

**Courtier:** (*spoken*) Hear ye, hear ye - his Royal Highness, Prince Charming, is searching the kingdom far and wide in hopes of finding the young lady who left this shoe on the palace steps just after midnight. Please be prepared to welcome him and to provide any eligible and interested girls for meetings with the prince as well as possible shoe-fittings. (*Exit Courtier*)

(*Enter Madame and Father*)

**Madame:** Yes, I DID hear the proclamation, and I DO realize my daughters wore their shoes home last night - like respectable gentlewomen, I might add - but that doesn't mean the Prince won't be thrilled to see them again!

**Father:** But it's that OTHER girl the prince is looking for - you know, the sweet and lovely one. It will be a waste of time for the prince to come here. Unless...why, perhaps he could meet my Cinderella! Somehow, she was unable to attend the ball.

**Madame:** Too bad she took so long preparing my daughters - she had no time to make herself a gown. And, she couldn't exactly have walked to the palace! Tsk, tsk, poor little maid.

**Father:** You KNOW the prince would have been moved by her beauty and kindness. As he clearly was with that mystery girl last night! Your daughters' supposedly noble heritage meant nothing to him.

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M: *Madame:* *f* What did you tru-ly mean to say?

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M: *p* The prince clear-ly fav-ored my daught-ers. *f* As for that pes-ky lit-tle pip-squeak. She could

*r.h. cross*

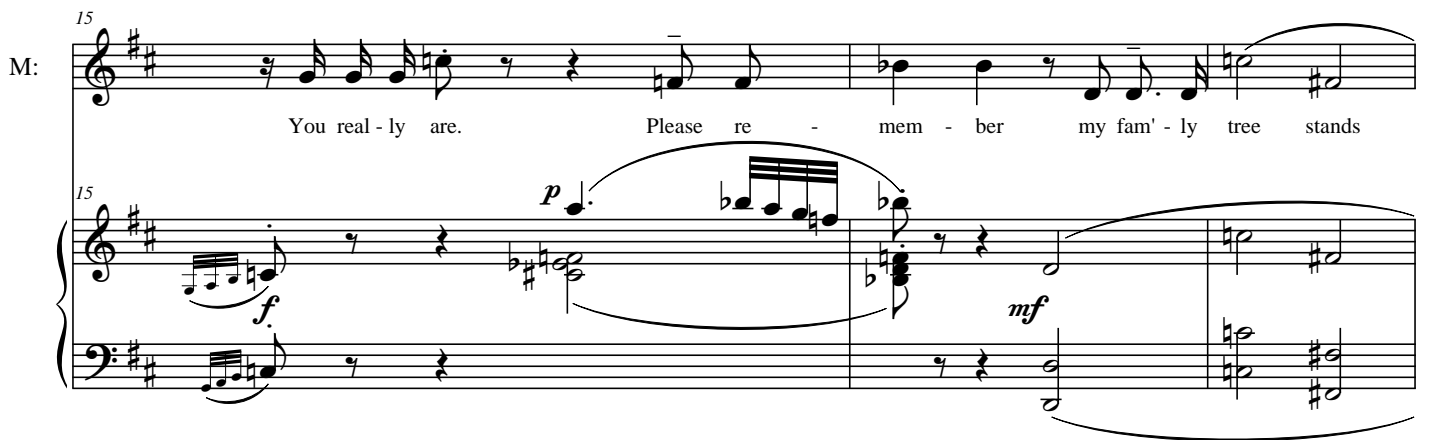
## Cédez a Tempo

M: 

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M: 

not - iced. And you're dis - loy - al not to think so. You real - ly are.

M: 

You real - ly are. Please re - mem - ber my fam' - ly tree stands

M: 

tall. An - ces - tors of mine were hoi - ty - toit. Those with skills did no - bil - i -

M: *f*  
 ty ex - ploit which sure - ly makes me nob - le.

M: *sf pp mf*  
 And you will find in care-ful search six or sev - en were in the church! Don't for -

M: *f*  
 get the King's clot-hing pres - ser or the last roy - al wig hair-dres - ser.

M: *f*  
 Our re - pu - ta - tion and our name are leg - end -

M: *ff*  
 ar - y in the king - dom.

M: *f*  
 We are a - bove oth - ers be - low. Some peo - ple might think it's a

M: *sf* *Même mouvt* (♩ = ♩)  
 bur - den. But we must set an ex - am - ple. Pro - vide a loft - y

M: *sf* *rall.* *a Tempo*  
 mod - el which they can fol - low or not!

F: *rall.* *a Tempo* Ah!