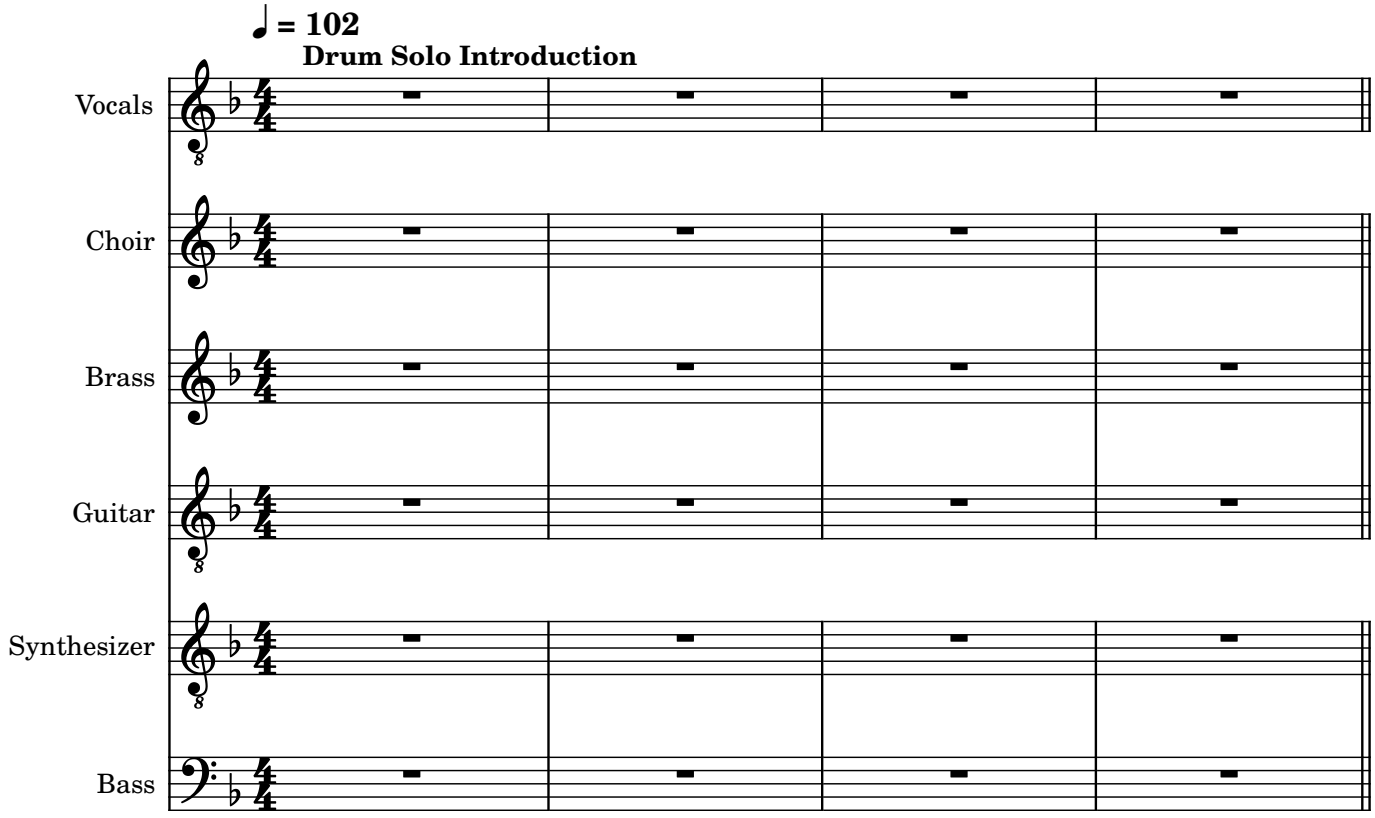
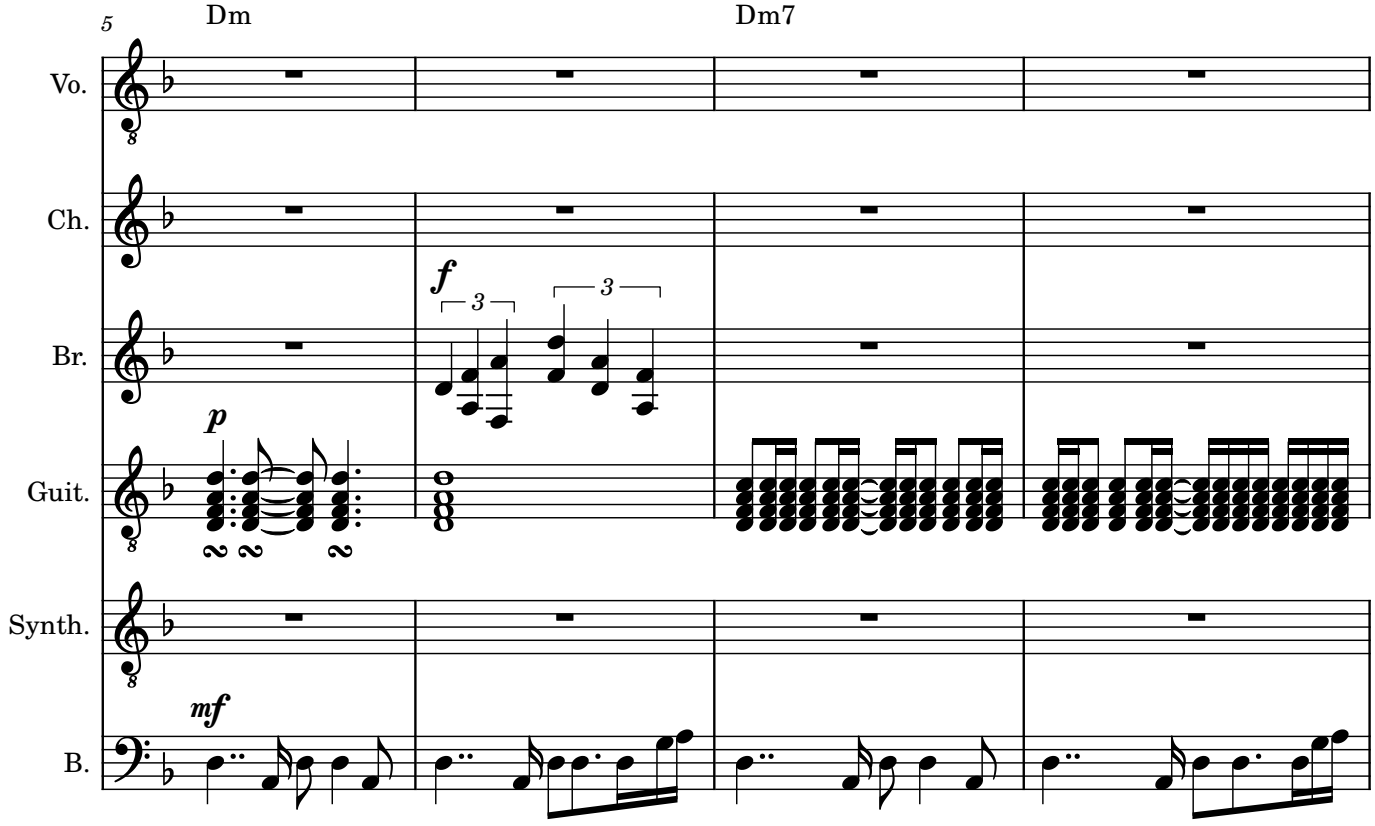
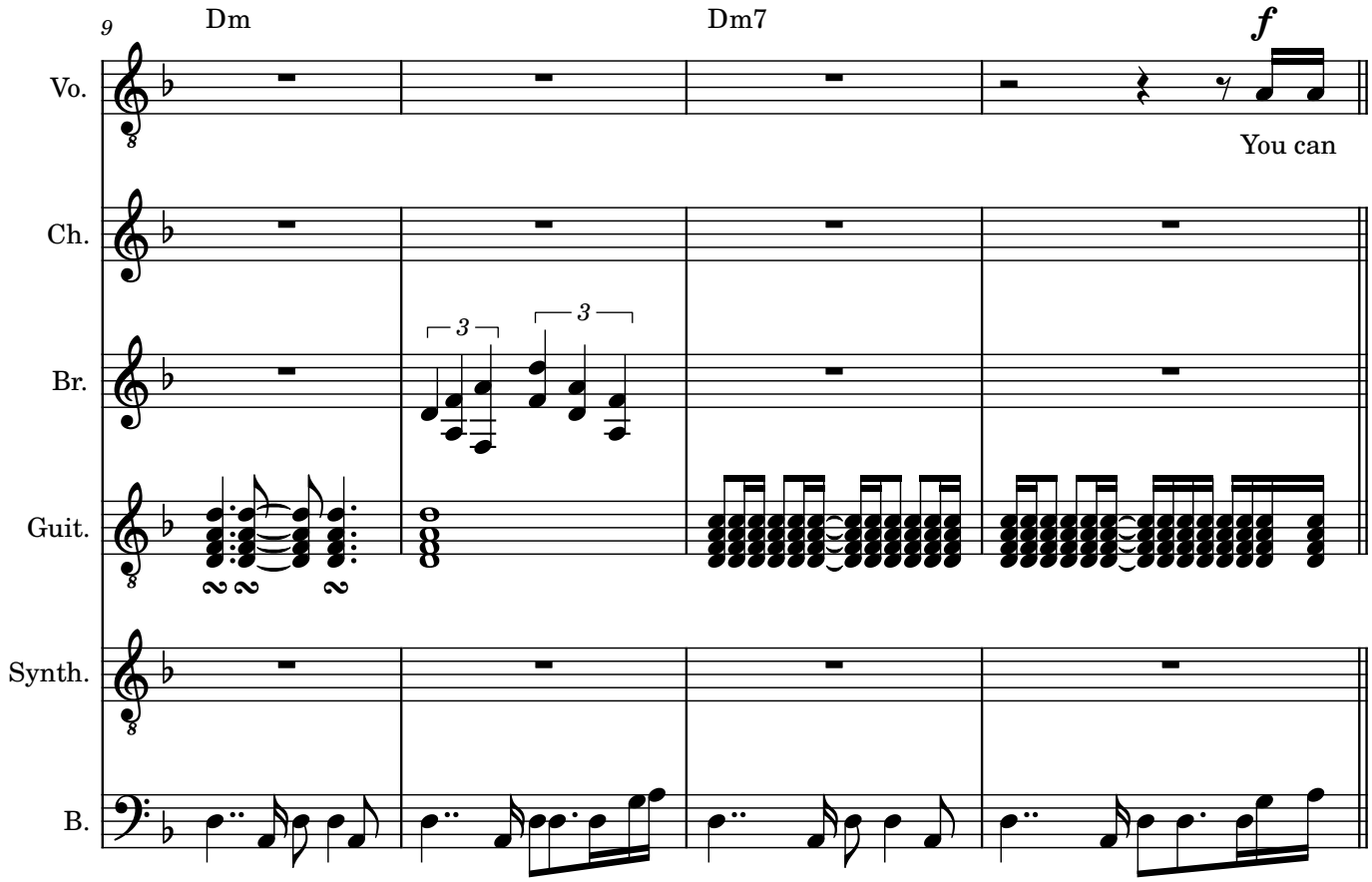
Paul Robeson (Born to Be Free)

Black 47 (Larry Kirwan)



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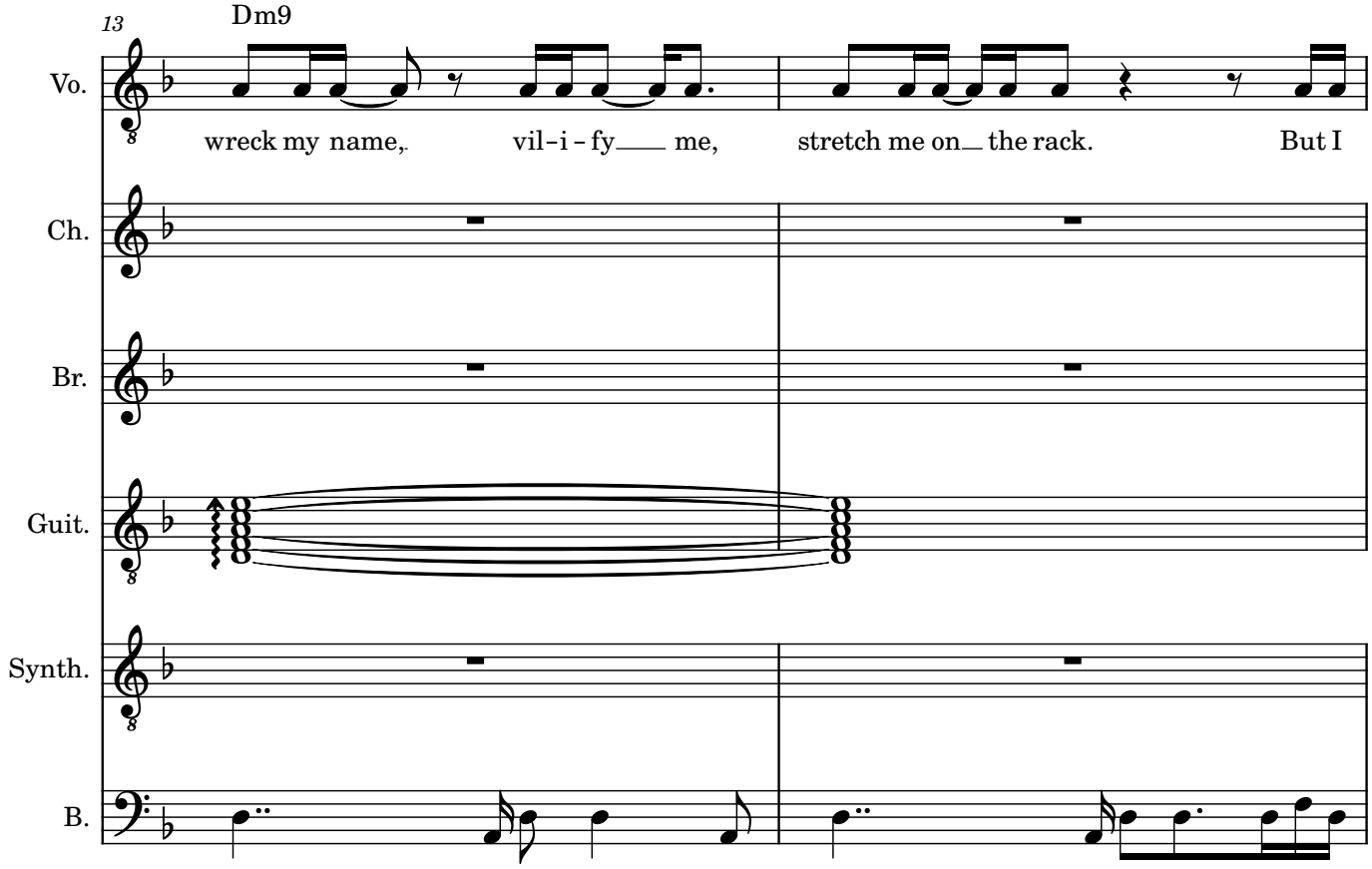
Dm
Dm7
f
Vo.
You can
Ch.
Br.
3
3
Guit.
Synth.
B.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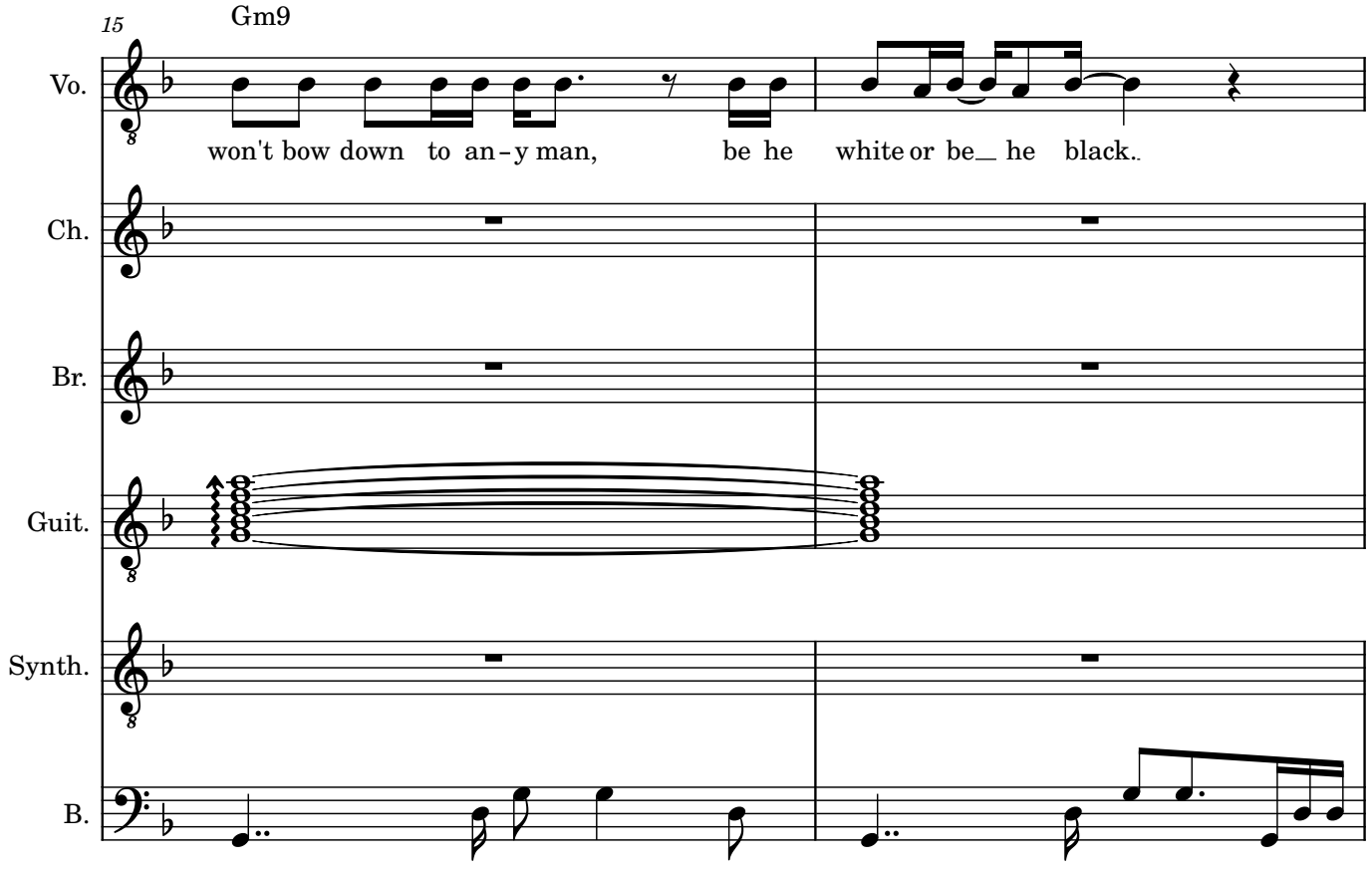
Vo.
wreck my name, vil-i-fy me, stretch me on the rack. But I
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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Vo.
won't bow down to an-y man, be he white or be_ he black..
