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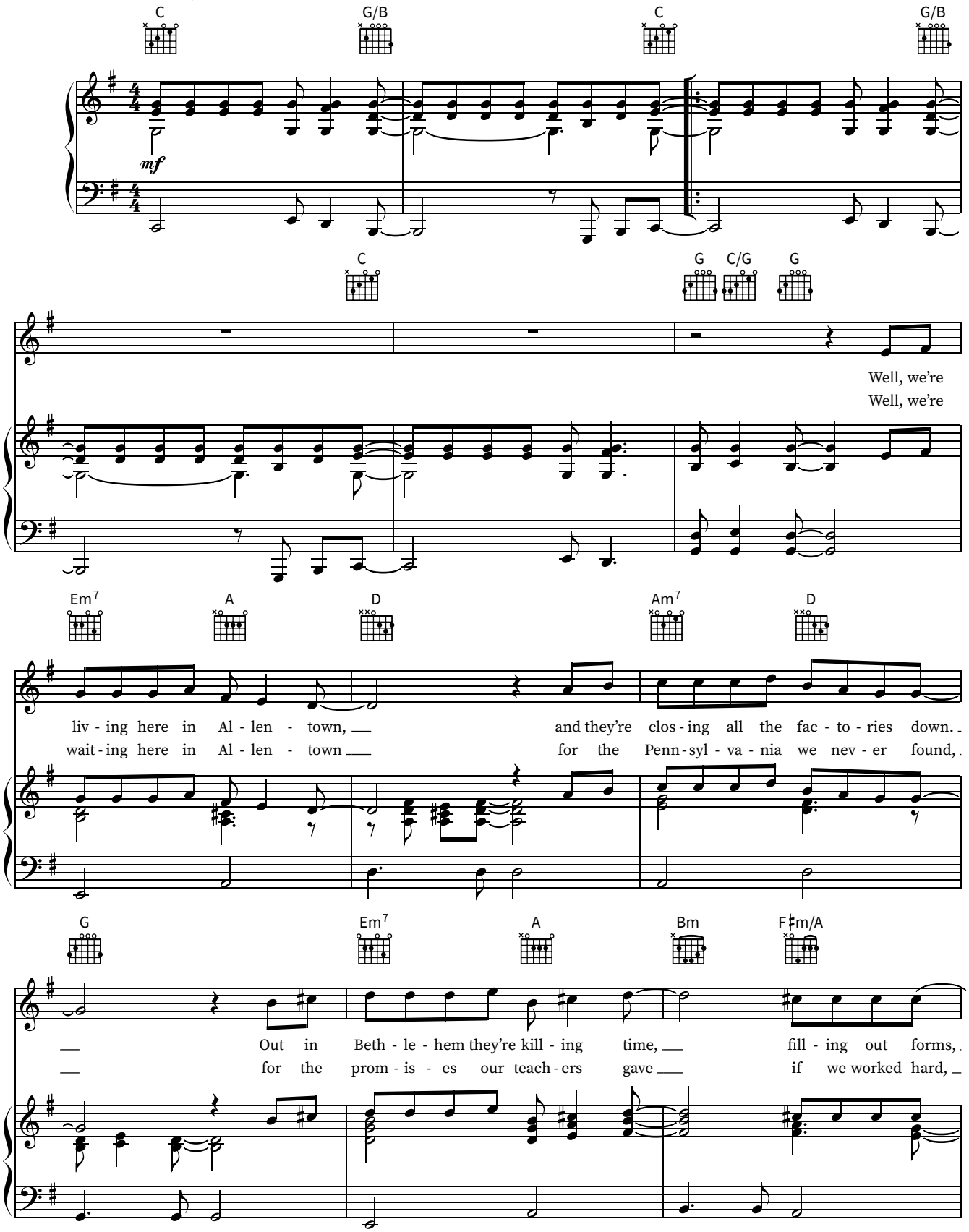

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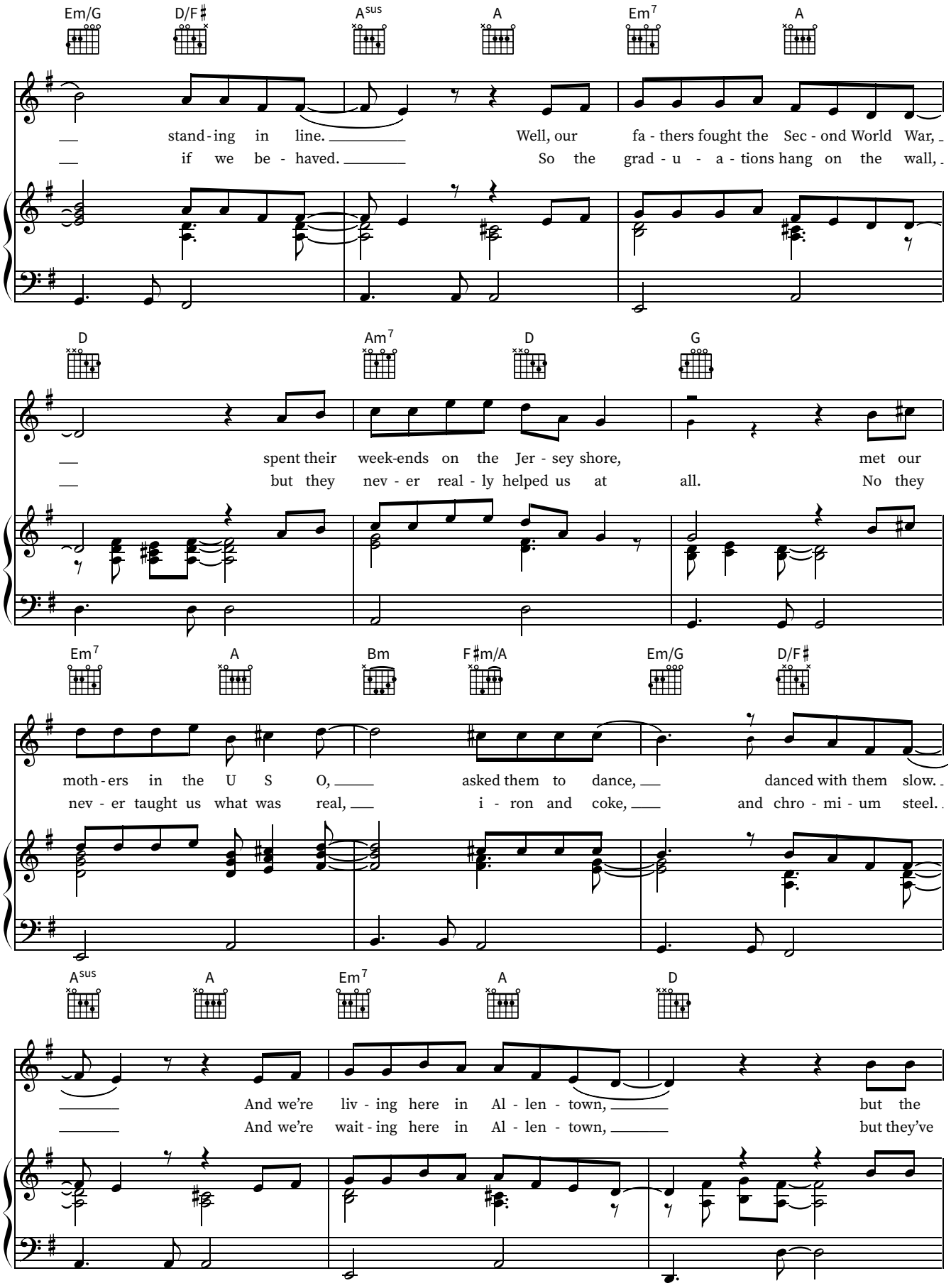
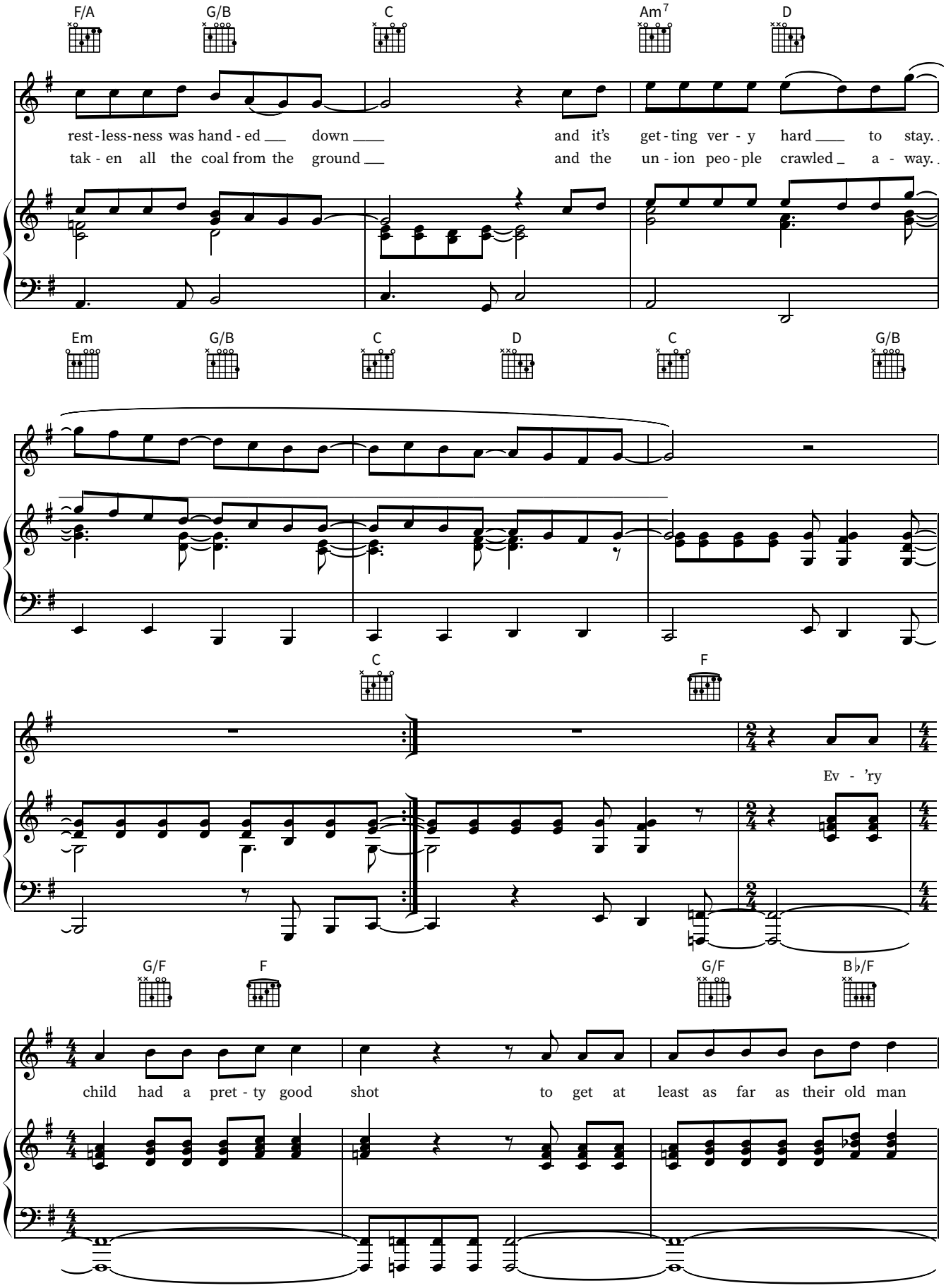
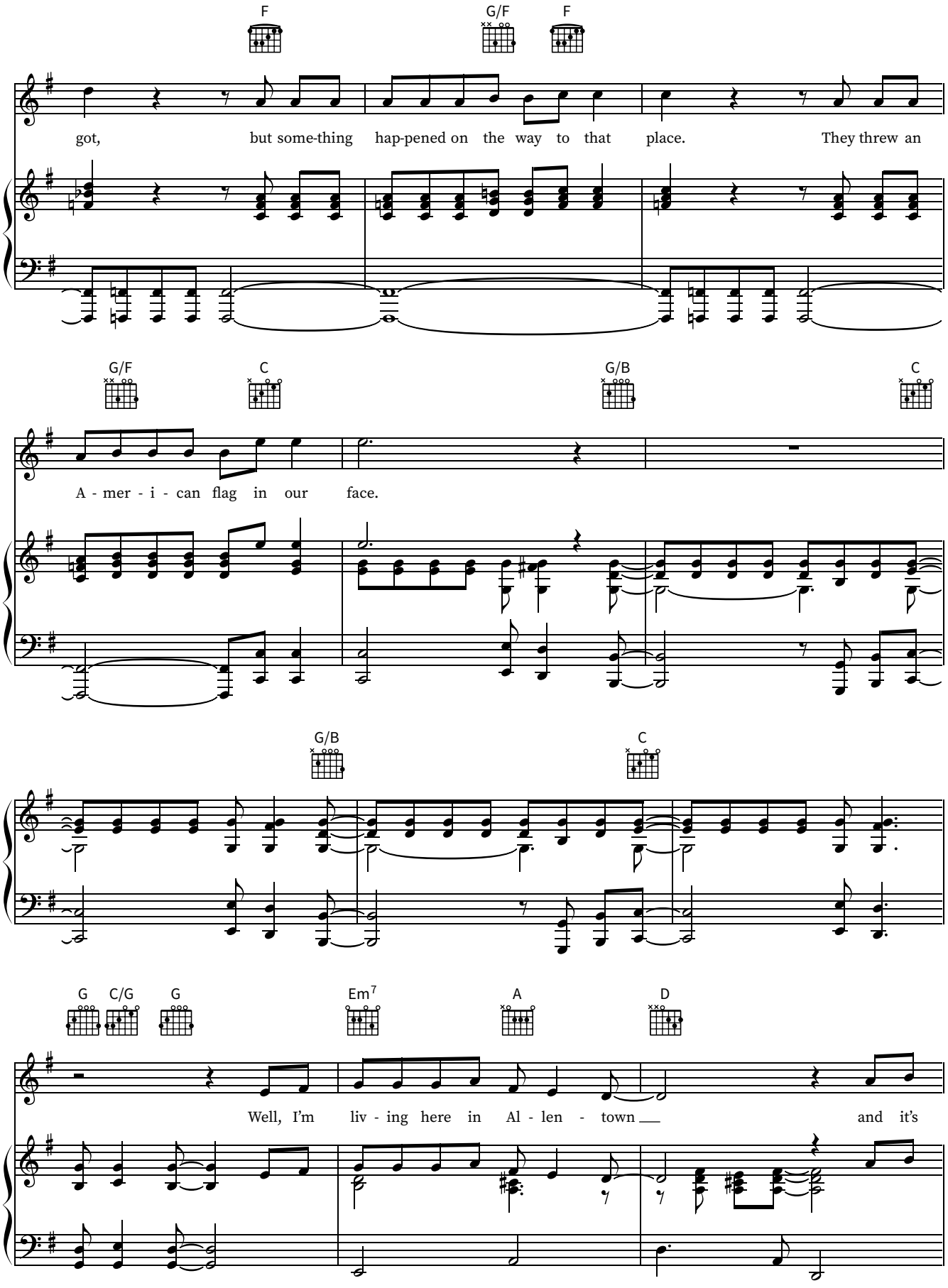
