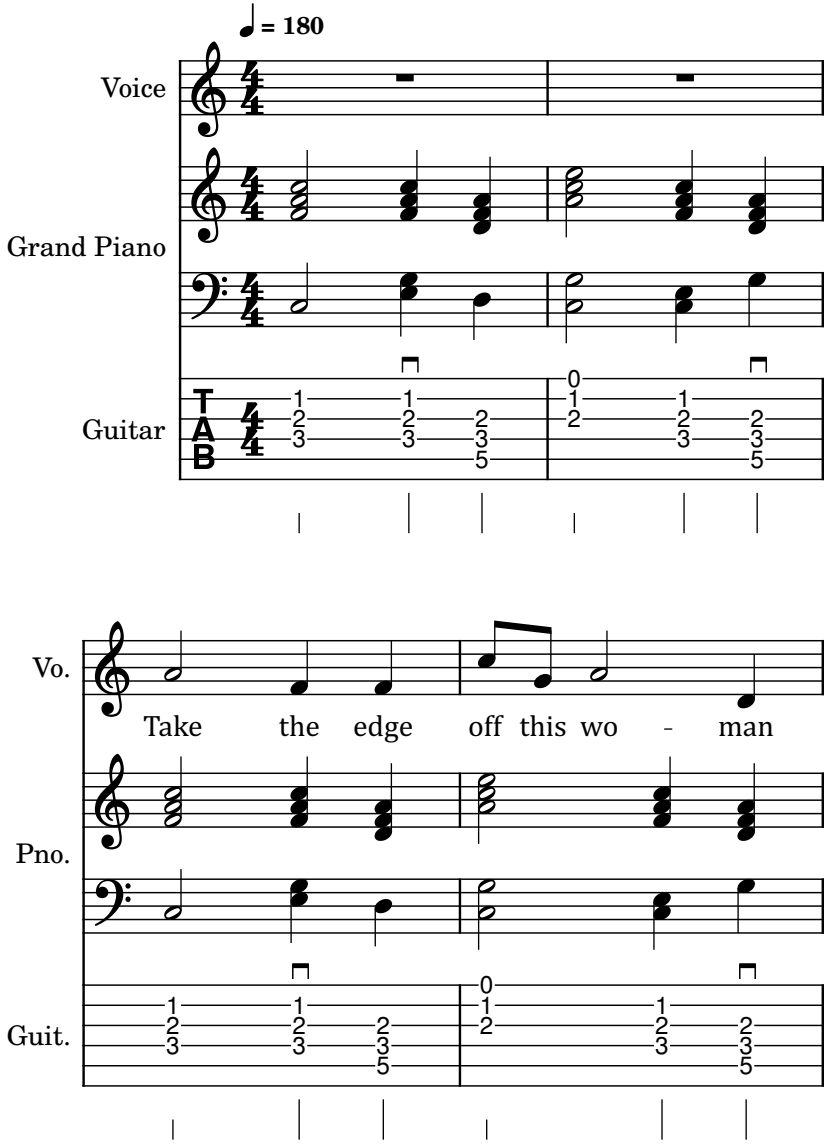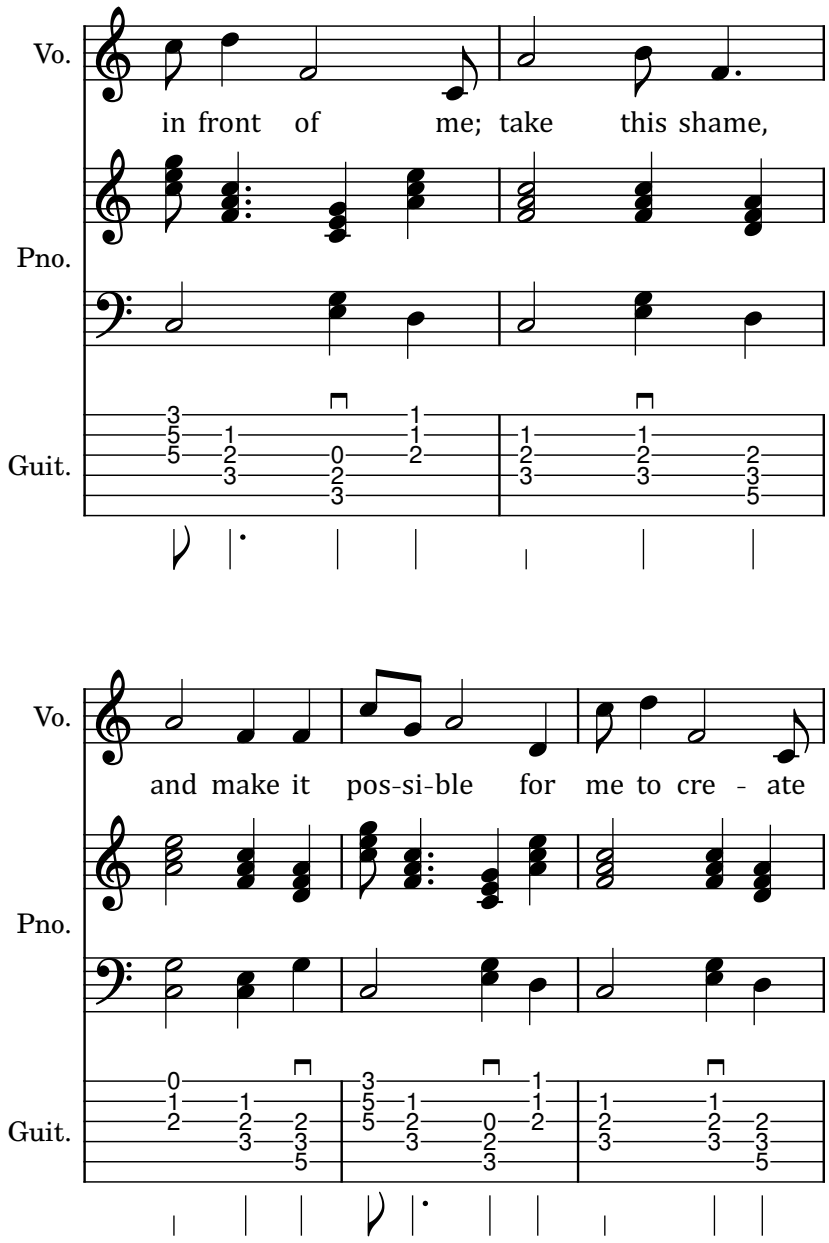
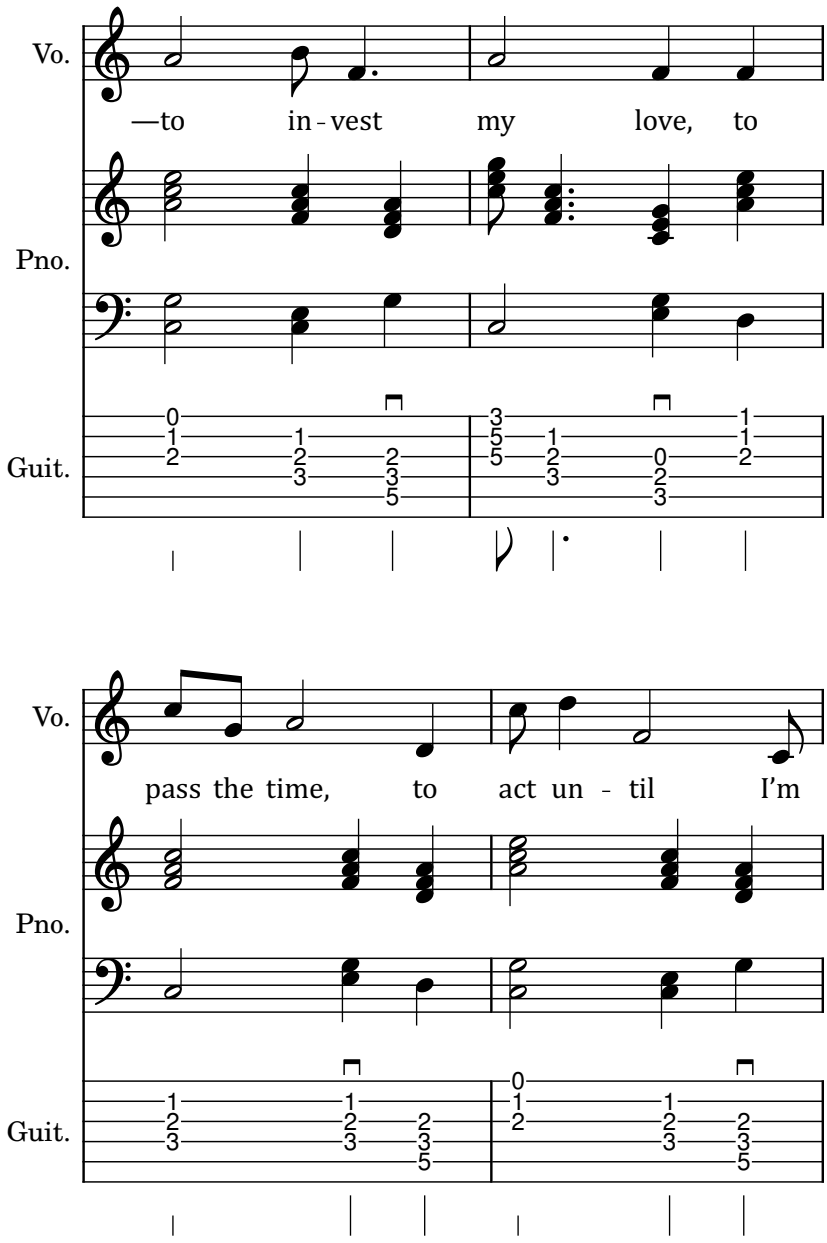
Take the edge off

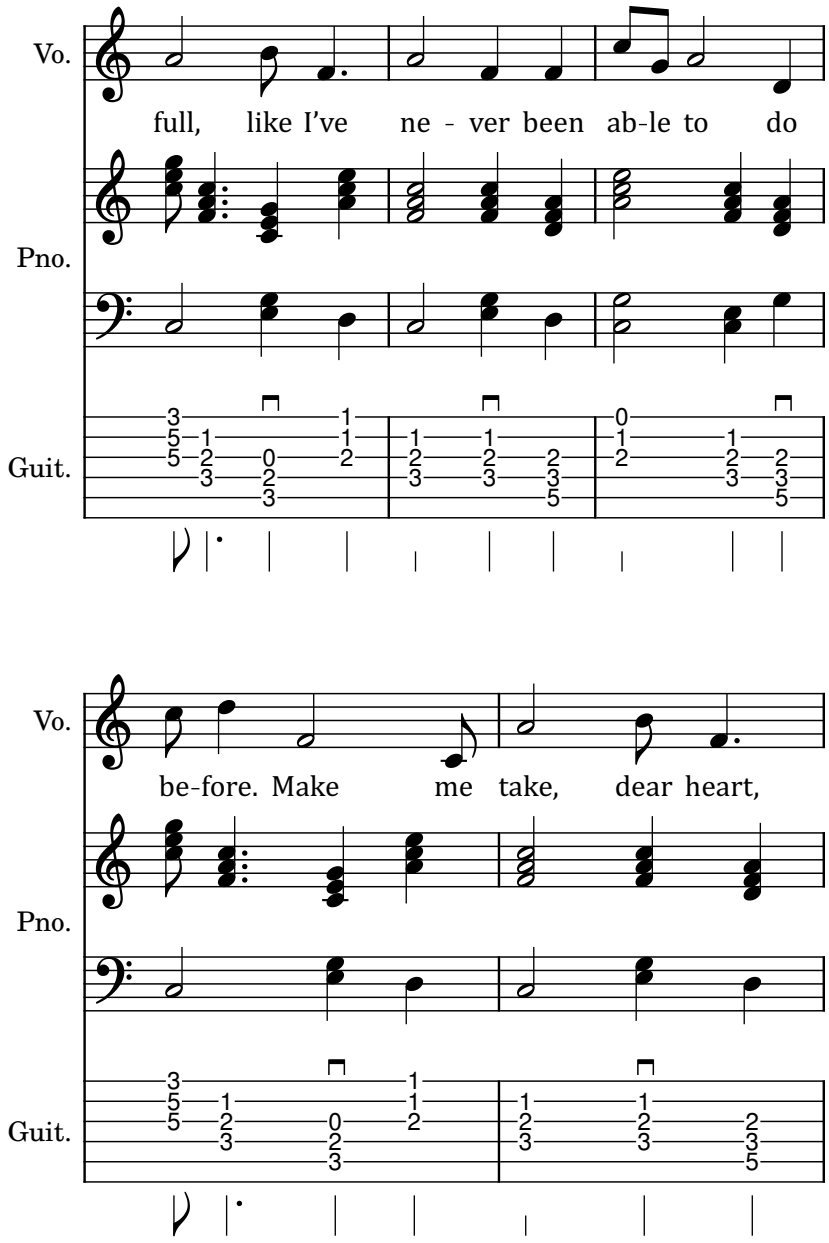
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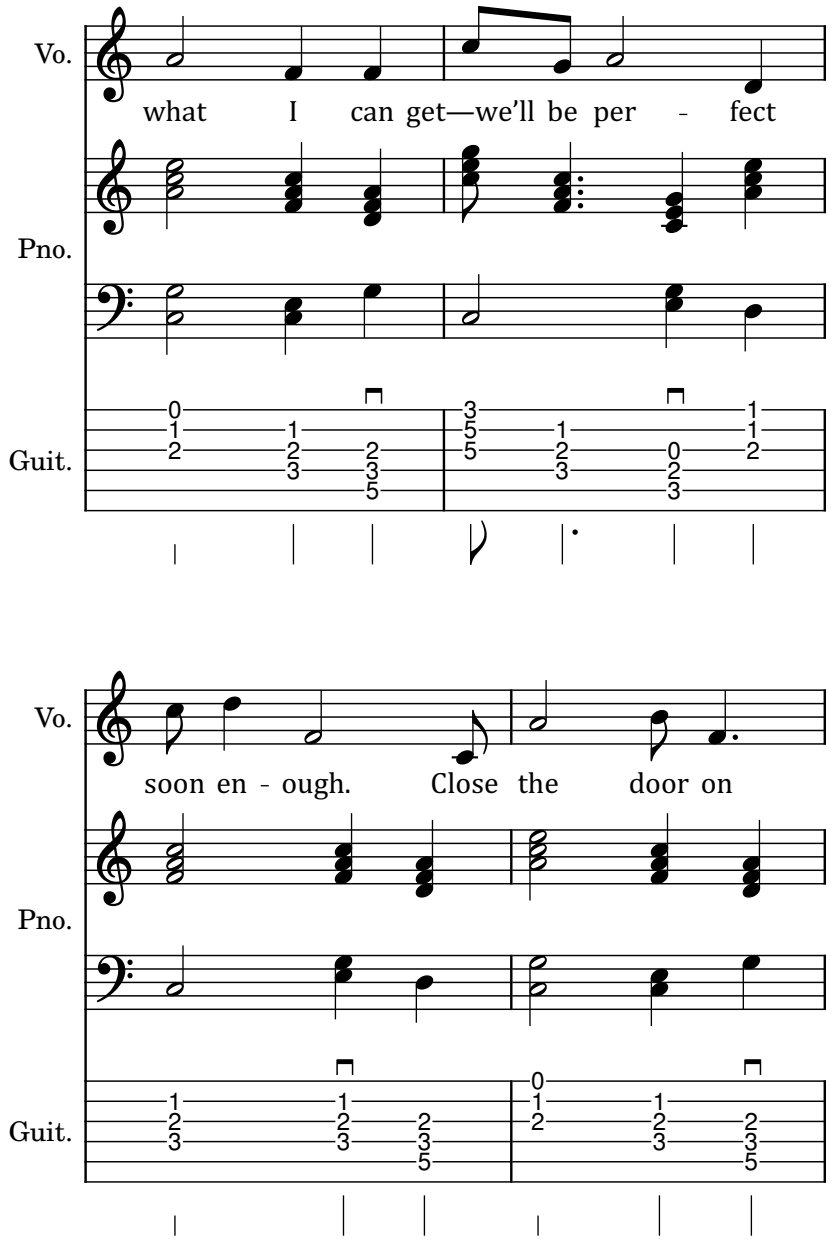


