A COCKEYED OPTIMIST

from *South Pacific*

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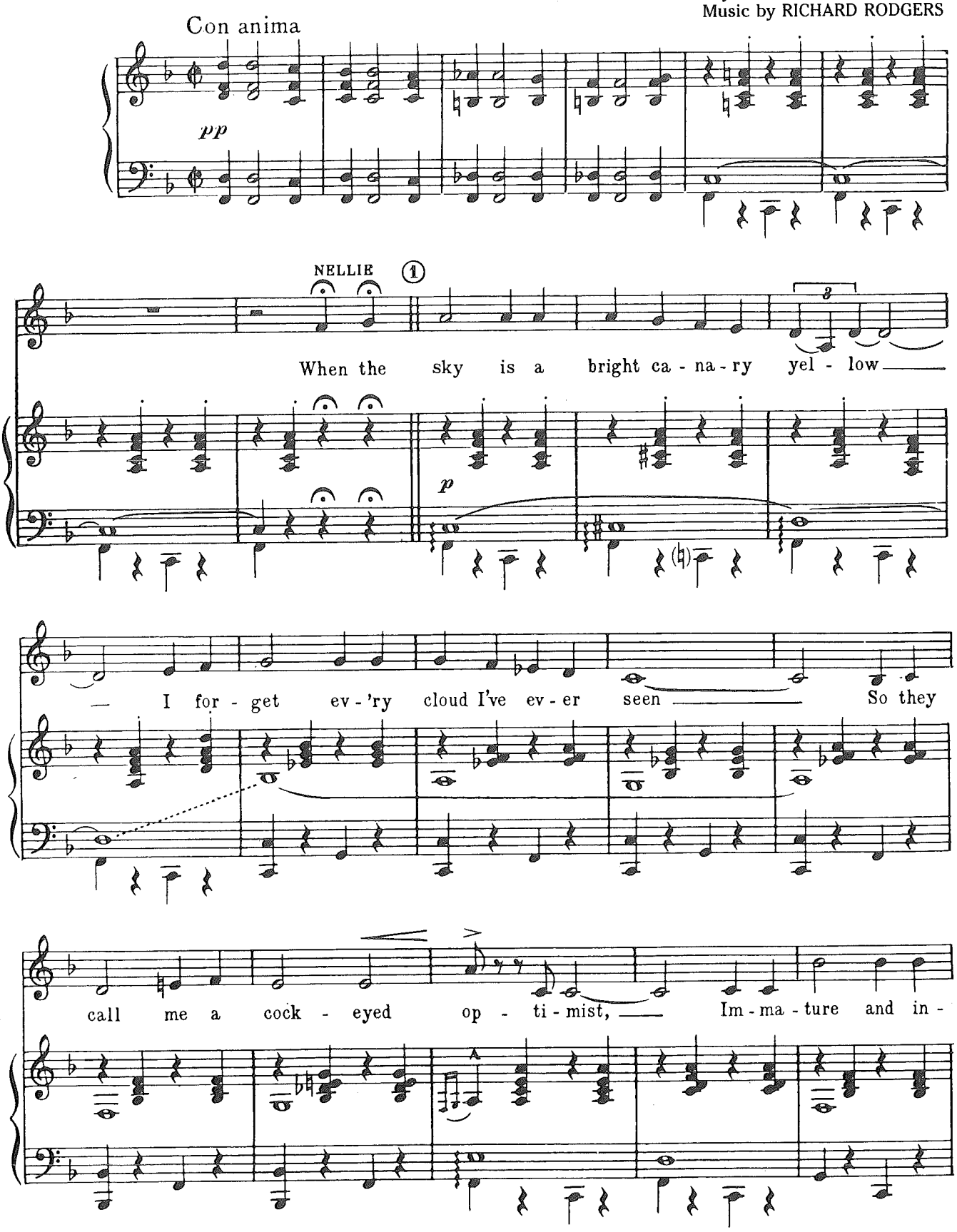

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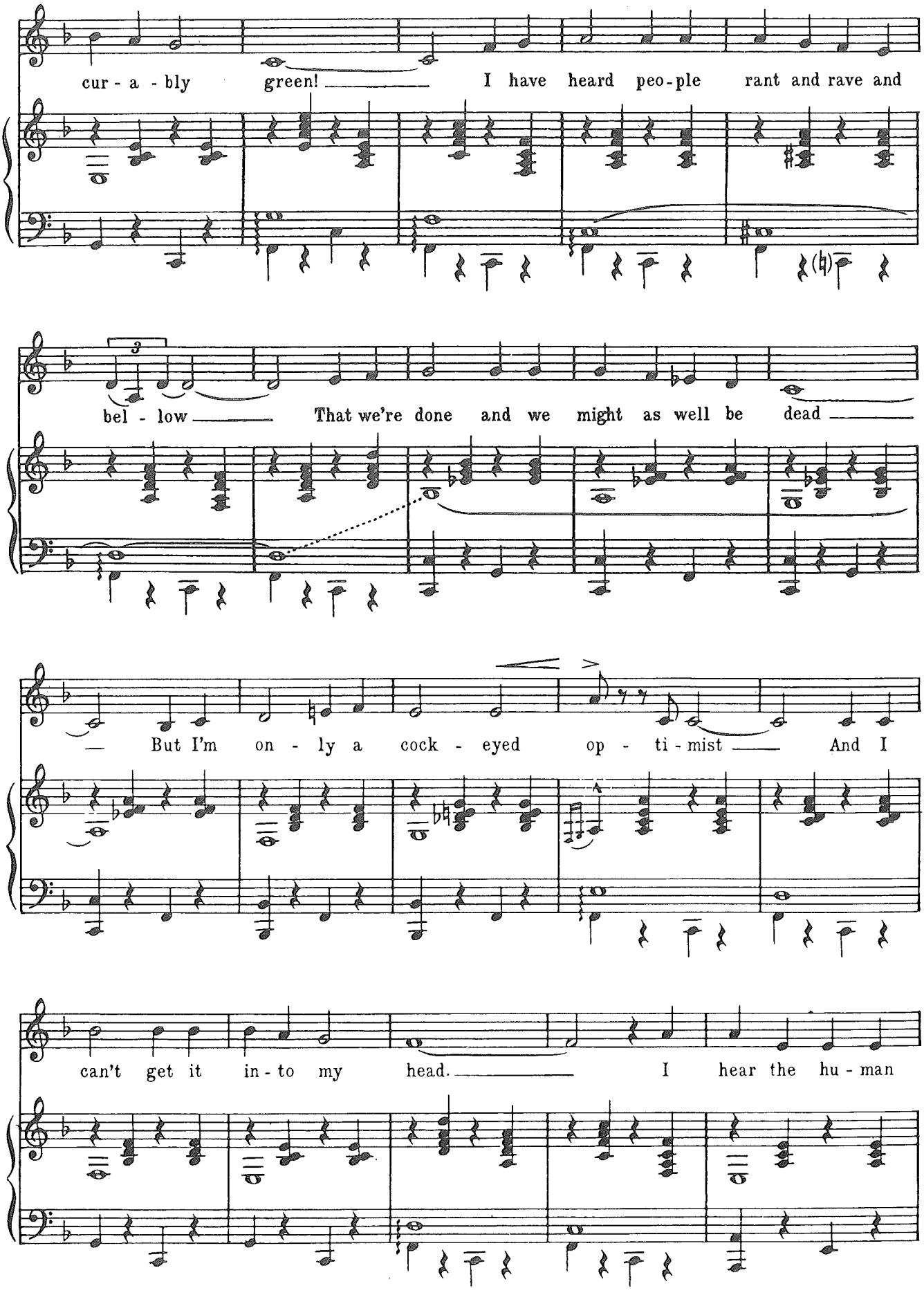
