



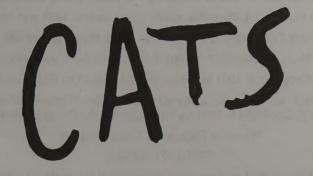
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I began setting Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats to music late in 1977, partly because it is a book I remember with affection from my childhood and partly because I wanted to set existing verse to music. When I have written with lyricists in the past we have agreed together the dramatic structure, but for the most part the lyrics have been written to the music. So I was intrigued to see whether I could write a complete piece the other way round.

Very luckily *Old Possum* contains verses that are extraordinarily musical; they have rhythms that are very much their own, like the 'Rum Tum Tugger' or 'Old Deuteronomy' and, although clearly they dictate to some degree the music that will accompany them, they are frequently of irregular and exciting metre and are very challenging to a composer.

My first plans were for a concert anthology, and it was with this in mind that some of my settings were performed in the summer of 1980 at the Sydmonton Festival. Mrs Eliot fortunately came to the concert and brought with her various unpublished pieces of verse by her husband, including 'Grizabella: the Glamour Cat.' The musical and dramatic images that this created for me made me feel that there was very much more to the project than I had realized. In Trevor Nunn I found a collaborator with a taste for tackling theatrical problems that most people would consider insoluble. Together we worked out a dramatic structure for a full evening, helped by further unpublished Eliot material that Mrs Eliot kindly provided and by the many references to cats in the main body of his writing. The show, as its form emerged, gave me an exciting opportunity to compose dance music and I was fortunate to be guided through the unfamiliar world of choreography by someone as experienced as Gillian Lynne.

I enjoyed working on *Cats* as much as on any show on which I have worked. My gratitude will be undying to Valerie Eliot without whose encouragement it could never have taken its present form.

Cats opened at the New London Theatre on May 11th 1981. This folio contains most of the music from the London production as recorded on the Polydor double album. For reasons of space there are inevitably some omissions, principally the longer dance sections and the extended setting of 'The Pekes and the Pollicles'. There are also some small alterations and cuts, notably in the Prologue 'Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats'.

T. S. Eliot wrote the *Old Possum* poems in a series of letters to his godchildren and it is almost certain that their parents were just as much the intended recipients of the poems as those children. I hope that the music of *Cats* achieves the sense of fun that abounds in Eliot's verse.

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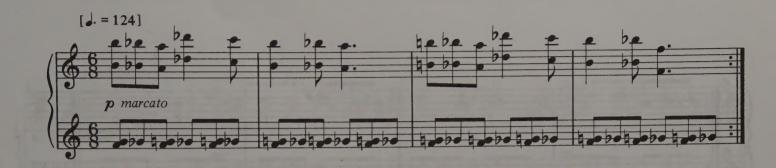
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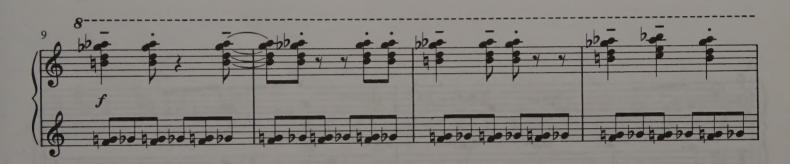
Most of the poems comprising *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* (1939) have been set to music complete and in their originally published form; a few have been subject to a minor revision of tense or pronoun, and eight lines have been added to 'The Song of the Jellicles'. However, some of our lyrics, notably 'The Marching Song of the Pollicle Dogs' and the story of 'Grizabella', were discovered among the unpublished writings of Eliot. The prologue is based on ideas and incorporates lines from another unpublished poem, entitled 'Pollicle Dogs and Jellicle Cats'. 'Memory' includes lines from and is suggested by 'Rhapsody on a Windy Night', and other poems of the Prufrock period. All other words in the show are taken from the Collected Poems.

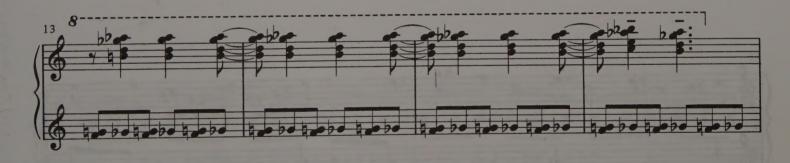
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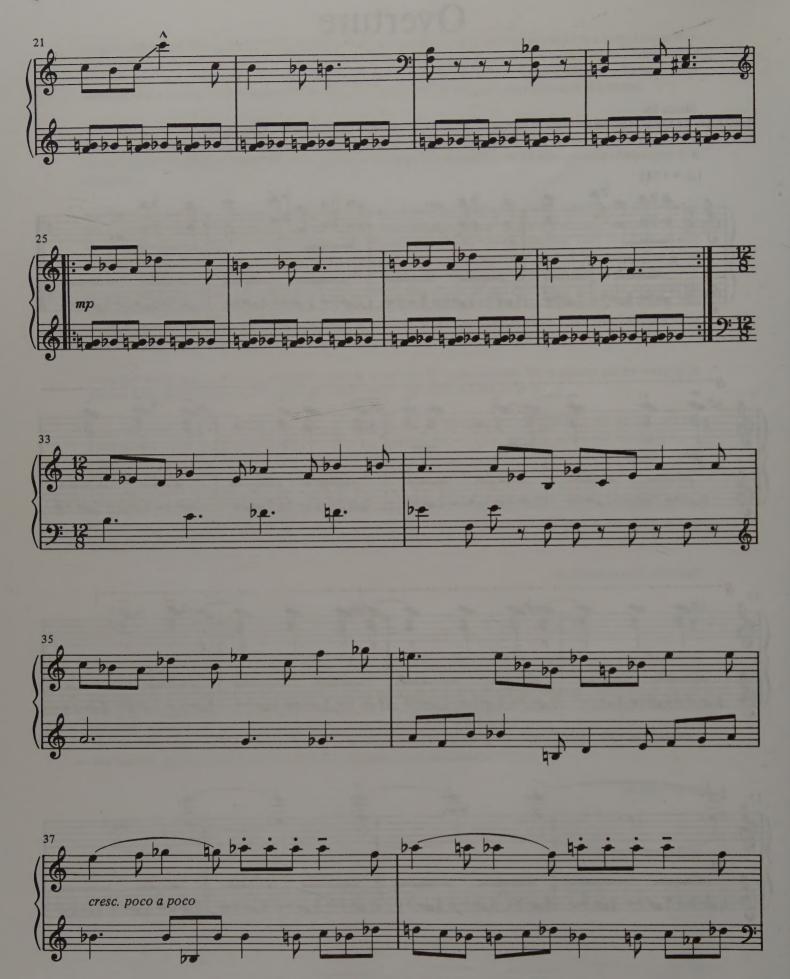
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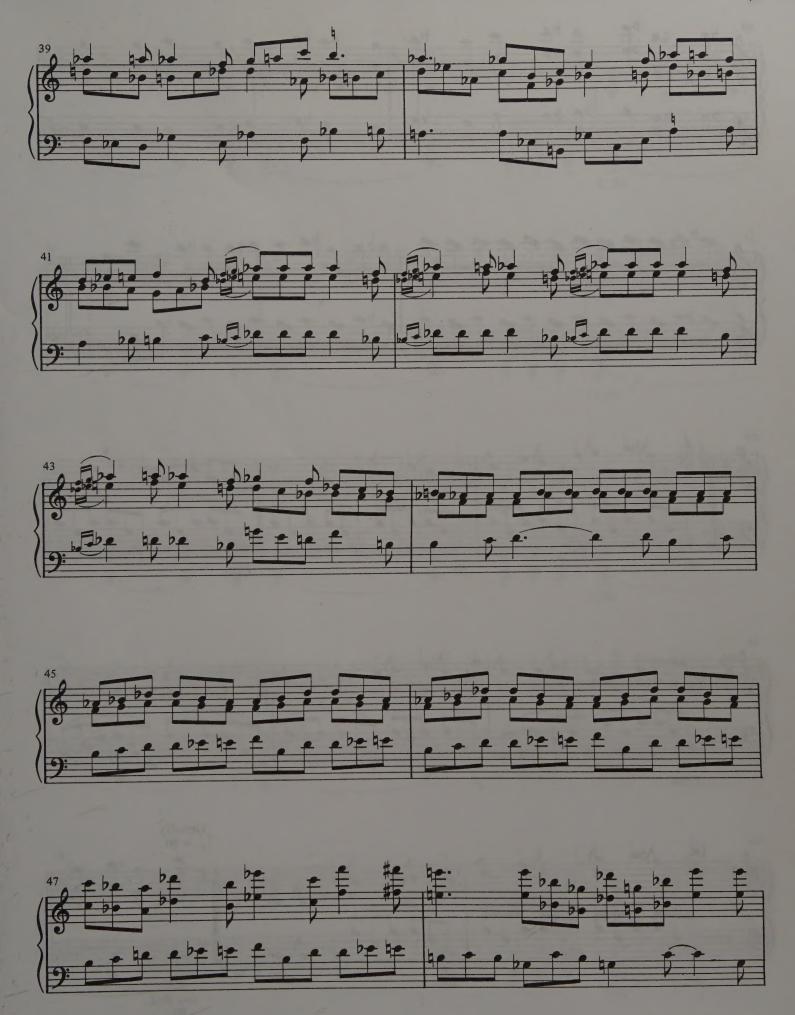


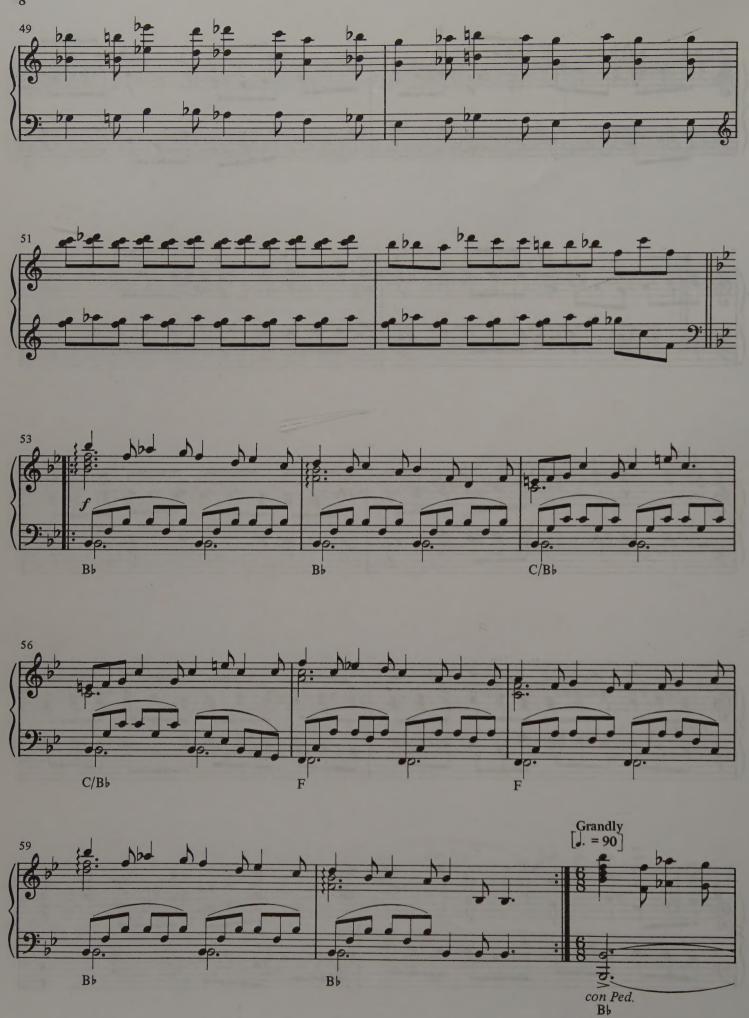


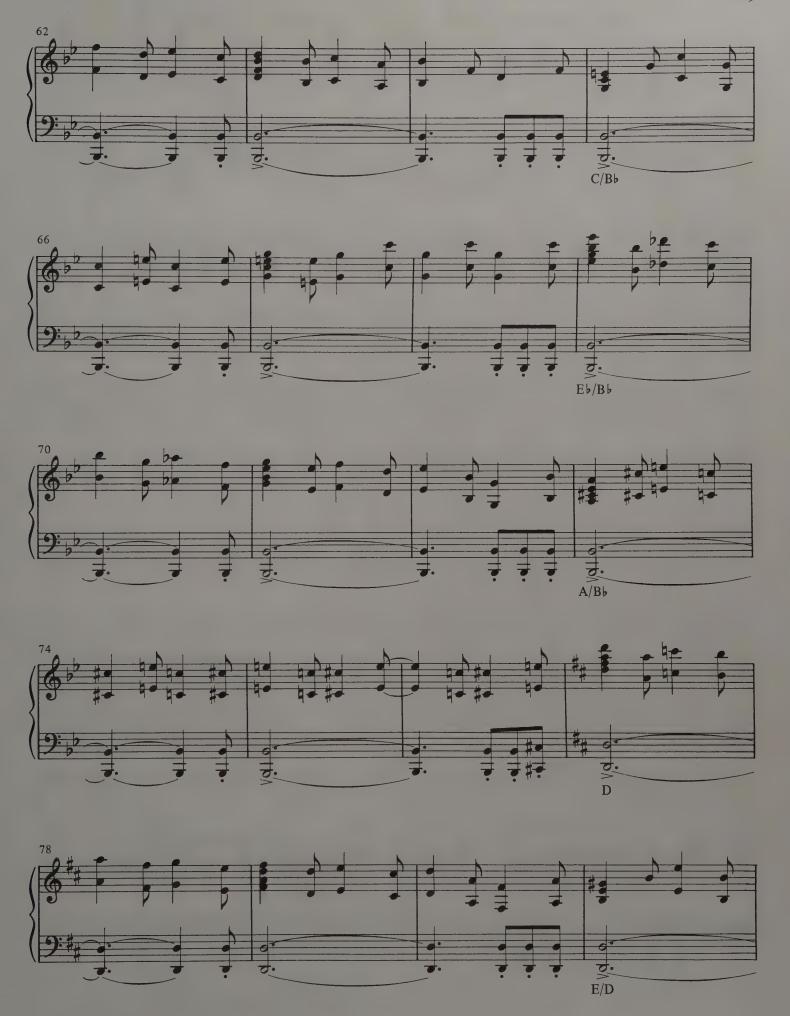


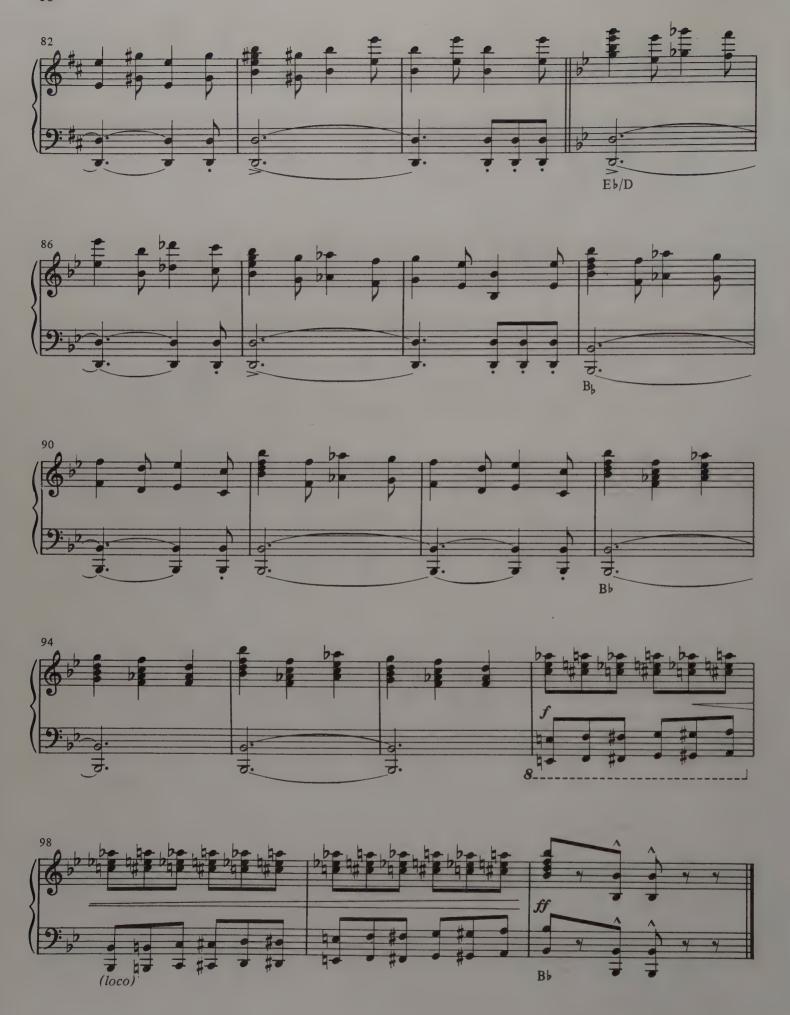




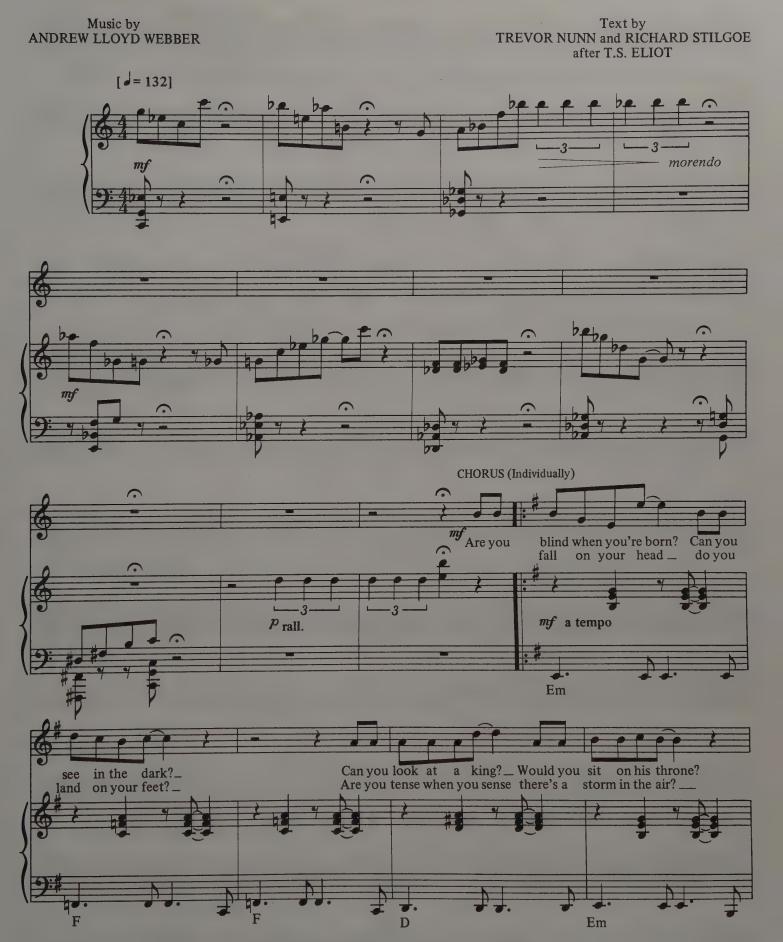








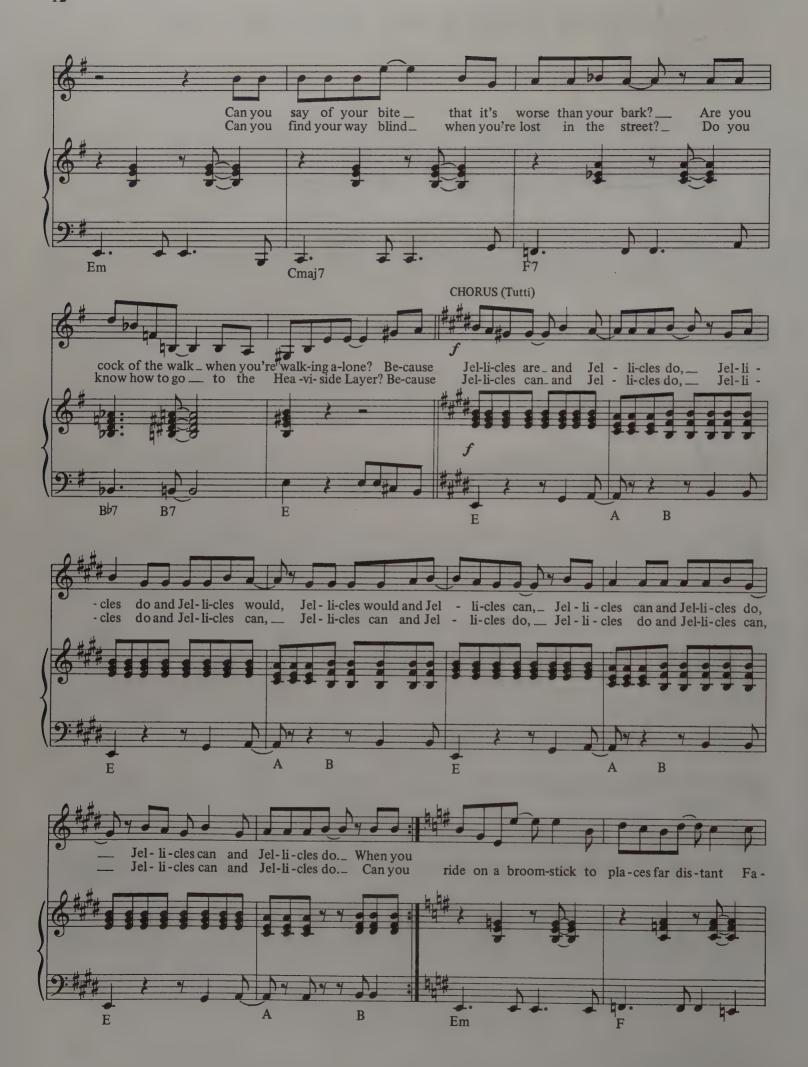
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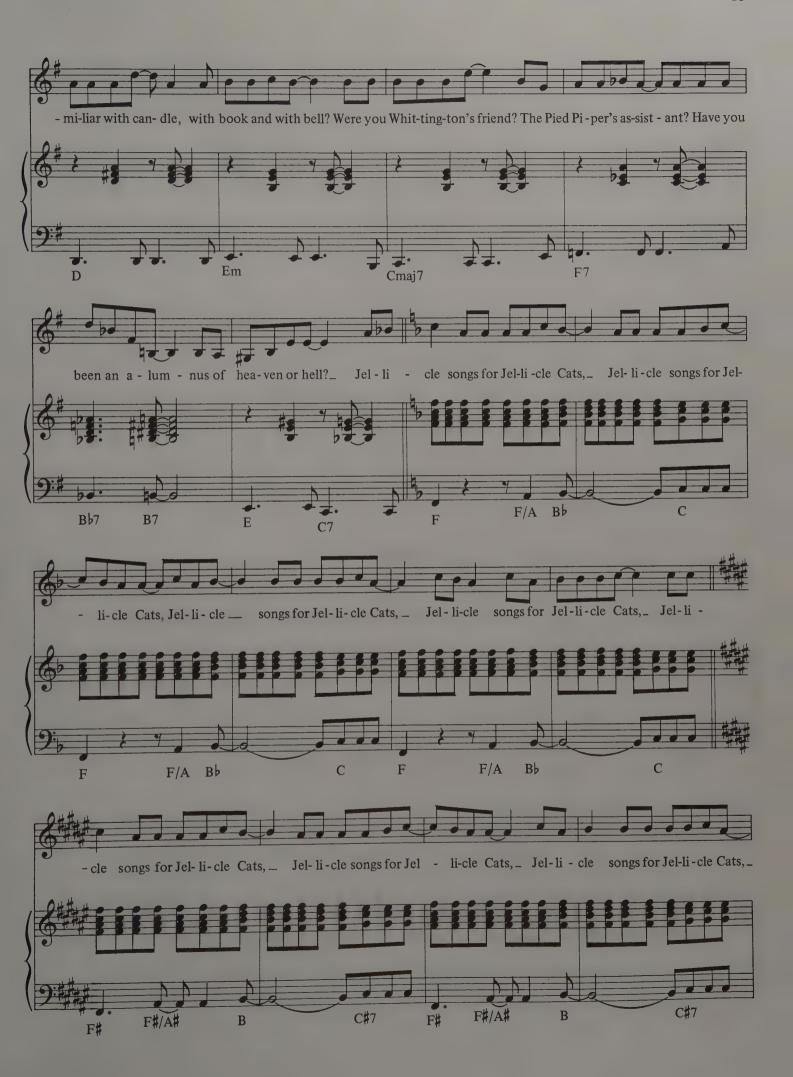


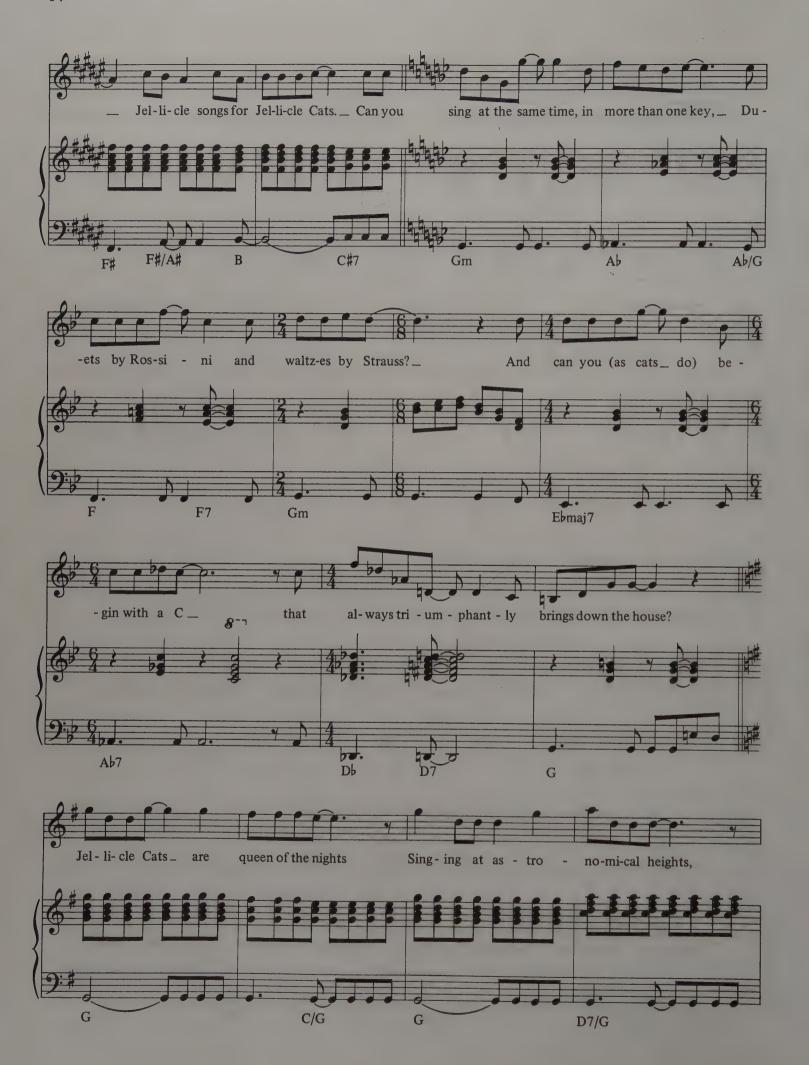
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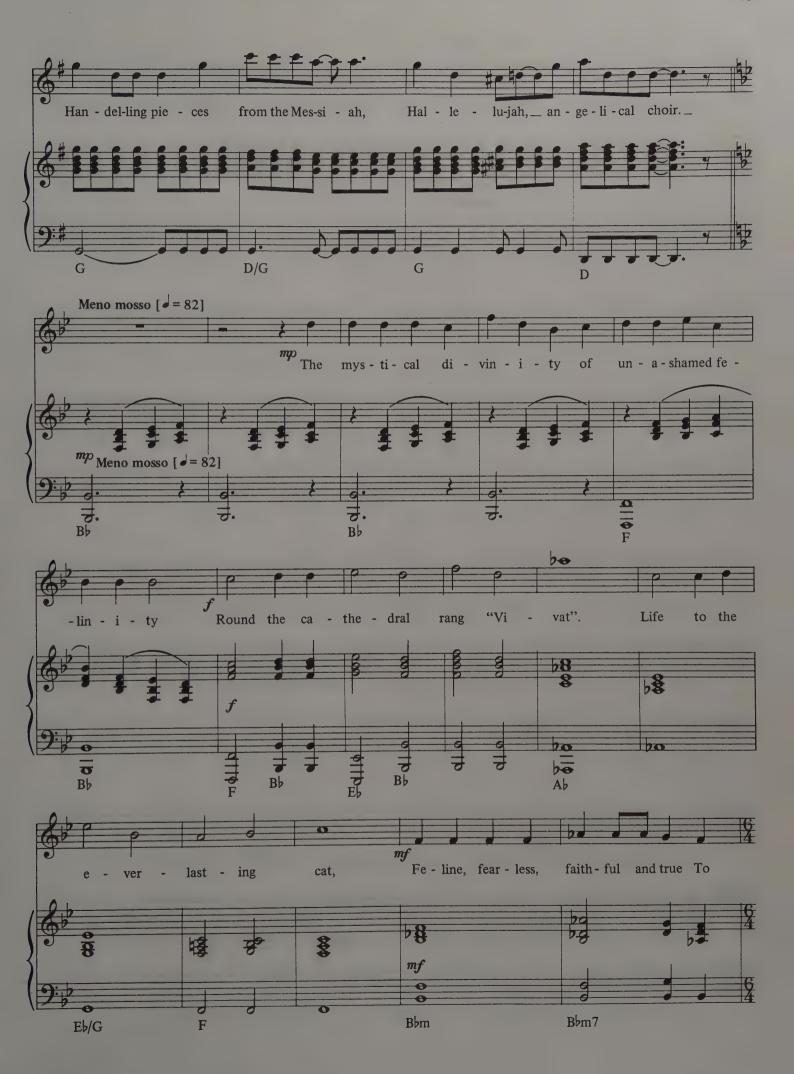
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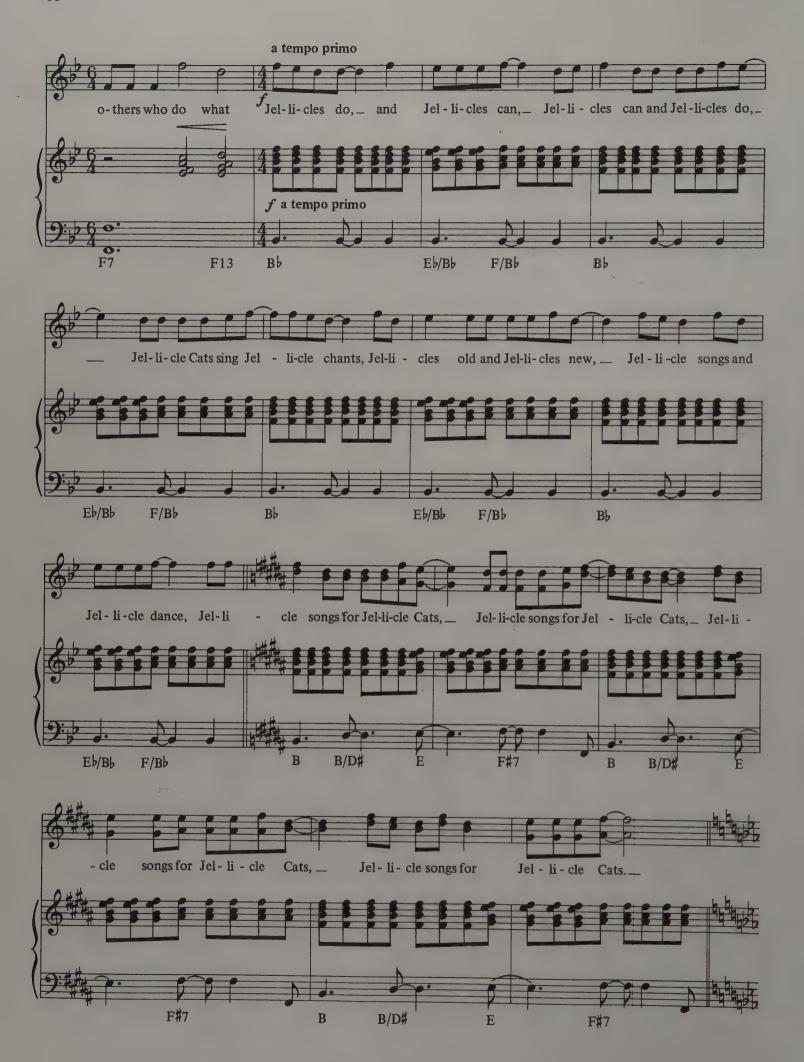
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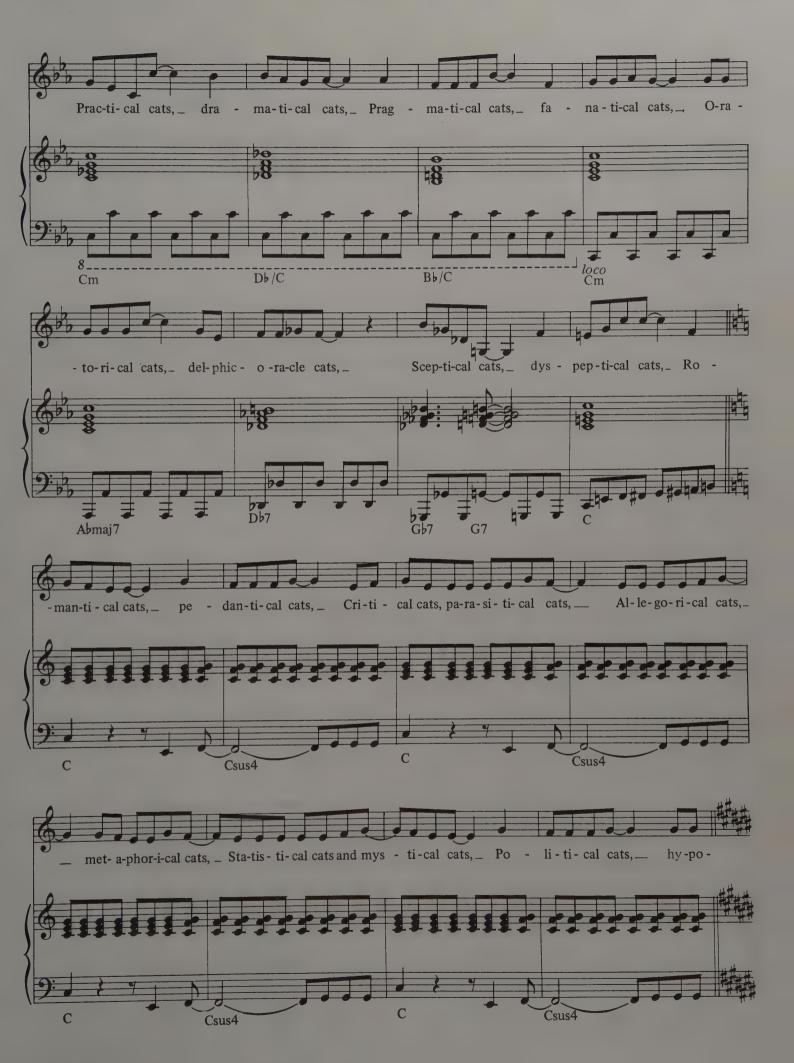