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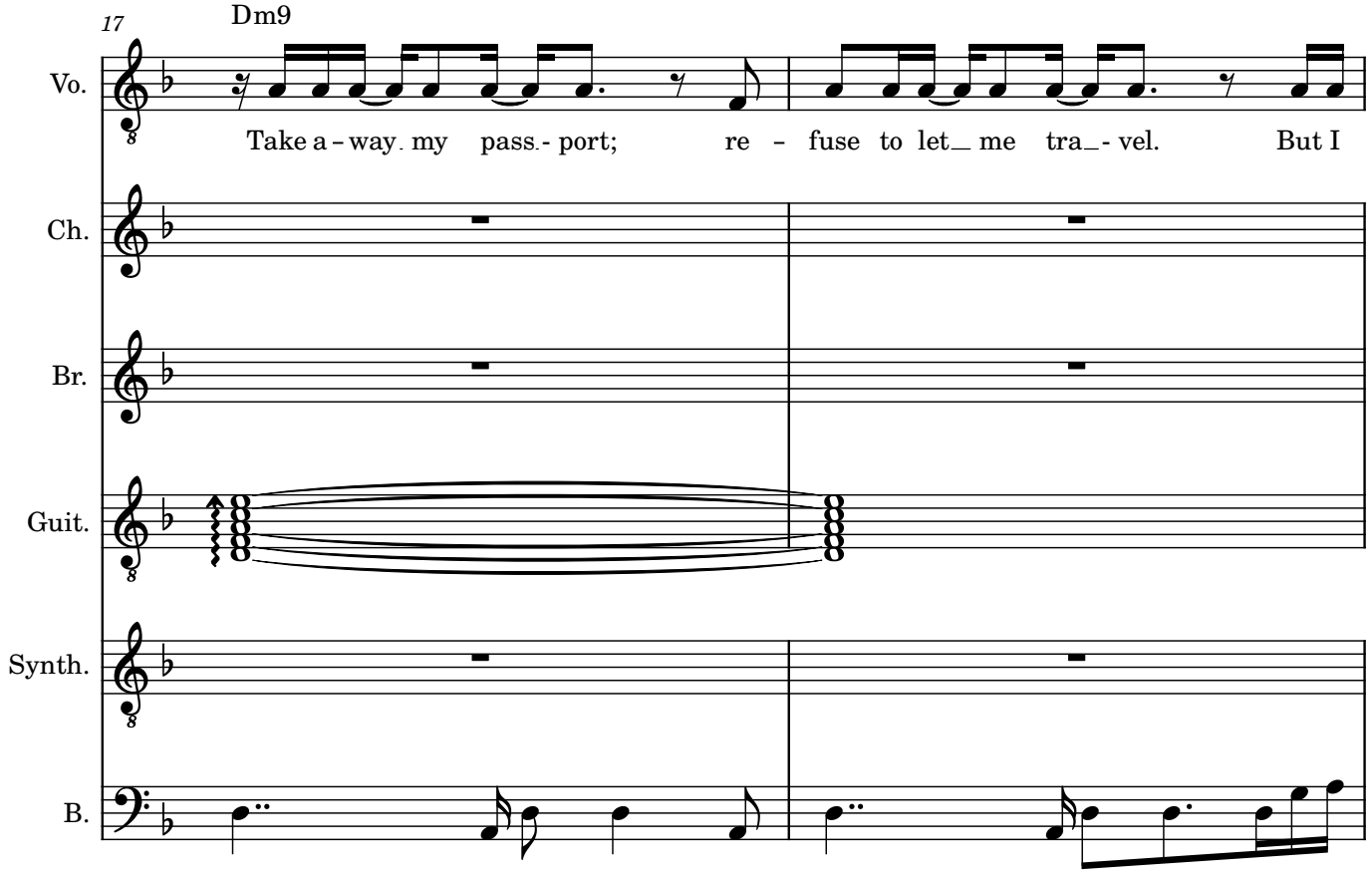
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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Take a-way. my pass.- port; re - fuse to let_ me tra_- vel. But I
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Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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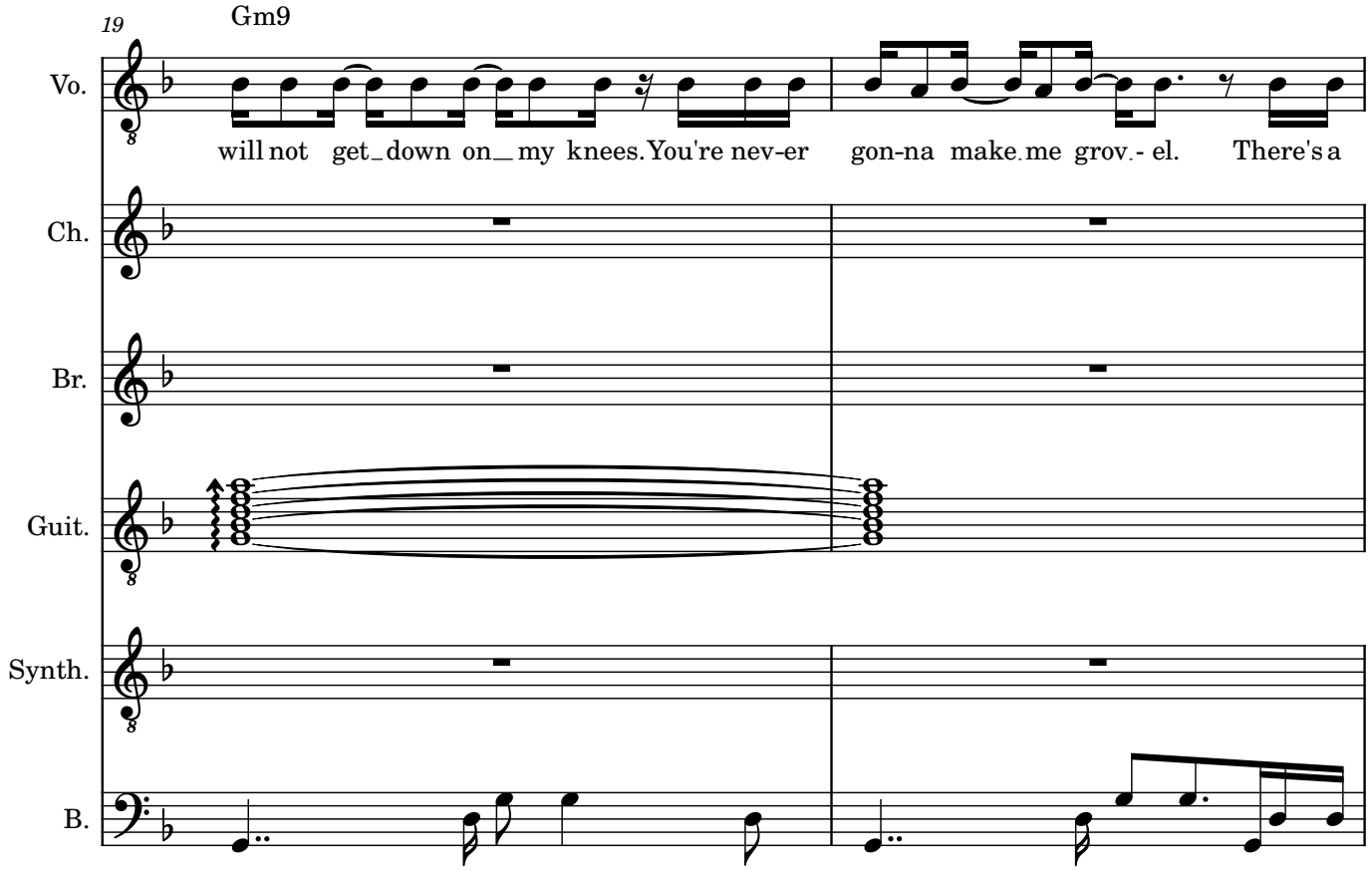
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Vo.
will not get_down on__ my knees. You're nev-er gon-na make_me grov_- el. There's a
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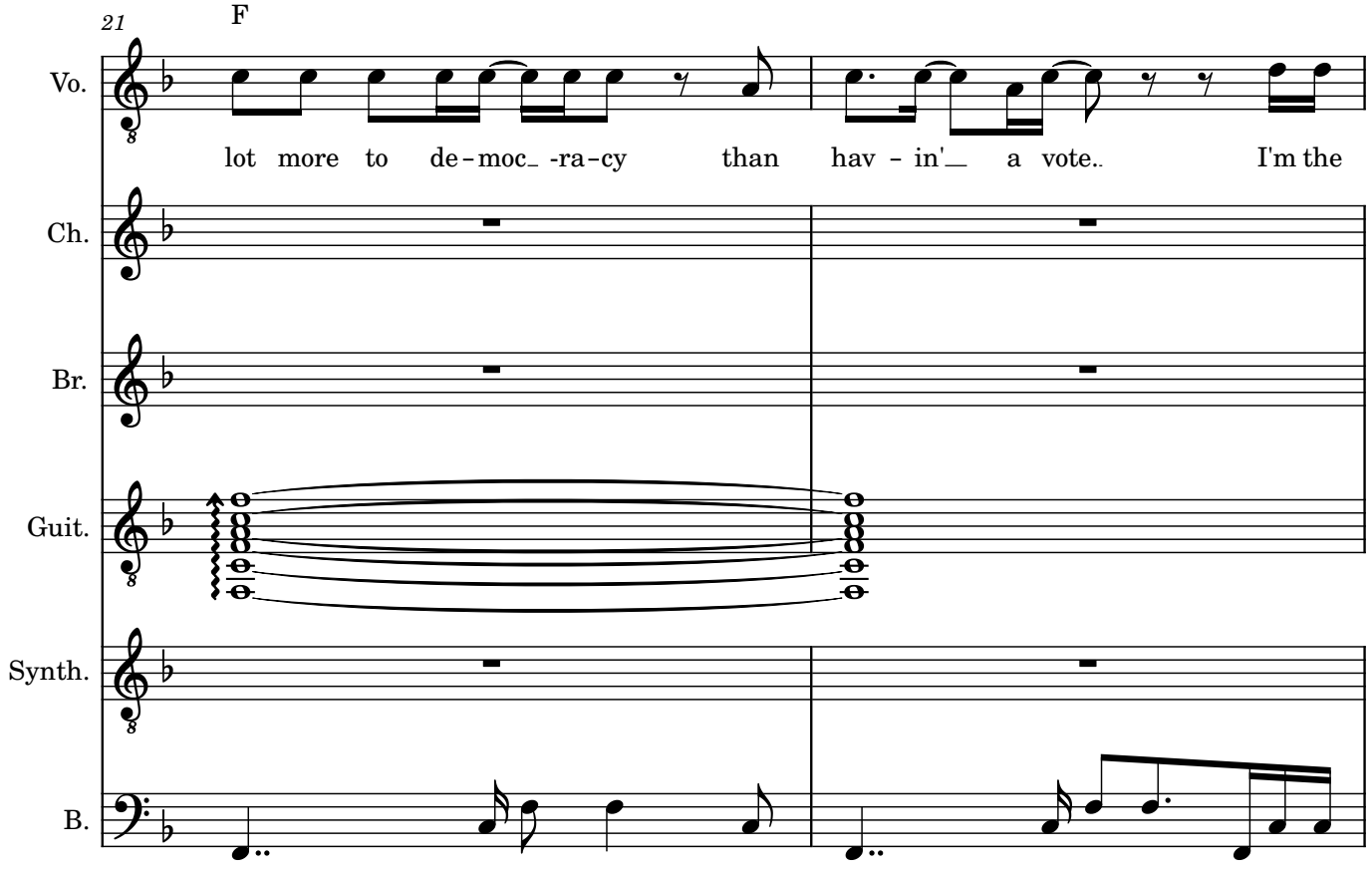
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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lot more to de-moc_ -ra-cy than hav - in'__ a vote.. I'm the
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Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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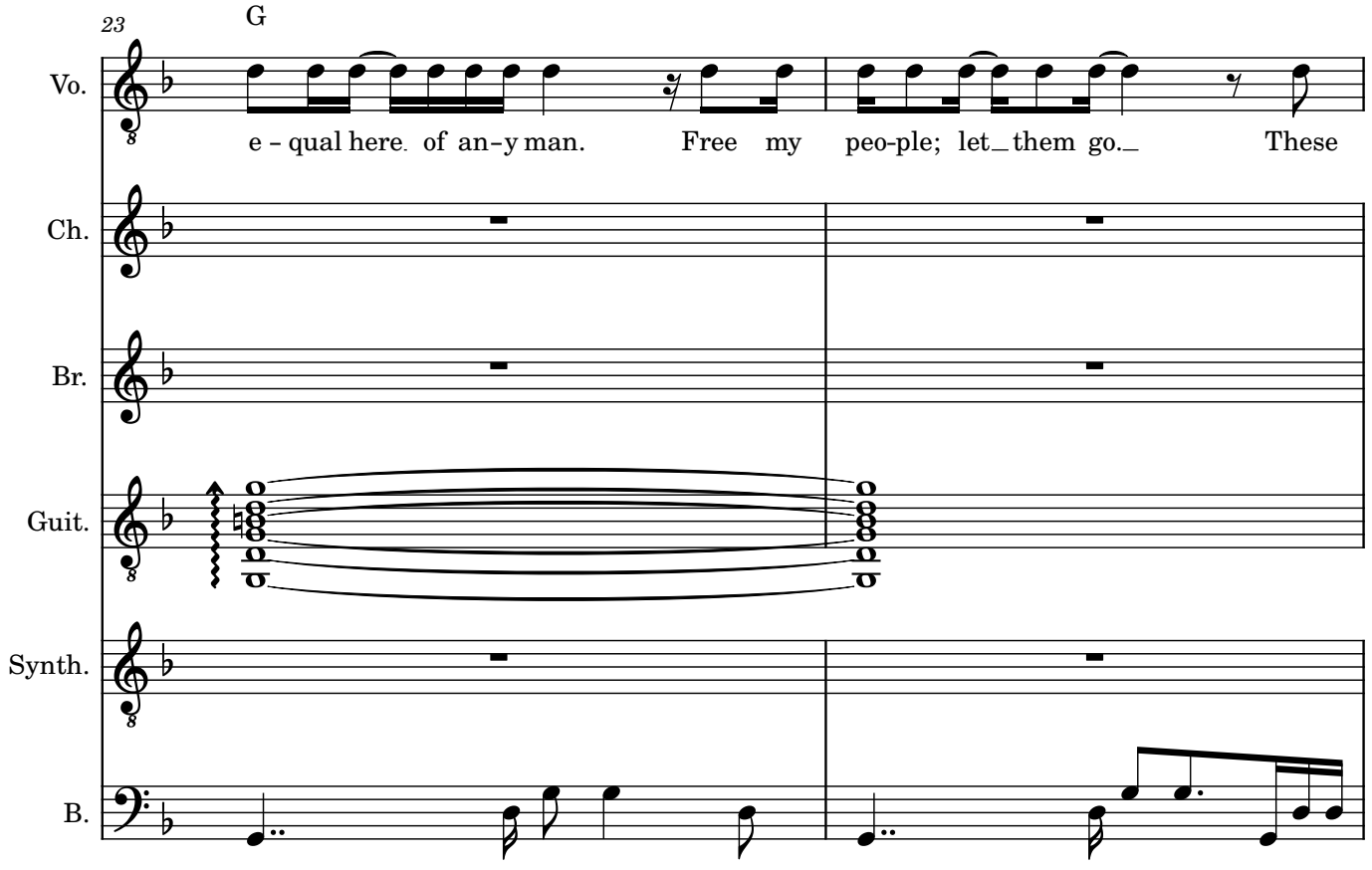
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Vo.
e - qual here. of an-y man. Free my peo-ple; let_ them go._ These
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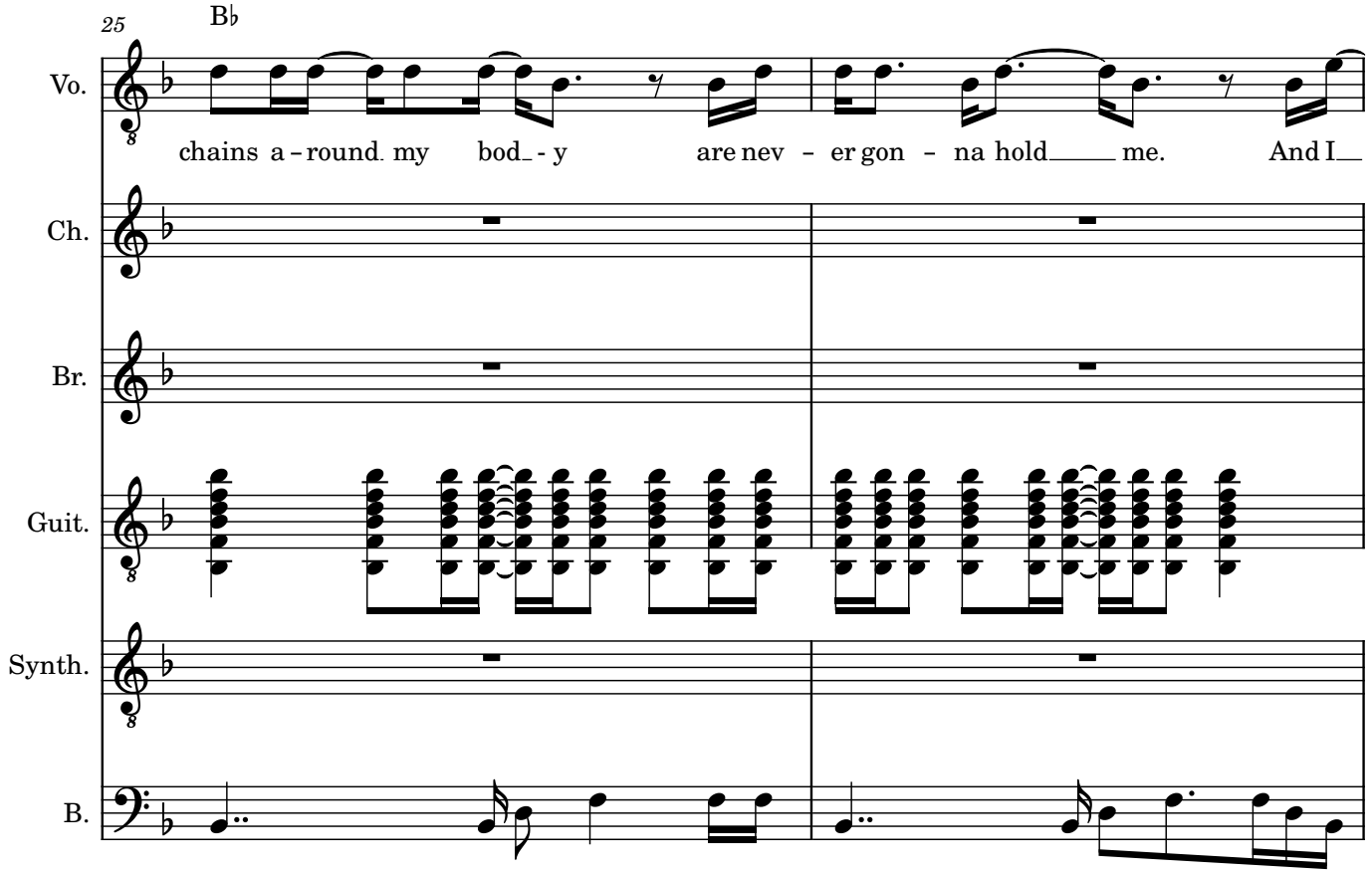
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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Vo.
chains a - round. my bod_ - y are nev - er gon - na hold____ me. And I__
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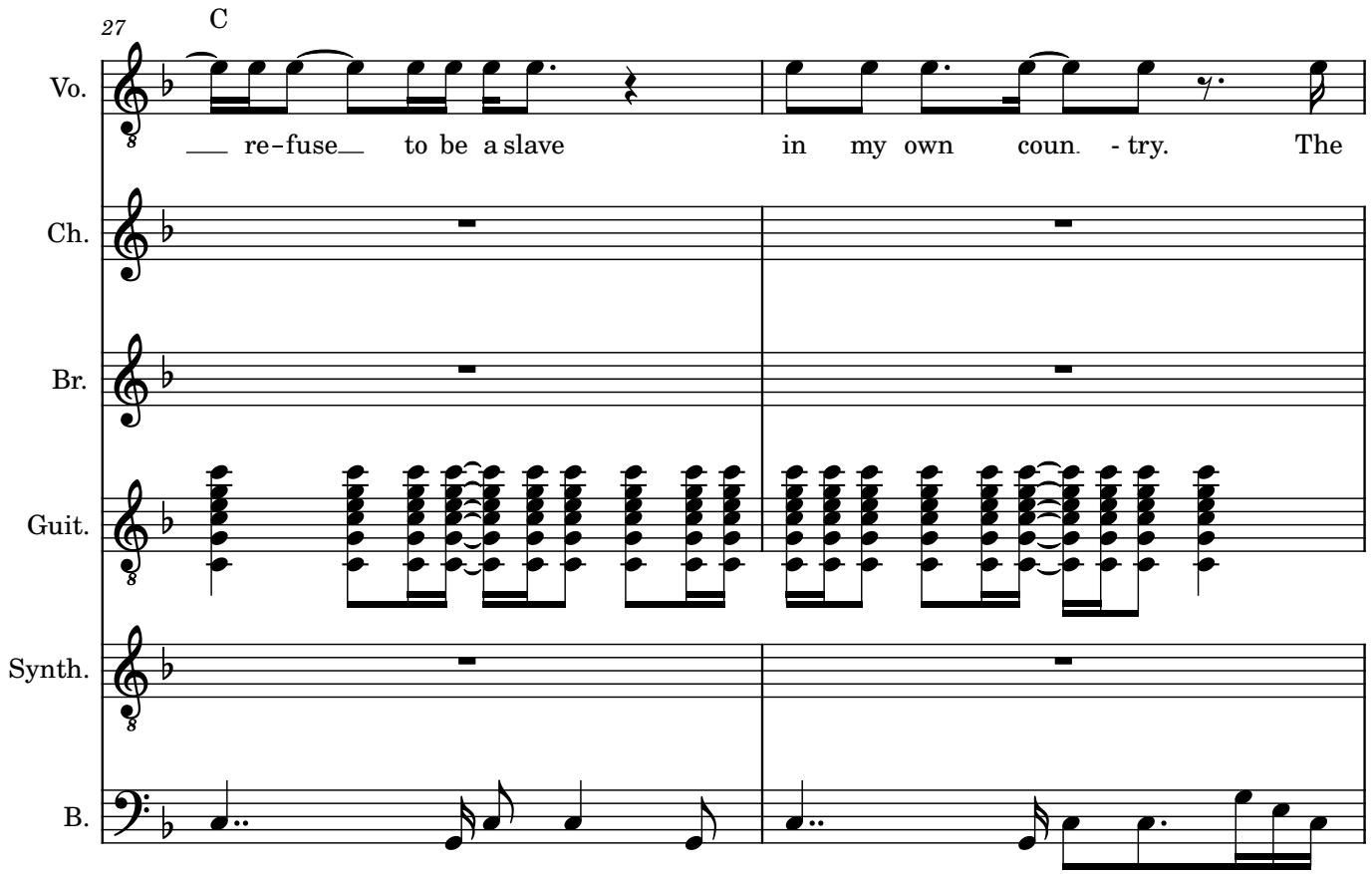
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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Vo.
