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Refugee

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We think of him as safe beneath the steeple,
Or cosy in a crib beside the font,
But he is with a million displaced people
On the long road of weariness and want.
For even as we sing our final carol
His family is up and on that road,
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.

Whilst Herod rages still from his dark tower
Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled,
The lambs are slaughtered by the men of power,
And death squads spread their curse across the world.
But every Herod dies, and comes alone
To stand before the Lamb upon the throne.

Alleluia

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Duration c.4'

Refugee was commissioned by the Master and Fellows of St John's College, Cambridge. It was first performed on Saturday 20th January by The Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, directed by Christopher Gray.

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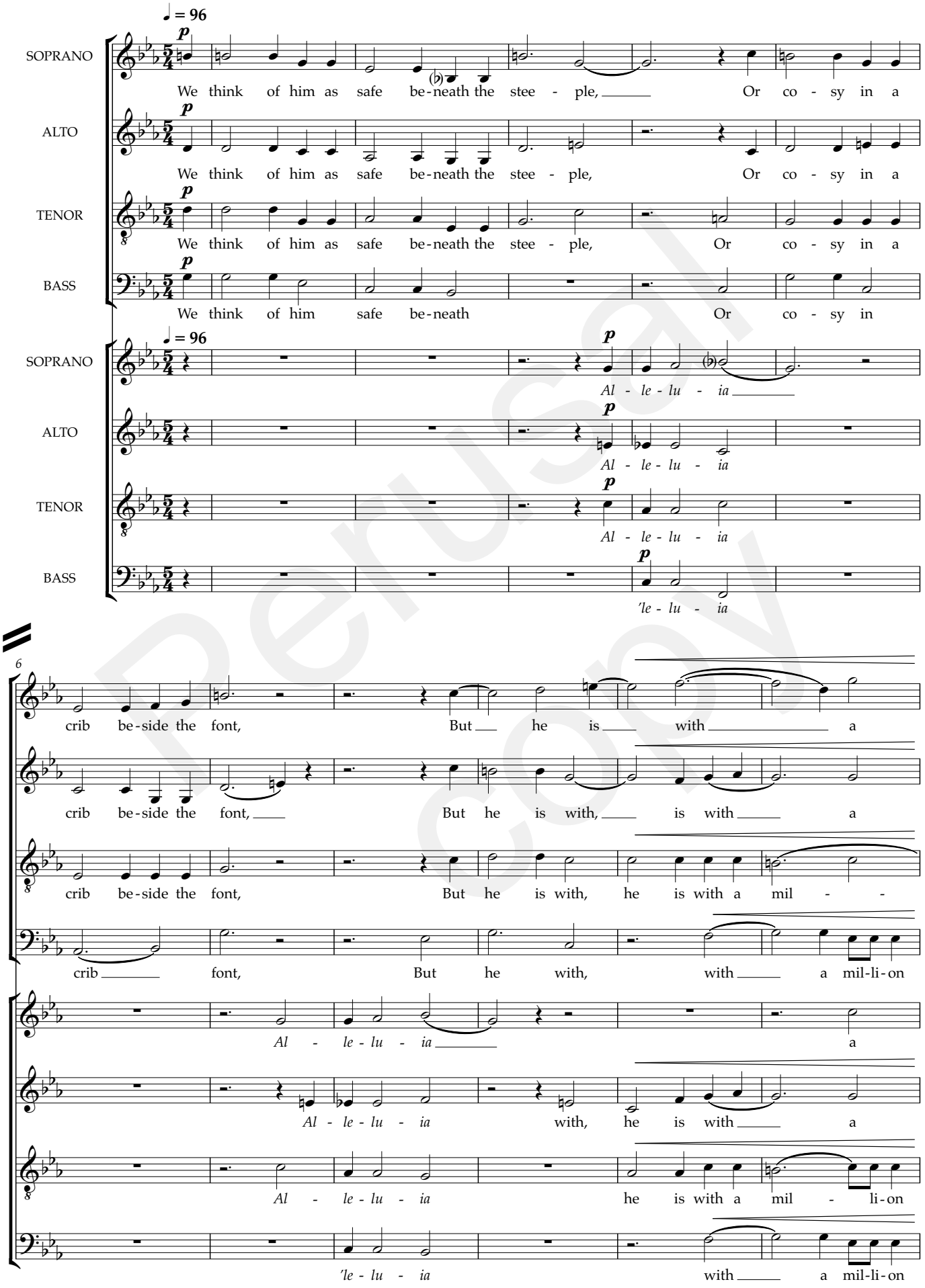

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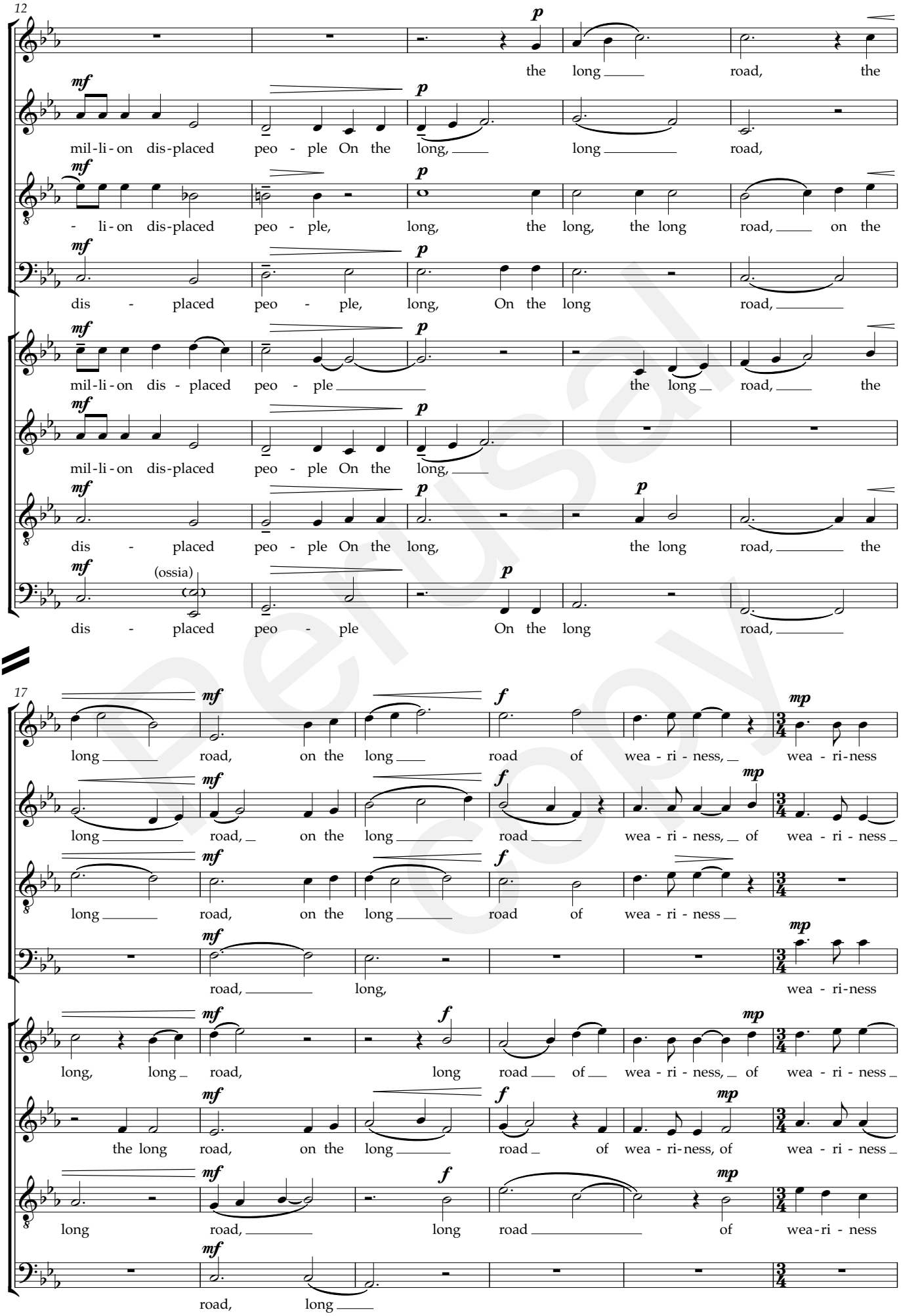

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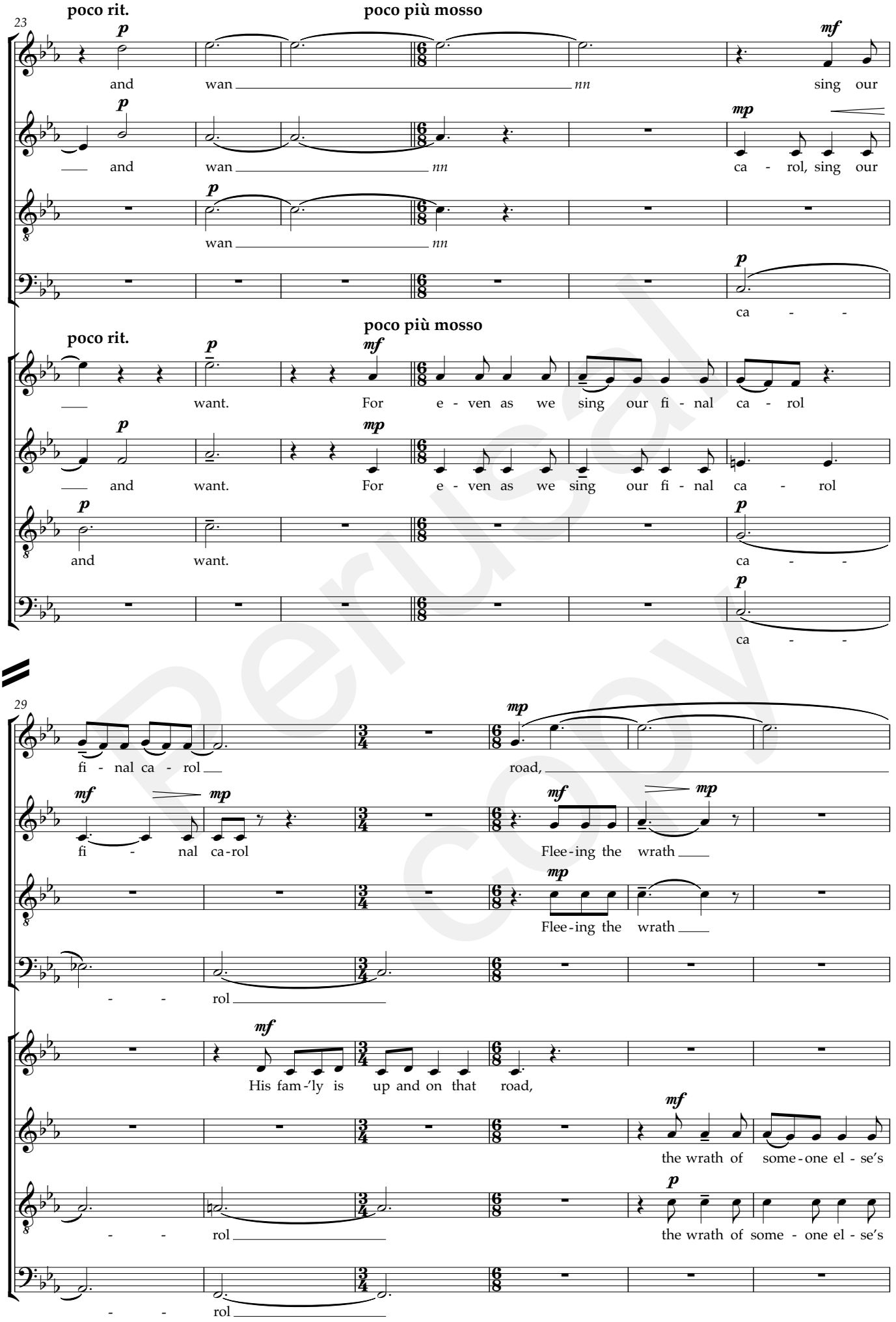

