Shopgirls and Mannequins

[aka Tell Me More – Opening, Act I; Opening Ensemble]

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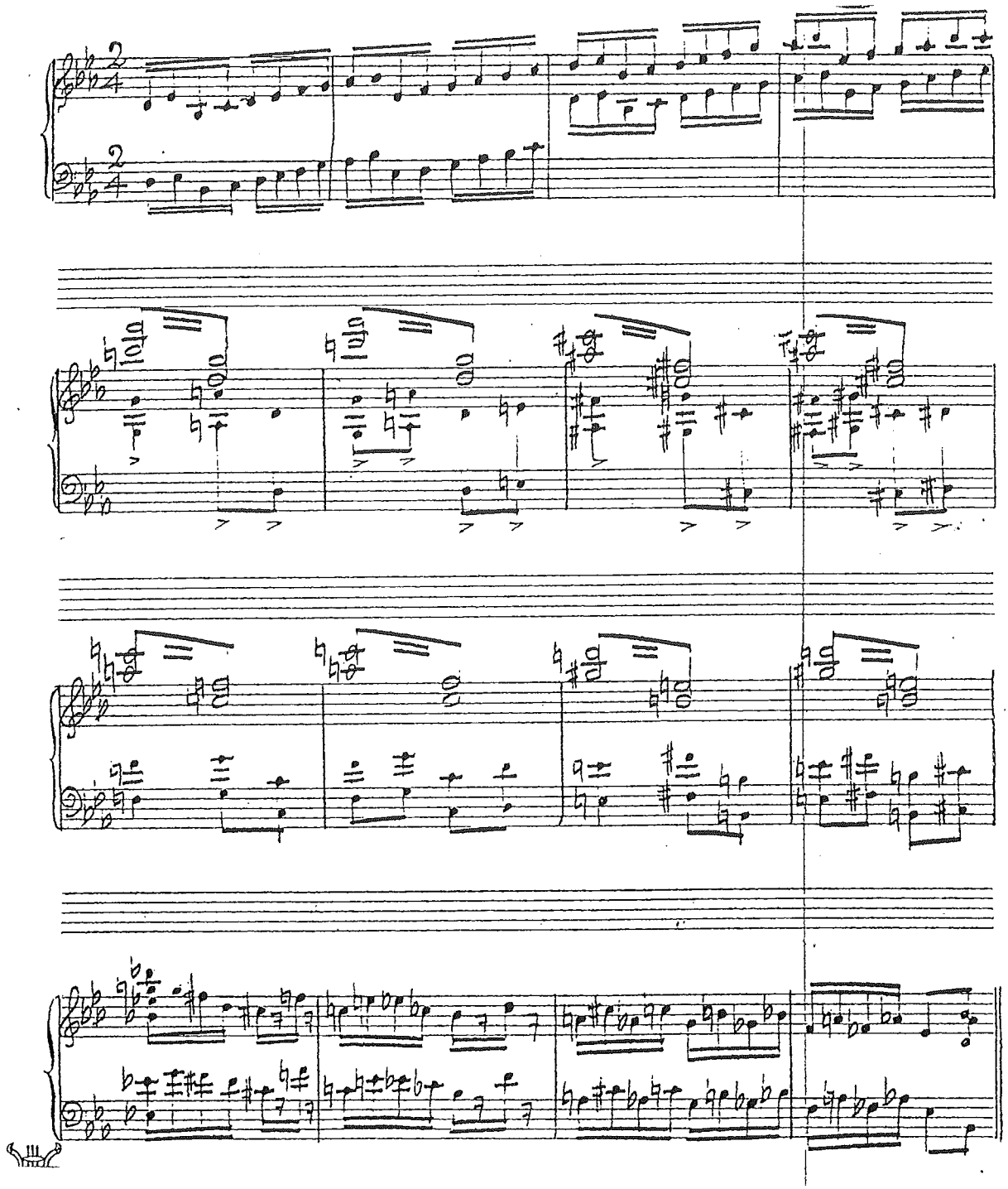

