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# Once Upon A December

(Dowager Empress, Young Anastasia)  
(Rev. 4/06/17)

Music by Stephen Flaherty  
Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

**CUE:** (She opens the music box. MUSIC IN.)

**THE DOWAGER EMPRESS:**  
Our lullaby.

Misterioso  $\text{♩} = 138$

(Music box)

*mp*

(with pedal)

**THE DOWAGER EMPRESS: (cont.)**

When you play it, think of an old woman who loves you very, very much.

**DOWAGER EMPRESS:**

9 10 11 12

Far a way, long a go,

*mp*

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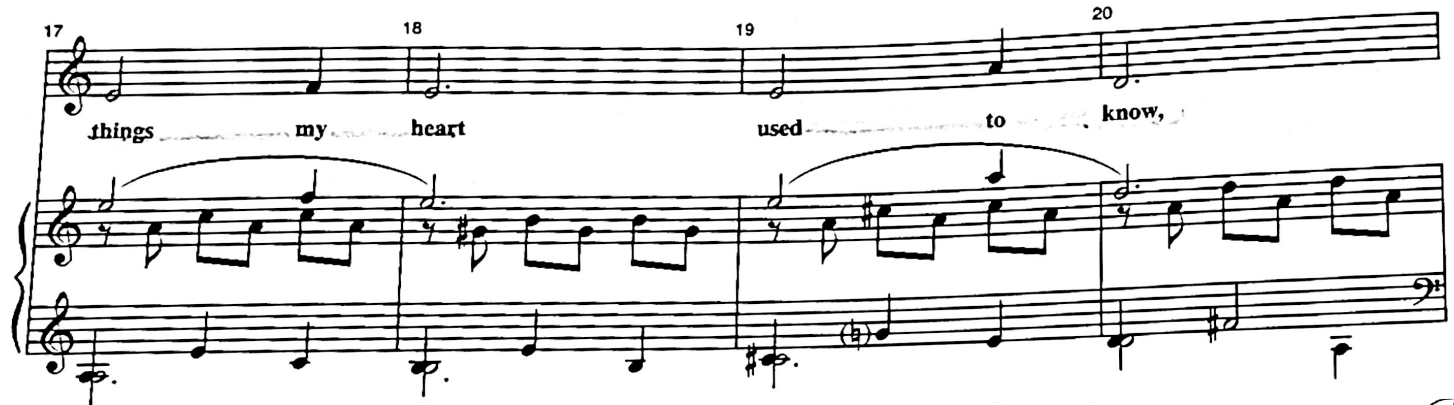
13 14 15 16

glow ing dim as an em ber,



17 18 19 20

things my heart used to know,



21 22 23 24 rit.

things it yearns to re mem ber

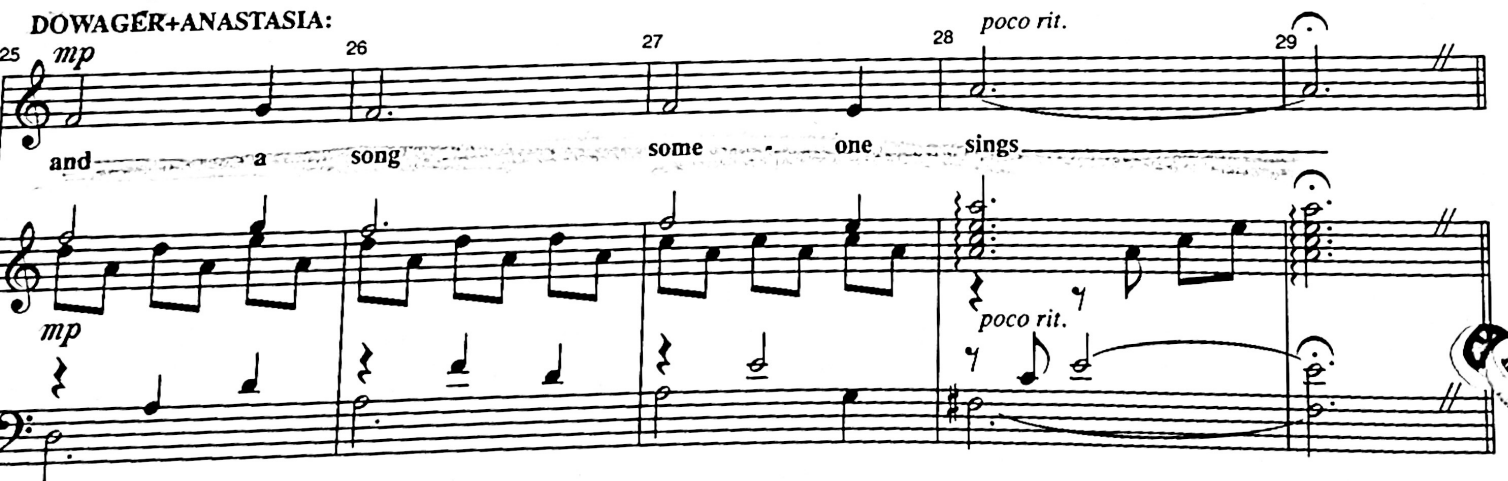


A tempo

DOWAGER+ANASTASIA:

25 mp 26 27 28 poco rit. 29

and a song some one sings.



30 **A Tempo** 31 32 *poco ritard.* 33

once up on a De - cem

*mp* *poco ritard.*

(The TSARINA enters and bows slightly to THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.)

34 **Poco mosso** 35 36 37

ber.

**THE TSARINA:**  
Have you said your prayers, my precious Anastasia?

**ANASTASIA:**  
Yes, mama.

38 39 40 41

**THE TSARINA:**  
For your father, the Tsar; for your sisters and brother; for Russia herself.

**ANASTASIA:**  
Yes, mama.

**THE TSARINA:**  
What's this?

42 43 44 45