Back To Before

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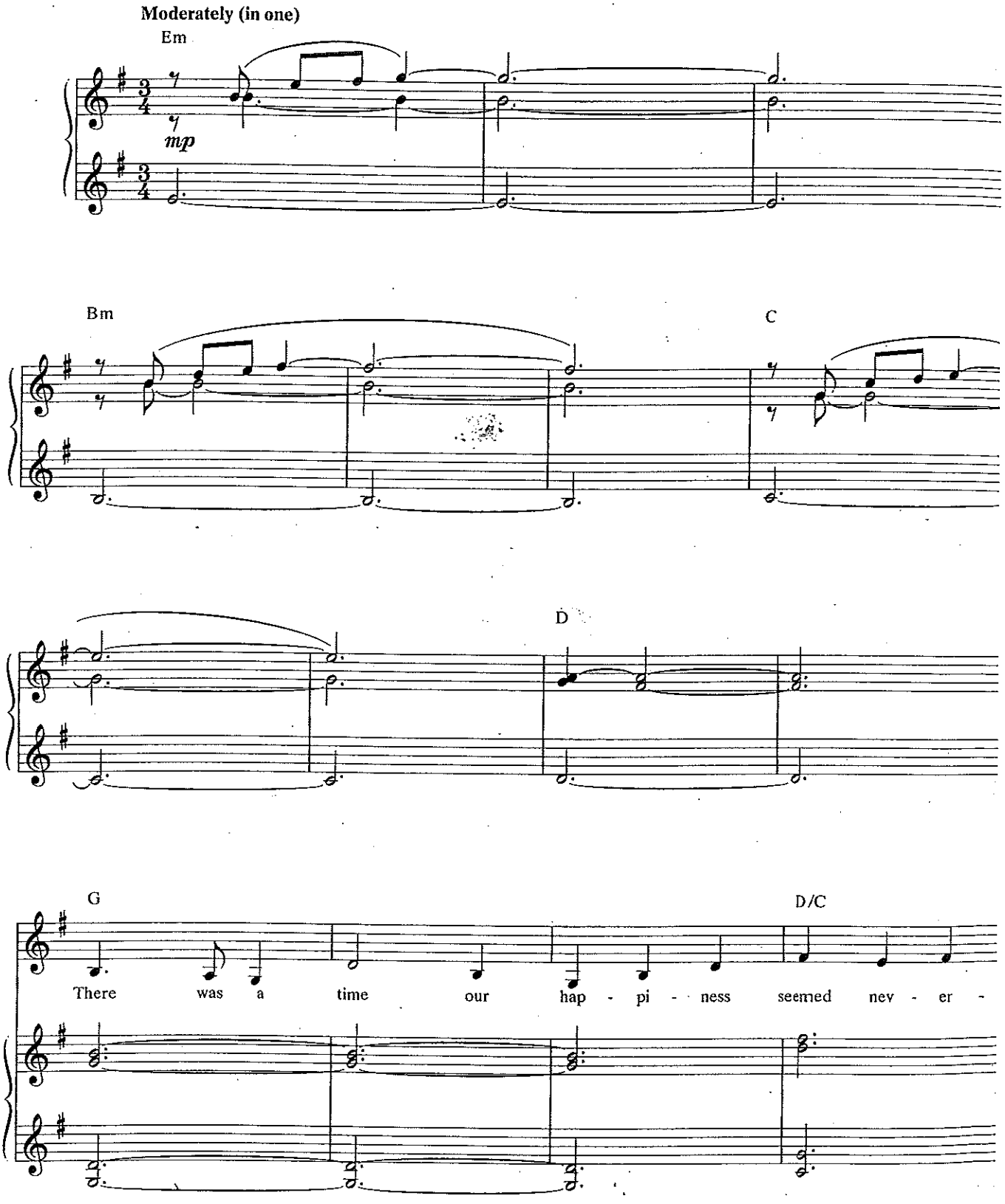

