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SATB a cappella

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Although trained as a professional forensic officer, crime scane examiner and fingerprint expert, Martin Leadbetter has been an active and prolific composer since his twenties.

Born in London England 1945 his output has been considerable, including four symphonies, six string quartets. sonatas for string and wind instruments, an oratorio, "Every Eye Shall See," numerous chamber works, songs and many instrumental and orchestral pieces and he has completed more than 400 works. But his real love is in writing sacred works for chorus, in particular Christmas carols.

A Fellow of Trinity College, London (FTCL) and a graduate of the UK's Open University (BA Hons), he studied composition initially with Eric Matthes and later, advanced composition and orchestration with Dr. Alan Bush.

He has enjoyed numerous performances, including his Violin Concerto (1972), which was premiered in London, his 2nd Symphony, 'The Pastoral', which was dedicated to Alan Bush, his anthem, 'Laudate Dominum' which was performed in Fontainebleau, France and he has been featured on BBC Radio and British television. His recent work, 'The Song of Agincourt' was performed in June 2015 at a concert of the Hitchin Festival, Hertfordshire, Great Britain.

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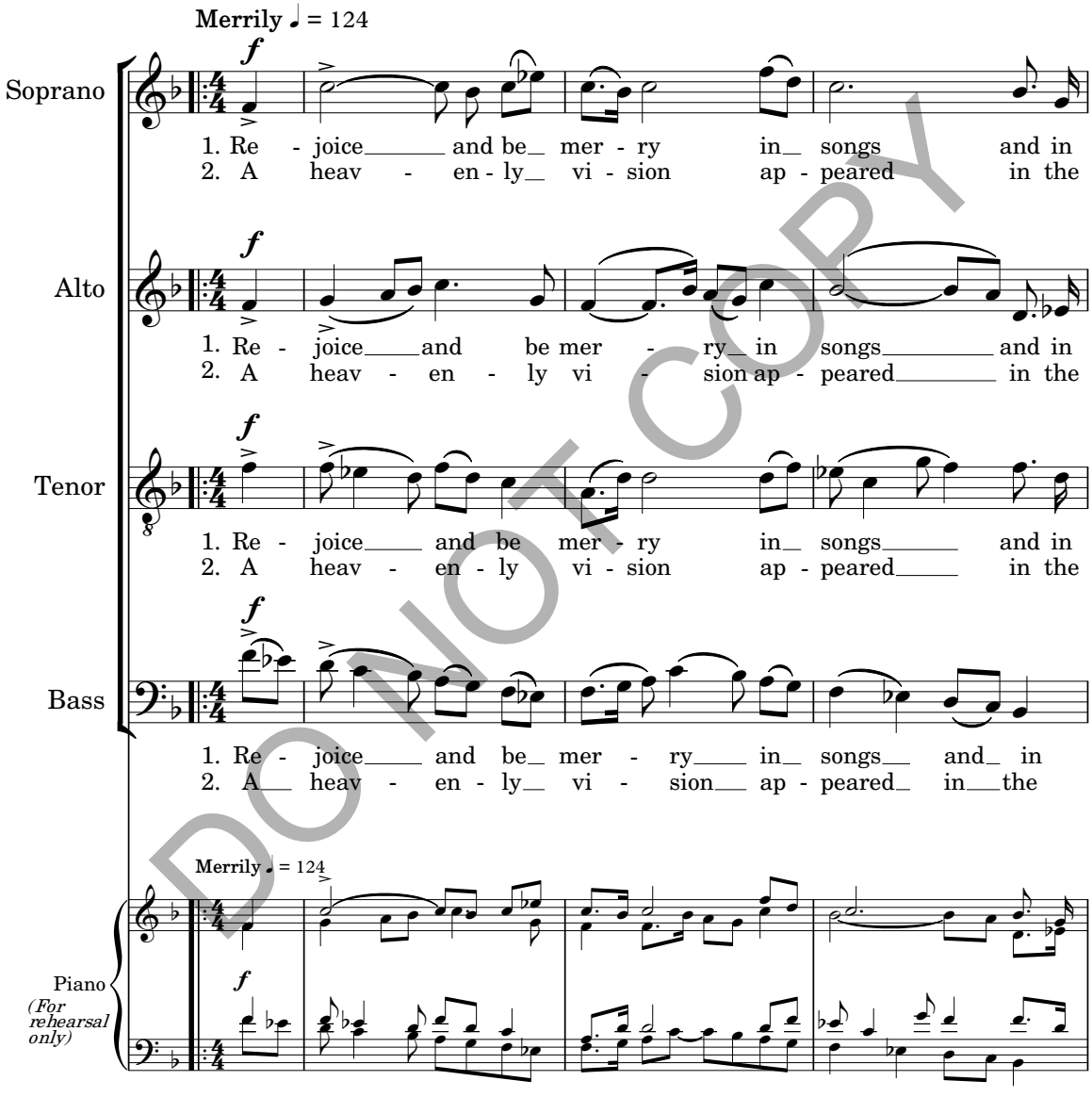
English traditional (Dorset old church gallery book)* Martin Leadbetter



*The words from an old church-gallery book, discovered in Dorset by the Rev. L.J.T.Darwell, reprinted from 'The Oxford Book of Carols'

