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TO THE RIVER CHARLES

for SATB Chorus and Concert Band

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Vocal Score

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Notes

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O son'rous strains of music measured true!
The unison, the eighth, the fifth and third–
These timeless ratios speak as if new,
A resonant aliveness felt and heard.
Yet meaning full lies in beholder's eye,
And every subject, godlike, makes their world;
While any list'ner's spirits shall soar high,
For those with Crimson lenses, more unfurls.
Exult in melody whose arc recalls
The founding of the college at New Towne–
Another springs from local water's crawl
Through Cantab's heart–and certainly not down
Should bastards get you, surely fair is fair:
Resistless sweep'st thou into boundless air!

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Performance Duration

Between four and five minutes (depending on conductor's coffee intake)

"To the River Charles"

text from the poem of the same name by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

River! That in silence windest
Through the meadows, bright and free,
Till at length thy rest thou findest
In the bosom of the sea!
Four long years of mingled feeling,
Half in rest, and half in strife,
I have seen they waters stealing
Onward, like the stream of life.

Friends my soul with joy remembers!
How like quivering flames they start,
When I fan the living embers
On the hearth-stone of my heart!
'T is for this, thou Silent River!
That my spirit leans to thee;
Thou hast been a generous giver,
Take this idle song from me.

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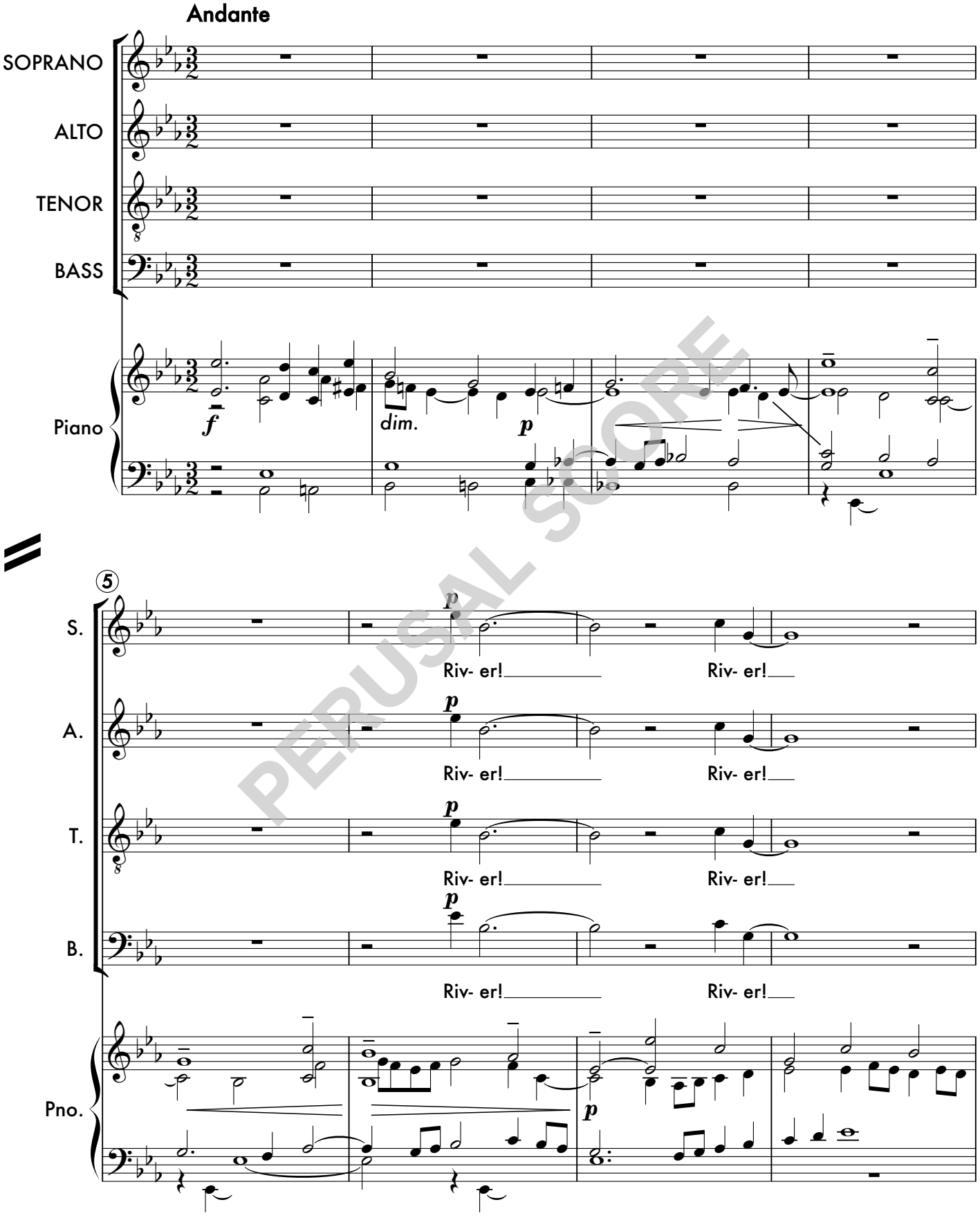
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) — Michael Schachter (b. 1987)



