The Spheres at Play

Three Poems by Emily Dickinson

For Mixed Chorus, a cappella

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1. There Came a Wind Like a Bugle

There came a Wind like a Bugle,
It quivered through the Grass,
And a Green Chill upon the Heat
So ominous did pass
We barred the Windows and the Doors
As from an Emerald Ghost;
The Doom's electric Moccason
That very instant passed.
On a strange Mob of panting Trees,
And Fences fled away,
And Rivers where the Houses ran
Those looked that lived that Day.
The Bell within the steeple wild
The flying tidings told,
How much can come
And much can go,
And yet abide the World!

2. Put Up My Lute!

Put Up My Lute!
What of my Music!
Since the sole ear I care to charm,
Passive as Granite, laps my Music,
Sobbing, will suit as well as psalm!

Would that the Memnon of the Desert
Teach me the strain
That vanquished Him
When He surrendered to the Sunrise.
Maybe that would awaken them!

3. Musicians Wrestle Everywhere

Musicians wrestle everywhere:
All day, among the crowded air,
I hear the silver strife;
And--waking long before the dawn--
Such transport breaks upon the town
I think it that "new life"!
It is not Bird, it has no nest;
Not Band, in brass and scarlet dressed,
Nor Tambourine, nor Man;
It is not Hymn from pulpit read,--
The "Morning Stars" the Treble led
On Time's first Afternoon!

Some say it is the Spheres at play!
Some say that bright Majority
Of vanquished Dames and Men!
Some think it service in the place
Where we, with late, celestial face,
Please God, shall Ascertain!

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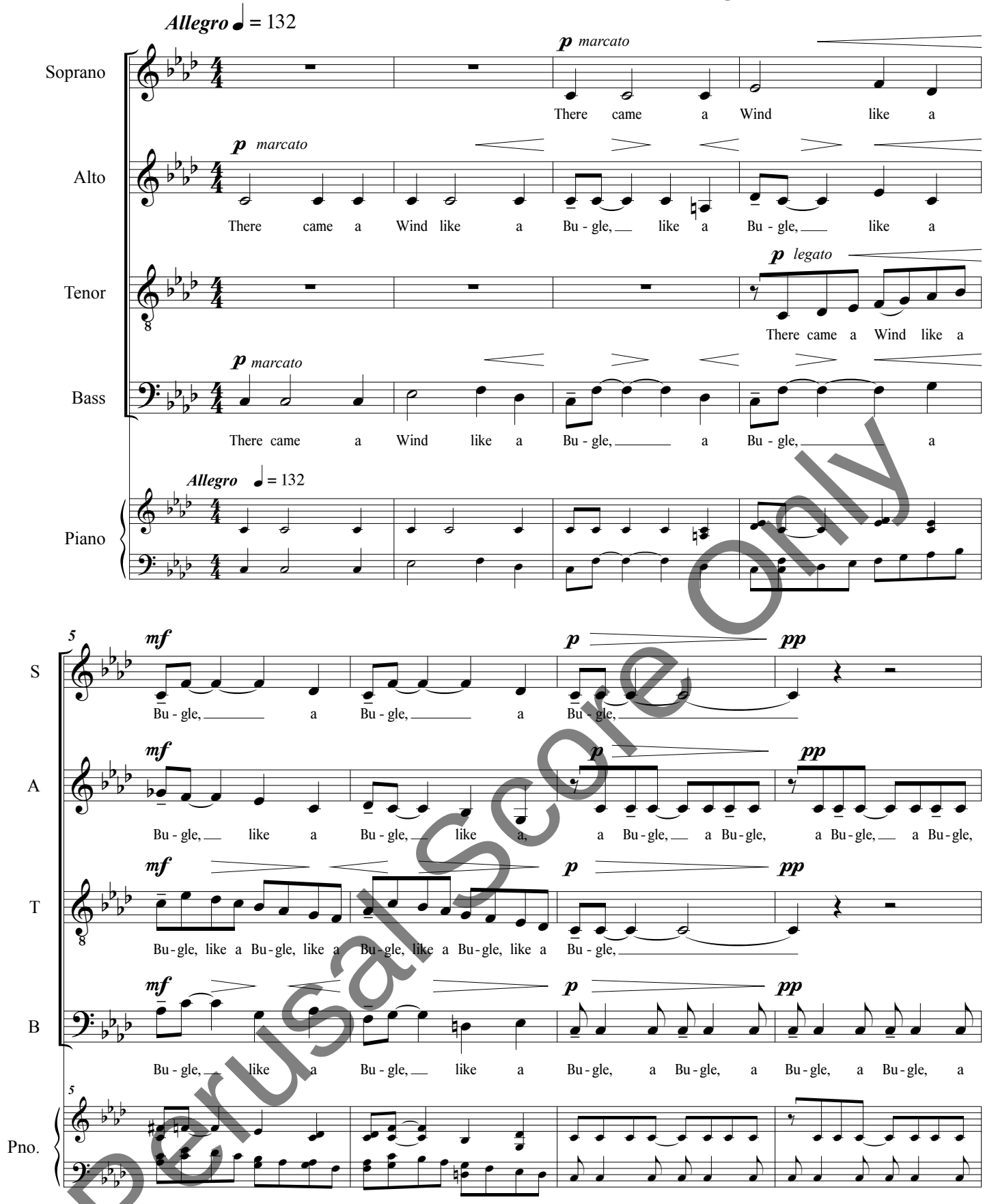

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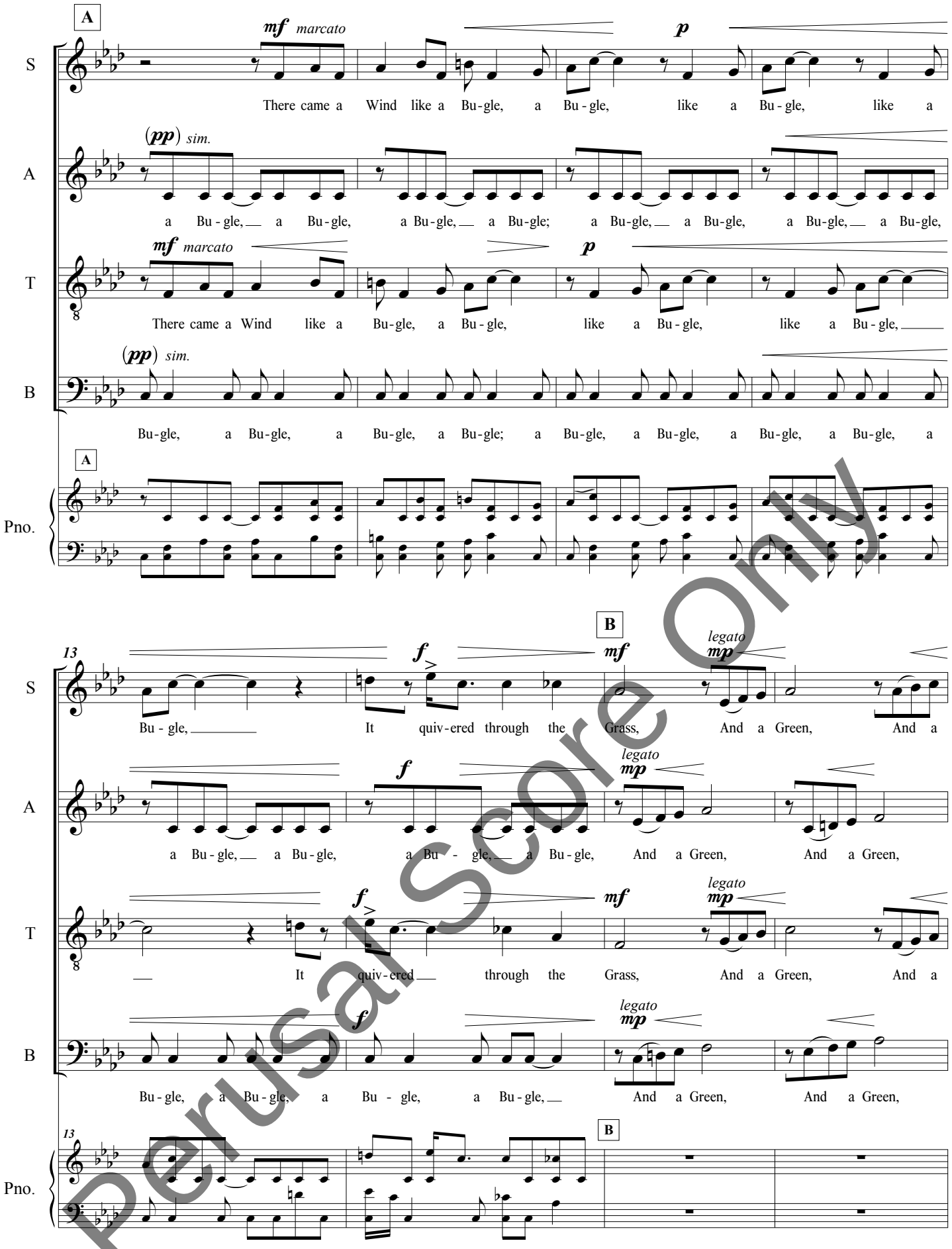

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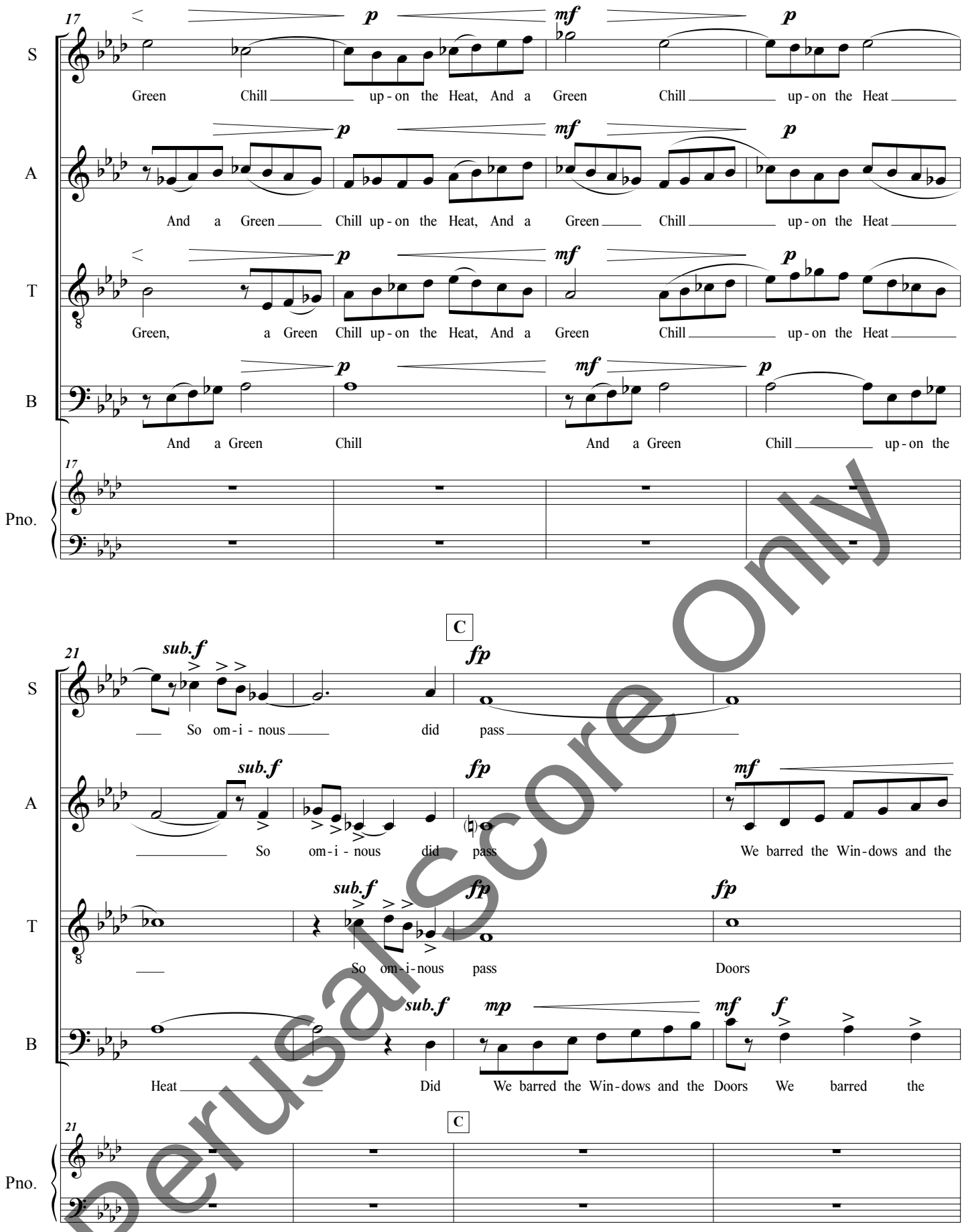

