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Moderato.

The piano introduction consists of two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music is marked 'Moderato' and 'f' (forte). The right hand features a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with chords and eighth notes. The piece concludes with a final chord marked 'fz' (forzando) and a fermata.

Voice.

The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "I had a won-der - ful dream last The Russian Czar wet his lips\_ with". The piano accompaniment is marked 'Vamp.' and 'p' (piano). It features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand. A repeat sign is present at the beginning of the piano part.

The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "night\_ I nev - er saw such a love - ly sight\_ I wine\_ Then start - ed whist-ling 'The Wacht am Rhine'\_ The". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first verse.

The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: "dreamt that the war - ring nat - ions were at a Kais - er sang 'Tip - pe - rar - y' with out a". The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

ball \_\_\_\_\_ There was - n't an - y one talk - ing fight \_\_\_\_\_ They re - a -  
 pause \_\_\_\_\_ They kept it up till the break of day \_\_\_\_\_ Then when they

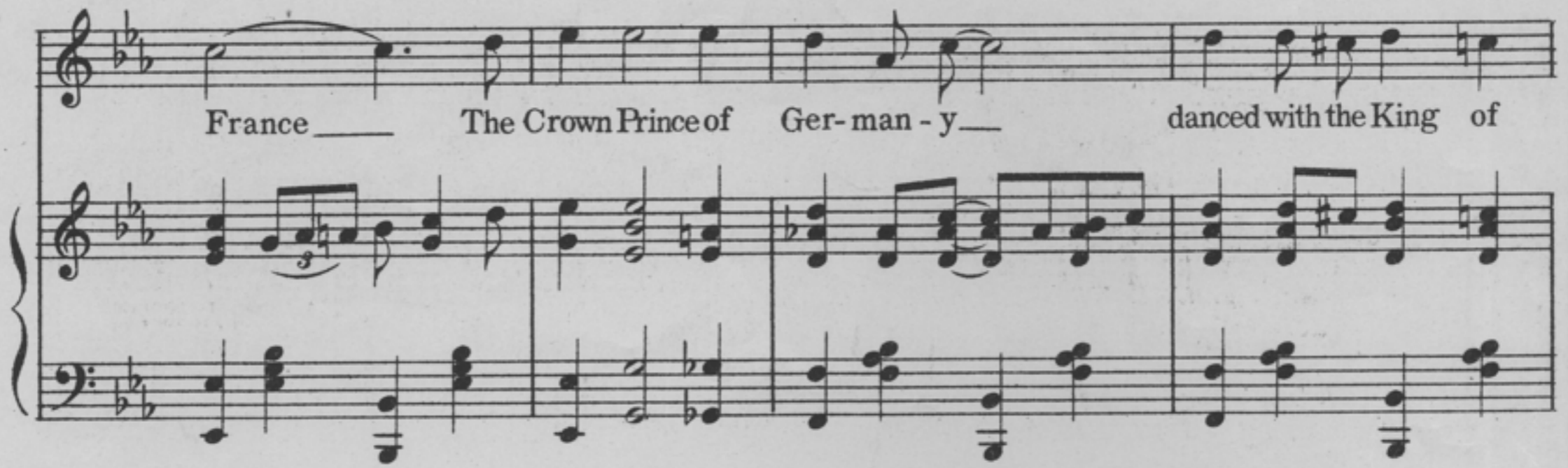
lized that it was - n't right \_\_\_\_\_ And this is just  
 start-ed to go a - way \_\_\_\_\_ The whole world rang

what I no - ticed in the hall. \_\_\_\_\_  
 out with glad - ness just be - cause. \_\_\_\_\_

