Ah! May the Red Rose Live Alway!

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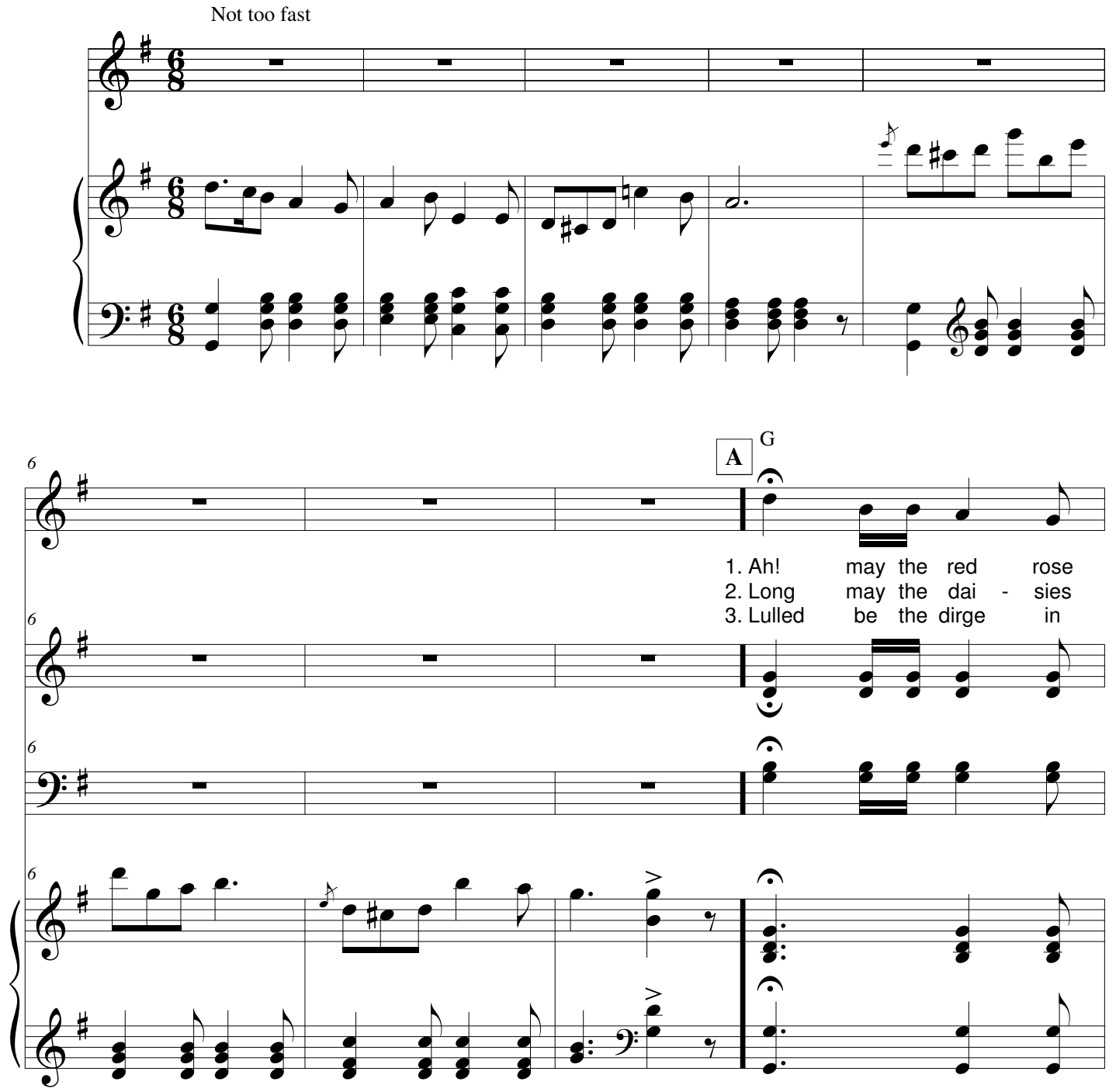

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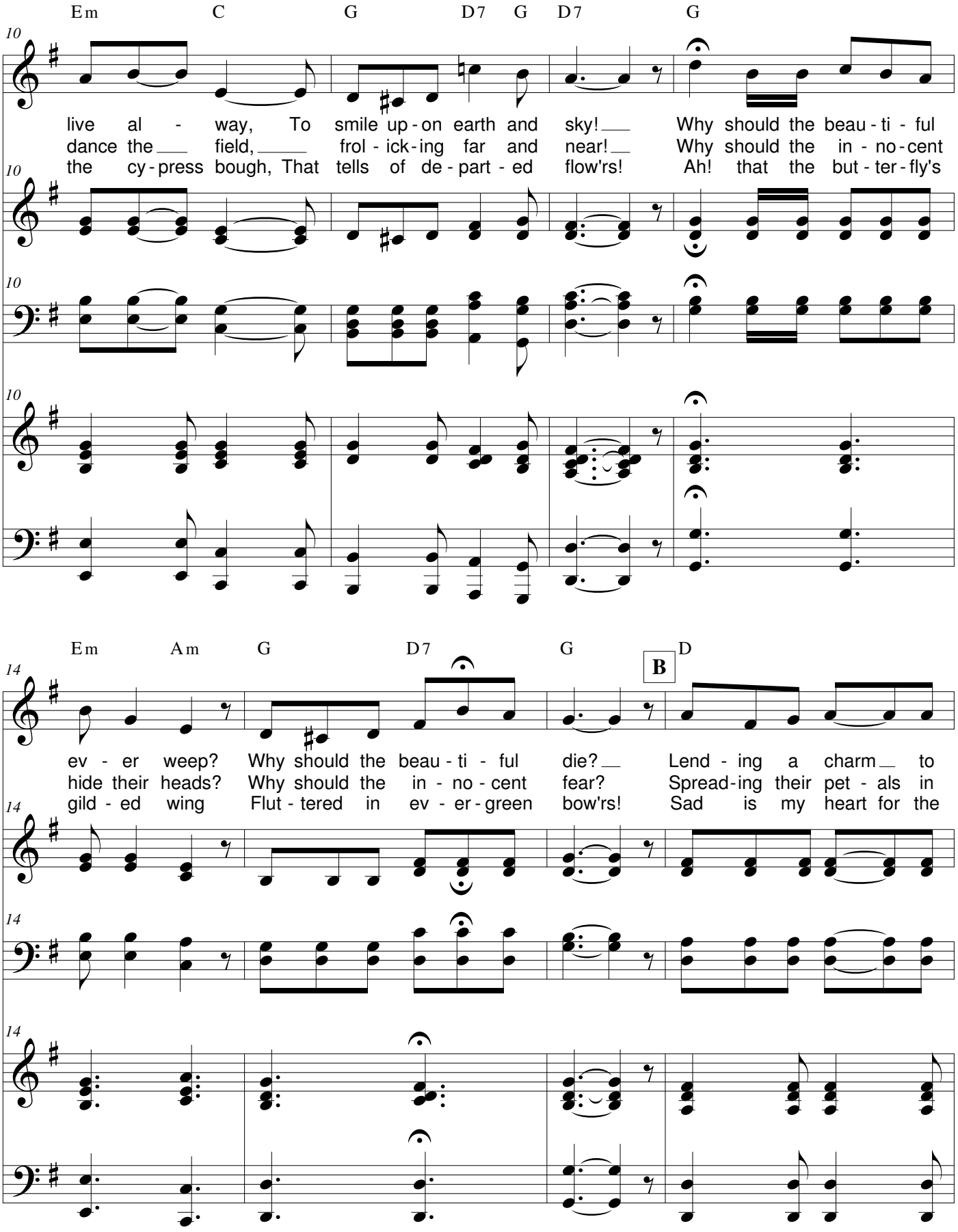
Em C G D7 G D7 G
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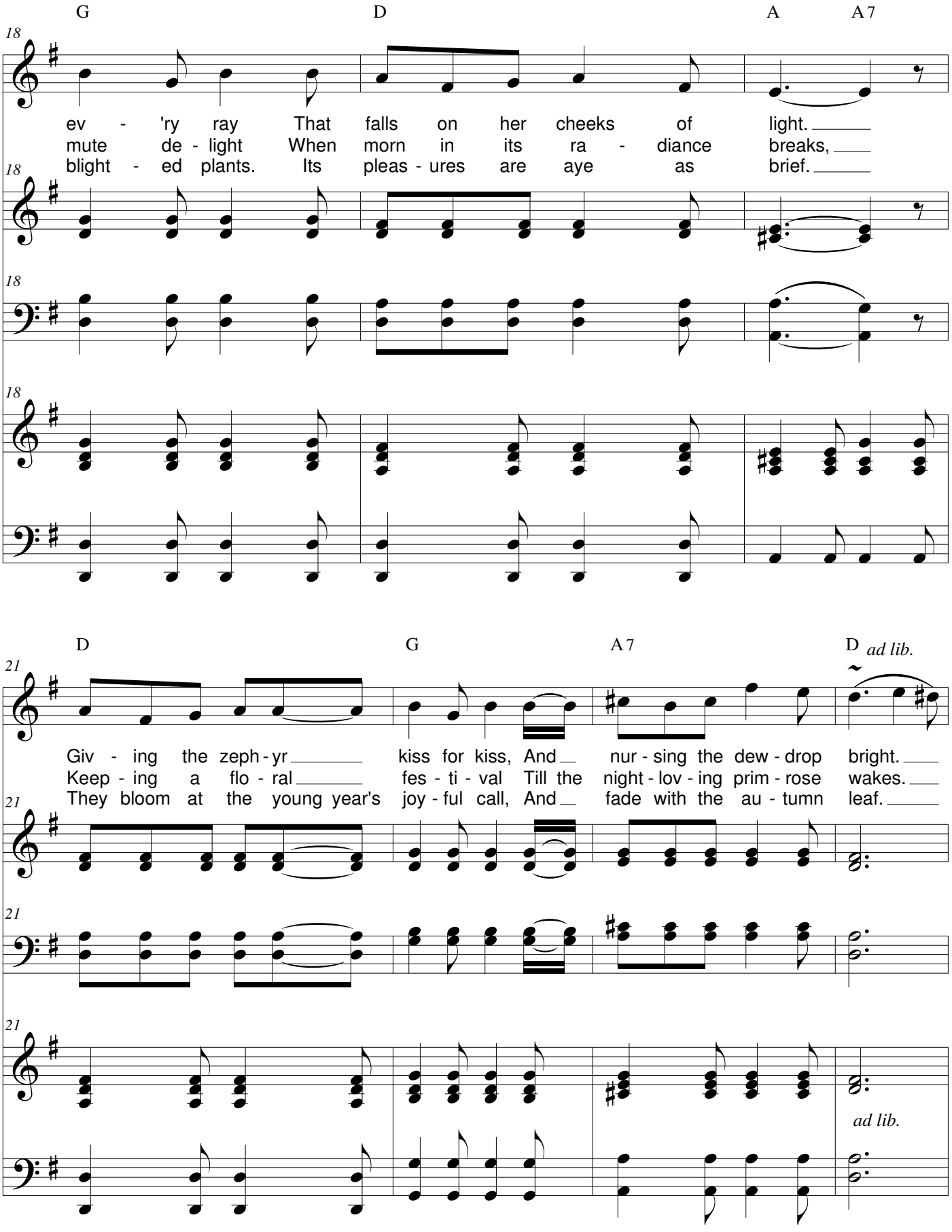
live al - way, To smile up - on earth and sky! Why should the beau - ti - ful
