The Fight to Be Favorite

Opera for children in one scene

Story by Spencer Williams (5th grade: General Greene Elementary School)

Libretto by David Holley
Music by Alejandro Rutty

For 6 voices, and piano
(guitar-bass optional)

PIANO VOCAL SCORE

Duration: 17 minutes

ARM-R44

Piano-vocal score

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1. Introduction

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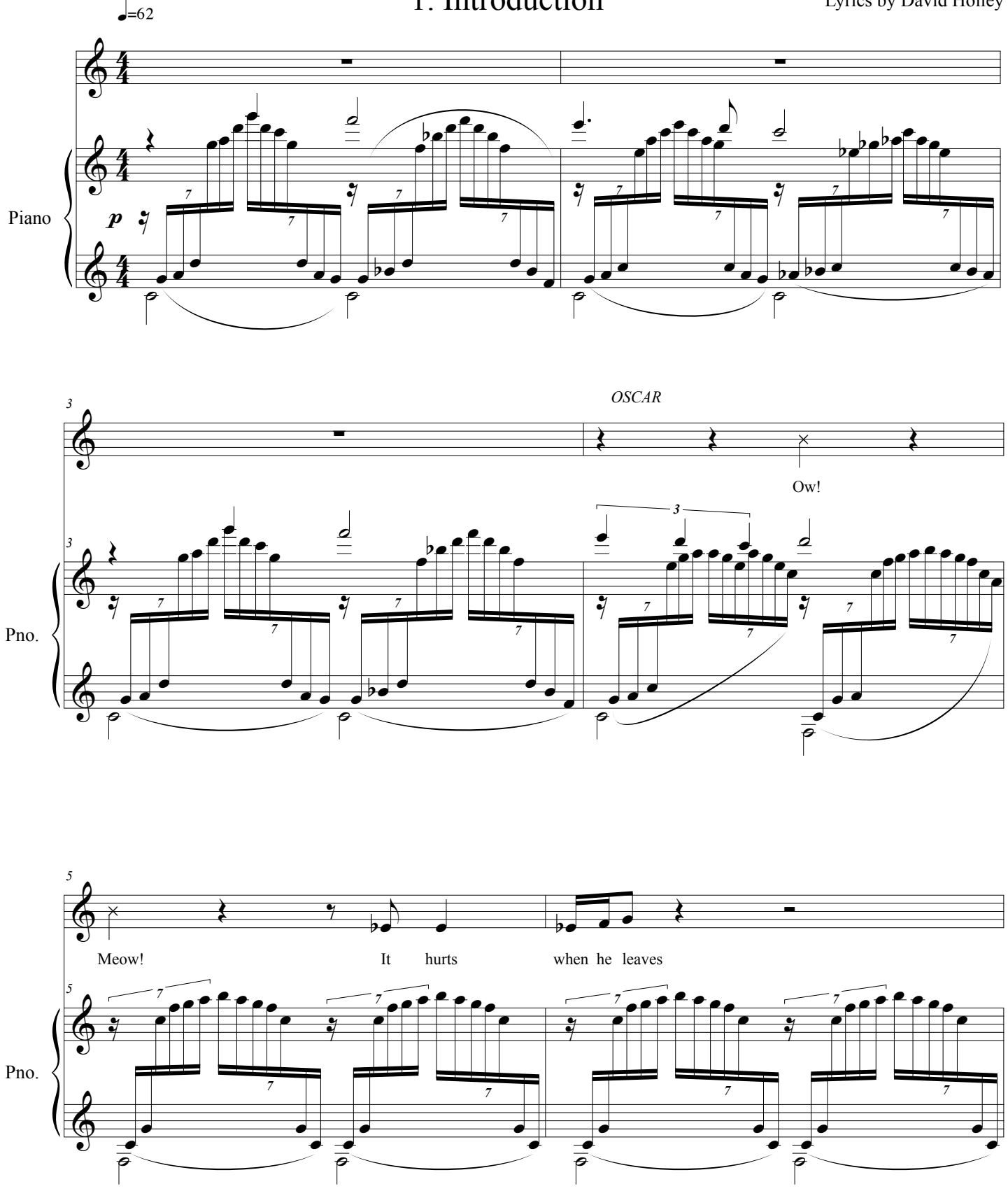
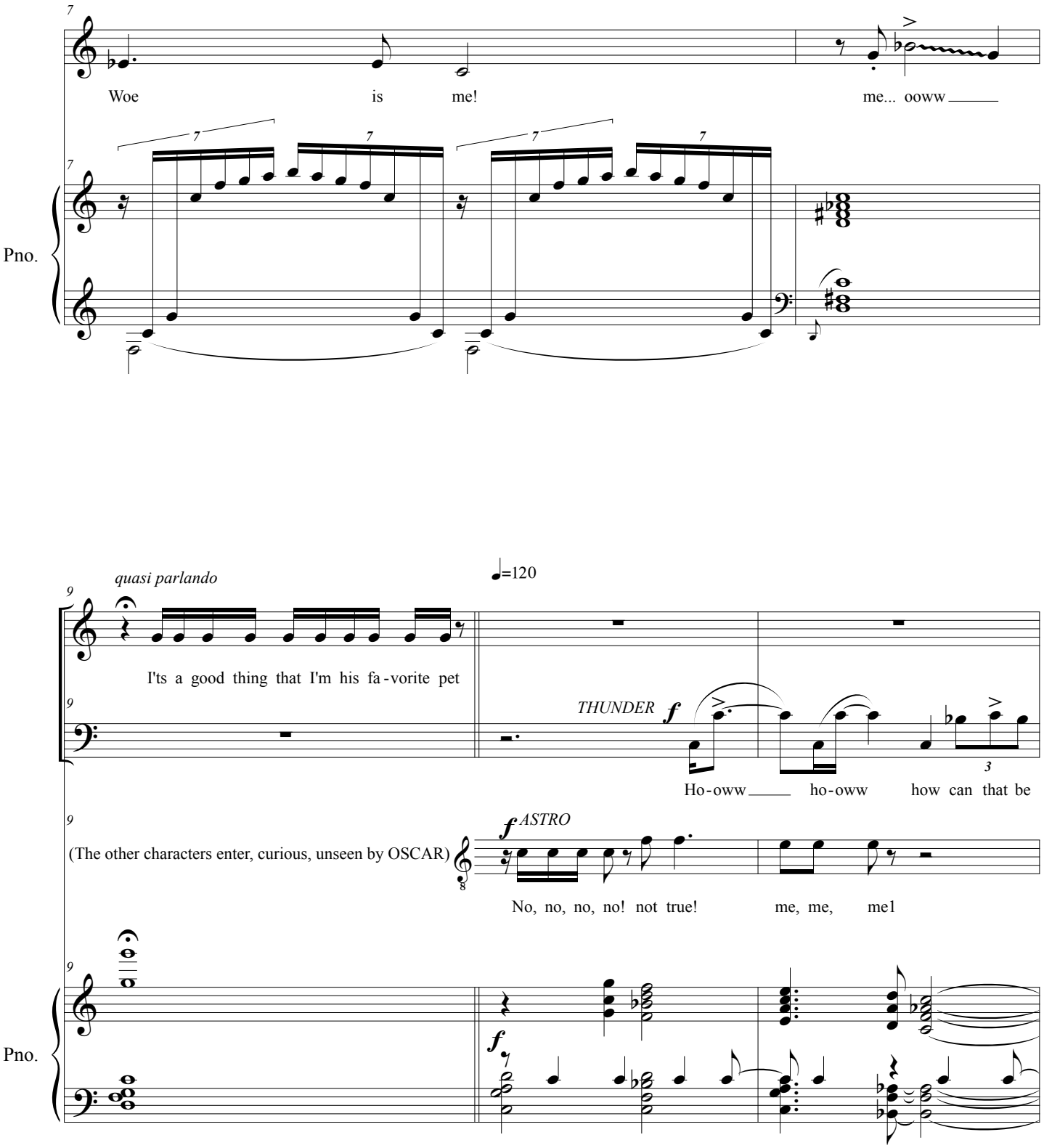
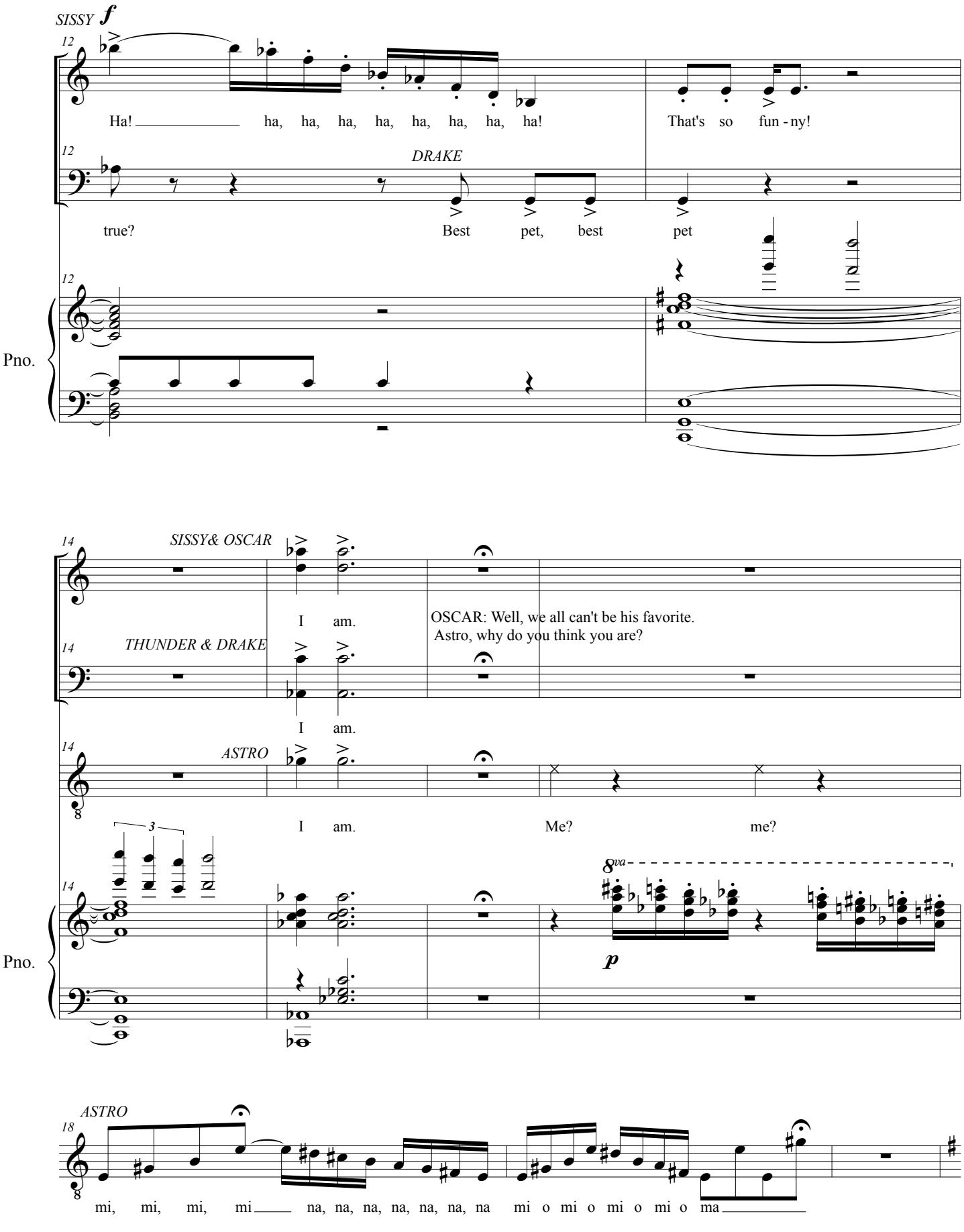
Lyrics by David Holley

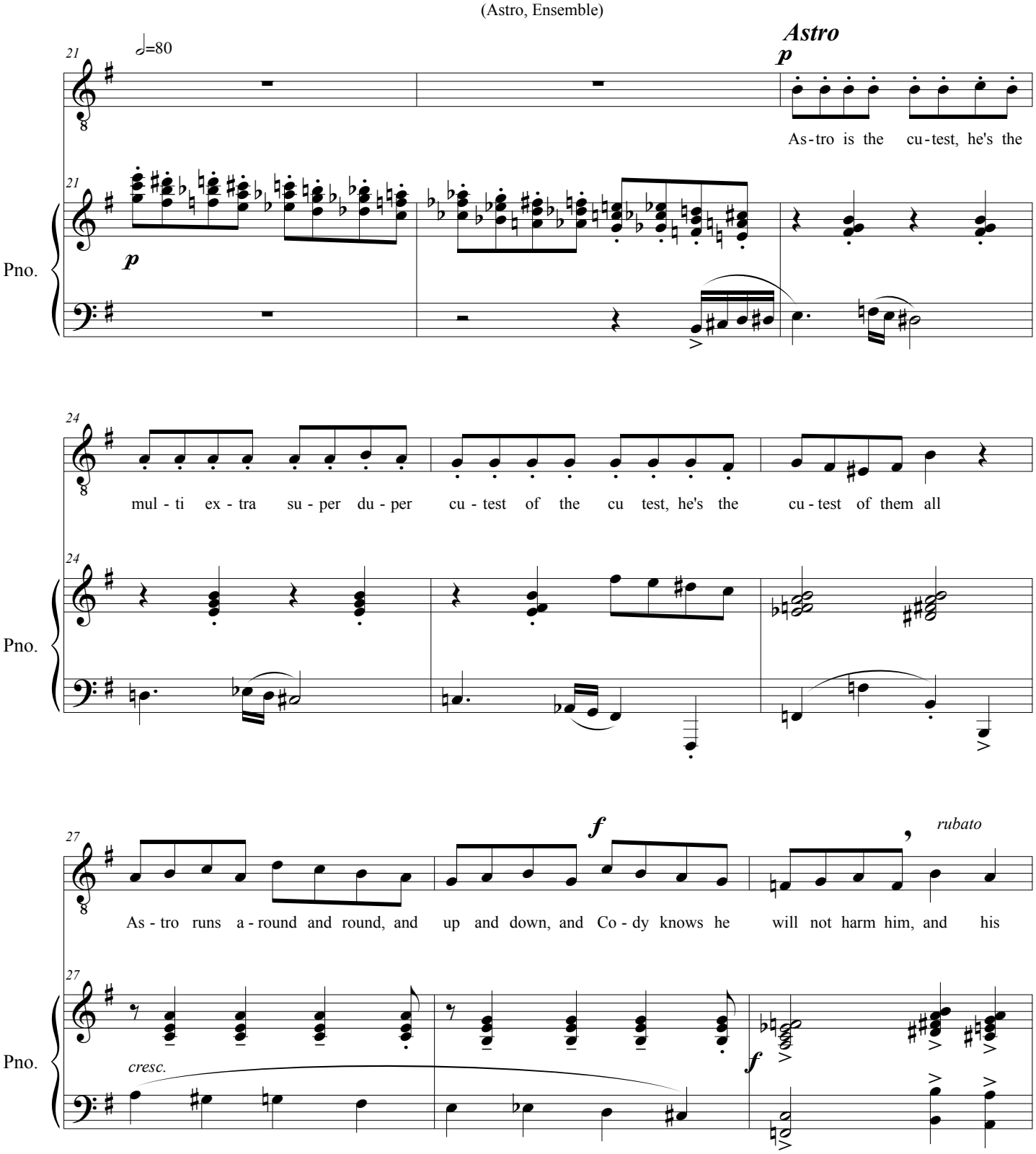


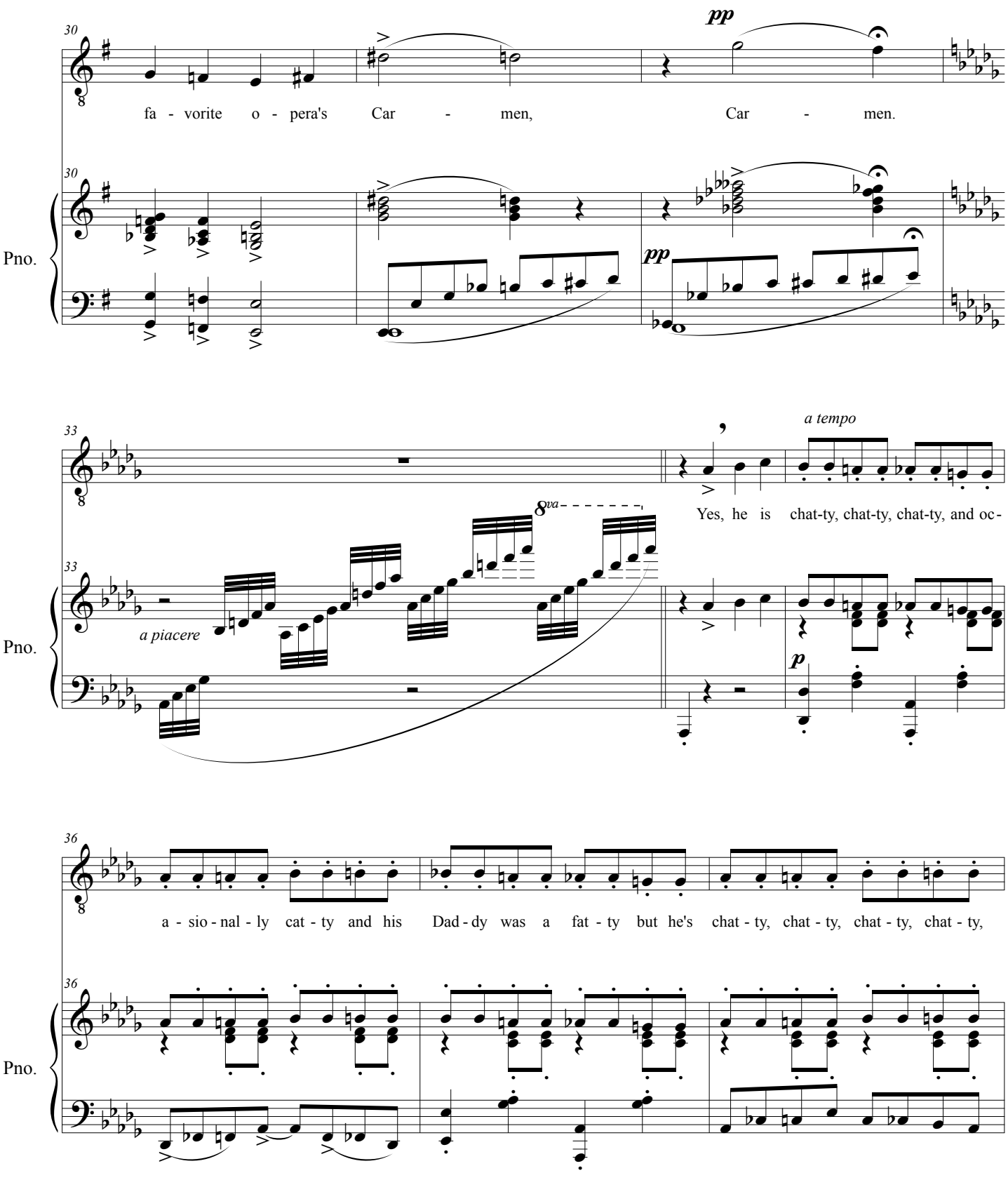

Woe is me!
me... ooww
Pno.
quasi parlando
♩=120
I'ts a good thing that I'm his fa-vorite pet
THUNDER
Ho-oww ho-oww how can that be
(The other characters enter, curious, unseen by OSCAR)
ASTRO
No, no, no, no! not true! me, me, me!
Pno.

