David Slater

Elegies

from the Book of Lamentations

S S S/A A A Choir
and String Orchestra

Copyright © David Slater 2016

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.
.

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:

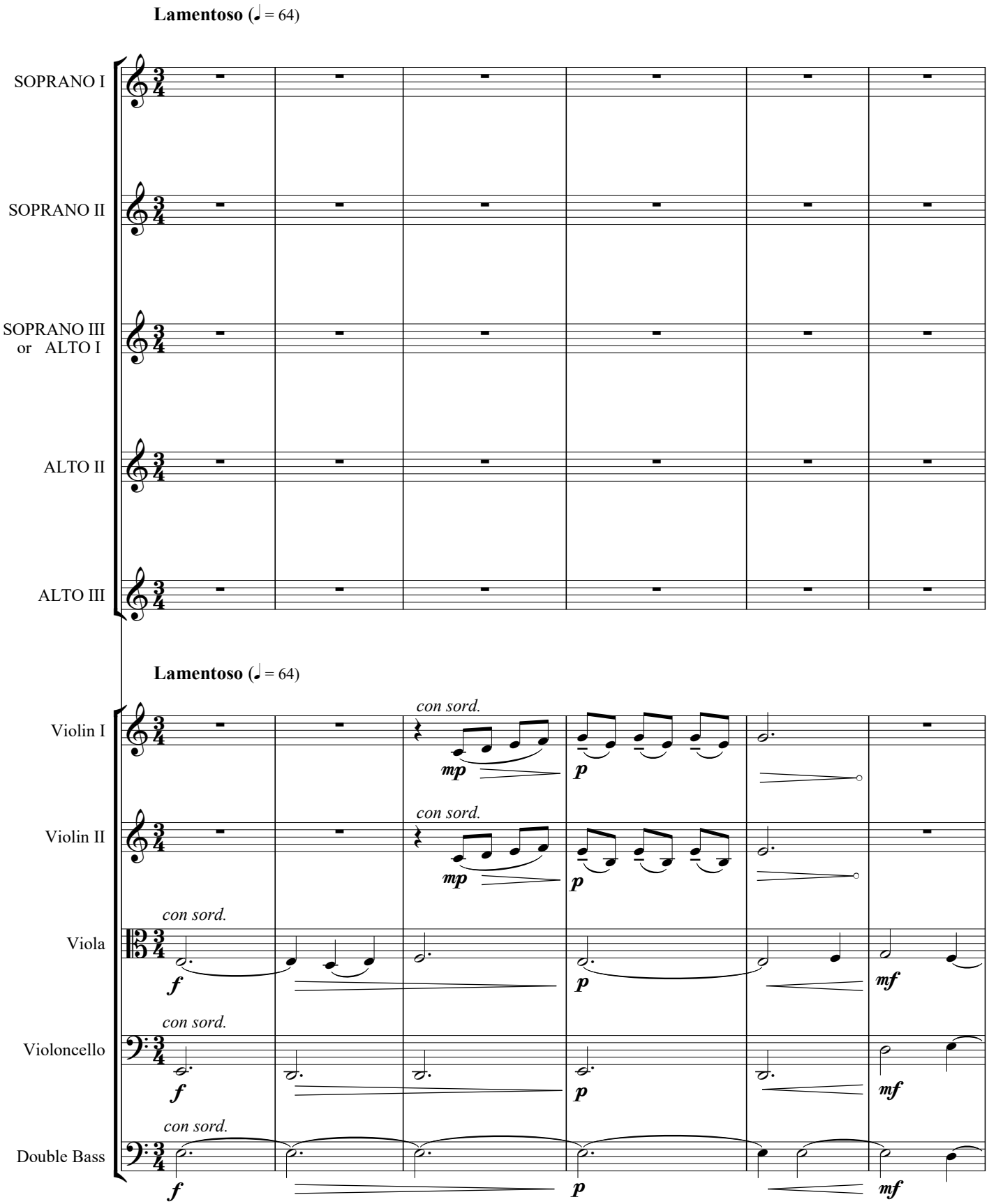
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.
Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.

