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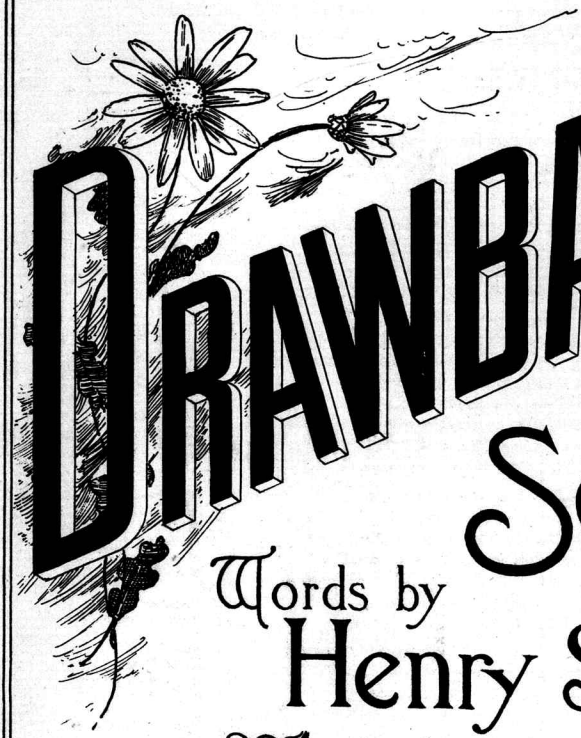

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If your locks were not so yellow,
  And your eyes not quite so blue,
I should feel a lucky fellow
  To be running after you.
Yes! your love would prove a blessing—
  Yet I strive not for the prize;
I prefer a girl possessing
  Jetty locks with jetty eyes.

If your mien were not so stately,
  Nor your shape so slimly tall,
'Twould increase my pleasure greatly
  Such a maiden mine to call.
But, if calmly I selected,
  I could wish my choice to be
Short and plump, and unaffected—
  And you're neither of the three.

[If your tastes were less romantic,
  And your silks less superfine,
You would drive me nearly frantic,
  I should vow my heart was thine!
But, as I am very needy,
  I should much prefer a maid
Who could mend my raiment seedy,
  And would wear less choice brocade.]

If your views were less erratic
  On the theme of woman's wrongs;
If your talk were less dogmatic,
  And you liked my comic songs;
If, in short, I found you only
  The reverse of what you are,
You should share my cottage lonely,
  As my own, my guiding star.

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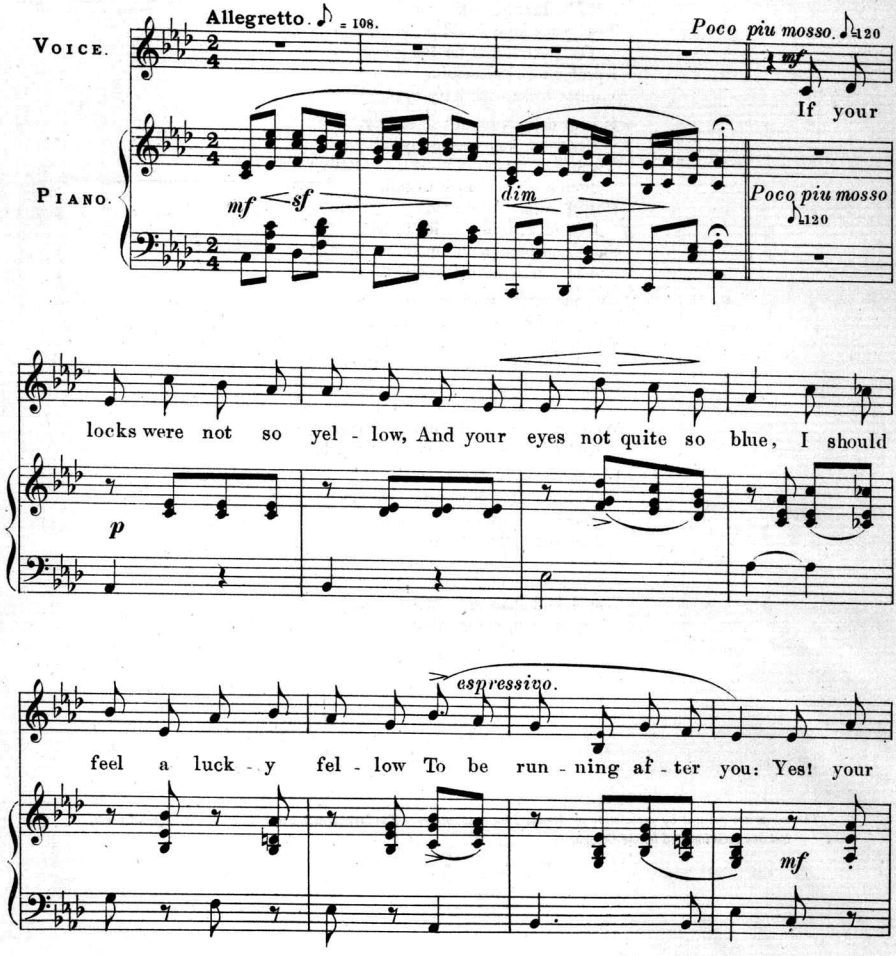