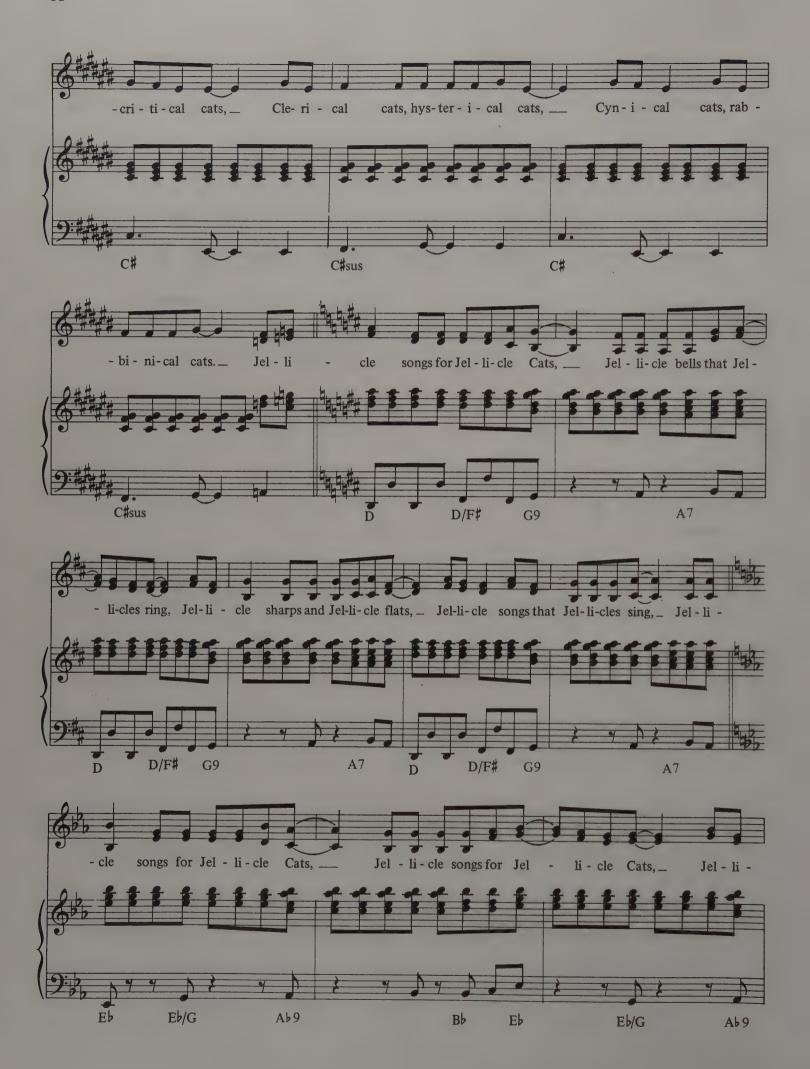


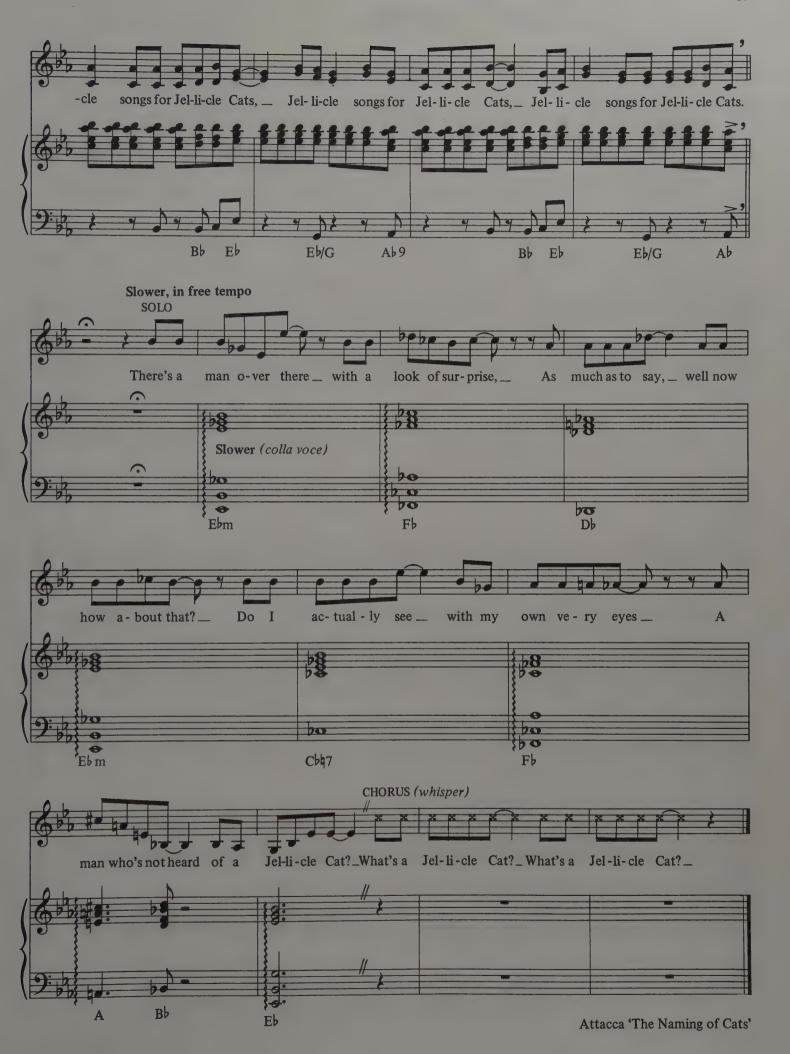








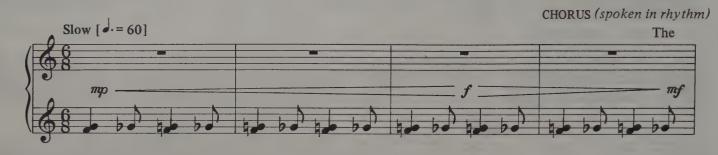




The Naming of Cats

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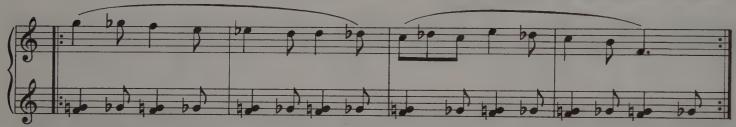
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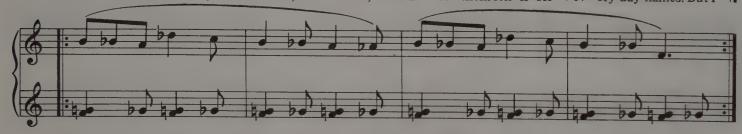
Nam-ing of Cats is a dif - fi-cult mat-ter, It is - n't just one of your hol-i-day games; You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter When I tell you a cat must have three different names. First of

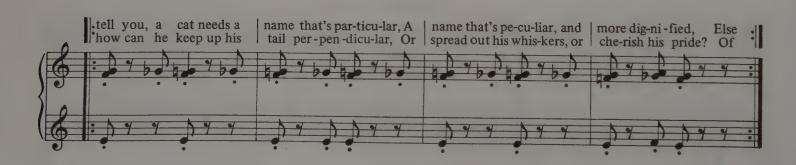


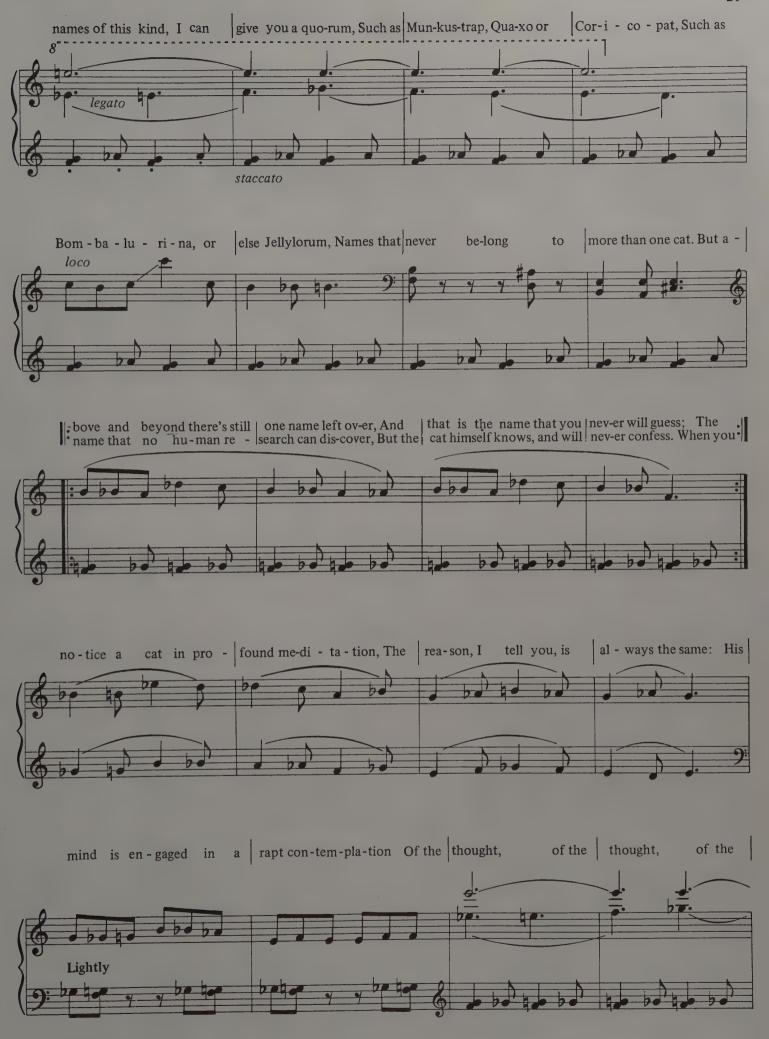
all, there's the name that the George or Bill Bailey, Such as Pet - er, Au - gus-tus, A - lon - zo or James, Such as Vic - tor or Jon - a-than, George or Bill Bailey, All of them sen - si-ble ev-ery-day names. There are



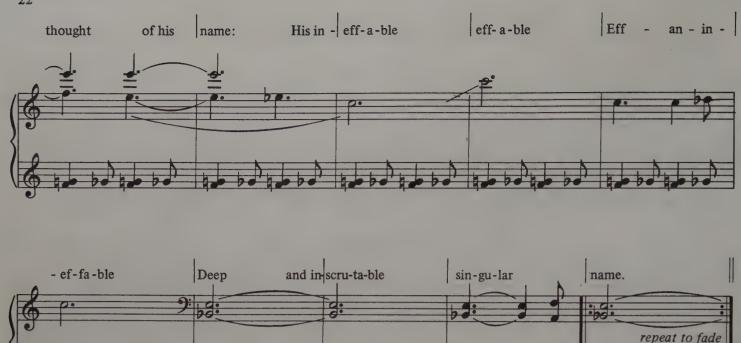
fan - ci - er names if you | think they sound sweeter, | Some for the gen - tle-men, | some for the dames: Such as | lec-tra, De-me-ter, But | all of them sen-si-ble | ev-ery-day names. But I











The Invitation to the Jellicle Ball

Jellicle Cats come out tonight, Jellicle Cats come one come all: The Jellicle Moon is shining bright — Jellicles come to the Jellicle Ball.

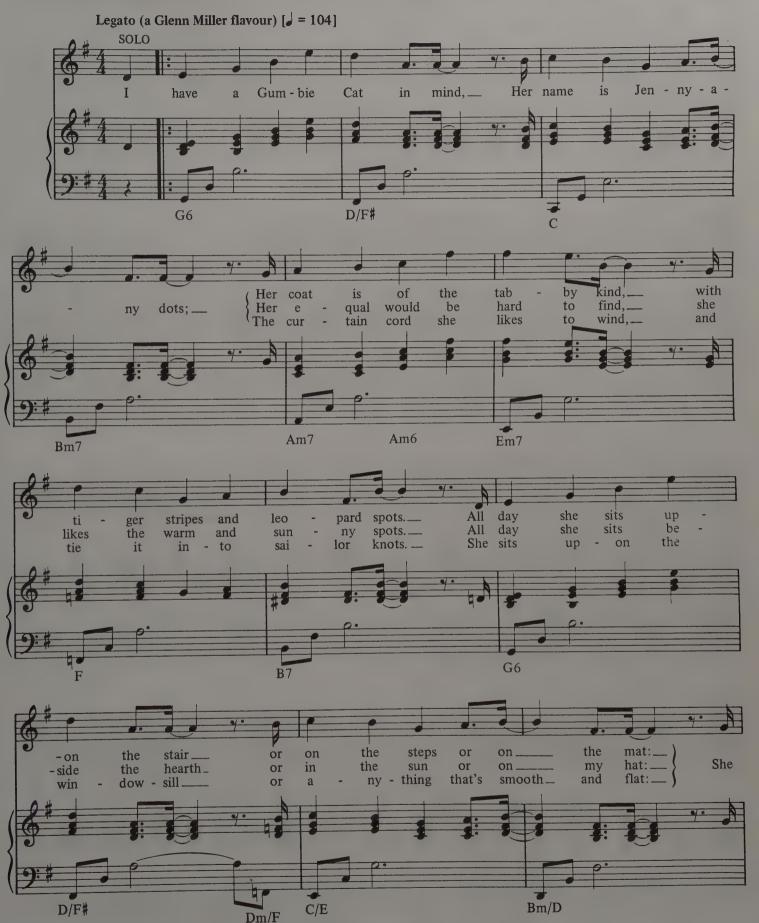
Jellicle Cats meet once a year At the Jellicle Ball where we all rejoice, And the Jellicle leader will soon appear And make what is known as the Jellicle choice — When Old Deuteronomy just before dawn, Through a silence you feel you can cut with a knife, Announces the cat who can now be reborn And come back to a different Jellicle life.

For waiting up there is the Heaviside Layer, Full of wonders one Jellicle only will see, And Jellicles ask, because Jellicles dare: Who will it be? Who will it be?

The Old Gumbie Cat

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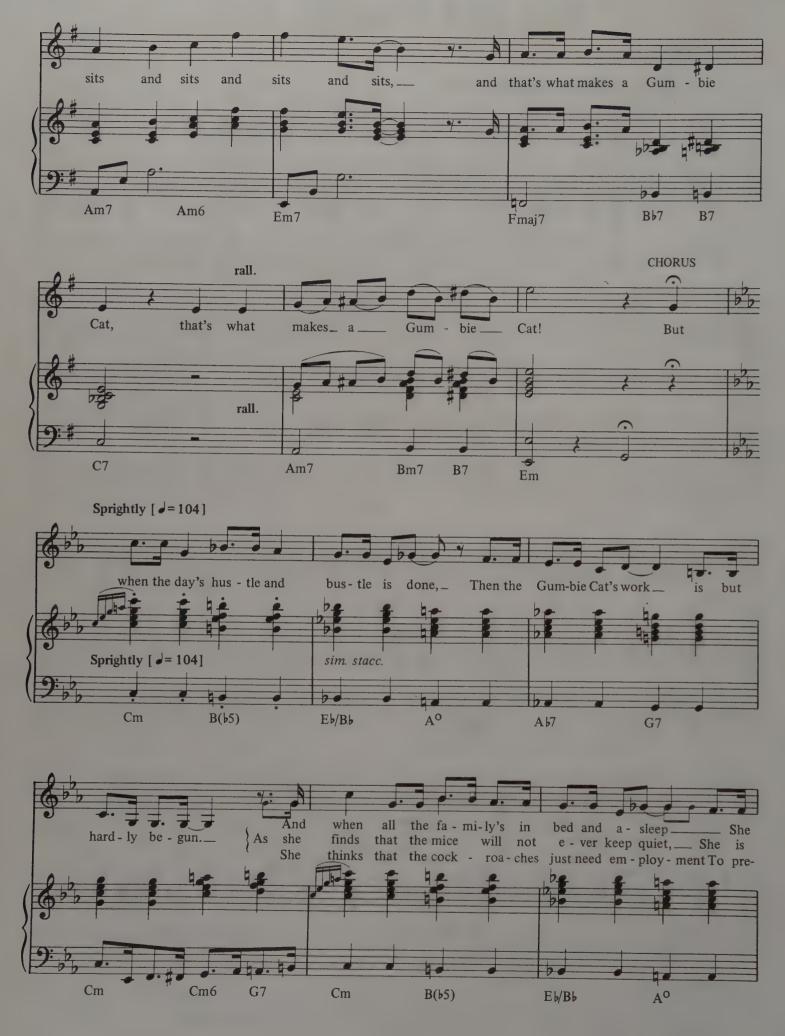
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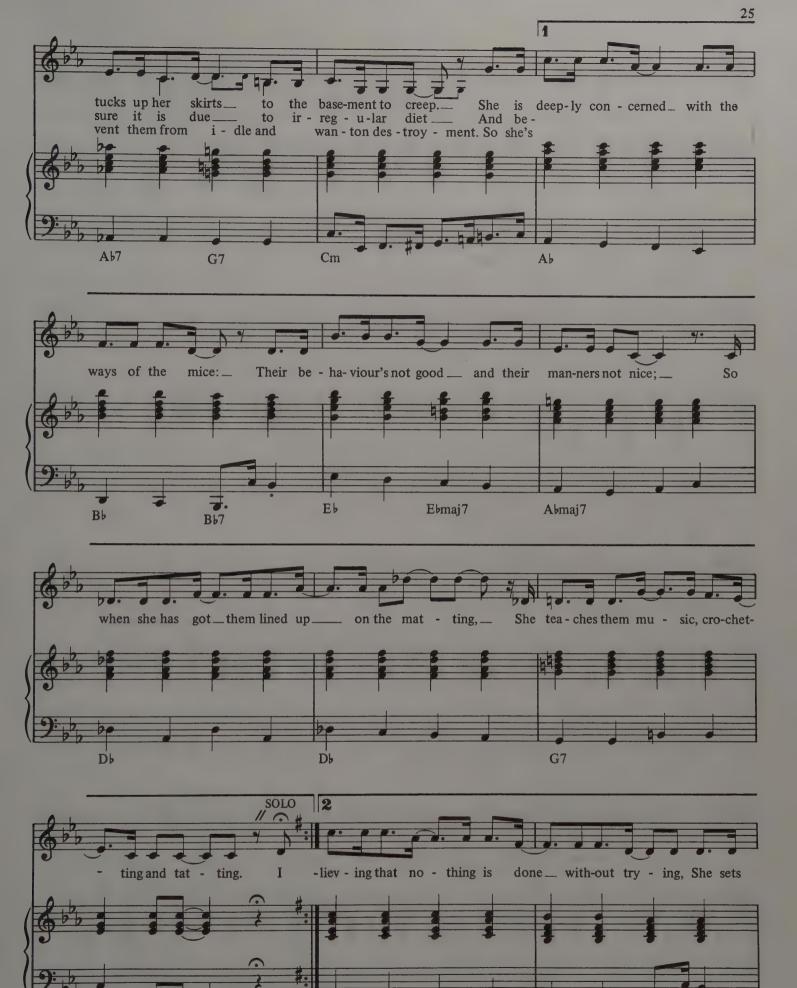


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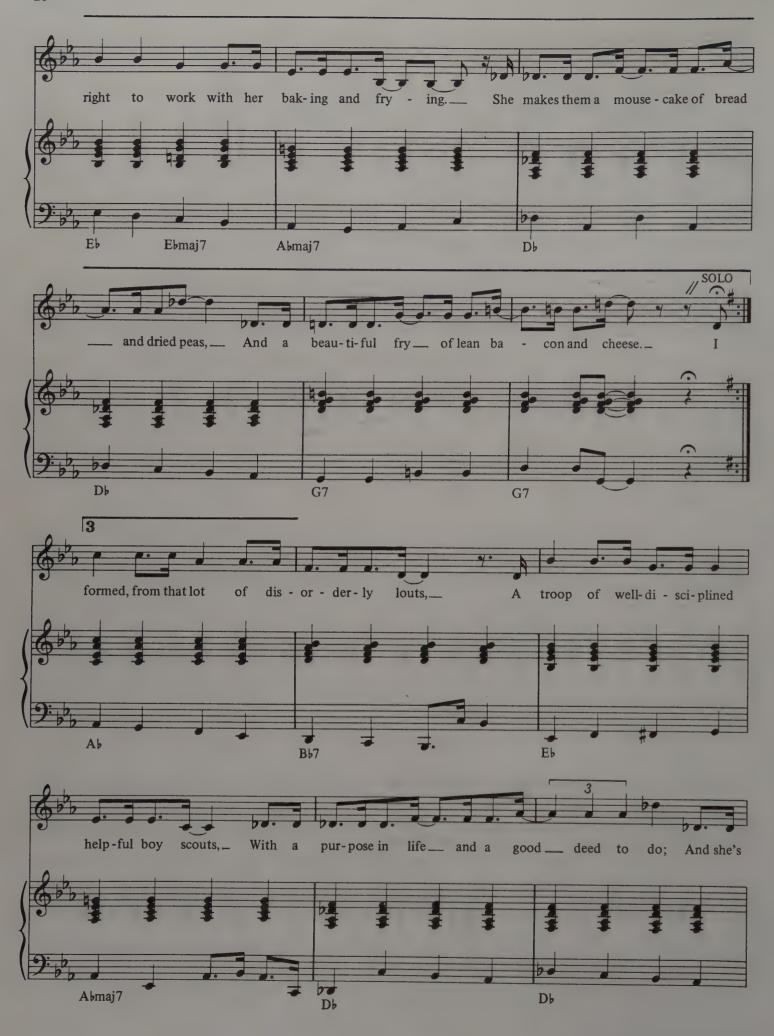


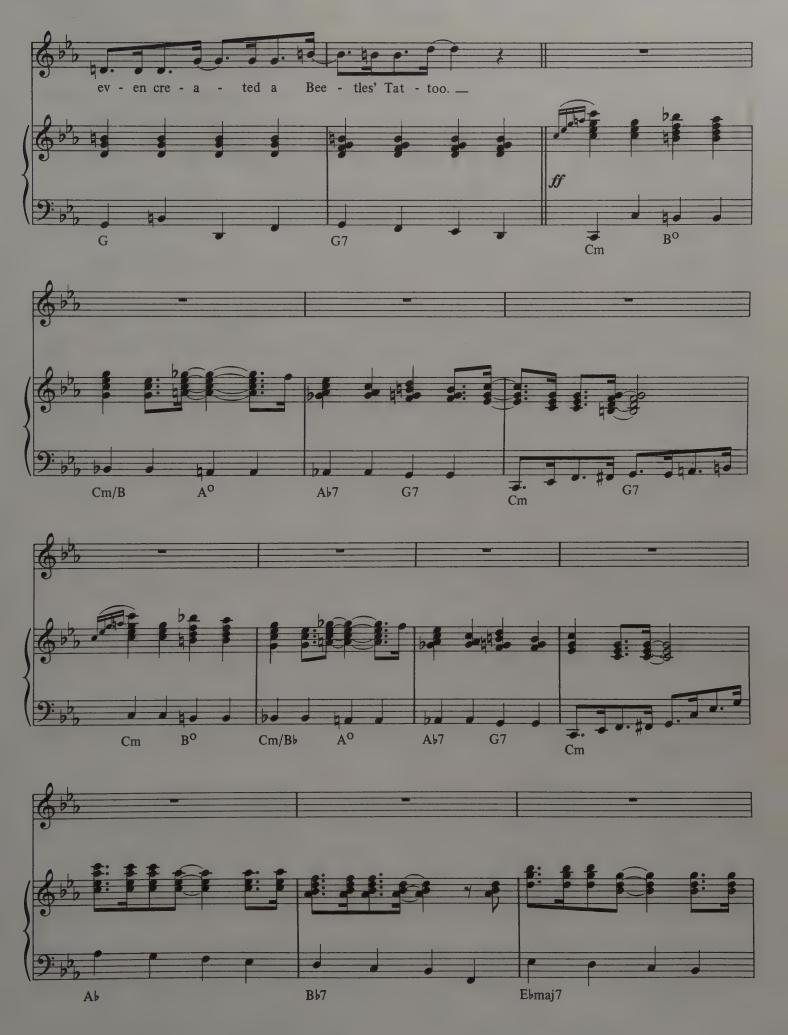


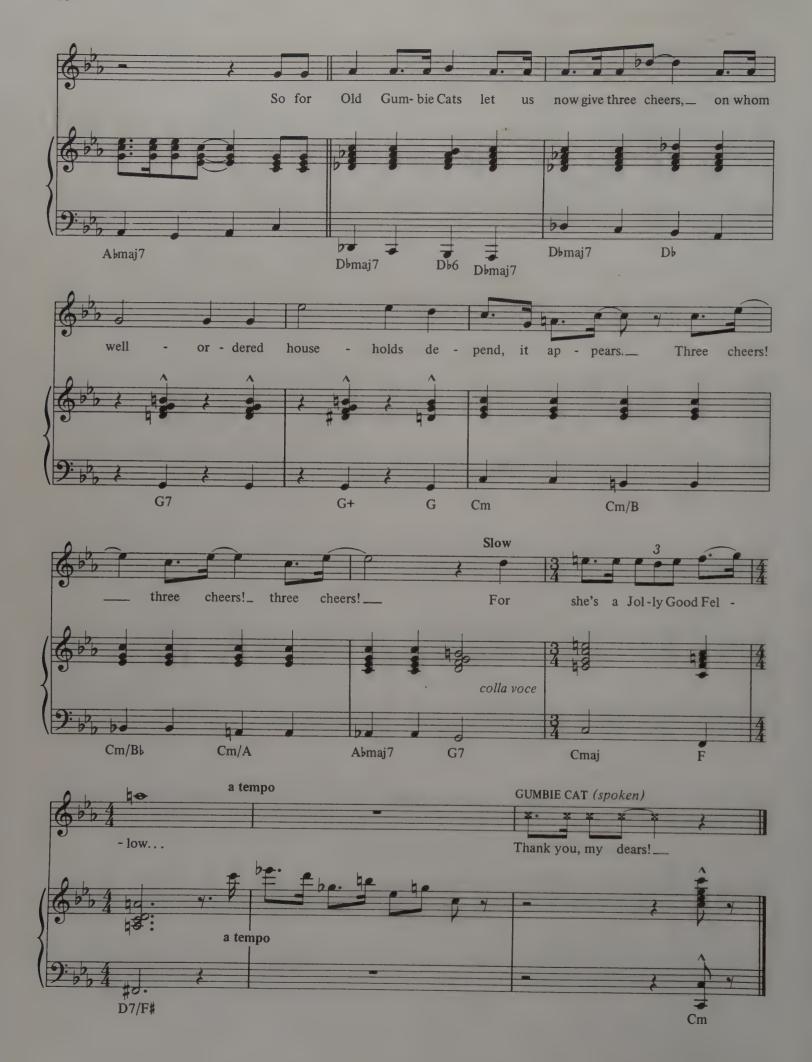
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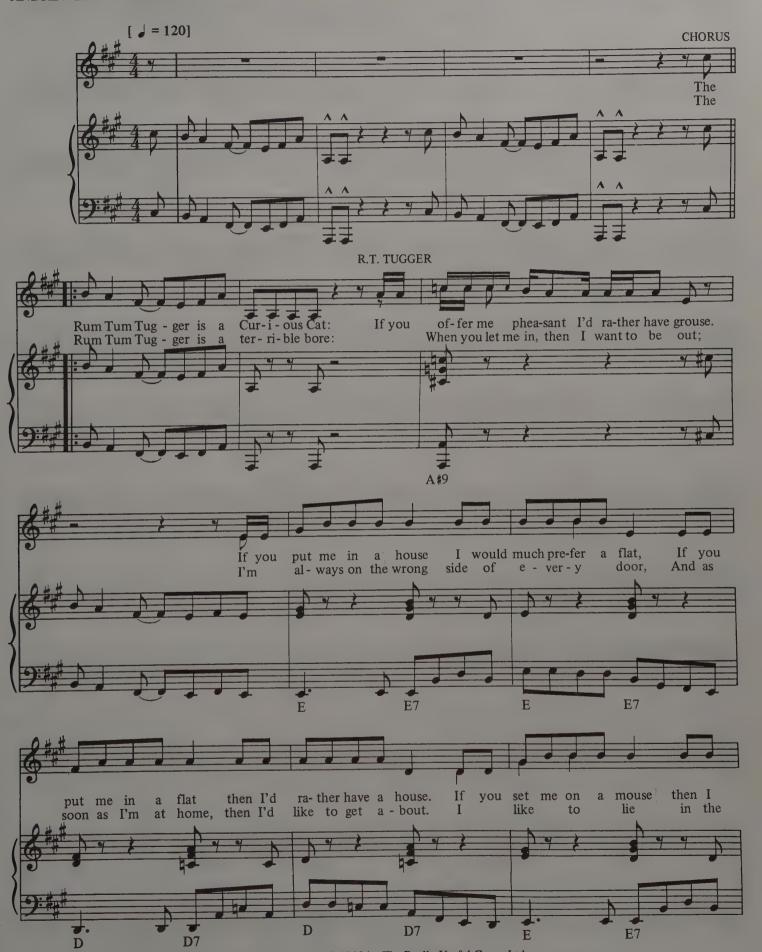




