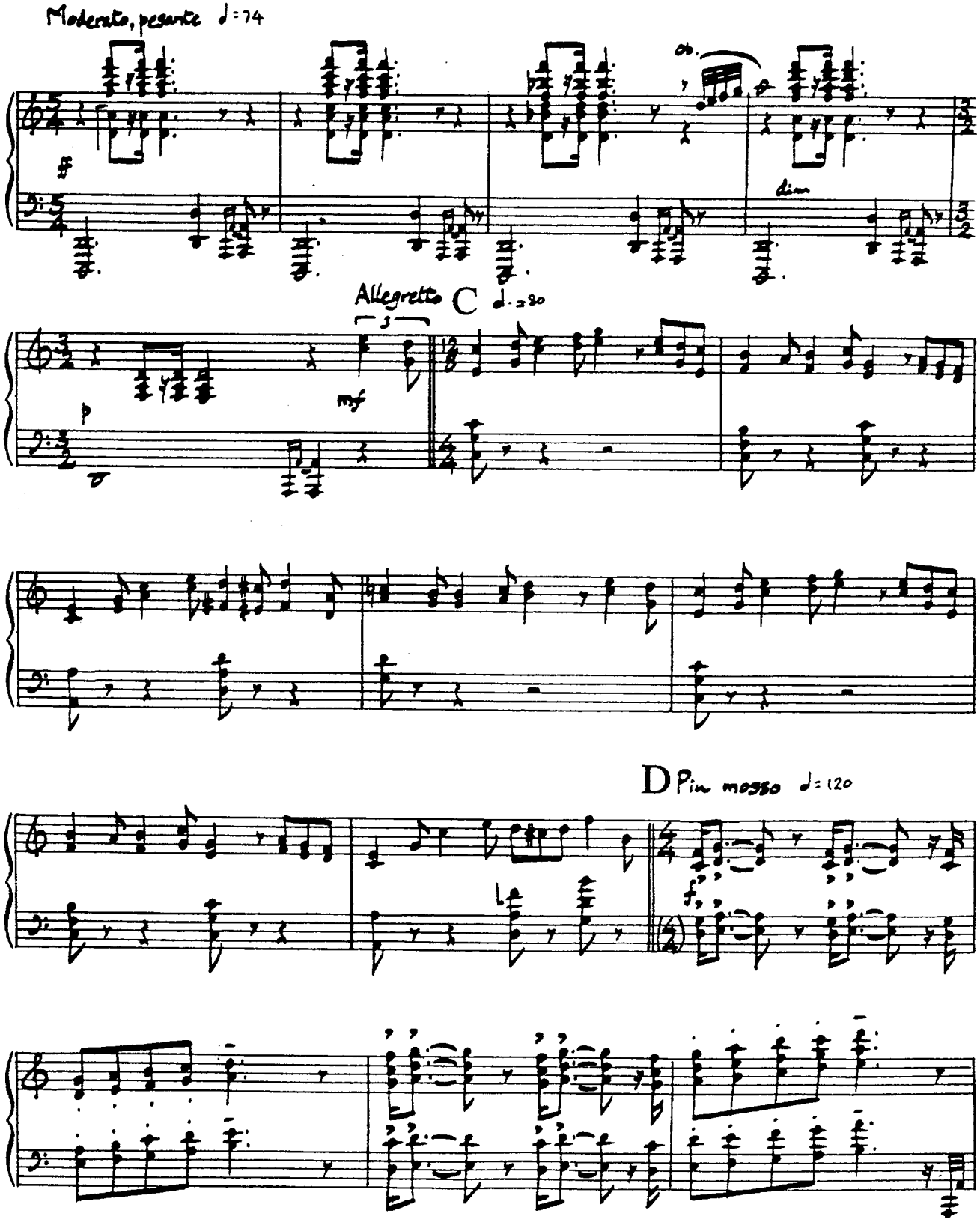
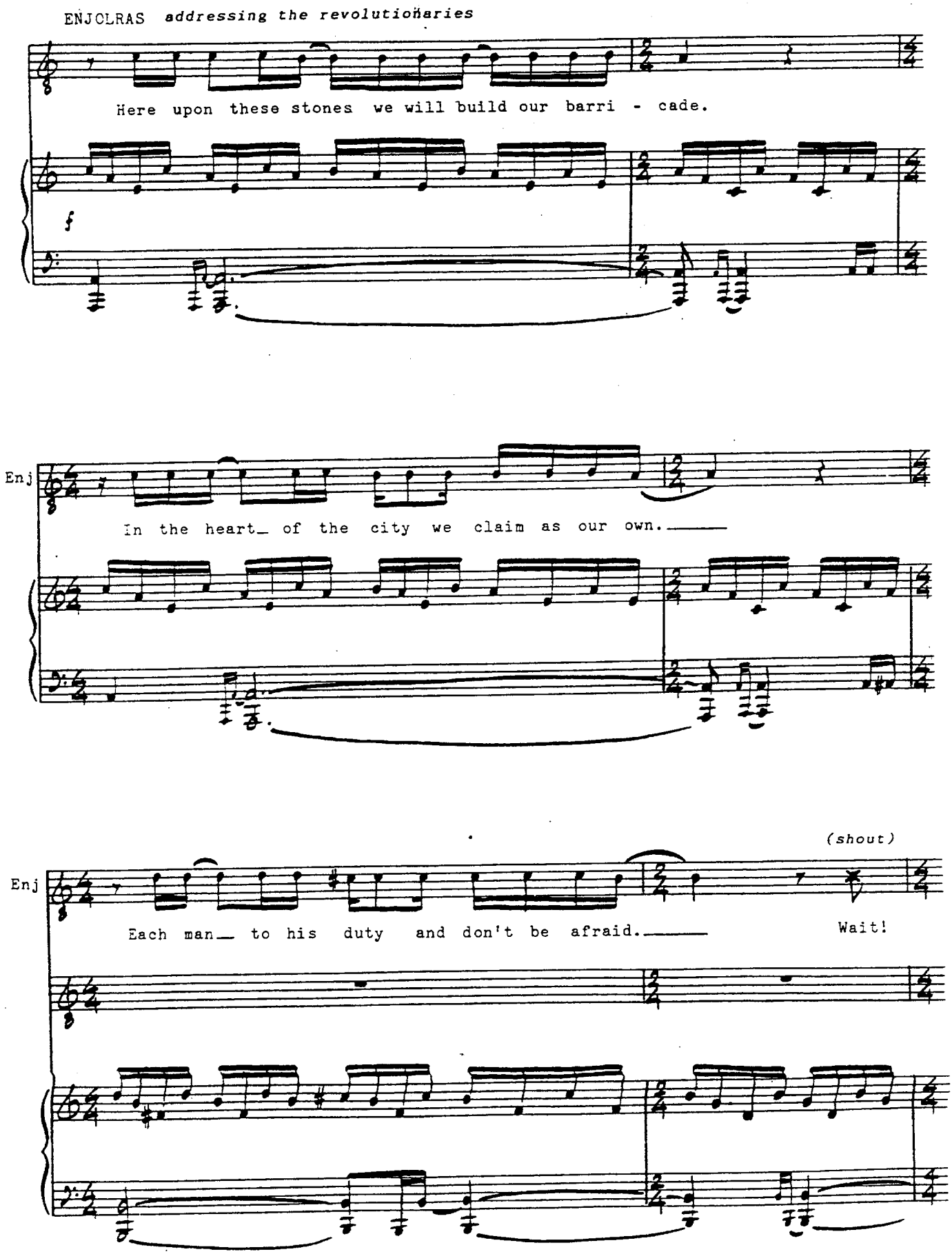
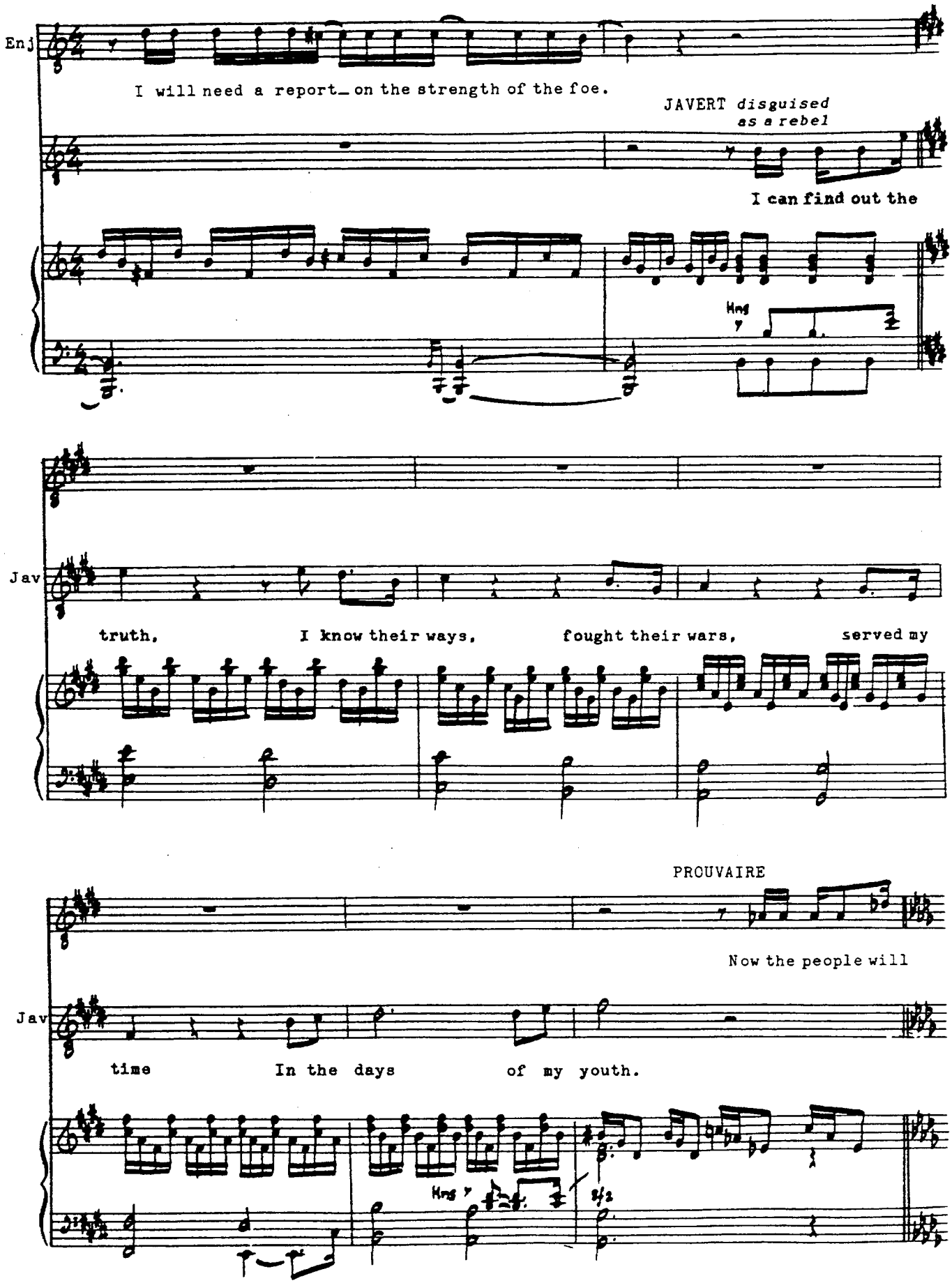
Act II