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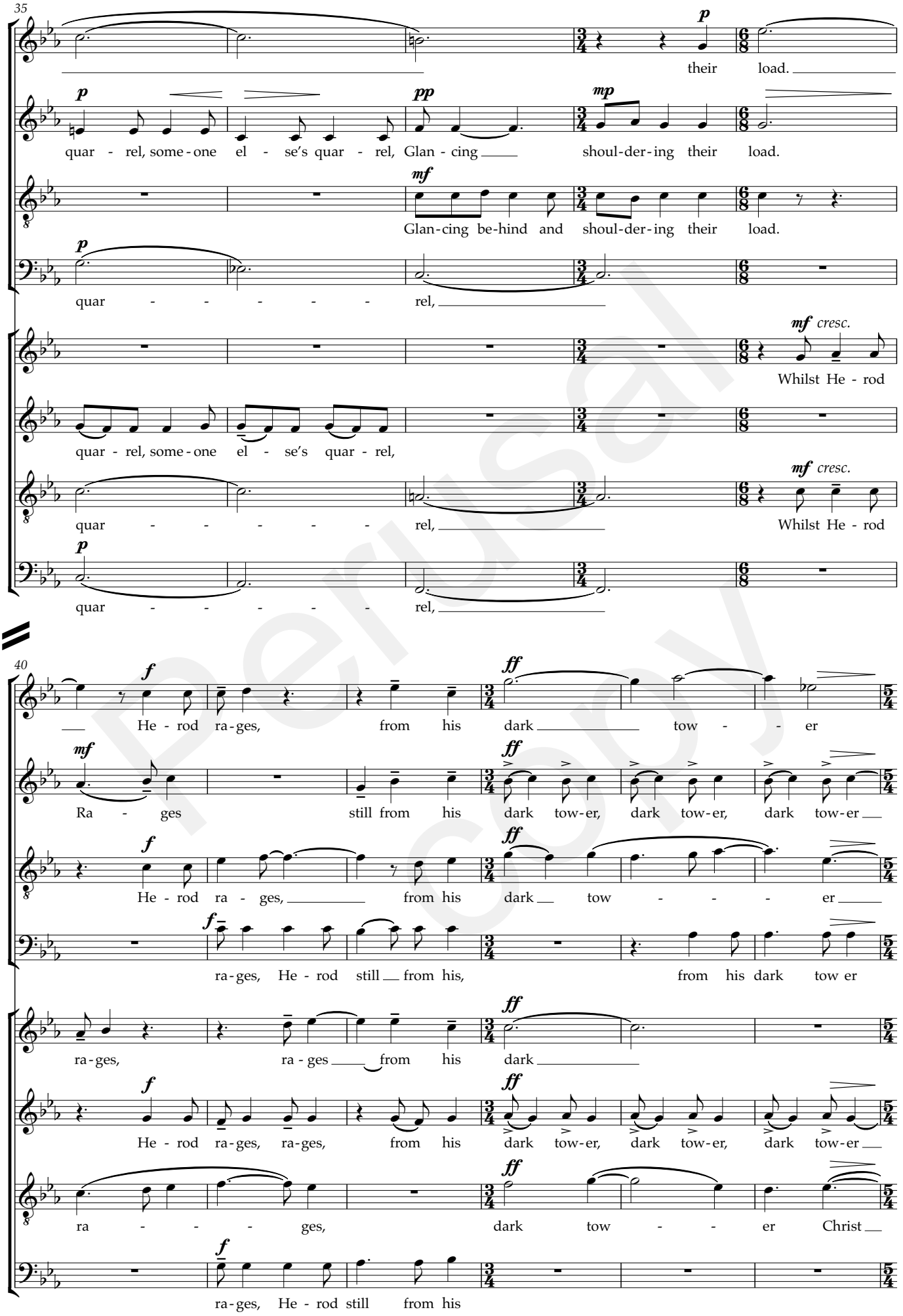

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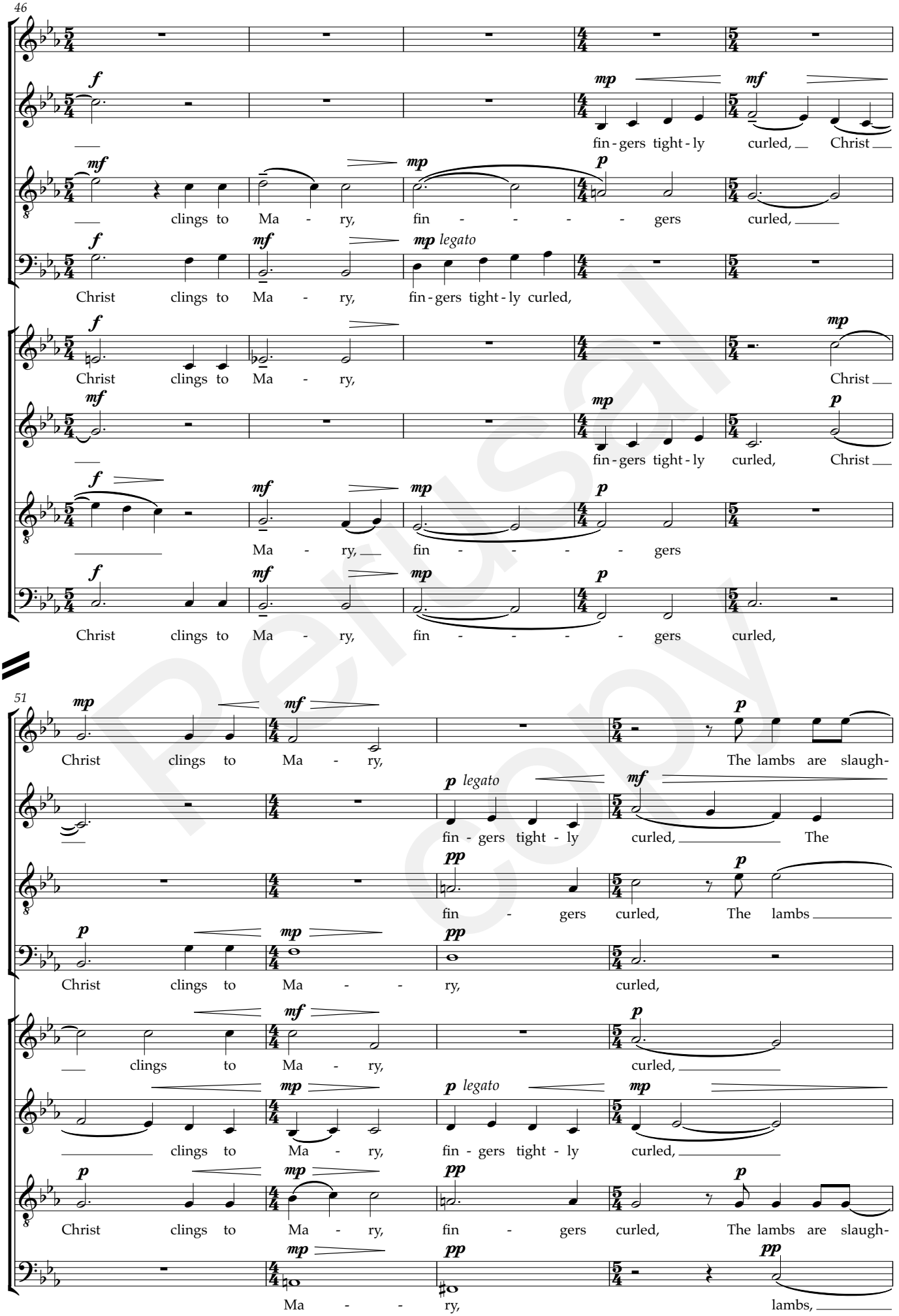

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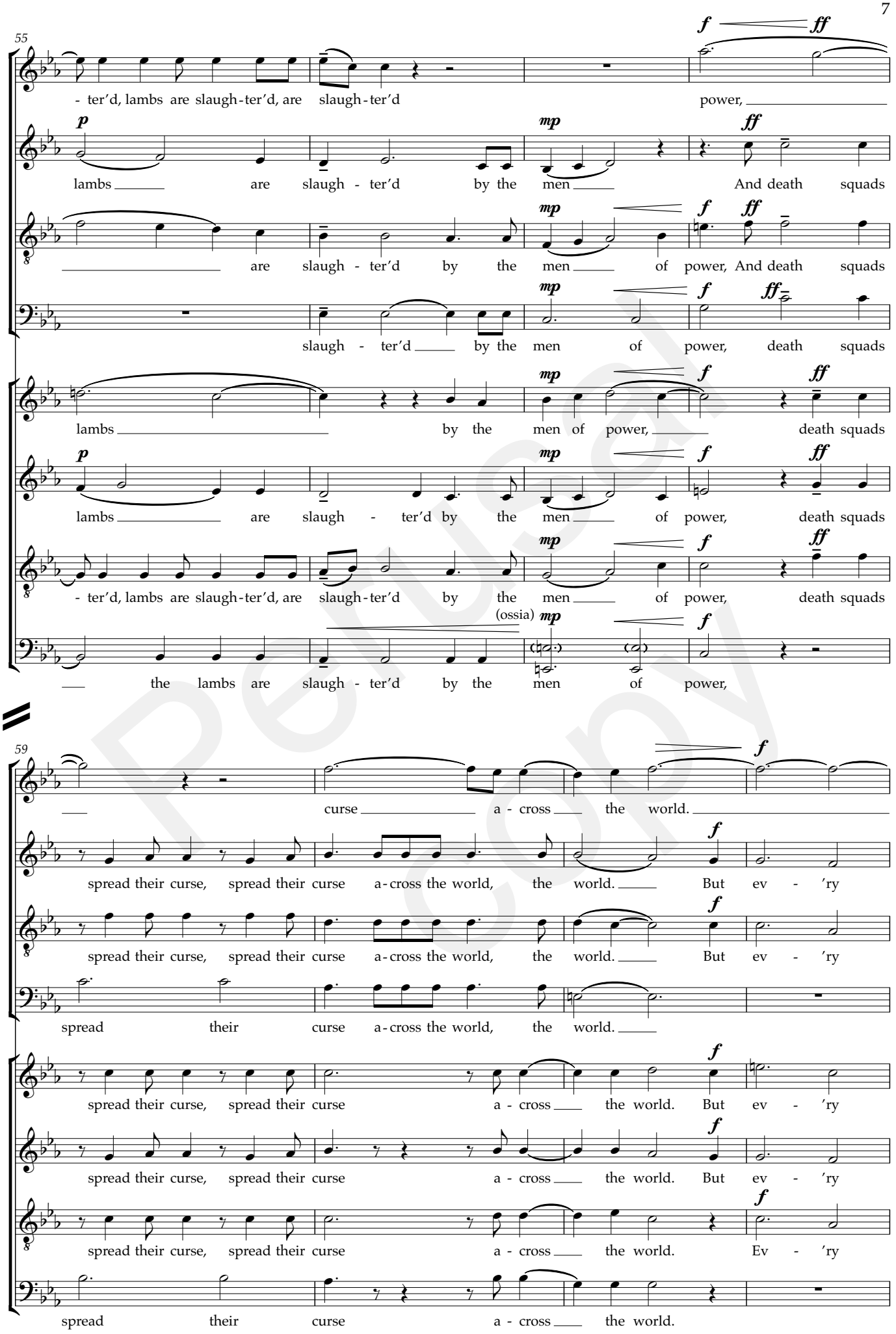
