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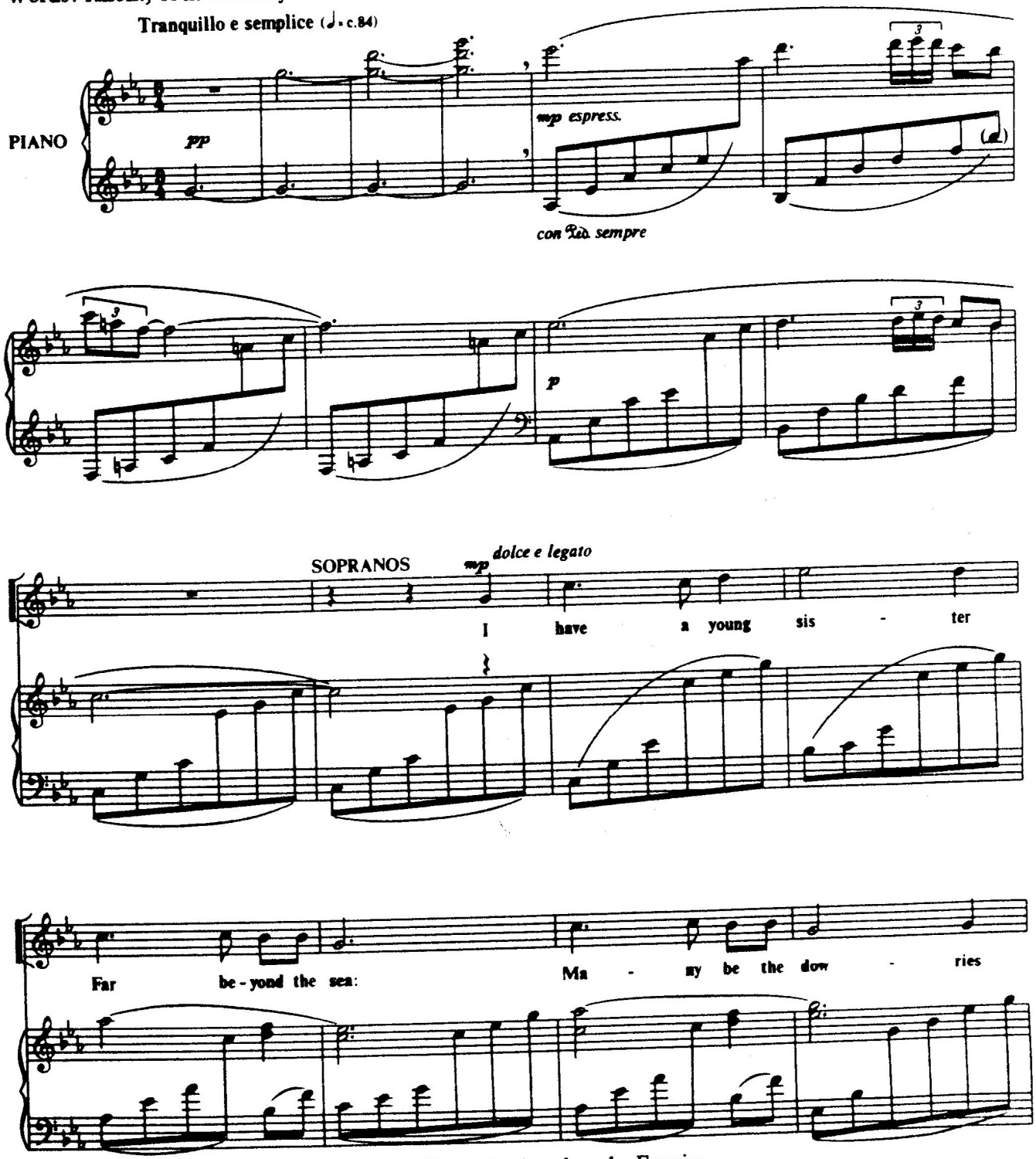
RIDDLE SONG

JOHN RUTTER

Words: Anon., 15th Century



This song comes from John Rutter's choral cycle *Fancies*.
It is scored for Fl., Ob., Cl., Hn., Hp., Solo strings: Scores and parts are on hire.

