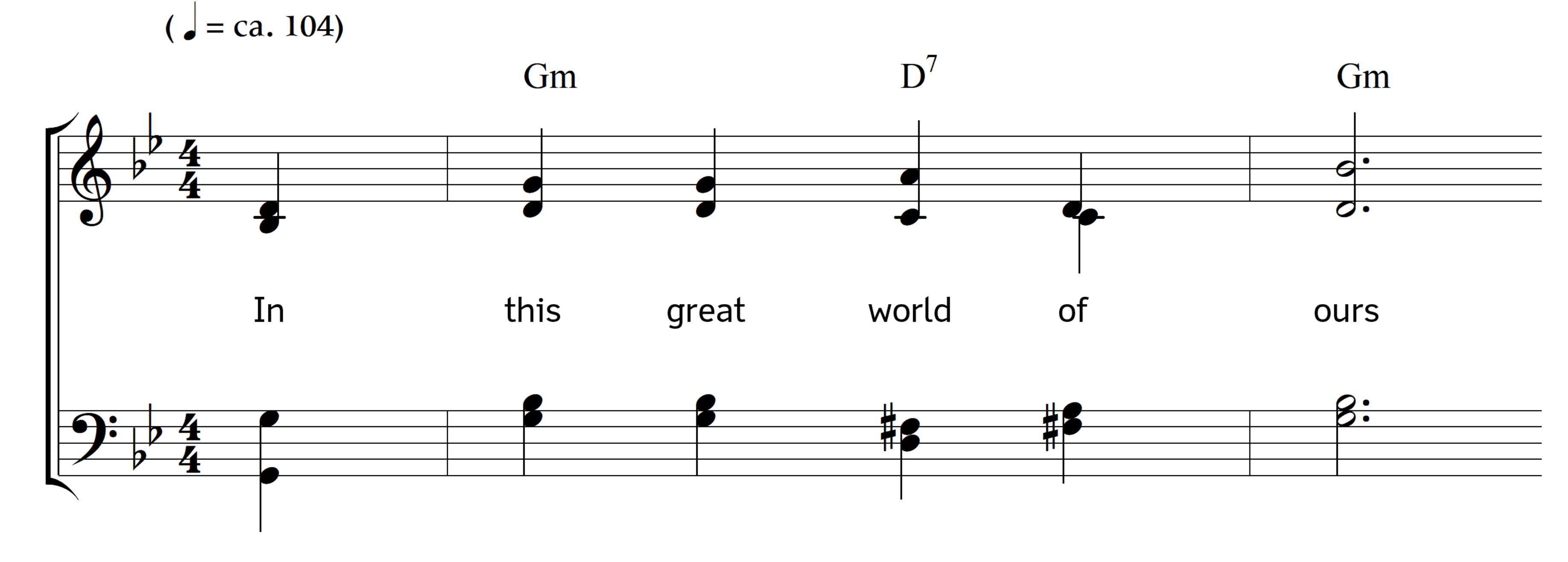
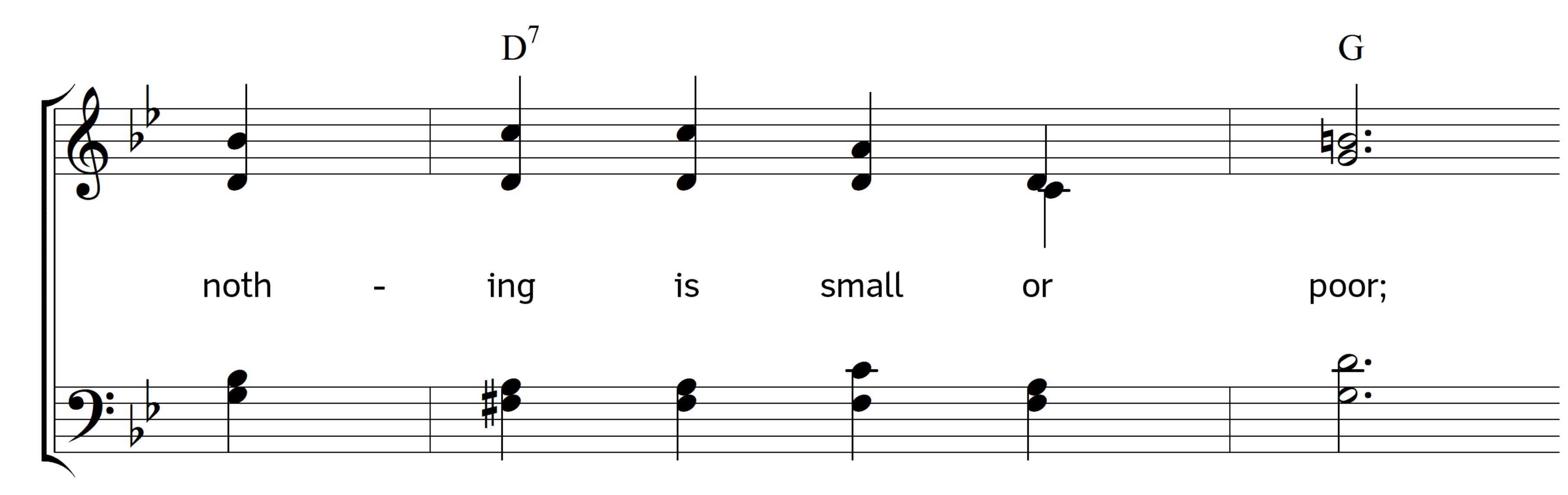
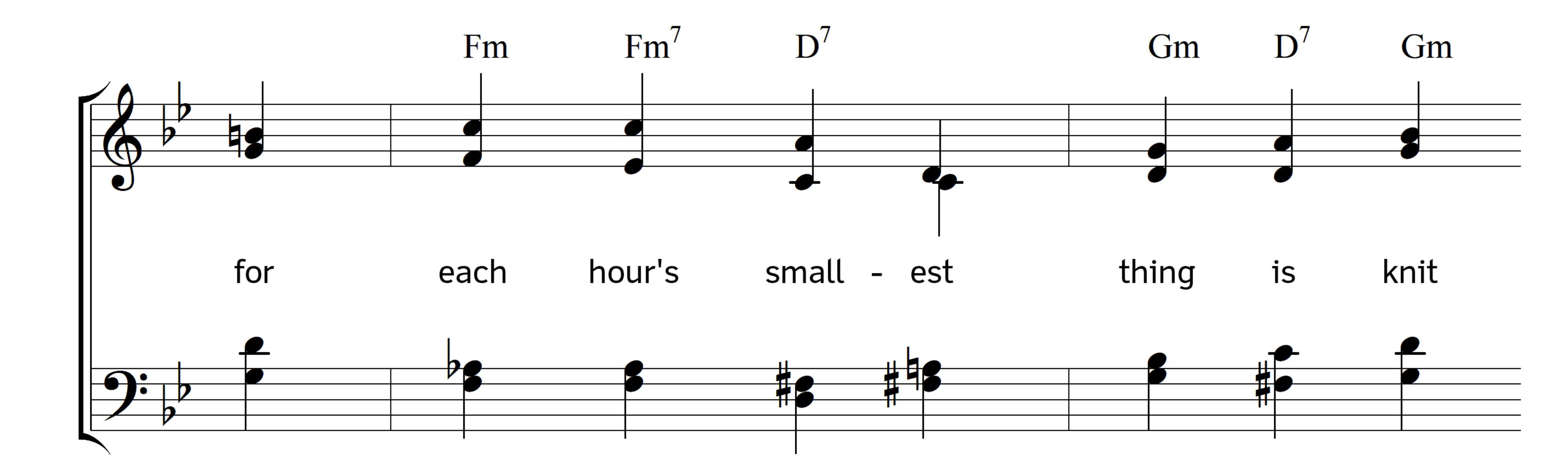
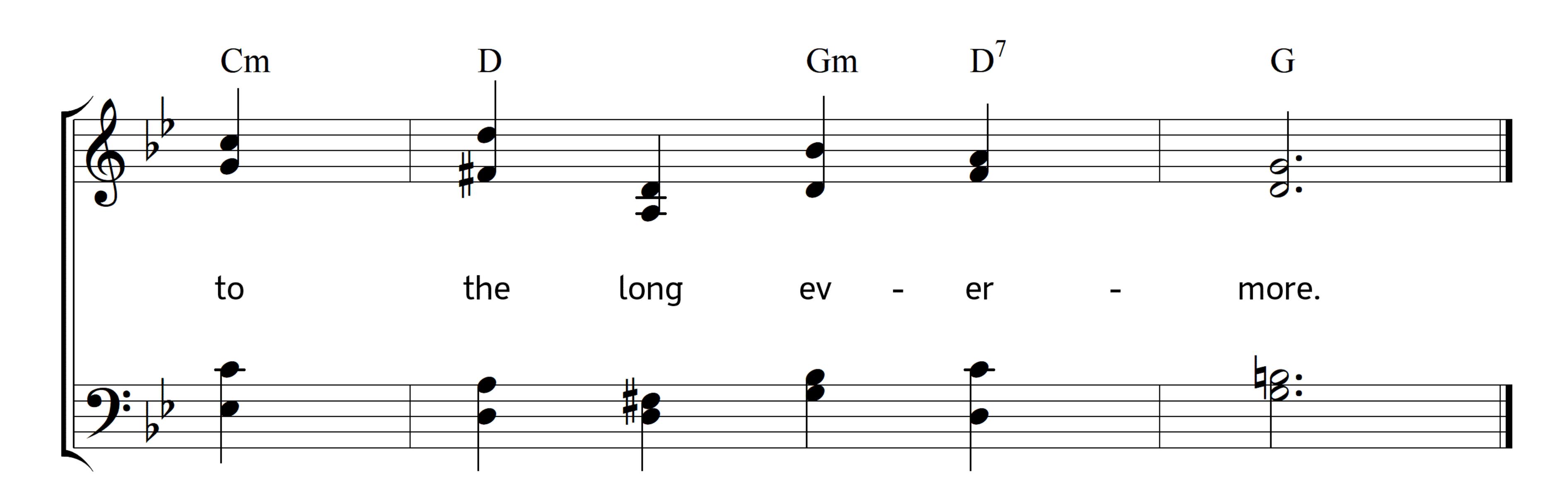
THE STRENGTH OF EVIL









2. The common deed or word, of which we took no heed, ends in a vast eternity, as in the tree the seed.

- 3. Nor room to trifle here; to jest away life's hours, as if we were but born to laugh, and sport among the flowers.
- 4. Sin spreadeth round and round in all we hear or see; each drop enough to poison earth and stain eternity.

5. Its lightest touch is death; and from each spark there come fires, through the ages spreading wide, the harbingers of doom.

6. The soul that sinneth dies!
He who has swerved aside
from the full-hearted love of God,
he has already died.

7. The sentence has gone forth from the great Judge of all, in whose high estimate of guilt no sin of man is small.

8. O endless fruit of sin!O solemn doom of God!One drop of evil upon earth swells to a world-wide flood.

9. One sin sweeps over time, rushing through silent space, like a dark angel, to destroy the new-created race.

10. Yet as the one sad sin brought death, and woe, and strife, so the one righteousness has brought the everlasting life.

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