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SWEET GEORGIA BROWN

as sung by Second Edition

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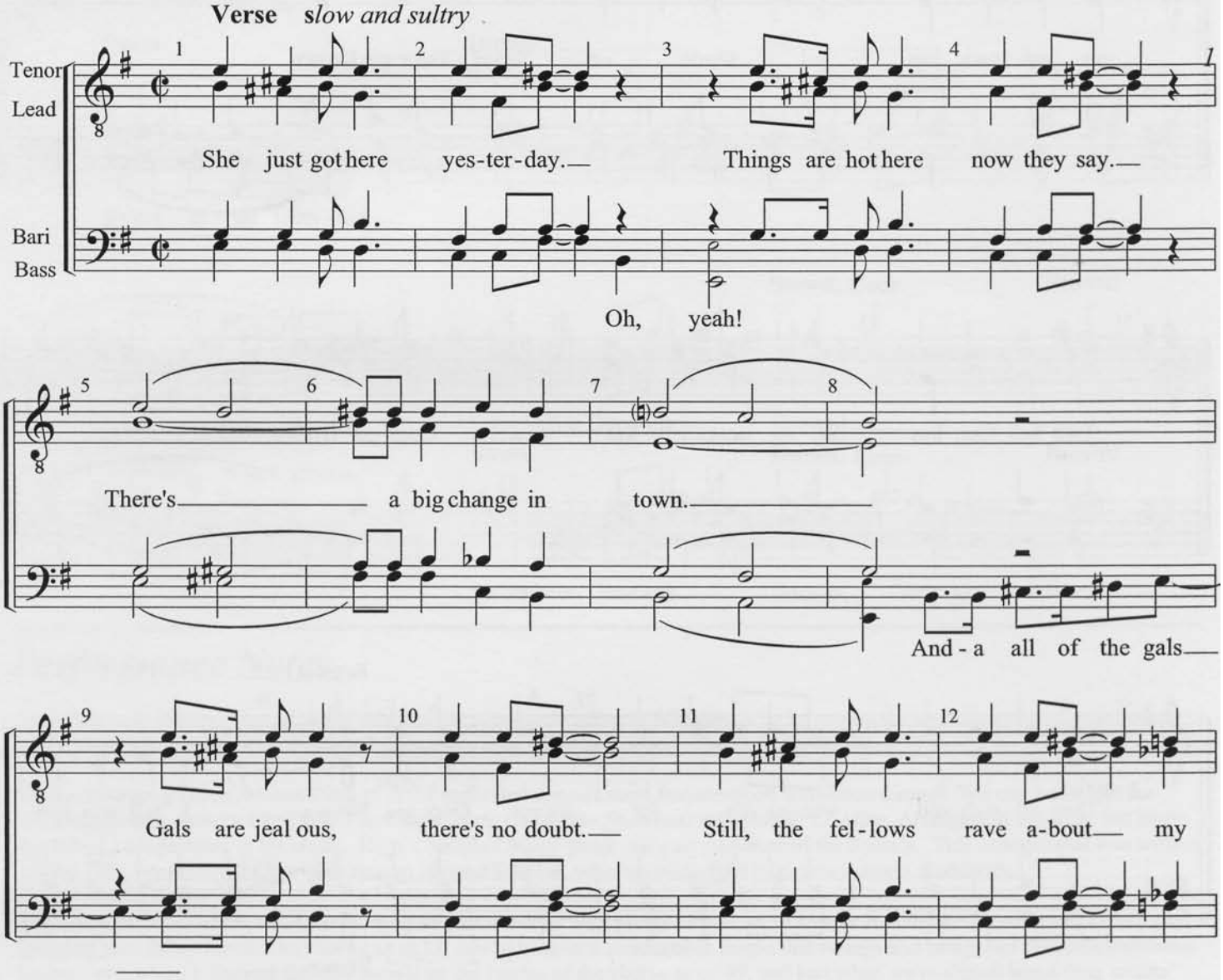