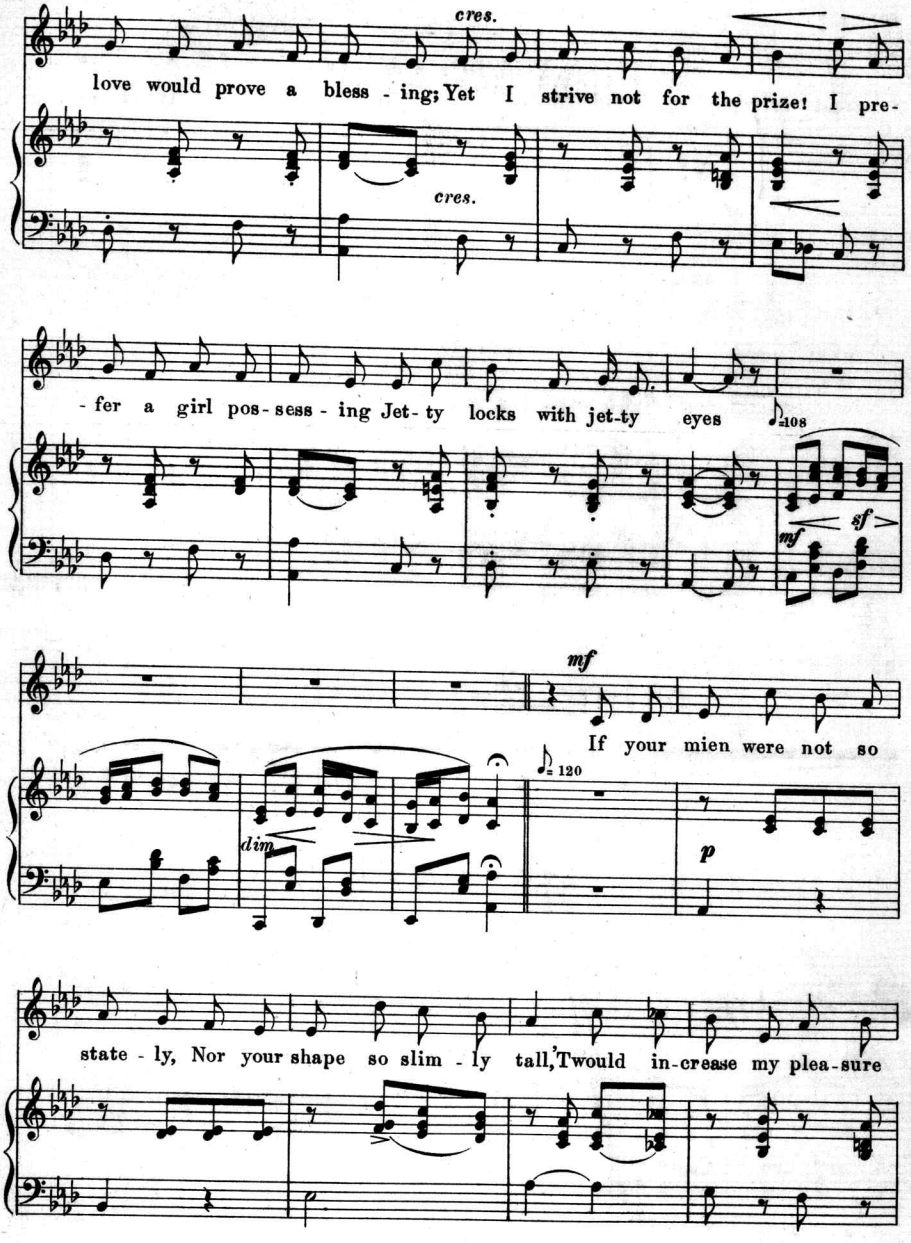
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love would prove a bless - ing; Yet I strive not for the prize! I pre-
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- fer a girl pos - sess - ing Jet - ty locks with jet-ty eyes
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If your mien were not so
dim
♪= 120
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state - ly, Nor your shape so slim - ly tall, 'Twould in-crease my plea-sure

