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ANDANTE CON ESPRESSIONE.

Oh, I have had a dream, mother, So beau-tiful and strange;

Would I could sleep on, mother, And the dream nev-er change! What

hast thou dreamt, my dear one? Thy look is bright and wild; Thy

moth - er's ear is ready, To lis - ten to her child.

I

dreamt I lay a - sleep, mother, Be-neath an or-ange tree, When a

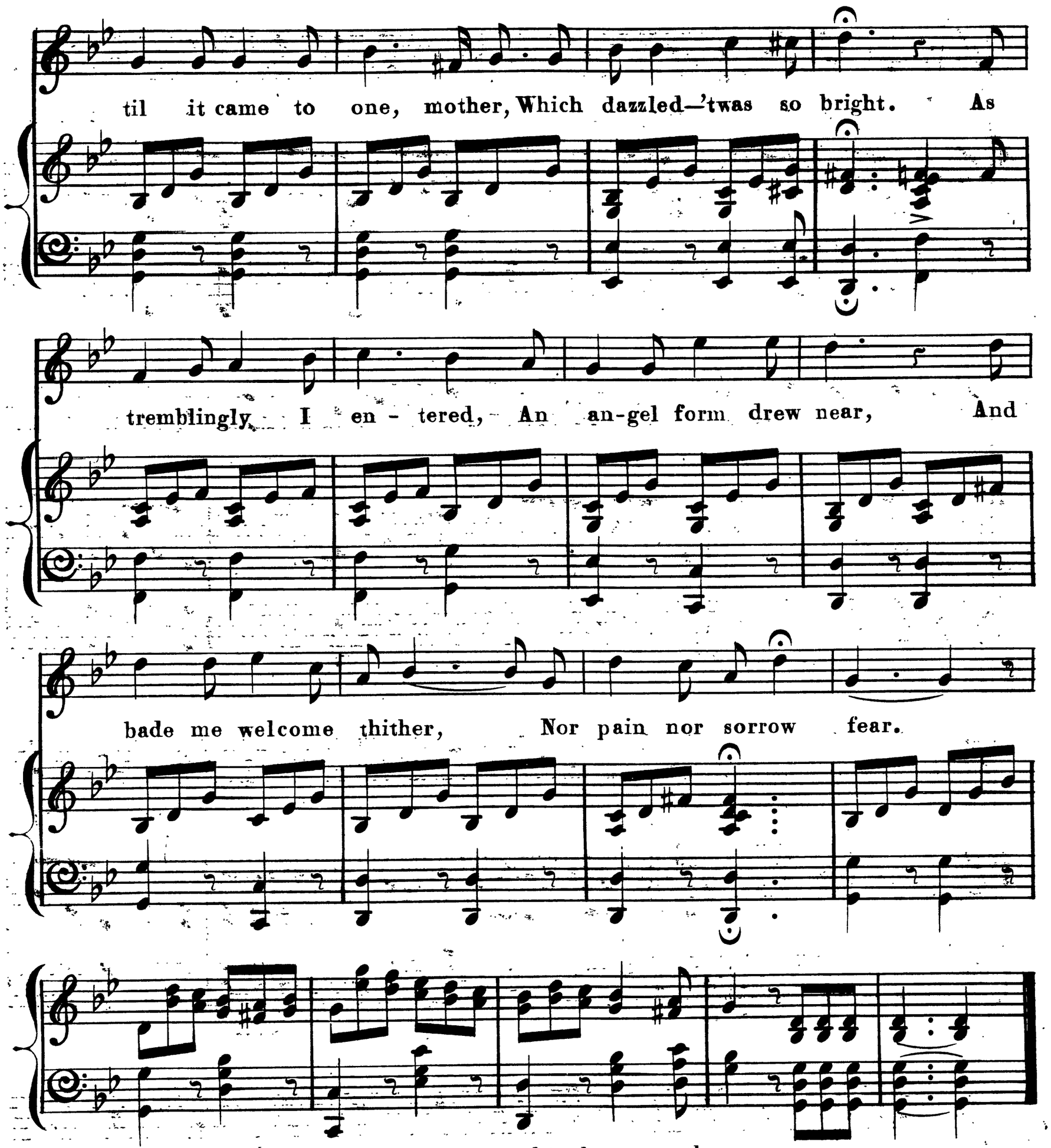
white bird came and sang, mother, So sweetly un - to me; Though it

woke me with its warbling, Its notes were soft and low, And it

bade me rise and follow, Wher-ev - er it might go.

It

led me on and on, mother, Through groves and realms of light, Un -



I knew not aught there, mother,
I only felt 'twas bliss,
And joined that white bird's song, mother,
O canst thou read me this?
Yes, dearest to thy mother,
Such happiness is given—
The Holy Spirit was that bird,
That grove of light was Heaven!