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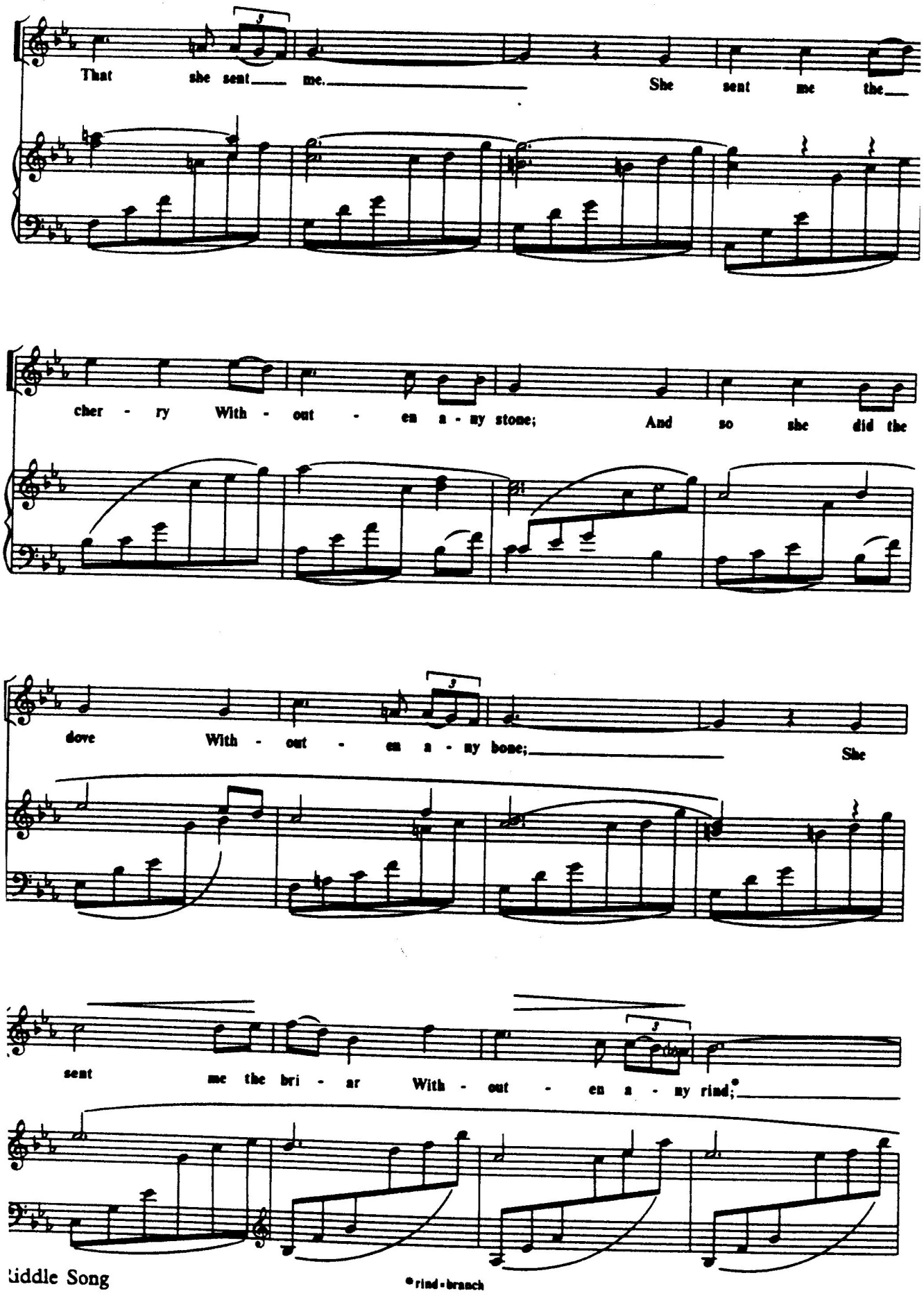
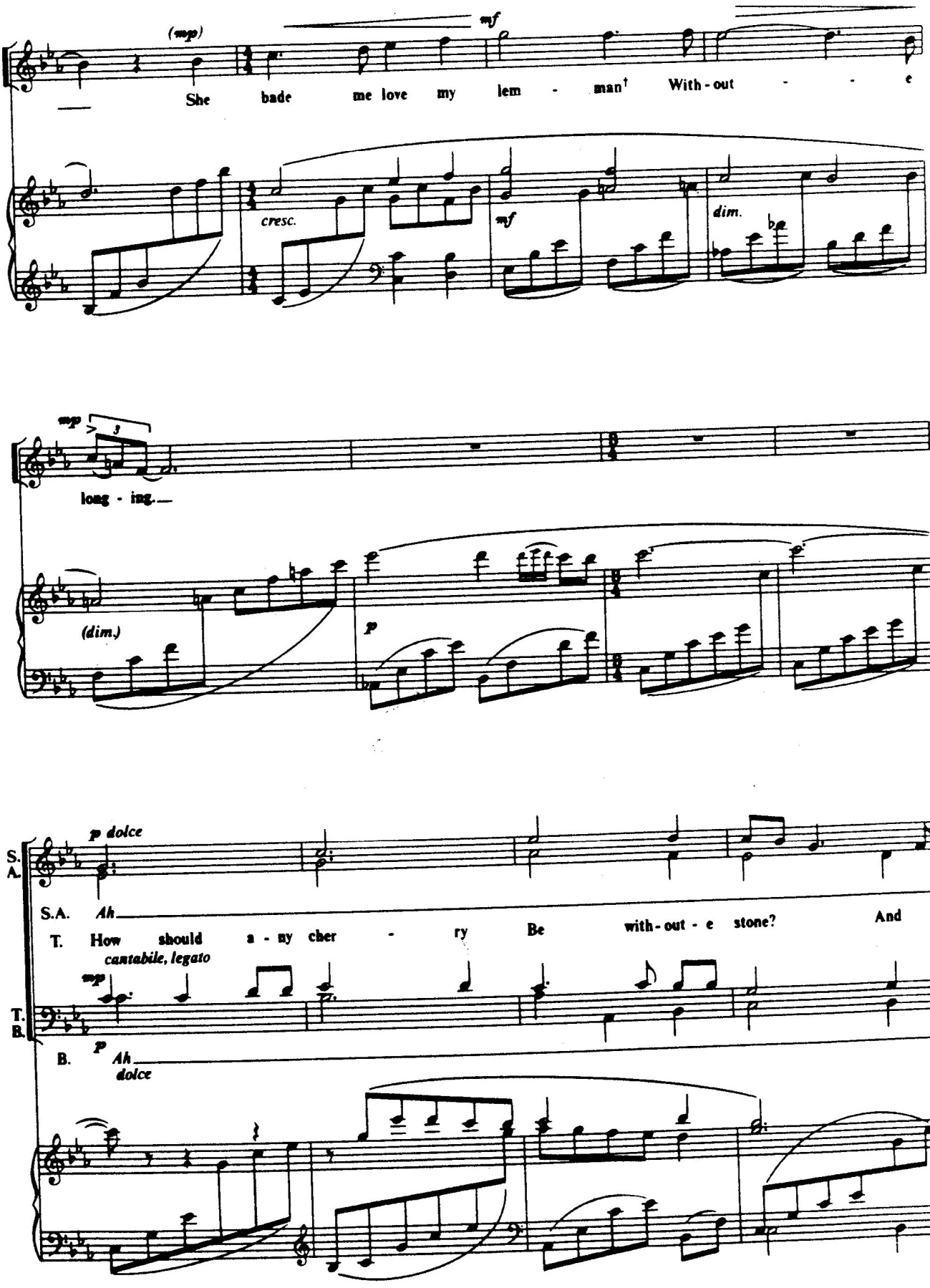
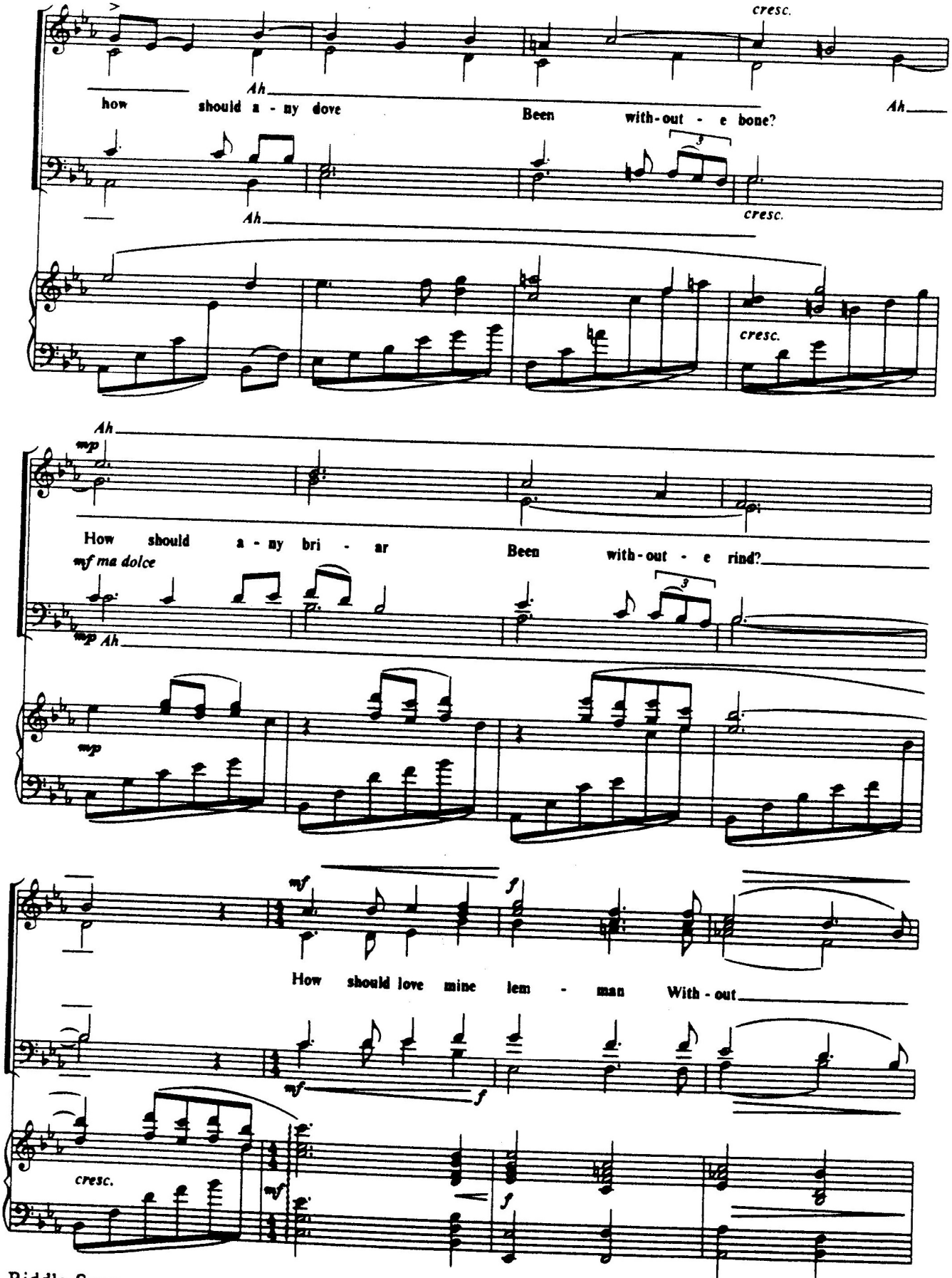