Elegies

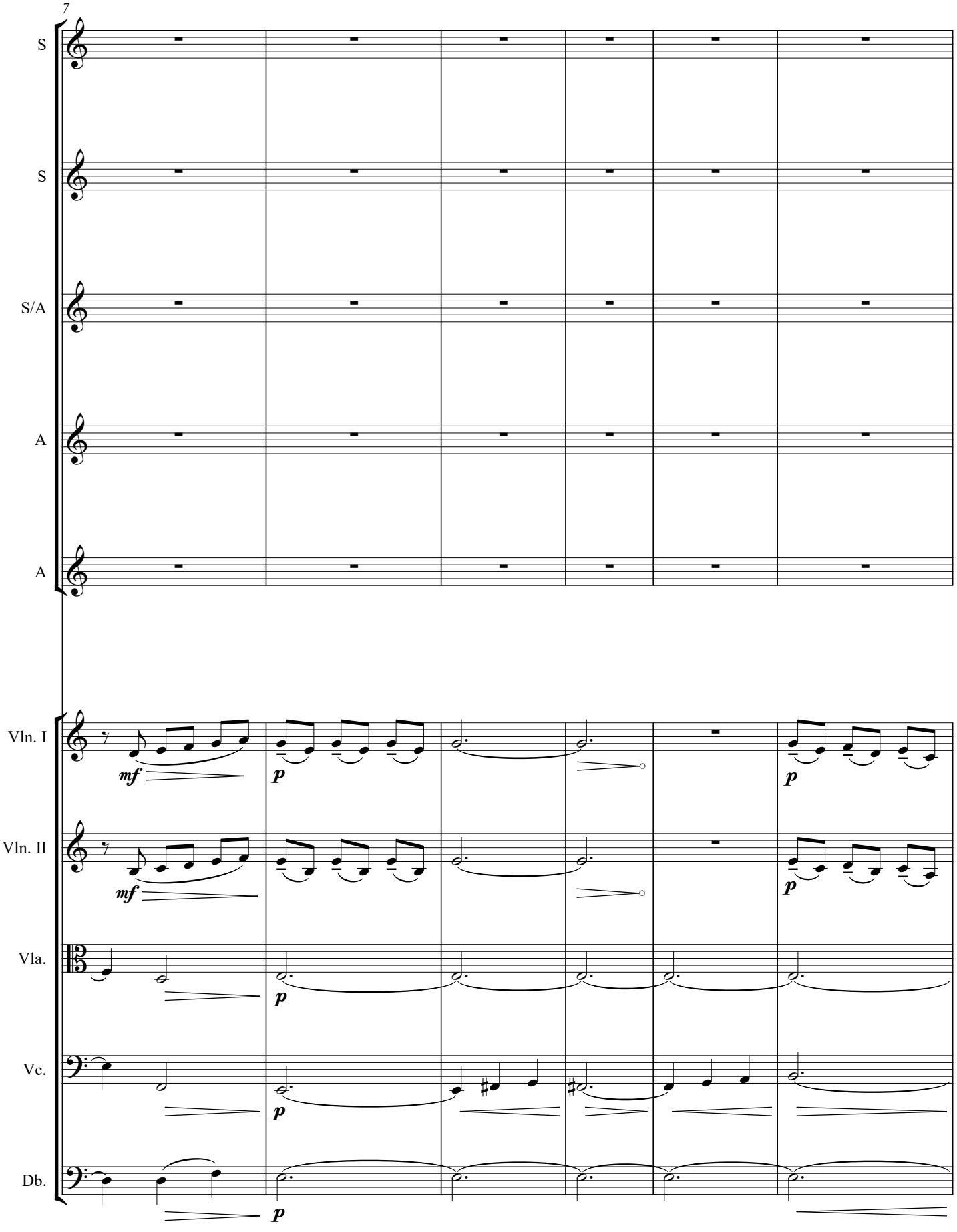
for Dearne, Scott and family

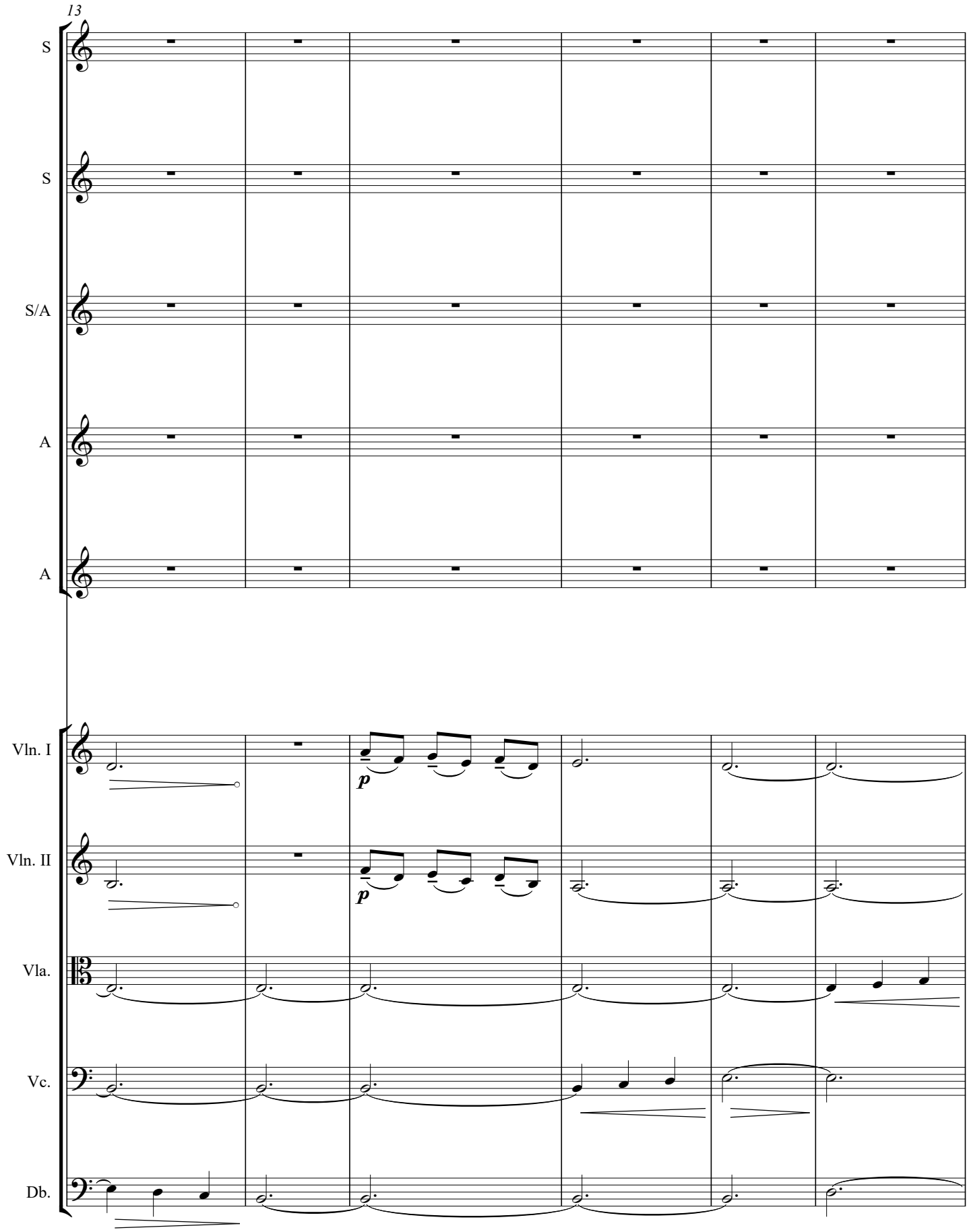
From the Book of Lamentations

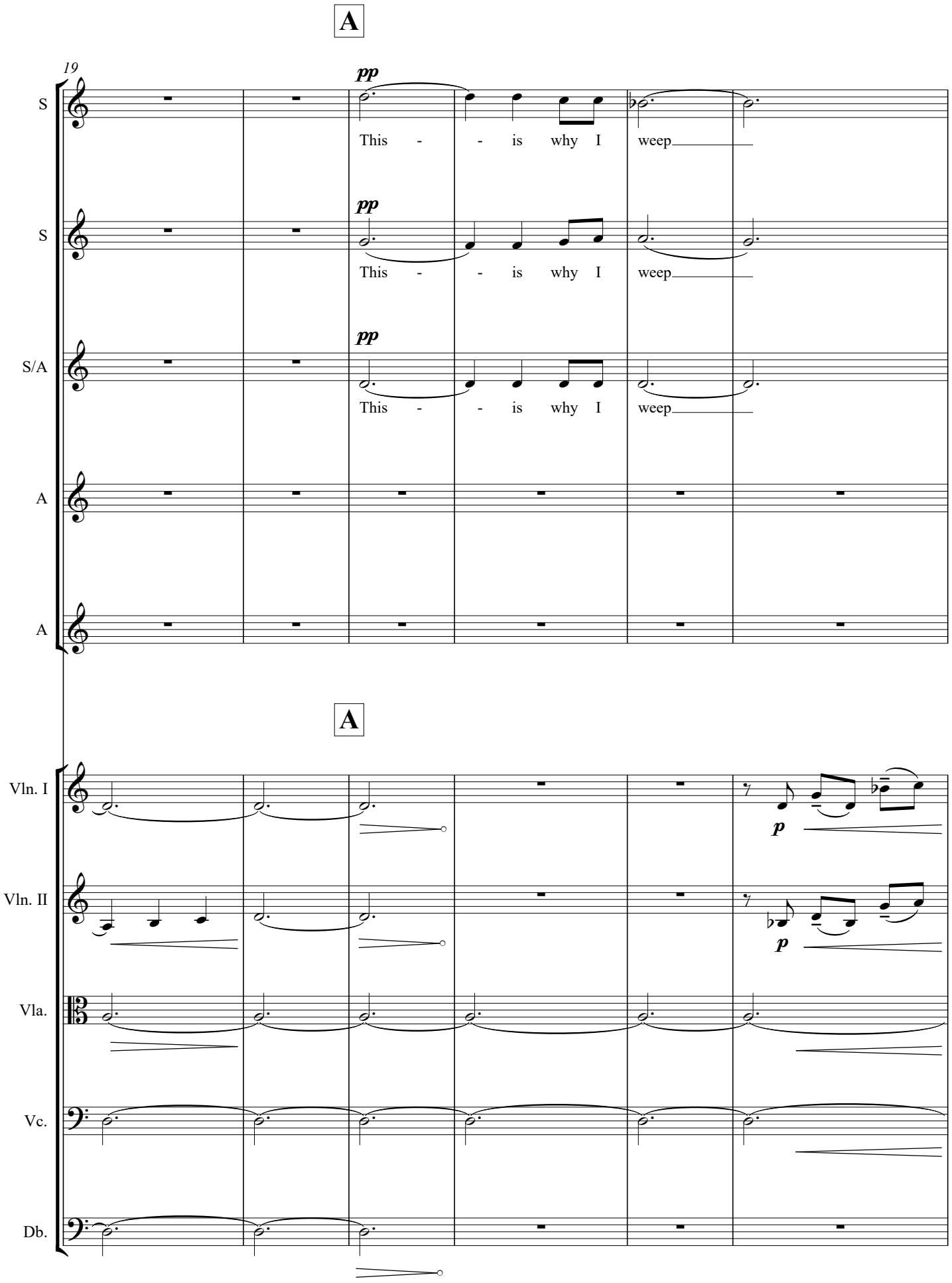
David Slater

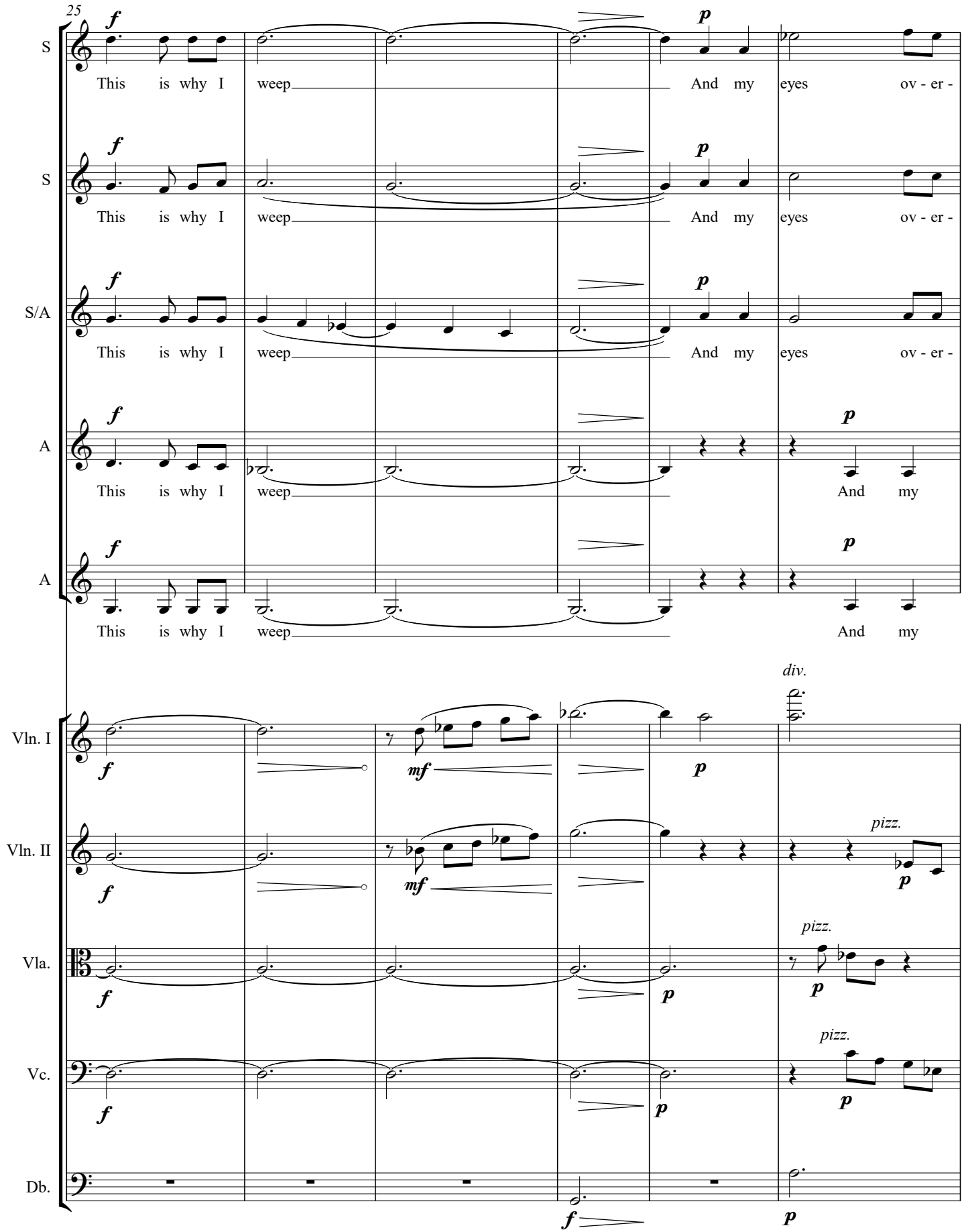


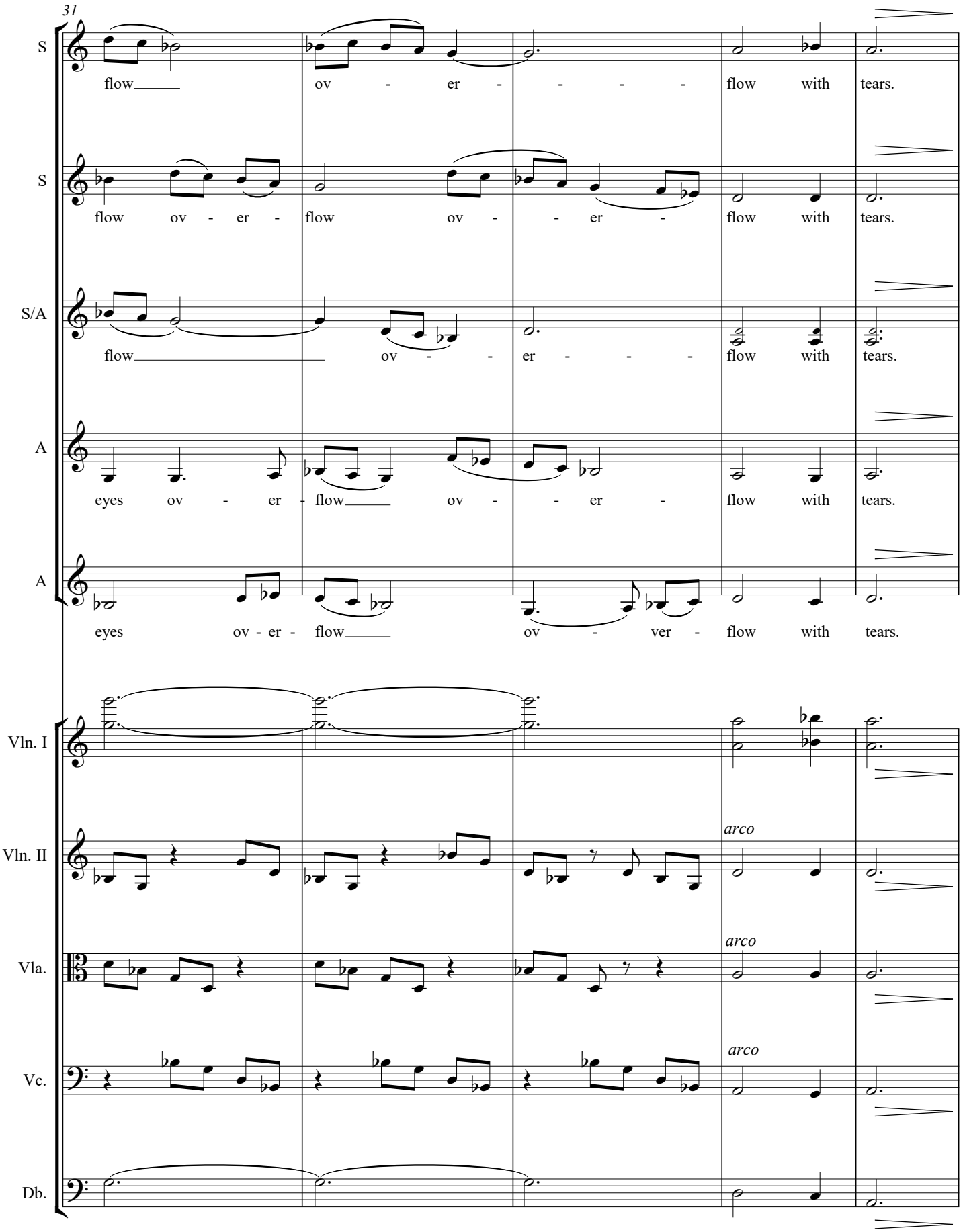
Copyright © David Slater 2016

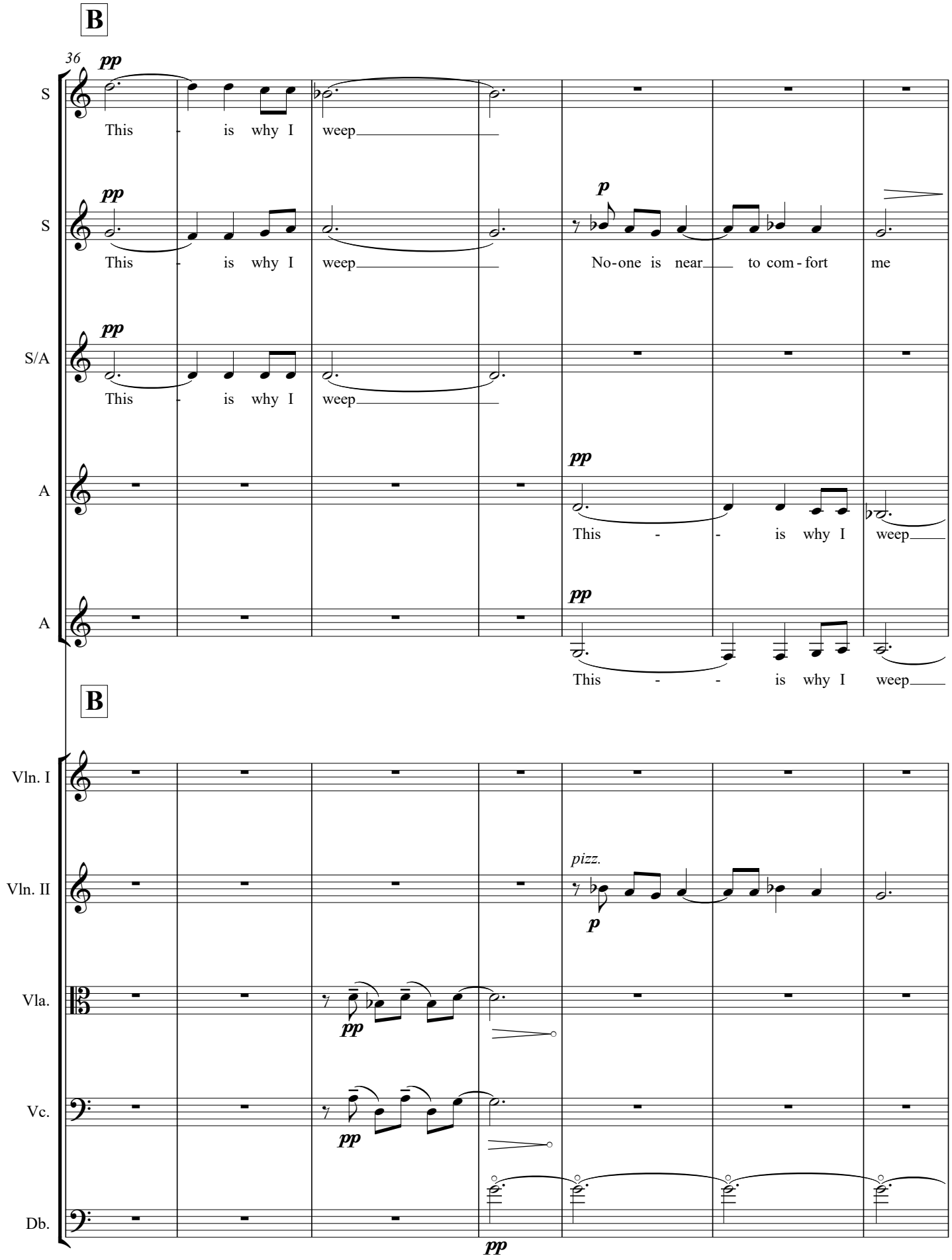

7
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
mf
p
mf
p
p
p
p
p

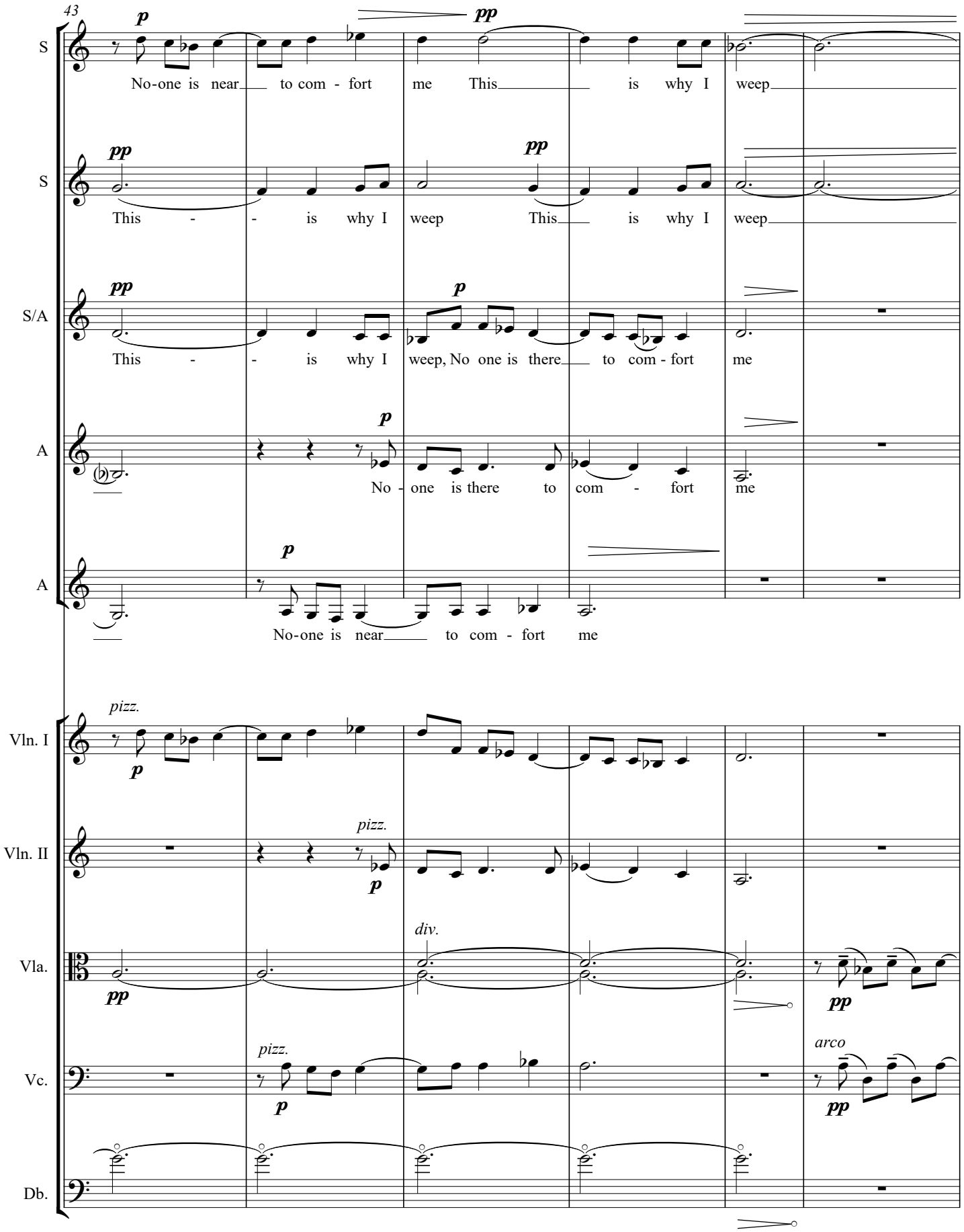

13
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
p
p

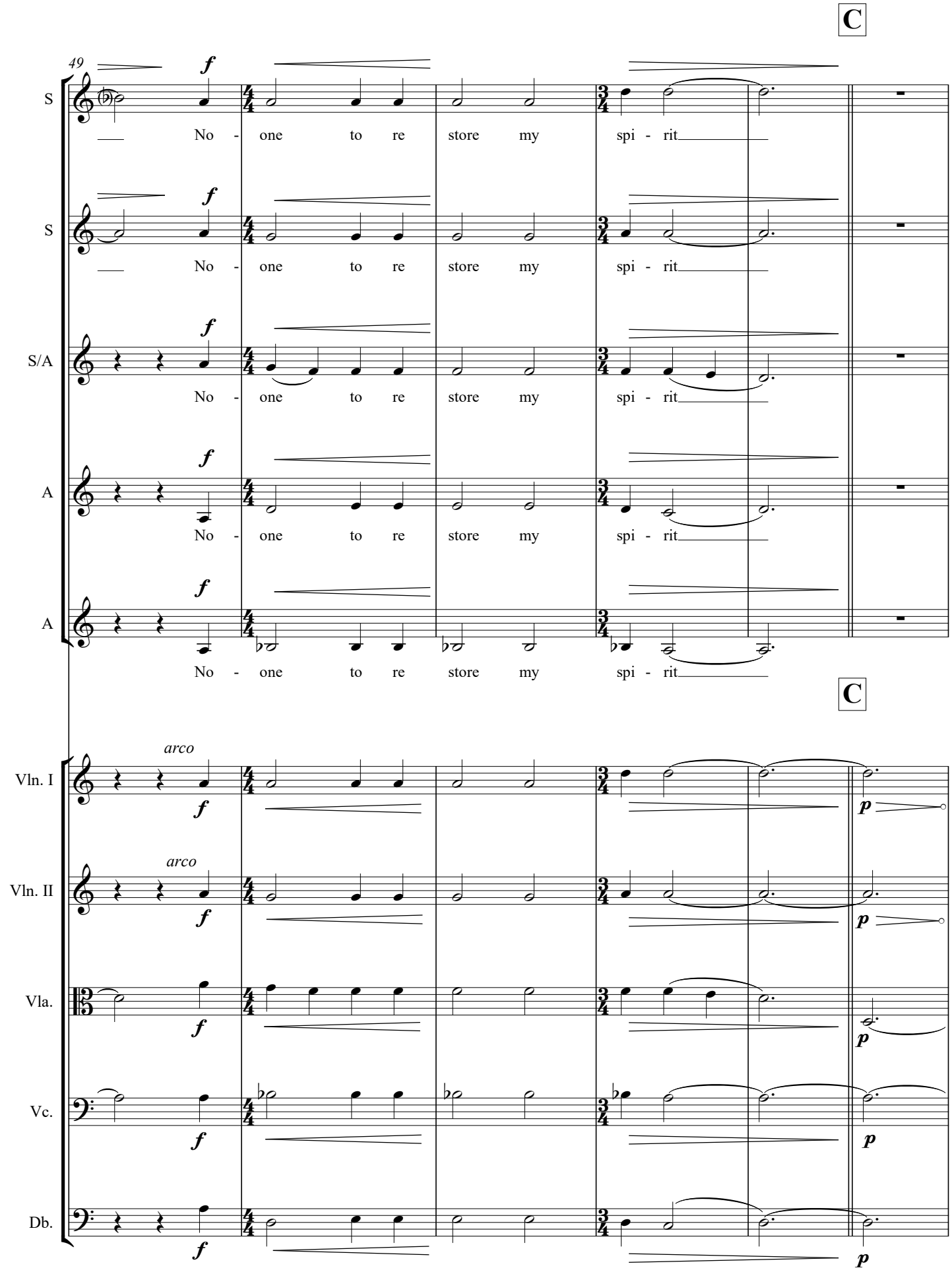

A
19
pp
S
This - - is why I weep
pp
S
This - - is why I weep
pp
S/A
This - - is why I weep
A
A
A