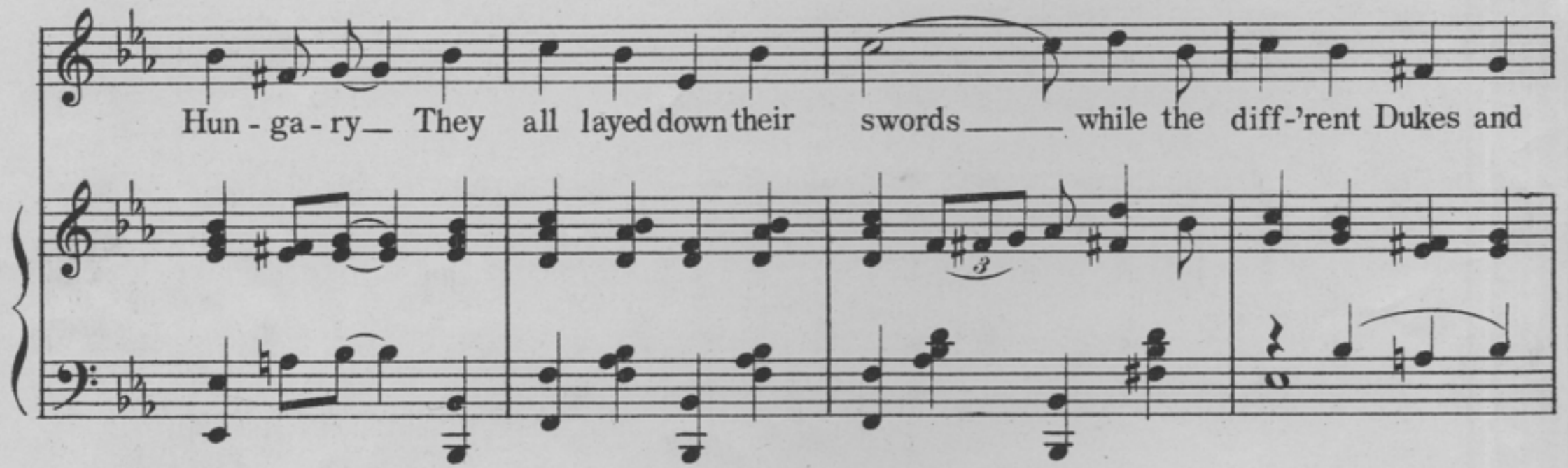
**Chorus.**

The King of Eng - land danced \_\_\_\_\_ with the Pres - i - dent of

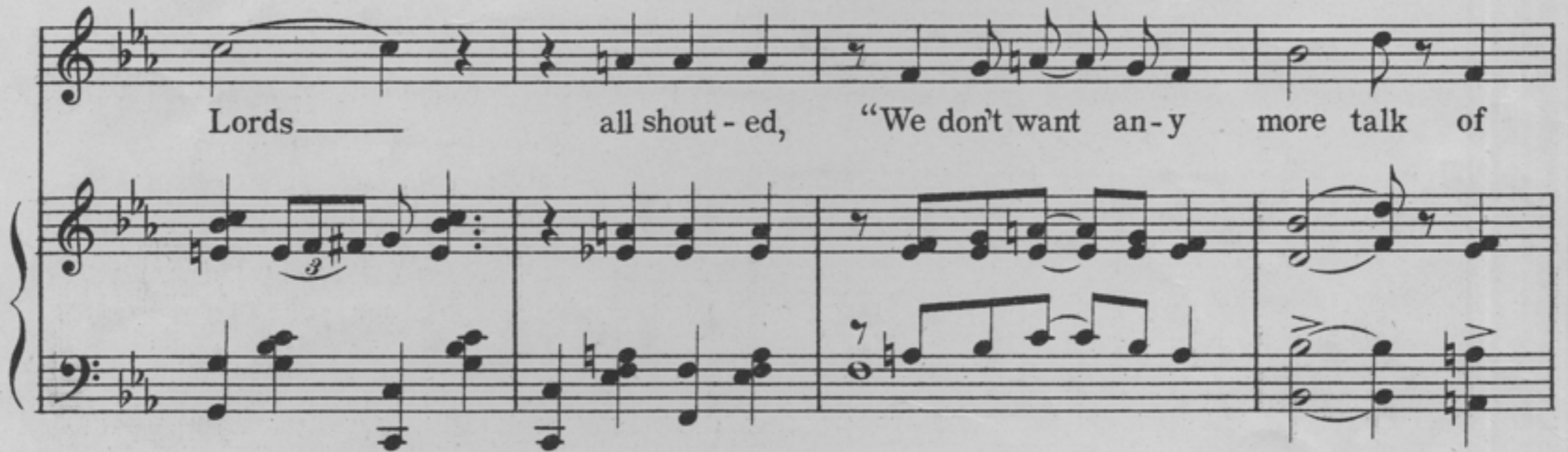
France \_\_\_\_\_ The Crown Prince of Ger-man - y \_\_\_\_\_ danced with the King of