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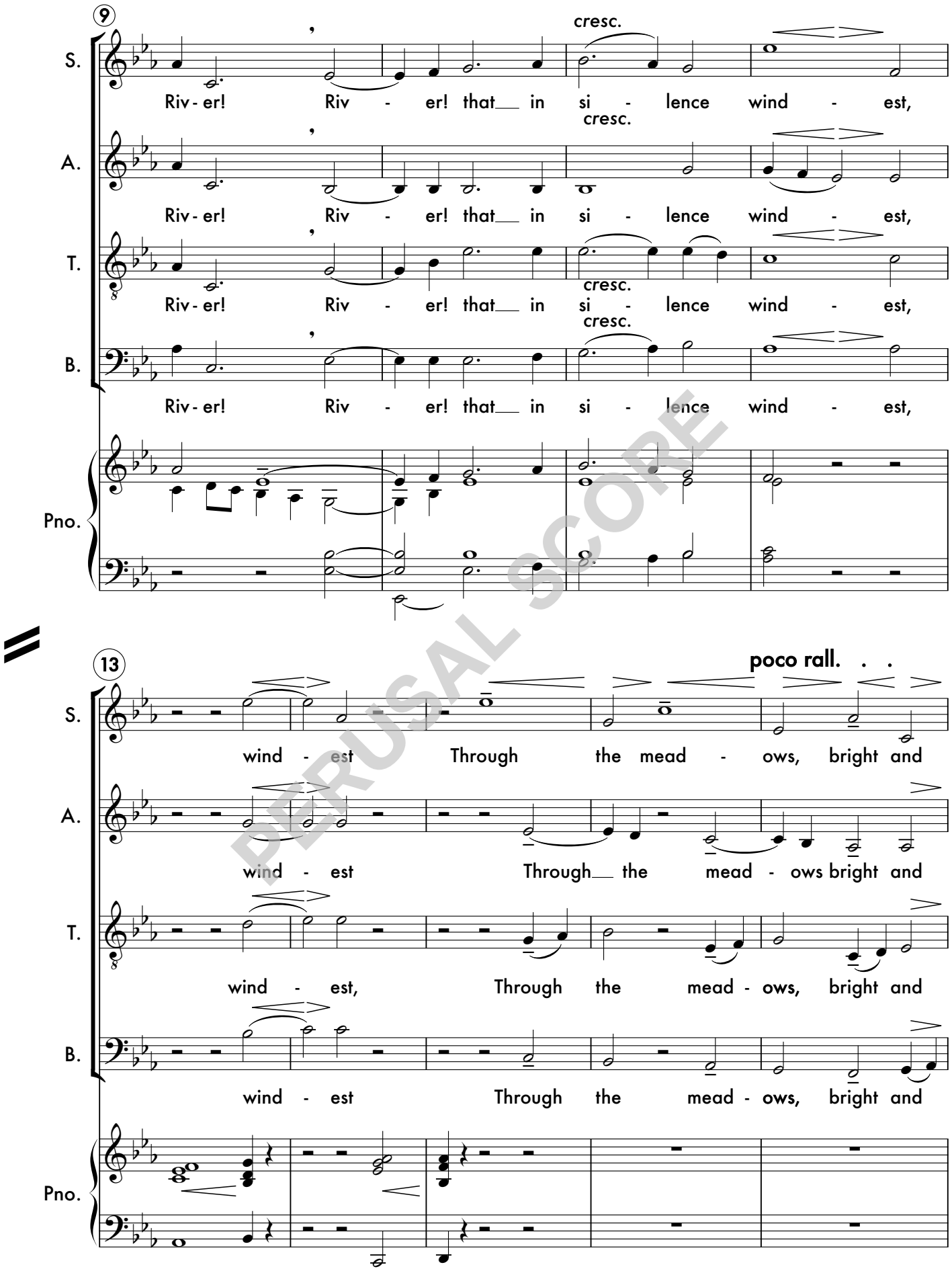

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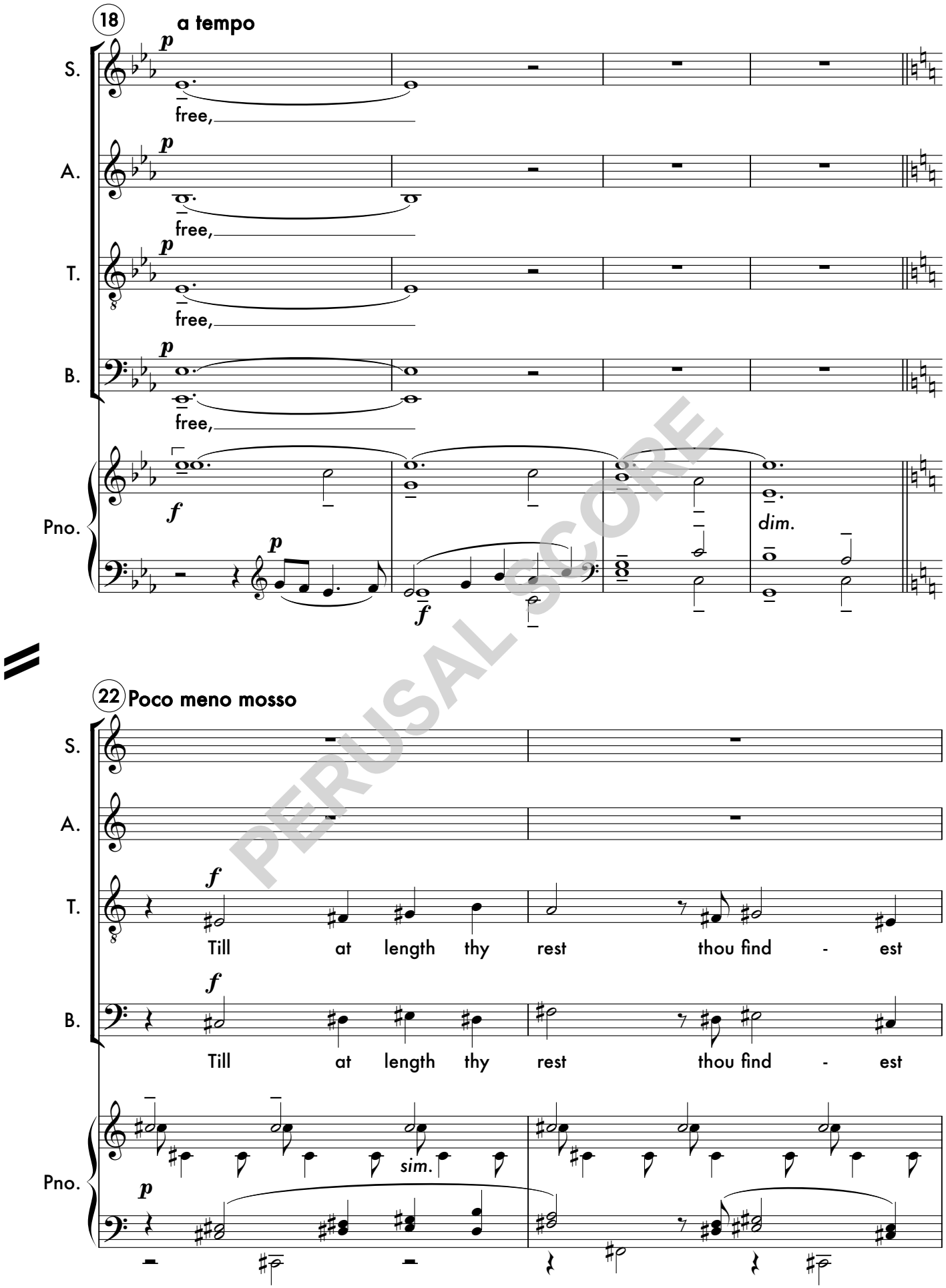