18. Building the Barricade




ENJOLRAS *addressing the revolutionaries*
Here upon these stones we will build our barri - cade.
Enj
In the heart of the city we claim as our own.
Enj
(shout)
Each man to his duty and don't be afraid.
Wait!


Enj
I will need a report_ on the strength of the foe.
JAVERT disguised as a rebel
I can find out the
truth, I know their ways, fought their wars, served my
Jav
PROUVAIRE
Now the people will
time In the days of my youth.
Jav

E

Pro

fight.

GRANTAIRE

And so they might. Dogs will bark, fleas will

LESGLES

rall.

They will do what is right.

Gra

bite.

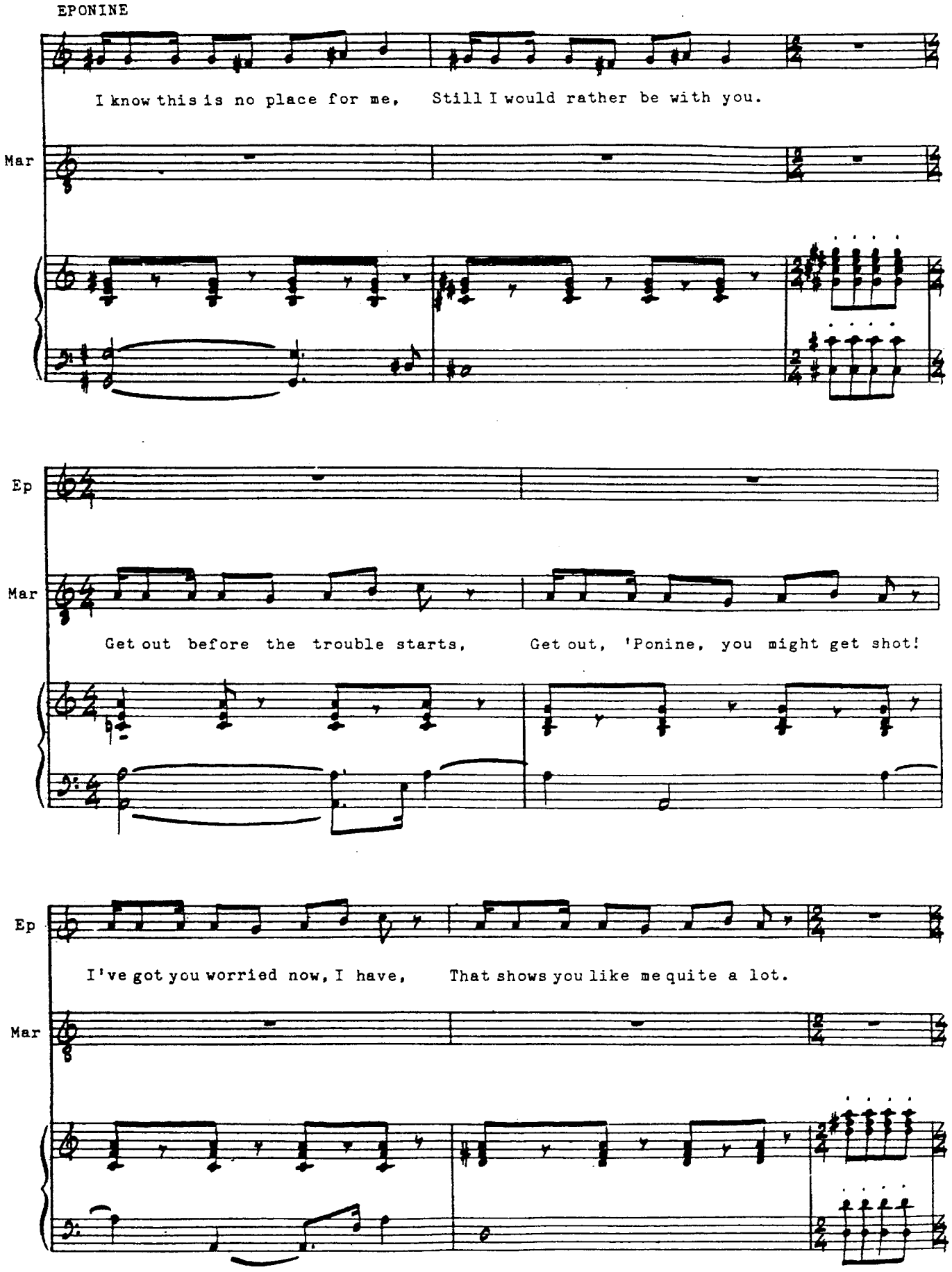
MARIUS spots EPONINE who is dressed as a boy

