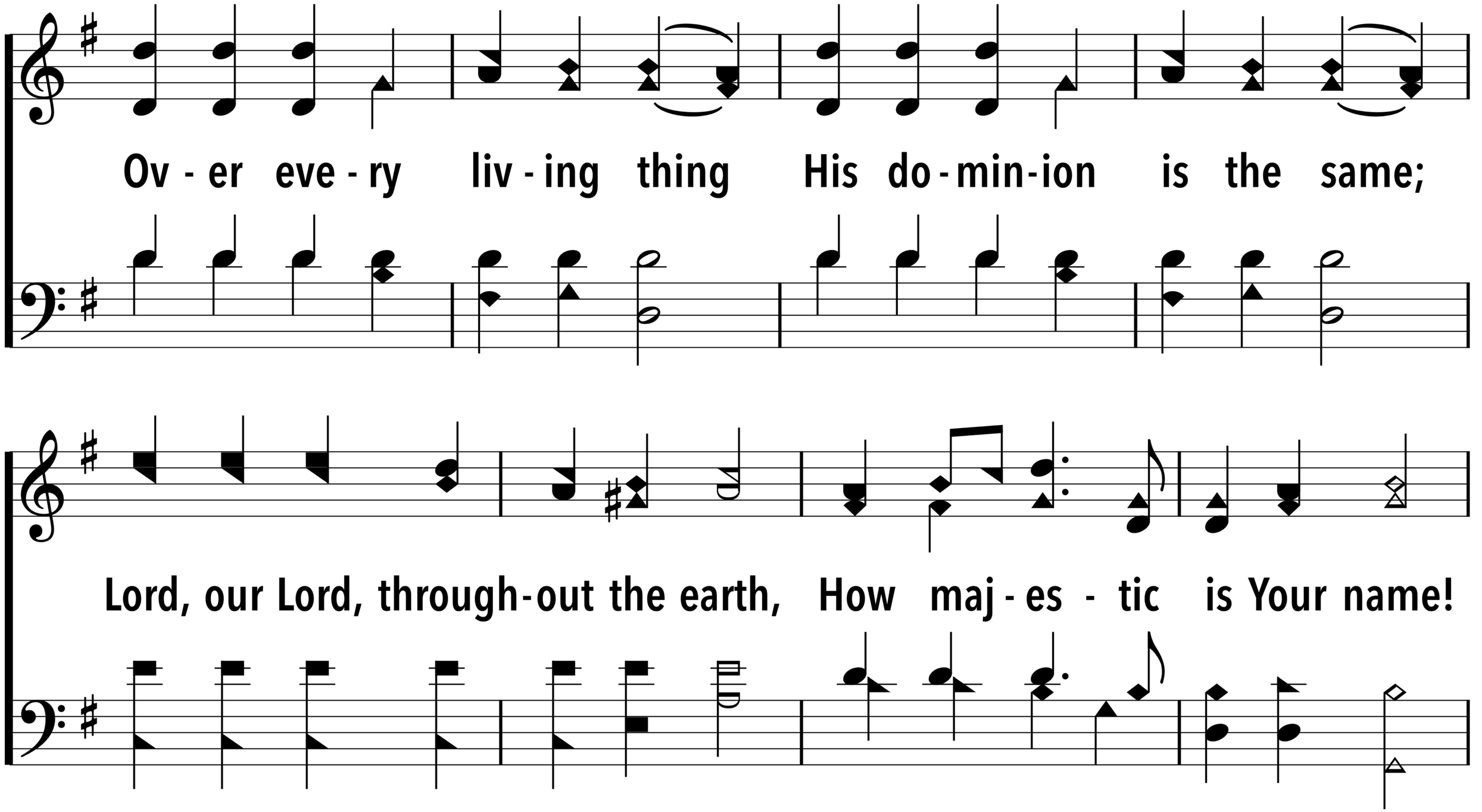
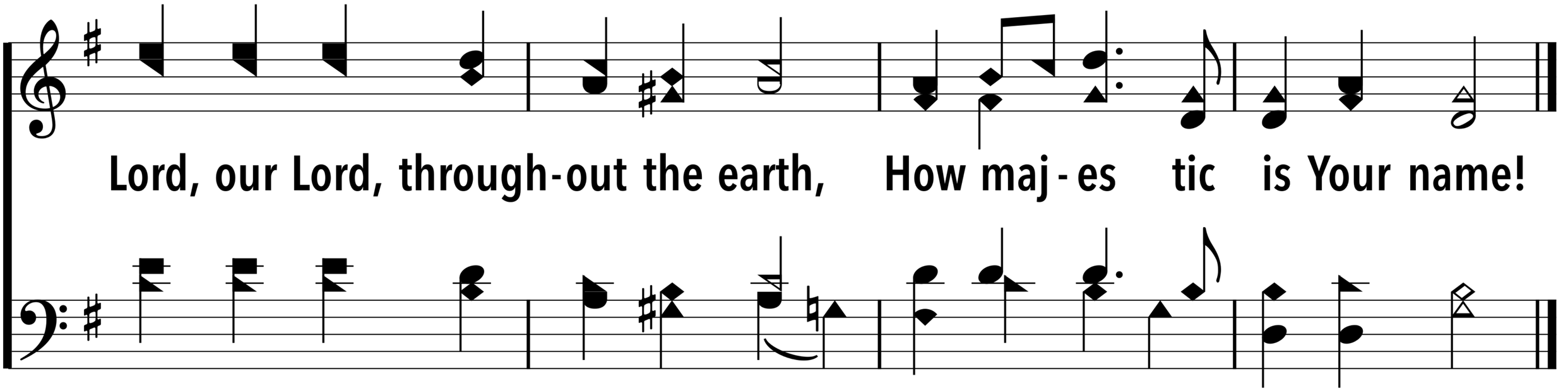

3. Low-er for a lit-tle while Than the ones who see Your face,
Hon-or, maj - es - ty, and pow'r Now have crowned him by Your grace.


Ov - er eve - ry liv - ing thing His do - min - ion is the same;
Lord, our Lord, through - out the earth, How maj - es - tic is Your name!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Recordings for Practice

- A capella hymns:
  - Sumphonia, Acapeldridge, Narrow Way, Josh McKinsey's SoundCloud, Florida College Alumni Chorus, The ZOE Group, Hallal, Dallas Christian Adult Concert Choir, Praise & Harmony, TIMELESS Psalter, Sing to the Lord!, Songs of the Church, TheSacrificeOfPraise.com
- Suggestions:
  - Find recordings of hymn and listen regularly
  - Choose a "hymn of the week" to include with reading/prayer
  - Include learning songs with family devotional time

Hymns for the Moment

- Notable moments of singing:
  - **Job 38:7** - Creation
  - **Exodus 15** - Exodus Deliverance
  - **Psalm 77:6** - A song in the night
  - **Psalm 51** - Repentance
  - **2 Chr 20:20-22** - In the heat of battle
  - **Mark 14:26** - Before the trial
  - **Acts 4:25-26** - During persecution
  - **Acts 16:25** - In prison

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Our Father Forever

Author: Trimble, John D. / Composer: Trimble, John D.

F Major
Starting Note: A
Time Signature: 4/4
Meter: 8.7.8.7.8.8.8.7.

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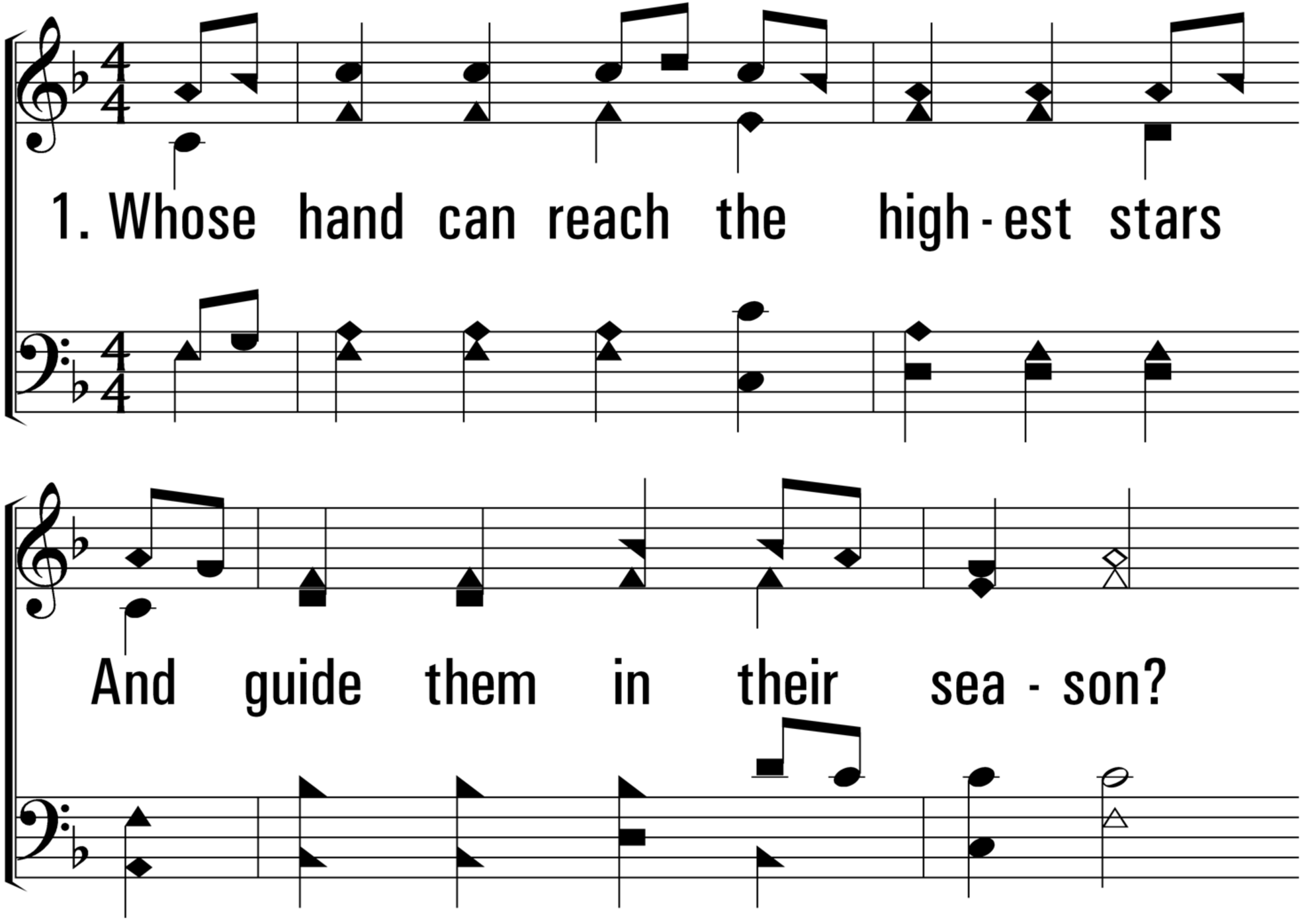
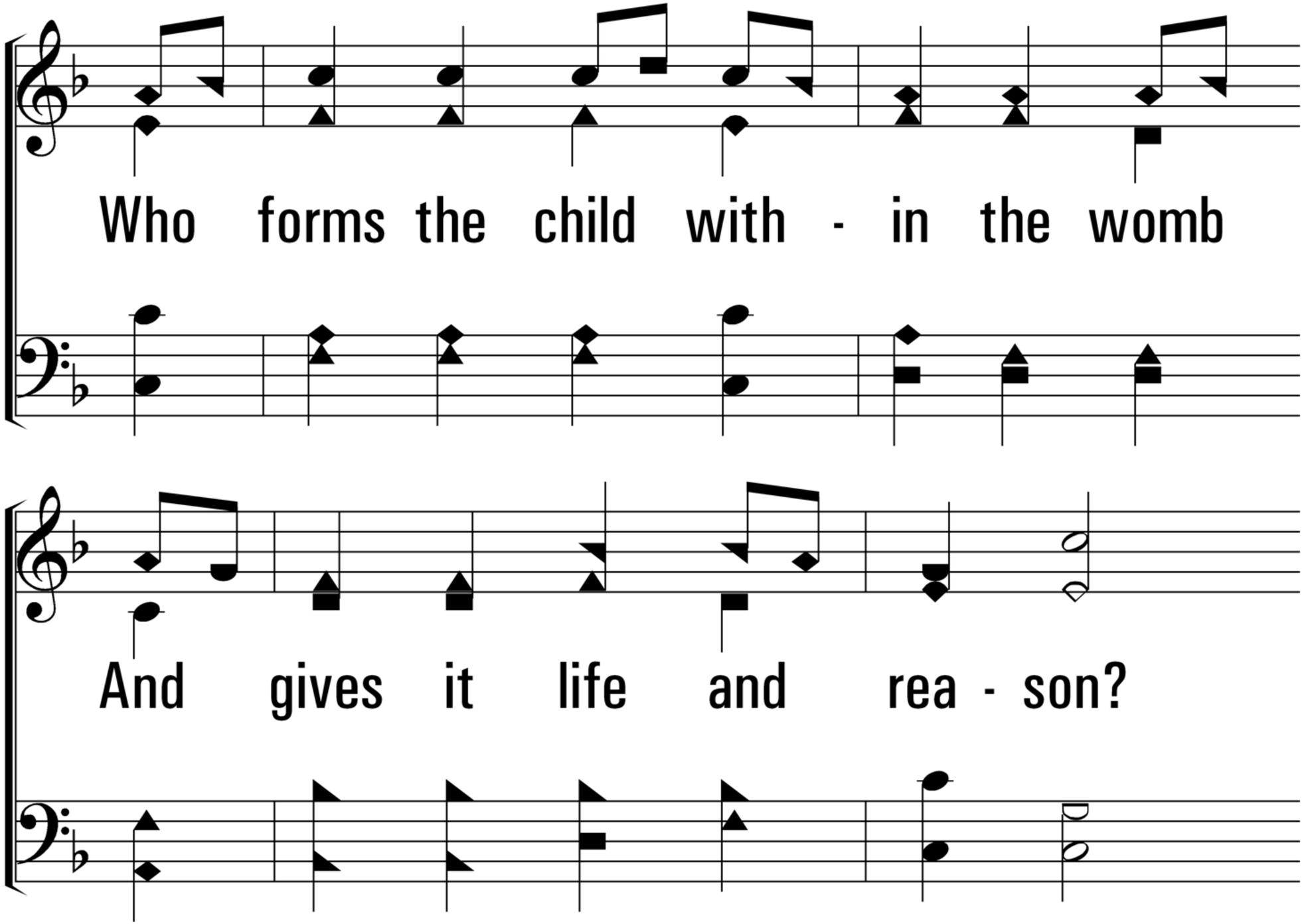
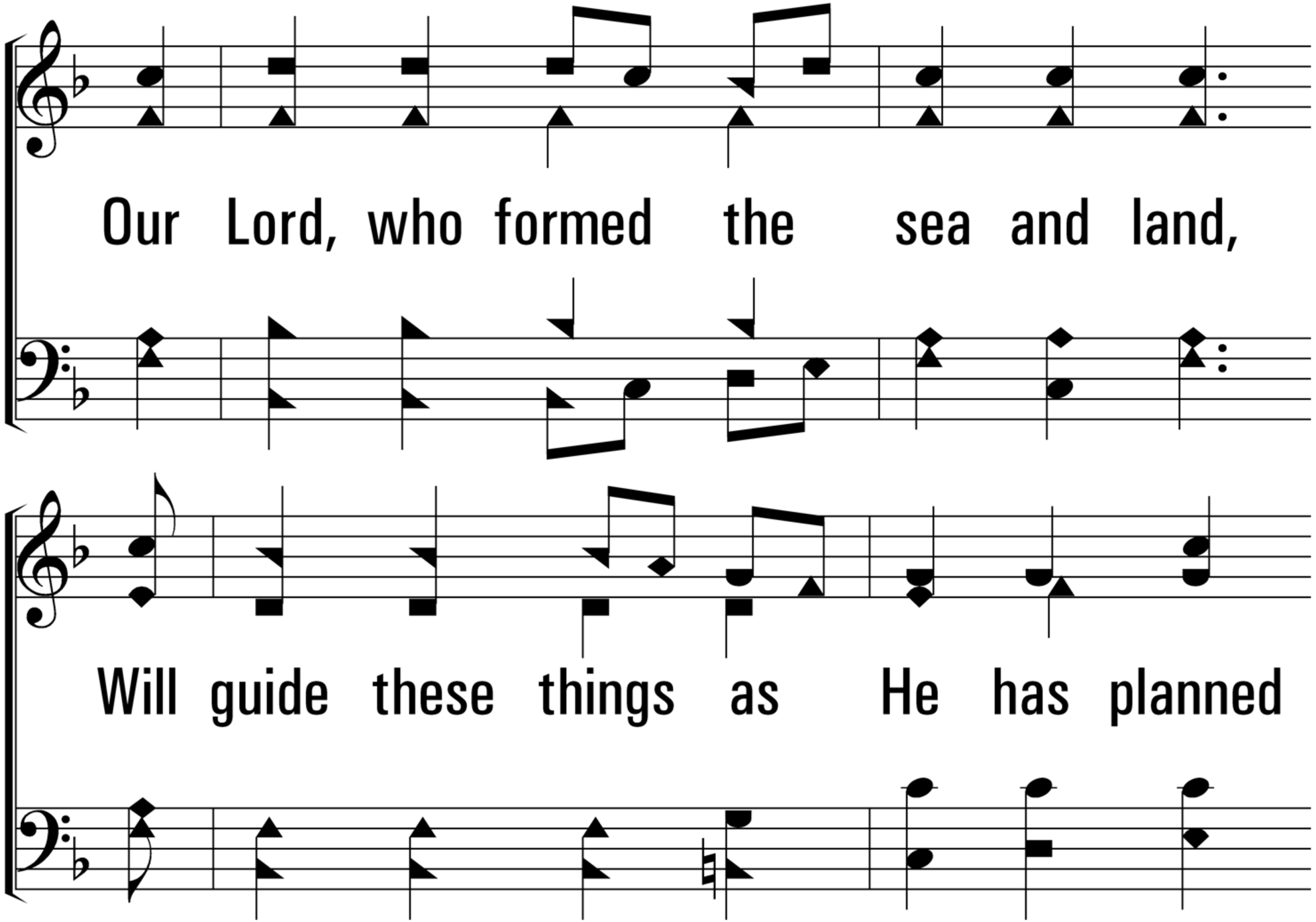