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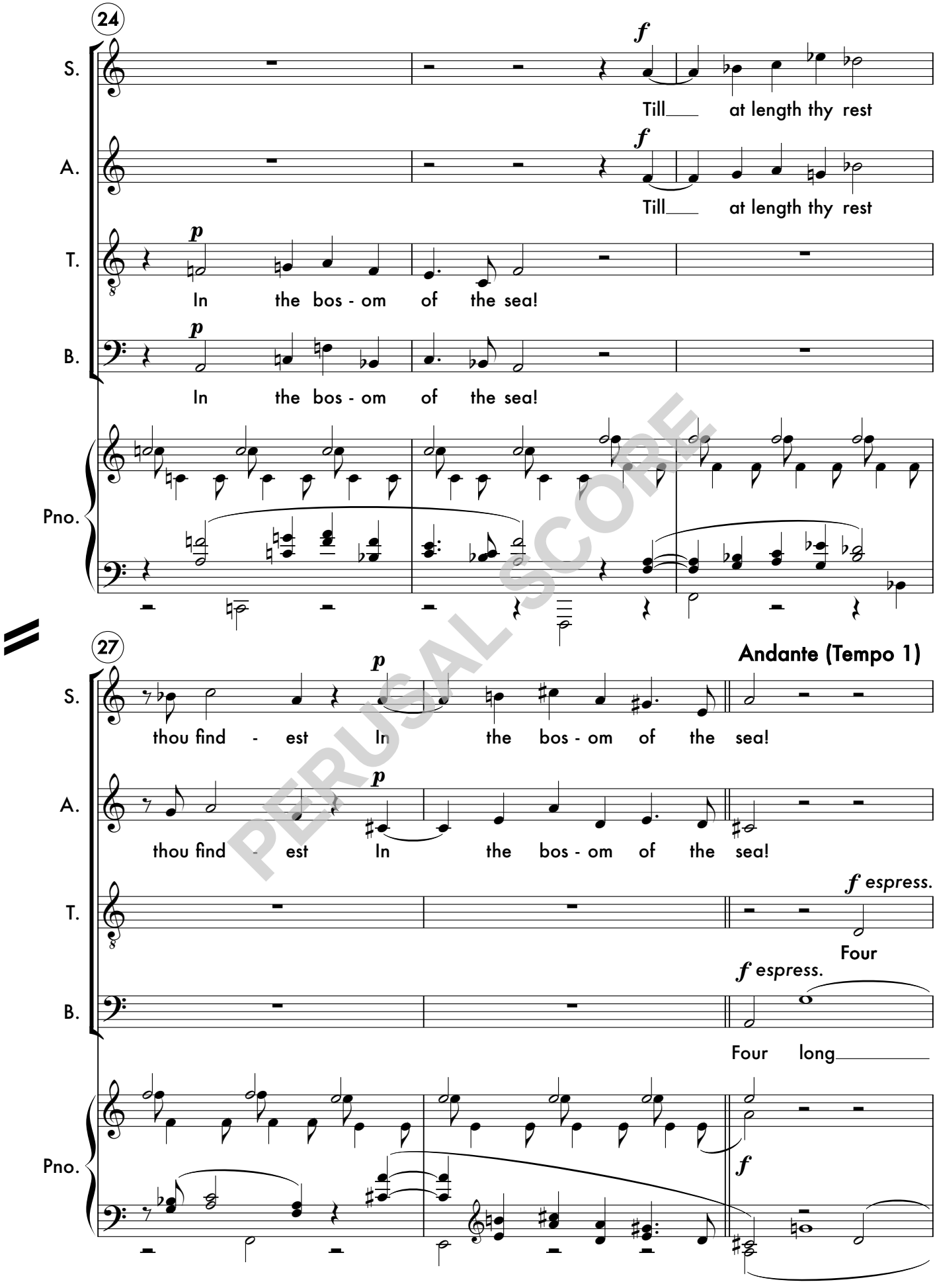

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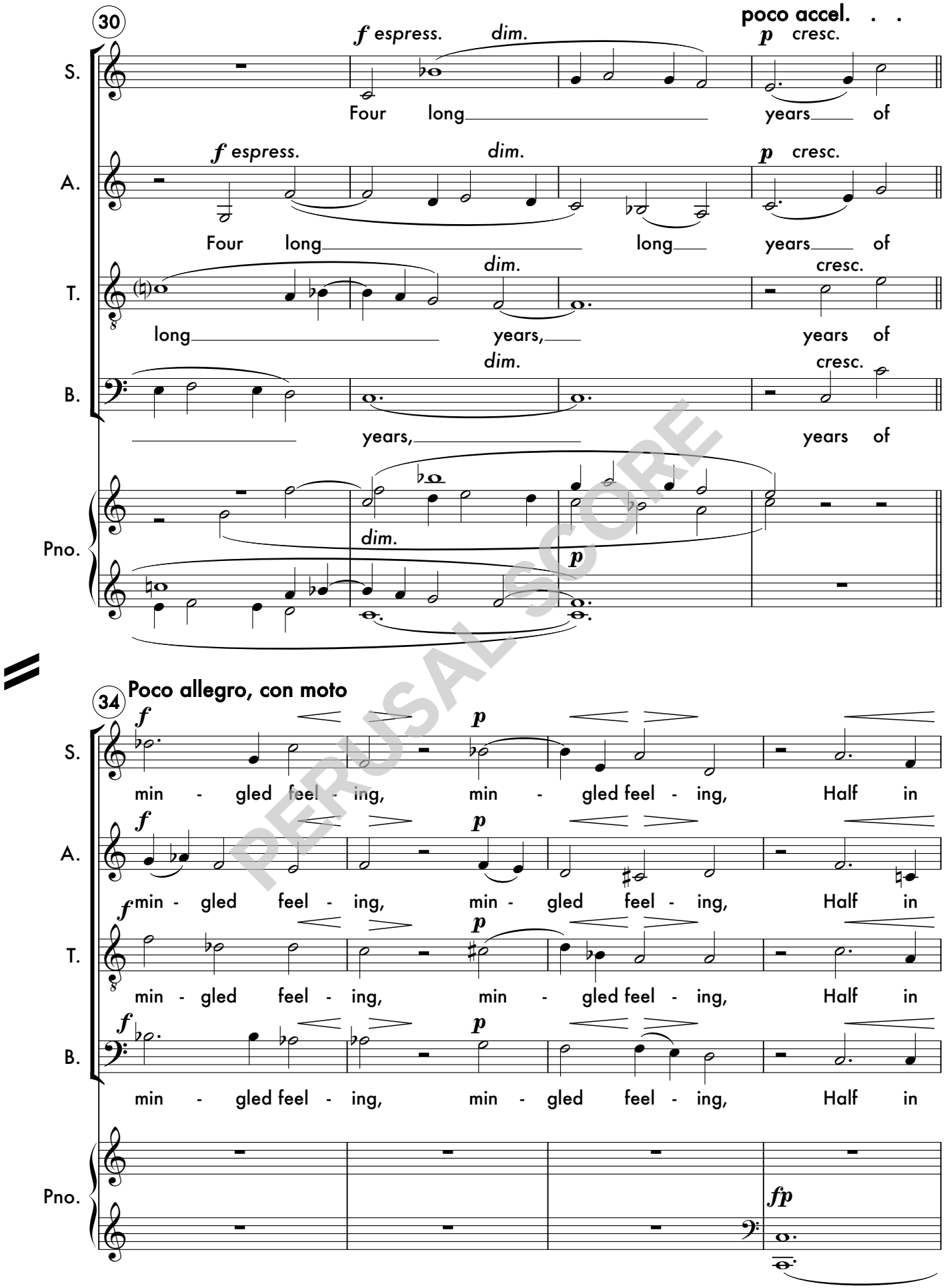
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poco accel. . .
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
f espress.
dim.
p cresc.
Four long years of
Four long long years of
long years, years of
years, years of
34
Poco allegro, con moto
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p
min - gled feel - ing, min - gled feel - ing, Half in
fp
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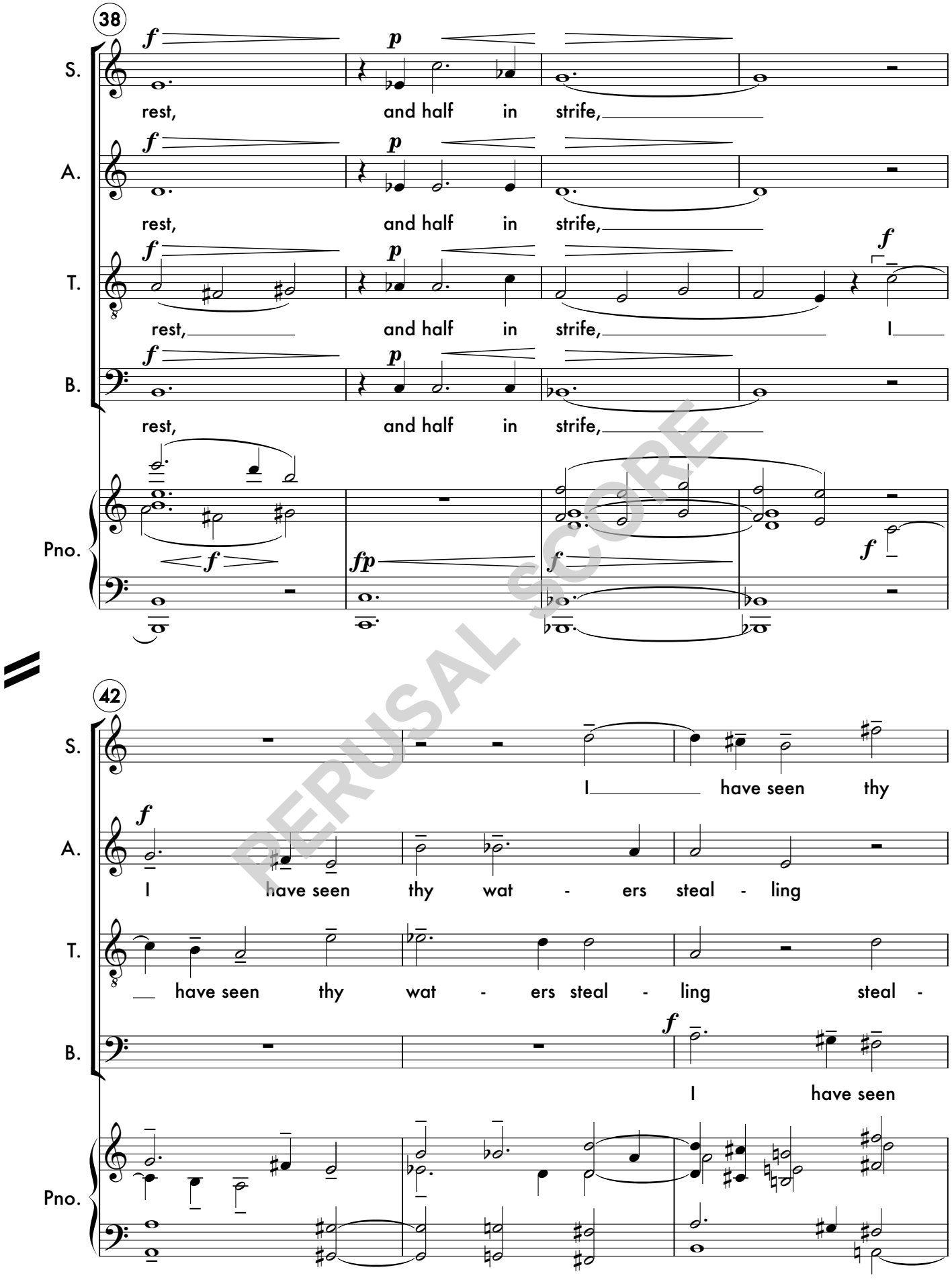