dance the field, frol - ick - ing far and near! Why should the in - no - cent
the cy - press bough, That tells of de - part - ed flow'rs! Ah! that the but - ter - fly's
Em Am G D7 G B D
14
ev - er weep? Why should the beau - ti - ful die? Lend - ing a charm to
hide their heads? Why should the in - no - cent fear? Spread - ing their pet - als in
gild - ed wing Flut - tered in ev - er - green bow'rs! Sad is my heart for the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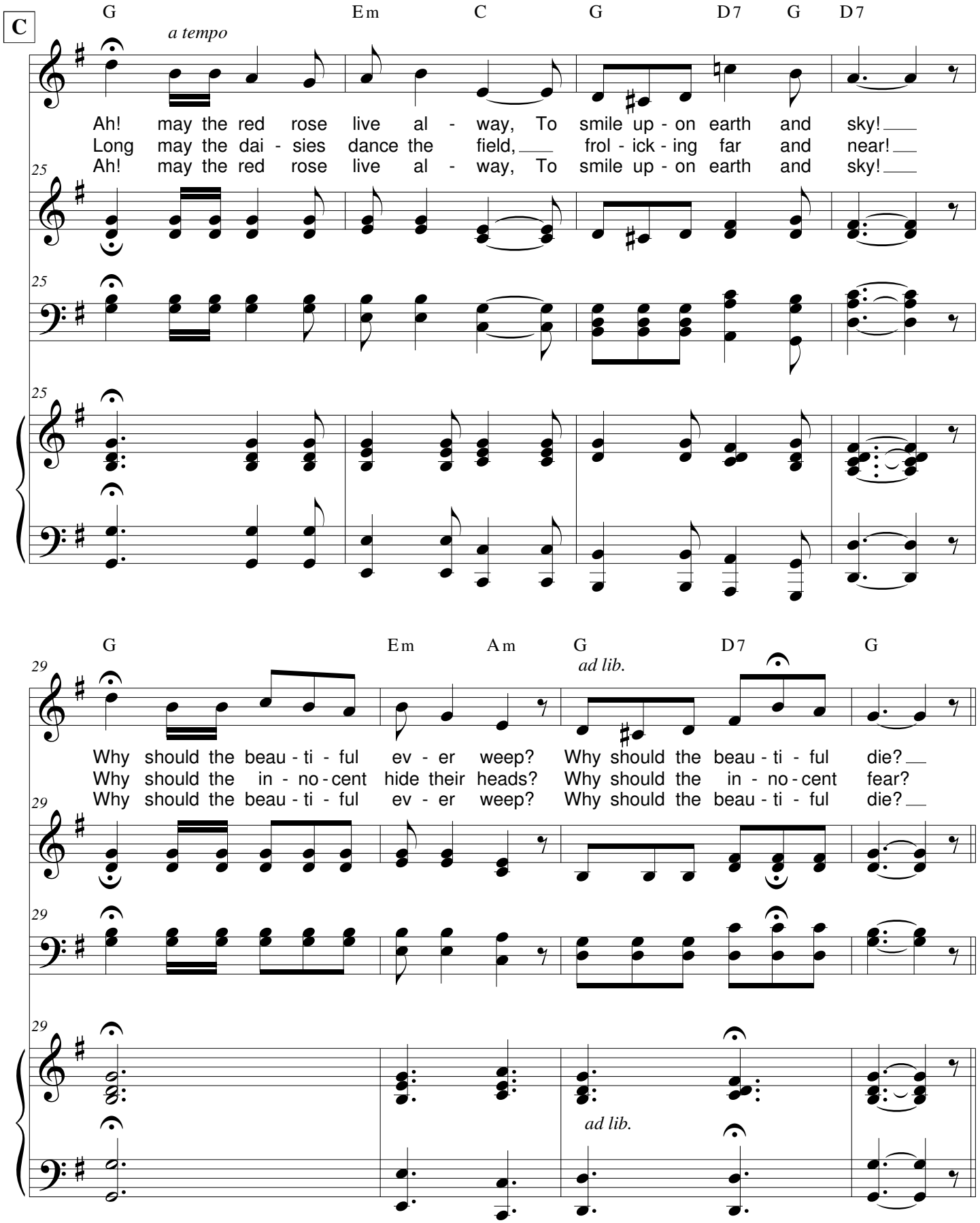
A7
18
ev - 'ry ray That falls on her cheeks of light.
mute de - light When morn in its ra - diance breaks,
blight - ed plants. Its pleas - ures are aye as brief.
D
G
A7
D ad lib.
21
Giv - ing the zeph - yr kiss for kiss, And nur - sing the dew - drop bright.
Keep - ing a flo - ral fes - ti - val Till the night - lov - ing prim - rose wakes.
They bloom at the young year's joy - ful call, And fade with the au - tumn leaf.
ad lib.


C
G Em C G D7 G D7
a tempo
Ah! may the red rose live al - way, To smile up - on earth and sky!
Long may the dai - sies dance the field, frol - ick - ing far and near!
Ah! may the red rose live al - way, To smile up - on earth and sky!
