ROCKY TOP

Felice and Boudleaux Bryant

Songwriting husband and wife duo Felice and Boudleaux Bryant wrote "Rocky Top" in 1967. The song is about a city-dweller reflecting longingly on a simple life he/she had in the mountains of East Tennessee. "Rocky Top" was first recorded by the bluegrass duo The Osborne Brothers. It has since been recorded by numerous artists from various genres, including Lynn Anderson, Buck Owens, Dolly Parton, John Denver, and Phish. In 1972, "Rocky Top" became the unofficial fight song for the University of Tennessee. The University's Pride of the Southland Marching Band is known to play the song around 30 times during a football game. Because of its commercial success and fan association, "Rocky Top" was named a state song by the Tennessee state legislature in 1982.

Wish that I was on ol' Rocky Top,
down in the Tennessee hills;
Ain't no smoggy smoke on Rocky Top,
Ain't no telephone bills;
Once I had a girl on Rocky Top;
Half bea the other half cat;
Wild as a mink, but sweet as soda pop
I still dream about that;

Rocky Top, you'll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol' Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennesse;
Rocky Top, Tennessee

Once two strangers climbed ol' Rocky Top,
Lookin' for a moonshine still;
Strangers ain't come down from Rocky Top;
Reckon they never will;
Corn won't grow at all on Rocky Top;
Dirt's too rocky by far;
That's why all the folks on Rocky Top
Get their corn from a jar;

Rocky Top, you'll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol' Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennessee;
Rocky Top, Tennessee

I've had years of cramped-up city life
Trapped like a duck in a pen;
