Travelling Through Christmas



Teacher‘s Pack

Welcome

Welcome to another exciting year of Christmas celebrations with the Walsall Music Education Service! We are thrilled to embark on this year's musical theme: "Travelling Through Christmas"

This year's concert programme is carefully curated to reflect the spirit of the season through a musical journey across time. Our repertoire features a blend of beloved traditional carols—some with fresh, reimagined arrangements—alongside popular holiday classics.

To ensure a smooth learning process for your ensembles, please note the following structure:

- Junior Schools (Green & Yellow Parts): We have categorised parts as "Green" and "Yellow" rather than "Part 1" and "Part 2." This intentional non-hierarchical approach ensures that both groups share the melody and harmony equally, giving every student an essential role.
- Senior Schools: Your students will enjoy a blend of singing alongside the juniors, in addition to specific, standalone harmony parts designed for your ensemble.

This pack includes the full score, lyrics, and dedicated teaching notes for each song. Additionally, you will receive login credentials for the Walsall Music Education Service website, where you can access all harmony tracks.

To make the most of these resources, I recommend the following approach:

1. Start with the specific part tracks (Green or Yellow) to build individual confidence.
2. Introduce the full harmony tracks once the students are secure in their own parts. This allows them to become comfortable listening to and blending with the surrounding harmonies.

I am genuinely looking forward to visiting your schools soon to support you and your students during the learning process.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact me via email at soniaruthltd@gmail.com or by phone at 07528 258136.

Thank you for all your hard work in bringing this music to life.

Sonia

Running Order

1. I Saw Three Ships

2. Deck The Hall

3. A Spaceman Came Travelling

4. Do They Know It's Christmas Time
(Feed The World)

5. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

6. O Little Town of Bethlehem/Good King Wenceslas

7. Merry Christmas

8. Merry Christmas Everybody

9. Joy To The World

10. Hang Your Lights

11. Wonderful Christmastime

I Saw Three Ships

This is a lively and whimsical traditional carol that imagines a miraculous journey, and a great opener for our concert. While the song is steeped in the joyful, rhythmic spirit of the holiday, it blends imagery of nautical travel with the sacred story of the Nativity.

We start the song by introducing a ‘tag’ which repeats in the middle of the song and at the end, and uses the words ‘Christmas day in the morning’. These should be sung with a light touch, full of expectation of what is to come at the start of our journey.

There are a lot of verses but everyone is singing in unison and the only part of harmony is the tag we have introduced into the song.

The middle 8 section will be repeated as needed on the day until all schools are on stage. Please teach your children to watch for the repeat signal and also the signal to carry on with the song.

I Saw Three Ships

for Upper Voices and Piano

Arranged by GT



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Christ-mas day in the mor - ning

Christ-mas day in the mor - ning

19

21

unis.

p

I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ-mas day on christ-mas day I
what was in those ships all three And

