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HIST'RY!

Two-Part, accompanied

Words and Music by
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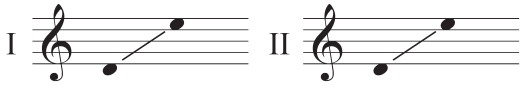

Time: Approx. 3:02
*Difficulty: Moderate

Performance Notes

Hist'ry!? is a cornucopia of anachronisms, puns, and misinformation in the ballad style of the ´50's. The tone should be light, with an emphasis on the consonant sounds, in order to make sure the audience understands the humor in the text. I have used this piece in several festival settings, and have encouraged the audiences to laugh at the jokes, and at the same time, challenged the singers to make sure that the audience hears the jokes accurately.

At measure 33, don't "spit the t" in "Doot." Rather, let the tongue come up to the hard palate and stop the sound there. At measure 70, be sure that the singers on part one are not so loud as to obscure the "presidential patter" in part two, which should predominate. Have fun with this piece!

The facts:

Columbus crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1492.
Washington crossed the Delaware River to attach the British in the Revolutionary War.
It is a well-known myth that Washington threw a silver dollar across the Potomac River.
Lincoln was a great president, whose face appears on the penny and the $5.00 bill.
Lewis and Clark were early explorers of the American west.
The "Hail Mary Pass" is a desperation football play.
"Tippecanoe and Tyler too" was William Henry Harrison's presidential campaign slogan.
John Tyler was his running mate.

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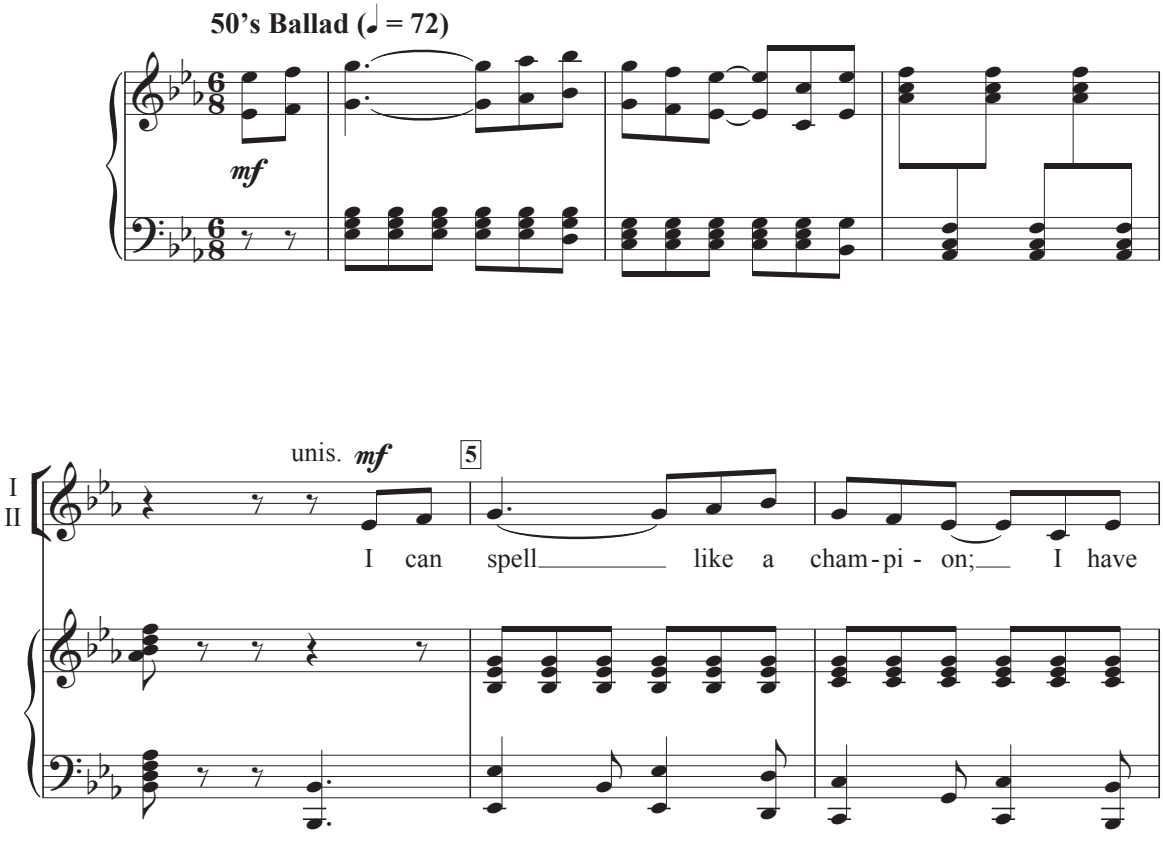

