Slicing Tomatoes

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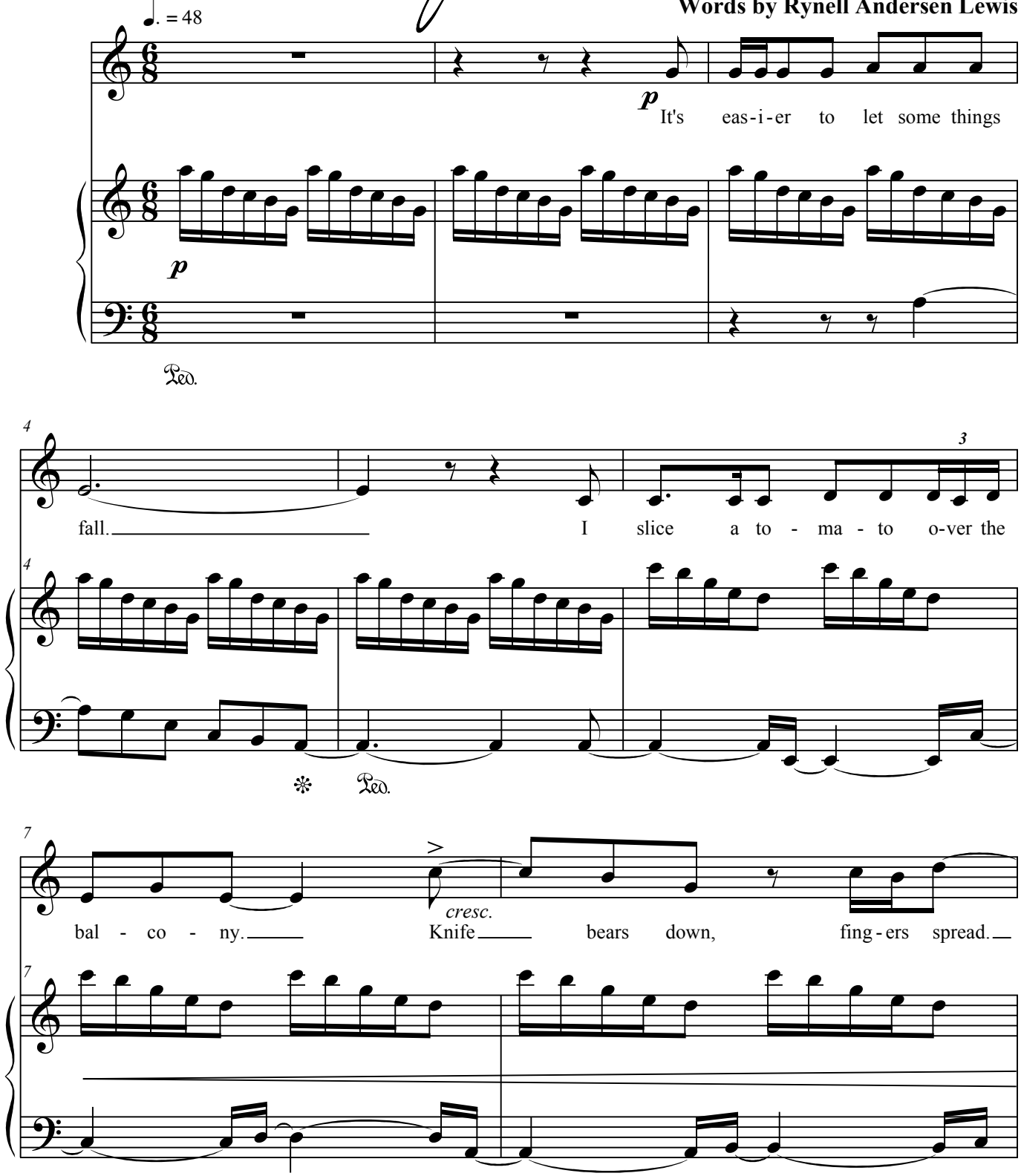

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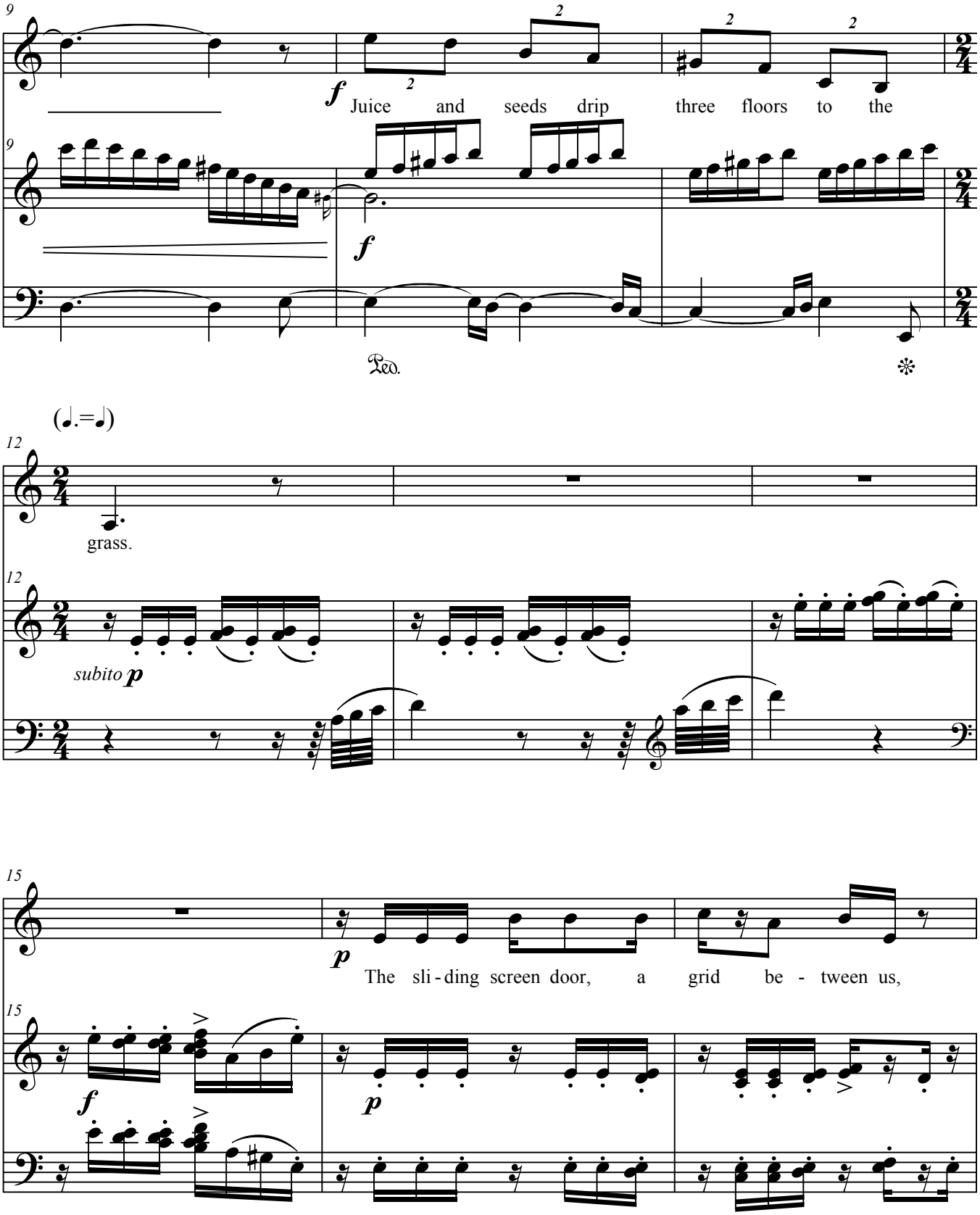