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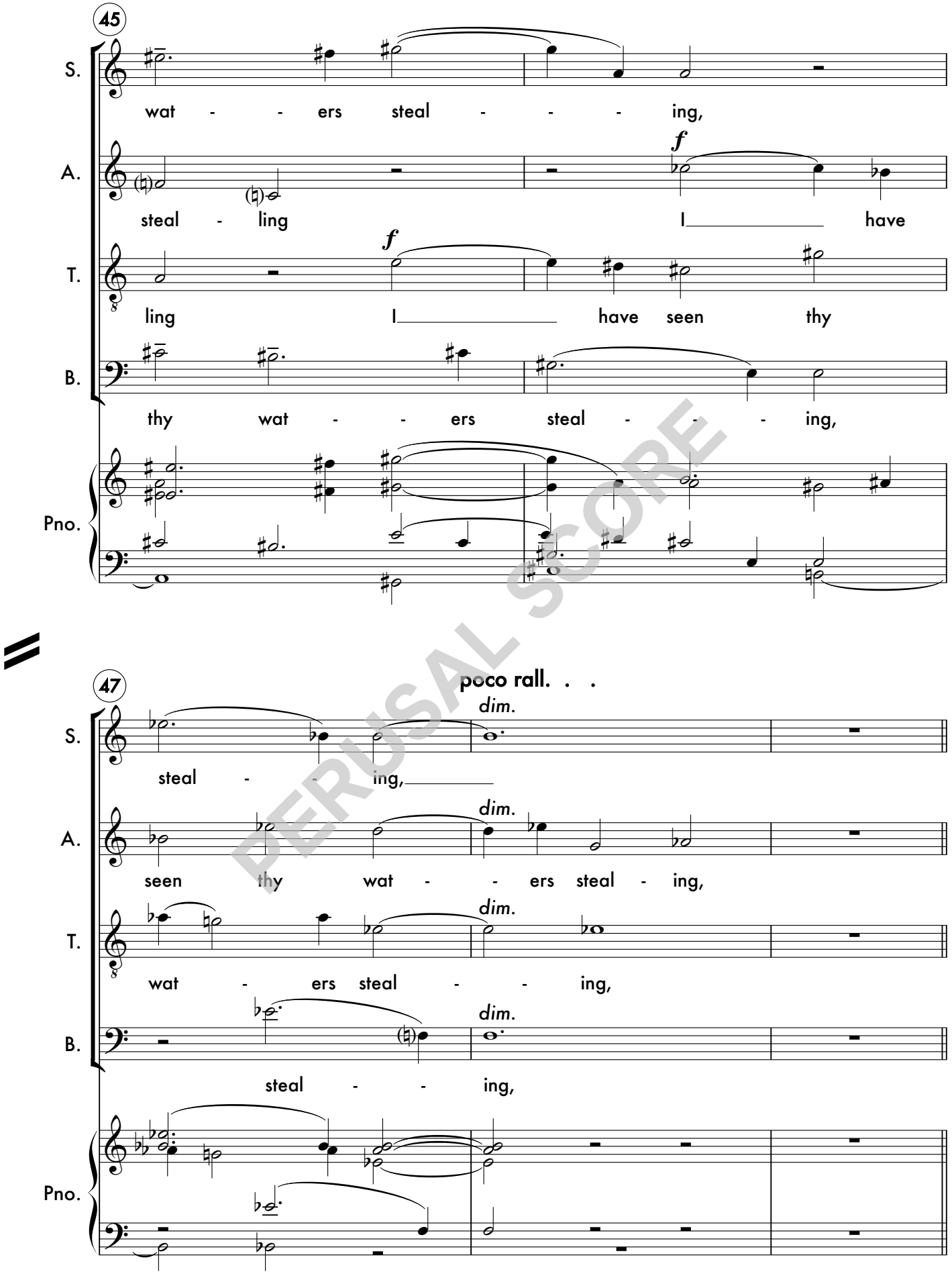