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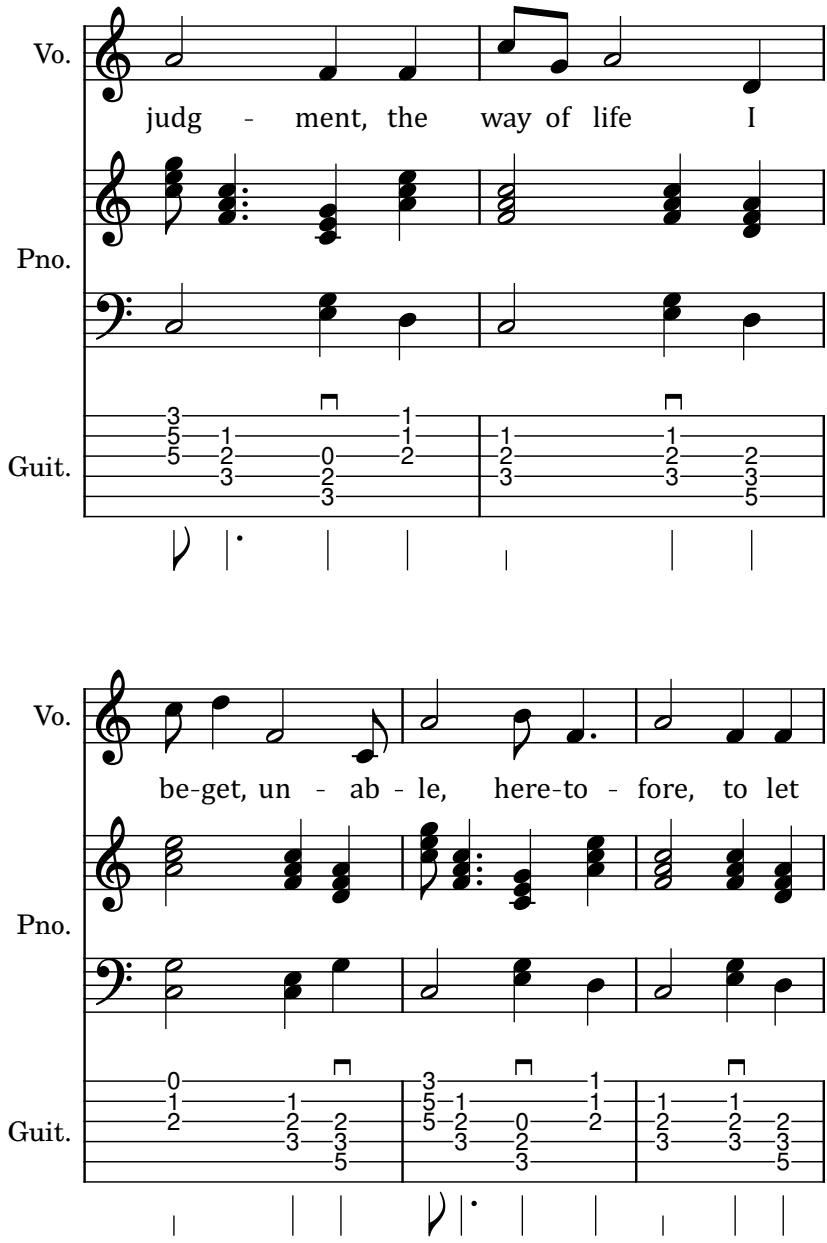

Vo.
in front of me; take this shame,
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
and make it pos-si-ble for me to cre - ate
Pno.
Guit.
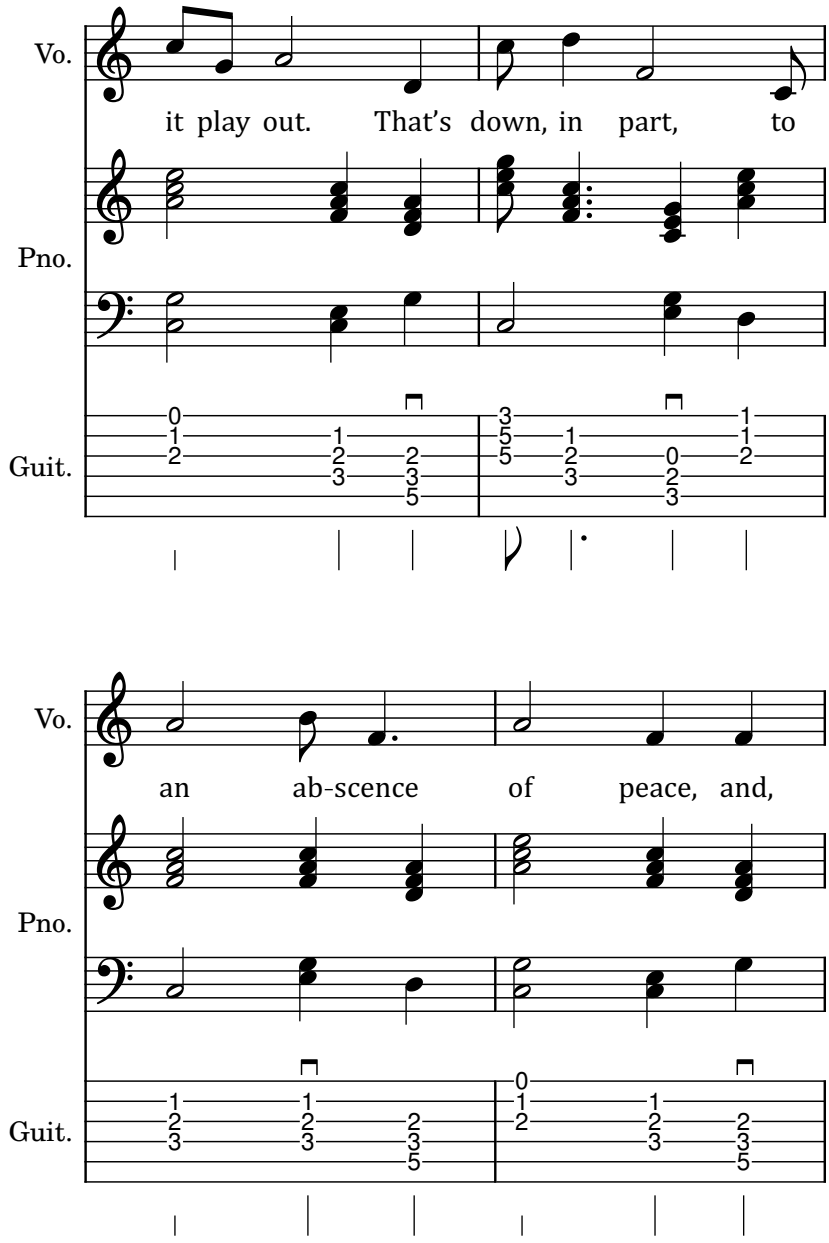

Vo.
—to in - vest my love, to
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
pass the time, to act un - til I'm
Pno.
Guit.

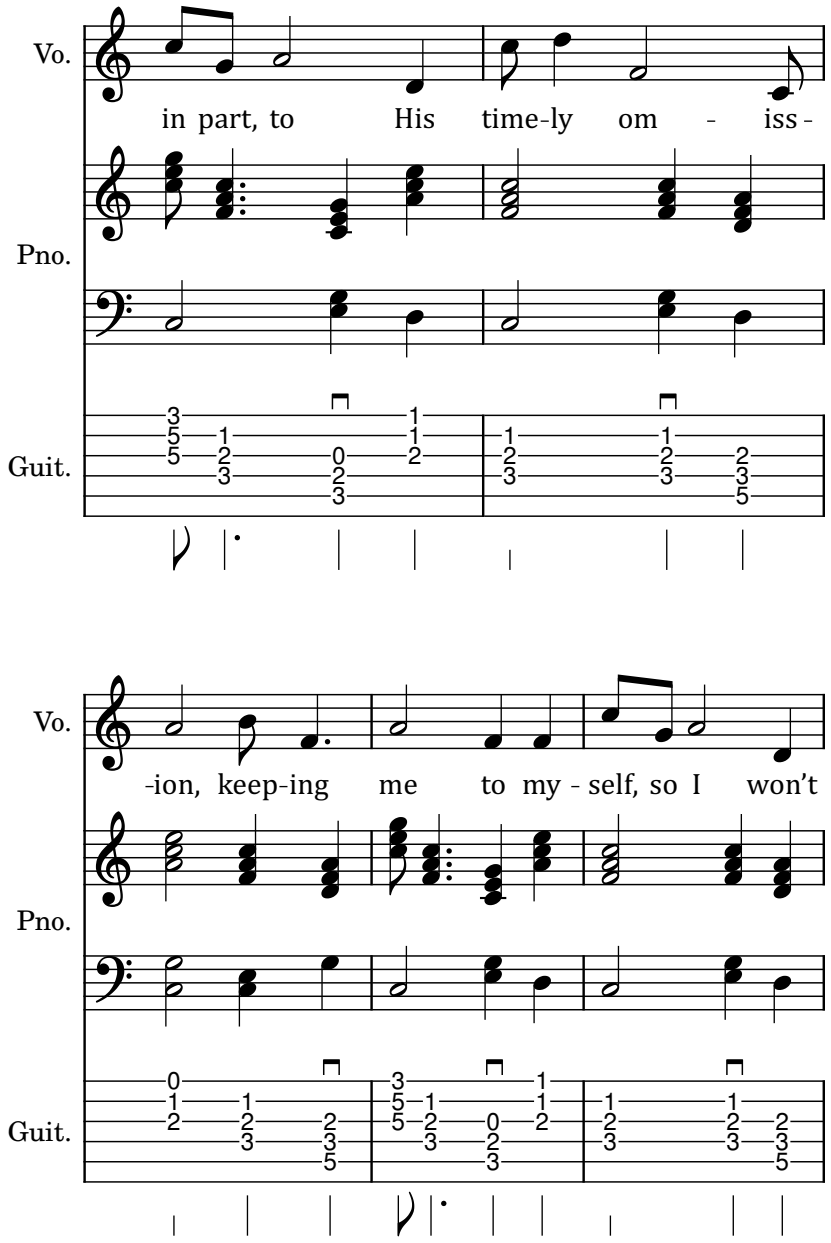

Vo.
full, like I've ne - ver been ab-le to do
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
be-fore. Make me take, dear heart,
Pno.
Guit.
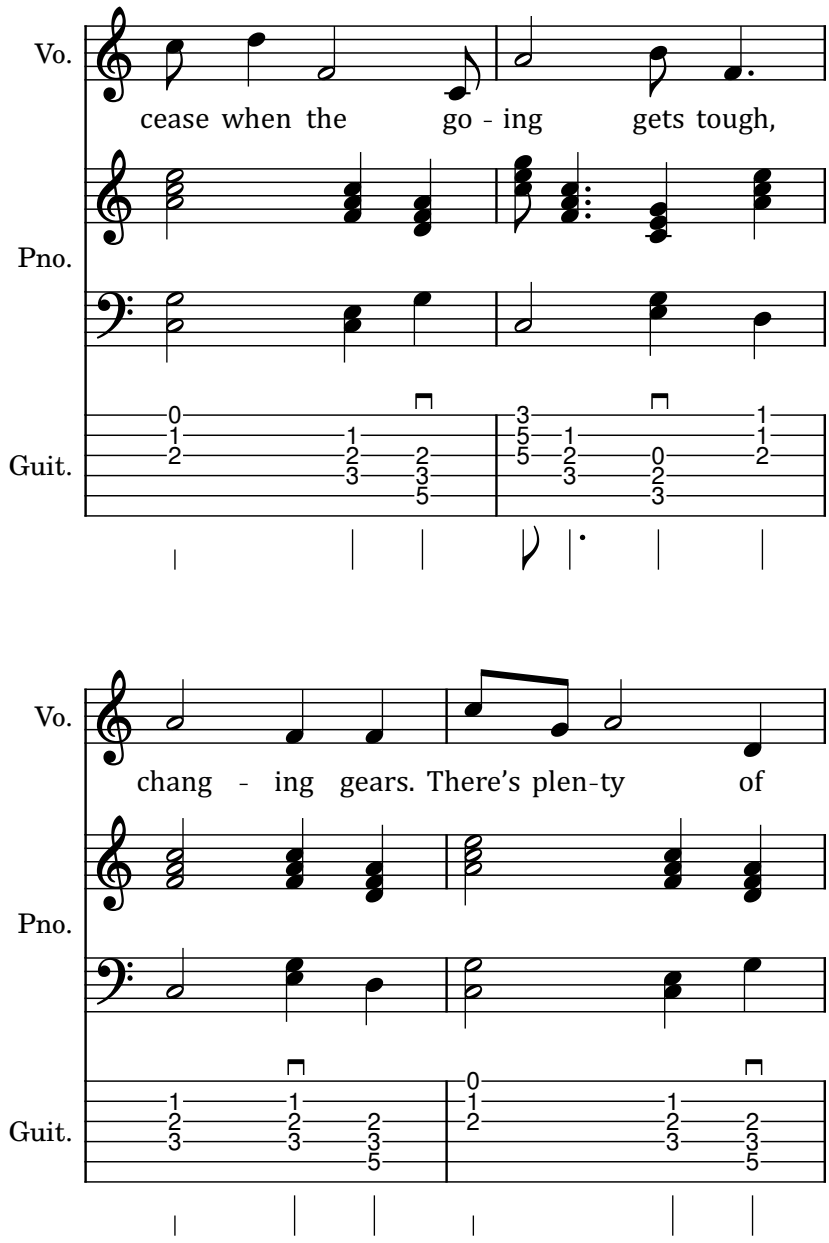

Vo.
what I can get—we'll be per - fect
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
soon en - ough. Close the door on
Pno.
Guit.

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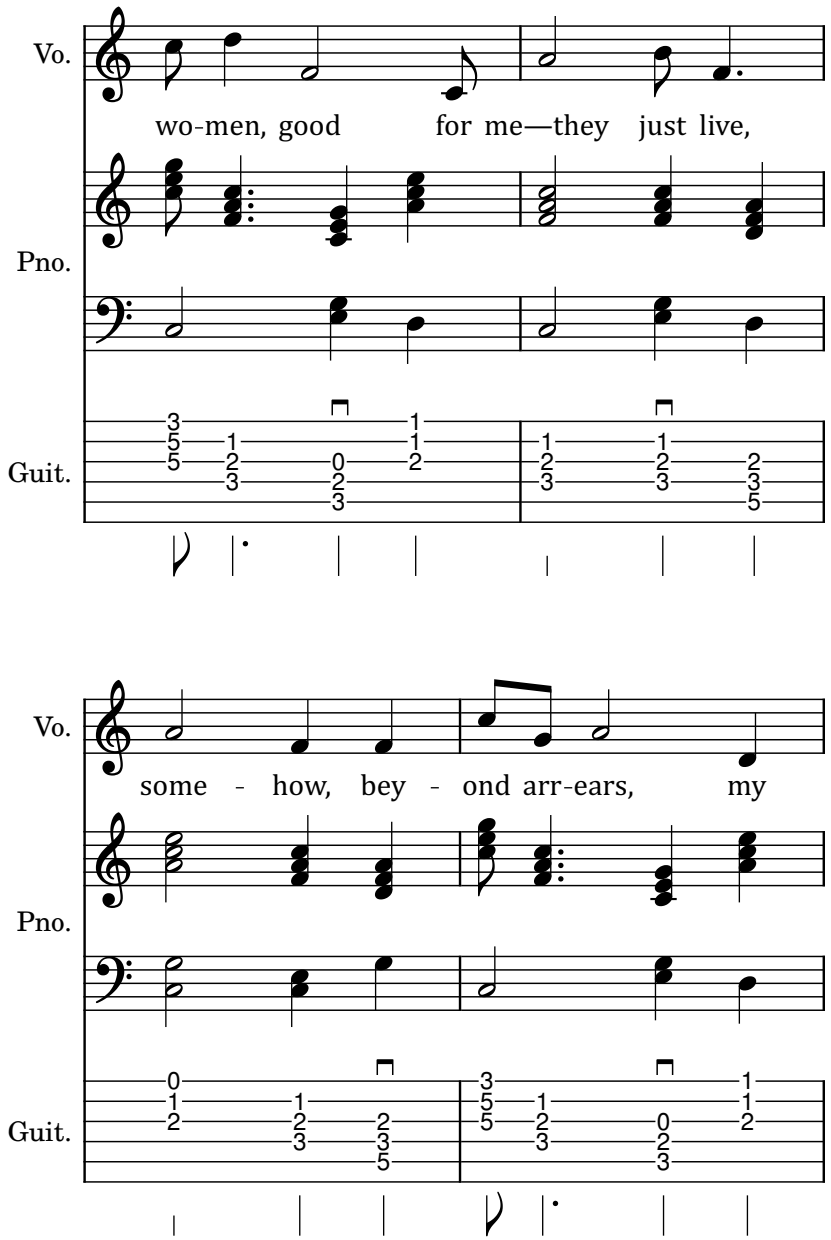

Vo.
judg - ment, the way of life I
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
be-get, un - ab - le, here-to - fore, to let
Pno.
Guit.
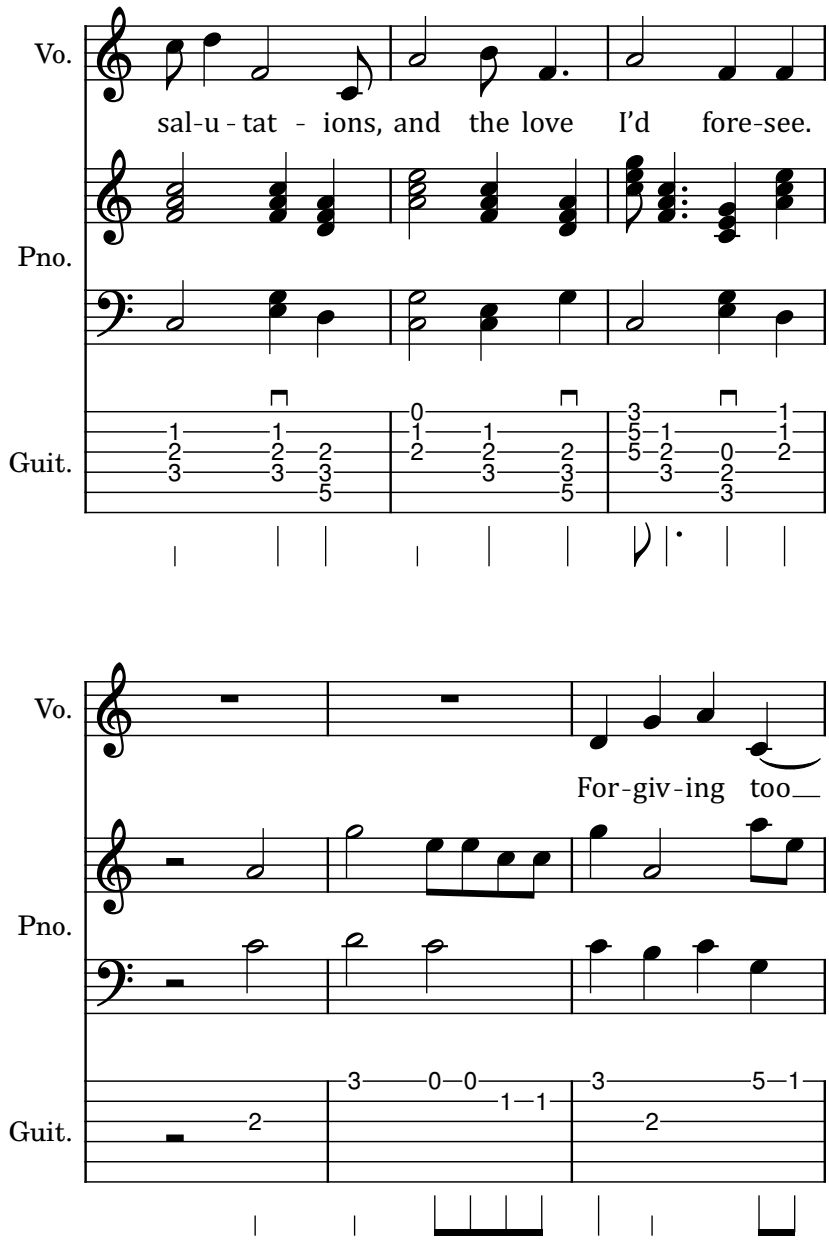

Vo.
it play out. That's down, in part, to
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
an ab-scence of peace, and,
Pno.
Guit.


