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In the Bleak Midwinter

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Dr. Lindsay Arthur Lafford, Professor Emeritus, FRCO(CHM), FTCL, FAGO, LRAM, ARCM, was born in Gloucester, England, in 1912 and served as chorister and then organ scholar and assistant in Hereford Cathedral from 1922 to 1935, when he was appointed organist at St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong.

The four years in Hong Kong preceded an academic career in the United States, with appointments at institutions including Haverford, Swarthmore, and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Princeton, Washington University, the University of Miami, and thirty-one years at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY.

Lord of the Manor of Ridley, Northumberland, England, Lafford celebrated his 100th birthday in October 2012, in Tempe, Arizona, where he has continued his musical creative endeavors since his retirement from the University of Miami in 1994.

[The composer acknowledges, with thanks, the technical assistance of Peter Lafford.]

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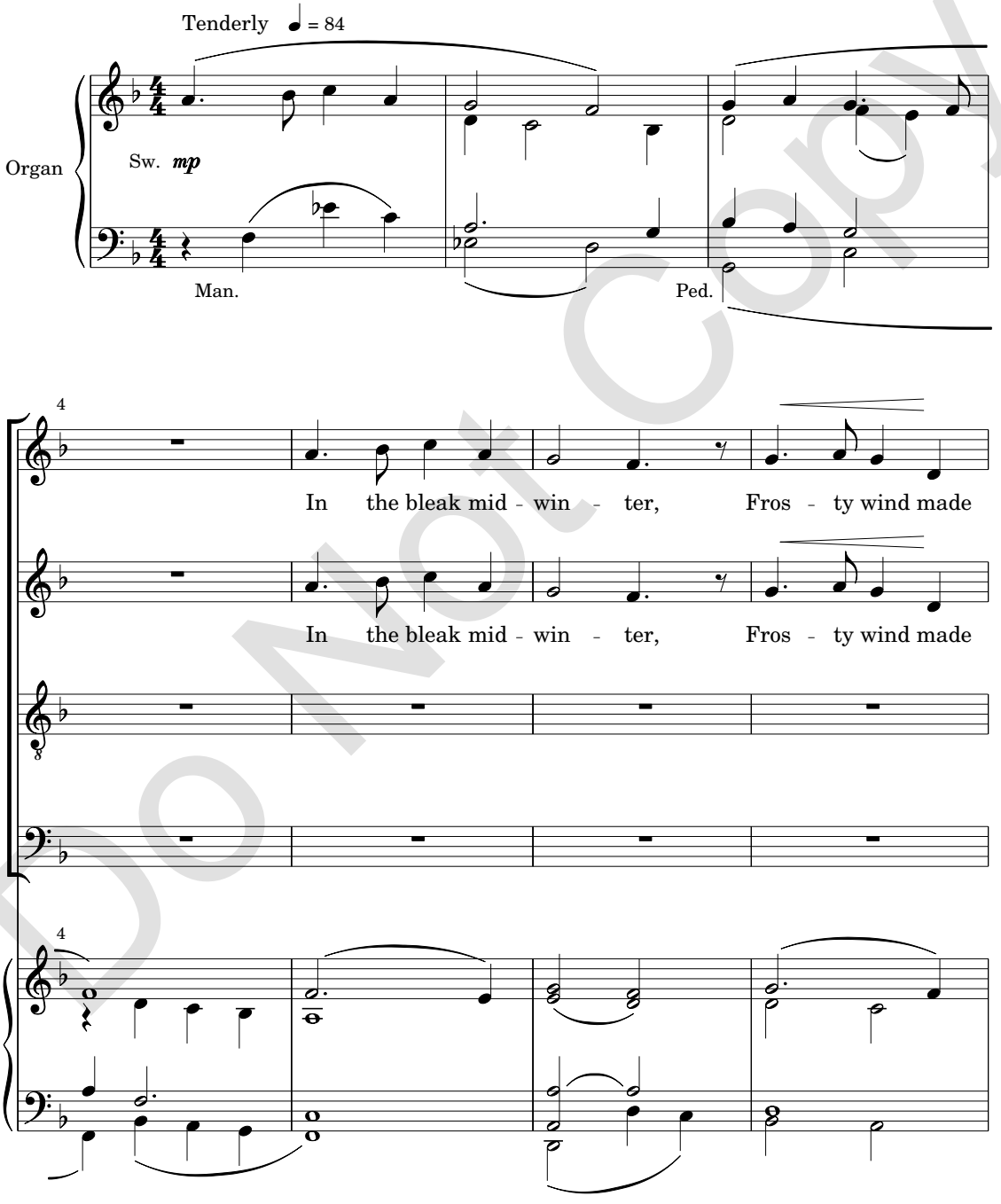
Christina Rossetti, ca. 1872

