for my aloha friend, Danette Kong

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Arranged by
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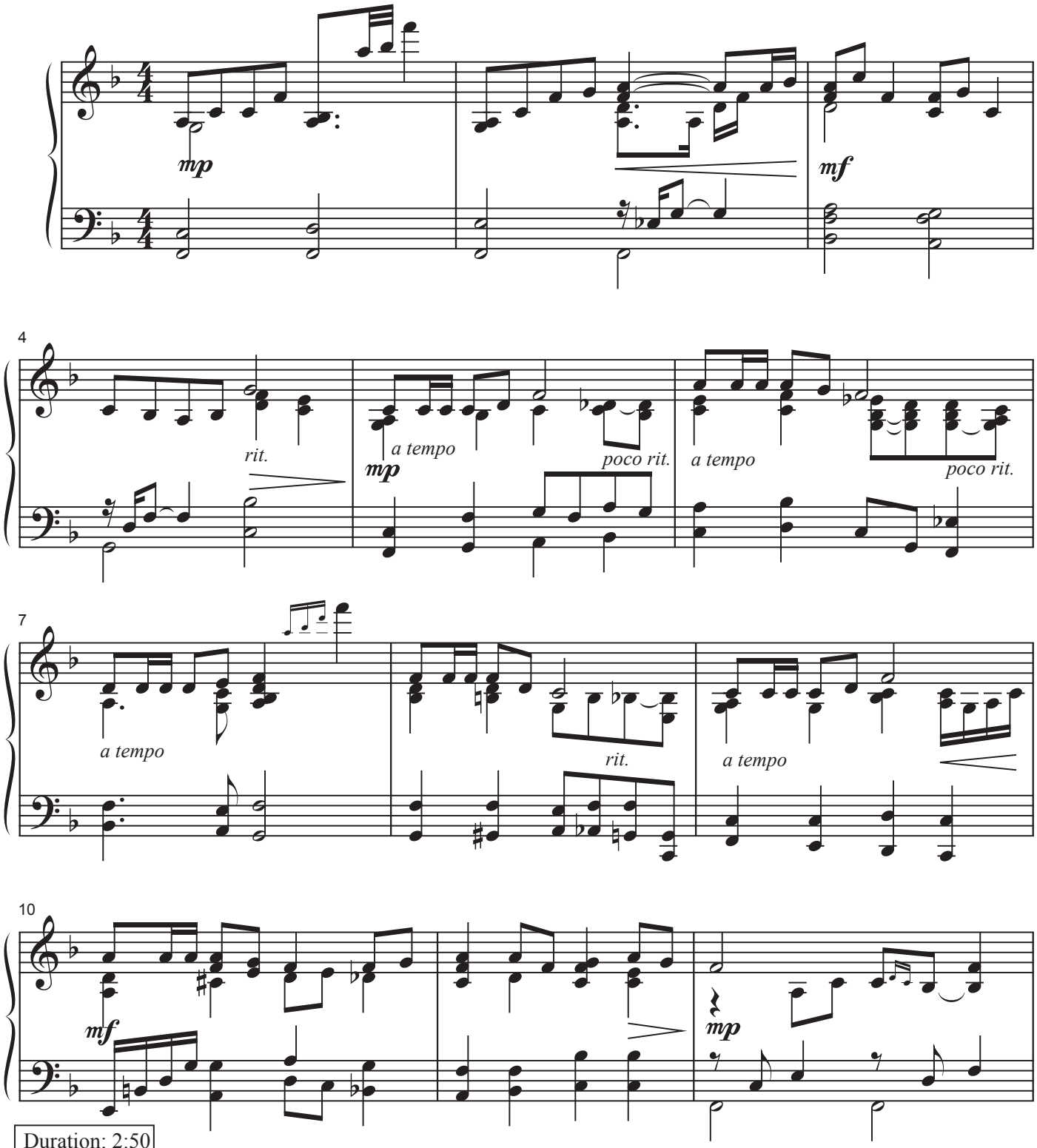
TRADITIONAL GOSPEL SONG

