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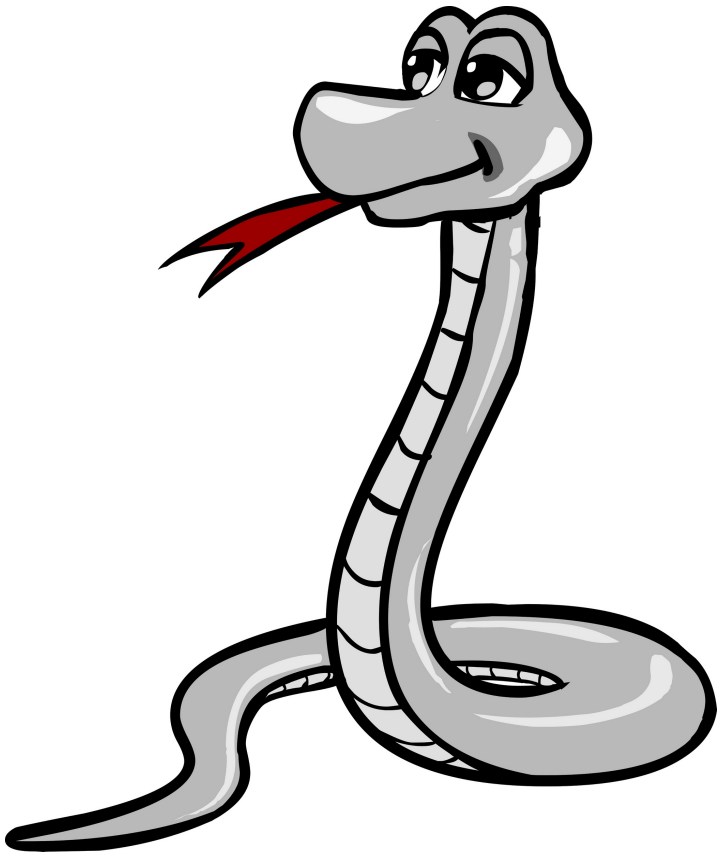

An arrangement of the poem by Christopher Isherwood

by Jeffrey Naden

SNAKE

This is an ordinary kind of snake.
You may find one if you shake
Almost any pillow or mat,
Or the gardener's dirty old straw hat,
Or a fur rug that you've kept a cat on.
He looks so floppy because he's been sat on;
But beware - a nip from the creature's molars
Will give you an ache like four steam-rollers.
However, if a person handles
Him kindly and feeds him on chopped candles
He will be gentle as a dove
And show an almost filial love.

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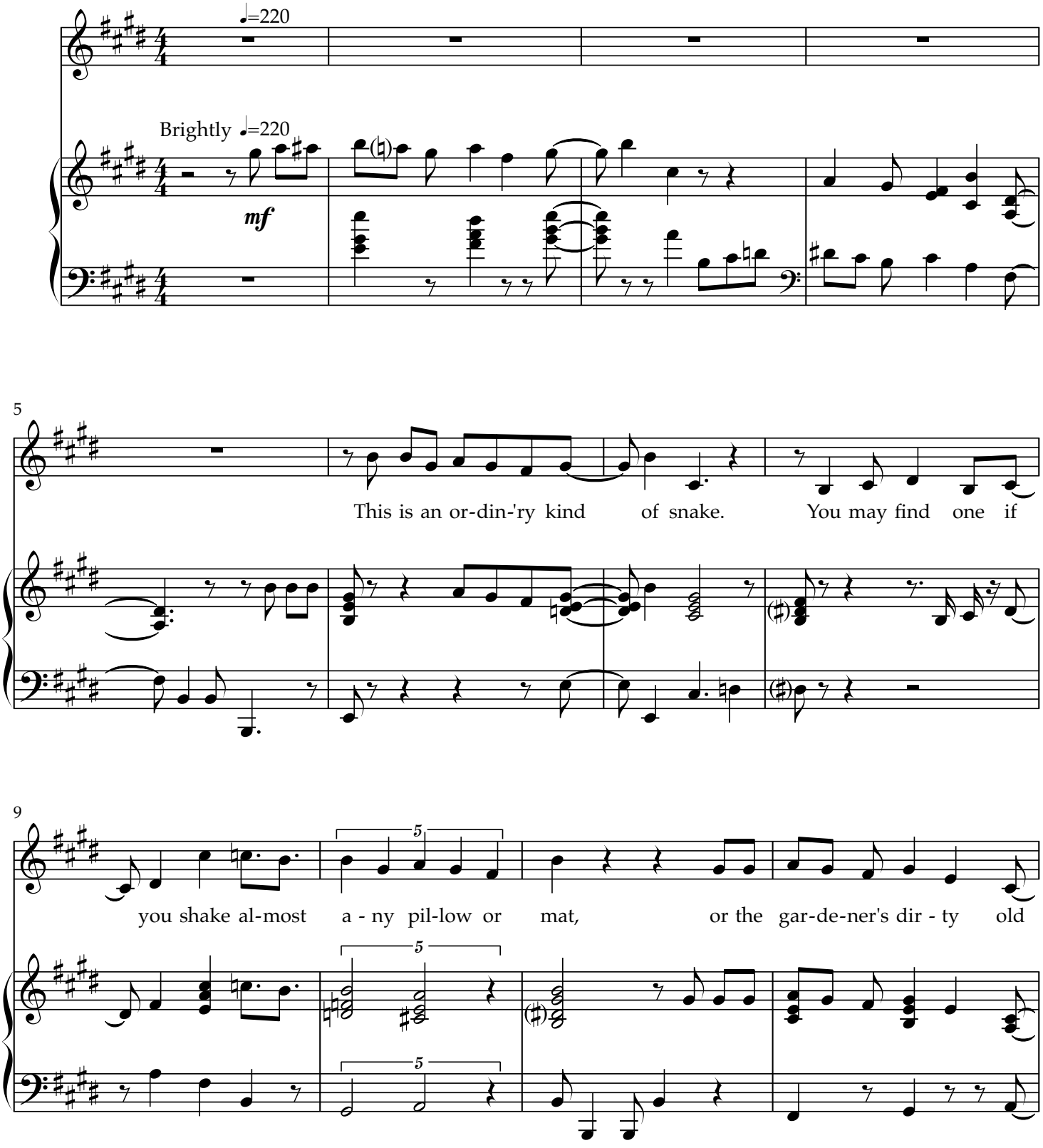

