For the Choir of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Louisville,
on the Feast of the Nativity, 1983

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

A Native American Nativity Carol

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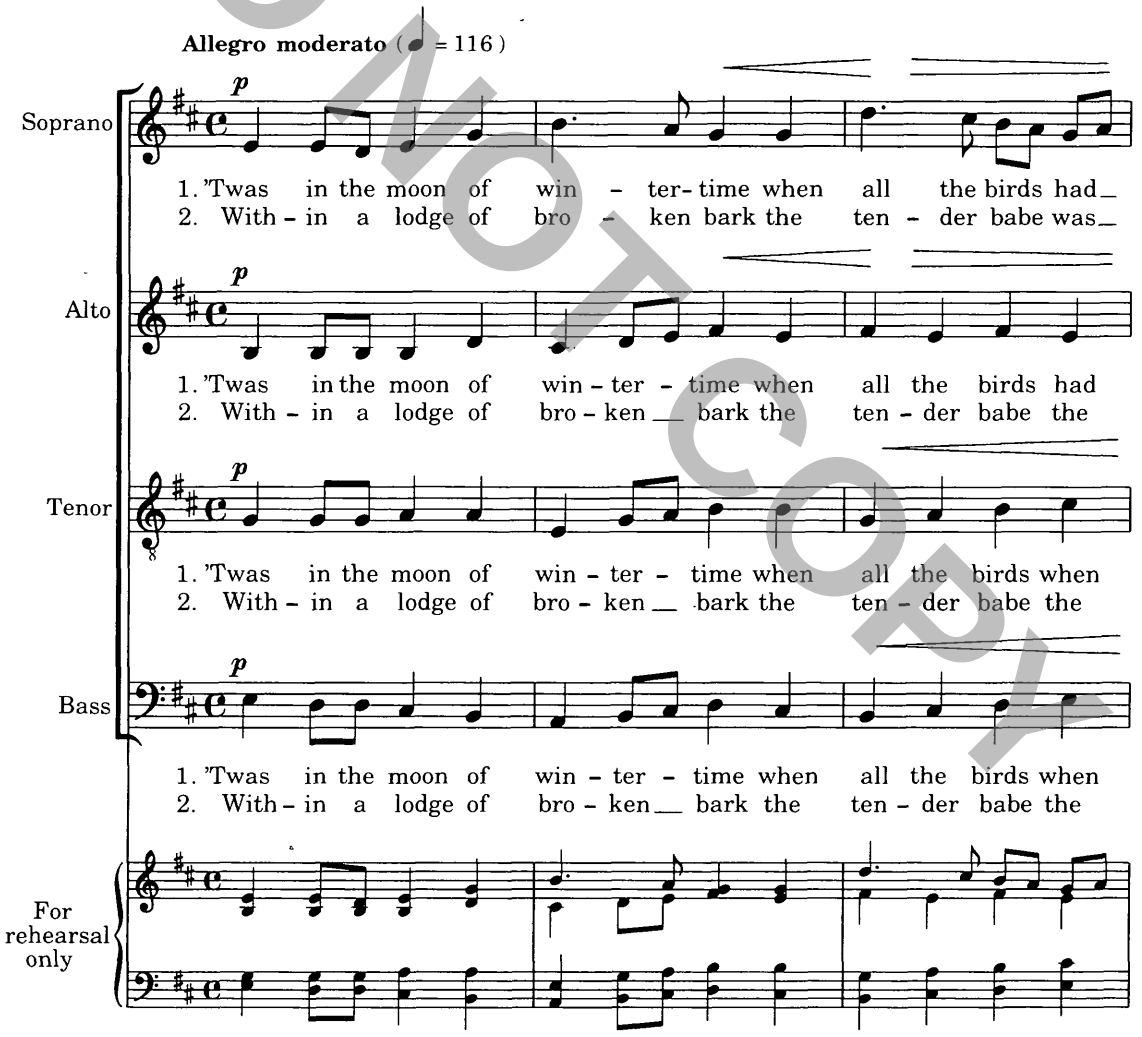

