CHRISTMAS ROSES.

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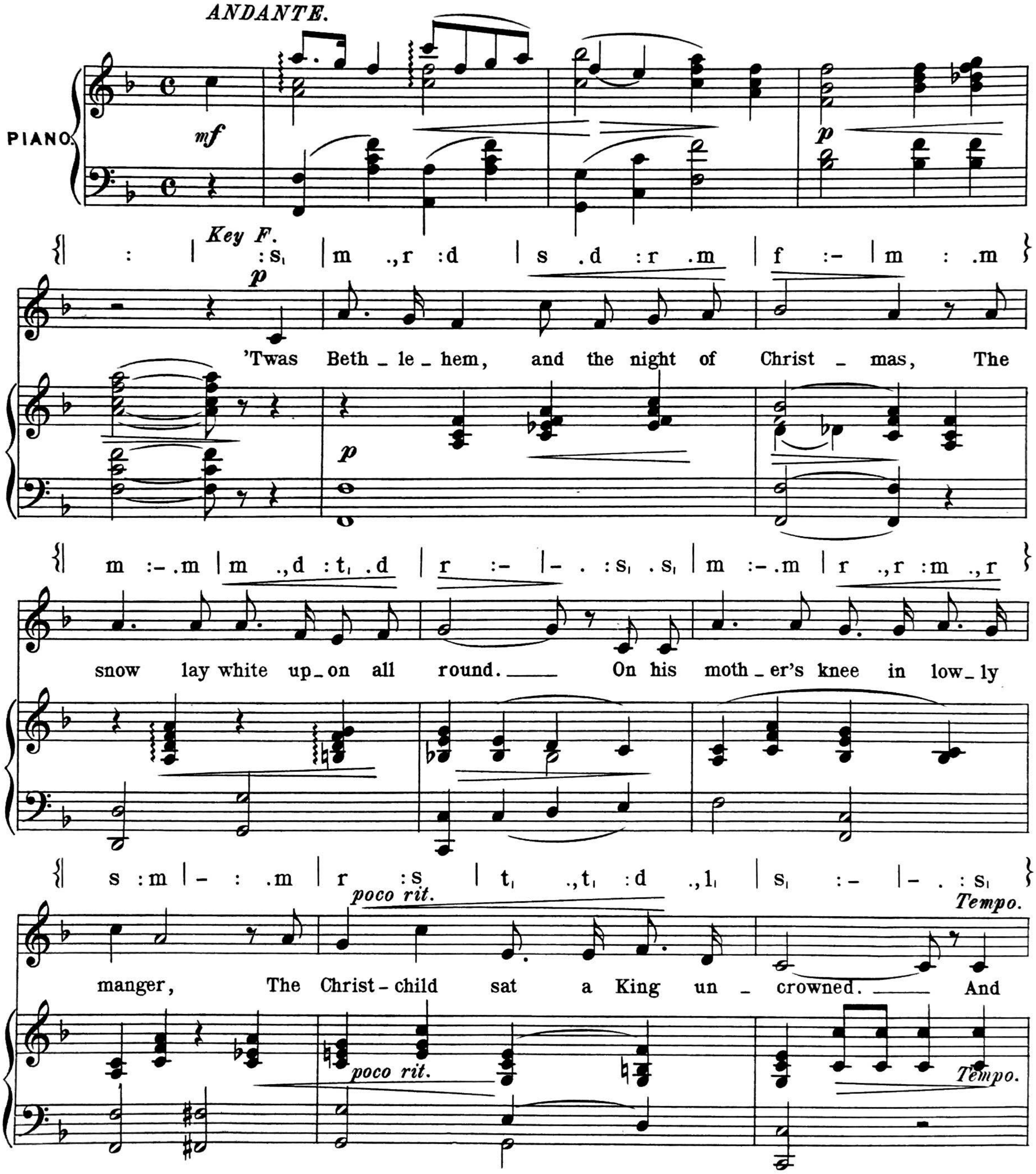
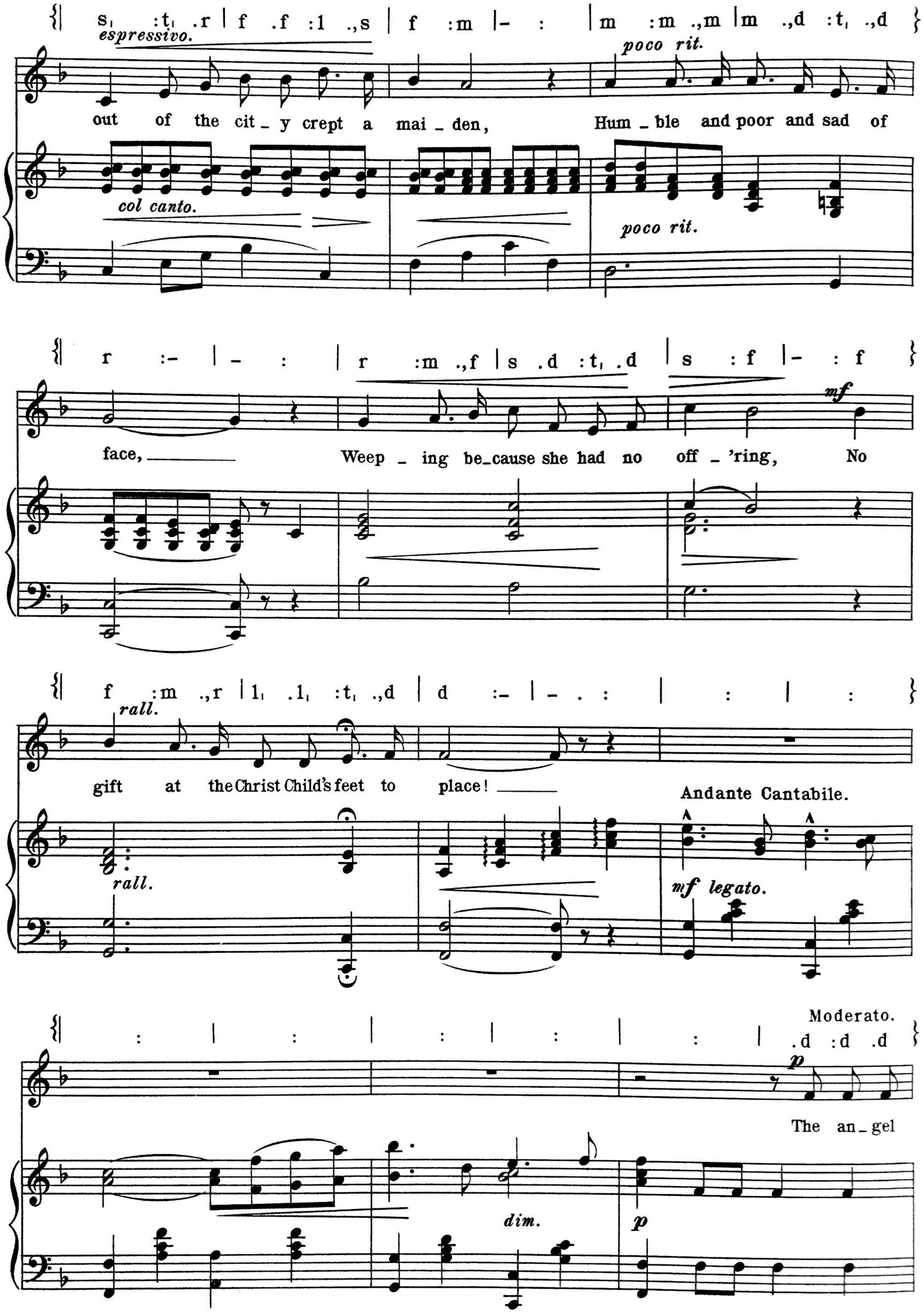
