The Cuckoo

for Soprano Solo, SSA Chorus and Piano

ANON.

JAMES MANSFIELD
Tune: English Folksong

Dolefully ♩= 72

p

1st Sopranos

p

O the cuc - koo she's a pret - ty bird, she— sing - eth as she

2nd Sopranos

p

flies. She— bring - eth good— ti - dings, she— tell - eth no— lies.

SS *mf*

13

keep— her voice—

She— suck - eth white— flow - ers, for to keep— her voice

A

She suck - eth white— flow - ers, for to keep— her voice

13

mf

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clear;

clear; And the more she sing-eth cuc - koo, the

clear; And the more she sing-eth cuc - koo, the

p

sum - mer draw-eth near.

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p

Soprano solo *mf*

25

As I was a - walk - ing and a-

25

p

talk - ing one day, I met my own true love, as

SSA *p*

Met my love as

he came that way. O to meet him was a plea - sure, though the

cresc.

he came that way.

cresc.

35 *cresc. sempre*

court - ing was a woe, For I found him false -

f

mf

court - ing a woe, found him false -

mf

35

mf

mf

S (all firsts)

p

heart - ed, he would kiss me and go. I

heart - ed, kiss and go.

wish I were a schol - ar and could han - dle the

SA *p*

Oo Oo Oo

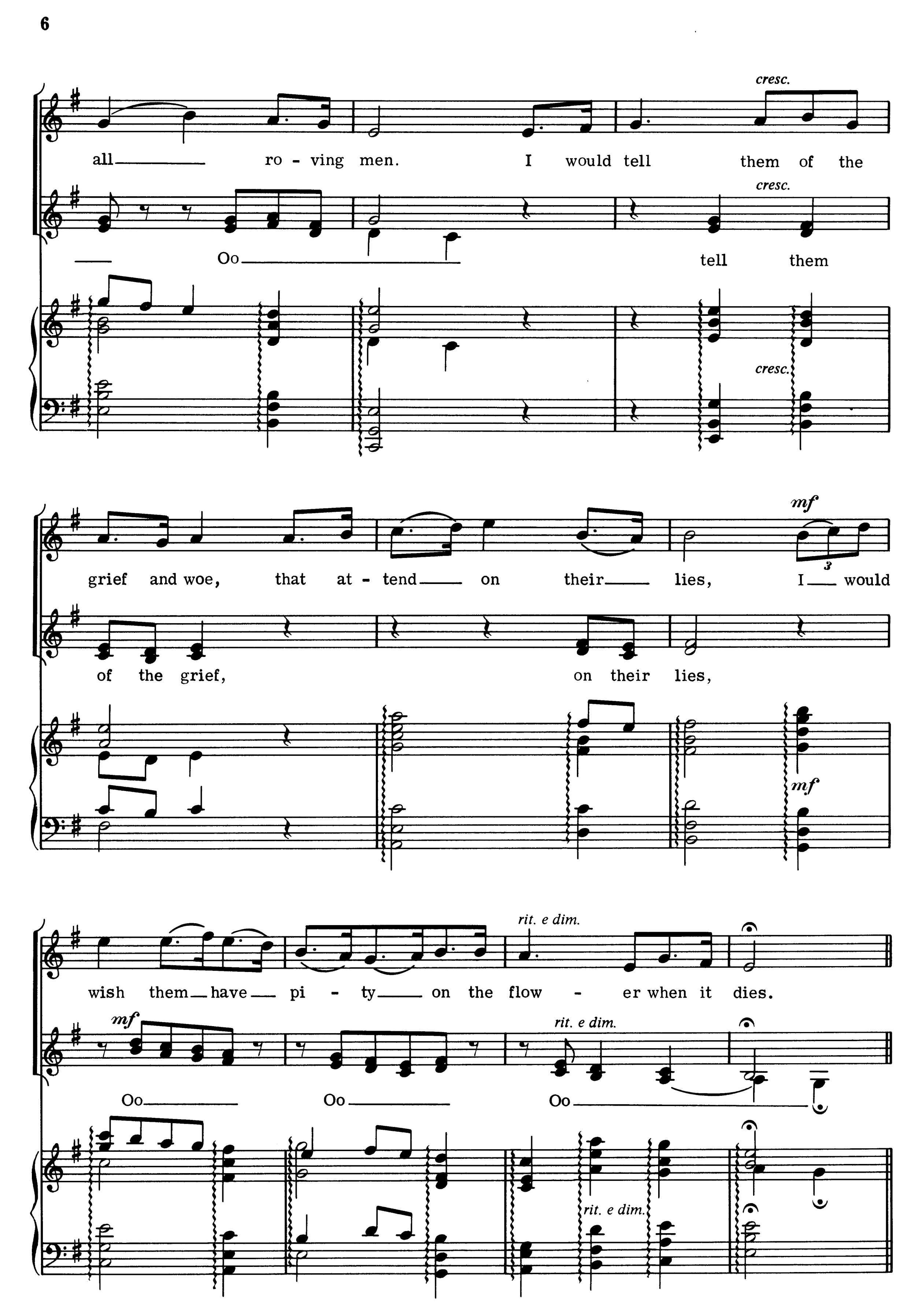
p

pen, I would write to my lov - er and to

Oo Oo

45

45


cresc.
all ro - ving men. I would tell them of the
cresc.
Oo tell them
cresc.
mf
grief and woe, that at - tend on their lies, I would
of the grief, on their lies,
mf
rit. e dim.
wish them have pi - ty on the flow - er when it dies.
mf
rit. e dim.
Oo Oo Oo
rit. e dim.

SS

mf *a tempo*

57

O the cuc - koo she's a pret - ty bird, she sing - eth as she

A

O the cuc - koo she's a pret - ty bird, she sing - eth as she

a tempo

57

mf

flies. She bring - eth good ti - dings, she

flies. She bring - eth good ti - dings, she

tell - eth no lies. She suck - eth white flow - ers, for to

crese.

tell - eth no lies. She suck - eth white flow - ers, for to

cresc.