25
G Em Am G D7 G
ad lib.
Why should the beau - ti - ful ev - er weep? Why should the beau - ti - ful die?
Why should the in - no - cent hide their heads? Why should the in - no - cent fear?
Why should the beau - ti - ful ev - er weep? Why should the beau - ti - ful die?
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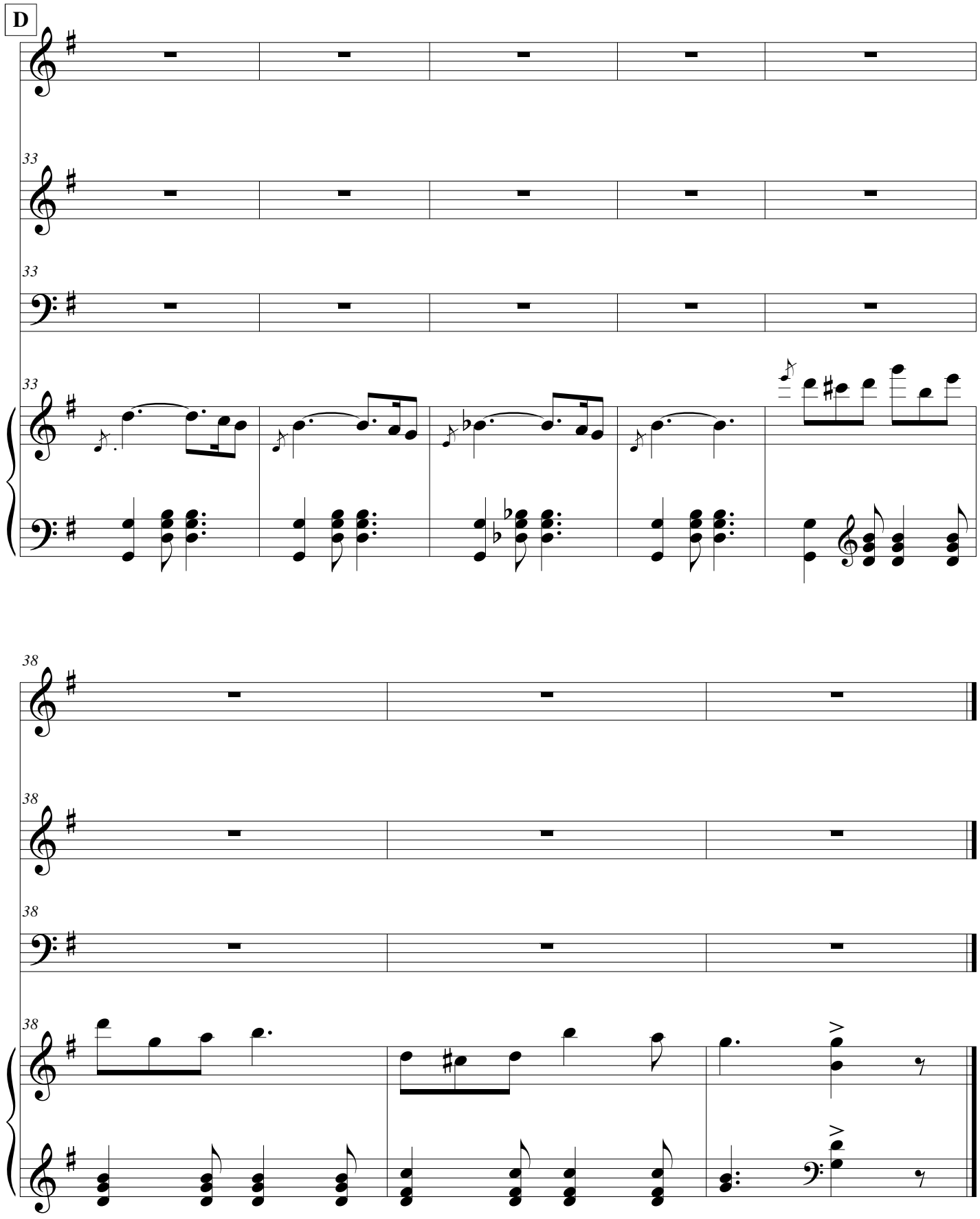
ad lib.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