Foreword

What do the English, French, Gaelic, Welsh, German, Burgundian, and Irish all have in common?

Answer: they all have a Christmas carol or Advent tune in this collection of Christmas gems. Some are less familiar such as the *Wexford Carol* and *The Cherry Tree Carol*. Others are well known like *Angels We Have Heard on High* and *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*.

I think you will find that even the more obscure tunes retain a Christmas flavor unique to the season that exemplifies the joy, peace, and hope of this special time of year.

Stan Pethel

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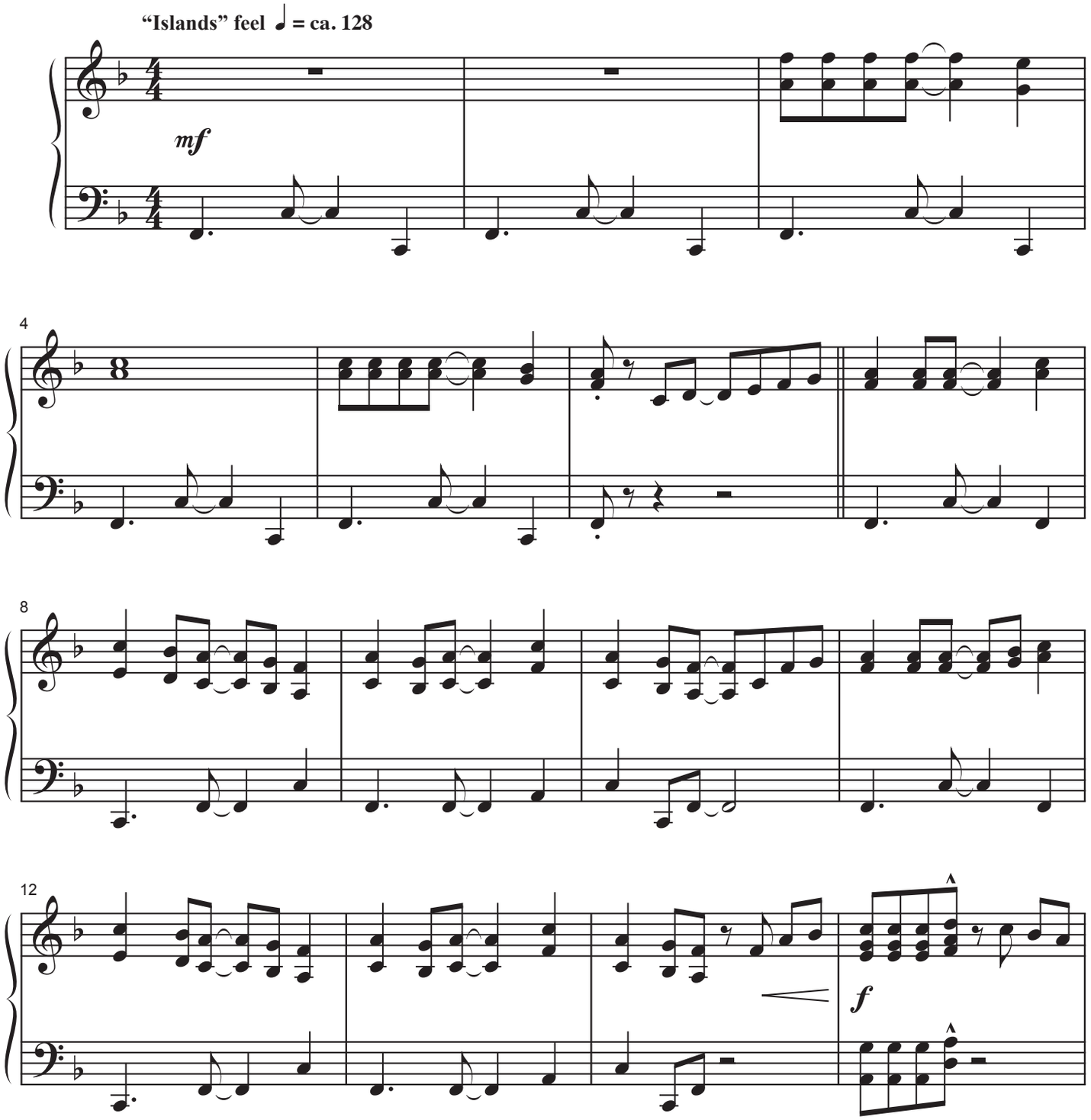
Angels We Have Heard on High