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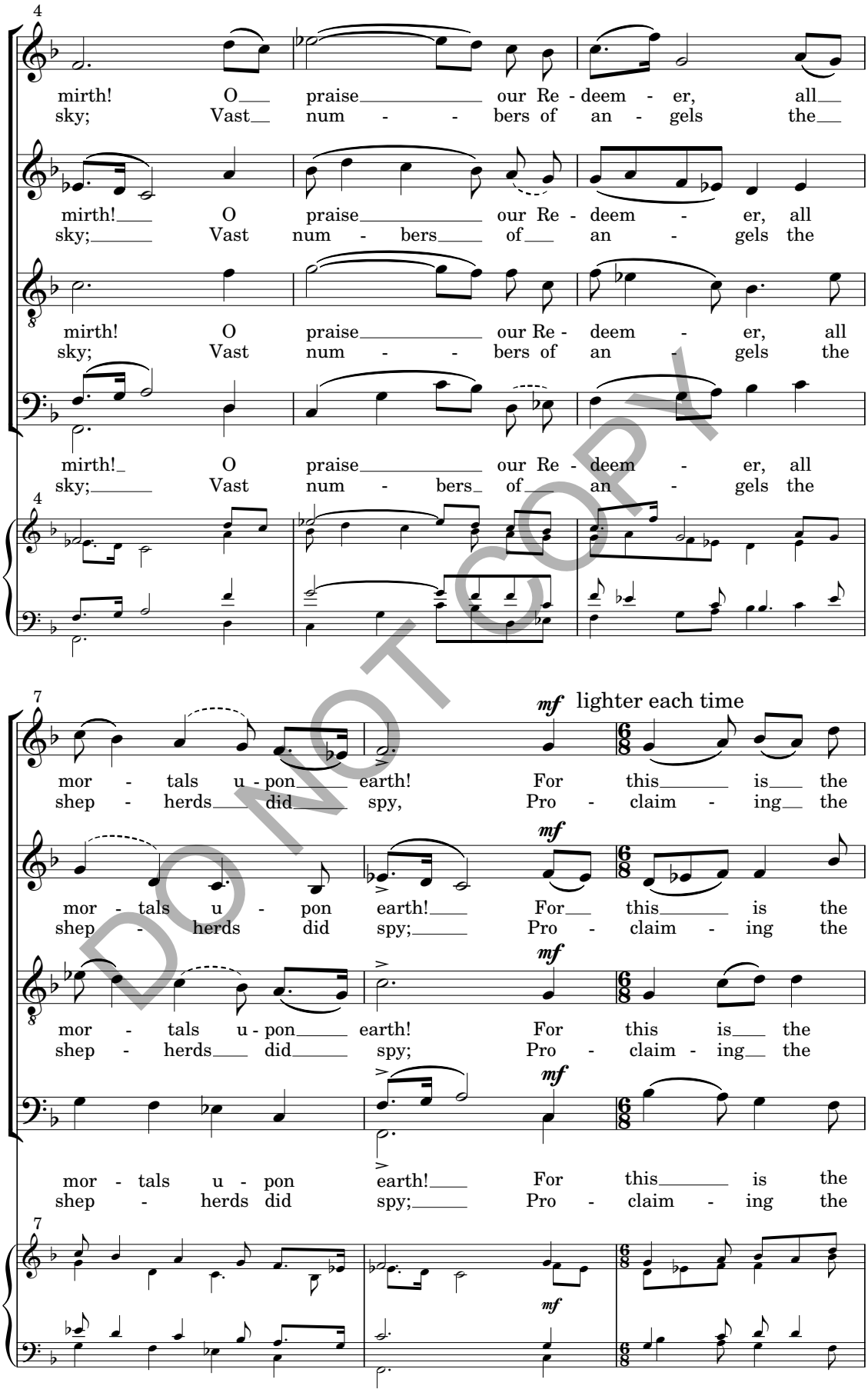
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mirth! O praise our Re - deem - er, all
sky; Vast num - bers of an - gels the
mirth! O praise our Re - deem - er, all
sky; Vast num - bers of an - gels the
mirth! O praise our Re - deem - er, all
sky; Vast num - bers of an - gels the
mirth! O praise our Re - deem - er, all
sky; Vast num - bers of an - gels the
7
mf lighter each time
mor - tals u - pon earth! For this is the
shep - herds did spy, Pro - claim - ing the
mf
mor - tals u - pon earth! For this is the
shep - herds did spy; Pro - claim - ing the
mf
mor - tals u - pon earth! For this is the
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mf

