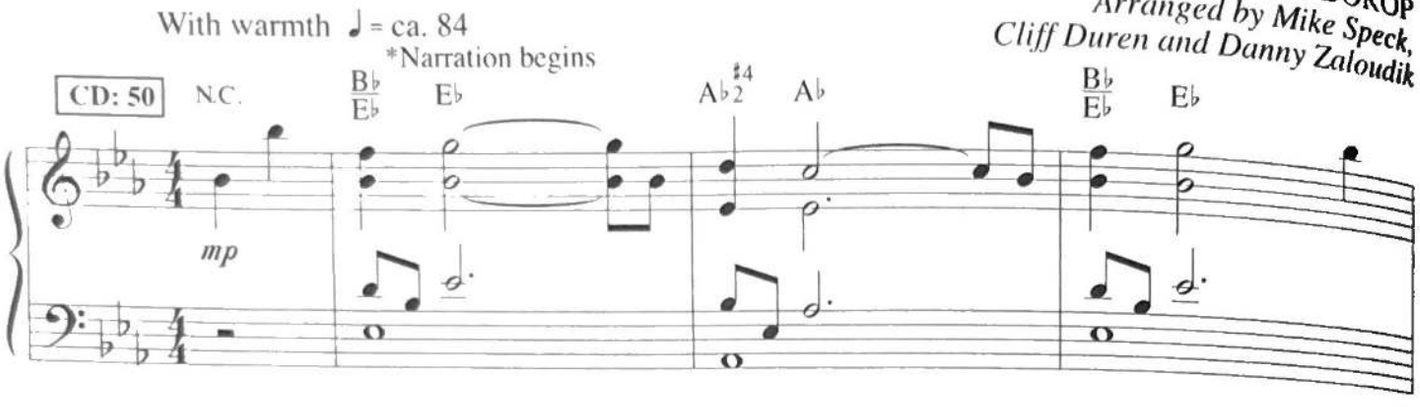
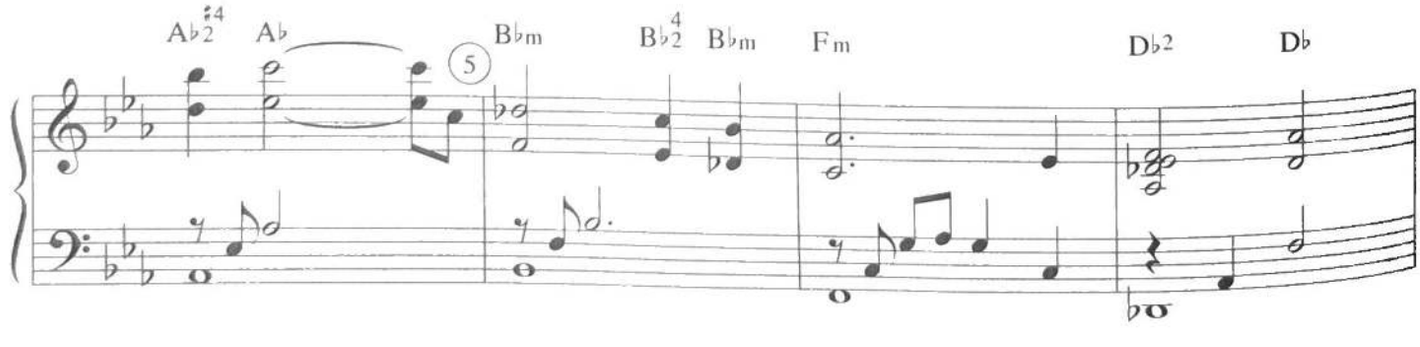
The Heart of Christmas

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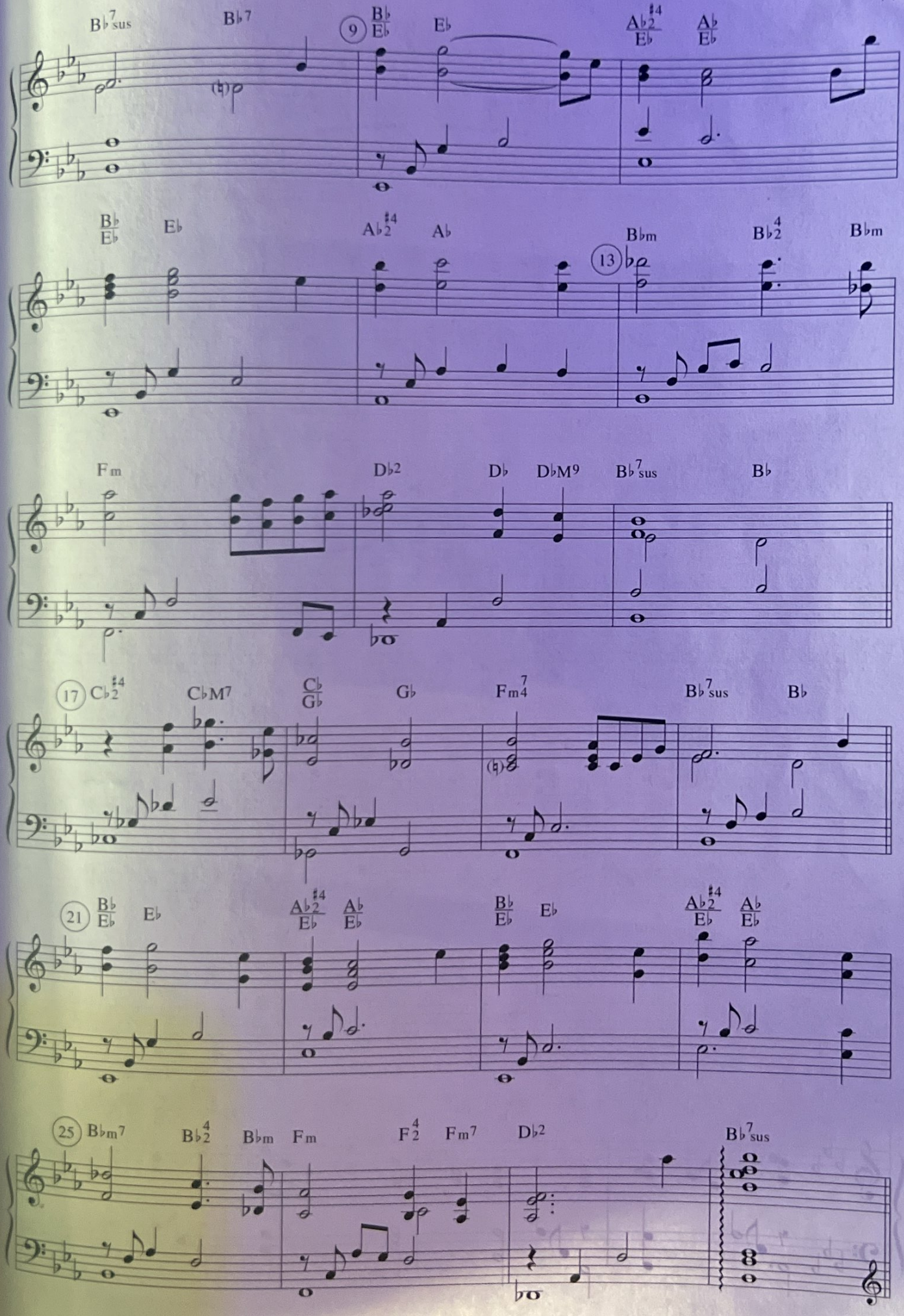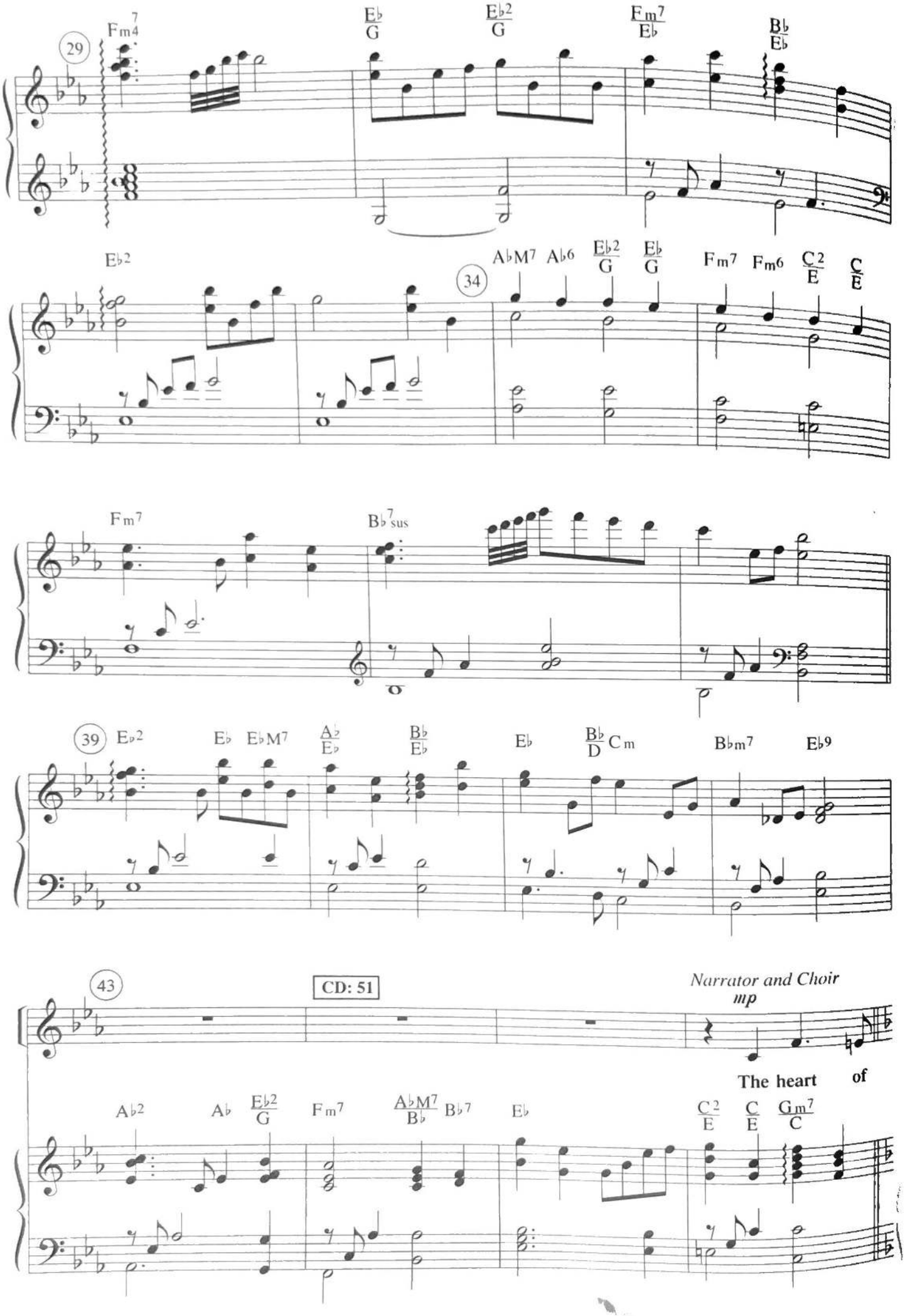


*NARRATOR: For the next few days, all around the world, people will celebrate this holiday season in some form or fashion. Many of them not really understanding why this time of year is so...alive...so anticipated...why it touches our emotions. What is Christmas? What is at the heart of it all? Let me ask you...what is the most memorable Christmas that comes to your mind? As a child, what was the best gift you ever received? Was it a certain baby doll or maybe a brand new bicycle or a wagon...some toy or favorite game? For you adults, was it something sparkly that went on your finger? Maybe it was in the driveway, with a big bow on the windshield. There are some of you older folks that remember when families weren't as financially blessed as they are today. It was a treat to get an apple, a couple of oranges...maybe some walnuts or pecans. Others of you would say the best Christmas you can ever remember was when the family was all together...in the same house...under the same roof...and life was simple. How easy it is in the day we live to miss the heart of Christmas. All the collected memories, the celebrating, the feasting...our most precious and favorite gifts cannot compare to the gift that laid in a manger on Christmas morn. You see, the heart of Christmas is Jesus... God's gift...the gift that is beyond what you and I could ever comprehend...the greatest gift of all time...for it is the gift of eternal life. The heart of Christmas is the heart of God Himself...God reaching down from heaven to love...to redeem mankind...For God so loved the world that He gave His Son that we would not perish but have everlasting life.
