The Settling Years

Three Pioneer Texts

1. Comin' to Town 3

adapted by Libby Larsen from *Comin' to Town*, Robert V. Carr

The boys are comin' to town!
What does the marshall* do? [*The composer has changed this to "sheriff."]
He's gone and hid, that's what he did,
For he knows a thing or two.

The boys are comin' to town!
What does the dogs all do?
They hits the trail with a canine wail,
for they know a thing or two.

The boys are comin' to town!
What does the old town do?
She goes to bed while they paint her red,
For she knows a thing or two.

2. Beneath These Alien Stars 26

adapted by Libby Larsen from *Pioneer Woman*, Vesta Pierce Crawford

Beneath these alien stars
In darkness I have stood alone,
More than mountains
Come between me and my home.

The desert wind has waved my hair:
Desert sands have etched my face,
And the courage of the mountains
Has bound me to this place.

And something of its peace I've won,
I have stood with only God,
Between me and the sun.

3. A Hoopla 36

Nonsense syllables: zzoon, zah, d, g, dah, la, and tunes from *The Song Primer*, 1907

Draw the bow across the string,
Listen to my fiddle sing.

My old Dan is always ready,
Slow he is but kind and steady,
When I want to I can stop him
Just by saying whoa!

Pronunciation of nonsense syllables

d	"d" as in "dog"
g	"g" as in "good"
dah	very percussive "d"; "ah" as in "thought"
ti	"tie"
yi	as in "yikes"

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for SATB Chorus, Wind Quintet and Piano

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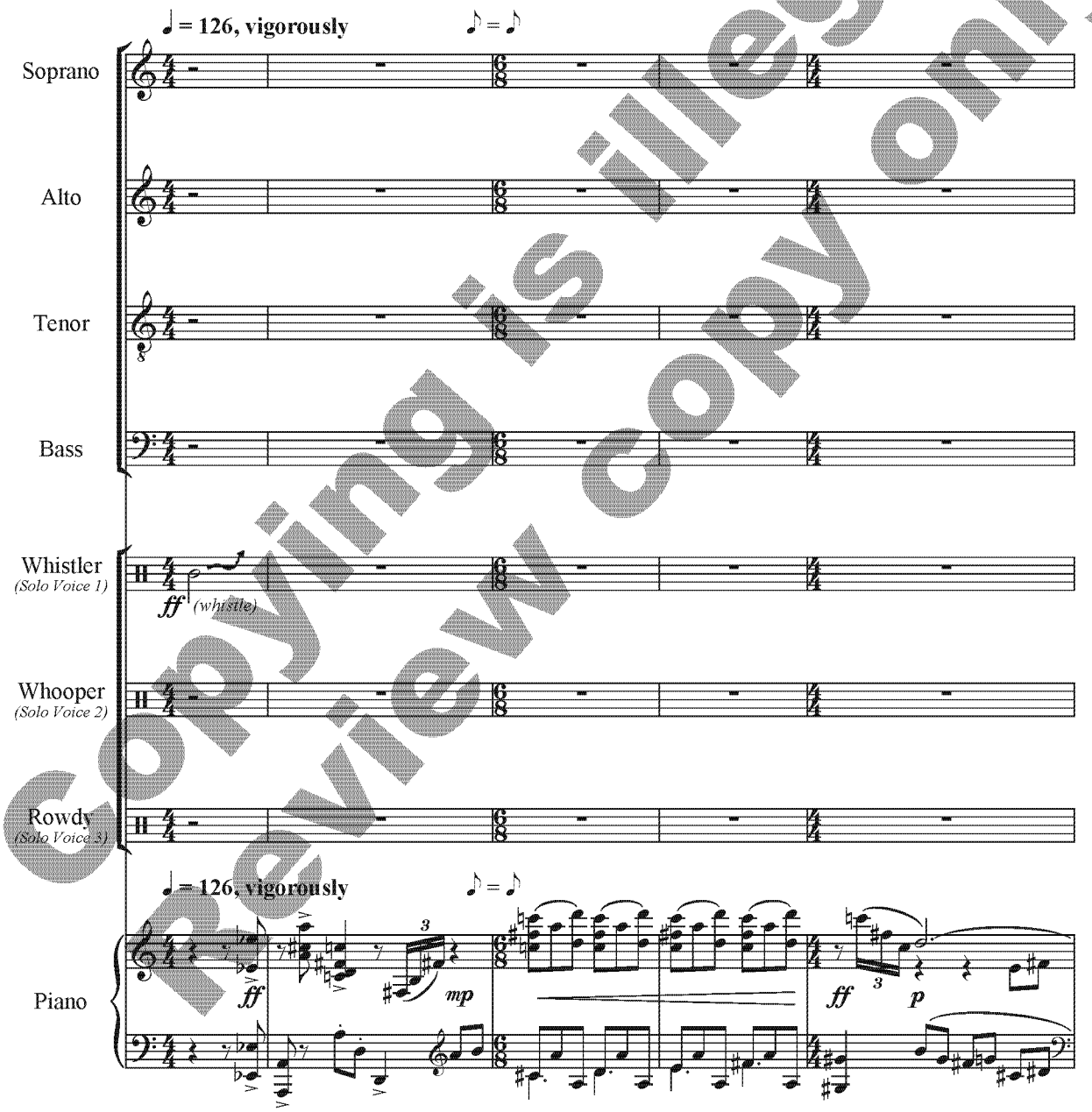

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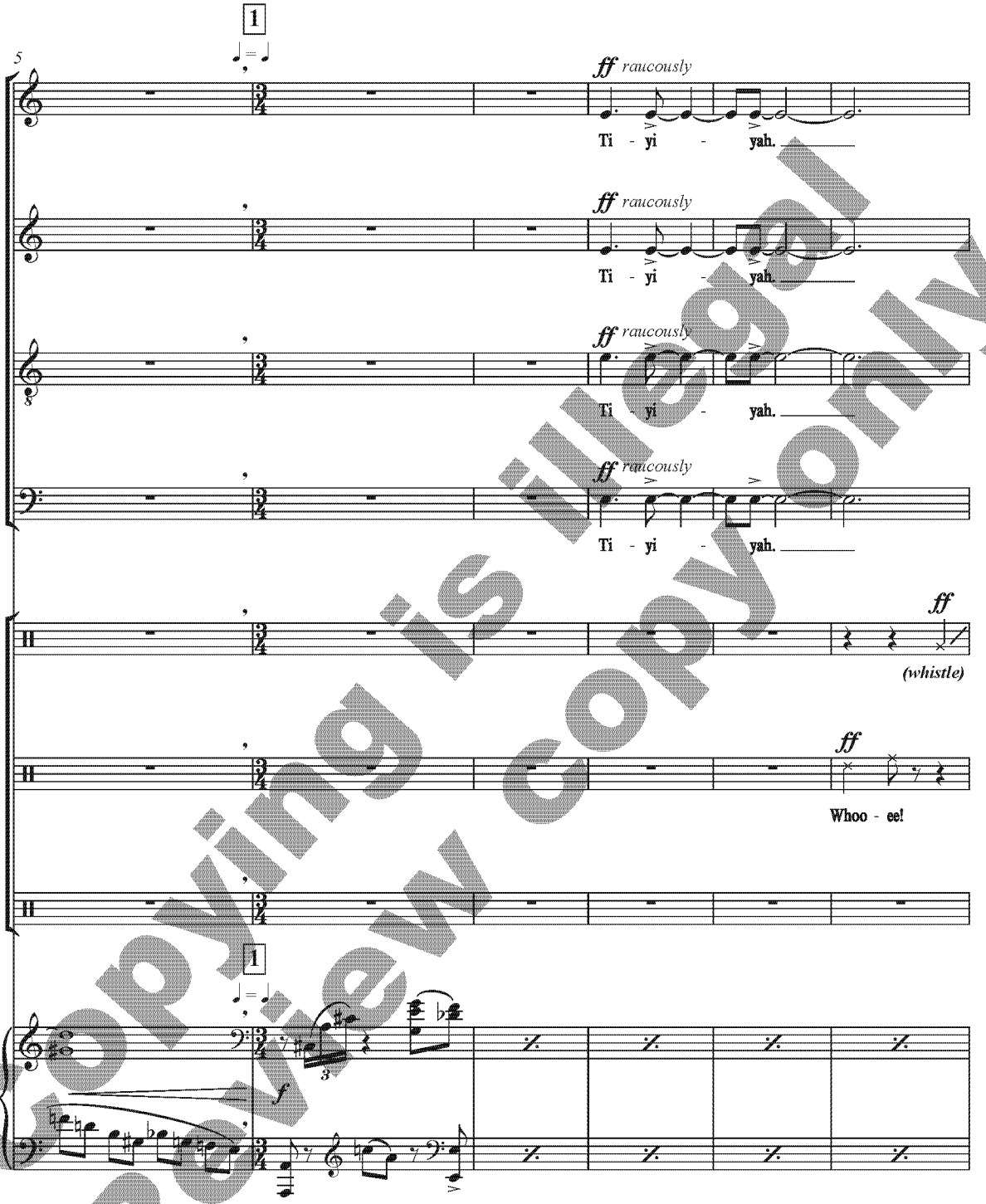

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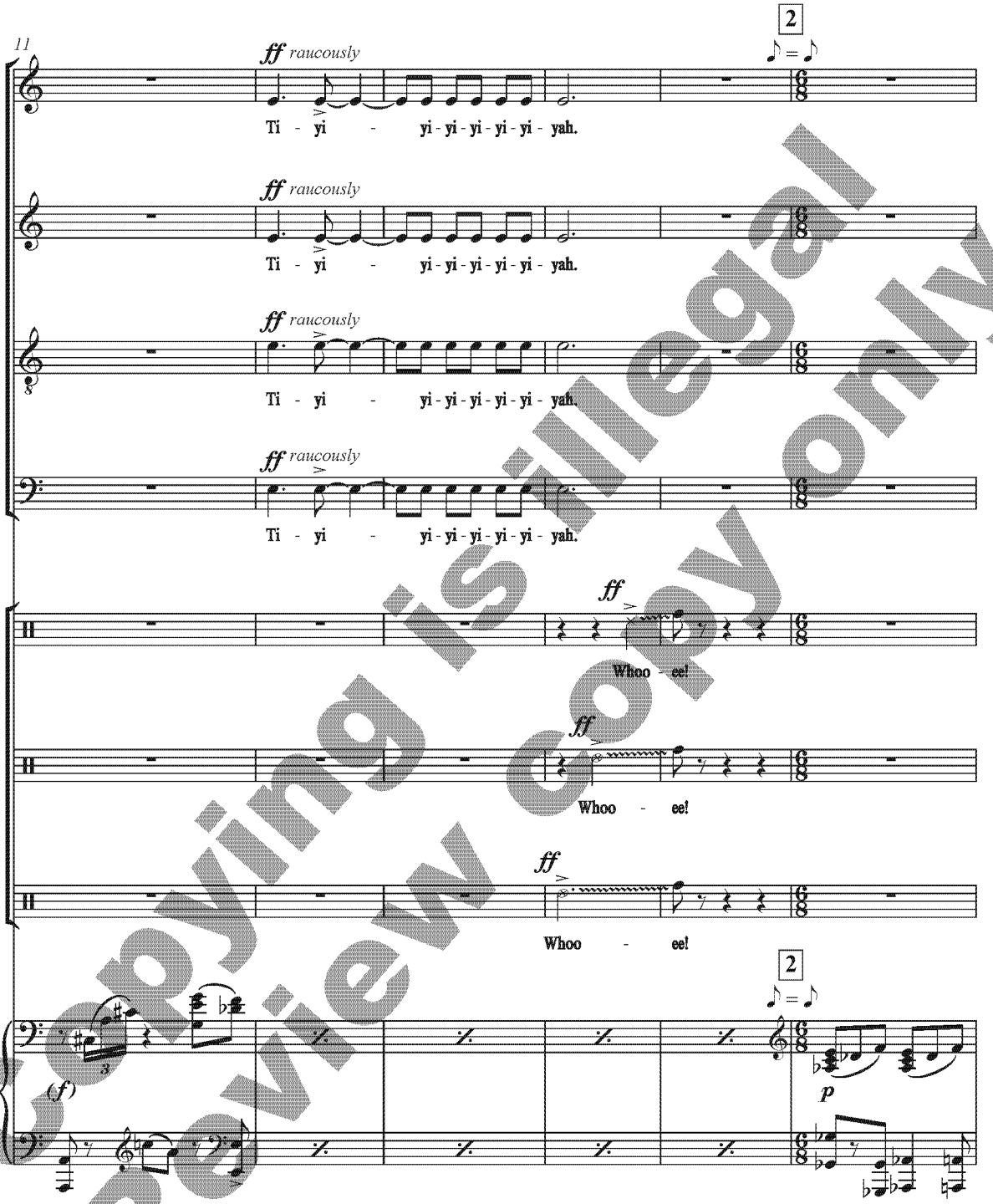

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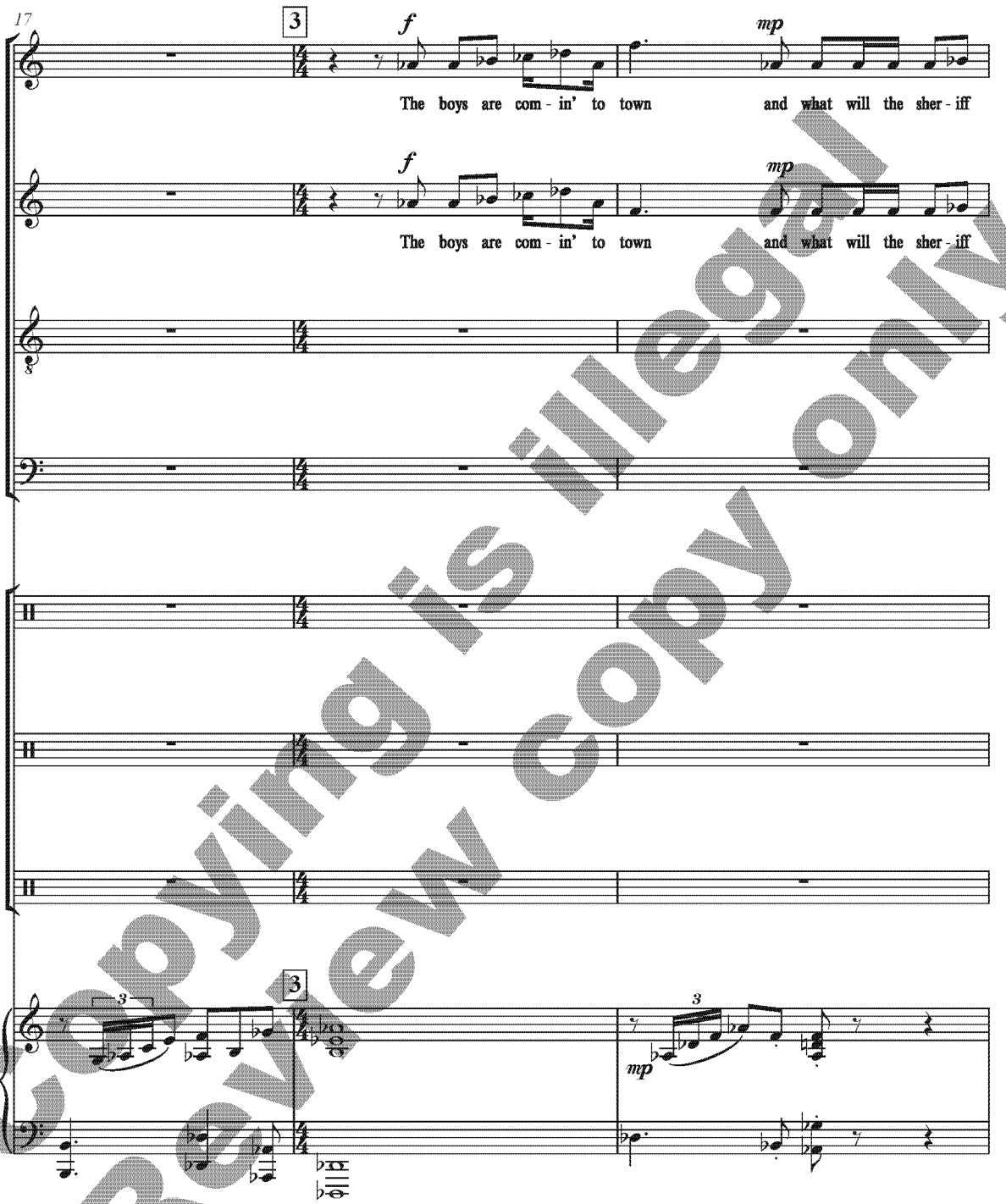

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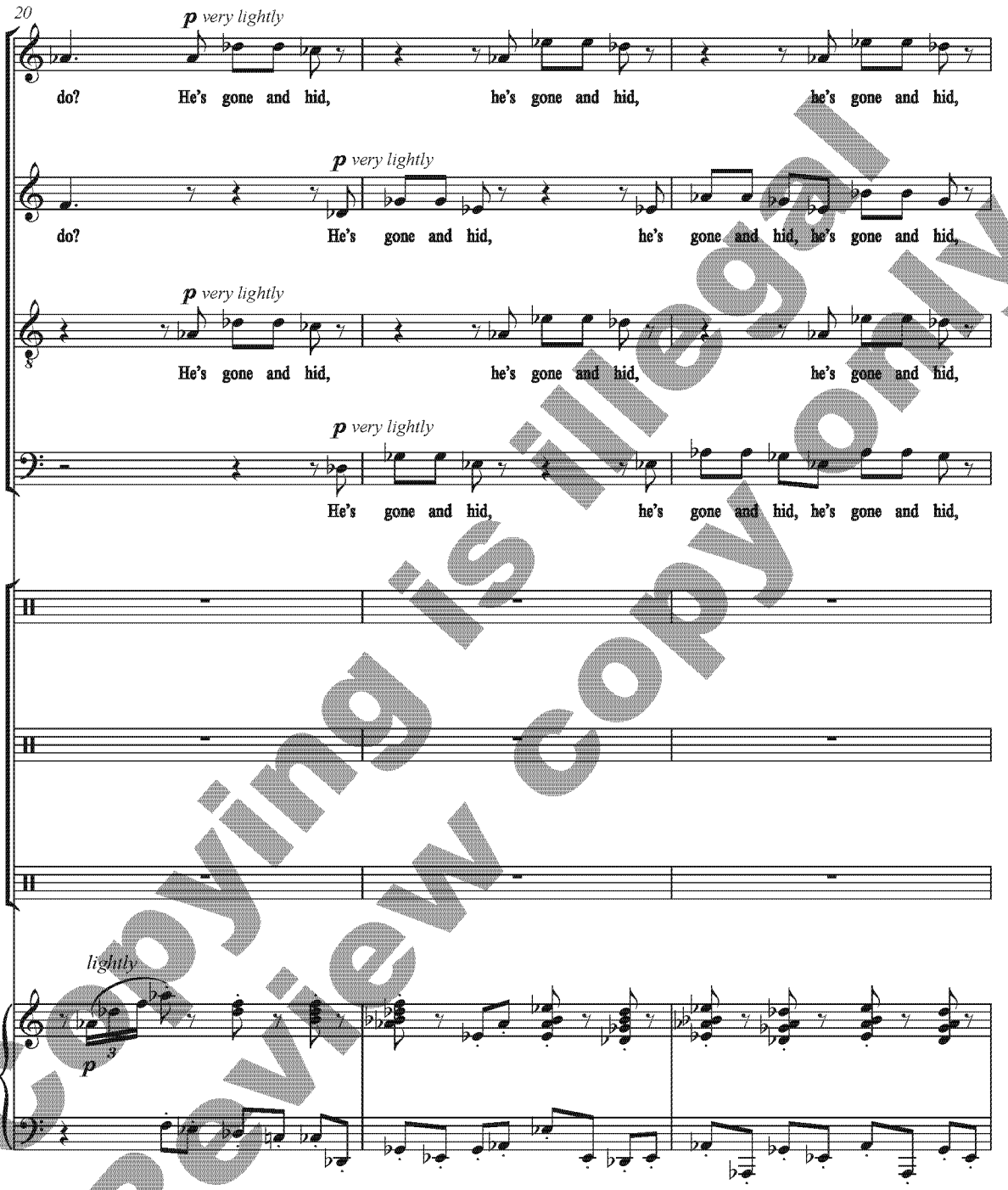

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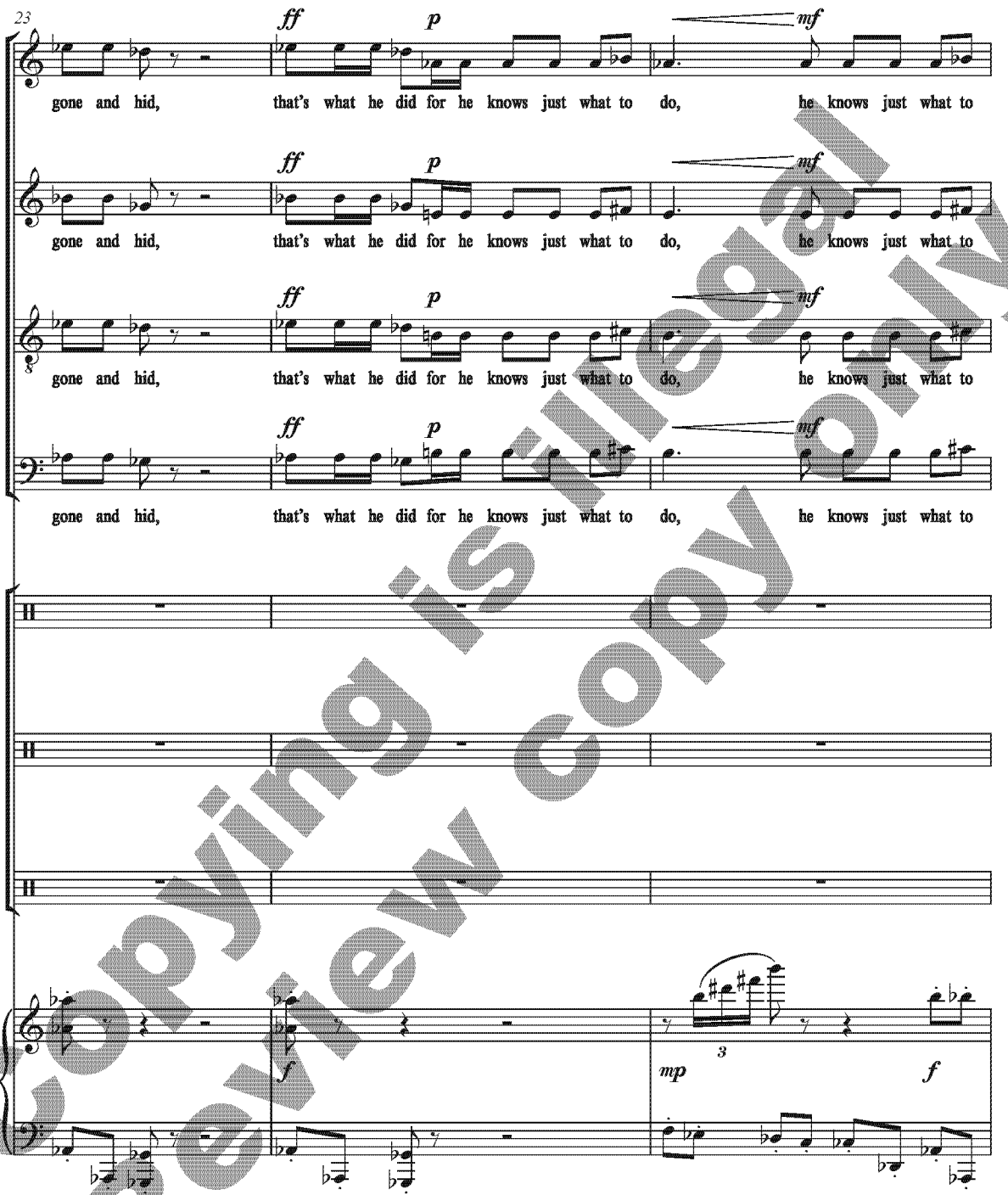