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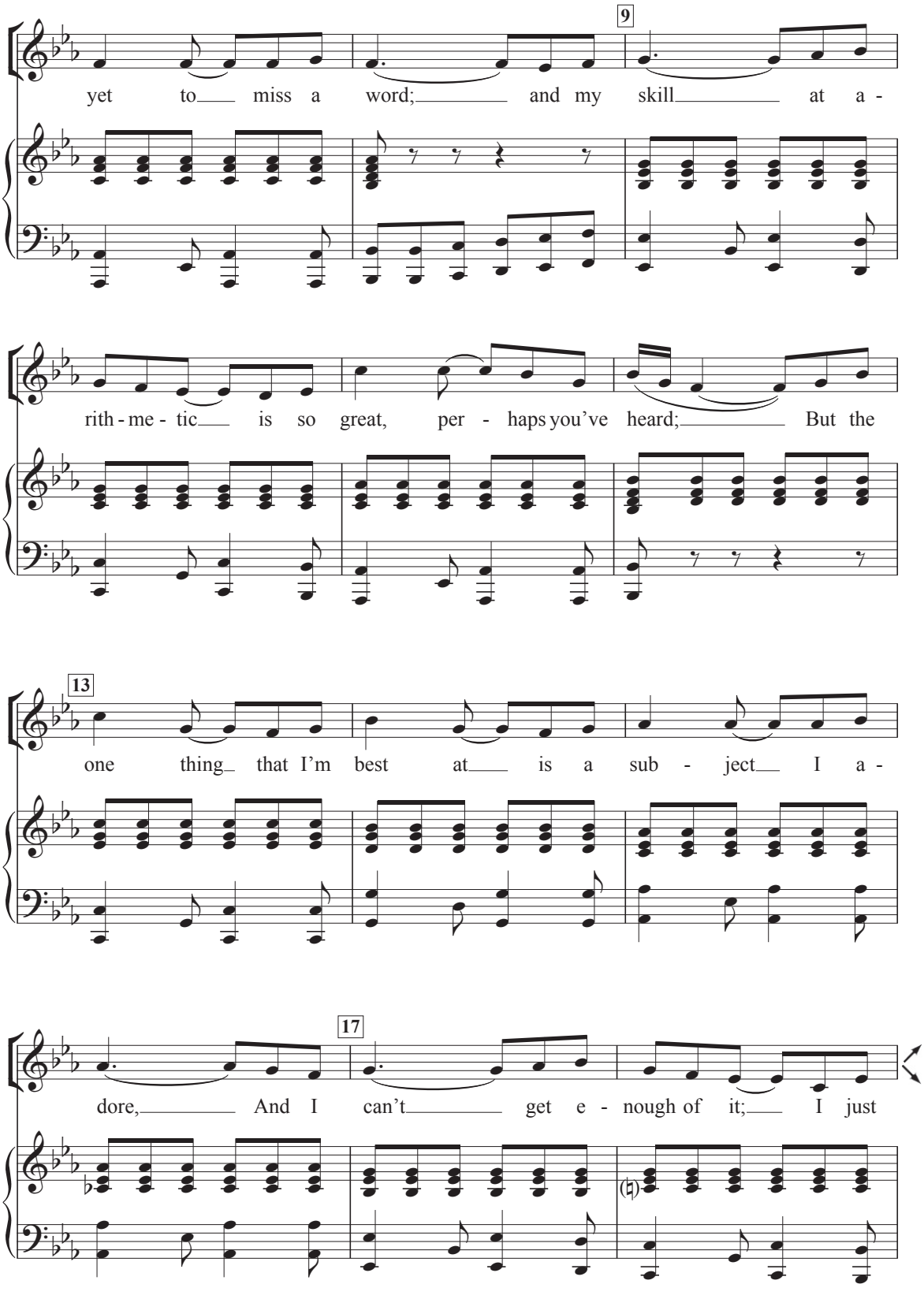
