WAITING FOR LIFE

from *Once on This Island*

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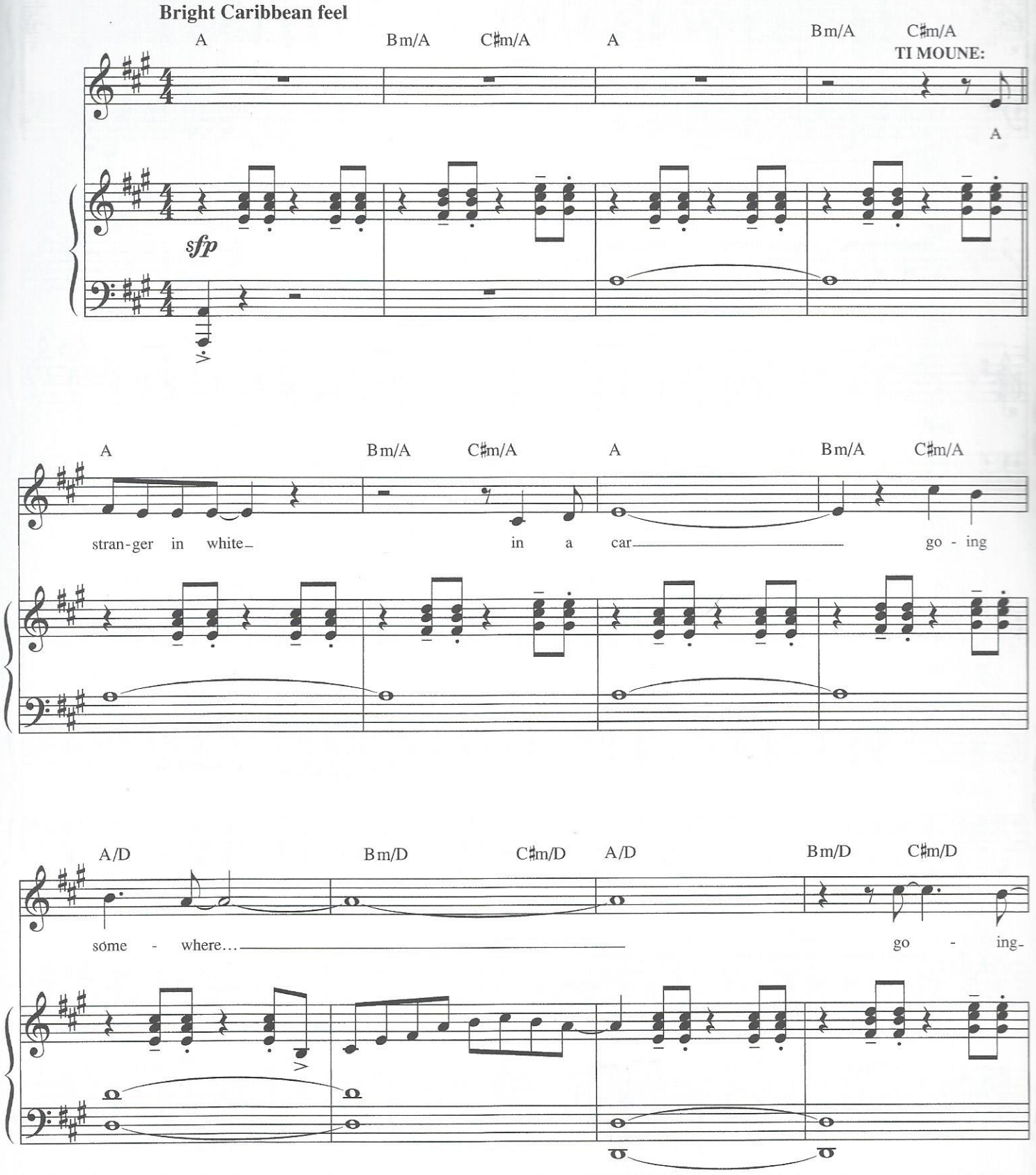

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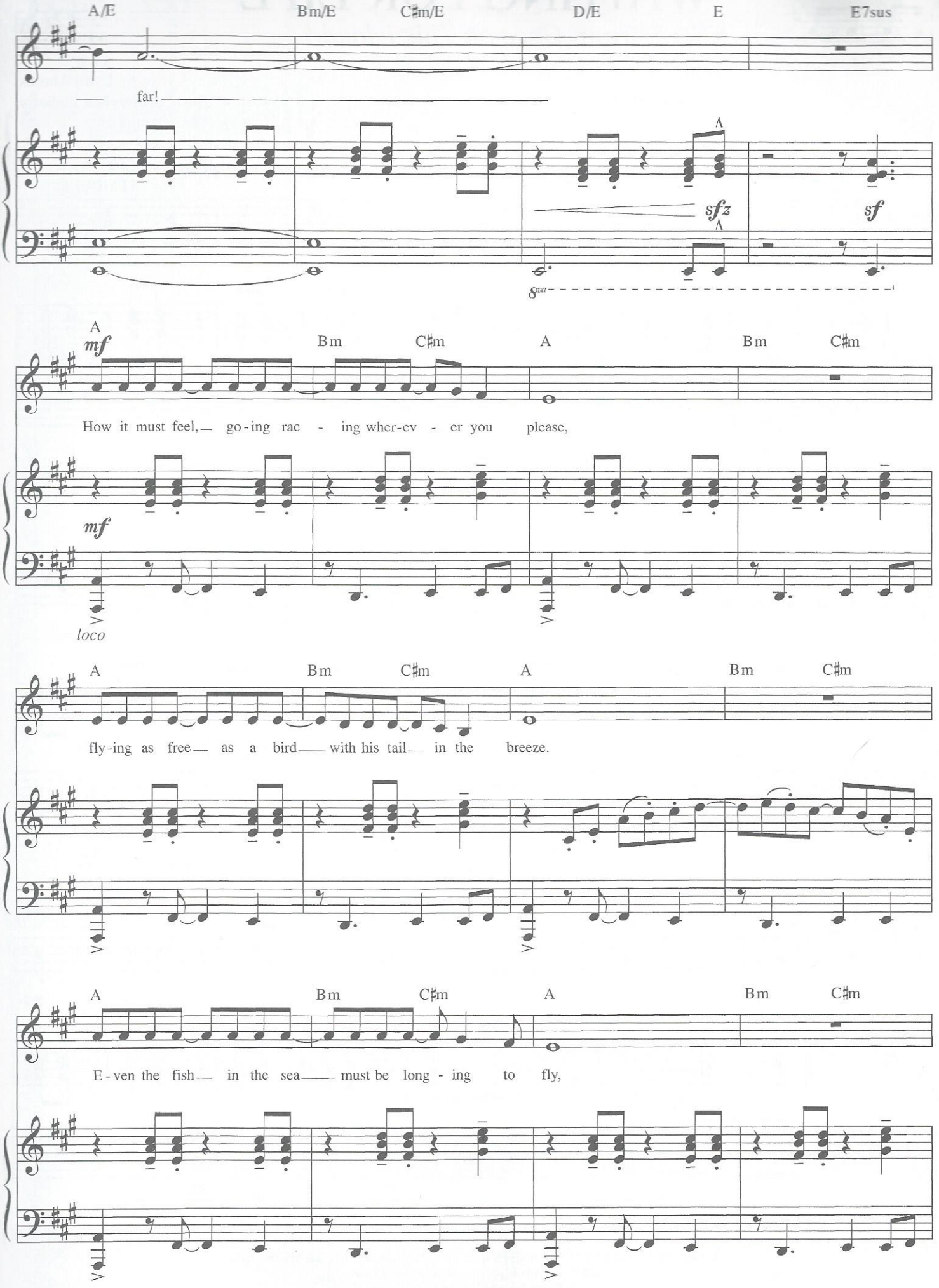