Slowly, expressively, with great freedom (♩ = ca. 66)



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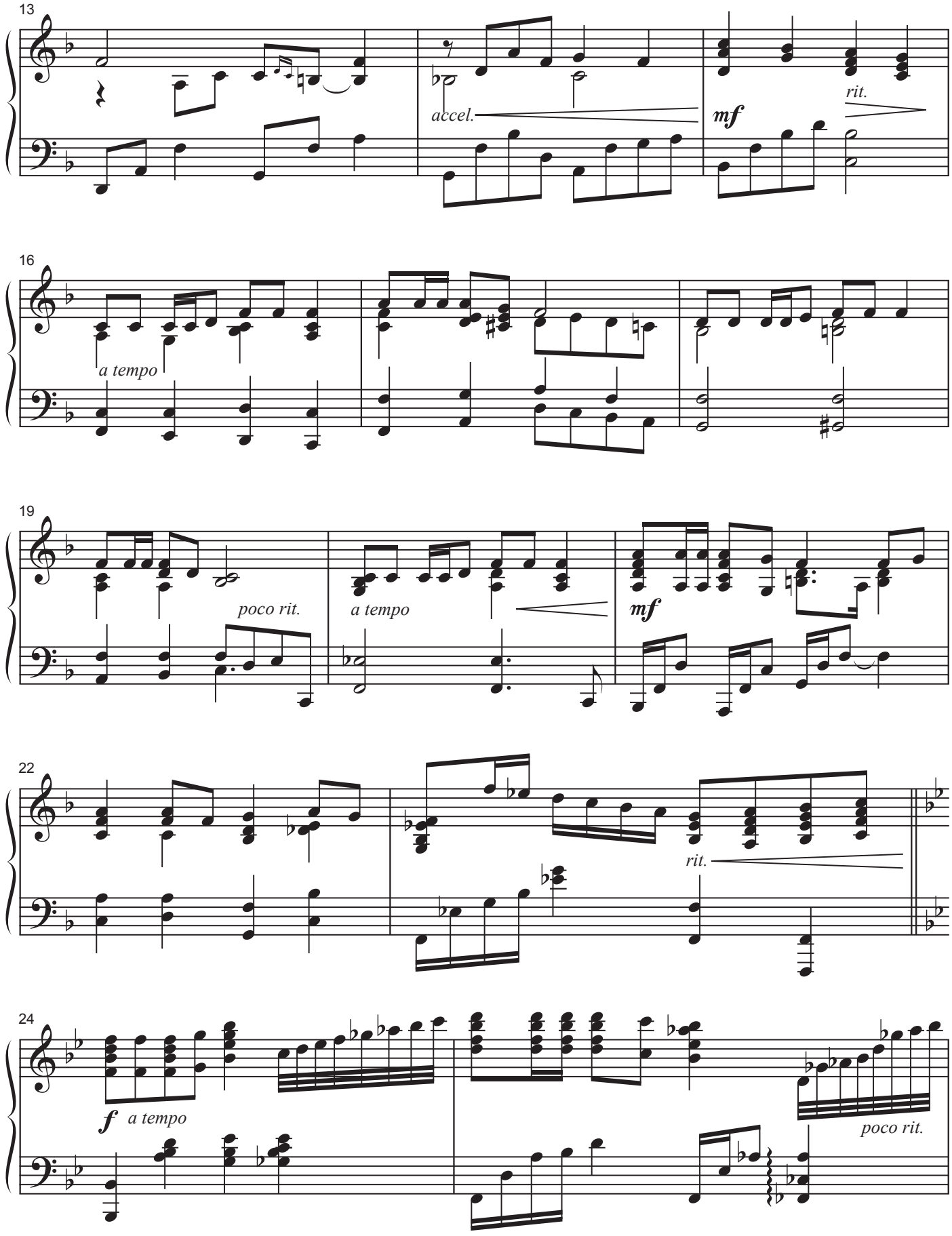
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a tempo
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