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Soliloquy of an old man whose son lies in "Flanders Fields"
It is the day after the election; he is sitting by the roadside,
Looking down the valley towards the station.

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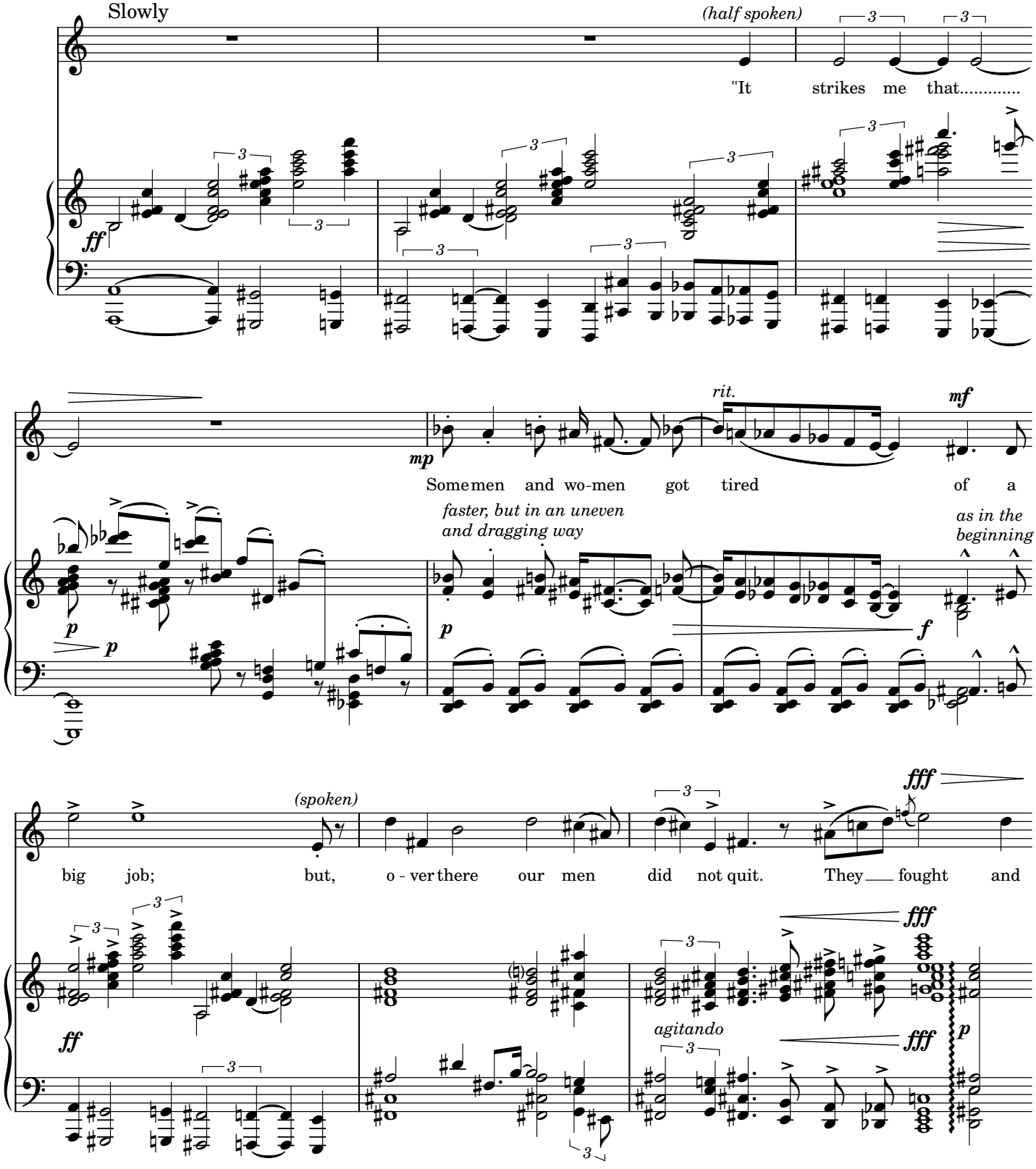

