Christmas Duets
for B-flat Treble Instruments

50 holiday favorites arranged by James Poteat

This collection is suitable for use in private and group lessons,
religious services, concerts and recitals, in public places, or simply for fun.

Notes from the Arranger

What began as a personal project slowly grew into something larger. I first arranged these songs for my own enjoyment, playing them with friends in public spaces—often with the goal of earning a little extra money for Christmas gifts. Piece by piece, the collection expanded until it seemed only natural to gather them into a book.

As the years passed, I kept a running list of ideas for improvements— refinements that would make the book more practical and accessible. When the opportunity came to revisit the collection, those notes became the foundation for this second edition. It is with a sense of both pride and gratitude that I now present this updated volume, refined with care and shaped by experience. My hope is that it serves you as well as it has me.

repeats

It is expected that you will play most of the songs more than once. If you are performing with singers, note the number of verses. Some selections are better played only once, and these are marked in the table of contents with an asterisk.

ornaments & improvisation

I have indicated only a few ornaments here and there. Please feel free to add more as you see fit. Have fun with these pieces, and if it's appropriate for your situation, use them as a starting point for improvisation.

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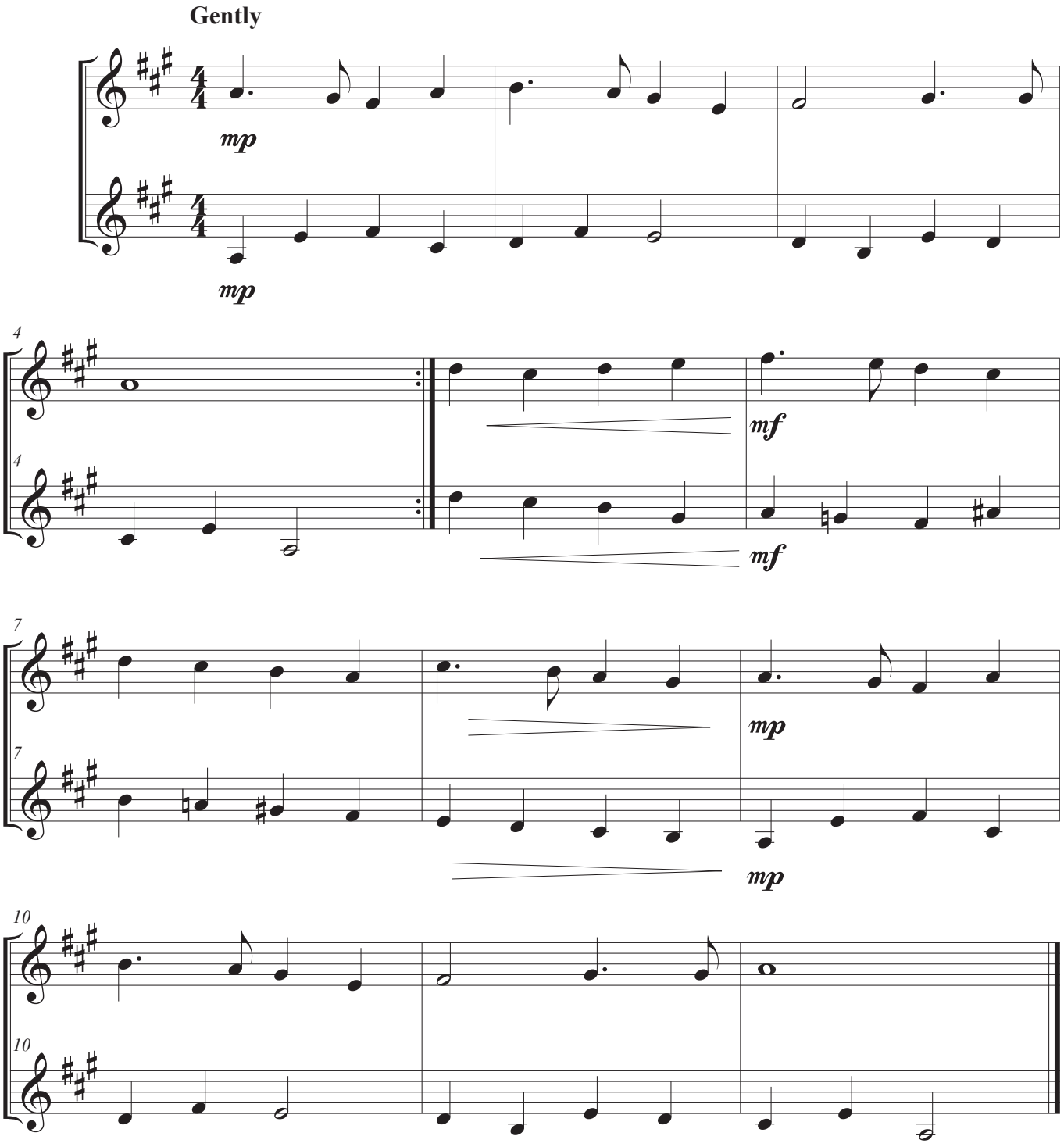
All Through the Night

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Traditional Welsh Melody



Angels from the Realms of Glory

Music by Henry Smart

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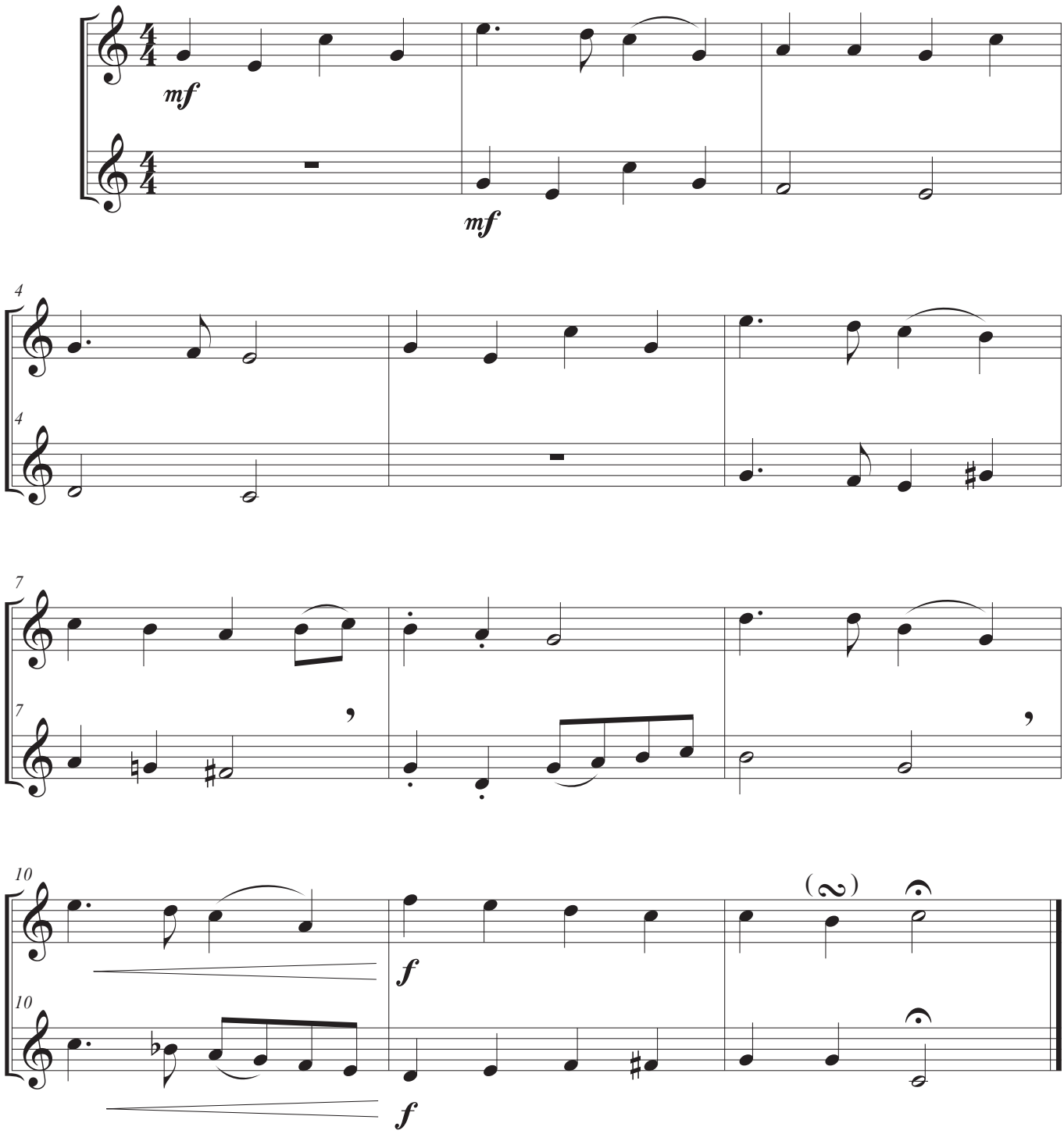

Angels We Have Heard on High

Les Anges dans nos Campagnes

Traditional French Carol

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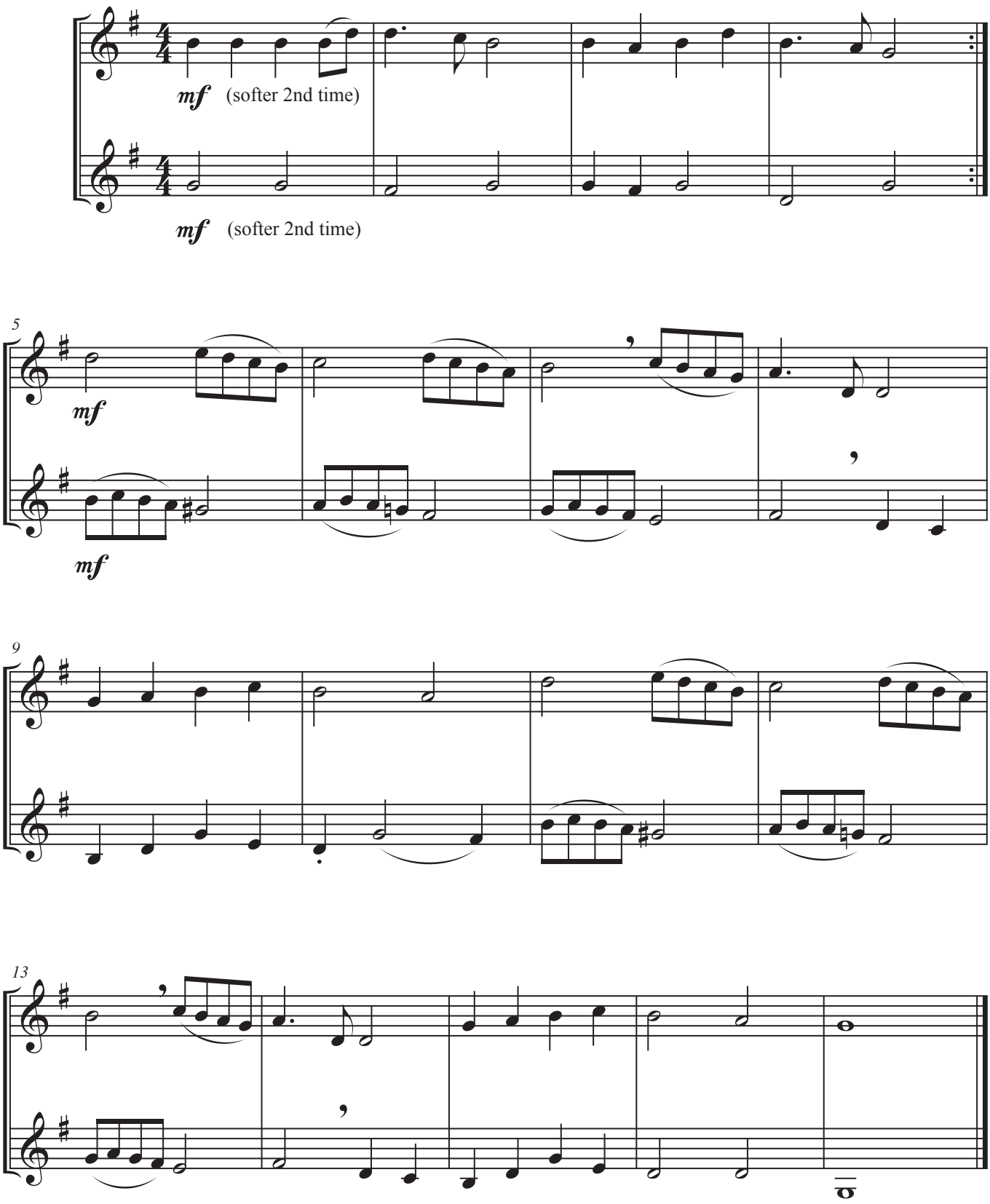
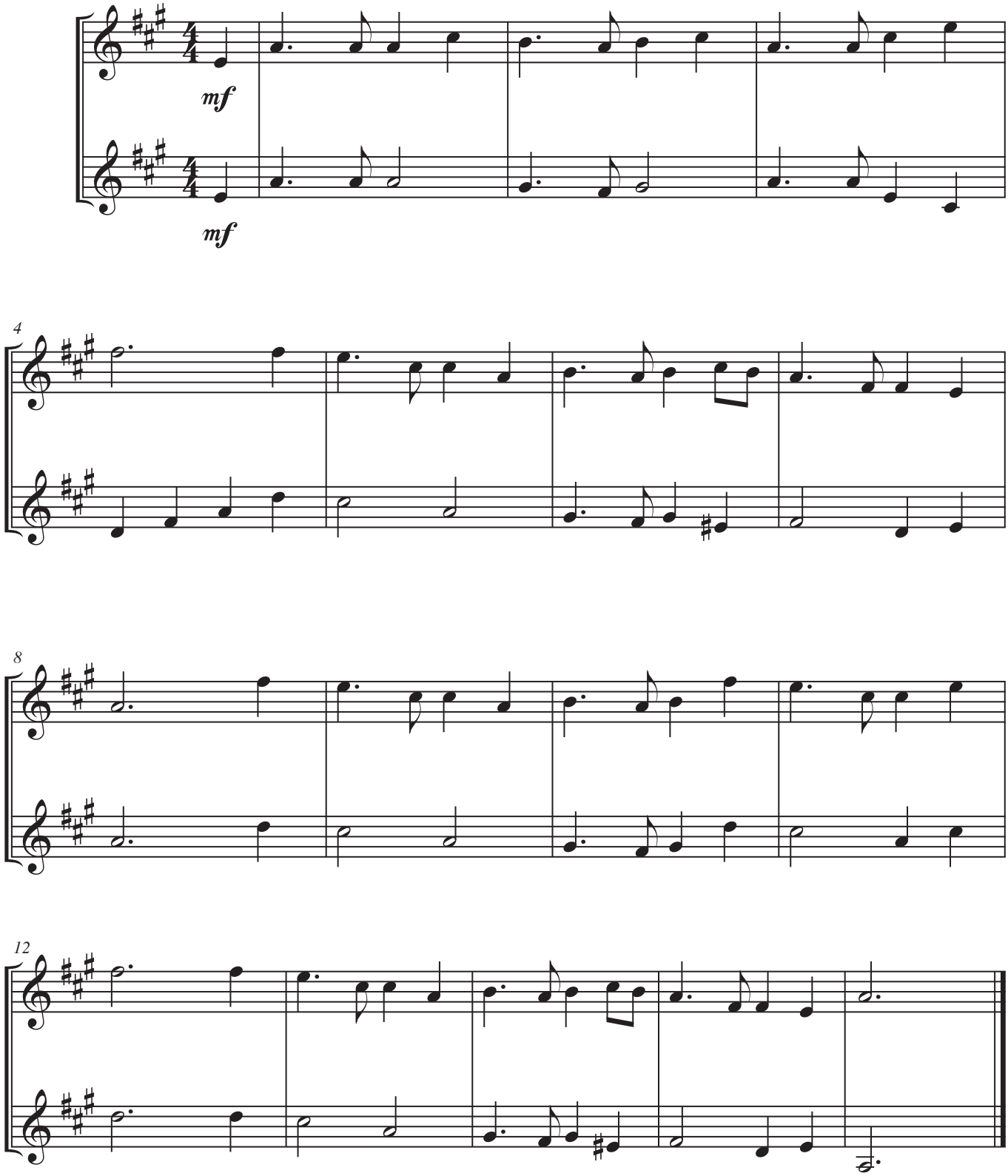


Auld Lang Syne

Traditional Scottish Folk Song

Wistfully



Away in a Manger

Traditional German Melody

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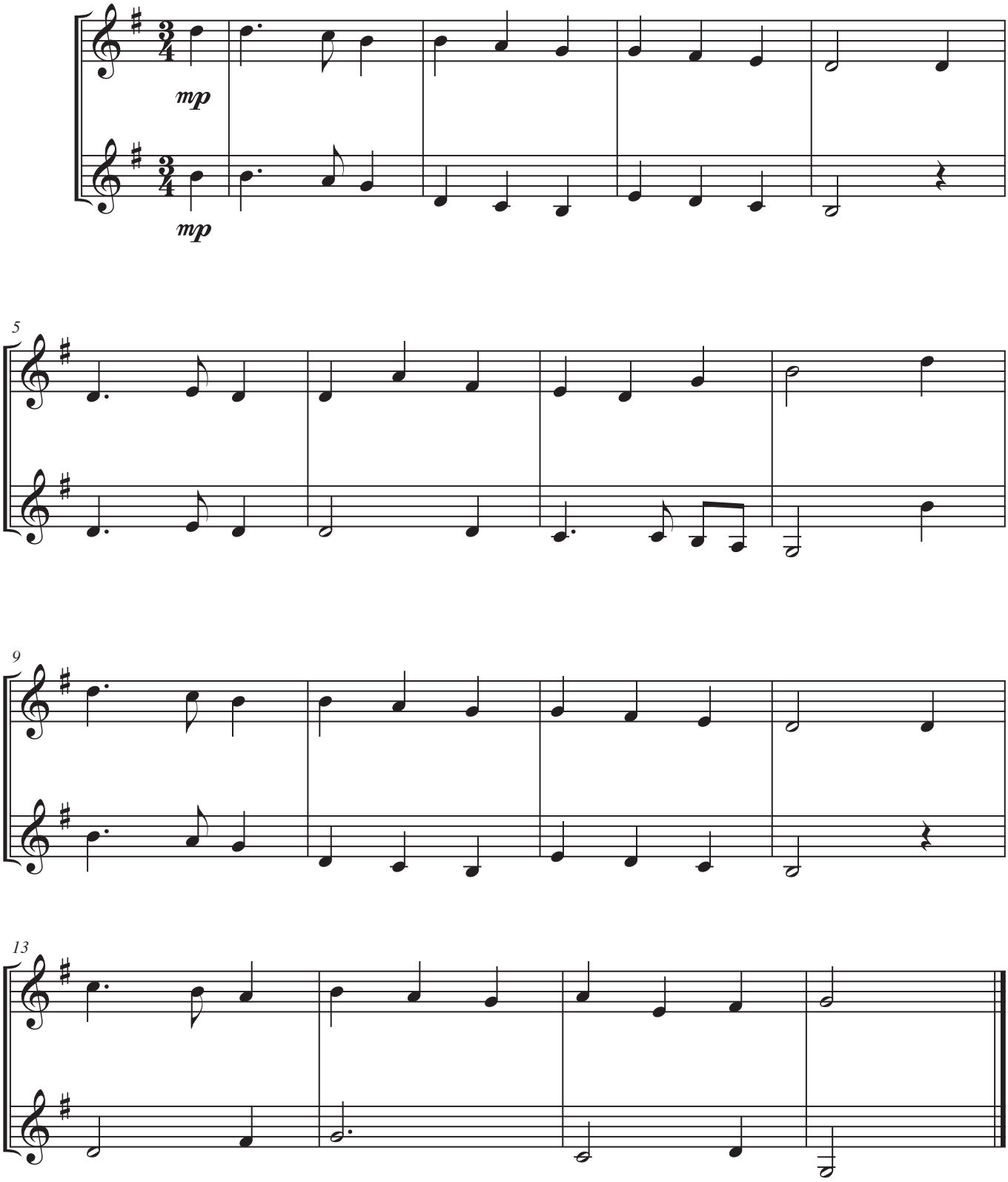
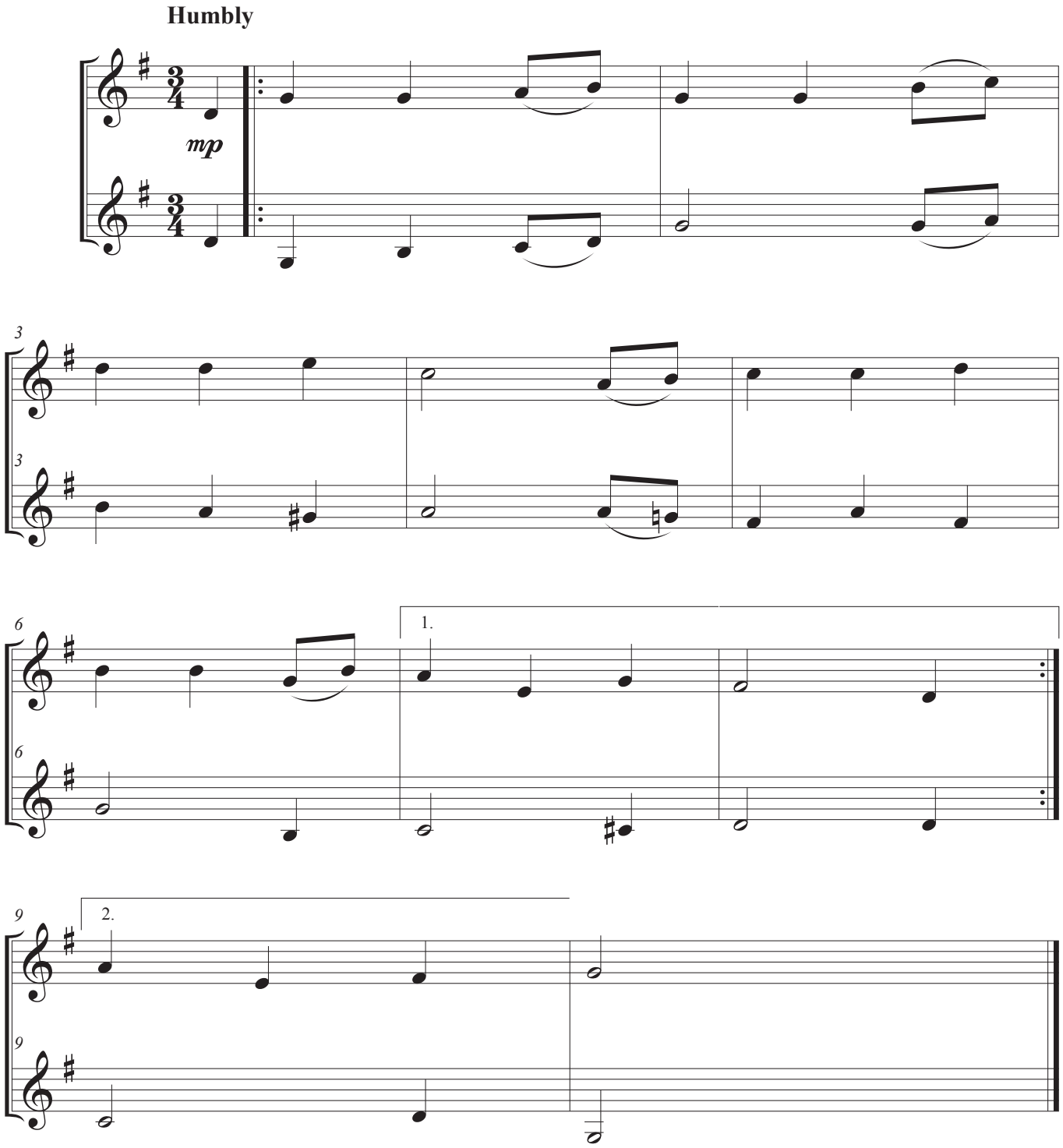


Away in a Manger

(Cradle Song)

William J. Kirkpatrick

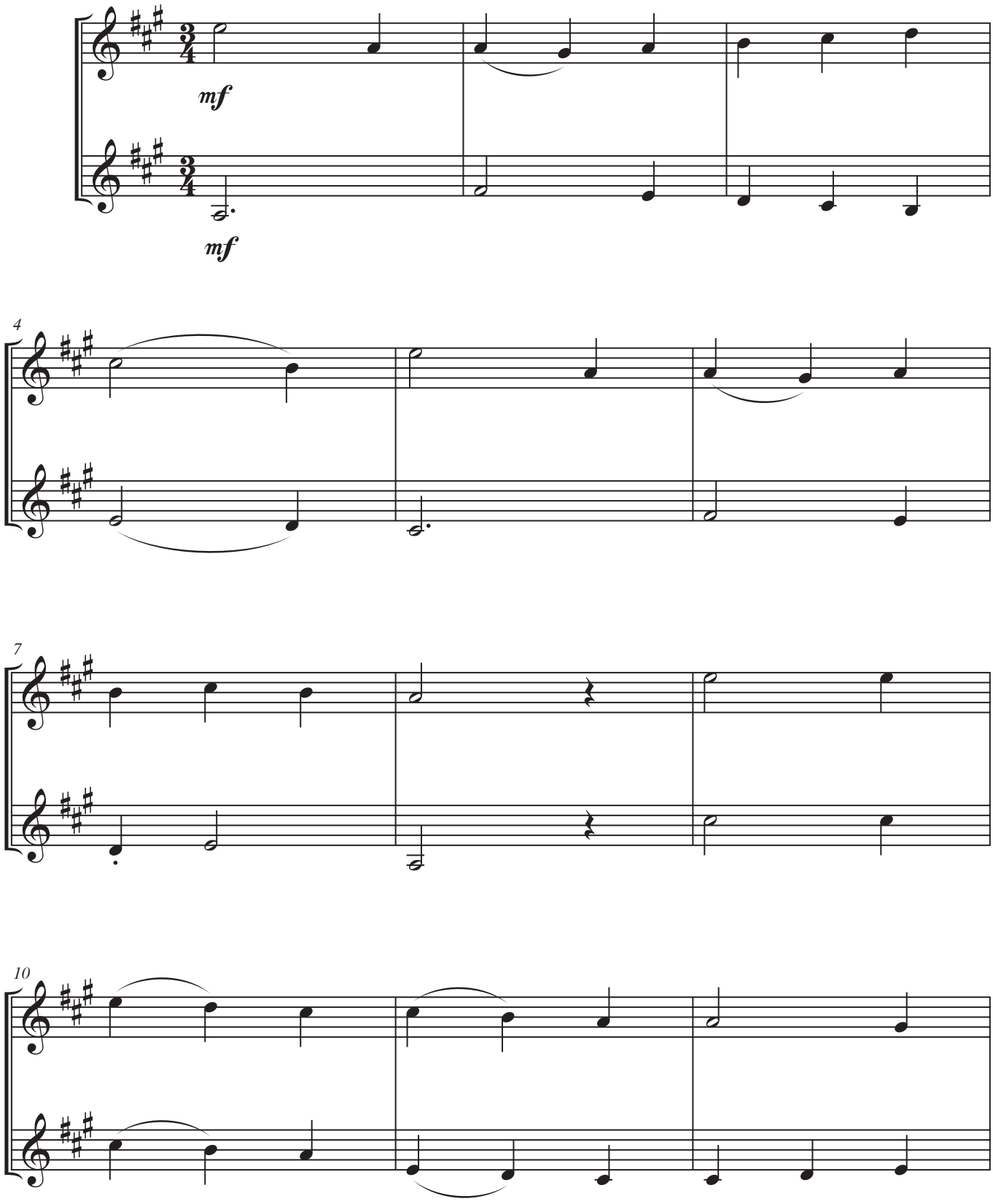


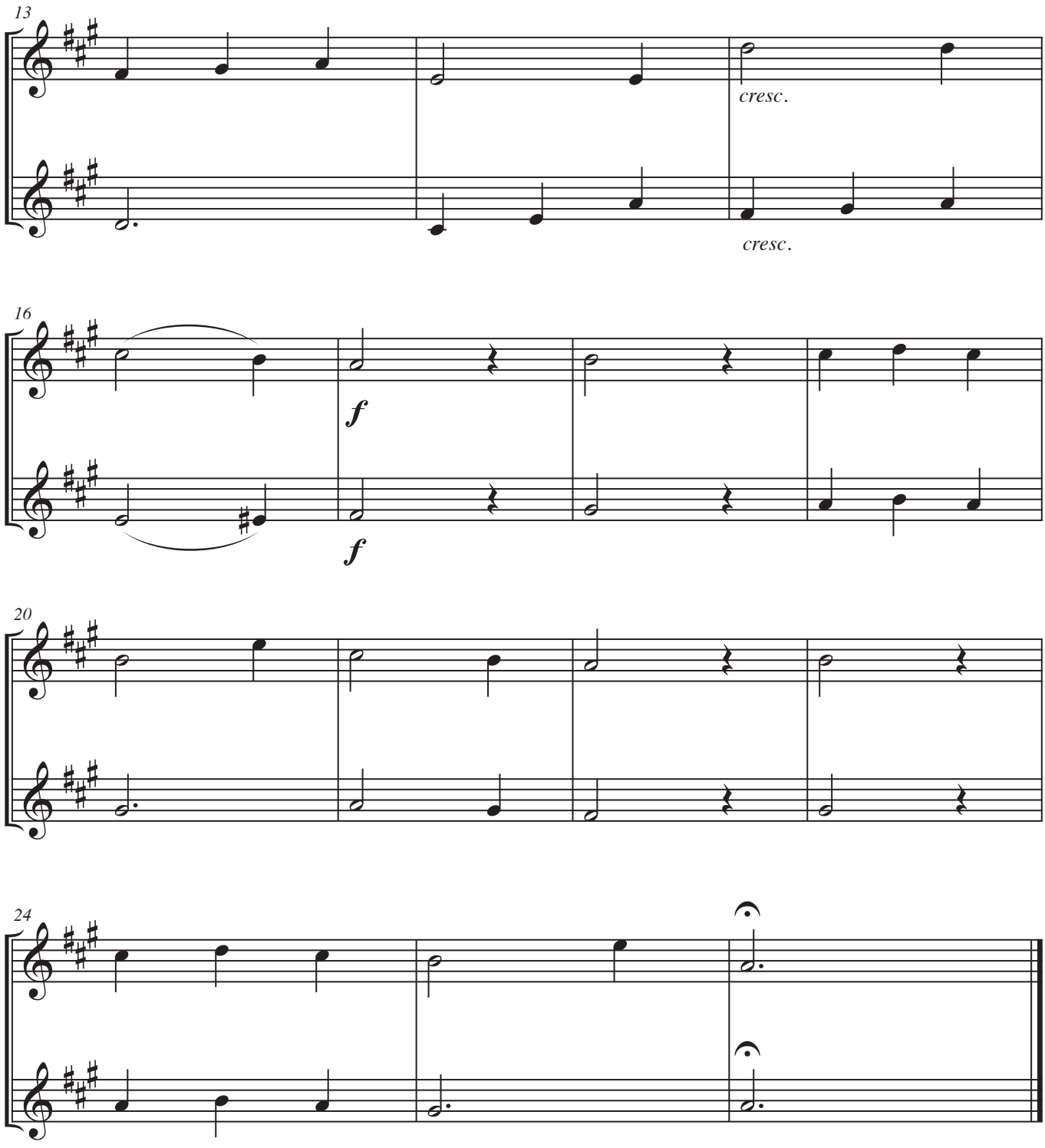
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Un Flambeau, Jeanette, Isabelle

