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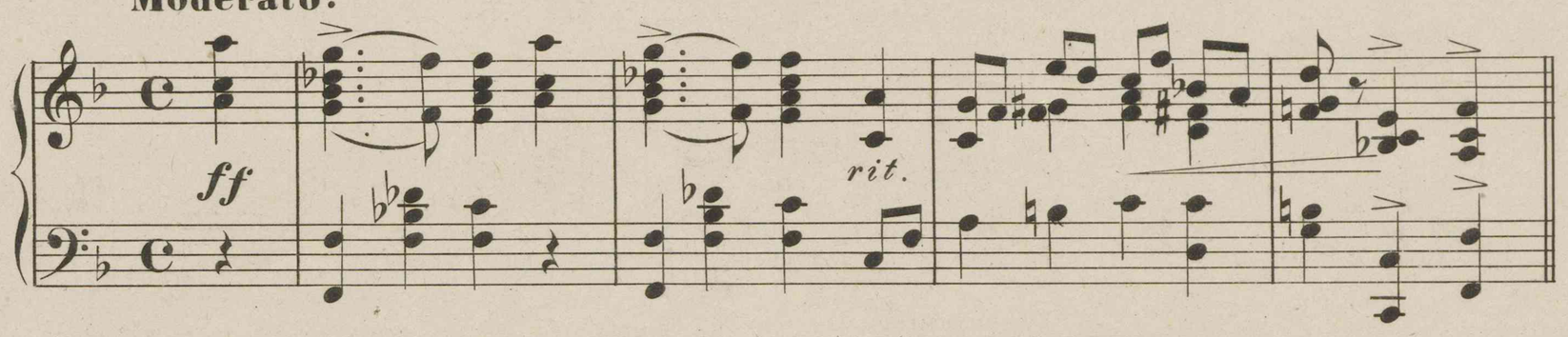
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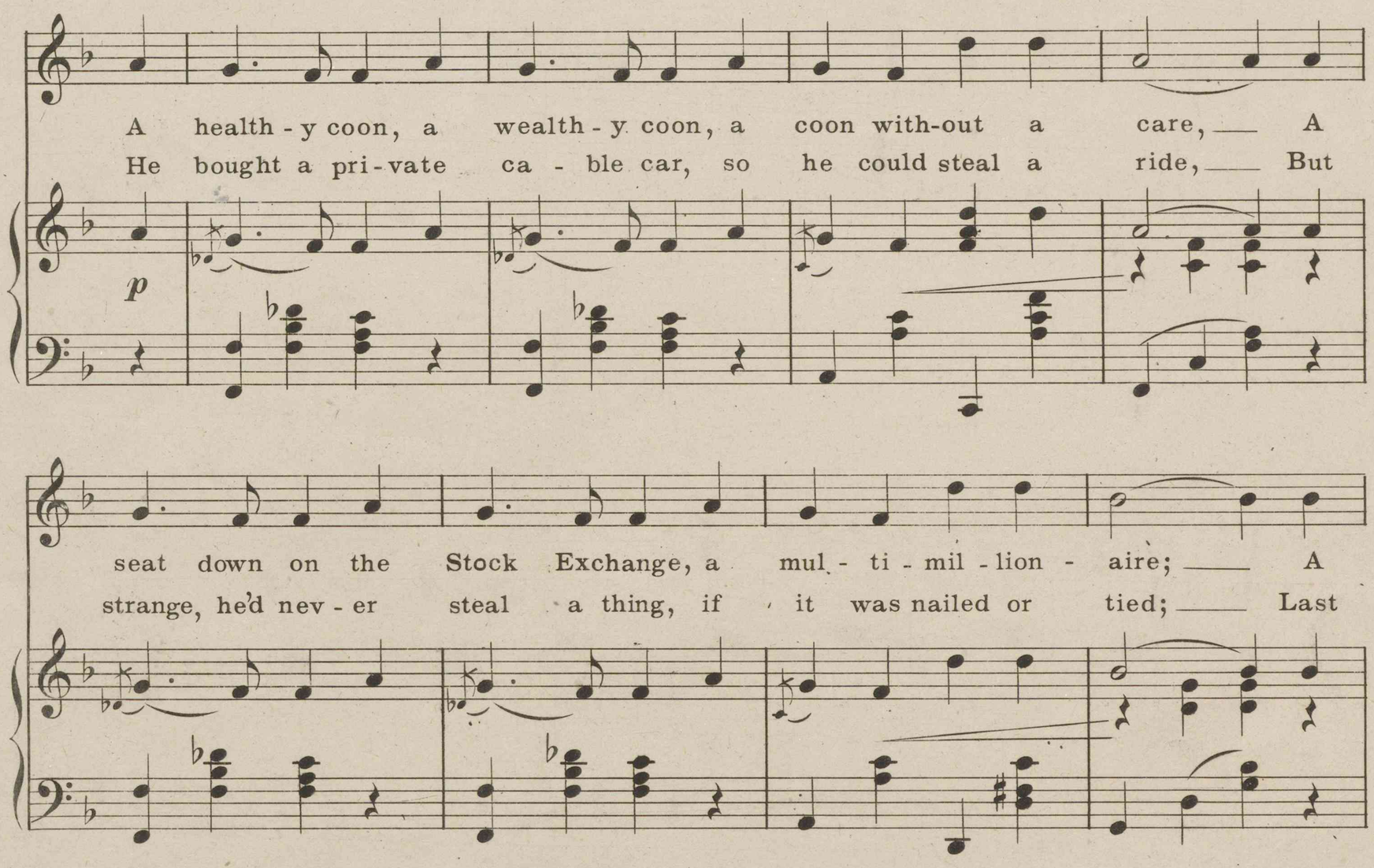
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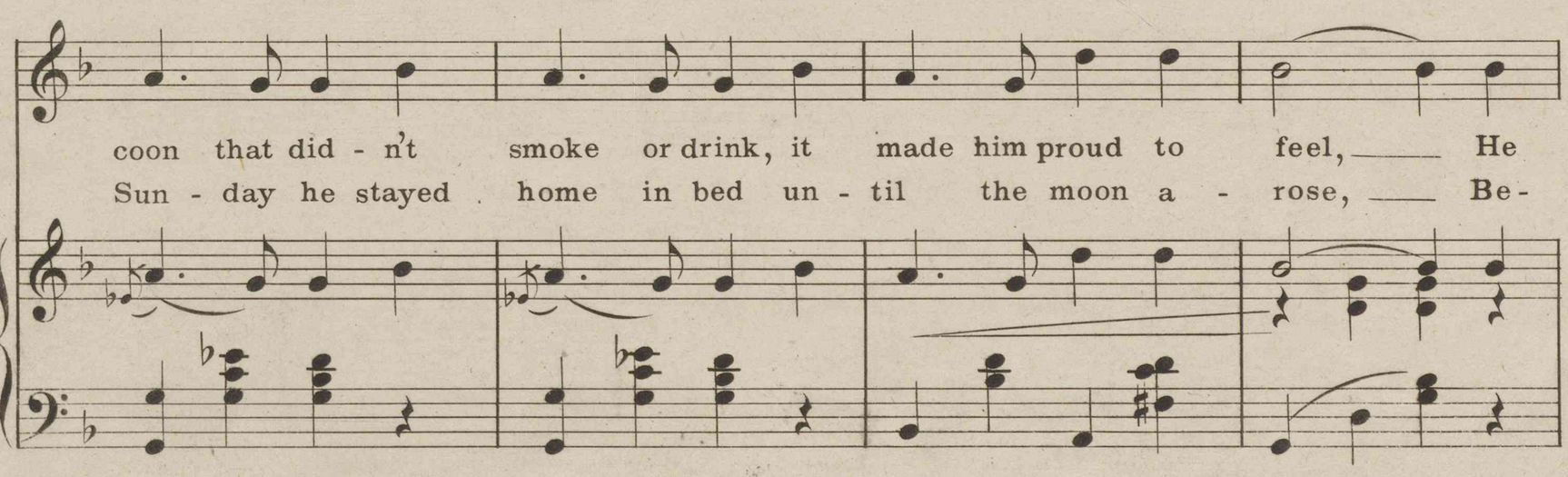
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did - n't have a hab - it and done noth - ing wrong but steal. ___ He
cause the night be - fore he stole his own new suit of clothes. ___ He

was a "did - n't mean it" thief, A klep - to-man - i - ac, ___ He'd
said it's time for sup - per, When his con-science got a shock, ___ He'd

go and loan you mon - ey, just so he could steal it back, ___ He
been up in his sleep and stole the hands from off the clock, ___ To

had his own po - lice - man, With a pri - vate cell and bath, ___ And
ease himself he tried to steal, A red - hot stove next day, ___ Then

in the morn-ing, to the judge, he'd say with right-eous wrath, ____
sad - ly to the doc-tor in the am - bu - lance did say; ____

cresc.

CHORUS.

I just can't keepfrom tak - ing hold of things, ____ Most

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ev - 'ry-thing I touch some-how it clings, ____ I for-

get the par - son's preachin', When my fin-gers start a reach-in', And I

sort a kind a feel like tak - ing things, _____ I just can't keep from

tak-ing hold of things, _____ When I'm a - round they seem to all take

wings, _____ If it did - n't feel so strange, I'd be hon - est for a

change, But I just can't keep from tak-ing hold of things. _____