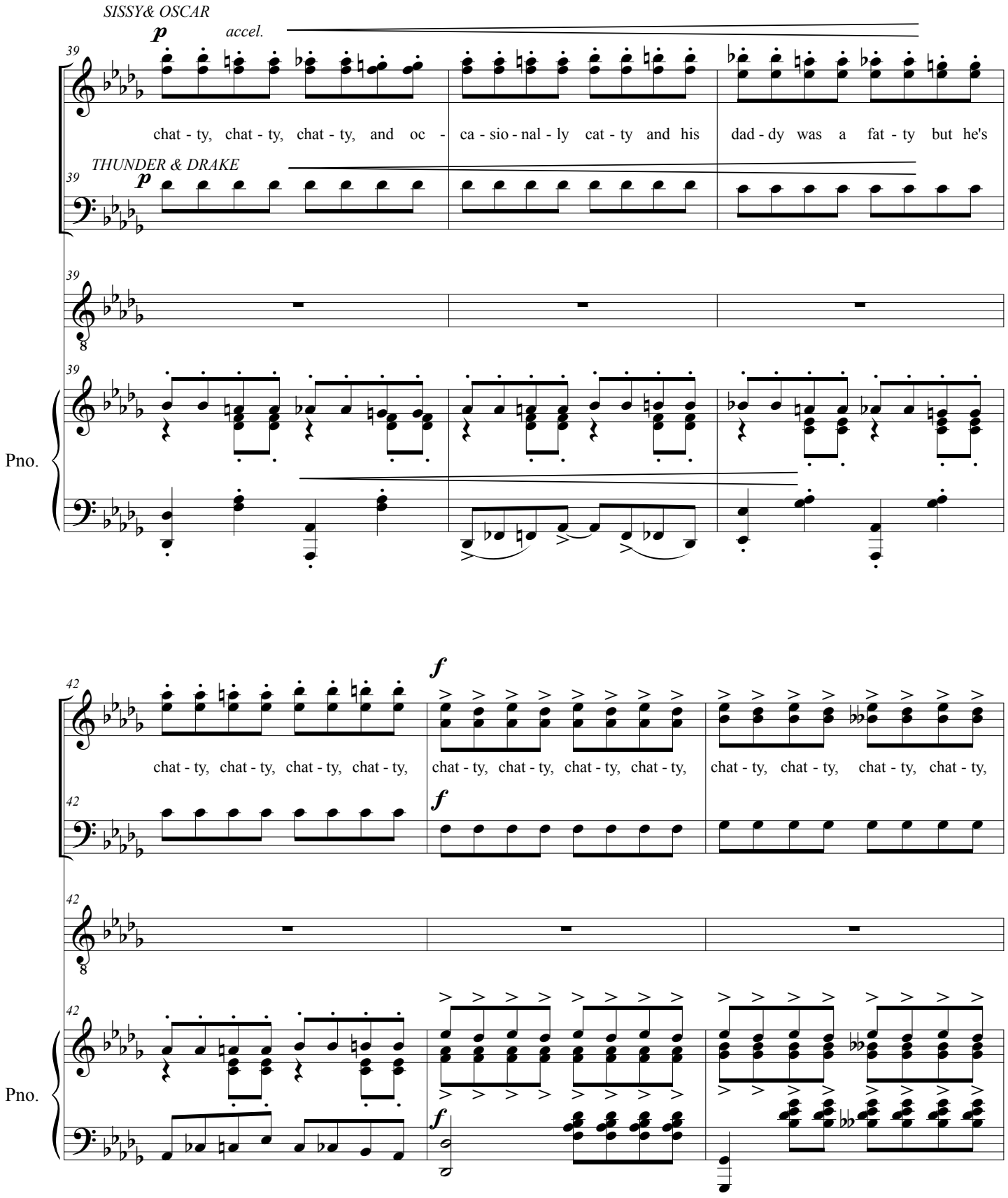

SISSY
f
12
Ha! ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!
That's so fun - ny!
DRAKE
true?
Best pet, best pet
Pno.
14
SISSY& OSCAR
I am.
OSCAR: Well, we all can't be his favorite.
Astro, why do you think you are?
THUNDER & DRAKE
I am.
ASTRO
I am.
Me? me?
3
8va
p
Pno.
18
ASTRO
mi, mi, mi, mi na, na, na, na, na, na, na mi o mi o mi o mi o ma

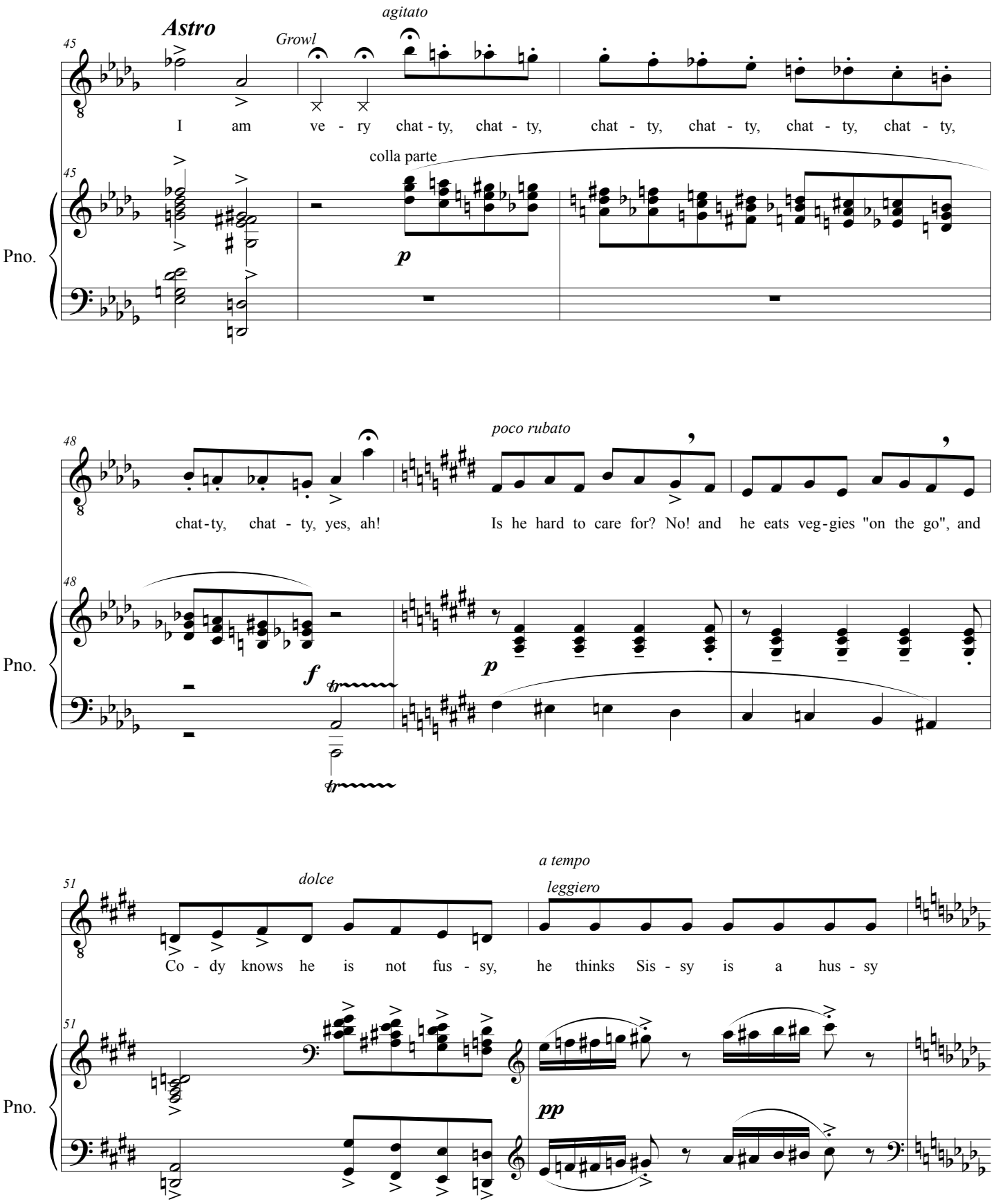
2. Chatty

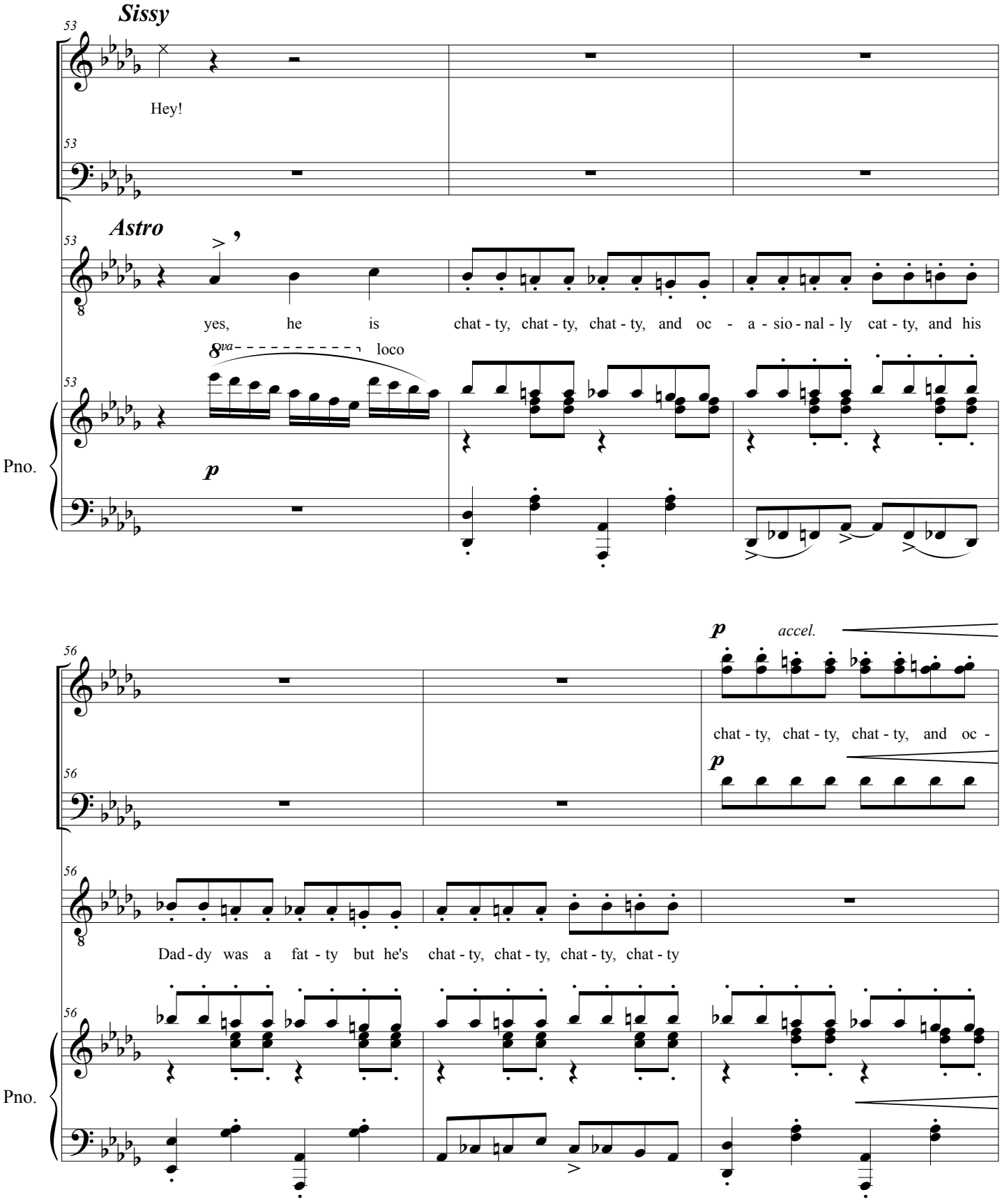
(Astro, Ensemble)

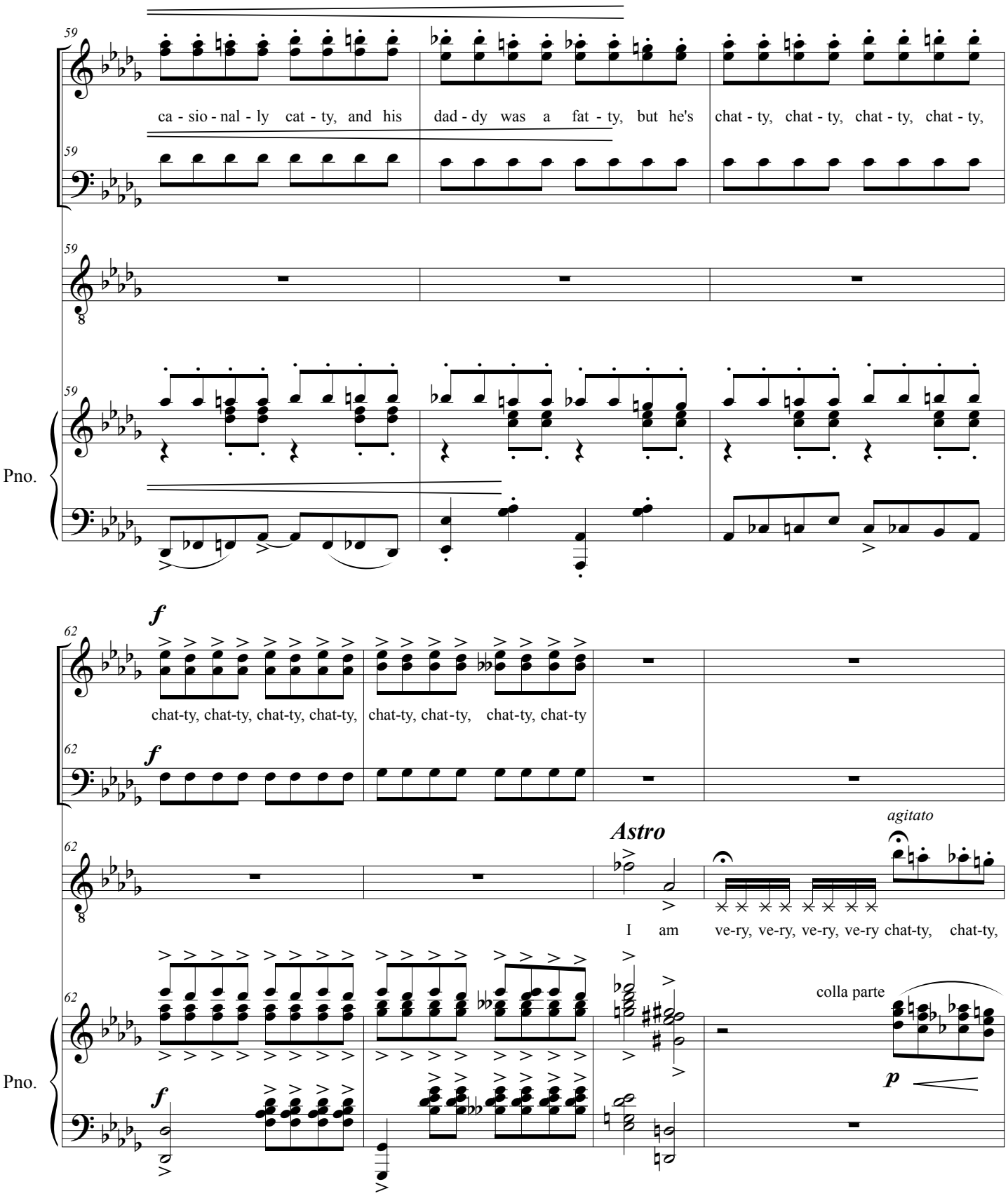


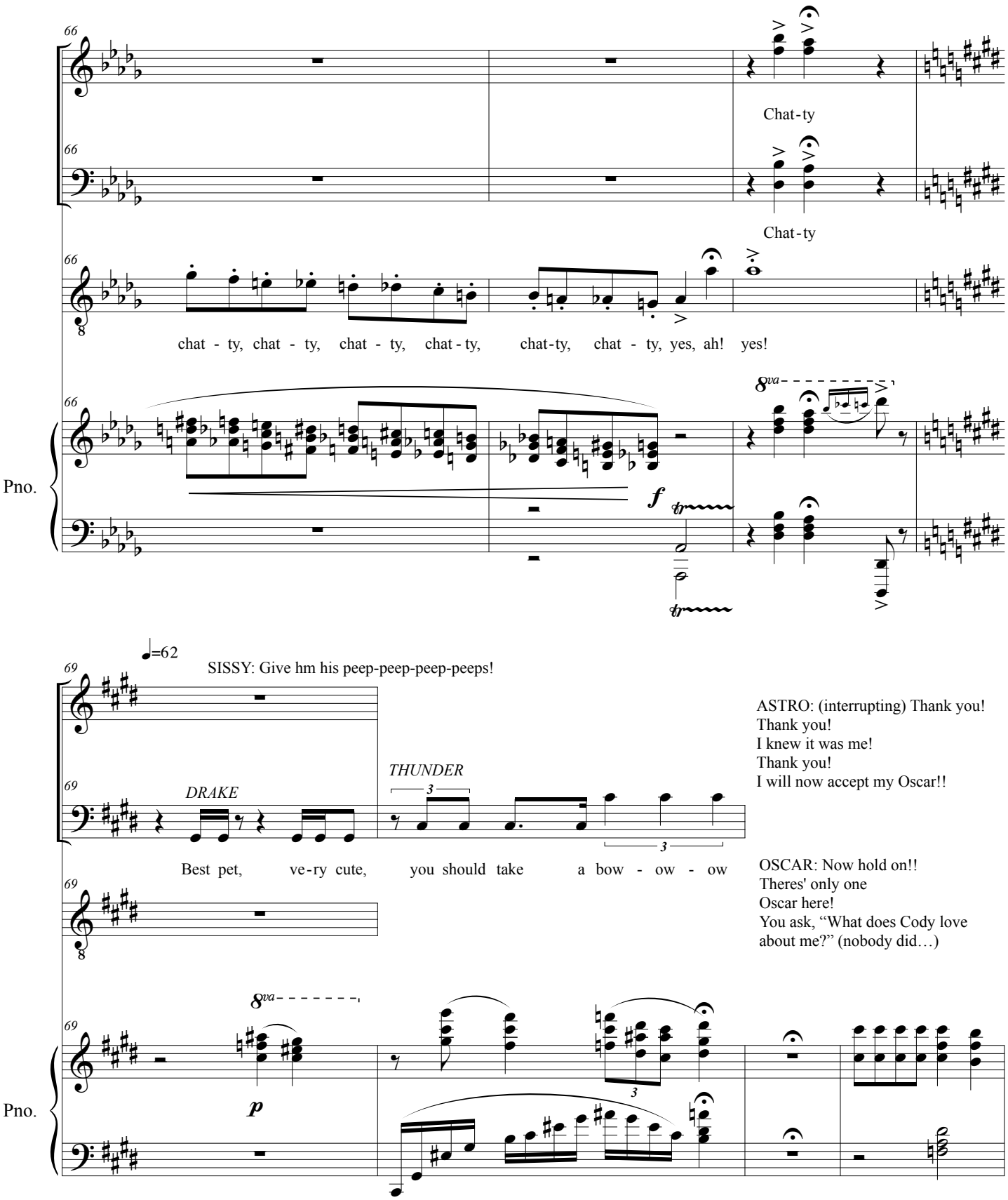

30
pp
fa - vorite o - pera's Car - men, Car - men.
Pno.
33
a tempo
Yes, he is chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, and oc -
8va
a piacere
p
36
a - sio - nal - ly cat - ty and his Dad - dy was a fat - ty but he's chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty,


SISSY& OSCAR
p
accel.
39
chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, and oc - ca - sio - nal - ly cat - ty and his dad - dy was a fat - ty but he's
THUNDER & DRAKE
p
39
39
8
39
Pno.
f
42
chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty,
chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty,
chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty,
f
42
42
8
42
Pno.
f

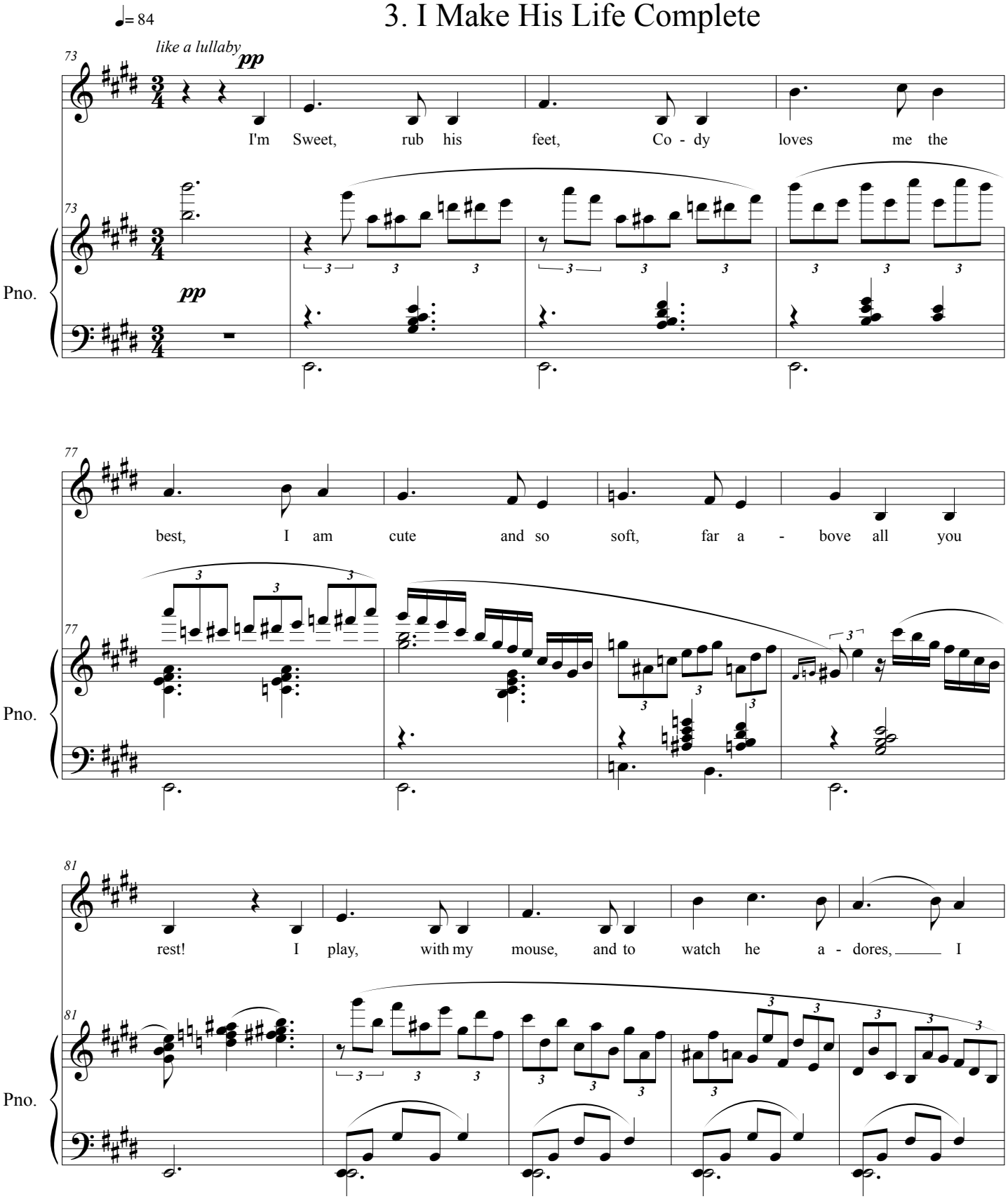

Astro
Growl
agitato
45
I am ve - ry chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty,
colla parte
p
Pno.
48
poco rubato
chat-ty, chat - ty, yes, ah! Is he hard to care for? No! and he eats veg-gies "on the go", and
f
tr
p
51
dolce
a tempo
leggiero
Co - dy knows he is not fus - sy, he thinks Sis - sy is a hus - sy
pp

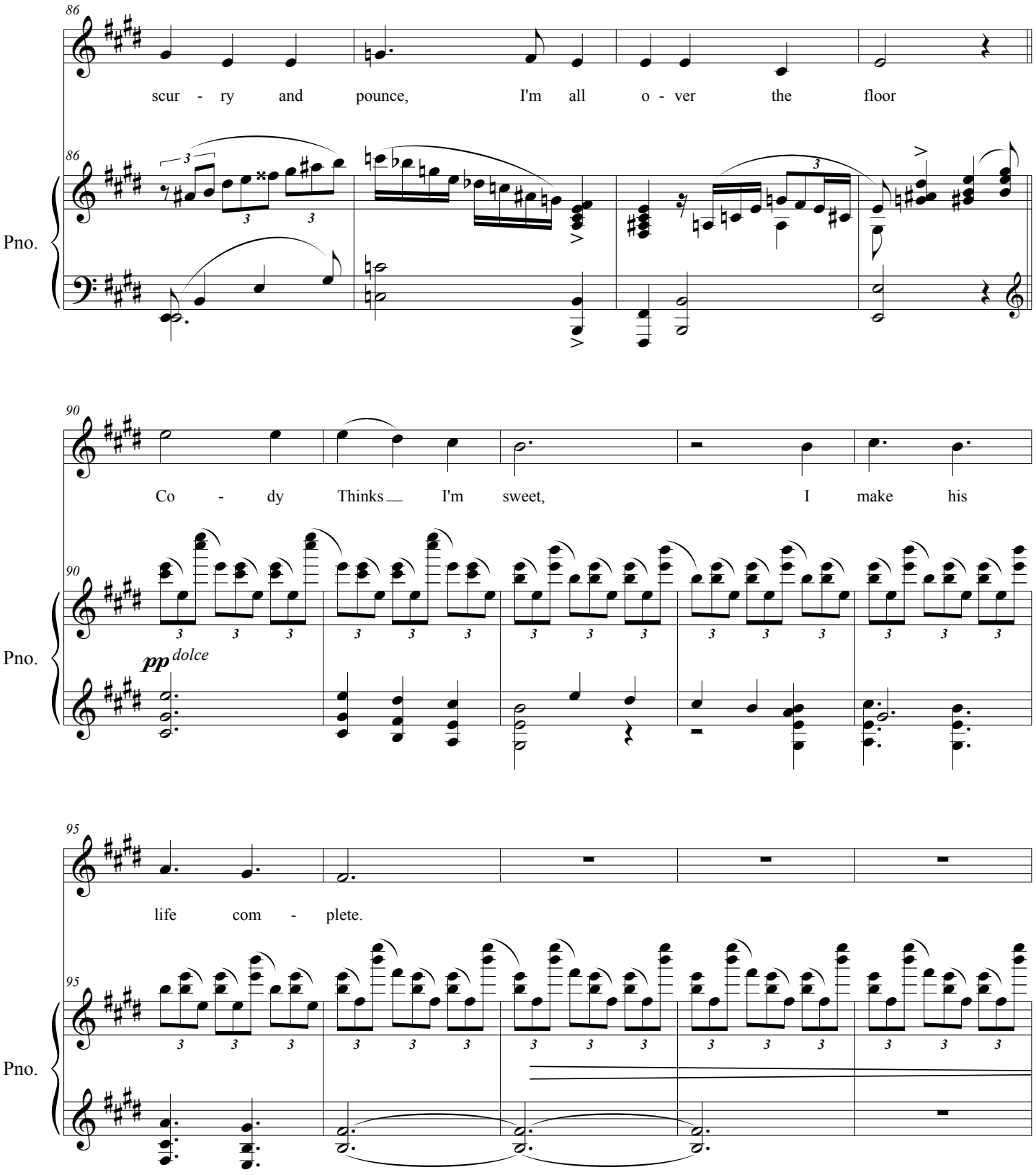

Sissy
Hey!
Astro
yes, he is chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, and oc - a - sio - nal - ly cat - ty, and his
8va
loco
Pno.
p
p
accel.
chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, and oc -
p
Dad - dy was a fat - ty but he's chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty
Pno.