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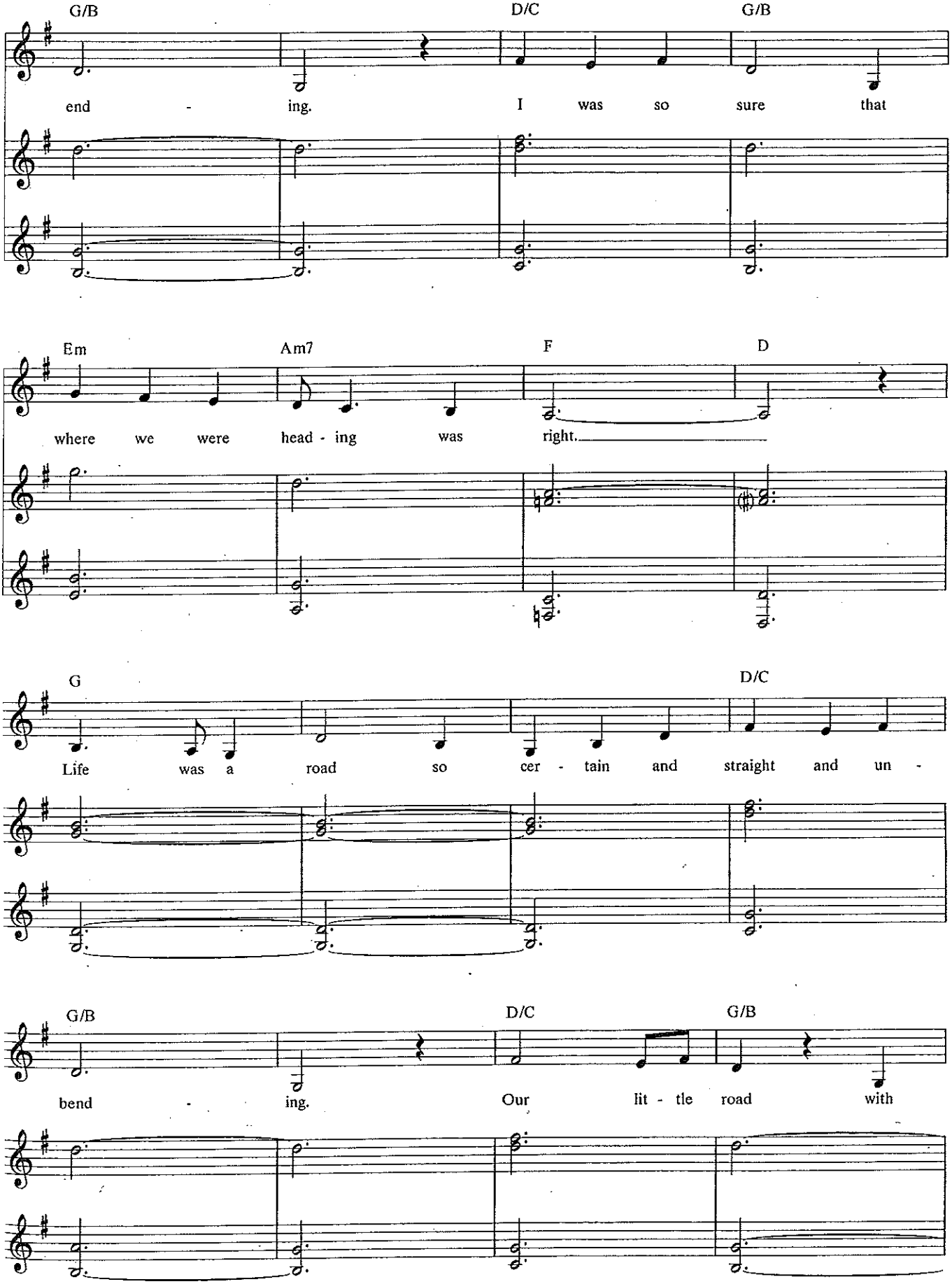