Vo.
in part, to His time-ly om - iss-
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
-ion, keep-ing me to my - self, so I won't
Pno.
Guit.
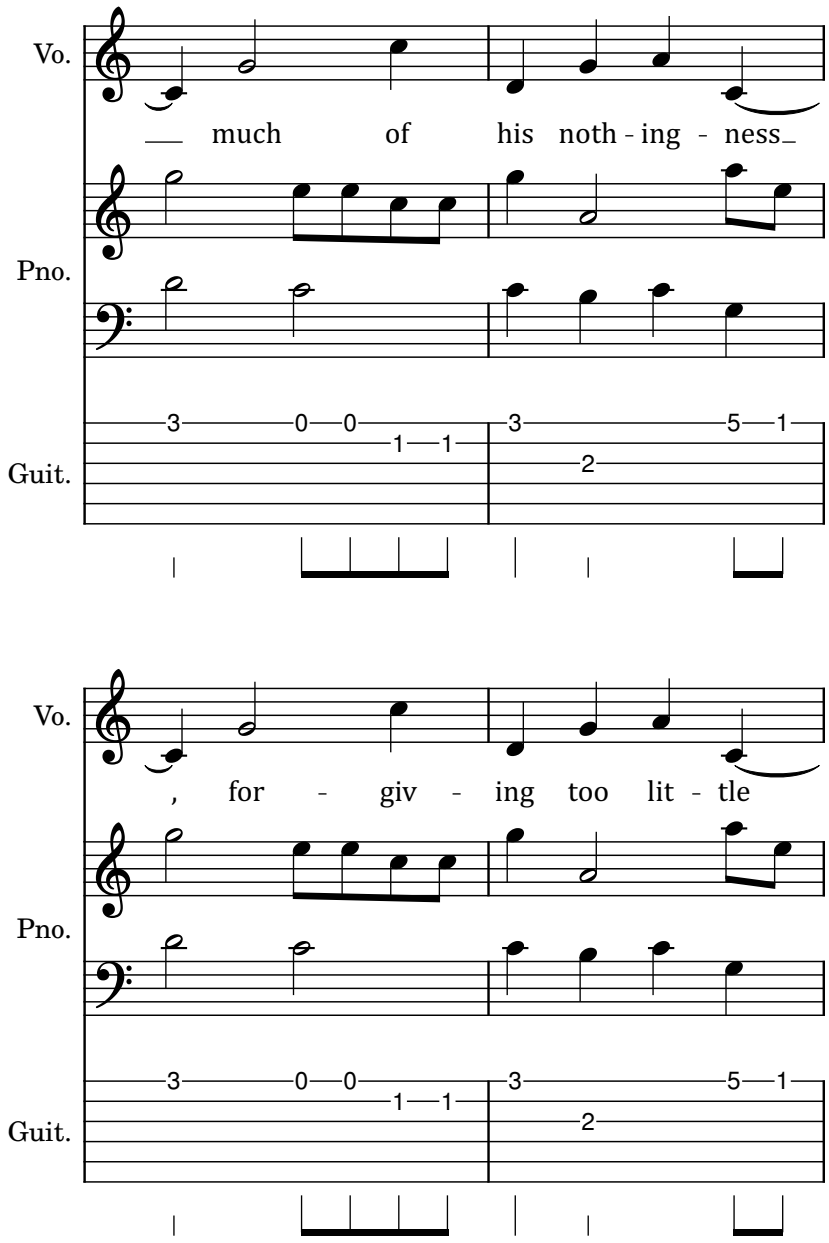

Vo.
cease when the go - ing gets tough,
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
chang - ing gears. There's plen-ty of
Pno.
Guit.
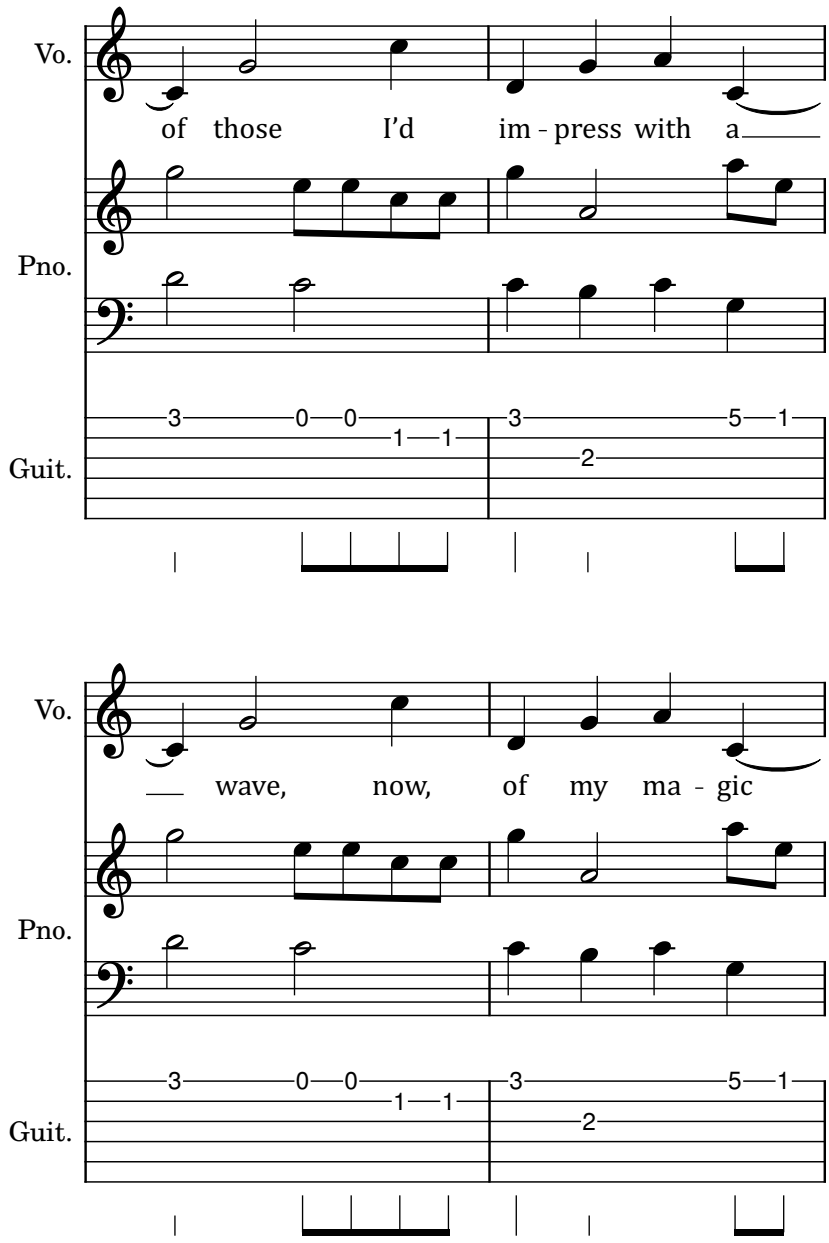
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Vo.
wo-men, good for me—they just live,
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
some - how, bey - ond arr-ears, my
Pno.
Guit.

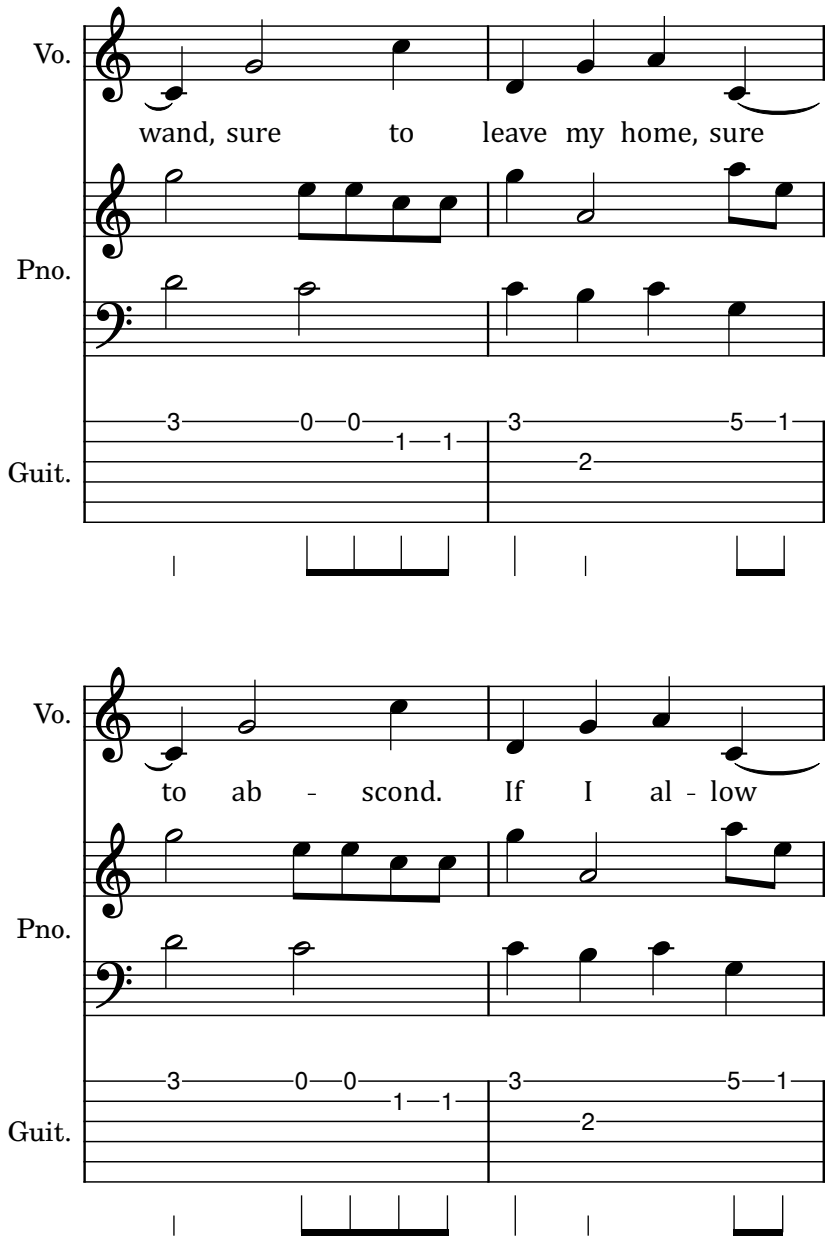

Vo.
sal-u-tat - ions, and the love I'd fore-see.
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
For-giv-ing too
Pno.
Guit.

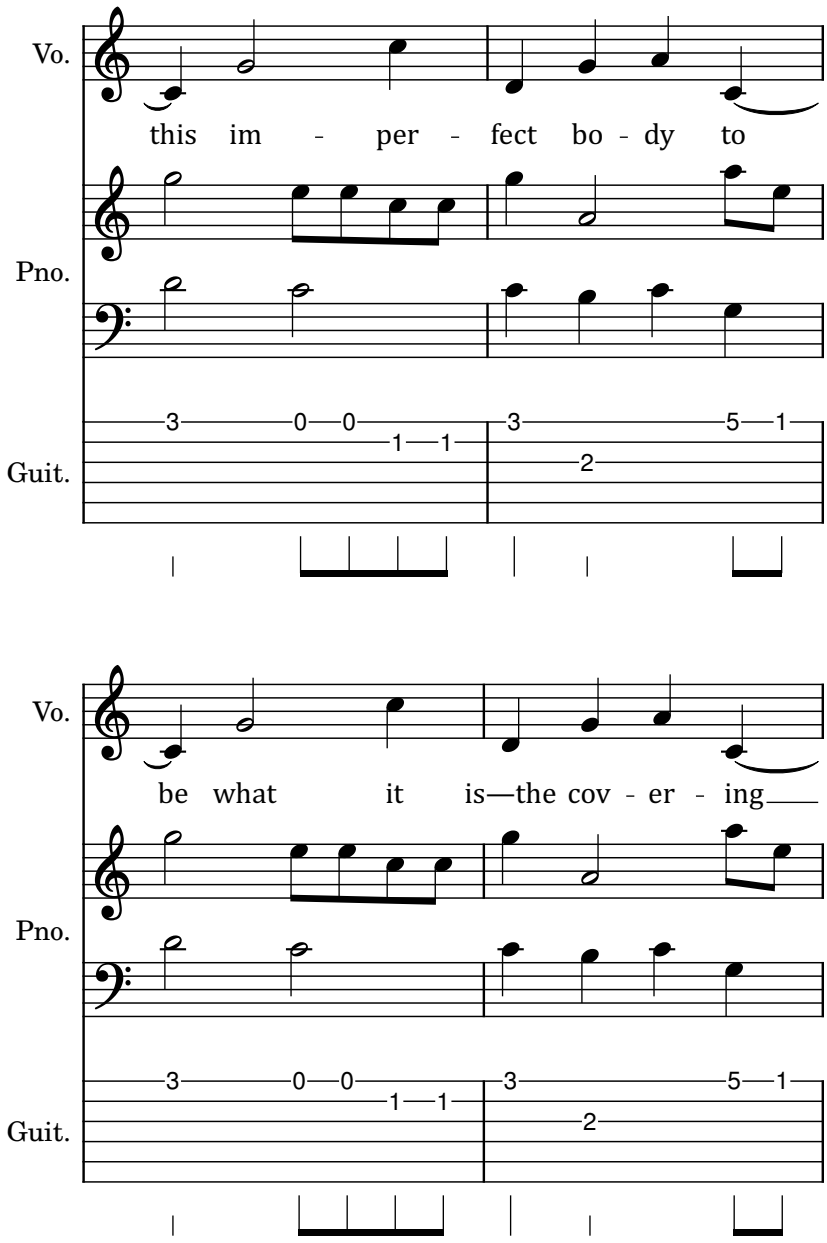
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Vo.
Pno.
Guit.
much of his noth - ing - ness
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
Pno.
Guit.
, for - giv - ing too lit - tle
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2

