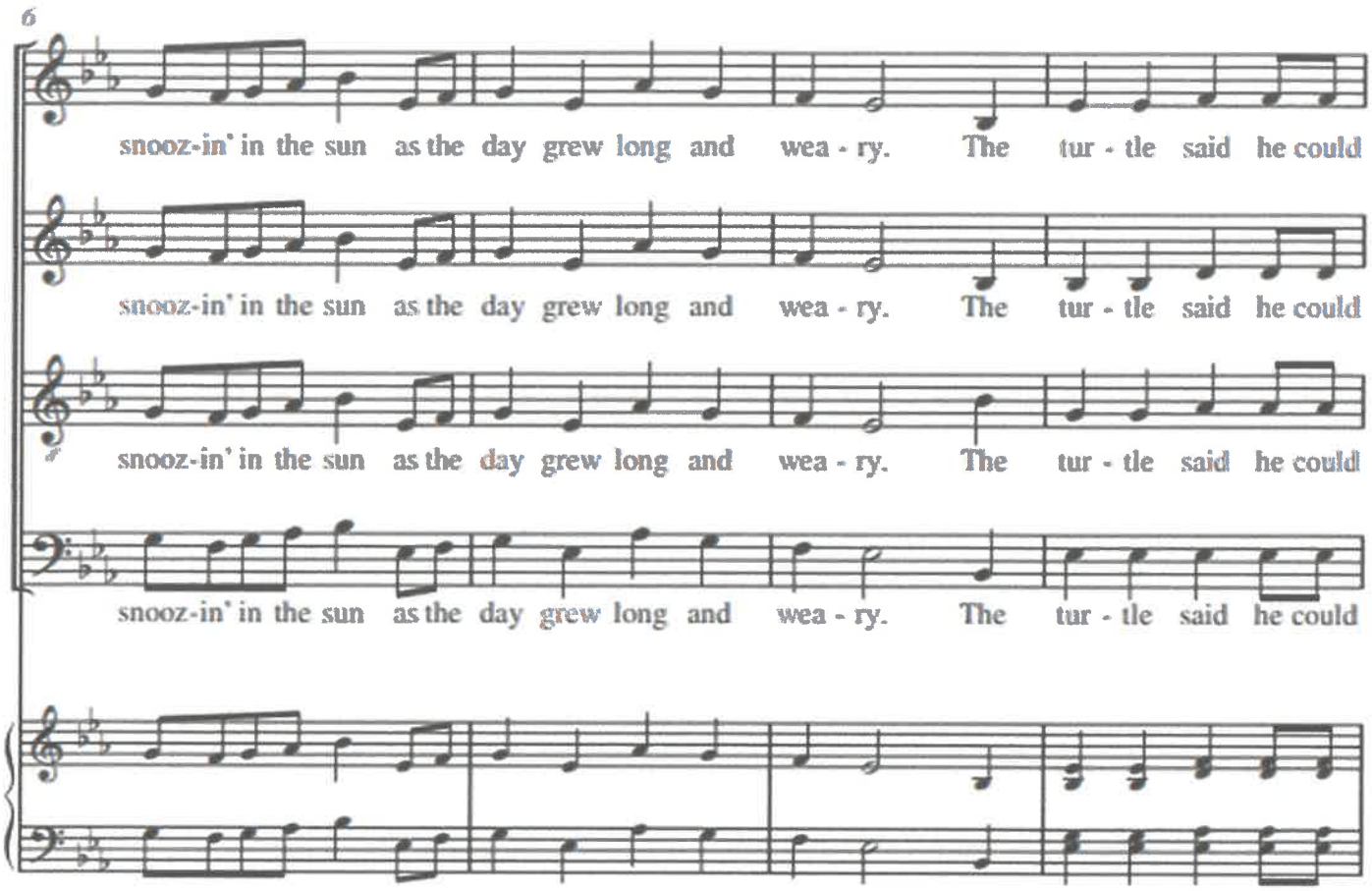
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