VOCAL/PIANO SCORE

VISIONS

for

SATB chorus

with English Horn, Cello, and percussion
or optional piano accompaniment

poetry by Charlotte A. Cote
music by Steven Paxton

commissioned by The La Crosse Chamber Chorale
Paul Rusterholz, conductor
in celebration of the
1998 Wisconsin Sesquicentennial

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CREATIVE SPIRIT

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You catch sometimes a glimpse
    of forever — a lake,
azure oval caught in hollow,
    green on green pine and spruce
boughs encircle, hold close.
    Or you walk rock-strewn beach,
waves wash in endless rhythm,
    break, white shower cascades
    over sand and stone, creeps
    back to roiling waters.

You hike northern woods —
    leaf canopy above,
brown carpet underfoot,
    dry leaves crumble, gray bark
wraps tight around each trunk,
    sun dapples forest floor
The prairie sings, billows
    of green and gold, wave after wave
    stretch to far horizon,
    dazzle, overwhelm you.

Wind and insect song hum
    in heat of summer sun
and you dream particles
    that drift from Mongolia's
dry steppes, across ocean,
    mountain range, and you breathe
    in the dust — and wonder
    where your next breath began.

- Charlotte A. Cote

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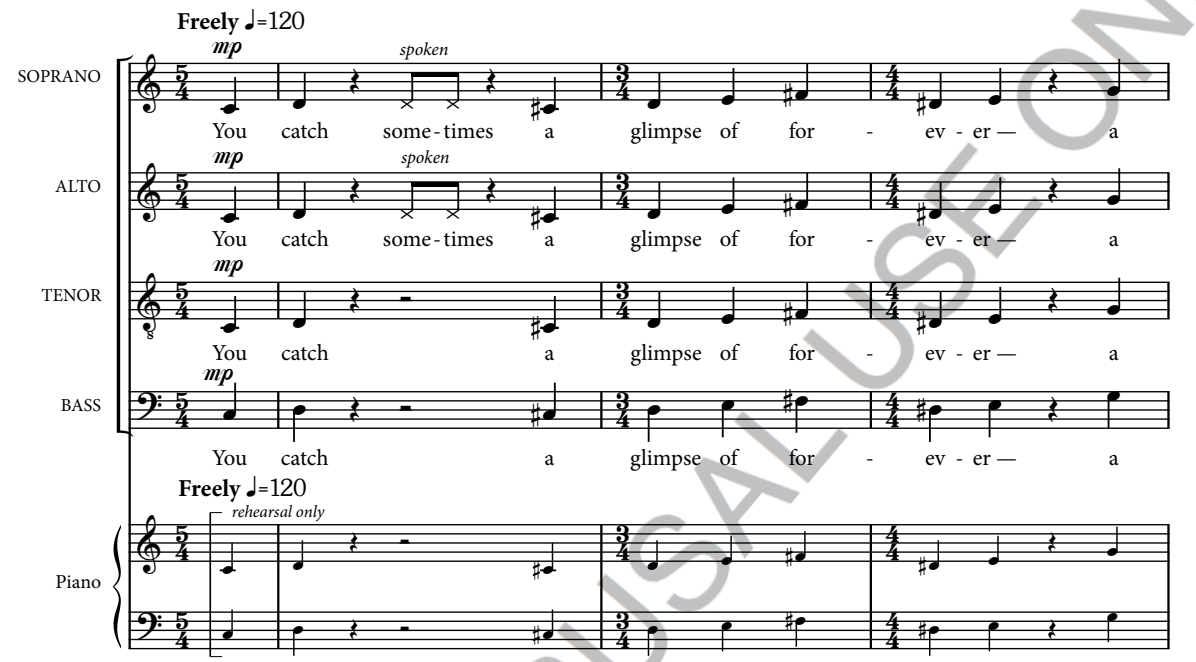

