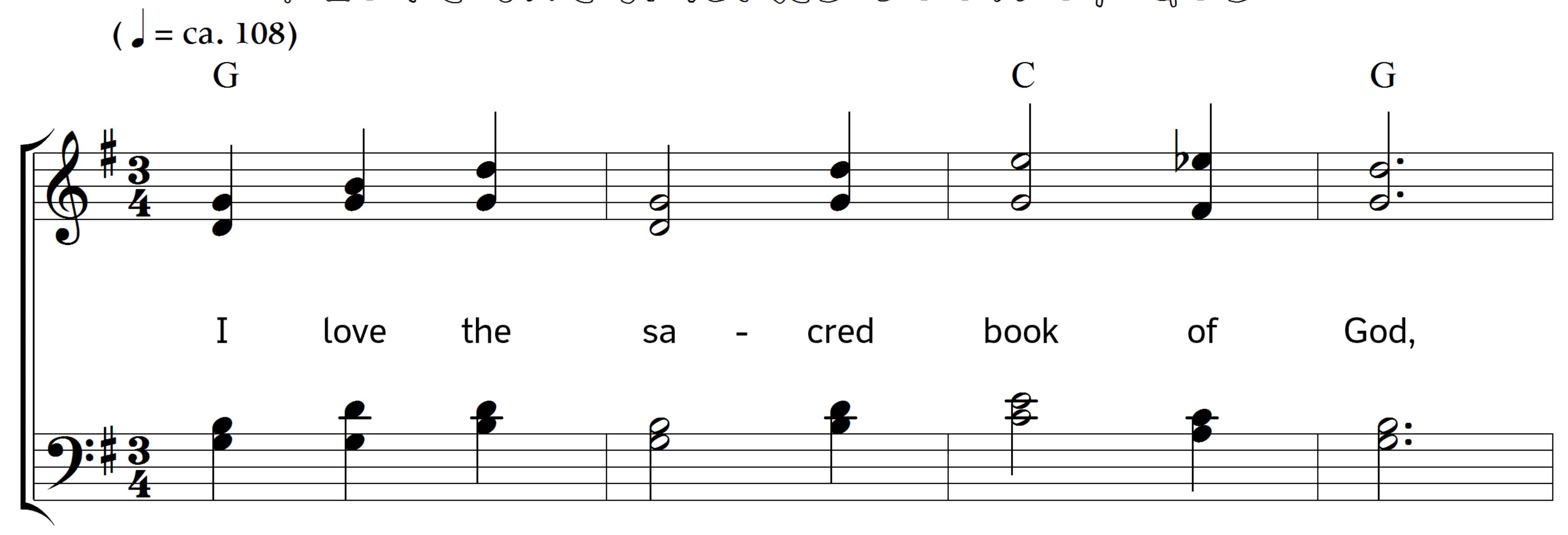
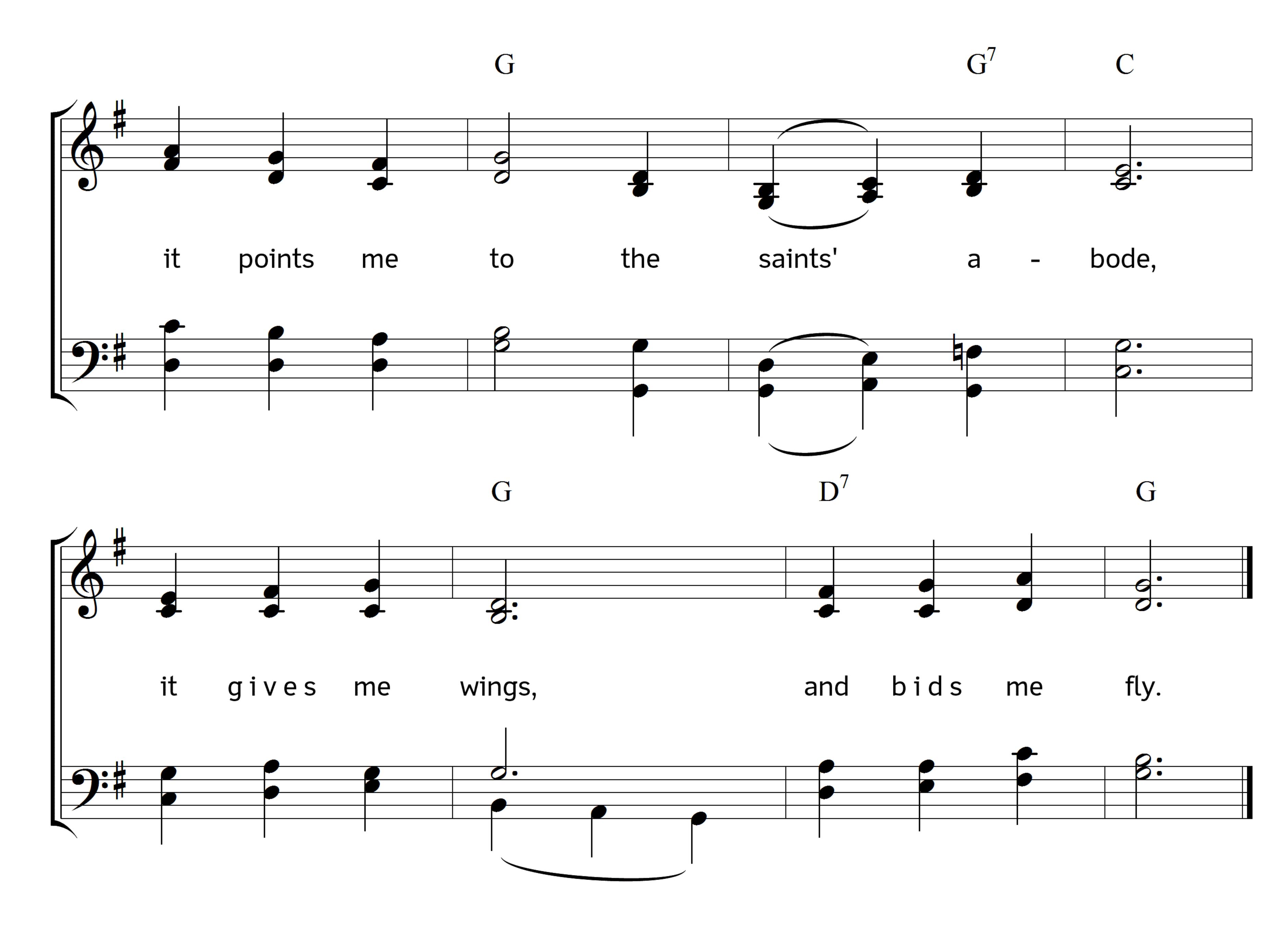
I LOVE THE SACRED BOOK OF GOD







- 2. Sweet book! in thee my eyes discern the image of my absent Lord; from thine illumined page I learn the joys his presence will afford.
- 3. In thee I read my title clear to mansions never to decay; my Lord! O when will he appear, and bear his pris'ner far away!
- 4. Then shall I need thy light no more, for nothing shall be then concealed; when I have reached the heav'nly shore, the LORD himself will stand revealed.
- 5. When midst the throng celestial placed, the bright original I see, from which thy sacred page was traced, sweet book! I've no more need of thee!
- 6. But while on earth, thou shalt supply his place, and tell me of his love; I'll read with faith's discerning eye, and get a taste of joys above.
- 7. I know his spirit breathes in thee, to animate his people here; may thy sweet truths prove life to me, till in his presence I appear.

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