From the Almanac of Last Things

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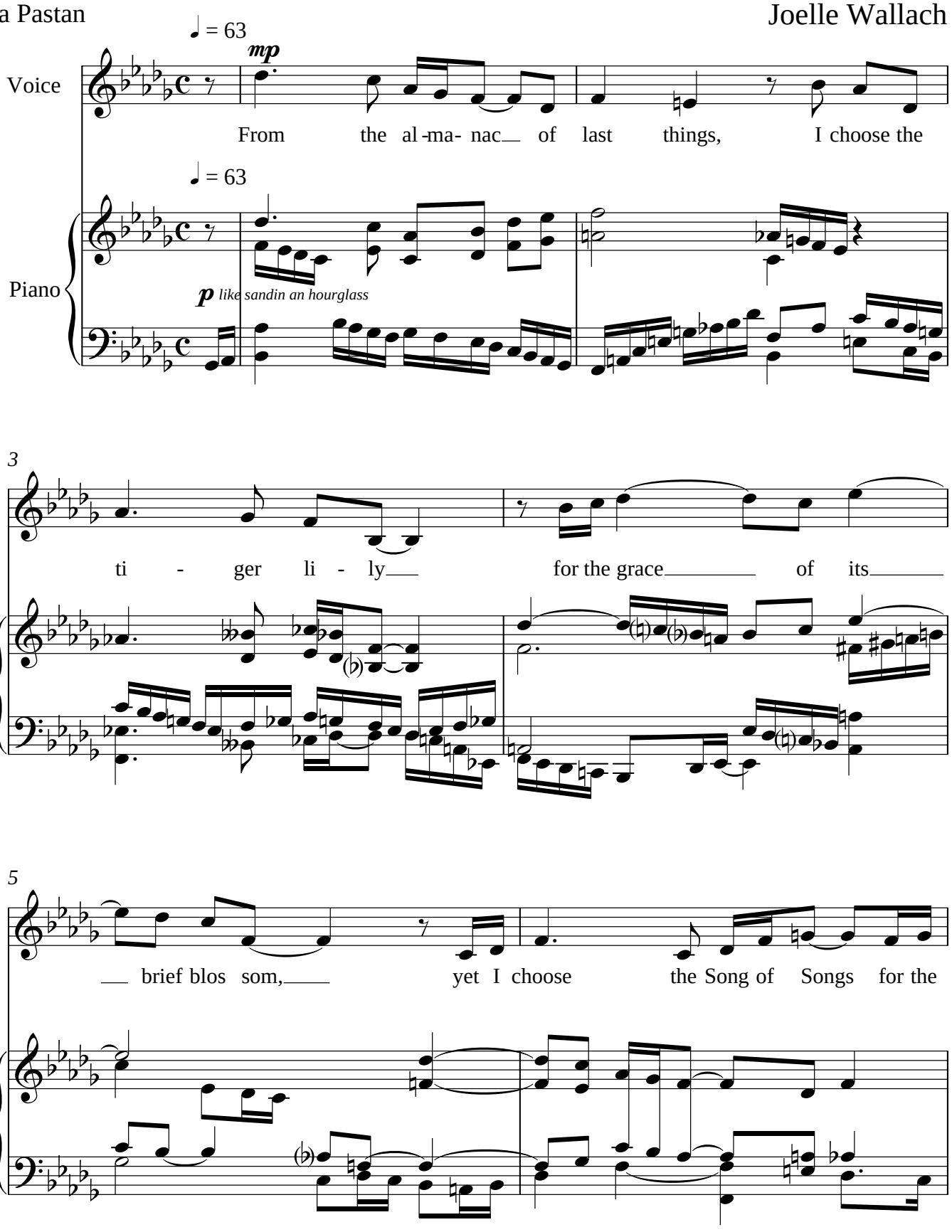

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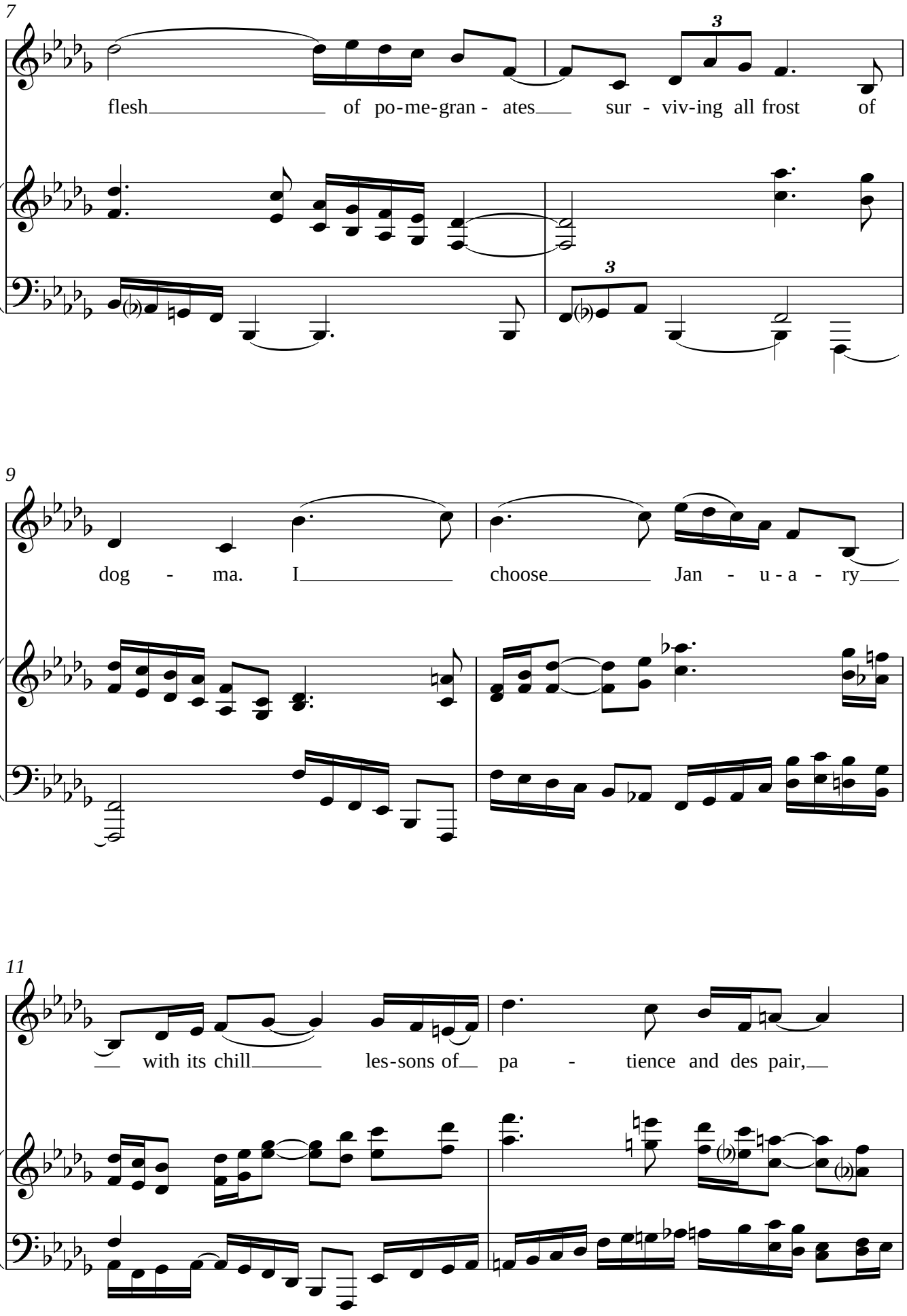
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flesh of po-me-gran - ates sur - viv-ing all frost of