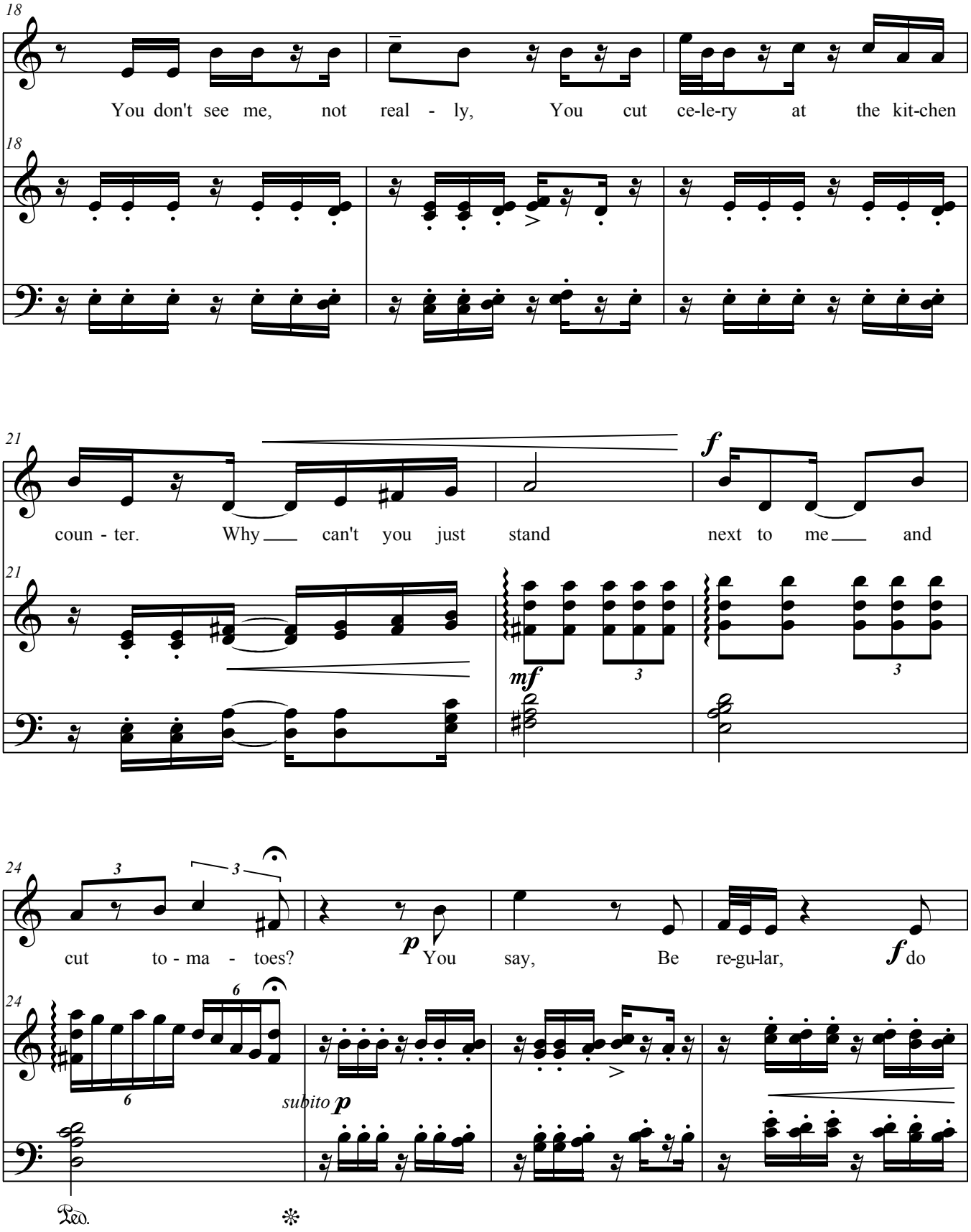
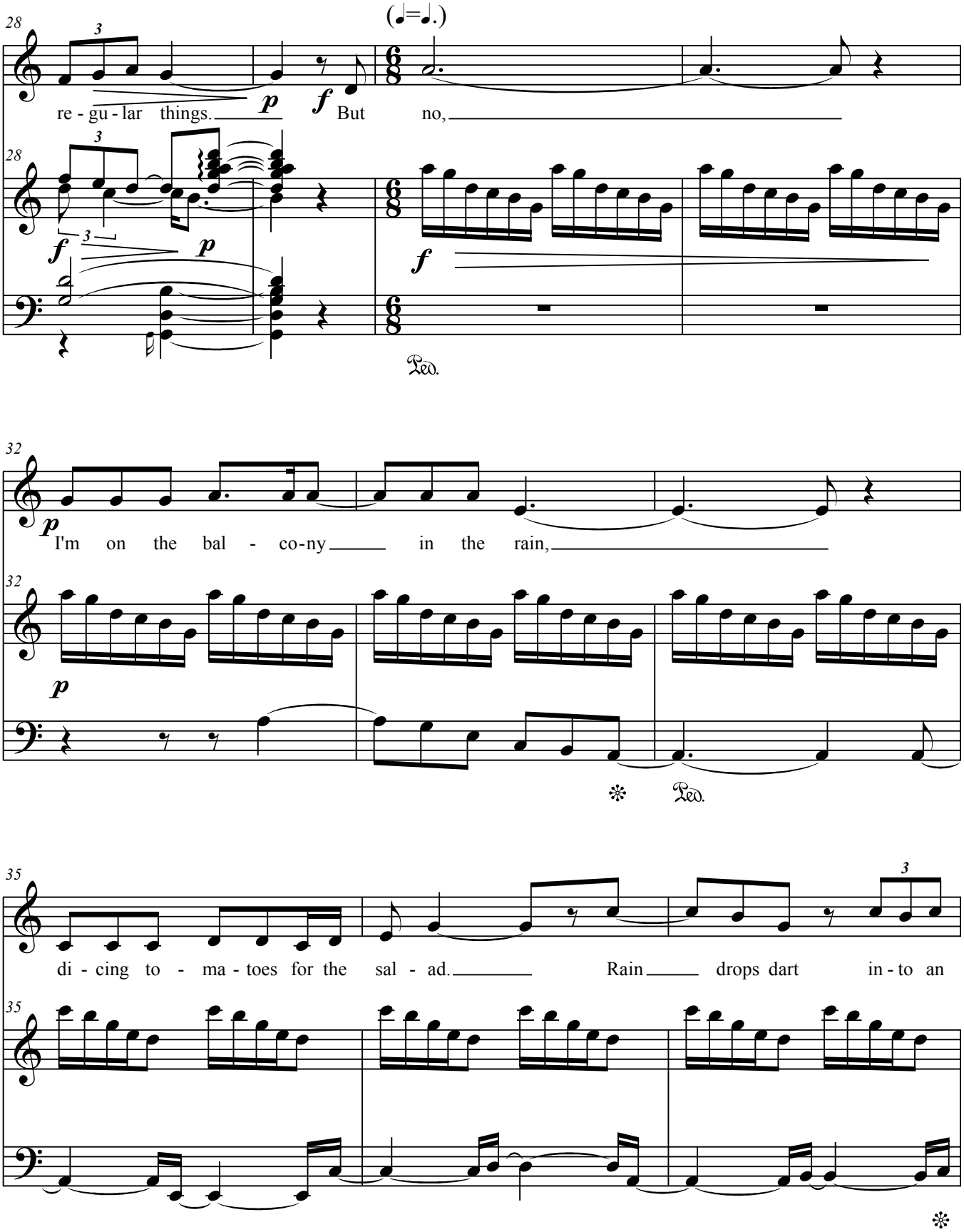
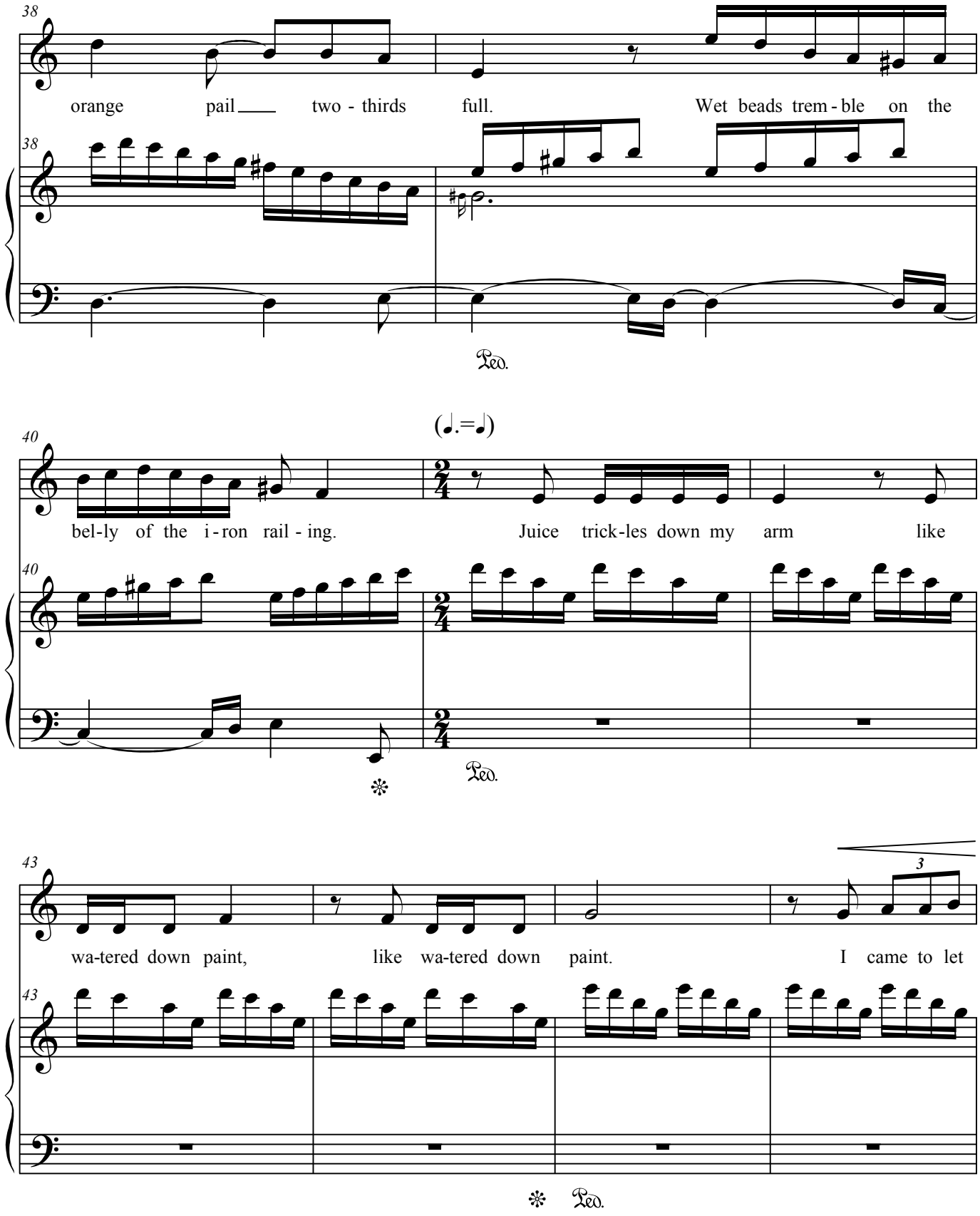
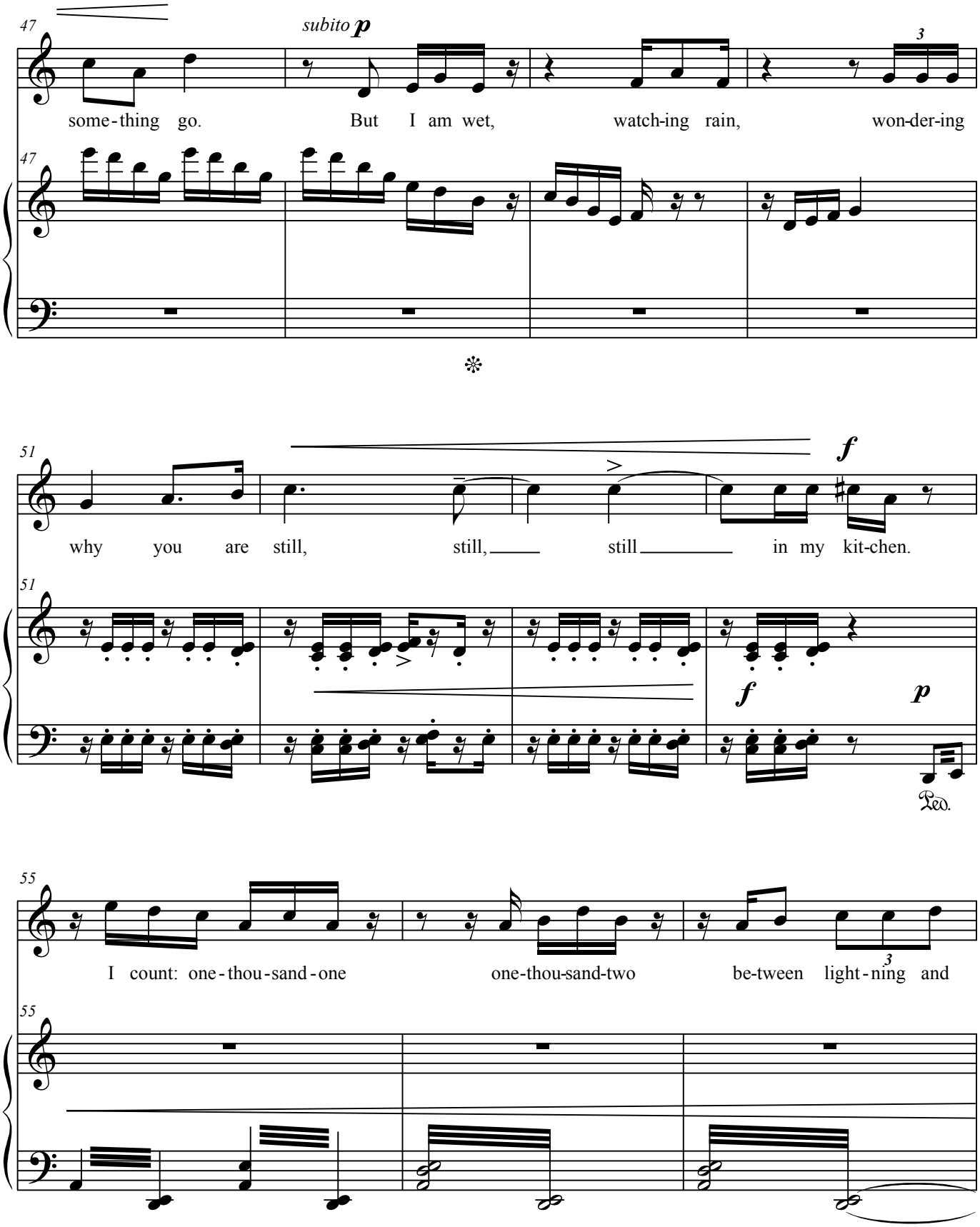
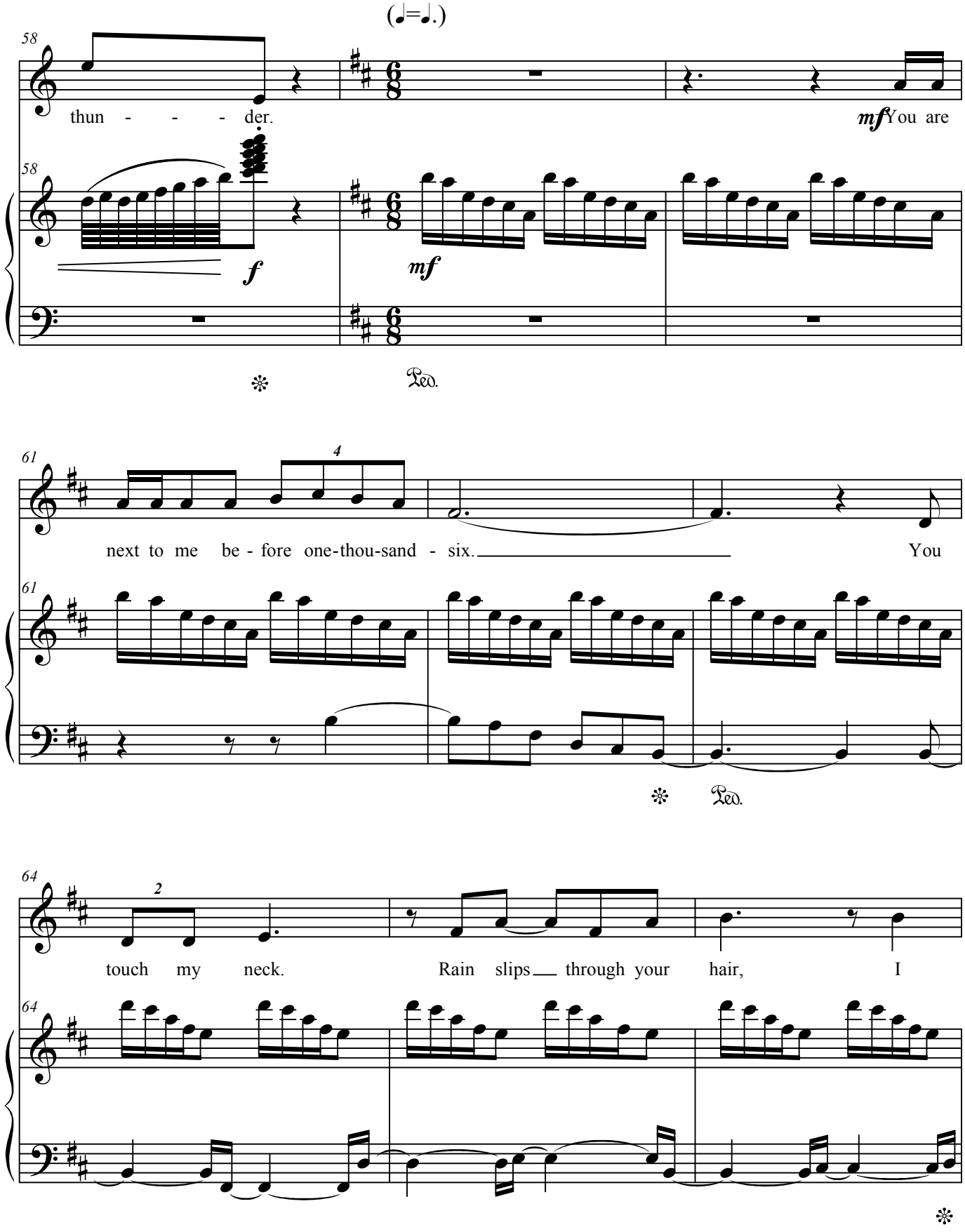

9
f