Traditional French Carol

Allegro

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The Coventry Carol

Traditional English Carol

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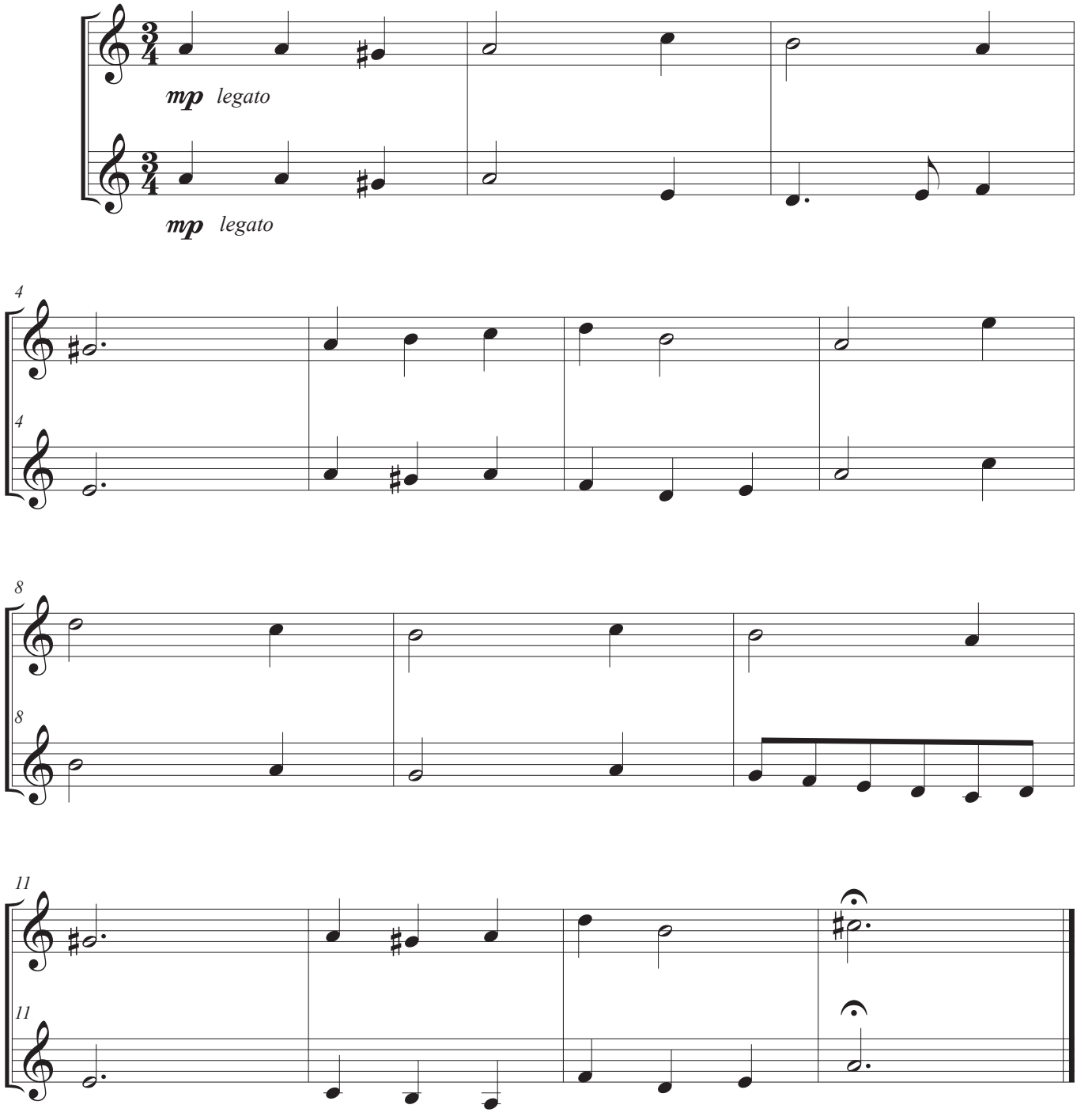
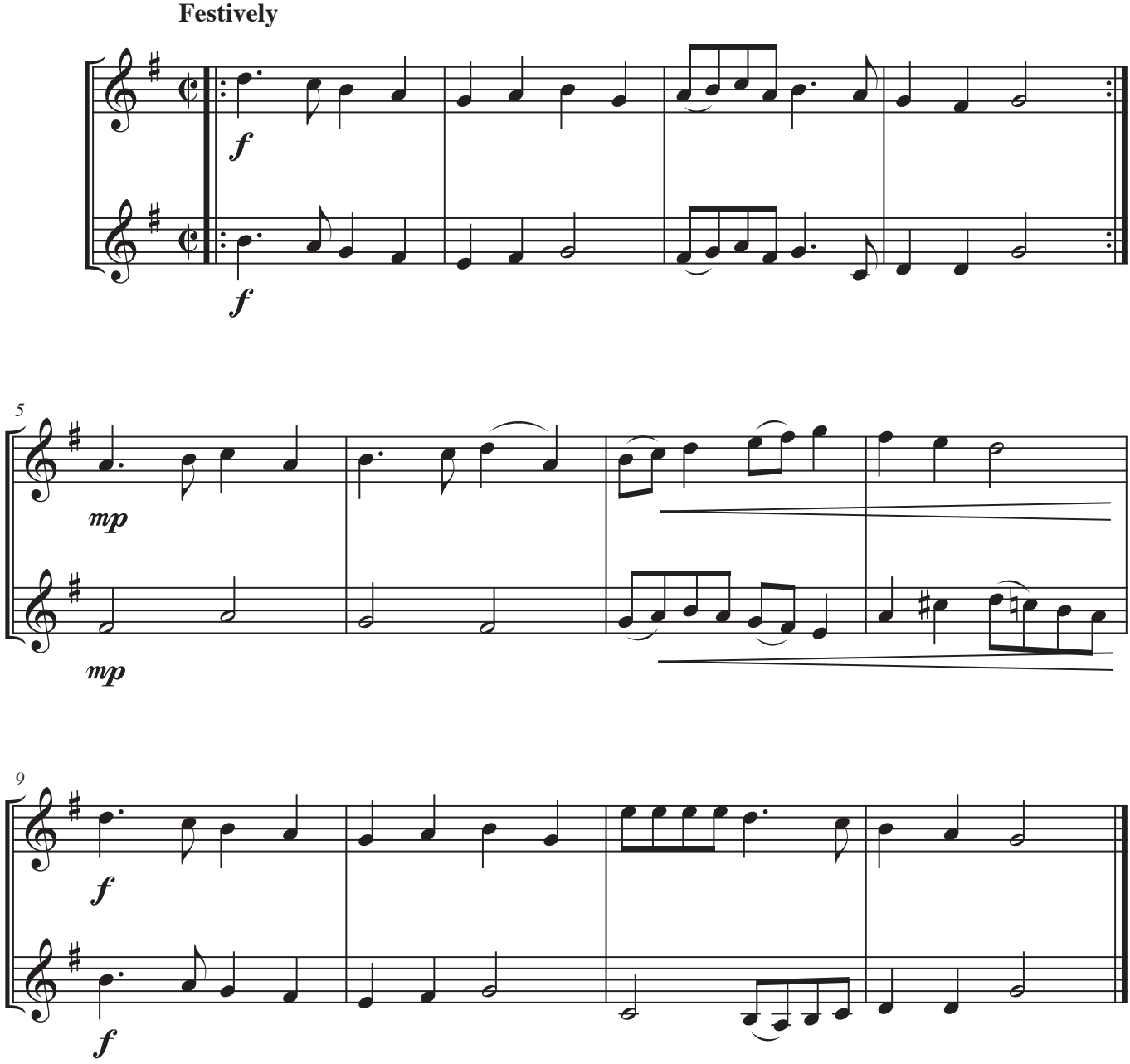


Deck the Hall

Traditional Welsh Carol

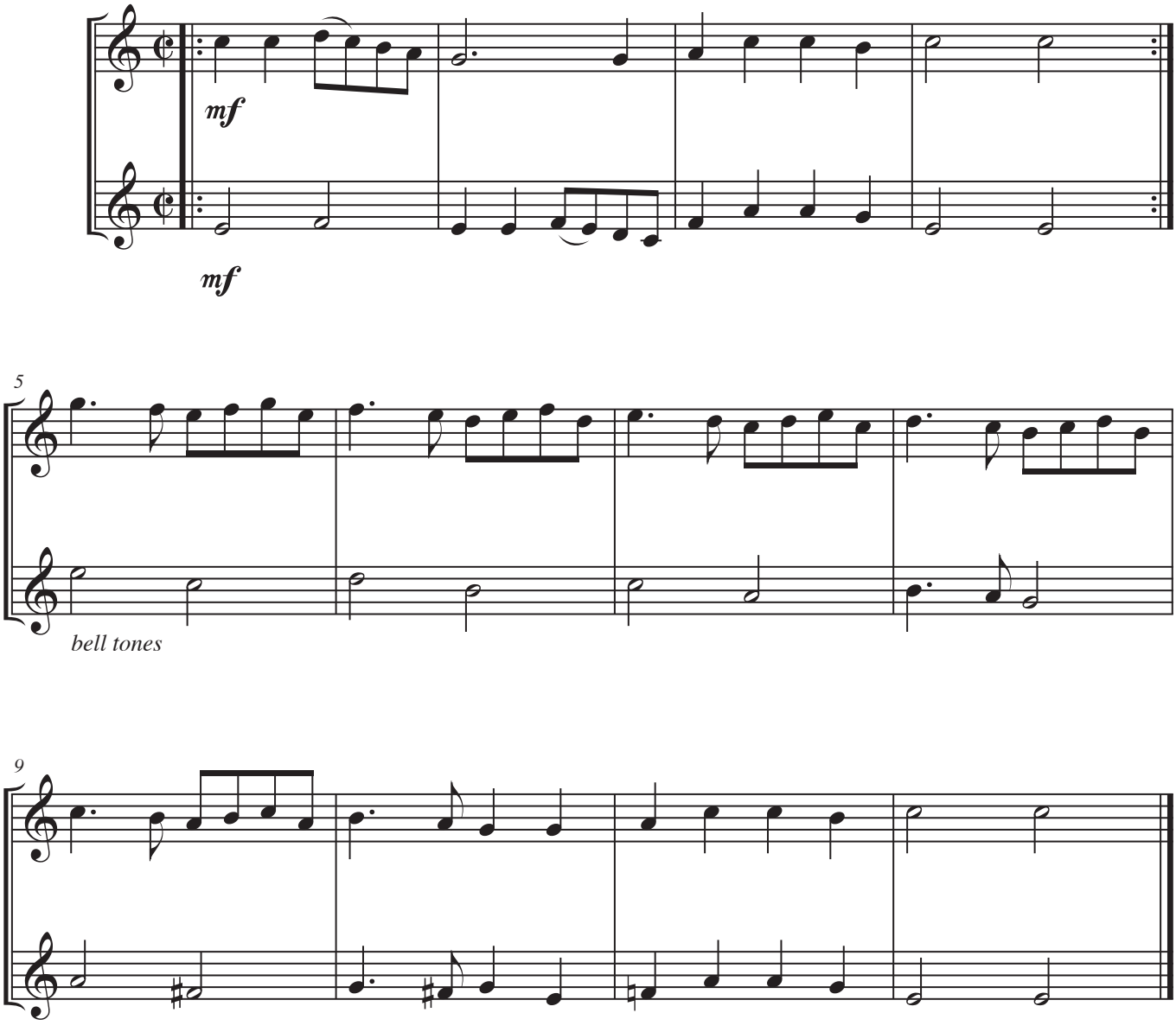
Festively



Ding Dong, Merrily On High

Traditional French Carol

Allegro

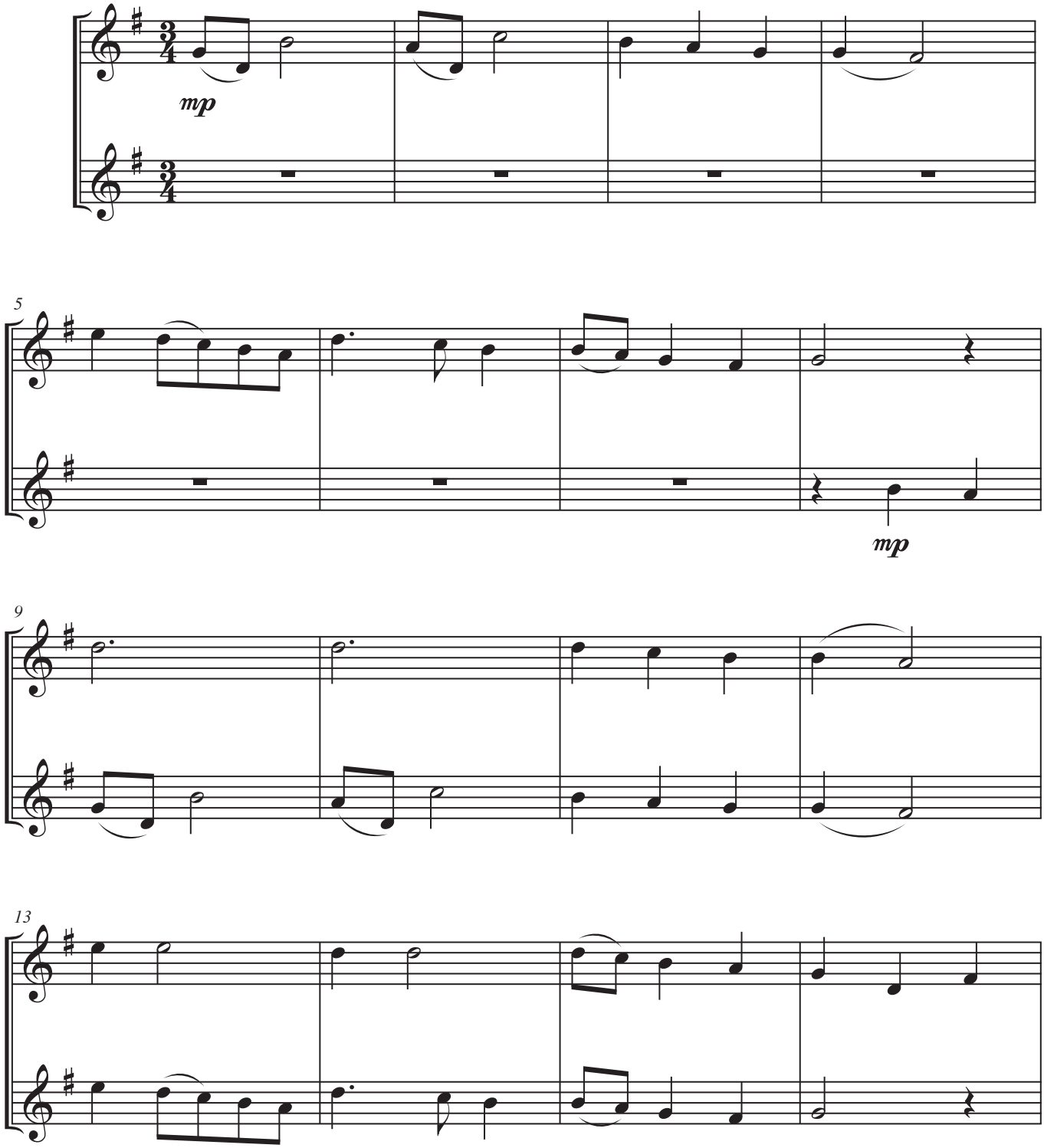


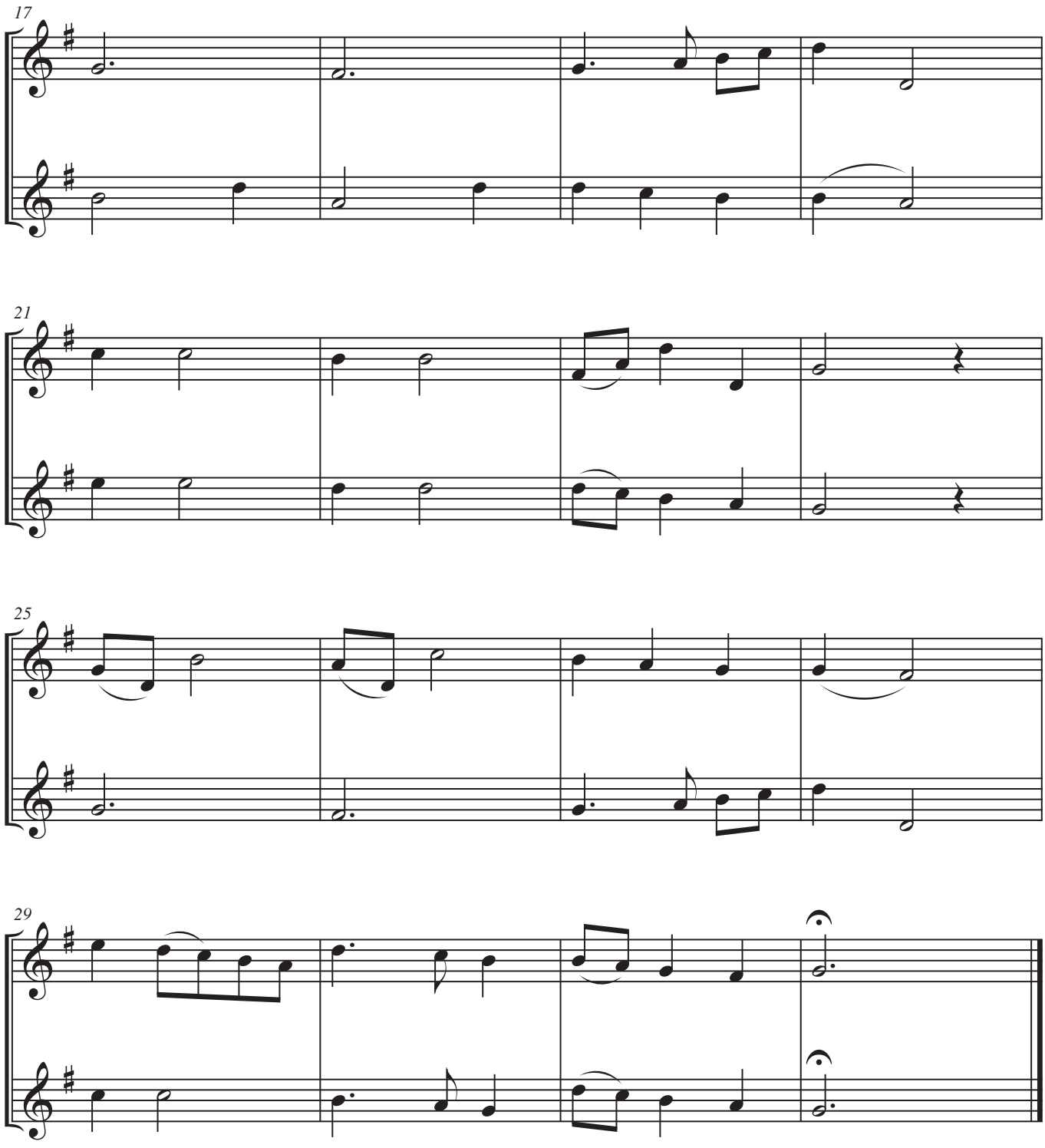
Dona Nobis Pacem

Grant Us Peace

Traditional

Peacefully

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The First Nowell

Traditional English Carol

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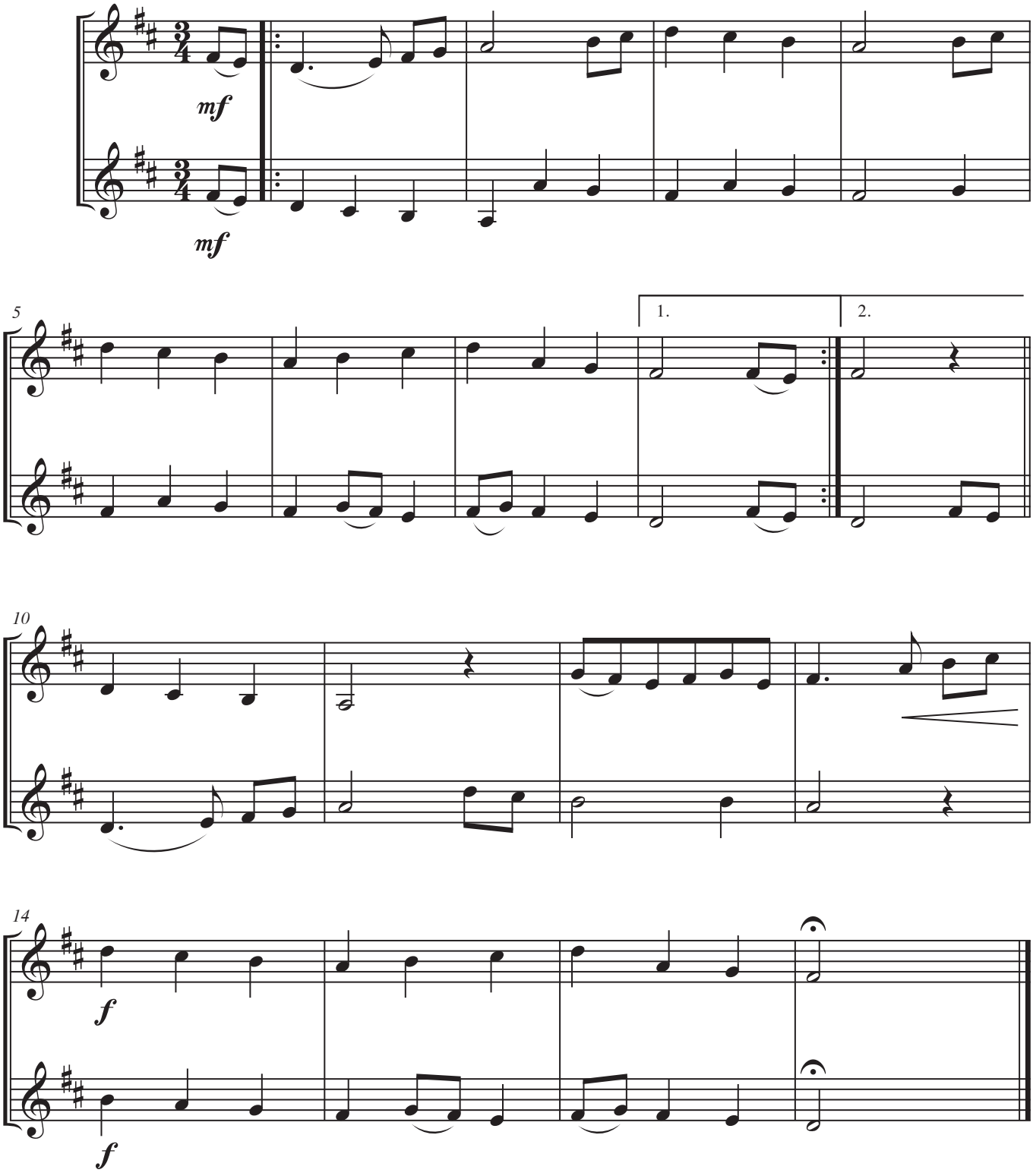
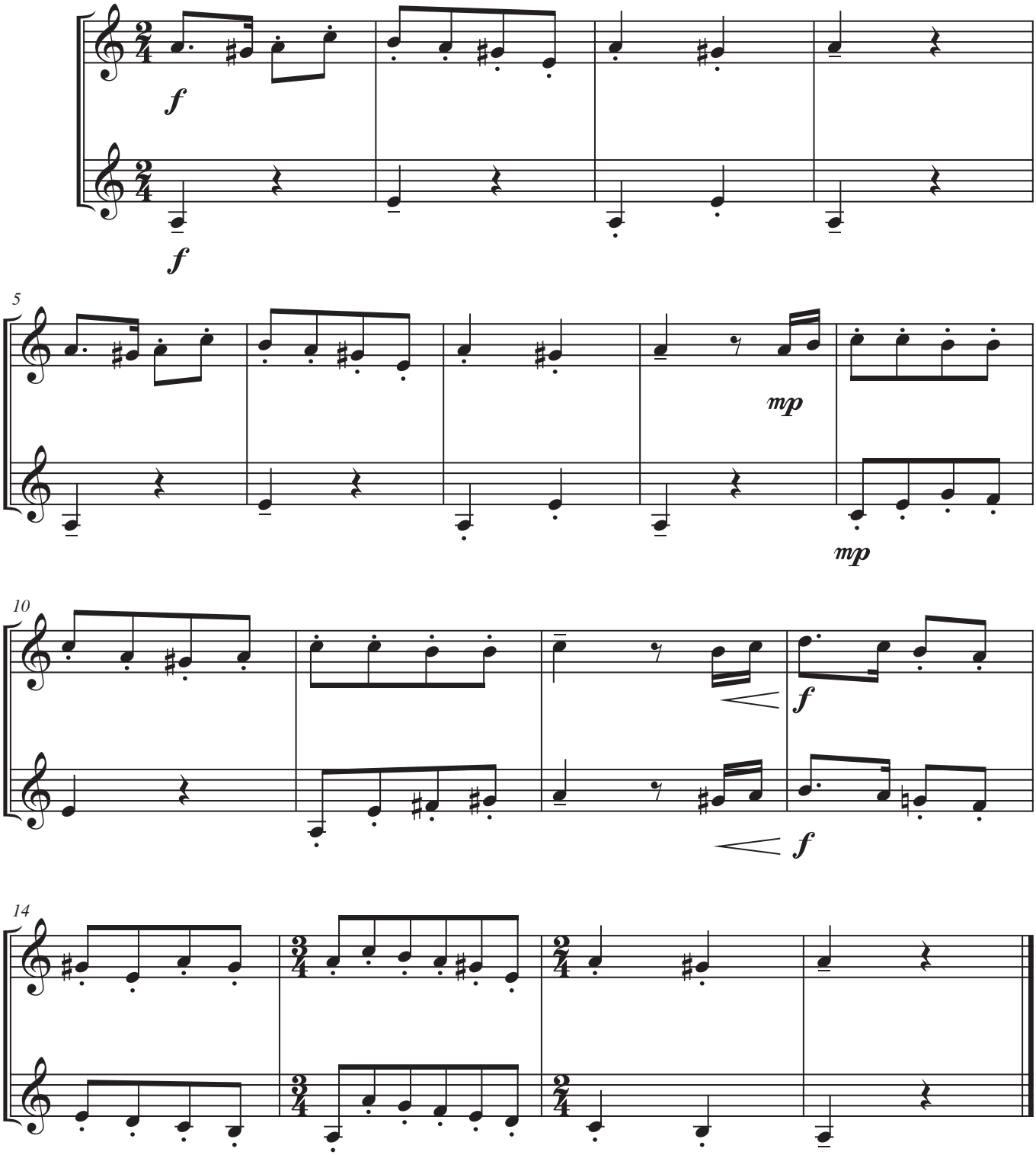


Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional Spanish Carol

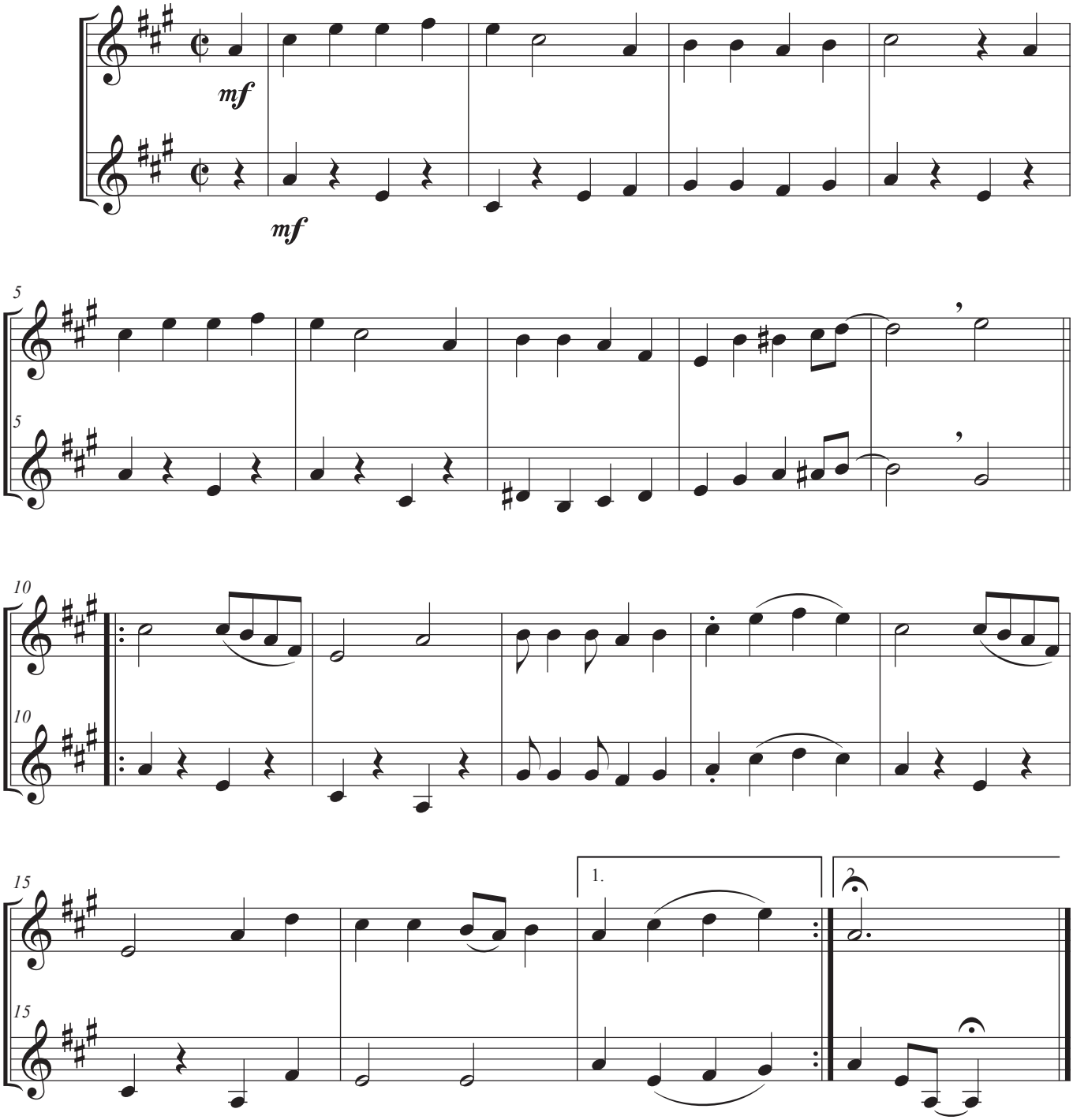
Lively



Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Spiritual

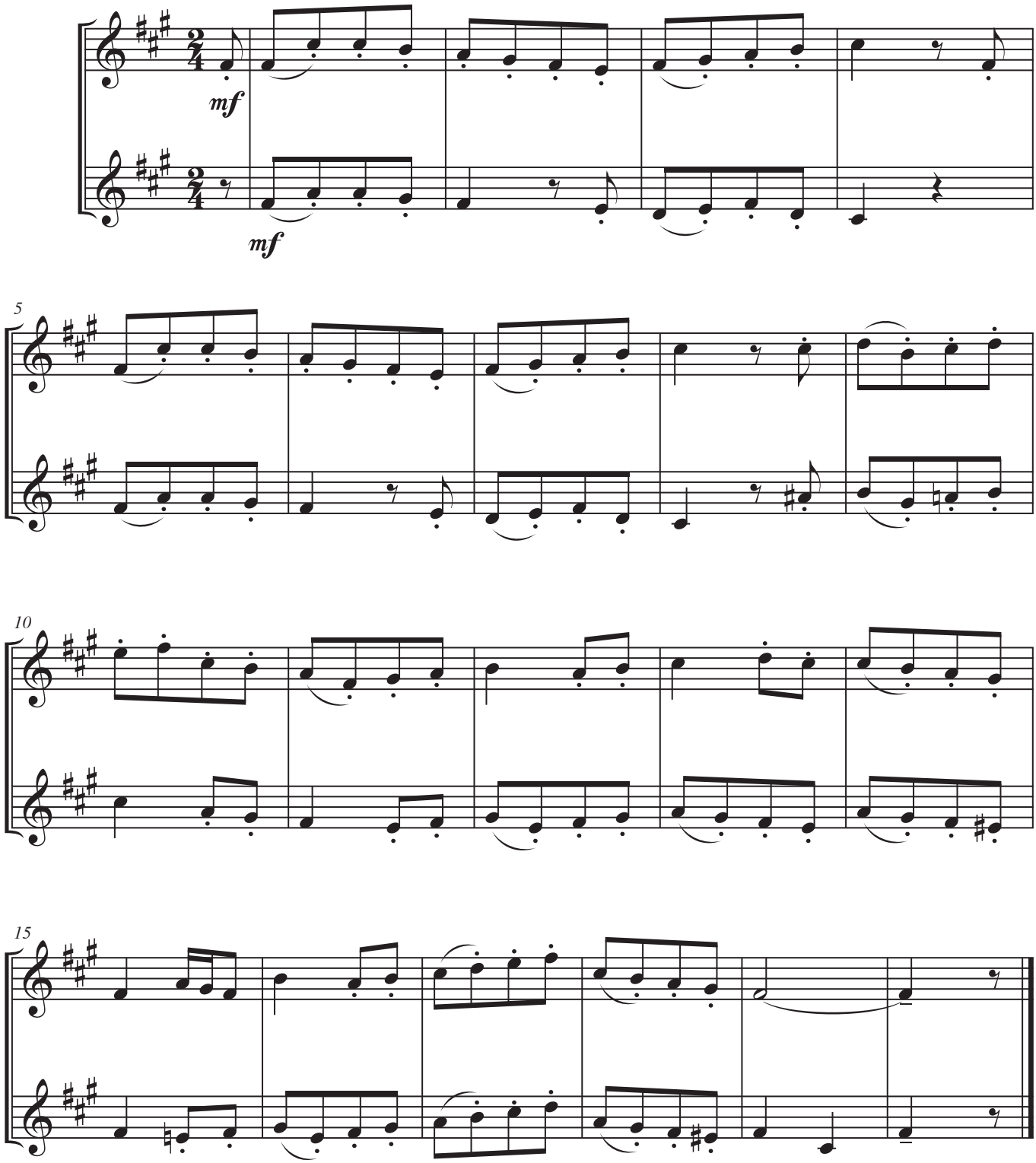
Relaxed, swing eighths



God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional English Carol

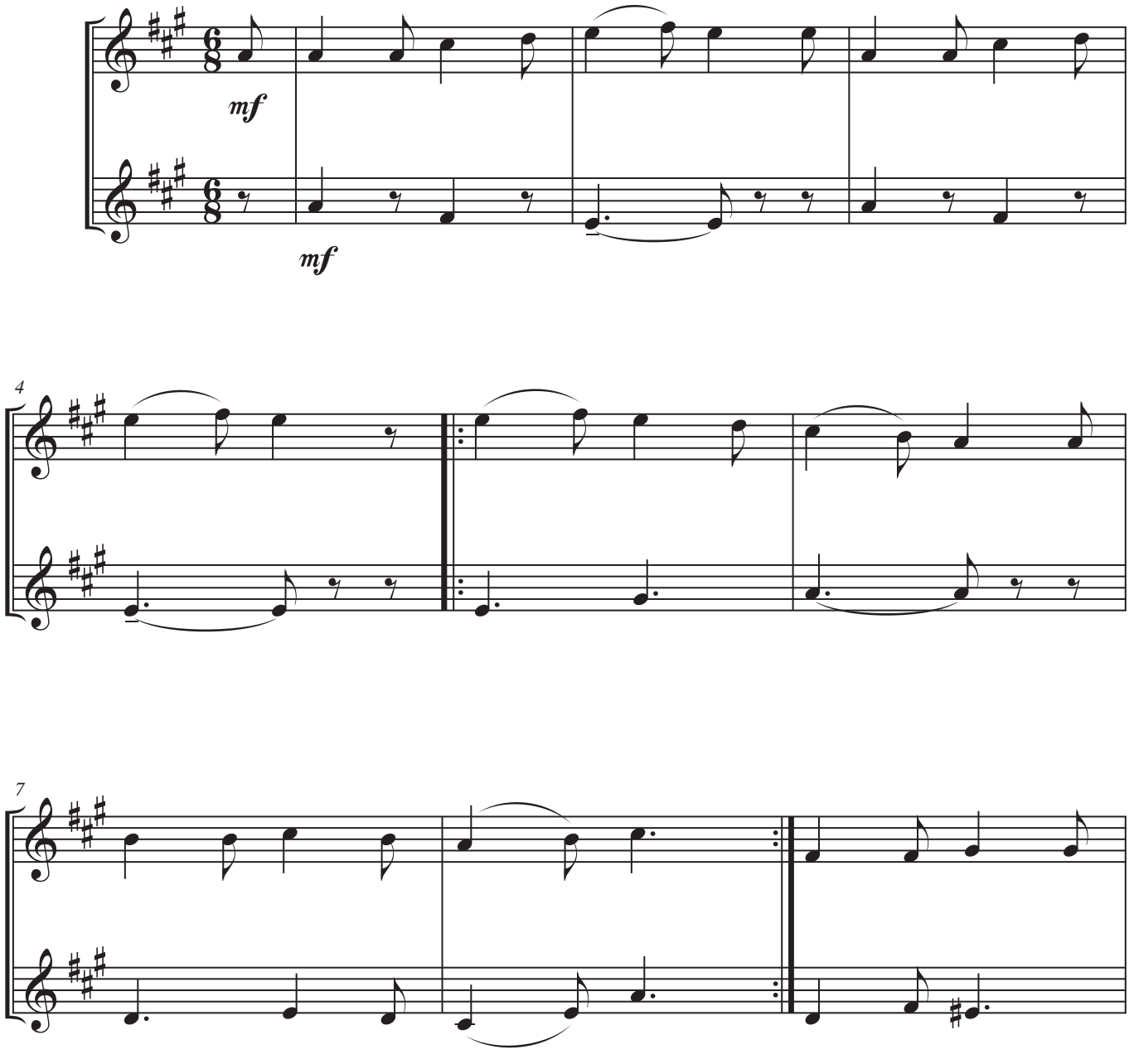
Vigorously

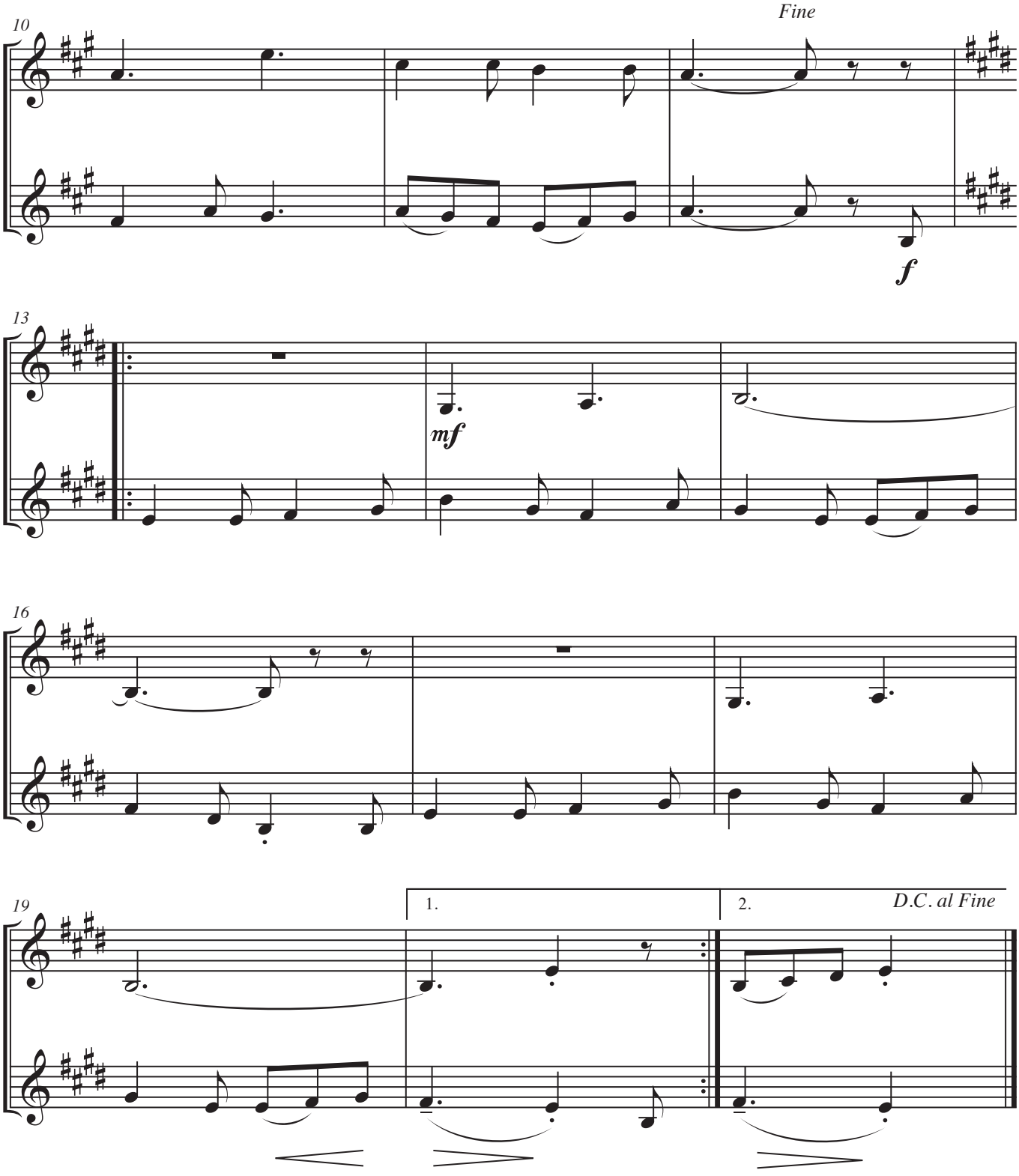


Good Christian Men, Rejoice (In Dulci Jubilo)/ I Saw Three Ships

Traditional German and English Melodies

Allegro non troppo

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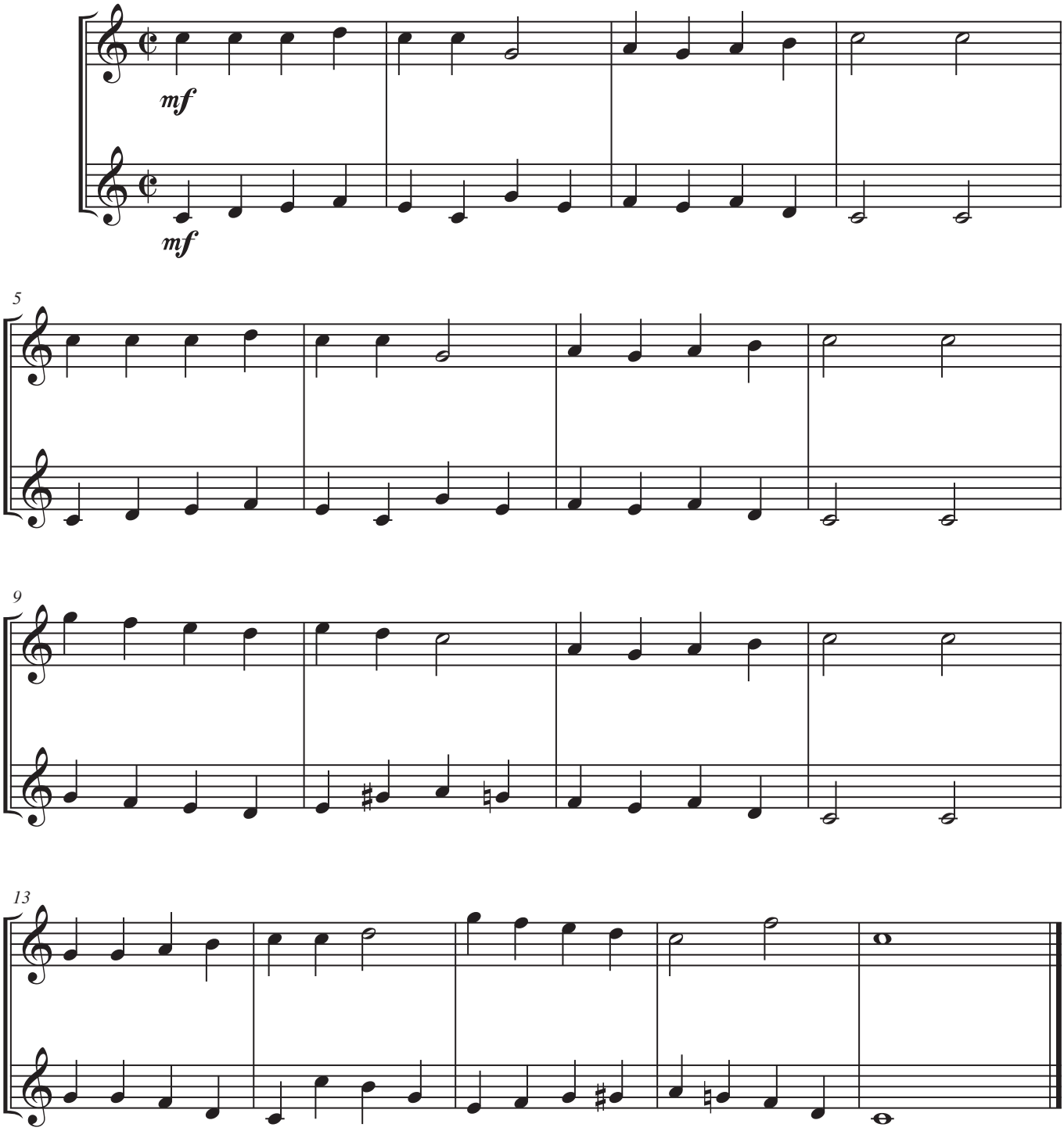
Good King Wenceslas

Traditional English Carol

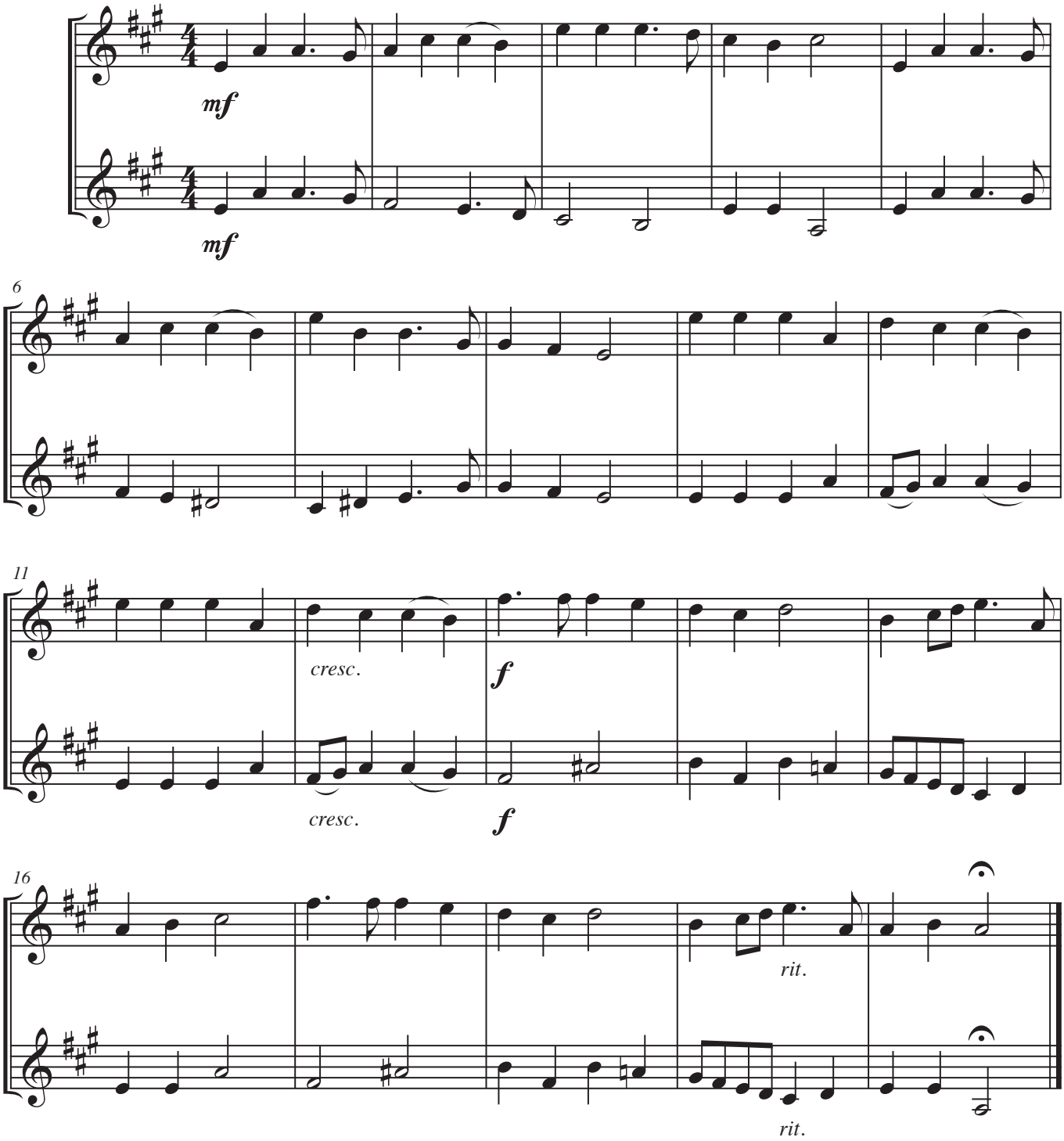
With bounce



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

Moderately

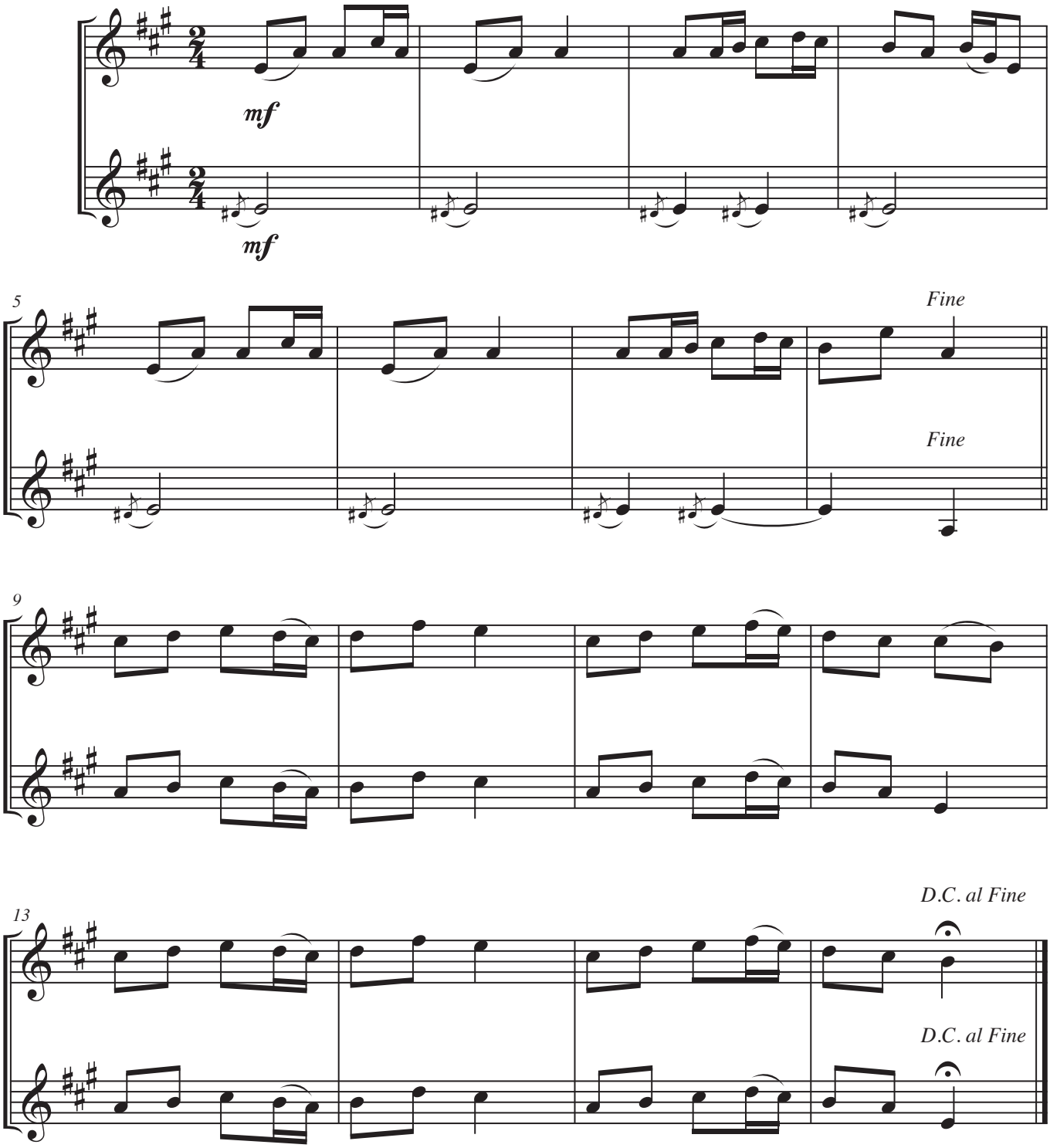


He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Il Est Né, Le Divin Enfant

