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For Dr. Daniel Blumenthal, with love

The Daniel Jazz

Fred Blumenthal, 2002

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Voice

Harpisichord

V.

H.

Da - ri - us the Mede was a king and a wond - er. His

V.

H.

eye was proud and his voice was thund - er He kept bad li - ons in a


V.

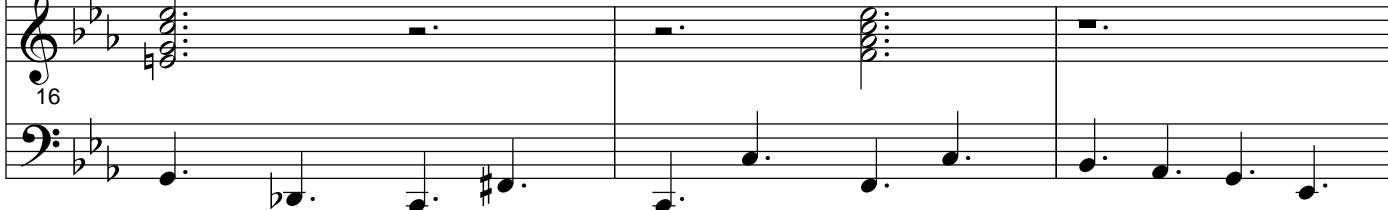
H.


mon - strous den. He fed up the li - ons on Christ - ian men.

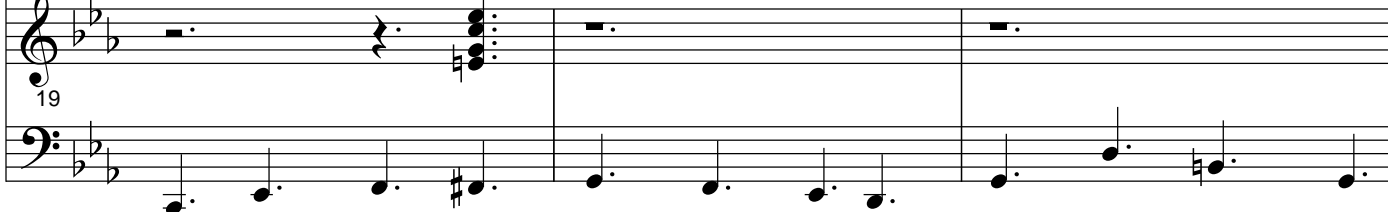
V. ¹³  Dan - iel was the chief hir - ed

H. ¹³ 

V. ¹⁶  man of the land. He stirred up the jazz in the pal - ace band. He

H. ¹⁶ 


V. ¹⁹  white-washed the cel-lar. He shov-eled in the coal. And Dan - iel kept a - pray - ing: 'Lord,

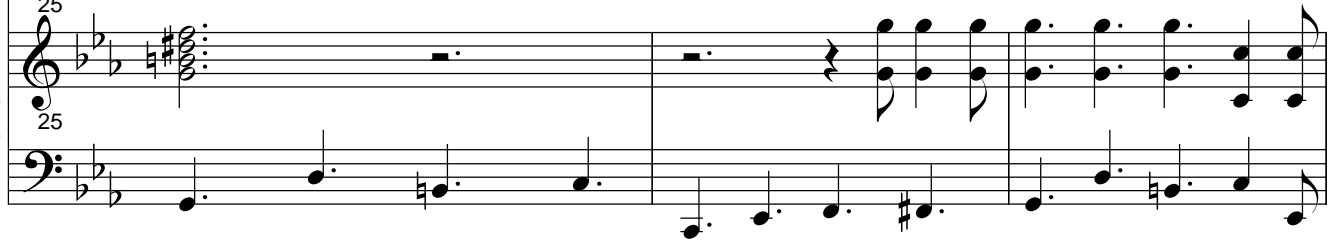
H. ¹⁹ 

V. ²²  save my soul.' Dan - iel kept a - pray - ing: 'Lord, save my soul.'

H. ²² 

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V.  Dan - iel kept a - pray - ing: 'Lord, save my soul.'


