Robert Oganovic

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

For Two-Part Soprano or Soprano/Alto Choir & Organ

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About the Setting

The *Magnificat* (Song of Mary) and *Nunc dimittis* (Song of Simeon) are biblical canticles. Mary sings the Magnificat ("*My soul doth magnify the Lord*") on the occasion of her visit to Elizabeth, as narrated in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39–56). Simeon sings the *Nunc dimittis* ("*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace*") when Jesus is presented in the temple (Luke 2:29–32). The canticles are part of the daily service of Evening Prayer (Evensong) in the Anglican church and have been set to music frequently in English, Latin, and other languages.

This setting was composed in 2016 for the women's voices of St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral of Minneapolis. It can be performed by any two-part treble ensemble, either Soprano I/II or Soprano/Alto. The two canticles can also be performed separately; the *Magnificat* text is appropriate for Christmas/Advent.

About the Composer

Robert Oganovic (b. 1953) retired in 2015 after more than 30 years in the software industry. Since then he has devoted more time to his life-long avocational passions – singing, playing bassoon, and composing. In the summer of 2018 as a member of the Minnesota Orchestra's symphonic chorus he was part of the first ever tour of Africa by a major American orchestra.

Robert studied composition at the University of Minnesota under Dominic Argento and Paul Fetler. His pieces have been performed around Minnesota and in Ft Collins (CO), Arlington (VA), and Milwaukee (WI). The piece Orientis Partibus ("From the East") was commissioned and performed in 2016 by the Bethel University Wind Symphony of St Paul, MN.

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About the Accompaniment