Stan Pethel
Tune: **GLORIA**
Traditional French carol



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Child in the Manger

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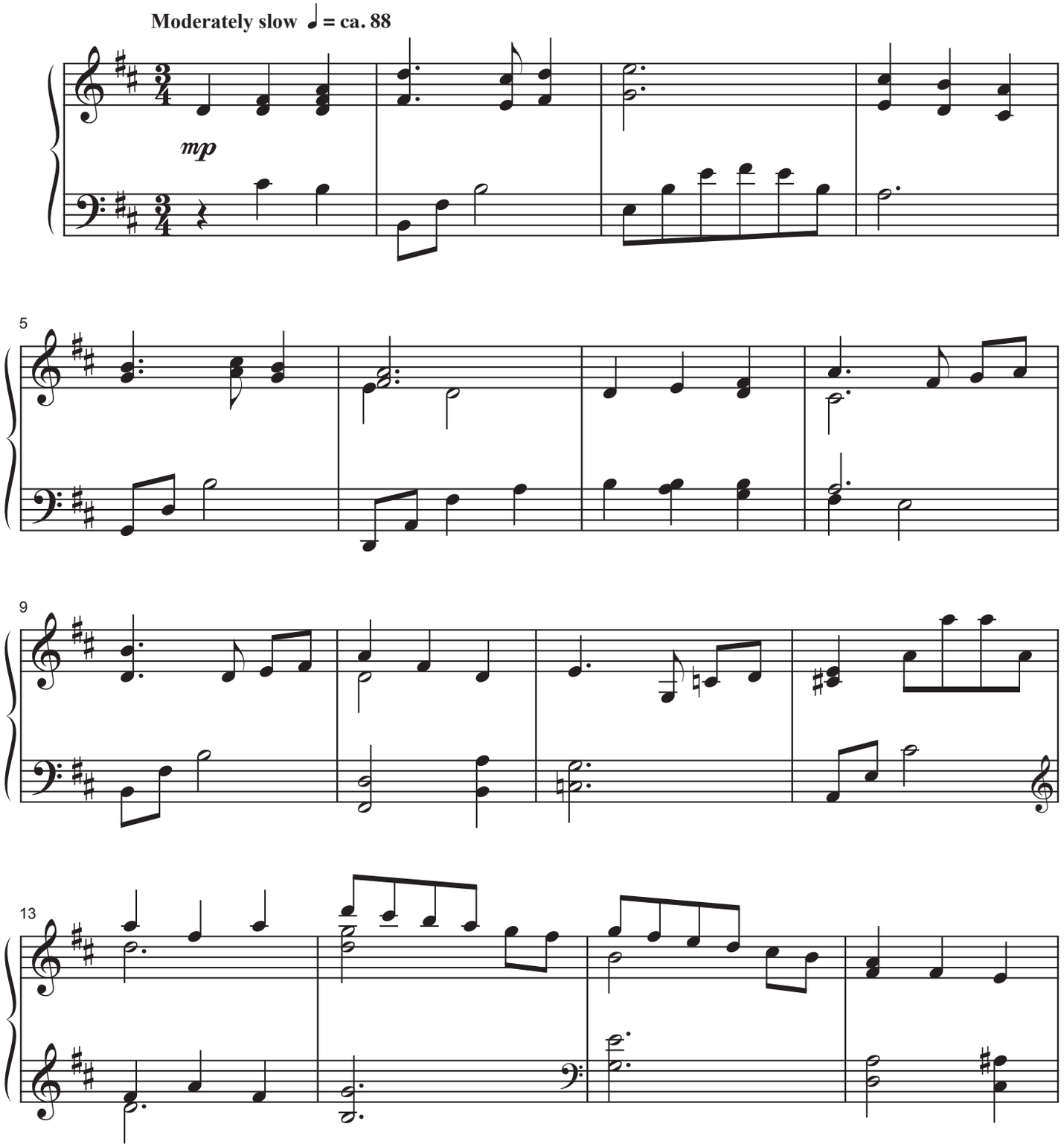
Tune: **BUNESSAN**
Traditional Gaelic Carol



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In the Bleak Midwinter

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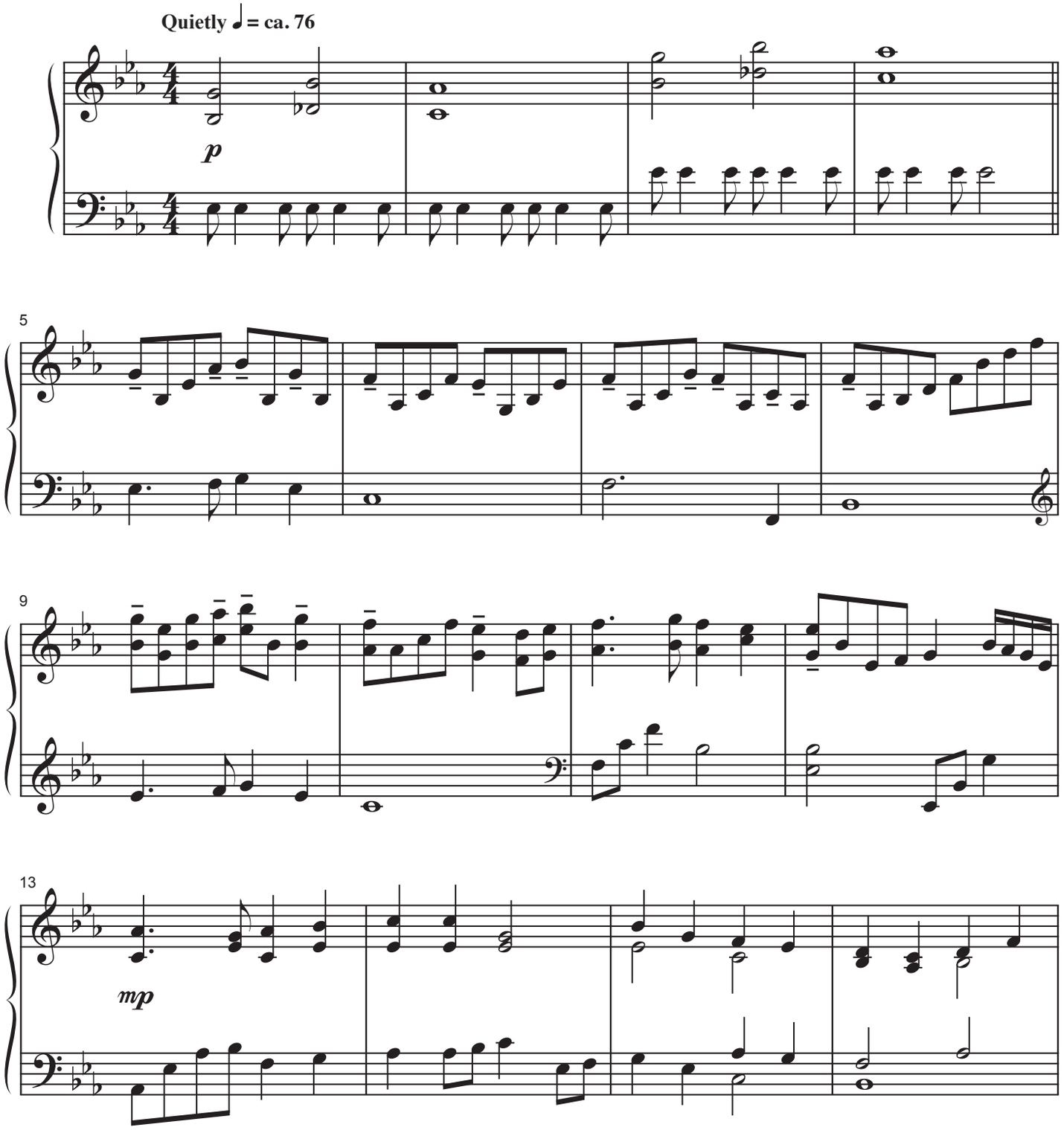
Tune: **CRANHAM**
by **Gustav Holst** (1874-1934)