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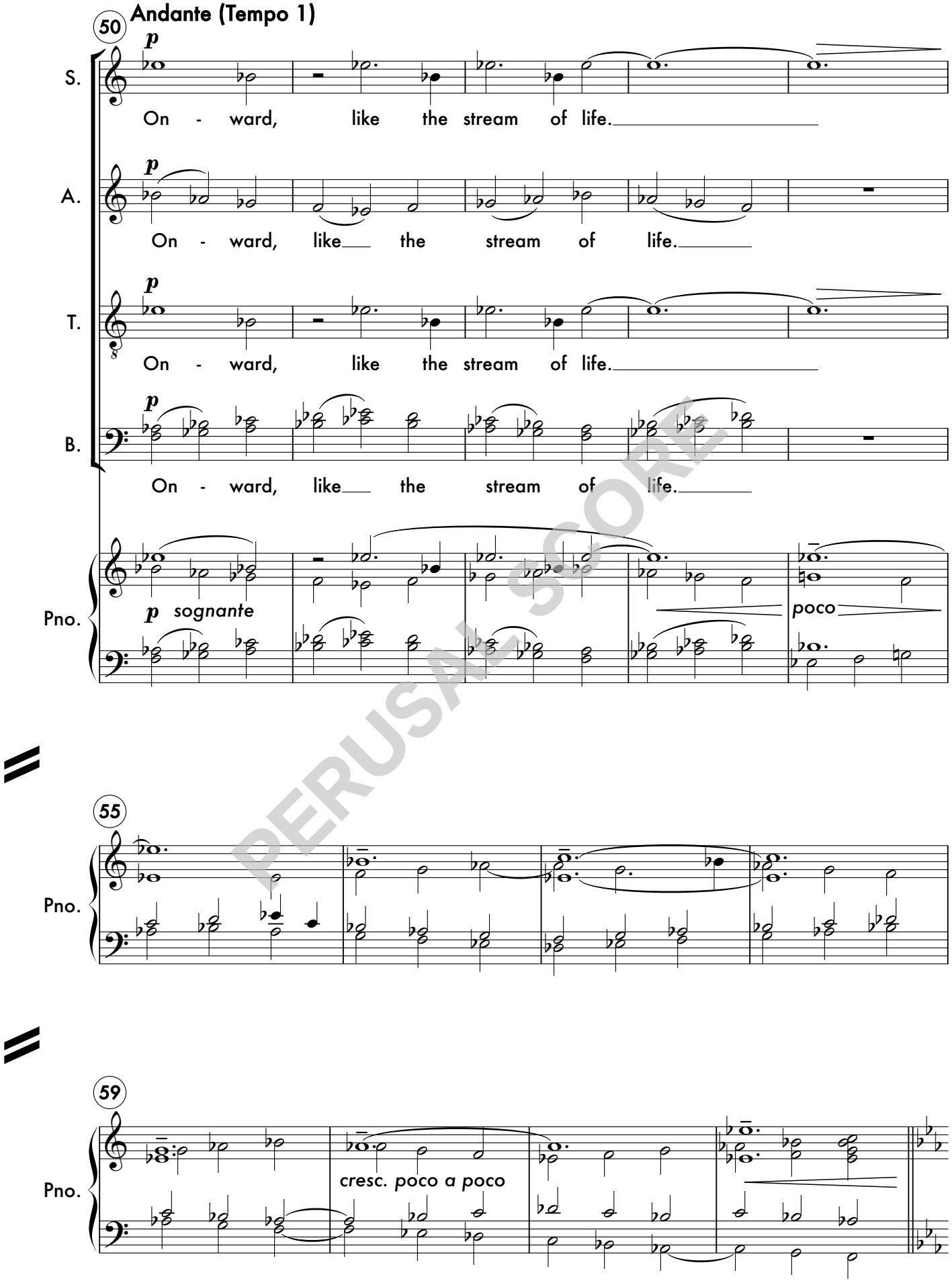