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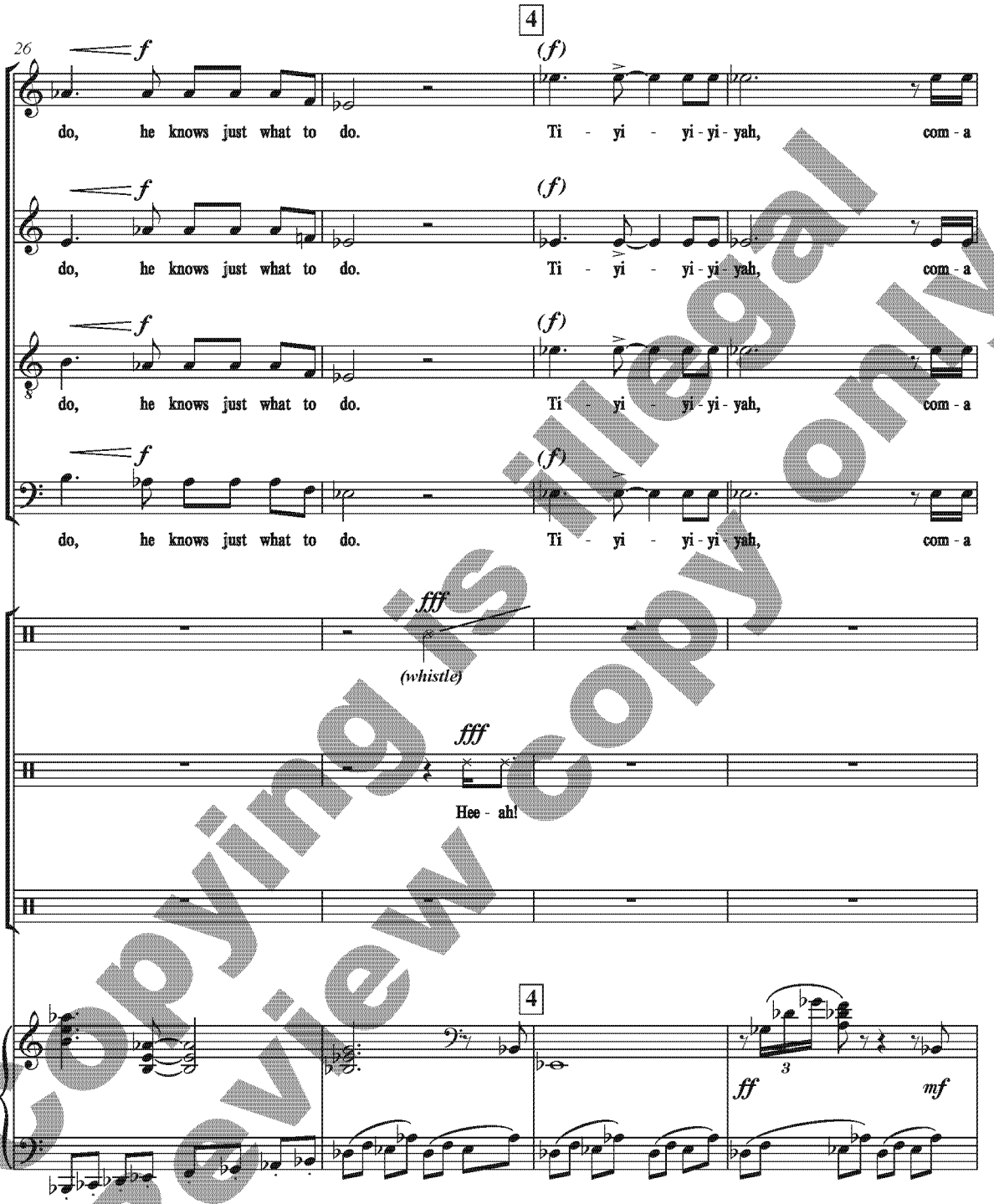

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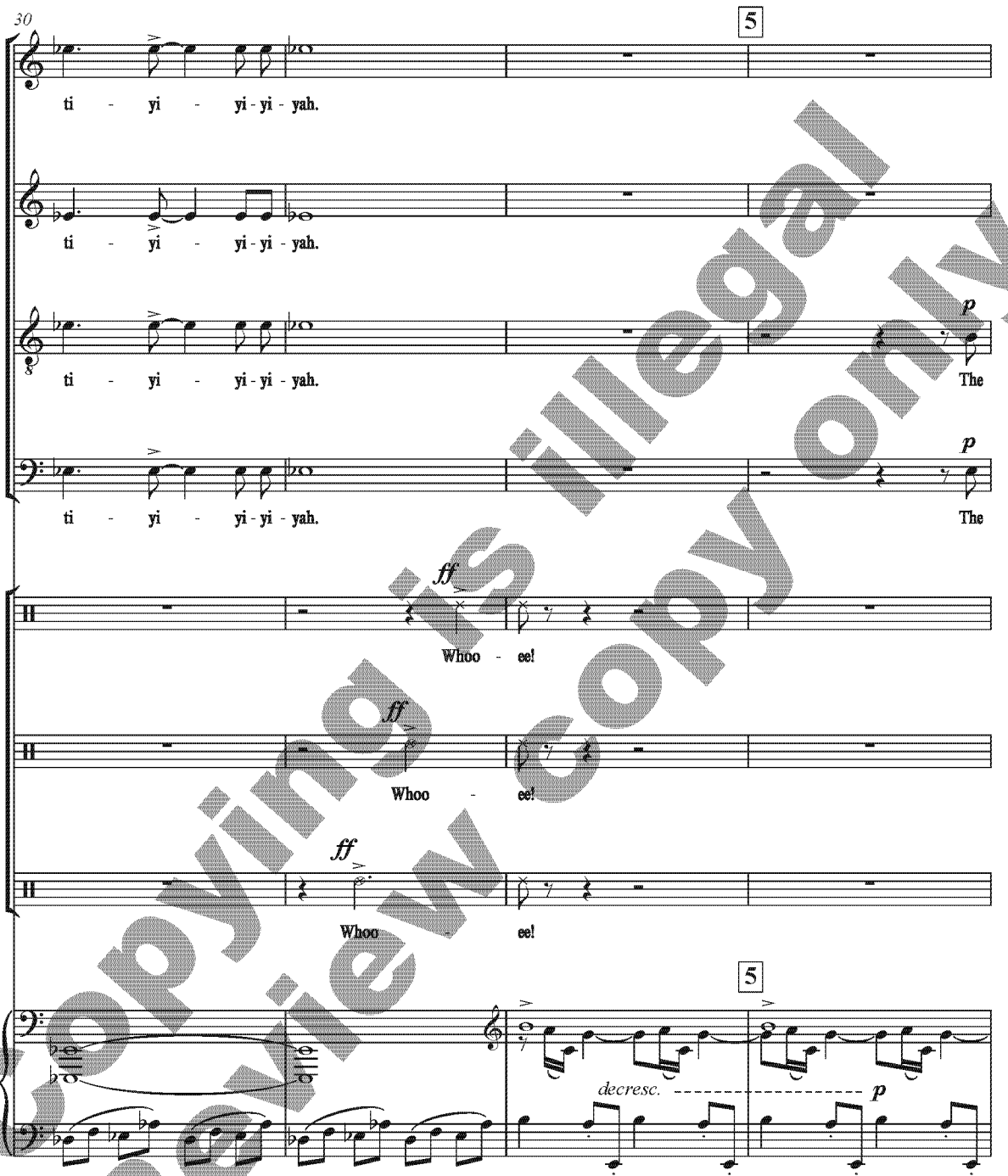

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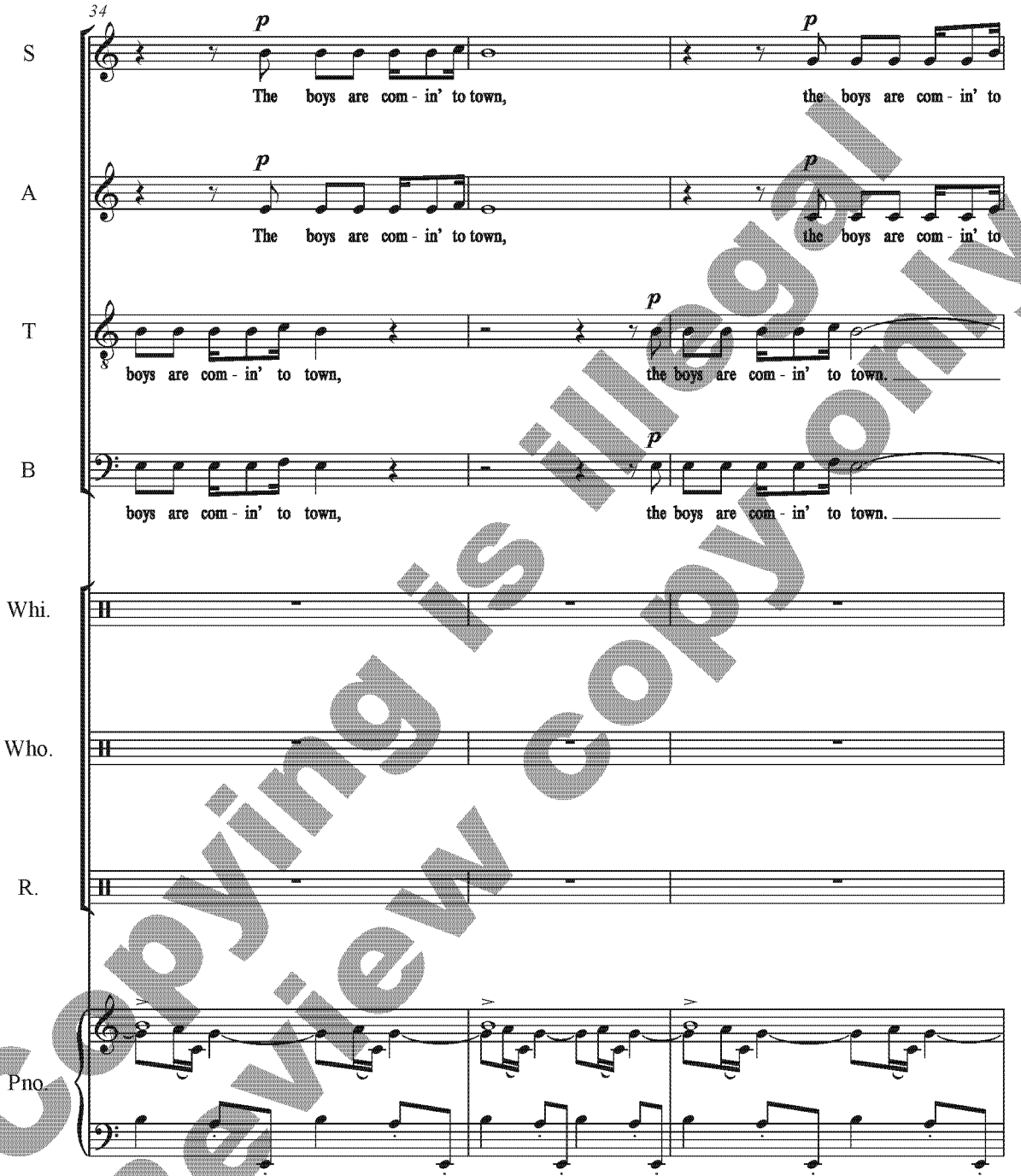

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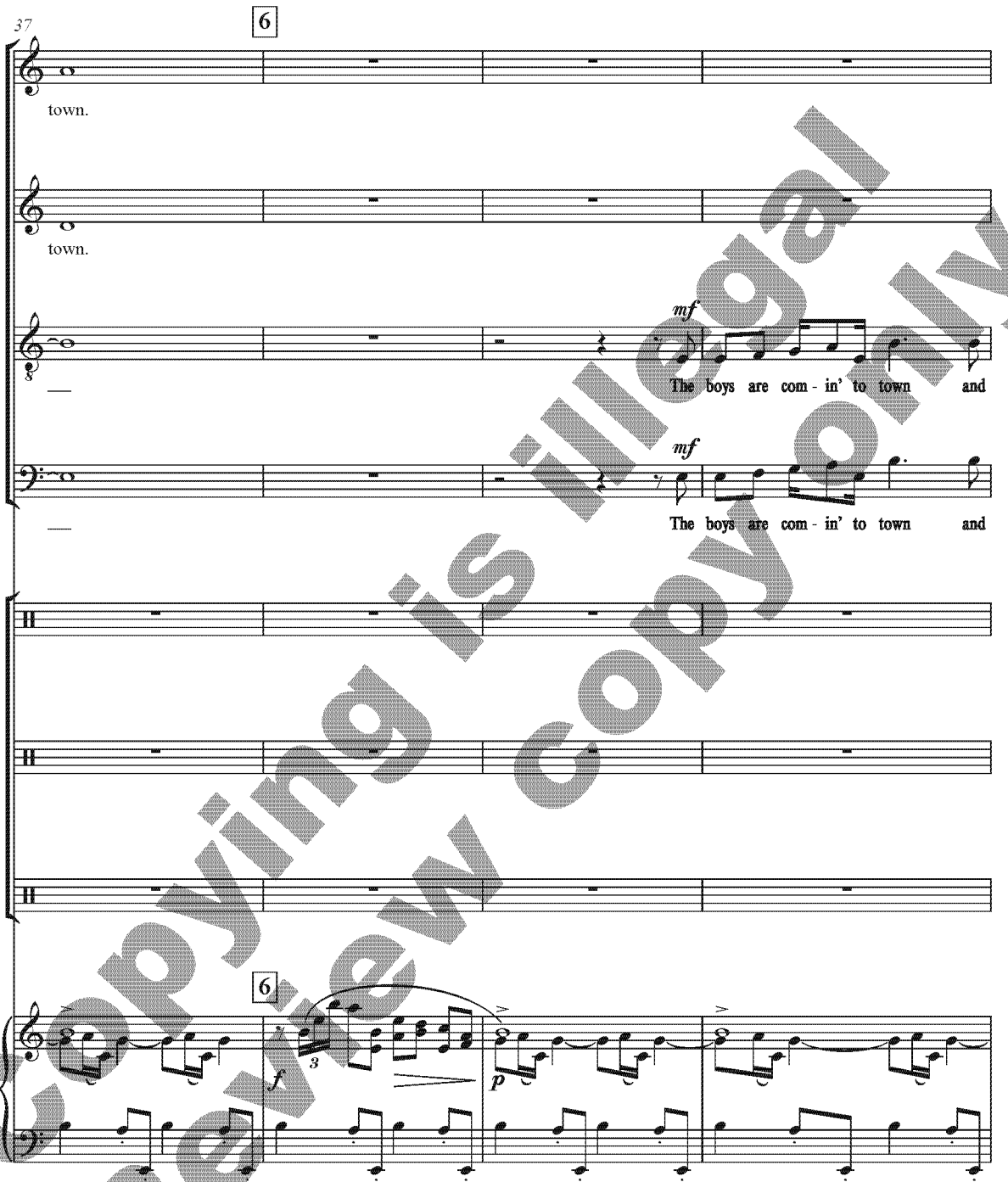

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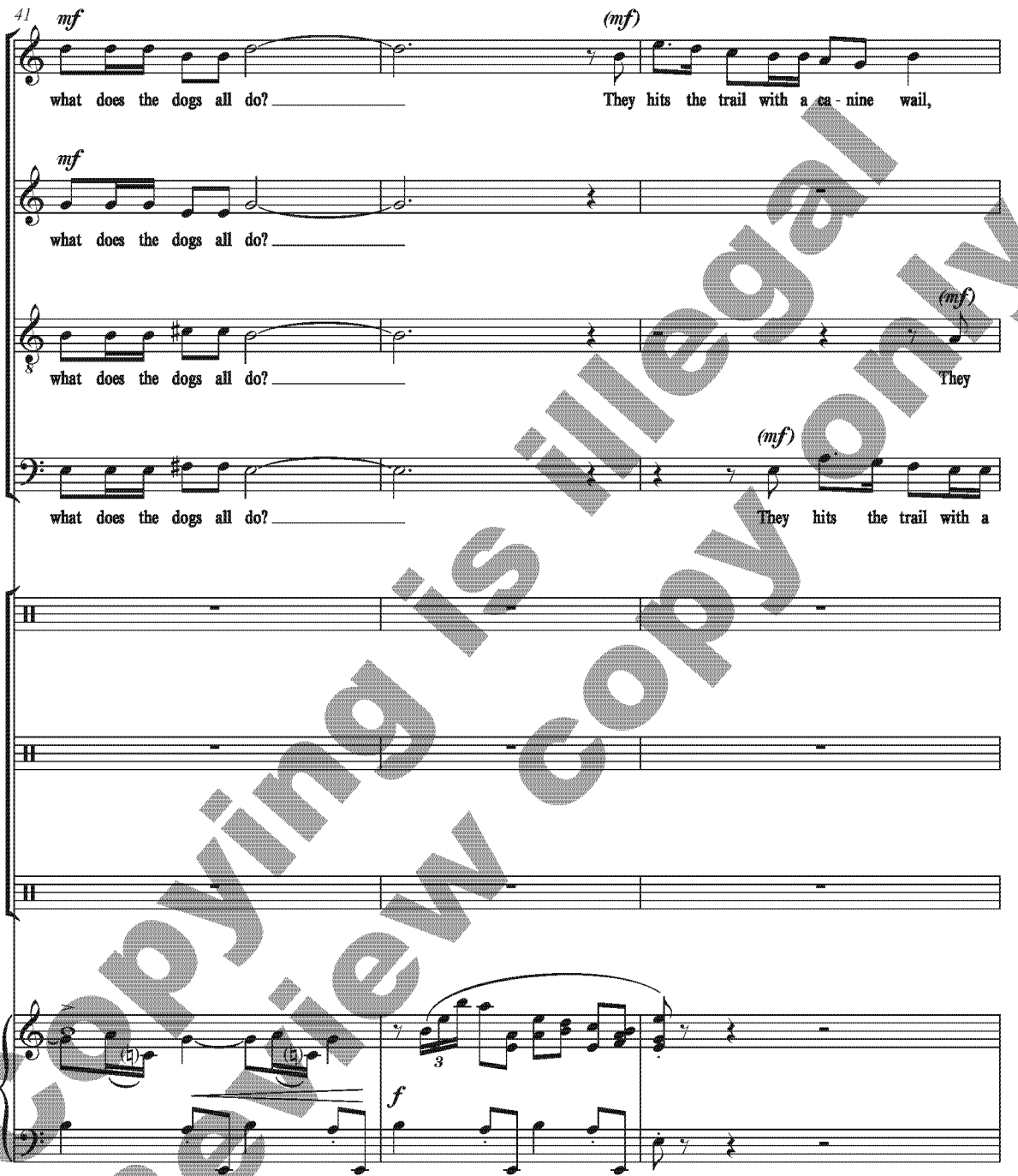

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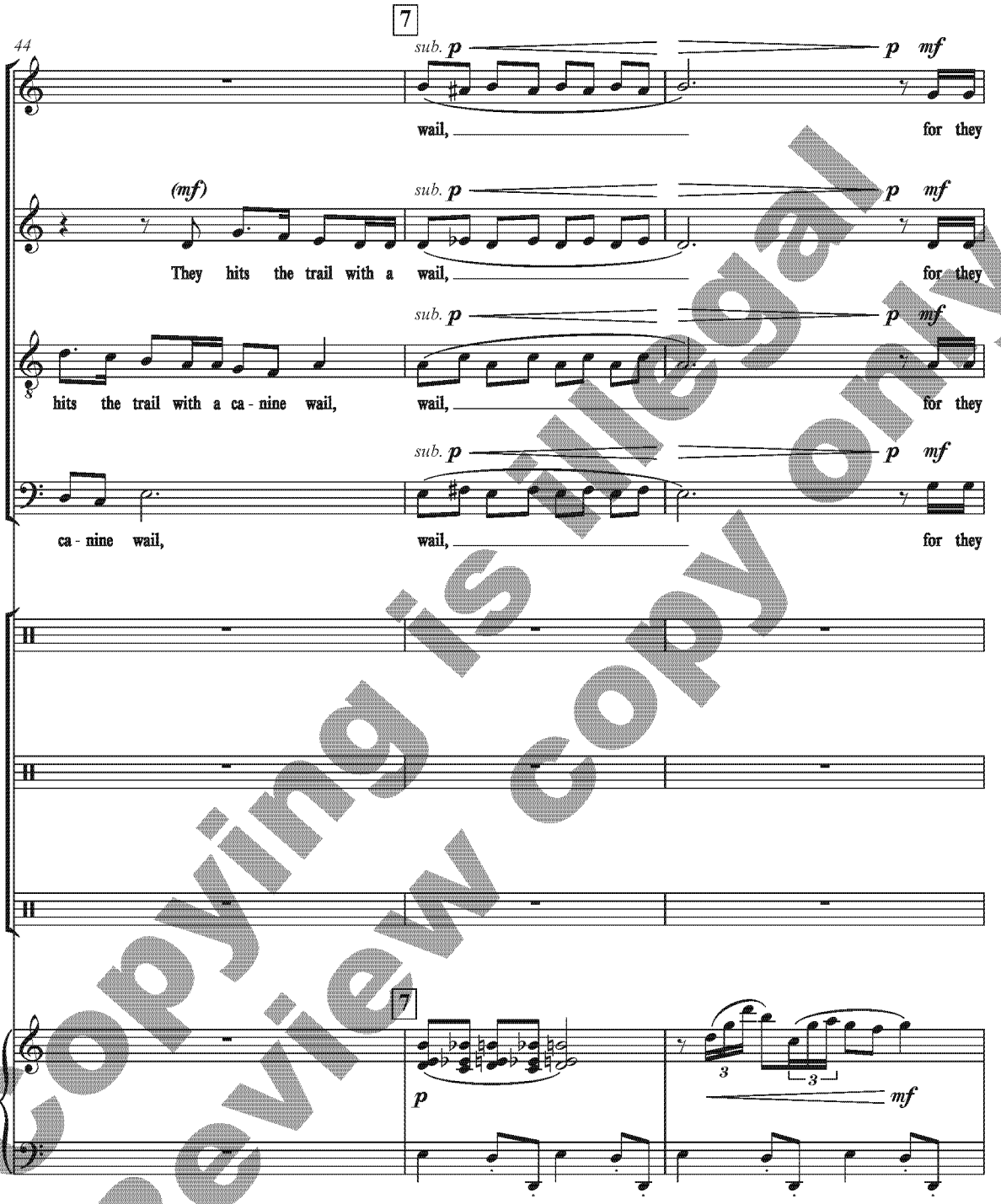