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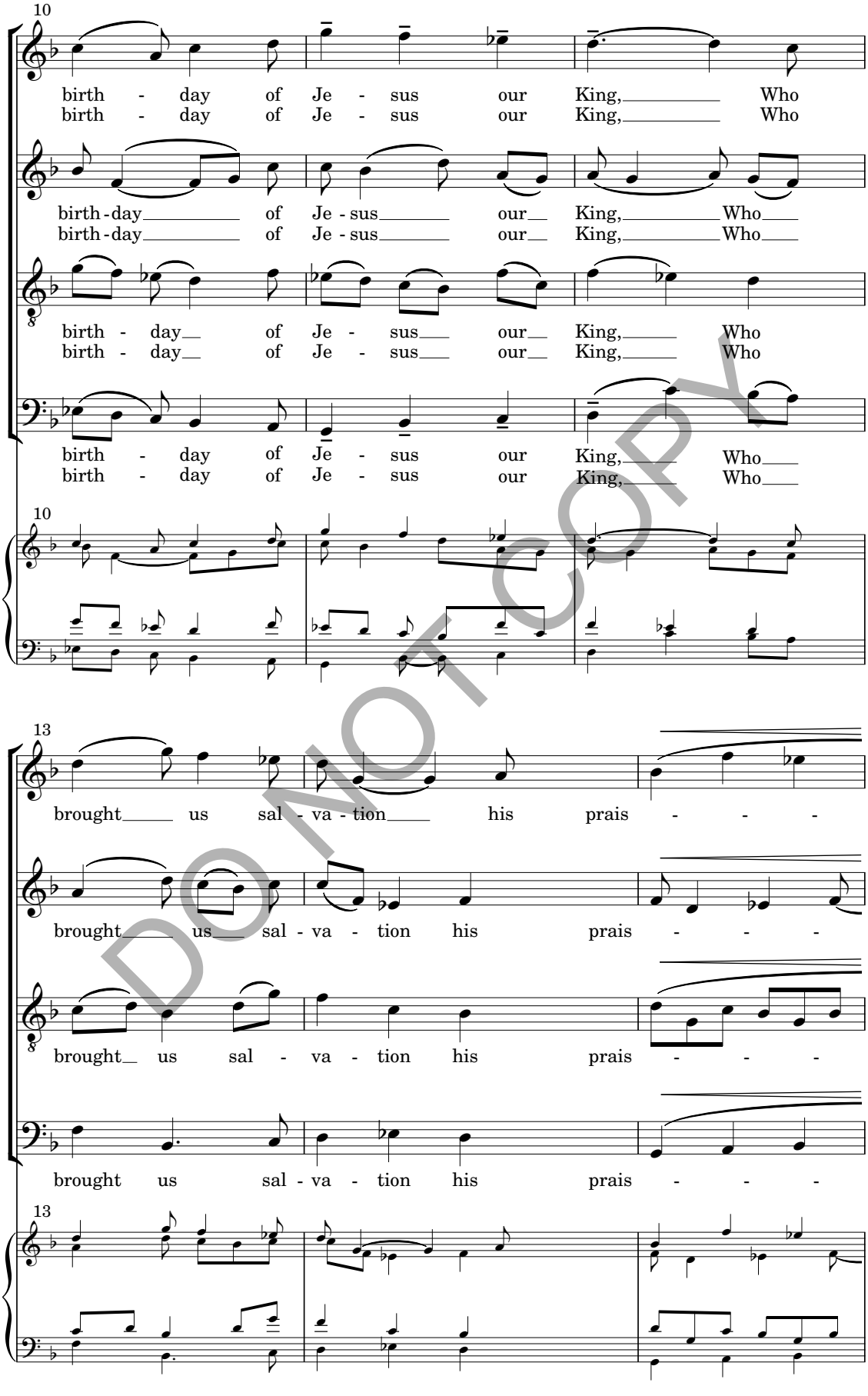
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birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
birth-day of Je-sus our King, Who
birth-day of Je-sus our King, Who
birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
10
13
brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -
brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -
brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -
brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -
13

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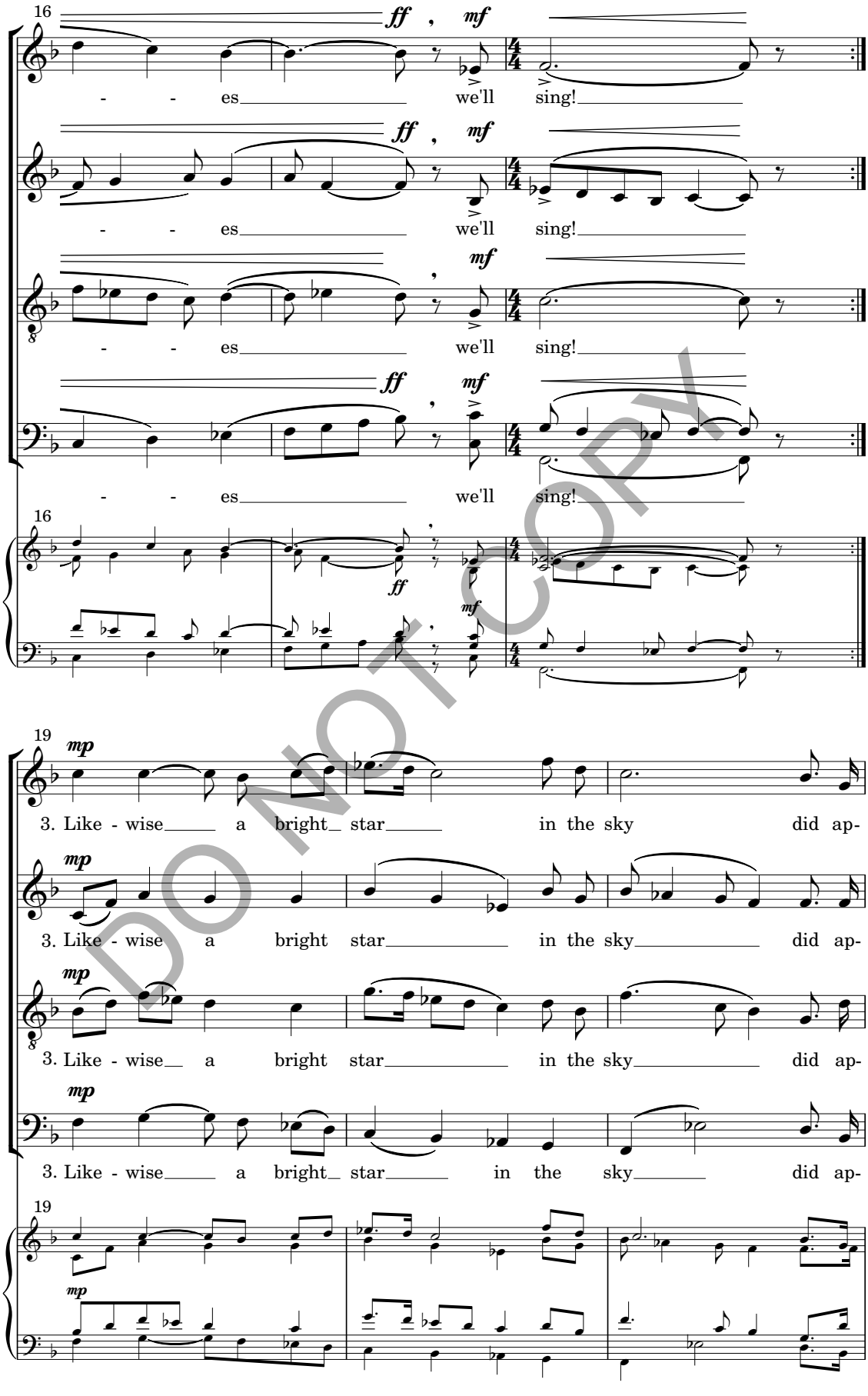
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ff , mf
- - es we'll sing!
ff , mf
- - es we'll sing!
mf
- - es we'll sing!
ff mf
- - es we'll sing!
16
ff
mf
19
mp
3. Like - wise a bright star in the sky did ap-
mp
3. Like - wise a bright star in the sky did ap-
mp
3. Like - wise a bright star in the sky did ap-
mp
3. Like - wise a bright star in the sky did ap-
19
mp

