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## TREEMONISHA

Opera in Three Acts

WORDS AND MUSIC BY SCOTT JOPLIN (Story Fictitious)

Act I-Morning.

Act II – Afternoon.

Act III-Evening.

#### Preface.

The Scene of the Opera is laid on a plantation somewhere in the State of Arkansas, Northeast of the Town of Texarkana and three or four miles from the Red River. The plantation being surrounded by a dense forest.

There were several negro families living on the plantation and other families back in the woods.

In order that the reader may better comprehend the story, I will give a few details regarding the Negroes of this plantation from the year 1866 to the year 1884.

The year 1866 finds them in dense ignorance, with no-one to guide them, as the white folks had moved away shortly after the Negroes were set free and had left the plantation in charge of a trustworthy negro servant named Ned.

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All of the Negroes, but Ned and his wife Monisha, were superstitious, and believed

in conjuring. Monisha, being a woman, was at times impressed by what the more expert conjurers would say.

Ned and Monisha had no children, and they had often prayed that their cabin home might one day be brightened by a child that would be a companion for Monisha when Ned

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was away from home. They had dreams, too, of educating the child so that when it grew up it could teach the people around them to aspire to something better and higher than superstition and conjuring.

The prayers of Ned and Monisha were answered in a remarkable manner. One morning in the middle of September 1866, Monisha found a baby under a tree that grew in front of her cabin. It proved to be a light-brown-skinned girl about two days old. Monisha took the baby into the cabin, and Ned and she adopted it as their own.

They wanted the child, while growing up, to love them as it would have loved its real parents, so they decided to keep it in ignorance of the manner in which it came to them until old enough to understand. They realized, too, that if the neighbors knew the facts, they would some day tell the child, so, to deceive them, Ned hitched up his mules and, with Monisha and the child, drove over to a family of old friends who lived twenty miles away and whom they had not seen for three years. They told their friends that the child was just a week old.

Ned gave these people six bushels of corn and forty pounds of meat to allow Monisha and the child to stay with them for eight weeks, which Ned thought would benefit the health of Monisha. The friends willingly consented to have her stay with them for that length of time.

Ned went back alone to the plantation and told his old neighbors that Monisha, while visiting some old friends, had become mother of a girl baby.

The neighbors were, of course, greatly surprised, but were compelled to believe that

Ned's story was true.

At the end of the eight weeks Ned took Monisha and the child home and received the congratulations of his neighbors and friends and was delighted to find that his scheme had worked so well.

Monisha, at first, gave the child her own name; but, when the child was three years old, she was so fond of playing under the tree where she was found that Monisha gave her the name of Tree - Monisha.

When Treemonisha was seven years old Monisha arranged with a white family that she would do their washing and ironing and Ned would chop their wood if the lady of the house would give Treemonisha an education, the schoolhouse being too far away for the child to attend. The lady consented and as a result Treemonisha was the only educated person in the neighborhood, the other children being still in ignorance on account of their inability to travel so far to school.

Zodzetrick, Luddud and Simon, three very old men, earned their living by going about the neighborhood practicing conjuring, selling little luck-bags and rabbits' feet, and confirming the people in their superstition

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This strain of music is the principal strain in the Opera and represents the happiness of the people when they feel free from the conjurces and their spells of superstition.



The opera begins in September 1884. Treemonisha, being eighteen years old, now starts up-

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on her career as a teacher and leader.

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#### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

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TREEMONISHA (Ned's adopted daughter	) Soprano.	CEPHUS	Tenor.
MONISHA (Ned's wife)		ZODZETRICK	itone.
LUCY		NED	Bass.
REMUS		LUDDUD	Bass.
ANDY		SIMON	Bass.
		ALLTALK	Bass .
		ORUS	

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### No1. Overture.

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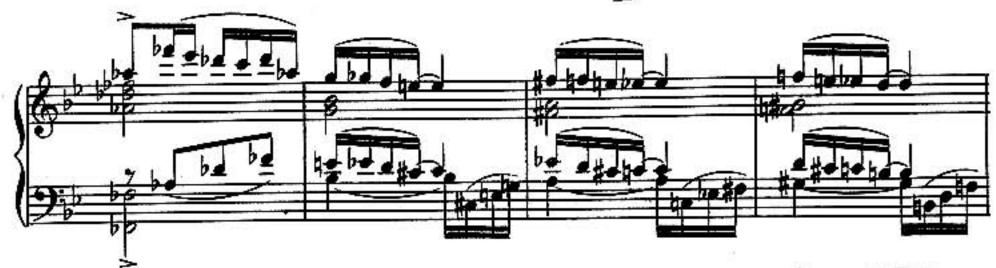
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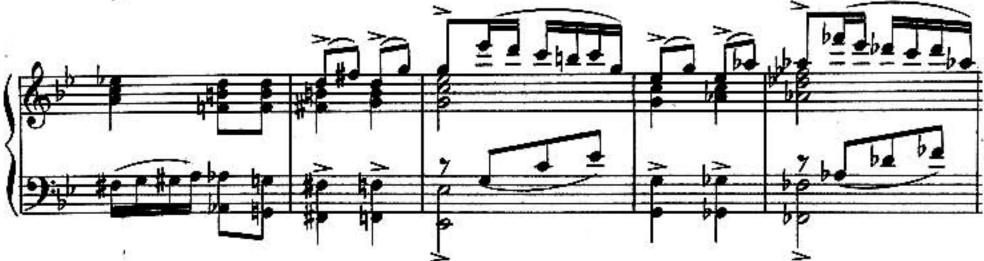
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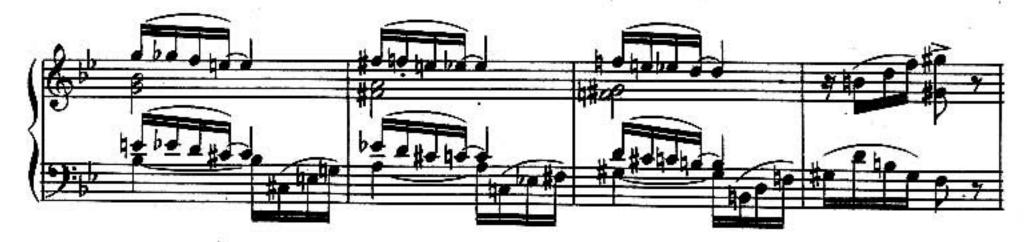
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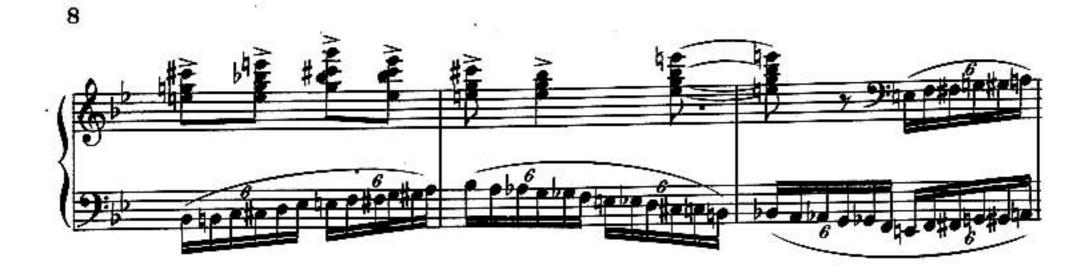