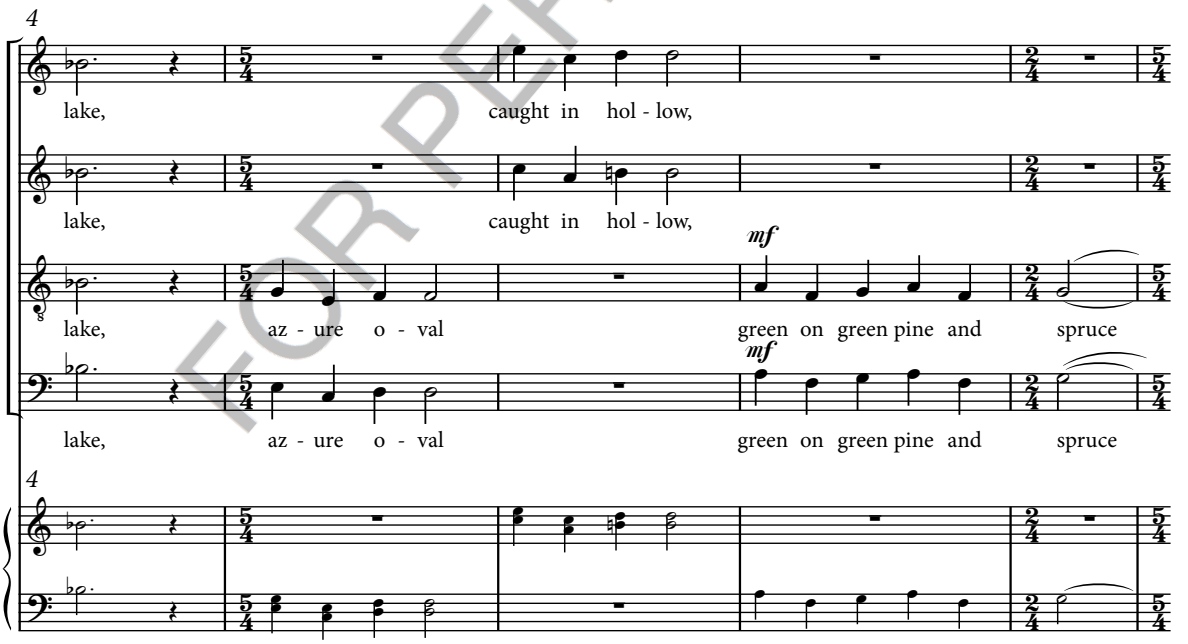

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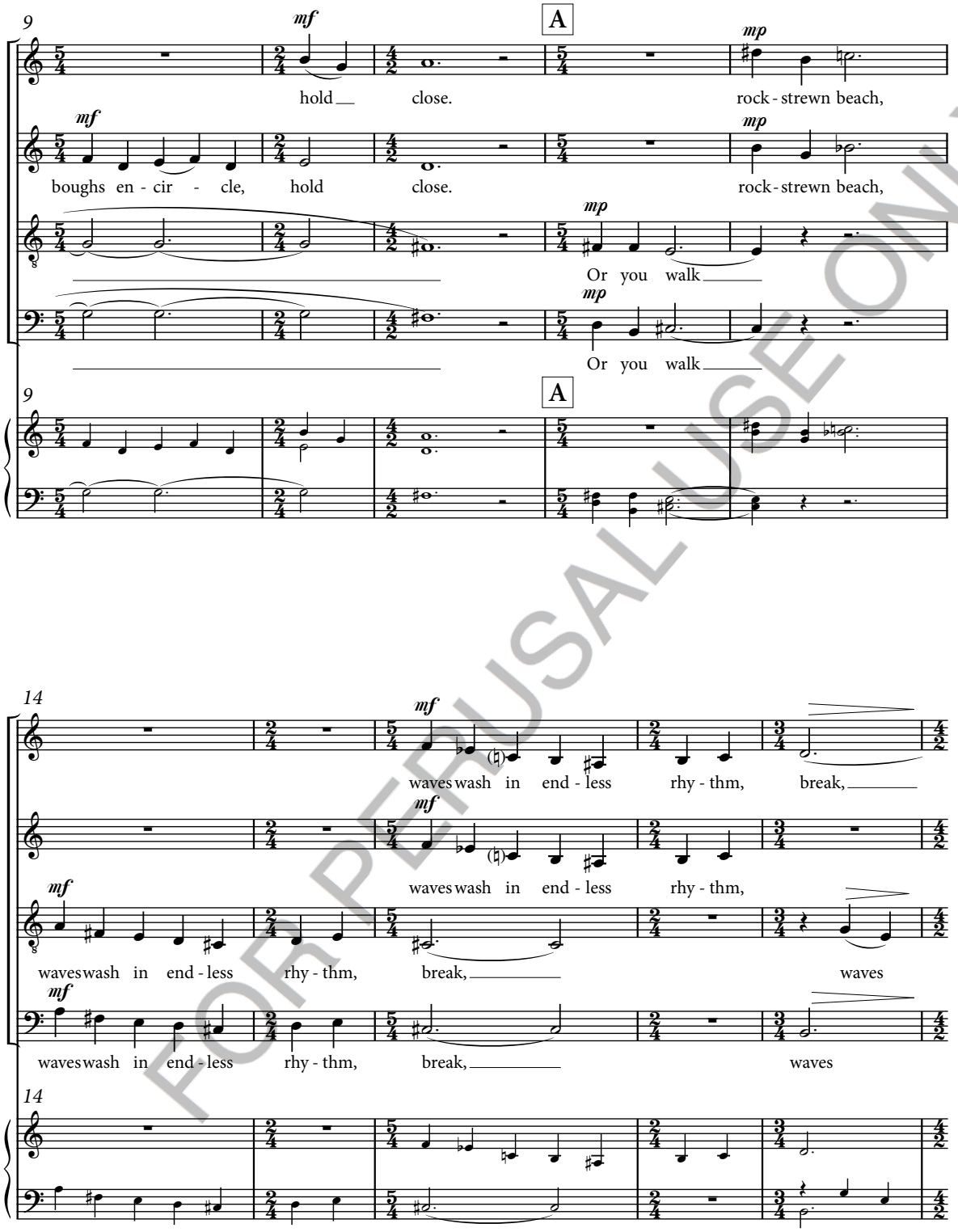
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