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Once He Came in Blessing

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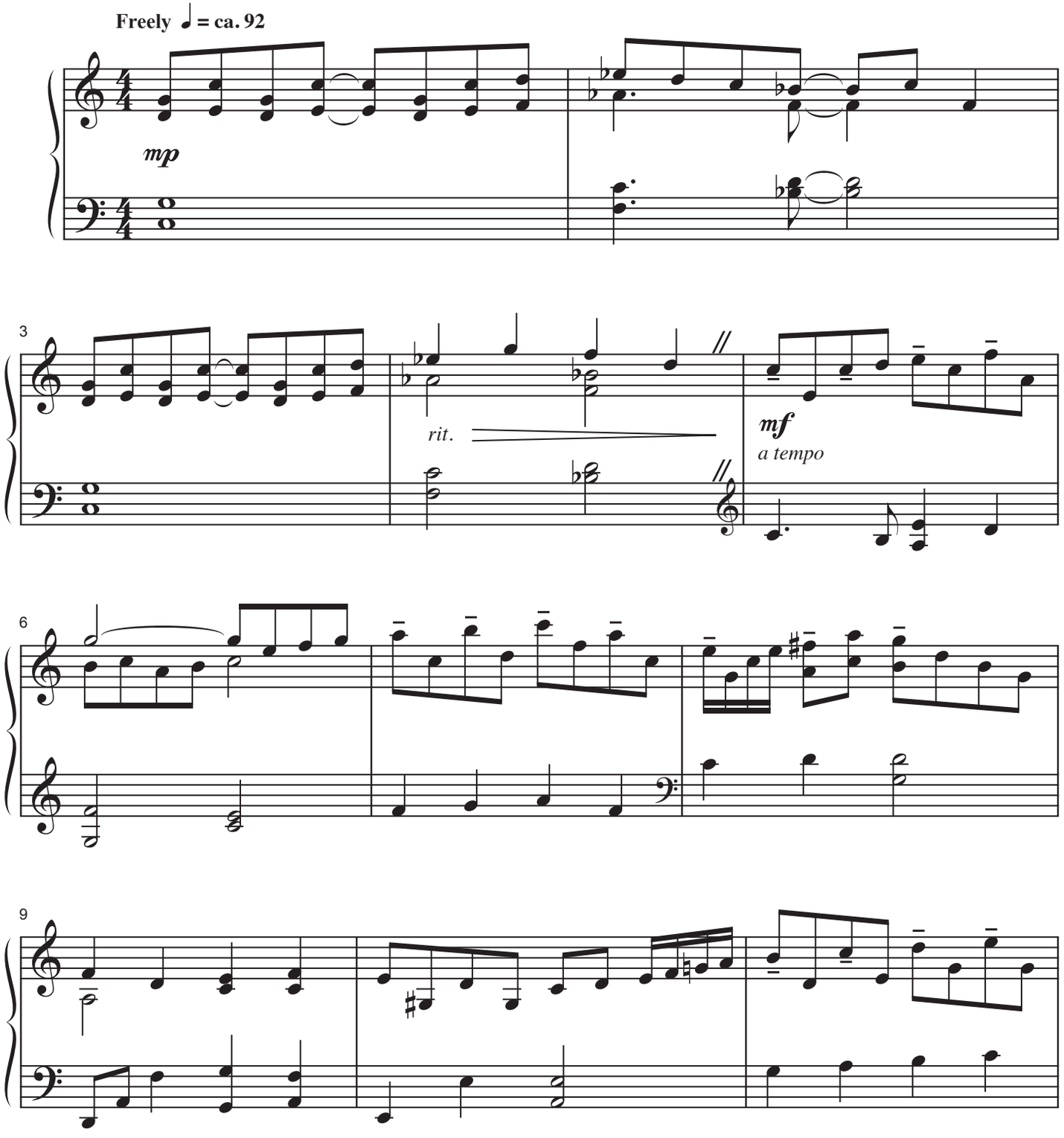
Tune: **GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN**
by **Michael Weisse** (1480-1534)