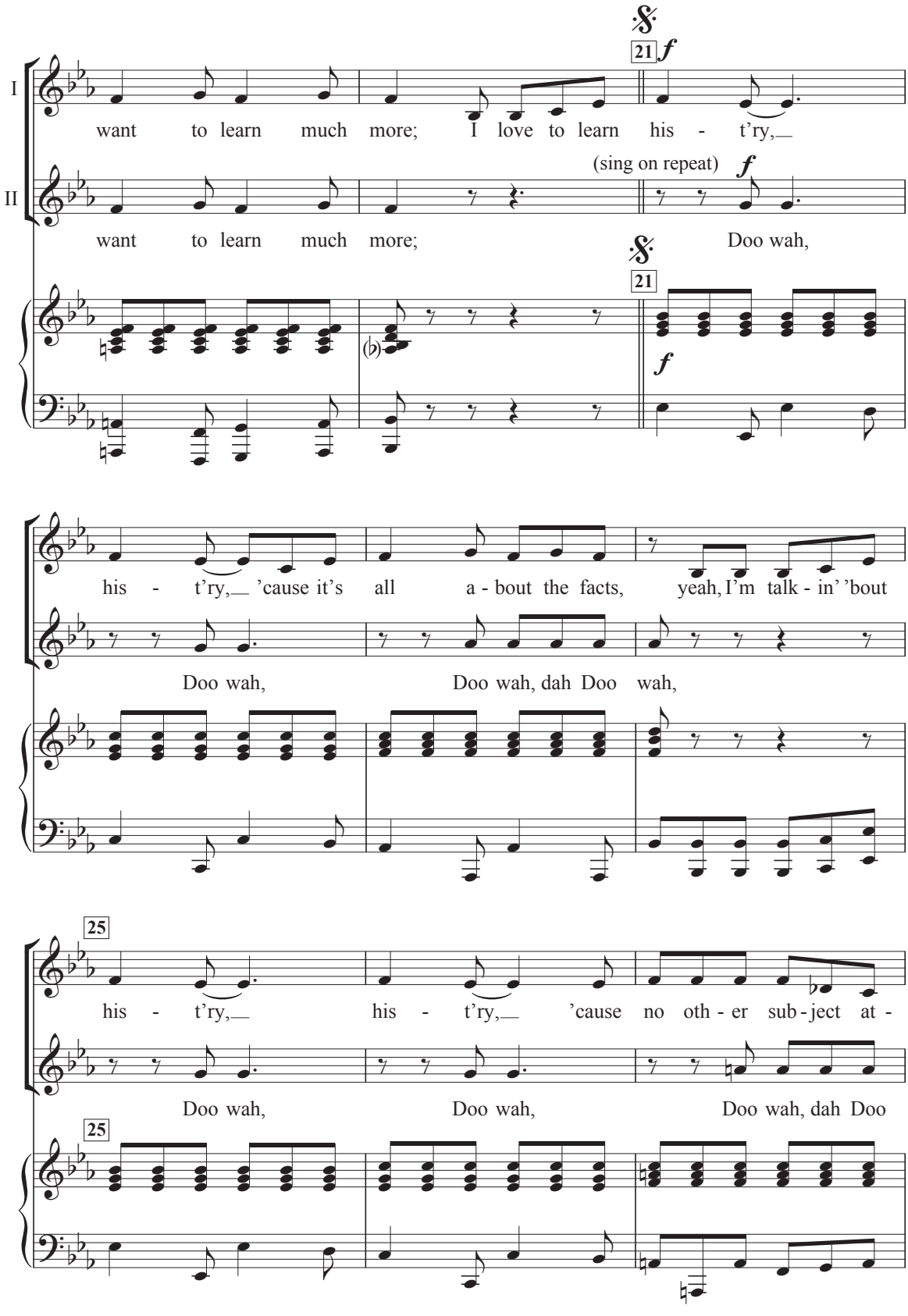