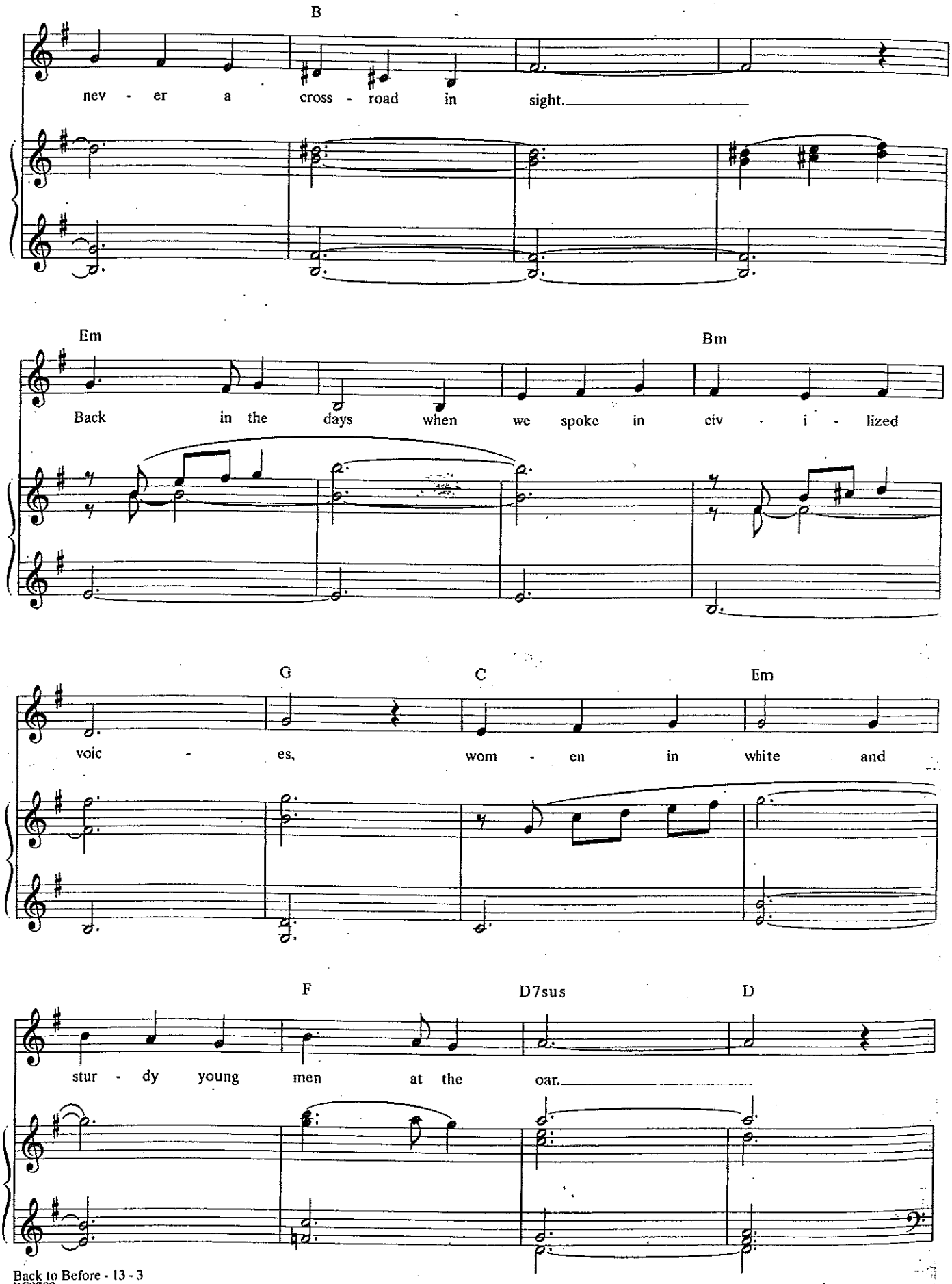
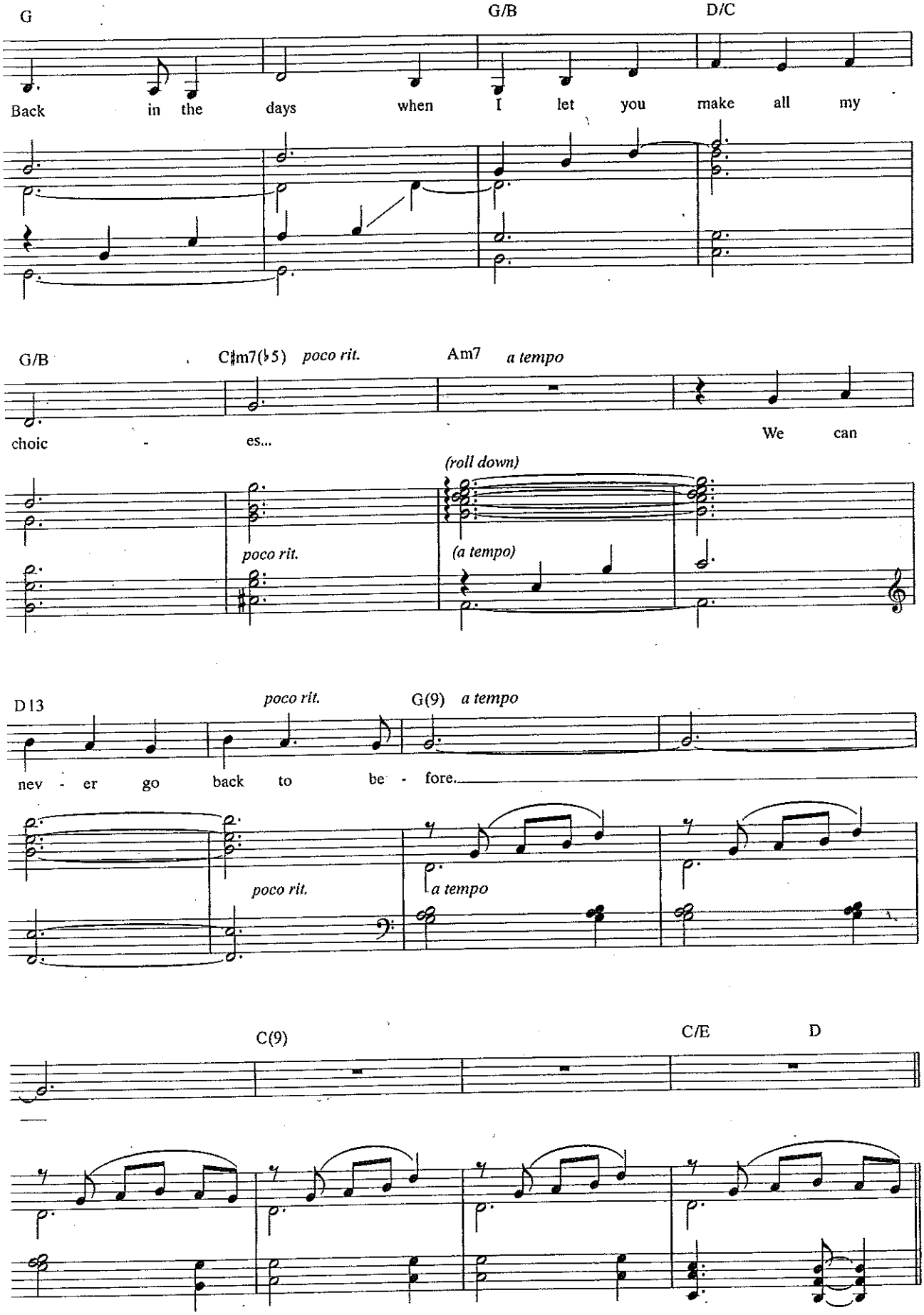
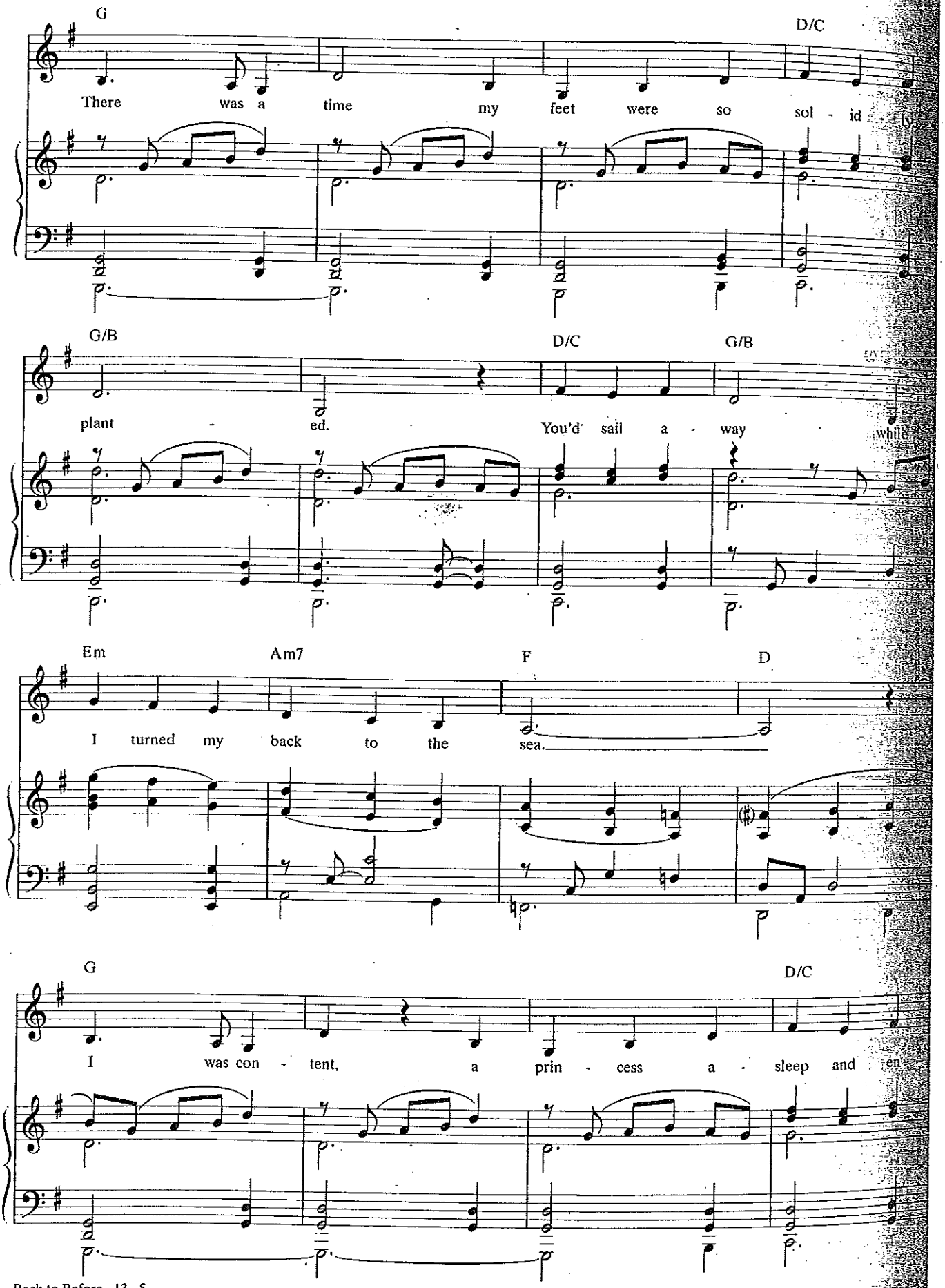