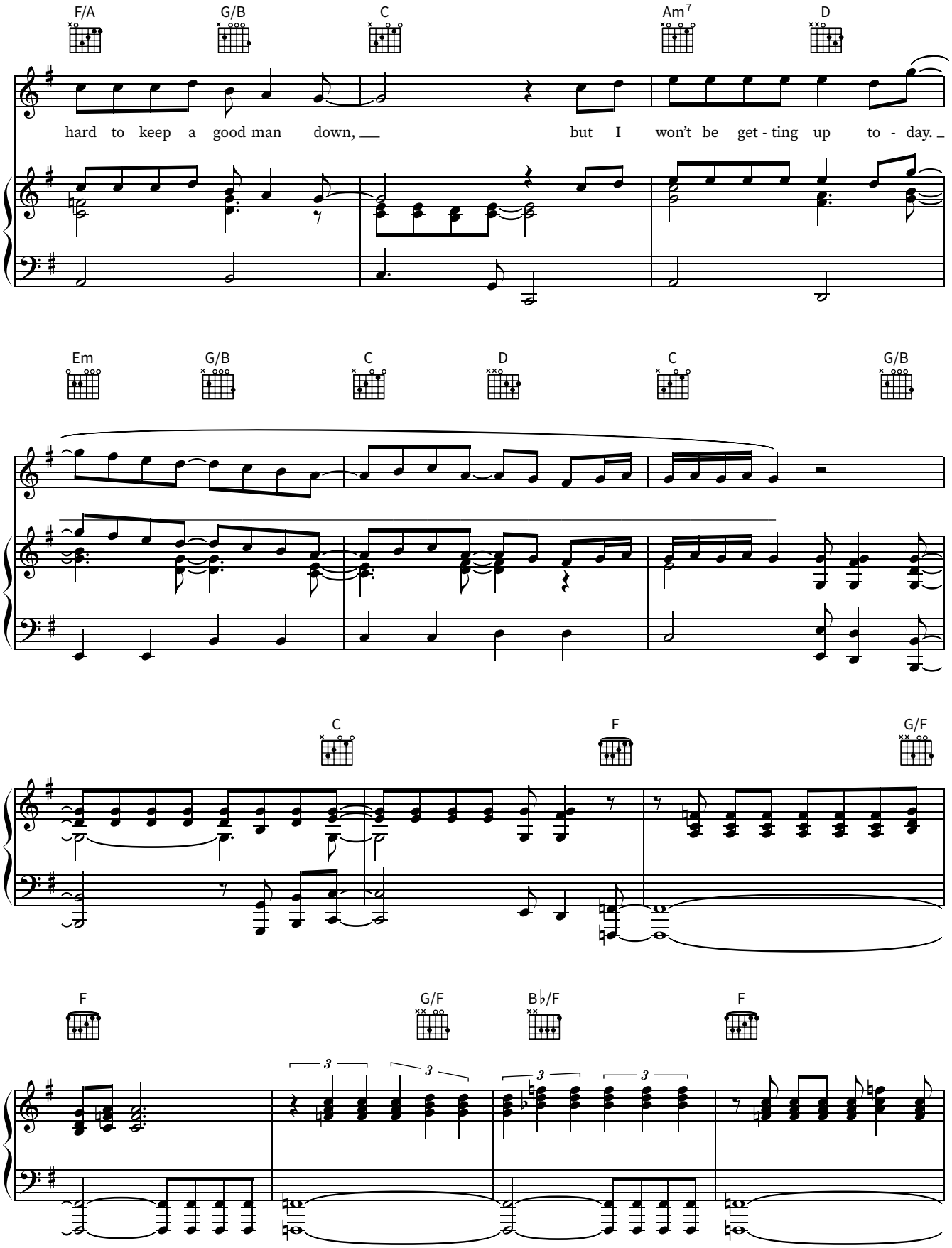
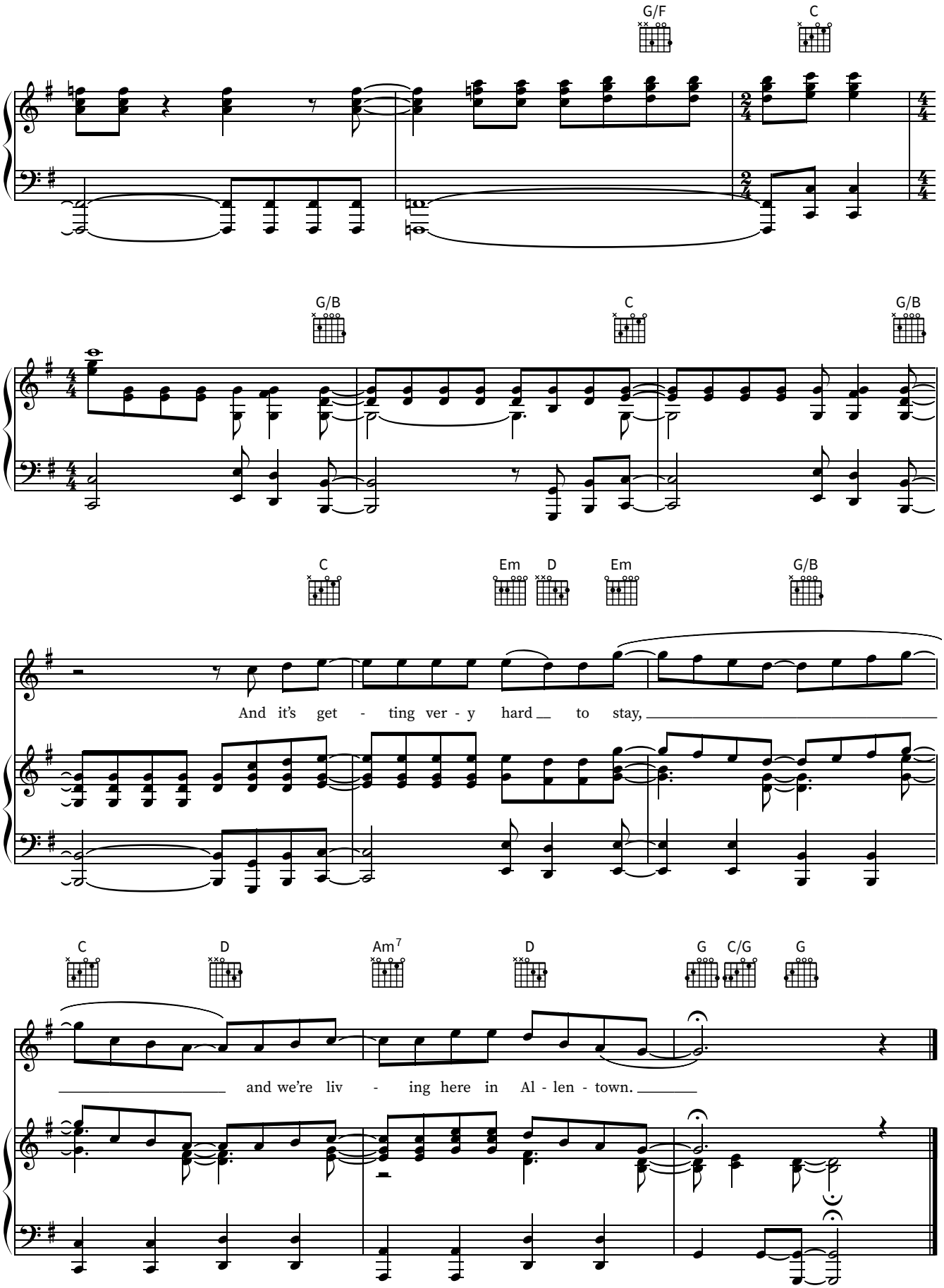

Em/G D/F♯ A^sus A Em7 A
stand-ing in line. Well, our fa-thers fought the Sec-ond World War,
if we be-haved. So the grad-u-a-tions hang on the wall,
D Am7 D G
spent their week-ends on the Jer-sey shore, met our
