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IT'S ONLY A PAPER MOON

as sung by PLATINUM

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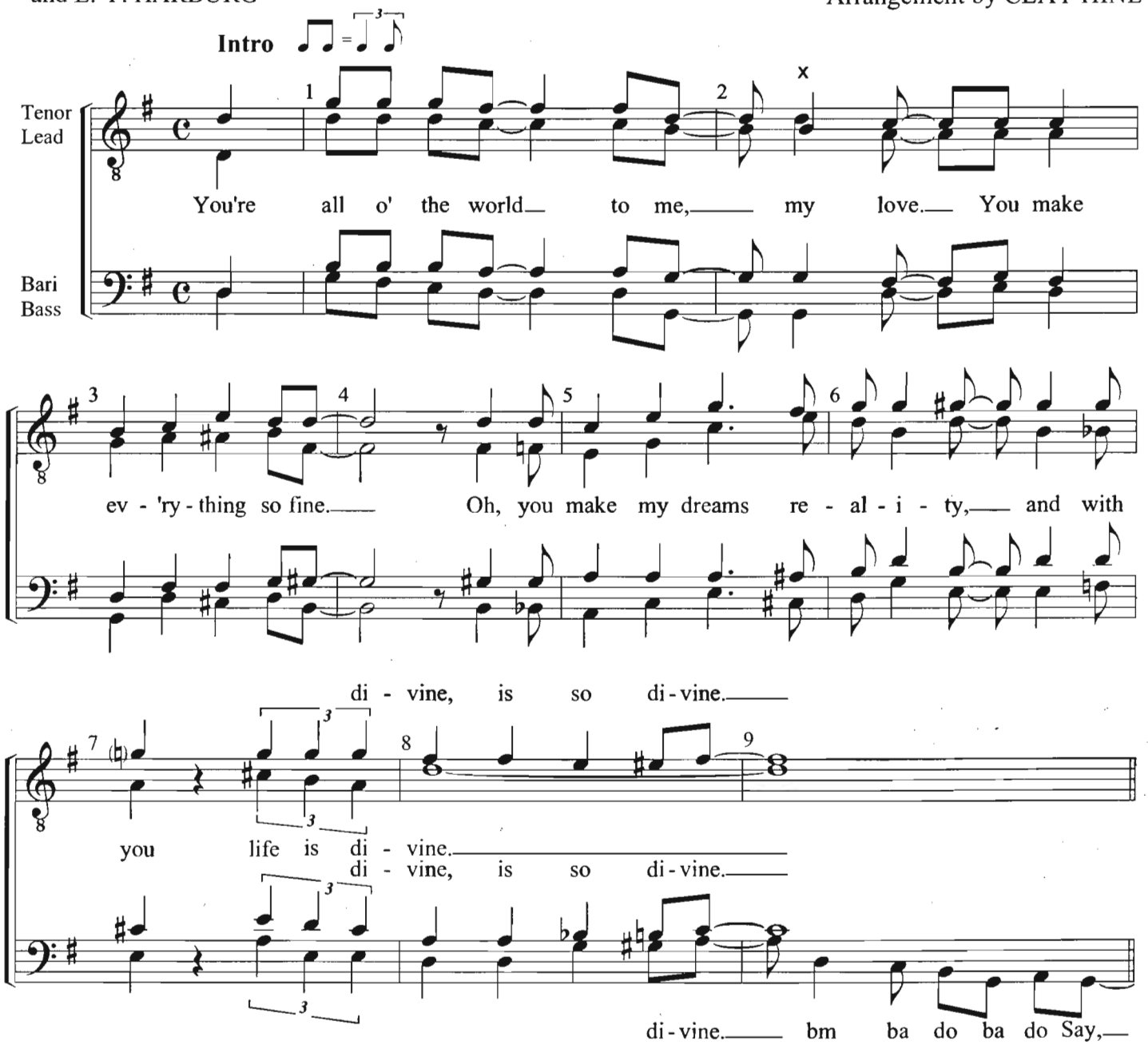
and E. Y. HARBURG