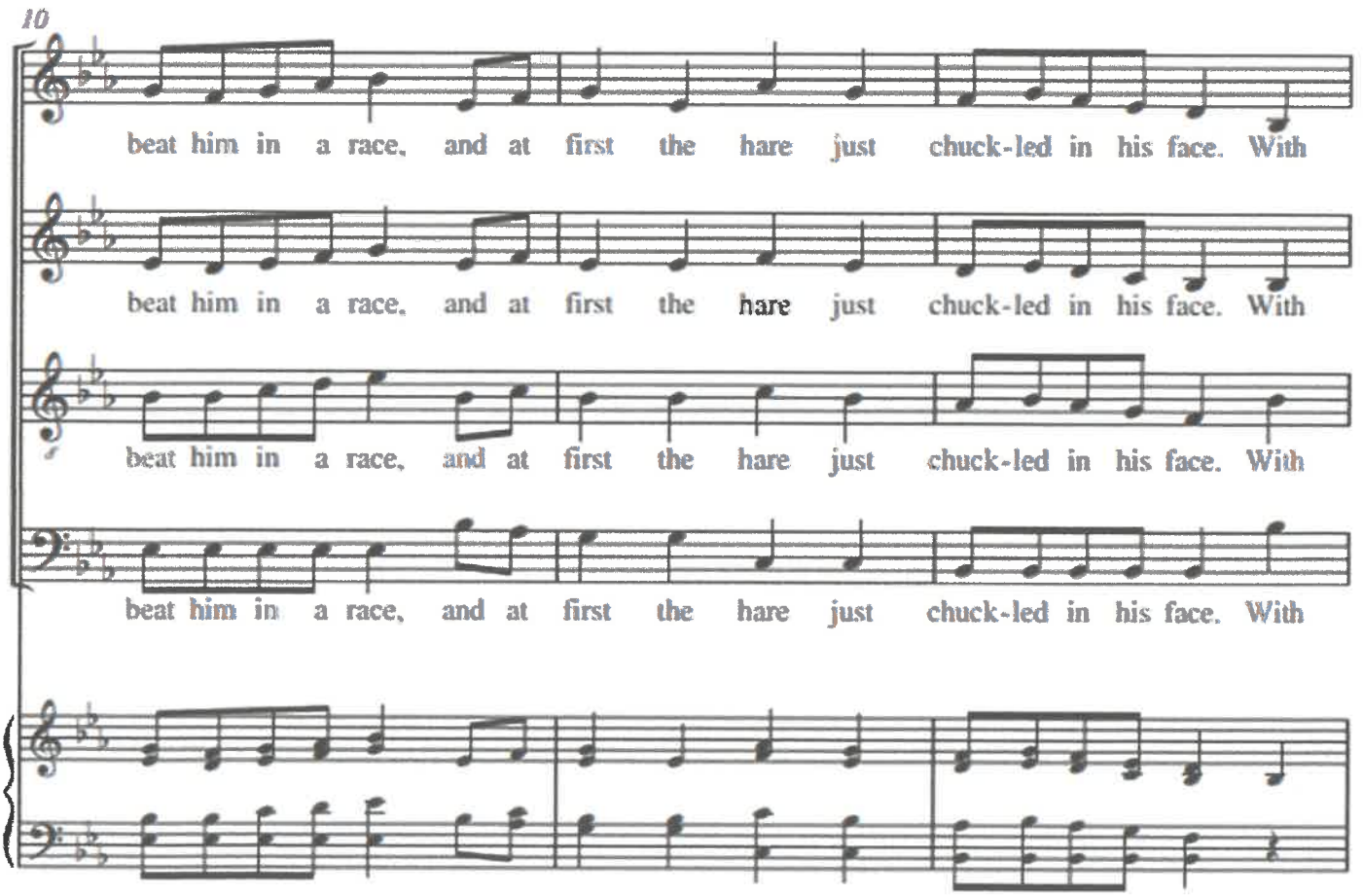
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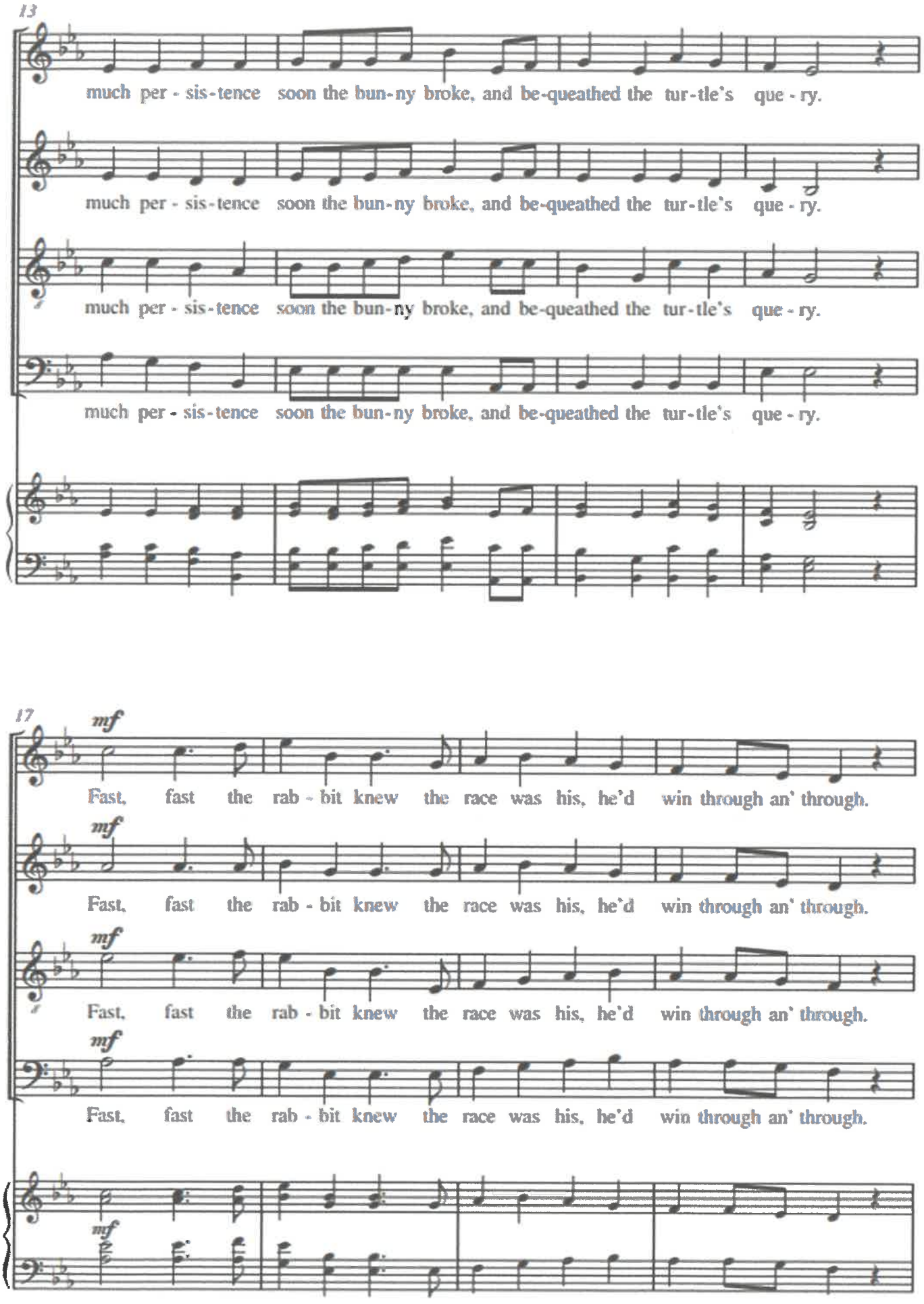