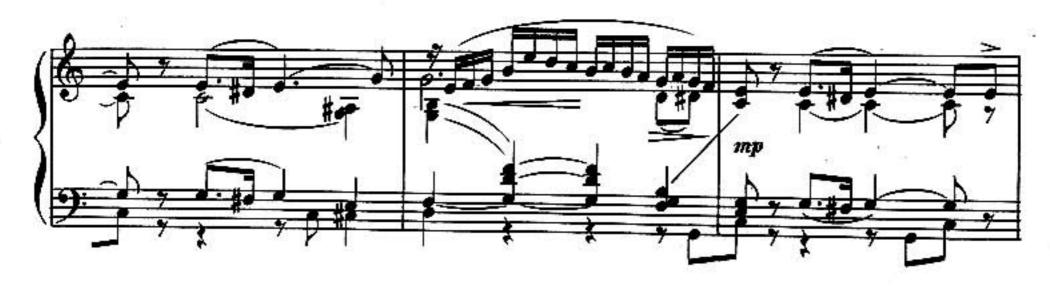






















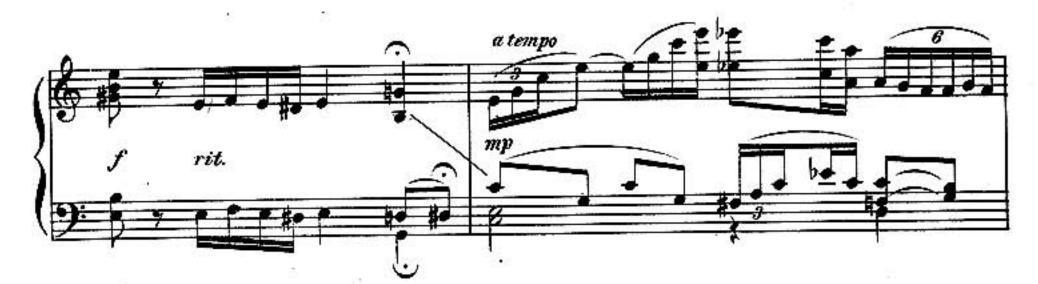


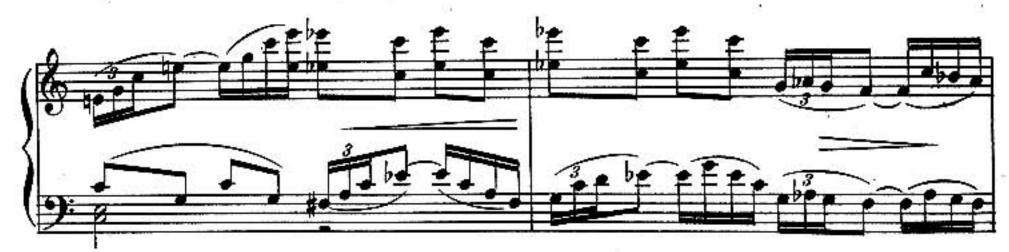
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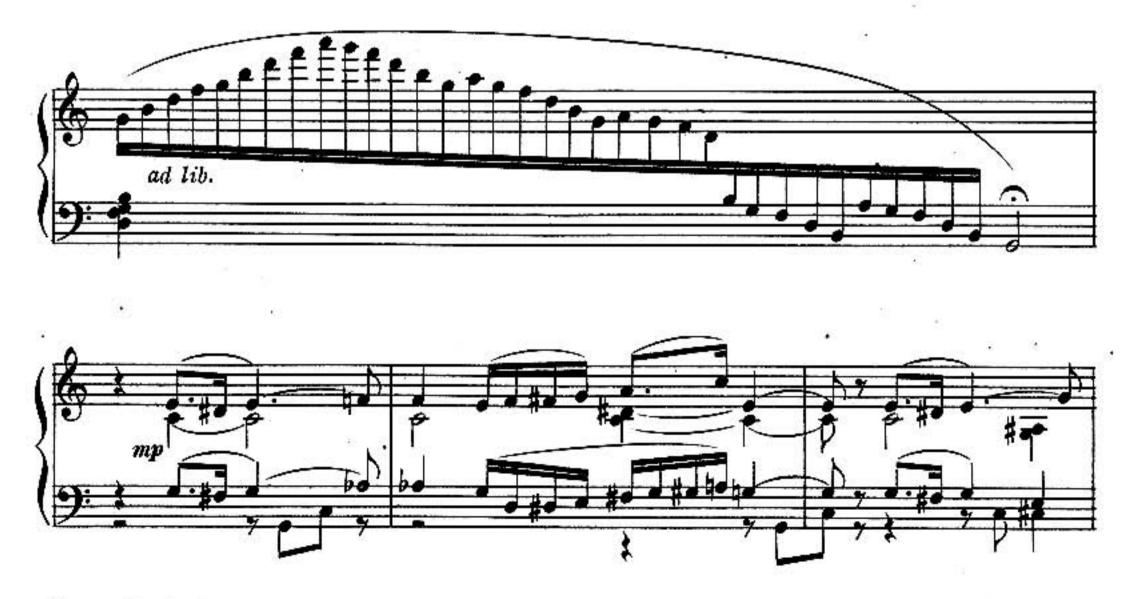












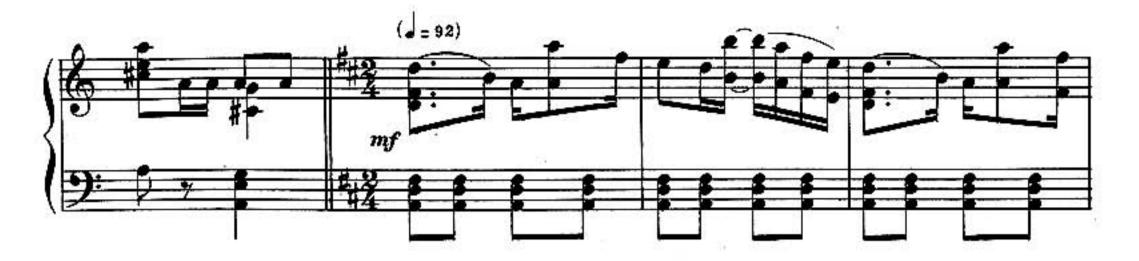




















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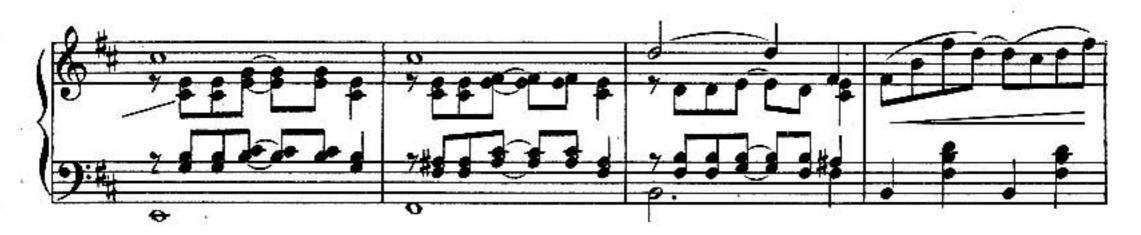




