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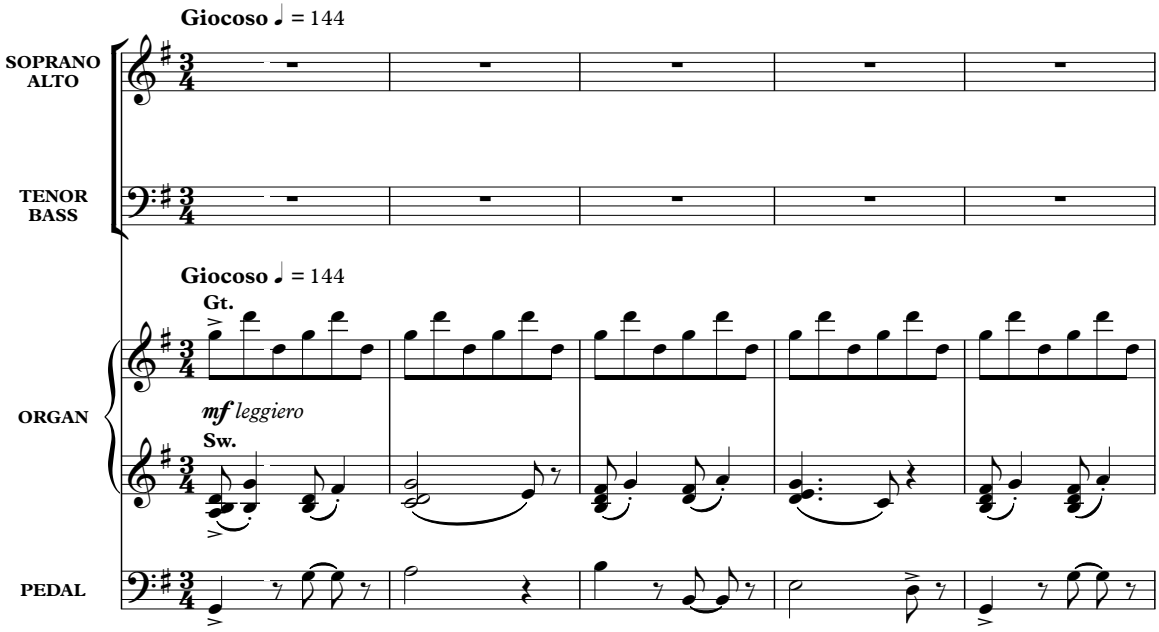
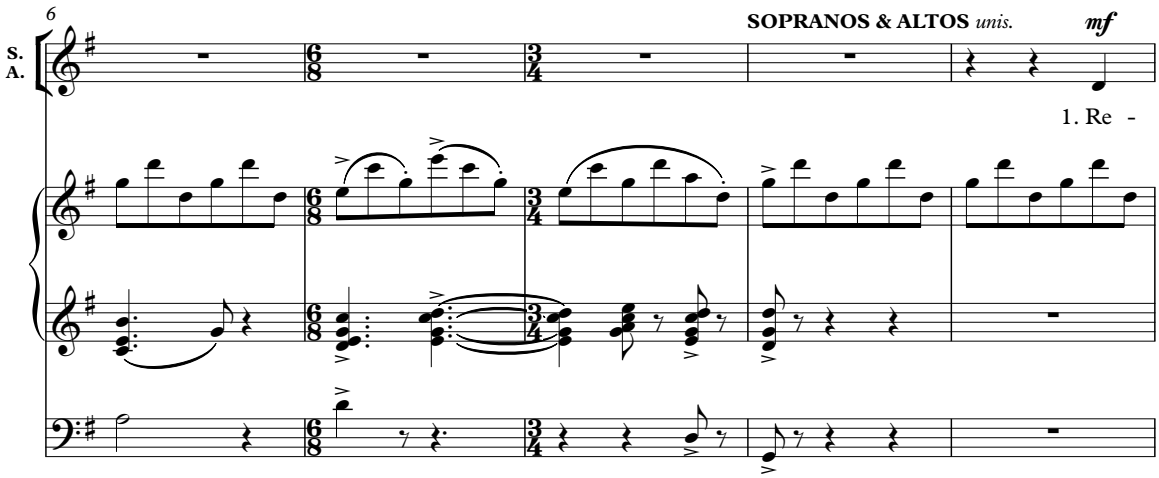
and with grateful thanks for its Founder and Artistic Director, Gretchen Kuhrmann