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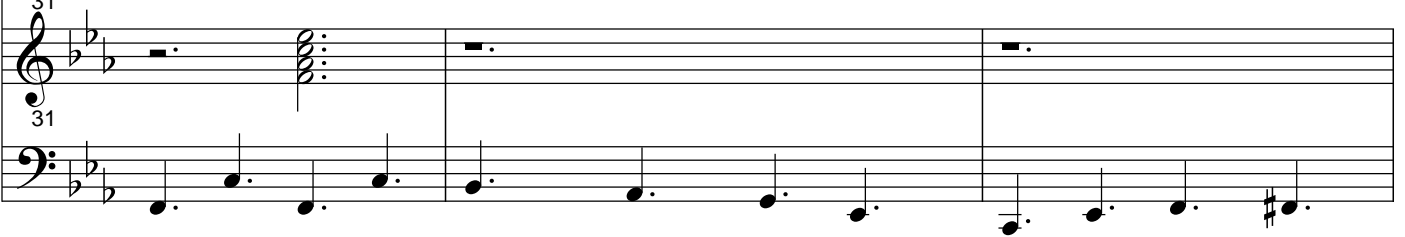
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V.  Dan - iel was the but - ler, swag - ger and swell. He


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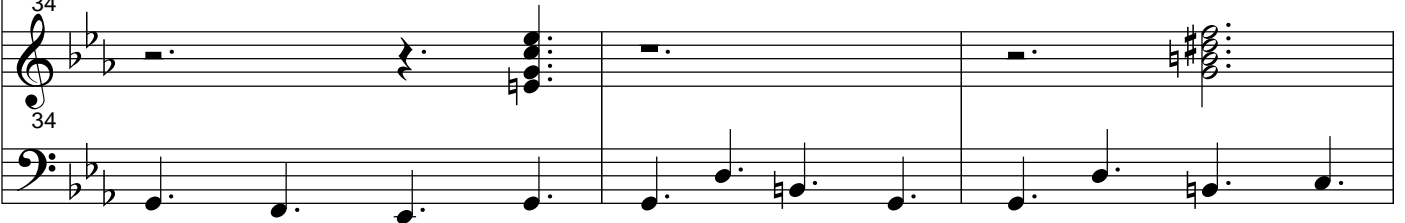
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V.  ran up - stairs. He an - swered the bell. And he would let in who -

H. 

34

V.  ev - er came a - cal - ling: Saints so hol - y, scamps so ap - pal - ing.

H. 

37

V. 'Old man A - hab leaves his card. E - li - sha and the bears are a -

H. 37

40

V. wait - ing in the yard. Here comes Phar - oah and his snakes a - cal - ling.

H. 40

43

V. Here comes Cain and his wife a - cal - ling. Shad - rack, Me - shach and A -

H. 43

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V. bed - ne - go for tea. Here comes Jon - ah and the whale and the sea!


H. 46

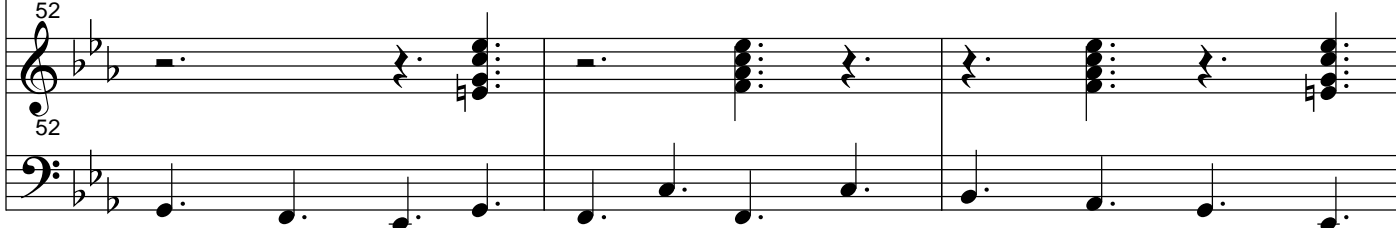
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V.  Here comes St. Pet - er and his