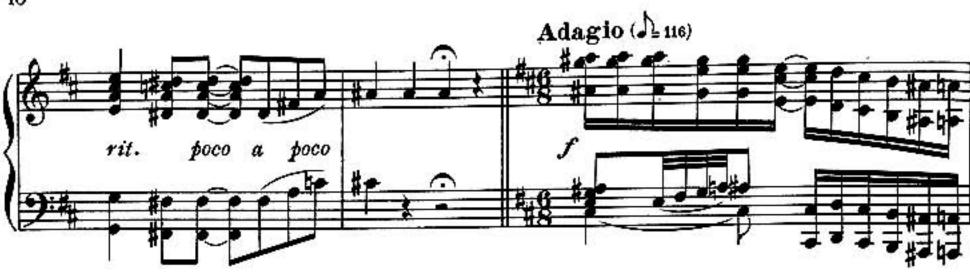




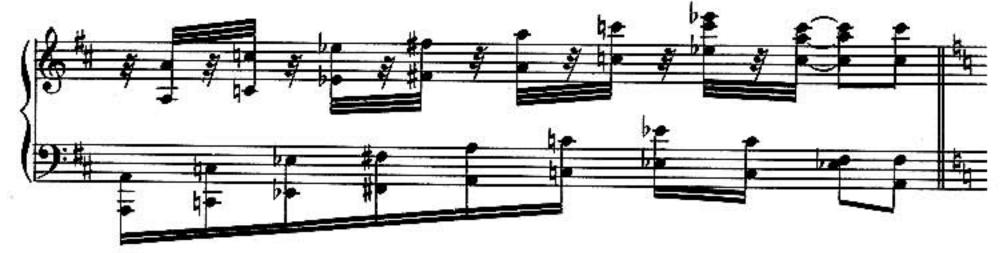


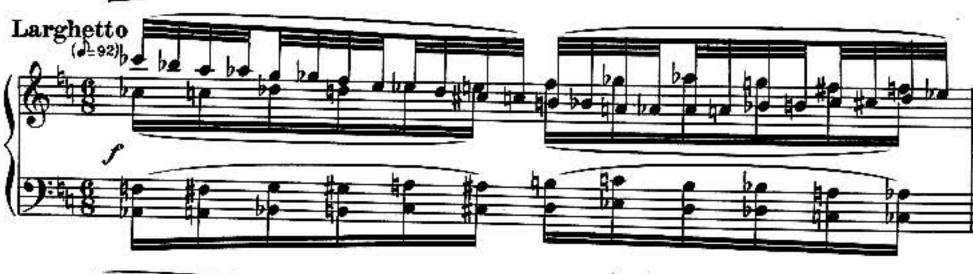


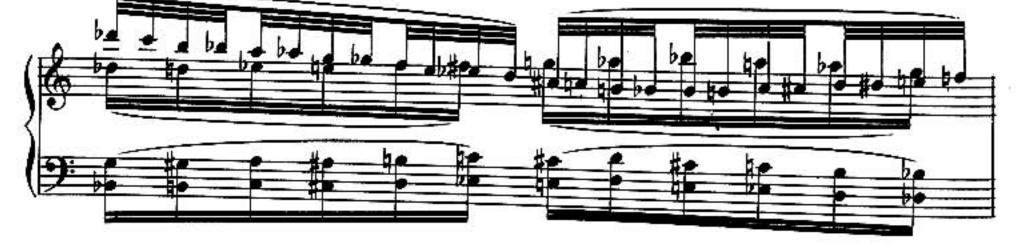






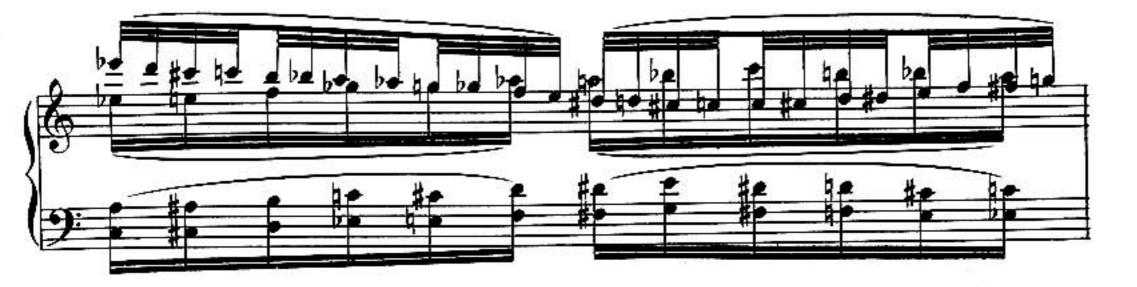






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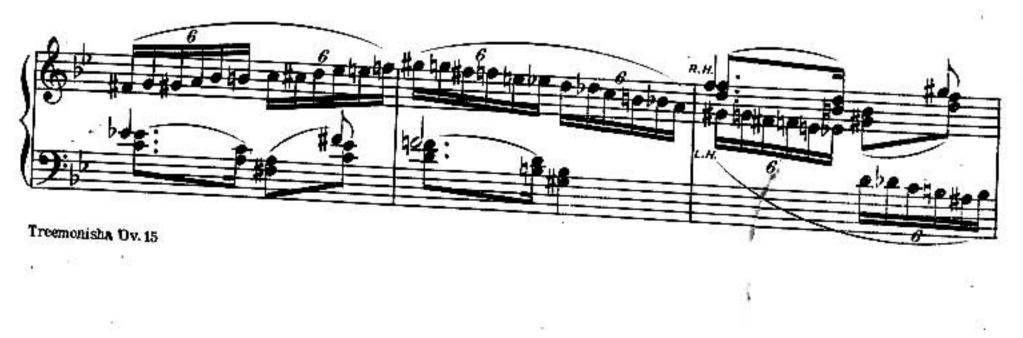




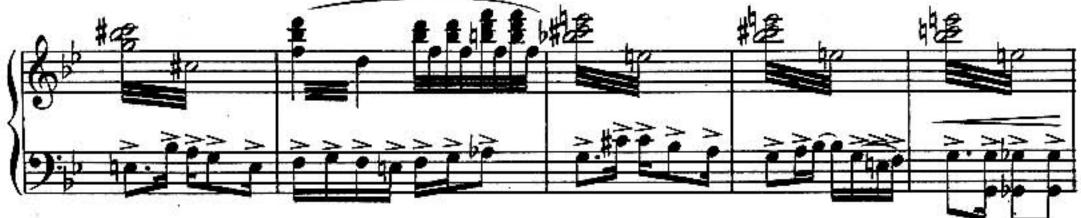




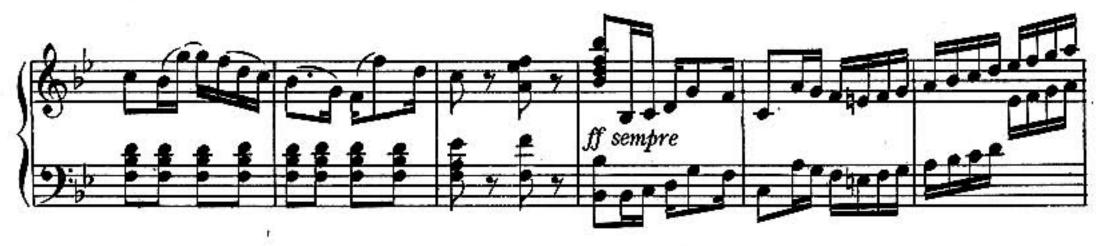
















# TREEMONISHA.

#### ACT 1. No 2. THE BAG OF LUCK.

#### Quintet.

Zodzetrick, Monisha, Ned, TreemonishaantRemus.

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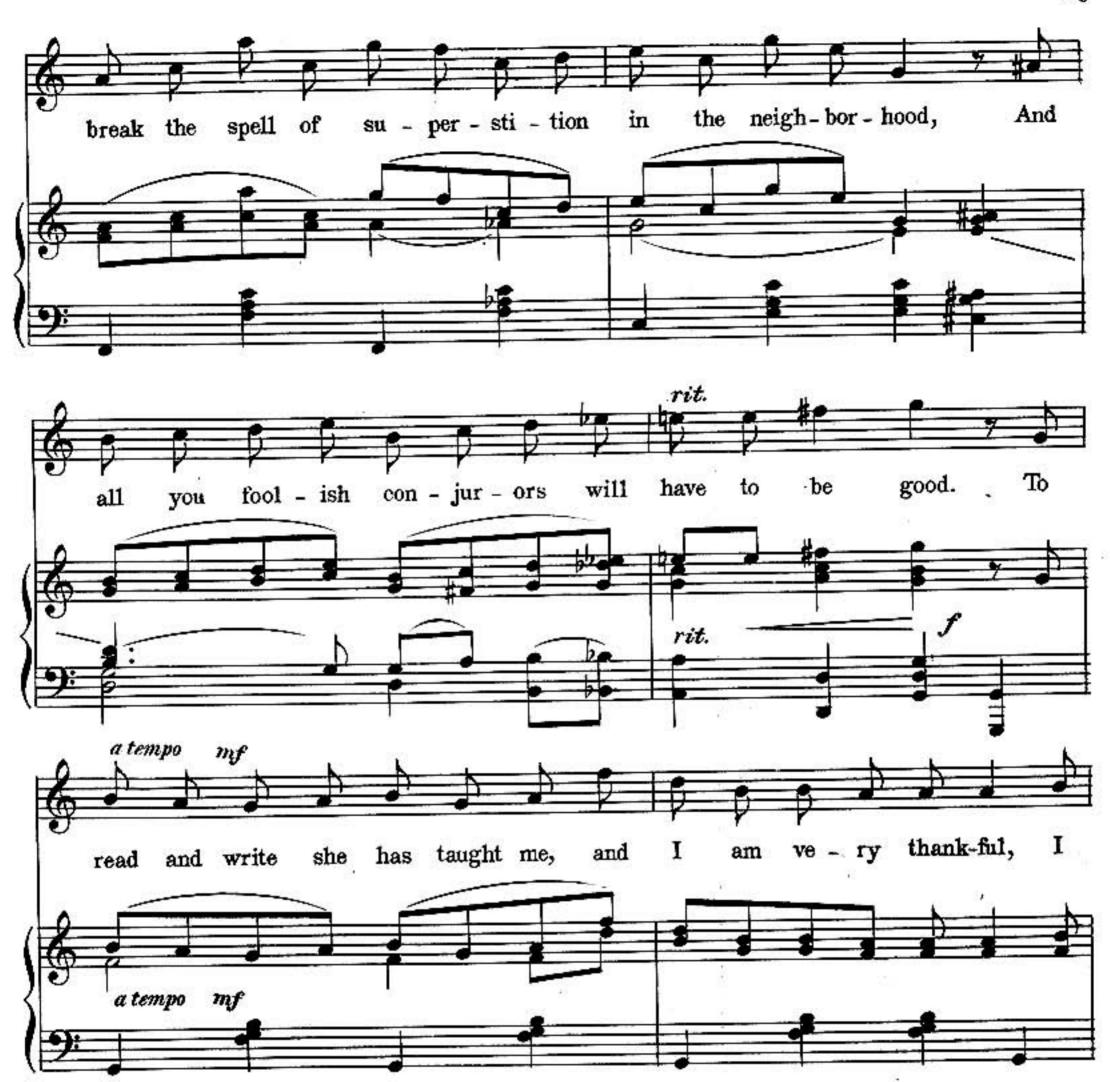