1. Whose hand can reach the high - est stars
And guide them in their sea - son?

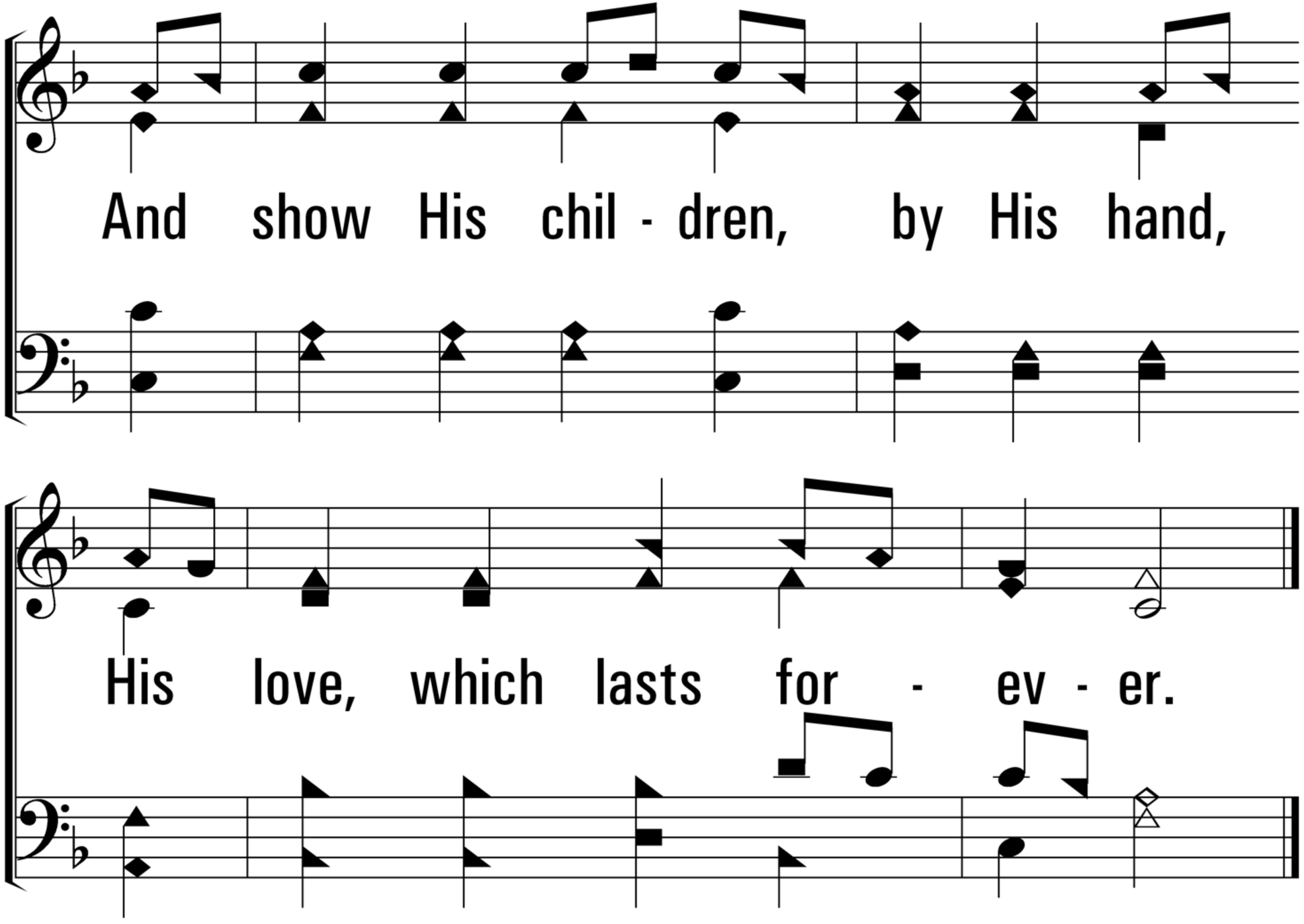
Job 38:31-33

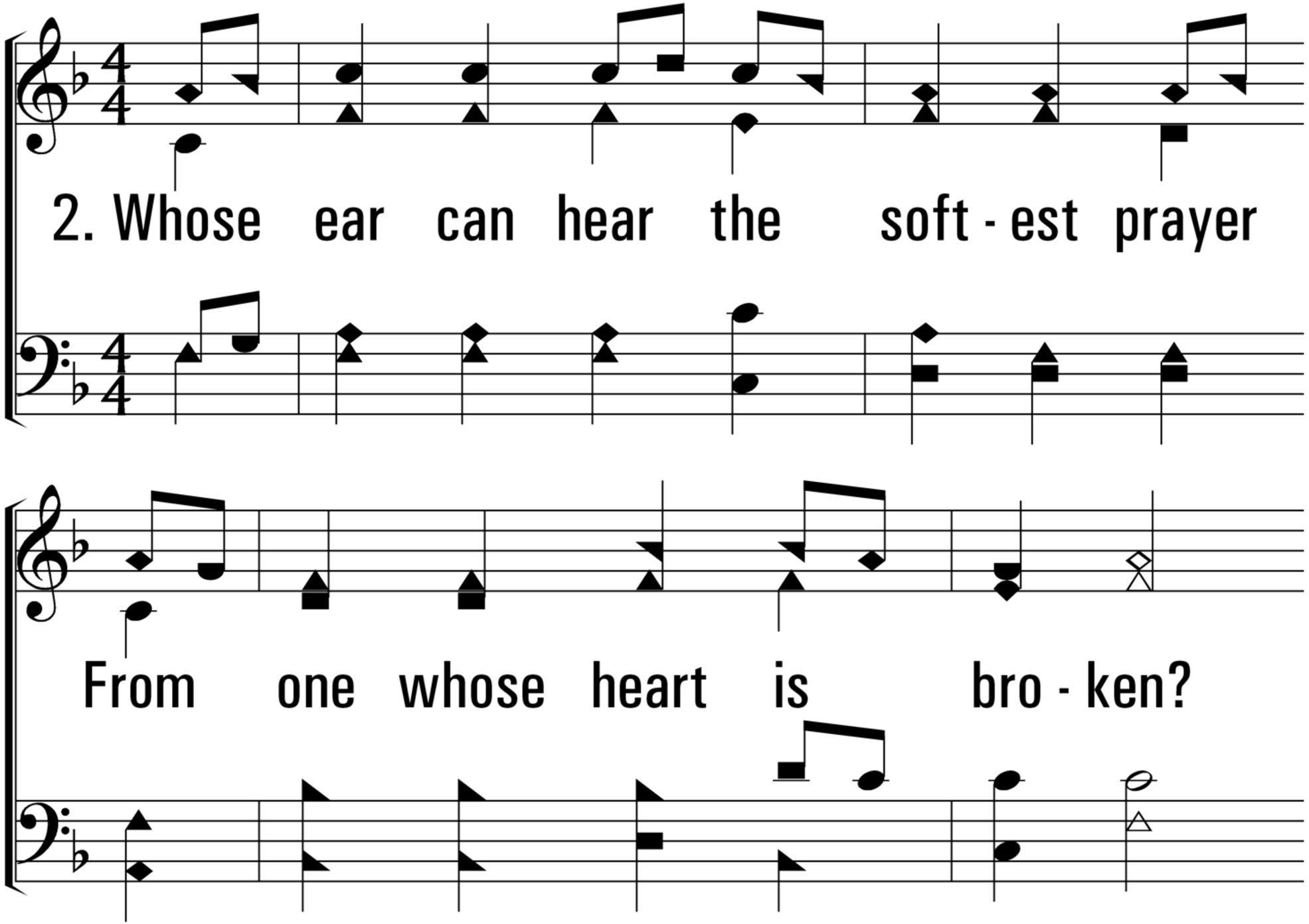

Who forms the child with - in the womb
And gives it life and rea - son?

Ecc 11:5

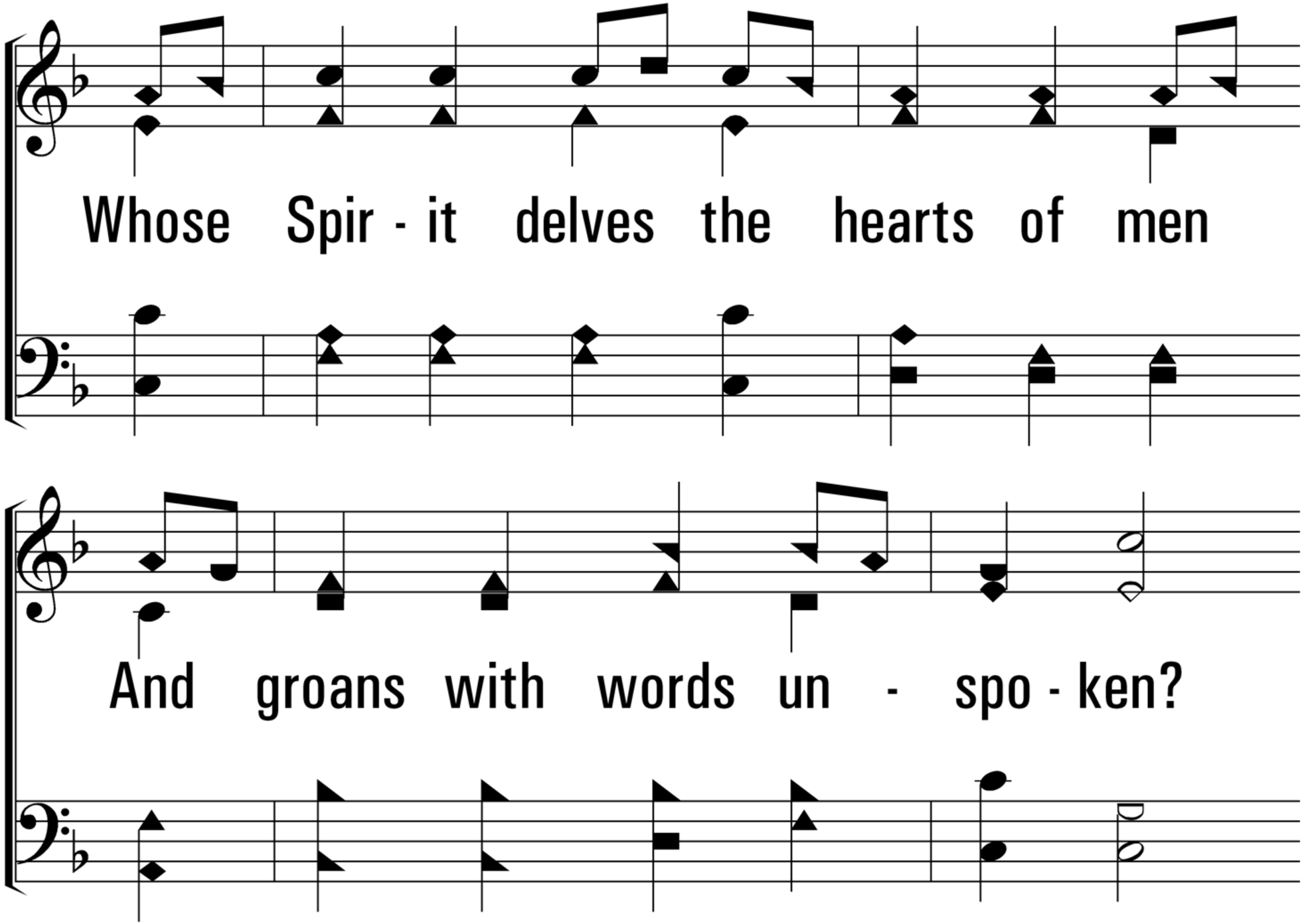

Our Lord, who formed the sea and land,
Will guide these things as He has planned

Ps 95:5

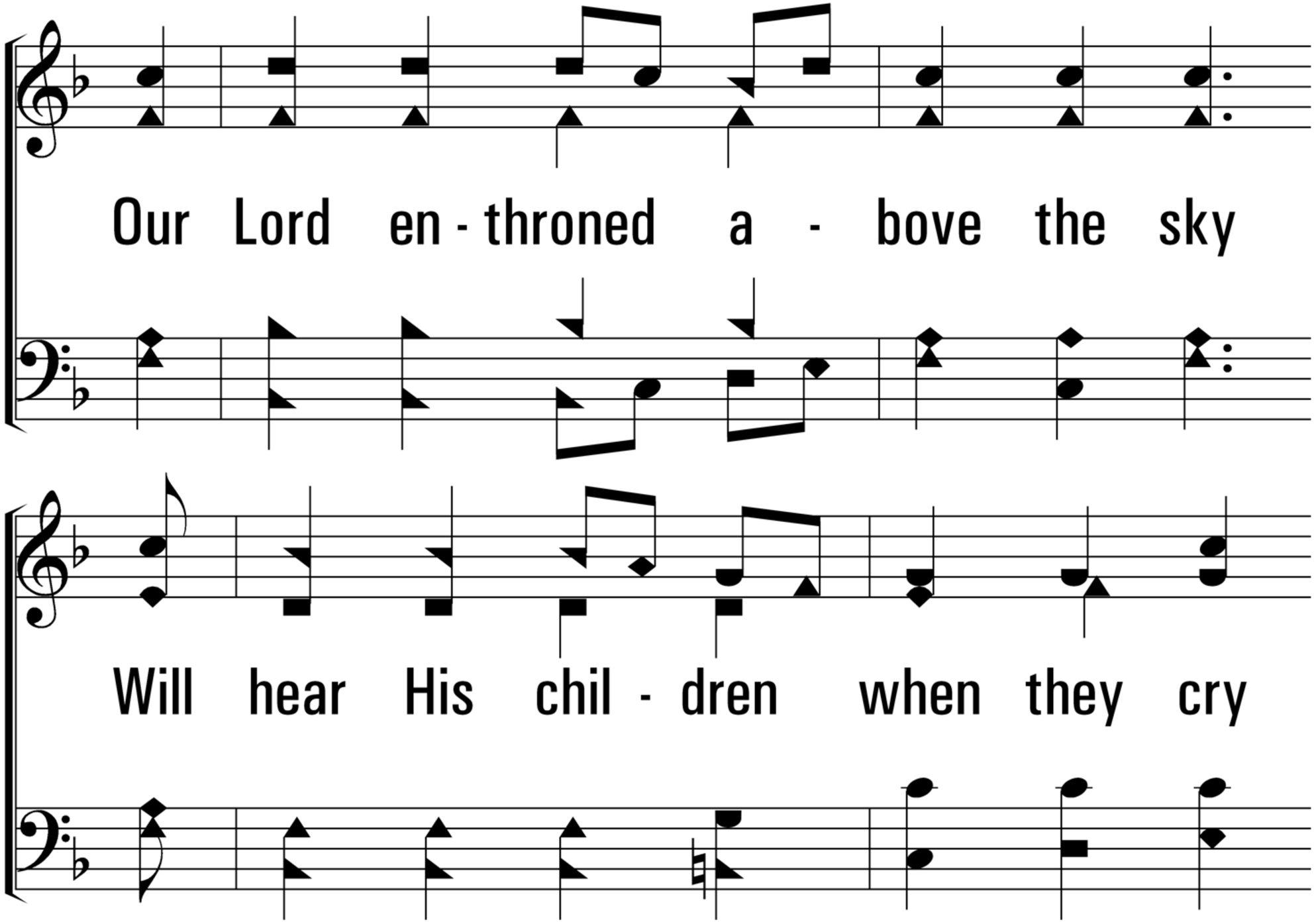

And show His chil - dren, by His hand,
His love, which lasts for - ev - er.


2. Whose ear can hear the soft - est prayer
From one whose heart is bro - ken?

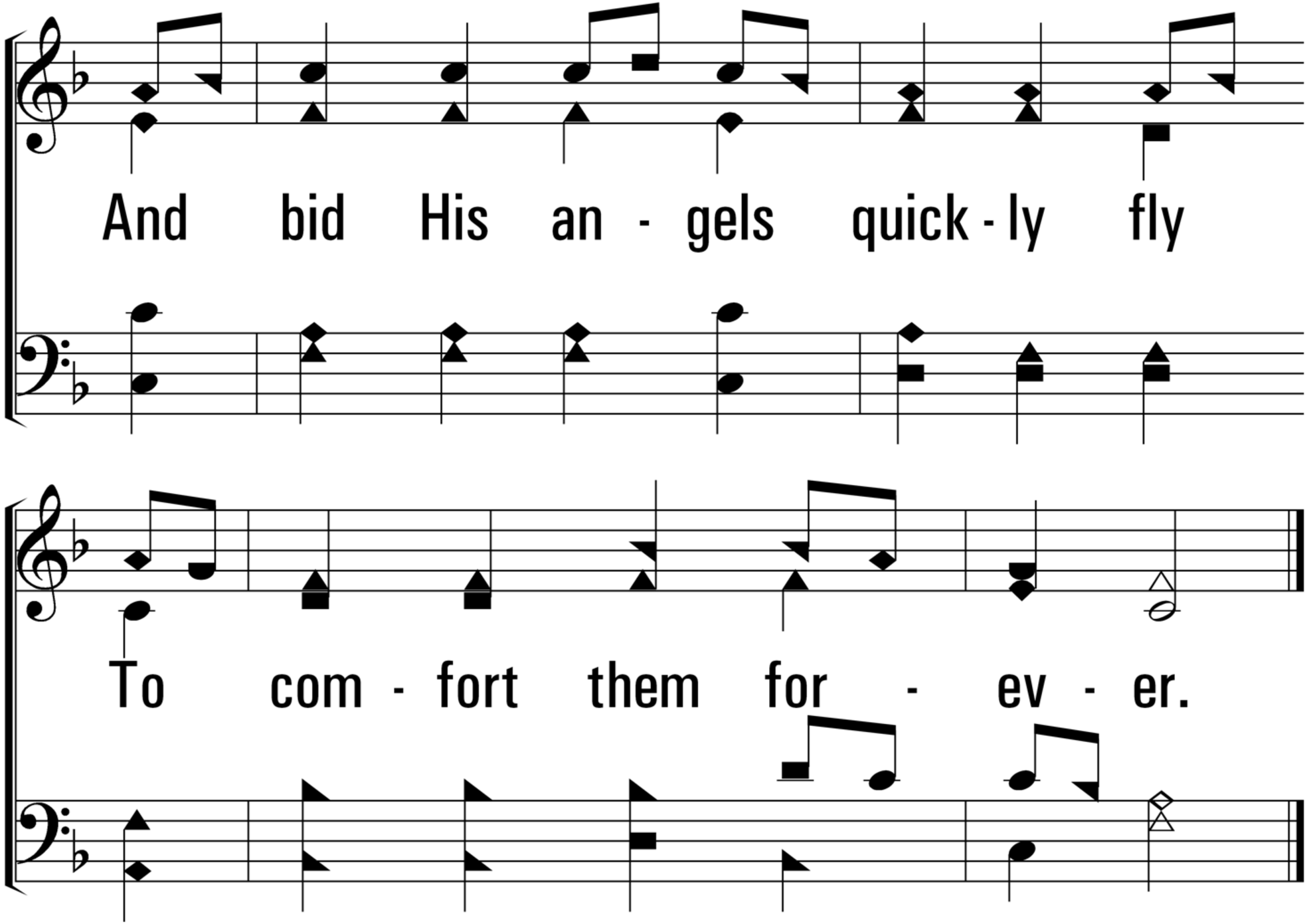
1 Sam 1:15


Whose Spir - it delves the hearts of men
And groans with words un - spo - ken?