Traditional French

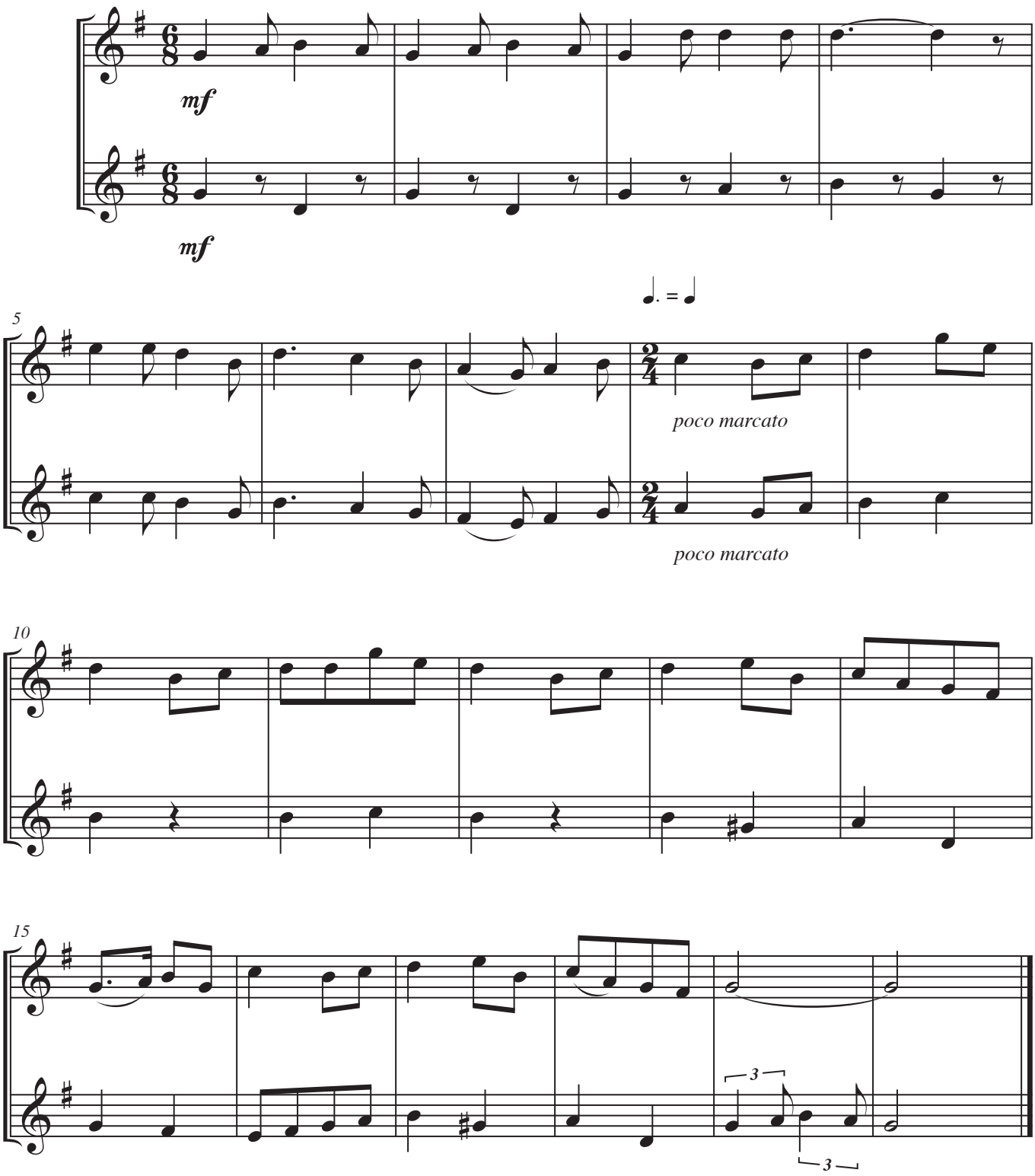
With delight



Here We Come a-Wassailing

Traditional English

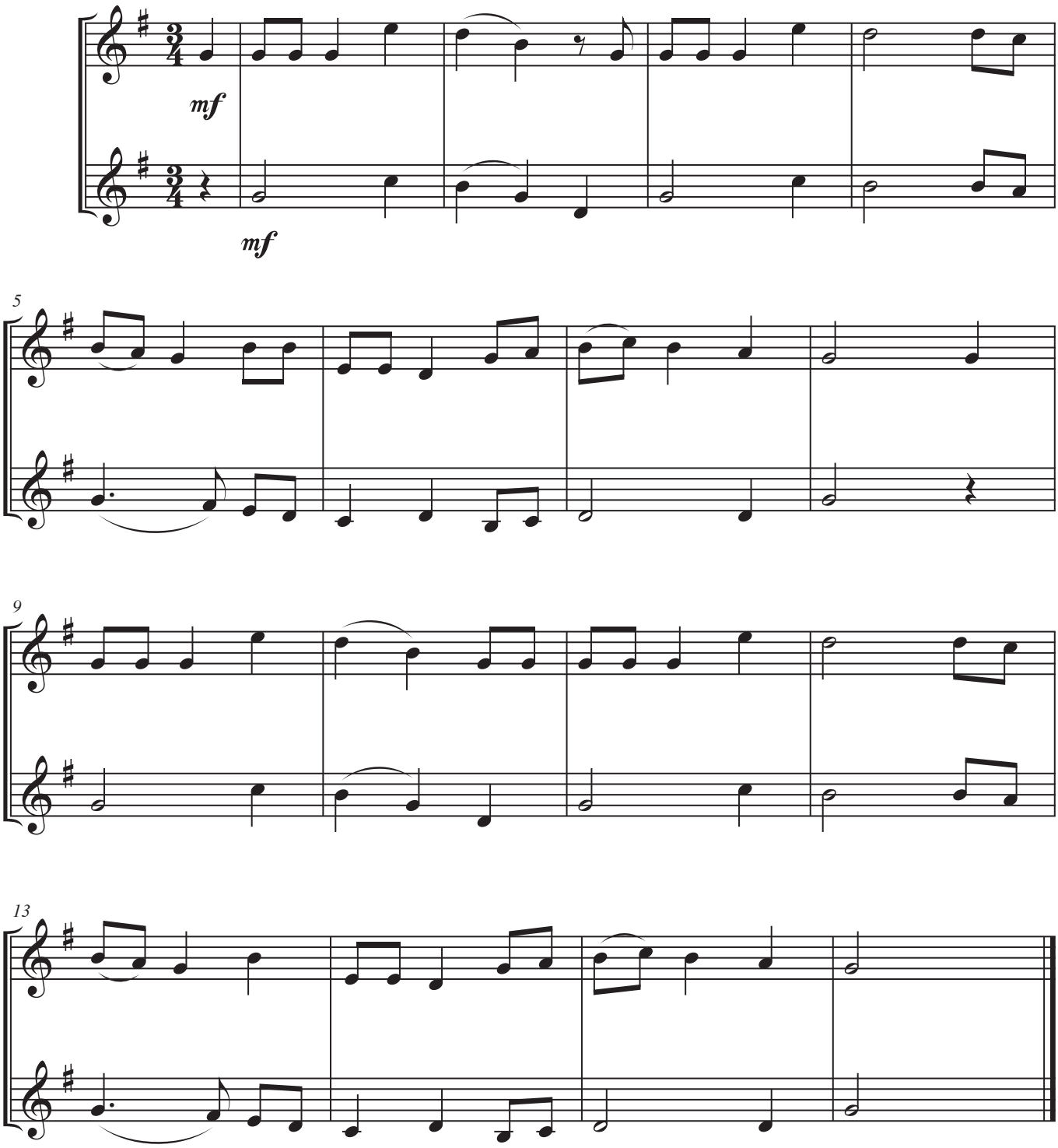
Allegro moderato



The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional English Carol

Allegro

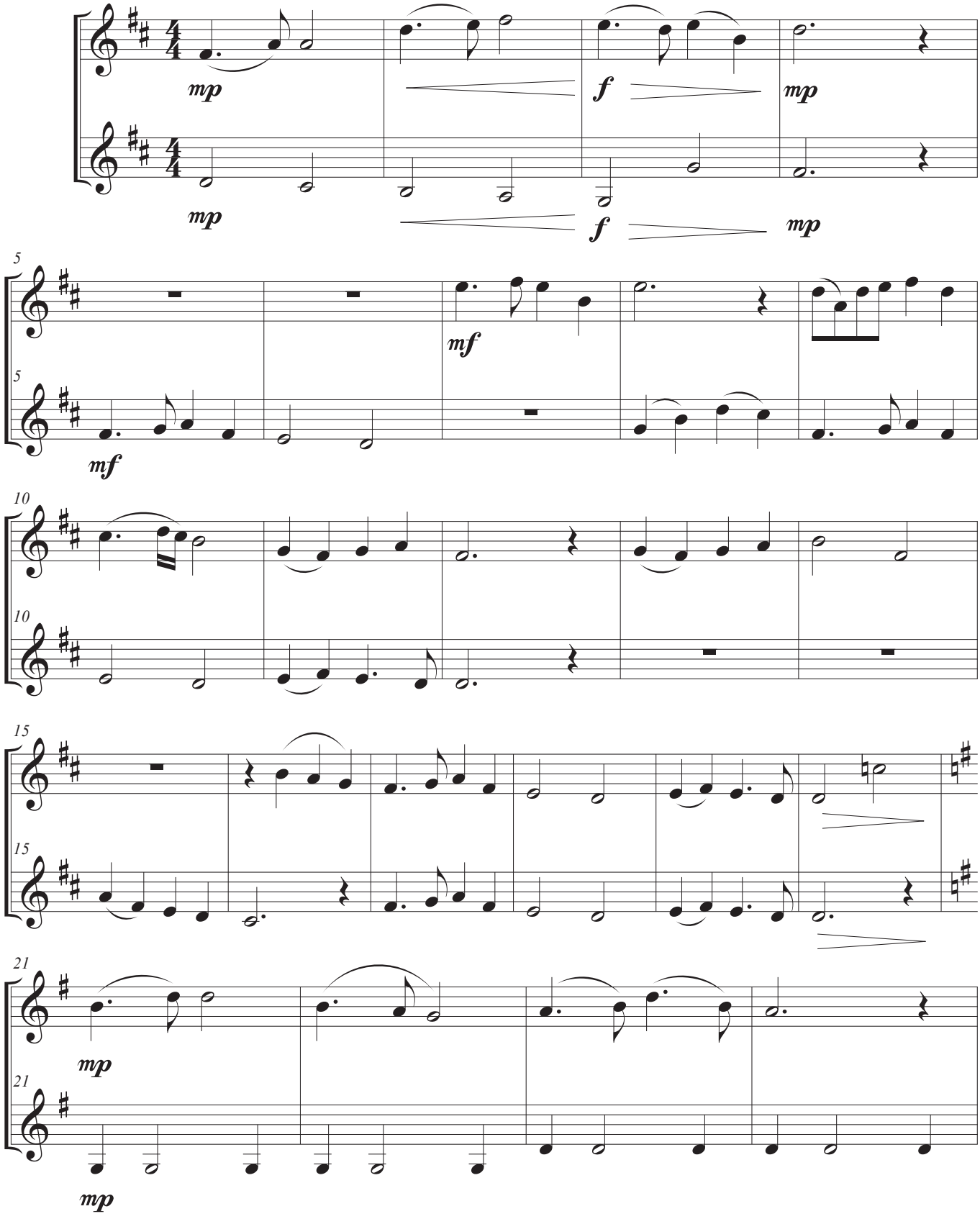


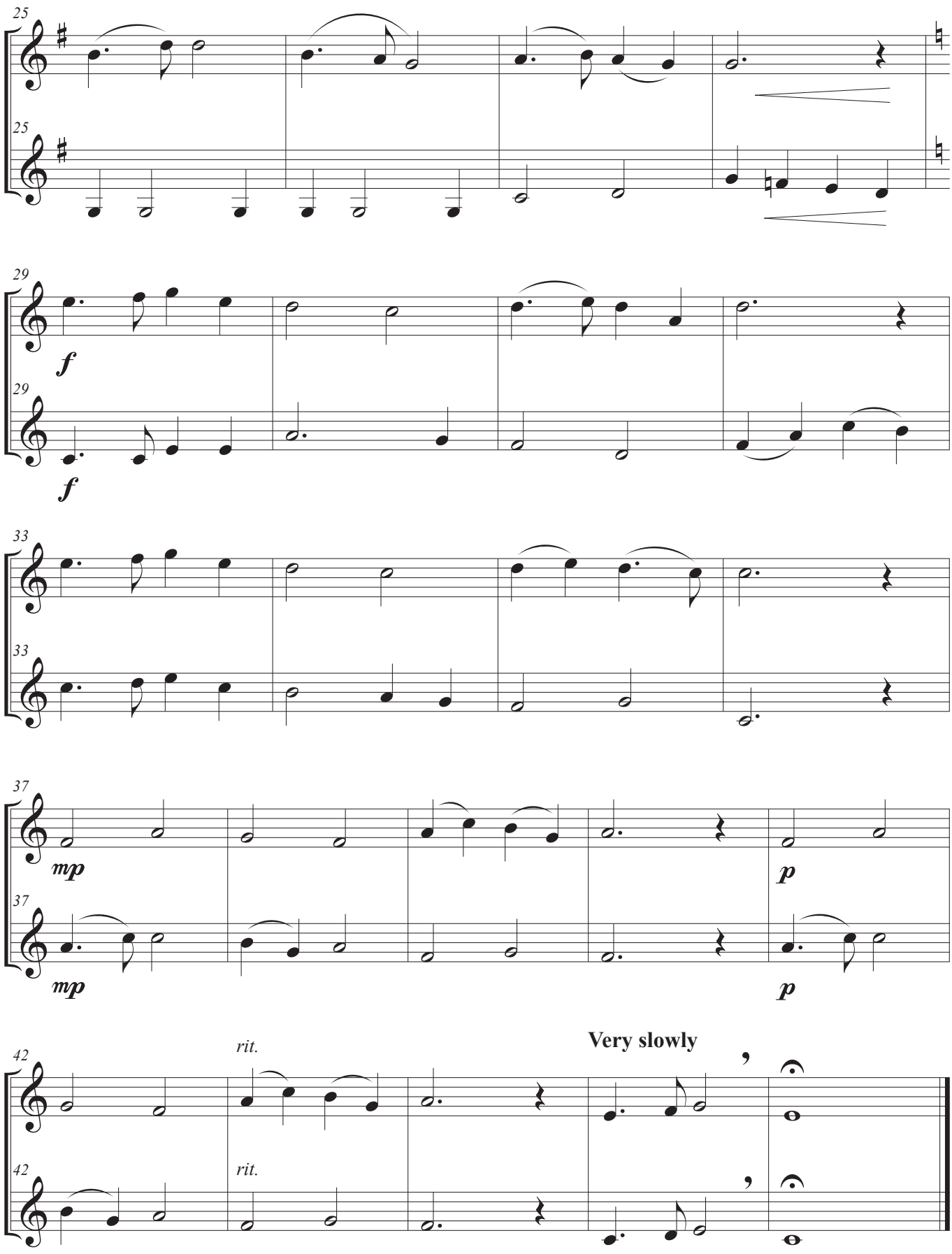
In the Bleak Midwinter

with the Largo Theme from Symphony No. 9

Gustav Holst, Antonín Dvořák

Recalling bygone days

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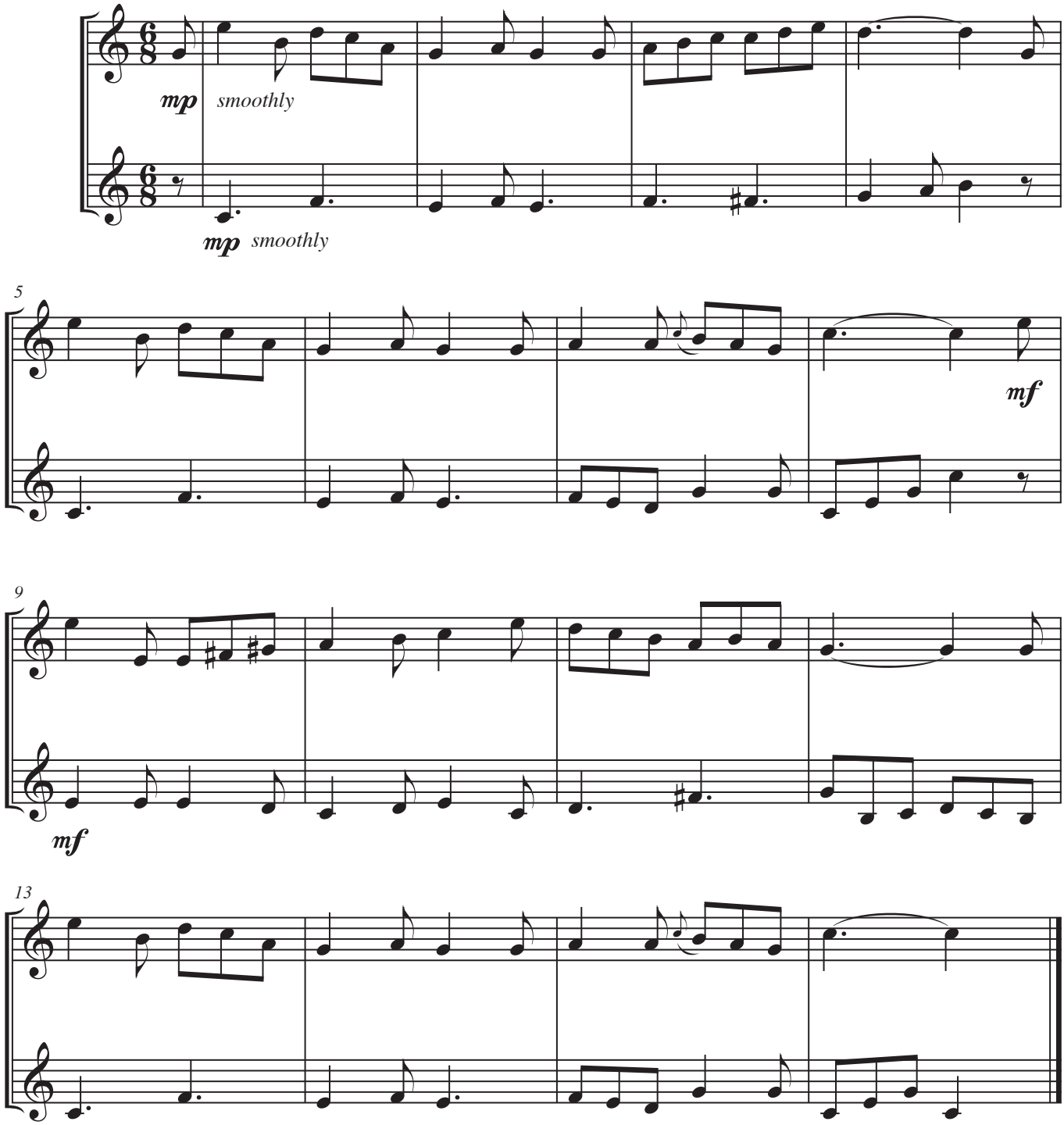
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Richard S. Willis

In a slow two

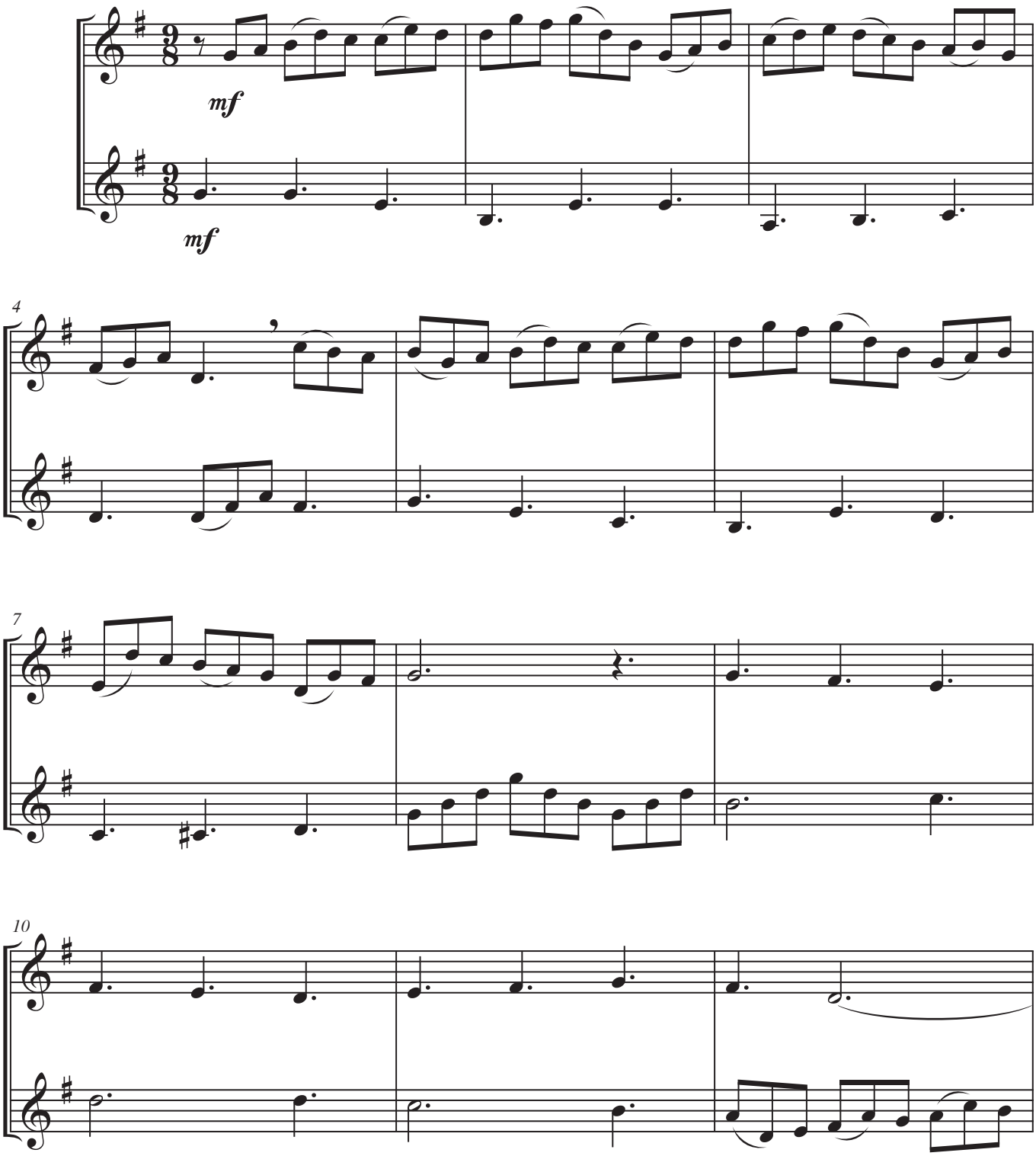


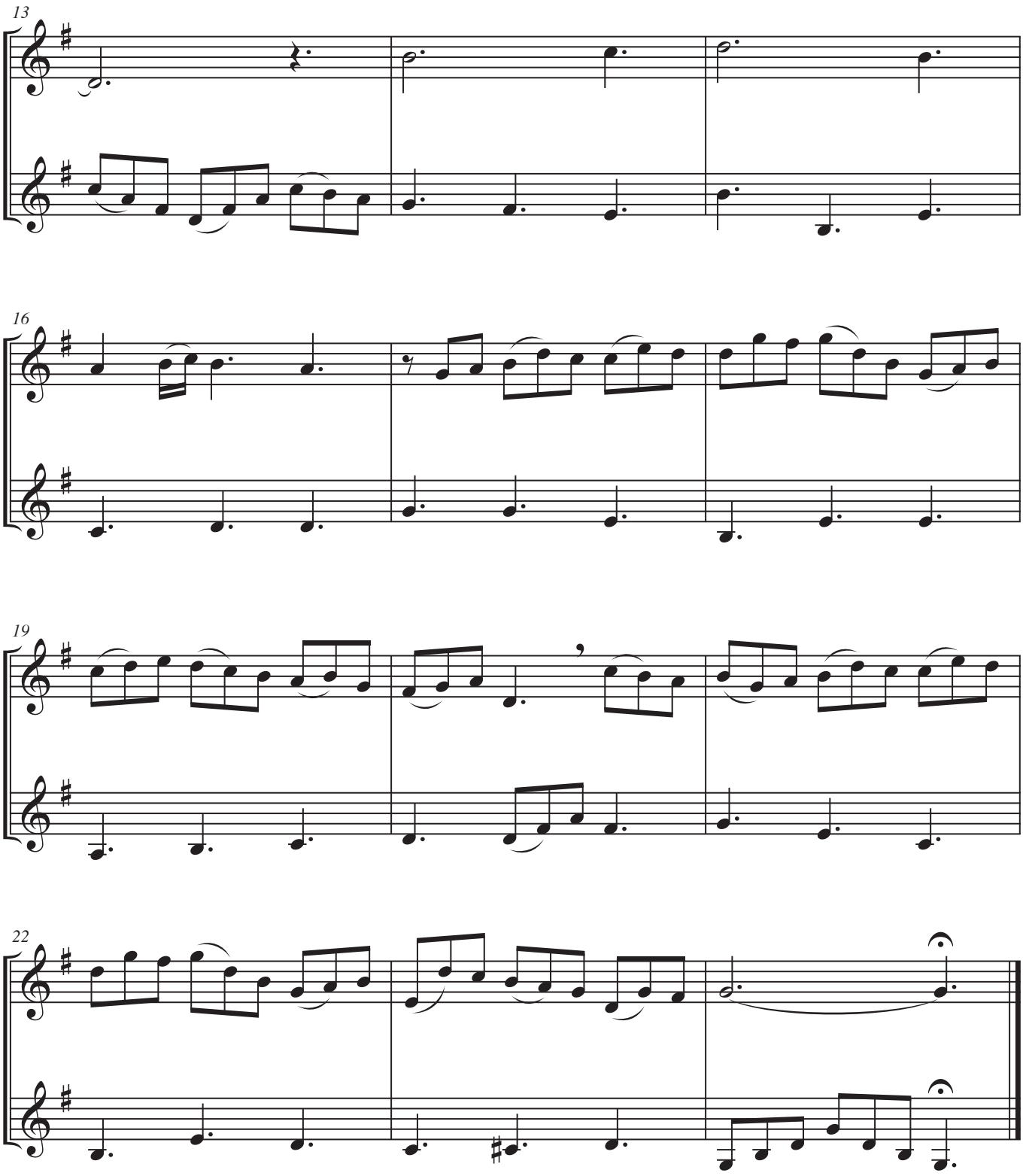
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

from Cantata BWV 147

J. S. Bach

Flowing

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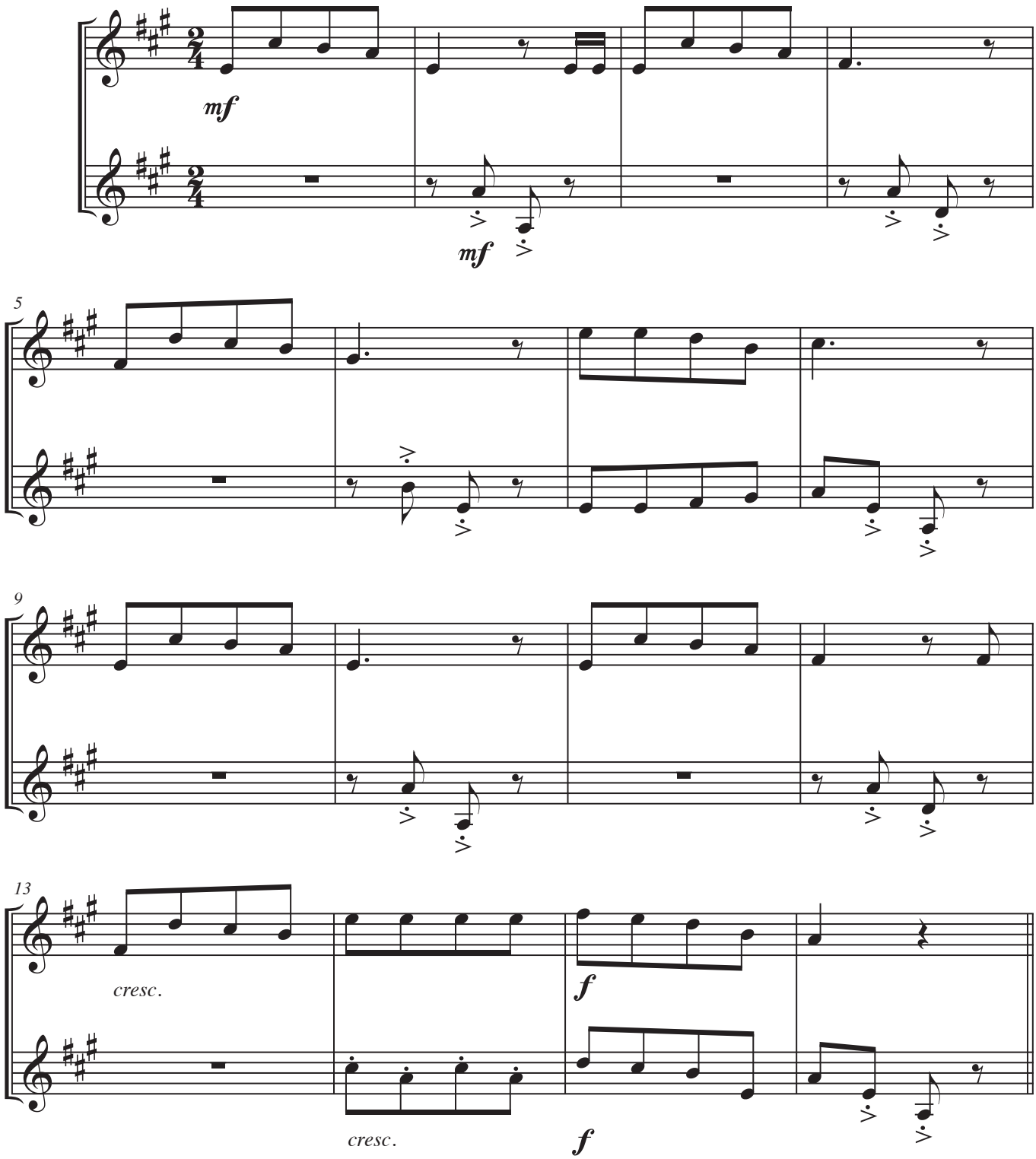
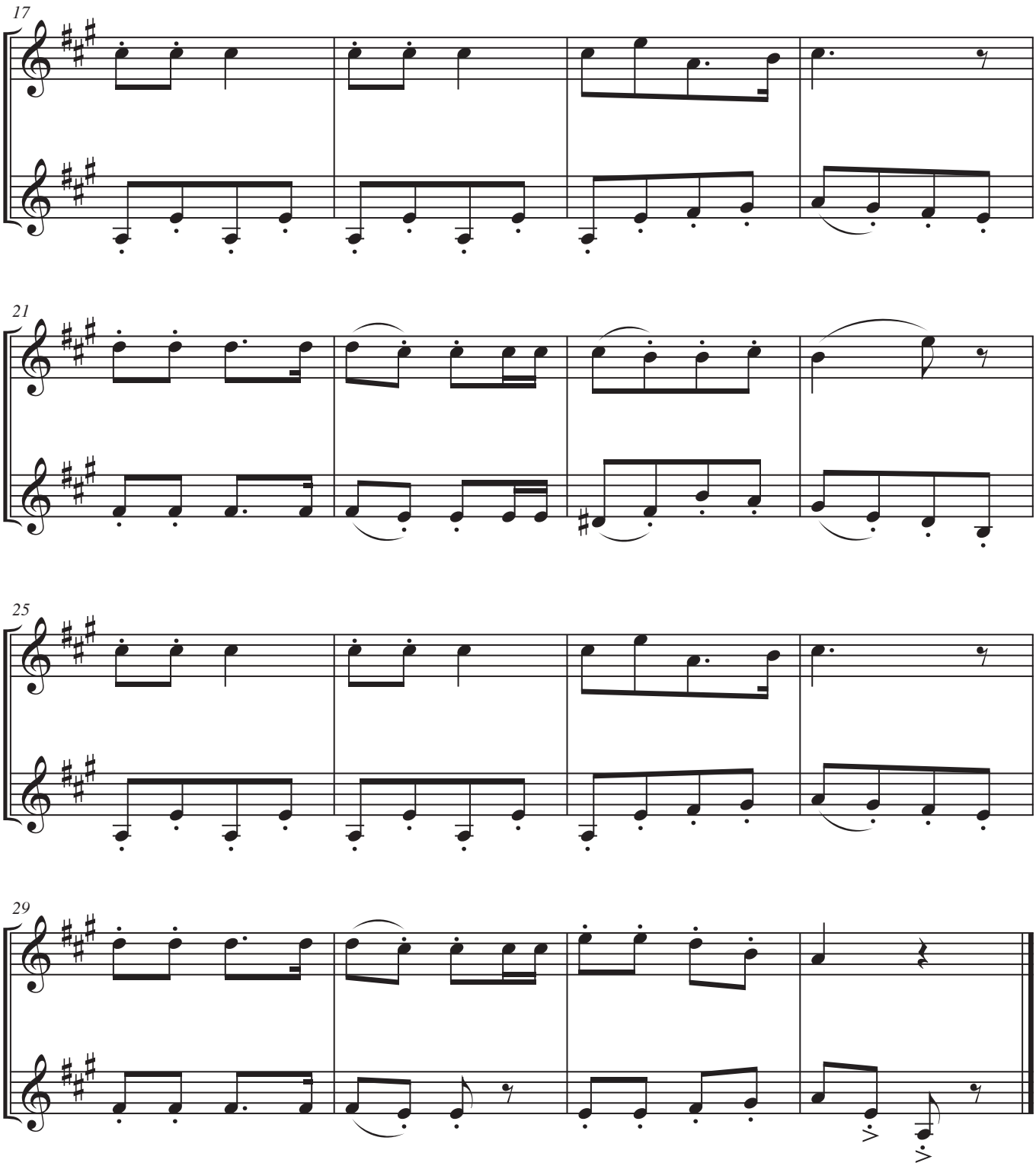
Jingle Bells