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# TREEMONISHA.

No 3. "THE CORN-HUSKERS."

Chorus of Corn-Huskers in distance. Largo





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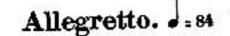
Corn-Huskers 8-3

# TREEMONISHA.

### No4. "WE'RE GOIN' AROUND." A RING PLAY.

All form a ring by joining hands, including Lucy, Andy's partner; Andy stands in center of ring.

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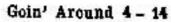














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## TREEMONISHA

#### No. 5. THE WREATH.

Treemonisha, Lucy, Monisha and Chorus.

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#### No.6."THE SACRED TREE."

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The Sacred Tree 14









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### No.7. SURPRISED.

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# TREEMONISHA.

### No. 8. "TREEMONISHA'S BRINGING UP."

Monisha, Treemonisha and Chorus.

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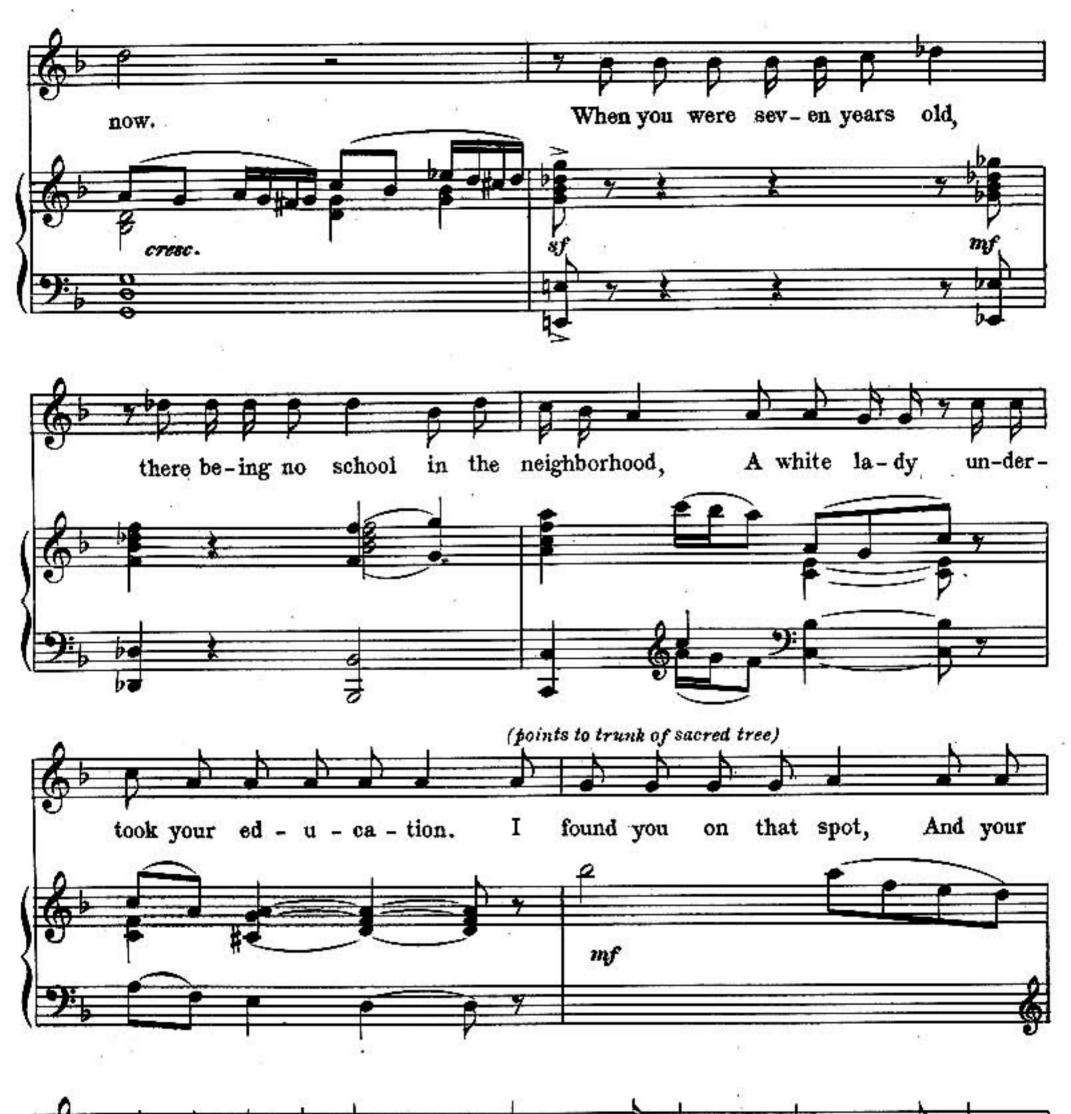
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## No 9. "GOOD ADVICE."

Parson Alltalk and Chorus.

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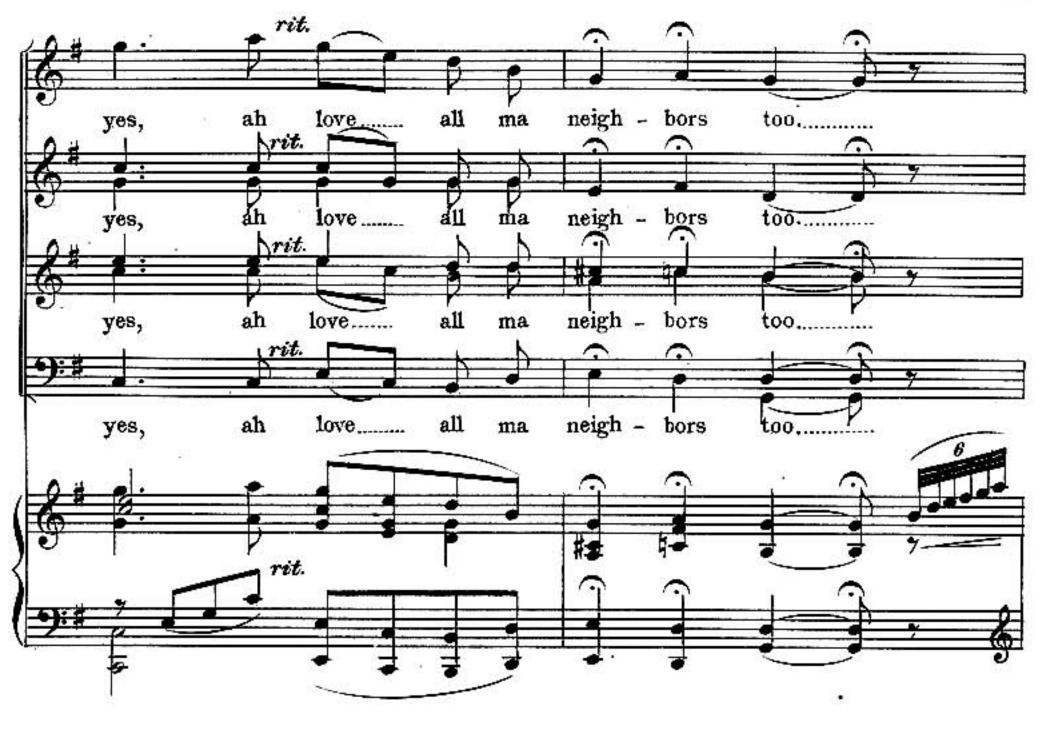


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### No. 10. CONFUSION.