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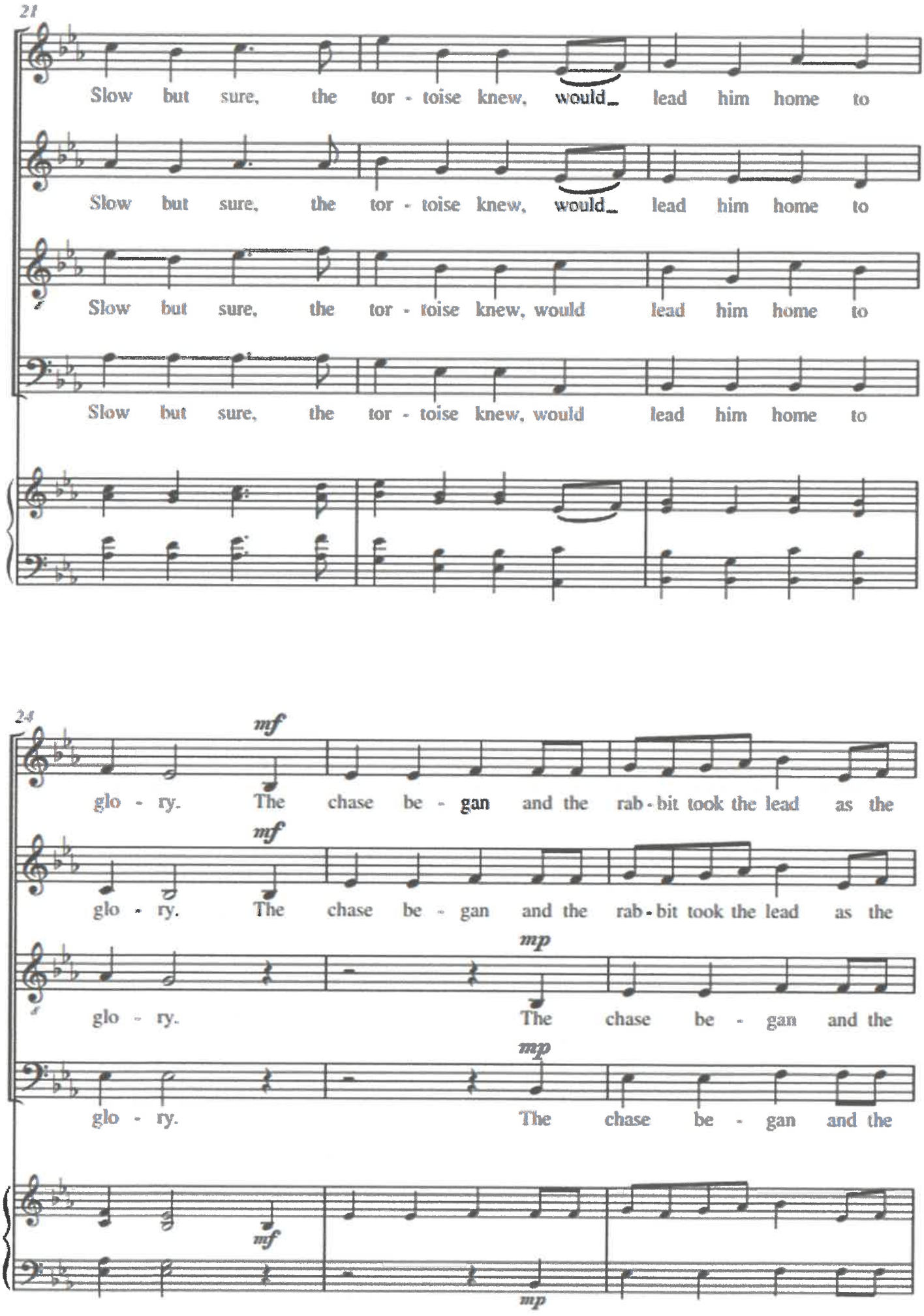