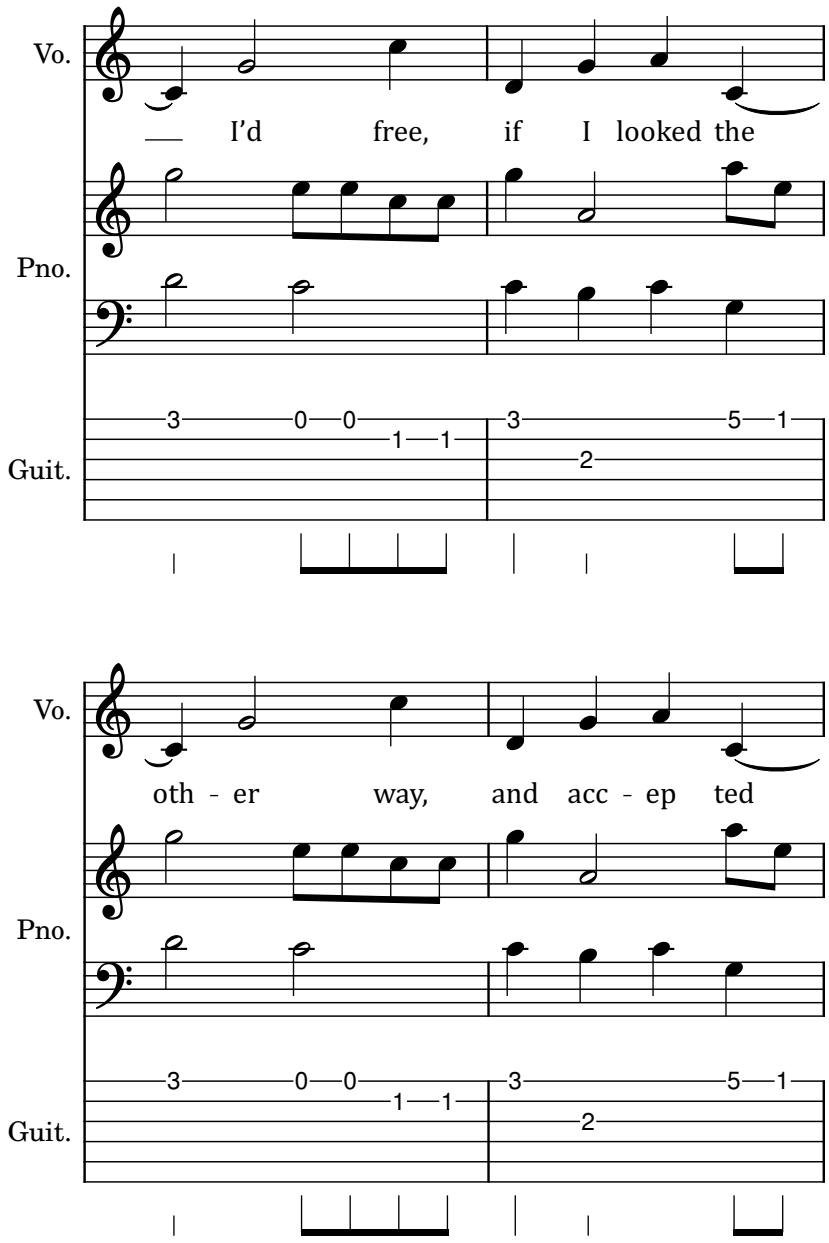

Vo.
of those I'd im - press with a
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
wave, now, of my ma - gic
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
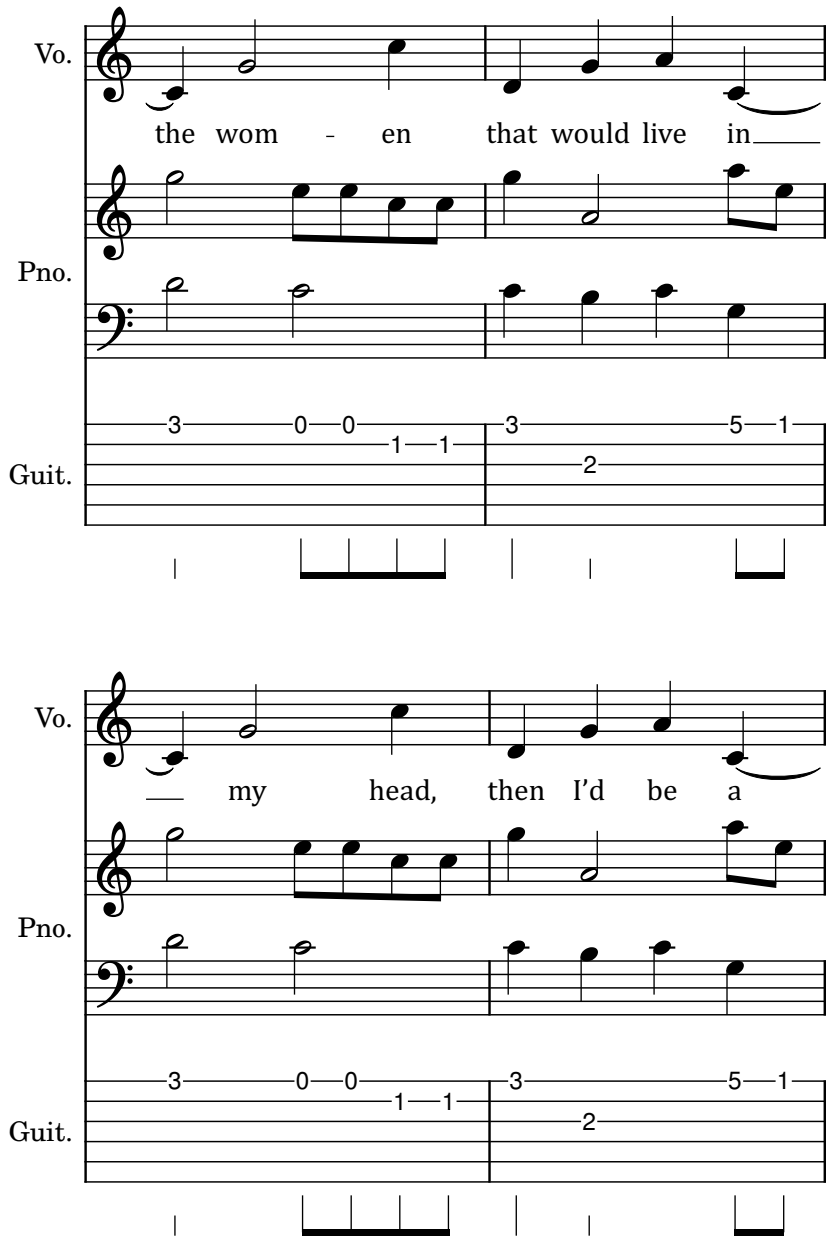
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Vo.
wand, sure to leave my home, sure
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 2 5 1
Vo.
to ab - scond. If I al - low
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 2 5 1

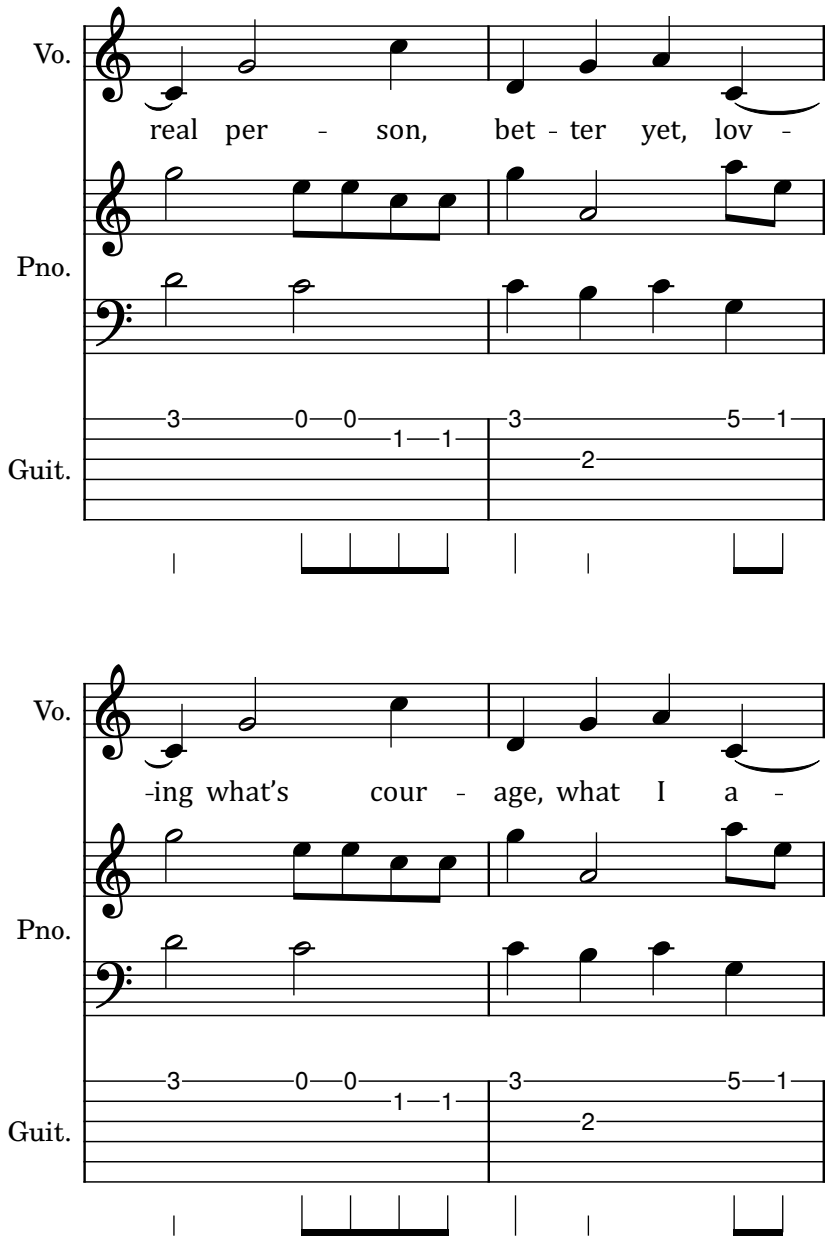

Vo.
this im - per - fect bo - dy to
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 2 5 1
Vo.
be what it is—the cov - er - ing
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 2 5 1
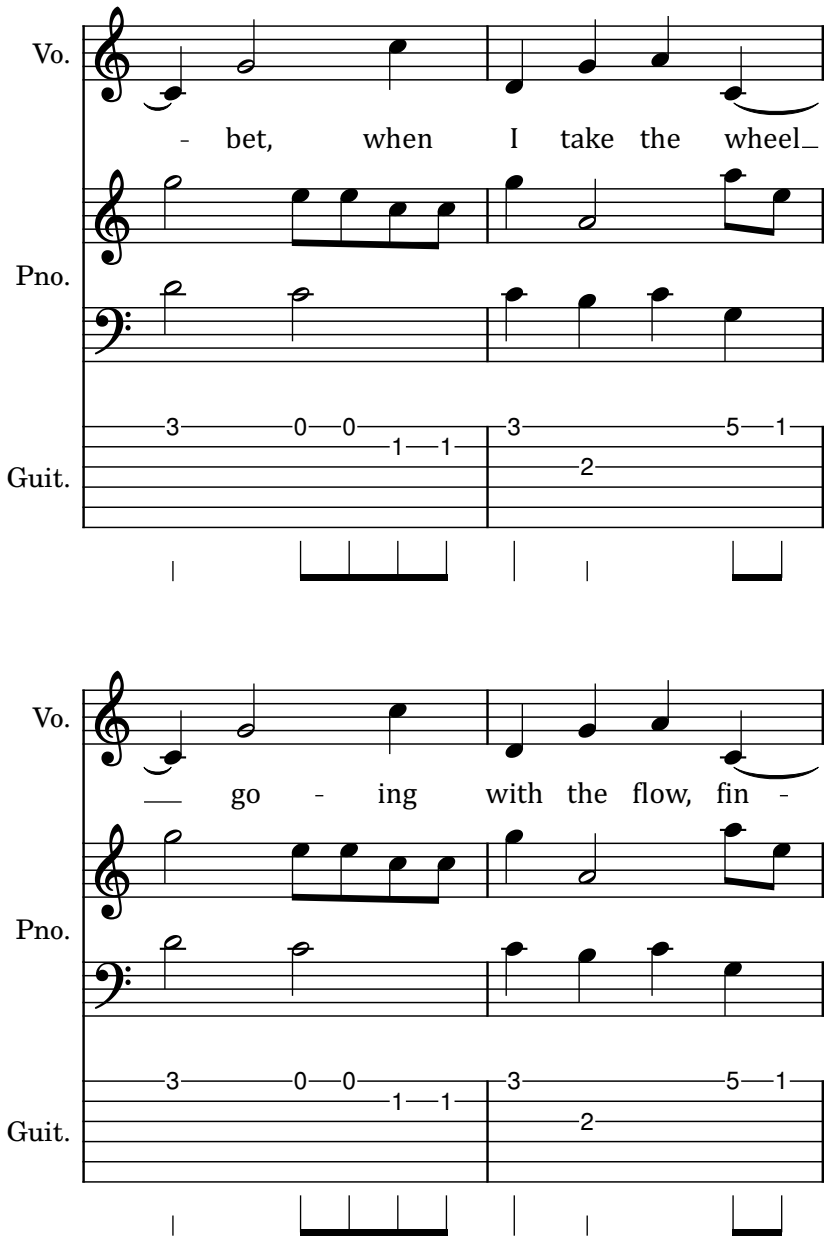
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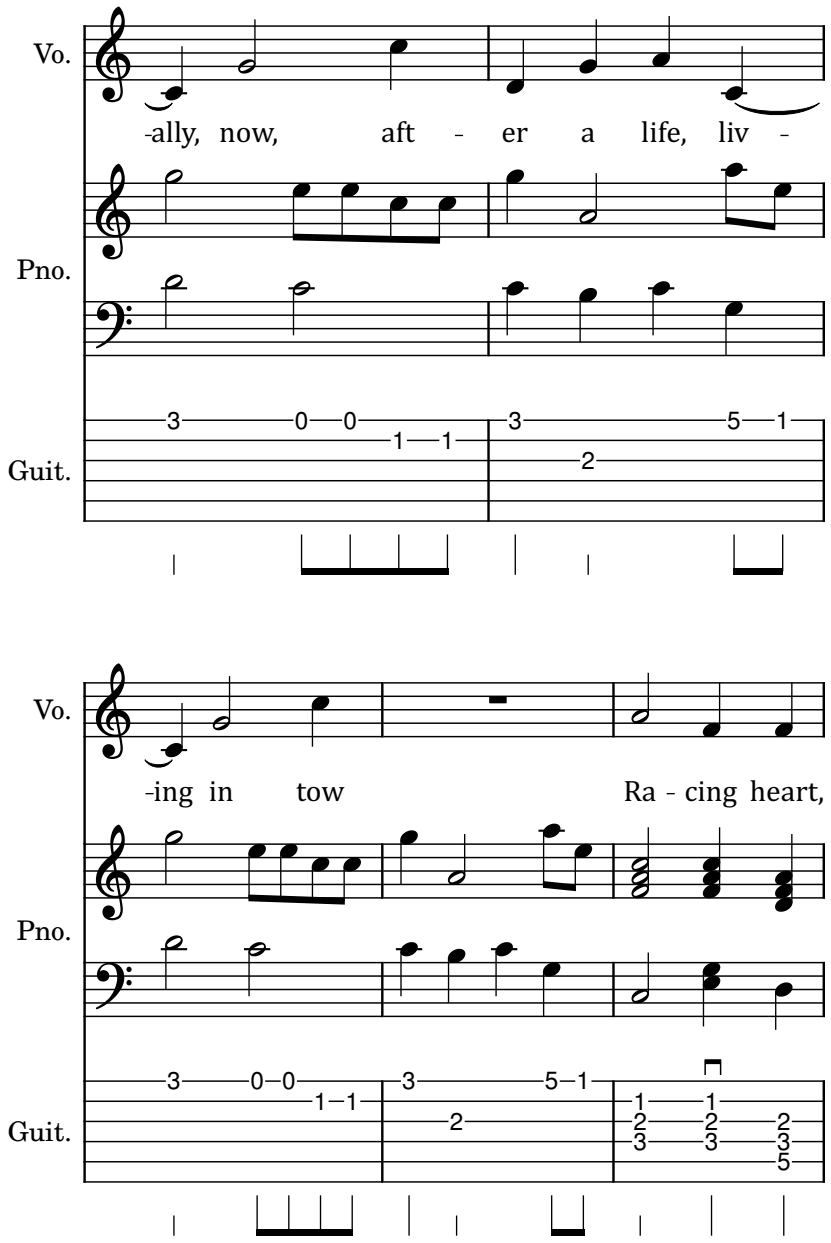