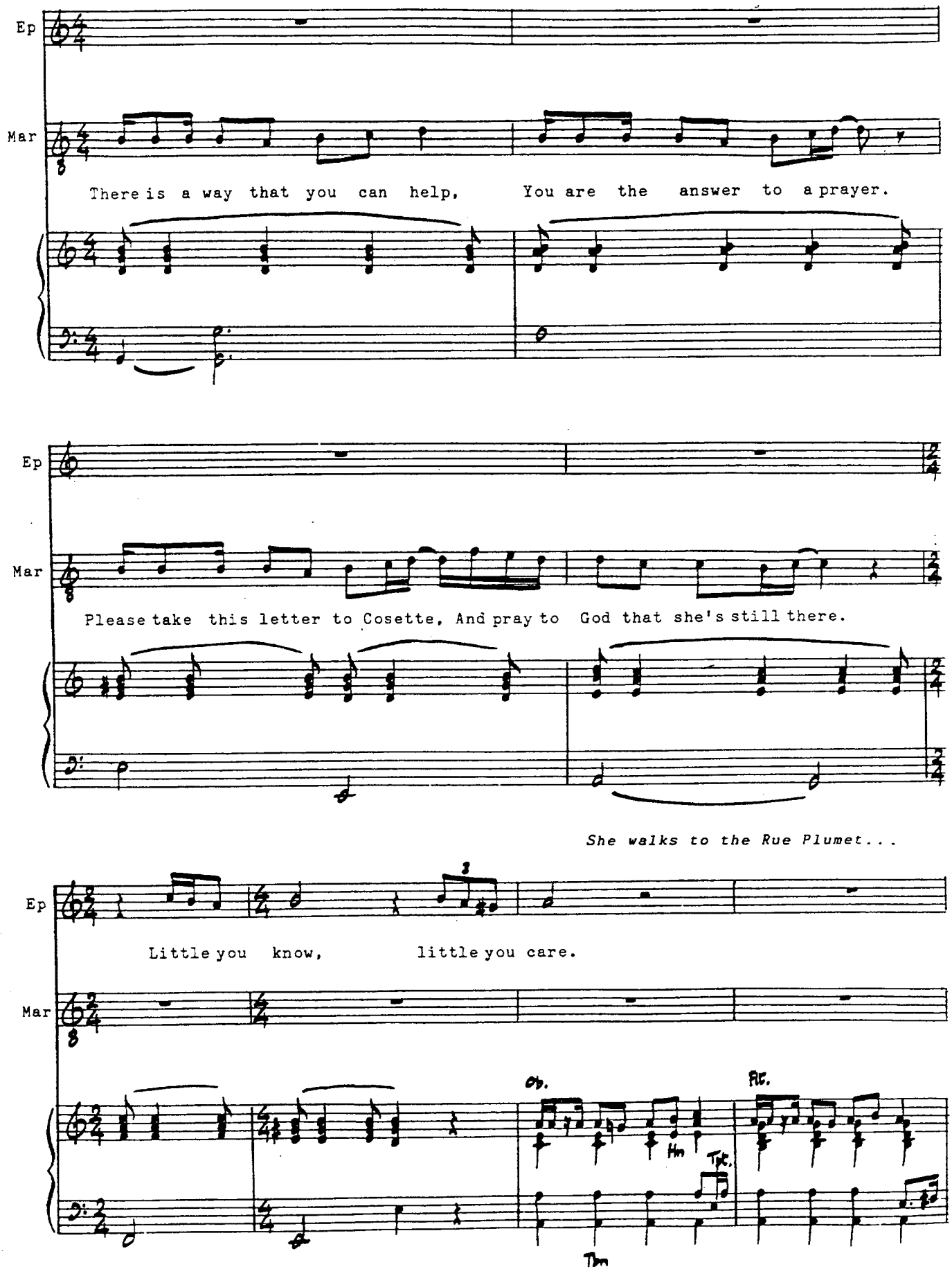
F Andante ♩=96

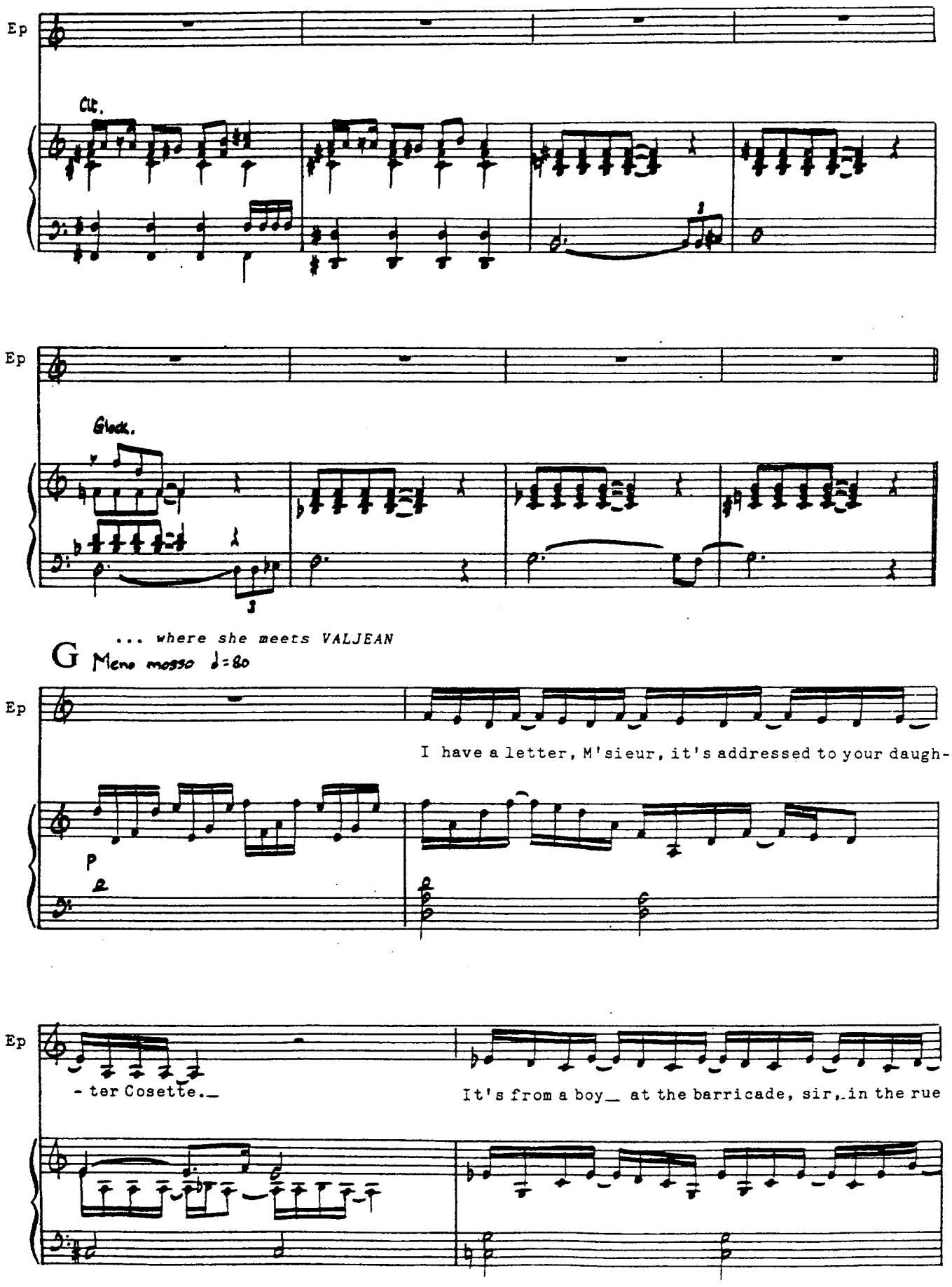
MARIUS

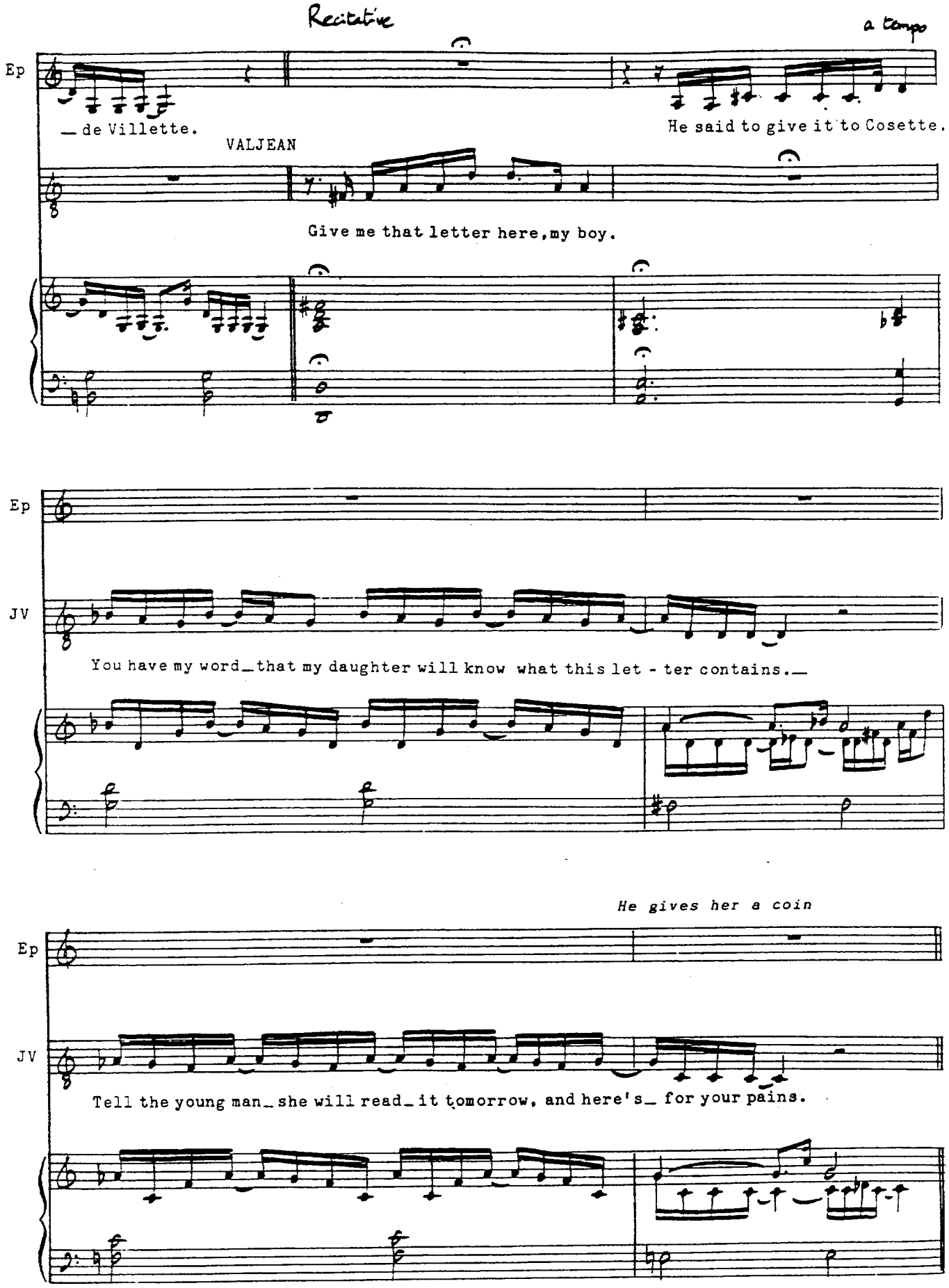
Hey, little boy, what's this I see? God, Eponine, the things you do.

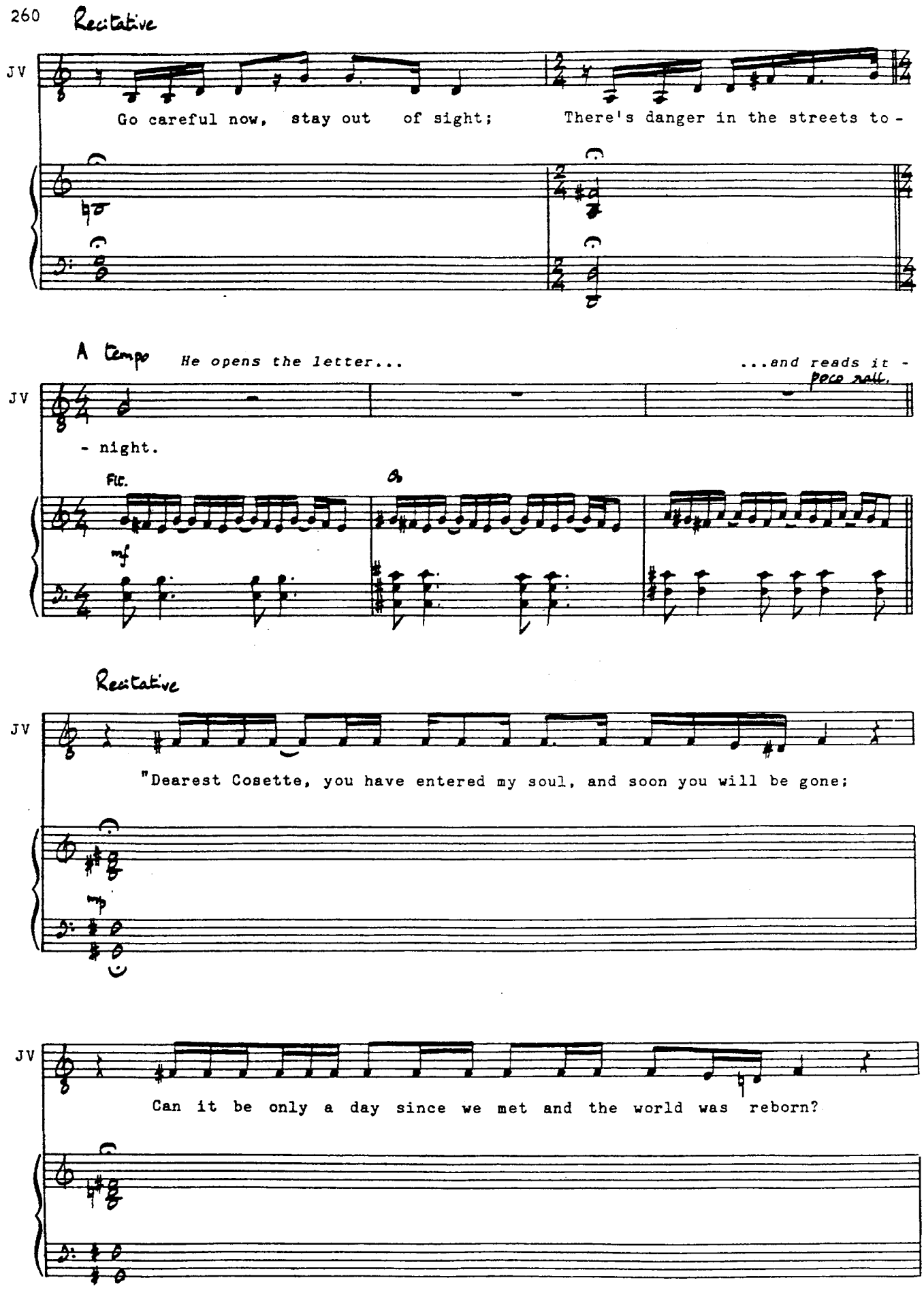
mf

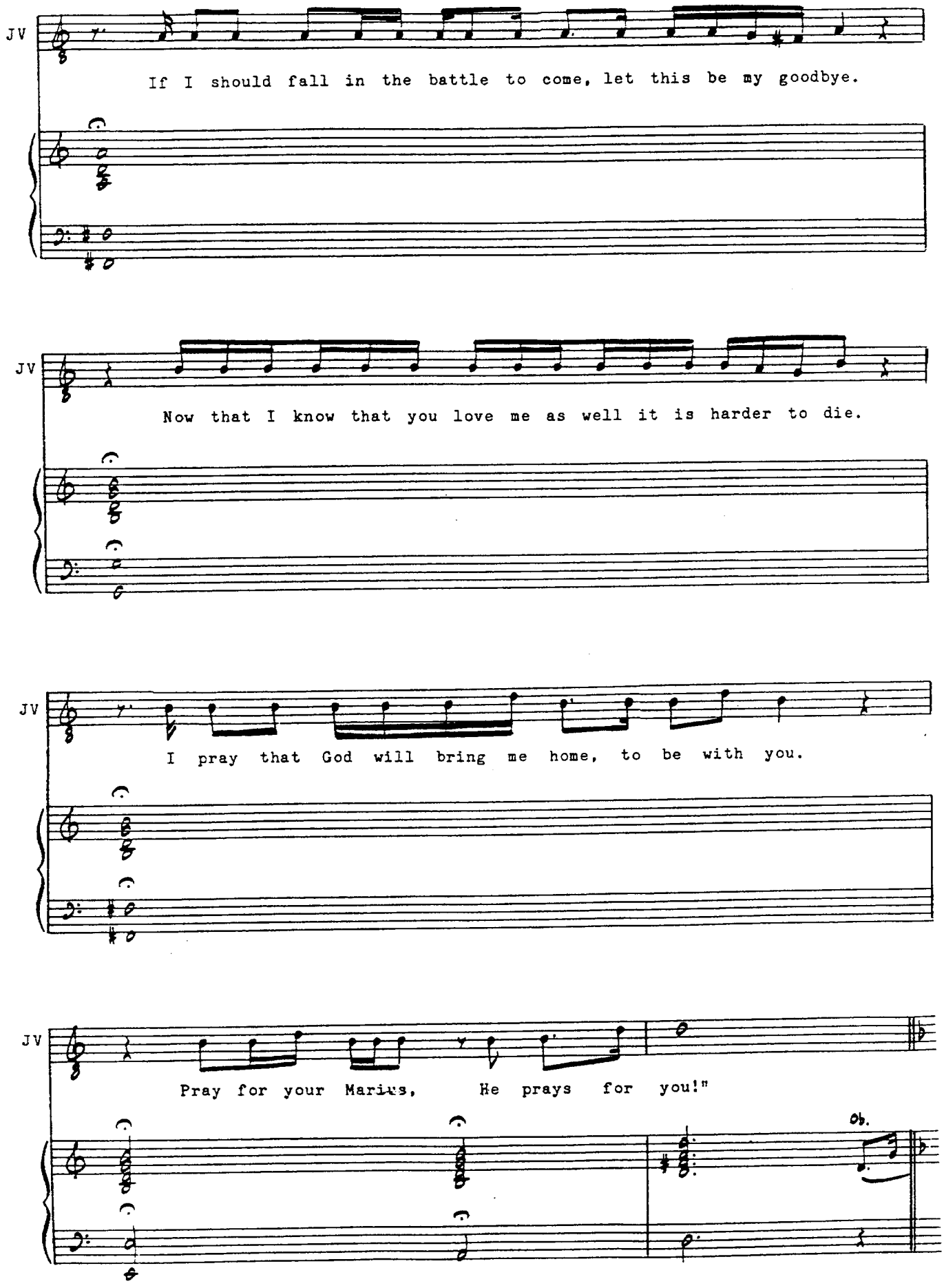

EPONINE
I know this is no place for me, Still I would rather be with you.
Mar
Ep
Mar
Get out before the trouble starts, Get out, 'Ponine, you might get shot!
Ep
I've got you worried now, I have, That shows you like me quite a lot.
Mar


Ep
Mar
There is a way that you can help, You are the answer to a prayer.
Ep
Mar
Please take this letter to Cosette, And pray to God that she's still there.
She walks to the Rue Plumet...
Ep
Little you know, little you care.
Mar
Ob.
Fl.
Hn
Tpt.
Tbn

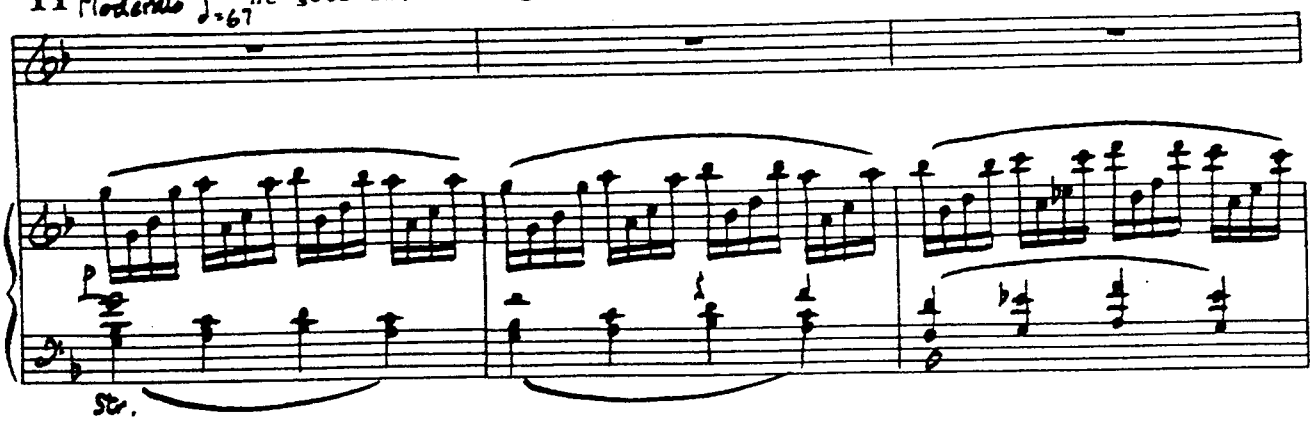

Ep
Cl.
Ep
Glock.
... where she meets VALJEAN
G Meno mosso ♩=80
Ep
I have a letter, M'sieur, it's addressed to your daugh-
P
Ep
- ter Cosette.
It's from a boy at the barricade, sir, in the rue

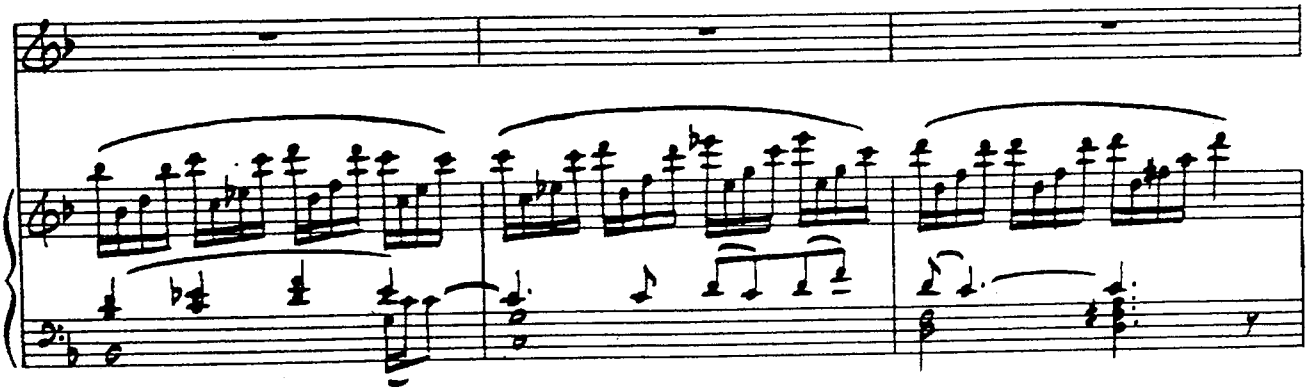

Recitative
a tempo
Ep
— de Villette.
He said to give it to Cosette.
VALJEAN
Give me that letter here, my boy.
Ep
JV
You have my word— that my daughter will know what this let - ter contains.—
He gives her a coin
Ep
JV
Tell the young man— she will read— it tomorrow, and here's— for your pains.


Recitative
JV
Go careful now, stay out of sight; There's danger in the streets to -
A tempo
He opens the letter...
...and reads it -
poco rall.
JV
- night.
Flt.
mf
Recitative
JV
"Dearest Cosette, you have entered my soul, and soon you will be gone;
mp
JV
Can it be only a day since we met and the world was reborn?


JV
If I should fall in the battle to come, let this be my goodbye.
JV
Now that I know that you love me as well it is harder to die.
JV
I pray that God will bring me home, to be with you.
JV
Pray for your Marius, He prays for you!"
Ob.