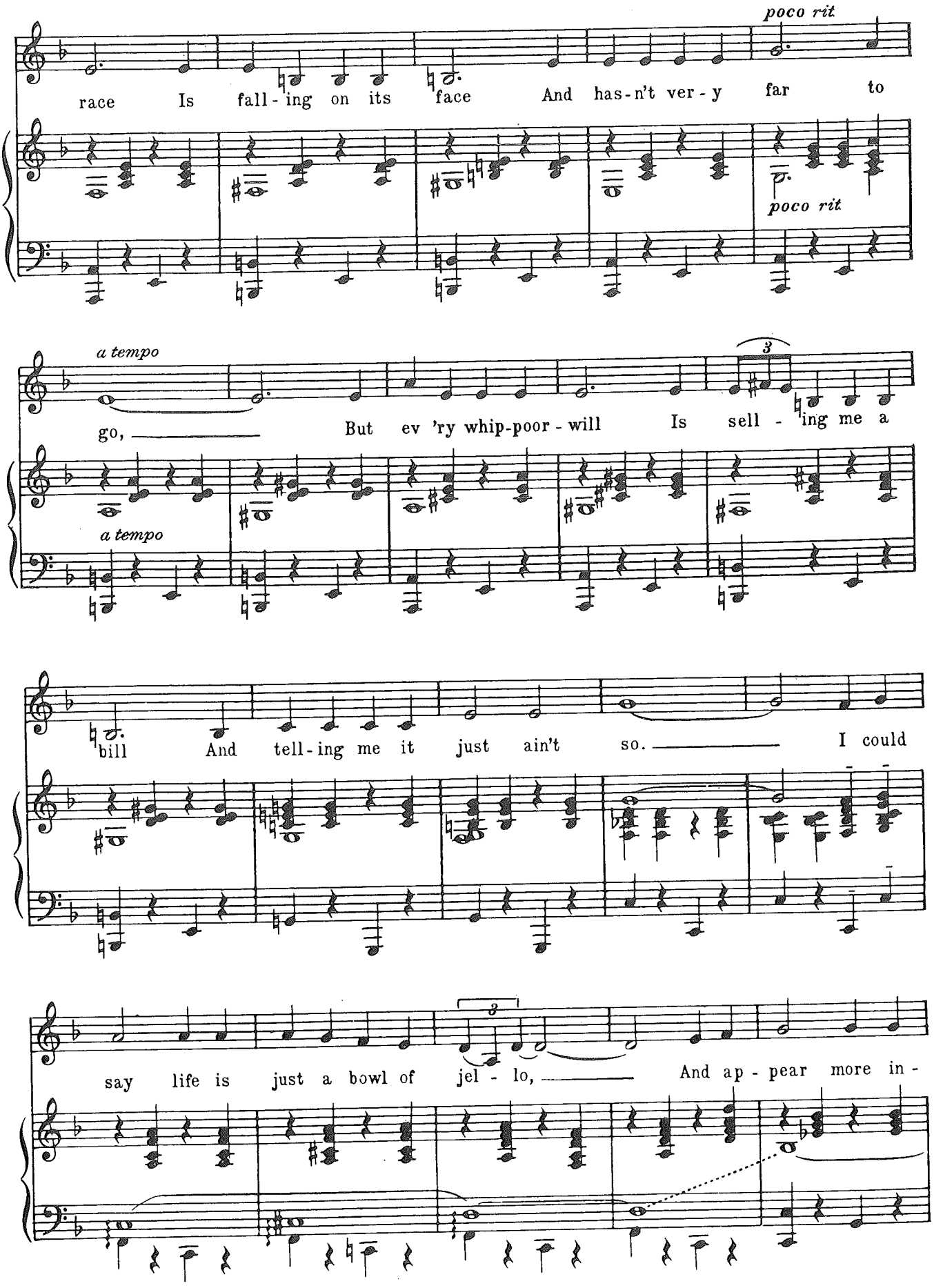
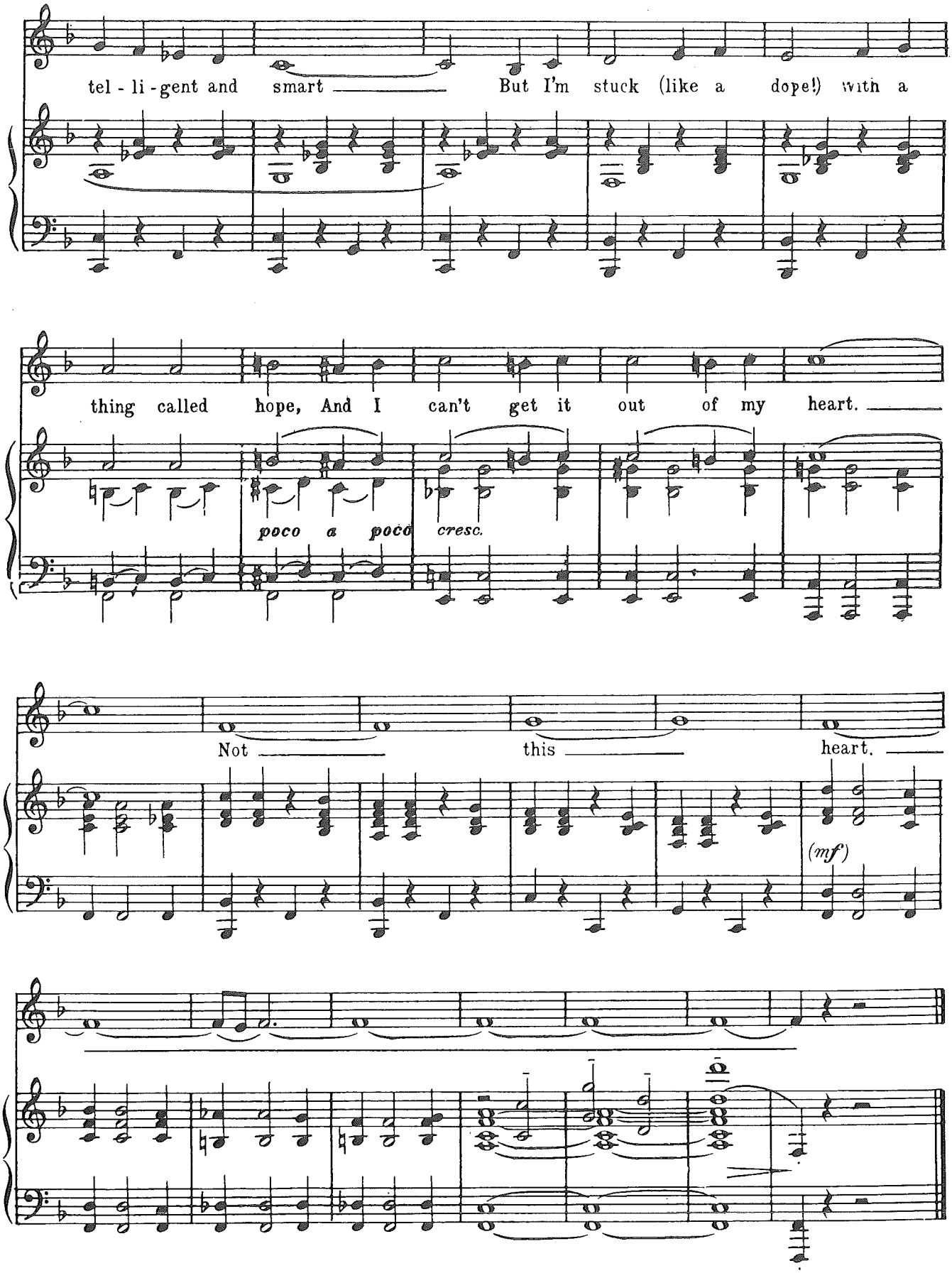

cur - a - bly green! I have heard peo-ple rant and rave and
bel - low That we're done and we might as well be dead
But I'm on - ly a cock - eyed op - ti - mist And I
can't get it in - to my head. I hear the hu - man


poco rit
race Is fall - ing on its face And has-n't ver - y far to
poco rit
a tempo
go, But ev 'ry whip-poor - will Is sell - ing me a
a tempo
bill And tell-ing me it just ain't so. I could
say life is just a bowl of jel - lo, And ap - pear more in -


tel - li - gent and smart But I'm stuck (like a dope!) with a
thing called hope, And I can't get it out of my heart.
poco a poco
cresc.
Not this heart.
(mf)