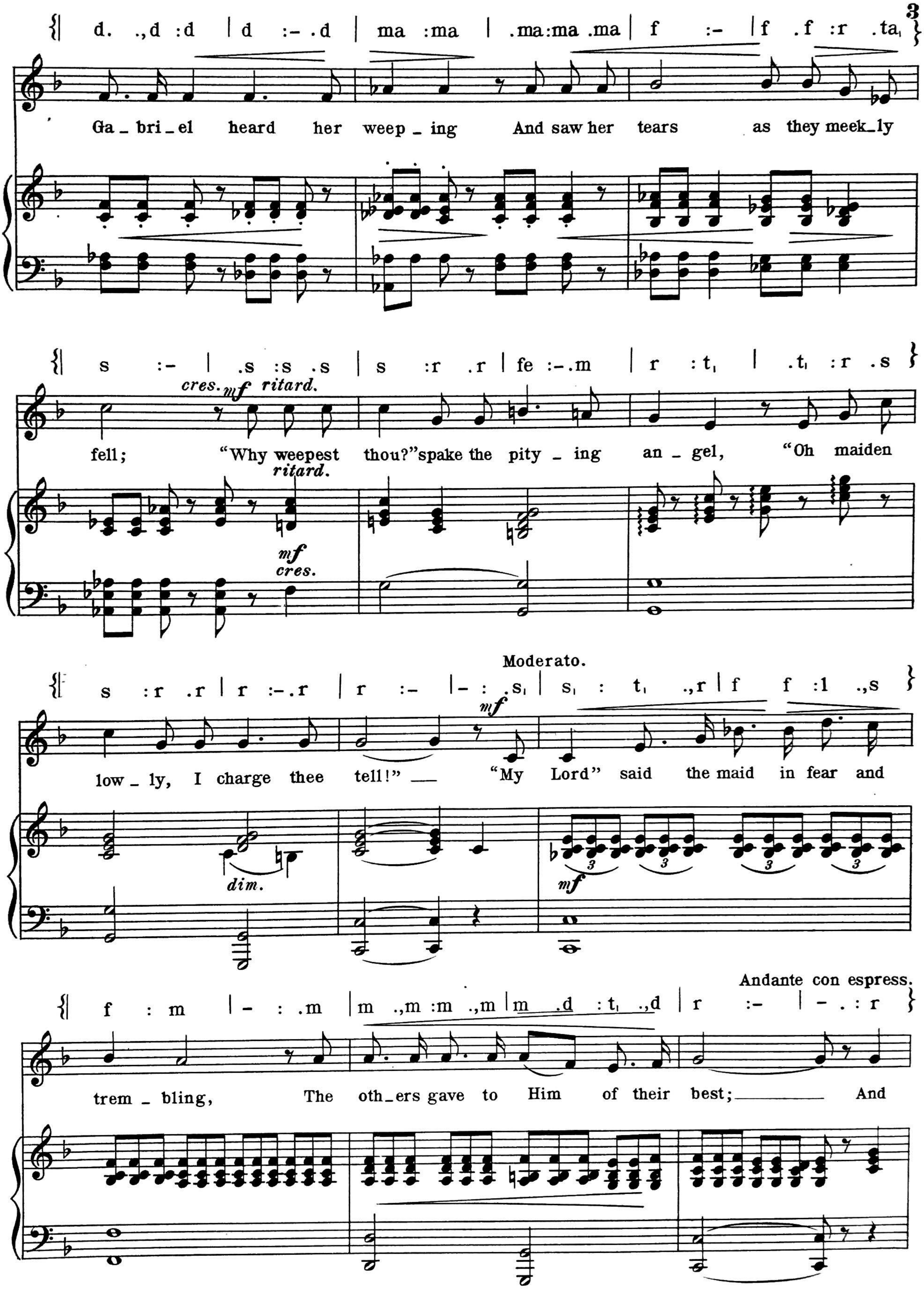