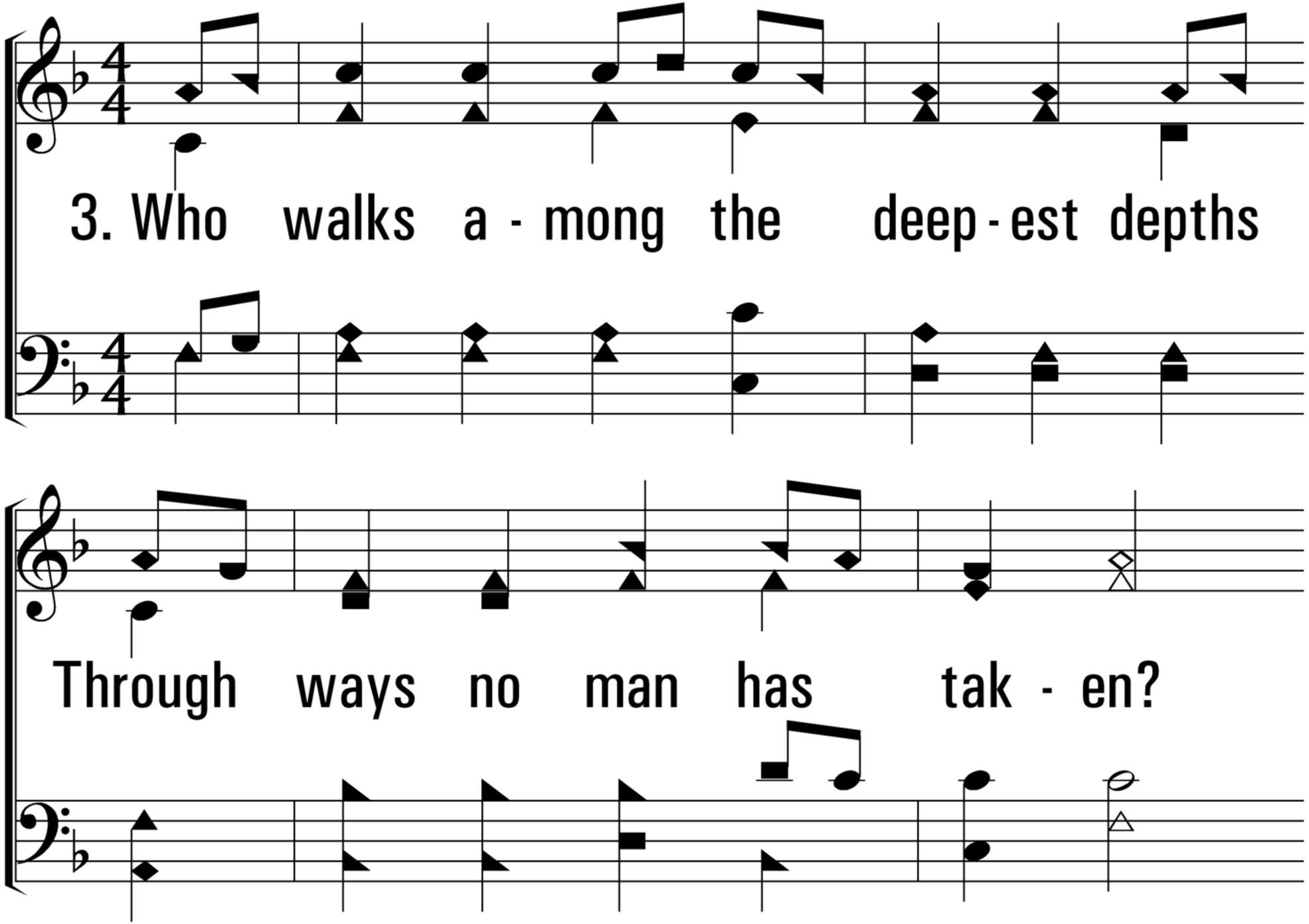
Rom 8:26


Our Lord en - throned a - bove the sky
Will hear His chil - dren when they cry

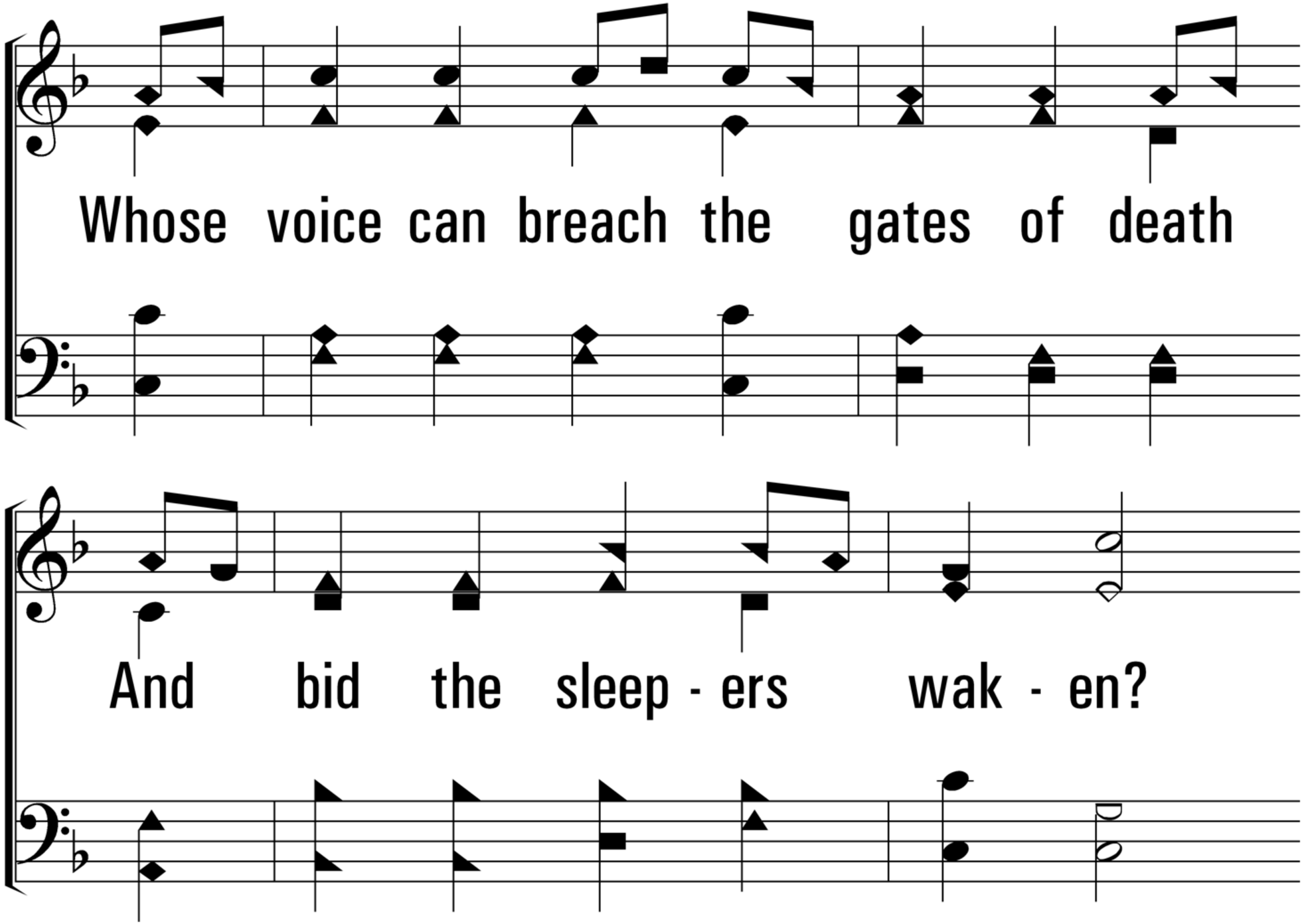
Ps 27:7



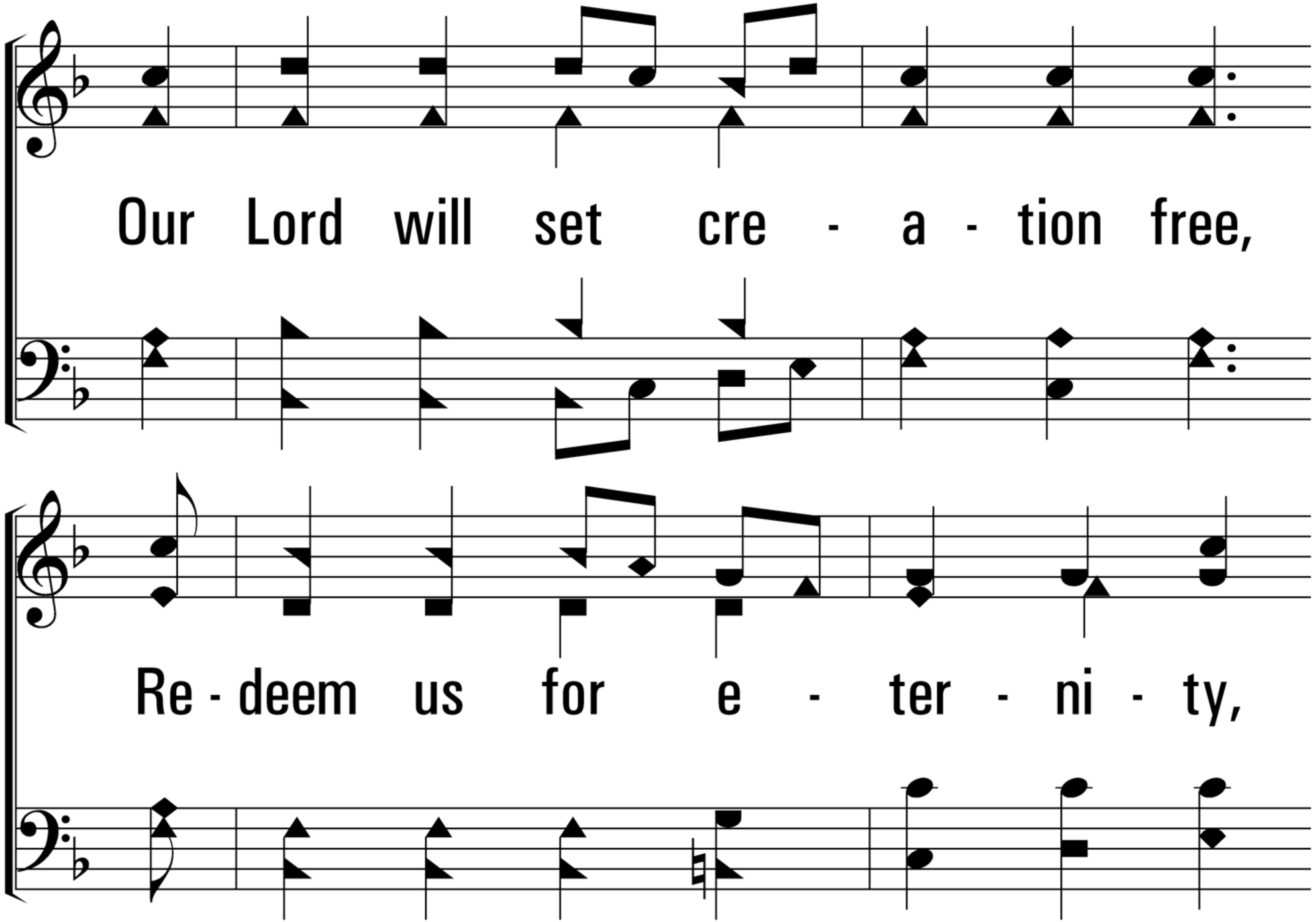
Heb 1:14


3. Who walks a - mong the deep - est depths
Through ways no man has tak - en?

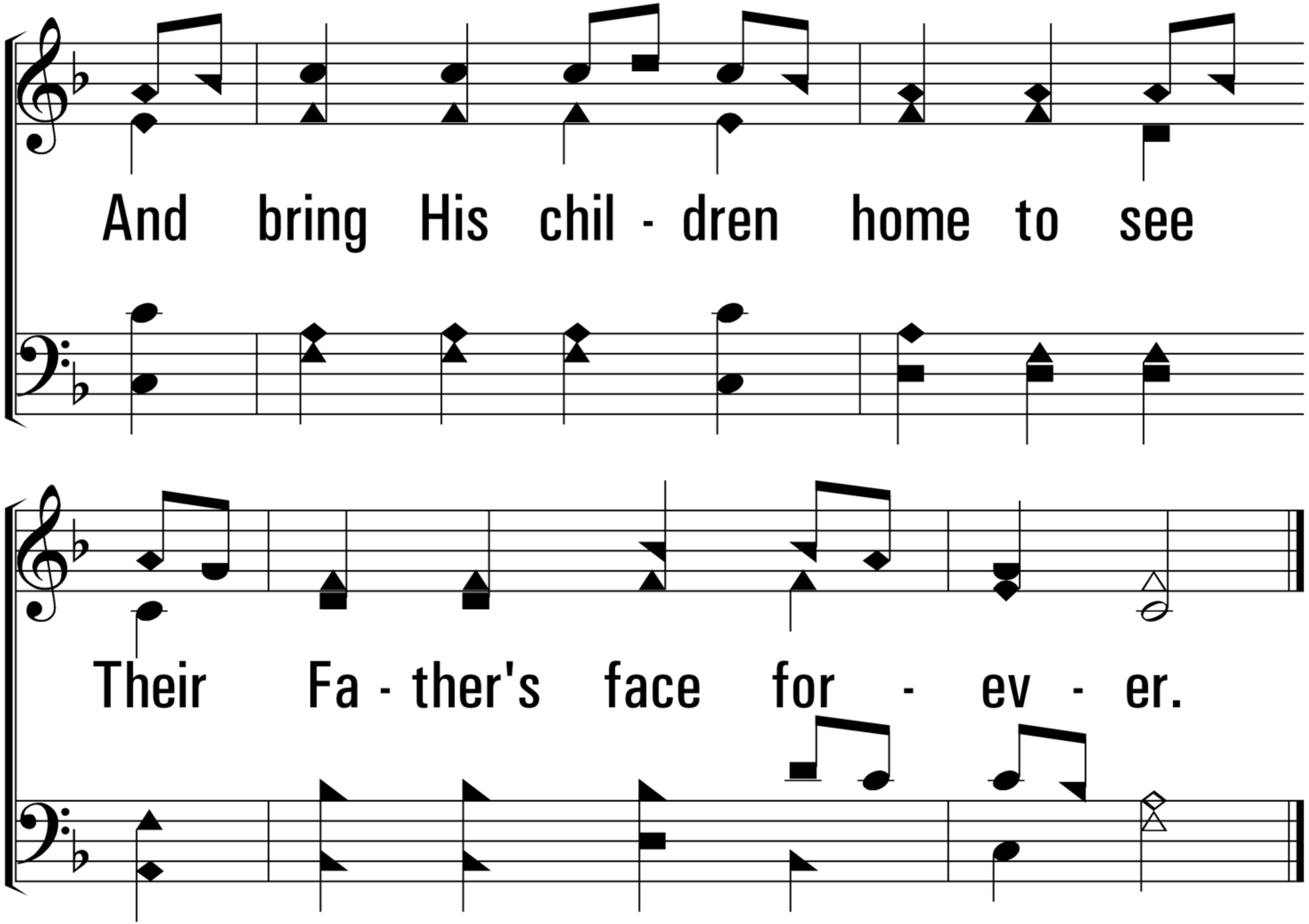
Job 38:16-18


Whose voice can breach the gates of death
And bid the sleep - ers wak - en?

John 5:28-29



Rom 8:21


And bring His chil - dren home to see
Their Fa - ther's face for - ev - er.

Rev 22:4

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Faith Is the Victory

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Meter: CMD with chorus (8.6.8.6.D)

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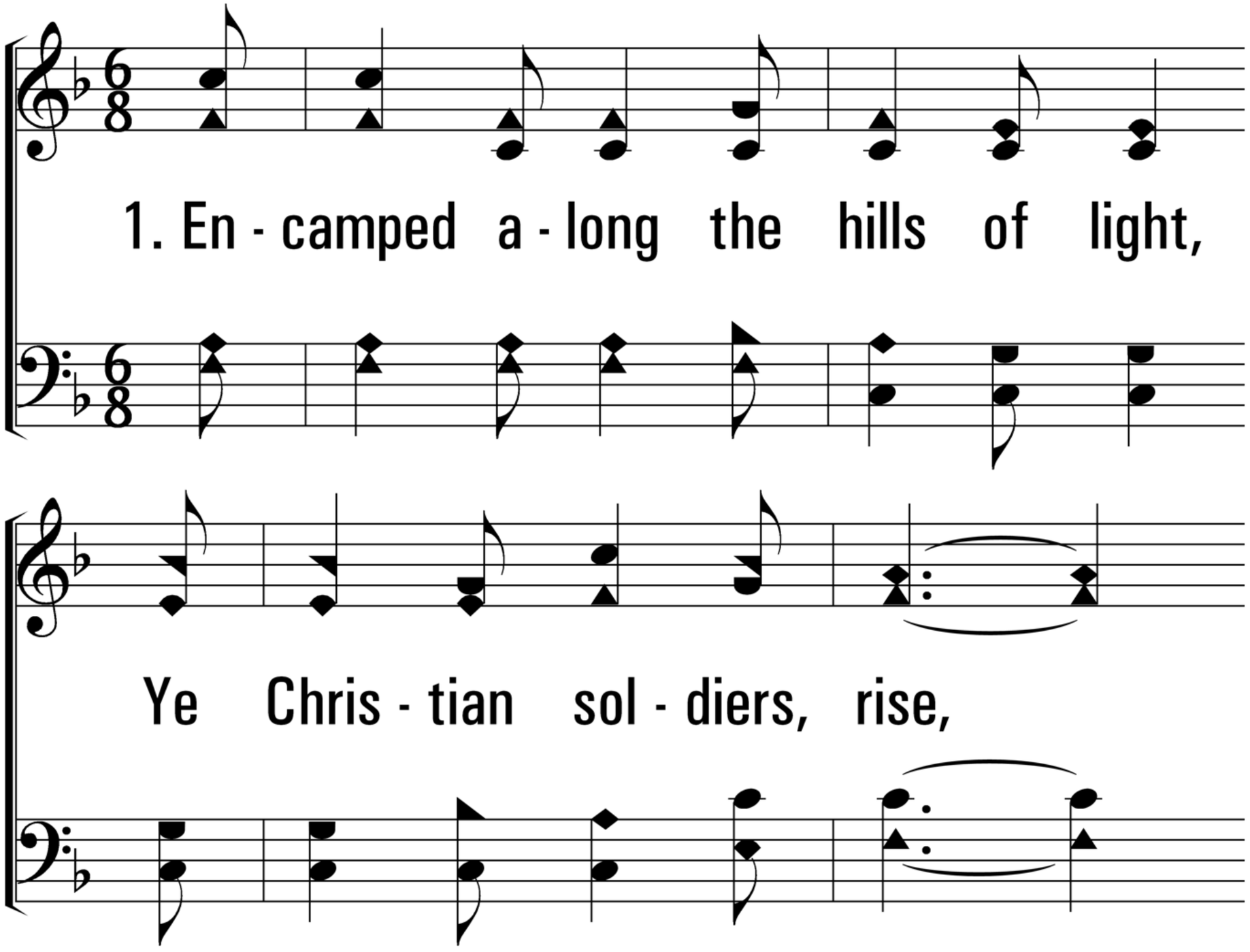
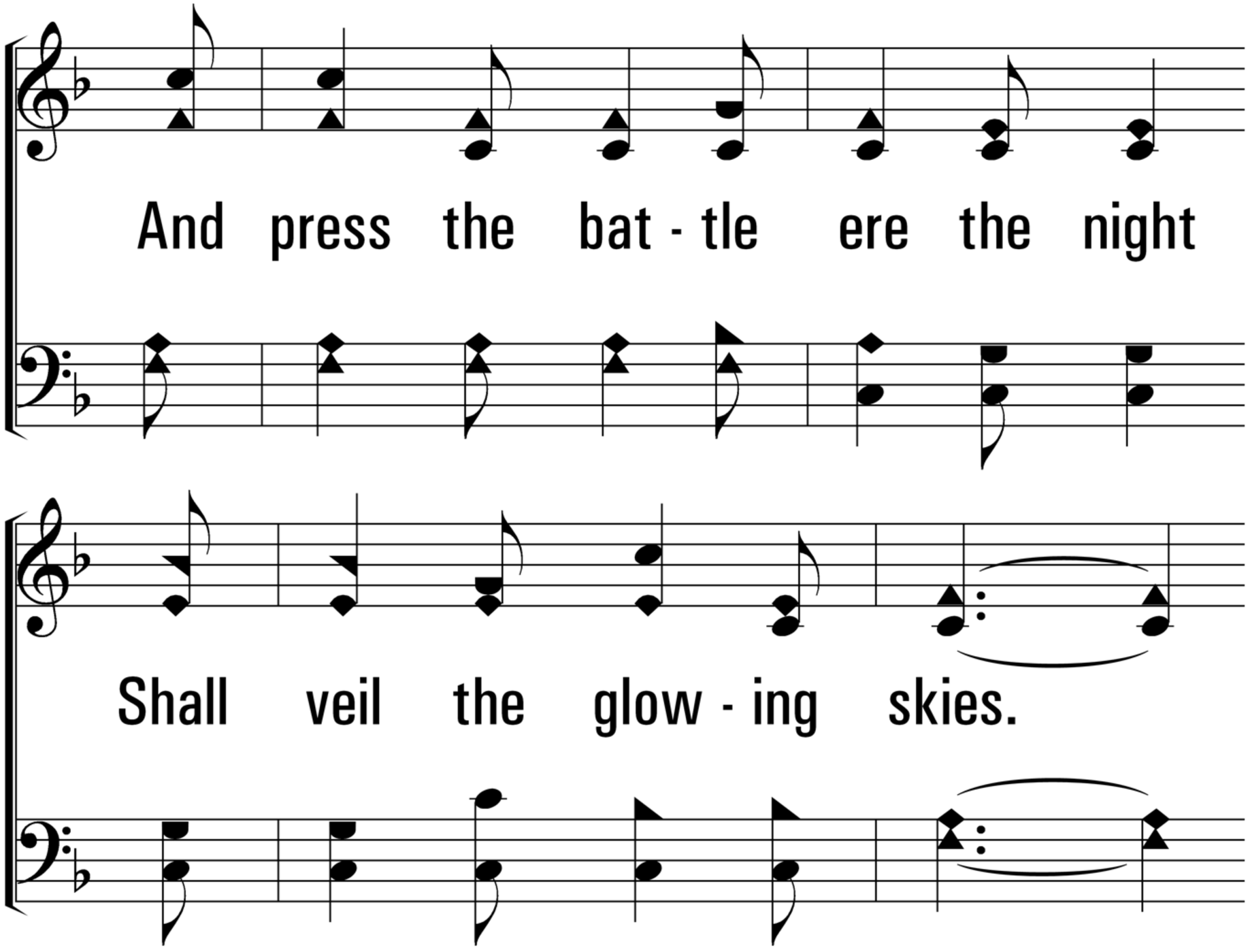
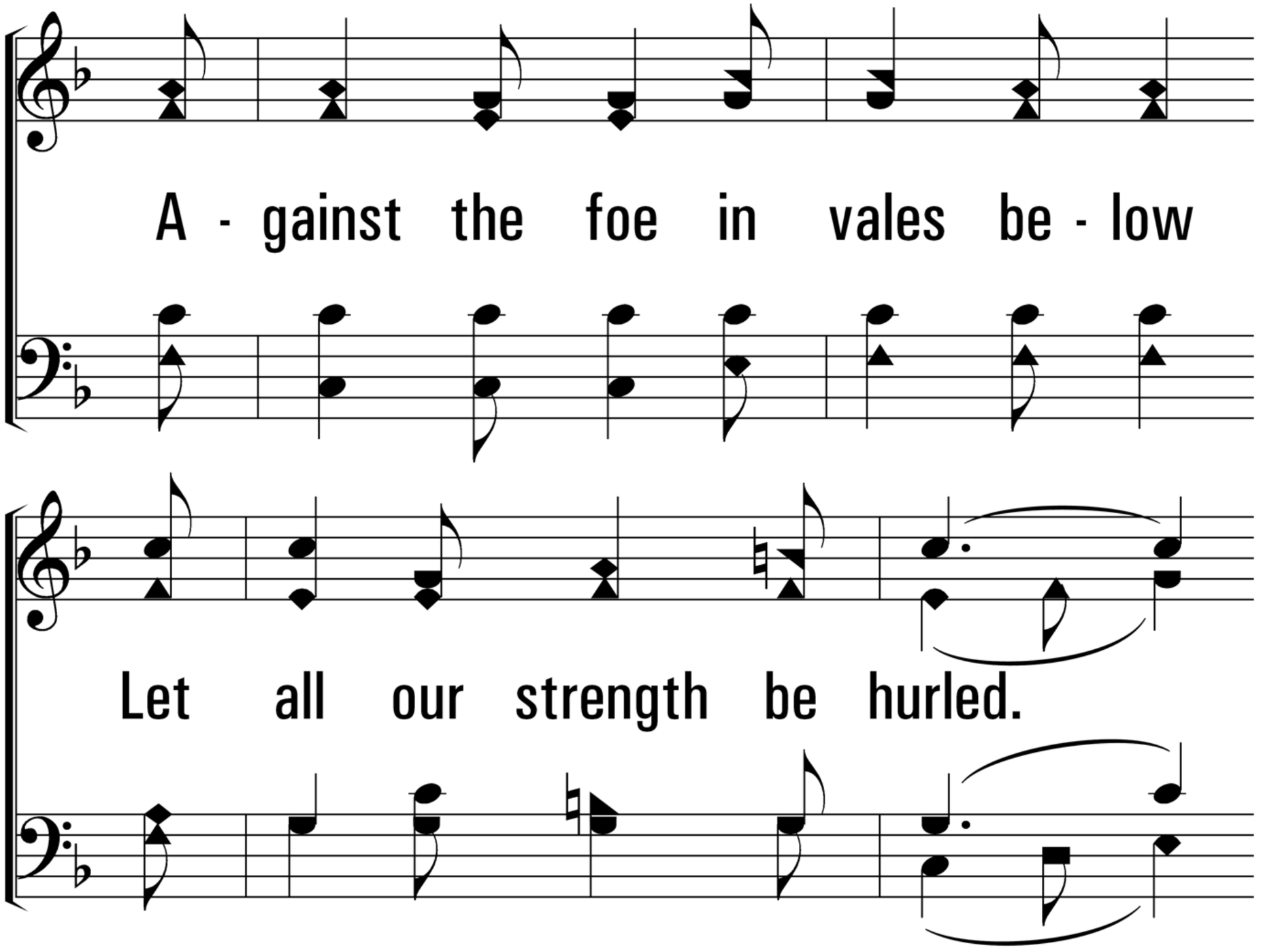
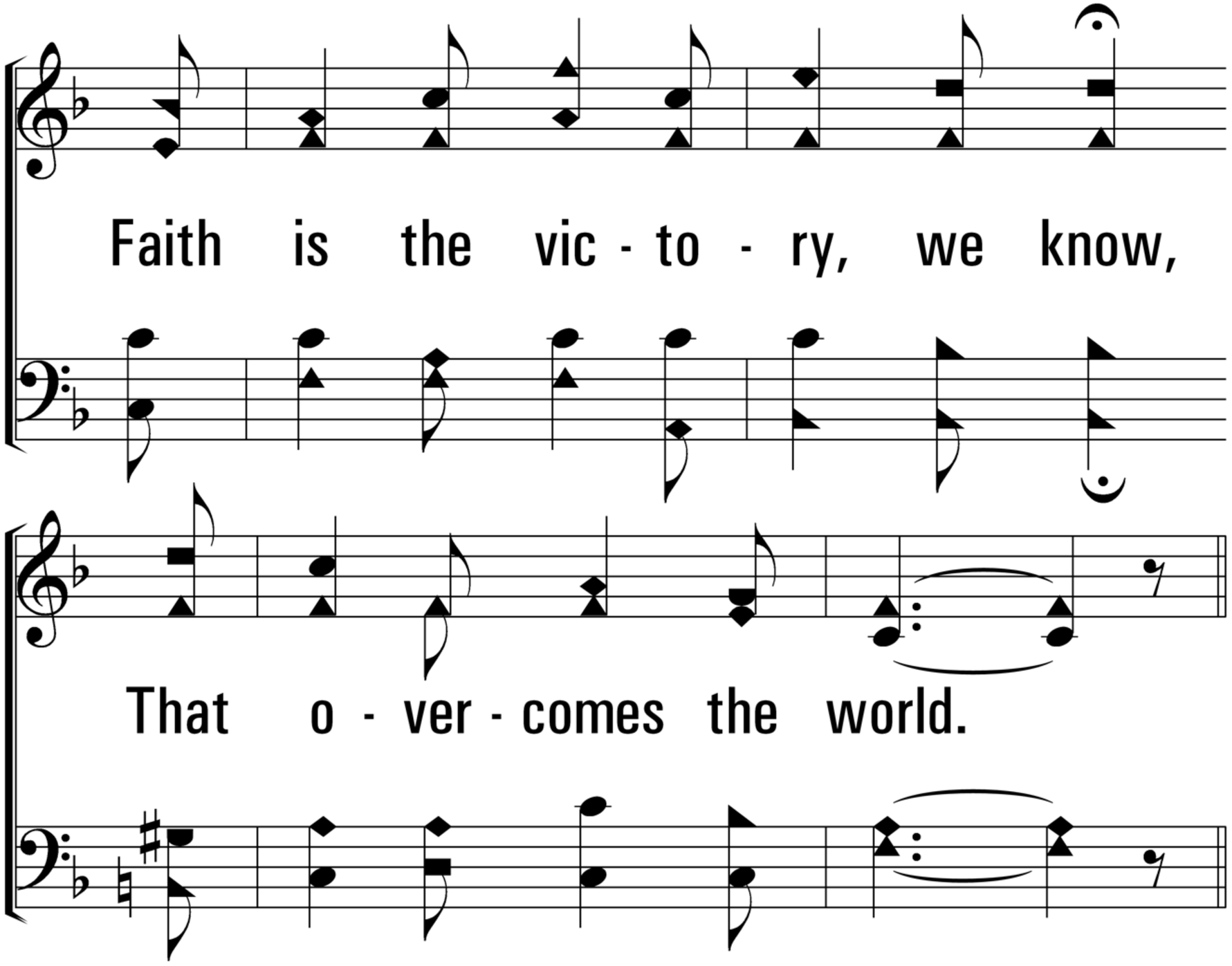

1. En - camped a - long the hills of light,
Ye Chris - tian sol - diers, rise,

Matt 5:14


And press the bat - tle ere the night
Shall veil the glow - ing skies.


