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It's getting darker, darker all the time
And she is weary and beset with fear
Yet in the darkness of her womb he stirs,
Her tiny hope, the one who is to come.
So on she plods, on past the hostile stares
The checkpoints and the soldiers on the street
Seeking some shelter, somewhere to retreat
And bring to birth the hidden light she bears.

She finds her shelter now and we attend her
Attend this burdened girl who speaks for us,
Whispers to God a broken world's soft 'yes,
Come to be born with us, come find us here
Outface for us the darkness we can't face,
Show us the face of Love that casts out fear'.

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Duration c.5'30''

The Hidden Light was commissioned by the Master and Fellows of St John's College, Cambridge. It was first performed on Saturday 25 November 2023 by The Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, directed by Christopher Gray.

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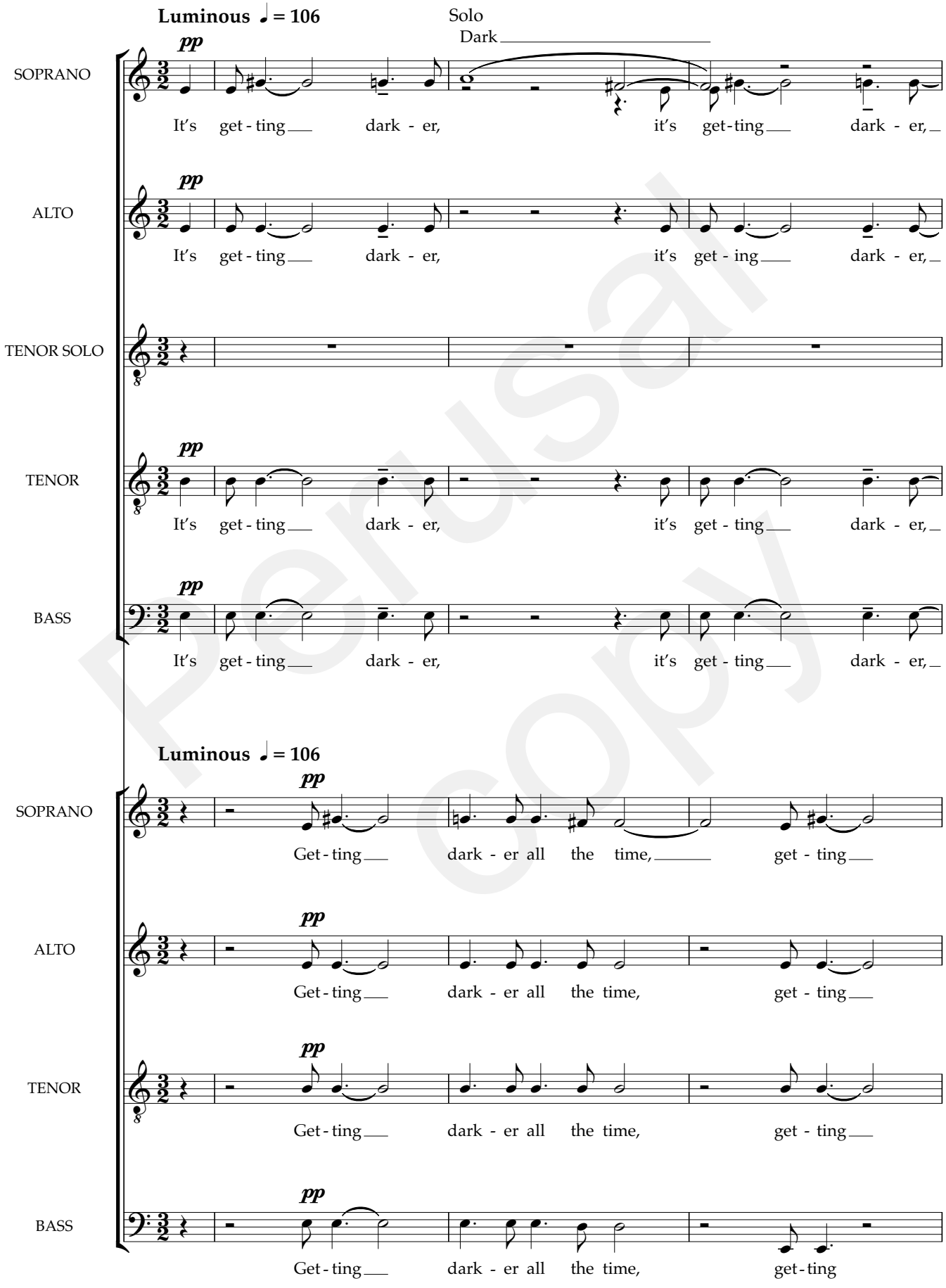

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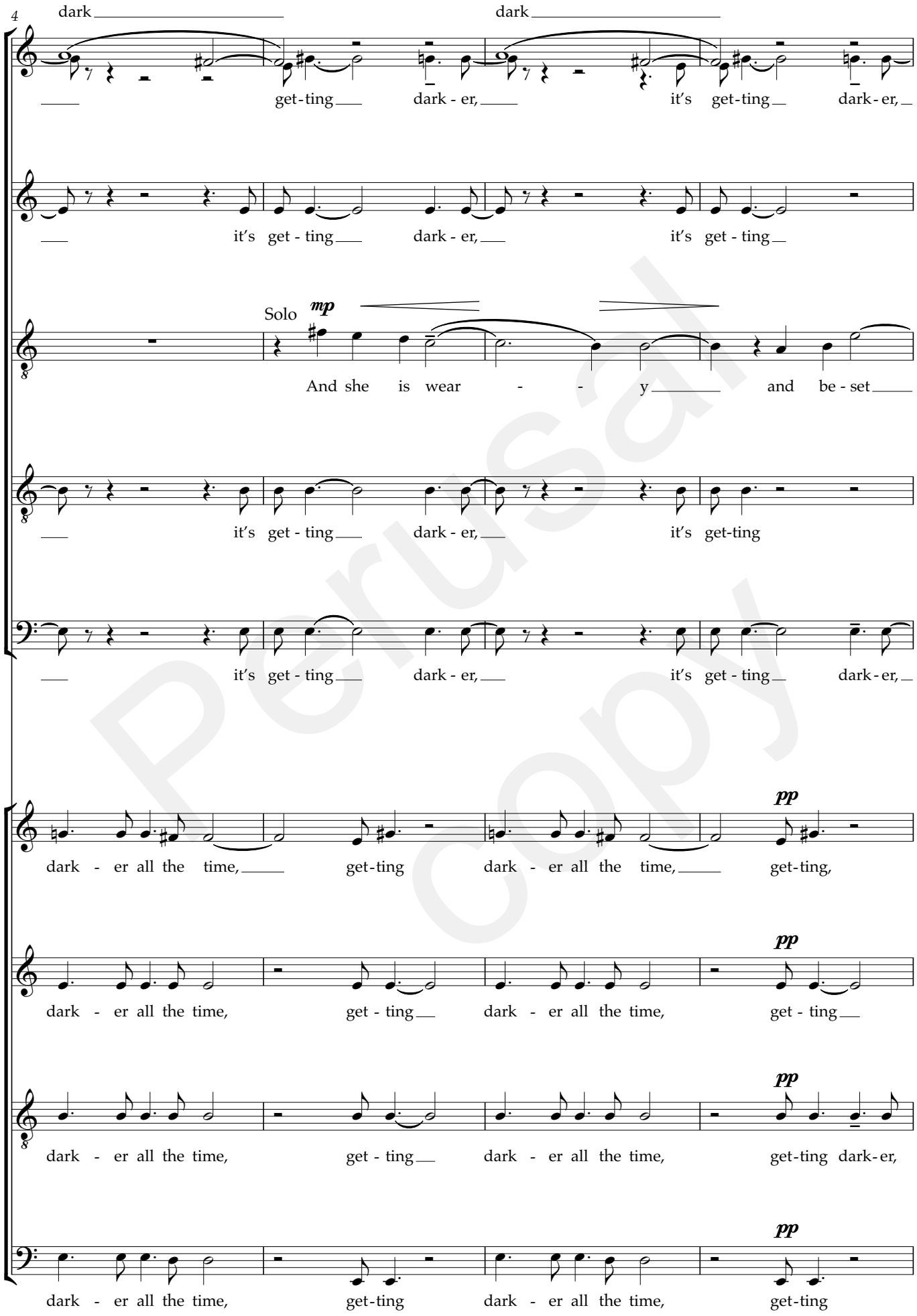