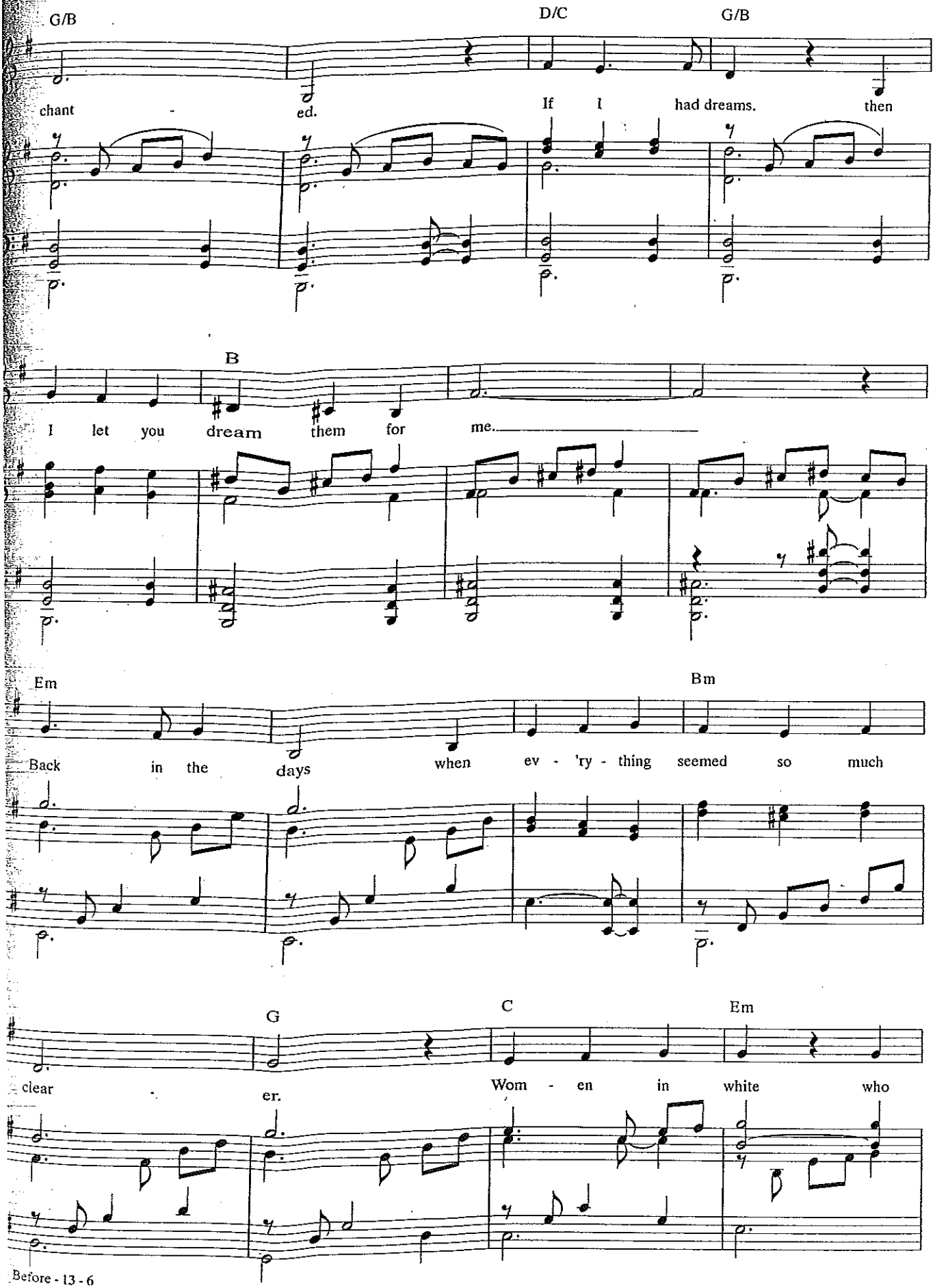
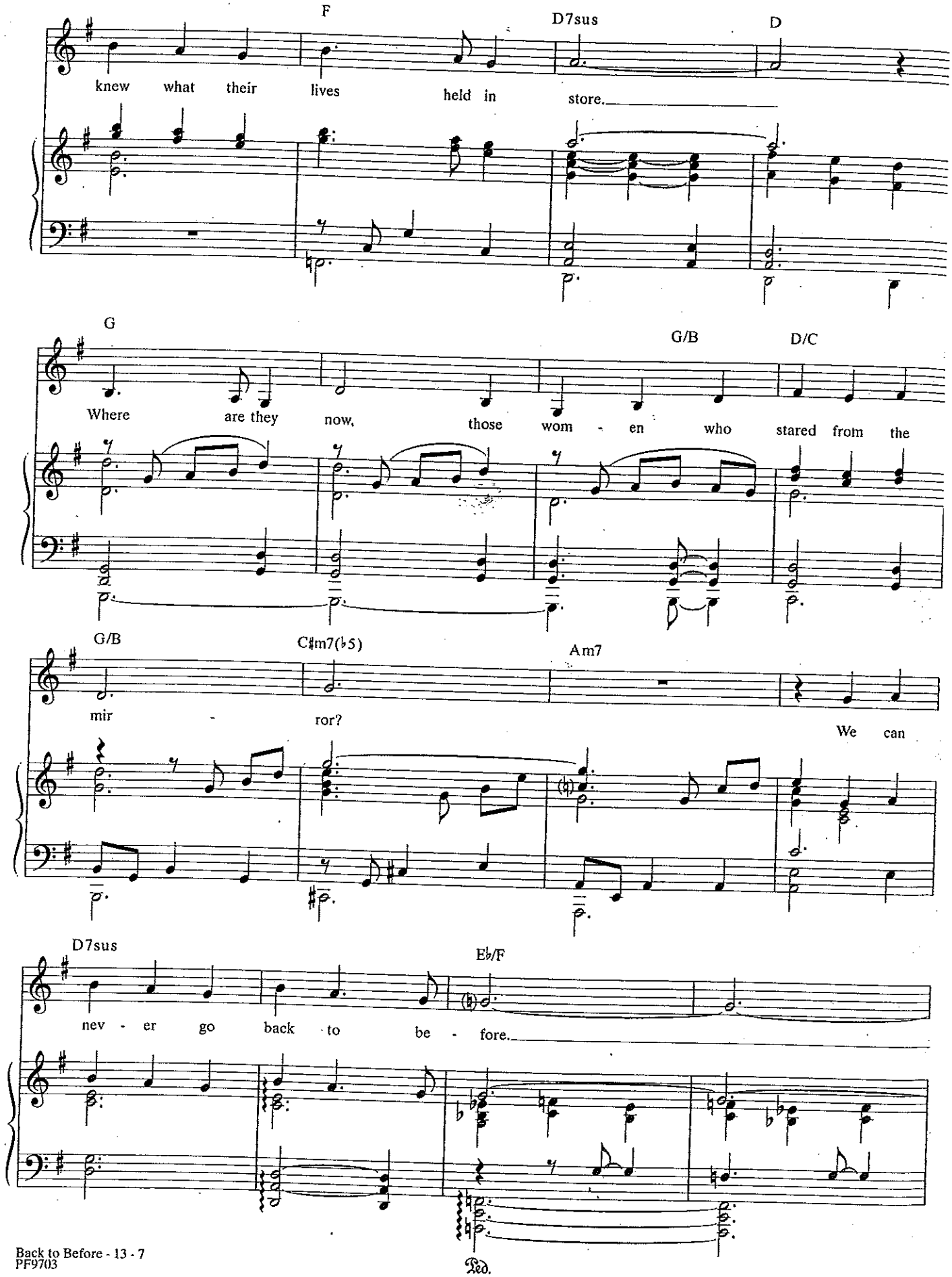