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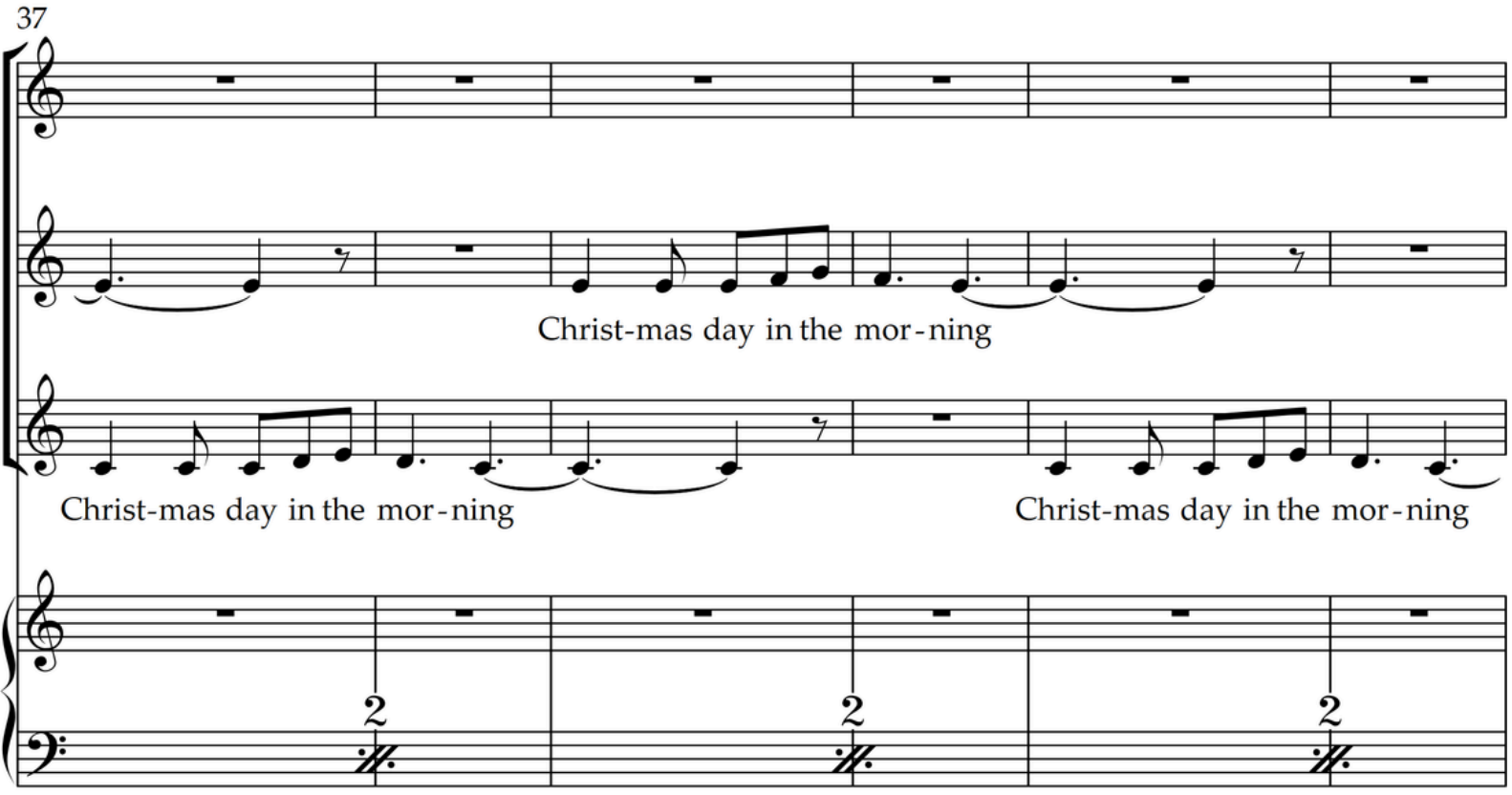
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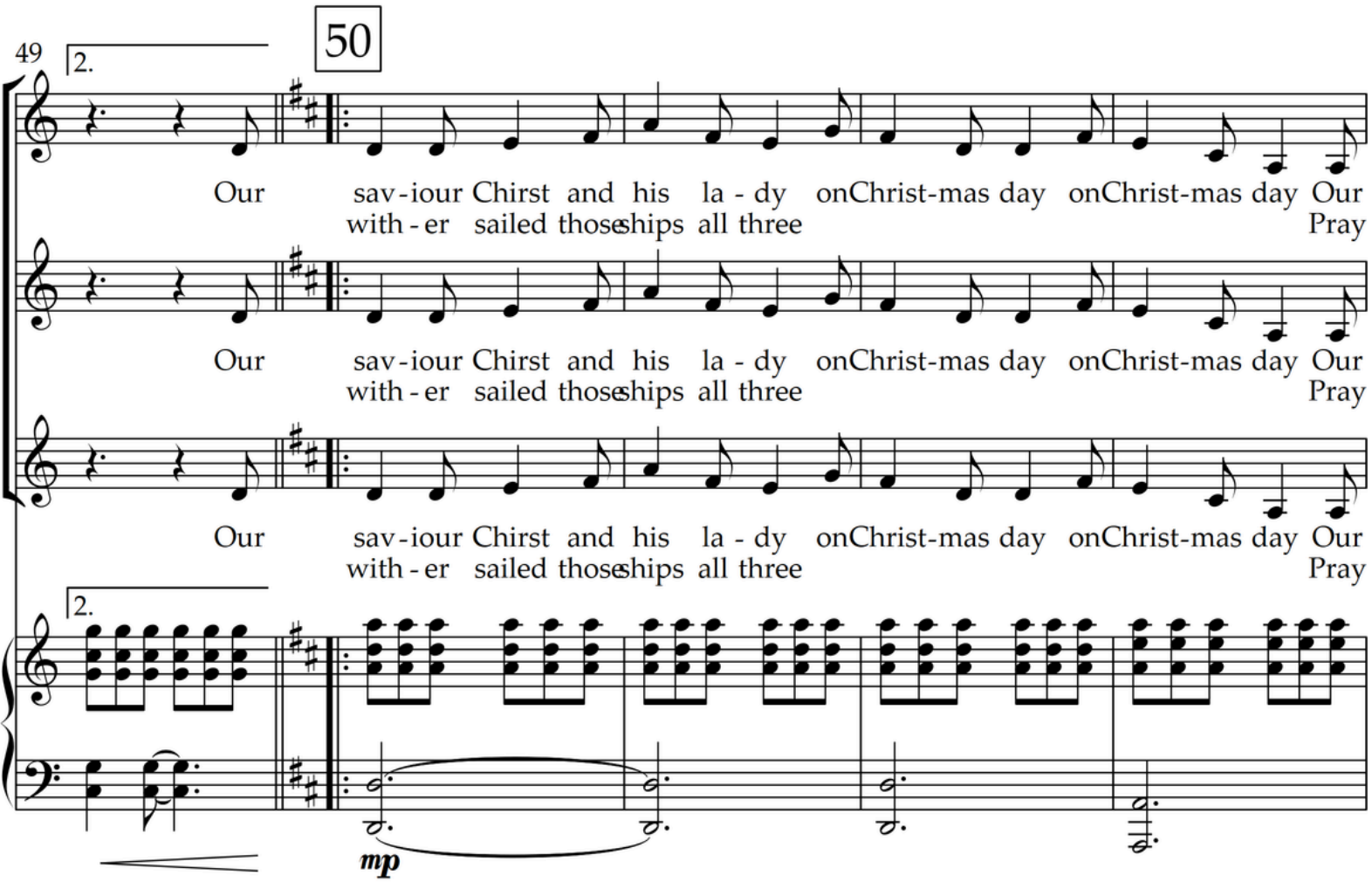
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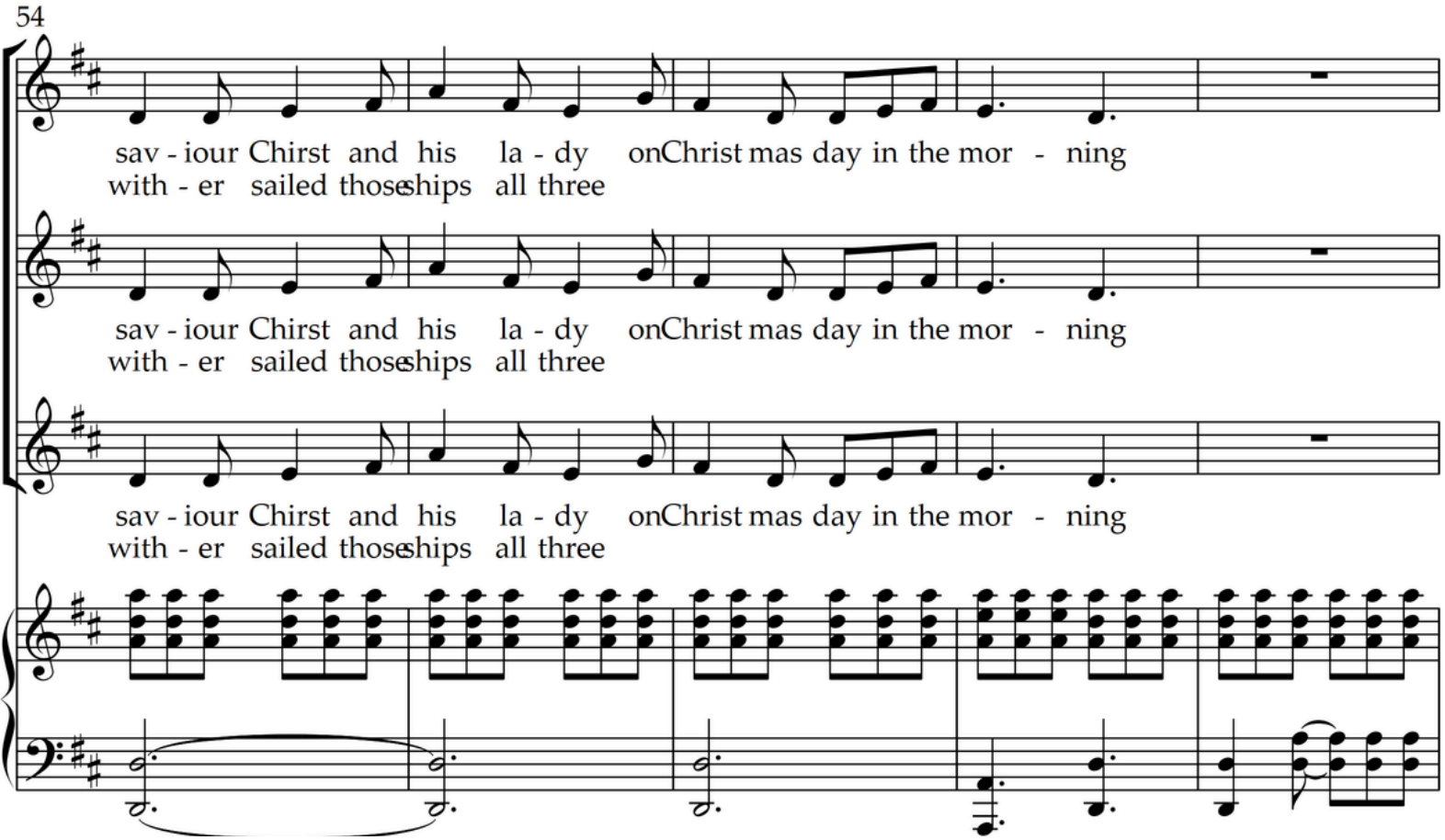
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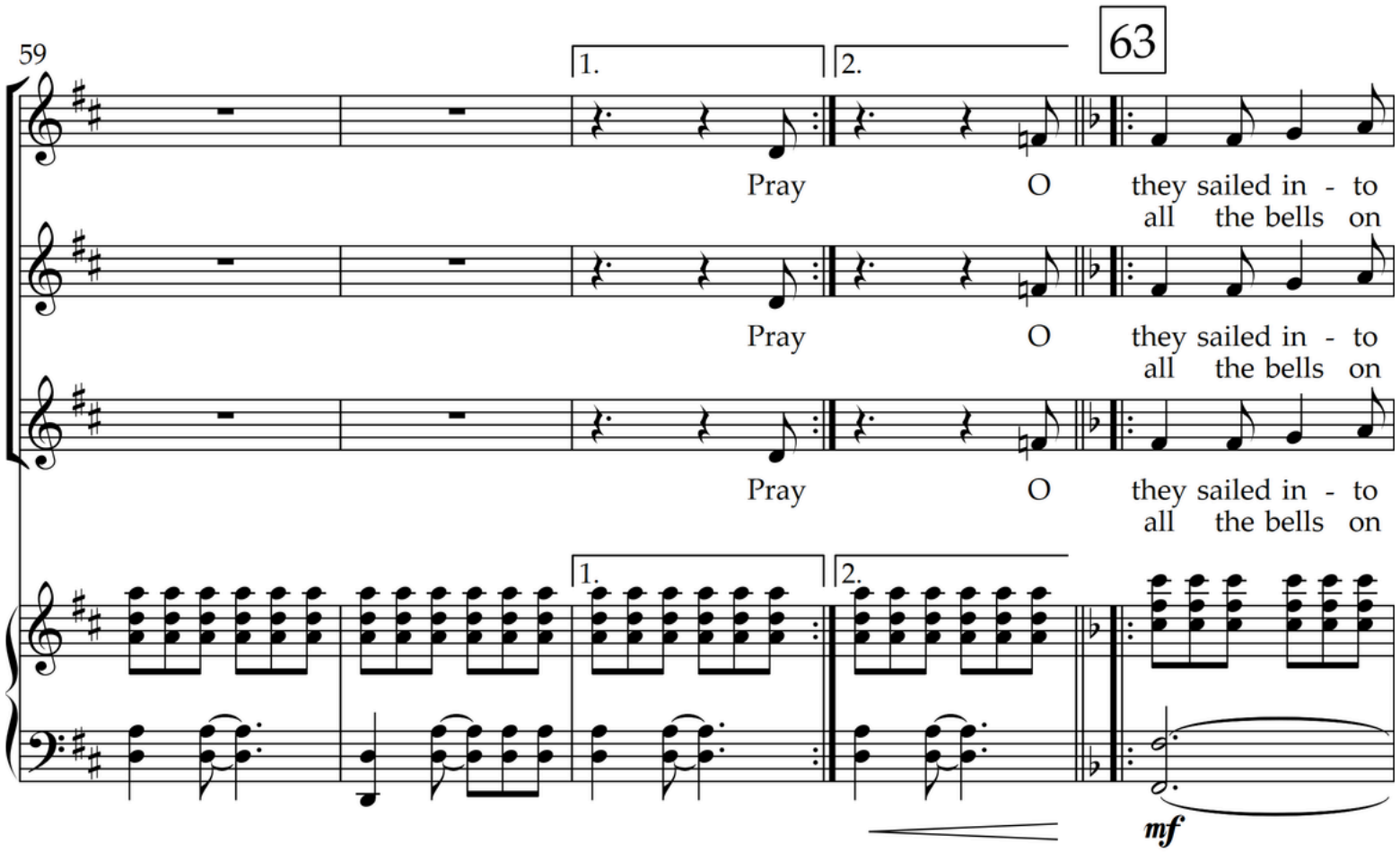

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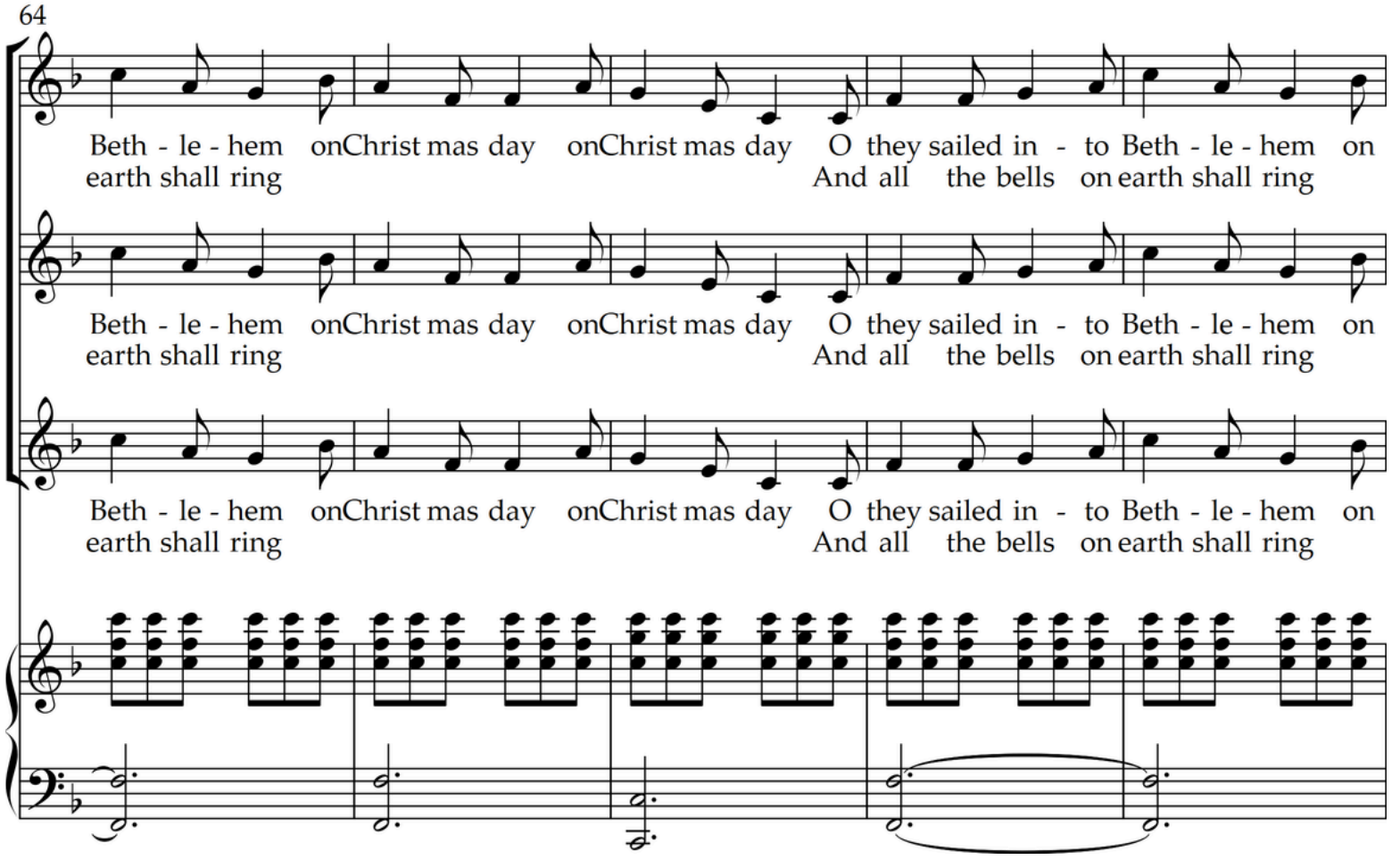

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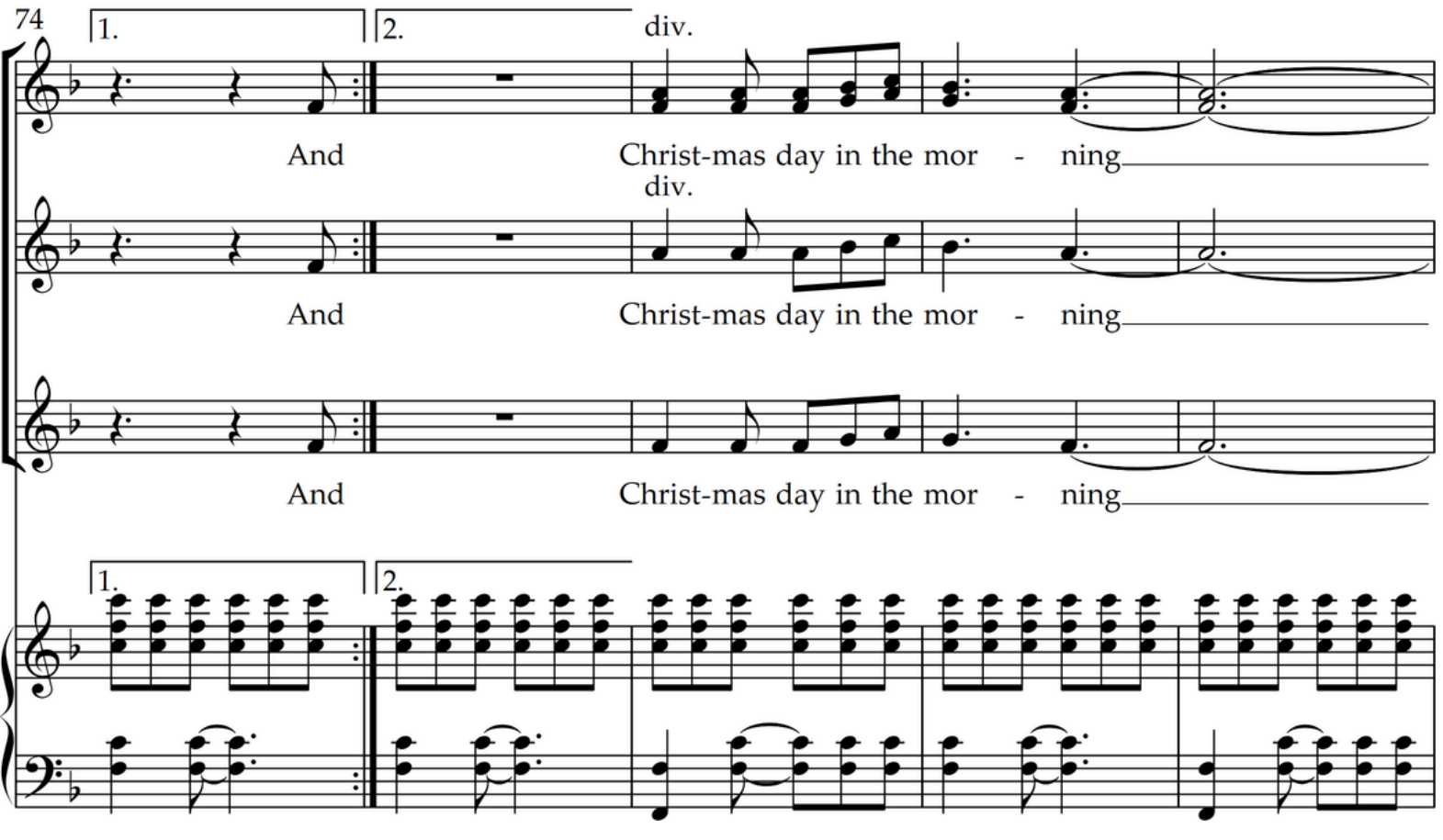