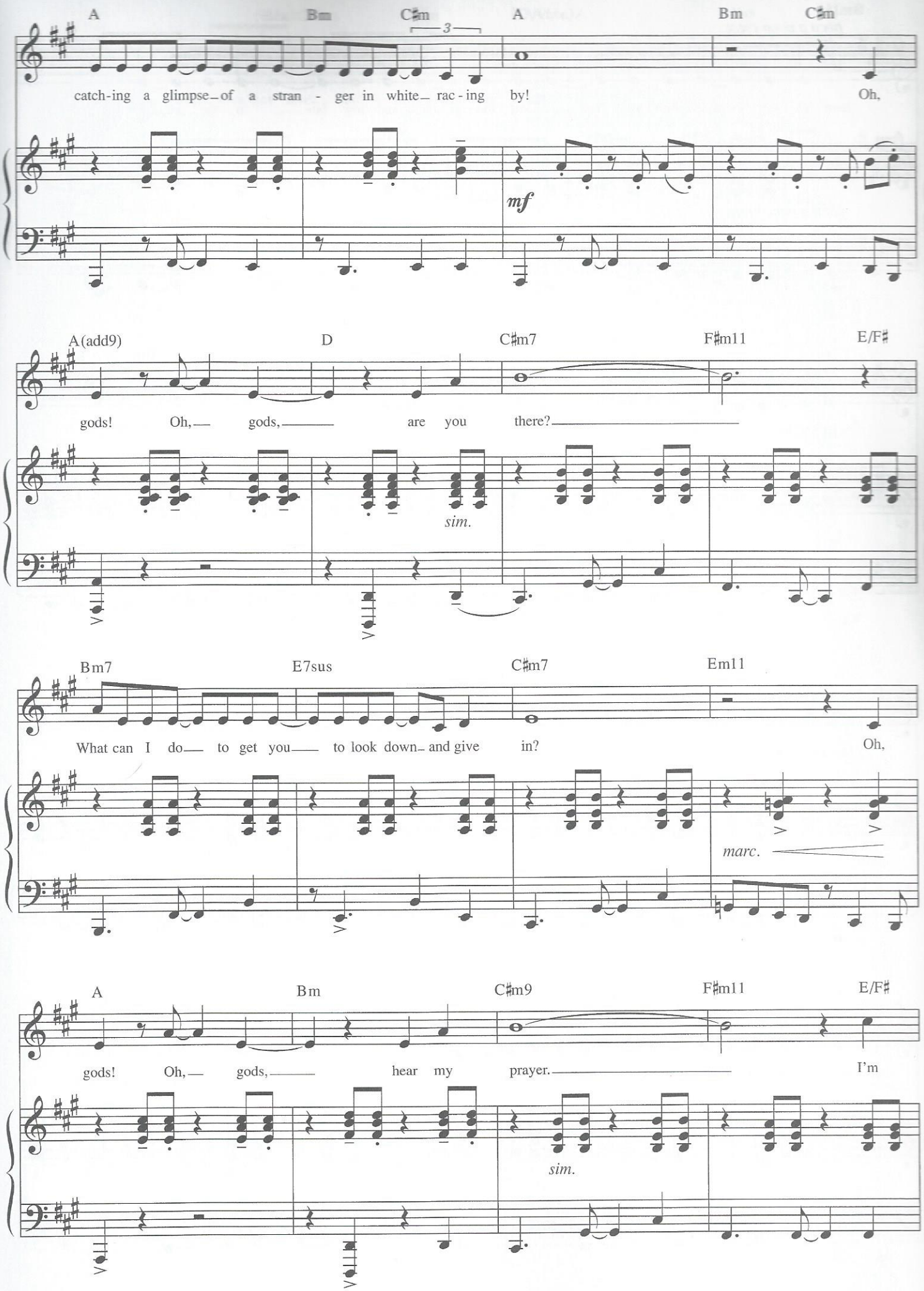
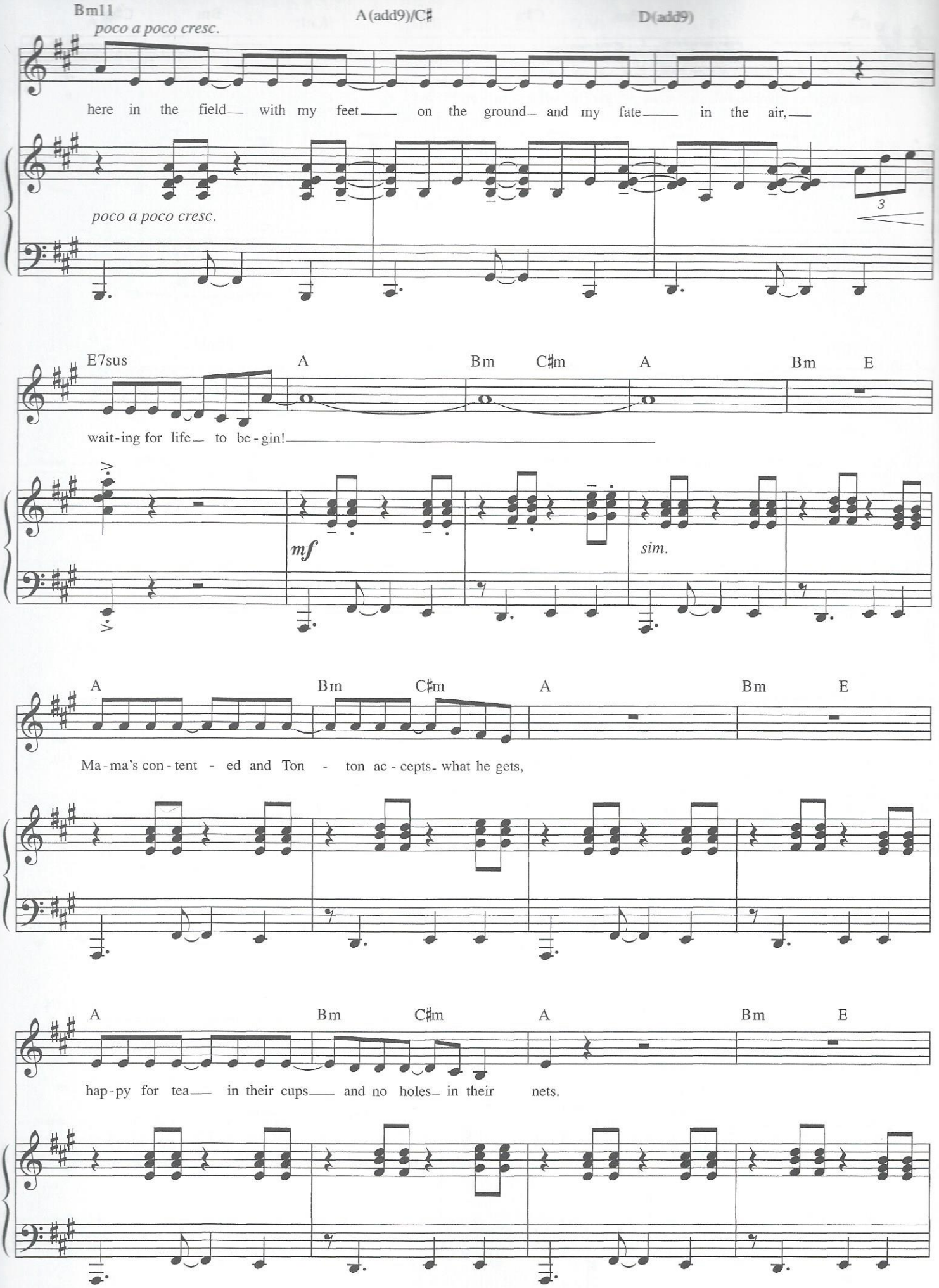