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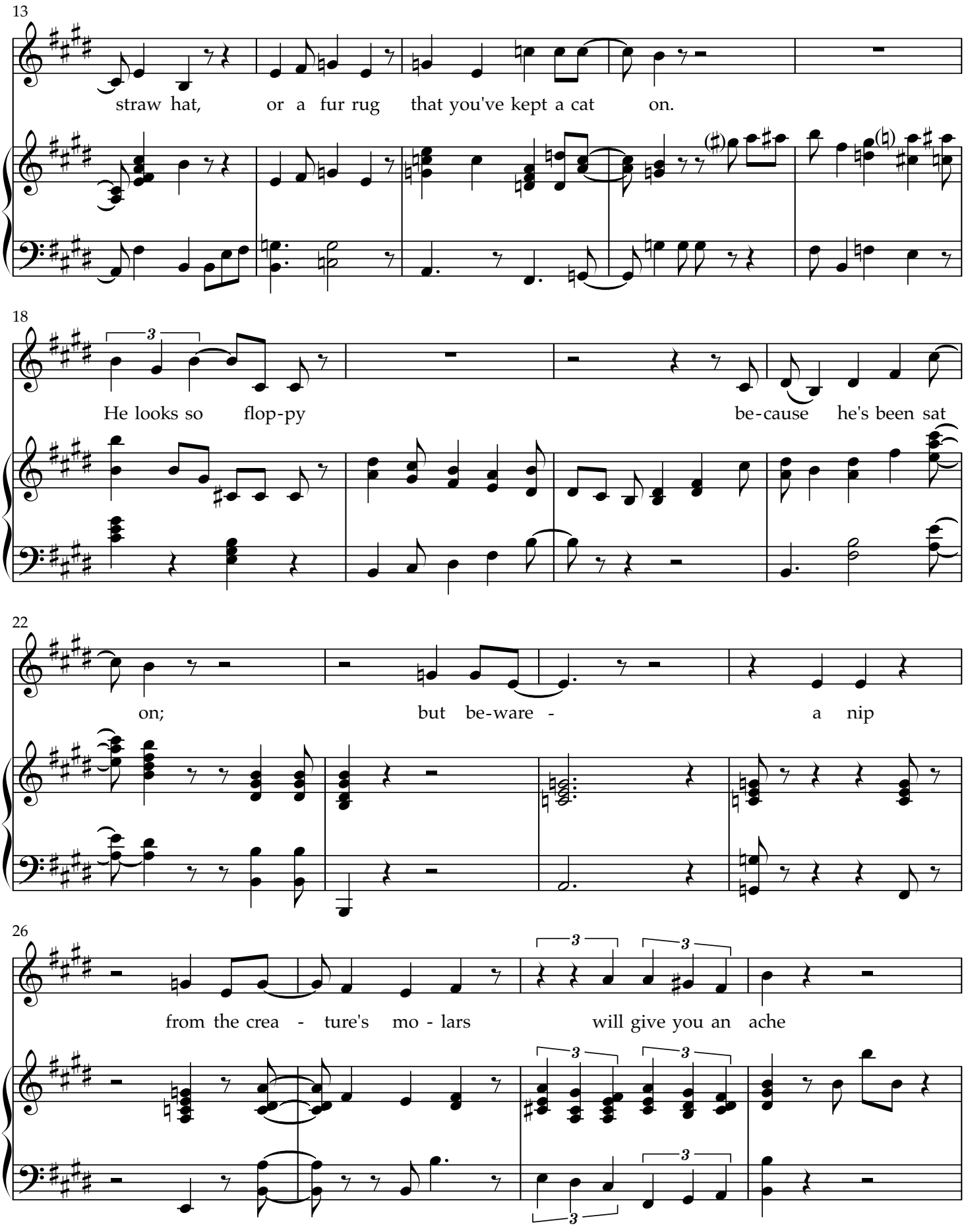
