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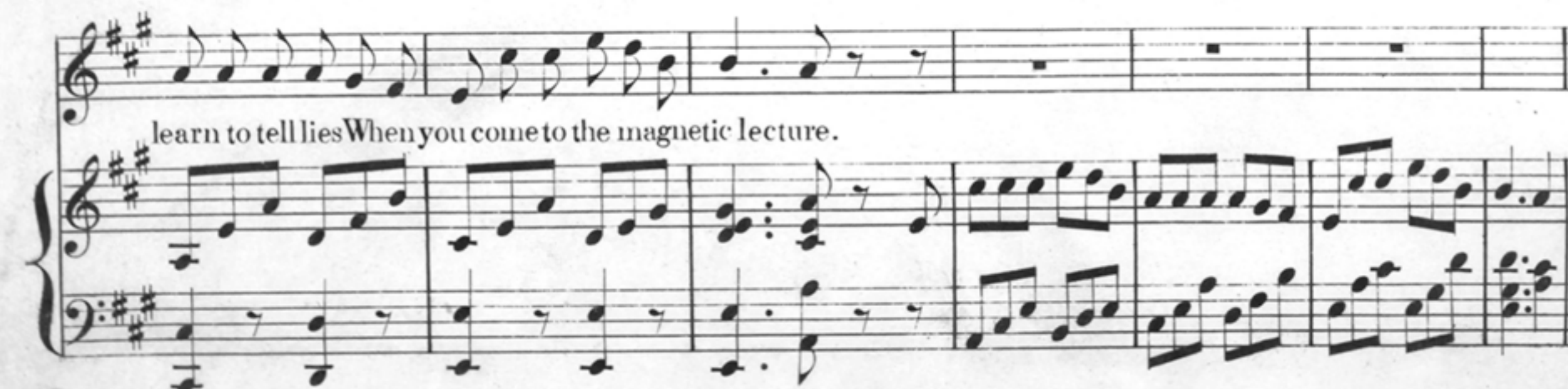
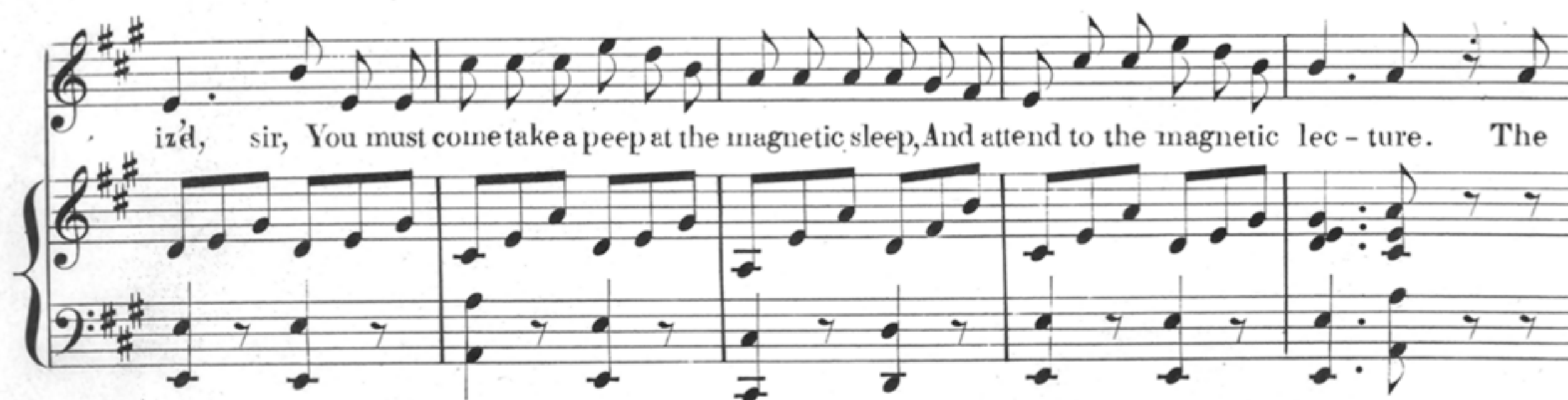
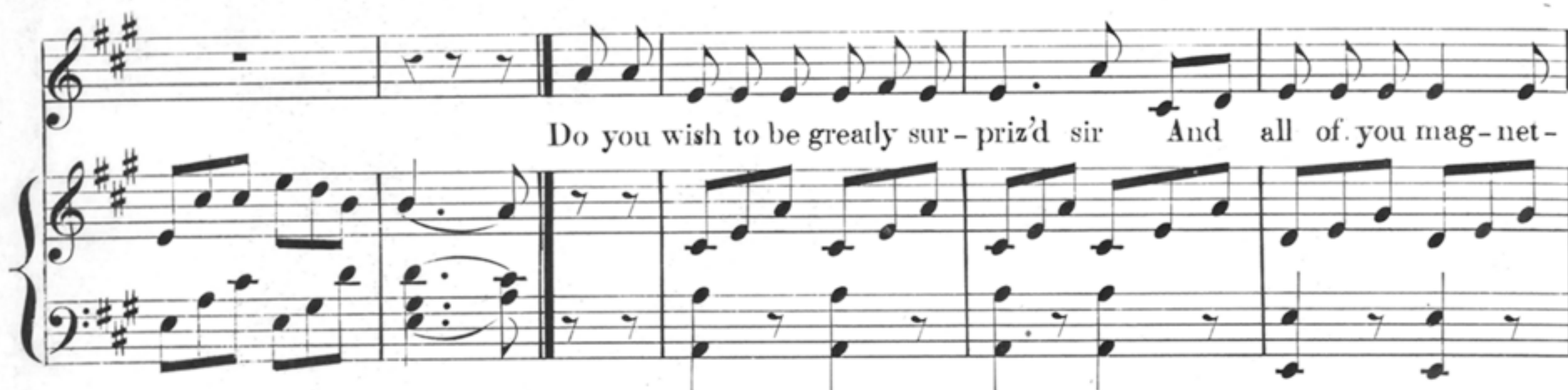
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THE MAGNETIC LECTURE.