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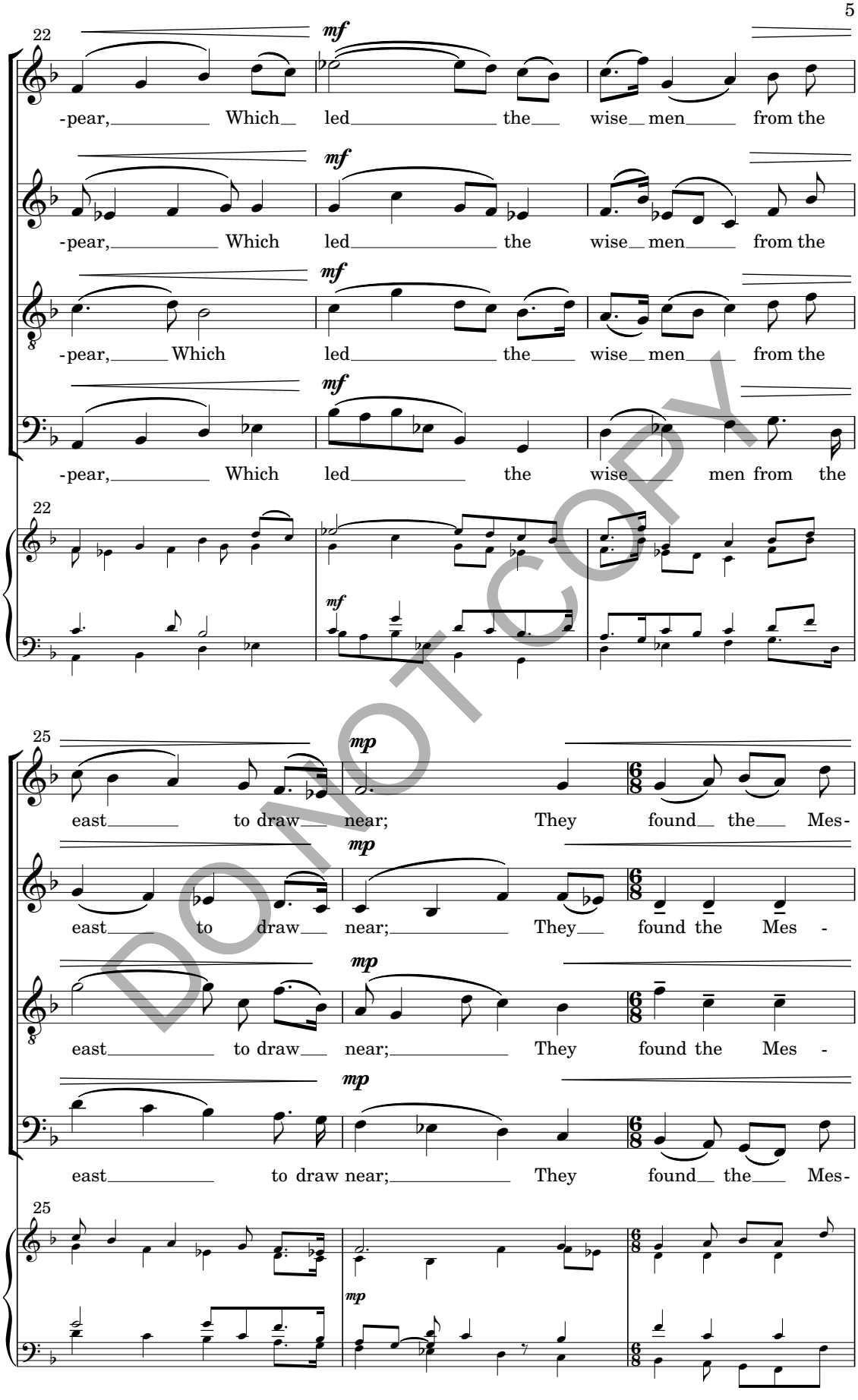
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mf
-pear, Which led the wise men from the
-pear, Which led the wise men from the
-pear, Which led the wise men from the
-pear, Which led the wise men from the
25
mp
east to draw near; They found the Mes-
east to draw near; They found the Mes -
east to draw near; They found the Mes -
east to draw near; They found the Mes-

