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Elegies

from the Book of Lamentations

SSATB Choir
and String Orchestra

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from the Book of Lamentations

1:16
This is why I weep
and my eyes overflow with tears.
No one is near to comfort me,
no one to restore my spirit.
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2:11
My eyes fail from weeping,
I am in torment within;
my heart is poured out on the ground
because my people are destroyed,

3:19-20
I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.
I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.

3:21-22, 31-32
Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.
Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.

Elegies

for Dearne, Scott and family

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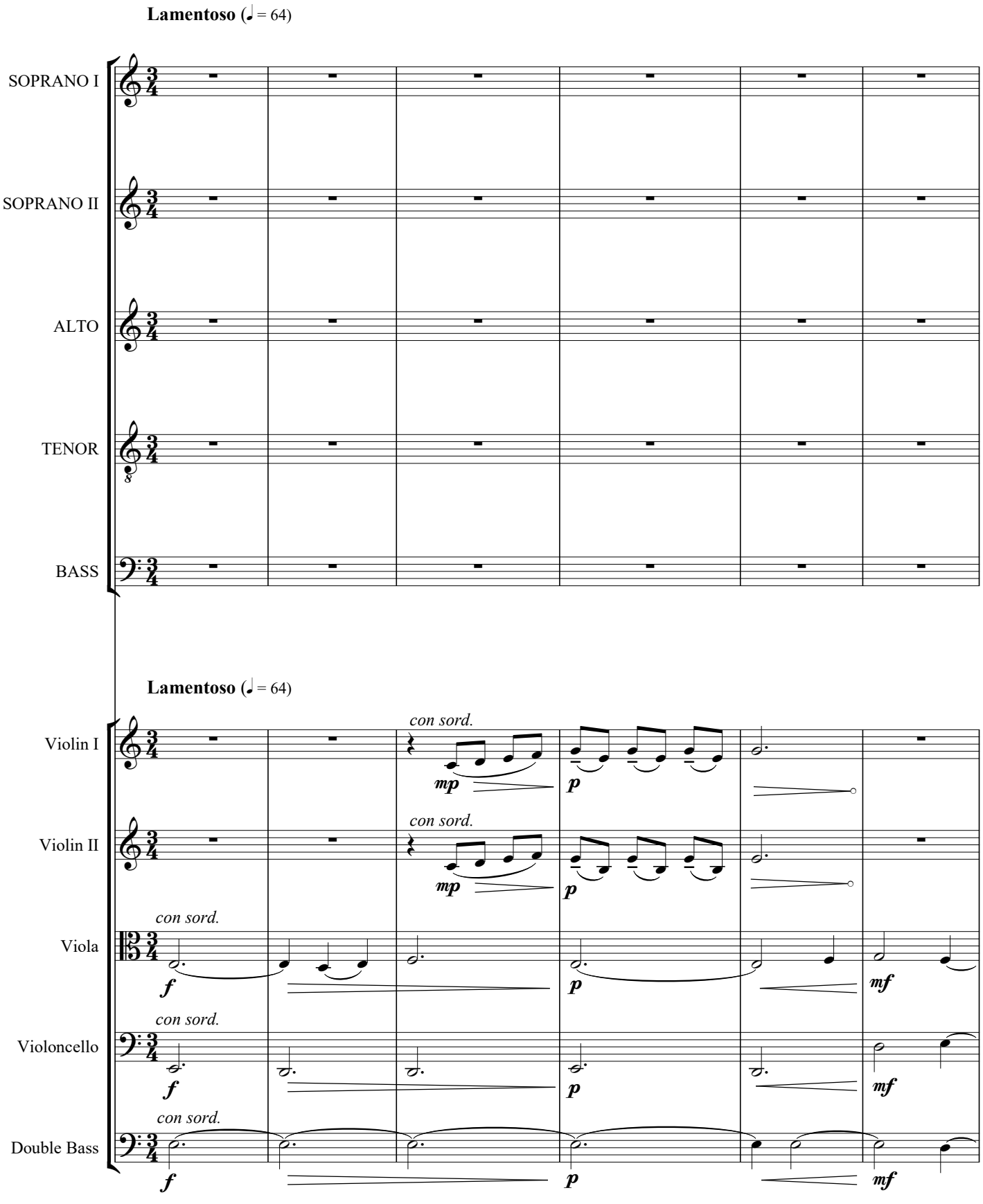