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Wexford Carol

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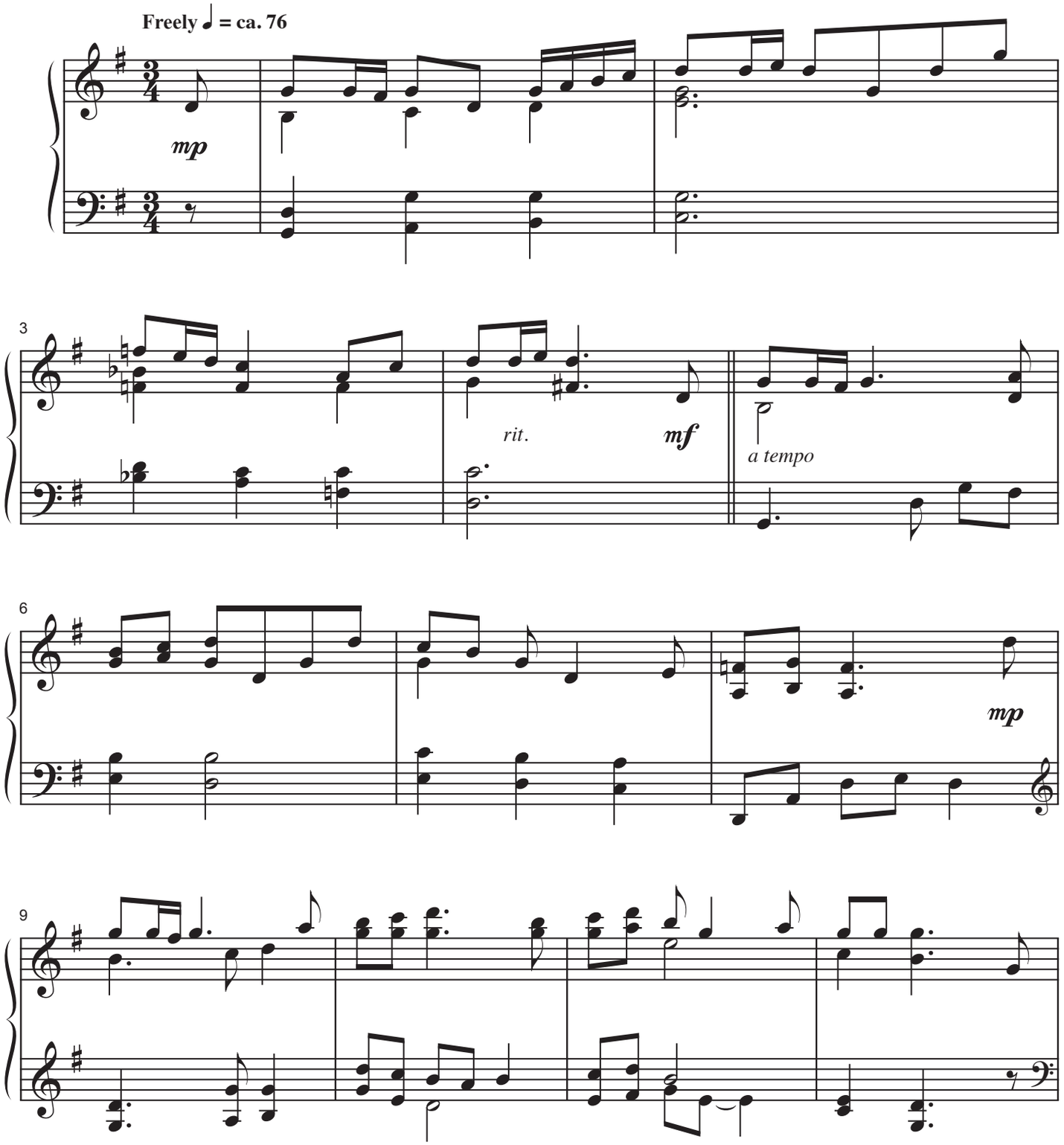
Tune: **WEXFORD CAROL**
Traditional Irish carol



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The Holly and the Ivy

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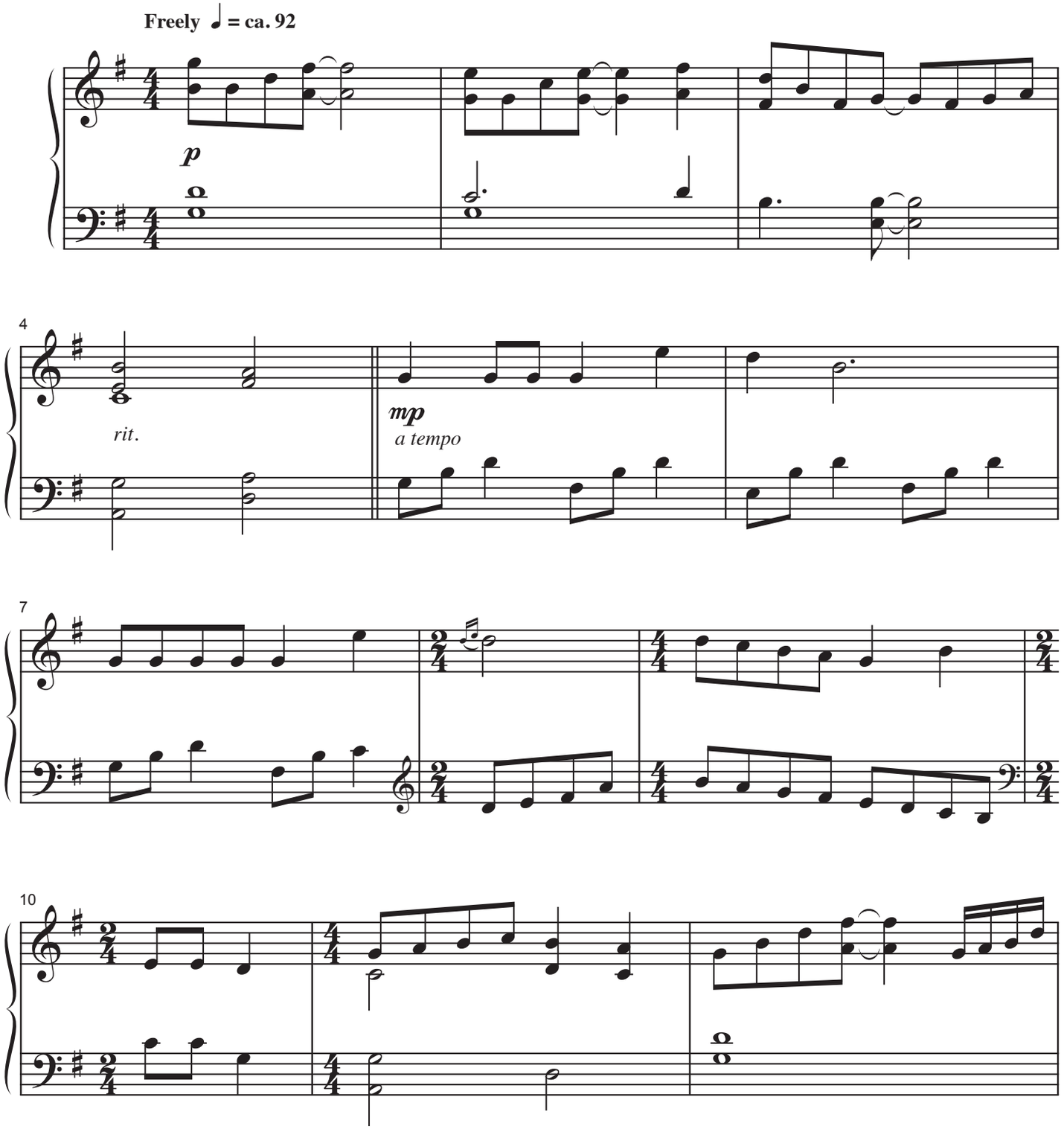
Tune: **HOLLY AND THE IVY**
Traditional English carol