Riddle Song

*rind=branch



†lemman = lover, sweetheart


cresc.
Ah
how should a - ny dove Been with-out - e bone?
Ah
Ah
cresc.
cresc.
Ah
mp
How should a - ny bri - ar Been with-out - e rind?
mf ma dolce
mp Ah
mp
mf
f
How should love mine lem - man With - out
mf
f
cresc.
mf
f

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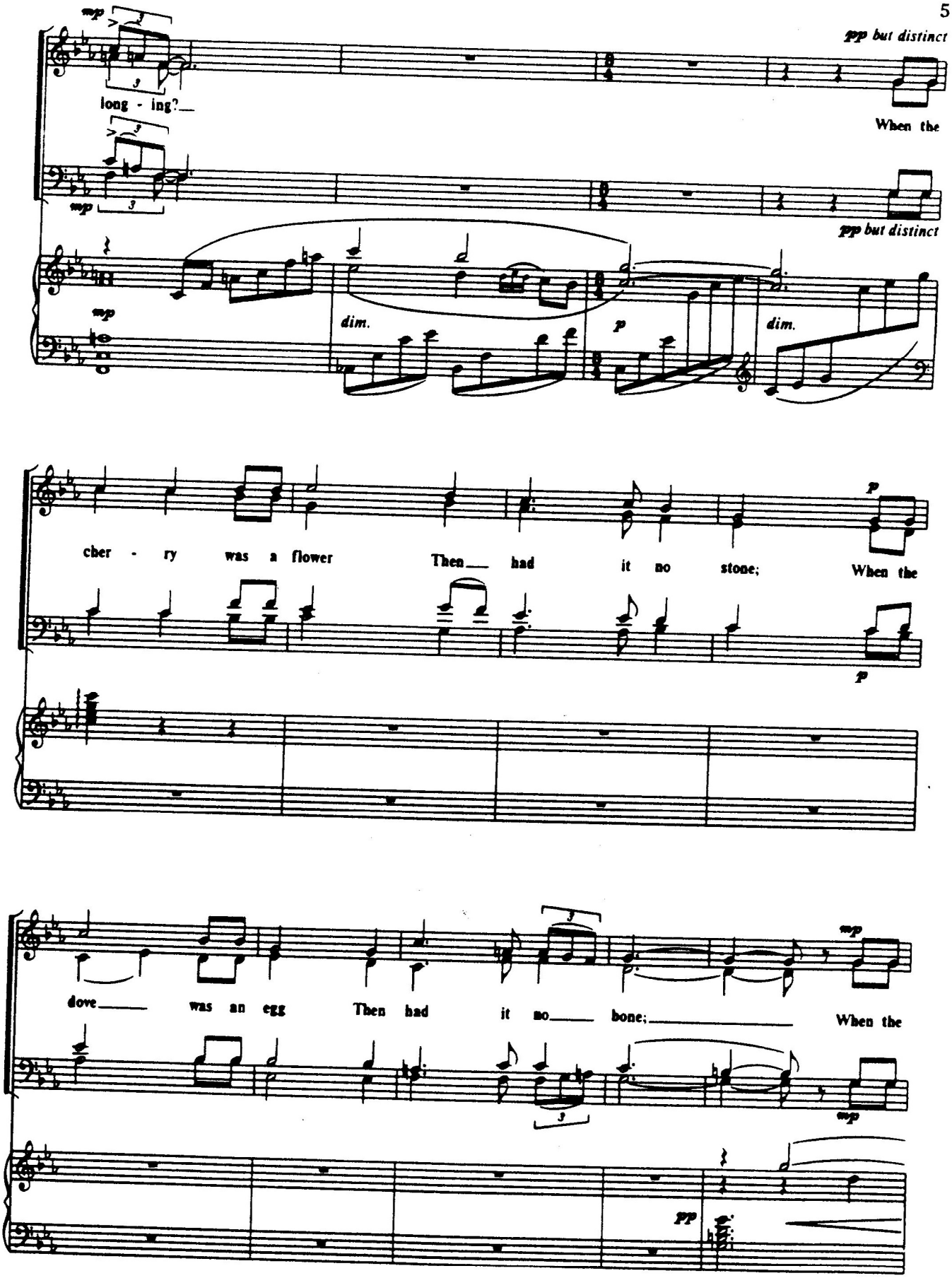
mp
long - ing?
ppp but distinct
When the
mp
ppp but distinct
mp
dim.
p
dim.
cher - ry was a flower
Then had it no stone;
When the
p
p
dove was an egg
Then had it no bone;
When the
mp
mp
pp