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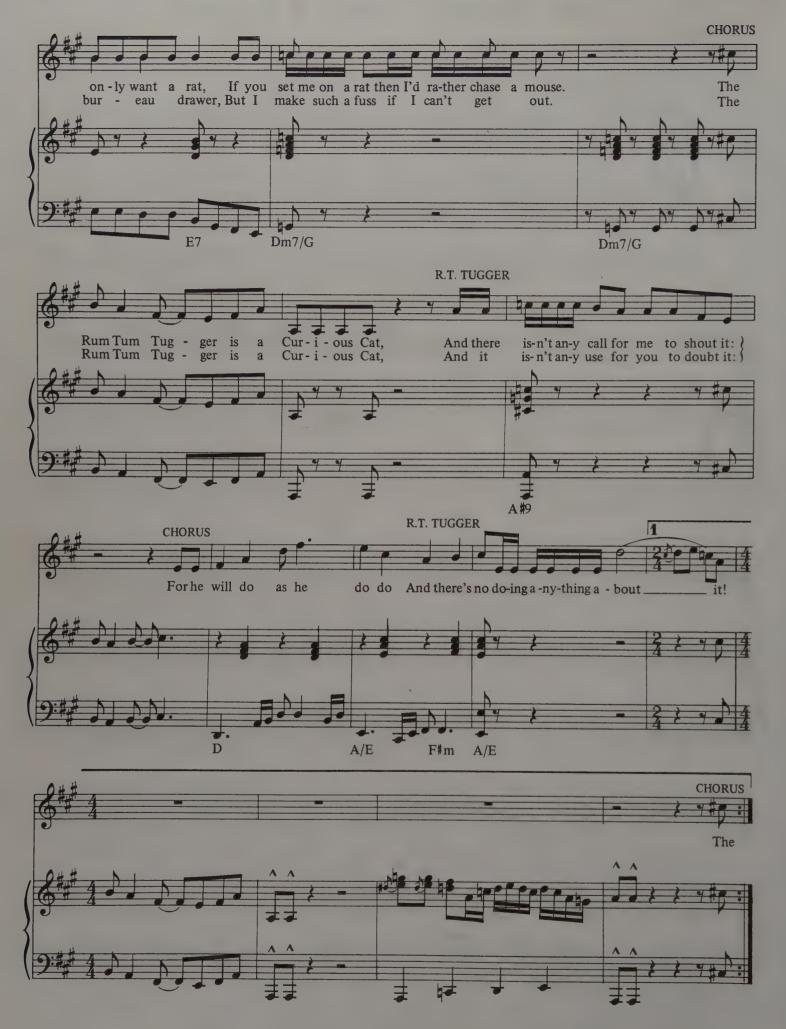
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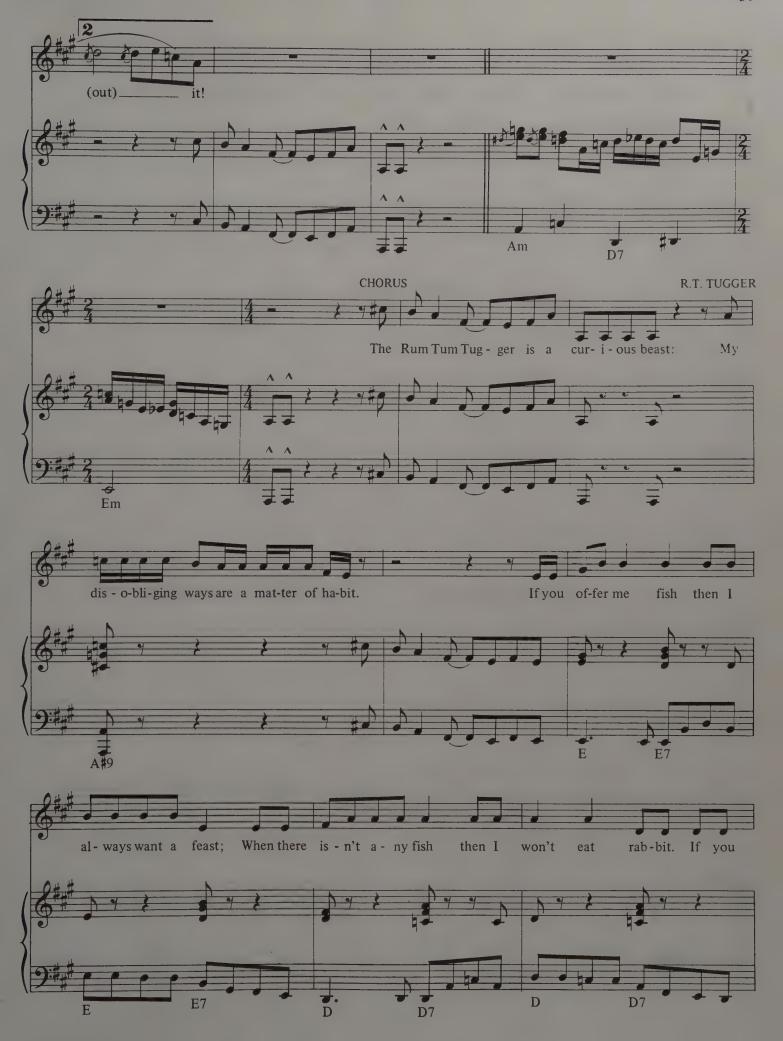


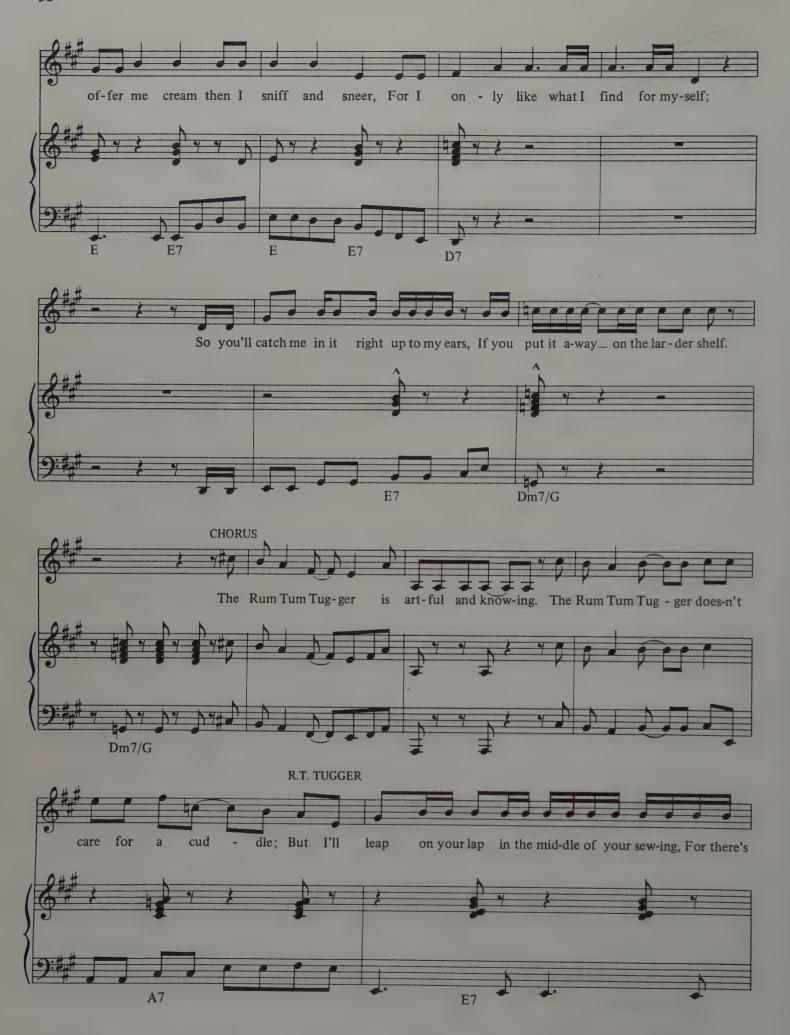
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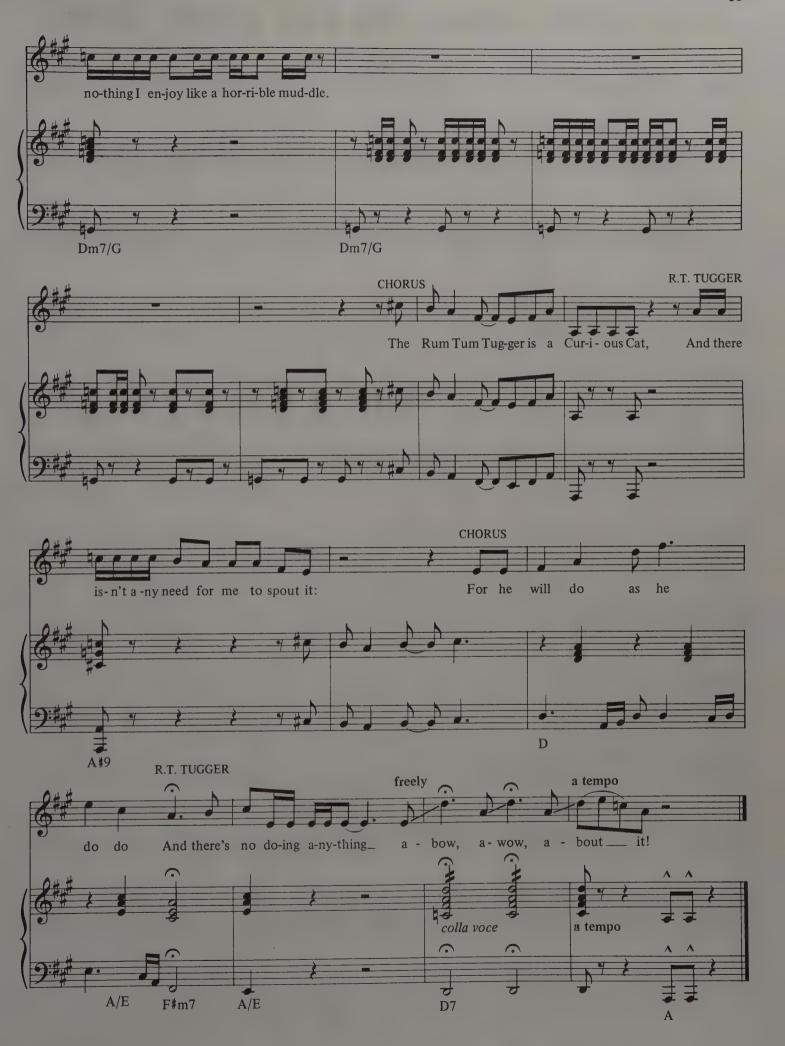
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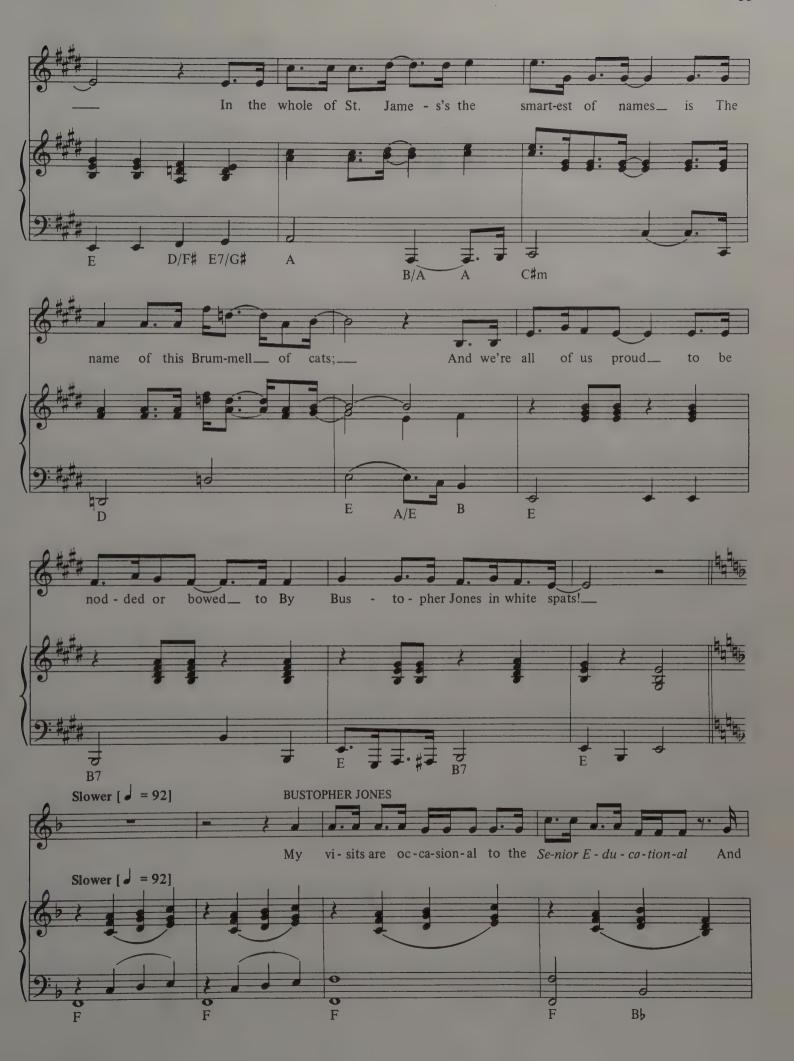
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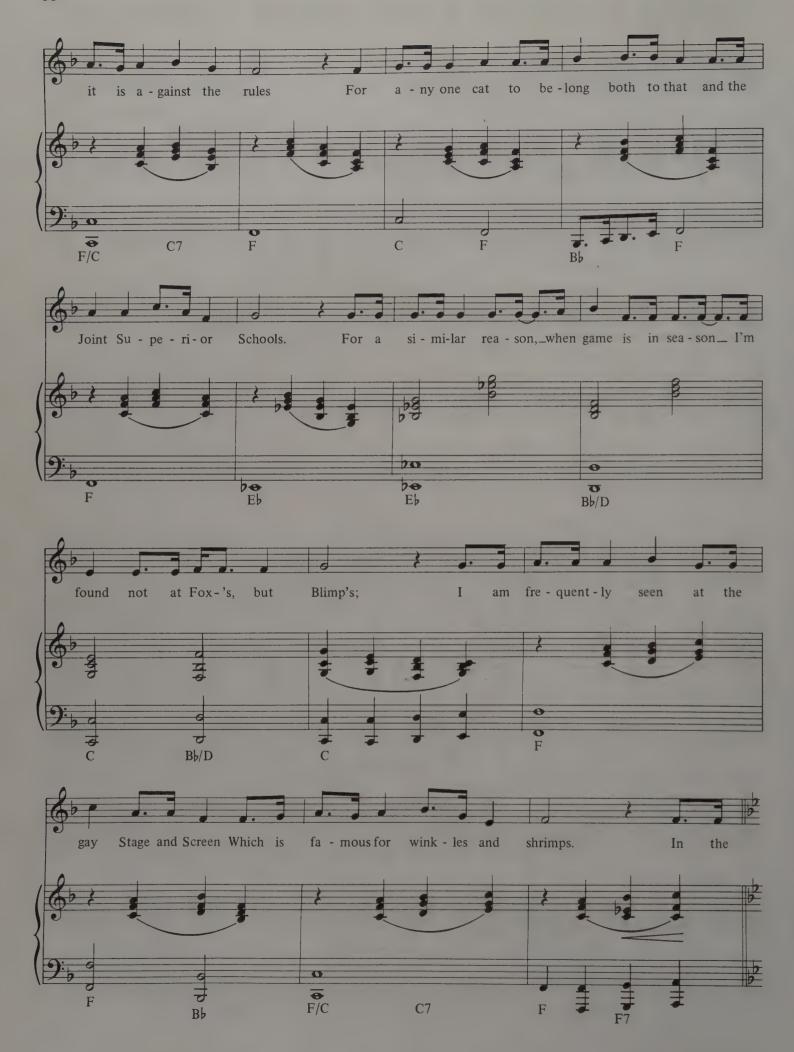
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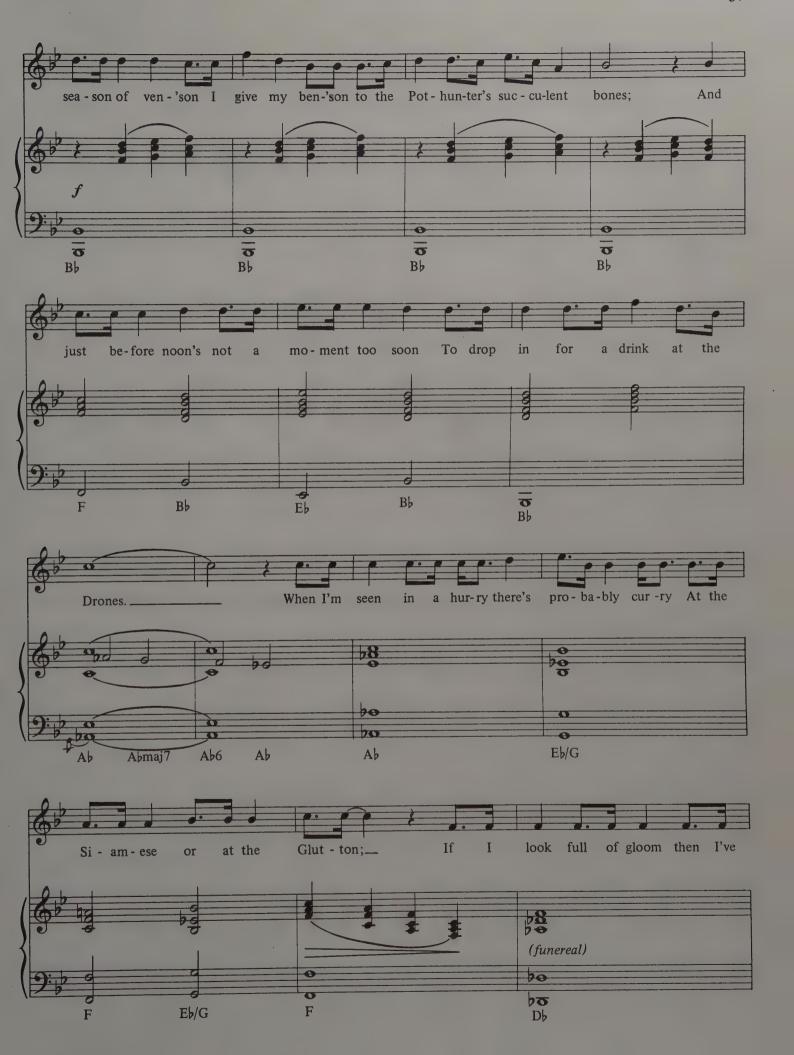
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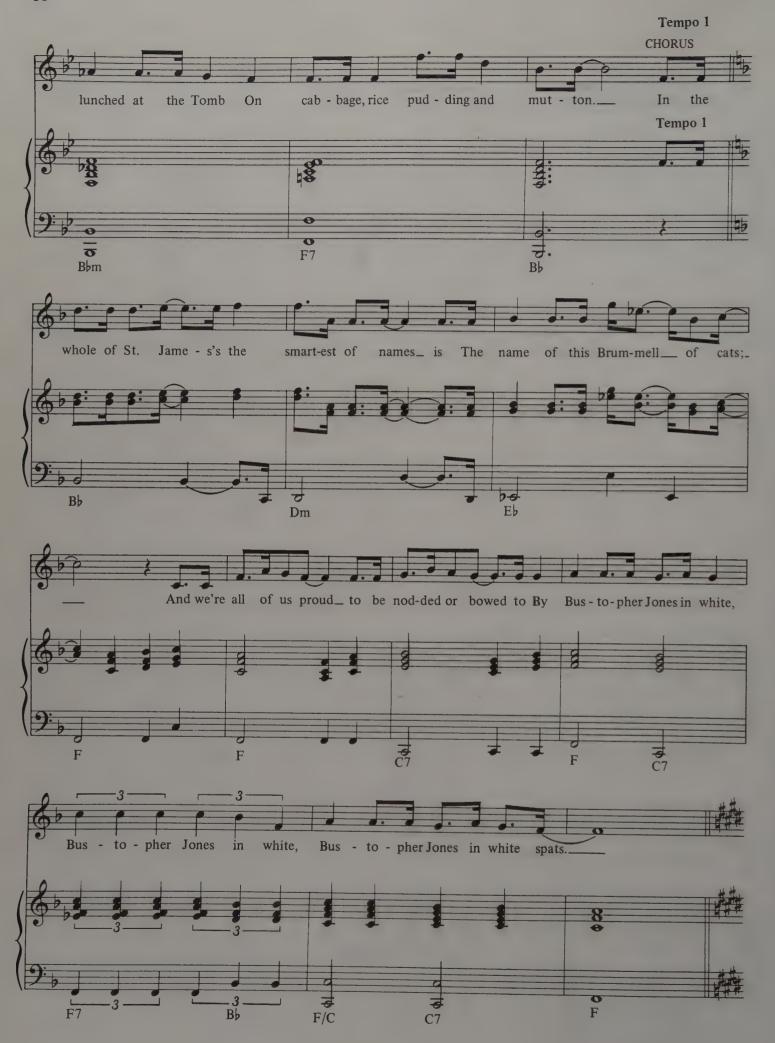
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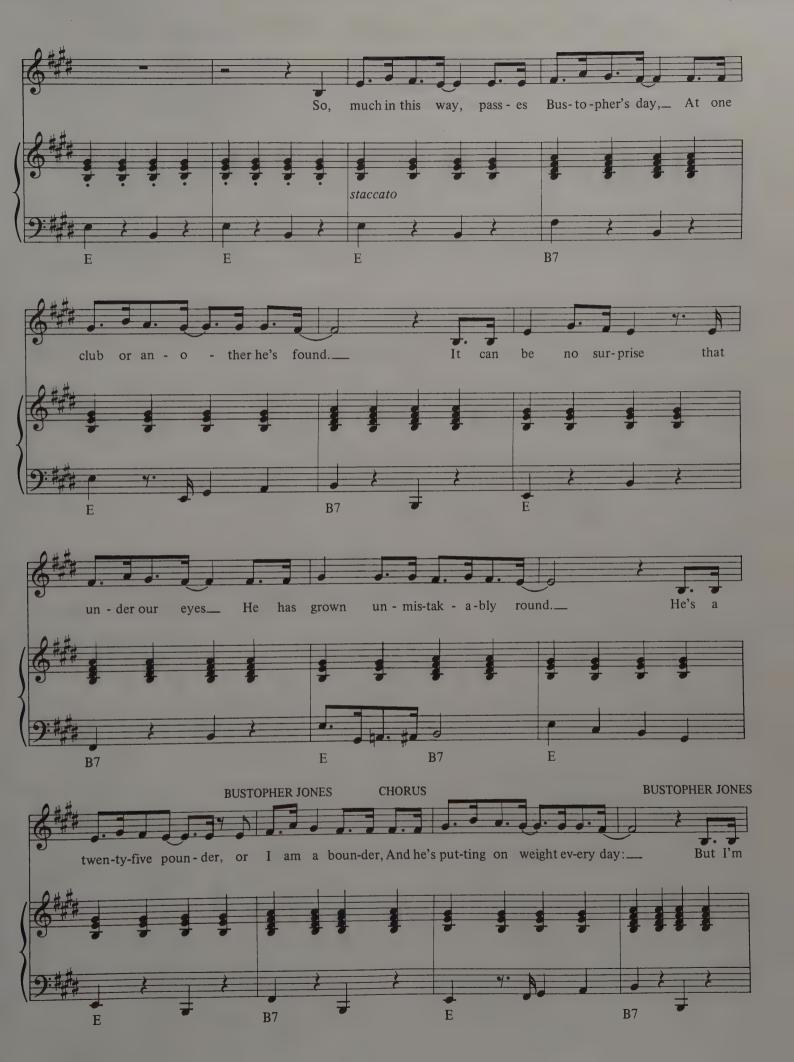
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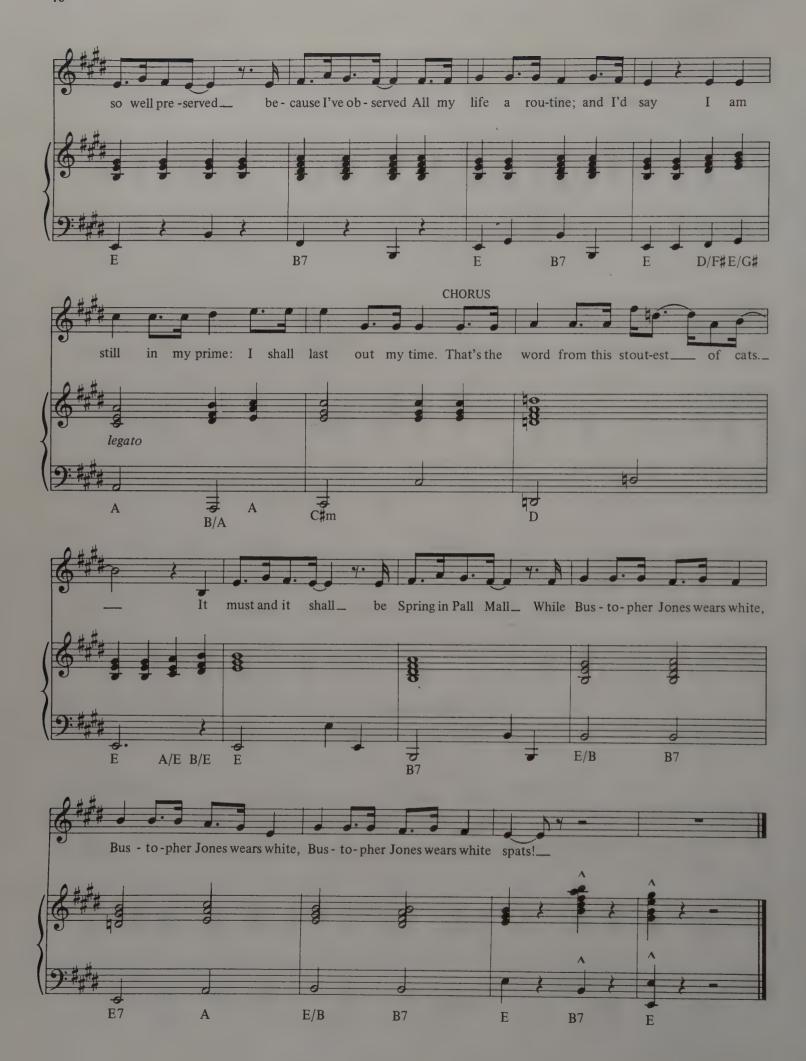




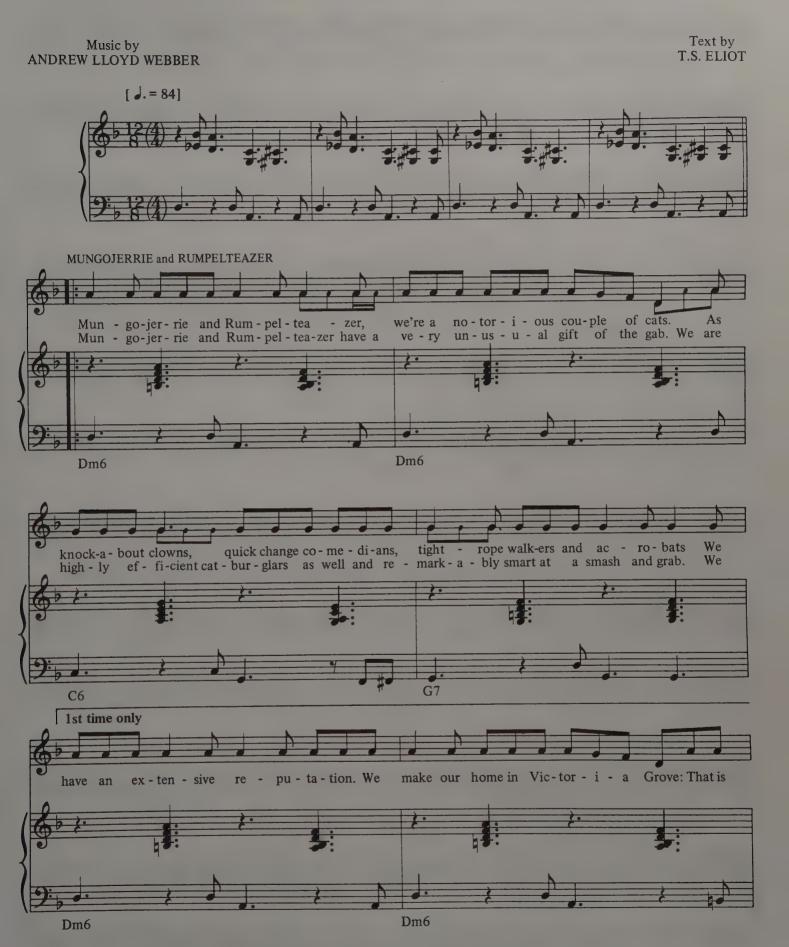








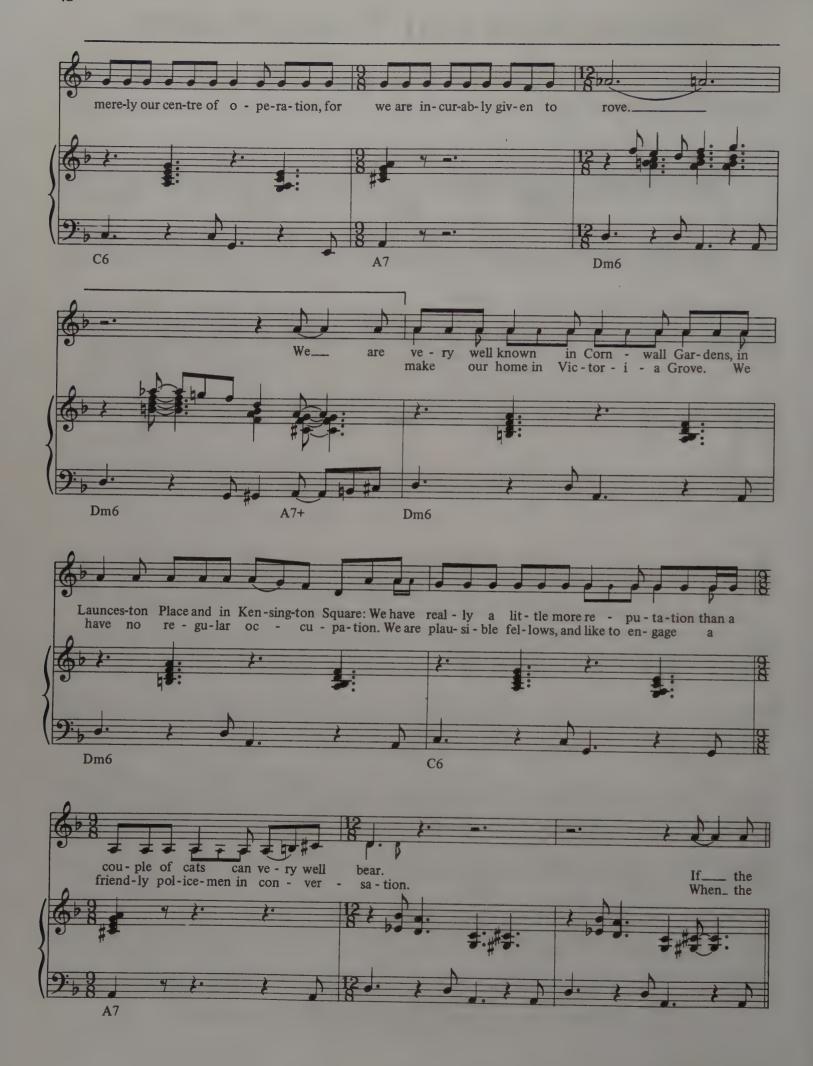
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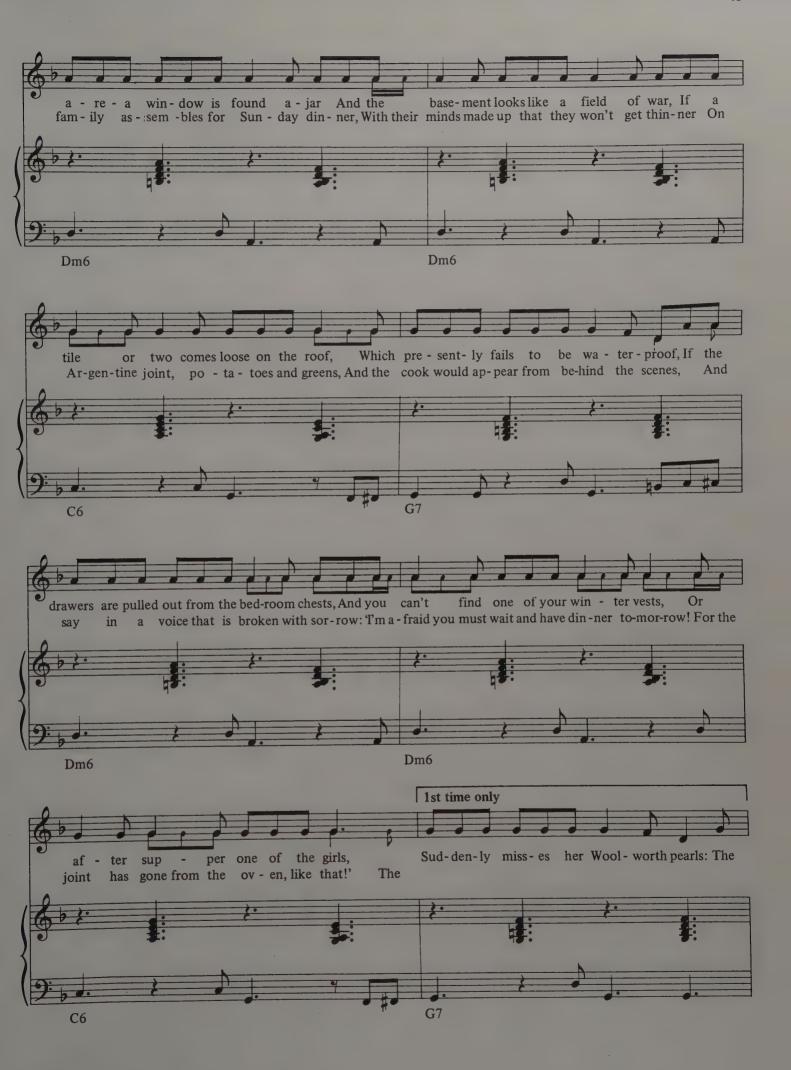