All I know is it's a pity life
Can't be simple again

Rocky Top, you'll always be
Home sweet home to me;
Good ol' Rocky Top;
Rocky Top, Tennessee;
Rocky Top, Tennessee
Rocky Top, Tennessee

Rocky Top

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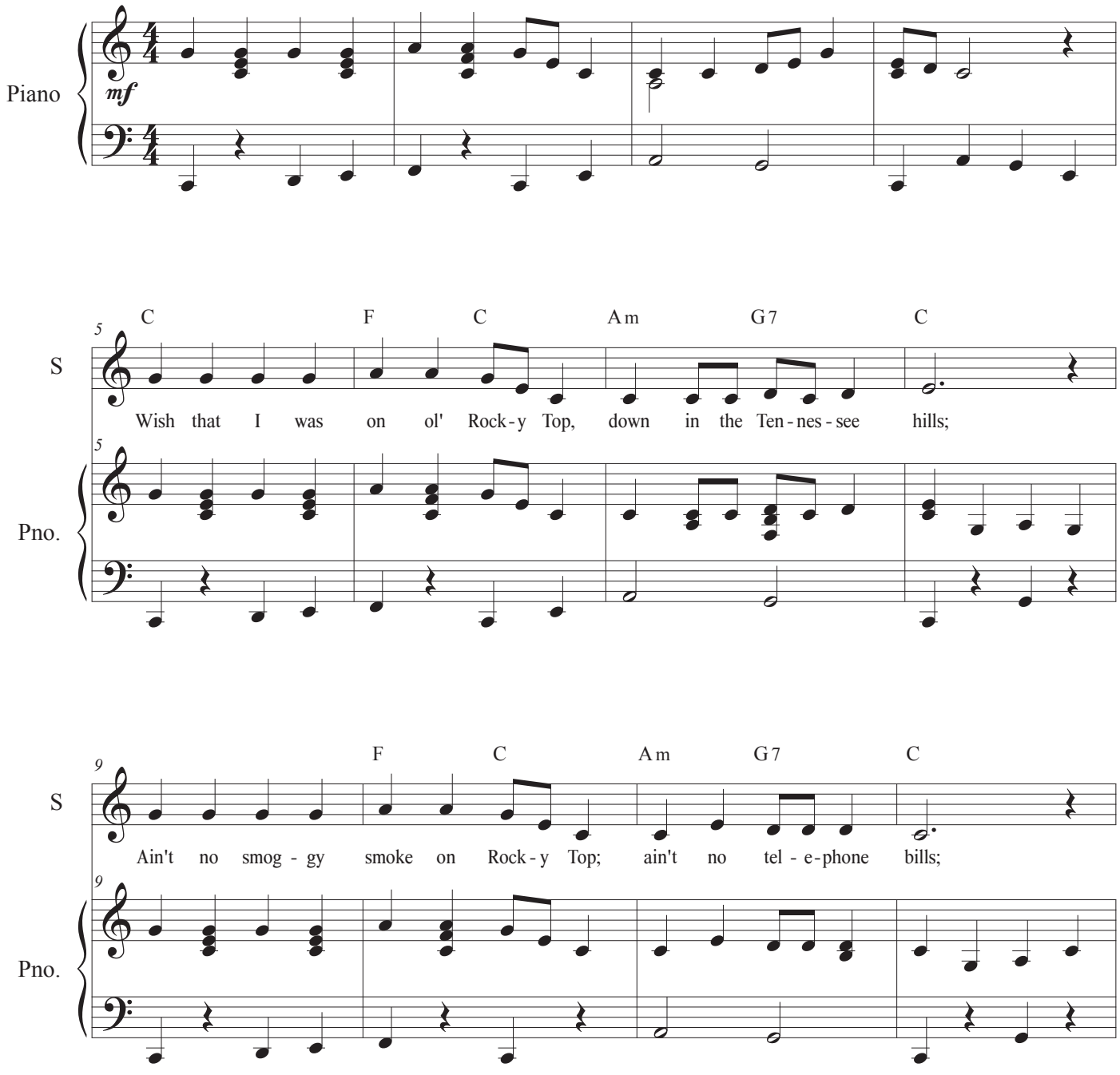
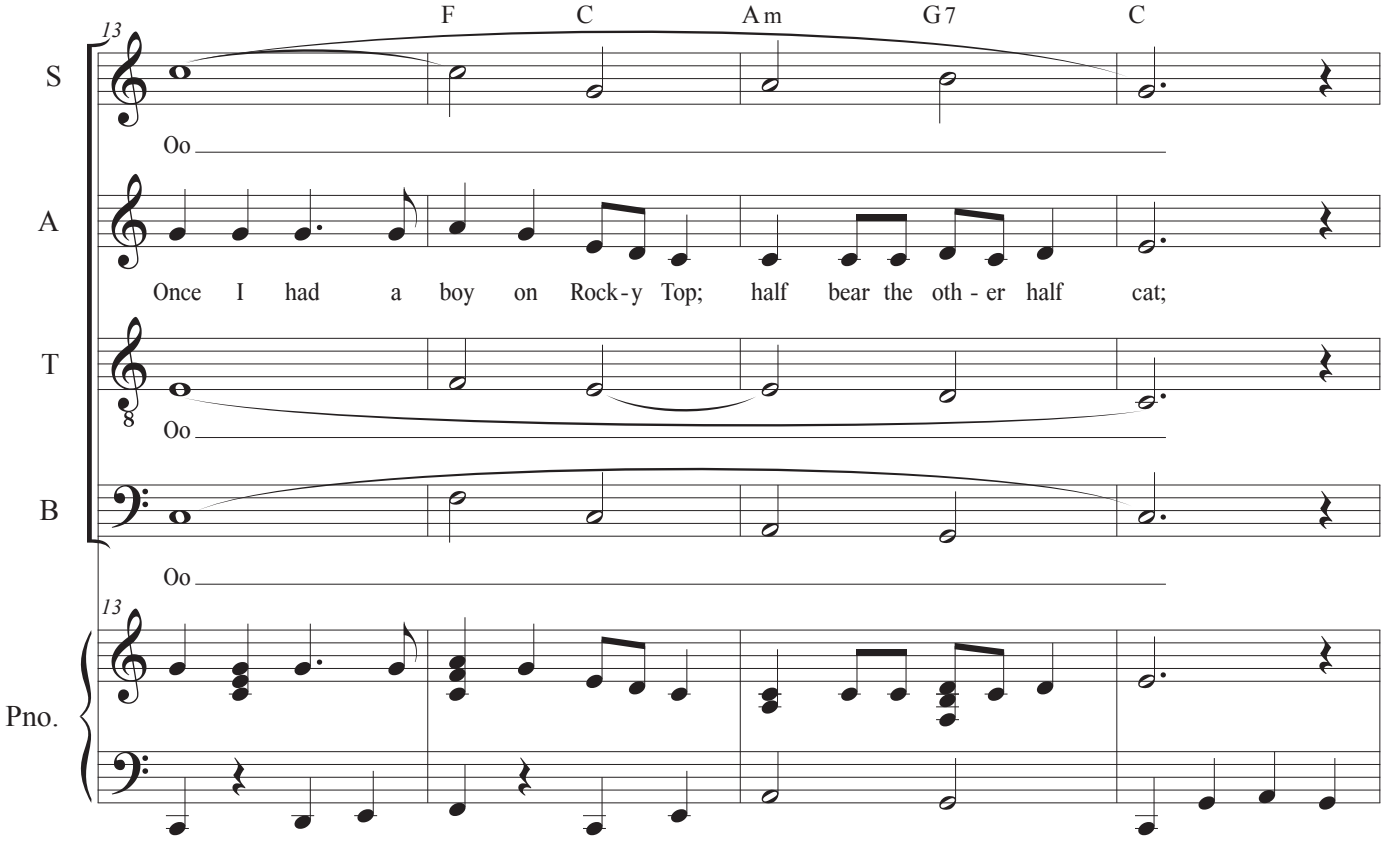
Words and Music by
Boudleaux and Felice Bryant
1967

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Oo
A
Once I had a boy on Rock-y Top; half bear the oth-er half cat;
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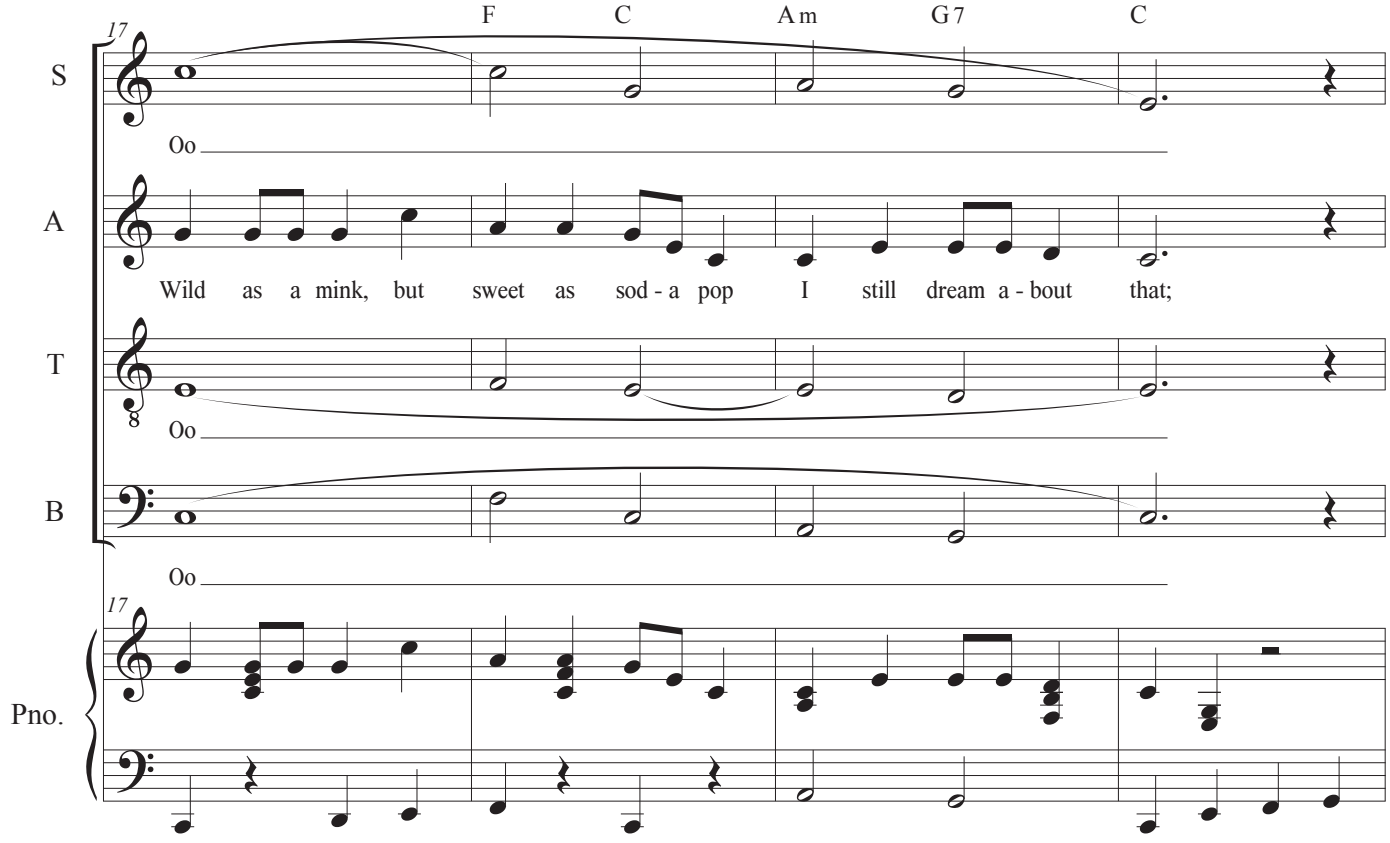
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Wild as a mink, but sweet as sod-a pop I still dream a-bout that;
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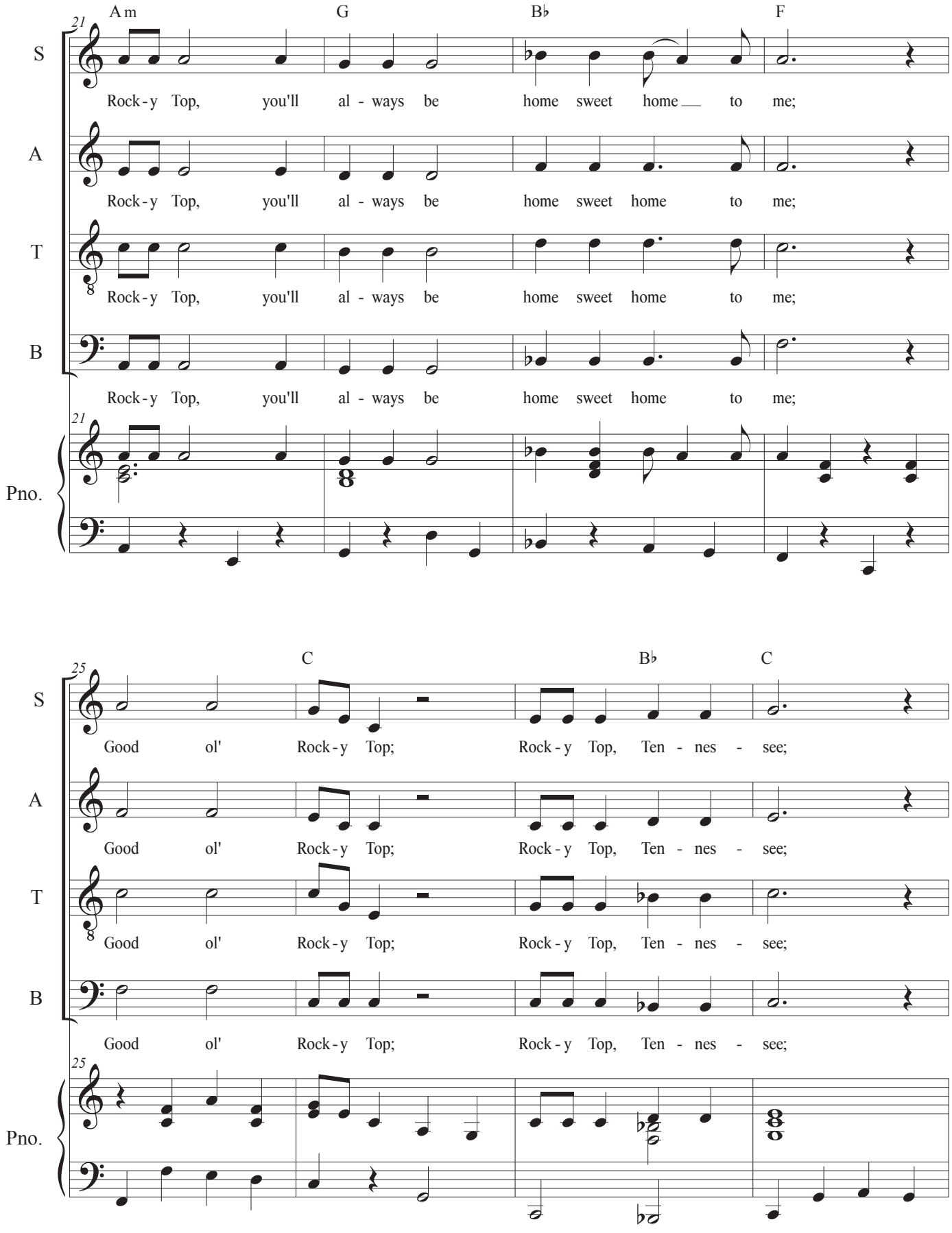
