THREE TEXTS BY GEORGE ELIOT

(for SATB choir and string quartet/string orch.)

1. Count That Day Lost

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went --
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay -- If, through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face-No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost --
Then count that day as worse than lost.

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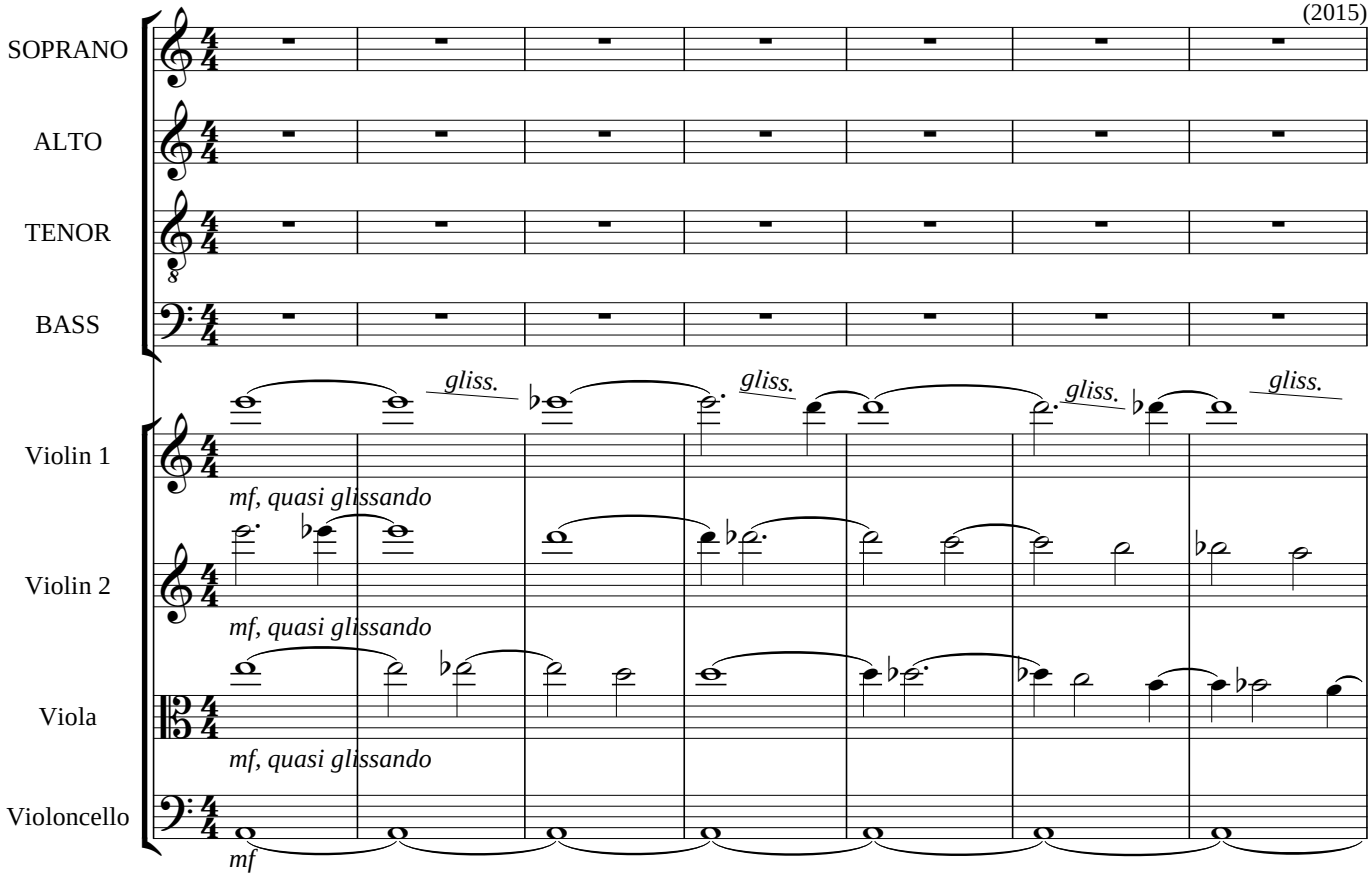

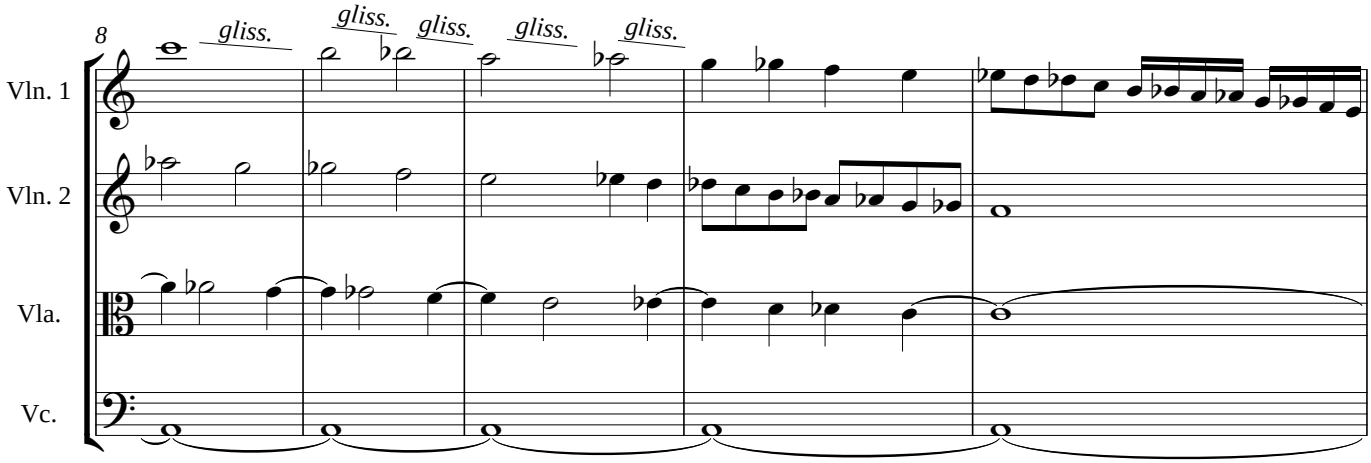

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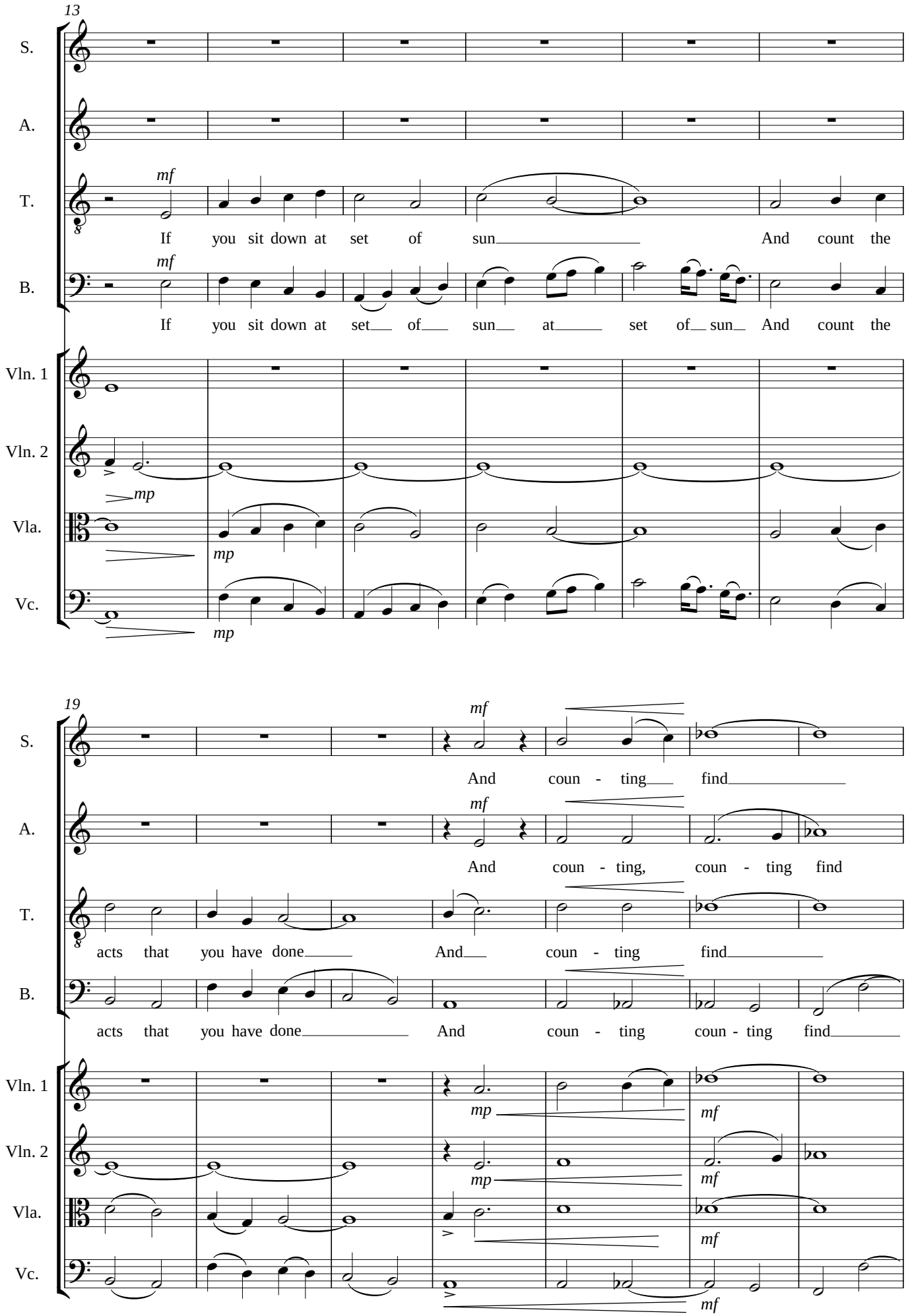
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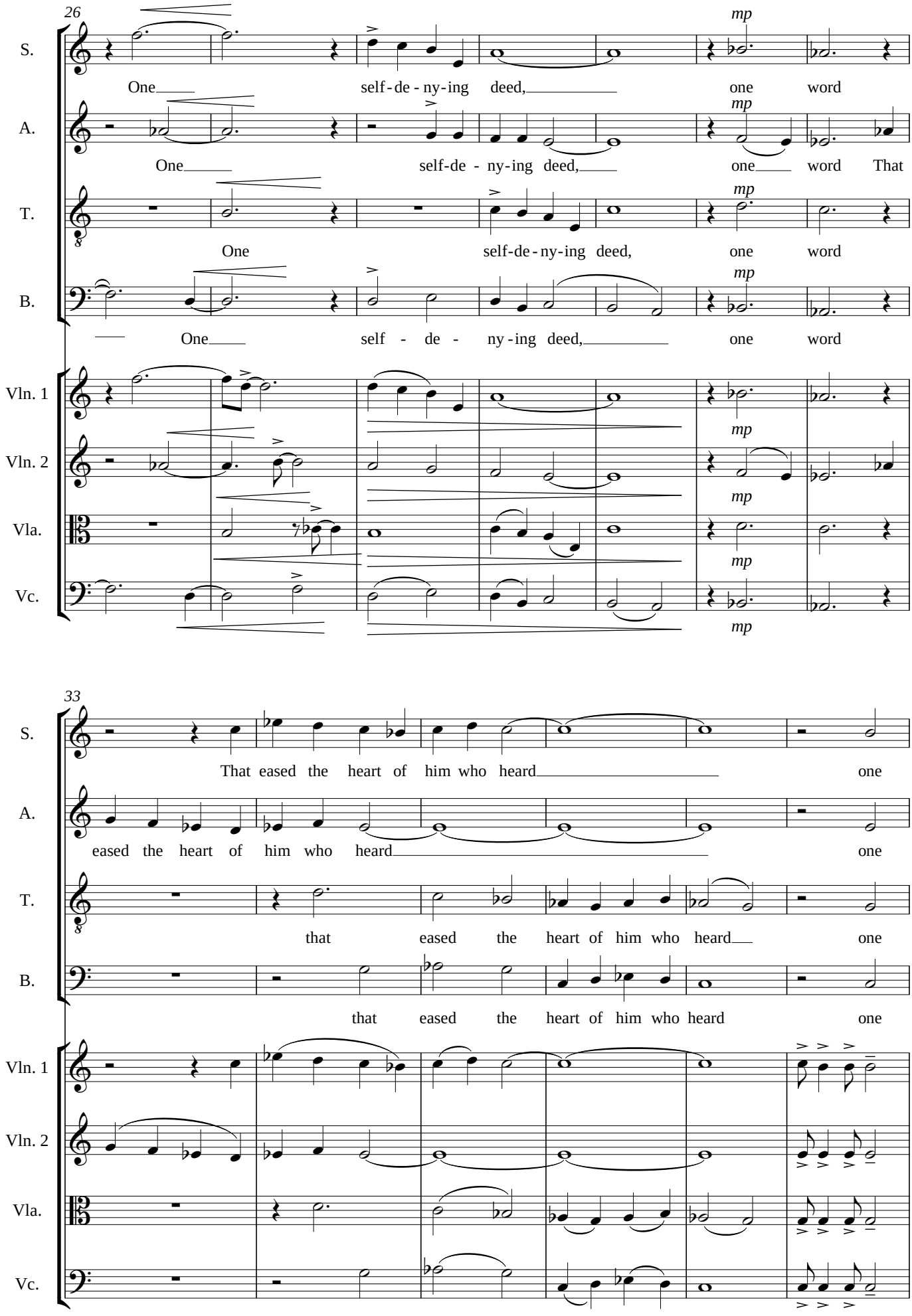
S.
A.
T.
B.
mf
If you sit down at set of sun And count the
If you sit down at set of sun at set of sun And count the
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mp
19
And coun - ting find
And coun - ting, coun - ting find
acts that you have done And coun - ting find
acts that you have done And coun - ting coun - ting find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S.
One self-de-ny-ing deed, one word
A.
One self-de-ny-ing deed, one word That
T.
One self-de-ny-ing deed, one word
B.
One self-de-ny-ing deed, one word
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mp
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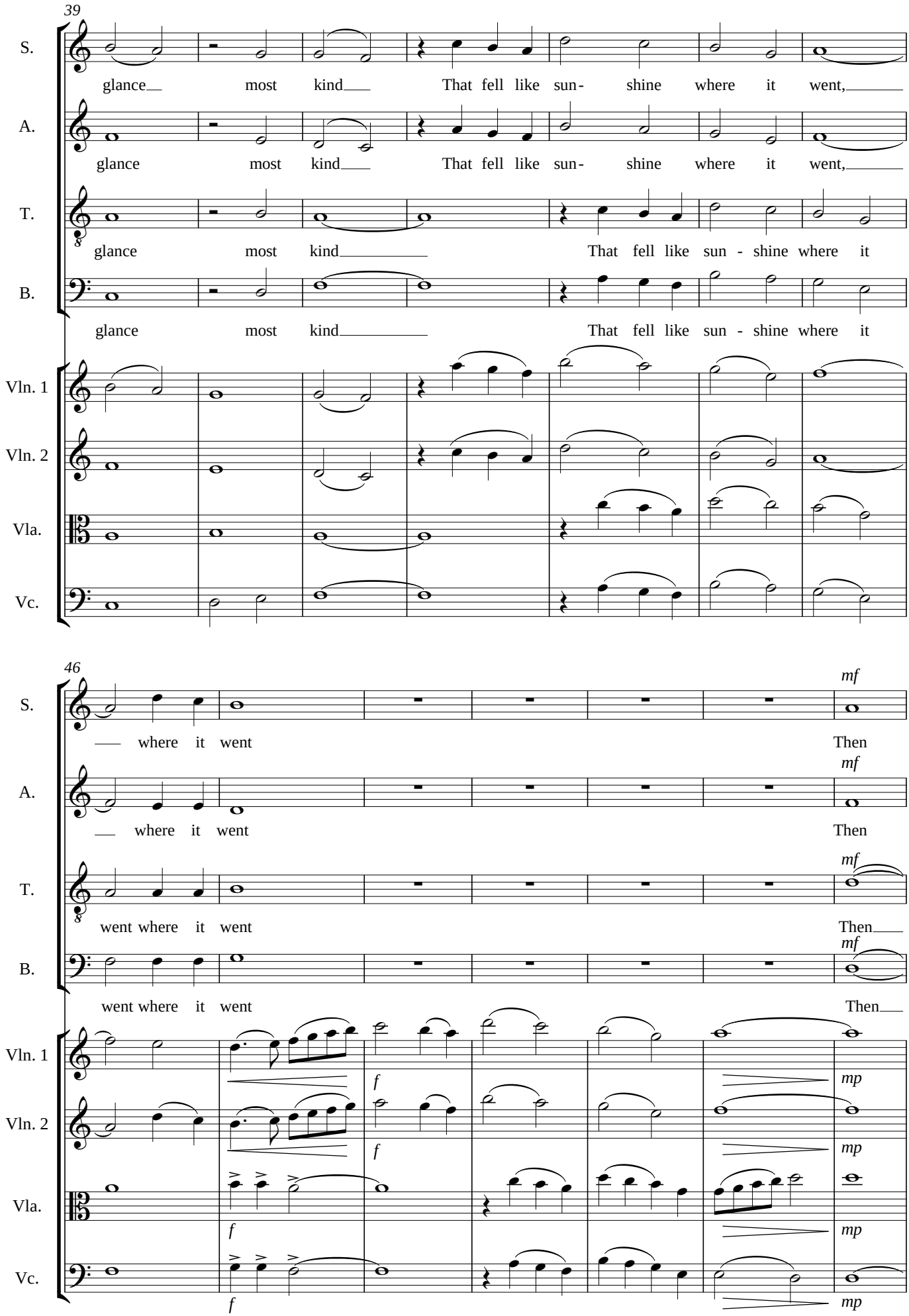
That eased the heart of him who heard one
eased the heart of him who heard one
that eased the heart of him who heard one
that eased the heart of him who heard one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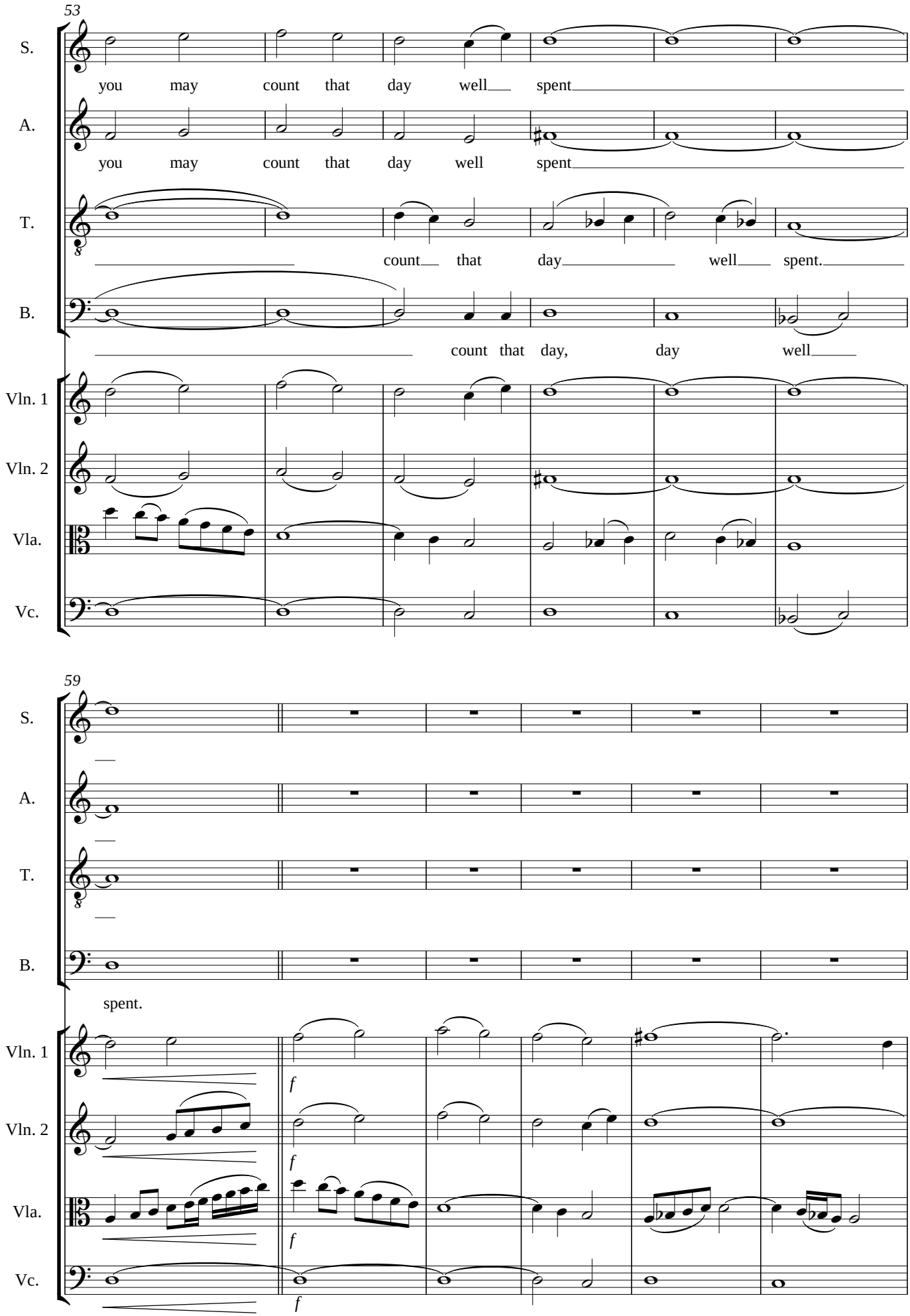
S.
glance most kind That fell like sun- shine where it went,
A.
glance most kind That fell like sun- shine where it went,
T.
glance most kind That fell like sun - shine where it
B.
glance most kind That fell like sun - shine where it
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
46
mf
S.
where it went Then
A.
where it went Then
T.
went where it went Then
B.
went where it went Then
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
f
mp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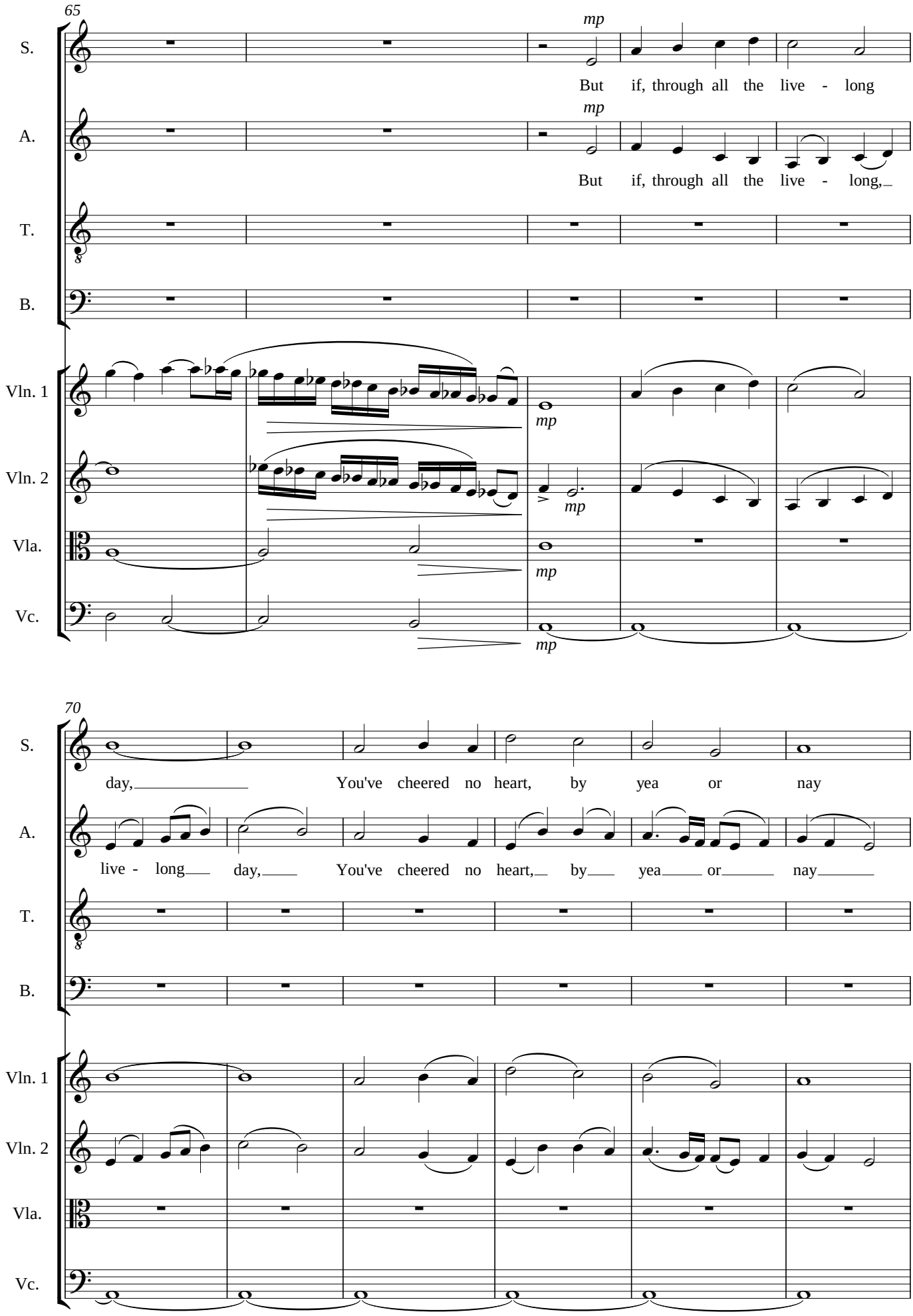
S.
you may count that day well spent
A.
you may count that day well spent
T.
count that day well spent.
B.
count that day, day well
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
59
S.
A.
T.
B.
spent.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
f
f
f
f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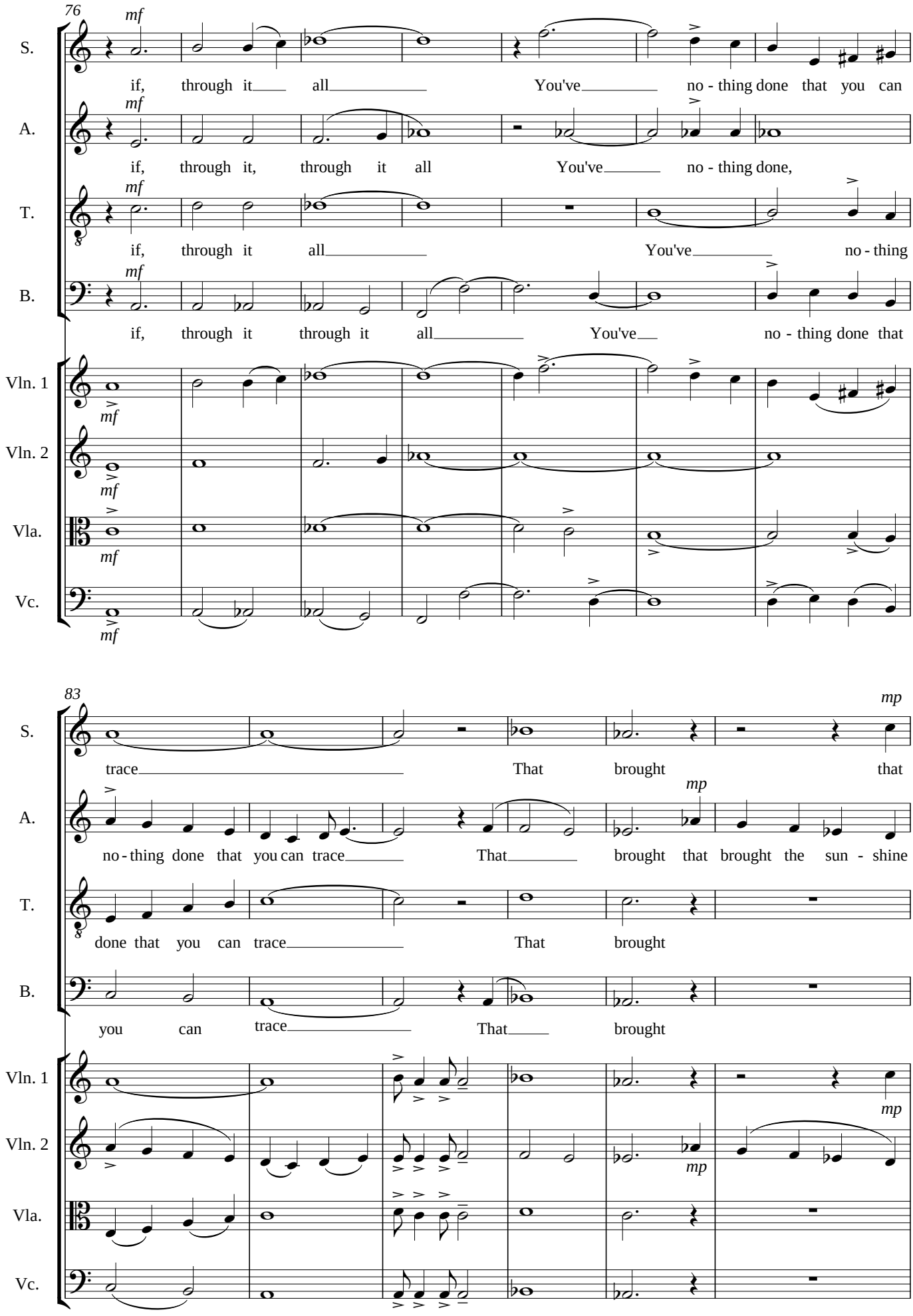
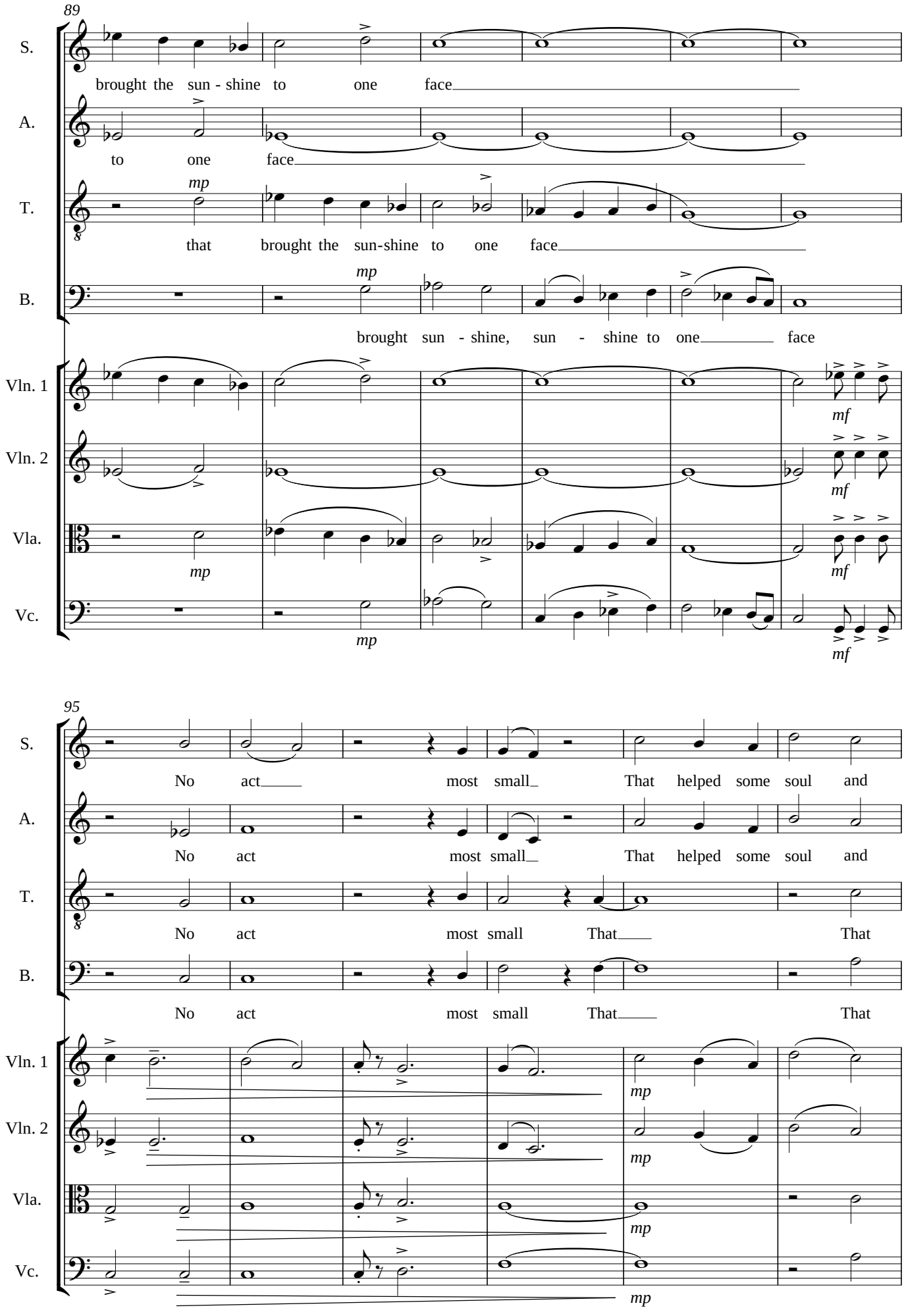
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mp
But if, through all the live - long
But if, through all the live - long,
70
day, You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay
live - long day, You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay


76
mf
S.
if, through it all You've no - thing done that you can
A.
if, through it, through it all You've no - thing done,
T.
if, through it all You've no - thing
B.
if, through it through it all You've no - thing done that
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
83
mp
trace That brought that
no - thing done that you can trace That brought that brought the sun - shine
done that you can trace That brought
you can trace That brought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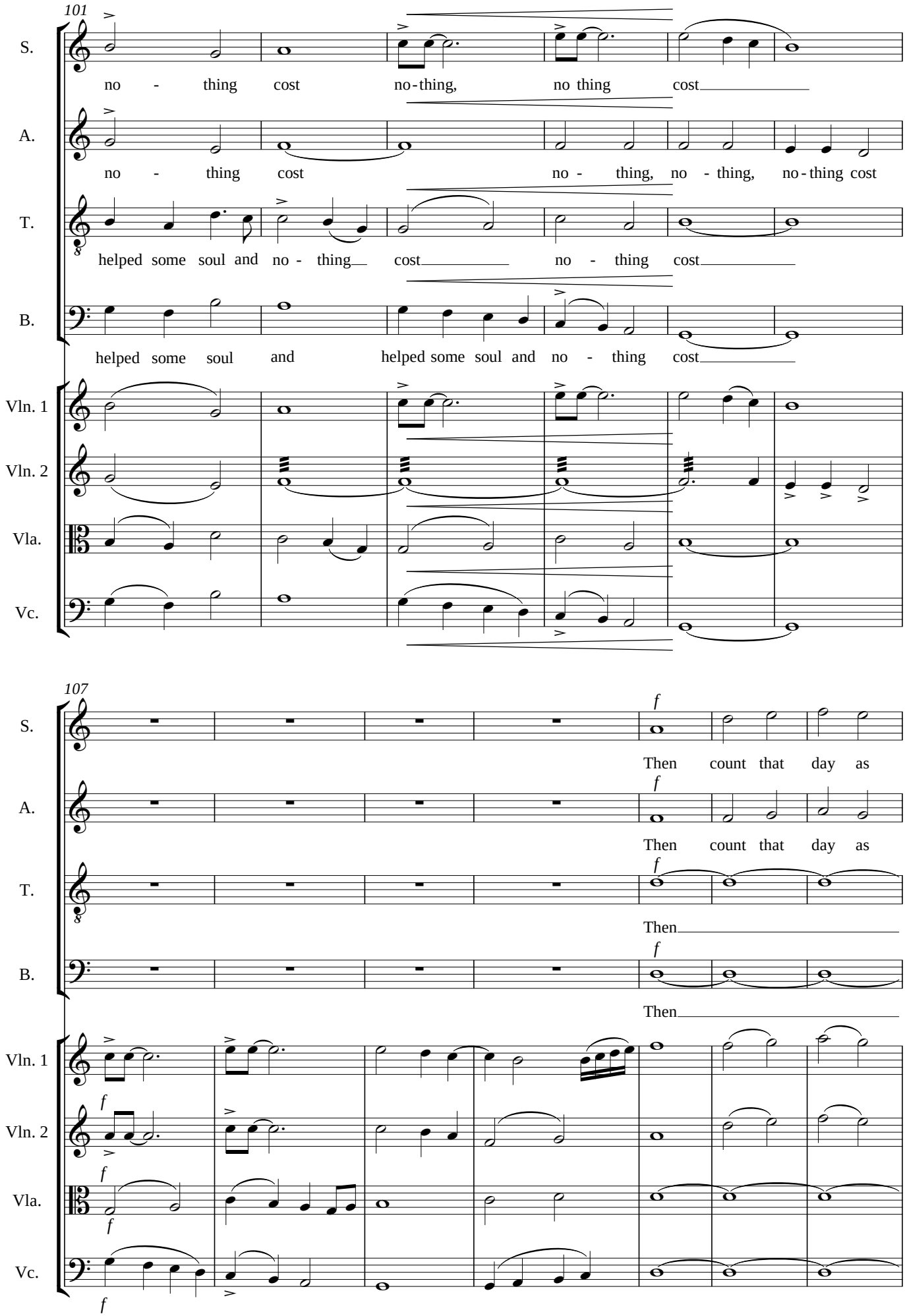
S.
brought the sun - shine to one face
A.
to one face
T.
mp
that brought the sun-shine to one face
B.
mp
brought sun - shine, sun - shine to one face
Vln. 1
mf
Vln. 2
mf
Vla.
mp
mf
Vc.
mp
mf
95
S.
No act most small That helped some soul and
A.
No act most small That helped some soul and
T.
No act most small That That
B.
No act most small That That
Vln. 1
mp
Vln. 2
mp
Vla.
mp
Vc.
mp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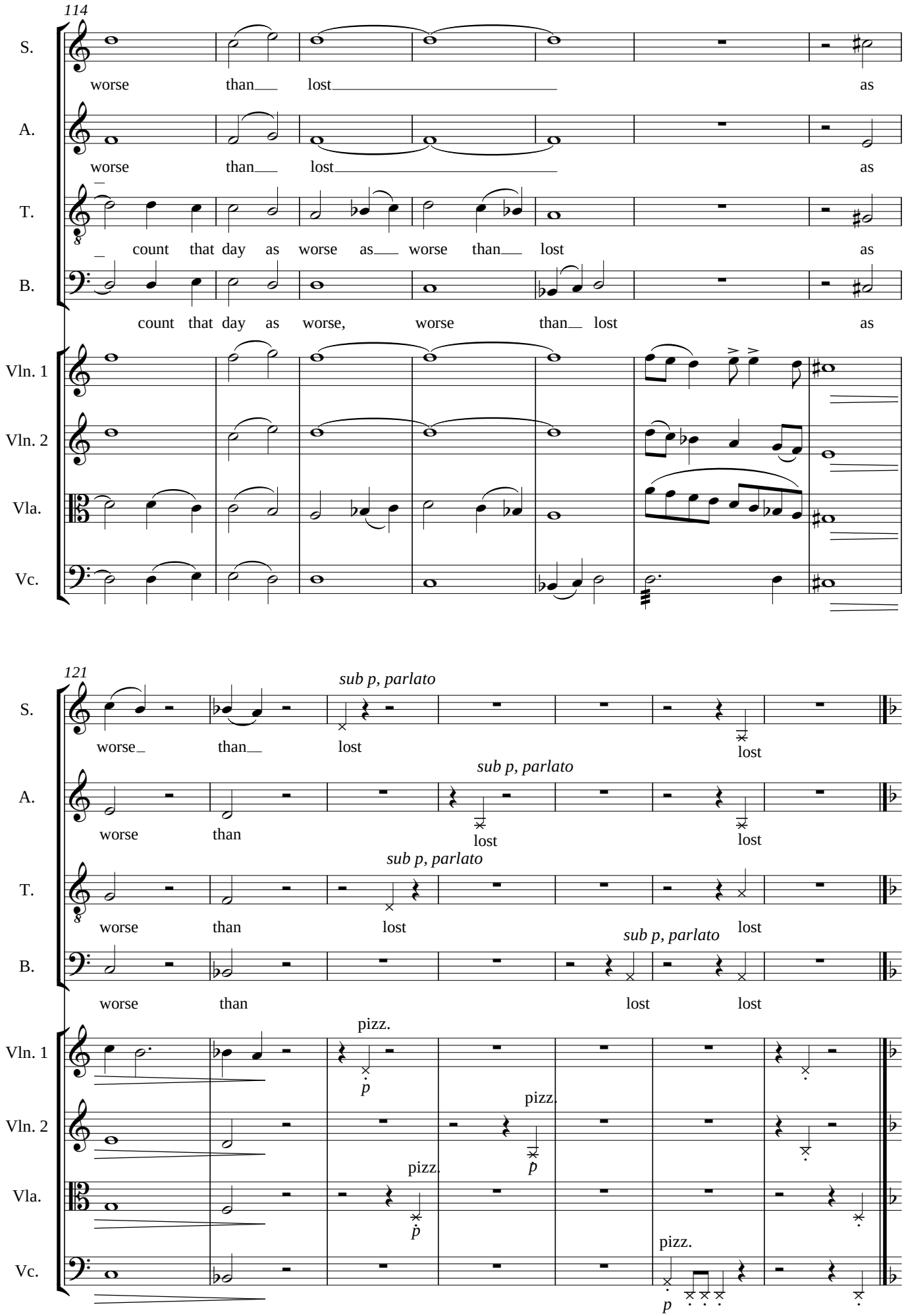
S.
no - thing cost no-thing, no thing cost
A.
no - thing cost no - thing, no - thing, no-thing cost
T.
helped some soul and no - thing cost no - thing cost
B.
helped some soul and helped some soul and no - thing cost
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
107
S.
Then count that day as
A.
Then count that day as
T.
Then
B.
Then
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.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S.
worse than lost as
A.
worse than lost as
T.
count that day as worse as worse than lost as
B.
count that day as worse, worse than lost as
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
121
sub p, parlato
S.
worse than lost lost
A.
worse than lost lost
T.
worse than lost lost
B.
worse than lost lost
pizz.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.

2. Sweet Endings Come and Go, Love

"La noche buena se viene,
La noche buena se va,
Y nosotros nos iremos
Y no volveremos mas."
-- Old Villancico.

Sweet evenings come and go, love,
They came and went of yore:
This evening of our life, love,
Shall go and come no more.

When we have passed away, love,
All things will keep their name;
But yet no life on earth, love,
With ours will be the same.

The daisies will be there, love,
The stars in heaven will shine:
I shall not feel thy wish, love,
Nor thou my hand in thine.

A better time will come, love,
And better souls be born:
I would not be the best, love,
To leave thee now forlorn.

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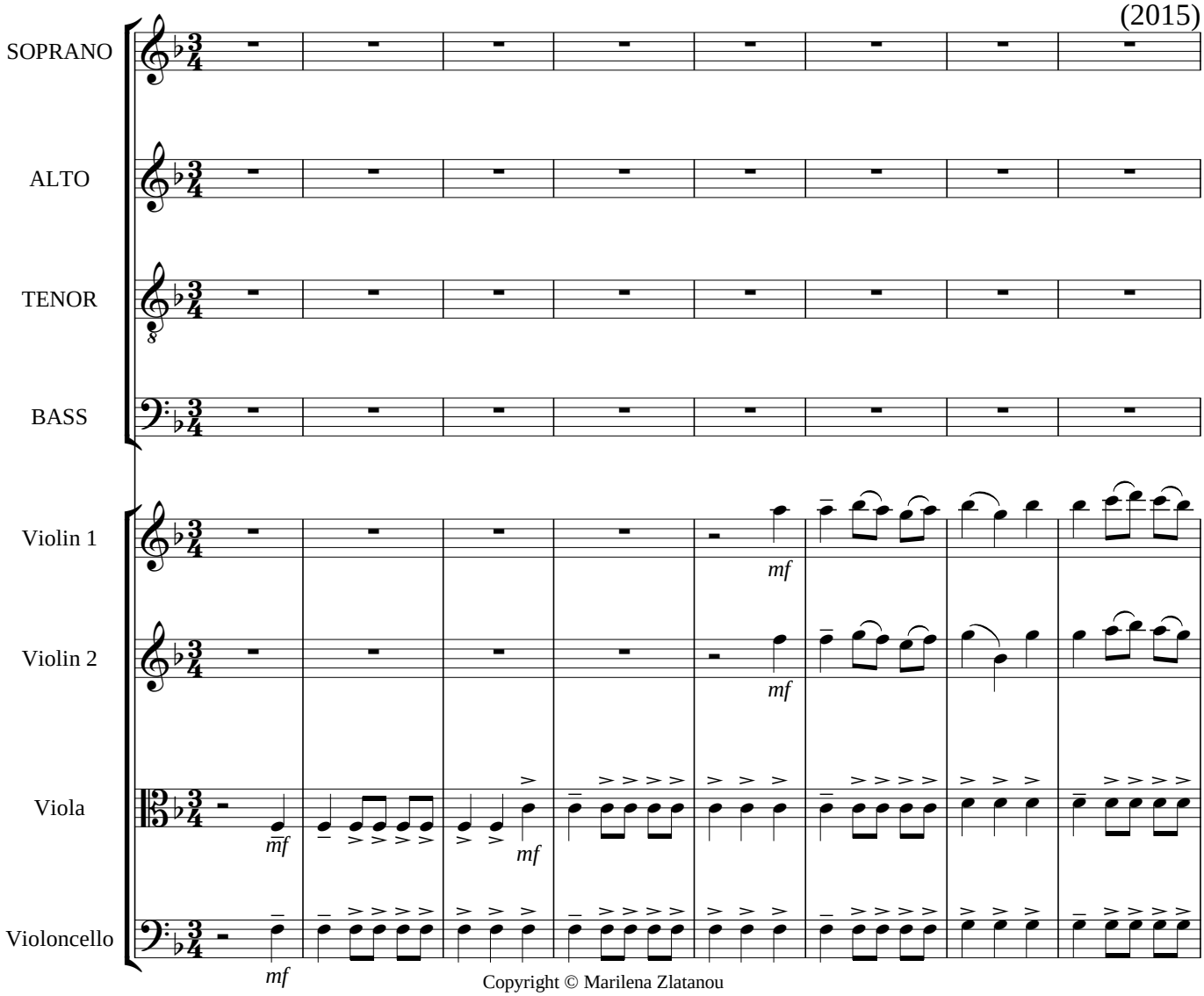