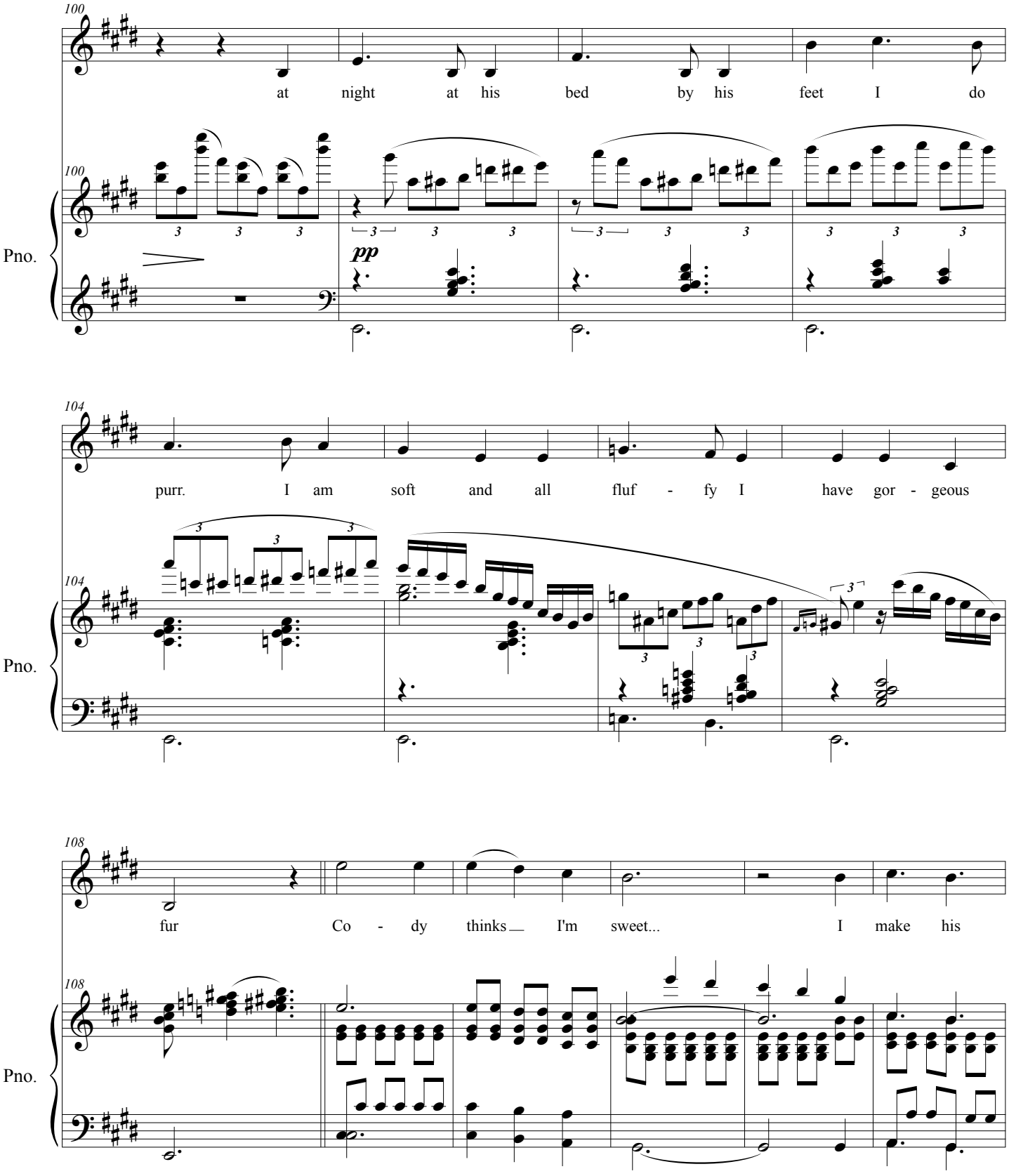

59
ca - sio - nal - ly cat - ty, and his dad - dy was a fat - ty, but he's chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty,
Pno.
62
f
chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, chat-ty
Astro
agitato
I am ve-ry, ve-ry, ve-ry, ve-ry chat-ty, chat-ty,
colla parte
p

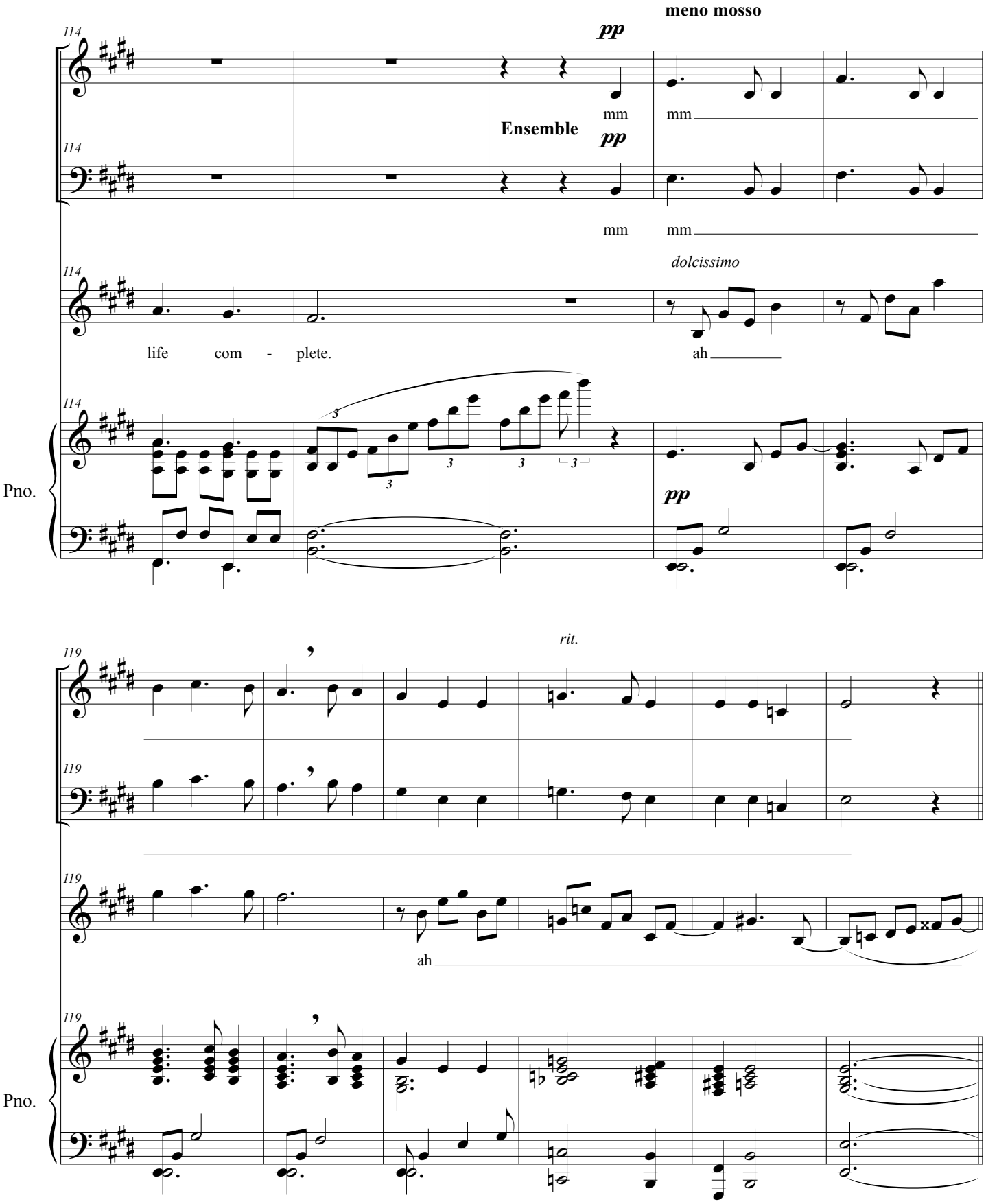

66
Chat-ty
Chat-ty
chat - ty, chat - ty, chat - ty, chat-ty, chat-ty, chat - ty, yes, ah! yes!
8va
f
tr
Pno.
69
♩=62
SISSY: Give hm his peep-peep-peep-peeps!
DRAKE
THUNDER
3
Best pet, ve-ry cute, you should take a bow - ow - ow
ASTRO: (interrupting) Thank you!
Thank you!
I knew it was me!
Thank you!
I will now accept my Oscar!!
OSCAR: Now hold on!!
Theres' only one
Oscar here!
You ask, "What does Cody love
about me?" (nobody did…)
8va
p
Pno.

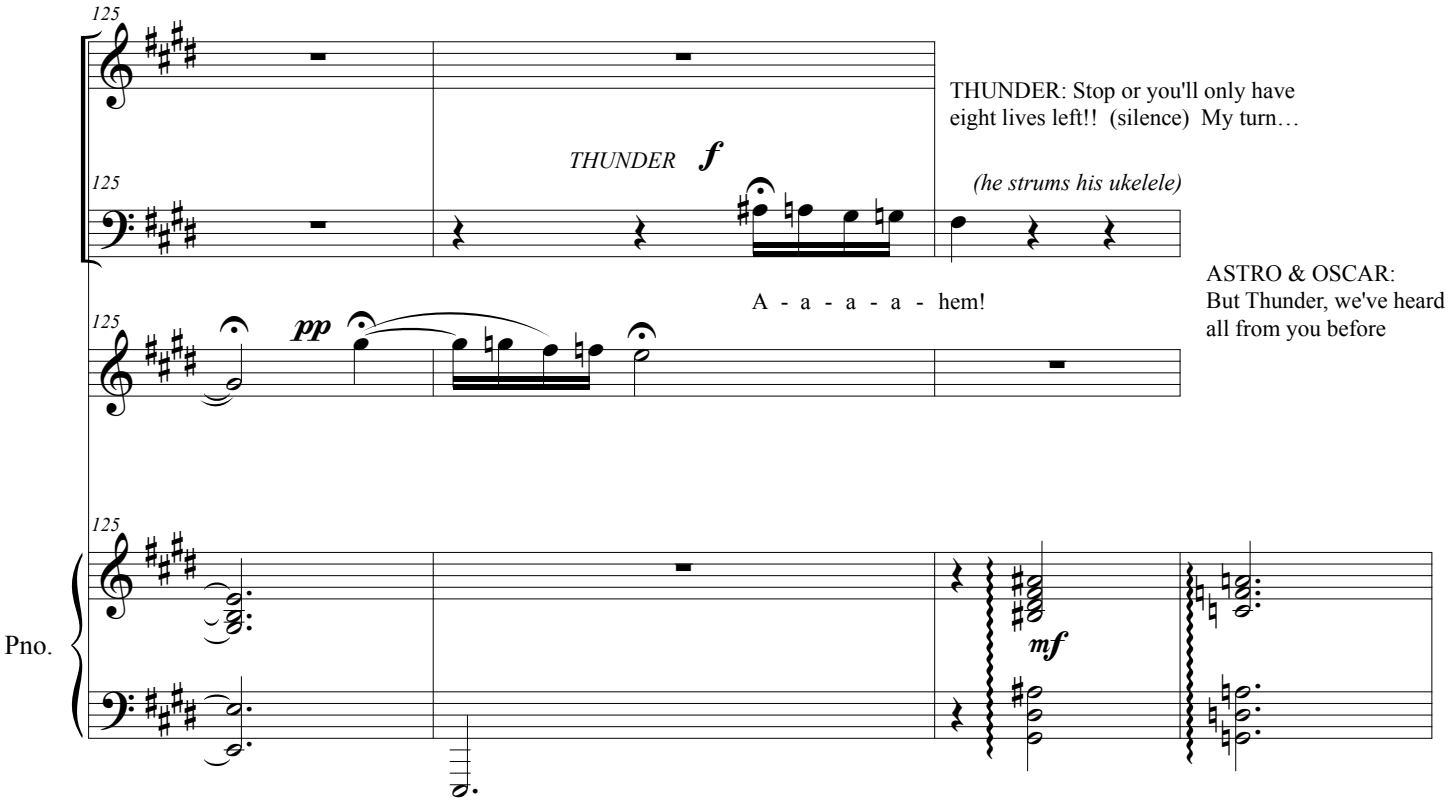
3. I Make His Life Complete



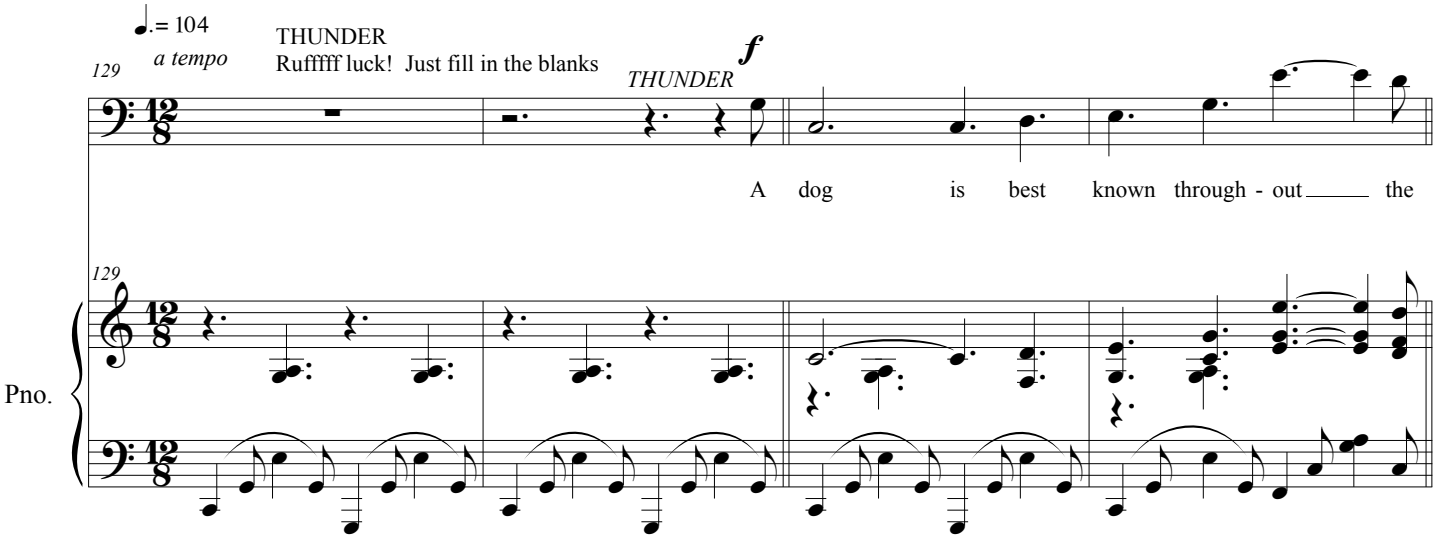

86
scur - ry and pounce, I'm all o - ver the floor
Pno.
90
Co - dy Thinks I'm sweet, I make his
pp dolce
95
life com - plete.

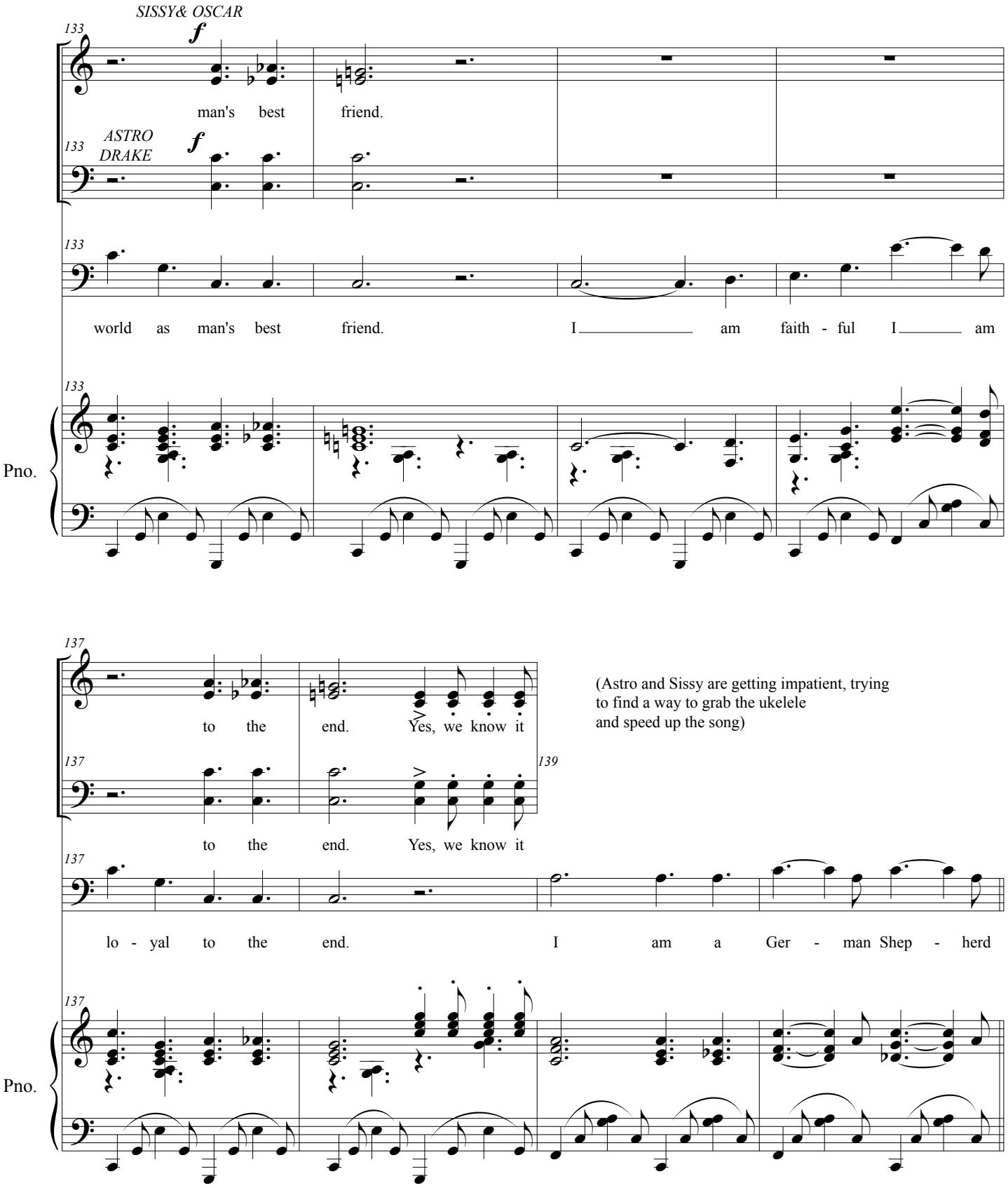

100
at night at his bed by his feet I do
100
Pno.
pp
104
purr. I am soft and all fluf - fy I have gor - geous
104
Pno.
108
fur Co - dy thinks I'm sweet... I make his
108
Pno.