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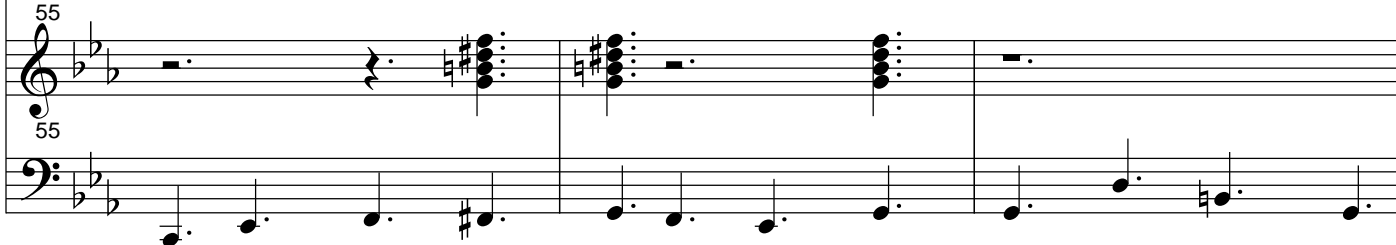
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V.  fish - ing pole. Here comes Jud - as and his sil - ver a - cal - ling.

H. 

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V.  Here comes old Beel - ze - bub a - cal - ling. And Dan - iel kept a - pray - ing: 'Lord,

H. 

58

V.  save my soul.' Dan - iel kept a - pray - ing: 'Lord, save my soul.'

H. 

61

V. Dan - iel kept a - pray - ing: 'Lord, save my soul.'

H. 61

64

V. His sweet-heart and his moth-er were Christ-ian and meek. They

H. 64

67

V. washed and ir - oned for Dar - ius ev' - ry week. One Thurs - day he met them

H. 67

70

V. at the door. Paid them as us - ual, but act - ed sore. He said: 'Your

H. 70

73

V. Dan - iel is a dead lit - tle pig - eon. He's a good hard work - er, but he

H. 73

76

V. talks re - li - gion.' And he showed them Dan - iel in the li - on's cage.

H. 76

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V. Dan - iel stand - ing qui - et - ly, the li - ons in a rage.

H. 79

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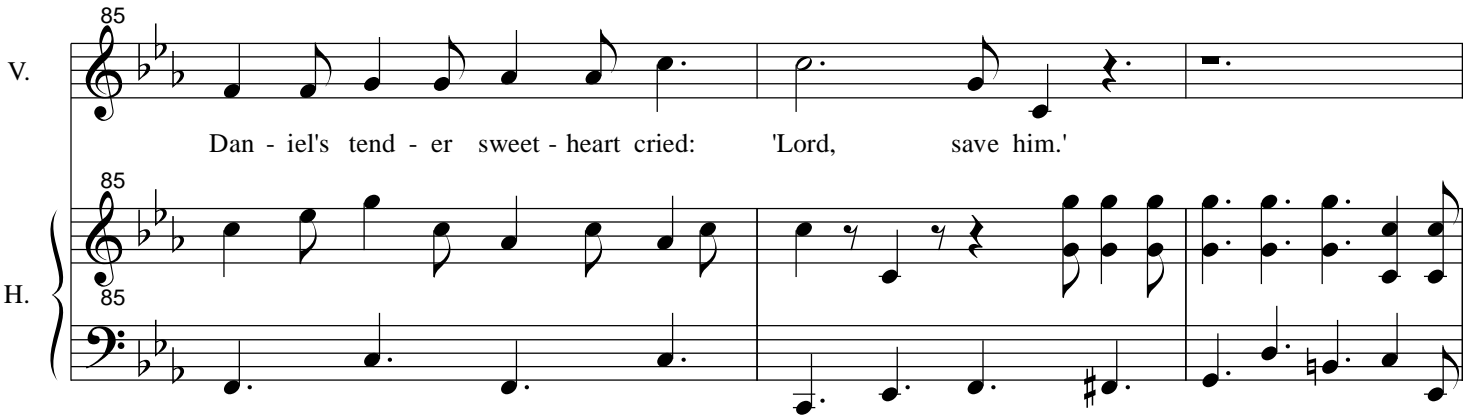
V. His good old moth - er cried: "Lord, save him.' And

