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Jameson Marvin is Director of Choral Activities Emeritus, Senior Lecturer on Music at Harvard University (1978-2010). Under his leadership Harvard's Choral Program developed an esteemed national reputation, serving beginning singers and advanced musicians. The Harvard Glee Club, Radcliffe Choral Society, and Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum, rose to be among the premier collegiate choruses in America. Dr. Marvin's choral artistry is mirrored by his knowledge of style and performance practices of historical eras, and his insightful, communicative, inspiring performances.

Shortly after retirement, Dr. Marvin formed the Jameson Singers. Now in their 9th season, they have been invited to sing at the Chorus America National Conference in June 2015 and the ACDA Eastern Conference, 2016. Dr. Marvin has enjoyed choral residencies at the Universities of Southern California, Oregon, Stanford, Michigan, Temple, Boston, and Yale. He was appointed Visiting Professor of Choral Music at Stanford University for the fall of 2016. Raised in Glendale, California, he received his B.A. degree in Music Theory, History, and Composition from UC Santa Barbara, M.A. in Choral Conducting and Early Music Performance from Stanford University, and D.M.A. in Choral Music from the University of Illinois.

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for the Jameson Singers

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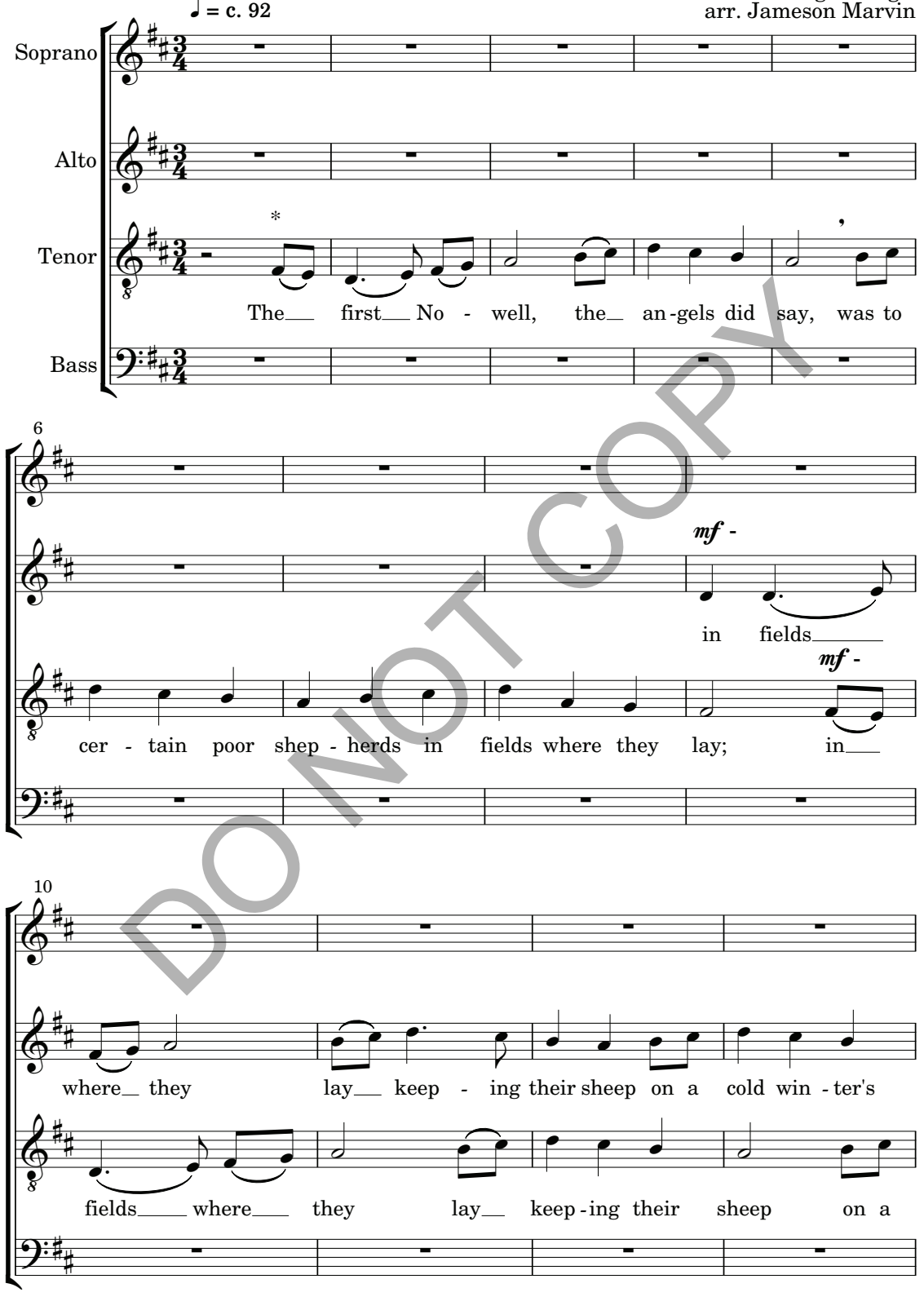
from Angel Songs
arr. Jameson Marvin



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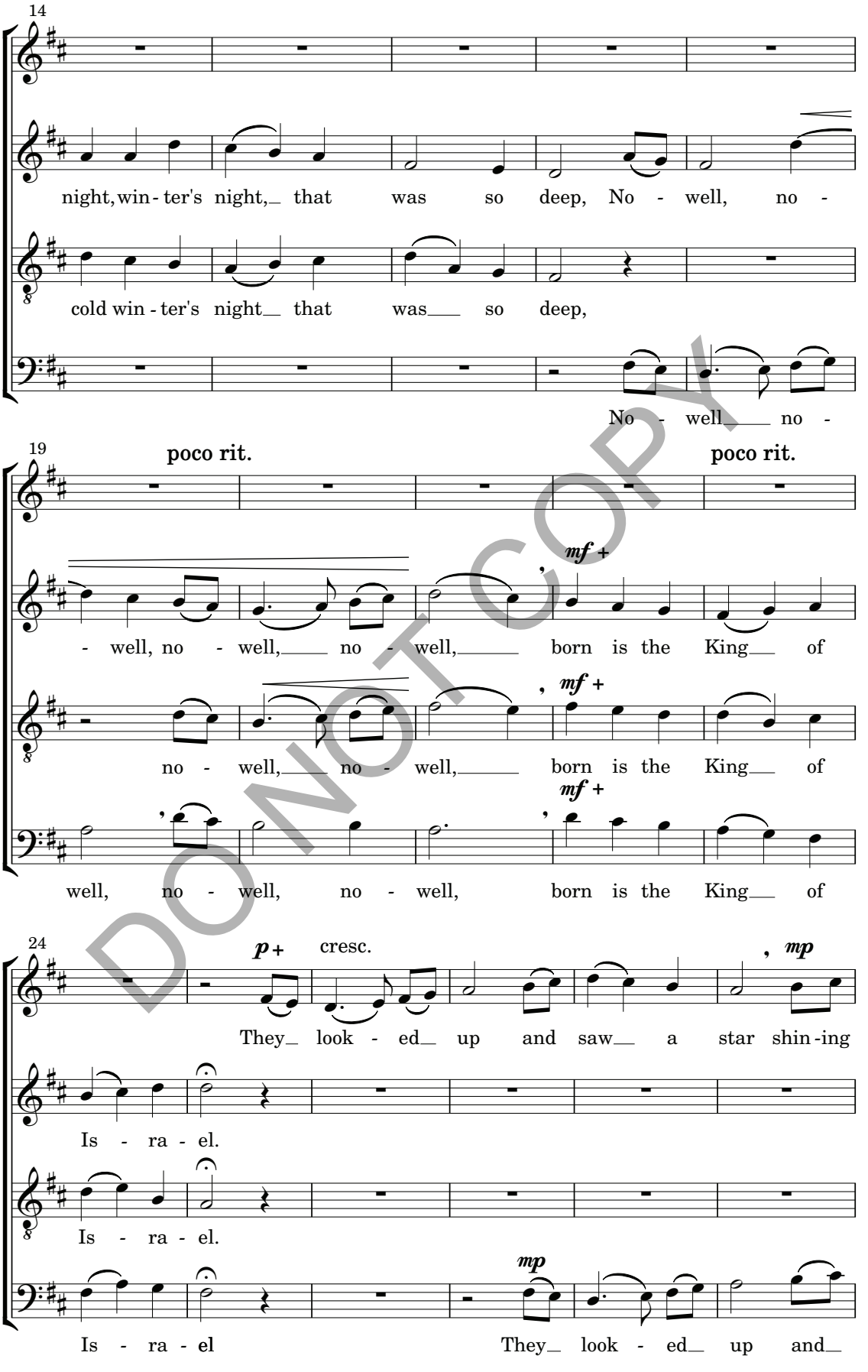
14
night, win - ter's night, that was so deep, No - well, no -
cold win - ter's night that was so deep,
No - well no -
19
poco rit.
poco rit.
mf +
