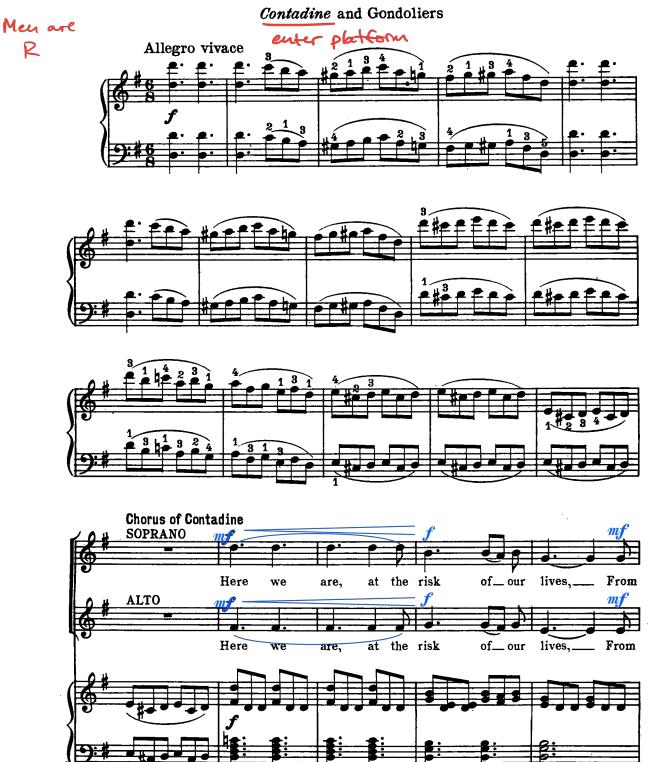
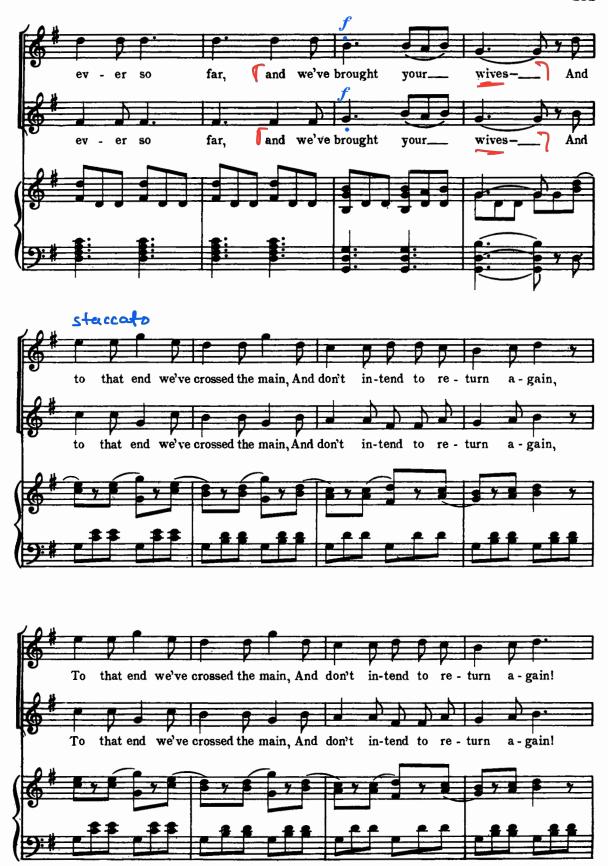
(Enter Chorus of contadine, running in, led by Fiametta and Vittoria. They are met by all the Ex-Gondoliers, who welcome them heartily.)

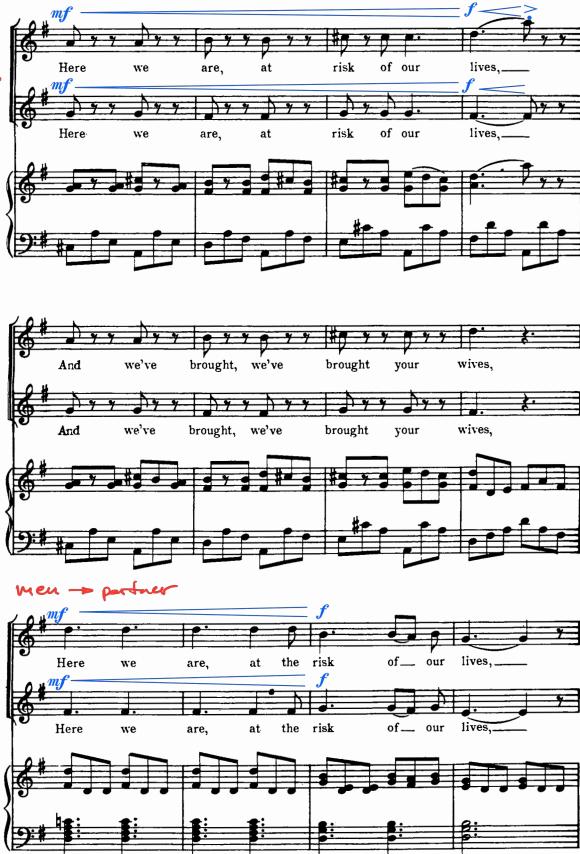
No. 14. "Here we are, at the risk"