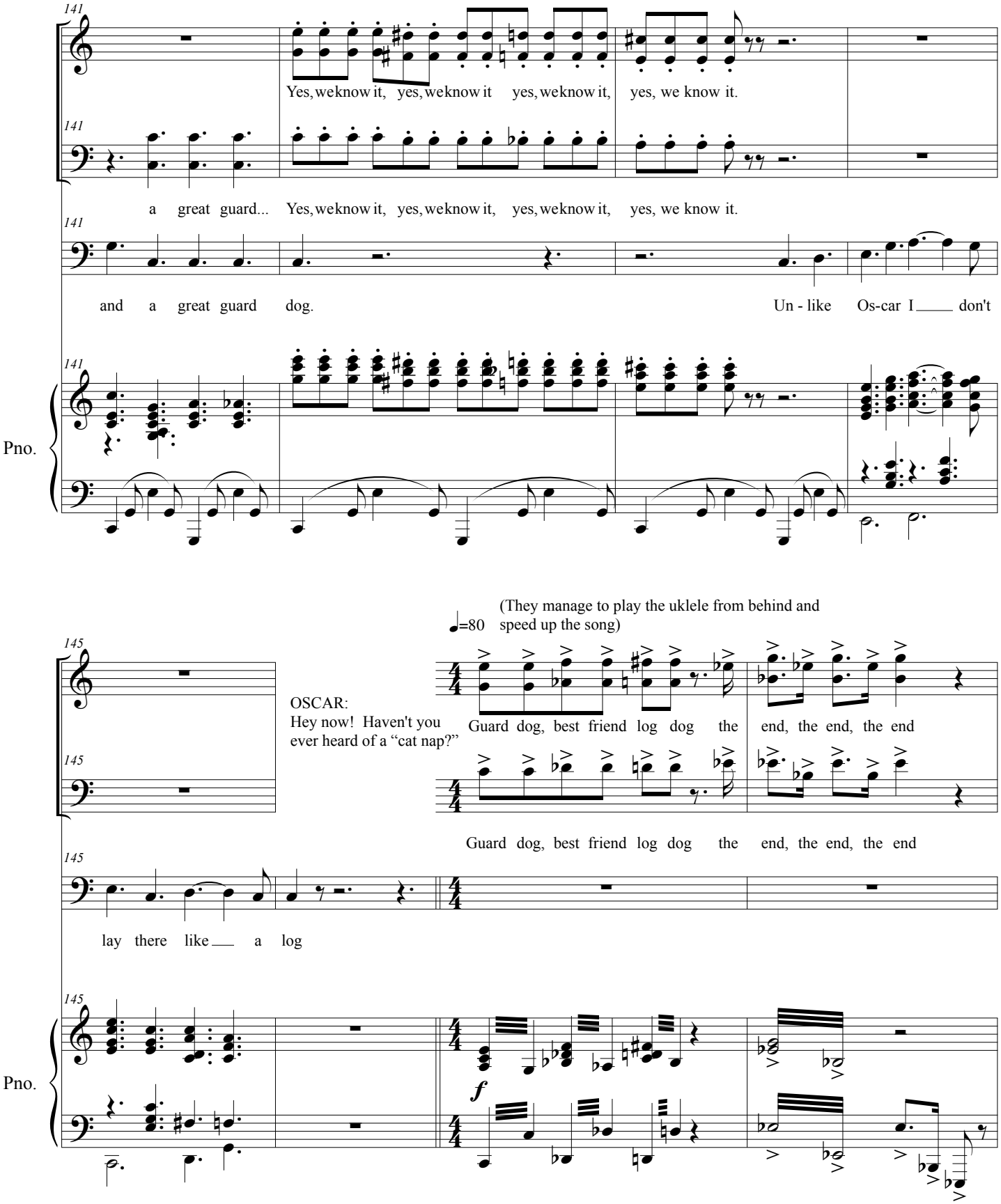

meno mosso
pp
Ensemble
mm
mm
dolcissimo
life com - plete.
ah
Pno.
rit.
ah
Pno.

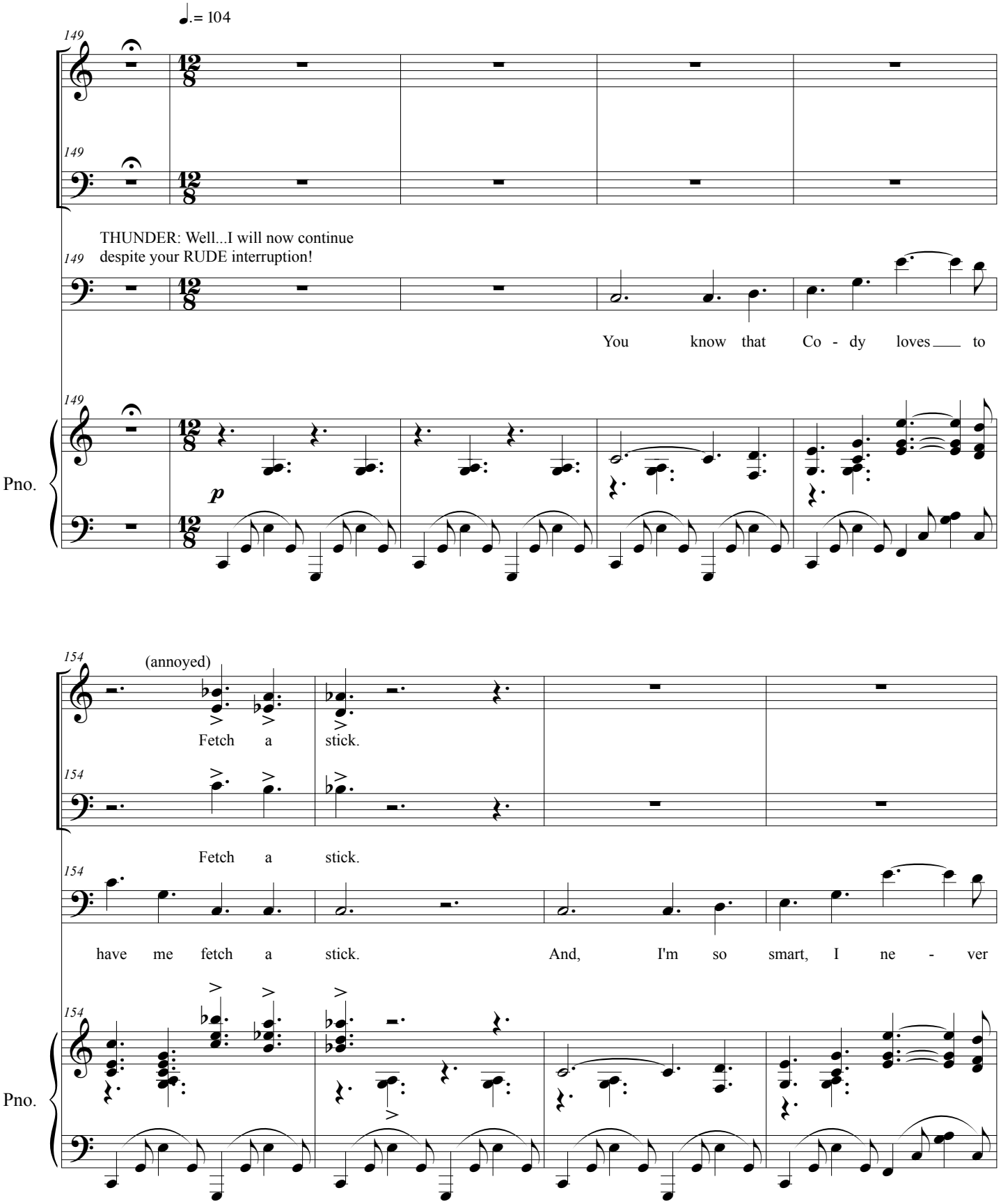


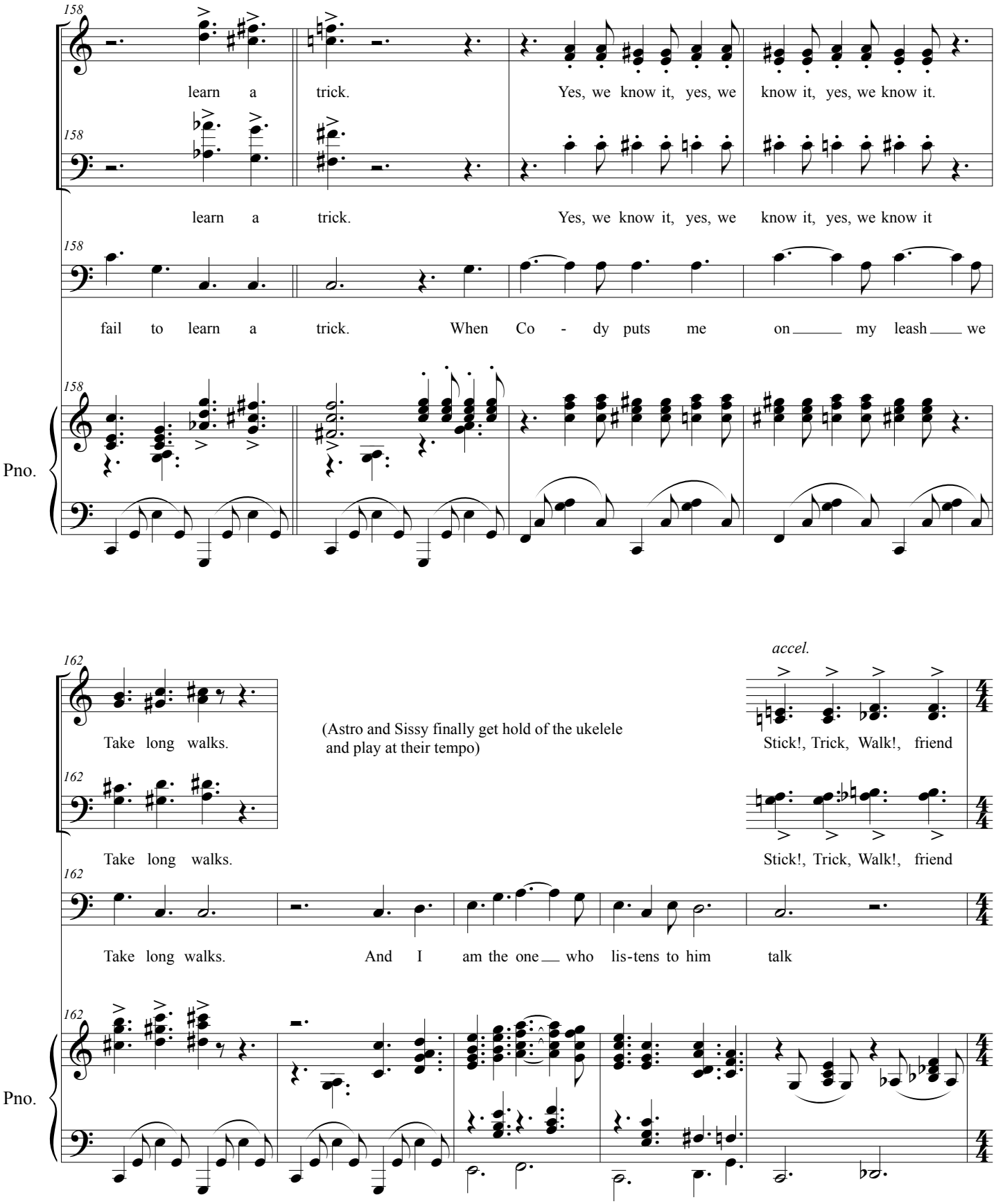
4. A Man's Best Friend

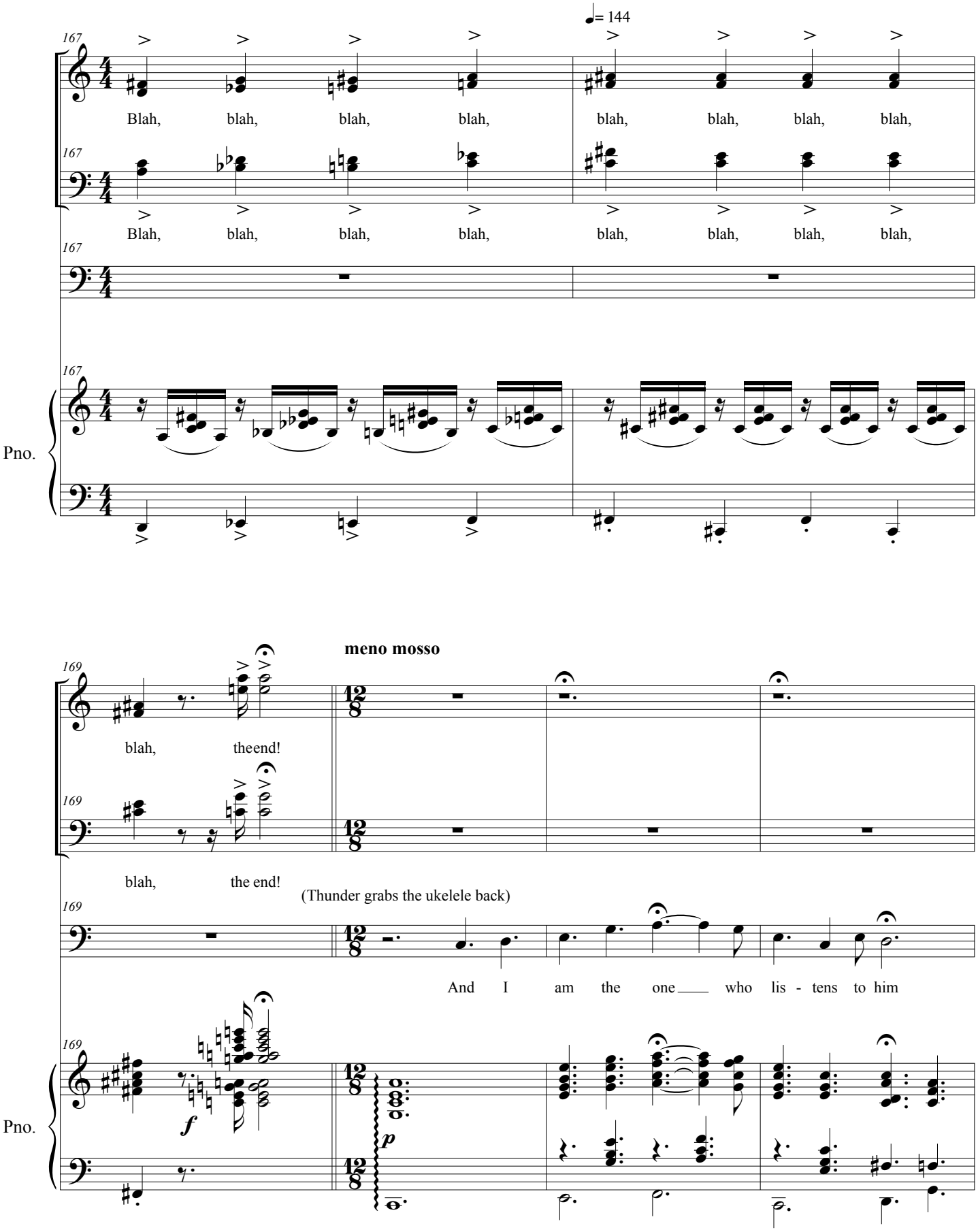


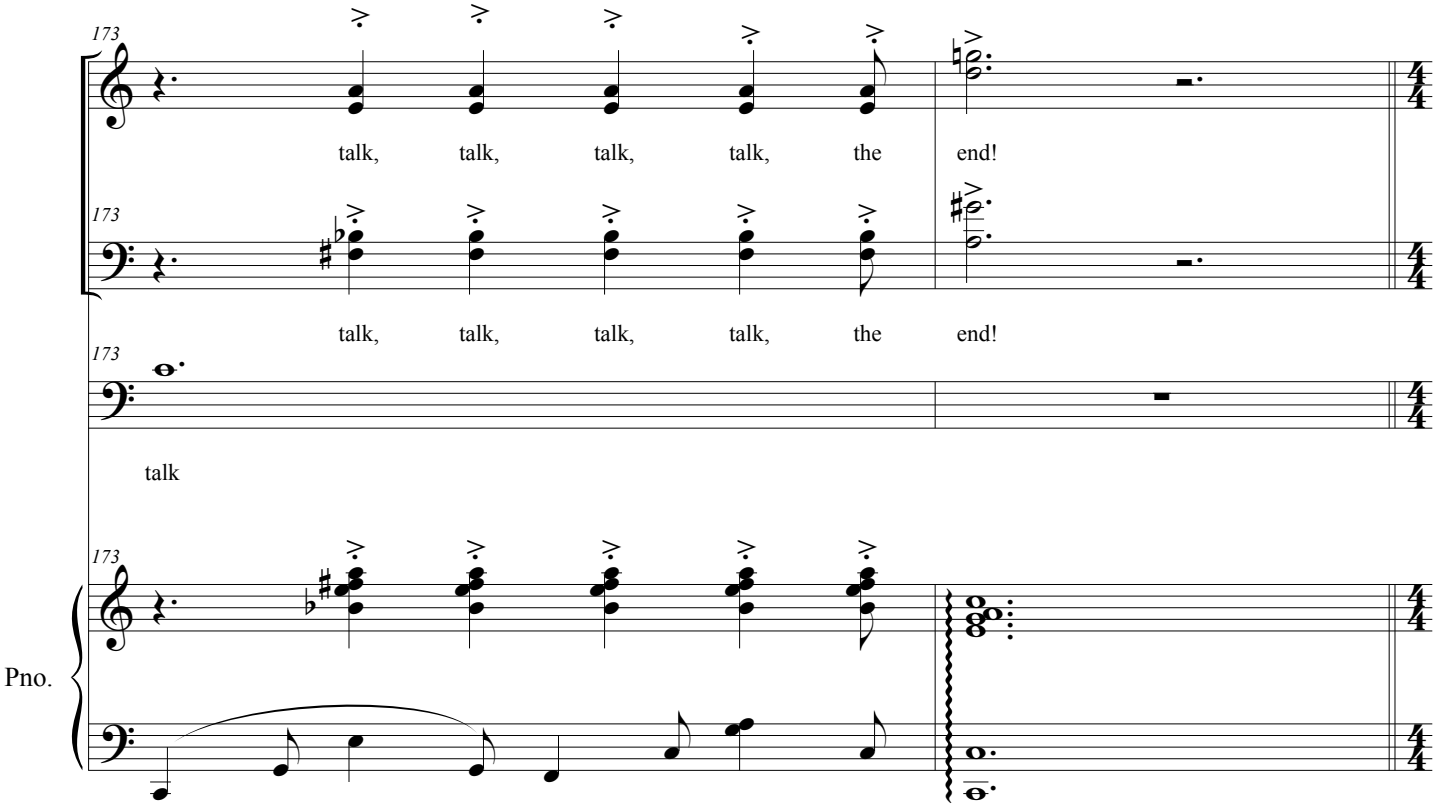

SISSY& OSCAR
133
f
man's best friend.
ASTRO
DRAKE
133
f
133
world as man's best friend. I am faith - ful I am
133
Pno.
137
to the end. Yes, we know it
139
(Astro and Sissy are getting impatient, trying
to find a way to grab the ukelele
and speed up the song)
137
to the end. Yes, we know it
137
lo - yal to the end. I am a Ger - man Shep - herd
137
Pno.

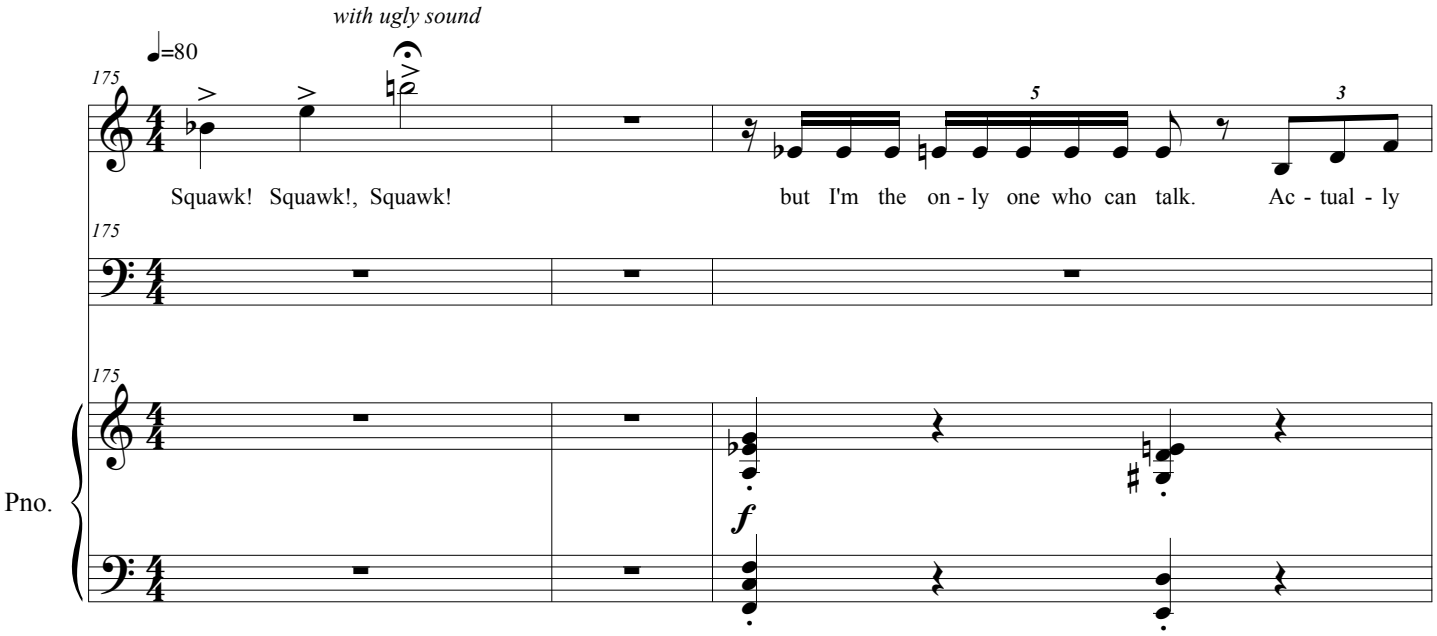

141
Yes, we know it, yes, we know it yes, we know it, yes, we know it.
141
a great guard... Yes, we know it, yes, we know it, yes, we know it, yes, we know it.
141
and a great guard dog. Un - like Os-car I don't
141
Pno.
(They manage to play the uklele from behind and speed up the song)
♩=80
145
OSCAR:
Hey now! Haven't you ever heard of a "cat nap?"
Guard dog, best friend log dog the end, the end, the end
145
Guard dog, best friend log dog the end, the end, the end
145
lay there like a log
145
Pno.
f


♩.= 104
149
149
THUNDER: Well...I will now continue
149 despite your RUDE interruption!
You know that Co - dy loves to
149
Pno.
p
154
(annoyed)
Fetch a stick.
154
Fetch a stick.
154
have me fetch a stick. And, I'm so smart, I ne - ver
154
Pno.


158
learn a trick. Yes, we know it, yes, we know it, yes, we know it.
158
learn a trick. Yes, we know it, yes, we know it, yes, we know it
158
fail to learn a trick. When Co - dy puts me on my leash we
158
Pno.
162
Take long walks.
(Astro and Sissy finally get hold of the ukelele and play at their tempo)
accel.
Stick!, Trick, Walk!, friend
162
Take long walks.
Stick!, Trick, Walk!, friend
162
Take long walks. And I am the one who lis-tens to him talk
162
Pno.


♩= 144
167
Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah,
Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah,
Pno.
meno mosso
169
blah, theend!
blah, the end!
(Thunder grabs the ukelele back)
And I am the one who lis - tens to him
f
p


173
talk, talk, talk, talk, the end!
173
talk, talk, talk, talk, the end!
173
talk
173
Pno.


with ugly sound
♩=80
175
Squawk! Squawk!, Squawk!
but I'm the on - ly one who can talk. Ac - tual - ly
5
3
175
175
f
Pno.

♩= 120 5. Look at Me (Sissy, Ensemble)

178

talk!

178 *OSCAR* *f* *ff*

Squawk!, Squawk!

178 *ASTRO* *f* *ff*

Squawk!, Squawk!

THUNDER & DRAKE

178 *f* *ff*

Squawk, Squawk!