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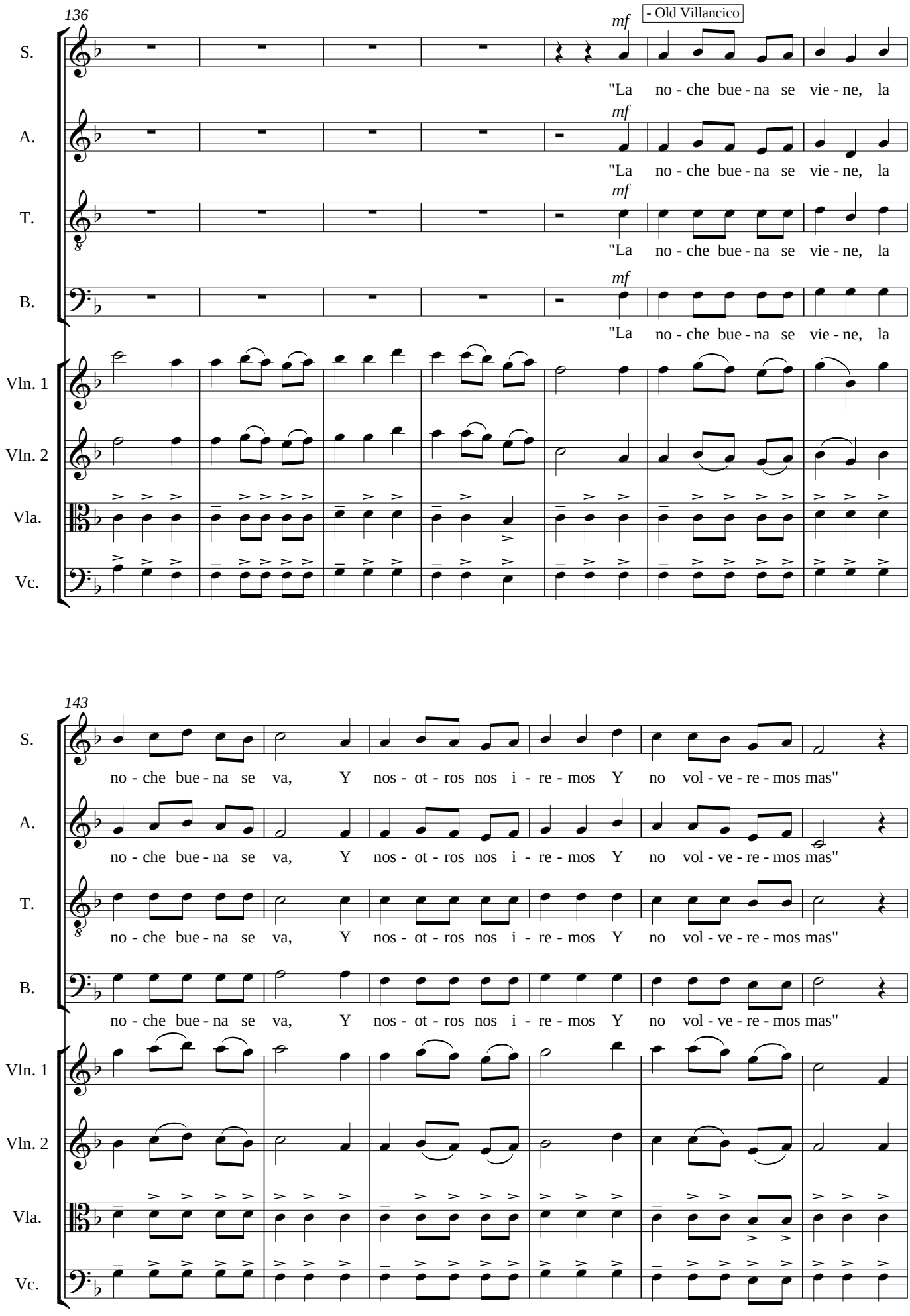
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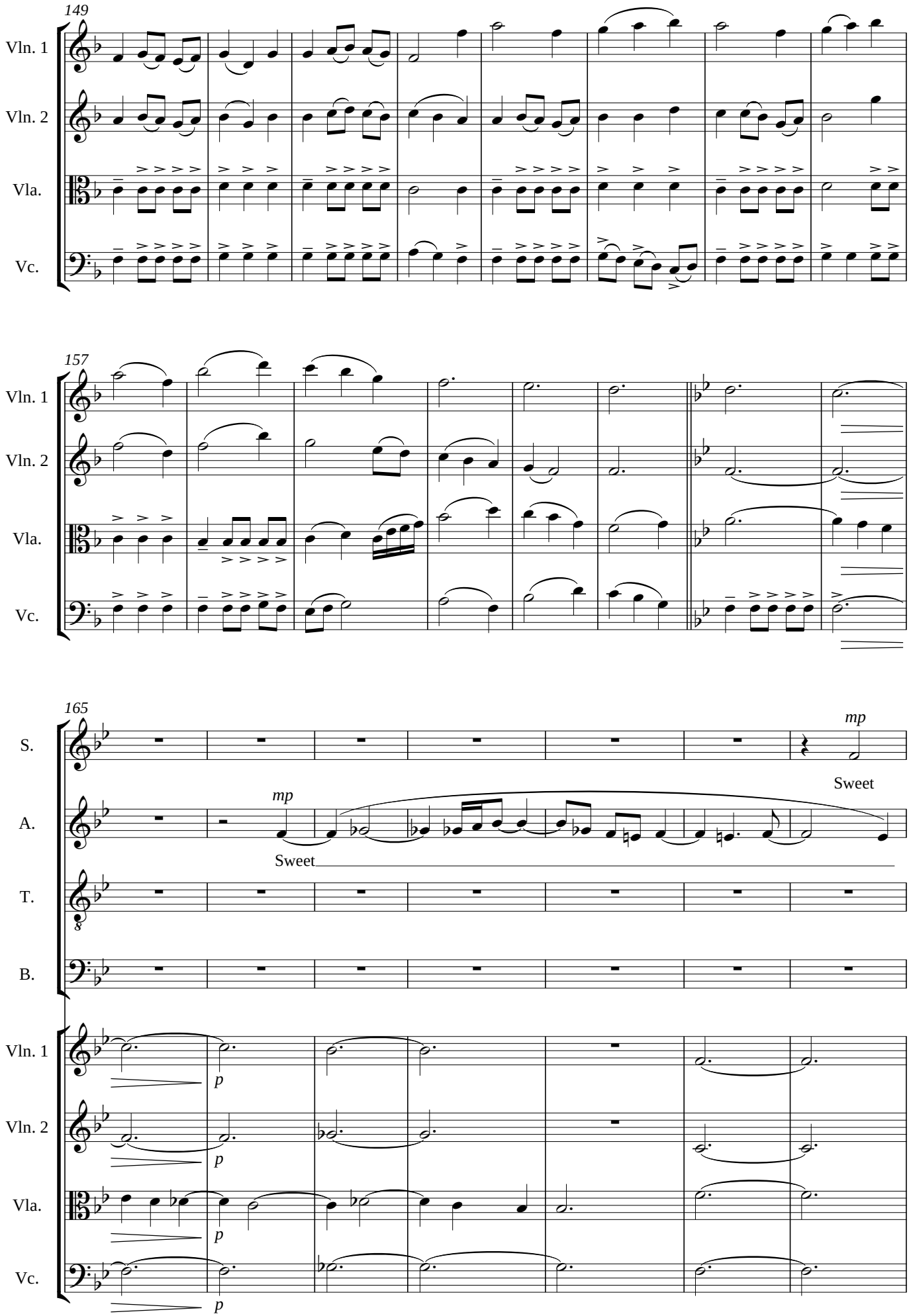
- Old Villancico
mf
S.
"La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la
A.
"La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la
T.
"La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la
B.
"La no - che bue - na se vie - ne, la
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
143
no - che bue - na se va, Y nos - ot - ros nos i - re - mos Y no vol - ve - re - mos mas"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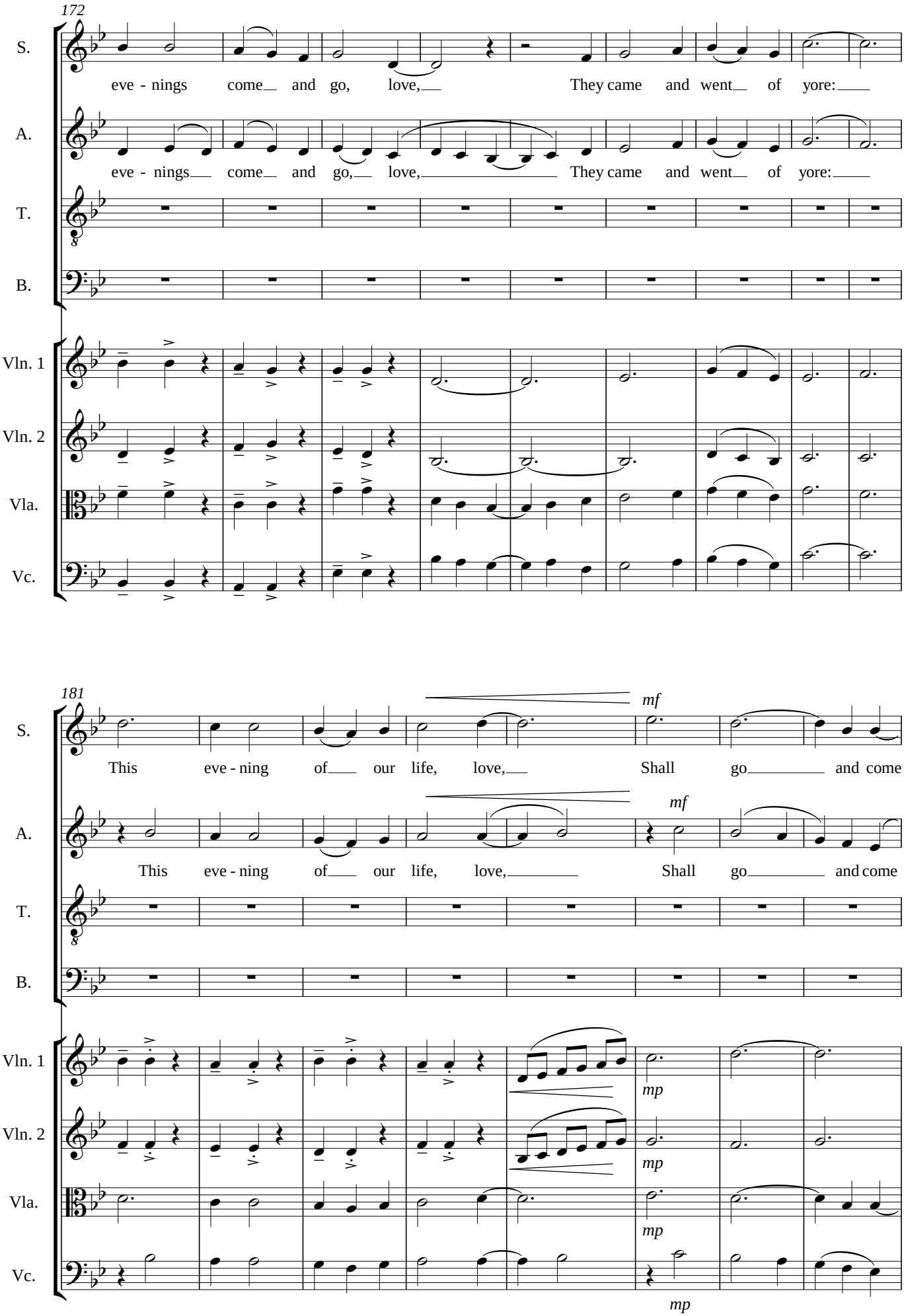
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
157
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
165
S.
A.
T.
B.
mp
Sweet
mp
Sweet
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
p
p
p
p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S.
eve - nings come and go, love, They came and went of yore:
A.
eve - nings come and go, love, They came and went of yore:
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
181
mf
S.
This eve - ning of our life, love, Shall go and come
mf
A.
This eve - ning of our life, love, Shall go and come
T.
B.
Vln. 1
mp
Vln. 2
mp
Vla.
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Vc.
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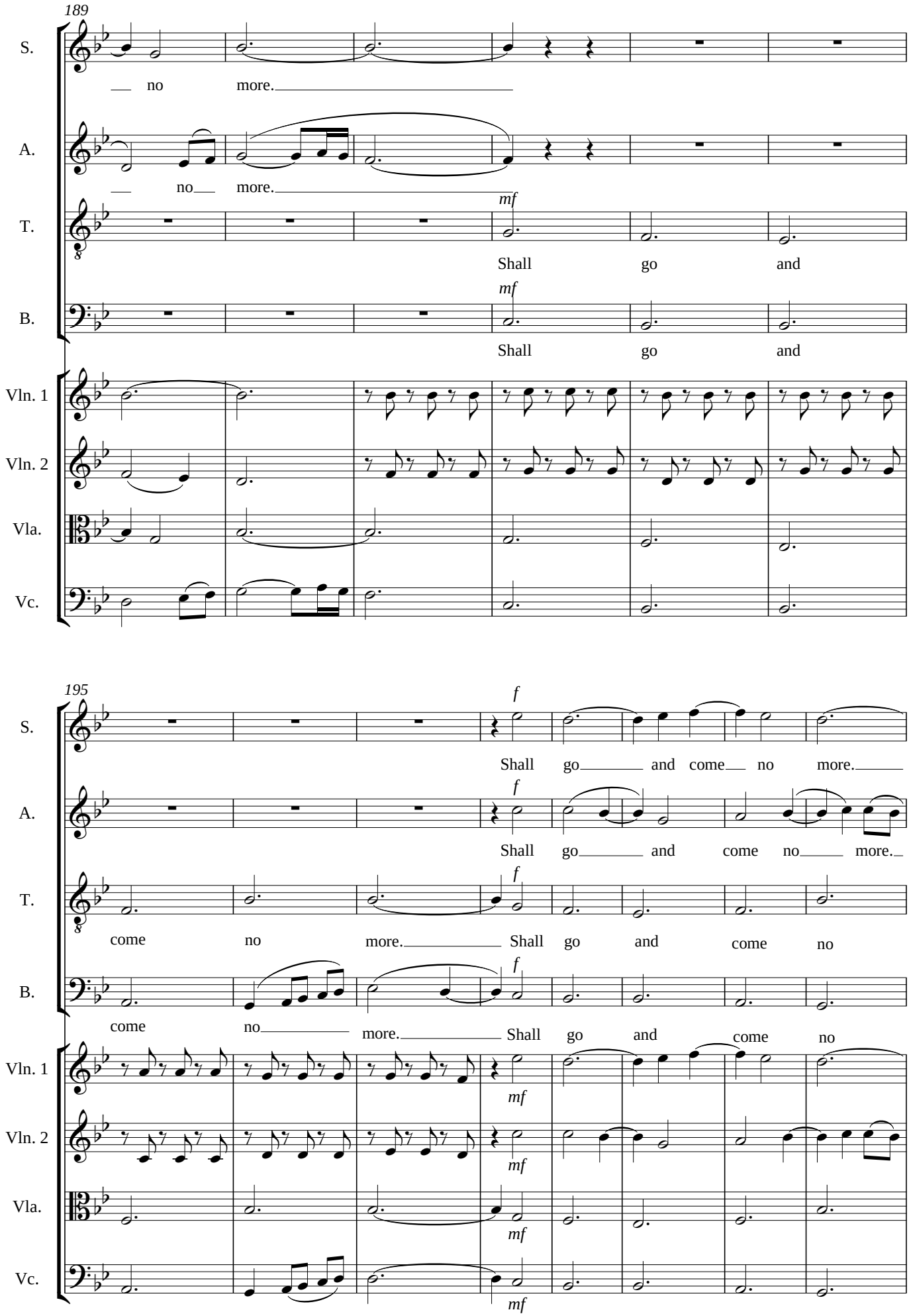
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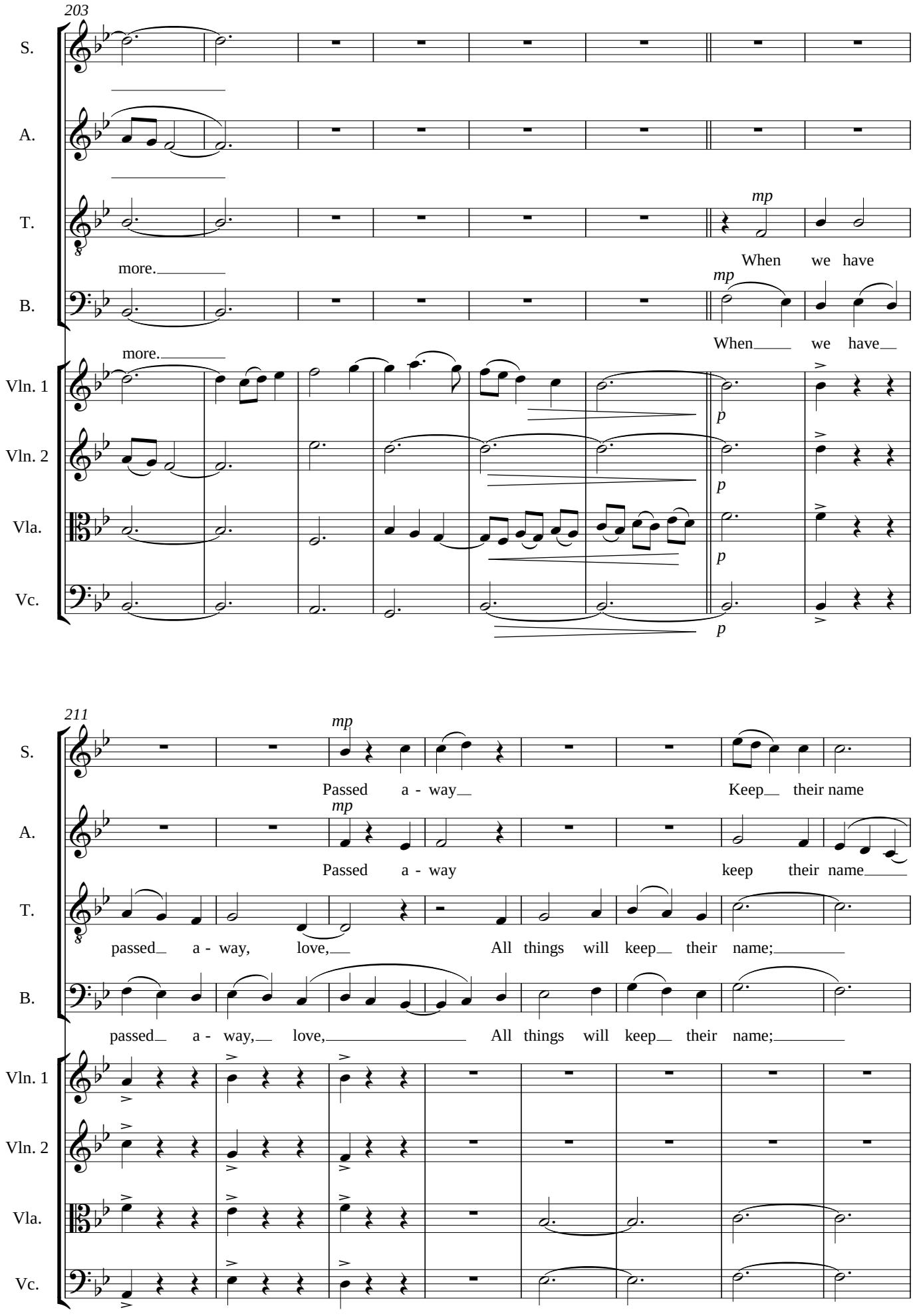
S.
no more.
A.
no more.
T.
mf
Shall go and
B.
mf
Shall go and
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
195
S.
f
Shall go and come no more.
A.
f
Shall go and come no more.
T.
f
come no more. Shall go and come no
B.
f
come no more. Shall go and come no
Vln. 1
mf
Vln. 2
mf
Vla.
mf
Vc.
mf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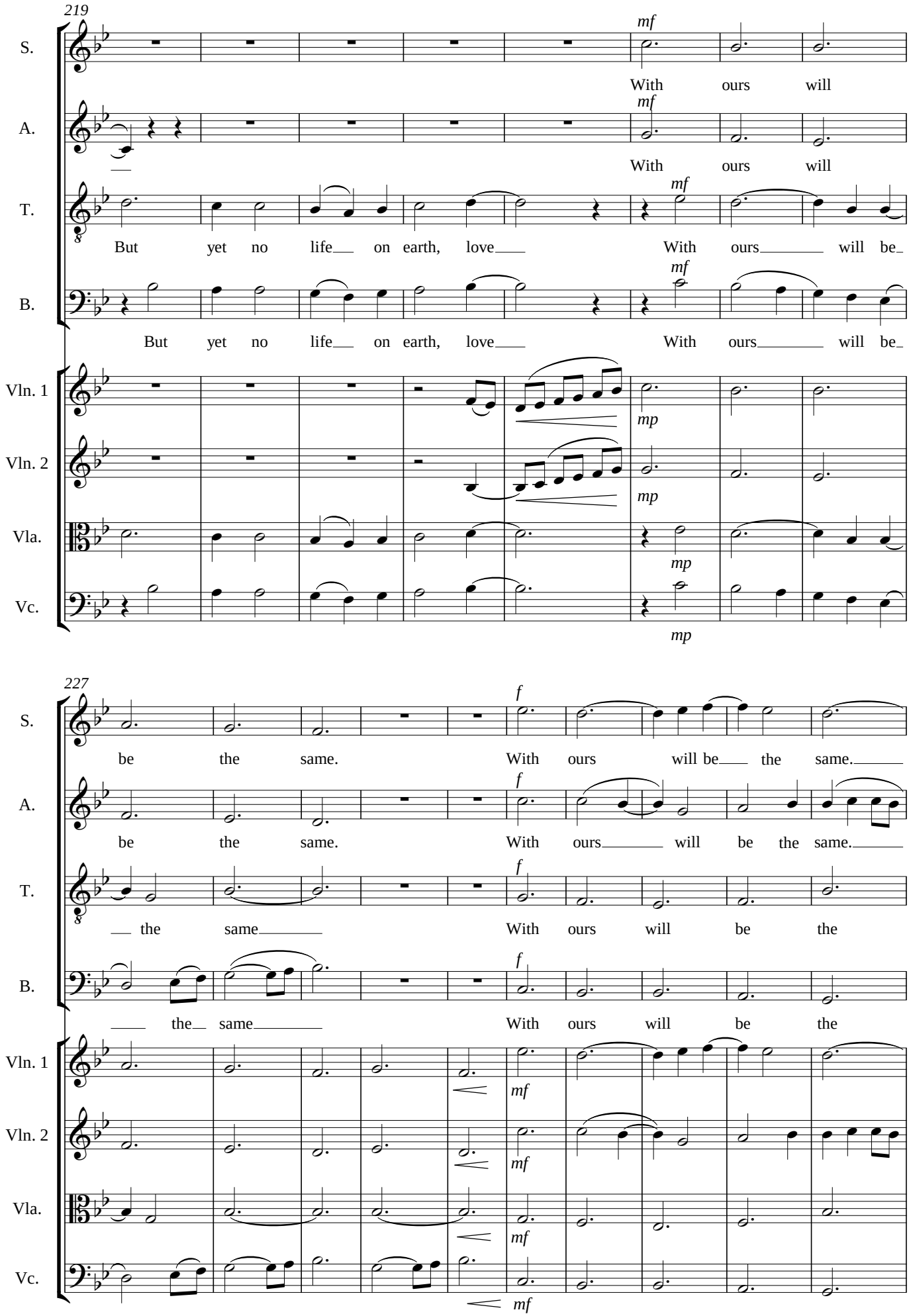