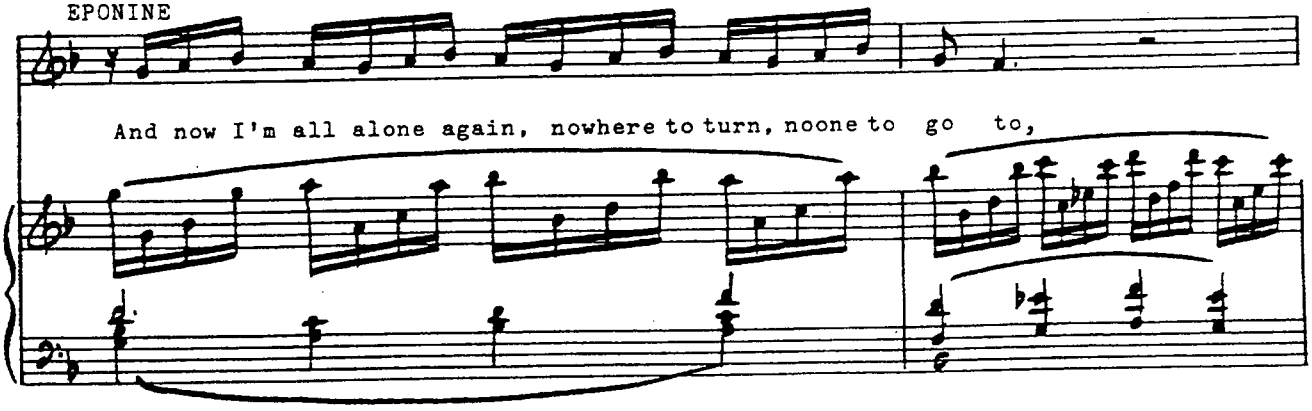
262 H Moderato ♩=67 *He goes in, leaving EPONINE alone*





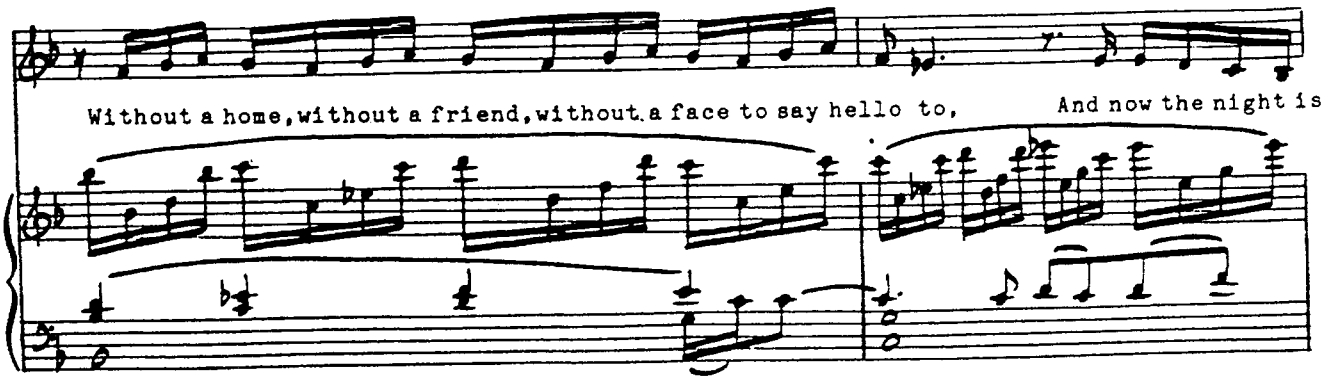
EPONINE

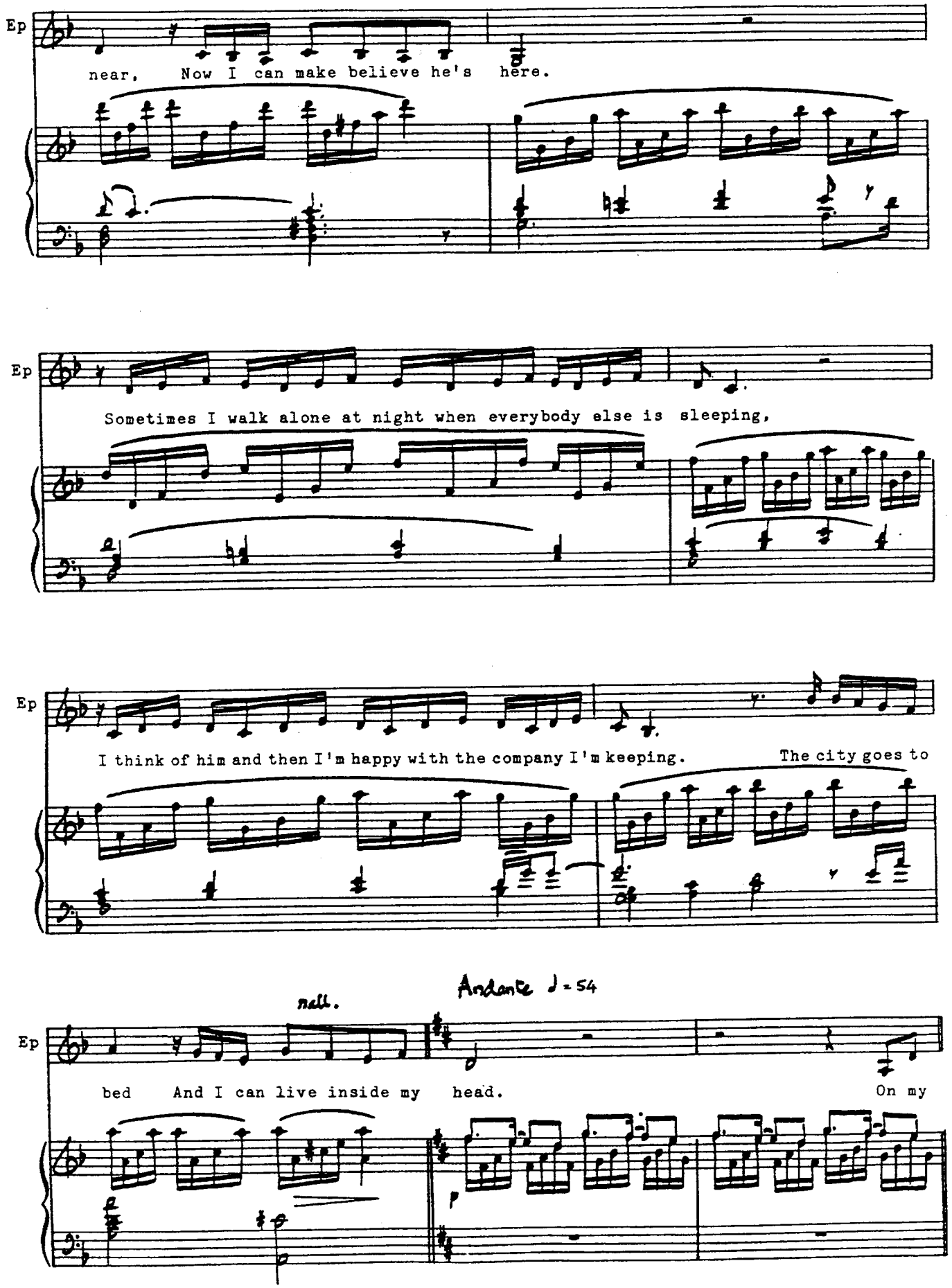
And now I'm all alone again, nowhere to turn, noone to go to,

