SONG TO THE SOUL

for

Mixed Chorus & Orchestra

Poems By

Walt Whitman

Music By

Charles Villiers Stanford

Op. 97b - 1913

ORGAN

COVER IMAGE

“Le poeme de l’Ame - No. 17 L’Idéal” - Louis Janmot, 1854

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The "renaissance" in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers' catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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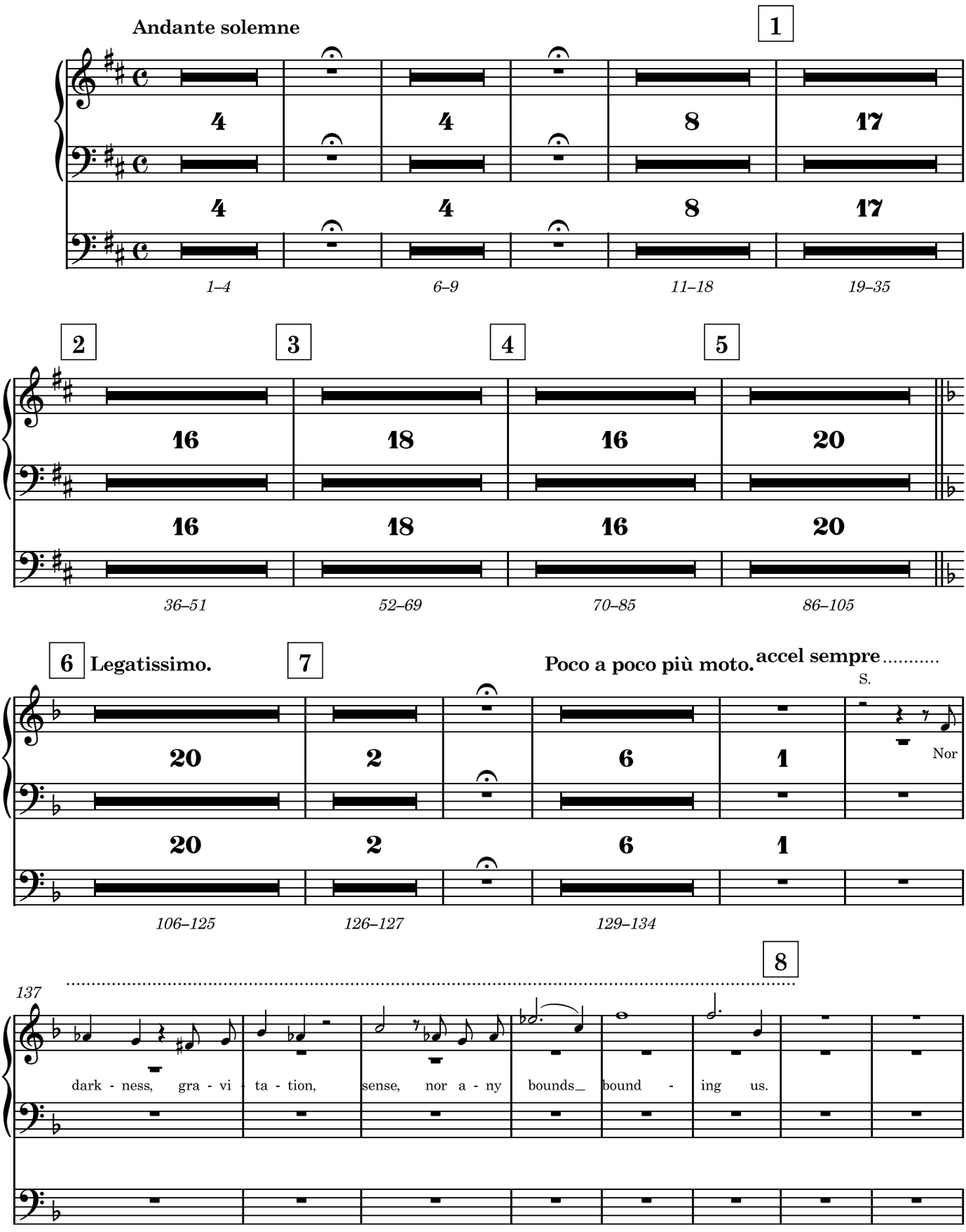