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BY OSSIAN E. DODGE.

Do you wish to be greatly surprised, sir, and all of you magnetized, sir,
You must come take a peep at the magnetic sleep,
And attend to the Magnetic Lecture.
The science will then be explained, sir; you'll receive it without any pain, sir;
You will then close your eyes, and you'll learn to tell lies,
When you come to the Magnetic Lecture.

[Spoken.] Ladies and gentlemen, I appear before you, this evening, for the purpose of giving you a brief, but a very scientific, lecture on the subject of Mesmerism. But, as it is more vulgarly termed *magnetism* — but, as the magnet is an animal which but very few of us has ever had the pleasure of seeing, and in fact there has but one ever made its appearance in the United States, which was the one Captain Cook obtained at the north pole; and as that is now dead, I'll not dwell longer on that heart-rending point, but refer at once to the ricondorigurous subject, which is now before our weeping eyes. Mesmerism, ladies and gentlemen, was first introduced in the northern part of Texas, in the United States of Pennsylvania, in the year 1823 $\frac{1}{2}$, and was first imported into this country, by Professor Mur-ism, who was in the habit of restoring to perfect health, those who were already in the ledazerous grasp of consumption, by placing them in the mesmericular state by the fifties or dozens, or, as it was then more vulgarly termed, "by the messes." Thus, my friends, you see the origin of the term "mess-murism," of which science, you see, I am perfect master.

Chorus. — So, if you wish to be greatly surprised, sir, and all of you magnetized, sir,
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VERSE SECOND.

If you only will hand in your money, I'll show you all that which is funny,
My subject will walk, and to all of you talk,
When you come to the Magnetic Lecture.

[Spoken.] Now, ladies and gentlemen, as our time is flying with carryoliverous velocity, with your permission, I will perform a few experiments with my subject, who is a boy of only eleven years of age, and who is, of course, too young and innocent to be capable of practising deceit on your scientific and verdant minds. My friends, the boy is now in the Mesmericular state. Billy, my boy, you can step before the audience, and state to them who and what you are, &c., in as few words as possible, that we may go on with our experiments.