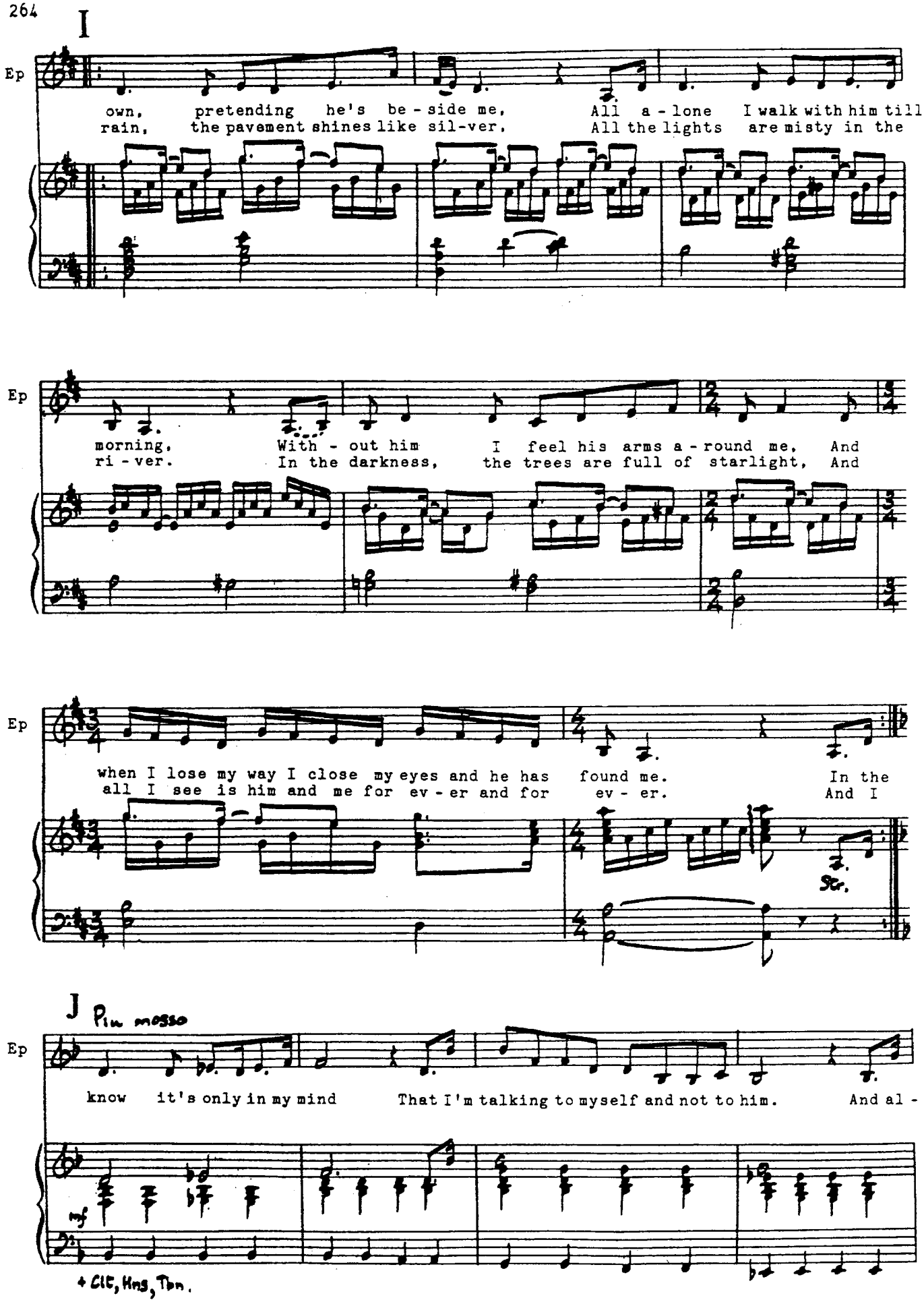


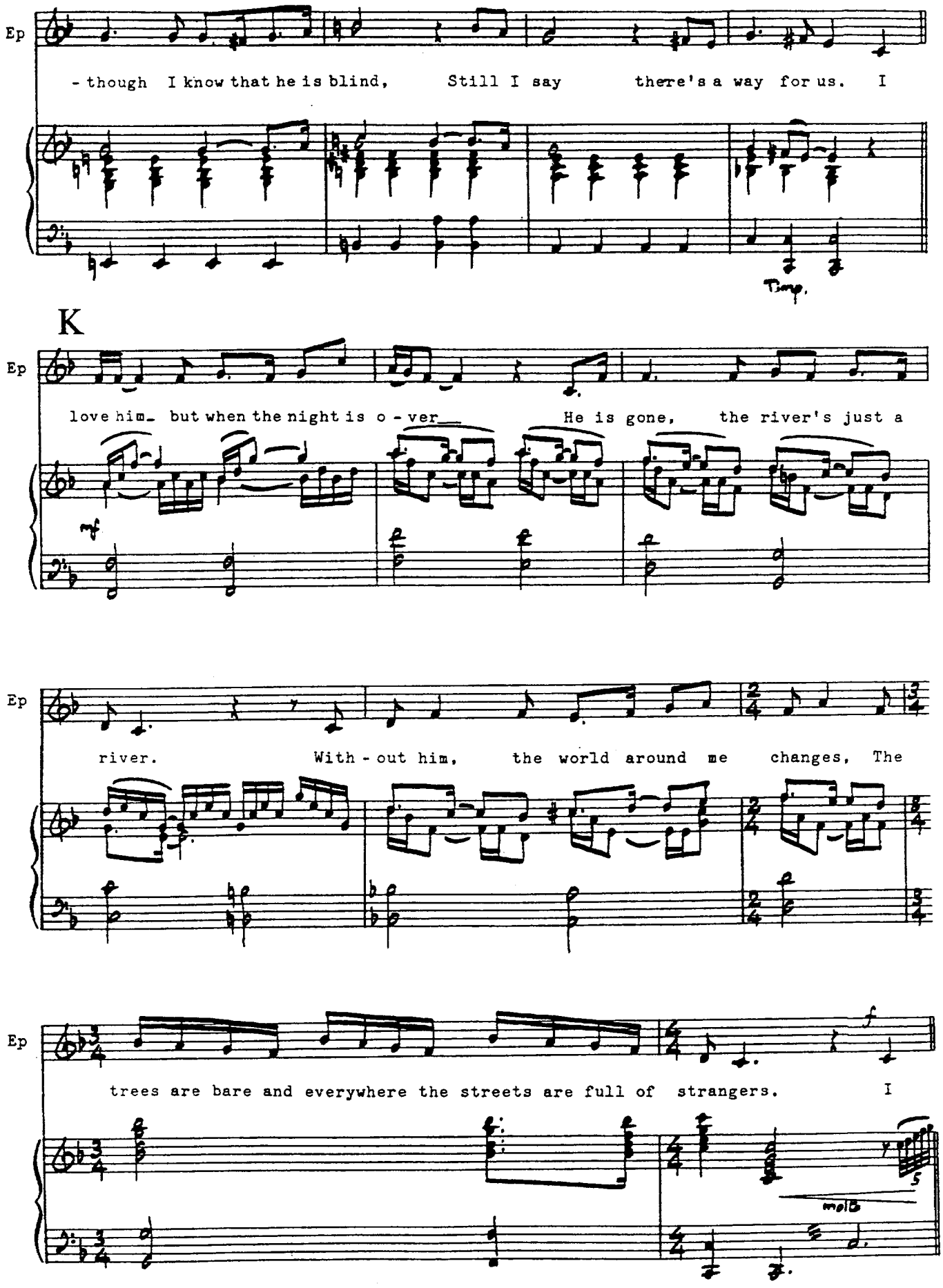
Ep

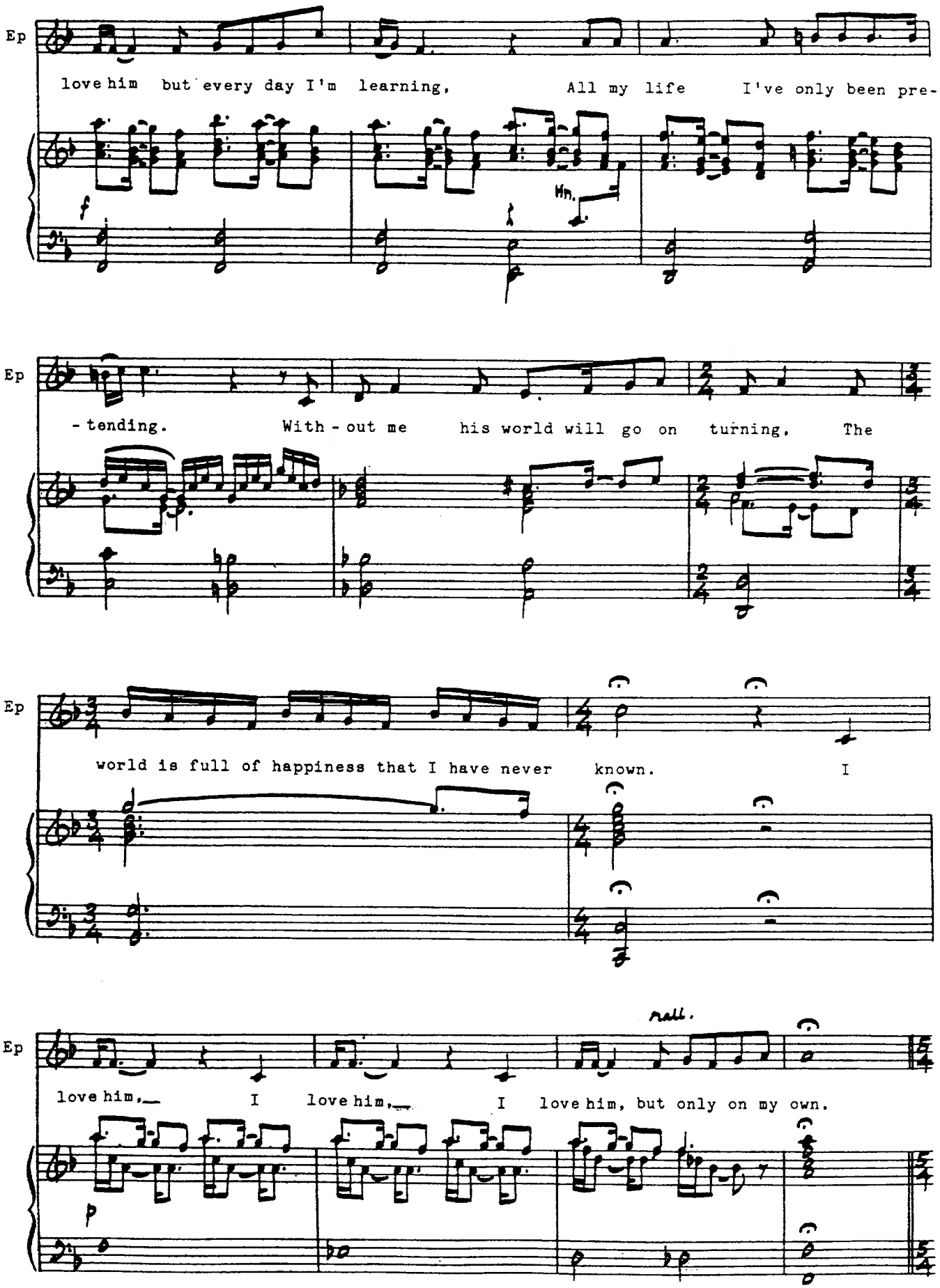
Without a home, without a friend, without a face to say hello to, And now the night is