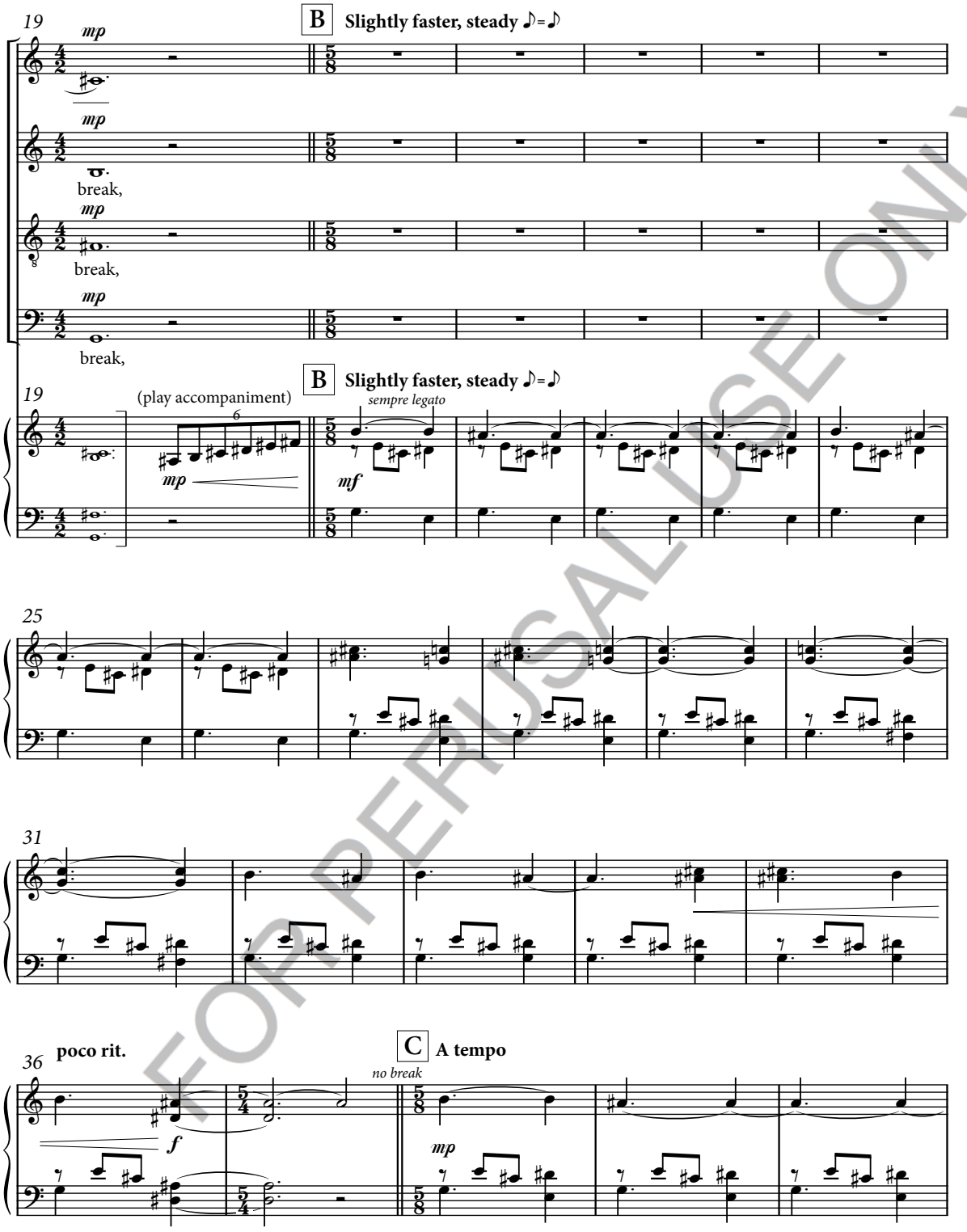
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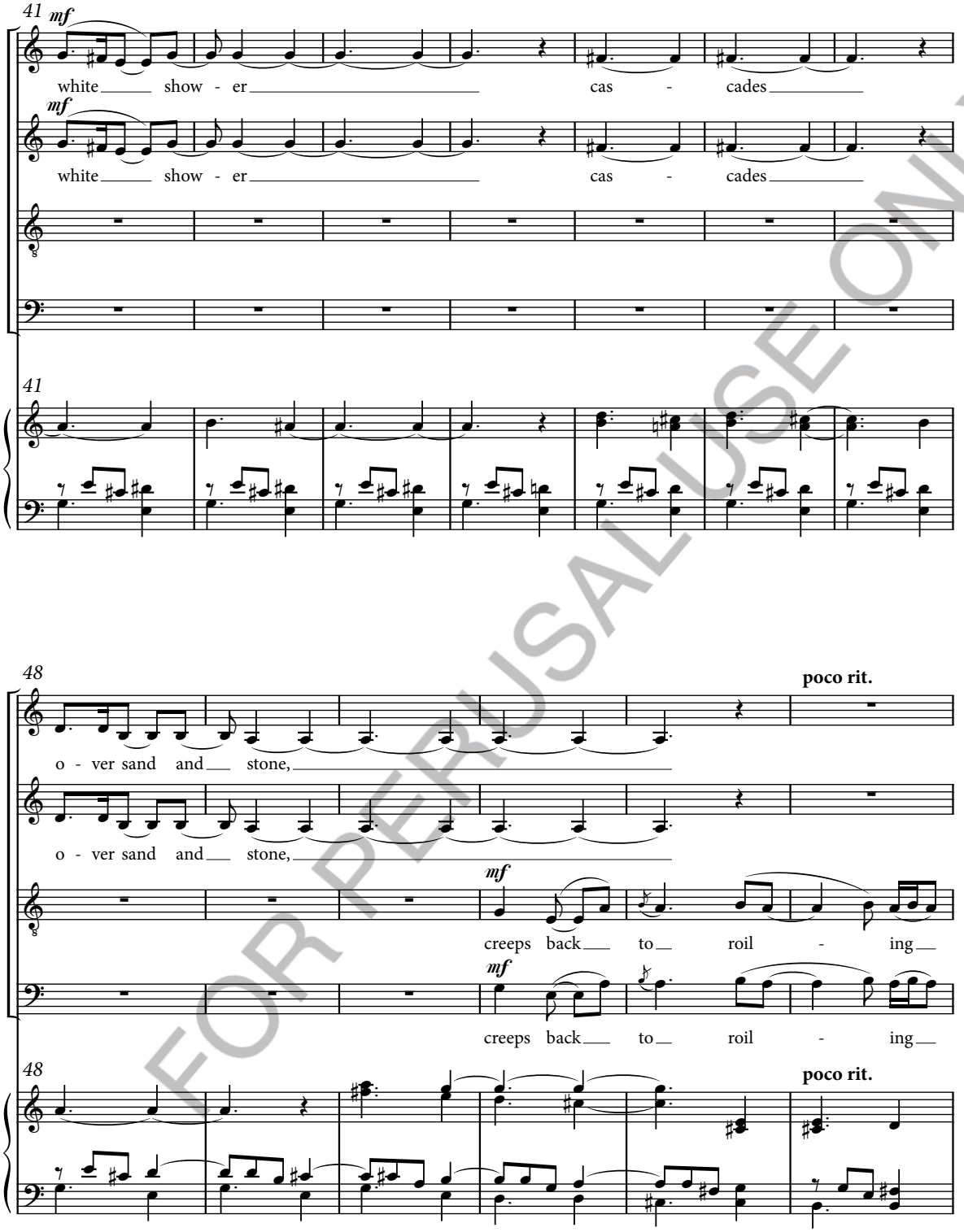
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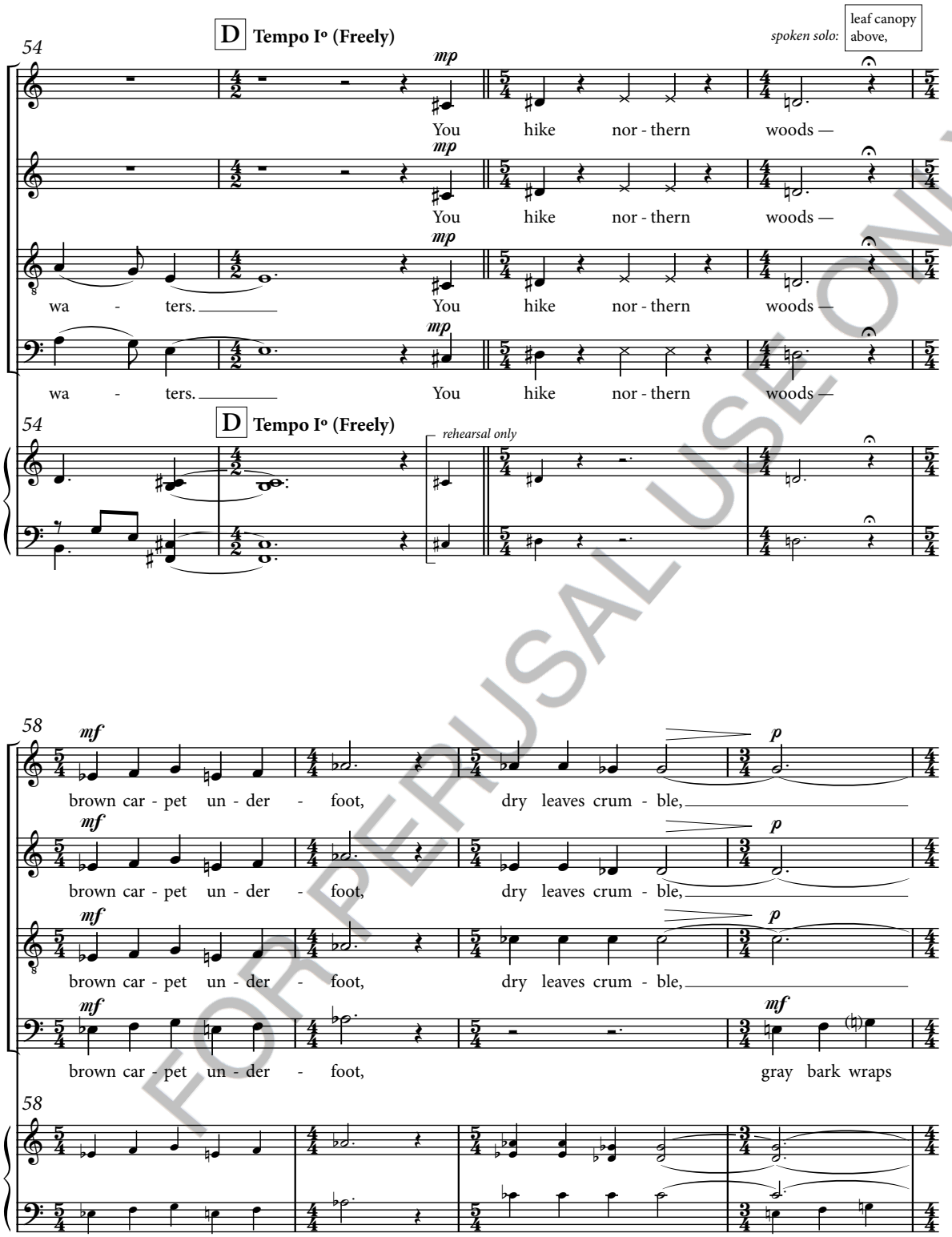
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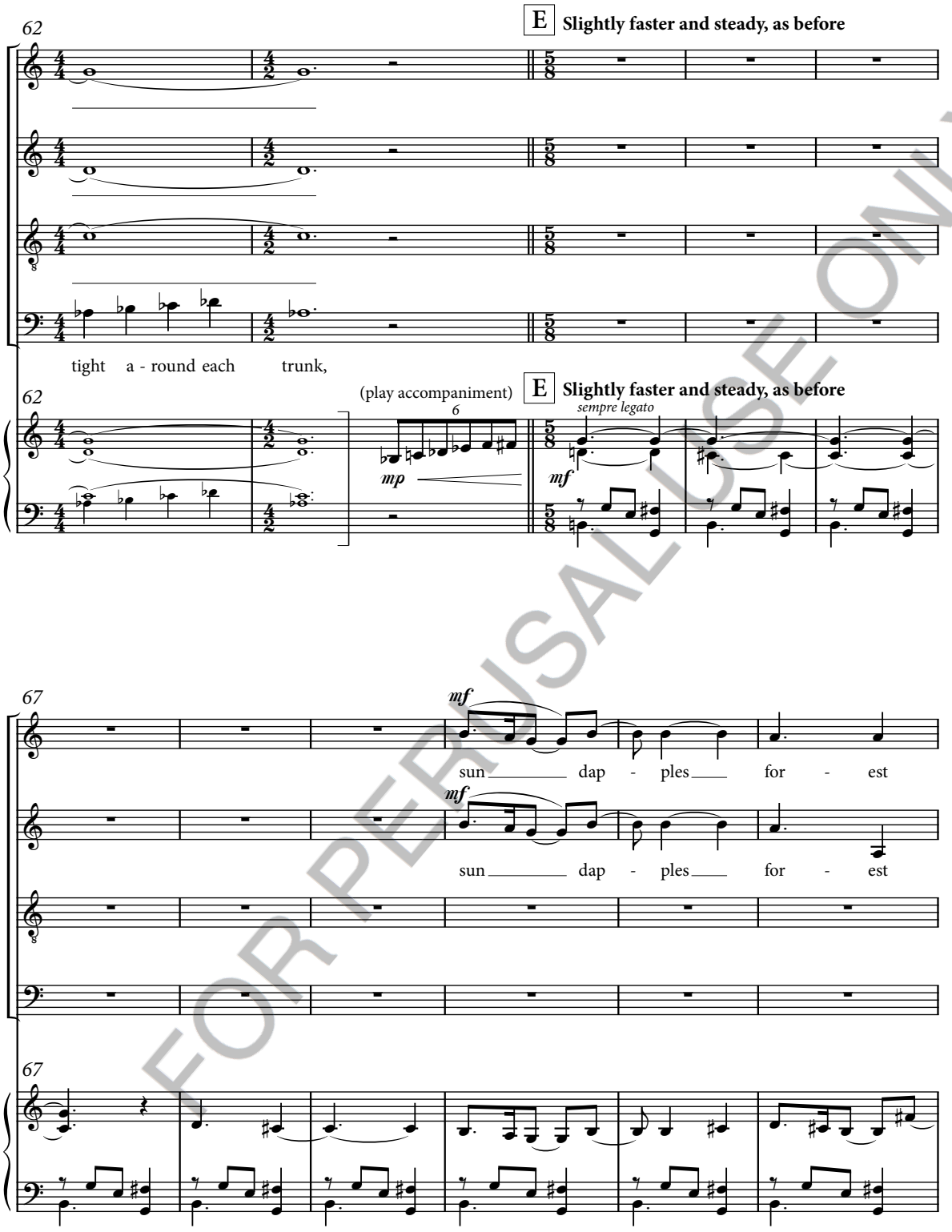
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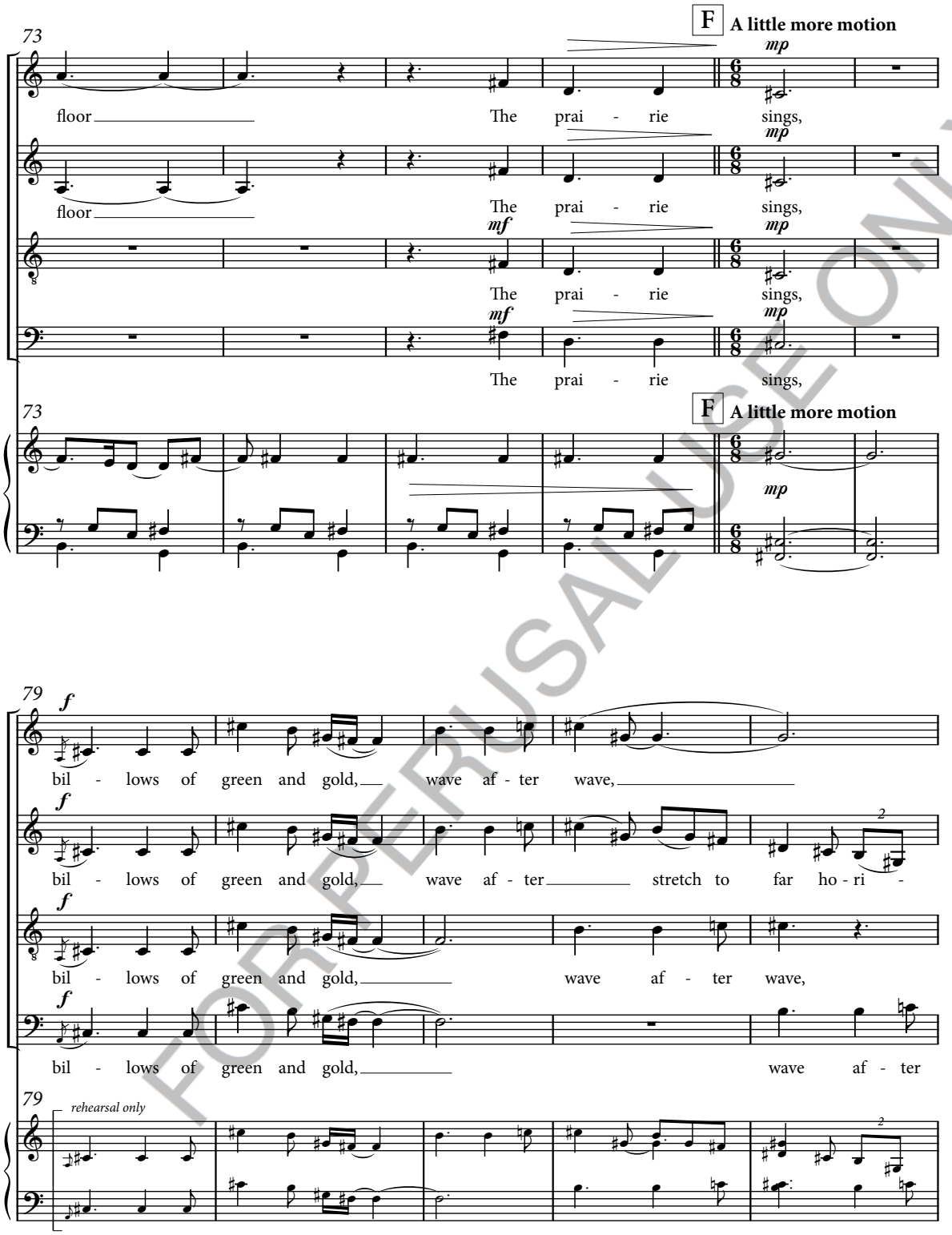
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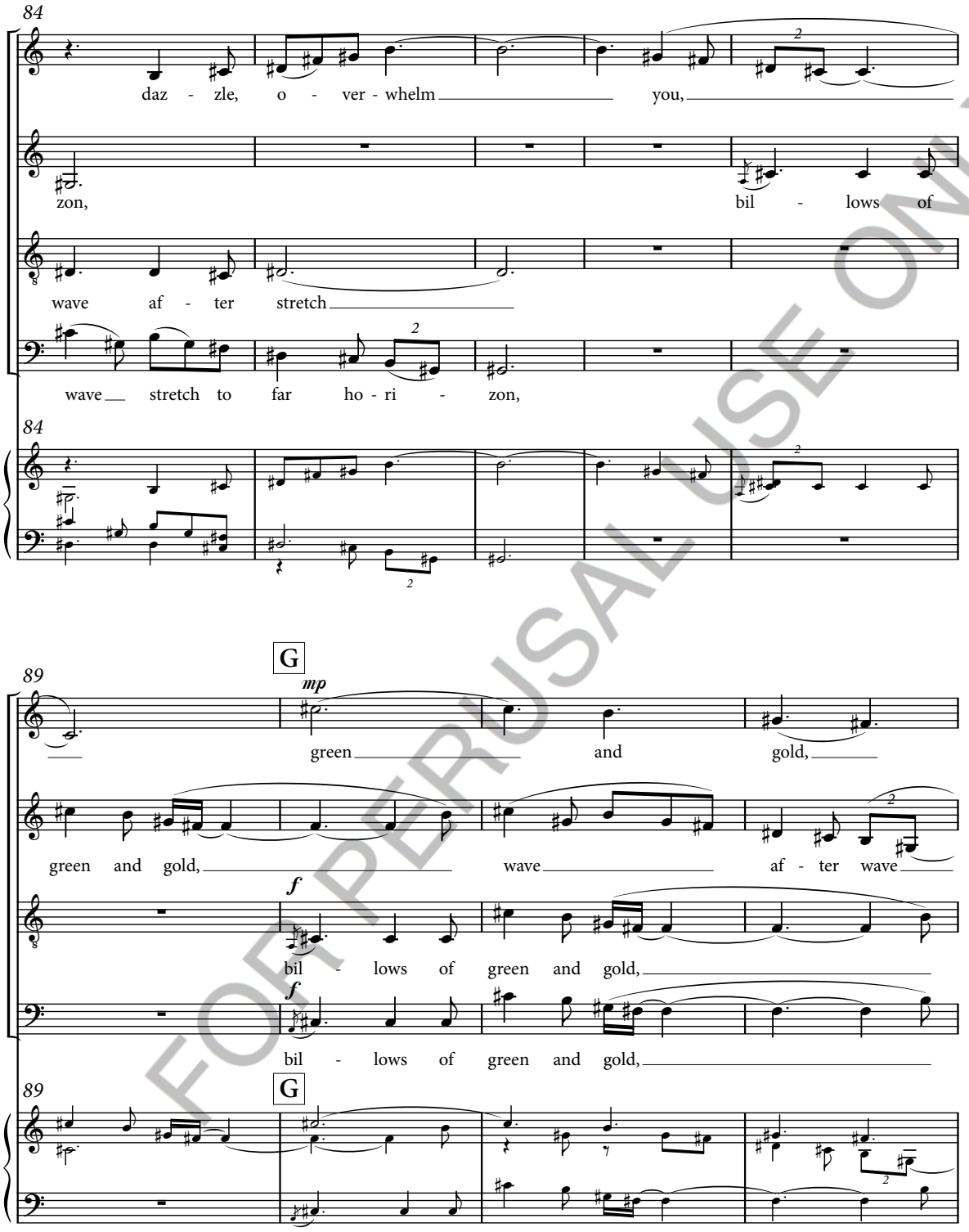
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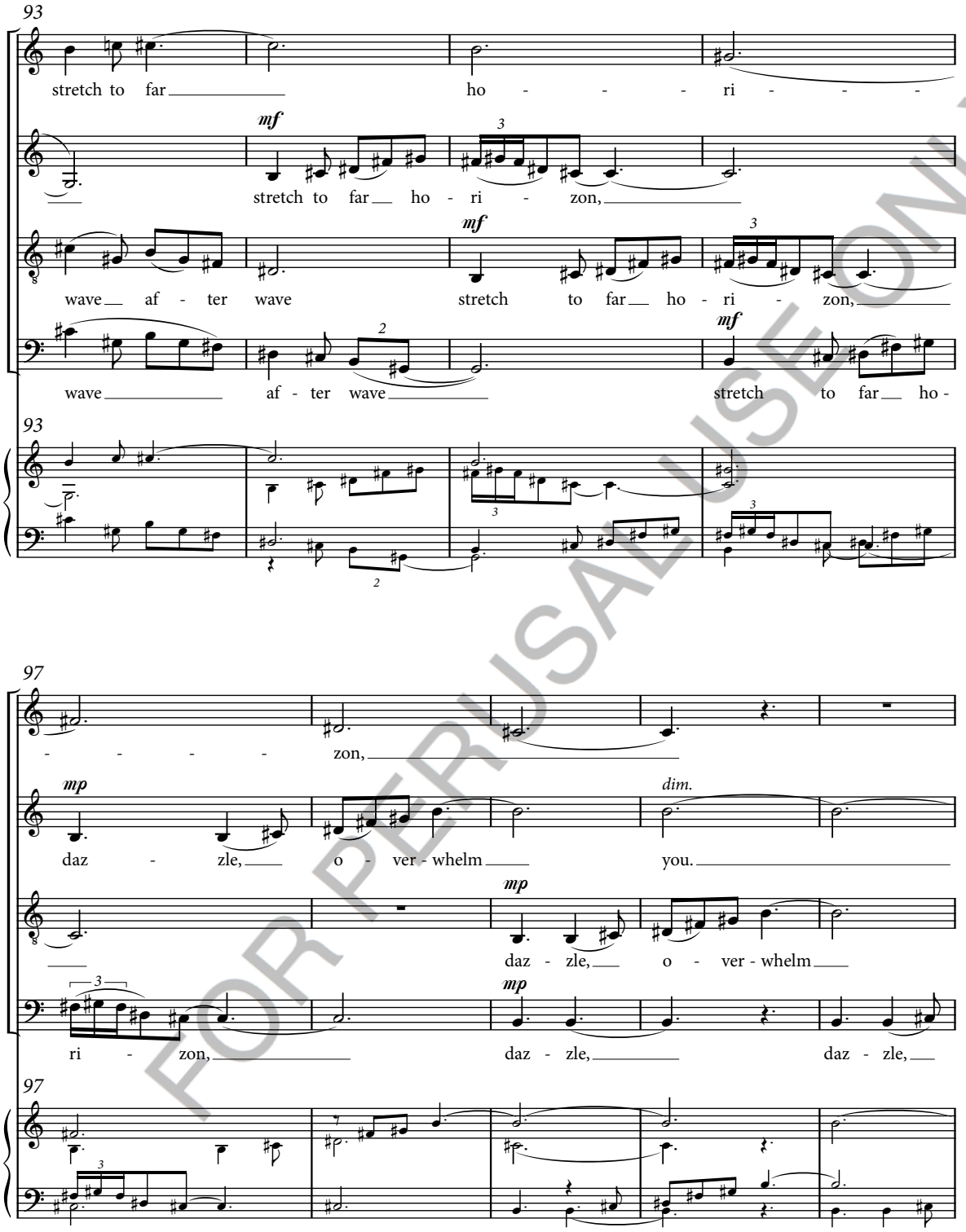
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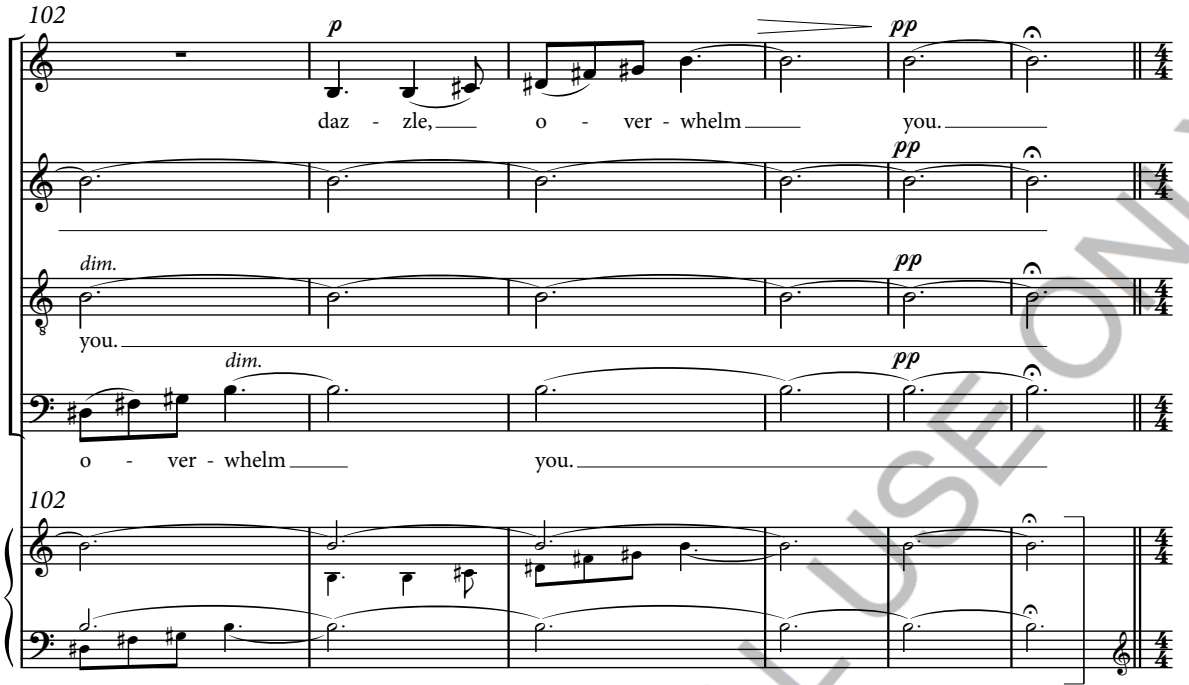