### ENSEMBLE.

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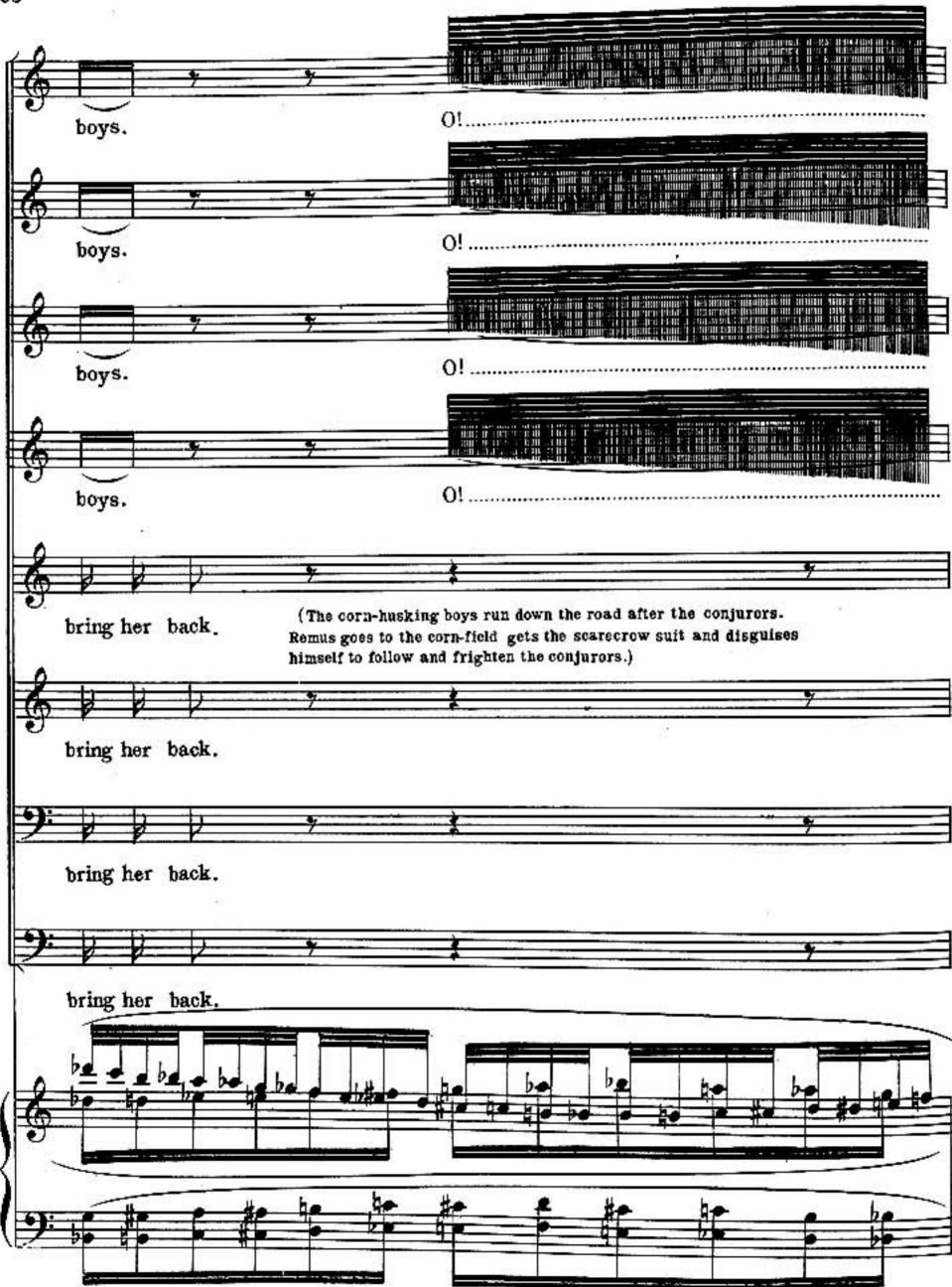


#### Women crying: (Lucy rises and begins to cry)

(The crying need not be in strict time, but the accompaniment must be.)



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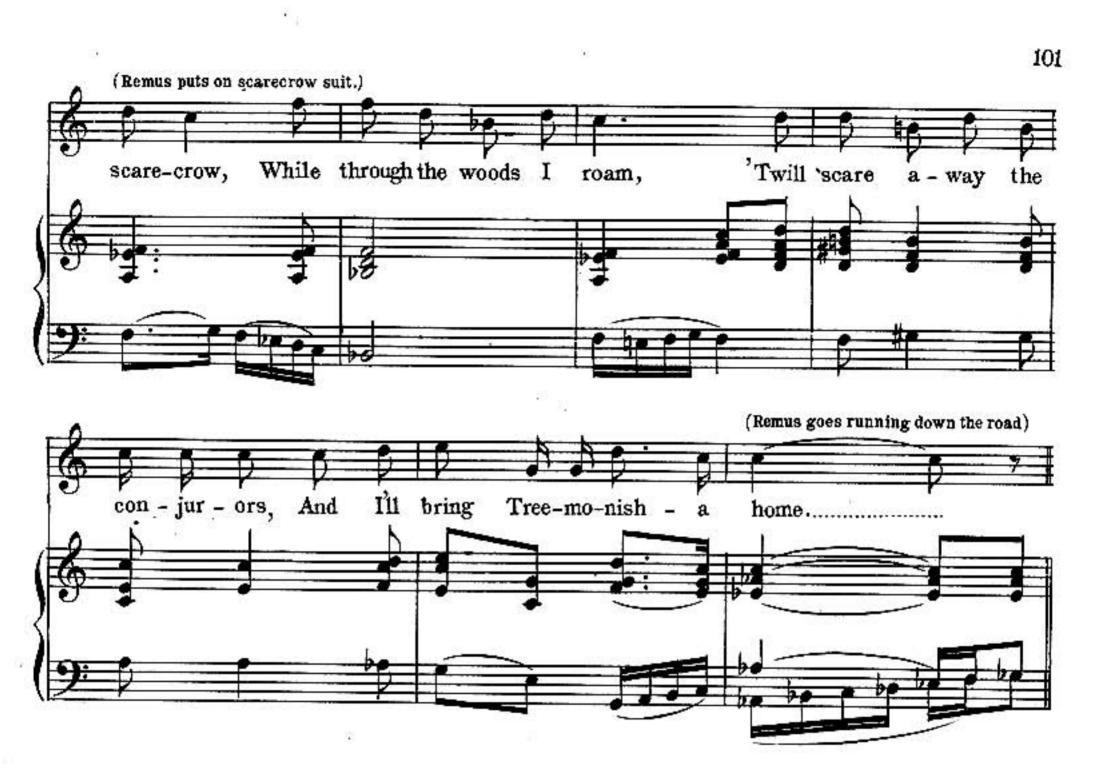