A - gainst the foe in vales be - low
Let all our strength be hurled.



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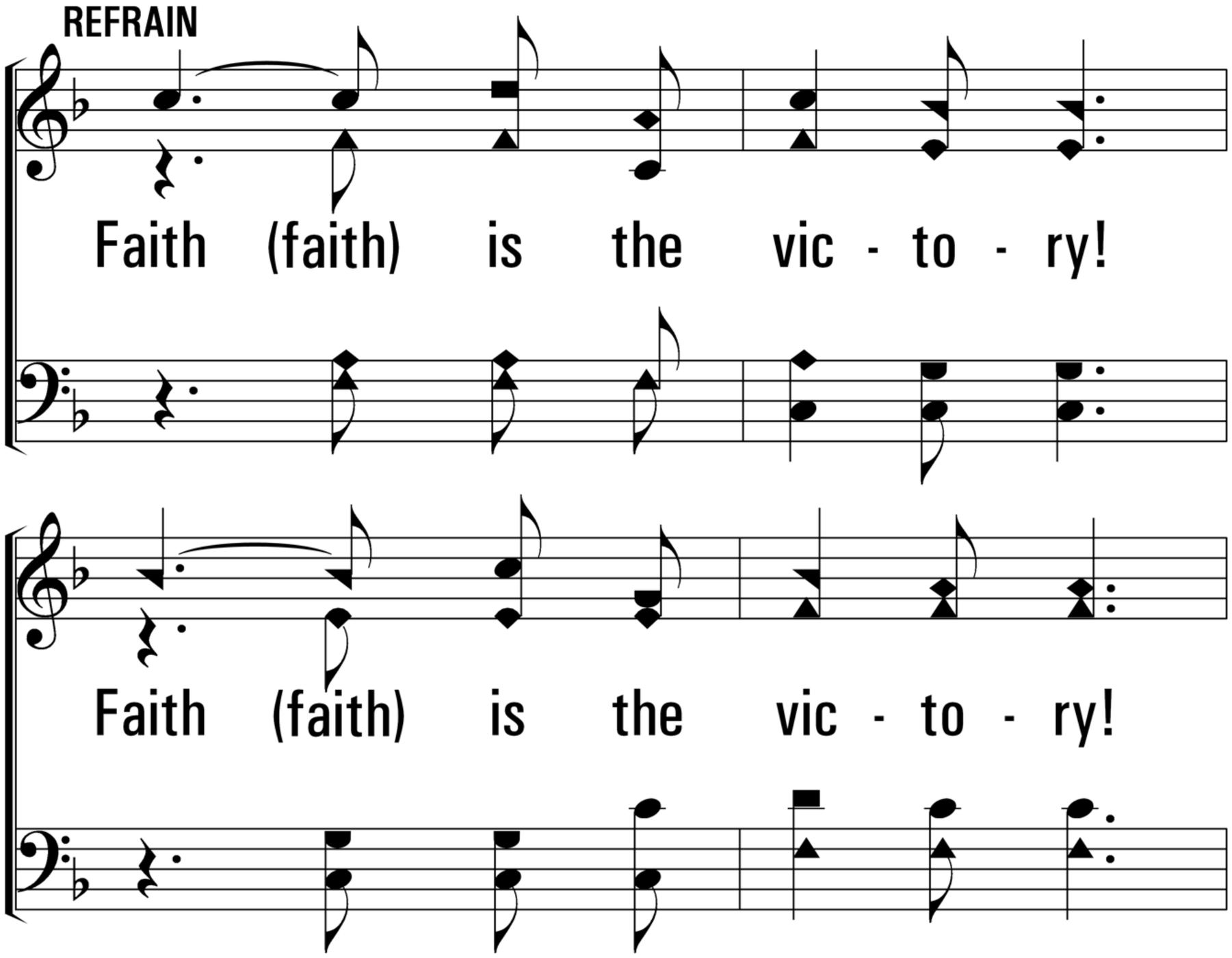
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Faith (faith) is the vic - to - ry!
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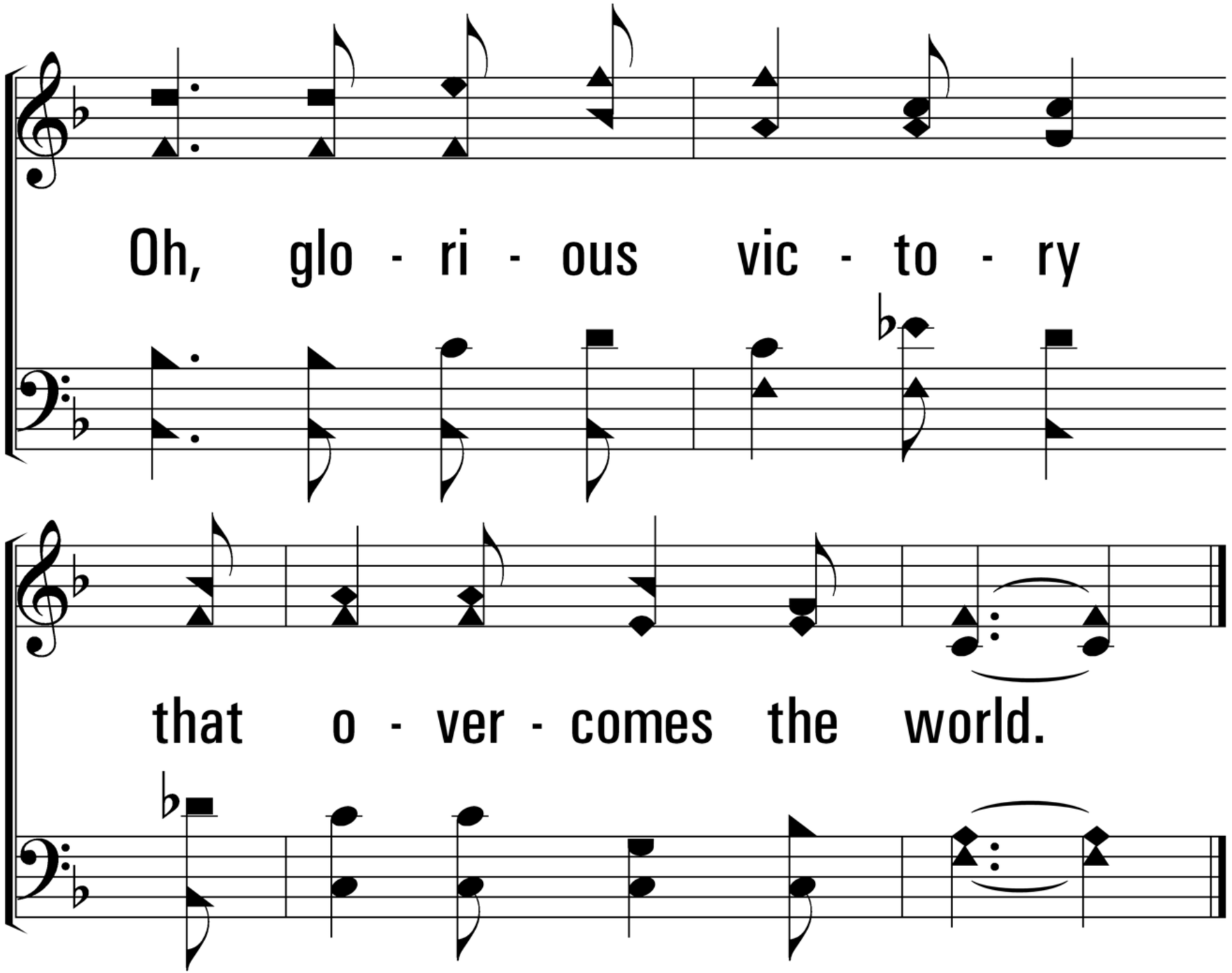

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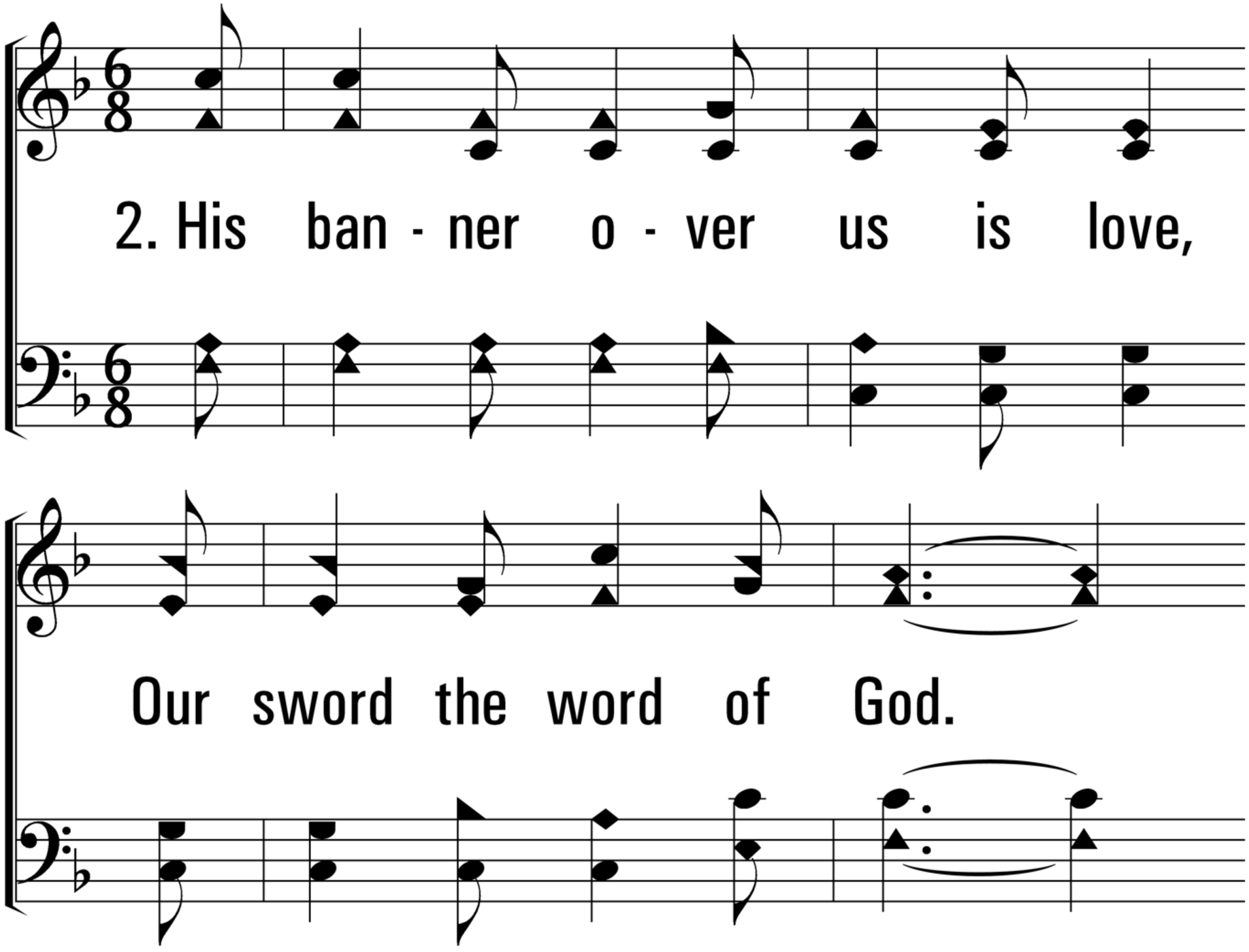

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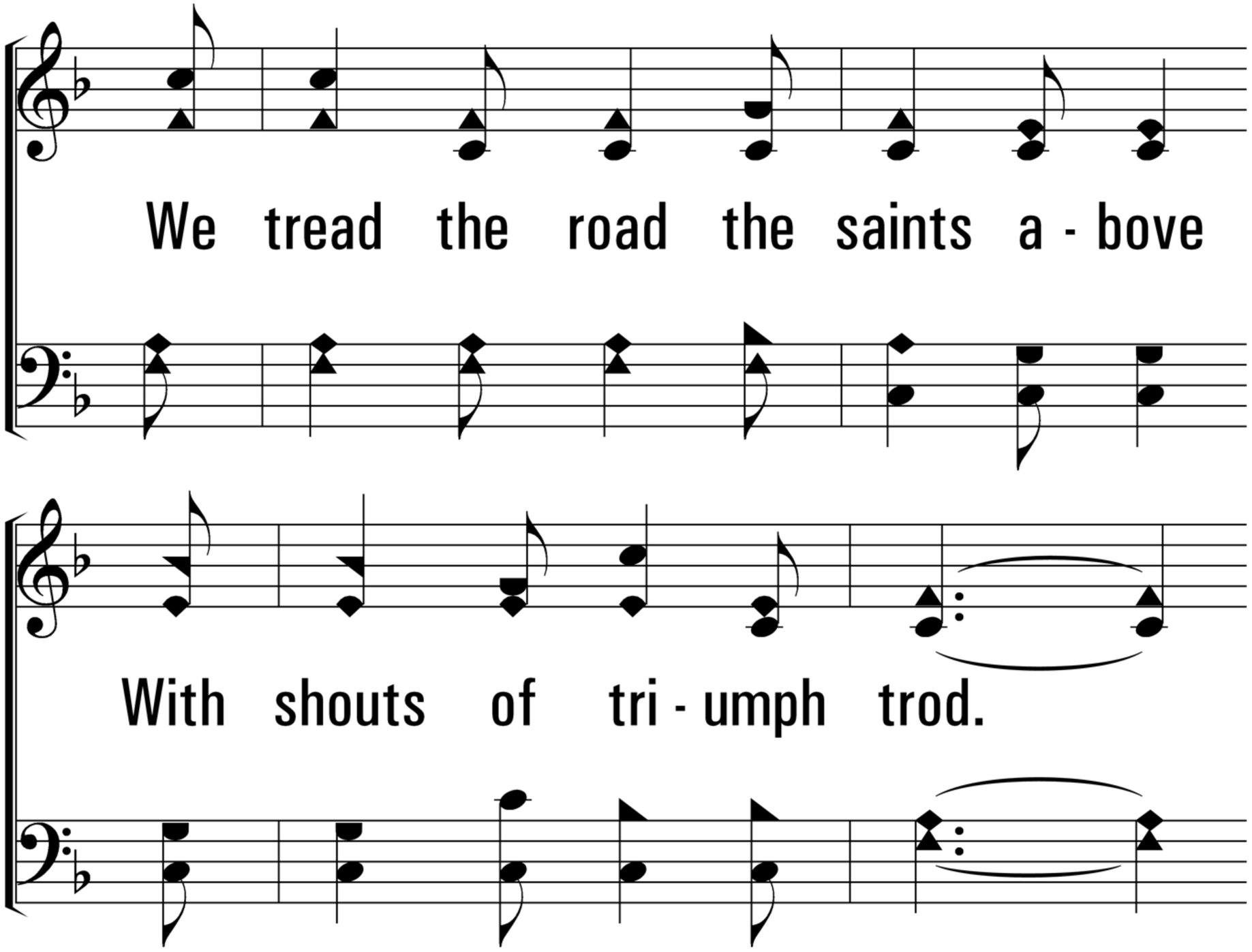
We tread the road the saints a - bove
With shouts of tri - umph trod.

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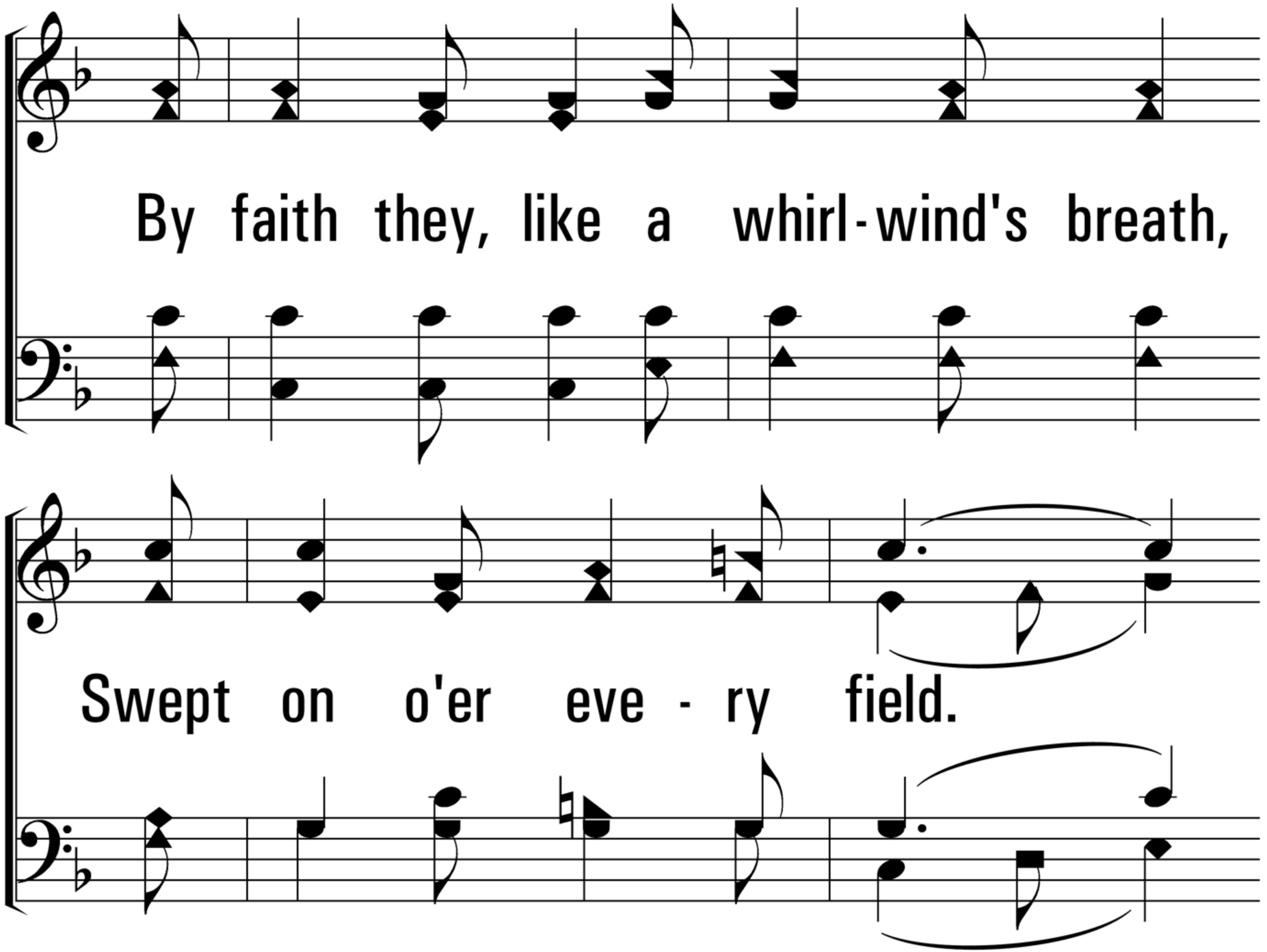
By faith they, like a whirl-wind's breath,
Swept on o'er eve - ry field.