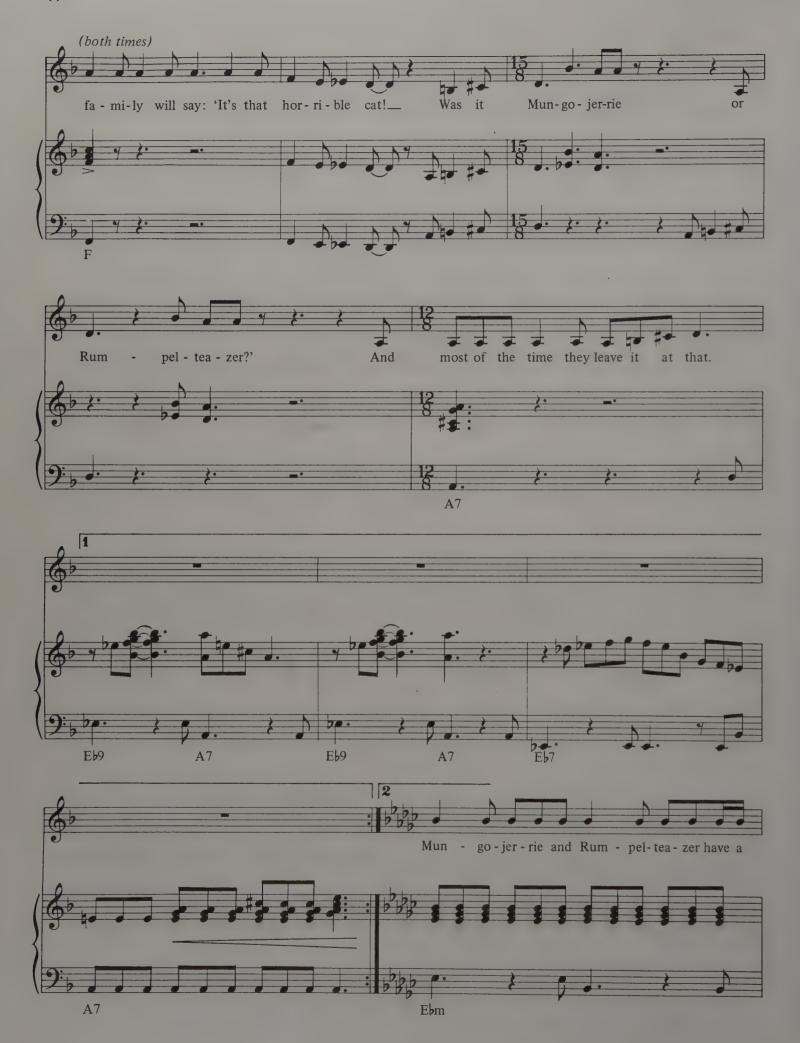
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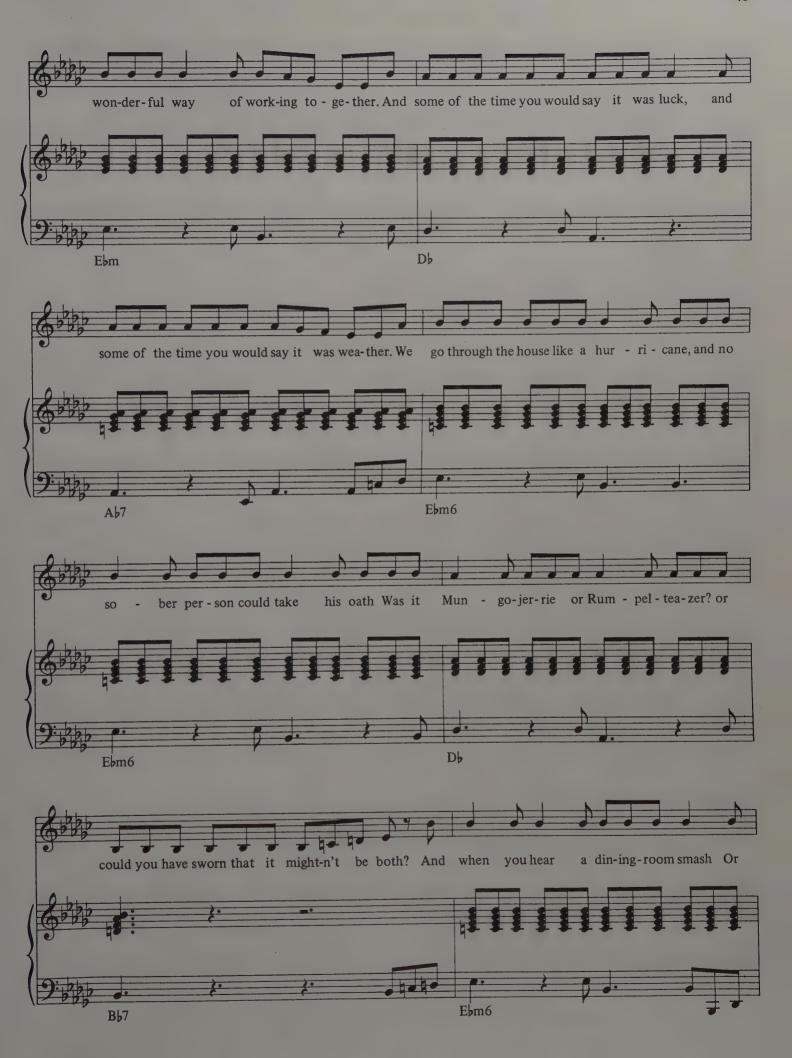
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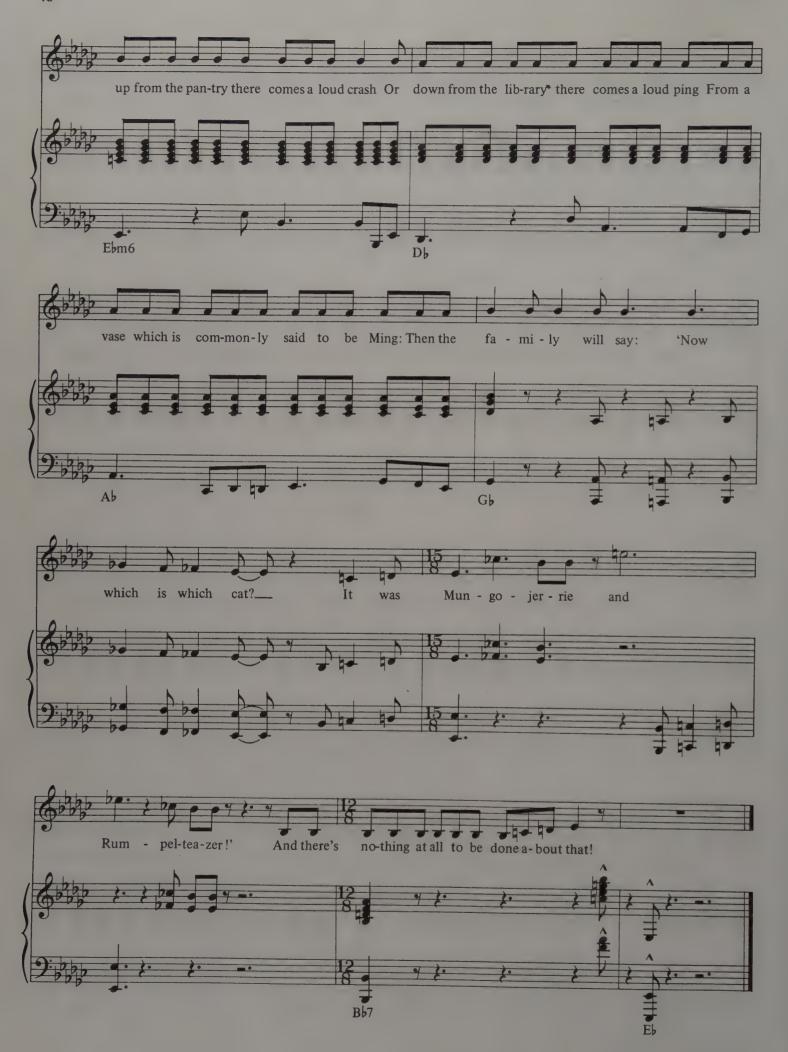
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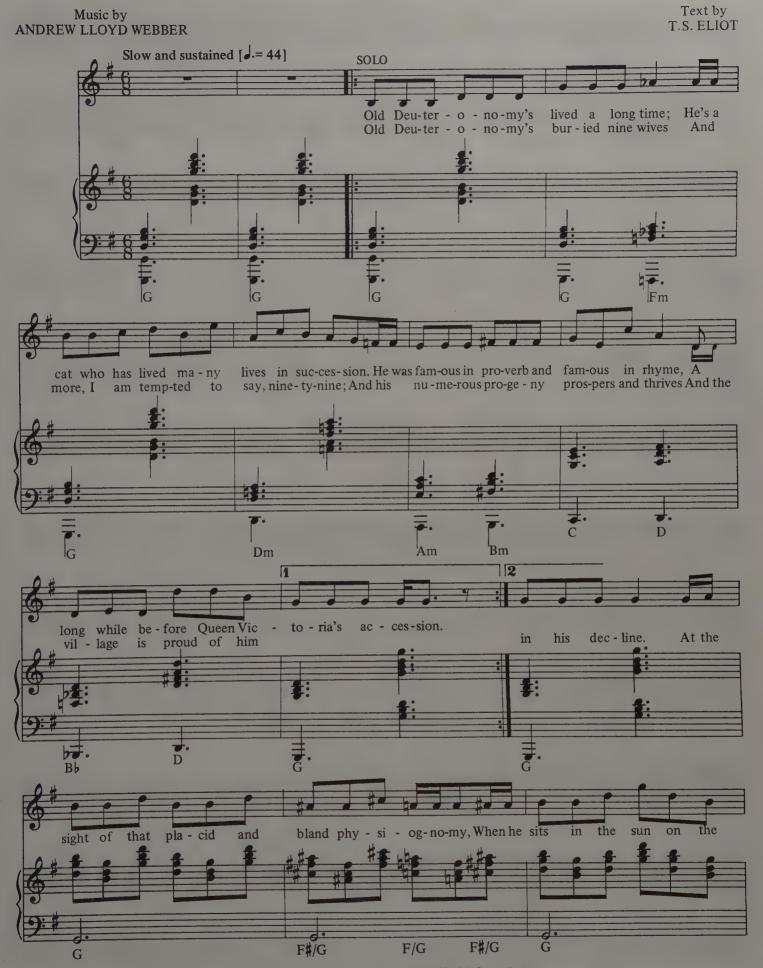








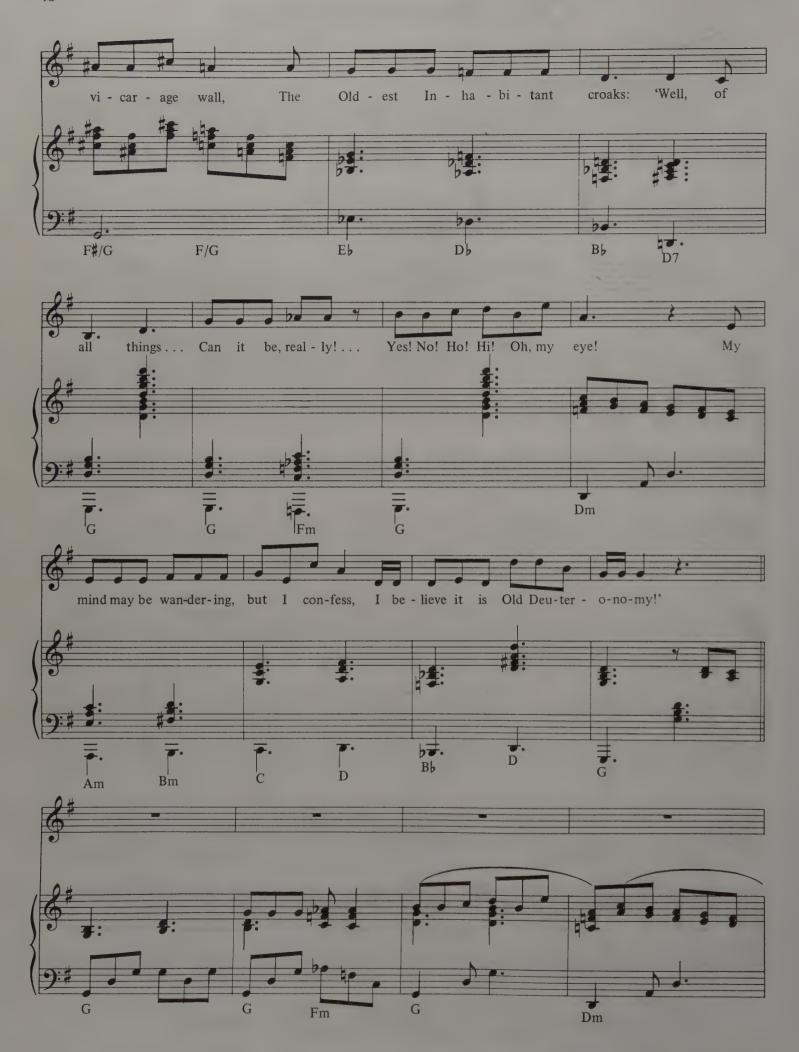
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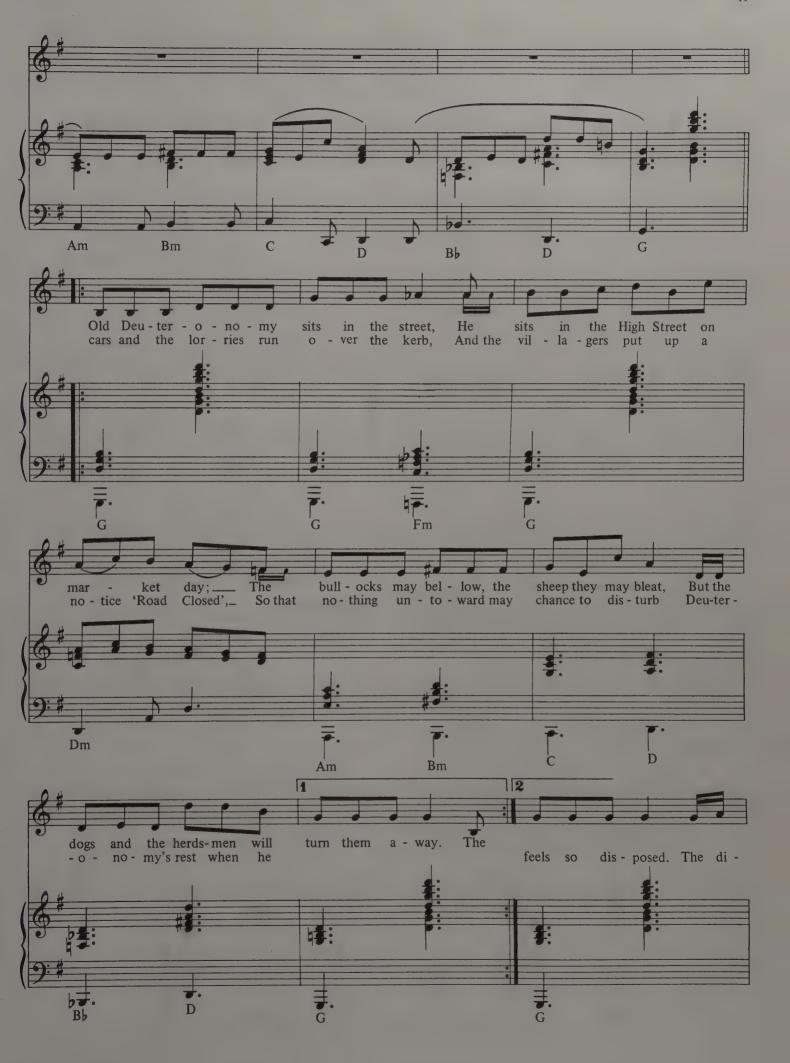


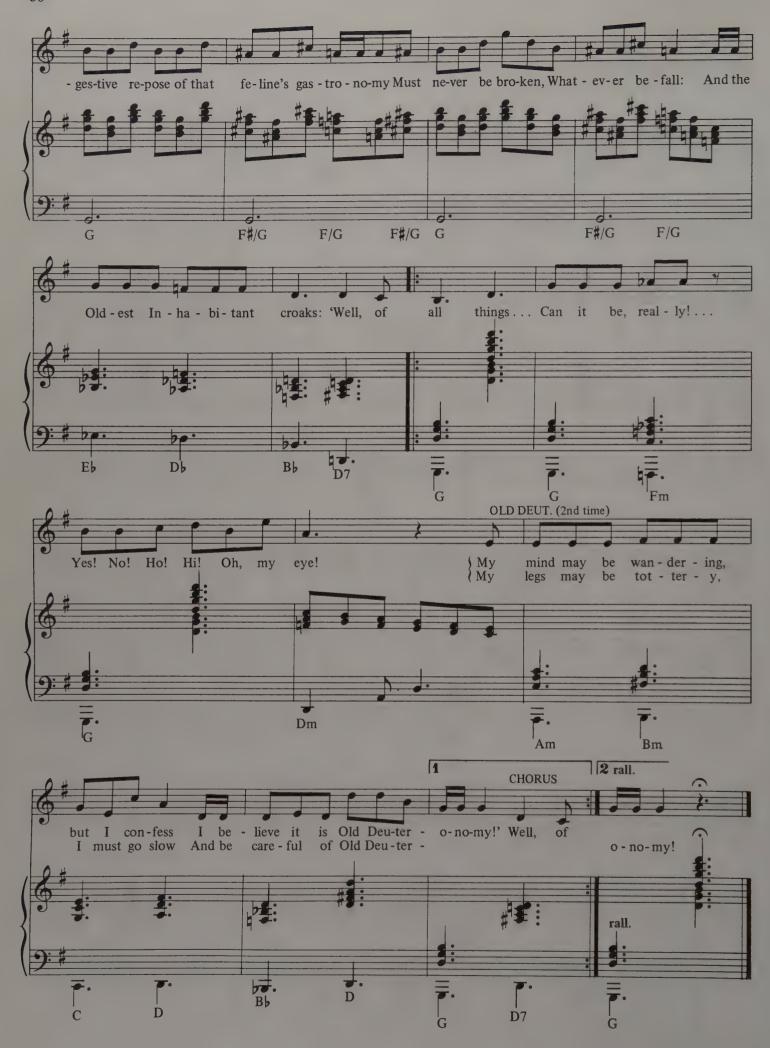
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The Awefull Battle of the Pekes and the Pollicles

OF THE AWEFULL BATTLE
OF THE PEKES AND THE POLLICLES
Together with some Account
of the Participation
of the Pugs and the Poms, and
the Intervention of the Great Rumpuscat

The Pekes and the Pollicles, everyone knows,
Are proud and implacable passionate foes;
It is always the same, wherever one goes.
And the Pugs and the Poms, although most people say
That they do not like fighting, yet once in a way,
They will now and again join in to the fray
And they

Bark bark bark bark
Bark bark BARK BARK
Until you can hear them all over the Park.

Now on the occasion of which I shall speak
Almost nothing had happened for nearly a week
(And that's a long time for a Pol or a Peke).
The big Police Dog was away from his beat —
I don't know the reason, but most people think
He'd slipped into the Wellington Arms for a drink —
And no one at all was about on the street
When a Peke and a Pollicle happened to meet.
They did not advance, or exactly retreat,
But they glared at each other, and scraped their hind feet,
And started to

Bark bark bark bark
Bark bark BARK BARK
Until you could hear them all over the Park.

Now the Peke, although people may say what they please, Is no British Dog, but a Heathen Chinese.

And so all the Pekes, when they heard the uproar,
Some came to the window, some came to the door;
There were surely a dozen, more likely a score.
And together they started to grumble and wheeze
In their huffery-snuffery Heathen Chinese.
But a terrible din is what Pollicles like,
For your Pollicle Dog is a dour Yorkshire tyke.

There are dogs out of every nation,
The Irish, the Welsh and the Dane;
The Russian, the Dutch, the Dalmatian,
And even from China and Spain;
The Poodle, the Pom, the Alsatian
And the mastiff who walks on a chain.
And to those that are frisky and frollical
Let my meaning be perfectly plain:
That my name it is Little Tom Pollicle —
And you'd better not do it again.

And his braw Scottish cousins are snappers and biters, And every dog-jack of them notable fighters; And so they stepped out, with their pipers in order, Playing When the Blue Bonnets Came Over the Border. Then the Pugs and the Poms held no longer aloof, But some from the balcony, some from the roof, Joined in To the din With a

Bark bark bark bark
Bark bark BARK BARK
Until you could hear them all over the Park.

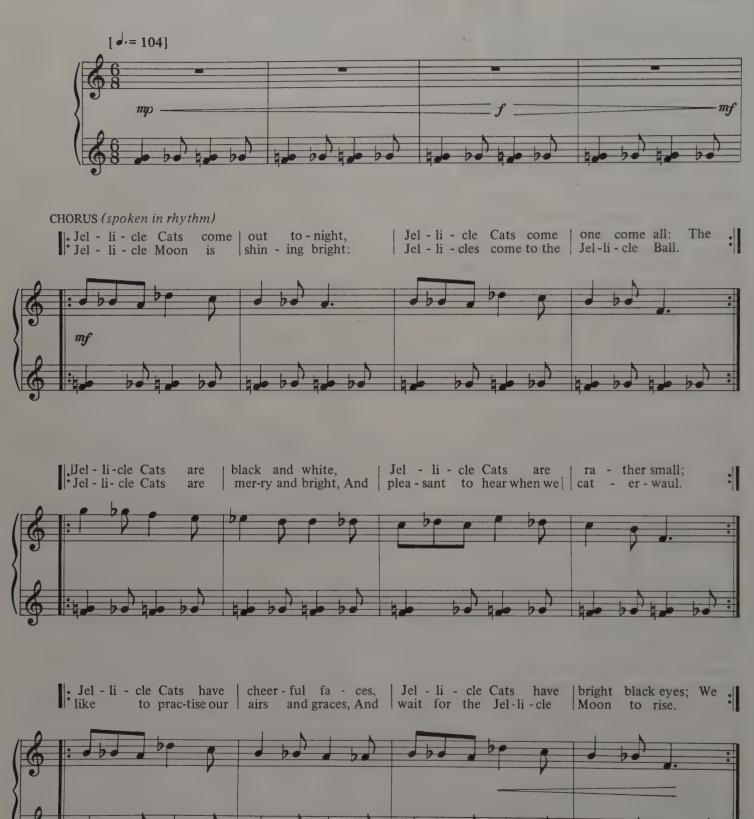
Now when these bold heroes together assembled,
The traffic all stopped, and the Underground trembled,
And some of the neighbours were so much afraid
That they started to ring up the Fire Brigade.
When suddenly, up from a small basement flat,
Why who should stalk out but the GREAT RUMPUSCAT.
His eyes were like fireballs fearfully blazing,
He gave a great yawn, and his jaws were amazing;
And when he looked out through the bars of the area,
You never saw anything fiercer or hairier.
And what with the glare of his eyes and his yawning,
The Pekes and the Pollicles quickly took warning.
He looked at the sky and he gave a great leap —
And they every last one of them scattered like sheep.

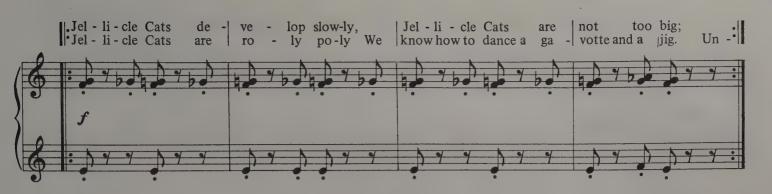
And when the Police Dog returned to his beat, There wasn't a single one left in the street.

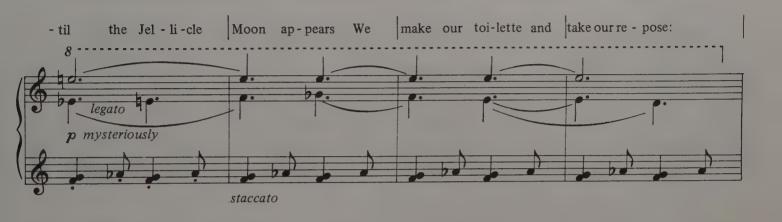
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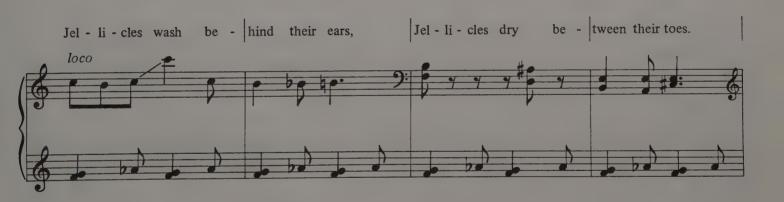
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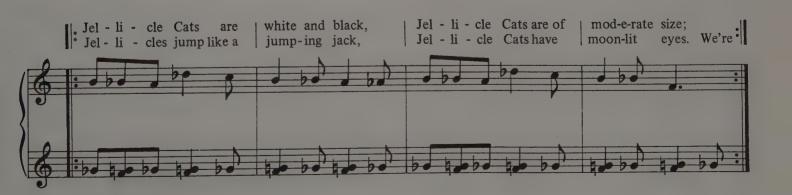
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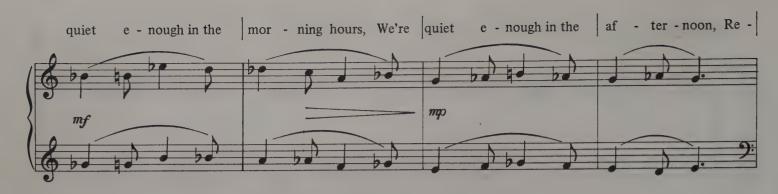


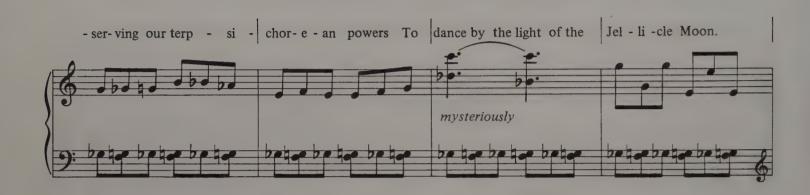


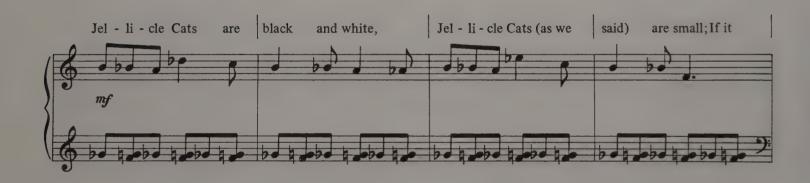


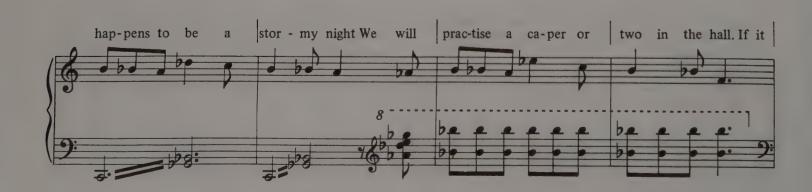


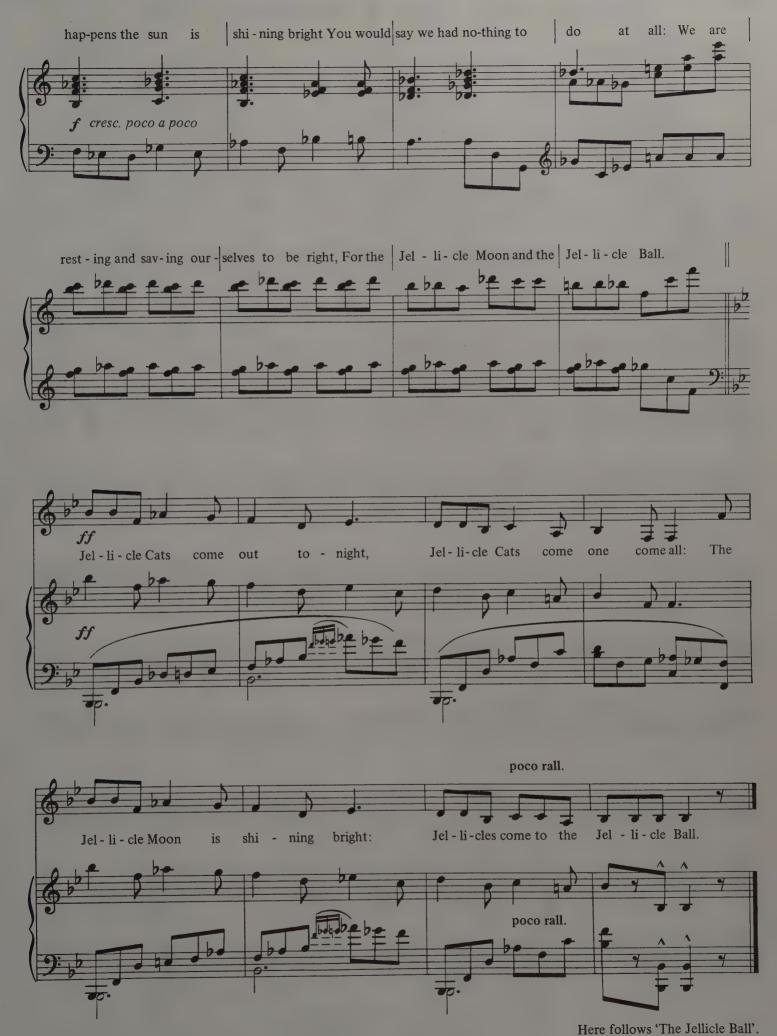








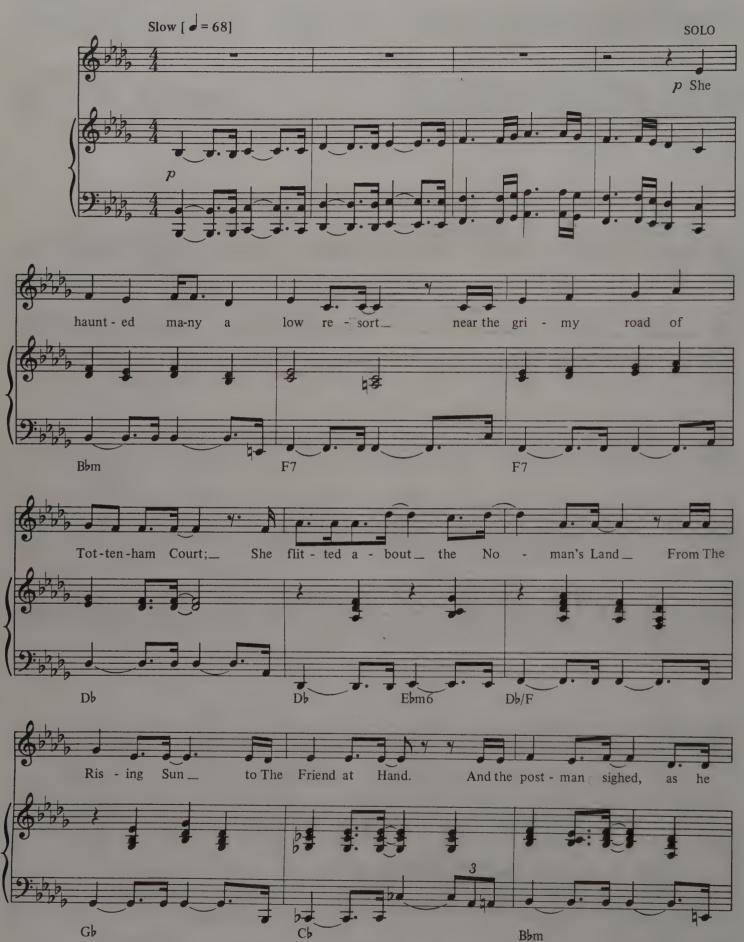




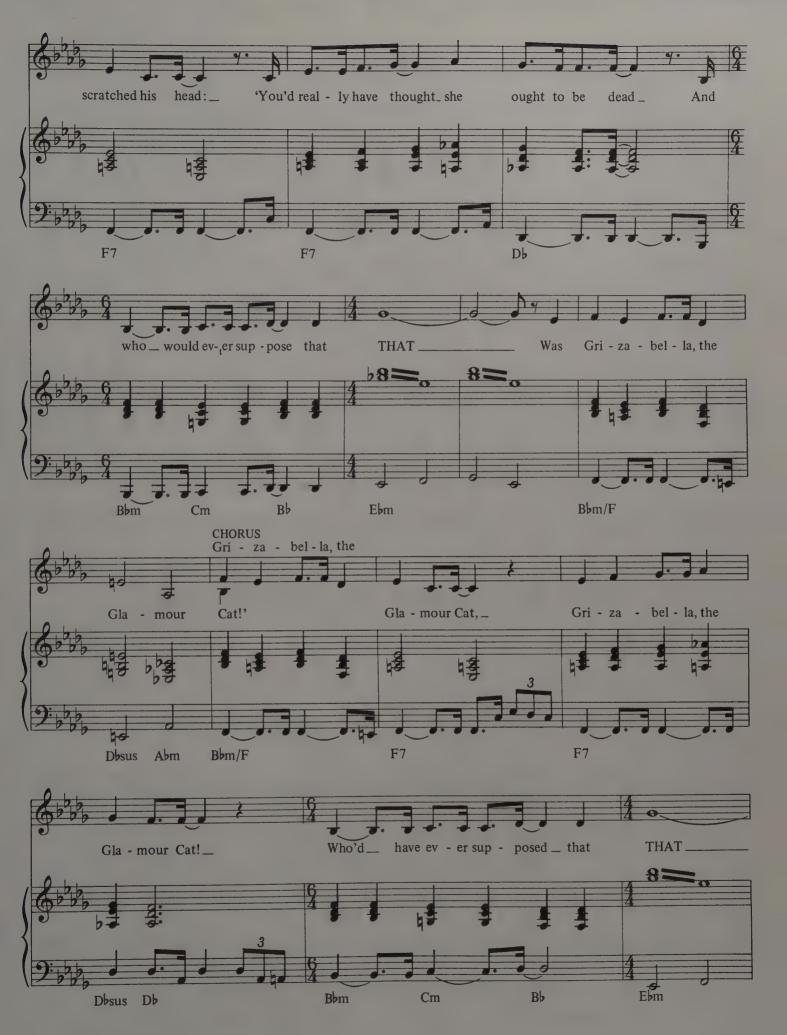
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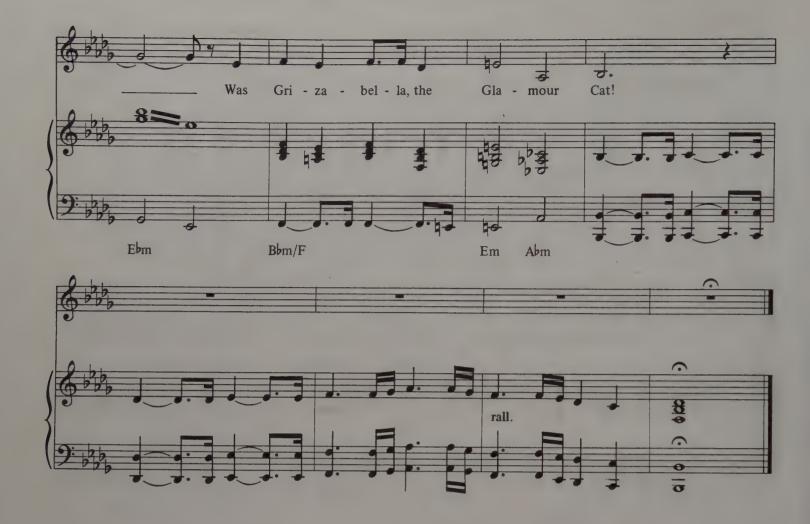
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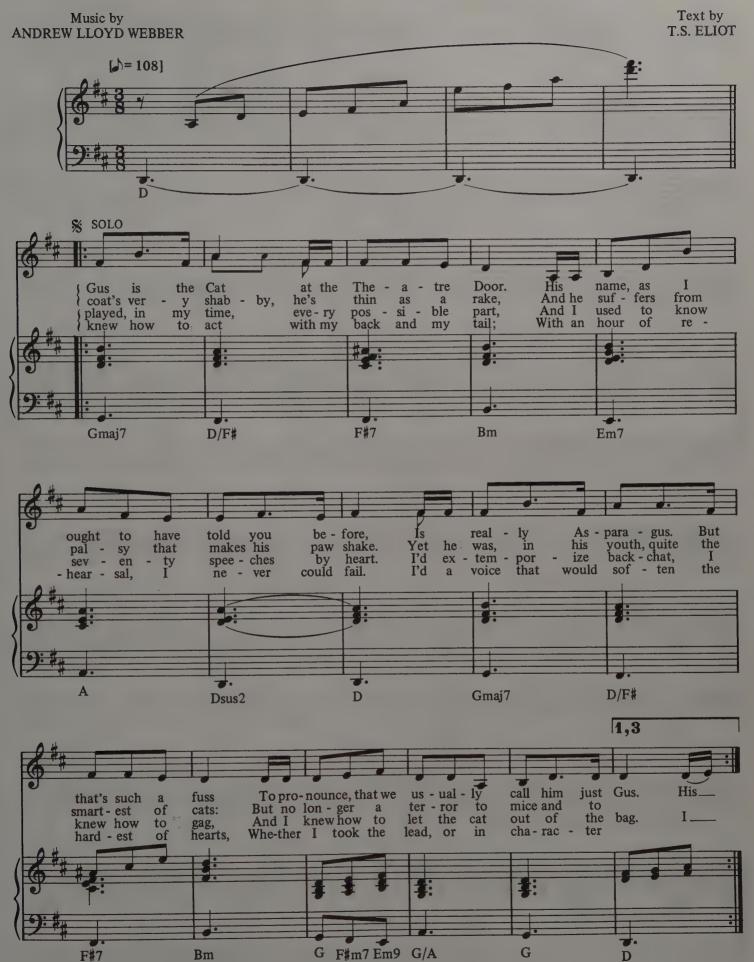
The Moments of Happiness

The moments of happiness...