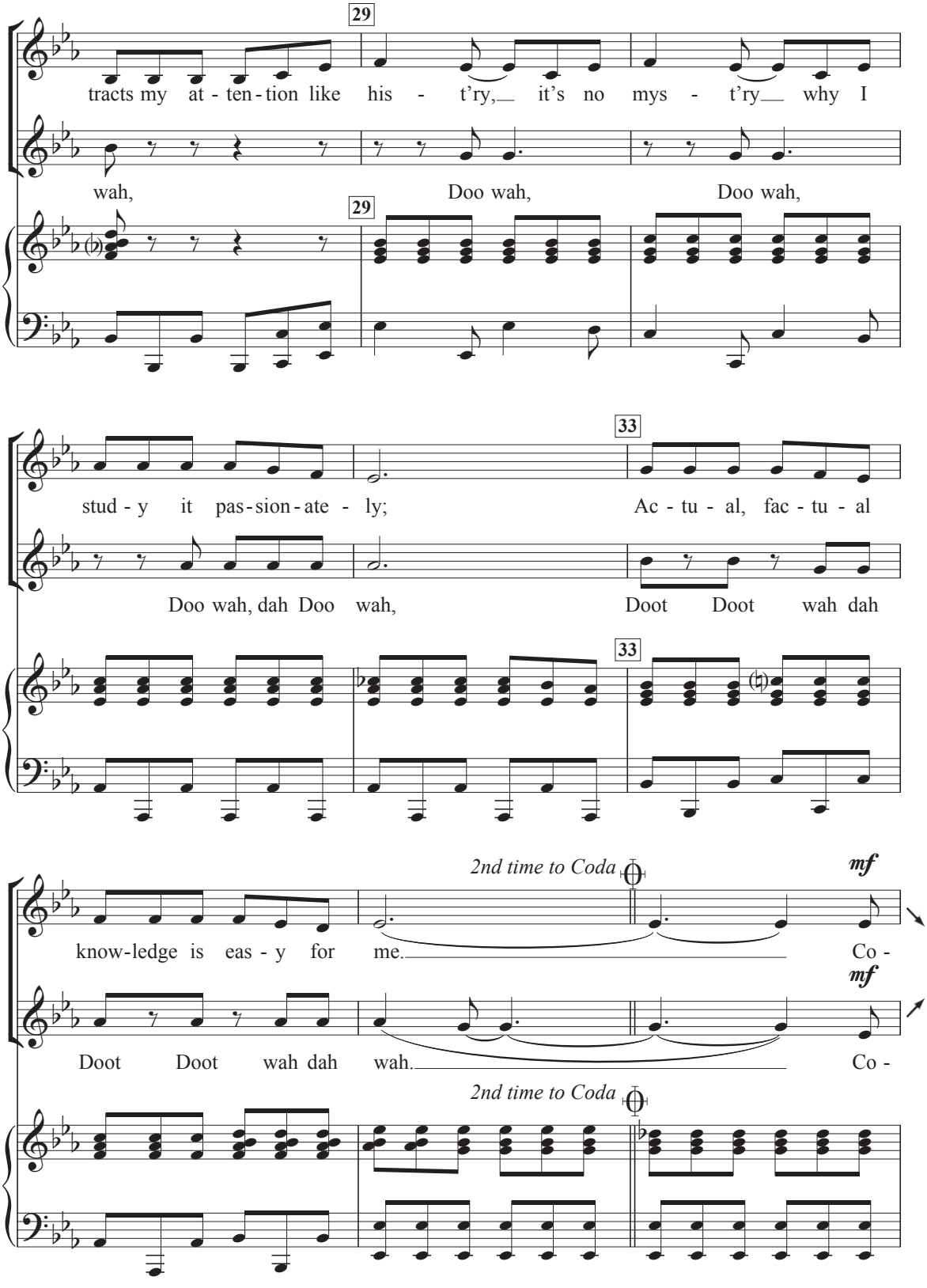
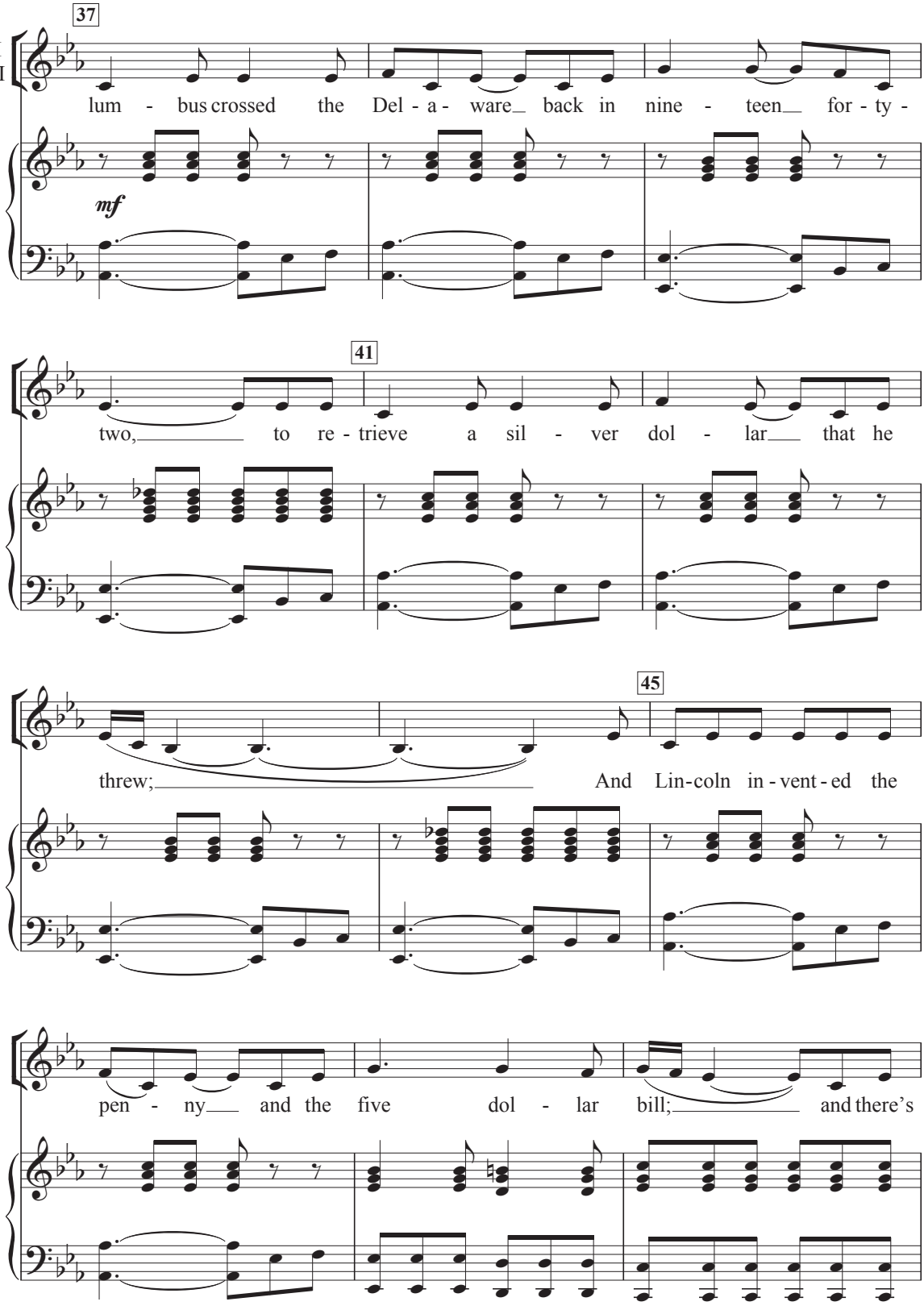