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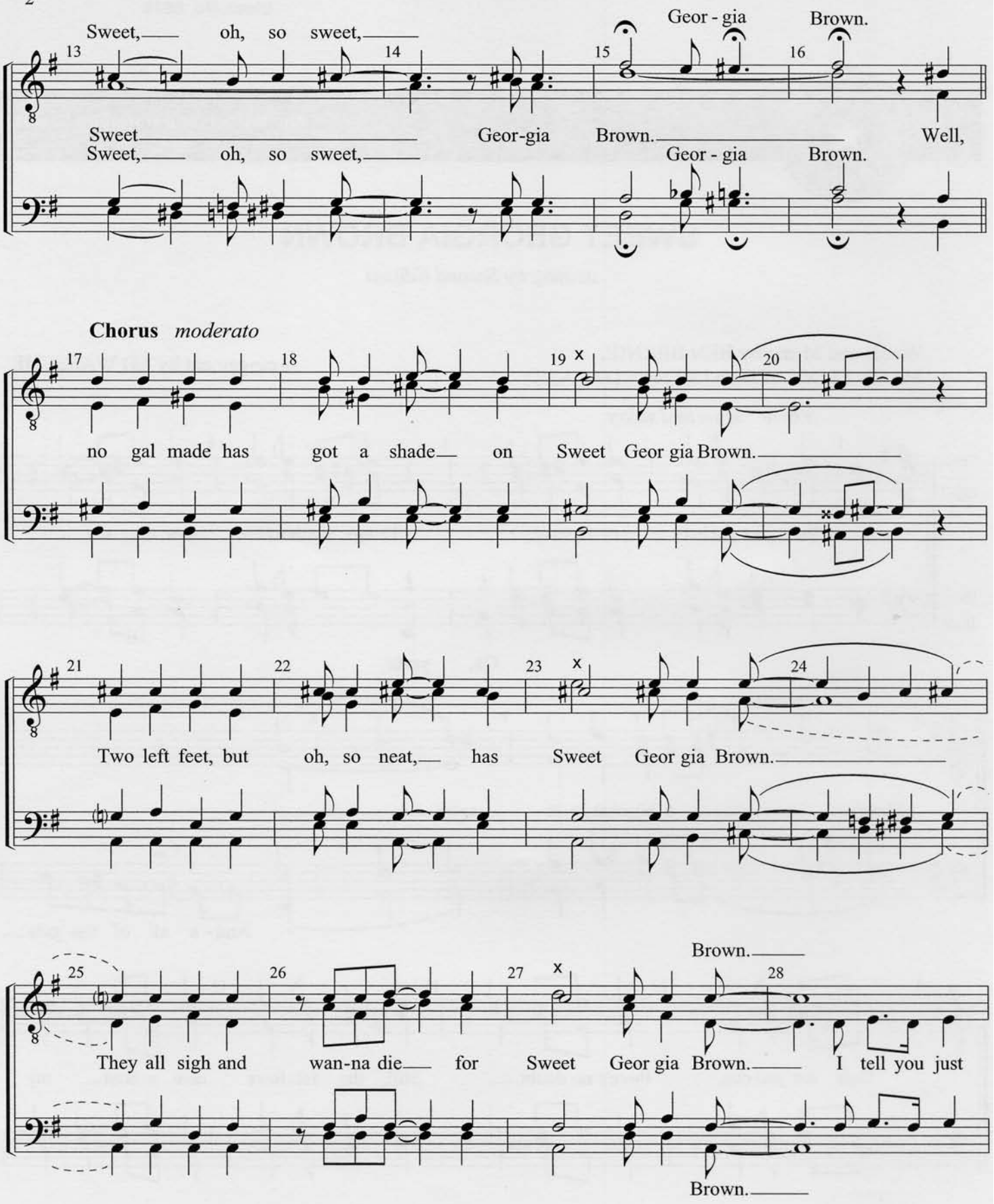
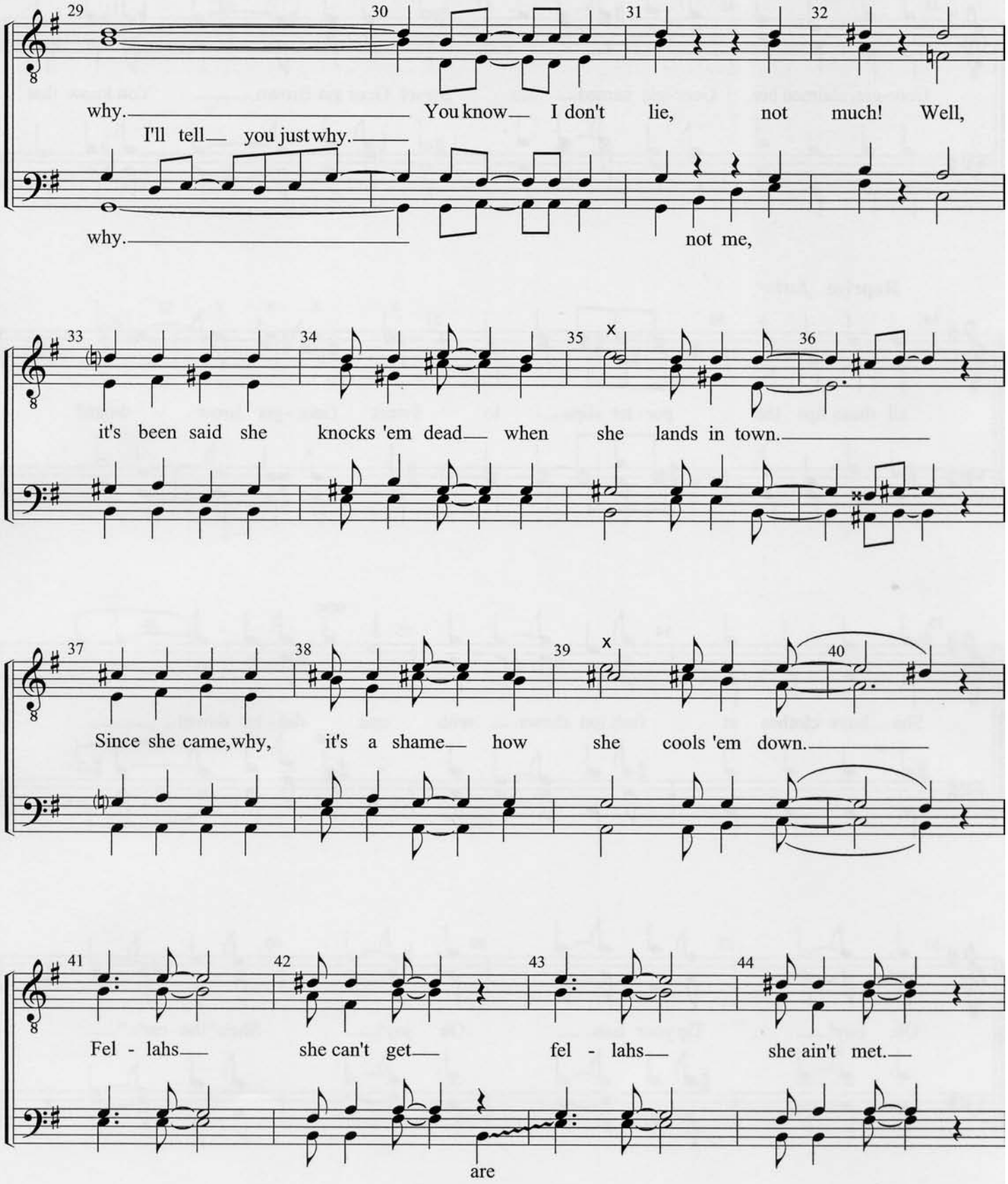