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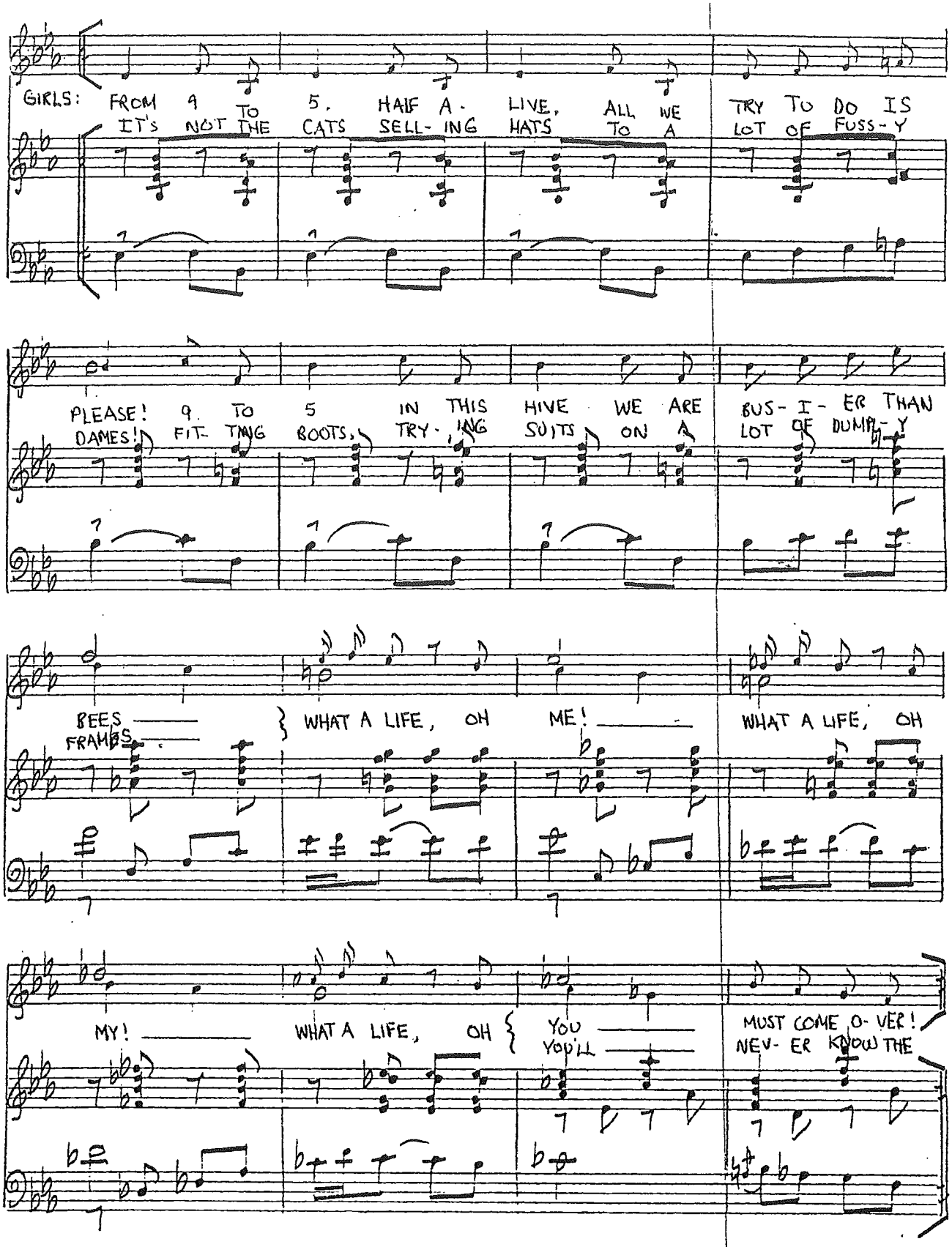