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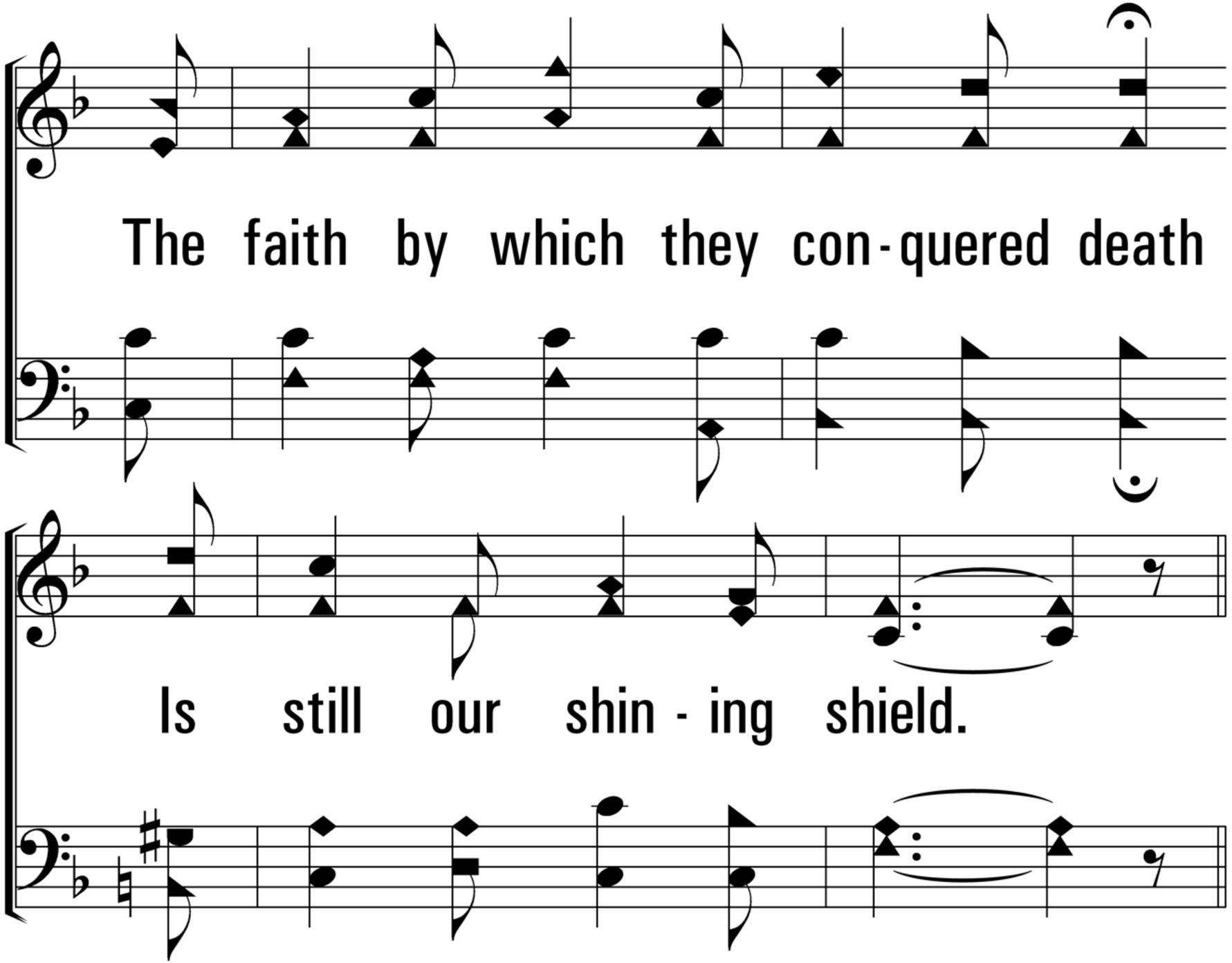
The faith by which they con-quered death
Is still our shin-ing shield.

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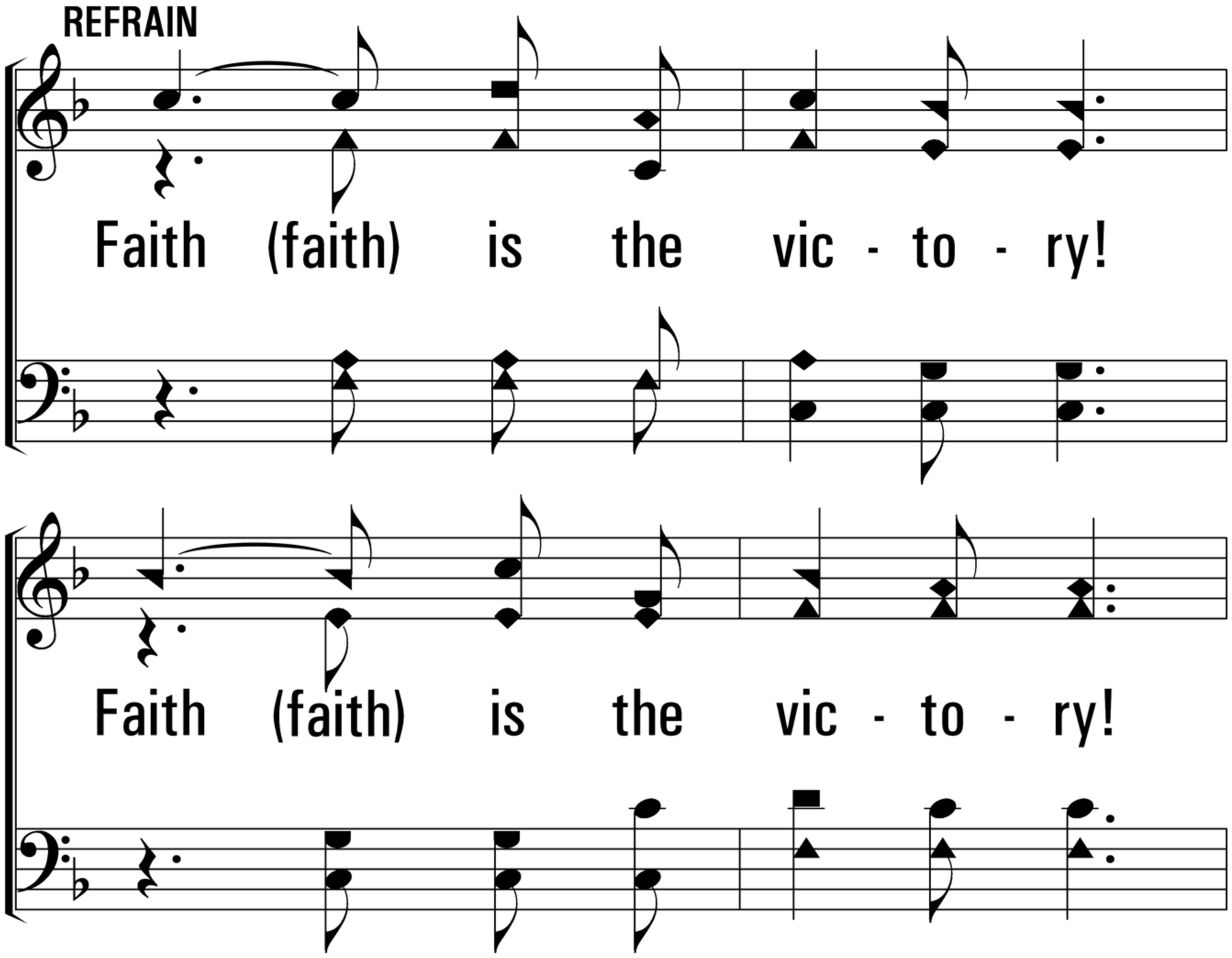
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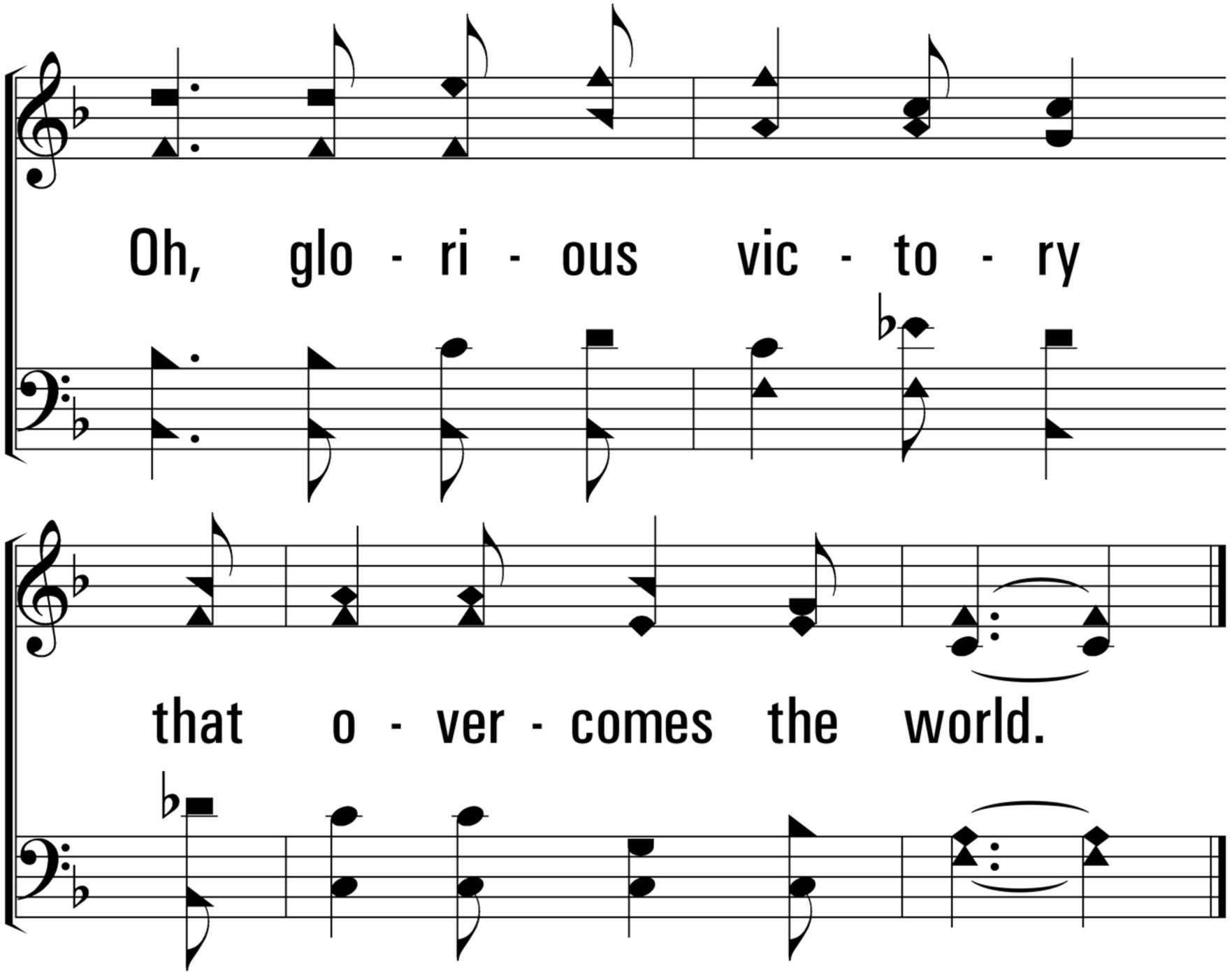

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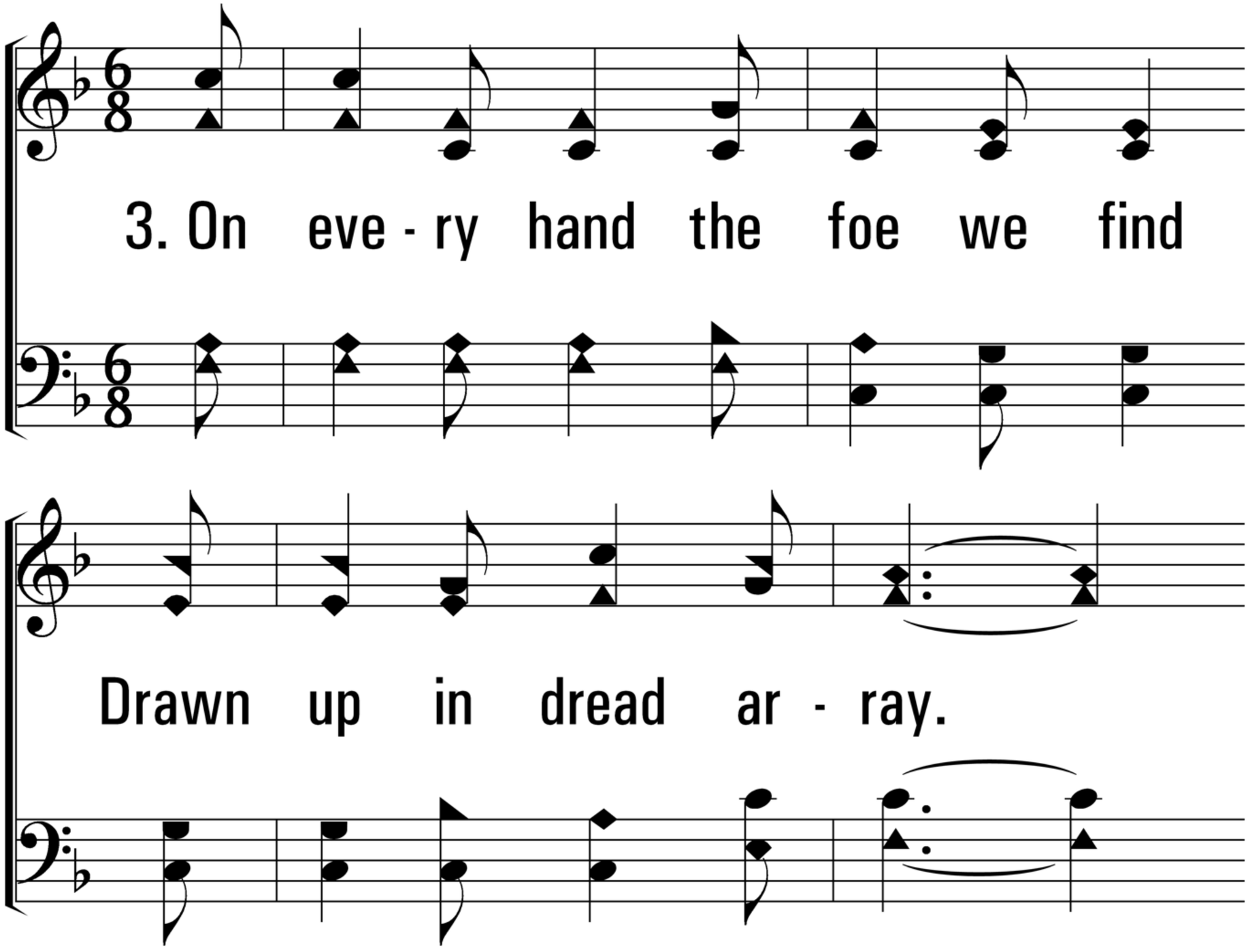
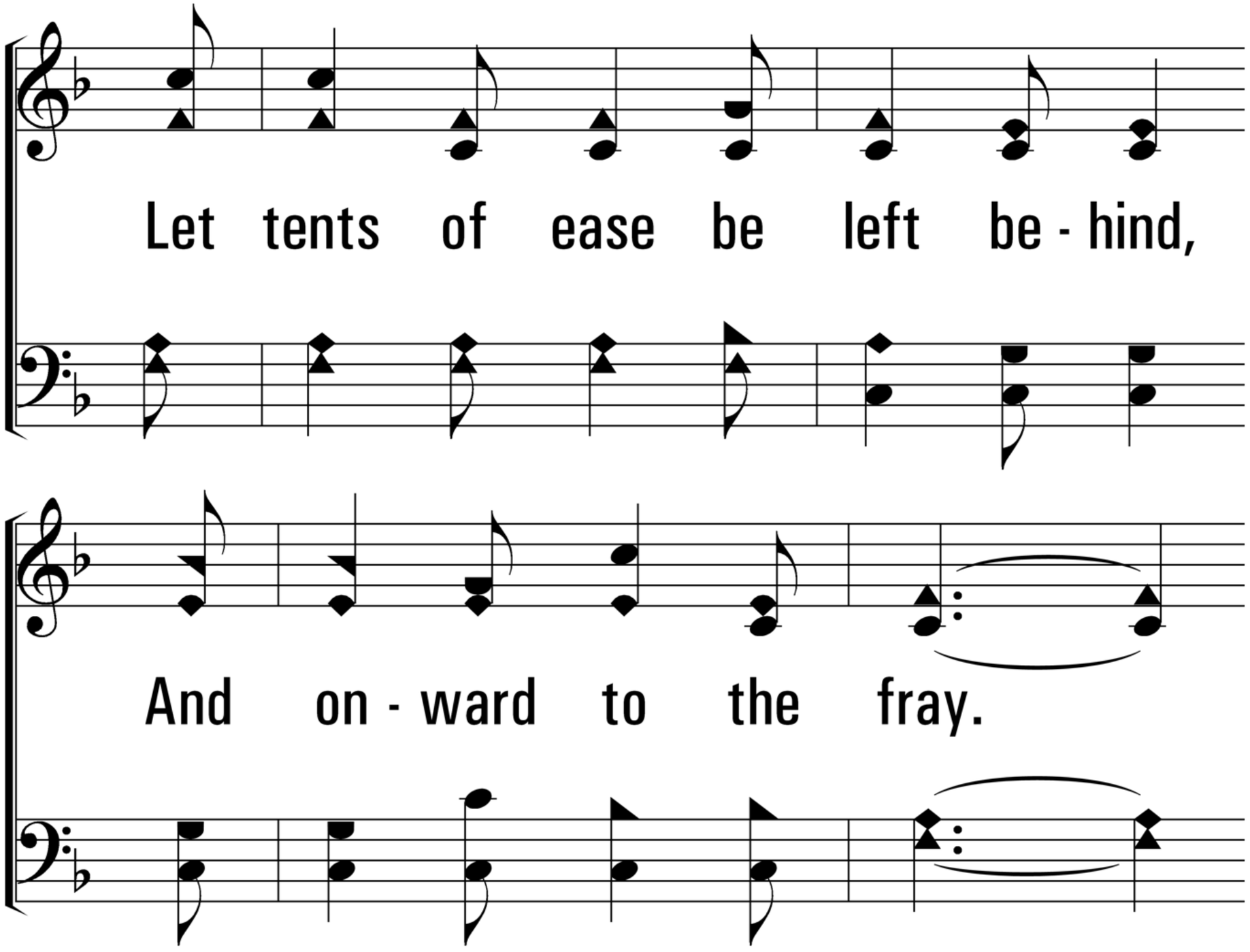
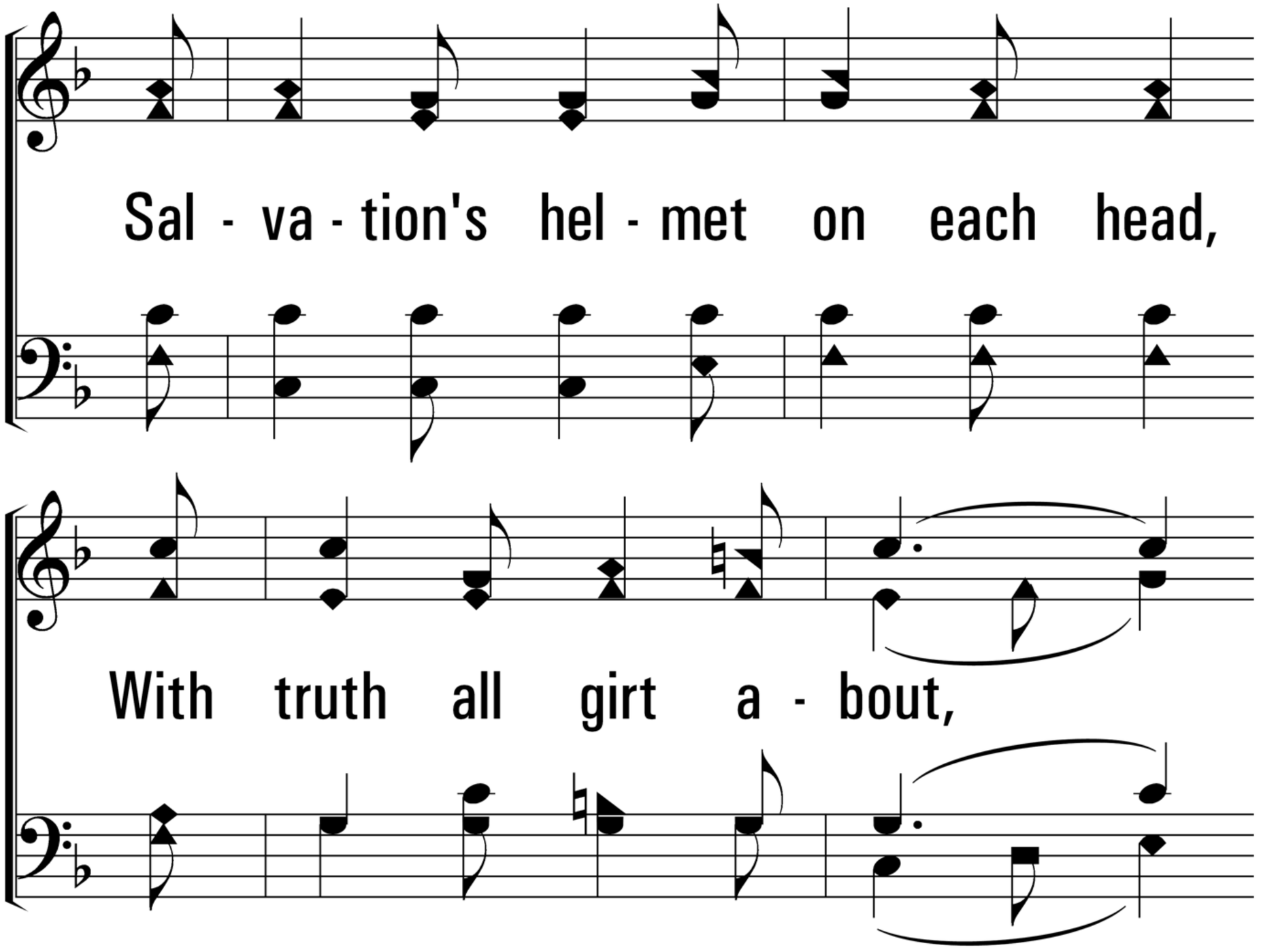
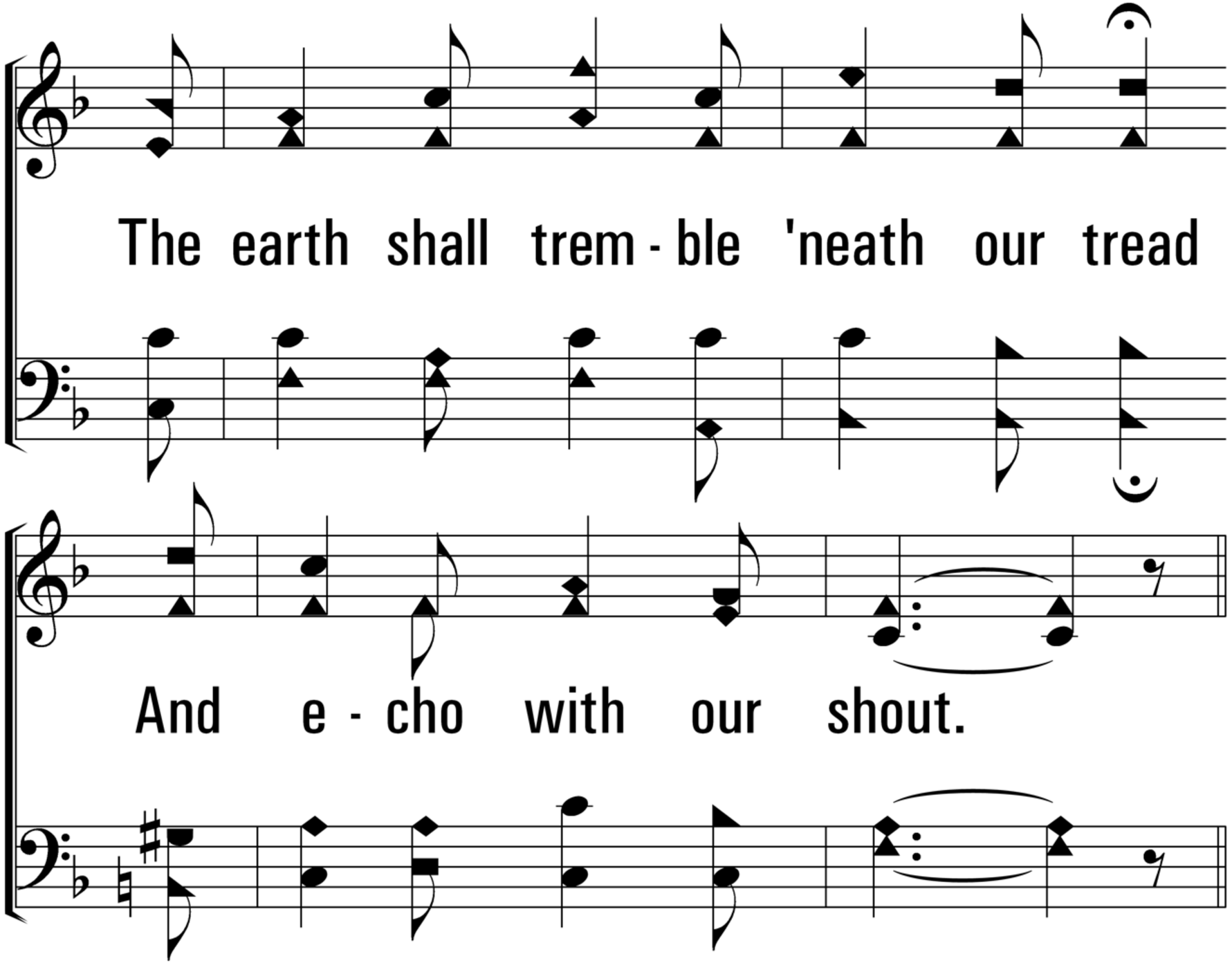

