To the Mendelssohn Glee Club and its conductor Louis Koemmenich

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In Old Japan

Ballade of a Toyokuni Colour-print

For Male Voices and Tenor Solo

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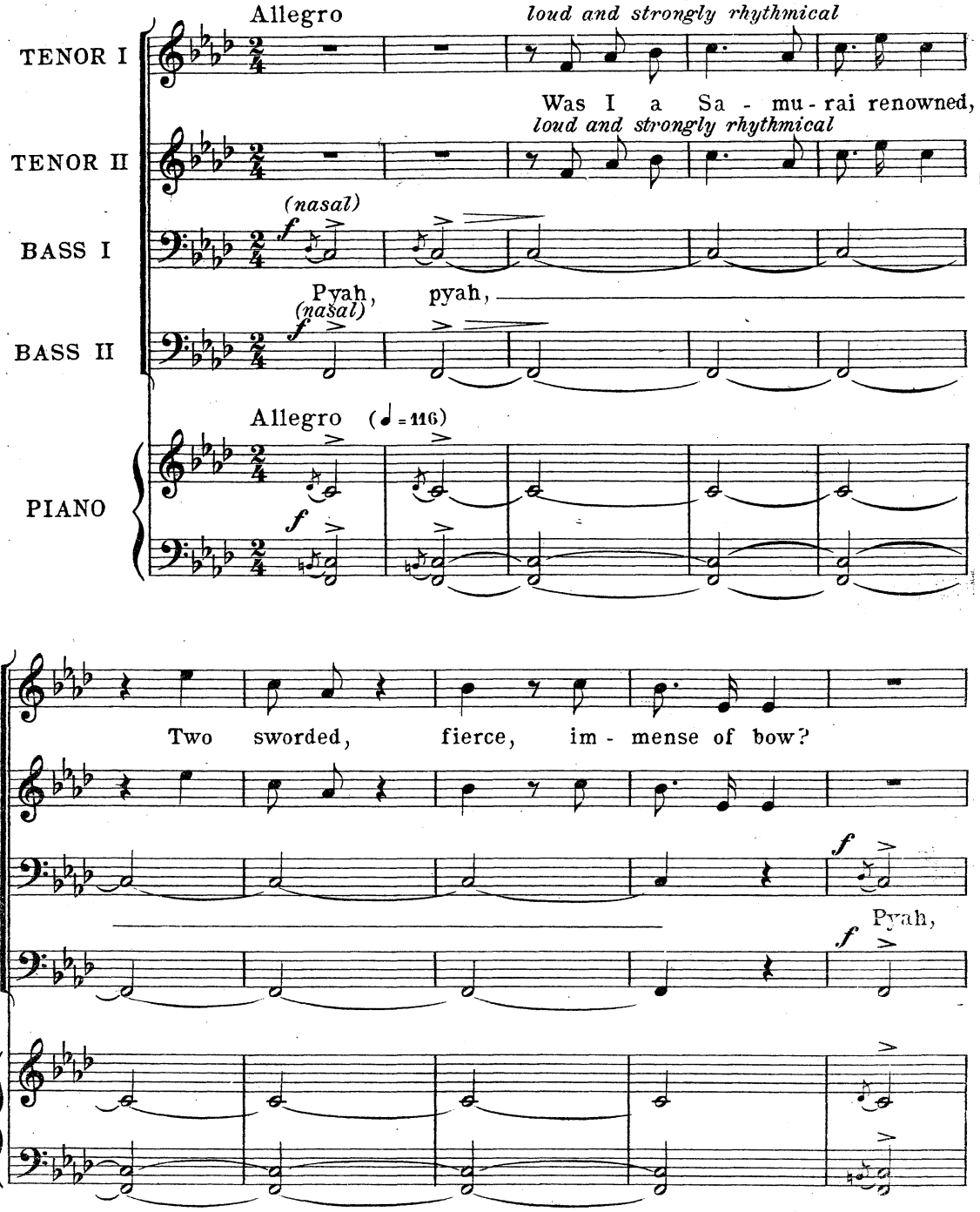

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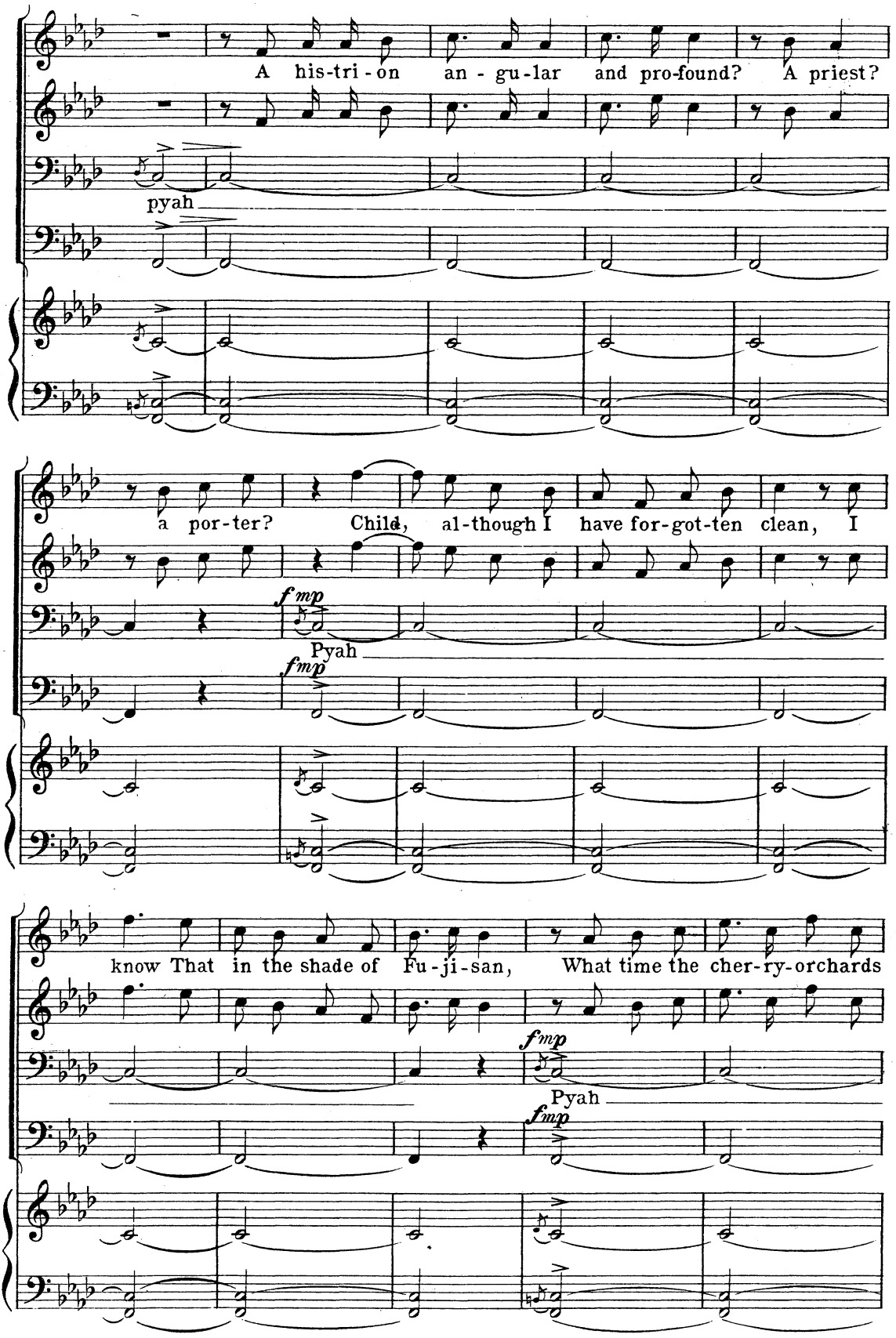