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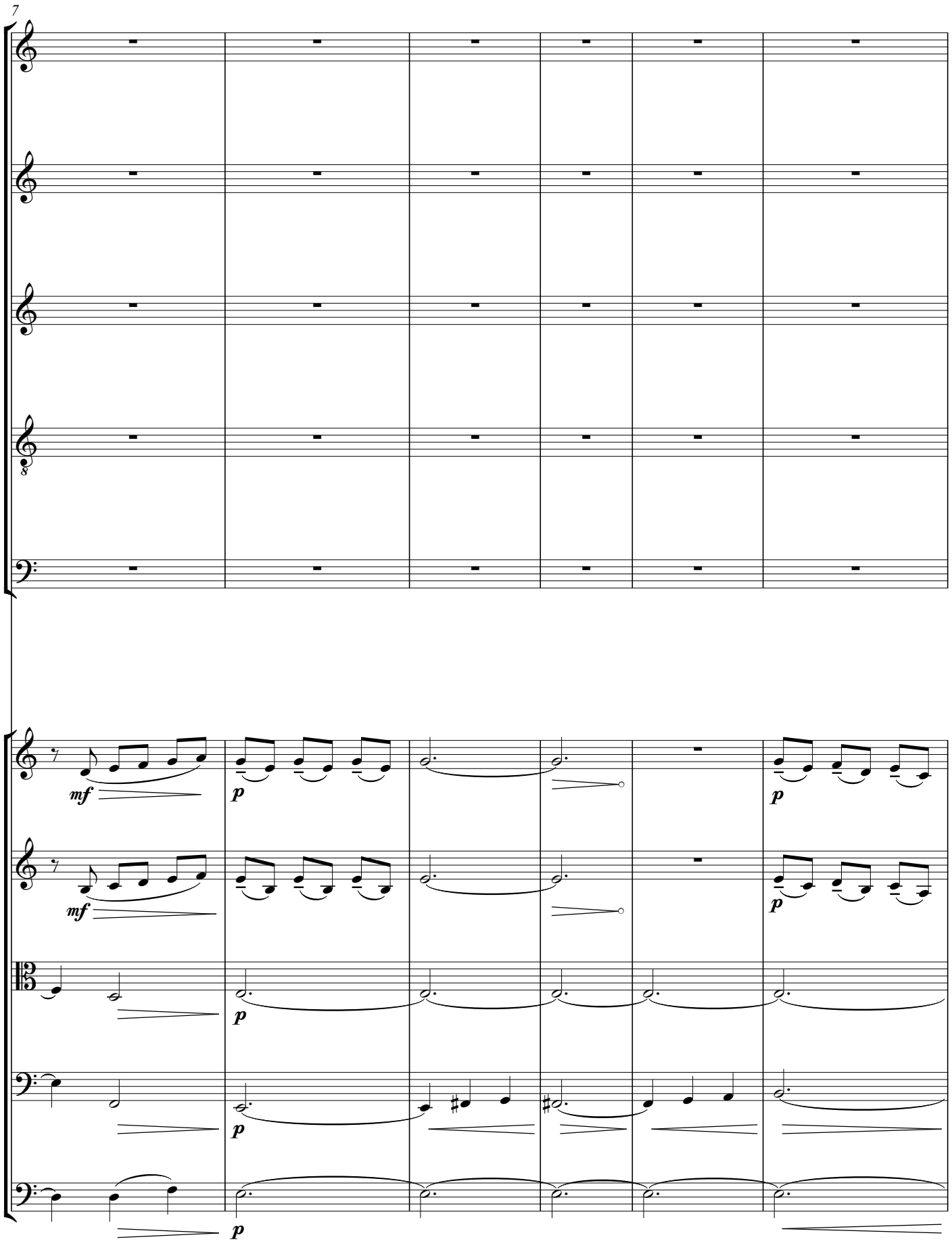
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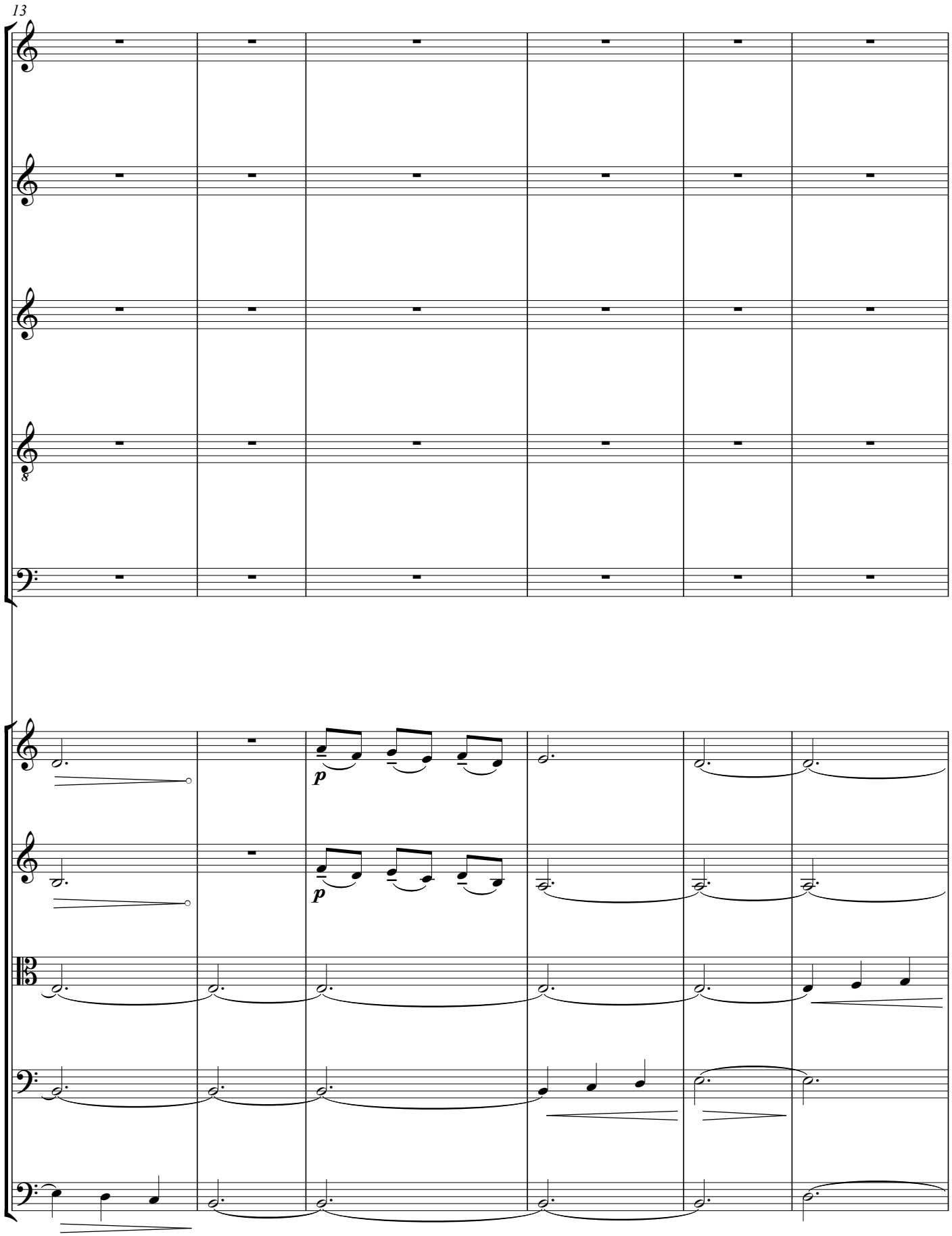
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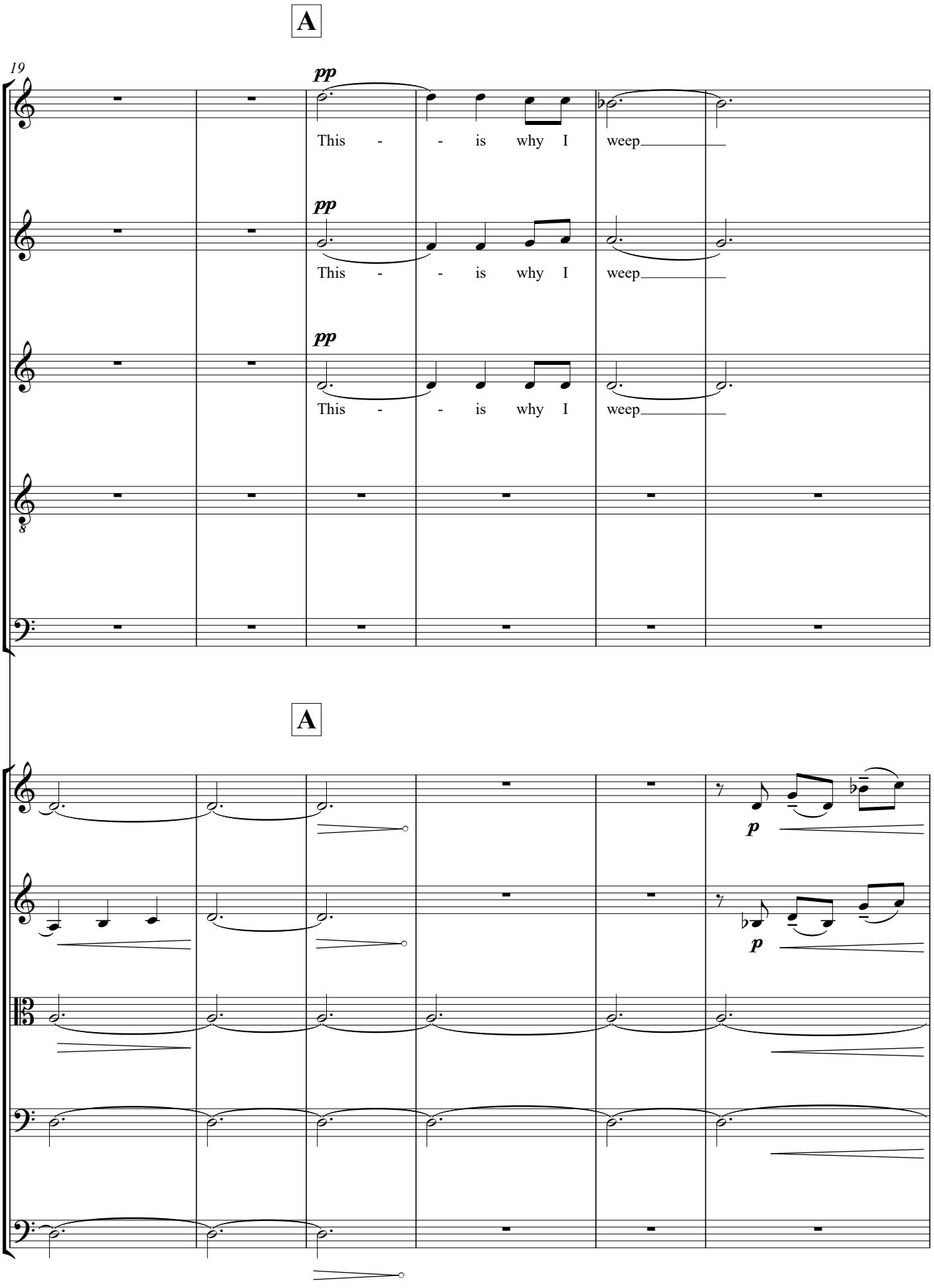
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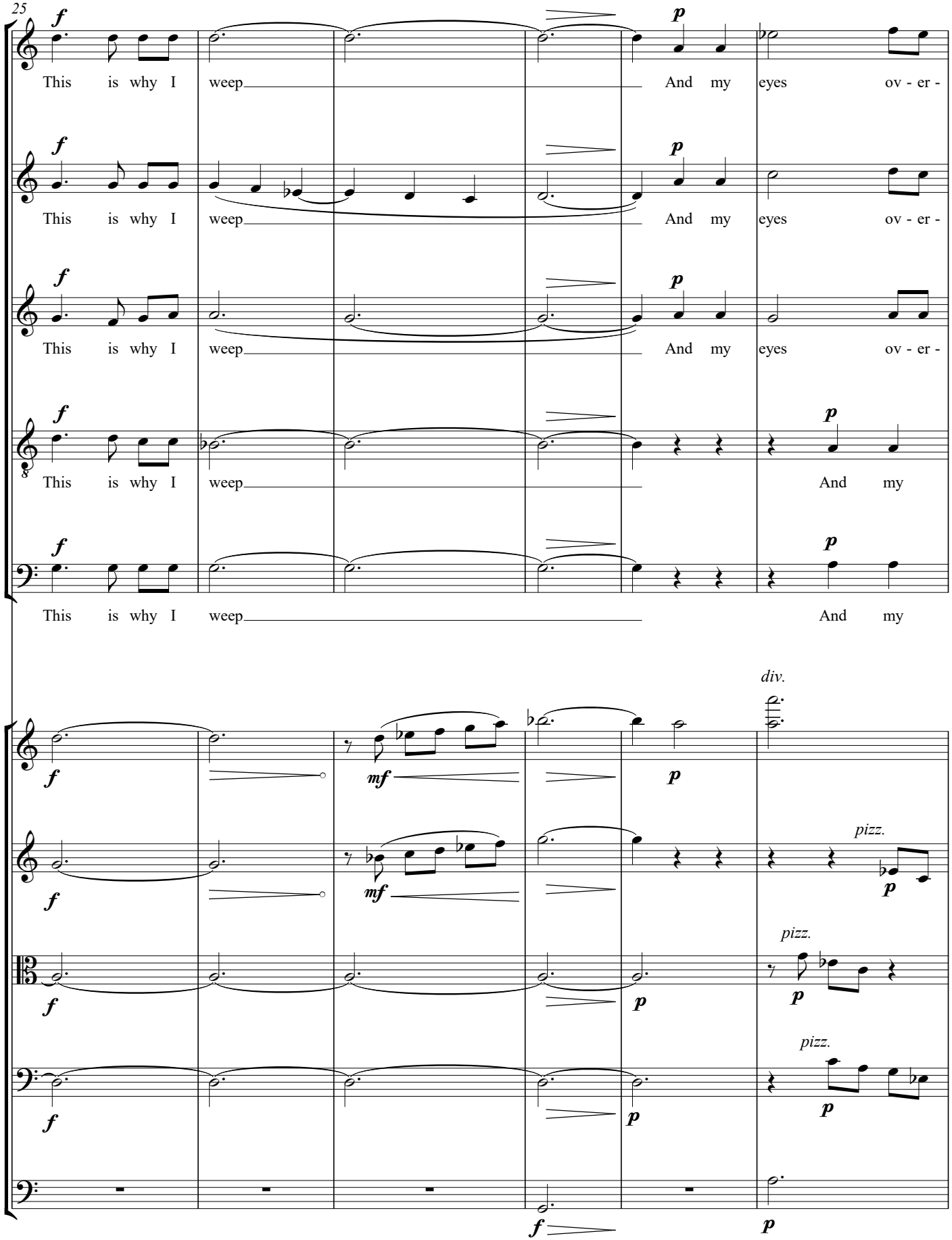
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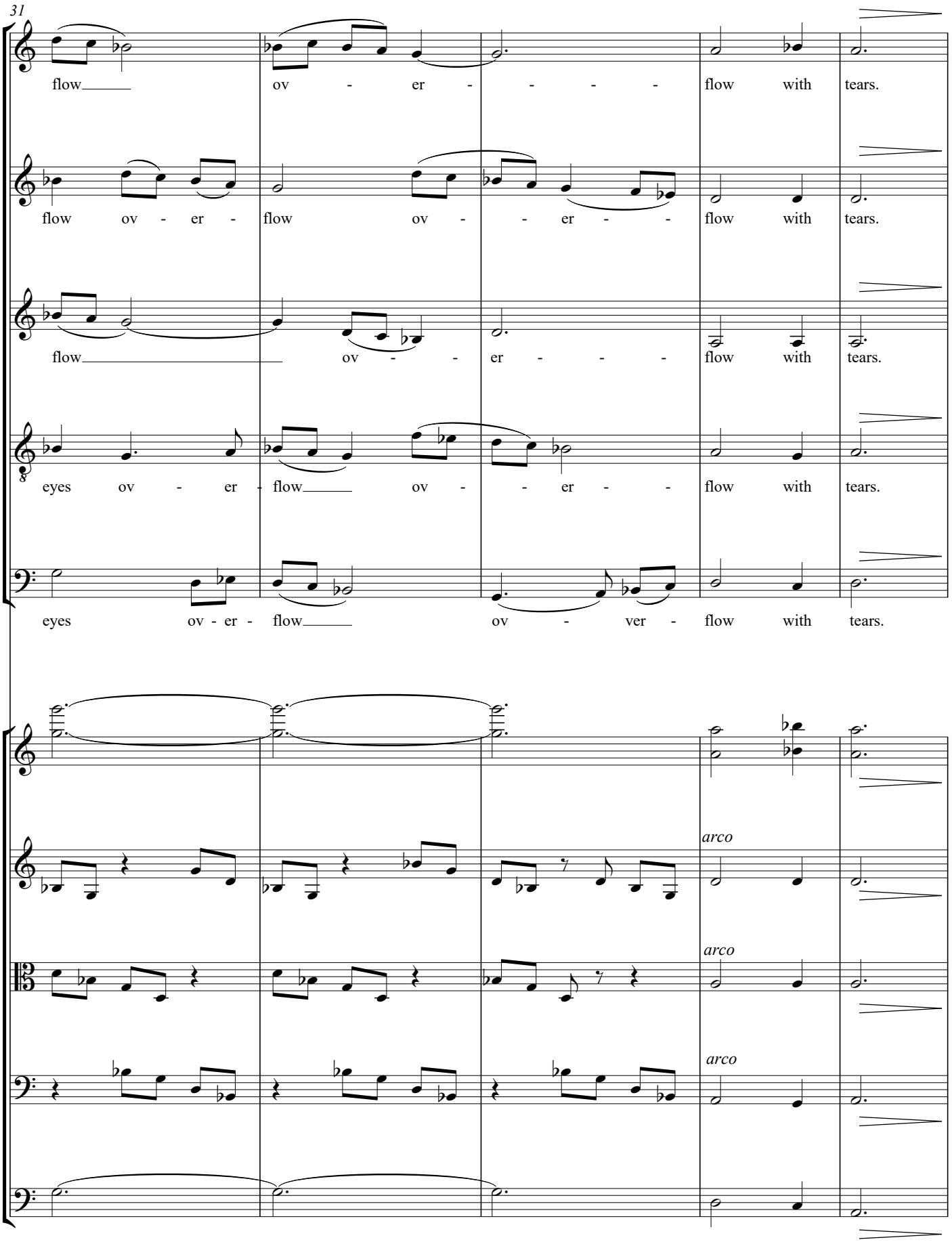
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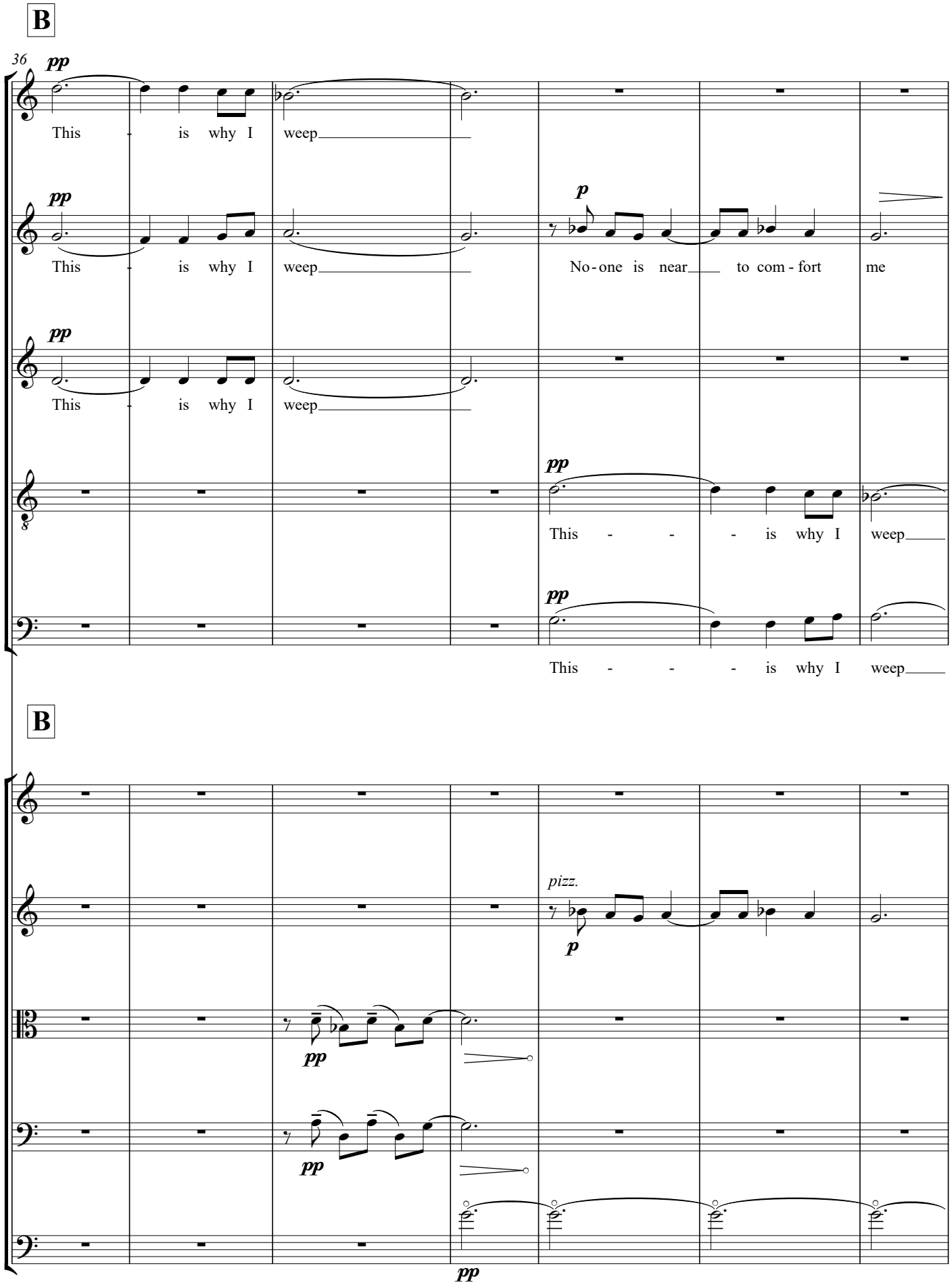