re-fuse to be a slave in my own coun - try. The
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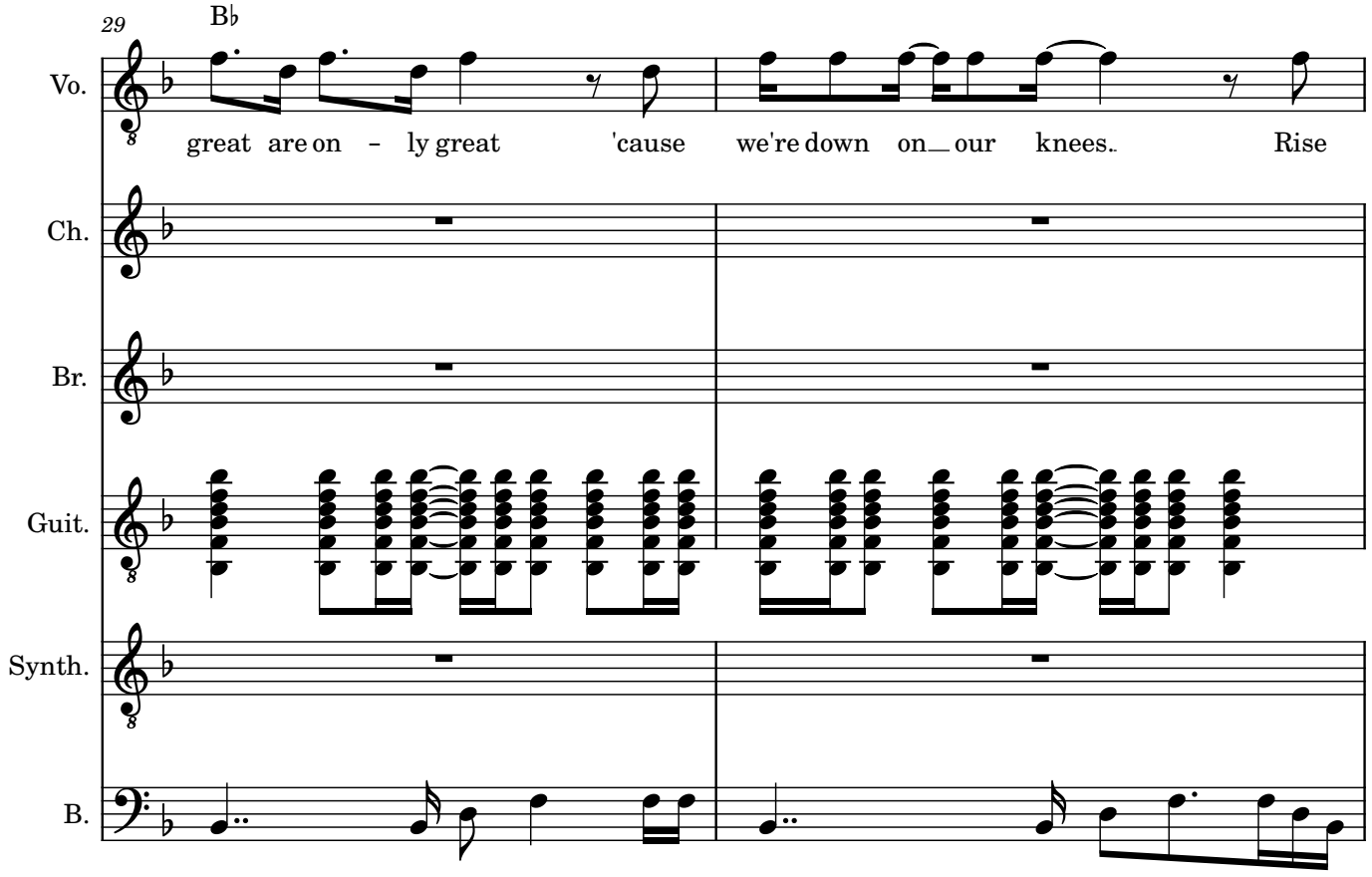
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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Vo.
great are on - ly great 'cause we're down on our knees. Rise
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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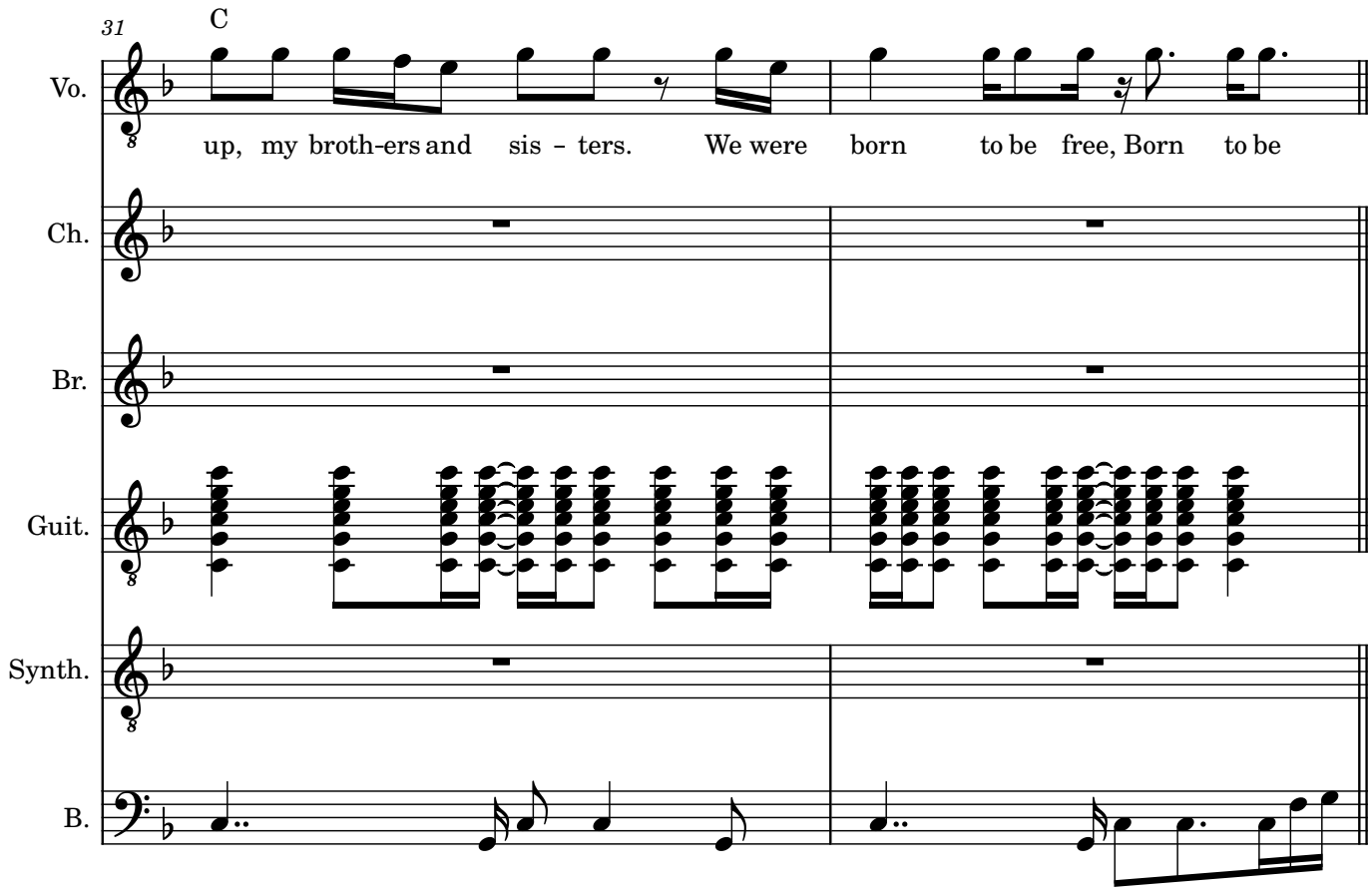
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Vo.
up, my broth-ers and sis - ters. We were born to be free, Born to be
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Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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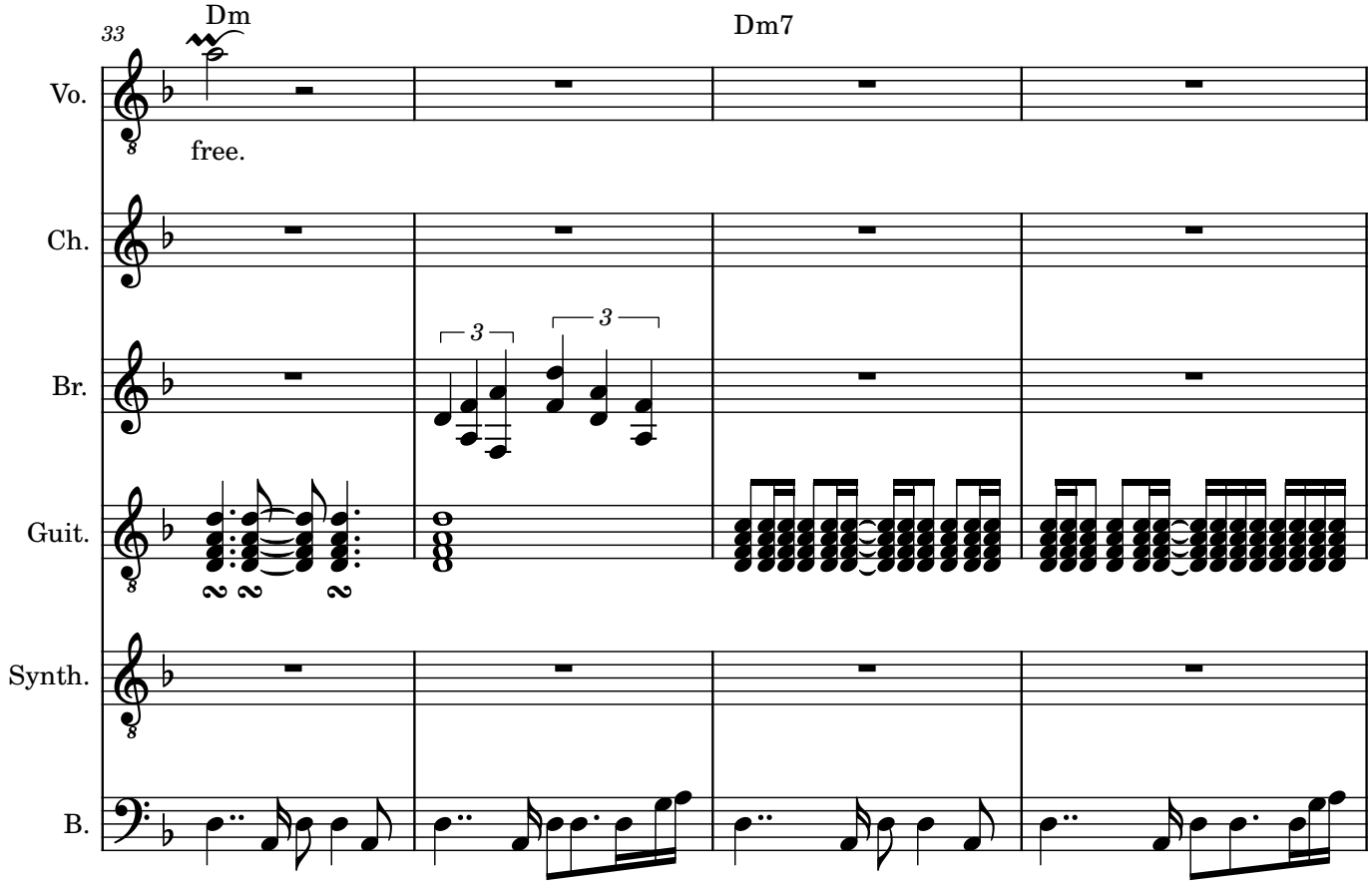
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free.
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Guit.
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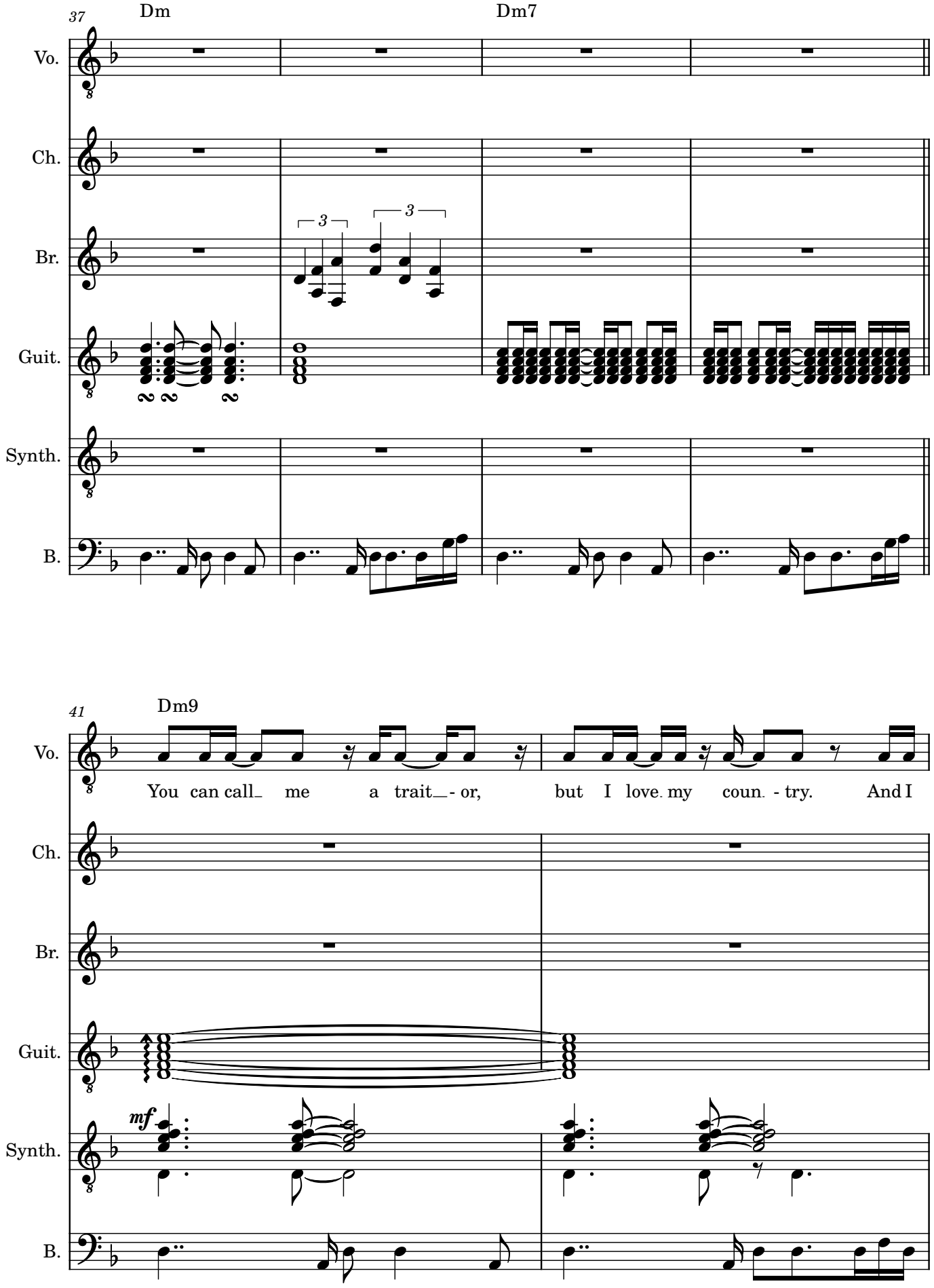
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Dm7
Vo.
Ch.
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B.
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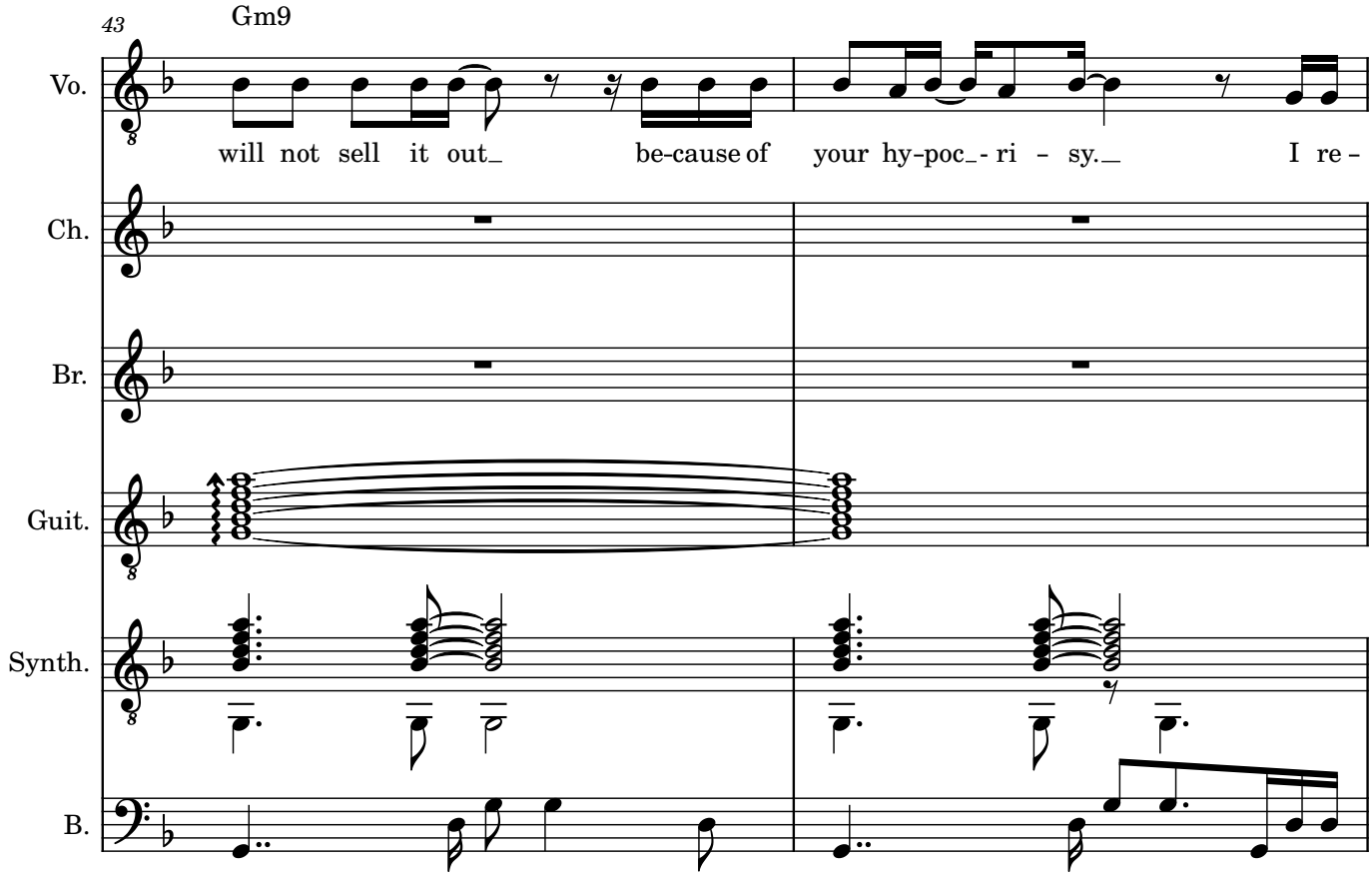
41
Dm9
You can call_ me a trait__- or, but I love my coun. - try. And I
mf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Vo.
will not sell it out_ be-cause of your hy-poc_- ri - sy._ I re -
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Br.
Guit.
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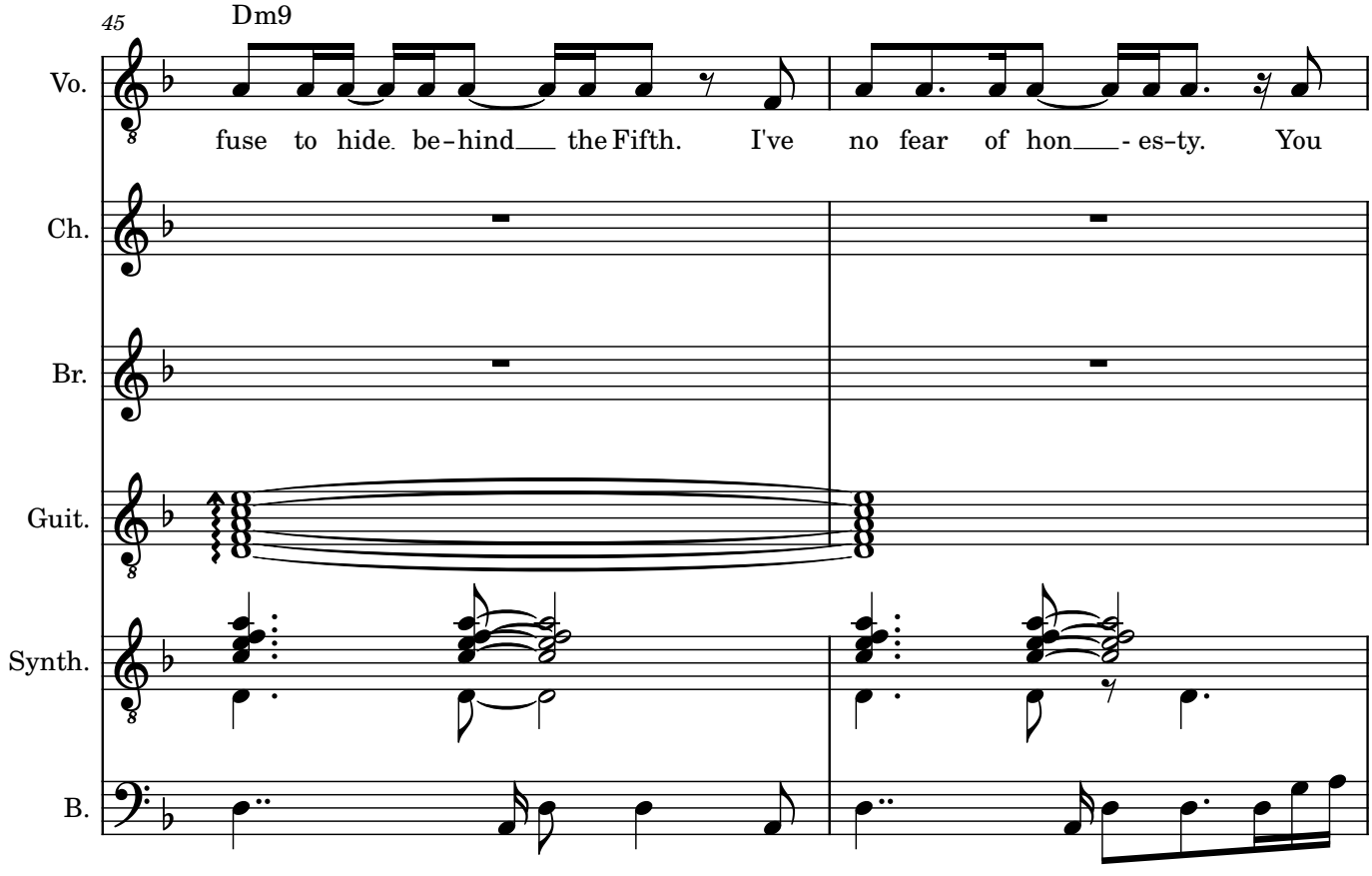
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Vo.
fuse to hide. be-hind___ the Fifth. I've no fear of hon___- es-ty. You
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Br.