Music by HAROLD ARLEN
Arrangement by CLAY HINE



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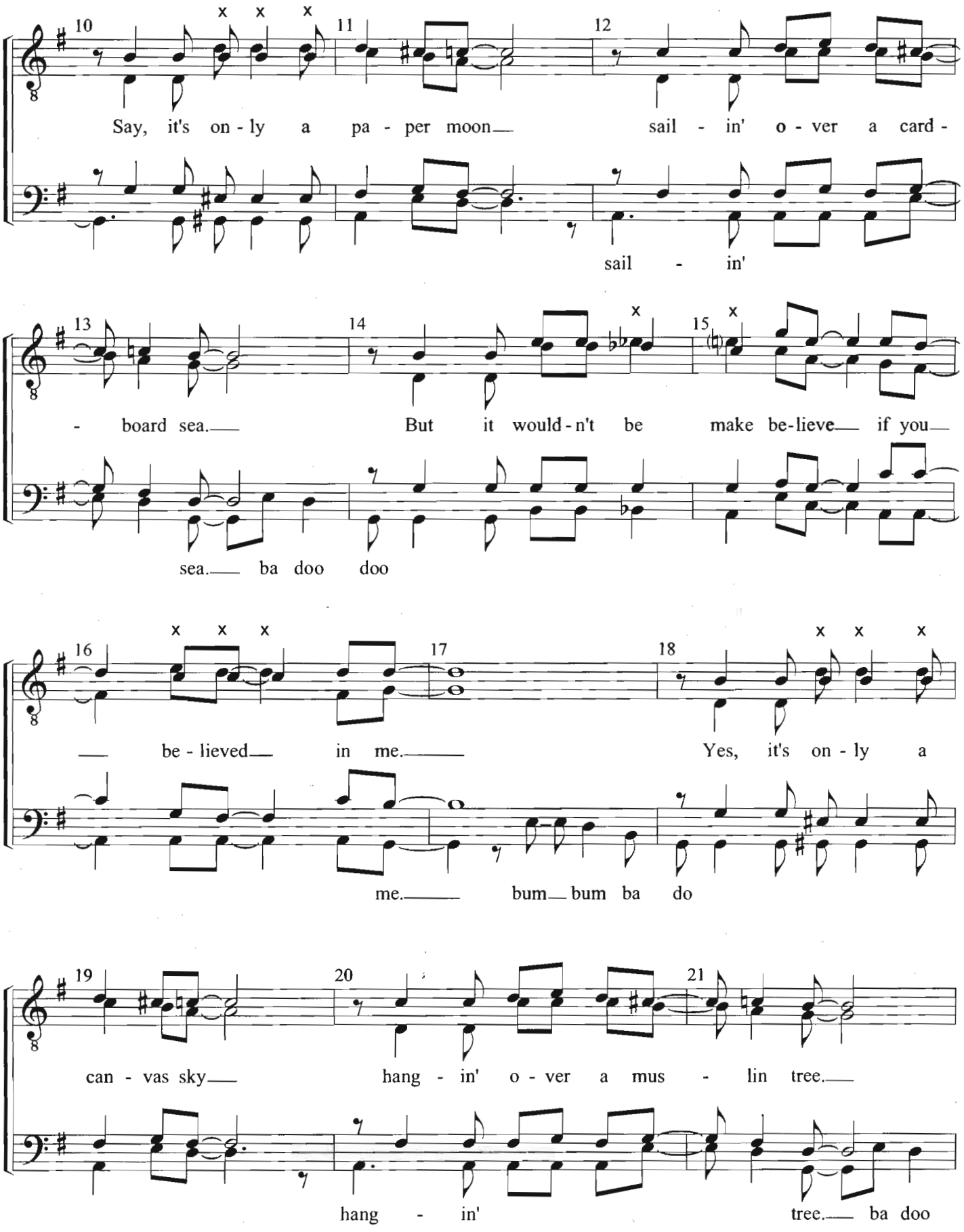
Chorus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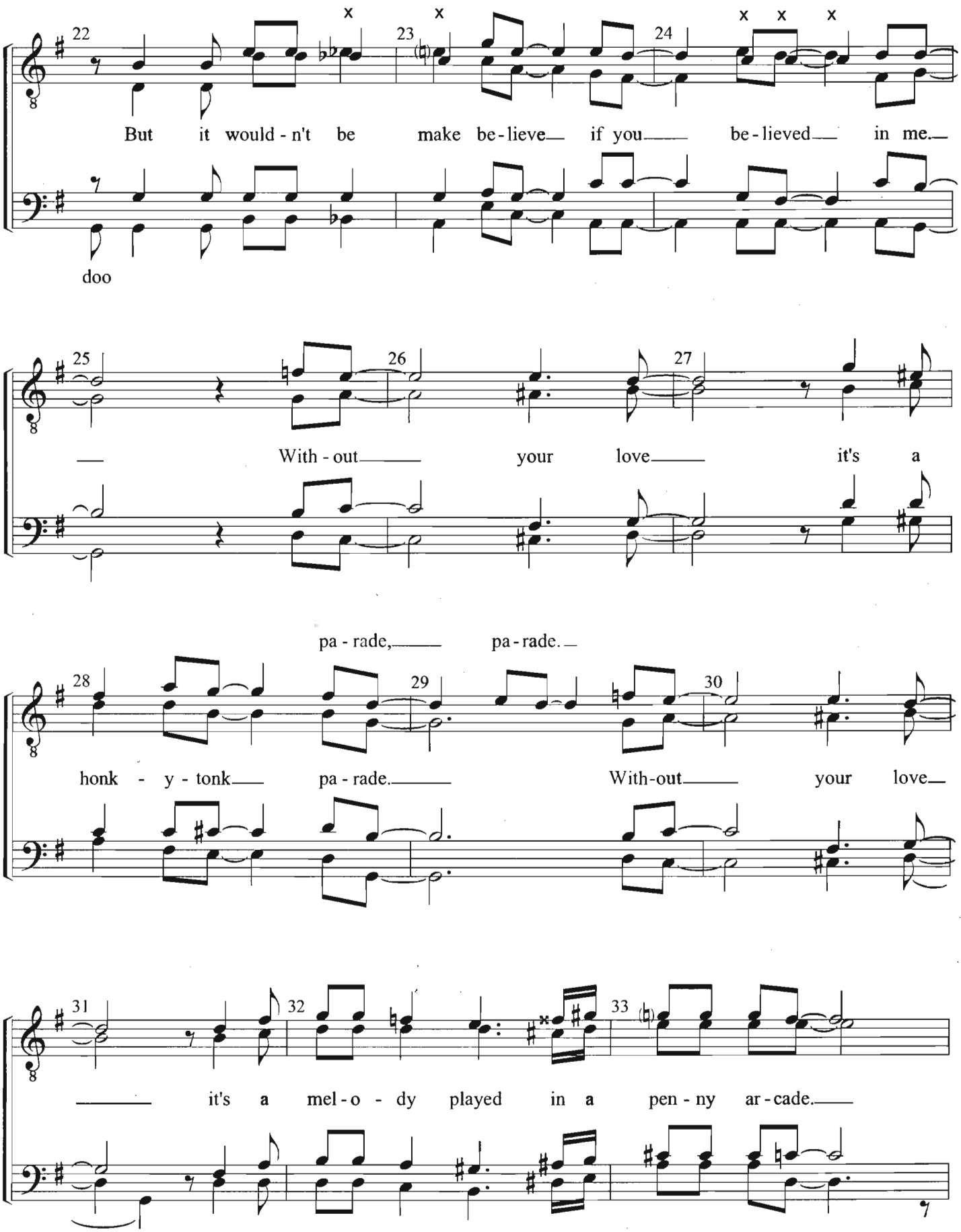
Say, it's on - ly a pa - per moon sail - in' o - ver a card -
sail - in'
13 14 15
- board sea. But it would - n't be make be-lieve if you
sea. ba doo doo
16 17 18
be - lieved in me. Yes, it's on - ly a
me. bum bum ba do
19 20 21
can - vas sky hang - in' o - ver a mus - lin tree.
hang - in' tree. ba doo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23