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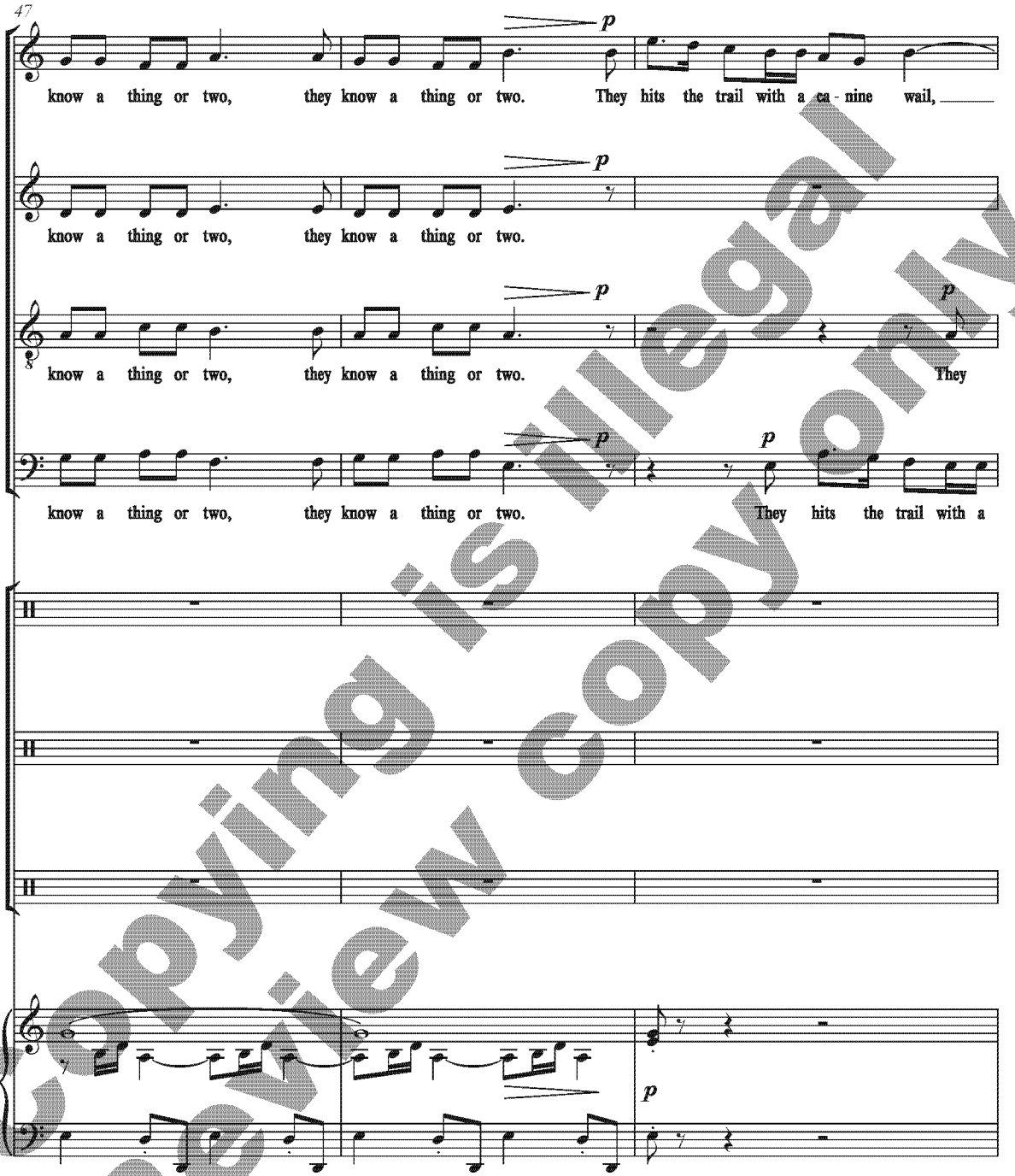

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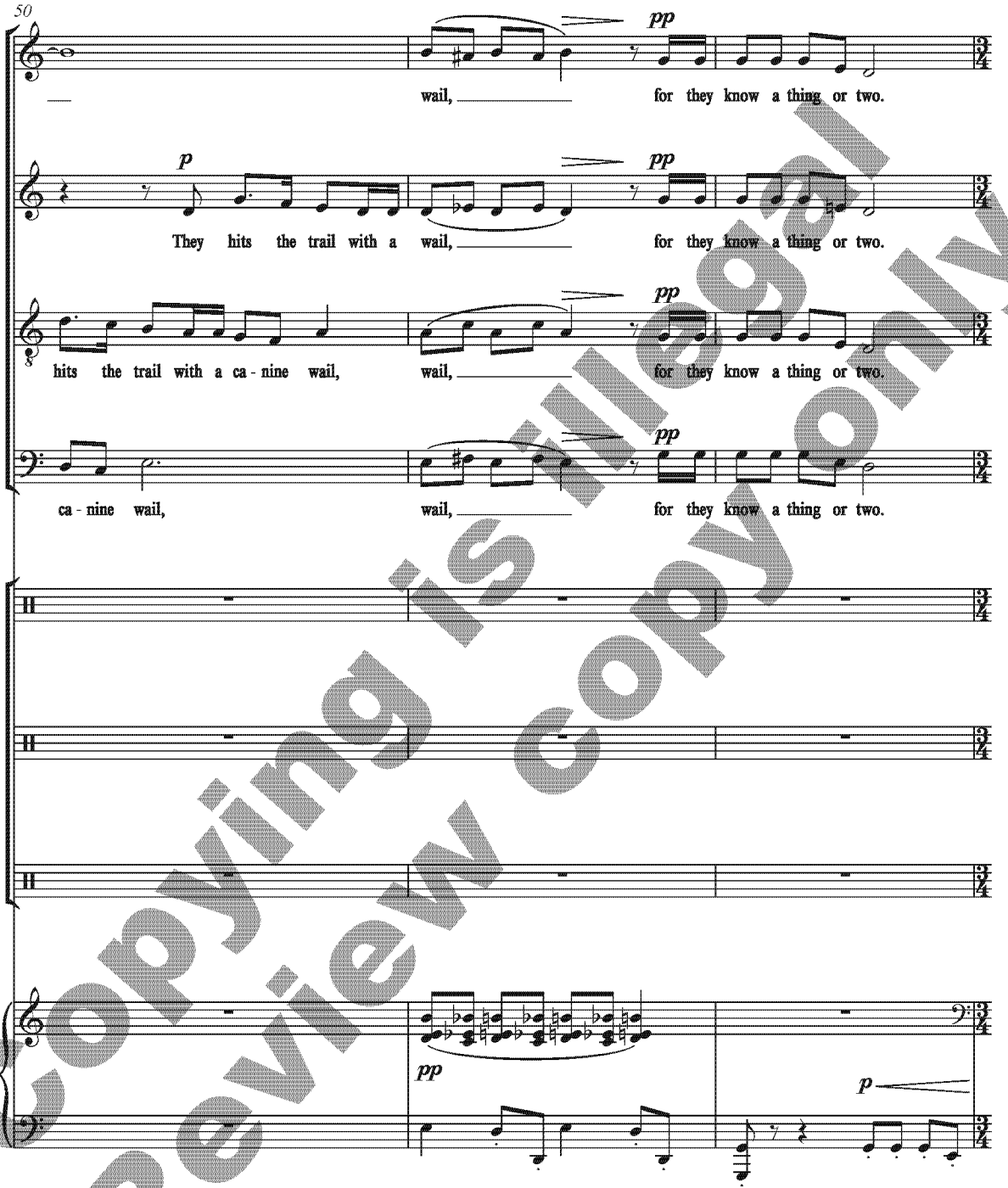

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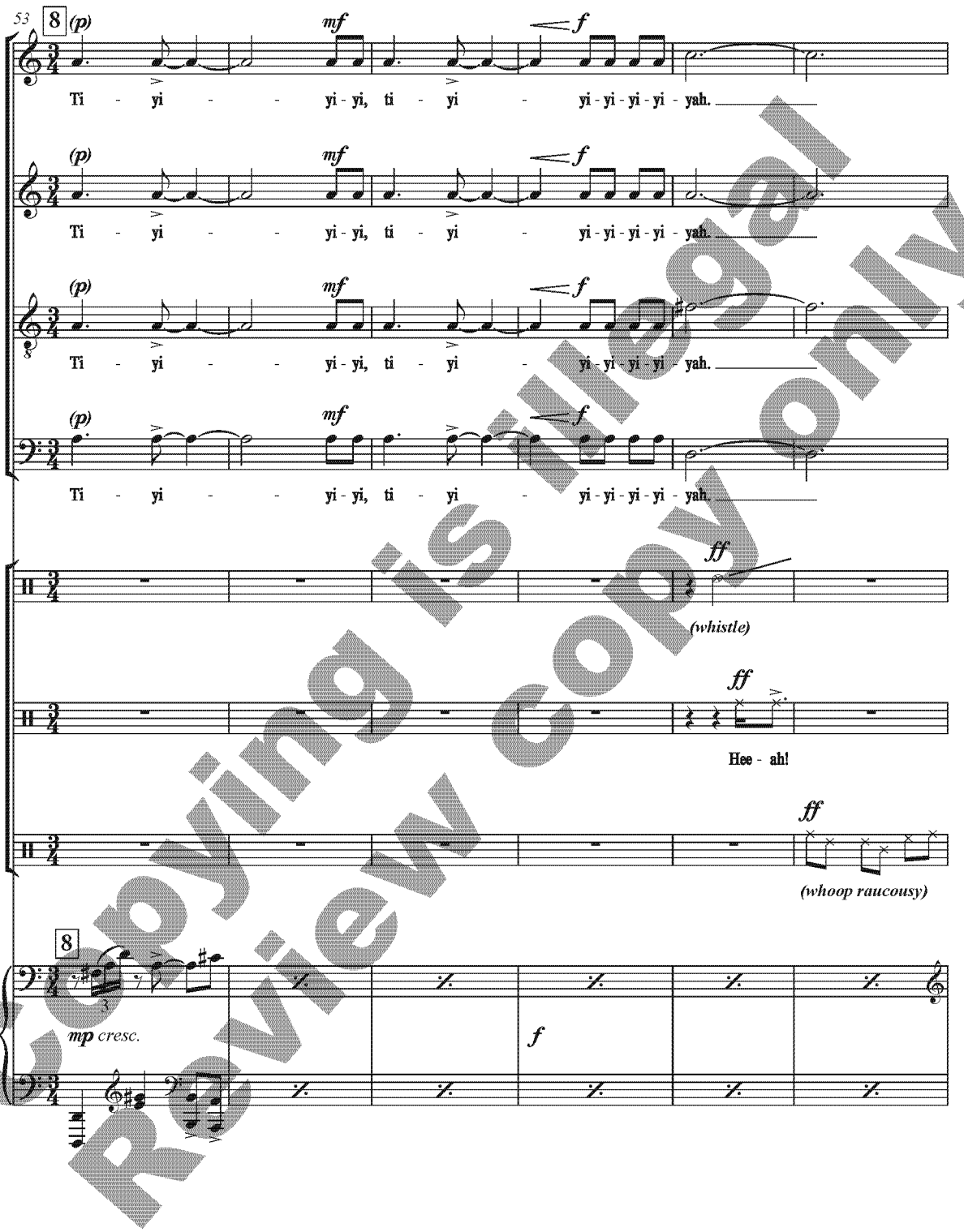

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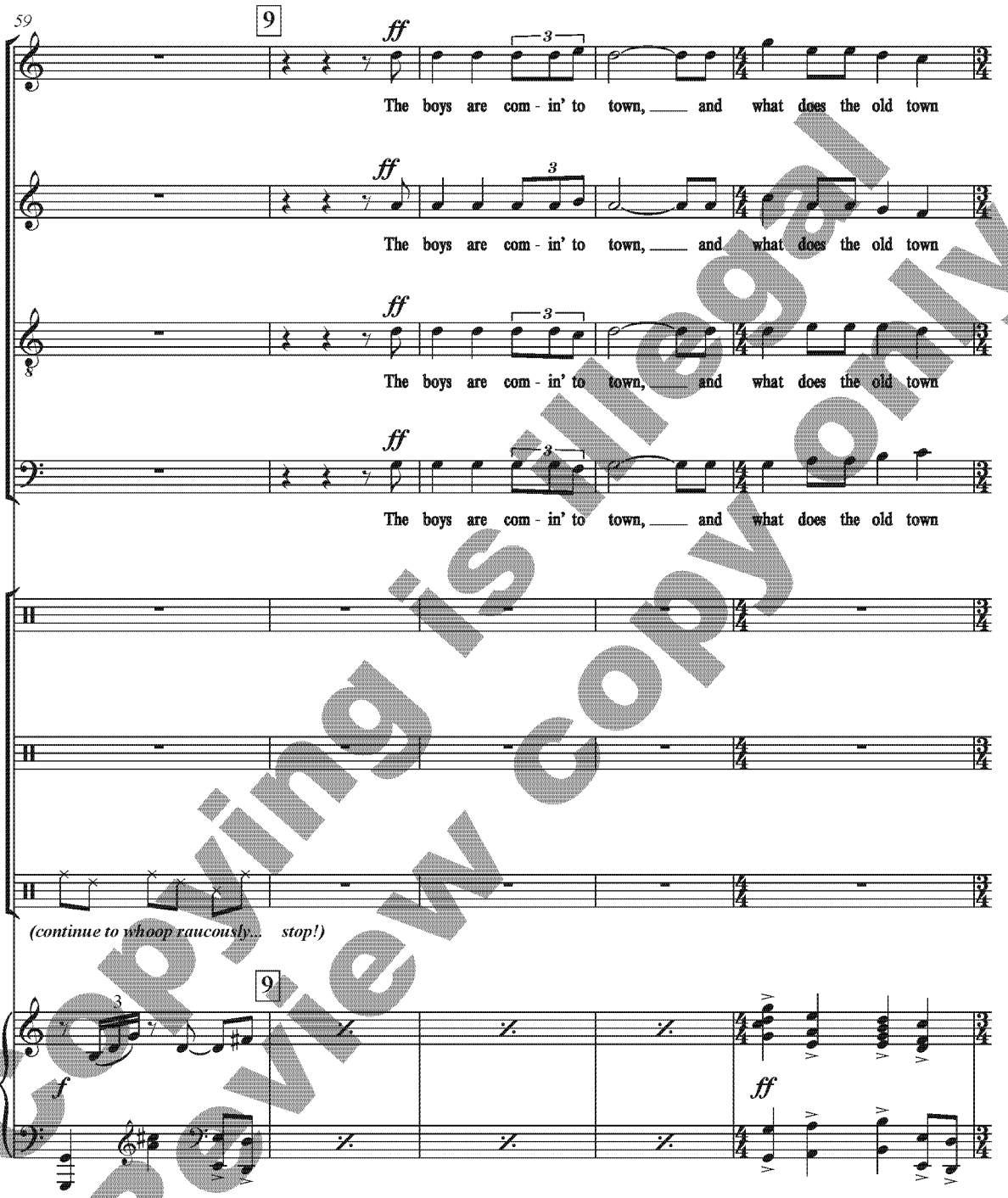

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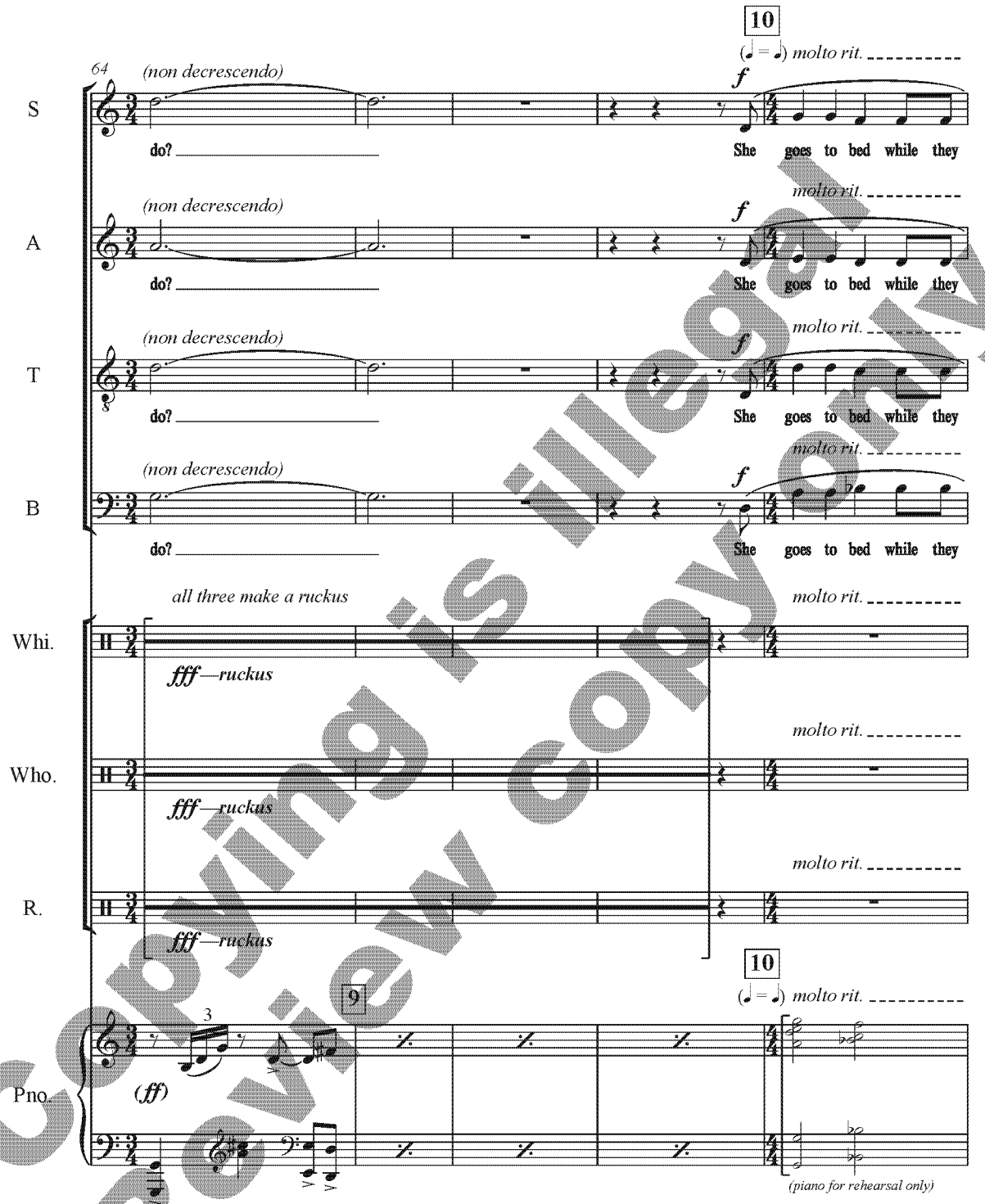

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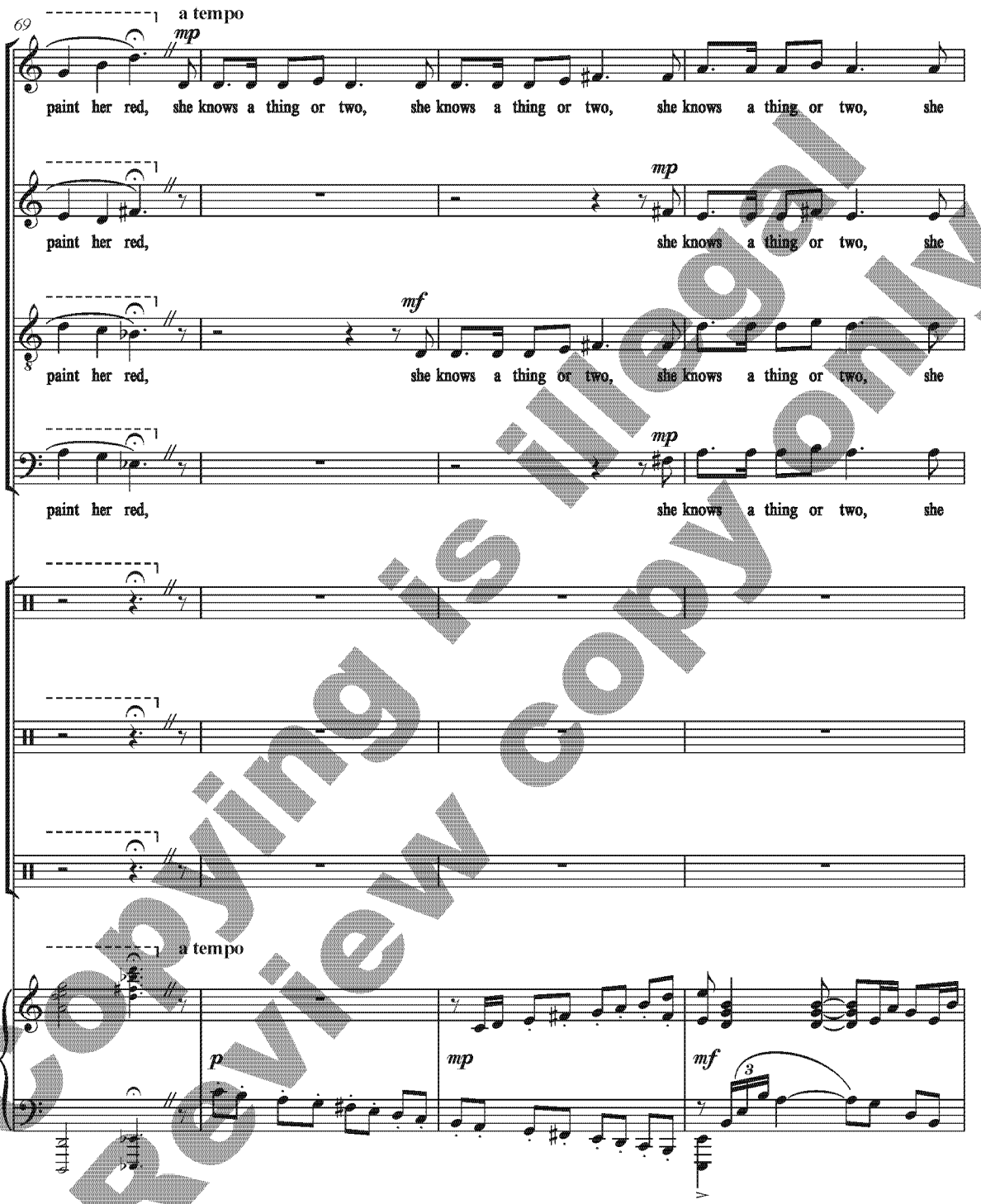