H. 82

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V. Dan - iel's tend - er sweet - heart cried: 'Lord, save him.'

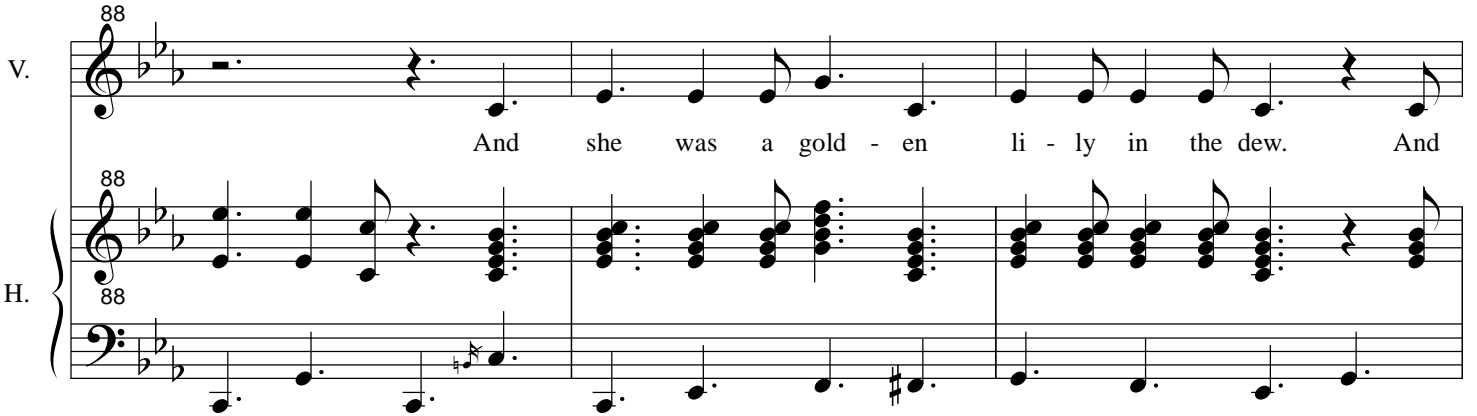
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V. And she was a gold - en li - ly in the dew. And

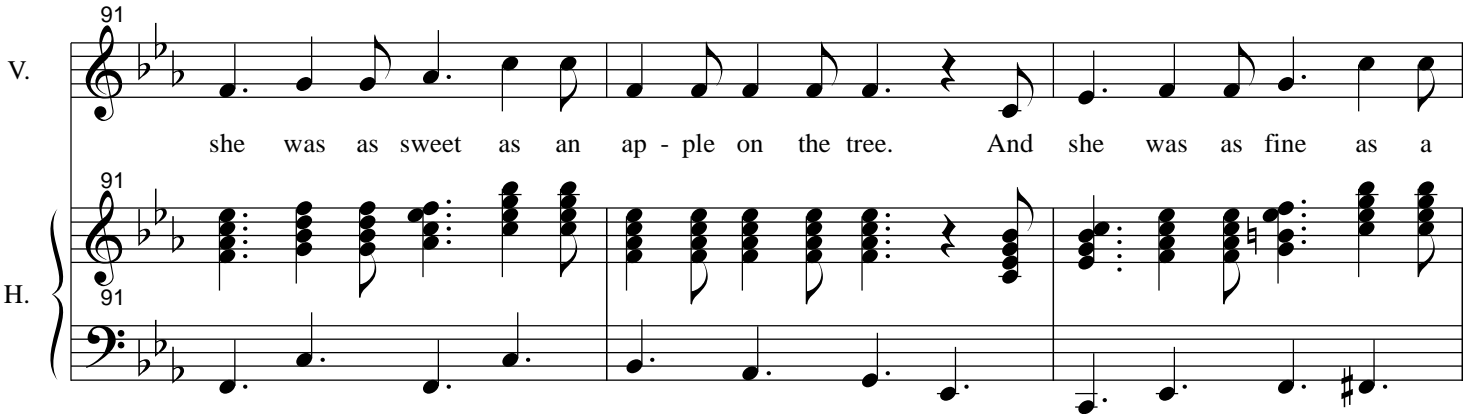
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V. she was as sweet as an ap - ple on the tree. And she was as fine as a