James S. Pierpont

Playfully

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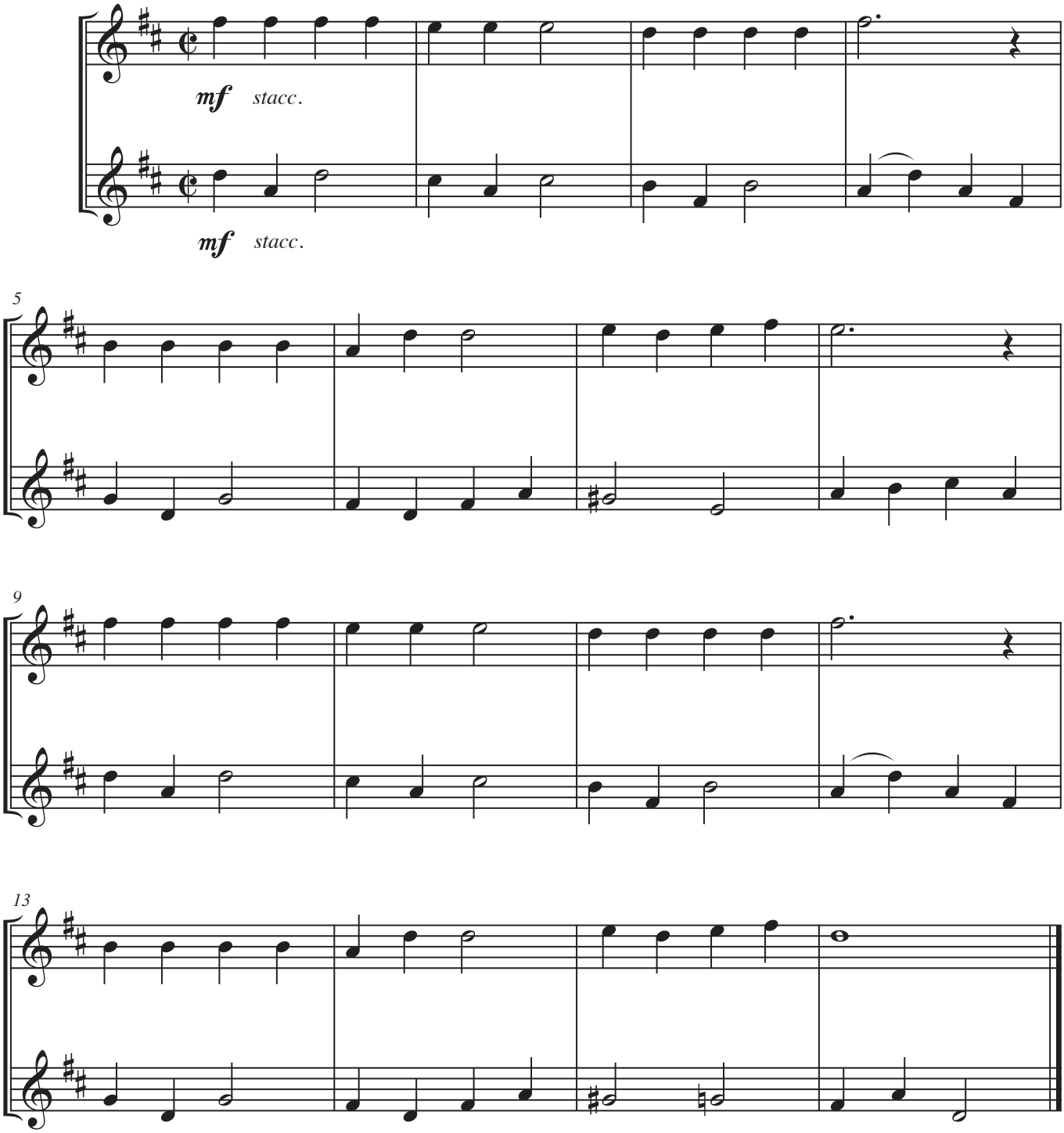
Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Traditional

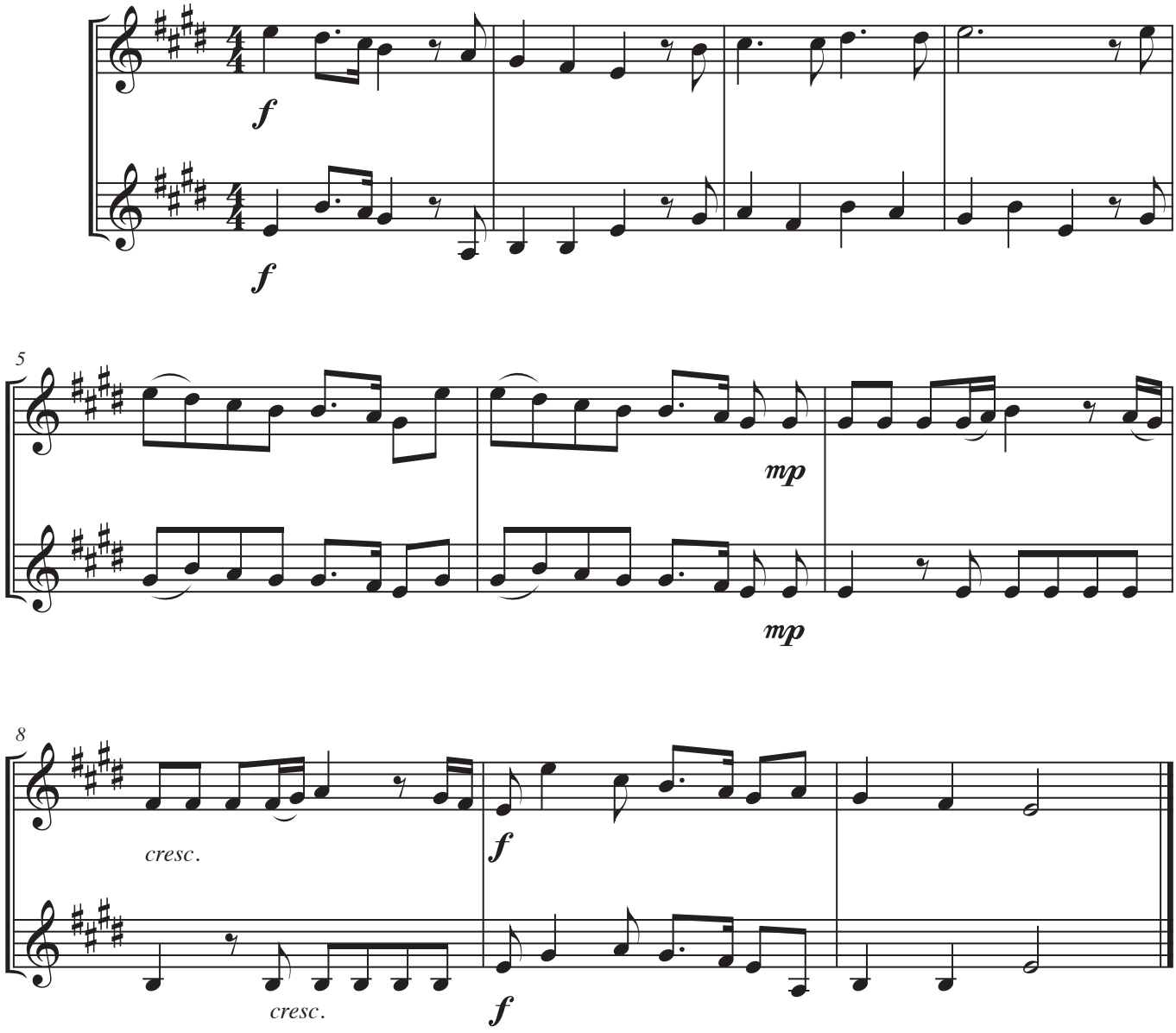
Simply



Joy to the World

G. F. Handel

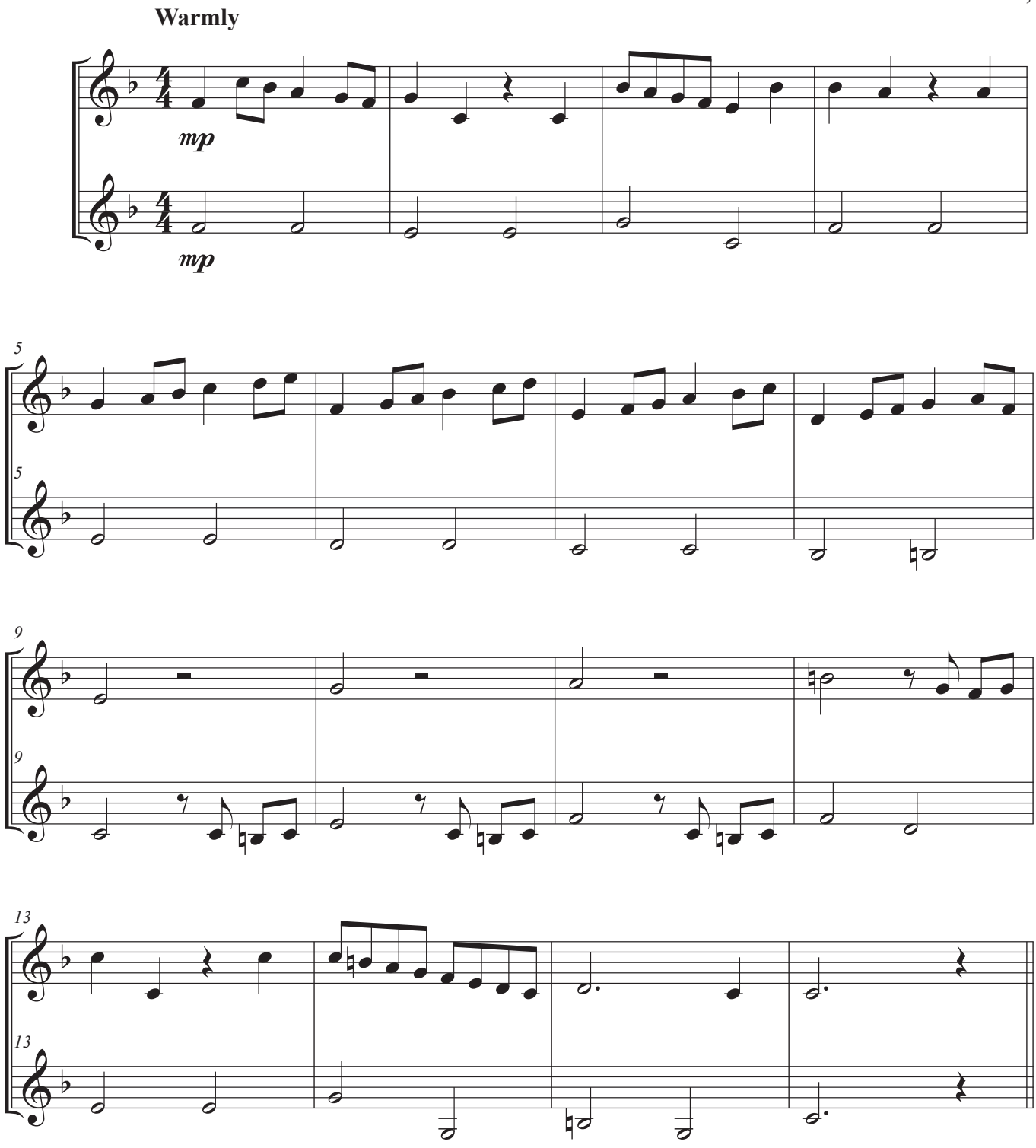
Triumphantly

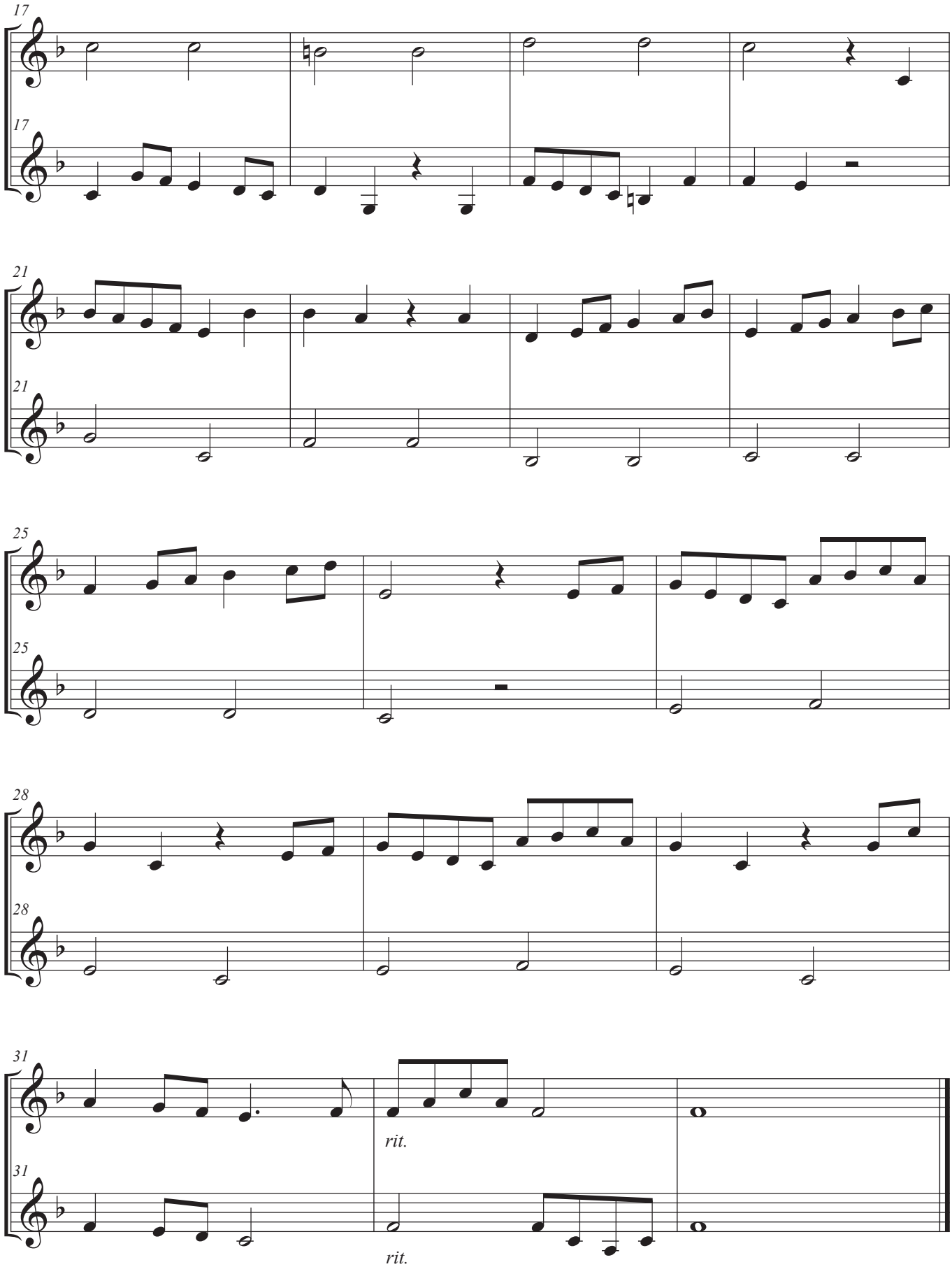


Largo

from the Winter Concerto

Antonio Vivaldi,

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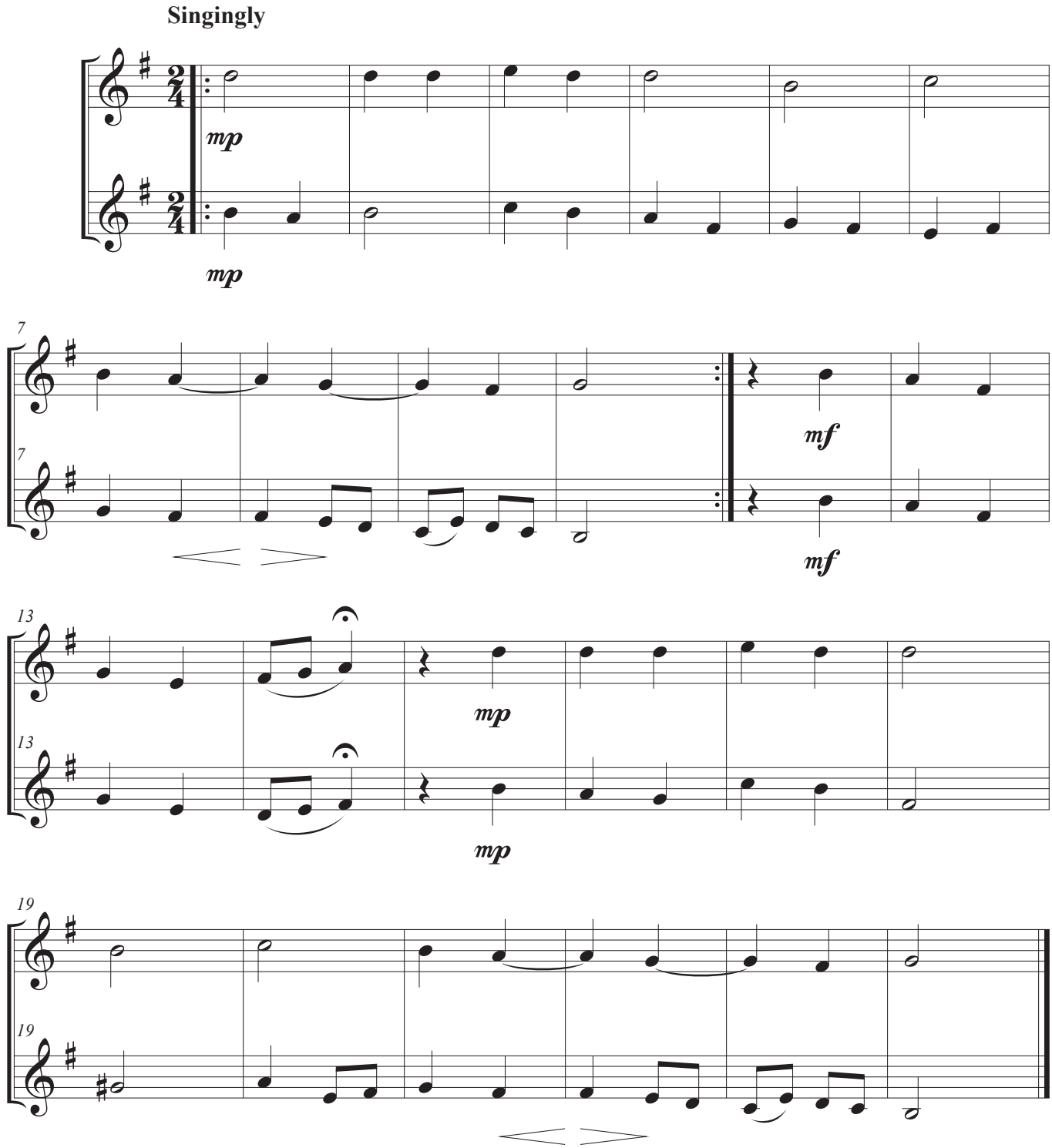
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen

Traditional German

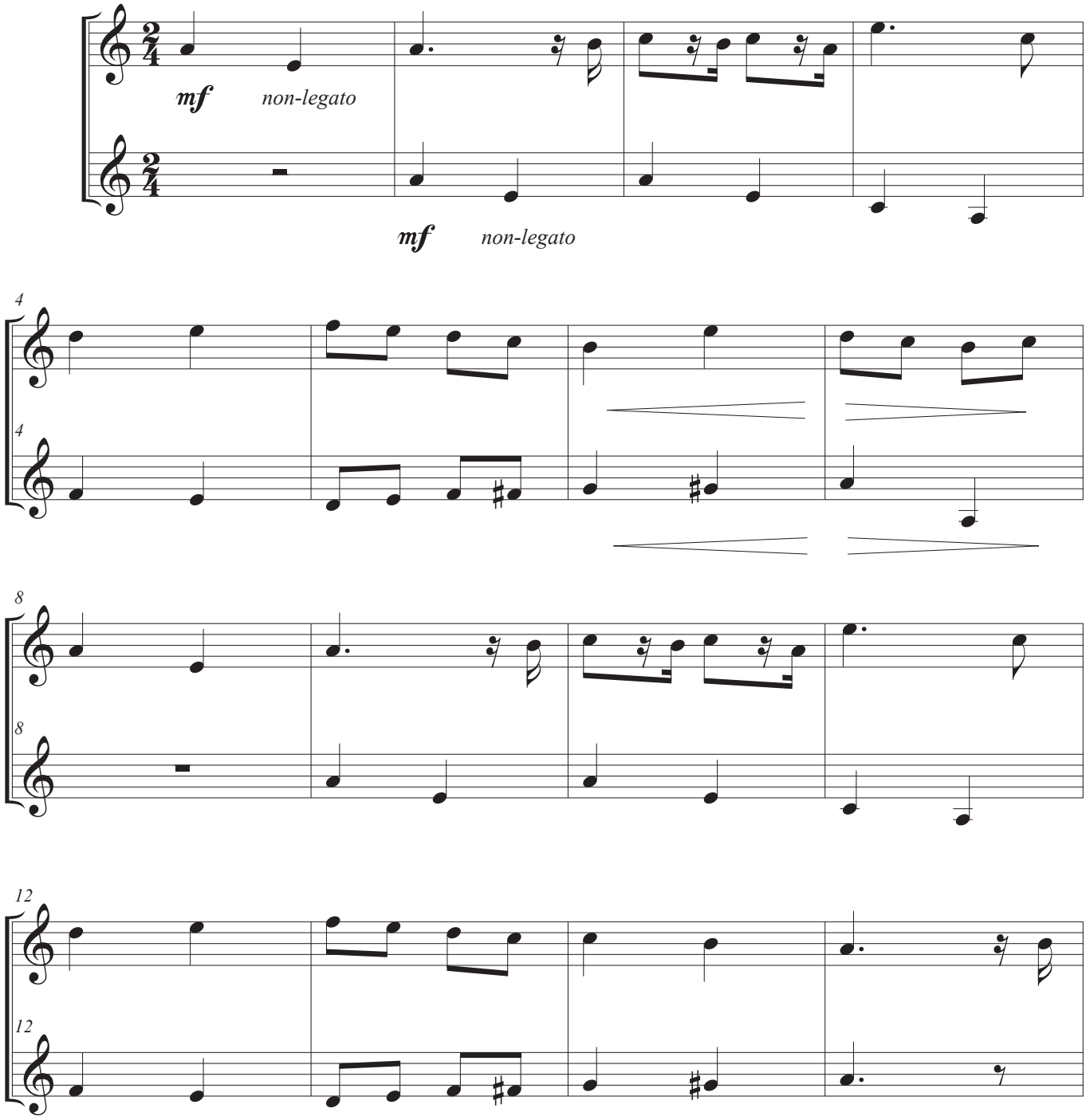


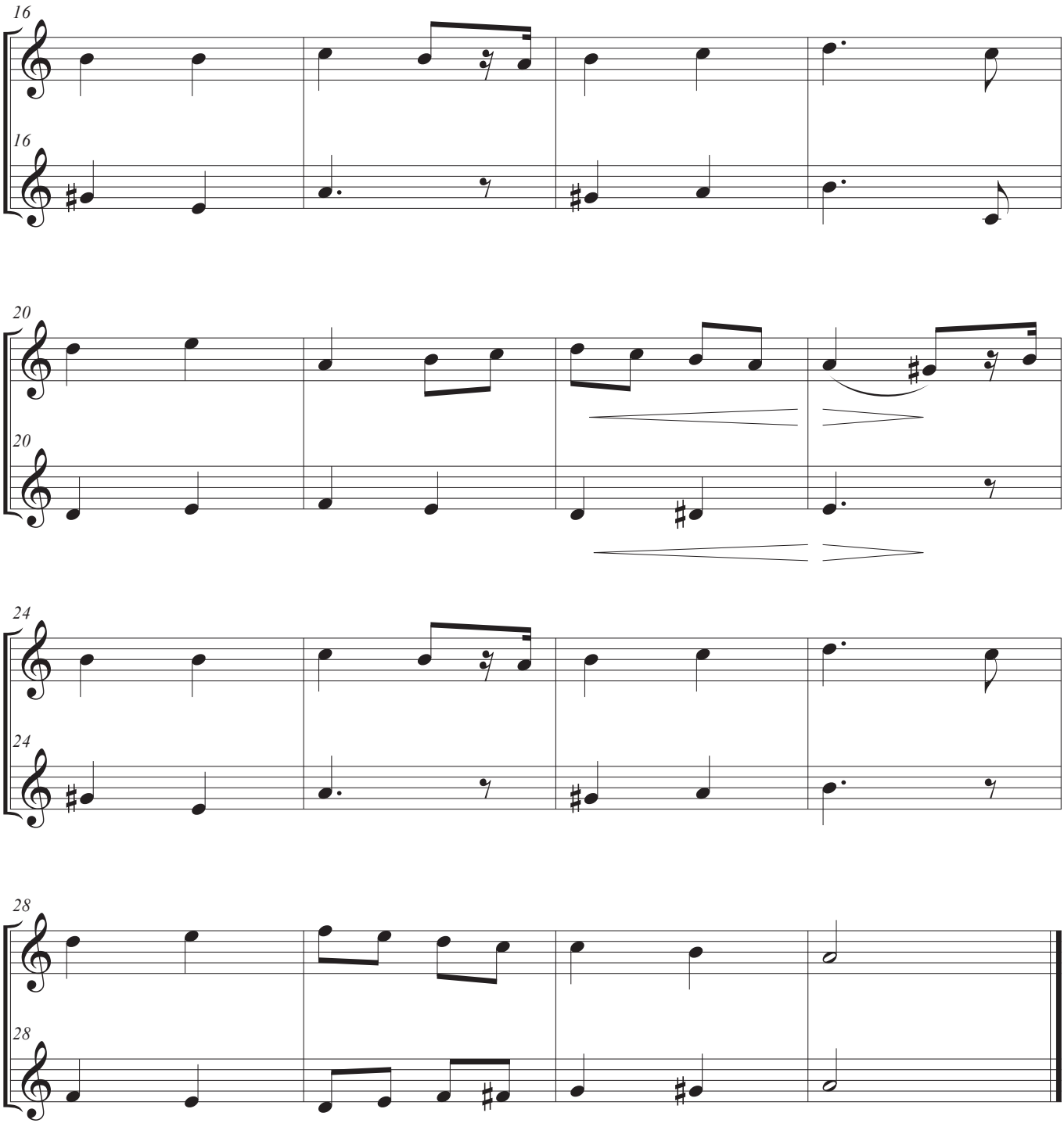
March of the Kings

La Marche Des Rois Mages

Traditional French Melody

Striding

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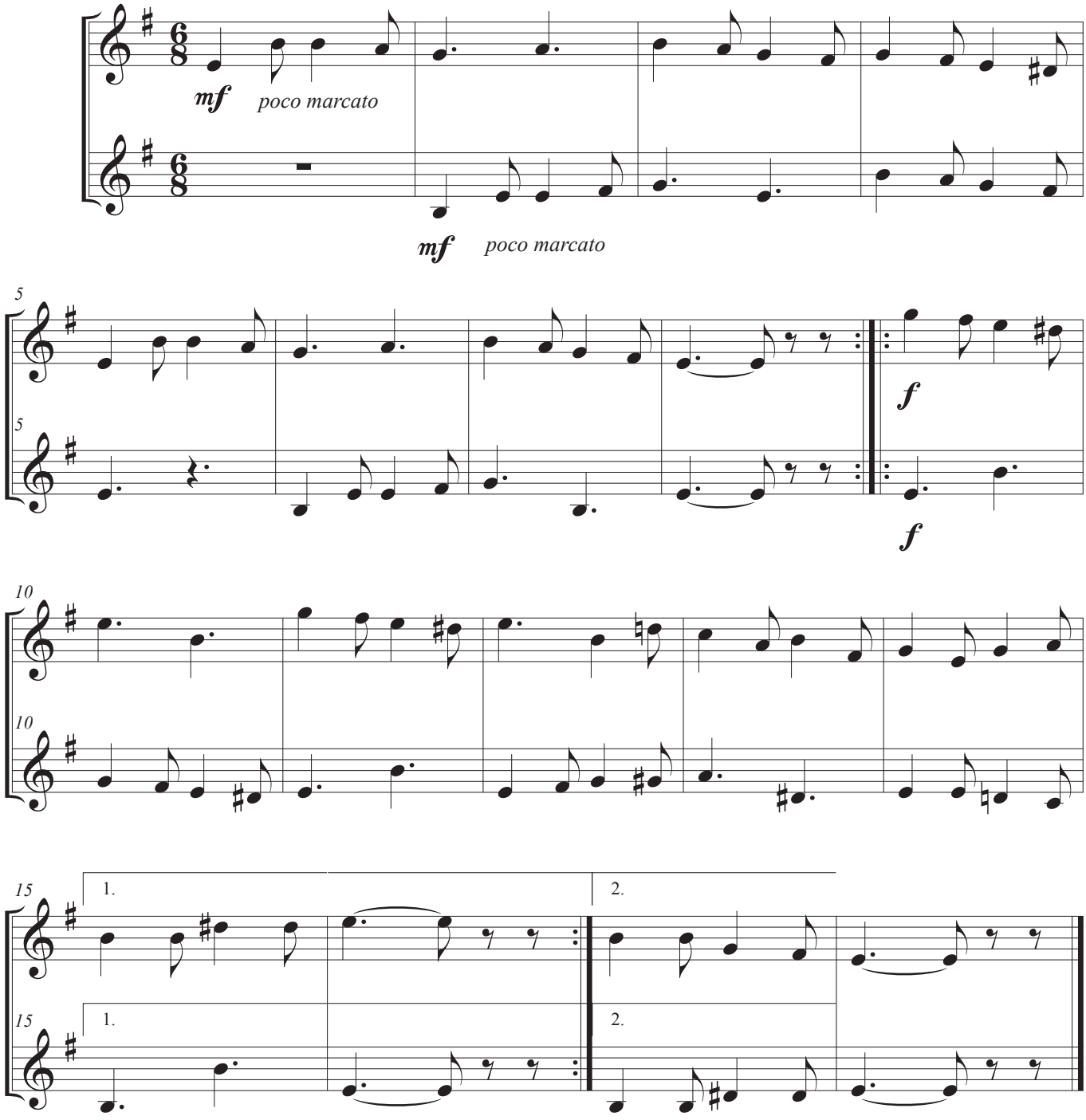
Masters in this Hall