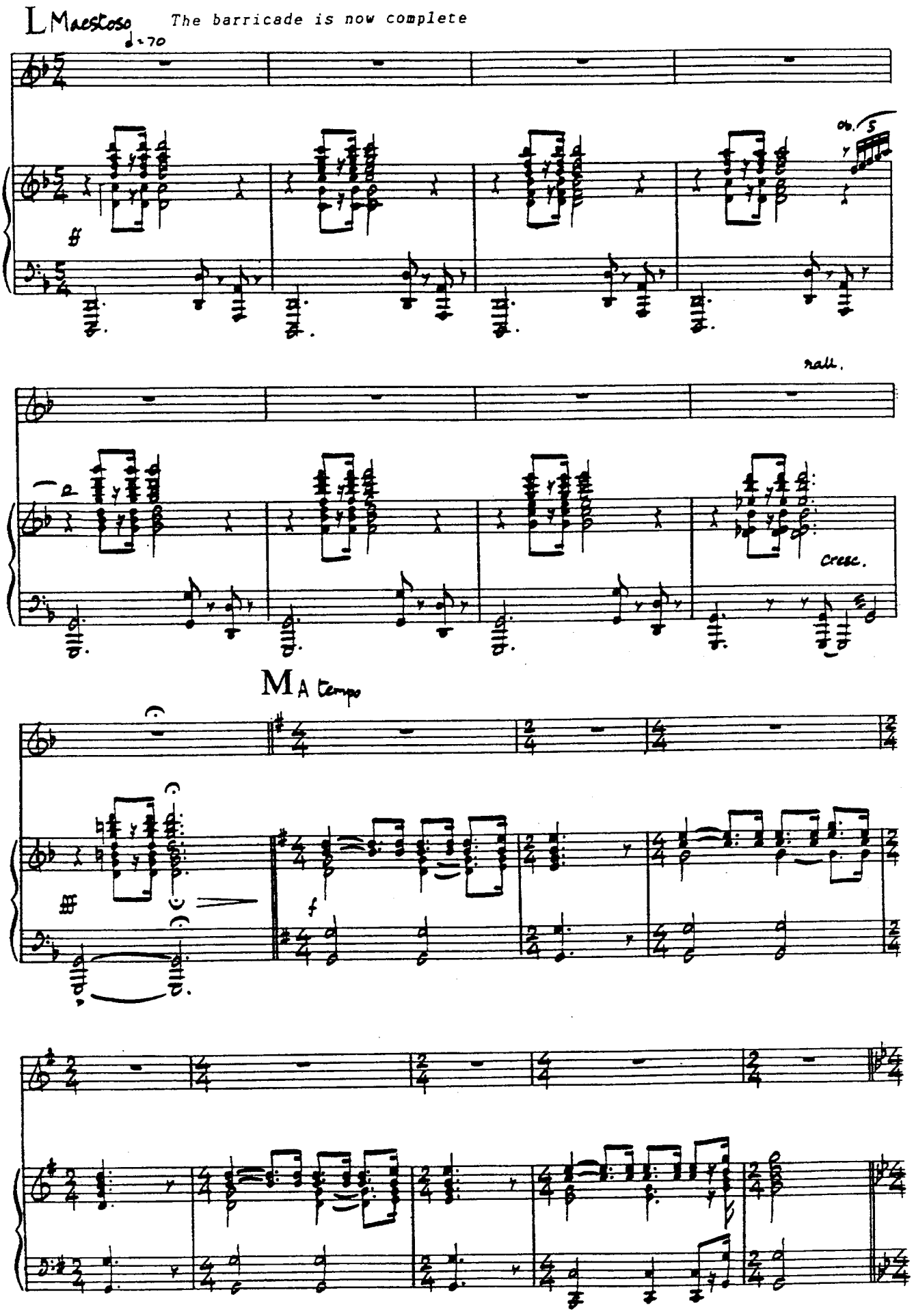


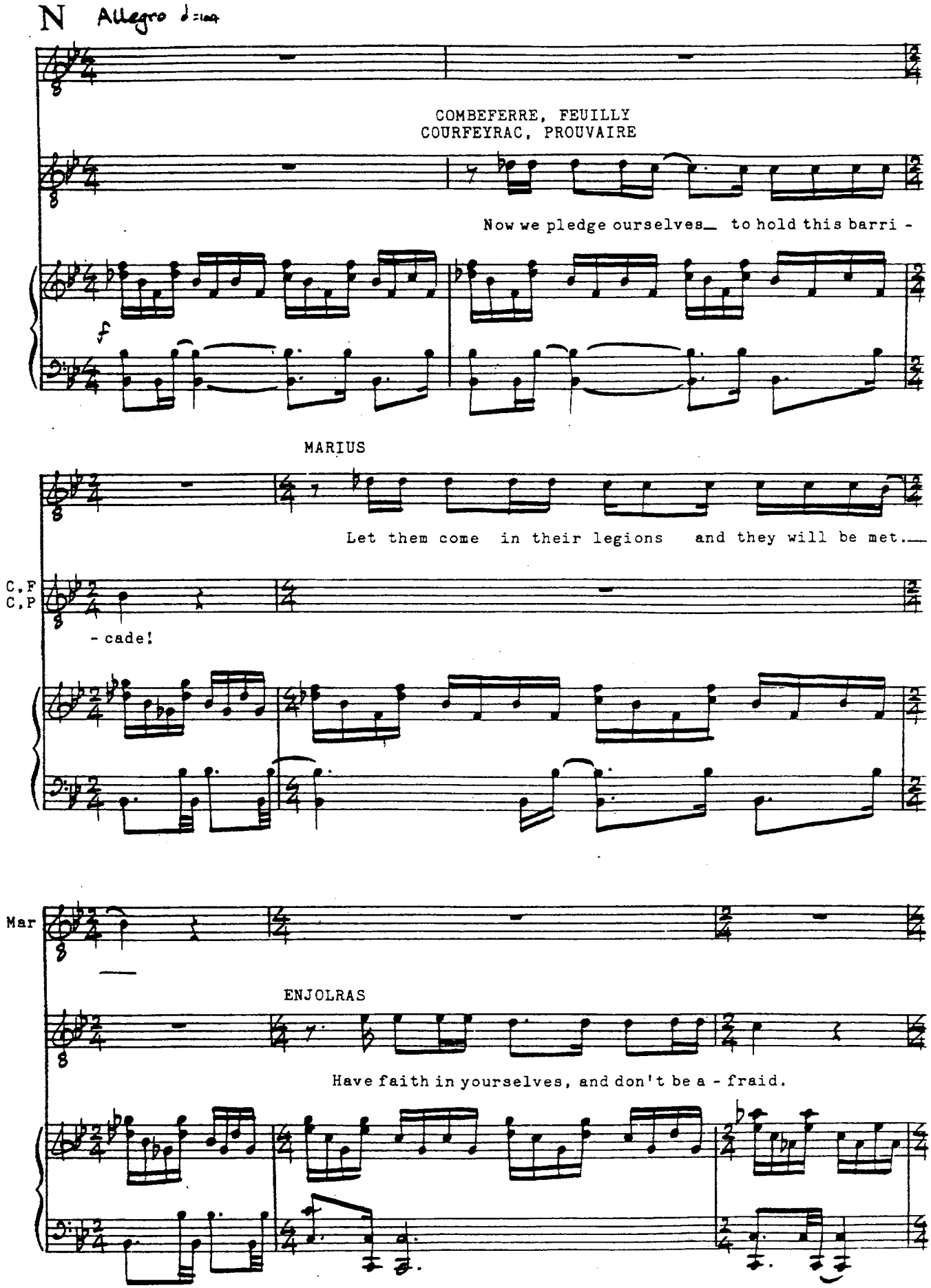

Ep
near, Now I can make believe he's here.
Ep
Sometimes I walk alone at night when everybody else is sleeping,
Ep
I think of him and then I'm happy with the company I'm keeping. The city goes to
rall.
Andante ♩ = 54
Ep
bed And I can live inside my head. On my
p

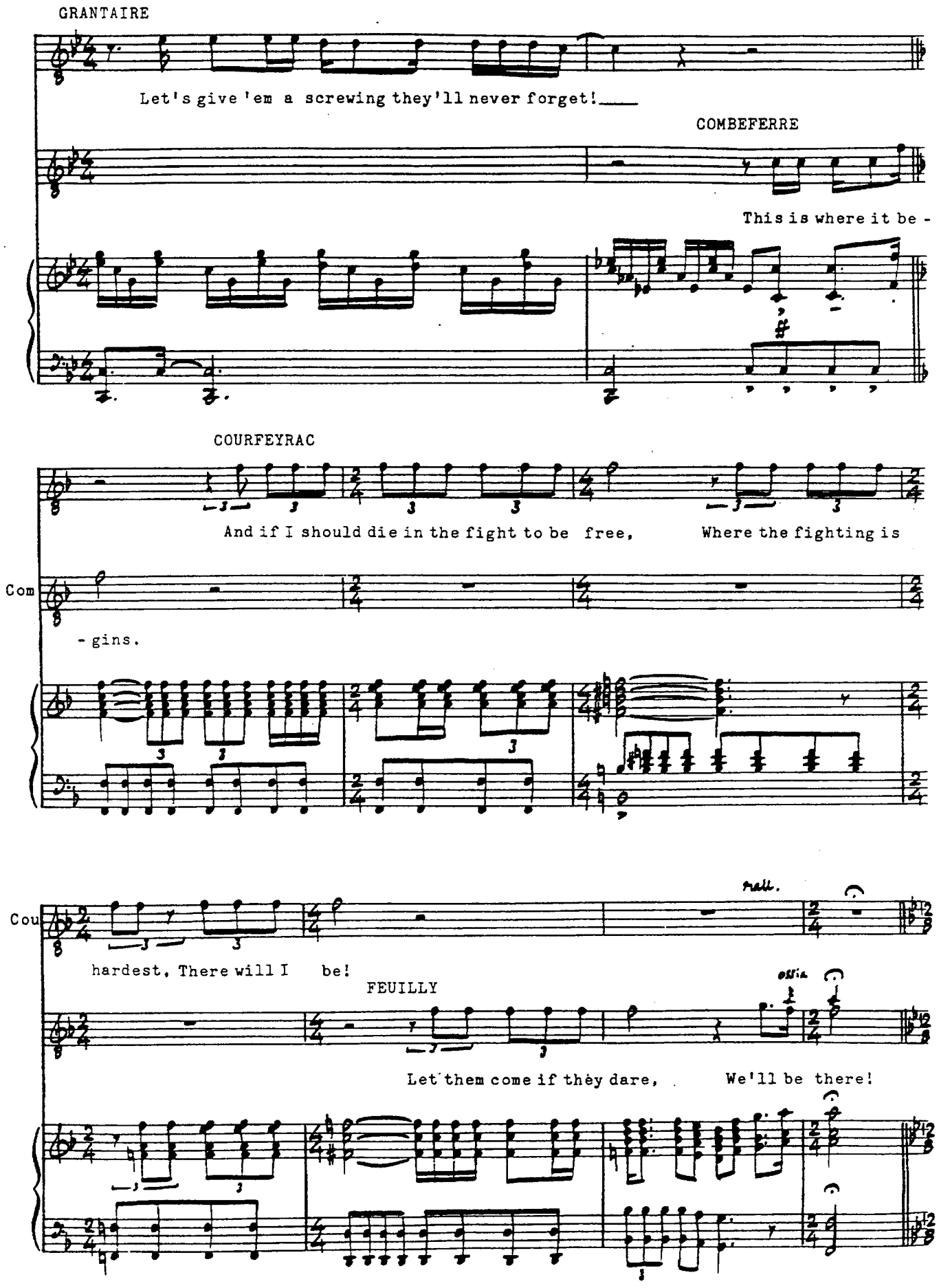

I
Ep
own, pretending he's be - side me, All a - lone I walk with him till
rain, the pavement shines like sil-ver, All the lights are misty in the
morning, With - out him I feel his arms a - round me, And
ri - ver. In the darkness, the trees are full of starlight, And
when I lose my way I close my eyes and he has found me. In the
all I see is him and me for ev - er and for ev - er. And I
Str.
J Piu mosso
know it's only in my mind That I'm talking to myself and not to him. And al -
mf
+ Clt, Hns, Tbn.