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dog - ma. I choose Jan - u - a - ry
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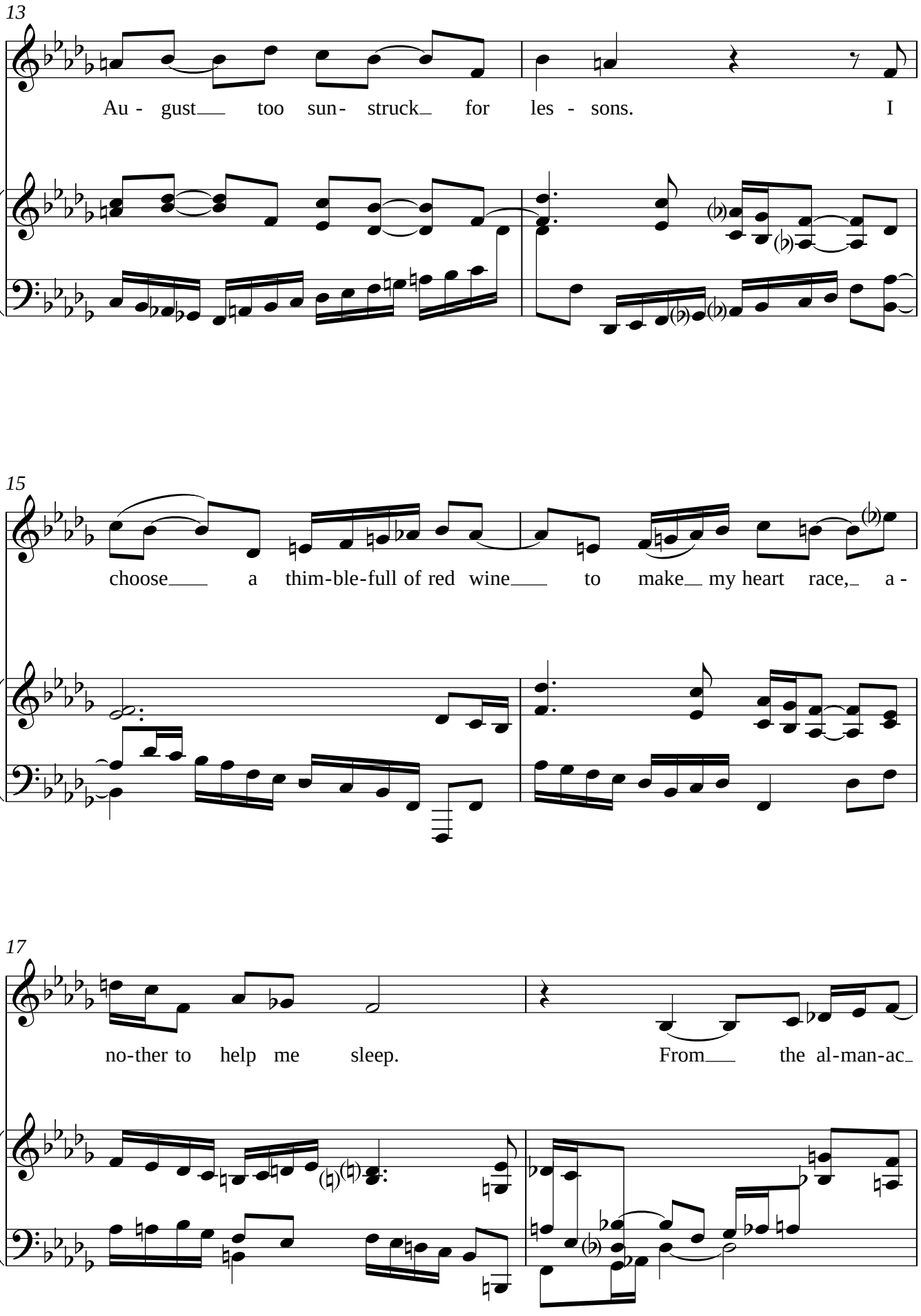
with its chill les-sons of pa - tience and des pair,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Au - gust too sun- struck for les - sons. I
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choose a thim-ble-full of red wine to make my heart race, a -
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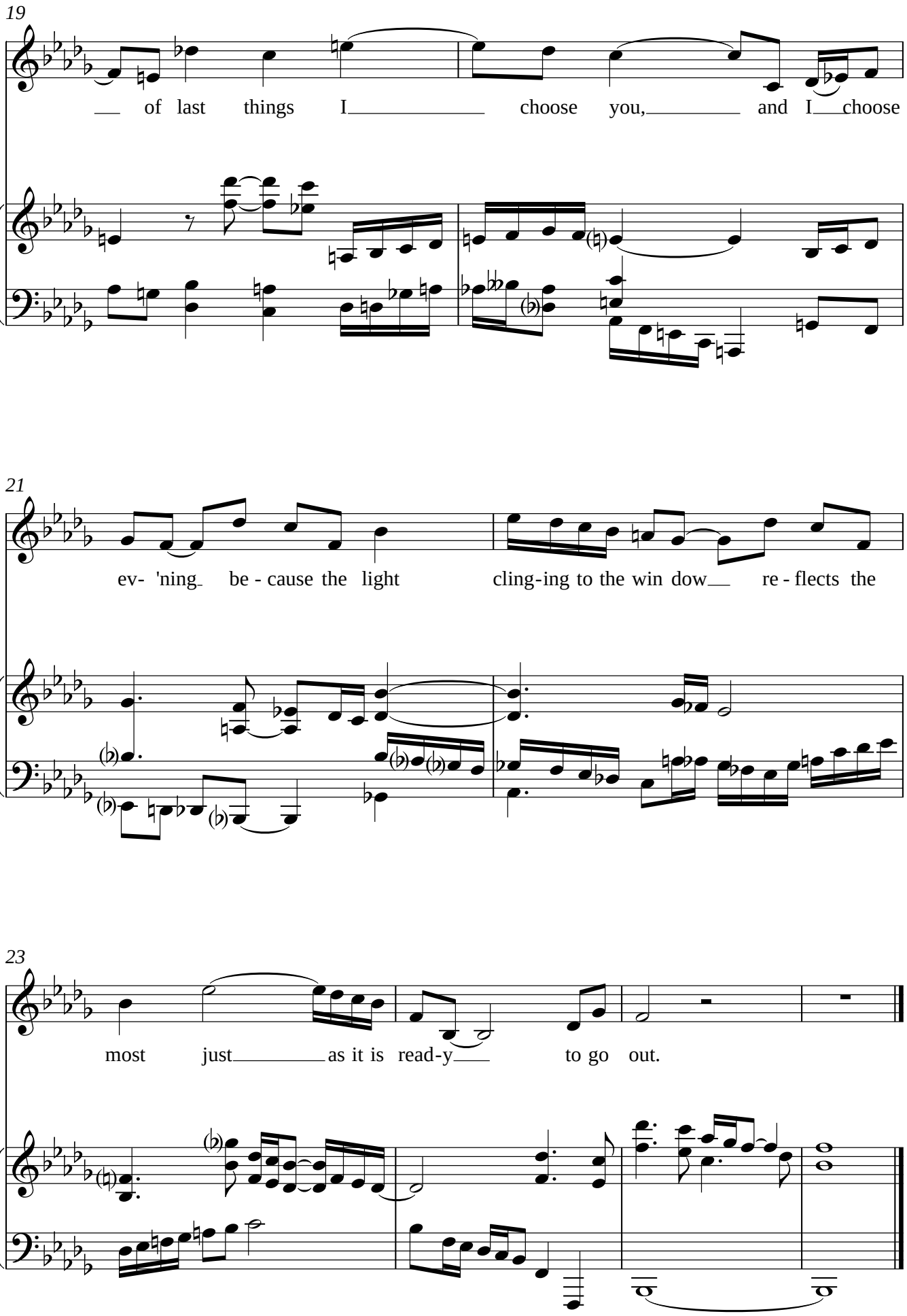
no-ther to help me sleep. From the al-man-ac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of last things I choose you, and I choose
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ev- 'ning be - cause the light cling-ing to the win dow re - flects the
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most just as it is read-y to go out.