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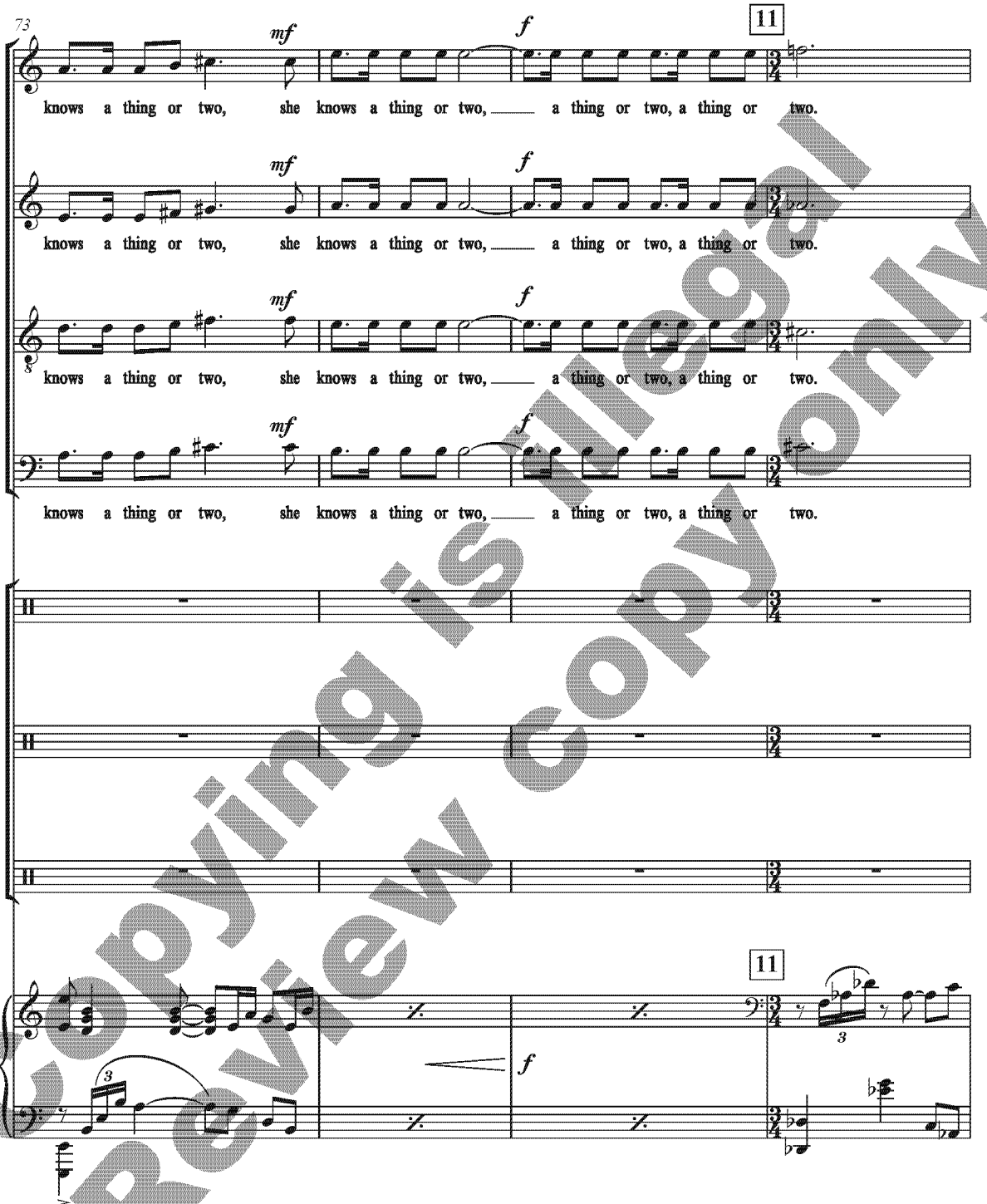

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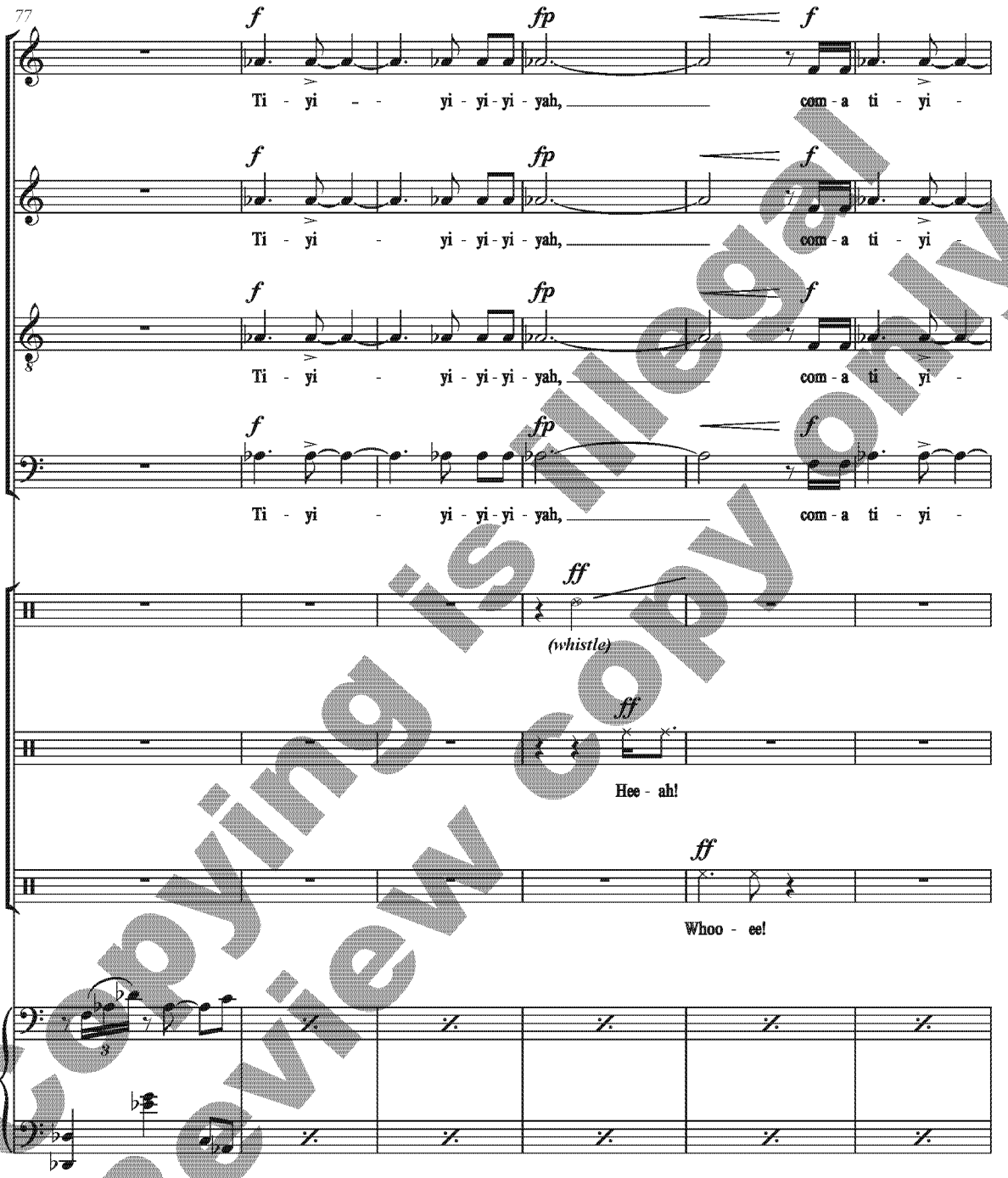

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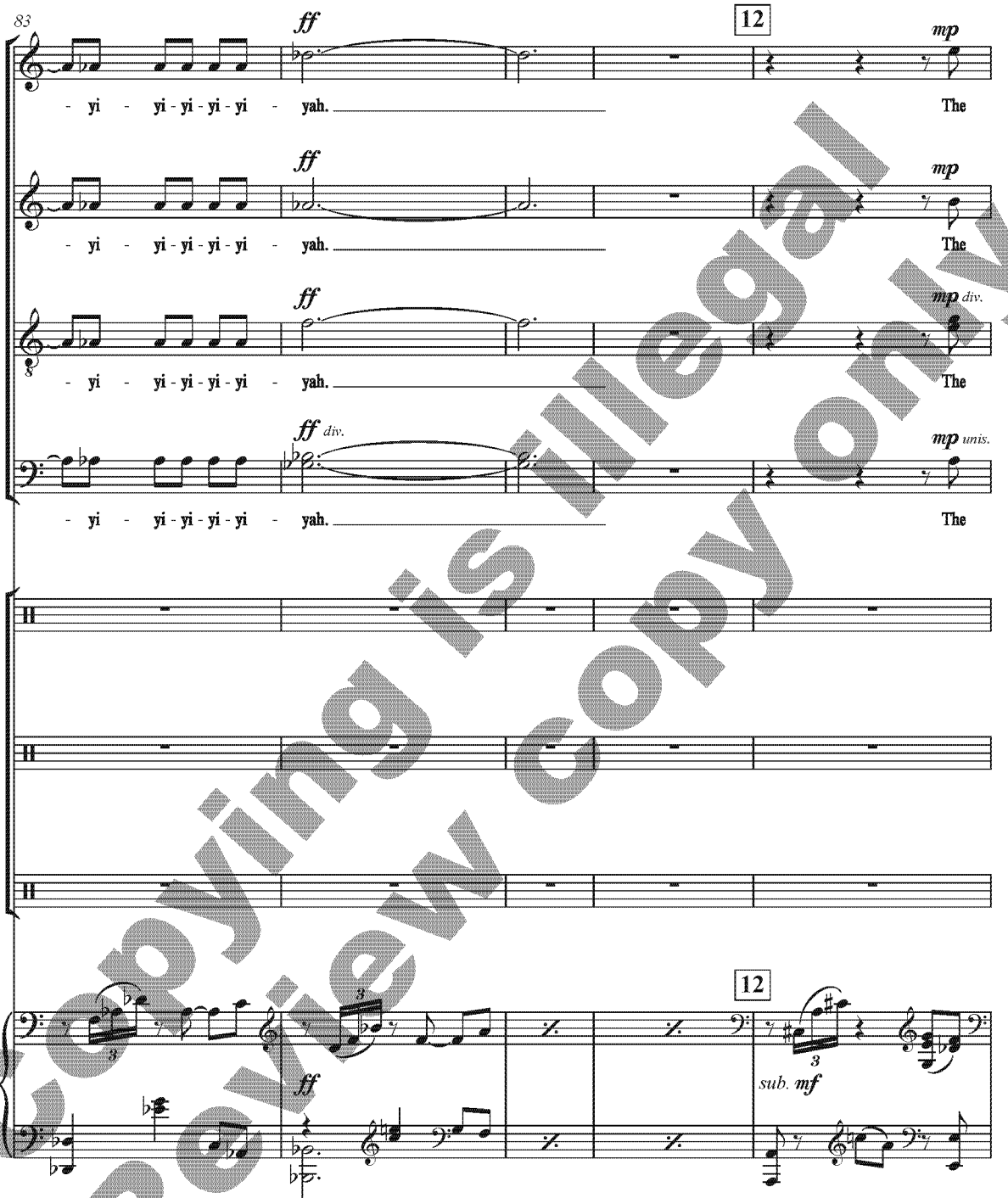

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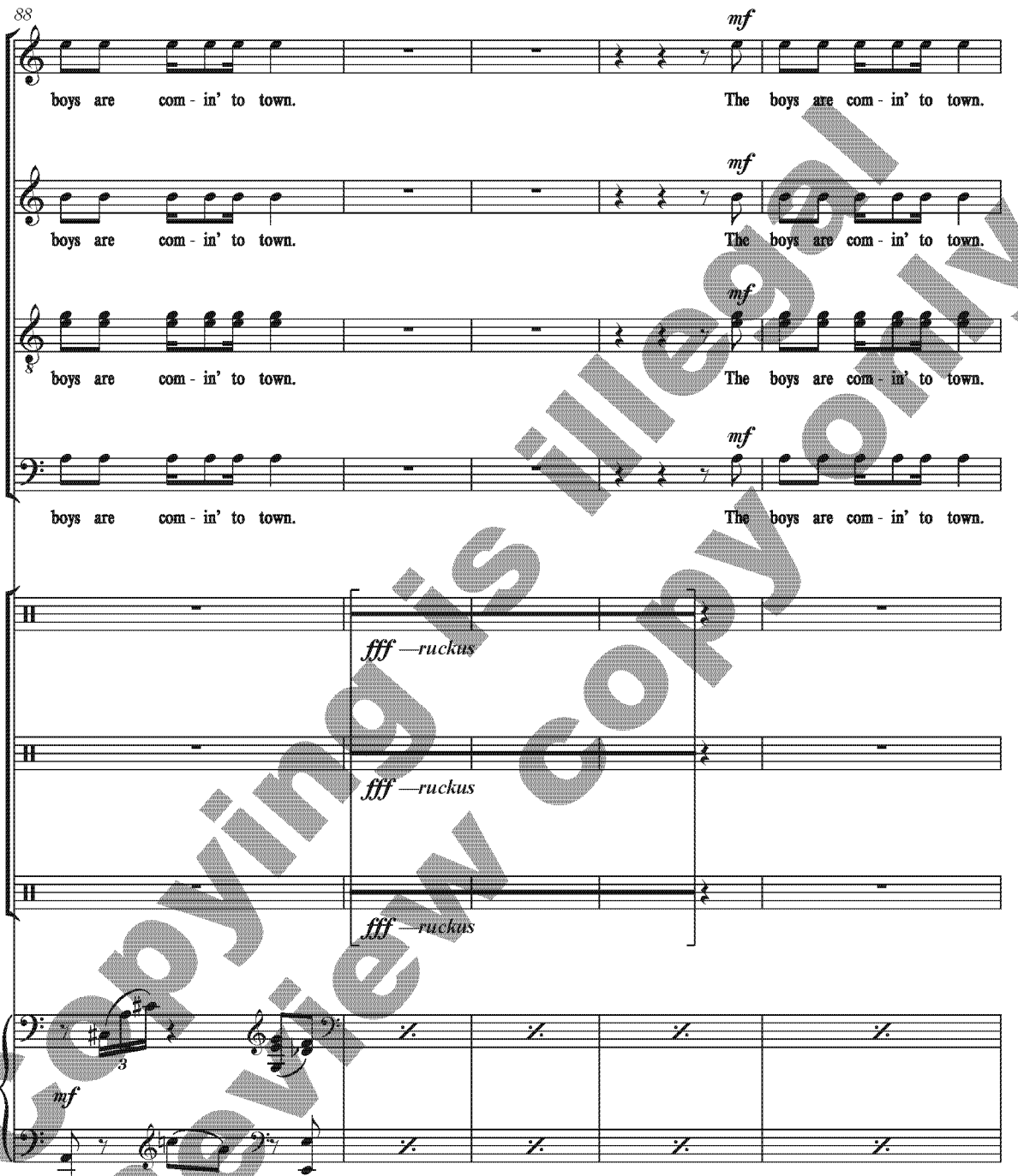

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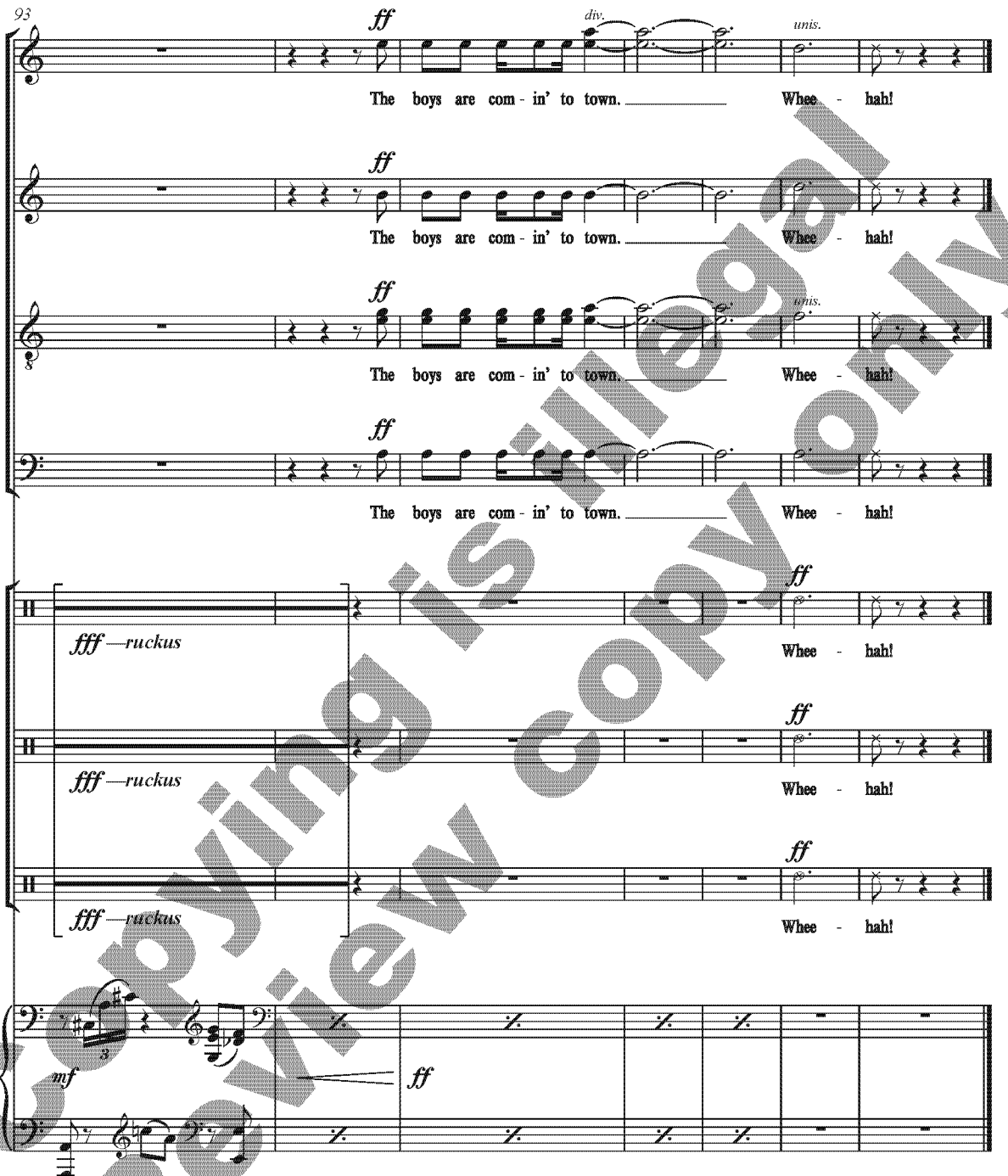

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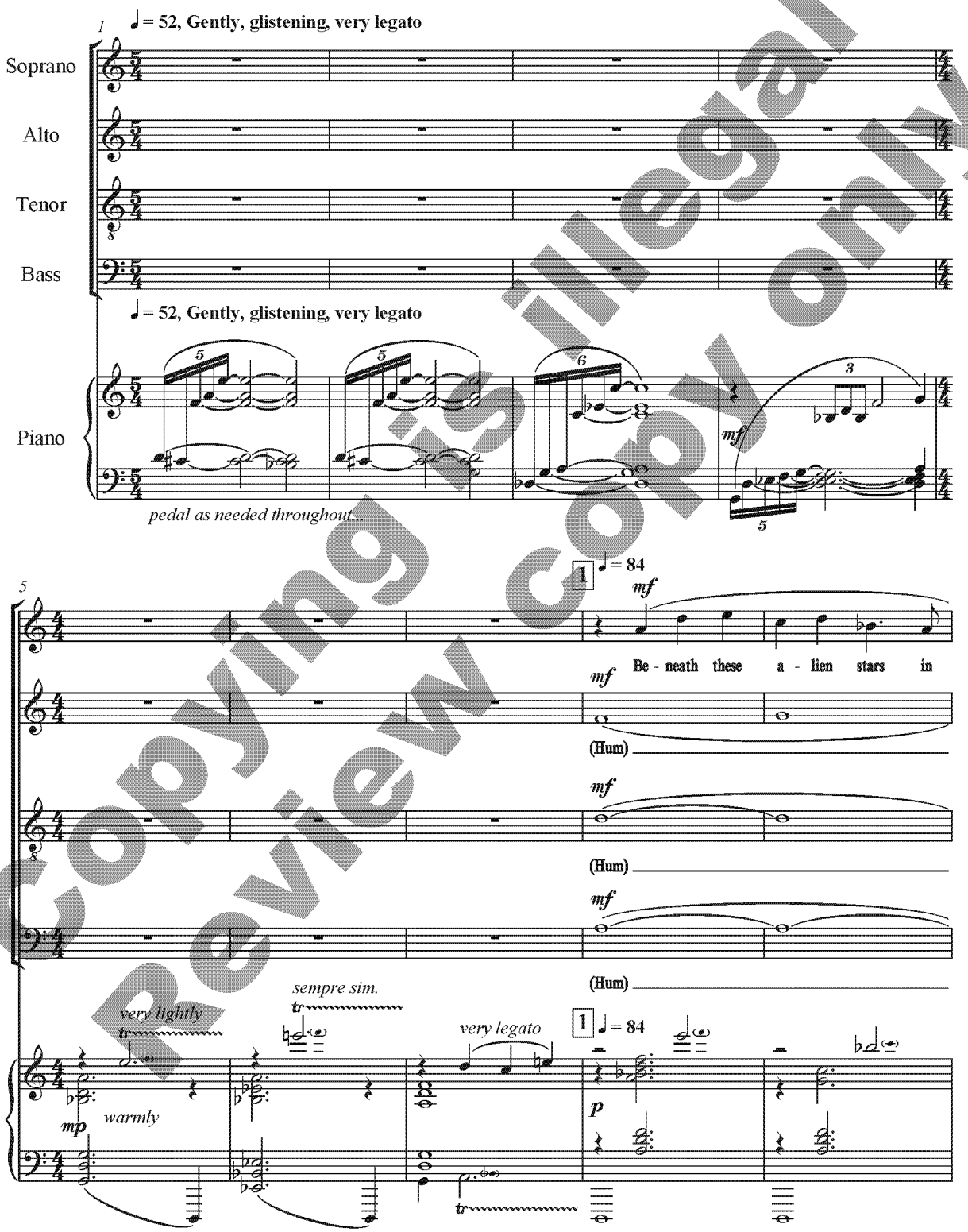

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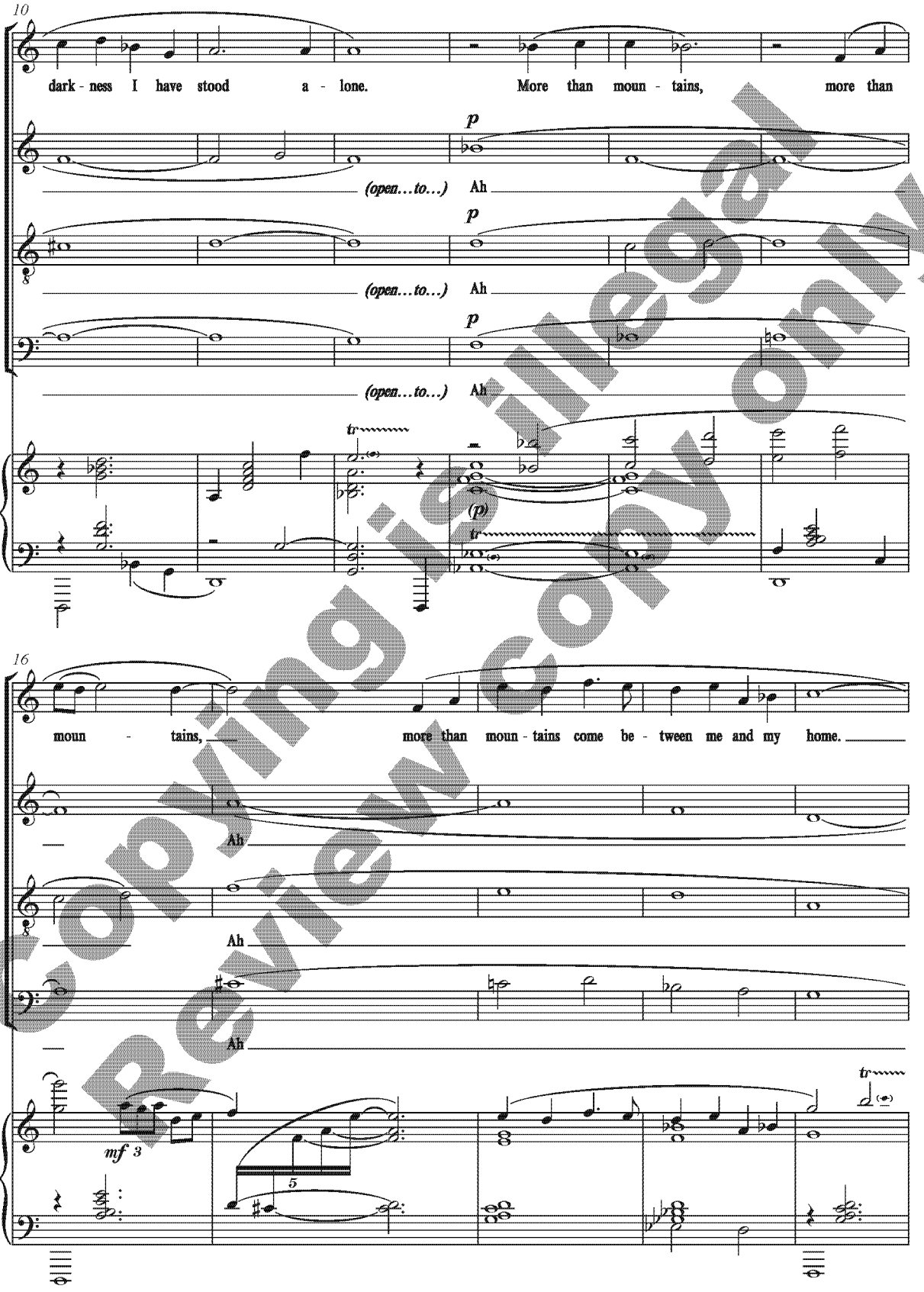

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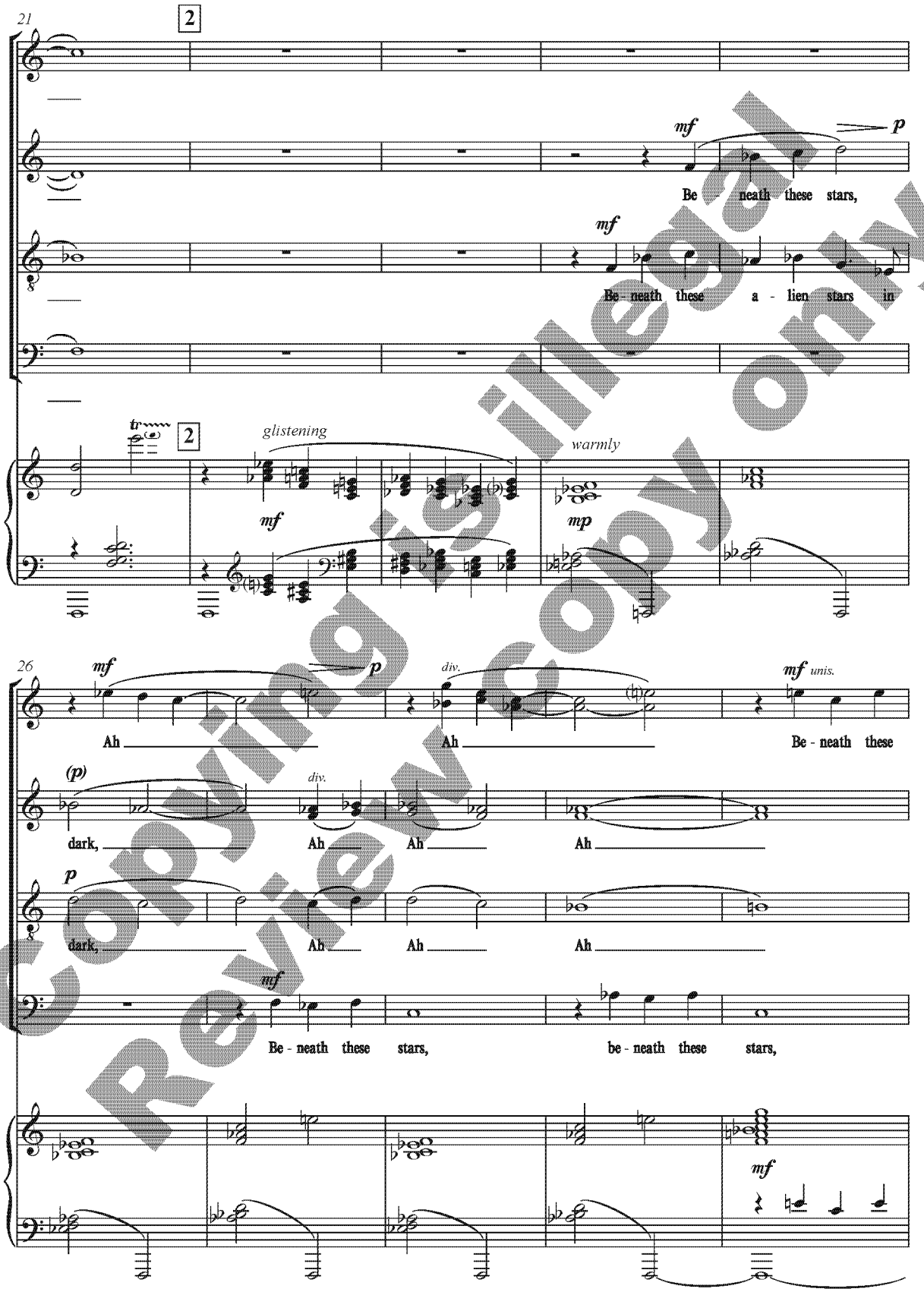

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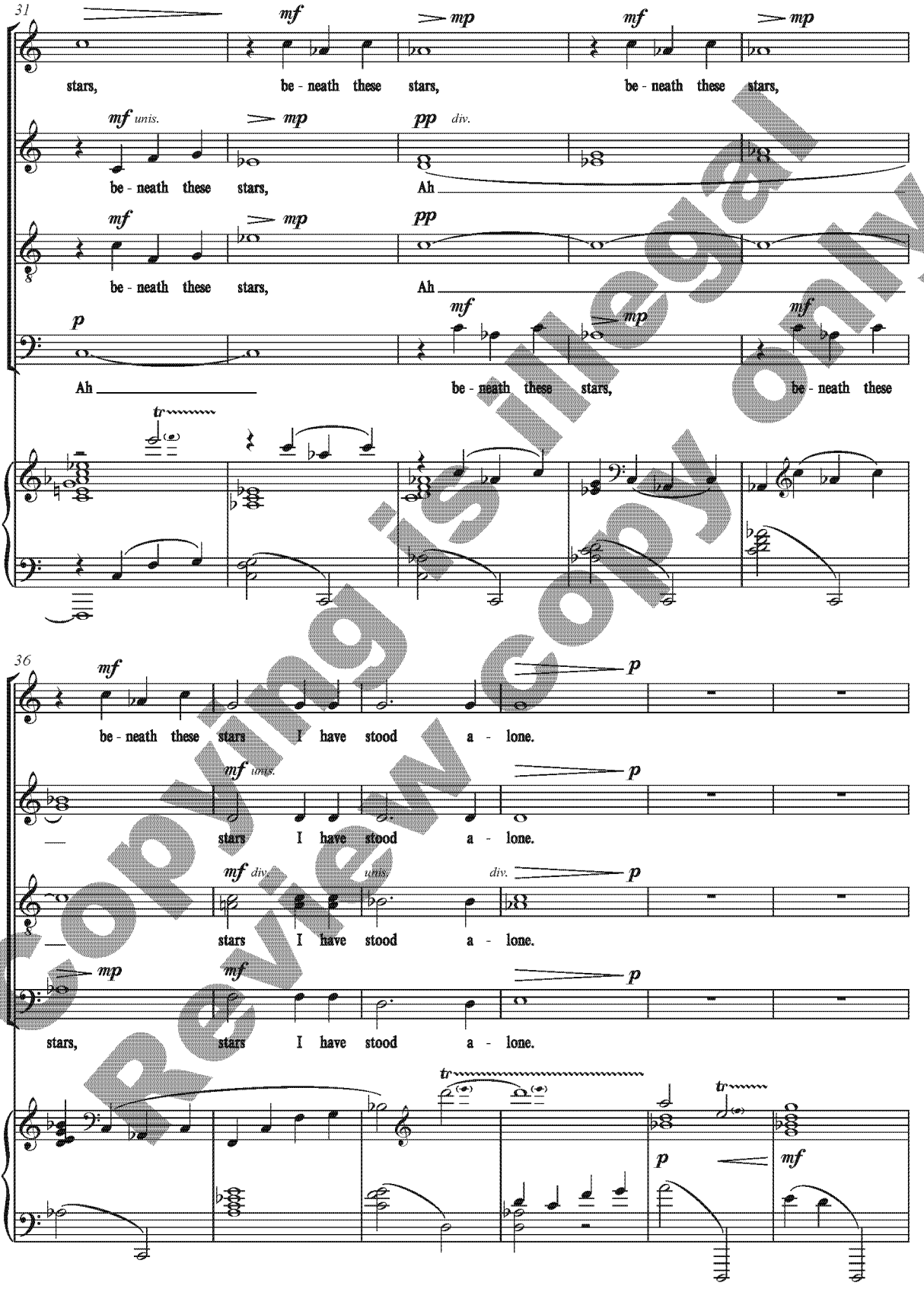

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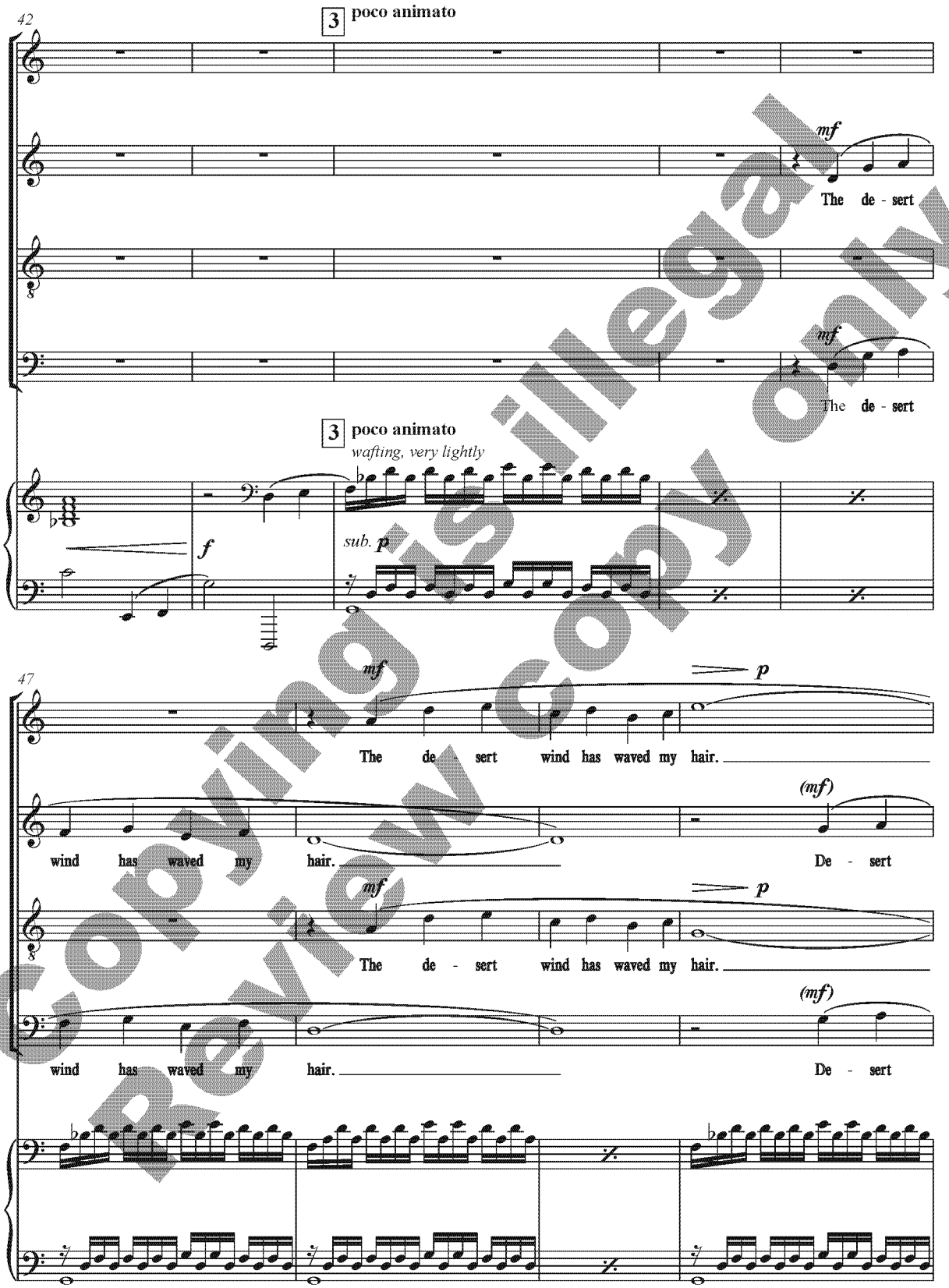

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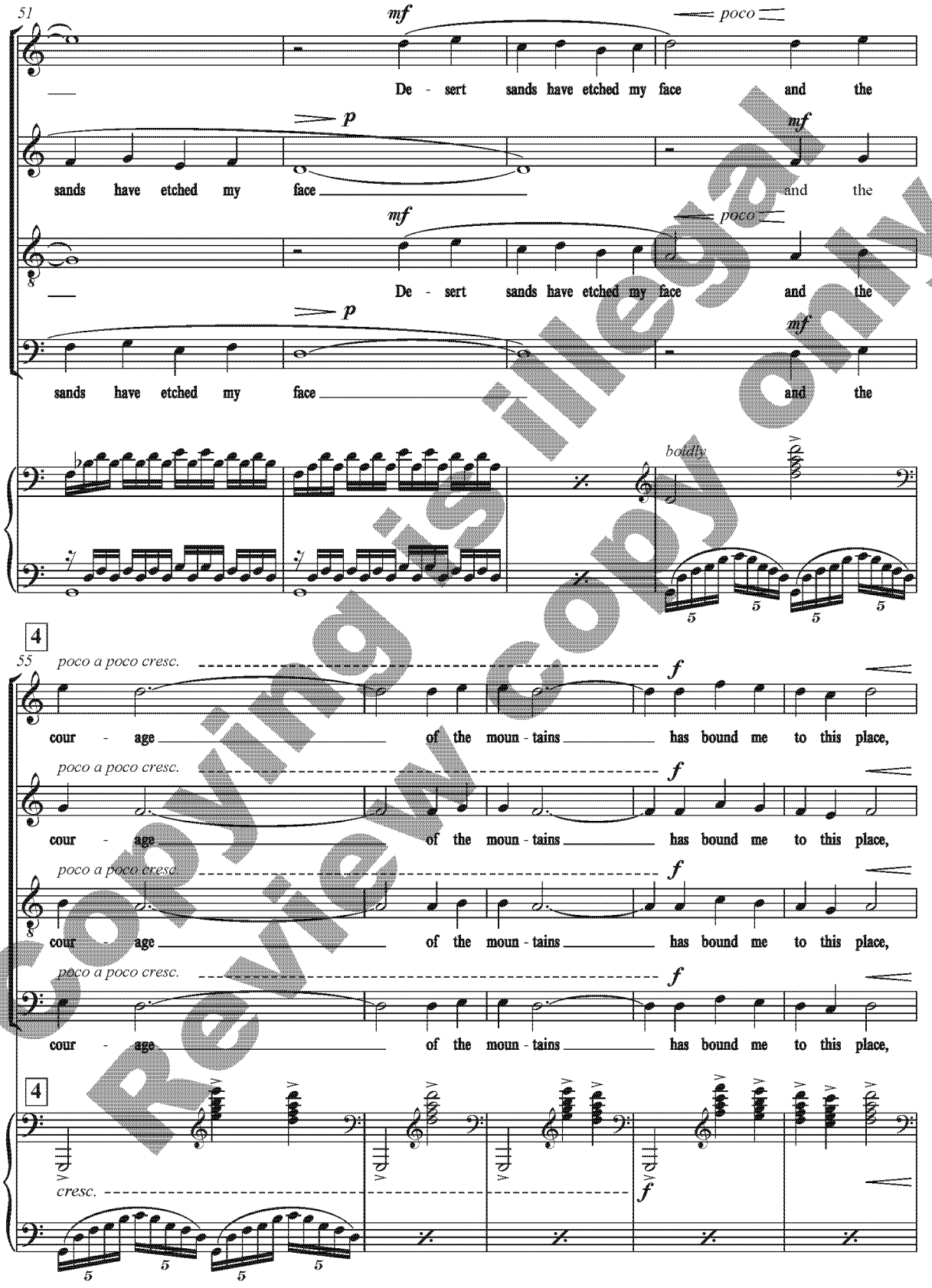

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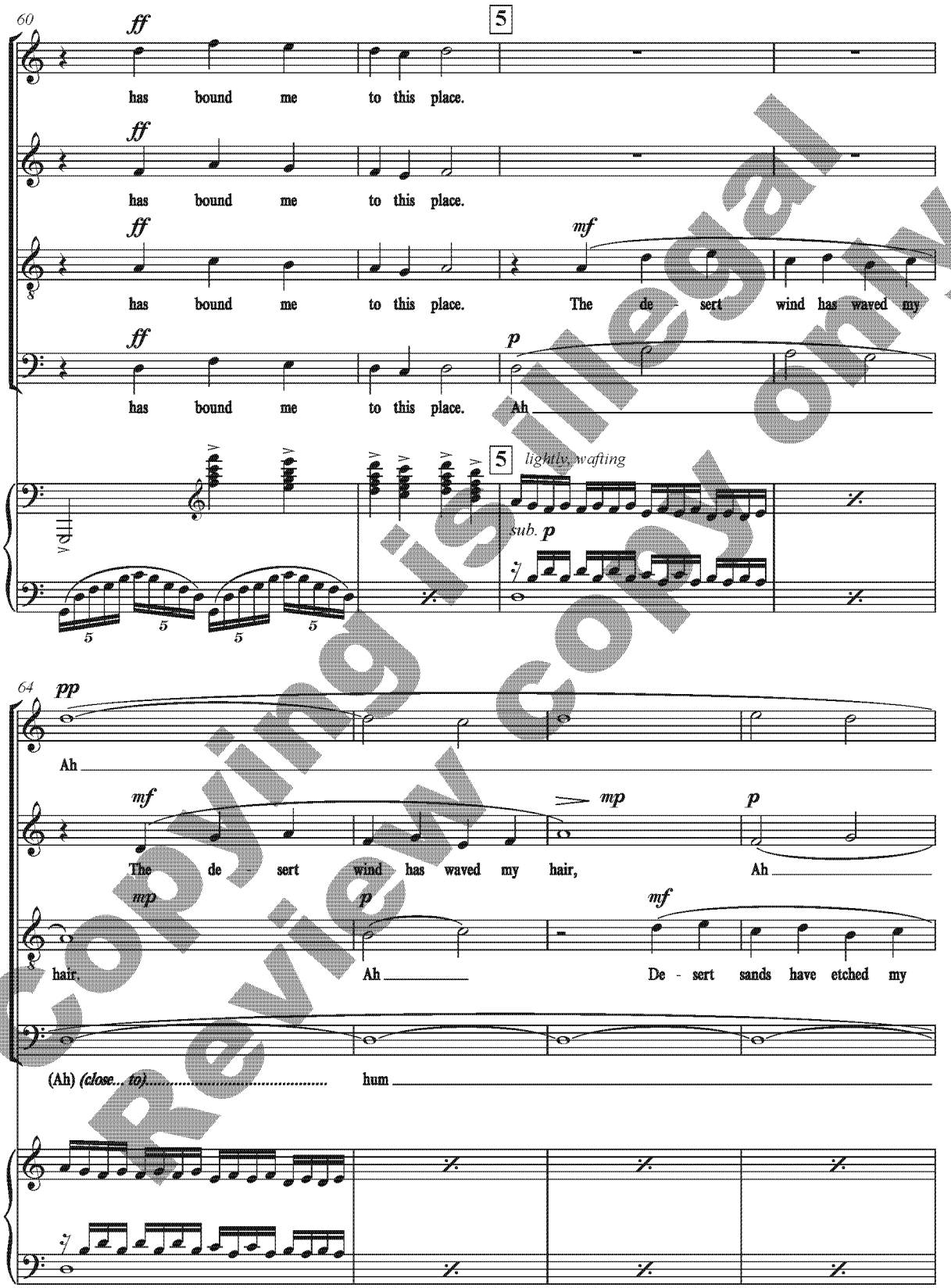