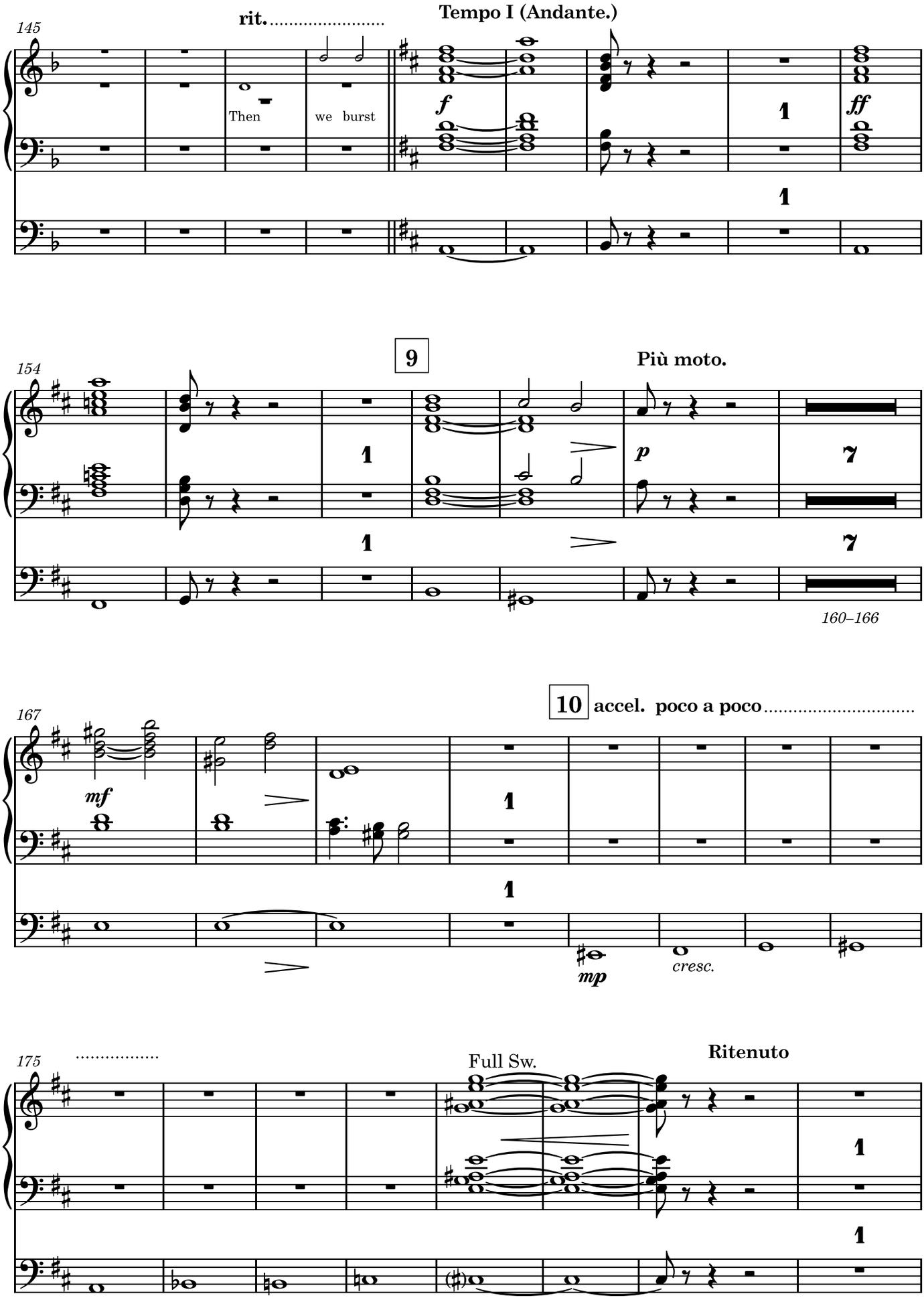
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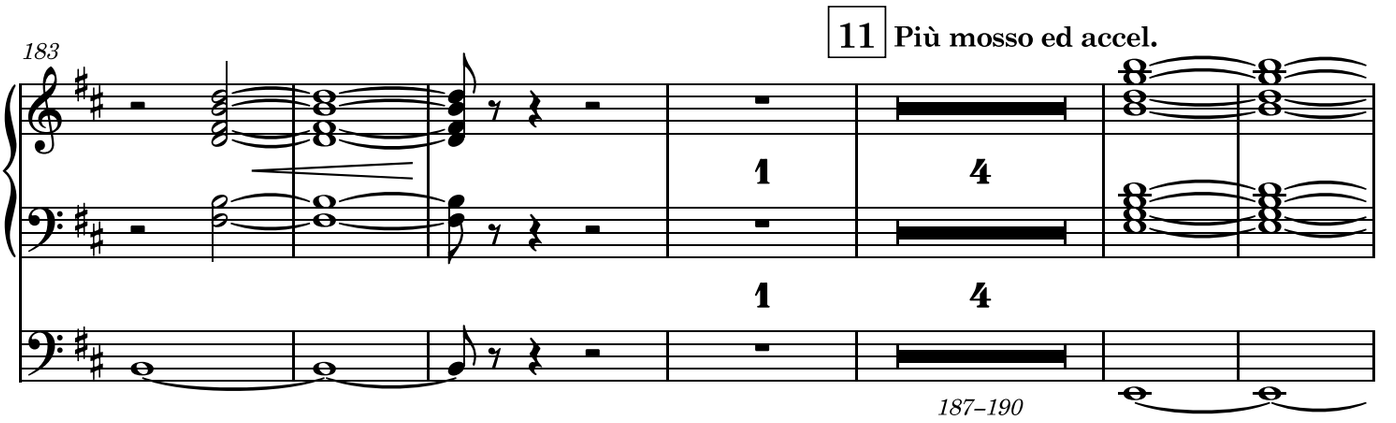
rit.
Then
we burst
Tempo I (Andante.)
f
ff
1
154
9
Più moto.
p
7
160–166
167
10