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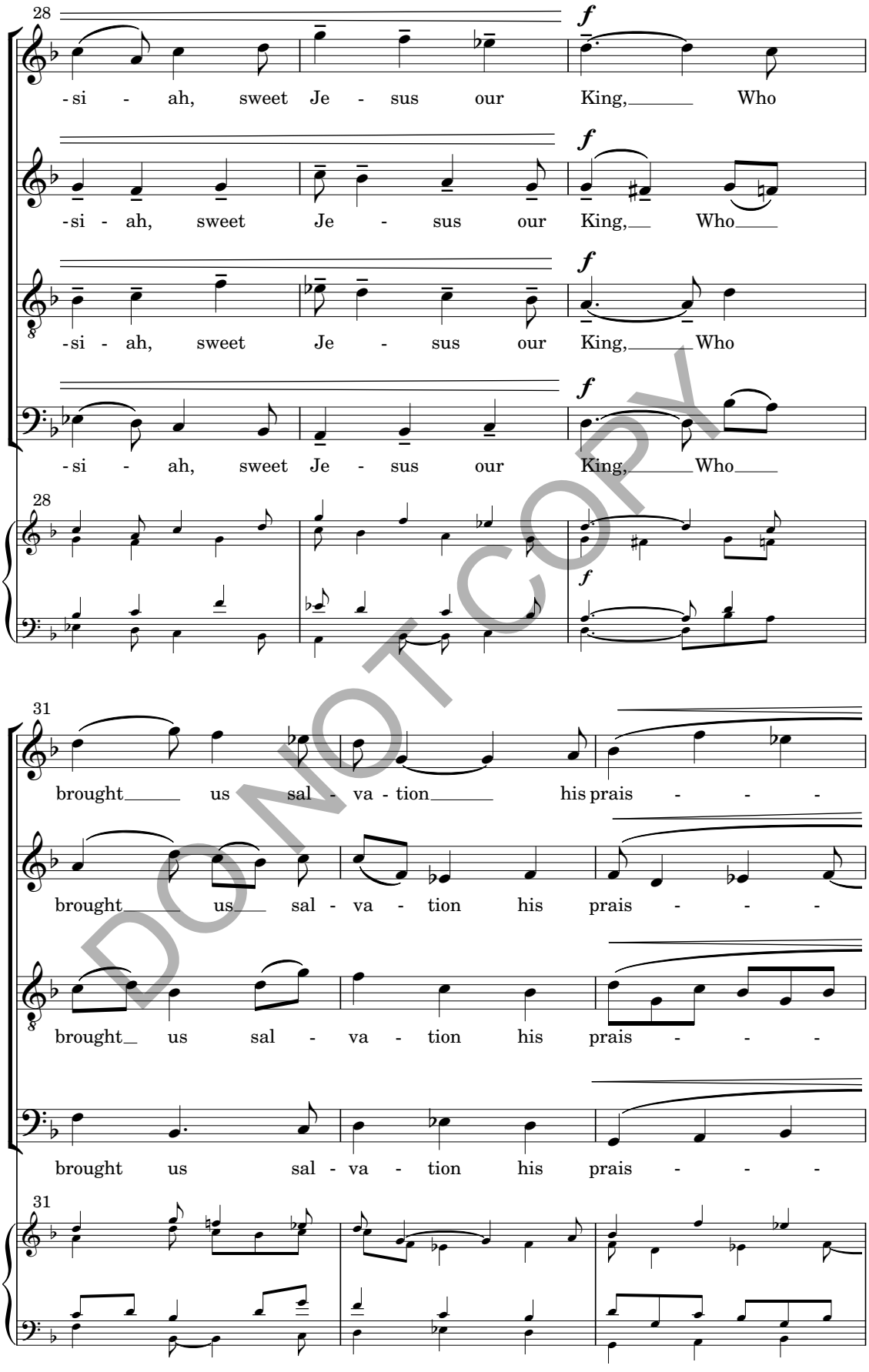
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f
-si - ah, sweet Je - sus our King, Who
-si - ah, sweet Je - sus our King, Who
-si - ah, sweet Je - sus our King, Who
-si - ah, sweet Je - sus our King, Who
31
brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -
brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -
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brought us sal - va - tion his prais - - -