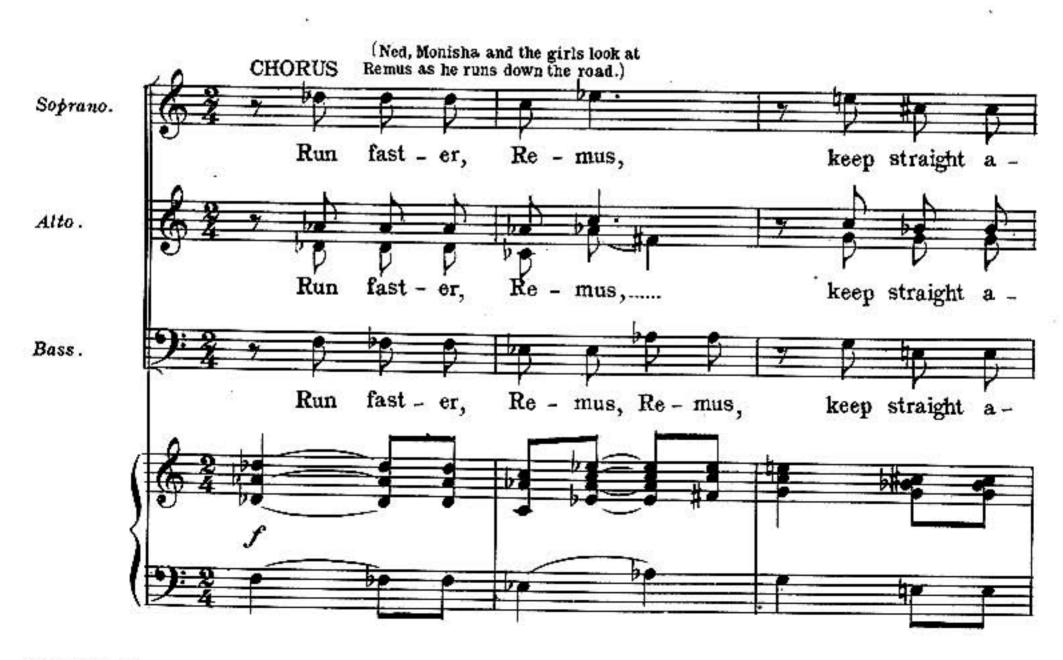














## TREEMONISHA.

## ACT 2. No.11. SUPERSTITION.

SCENE I. Woods. Conjurors meeting. Wasp's nest

hanging on bush. (Simon and Chorus)

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Superstition, No.11 = 9



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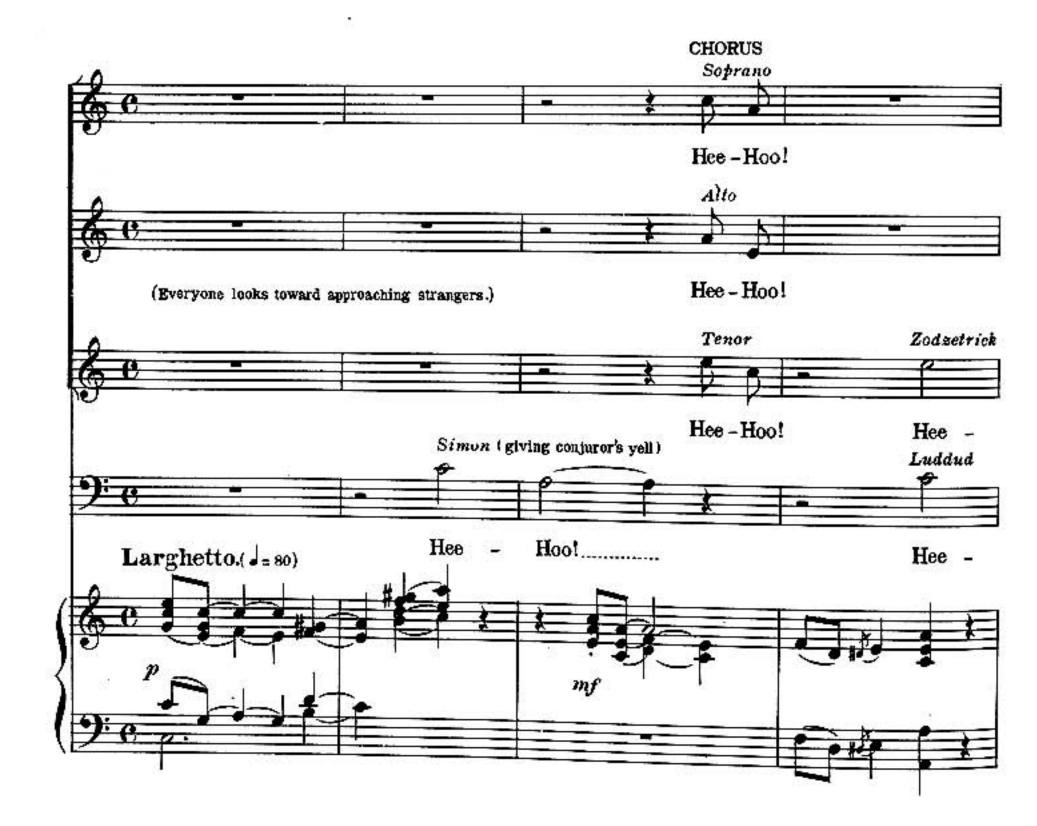


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### No 12. TREEMONISHA IN PERIL. Ensemble.

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#### Who is dat wo-man dey am bring-in' wid 'em?



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#### Frolic Of Bears 13-9

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## No.14. THE WASP-NEST. Ensemble.

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#### No.15. THE RESCUE.

Remus and Treemonisha.

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The Rescue 15-3

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### No.16. WE WILL REST AWHILE.

Male Quartet in Cotton Field.

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137 rit. a tempo a - while, Soon we'll be a – while, We will rest at home chop-ping rest rit. a tempo a - while, Soon we'll be a - while, We will rest at home chop-ping rest a tempo rit. a - while, Soon we'll be at home chop-ping a - while, We will rest rest rit. a tempo a - while, We will rest a - while, Soon we'll be at home chop-ping rest a - while, 'Cause it's wood, Chopping wood. We will rest a - while, we will rest a - while, 'Cause it's We will rest we will rest a - while, wood : wood, Chopping wood. We will rest a - while, we will rest a - while, 'Cause it's



We Will Rest Awhile 16-3

We will rest a - while, eat - in' we will time..... al - most We will rest a - while, we will time..... al - most eat - in' time, eat - in'time. We will rest a - while, al - most eat - in' we will time, eat - in'time. We will rest a - while, we will al - most eat - in' 2 (Cotton pickers sit down to rest.) rit. a tempo 'Cause rest - in' is a - while, fine..... rest ve - ry rit. a tempo 'Cause rest - in' rest rit. while fine..... is ry a ve -'Cause while, rest rest - in' is a fine..... ry ve rit. a tempo 'Cause a - while, rest rest - in' is fine. ve гу υ rit. a tempo

### No.17. GOING HOME.

Duct: Remus and Treemonisha and Chorus of Cotton Pickers.

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No.18. AUNT DINAH HAS BLOWED DE HORN.

Cotton Pickers.