Rejoice and be merry

English traditional

MICHAEL HIGGINS





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Duration: 3 mins

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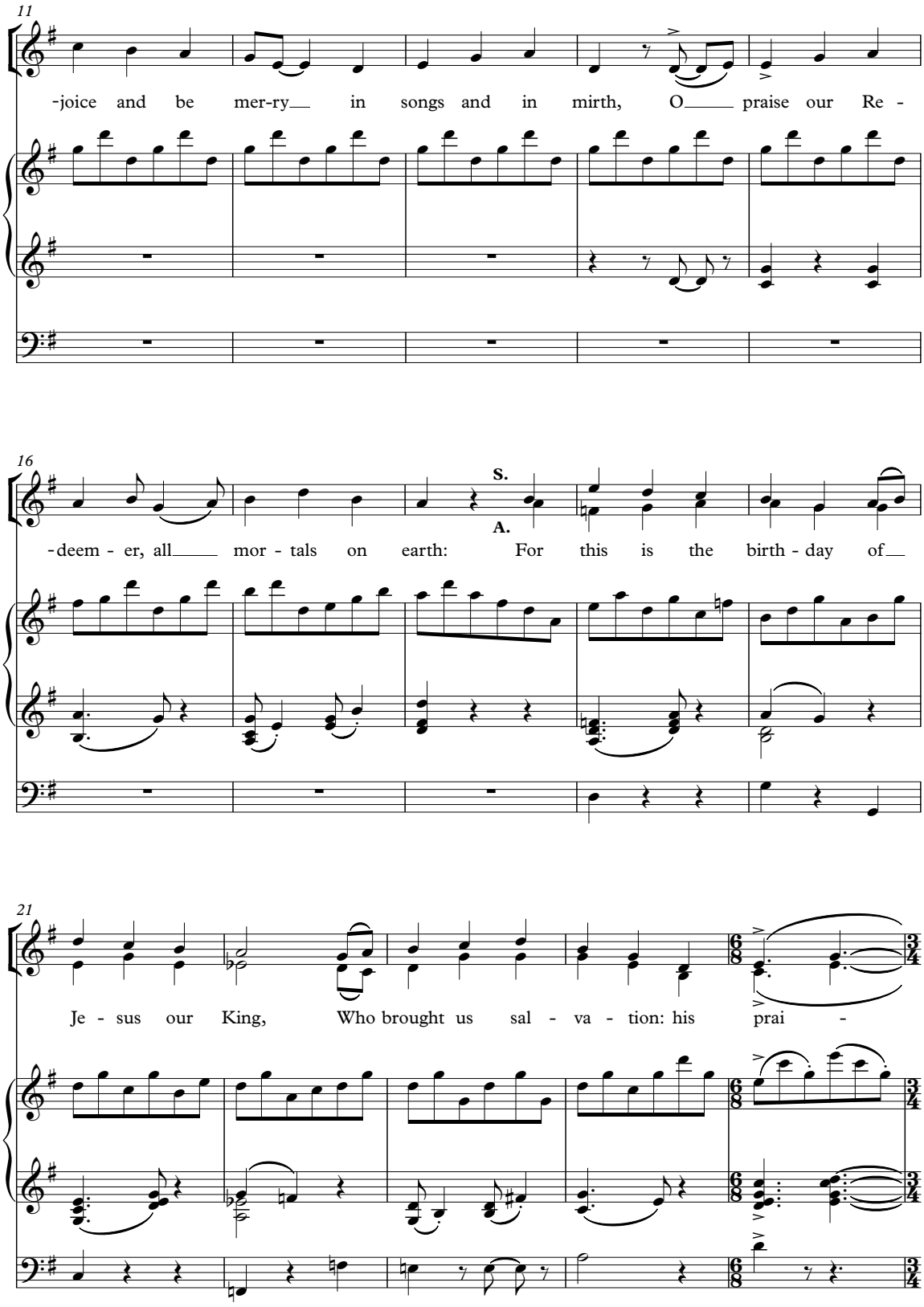
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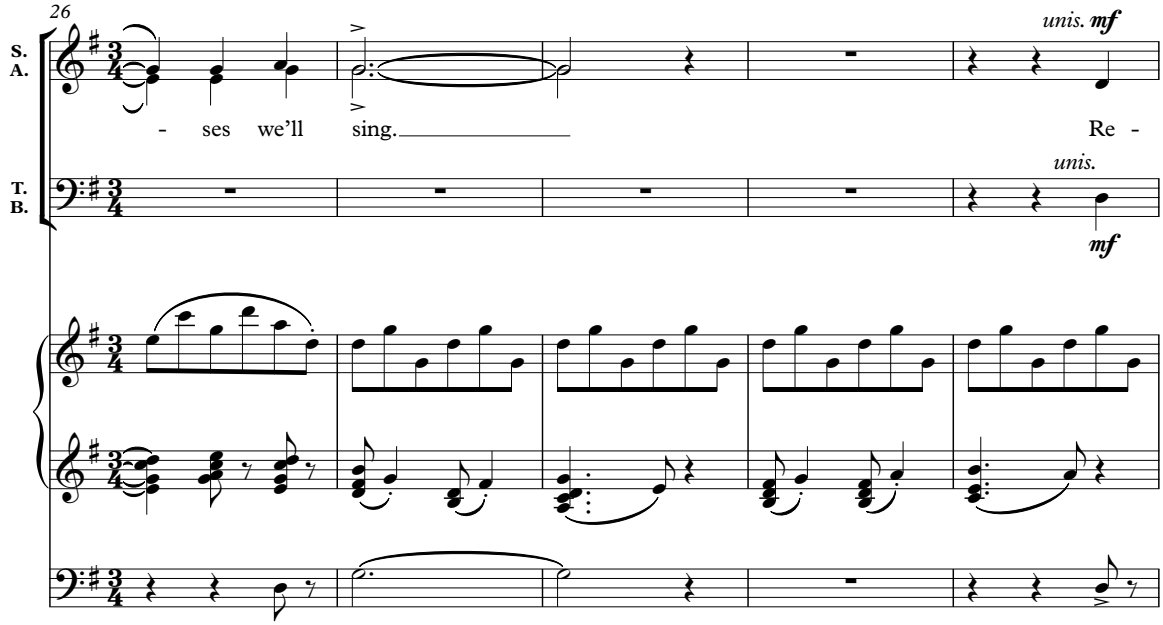
-joice and be mer-ry in songs and in mirth, O praise our Re -
16
S.
A.
-deem - er, all mor - tals on earth: For this is the birth - day of
21
Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion: his prai -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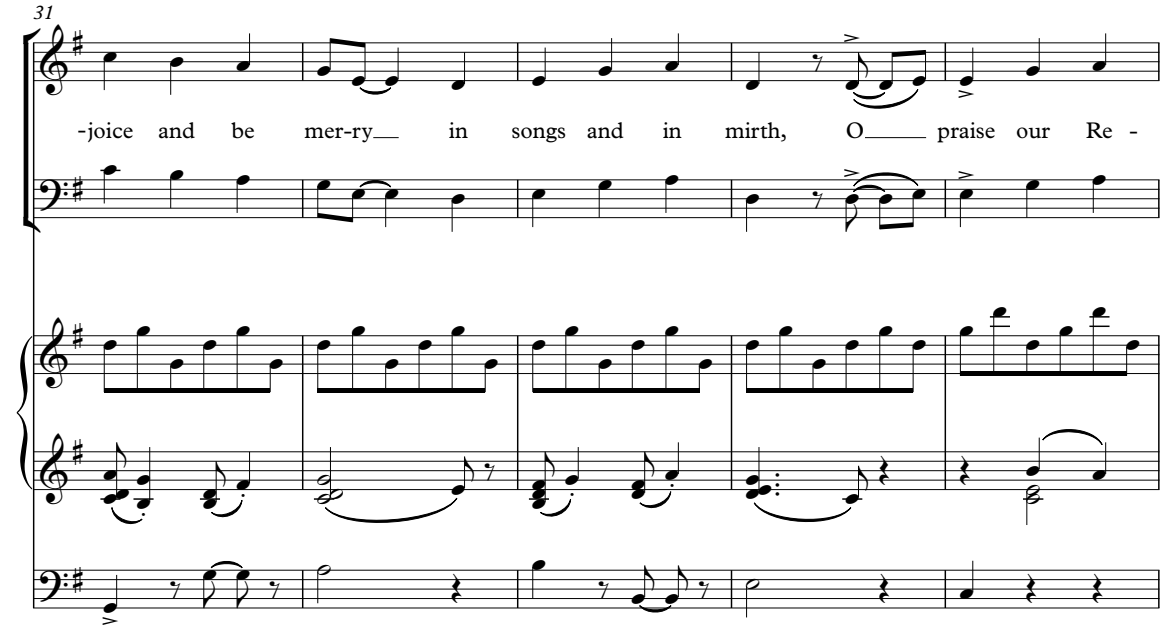
S.
A.
T.
B.
- ses we'll sing.
Re -
unis. mf
unis.
mf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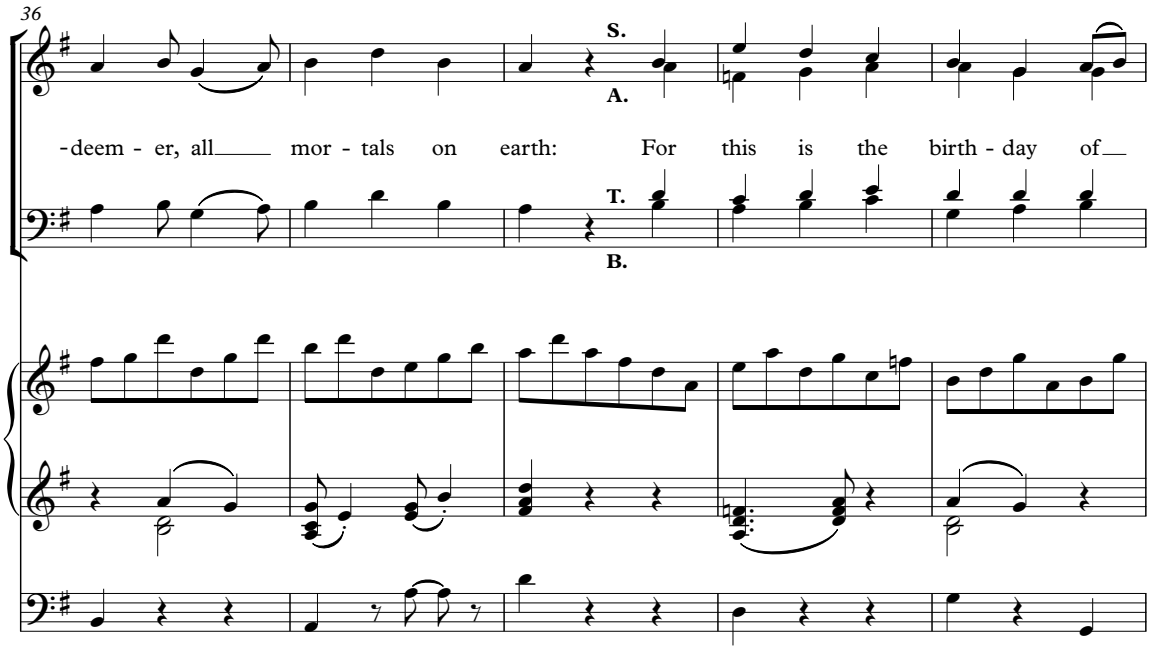
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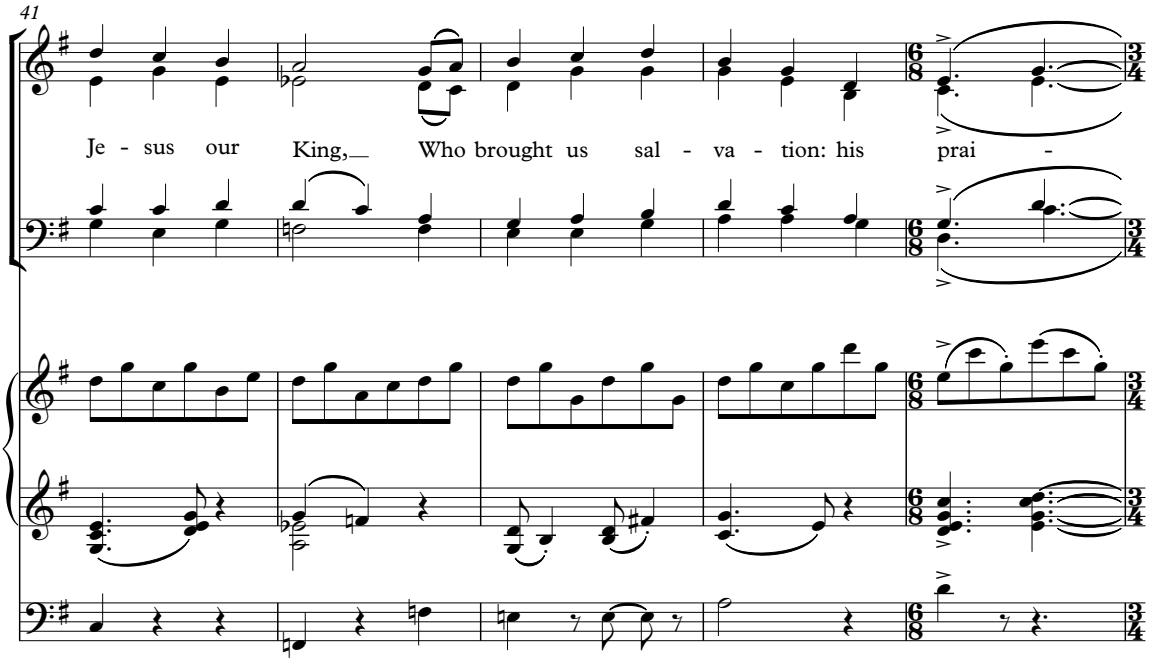
S.
A.
-deem - er, all mor - tals on earth: For this is the birth - day of
T.
B.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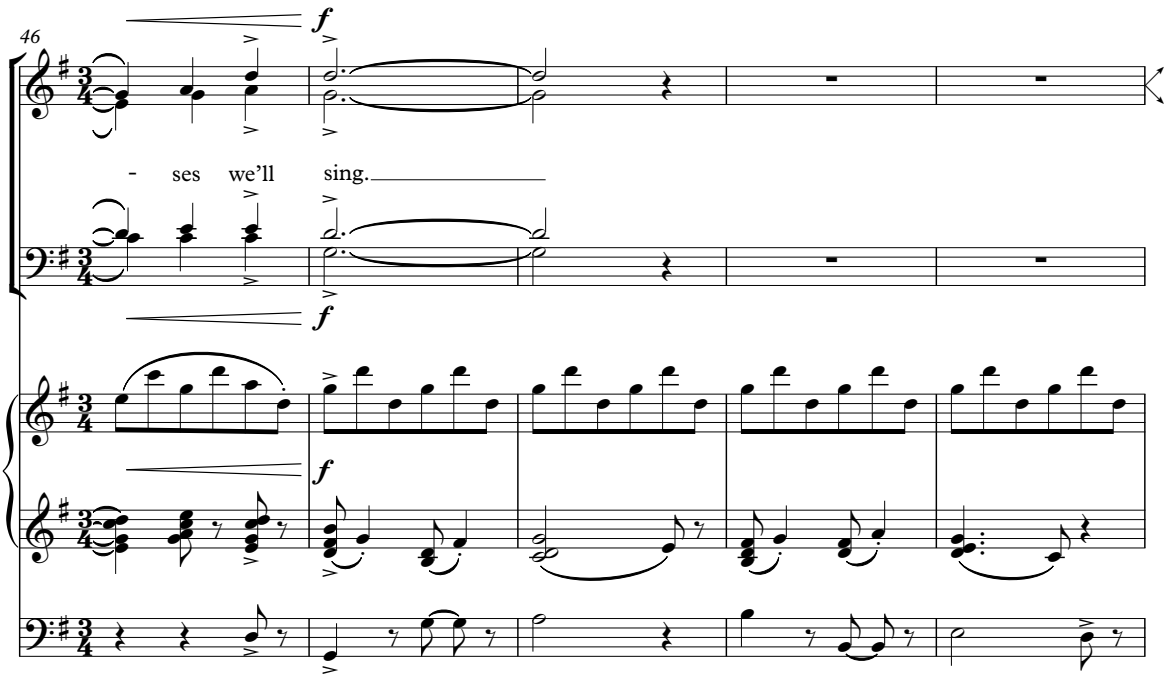
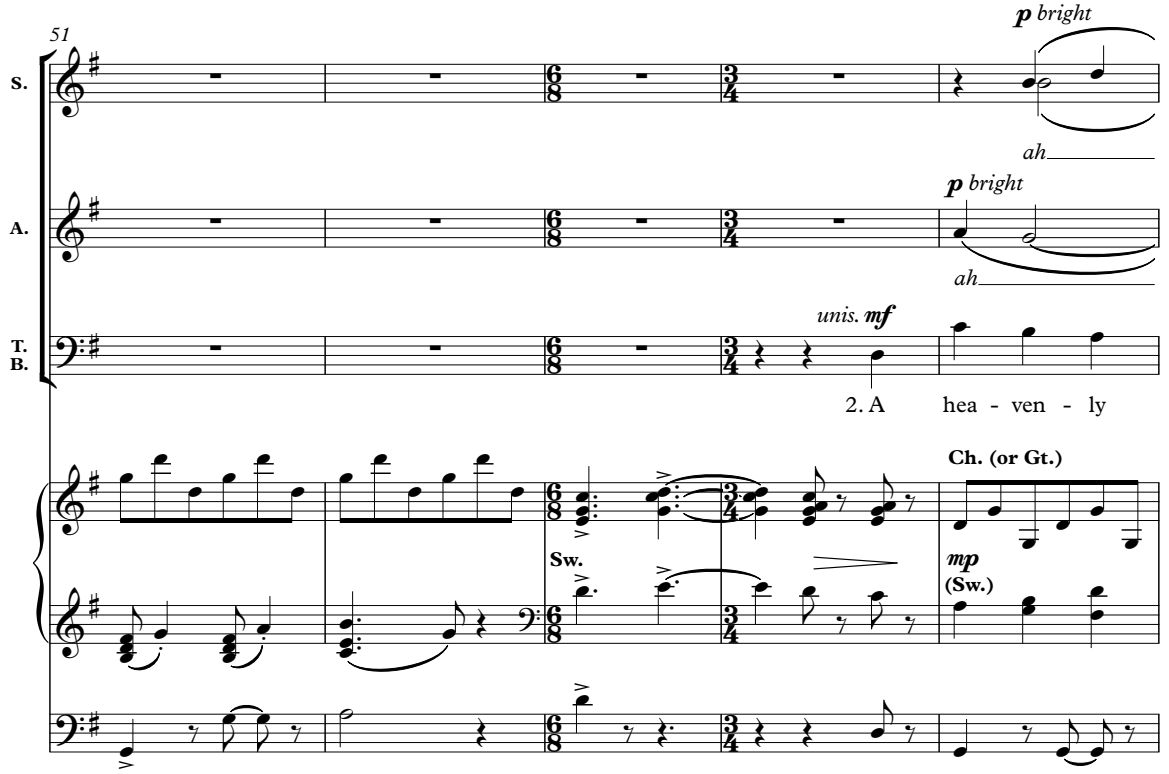
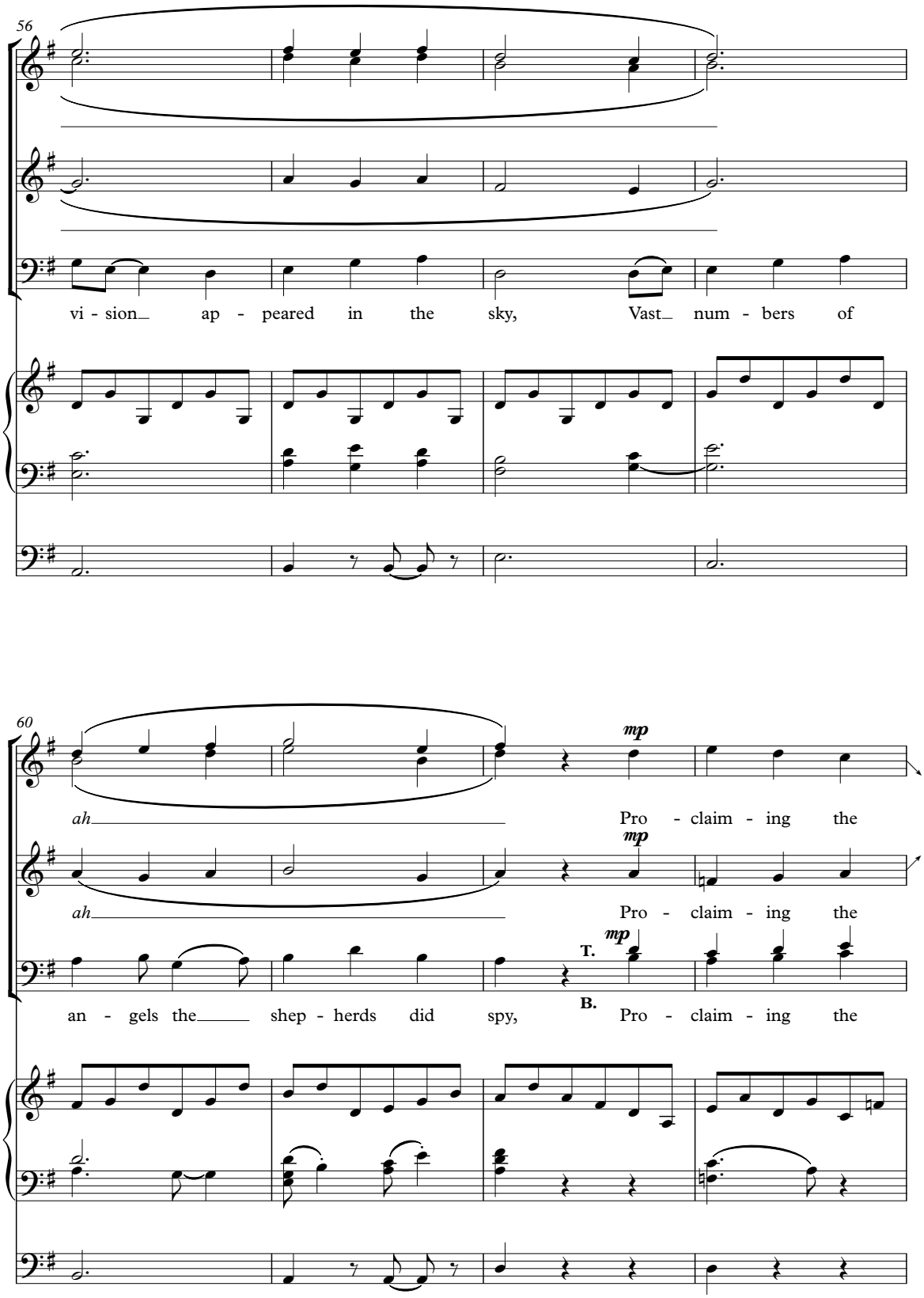
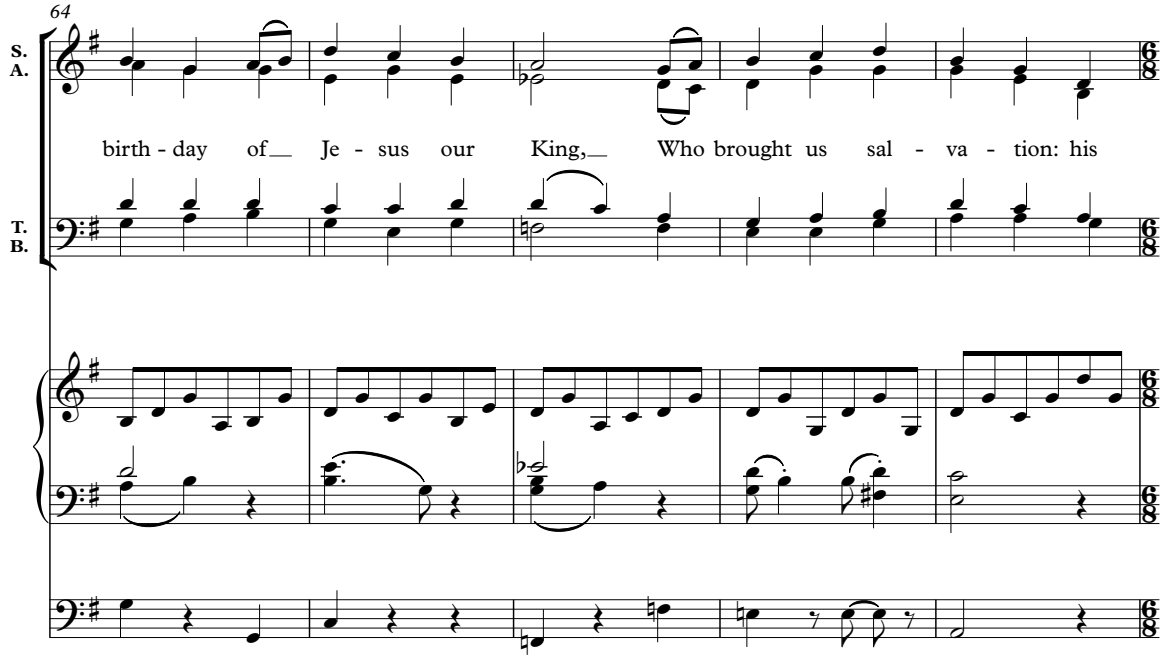
Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion: his prai -


46
f
- ses we'll sing.
f
f


51
S.
A.
T.
B.
p bright
ah
p bright
ah
unis. mf
2. A hea - ven - ly
Ch. (or Gt.)
Sw.
mp
(Sw.)


56
vi - sion ap - peared in the sky, Vast num - bers of
60
mp
ah
Pro - claim - ing the
mp
ah
Pro - claim - ing the
mp
T.
B.
an - gels the shep - herds did spy, Pro - claim - ing the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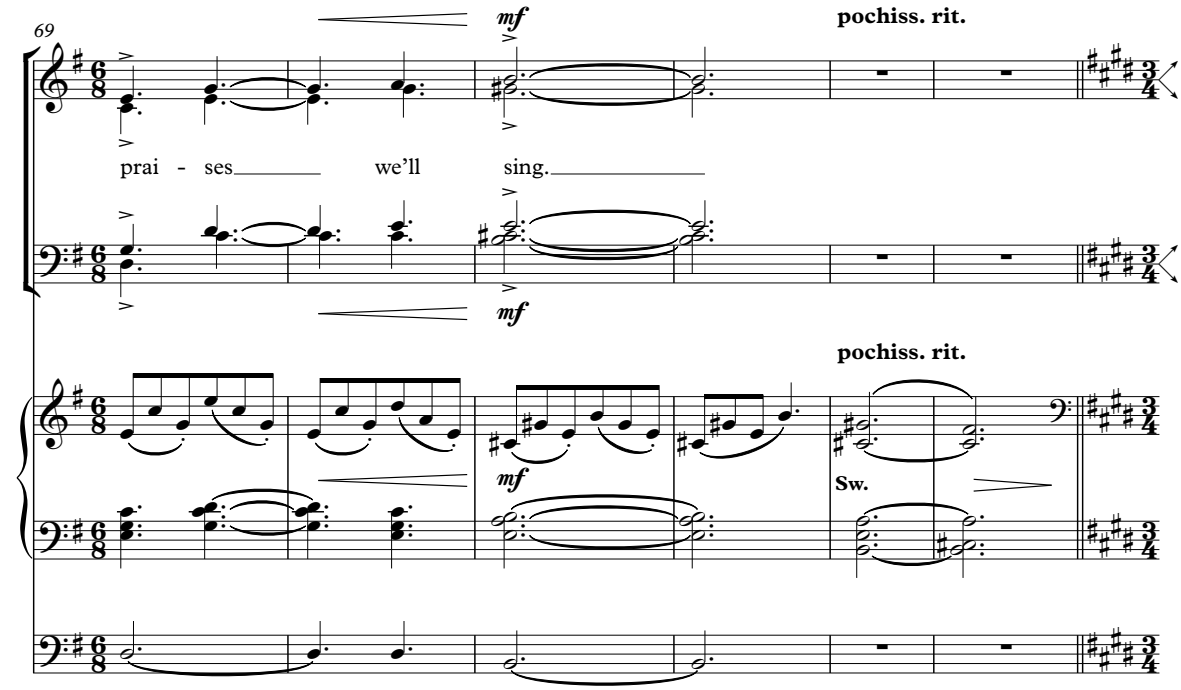
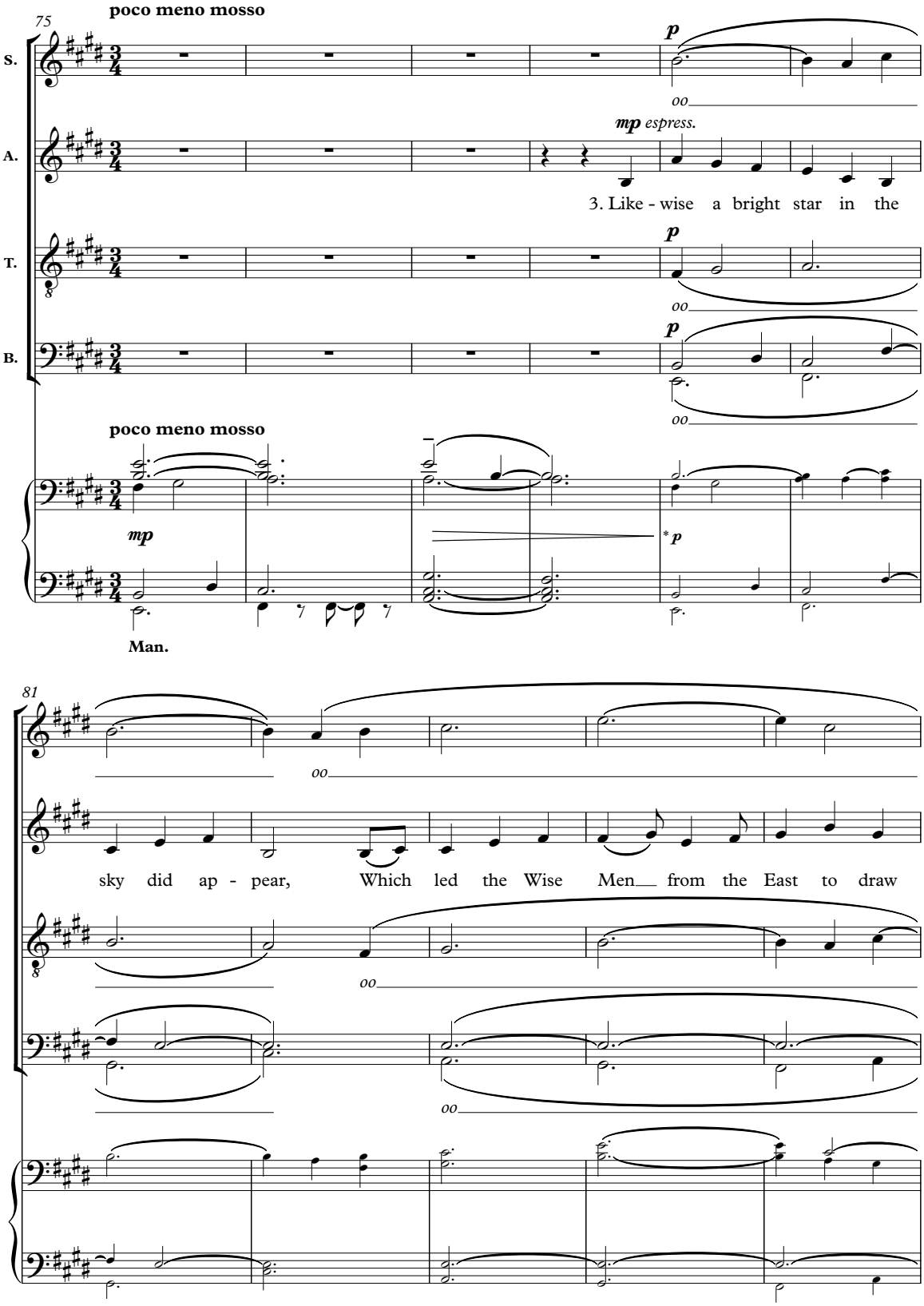
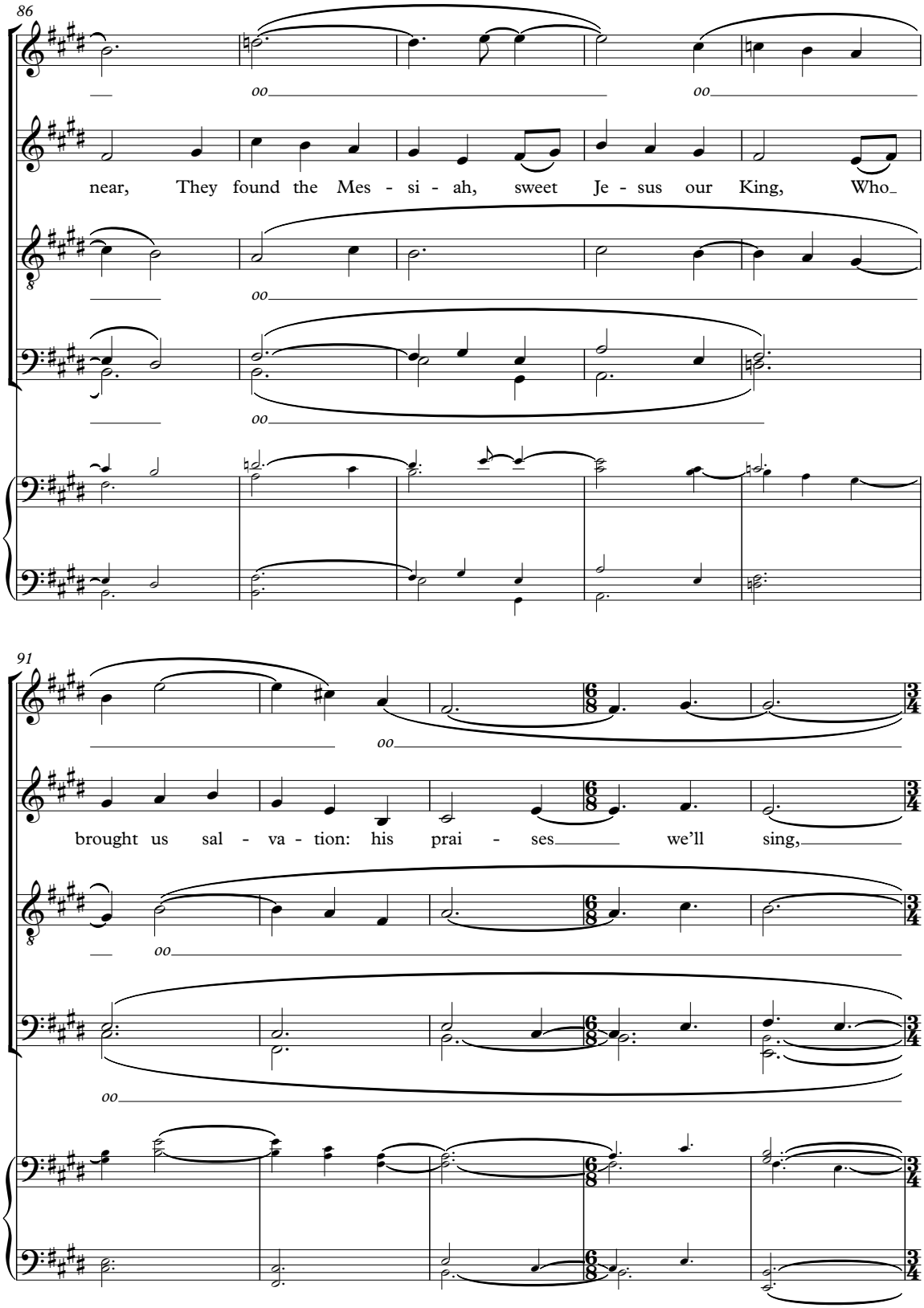
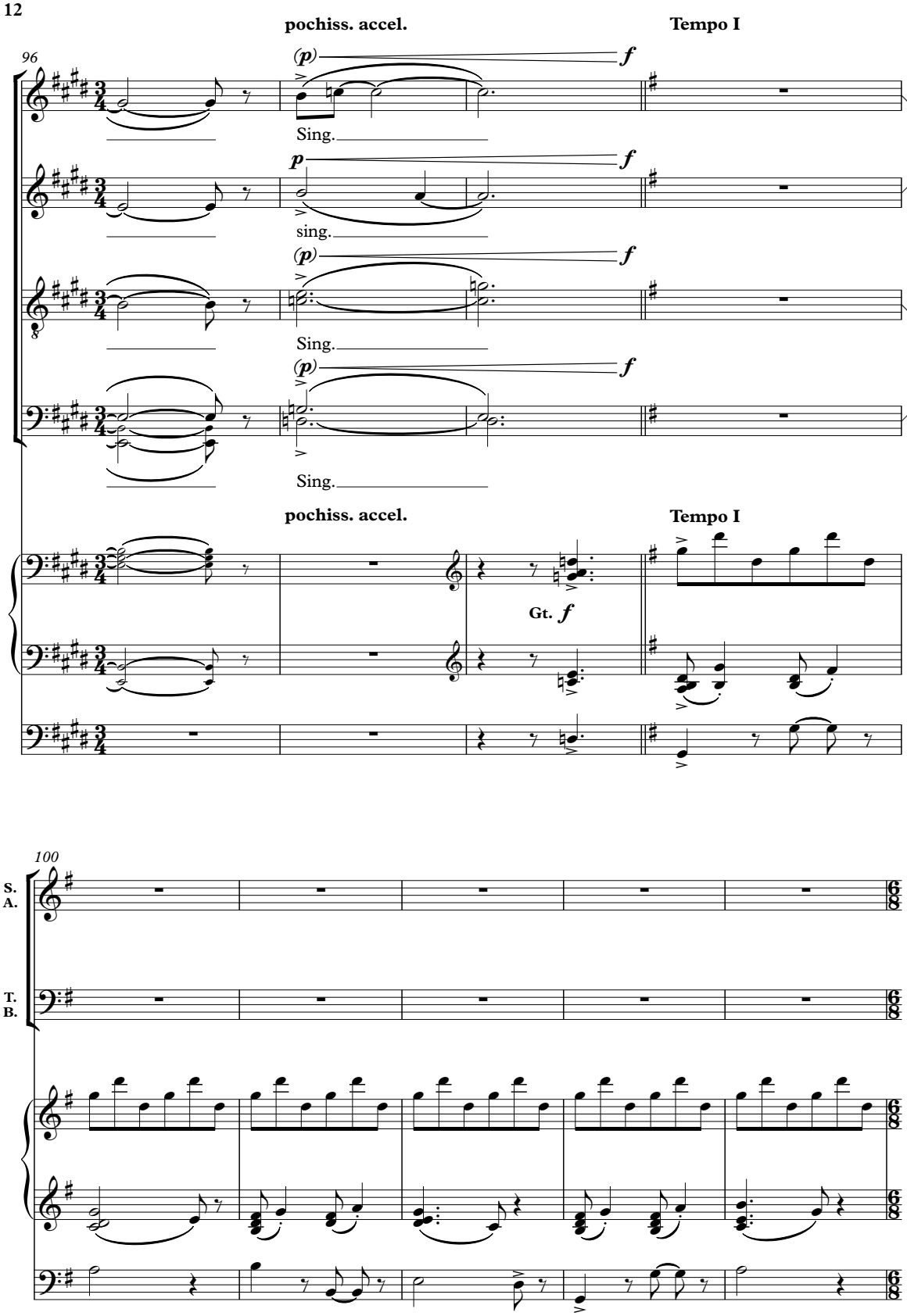
S.
A.
birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal - va - tion: his
T.
B.