6
snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could
snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could
snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could
snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could


10
beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With
beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With
beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With
beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With

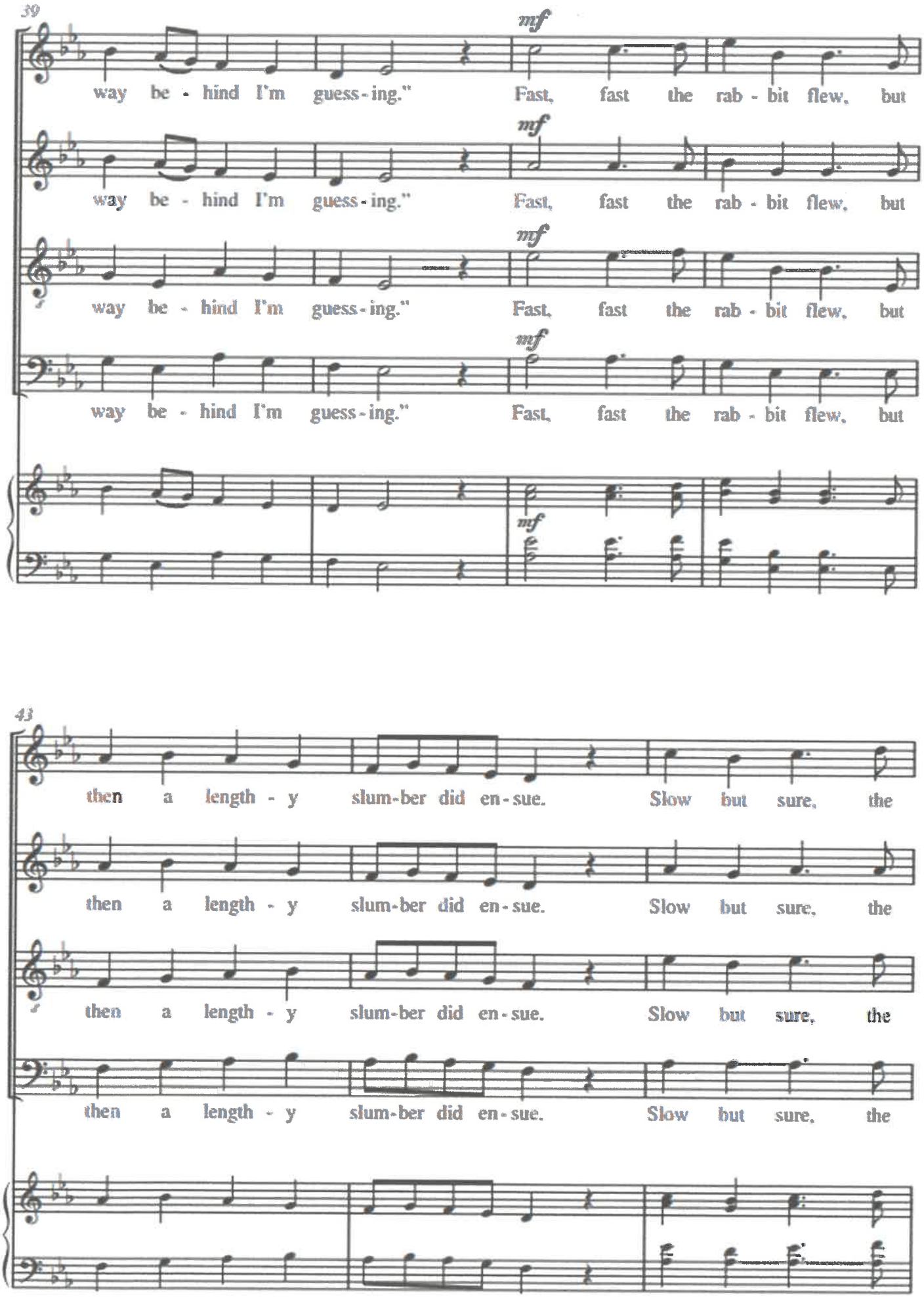

13
much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.
much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.
much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.
much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.
17
mf
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.
mf
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.
mf
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.
mf
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.
mf


21
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would_ lead him home to
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would_ lead him home to
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would lead him home to
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would lead him home to
24
mf
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the rab - bit took the lead as the
mf
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the rab - bit took the lead as the
mp
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the
mp
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the
mf
mp


27
tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny had the speed. The tor - toise kept a
tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny had the speed. The tor - toise kept a
tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny took the lead with speed. The
tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny took the lead with speed. The
30
calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver fal - ter - ing or rest - ing.
calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver fal - ter - ing or rest - ing.
mf
tor - toise kept a calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver rest - ing. Then
mf
tor - toise kept a calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver rest - ing. Then
mf


33
mp
A - lone and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun - ny took a break in a
mp
A - lone and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun - ny took a break in a
half way home and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun - ny took a break in a
half way home and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun - ny took a break in a
mp