Vo.
I'd free, if I looked the
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
oth - er way, and acc - ep ted
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
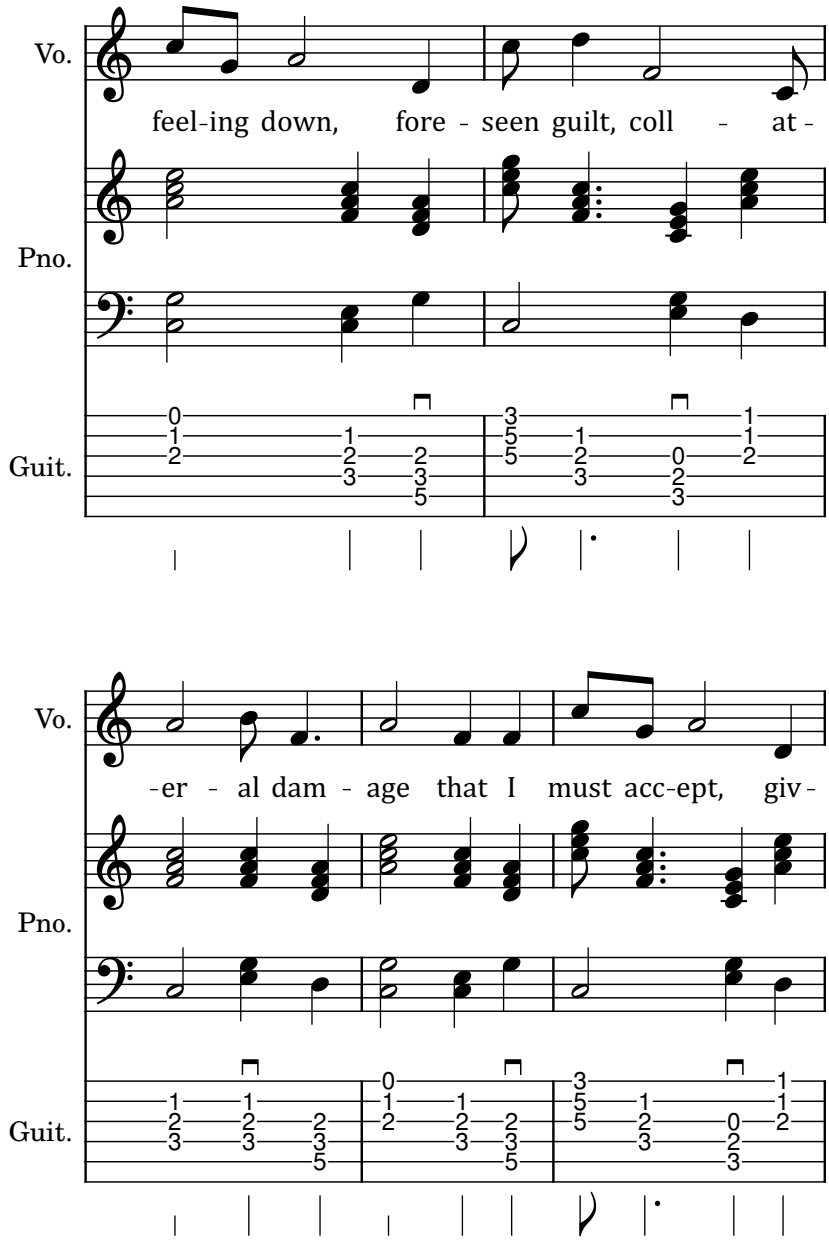

Vo.
the wom - en that would live in
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
my head, then I'd be a
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
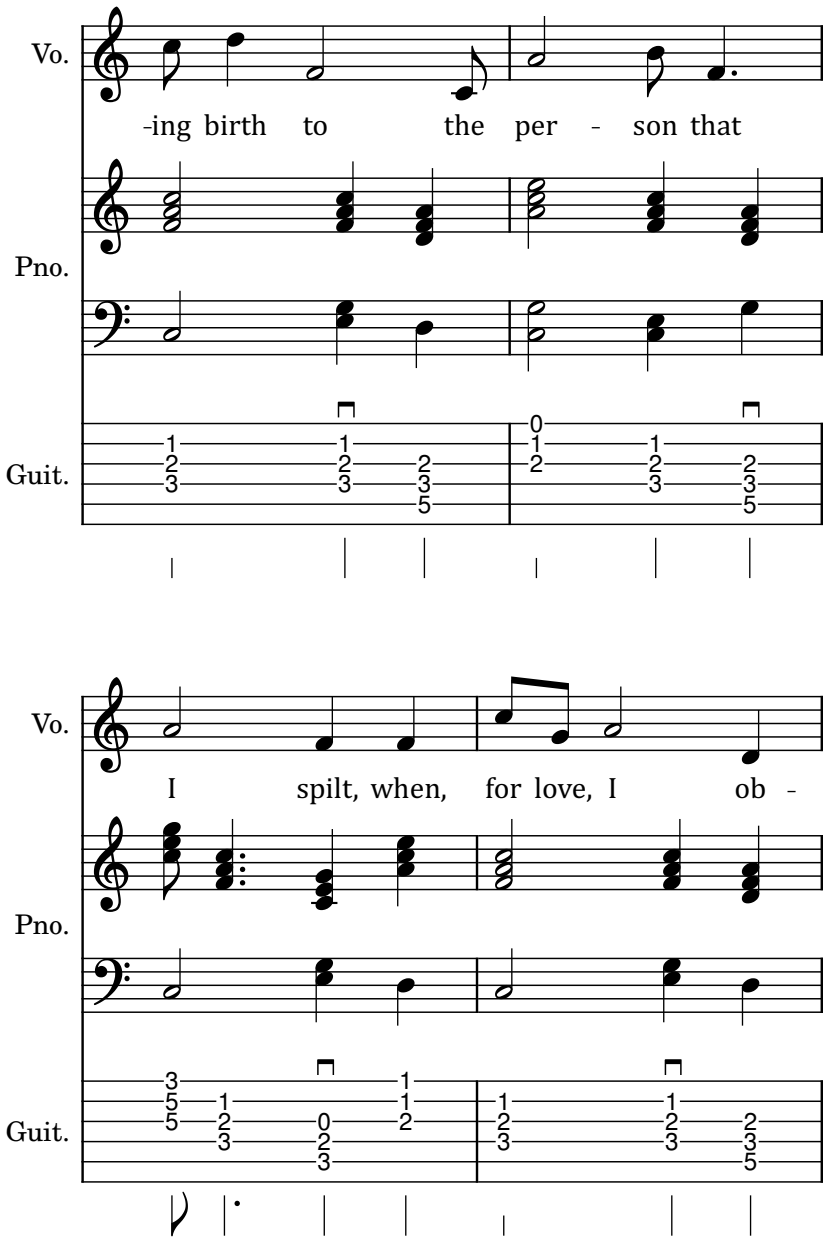
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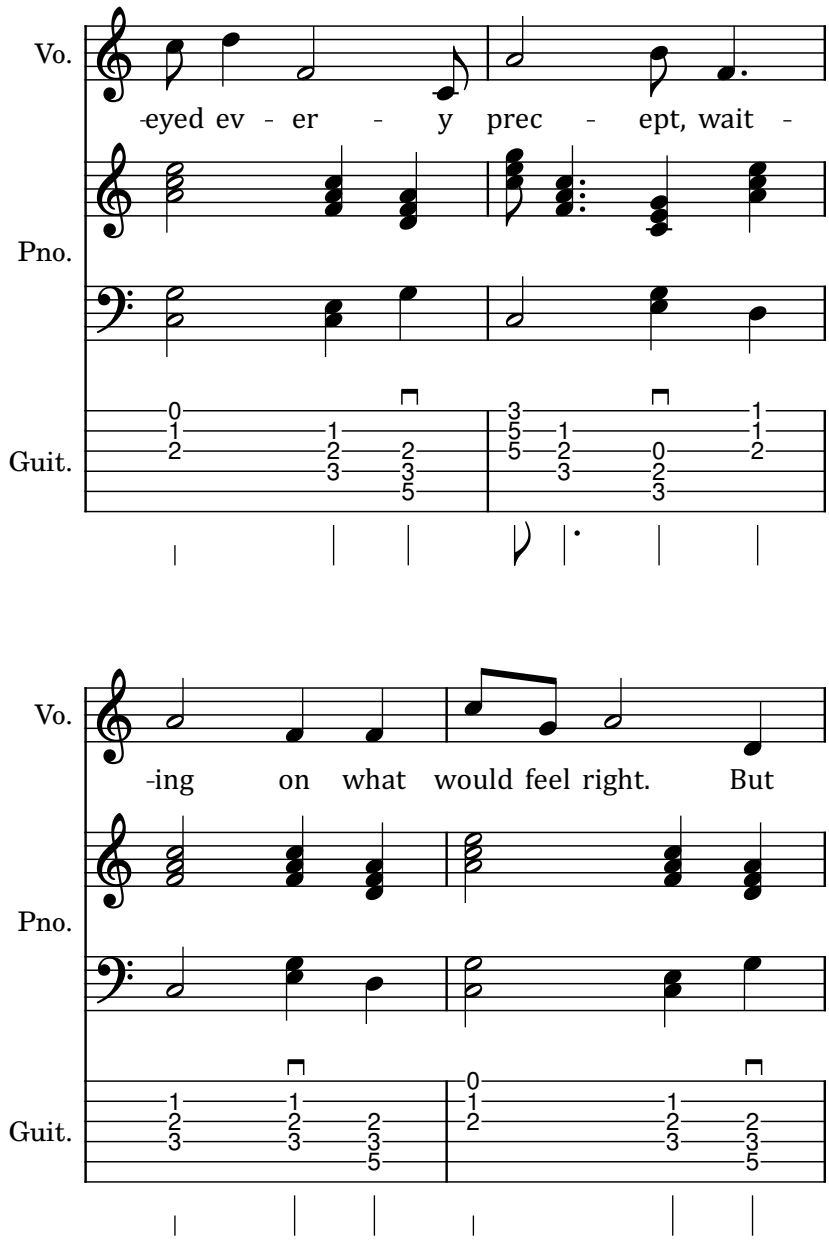

Vo.
real per - son, bet - ter yet, lov -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
-ing what's cour - age, what I a -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
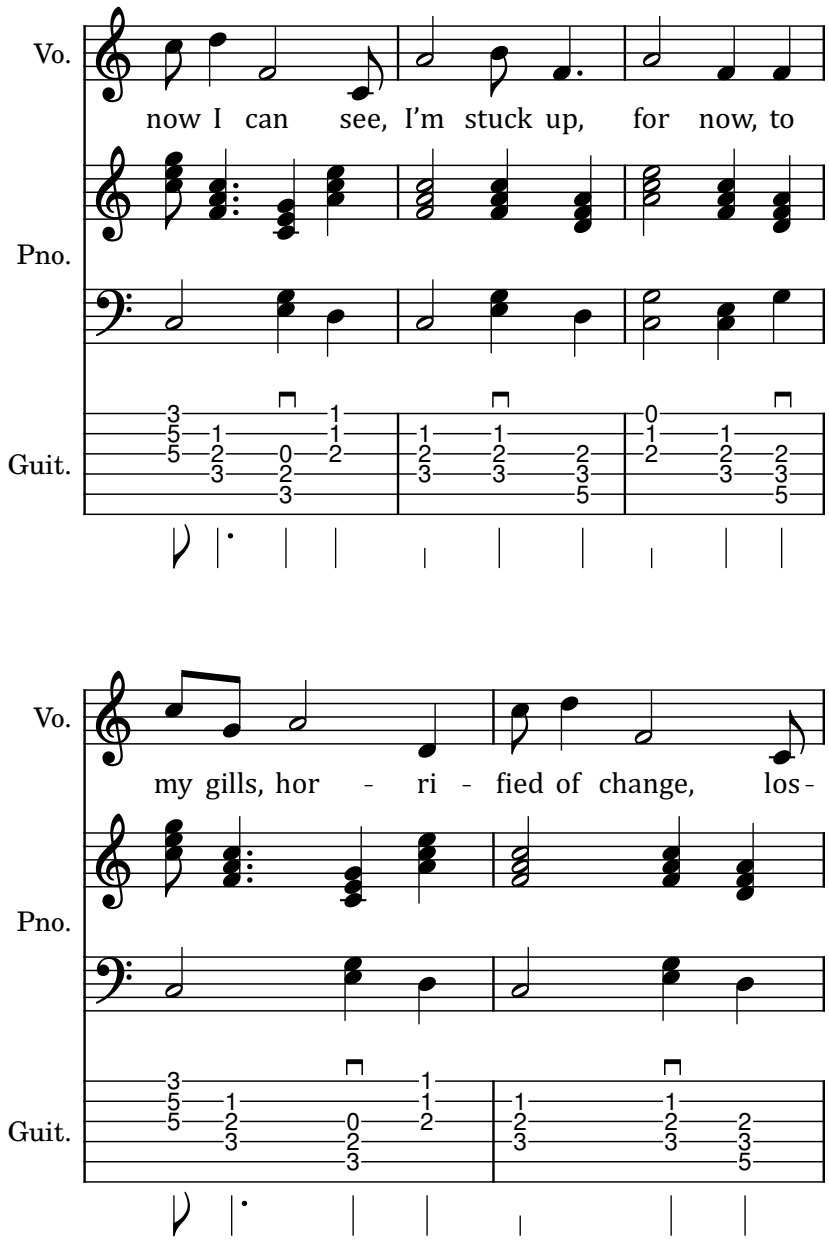

Vo.
- bet, when I take the wheel_
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
_ go - ing with the flow, fin -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
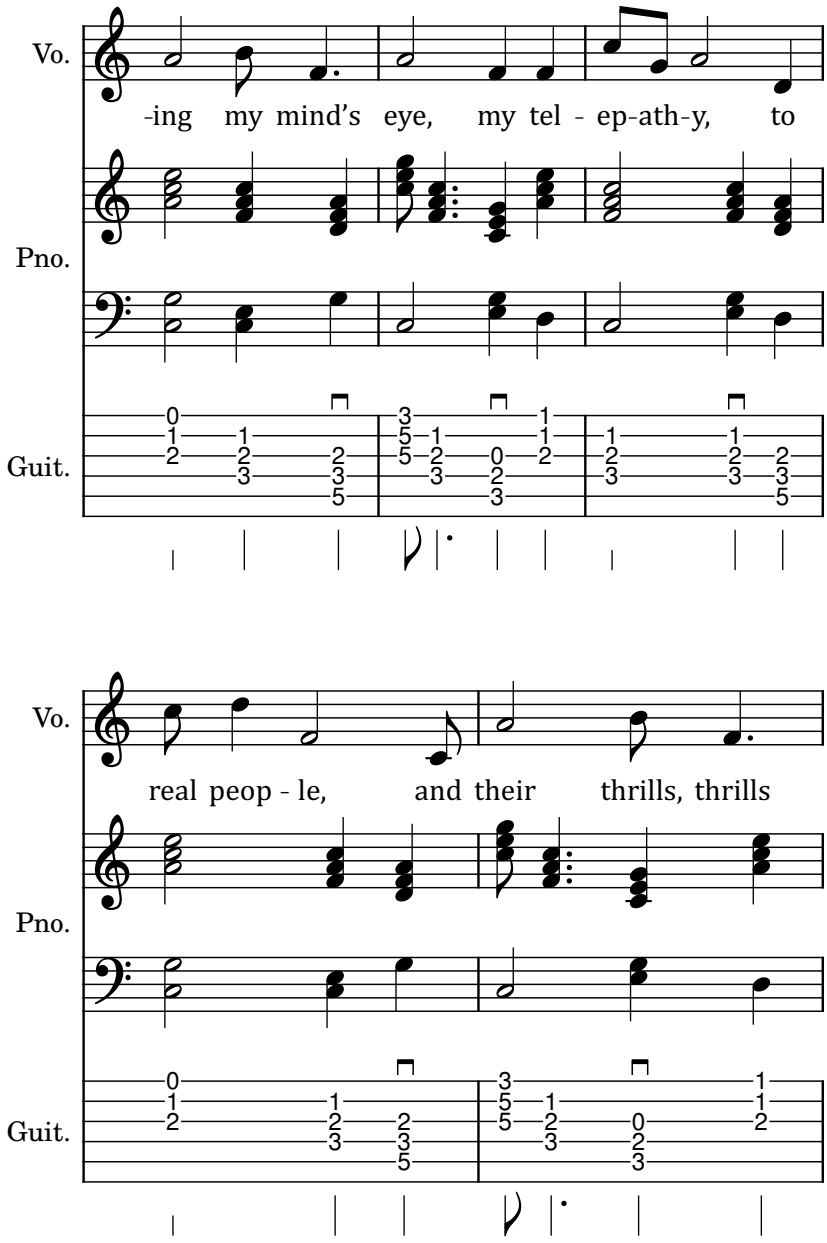

Vo.
-ally, now, aft - er a life, liv -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
-ing in tow Ra - cing heart,
Pno.
Guit.
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1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 5
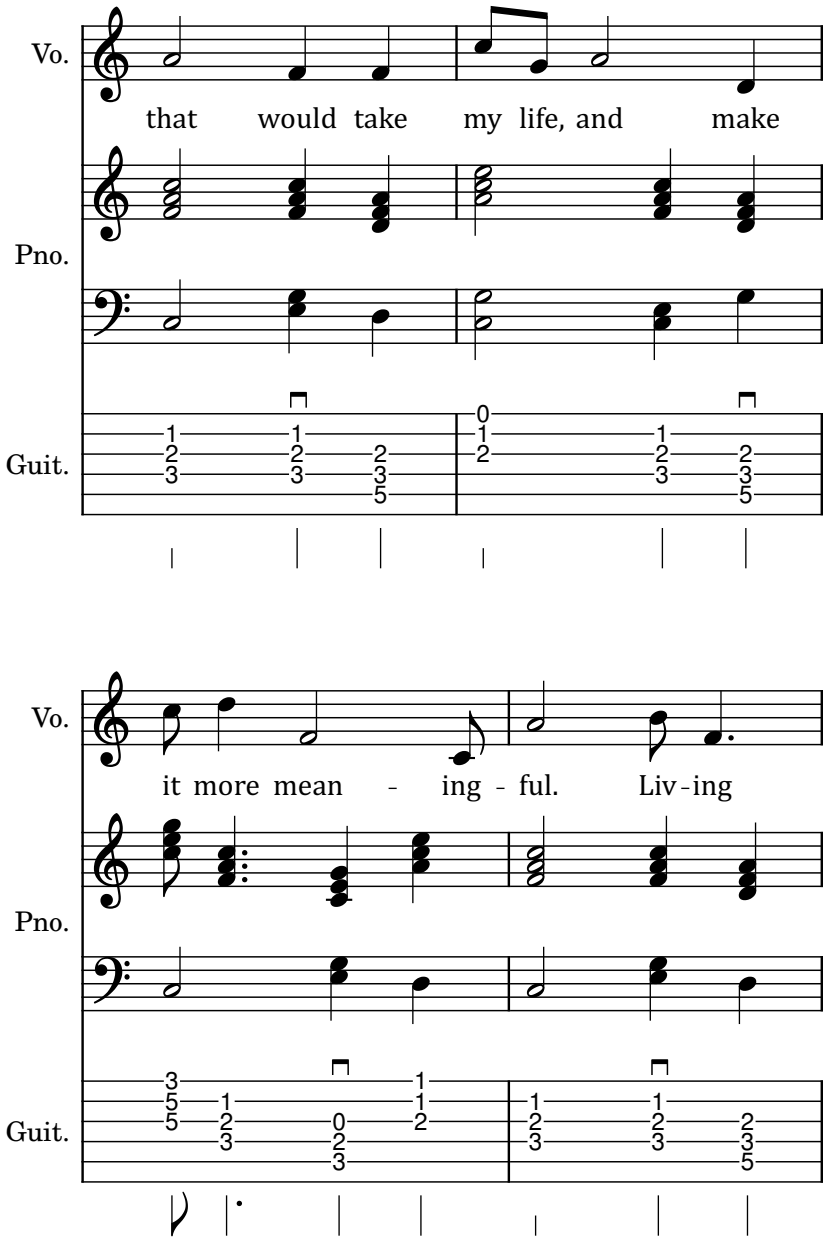