Juice and seeds drip three floors to the
Ped.
(♩.=♩)
12
grass.
subito p
15
p
The sli - ding screen door, a grid be - tween us,
f
p

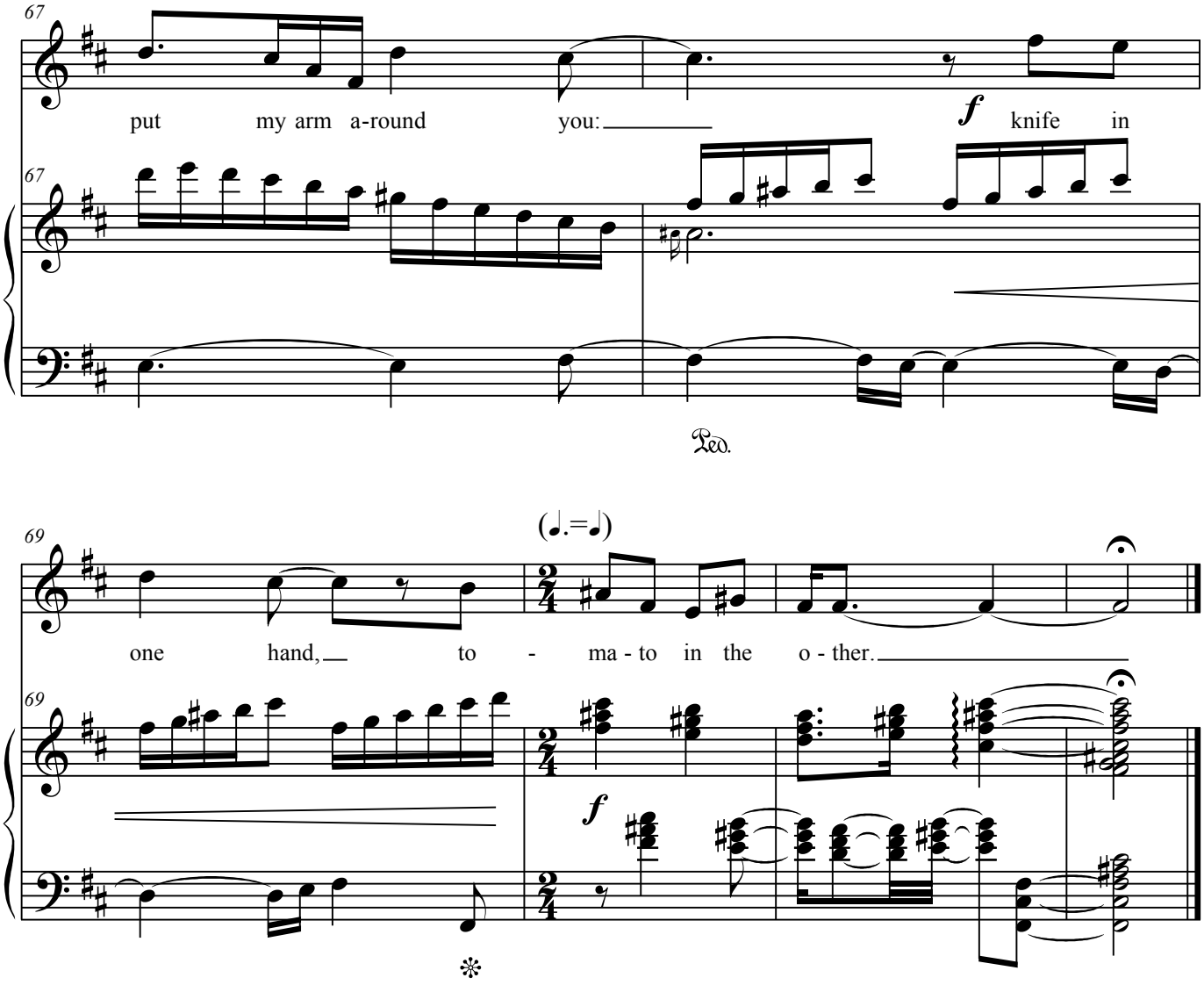

18
You don't see me, not real - ly, You cut ce-le-ry at the kit-chen