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Aunt Dinah 18-6



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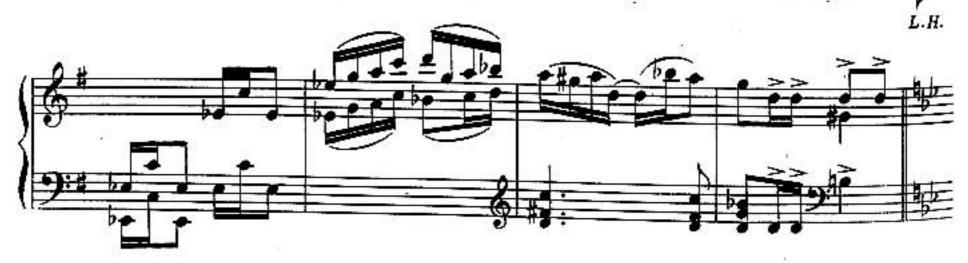
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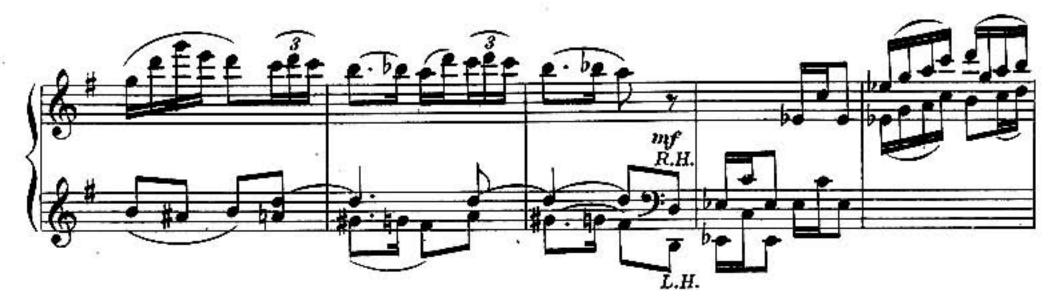




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## TREEMONISHA.

#### ACT 3.

#### No 20. I WANT TO SEE MY CHILD.

DUET-Soprano and Bass.

SCENE - Interior of Ned and Monisha's Cabin. Ned and Monisha seated on bench, she leaning against him.

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### No.21. TREEMONISHA'S RETURN. Ensemble.

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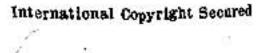


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## No22.WRONG IS NEVER RIGHT.

#### A Lecture

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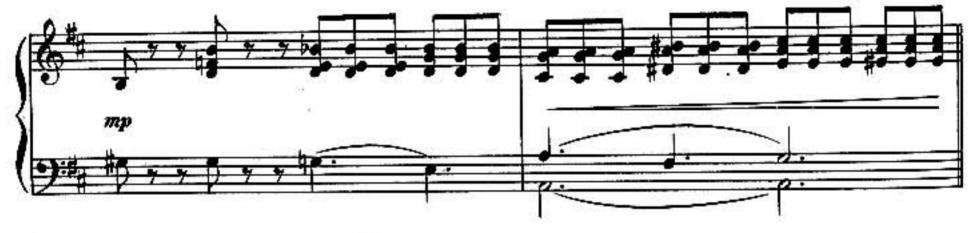
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## No 24. "WHEN VILLAINS RAMBLE FAR AND NEAR." A Lecture.

Bass Solo.

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## No 25. CONJURORS FORGIVEN.

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## No 26. WE WILL TRUST YOU AS OUR LEADER.

(TREEMONISHA and CHORUS)

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We Will Trust You etc. 26 = 20



a tempo J rit. lead, You should lead\_ us, ... Lead you... to .... us,And lead us, ..... a tempo J rit. 3 us, 1ead ..... you.... You should lead you to lead, want If 2 a tempo f rit. lead, You should lead us,.... If lead ...... you.... you to - ---a tempo rit. Dear, your bidding we will do, And You should lead you lead, to..... us, a tempo f rit. cresc. decresc. blue! blue, dear, feel feel We we we will always fol-low you. decresc. cresc. blue! fee1 We feel dear, blue, we'll always fol-low you. we Þ9 blue! fee1 blue, dear, feel we We we will always fol-low you. cresc. decresc.

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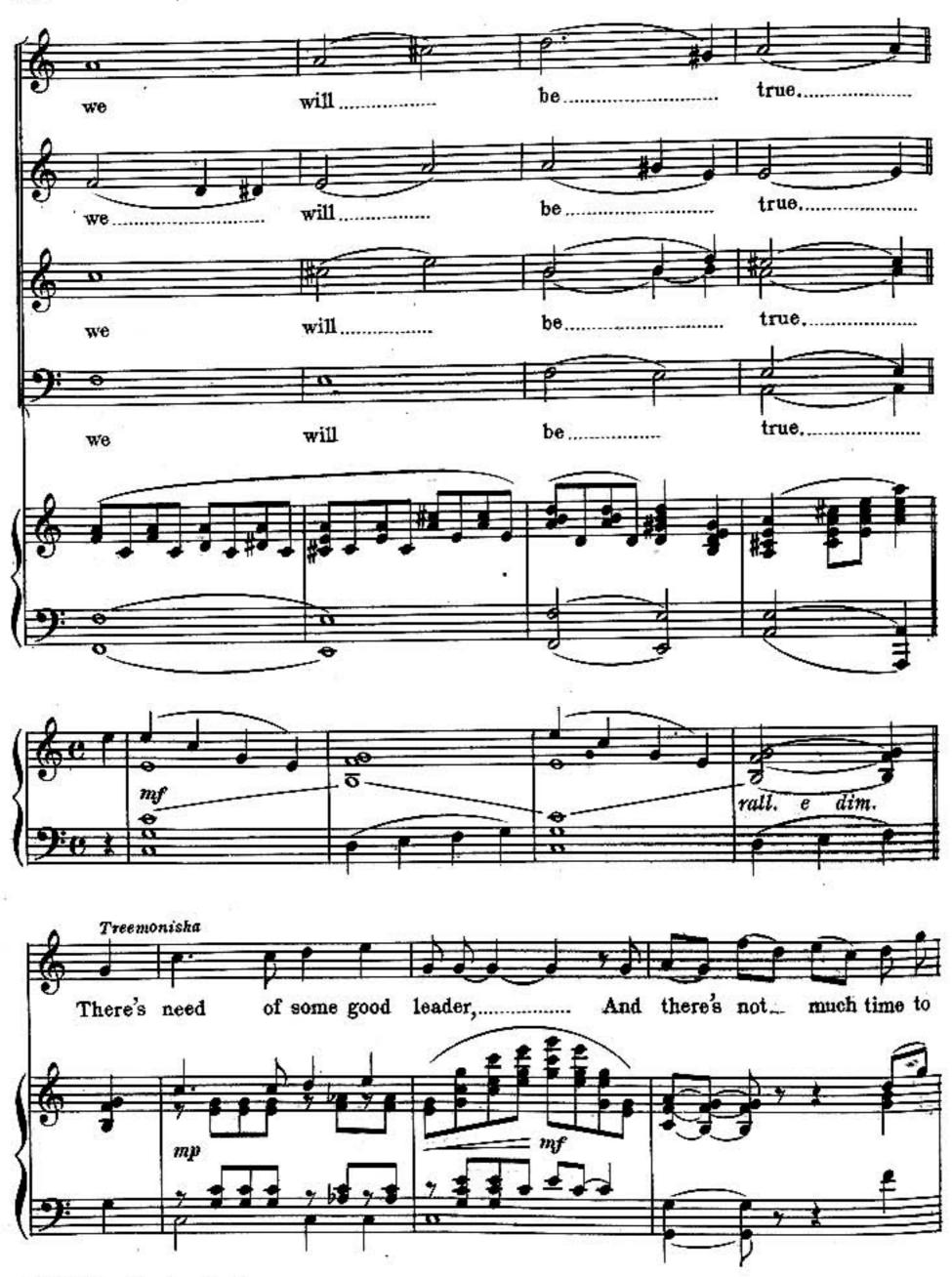
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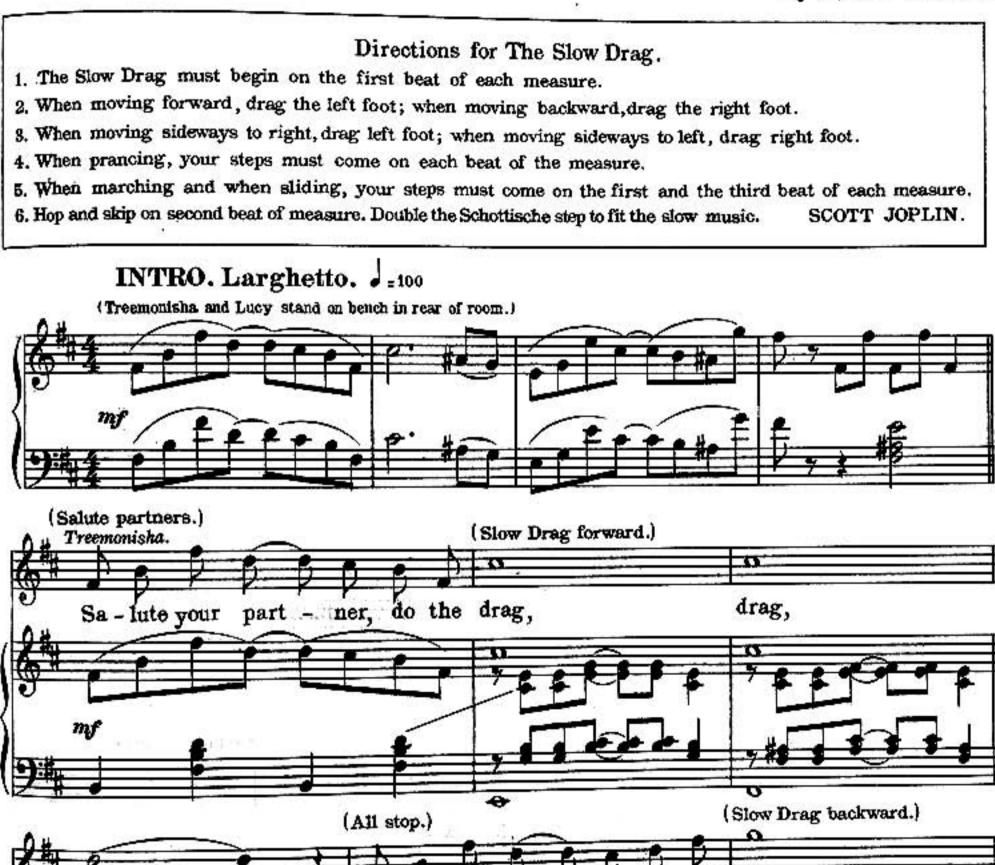
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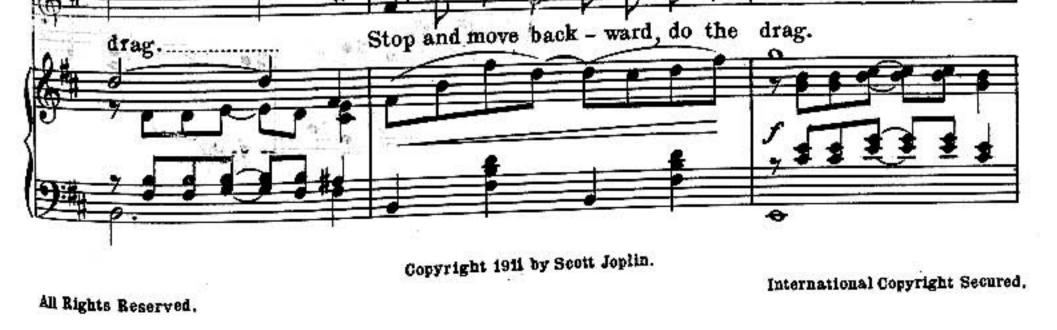