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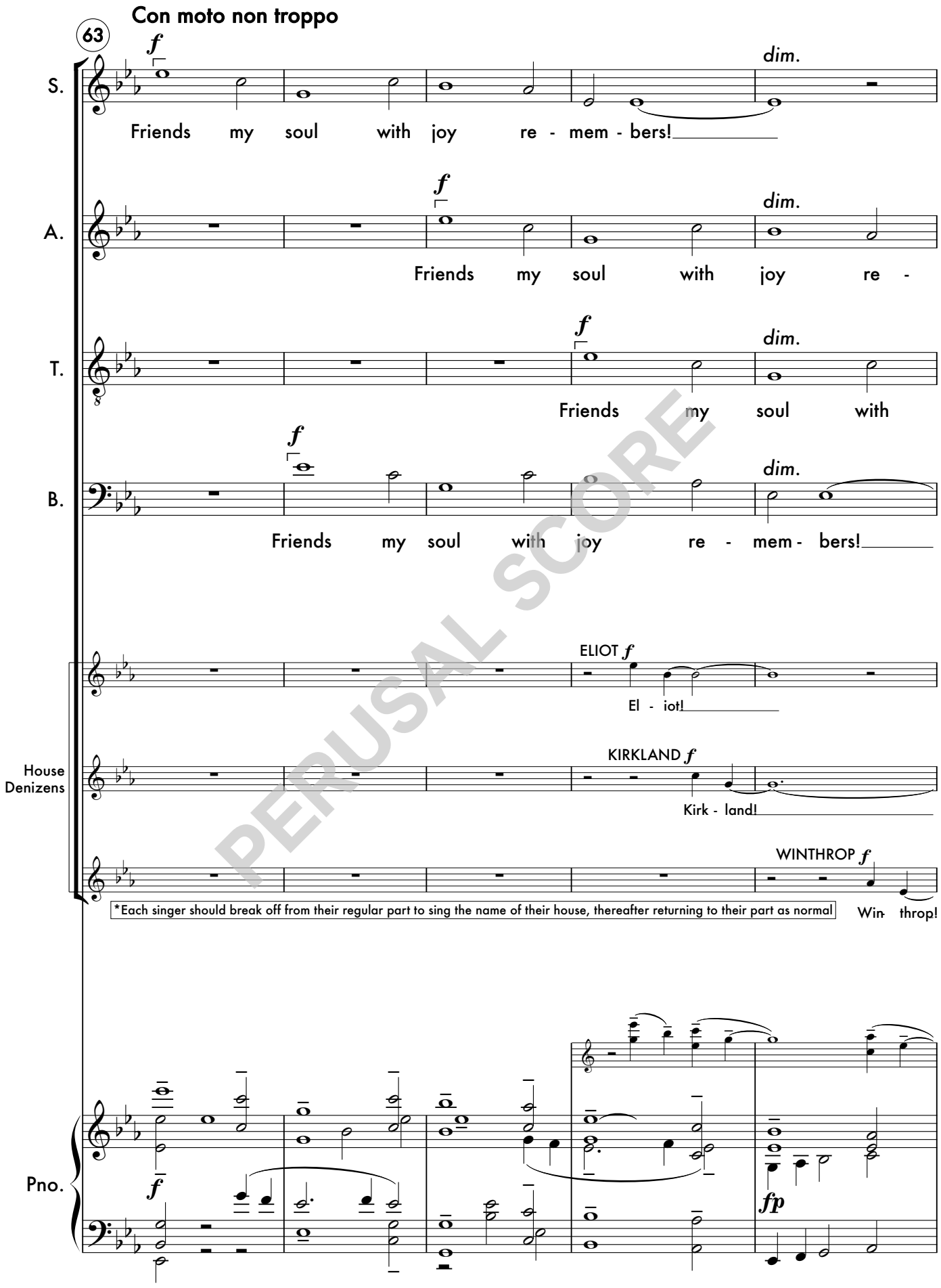
Con moto non troppo
63
S.
A.
T.
B.
House Denizens
Pno.
Friends my soul with joy re - mem - bers!
Friends my soul with joy re -
Friends my soul with
Friends my soul with joy re - mem - bers!
dim.
ELIOT
El - iot!
KIRKLAND
Kirk - land!
WINTHROP
Win- throp!
*Each singer should break off from their regular part to sing the name of their house, thereafter returning to their part as normal
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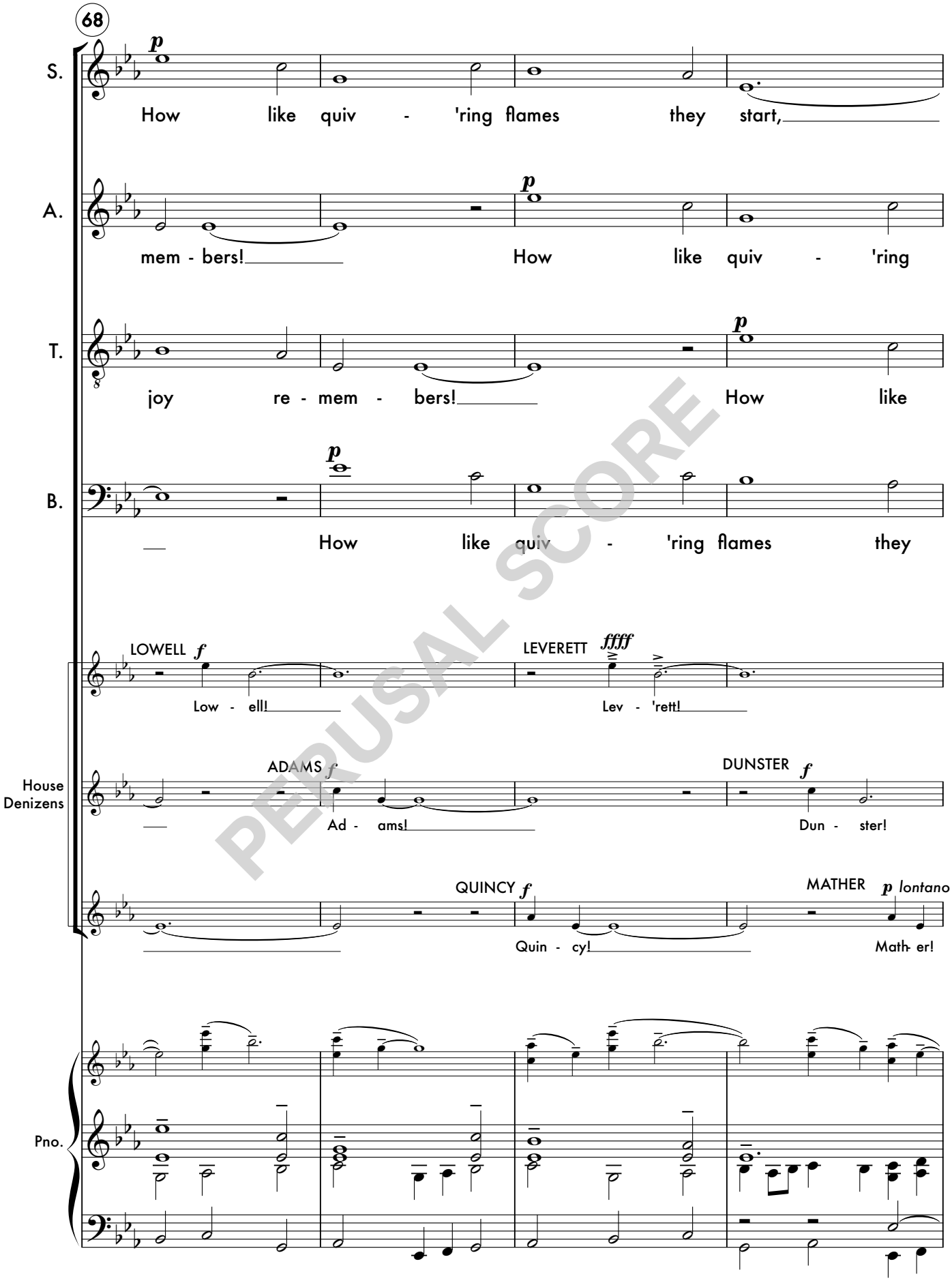