G/B
D/C
G/B
end - ing. I was so sure that
Em
Am7
F
D
where we were head - ing was right.
G
D/C
Life was a road so cer - tain and straight and un -
G/B
D/C
G/B
bend - ing. Our lit - tle road with

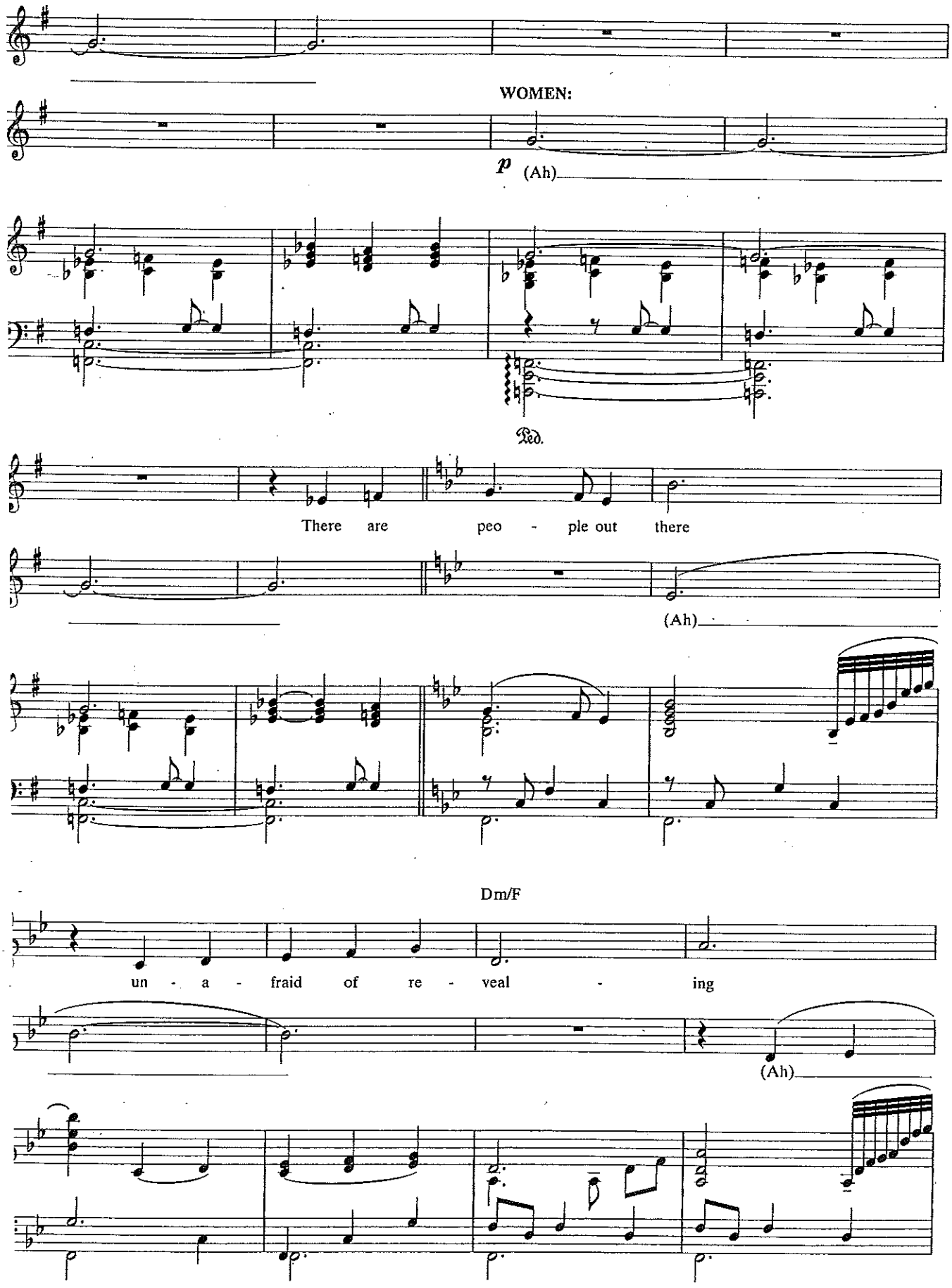

B
nev - er a cross - road in sight.
Em
Bm
Back in the days when we spoke in civ - i - lized
G
C
Em
voic - es, wom - en in white and
F
D7sus
D
stur - dy young men at the oar.