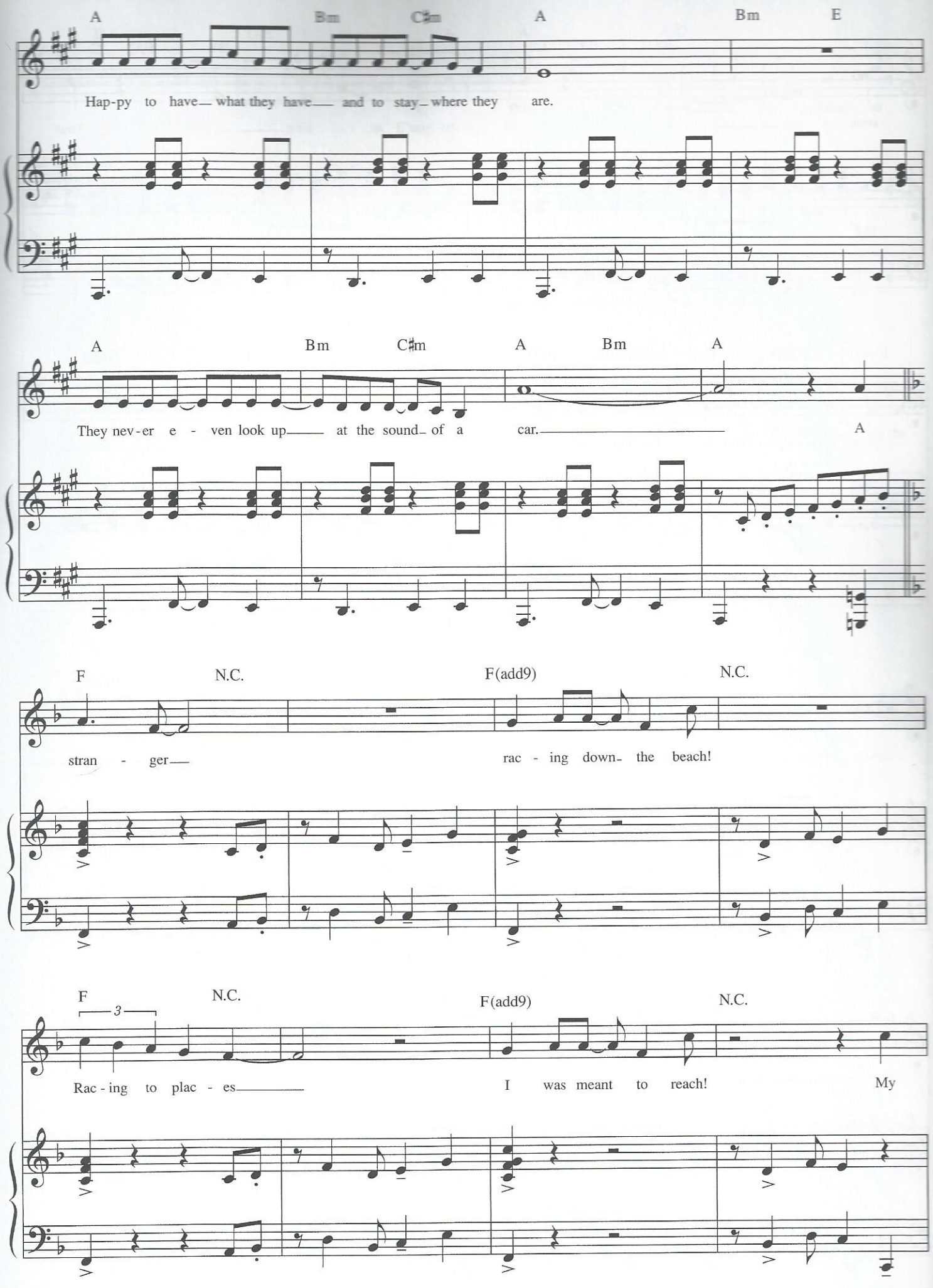
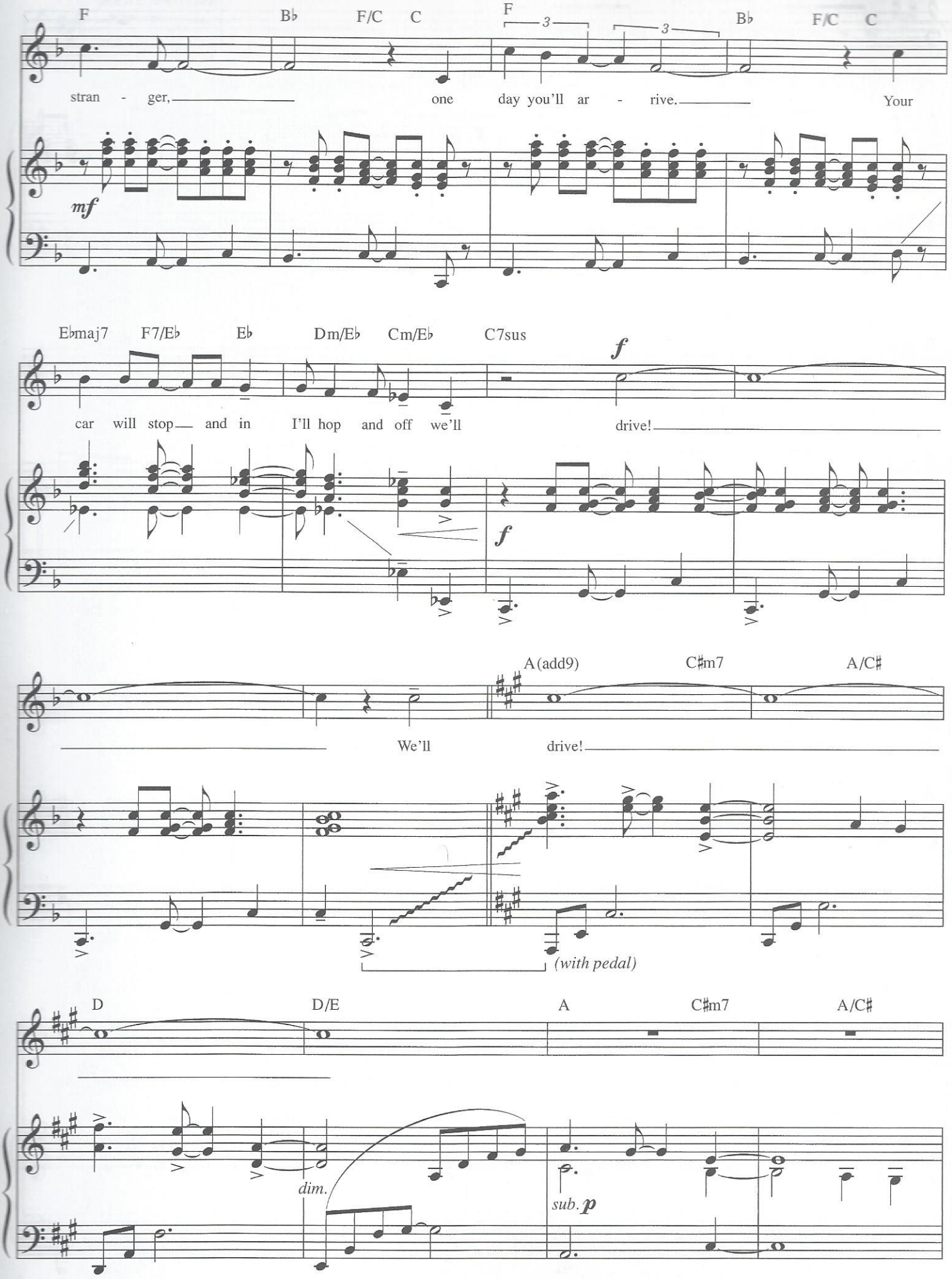
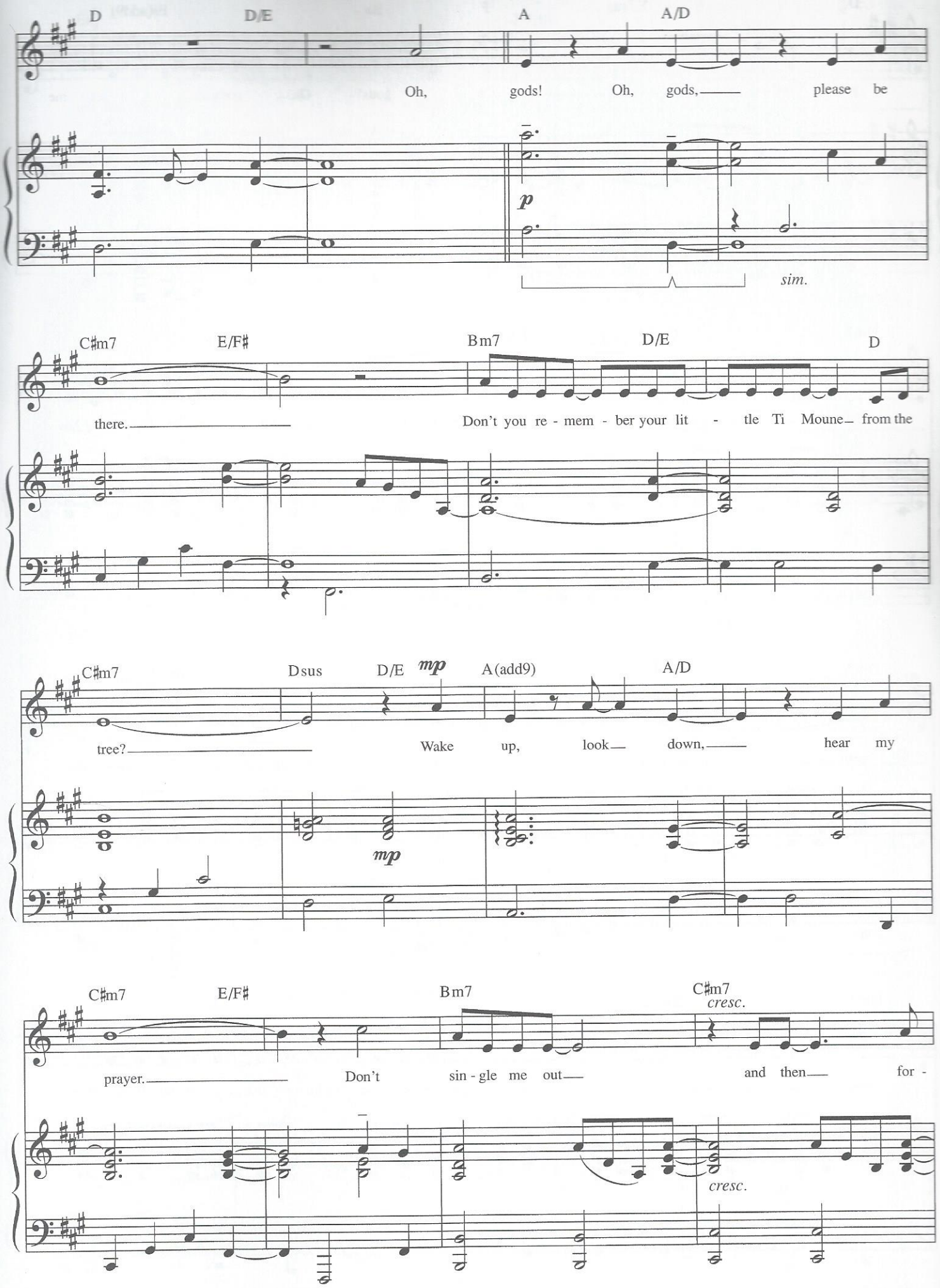

A/E
Bm/E
C♯m/E
D/E
E
E7sus
far!
sfz
sf
8va
A
mf
Bm
C♯m
A
Bm
C♯m
How it must feel, go-ing rac - ing wher-ev - er you please,
mf
loco
A
Bm
C♯m
A
Bm
C♯m
fly-ing as free as a bird with his tail in the breeze.