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No-one is near to com-fort me
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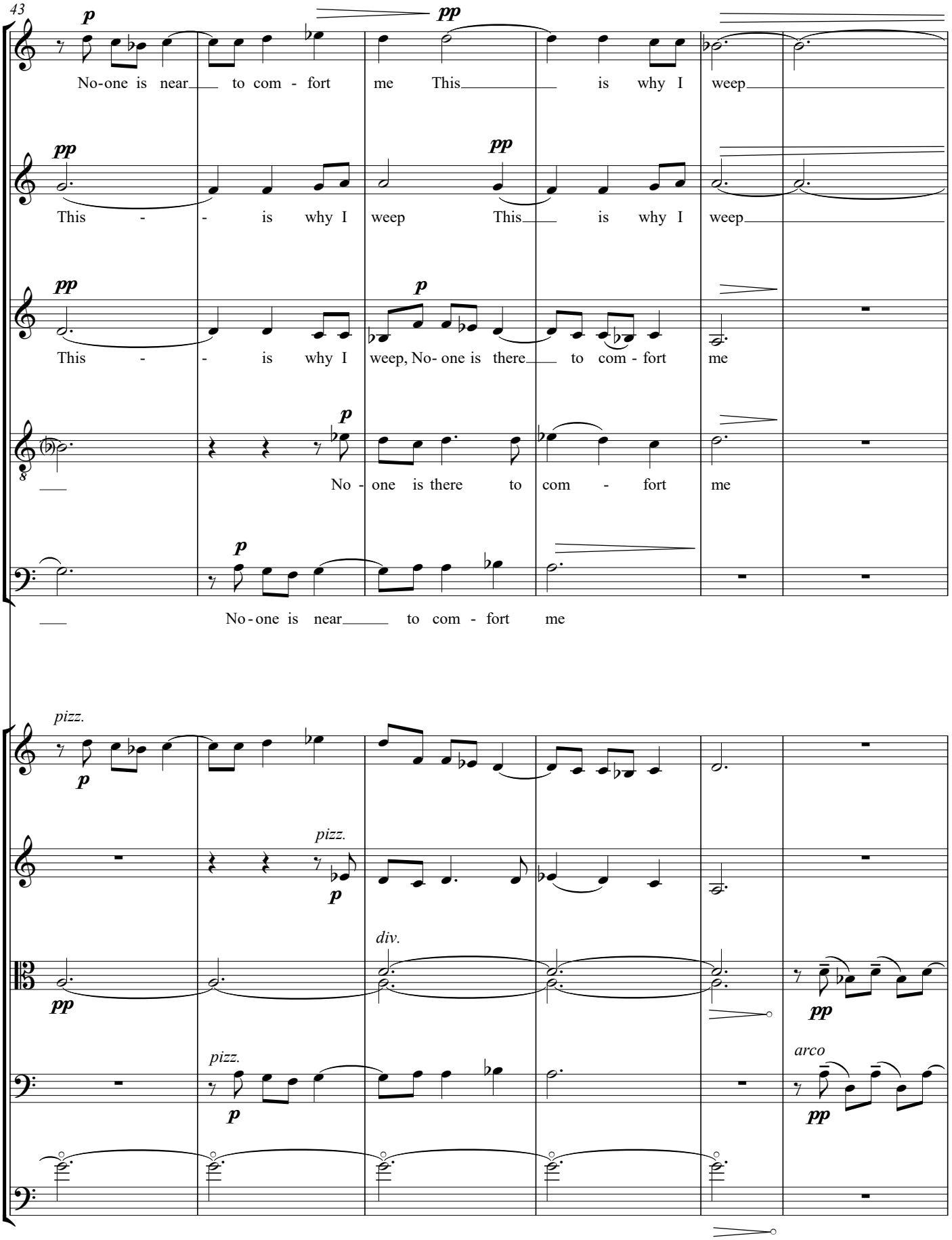
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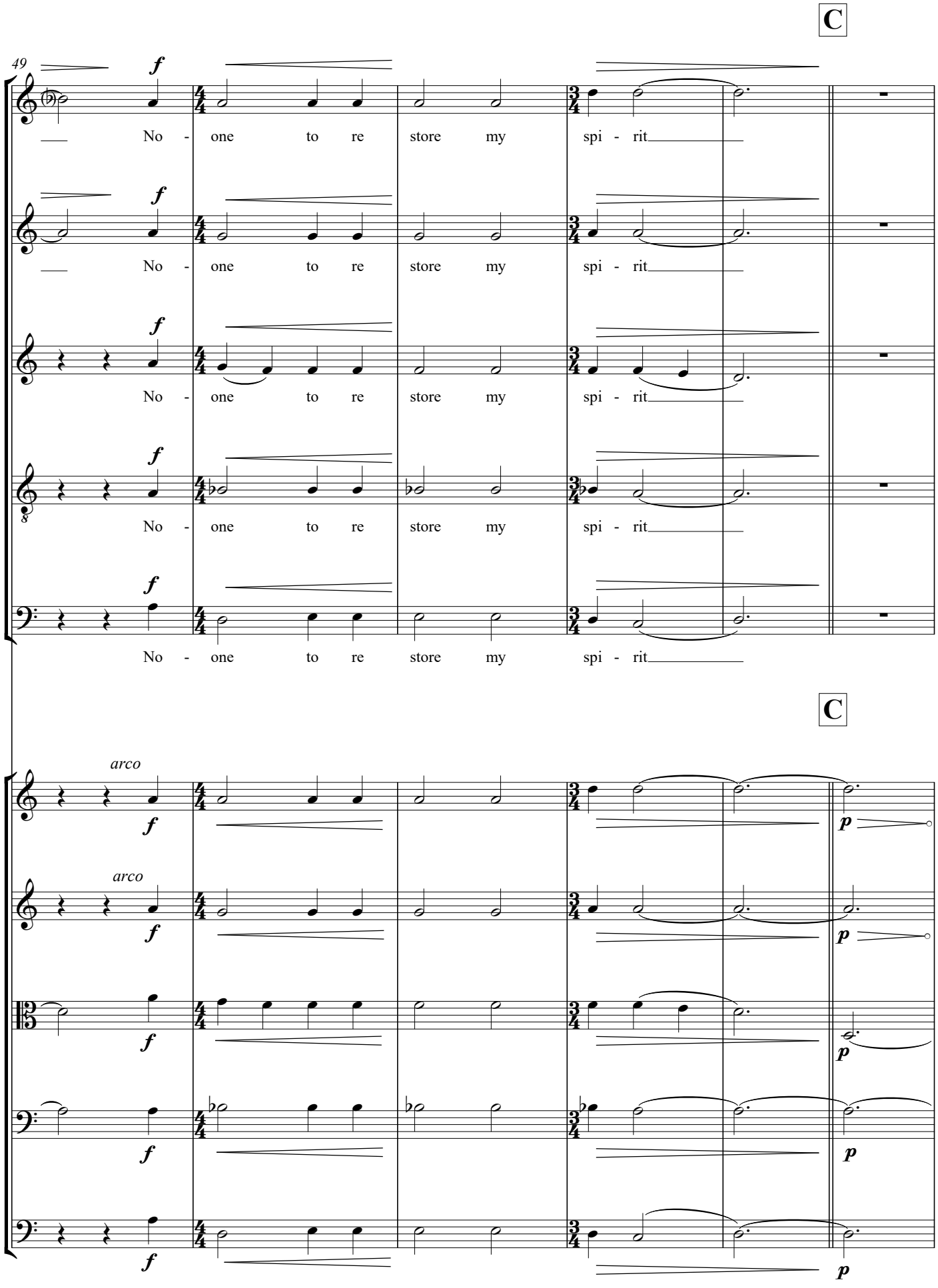
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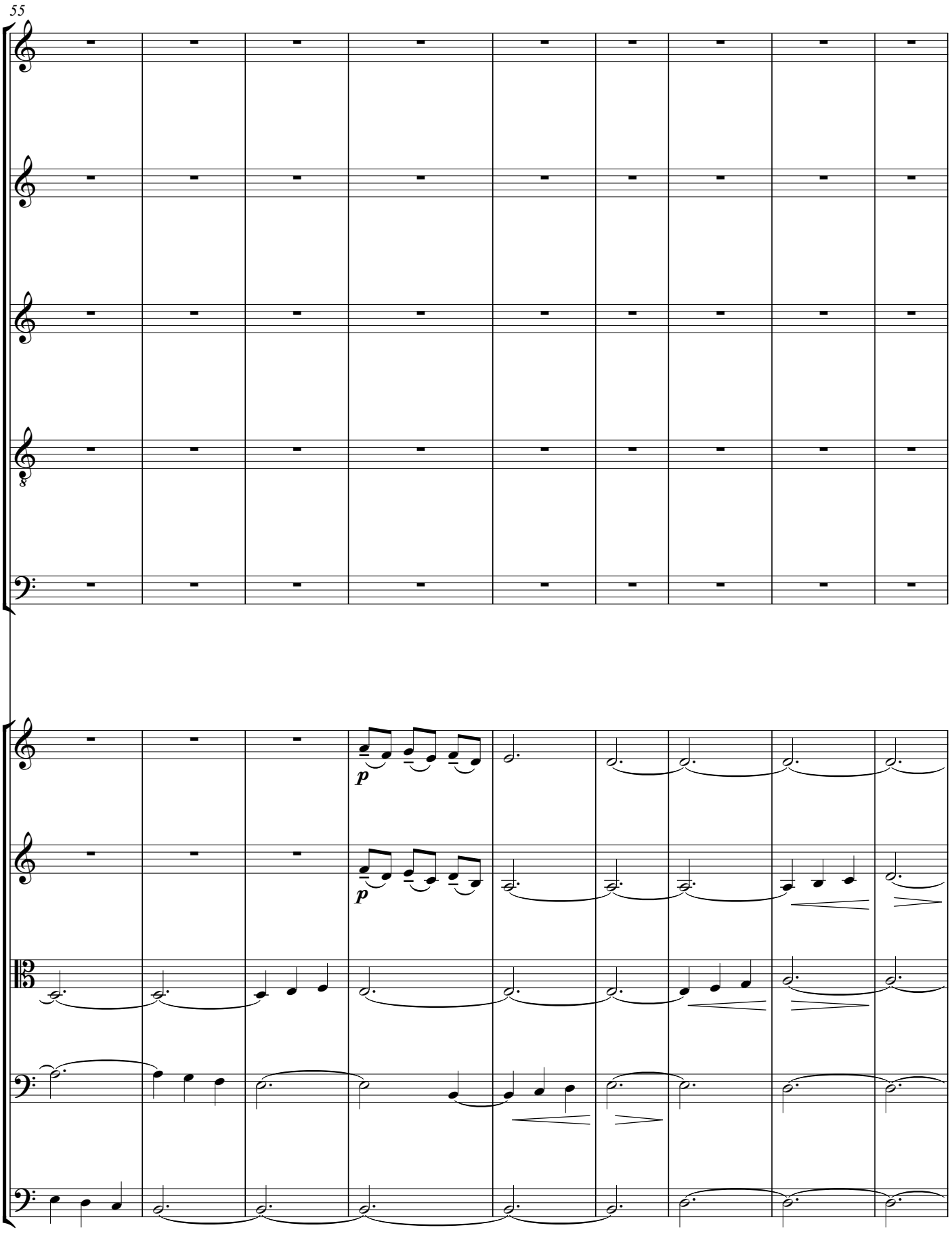
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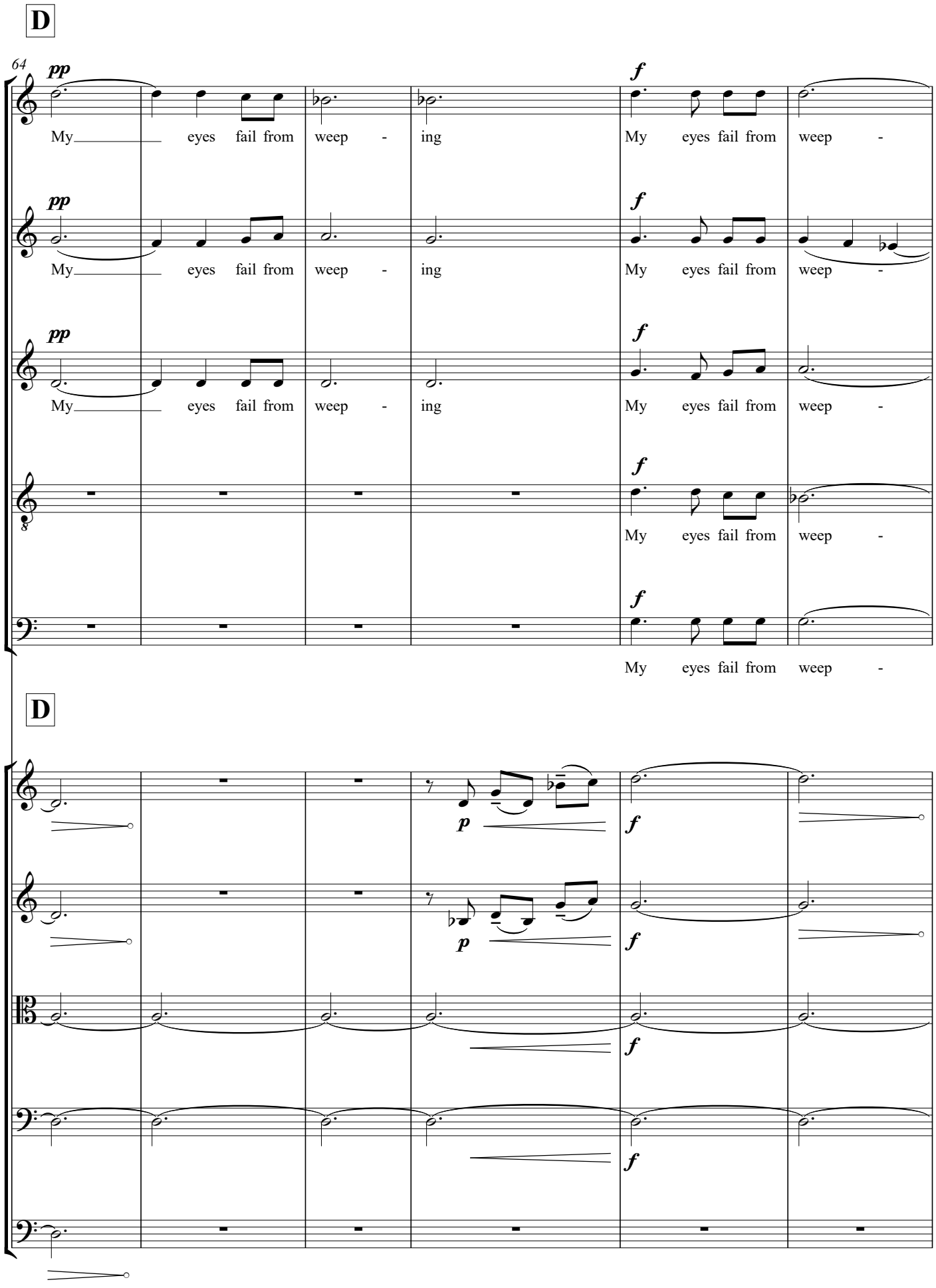