Nowell Sing We Clear

Traditional French Tune

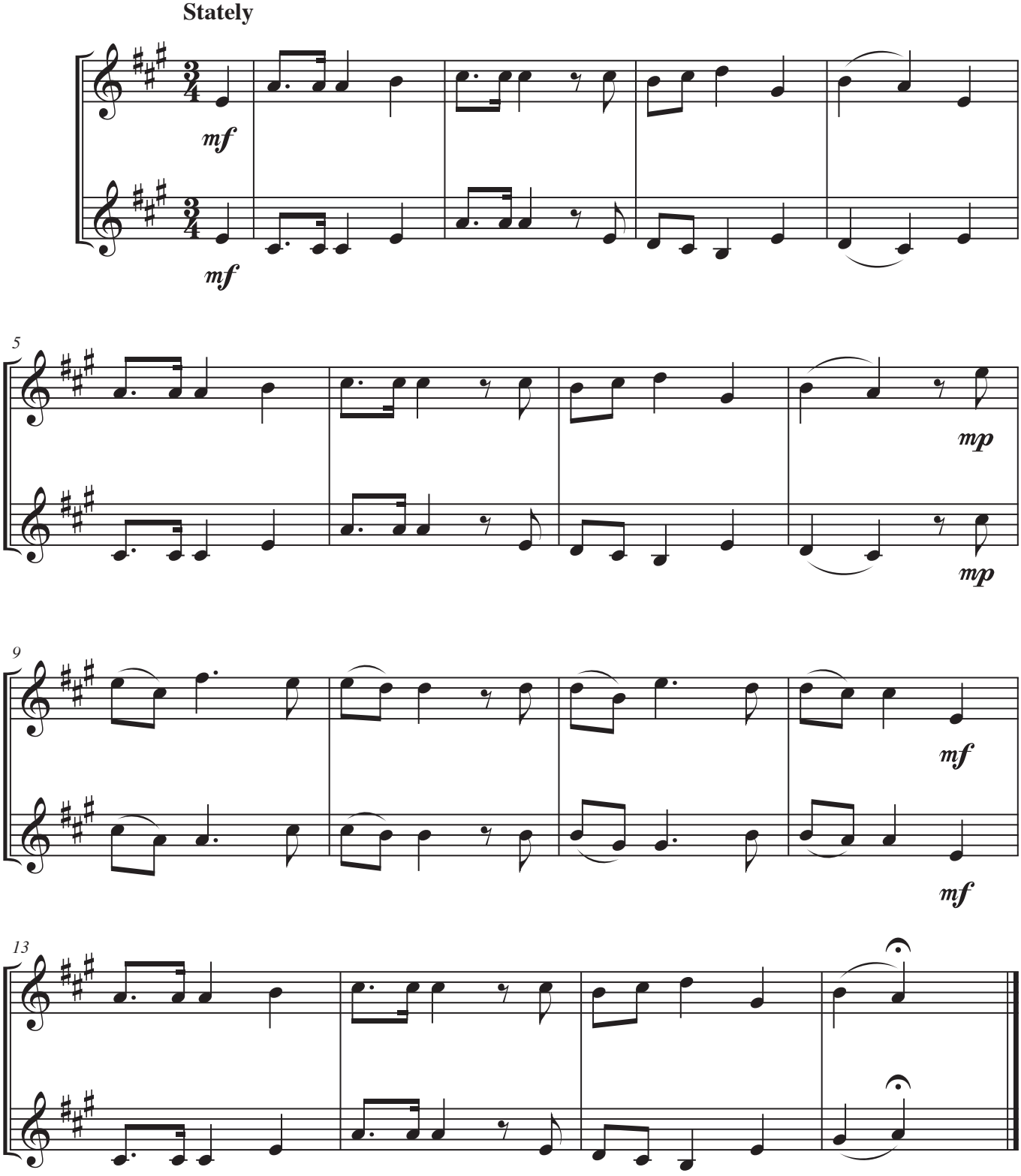
Allegro



O Christmas Tree

O Tannenbaum

Traditional German Carol

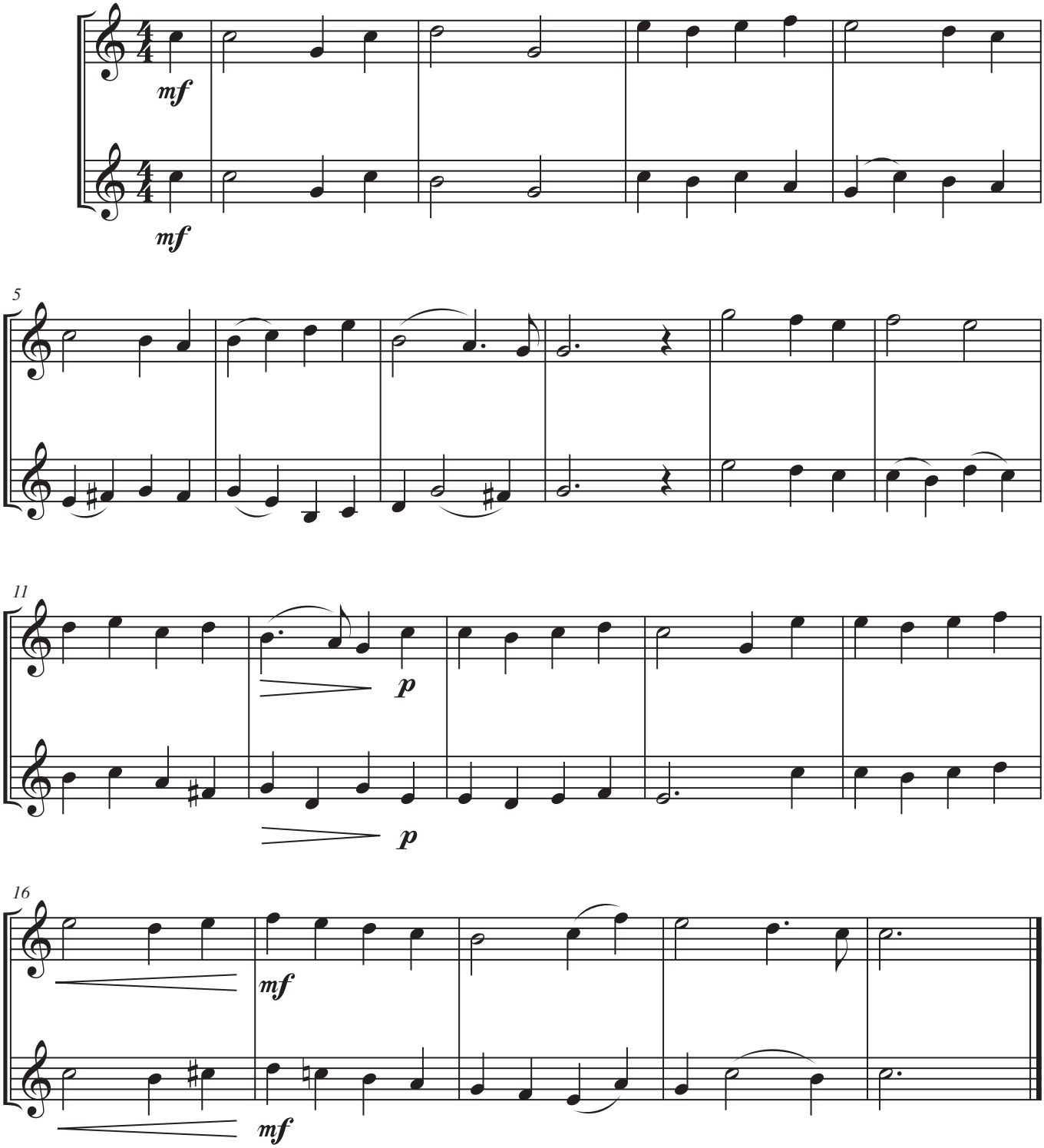


O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

Latin Hymn

Moderato

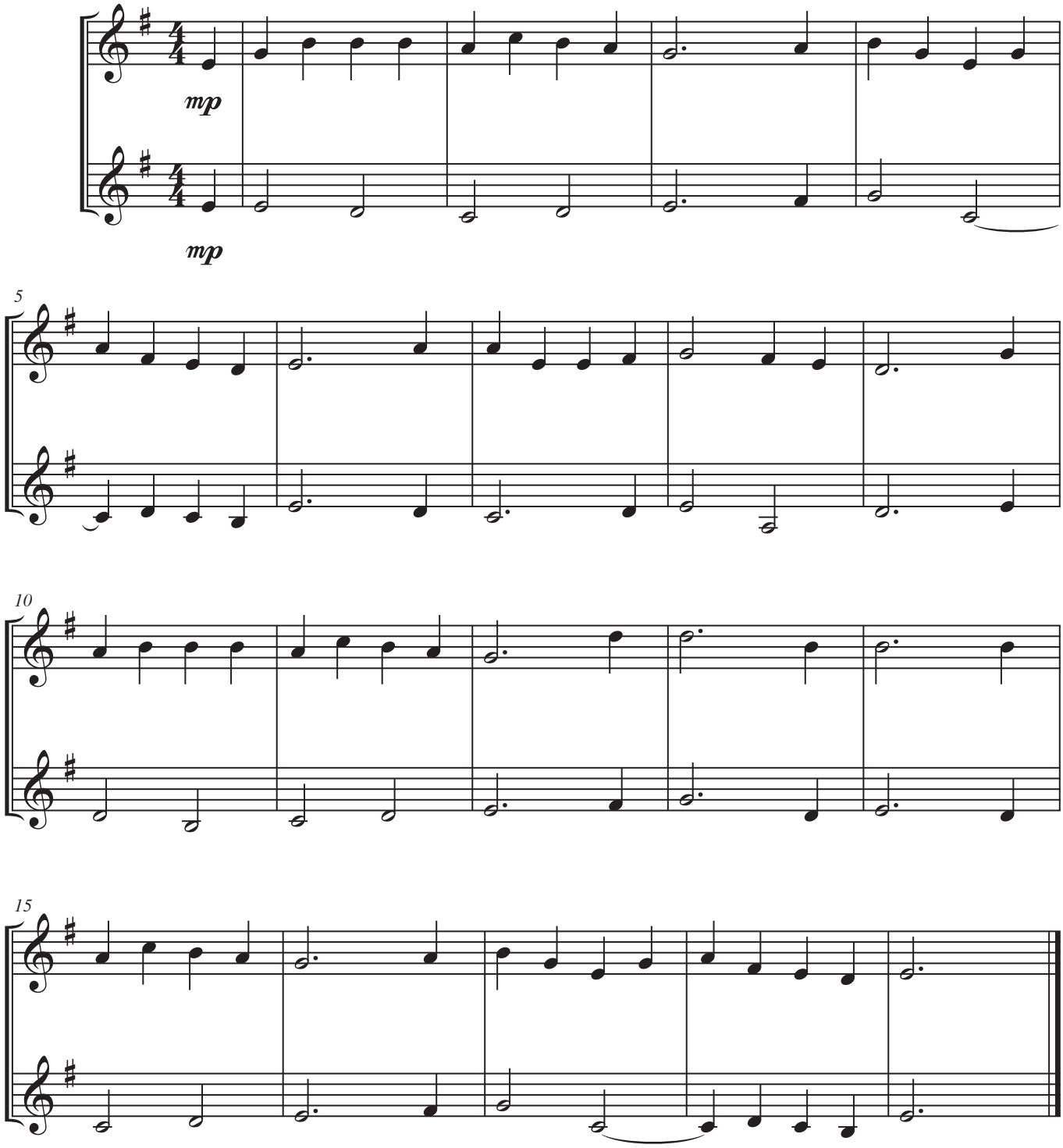


O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni, Emmanuel

Ancient Plainchant

Pensively

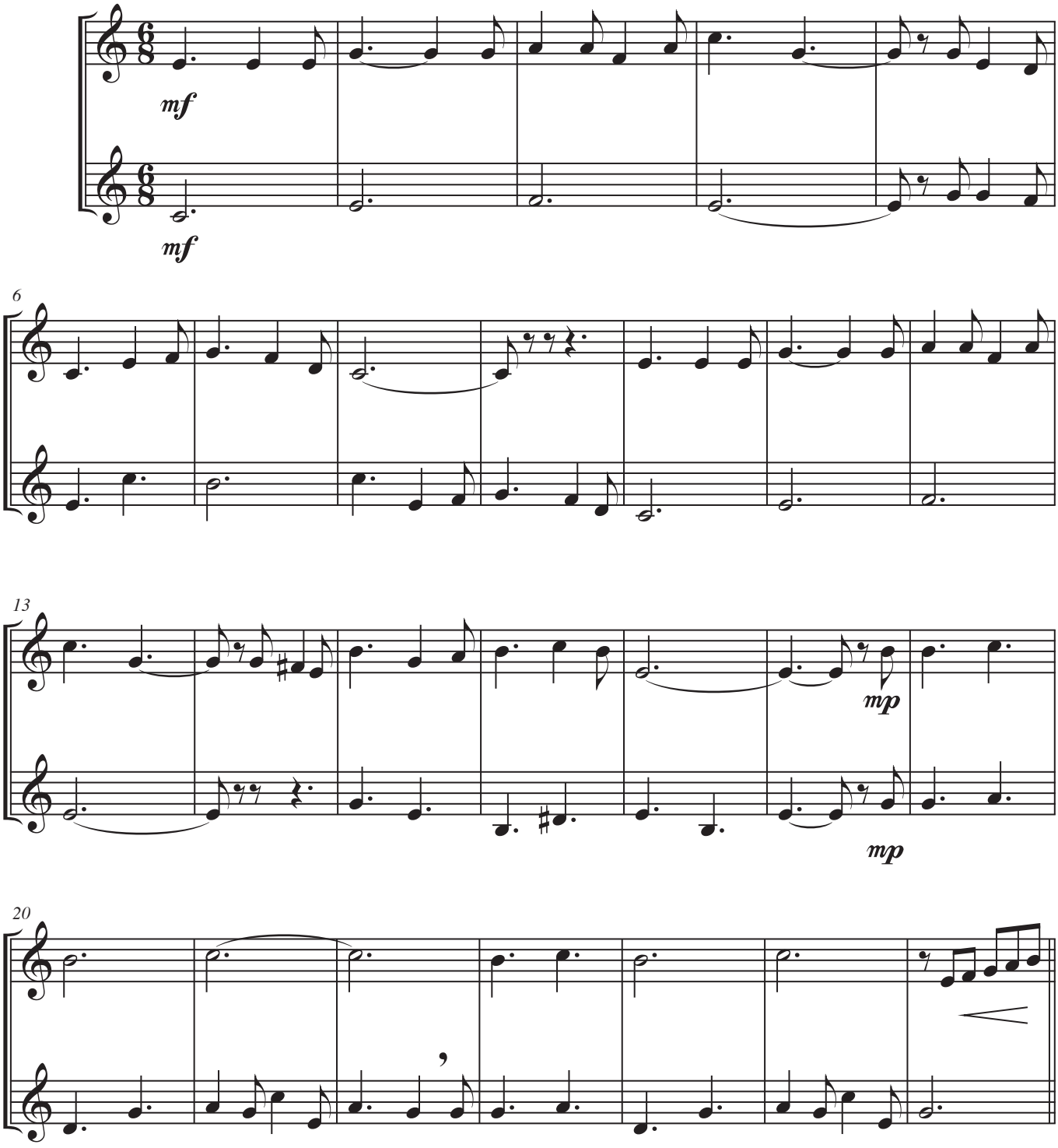


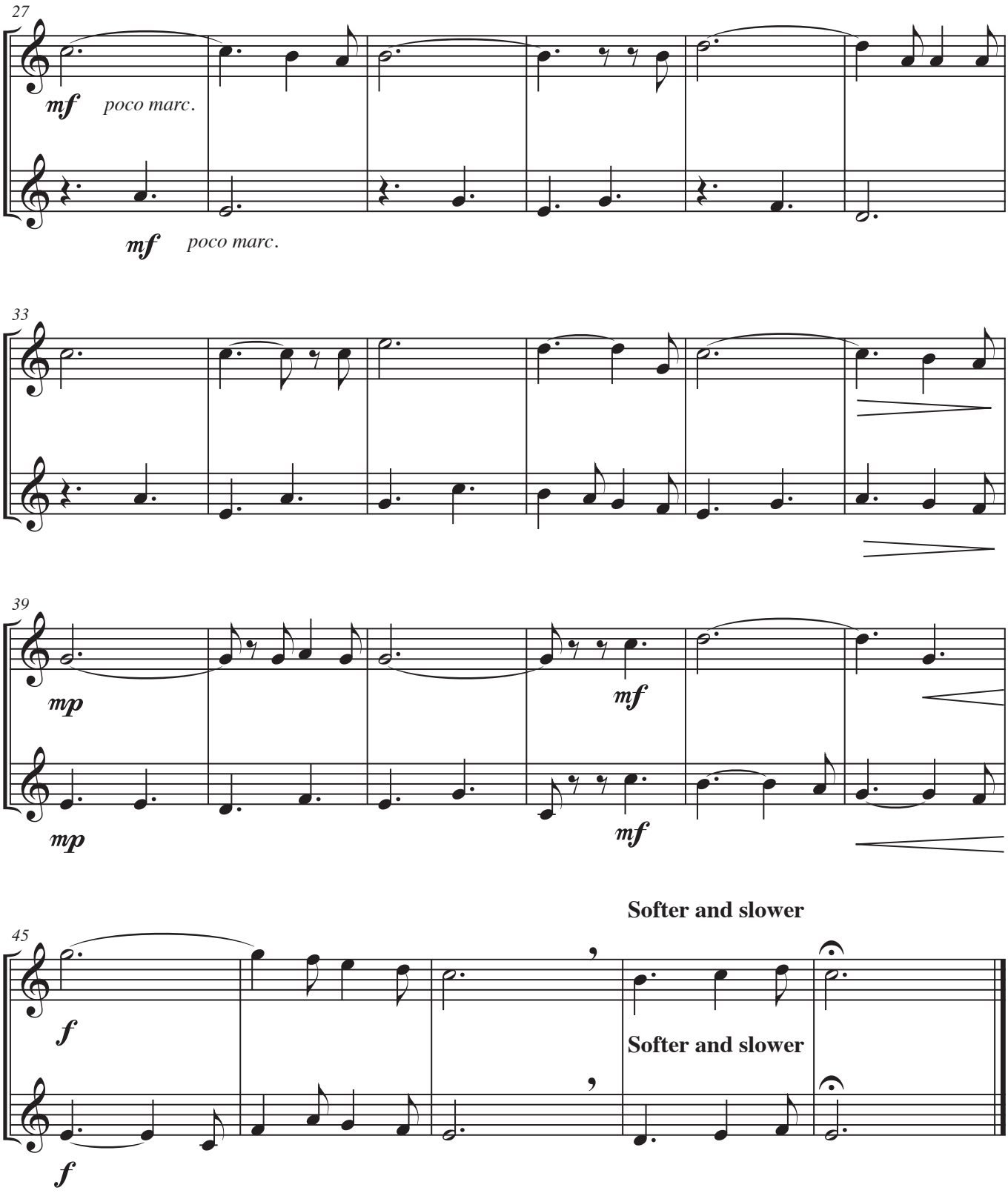
O Holy Night

Cantique De Noël

Adolphe Adam

Flowing

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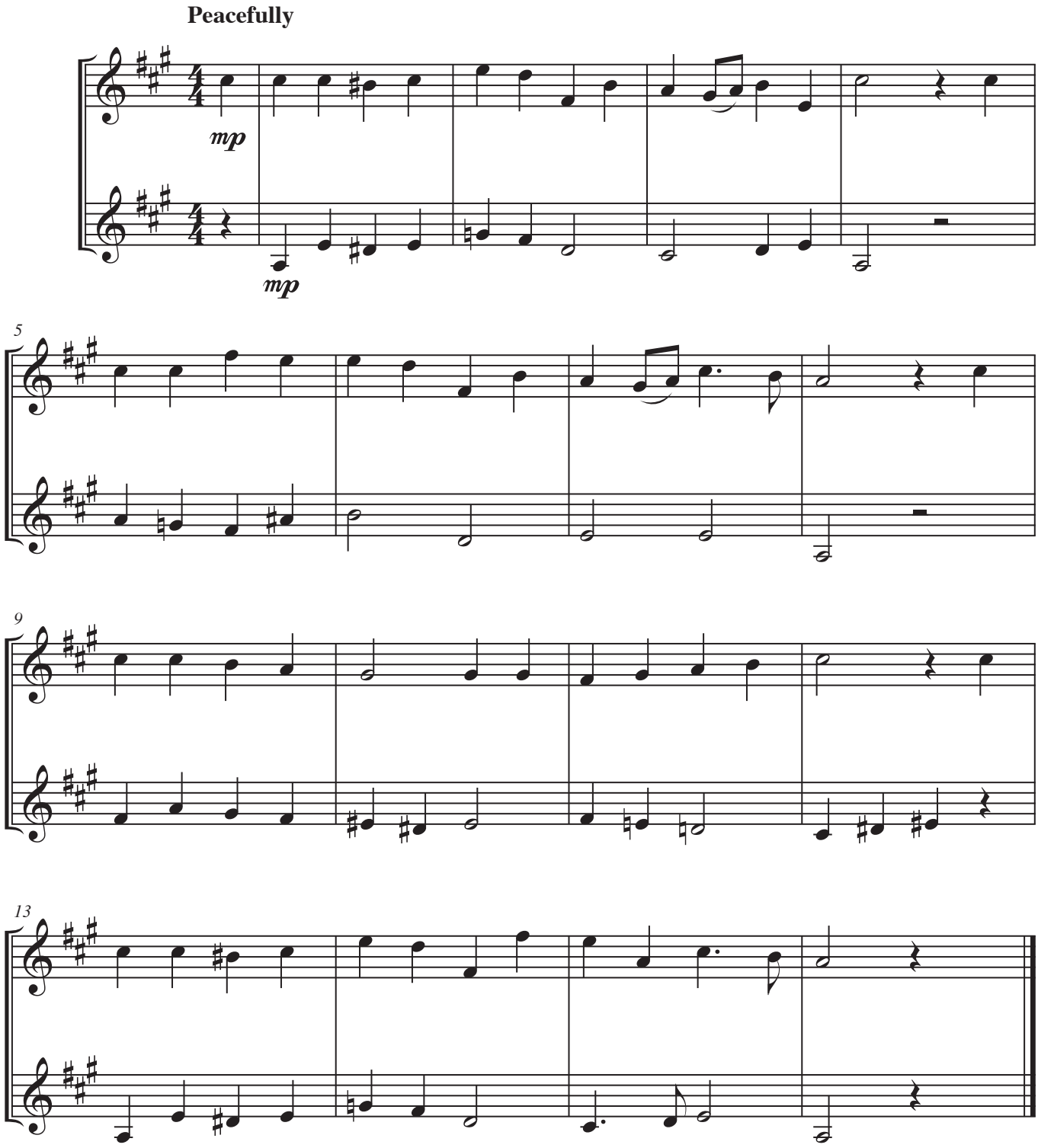
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lewis H. Redner

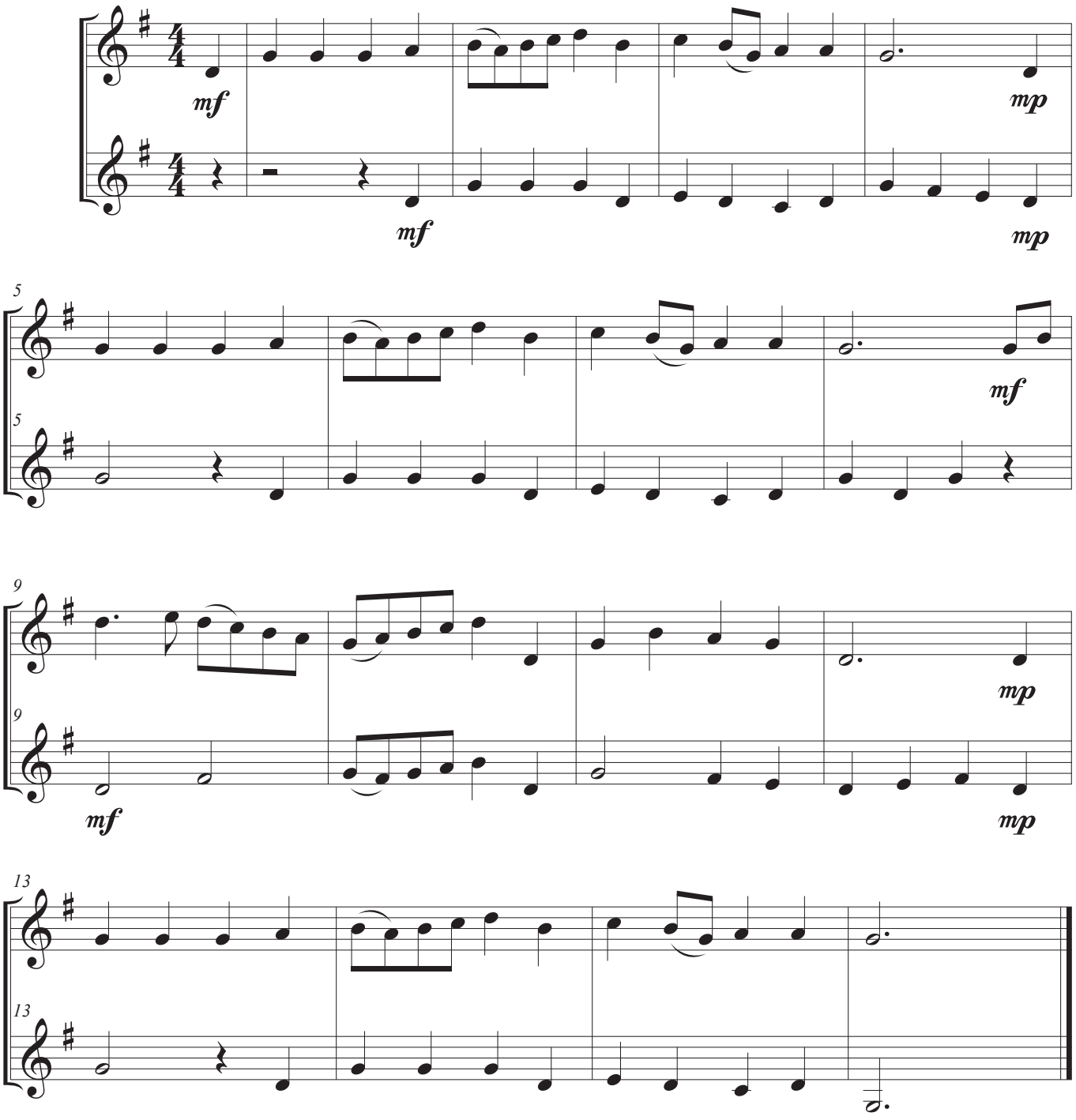


O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Forest Green)

