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OF CROWS AND CLUSTERS

Based on *"Two Old Crows"* by Vachel Lindsay

By NORMAN DELLO JOIO

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Of Crows and Clusters

for Mixed Chorus (SATB) and Piano

Duration: 2 min., 40 sec.

Vachel Lindsay*

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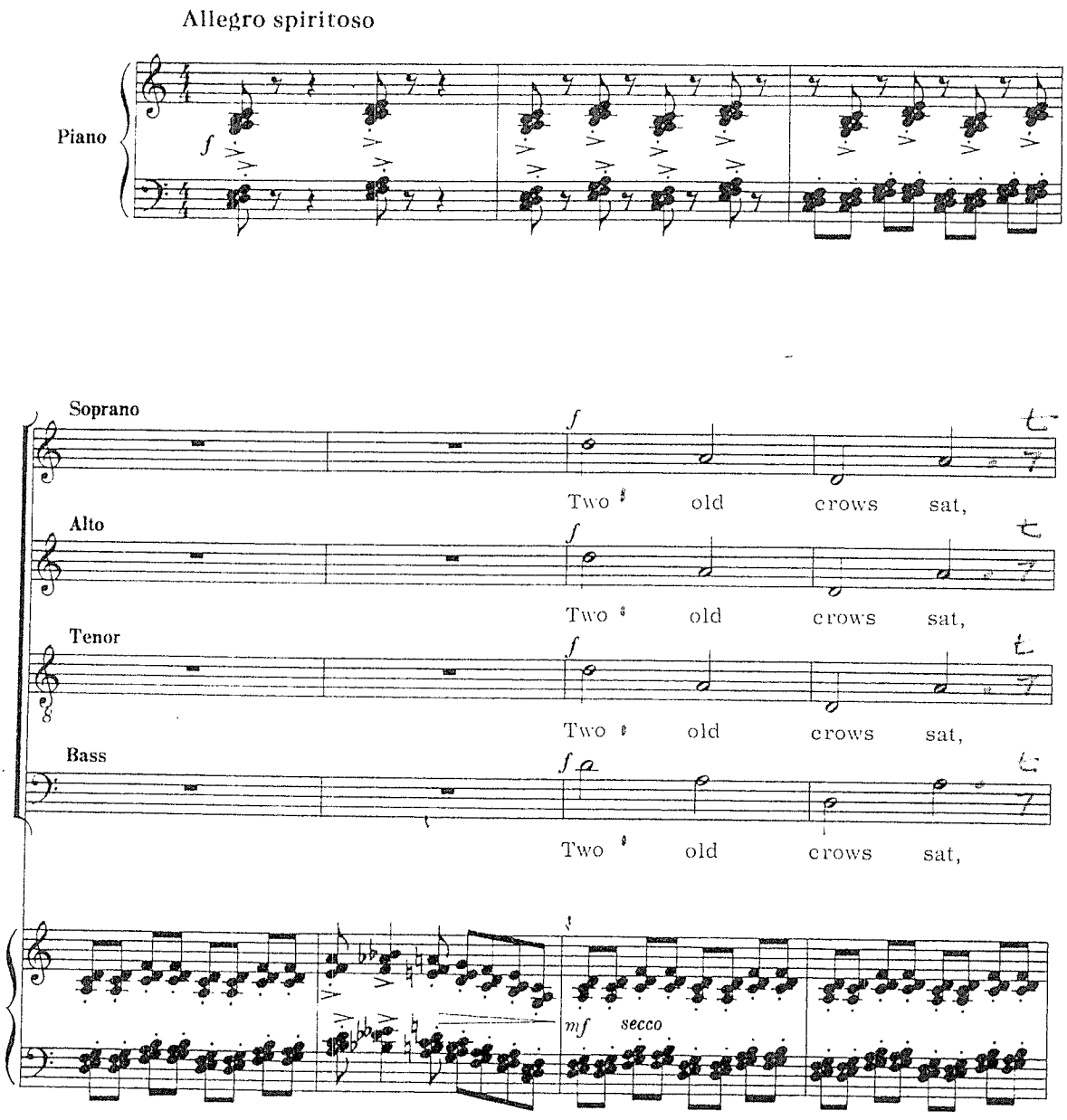
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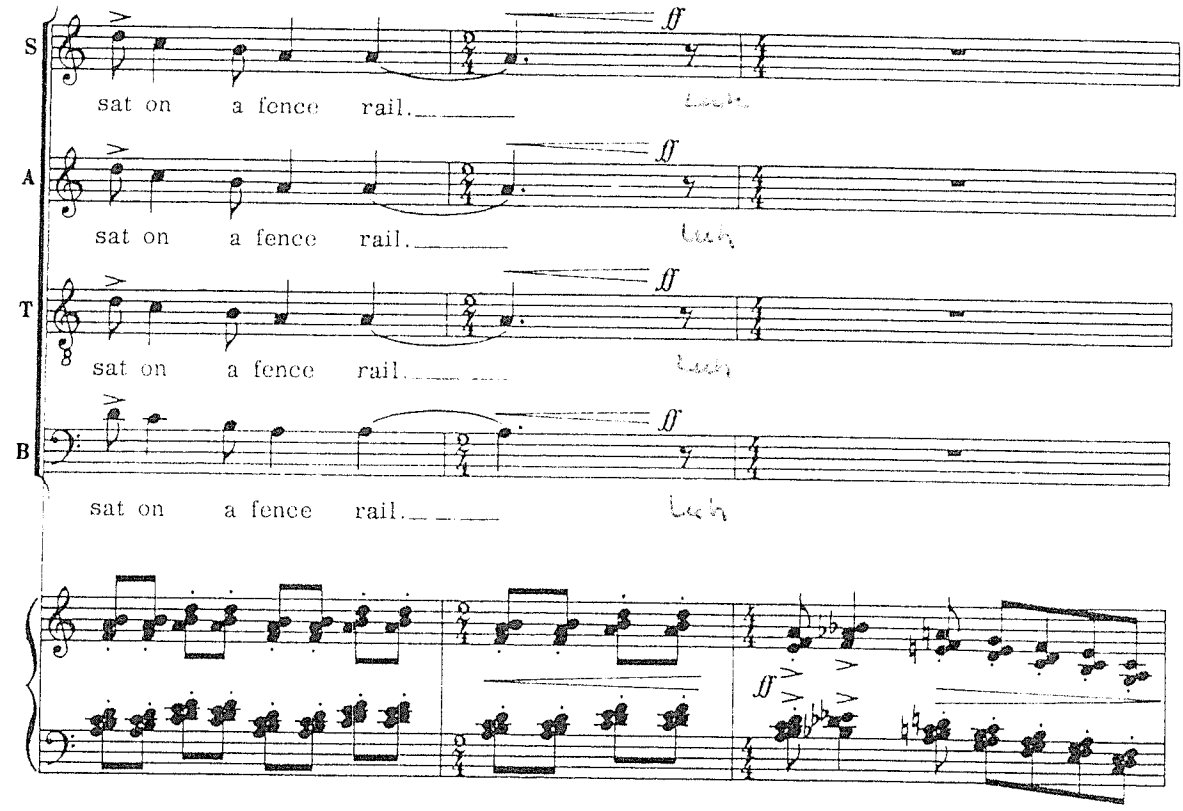
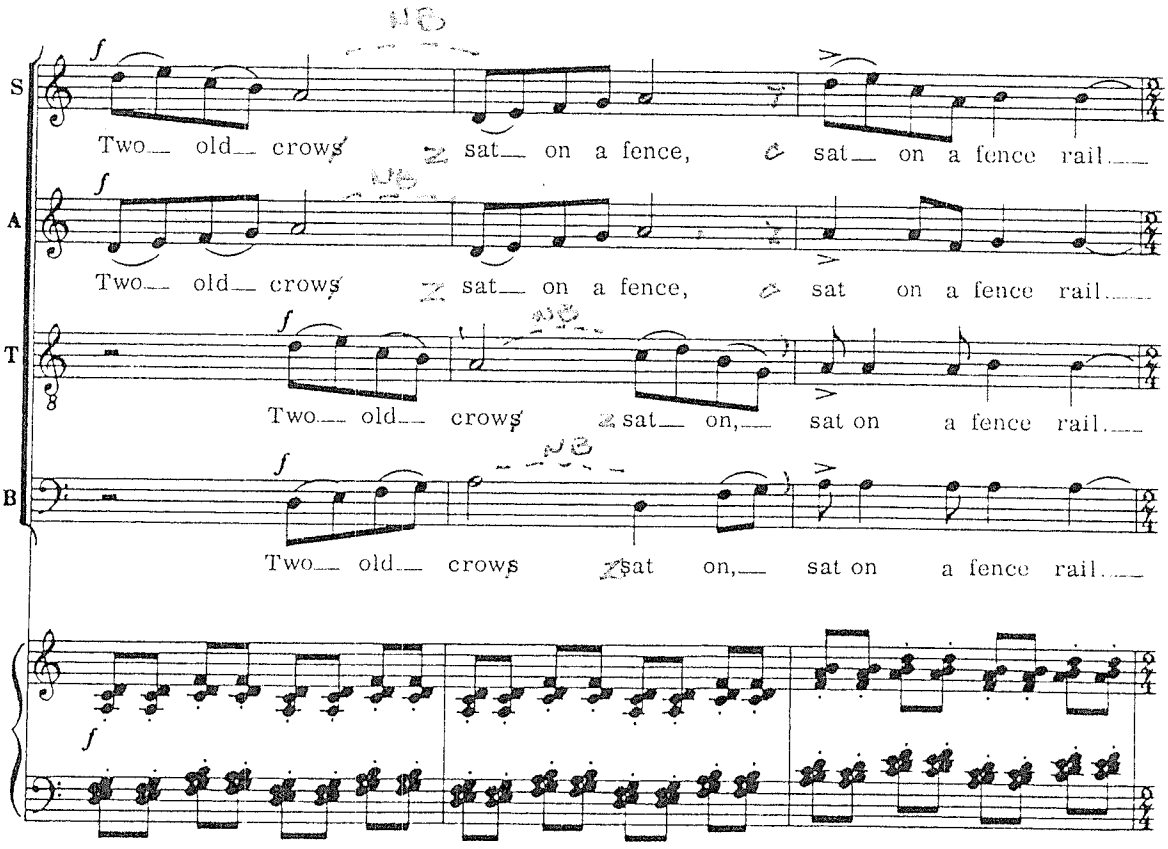