- well, no - well, no - well, born is the King of
mf +
no - well, no - well, born is the King of
mf +
well, no - well, no - well, born is the King of
24
p +
cresc.
mp
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
Is - ra - el.
Is - ra - el.
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Is - ra - el
They look - ed up and

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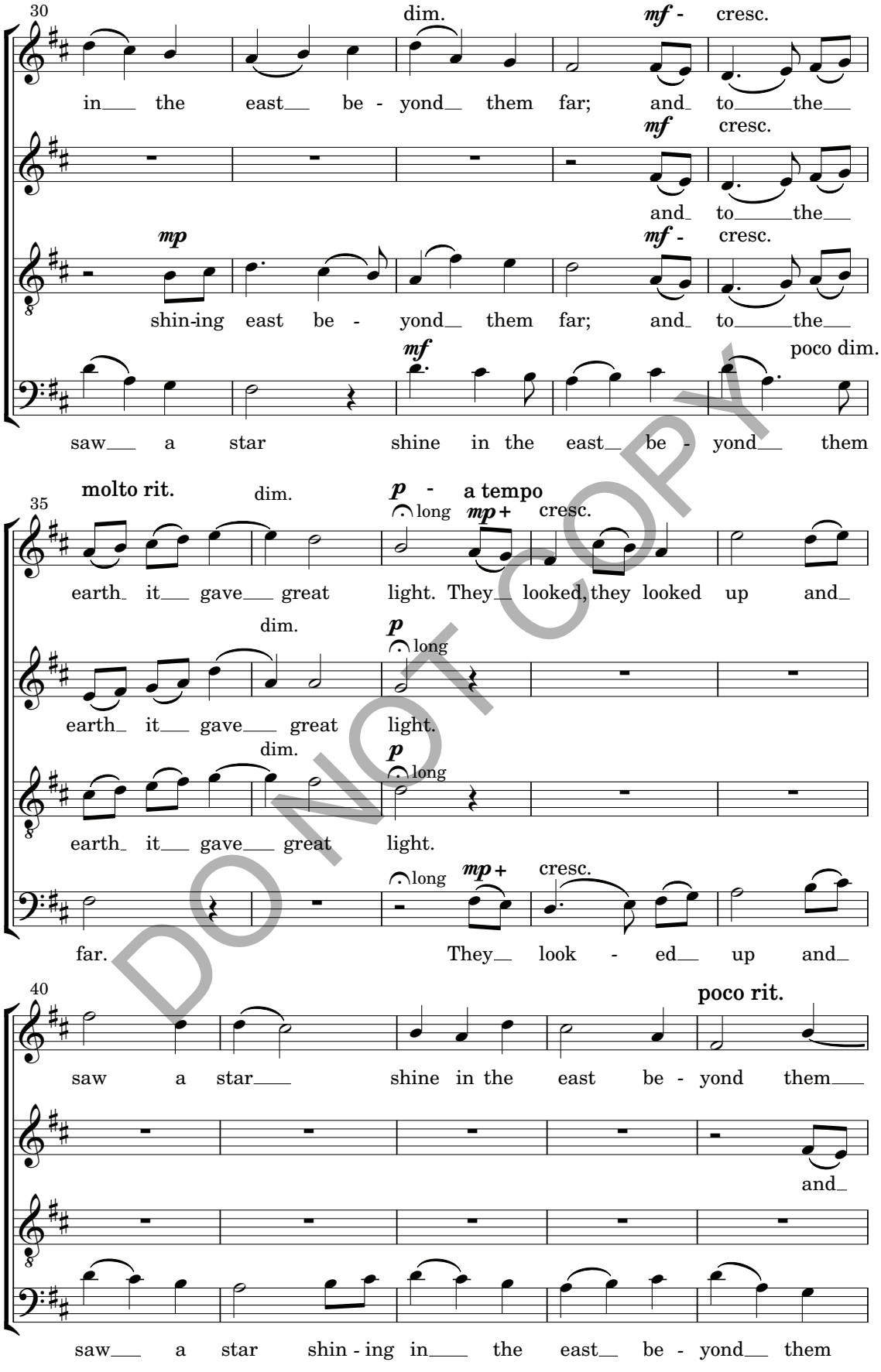
30
dim.
mf - cresc.
in the east be - yond them far; and to the
mf cresc.
and to the
mp
mf - cresc.
shin-ing east be - yond them far; and to the
mf
poco dim.
saw a star shine in the east be - yond them