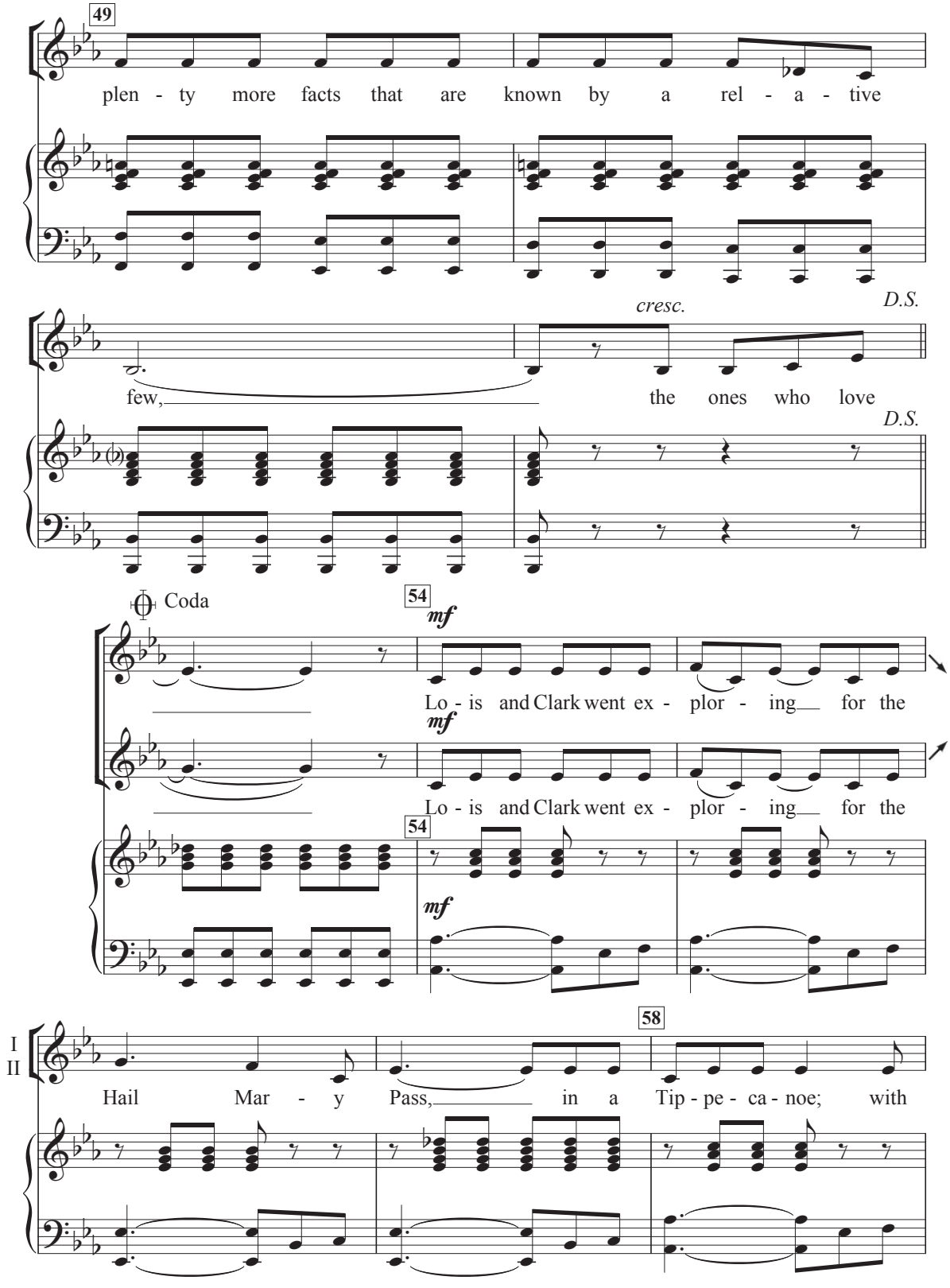
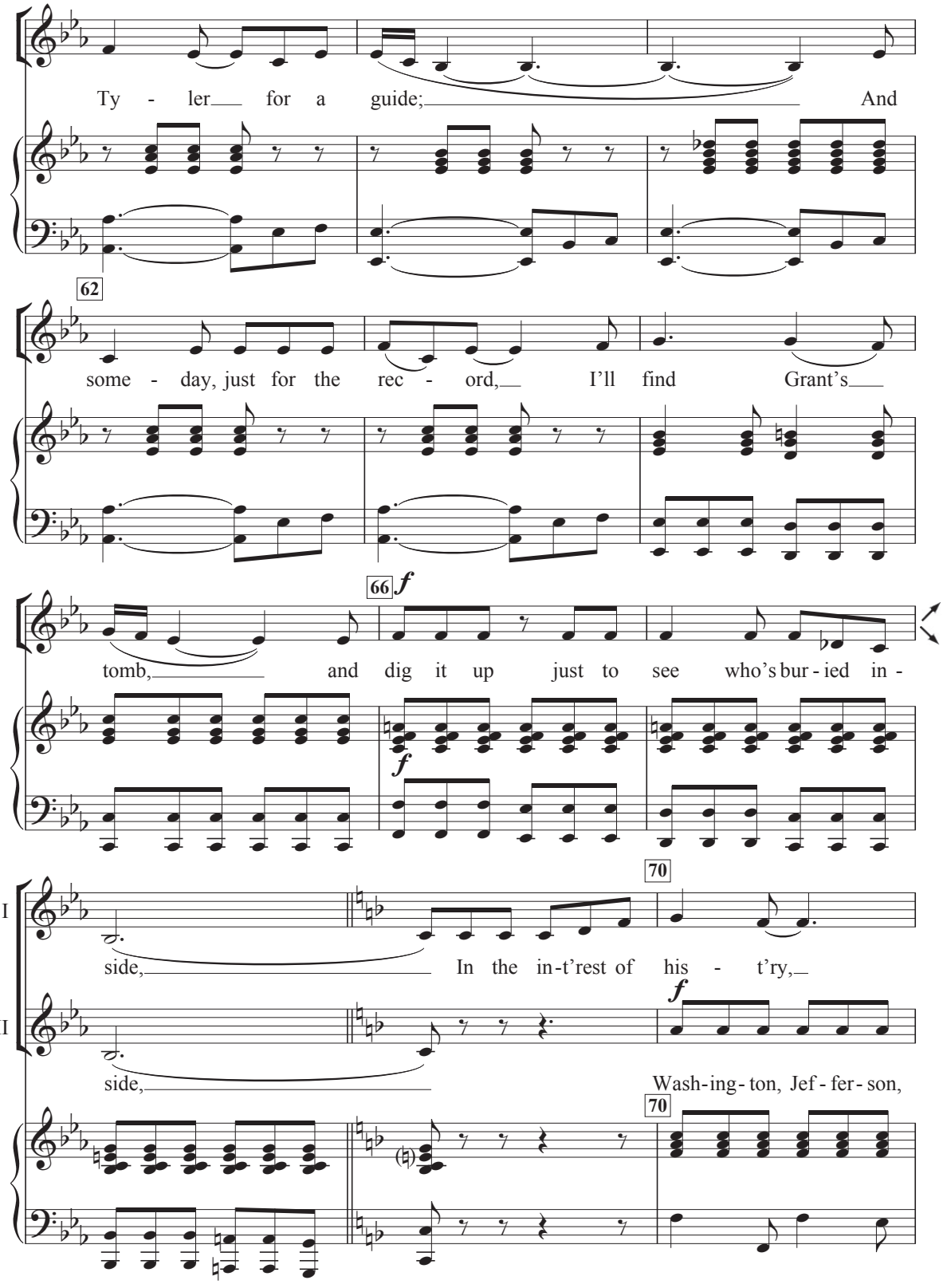