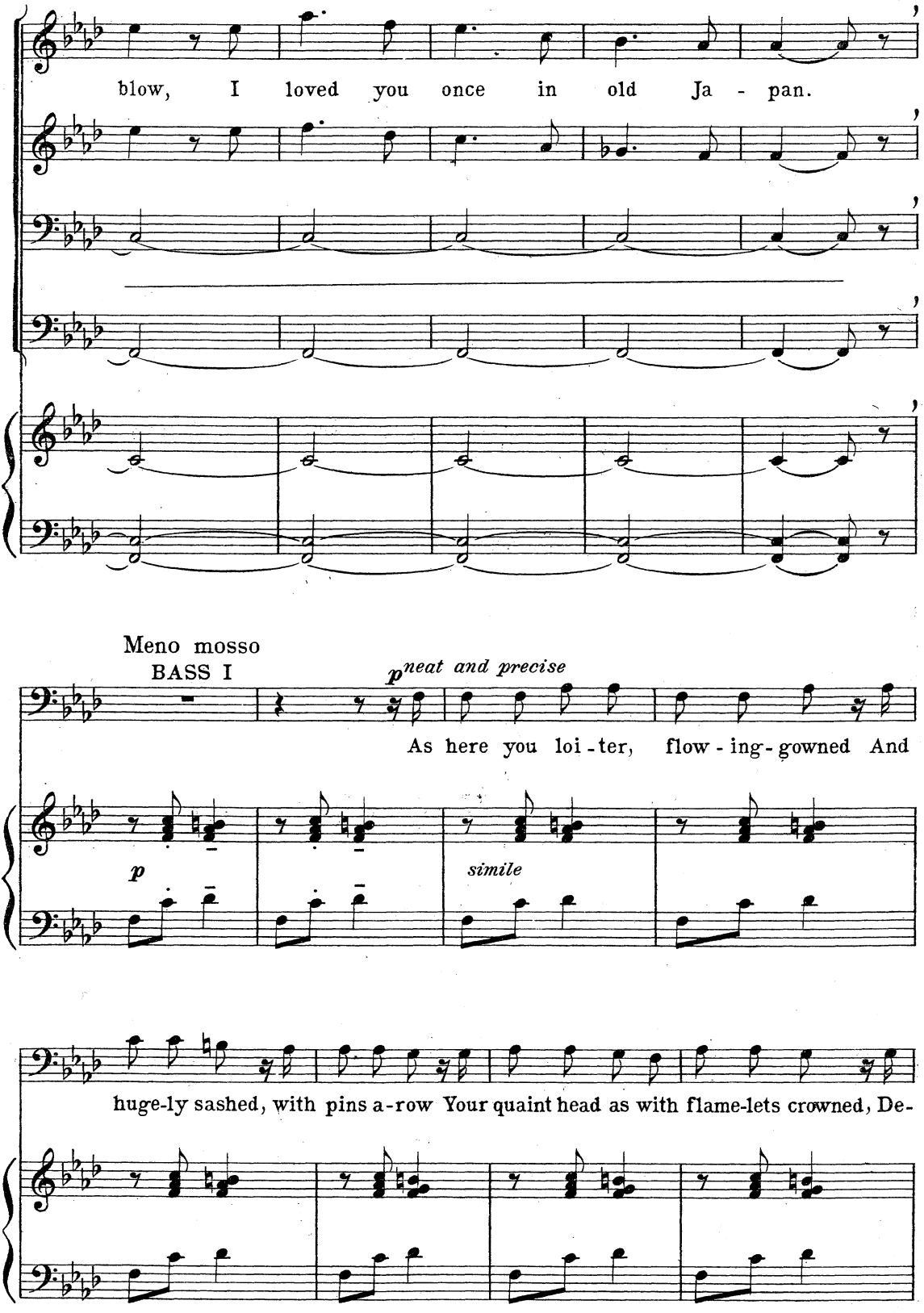
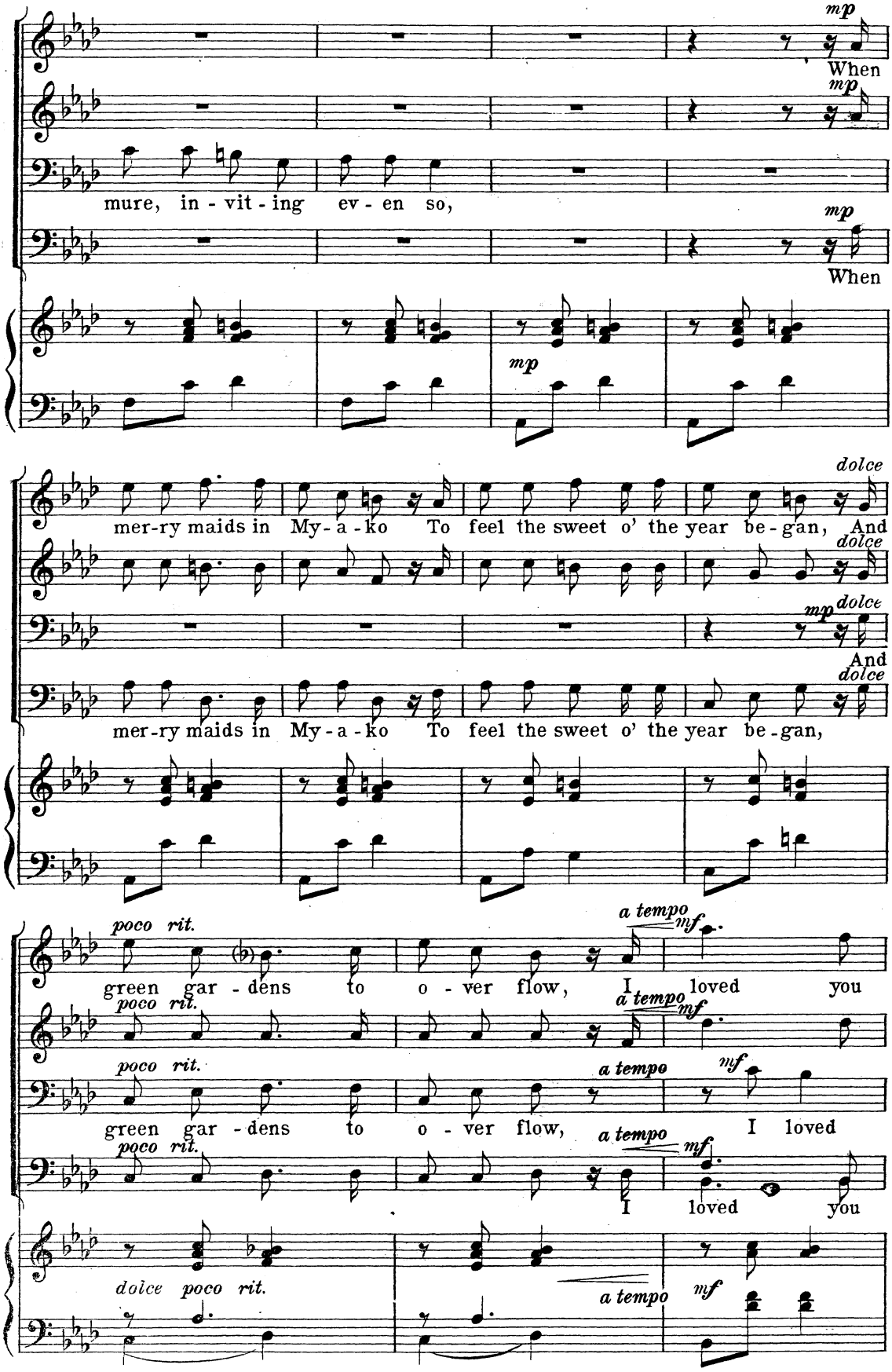
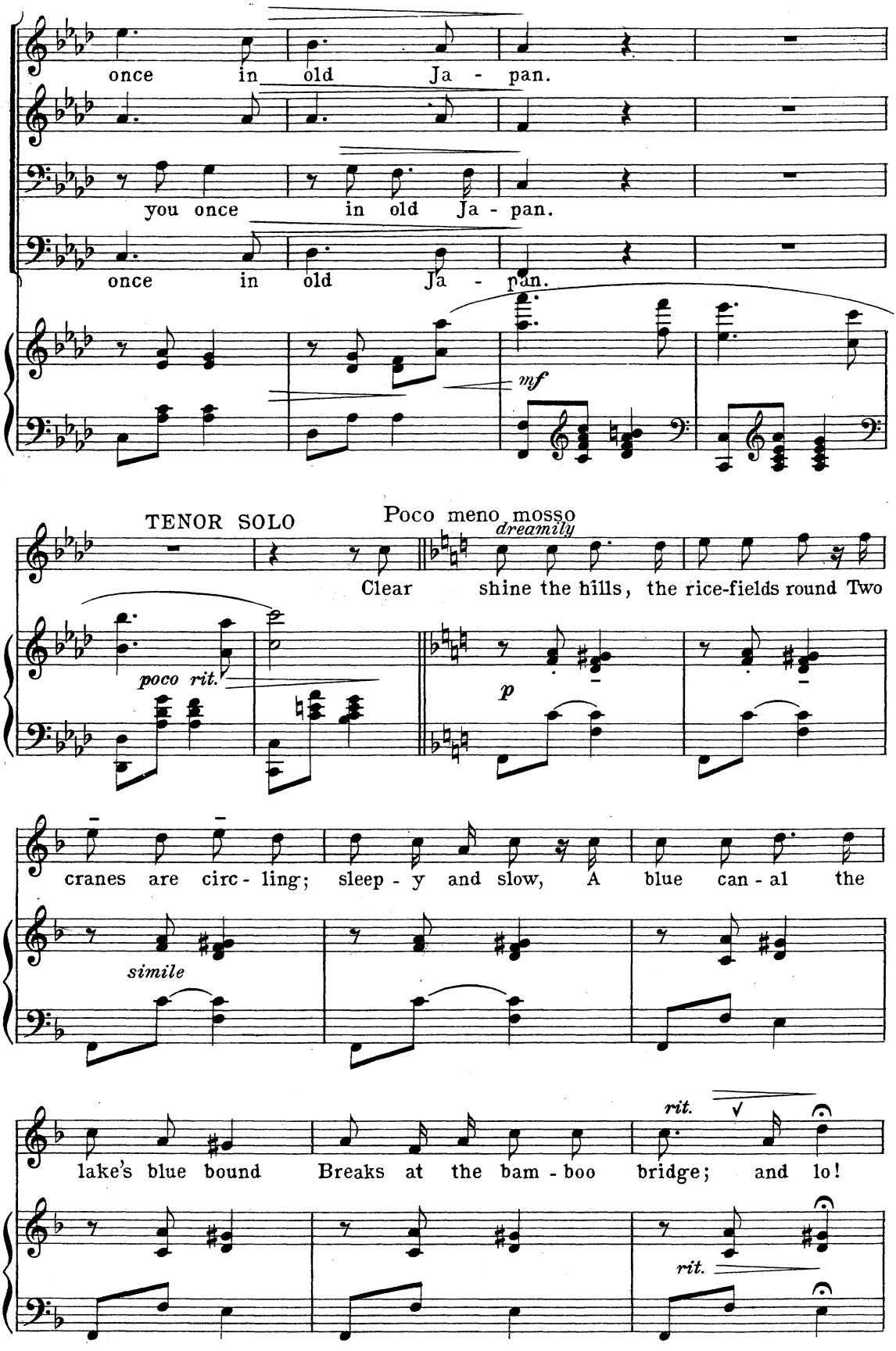
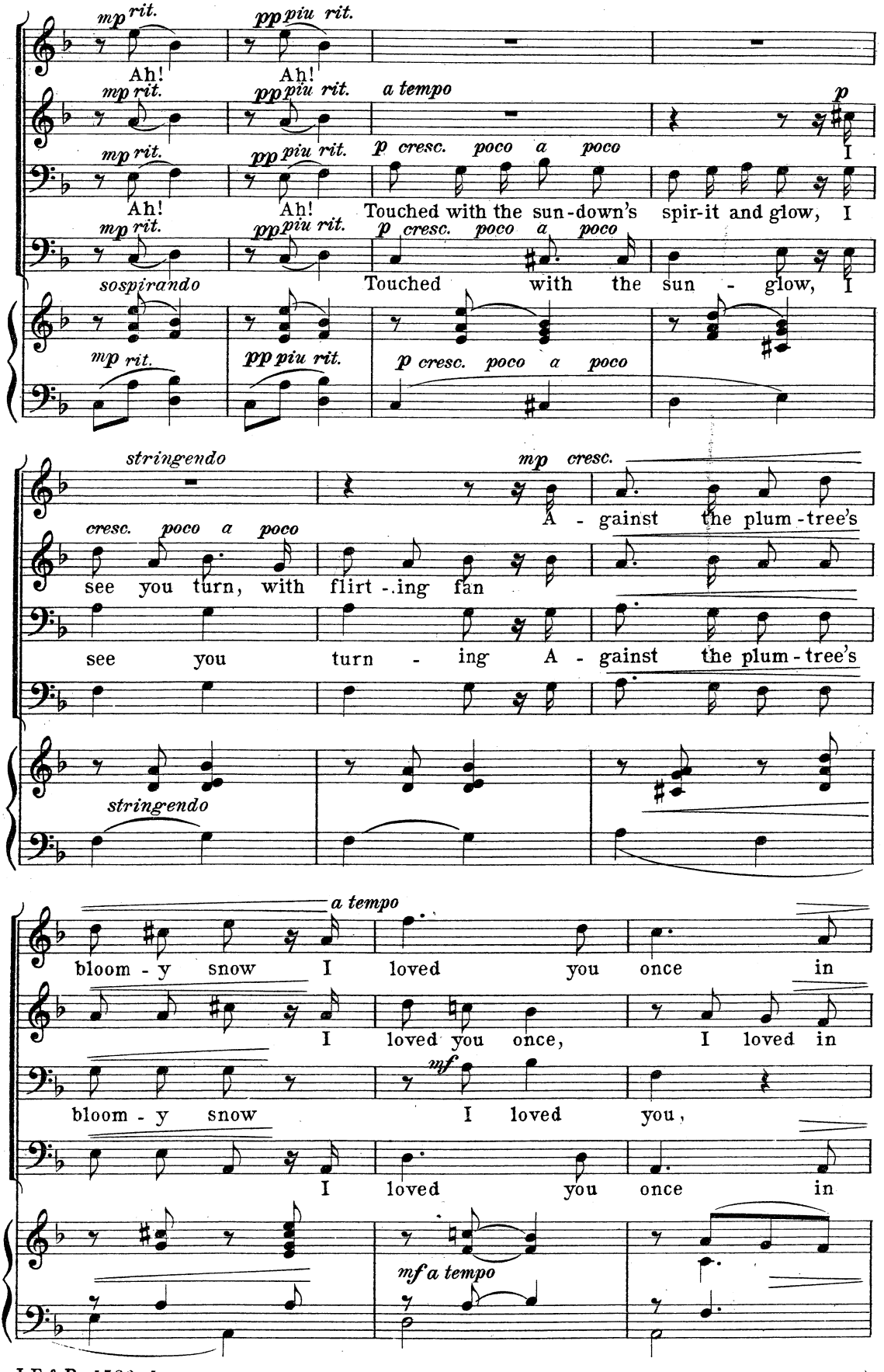
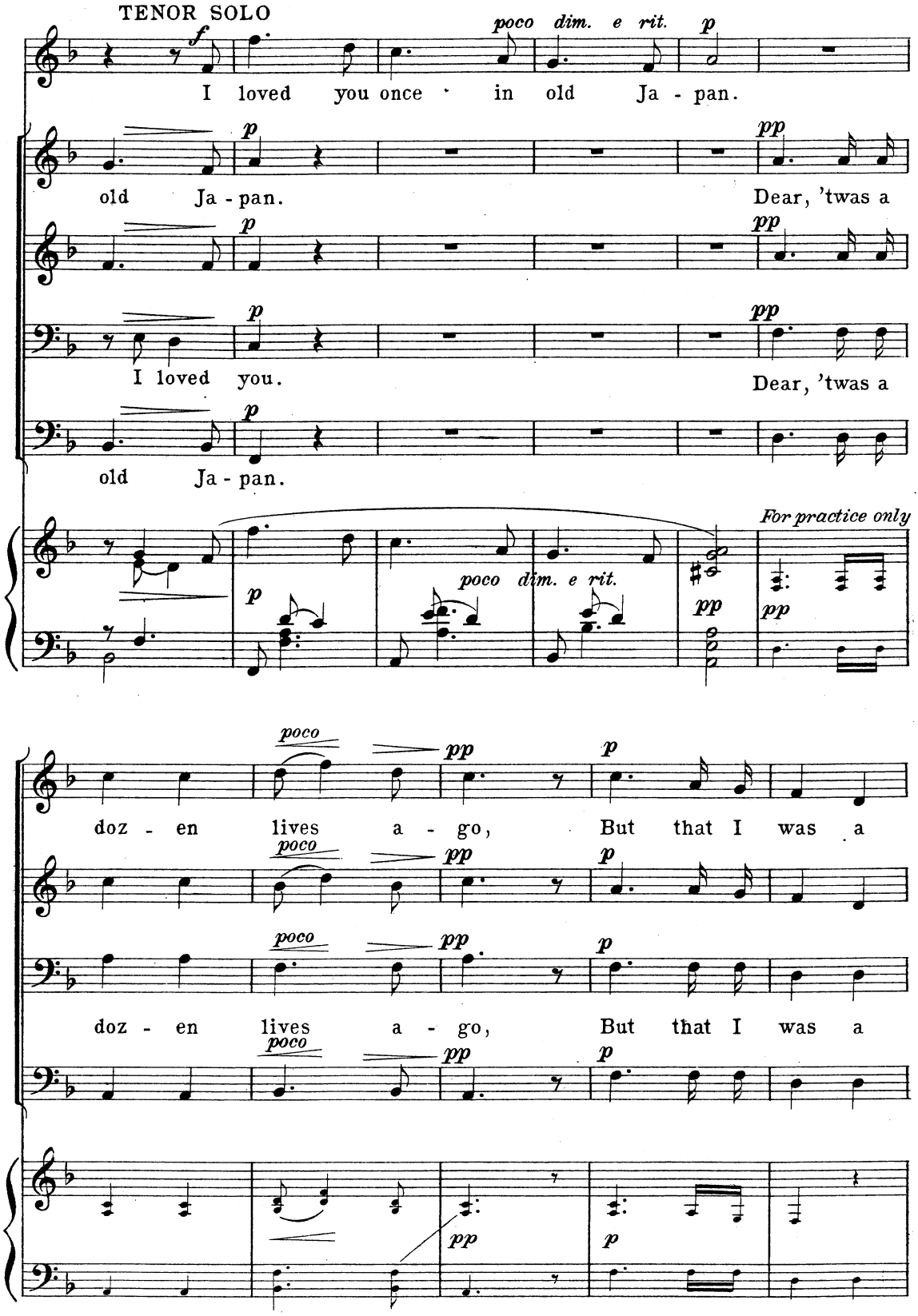

A his-tri-on an-gu-lar and pro-found? A priest?
pyah
a por-ter? Child, al-though I have for-got-ten clean, I