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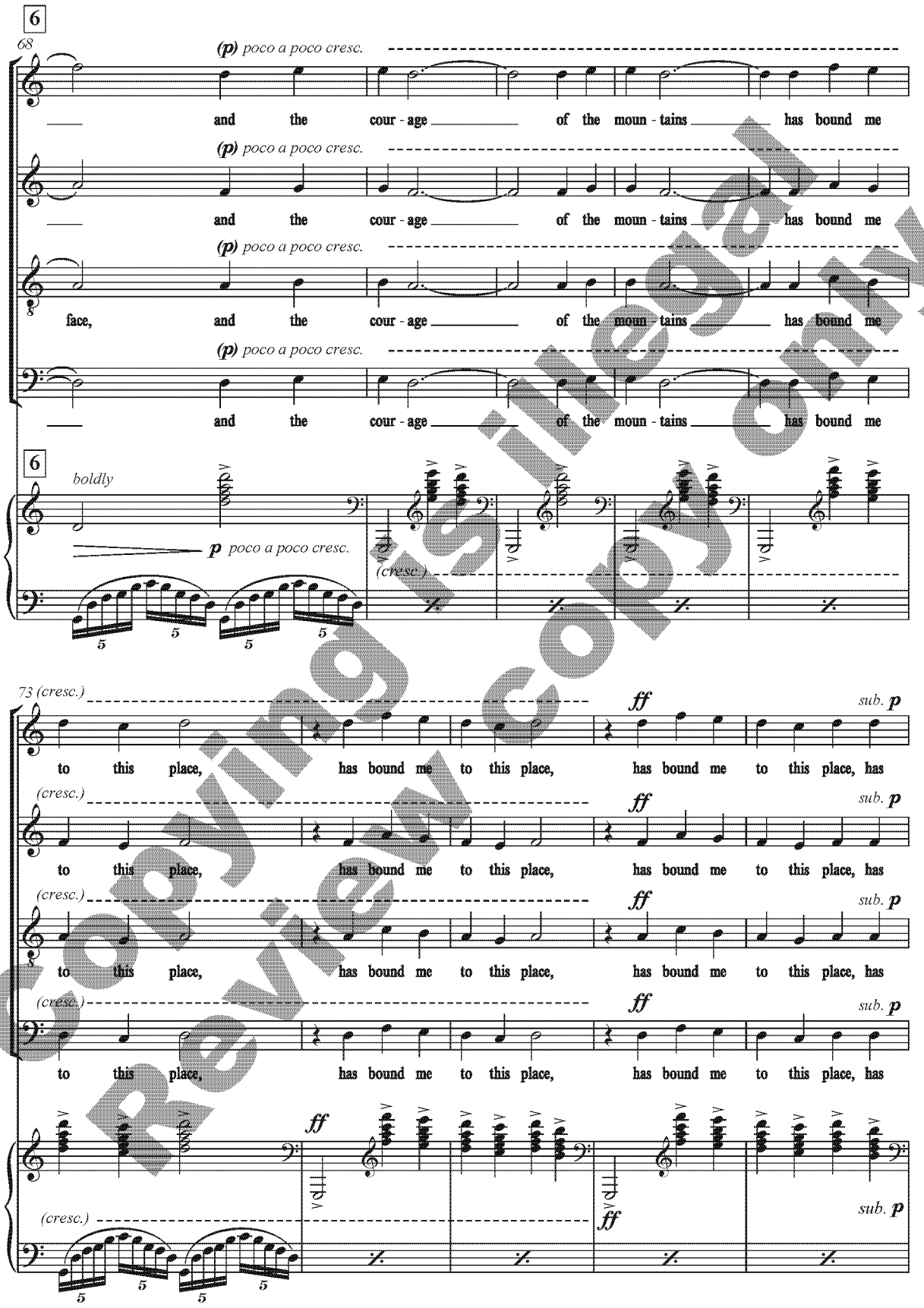

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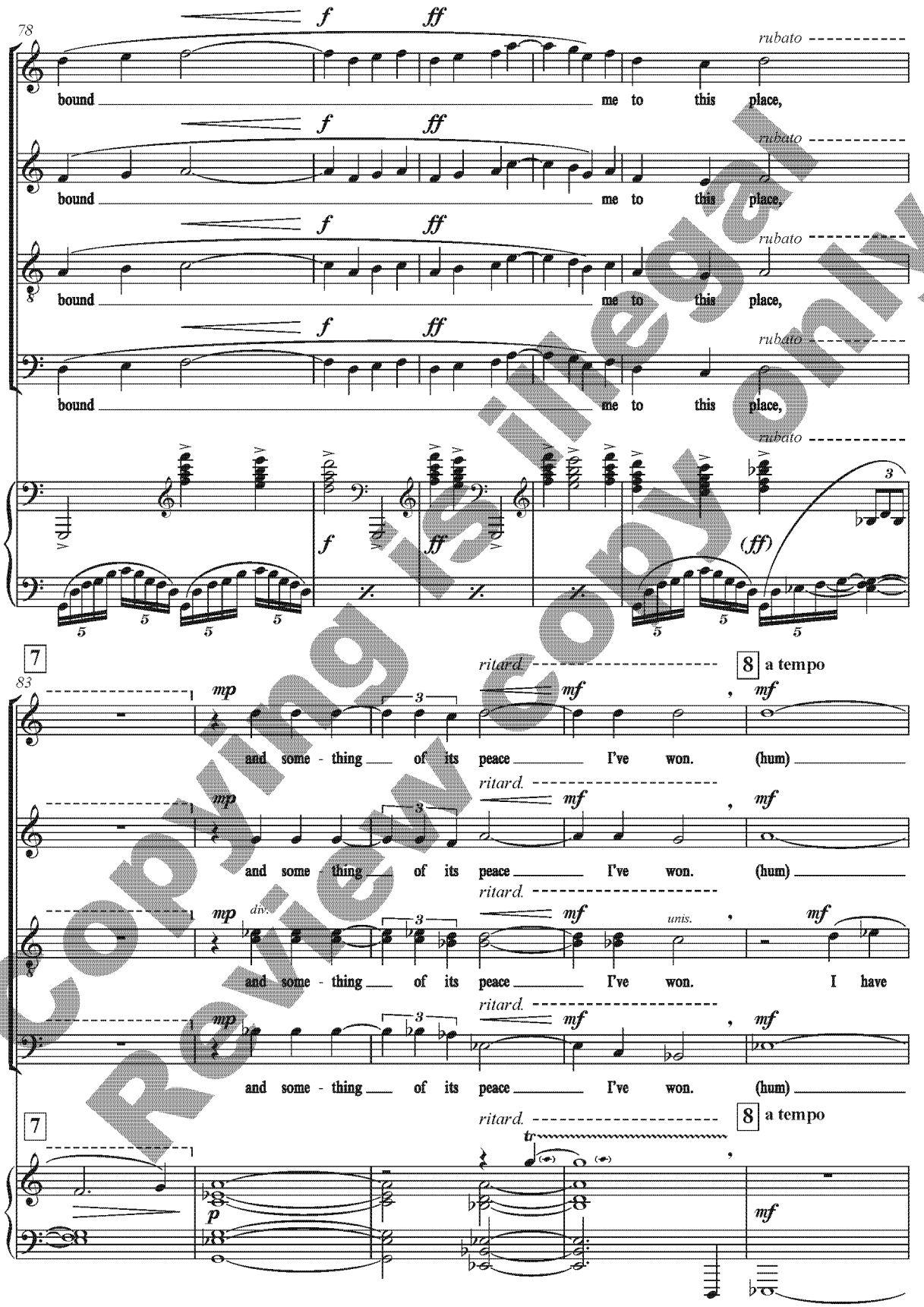

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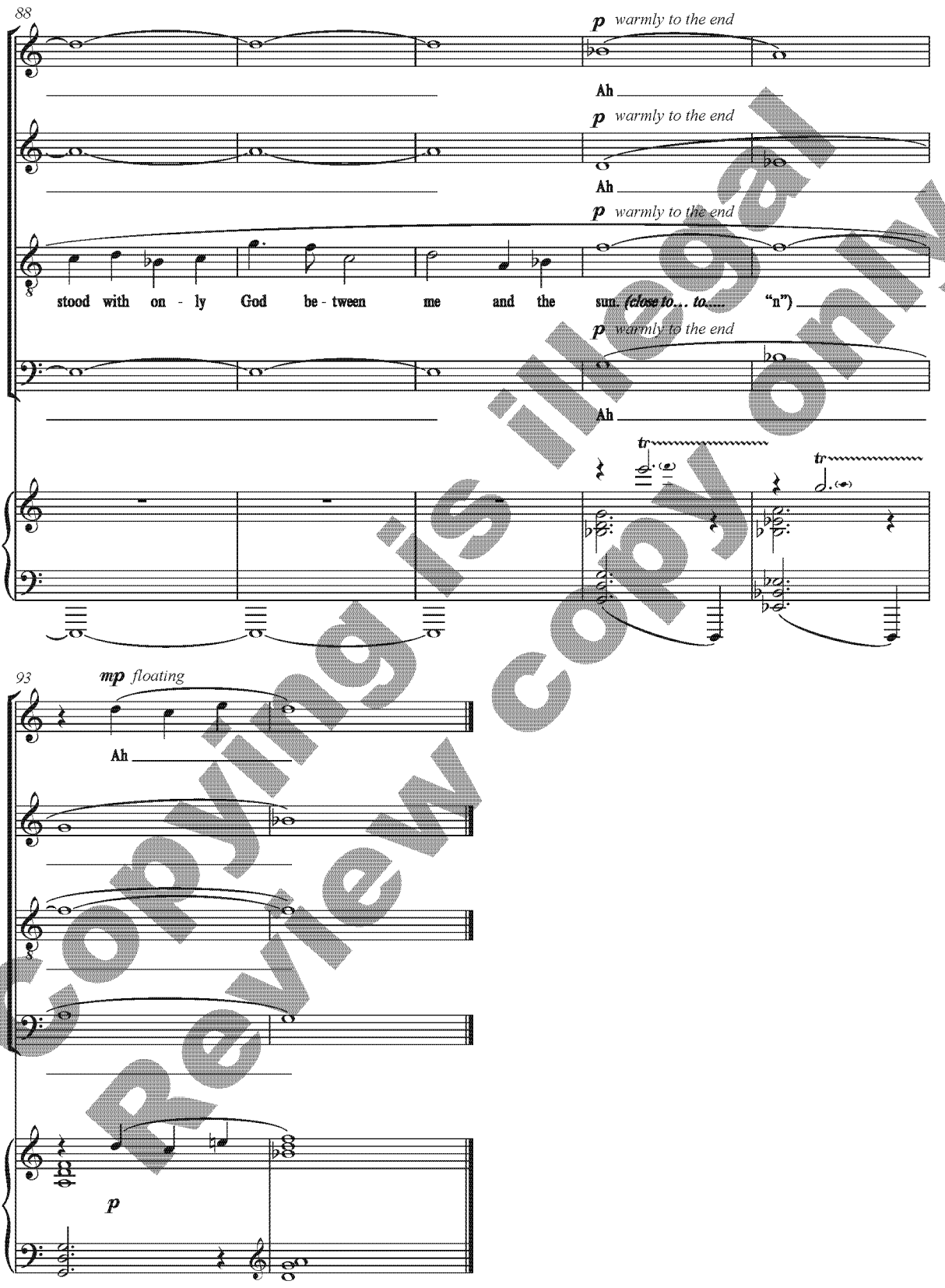

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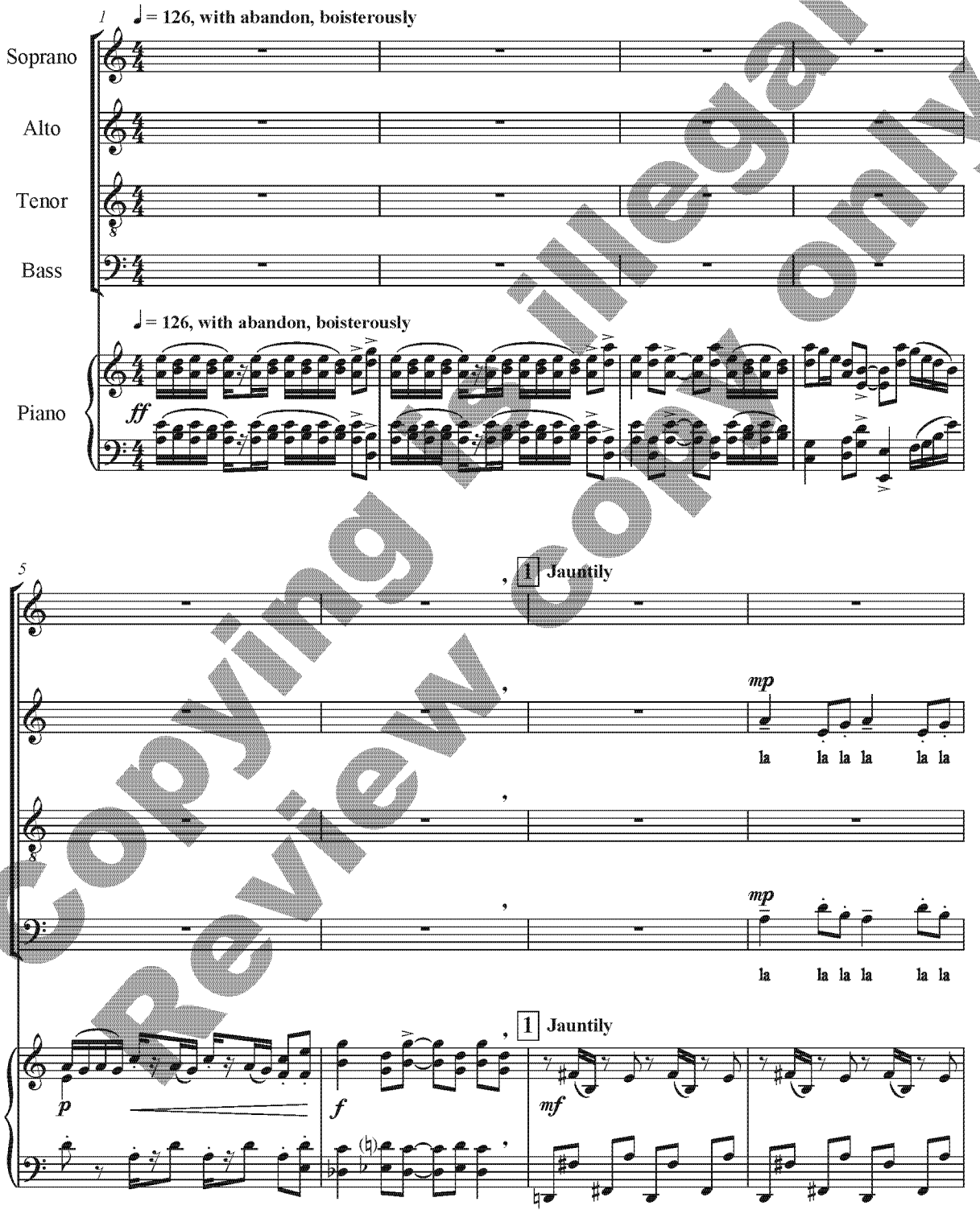

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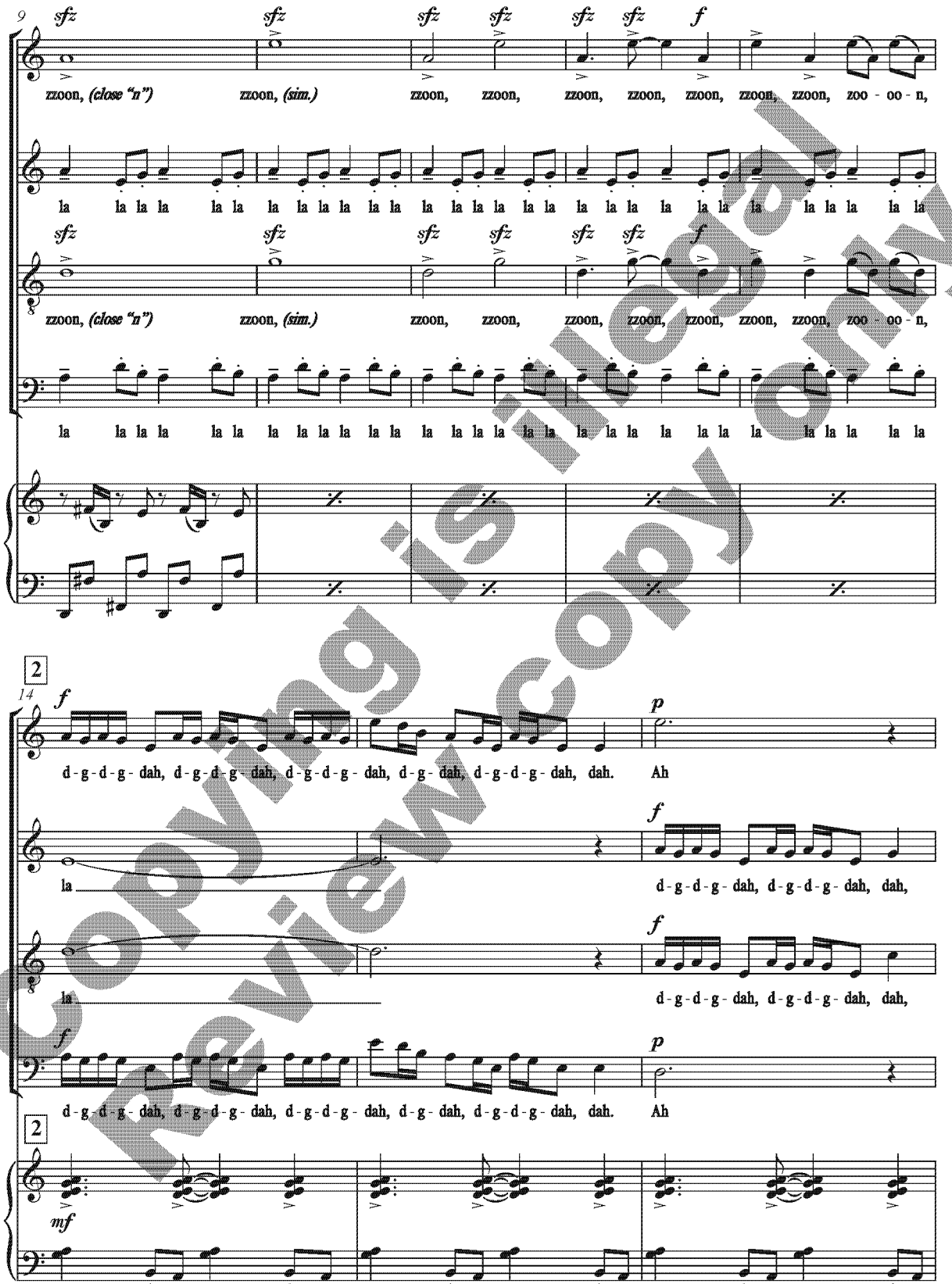
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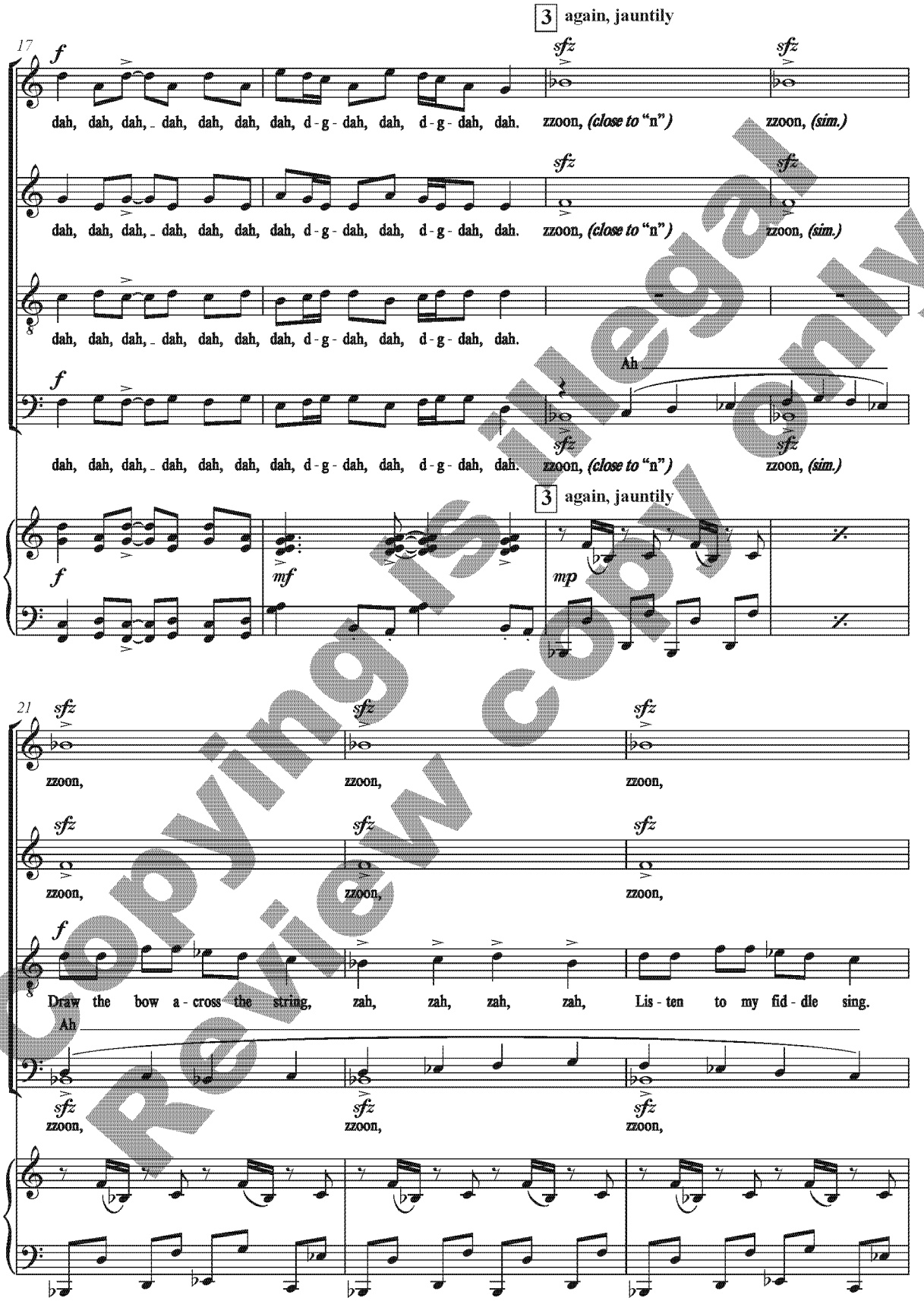