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
more.
more.
mp
When we have
When we have
p
211
mp
Passed a - way
Keep their name
mp
Passed a - way
keep their name
passed a - way, love,
All things will keep their name;
passed a - way, love,
All things will keep their name;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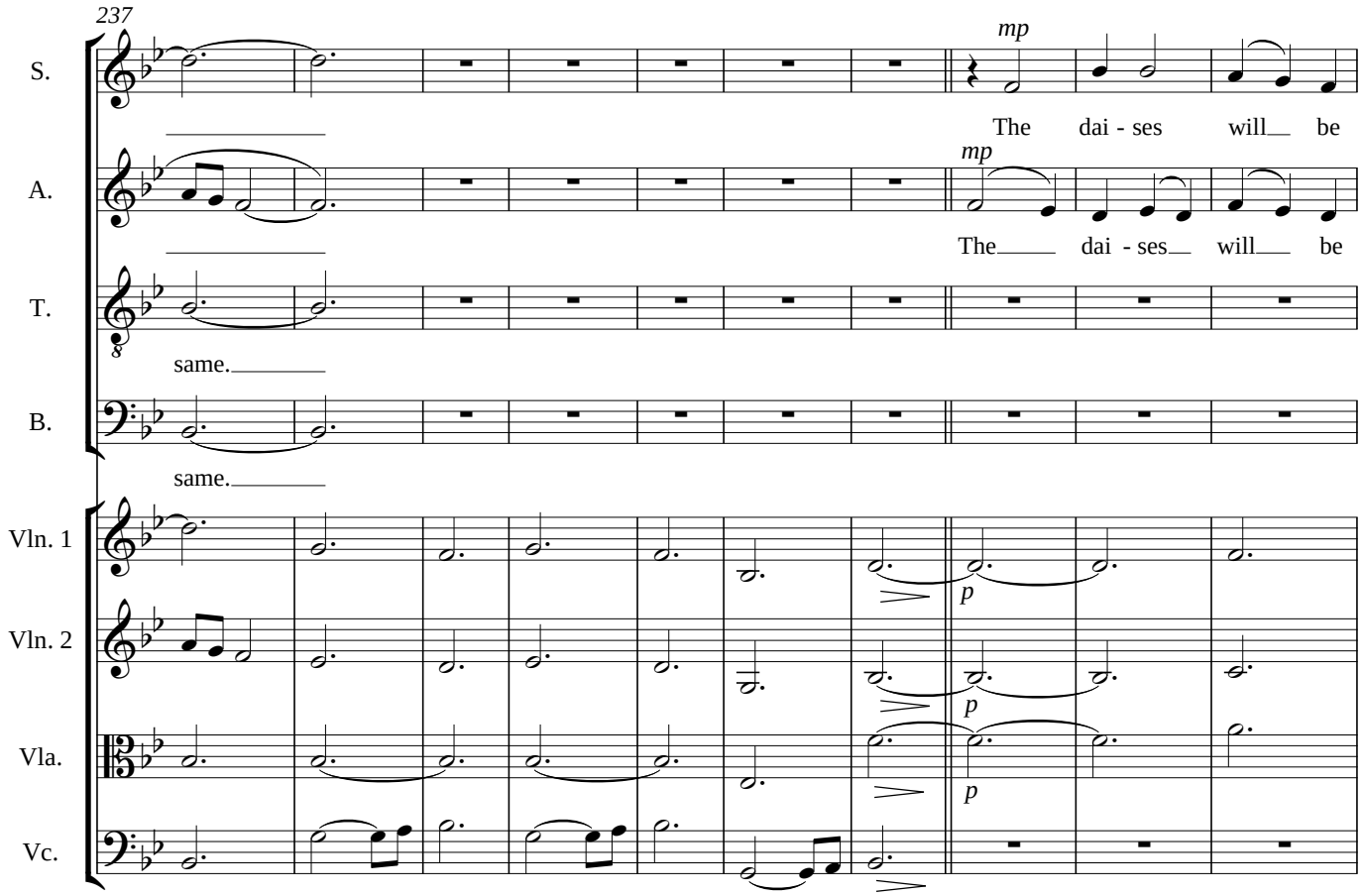
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
With ours will
But yet no life on earth, love With ours will be
mp
227
f
be the same. With ours will be the same.
the same With ours will be the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S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
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The dai - ses will be
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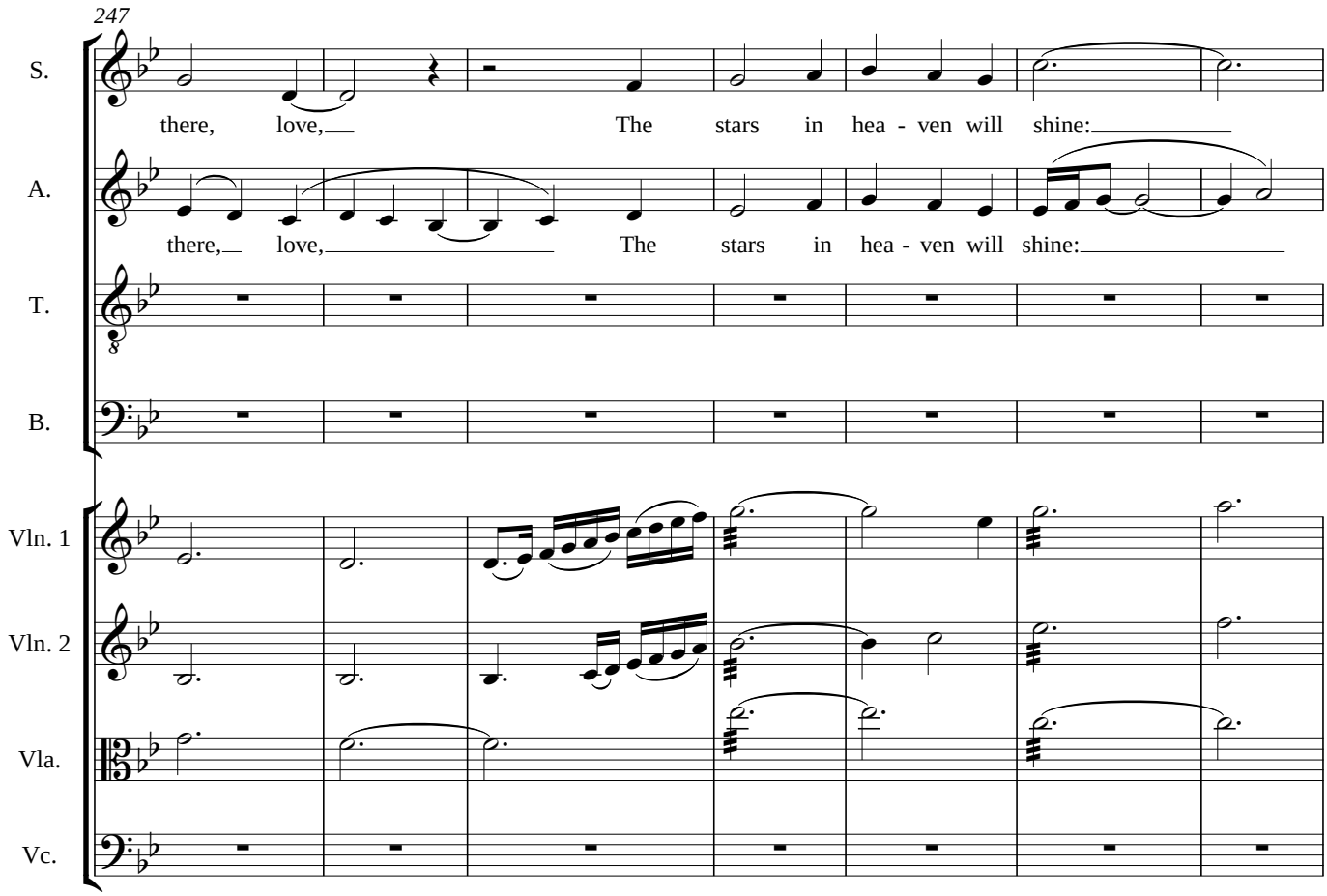
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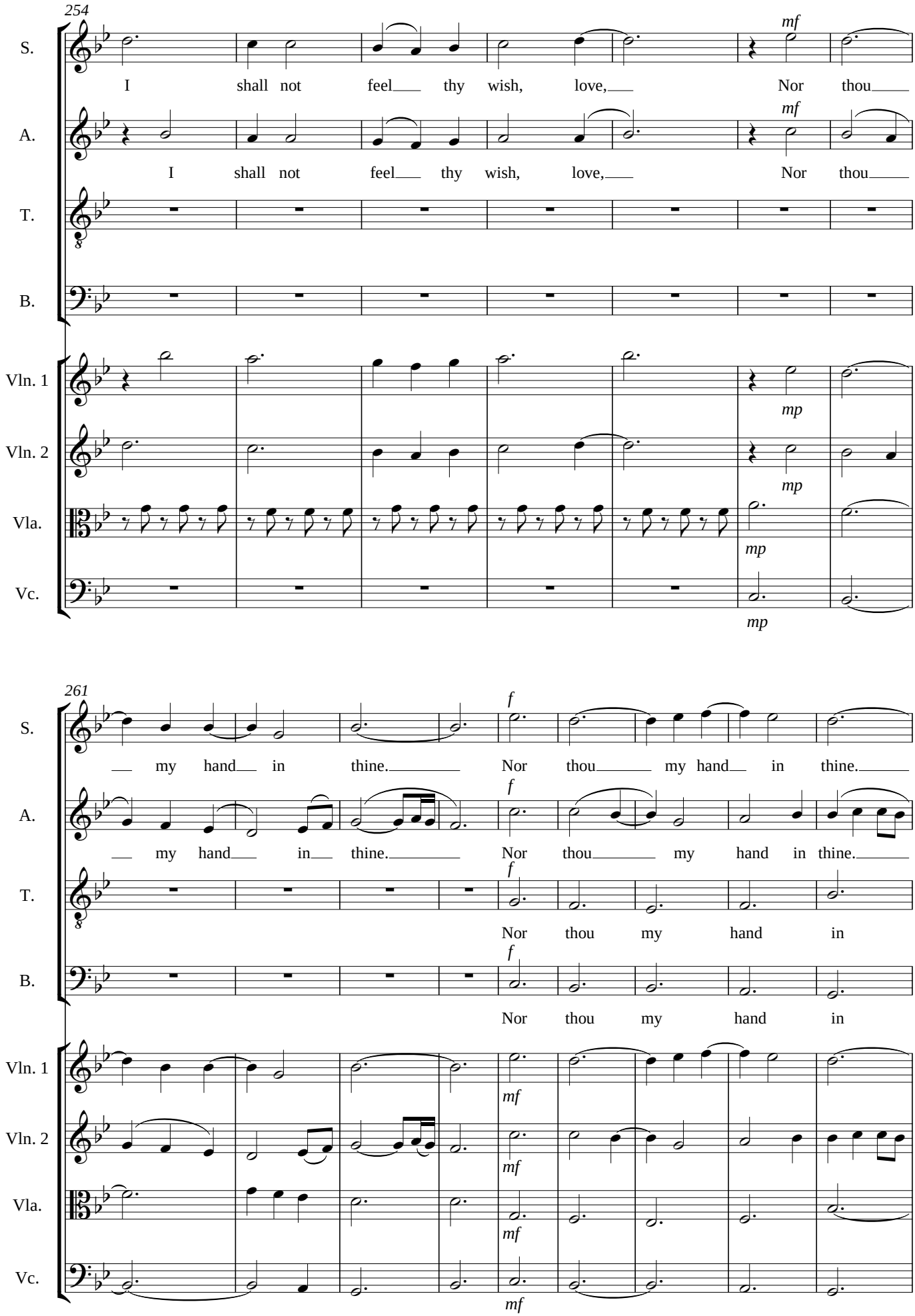
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
there, love, The stars in hea - ven will shine:
there, love, The stars in hea - ven will shine: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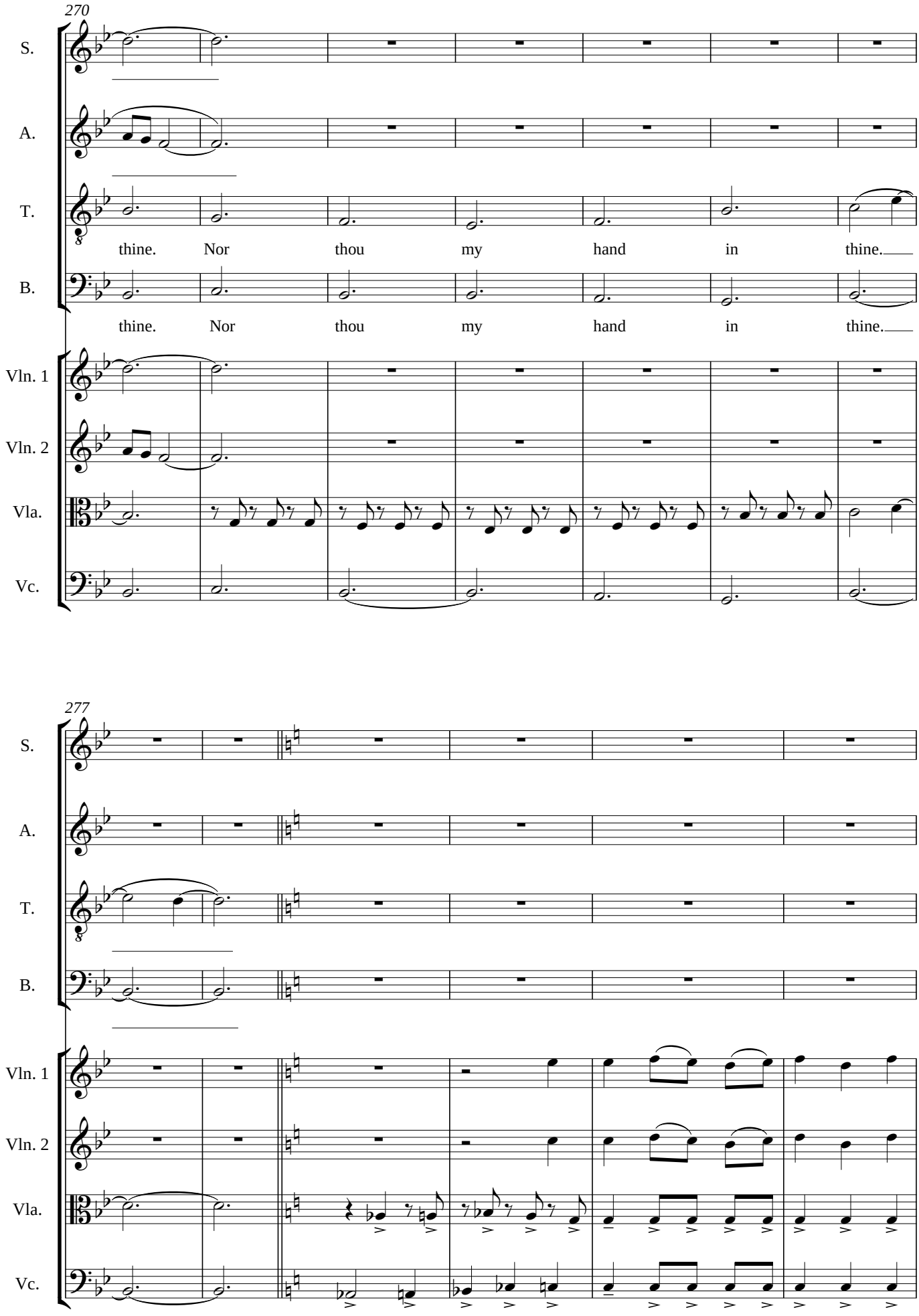
S.
I shall not feel thy wish, love, Nor thou
A.
I shall not feel thy wish, love, Nor thou
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
mp
261
my hand in thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.
my hand in thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.
Nor thou my hand in
Nor thou my hand in
f
mf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S.
A.
T.
B.
thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.
thine. Nor thou my hand in thine.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
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S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
