Alma

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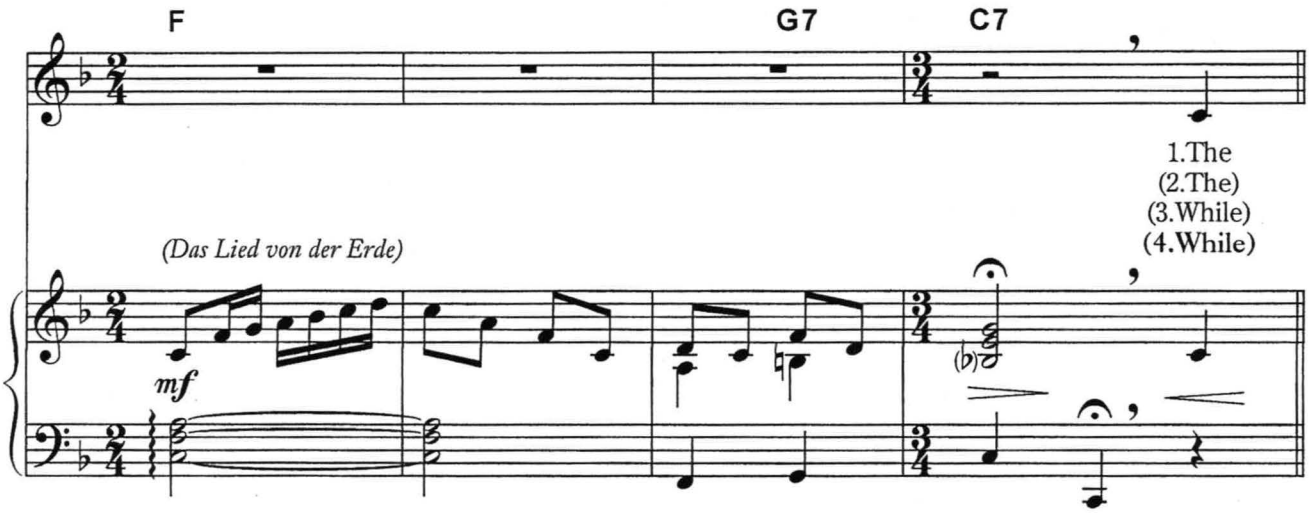
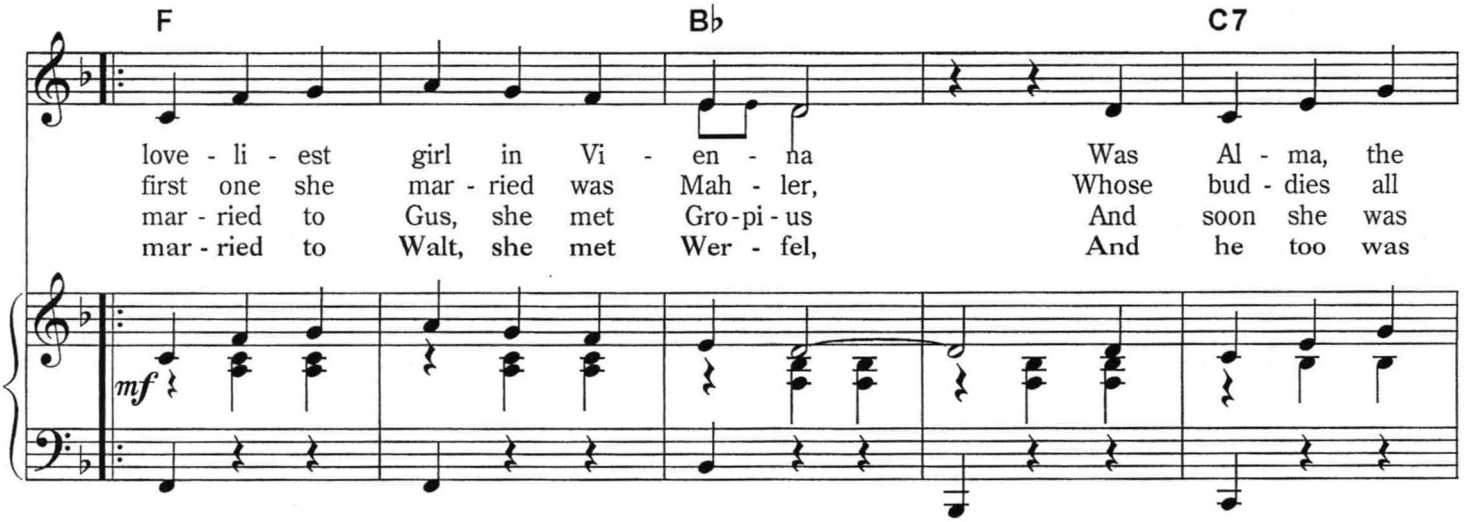
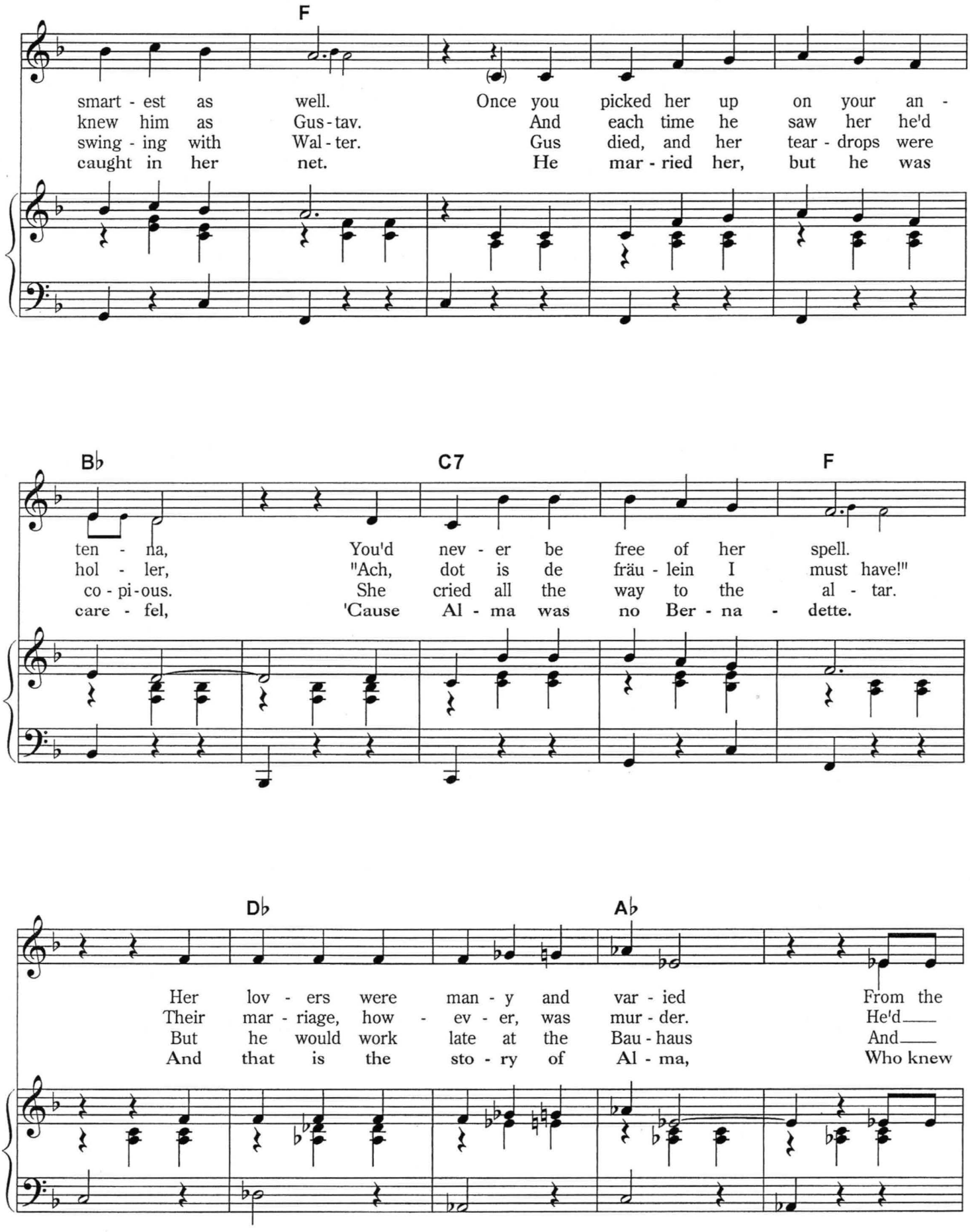
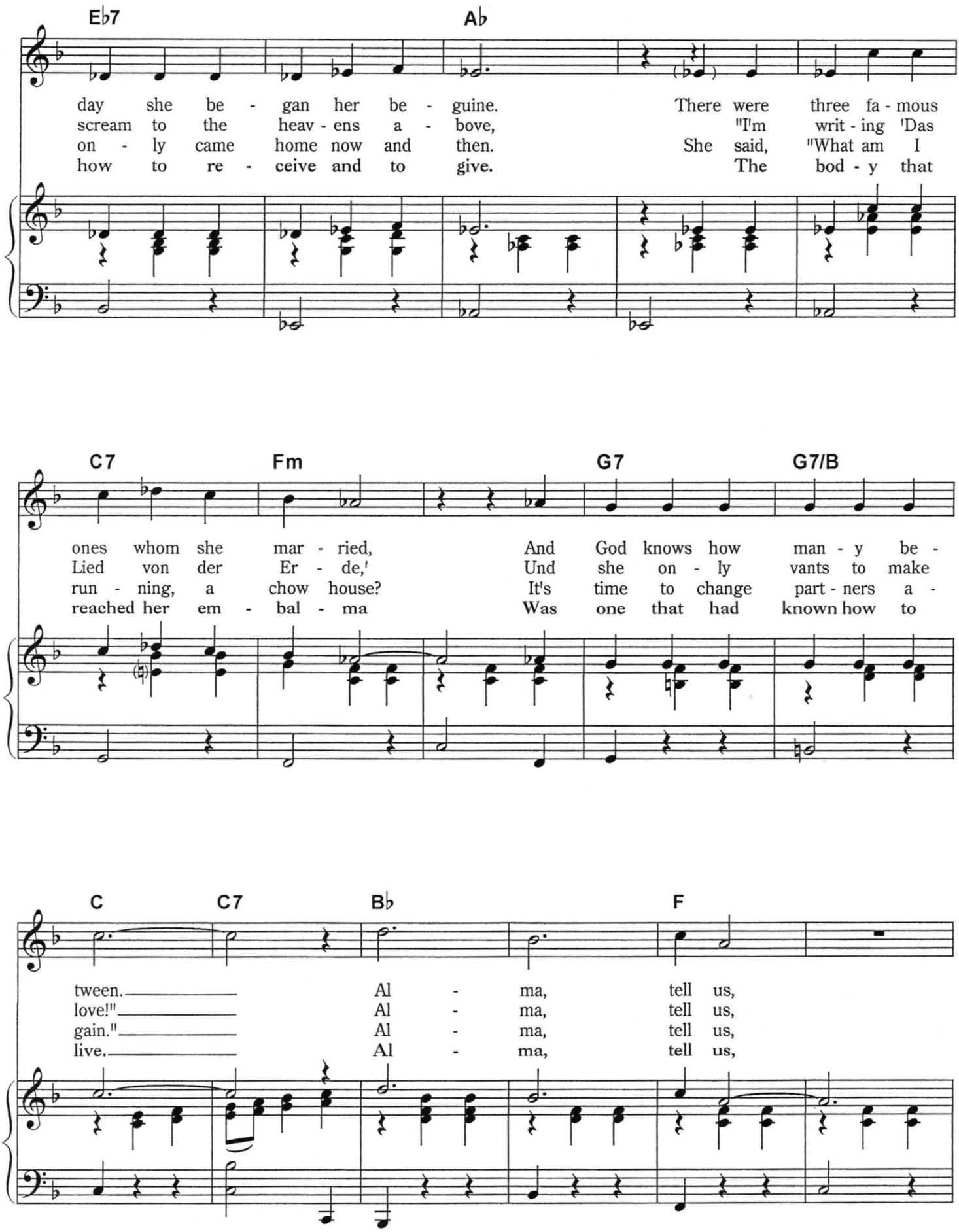
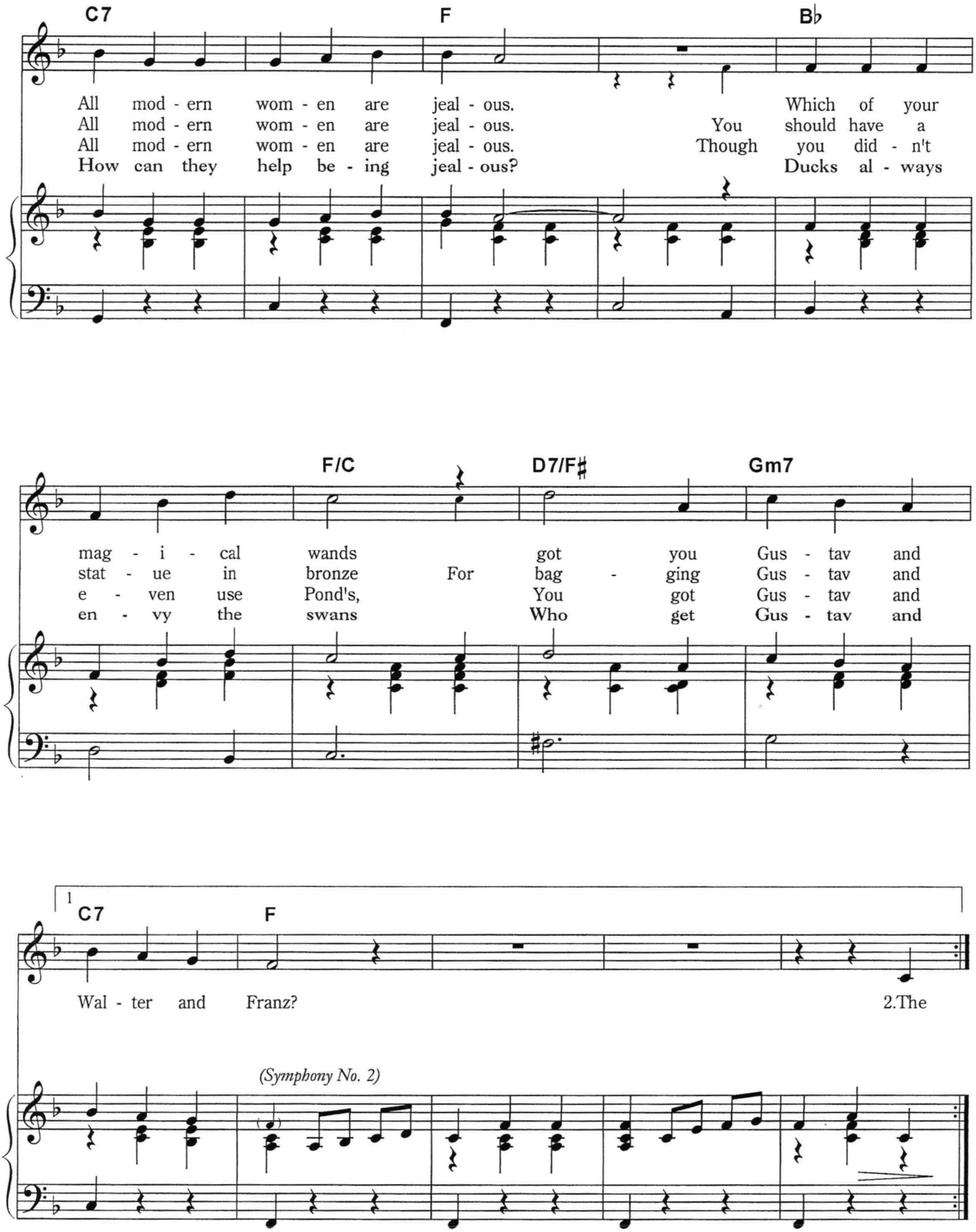
[Note: The brief musical quotations in the introduction and the three interludes are taken from the works of Gustav Mahler.]

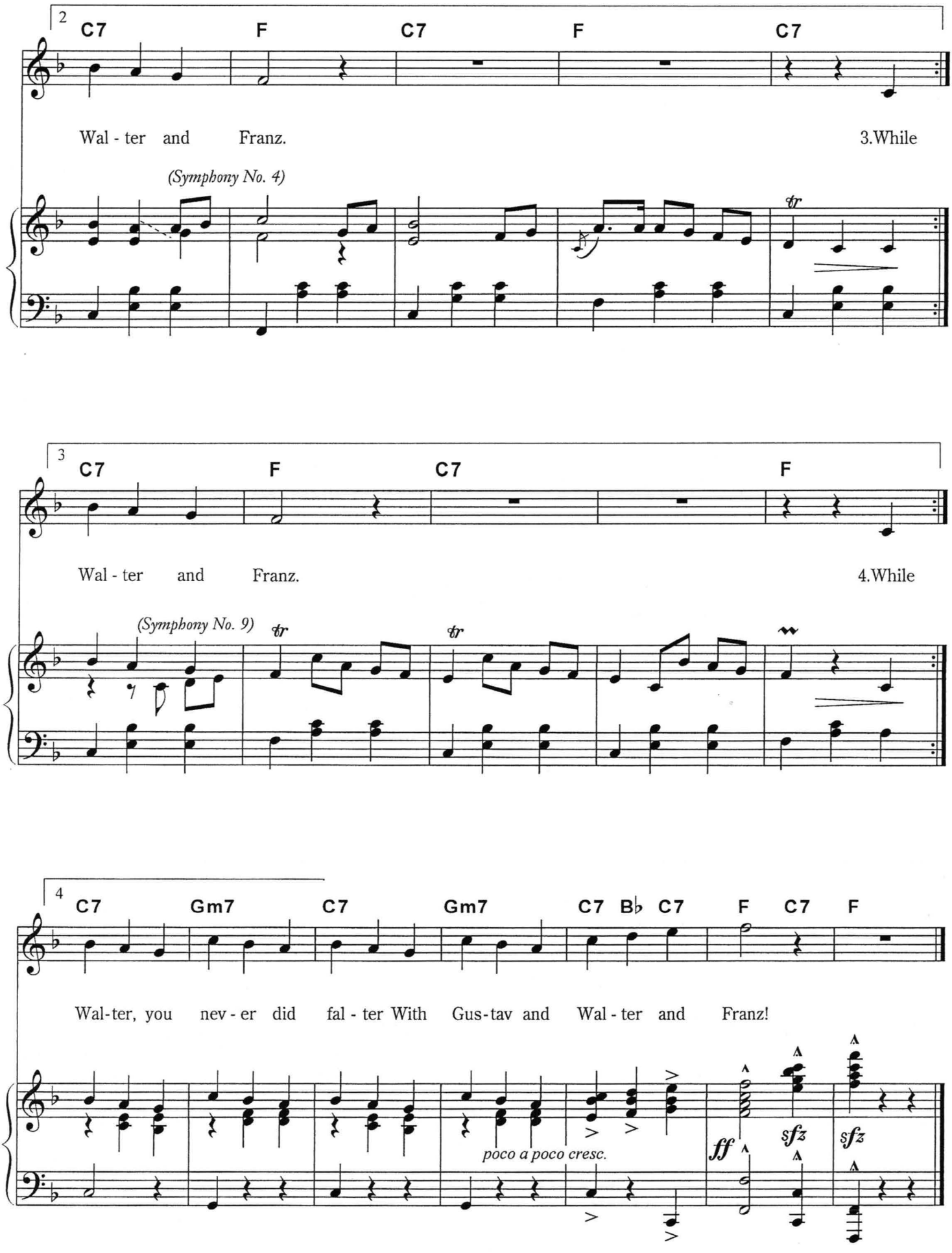





F
smart - est as well. Once you picked her up on your an -