Vo.
feel-ing down, fore - seen guilt, coll - at -
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
-er - al dam - age that I must acc-ept, giv -
Pno.
Guit.
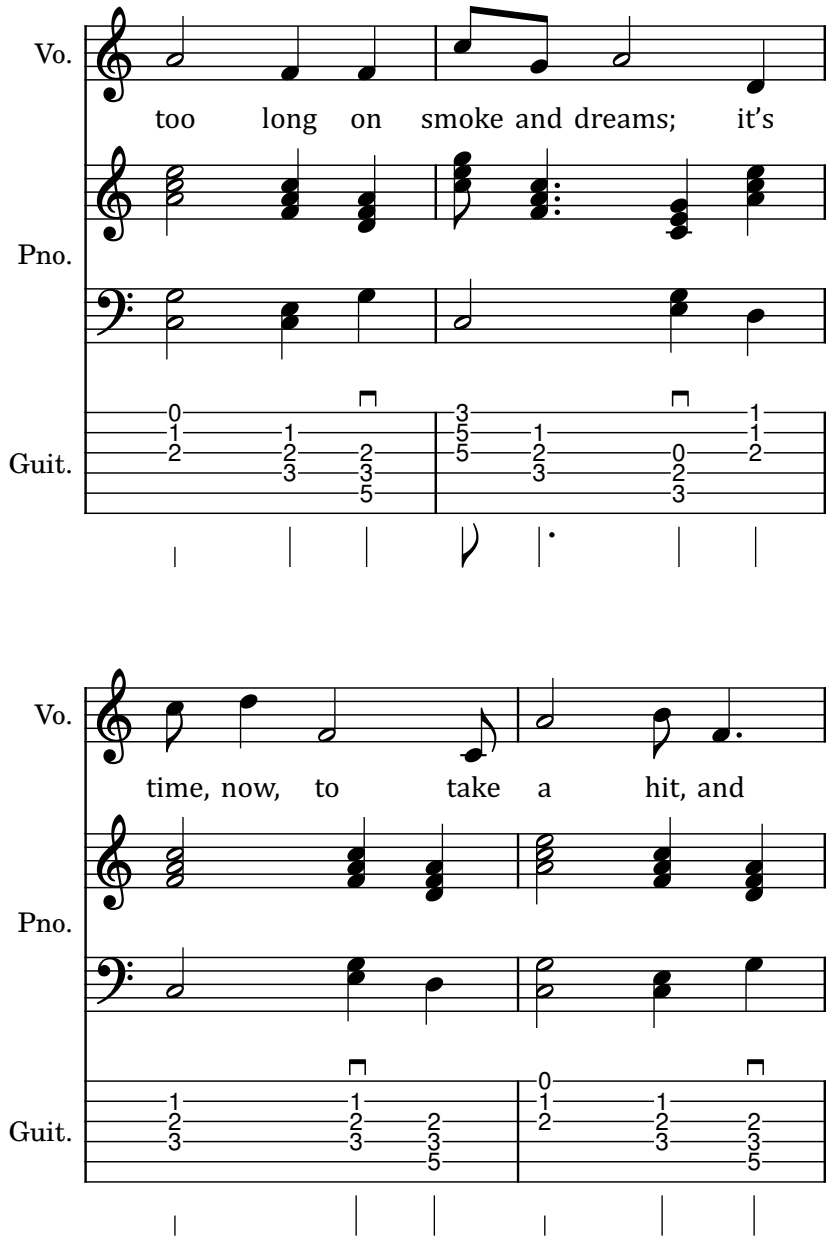

Vo.
-ing birth to the per - son that
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
I spilt, when, for love, I ob -
Pno.
Guit.
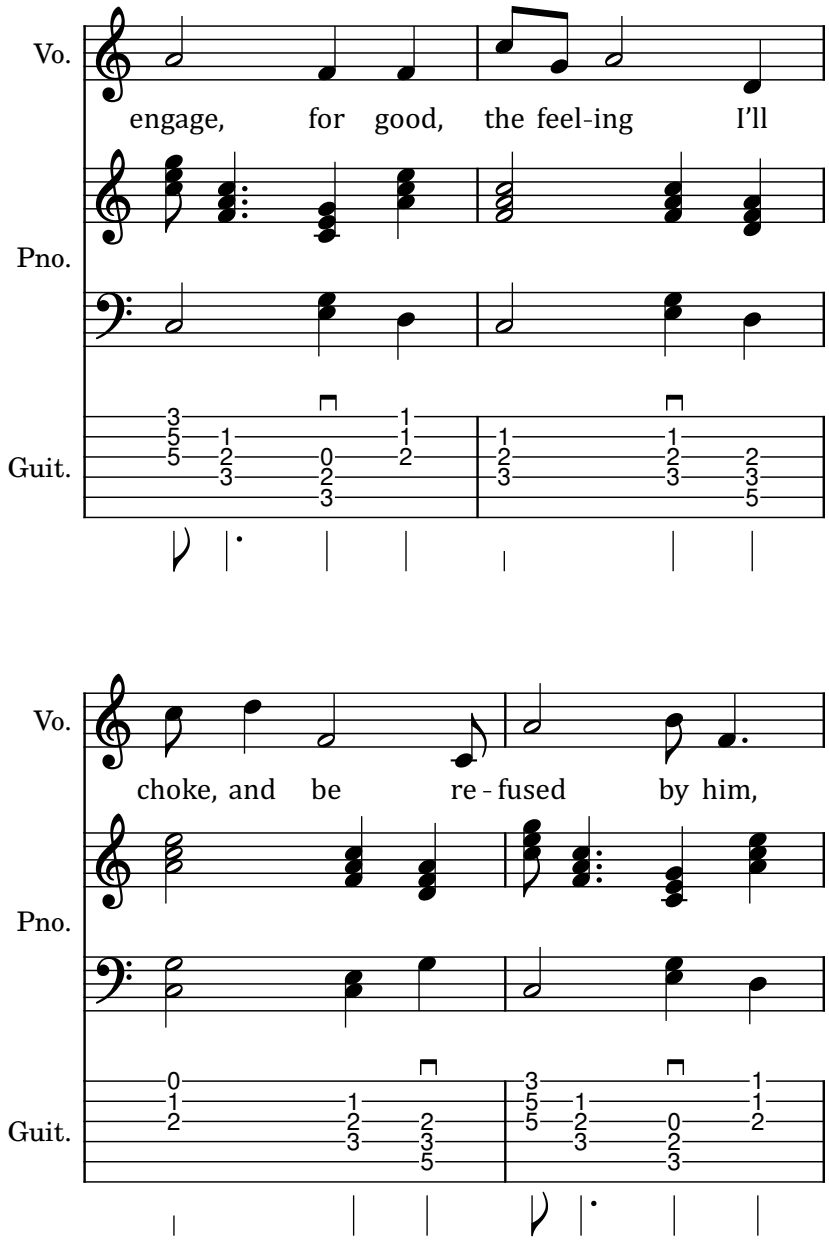

Vo.
-eyed ev - er - y prec - ept, wait -
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
-ing on what would feel right. But
Pno.
Guit.

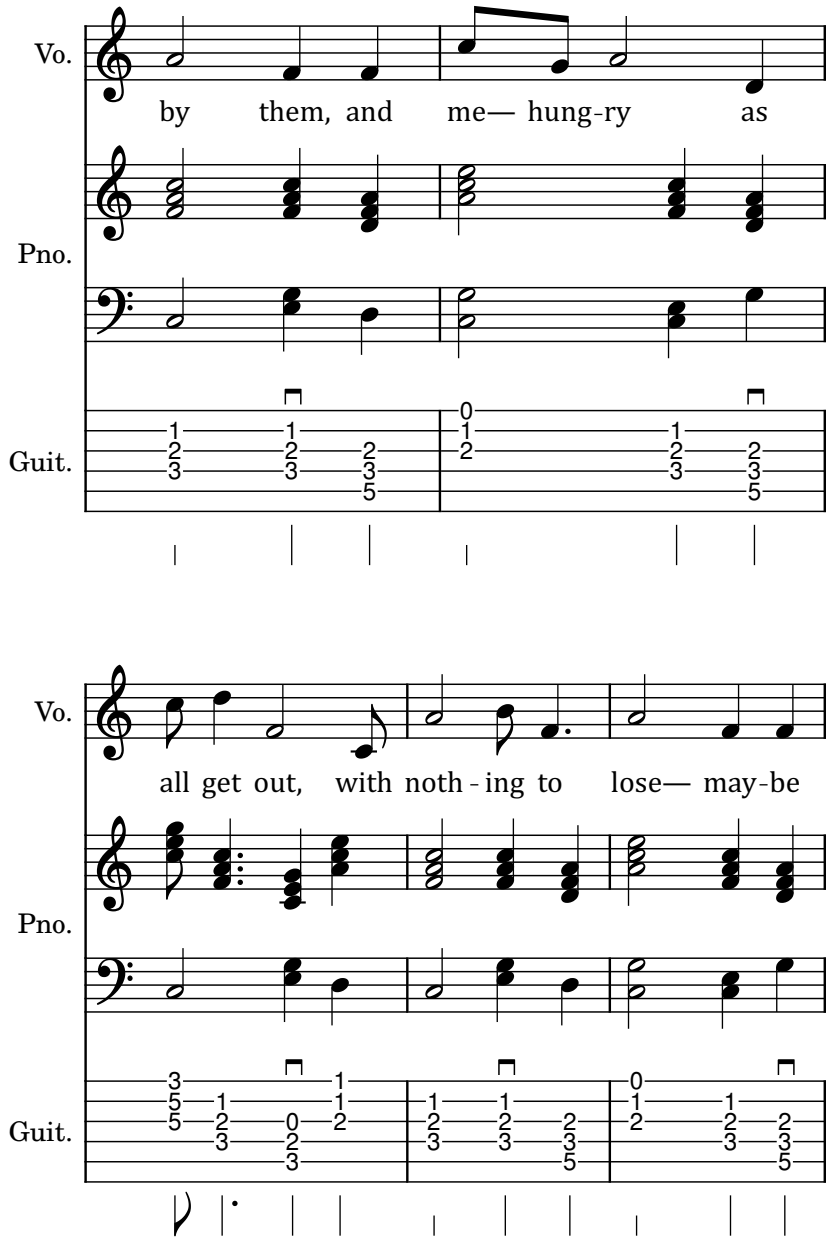

Vo.
now I can see, I'm stuck up, for now, to
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
my gills, hor - ri - fied of change, los-
Pno.
Guit.


Vo.
-ing my mind's eye, my tel - ep-ath-y, to
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
real peop - le, and their thrills, thrills
Pno.
Guit.

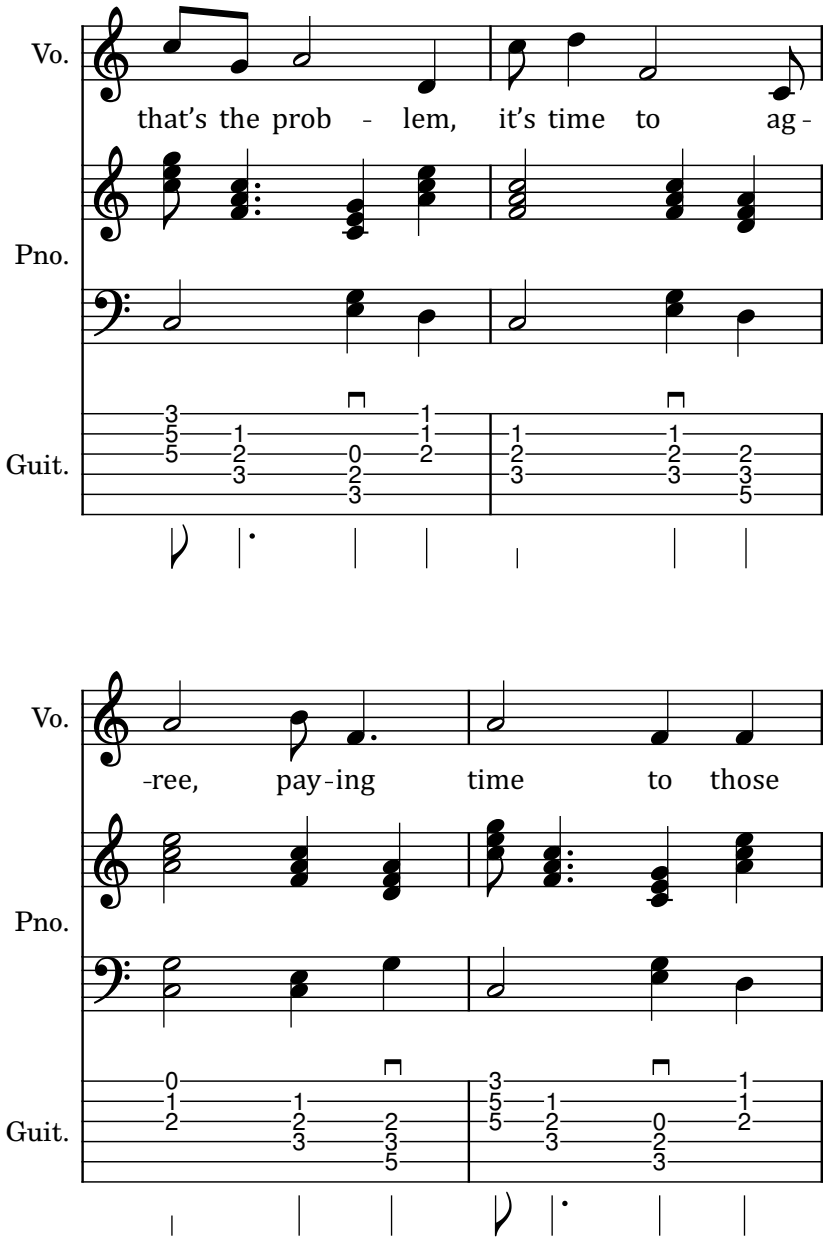

Vo.
that would take my life, and make
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
it more mean - ing - ful. Liv-ing
Pno.
Guit.

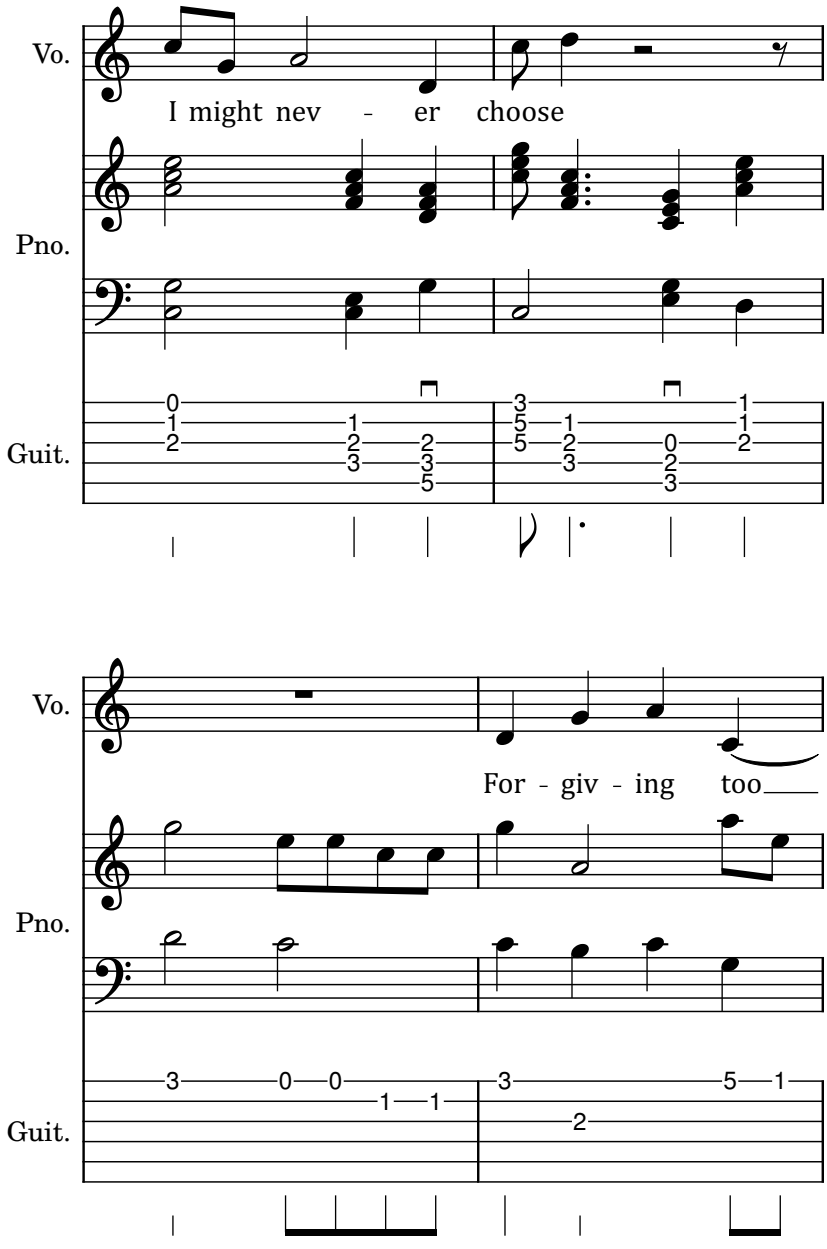

Vo.
too long on smoke and dreams; it's
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
time, now, to take a hit, and
Pno.
Guit.