accel. poco a poco
mf
mp
cresc.
175
Full Sw.
Ritenuto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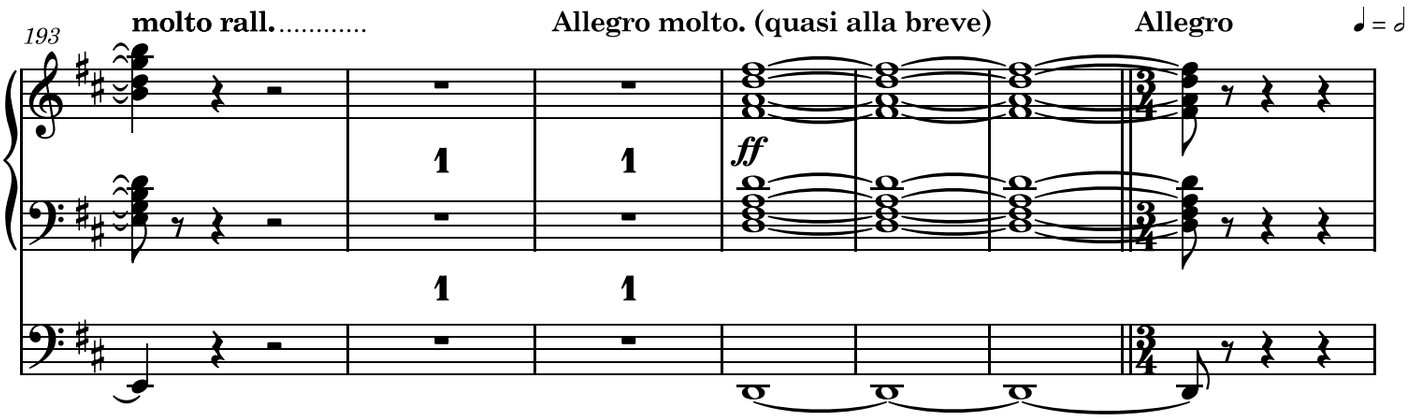
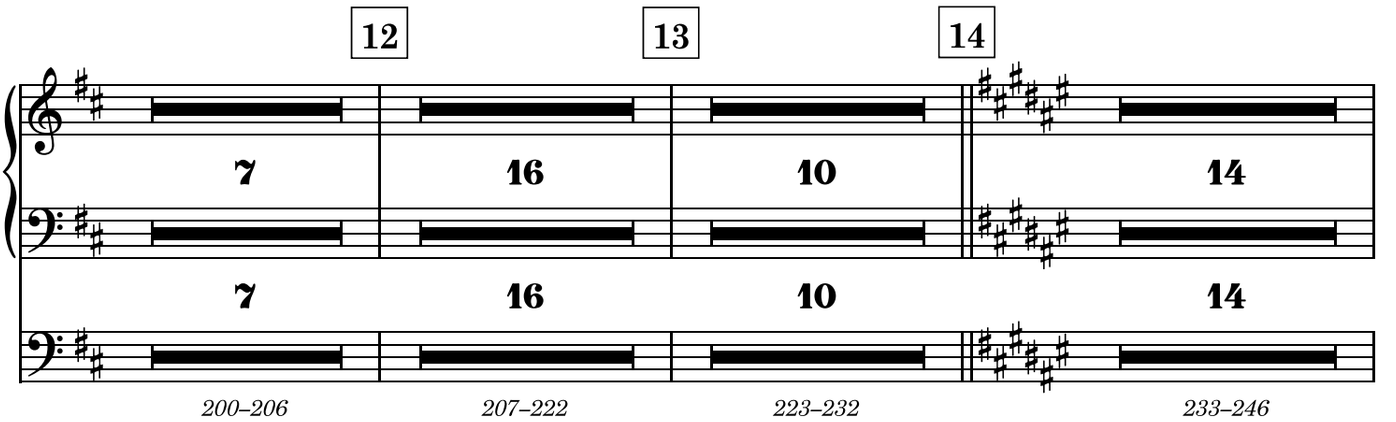
11
Più mosso ed accel.
1
4
1
4
187–190