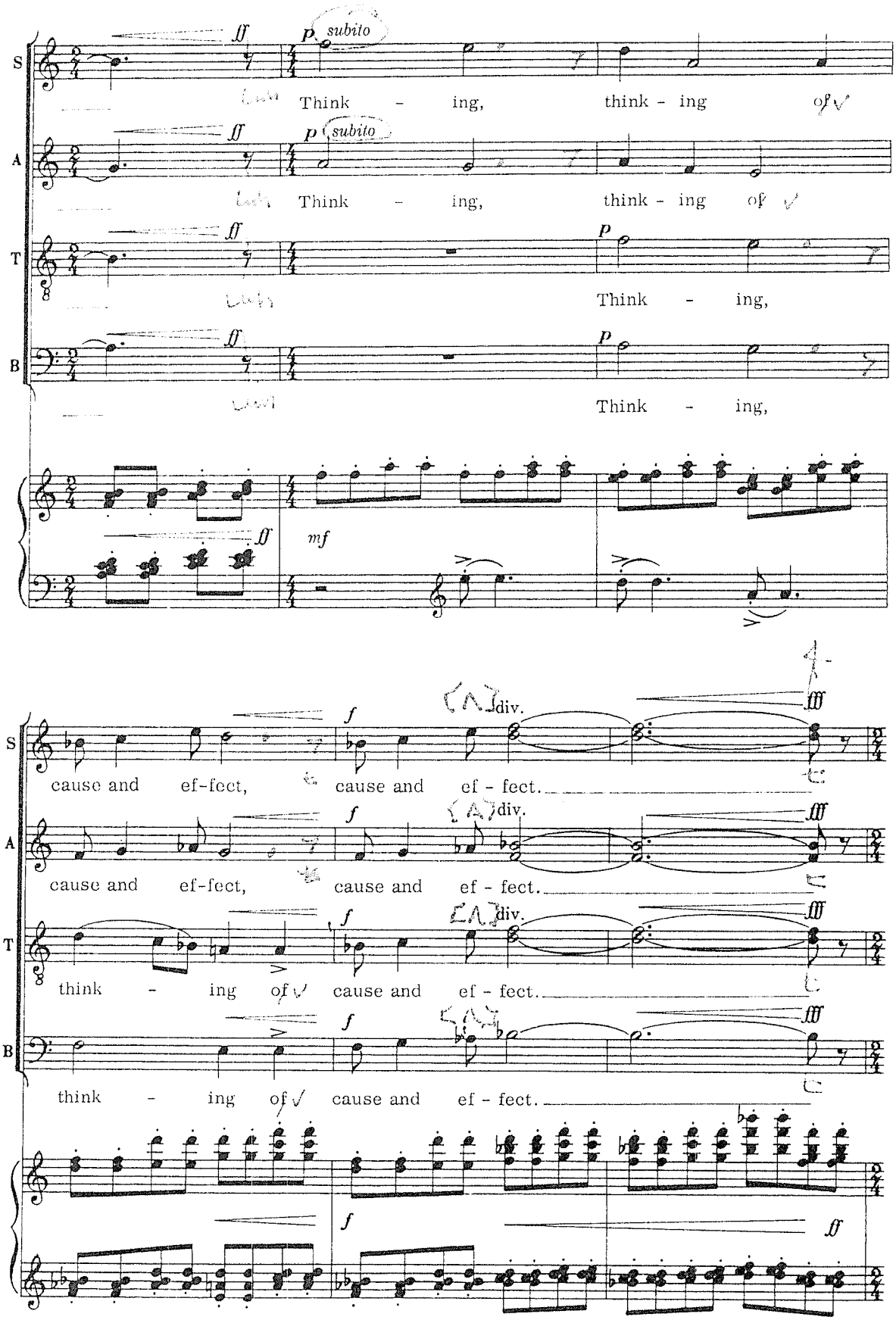
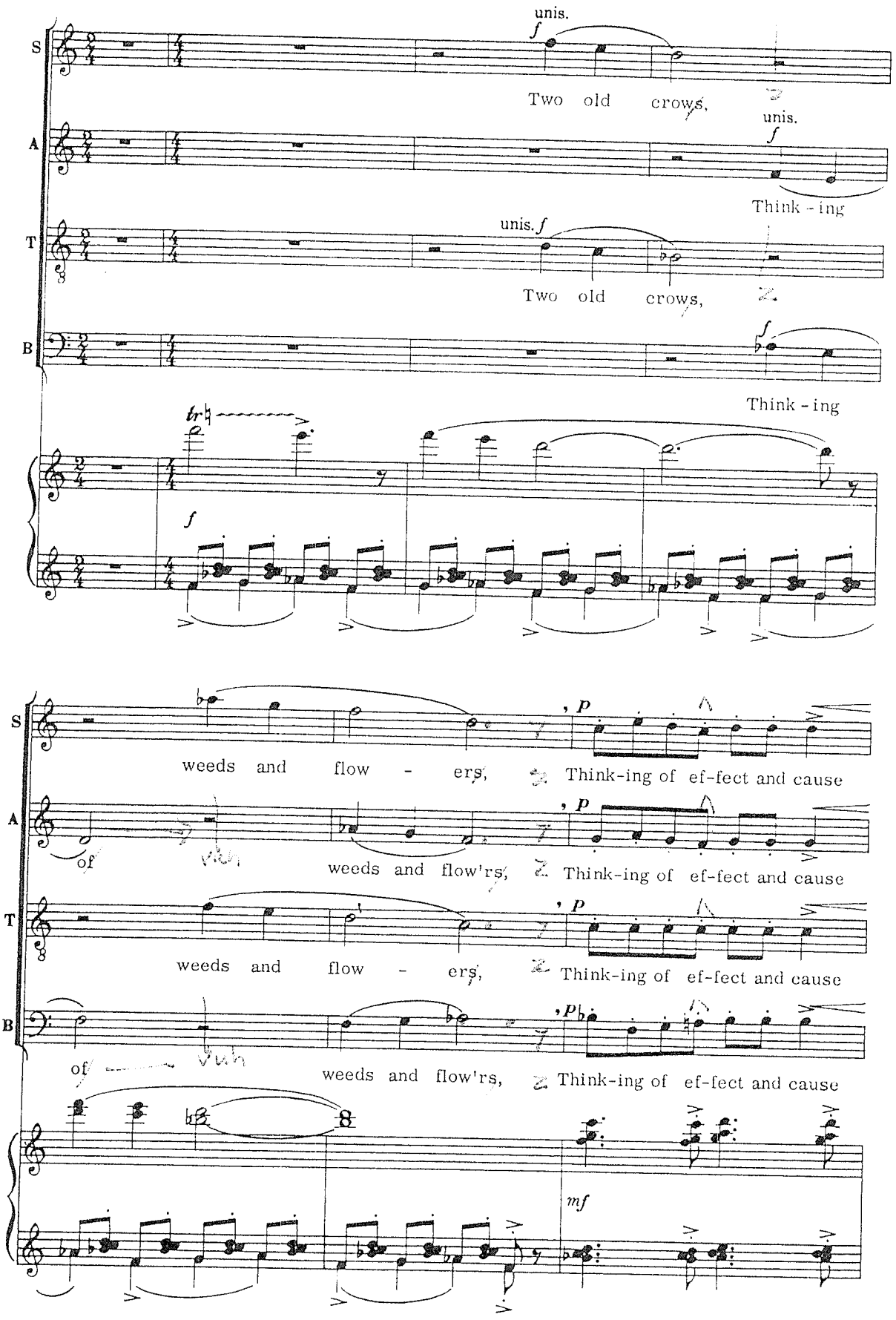
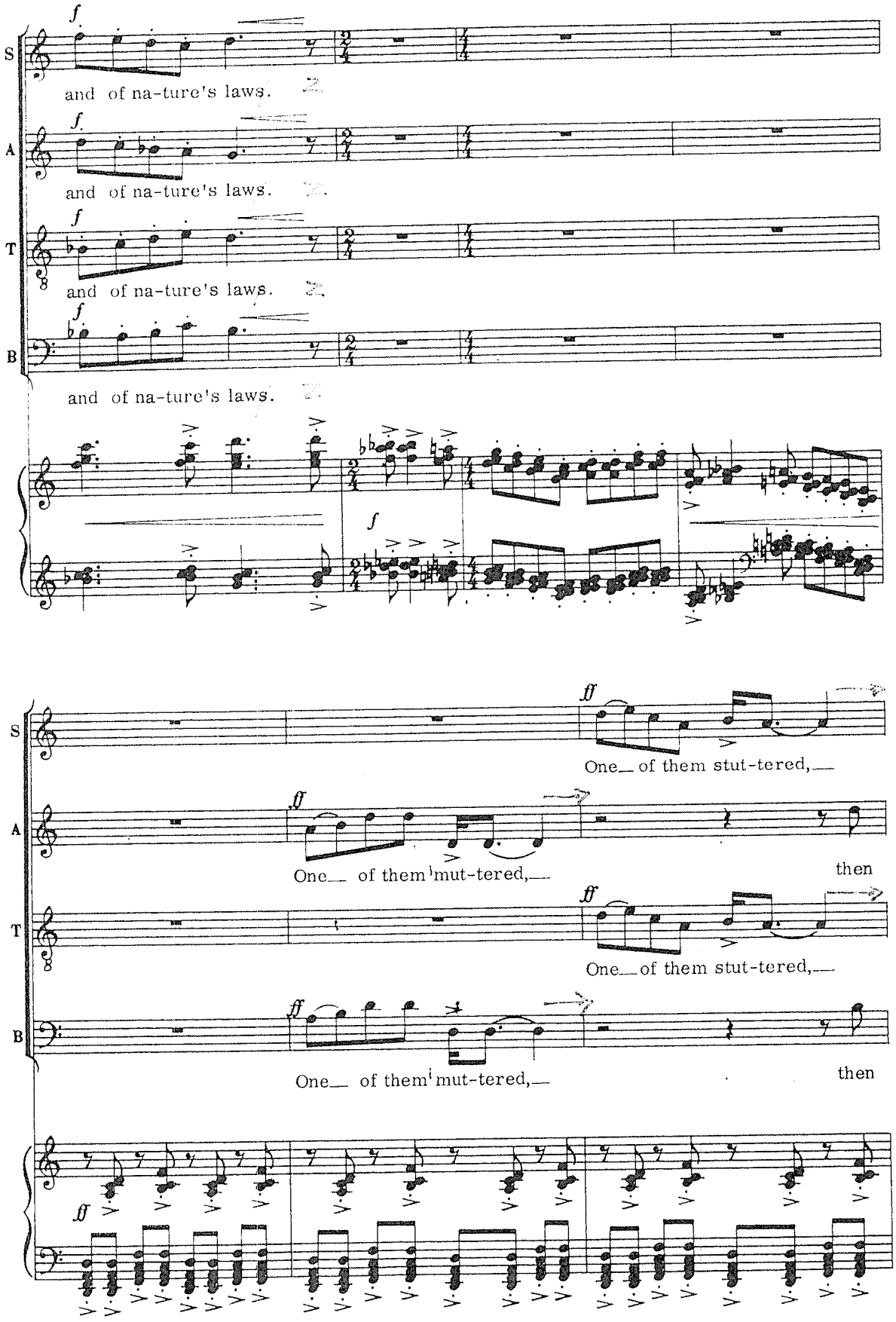
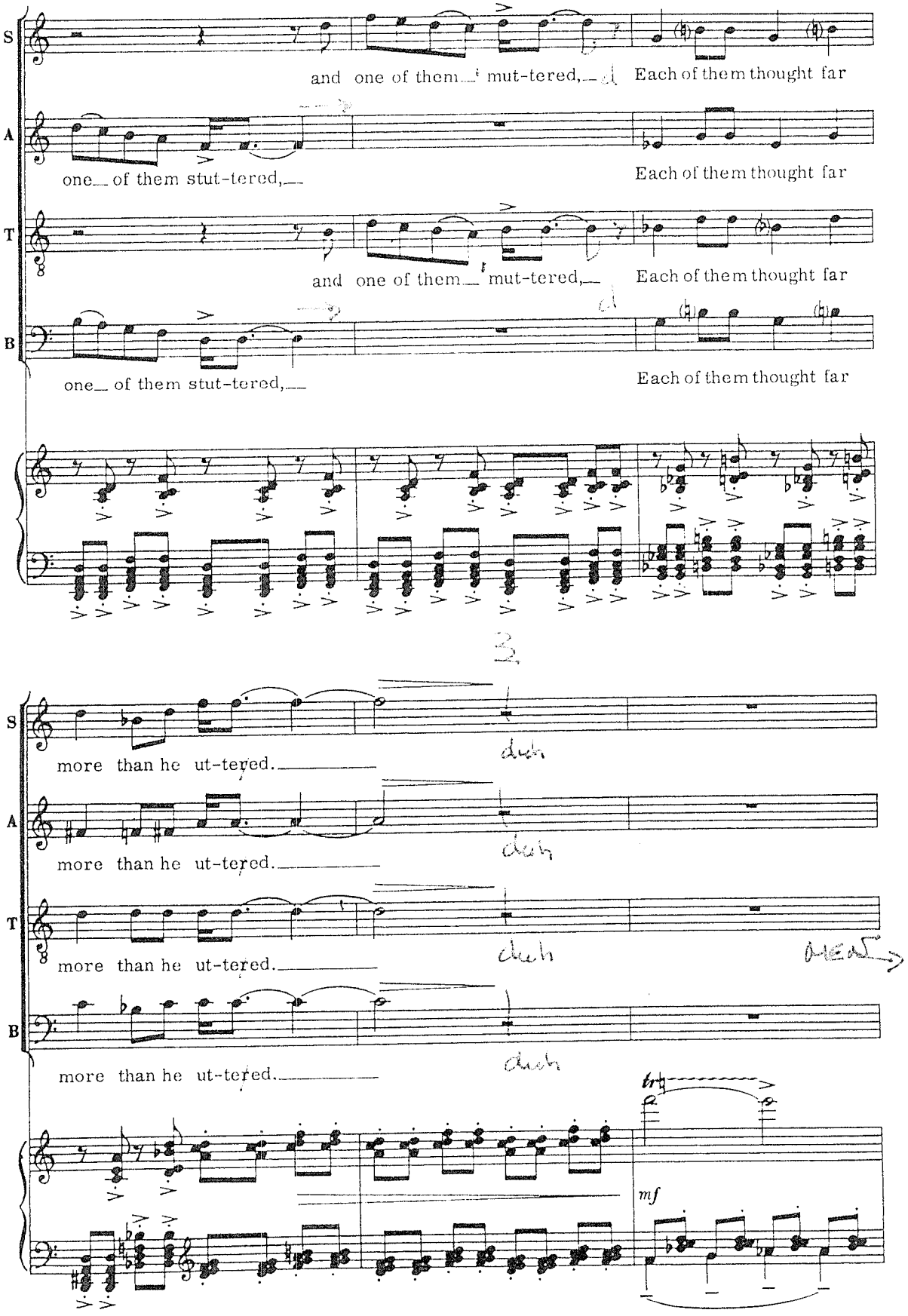