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with - er sailed thoseships all three
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with - er sailed thoseships all three
sav - iour Chirst and his la - dy onChrist mas day in the mor - ning
with - er sailed thoseships all three


59
1.
2.
63
Pray O they sailed in - to
all the bells on
Pray O they sailed in - to
all the bells on
Pray O they sailed in - to
all the bells on
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64
Beth - le - hem onChrist mas day onChrist mas day O they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem on
earth shall ring And all the bells on earth shall ring
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69
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74
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Christ-mas day in the mor - ning
div.
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Christ-mas day in the mor - ning
And
Christ-mas day in the mor - ning
1.
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79

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And

unis.

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And

unis.

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And

84

all the an-gels in Hea-ven shall sing on Christ - mas day on Christ - mas day And
all the souls on earth shall sing And

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all the souls on earth shall sing And

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all the souls on earth shall sing
93
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div.
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Christ-mas day in the
div.
And
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98

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Repeat as needed When all on stage 106

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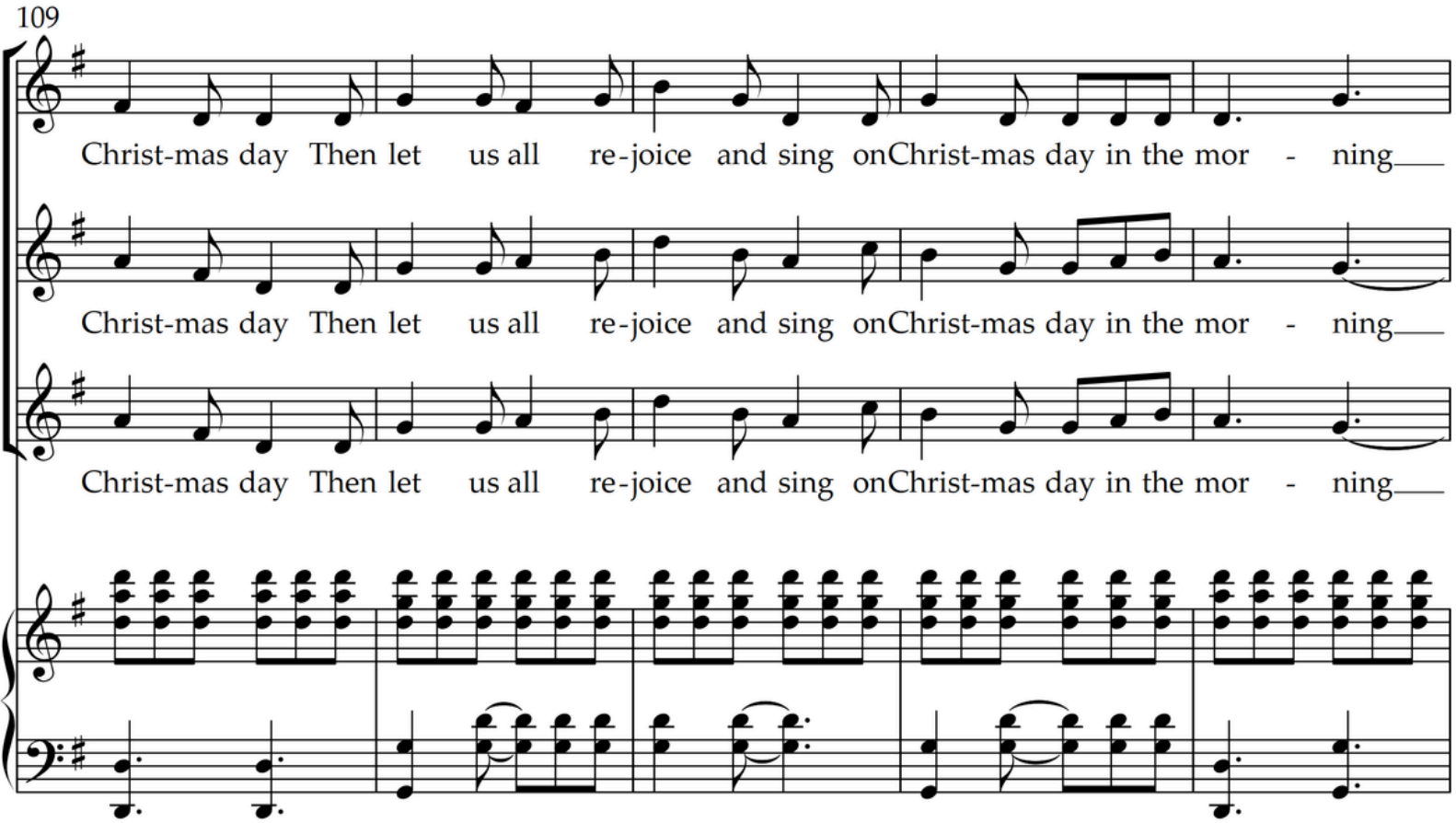
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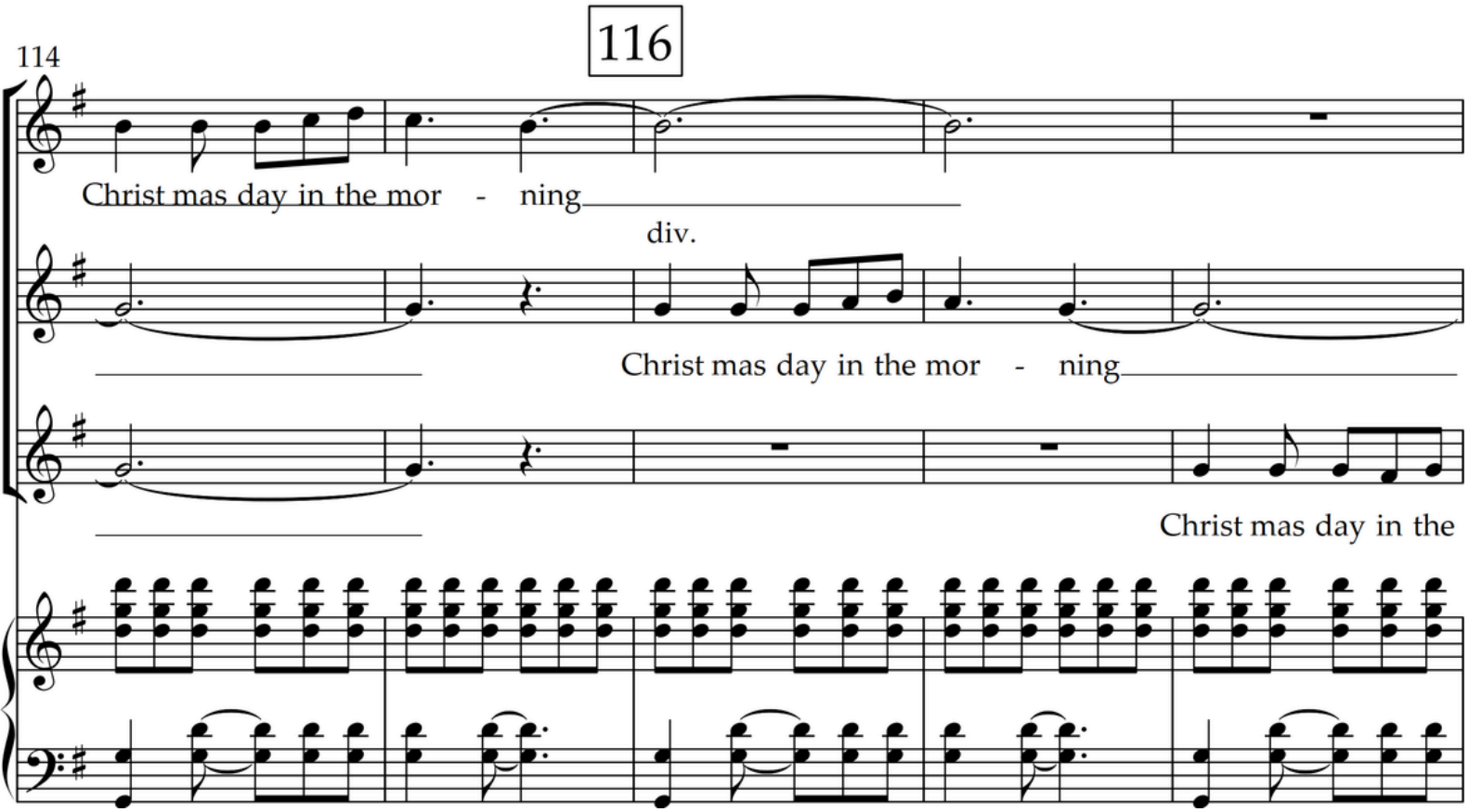
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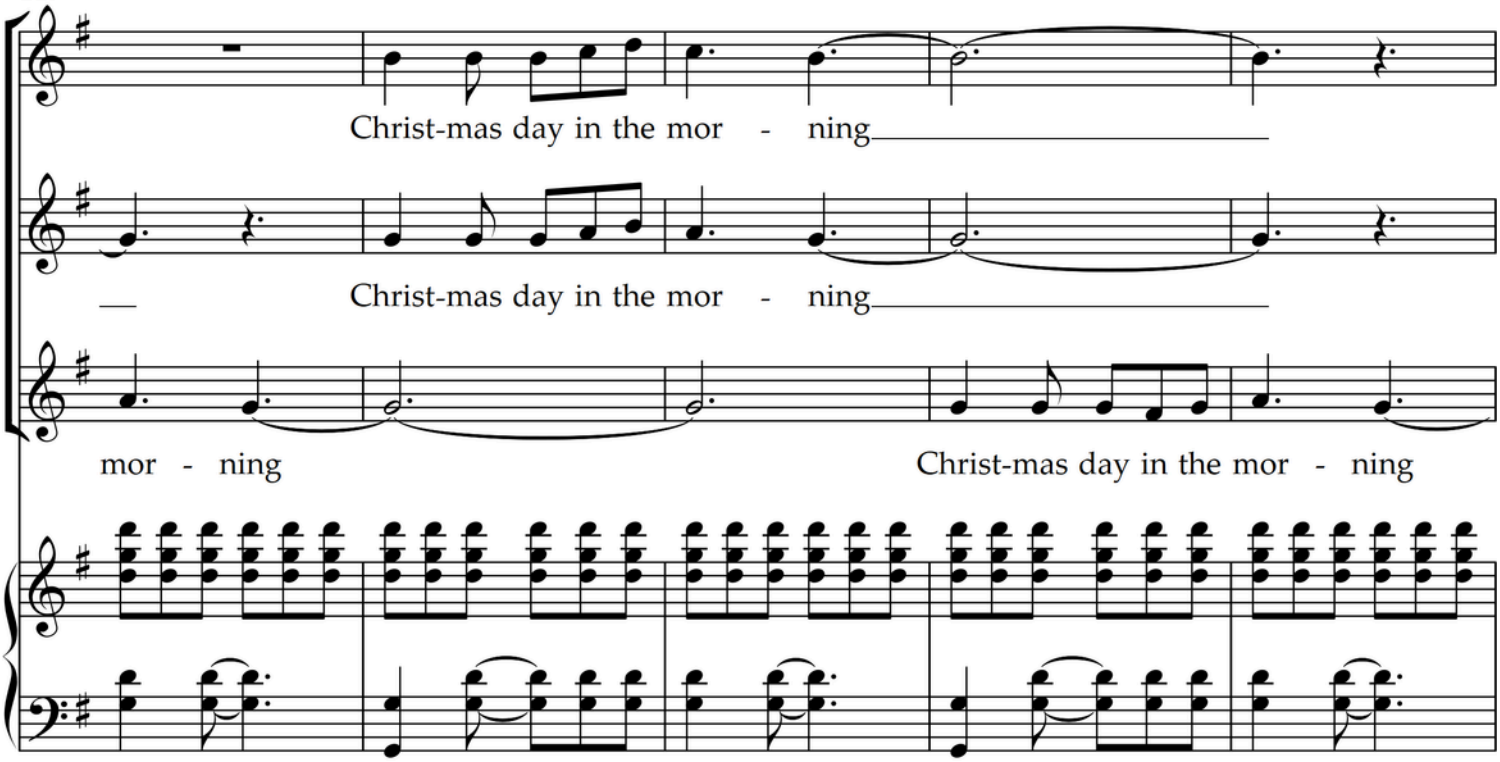
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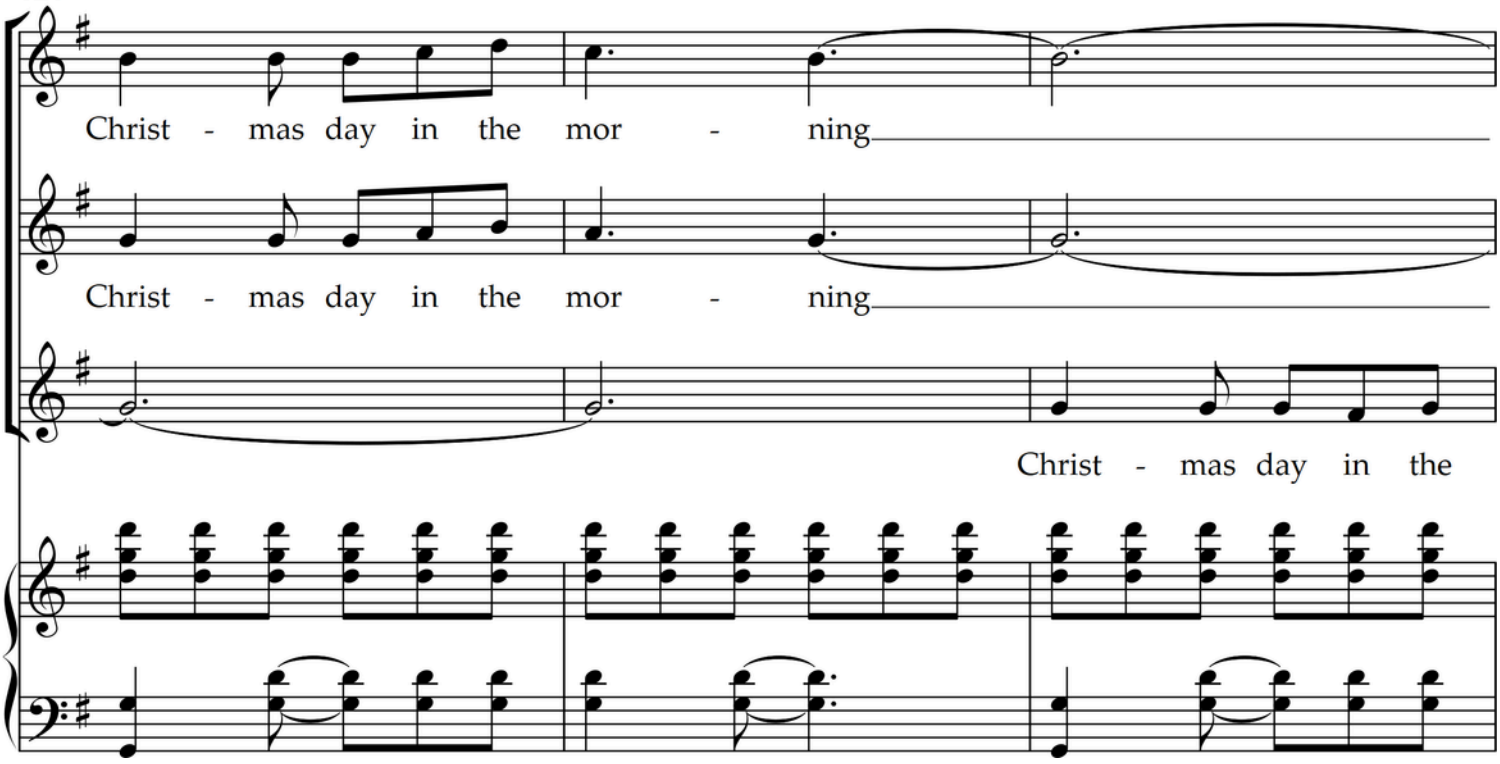

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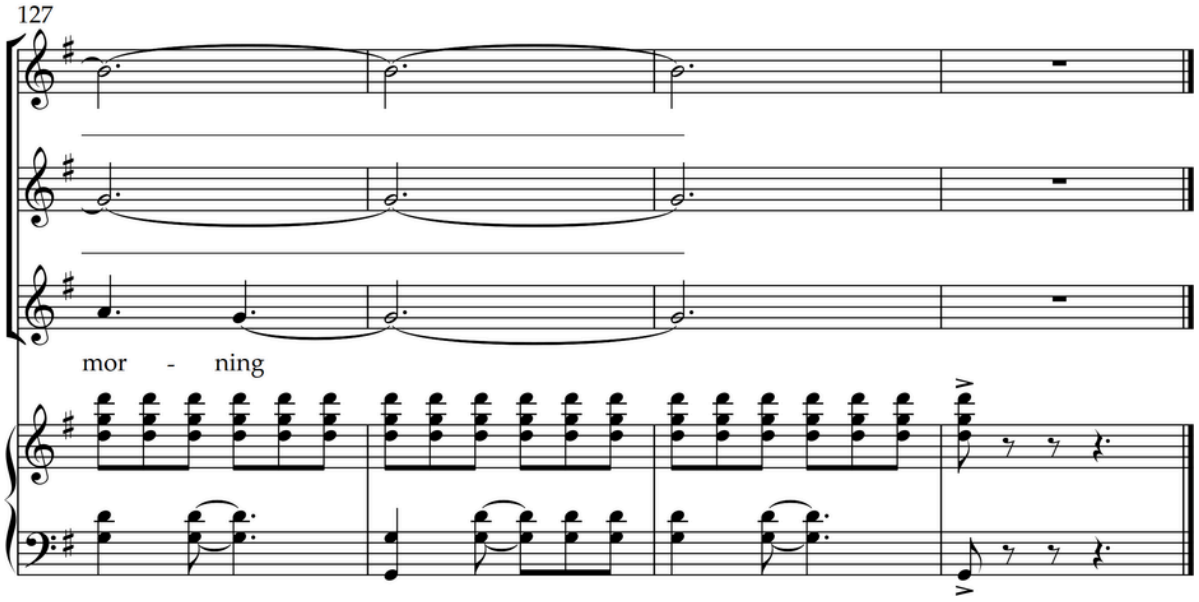

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Christ mas day in the mor - ning
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mor - ning
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124


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Christ - mas day in the


127
mor - ning

I Saw Three Ships Lyrics

Intro Christmas day in the morning **(x3)**

Verse One I Saw three ships come sailing in
on Christmas day, on Christmas day.
I saw three ships come sailing in
on Christmas day in the morning.

Intro Christmas day in the morning **(x3)**

Verse Two And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas day, on Christmas day.
And what was in those ships all three
on Christmas day in the morning.

Intro Christmas day in the morning **(x3)**

Verse Three Our saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day.
Our saviour Christ and his lady
on Christmas day in the morning.

Verse Four Pray whither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas day, on Christmas day.
Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
on Christmas day in the morning.

Verse Five O they sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas day, on Christmas day.
O they sailed in Bethlehem
on Christmas day in the morning.

Verse Six And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
And all the bells on earth shall ring
on Christmas day in the morning.

Bridge Christmas day in the morning

Verse Seven And all the angels in heav'n shall sing
On Christmas day, on Christmas day.
And all the angels in heav'n shall sing
on Christmas day in the morning.

Verse Eight And all the souls on earth shall sing
On Christmas day, on Christmas day
And all the souls on earth shall sing
on Christmas day in the morning.

Bridge Christmas day in the morning.
Christmas day in the morning.
(repeat Bridge as needed)

Verse Nine Then let us all rejoice and sing
On Christmas day, on Christmas day.
Then let us all rejoice and sing
on Christmas day in the morning.

Outro Christmas day in the morning. **(x3)**

Deck The Hall/Ding Dong

This is a jubilant, traditional carol that captures the infectious spirit of holiday preparation and communal celebration. For our concert we have modernized the feel – think of a Punk attitude! Through its iconic "fa-la-la" refrain, the song emphasizes the festive customs of decorating homes with boughs of holly and gathering loved ones to embrace the merriment of the season.

Rhythmically both parts are the same apart from the third line of each verse where Team Yellow elongate the words ‘Don We Now’ and ‘Follow Me’.

Ding Dong is a spirited, rhythmic celebration that uses the imagery of ringing church bells to announce the joy of the Nativity.

We have split this up so that not everyone has to learn every verse. Team Green sing verse one, Team Yellow sing verse two and both teams sing verse three. In the Chorus of verse three we introduce a ‘descant’ for team Yellow which is to represent the ringing of the church bells when they are singing the word ‘Gloria’.

Whenever the word ‘Gloria’ comes around – please encourage the children to pull apart the G and L to give a really percussive sound.

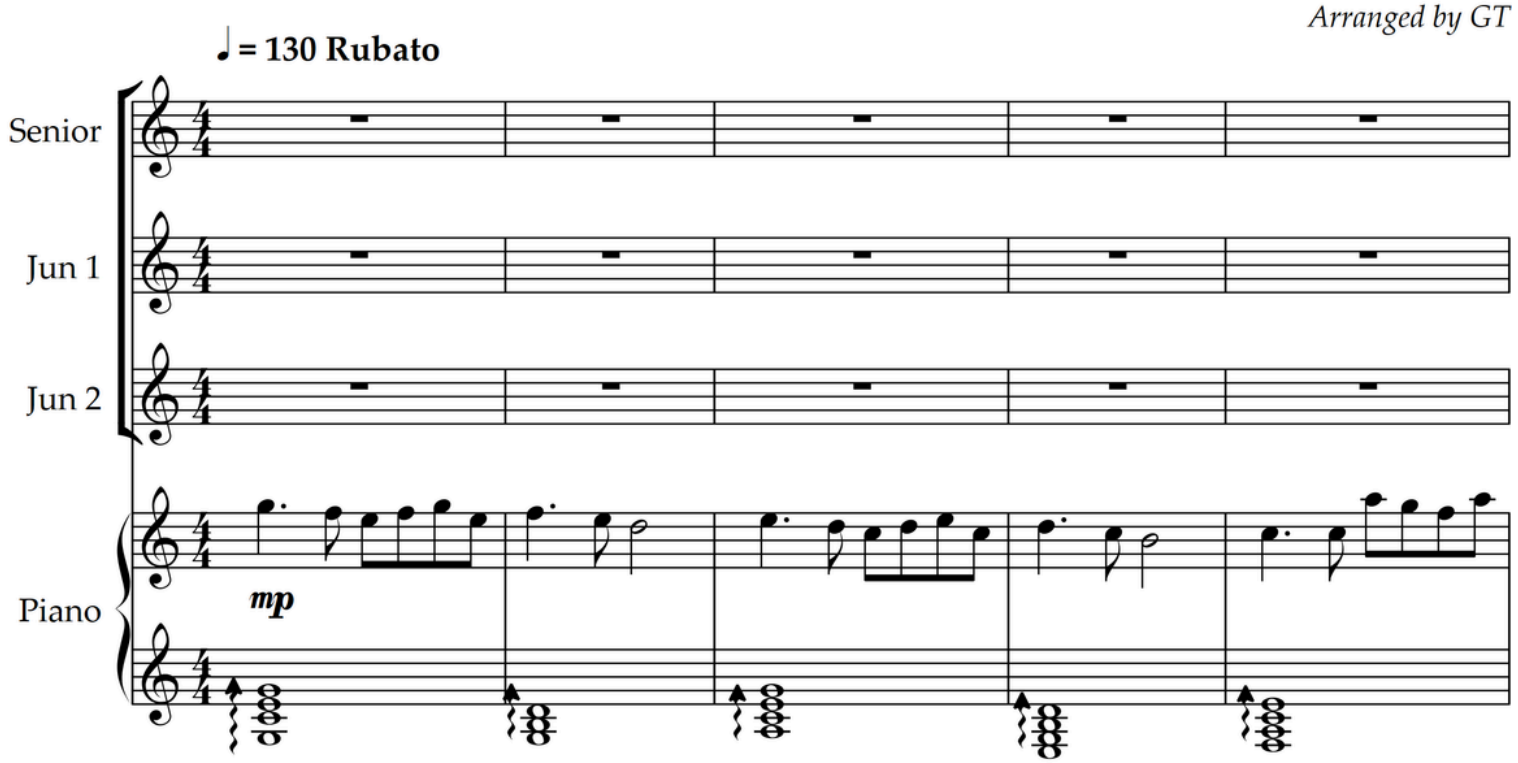
Breathing: When taking a breath (especially in the choruses of this piece) you want the children to think about being shocked about something, so they almost ‘gasp’ the air – but making sure it goes to their stomachs not their lungs! This can be practiced in warm ups (see appendix for warm up ideas).

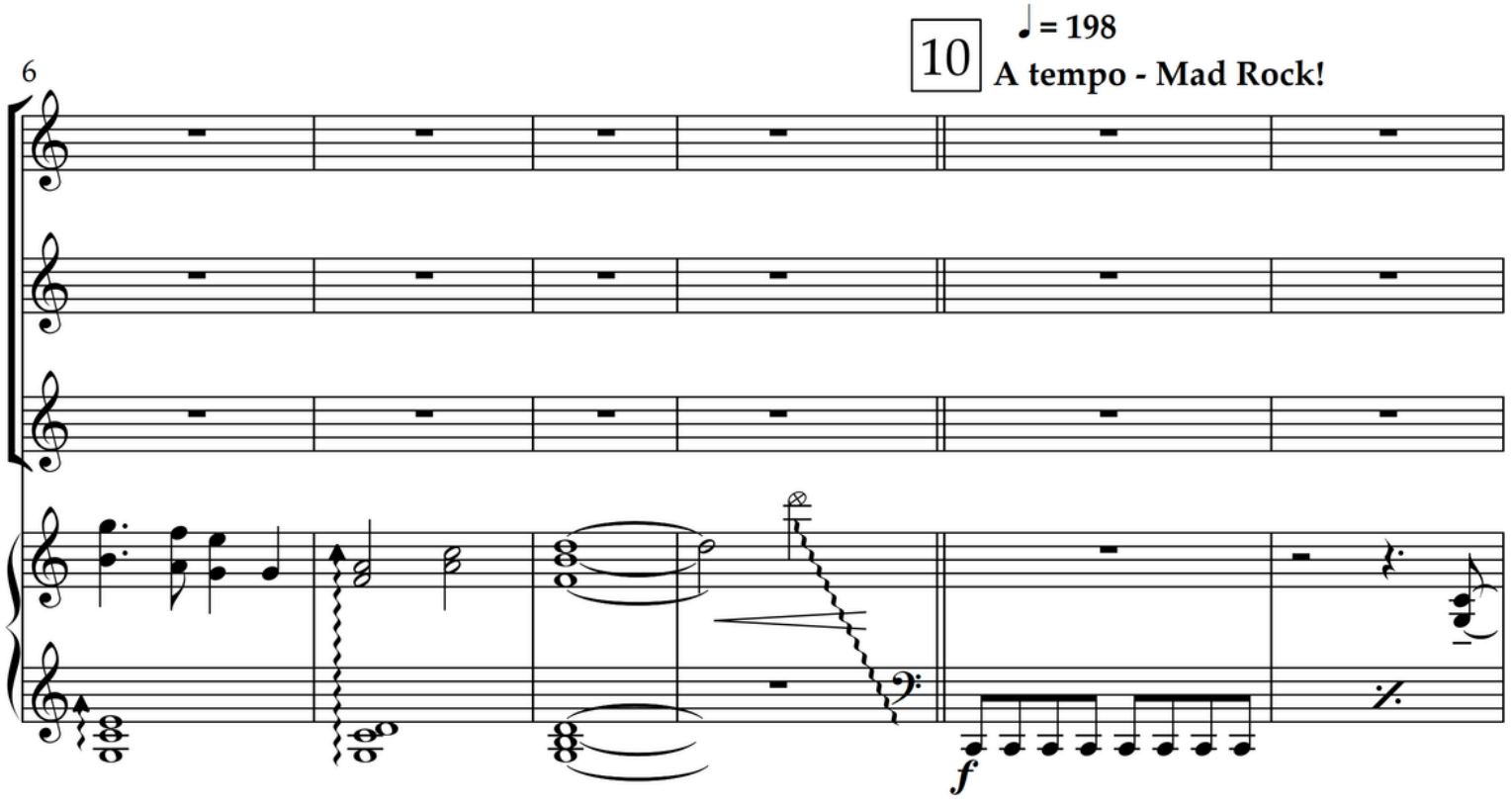
Bar 105 is A Cappella – so don’t be alarmed when the track drops out! If needed the band will play this section with us on the day.