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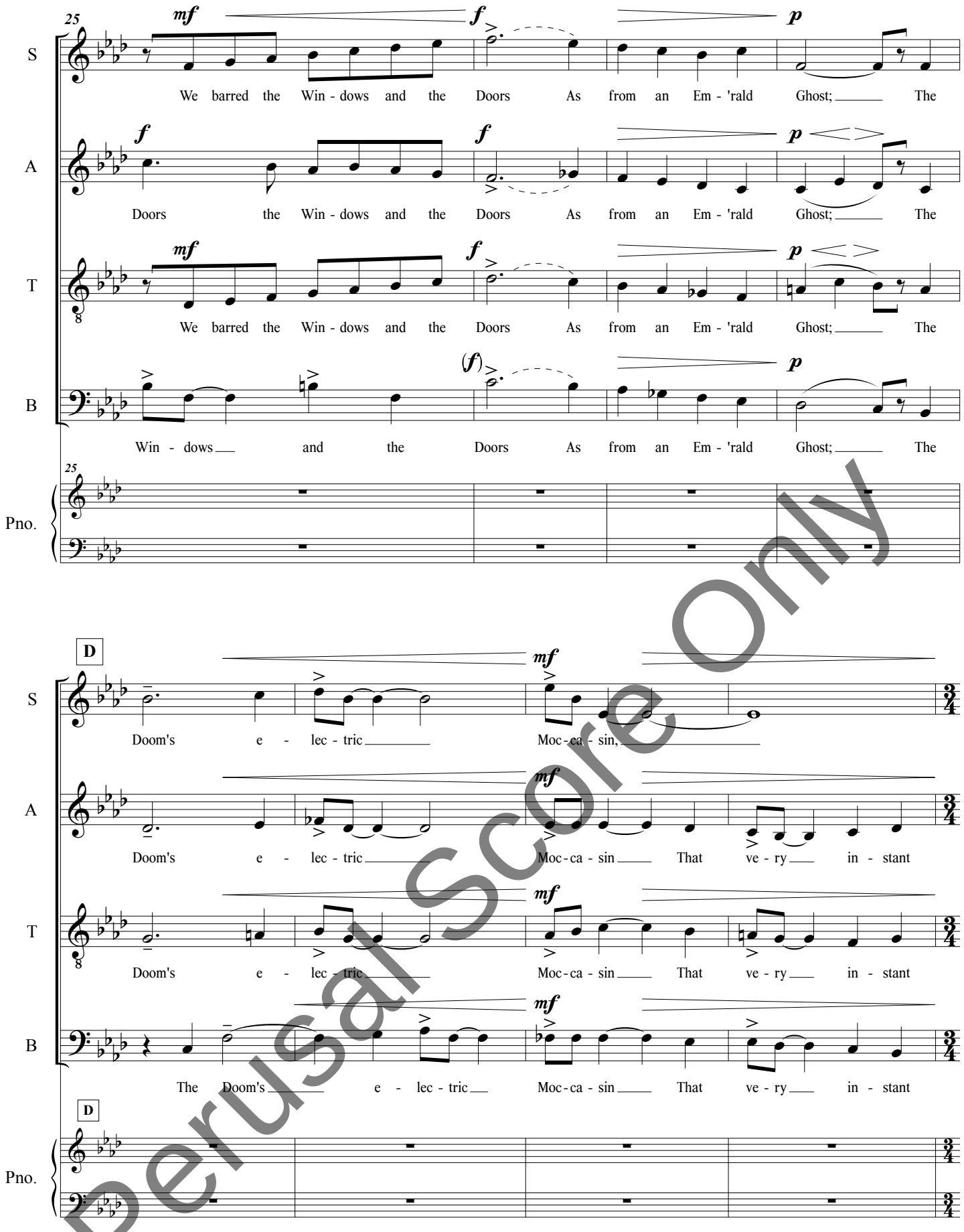

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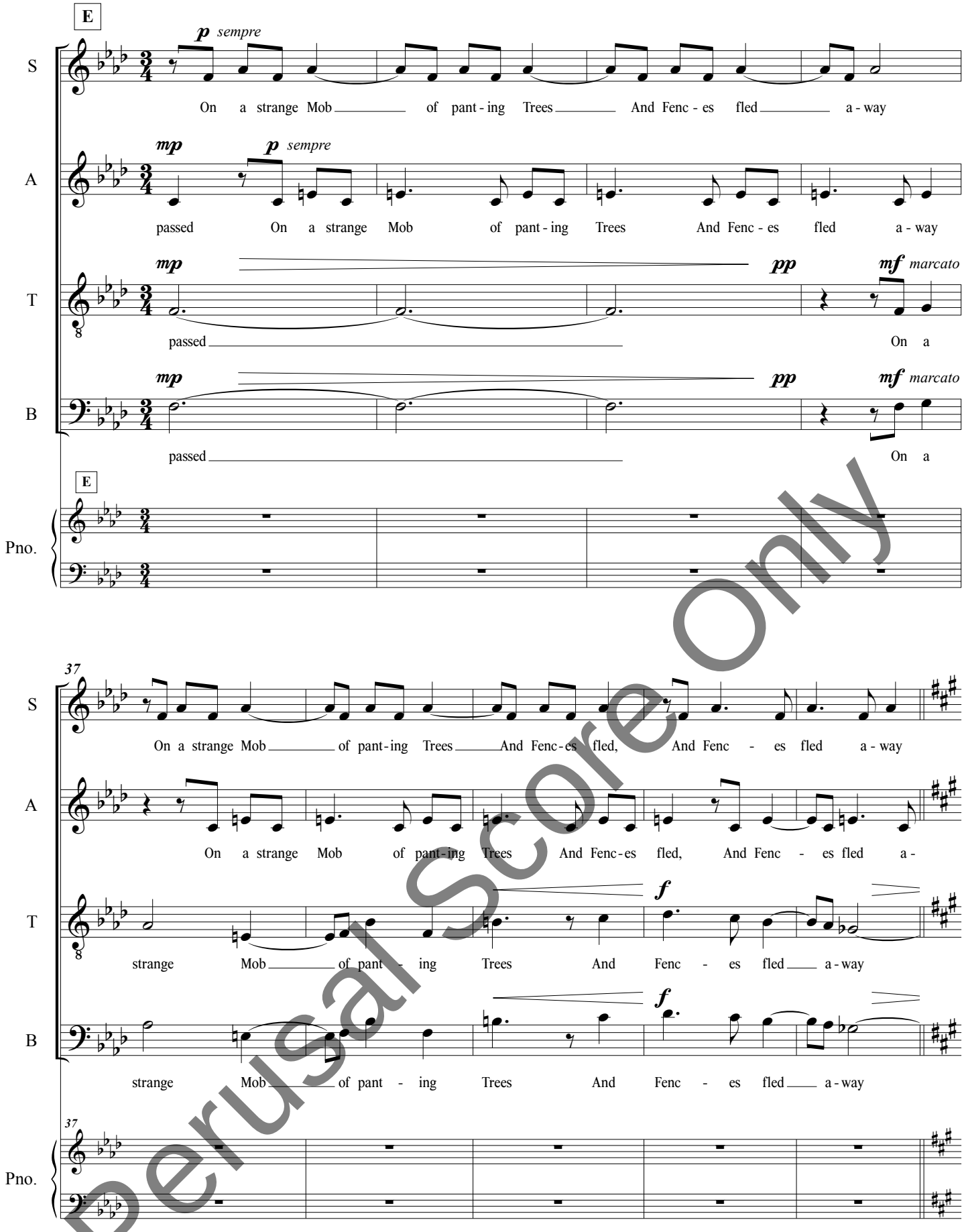

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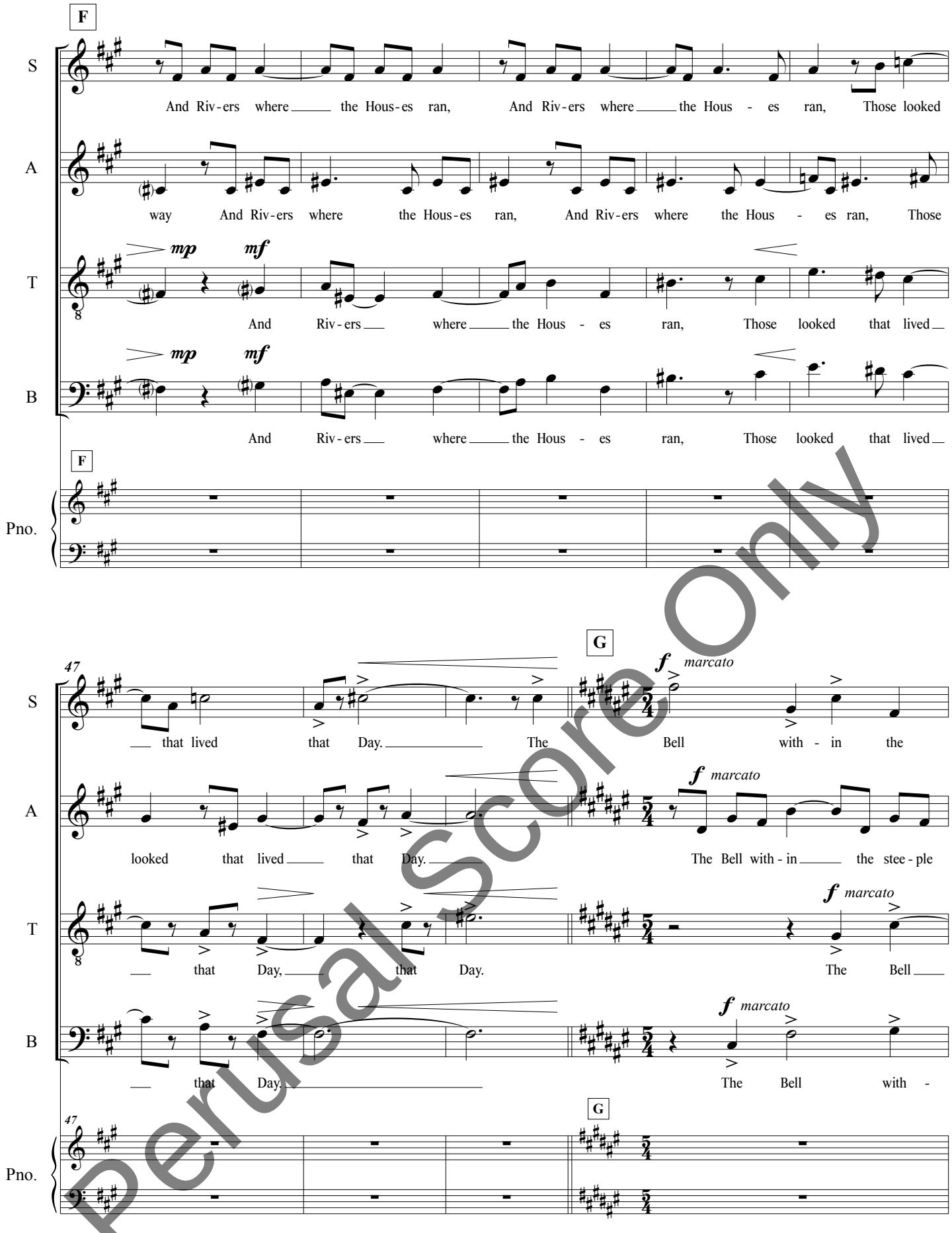

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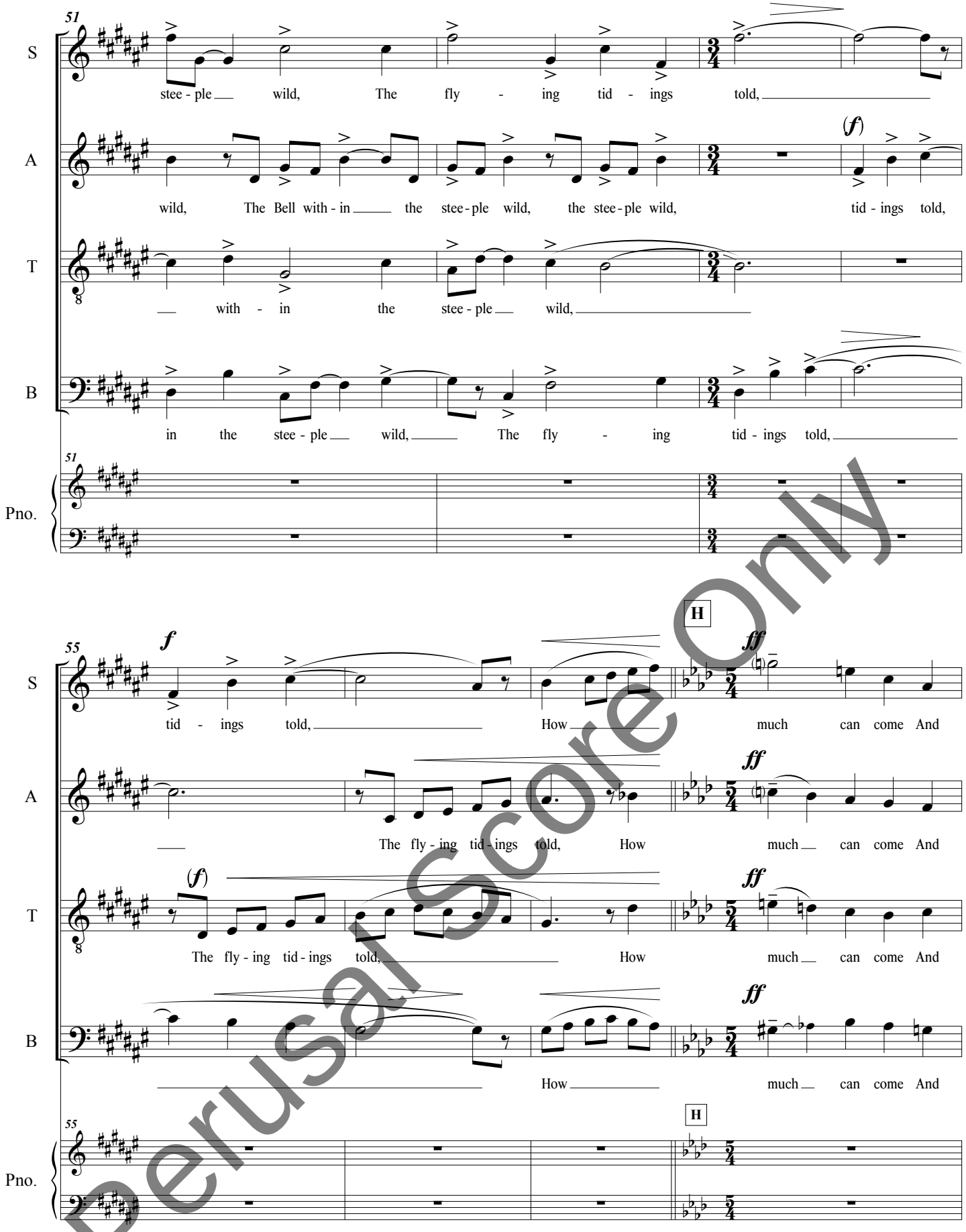

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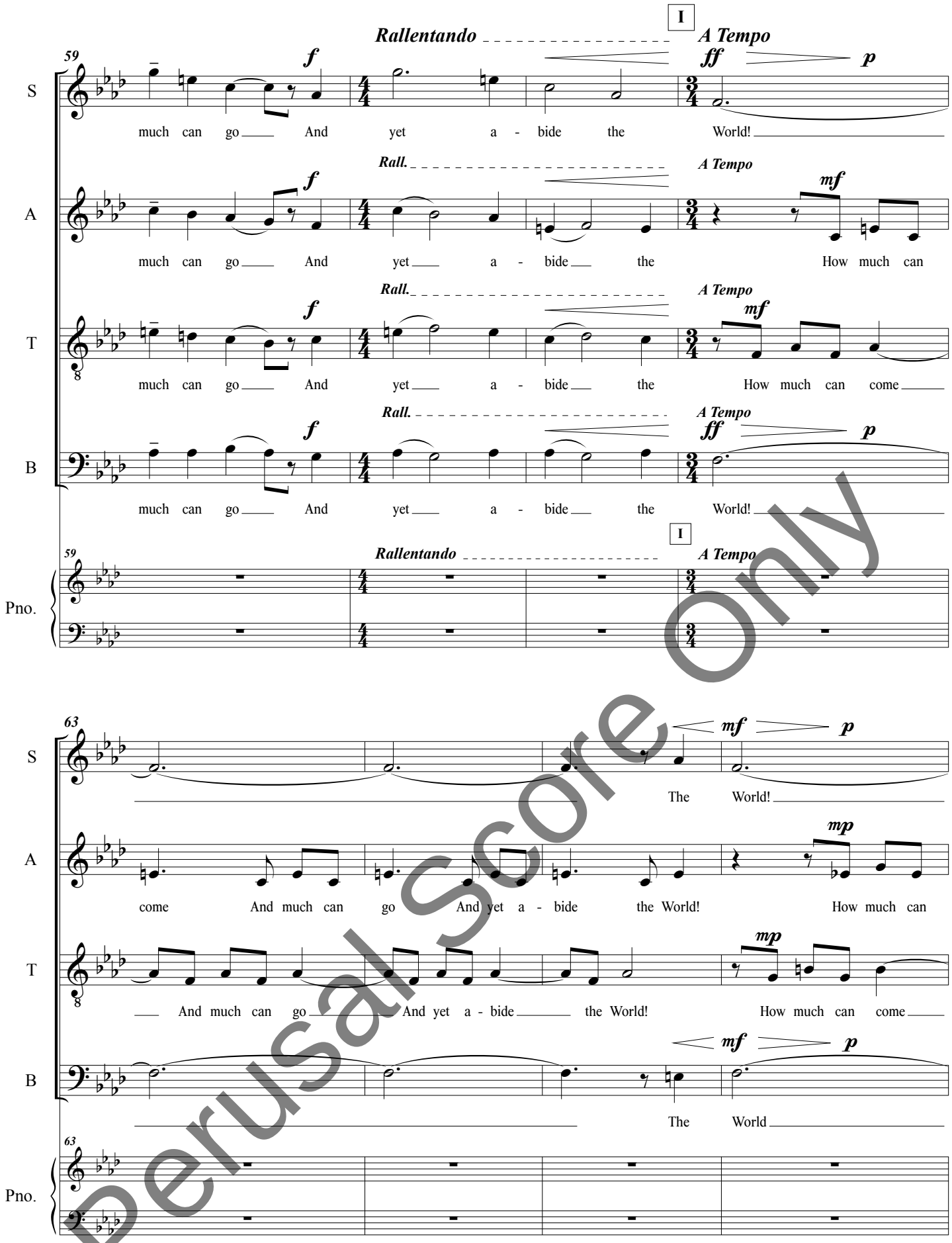

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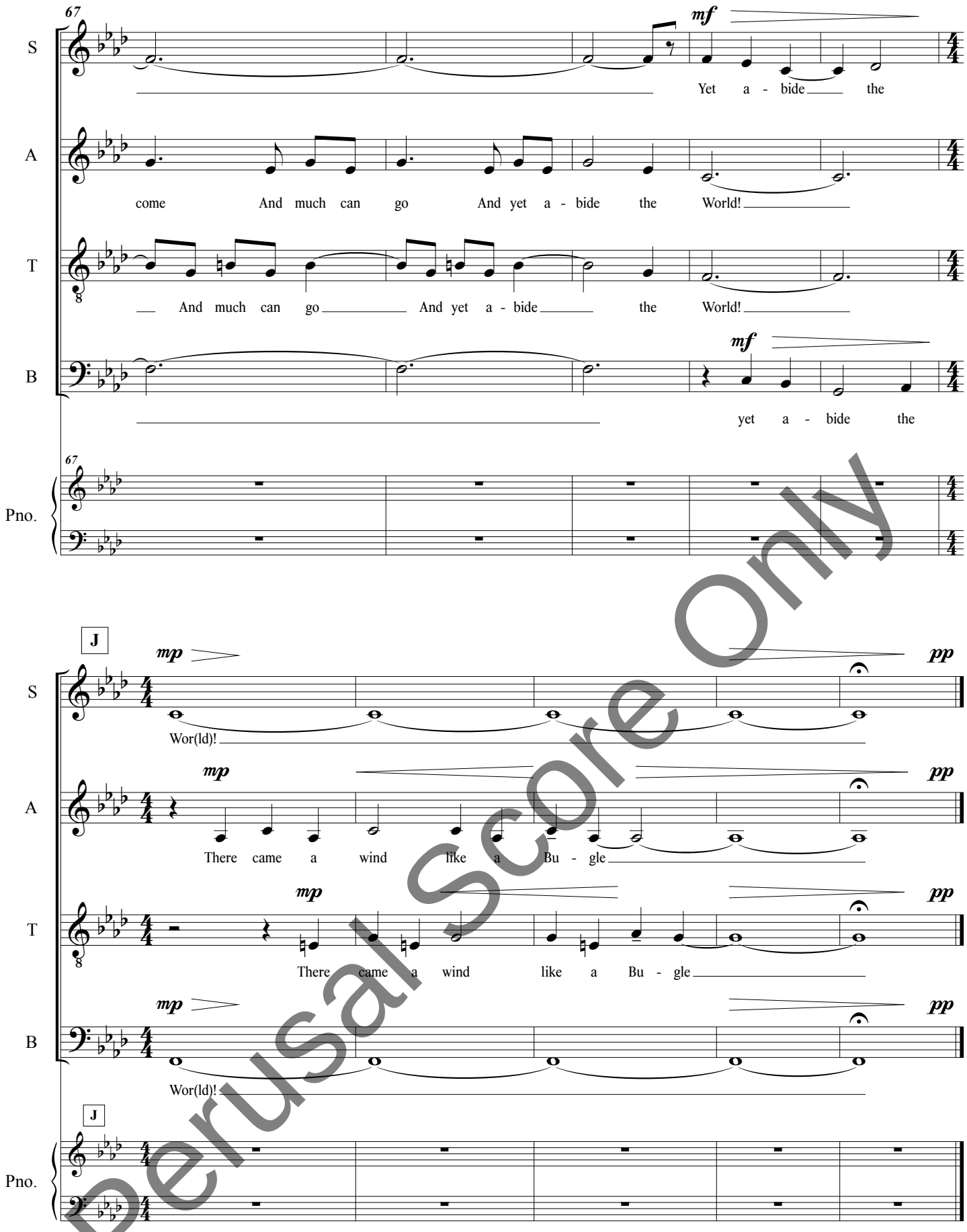

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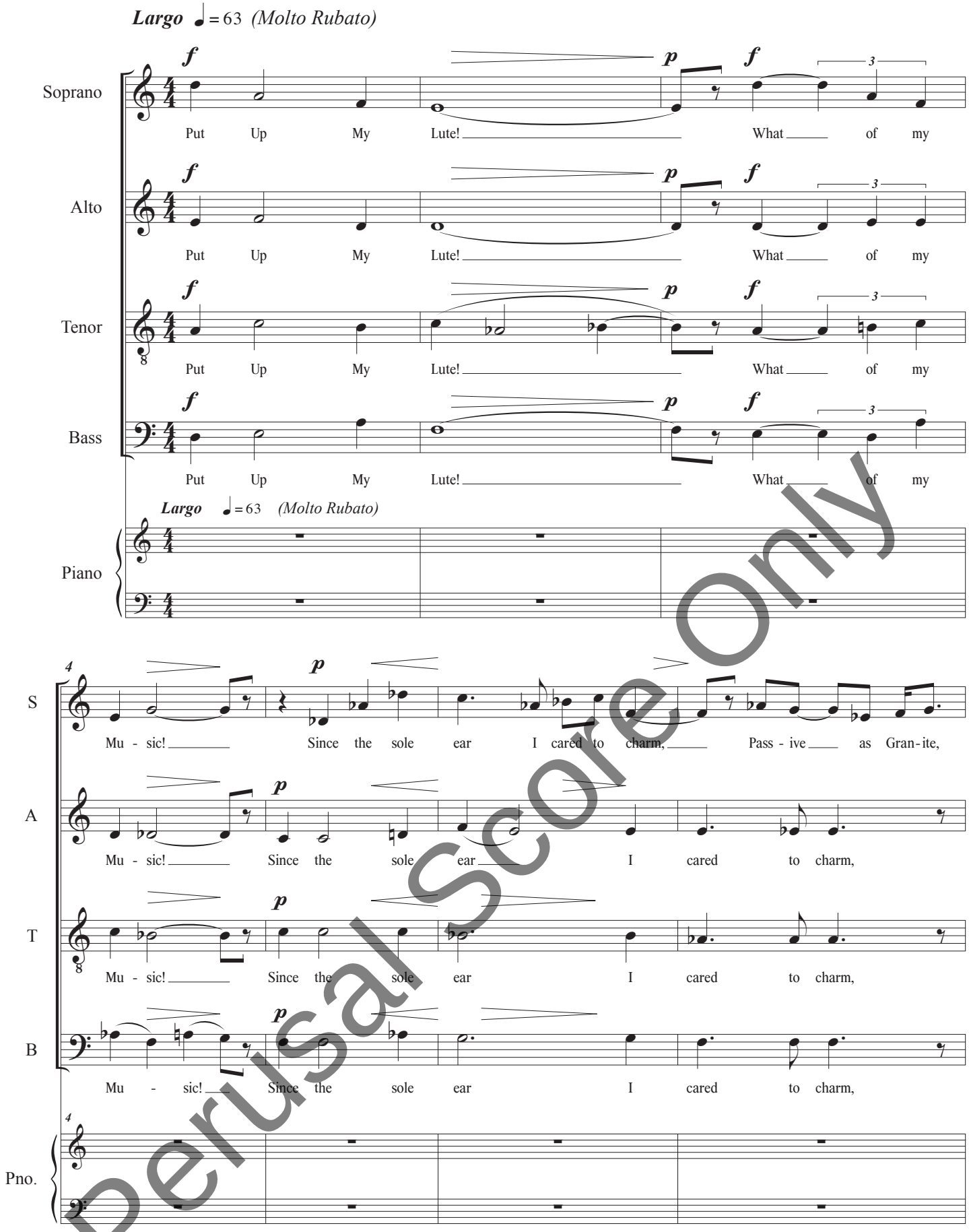

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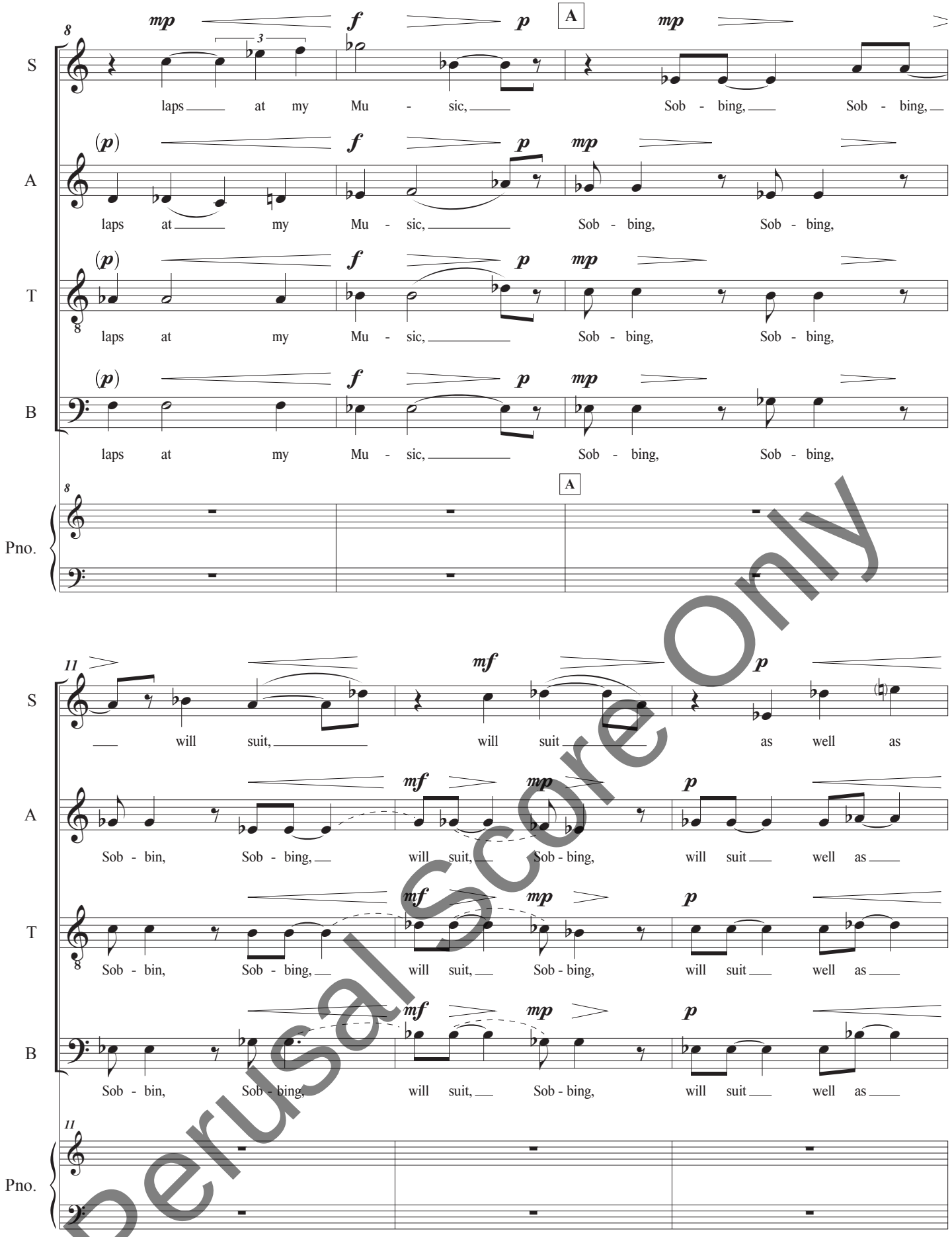

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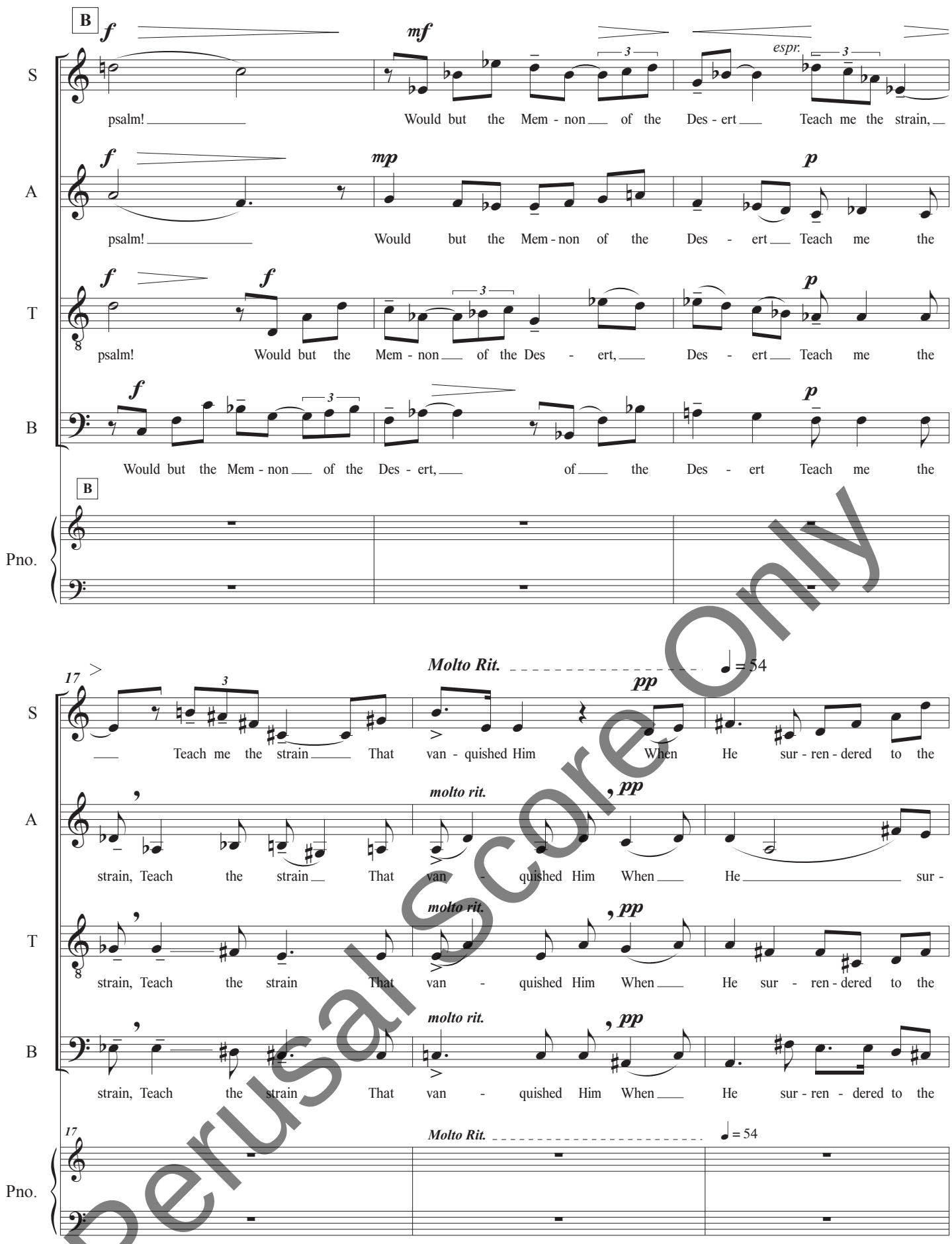

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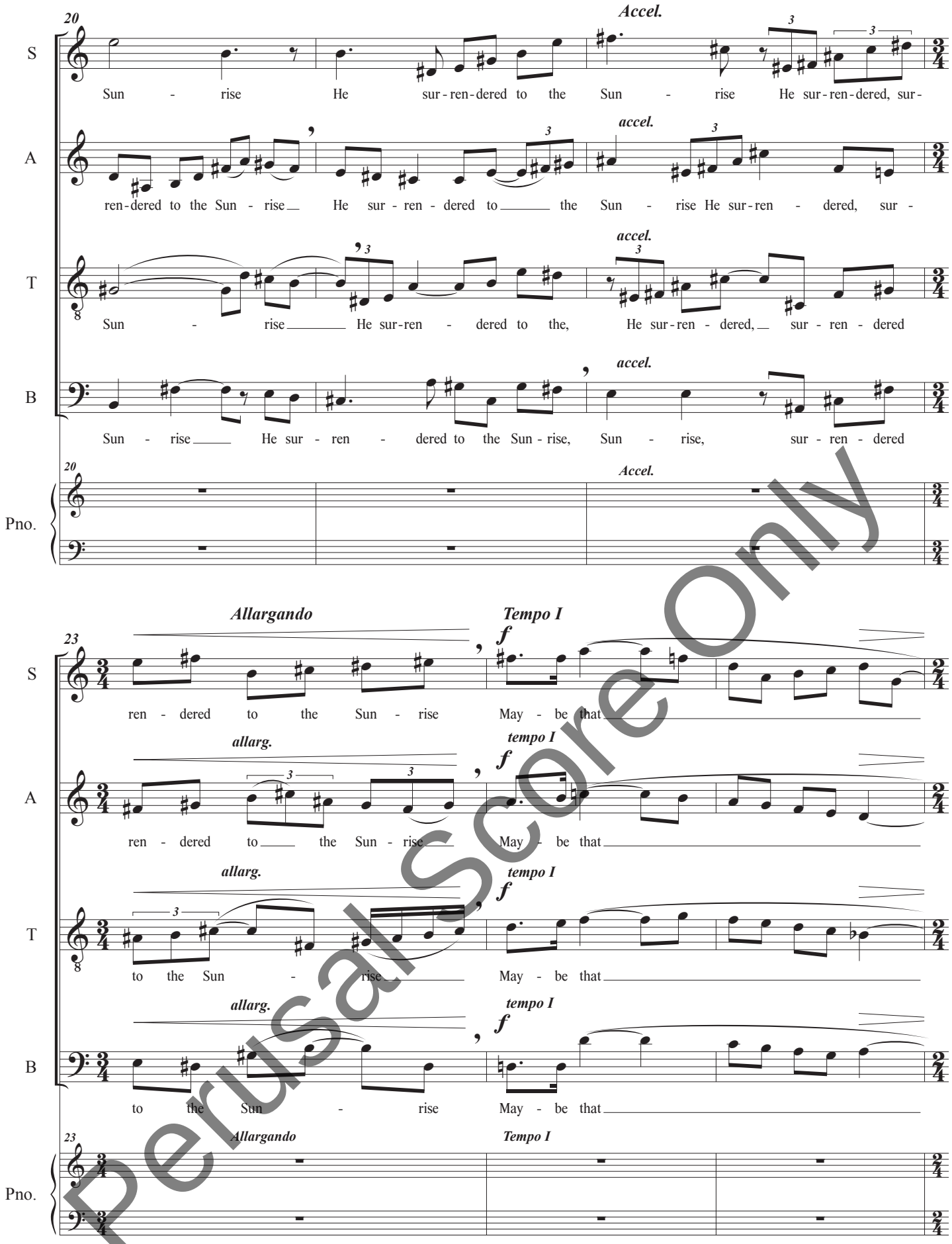

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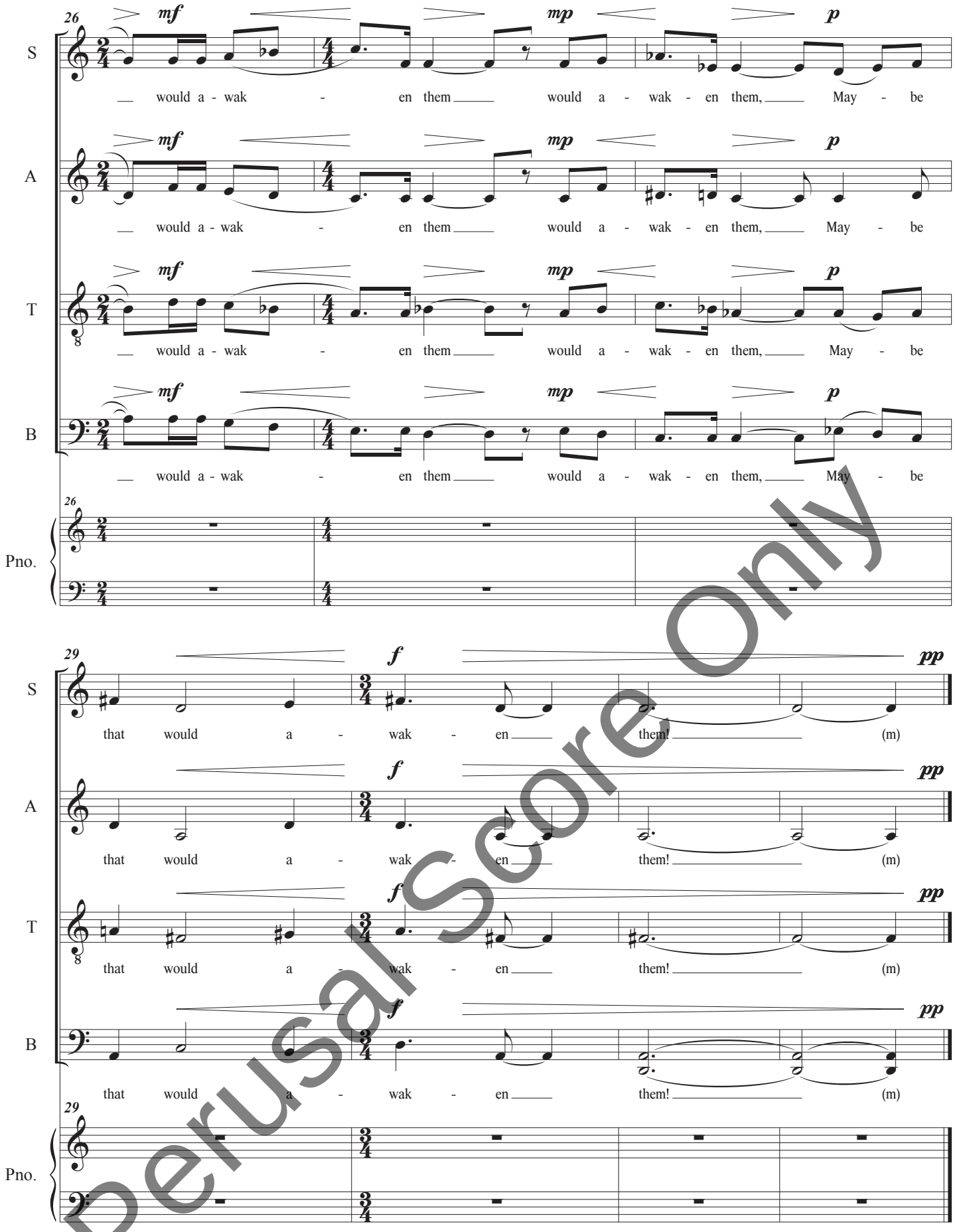

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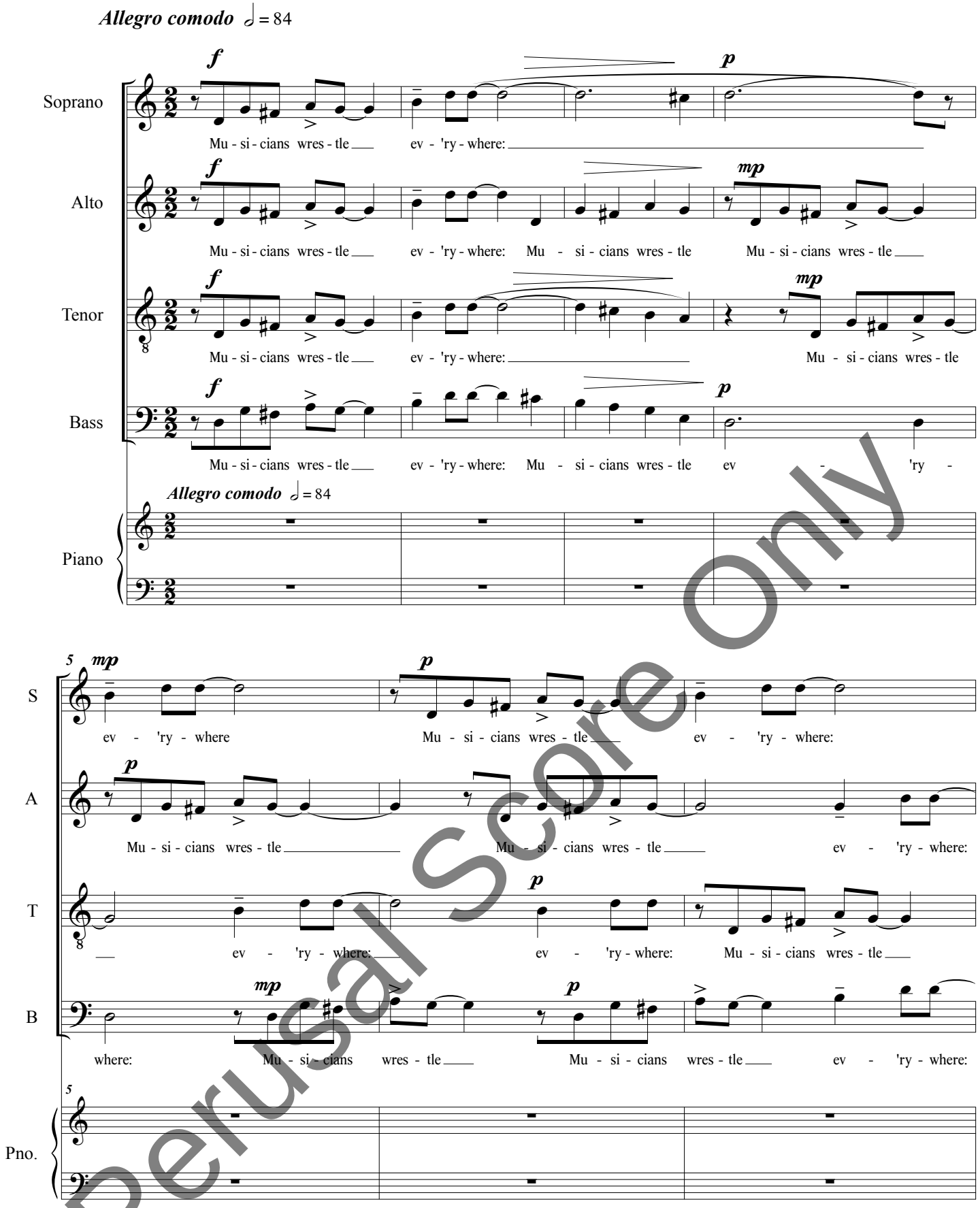

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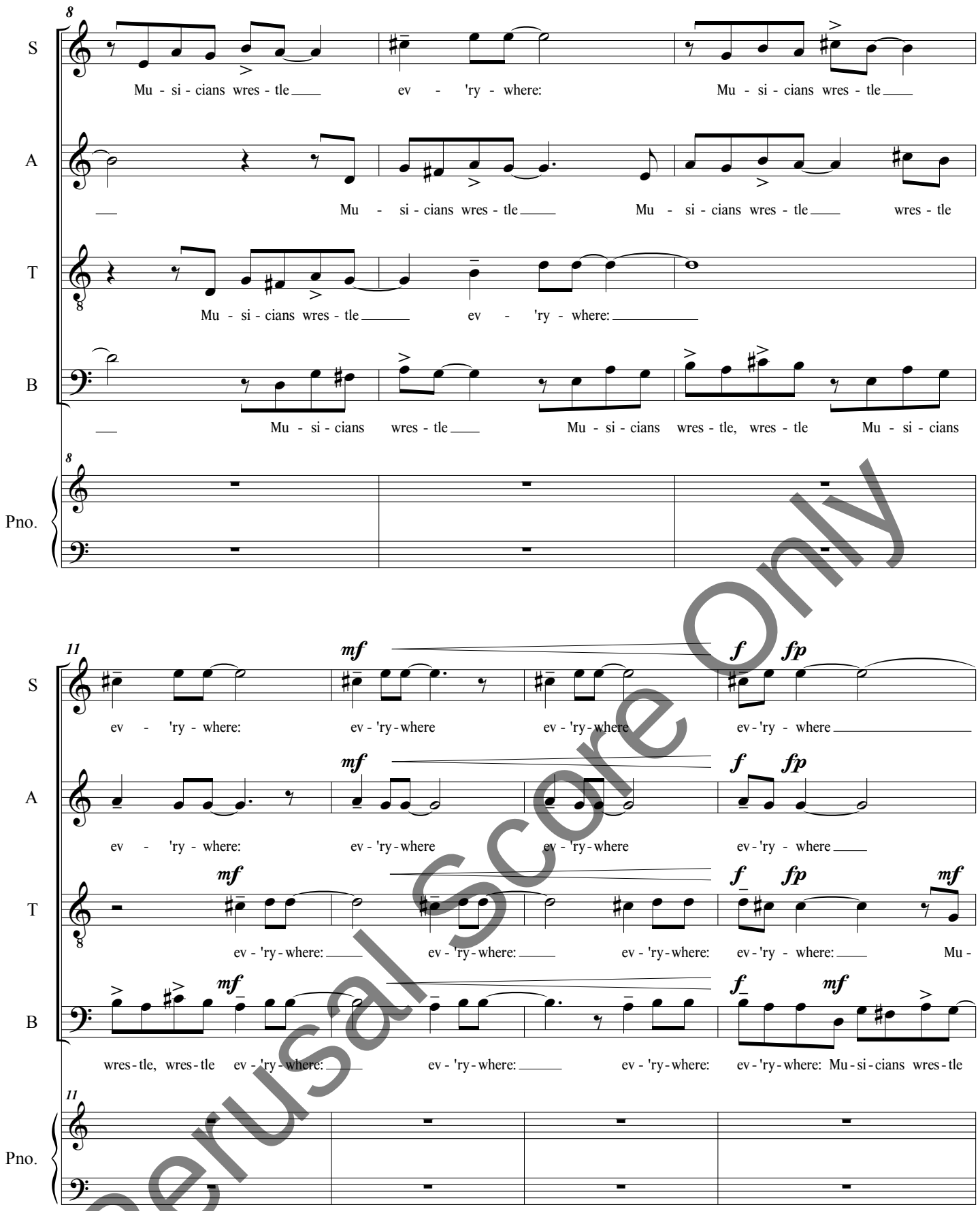

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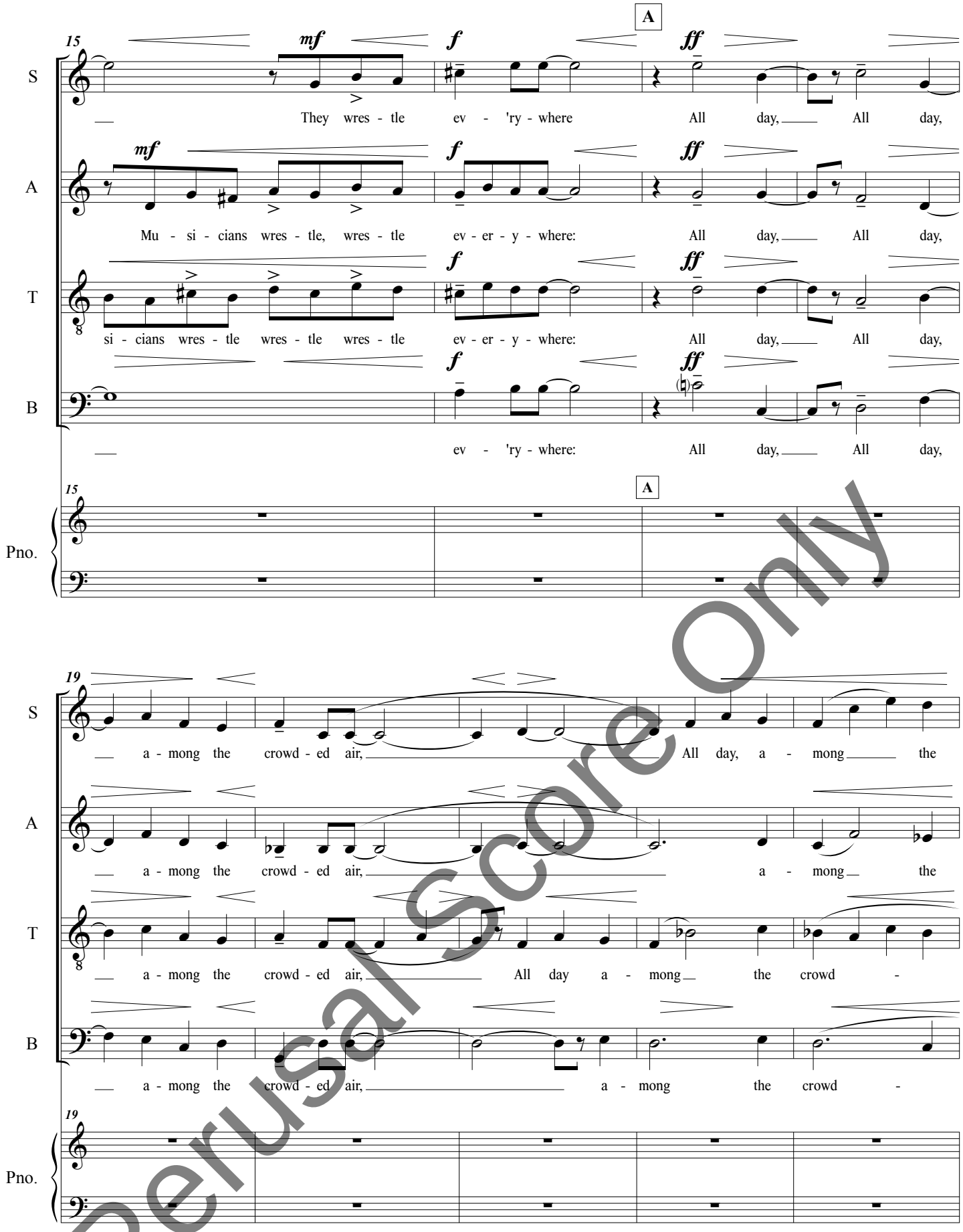

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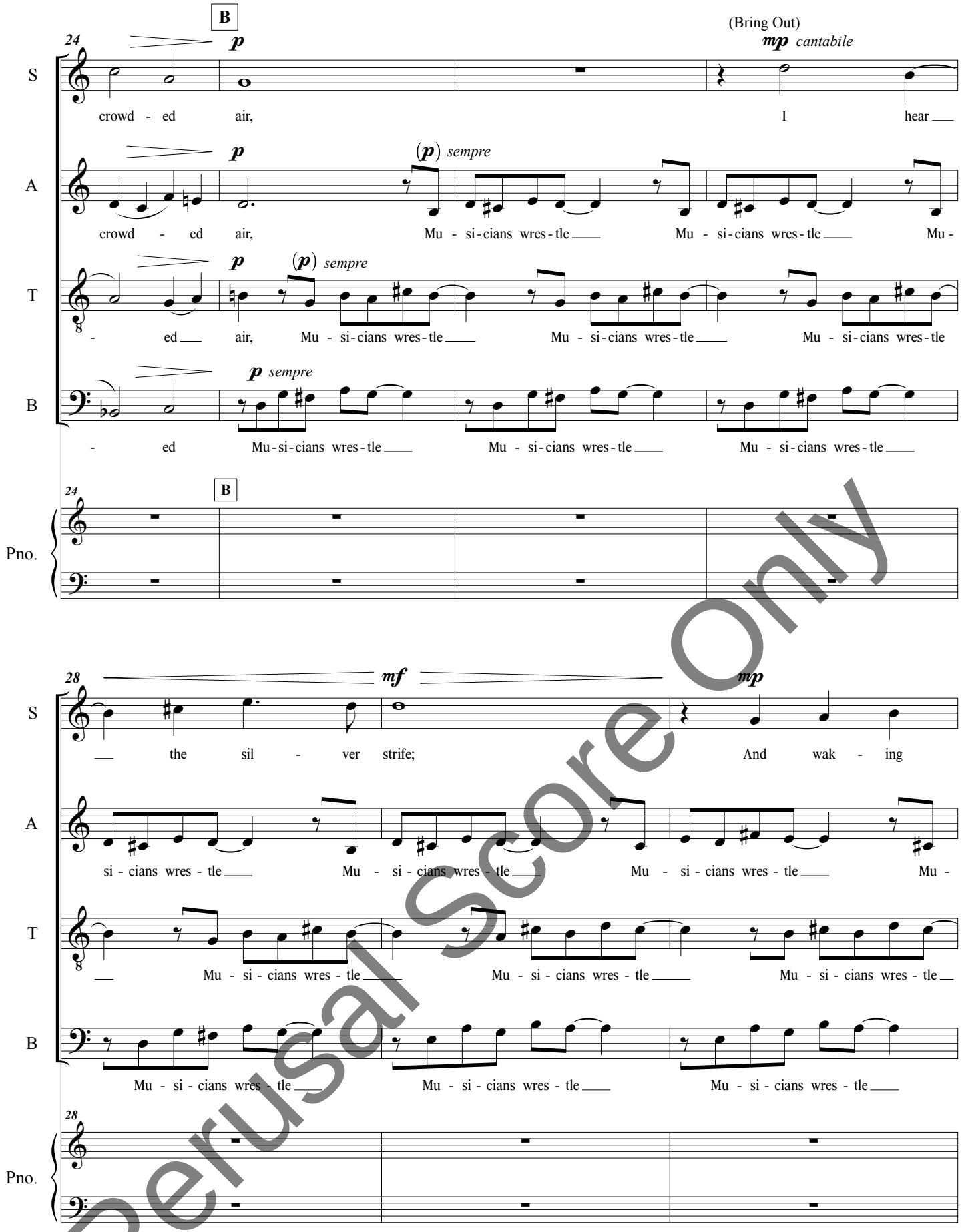

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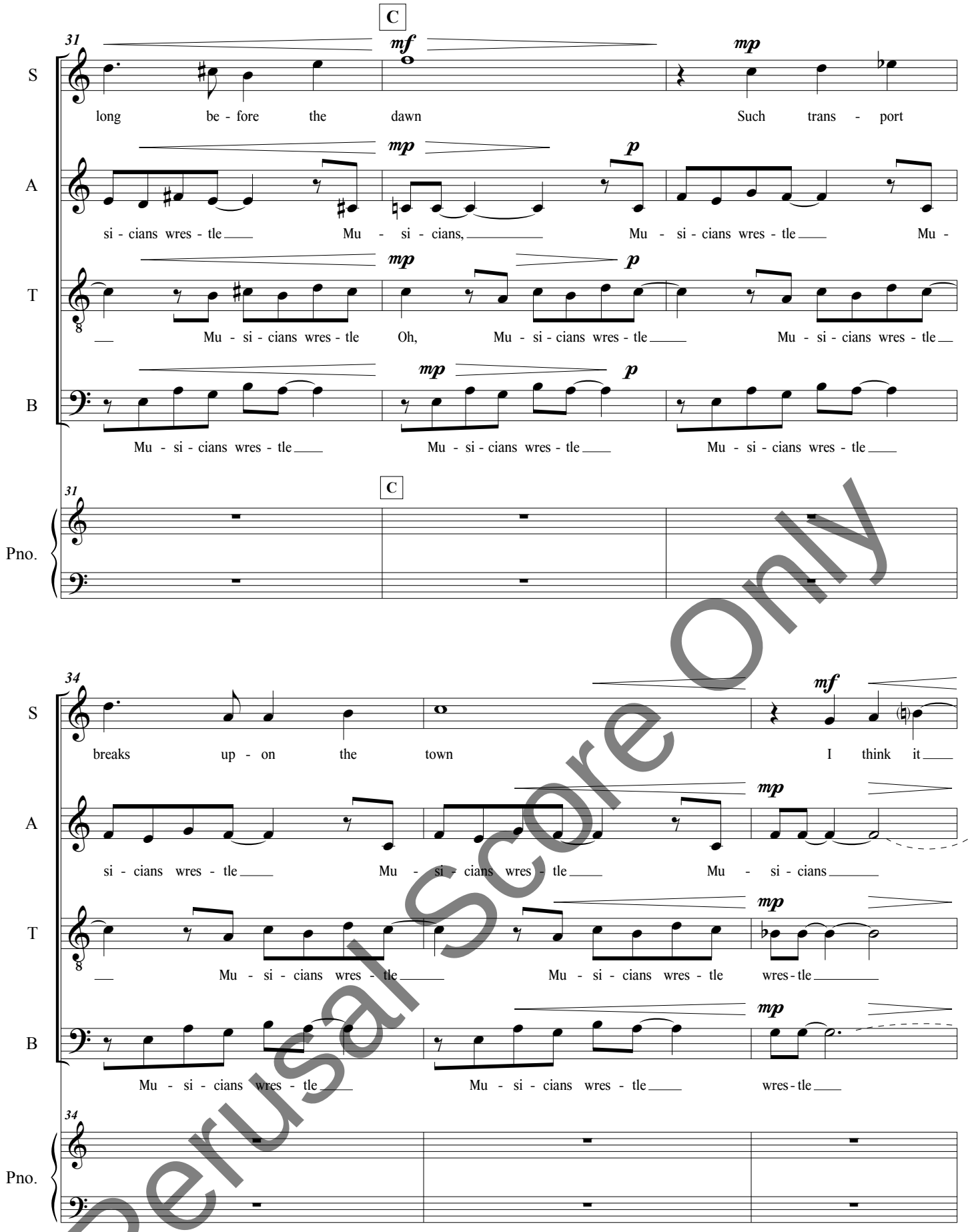

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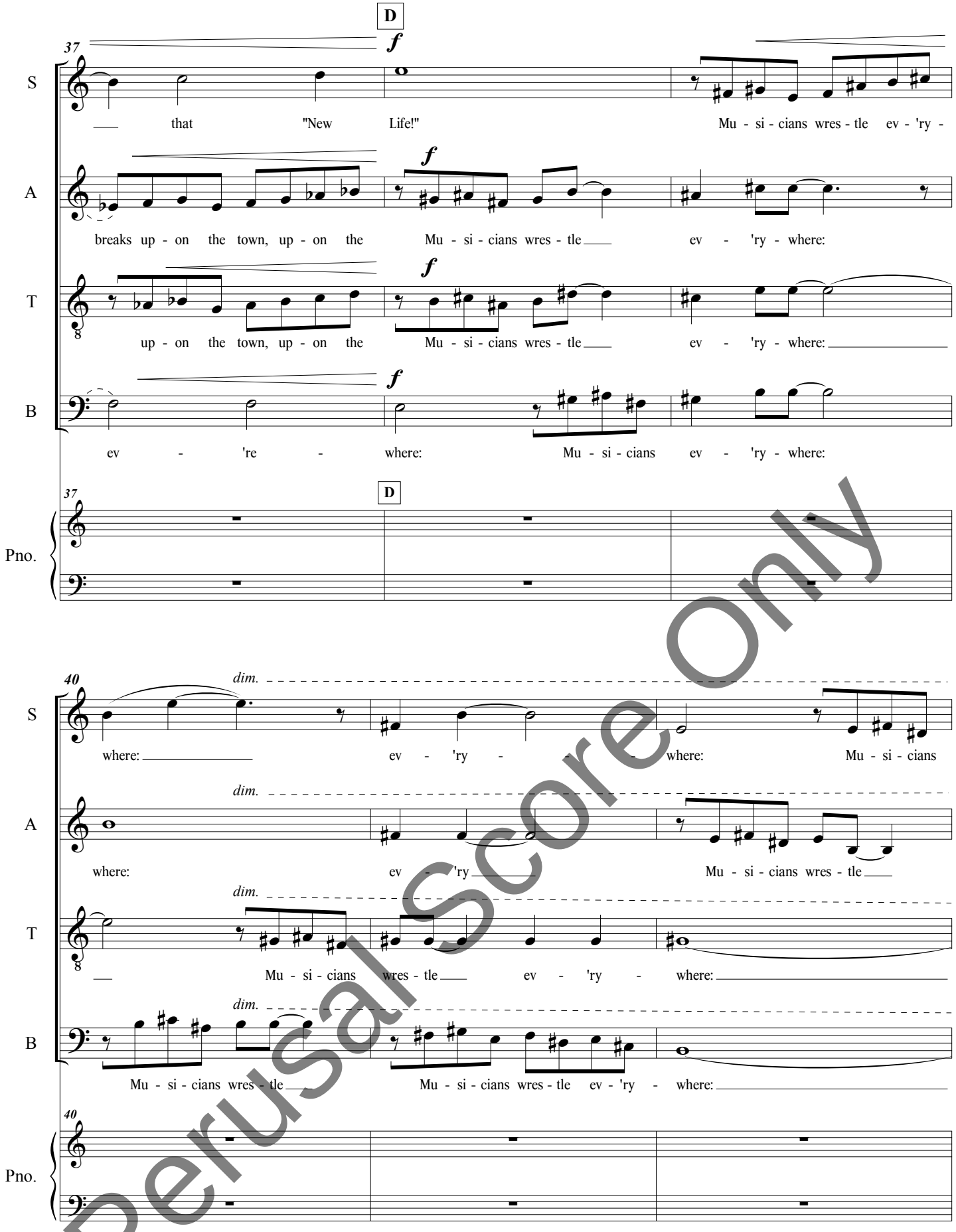

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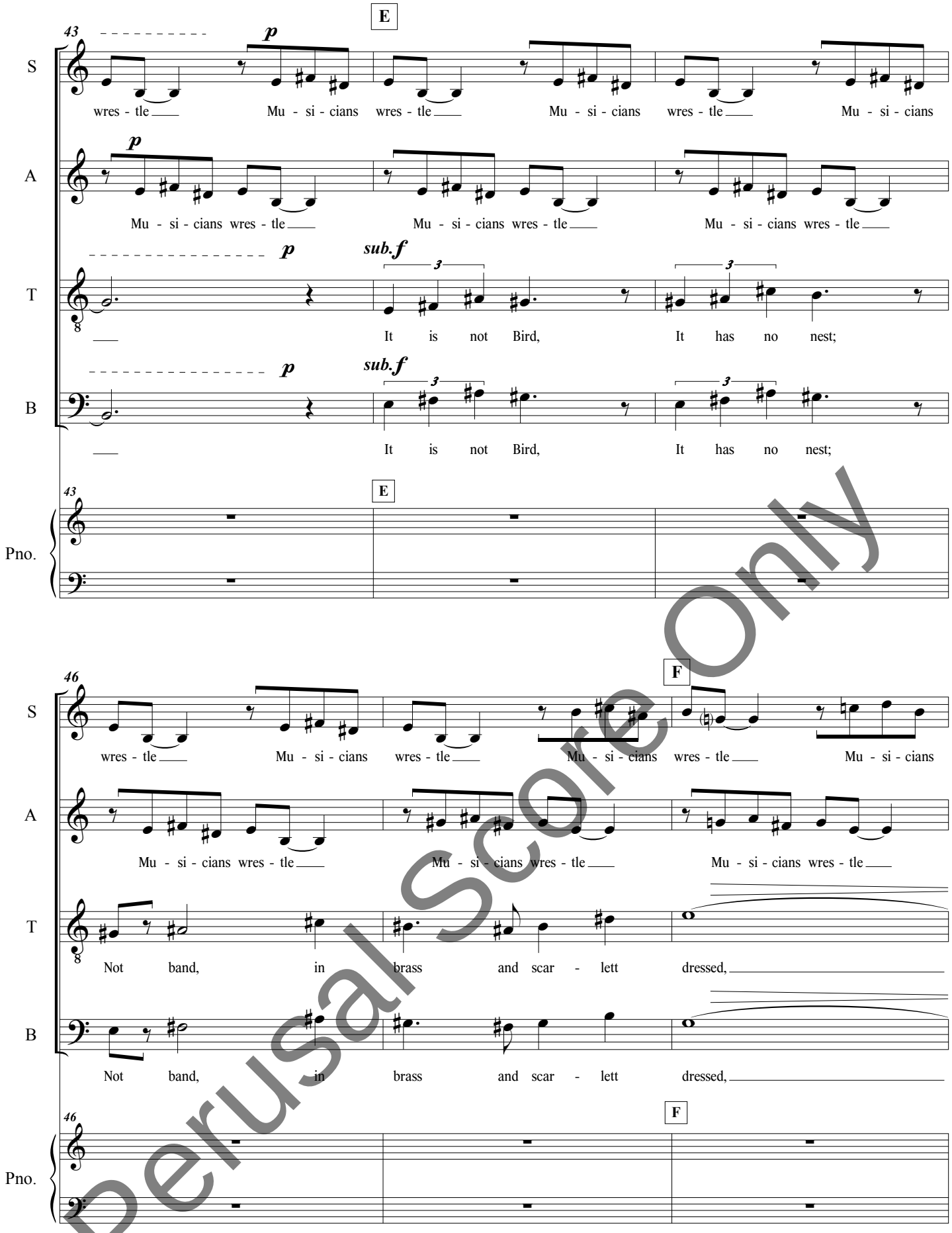

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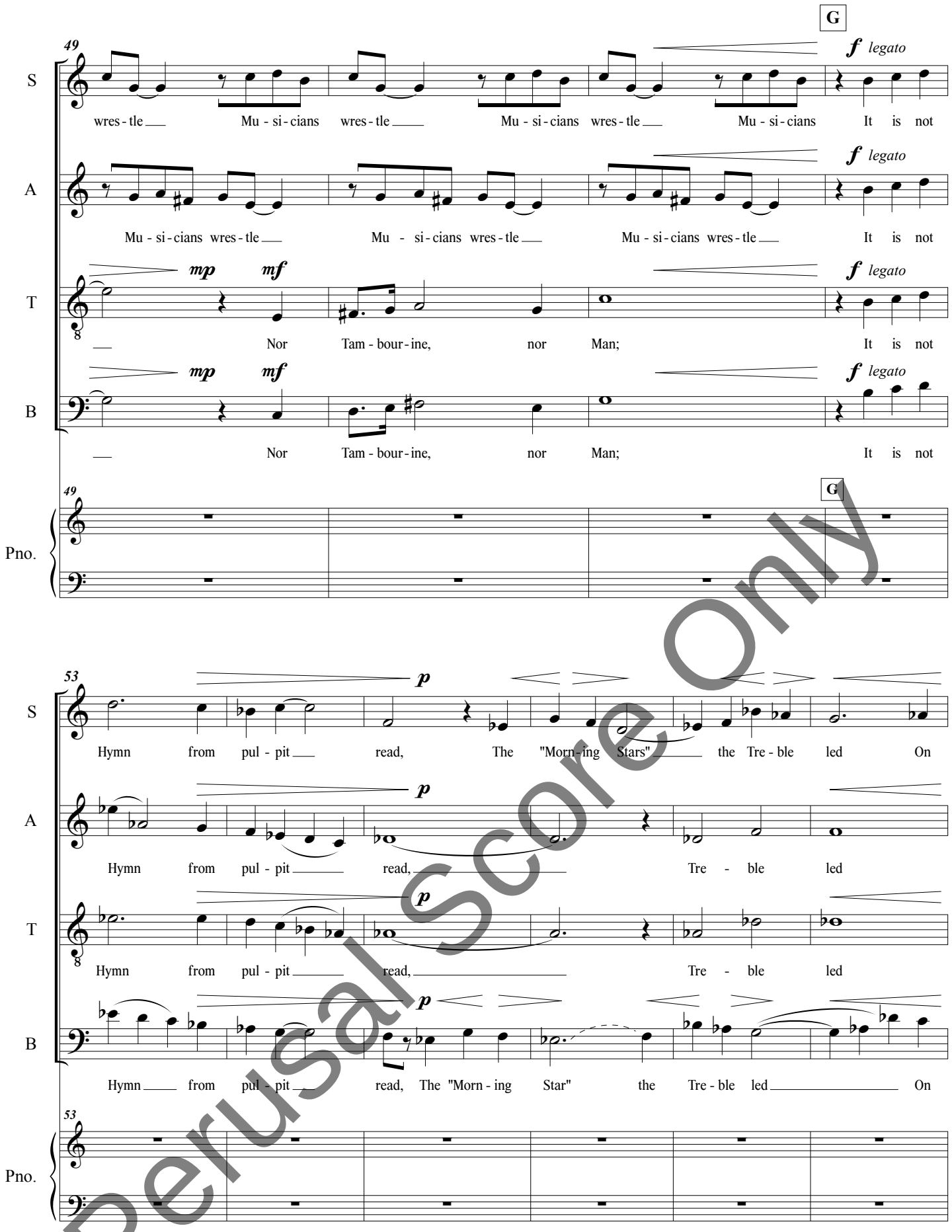

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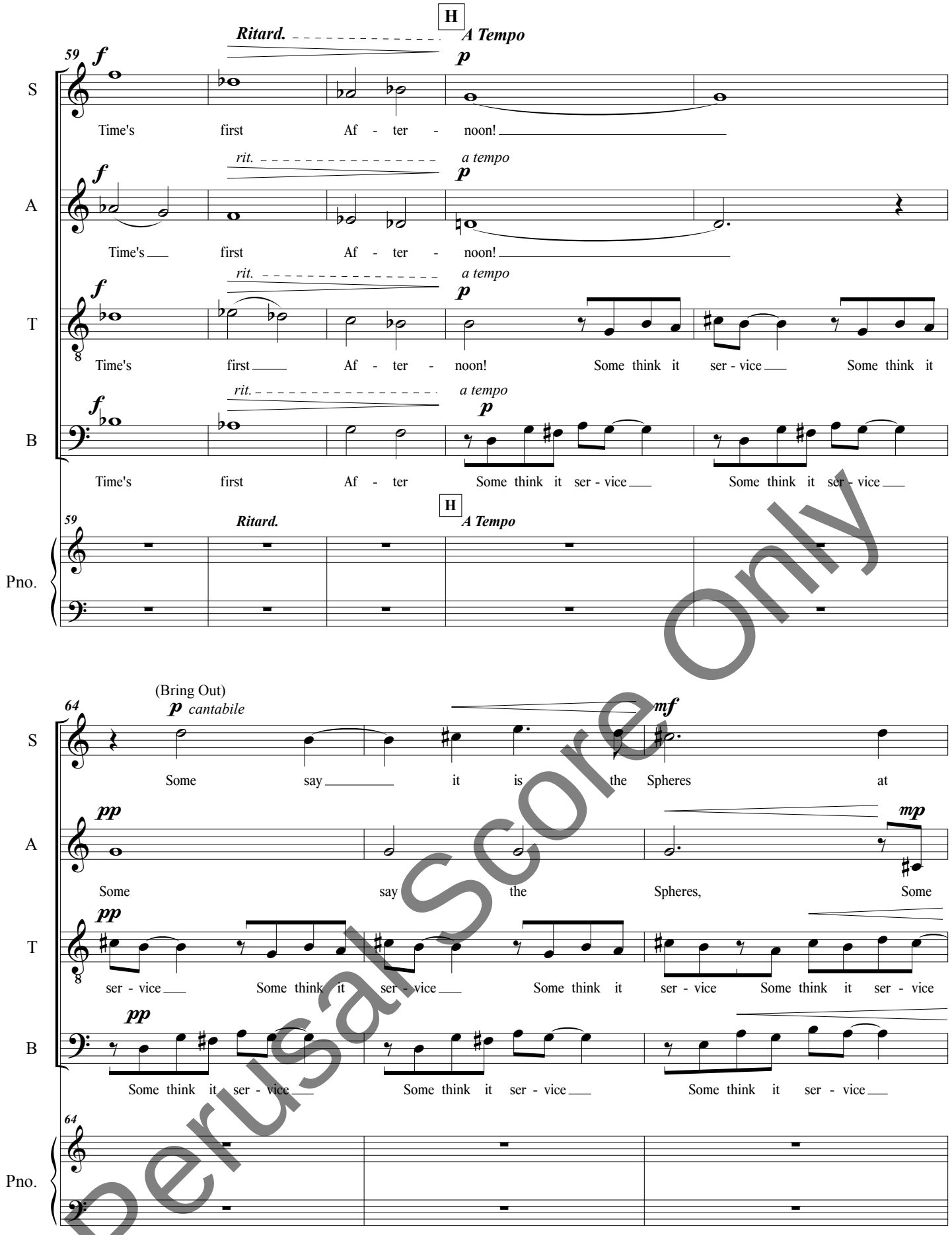