fmp
Pyah
know That in the shade of Fu-ji-san, What time the cher-ry-orchards
fmp
Pyah

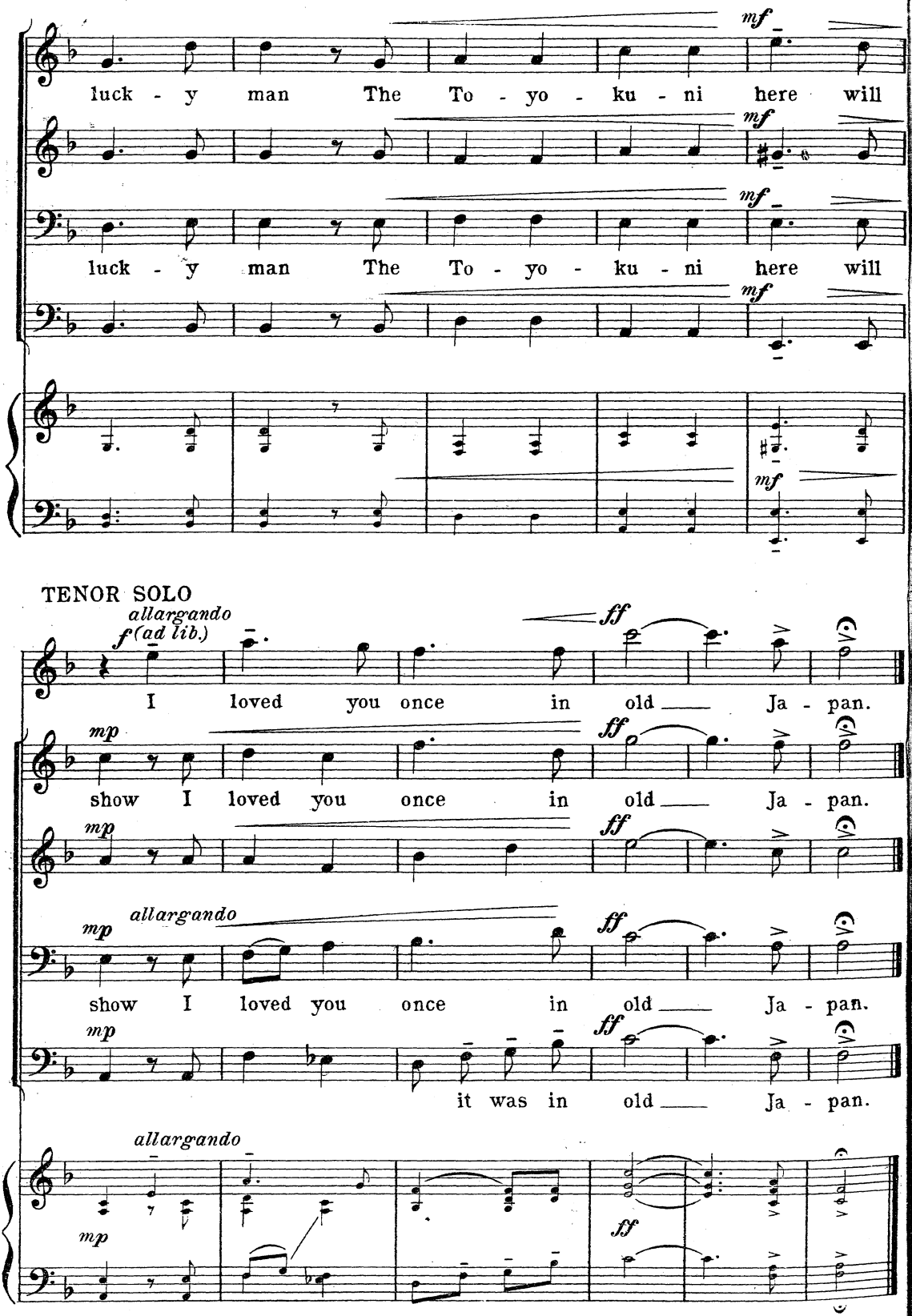

blow, I loved you once in old Ja - pan.
Meno mosso
BASS I
p neat and precise
As here you loi - ter, flow - ing - gowned And
p
simile
huge-ly sashed, with pins a-row Your quaint head as with flame-lets crowned, De-


