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Everyday Wonders: The Girl from Aleppo

1. Orphans of the World

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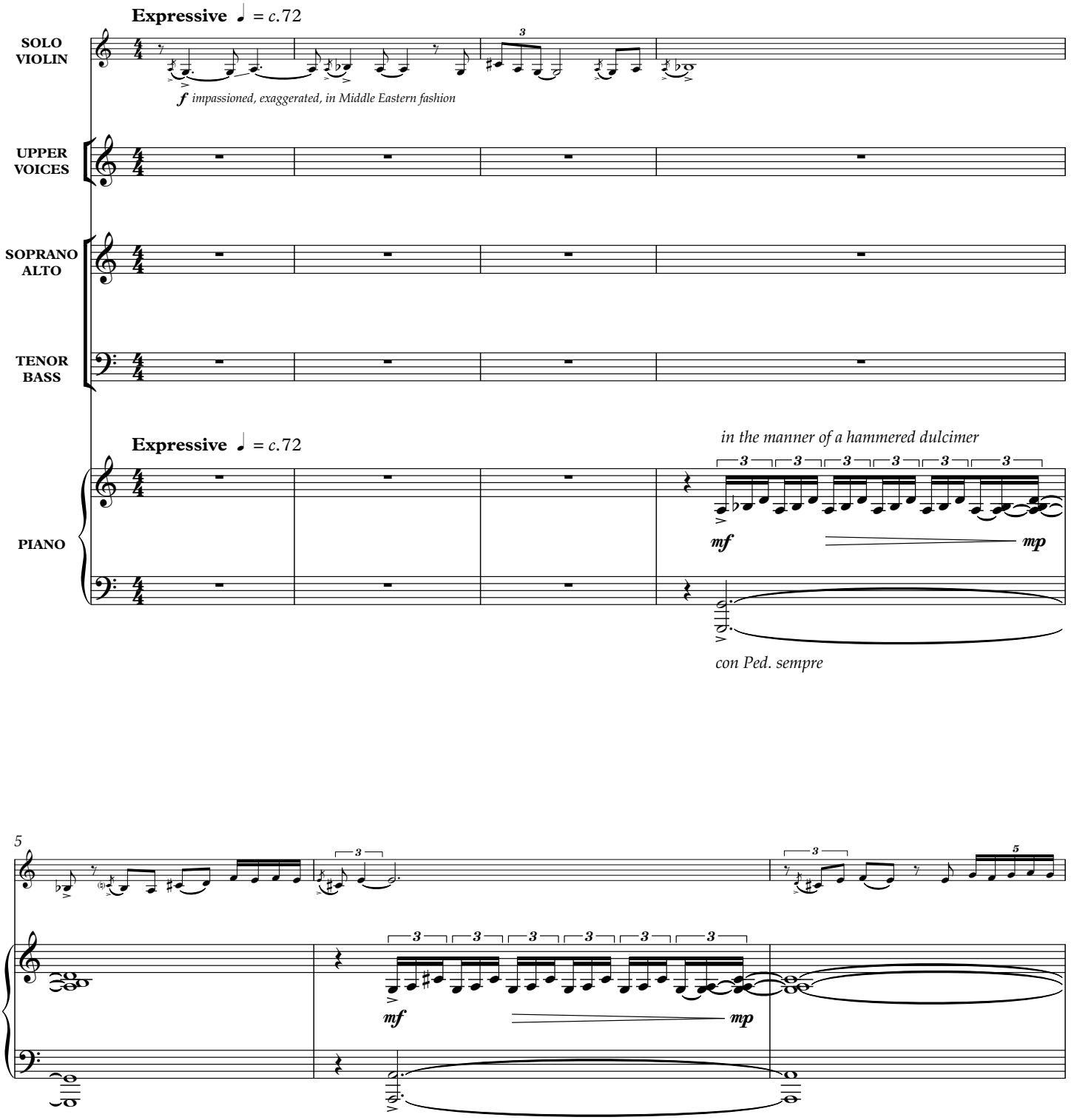

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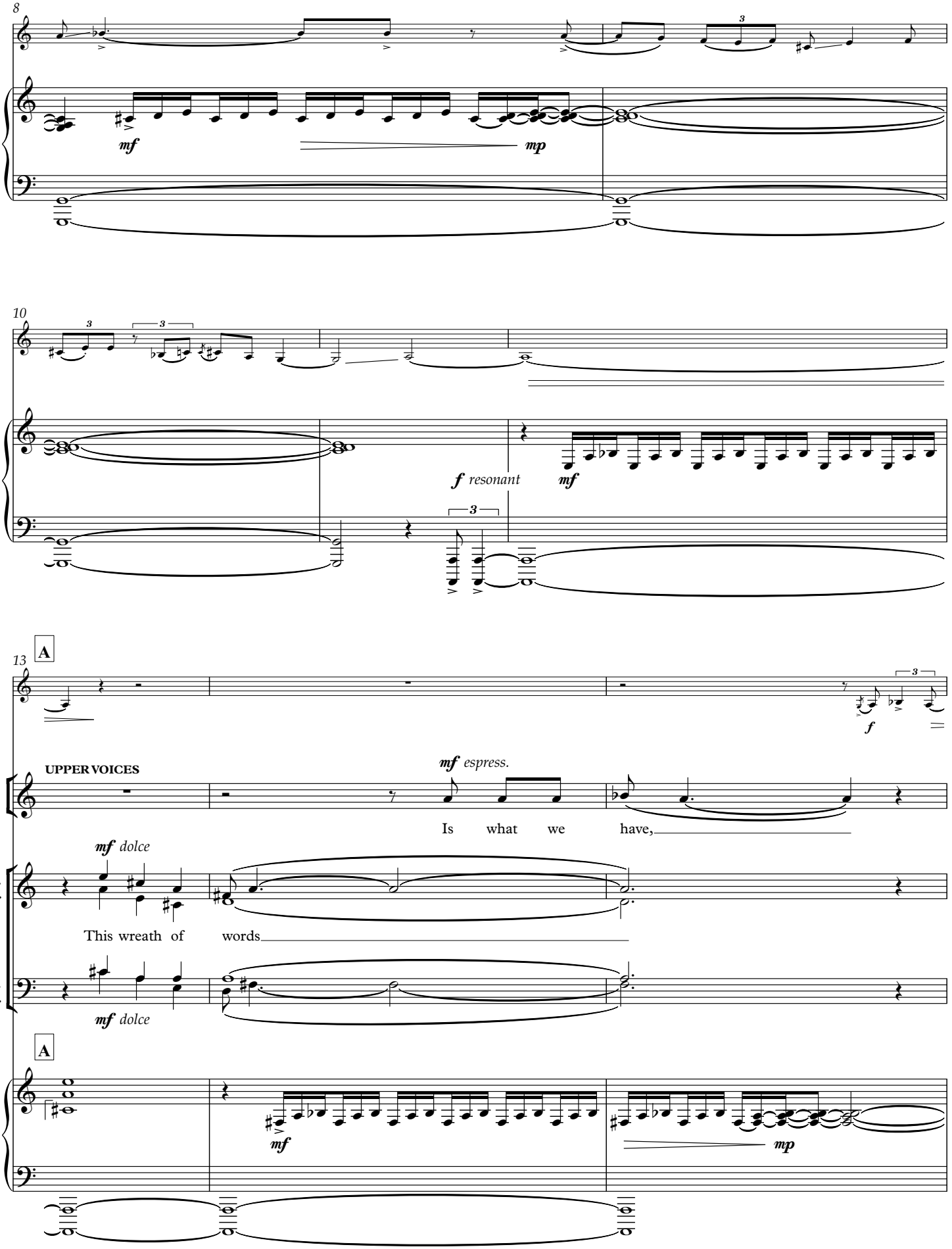
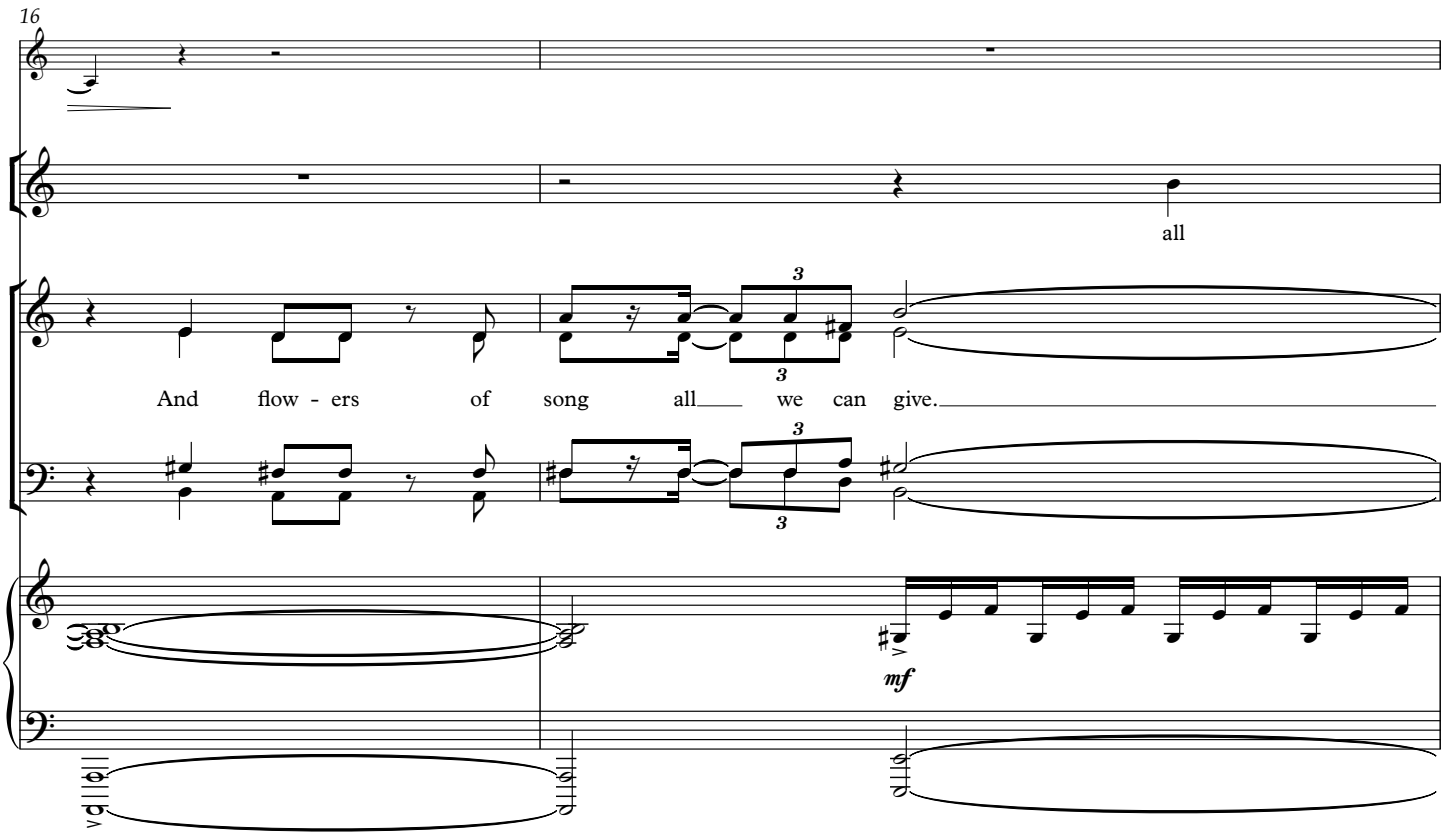
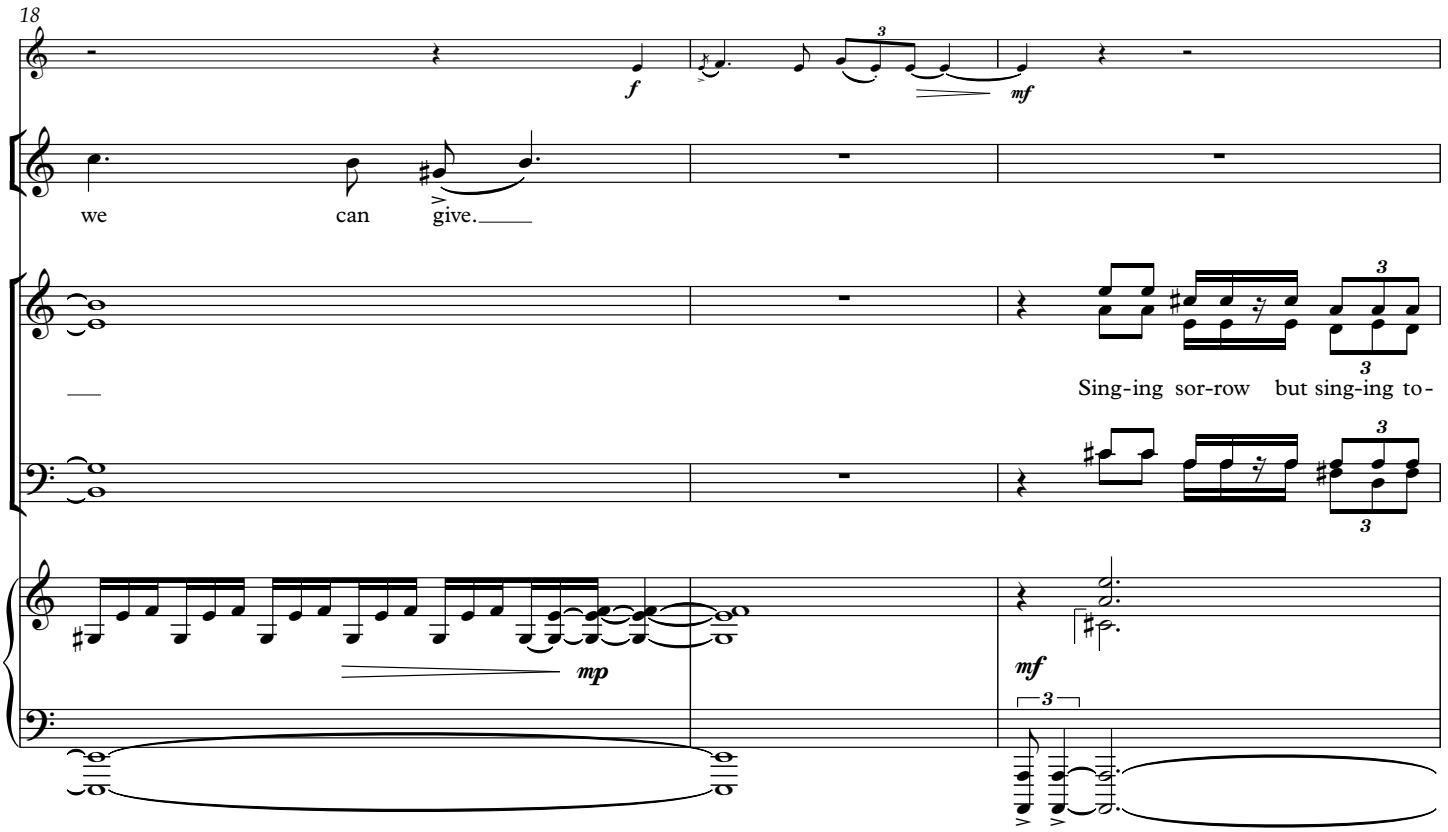
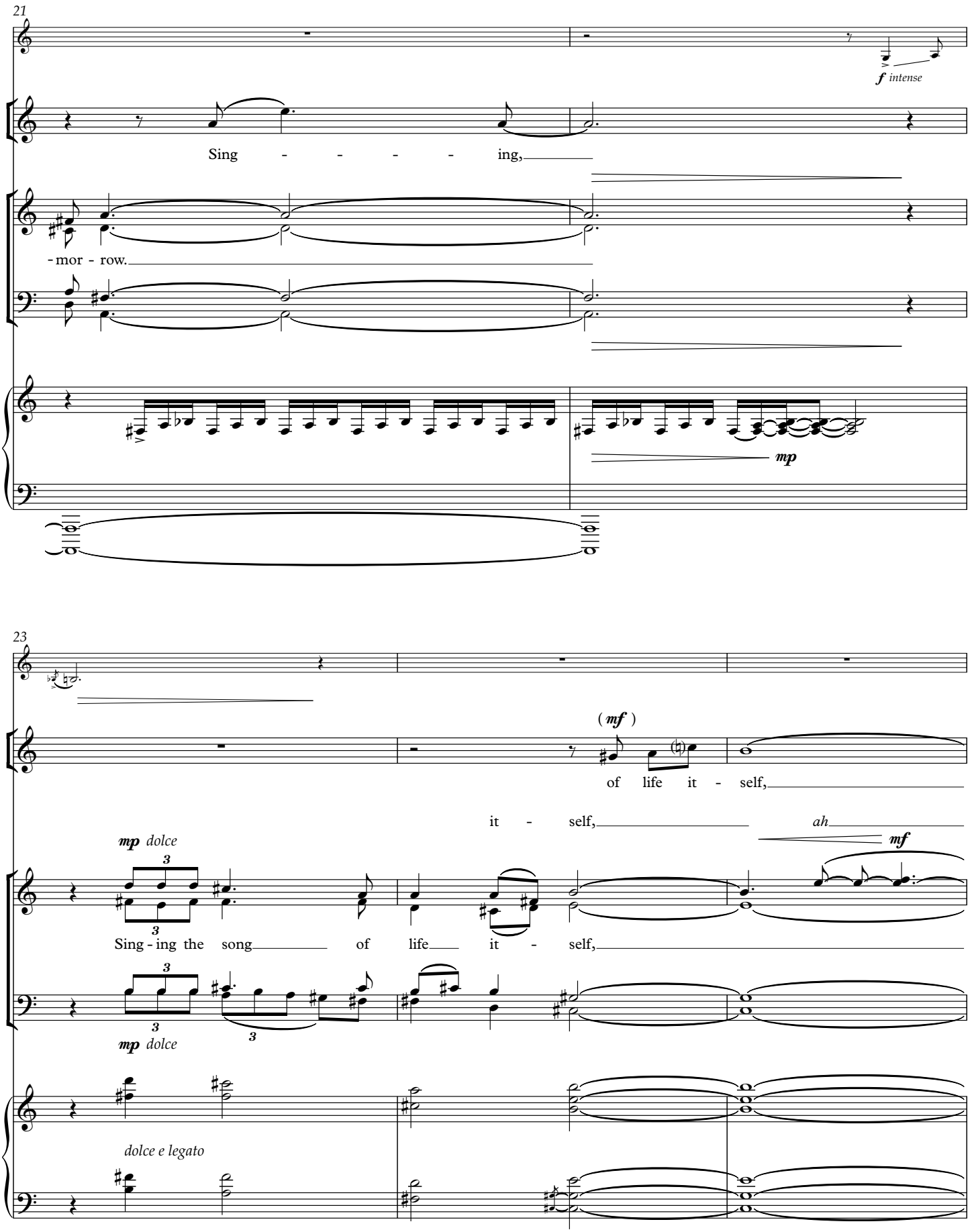
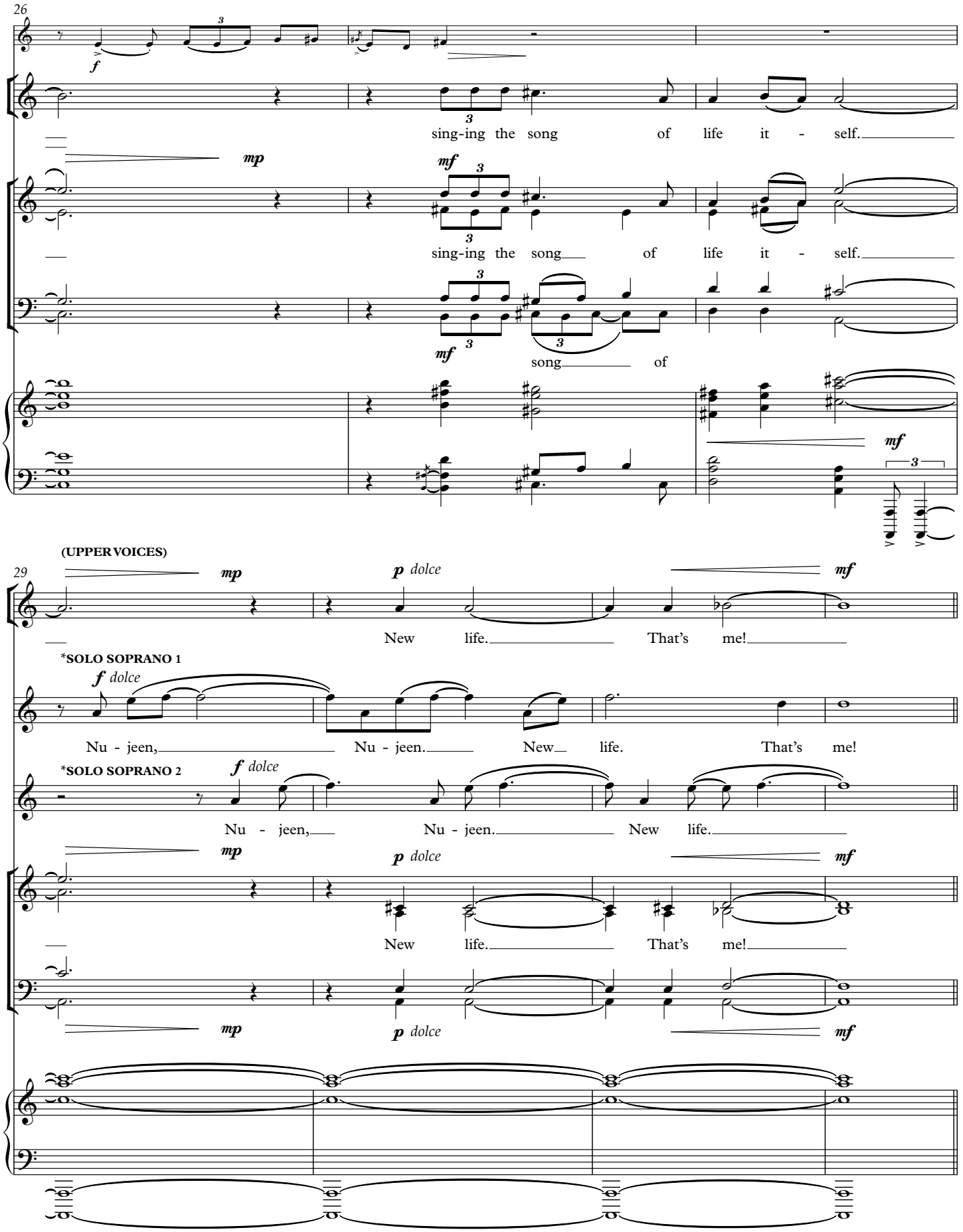

8
mf
mp
10
f resonant
mf
13
A
f
UPPER VOICES
mf espress.
Is what we have,
mf dolce
S.
A.
This wreath of words
T.
B.
mf dolce
A
mf
mp


16
all
And flow - ers of song all we can give.
mf

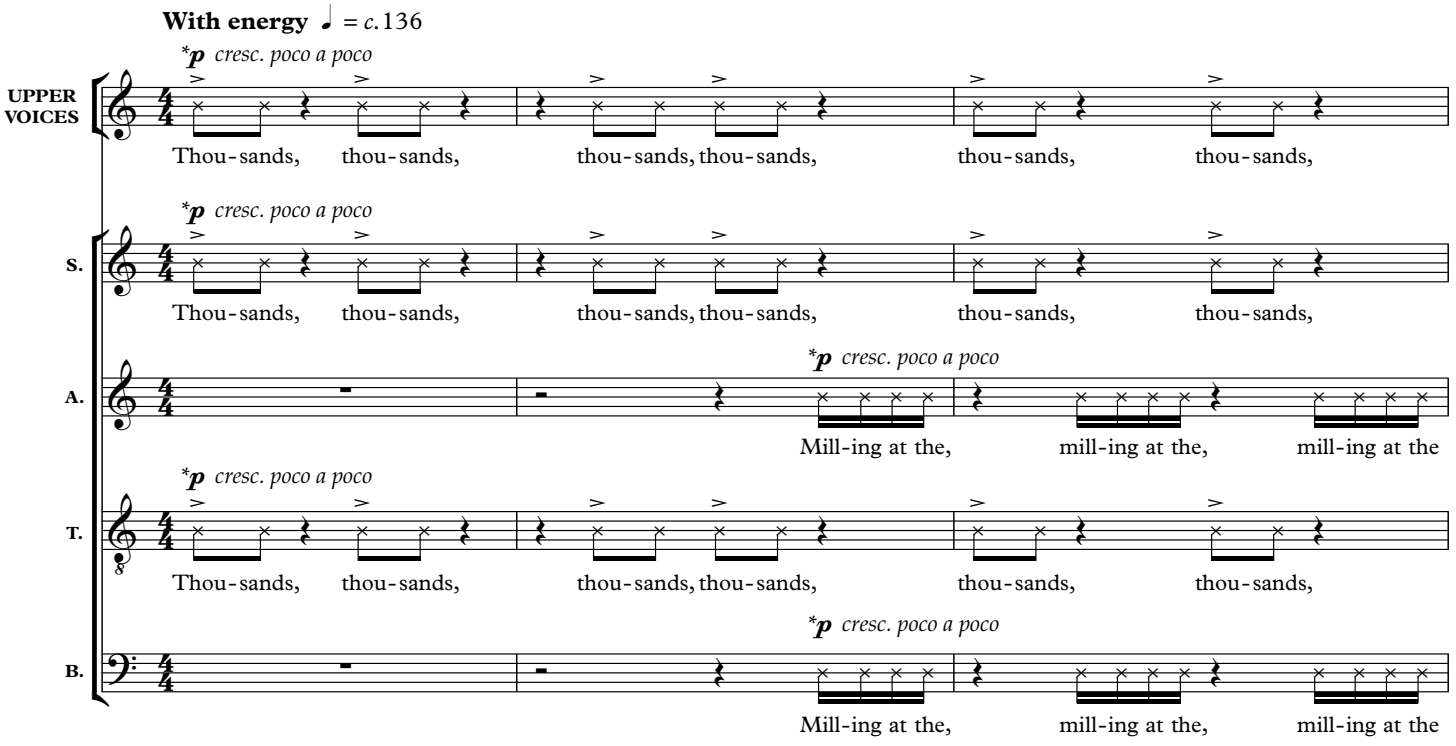

18
f
mf
we can give.
Sing-ing sor-row but sing-ing to-
mp
mf

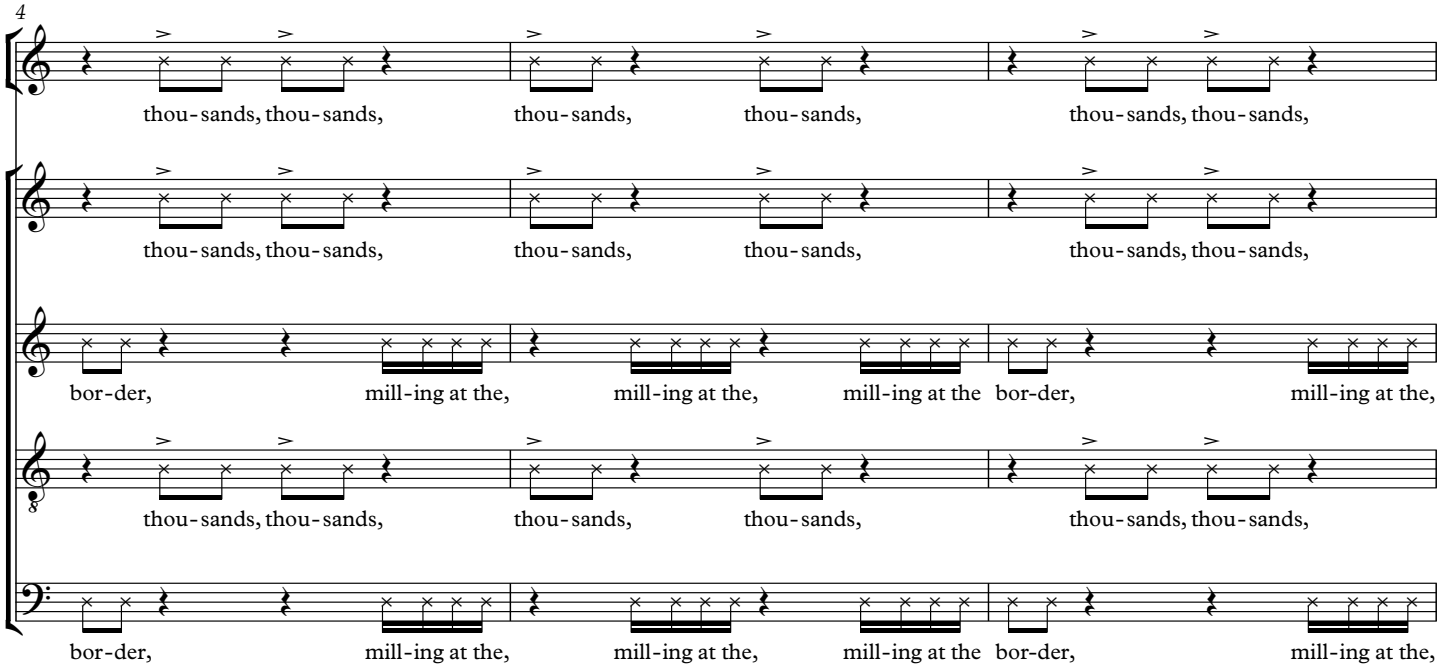

21
f intense
Sing - - - - - ing,
- mor - row.
mp
23
(mf)
of life it - self,
it - self,
ah
mf
mp dolce
Sing - ing the song of life it - self,
mp dolce
dolce e legato