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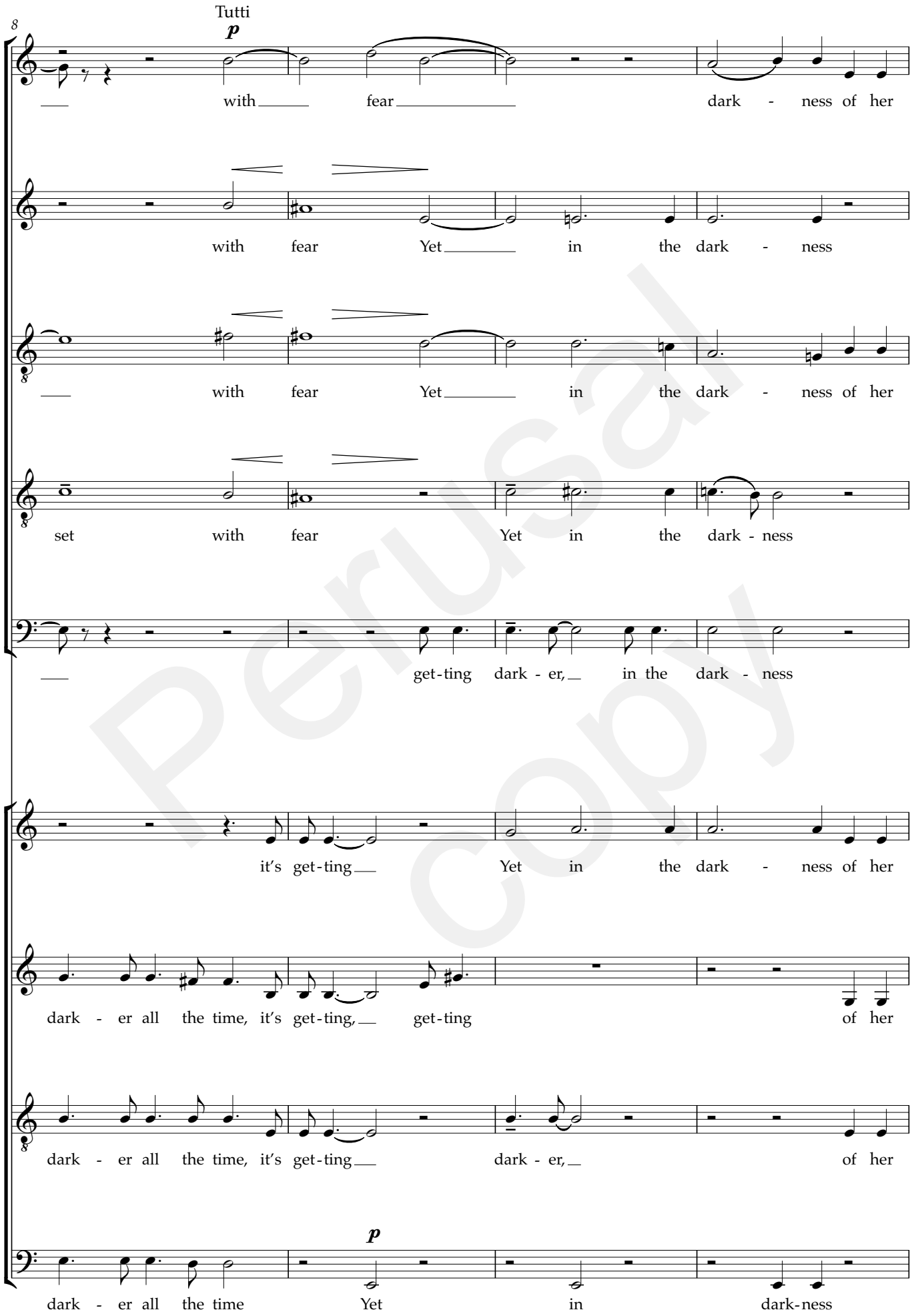

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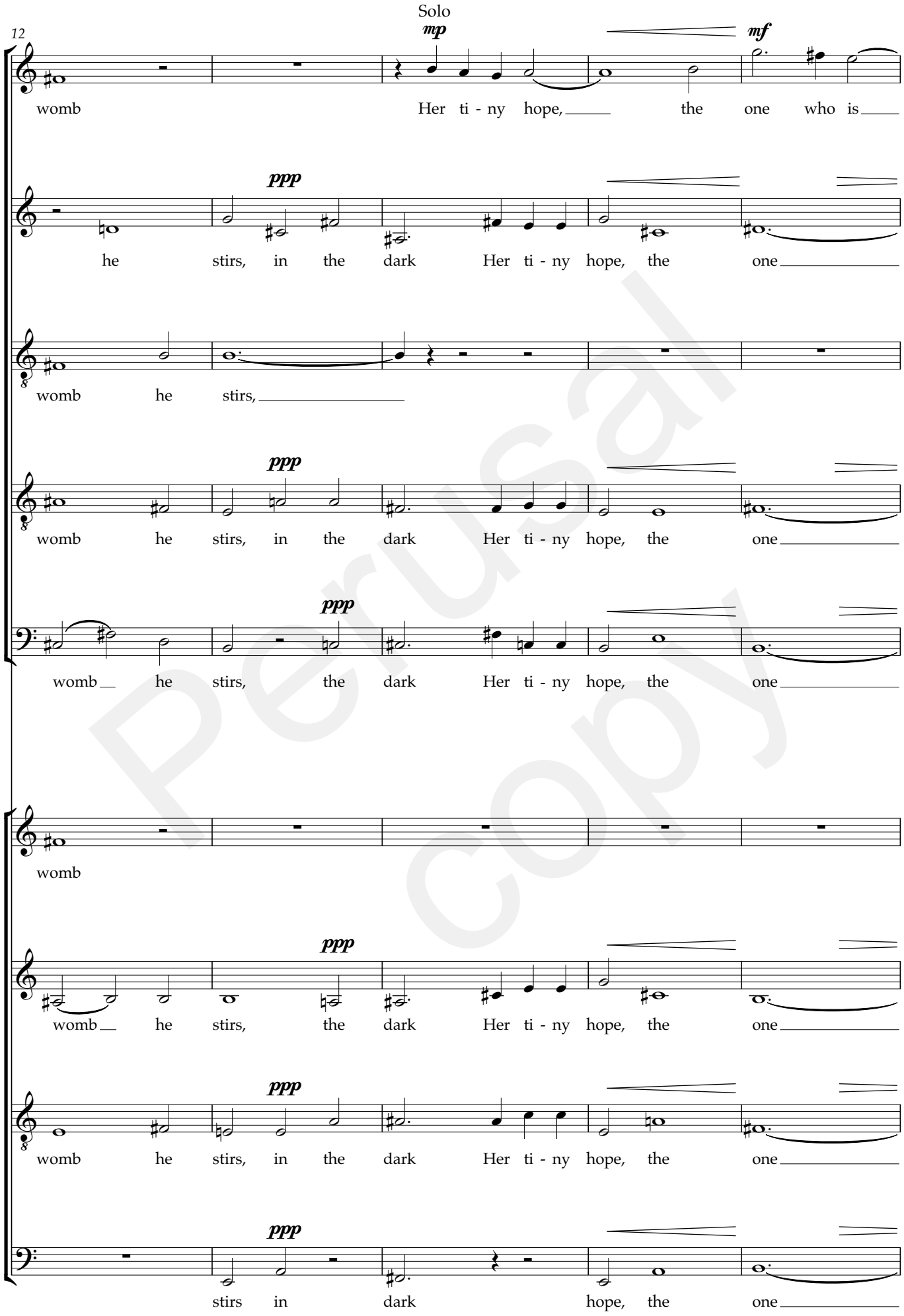

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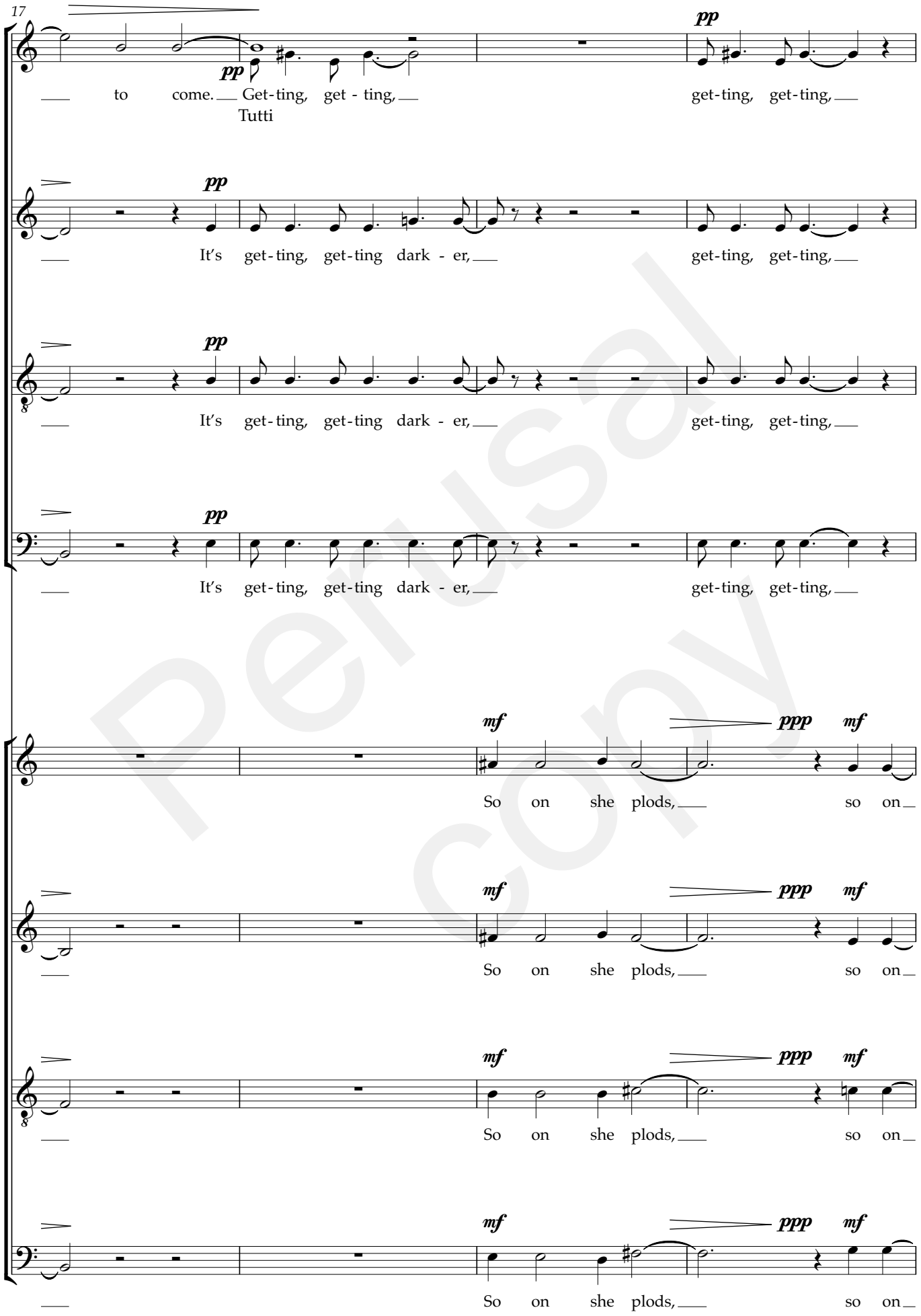

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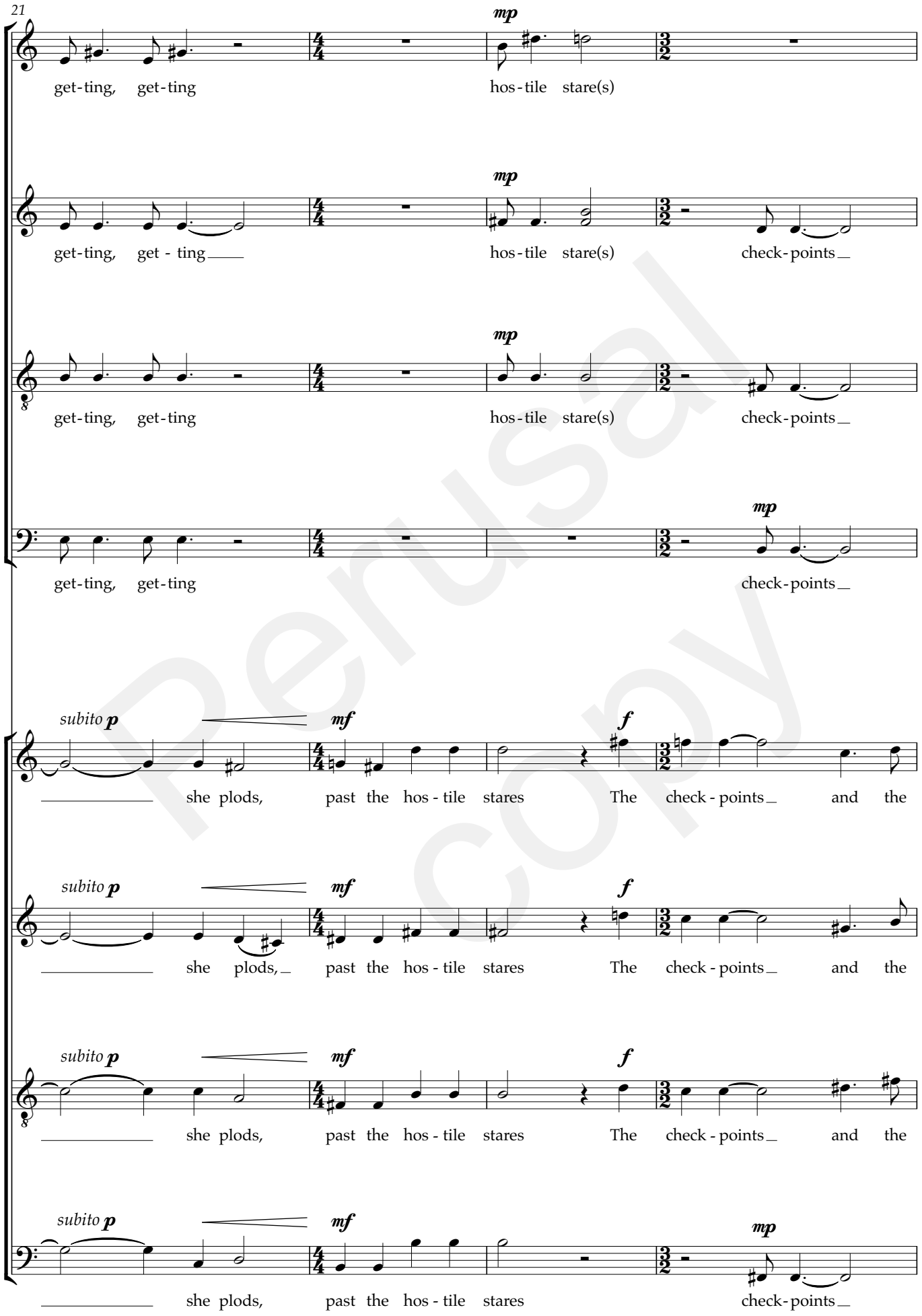

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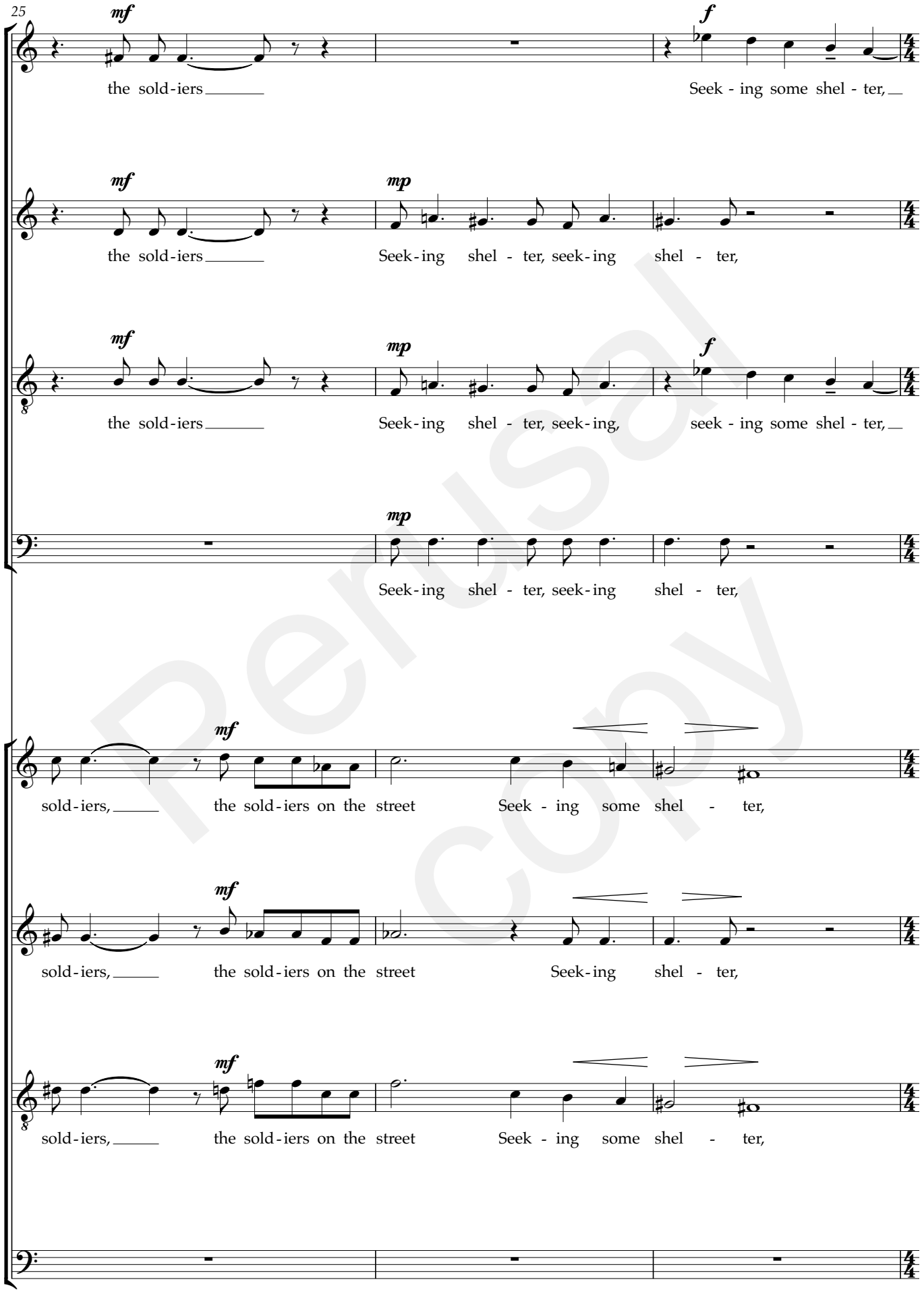

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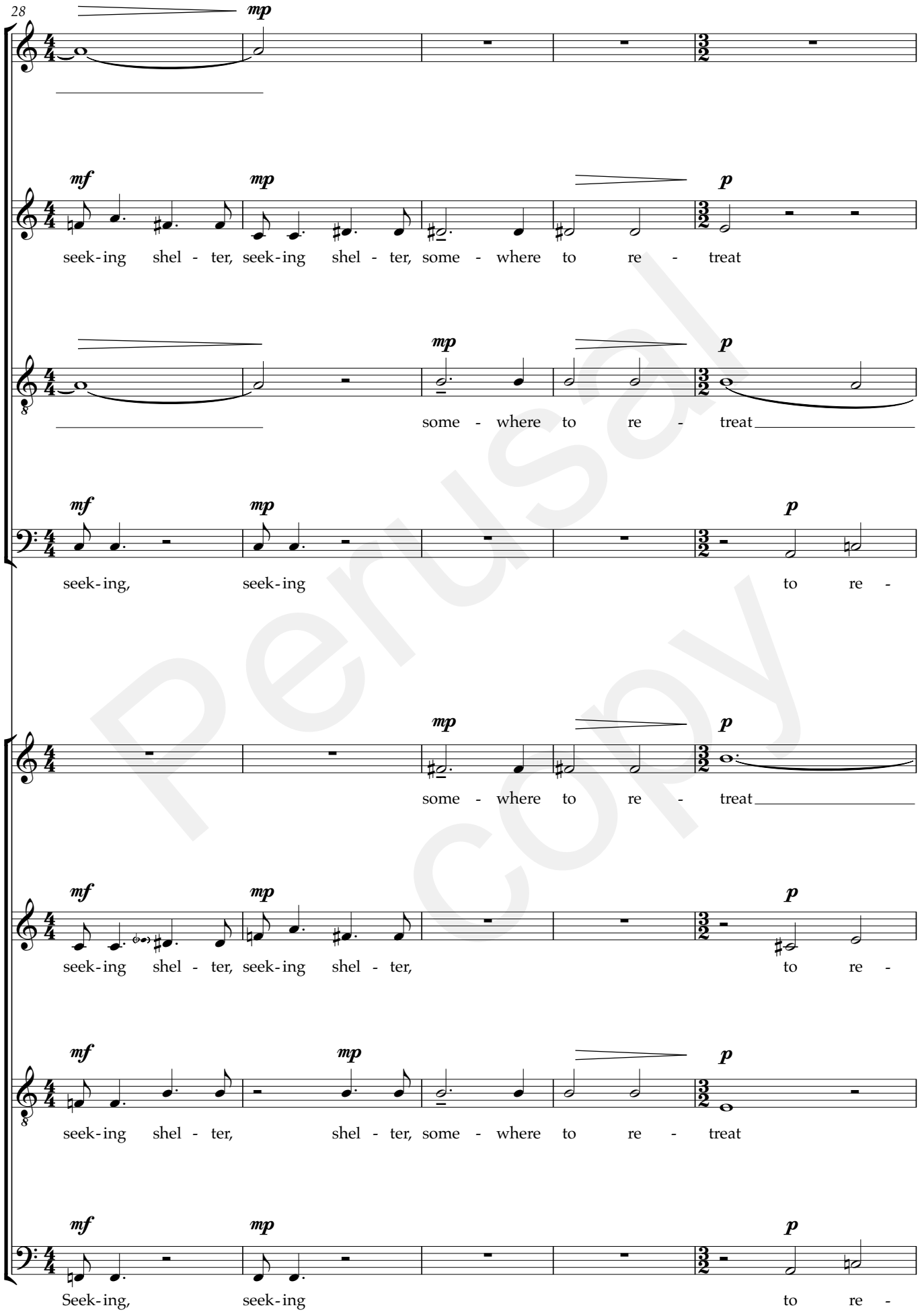

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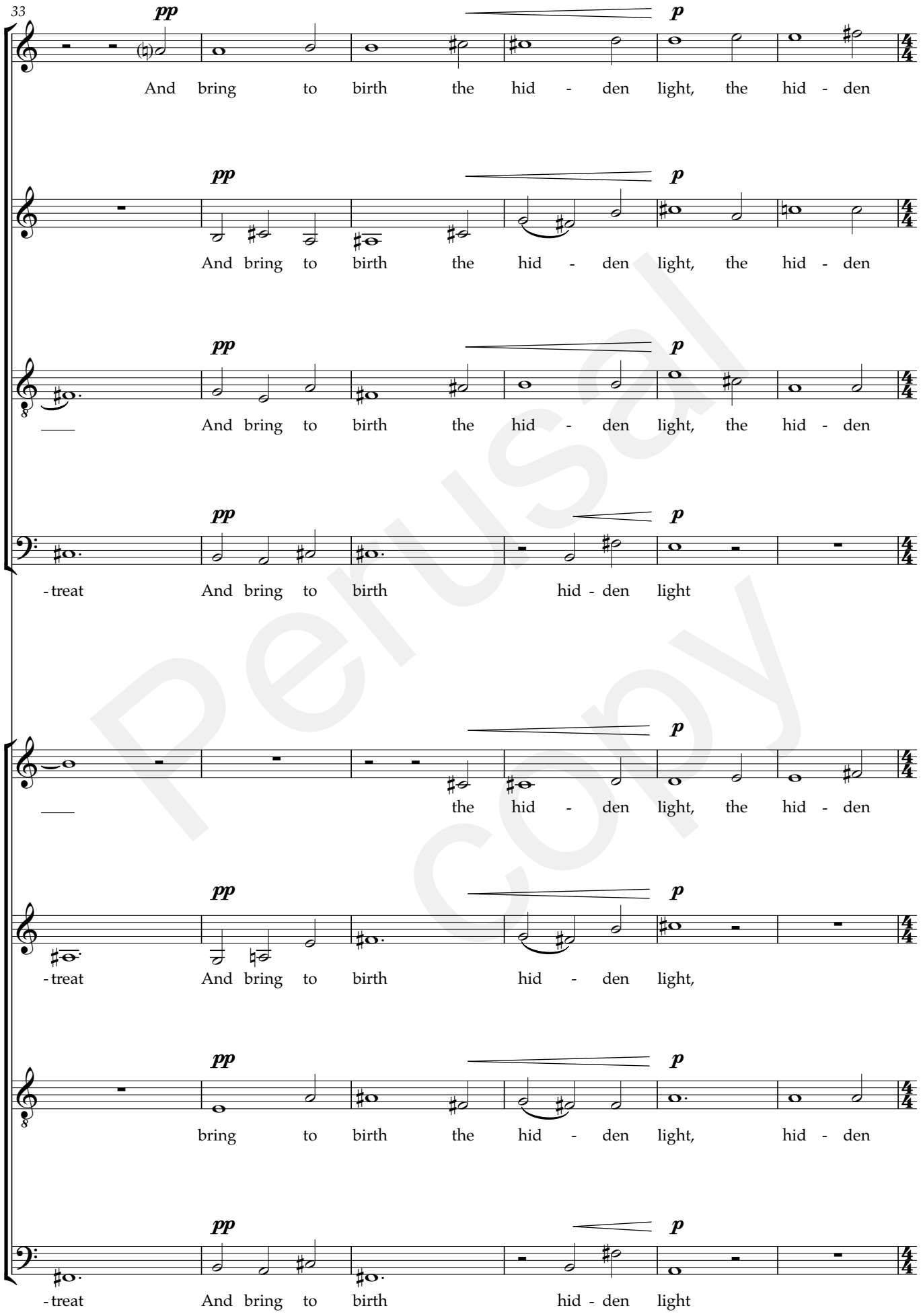

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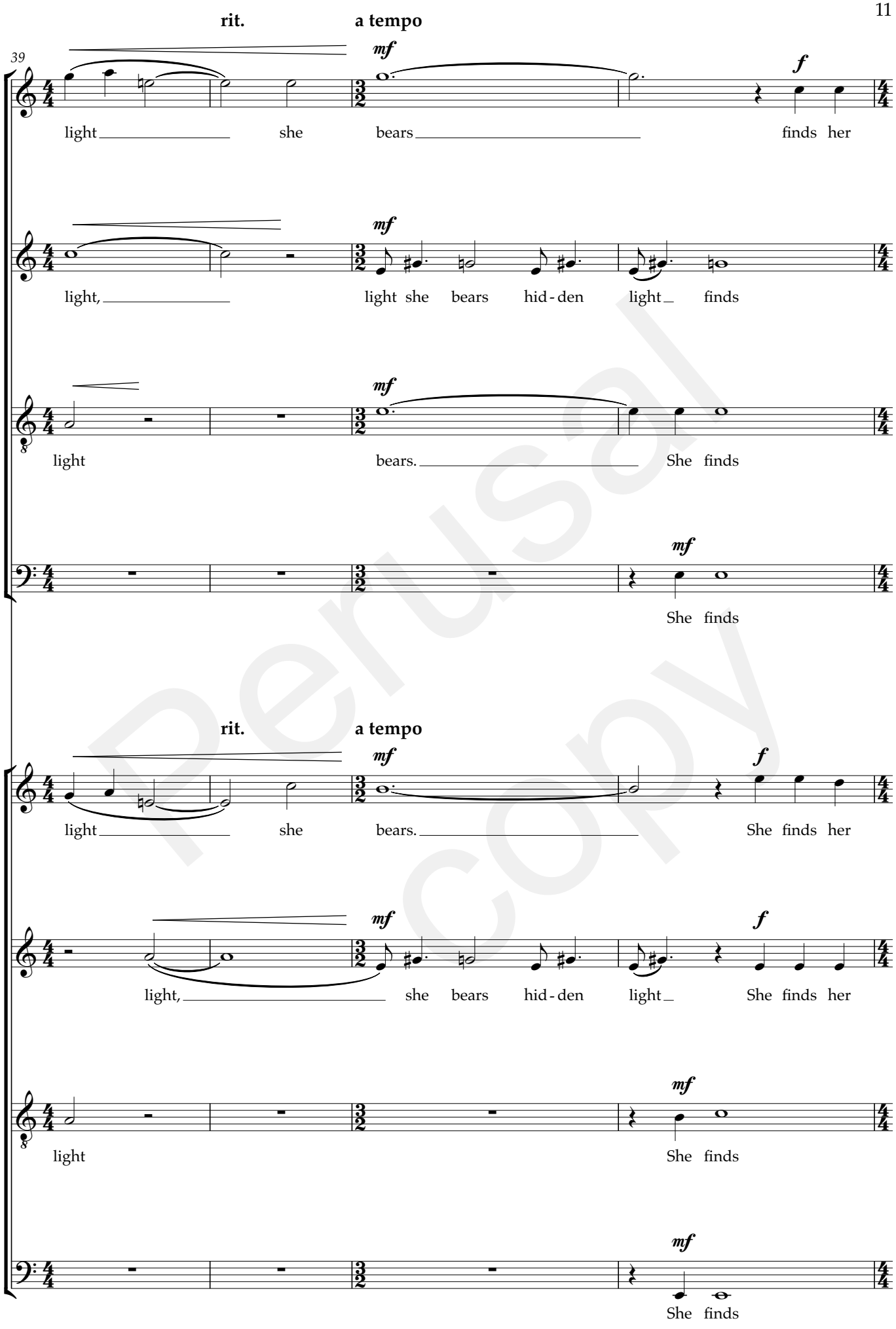

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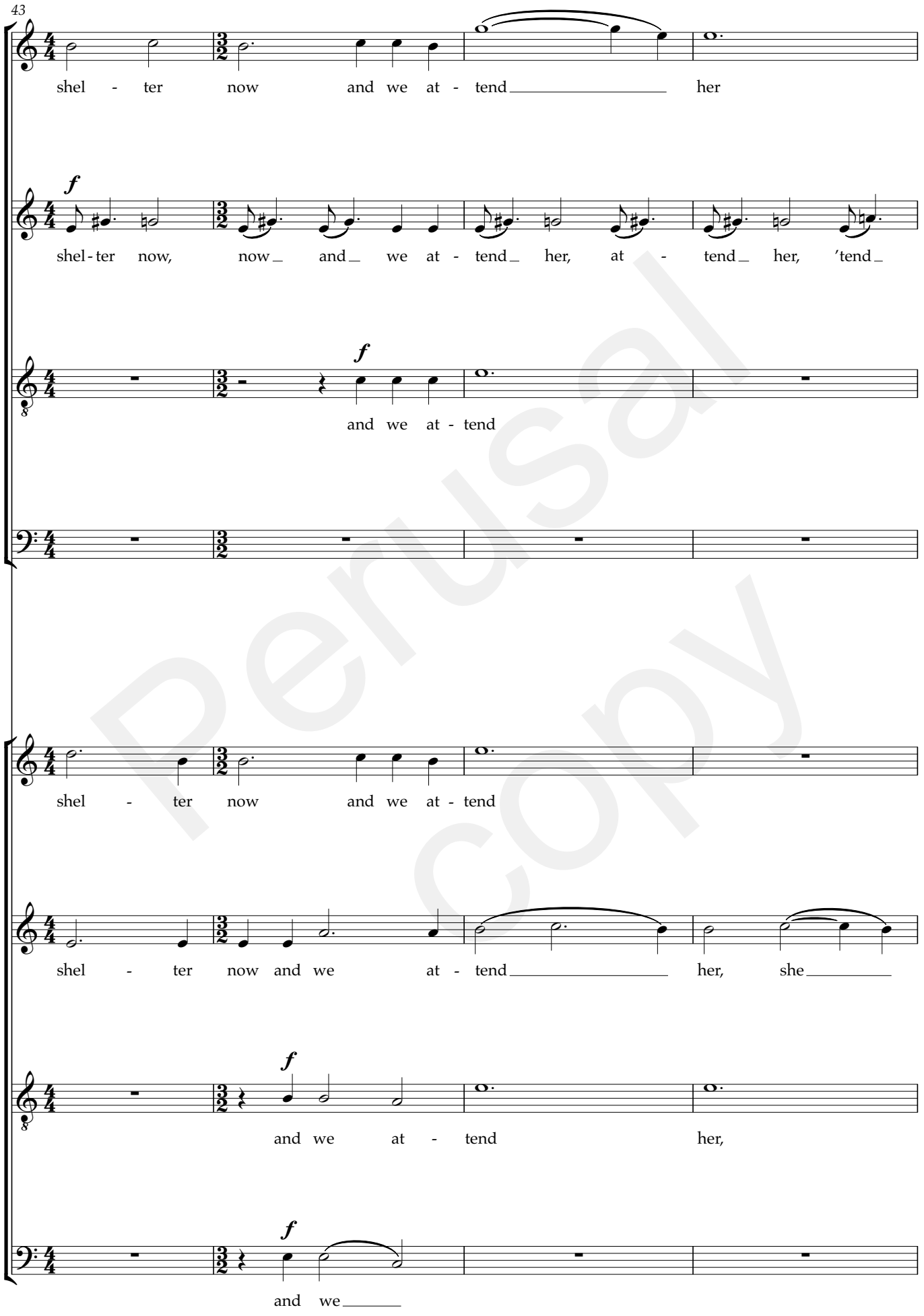

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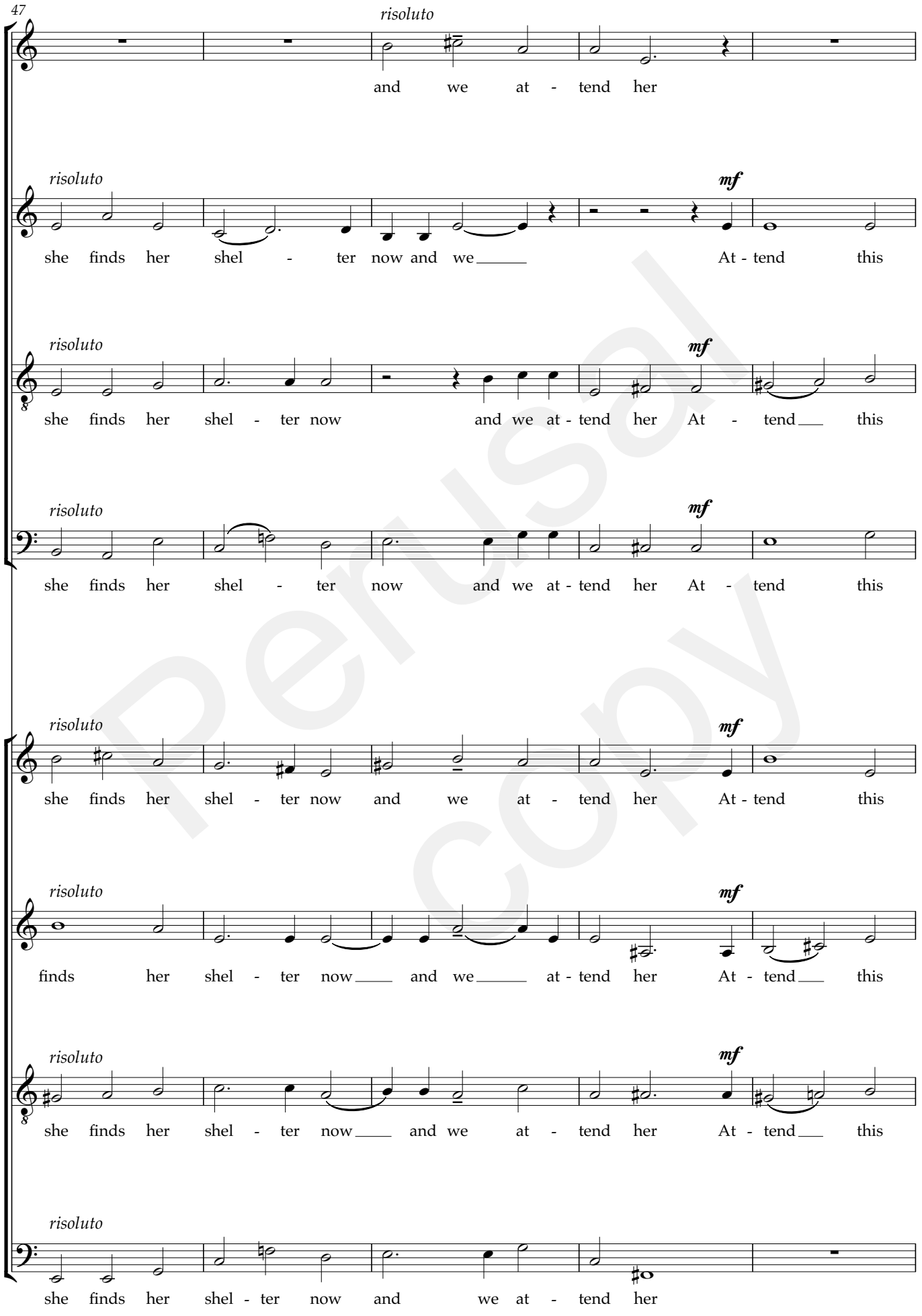

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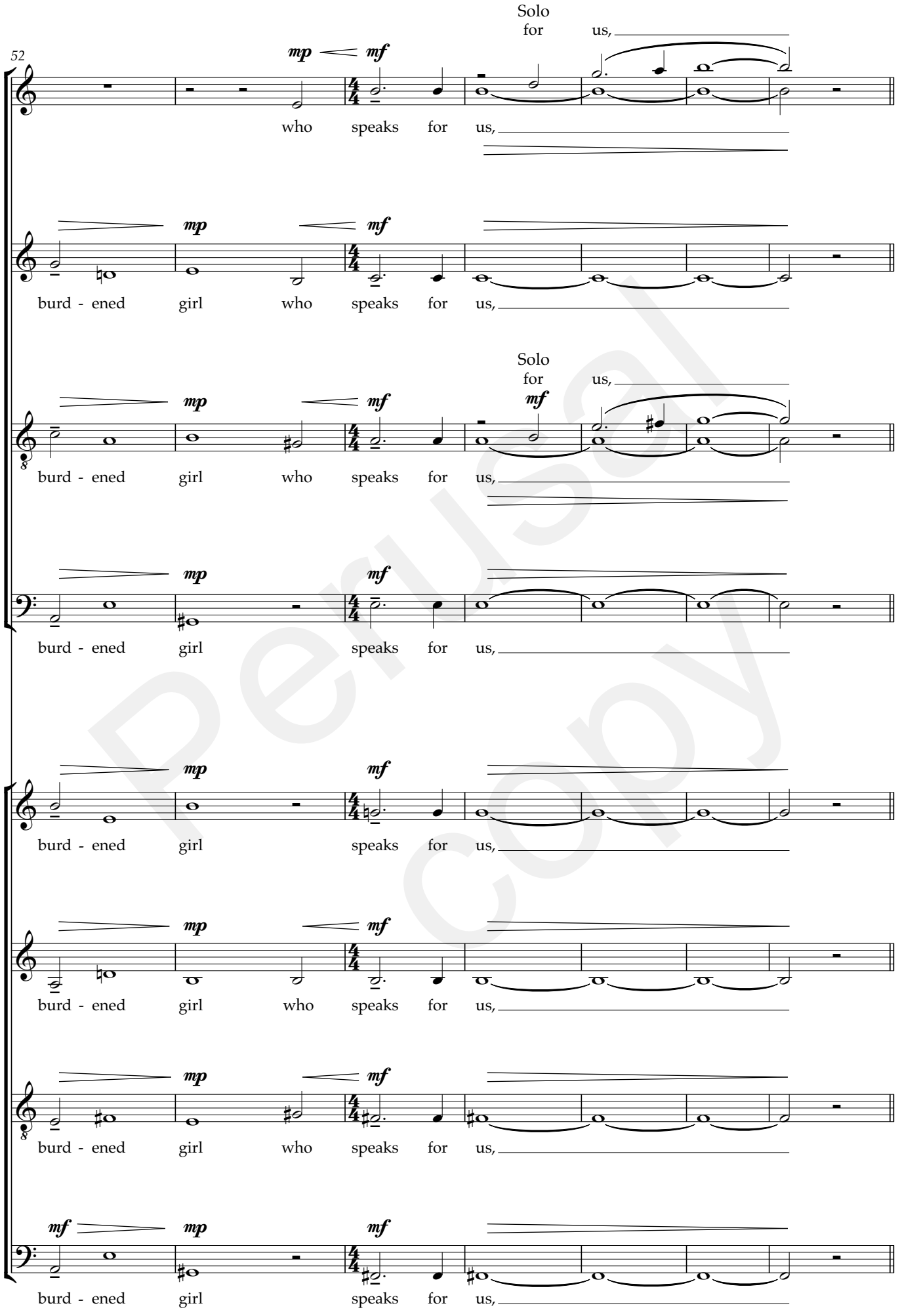

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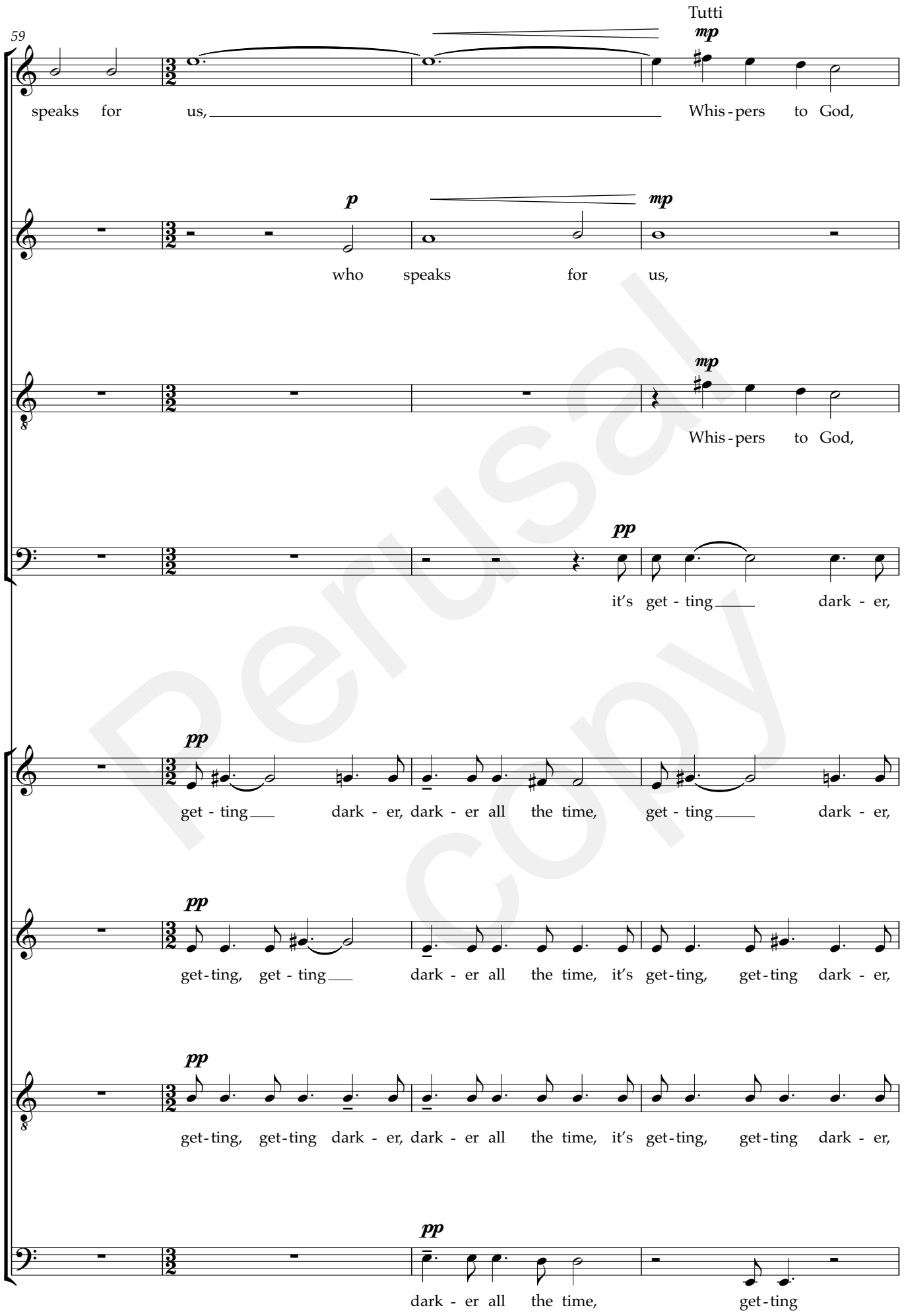

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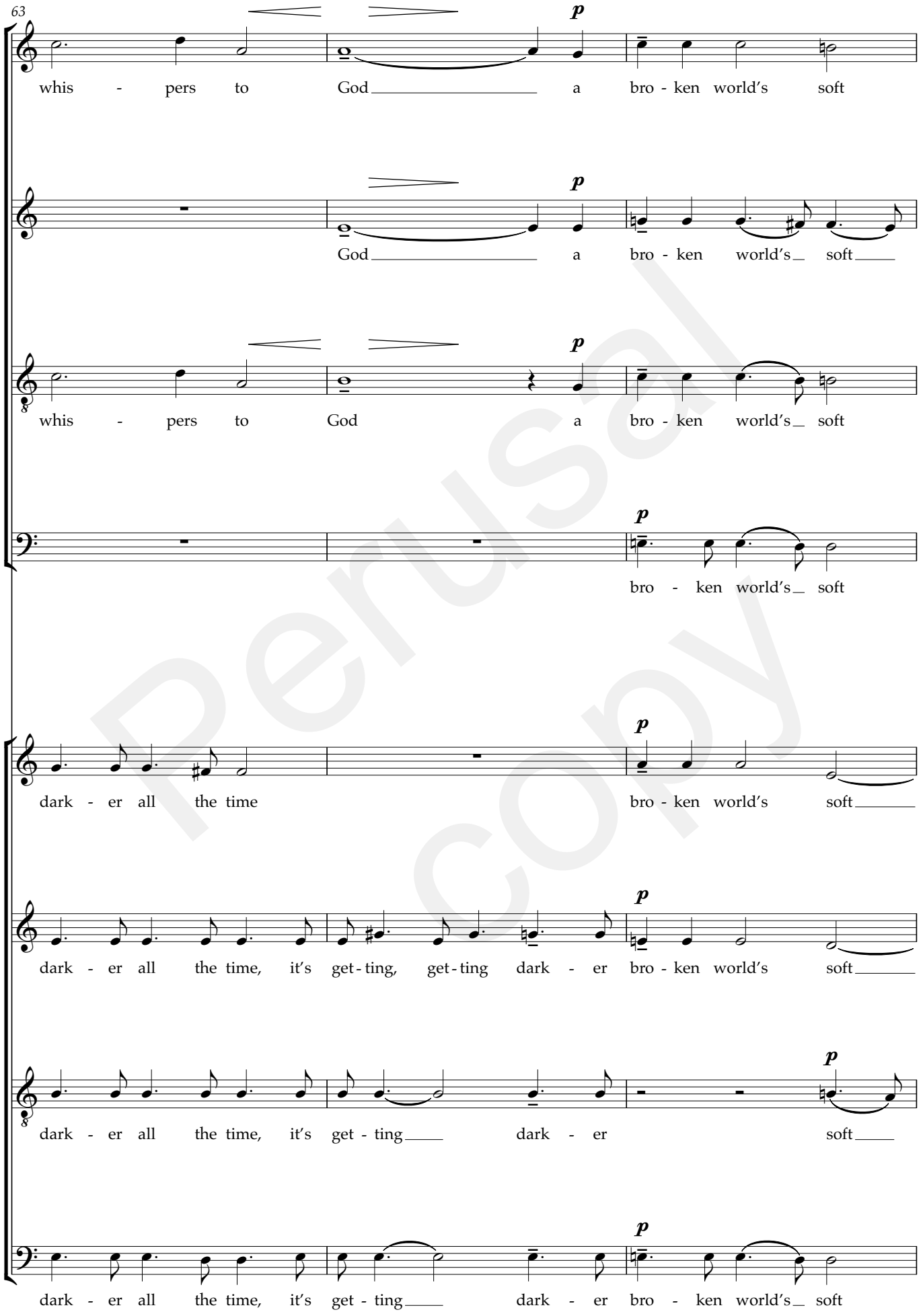

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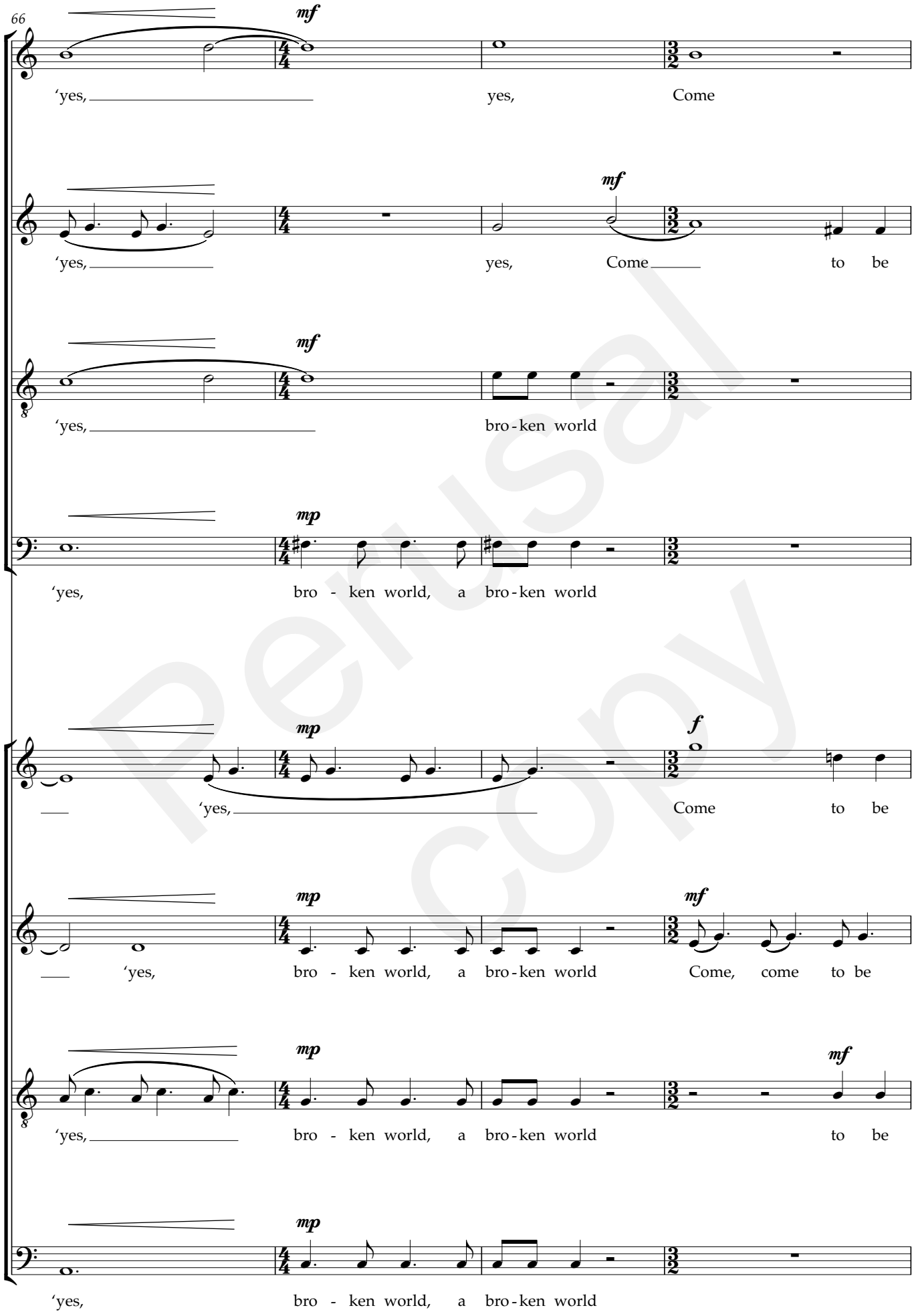