Guit.
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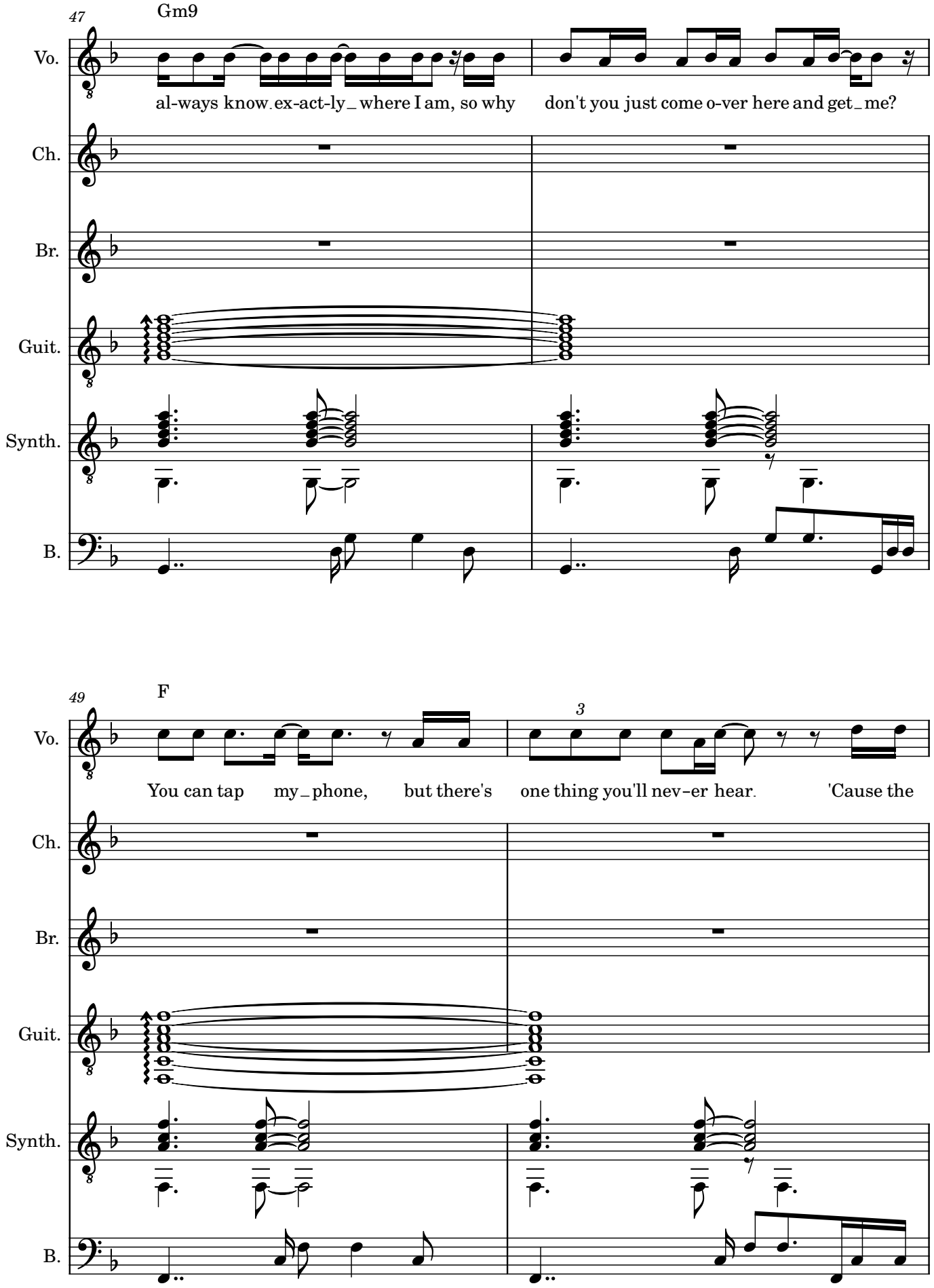
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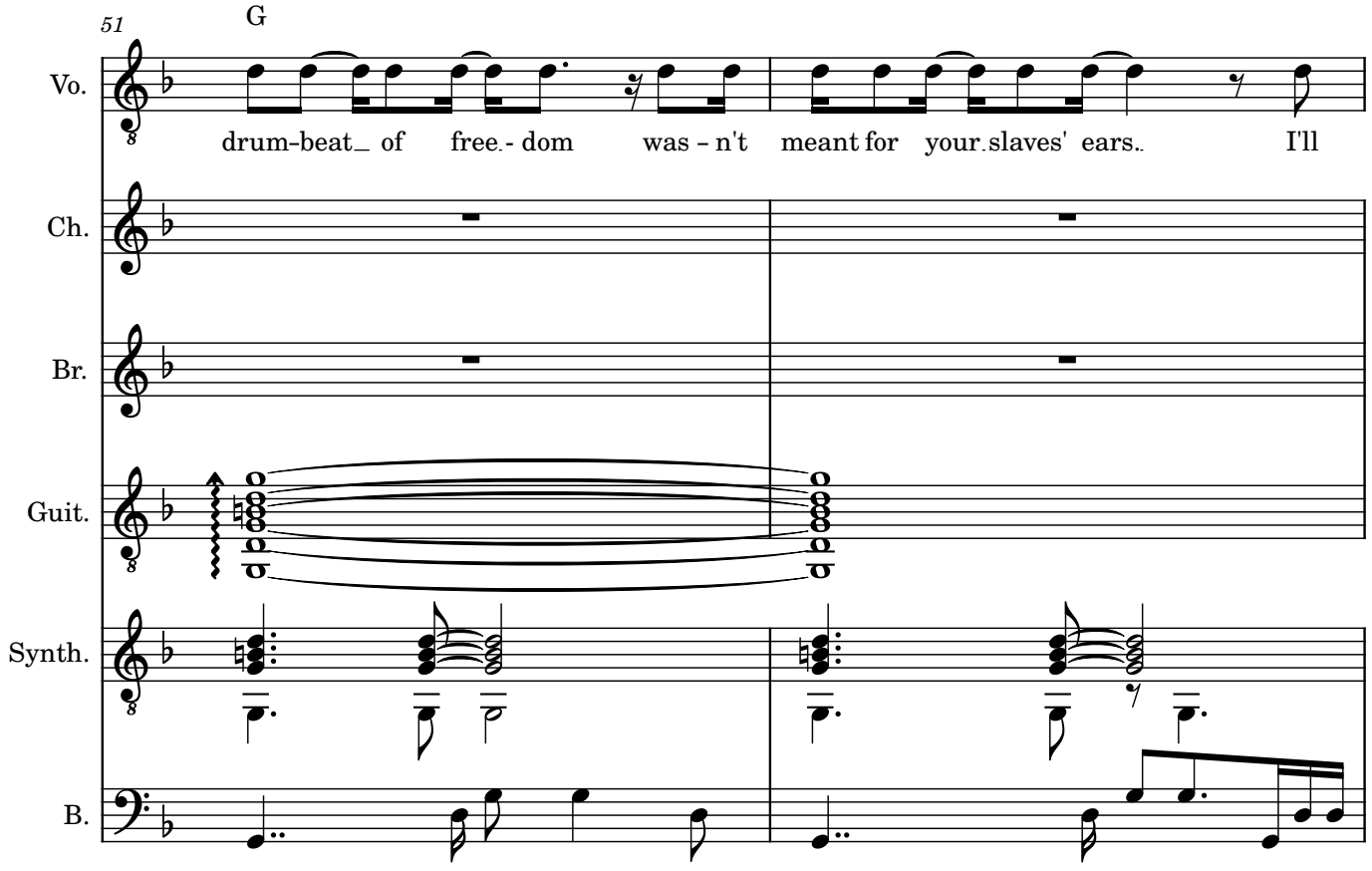
Gm9
Vo.
al-ways know ex-act-ly_ where I am, so why don't you just come o-ver here and get_ me?
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.
49
F
3
You can tap my_ phone, but there's one thing you'll nev-er hear. 'Cause the
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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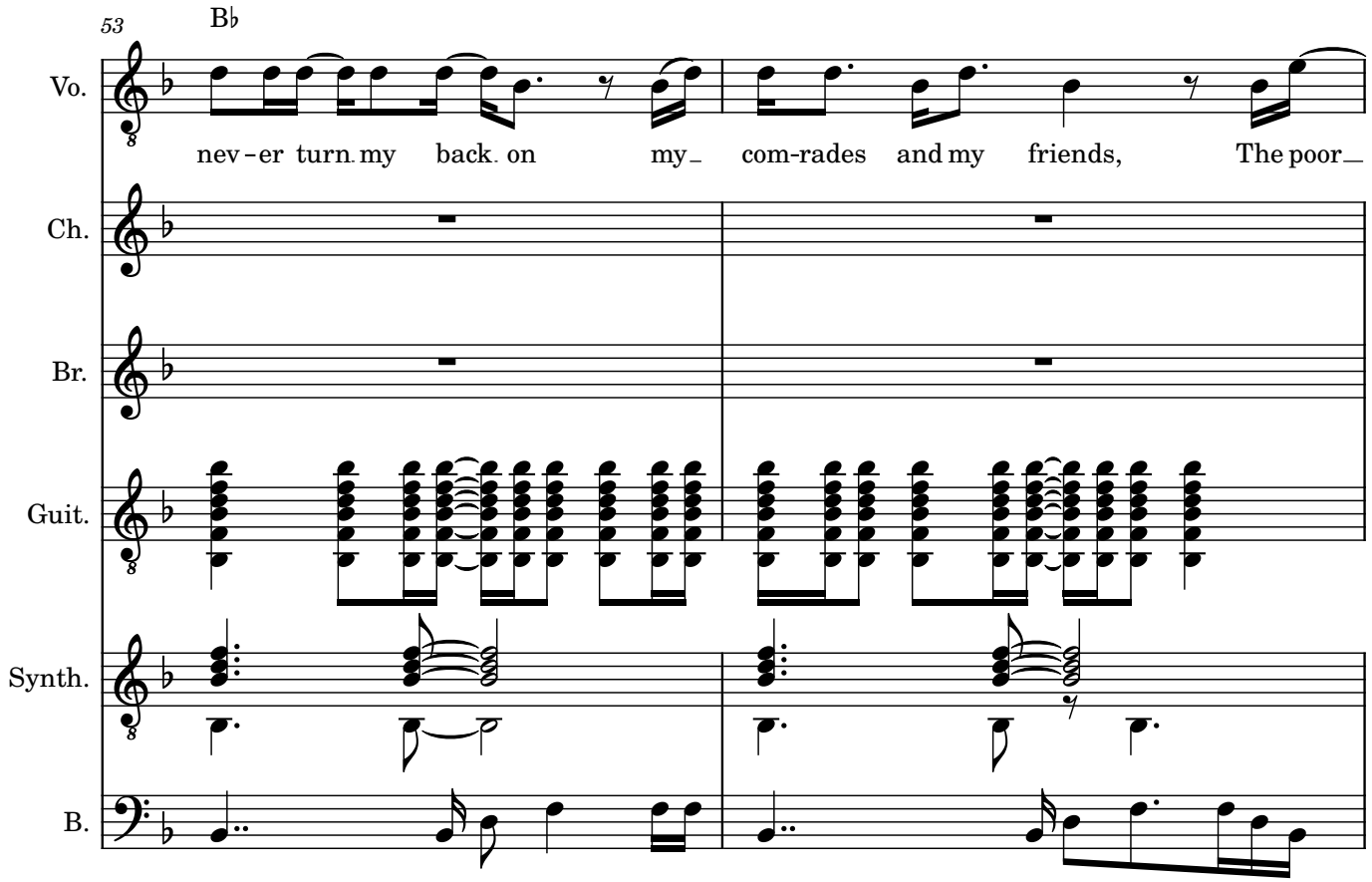
Vo.
drum-beat_ of free.- dom was – n't meant for your slaves' ears.. I'll
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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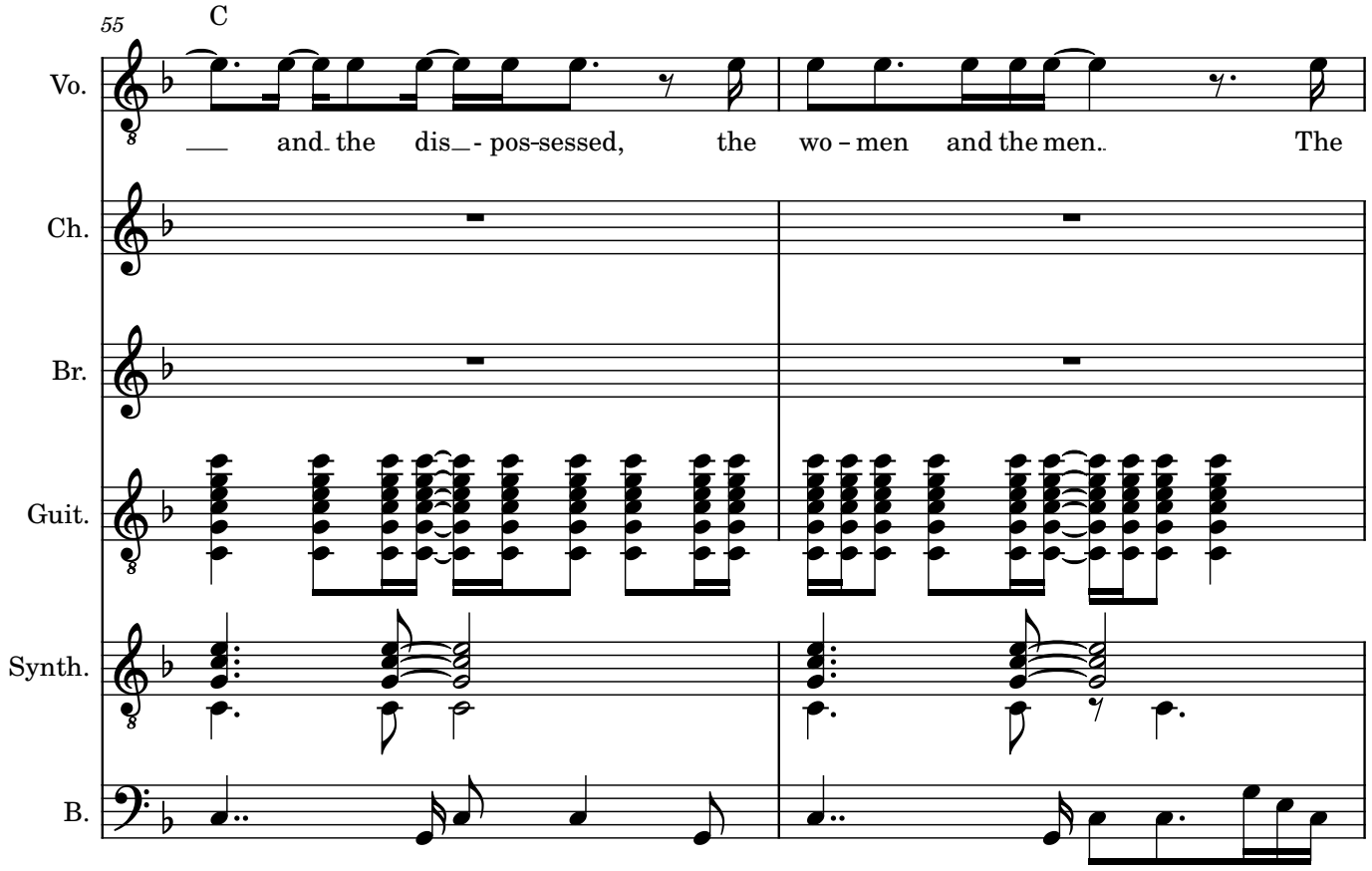
Vo.
nev – er turn my back on my_ com-rades and my friends, The poor_
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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Vo.
and the dis - pos-sessed, the wo - men and the men. The
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Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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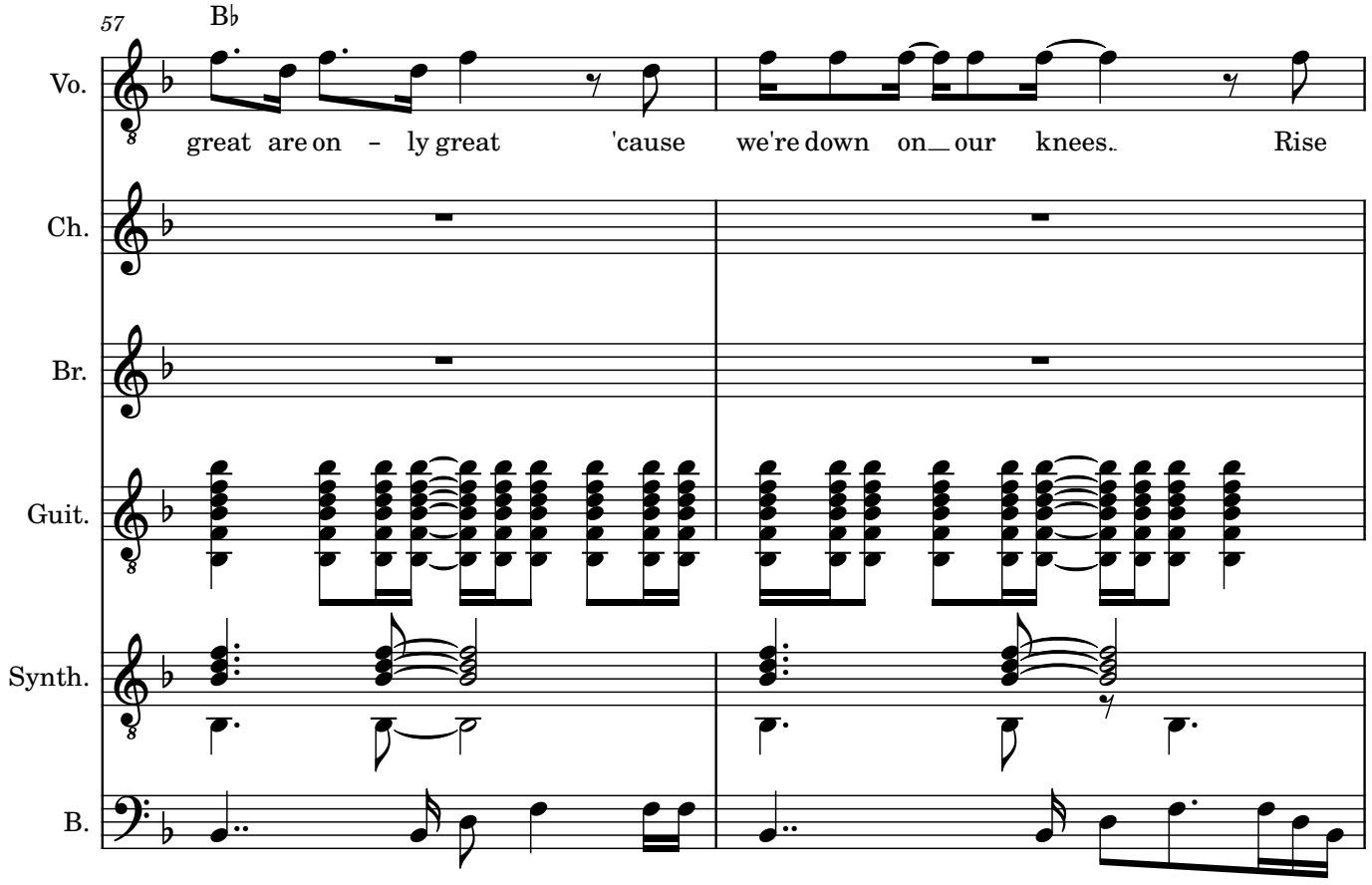
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Vo.
great are on - ly great 'cause we're down on our knees. Rise
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Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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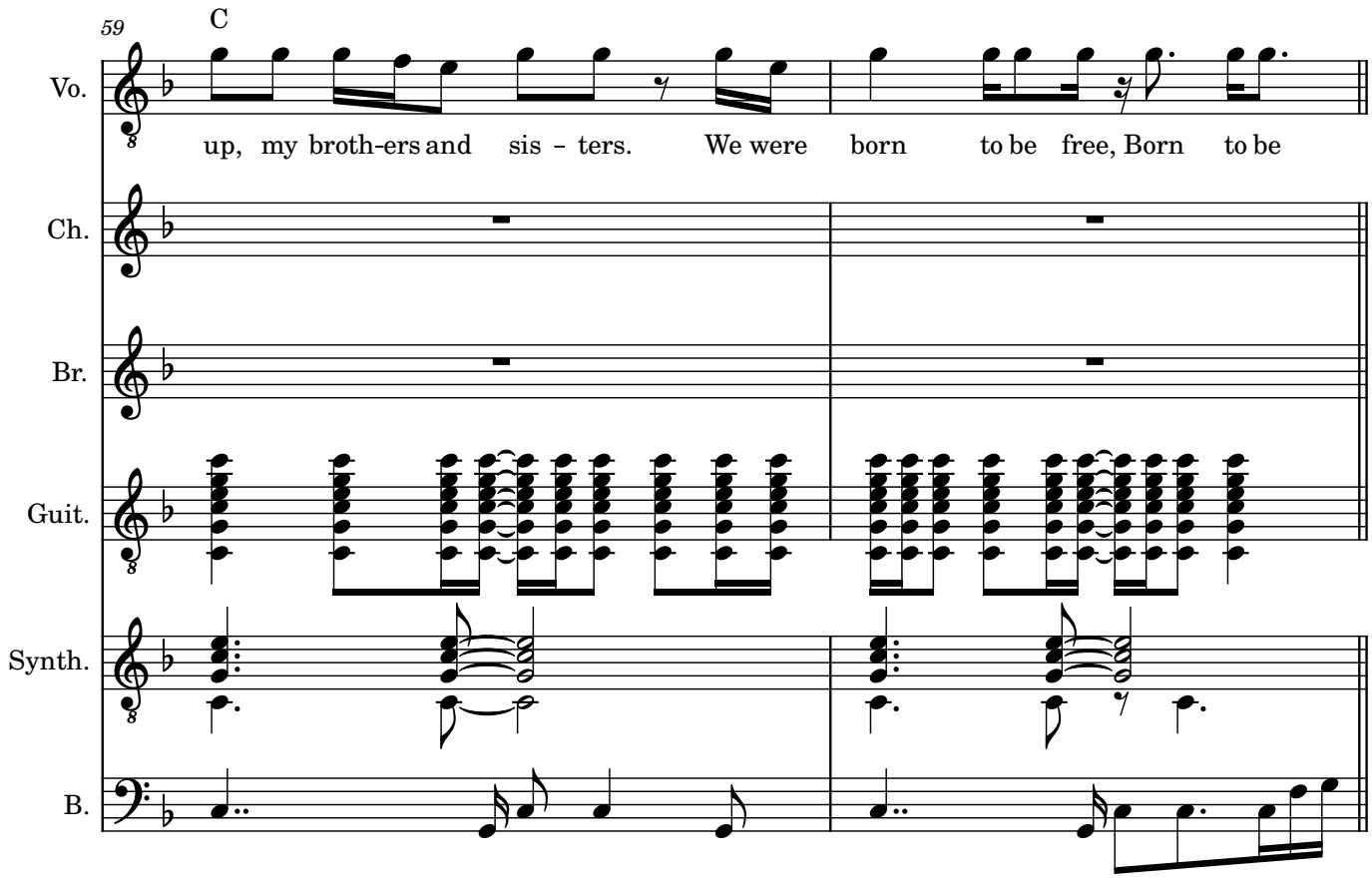
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Vo.
up, my broth-ers and sis - ters. We were born to be free, Born to be
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Guit.