great - ly Such a maid - en mine to call. But, if calm ly I se-

sf

cres. *sf* *poco ad lib.*

- lect - ed, I could wish my choice to be Short, and plump, and un - af -

cres. *colla voce.*

- fect - ed, And you're nei - ther of the three! ♪=108

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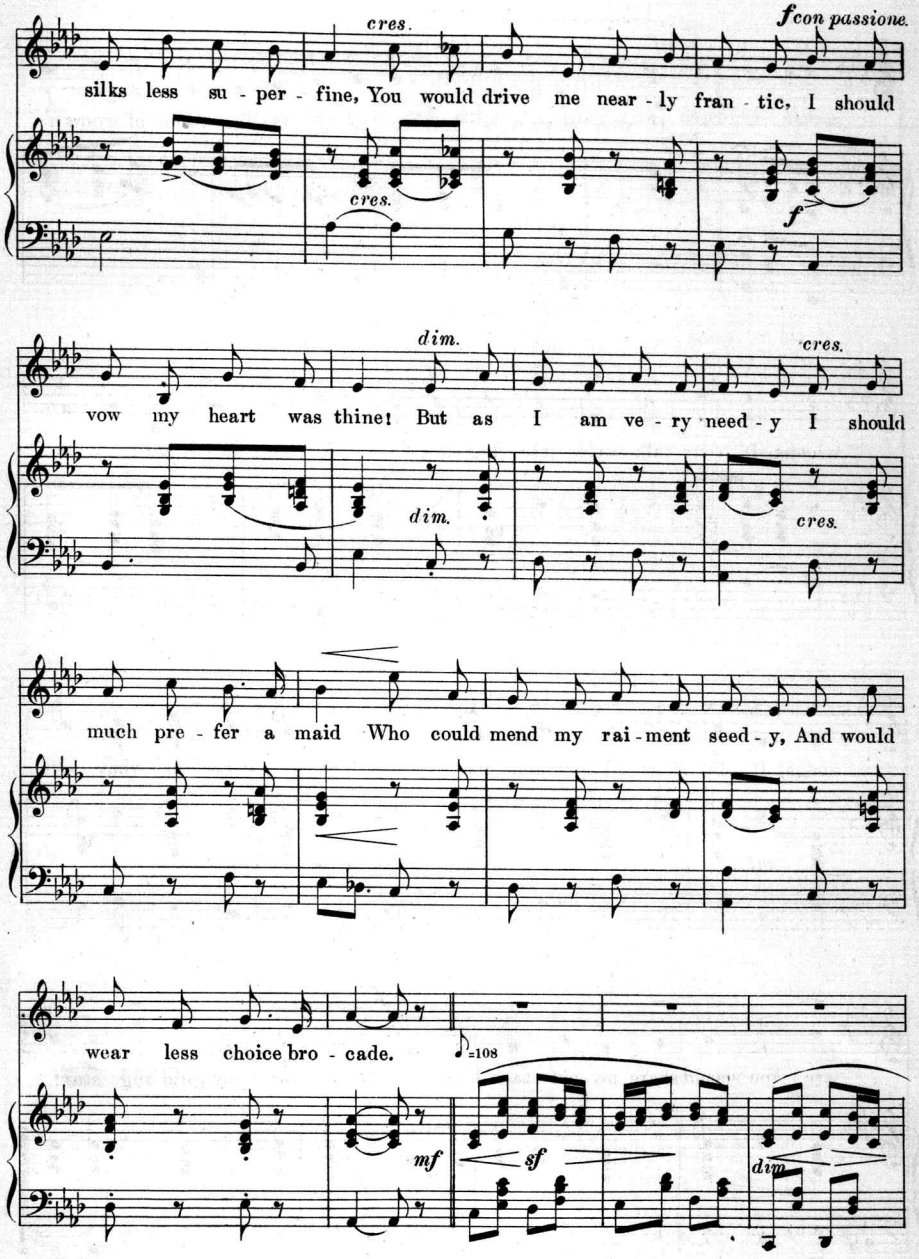
If your tastes were less ro - man - tic, And your