English Folk Song

Allegro moderato

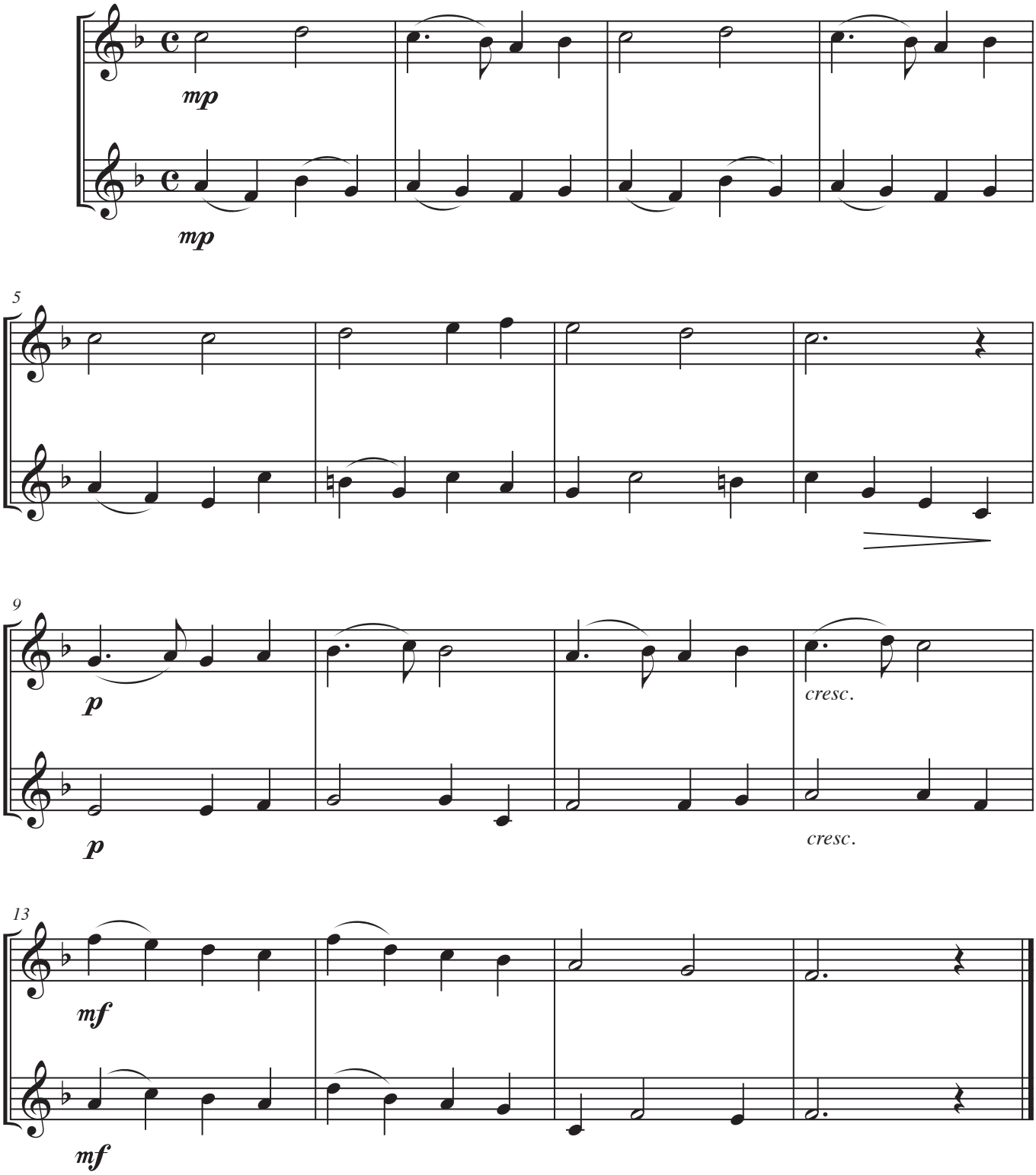


O Sanctissima

O Thou Joyful Day

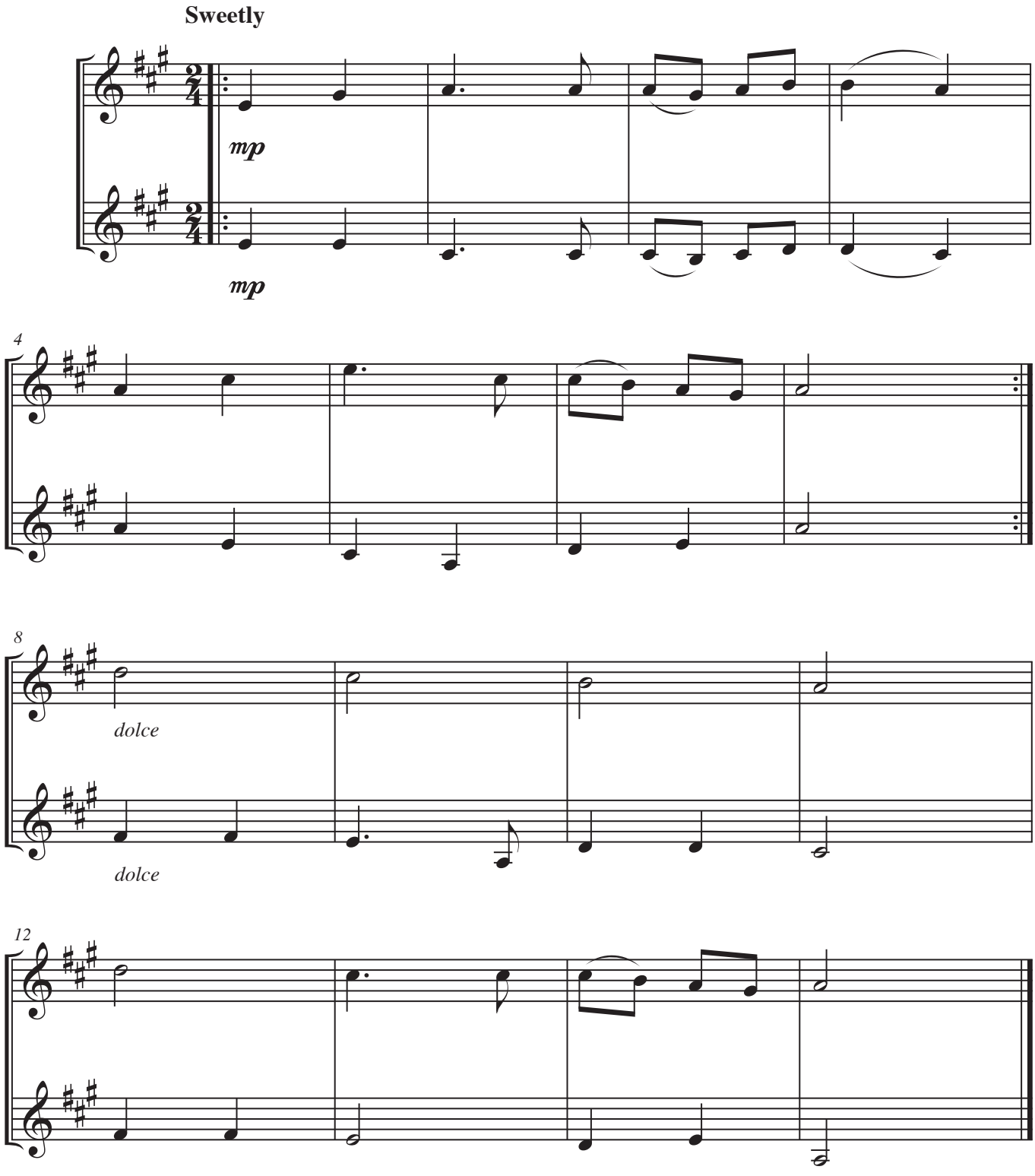
Sicilian melody

Moderato



Once in Royal David's City

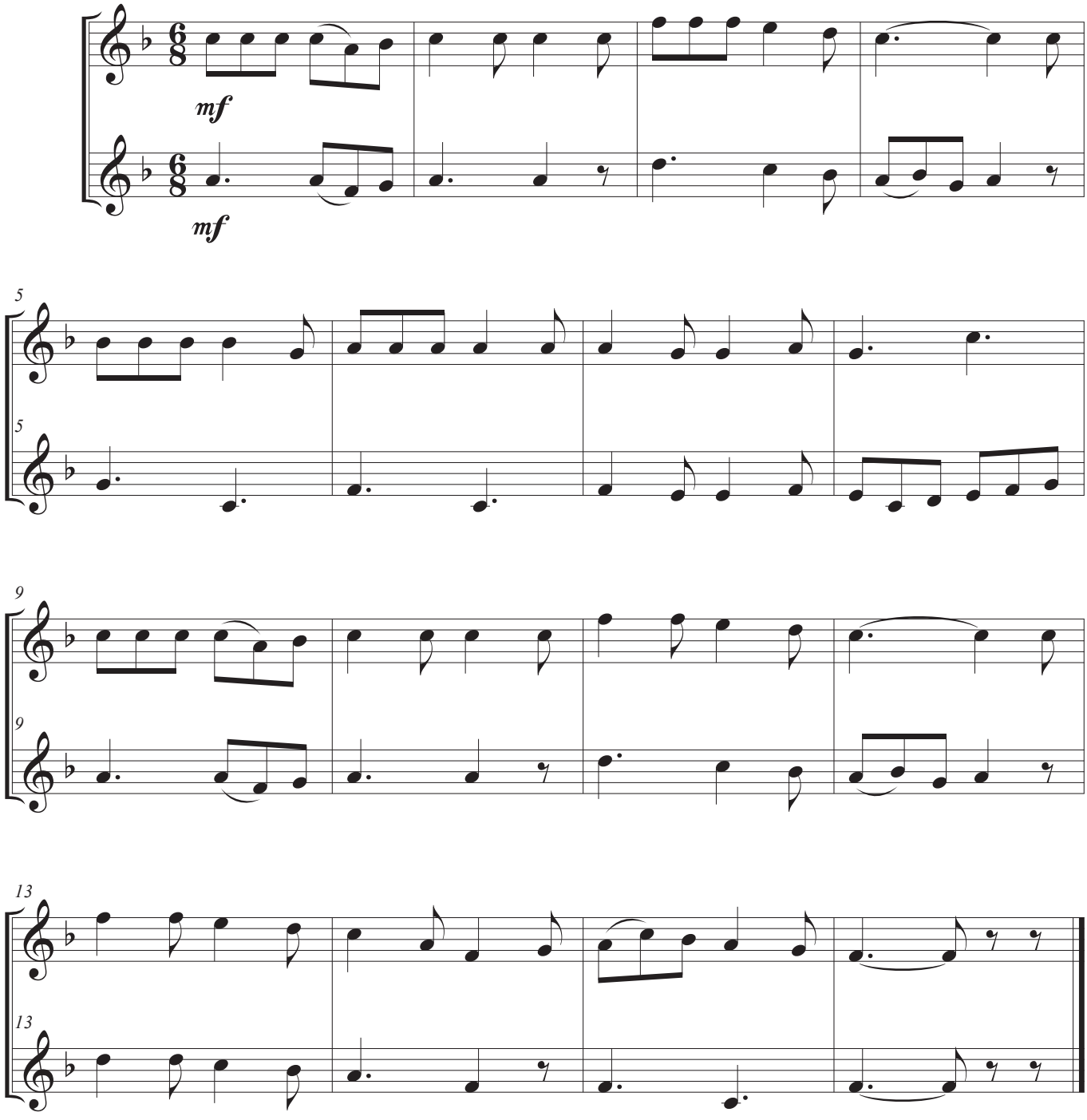
Henry J. Gauntlett



Over the River and Through the Woods

American Folk Song

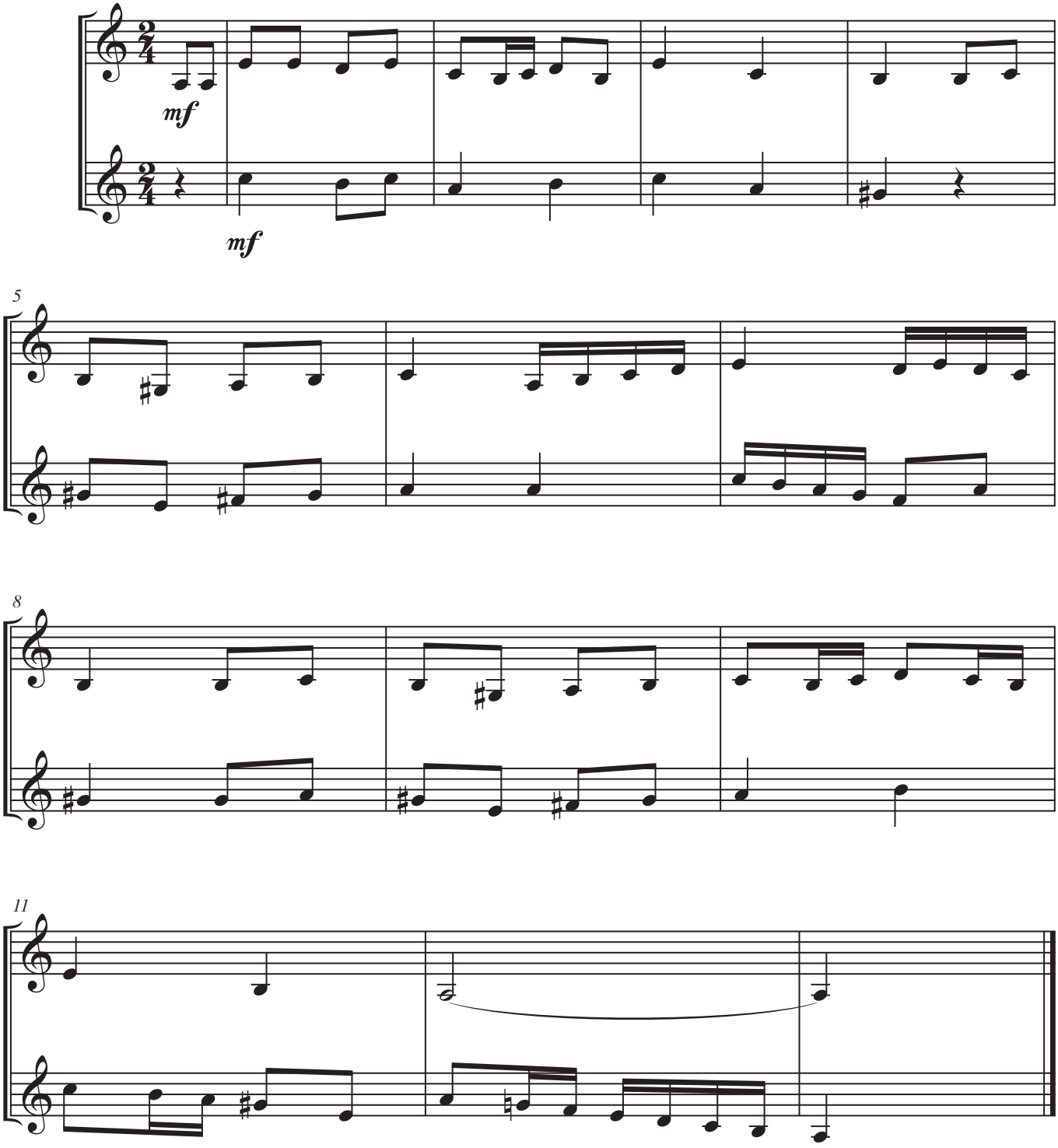
Dashing along



Pat-a-Pan

Traditional French Song

Allegro

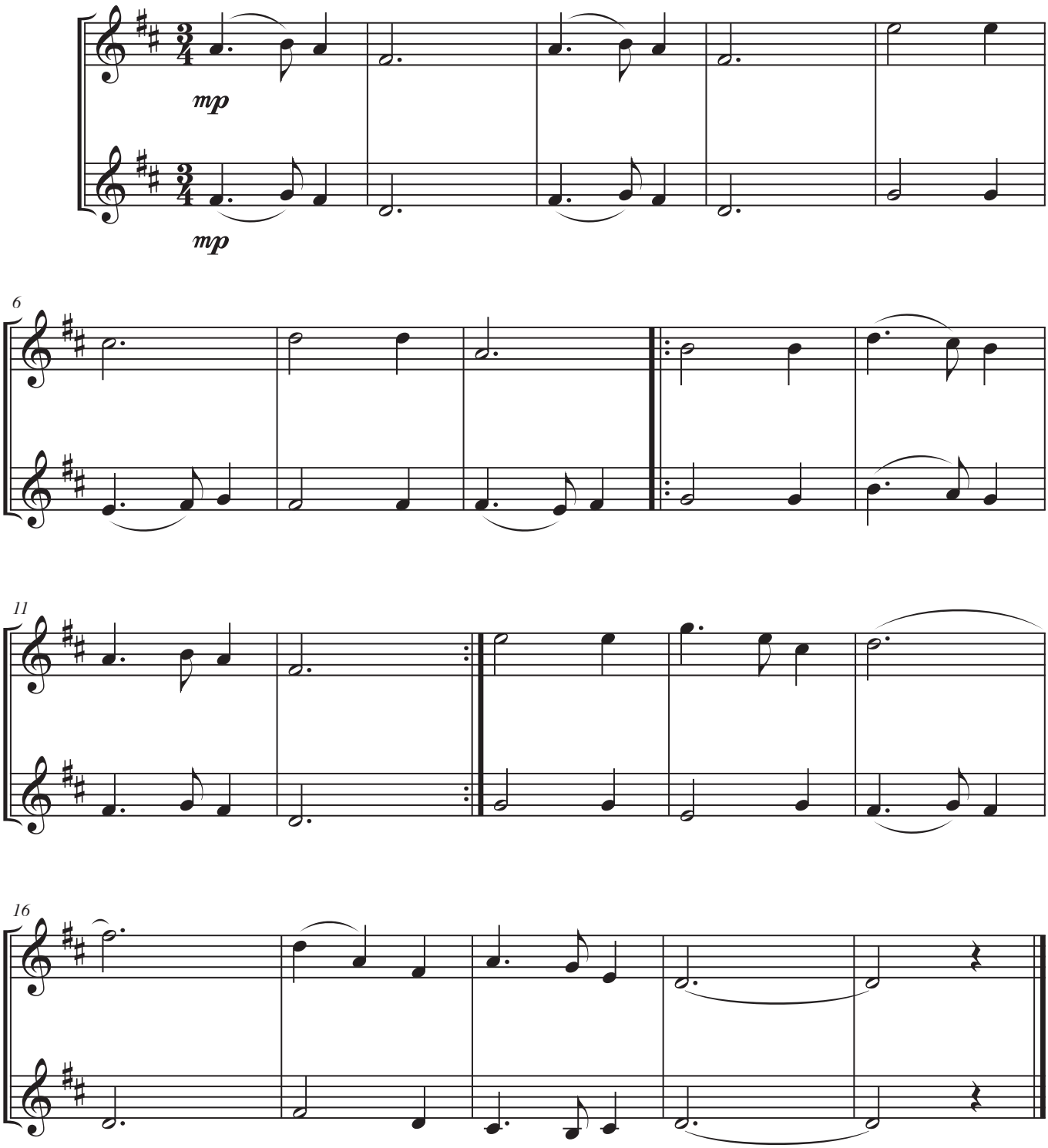


Silent Night

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!

