

THE COUNCIL OF MICE.

VOCE.

ALLEGRETTO.

PIANO

FORTE.

The musical score is written on two systems. The first system includes a vocal line (VOCE.) and a piano accompaniment (PIANO FORTI). The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 6/8. It contains three measures of whole rests. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: a right-hand staff in treble clef and a left-hand staff in bass clef. Both piano staves are in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat. The right-hand piano staff begins with a forte (f) dynamic and contains several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and some handwritten 'X' marks. The left-hand piano staff contains a continuous eighth-note pattern. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with similar notation and triplet markings. The score concludes with double bar lines.

A coun-cil of Mice were as-sembled, all sage; To

co-zen a Cat, whom they dar'd not engage; When a sa-pient Mouse, their at-

-tention to call, Be-gan, "Mister Chairman and Gen-tle-men all, List to

me— List to me— Gentlemen all, List to me. But

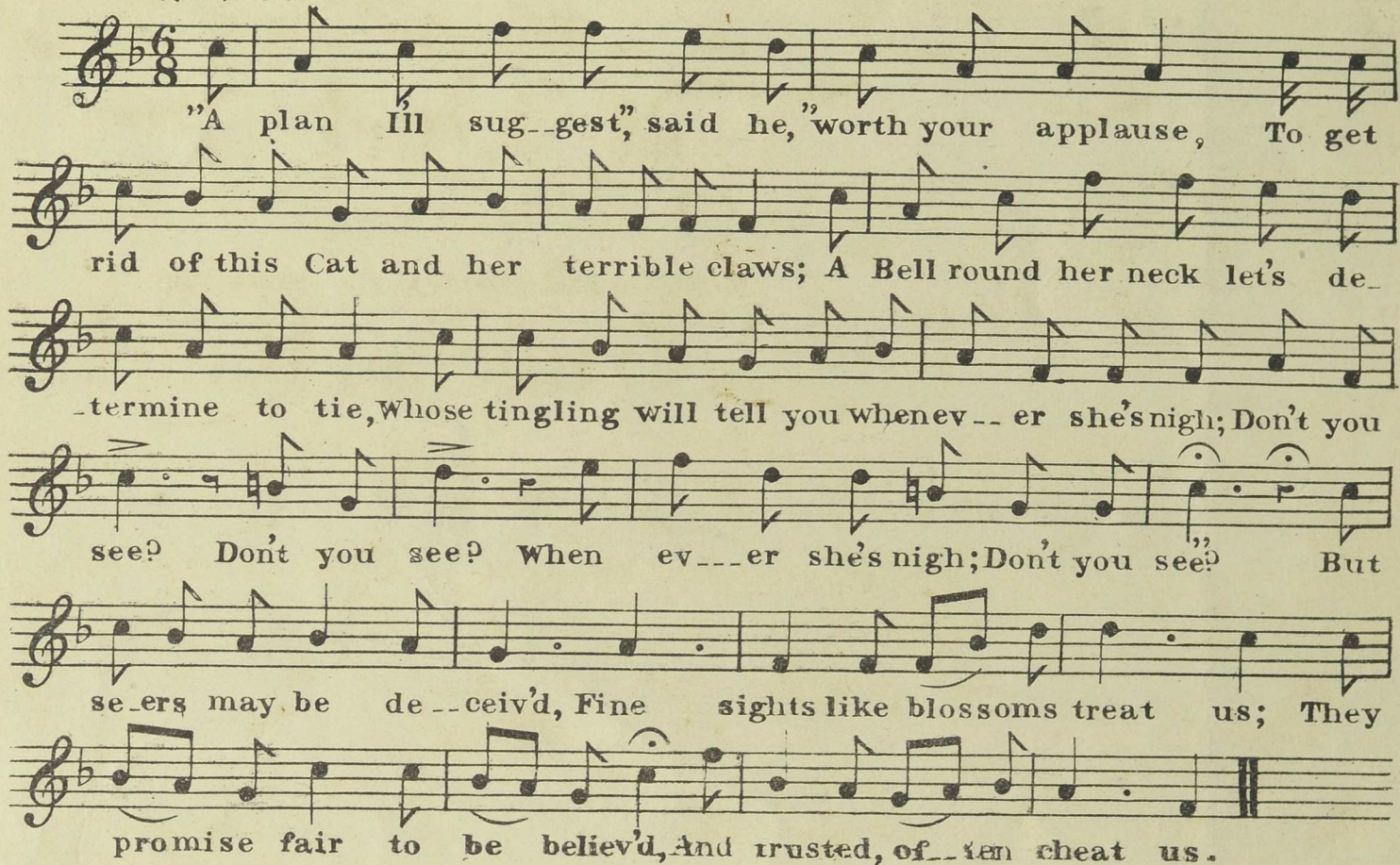
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listeners may be de--ceiv'd, Fine words like blossoms

