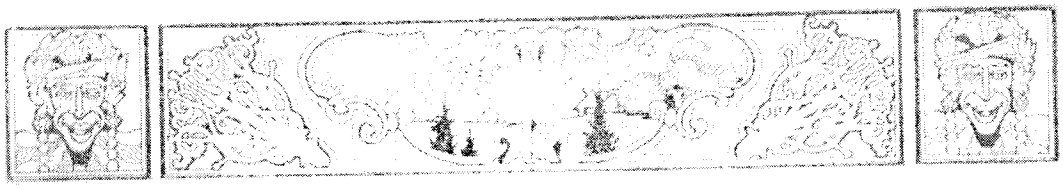

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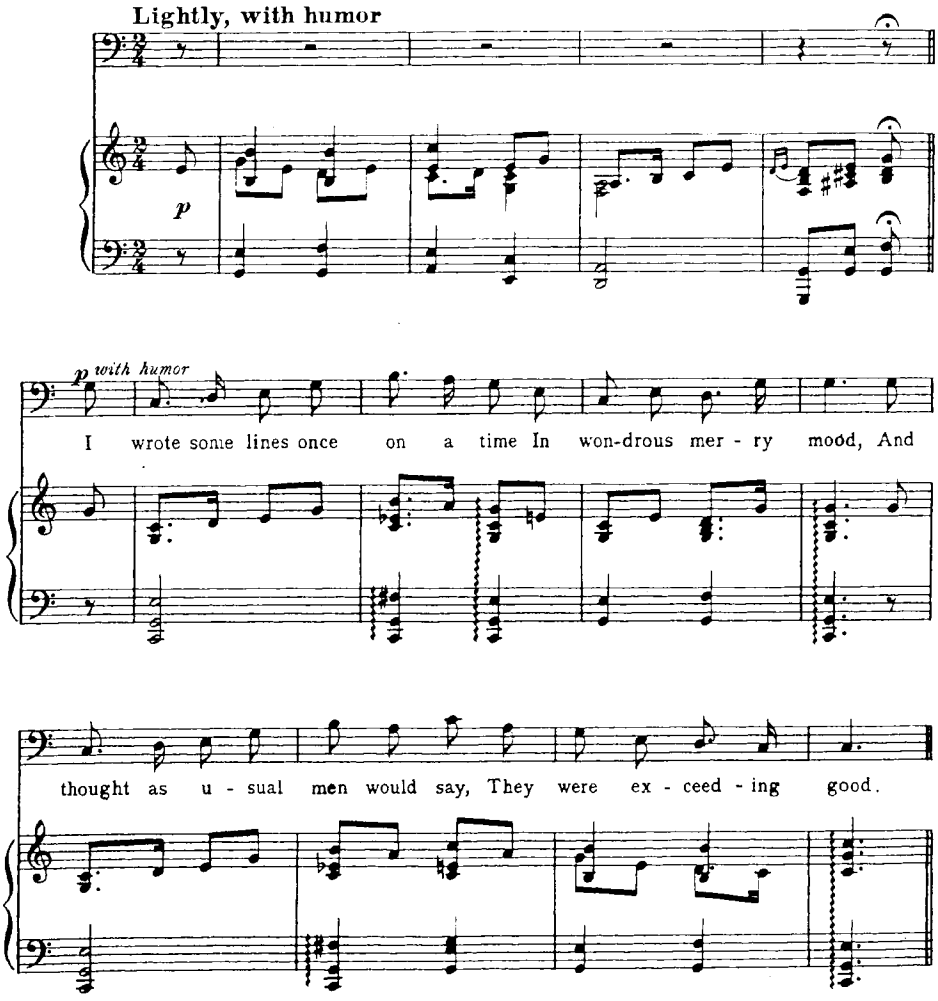

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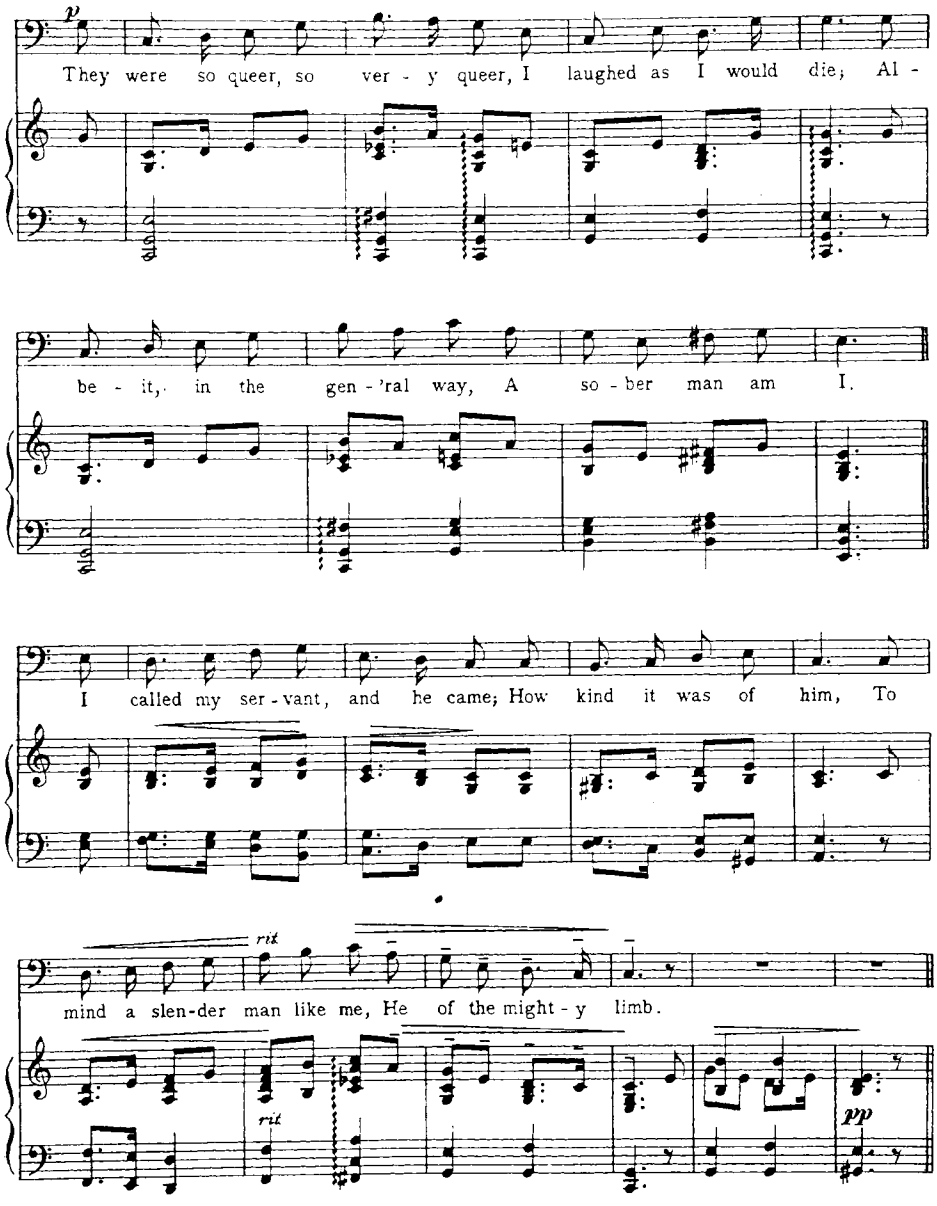
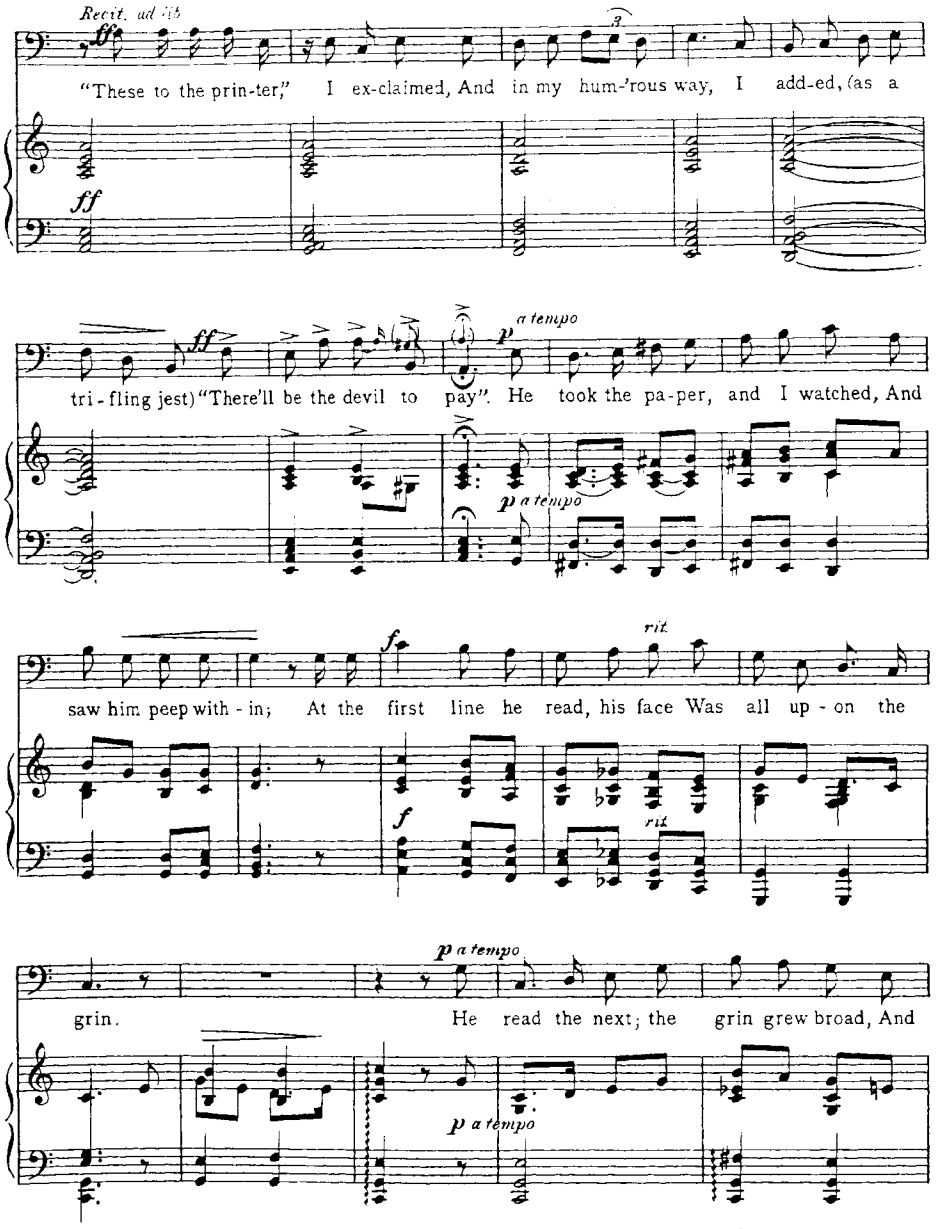
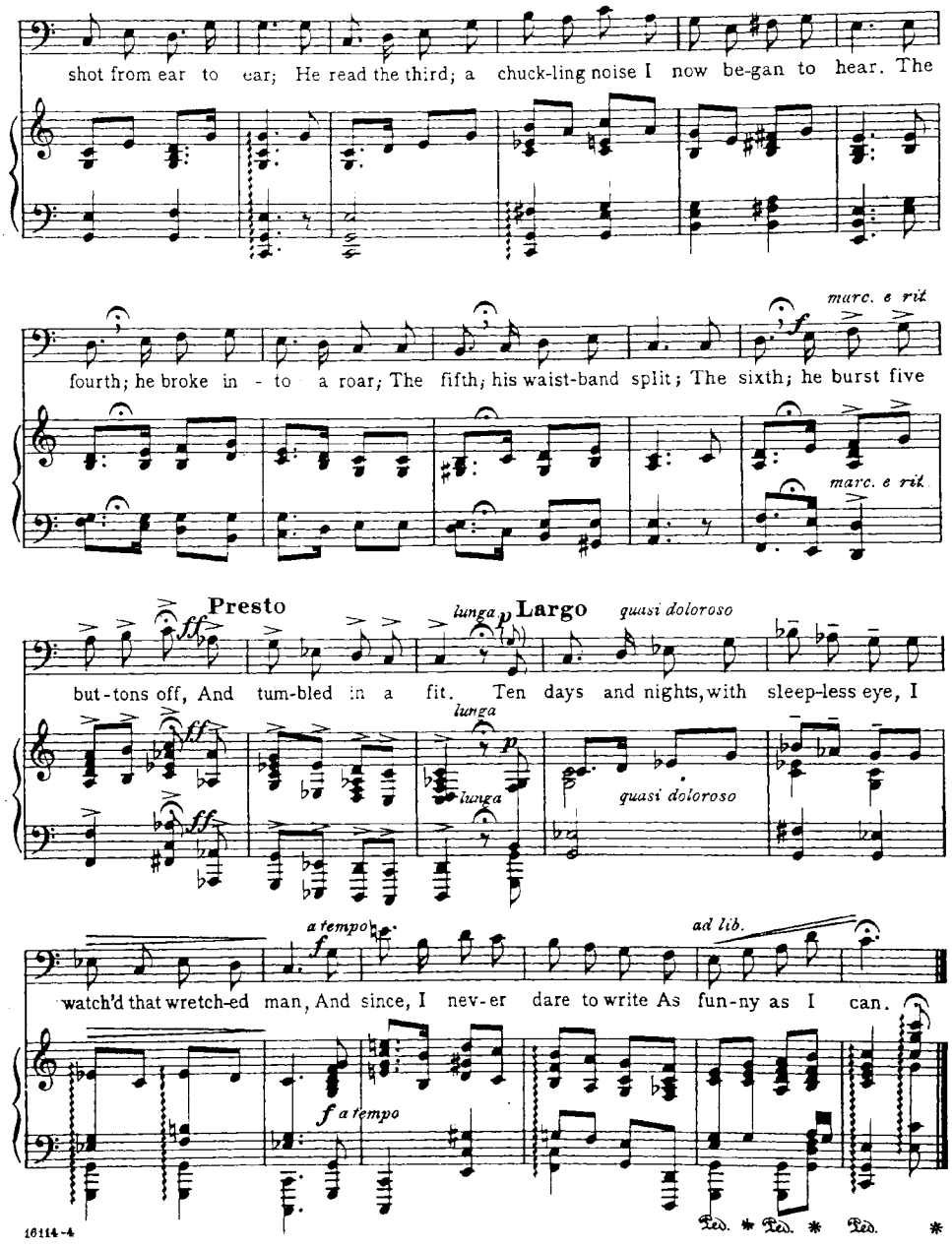

p
They were so queer, so ver - y queer, I laughed as I would die; Al -
be - it, in the gen - 'ral way, A so - ber man am I.
I called my ser - vant, and he came; How kind it was of him, To
rit
mind a slen-der man like me, He of the might - y limb.
rit
pp


Recit. ad lib
ff
"These to the prin-ter," I ex-claimed, And in my hum-'rous way, I add-ed, (as a
ff
ff
a tempo
p
tri - fling jest) "There'll be the devil to pay". He took the pa-per, and I watched, And
p a tempo
saw him peep with - in; At the first line he read, his face Was all up - on the
f
rit.
f
rit.
p a tempo
grin. He read the next; the grin grew broad, And
p a tempo


shot from ear to ear; He read the third; a chuck-ling noise I now be-gan to hear. The
marc. e rit.
fourth; he broke in - to a roar; The fifth; his waist-band split; The sixth; he burst five
marc. e rit.
Presto
ff
lunga
p
Largo
quasi doloroso
but-tons off, And tum-bled in a fit. Ten days and nights, with sleep-less eye, I
lunga
quasi doloroso
a tempo
f
ad lib.
watch'd that wretch-ed man, And since, I nev-er dare to write As fun-ny as I can.
f a tempo
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *