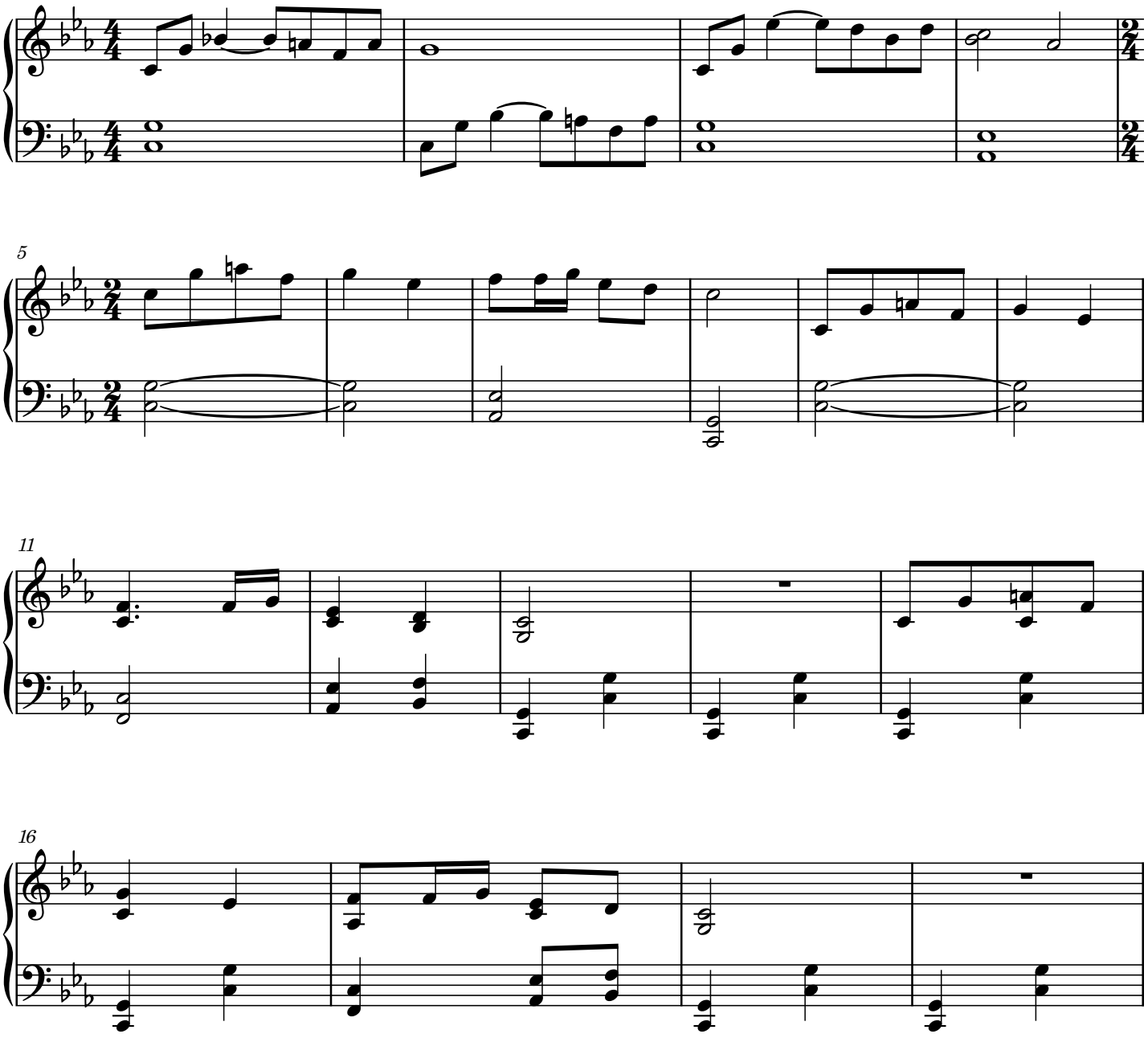24.

Side Notes: “Sing We Now of Christmas” comes from the old French carol “Noël nouvelet,” with roots reaching back several centuries. The melody was originally connected with New Year celebrations and the traditional twelve days of Christmas in France before becoming the Christmas carol we know today.

I love how the song seems to tell the Christmas story in miniature. It begins with the joyful announcement of Christ’s birth, then takes us to the shepherds, Mary and Joseph at the manger, and finally the Wise Men following the star to Bethlehem. I hope this is fun for you to play.

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol
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