mp
When
mure, in - vit - ing ev - en so,
mp
When
mp
dolce
mer-ry maids in My - a - ko To feel the sweet o' the year be - gan, And
dolce
mp
dolce
And
mer-ry maids in My - a - ko To feel the sweet o' the year be - gan,
poco rit.
a tempo
mf
green gar - dens to o - ver flow, I loved you
poco rit.
a tempo
mf
poco rit.
a tempo
mf
green gar - dens to o - ver flow, I loved
poco rit.
a tempo
mf
I loved you
dolce poco rit.
a tempo
mf


once in old Ja - pan.
you once in old Ja - pan.
once in old Ja - pan.
mf
TENOR SOLO
Poco meno mosso
dreamily
Clear shine the hills, the rice-fields round Two
poco rit.
p
cranes are circ - ling; sleep - y and slow, A blue can - al the
simile
lake's blue bound Breaks at the bam - boo bridge; and lo!
rit.
rit.


mp rit.
pp piu rit.
Ah!
Ah!
a tempo
p
I
p cresc. poco a poco
Touched with the sun-down's spir-it and glow, I
sospirando
Touched with the sun - glow, I
stringendo
mp cresc.
A - gainst the plum-tree's
cresc. poco a poco
see you turn, with flirt-ing fan
see you turn - ing A - gainst the plum-tree's
bloom - y snow I loved you once in
I loved you once, I loved in
mf
bloom - y snow I loved you,
I loved you once in
mf a tempo


TENOR SOLO
I loved you once in old Ja - pan.
old Ja - pan.
Dear, 'twas a
I loved you.
Dear, 'twas a
old Ja - pan.
For practice only
doz - en lives a - go, But that I was a
doz - en lives a - go, But that I was a


mf
luck - y man The To - yo - ku - ni here will
mf
luck - y man The To - yo - ku - ni here will
mf
mf
TENOR SOLO
allargando
f (ad lib.)
ff
I loved you once in old Ja - pan.
mp
ff
show I loved you once in old Ja - pan.
mp
ff
mp
allargando
ff
show I loved you once in old Ja - pan.
mp
ff
it was in old Ja - pan.
allargando
mp
ff