24
But it would - n't be make be - lieve if you be - lieved in me.
doo
25
26
27
With - out your love it's a
pa - rade, pa - rade.
28
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honk - y - tonk pa - rade. With-out your love
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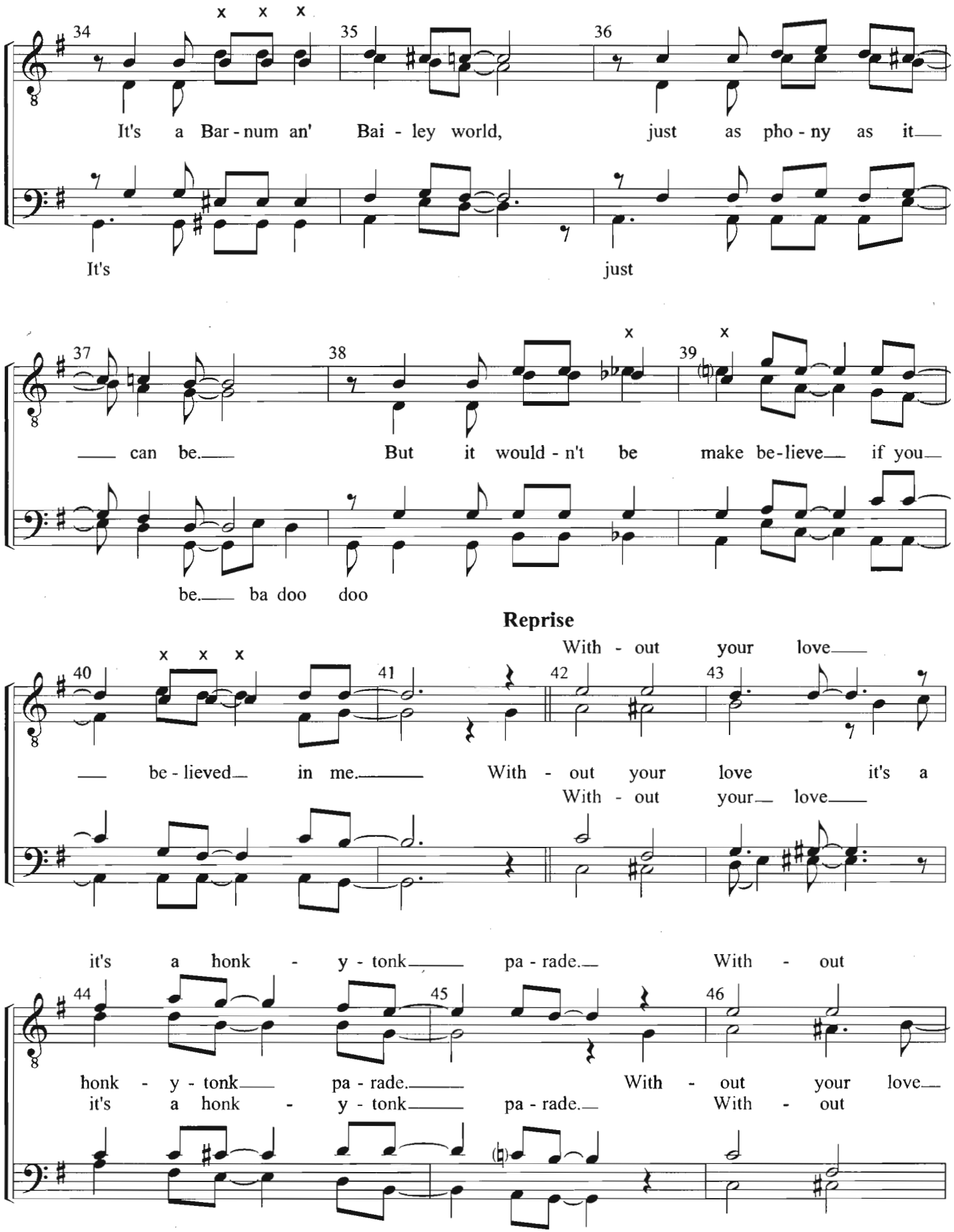
33
it's a mel - o - dy played in a pen - ny ar - cade.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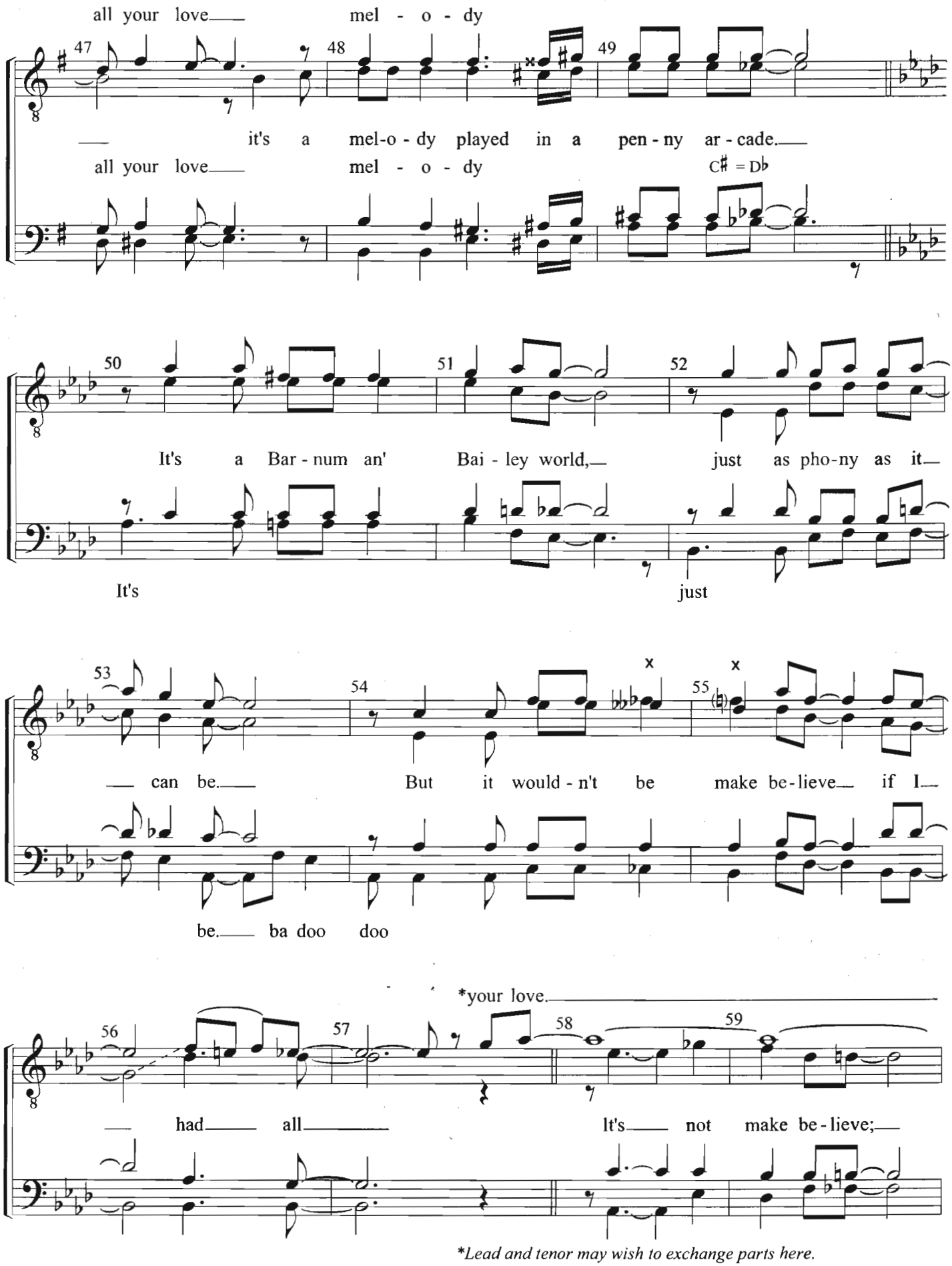
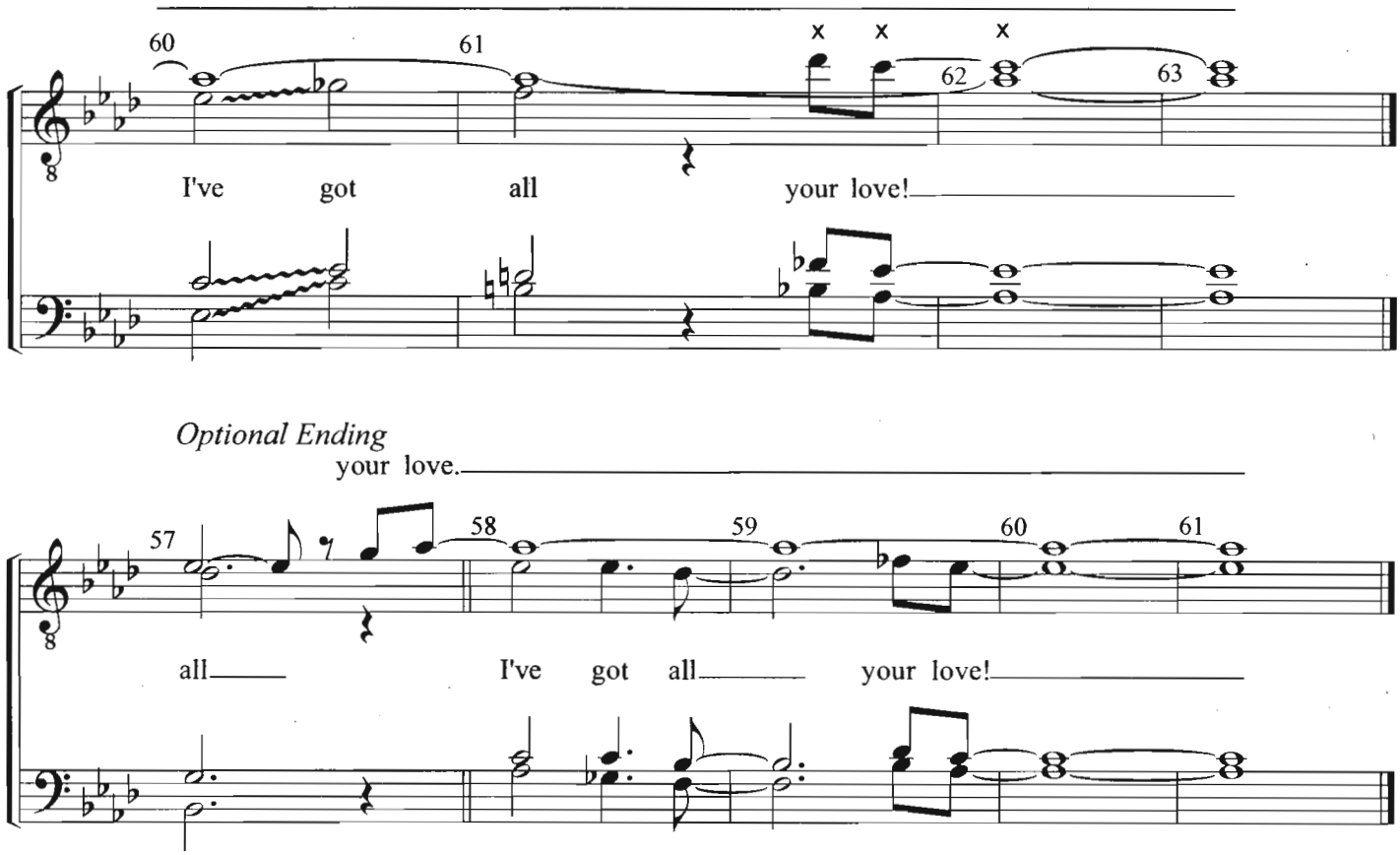
36
It's a Bar - num an' Bai - ley world, just as pho - ny as it