3. On eve - ry hand the foe we find
Drawn up in dread ar - ray.


Let tents of ease be left be - hind,
And on - ward to the fray.


Sal - va - tion's hel - met on each head,
Eph 6:17
With truth all girt a - bout,
Eph 6:14


The earth shall trem - ble 'neath our tread
And e - cho with our shout.

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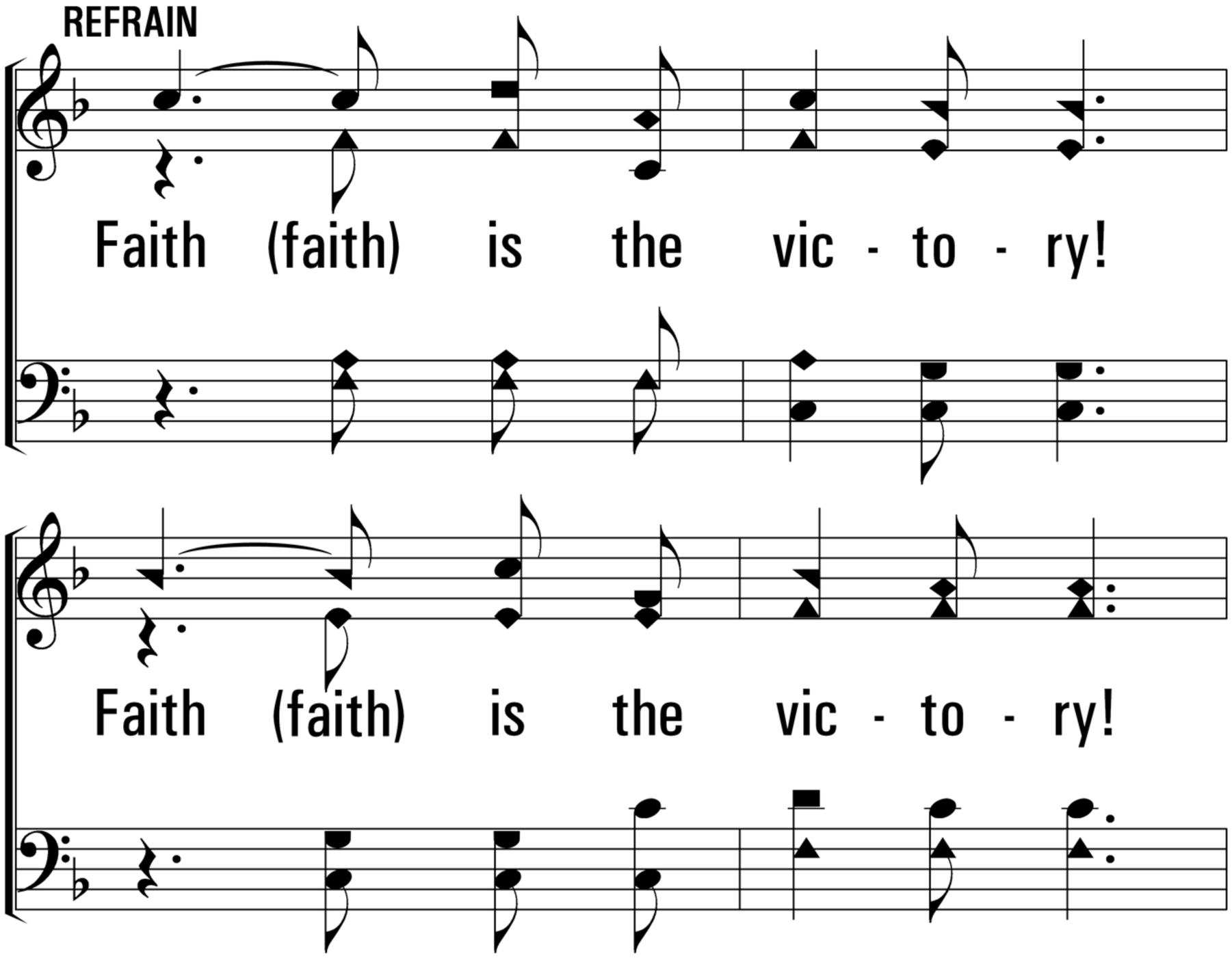
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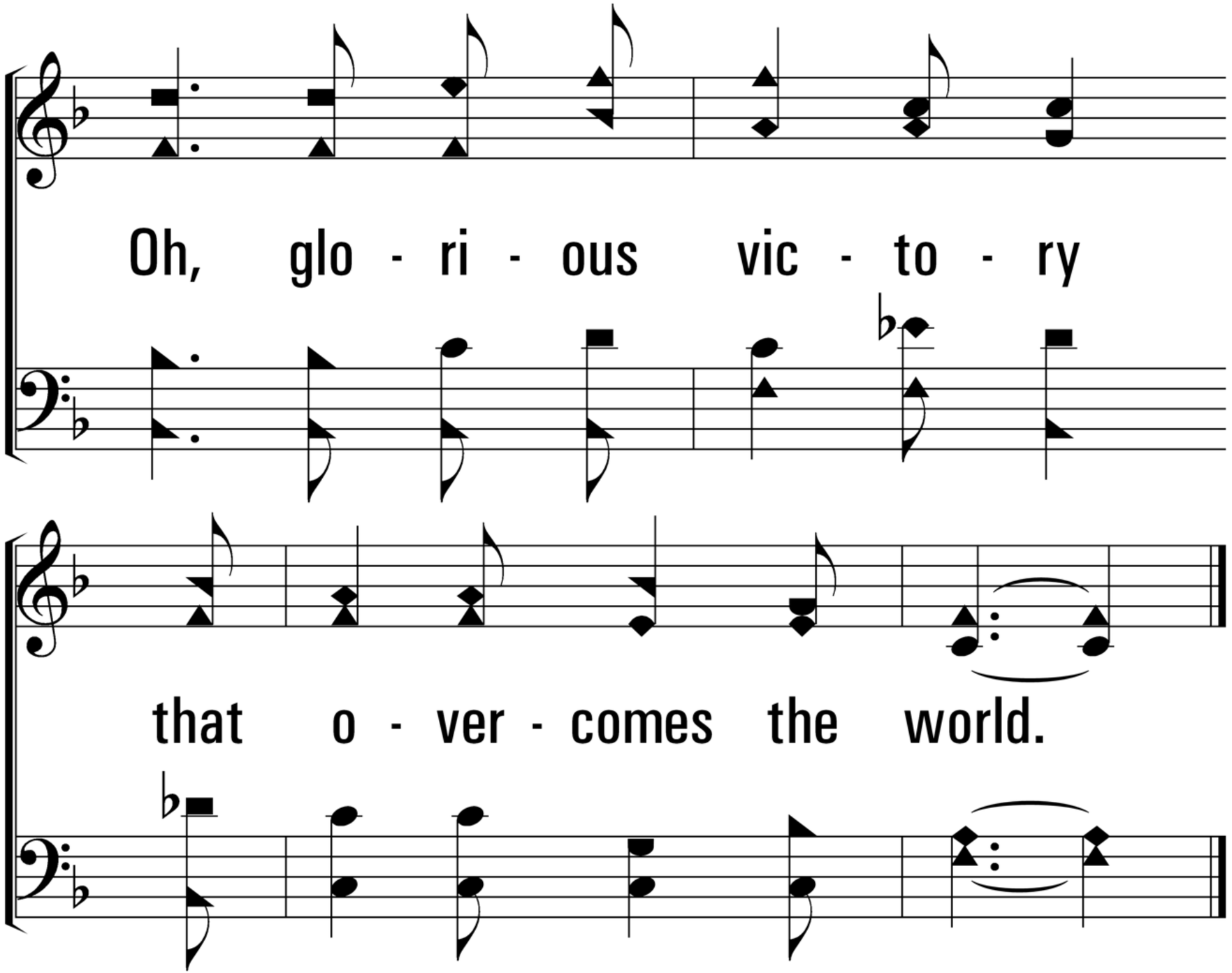

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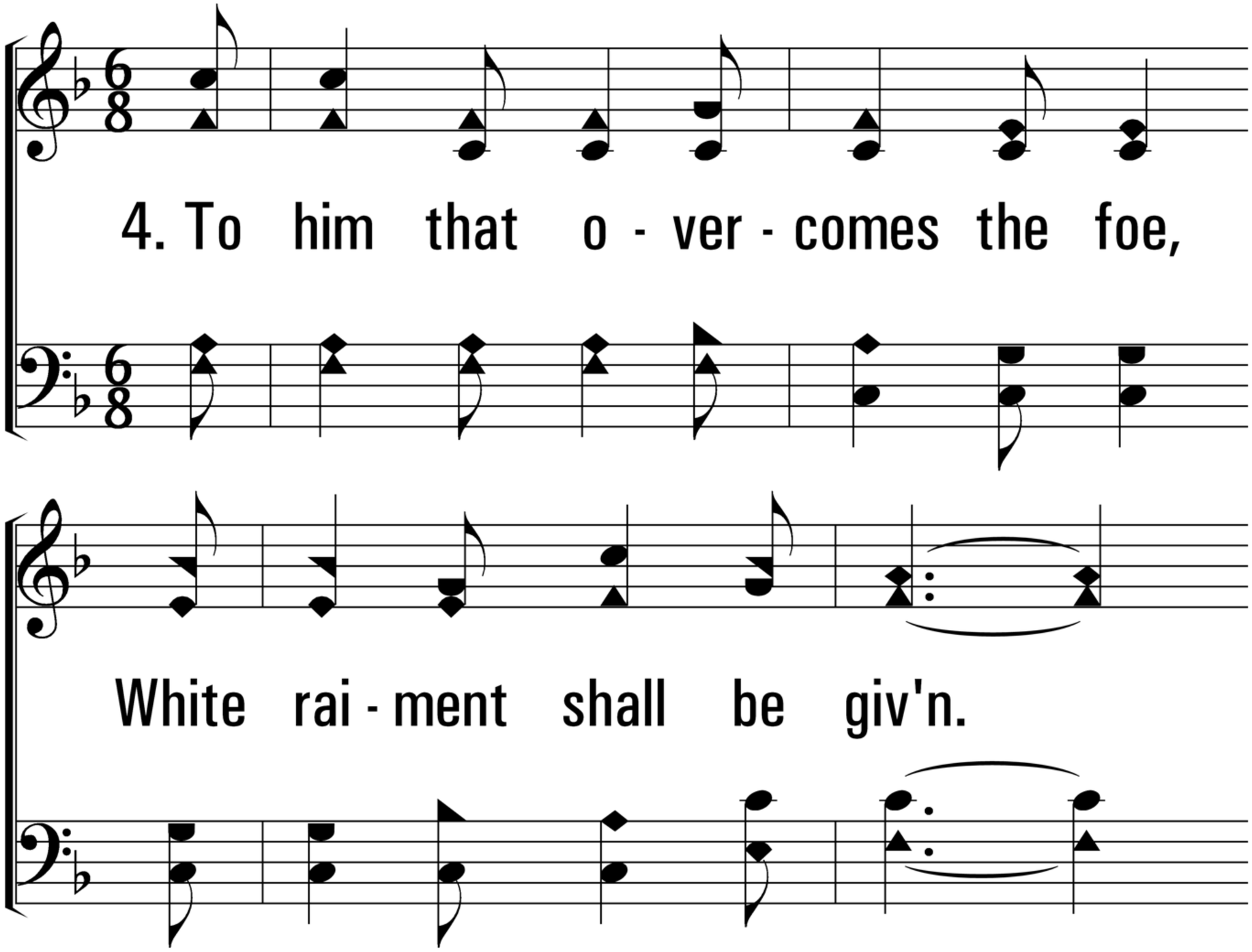

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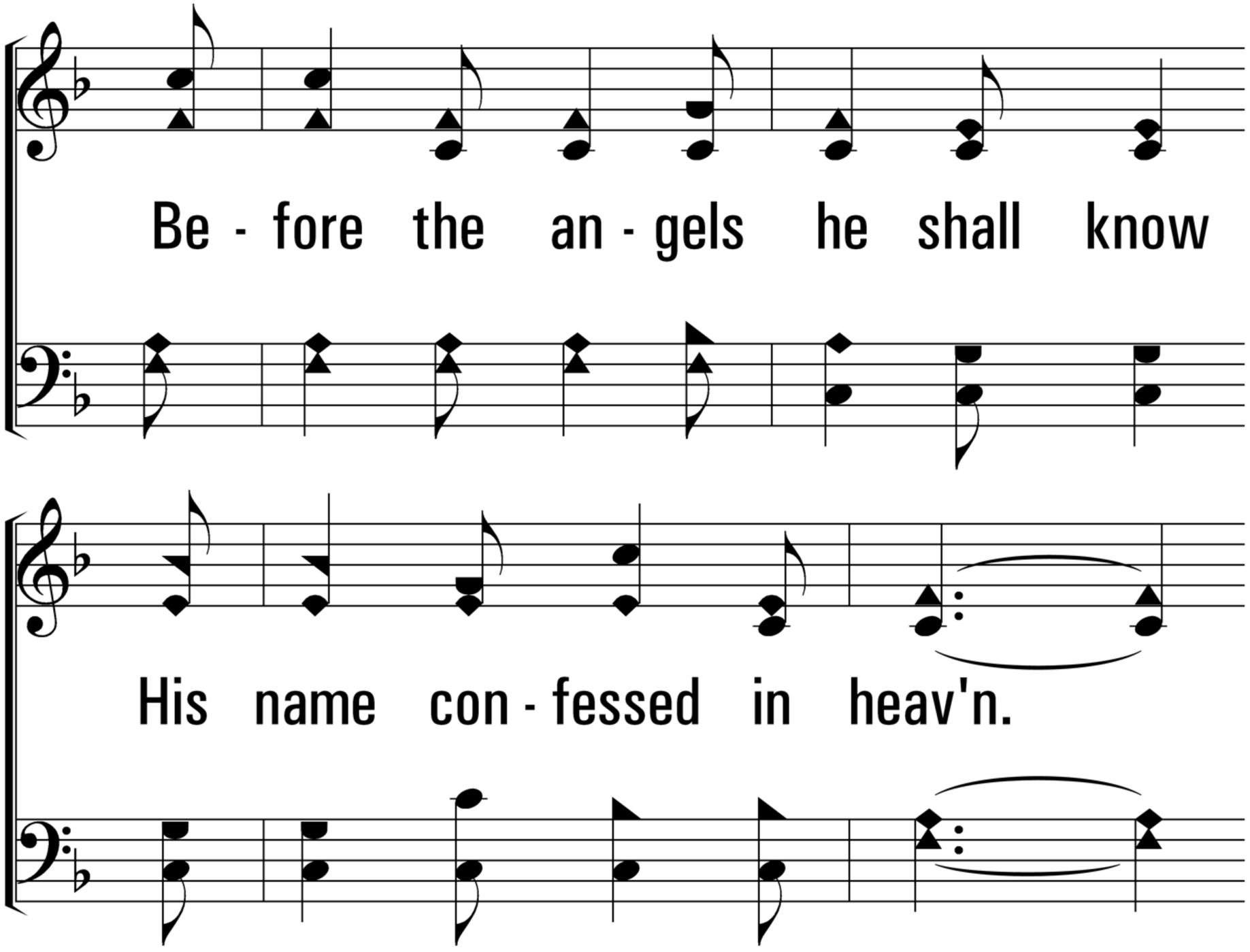