Gustav Holst,
arr. Lindsay Lafford



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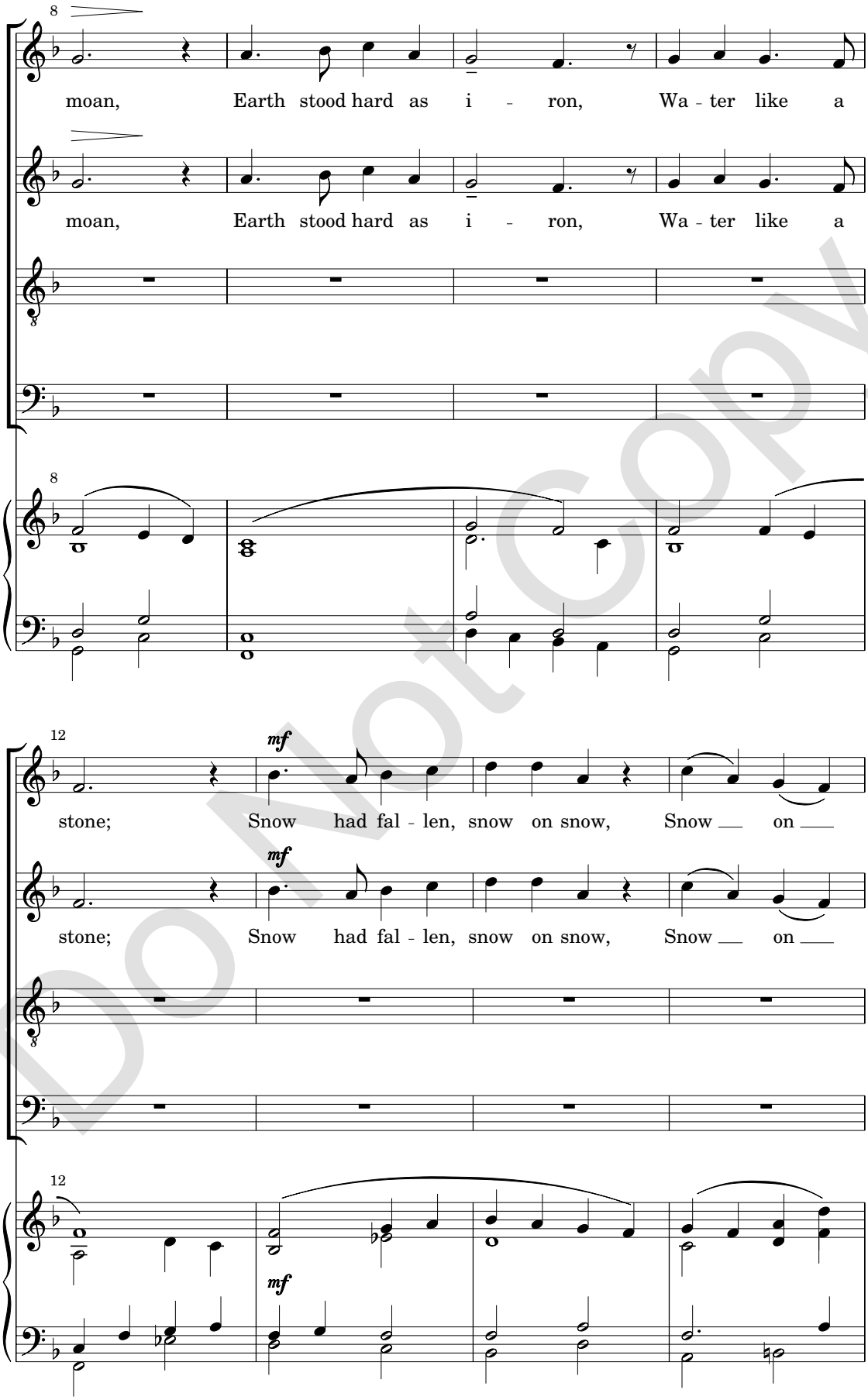
8
moan, Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a
moan, Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a
8
12
mf
stone; Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, Snow on
mf
stone; Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, Snow on
12
mf