♪=120

dim. *p*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f con passione.
silks less su - per - fine, You would drive me near - ly fran - tic, I should
cres.
f
dim.
cres.
vow my heart was thine! But as I am ve - ry need - y I should
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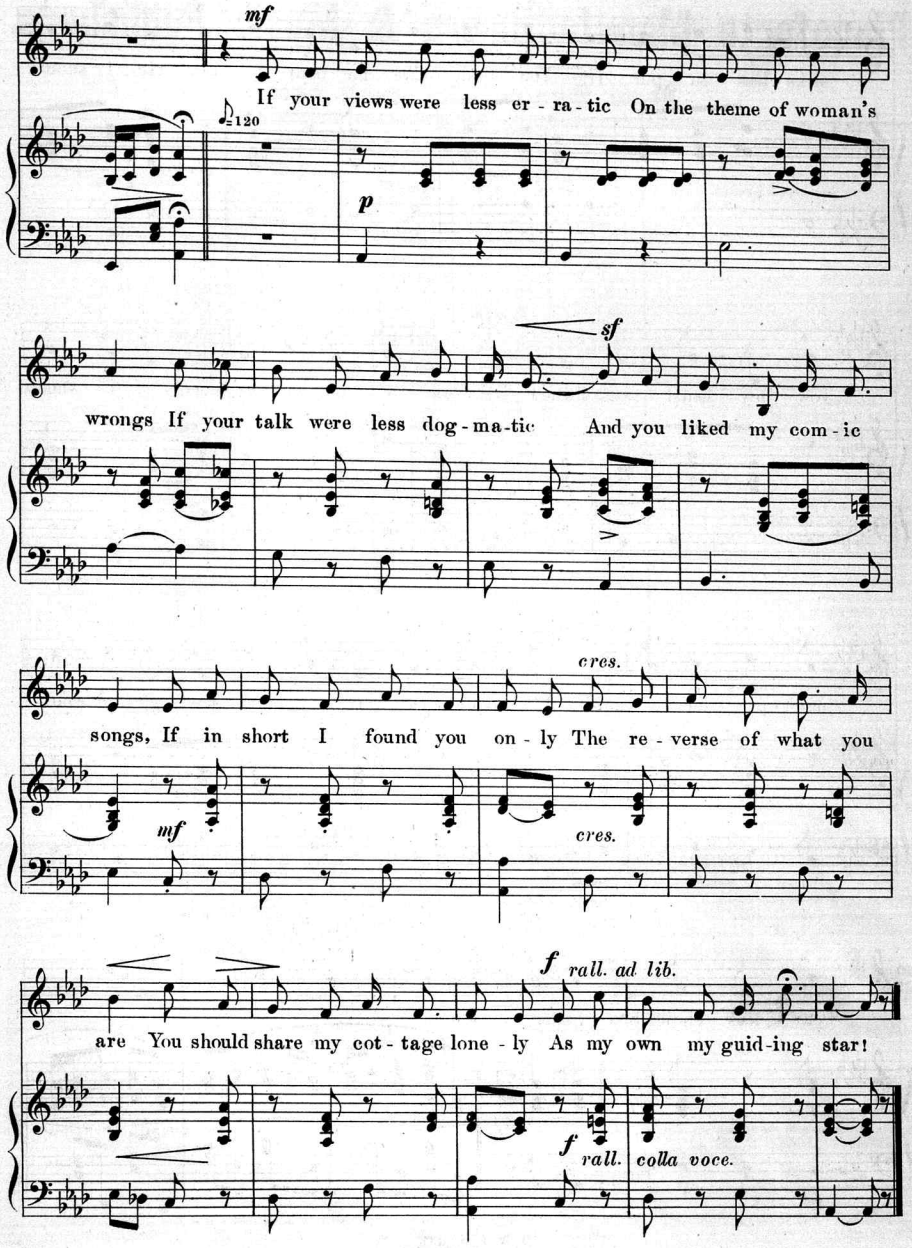
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cres.
songs, If in short I found you on - ly The re - verse of what you
mf
cres.
f rall. ad lib.
are You should share my cot - tage lone - ly As my own my guid - ing star!
f rall. colla voce.

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