It's just
37
38
39
can be. But it would - n't be make be-lieve if you
be. ba doo doo
Reprise
With - out your love
40
41
42
43
be - lieved in me. With - out your love it's a
With - out your love
it's a honk - y - tonk pa - rade. With - out
44
45
46
honk - y - tonk pa - rade. With - out your love
it's a honk - y - tonk pa - rade. With - out



**Lead and tenor may wish to exchange parts here.*



Performance Notes

Harold Arlen was born in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1905, the son of a cantor who provided Harold with his earliest musical training. At age 12, he fell in love with jazz, subsequently performing in various small groups and eventually joining a successful local band. This led him to New York City, where he wrote *Get Happy* for a review. This song became a big hit, and Arlen went on to write for both Broadway and Hollywood, composing some of America's greatest songs, including the music for **The Wizard of Oz**.

Lyricist E. Y. Harburg (1896-1981) wrote the lyrics to many songs, including *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?* and the songs from **The Wizard of Oz**.

Billy Rose (1899-1966) often collaborated with other lyricists and was a promoter of songs and shows. *It's Only a Paper Moon* was written in 1933 for a show called **The Great Magoo**.

Clay Hine did the very popular arrangement of this song. His arrangements are widely sung, among them are *Blue Skies*, *Make 'Em Laugh* and another Arlen/Harburg tune, *If I Only Had a Brain*.

Paper Moon was sung by our 2001 international quartet champion, **PLATINUM**. Have fun singing this happy song with high energy, maintaining a steady tempo throughout.

As a final note: Questions about the 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.