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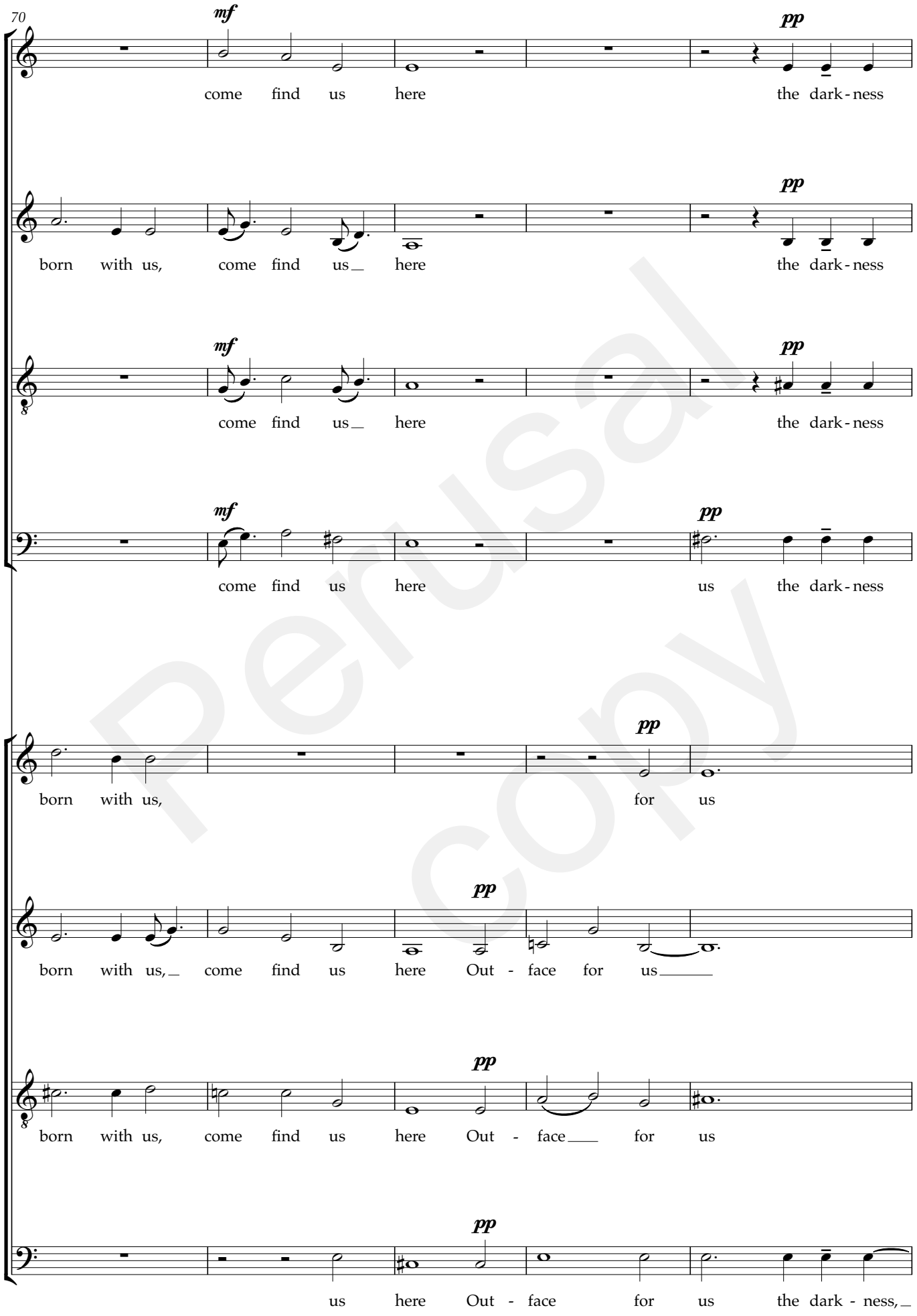

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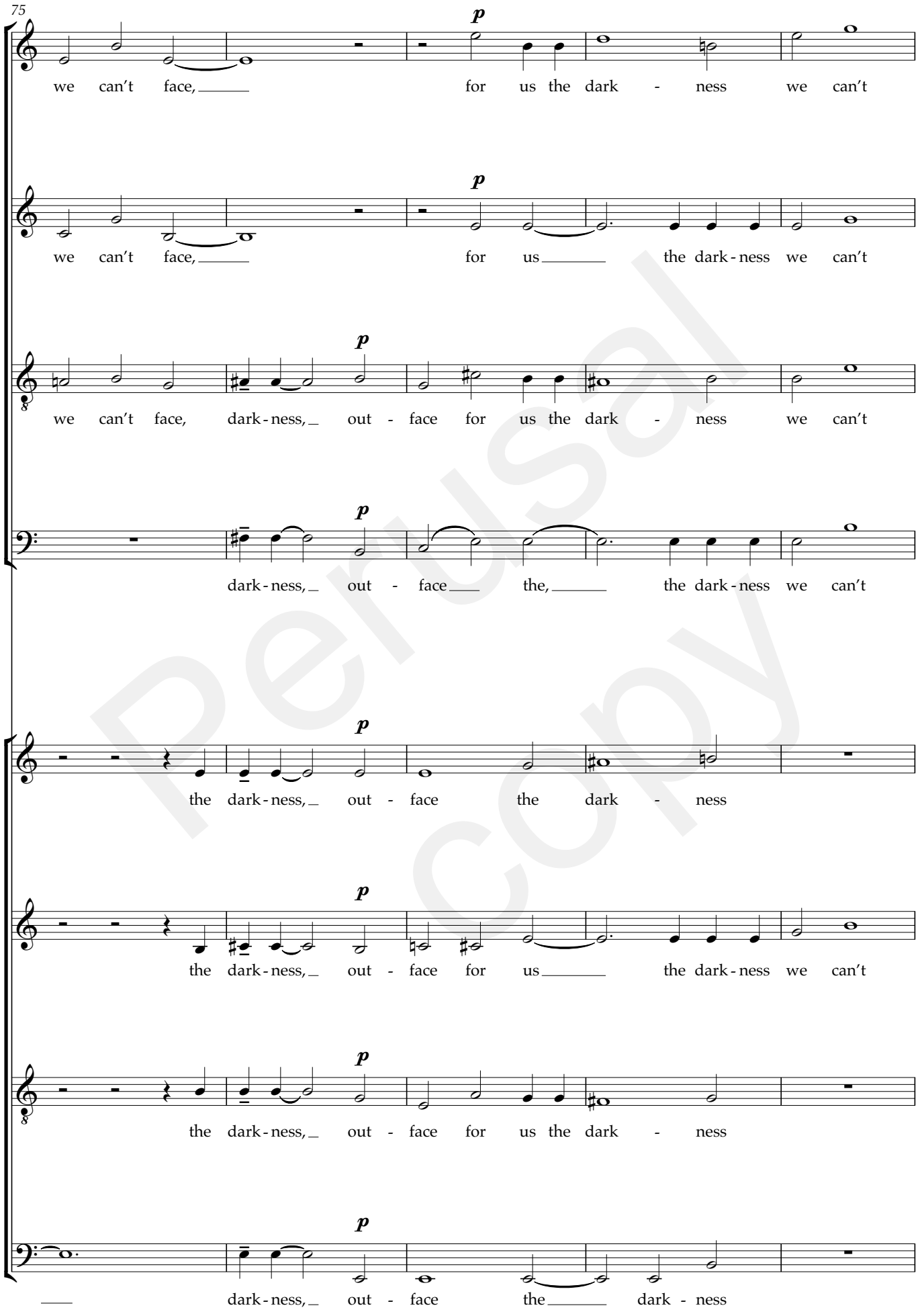