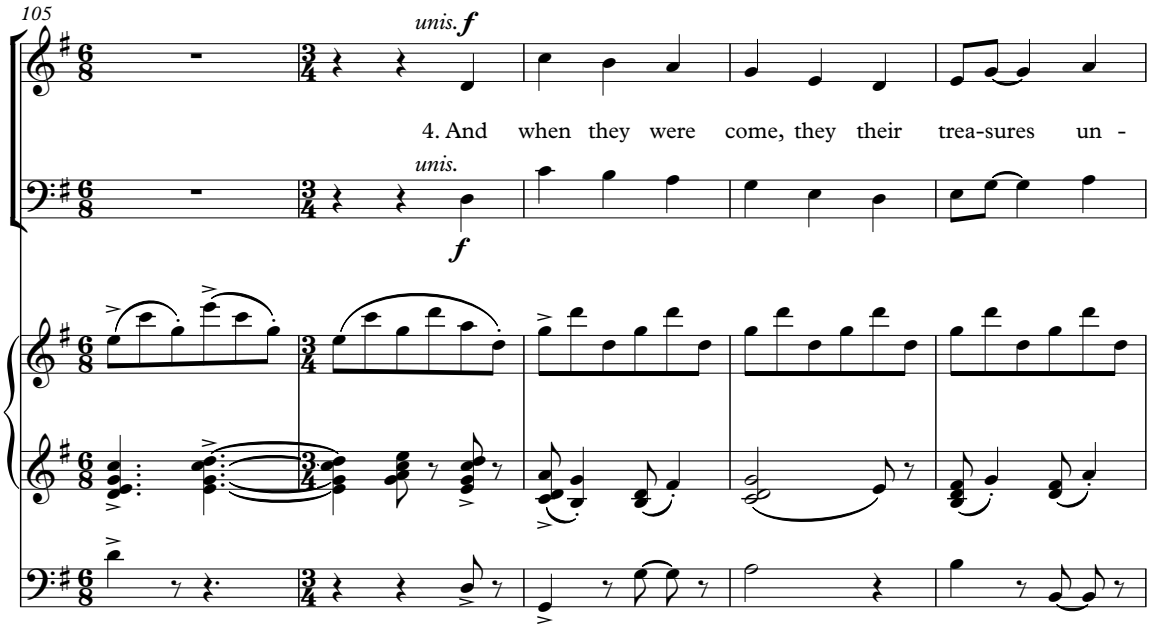

69
mf
pochiss. rit.
prai - ses we'll sing.
mf
pochiss. rit.
mf
Sw.

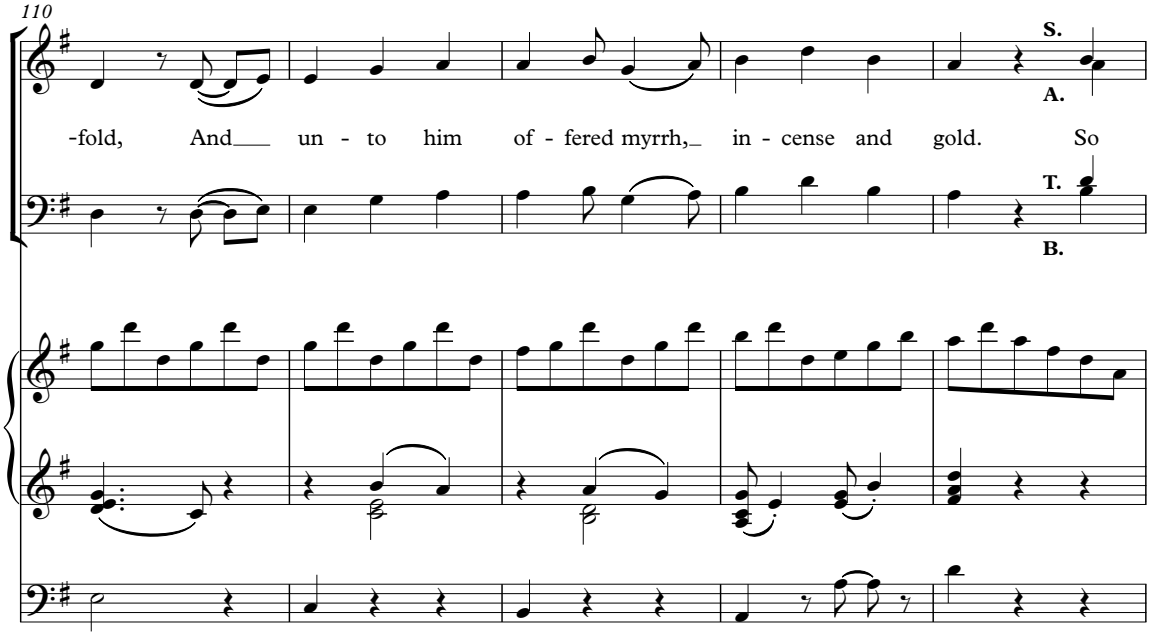


* The small notes in bars/measures 79-96 may be played as an accompaniment.


86
oo
oo
near, They found the Mes - si - ah, sweet Je - sus our King, Who
oo
oo
91
oo
brought us sal - va - tion: his prai - ses we'll sing,
oo
oo


pochiss. accel.
Tempo I
96
(p)
f
Sing.
p
f
sing.
(p)
f
Sing.
(p)
f
Sing.
pochiss. accel.
Tempo I
Gt. f
100
S.
A.
T.
B.