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Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
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Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
T
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
B
Rock-y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
Pno.
C
B♭
C
25
S
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;
A
Good ol' Rock-y Top; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see;
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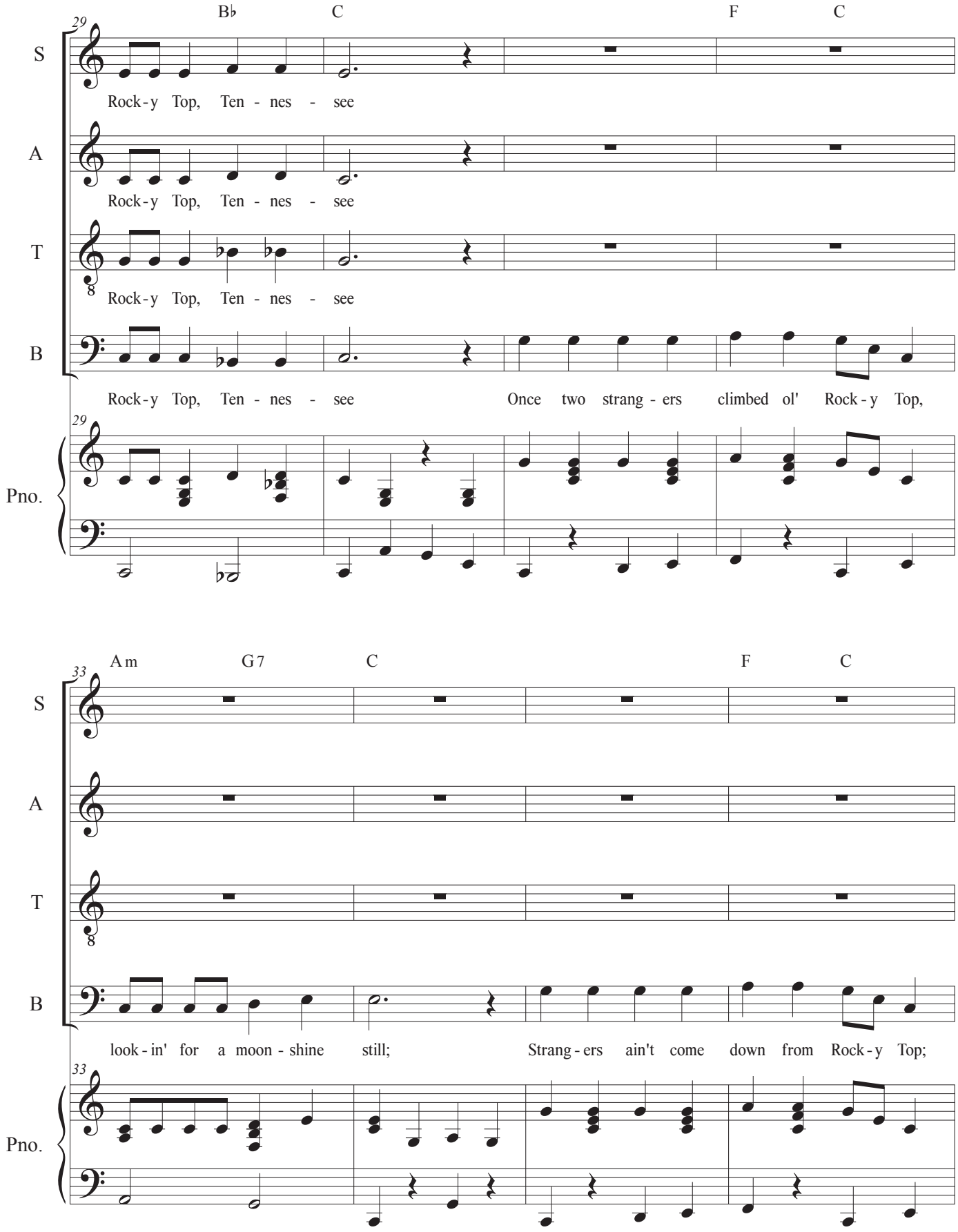
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Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see
T
Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see
B
Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see
Once two strang - ers climbed ol' Rock-y Top,