molto rit.
35
dim.
p - a tempo
long
mp + cresc.
earth it gave great light. They looked, they looked up and
dim.
p
long
earth it gave great light.
dim.
p
long
earth it gave great light.
long
mp + cresc.
far. They look - ed up and
40
poco rit.
saw a star shine in the east be - yond them
and
saw a star shin - ing in the east be - yond them

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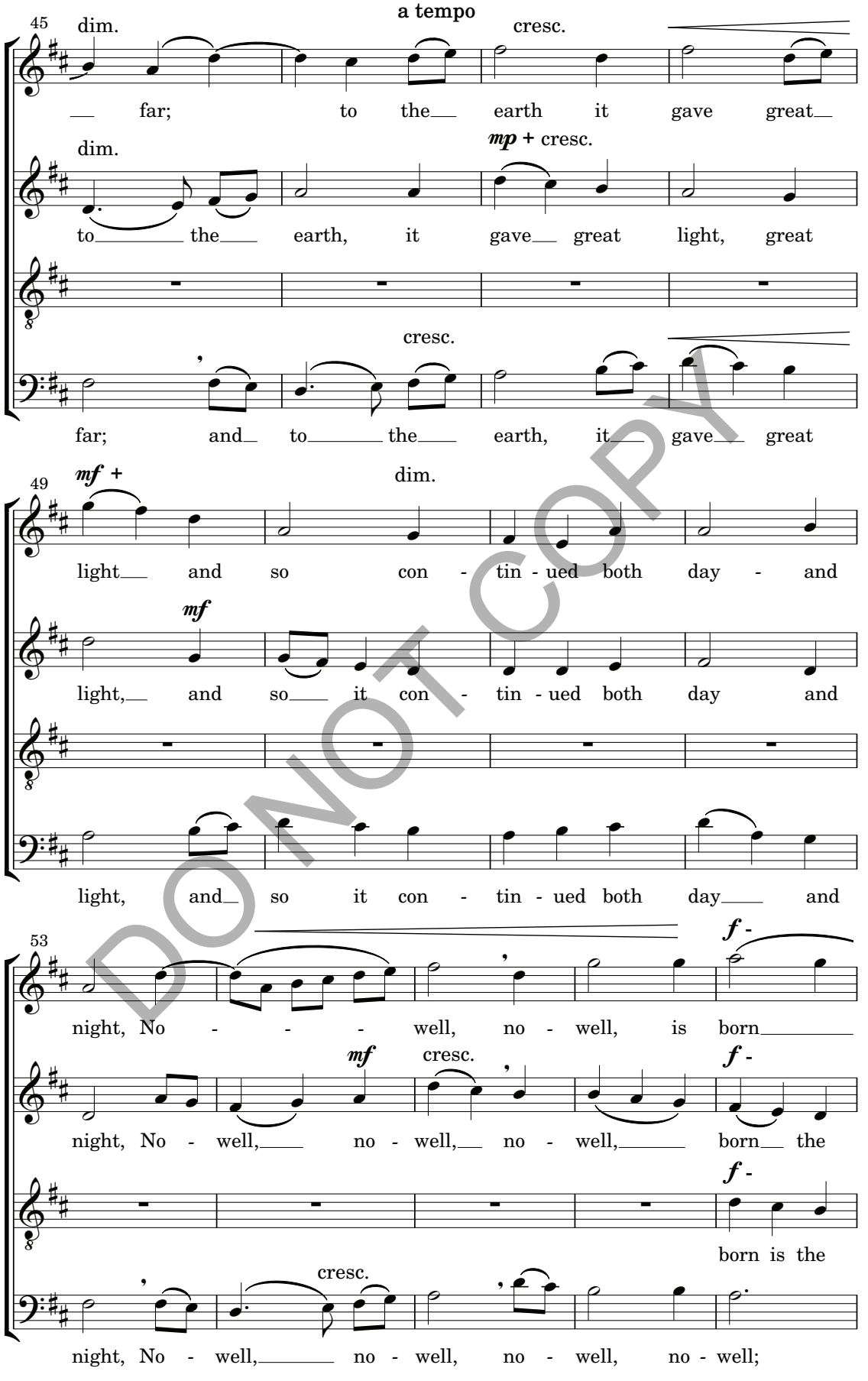
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a tempo
dim.
cresc.
far; to the earth it gave great
dim.
mp + cresc.
to the earth, it gave great light, great
cresc.