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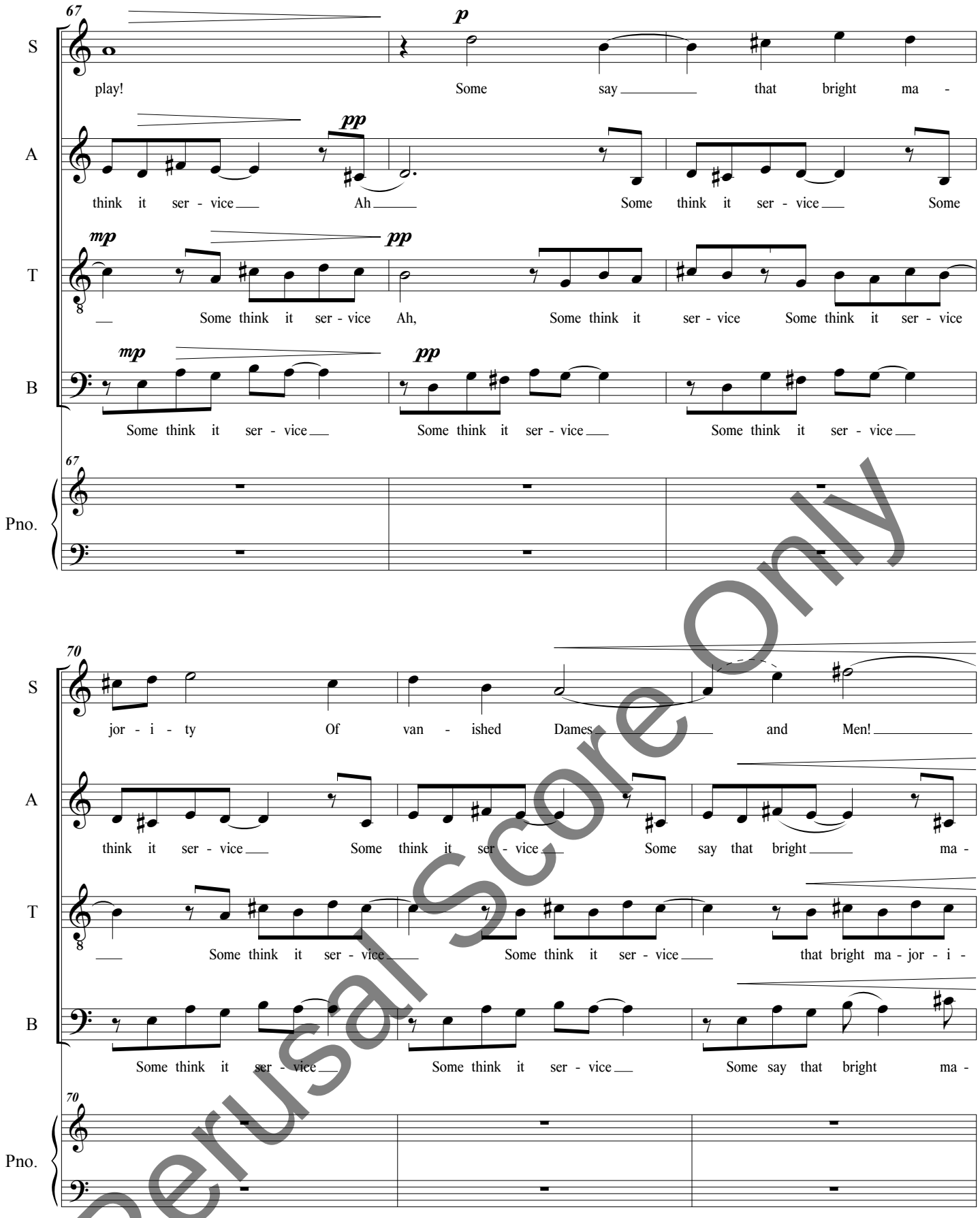

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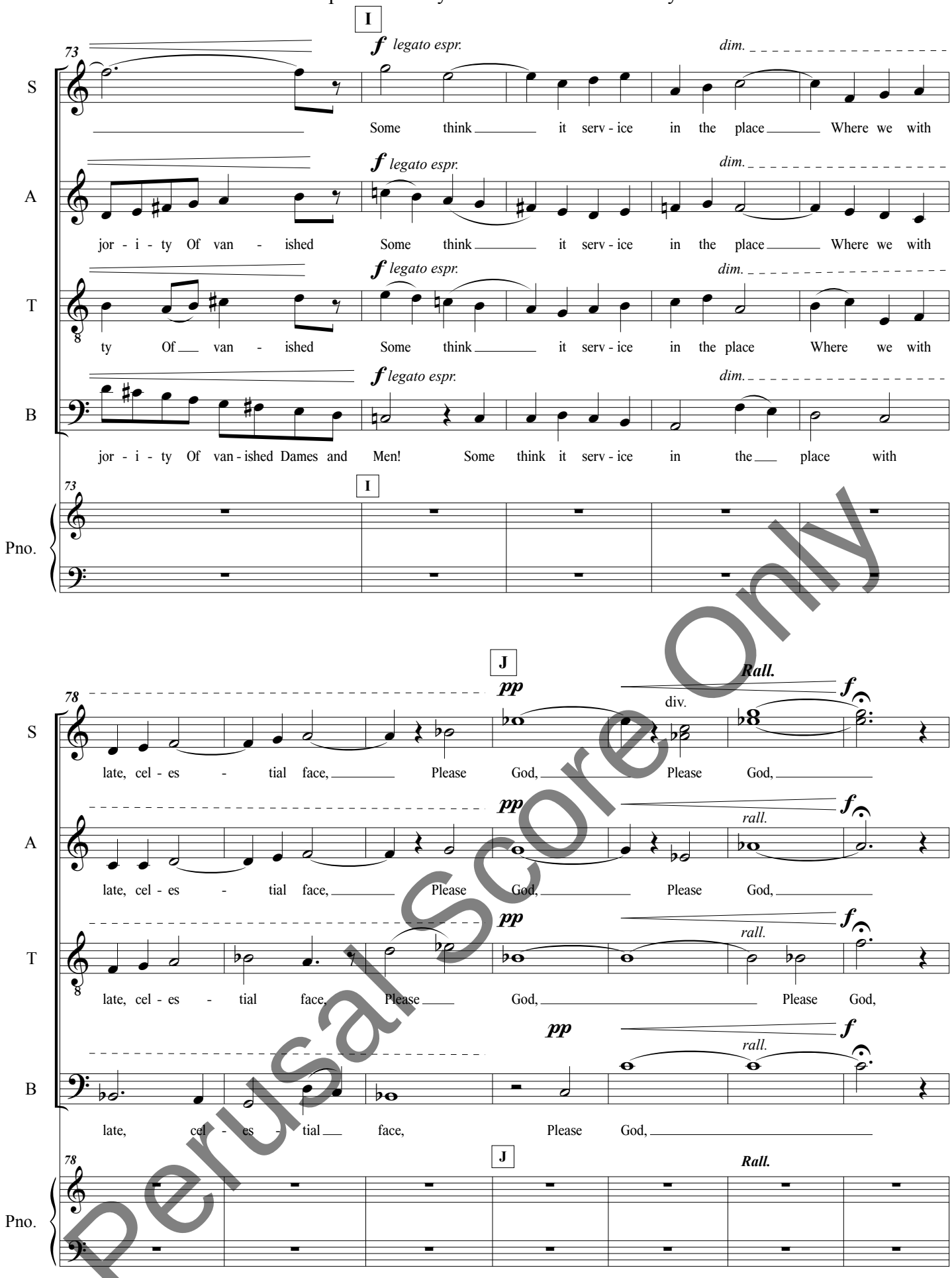

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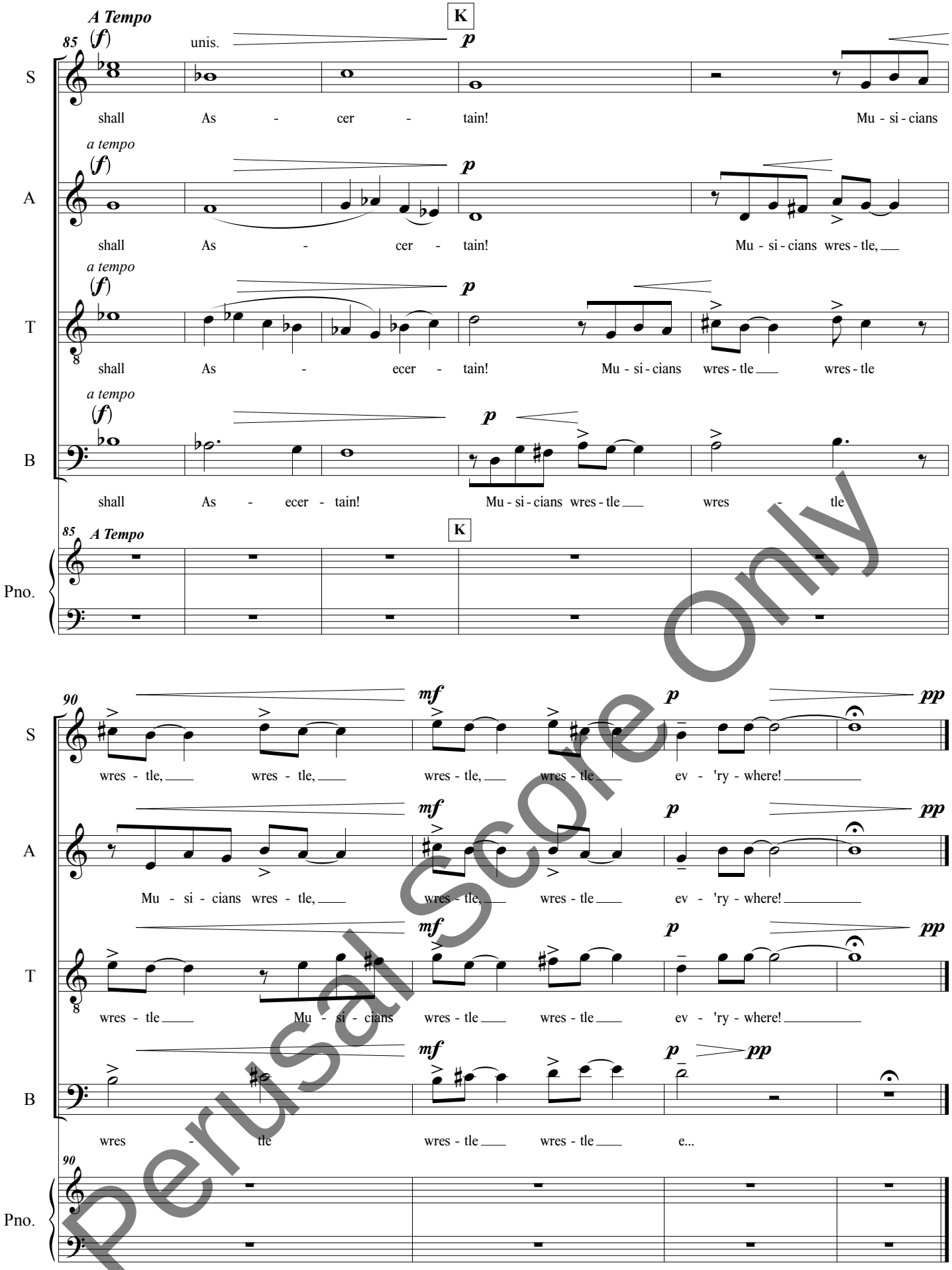

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