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look - in' for a moon - shine still;
Strang - ers ain't come down from Rock-y Top;
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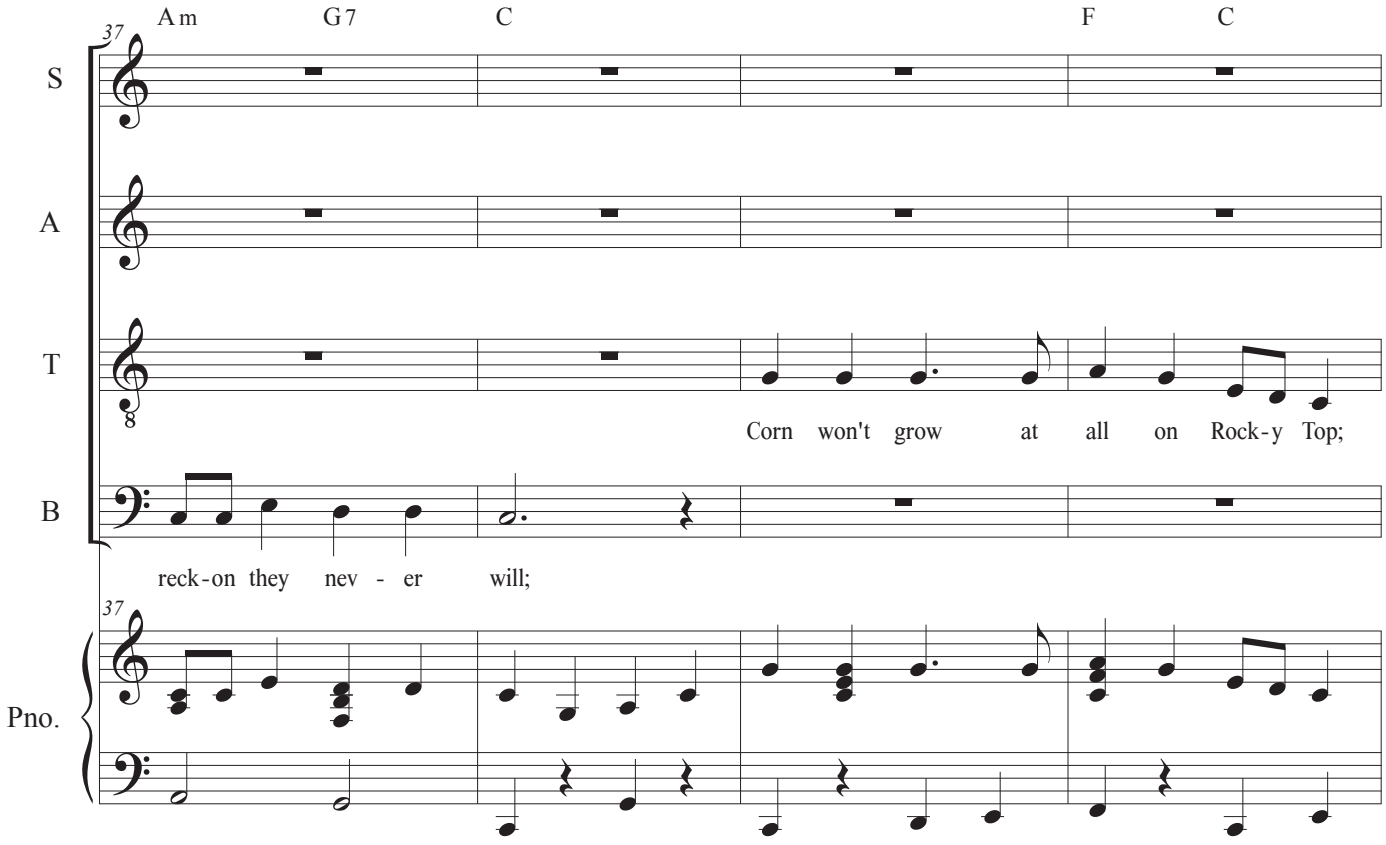
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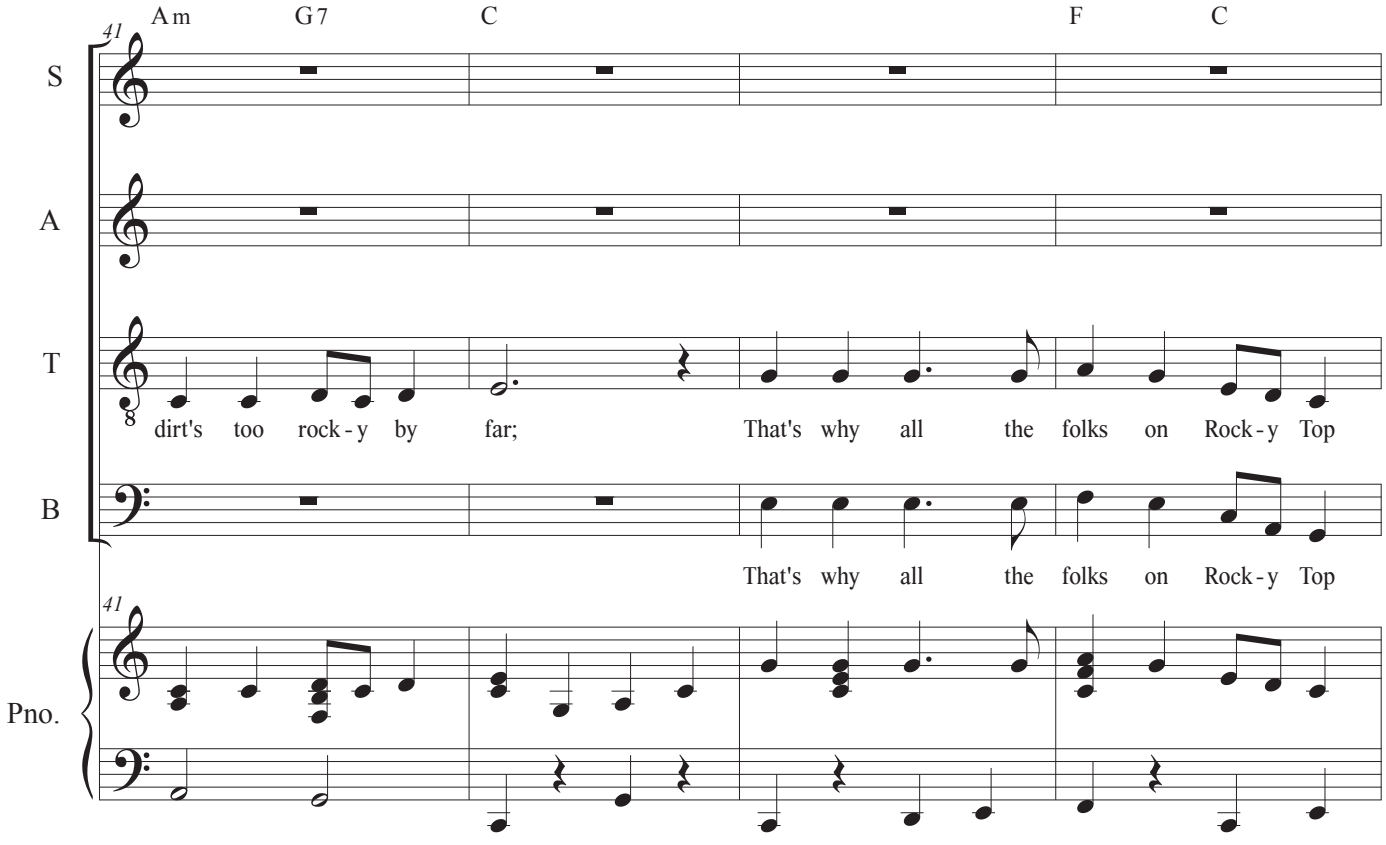
Corn won't grow at all on Rock-y Top;
reck-on they nev - er will;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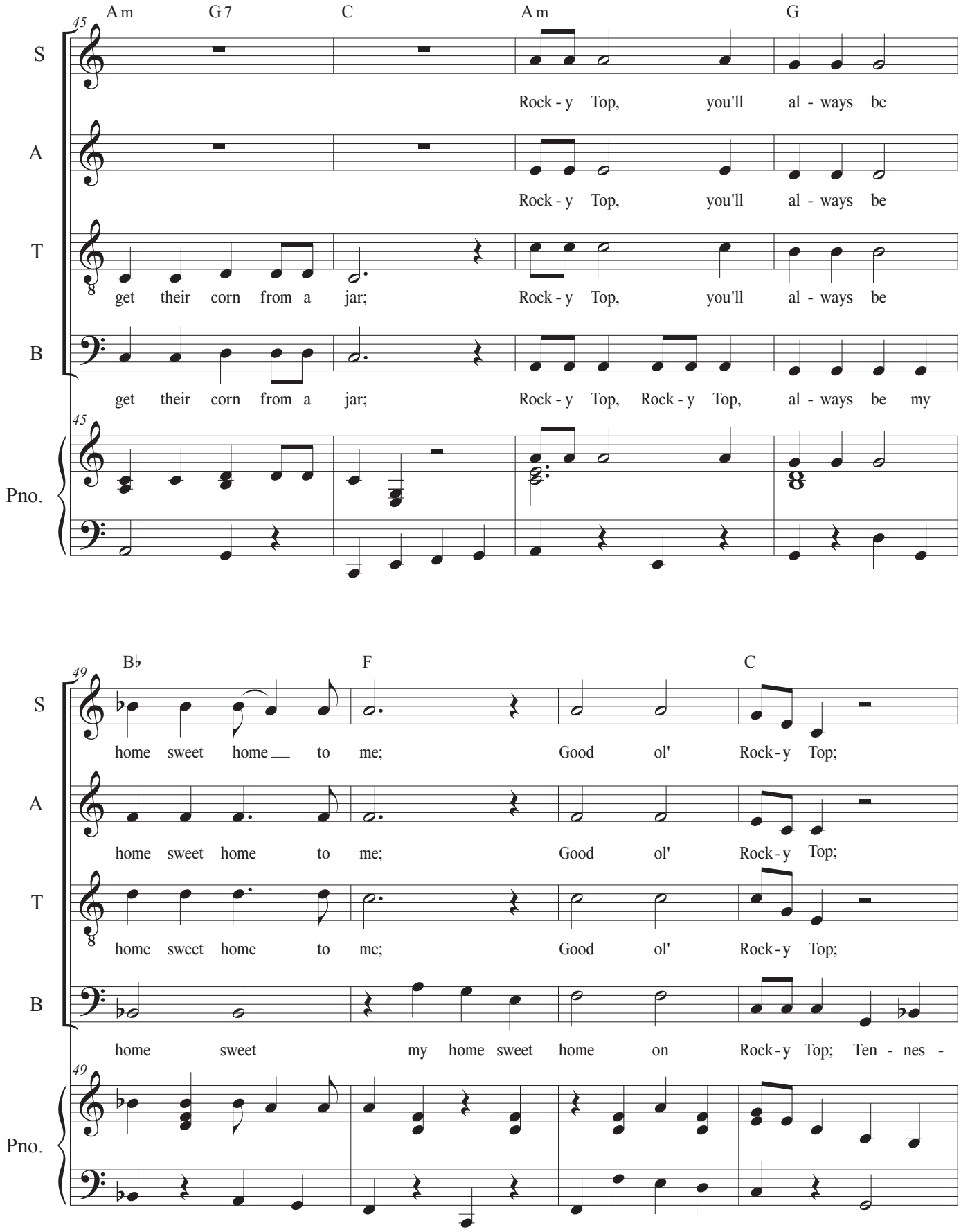
dirt's too rock-y by far;
That's why all the folks on Rock-y Top
That's why all the folks on Rock-y Top


Am G7 C Am G
45
S
Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be
A
Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be
T
get their corn from a jar; Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be
B
get their corn from a jar; Rock - y Top, Rock - y Top, al - ways be my
Pno.