A
Bm
C♯m
A
Bm
C♯m
E-ven the fish in the sea must be long - ing to fly,

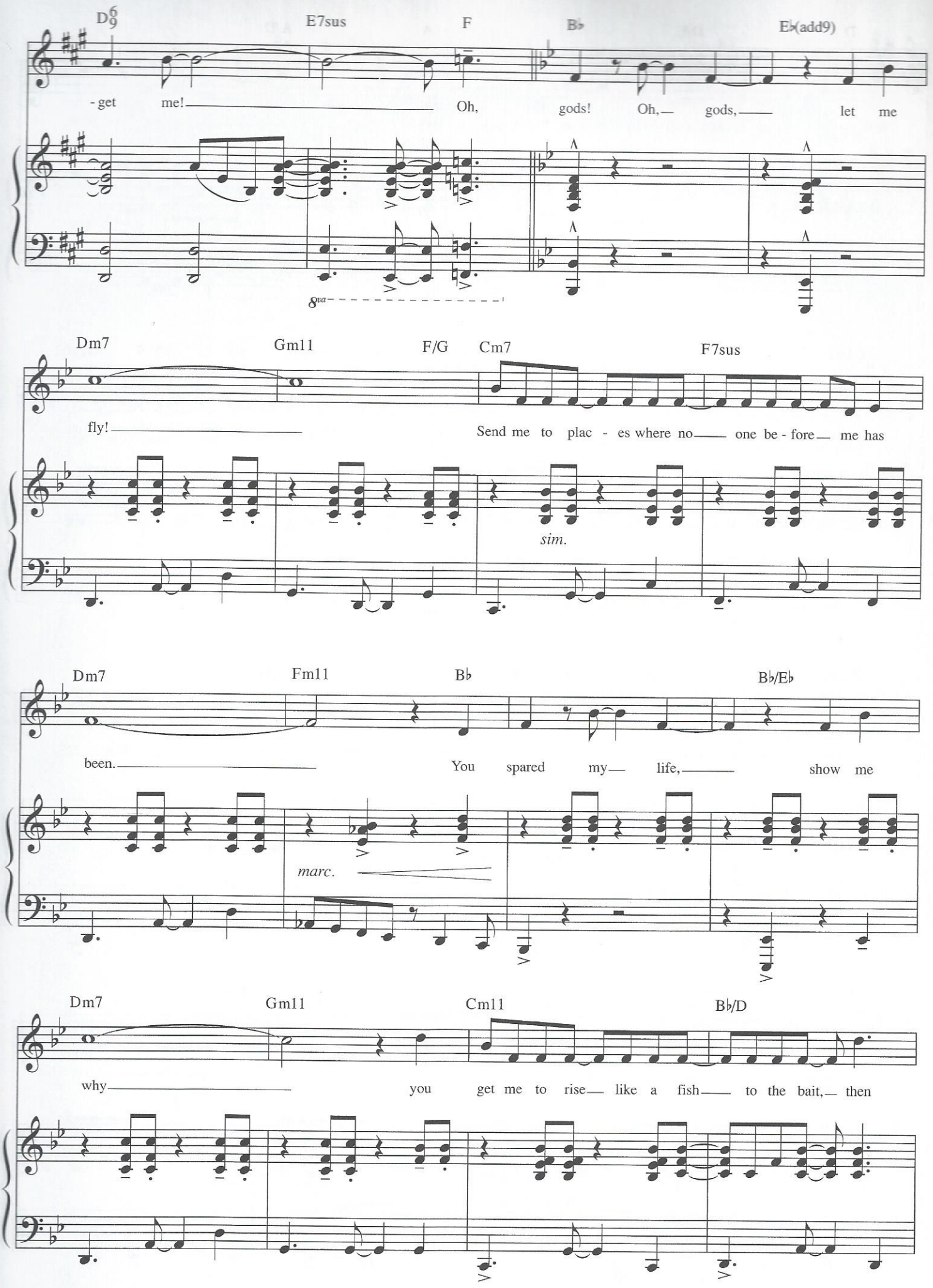

A
Bm
C♯m
3
A
Bm
C♯m
catch-ing a glimpse of a stran - ger in white rac - ing by!
Oh,
mf
A(add9)
D
C♯m7
F♯m11
E/F♯
gods! Oh, gods, are you there?
sim.
B♭m7
E7sus
C♯m7
Em11
What can I do to get you to look down and give in?
Oh,
marc.
A
Bm
C♯m9
F♯m11
E/F♯
gods! Oh, gods, hear my prayer.
I'm
sim.

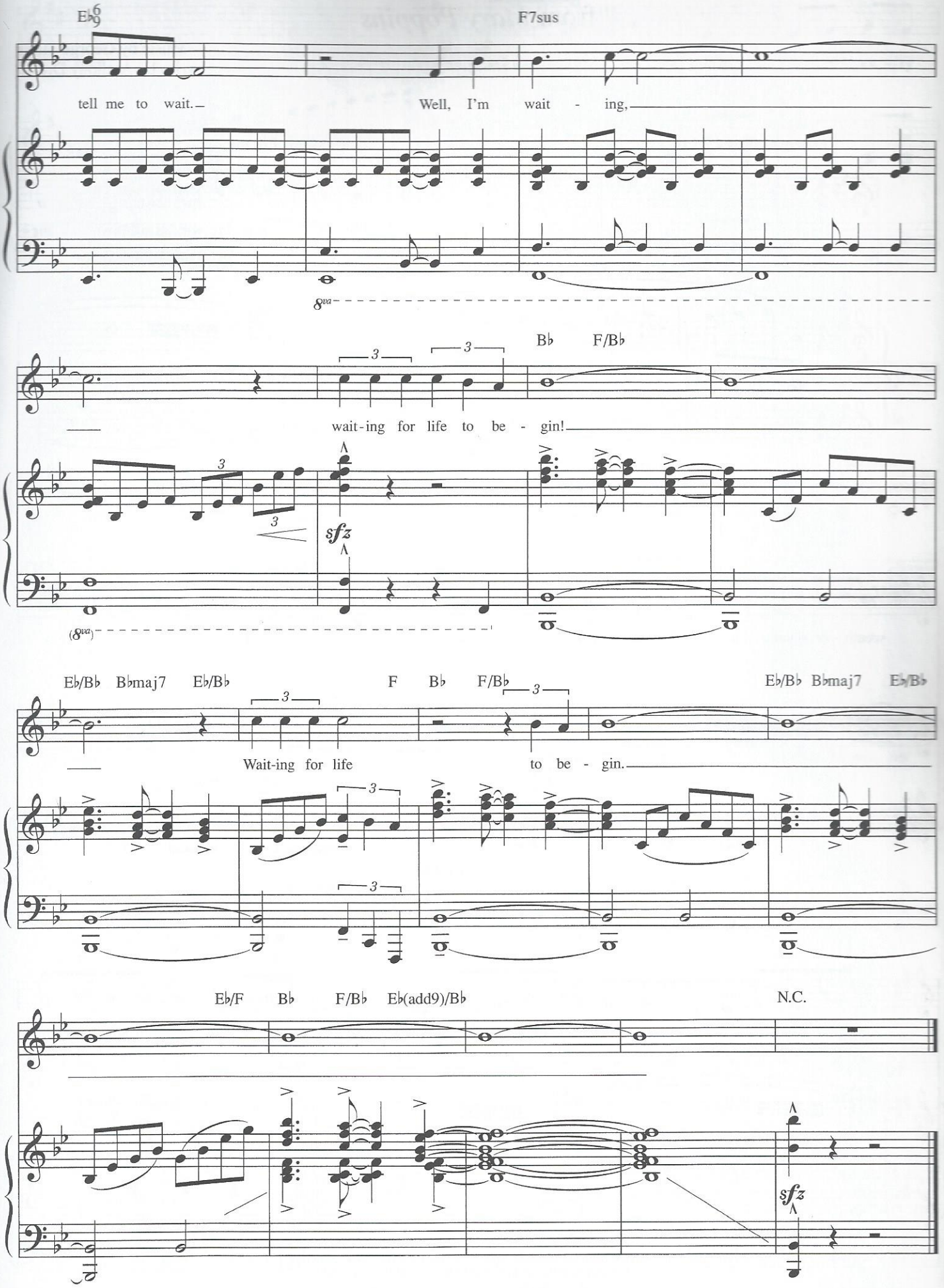

Bm11
A(add9)/C♯
D(add9)
poco a poco cresc.
here in the field with my feet on the ground and my fate in the air,
poco a poco cresc.
3
E7sus
A
Bm
C♯m
A
Bm
E
wait-ing for life to be-gin!
mf
sim.
A
Bm
C♯m
A
Bm
E
Ma-ma's con-tent - ed and Ton - ton ac-cepts what he gets,
A
Bm
C♯m
A
Bm
E
hap-py for tea in their cups and no holes in their nets.


A Bm C♯m A Bm E
Hap-py to have what they have and to stay where they are.
A Bm C♯m A Bm A
They nev-er e - ven look up at the sound of a car.
A
F N.C. F(add9) N.C.
stran - ger
rac - ing down the beach!
F N.C. F(add9) N.C.
3
Rac - ing to plac - es