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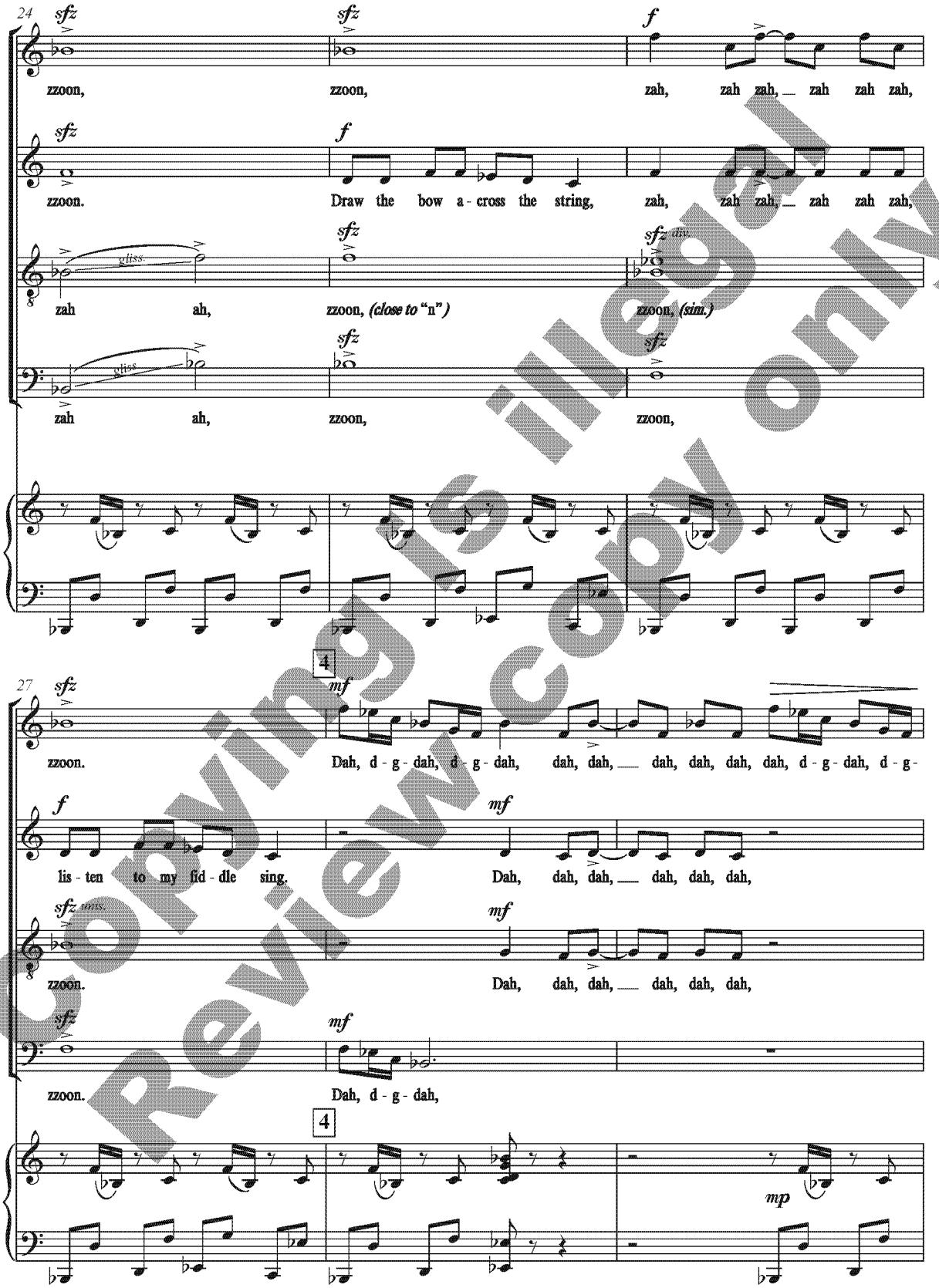

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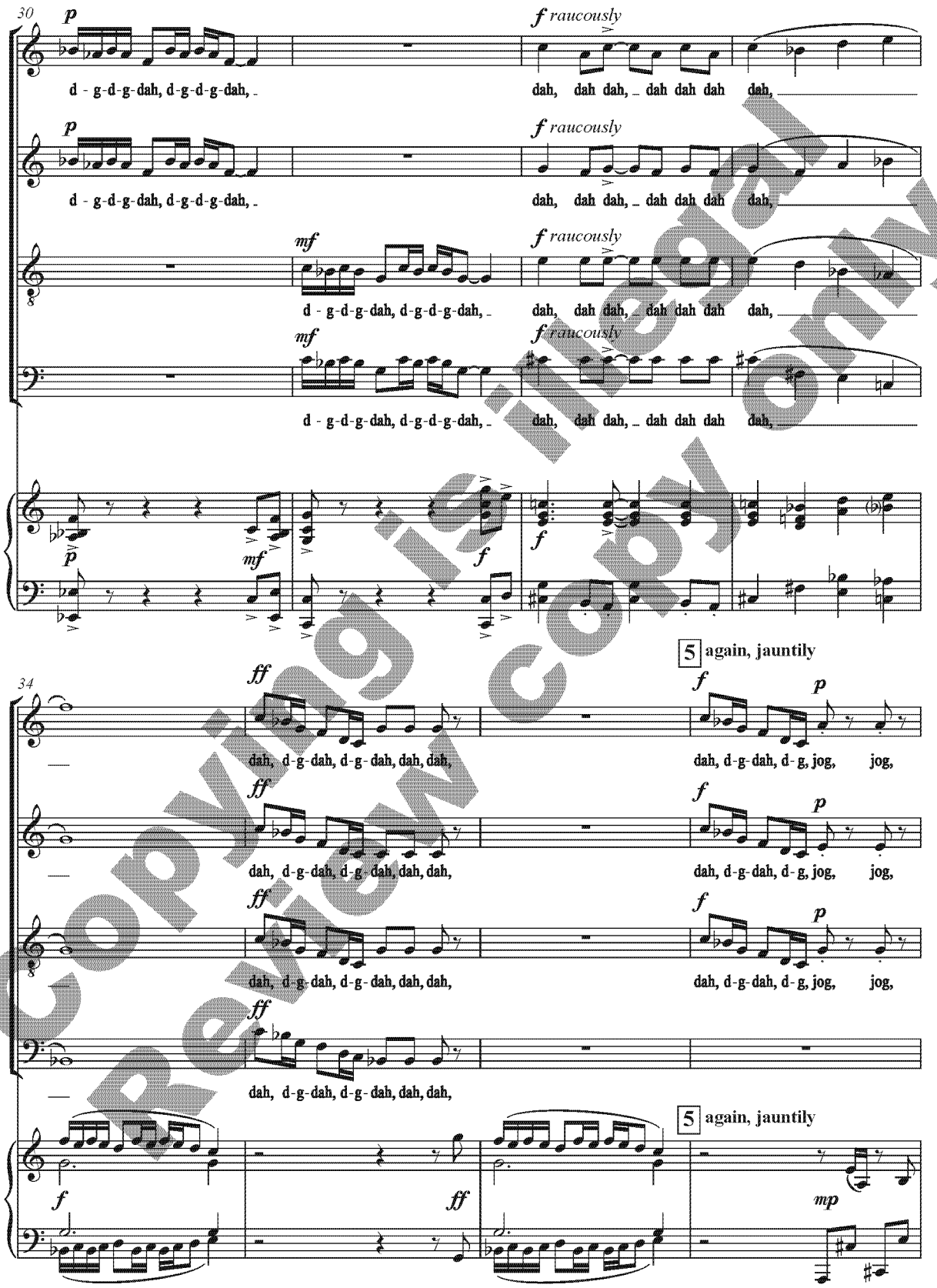

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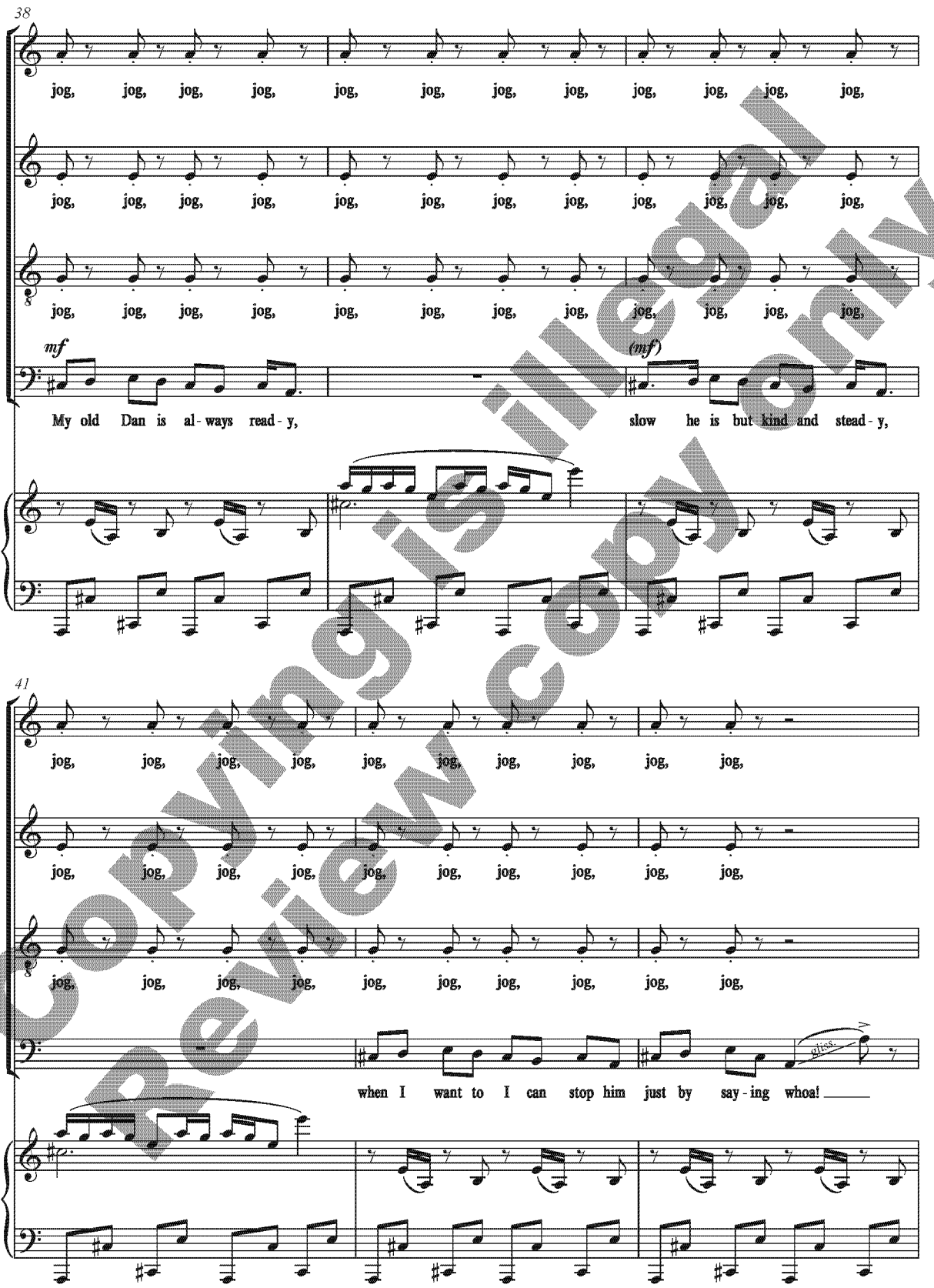

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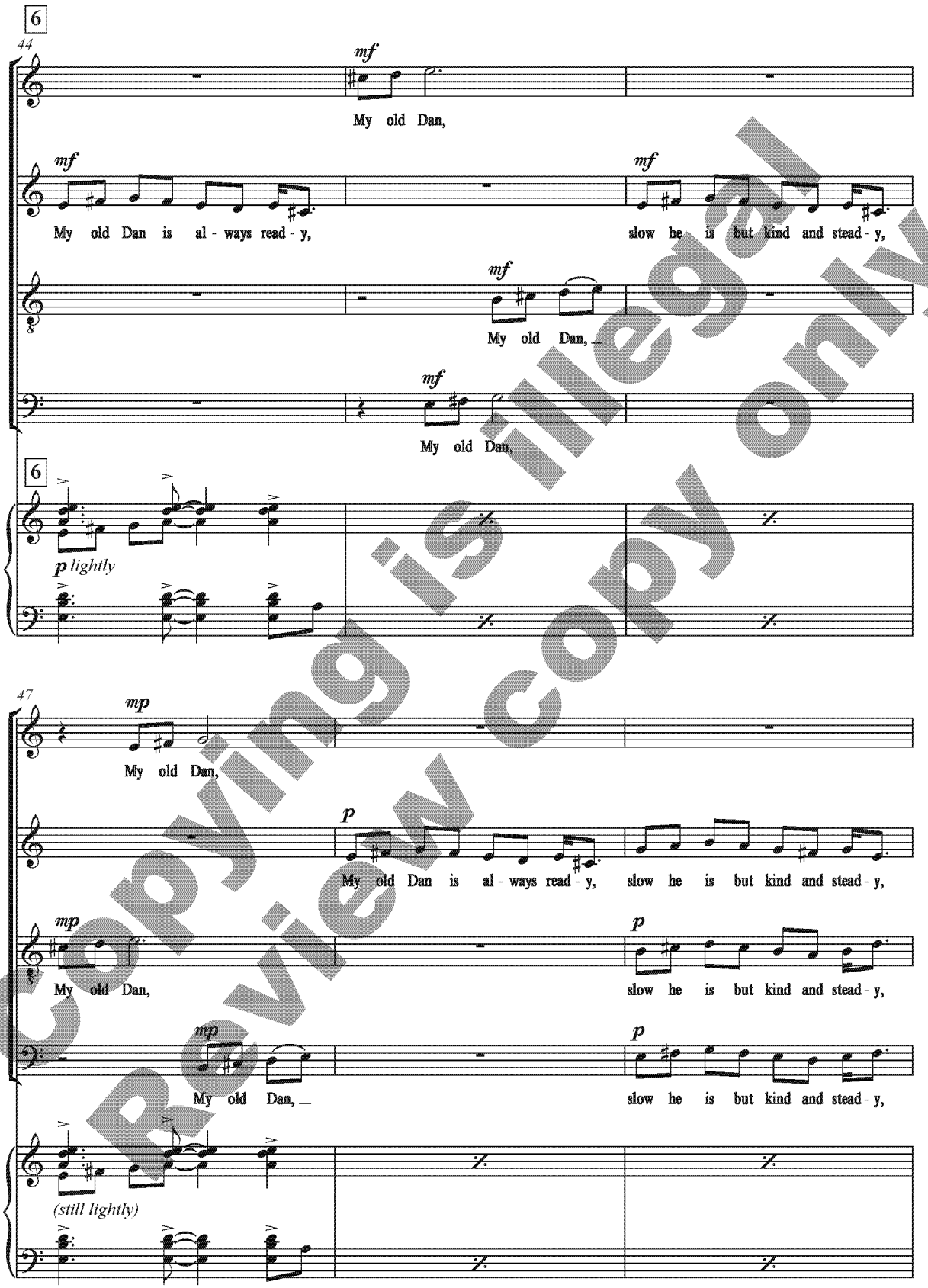

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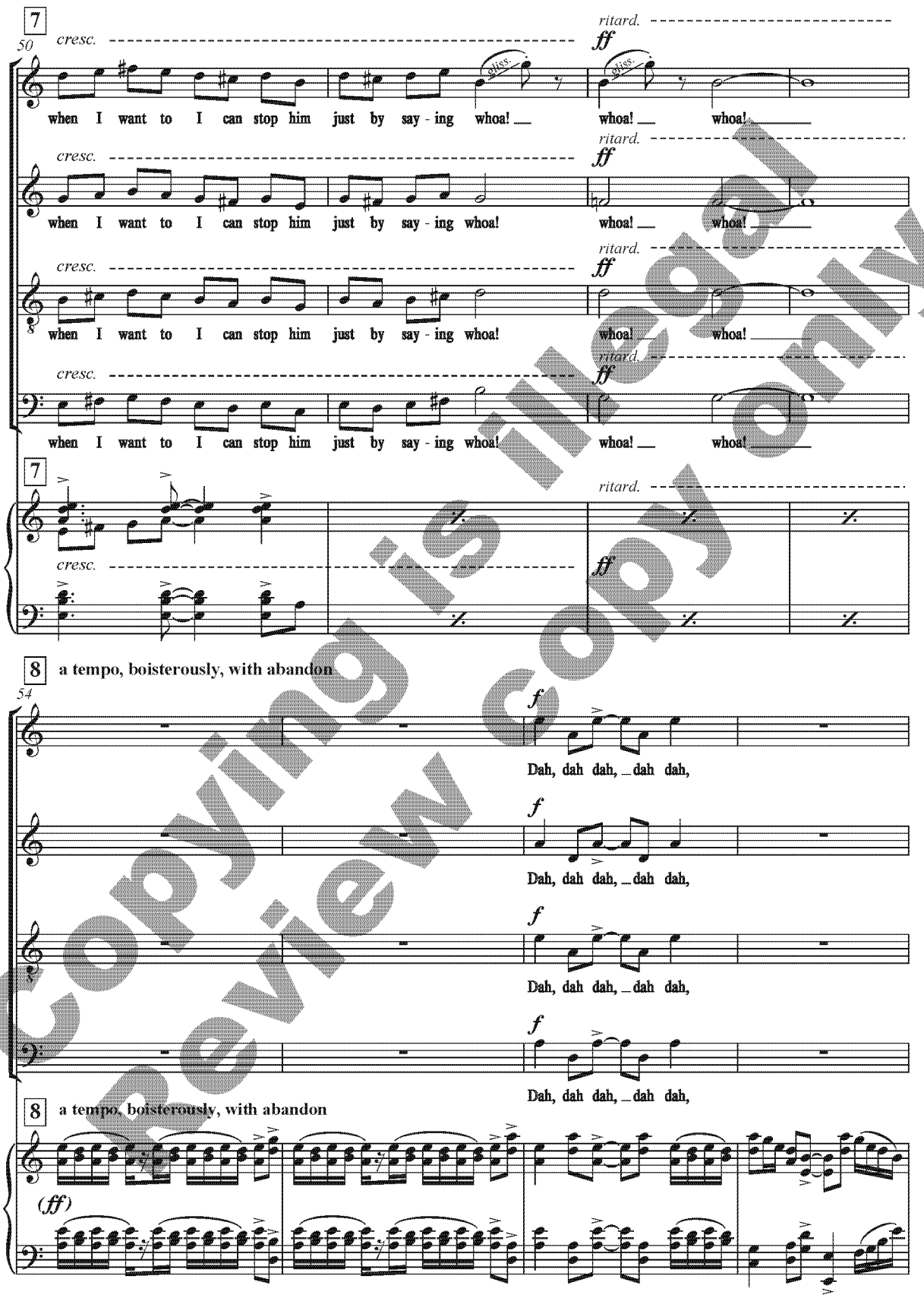

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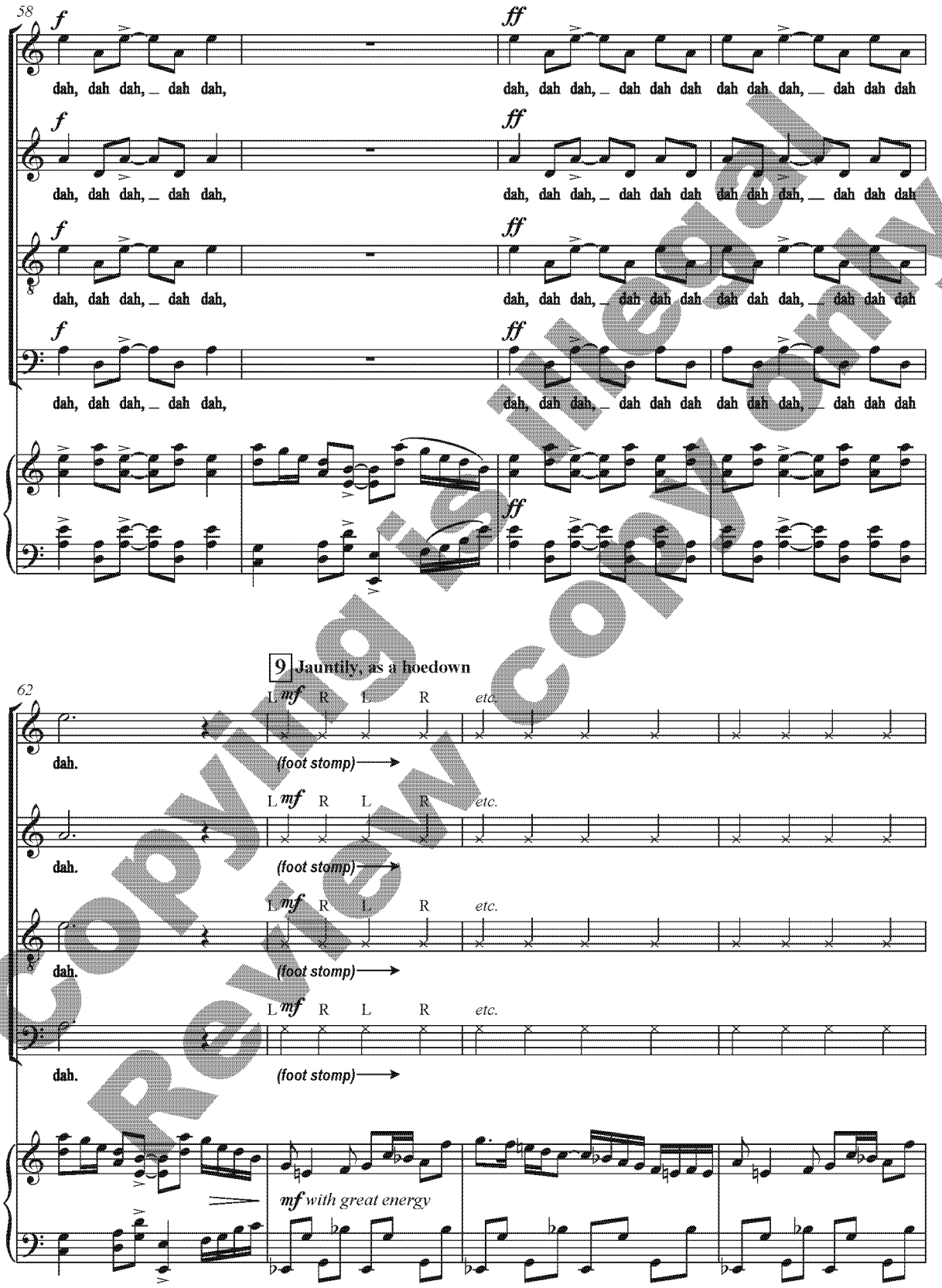

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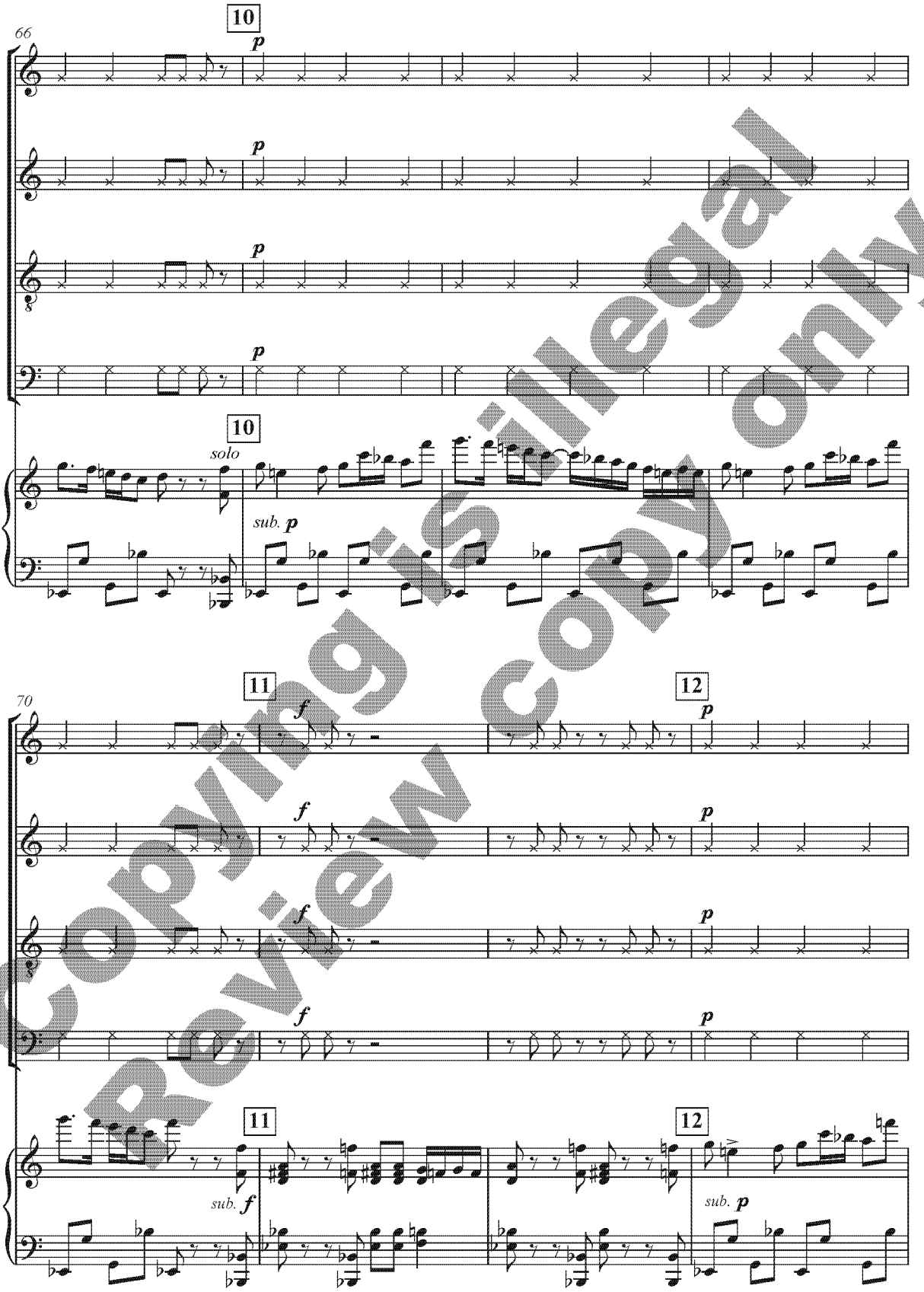