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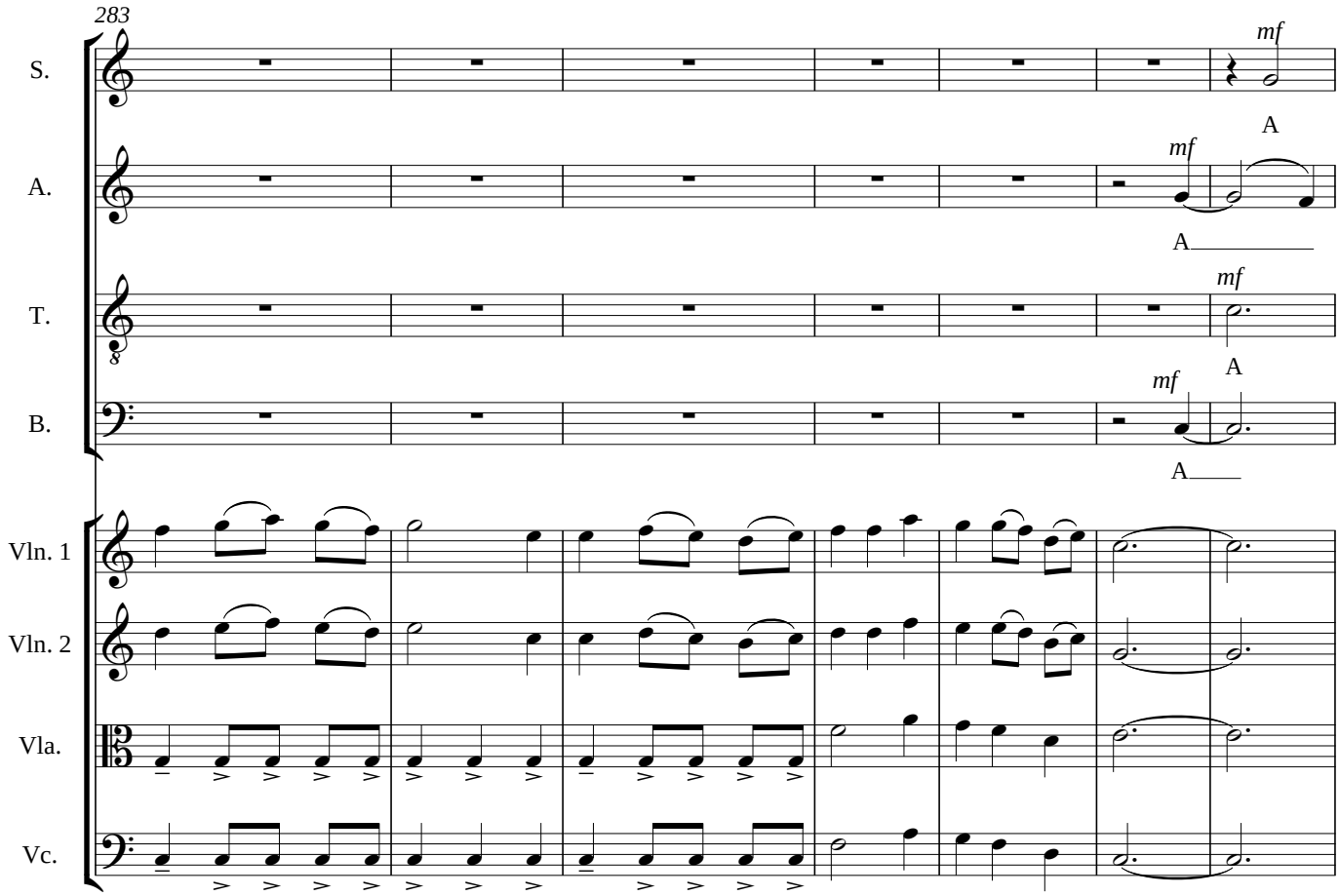
Vla.
Vc.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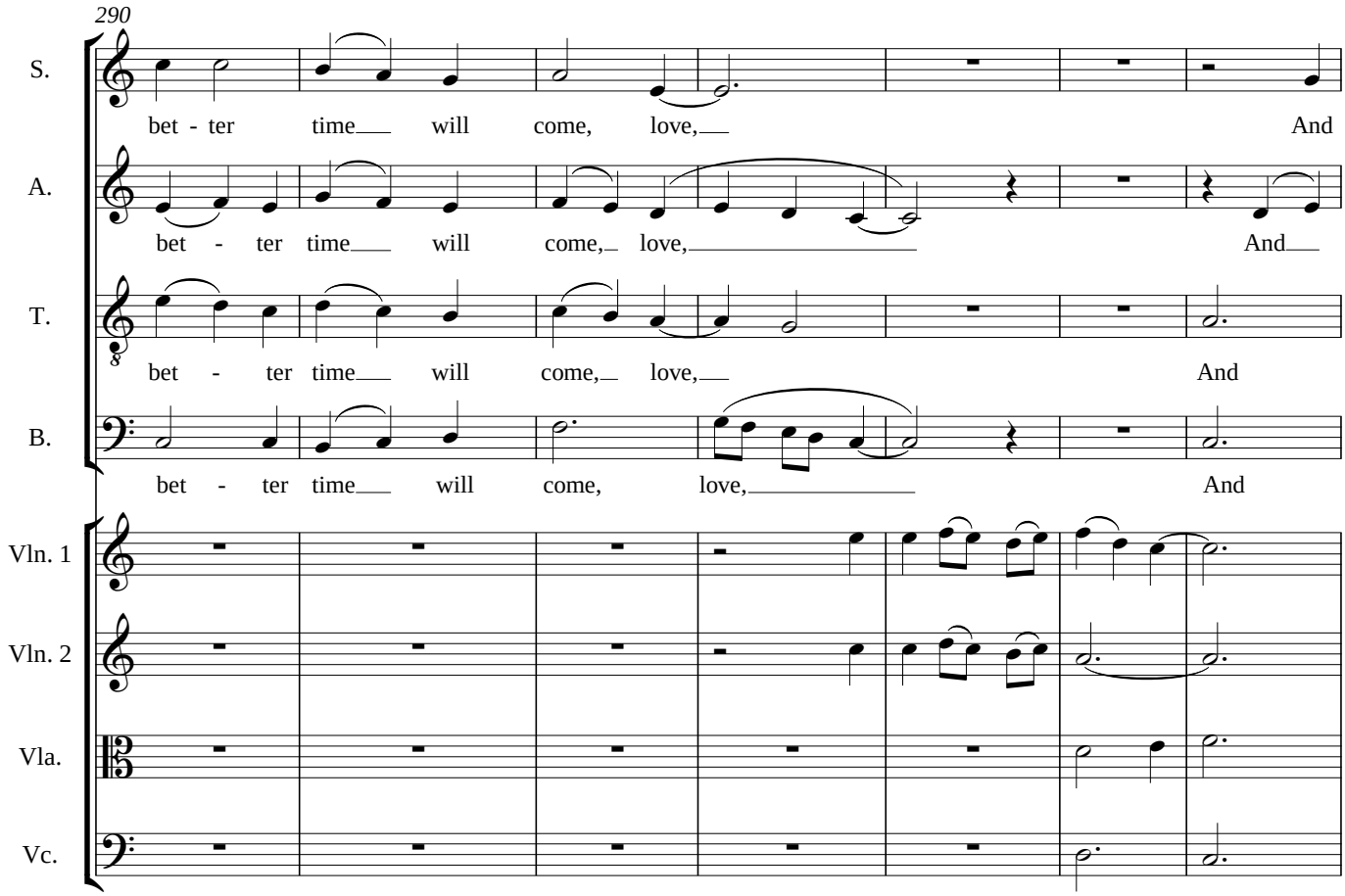
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
A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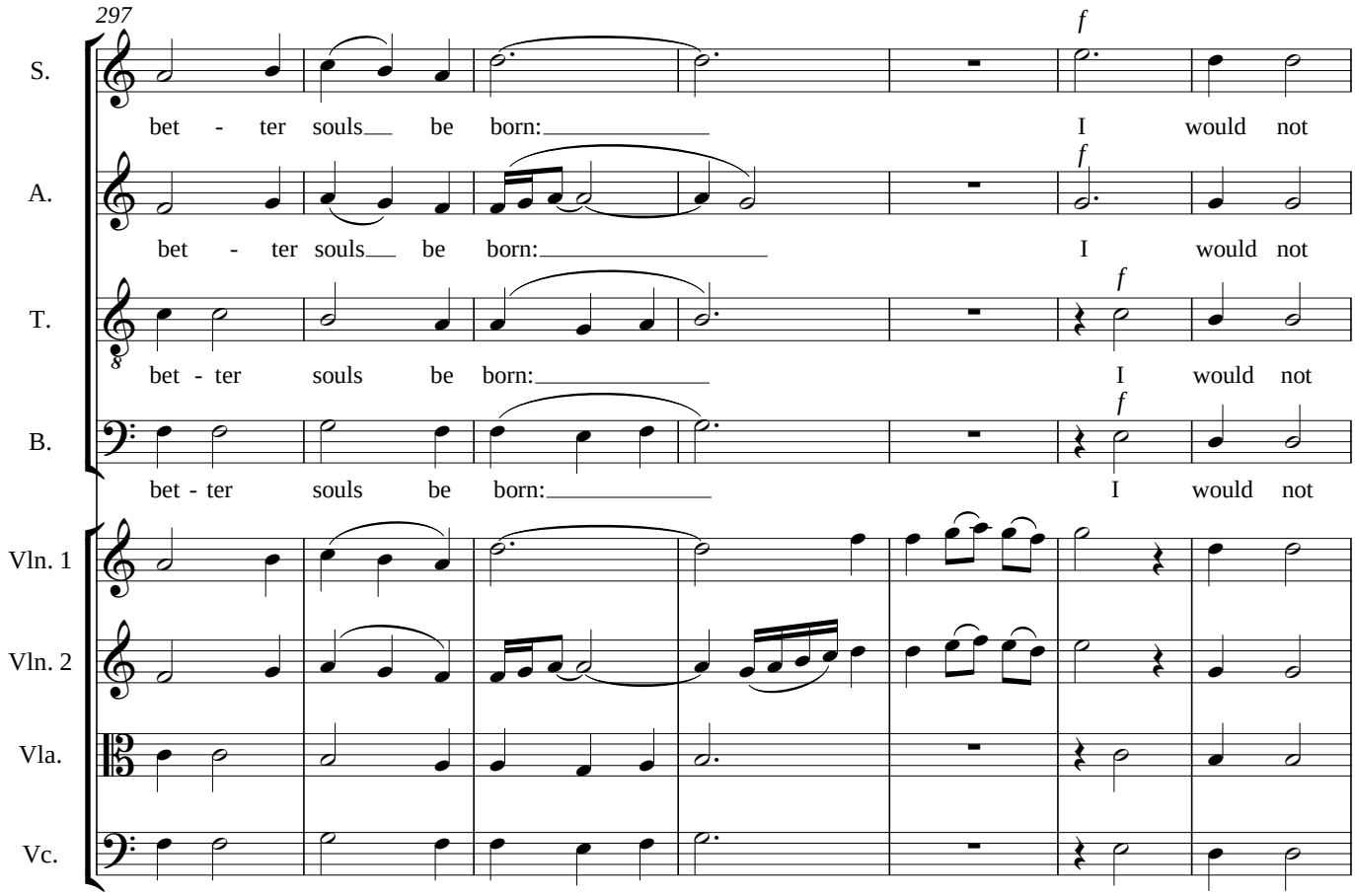
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
bet - ter time will come, love, And
bet - ter time will come, love, And
bet - ter time will come, love, And
bet - ter time will come, love, And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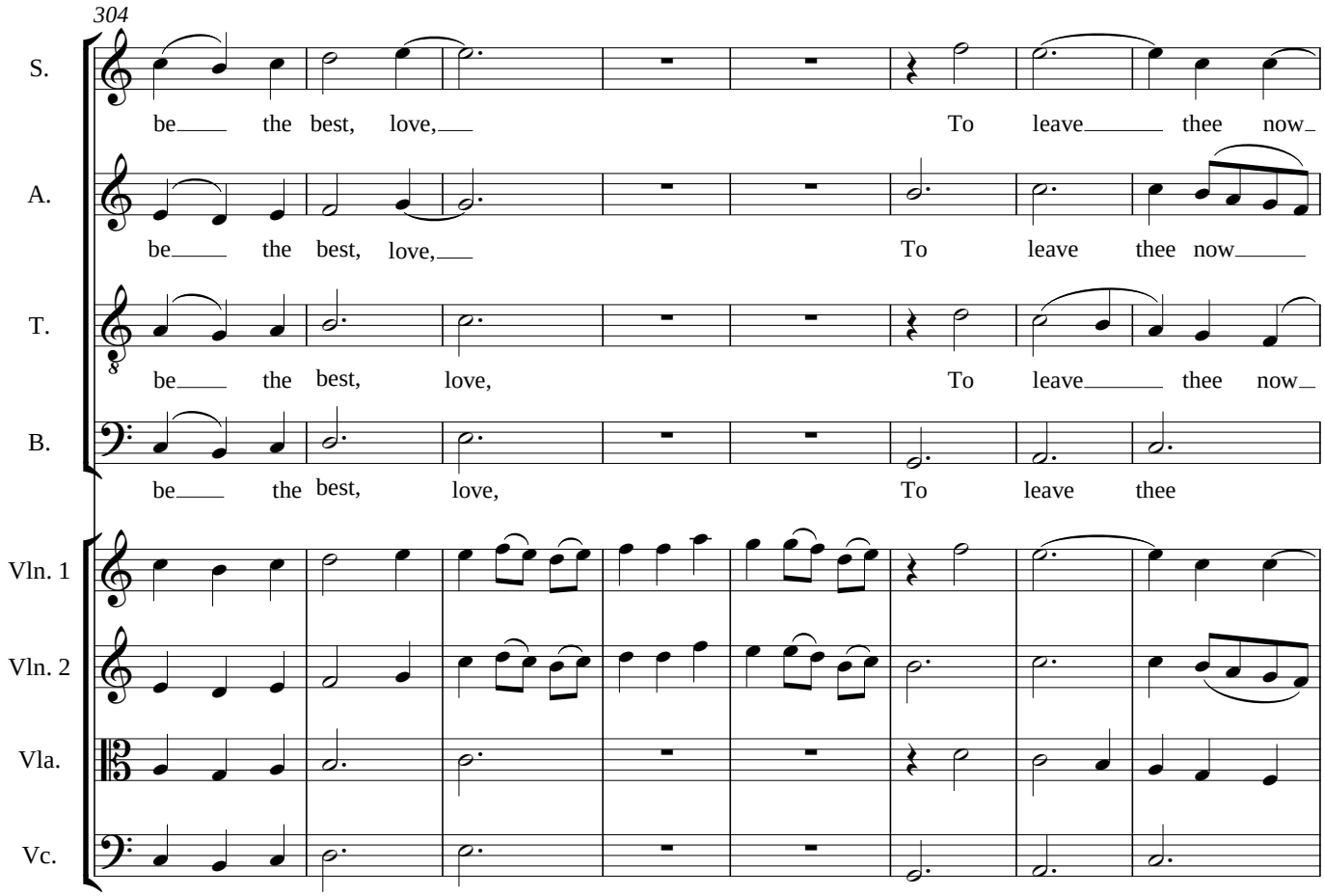
S.
bet - ter souls be born:
f
I would not
A.
bet - ter souls be born:
f
I would not
T.
bet - ter souls be born:
f
I would not
B.
bet - ter souls be born:
f
I would not
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.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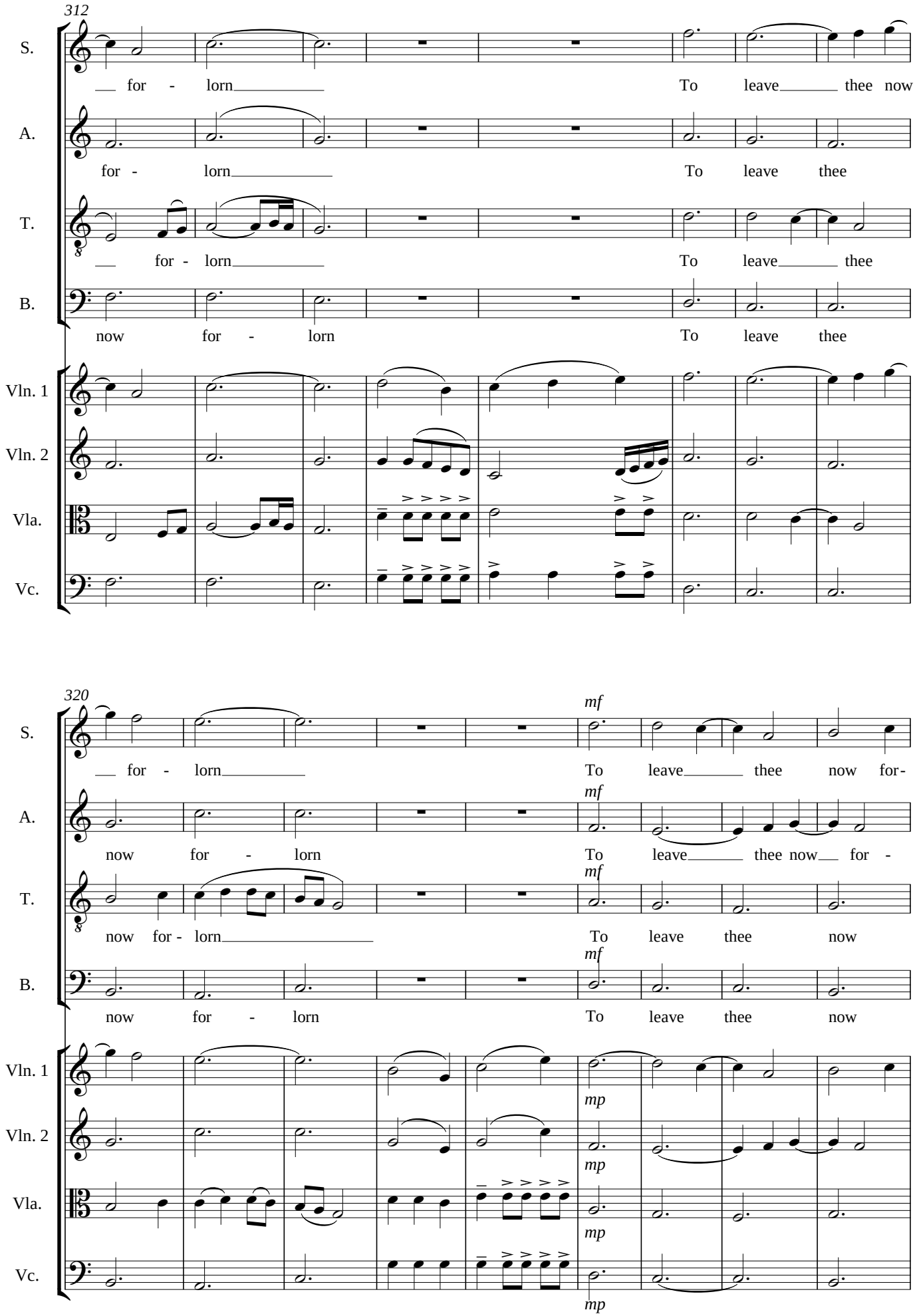
S.
be the best, love,
To leave thee now
A.
be the best, love,
To leave thee now
T.
be the best, love,
To leave thee now
B.
be the best, love,
To leave thee
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.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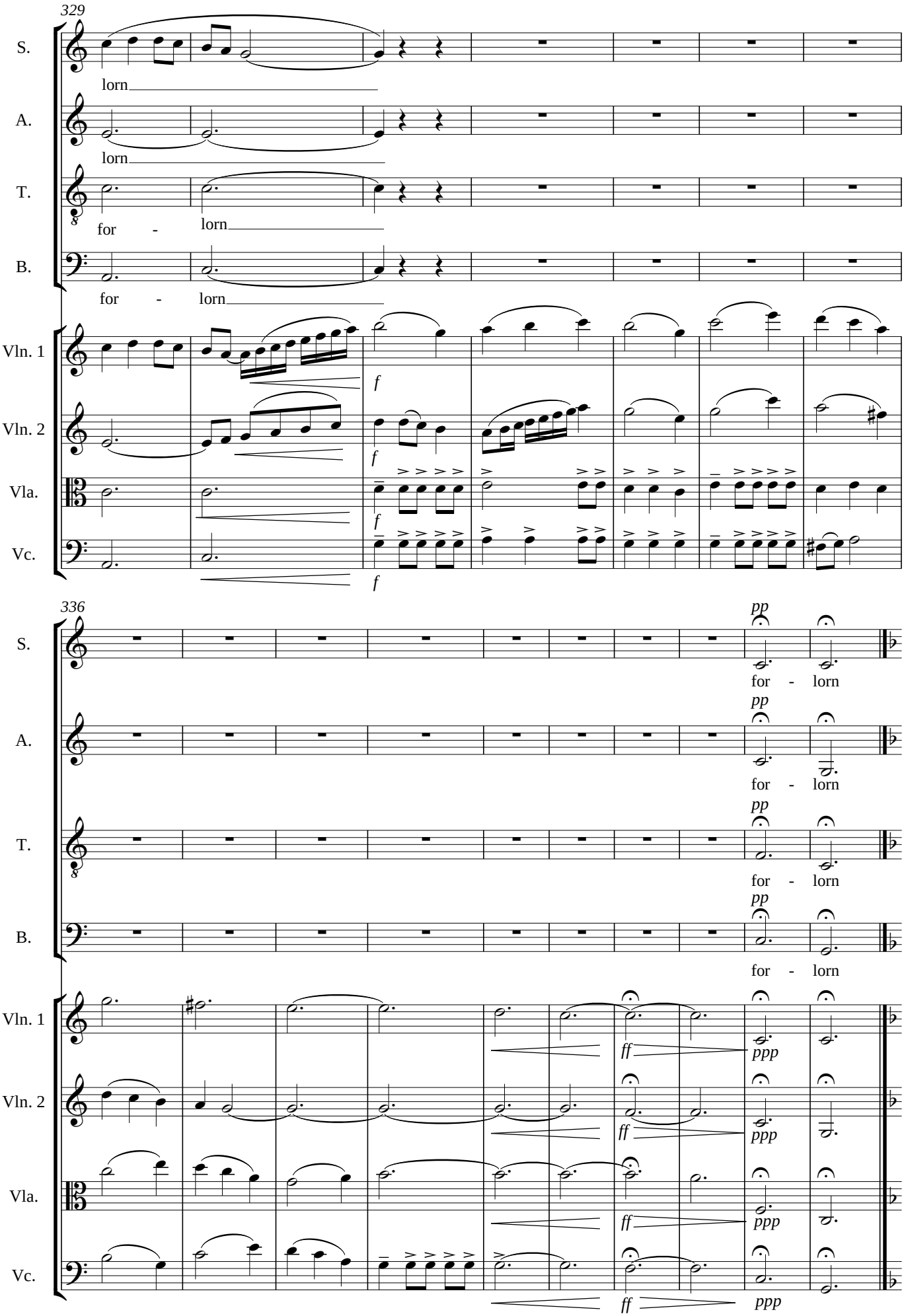
S.
for - lorn
To leave thee now
A.
for - lorn
To leave thee
T.
for - lorn
To leave thee
B.
now for - lorn
To leave thee
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
320
mf
S.
for - lorn
To leave thee now for-
A.
now for - lorn
To leave thee now for -
T.
now for - lorn
To leave thee now
B.
now for - lorn
To leave thee now
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mp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S.
lorn
A.
lorn
T.
for - lorn
B.
for - lorn
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
f
336
pp
for - lorn
ff
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3. It is never too late