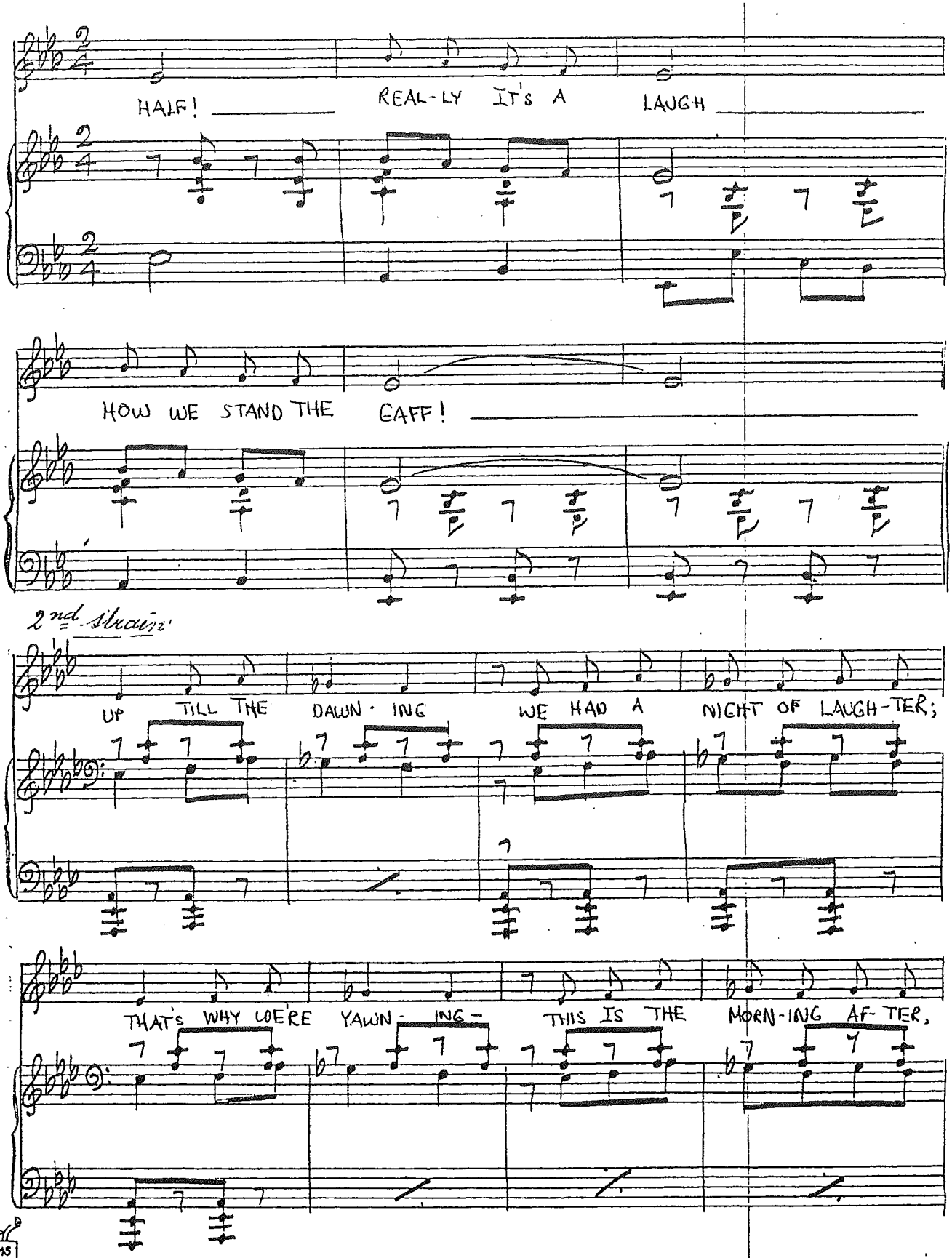
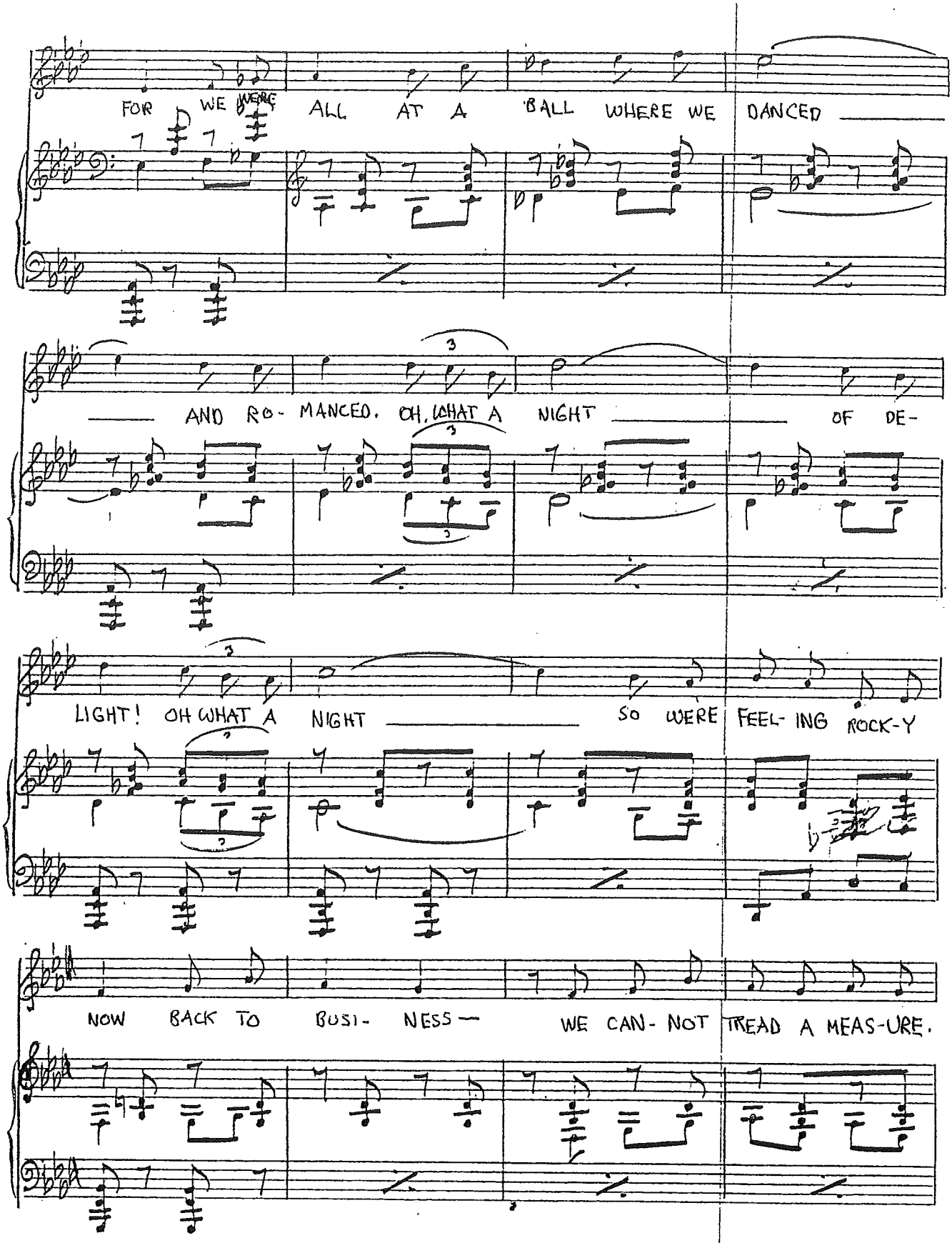