Drake appears very interested in Sissy's dancing trying to learn and imitate her steps (he will later use them in his own song)

178

Pno. *f*

183 *OSCAR*

Ah ah

ASTRO
THUNDER & DRAKE

183

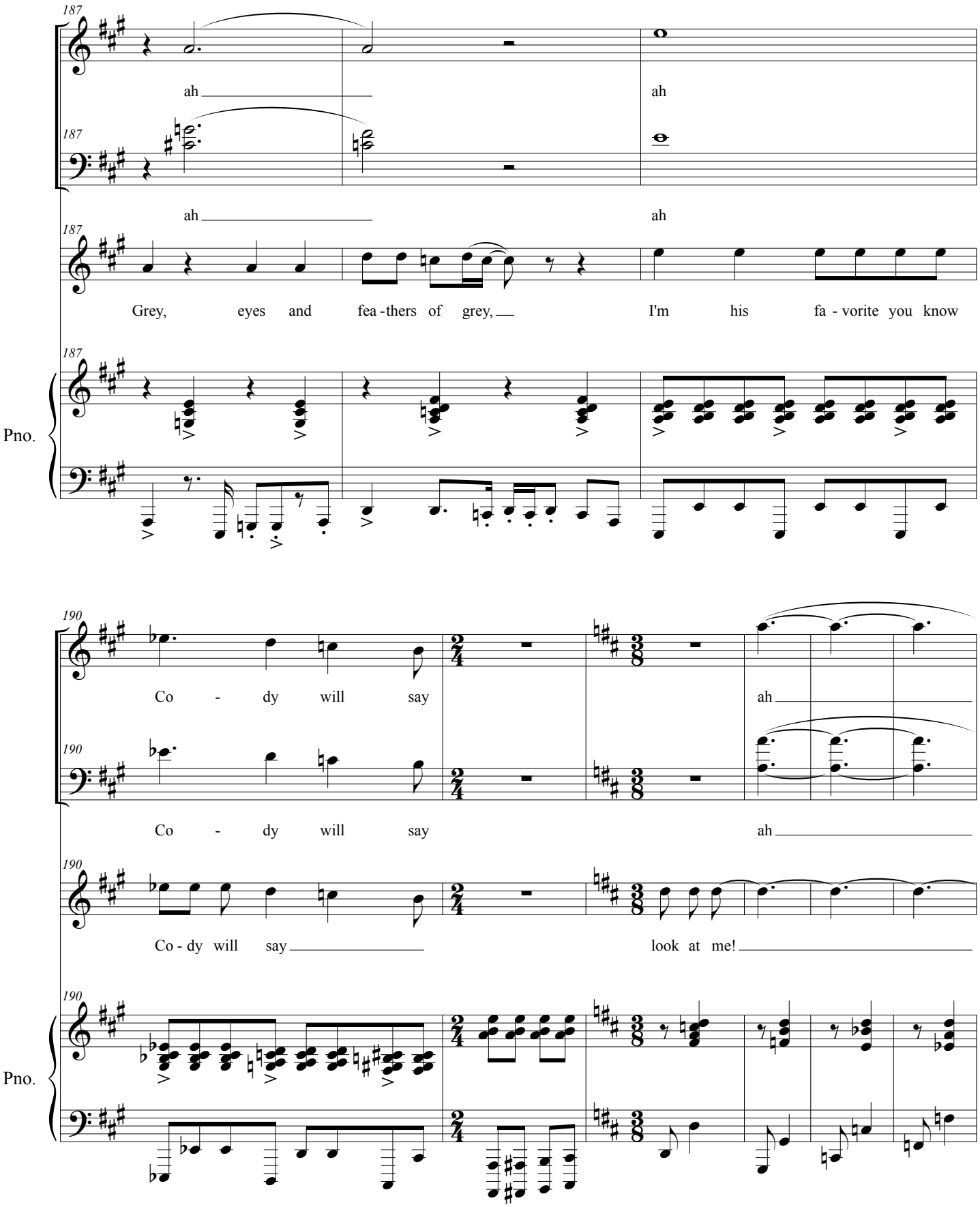
Ah ah

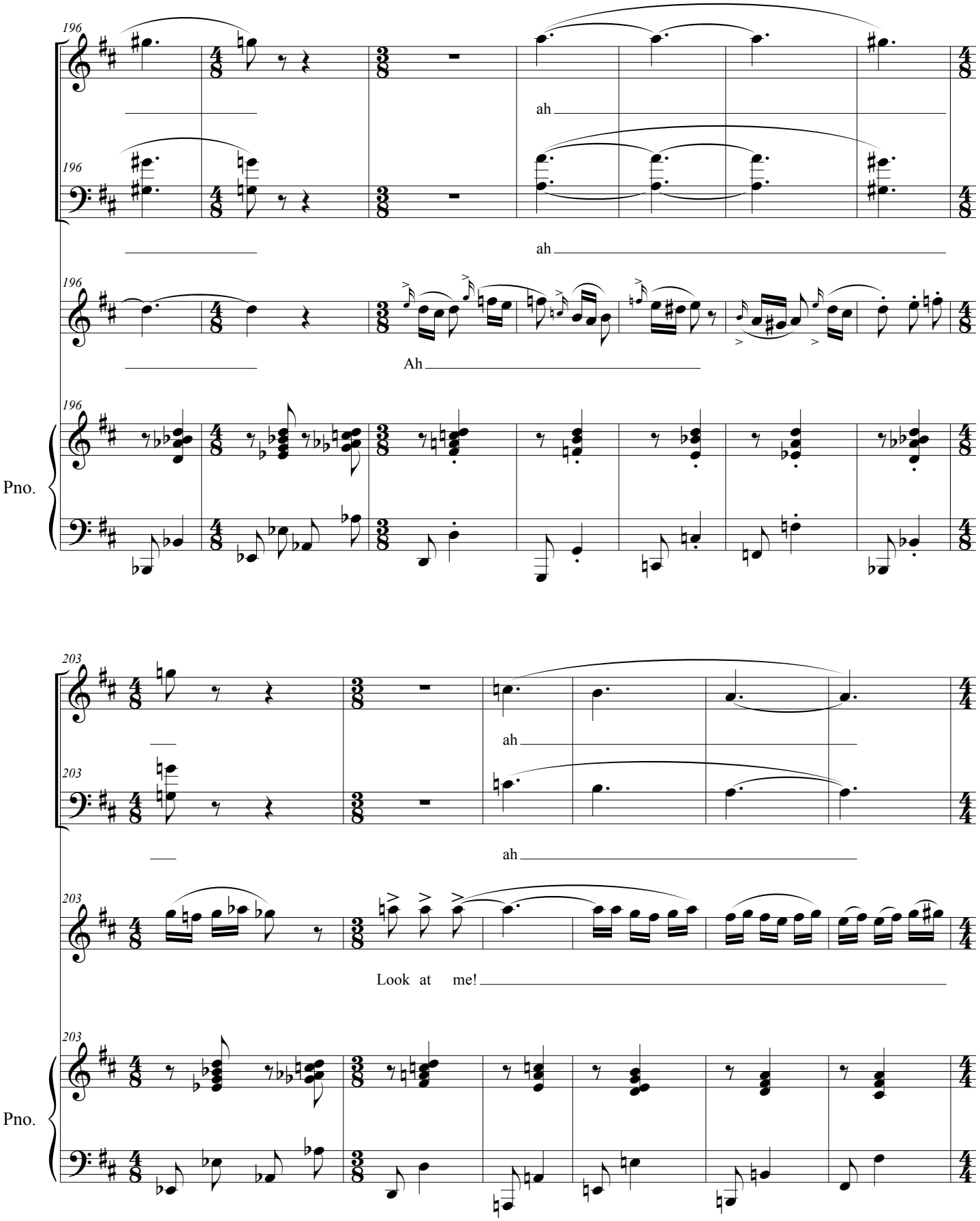
183 *SISSY* *f*

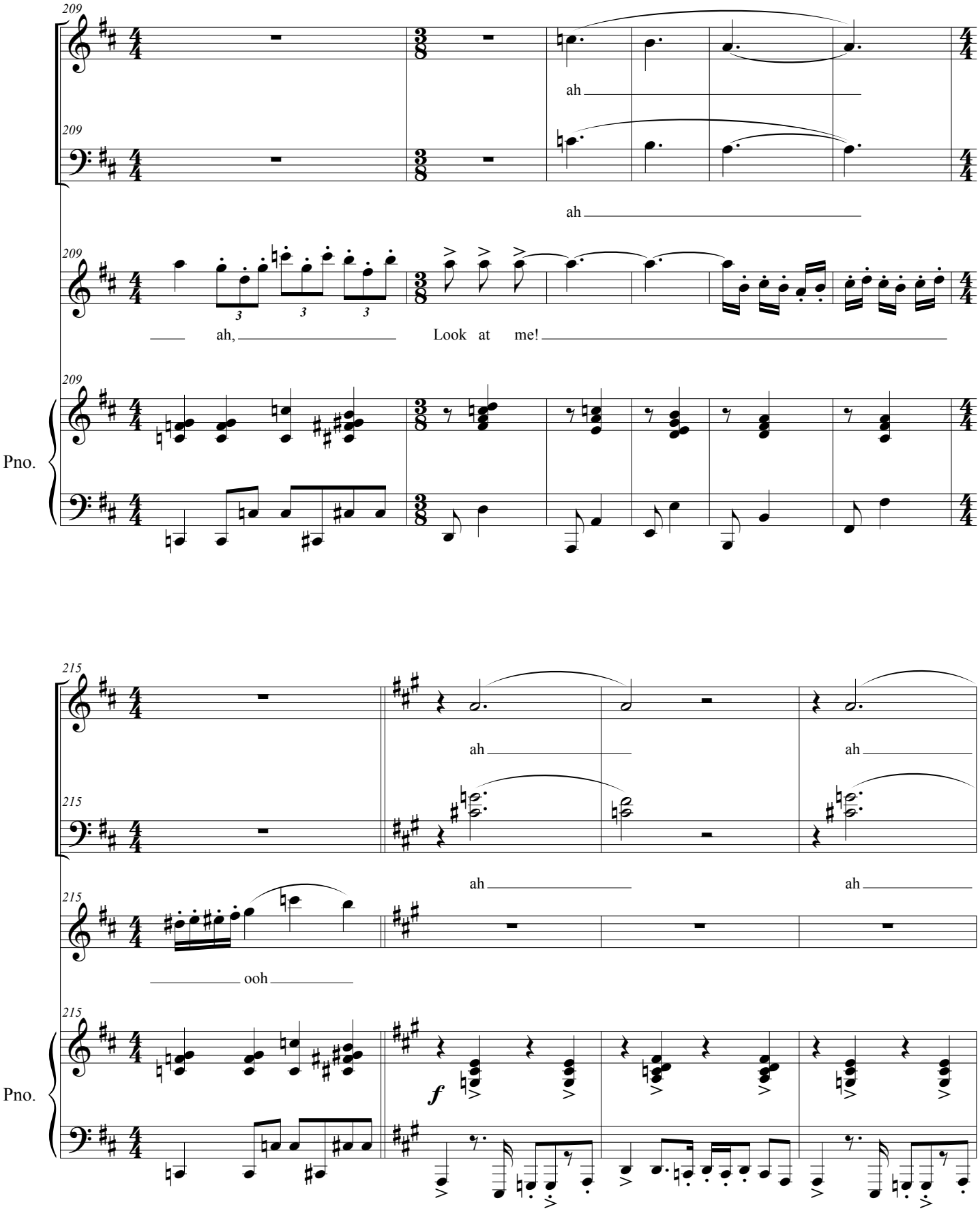
Words, I know thou-sands of words, And I'm gor-geous, ve-ry fin-est of birds,

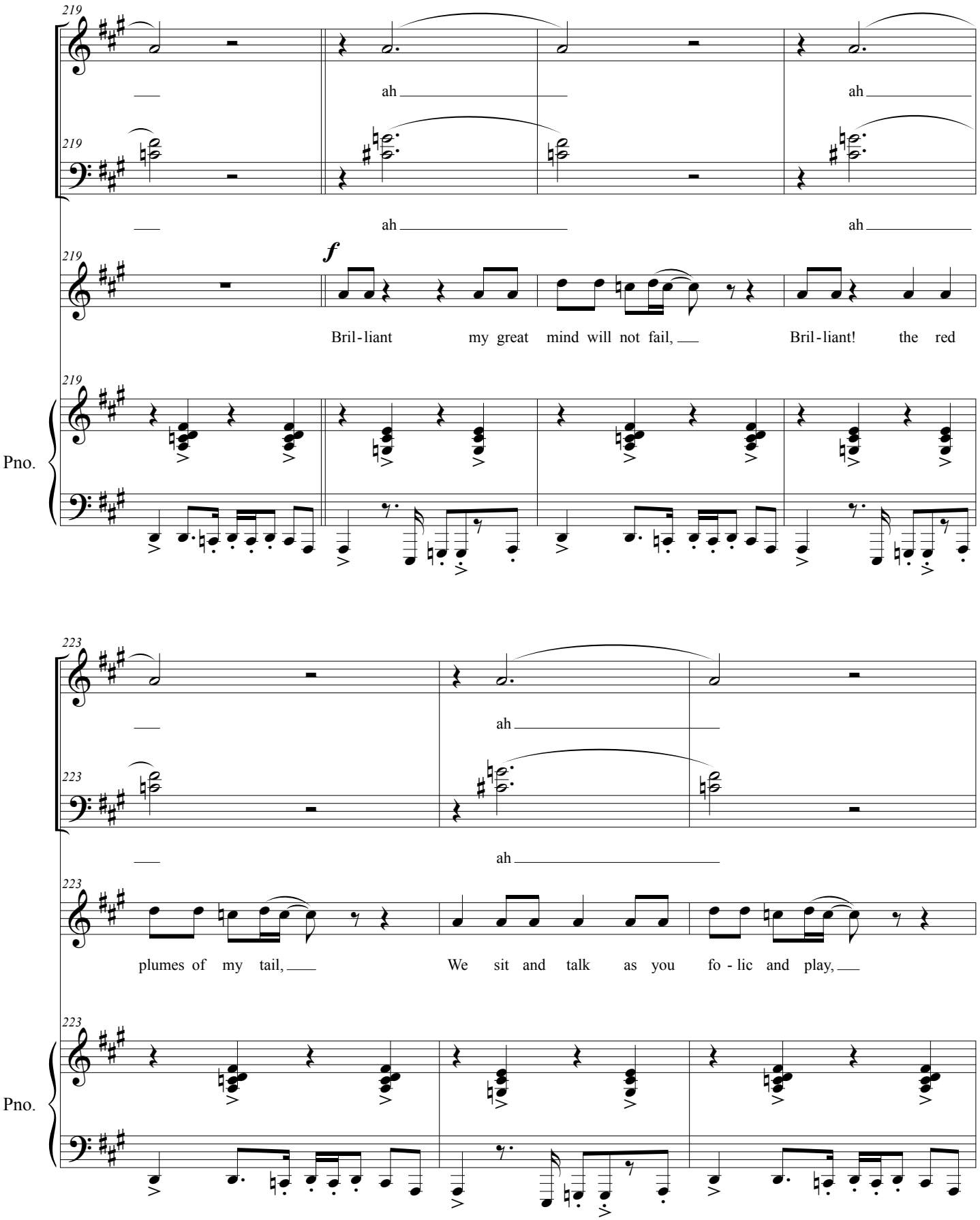
183

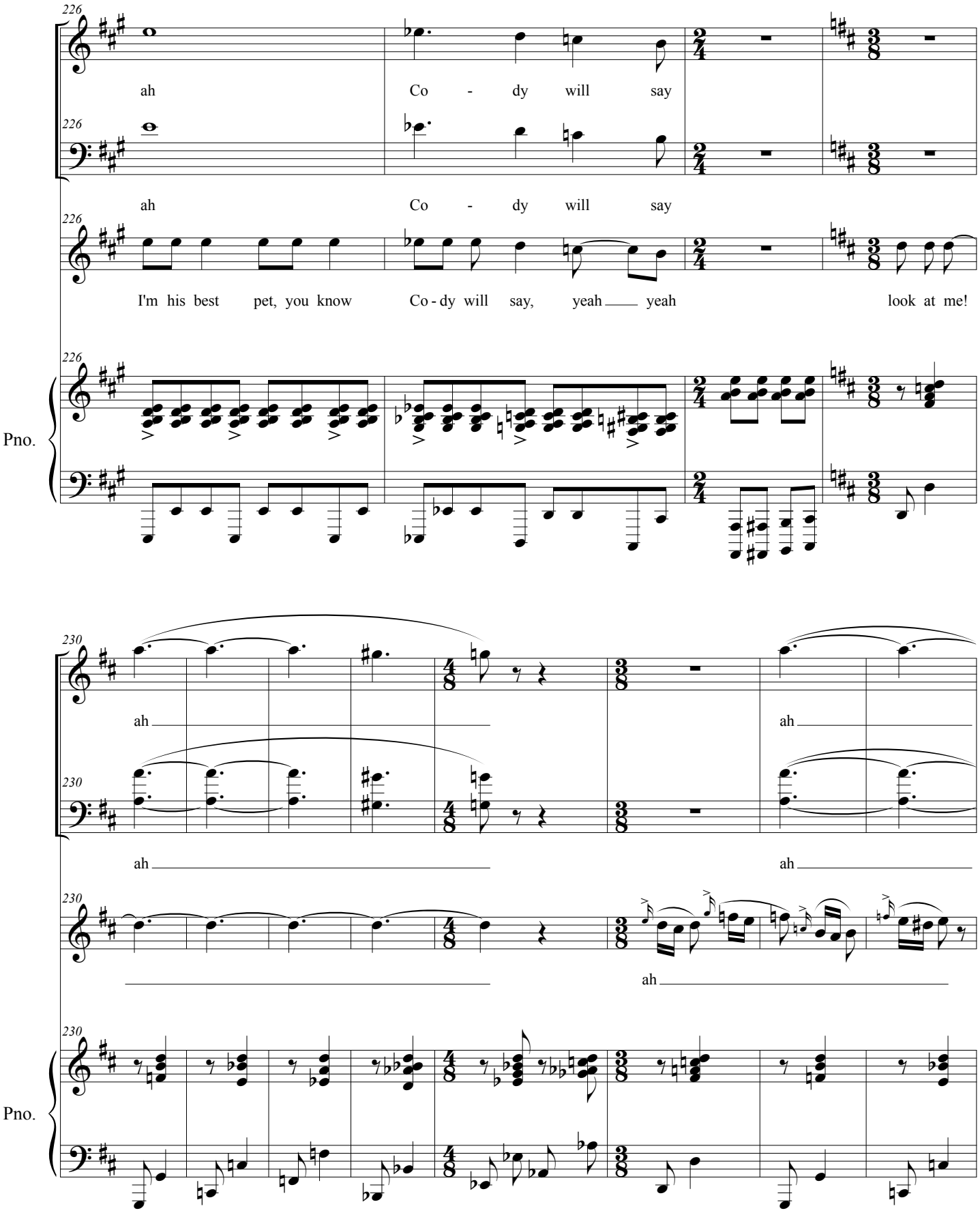
Pno.

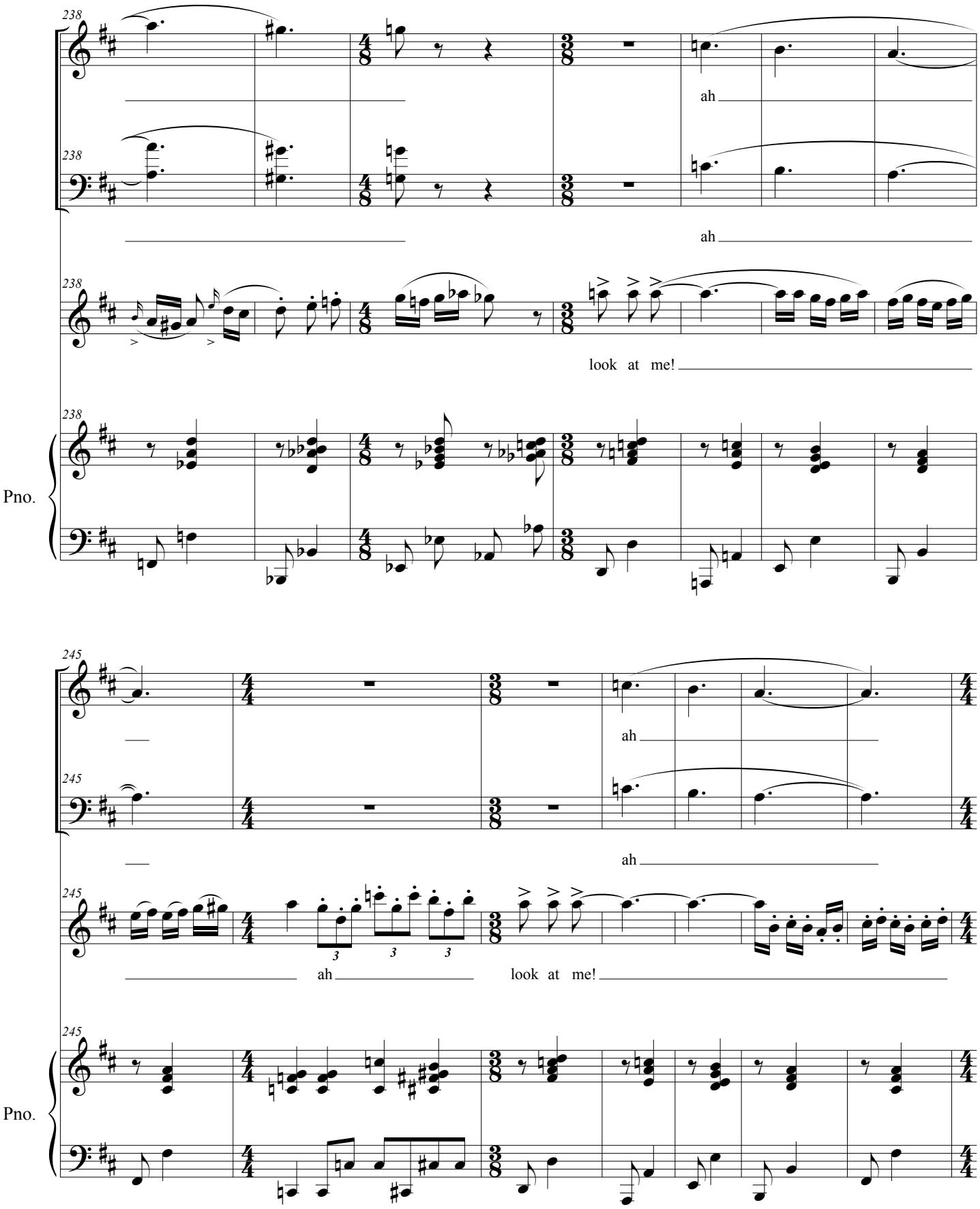

187
ah
ah
187
ah
ah
187
Grey, eyes and fea - thers of grey,
I'm his fa - vorite you know
Pno.
190
Co - dy will say
ah
190
Co - dy will say
ah
190
Co - dy will say
look at me!
190
Pno.