We had the experience but missed the meaning,
And approach to the meaning restores the experience
In a different form, beyond any meaning
We can assign to happiness...
... the past experience revived in the meaning
Is not the experience of one life only
But of many generations — not forgetting
Something that is probably quite ineffable...

(from T.S. Eliot 'The Dry Salvages' in Four Quartets)

Gus: the Theatre Cat

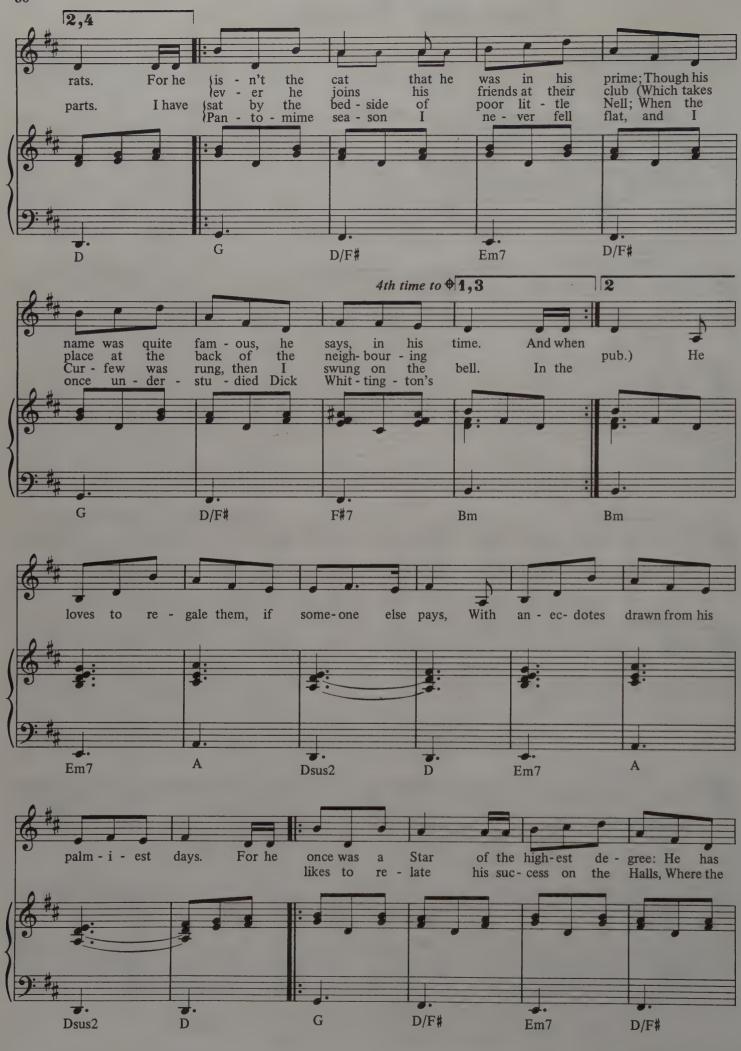


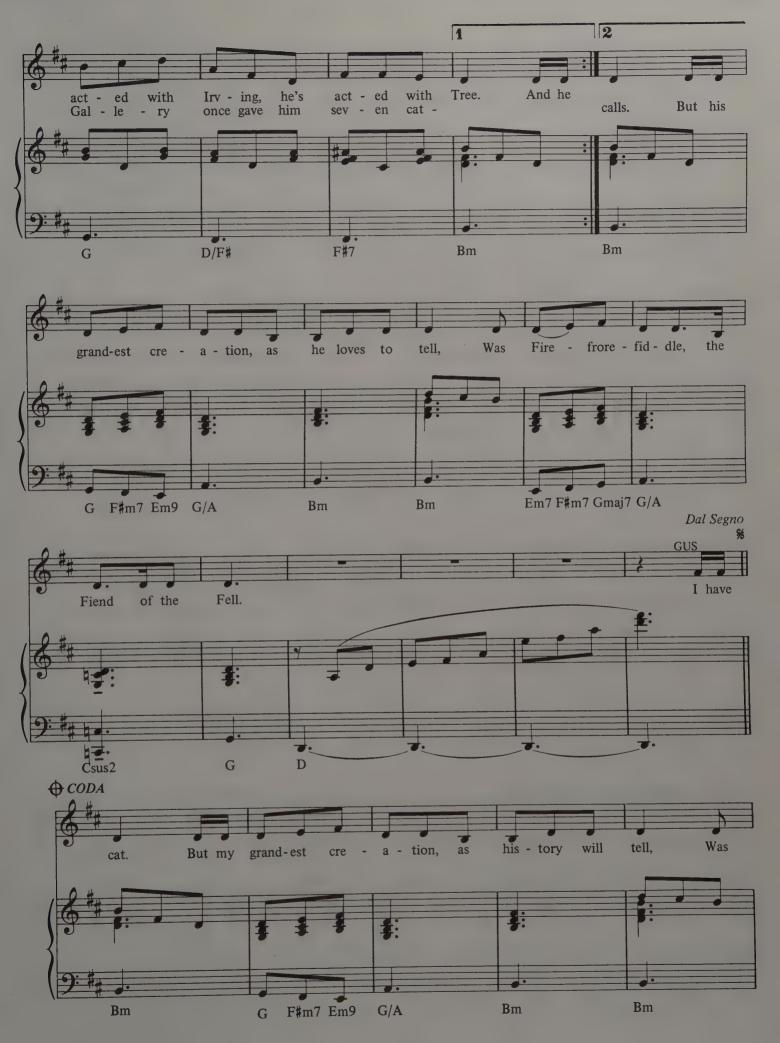
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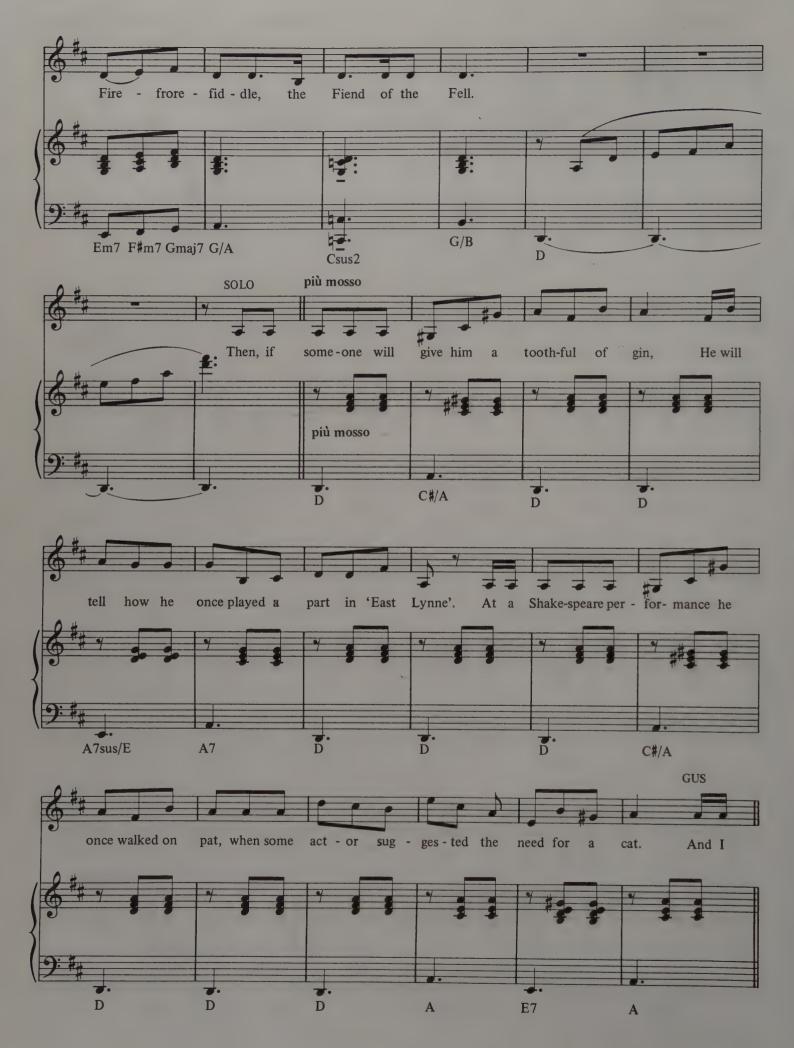
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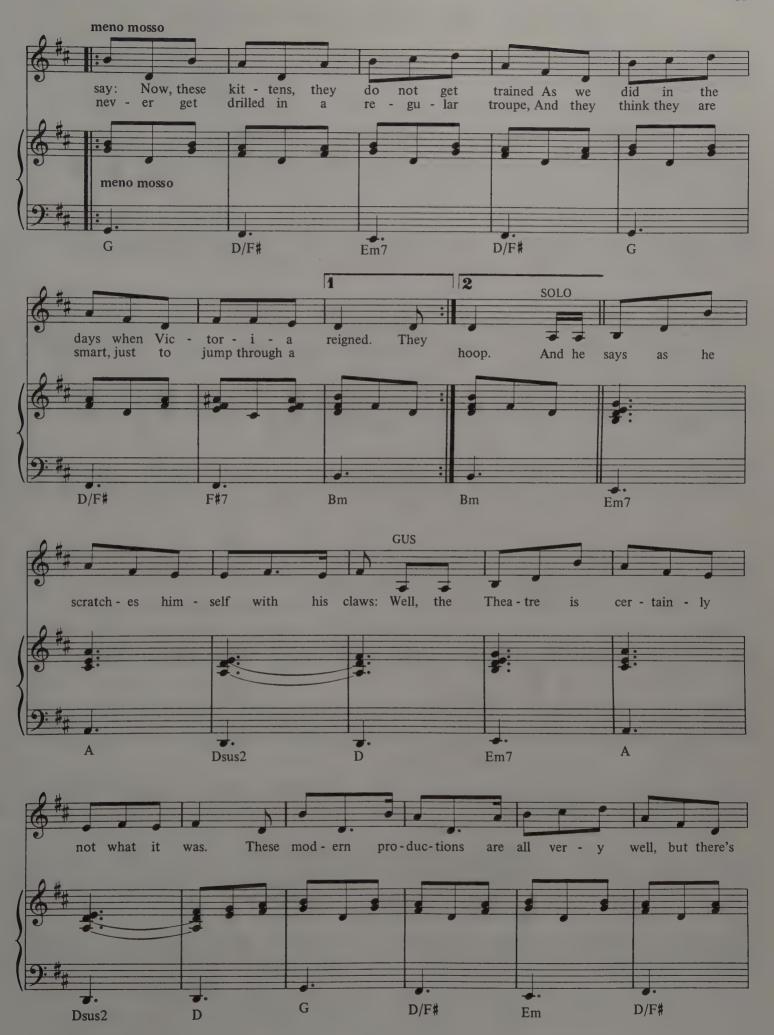
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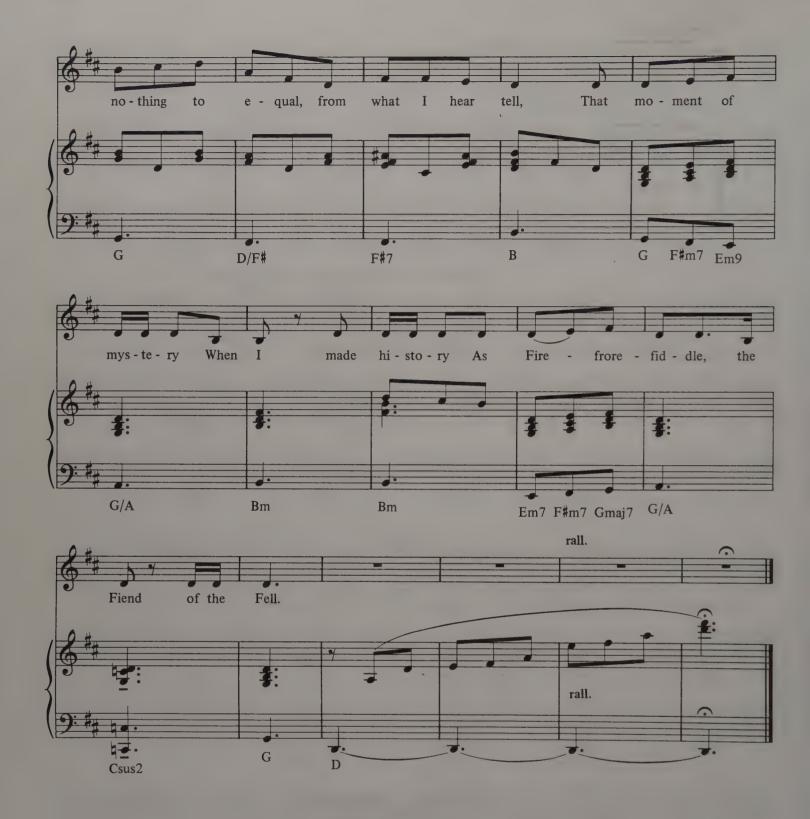








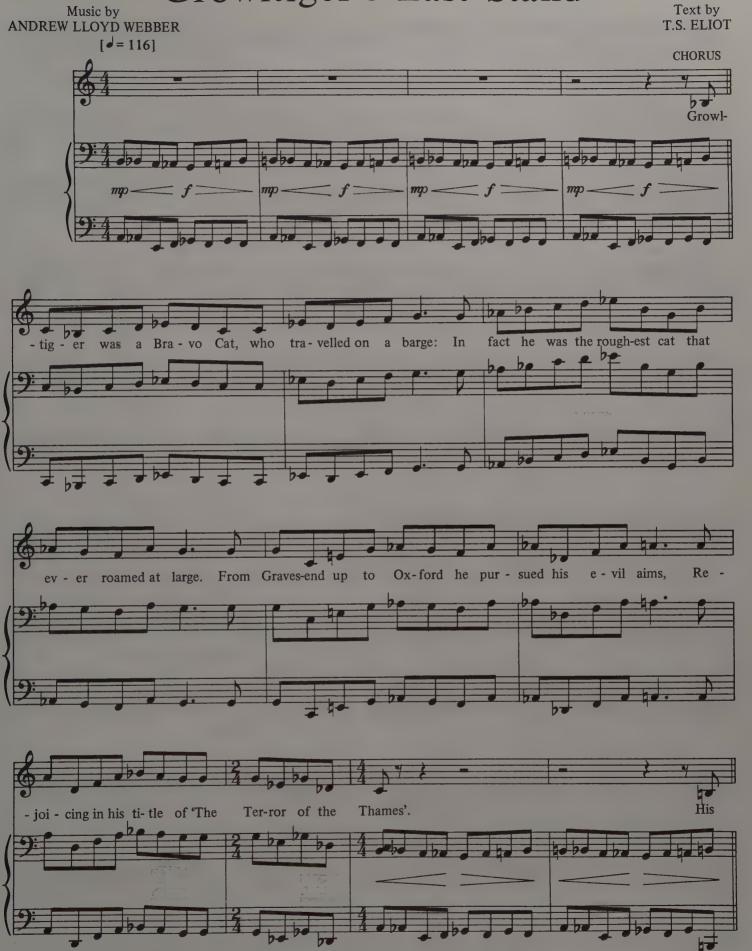




GUS (Sung reprise)

And I once crossed the stage on a telegraph wire, To rescue a child when a house was on fire. And I think that I still can much better than most, Produce blood-curdling noises to bring on the Ghost. I once played Growltiger, could do it again . . .

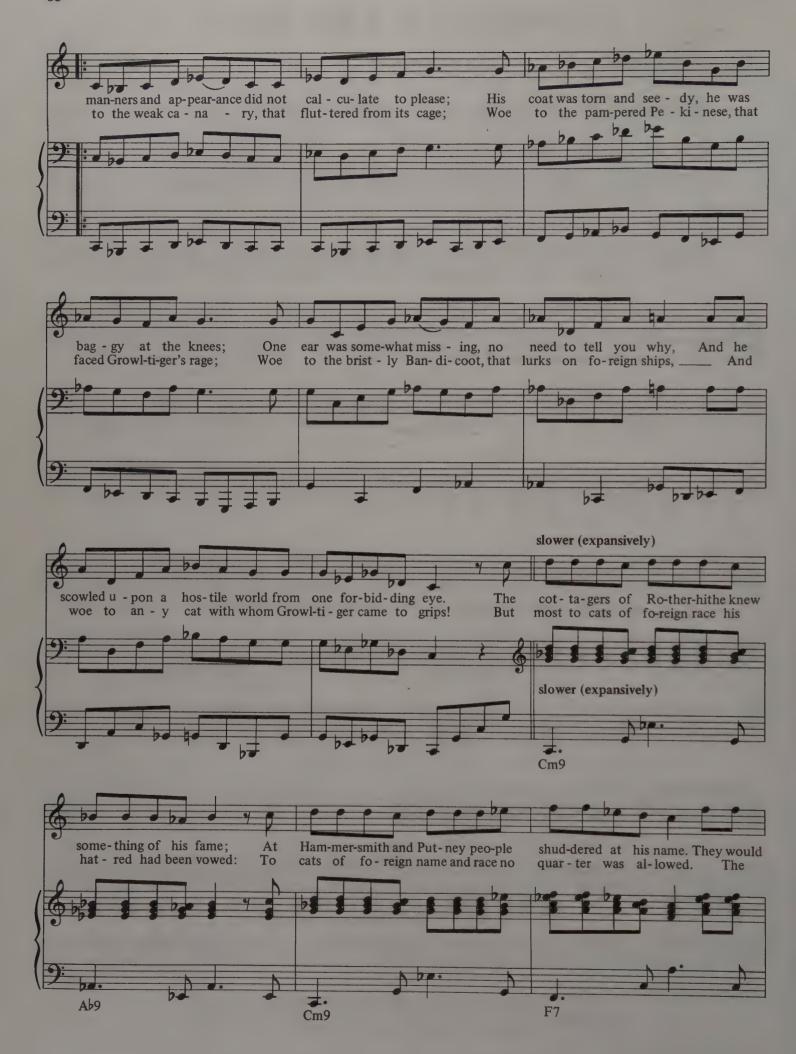
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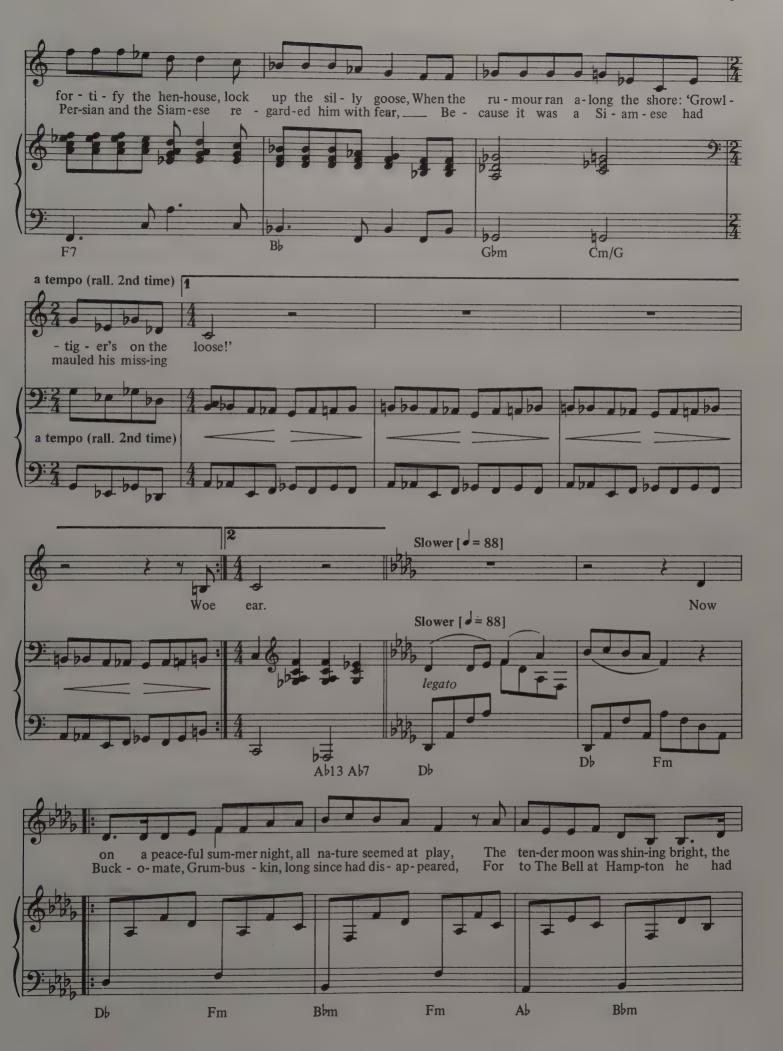


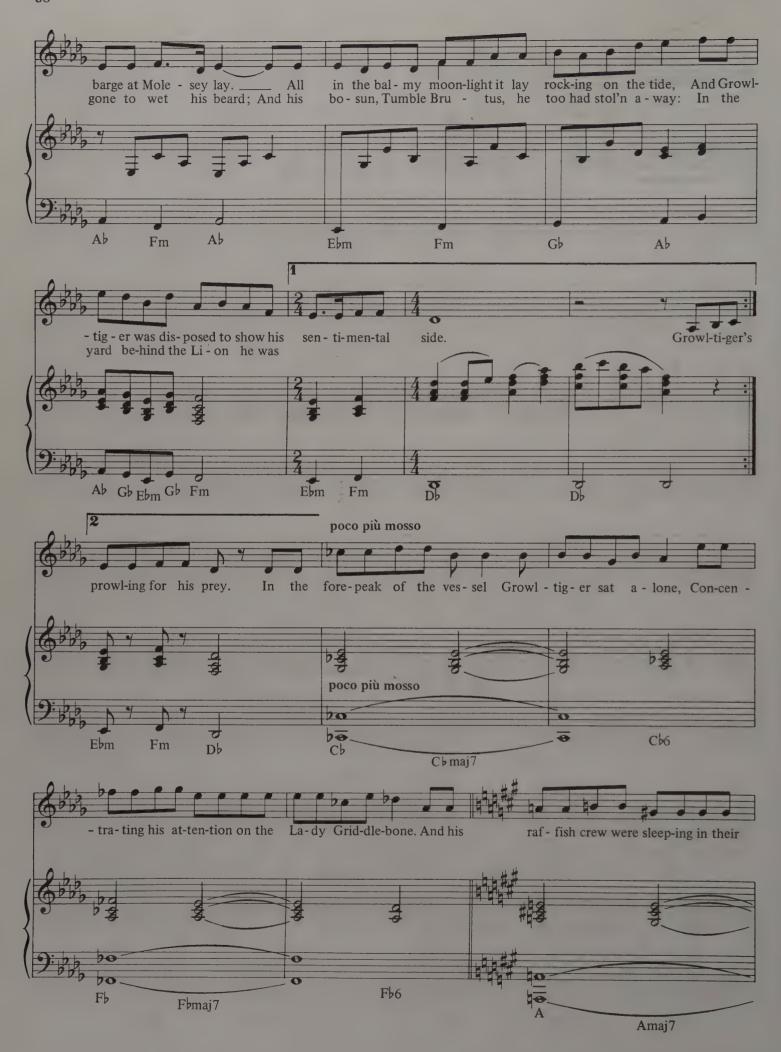
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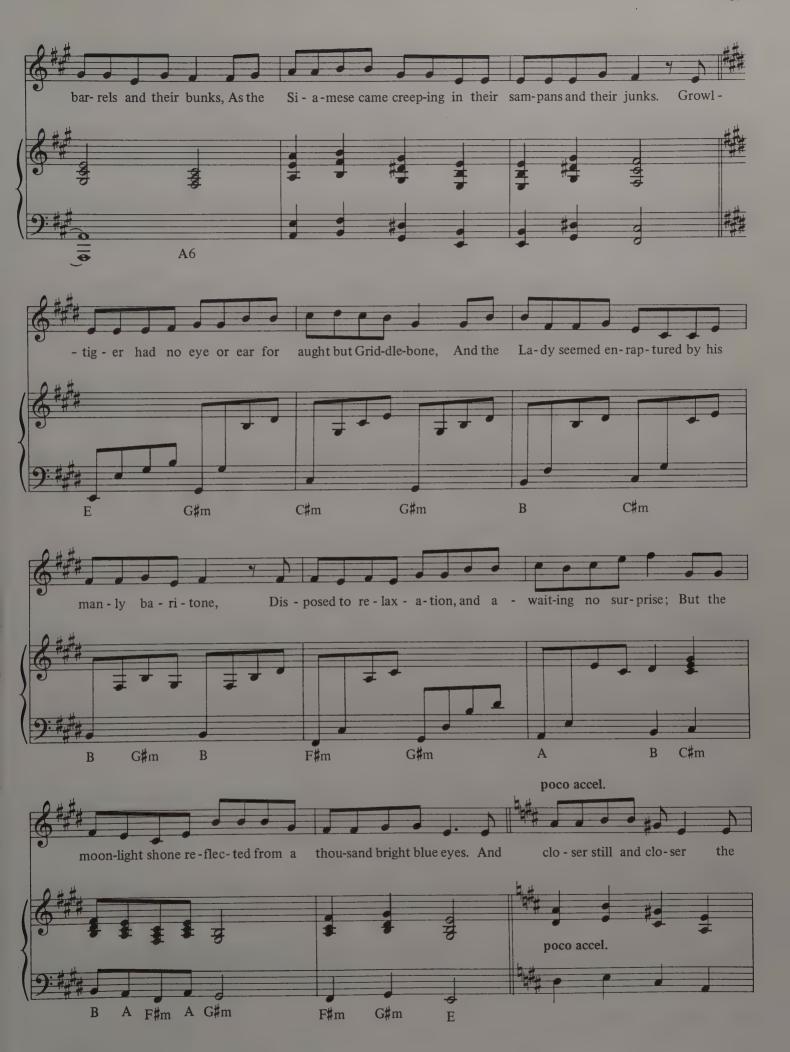
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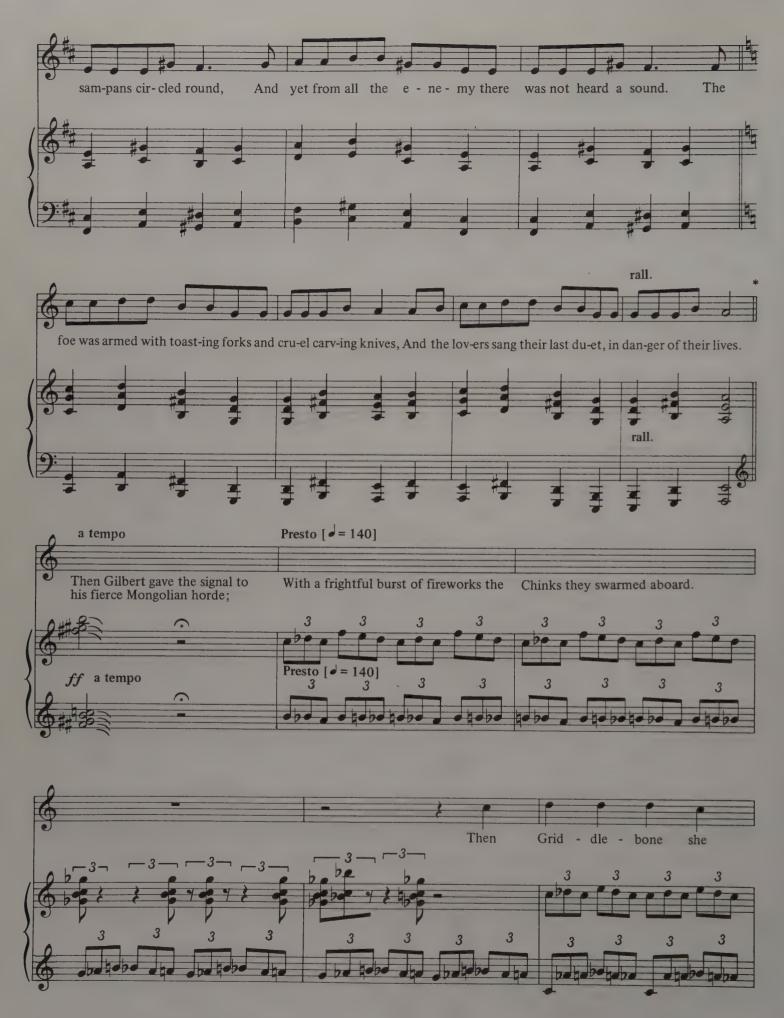
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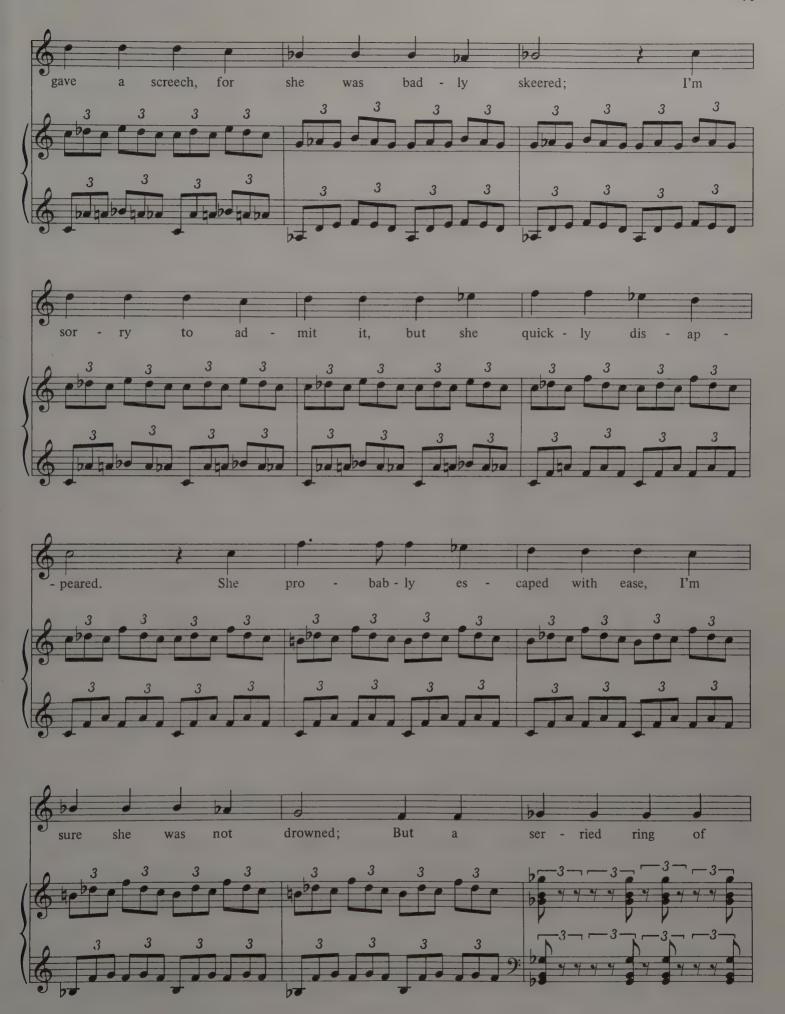