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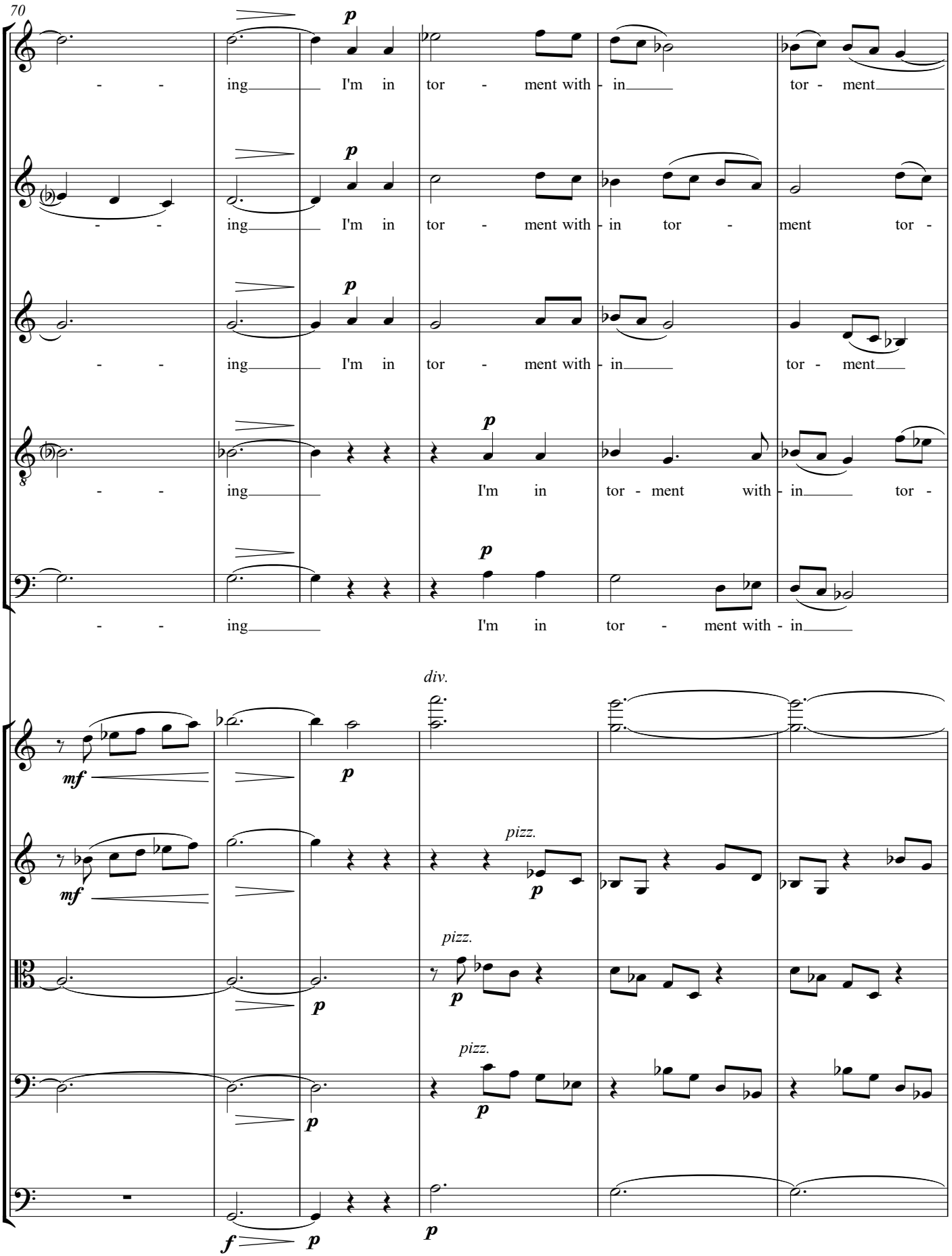
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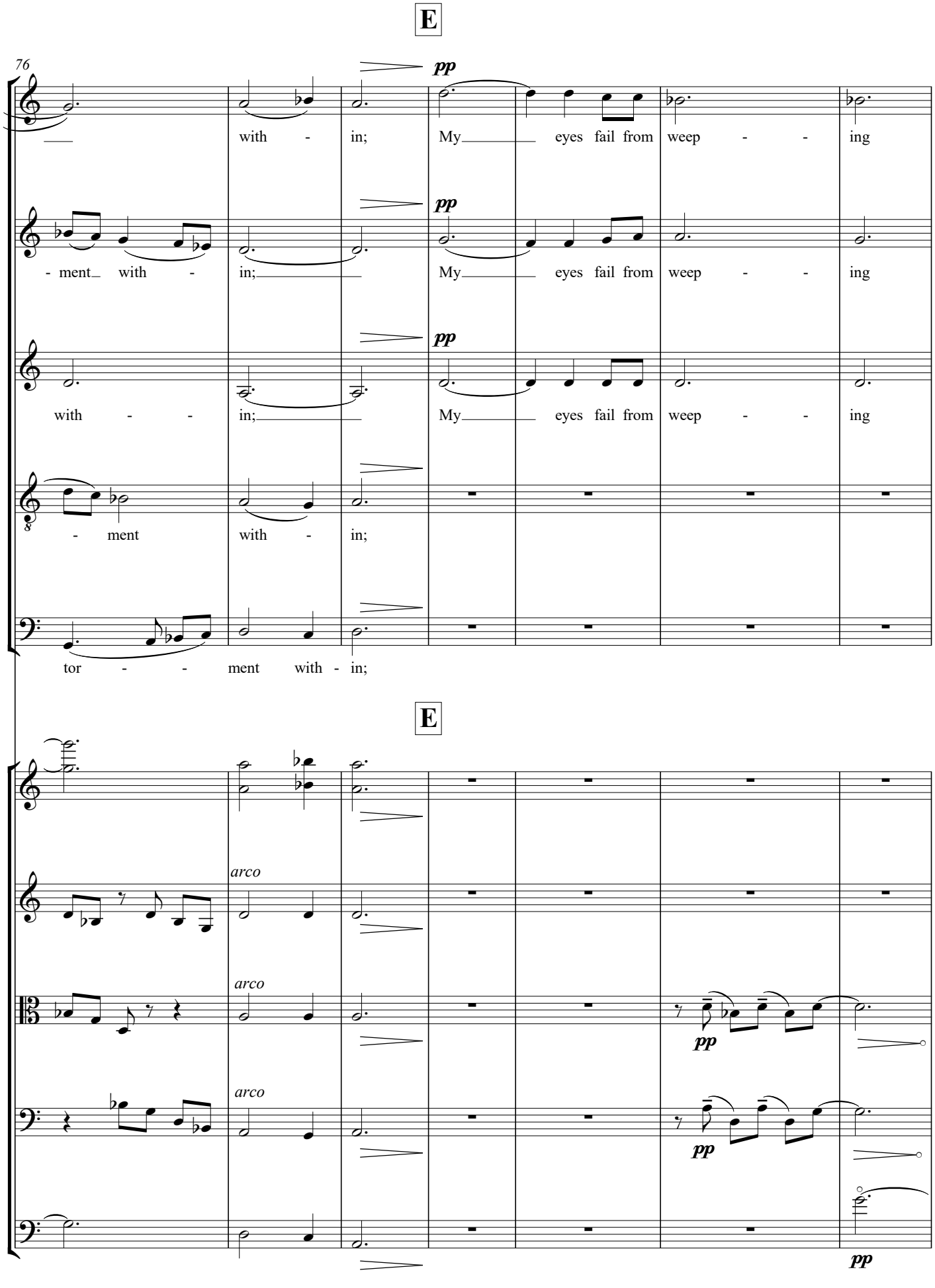
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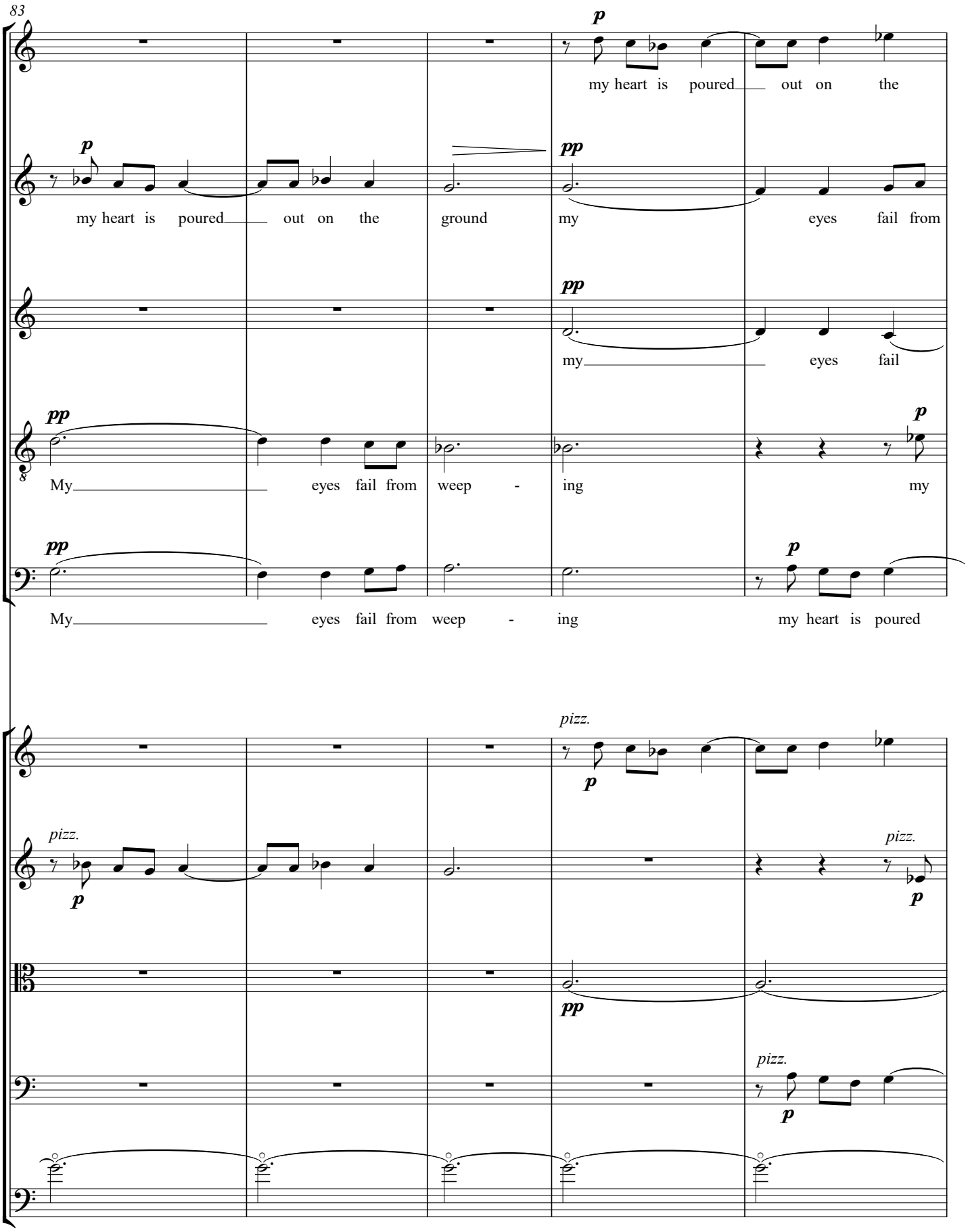
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my heart is poured out on the
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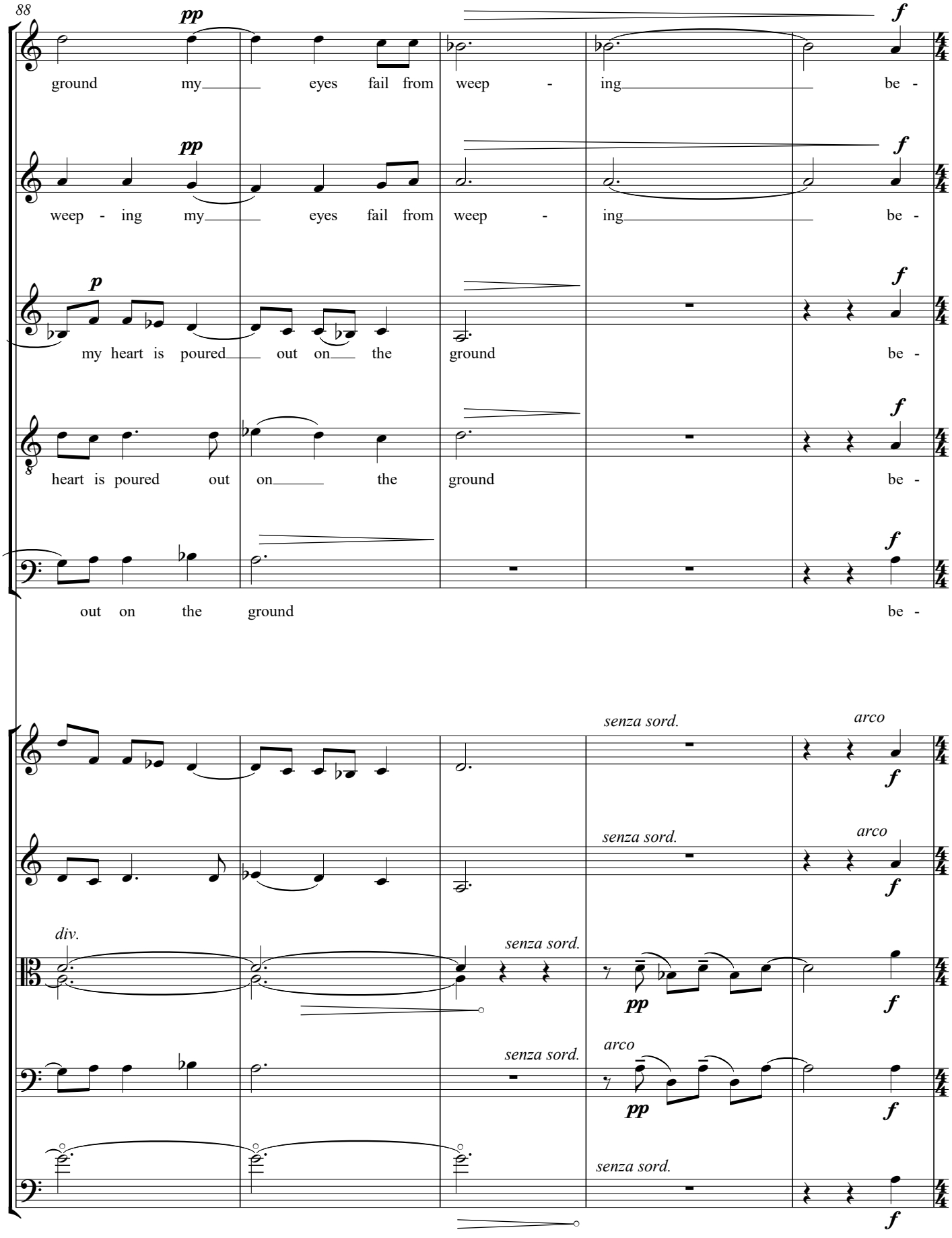
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ground my eyes fail from weep - ing be -