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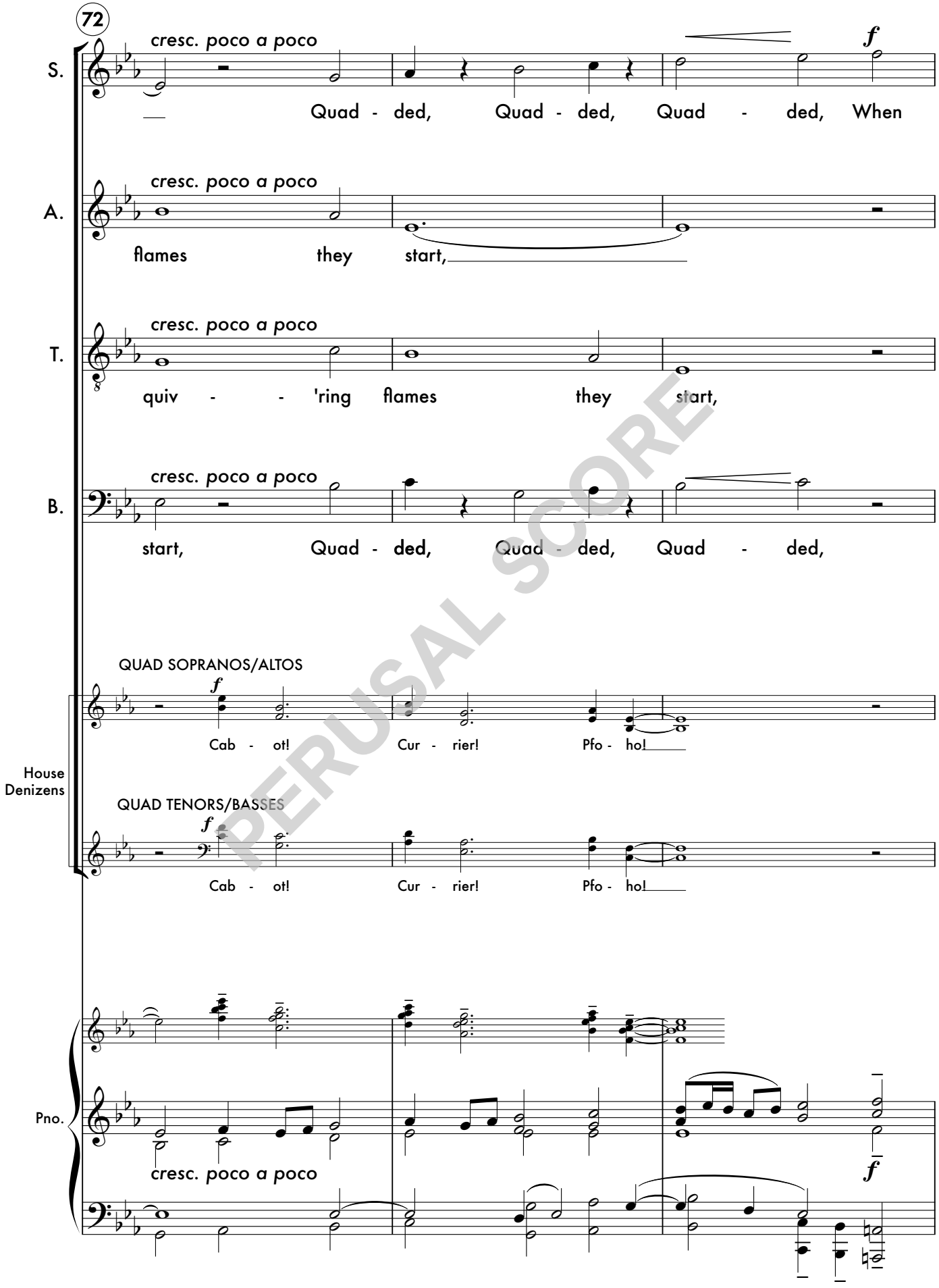

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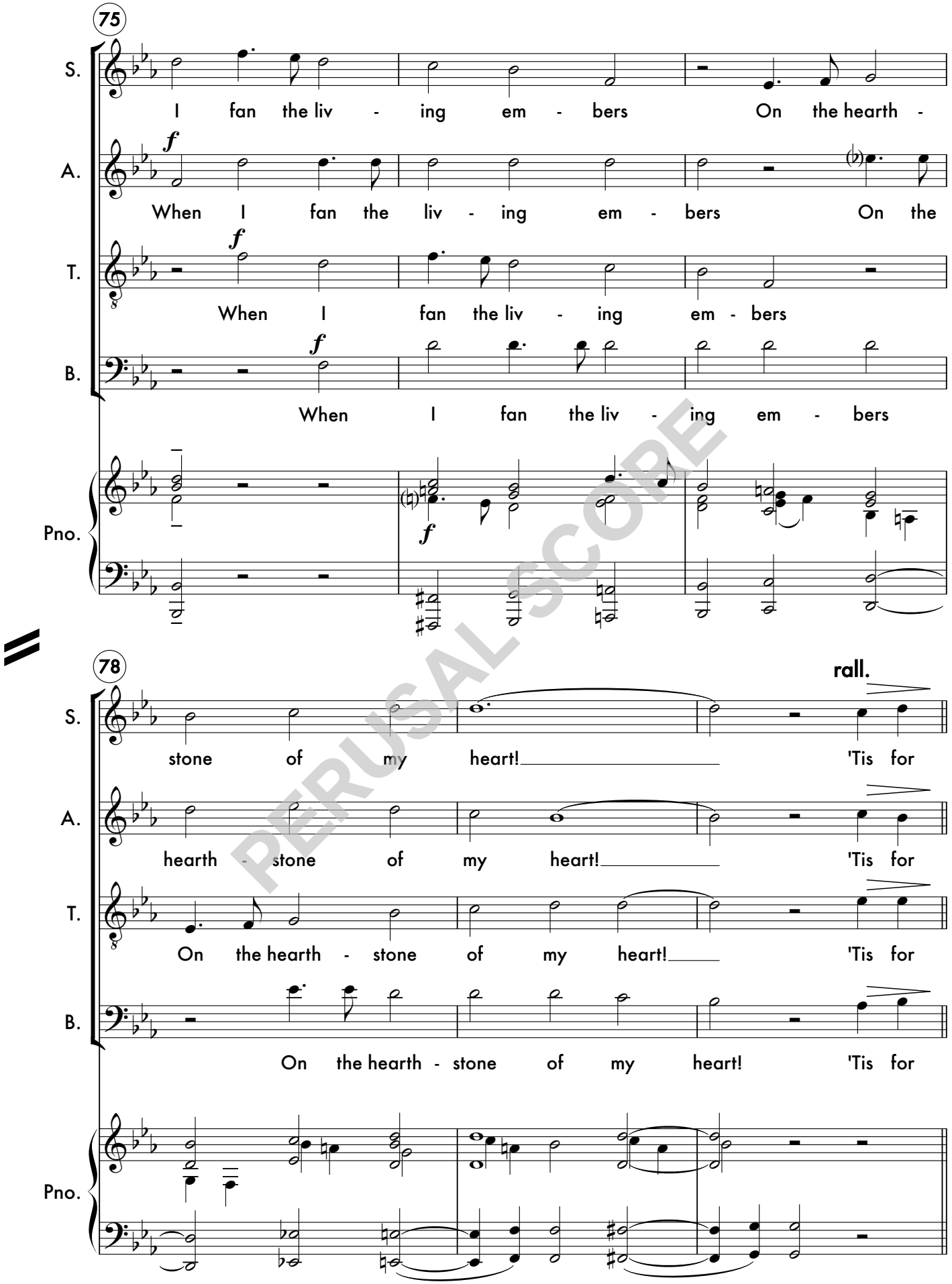