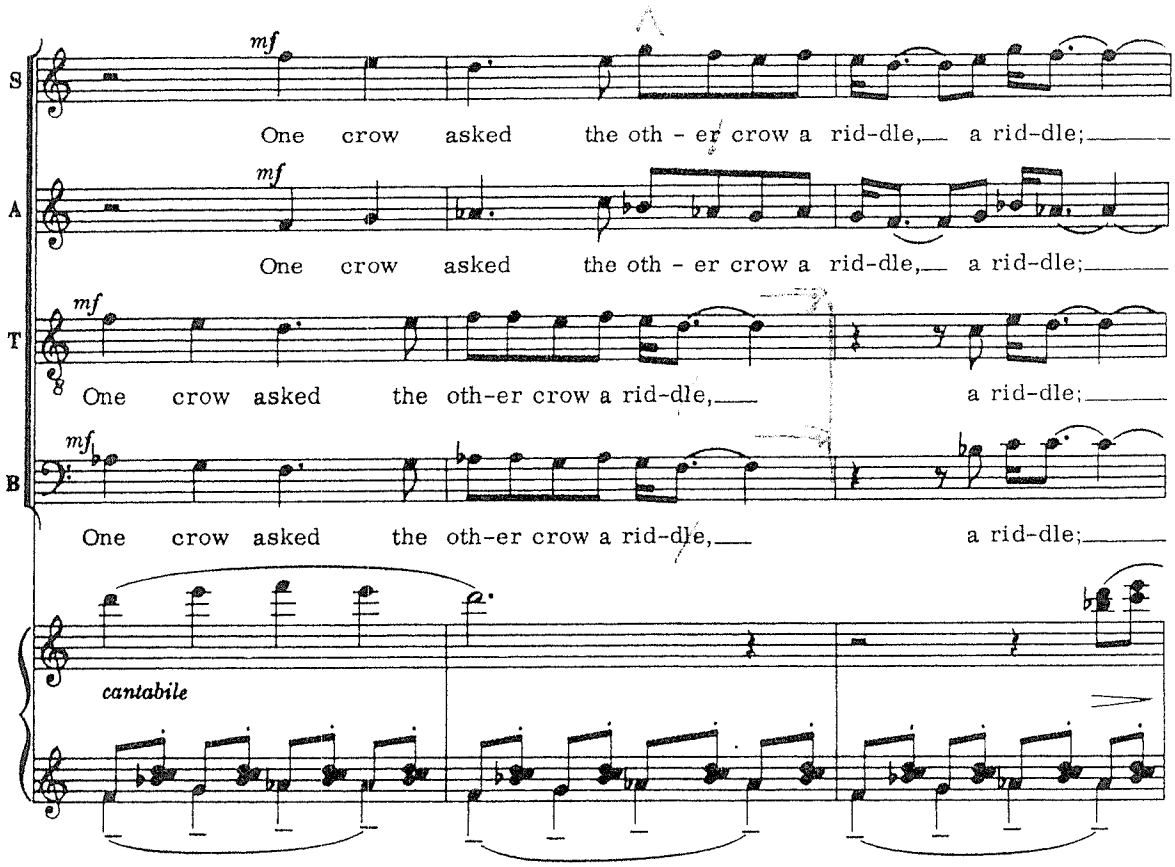
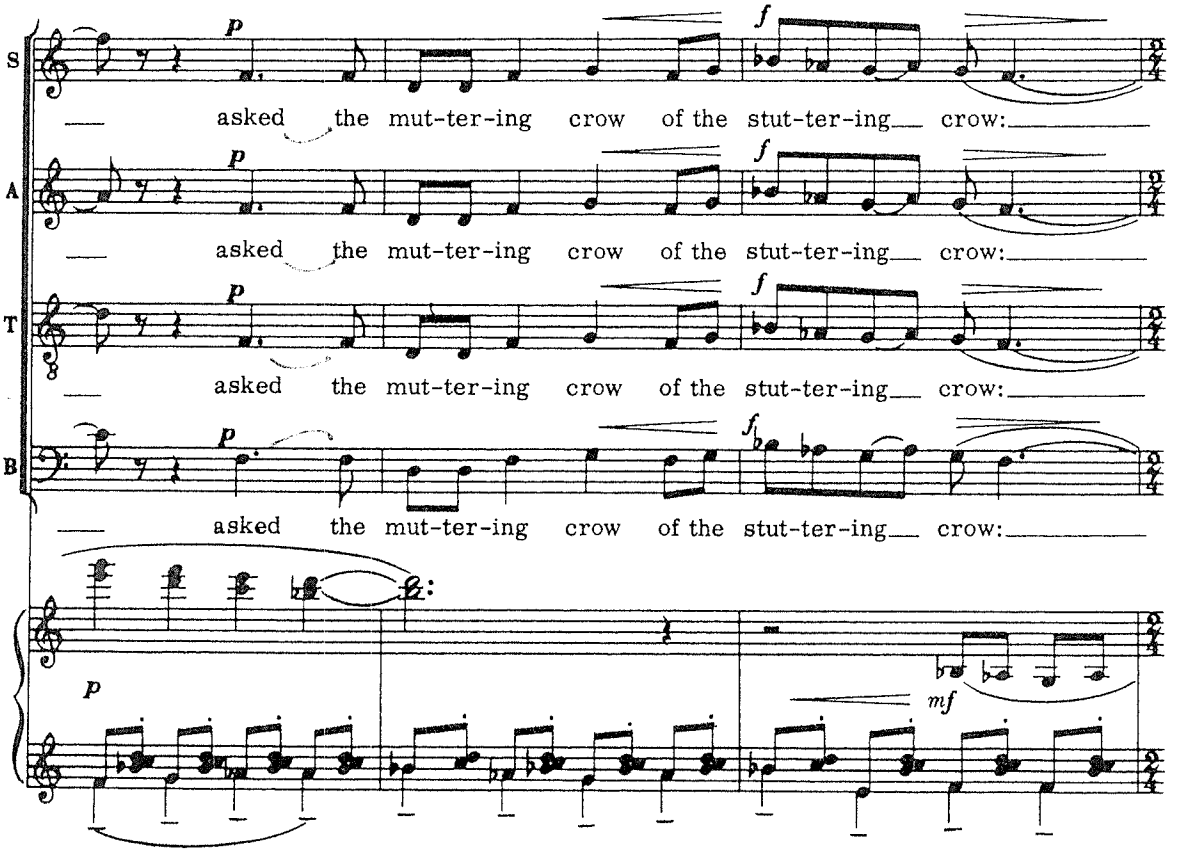
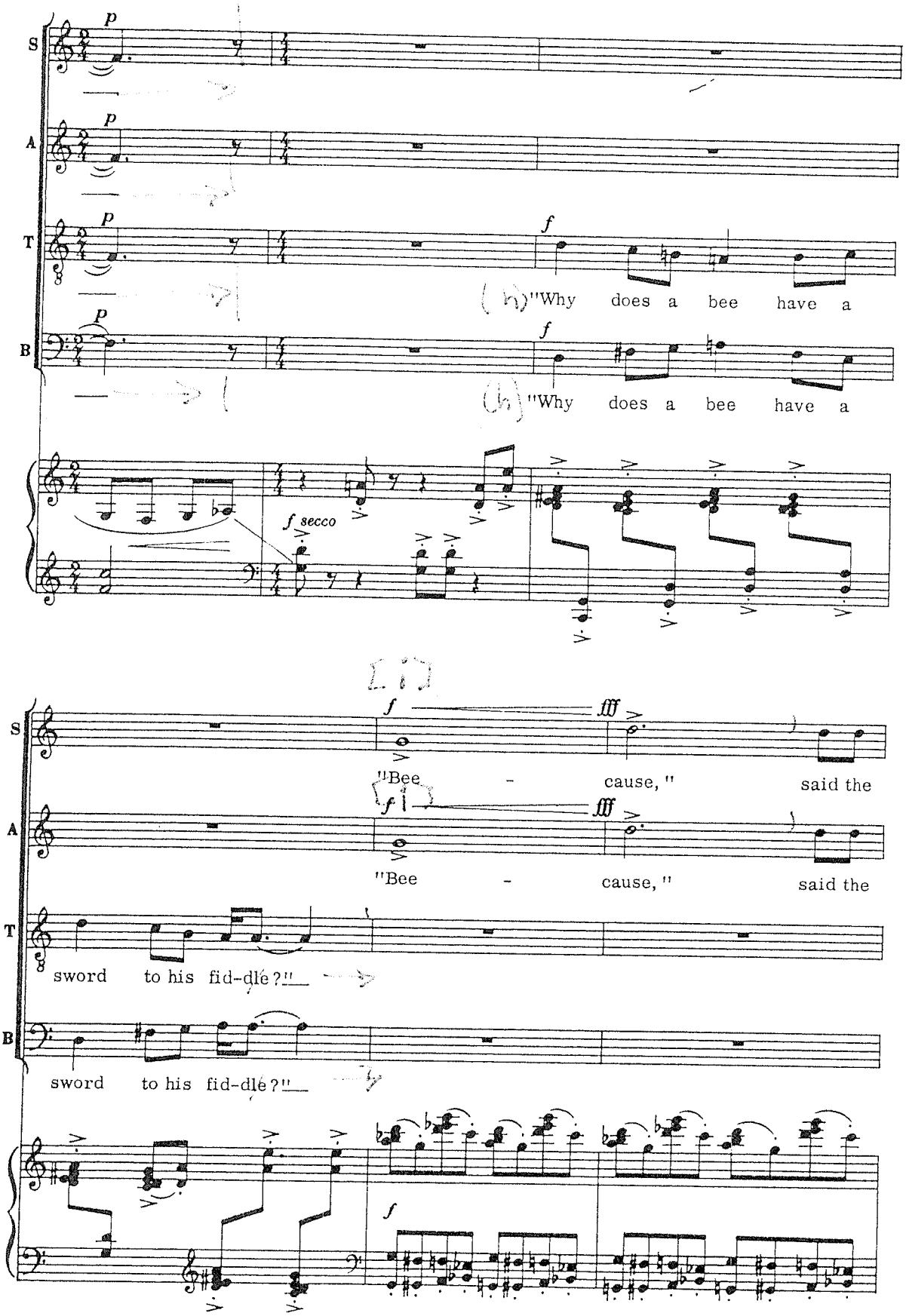
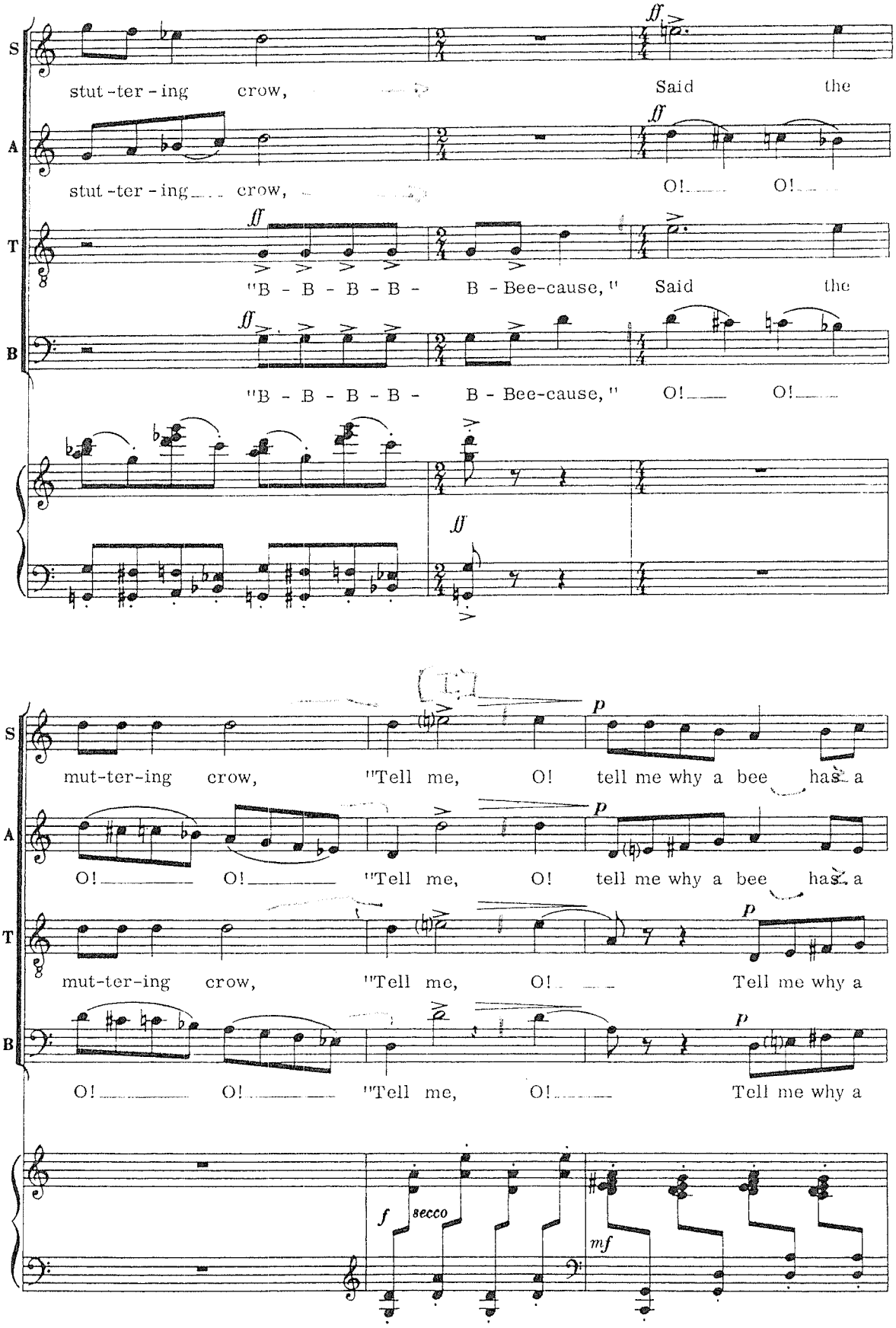