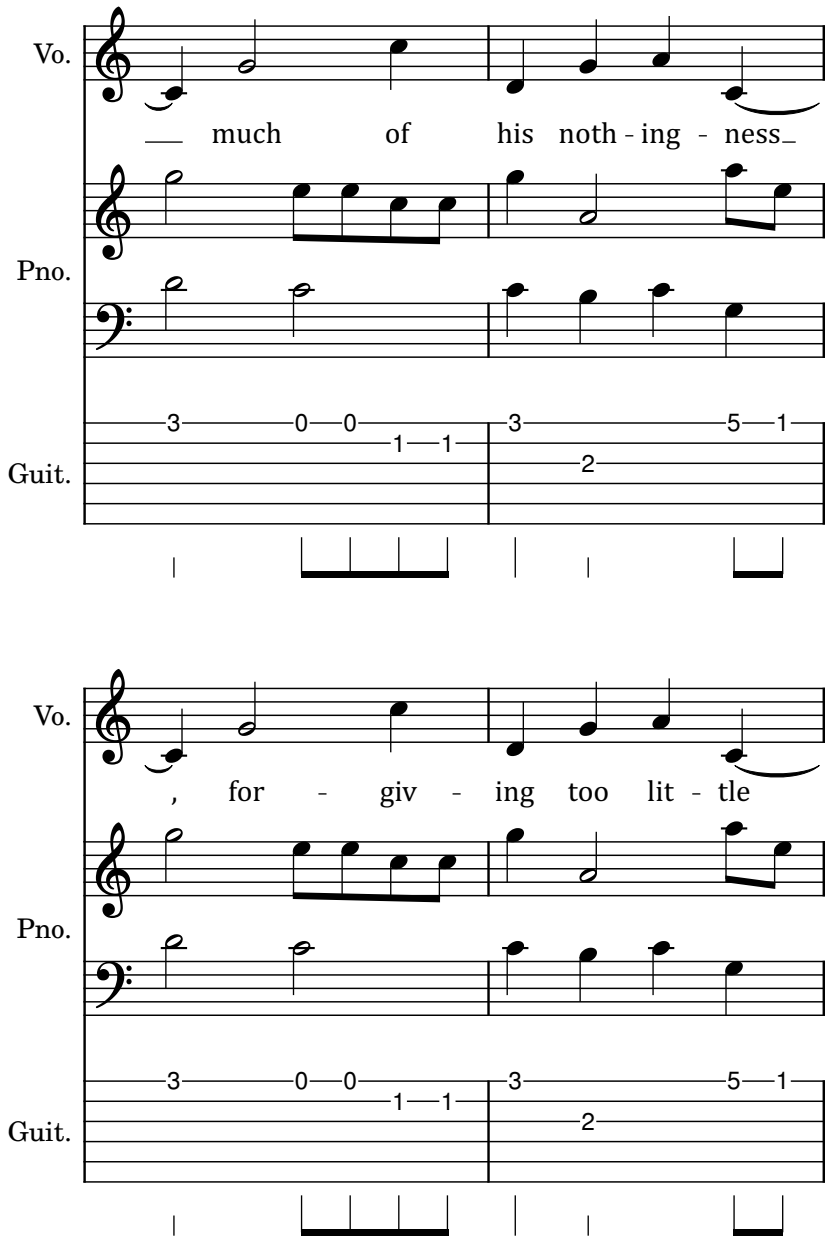

Vo.
engage, for good, the feel-ing I'll
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
choke, and be re - fused by him,
Pno.
Guit.
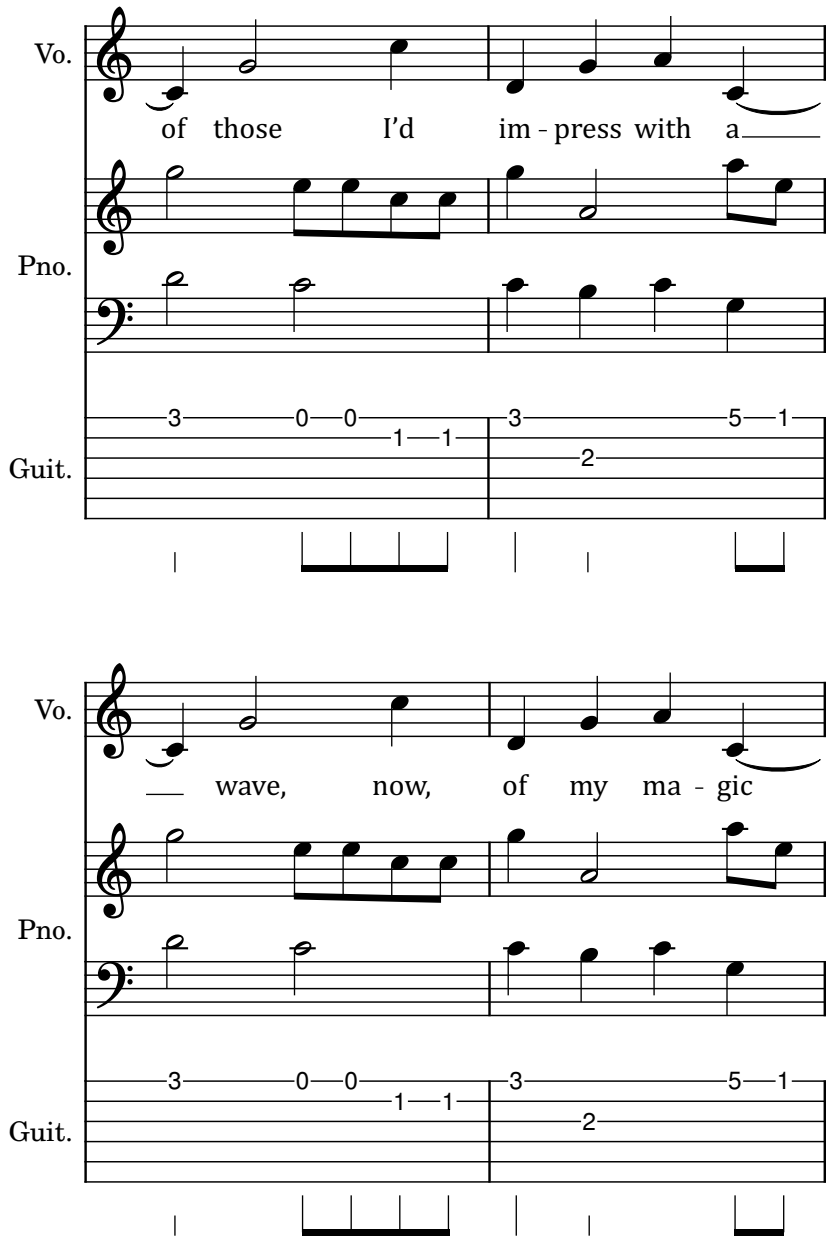

Vo.
by them, and me— hung-ry as
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
all get out, with noth-ing to lose— may-be
Pno.
Guit.

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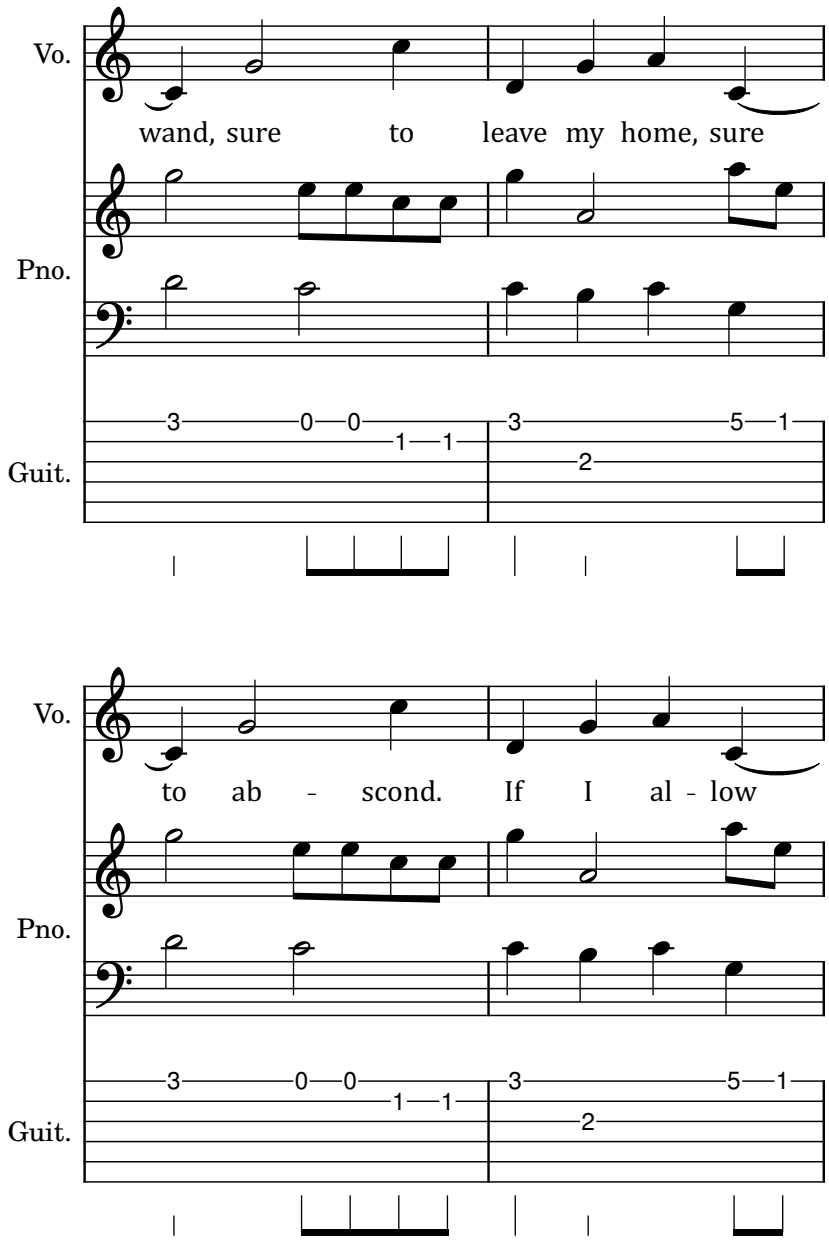

Vo.
that's the prob - lem, it's time to ag -
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
-ree, pay-ing time to those
Pno.
Guit.
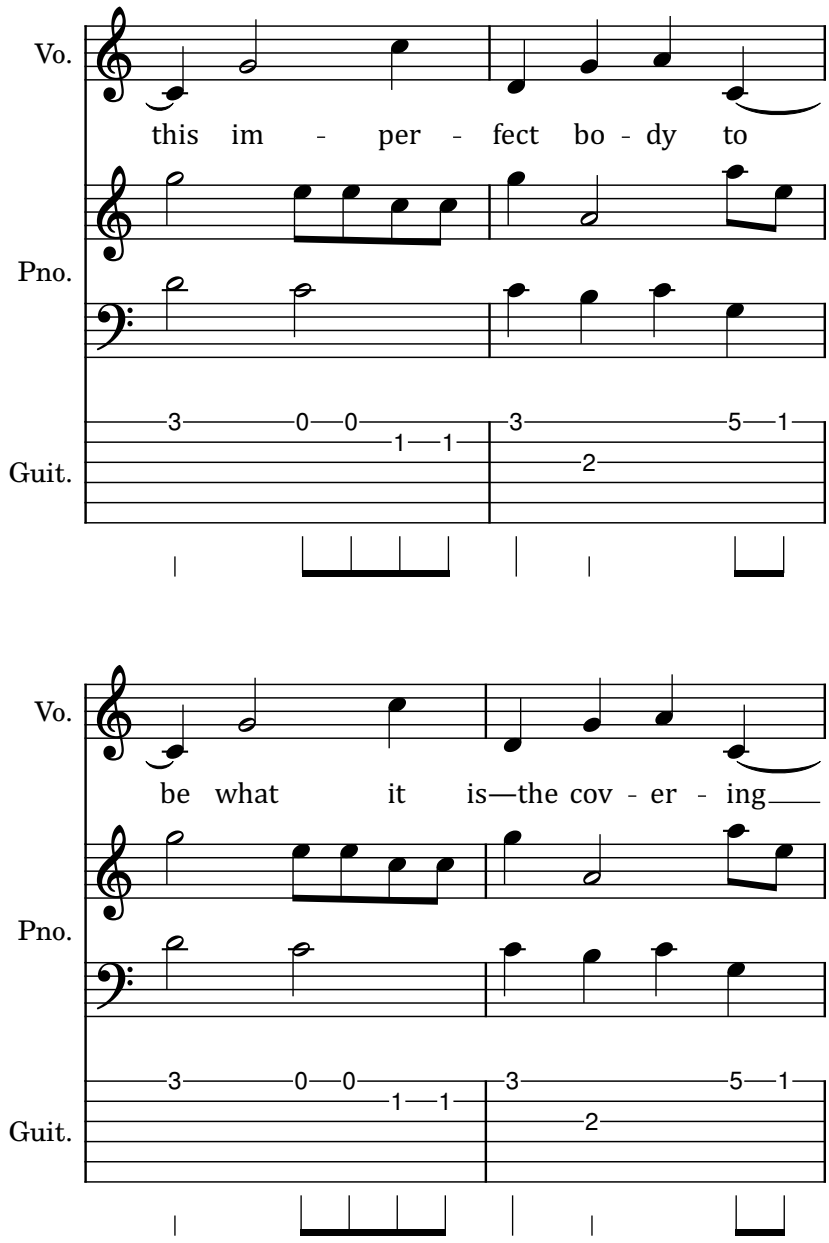

Vo.
I might nev - er choose
Pno.
Guit.
Vo.
For - giv - ing too
Pno.
Guit.