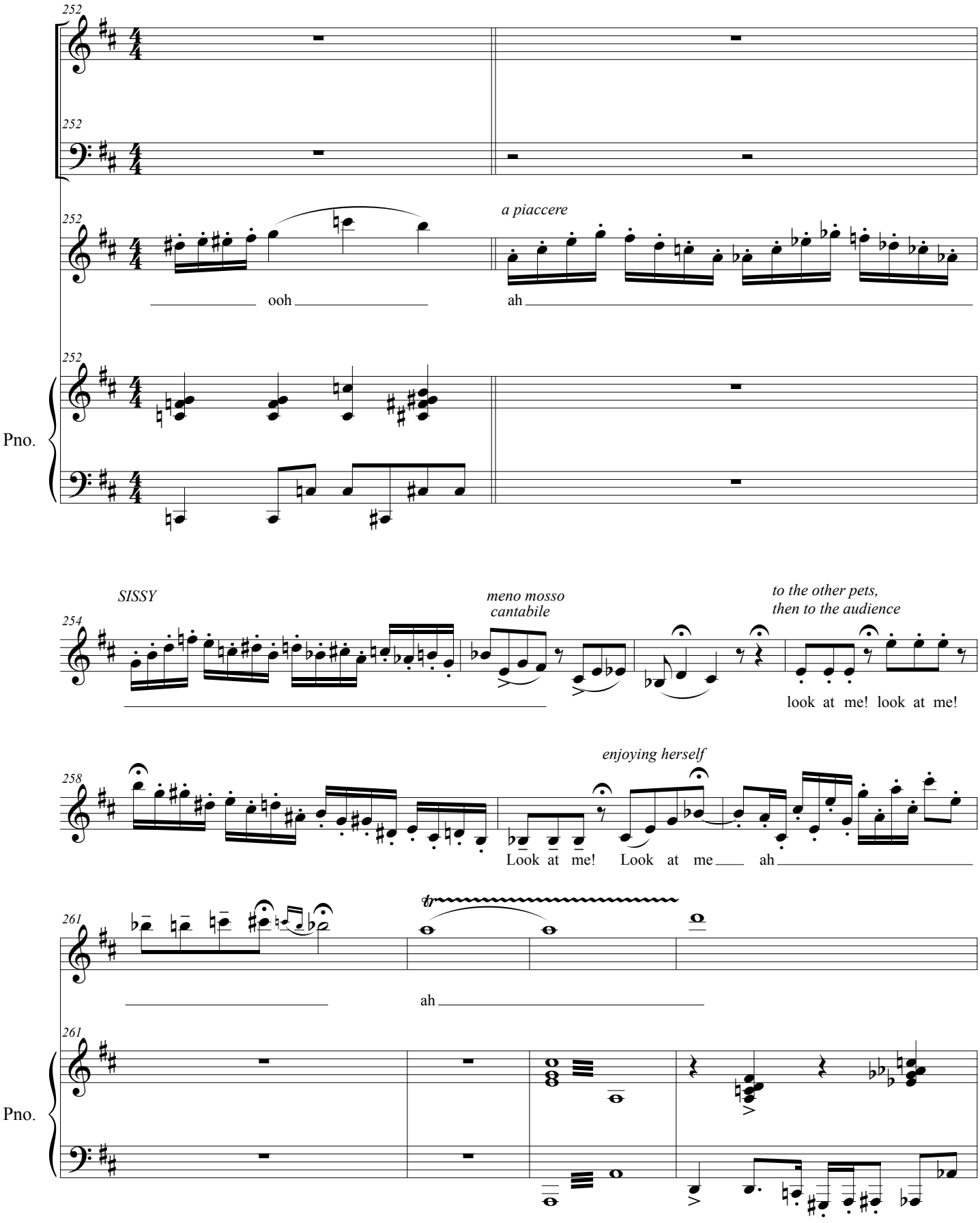

196
ah
196
ah
196
Ah
196
Pno.
203
ah
203
ah
203
Look at me!
203
Pno.

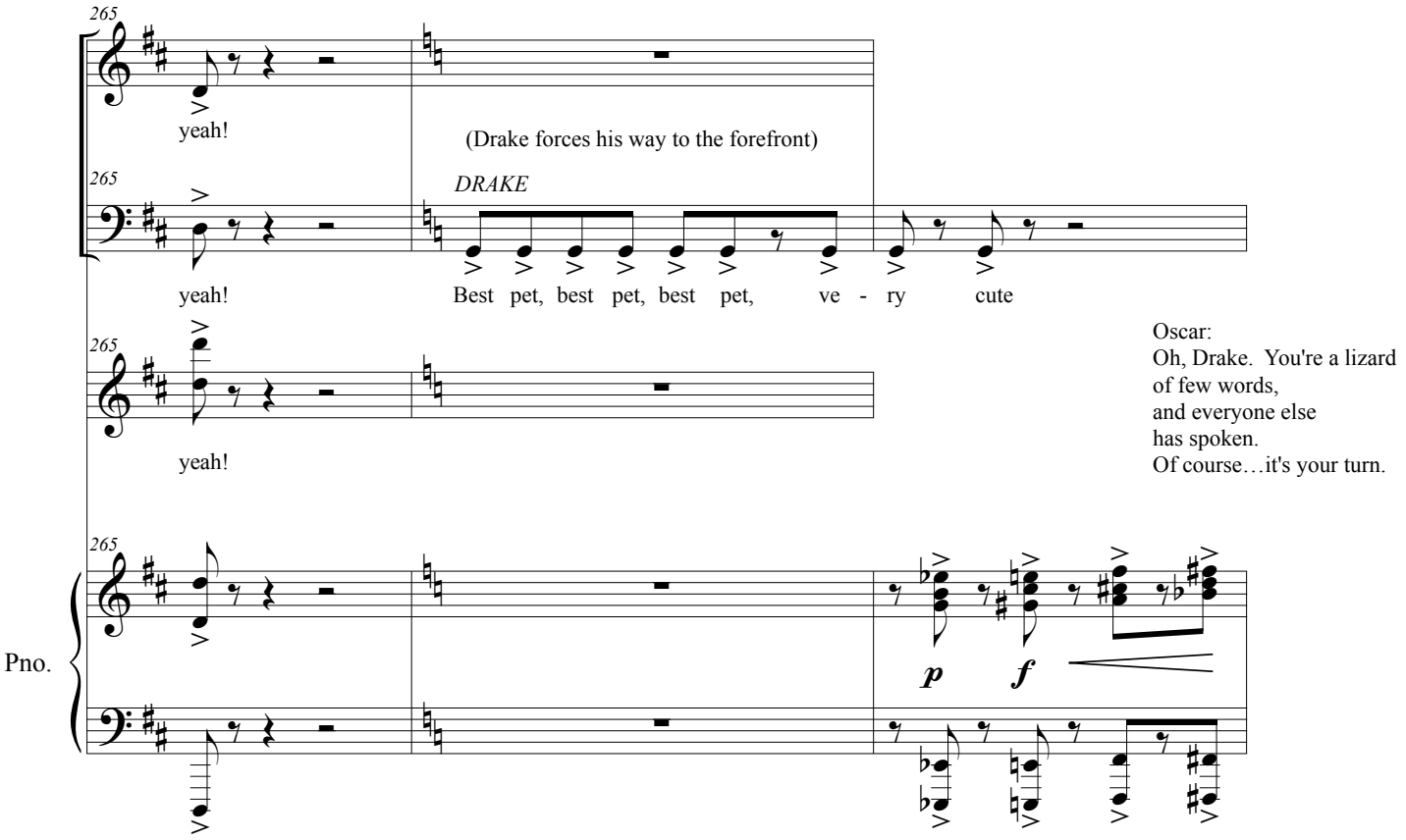

209
ah
ah
ah, Look at me!
Pno.
215
ah
ah
ah
ah
ooh
Pno.
f


219
ah
ah
ah
ah
f
Bril - liant my great mind will not fail,
Bril - liant! the red
Pno.
223
ah
ah
plumes of my tail,
We sit and talk as you fo - lic and play,
Pno.


226
ah
Co - dy will say
ah
Co - dy will say
I'm his best pet, you know
Co - dy will say, yeah yeah
look at me!
Pno.
230
ah
ah
ah
ah
ah
Pno.


238
ah
ah
look at me!
Pno.
245
ah
ah
ah
look at me!
Pno.


252
252
252
a piaccere
ooh
ah
252
Pno.
SISSY
254
meno mosso
cantabile
to the other pets,
then to the audience
look at me! look at me!
enjoying herself
258
Look at me! Look at me ah
261
tr
ah
261
Pno.



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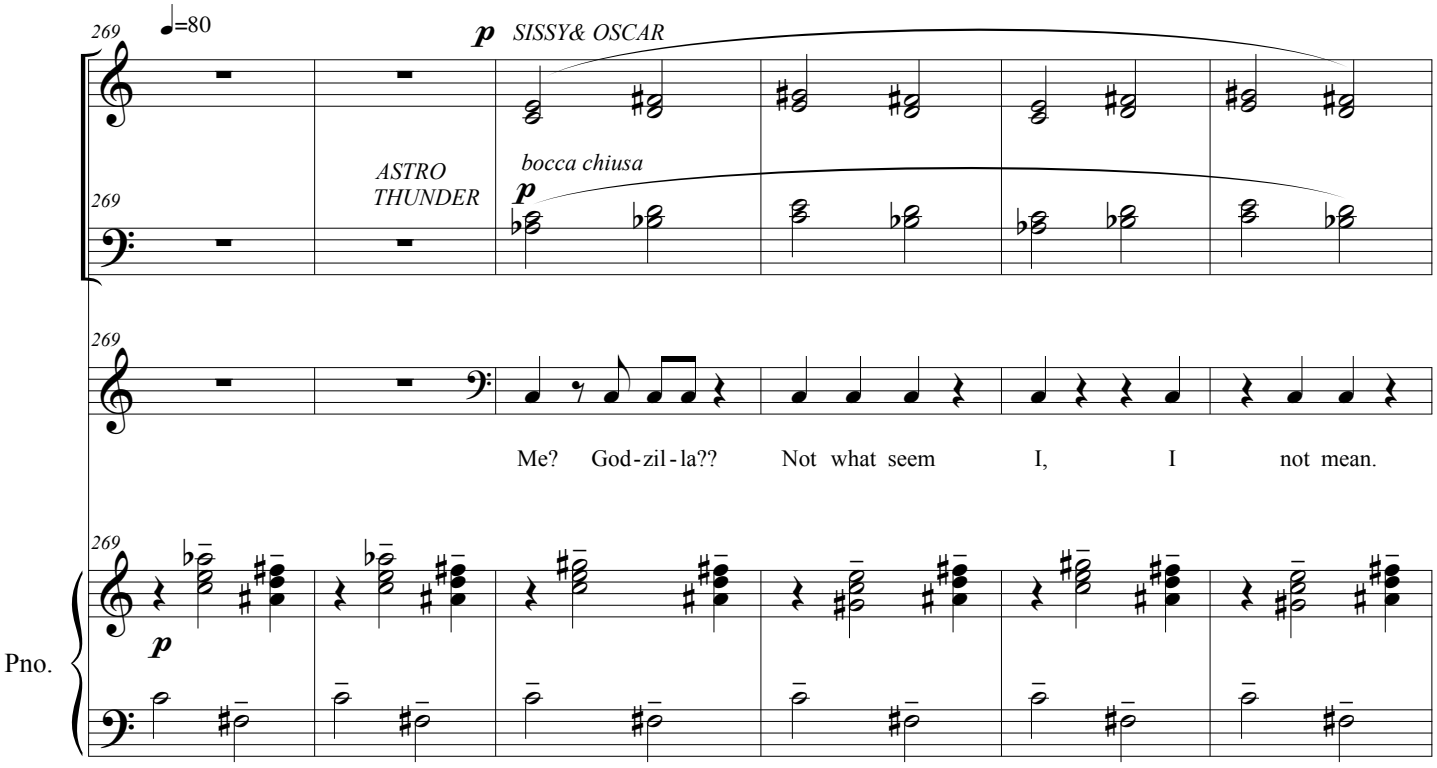