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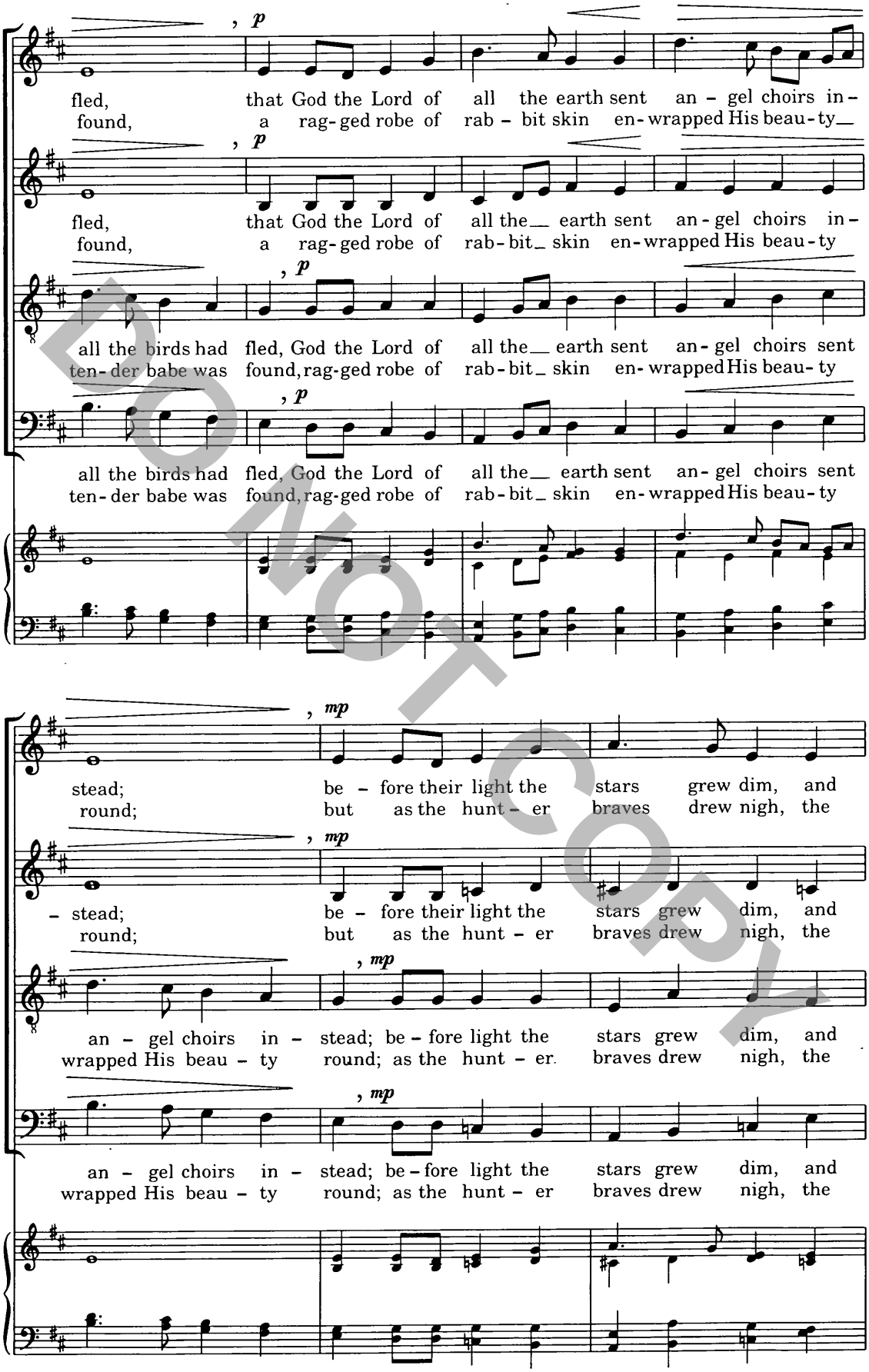
fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in -
found, a rag-ged robe of rab - bit skin en-wrapped His beau-ty
fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs in-
found, a rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped His beau-ty
all the birds had fled, God the Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs sent
ten-der babe was found, rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped His beau-ty
all the birds had fled, God the Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs sent
ten-der babe was found, rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped His beau-ty
stead; be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and
round; but as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the
- stead; be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and
round; but as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the
an - gel choirs in - stead; be - fore light the stars grew dim, and
wrapped His beau - ty round; as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the
an - gel choirs in - stead; be - fore light the stars grew dim, and
wrapped His beau - ty round; as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the