Vln. I
p
Vln. II
p
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

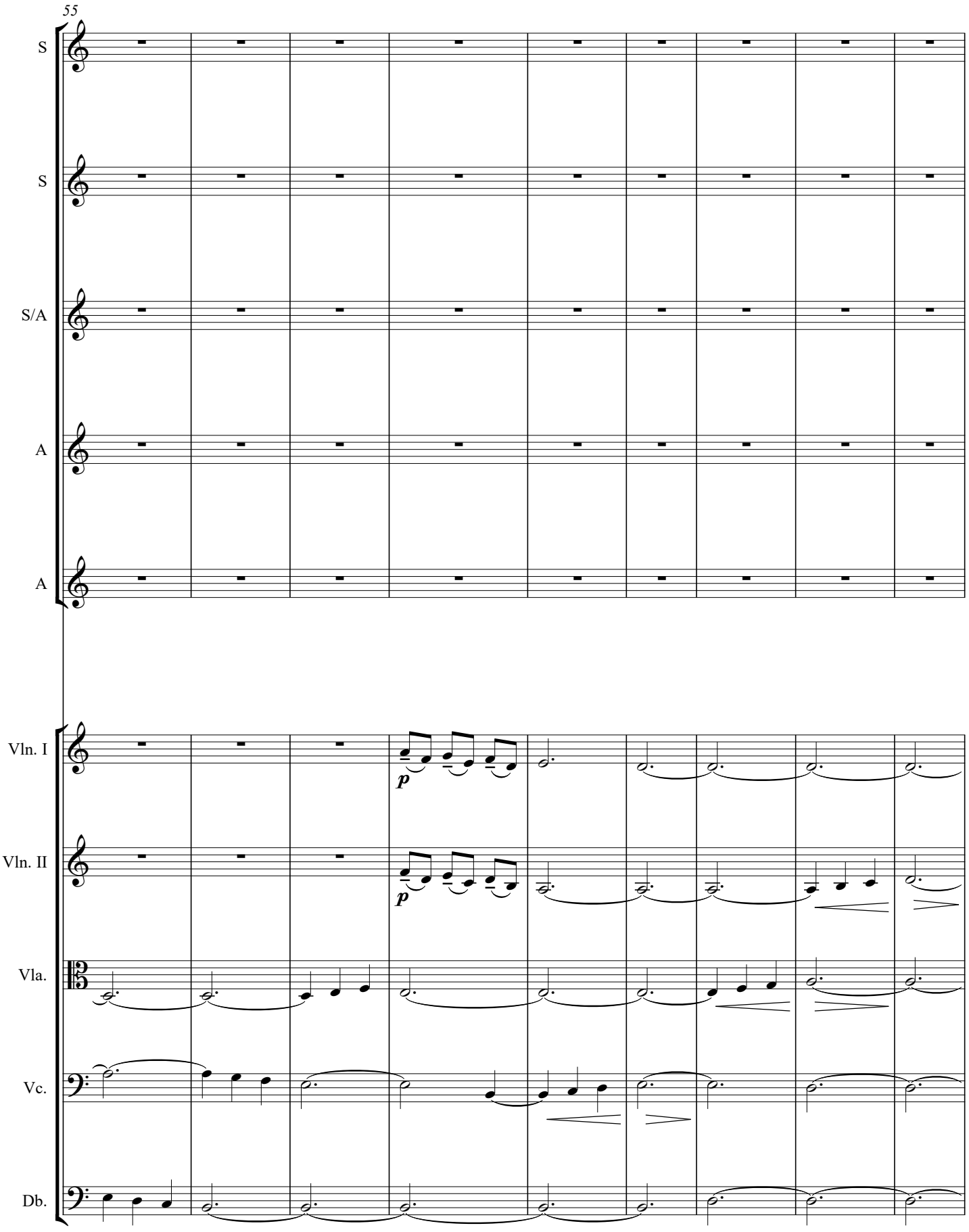

25
S
This is why I weep And my eyes ov - er -
S
This is why I weep And my eyes ov - er -
S/A
This is why I weep And my eyes ov - er -
A
This is why I weep And my
A
This is why I weep And my
Vln. I
div.
Vln. II
pizz.
Vla.
pizz.
Vc.
pizz.
Db.

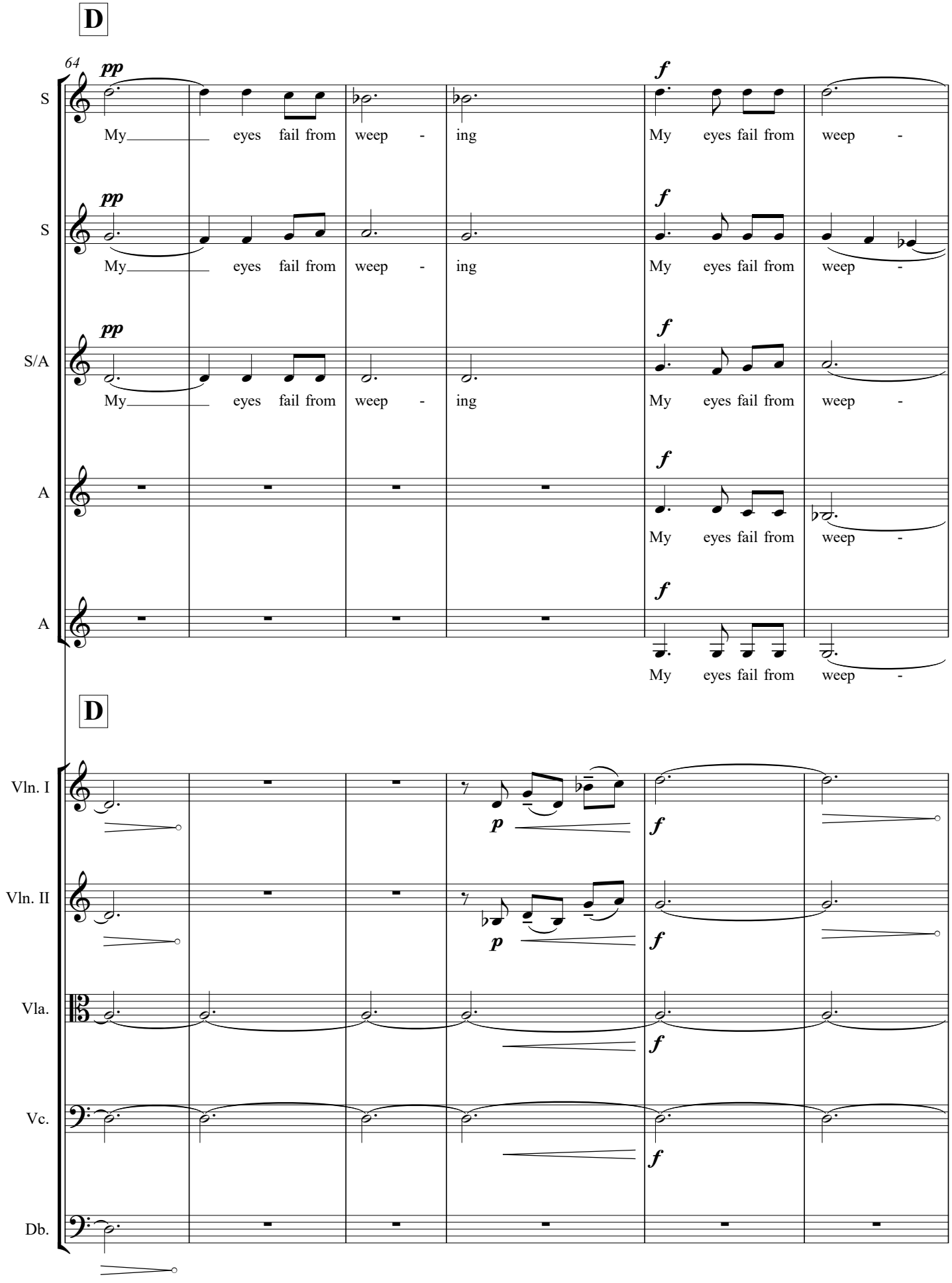

31
S
flow ov - er - - - - flow with tears.
S
flow ov - er - flow ov - - er - flow with tears.
S/A
flow ov - - er - - - flow with tears.
A
eyes ov - er - flow ov - - er - flow with tears.
A
eyes ov - er - flow ov - ver - flow with tears.
Vln. I
Vln. II
arco
Vla.
arco
Vc.
arco
Db.