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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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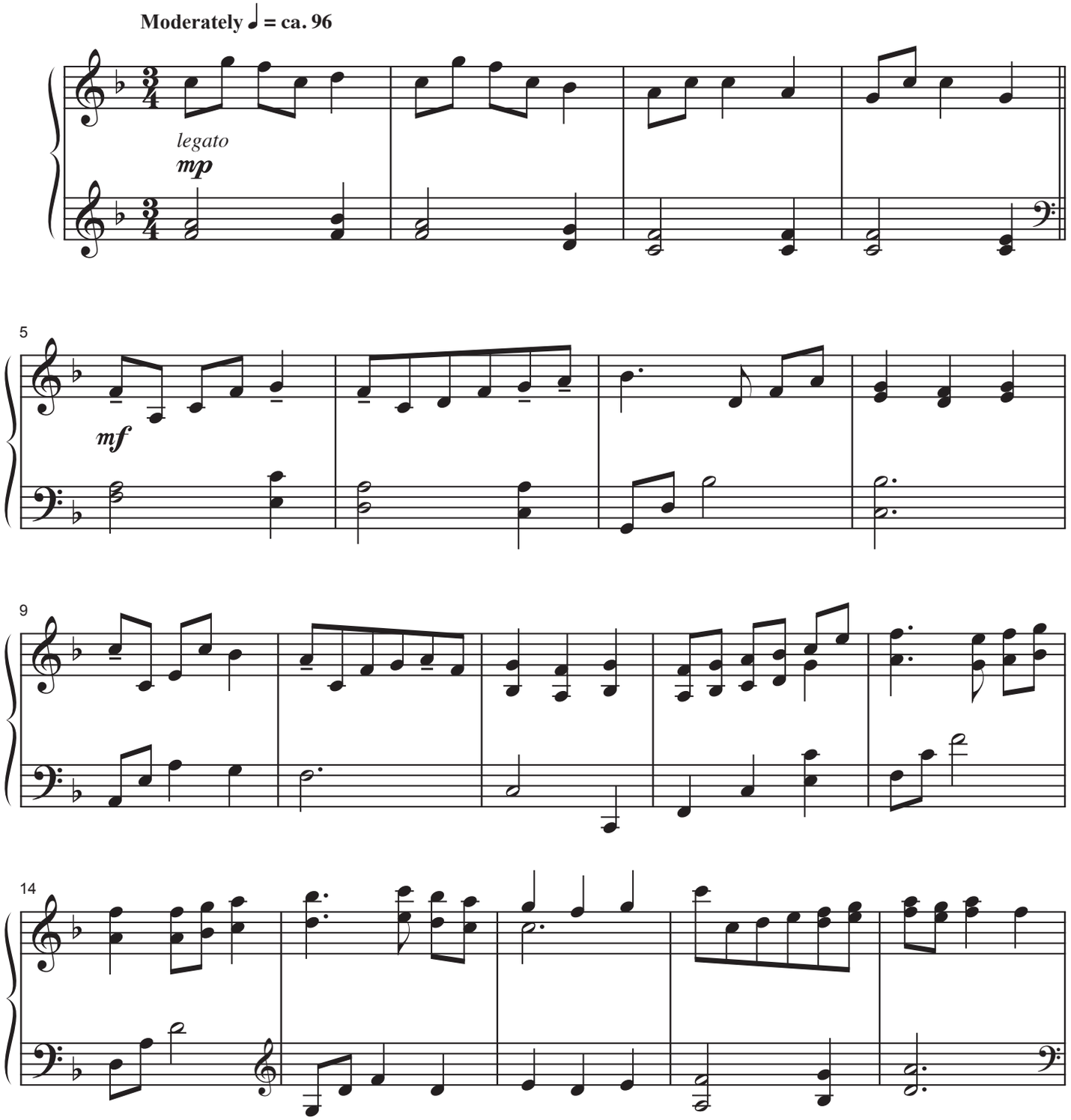
Tune: **HYFRYDOL**
by **Rowland H. Prichard** (1811-1887)



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Lully, Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child