Ep
- though I know that he is blind, Still I say there's a way for us. I
Timp.
K
Ep
love him_ but when the night is o - ver_ He is gone, the river's just a
mf
Ep
river. With - out him, the world around me changes, The
Ep
trees are bare and everywhere the streets are full of strangers. I
molto

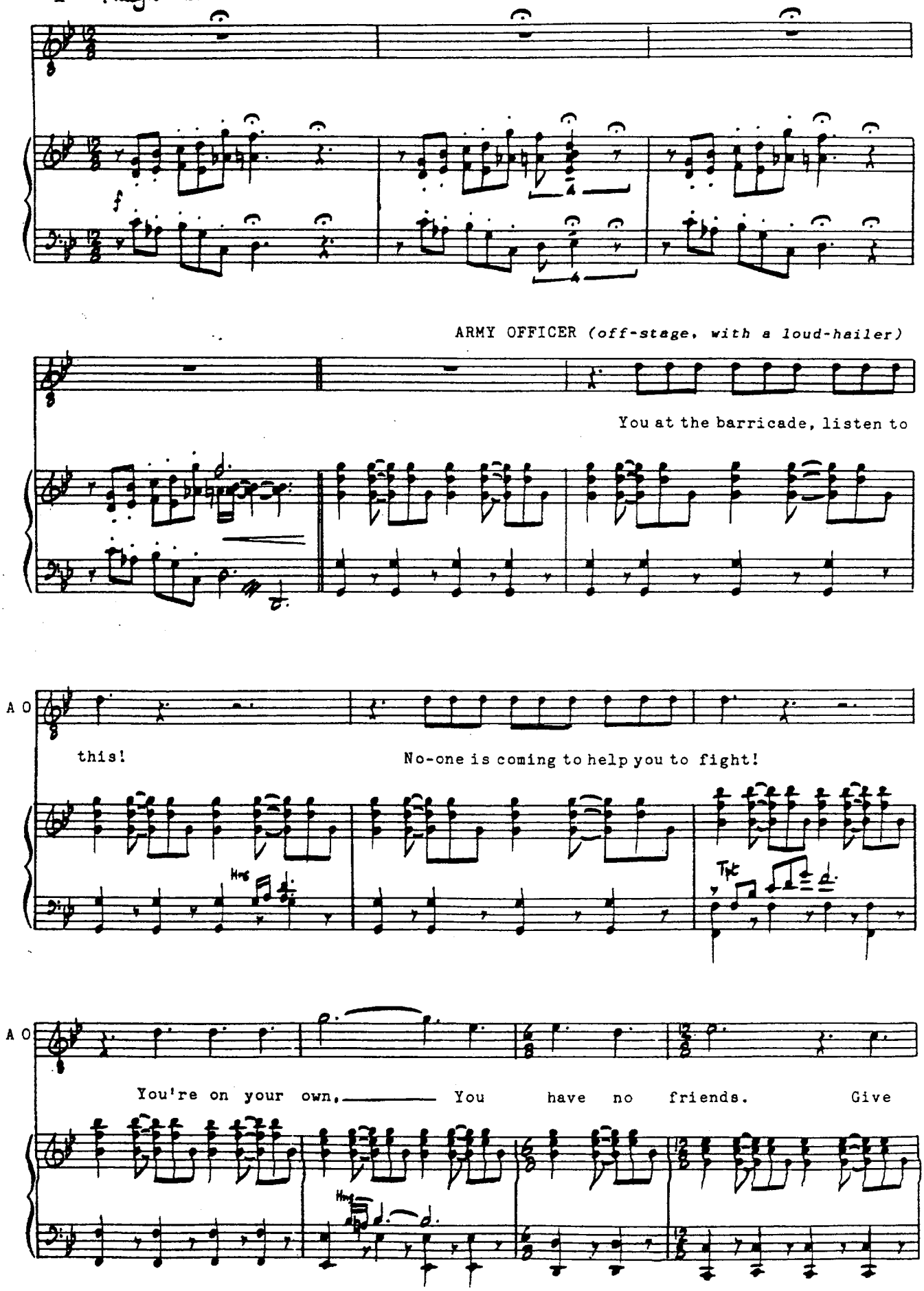

Ep
love him but every day I'm learning, All my life I've only been pre-
f
Hn.
Ep
- tending. With - out me his world will go on turning, The
Ep
world is full of happiness that I have never known. I
Ep
rall.
love him, I love him, I love him, but only on my own.
p

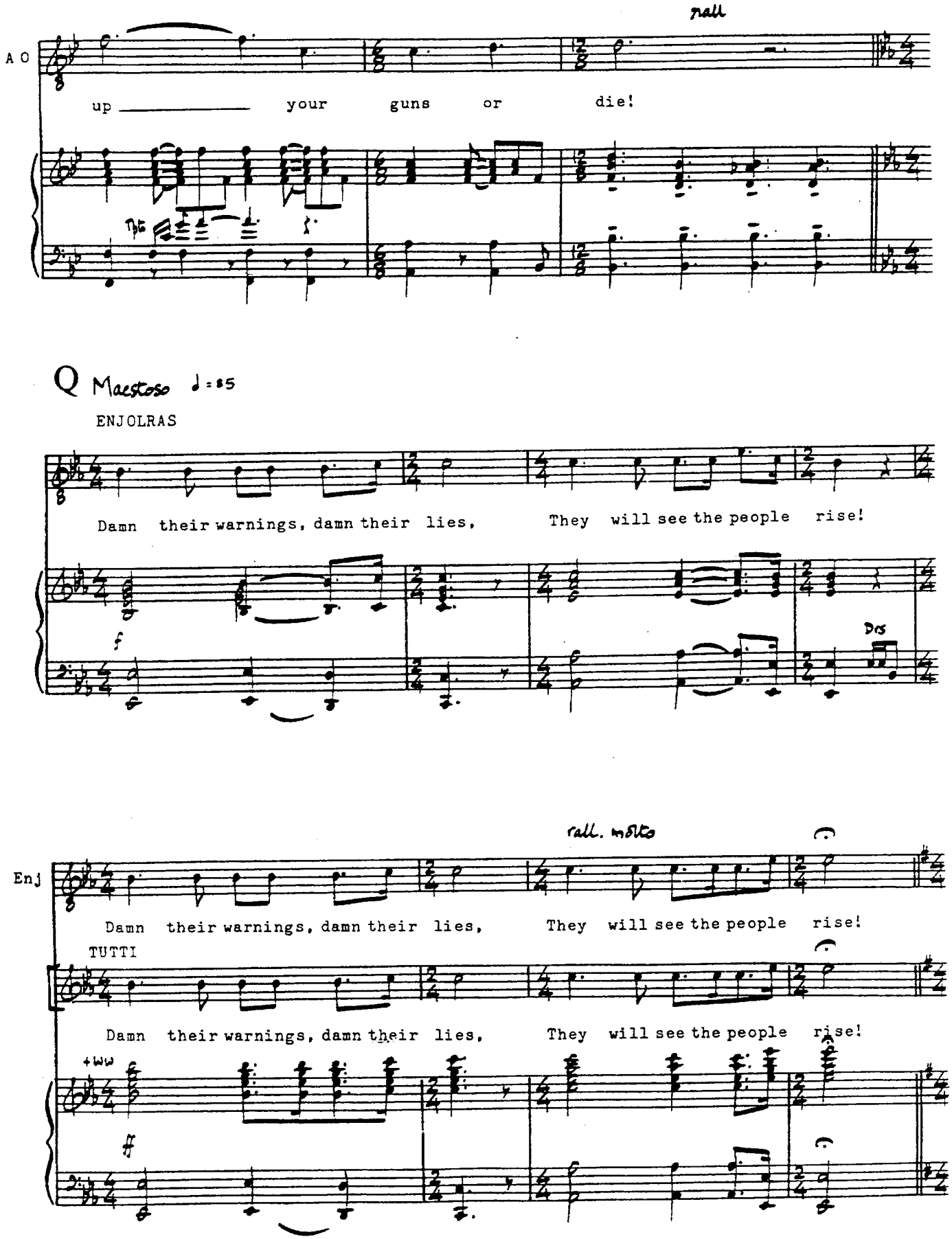

L Maestoso
The barricade is now complete
♩=70
ff
rall.
cresc.
M A tempo
f


N Allegro
COMBEFERRE, FEUILLY
COURFEYRAC, PROUVAIRE
Now we pledge ourselves to hold this barri -
f
MARIUS
Let them come in their legions and they will be met.
C.F
C.P
- cade!
Mar
ENJOLRAS
Have faith in yourselves, and don't be a - fraid.


GRANTAIRE
Let's give 'em a screwing they'll never forget!
COMBEFERRE
This is where it be -
COURFEYRAC
And if I should die in the fight to be free,
Where the fighting is
Com
- gins.
Cou
rall.
hardest, There will I be!
FEUILLY
ossia
Let them come if they dare,
We'll be there!

P Allegro molto ♩. = 135




rall
A O
up your guns or die!
Q Maestoso ♩=85
ENJOLRAS
Damn their warnings, damn their lies, They will see the people rise!
f
Dts
rall. molto
Enj
Damn their warnings, damn their lies, They will see the people rise!
TUTTI
Damn their warnings, damn their lies, They will see the people rise!
+ww
#