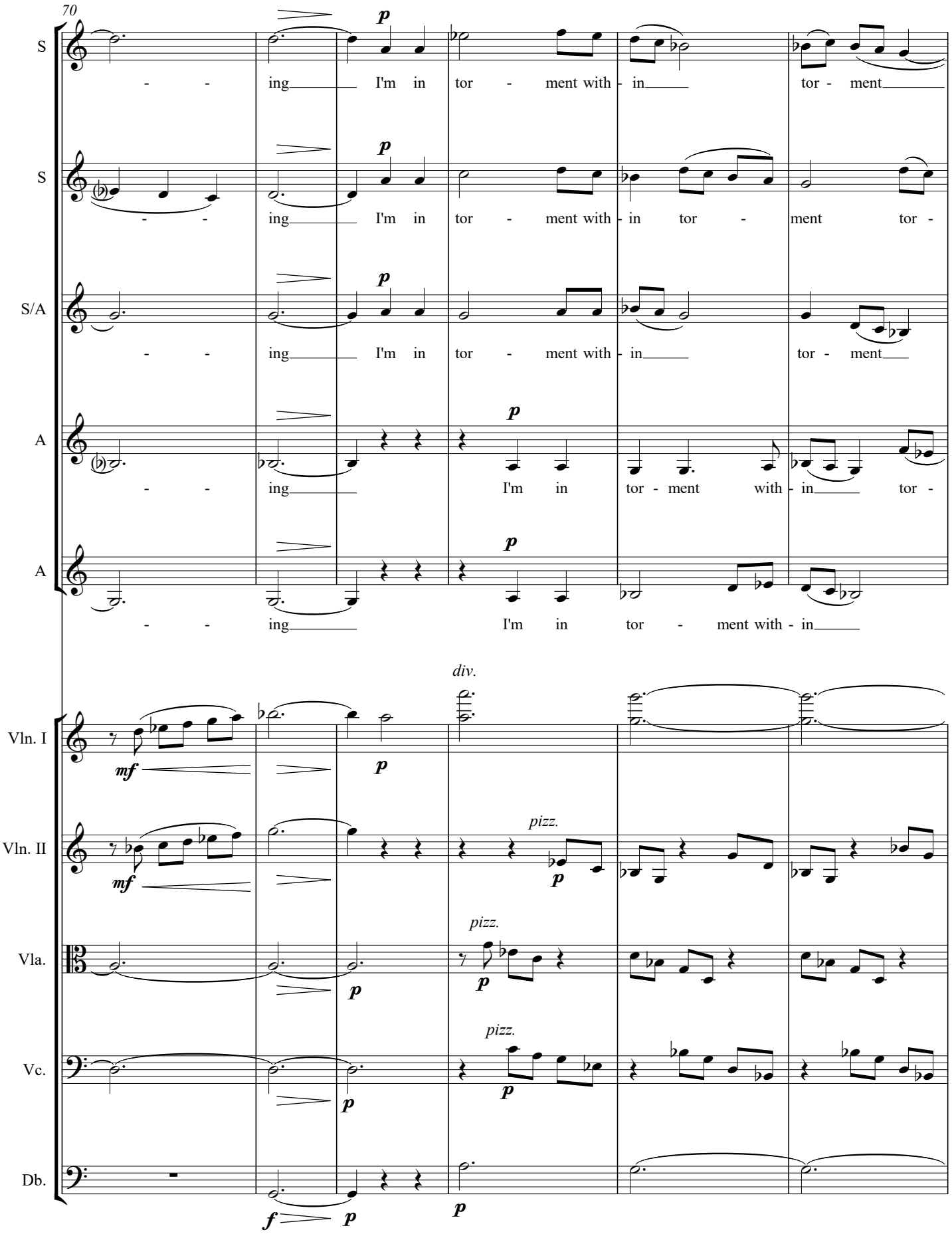

B
36
pp
S
This - is why I weep
pp
S
This - is why I weep
p
No-one is near to com-fort me
pp
S/A
This - is why I weep
A
pp
This - - is why I weep
A
pp
This - - is why I weep
B
Vln. I
Vln. II
pizz.
p
Vla.
pp
Vc.
pp
Db.
pp

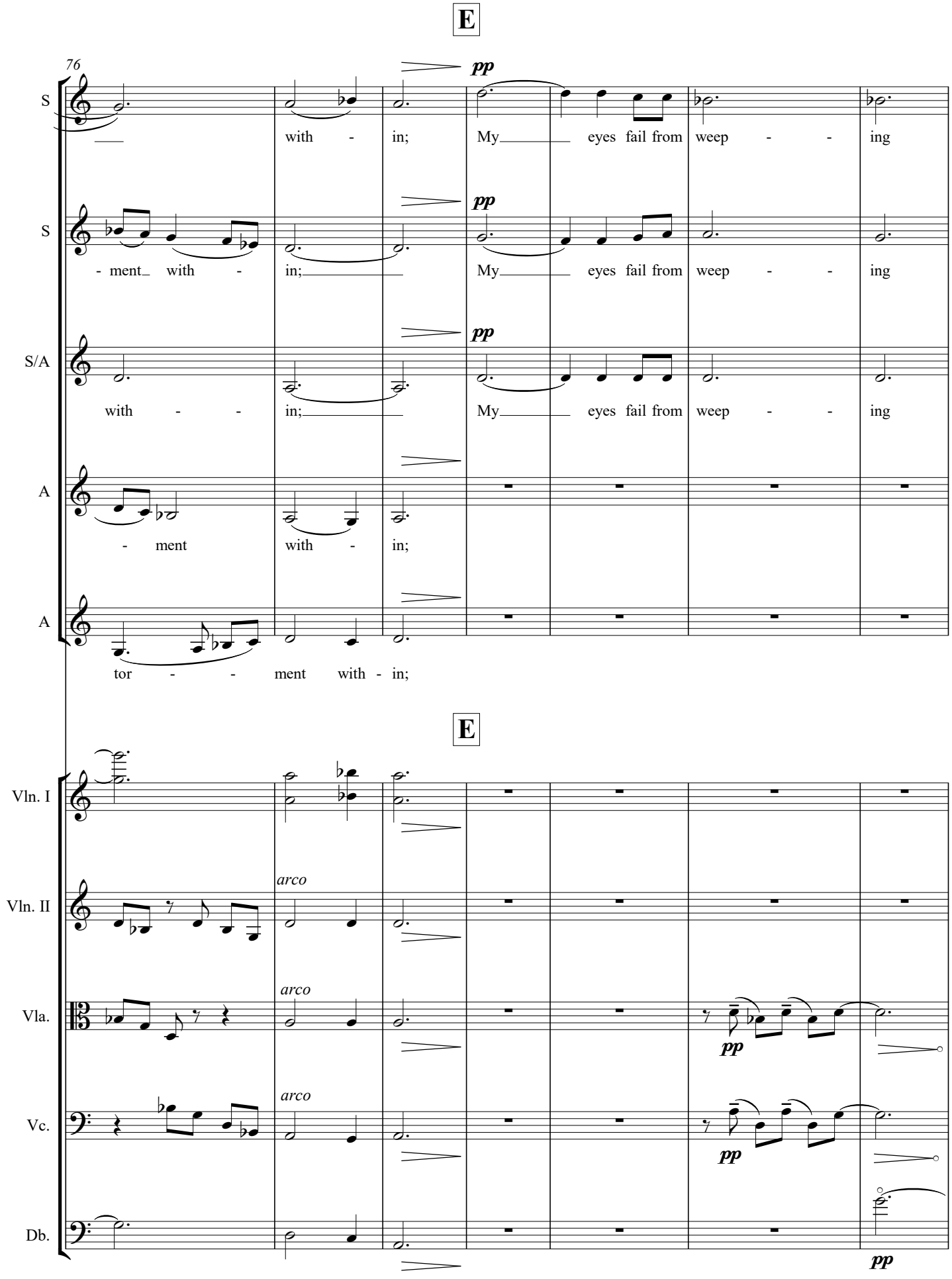

43
S
No-one is near to com - fort me This is why I weep
S
This - - is why I weep This is why I weep
S/A
This - - is why I weep, No one is there to com - fort me
A
No - one is there to com - fort me
A
No-one is near to com - fort me
Vln. I
pizz.
Vln. II
pizz.
Vla.
div.
Vc.
pizz.
arco
Db.

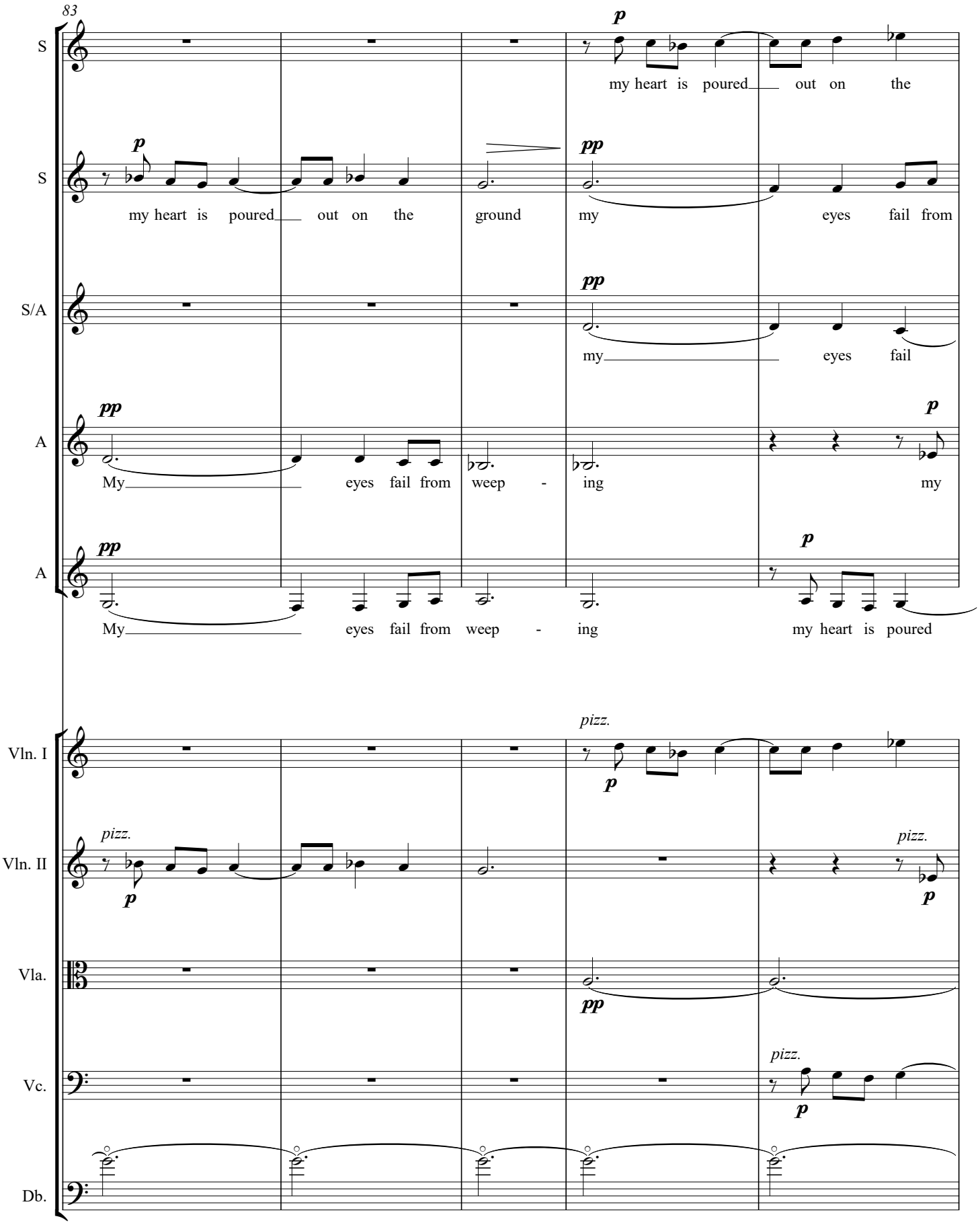

C
49
S
No - one to re store my spi - rit
S
No - one to re store my spi - rit
S/A
No - one to re store my spi - rit
A
No - one to re store my spi - rit
A
No - one to re store my spi - rit
C
arco
Vln. I
arco
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

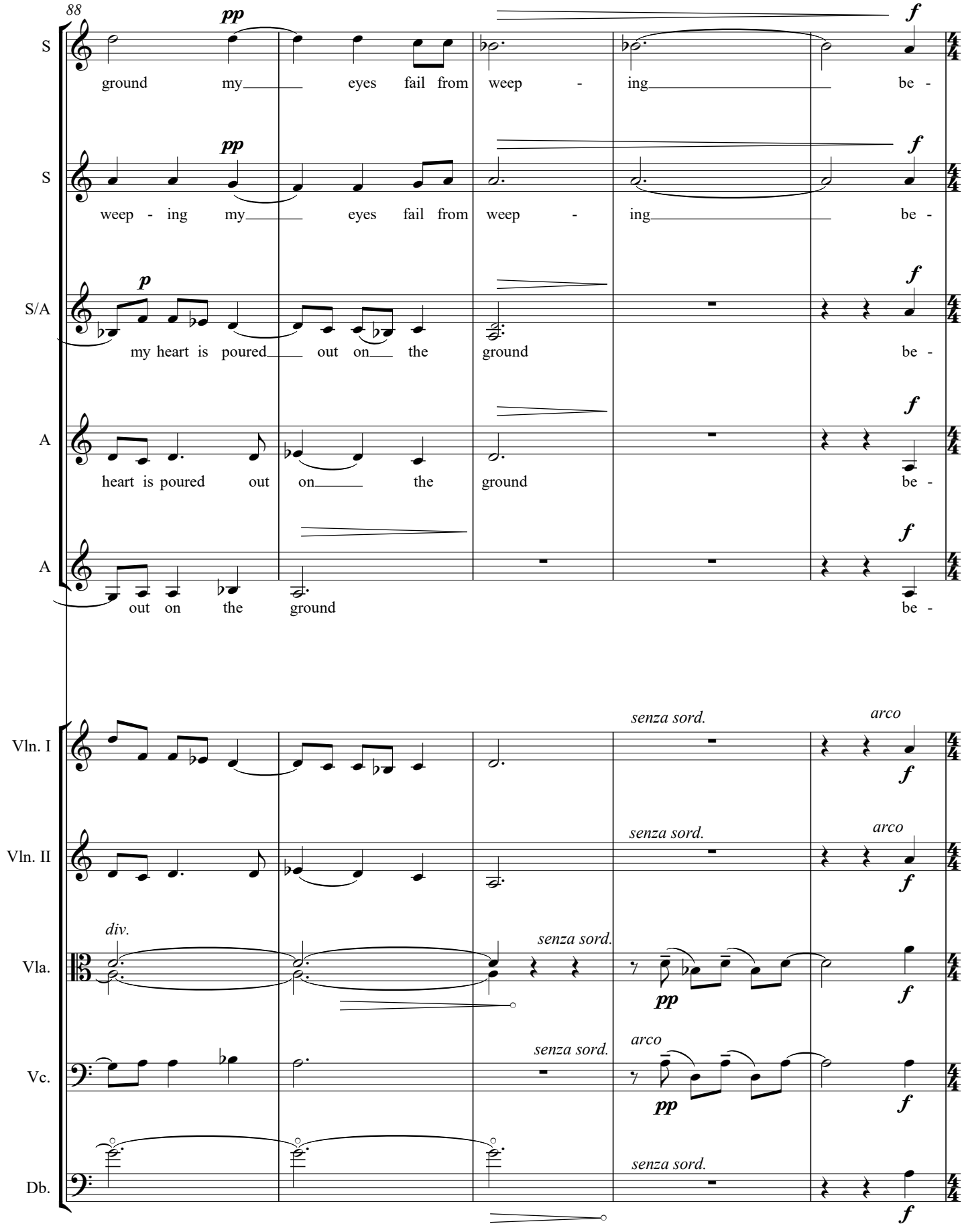

55
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
p
p

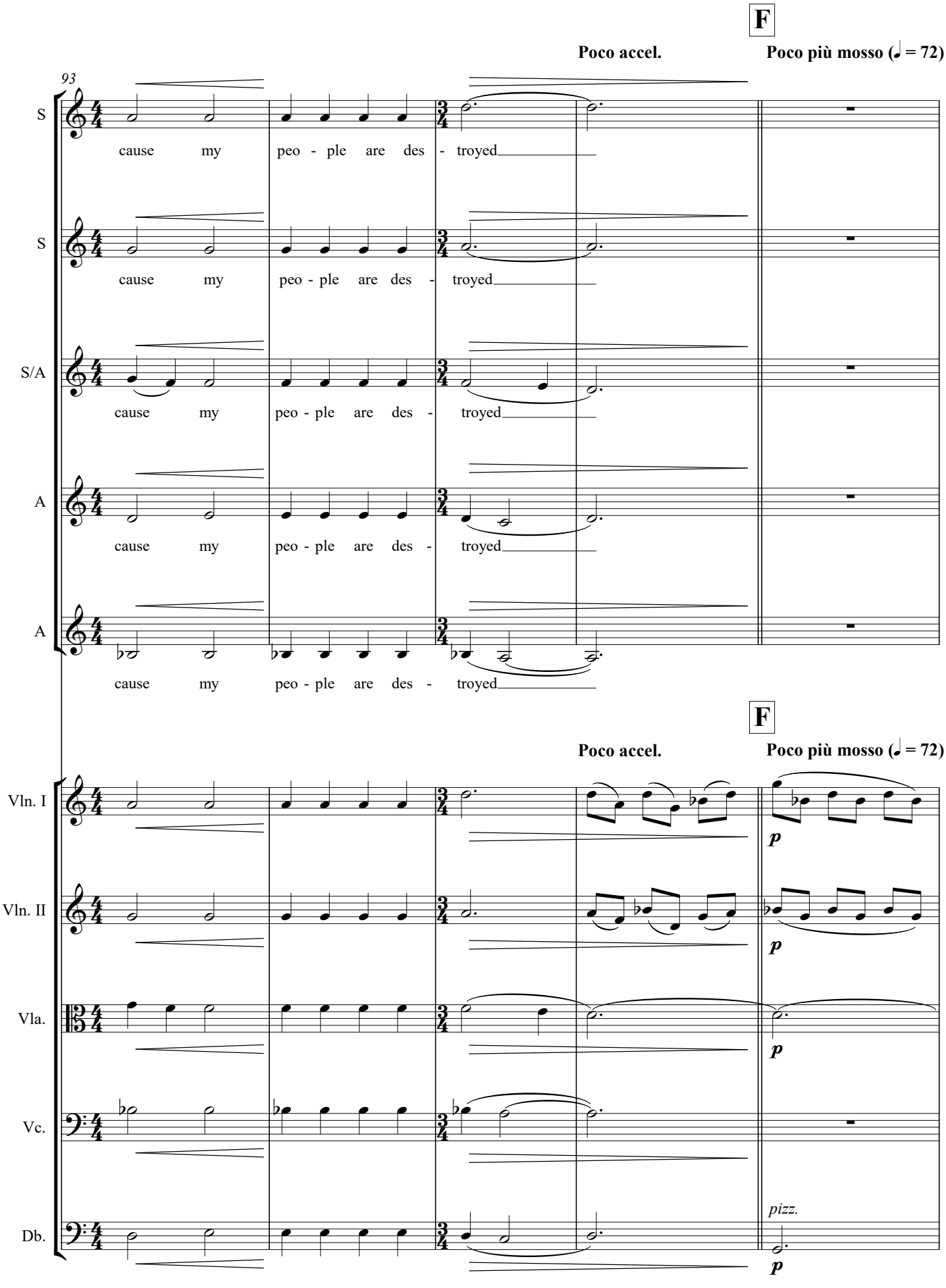

D
64
pp
f
S
S
S/A
A
A
My eyes fail from weep - ing
My eyes fail from weep -
D
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
p
f

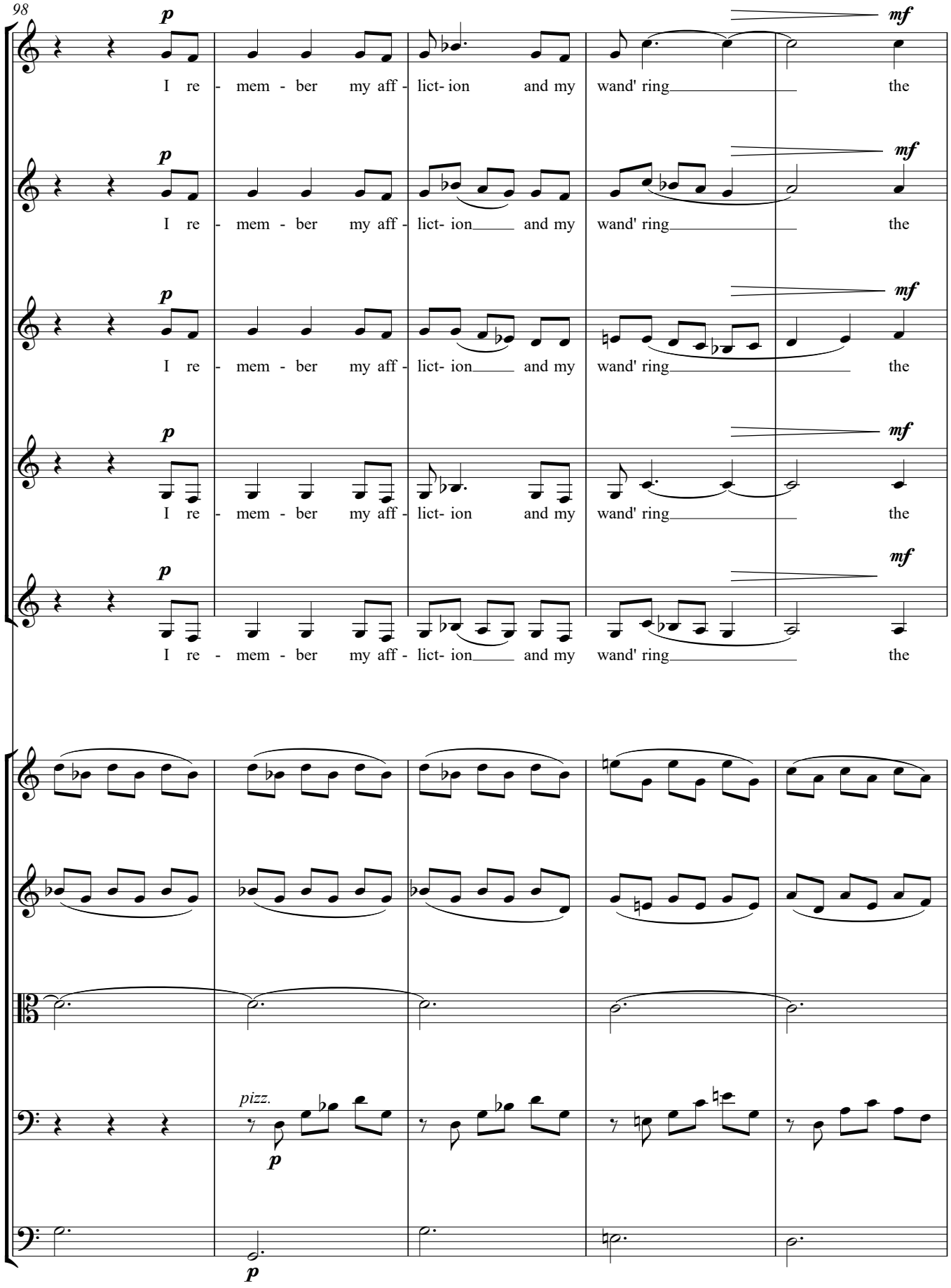

70
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
- - ing I'm in tor - ment with - in tor - ment
- - ing I'm in tor - ment with - in tor - ment tor -
- - ing I'm in tor - ment with - in tor - ment
- - ing I'm in tor - ment with - in tor -
- - ing I'm in tor - ment with - in
div.
pizz.
pizz.
pizz.
mf
p
f

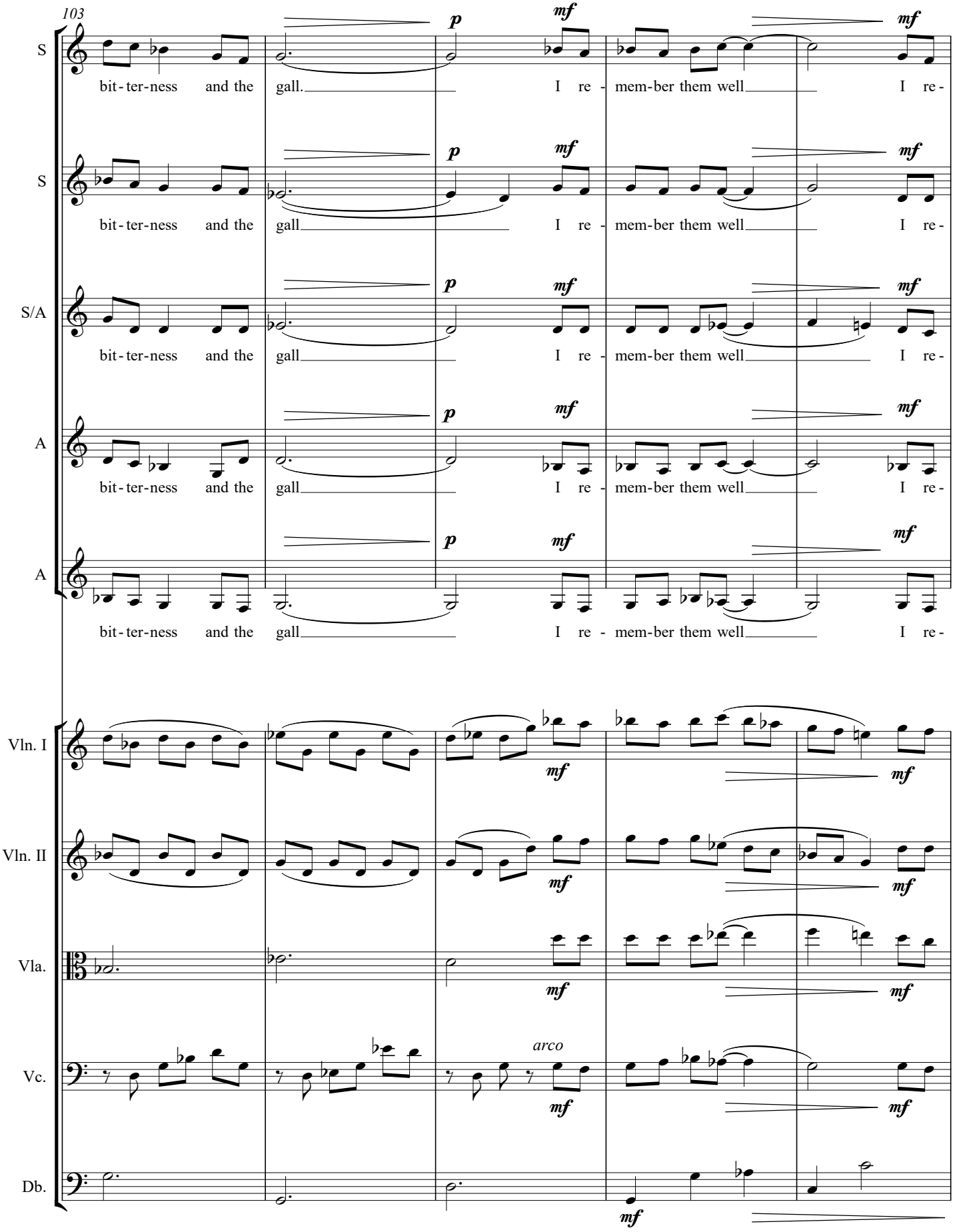

E
76
pp
S
with - in; My eyes fail from weep - - ing
S
- ment with - in; My eyes fail from weep - - ing
S/A
with - - in; My eyes fail from weep - - ing
A
- ment with - in;
A
tor - - ment with - in;
E
Vln. I
Vln. II
arco
Vla.
arco
pp
Vc.
arco
pp
Db.
pp