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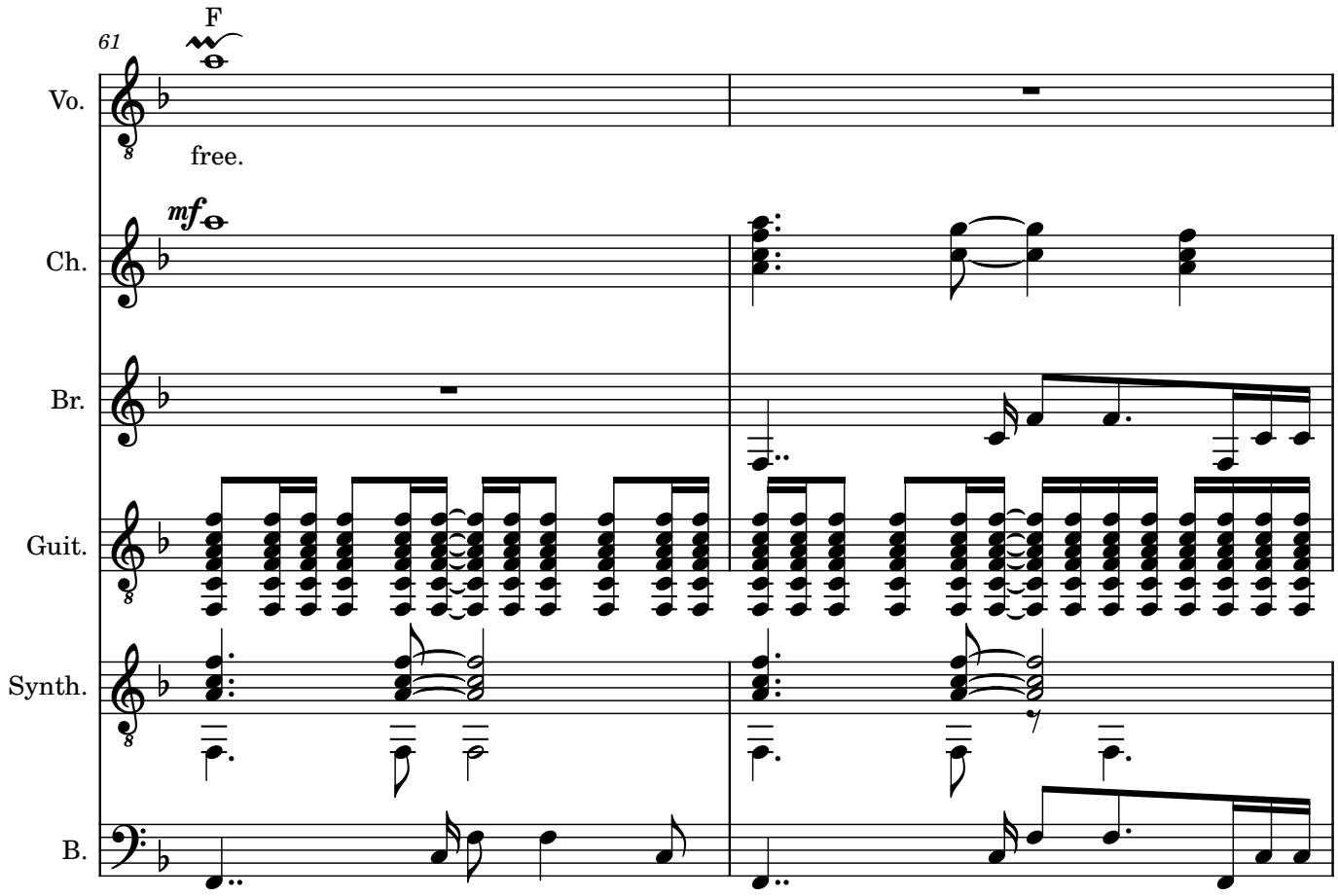
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Vo.
free.
mf
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
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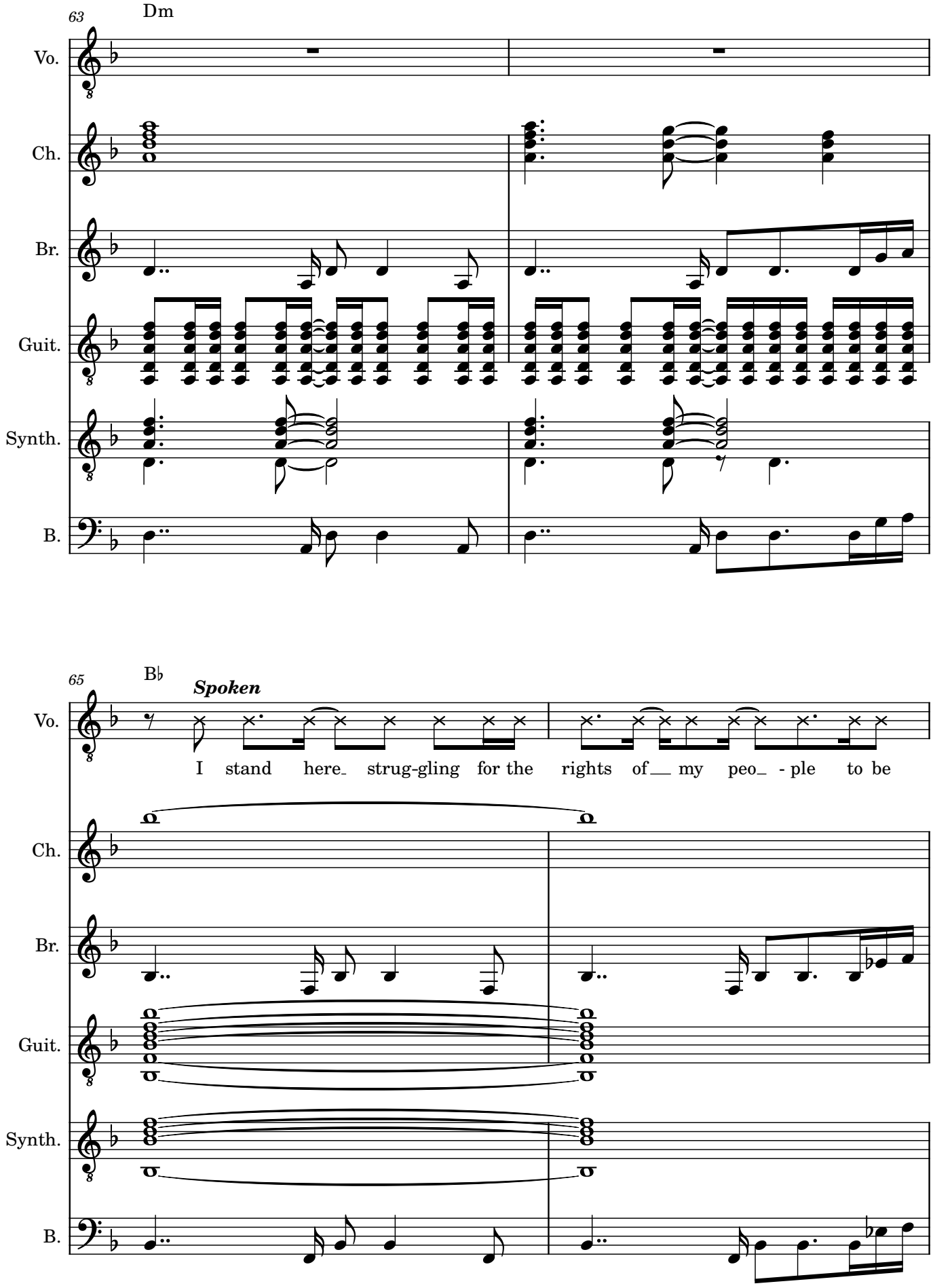
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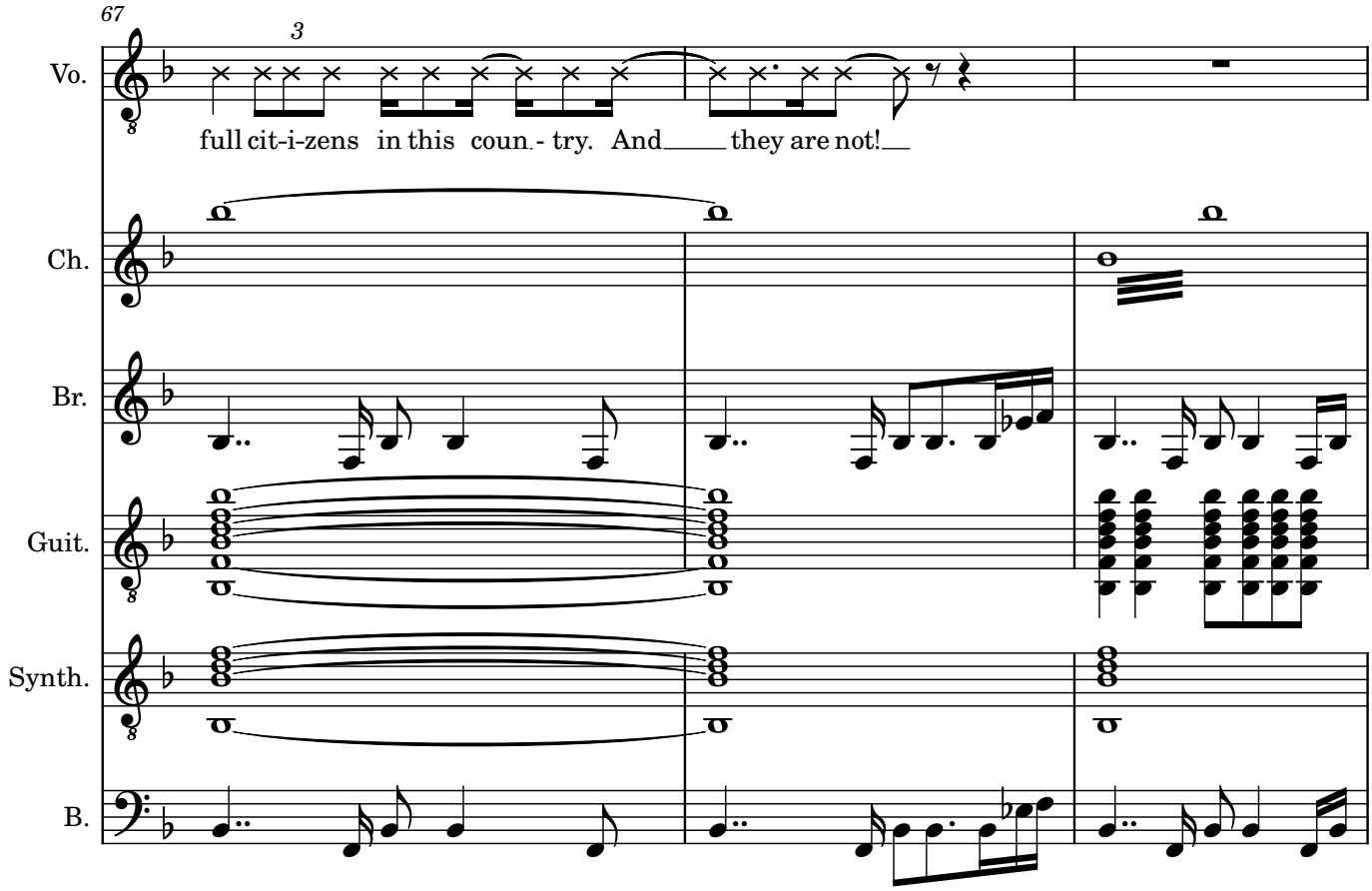
Dm
Vo.
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.
65
B♭
Spoken
I stand here_ strug-gling for the rights of__ my peo_ - ple to be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Vo.
full cit-i-zens in this coun.- try. And they are not!
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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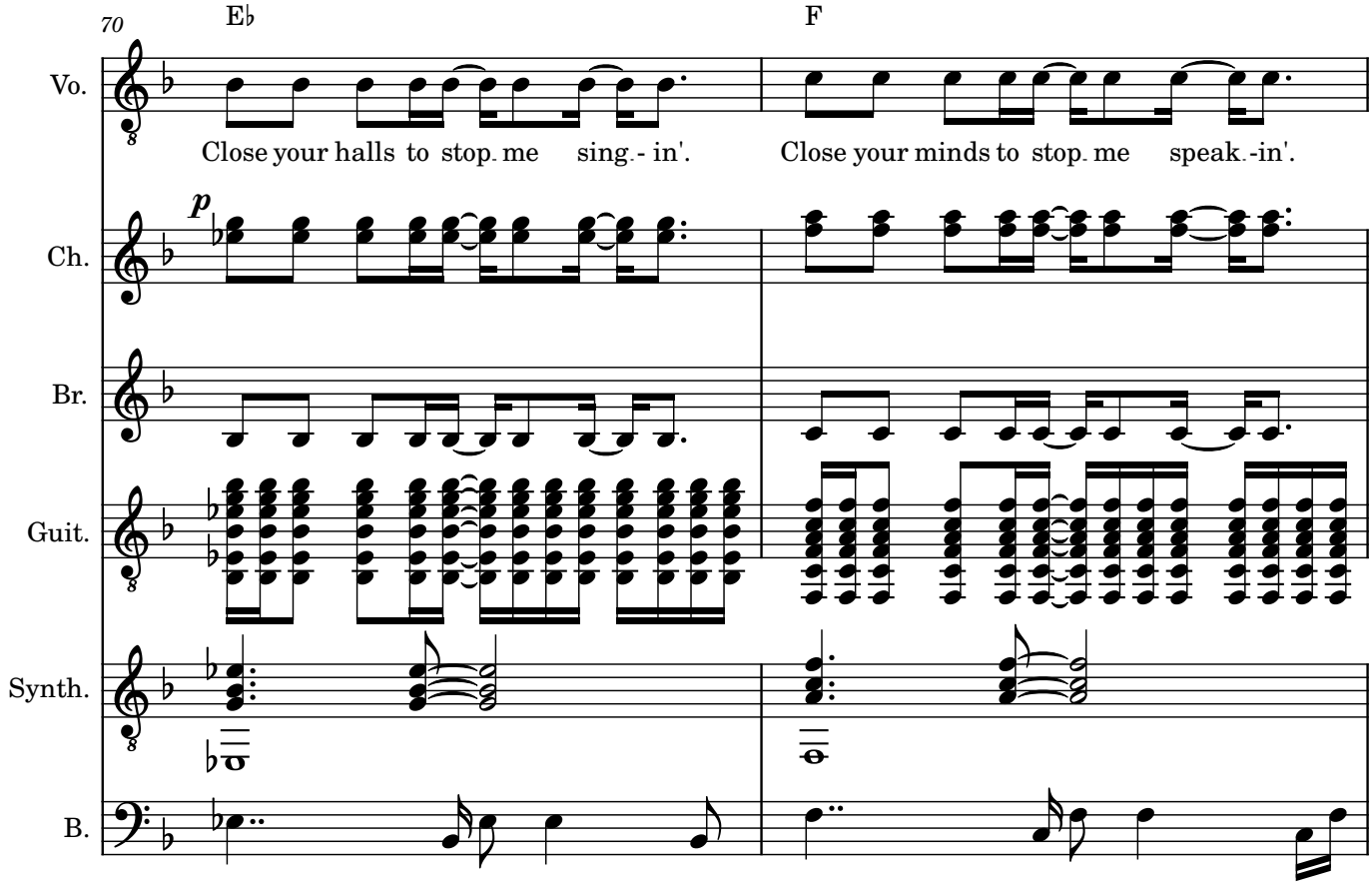
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Vo.
Close your halls to stop. me sing.- in'.
Close your minds to stop. me speak.-in'.
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Guit.
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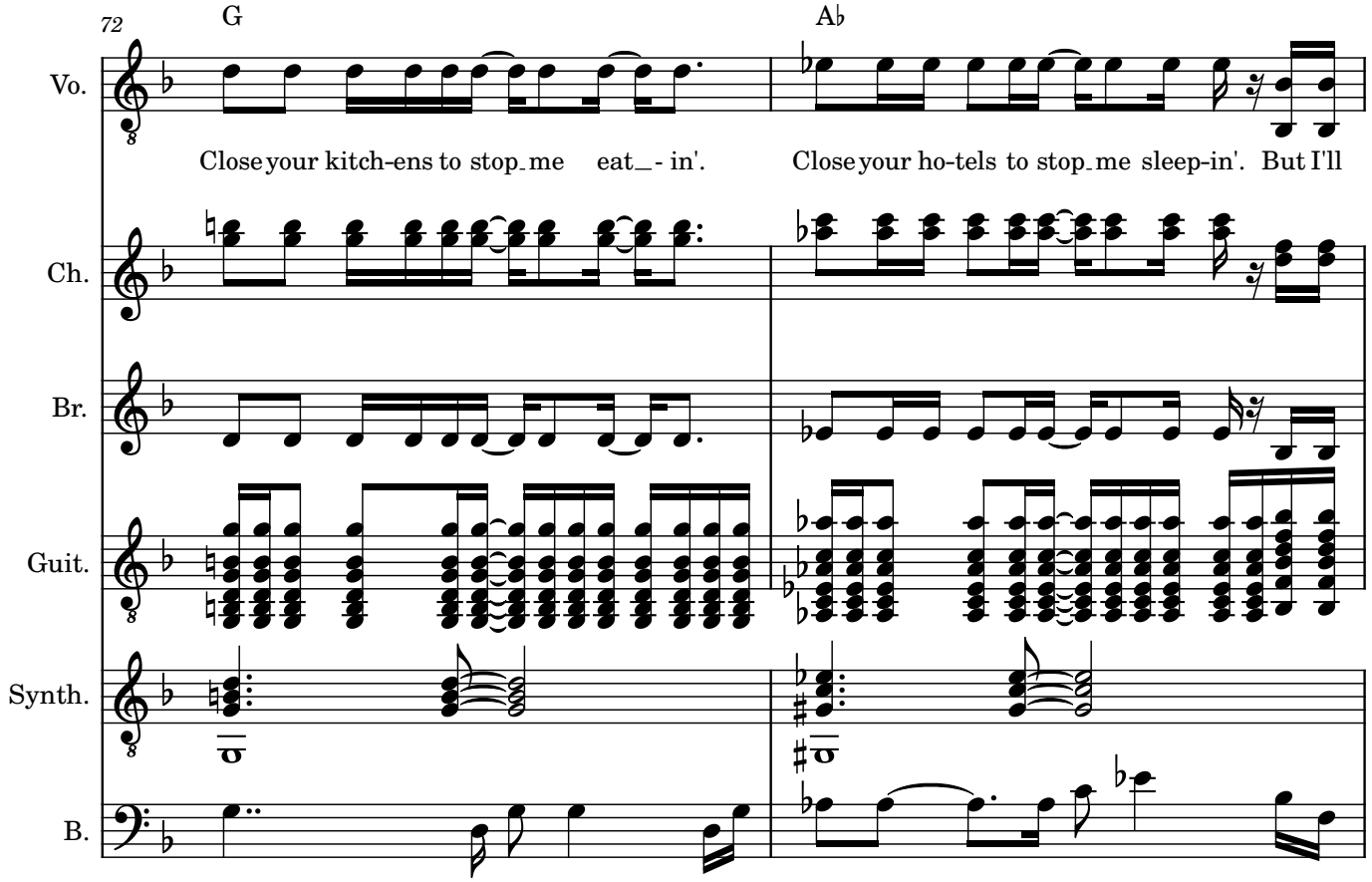
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A♭
Vo.
Close your kitch-ens to stop_me eat_- in'.