B♭ F C
49
S
home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;
A
home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;
T
home sweet home to me; Good ol' Rock - y Top;
B
home sweet my home sweet home on Rock - y Top; Ten - nes -
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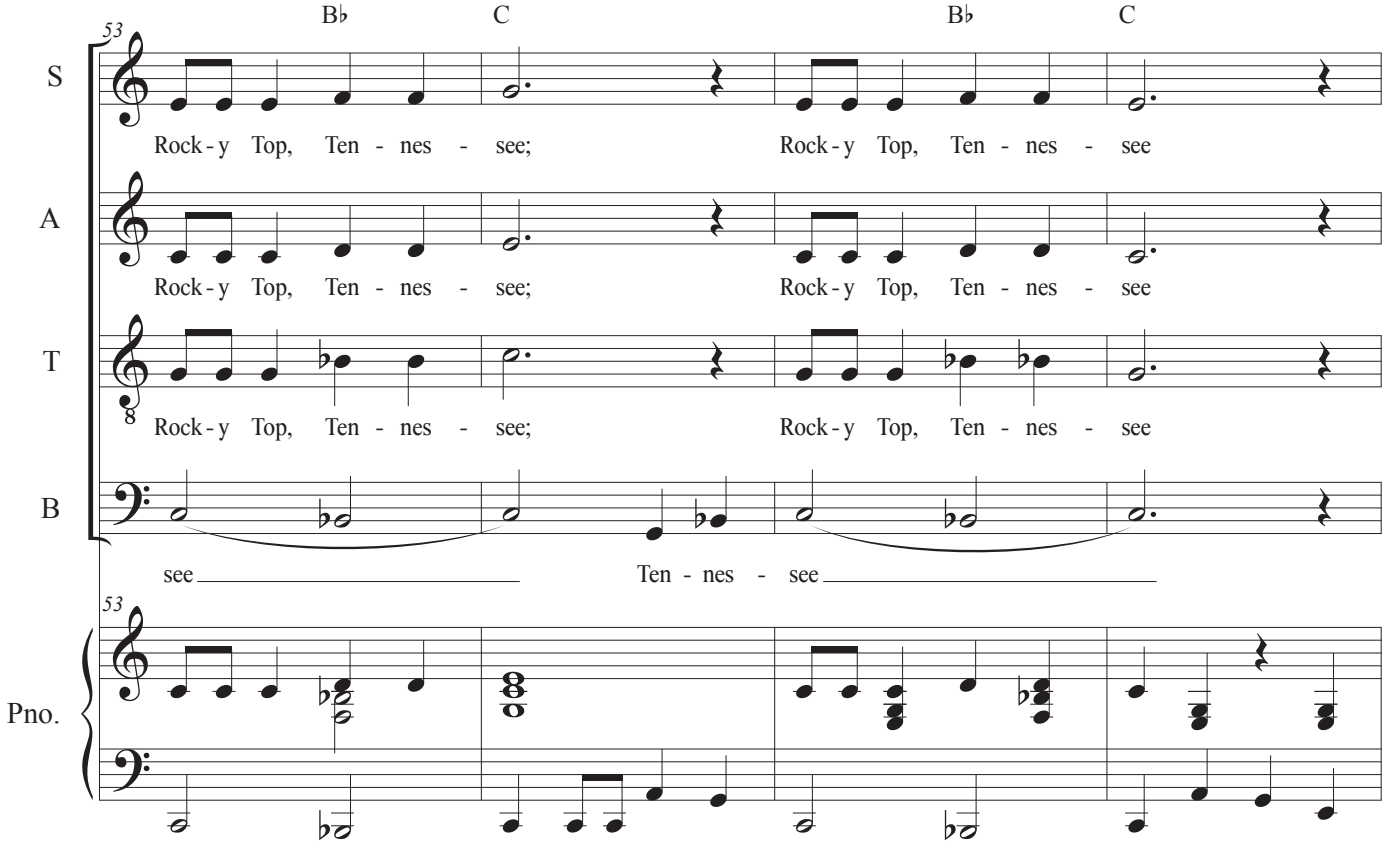
B♭ C B♭ C
53
S
Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see
A
Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see
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Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see; Rock-y Top, Ten - nes - see
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see Ten - nes - see