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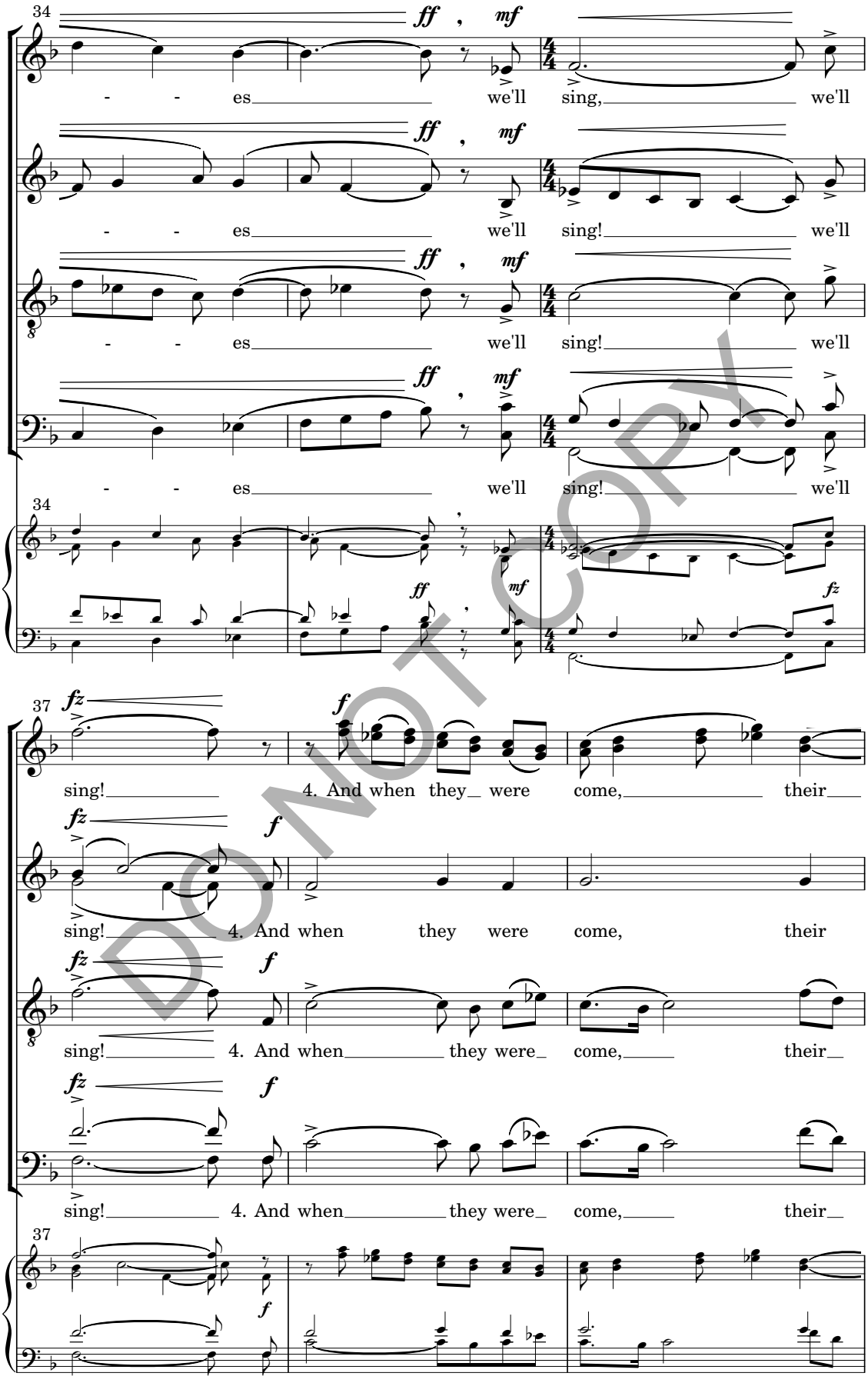
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ff , mf
- - es we'll sing, we'll
ff , mf
- - es we'll sing! we'll
ff , mf
- - es we'll sing! we'll
ff , mf
- - es we'll sing! we'll
34
ff mf fz
37
fz f
sing! 4. And when they were come, their
fz f
sing! 4. And when they were come, their
fz f
sing! 4. And when they were come, their
fz f
sing! 4. And when they were come, their
37
f

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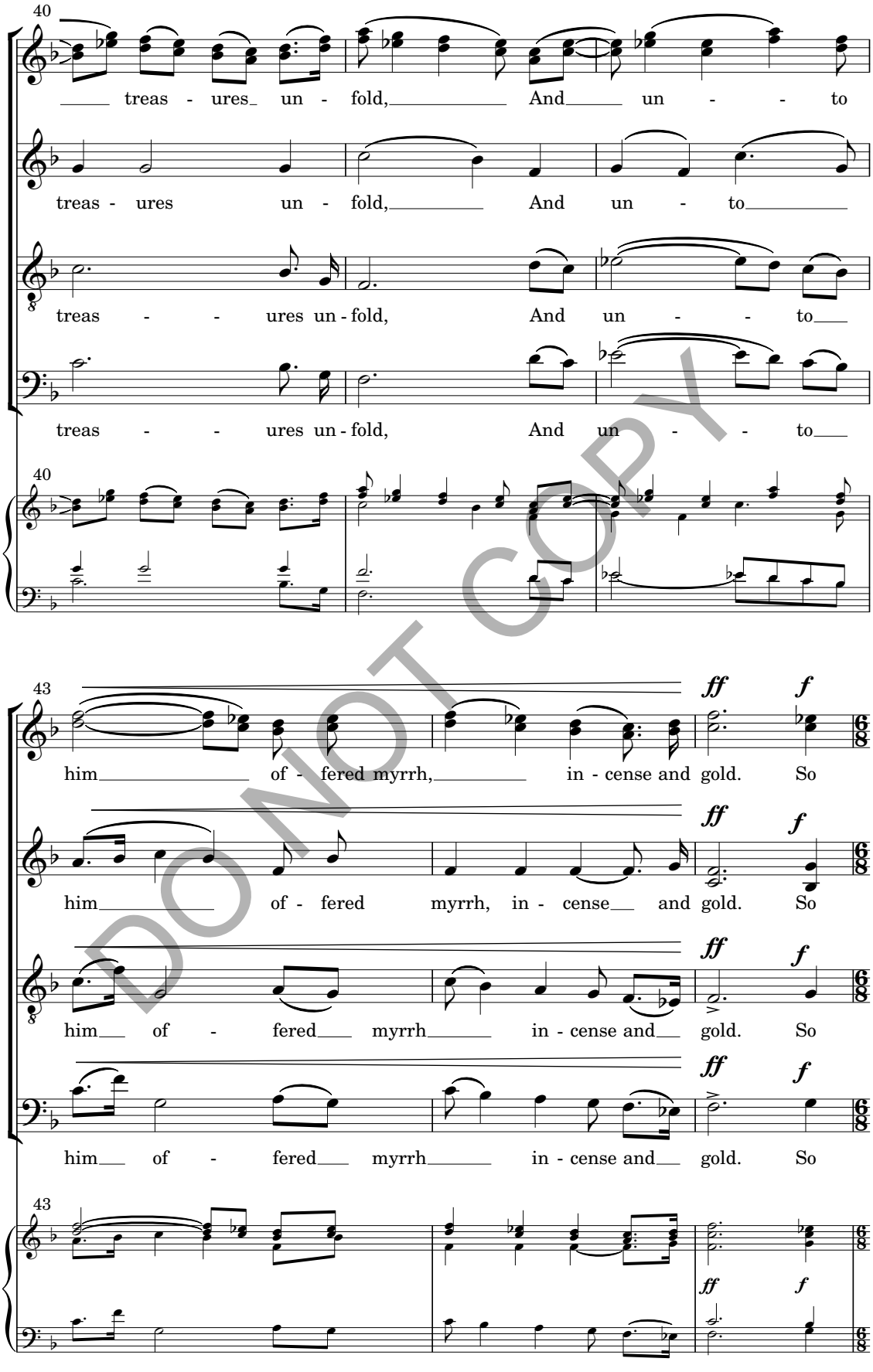
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treas - ures un - fold, And un - - to
treas - ures un - fold, And un - to
treas - - ures un - fold, And un - - to
treas - - ures un - fold, And un - - to
43
him of - fered myrrh, in - cense and gold. So
him of - fered myrrh, in - cense and gold. So
him of - fered myrrh in - cense and gold. So
him of - fered myrrh in - cense and gold. So
ff
f