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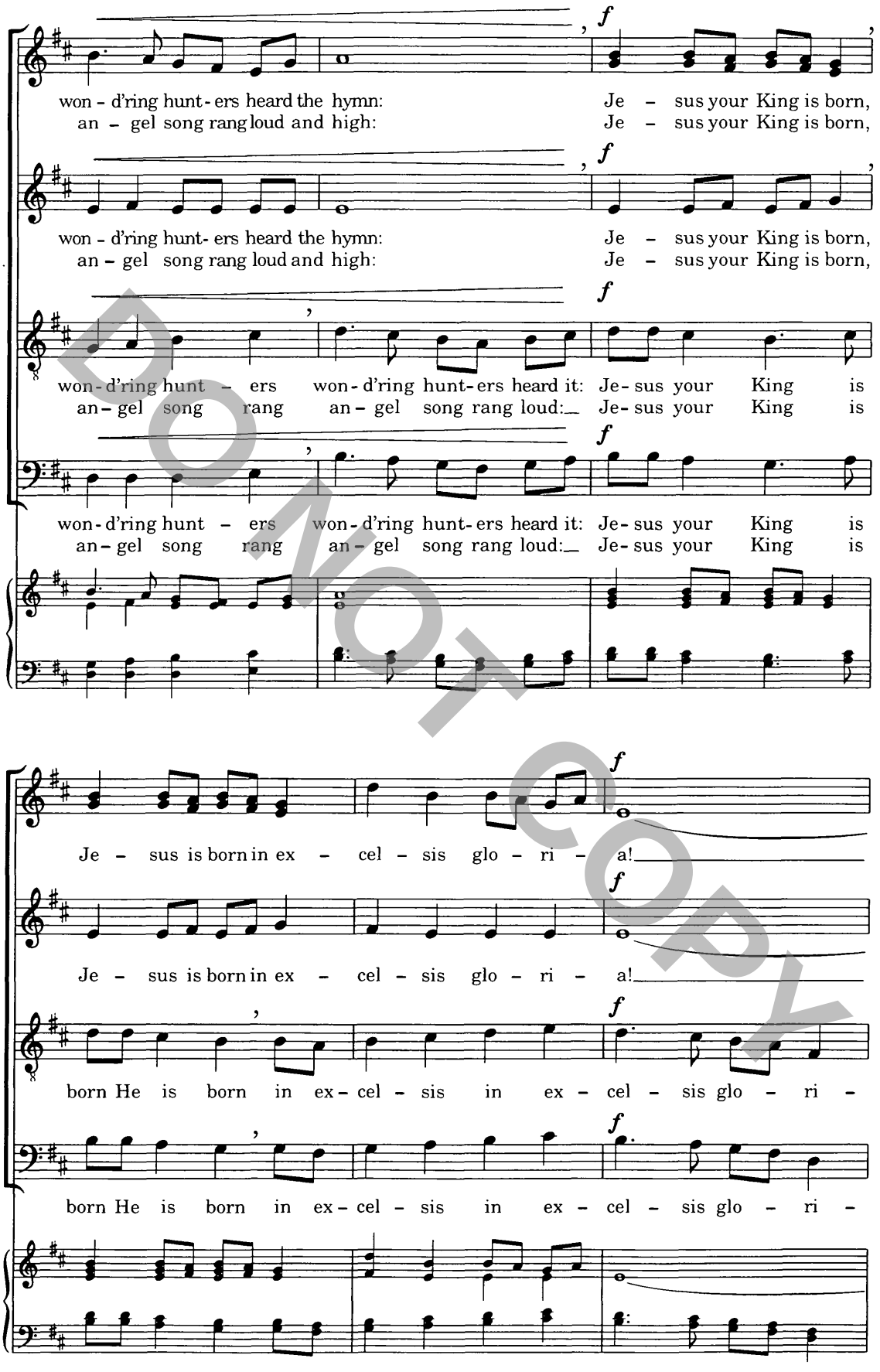
won - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn: Je - sus your King is born,
an - gel song rang loud and high: Je - sus your King is born,
won - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn: Je - sus your King is born,
an - gel song rang loud and high: Je - sus your King is born,
won - d'ring hunt - ers won - d'ring hunt - ers heard it: Je - sus your King is
an - gel song rang an - gel song rang loud: Je - sus your King is
won - d'ring hunt - ers won - d'ring hunt - ers heard it: Je - sus your King is
an - gel song rang an - gel song rang loud: Je - sus your King is
Je - sus is born in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!
Je - sus is born in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!
born He is born in ex - cel - sis in ex - cel - sis glo - ri -
born He is born in ex - cel - sis in ex - cel - sis glo - ri -