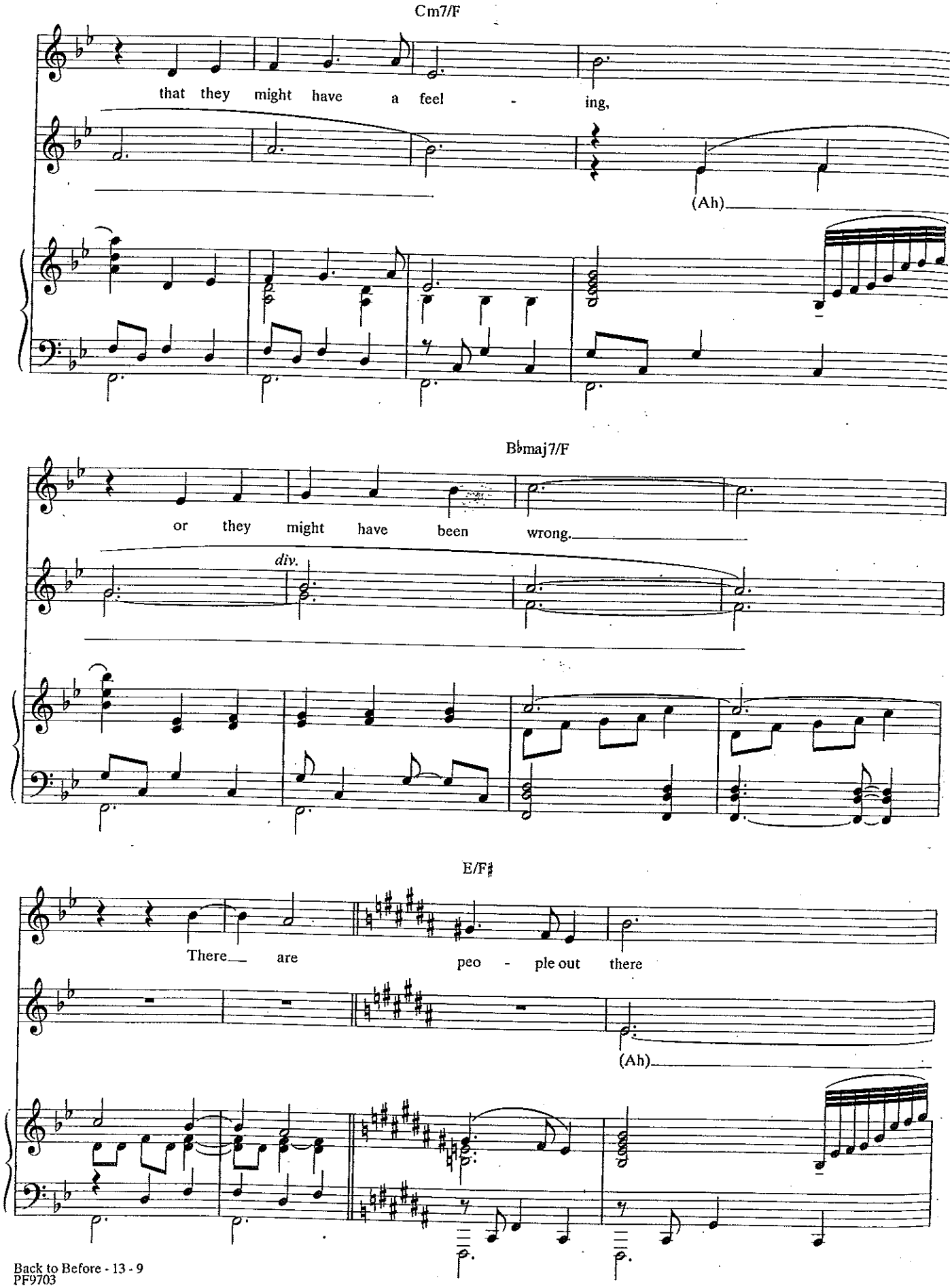

G
G/B
D/C
Back in the days when I let you make all my
G/B
C♯m7(♭5)
poco rit.
Am7
a tempo
choic - es...
We can
(roll down)
poco rit.
(a tempo)
D13
poco rit.
G(9)
a tempo
nev - er go back to be - fore.
poco rit.
a tempo
C(9)
C/E
D

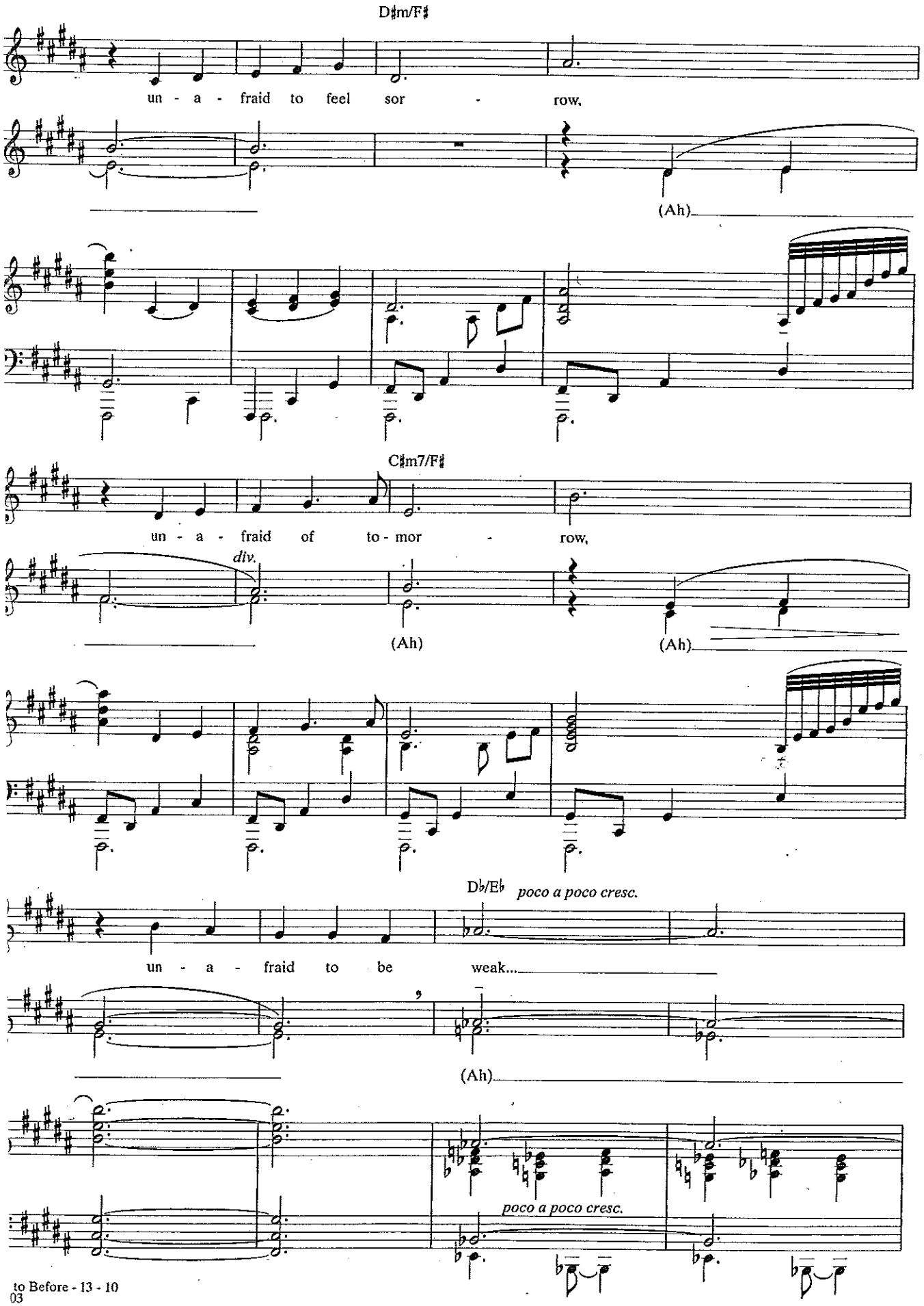

G
D/C
There was a time my feet were so sol - id - ly
G/B
D/C
G/B
plant - ed.
You'd sail a - way while
Em
Am7
F
D
I turned my back to the sea.
G
D/C
I was con - tent, a prin - cess a - sleep and en