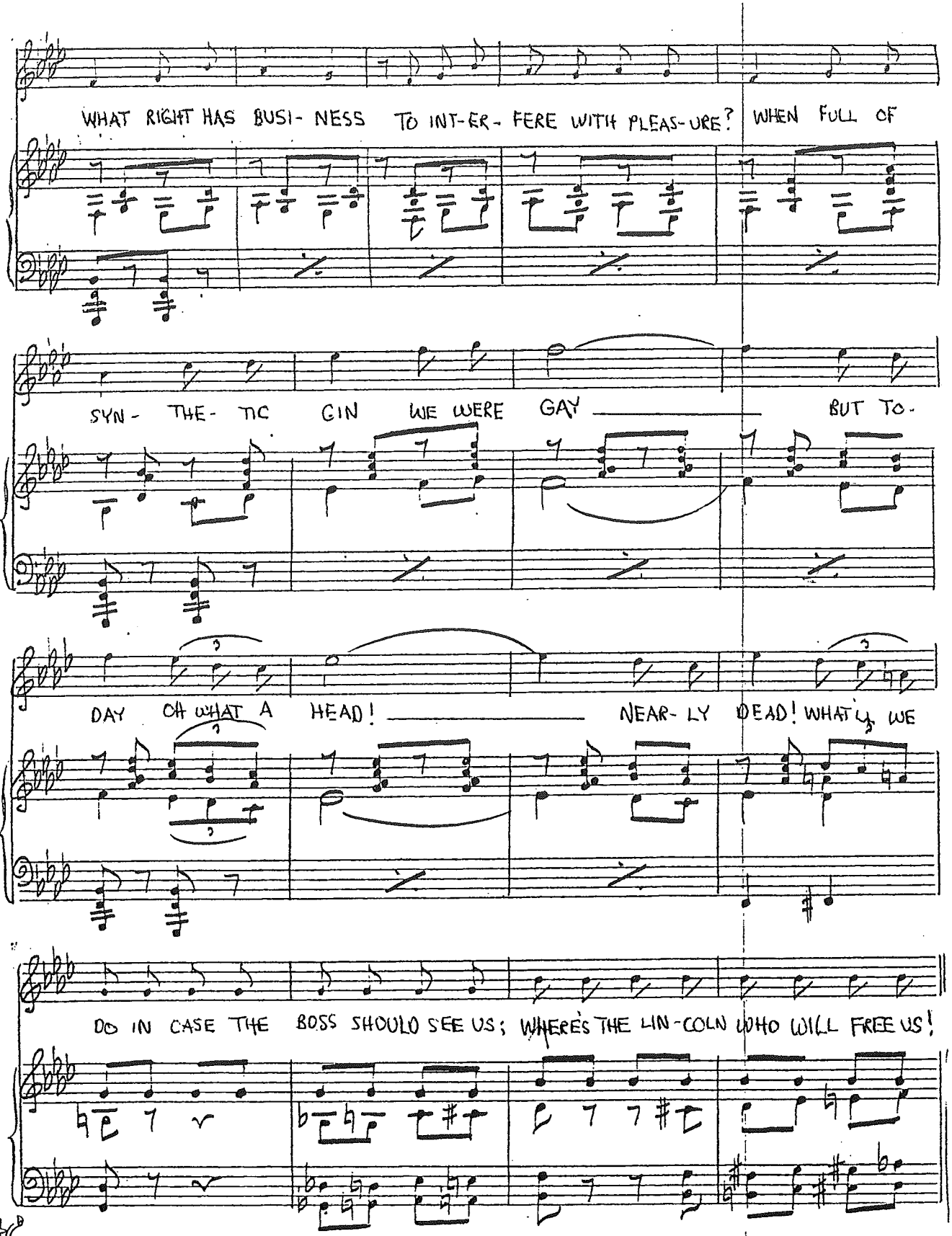
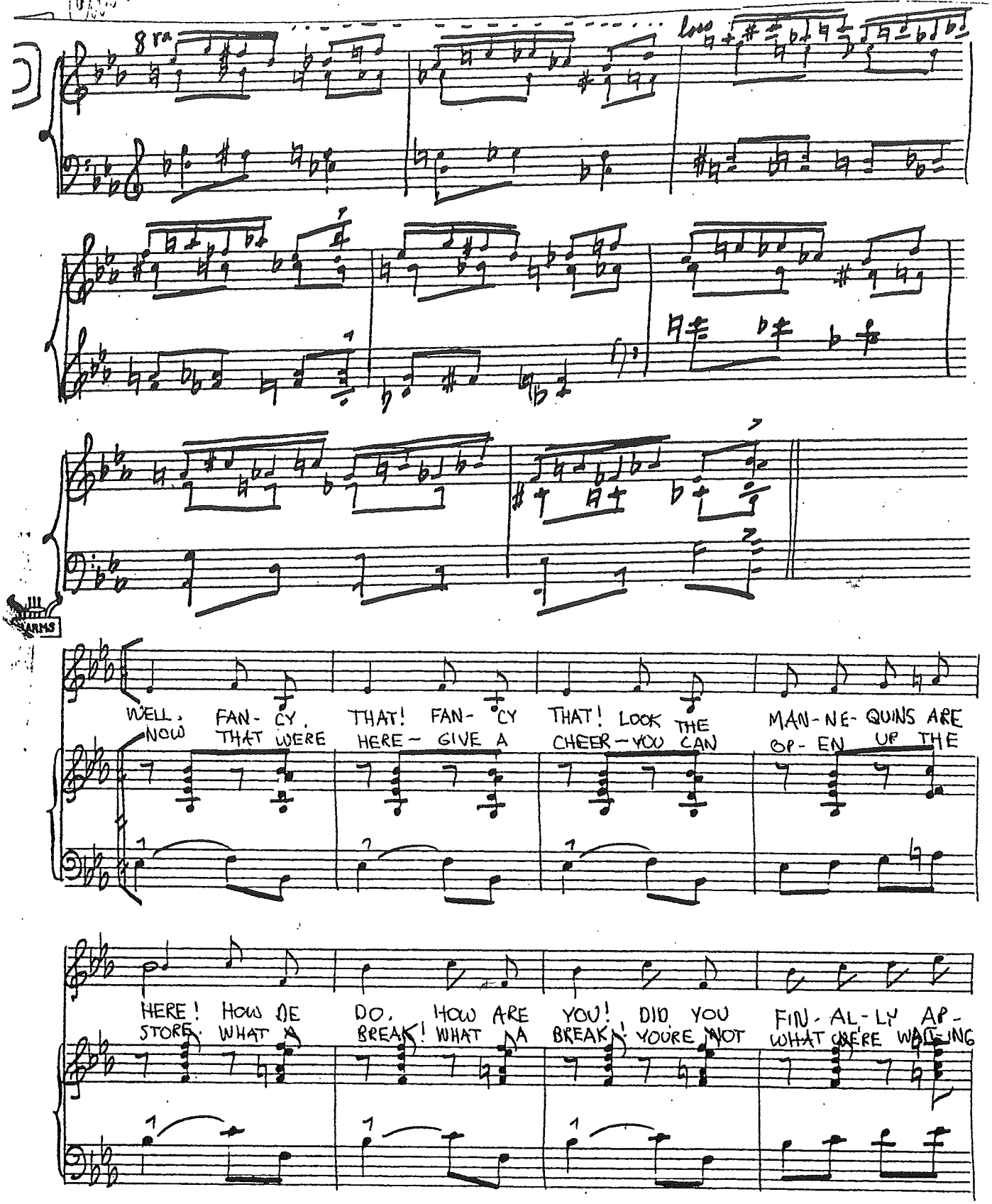