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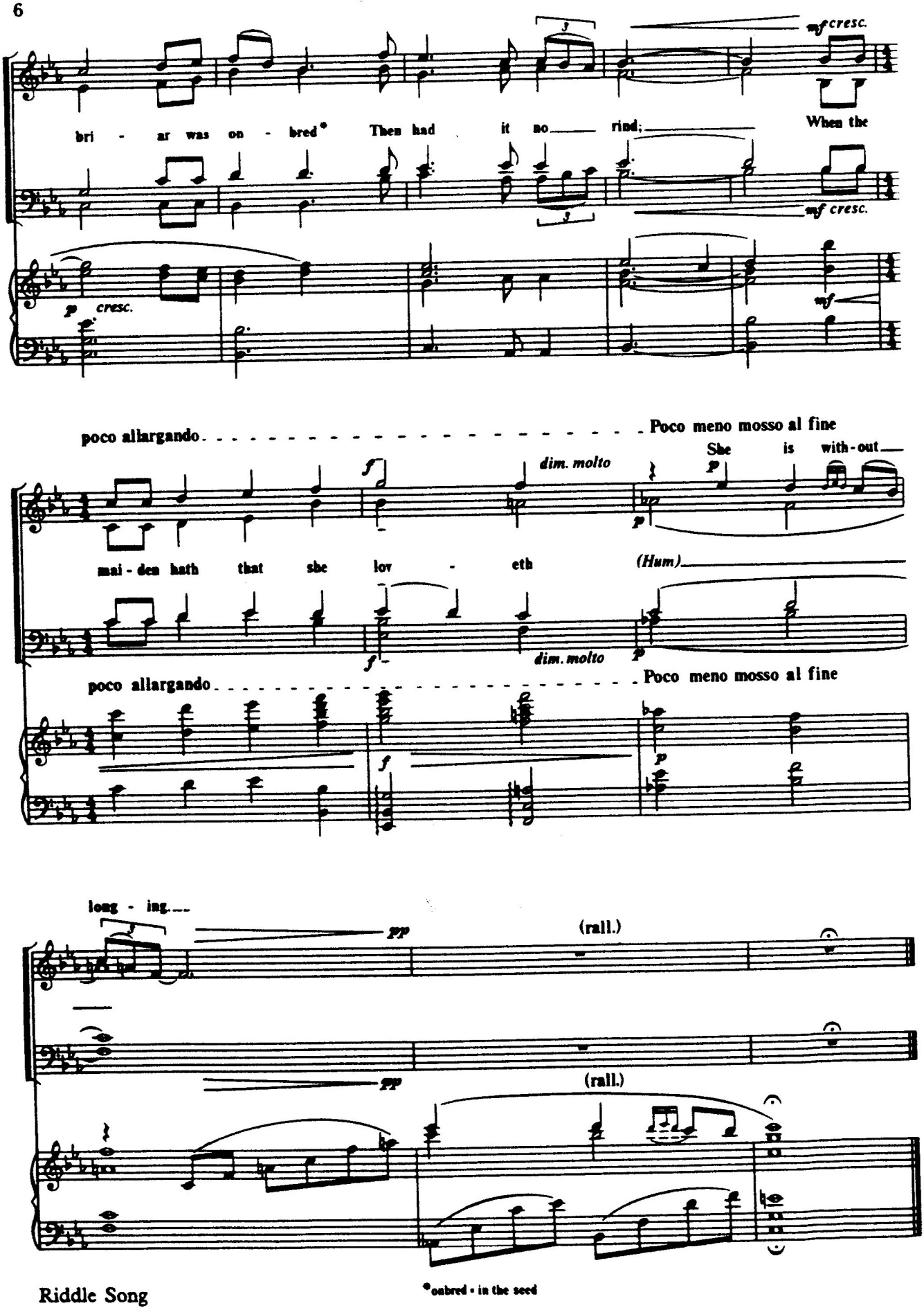

*onbred = in the seed