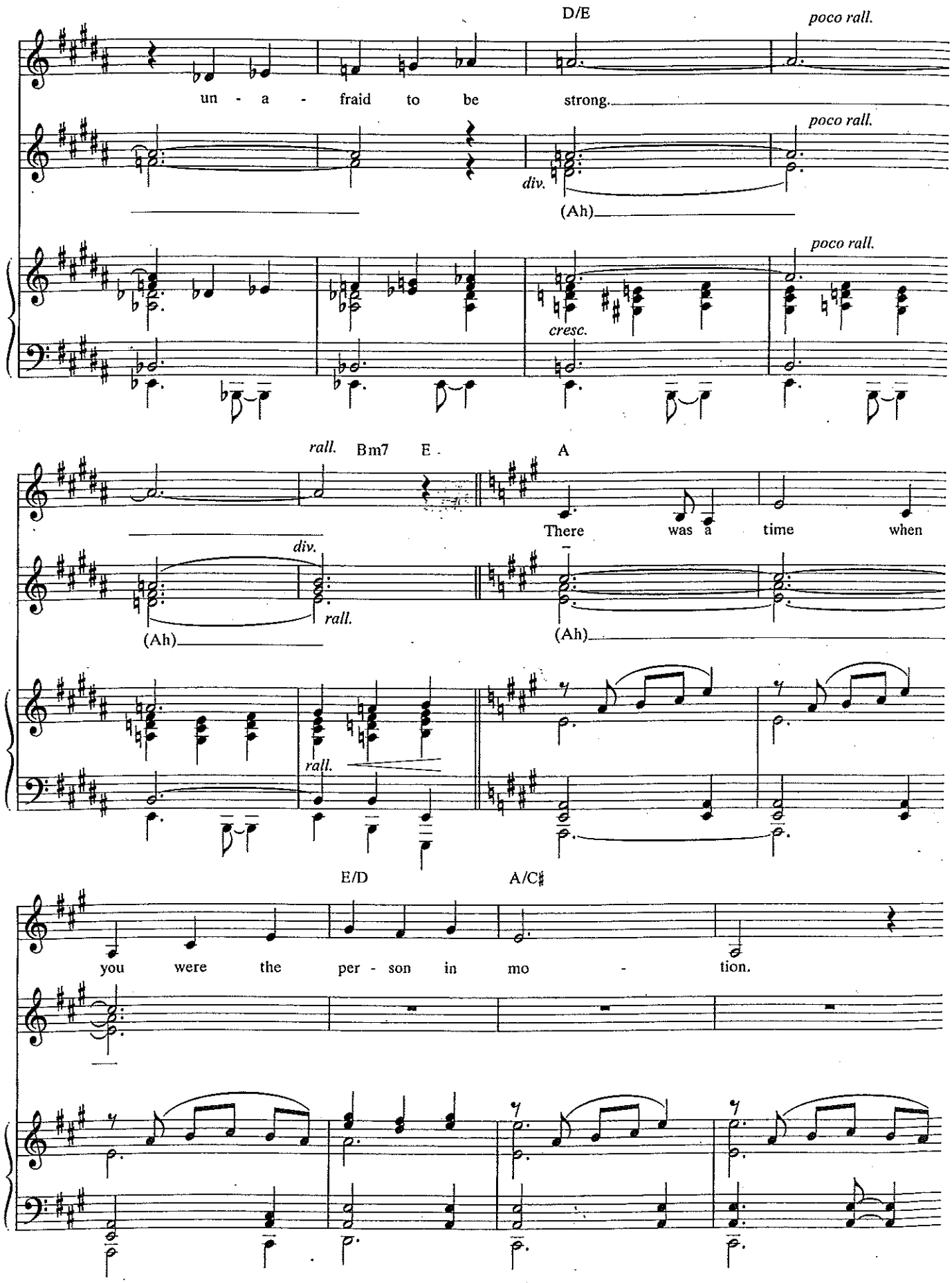

G/B
D/C
G/B
chant - ed.
If I had dreams. then
B
I let you dream them for me.
Em
Bm
Back in the days when ev - 'ry - thing seemed so much
G
C
Em
clear - er.
Wom - en in white who