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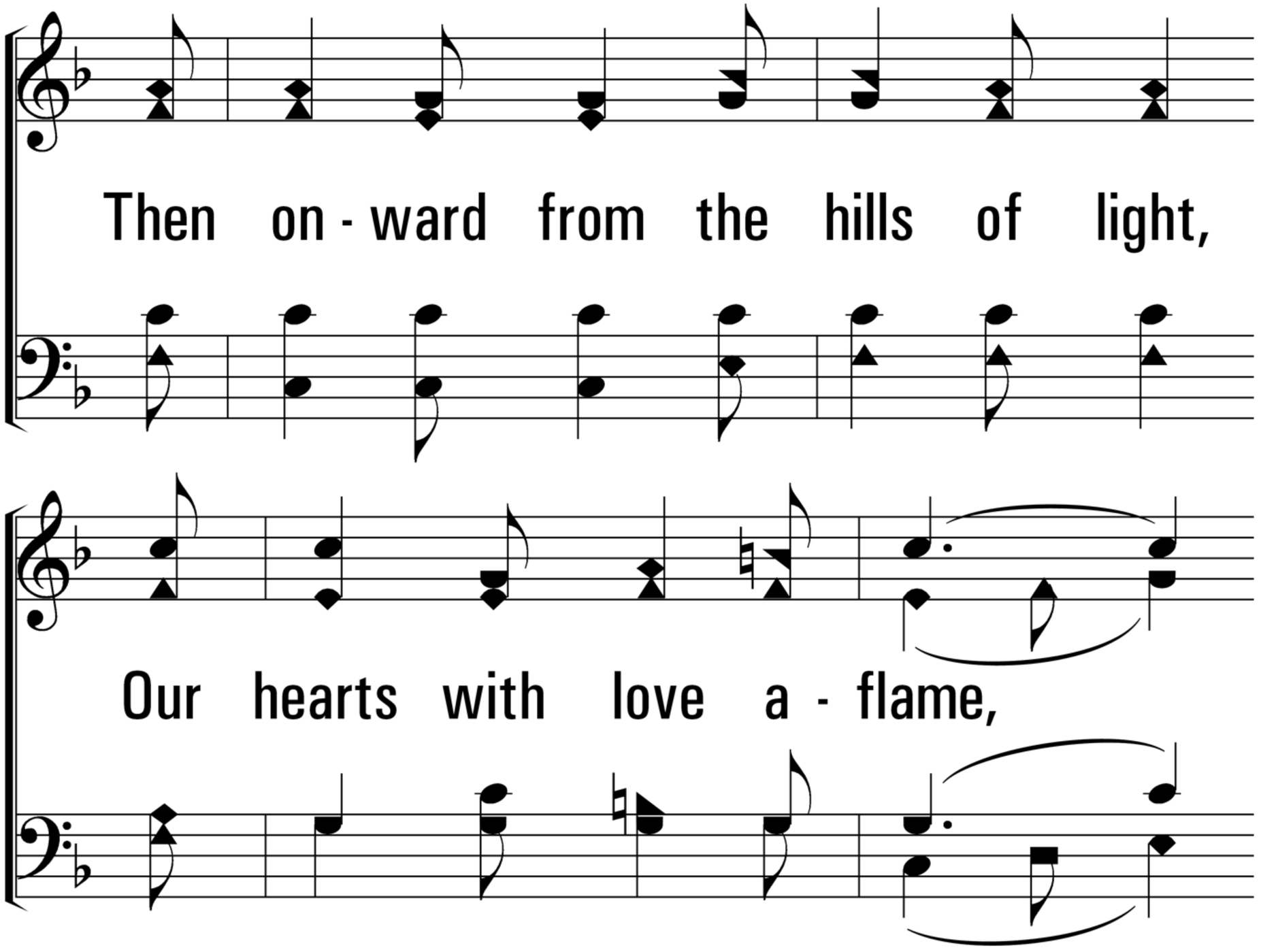
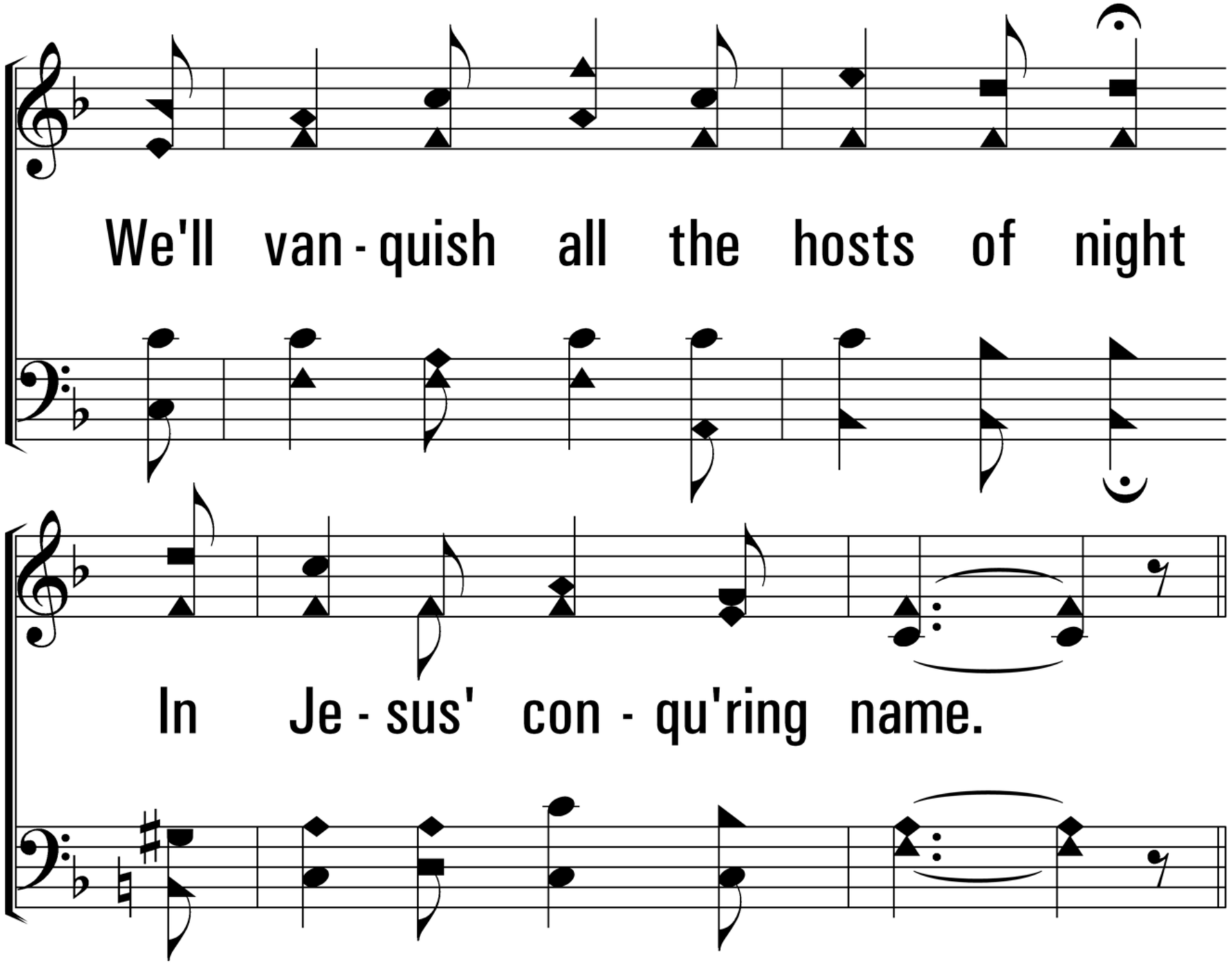
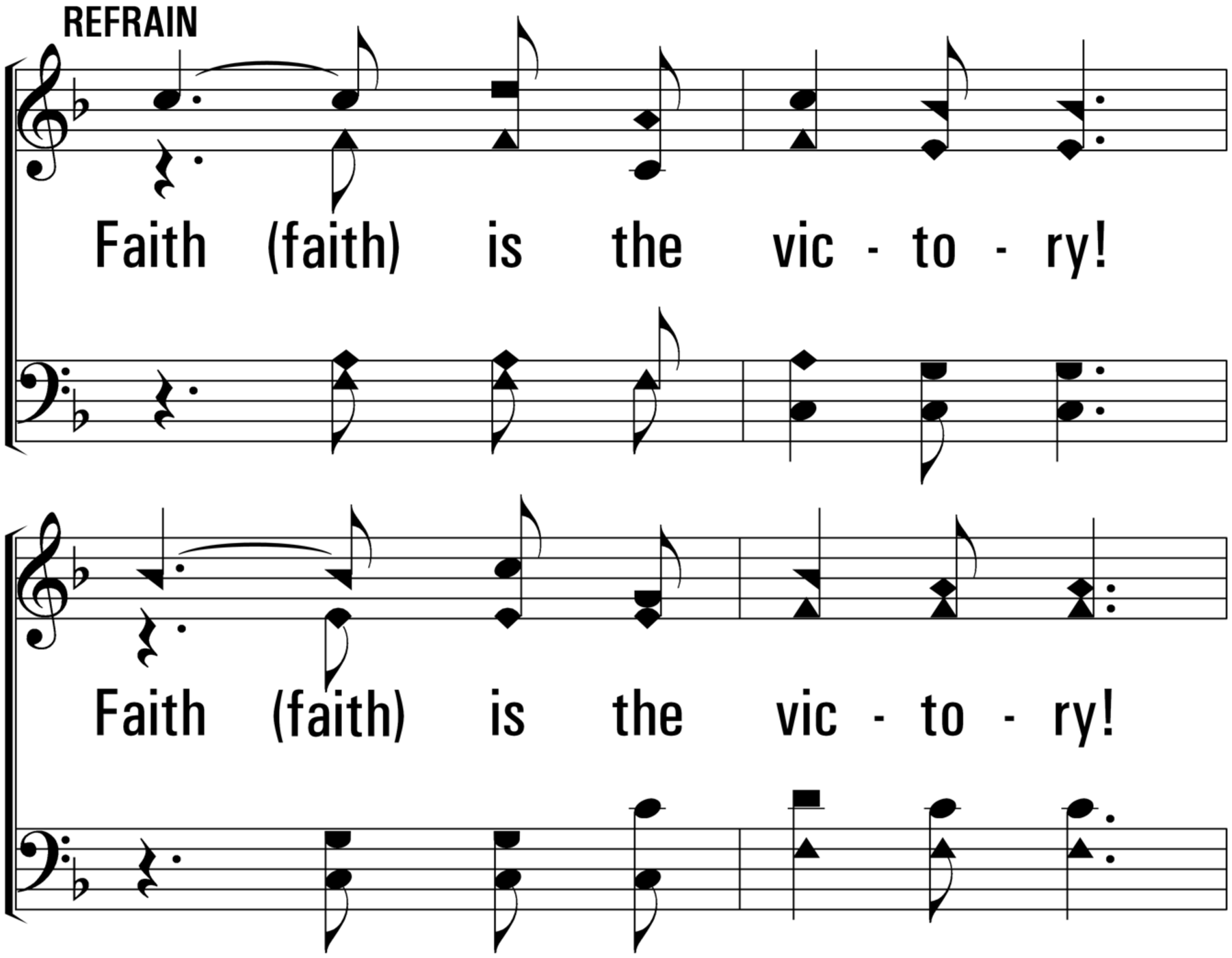

Then on - ward from the hills of light,
Our hearts with love a - flame,


We'll van - quish all the hosts of night
In Je - sus' con - qu'ring name.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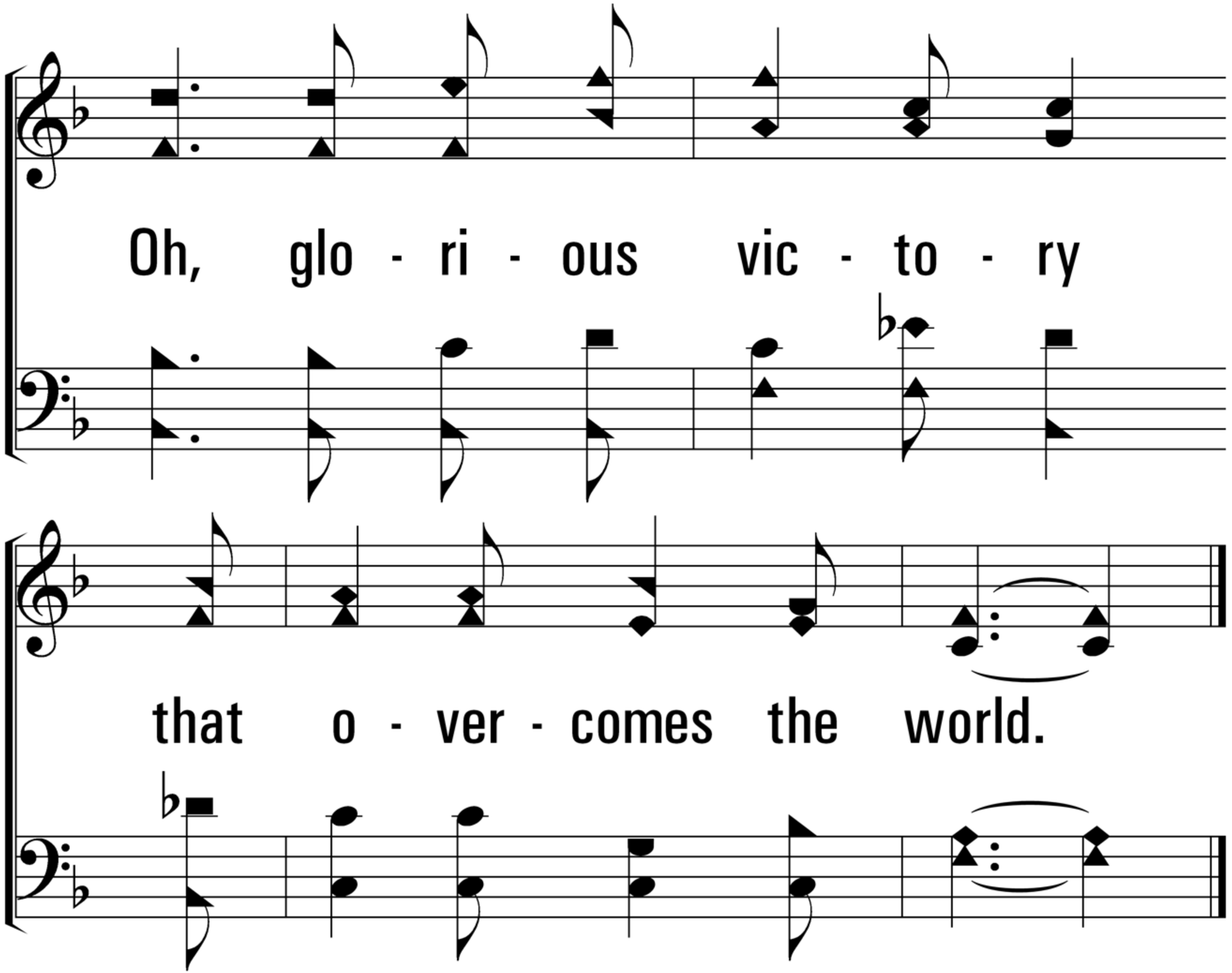

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He Gives Us More Grace

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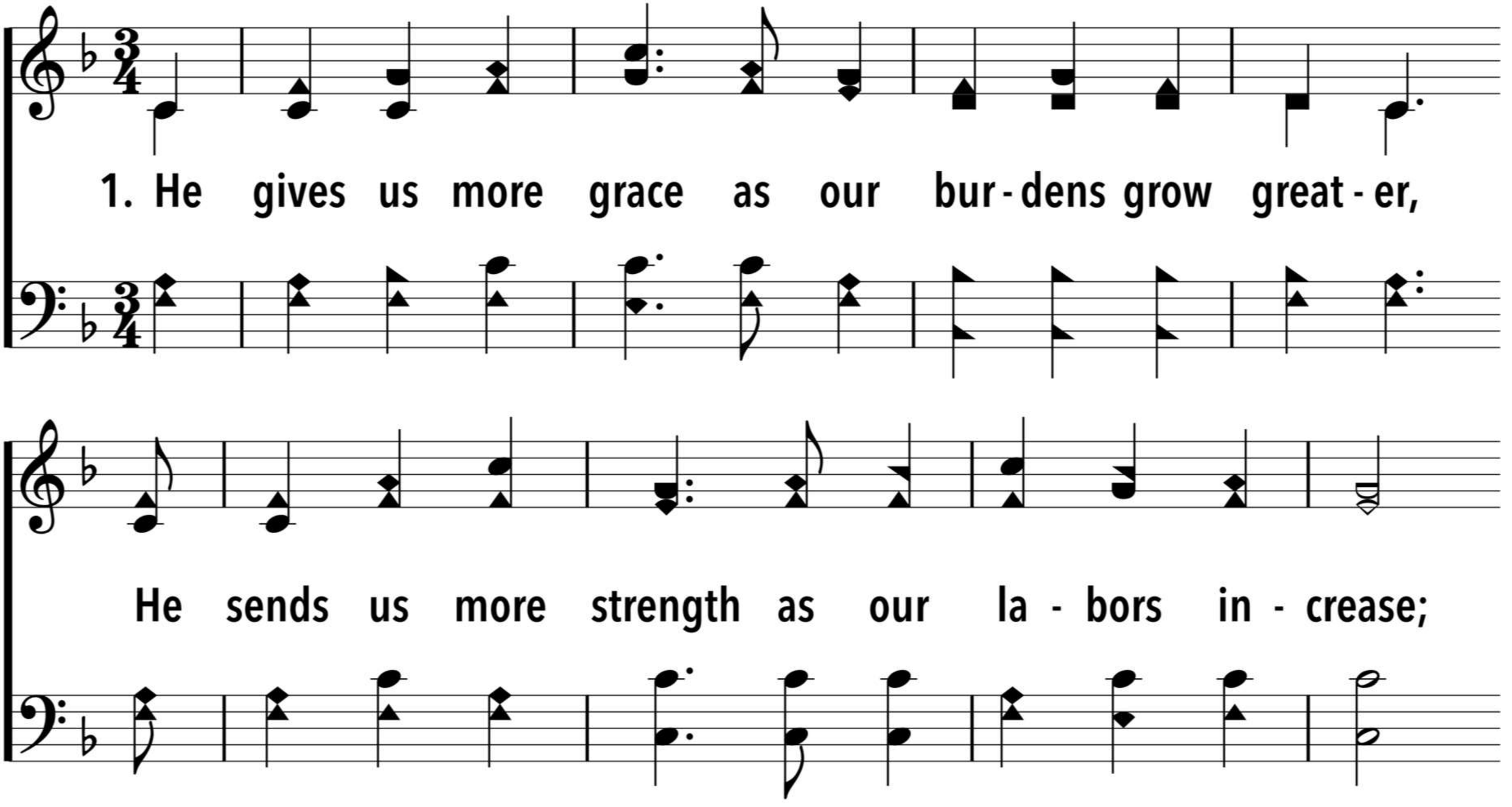
James 4:6 ESV

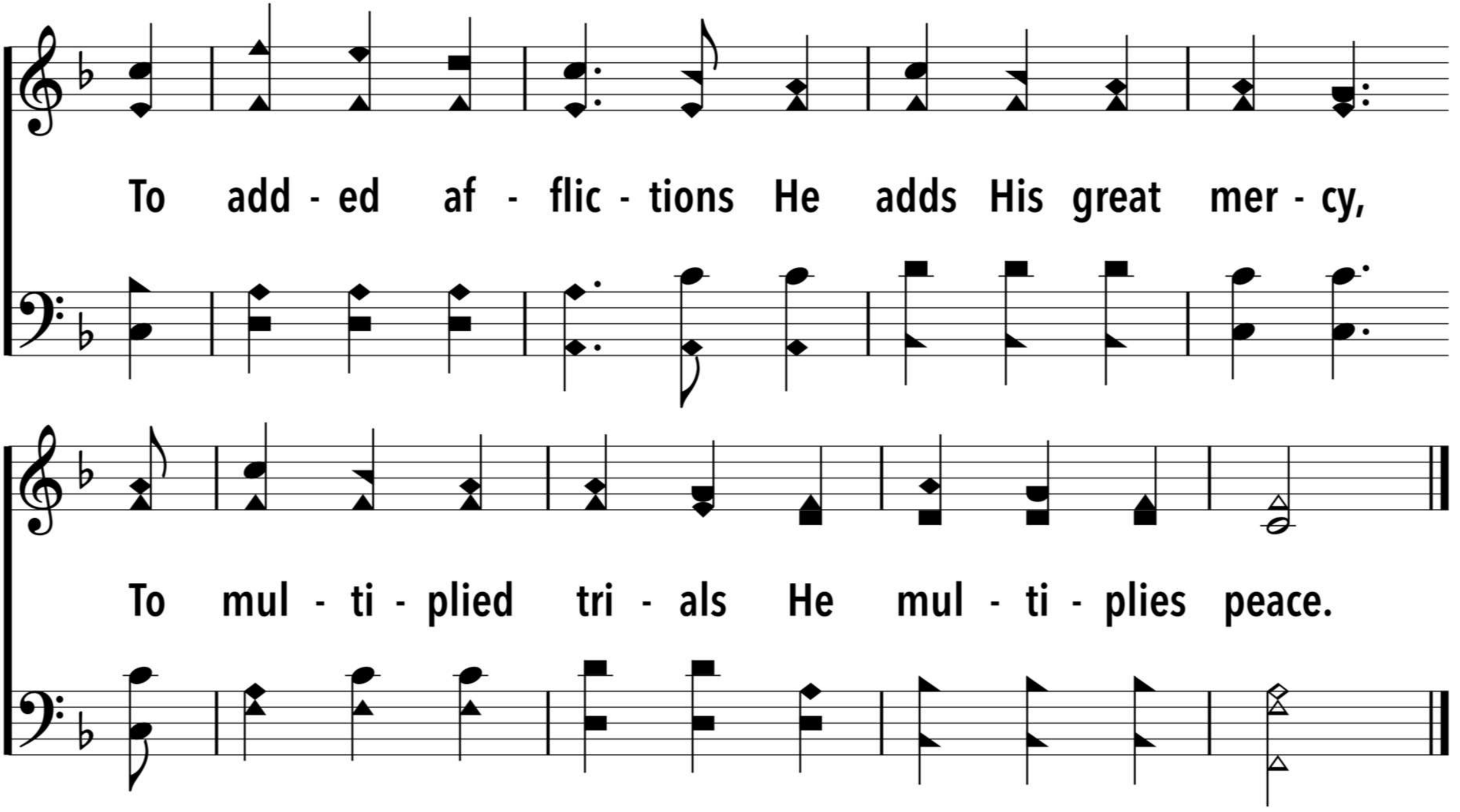
But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