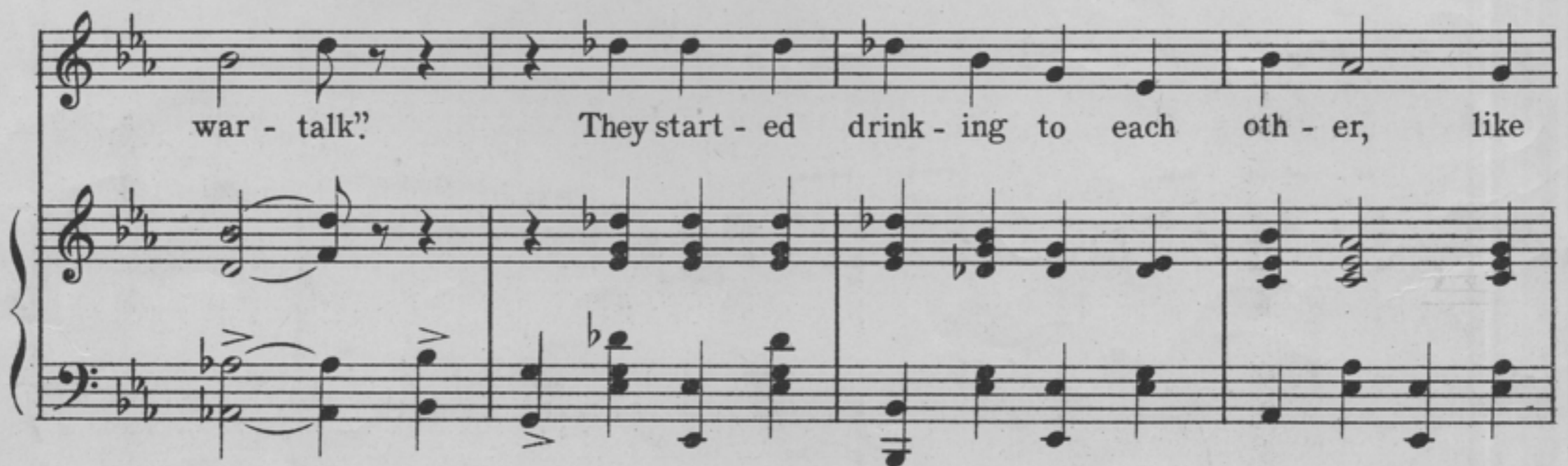
Hun - ga - ry \_\_\_\_\_ They all layed down their swords \_\_\_\_\_ while the diff-'rent Dukes and



Lords \_\_\_\_\_ all shout - ed, "We don't want an-y more talk of



war - talk?" They start - ed drink - ing to each oth - er, like



broth-ers. They drank a toast to each oth - er's flag

The Rus-sian Czar said to the Kais-er, "Let's drink some Bud -

weis-er. "Then he shook his hand while a Ger-man Band Played an A - mer - i - can,

made in A - mer - i - ca, An A-mer - i - can Rag. The Rag.

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