Boy. My name is Bill Ferguson, and I go around with this ere man, and he promises as how, arter a while, he'll give me lots o' money, if I'll only learn to —

Magnetizer. Come, come, Billy; it's unnecessary to give all the particulars; you can merely state that you go with me, but you mustn't tell these little things.

Boy. I just go with him, but mustn't tell these little things.

Magnetizer. Come, come; that'll do, that'll do.

Boy. That'll do, that'll do.

Magnetizer. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I will perform a few experiments on the nervous system. You will perceive that the boy's limbs are perfectly free and pliable from any stiffness whatever, although when I first took him from his poor widowed mother, who, by her hard labor, was barely able to support herself, her intemperate husband, and her five poor orphan children, the boy had the measles in one of his legs, and was entirely unable to stand alone. But now, Billy, I guess you don't find many boys that can even run with you, do you?

Boy. No, I jest don't; I can run first rate, and so can all of our folks but father. Father, he run last fall for justice of peace, but got licked.

Magnetizer. Ladies and gentlemen, you'll excuse the boy's observations.

But if you wish to be greatly surprised, &c., &c.

VERSE THIRD.

There never has been an invention, so worthy of all your attention:
So never mind trash, but just hand in your cash,
And attend to the Magnetic Lecture.

[Spoken.] Ladies and gentlemen, the next phenomena which I shall present before you on this occasion, will be a few experiments in the sense of hearing; and you will readily perceive, by a mere verokulationary glance, that however easy the subject may hear whatever falls from my eloquent, heart-rending, and pathetic lips, the boy will be perfectly deaf, and entirely unconscious of any noise that may be made by any other person in the room. So that, mesmerically speaking, the boy is perfectly dead.

Old Woman. Why, my dear sir, you haven't killed the boy, have you?

Magnetizer. O, no, my good woman, the boy is only physically dead; but still, if you wish to speak to him, you will perceive that he hears nothing that you say; however, you will address him by the name of William, if you please, madam.

Old Woman. Billy, my good boy, can you hear any thing that I say?

Boy. No, I can't hear a word.

Old Woman. Why, Billy, my boy, you aint deaf, are you?

Boy. No, I aint deaf, but I can't hear nothing.

Old Woman. Well, bless my eyes, if that aint the most surprisingist thing I ever hearn on!

Magnetizer. Certainly, madam, certainly. But that is only one experiment out of a thousand.

So, if you wish to be greatly surprised, &c., &c.

VERSE FOURTH.

I can put you all under subjection, so you can't even raise an objection,
From north to the south; magnetize every mouth,
So you can't even talk at my Lecture.

[Spoken.] Old Woman. You aint agoing to magnemitize my mouth, I tell you, sir, not by a jug full; you nor no other man can't never stop my tongue, the longest day I live; my mouth is my own, and I'll use it to suit myself, so I will; that I will and —

Dutchman. Yesh, tish very pad, ven ve comes here to see de echperiments, dat we can't have our mouves wide shut open a rod a stream long by ourselves.

Irishman. Och, faith, and it's Patrick O'Flanagan, an who the deuce is that sure, but my own dear self is the boy that would like to see the man that would be after closing my mouth. Och, faith, an he'll wish he'd been born without taeth.

Magnetizer. Hold, hold, my dear friends; I did not wish to infer that I would enforce my power; I merely wished to have it understood, that in case of sickness or indigestion, I could, with the graceful wave of my hand, pass the dorryophrizulous fluid through the candegular system, and have it disseminate itself throughout the entire flambuguiztionary nerves.

Yankee. Wall, if you haint swallered a booktionary, then there aint no mud turtles in Uncle Zephaniah's keow paster. I thought that we had the biggest meowthed feller down in our neighborhood, for a schulemaster that ever lived, for he used to write such big words that it tuck tew men to speak em eout, and have em hull; but yew can take the skates right eout from under him, witheout specks.

Magnetizer. Certainly, my dear friend, certainly; but that is all owing to my having a greater knowledge of the science; so that,

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