far; and to the earth, it gave great
49
mf +
dim.
light and so con - tin - ued both day - and
mf
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and
53
f -
night, No - - - well, no - well, is born
mf
cresc.
f -
night, No - well, no - well, no - well, born the
f -
born is the
cresc.
night, No - well, no - well, no - well, no - well;

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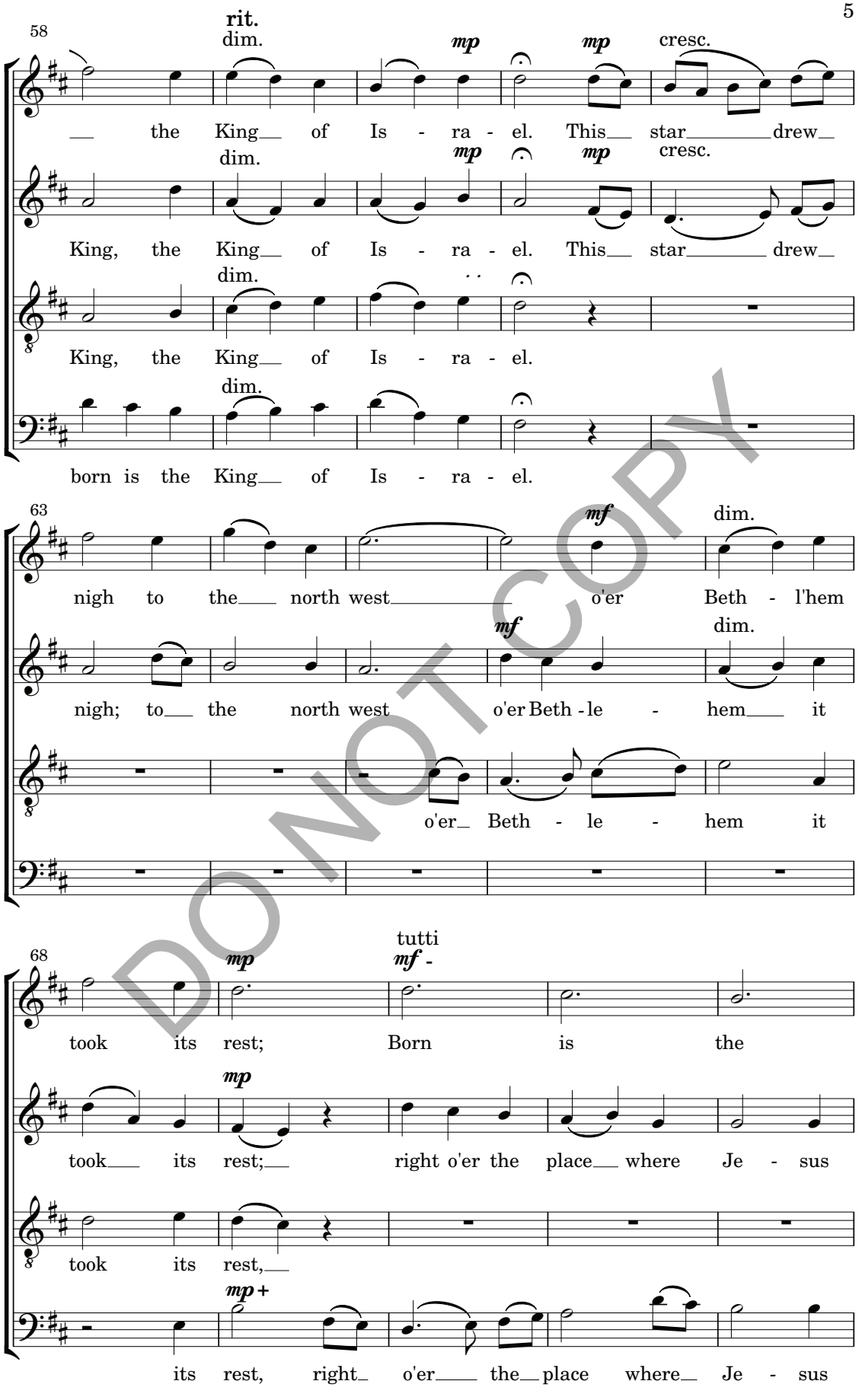
58
rit.
dim.
mp
mp
cresc.
the King of Is - ra - el. This star drew
King, the King of Is - ra - el. This star drew
King, the King of Is - ra - el.
born is the King of Is - ra - el.
63
mf
dim.
