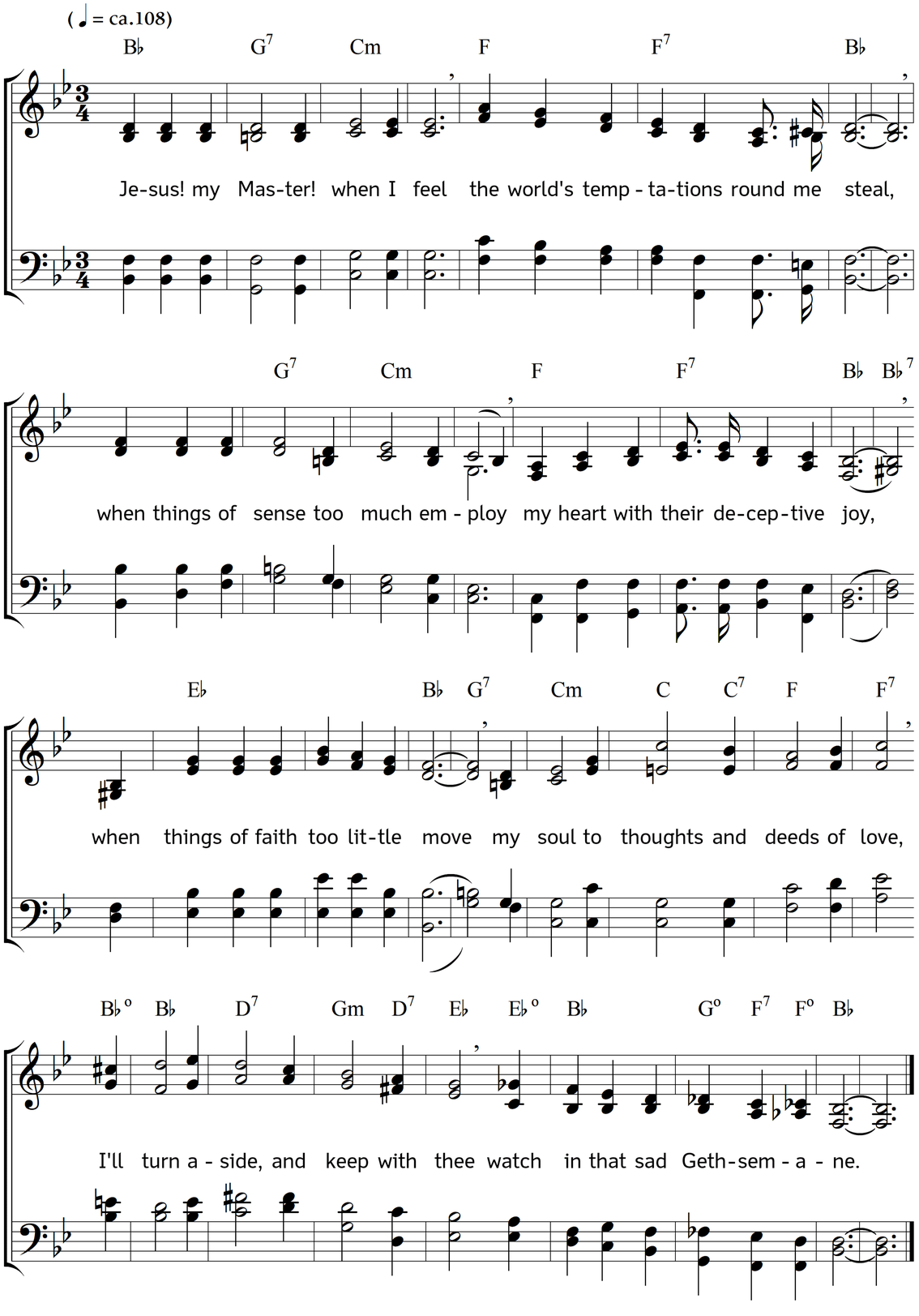
WATCHING IN GETHSEMANE



2. When – crossed by cares which thou hast sent
in mercy, sadder to prevent,
cares which, if rightly understood,
must only work me deeper good –
I, slighting what thou dost provide,
would push the bitter cup aside,
O give me grace to keep with thee
watch in that sad Gethsemane.

3. Life's gaudy and unreal glow,
the littleness of human woe,
the joys which some so much control,
they should be payment for a soul;
the griefs which some so much depress,
as if our r i g h t is happiness,
their nothingness we best can see
when looked on in Gethsemane.

4. Thy sorrows there alone can prove
the depth of real grief and love;
thy lonely and thrice offered prayer,
if it were possible, to spare;
the meekness of that love, which still
to Heaven subdued thy human will,
these are the lessons which can be
best taught us in Gethsemane.

5. There let us kneel, and 'watch and pray,'
against the dark and awful day,
when thou upon the Cross didst give
thy life, that all the world might live.
If for one moment sin seem slight,
or our offences few or light,
they'll take their proper form when we
kneel by thee in Gethsemane.

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