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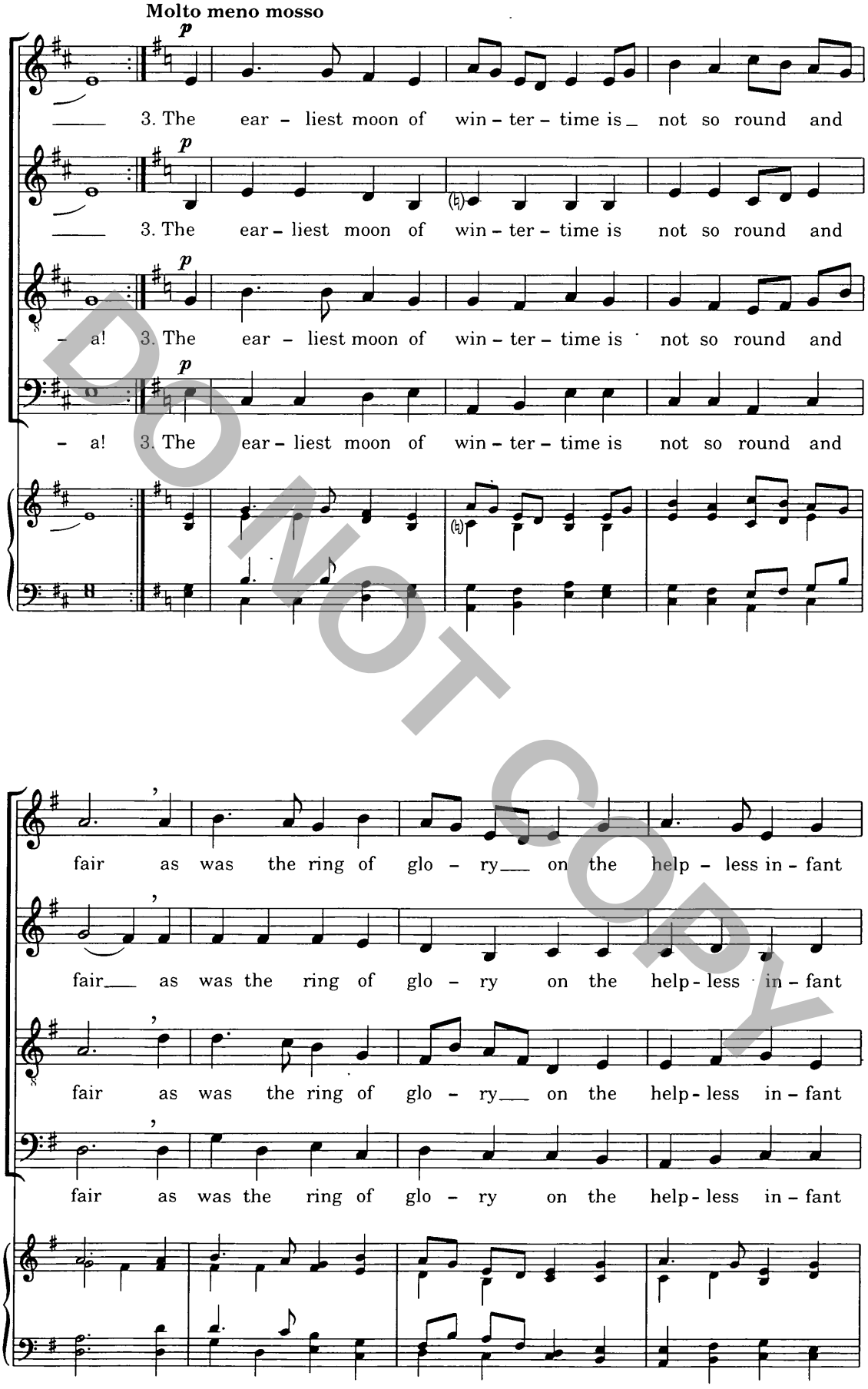
Molto meno mosso
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3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and
3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and
- a! 3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and
- a! 3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and
fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant
fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant
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there. The chiefs from far be - fore Him knelt with