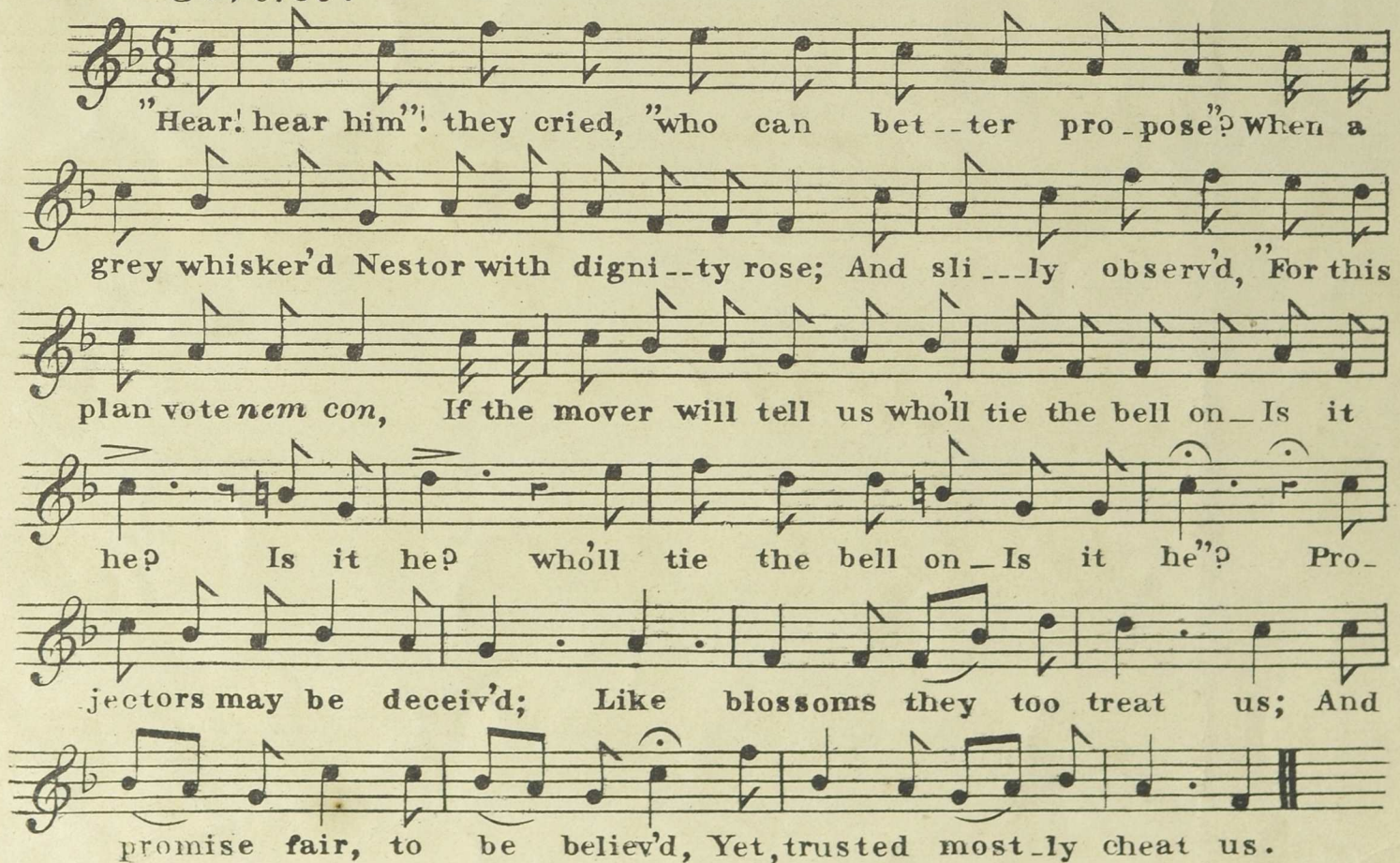
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treat us; Both pro--mise fair to be believ'd, And,

trust--ed, of--ten cheat us.

2^d Verse.


"A plan I'll sug-gest," said he, "worth your applause, To get
rid of this Cat and her terrible claws; A Bell round her neck let's de-
termine to tie, whose tingling will tell you whenev-er she's nigh; Don't you
see? Don't you see? When ev-er she's nigh; Don't you see? But
se-ers may be de-ceiv'd, Fine sights like blossoms treat us; They
promise fair to be believ'd, And trusted, of-ten cheat us.

3^d Verse.


"Hear! hear him"! they cried, "who can bet-ter pro-pose? When a
grey whisker'd Nestor with digni-ty rose; And sli-ly observ'd, "For this
plan vote *nem con*, If the mover will tell us wholl tie the bell on-Is it
he? Is it he? wholl tie the bell on-Is it he?" Pro-
jectors may be deceiv'd; Like blossoms they too treat us; And
promise fair, to be believ'd, Yet, trusted most-ly cheat us.