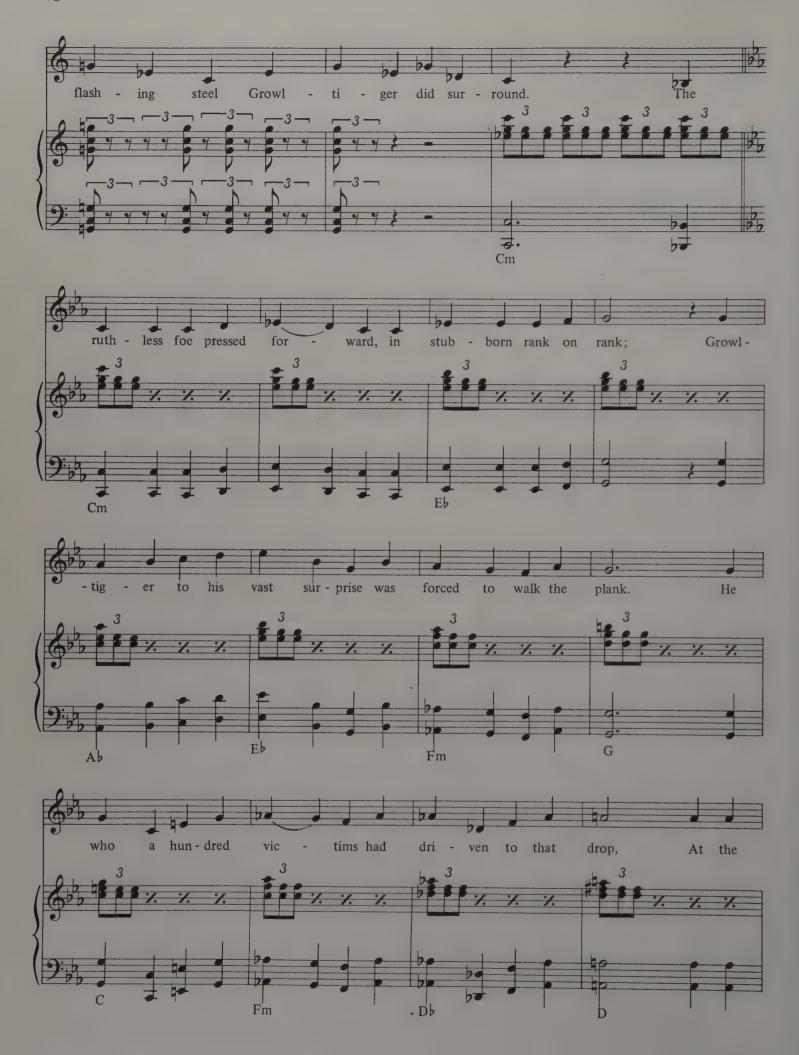






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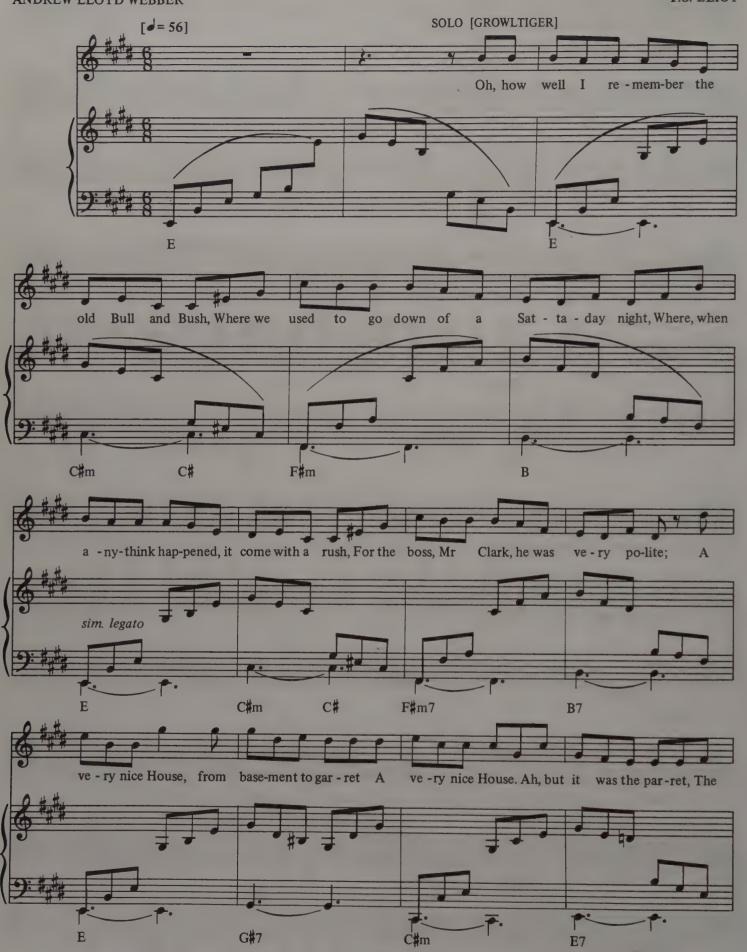




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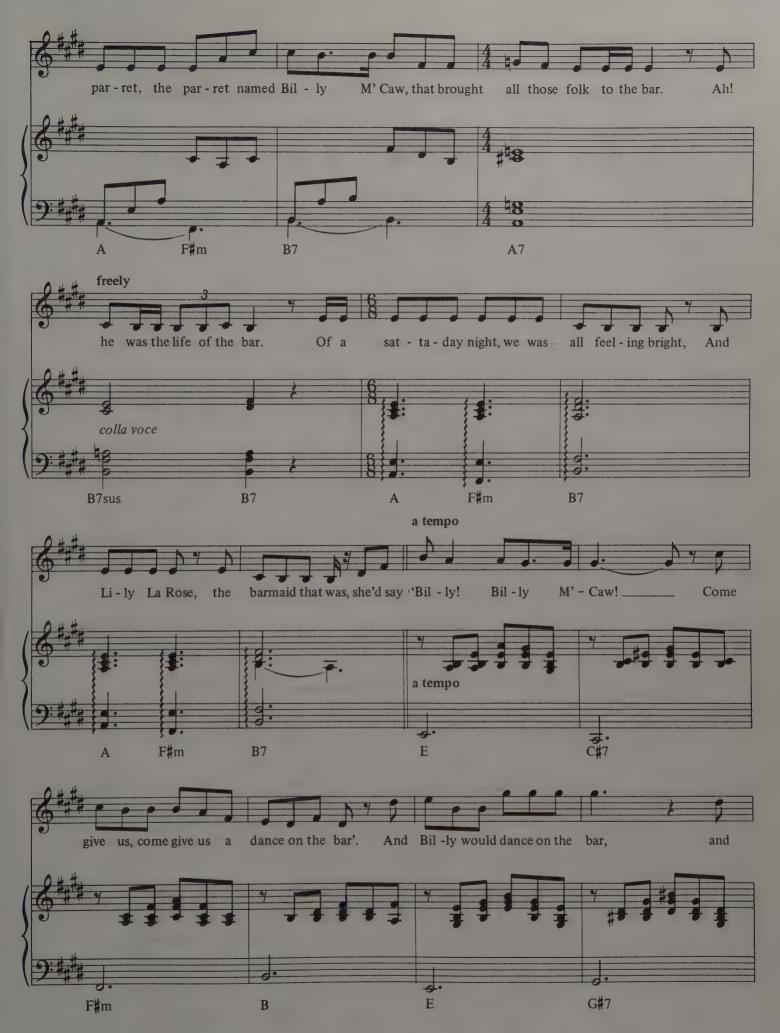
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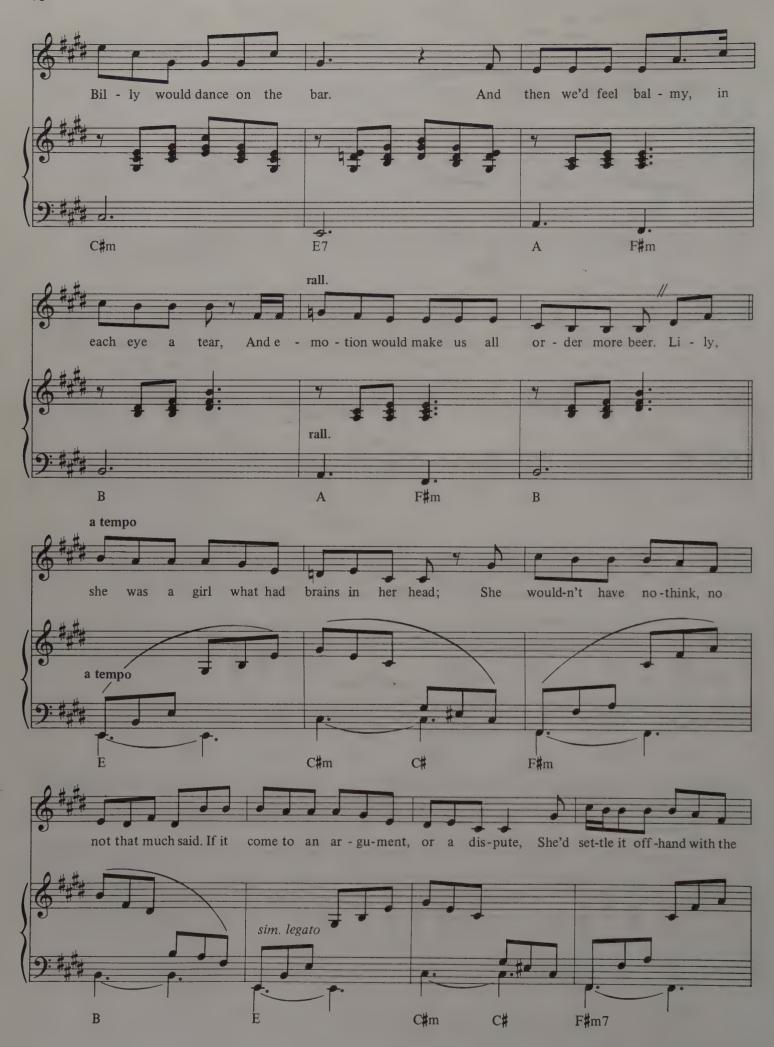


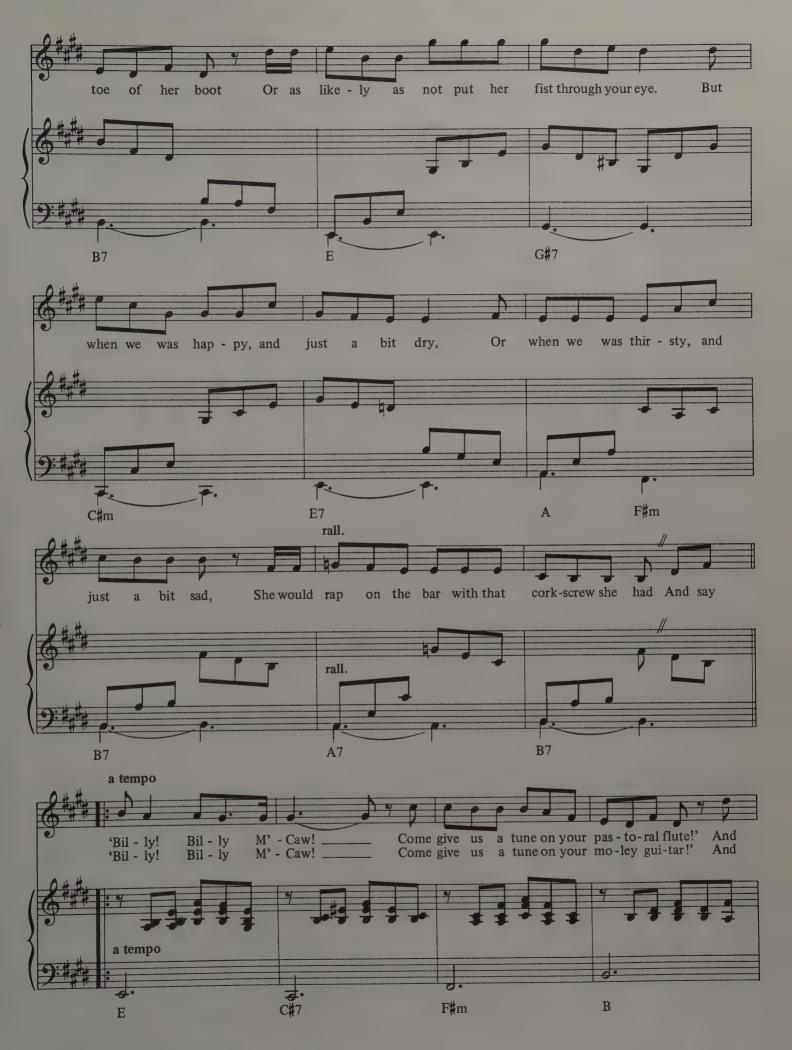
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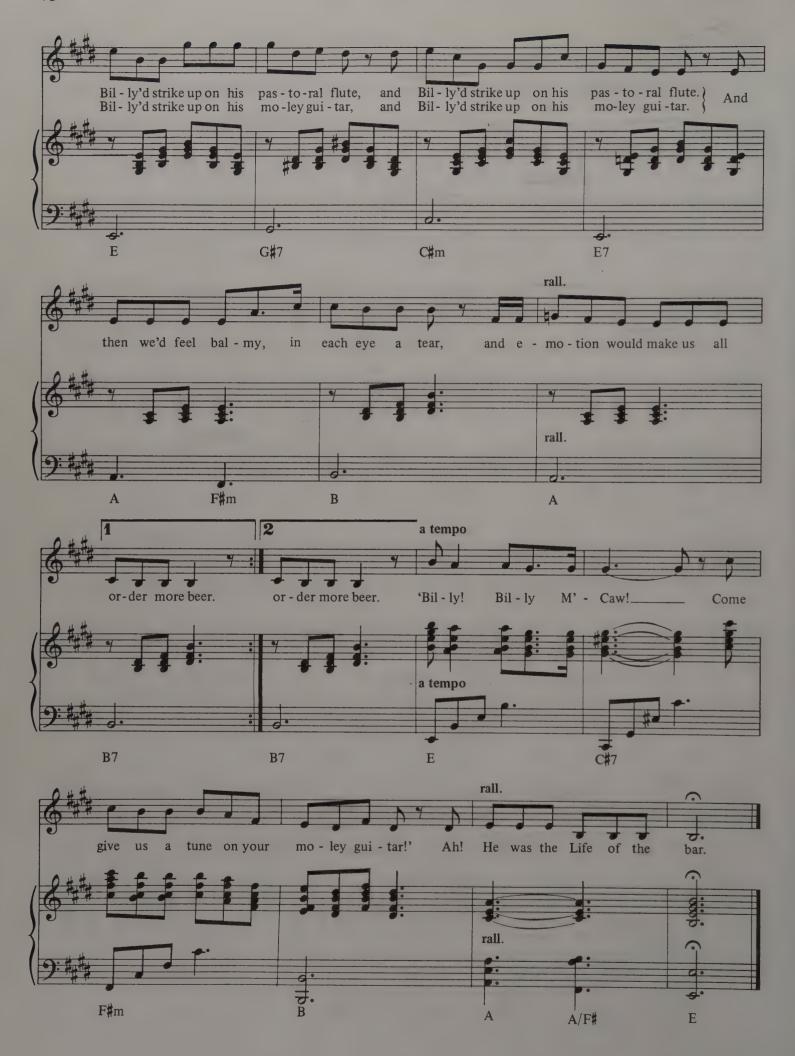
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Skimbleshanks: the Railway Cat

Text by Music by T. S. ELIOT ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER C#m/E F#m7/E B/E B/E C#m/E F#m7/E **CHORUS** the shanks, the Rail way Cat. Skim ble B/E C#m/e F#m7/E C#m/E F#m7/E B/E **SKIMBLE** There's a Train! of the Rail way B7/E F#m/E C#m/E F#m7/E B/E Vivace [= 144] When the nine down the line at e le ven thir ty whis - per who in charge Of the that bv and large was me was

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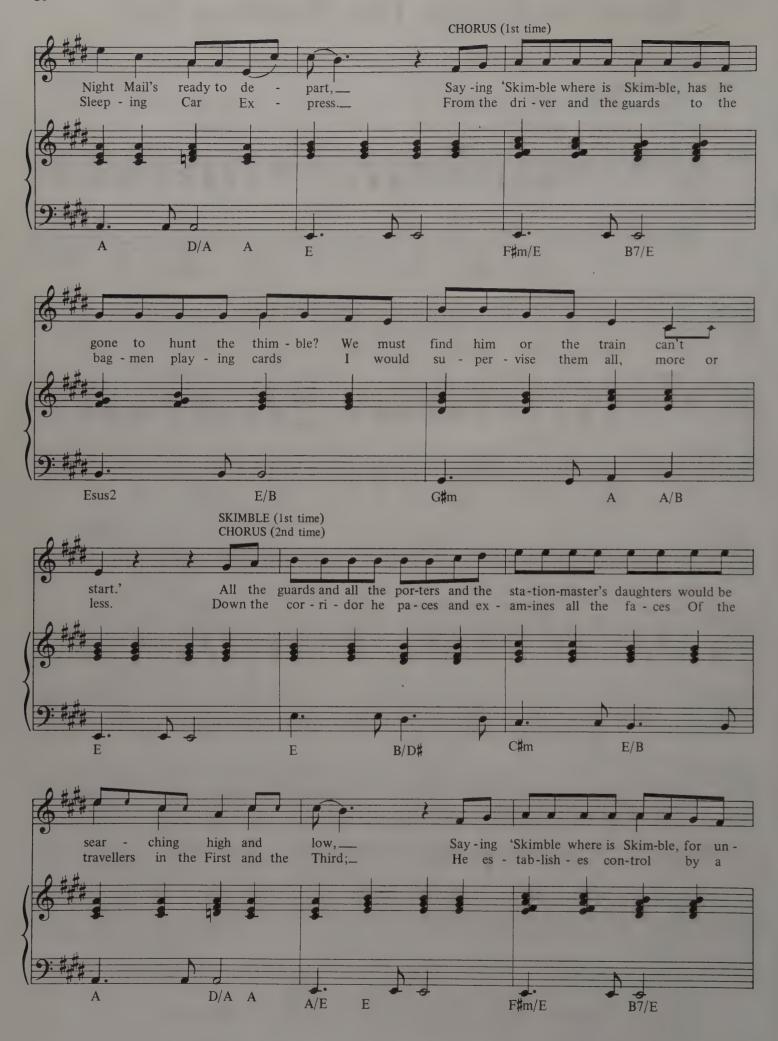
B/D#

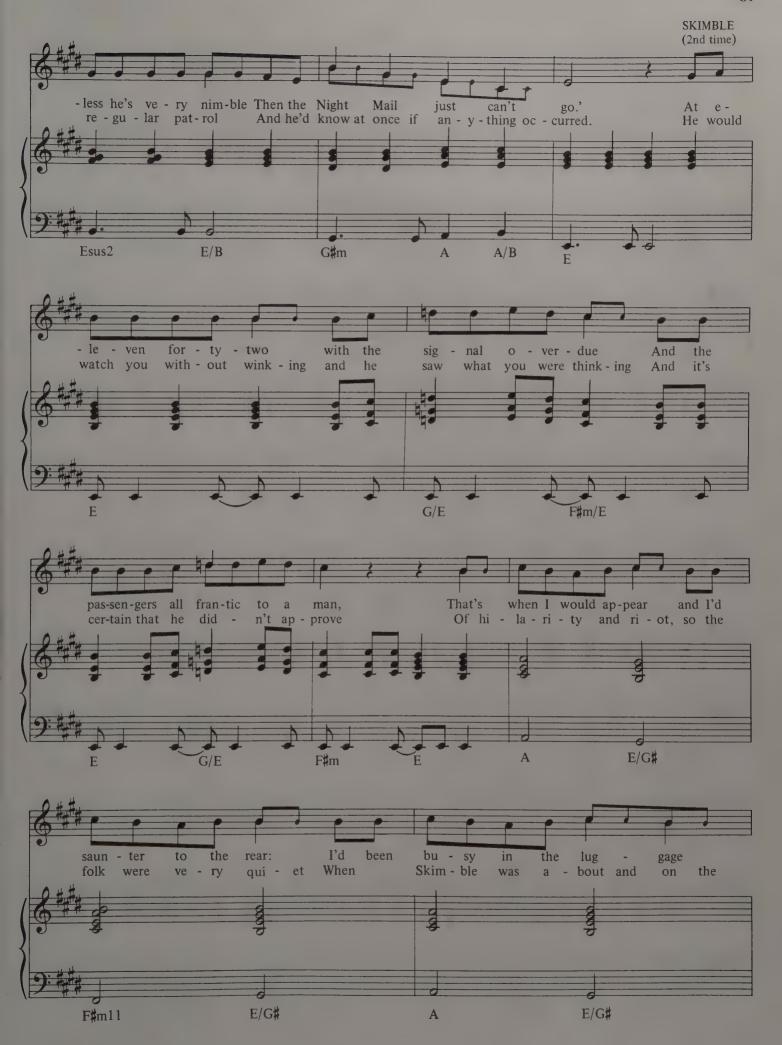
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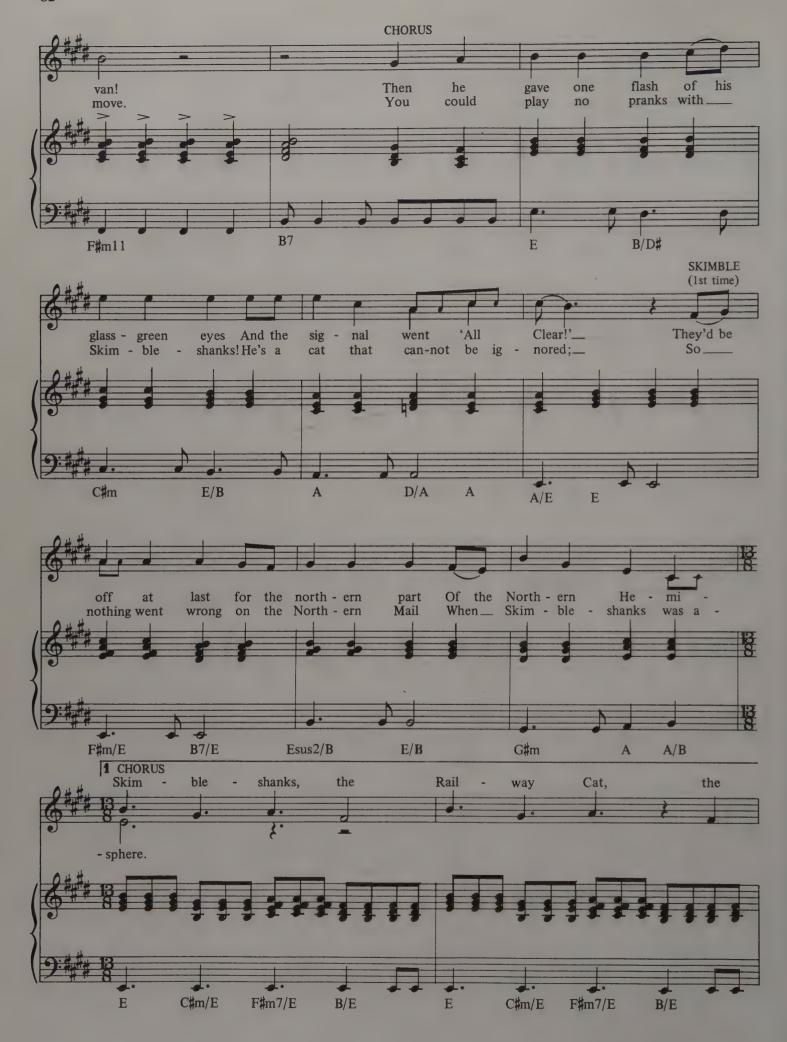
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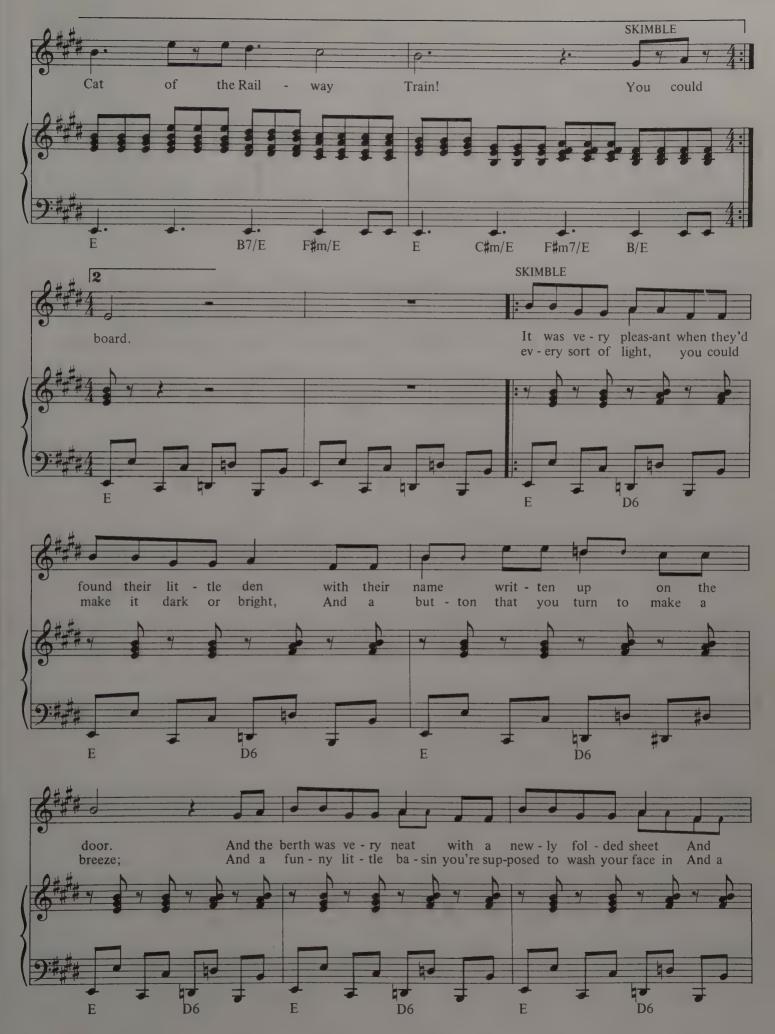
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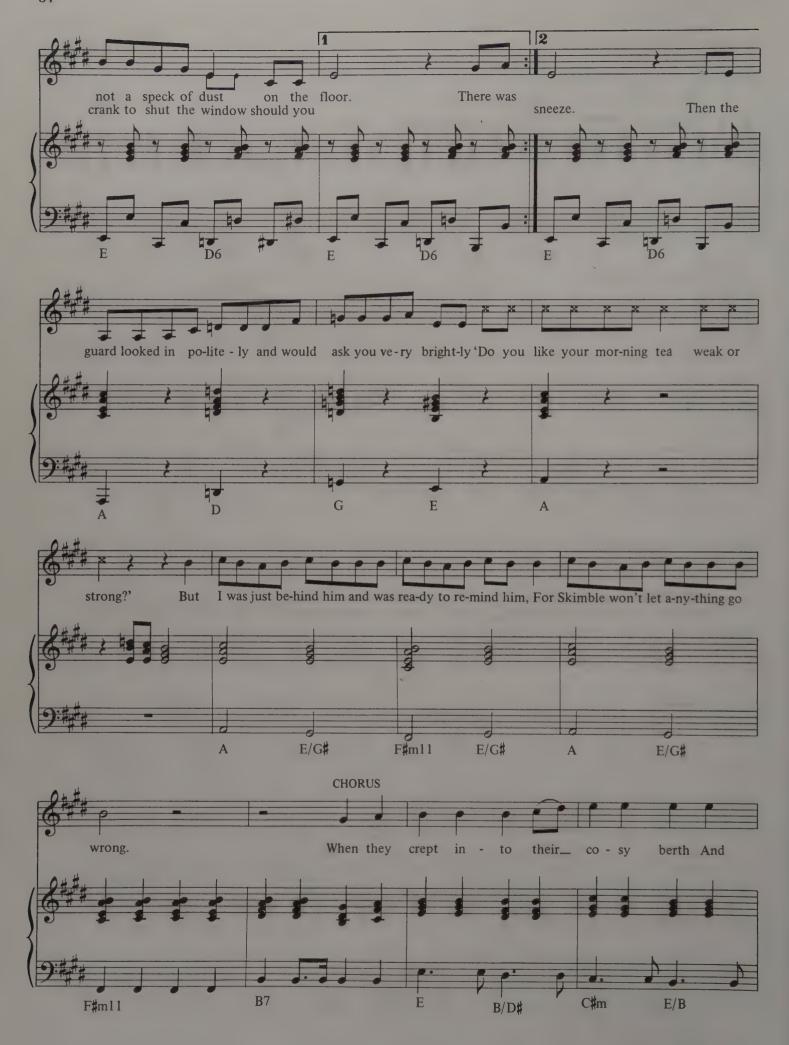
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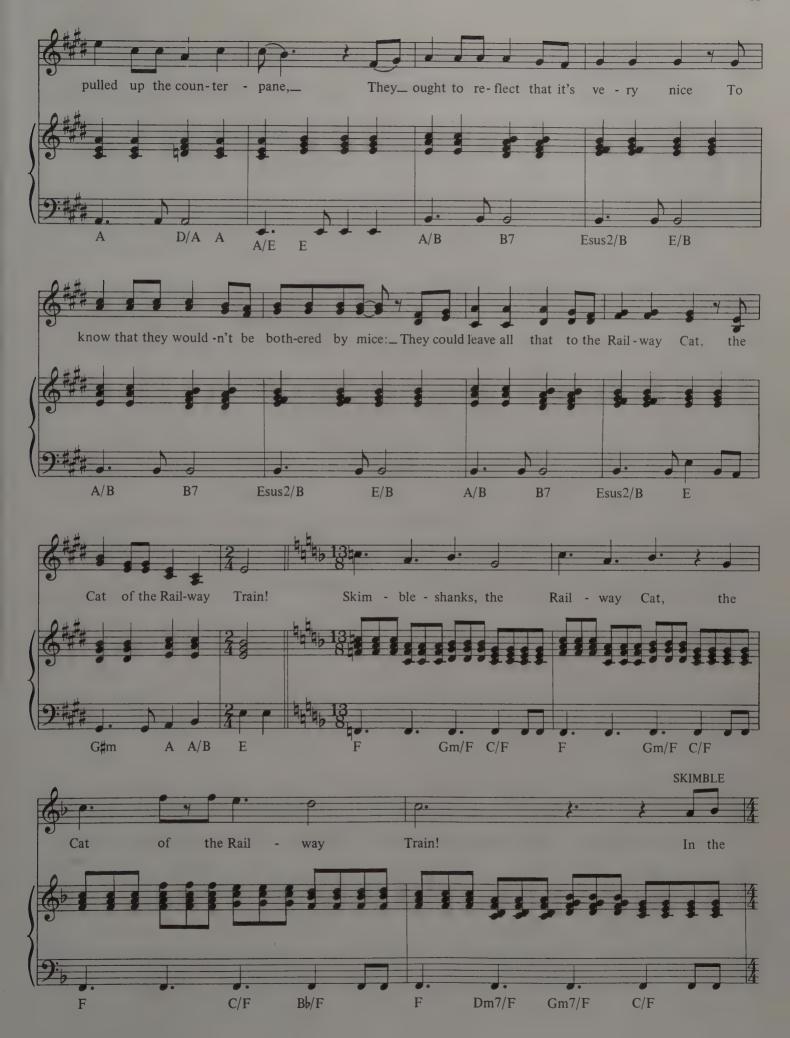