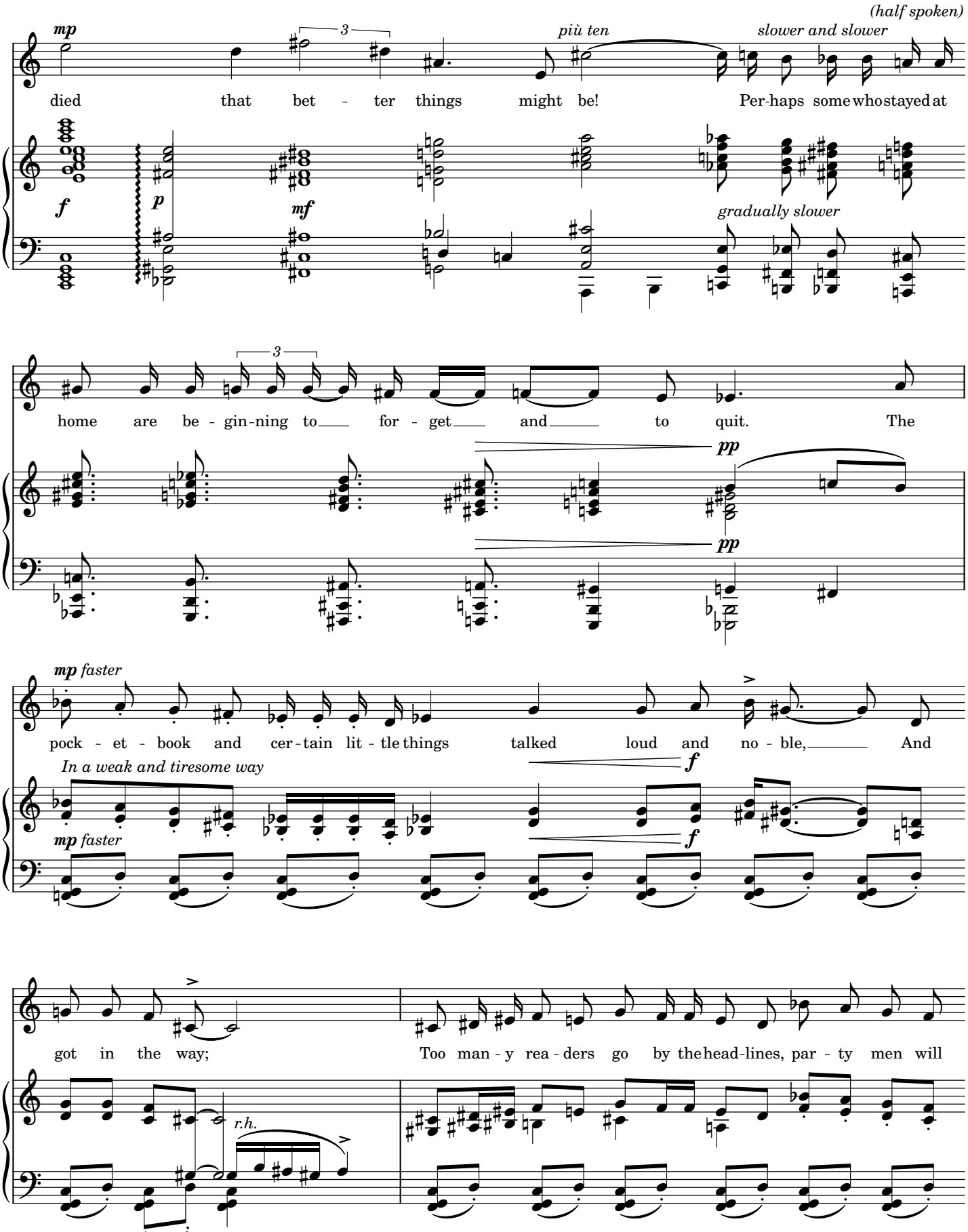
(half spoken)
mp
più ten
slower and slower
died that bet - ter things might be! Per-haps some who stayed at
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gradually slower
home are be - gin-ning to for - get and to quit. The
pp
pp
mp faster