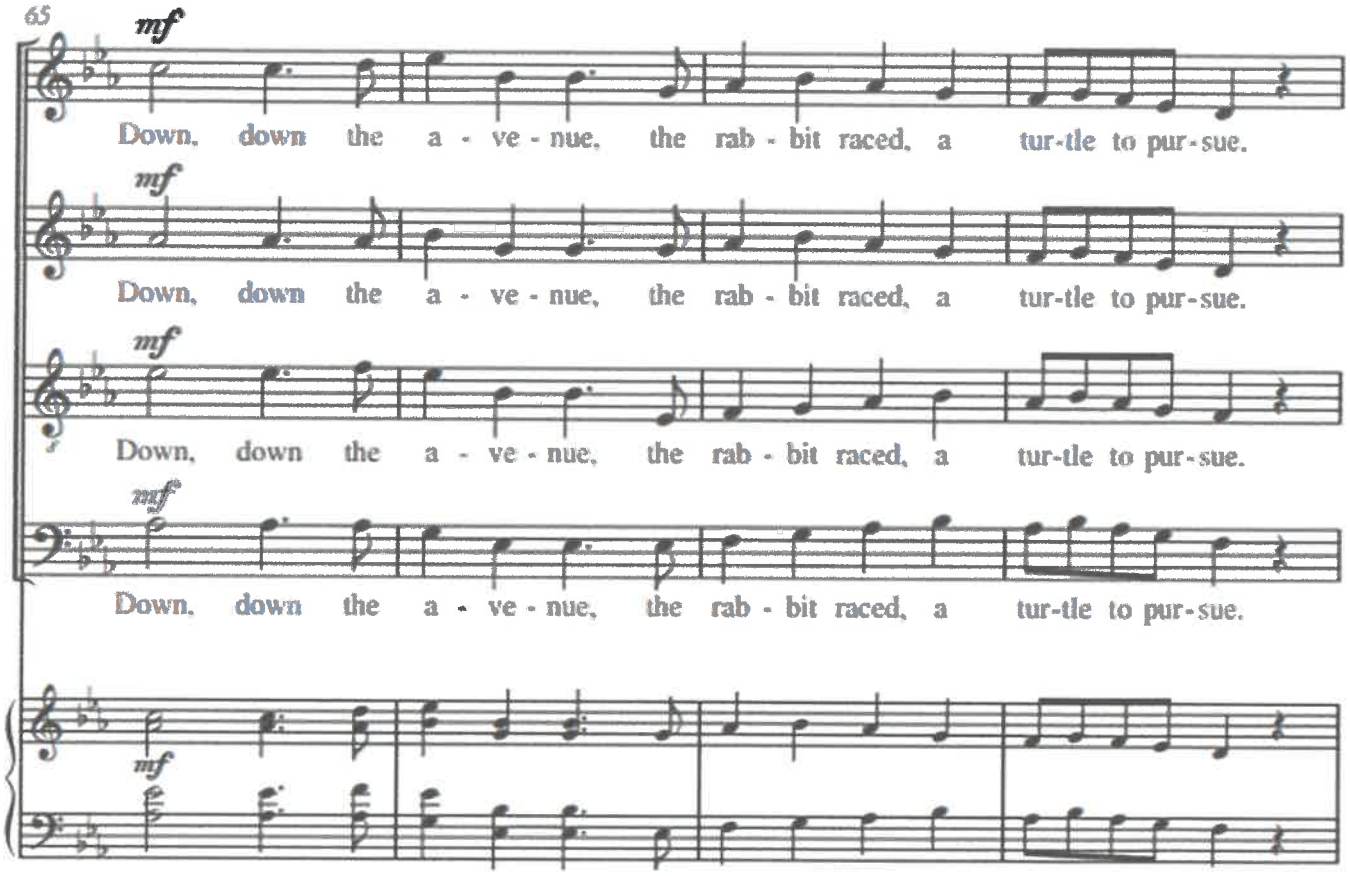

36
cool and shad - y spot. "I've time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is
cool and shad - y spot. "I've time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is
cool and shad - y spot. "I've got some time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is
cool and shad - y spot. "I've got some time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is

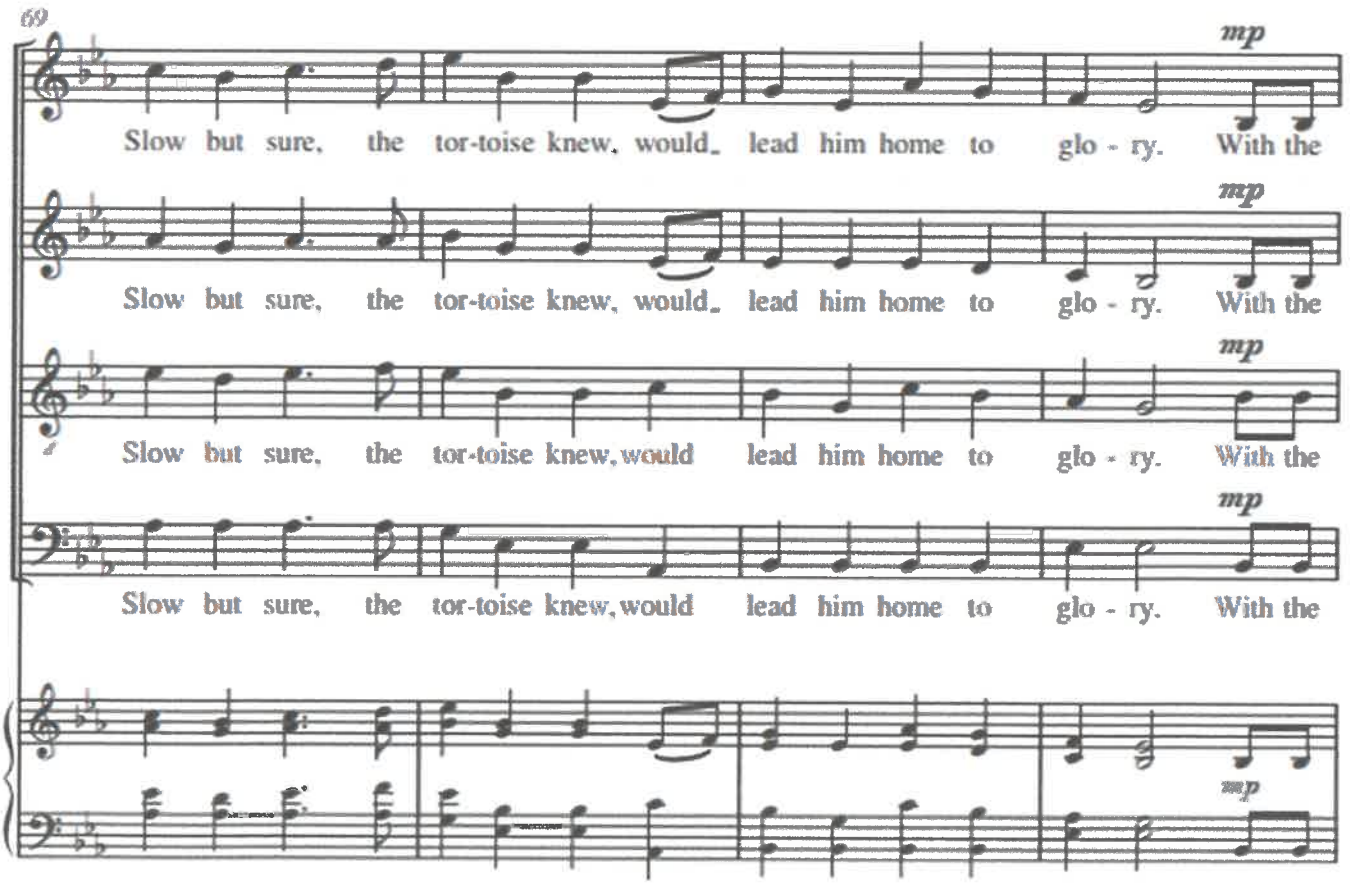

39
mf
way be - hind I'm guess - ing." Fast, fast the rab - bit flew, but
43
then a length - y slum-ber did en - sue. Slow but sure, the