193
molto rall.
Allegro molto. (quasi alla breve)
Allegro
♩ = 𝅗𝅥
ff
1
1
1
1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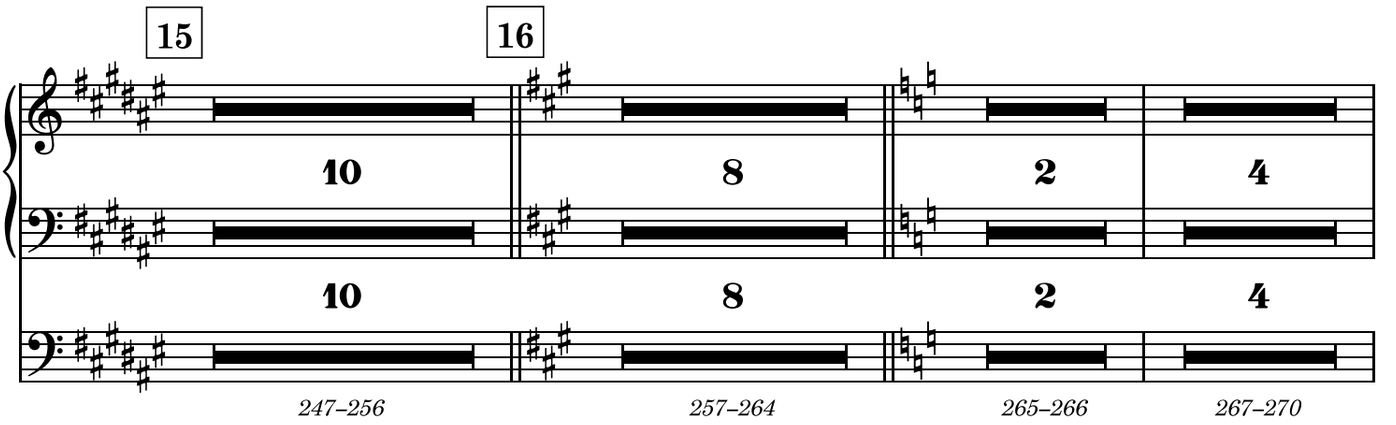
207–222
223–232
233–246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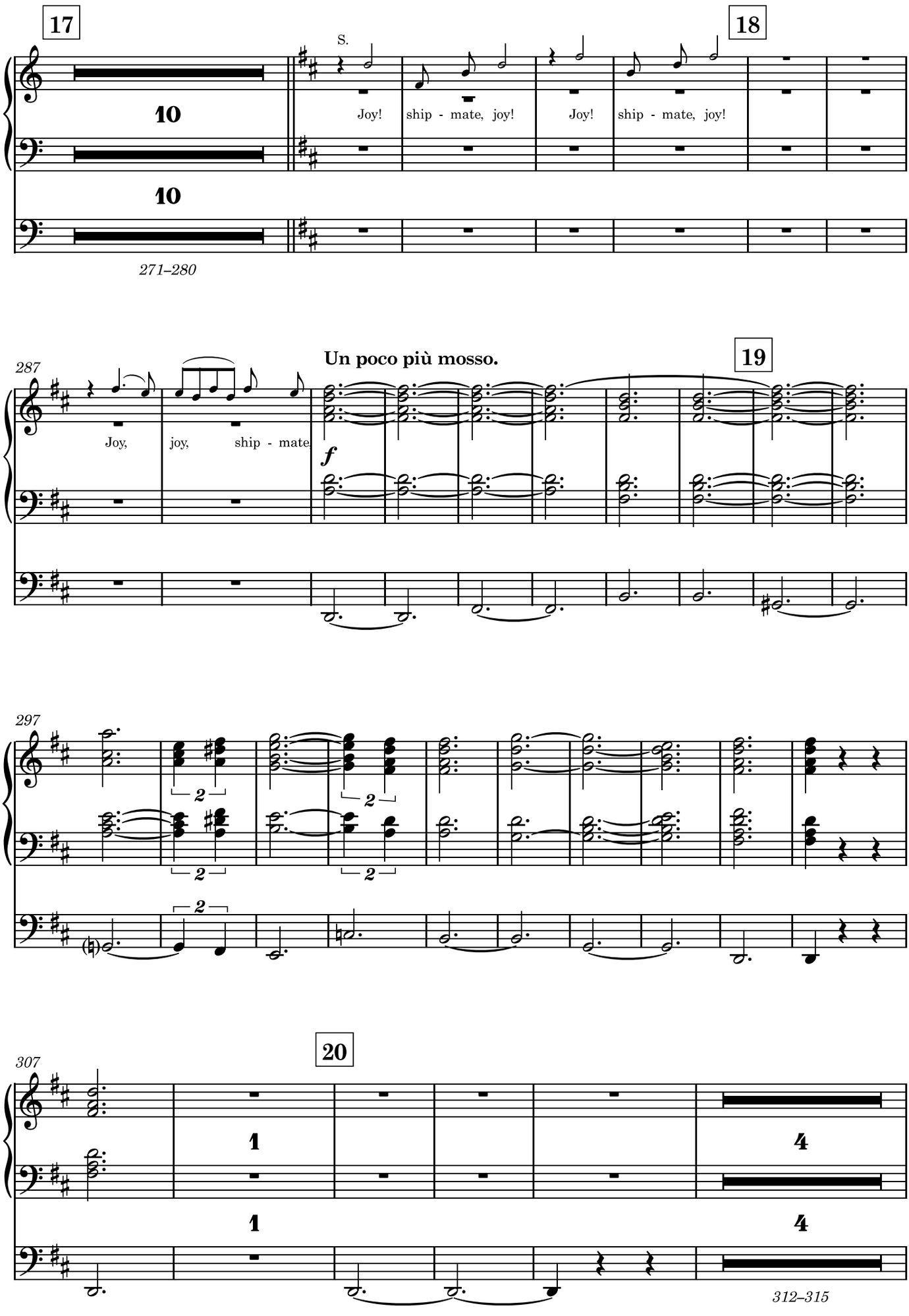
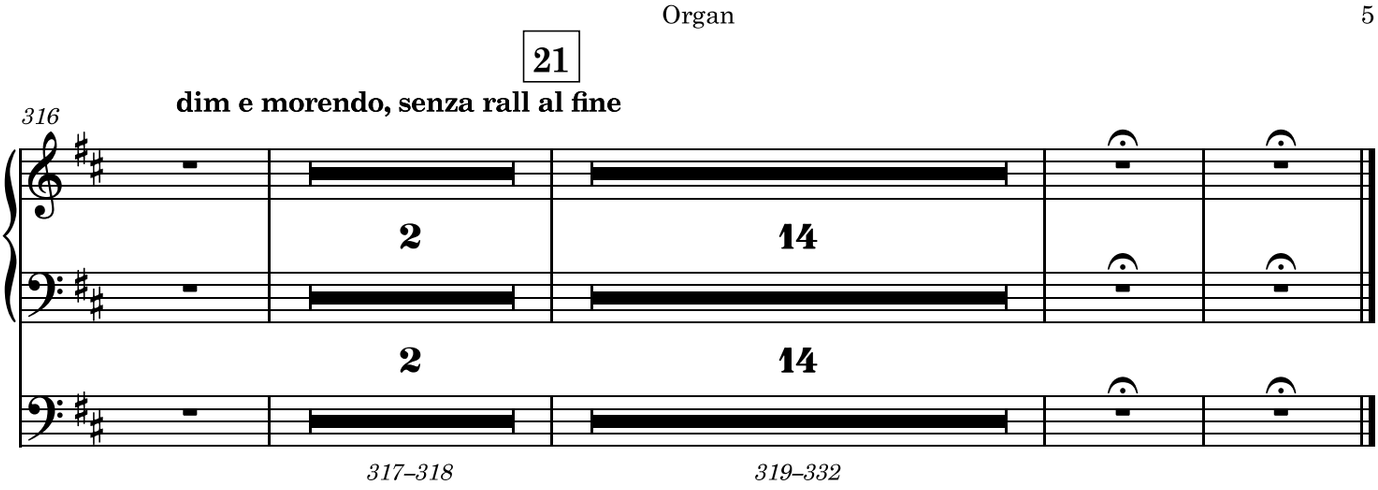
257–264
265–266
267–270


17
18
S.
Joy! ship - mate, joy! Joy! ship - mate, joy!
10
10
271–280
287
Un poco più mosso.
19
Joy, joy, ship - mate
f
297
2
307
20
1
1
4
4
312–315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dim e morendo, senza rall al fine
316
2
14
2
14
317–318
319–332

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