pock - et - book and cer-tain lit - tle things talked loud and no - ble, And
In a weak and tiresome way
f
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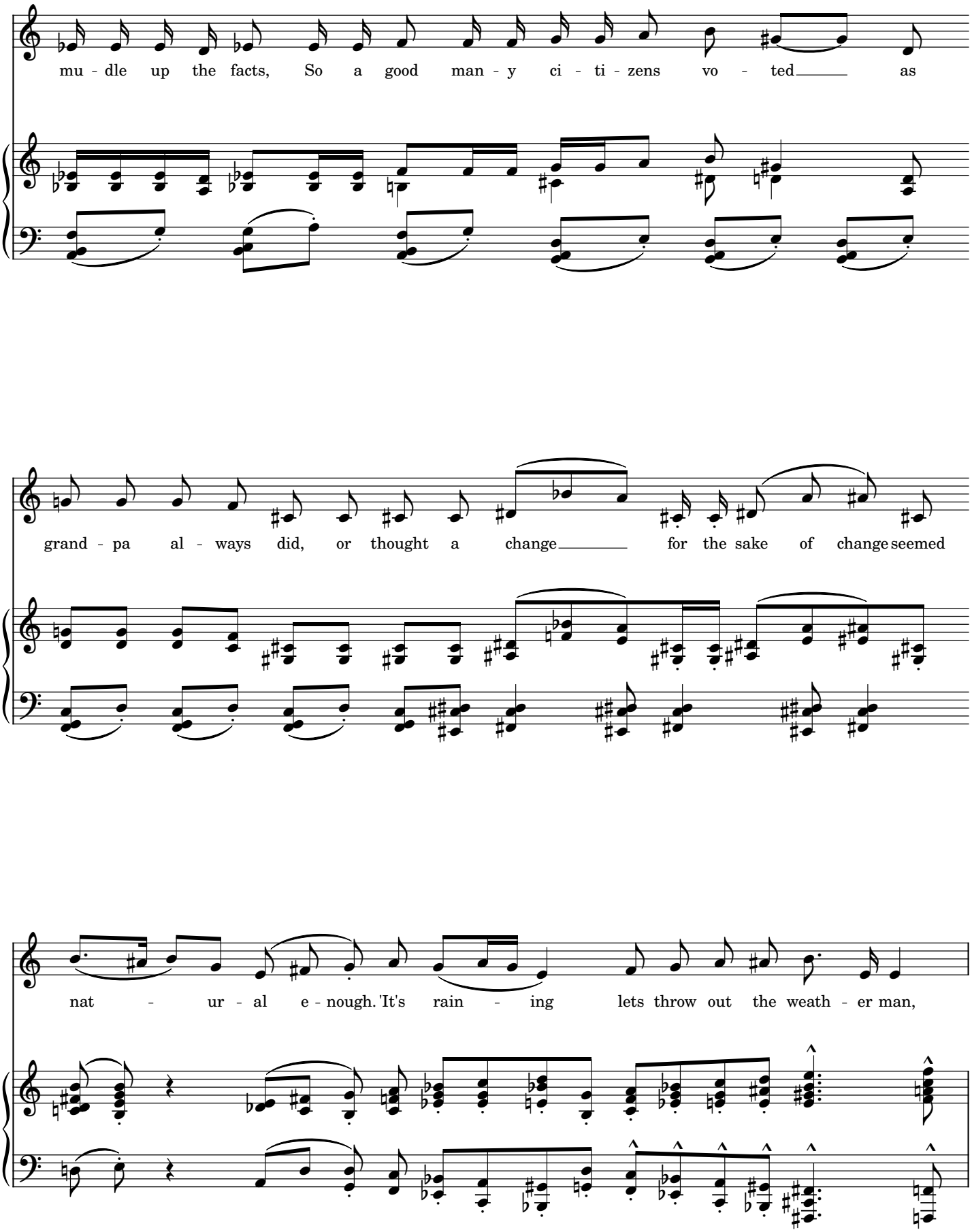
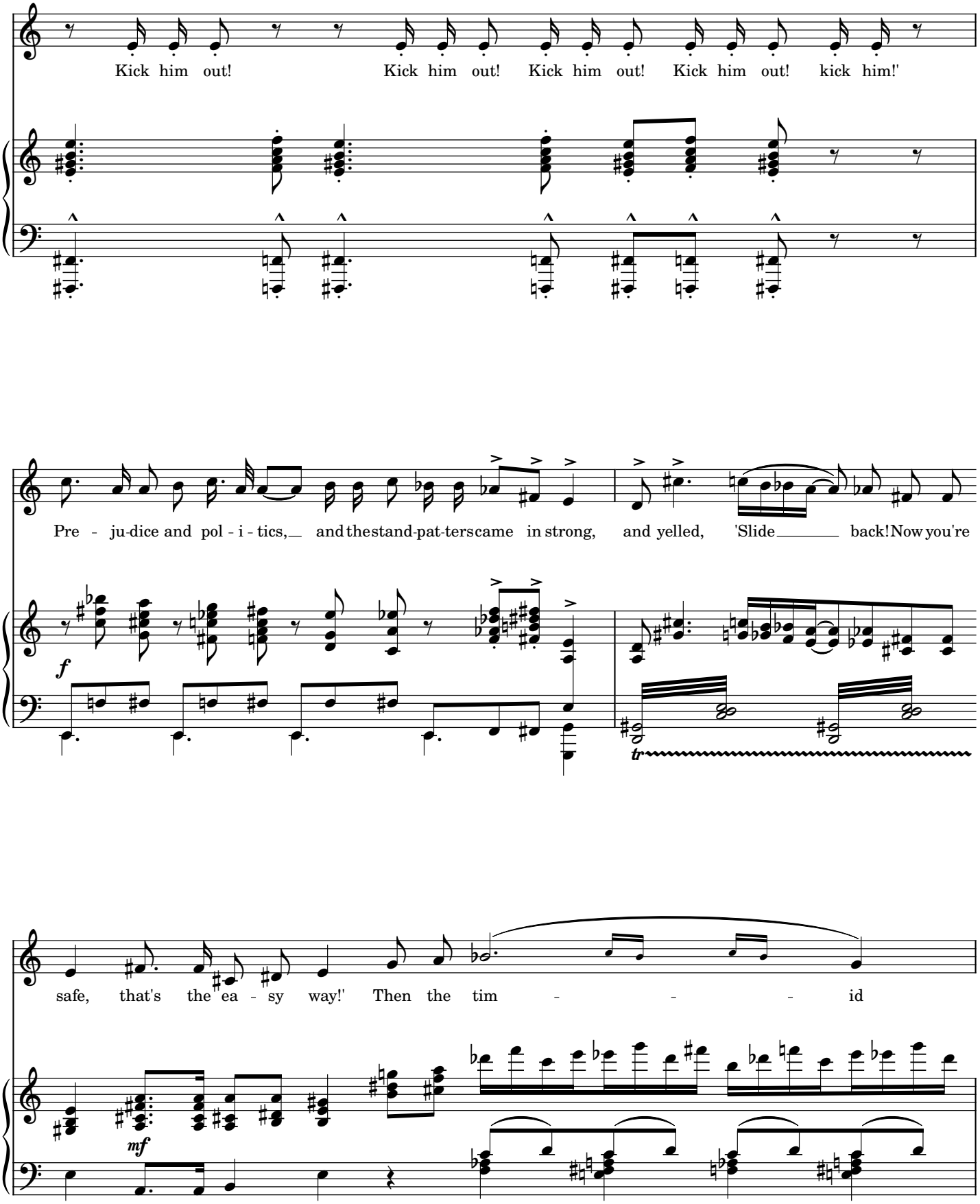
got in the way; Too man - y rea - ders go by the head-lines, par - ty men will
r.h.


mu - dle up the facts, So a good man - y ci - ti - zens vo - ted as
grand - pa al - ways did, or thought a change for the sake of change seemed
nat - ur - al e - nough. 'It's rain - ing lets throw out the weath - er man,


Kick him out! Kick him out! Kick him out! Kick him out! kick him!'