GIRLS: FROM 9 TO 5. HALF A- LIVE, ALL WE TRY TO DO IS
IT'S NOT THE CATS SELL- ING HATS TO A LOT OF FUSS- Y
PLEASE! 9 TO 5 IN THIS HIVE WE ARE BUS- I- ER THAN
DAMES! FIT- TING BOOTS, TRY- ING SUITS ON A LOT OF DUMB- Y
BEES
FRAMES
WHAT A LIFE, OH ME!
WHAT A LIFE, OH
MY!
WHAT A LIFE, OH
YOU
YOU'LL
MUST COME O- VER!
NEV- ER KNOW THE


HALF!
REAL-LY IT'S A LAUGH
HOW WE STAND THE GAFF!
2nd Strain
UP TILL THE DAWN-ING WE HAD A NIGHT OF LAUGH-TER;
THAT'S WHY WE'RE YAWN-ING- THIS IS THE MORN-ING AF-TER,


FOR WE WERE ALL AT A BALL WHERE WE DANCED
AND RO- MANCED. OH, WHAT A NIGHT OF DE-
LIGHT! OH WHAT A NIGHT SO WERE FEEL- ING ROCK-Y
NOW BACK TO BUSI- NESS— WE CAN- NOT TREAD A MEAS-URE.


WHAT RIGHT HAS BUSI- NESS TO INT-ER- FERE WITH PLEAS-URE? WHEN FULL OF
SYN- THE- TIC GIN WE WERE GAY BUT TO-
DAY OH WHAT A HEAD! NEAR- LY DEAD! WHAT'S WE
DO IN CASE THE BOSS SHOULD SEE US; WHERE'S THE LIN-COLN WHO WILL FREE US!