The organ part has also been arranged for both piano 2- and 4-hands. Contact the composer directly at *bob_oganovic@msn.com*.

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To Raymond Johnston & the Women of St. Mark's
Episcopal Cathedral Choir of Minneapolis

Magnificat

From the Anglican Book of Common Prayer

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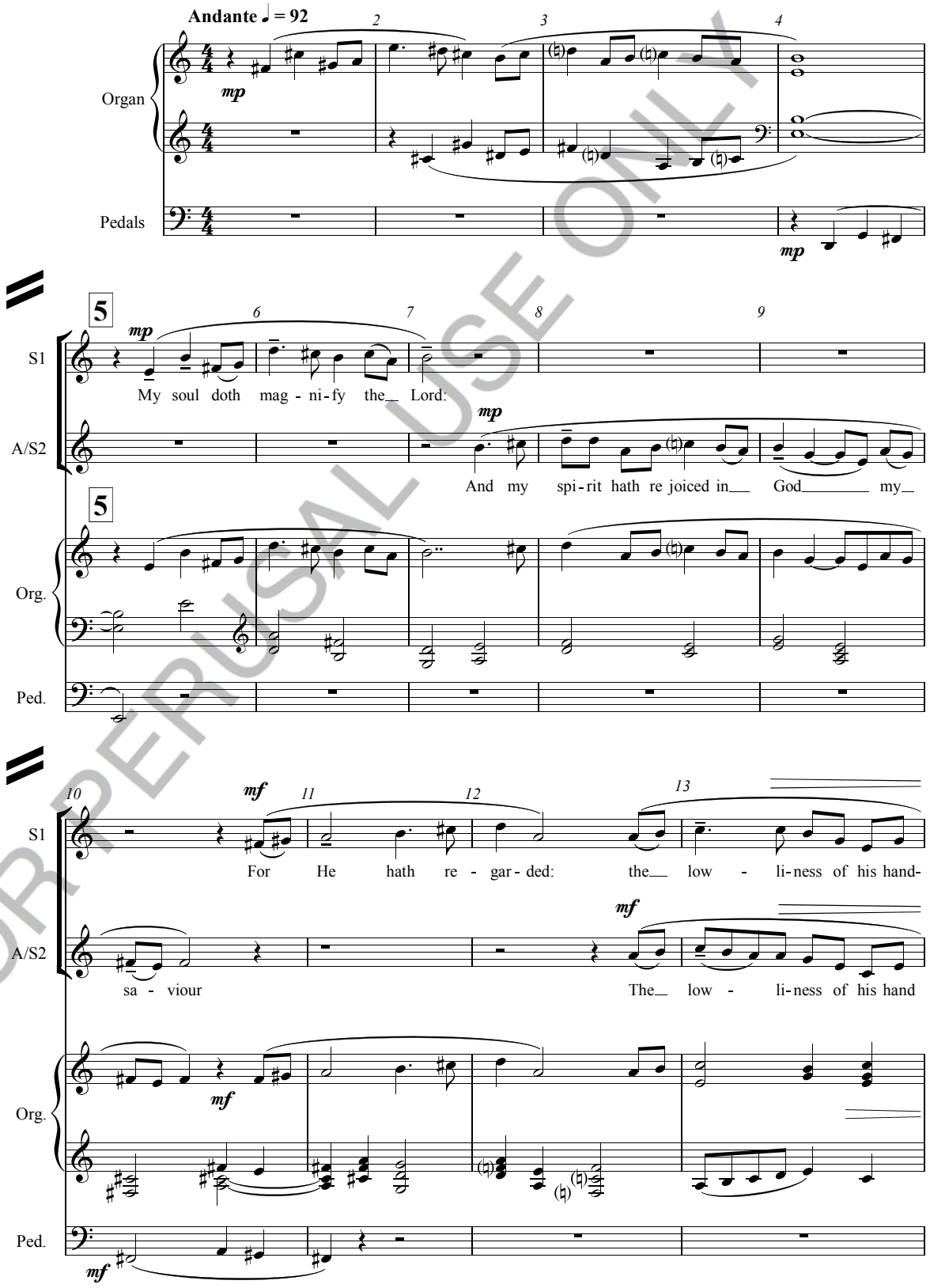
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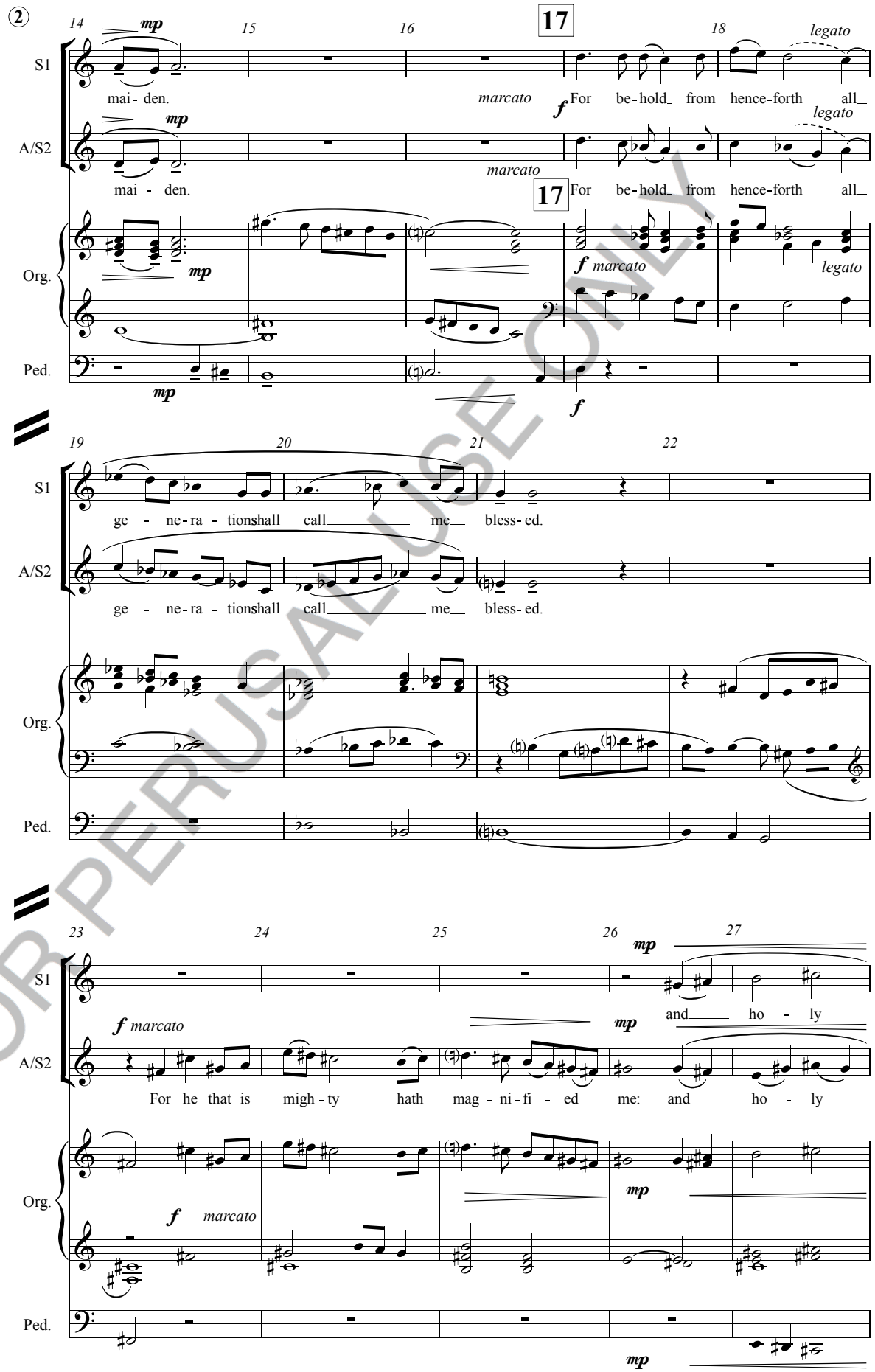
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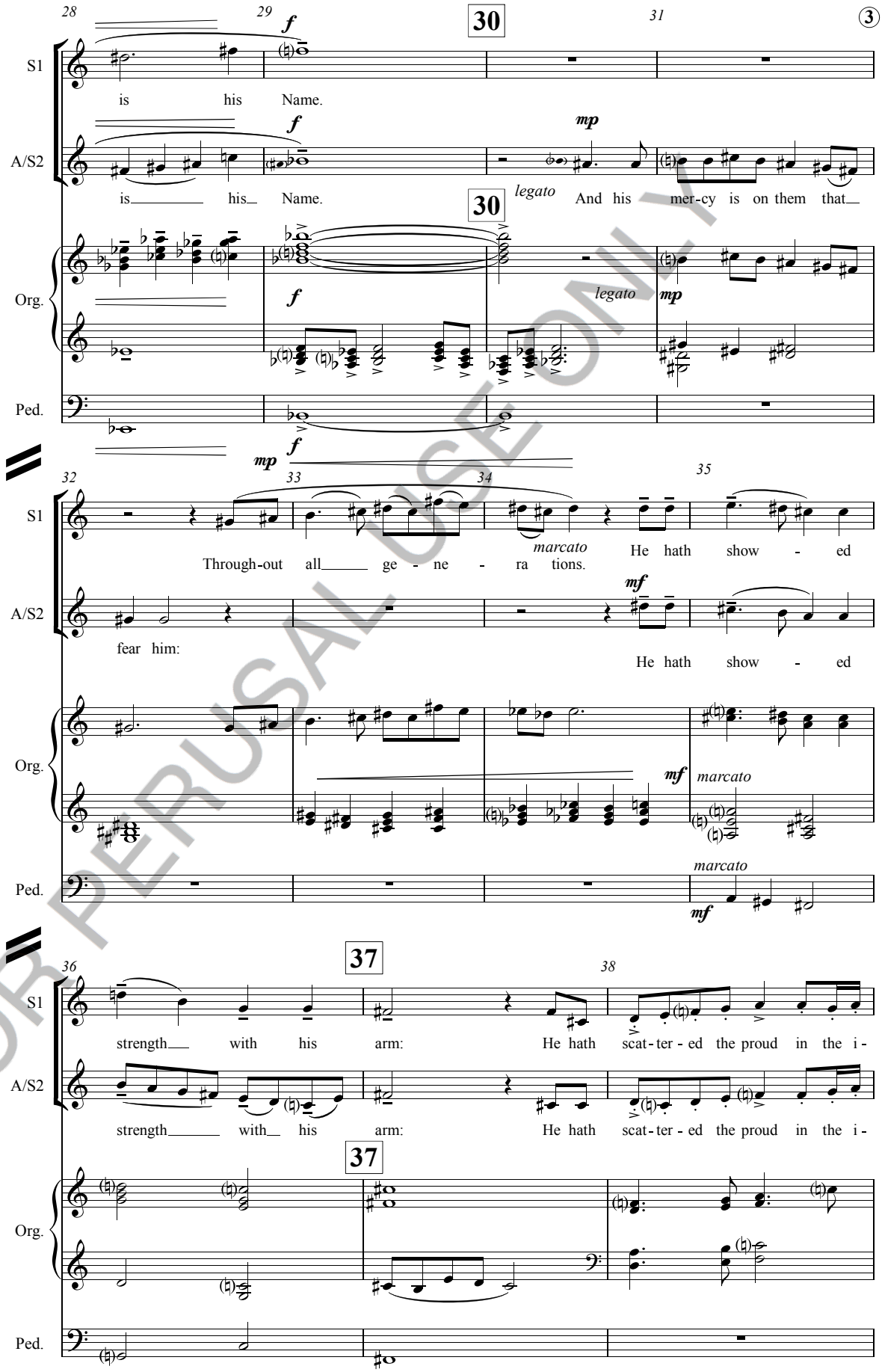
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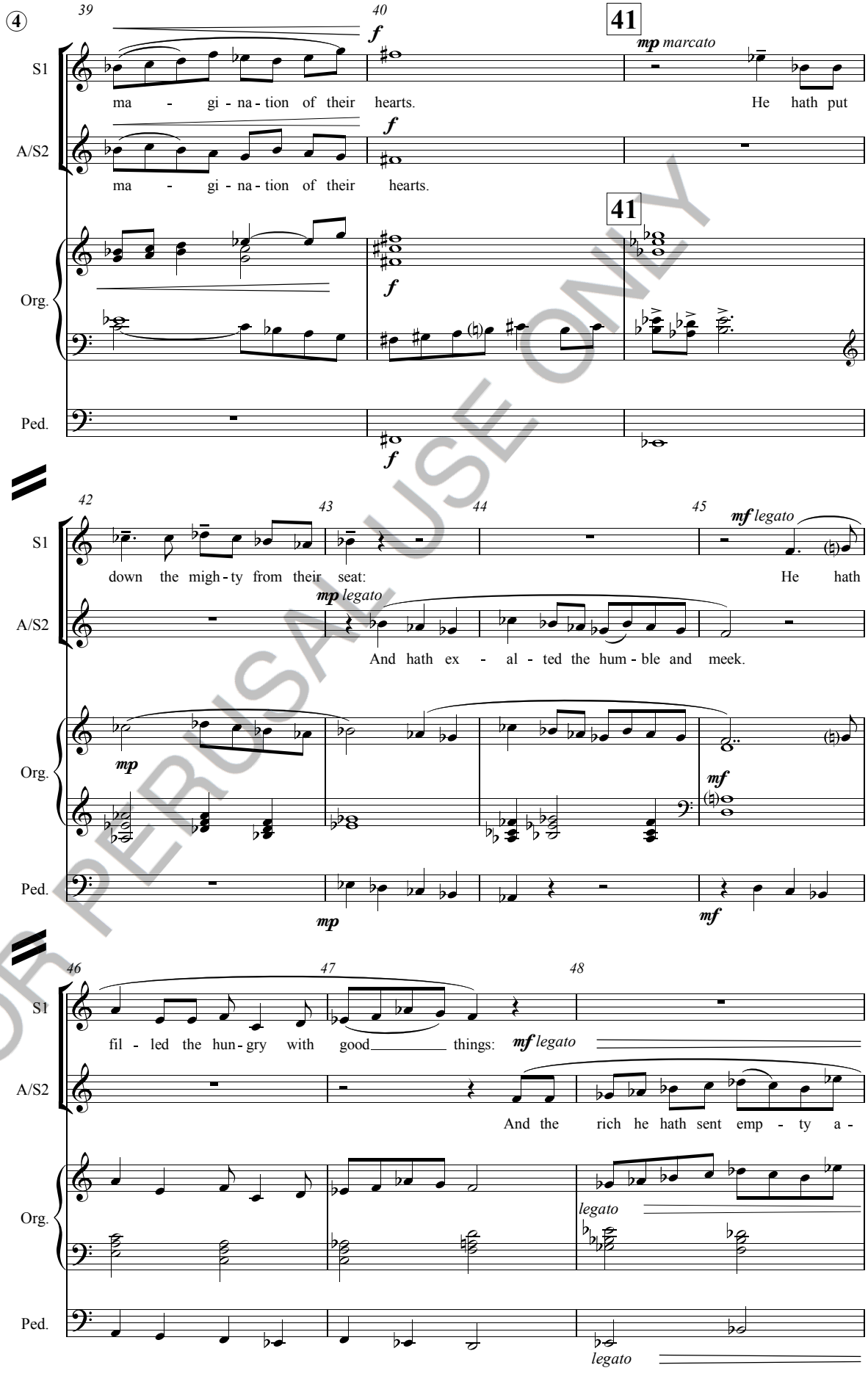