Pre - ju-dice and pol - i - tics, and the stand-pat-ters came in strong, and yelled, 'Slide back! Now you're
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safe, that's the ea - sy way!' Then the tim - - - id
mf
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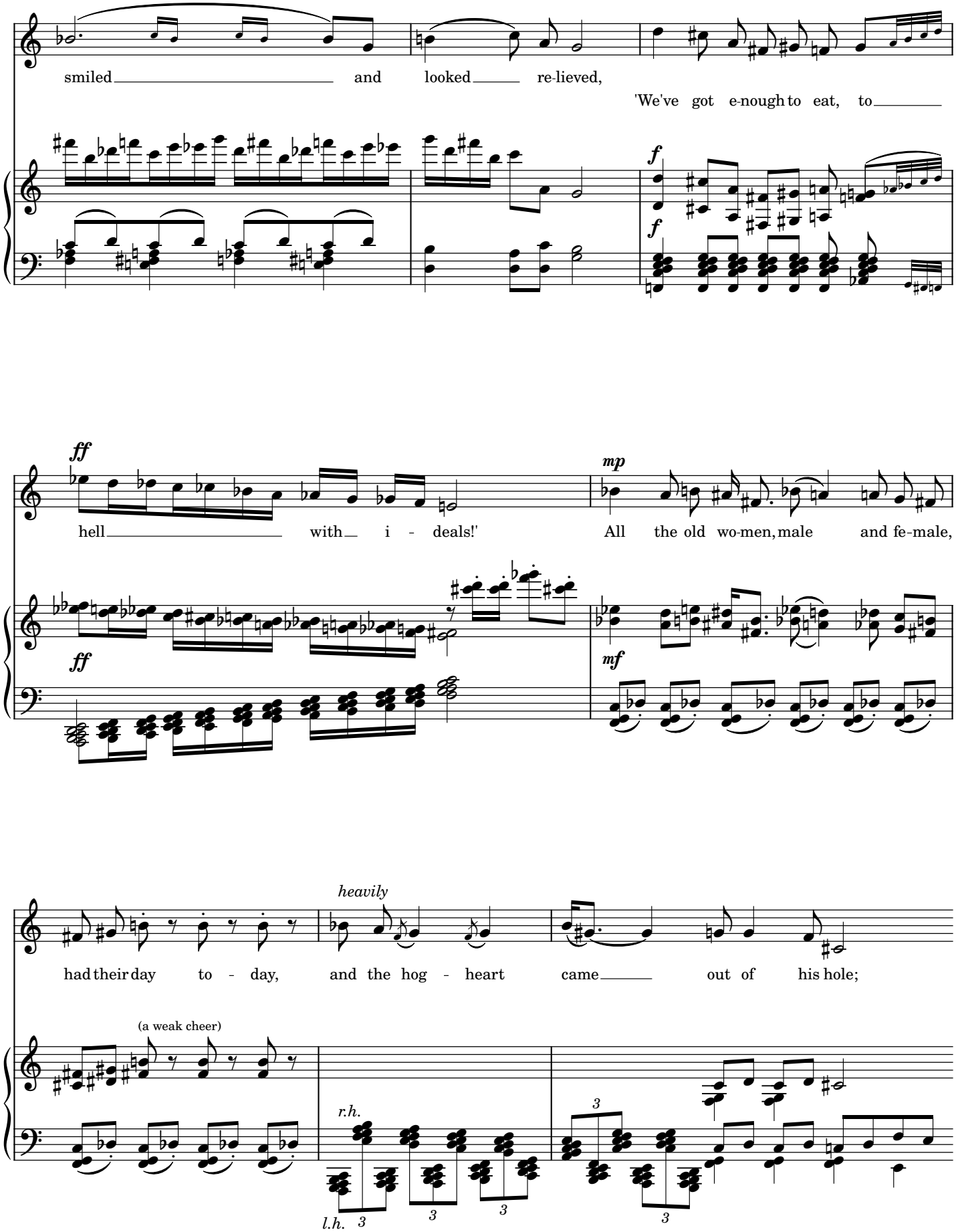
smiled and looked re-lieved,
'We've got e-nough to eat, to
f
f
hell with i - deals!'
All the old wo-men, male and fe-male,
ff
ff
mp
mf
heavily
had their day to - day, and the hog - heart came out of his hole;
(a weak cheer)
r.h.
l.h.