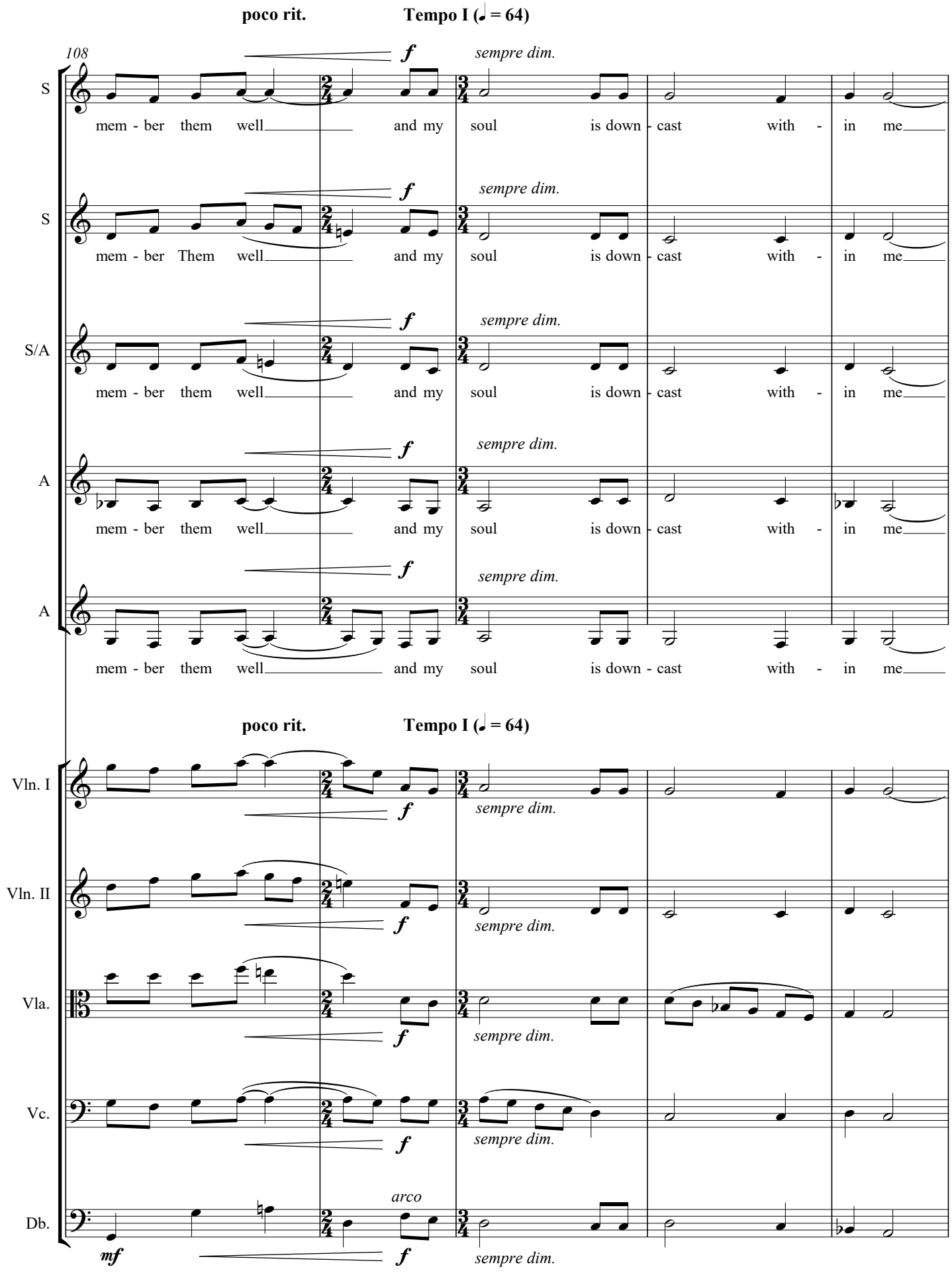

83
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
p
pp
pizz.
my heart is poured out on the
my heart is poured out on the ground my eyes fail from
my eyes fail
My eyes fail from weep - ing my
My eyes fail from weep - ing my heart is poured

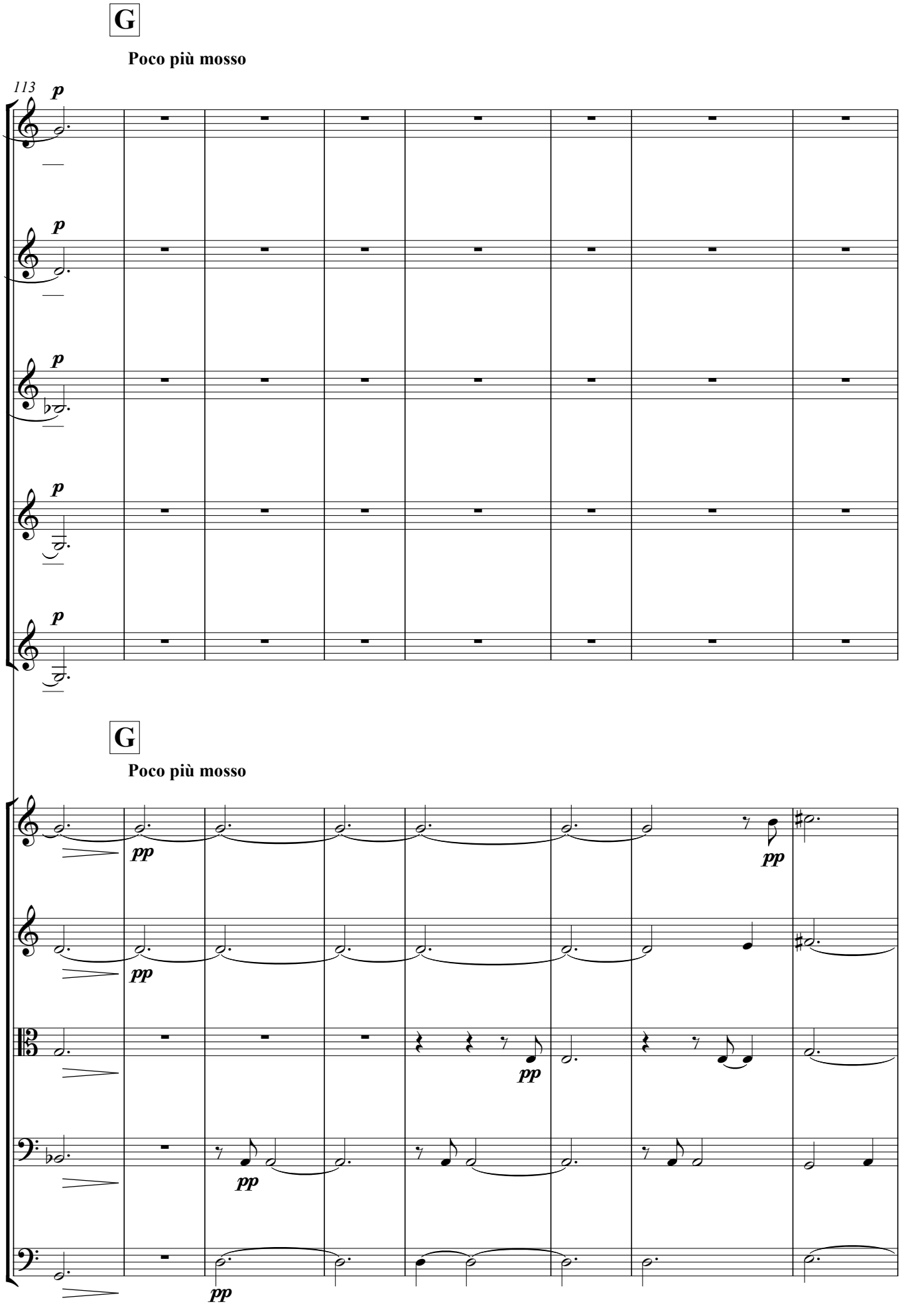

88
S
ground my eyes fail from weep - ing be -
S
weep - ing my eyes fail from weep - ing be -
S/A
my heart is poured out on the ground be -
A
heart is poured out on the ground be -
A
out on the ground be -
Vln. I
senza sord.
arco
Vln. II
senza sord.
arco
Vla.
div.
senza sord.
Vc.
senza sord.
arco
Db.
senza sord.

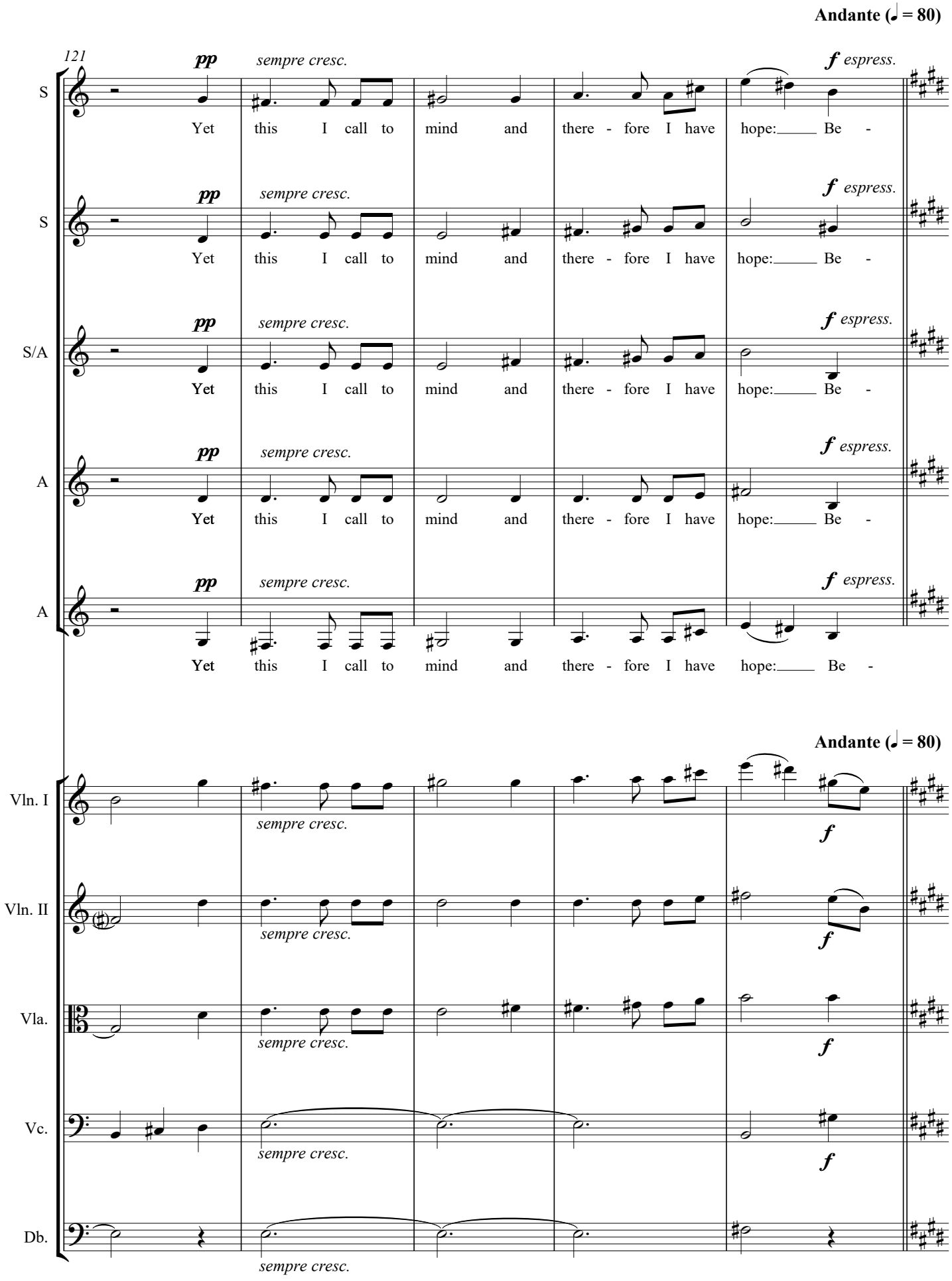

F
Poco accel.
Poco più mosso (♩ = 72)
93
S
S
S/A
A
A
cause my peo - ple are des - troyed
F
Poco accel.
Poco più mosso (♩ = 72)
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
p
pizz.
p

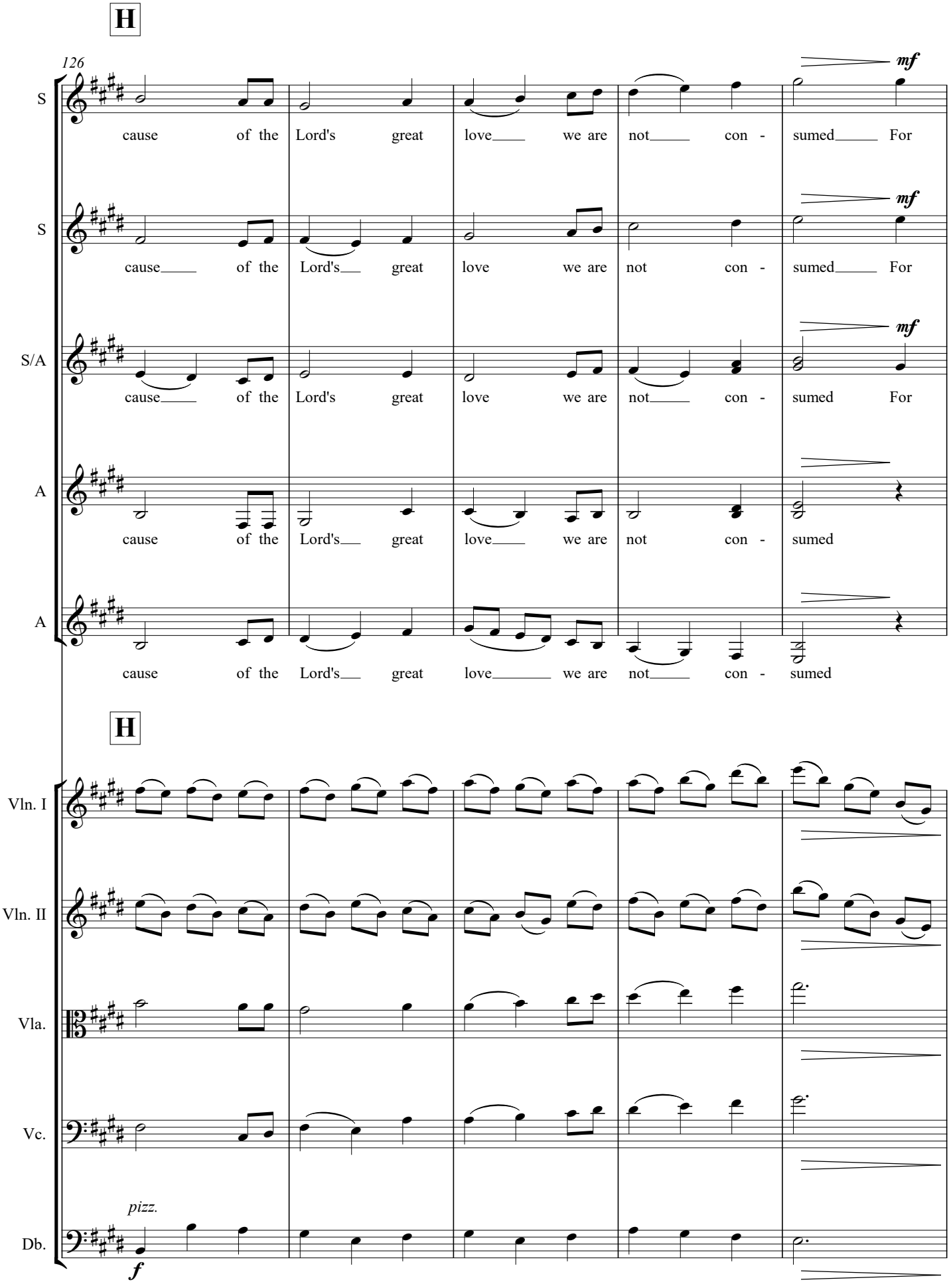

98
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
p
mf
I re - mem - ber my aff - lict- ion and my wand' ring the
pizz.