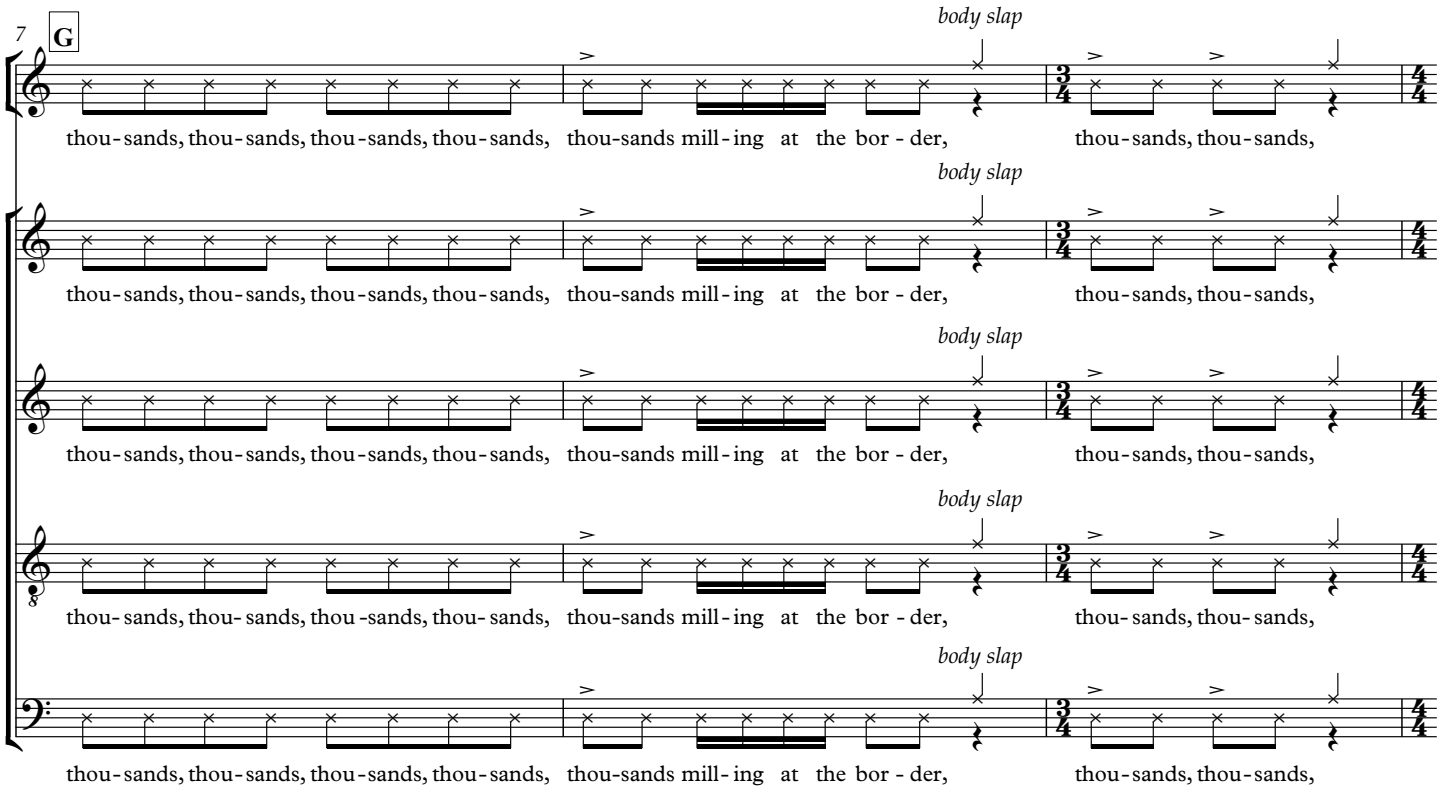
*Solo sopranos taken from the SATB choir.

2. Thousands milling at the border (The Journey)





*Performances may follow the dynamic scheme presented for the spoken parts of this movement or, alternatively, conductors may decide to use a different shaping, depending on the choral forces.