weep - ing my eyes fail from weep - ing be -
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out on the ground be -
senza sord.
arco
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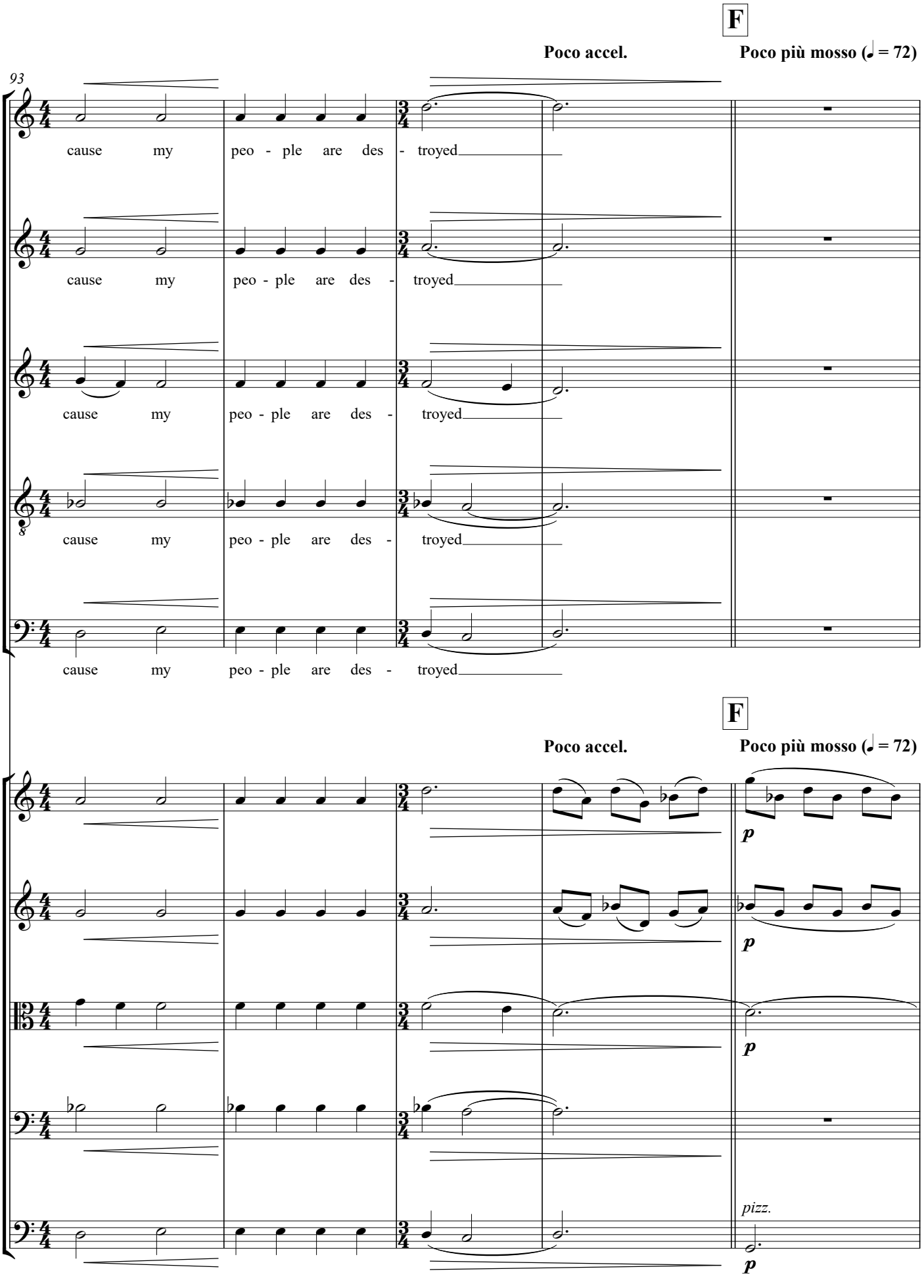
F
Poco accel.
Poco più mosso (♩ = 72)
93
cause my peo - ple are des - troyed
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cause my peo - ple are des - troyed
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Poco accel.
Poco più mosso (♩ = 72)