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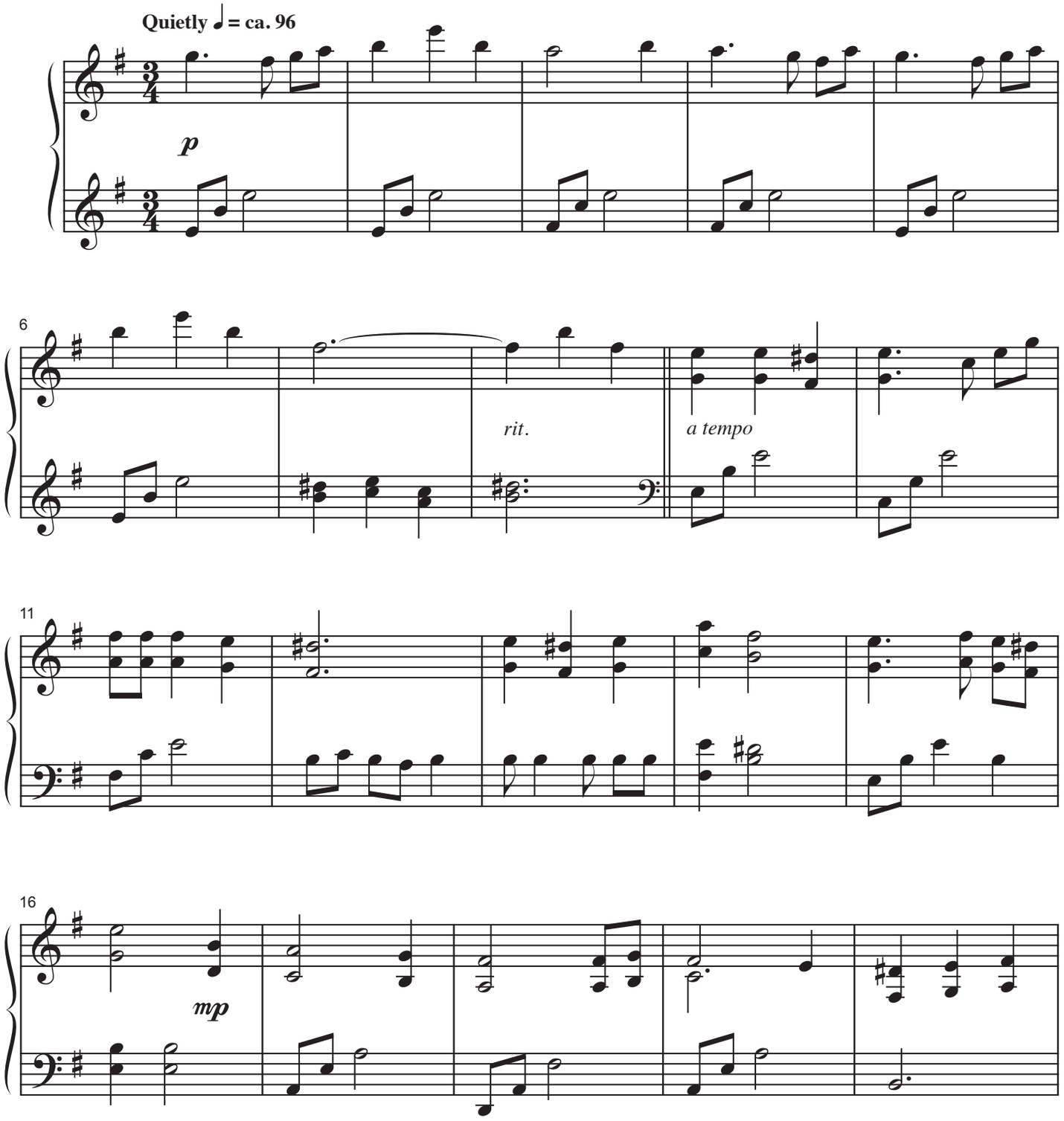
Tune: **COVENTRY CAROL**
Traditional English carol



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Cherry Tree Carol

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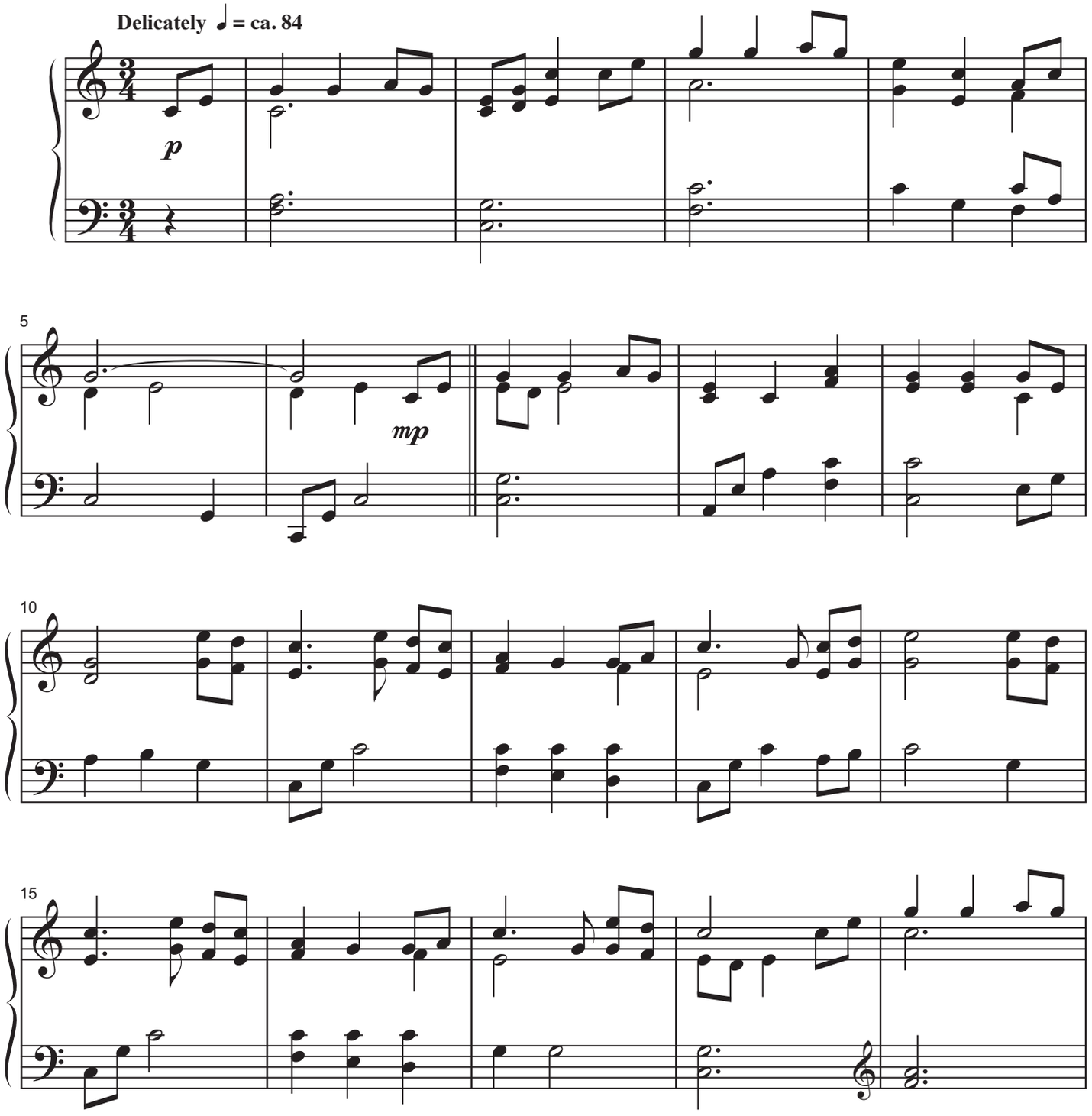
Tune: **CHERRY TREE**
Traditional English Carol