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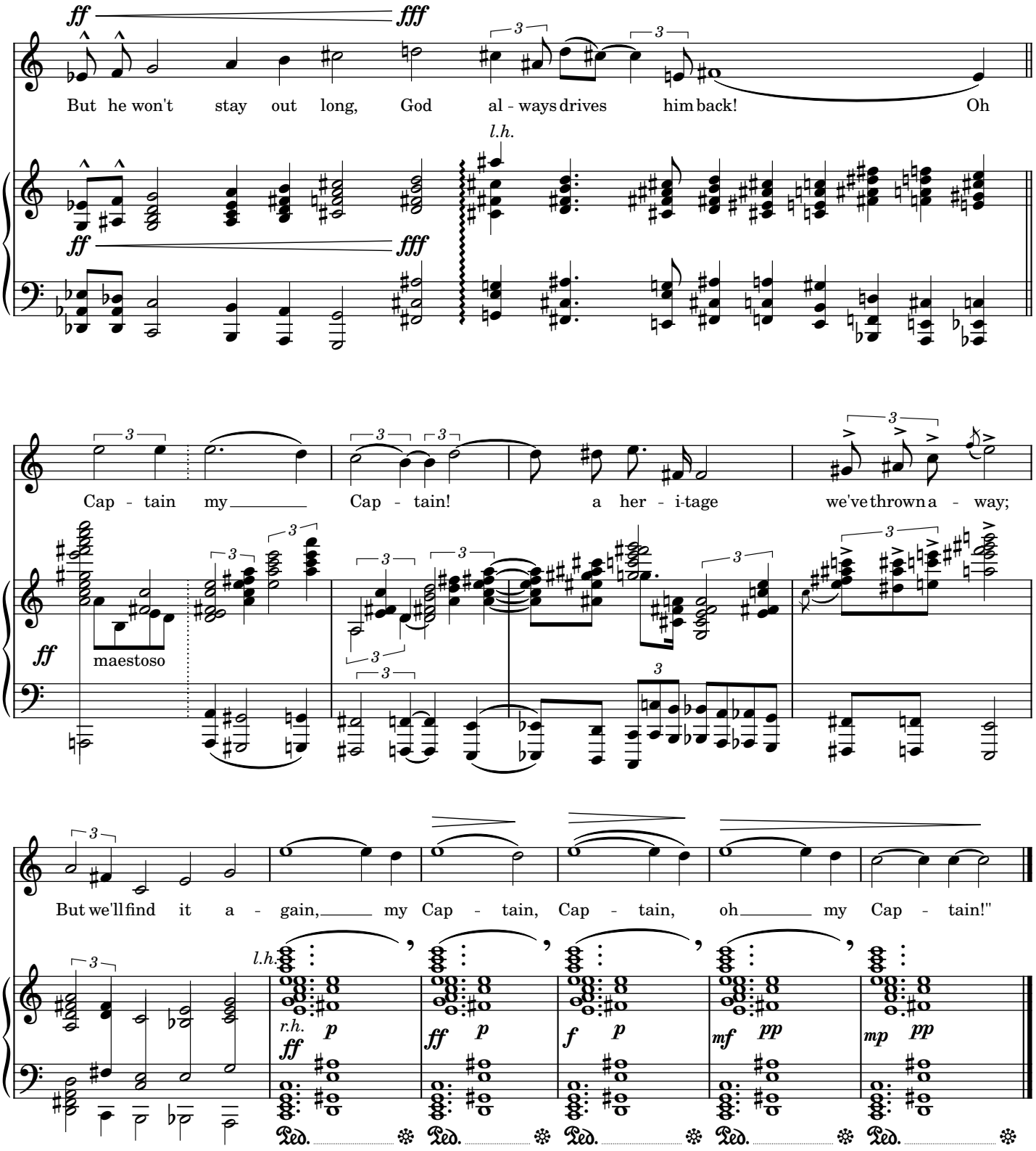

Note: The assumption, in the text, that the result of our national election in 1920, was a definite indication, that the country, (at least, the majority-mind) turned its back on a high purpose is not conclusive. Unfortunately election returns coming through the present party system prove nothing conclusively. The voice of the people sounding through the mouth of the parties, becomes somewhat emasculated. It is not inconceivable that practical ways may be found for more accurately registering and expressing popular thought— at least, in relation to the larger primary problems, which concern us all. A suggestion to this end (if we may be forgiven a further digression) in the form of a constitutional amendment together with an article discussing the plan in some detail and from various aspects, will be gladly sent, by the writer, to any one who is interested enough to write for it.
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