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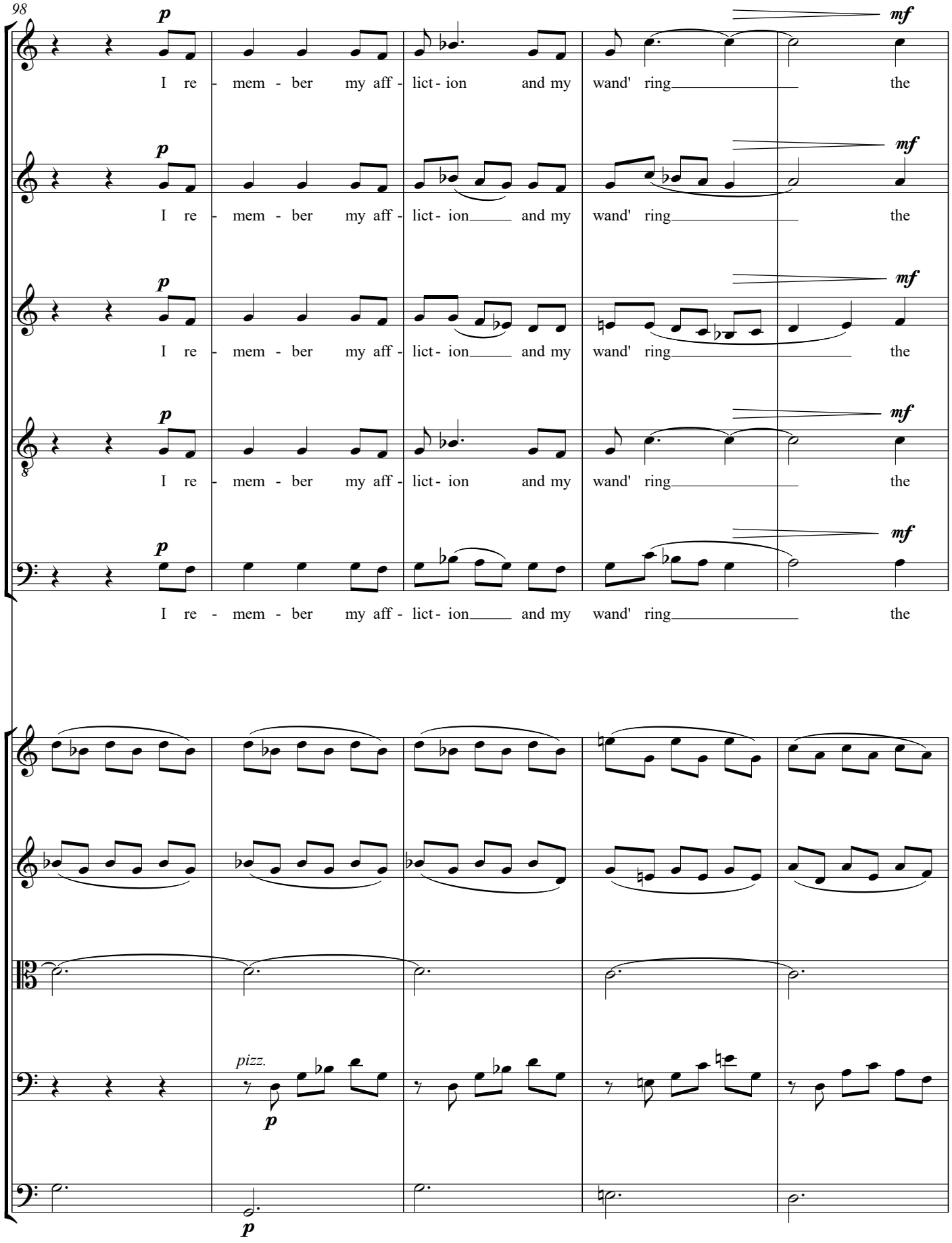
98
p
mf
I re - mem - ber my aff - lict - ion and my wand' ring the
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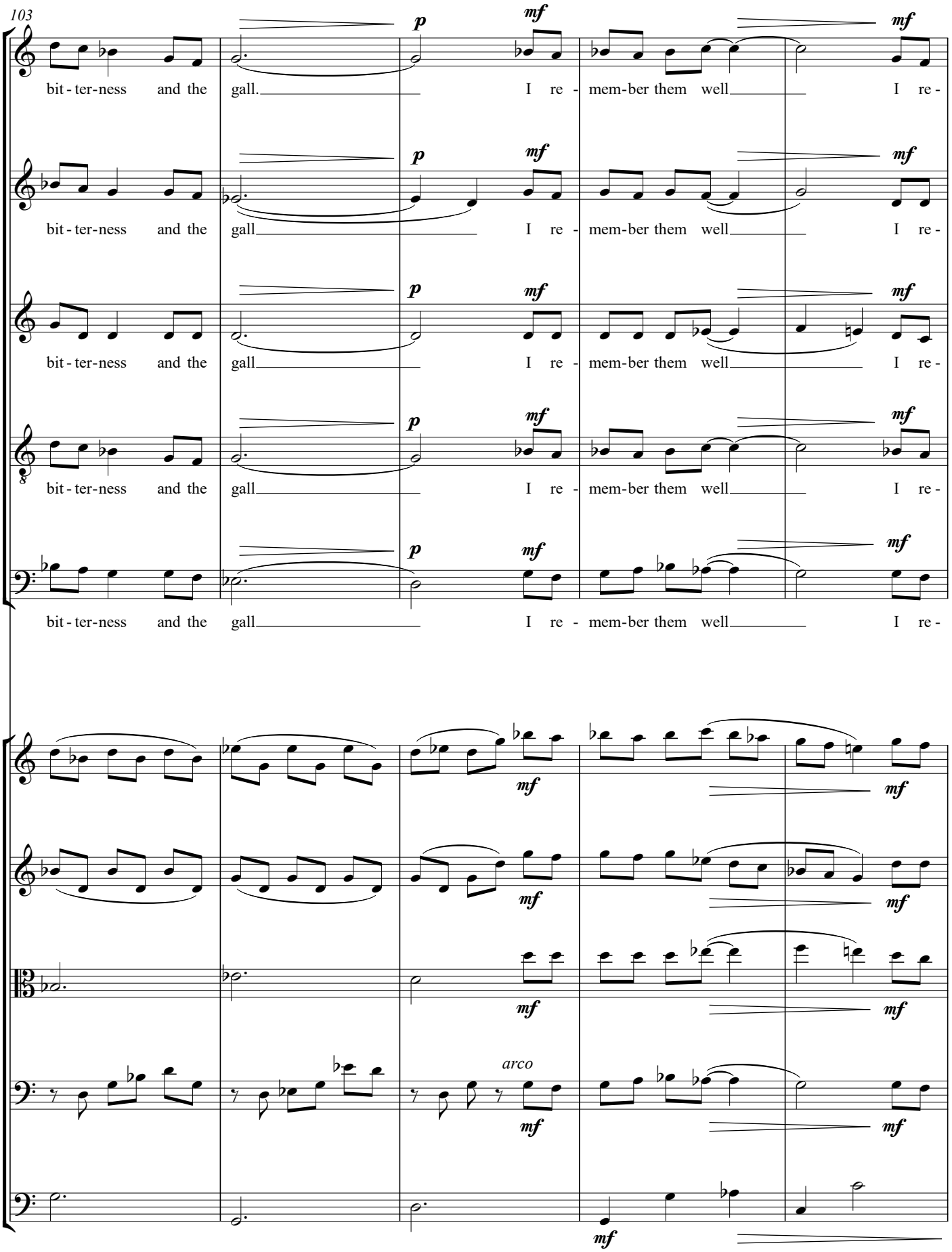
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bit - ter-ness and the gall. I re - mem-ber them well I re -
bit - ter-ness and the gall I re - mem-ber them well I re -
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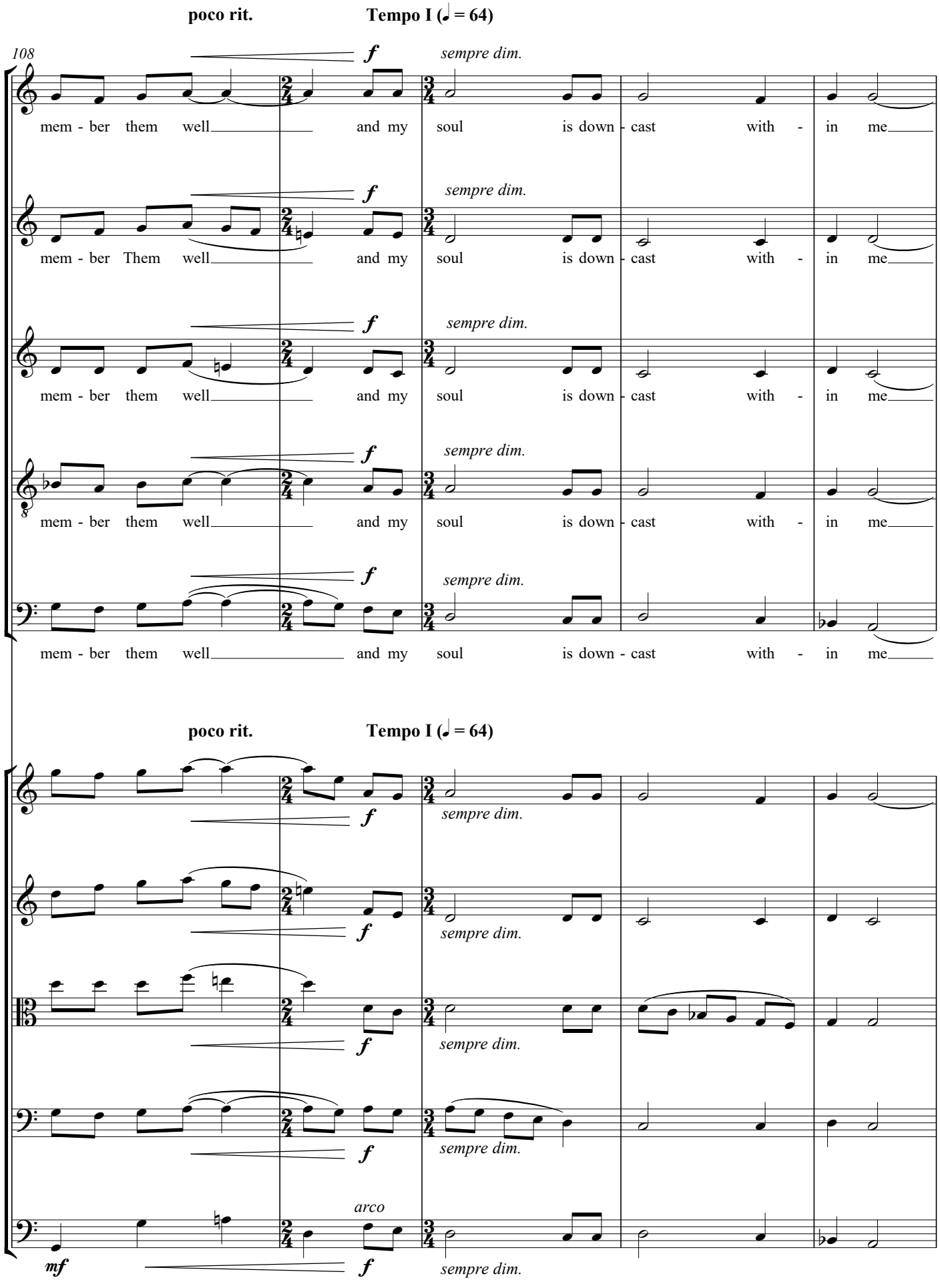
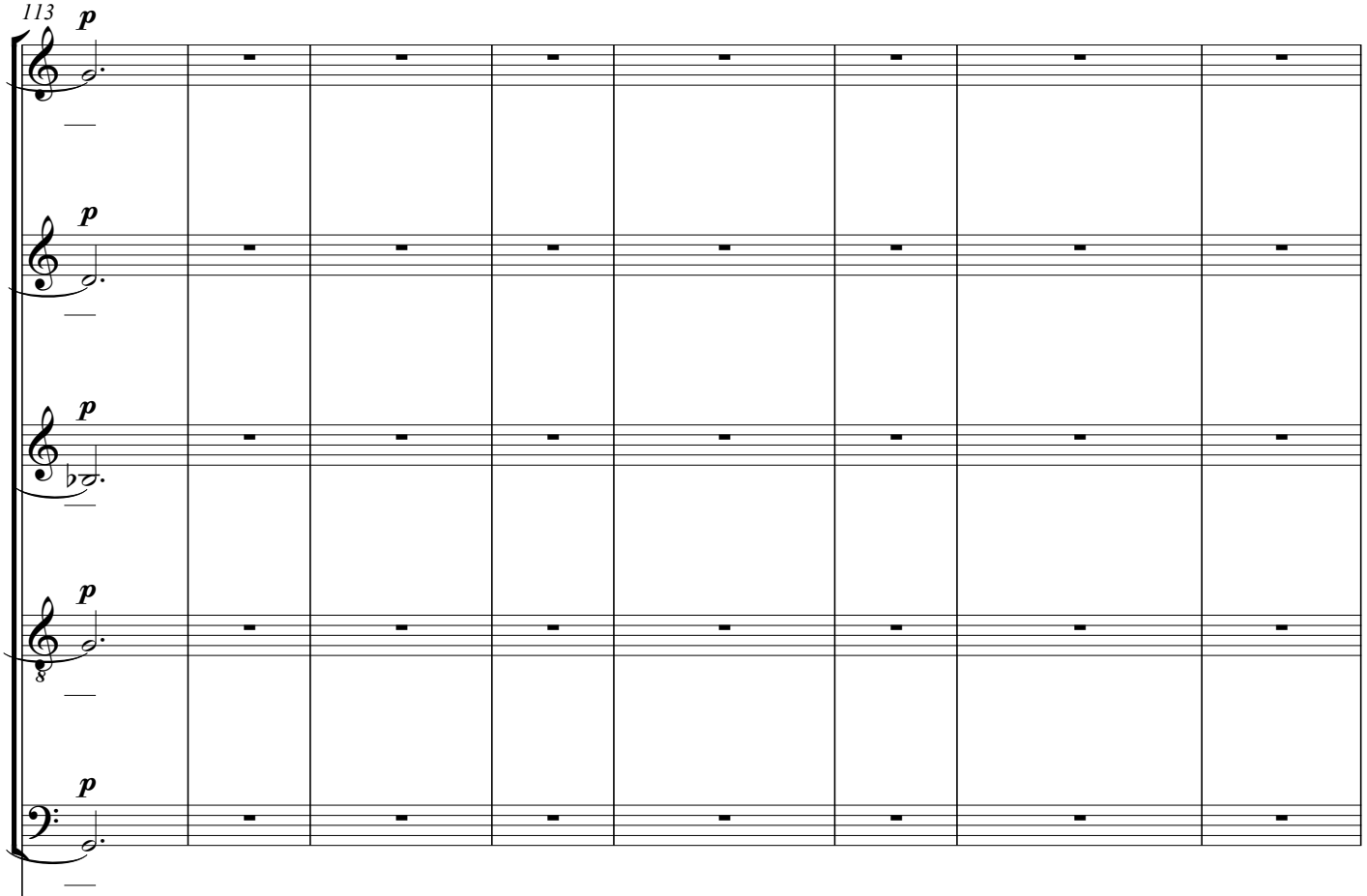
mf
arco