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lambs by the men of power, death squads
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the lambs are slaugh - ter'd by the men of power,
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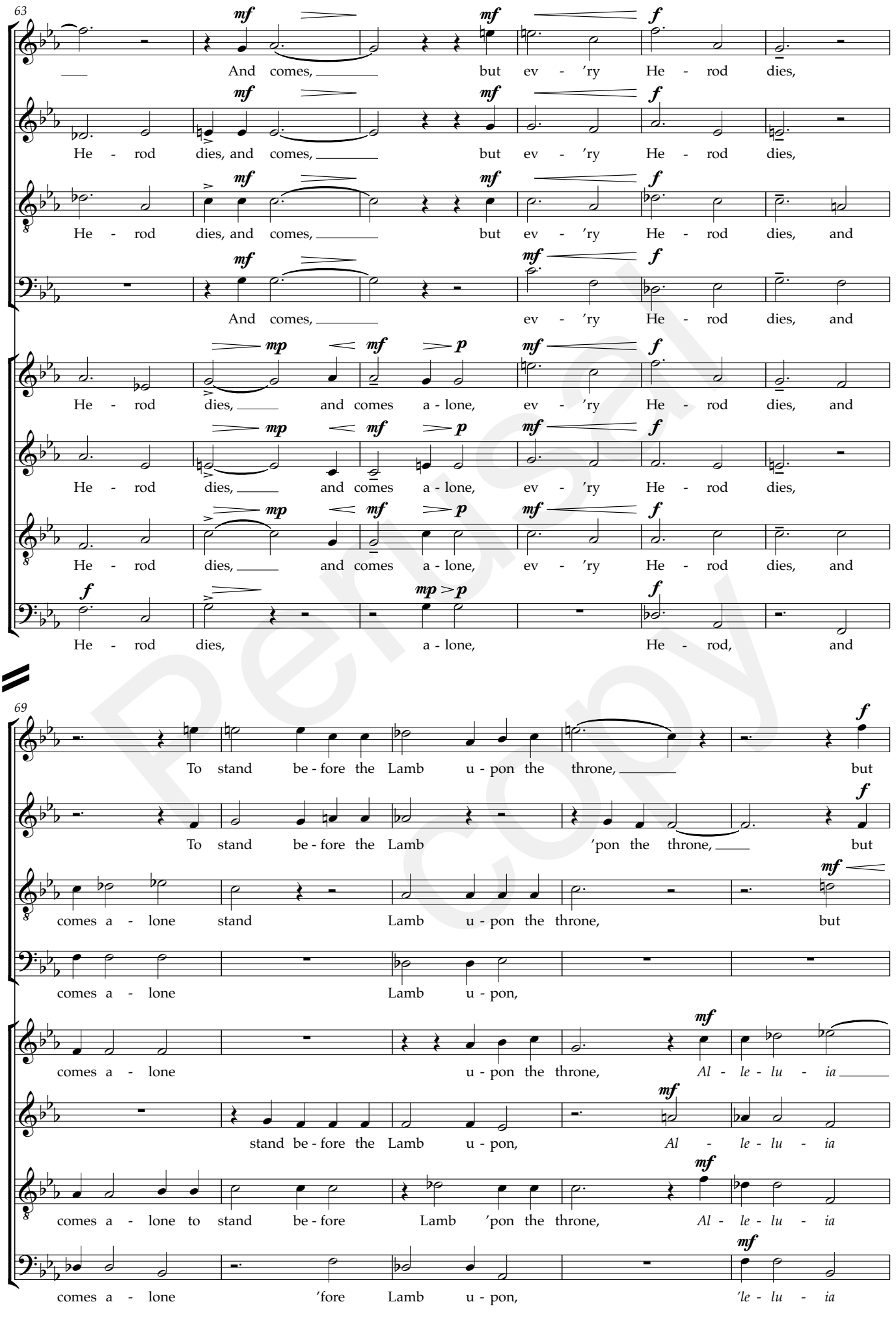