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On Christmas Night

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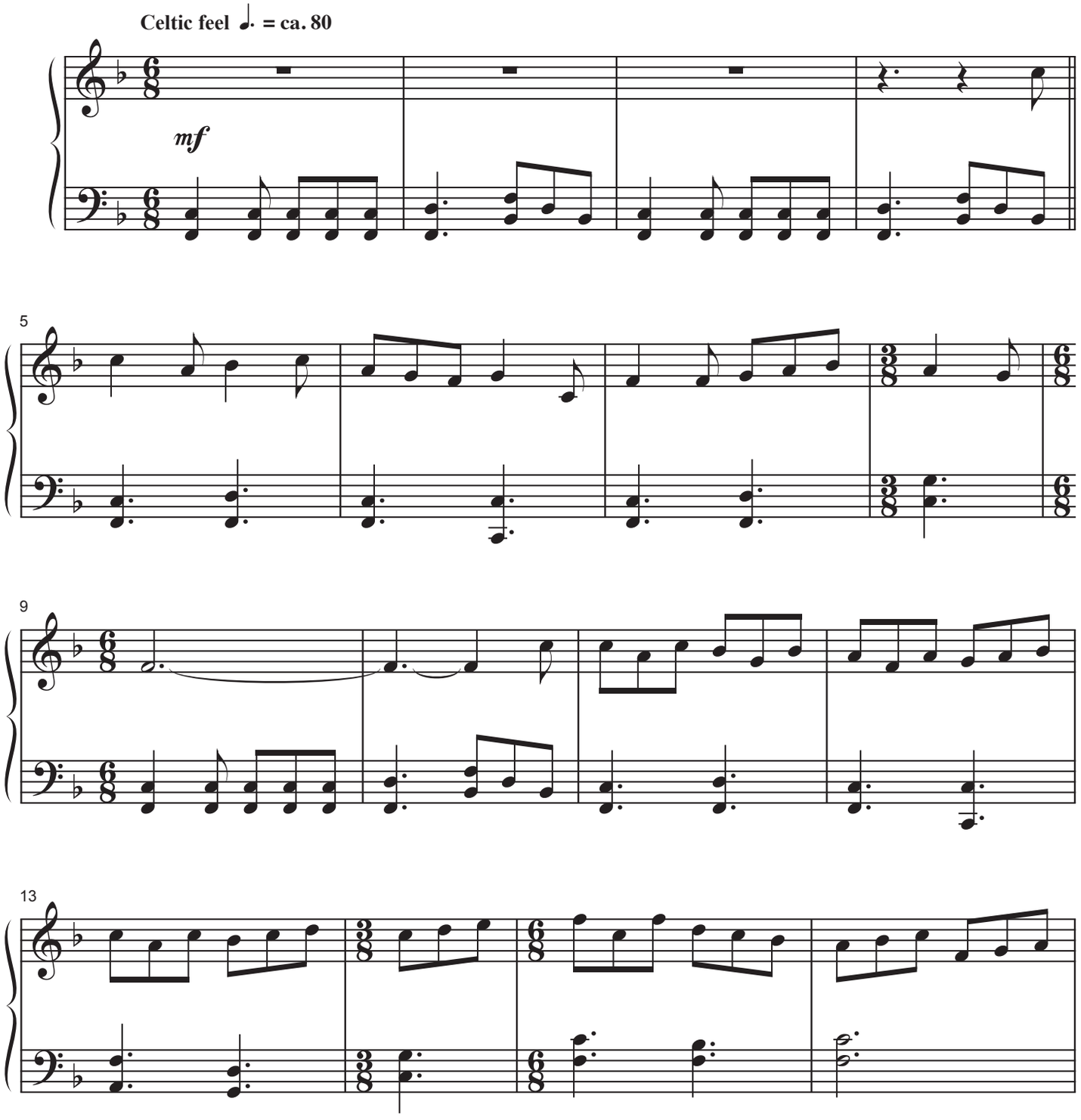
Tune: **SUSSEX CAROL**
Traditional English carol