there. The chiefs from far be - fore Him knelt with gifts of

there. The chiefs from far be - fore Him knelt with gifts of

there. The chiefs be - fore Him knelt with

Un poco rit.

gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.

Tempo I

p

4. O chil - dren of the

fox and bea - ver - pelt.

p

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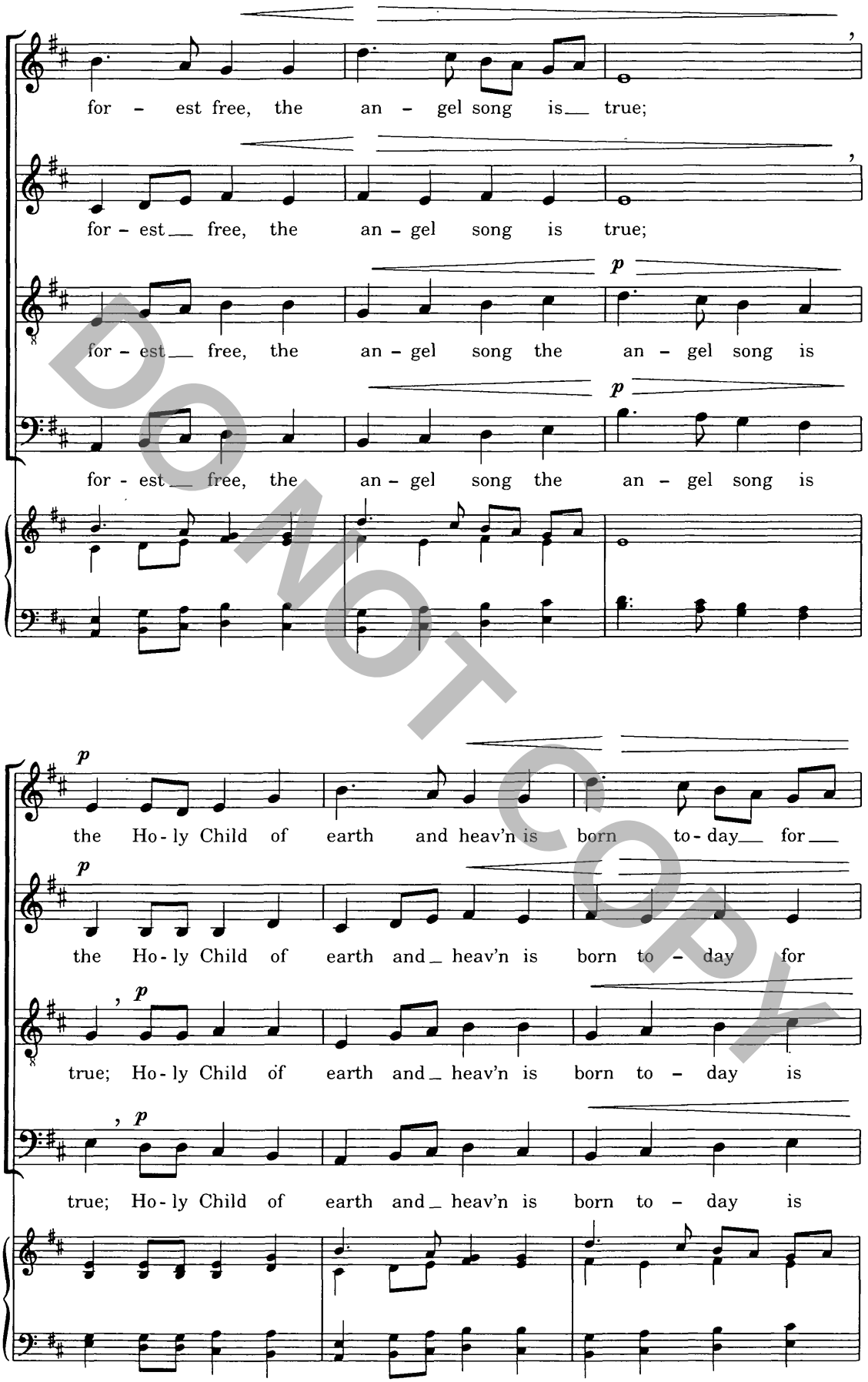
for - est free, the an - gel song is true;
for - est free, the an - gel song is true;