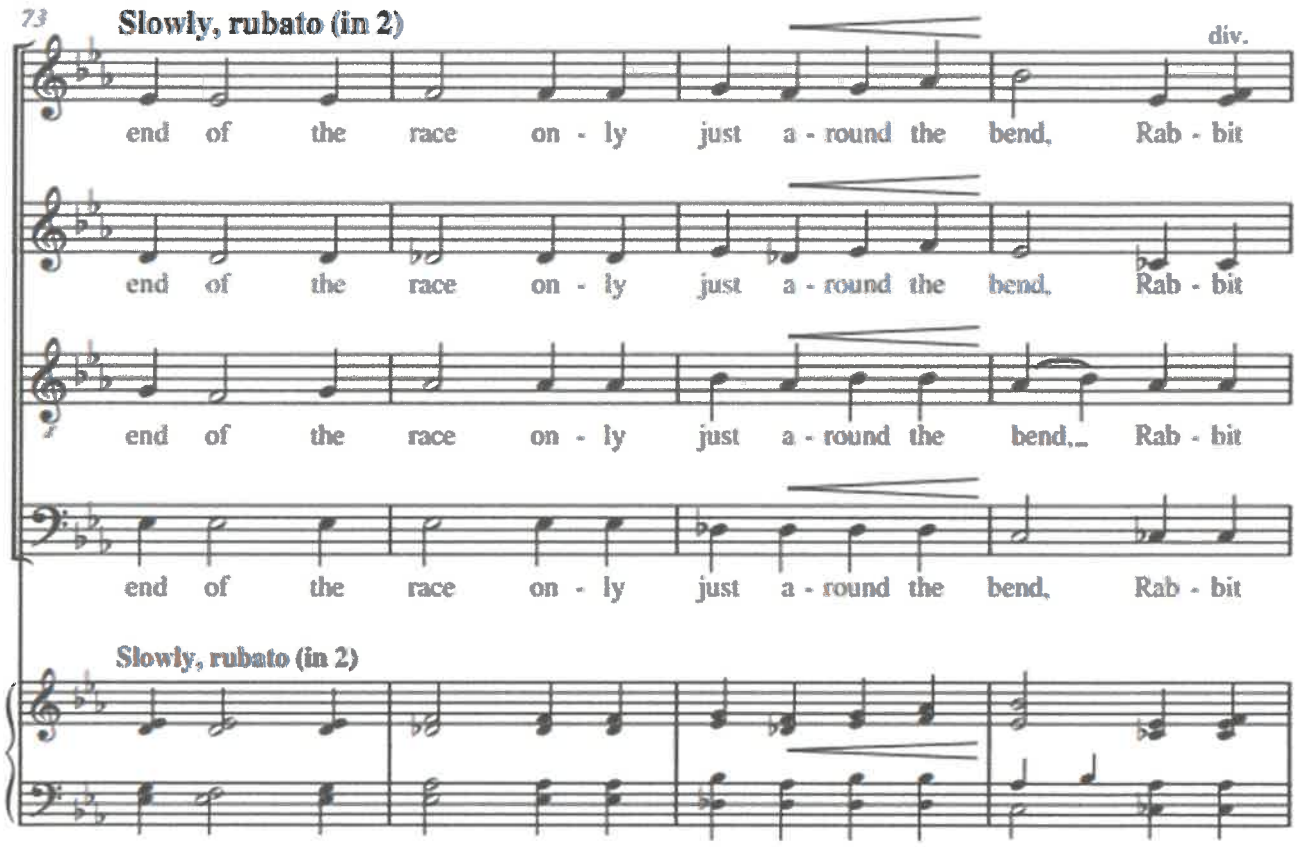

46
mf
tor - toise knew, would_ lead him home to glo - ry. As the
tor - toise knew, would_ lead him home to glo - ry.
tor - toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry.
tor - toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry.
mf
49
tor - toise plod - ded stead - i - ly a - long, Mis - ter Rab - bit snoozed 'til the
mp
Doo doo doo doo doo doo
mp
Doo doo doo doo doo doo
mp
Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
mp


52
day was get-ting long. Hav-ing slept ma-nyhours while the tur-tle passed him by. sil-ly
doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
55
mp
rab - bit had to hur - ry. Doo doo
mp
doo doo doo Doo doo
mp
doo doo doo Doo doo
mf
doo doo doo doo A - wake and a - lert, bun - ny
mf


58
doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
dashed by the mill, as a crowd be - gan to gath-er on the hill. He be -
61
div.
unis.
doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo doo doo
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo
-gan to dream of vic-to-ry a-head, ne-ver know-ing he should wor - ry.


65
mf
Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.
mf
Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.
mf
Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.
mf
Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.
mf


69
mp
Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would_ lead him home to glo - ry. With the
mp
Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would_ lead him home to glo - ry. With the
mp
Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry. With the
mp
Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry. With the
mp


73
Slowly, rubato (in 2)
div.
end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit
end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit
end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend,.. Rab - bit
end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit
Slowly, rubato (in 2)


77
mf
unis.
thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend.. So with
thought.. he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend.. So with
thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend. So with
thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend. So with


81
div.
unis.
much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw
mp
much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw
much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw
much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw

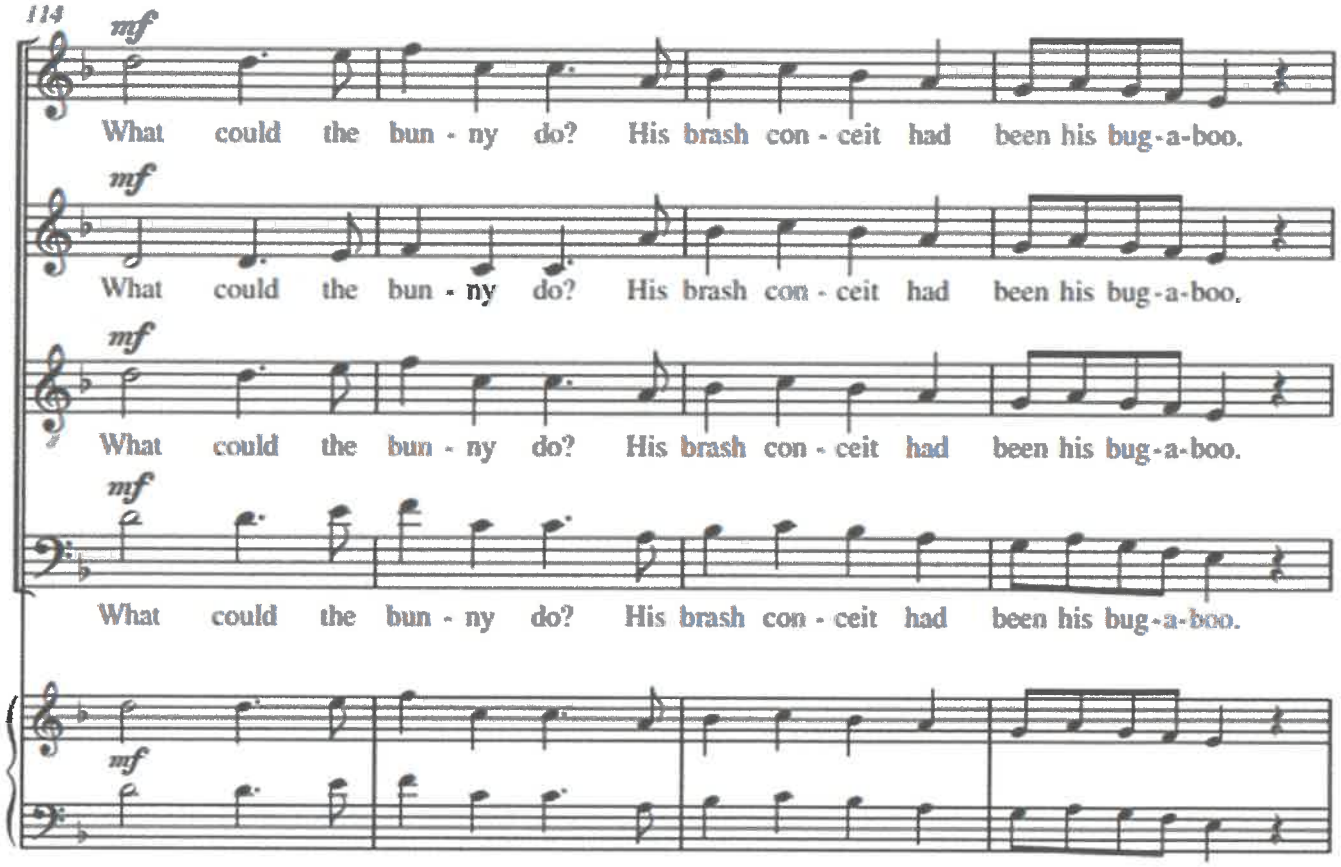

85
Molto Vivace
mf
Mis-ter tor - toise near the fin - ish, and the
unis.
Mis-ter tor - toise near the fin - ish, and the
Mis-ter tor - toise near the
Mis-ter tor - toise near the
Molto Vivace

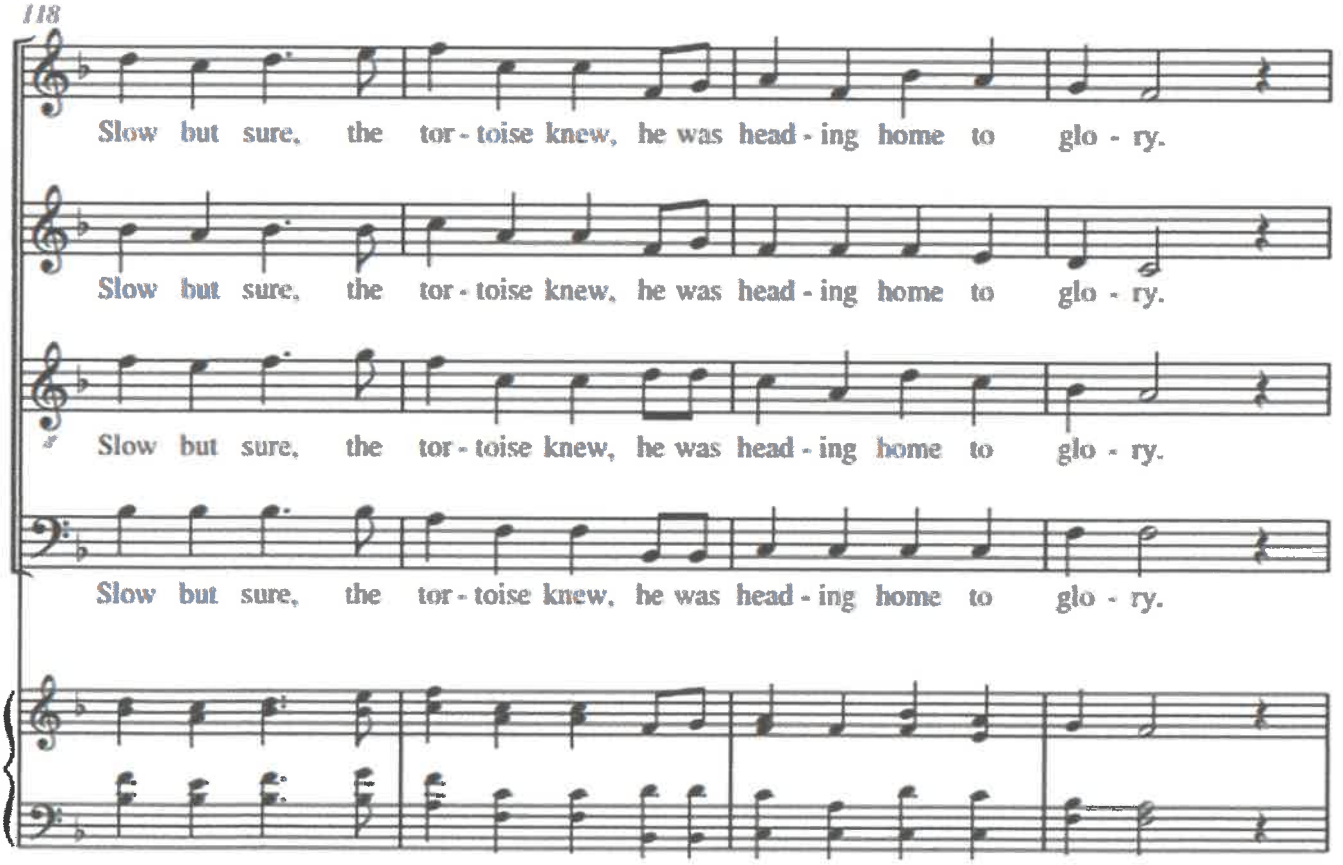

88
lead would not di - min - ish.
lead would not di - min - ish. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,
fin - ish, So, run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,
fin - ish, So, run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,
92
Got - ta run, run, run, or
run bun - ny, run bun - ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,
run bun - ny, run bun - ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,
run bun - ny, run bun - ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,