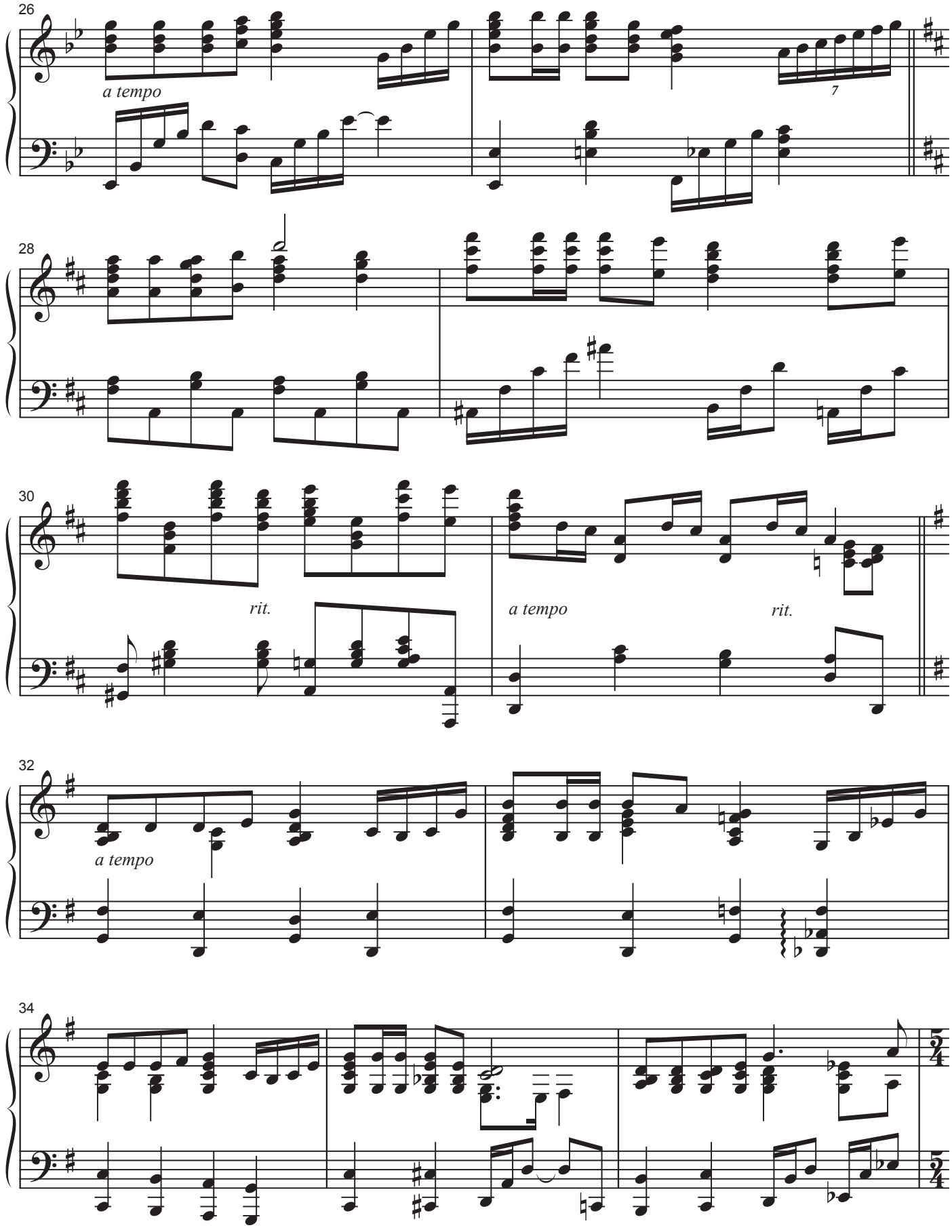
a tempo
poco rit.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7
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30
rit.
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rit.