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Once in Royal David's City

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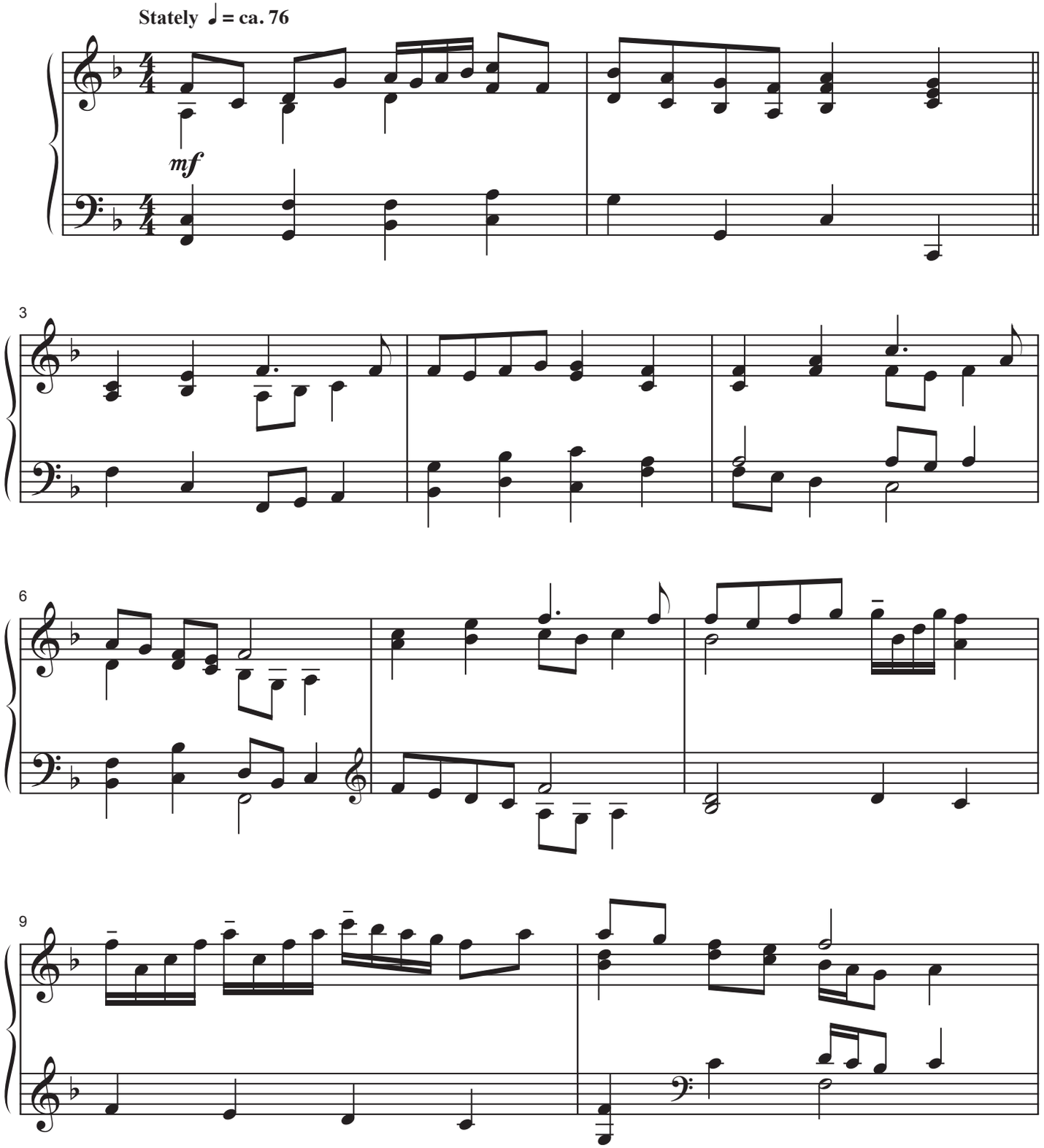
Tune: **IRBY**
by **Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)**



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God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

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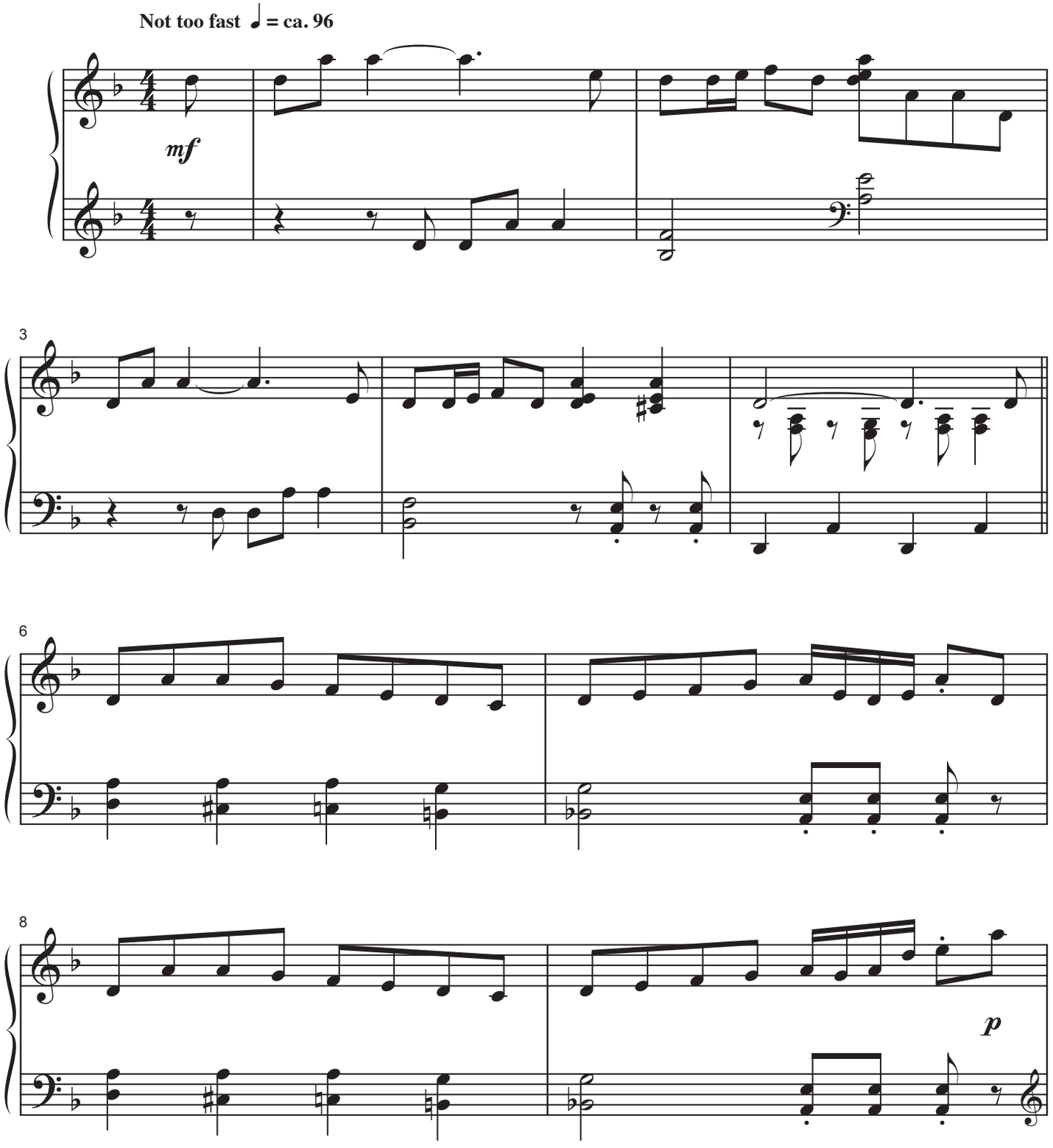
Tune: **GOD REST YE MERRY**
18th Century English carol



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