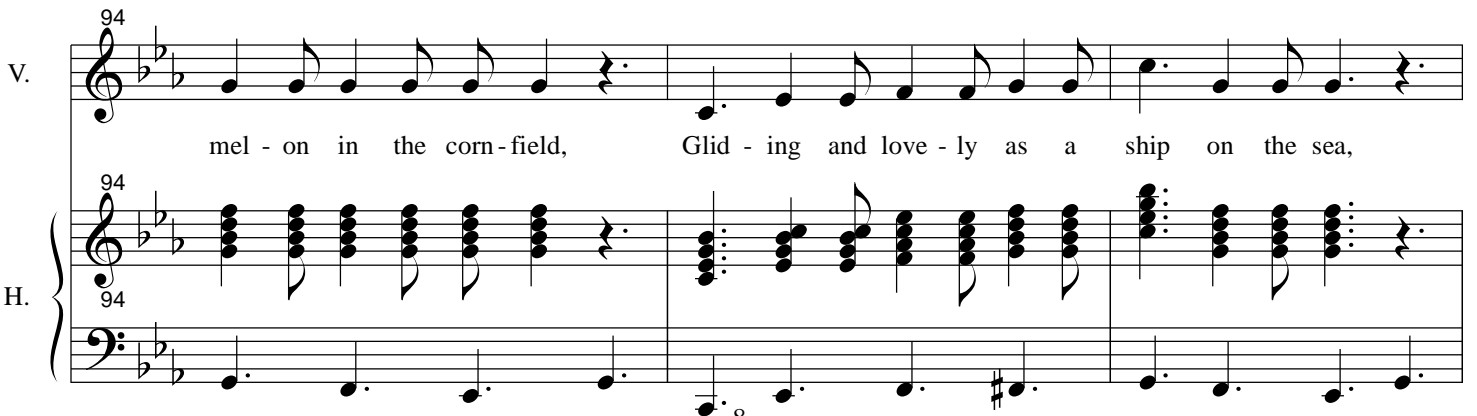
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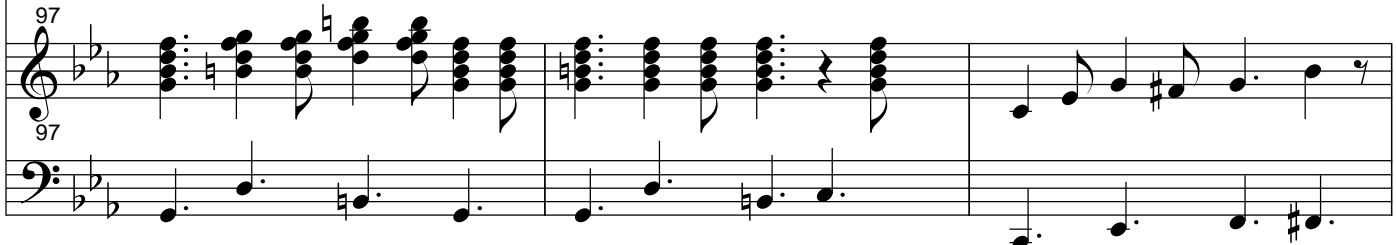
V. mel - on in the corn - field, Glid - ing and love - ly as a ship on the sea,