32
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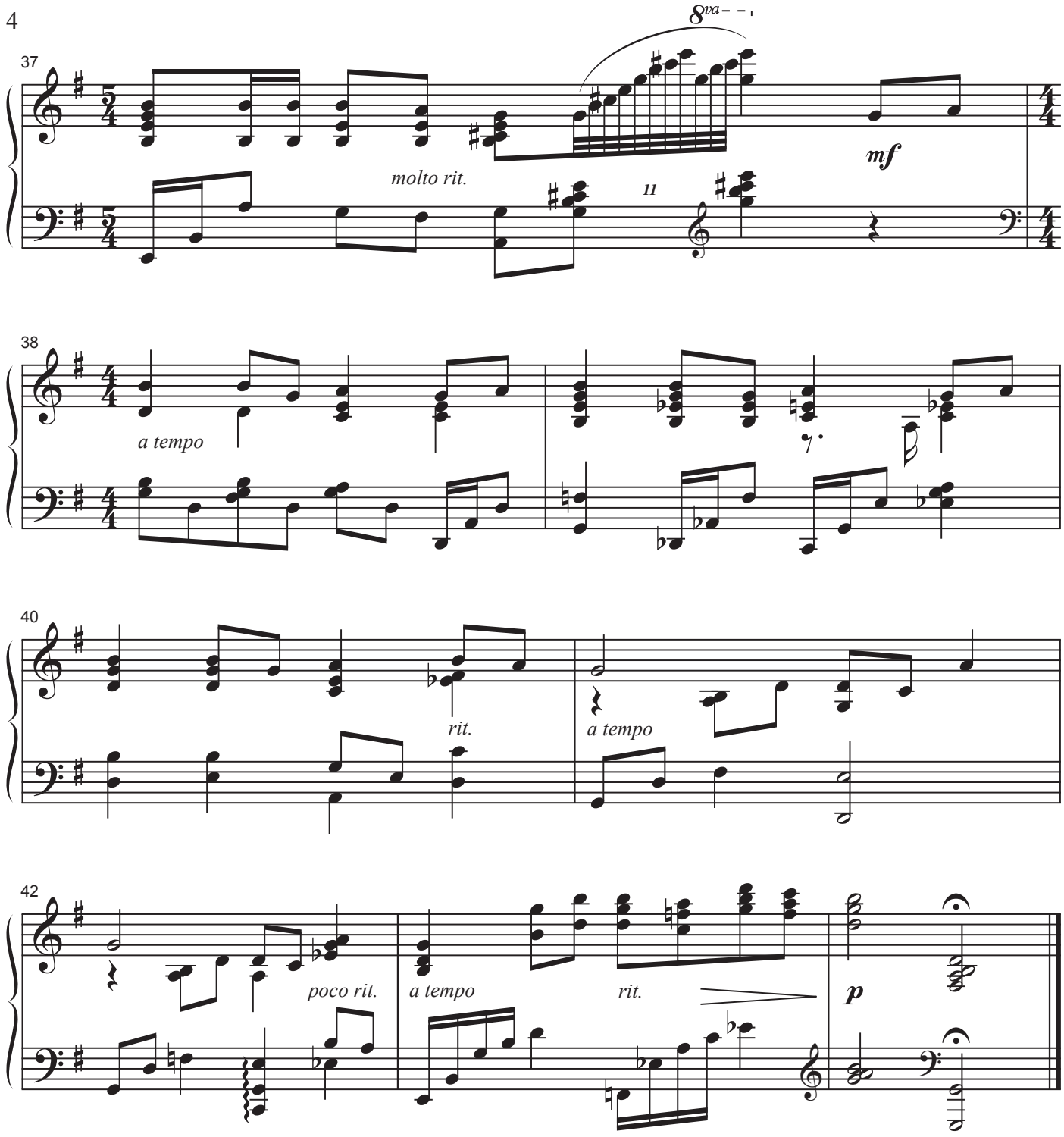
34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8va
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mf
38
a tempo
40
rit.
a tempo
42
poco rit.
a tempo
rit.
p

1. This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Hide it under a bushel, no!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. All around the world
I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world
I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This Little Light of Mine is a popular gospel song of unknown origin that is sung all over the world. It was often reported to be written for children in the 1920s by Harry Dixon Loes, but he never claimed credit for the original version of the song, and the Moody Bible Institute where he worked said he did not write it. It was later adapted by Zilphia Horton, amongst many other activists, in connection with the civil rights movement.

There are as many differents lyrics as there are uses for this song. Sung by children and recording artists alike, its popularity endures because of its positive message. In this arrangement I have chosen four verses that speak to my heart.

Mark Hayes