Close your ho-tels to stop_me sleep-in'. But I'll
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Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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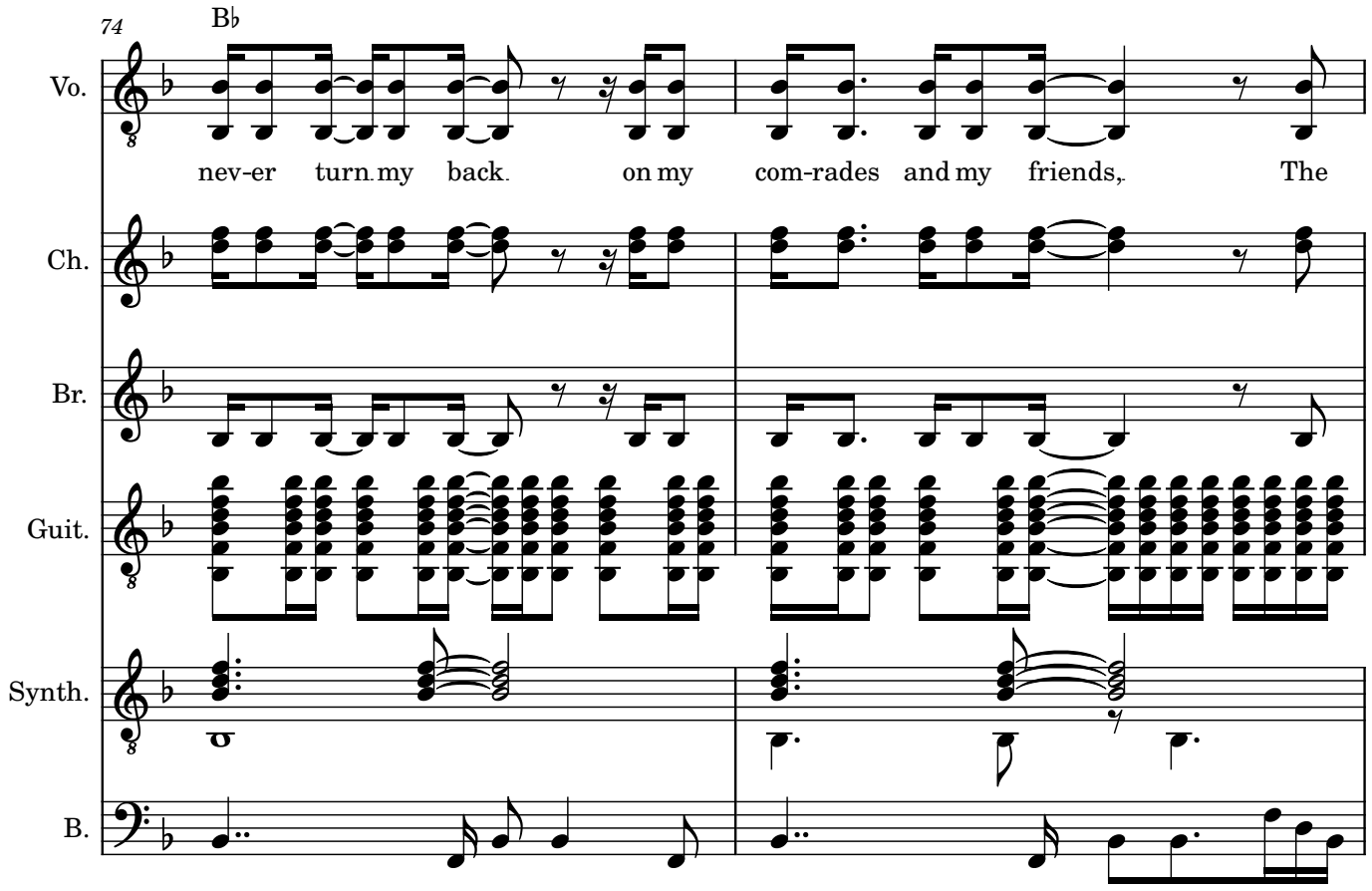
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Vo.
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Br.
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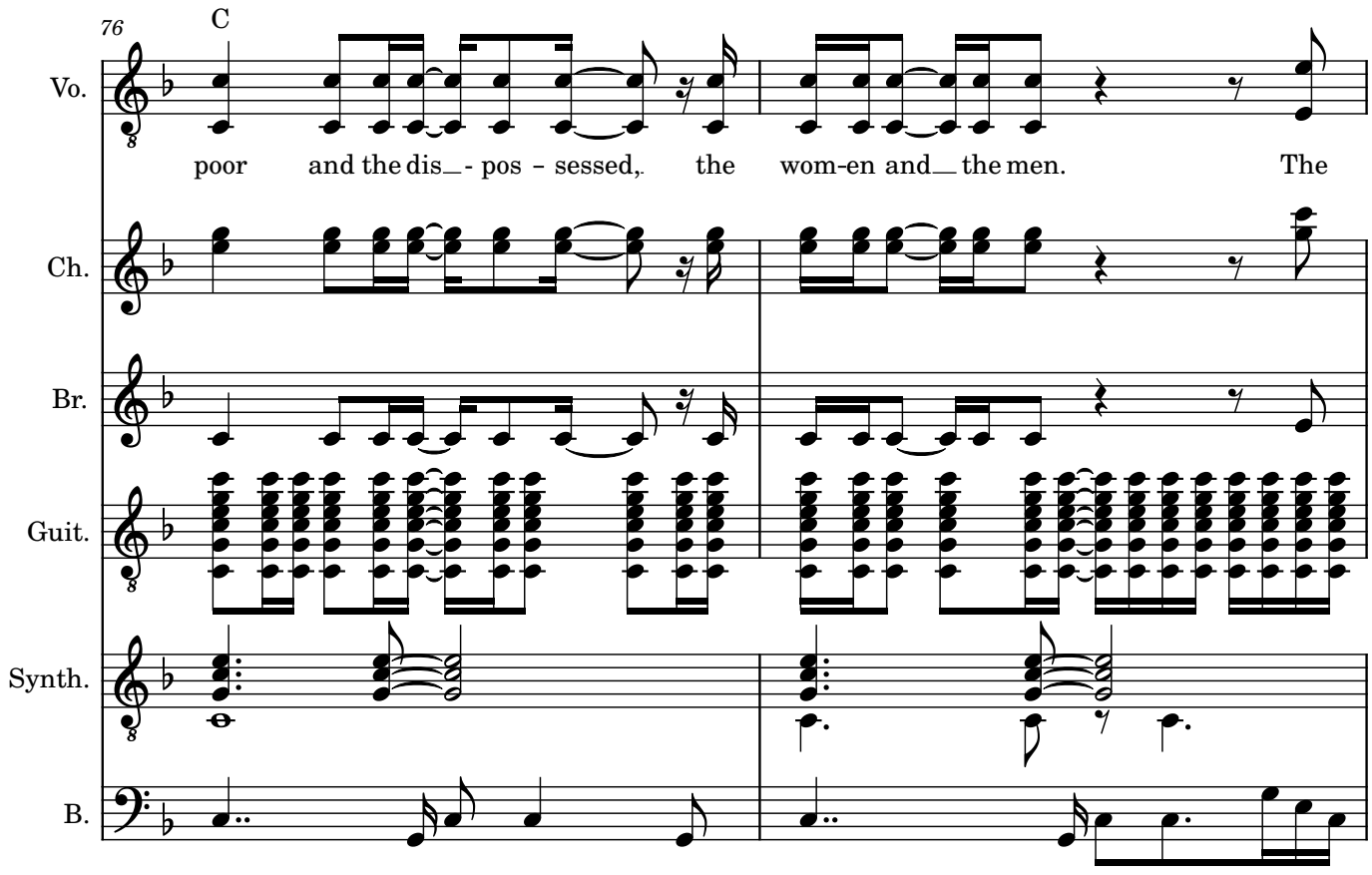
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poor and the dis__- pos - sessed,. the wom-en and__ the men. The
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Br.
Guit.
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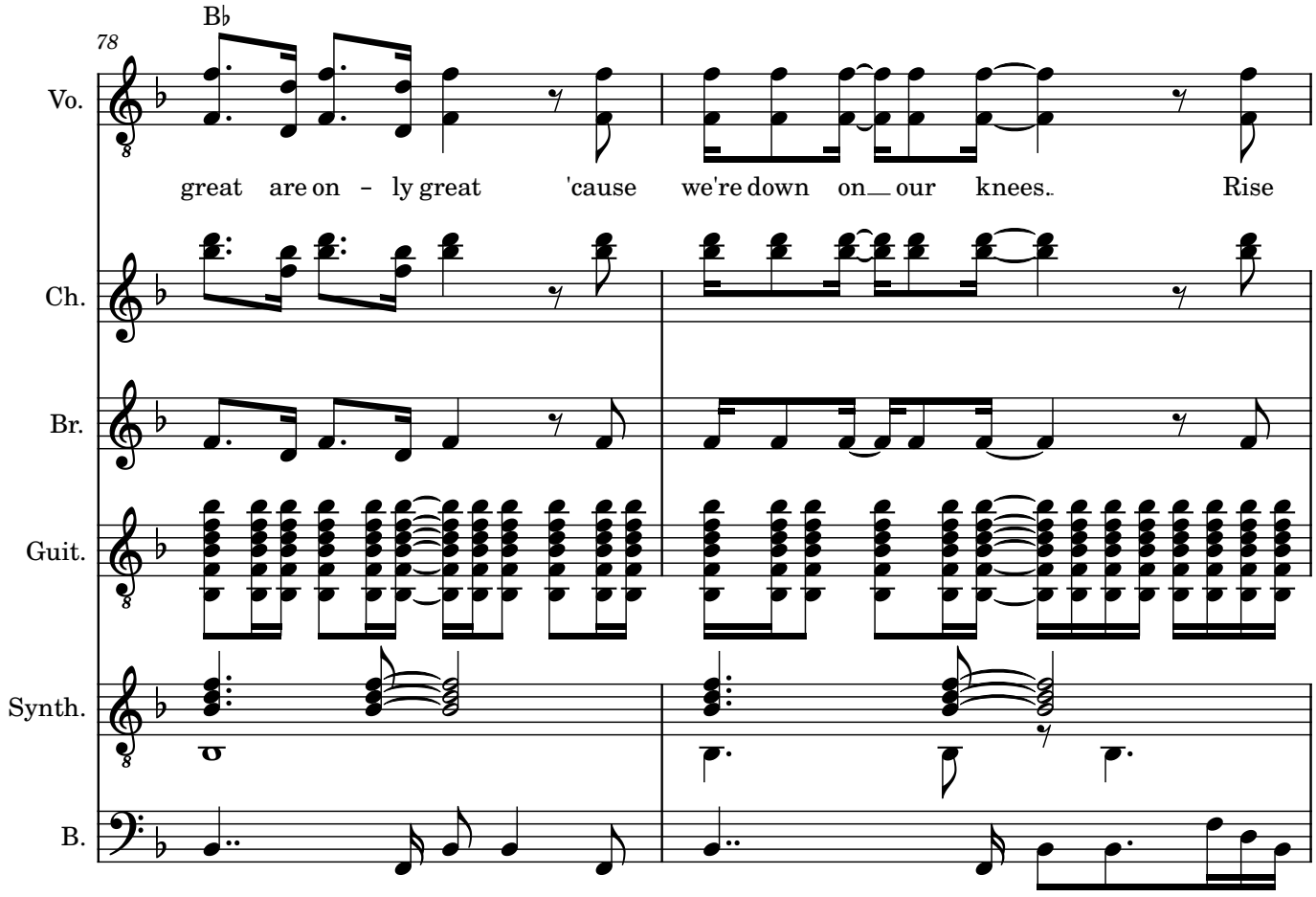
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Vo.
great are on - ly great 'cause we're down on__ our knees.. Rise
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Br.
Guit.
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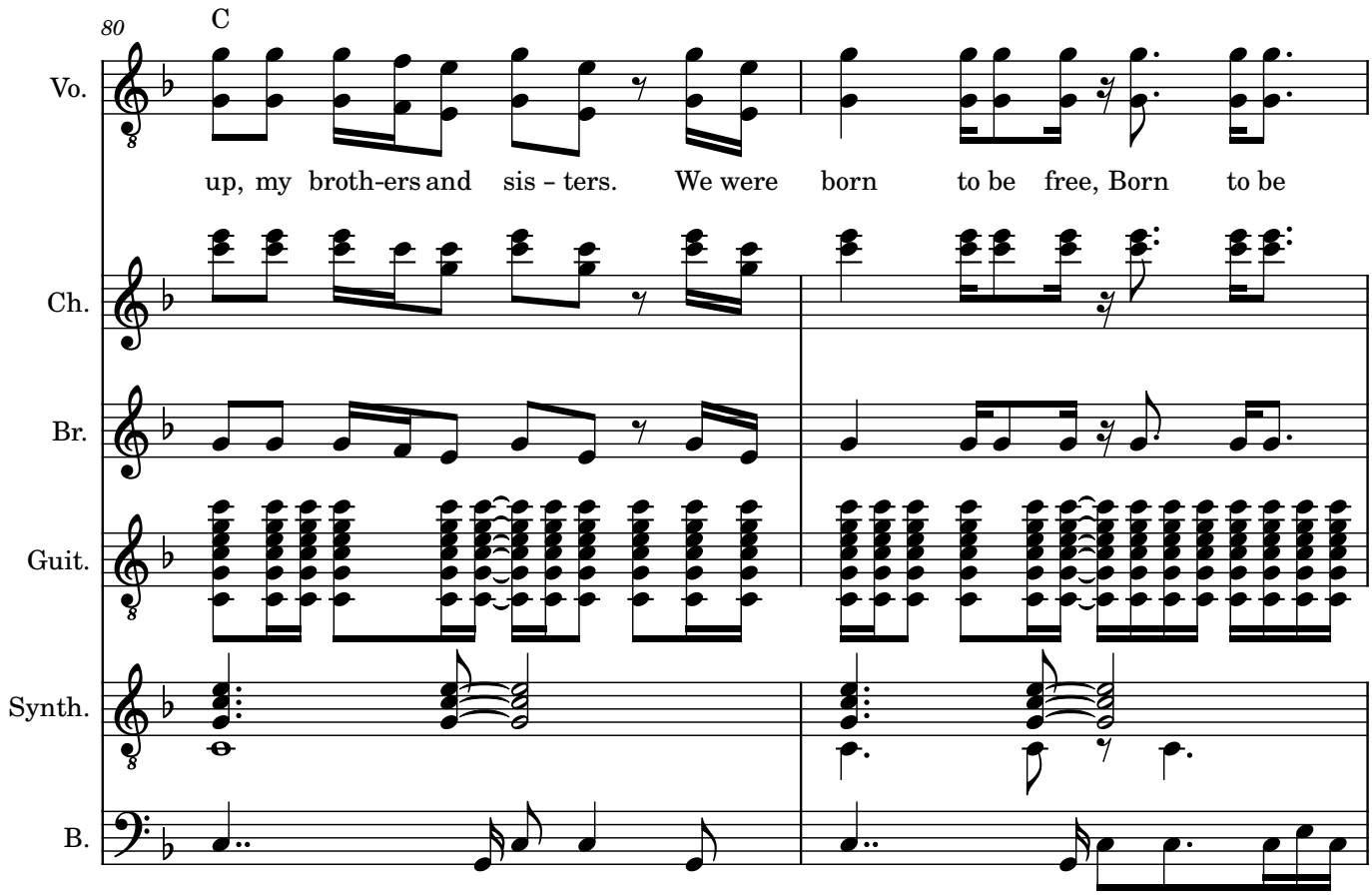
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Vo.
up, my broth-ers and sis – ters. We were born to be free, Born to be
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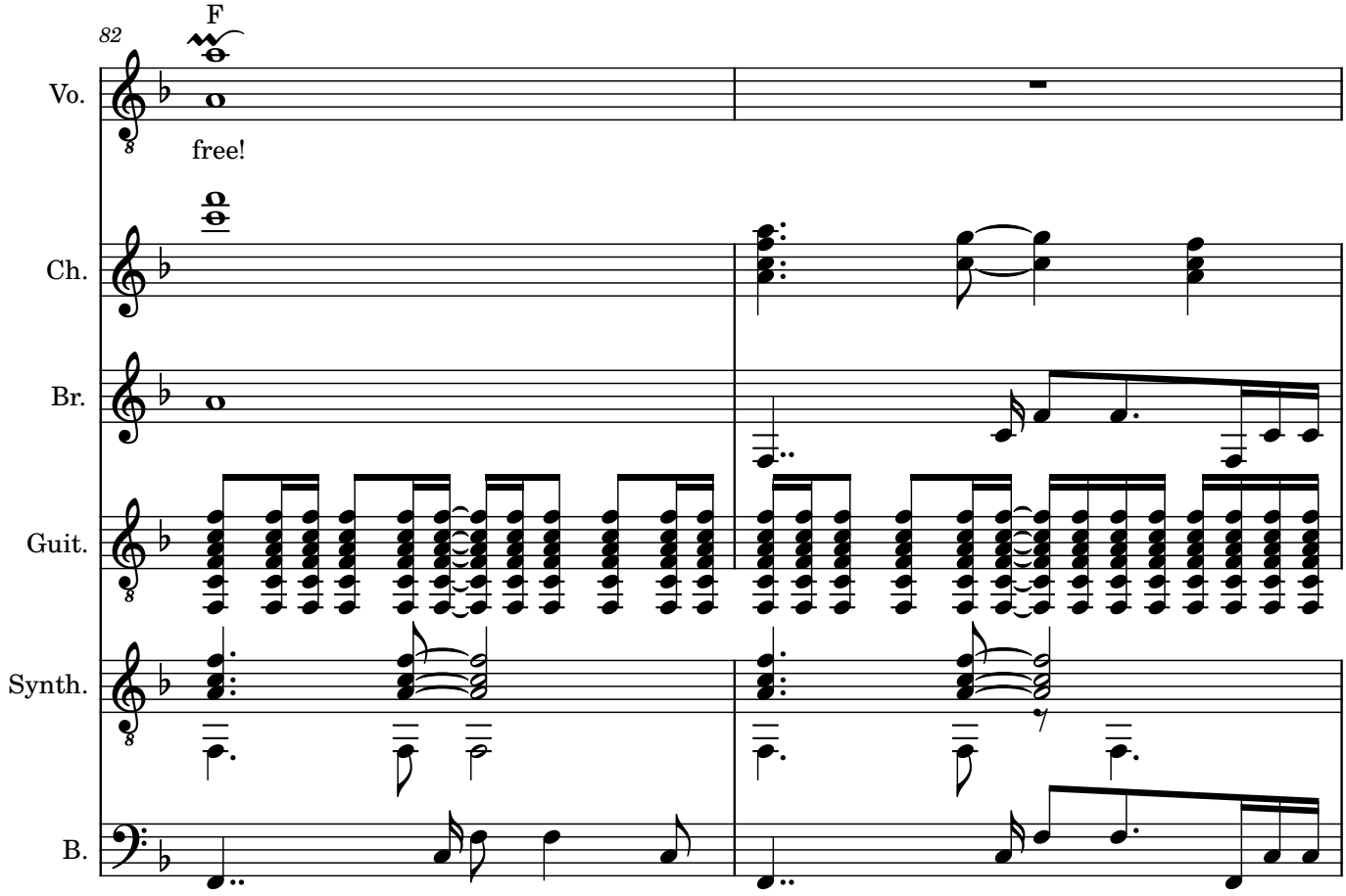
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Vo.
free!
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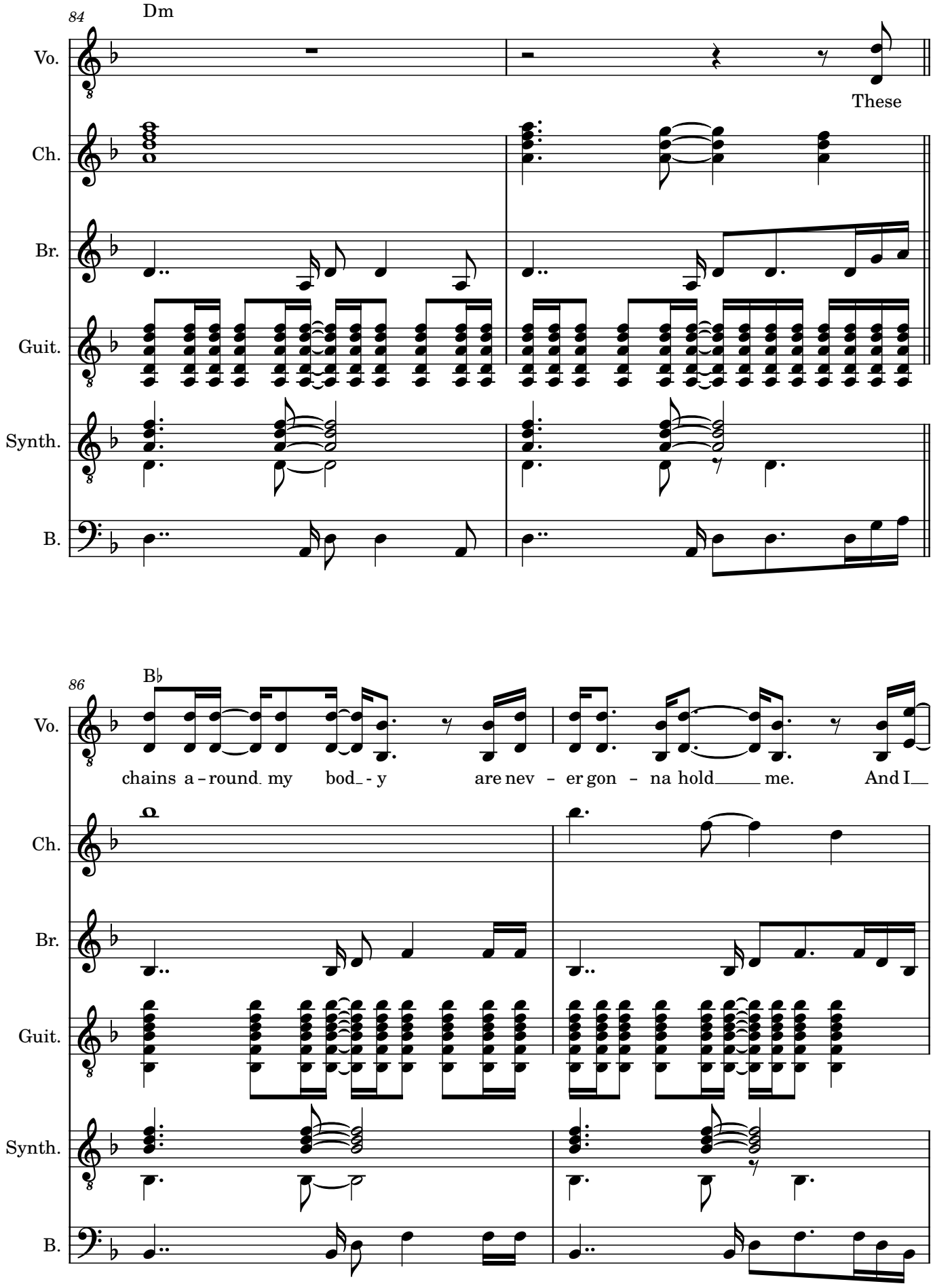
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Vo.