7
G
body slap
thou-sands, thou-sands, thou-sands, thou-sands, thou-sands mill-ing at the bor-der, thou-sands, thou-sands,
body slap
thou-sands, thou-sands, thou-sands, thou-sands, thou-sands mill-ing at the bor-der, thou-sands, thou-sands,
body slap
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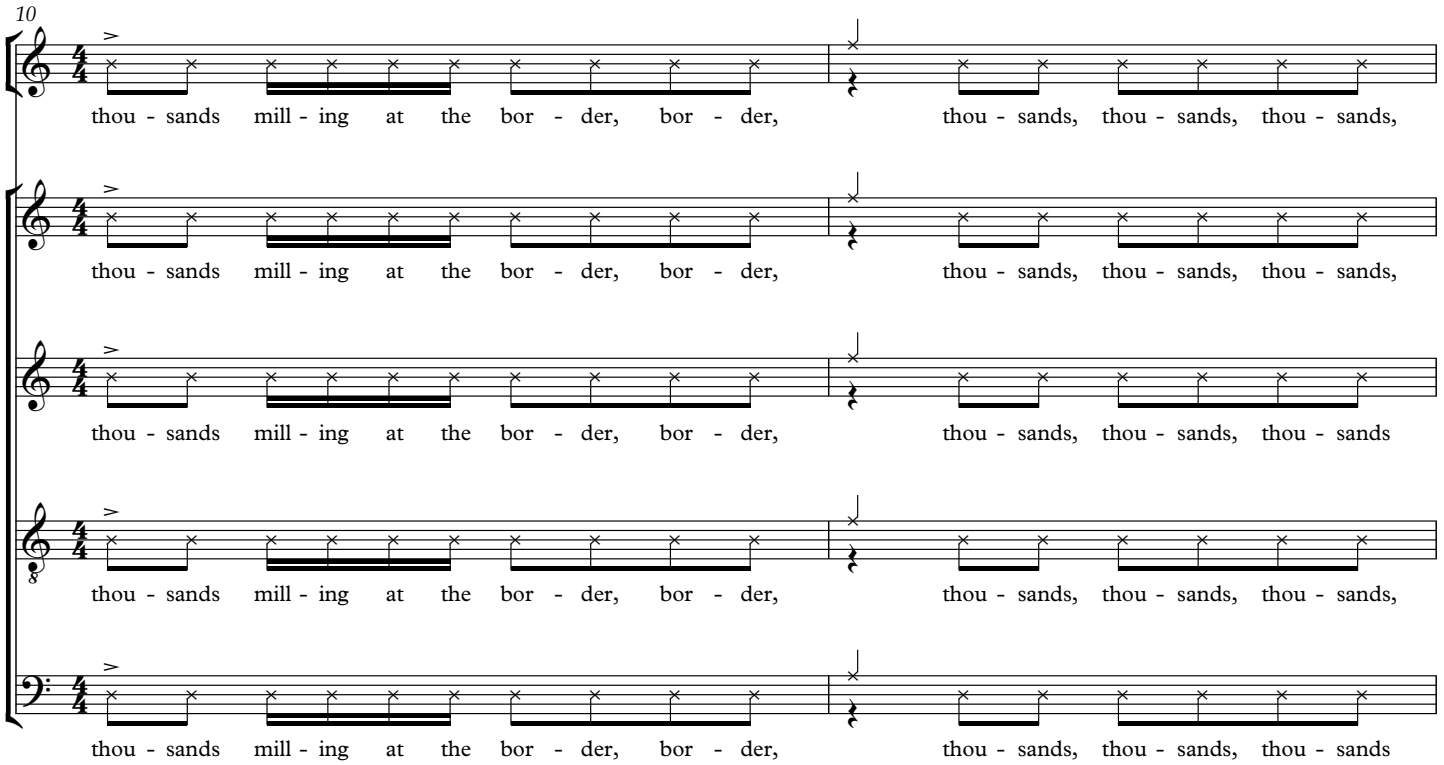
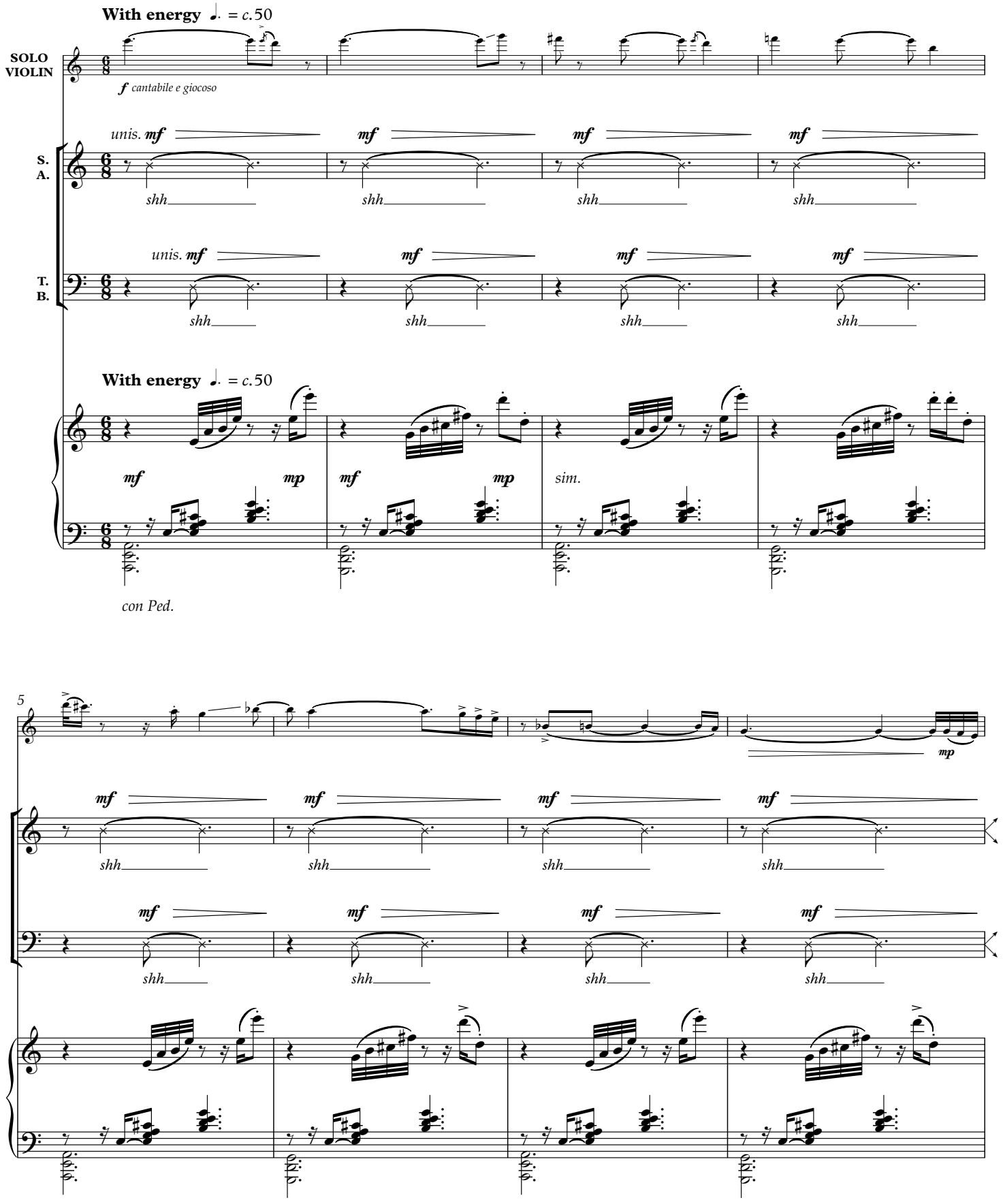
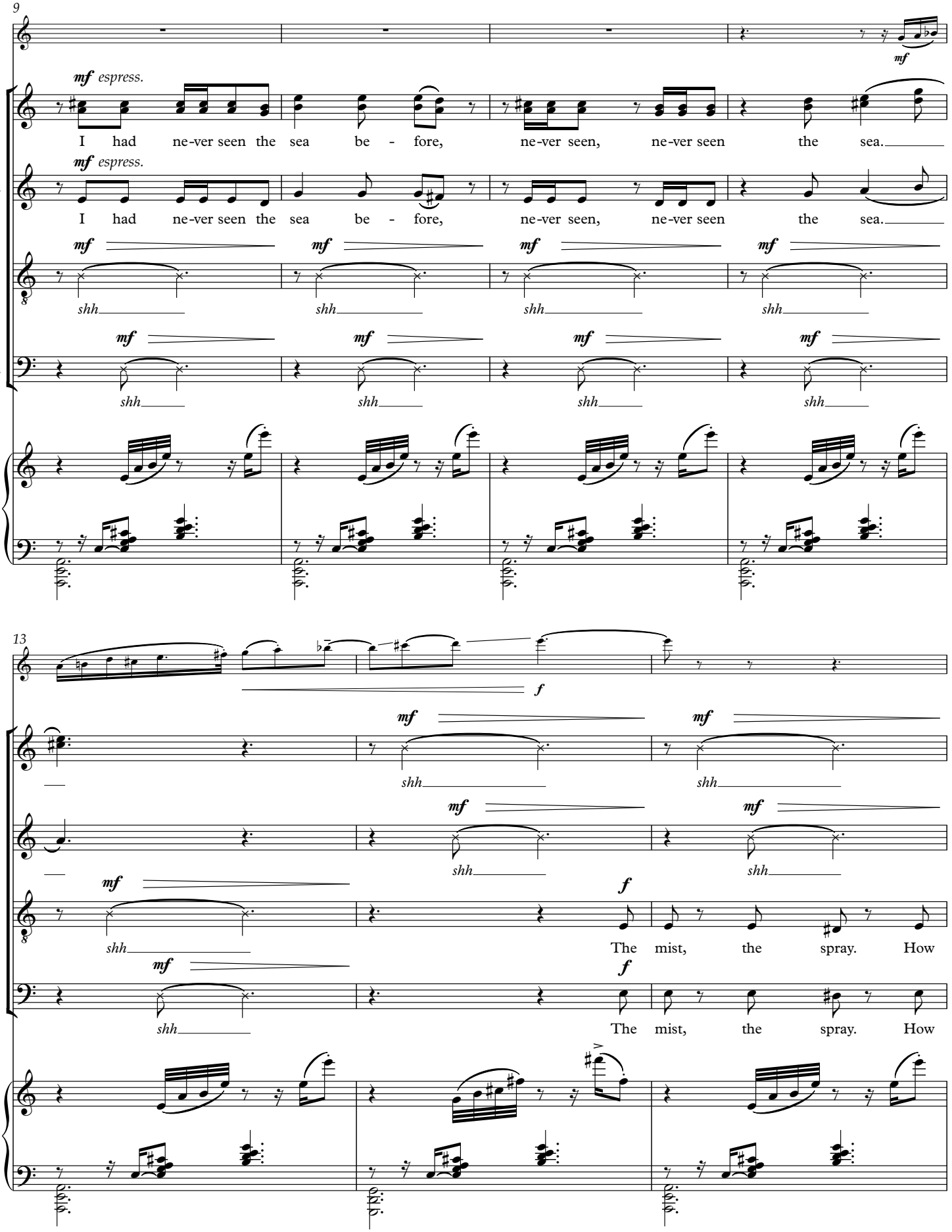
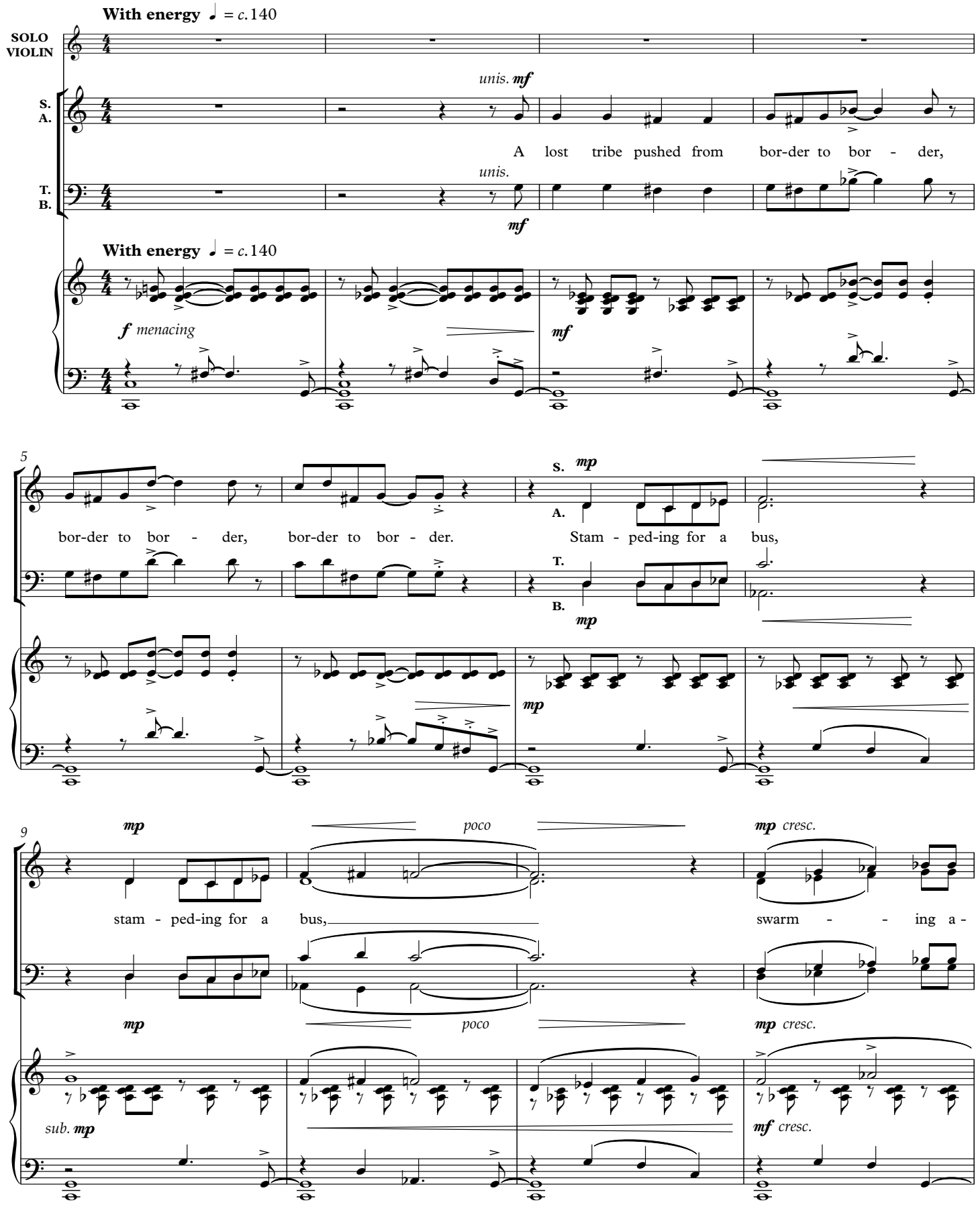