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

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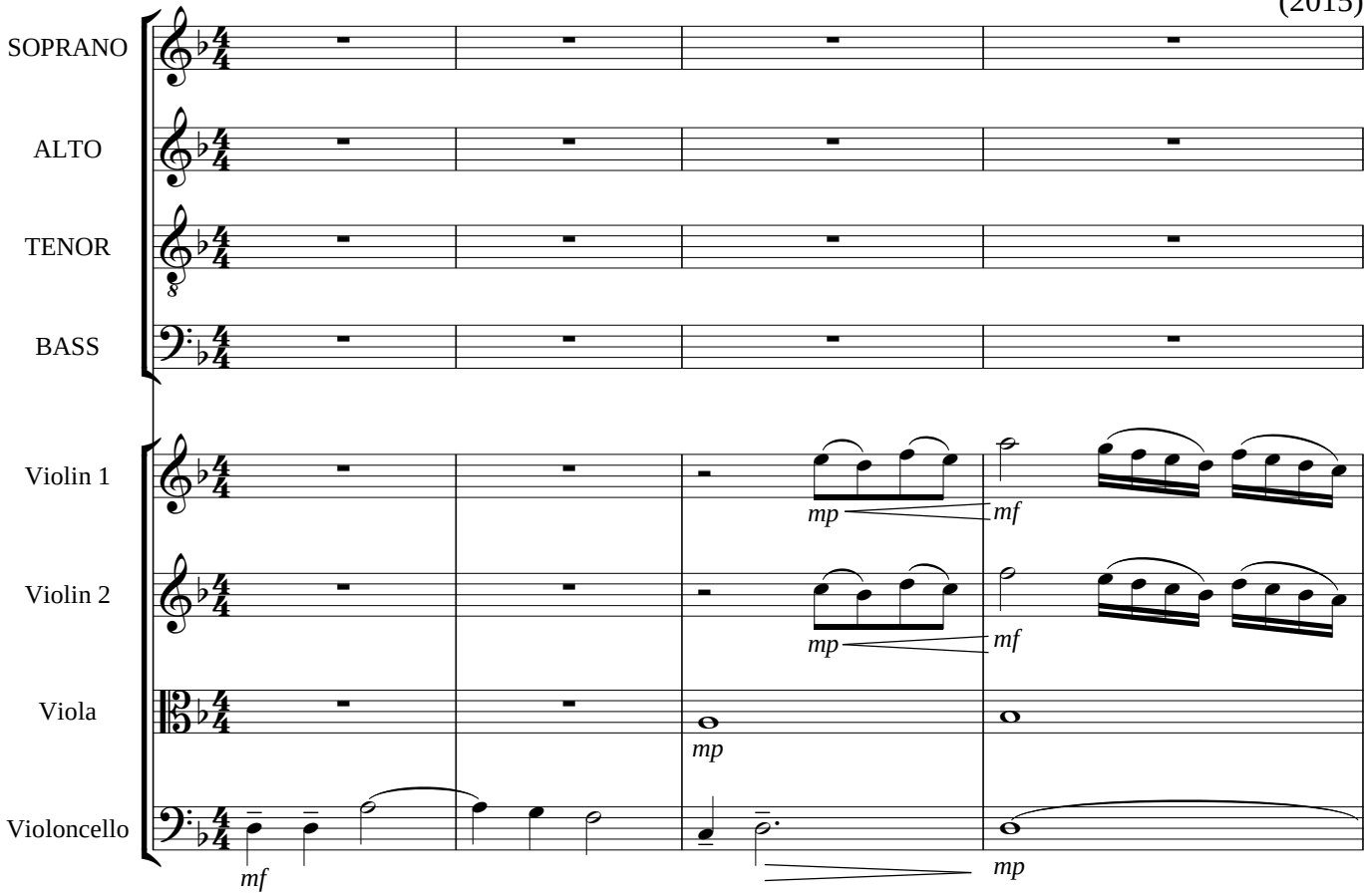