Scena











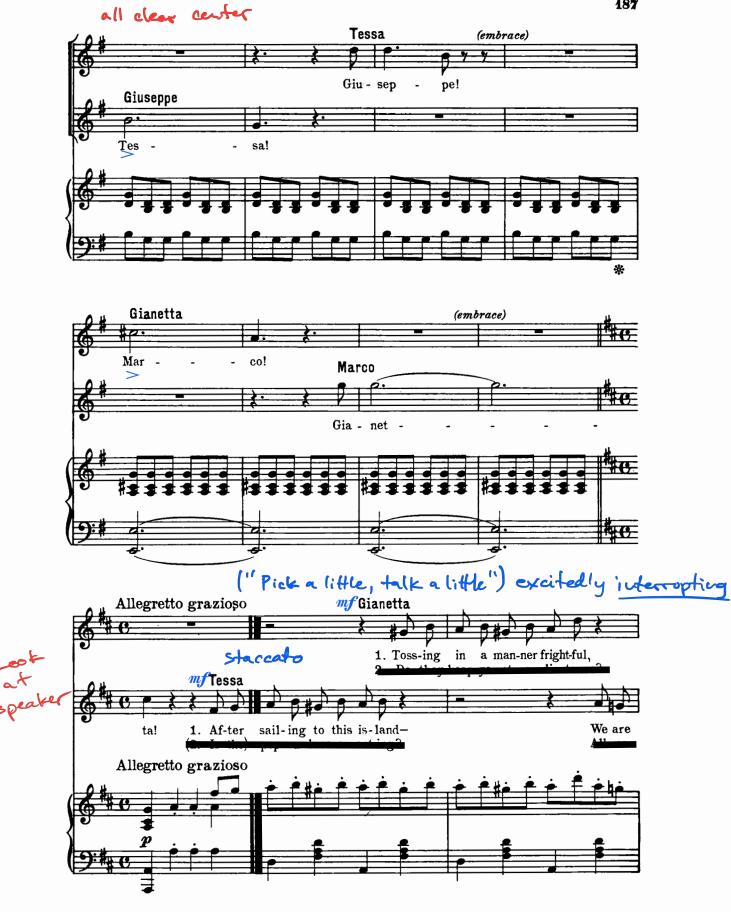






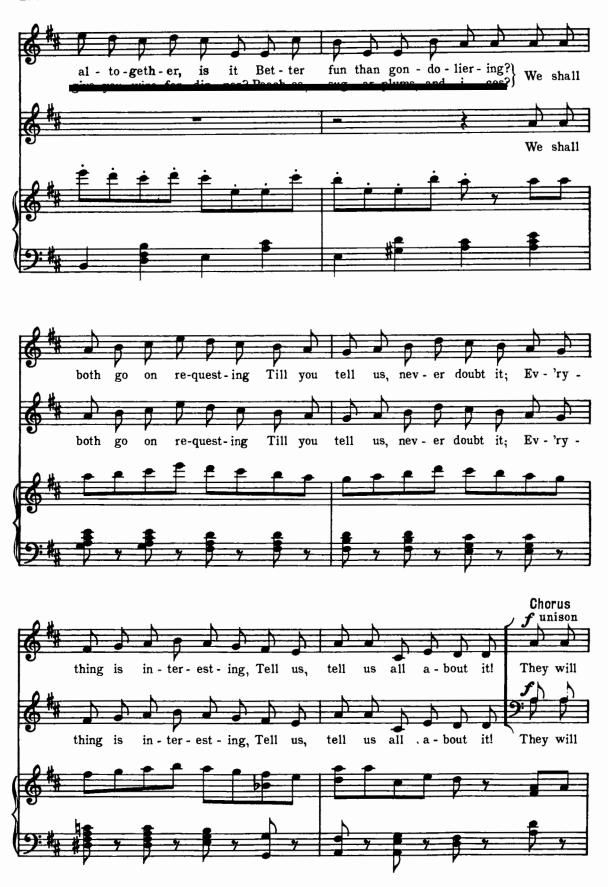


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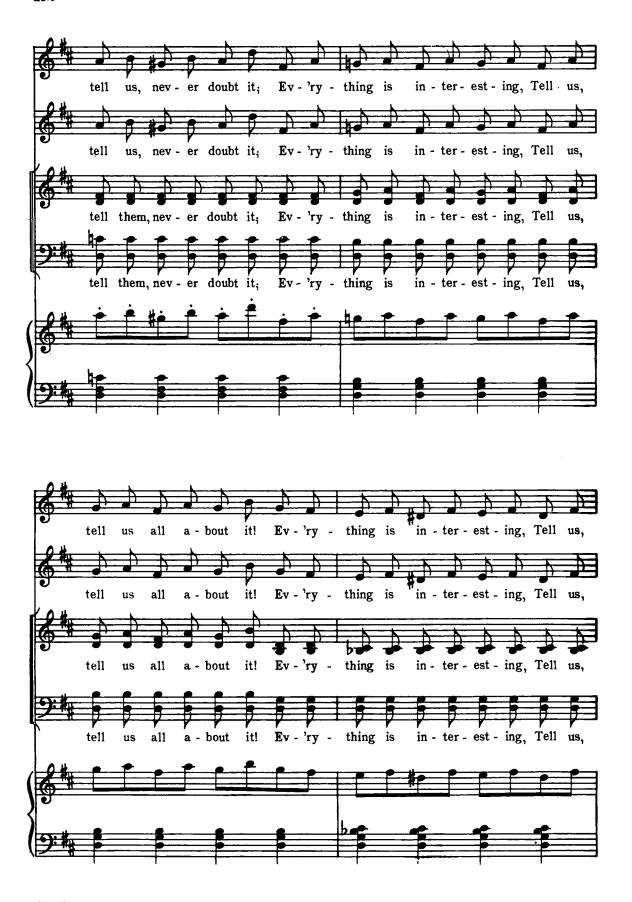


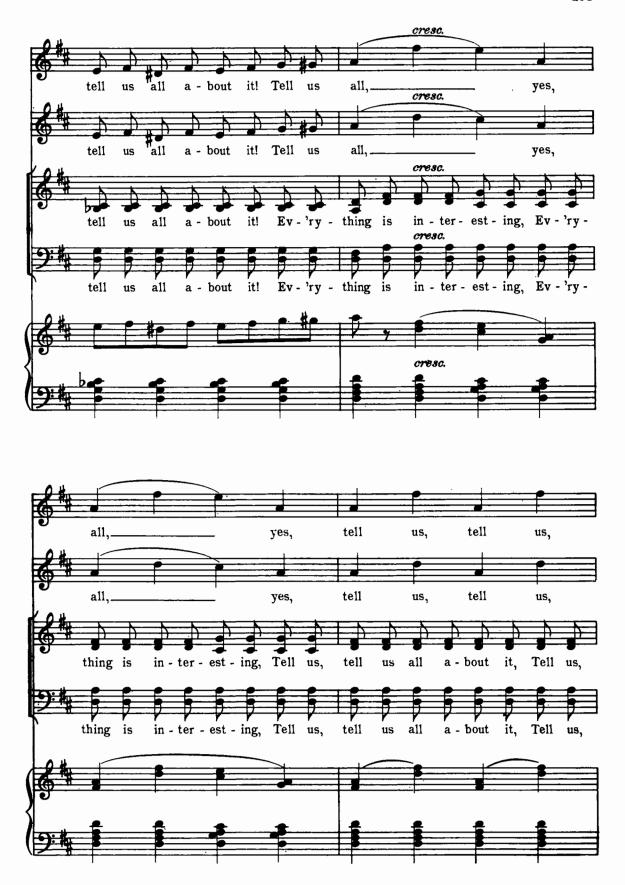


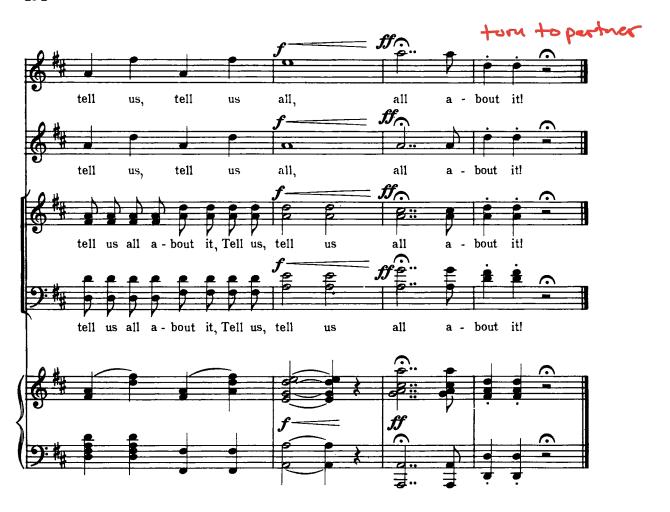












Marco: This is indeed a most delightful surprise!

Tessa: Yes, we thought you'd like it. You see, it was like this. After you left we felt very dull and mopey, and the days crawled by, and you never wrote; so at last I said to Gianetta, "I can't stand this any longer; those two poor Monarchs haven't got any one to mend their stockings or sew on their buttons or patch their clothes— at least, I hope they haven't— let us all pack up a change and go and see how they're getting on." And she said "done", and they all said "done"; and we asked old Giacopo to lend us his boat, and he said "done"; and we've crossed the sea, and thank goodness that's done; and here we are, and— and— I've done!

Gianetta: And now - which of you is King?

Tessa: And which of us is Queen?

Giuseppe: That we shan't know until Nurse turns up. But never mind that — the question is, how shall we celebrate the commencement of our honeymoon? Gentlemen, will you allow us to offer you a magnificent banquet?

All: We will!

Giuseppe: Thanks very much; and, ladies, what do you say to a dance?

Tessa: A banquet and a dance! Oh, it's too much happiness!