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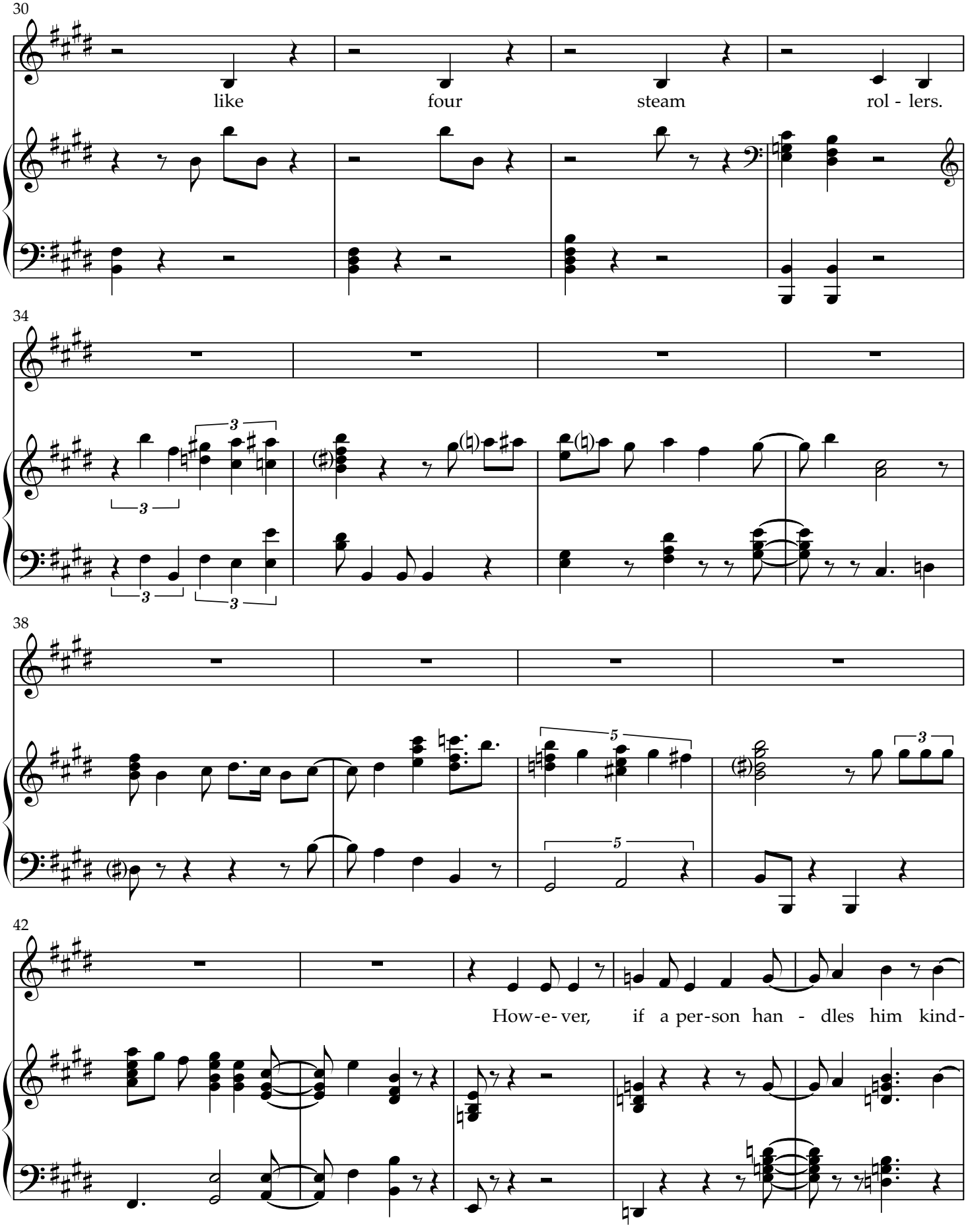
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