for - est free, the an - gel song the an - gel song is
for - est free, the an - gel song the an - gel song is
p
the Ho - ly Child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for
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true; Ho - ly Child of earth and heav'n is born to - day is
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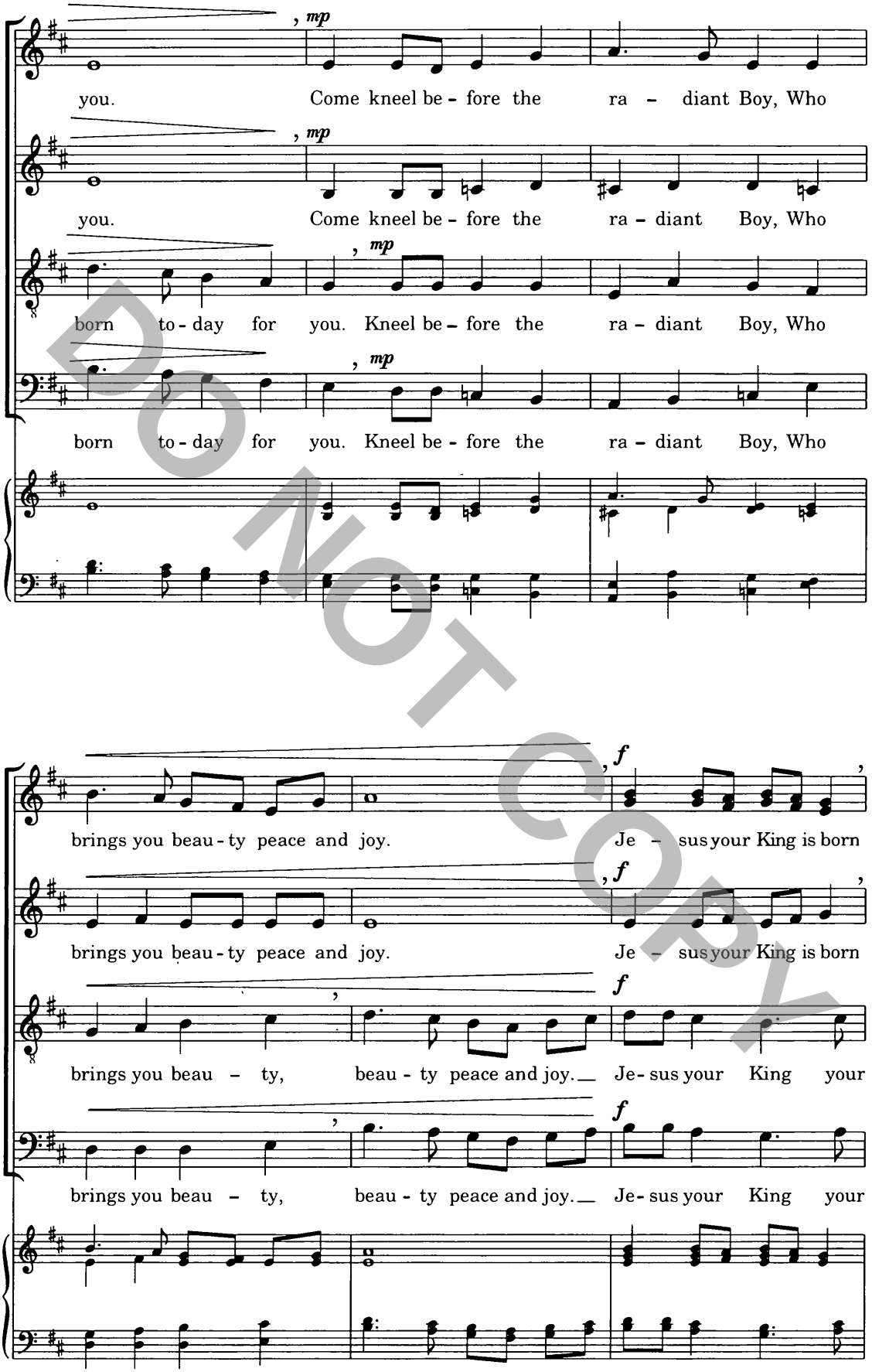
you. Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant Boy, Who
you. Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant Boy, Who
