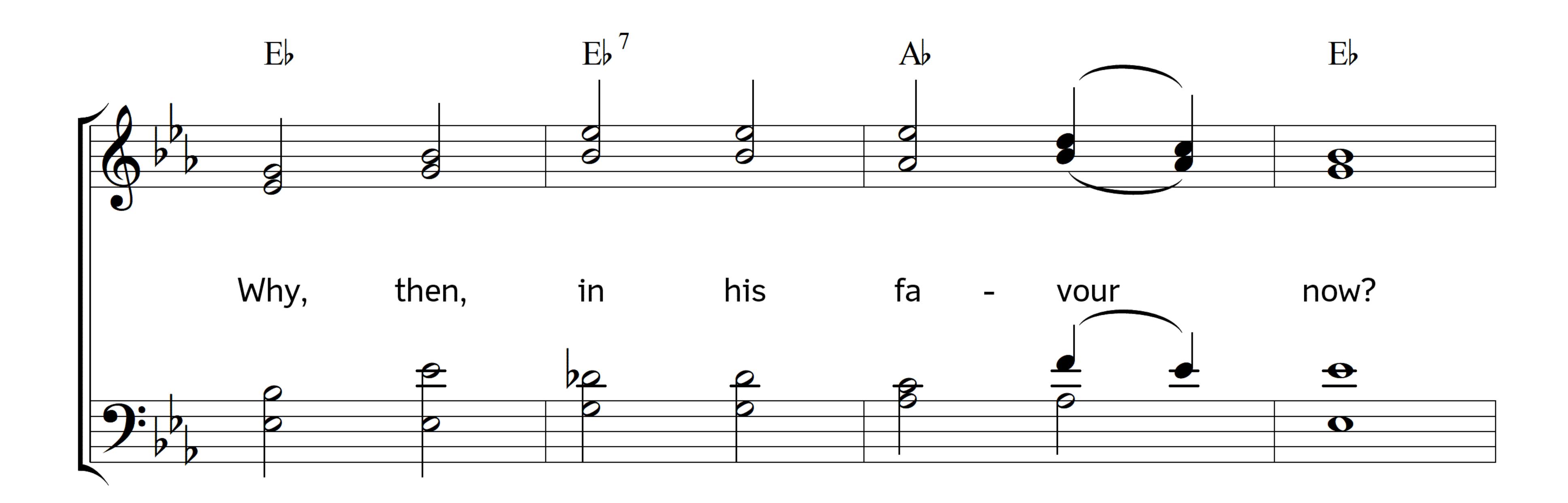
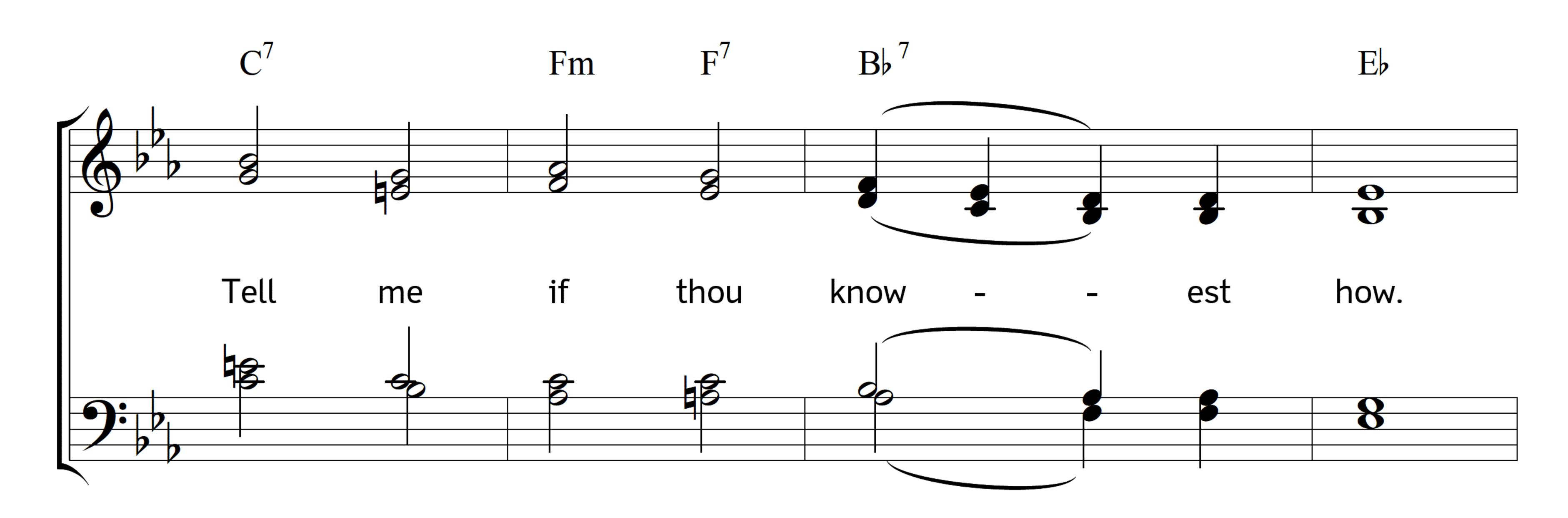
IF BELOVED, WHY BELOVED?







- 2. 'Tis too hard for man I know it; 'tis what angels cannot reach. God, "the only wise," can show it: 'tis what he alone can teach. He who spans the vaulted sky, he can tell the reason why.
- 3. If the Lord has hid the reason, and revealed the fact alone, let me humbly wait the season, when the secret may be known. To be loved may satisfy, though concealed the reason why.
- 4. Lord, if thou indeed dost love me, this sufficient is alone;things concealed, or things above me, may with safety be unknown.'Tis enough, enough for me, if I am beloved of thee.

- 5. Yet there may arrive a season, when the secret will be told; when the Lord will show the reason, and the mystery unfold.

 Be it ours to wait till then, though we know not where or when.
- 6. But the message of salvation is to all to all mankind.
 In the gracious invitation none excepted are, we find.
 He who on the Son believes, everlasting life receives.

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