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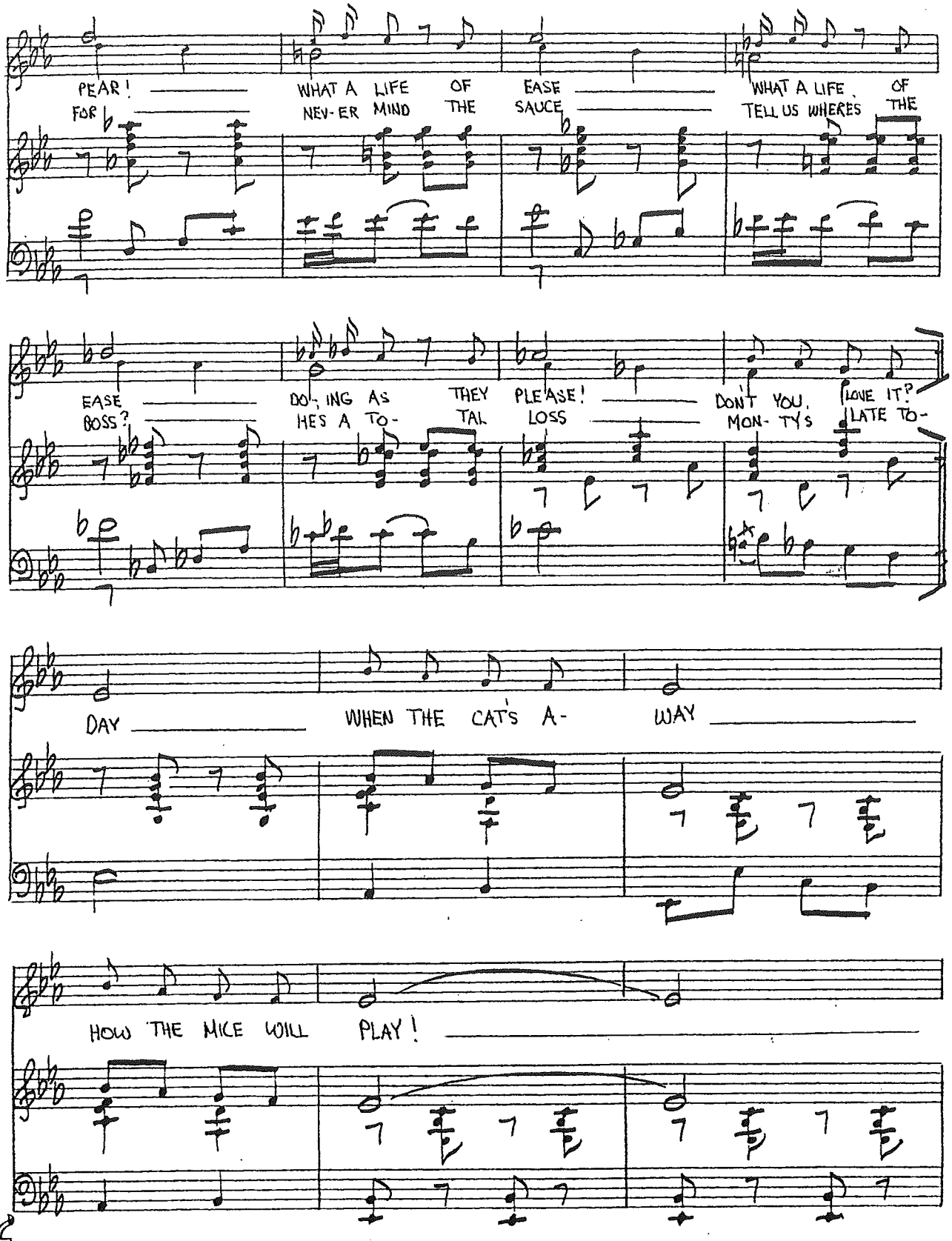
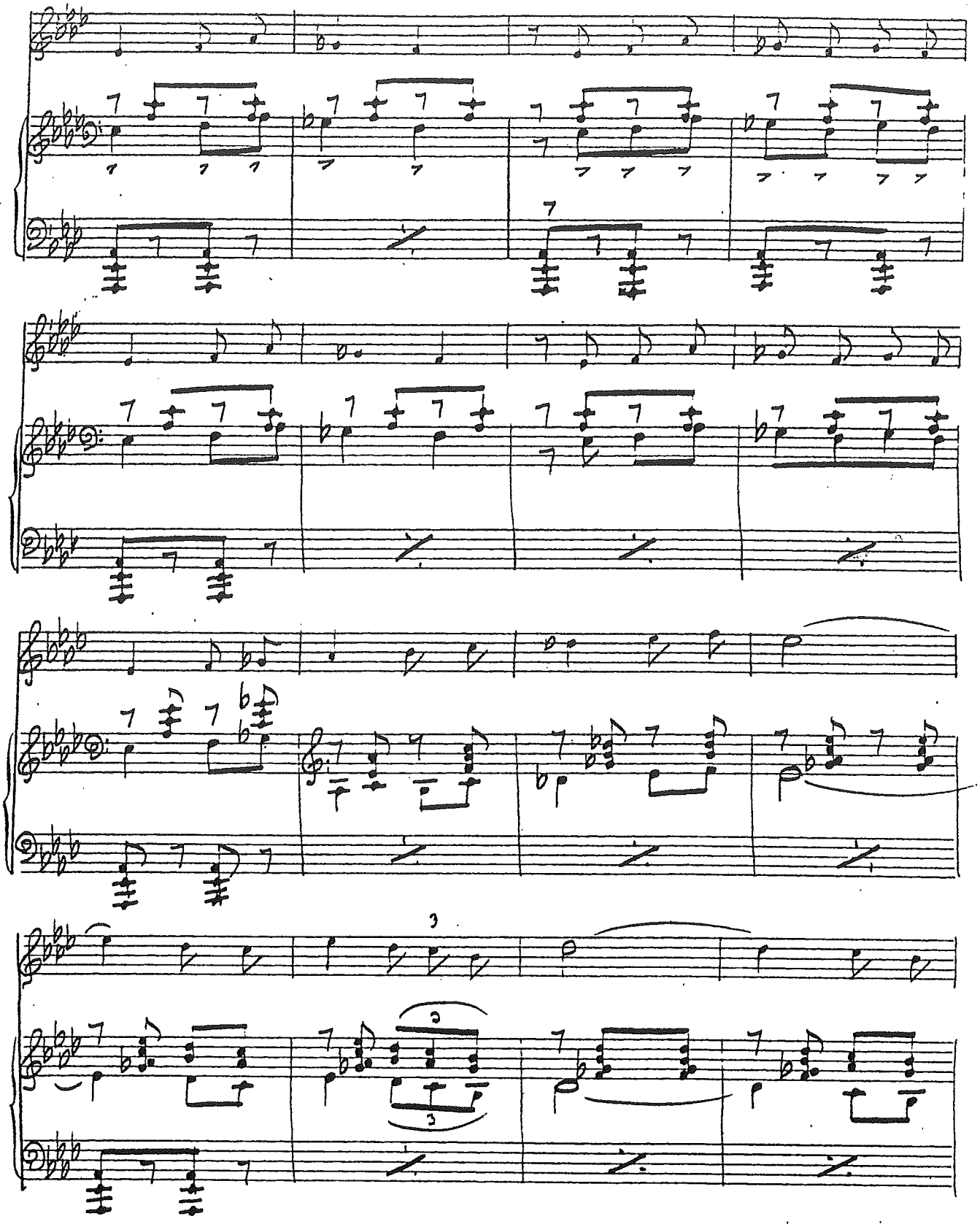
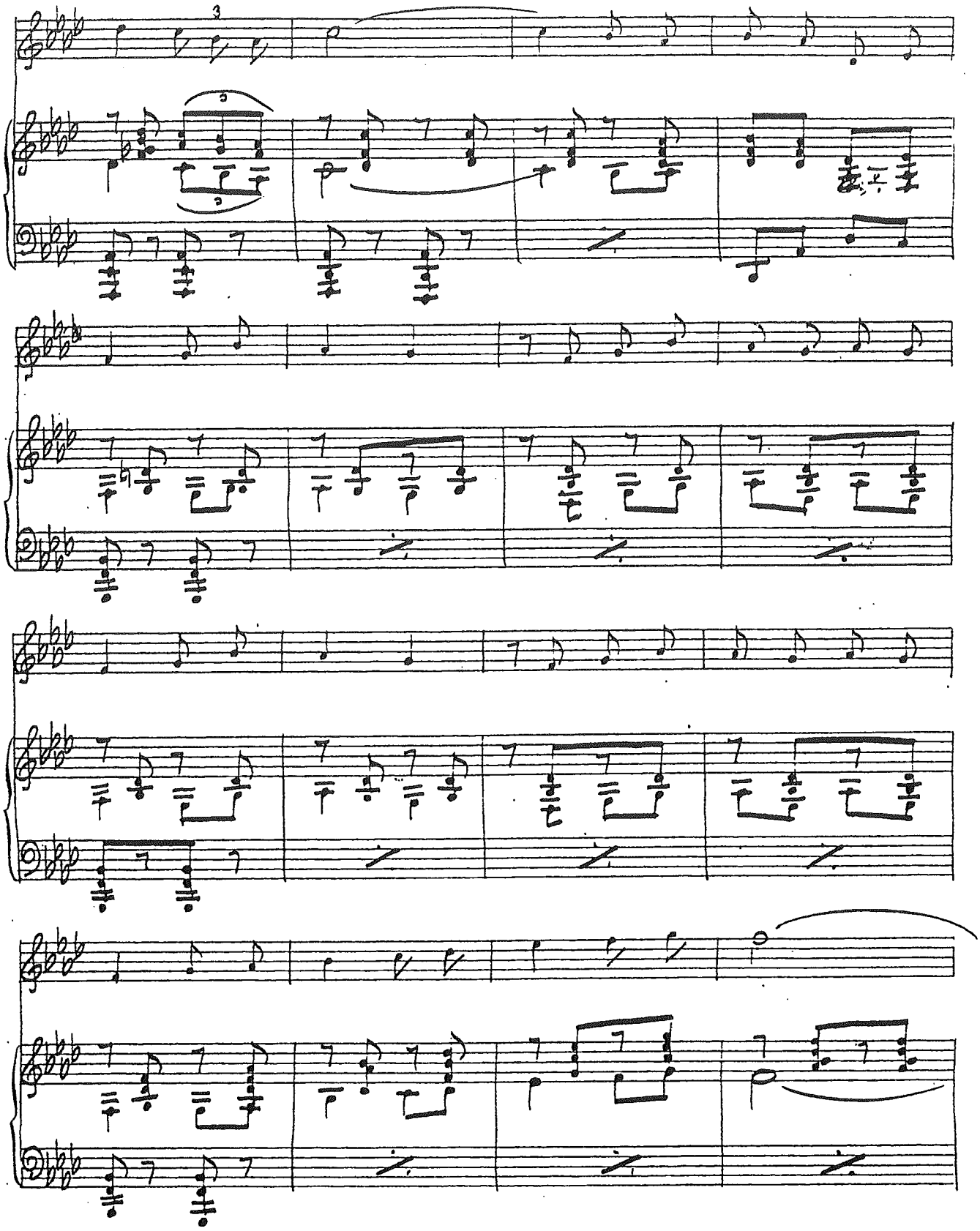
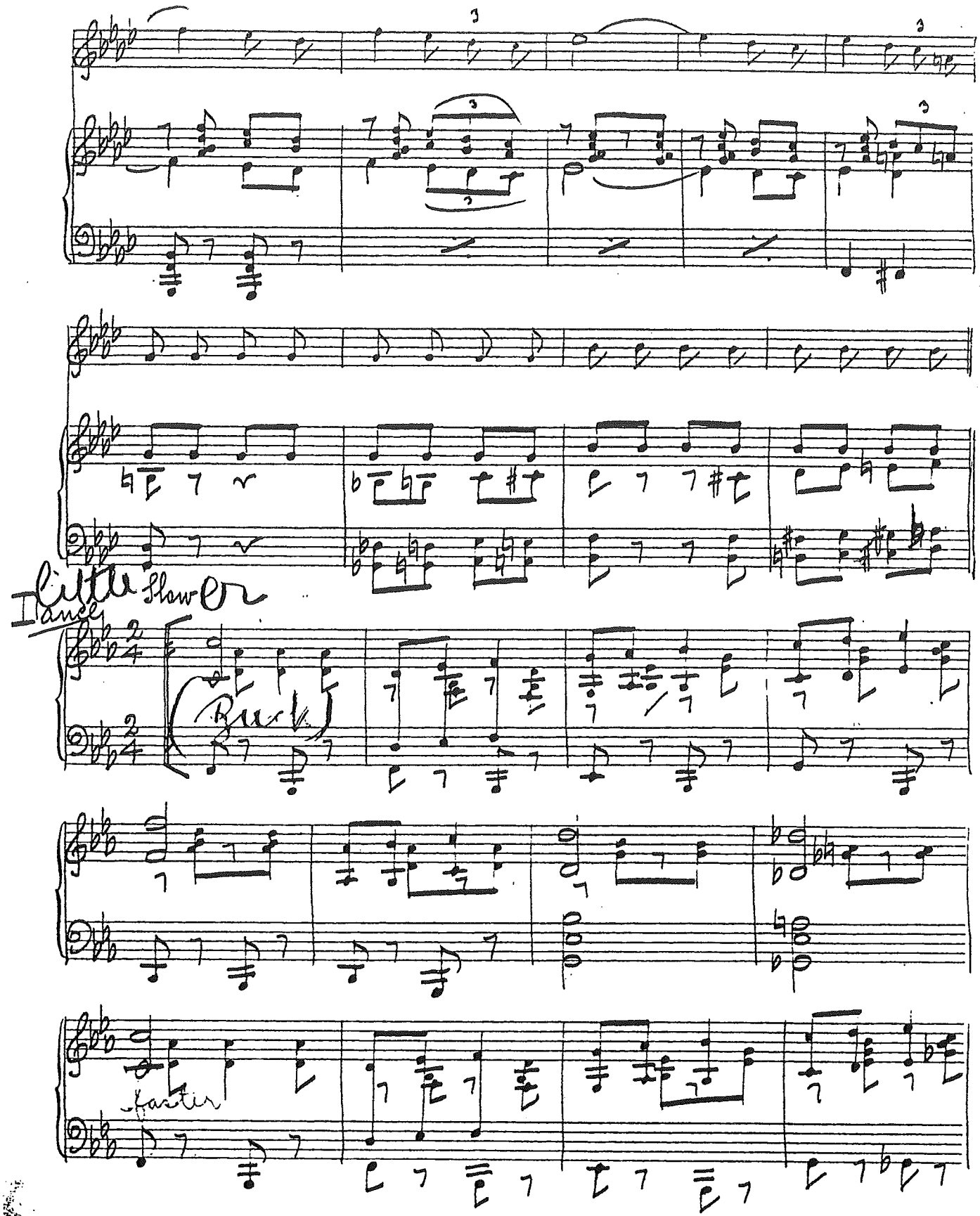
ARMS
WELL, NOW FAN-CY, THAT WERE THAT! FAN-CY HERE- GIVE A THAT! LOOK THE CHEER-YOU CAN MAN-NE-QUINS ARE OP-EN UP THE
HERE! HOW DE STORE. WHAT A DO. HOW ARE BREAK! WHAT A YOU! DID YOU BREAK! YOURE NOT FIN-AL-LY AP- WHAT WE'RE WAIT-ING

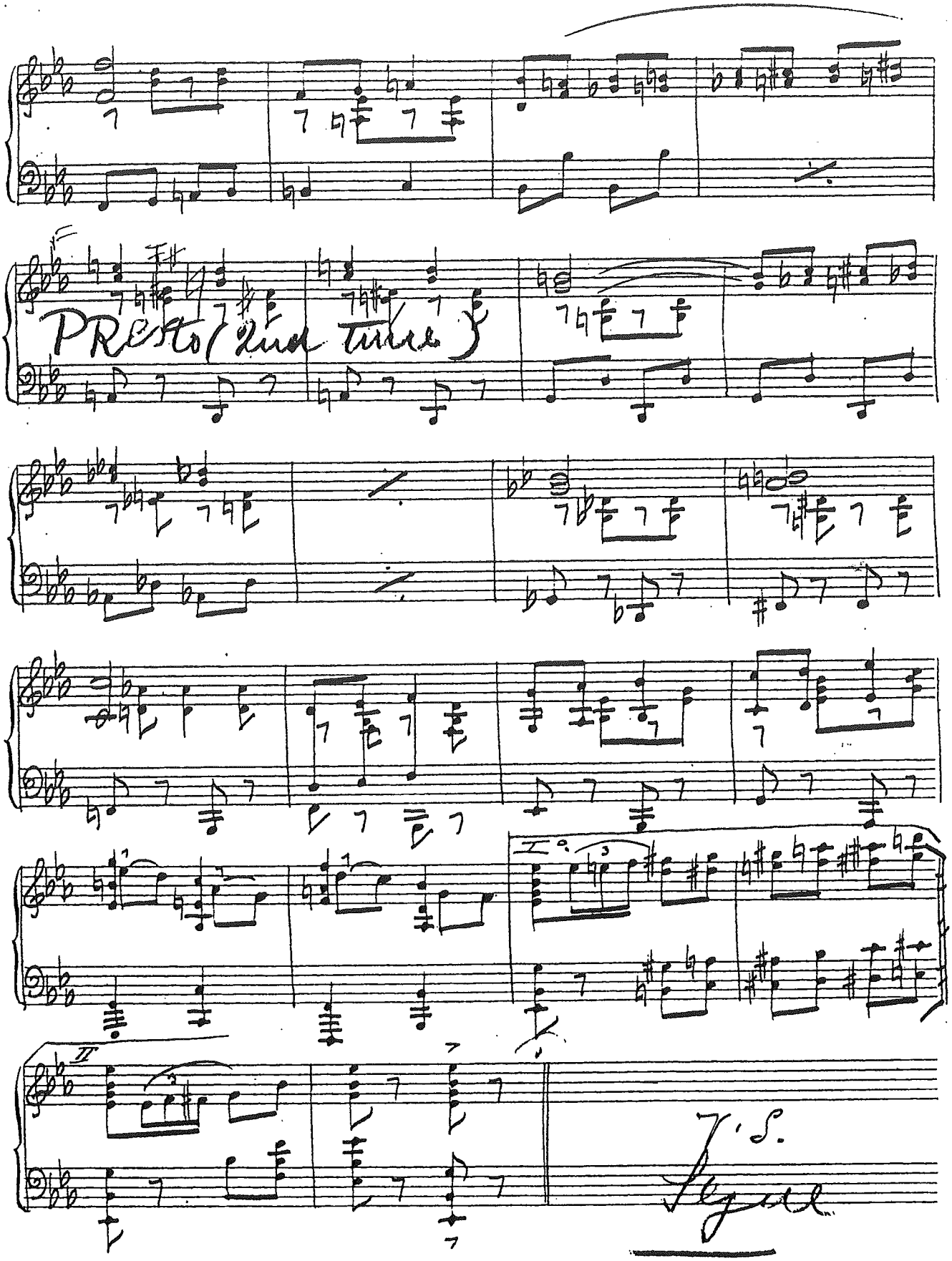

PEAR!
FOR
WHAT A LIFE OF EASE
NEV-ER MIND THE SAUCE
WHAT A LIFE OF
TELL US WHERES THE
EASE
BOSS?
DO-ING AS THEY PLEASE!
HE'S A TO- TAL LOSS
DON'T YOU LOVE IT?
MON-TY'S LATE TO-
DAY
WHEN THE CAT'S A- WAY
HOW THE MICE WILL PLAY!

HARMS
No. 2






Little Slower
Dance
(Buck)
faster


PRESTO (2nd time)
V.S.
Segue

Shop Girls and Mannikins

Girls: From 9 to 5,half alive,
All we ~~xxyxxx~~ do is try to please!
9 to 5 in this hive
We are busier than bees!
What a life,oh me!
What a life,oh my!
What a life oh you must come over!
It's not the cat's,selling hats
To a lot of fussy dames!
Fitting boots,trying suits
On a lot of dumpy frames!
What a life,oh me!
What a life,oh ~~xxxx~~ my!
What a life,oh you'll never know the half!
Really it's a laugh,
How we stand the gaff!
Up till the dawning,
We had a night of laughter;
That's why we're yawning -
This is the morning after,
For we were all at a ball
Where we danced and romanced,
Oh what a night - of delight!
Oh what a night - so we're feeling rocky!
Now back to business - we cannot tread a measure.
What right has business to interfere with pleasure!
When full of synthetic gin
We were gay - but to-day
Oh what a head! nearly dead!
What'll we do in case the boss should see us;
Where's the lincoln who will free us!

(Interlude - mannikins enter)

Well,fancy that! fancy that!
Look the mannikins are here!

Mannikins: How de do,how are you!

Girls: Did you finally appear!
What a life of ease -
What a life of ease -
Doing as they please!
Don't you love it ?

Mannikins: Now that we're here - give a cheer -
You can open up the store.

Girls: What a break! What a break!
You're not what we're waiting for.

Mannikins: You're not what we're waiting for.
Never mind the sauce -
Tell us where's the boss?

Girls: He's a total loss -
Monty's late to-day.

Mannikins: When the cat's away
How the mice will play!