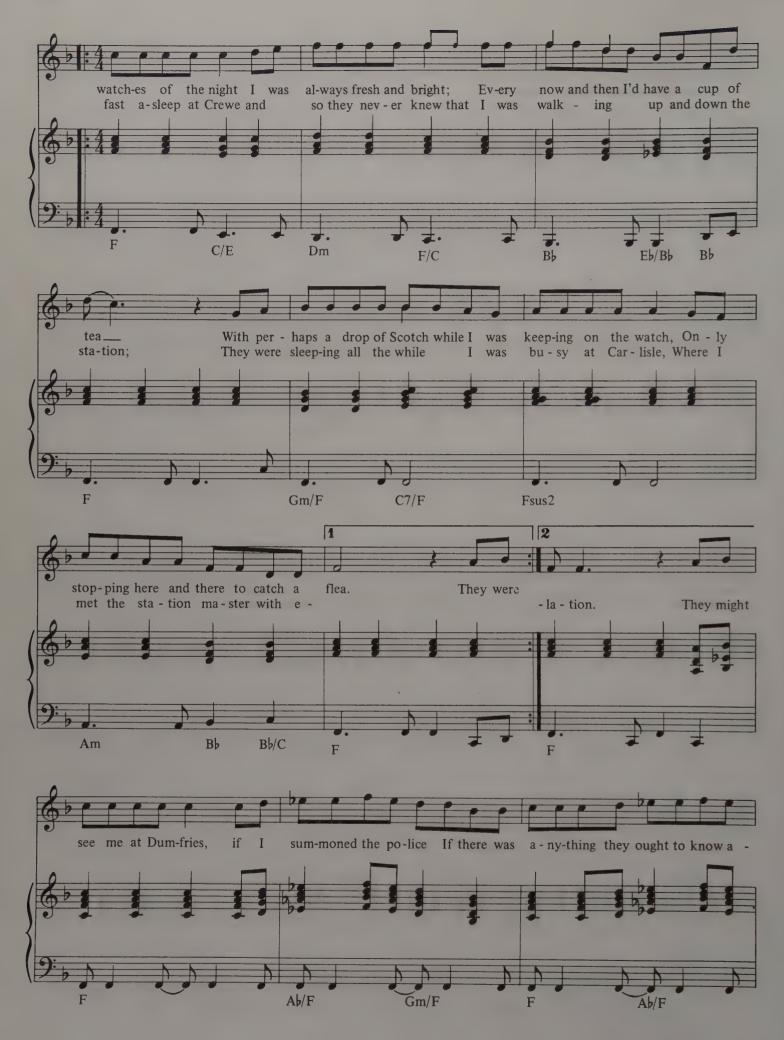


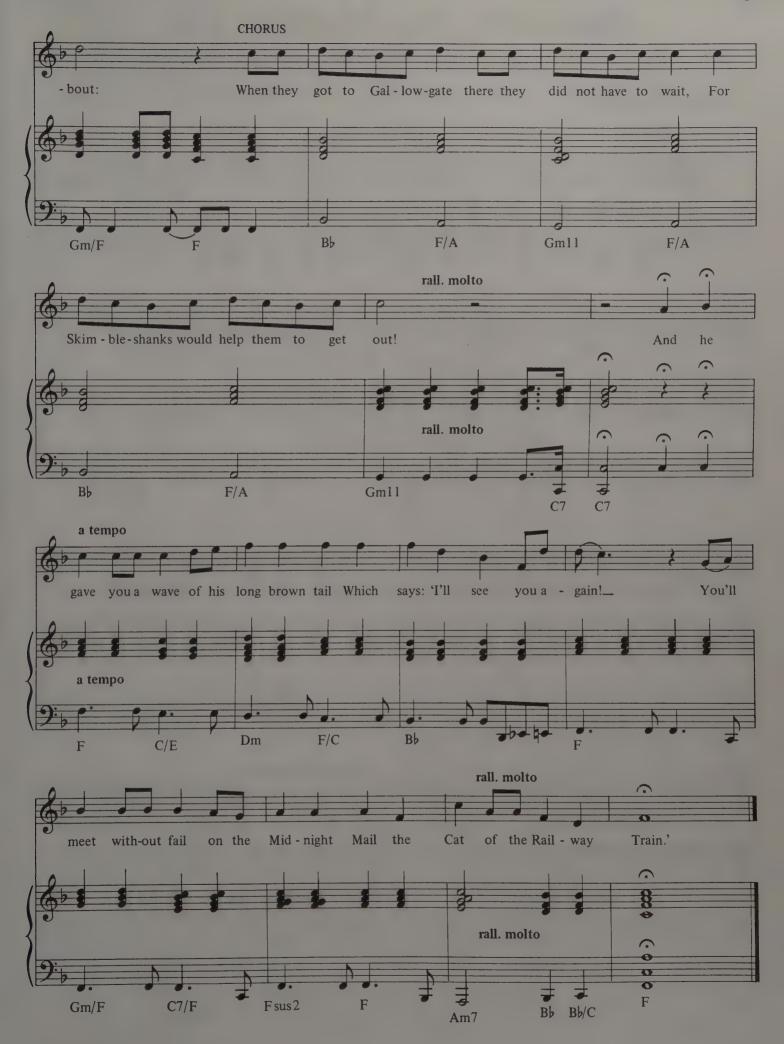




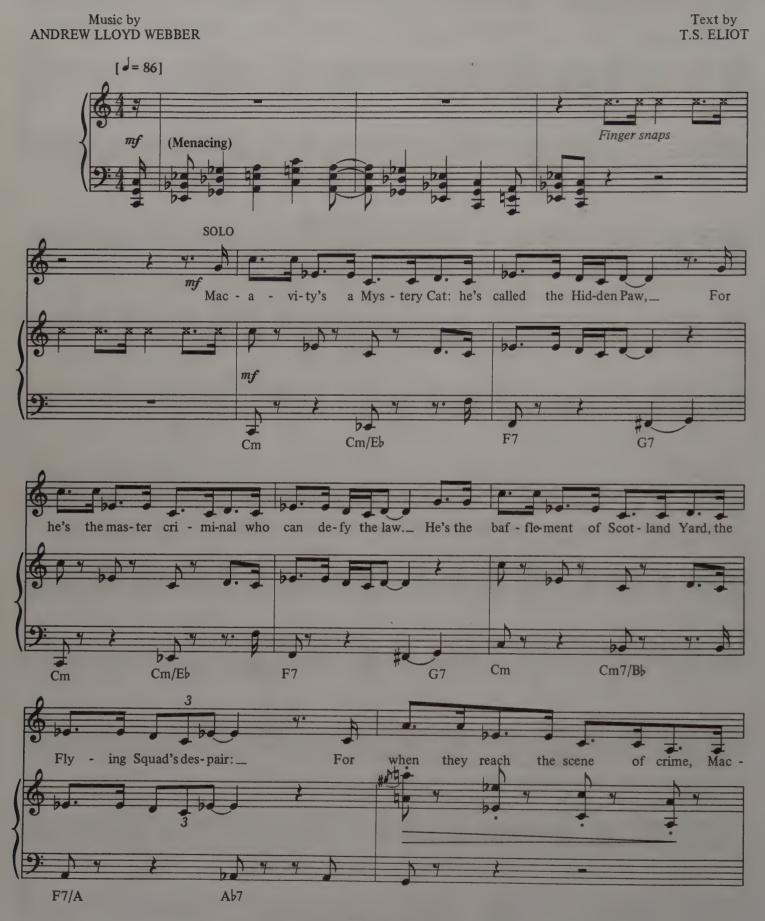








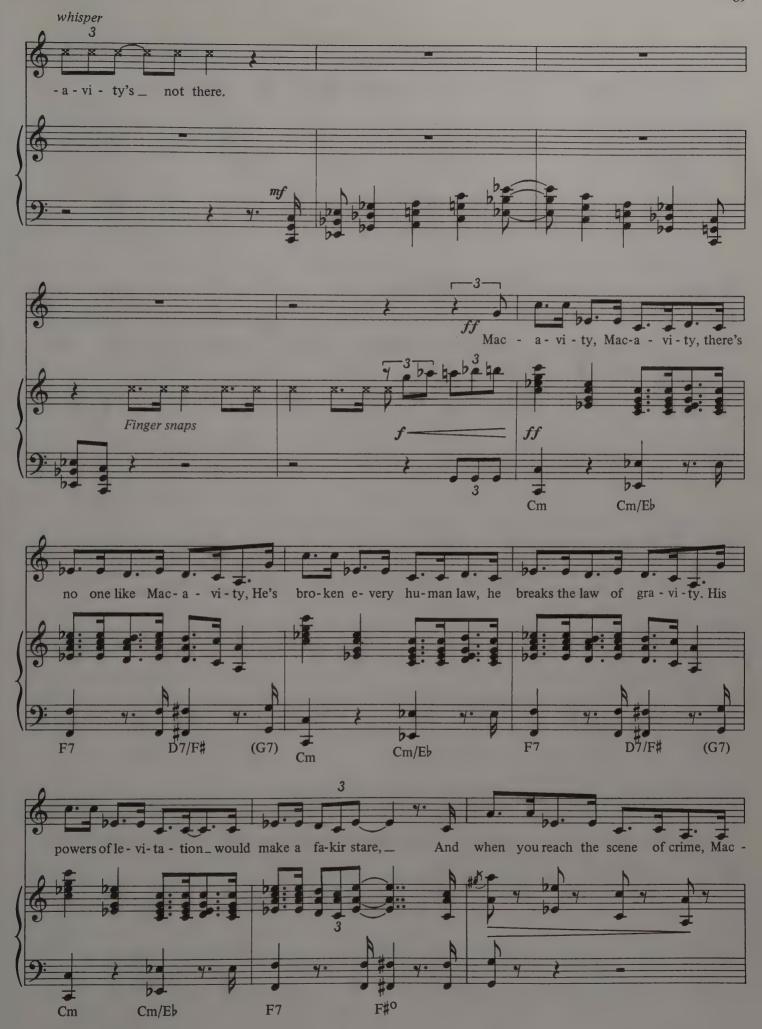
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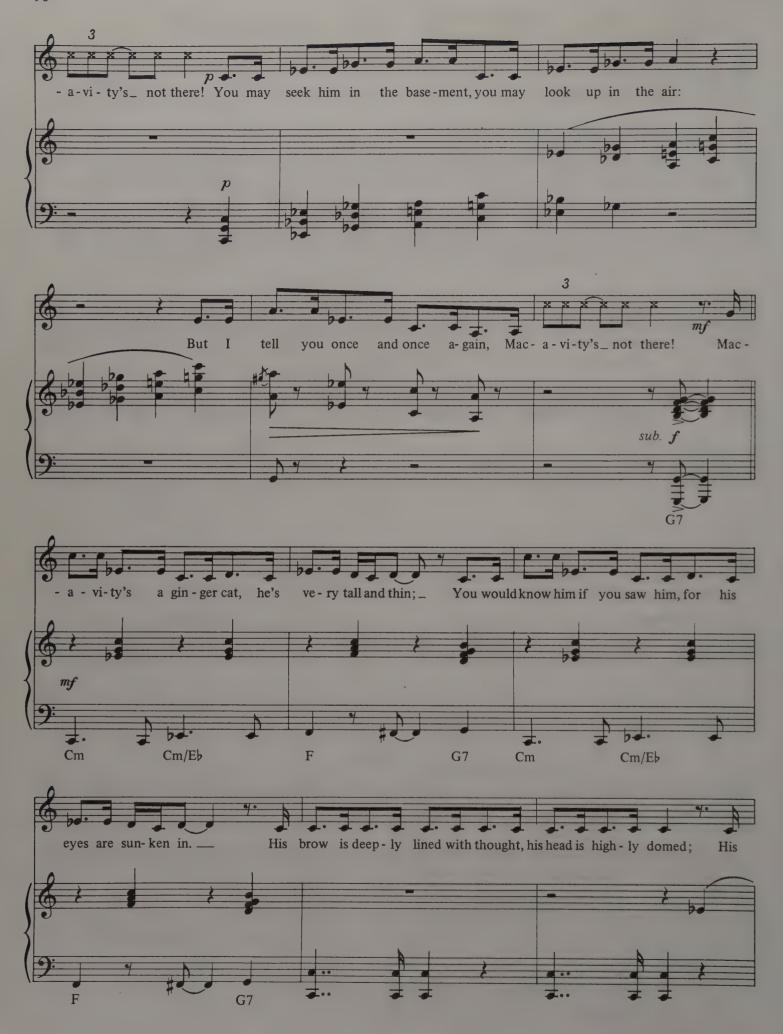


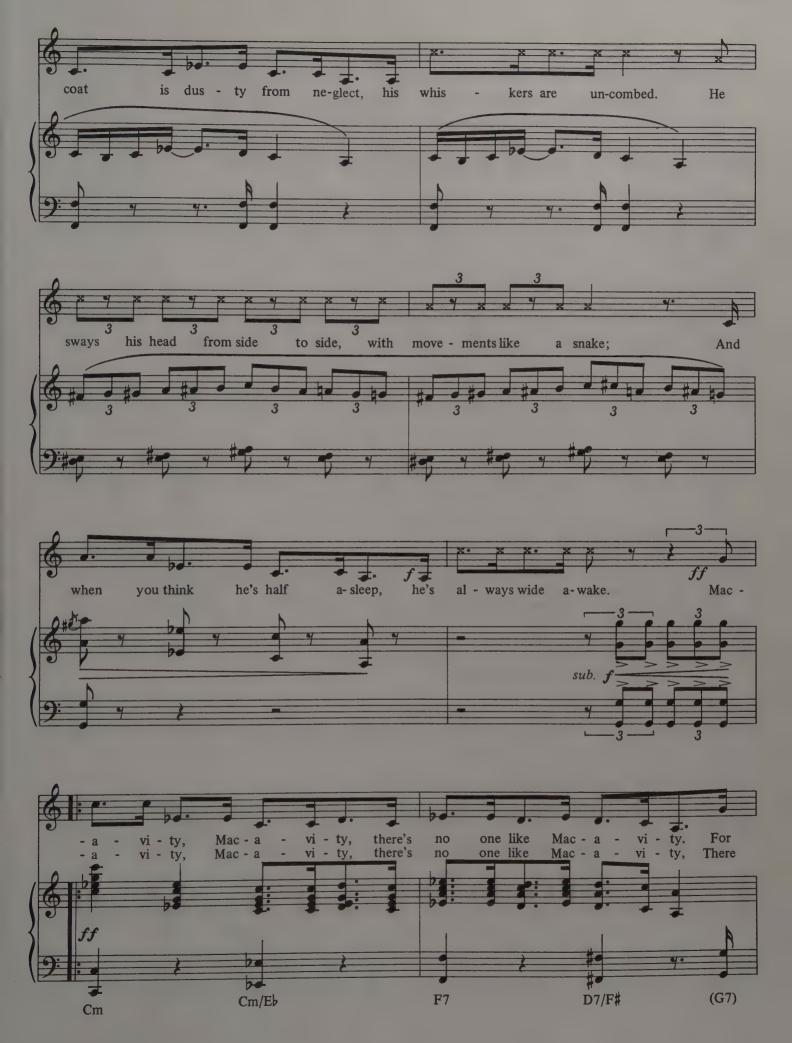
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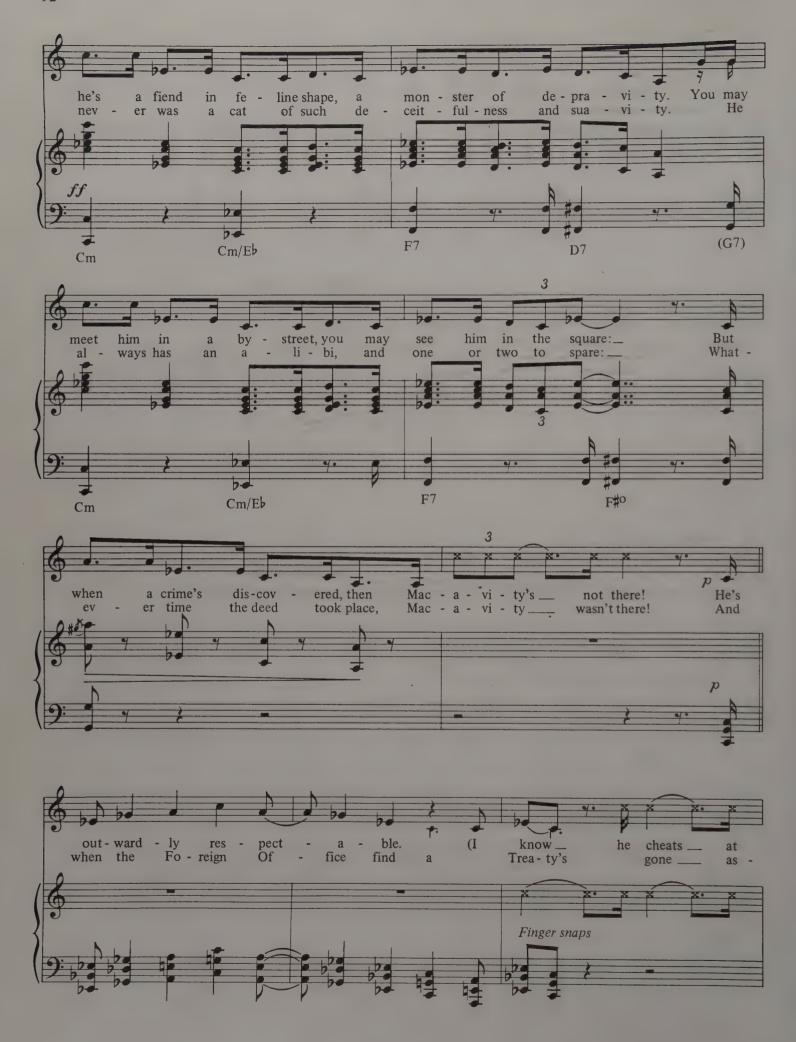
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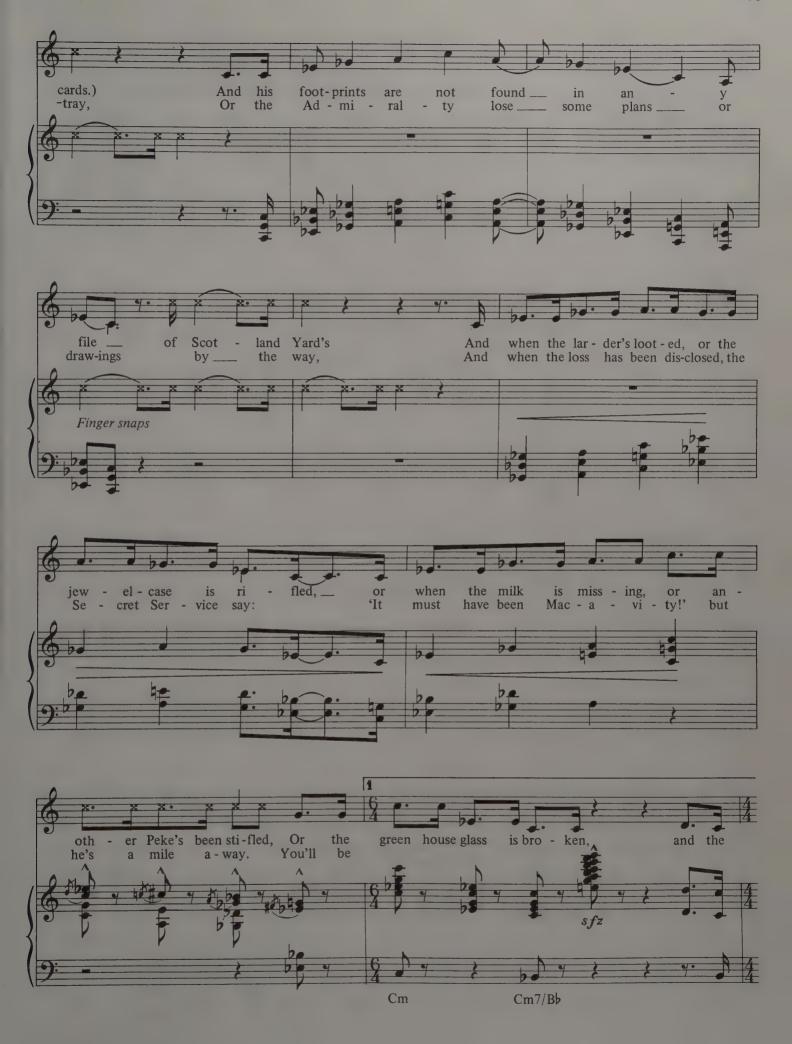
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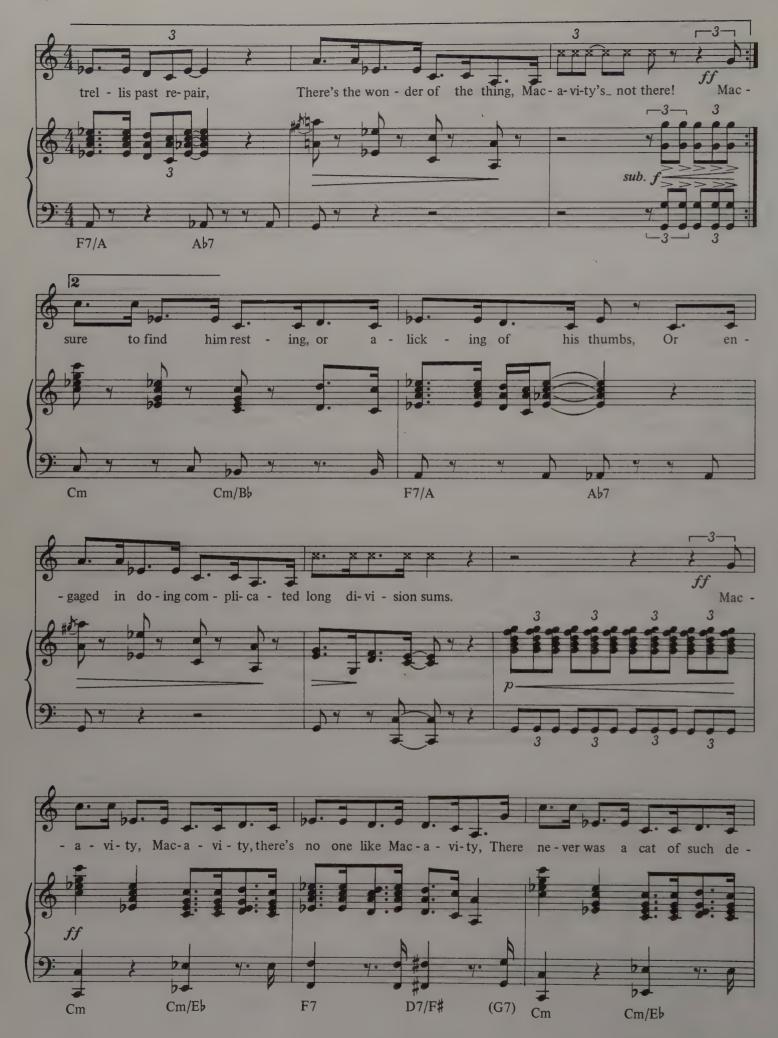


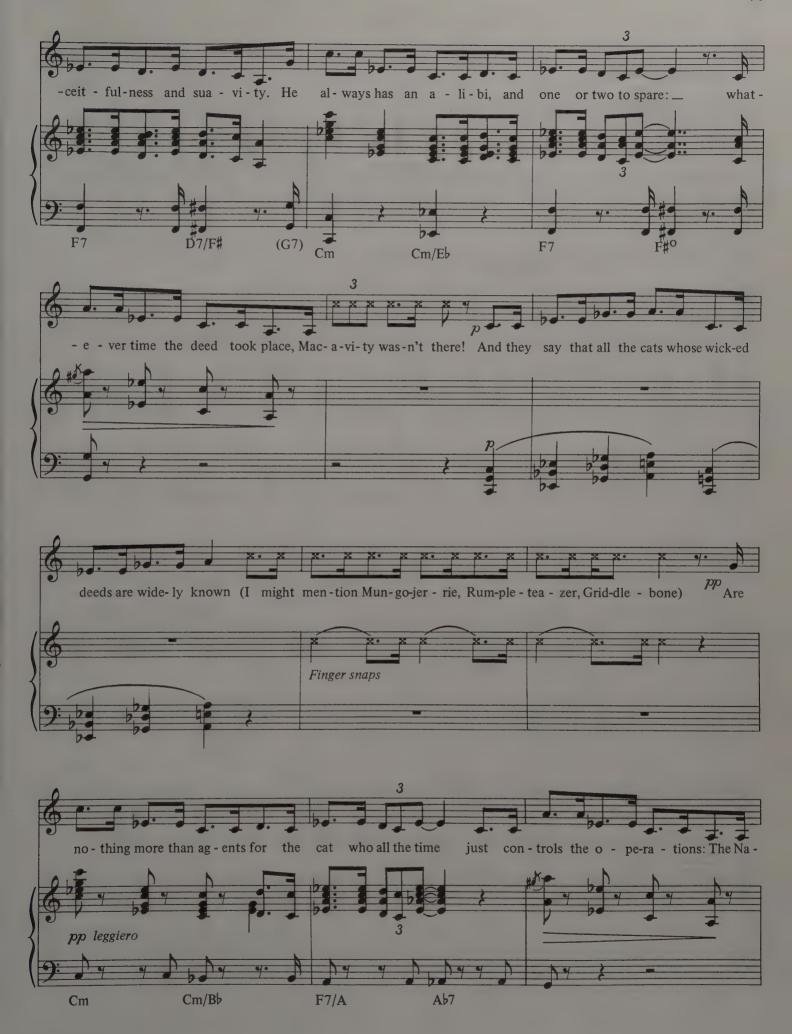


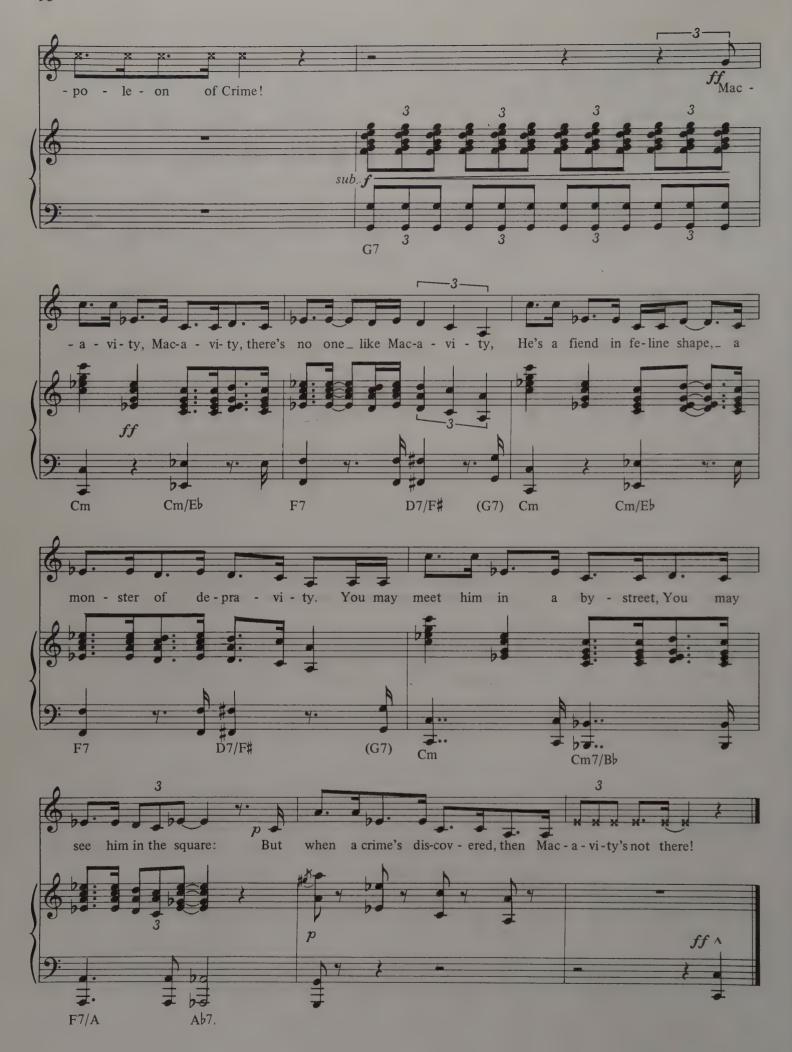




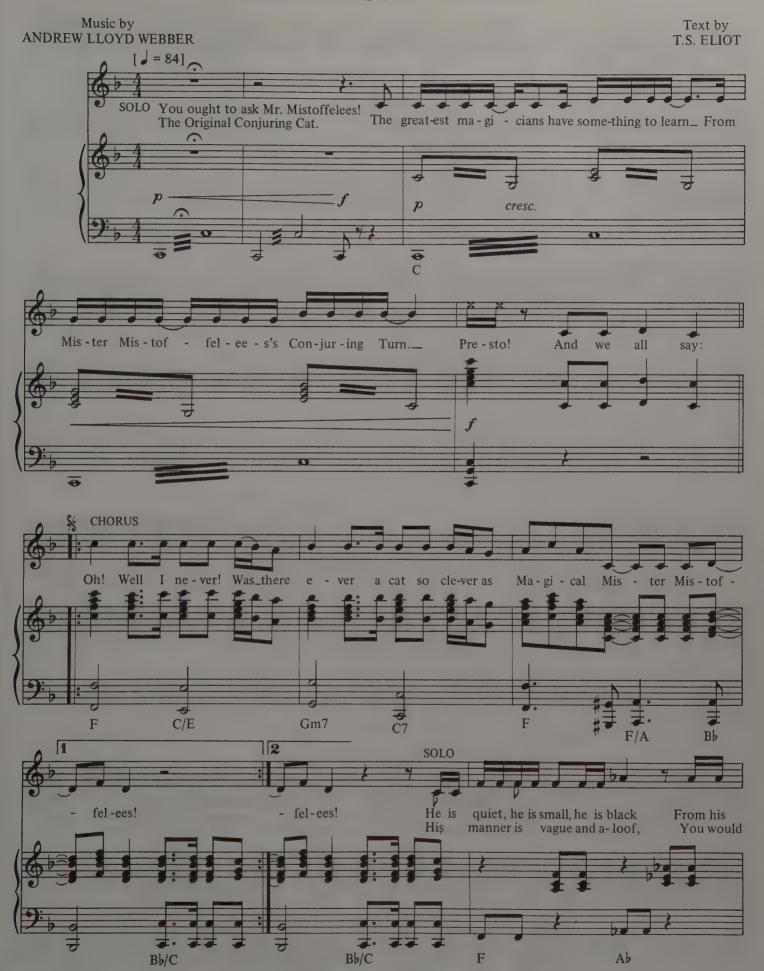








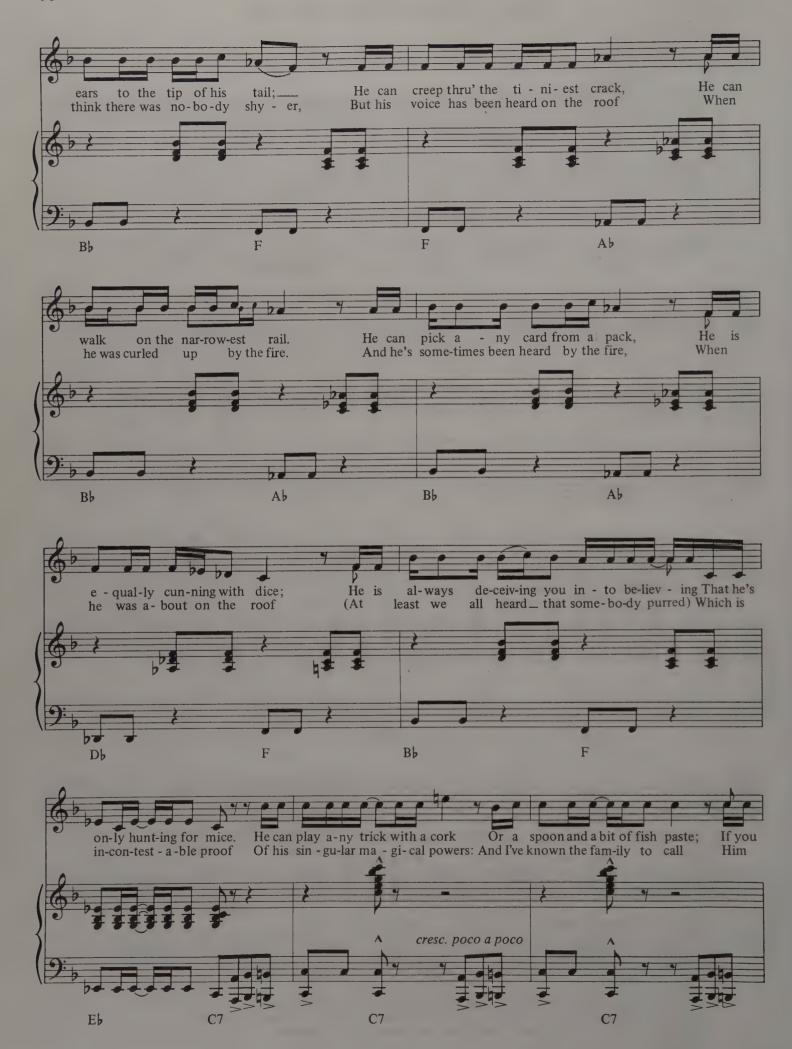
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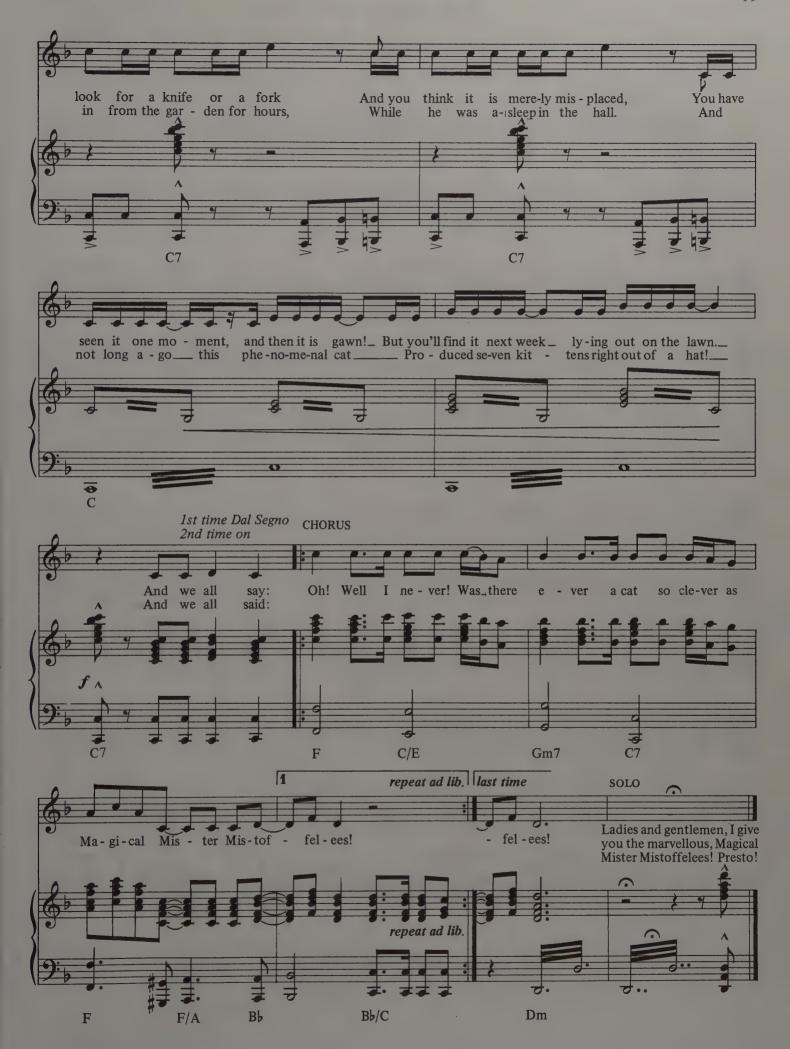


