## 5. "Dismal buildings crowd around me" Scrooge and Ghosts

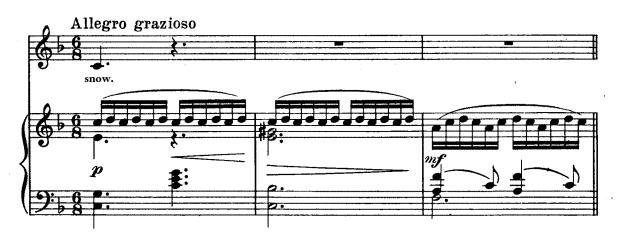
Music from The Pirates of Penzance, "Sighing softly to the river"



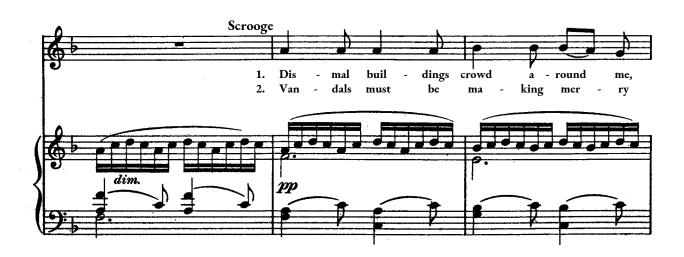


(Over the course of this aria, Scrooge closes the office, walks home, climbs the stairs, and ultimately arrives in his flat.

A growing swarm of ghosts follows him every step of the way.)











(Verse 1: As Scrooge reaches for his building's front door, the knocker transforms from a decorative lion into Jacob Marley's face - just for a moment. Scrooge staggers. Verse 2: Once he makes it upstairs, Scrooge hastily bolts the door to his rooms, then starts a hopeless struggle to light a fire.)