but they nev-er real-ly helped us at all. No they
Em7 A Bm F♯m/A Em/G D/F♯
moth-ers in the U S O, asked them to dance, danced with them slow.
nev-er taught us what was real, i-ron and coke, and chro-mi-um steel.
A^sus A Em7 A D
And we're liv-ing here in Al-len-town, but the
And we're wait-ing here in Al-len-town, but they've


F/A
G/B
C
Am7
D
rest-less-ness was hand-ed down and it's get-ting ver-y hard to stay.
tak-en all the coal from the ground and the un-ion peo-ple crawled a-way.
Em
G/B
C
D
C
G/B
C
F
Ev-'ry
G/F
F
G/F
B♭/F
child had a pret-ty good shot to get at least as far as their old man


F
G/F
F
got, but some-thing hap-pened on the way to that place. They threw an
G/F
C
G/B
C
A - mer - i - can flag in our face.
G/B
C
G
C/G
G
Em7
A
D
Well, I'm liv - ing here in Al - len - town and it's


F/A
G/B
C
Am7
D
hard to keep a good man down, but I won't be get - ting up to - day.
Em
G/B
C
D
C
G/B
C
F
G/F
F
G/F
B♭/F
F


G/F
C
G/B
C
G/B
C
Em
D
Em
G/B
And it's get - ting ver - y hard to stay,
C
D
Am7
D
G
C/G
G
and we're liv - ing here in Al - len - town.