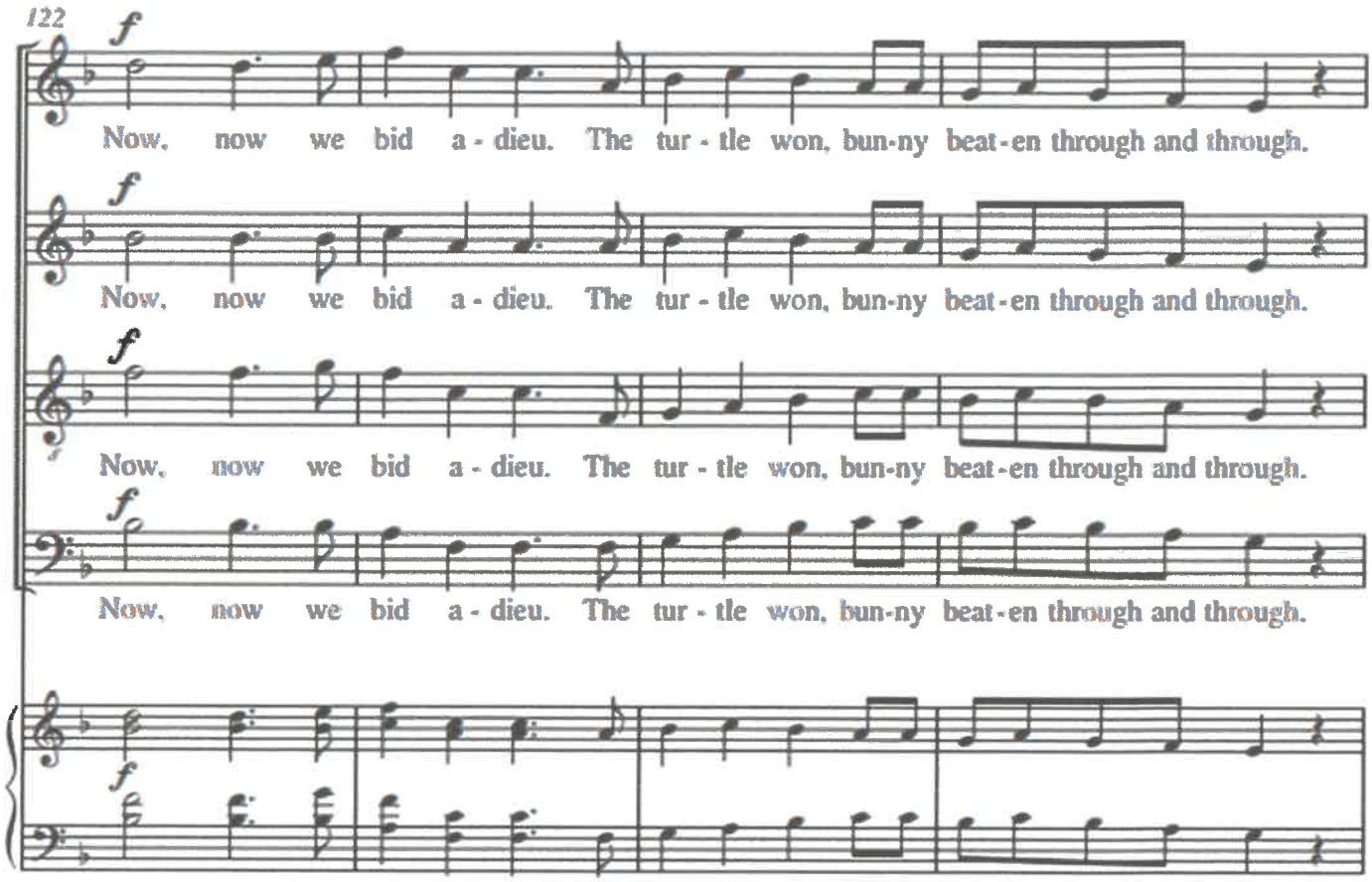

96
you'll be done. Then pan - ic struck, and the
run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run,
run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run,
run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run,
99
hare be-gan tosweat. He was still be - hind as the sun be-gan to set. As
bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run.
bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run.
bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run.


102
fast as he could, fast-er then a kan-ga-roo, Bun-ny tried to catch the
Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny,
Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny,
Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny,
105
f
tor - toise. The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the
run, run. The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the
run, run. The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the
run, run. The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the


108
crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab - bit gasped as he
crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab - bit gasped as he
crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab - bit gasped as he
crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab - bit gasped as he
111
scam-pered in - to town, sore - ly beat - en and em - bar - rassed.
scam-pered in - to town, sore - ly beat - en and em - bar - rassed.
scam-pered in - to town, sore - ly beat - en and em - bar - rassed.
scam-pered in - to town, sore - ly beat - en and em - bar - rassed.


114
mf
What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug-a-boo.
mf
What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug-a-boo.
mf
What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug-a-boo.
mf
What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug-a-boo.
mf


118
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.
Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.


122
f
Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.
f
Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.
f
Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.
f
Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.
f


126
Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry.
Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry.
Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry.
Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry. We will
mf
mf


130
f cresc.
div.
We will make it home to
f cresc.
div.
unis.
We will make it home to
mf
cresc.
f cresc.
We will make it home, home to
cresc.
div.
f cresc.
make it home, home to
cresc.
f cresc.


134
ff
p unis.
loud whisper
glo - ry. Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run!
ff
p
loud whisper
glo - ry. Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run!
ff
p
loud whisper
glo - ry. Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run!
ff unis.
p
loud whisper
glo - ry. Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run!
ff
p
ff