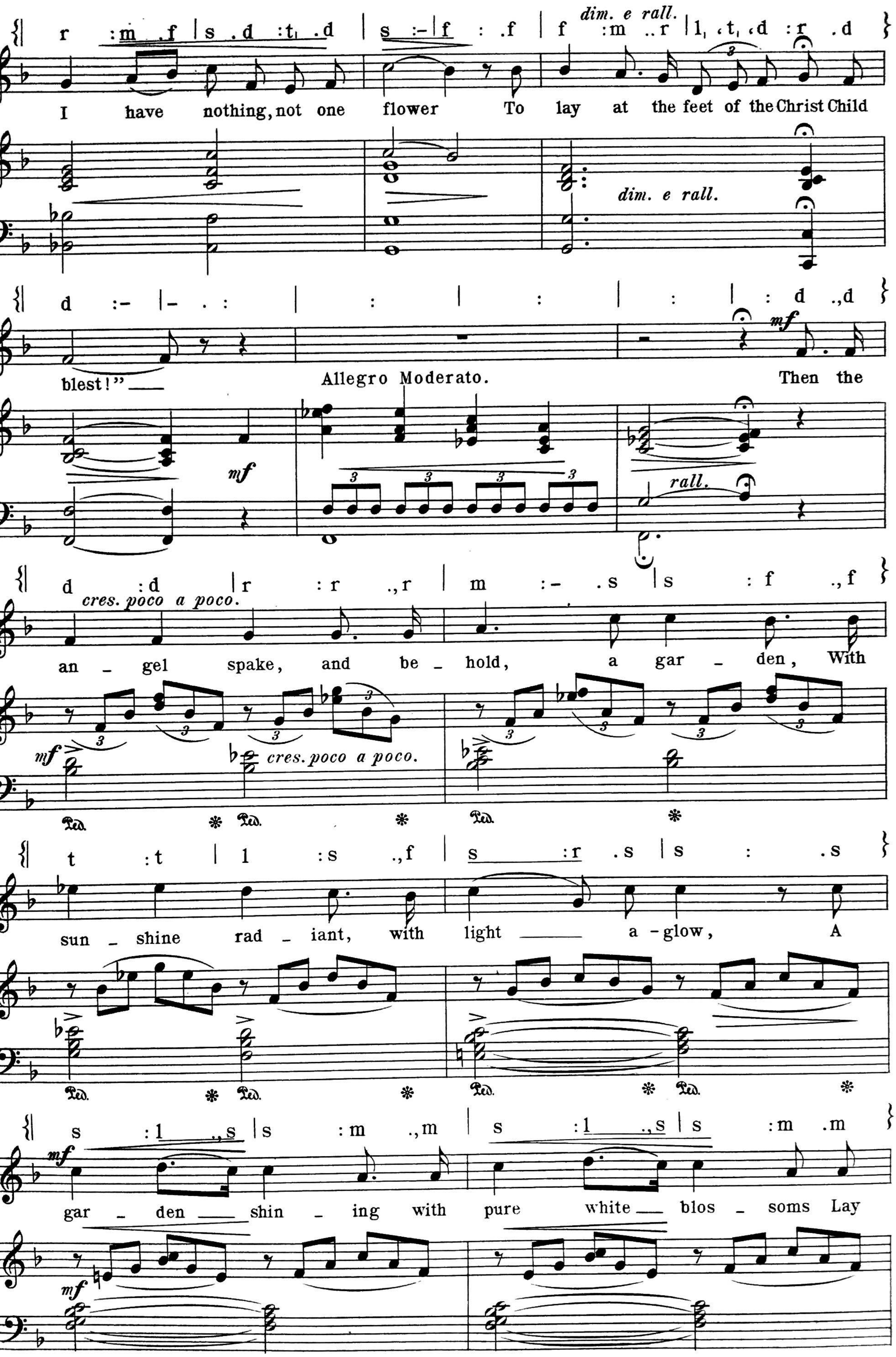
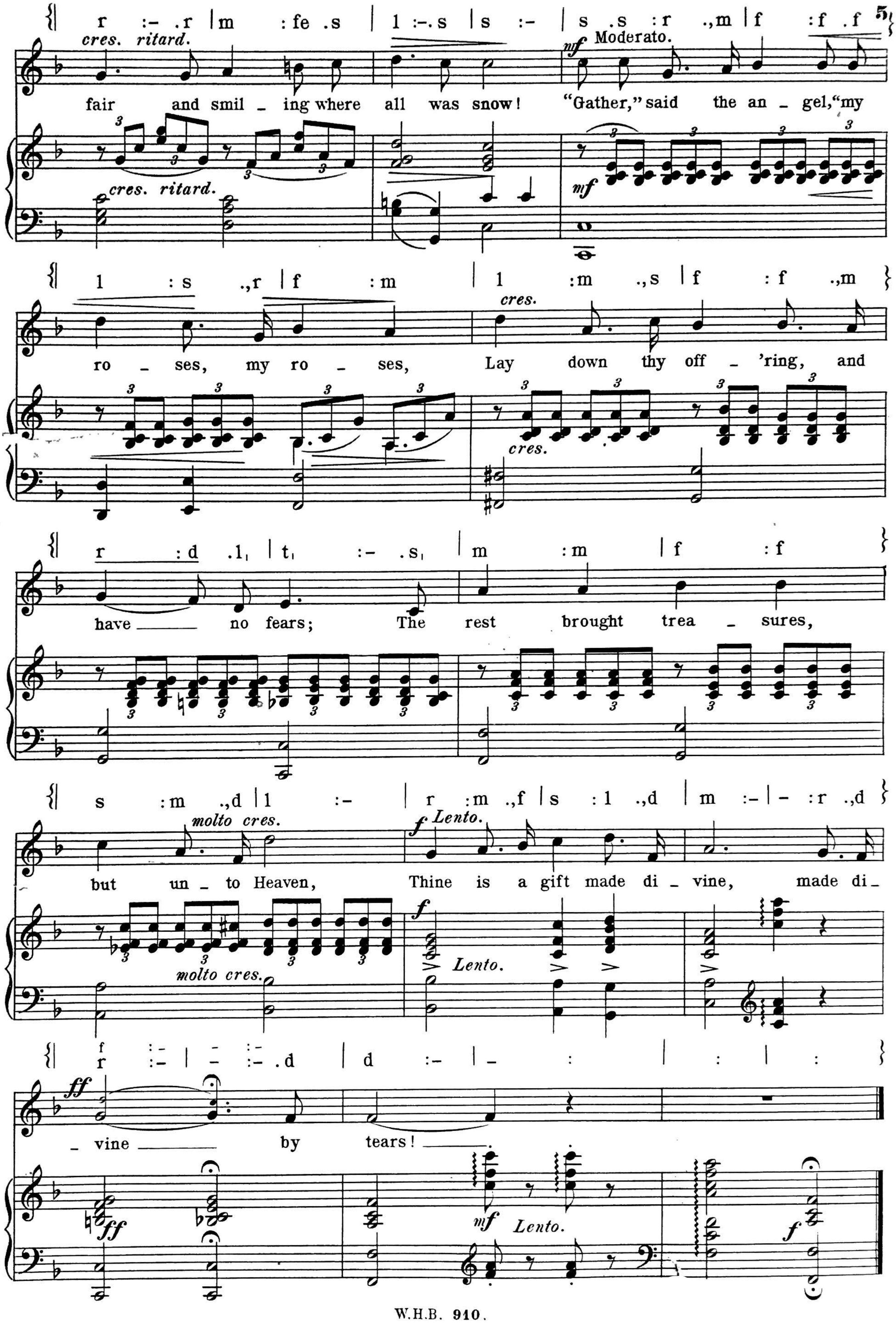

ANDANTE.