9
yet to miss a word; and my skill at a -
rith - me - tic is so great, per - haps you've heard; But the
13
one thing that I'm best at is a sub - ject I a -
17
dore, And I can't get e - nough of it; I just

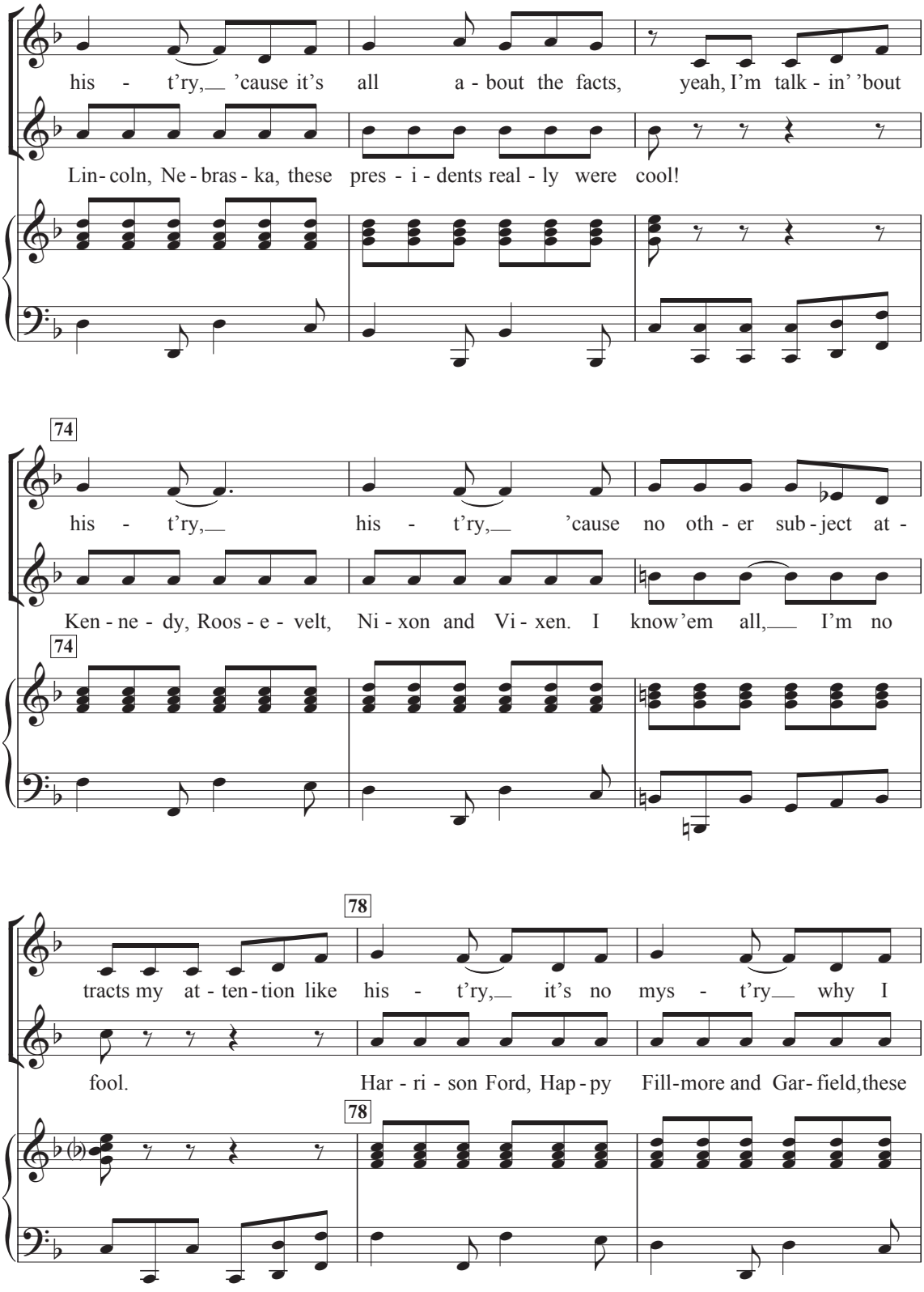

I
II
21
f
want to learn much more; I love to learn his - t'ry,
(sing on repeat)
f
want to learn much more;
Doo wah,
21
f
his - t'ry, 'cause it's all a - bout the facts, yeah, I'm talk - in' 'bout
Doo wah, Doo wah, dah Doo wah,
25
his - t'ry, his - t'ry, 'cause no oth - er sub - ject at -
Doo wah, Doo wah, Doo wah, dah Doo
25