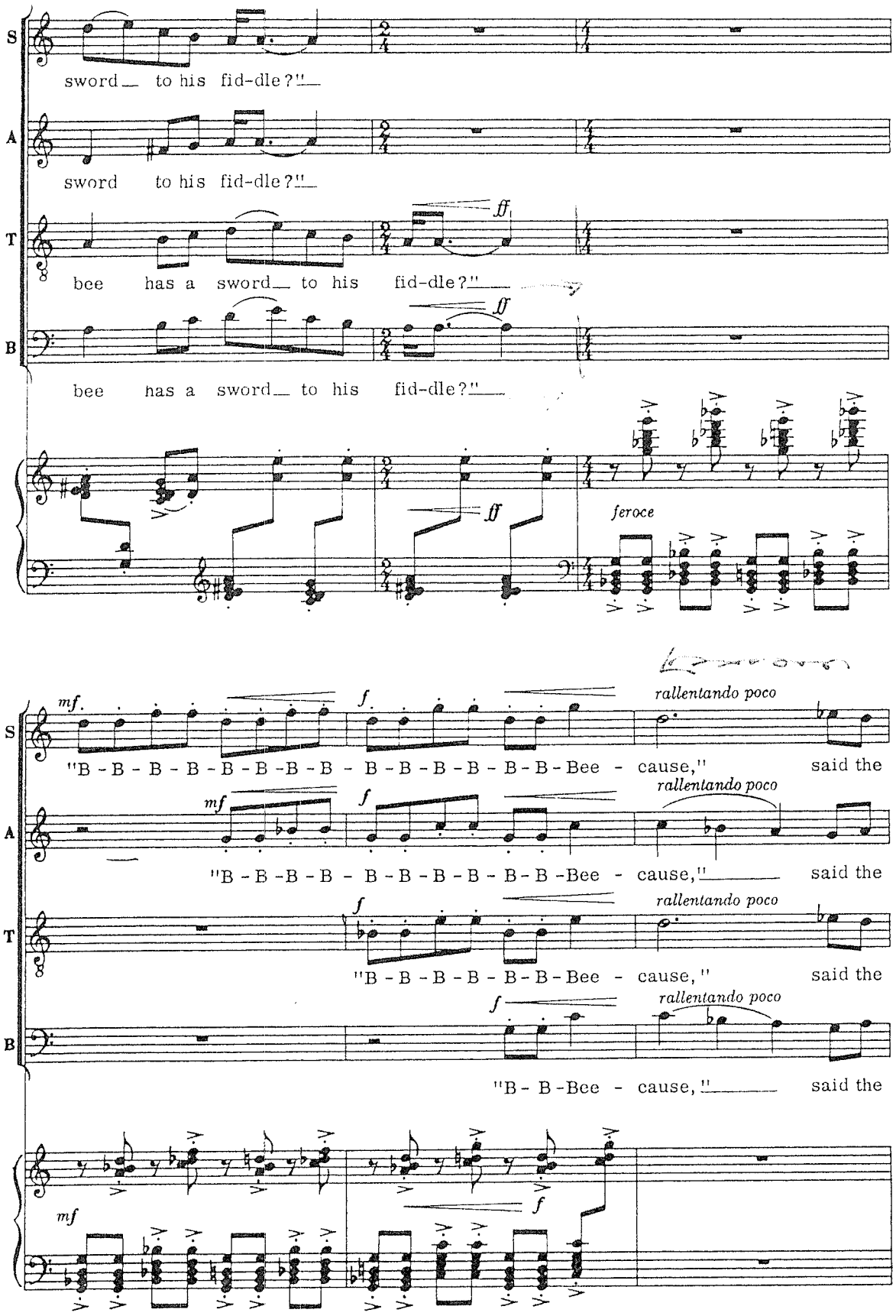
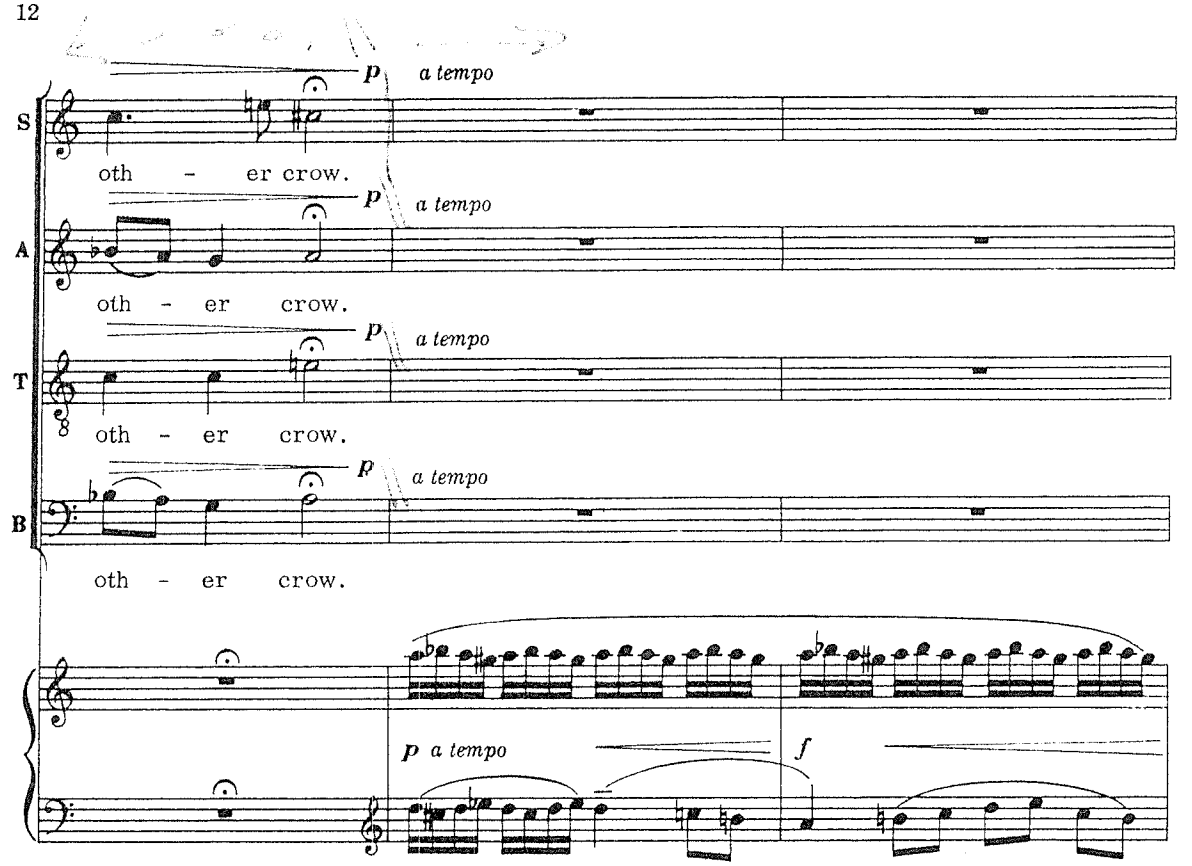
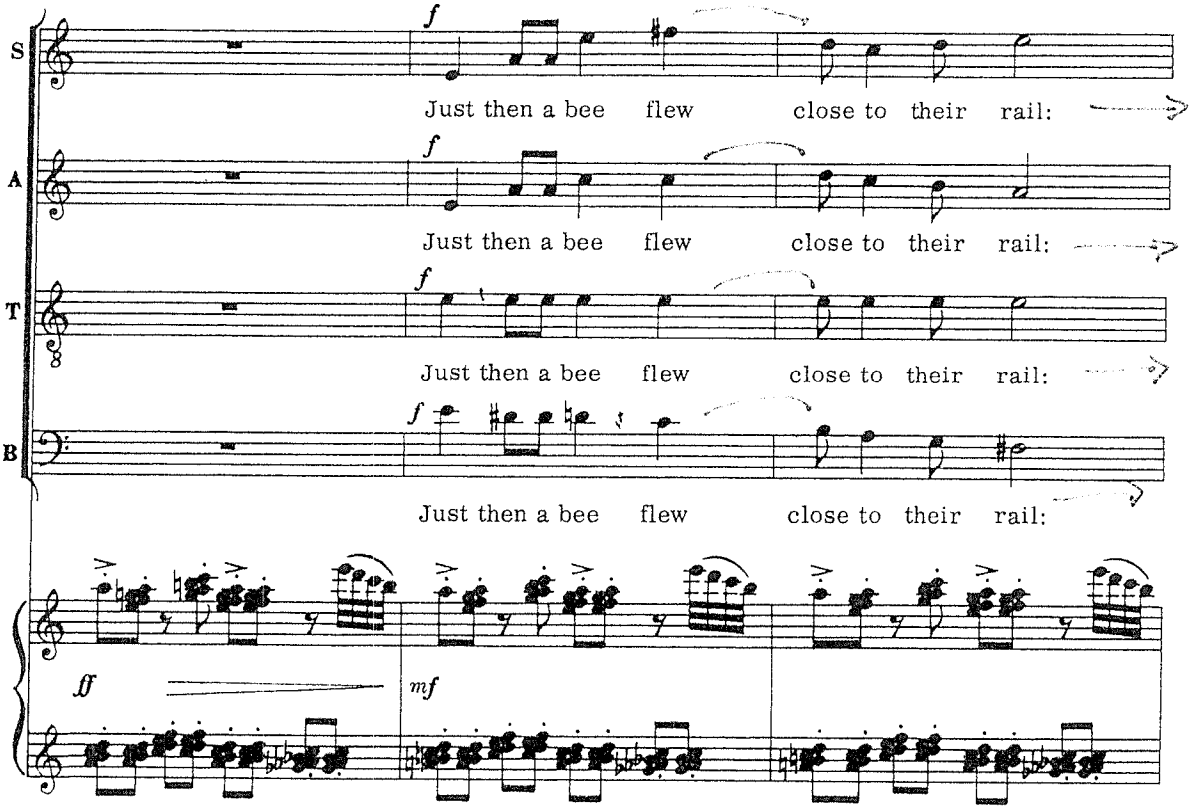
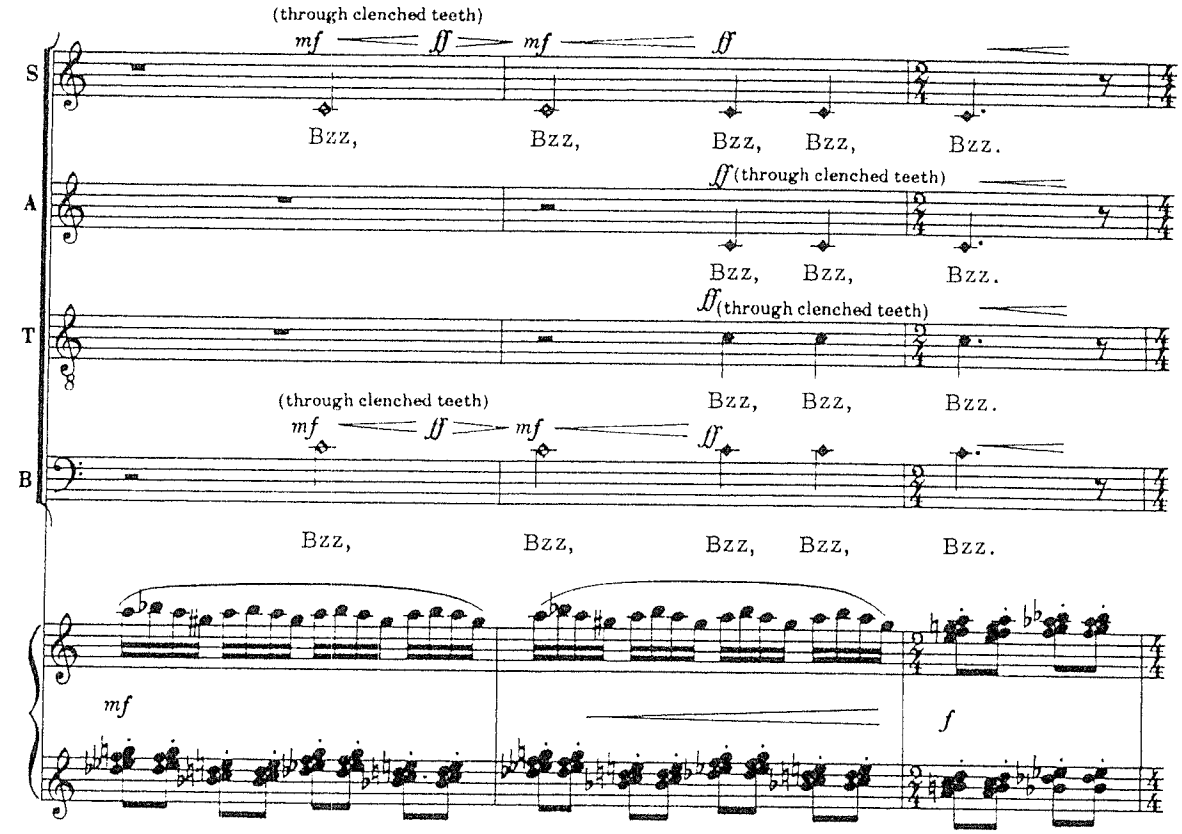