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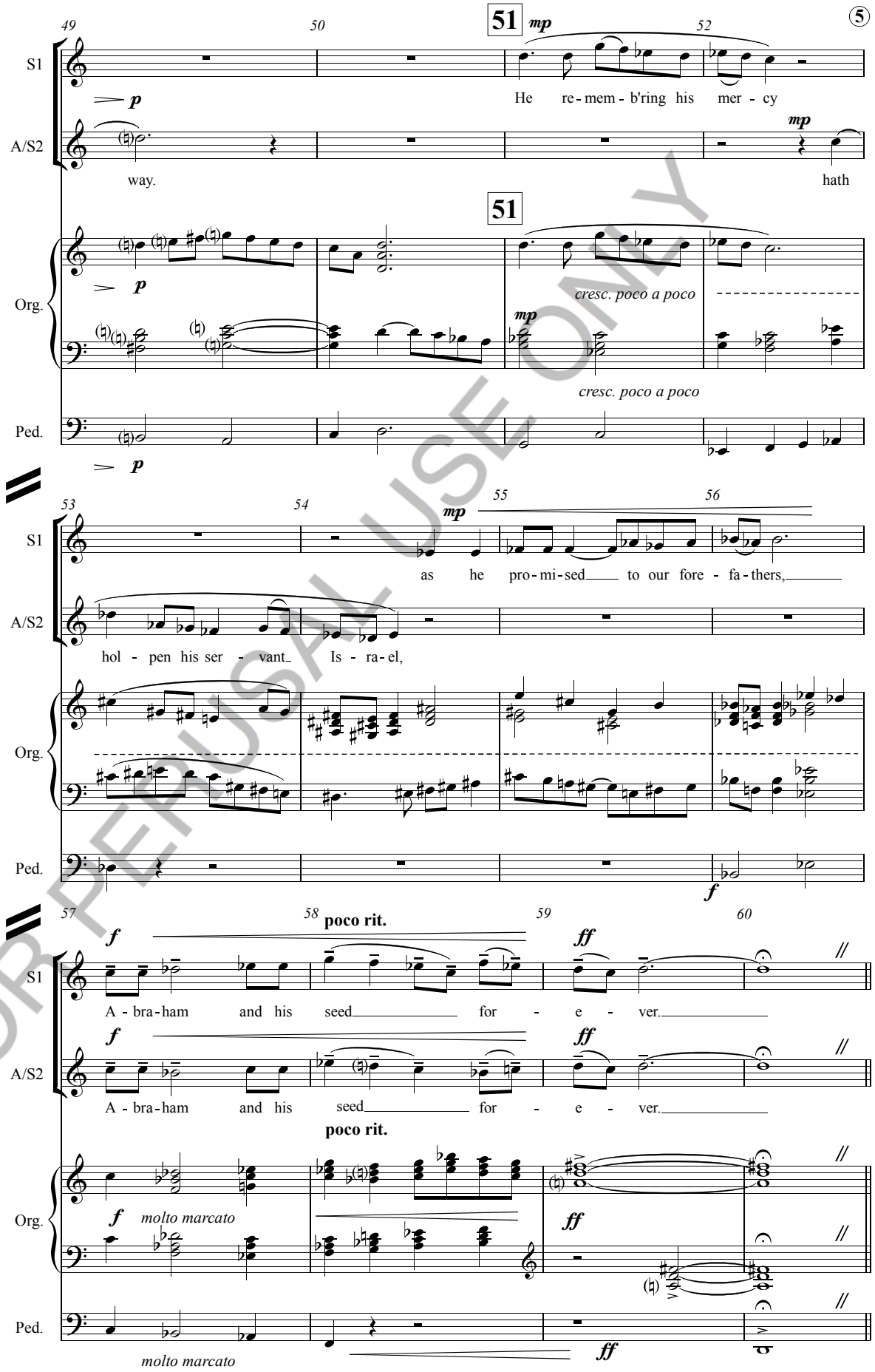
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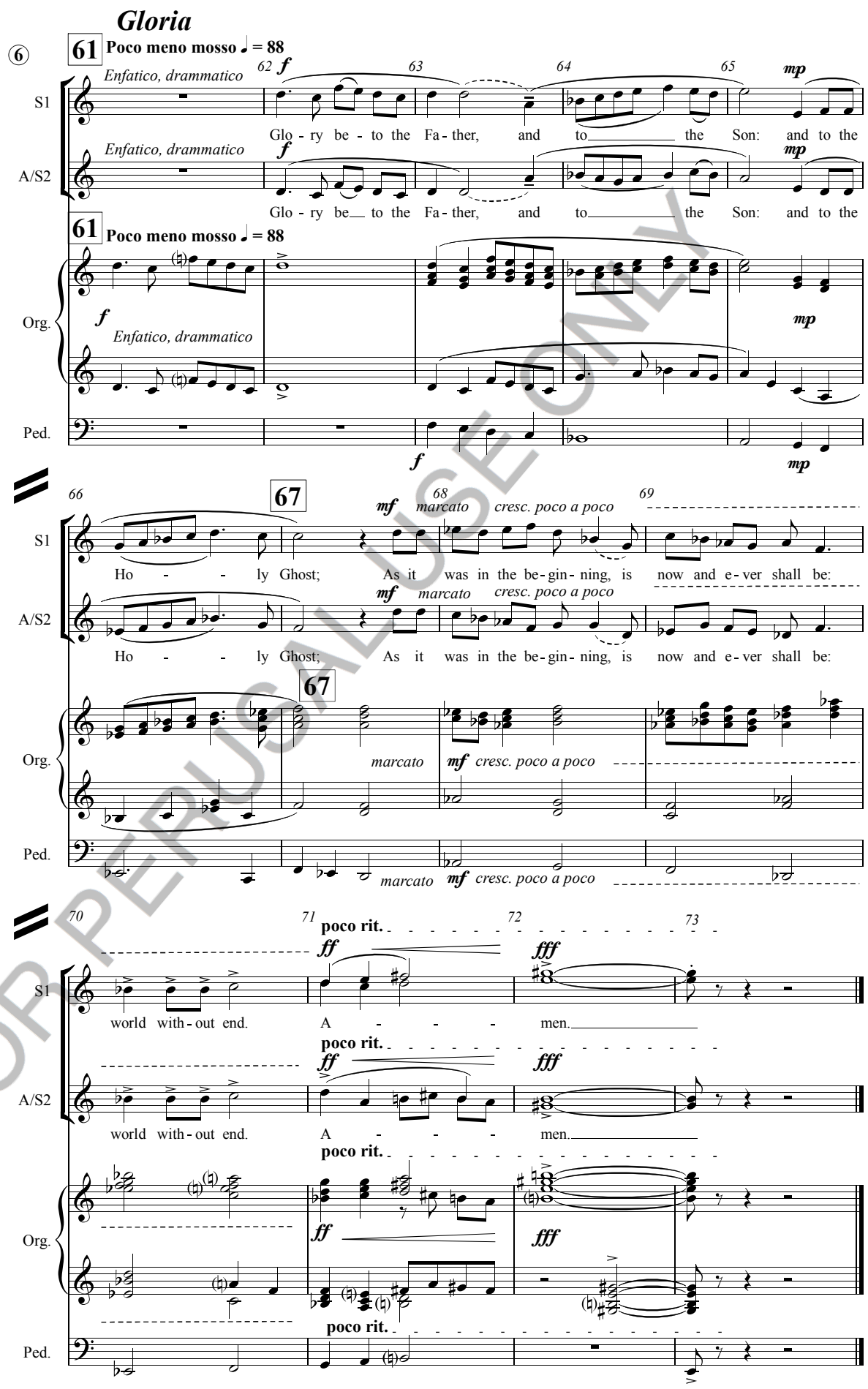
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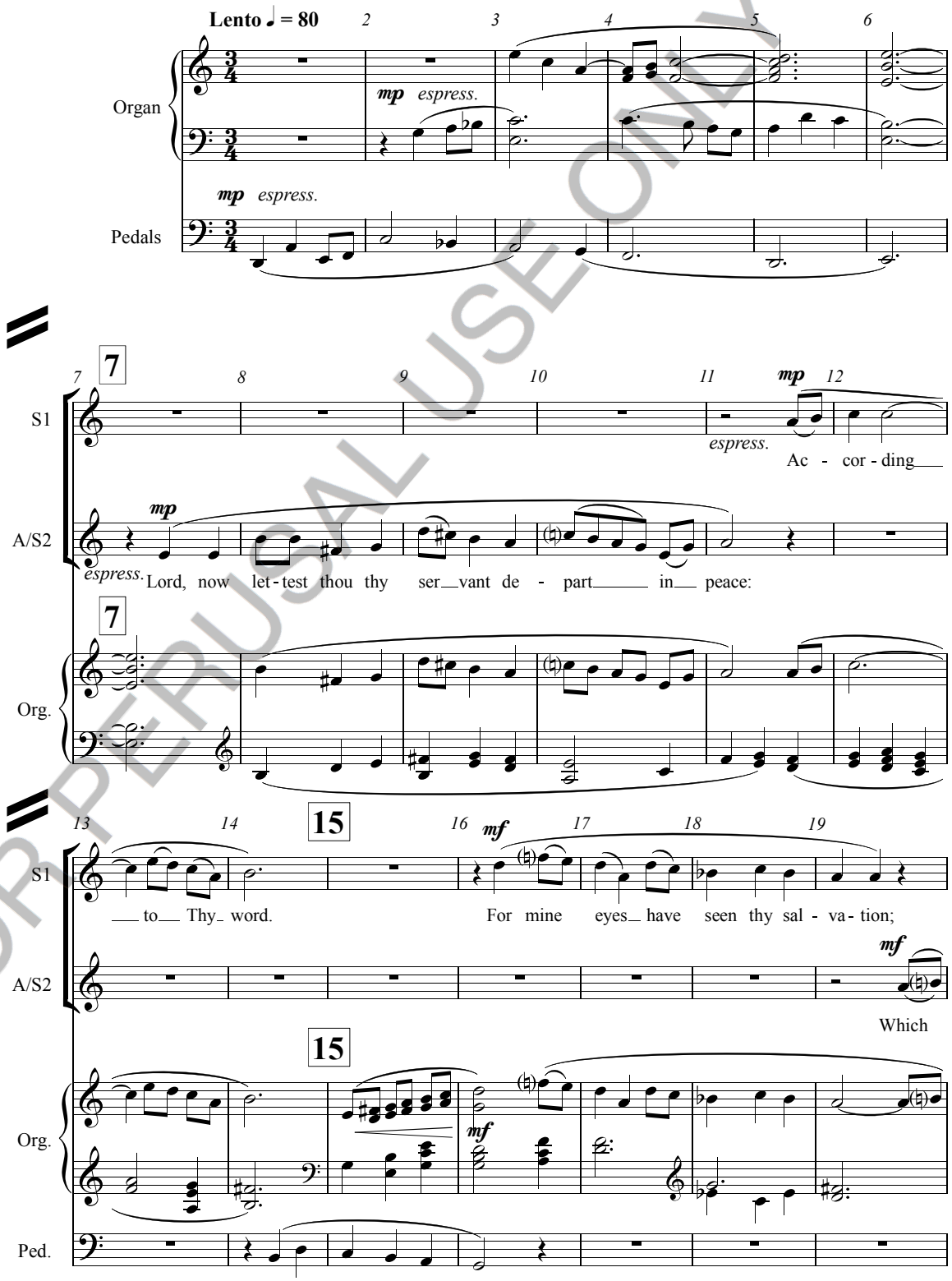
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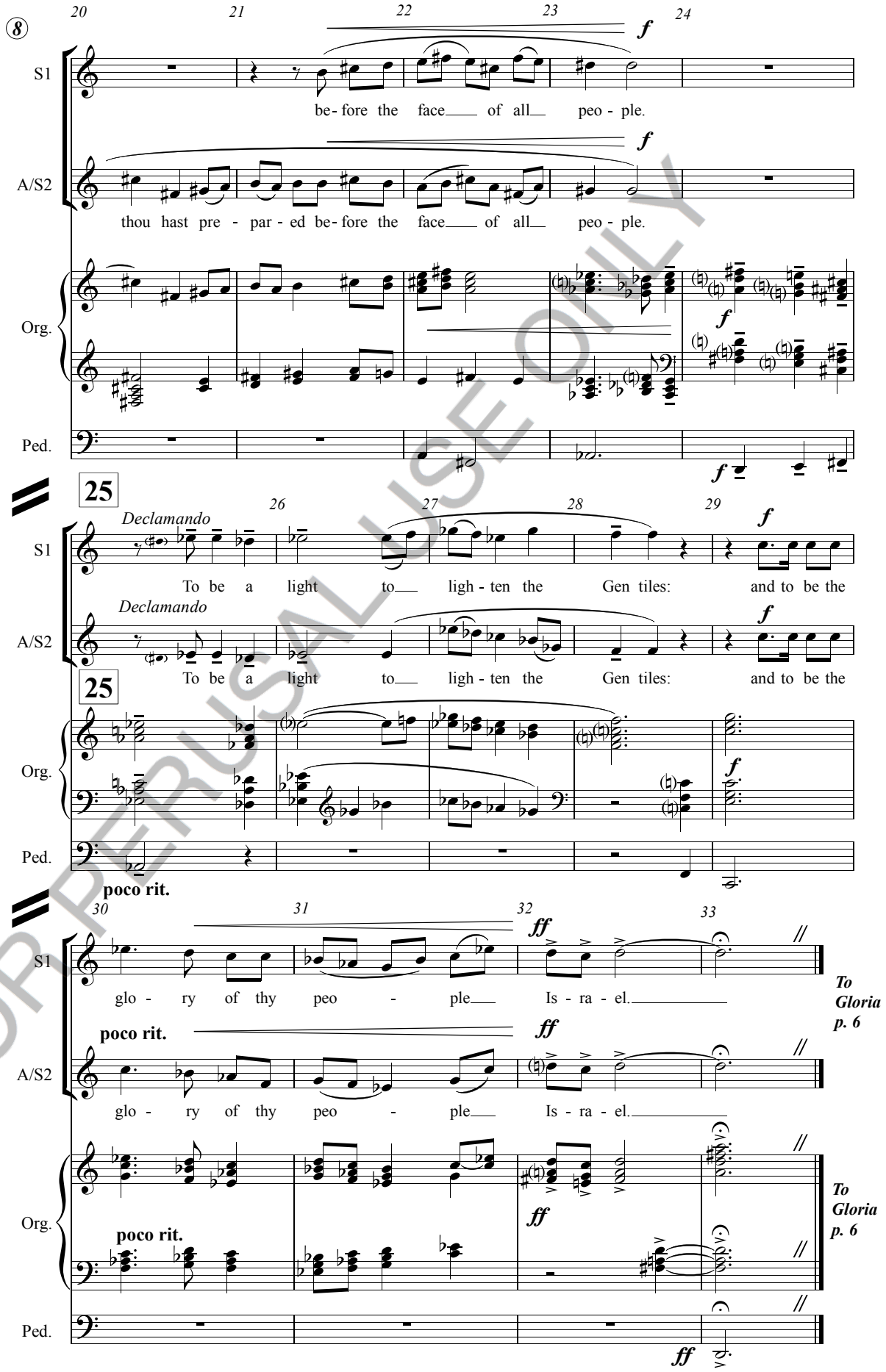
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