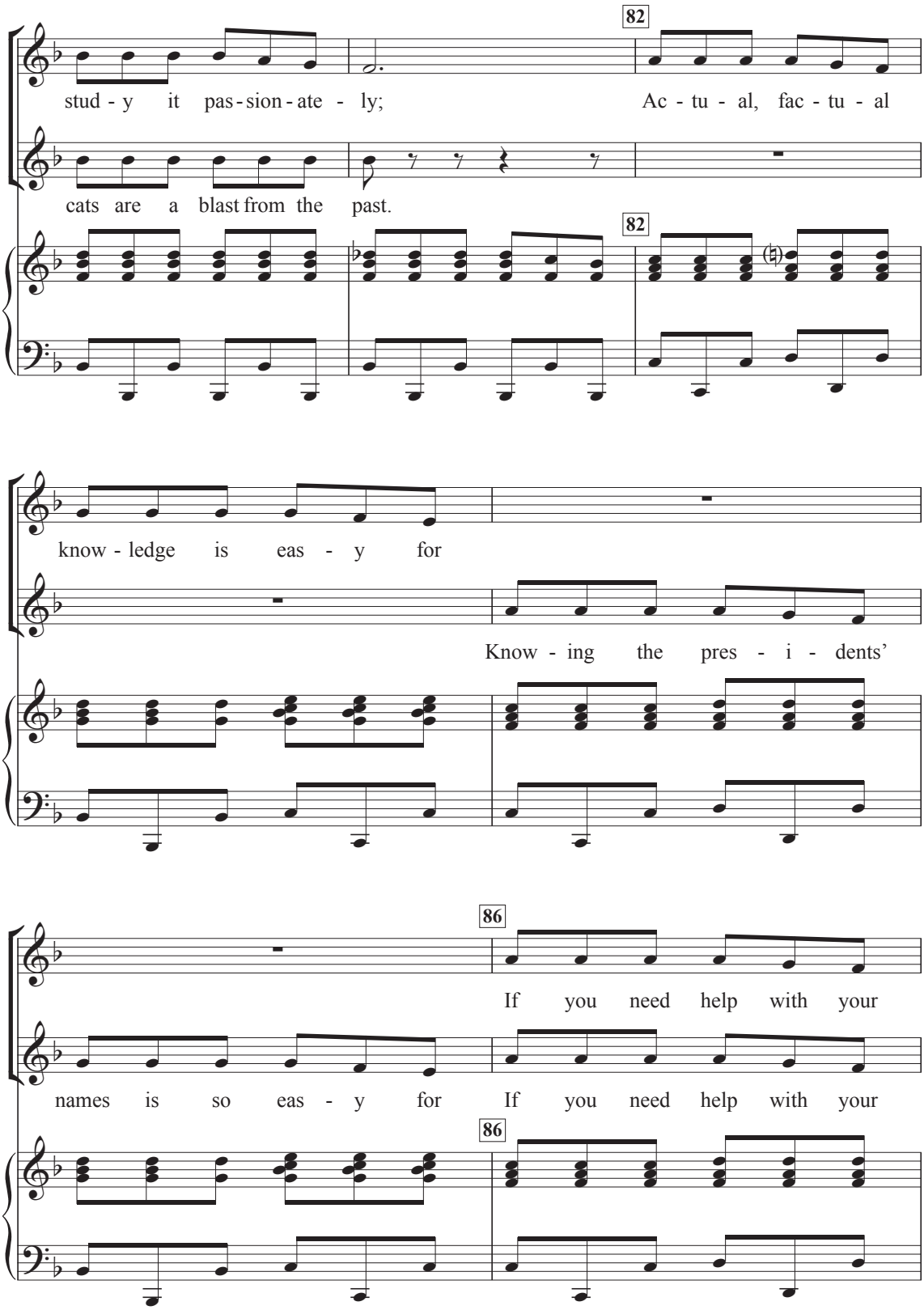

29
tracts my at - ten - tion like his - t'ry, it's no mys - t'ry why I
wah, Doo wah, Doo wah,
29
33
stud - y it pas - sion - ate - ly; Ac - tu - al, fac - tu - al
Doo wah, dah Doo wah, Doot Doot wah dah
33
2nd time to Coda
mf
know - ledge is eas - y for me. Co -
mf
Doot Doot wah dah wah. Co -
2nd time to Coda