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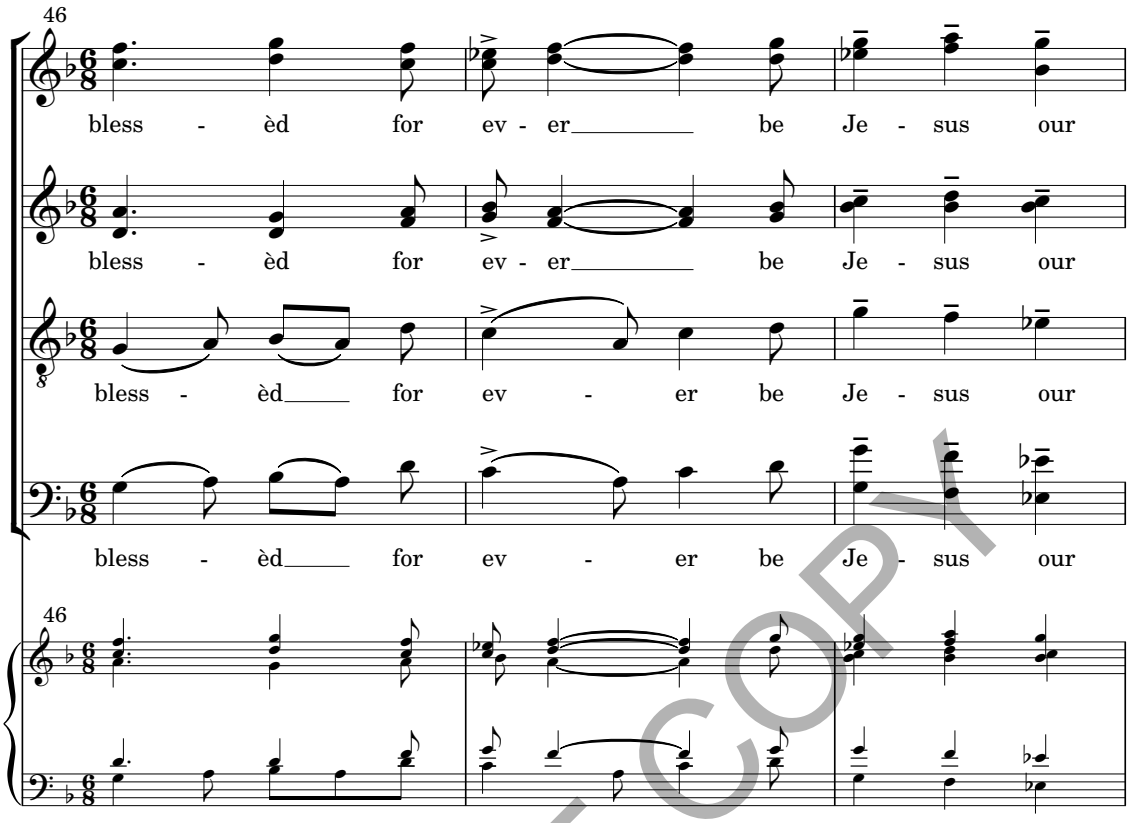
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bless - èd for ev - er be Je - sus our
bless - èd for ev - er be Je - sus our
bless - èd for ev - er be Je - sus our
bless - èd for ev - er be Je - sus our
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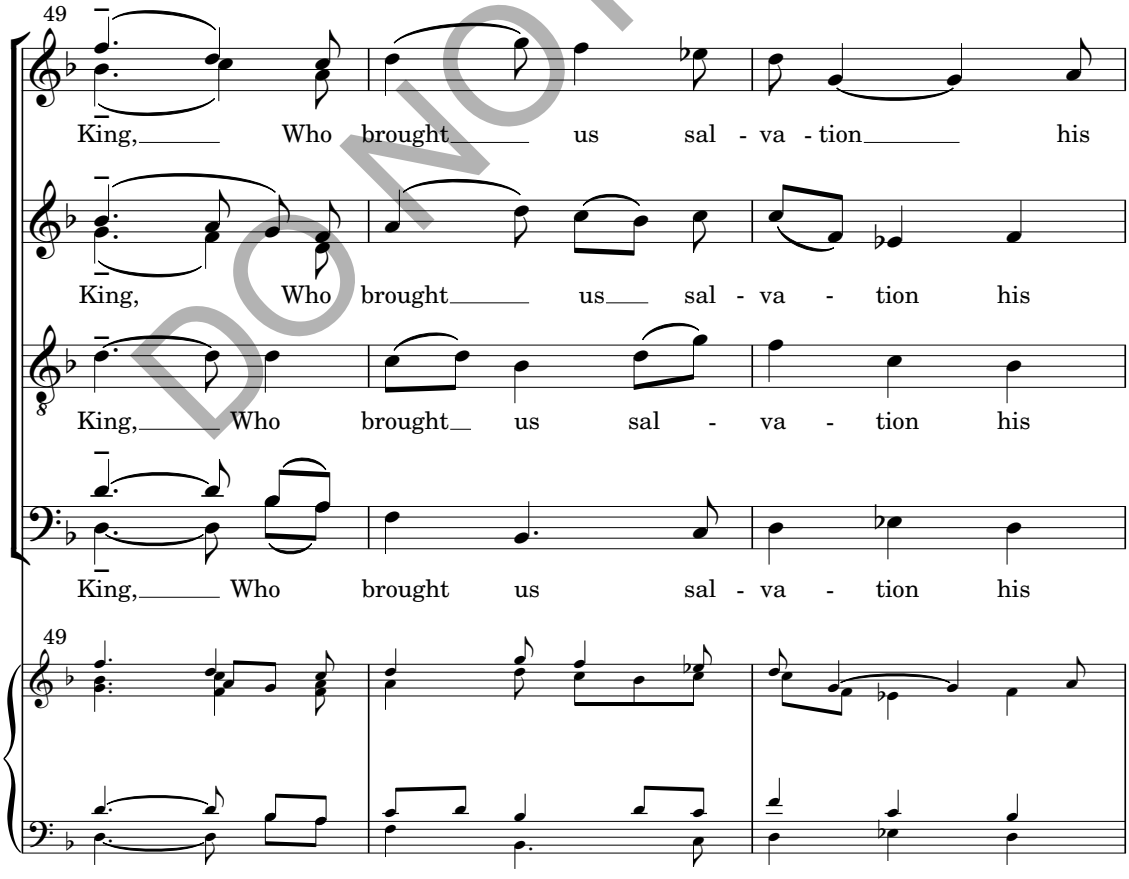