poco rit.
Tempo I (♩ = 64)
108
f
sempre dim.
mem - ber them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
mem - ber Them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
mem - ber them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
mem - ber them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
mem - ber them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
poco rit.
Tempo I (♩ = 64)
f
sempre dim.
arco
mf

G

Poco più mosso



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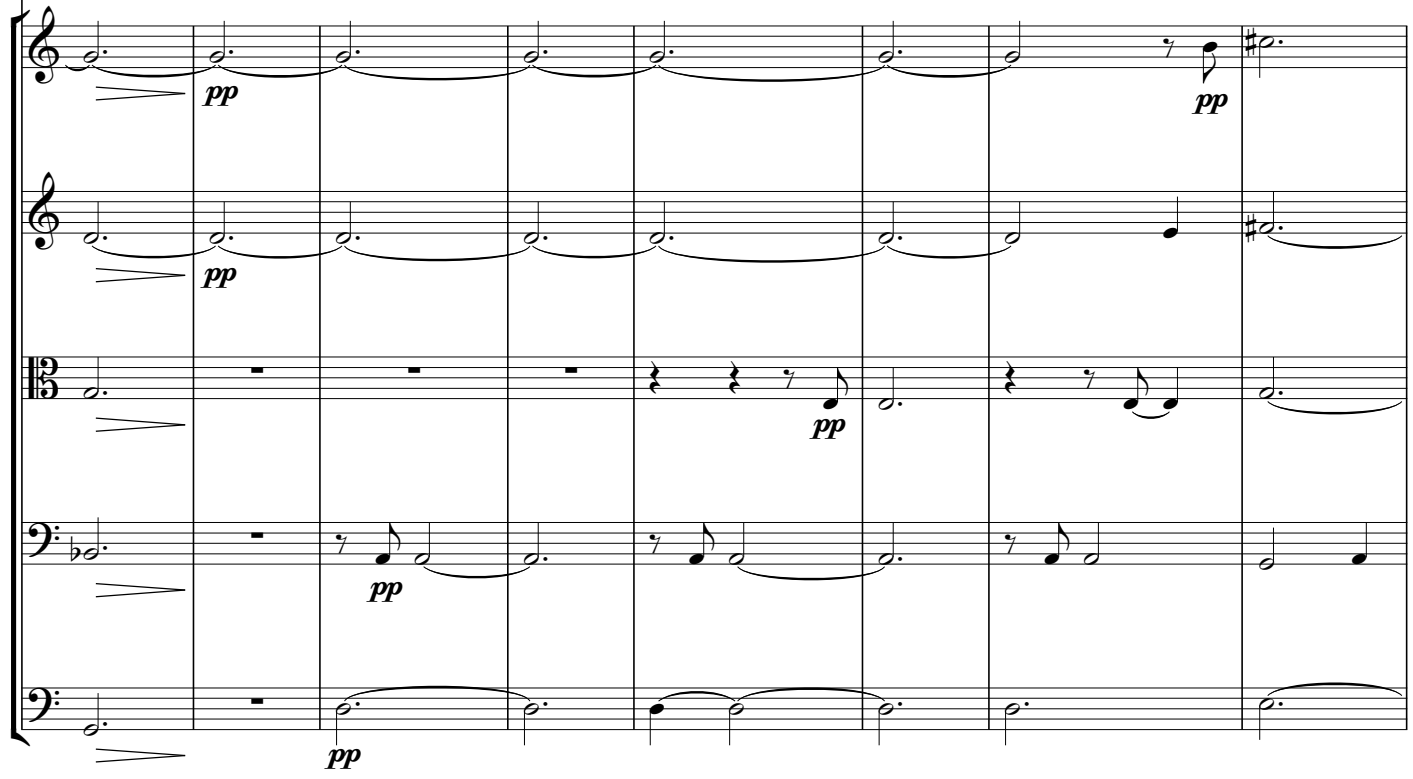
Poco più mosso



Andante (♩ = 80)

121

pp *sempre cresc.* *f espress.*

Yet this I call to mind and there - fore I have hope: Be -

pp *sempre cresc.* *f espress.*

Yet this I call to mind and there - fore I have hope: Be -

pp *sempre cresc.* *f espress.*

Yet this I call to mind and there - fore I have hope: Be -

pp *sempre cresc.* *f espress.*

Yet this I call to mind and there - fore I have hope: Be -

pp *sempre cresc.* *f espress.*

Yet this I call to mind and there - fore I have hope: Be -

Andante (♩ = 80)

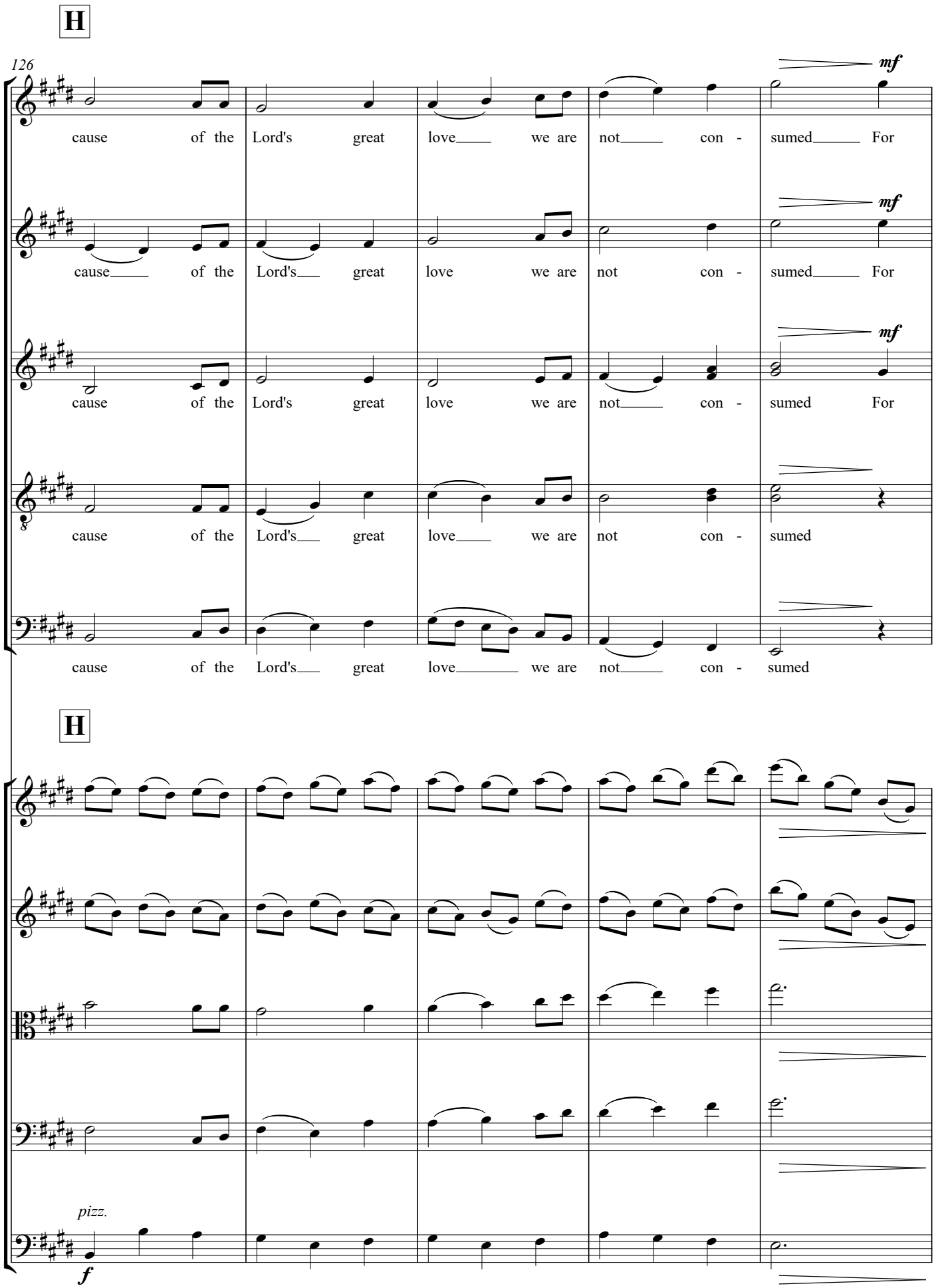
sempre cresc. *f*

sempre cresc. *f*

sempre cresc. *f*

sempre cresc. *f*

sempre cresc.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mf
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed For
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed For
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed For
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cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed
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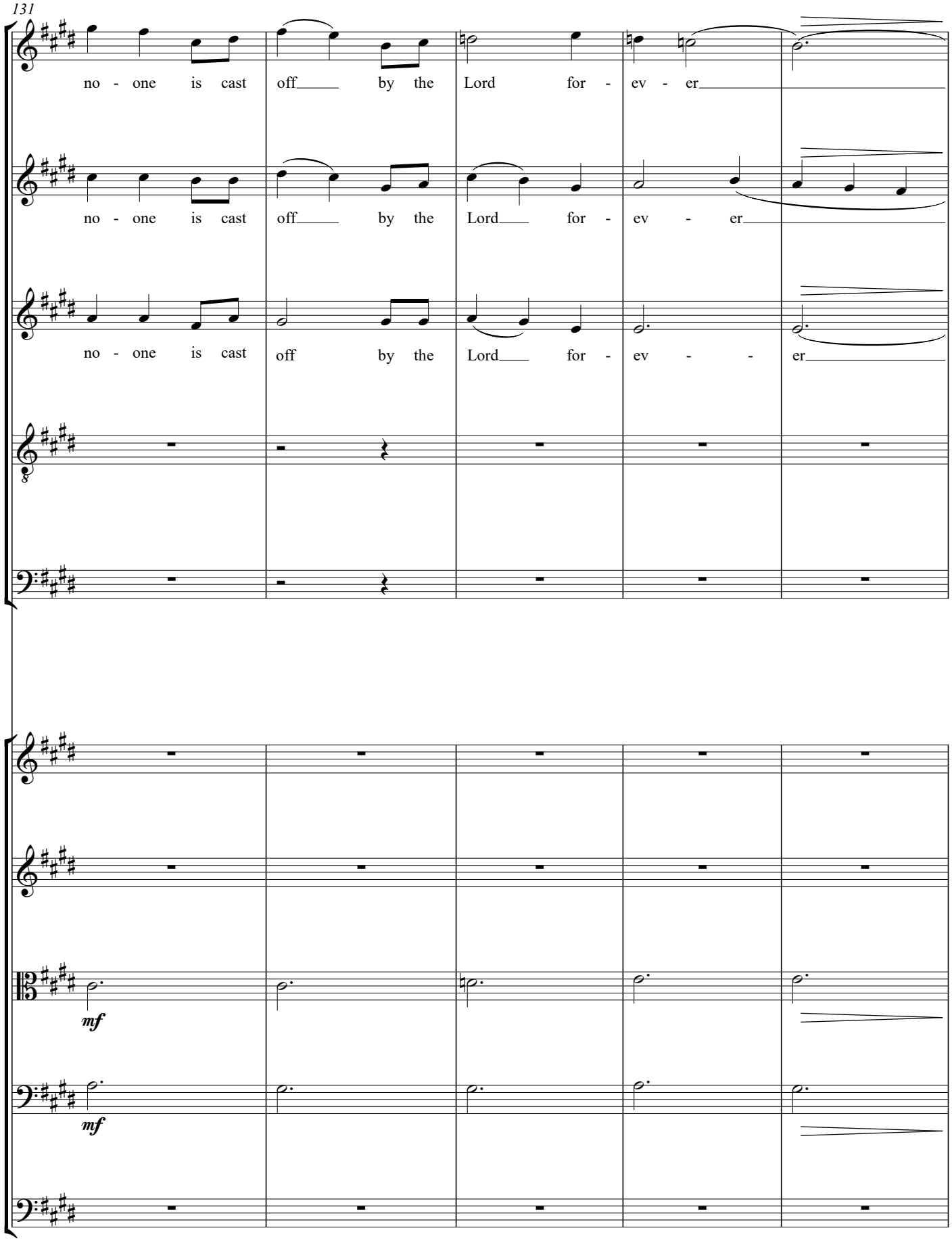
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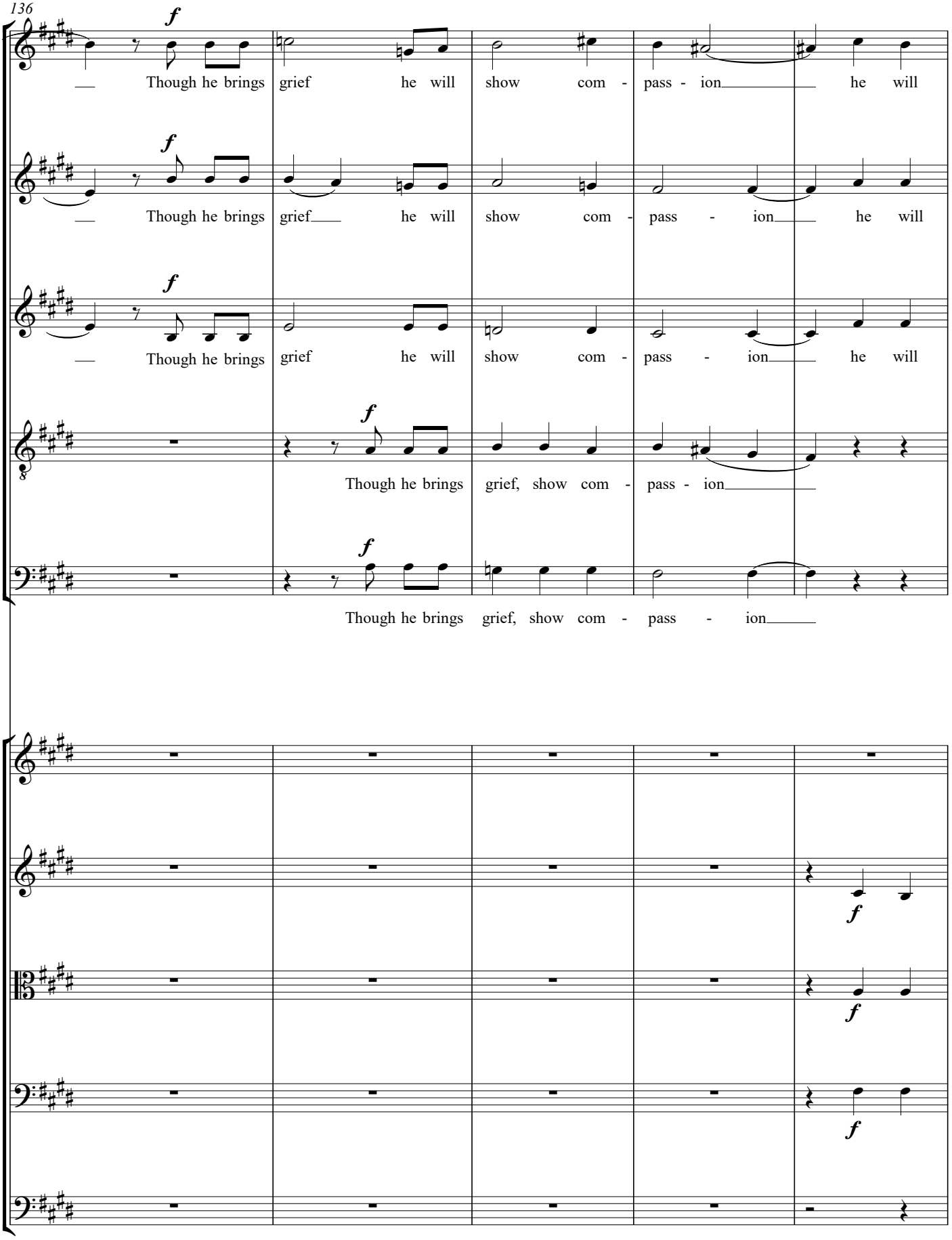
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f
Though he brings grief he will show com - pass - ion he will
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Though he brings grief he will show com - pass - ion he will
f
Though he brings grief, show com - pass - ion
f
Though he brings grief, show com - pass - ion
f
f
f