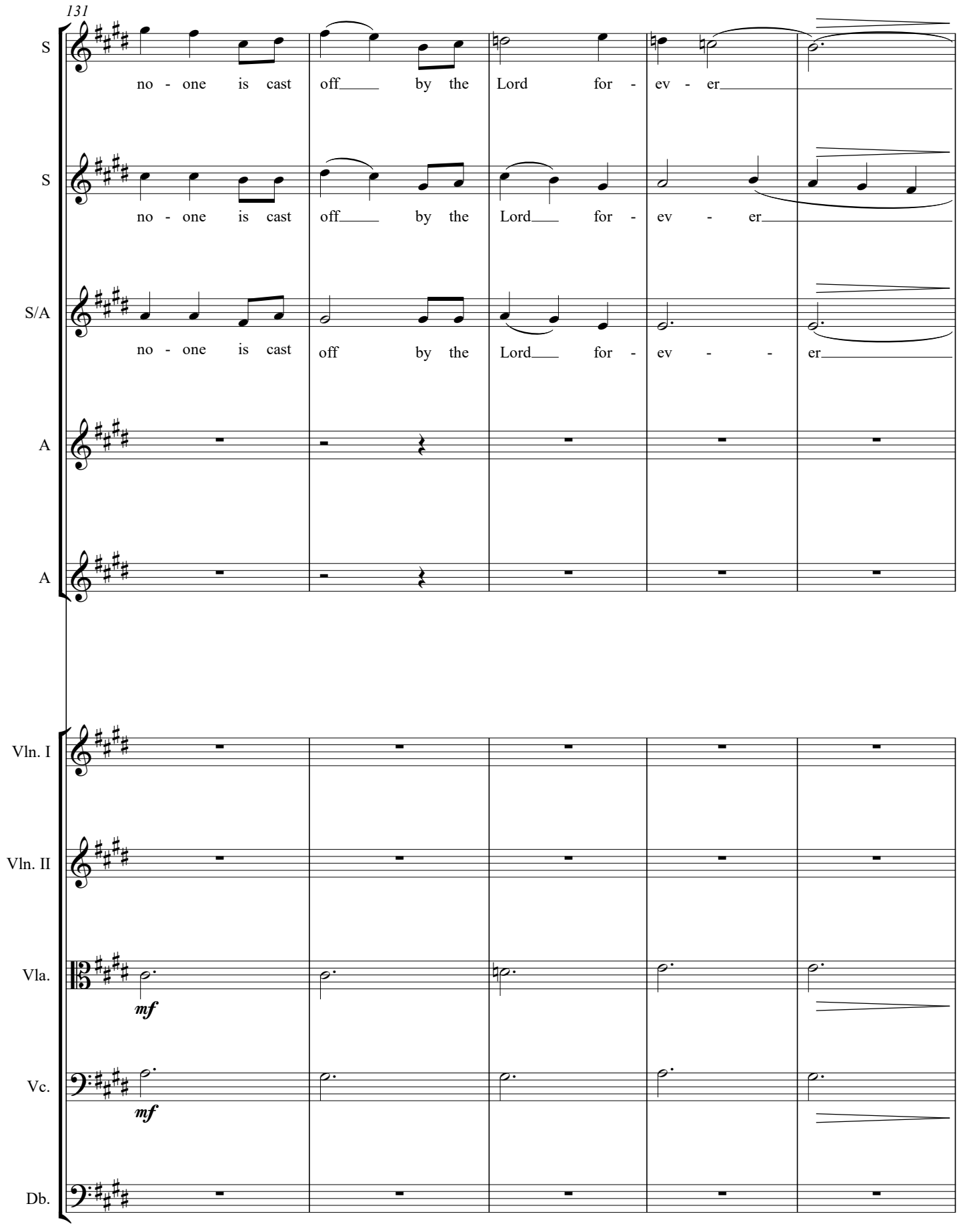

103
S
bit - ter-ness and the gall. I re - mem-ber them well I re -
S
bit - ter-ness and the gall I re - mem-ber them well I re -
S/A
bit - ter-ness and the gall I re - mem-ber them well I re -
A
bit - ter-ness and the gall I re - mem-ber them well I re -
A
bit - ter-ness and the gall I re - mem-ber them well I re -
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
arco
Db.
p
mf

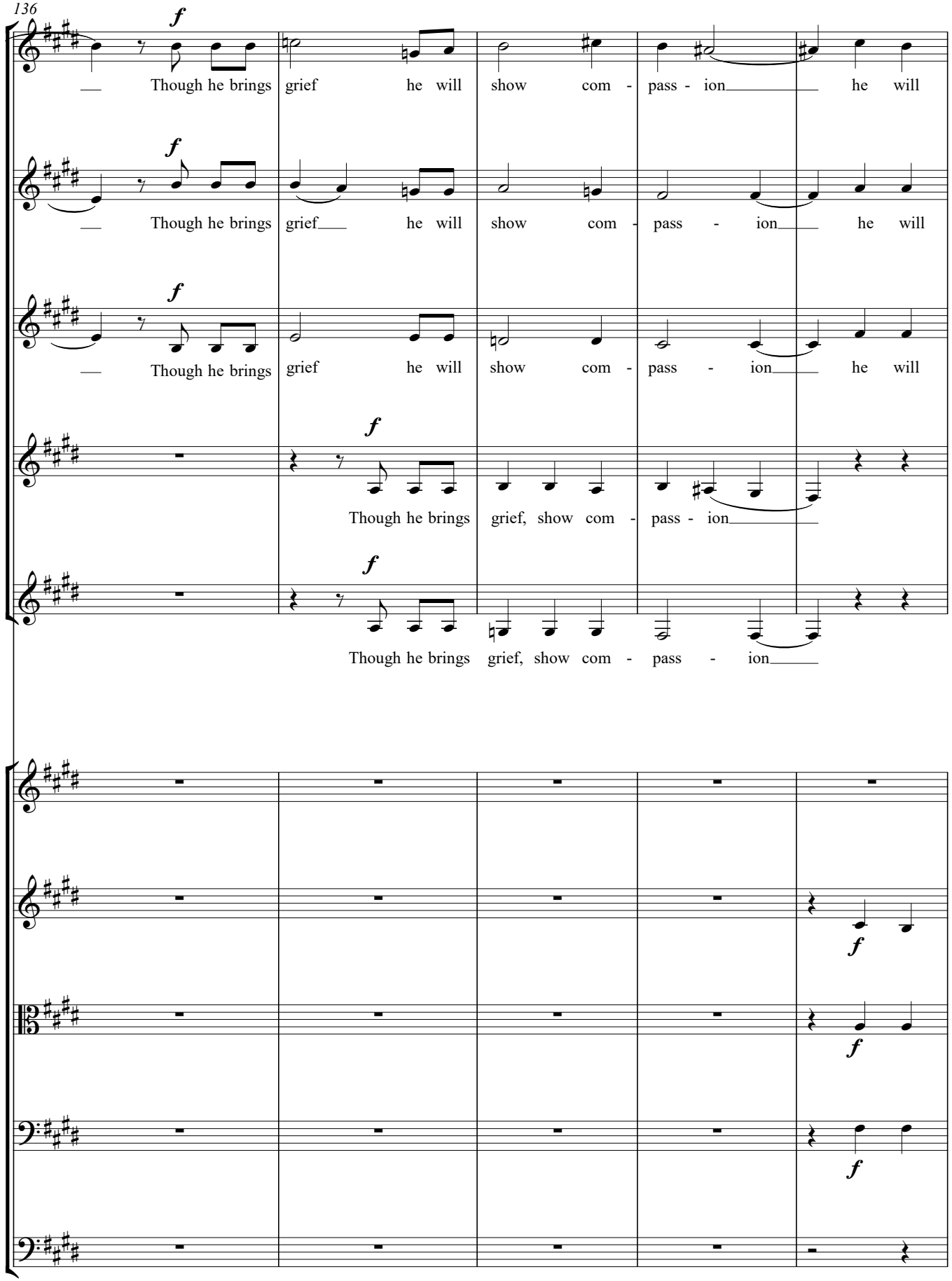

poco rit.
Tempo I (♩ = 64)
108
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
mem - ber them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
mem - ber Them well and my soul is down - cast with - in me
f
sempre dim.
arco
mf

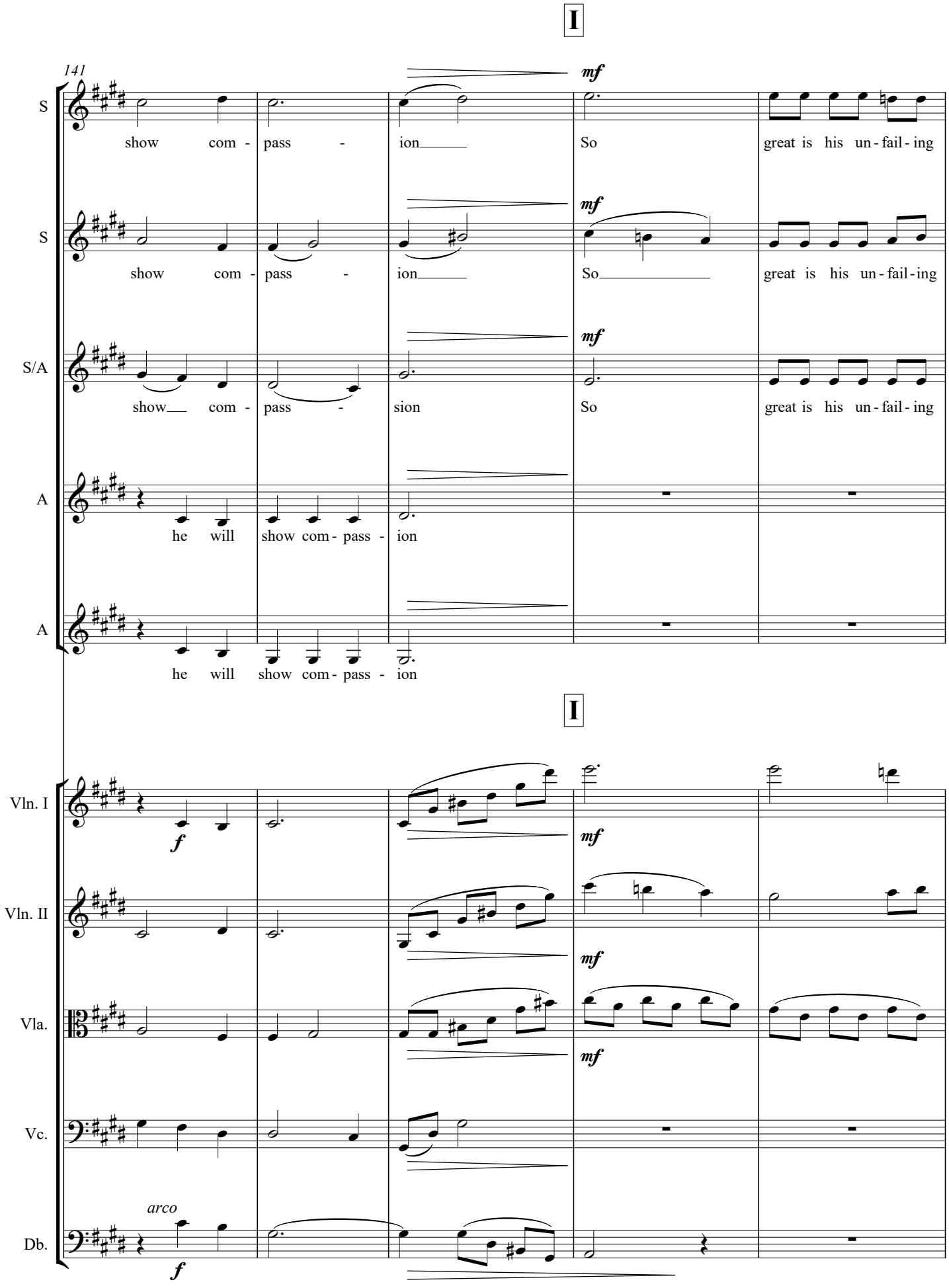

G
Poco più mosso
113
p
S
S
S/A
A
A
G
Poco più mosso
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
pp

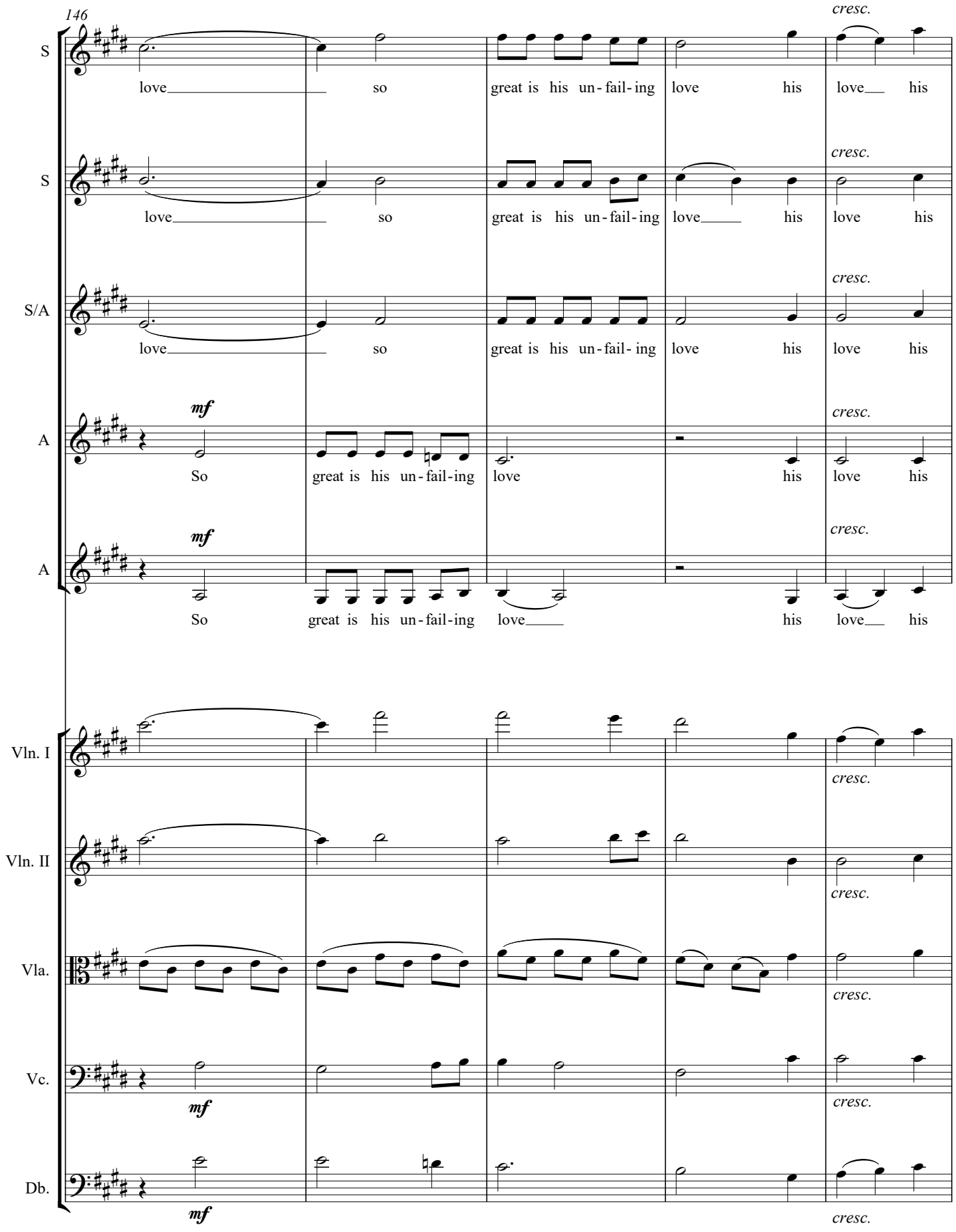

Andante (♩ = 80)
121
pp
sempre cresc.
f espress.
S
S
S/A
A
A
Yet this I call to mind and there - fore I have hope: Be -
Andante (♩ = 80)
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
sempre cresc.
f