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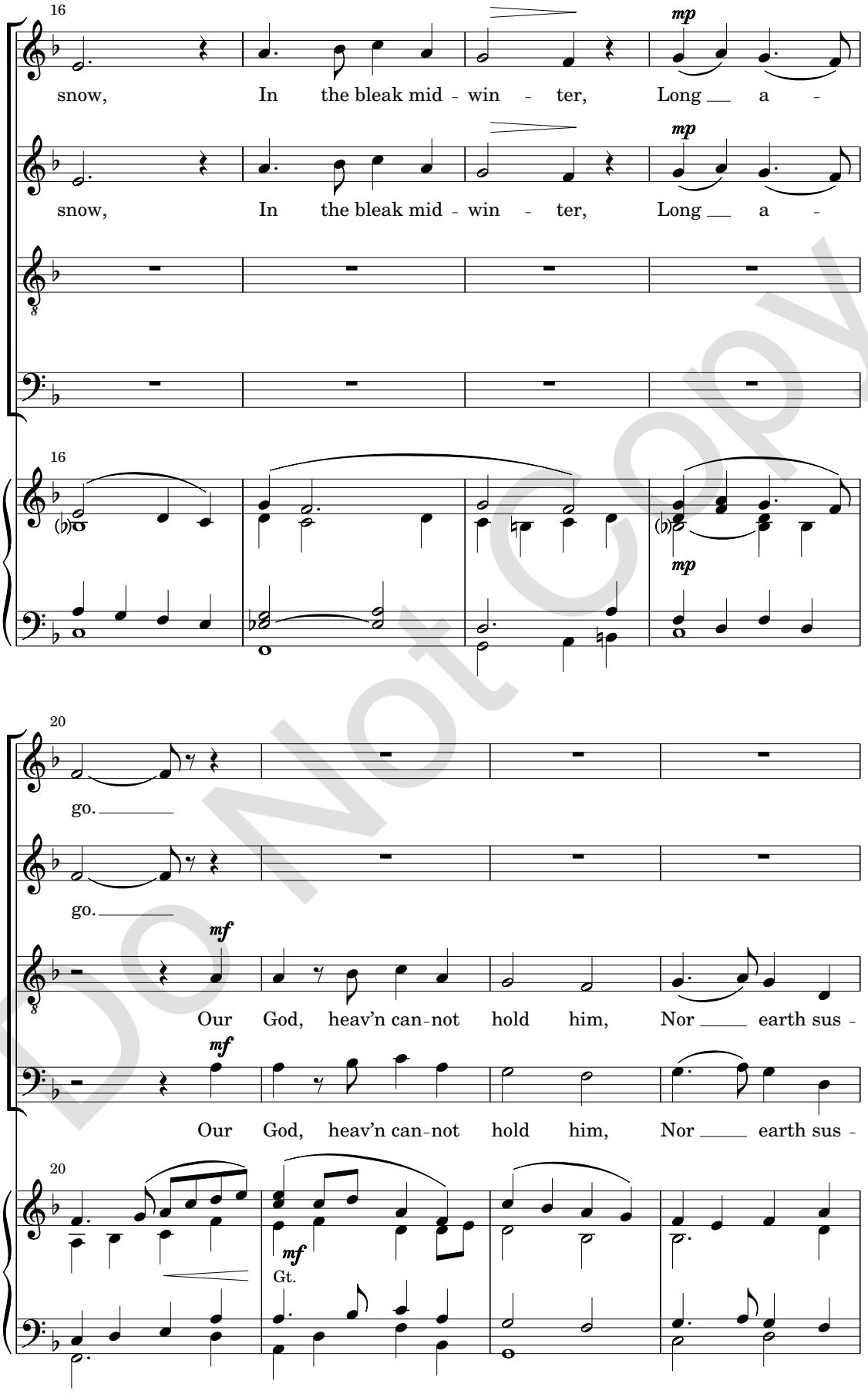
16
snow, In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a -
mp
snow, In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a -
mp
16
mp
20
go.
go.
mf
Our God, heav'n can-not hold him, Nor earth sus -
mf
Our God, heav'n can-not hold him, Nor earth sus -
20
mf
Gt.