I was meant to reach! My


F
B♭
F/C
C
F
B♭
F/C
C
stran - ger,
one day you'll ar - rive.
Your
mf
E♭maj7
F7/E♭
E♭
Dm/E♭
Cm/E♭
C7sus
f
car will stop and in
I'll hop and off we'll
drive!
f
A(add9)
C♯m7
A/C♯
We'll
drive!
(with pedal)
D
D/E
A
C♯m7
A/C♯
dim.
sub. p


D
D/E
A
A/D
Oh, gods! Oh, gods, please be
p
sim.
C♯m7
E/F♯
Bm7
D/E
D
there.
Don't you re - mem - ber your lit - tle Ti Moune from the
C♯m7
Dsus
D/E
mp
A(add9)
A/D
tree?
Wake up, look down, hear my
mp
C♯m7
E/F♯
Bm7
C♯m7
cresc.
prayer.
Don't sin - gle me out
and then for -
cresc.


D6/9
E7sus
F
B♭
E♭(add9)
- get me! Oh, gods! Oh, gods, let me
8va
Dm7
Gm11
F/G
Cm7
F7sus
fly! Send me to plac - es where no one be - fore me has
sim.
Dm7
Fm11
B♭
B♭/E♭
been. You spared my life, show me
marc.
Dm7
Gm11
Cm11
B♭/D
why you get me to rise like a fish to the bait, then


E♭6/9
F7sus
tell me to wait.
Well, I'm wait - ing,
8va
B♭
F/B♭
wait-ing for life to be - gin!
sfz
(8va)
E♭/B♭
B♭maj7
E♭/B♭
F
B♭
F/B♭
E♭/B♭
B♭maj7
E♭/B♭
Wait-ing for life
to be - gin.
E♭/F
B♭
F/B♭
E♭(add9)/B♭
N.C.
sfz