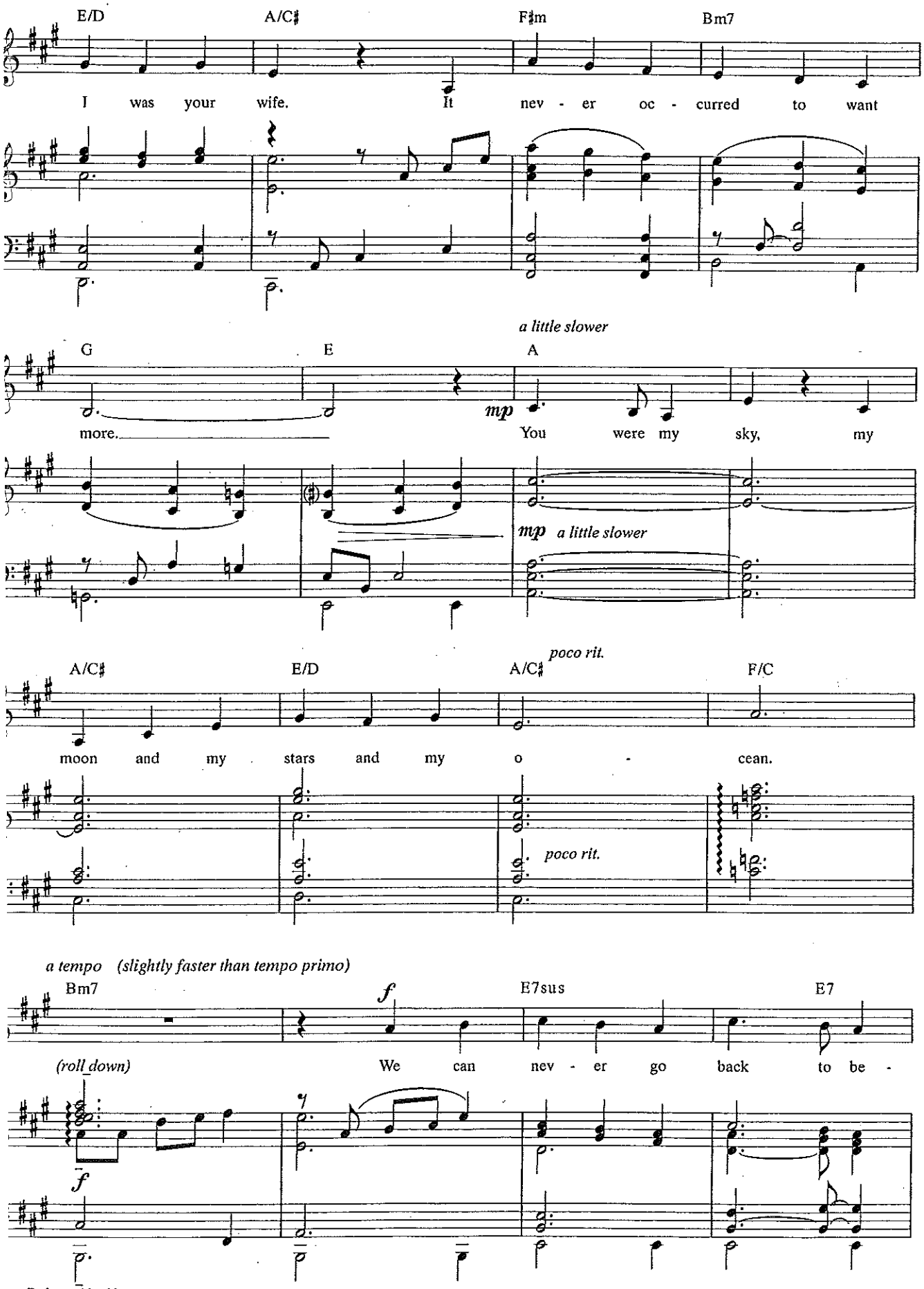

F
D7sus
D
knew what their lives held in store.
G
G/B
D/C
Where are they now, those wom - en who stared from the
G/B
C♯m7(♭5)
Am7
mir - ror?
We can
D7sus
E♭/F
nev - er go back to be - fore.
Ped.

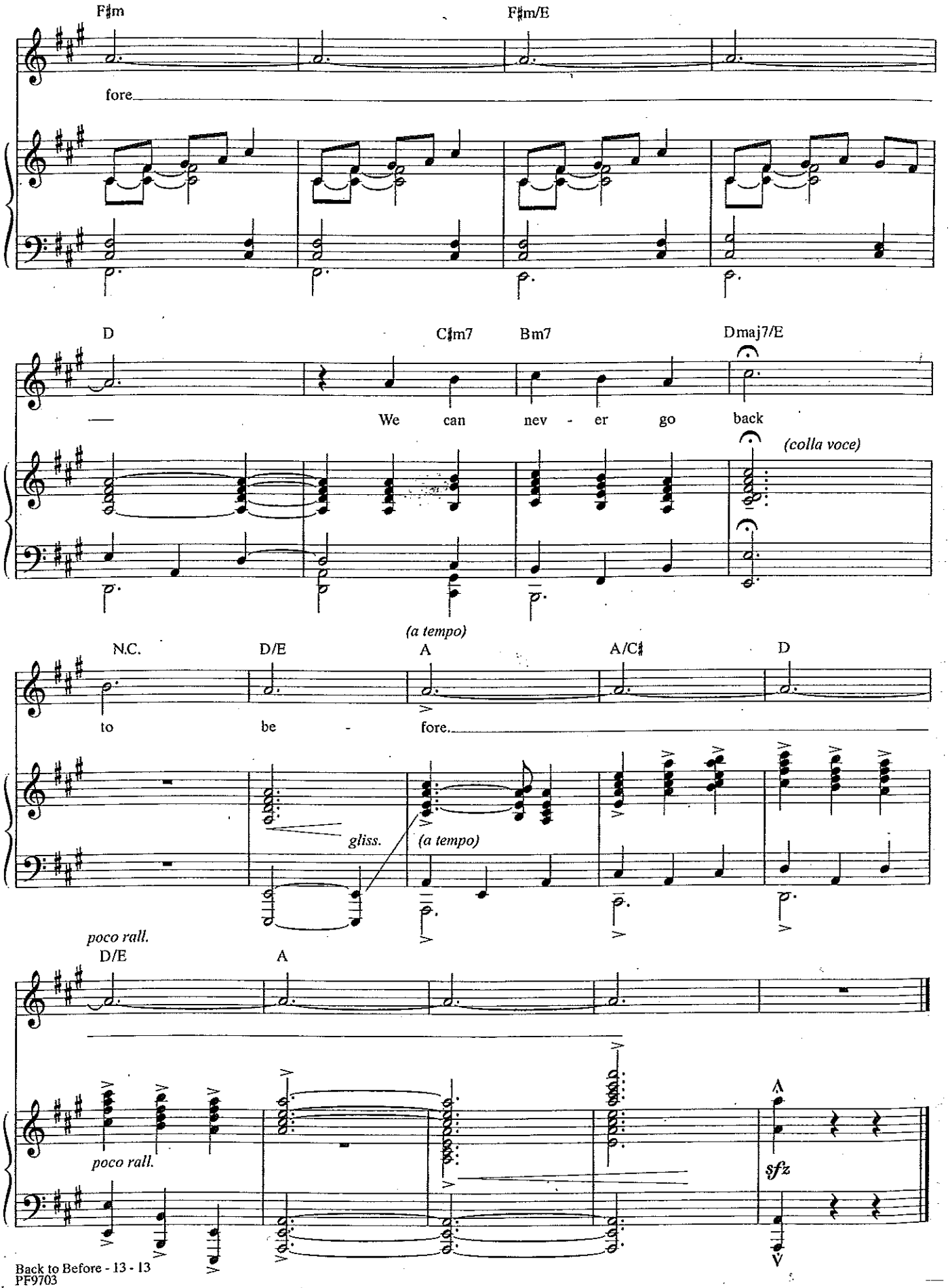

WOMEN:
p (Ah)
Ped.
There are peo - ple out there
(Ah)
Dm/F
un - a - fraid of re - veal - ing
(Ah)


Cm7/F
that they might have a feel - ing,
(Ah)
B♭maj7/F
or they might have been wrong.
div.
E/F♯
There are peo - ple out there
(Ah)


D♯m/F♯
un - a - fraid to feel sor - row,
(Ah)
C♯m7/F♯
un - a - fraid of to - mor - row,
div.
(Ah)
(Ah)
D♭/E♭
poco a poco cresc.
un - a - fraid to be weak...
(Ah)
poco a poco cresc.


D/E
poco rall.
un - a - fraid to be strong.
poco rall.
div.
(Ah)
poco rall.
cresc.
rall.
Bm7
E
A
There was a time when
div.
rall.
(Ah)
(Ah)
rall.
E/D
A/C♯
you were the per - son in mo - tion.


E/D
A/C♯
F♯m
Bm7
I was your wife. It nev - er oc - curred to want
a little slower
G
E
A
more. mp You were my sky, my
mp a little slower
poco rit.
A/C♯
E/D
A/C♯
F/C
moon and my stars and my o - cean.
poco rit.
a tempo (slightly faster than tempo primo)
Bm7
f
E7sus
E7
(roll down) We can nev - er go back to be -
f


F♯m
F♯m/E
fore
D
C♯m7
Bm7
Dmaj7/E
We can nev - er go back
(colla voce)
(a tempo)
N.C.
D/E
A
A/C♯
D
to be - fore.
gliss.
(a tempo)
poco rall.
D/E
A
poco rall.
sfz