PIANO.
mf
p
Key F.
:s₁ | m .,r :d | s .d :r .m | f :- | m : .m
'Twas Beth_le_hem, and the night of Christ_mas, The
m :-.m | m .,d :t₁ .d | r :- | - . :s₁ .s₁ | m :-.m | r .,r :m .,r
snow lay white up_on all round.___ On his moth_er's knee in low_ly
s :m | - : .m | r :s | t₁ .,t₁ :d .,l₁ | s₁ :- | - . :s₁
manger, The Christ-child sat a King un_crowned.___ And
poco rit.
Tempo.


s, :t, .r | f .f :l .,s | f :m | - : | m :m .,m | m .,d :t, .,d
espressivo.
poco rit.
out of the cit-y crept a mai-den, Hum-ble and poor and sad of
col canto.
poco rit.
r :- | - : | r :m .,f | s .d :t, .d | s :f | - : f
face, Weep-ing be-cause she had no off-'ring, No
mf
f :m .,r | l, .l, :t, .,d | d :- | - . : | : | :
rall.
gift at the Christ Child's feet to place!
rall.
Andante Cantabile.
mf legato.
: | : | : | : | : | .d :d .d
Moderato.
p
The an-gel
dim.
p


d. .,d :d | d :- .d | ma :ma | .ma:ma .ma | f :- | f .f :r .ta,
Ga_bri_el heard her weep_ing And saw her tears as they meek_ly
s :- | .s :s .s | s :r .r | fe :-.m | r :t, | .t, :r .s
cres. mf ritard.
fell; "Why weepest thou?" spake the pity_ing an_gel, "Oh maiden
ritard.
mf cres.
s :r .r | r :-.r | r :- | - : .s, | s, : t, .,r | f f :l .,s
Moderato.
mf
low_ly, I charge thee tell!" "My Lord" said the maid in fear and
dim.
mf
f :m | - : .m | m .,m :m .,m | m .d :t, .,d | r :- | - . :r
Andante con espress.
trem_bling, The oth_ers gave to Him of their best; And


r :m .f | s .d :t, .d | s :- | f : .f | f :m ..r | l, ‹t, ‹d :r .d
dim. e rall.
I have nothing, not one flower To lay at the feet of the Christ Child
dim. e rall.
d :- | - . : | : | : | : | : d .,d
blest!" ___
Allegro Moderato.
mf
rall.
Then the
d :d | r :r .,r | m :- .s | s :f .,f
cres. poco a poco.
an - gel spake, and be - hold, a gar - den, With
mf
cres. poco a poco.
t :t | l :s .,f | s :r .s | s : .s
sun - shine rad - iant, with light ___ a - glow, A
s :l .,s | s :m .,m | s :l .,s | s :m .m
mf
gar - den ___ shin - ing with pure white ___ blos - soms Lay


r :- .r | m :fe .s | l :-. s | s :- | s .s :r .,m | f :f .f
cres. ritard.
Moderato.
mf
fair and smil - ing where all was snow! "Gather," said the an - gel, "my
l :s .,r | f :m | l :m .,s | f :f .,m
cres.
ro - ses, my ro - ses, Lay down thy off - 'ring, and
r :d .l, | t, :- .s, | m :m | f :f
have no fears; The rest brought trea - sures,
s :m .,d | l :- | r :m .,f | s :l .,d | m :- | - :r .,d
molto cres.
f Lento.
but un - to Heaven, Thine is a gift made di - vine, made di -
f r :- | - :- .d | d :- | - : | : | :
ff
- vine by tears!
mf Lento.
f