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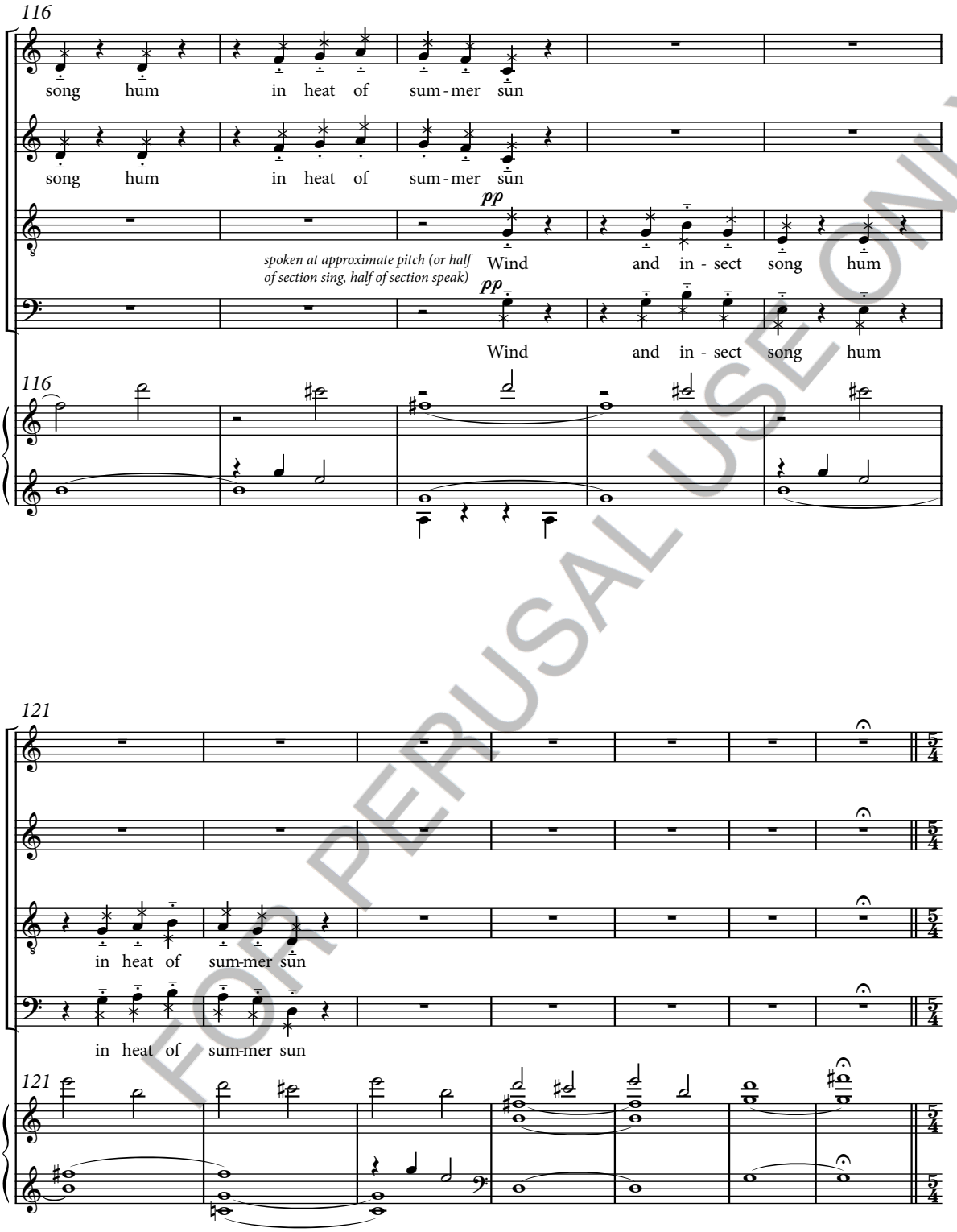
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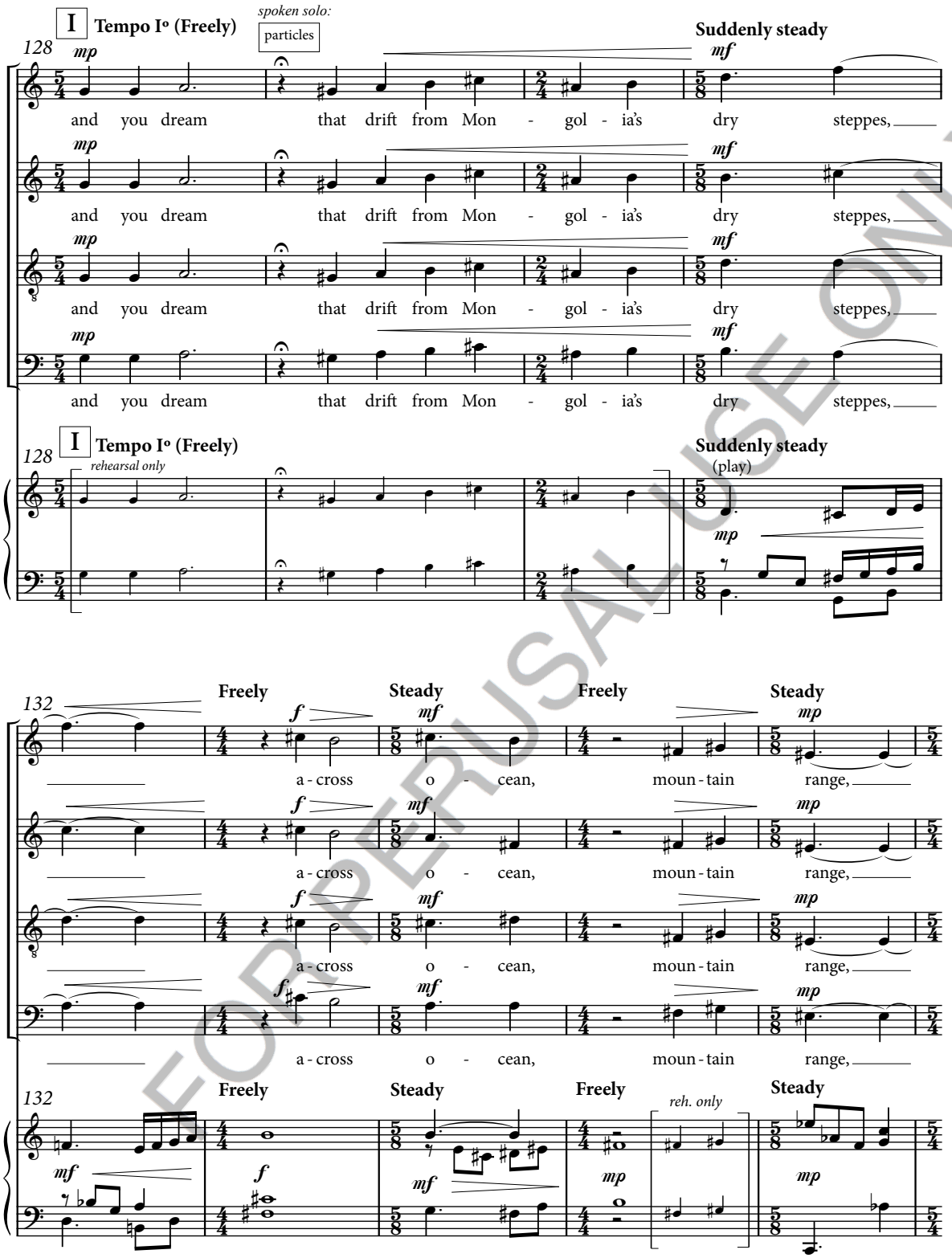
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