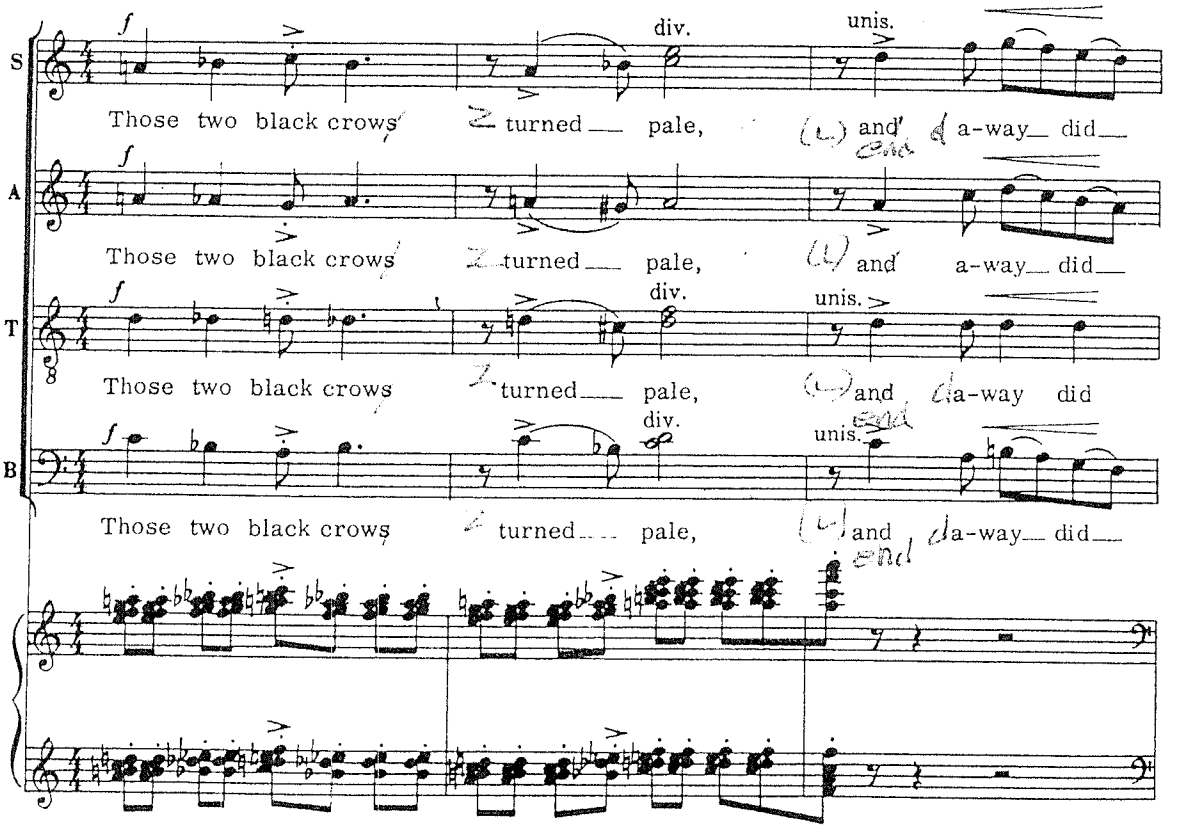
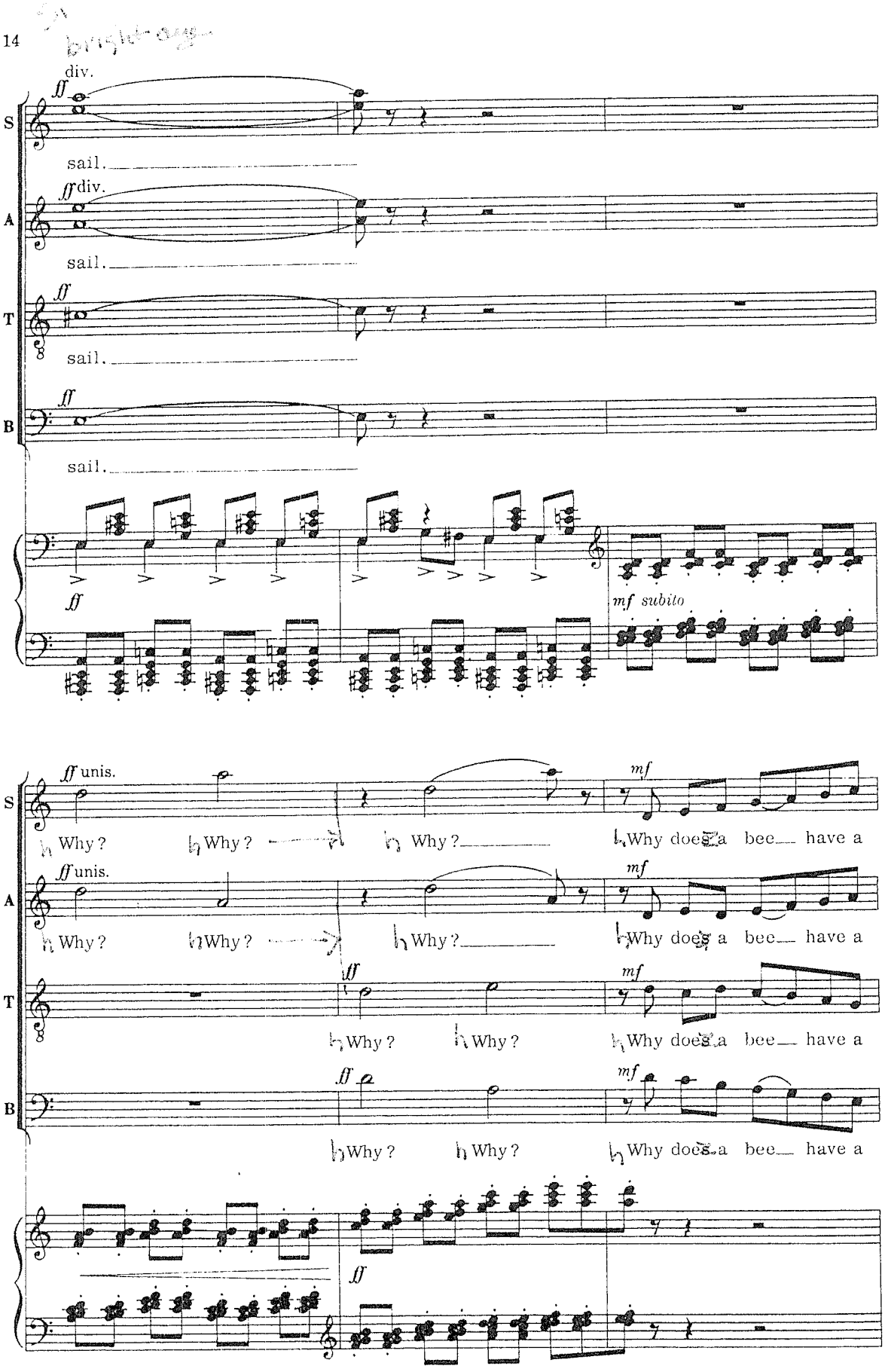
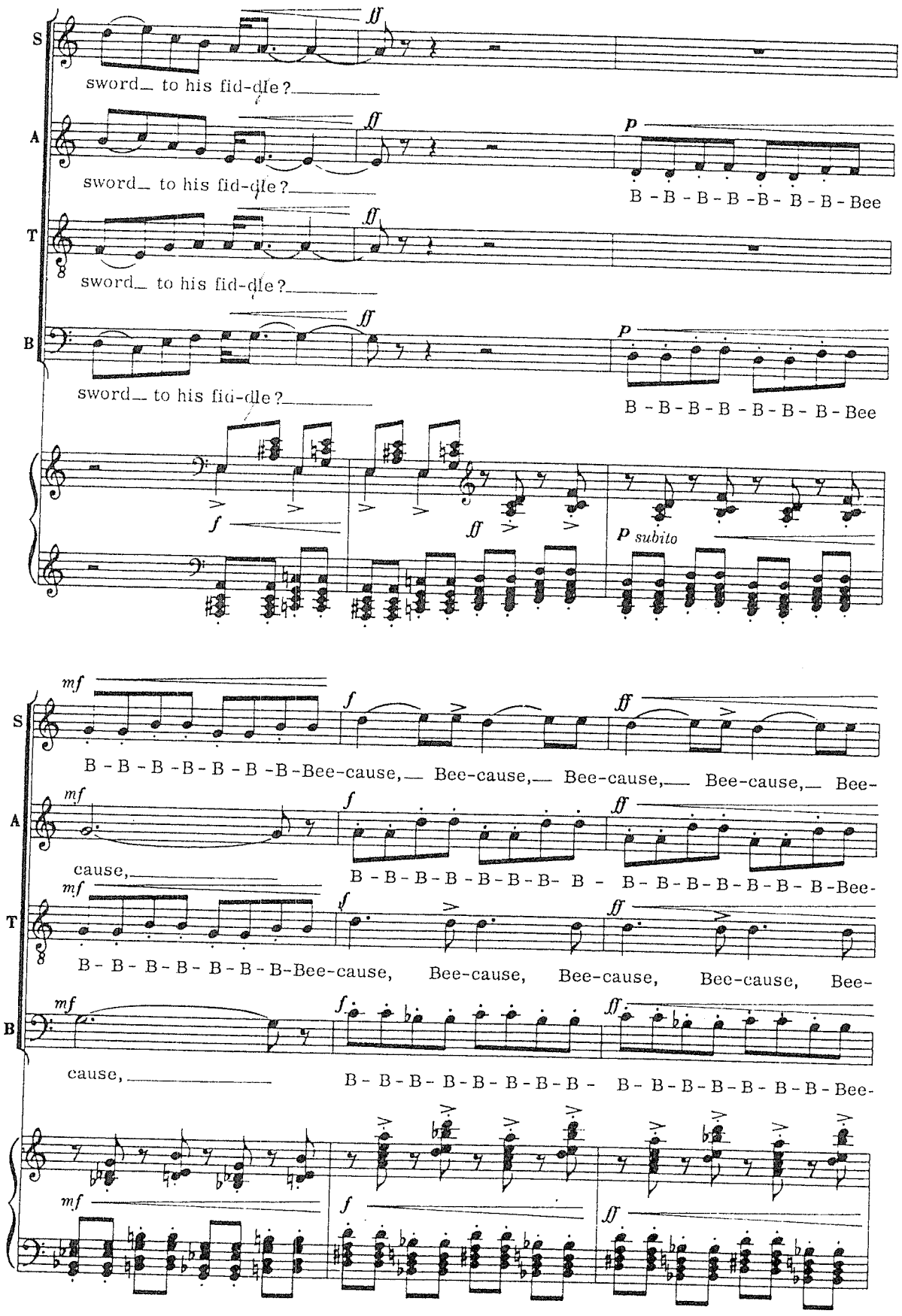
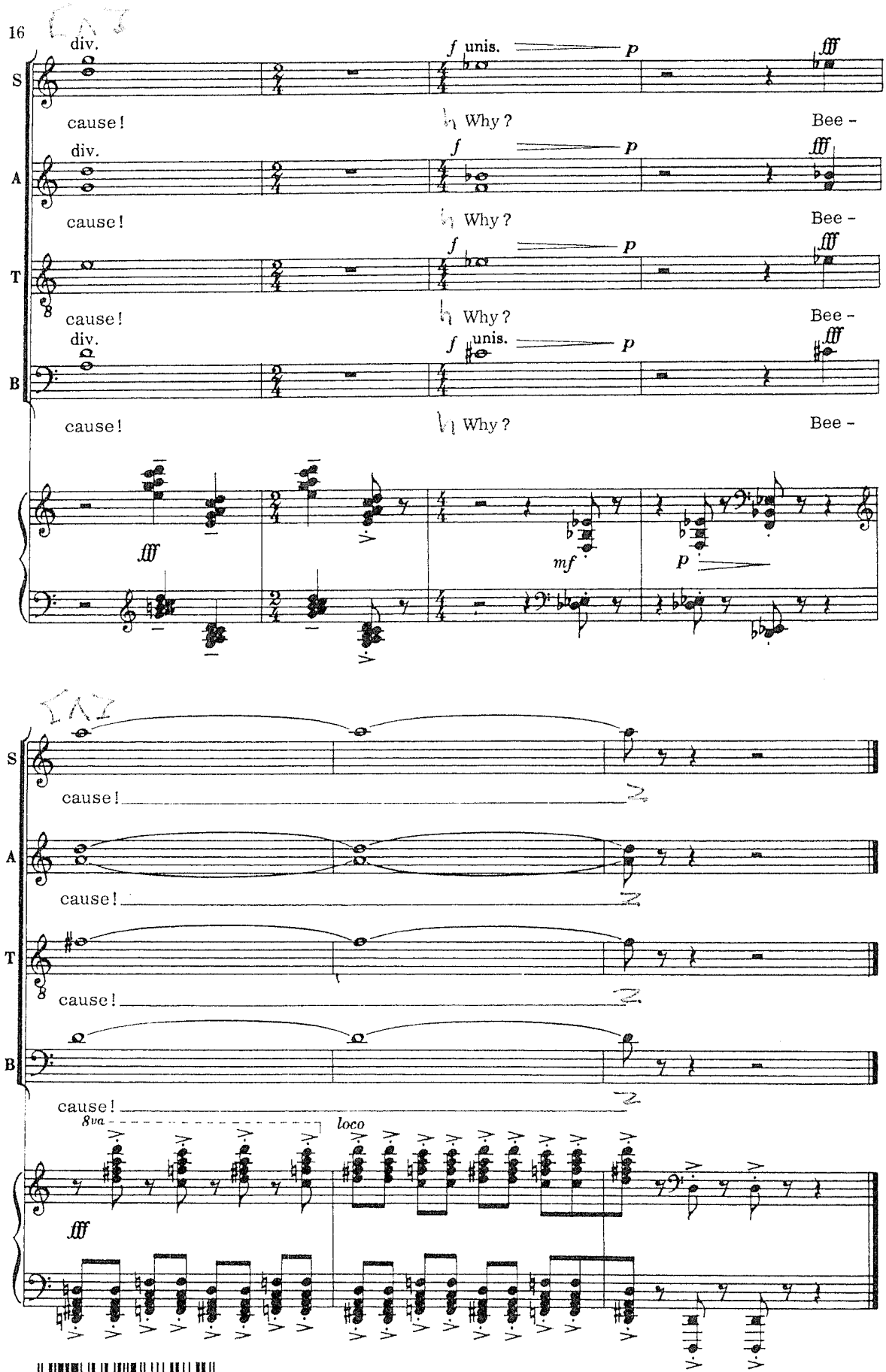