Sweet, oh, so sweet,
Geor - gia Brown.
Sweet Geor-gia Brown. Well,
Sweet, oh, so sweet,
Geor - gia Brown.
Chorus *moderato*
no gal made has got a shade on Sweet Geor gia Brown.
Two left feet, but oh, so neat, has Sweet Geor gia Brown.
Brown.
They all sigh and wan-na die for Sweet Geor gia Brown. I tell you just
Brown.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why.
You know I don't lie, not much! Well,
I'll tell you just why.
why.
not me,
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it's been said she knocks 'em dead when she lands in town.
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Since she came, why, it's a shame how she cools 'em down.
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Fel - lahs she can't get fel - lahs she ain't met.
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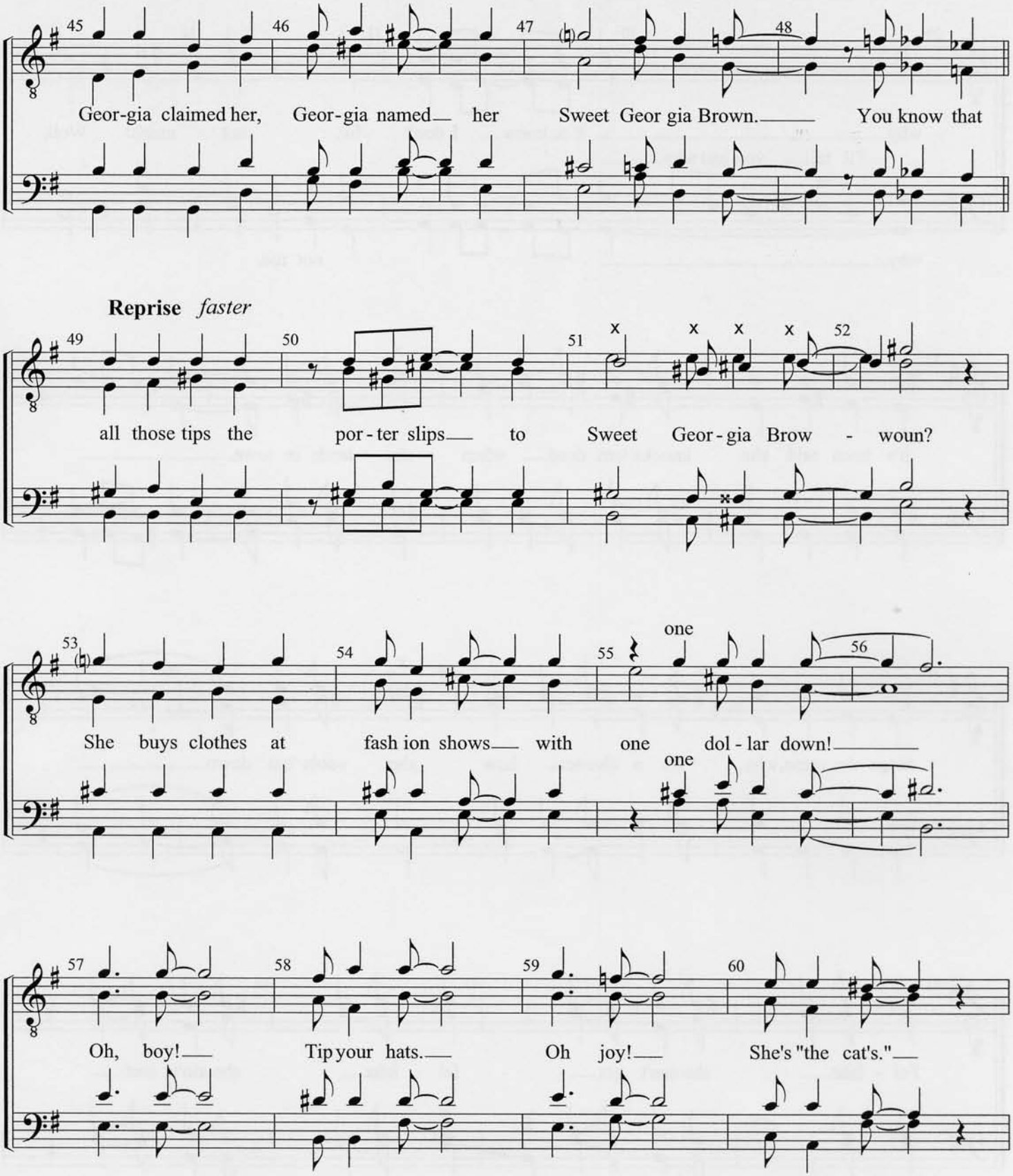
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Geor-gia claimed her, Geor-gia named her Sweet Geor gia Brown. You know that
Reprise faster
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all those tips the por-ter slips to Sweet Geor-gia Brow - woun?
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one
She buys clothes at fash ion shows with one dol-lar down!
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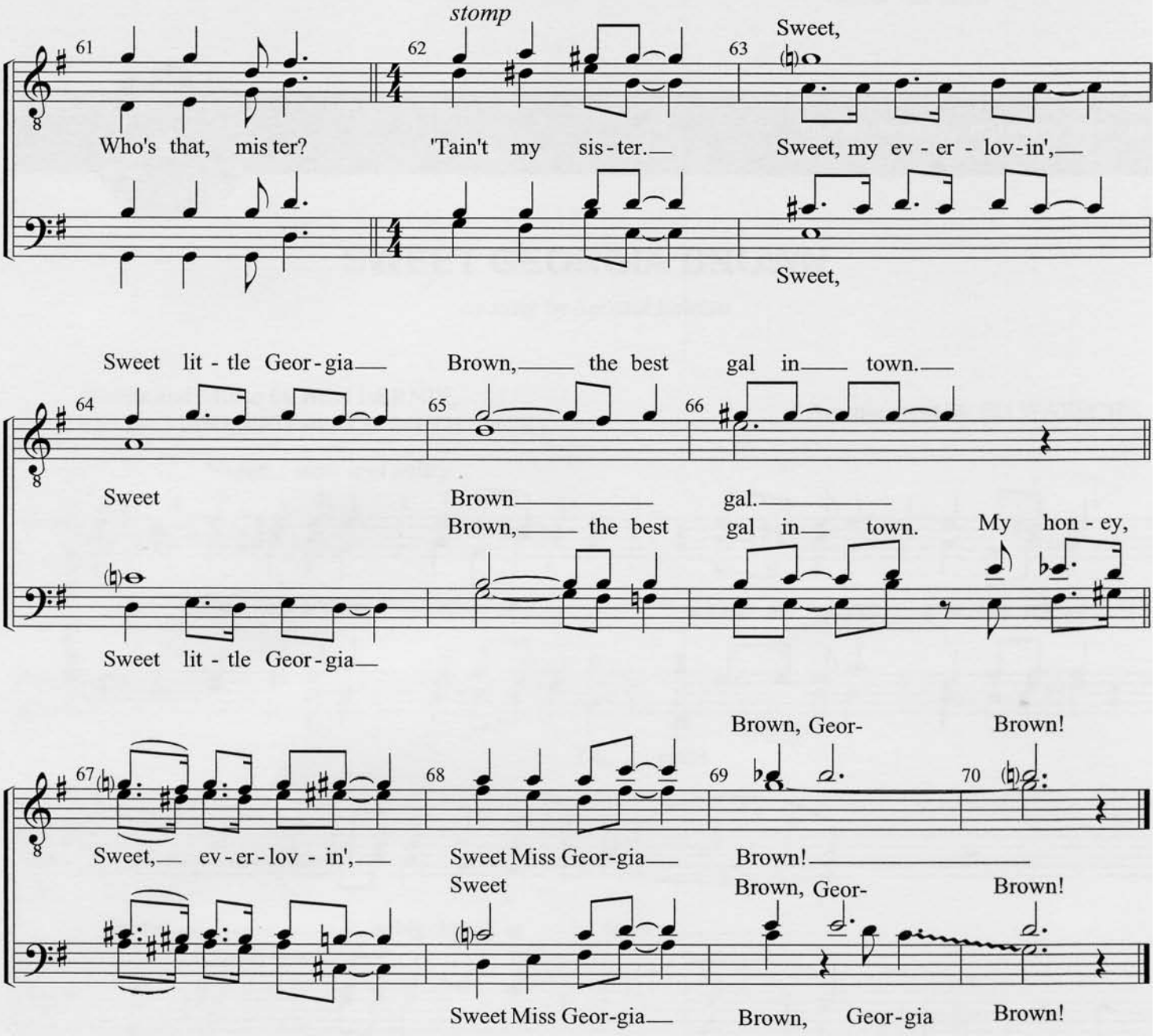
Oh, boy! Tip your hats. Oh joy! She's "the cat's."



Performance Notes

Sweet Georgia Brown is one of America's favorite songs, according to ASCAP. It ranks among the top 25 most-performed songs of the twentieth century. It is a classic Roaring 20s song about a "flapper" who turns heads wherever she goes.

Of the three songwriters, Maceo Pinkard is the name that appears most frequently on well-known songs. We can thank him for other barbershop classics like *Them There Eyes*, *Here Comes the Showboat* and *Mammy O' Mine*. Arranger Ed Waesche has many published arrangements to his credit. He is a certified Music judge and past president of the Society. This arrangement was written for the 1989 International Champion quartet **Second Edition,** who has performed it on many shows worldwide.

The verse, in minor mode, can be performed in a slow tempo with plenty of beat, or in a more free rhythmic treatment. Either way, it should set a sultry mood. The chorus, at m.17, can be sung in a comfortable tempo that swings and brings out the embellishments (swipes and echoes). **Second Edition** speeds up the reprise of the chorus at m. 49, and just when we're almost home free, settles into a strong stomp feel at m. 62. Nice! The tag is high energy, written to ring!!

As a final note: Questions about the contest suitability of this or any other song/arrangement should be directed to the judging community and measured against current contest rules. Ask *before* you sing.