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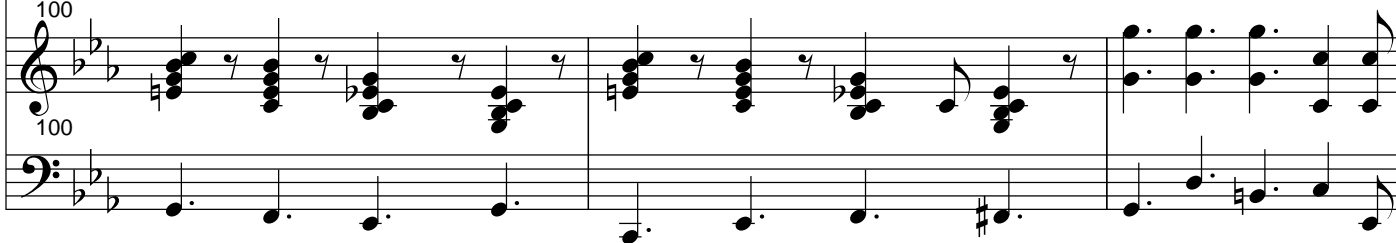
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V.  Glid - ing and love - ly as a ship on the sea And she prayed to the Lord:


H. 

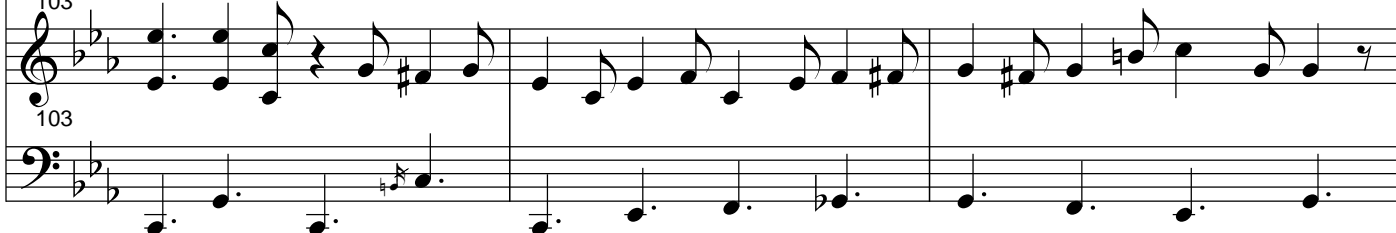
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V.  'Send Gab - riel. Send Gab - riel.'


H. 


103

V.  King Da - ri - us said to the li - ons:

H. 

106

V.  'Bite Dan - iel. Bite Dan - iel. Bite him. Bite him. Bite him.'

H. 