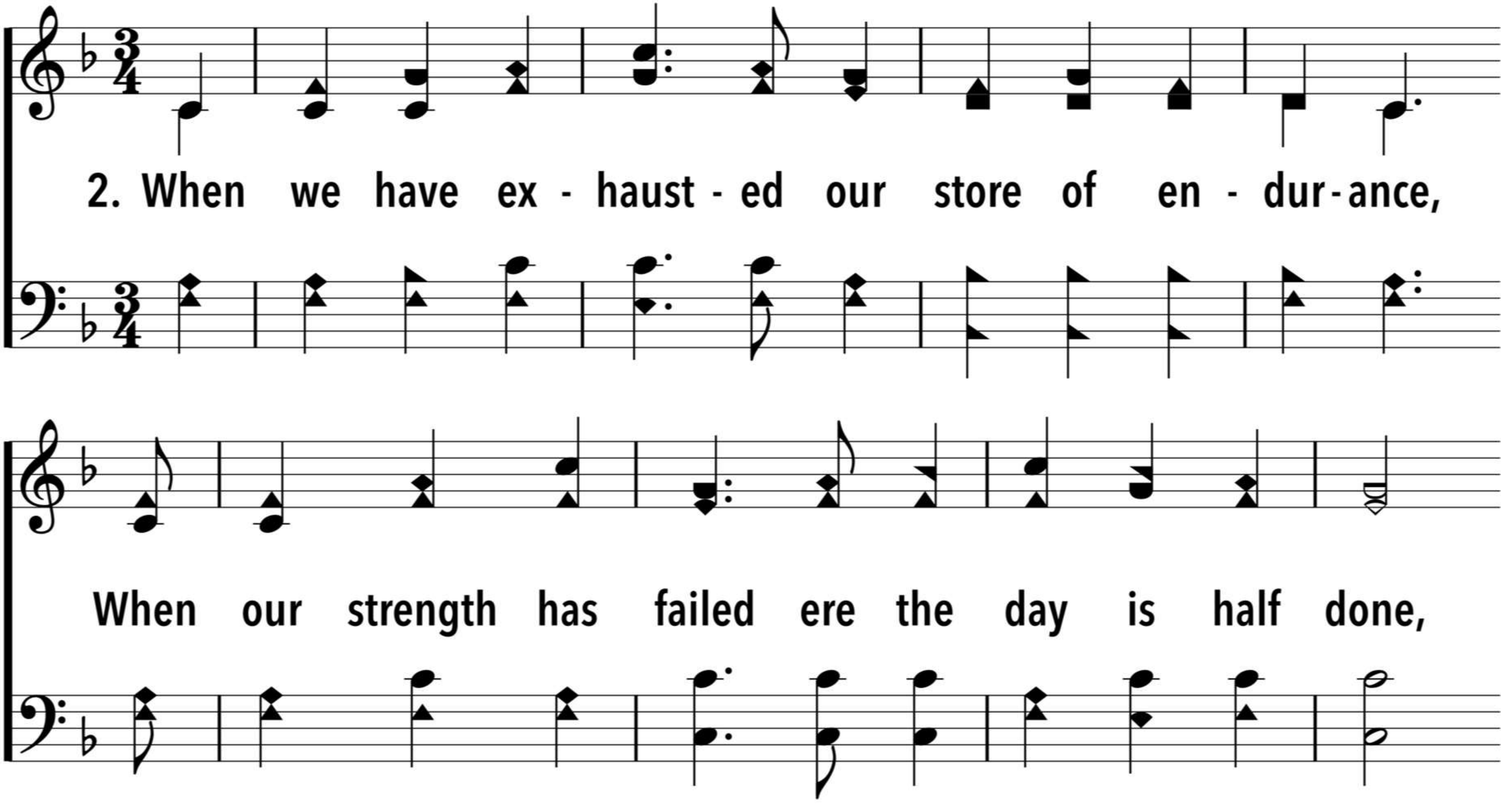
2 Cor 1:3-4,8-10 ESV

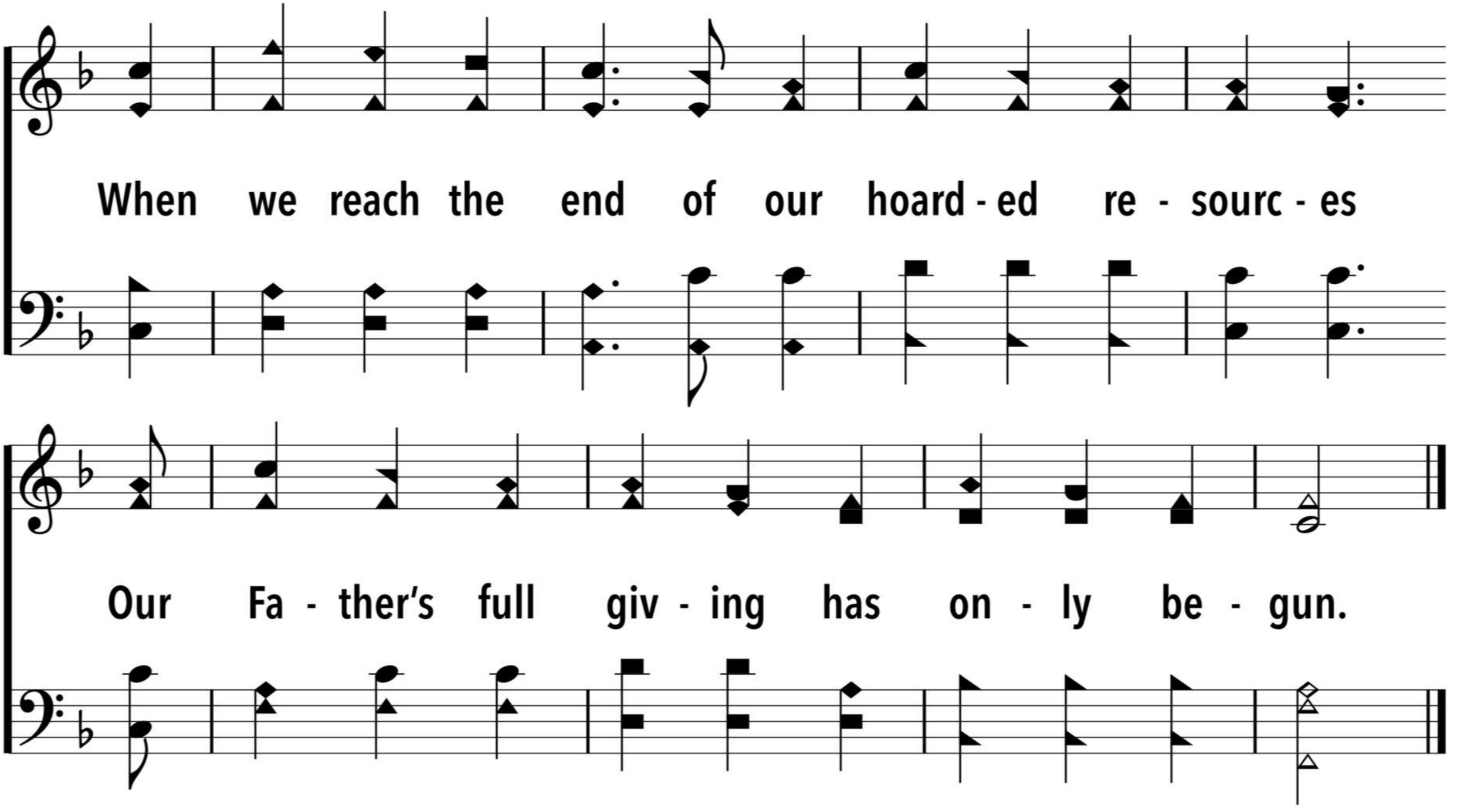
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction…

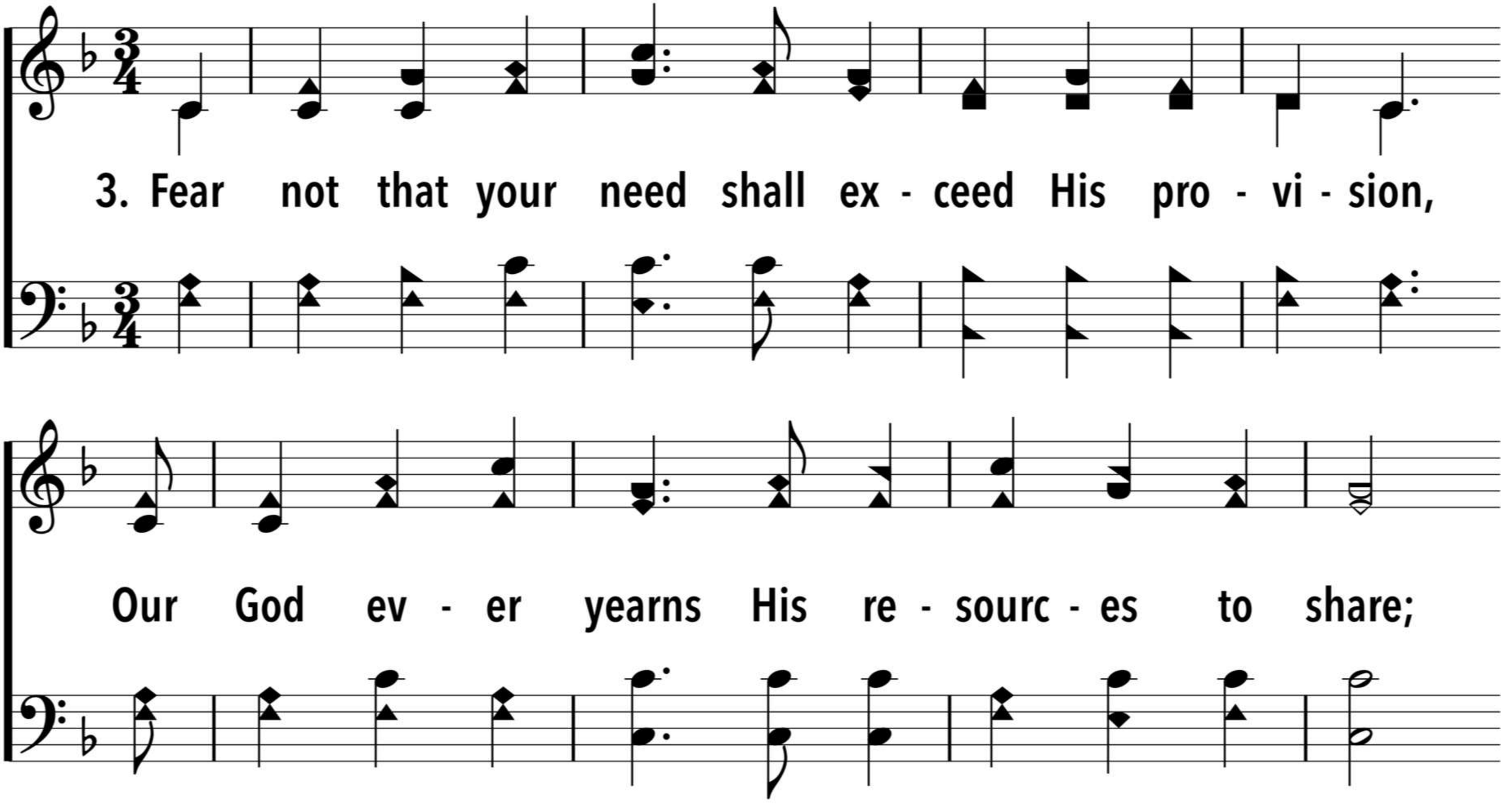
For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.

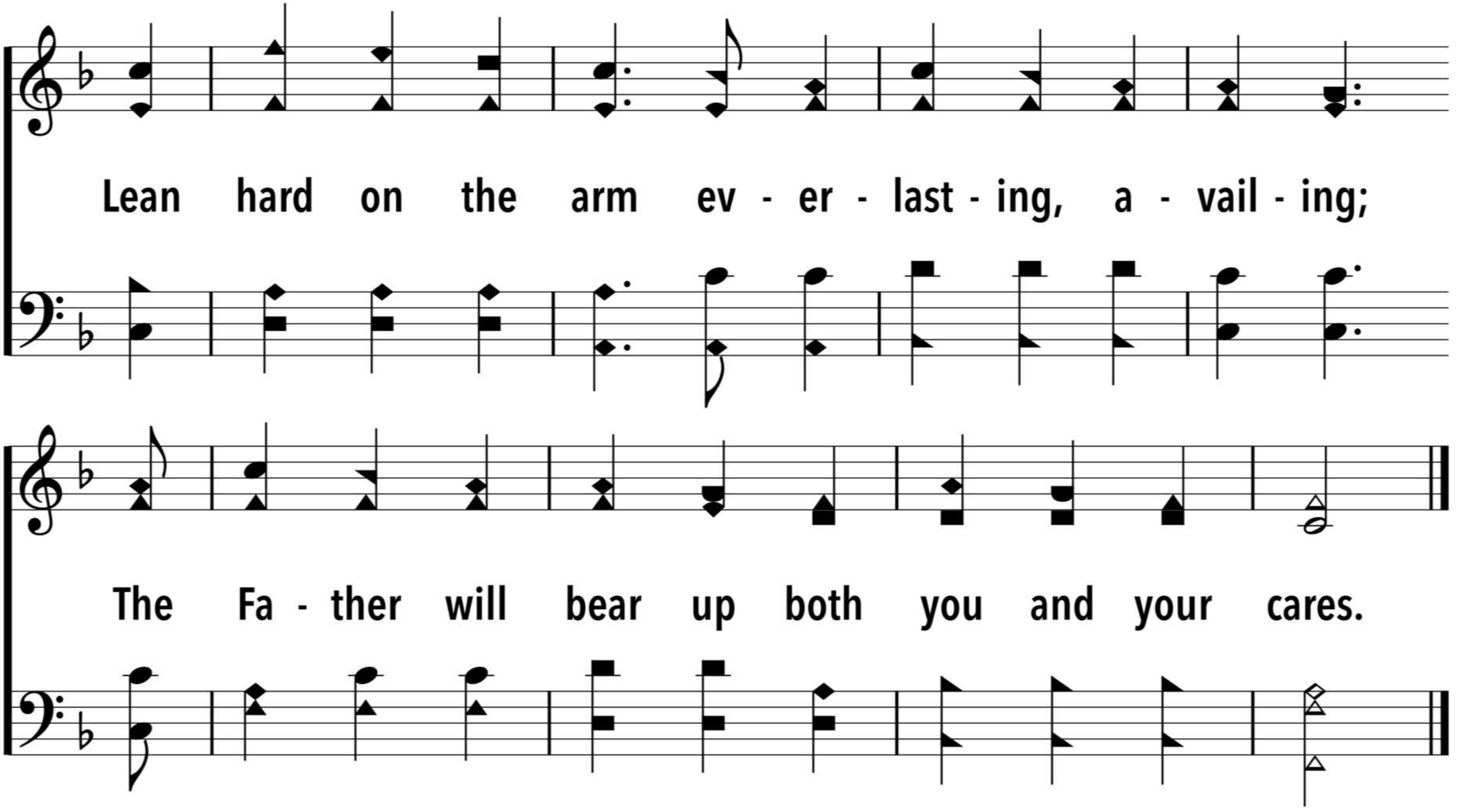

1. He gives us more grace as our bur - dens grow great - er,
He sends us more strength as our la - bors in - crease;

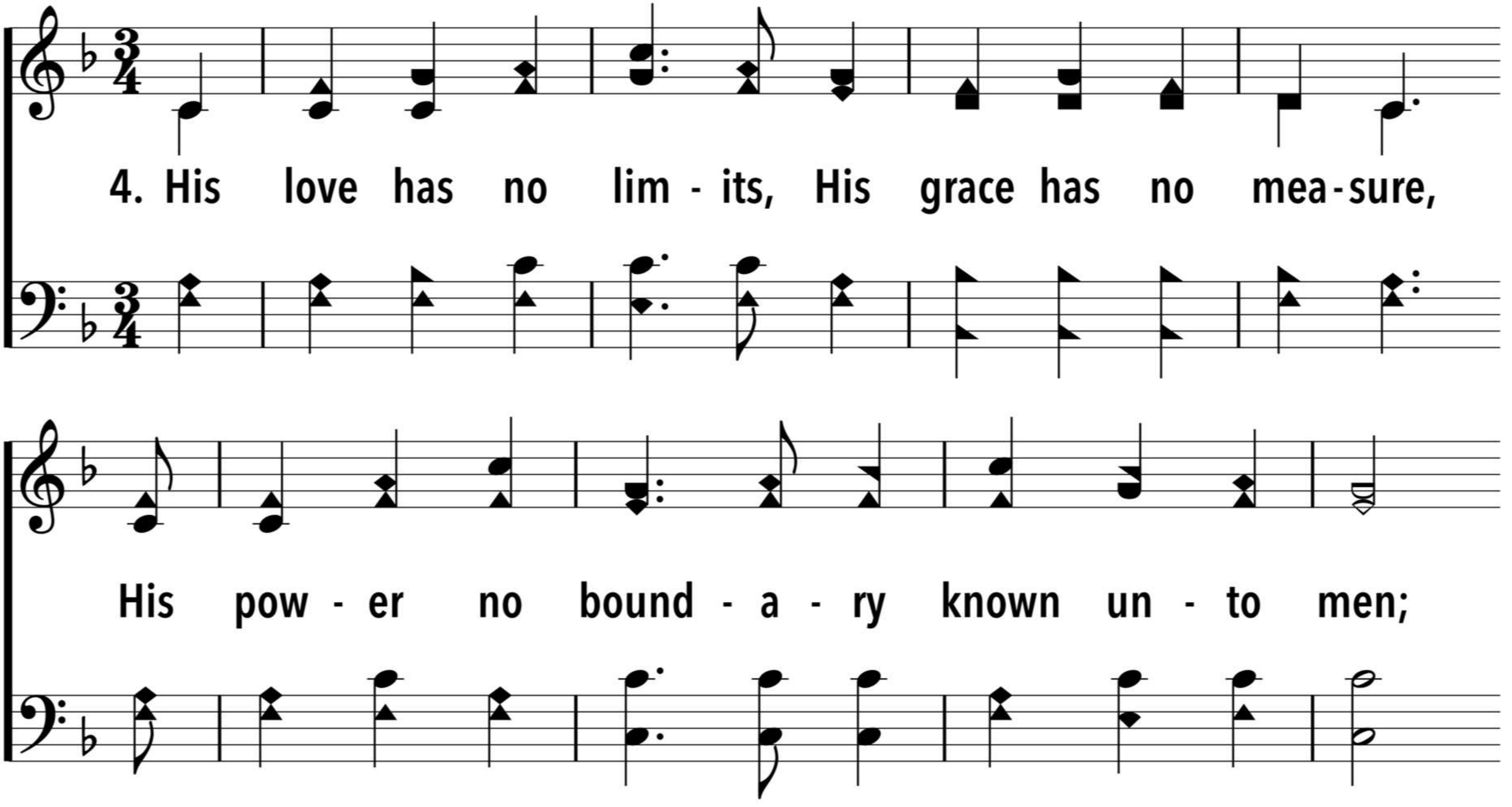

To add - ed af - flic - tions He adds His great mer - cy,
To mul - ti - plied tri - als He mul - ti - plies peace.

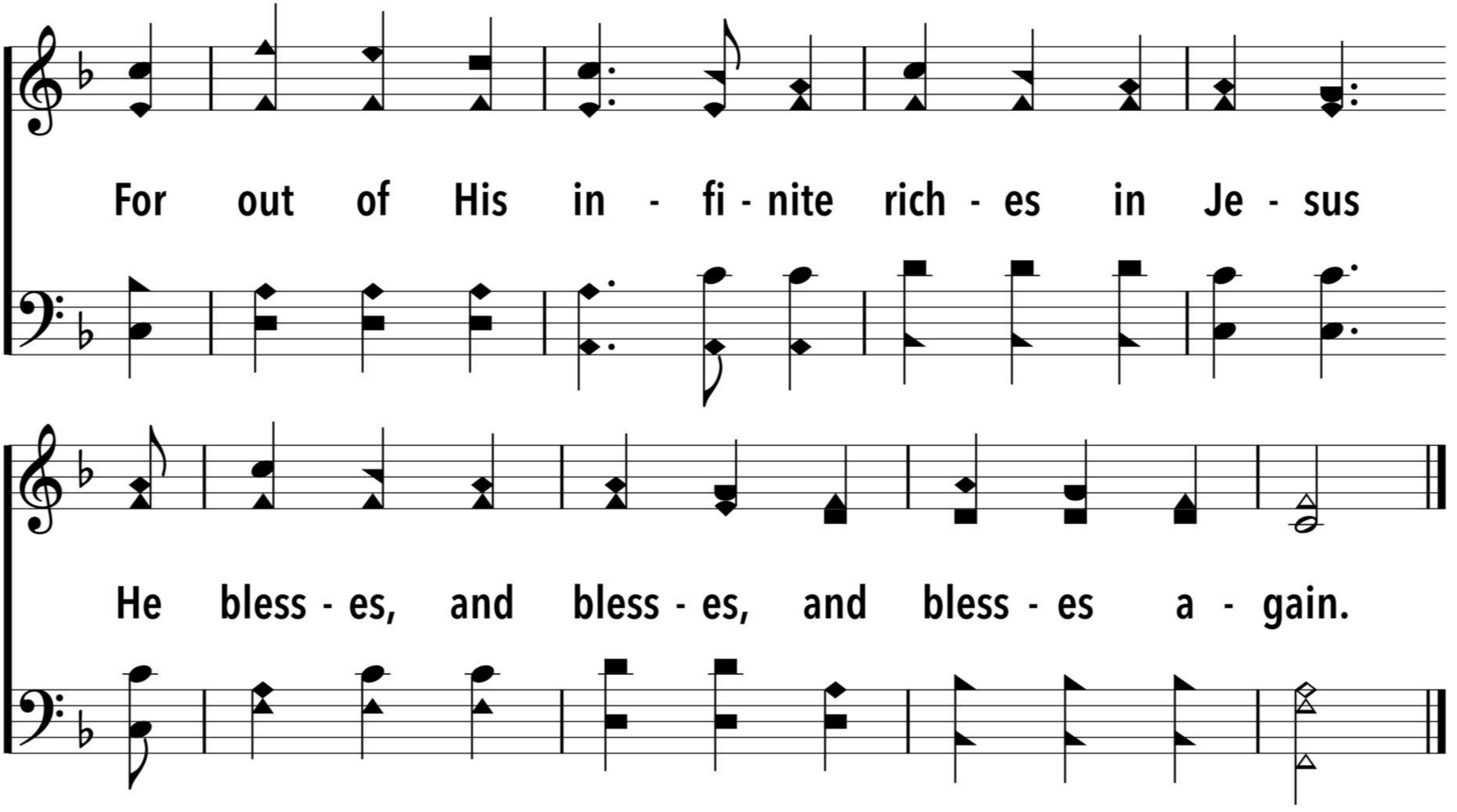

2. When we have ex - haust - ed our store of en - dur - ance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,


When we reach the end of our hoard - ed re - sourc - es
Our Fa - ther's full giv - ing has on - ly be - gun.


3. Fear not that your need shall ex - ceed His pro - vi - sion,
Our God ev - er yearns His re - sourc - es to share;


Lean hard on the arm ev - er - last - ing, a - vail - ing;
The Fa - ther will bear up both you and your cares.


4. His love has no lim - its, His grace has no mea - sure,
His pow - er no bound - a - ry known un - to men;


For out of His in - fi - nite rich - es in Je - sus
He bless - es, and bless - es, and bless - es a - gain.

Tools for Making Hymns a Habit

- Hymnal
- Psalter (Book of Psalms for Singing)
- Recordings / practice
- List: “Hymns for the Moment”