105
unis. f
4. And when they were come, they their trea-sures un -
unis.
f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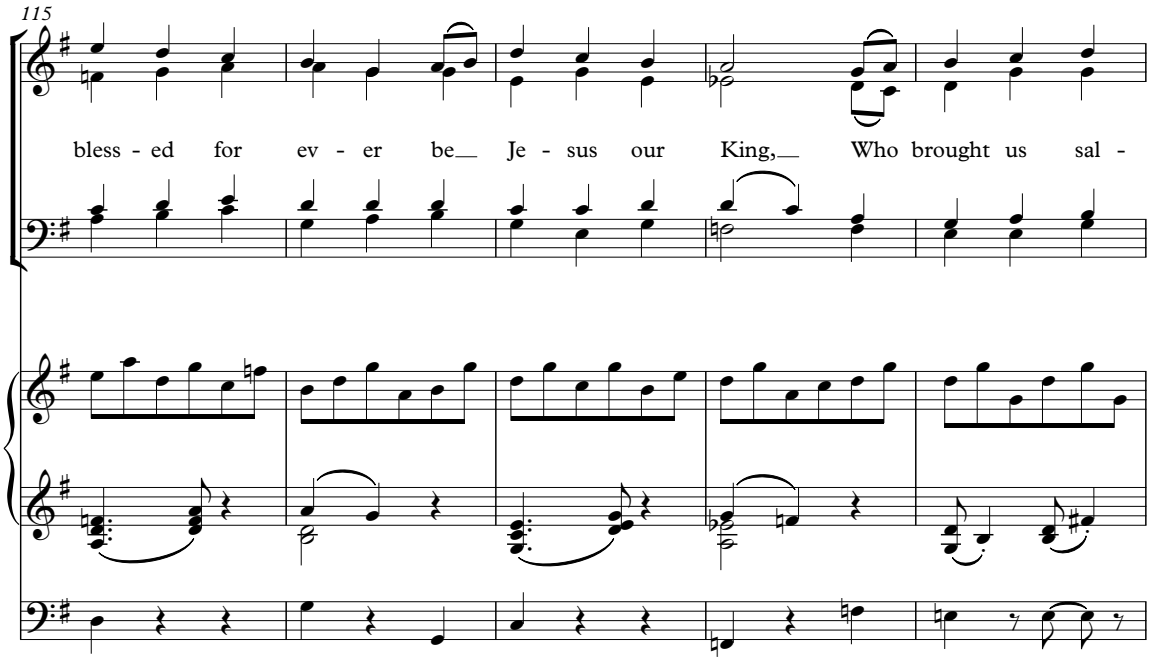
S.
A.
-fold, And un - to him of - fered myrrh, in - cense and gold. So
T.
B.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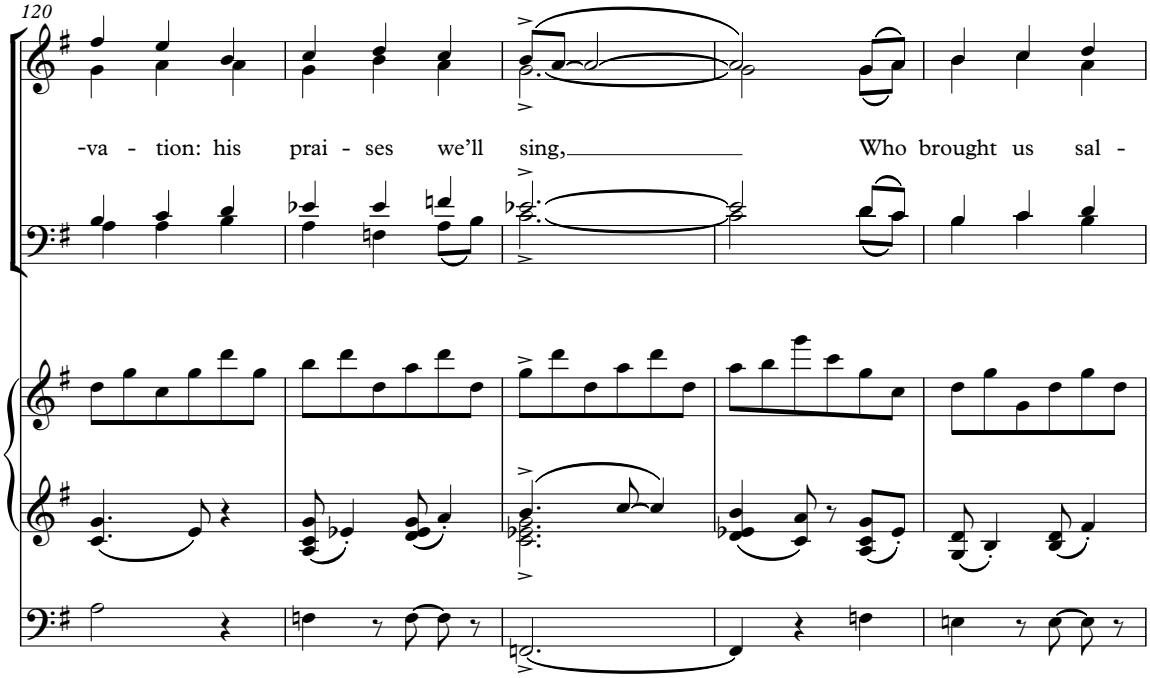
bless - ed for ev - er be Je - sus our King, Who brought us sal -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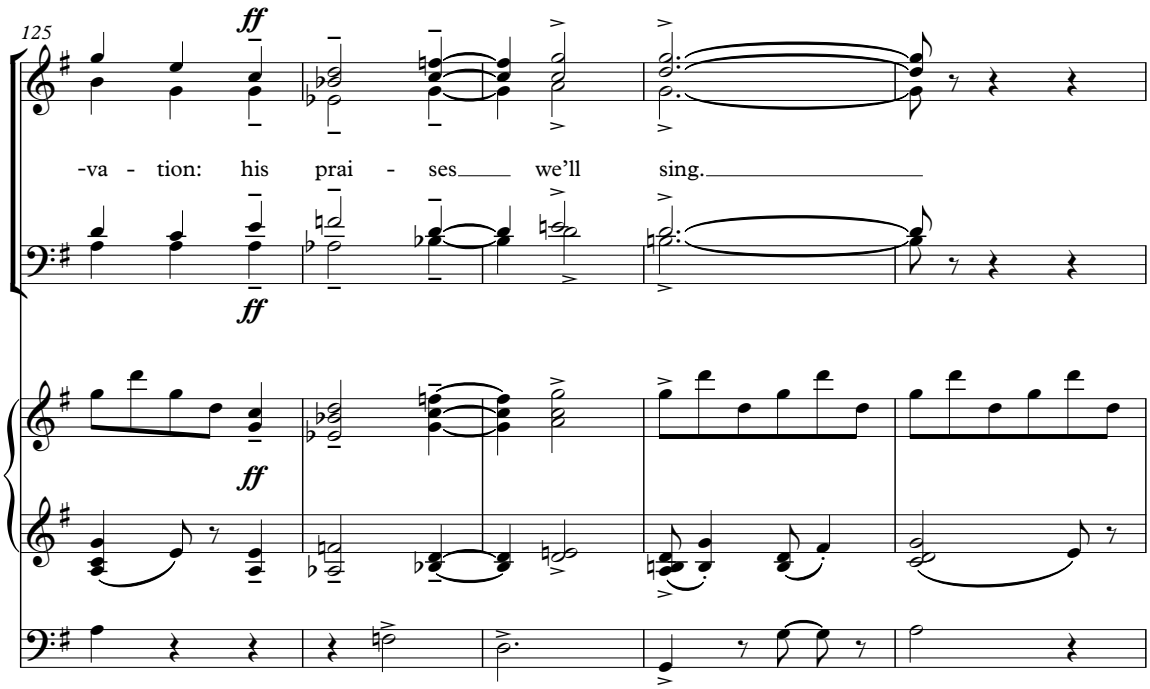
-va - tion: his prai - ses we'll sing, Who brought us sal -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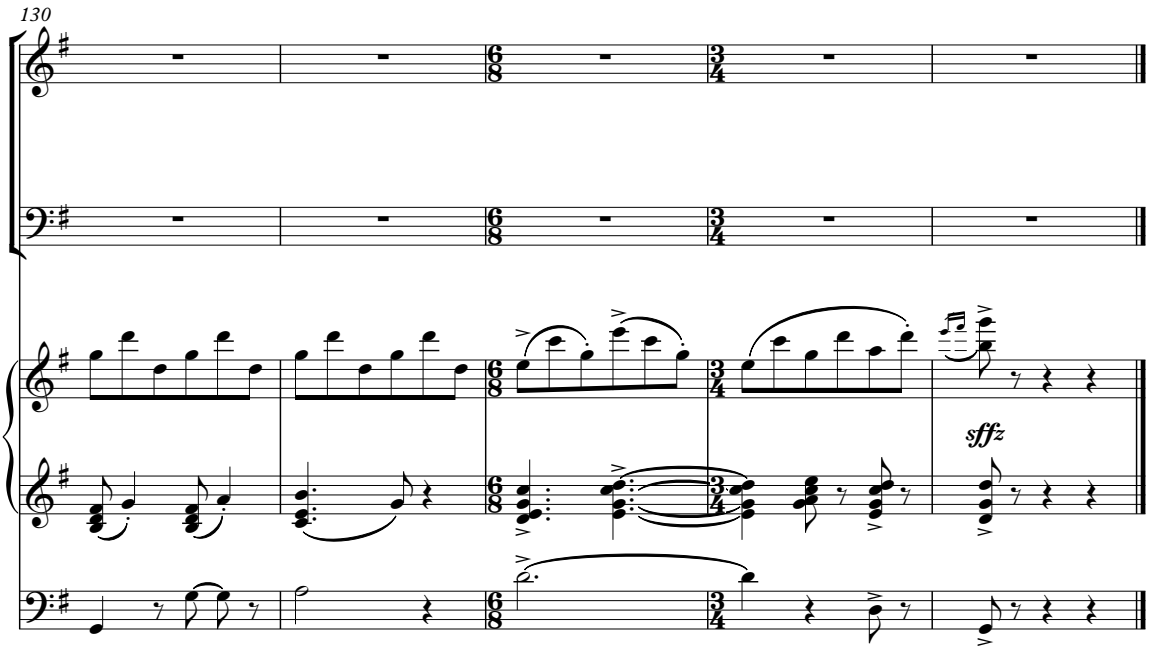
ff
-va - tion: his prai - ses we'll sing.
ff
ff
ff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sffz