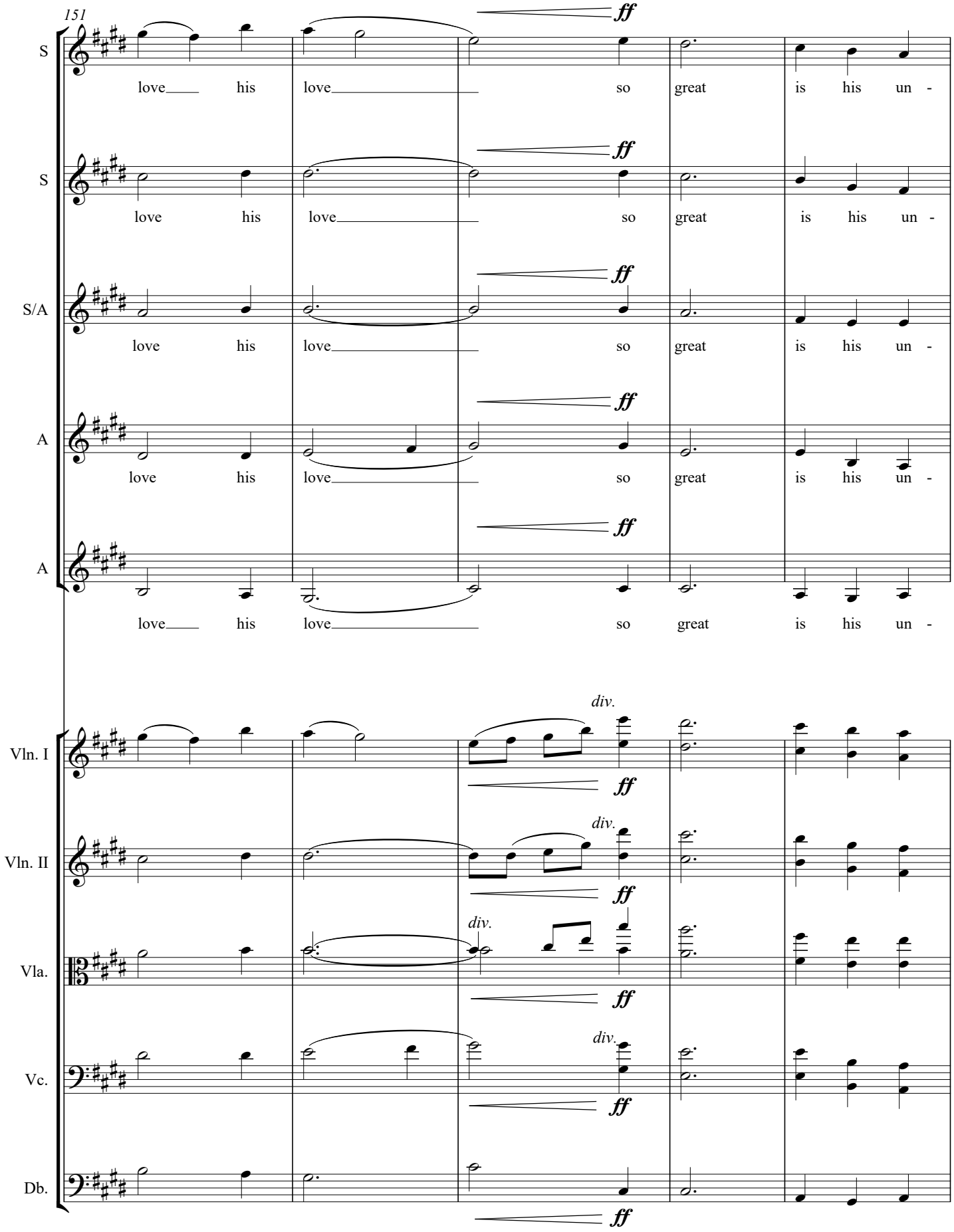

H
126
S
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed For
mf
S
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed For
mf
S/A
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed For
mf
A
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed
A
cause of the Lord's great love we are not con - sumed
H
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
pizz.
Db.
f

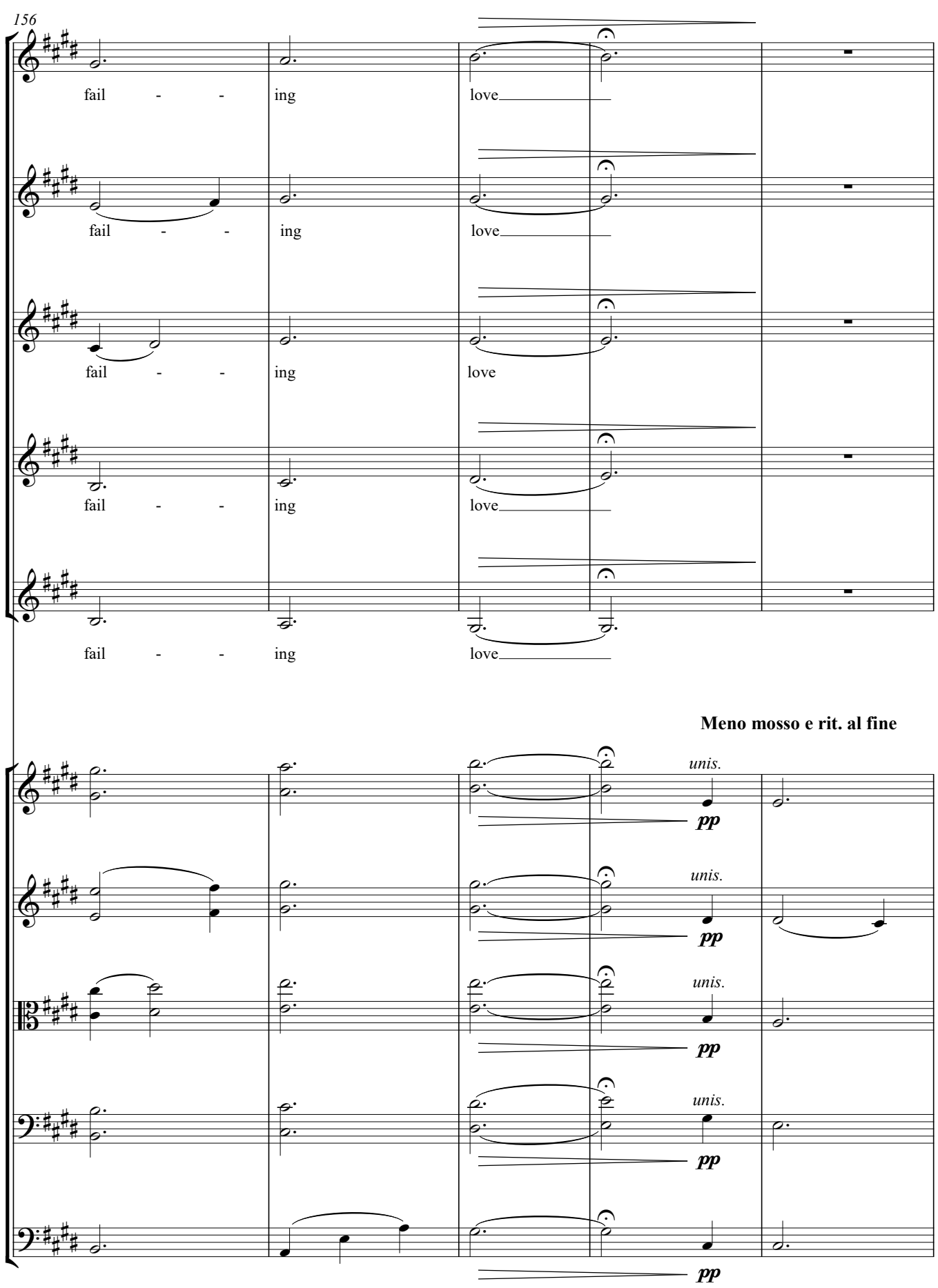

131
S
no - one is cast off by the Lord for - ev - er
S
no - one is cast off by the Lord for - ev - er
S/A
no - one is cast off by the Lord for - ev - - er
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
mf
Vc.
mf
Db.

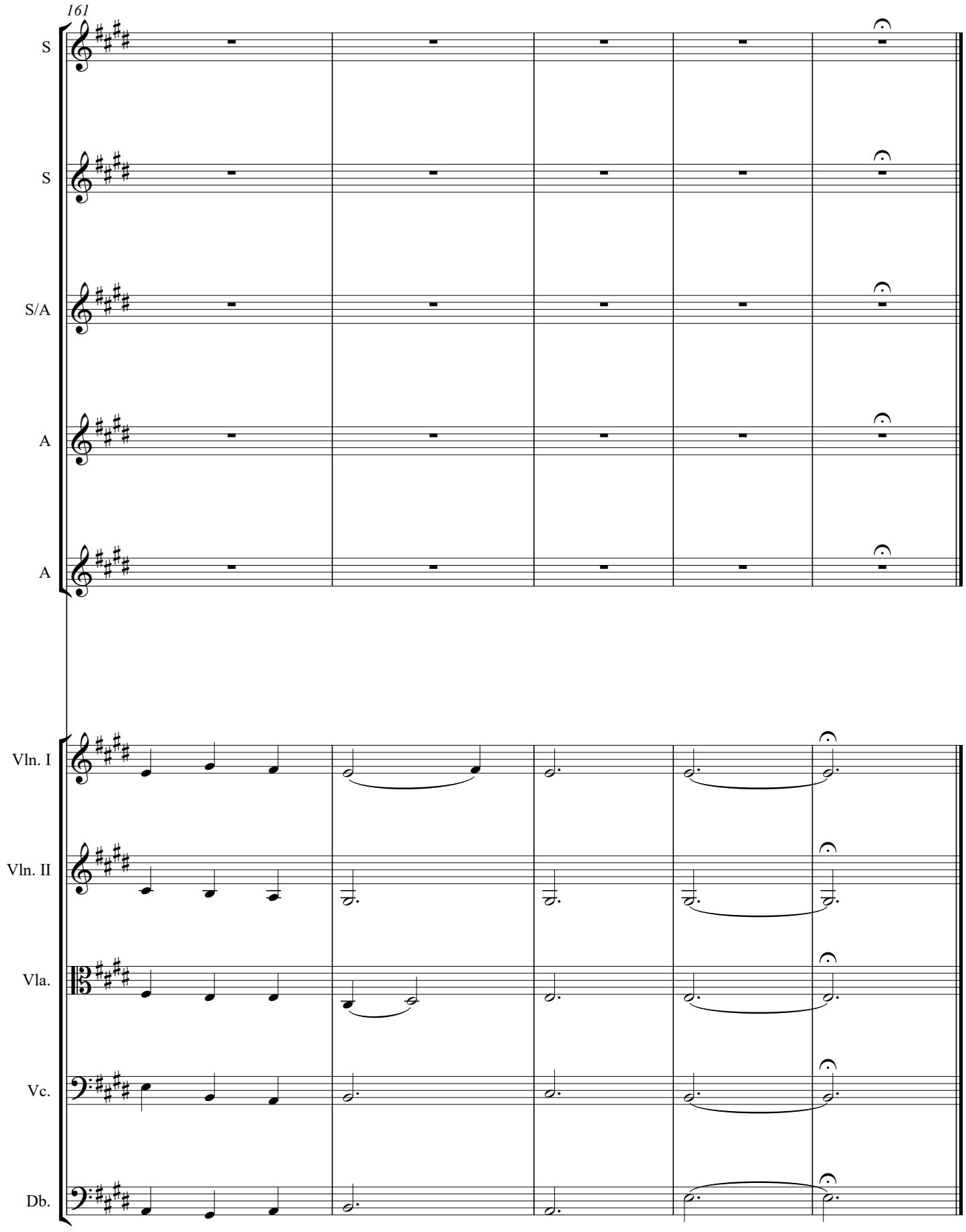

136
S
Though he brings grief he will show com - pass - ion he will
S
Though he brings grief he will show com - pass - ion he will
S/A
Though he brings grief he will show com - pass - ion he will
A
Though he brings grief, show com - pass - ion
A
Though he brings grief, show com - pass - ion
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.


I
141
S
show com - pass - ion
mf
So great is his un - fail - ing
S
show com - pass - ion
mf
So great is his un - fail - ing
S/A
show com - pass - sion
mf
So great is his un - fail - ing
A
he will show com - pass - ion
A
he will show com - pass - ion
I
Vln. I
f
mf
Vln. II
mf
Vla.
mf
Vc.
arco
Db.
f


146
S
love so great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
cresc.
S
love so great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
cresc.
S/A
love so great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
cresc.
mf
A
So great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
cresc.
mf
A
So great is his un-fail-ing love his love his
cresc.
Vln. I
cresc.
Vln. II
cresc.
Vla.
cresc.
Vc.
mf
cresc.
Db.
mf
cresc.


151
S
love his love so great is his un -
S
love his love so great is his un -
S/A
love his love so great is his un -
A
love his love so great is his un -
A
love his love so great is his un -
ff
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
div.


Meno mosso e rit. al fine
156
S
fail - - ing love
S
fail - - ing love
S/A
fail - - ing love
A
fail - - ing love
A
fail - - ing love
Meno mosso e rit. al fine
Vln. I
unis.
pp
Vln. II
unis.
pp
Vla.
unis.
pp
Vc.
unis.
pp
Db.
pp


161
S
S
S/A
A
A
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.