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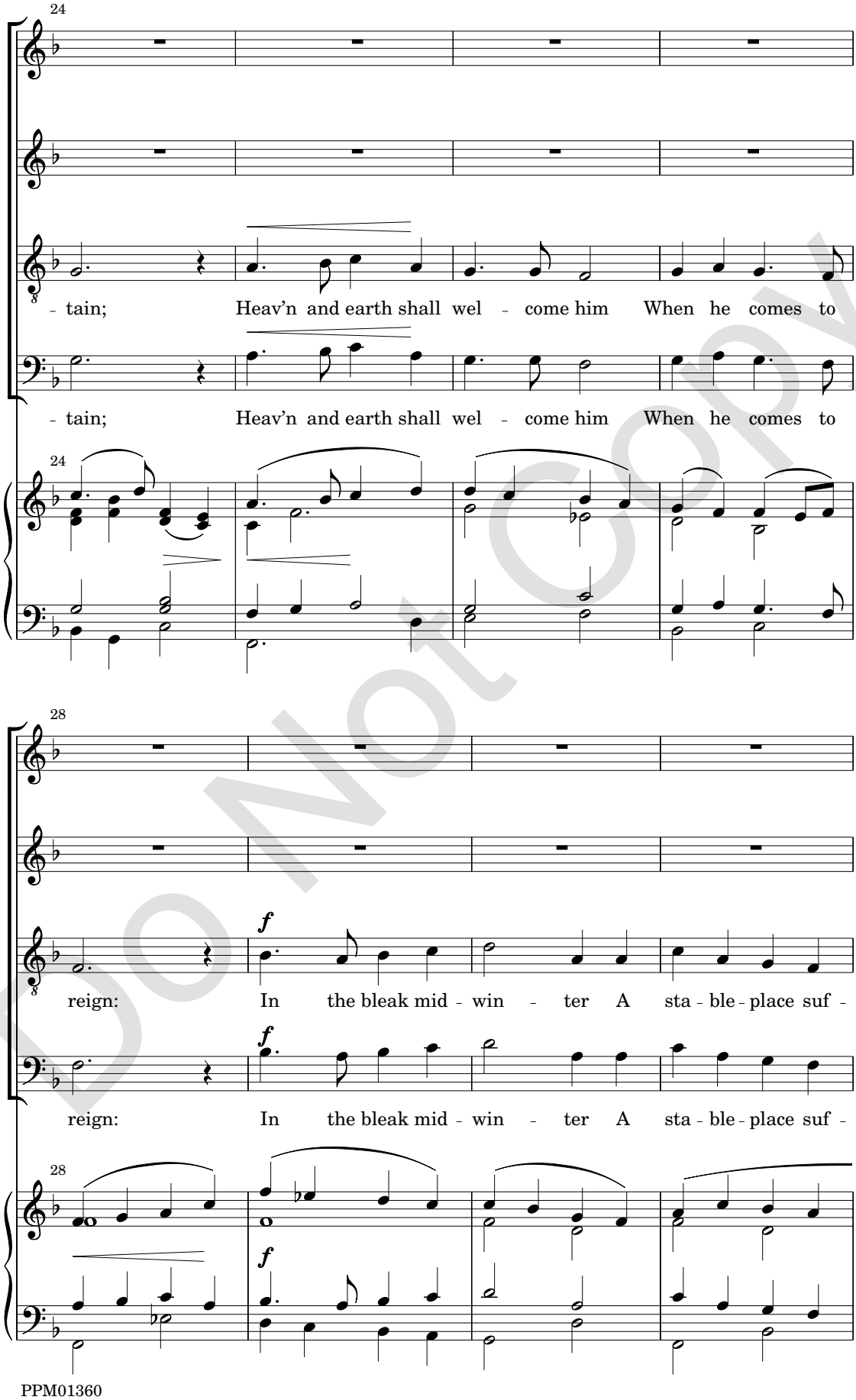
24
- tain; Heav'n and earth shall wel - come him When he comes to
- tain; Heav'n and earth shall wel - come him When he comes to
28
reign: In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf -
reign: In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf -

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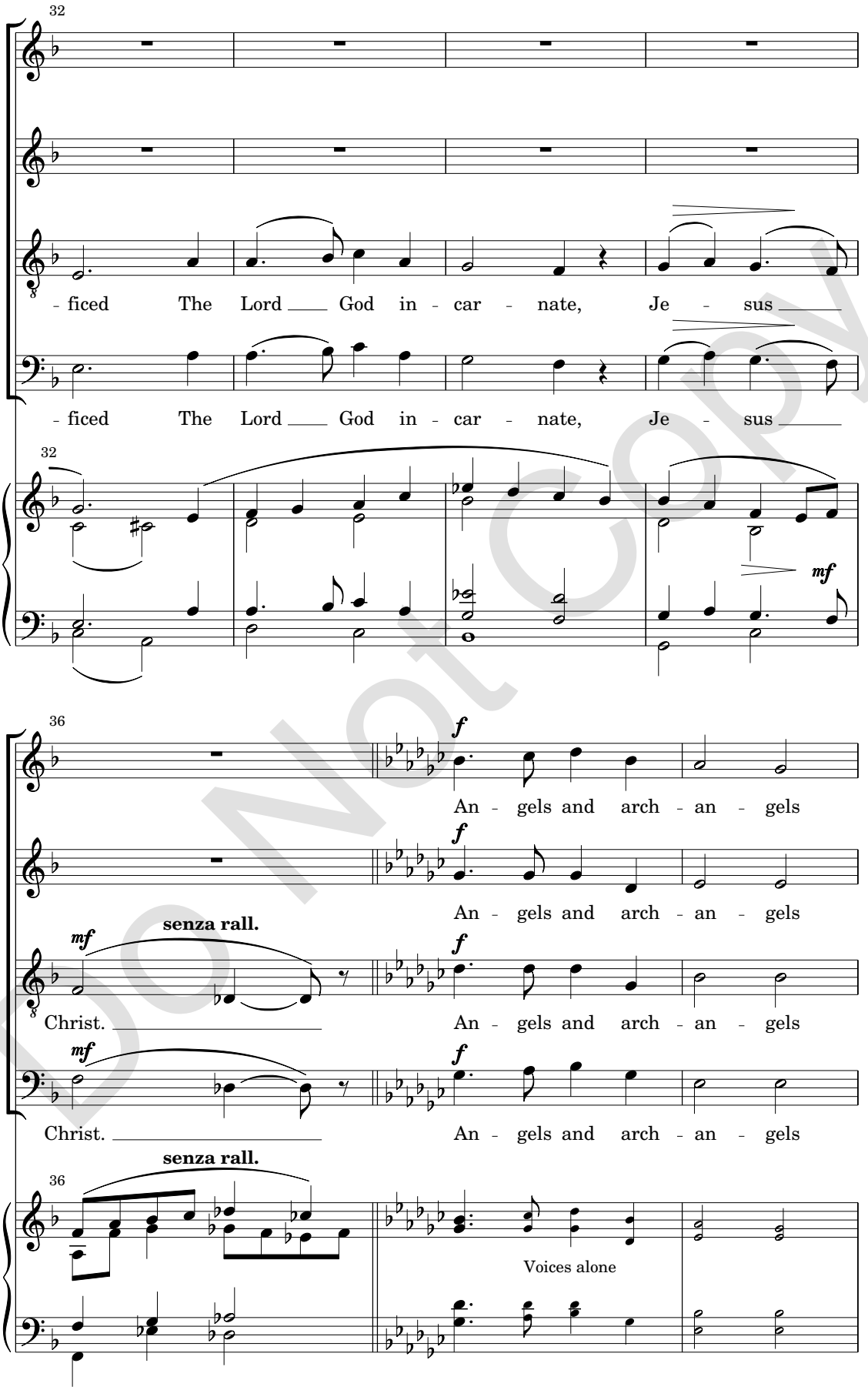
32
- ficed The Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus
- ficed The Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus
32
mf
36
f
An - gels and arch - an - gels
f
An - gels and arch - an - gels
mf
senza rall.
Christ.
f
An - gels and arch - an - gels
mf
Christ.
f
An - gels and arch - an - gels
senza rall.
36
Voices alone

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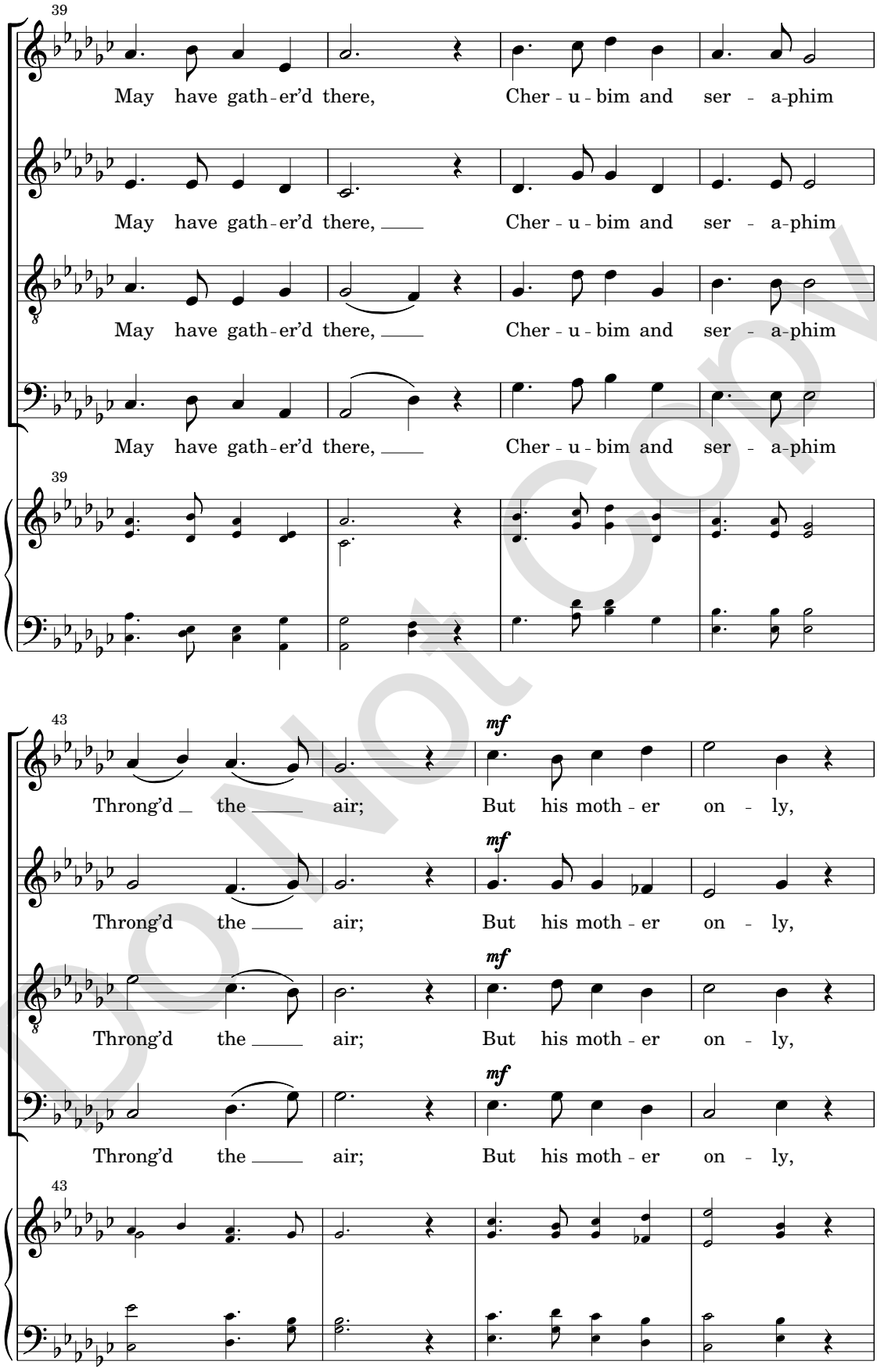
39
May have gath - er'd there, Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
May have gath - er'd there, Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
May have gath - er'd there, Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
May have gath - er'd there, Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
39
43
Throng'd the air; But his moth - er on - ly,
mf
Throng'd the air; But his moth - er on - ly,
Throng'd the air; But his moth - er on - ly,
Throng'd the air; But his moth - er on - ly,
43