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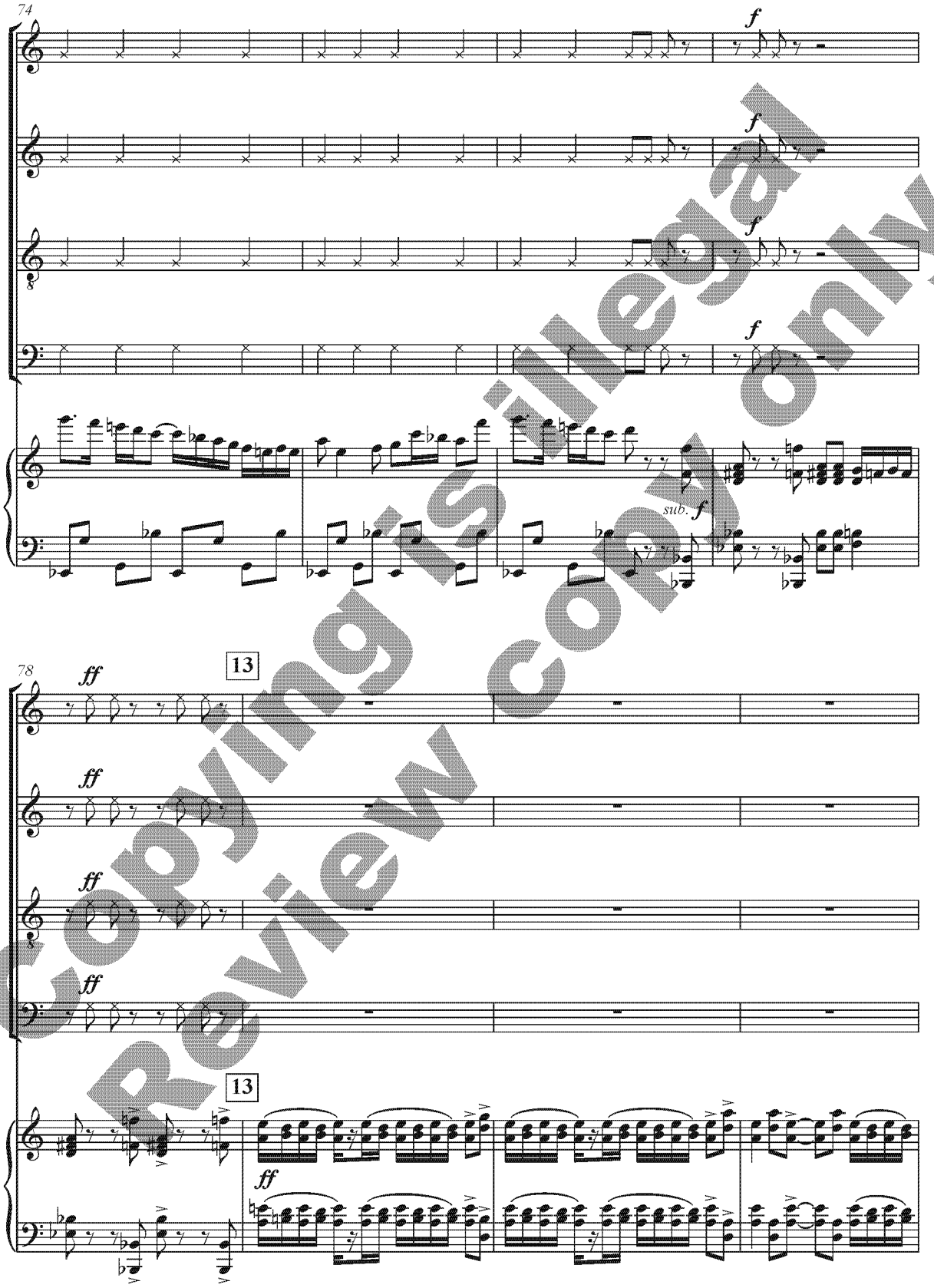

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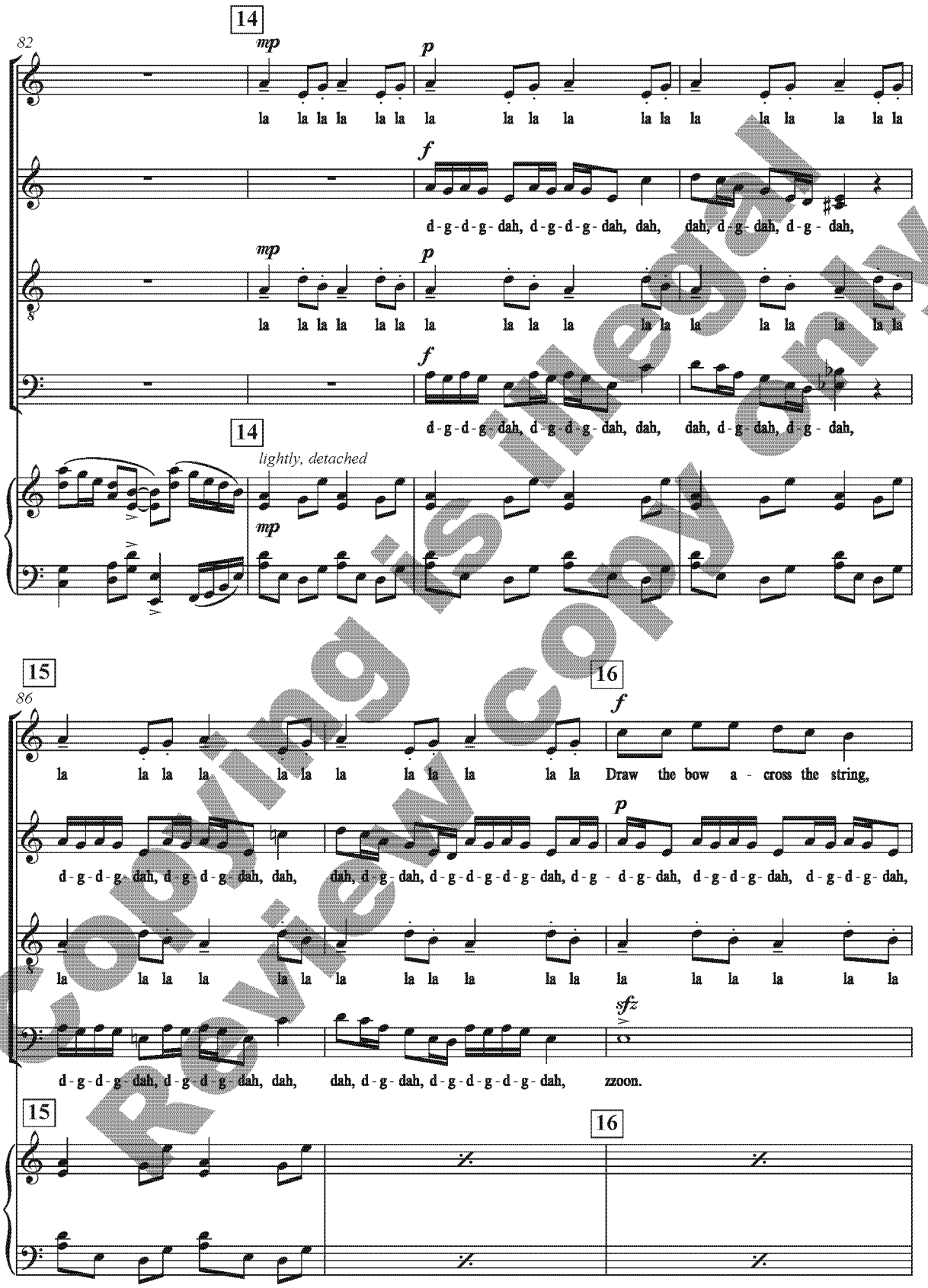

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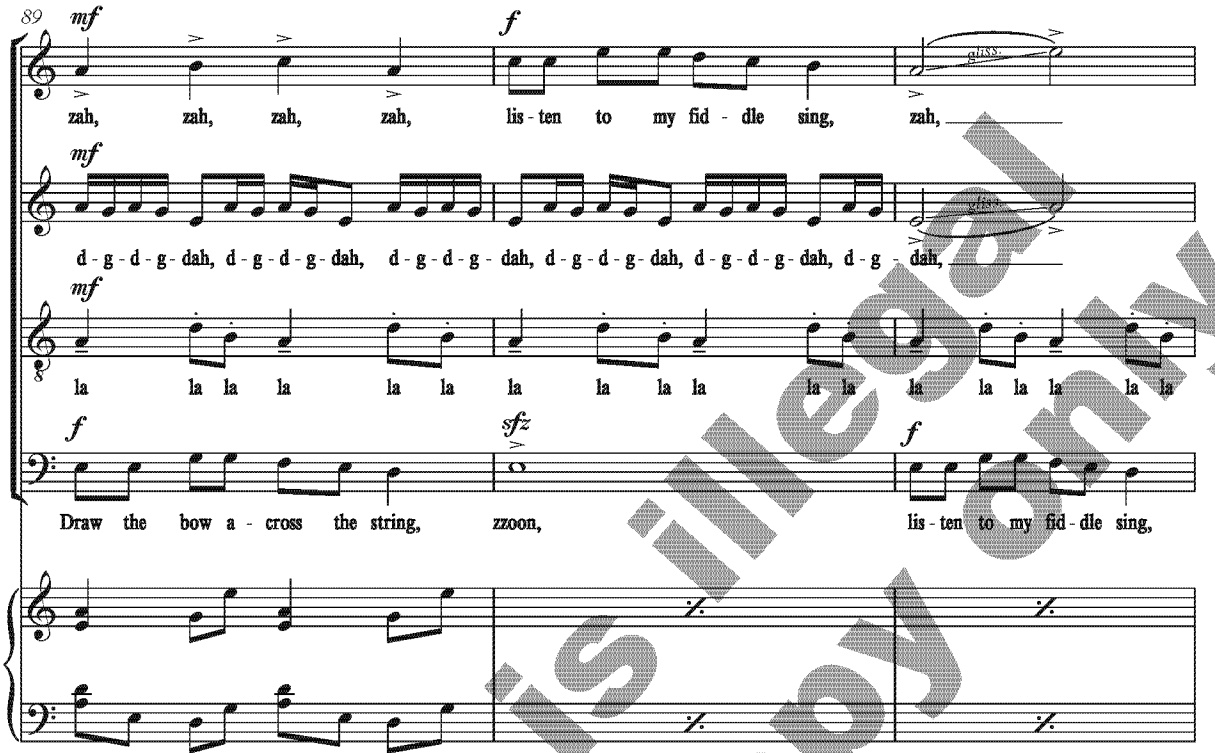

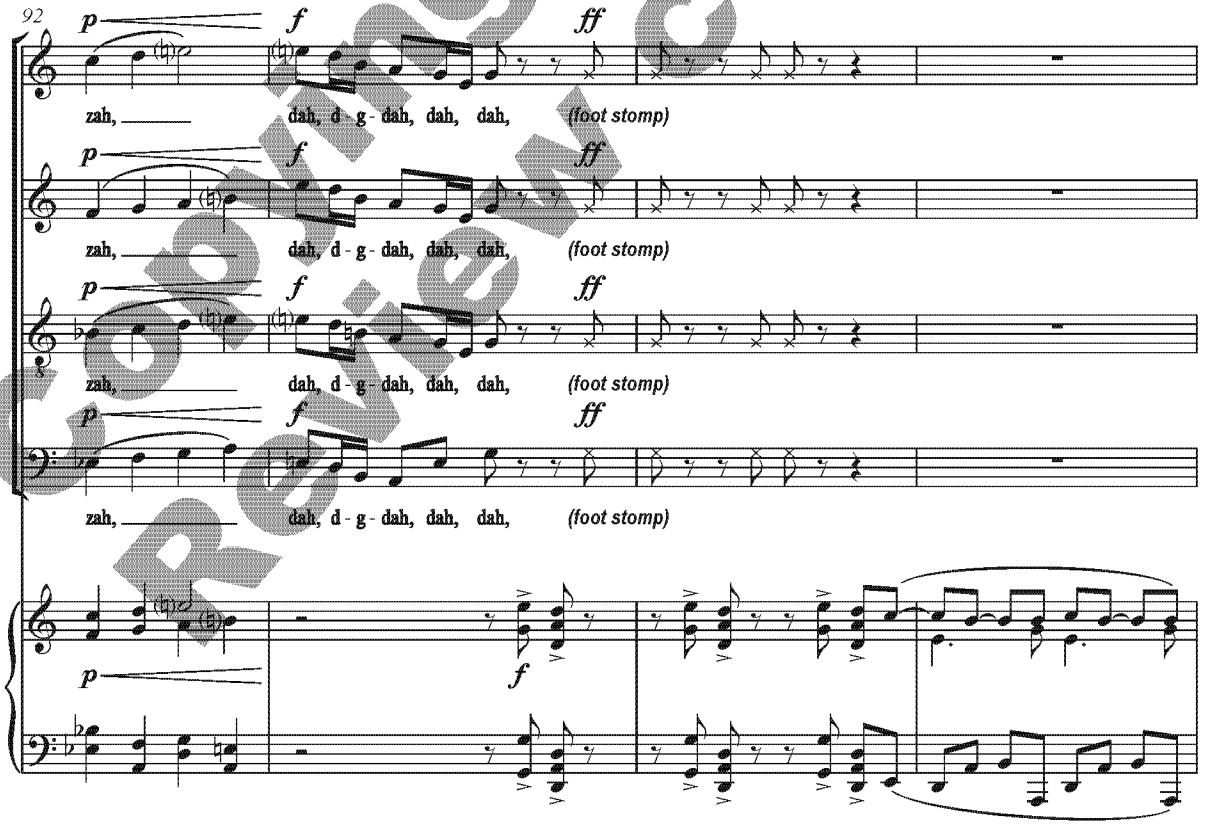

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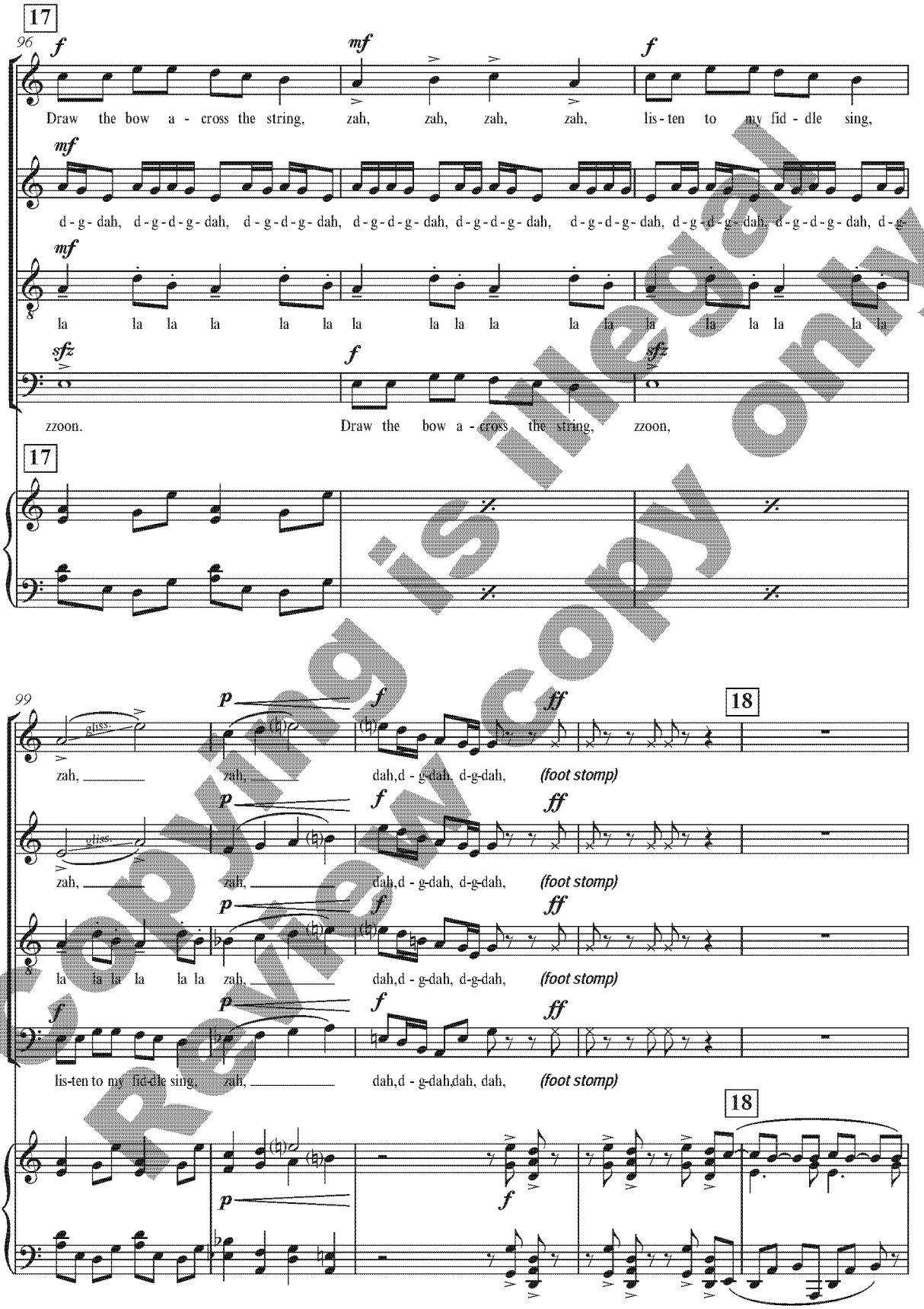

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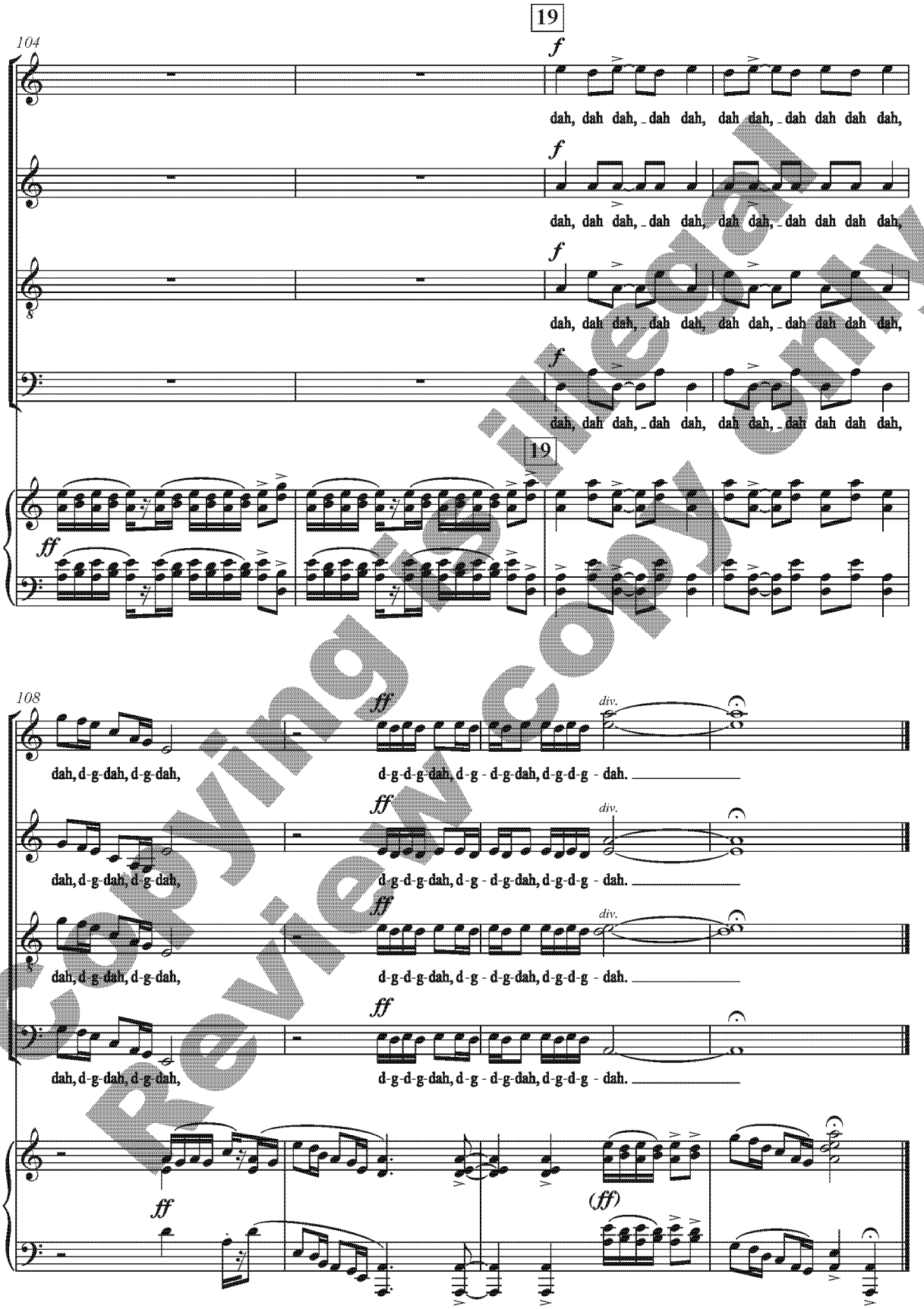

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