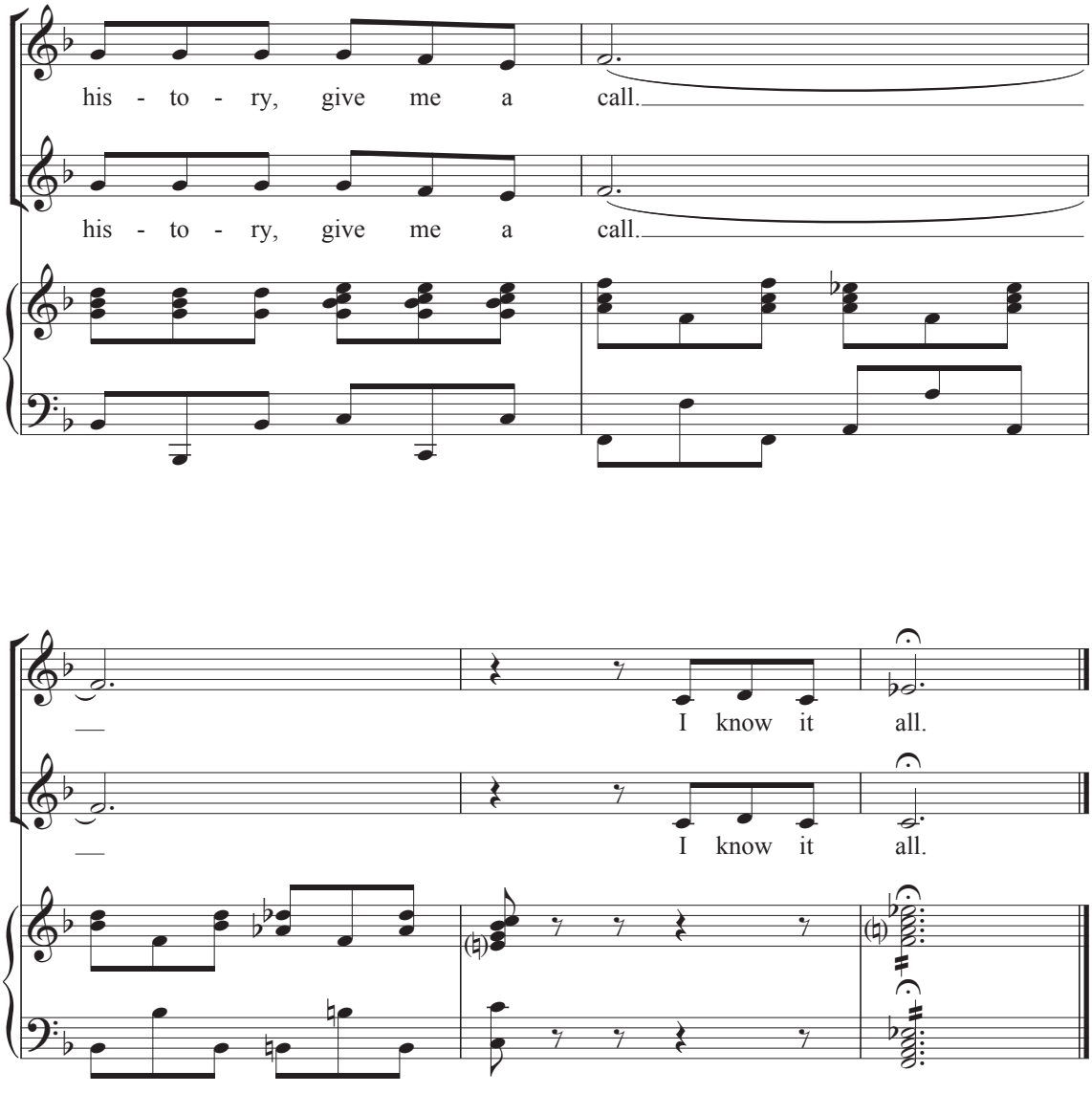

37
I
II
lum - bus crossed the Del - a - ware back in nine - teen for - ty -
mf
41
two, to re - trieve a sil - ver dol - lar that he
45
threw; And Lin-coln in - vent - ed the
pen - ny and the five dol - lar bill; and there's


49
plen - ty more facts that are known by a rel - a - tive
cresc.
D.S.
few,
the ones who love
D.S.
Coda
54
mf
Lo - is and Clark went ex - plor - ing for the
mf
Lo - is and Clark went ex - plor - ing for the
54
mf
58
I
II
Hail Mar - y Pass, in a Tip - pe - ca - noe; with


Ty - ler for a guide; And
62
some - day, just for the rec - ord, I'll find Grant's
66 f
tomb, and dig it up just to see who's bur - ied in -
f
70
I
side, In the in-t'rest of his - t'ry,
II
f
side, Wash-ing-ton, Jef-fer-son,
70


his - t'ry, 'cause it's all a - bout the facts, yeah, I'm talk - in' 'bout
Lin - coln, Ne - bras - ka, these pres - i - dents real - ly were cool!
74
his - t'ry, his - t'ry, 'cause no oth - er sub - ject at -
Ken - ne - dy, Roos - e - velt, Ni - xon and Vi - xen. I know'em all, I'm no
74
78
tracts my at - ten - tion like his - t'ry, it's no mys - t'ry why I
fool. Har - ri - son Ford, Hap - py Fill - more and Gar - field, these
78


82
stud - y it pas - sion - ate - ly;
Ac - tu - al, fac - tu - al
cats are a blast from the past.
82
know - ledge is eas - y for
Know - ing the pres - i - dents'
86
If you need help with your
names is so eas - y for
If you need help with your
86



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