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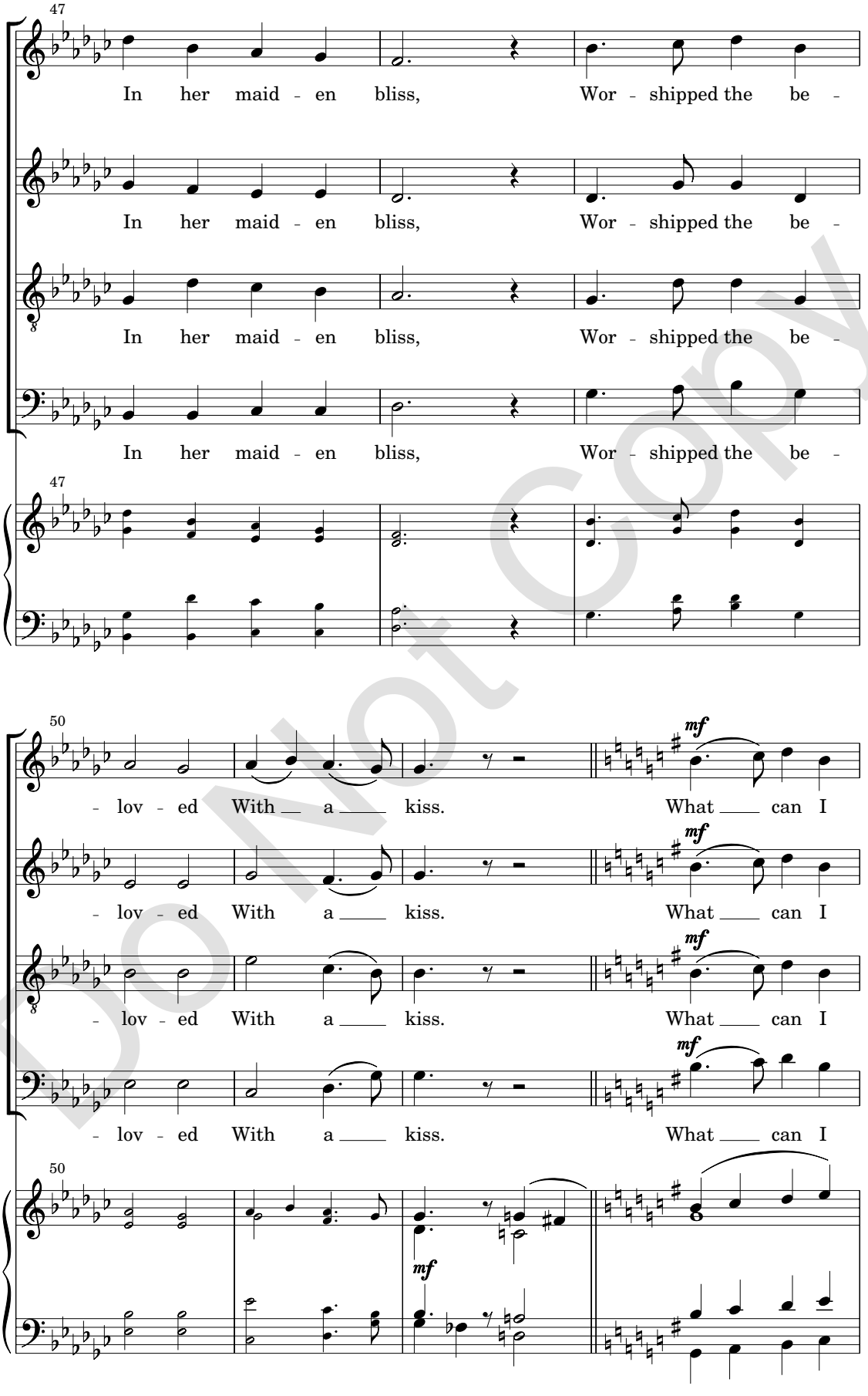
47
In her maid - en bliss, Wor - shipped the be -
In her maid - en bliss, Wor - shipped the be -
In her maid - en bliss, Wor - shipped the be -
In her maid - en bliss, Wor - shipped the be -
47
50
- lov - ed With a kiss. What can I
- lov - ed With a kiss. What can I
- lov - ed With a kiss. What can I
- lov - ed With a kiss. What can I
mf
50
mf