109

V. Thus roared the li - ons: 'We want Dan - iel, Dan - iel, Dan - iel,

H. 109

112

V. We want Dan - iel, Dan - iel, Dan - iel, *Sprechgesang* Grrrrr,

H. 112

115 *Sprechgesang*


V. Grrrrr, And Dan - iel did not frown, Dan - iel did not cry. He


H. 115

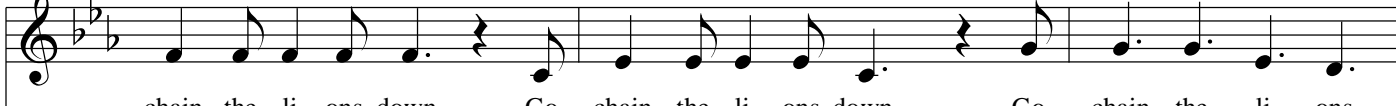
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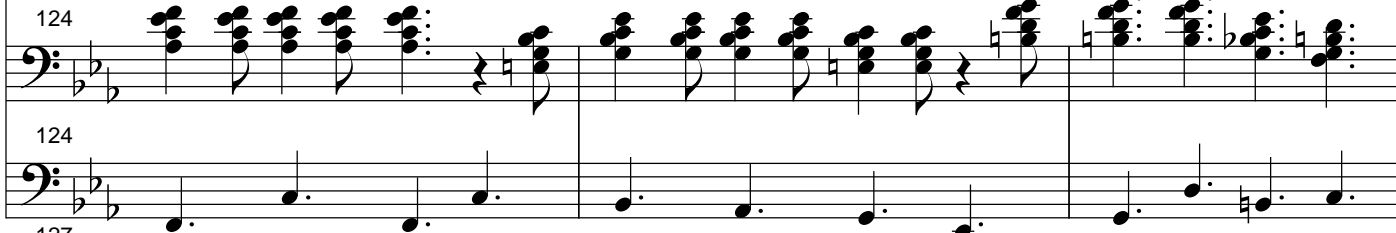
V. kept on look - ing at the sky.


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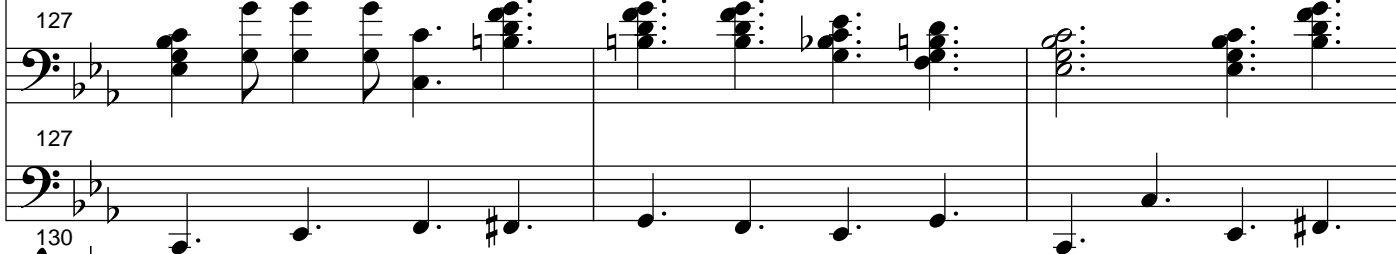
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V. 
And the Lord said to Gab - ri - el 'Go chain the li - ons down, Go

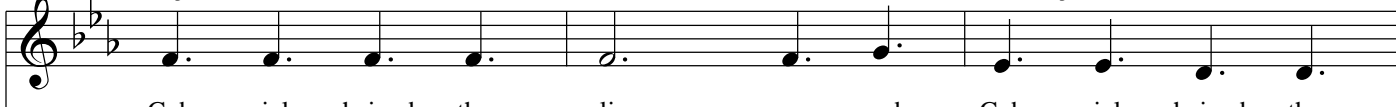
H. 

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V. 
chain the li - ons down. Go chain the li - ons down. Go chain the li - ons


H. 

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V. 
down.' And Gab - ri - el chained the li - ons, And

H. 

130
V. 
Gab - ri - el chained the li - ons, and Gab - ri - el chained the

H. 

133
V. 
li - ons. And Dan - iel got out of the den, And

H. 

136
V. Dan - iel got out of the den. And Dan - iel got out of the

H. 136

V. 139 den. And

H. 139

V. 142 Da - ri - us said: 'You're a Christ - ian child,' Da - ri - us said: 'You're a

H. 142

V. 145 Christ - ian child,' Da - ri - us said: 'You're a Christ - ian child And

H. 145

V. 148 gave him his job a - gain, And gave him his

H. 148

151

V.  job a - gain, And gave him his job a - gain.

H. 

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V. 

H. 

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V. 

H. 

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