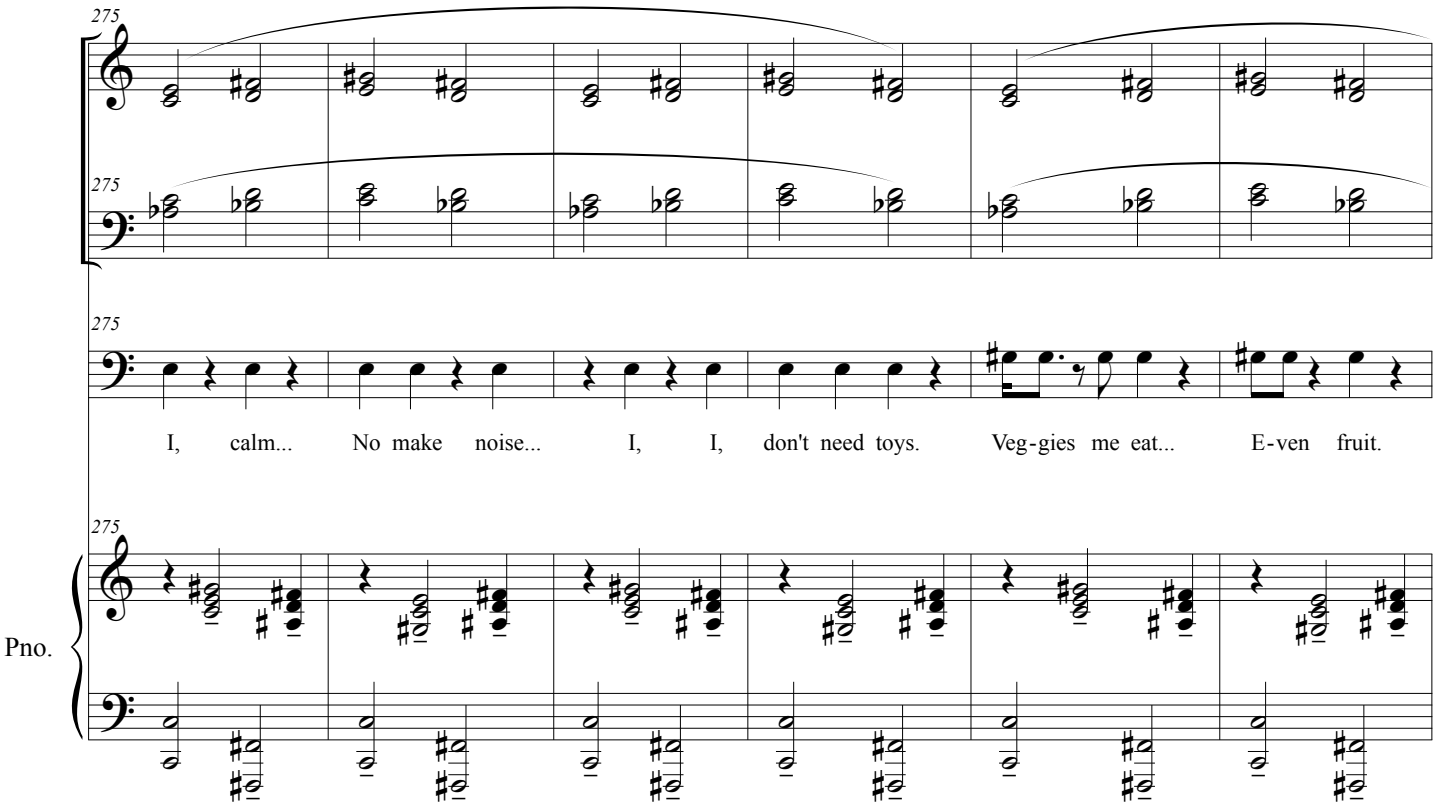
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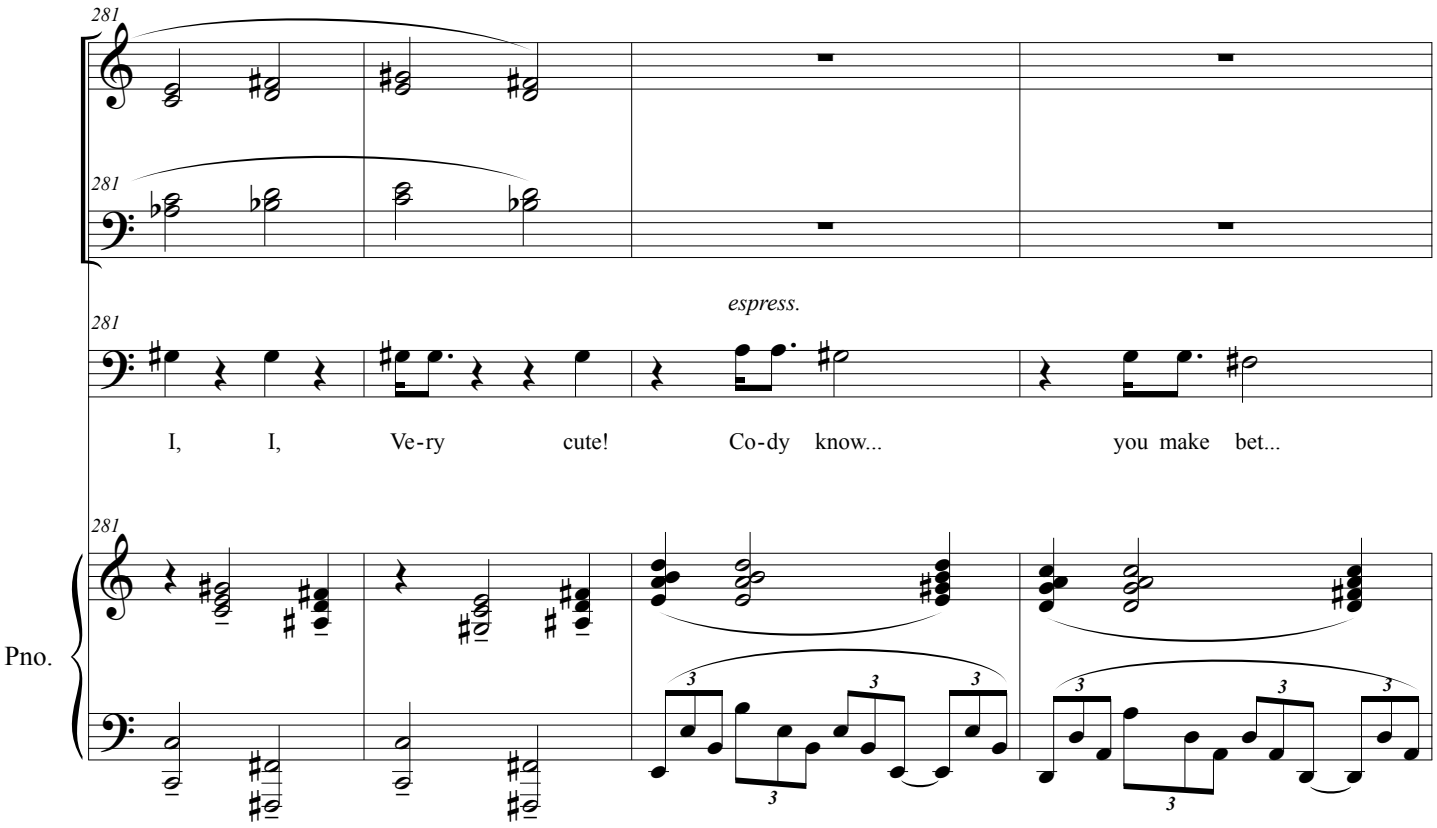
I, calm... No make noise... I, I, don't need toys. Veg-gies me eat... E-ven fruit.
275
Pno.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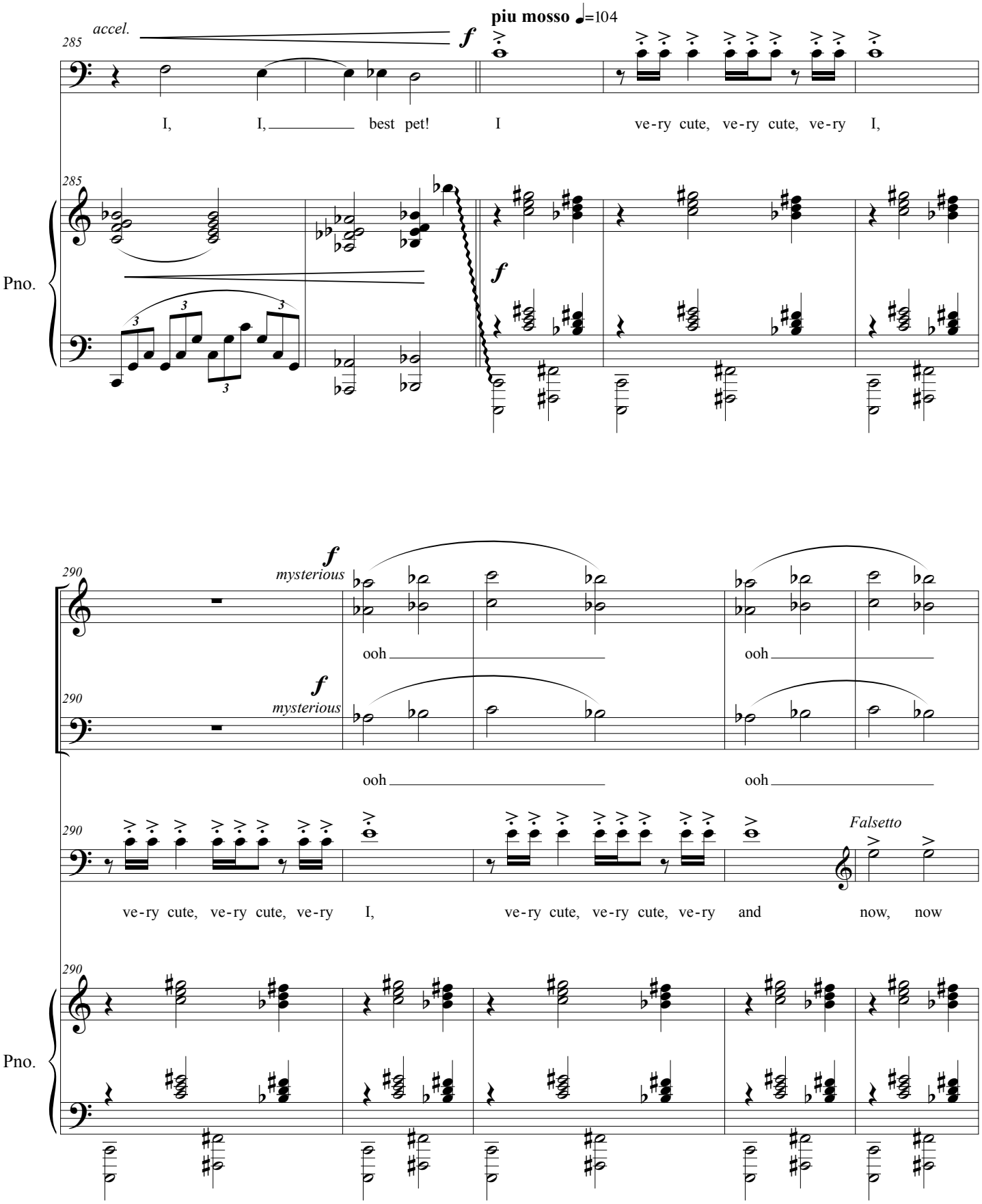
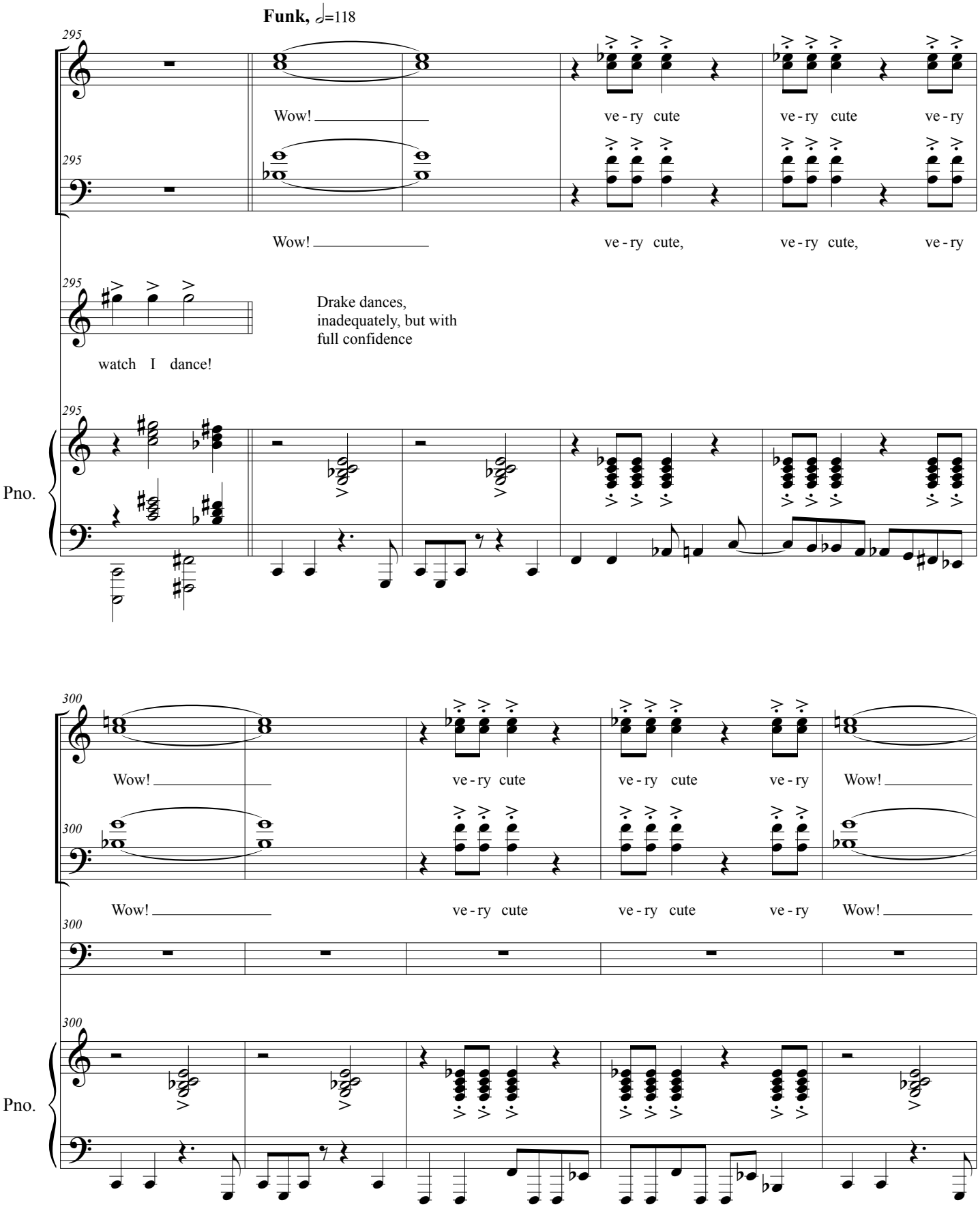
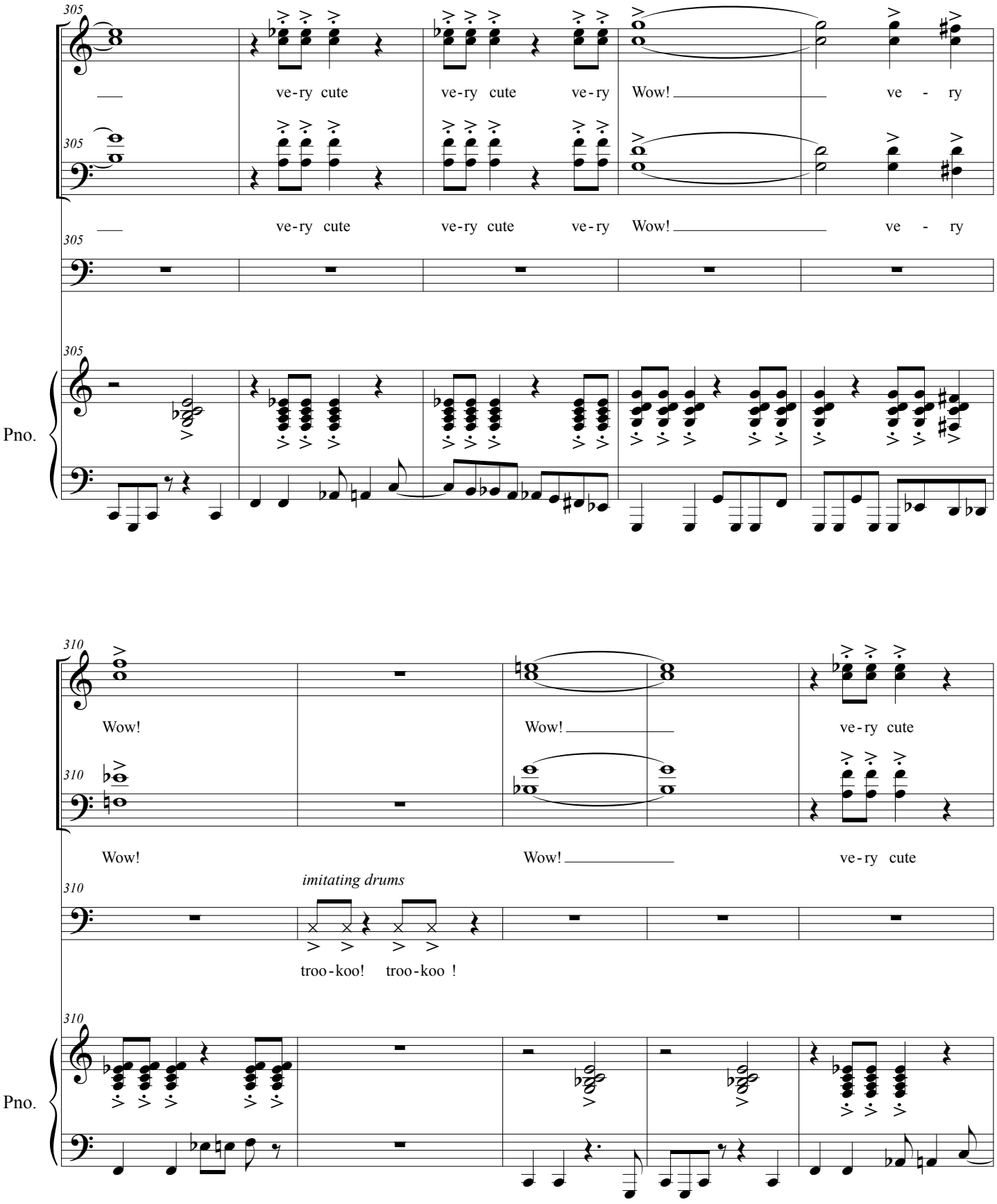
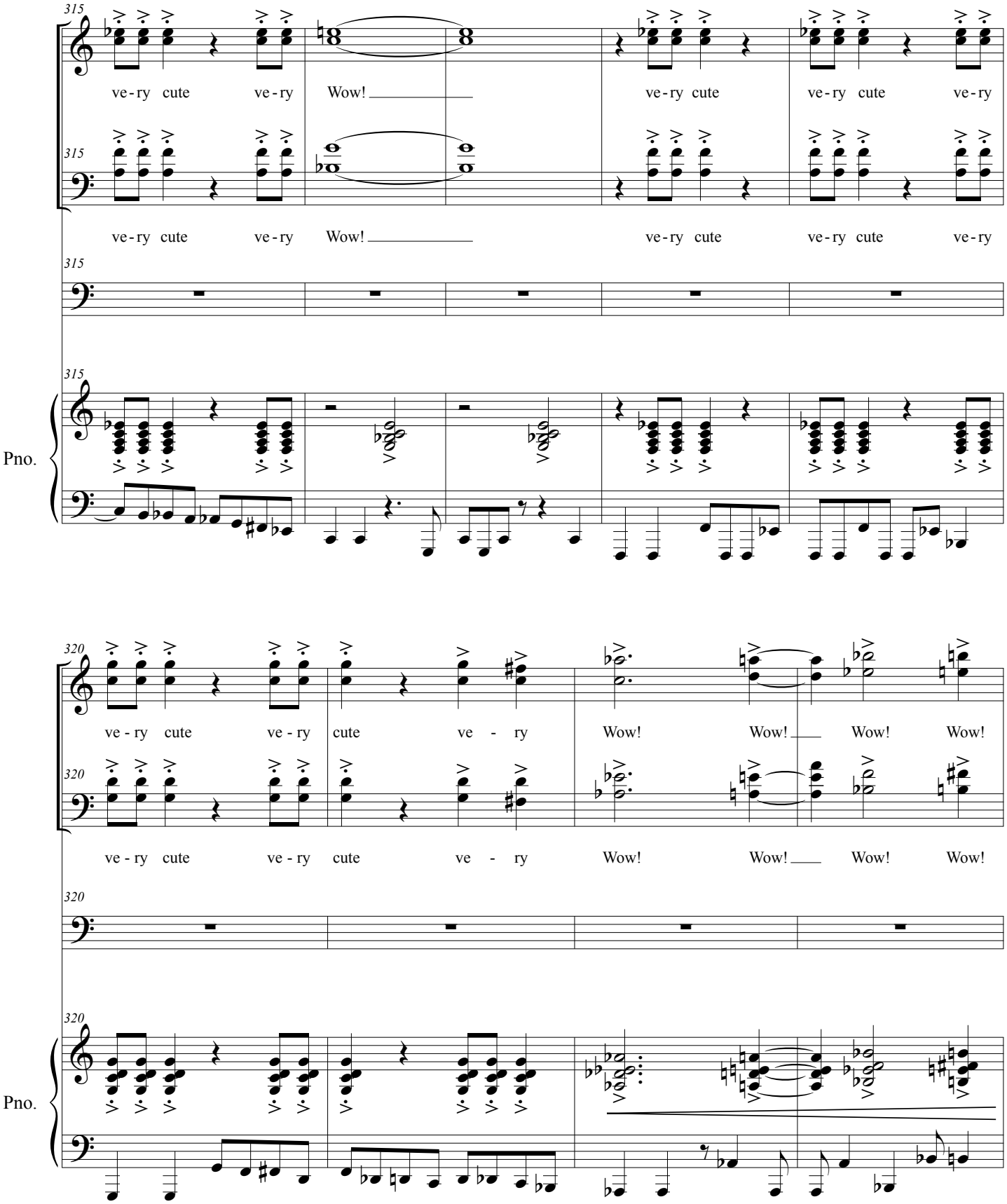
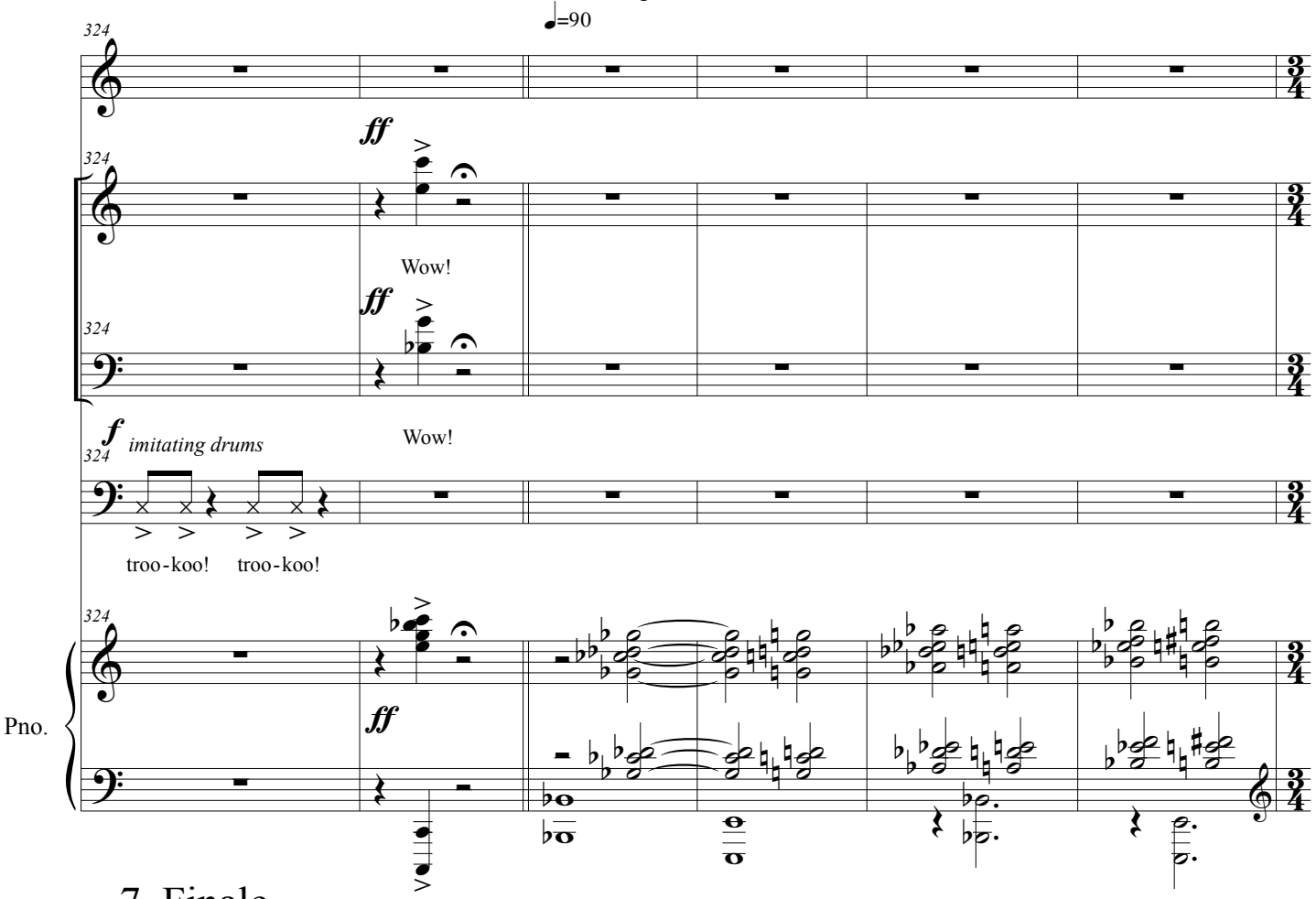
281
espress.
281
I, I, Ve-ry cute! Co-dy know... you make bet...
281
Pno.


accel.
piu mosso ♩=104
I, I, best pet! I ve-ry cute, ve-ry cute, ve-ry I,
Pno.
mysterious
ooh ooh
ooh ooh
ve-ry cute, ve-ry cute, ve-ry I, ve-ry cute, ve-ry cute, ve-ry and now, now
Falsetto
Pno.


Funk, ♩=118
295
Wow!
ve - ry cute
ve - ry cute
ve - ry
Wow!
ve - ry cute,
ve - ry cute,
ve - ry
watch I dance!
Drake dances,
inadequately, but with
full confidence
Pno.
300
Wow!
ve - ry cute
ve - ry cute
ve - ry
Wow!
Wow!
ve - ry cute
ve - ry cute
ve - ry
Wow!
Pno.


305
ve-ry cute ve-ry cute ve-ry Wow! ve - ry
ve-ry cute ve-ry cute ve-ry Wow! ve - ry
Pno.
310
Wow! Wow! ve-ry cute
Wow! Wow! ve-ry cute
imitating drums
troo-koo! troo-koo !
Pno.


315
ve-ry cute ve-ry Wow! ve-ry cute ve-ry cute ve-ry
315
ve-ry cute ve-ry Wow! ve-ry cute ve-ry cute ve-ry
315
Pno.
320
ve - ry cute ve - ry cute ve - ry Wow! Wow! Wow! Wow!
320
ve - ry cute ve - ry cute ve - ry Wow! Wow! Wow! Wow!
320
320
Pno.