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King, Who brought us sal - va - tion his
King, Who brought us sal - va - tion his
King, Who brought us sal - va - tion his
King, Who brought us sal - va - tion his
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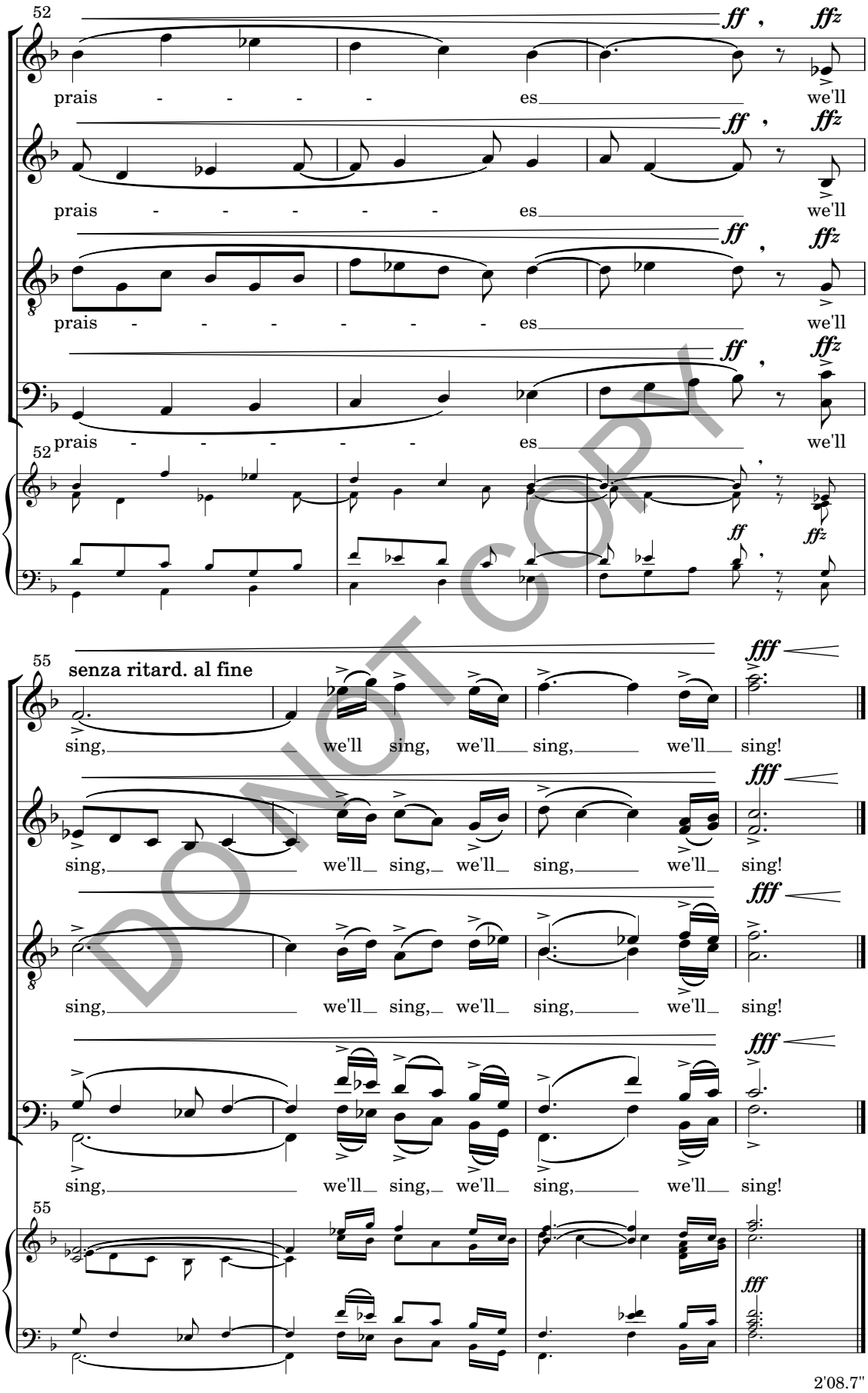

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