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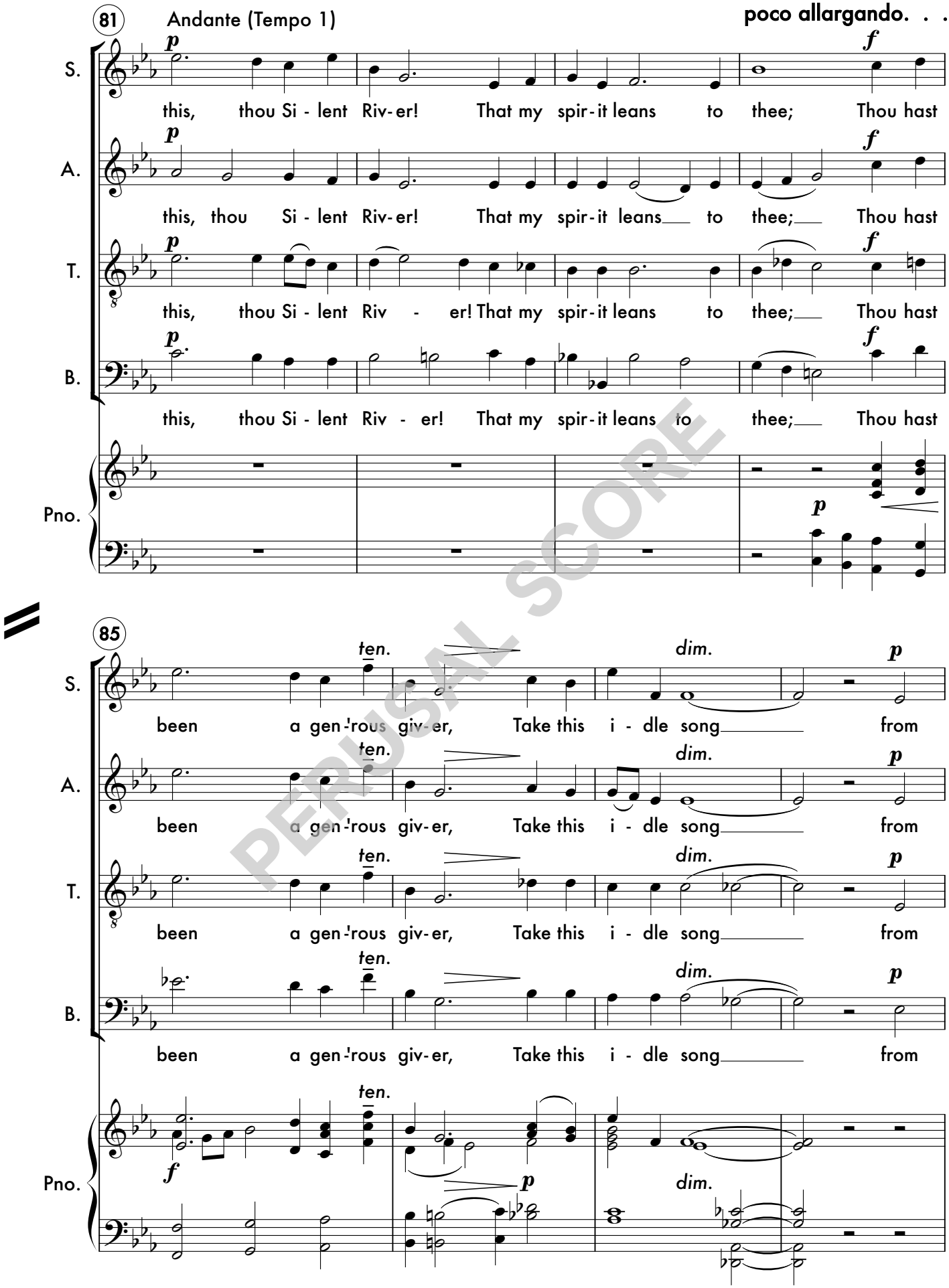

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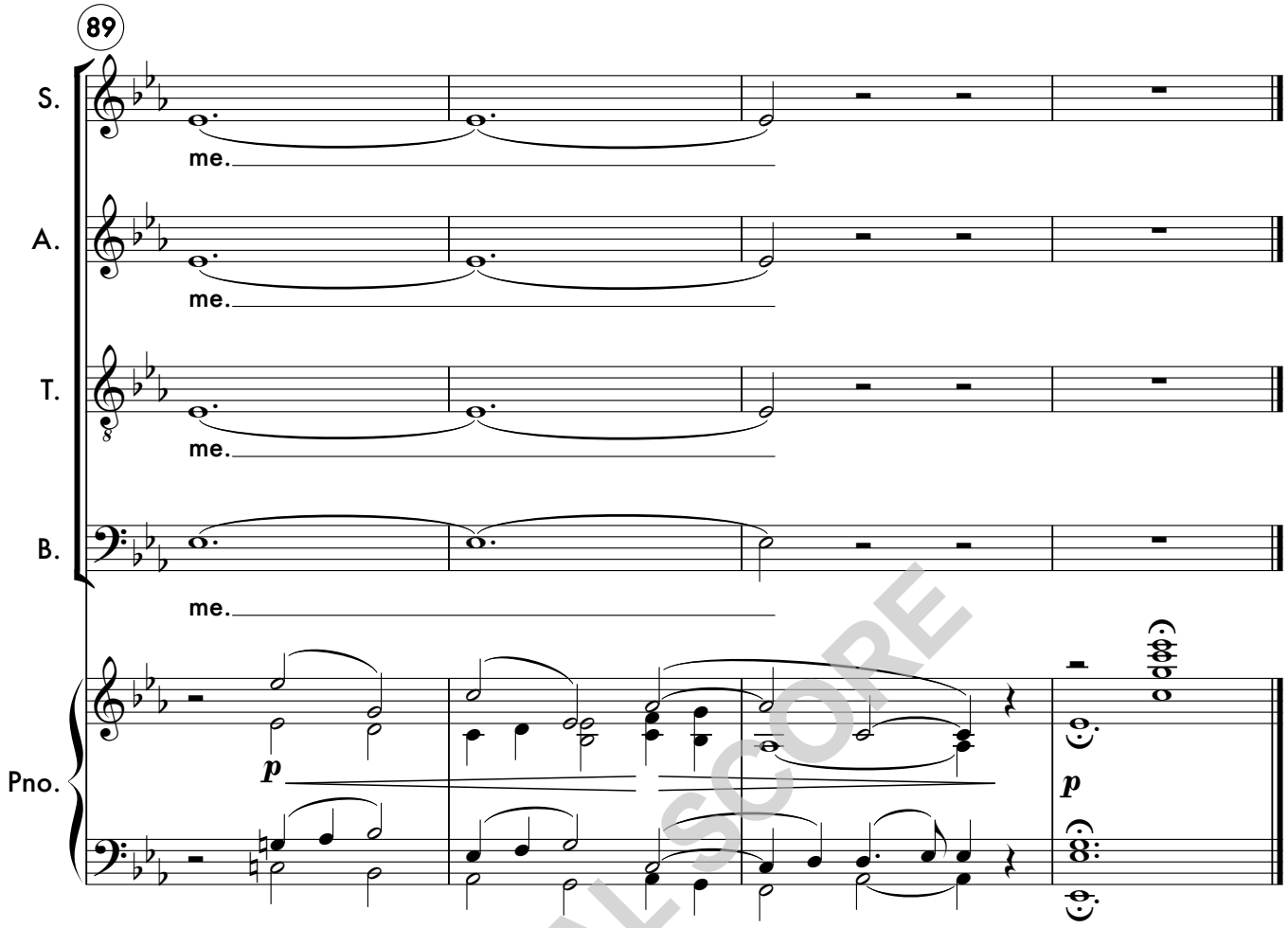

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