nigh to the north west o'er Beth - l'hem
nigh; to the north west o'er Beth - le - hem it
o'er Beth - le - hem it
68
tutti
mp
mf
took its rest; Born is the
took its rest; right o'er the place where Je - sus
took its rest,
mp +
its rest, right o'er the place where Je - sus

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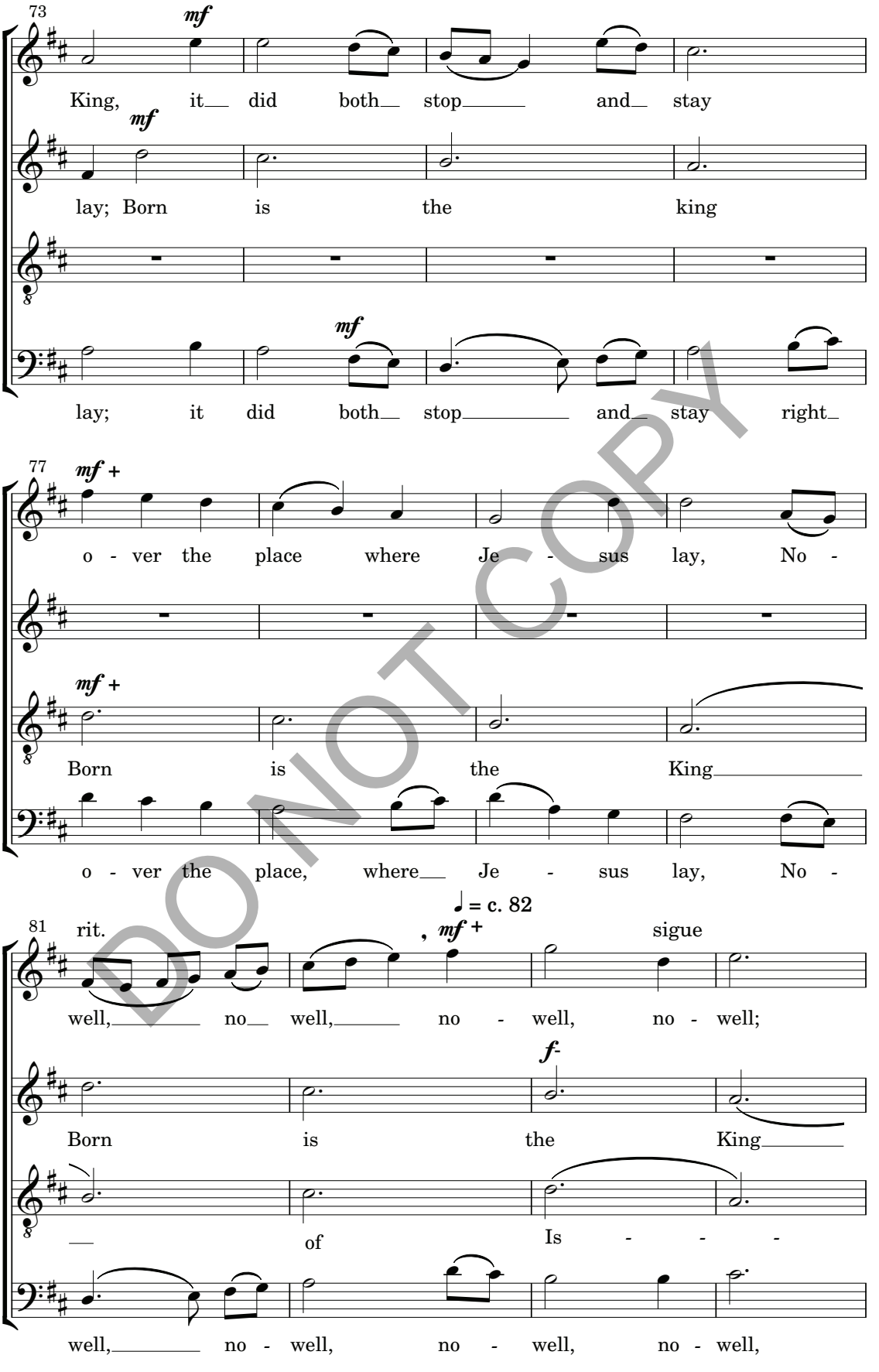
73
mf
King, it did both stop and stay
mf
lay; Born is the king
mf
lay; it did both stop and stay right
77
mf +
o - ver the place where Je - sus lay, No -
mf +
Born is the King
o - ver the place, where Je - sus lay, No -
81
rit.