S
sat on a fence rail.
A
sat on a fence rail.
T
sat on a fence rail.
B
sat on a fence rail.
ff

S
Two old crows sat on a fence, sat on a fence rail.
A
Two old crows sat on a fence, sat on a fence rail.
T
Two old crows sat on, sat on a fence rail.
B
Two old crows sat on, sat on a fence rail.
f

S
A
T
B
ff
p subito
Think - ing, think - ing of
Think - ing, think - ing of
Think - ing,
Think - ing,
mf
f
div.
fff
cause and ef-fect, cause and ef - fect.
think - ing of cause and ef - fect.

S
A
T
B
unis.
f
Two old crows,
Think - ing
unis. f
Two old crows,
Think - ing
tr
f
, p
weeds and flow - ers,
Think-ing of ef-fect and cause
of
weeds and flow'rs,
Think-ing of ef-fect and cause
weeds and flow - ers,
Think-ing of ef-fect and cause
of
weeds and flow'rs,
Think-ing of ef-fect and cause
mf

S
A
T
B
f
and of na-ture's laws.
and of na-ture's laws.
and of na-ture's laws.
and of na-ture's laws.
ff
One_ of them stut-tered,_
One_ of them mut-tered,_
then
One_ of them stut-tered,_
One_ of them mut-tered,_
then

S
A
T
B
and one of them mut-tered,
Each of them thought far
one of them stut-tered,
Each of them thought far
and one of them mut-tered,
Each of them thought far
one of them stut-tered,
Each of them thought far
3.
more than he ut-tered.
duh
more than he ut-tered.
duh
more than he ut-tered.
duh
more than he ut-tered.
duh
trl
mf

S
A
T
B
mf
One crow asked the oth - er crow a rid-dle,— a rid-dle;—
One crow asked the oth-er crow a rid-dle,— a rid-dle;—
cantabile

S
A
T
B
p
f
mf
asked the mut-ter-ing crow of the stut-ter-ing— crow:—

S
A
T
B
p
f
"Why does a bee have a
f secco
"Bee - cause," said the
sword to his fid-dle?"

S
stut-ter-ing crow, Said the
A
stut-ter-ing crow, O! O!
T
"B - B - B - B - B - Bee-cause," Said the
B
"B - B - B - B - B - Bee-cause," O! O!
mut-ter-ing crow, "Tell me, O! tell me why a bee has a
O! O! "Tell me, O! tell me why a bee has a
mut-ter-ing crow, "Tell me, O! Tell me why a
O! O! "Tell me, O! Tell me why a
secco

S
sword to his fid-dle?"
A
sword to his fid-dle?"
T
ff
bee has a sword to his fid-dle?"
B
ff
bee has a sword to his fid-dle?"
ff
feroce
mf.
f
rallentando poco
"B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - Bee - cause," said the
mf
f
rallentando poco
"B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - Bee - cause," said the
f
rallentando poco
"B - B - B - B - B - B - Bee - cause," said the
f
rallentando poco
"B - B - Bee - cause," said the
mf
f

S
A
T
B
p a tempo
oth - er crow.
p a tempo
oth - er crow.
p a tempo
oth - er crow.
p a tempo
oth - er crow.
p a tempo
f

S
A
T
B
f
Just then a bee flew close to their rail:
f
Just then a bee flew close to their rail:
f
Just then a bee flew close to their rail:
f
Just then a bee flew close to their rail:
ff
mf

(through clenched teeth)
mf ff mf ff
S
Bzz, Bzz, Bzz, Bzz, Bzz.
A
ff (through clenched teeth)
Bzz, Bzz, Bzz.
T
ff (through clenched teeth)
Bzz, Bzz, Bzz.
(through clenched teeth)
mf ff mf ff
B
Bzz, Bzz, Bzz, Bzz, Bzz.
mf
f

f
div.
unis.
S
Those two black crows turned pale, and a-way did
A
Those two black crows turned pale, and a-way did
T
Those two black crows turned pale, and a-way did
B
Those two black crows turned pale, and a-way did

div.
ff
S
sail.
ff div.
A
sail.
ff
T
sail.
ff
B
sail.
ff
mf subito
ff unis.
Why?
Why?
Why?
mf
Why does a bee have a
ff unis.
Why?
Why?
Why?
mf
Why does a bee have a
ff
Why?
Why?
mf
Why does a bee have a
ff
Why?
Why?
mf
Why does a bee have a
ff

S
A
T
B
ff
sword_ to his fid-dle?
p
B - B - B - B - B - B - B - Bee
f
subito
mf
B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - Bee-cause, Bee-cause, Bee-cause, Bee-cause, Bee-
cause,
B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - Bee-

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