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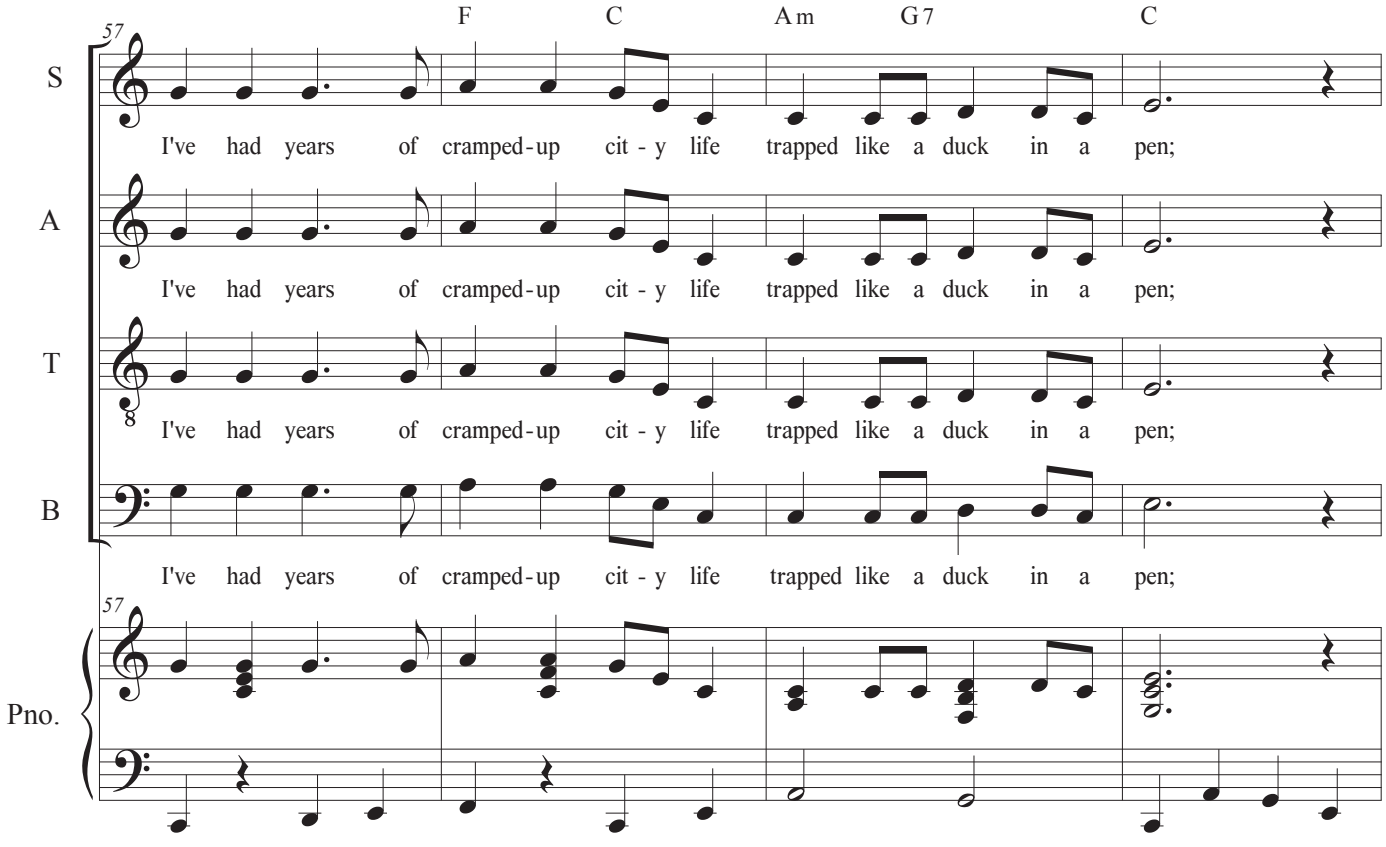
F C Am G7 C
57
S
I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;
A
I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;
T
I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;
B
I've had years of cramped-up cit - y life trapped like a duck in a pen;
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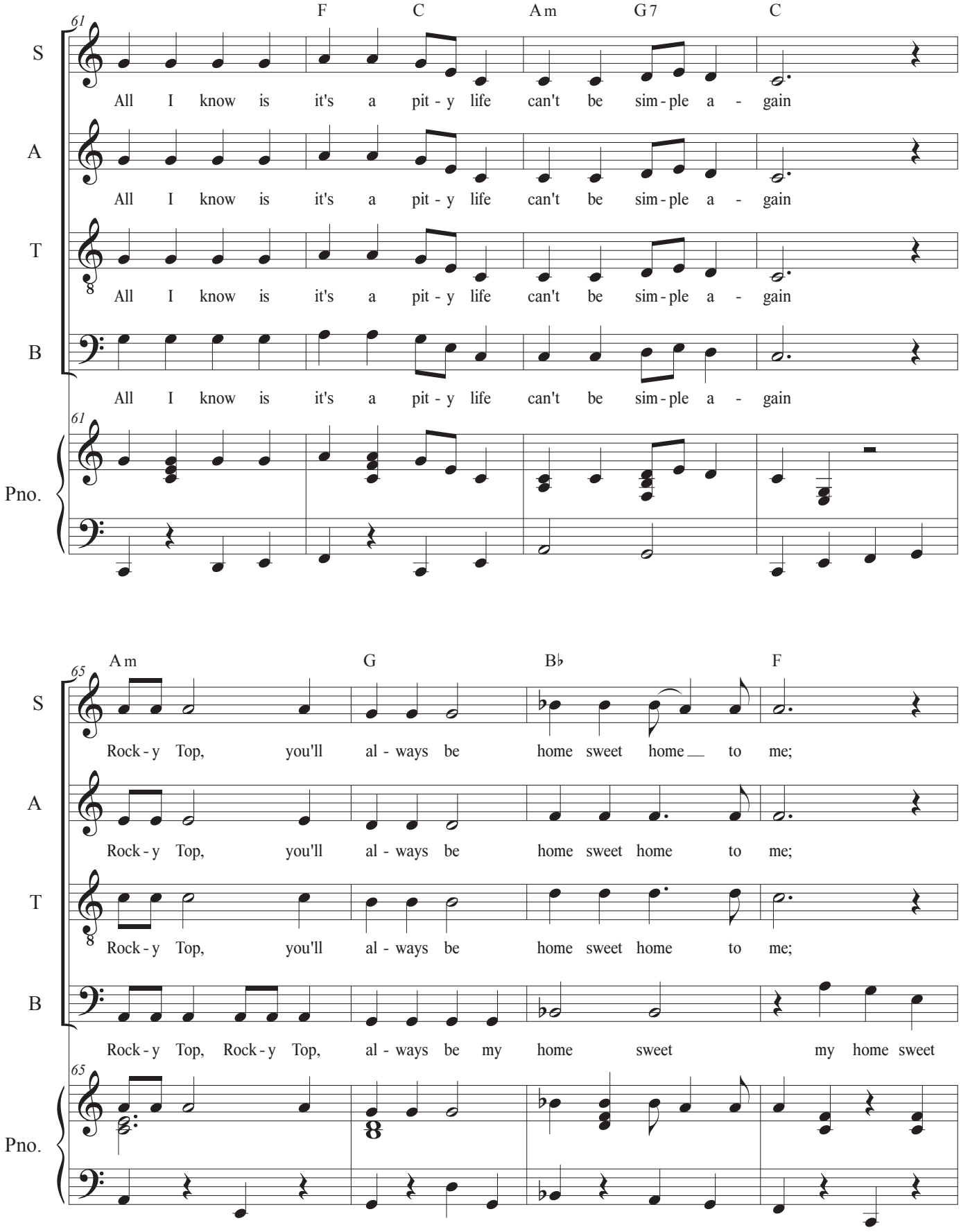
F C Am G7 C
61
S
All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain
A
All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain
T
All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain
B
All I know is it's a pit - y life can't be sim - ple a - gain
Pno.