Franz Gruber

Calmly

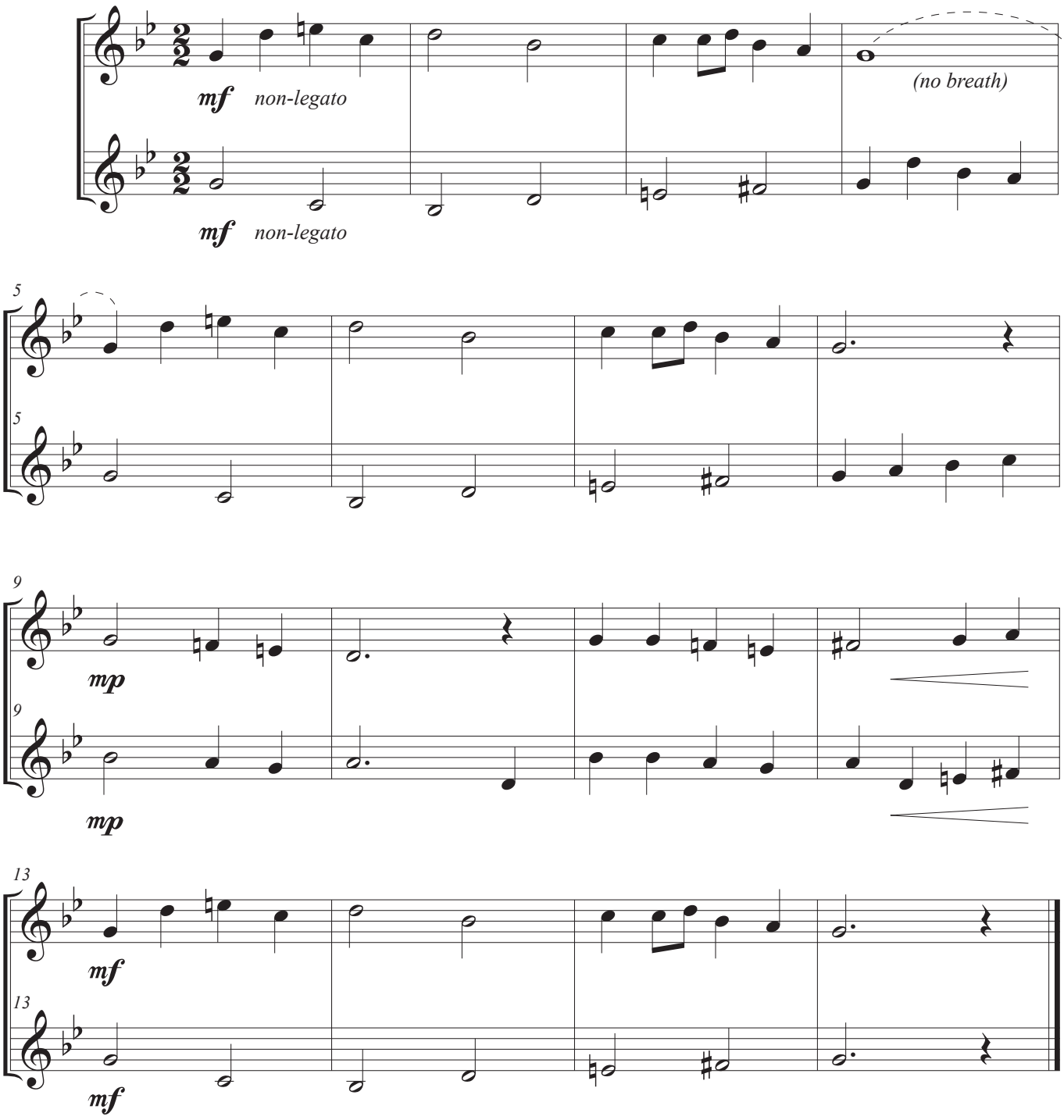


Sing We Now of Christmas

Noël nouvelet

Old French melody

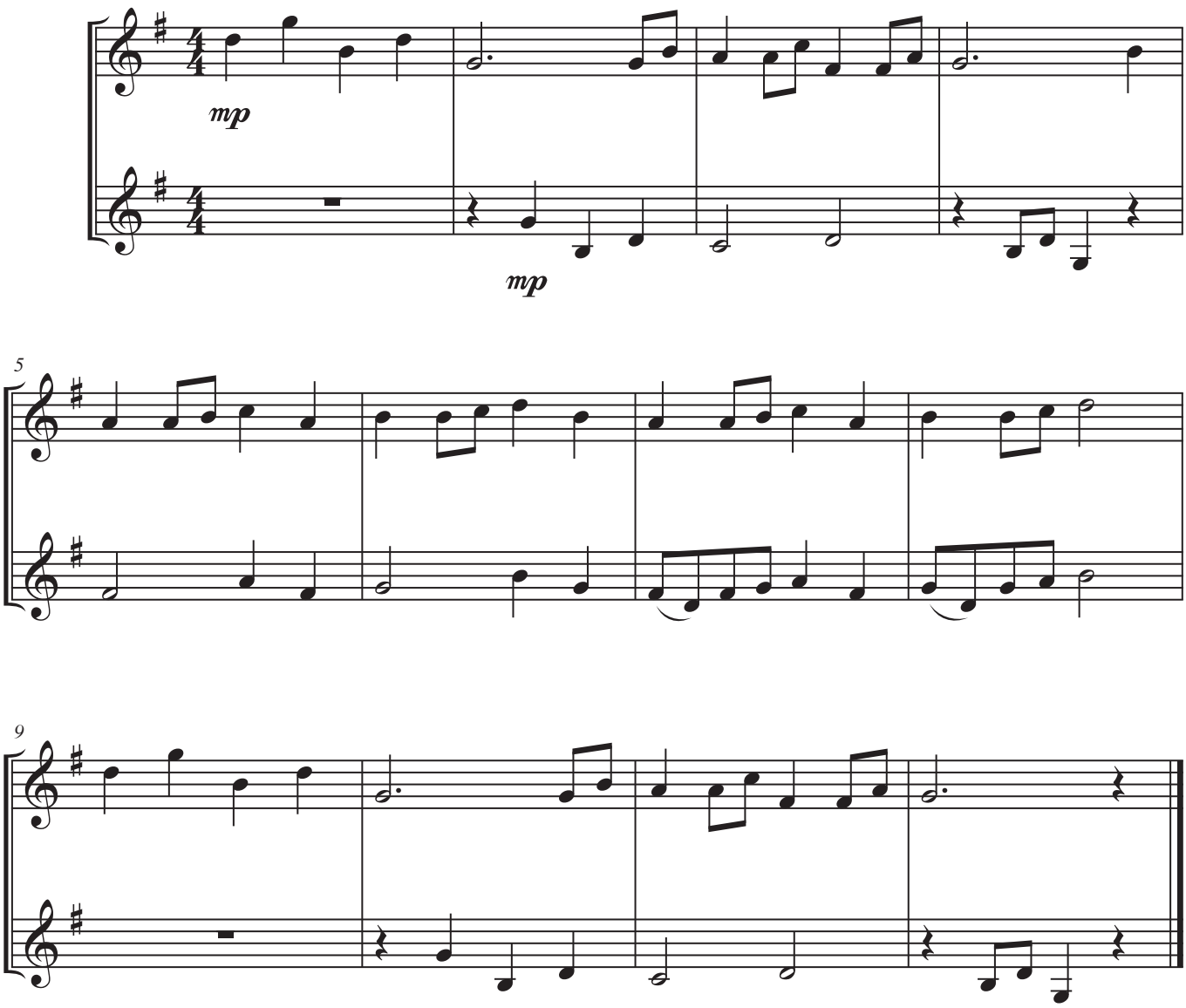
Allegro moderato



Still, Still, Still

Traditional German Melody

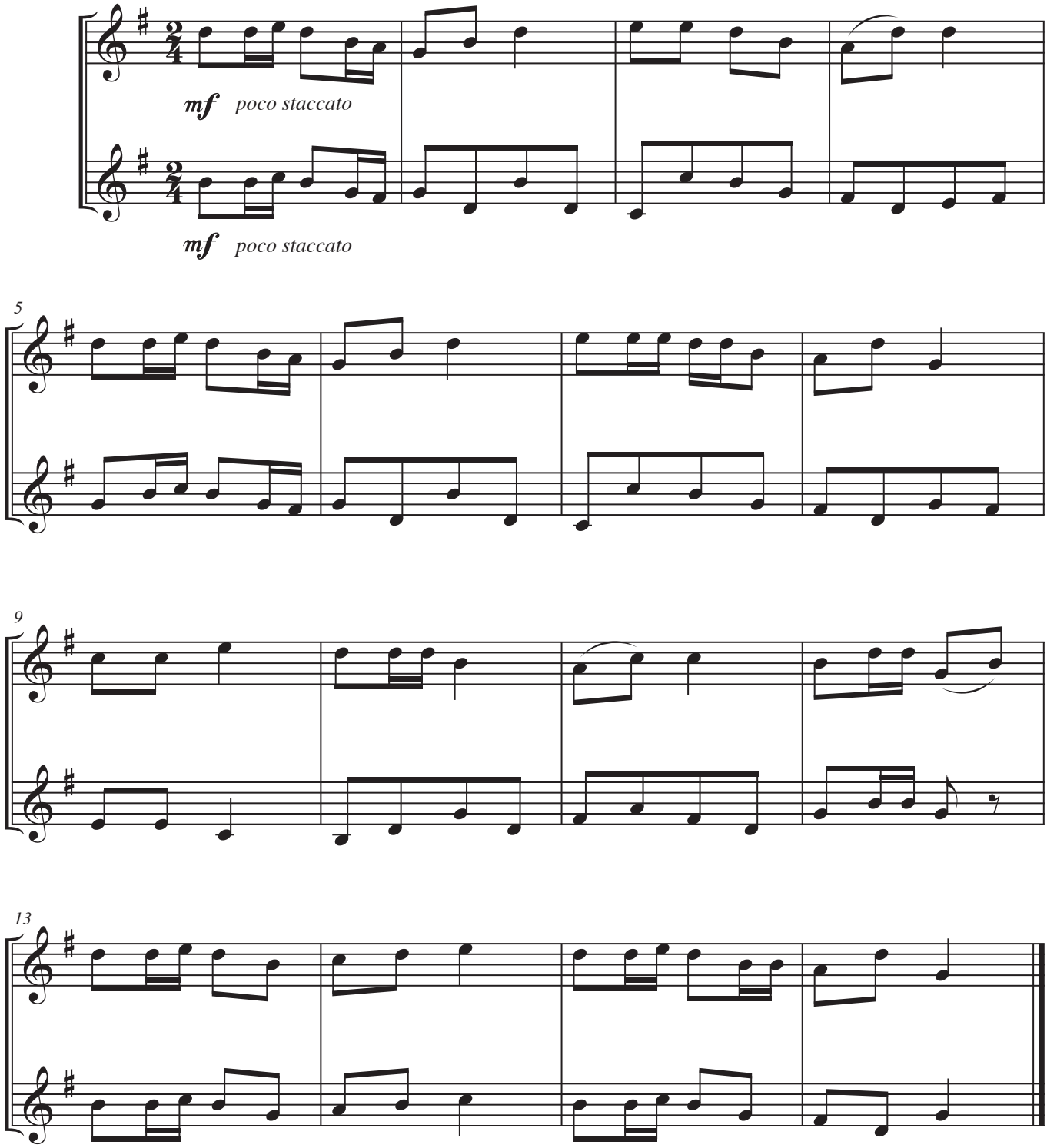
Slowly



Up on the Housetop

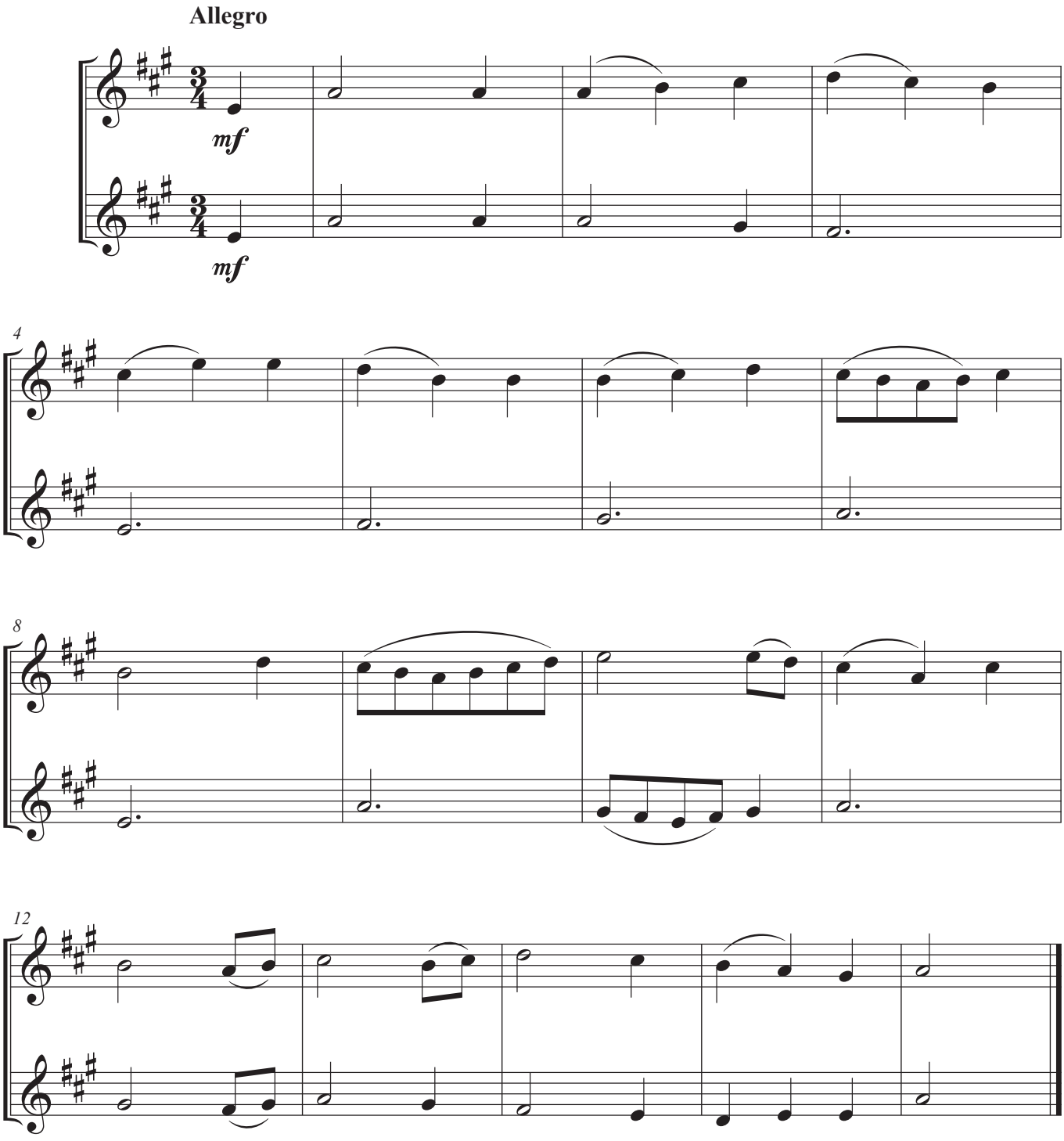
Benjamin Russell Hanby

Allegro non troppo



Wassail, Wassail All Over the Town

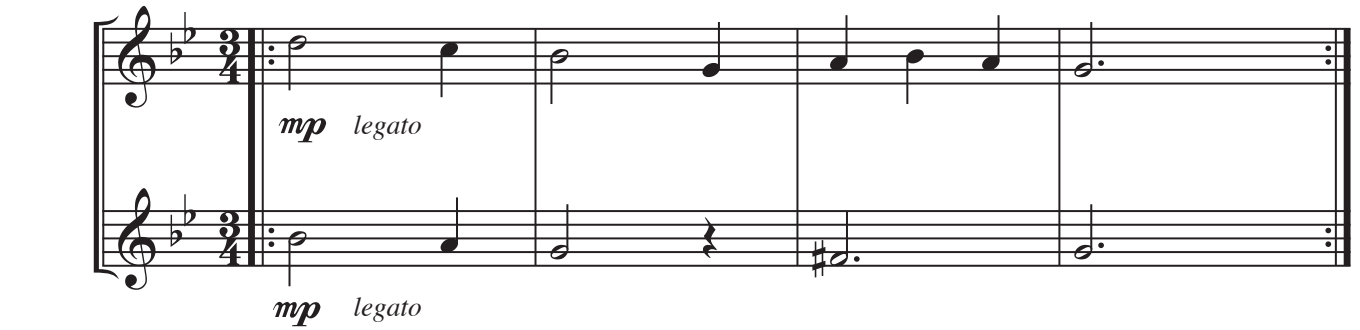
Traditional English

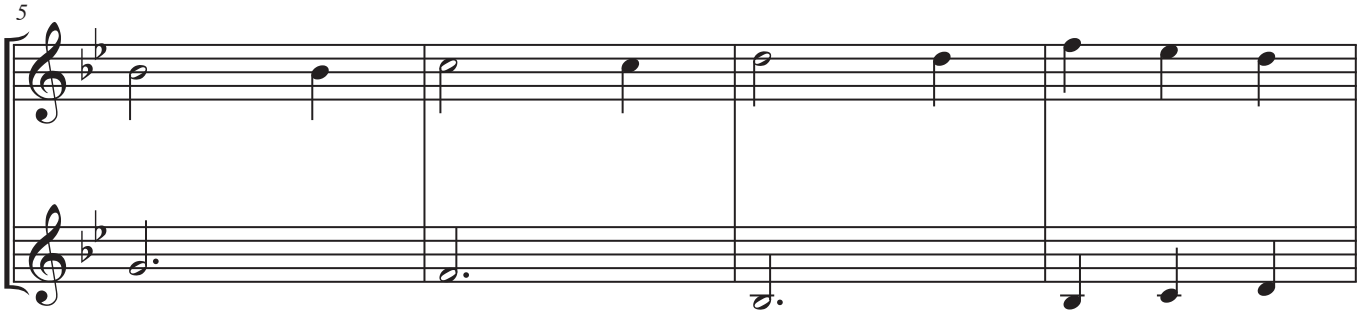


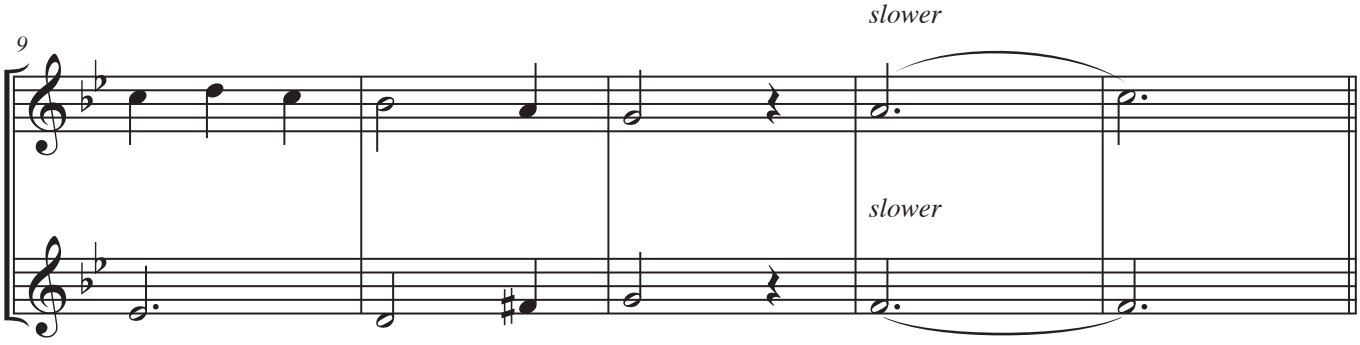
We Three Kings

John H. Hopkins

Moderato







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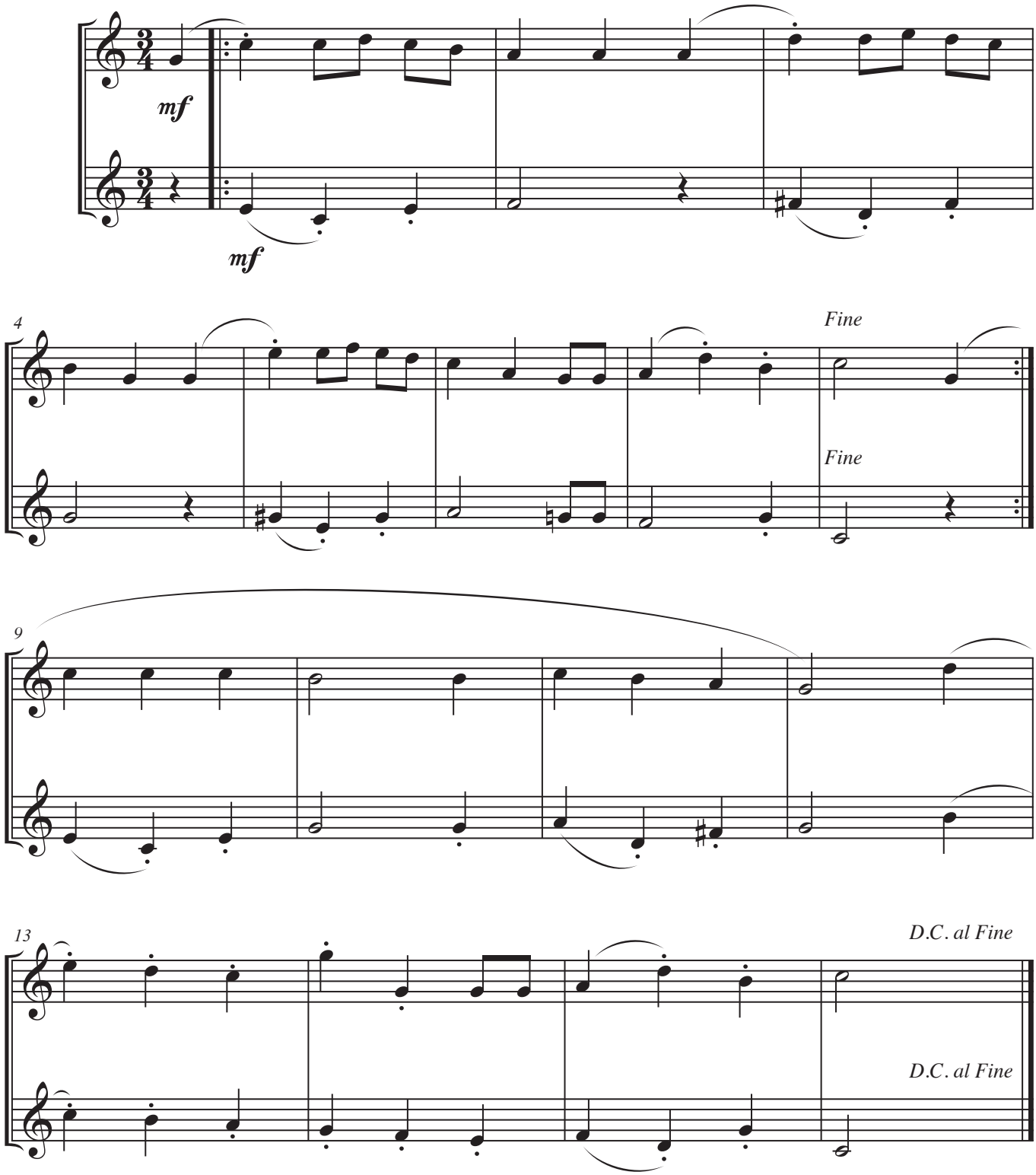
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Traditional English Carol

Cheerfully

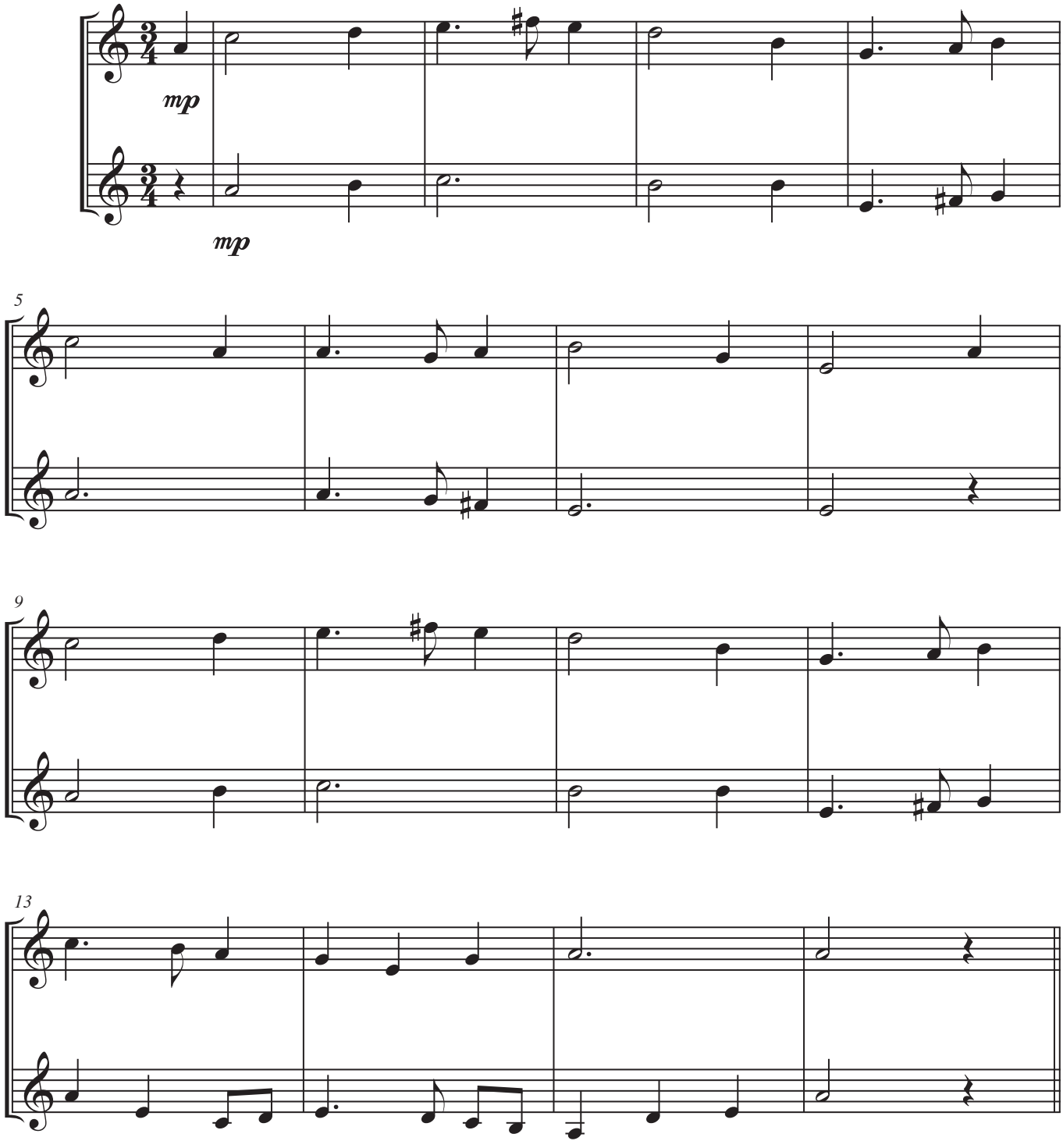


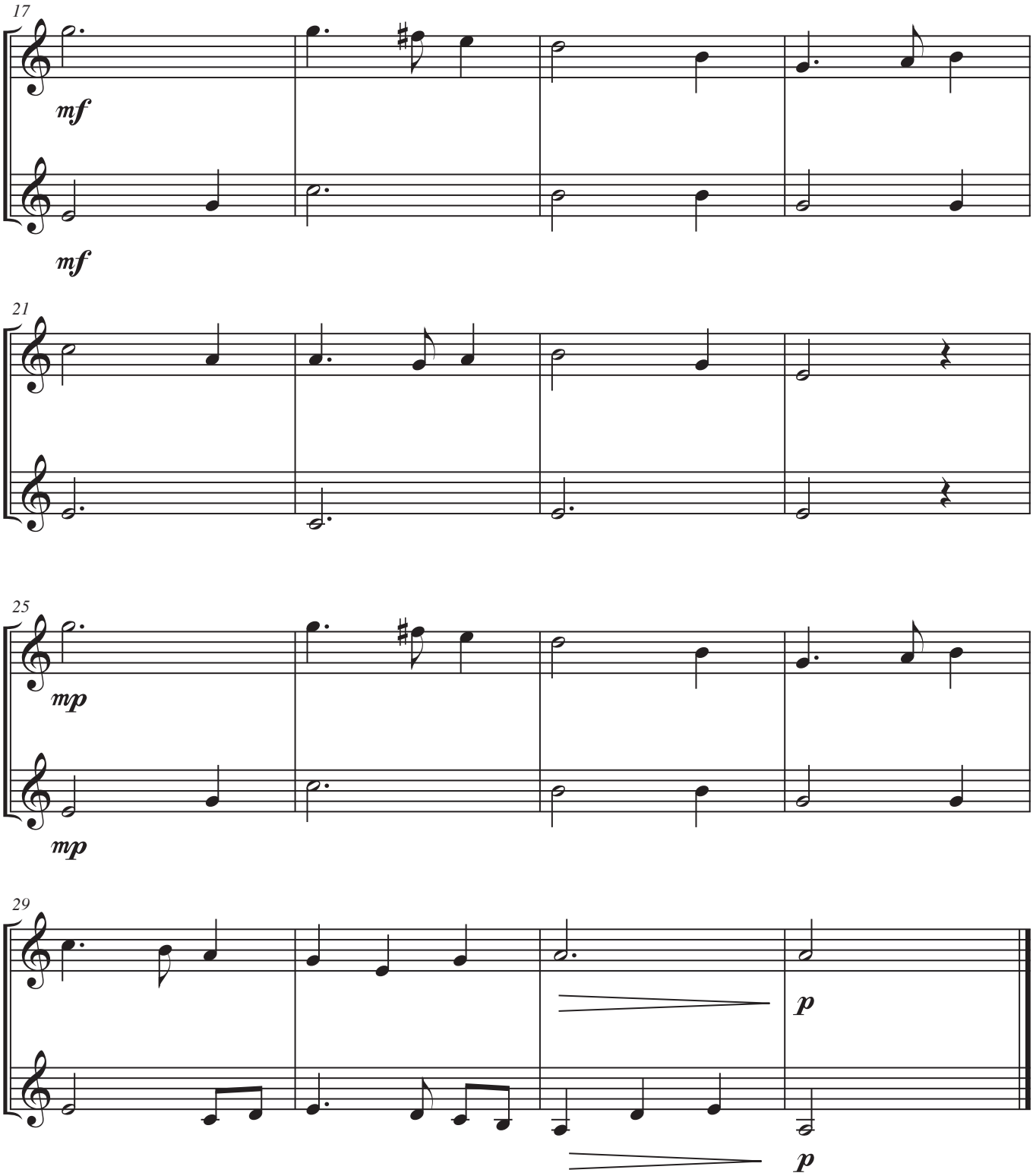
What Child is This

Greensleeves

Traditional English Melody

Reflective

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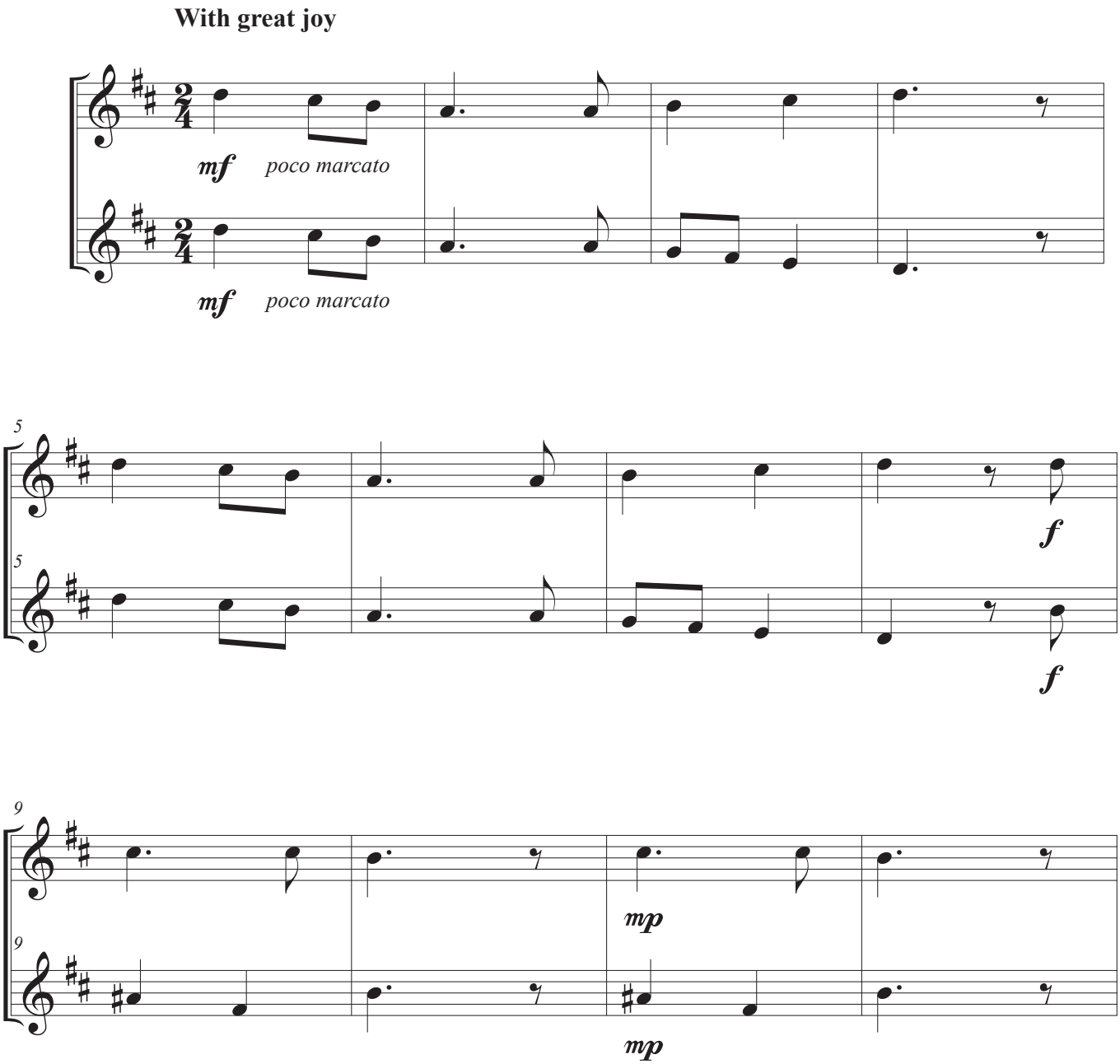
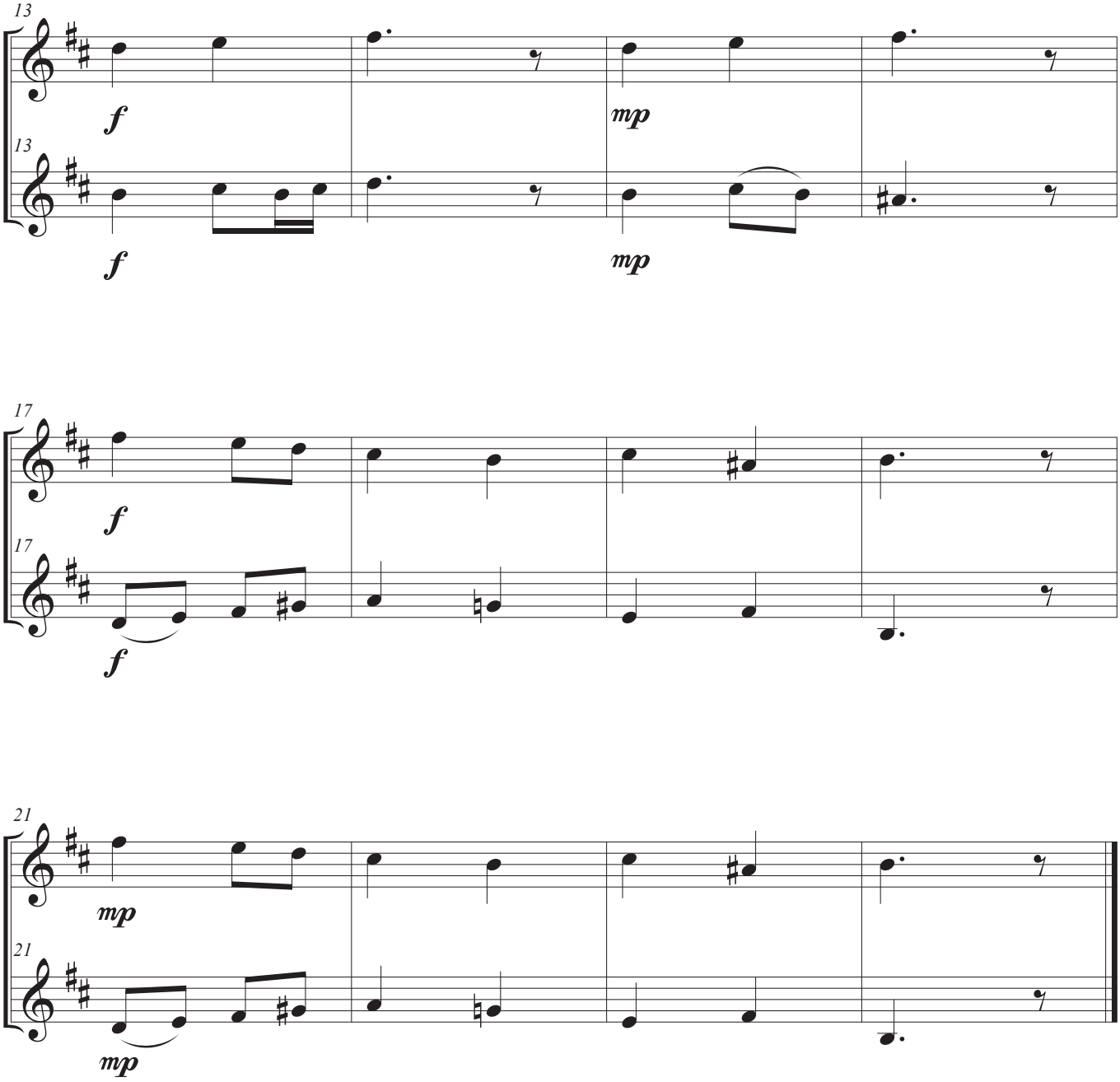
While by My Sheep

Traditional

With great joy

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