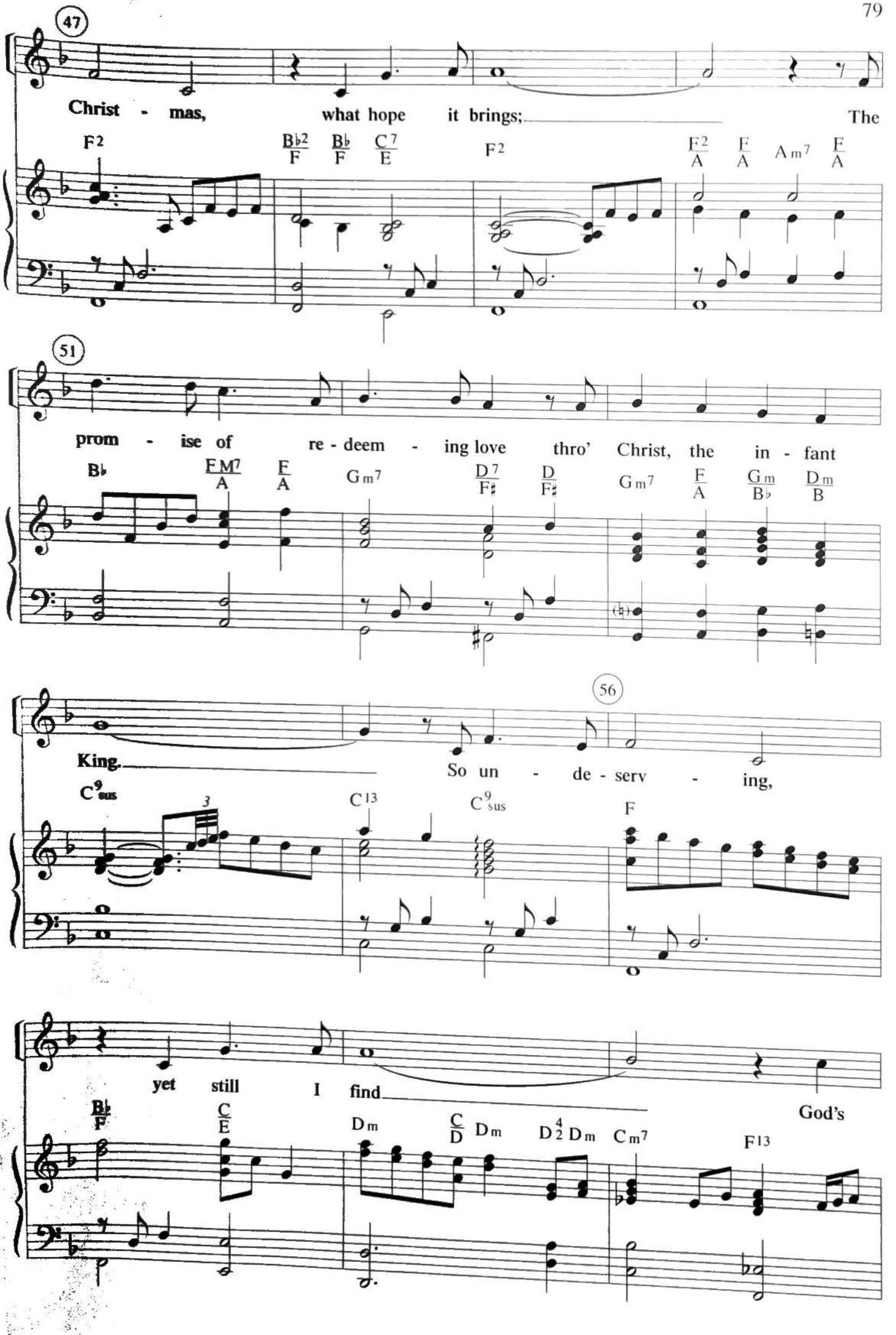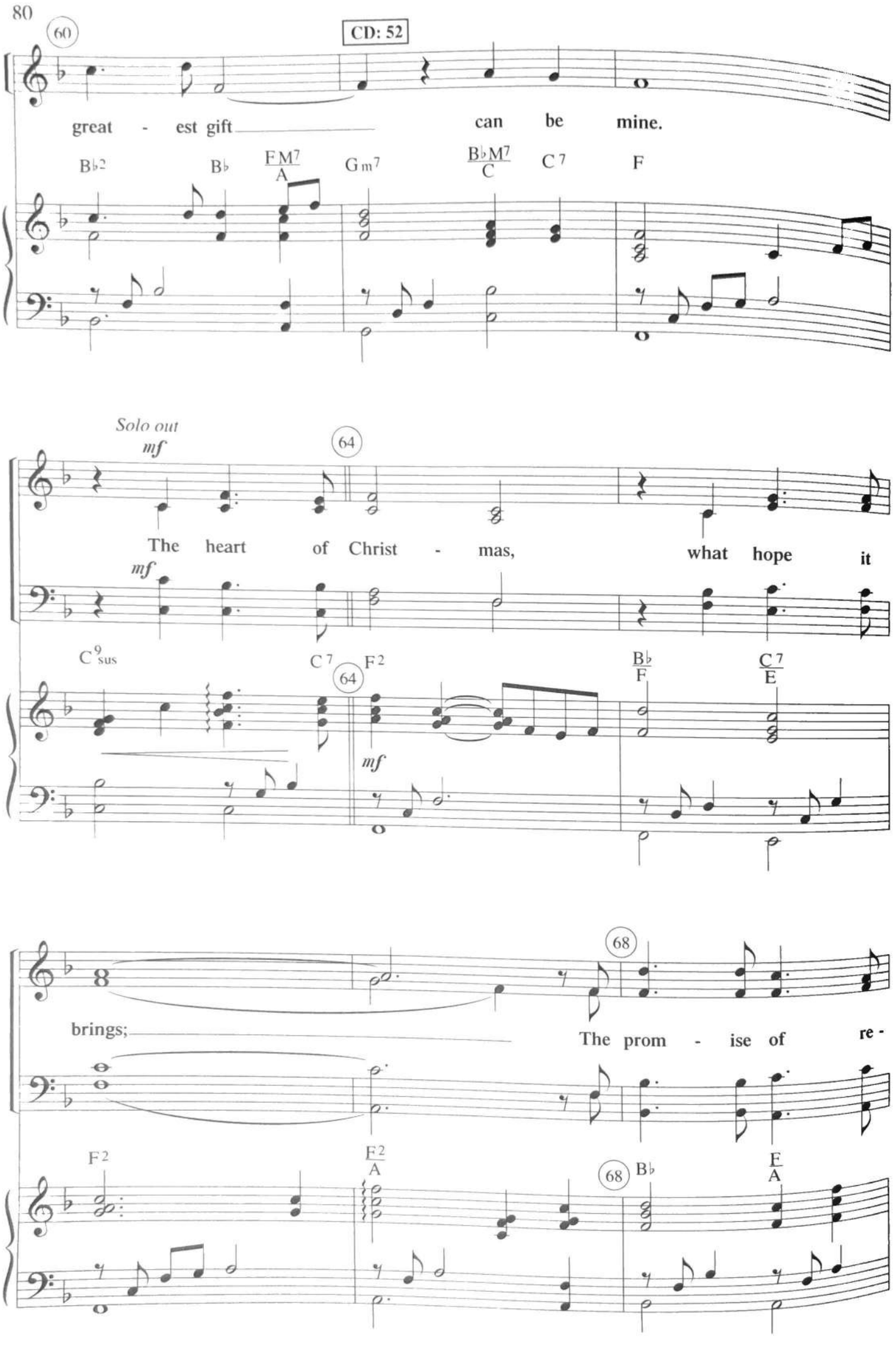


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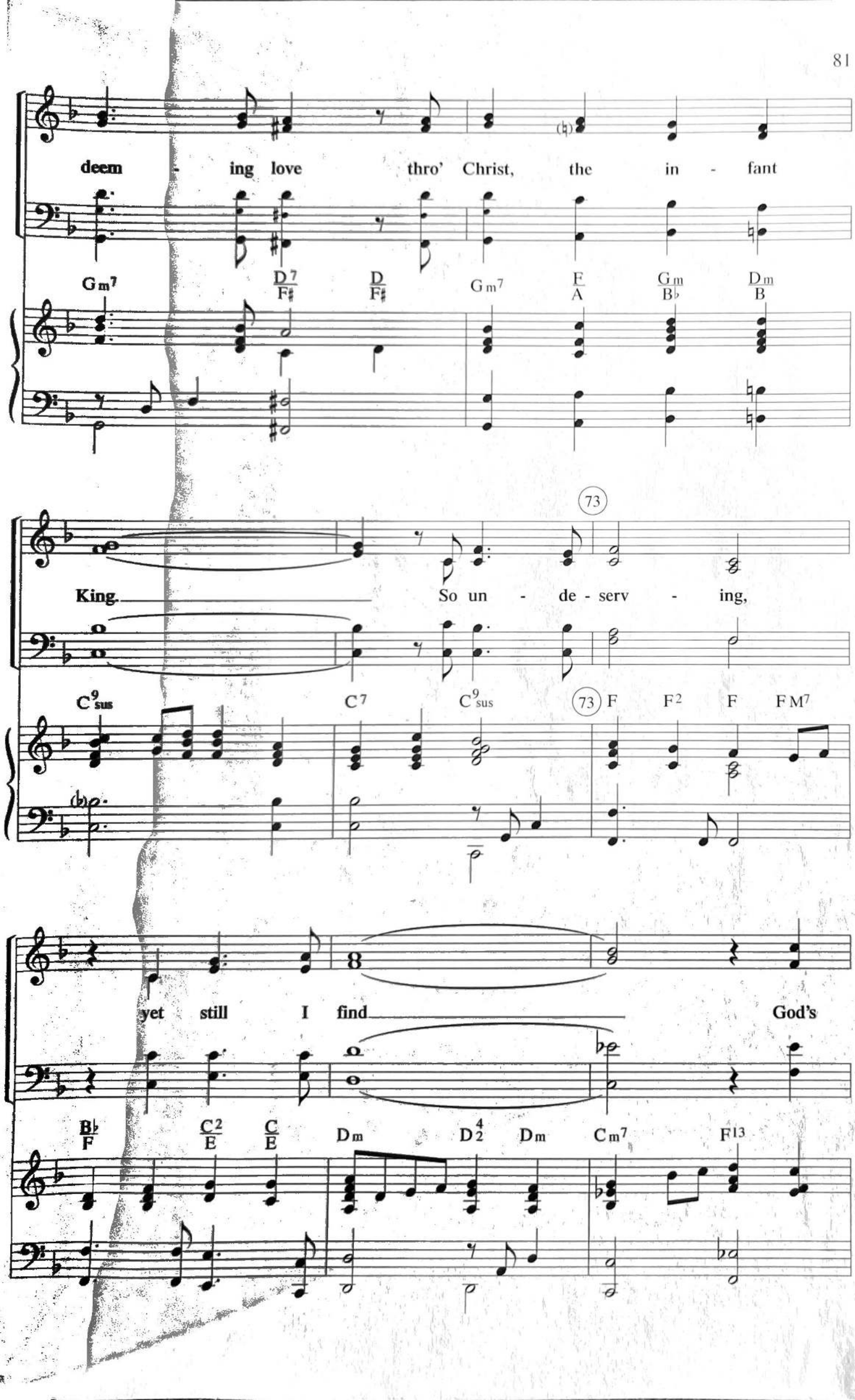
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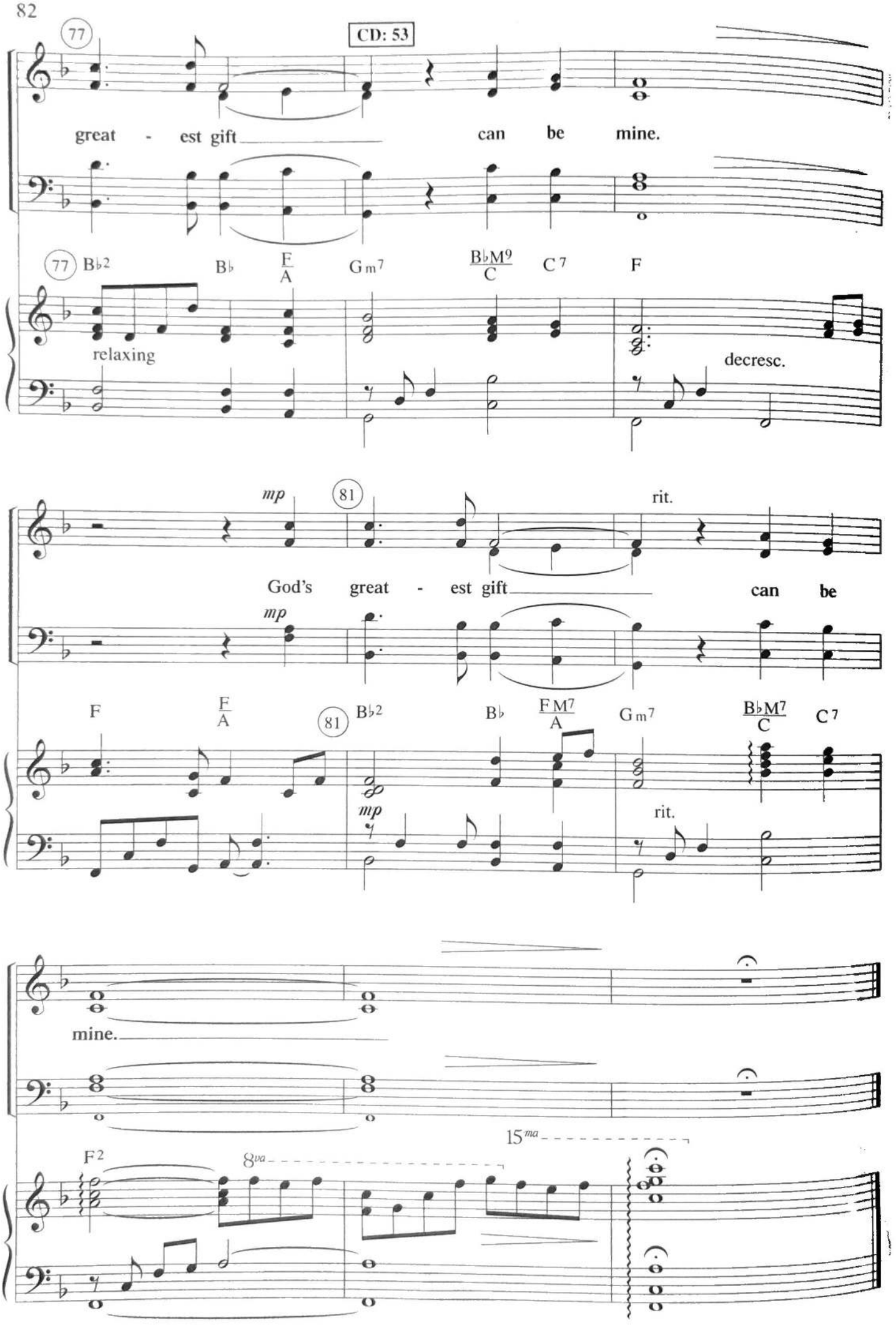

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B♭7
E♭
C2/E
C/E
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D7/F♯ D/F♯
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F/A Gm/B♭ Dm/B
56
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C9sus
F
yet still I find God's
B♭/F C/E
Dm
C/D Dm D4/2 Dm Cm7
F13


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B♭
F M7 / A
G m7
B♭M7 / C
C 7
F
Solo out
mf
64
The heart of Christ - mas,
what hope it
mf
C 9 sus
C 7
F 2
64
B♭ / F
C 7 / E
mf
68
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The prom - ise of re -
F 2
F 2 / A
68
B♭
E / A


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73
King. So un - de - serv - ing,
C9sus C7 C9sus 73 F F2 F FM7
yet still I find God's
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