Am G B♭ F
65
S
Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
A
Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
T
Rock - y Top, you'll al - ways be home sweet home to me;
B
Rock - y Top, Rock - y Top, al - ways be my home sweet my home sweet
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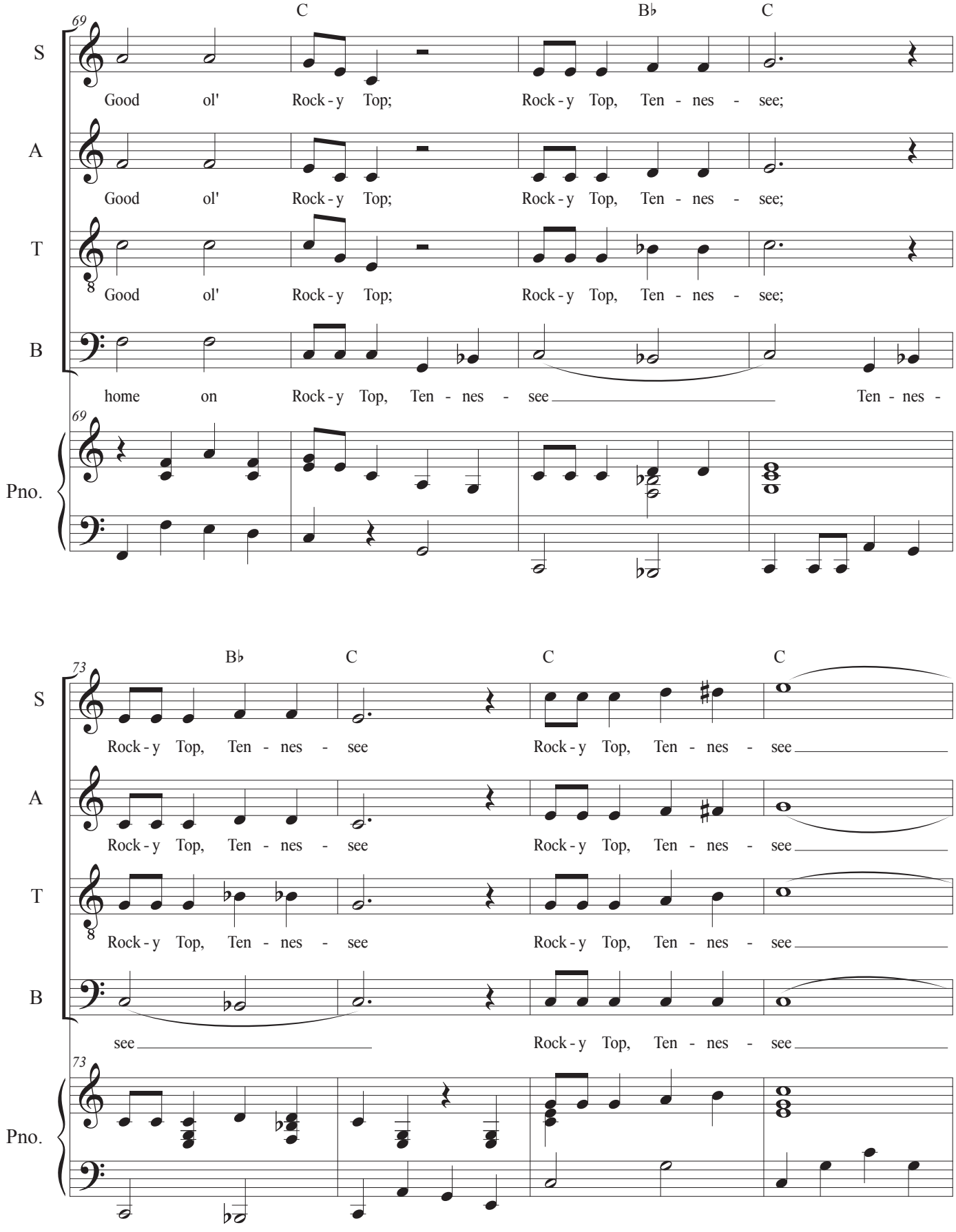
C
B♭
C
69
S
Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;
A
Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;
T
Good ol' Rock - y Top; Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see;
B
home on Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Ten - nes -
Pno.
B♭
C
C
C
73
S
Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see
A
Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see Rock - y Top, Ten - nes - see
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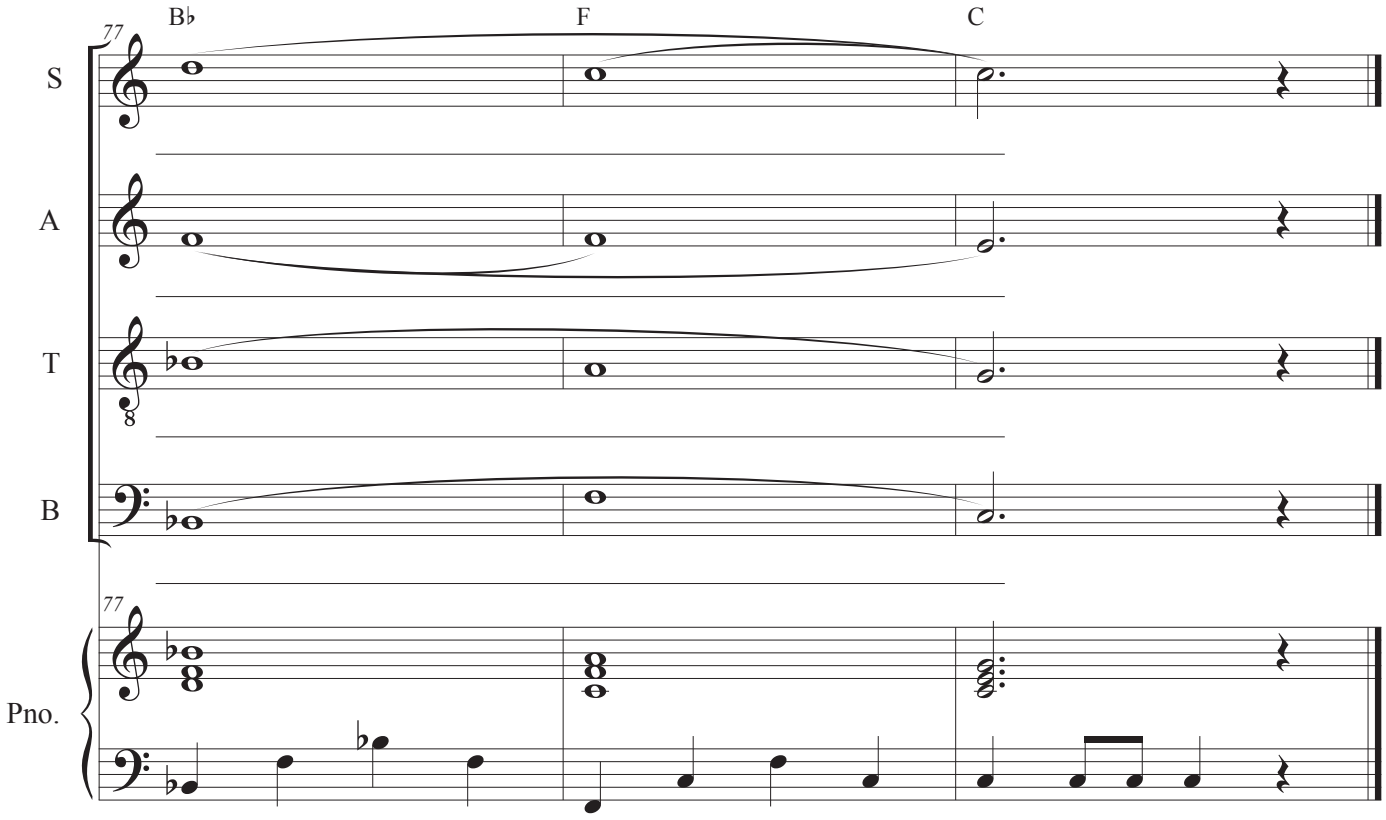
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