I

141

mf

show com - pass - ion So great is his un - fail - ing

mf

show com - pass - ion So great is his un - fail - ing

mf

show com - pass - sion So great is his un - fail - ing

he will show com - pass - ion

he will show com - pass - ion

I

f

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mf

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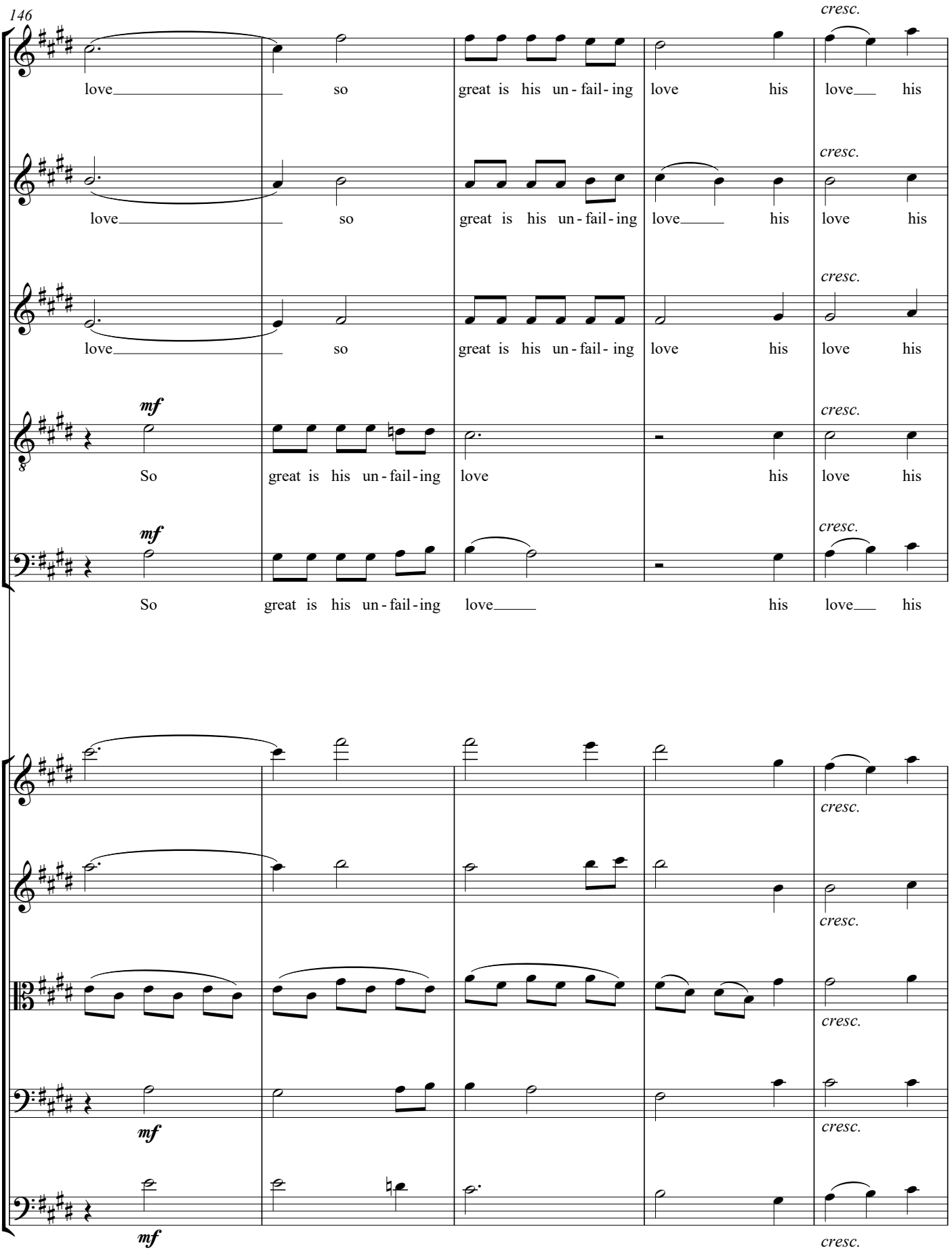
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love so great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
love so great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
love so great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
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So great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
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So great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
cresc.
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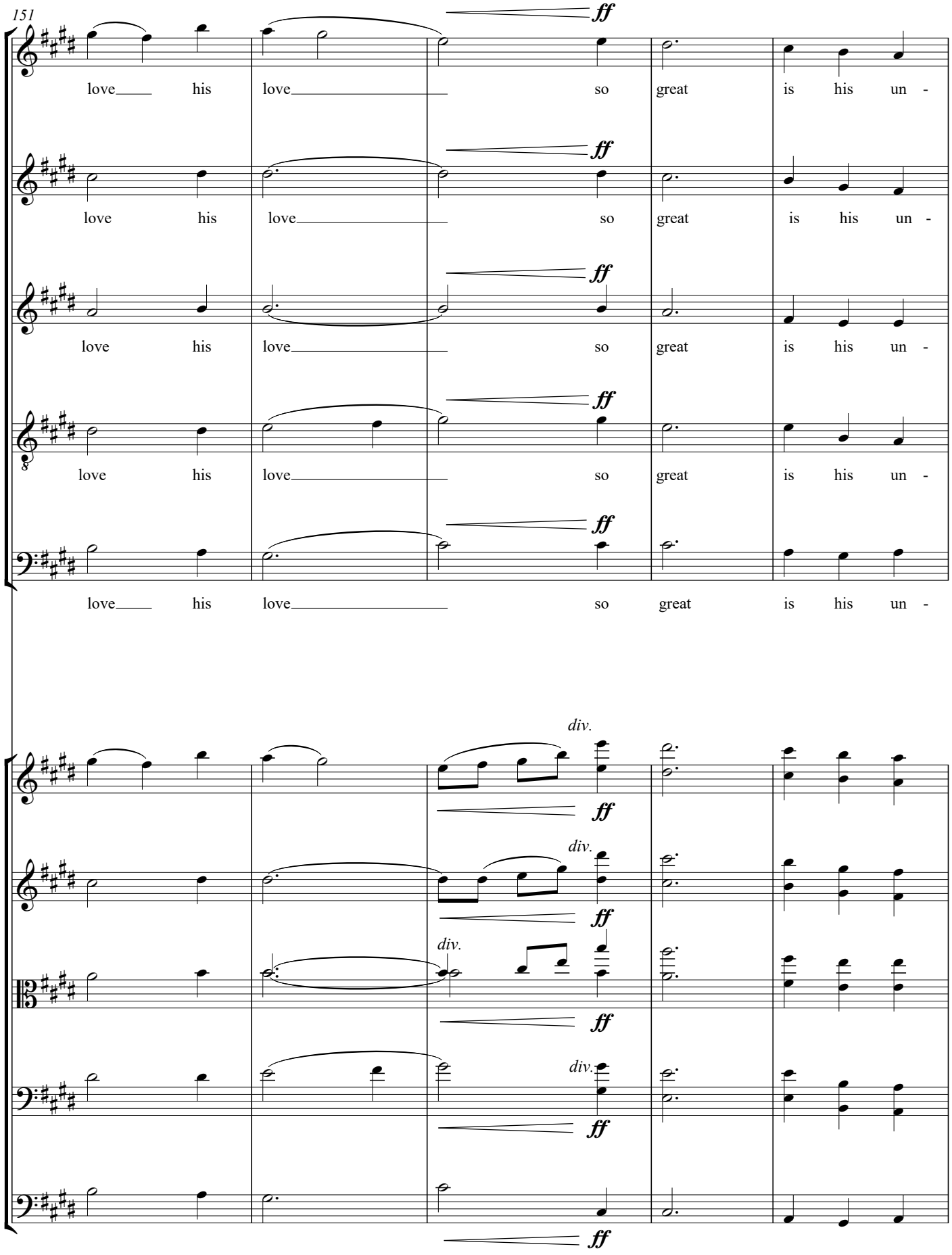
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love his love so great is his un -
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love his love so great is his un -
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love his love so great is his un -
div.
div.
div.
div.

Meno mosso e rit. al fine

156

fail - - ing love

fail - - ing love

fail - - ing love

fail - - ing love

fail - - ing love

Meno mosso e rit. al fine

unis. ***pp***

unis. ***pp***

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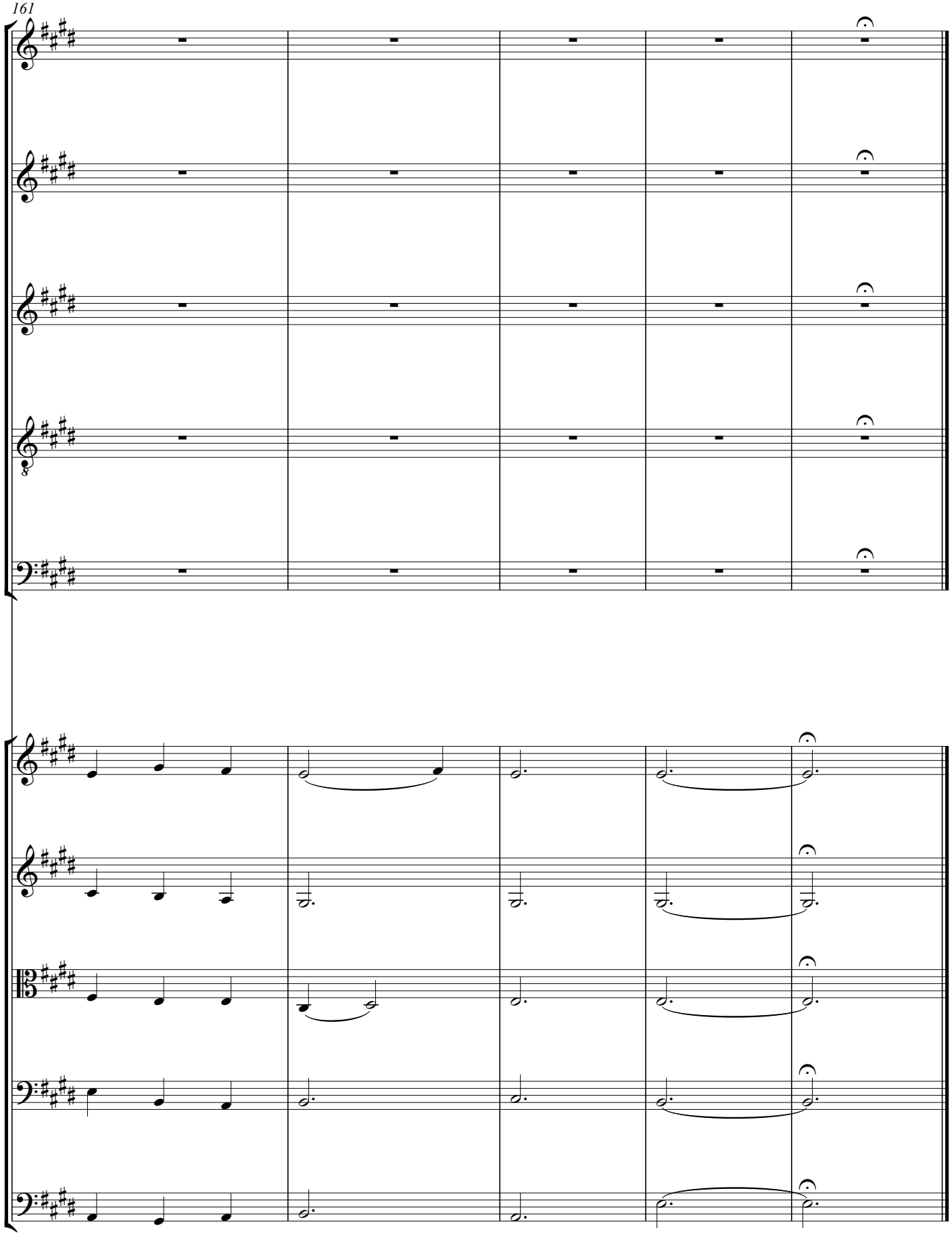
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