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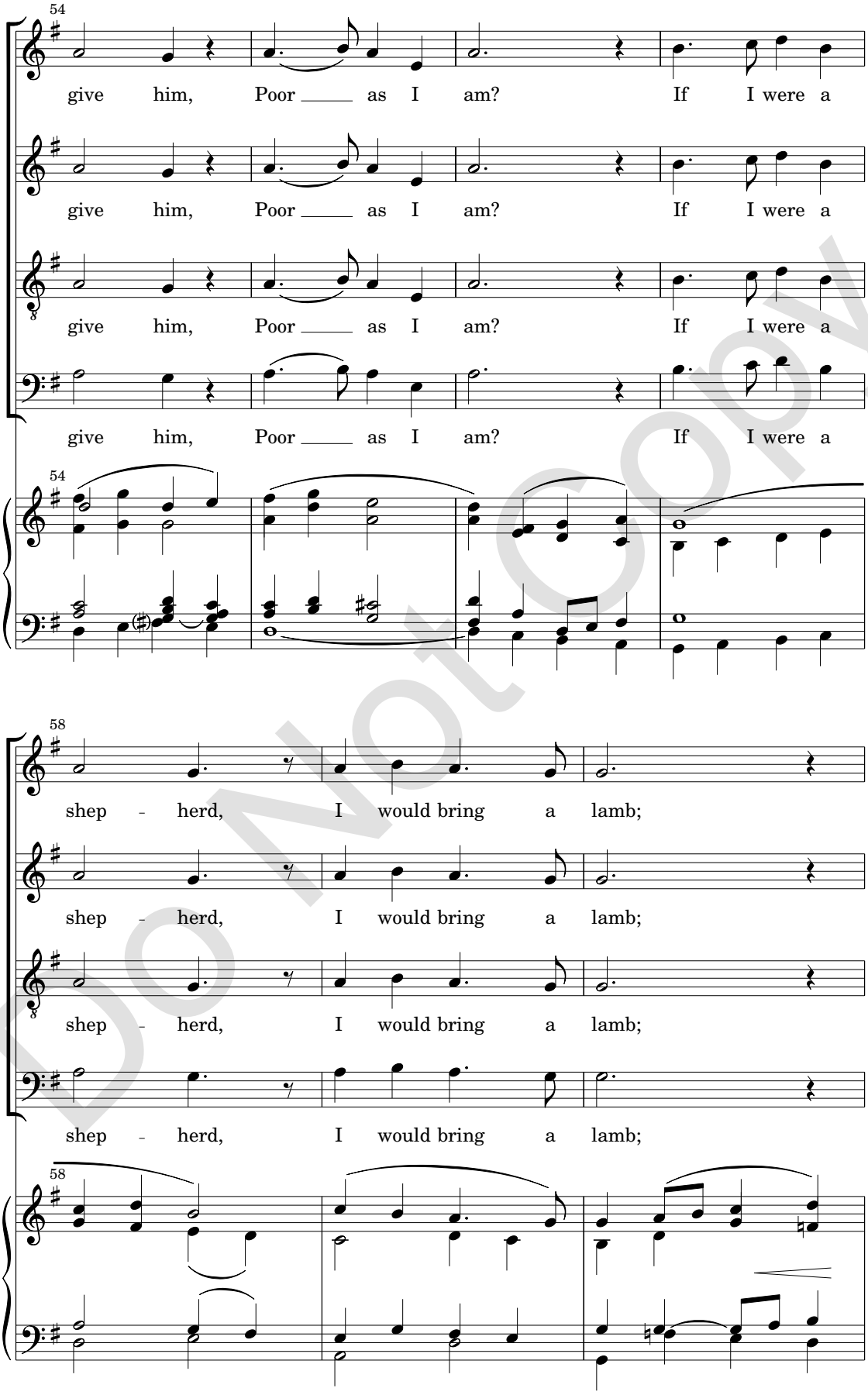
54
give him, Poor as I am? If I were a
give him, Poor as I am? If I were a
give him, Poor as I am? If I were a
give him, Poor as I am? If I were a
54
58
shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;
shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;
shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;
shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;
58