These
Ch.
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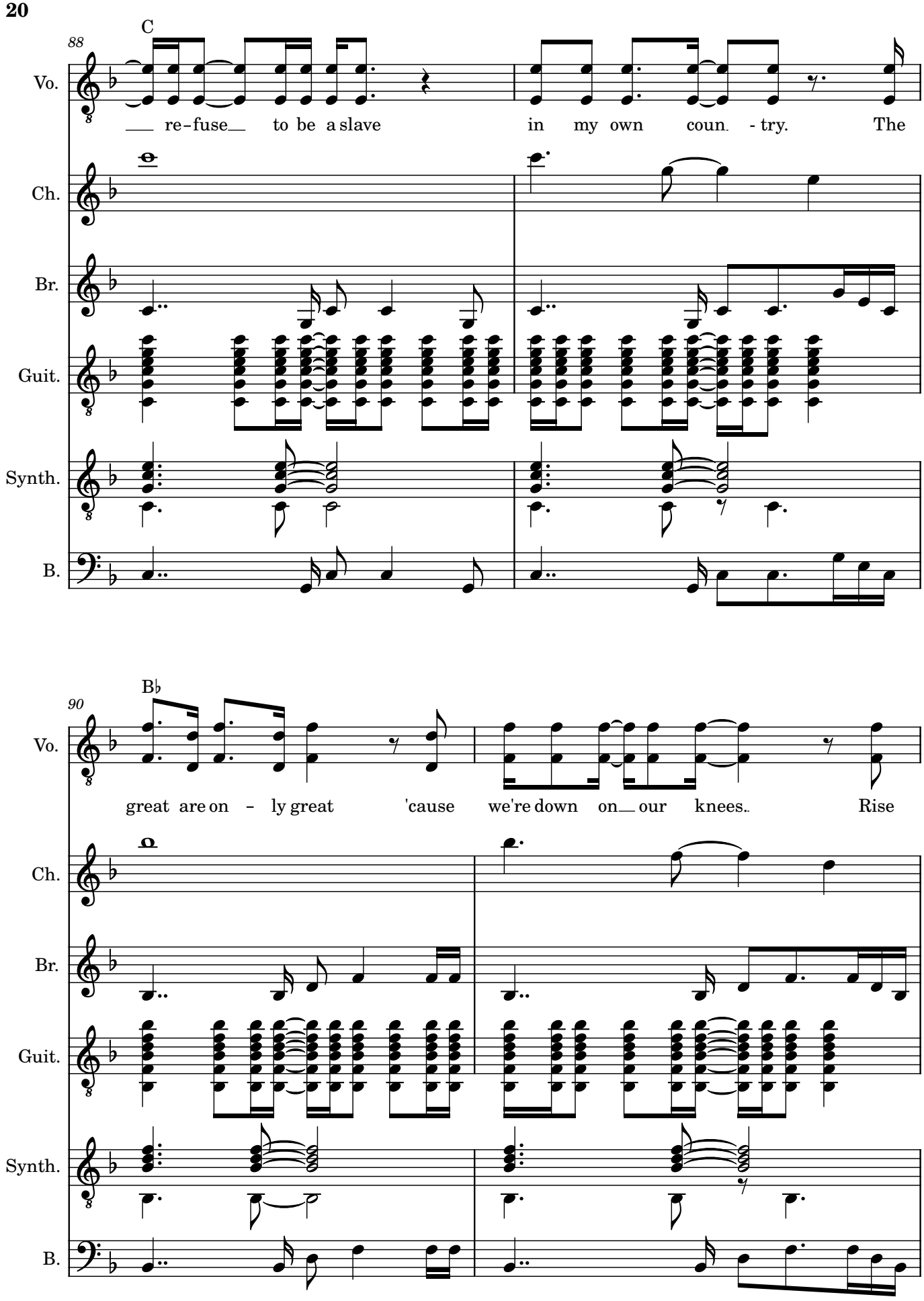
B♭
chains a - round my bod_ - y are nev - er gon - na hold____ me. And I__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88
Vo.
___ re-fuse__ to be a slave in my own coun. - try. The
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
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B♭
90
Vo.
great are on - ly great 'cause we're down on__ our knees.. Rise
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
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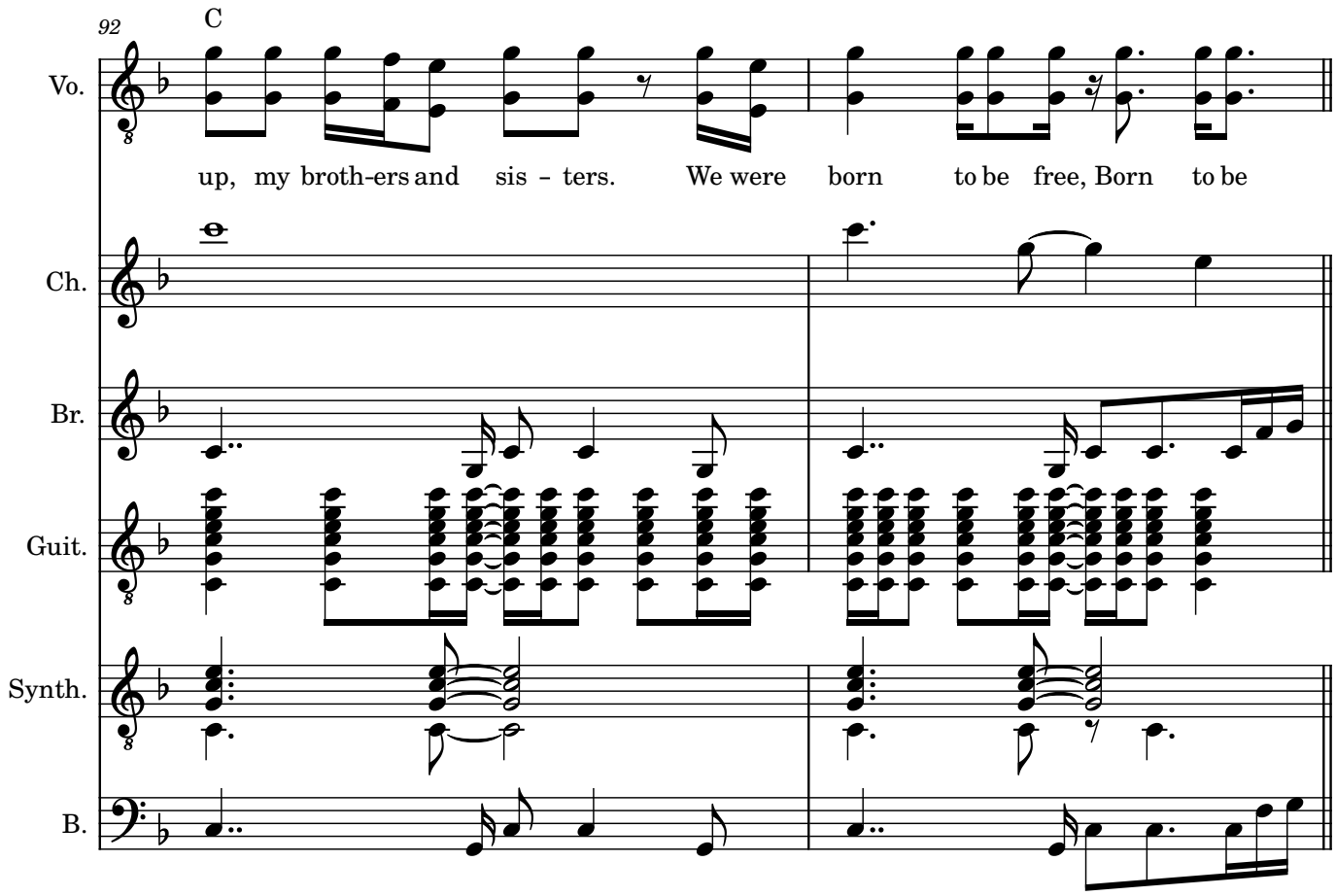
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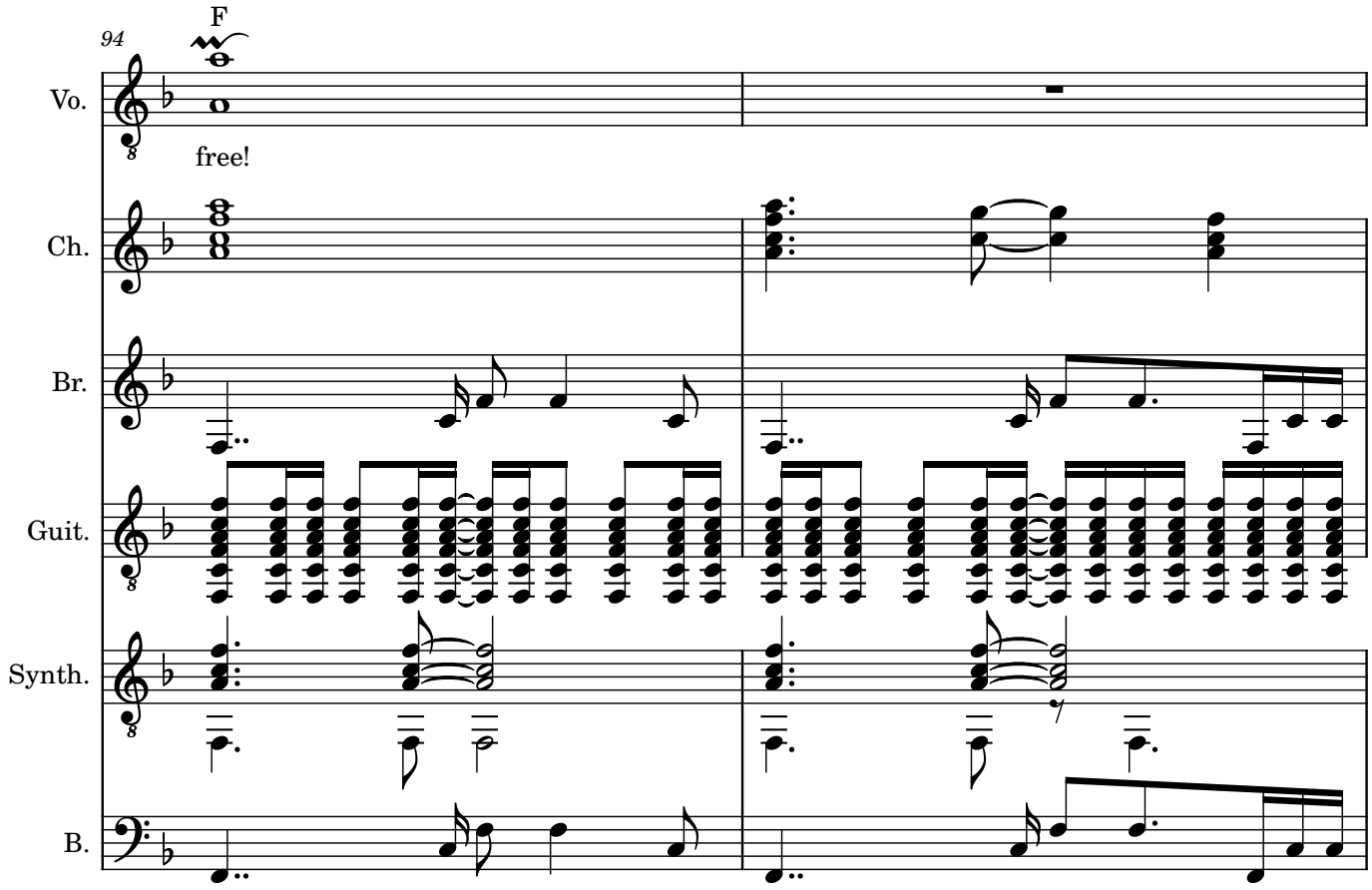
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free!
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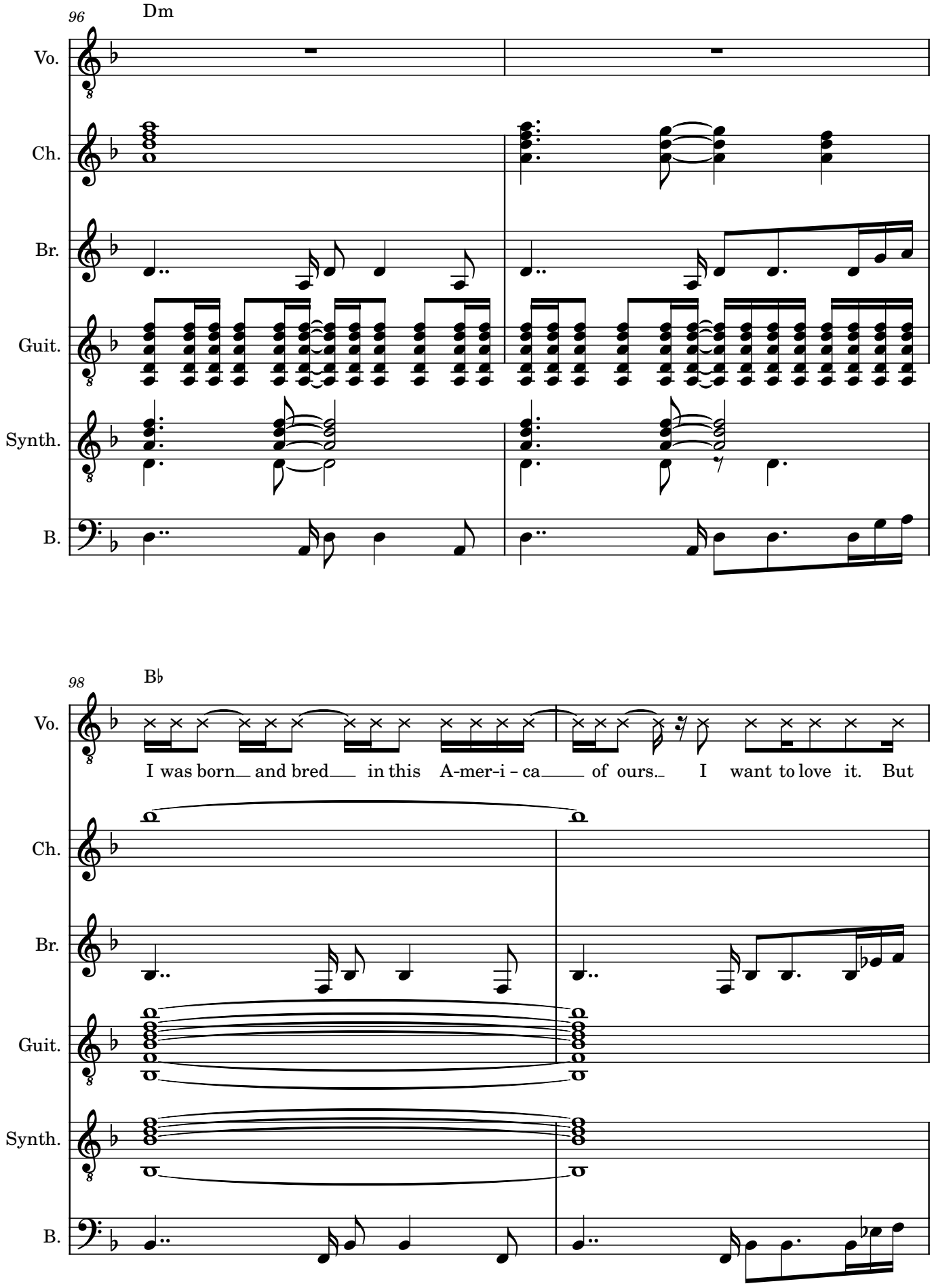
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98
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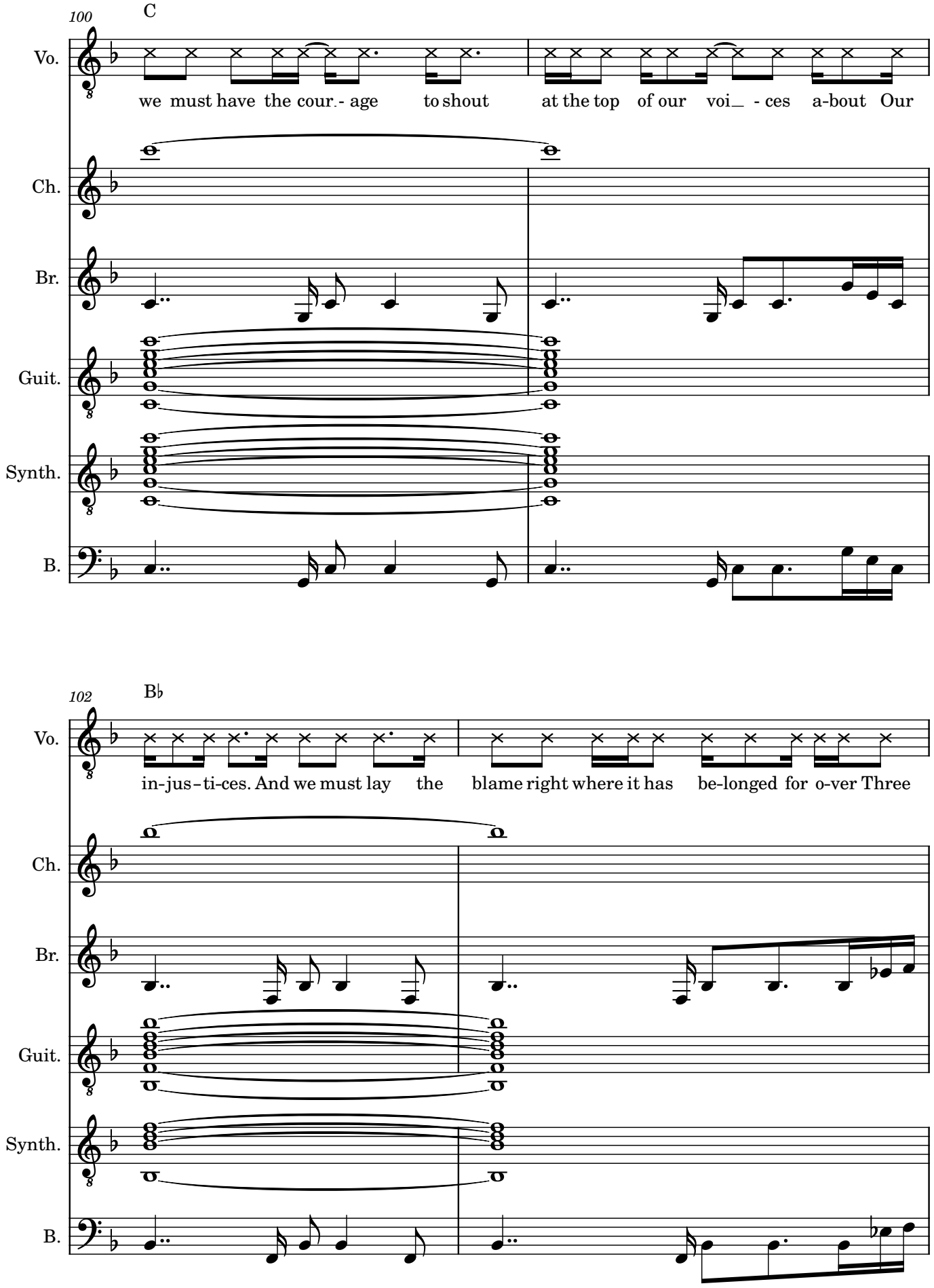
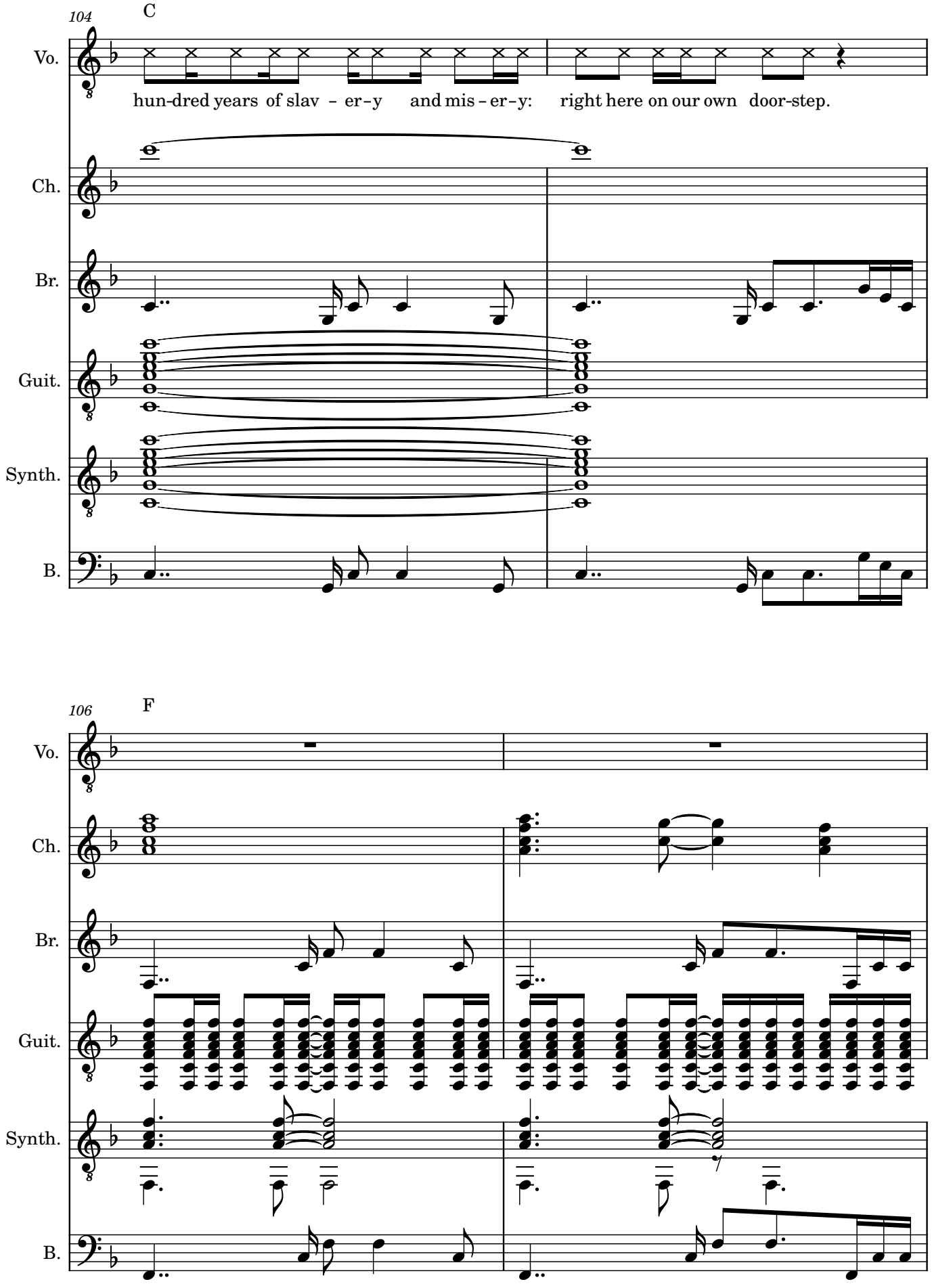
I was born and bred in this A-mer-i - ca of ours. I want to love it. But

100
C
Vo.
we must have the cour.- age to shout at the top of our voi_ - ces a-bout Our
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.