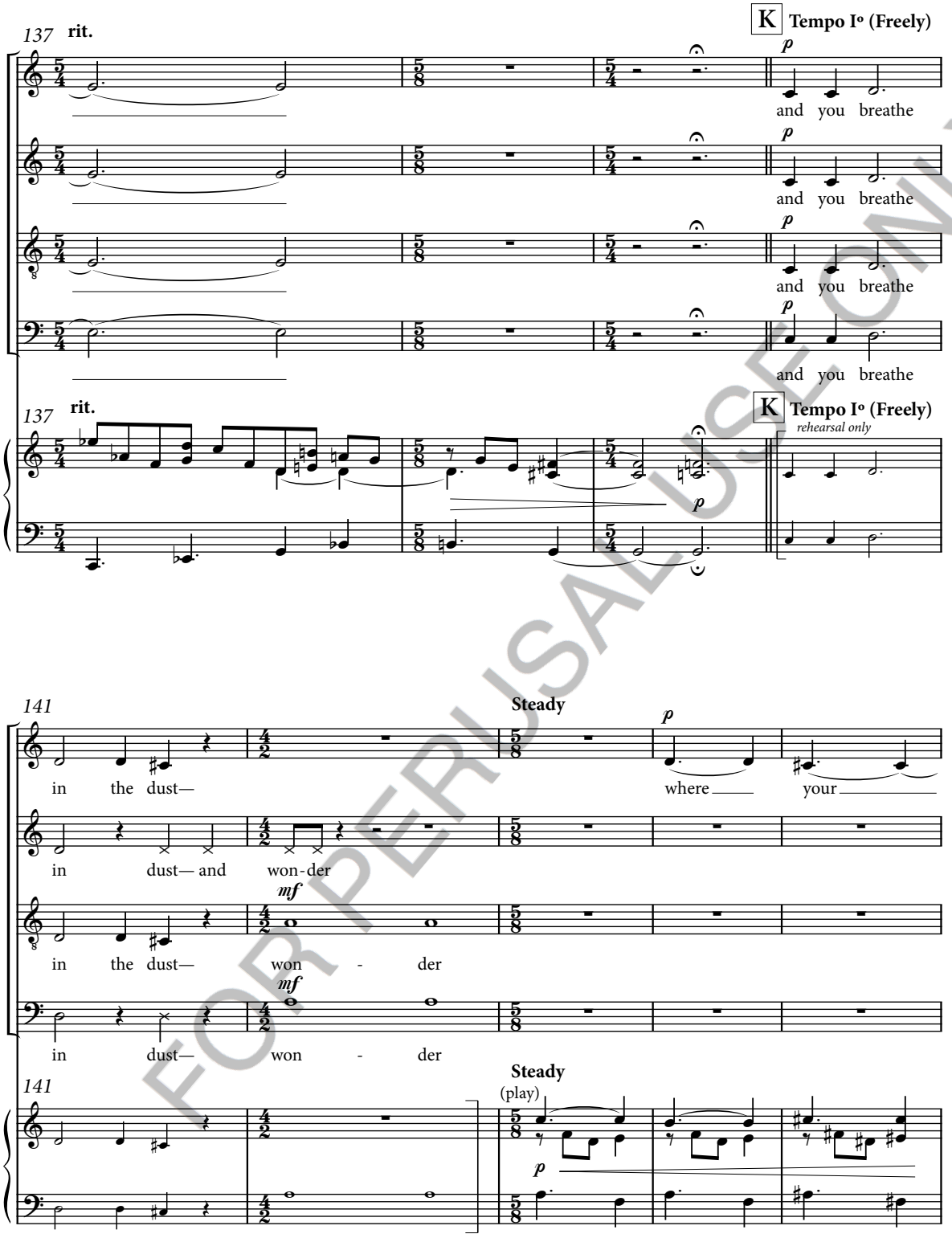
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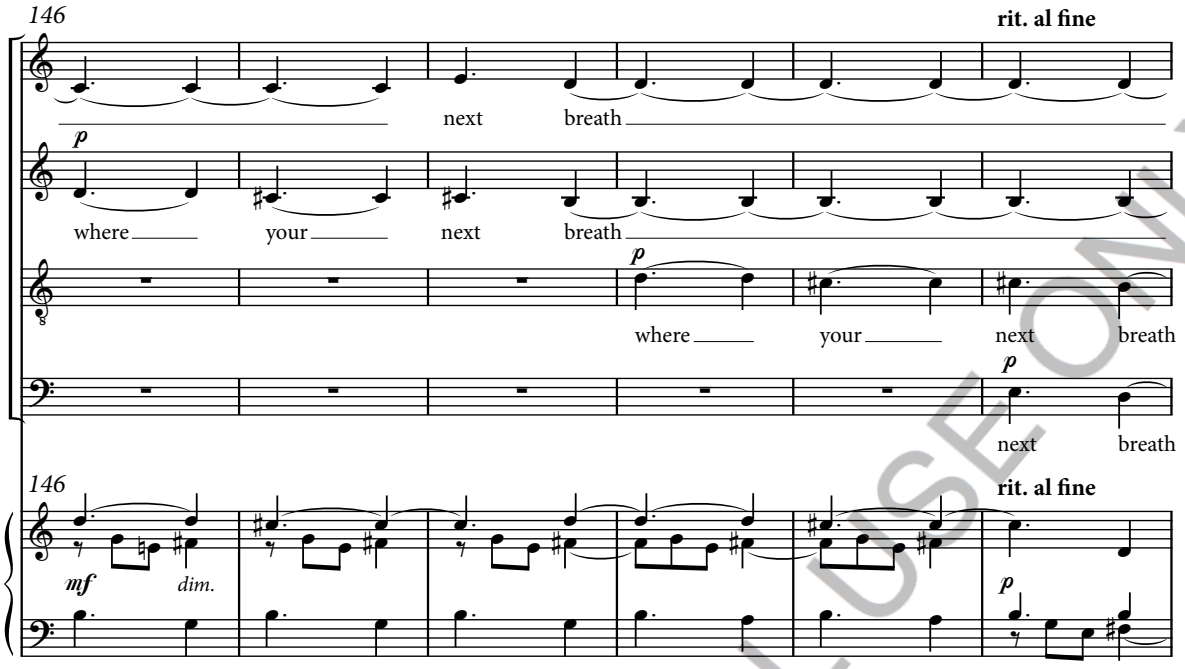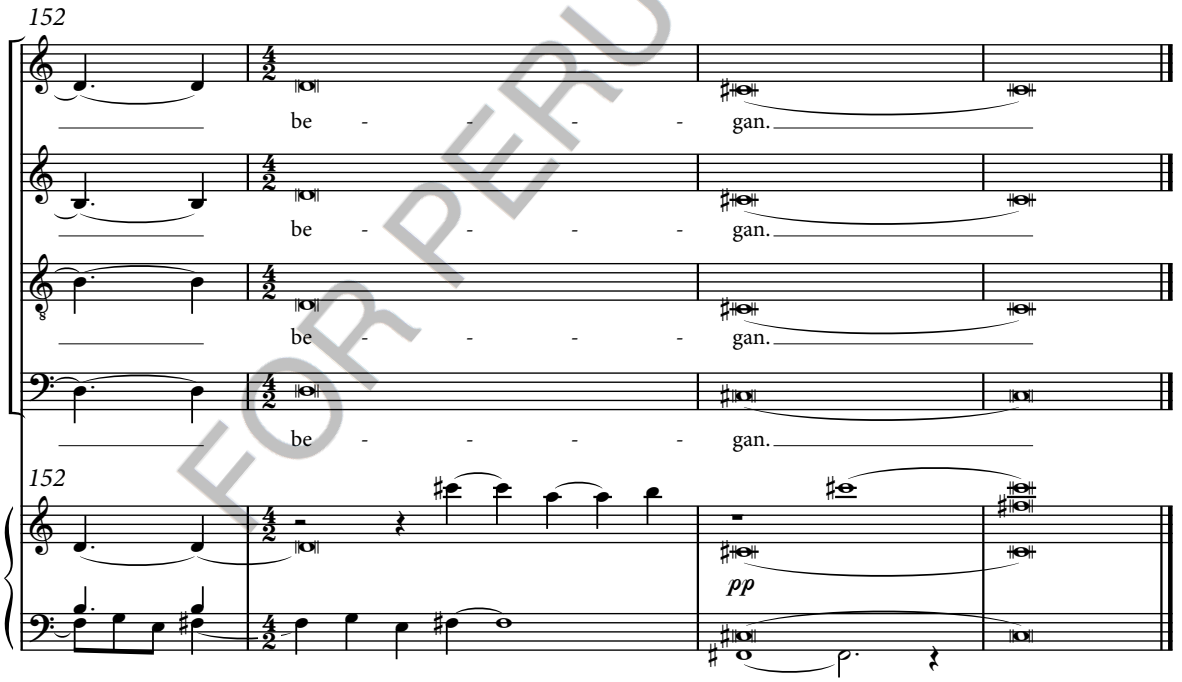

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