♩=90
ff
Wow!
ff
f
imitating drums
Wow!
troo-koo! troo-koo!
Pno.
ff

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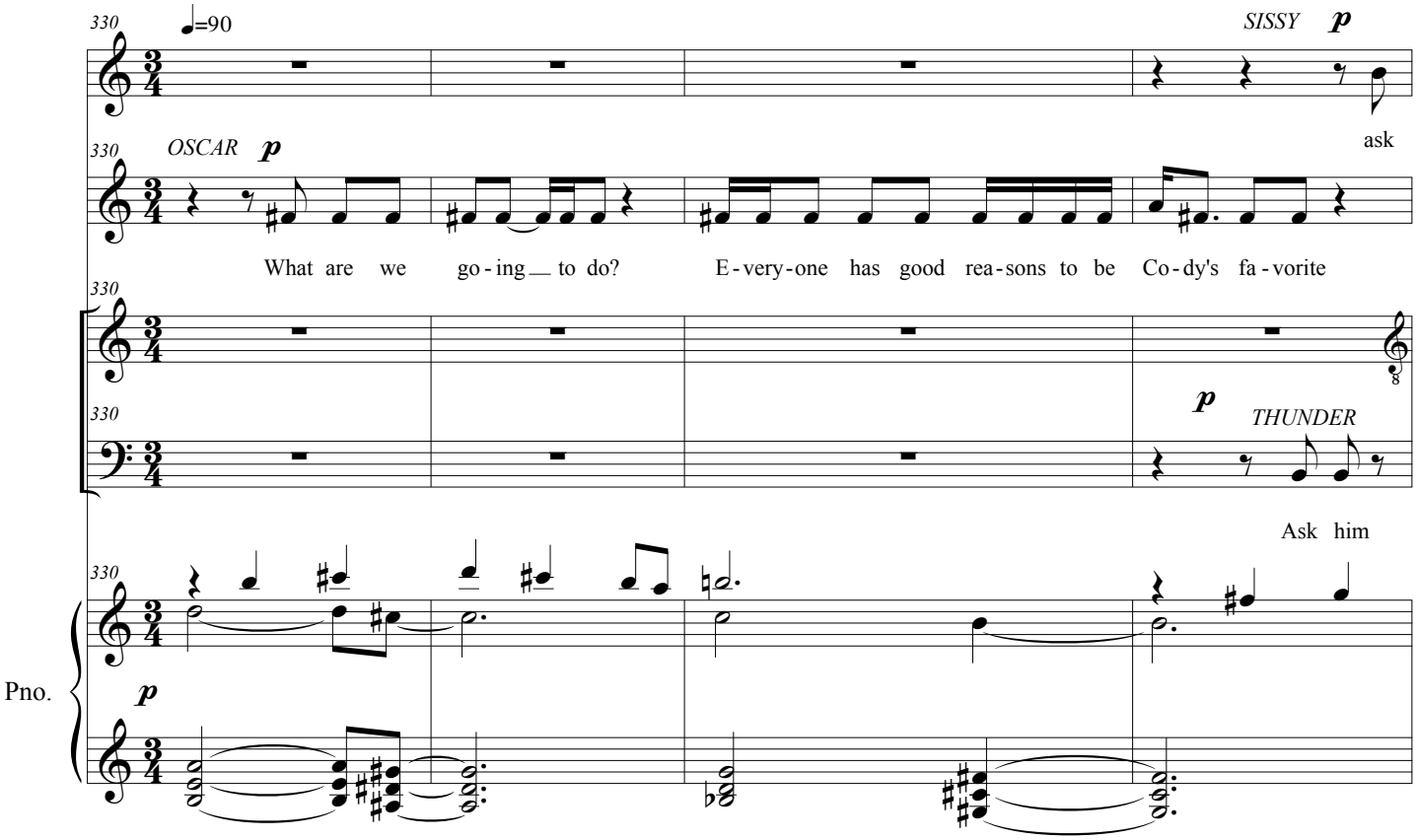
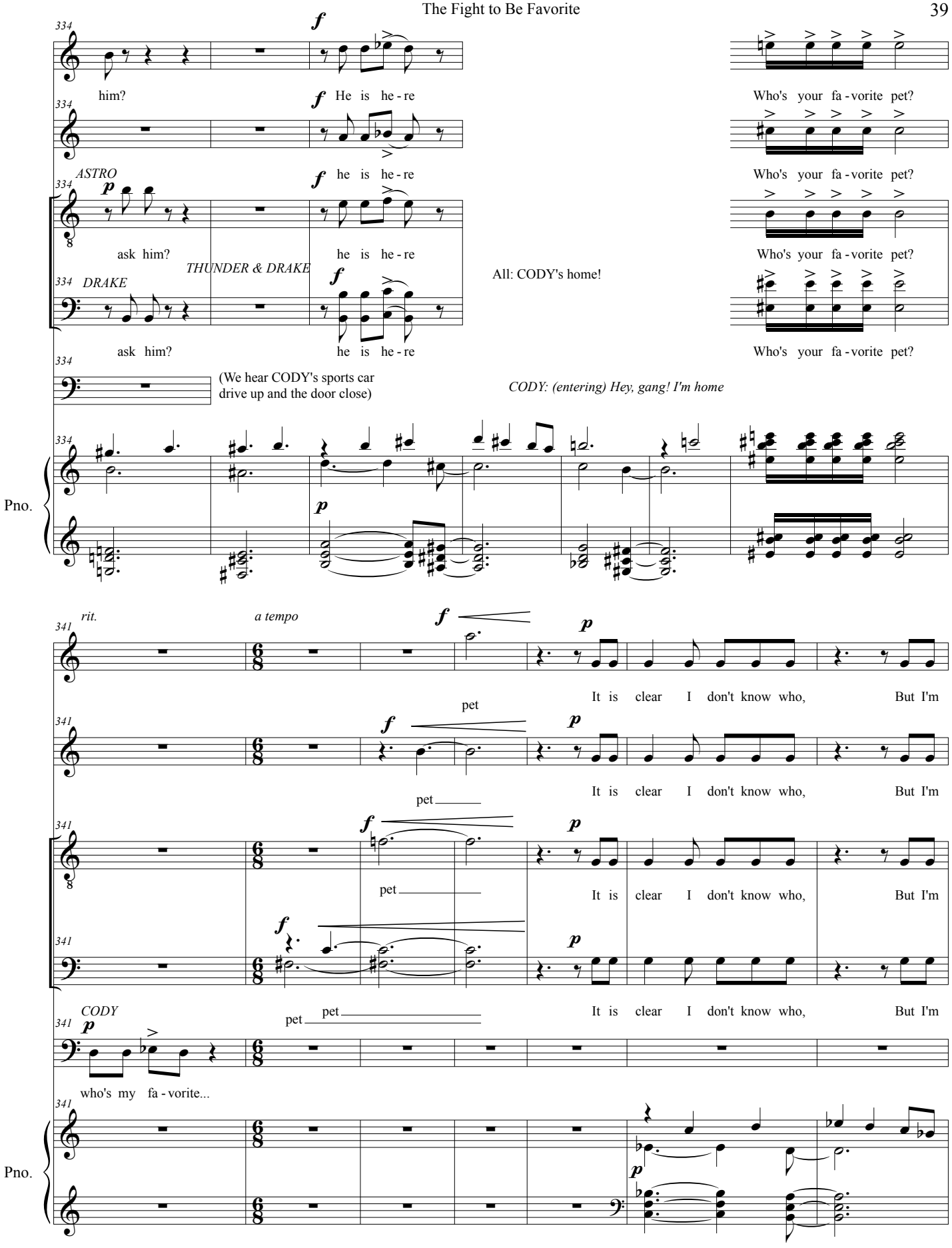
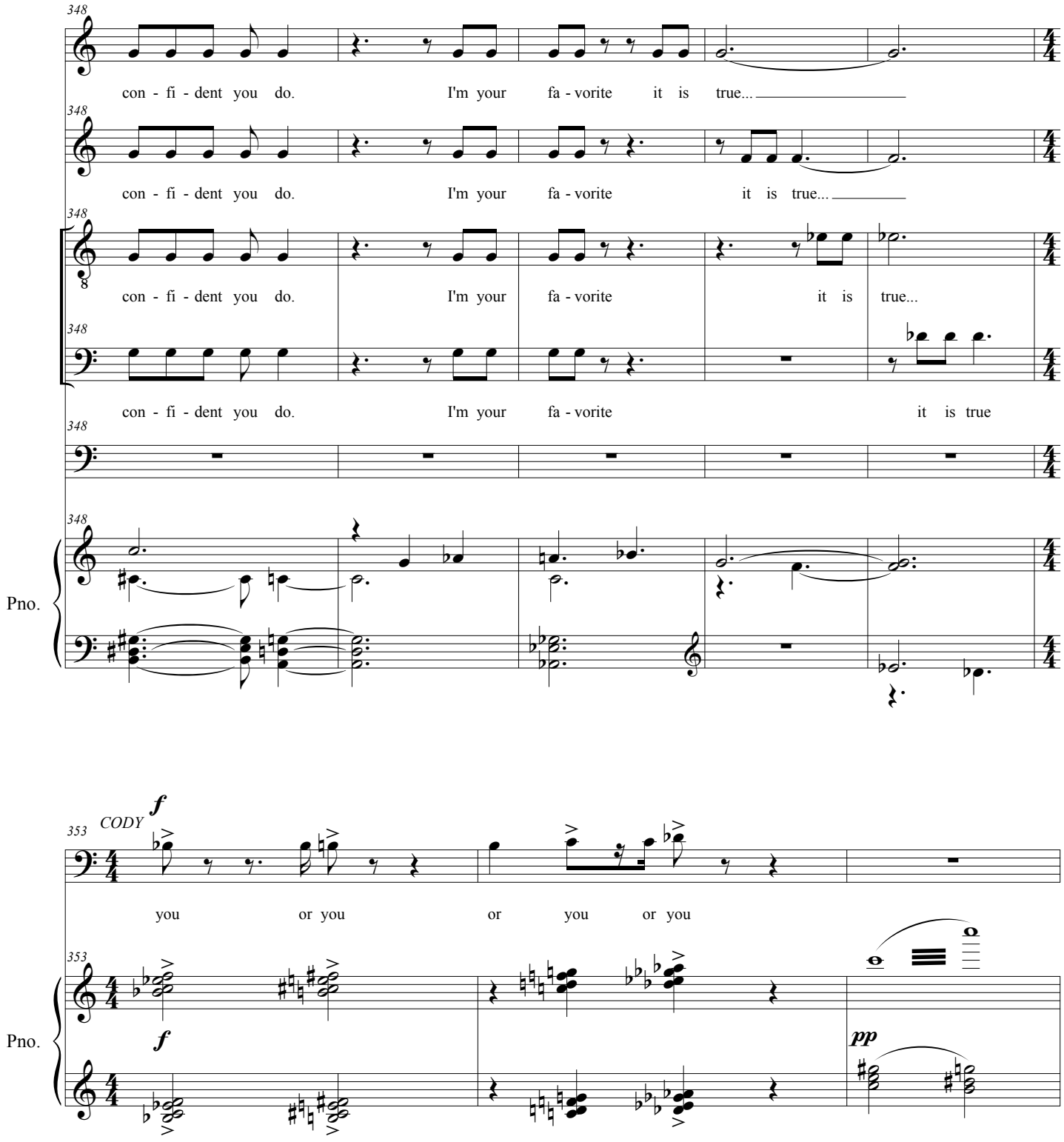
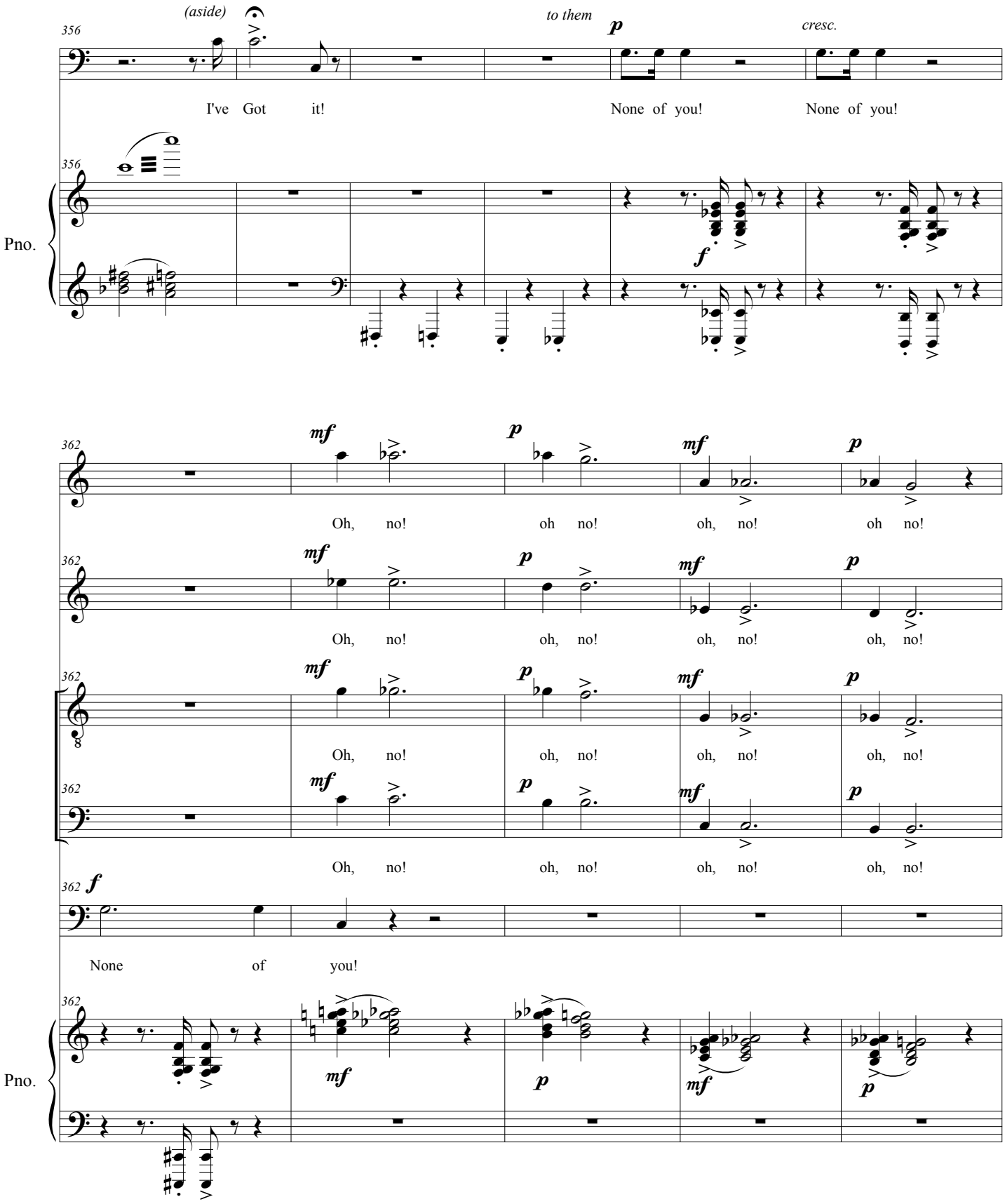
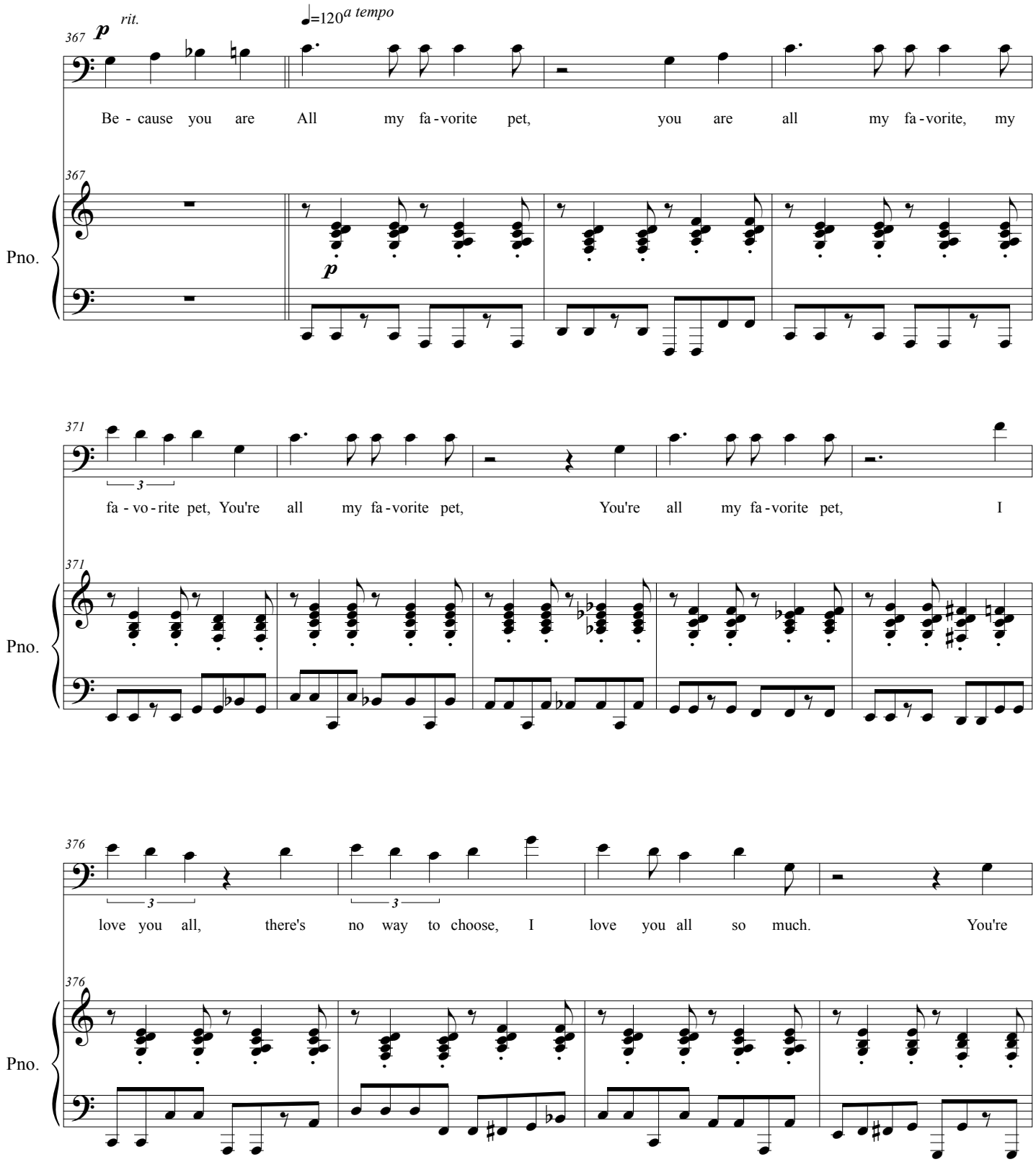
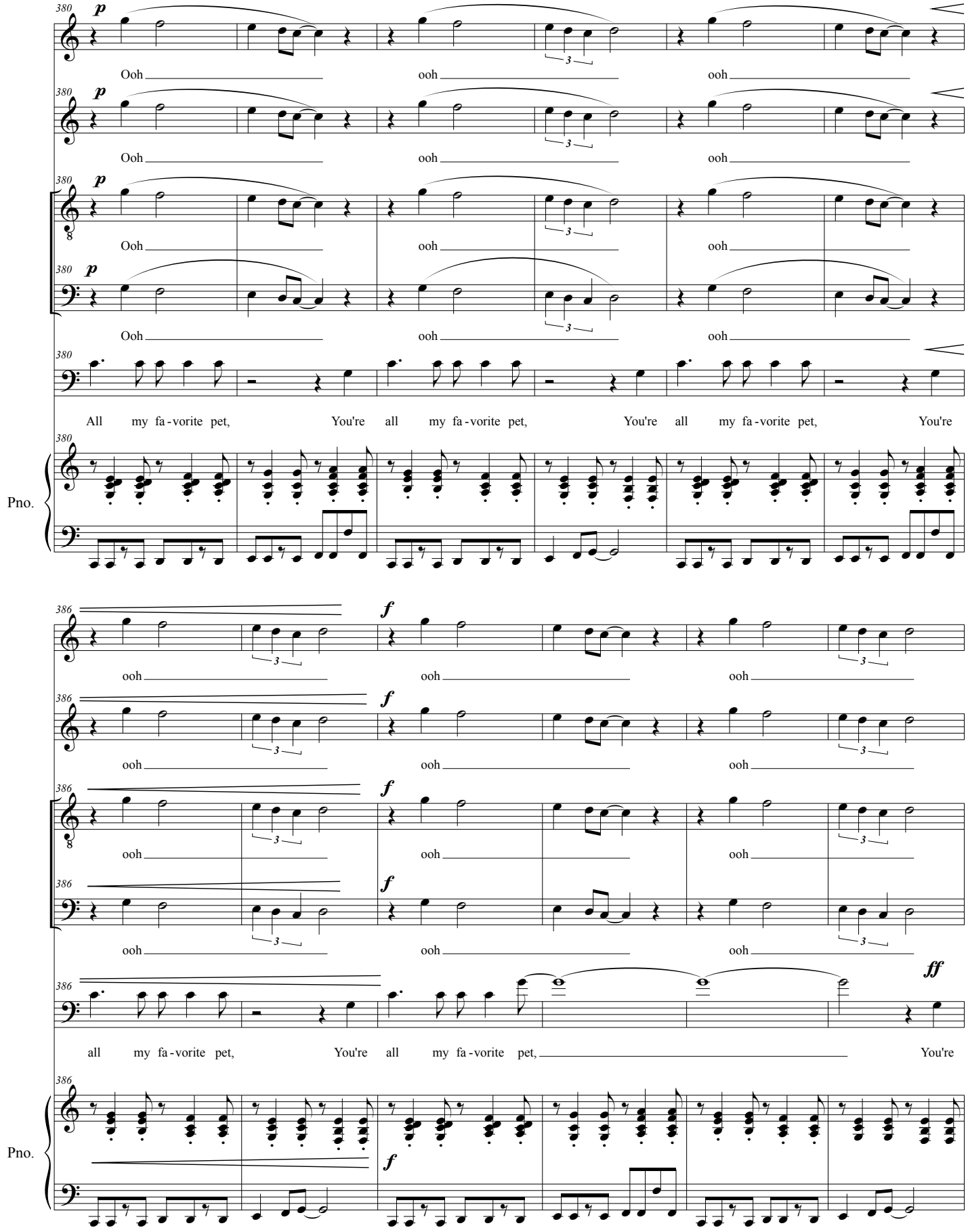

♩=90
SISSY
p
ask
OSCAR
p
What are we go-ing to do?
E-very-one has good rea-sons to be Co-dy's fa-vorite
p
THUNDER
Ask him
Pno.
p

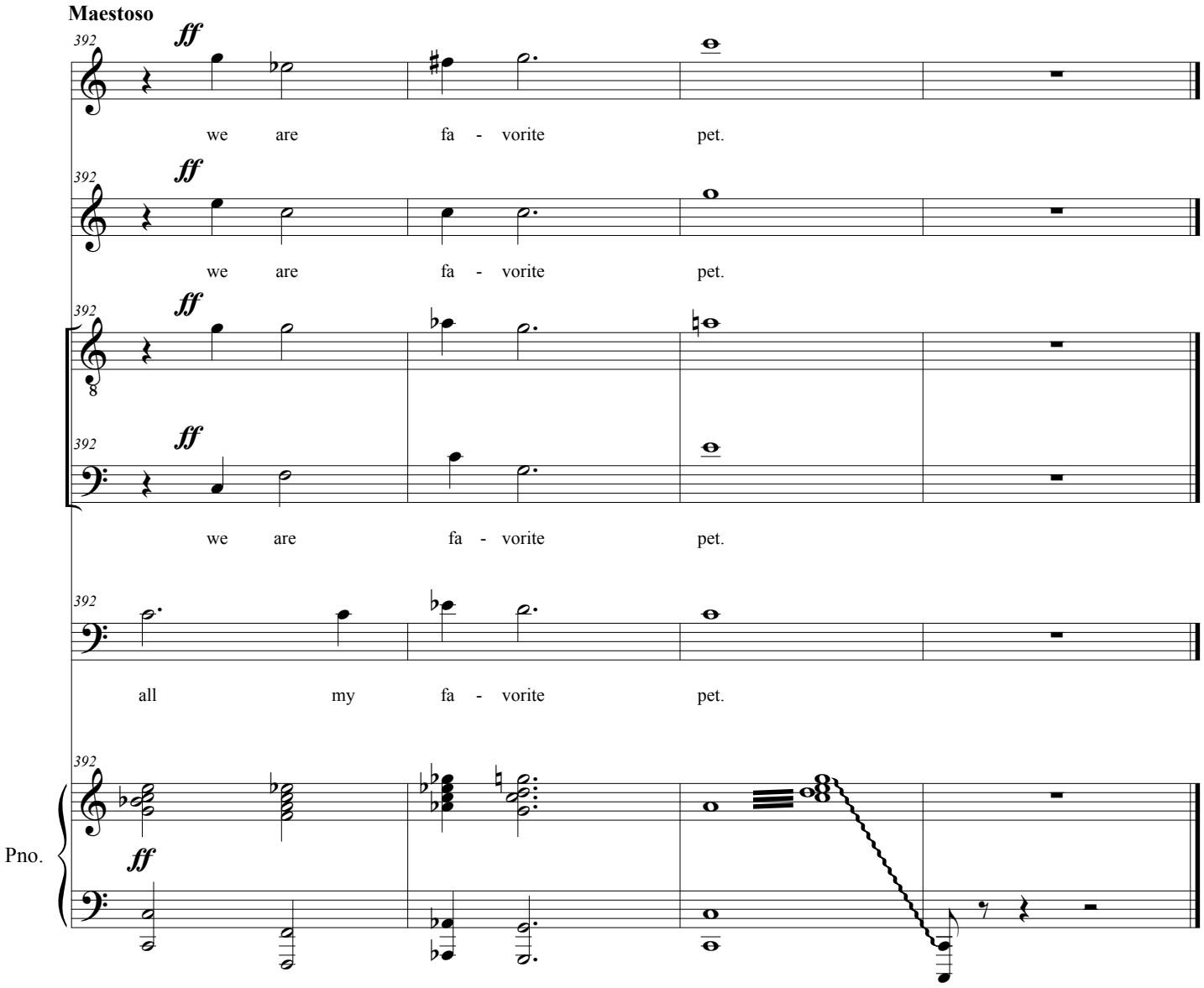

him?
He is he - re
Who's your fa - vorite pet?
ASTRO
ask him?
he is he - re
Who's your fa - vorite pet?
THUNDER & DRAKE
DRAKE
ask him?
he is he - re
All: CODY's home!
Who's your fa - vorite pet?
(We hear CODY's sports car drive up and the door close)
CODY: (entering) Hey, gang! I'm home
Pno.
rit.
a tempo
It is clear I don't know who, But I'm
pet
CODY
who's my fa - vorite...
Pno.


348
con - fi - dent you do. I'm your fa - vorite it is true...
348
con - fi - dent you do. I'm your fa - vorite it is true...
348
con - fi - dent you do. I'm your fa - vorite it is true...
348
con - fi - dent you do. I'm your fa - vorite it is true
348
Pno.
353
CODY
f
you or you or you or you
353
Pno.
f
pp


(aside)
to them
cresc.
356
I've Got it!
None of you!
None of you!
Pno.
362
Oh, no!
oh no!
oh, no!
oh no!
None of you!
Pno.


367
p
rit.
♩=120 a tempo
Be - cause you are All my fa - vorite pet, you are all my fa - vorite, my
Pno.
371
3
fa - vo - rite pet, You're all my fa - vorite pet, You're all my fa - vorite pet, I
Pno.
376
3
3
love you all, there's no way to choose, I love you all so much. You're
Pno.


380
p
Ooh
ooh
ooh
All my fa - vorite pet, You're all my fa - vorite pet, You're all my fa - vorite pet, You're
Pno.
386
f
ooh
ff
all my fa - vorite pet, You're all my fa - vorite pet, You're
Pno.


Maestoso
392
ff
we are fa - vorite pet.
392
ff
we are fa - vorite pet.
392
ff
8
392
ff
we are fa - vorite pet.
392
all my fa - vorite pet.
392
Pno.
ff