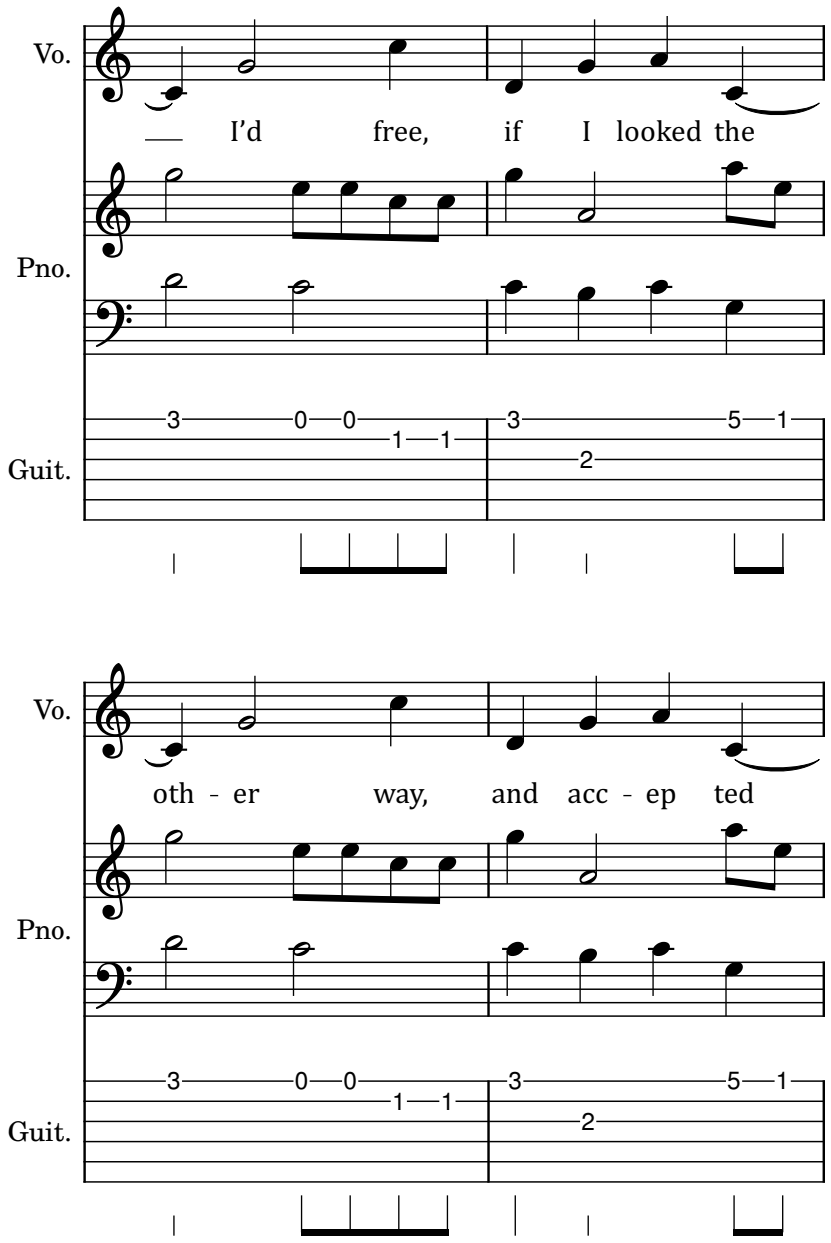

Vo.
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Guit.
much of his noth - ing - ness
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Vo.
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Guit.
, for - giv - ing too lit - tle
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2

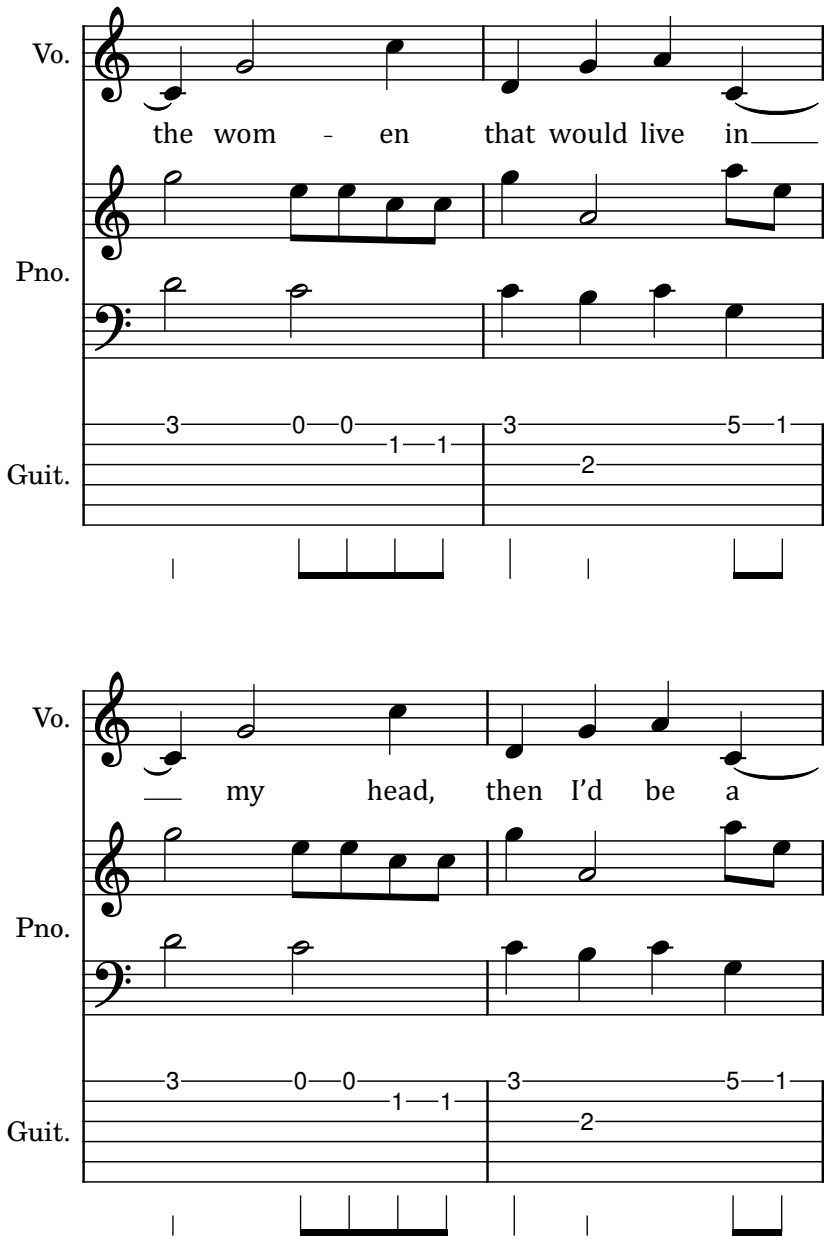

Vo.
of those I'd im - press with a
Pno.
Guit.
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Vo.
wave, now, of my ma - gic
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2

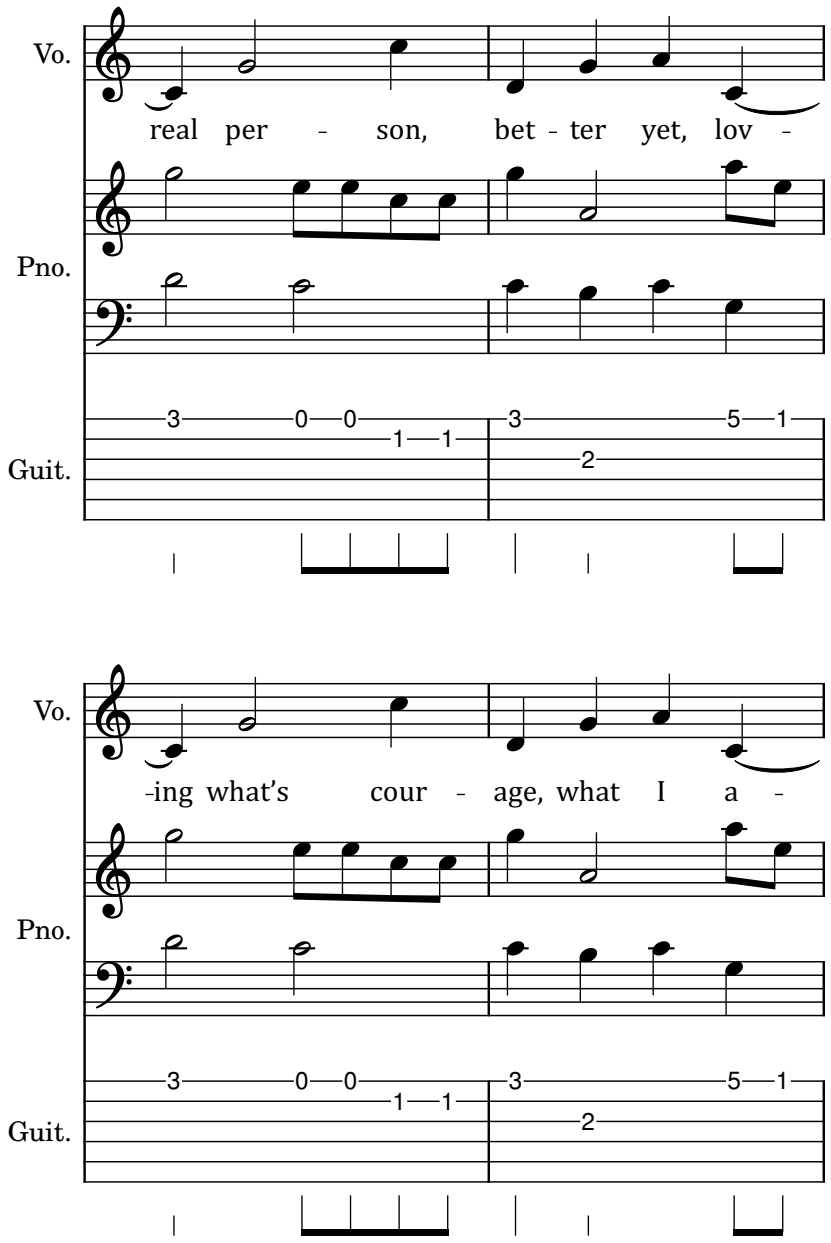
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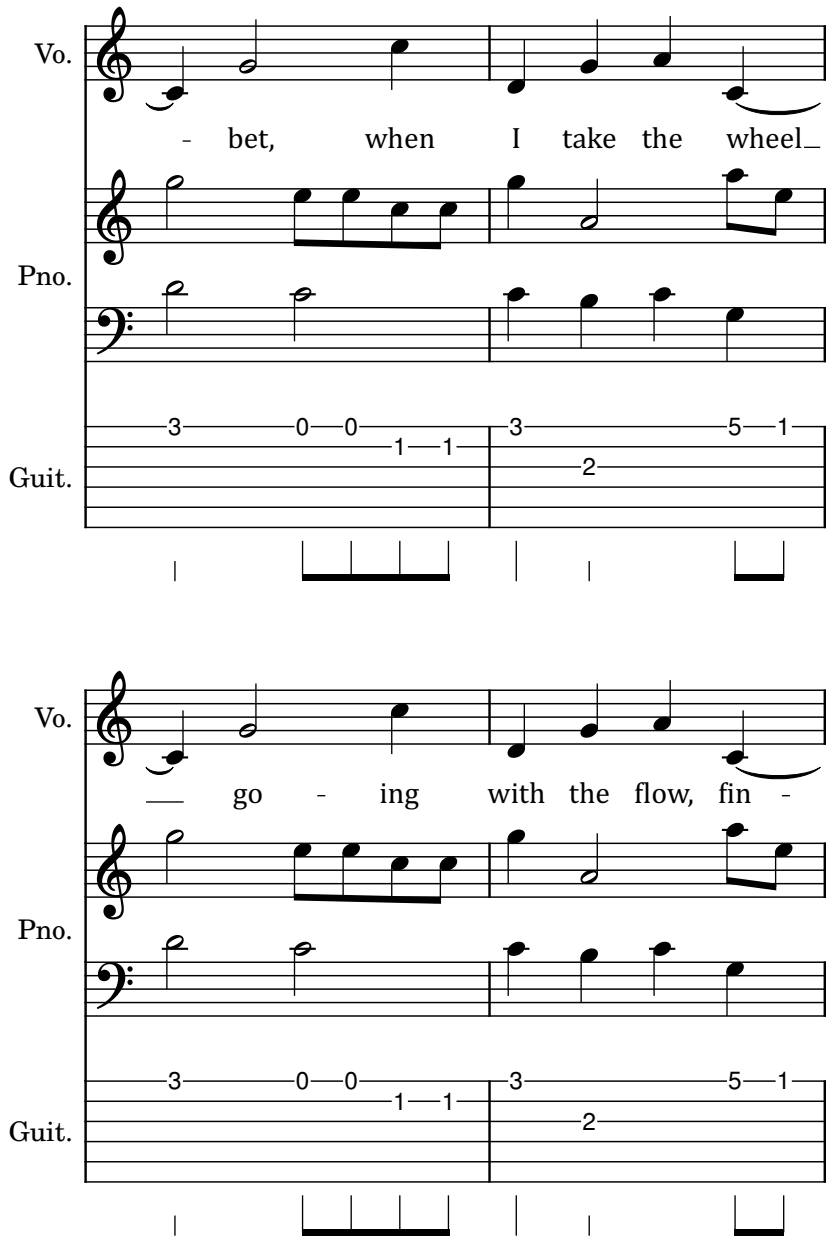

Vo.
wand, sure to leave my home, sure
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 2 5 1
Vo.
to ab - scond. If I al - low
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 2 5 1

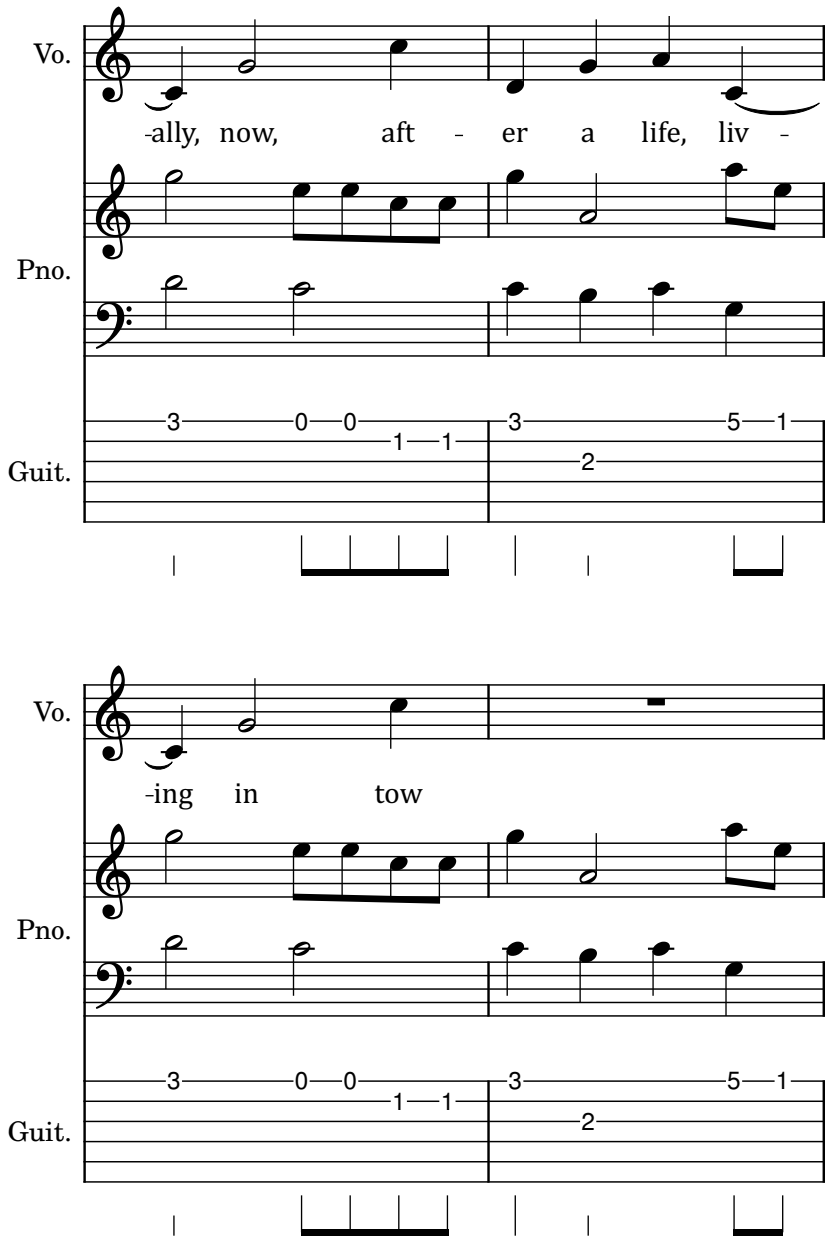

Vo.
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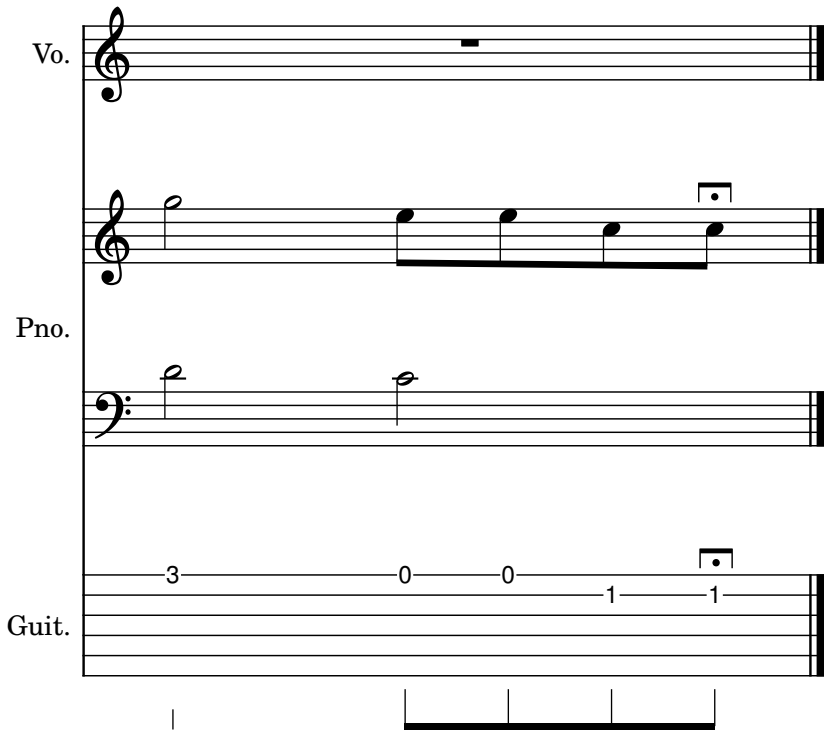

Vo.
I'd free, if I looked the
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
oth - er way, and acc - ep ted
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2


Vo.
the wom - en that would live in
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
my head, then I'd be a
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2


Vo.
real per - son, bet - ter yet, lov -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
-ing what's cour - age, what I a -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2


Vo.
- bet, when I take the wheel_
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
__ go - ing with the flow, fin -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2


Vo.
-ally, now, aft - er a life, liv -
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2
Vo.
-ing in tow
Pno.
Guit.
3 0 0 1 1 3 5 1 2


Vo.
Pno.
Guit.
3
0
0
1
1