knew him as Gus - tav. And each time he saw her he'd
swing - ing with Wal - ter. Gus died, and her tear - drops were
caught in her net. He mar - ried her, but he was
B♭
C7
F
ten - na, You'd nev - er be free of her spell.
hol - ler, "Ach, dot is de fräu - lein I must have!"
co - pi - ous. She cried all the way to the al - tar.
care - fel, 'Cause Al - ma was no Ber - na - dette.
D♭
A♭
Her lov - ers were man - y and var - ied From the
Their mar - riage, how - ev - er, was mur - der. He'd___
But he would work late at the Bau - haus And___
And that is the sto - ry of Al - ma, Who knew


Eb7
Ab
day she be - gan her be - guine. There were three fa - mous
scream to the heav - ens a - bove, "I'm writ - ing 'Das
on - ly came home now and then. She said, "What am I
how to re - ceive and to give. The bod - y that
C7
Fm
G7
G7/B
ones whom she mar - ried, And God knows how man - y be -
Lied von der Er - de,' Und she on - ly vants to make
run - ning, a chow house? It's time to change part - ners a -
reached her em - bal - ma Was one that had known how to
C
C7
Bb
F
tween. Al - ma, tell us,
love!" Al - ma, tell us,
gain." Al - ma, tell us,
live. Al - ma, tell us,


C7
F
B♭
All mod - ern wom - en are jeal - ous. Which of your
All mod - ern wom - en are jeal - ous. You should have a
All mod - ern wom - en are jeal - ous. Though you did - n't
How can they help be - ing jeal - ous? Ducks al - ways
F/C
D7/F♯
Gm7
mag - i - cal wands got you Gus - tav and
stat - ue in bronze For bag - ging Gus - tav and
e - ven use Pond's, You got Gus - tav and
en - vy the swans Who get Gus - tav and
1
C7
F
Wal - ter and Franz? 2.The
(Symphony No. 2)


2
C7 F C7 F C7
Wal - ter and Franz.
3.While
(Symphony No. 4)
3
C7 F C7 F
Wal - ter and Franz.
4.While
(Symphony No. 9)
4
C7 Gm7 C7 Gm7 C7 B♭ C7 F C7 F
Wal-ter, you nev - er did fal - ter With Gus-tav and Wal - ter and Franz!
poco a poco cresc.
ff
sfz
sfz