18
21
coun - ter. Why can't you just stand next to me and
f
21
mf
3
3
24
3
3
cut to - ma - toes?
p
You say, Be re-gu-lar,
f
do
24
6
6
subito p
Ped.


(♩=♩.)
28
re - gu - lar things.
But no,
Ped.
32
I'm on the bal - co-ny in the rain,
Ped.
35
di - cing to - ma - toes for the sal - ad. Rain drops dart in - to an


38
orange pail two - thirds full. Wet beads trem - ble on the
Ped.
(♩.=♩)
40
bel-ly of the i - ron rail - ing. Juice trick-les down my arm like
Ped.
43
3
wa-tered down paint, like wa-tered down paint. I came to let
Ped.


47
subito p
3
some-thing go. But I am wet, watch-ing rain, won-der-ing
47
51
f
why you are still, still, still in my kit-chen.
51
f
p
Ped.
55
I count: one-thou-sand-one one-thou-sand-two be-tween light-ning and
3
55


(♩=♩.)
58
thun - - - der.
mf You are
58
f
mf
Ped.
61
4
next to me be - fore one-thou-sand - six.
You
61
Ped.
64
2
touch my neck.
Rain slips through your hair,
I
64


67
put my arm a-round you:
f
knife in
67
Ped.
(♩.=♩)
69
one hand, to - ma - to in the o - ther.
69
f