♩ = c. 82
, mf +
sigue
well, no well, no - well, no - well;
f-
Born is the King
of Is - - -
well, no - well, no - well, no - well,

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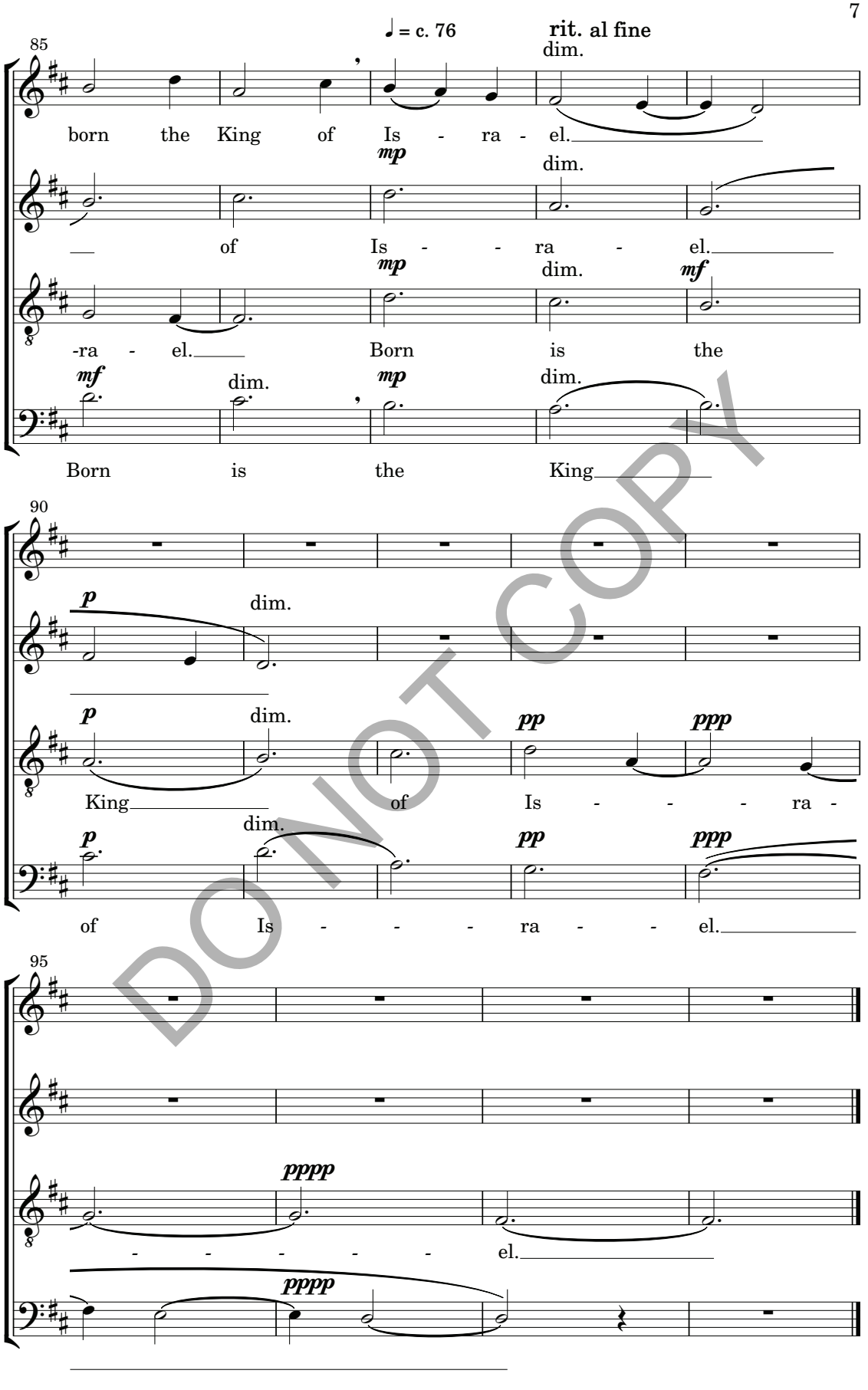
♩ = c. 76
rit. al fine
85
born the King of Is - ra - el.
dim.
mp
of Is - - ra - el.
dim.
mp
dim.
mf
-ra - el. Born is the
mf
dim.
mp
dim.
Born is the King
90
p
dim.
p
dim.
King of Is - - - ra -
pp
ppp
dim.
p
pp
ppp
of Is - - - ra - - el.
95
pppp
- - - - - el.
pppp

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