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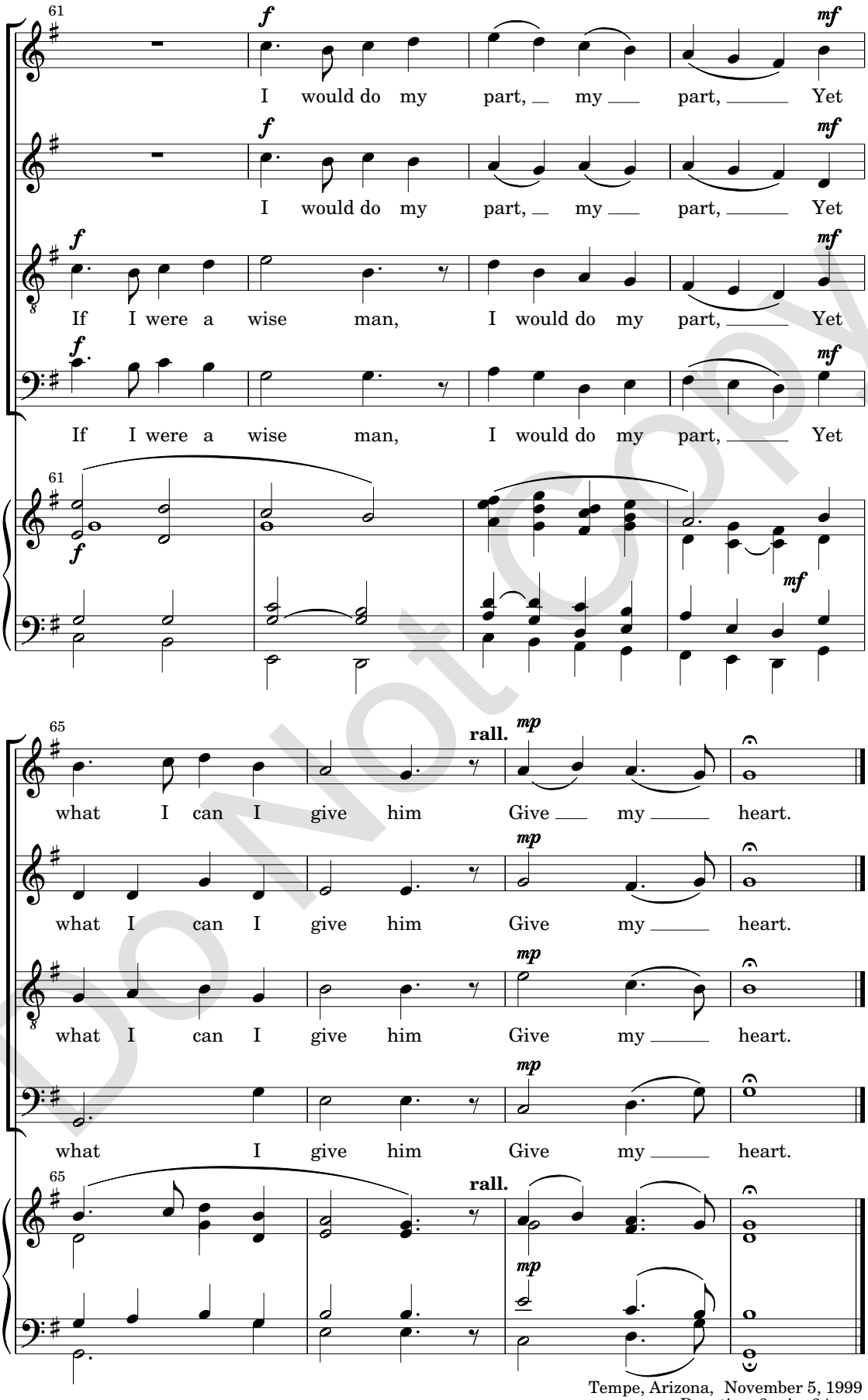

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