10
thou - sands mill - ing at the bor - der, bor - der, thou - sands, thou - sands, thou - sands,
thou - sands mill - ing at the bor - der, bor - der, thou - sands, thou - sands, thou - sands,
thou - sands mill - ing at the bor - der, bor - der, thou - sands, thou - sands, thou - sands
thou - sands mill - ing at the bor - der, bor - der, thou - sands, thou - sands, thou - sands,
thou - sands mill - ing at the bor - der, bor - der, thou - sands, thou - sands, thou - sands

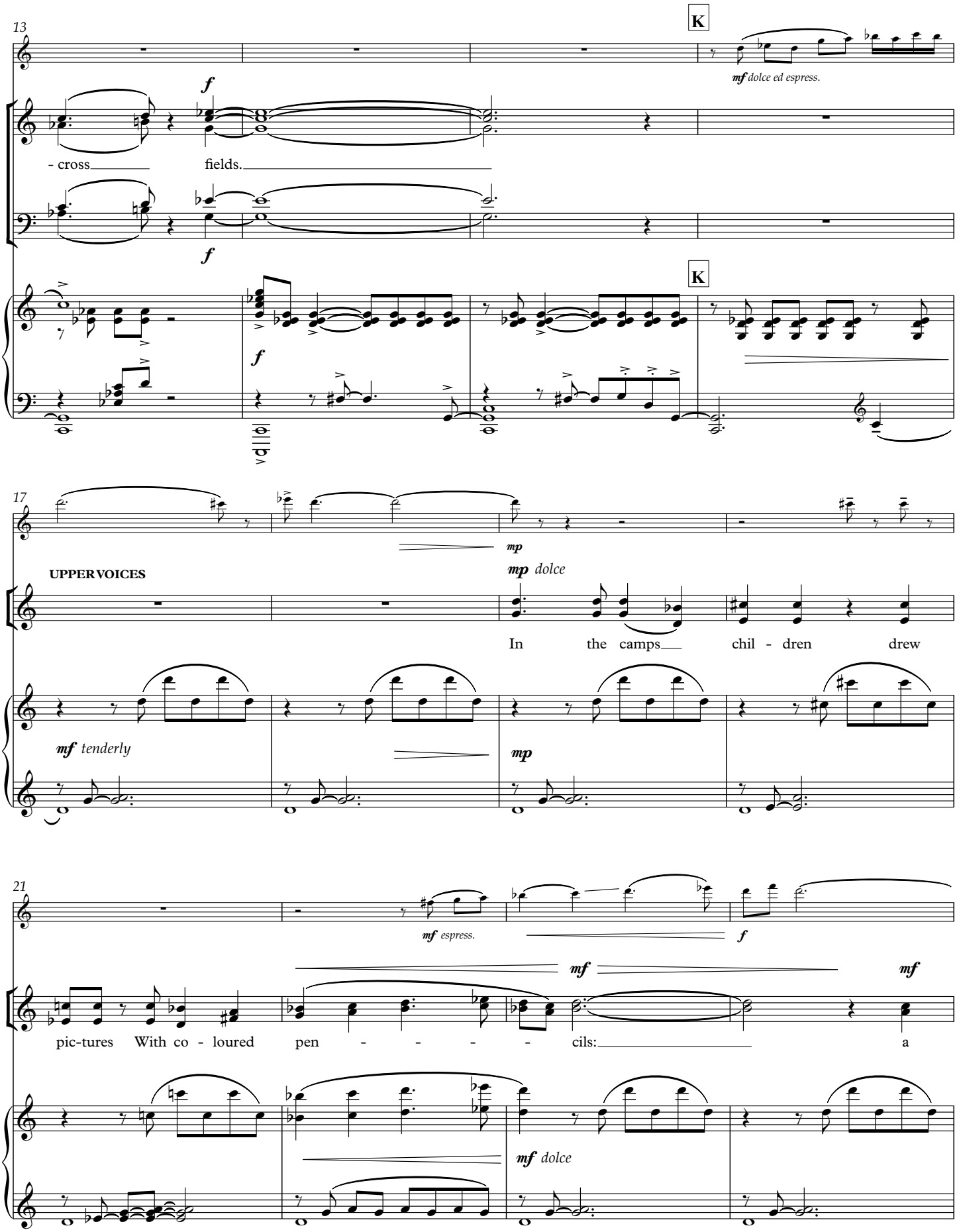
3. I had never seen the sea before



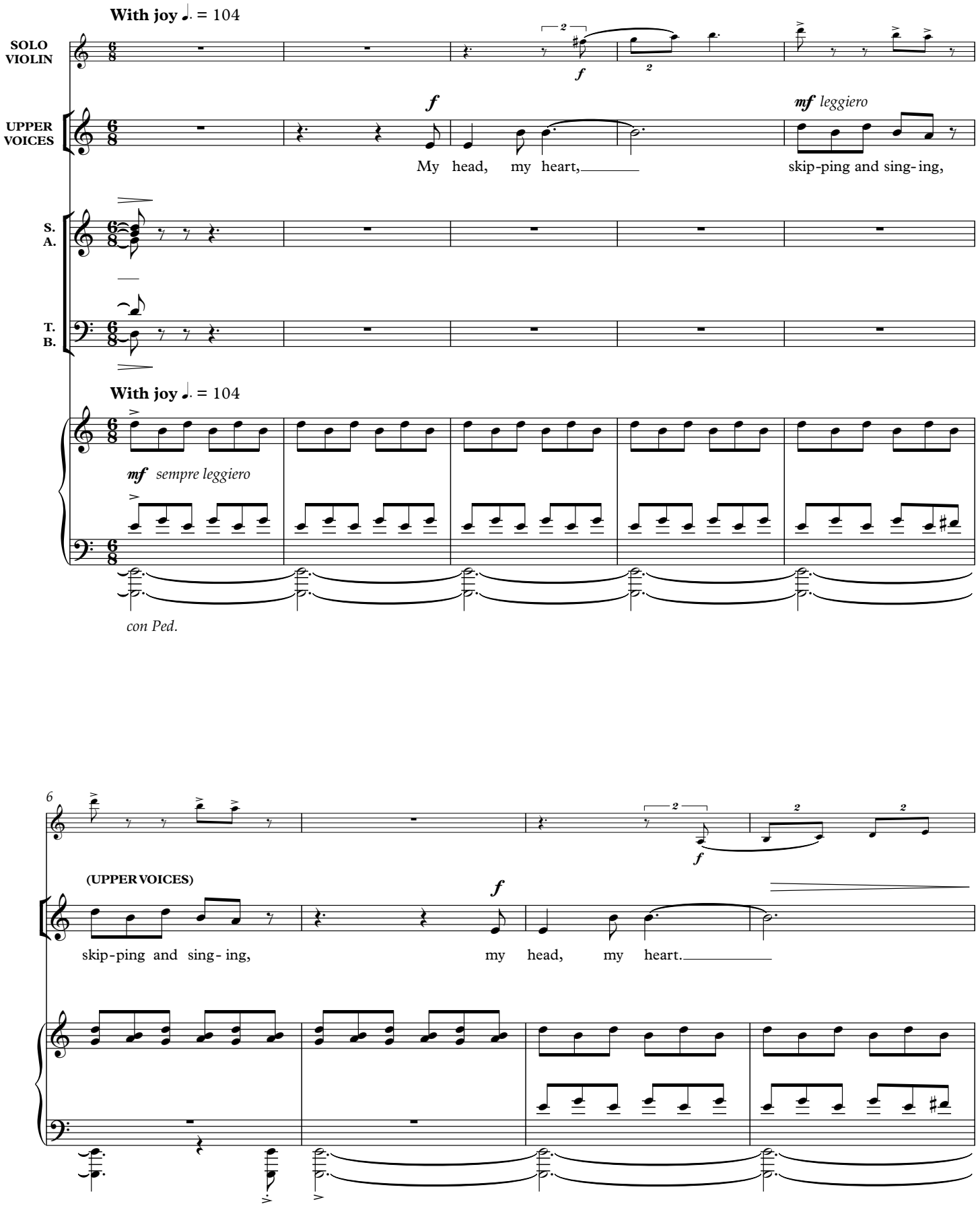

9
mf
S.
mf espress.
I had ne-ver seen the sea be - fore, ne-ver seen, ne-ver seen the sea.
A.
mf espress.
I had ne-ver seen the sea be - fore, ne-ver seen, ne-ver seen the sea.
T.
mf
shh
B.
mf
shh
13
f
mf
shh
mf
shh
mf
shh
mf
shh
mf
shh
f
The mist, the spray. How
mf
shh
f
The mist, the spray. How

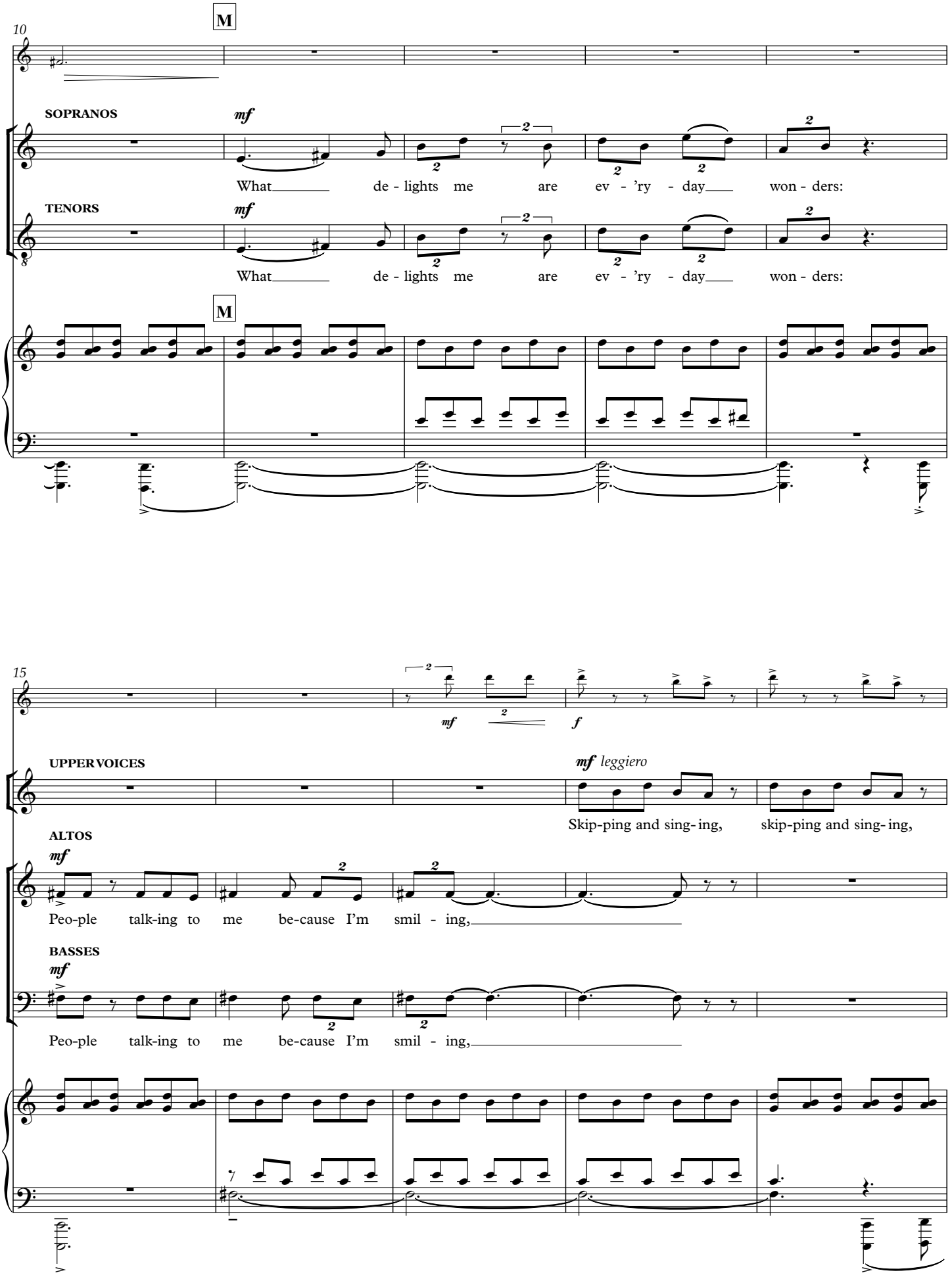
4. A lost tribe pushed from border to border




13
K
mf dolce ed espress.
f
- cross fields.
f
K
f
17
mp
UPPER VOICES
mp dolce
In the camps chil - dren drew
mf tenderly
mp
21
mf espress.
f
mf
mf
pic-tures With co - loured pen - - - - cils: a
mf dolce

5. Everyday Wonders




10
M
SOPRANOS
mf
What de - lights me are ev - 'ry - day won - ders:
TENORS
mf
What de - lights me are ev - 'ry - day won - ders:
M
15
mf
f
UPPER VOICES
mf leggiero
Skip-ping and sing- ing, skip-ping and sing- ing,
ALTOS
mf
Peo-ple talk-ing to me be-cause I'm smil - ing,
BASSES
mf
Peo-ple talk-ing to me be-cause I'm smil - ing,