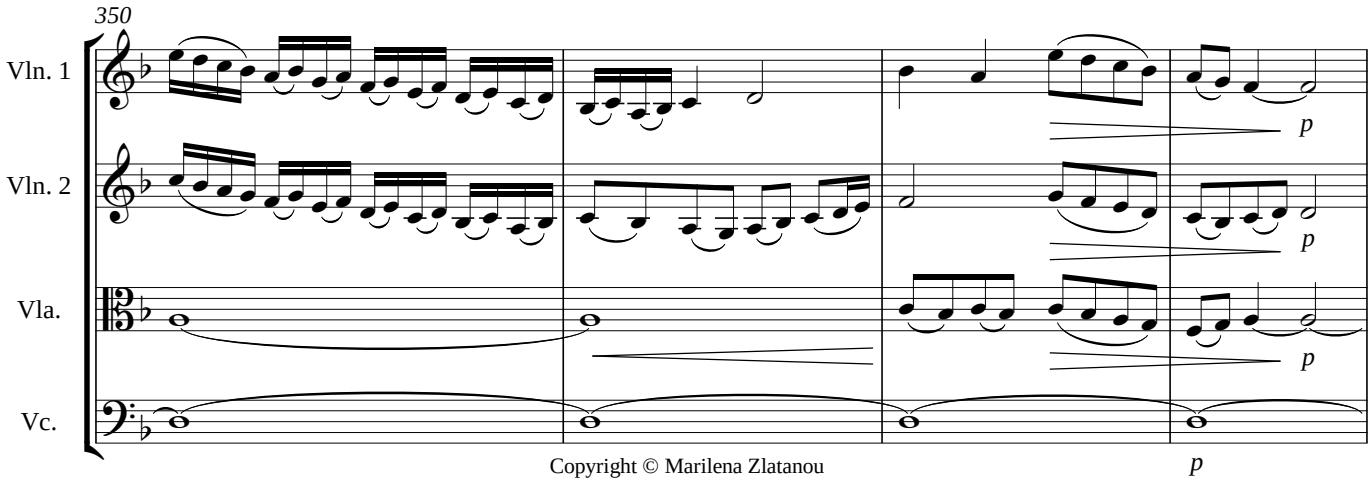

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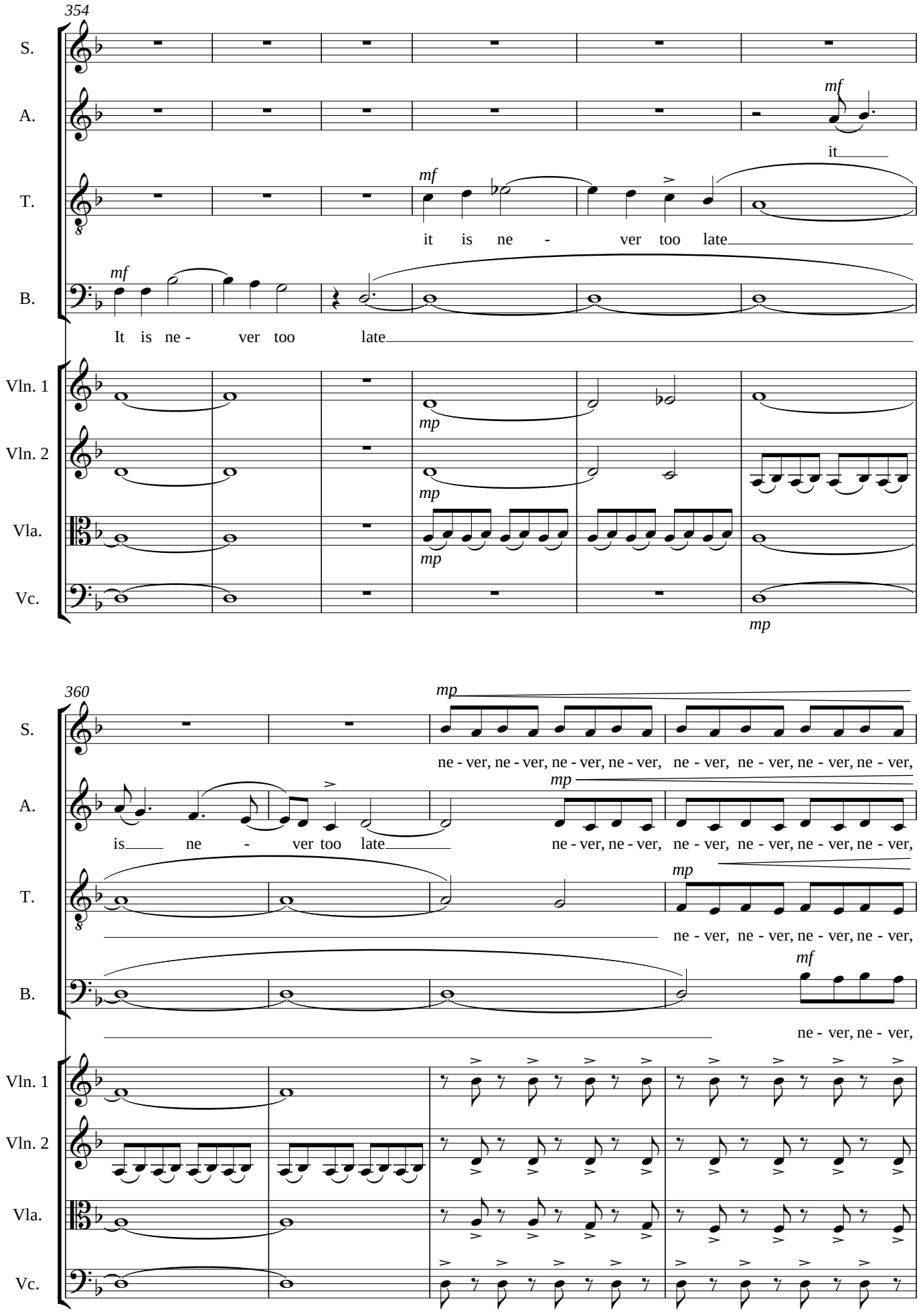
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S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
it
it is ne - ver too late
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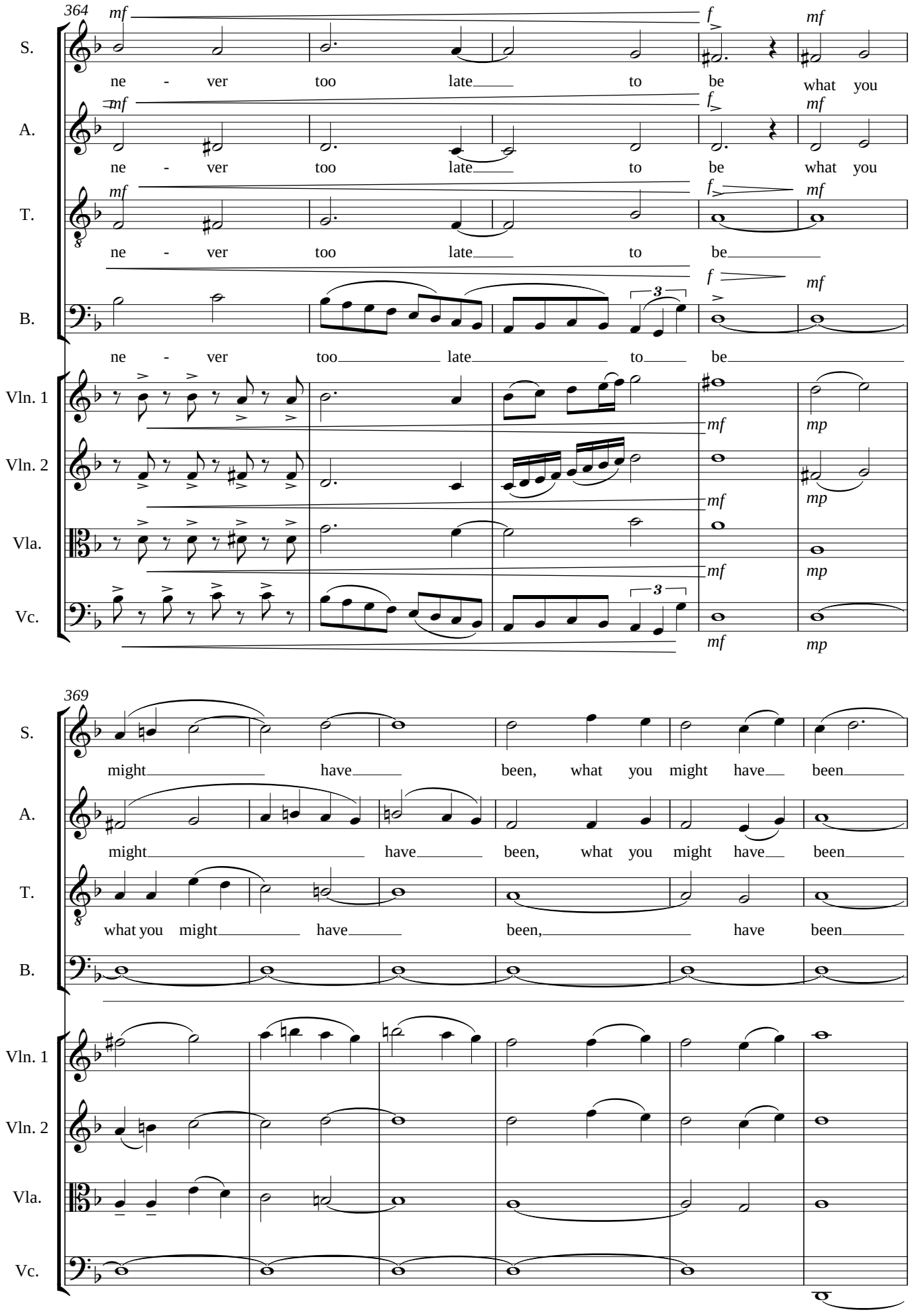
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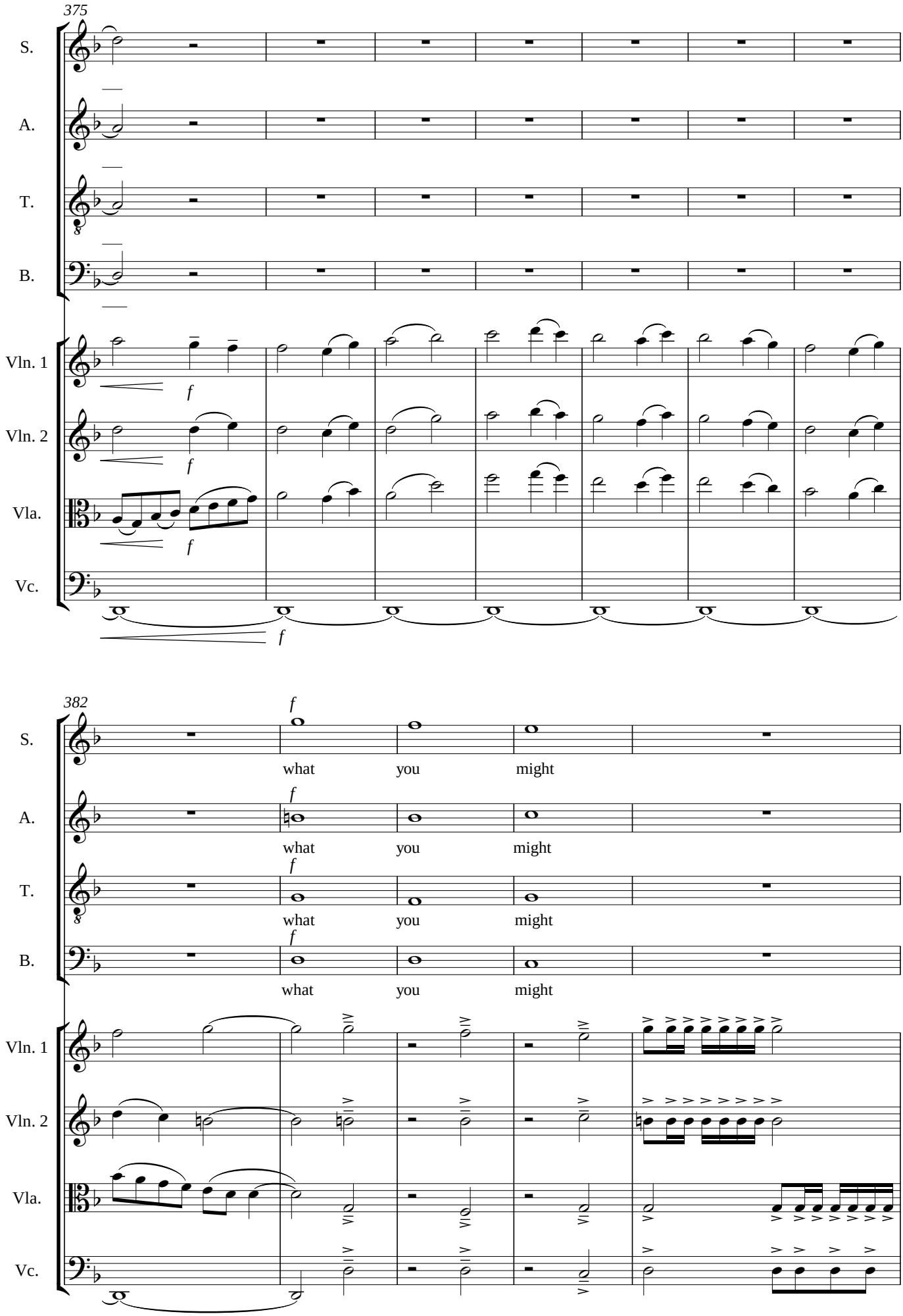
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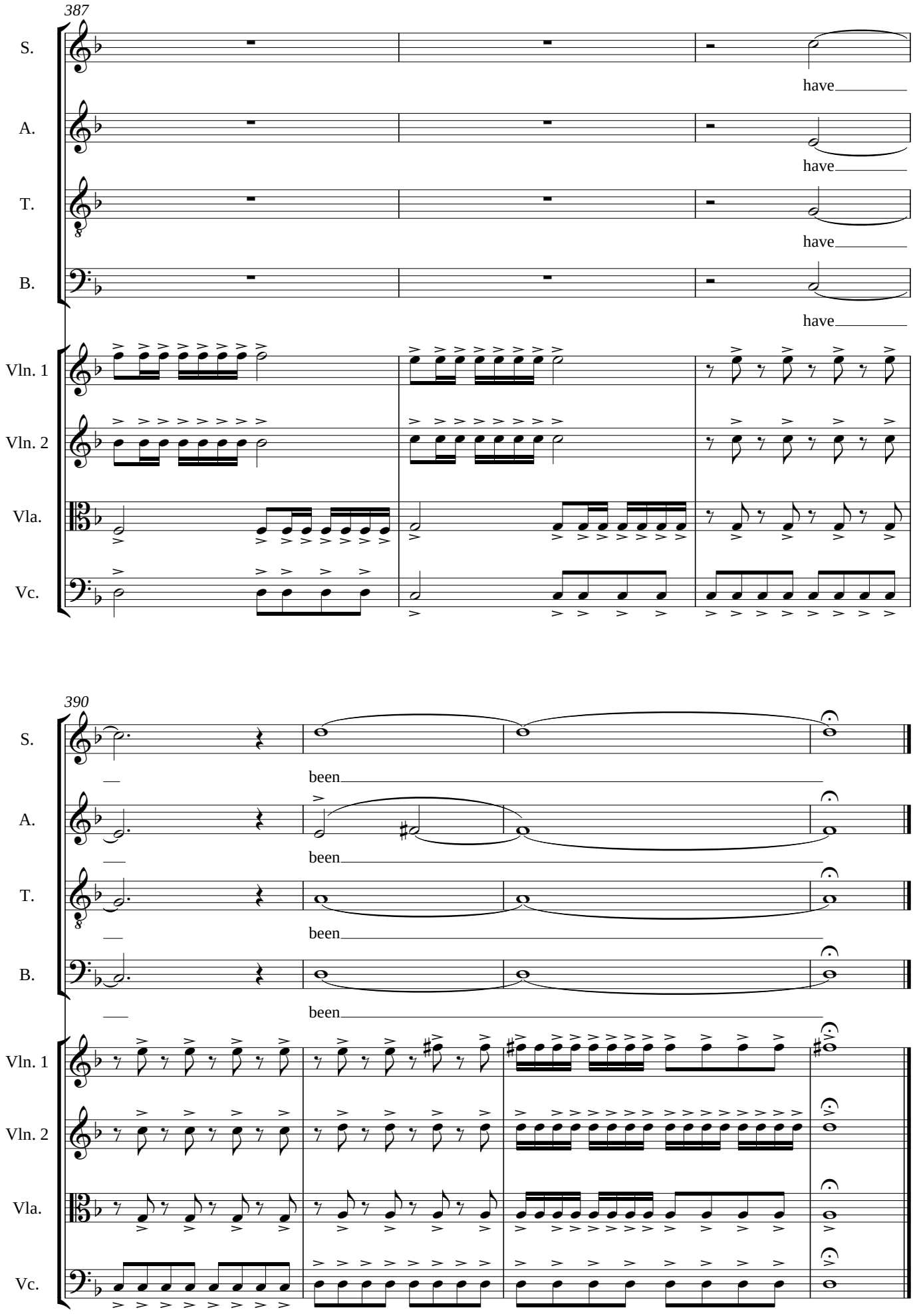
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