born to - day for you. Kneel be - fore the ra - diant Boy, Who
born to - day for you. Kneel be - fore the ra - diant Boy, Who
brings you beau - ty peace and joy. Je - sus your King is born
brings you beau - ty peace and joy. Je - sus your King is born
brings you beau - ty, beau - ty peace and joy. Je - sus your King your
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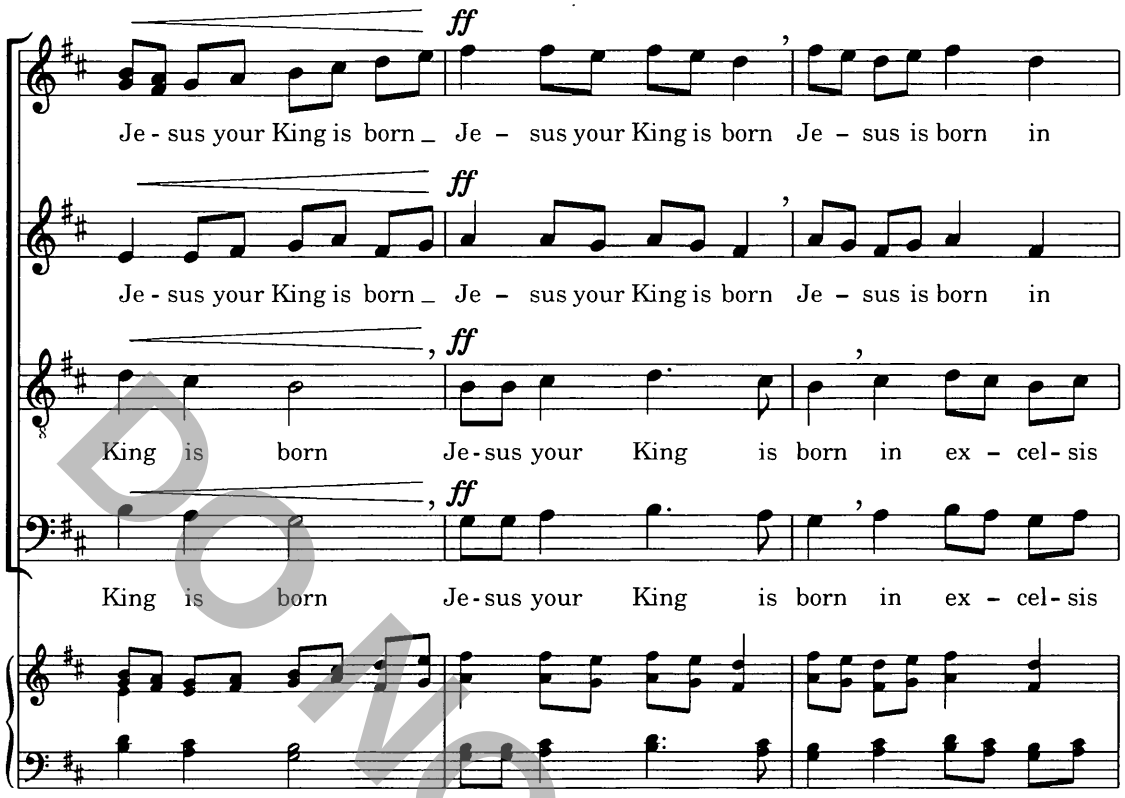
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Je - sus your King is born _ Je – sus your King is born Je – sus is born in