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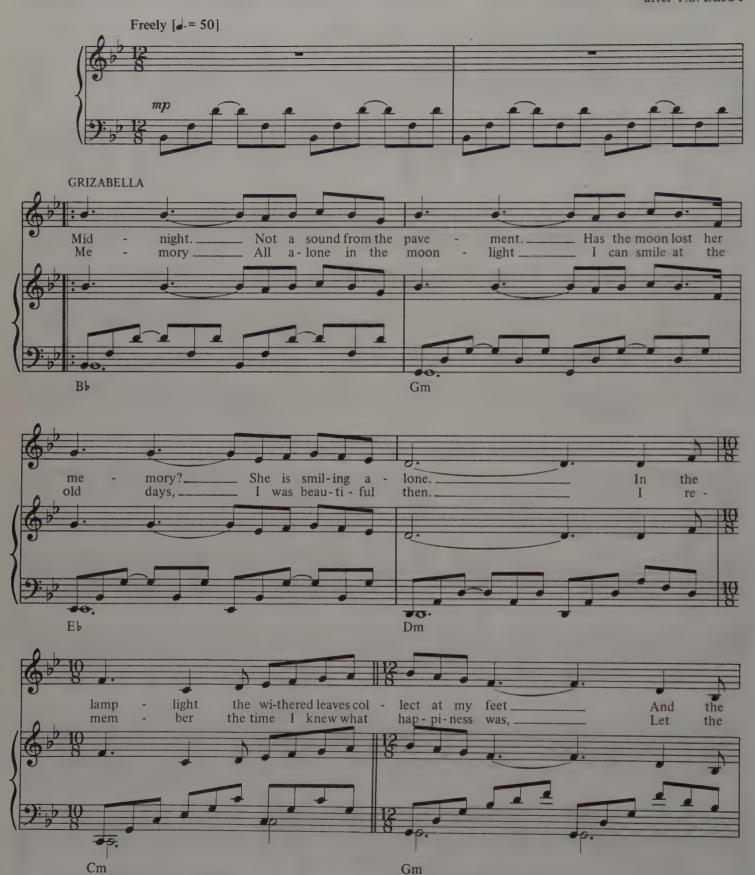




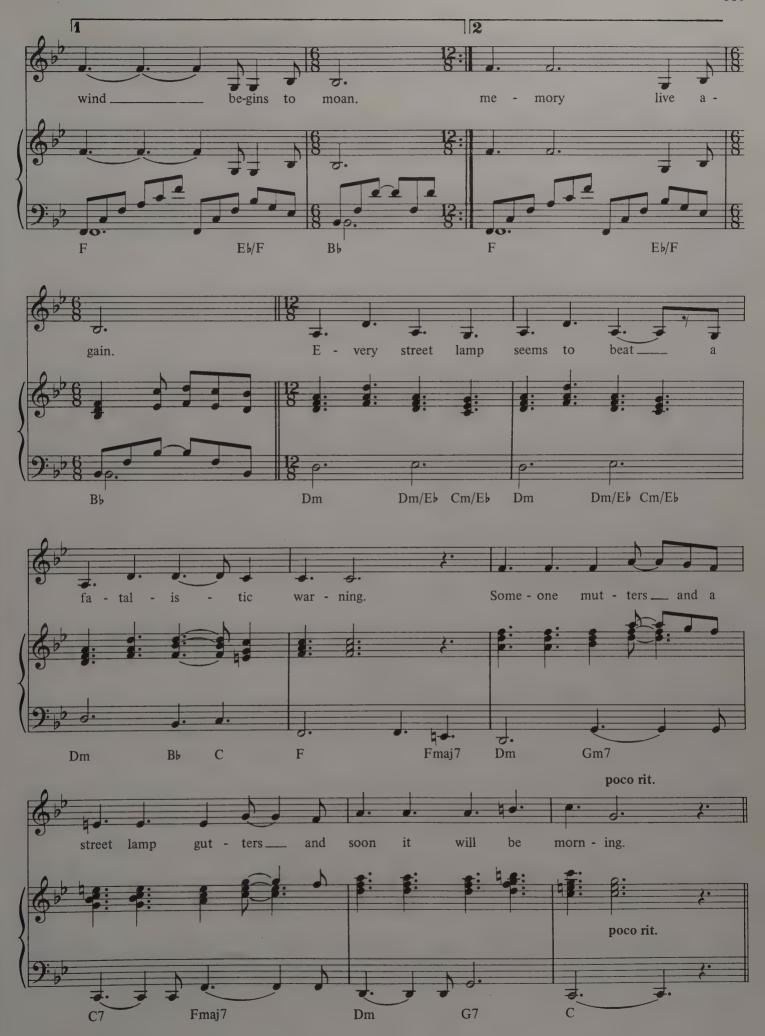
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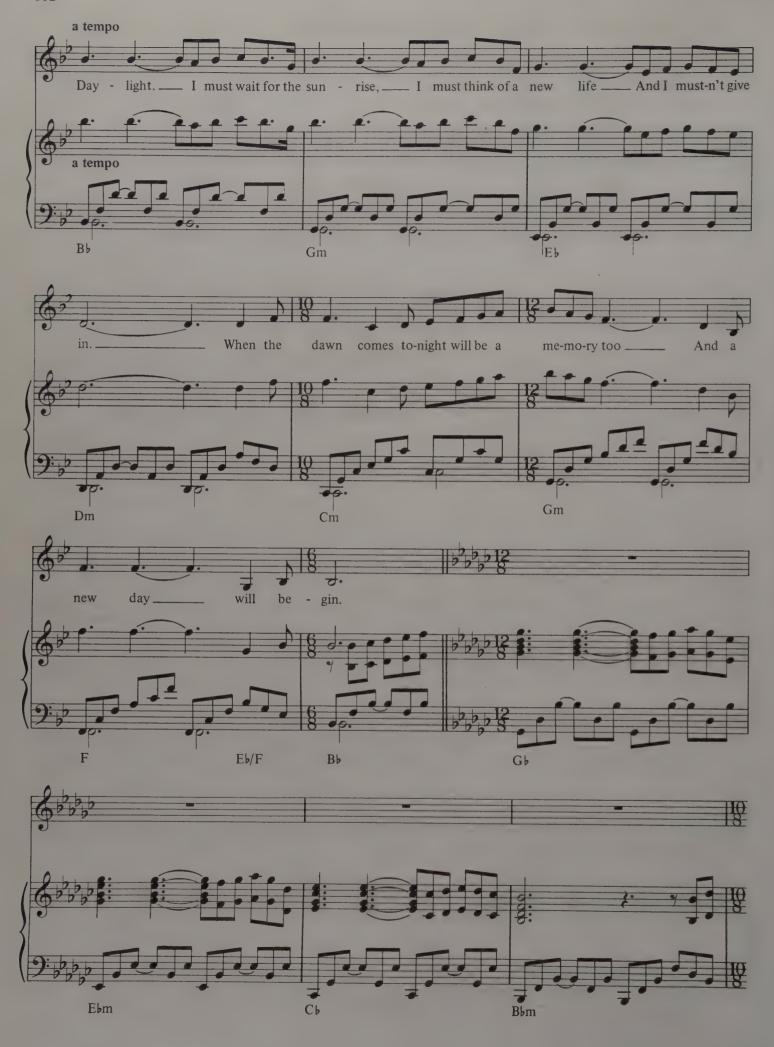
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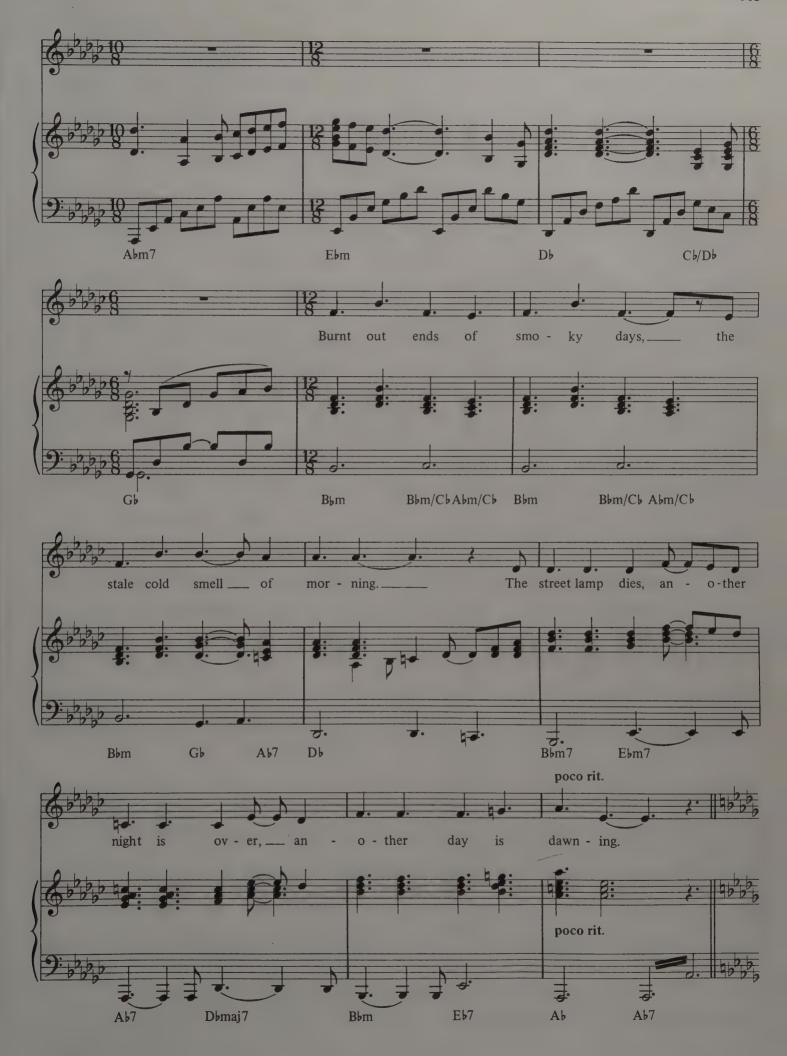
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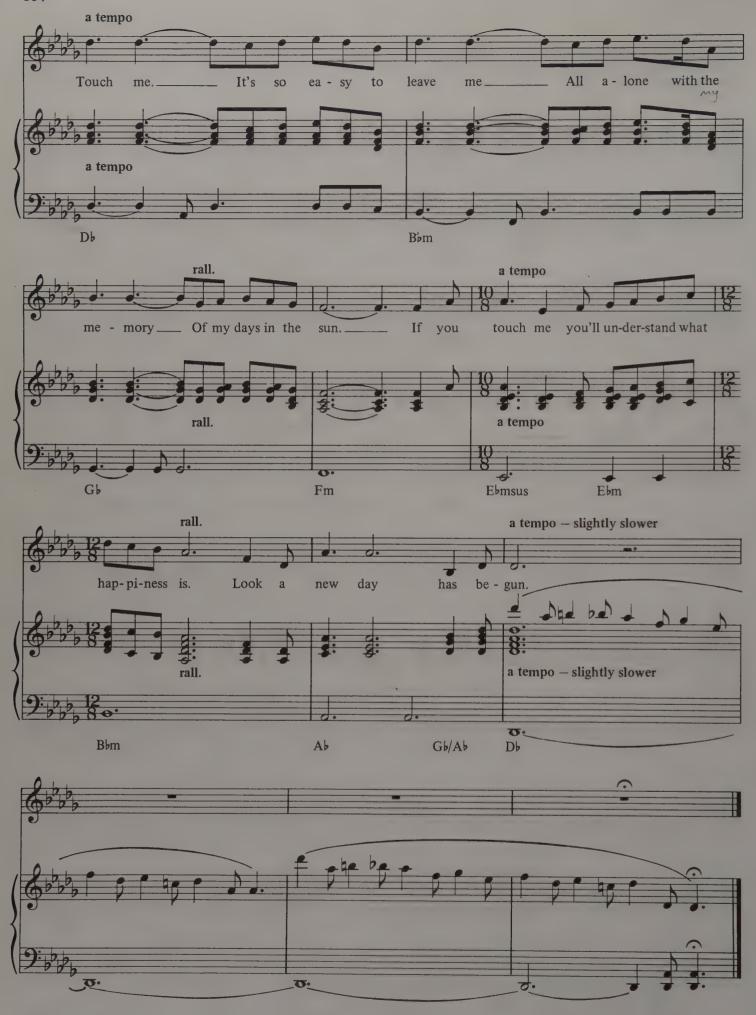


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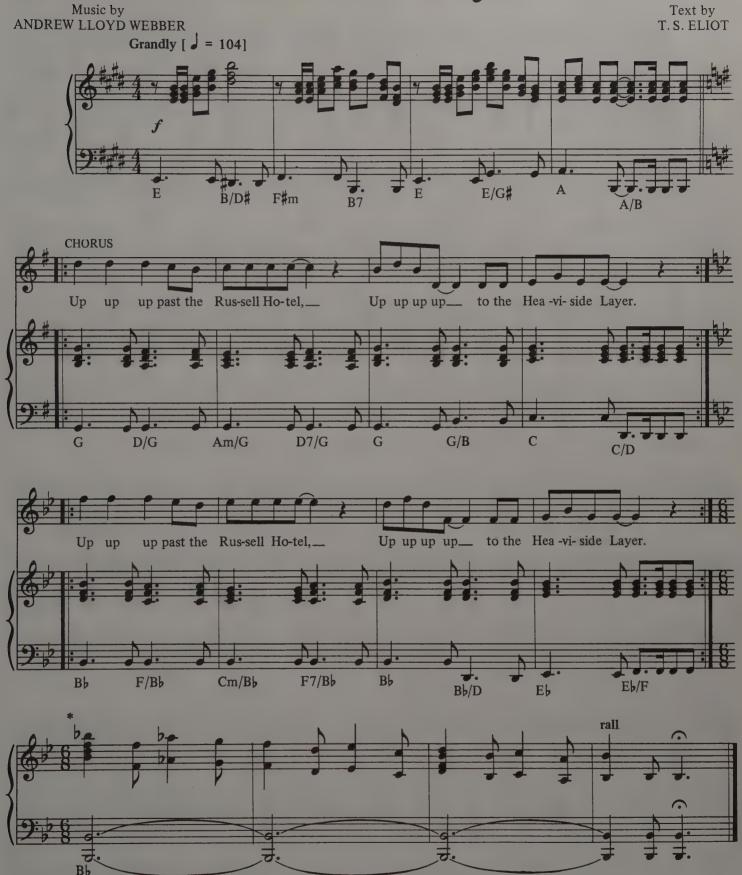






[Grizabella is chosen to go to the Heaviside Layer.]

The Journey to the Heaviside Layer



* For complete instrumental, take in bars 61 to 88 of Overture (pp. 8-10)

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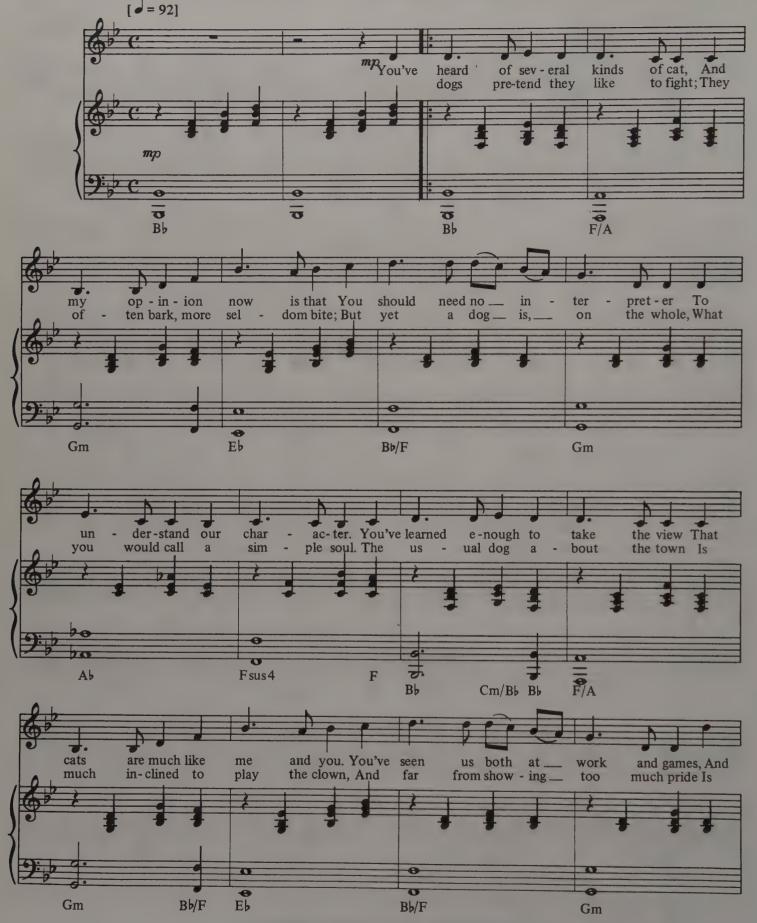
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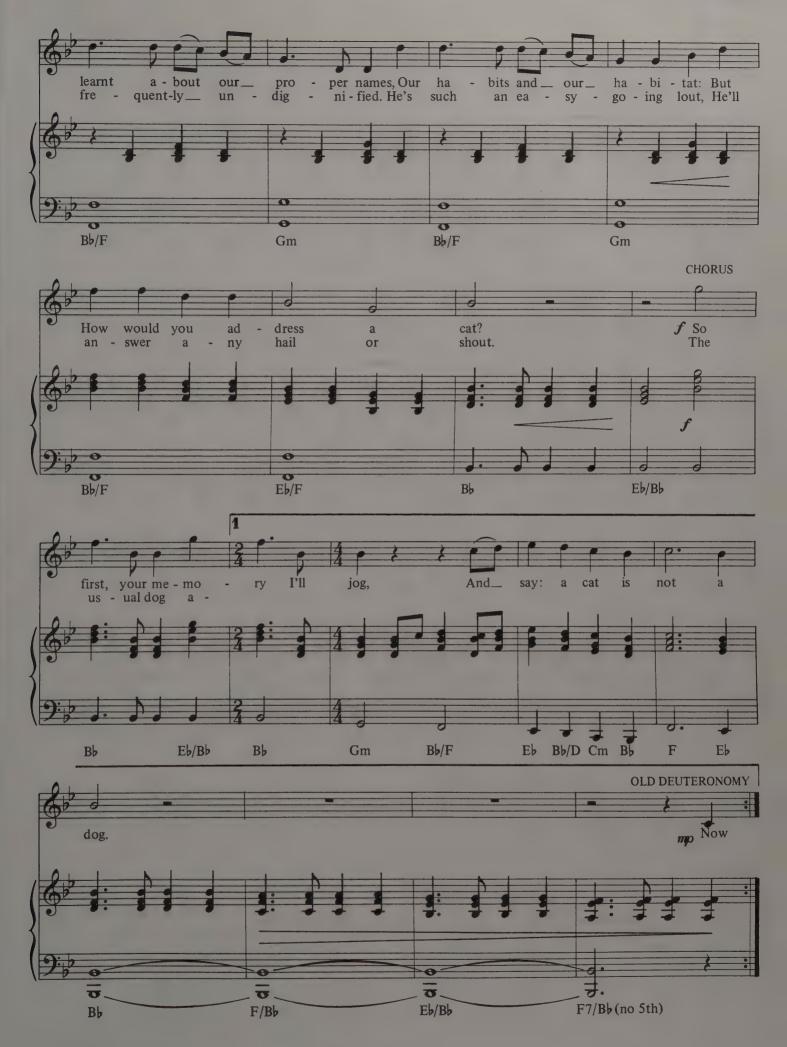
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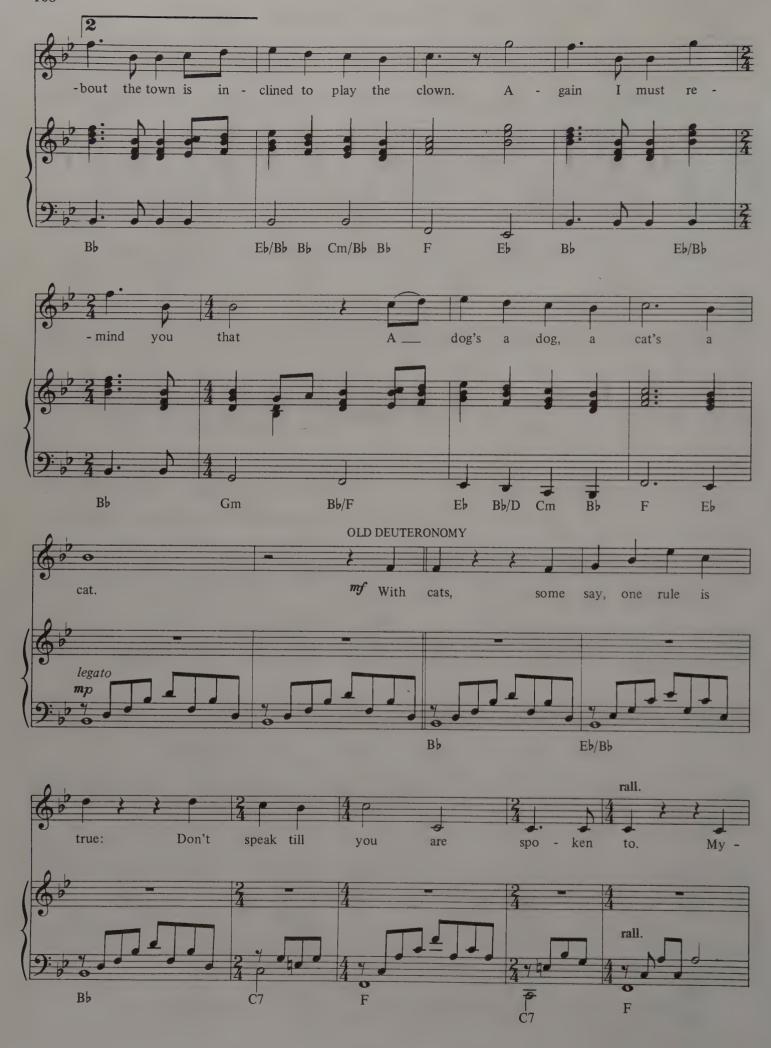


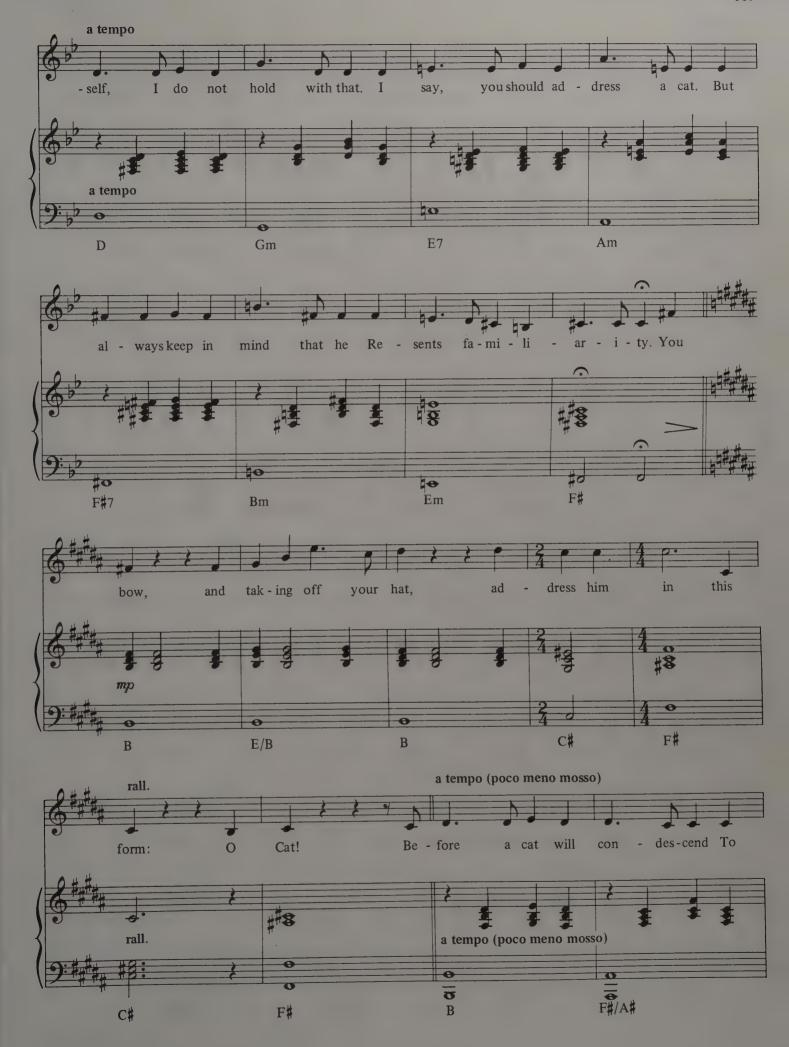
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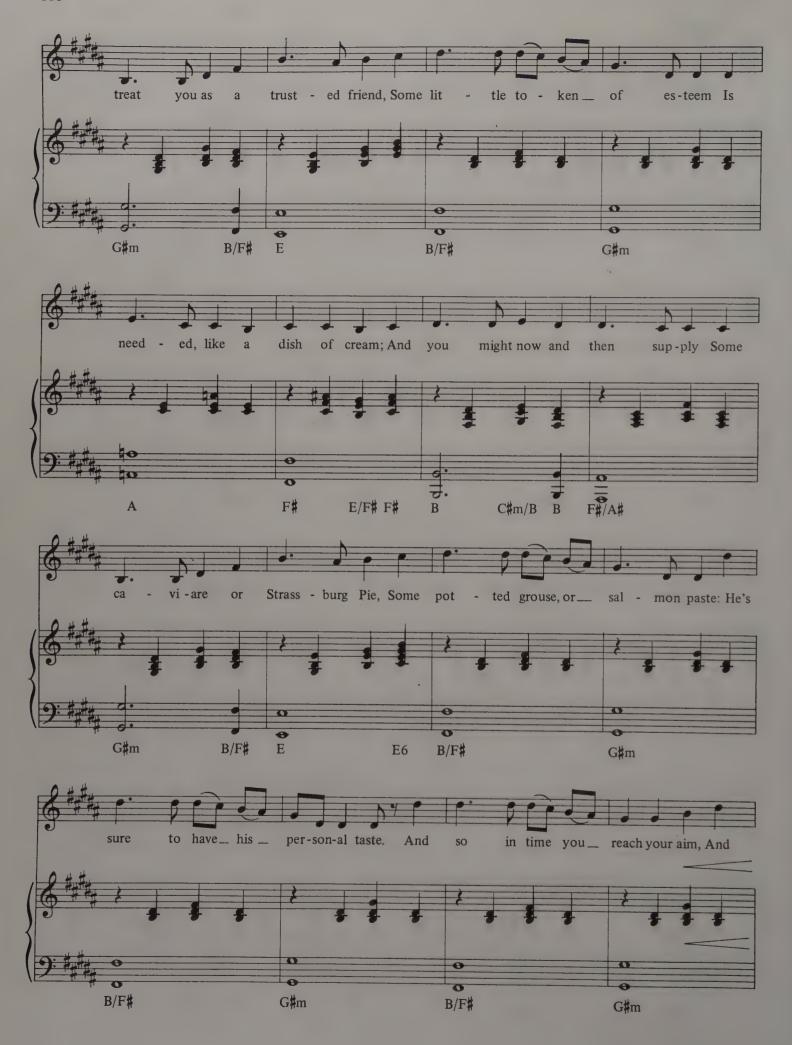
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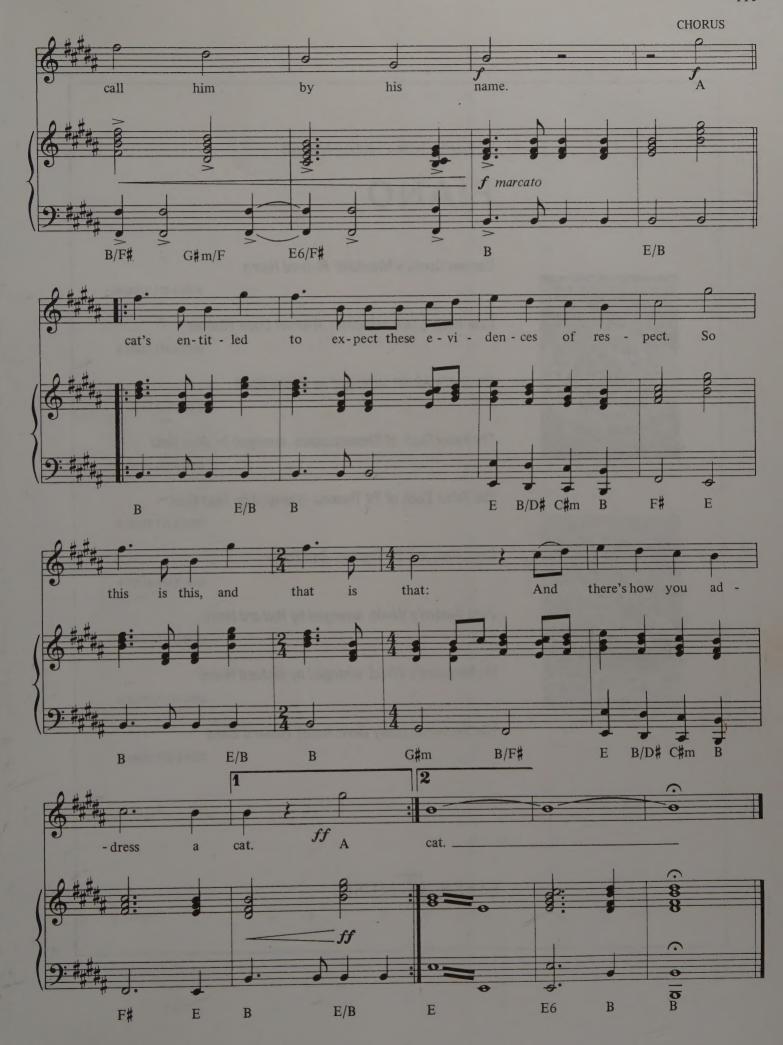
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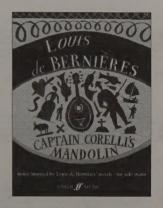
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