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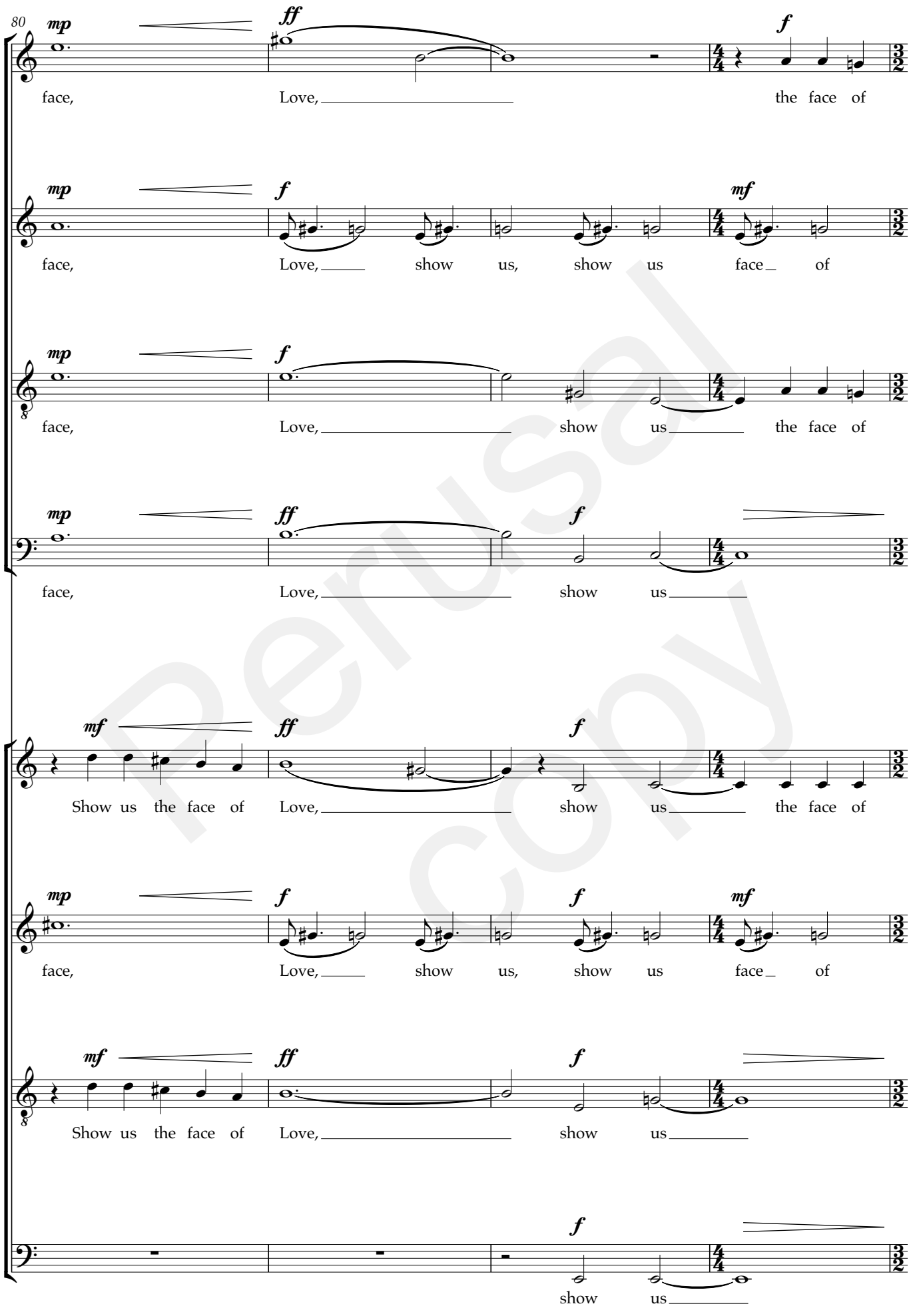

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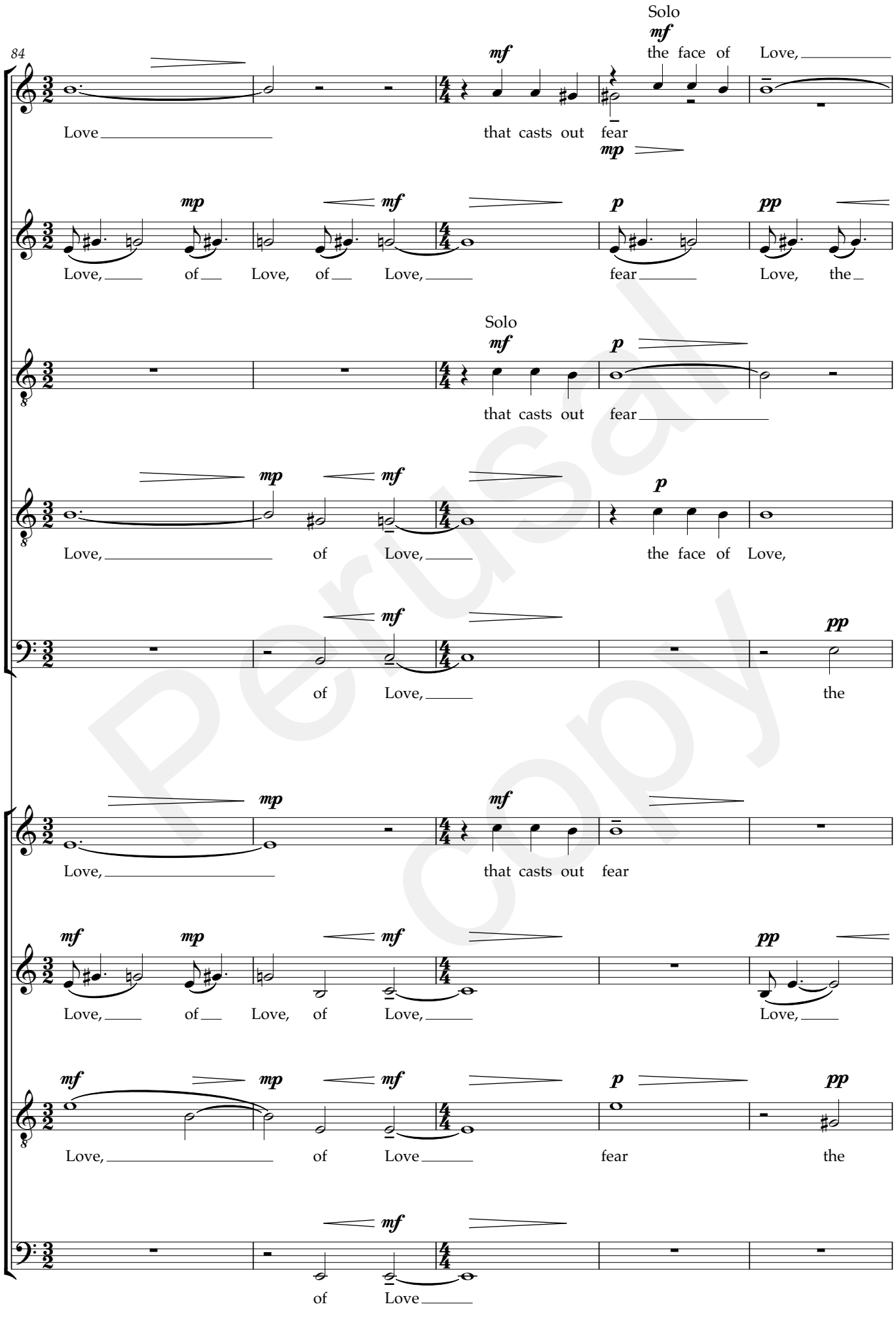

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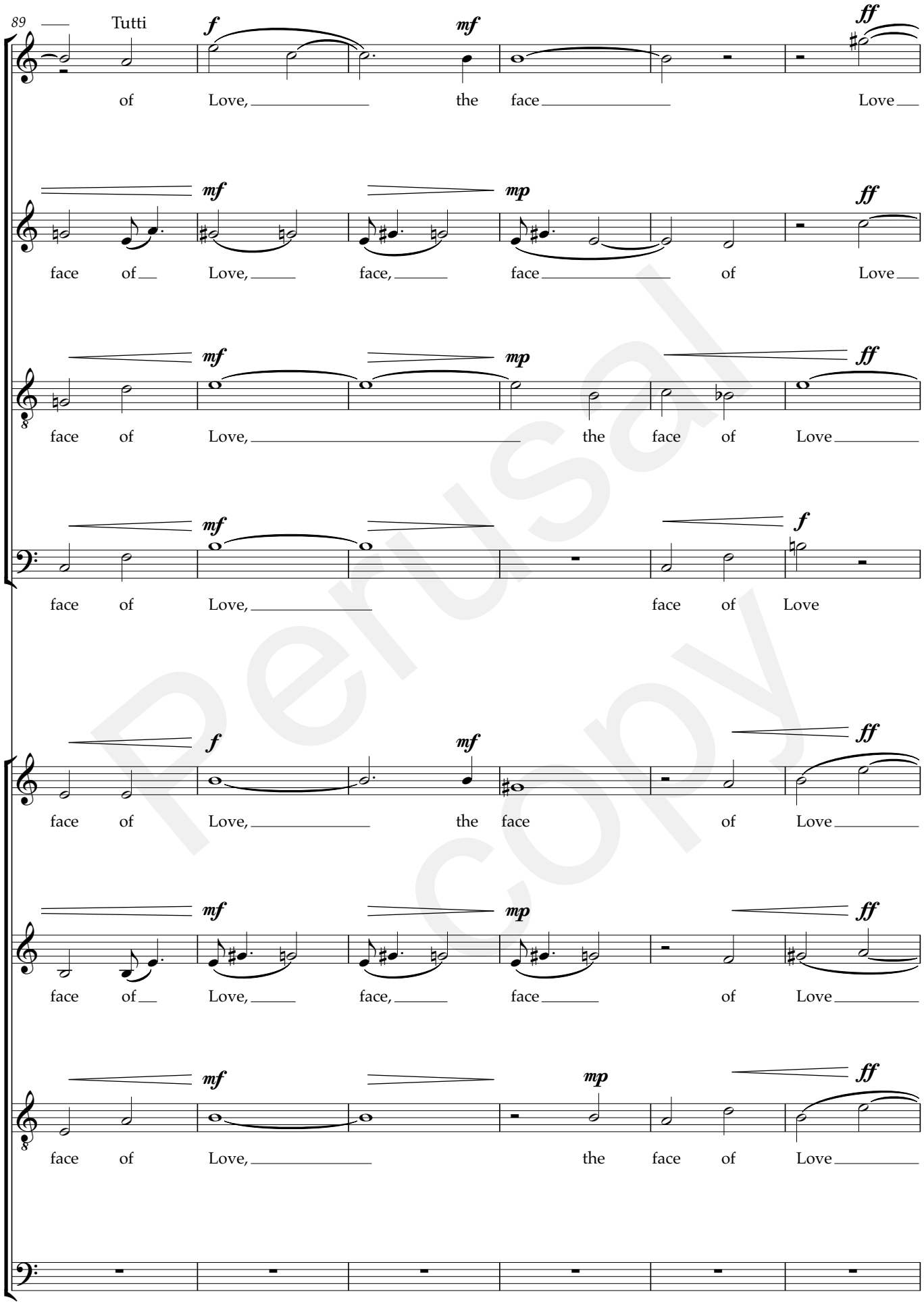

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