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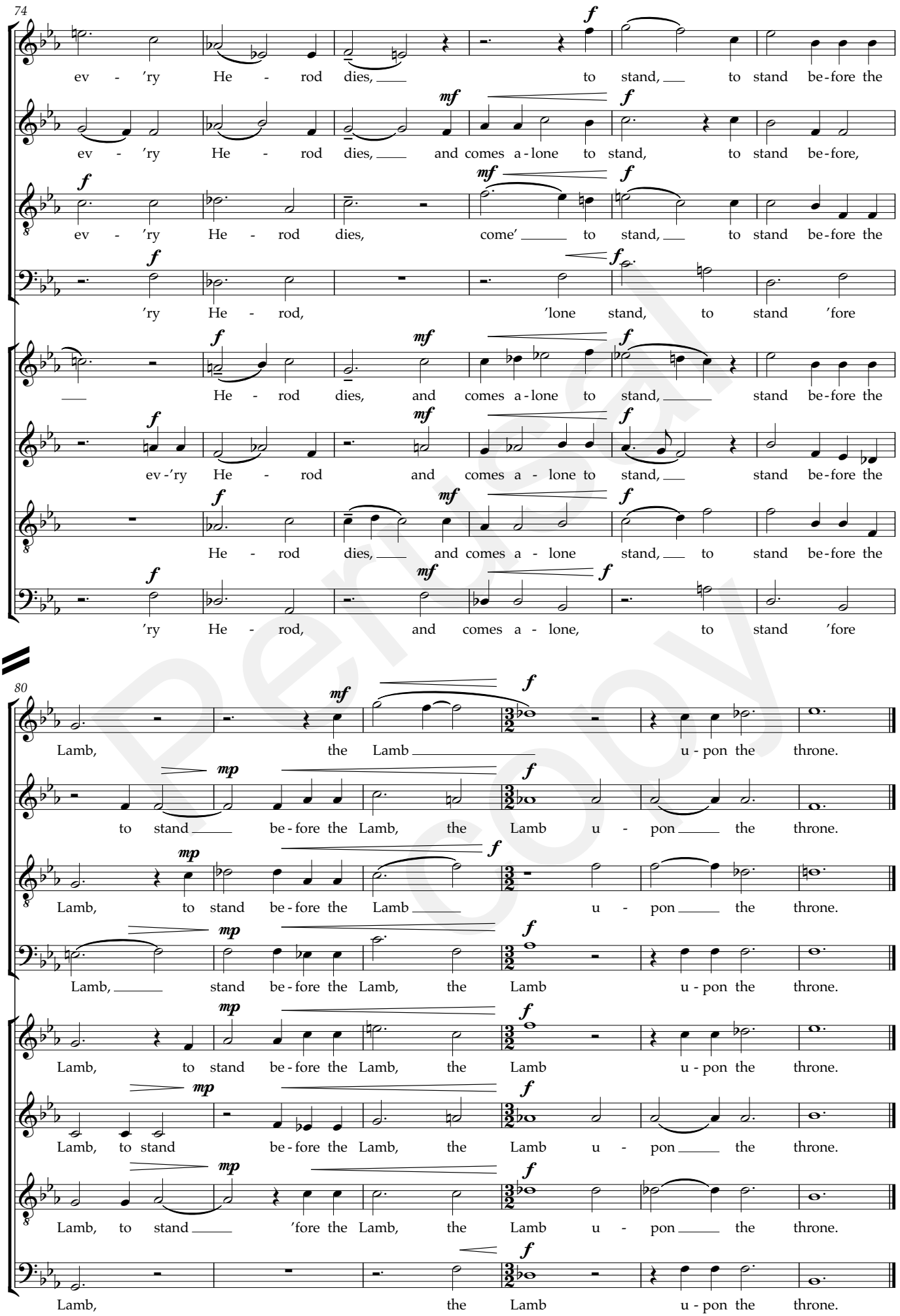

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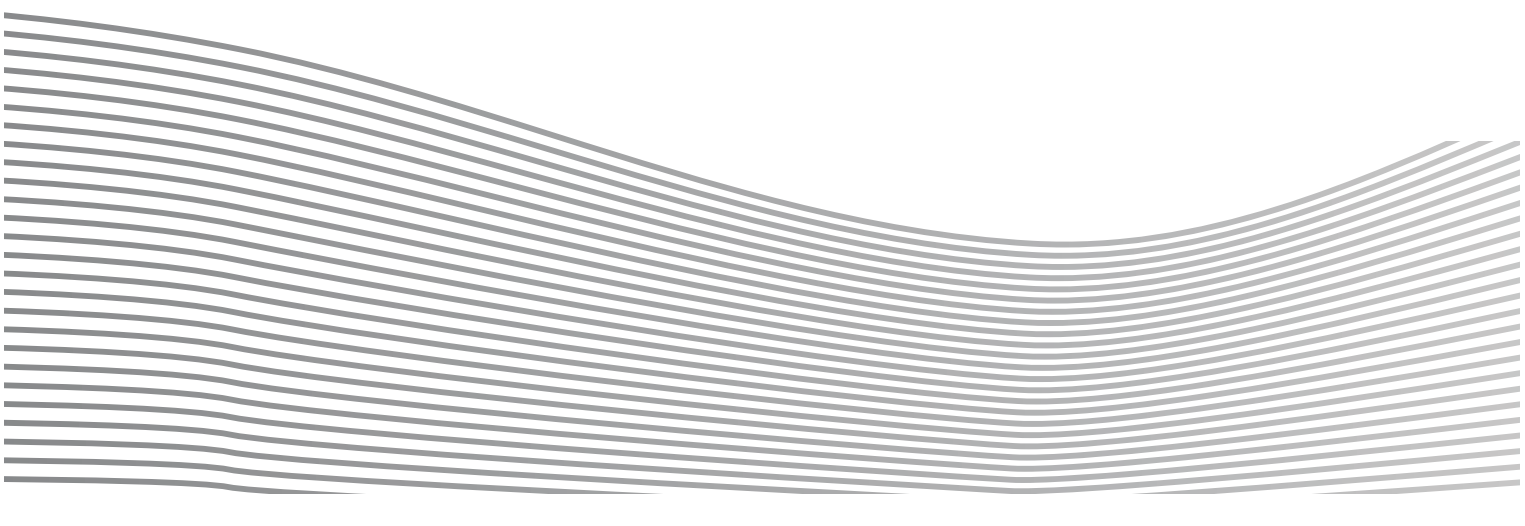
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