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King is born Je-sus your King is born in ex – cel-sis
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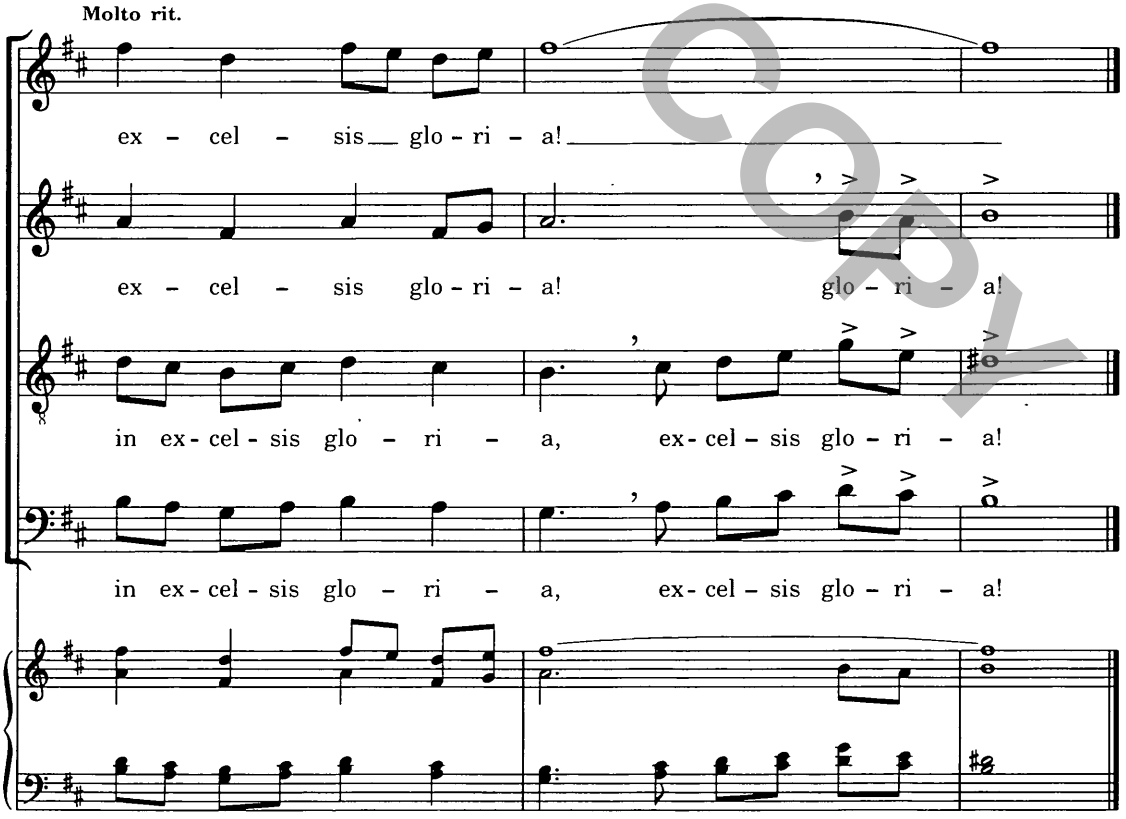
Molto rit.
ex – cel – sis glo – ri – a!
ex – cel – sis glo – ri – a! glo – ri – a!
in ex-cel-sis glo – ri – a, ex-cel – sis glo – ri – a!
in ex-cel-sis glo – ri – a, ex-cel – sis glo – ri – a!

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