102
B♭
Vo.
in-jus-ti-ces. And we must lay the blame right where it has be-longed for o-ver Three
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.


104
C
Vo.
hun-dred years of slav - er-y and mis - er-y: right here on our own door-step.
Ch.
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Guit.
Synth.
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Vo.
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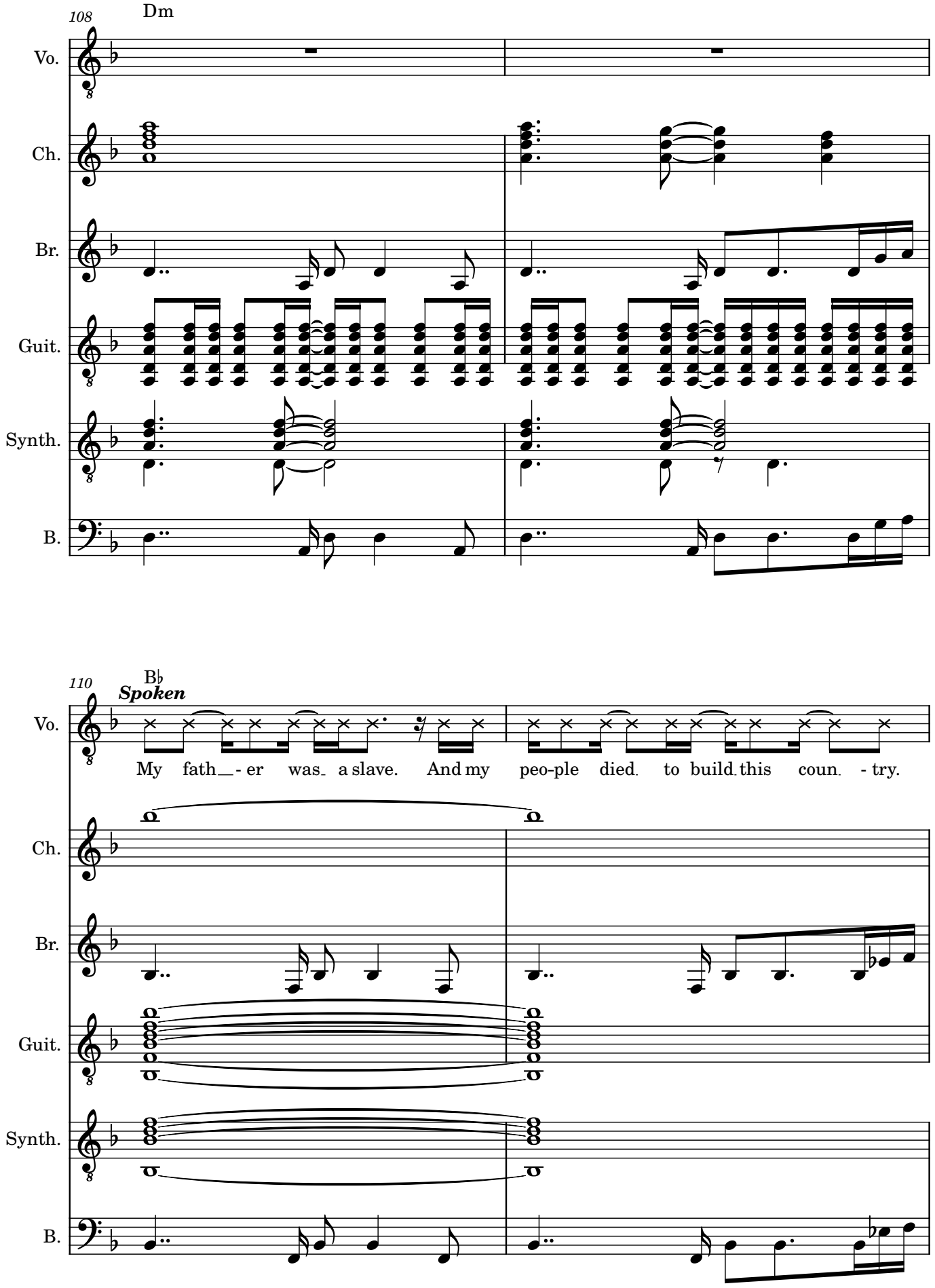
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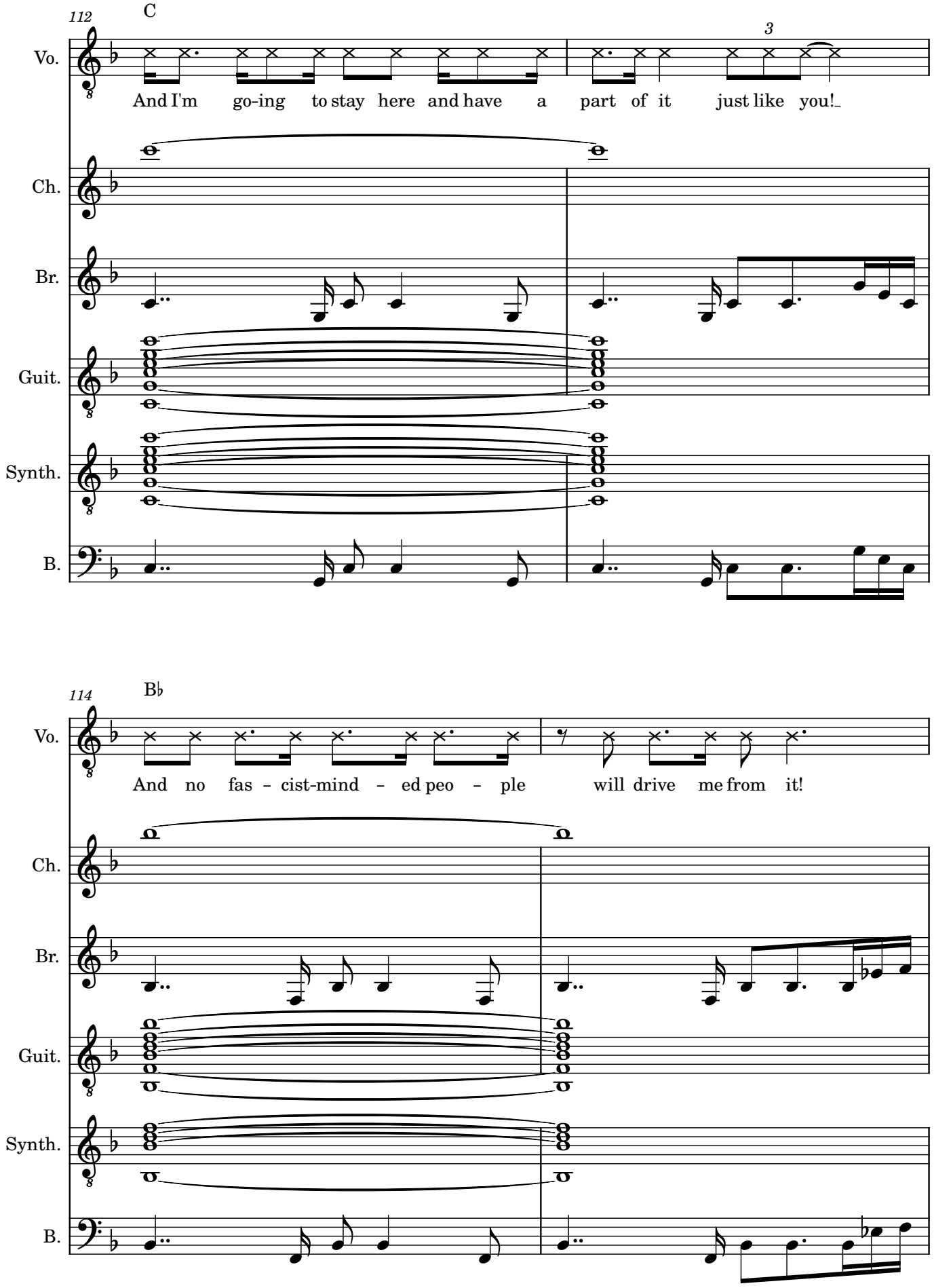
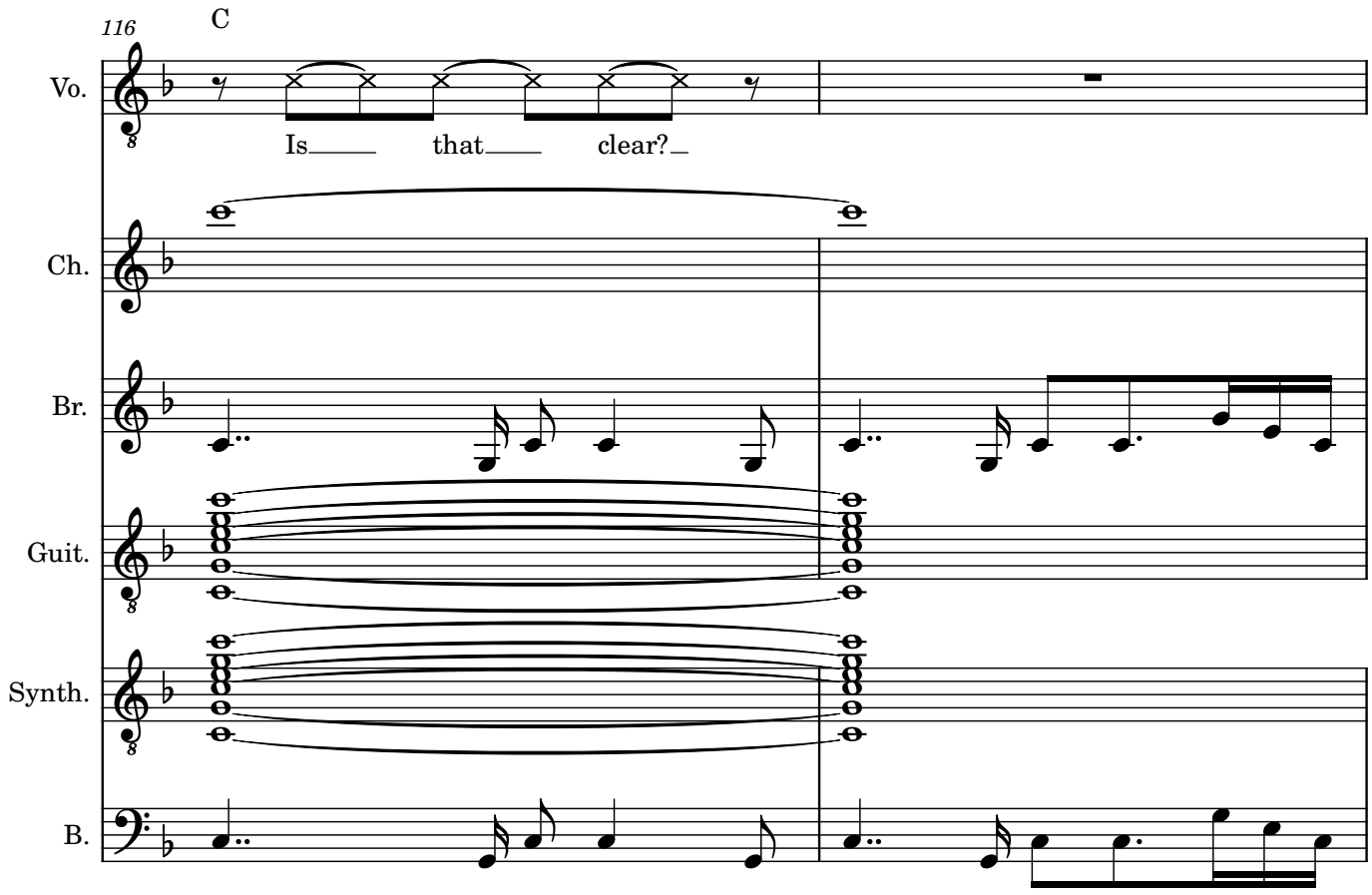
Synth.
B.
110
B♭
Spoken
My fath__- er was_ a slave. And my peo-ple died. to build this coun. - try.


112
C
3
Vo.
And I'm go-ing to stay here and have a part of it just like you!
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.
114
B♭
Vo.
And no fas - cist-mind - ed peo - ple will drive me from it!
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.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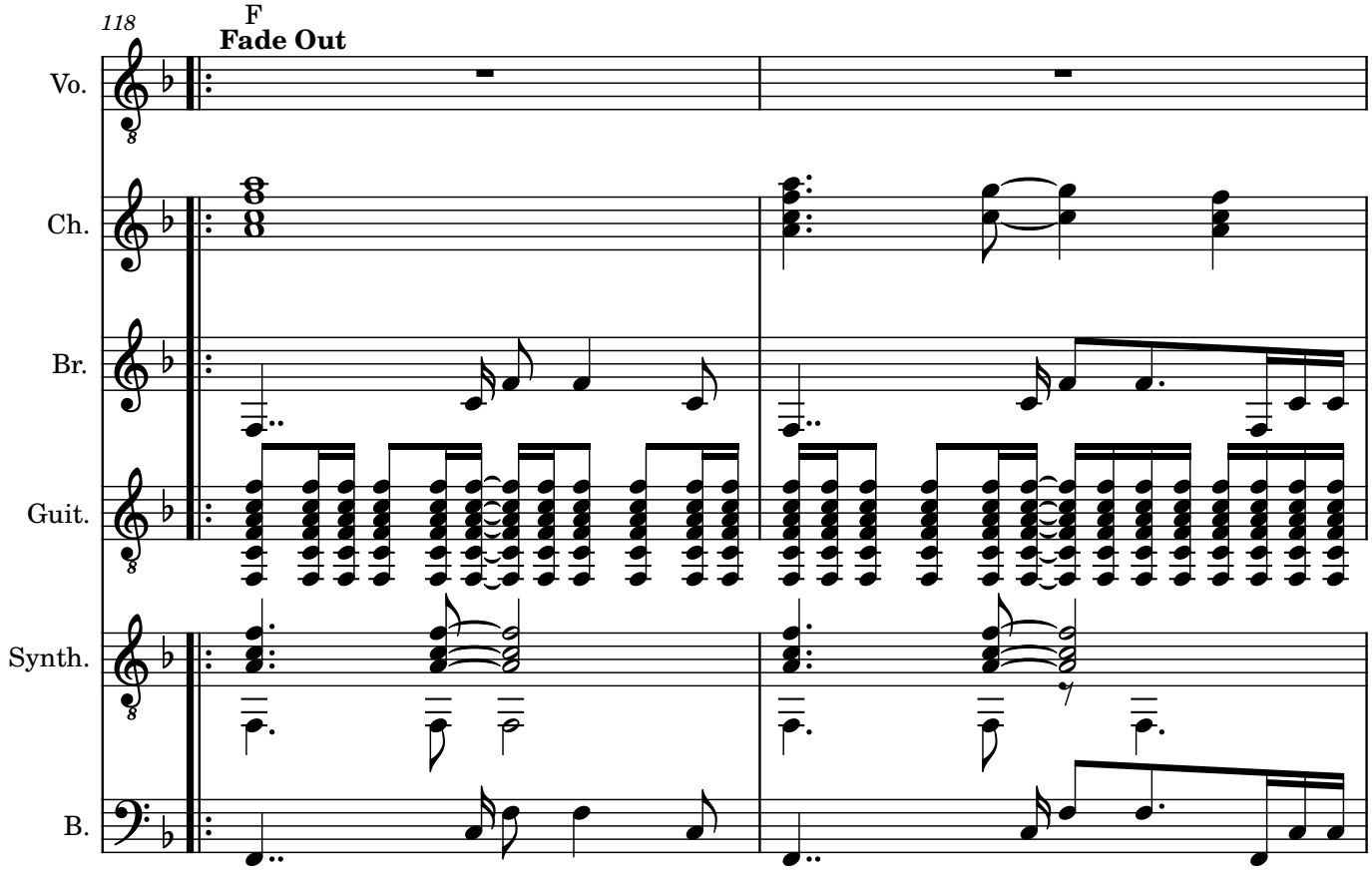
C
Vo.
Is that clear?
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.

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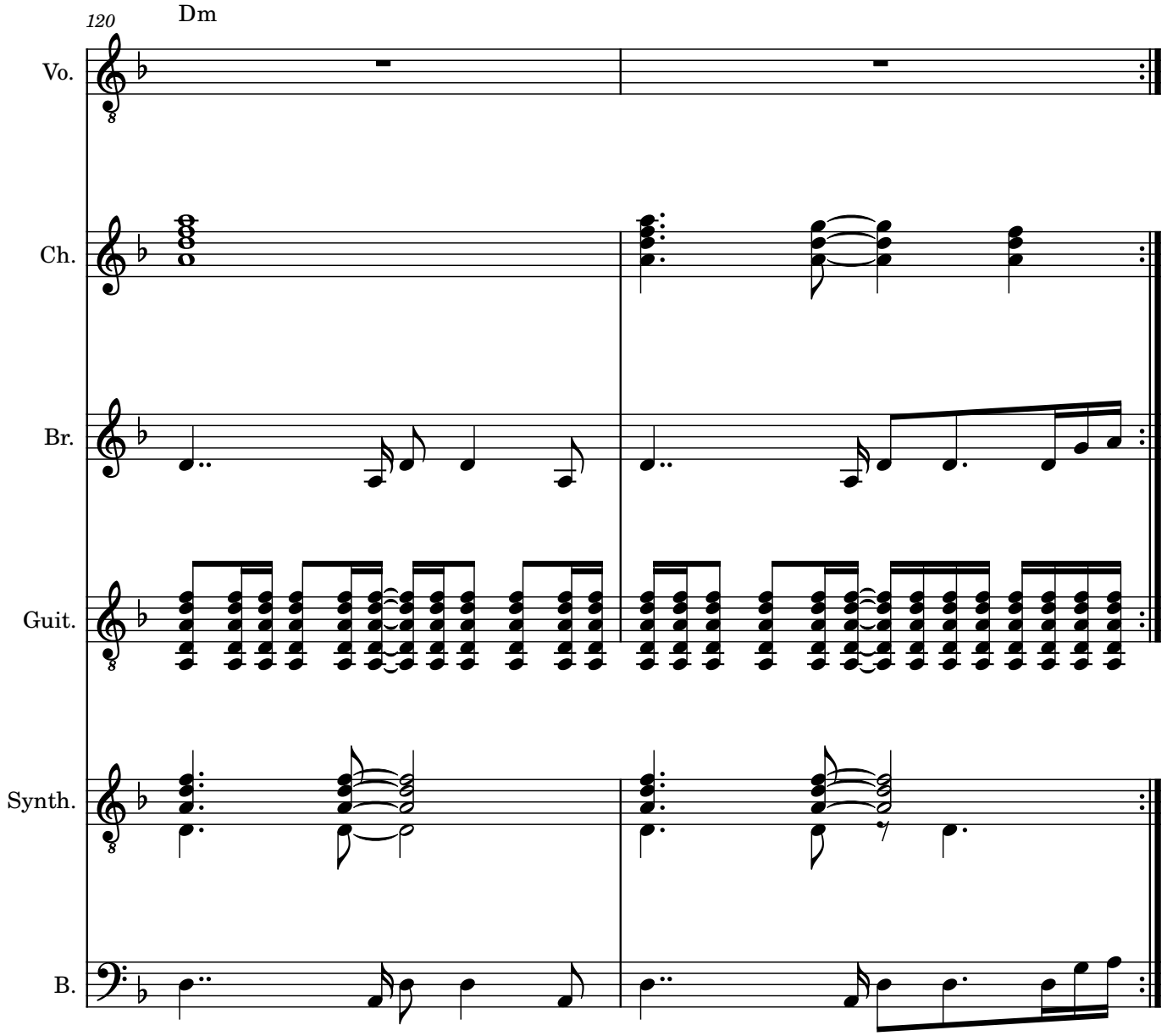
F
Fade Out
Vo.
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.

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Dm
Vo.
Ch.
Br.
Guit.
Synth.
B.