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## No. 27. A REAL SLOW DRAG.

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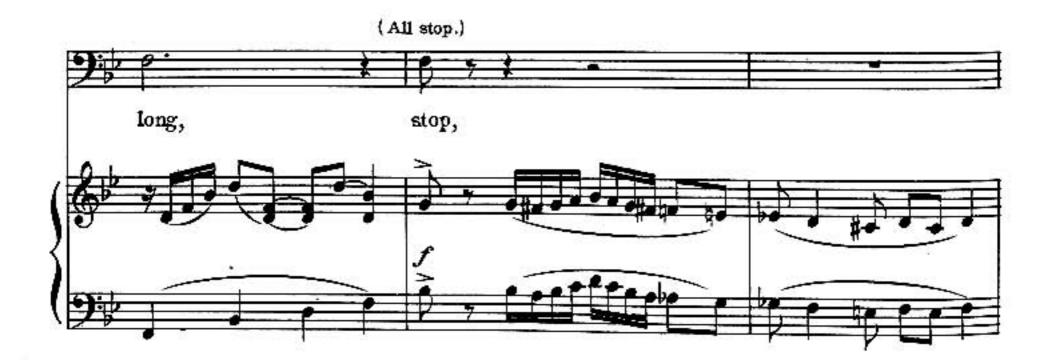












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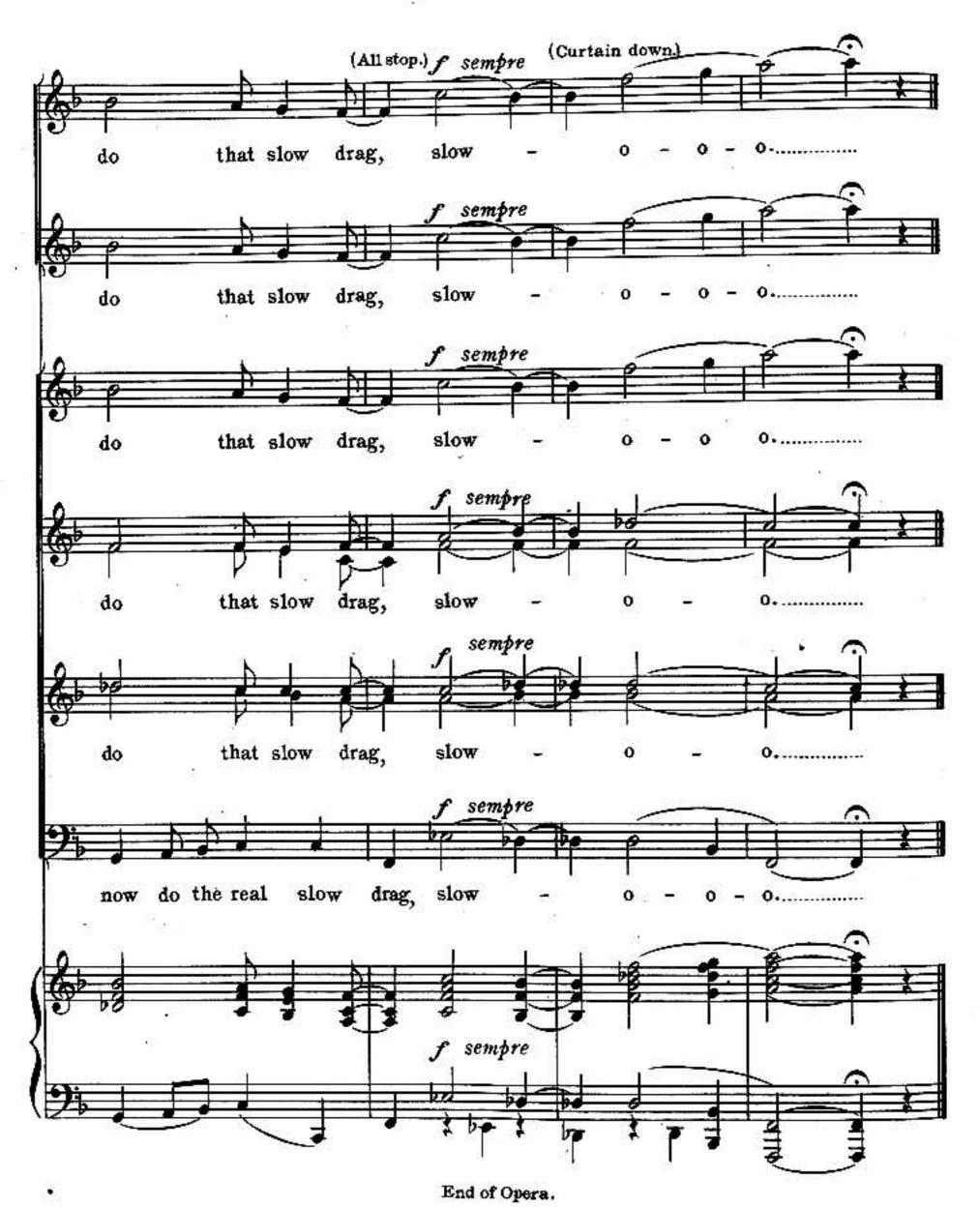






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