Deck the Hall and Ding Dong Merrily on High

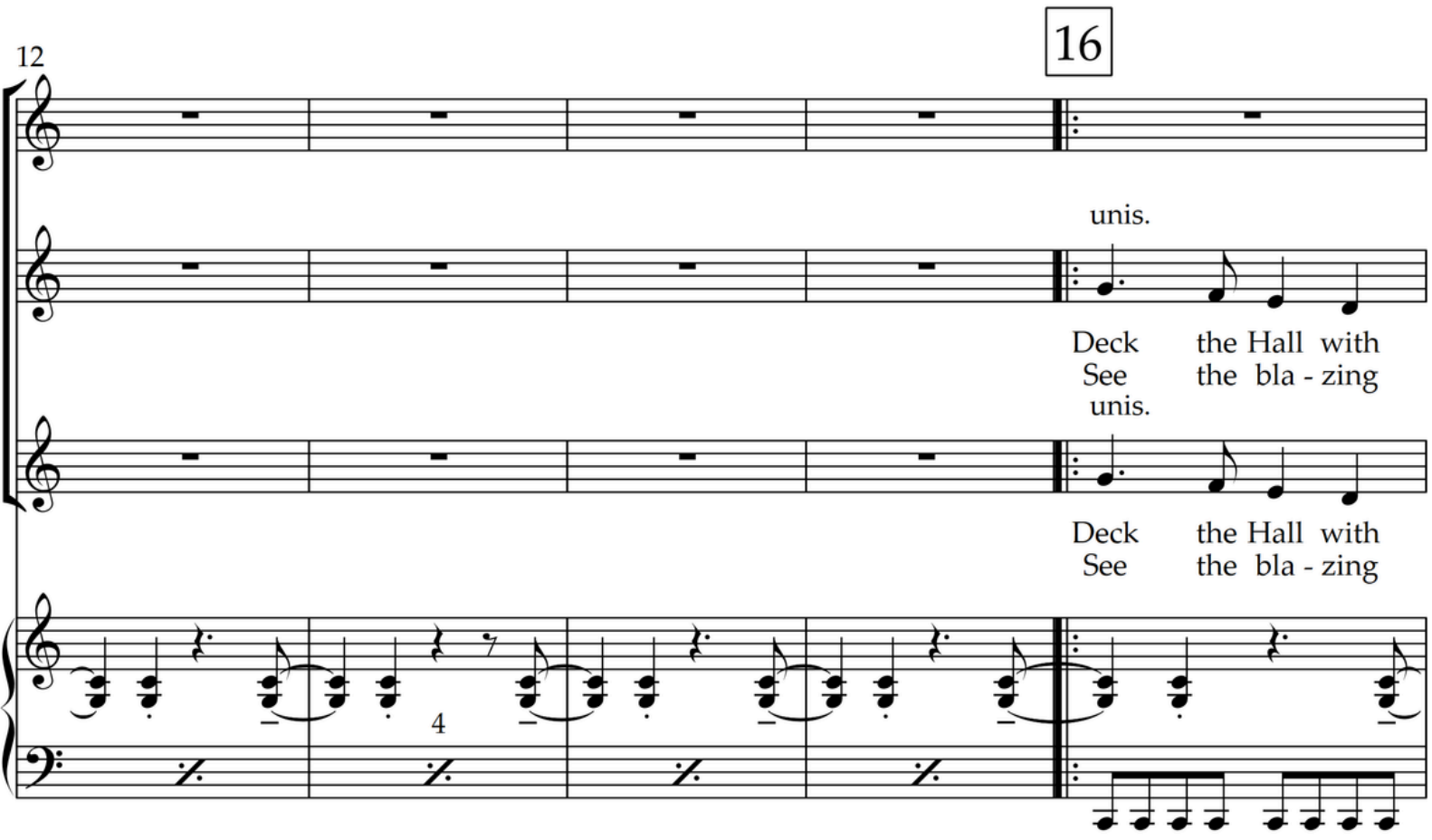
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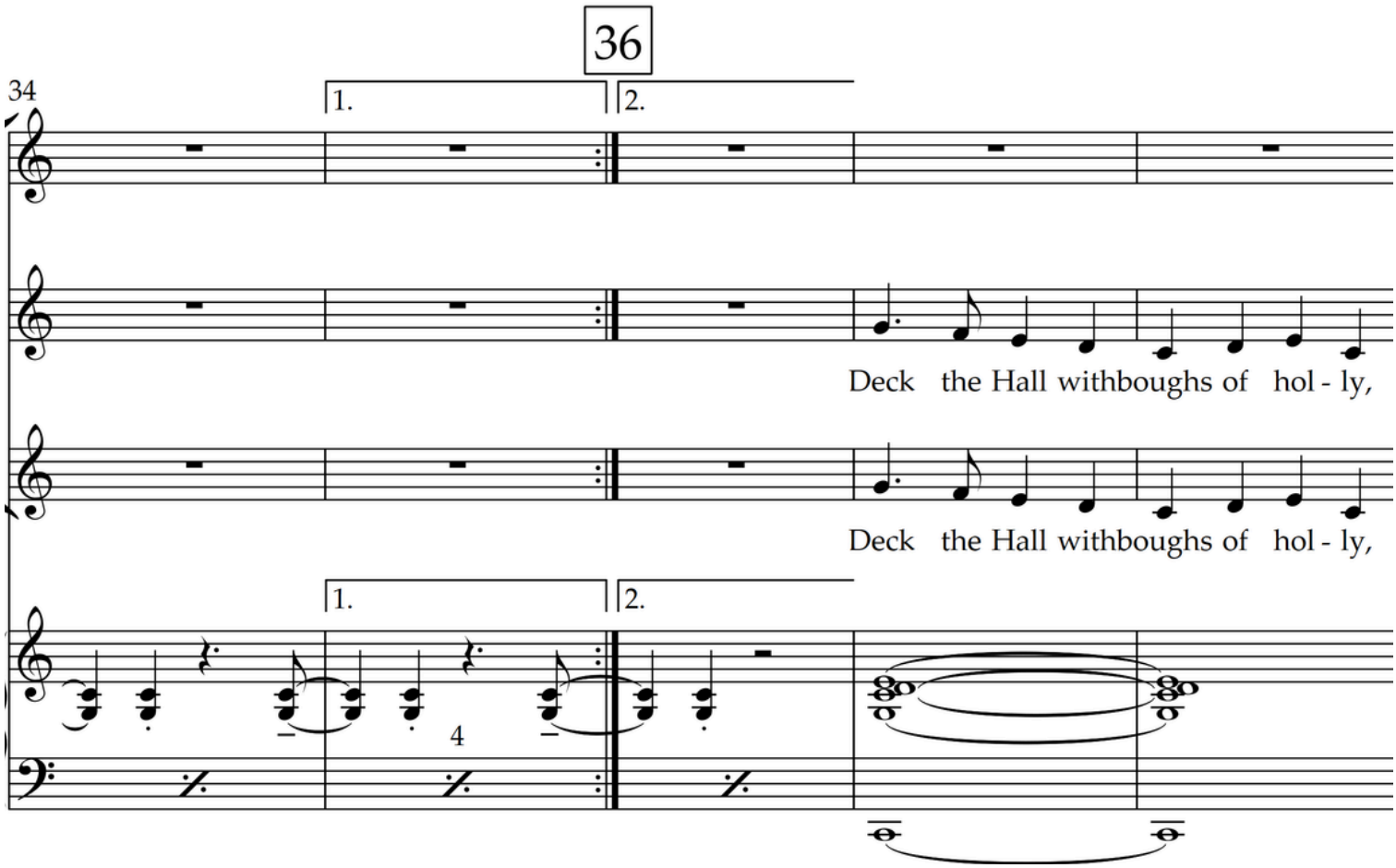
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Deck the Hall with
See the bla - zing
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See the bla - zing
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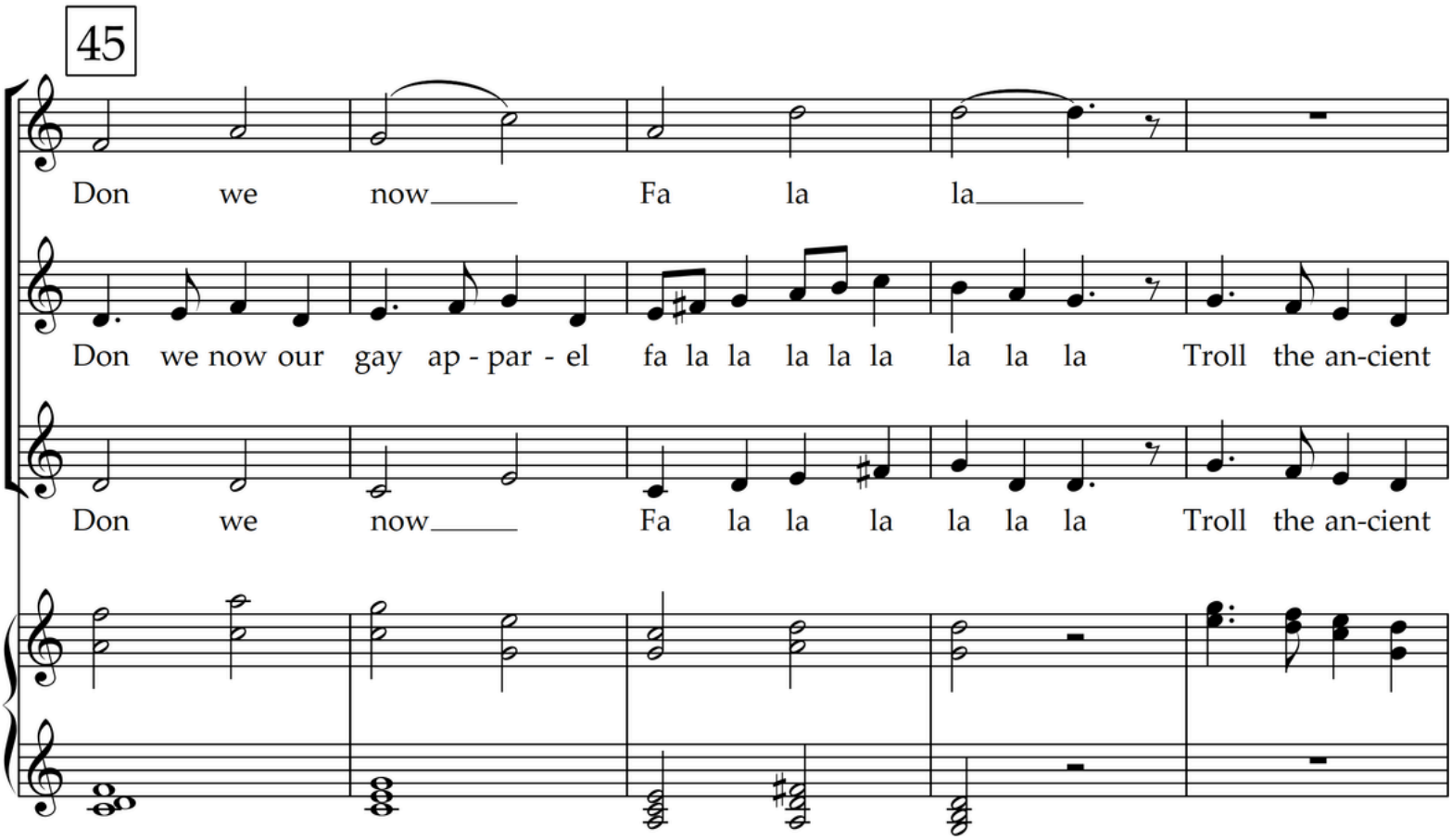

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div.
fa la la la la la la la la
unis.
boughs of hol - ly, fa la la la la la la la la Tis the sea - son
Yule be - fore us Strike the harp and
unis.
boughs of hol - ly, fa la la la la la la la la Tis the sea - son
Yule be - fore us Strike the harp and


21
div.
fa la la la la la la la la Don we
Fol - low
to be jol - ly fa la la la la la la la la Don we now our
join the chor - us Fol - low me in
to be jol - ly fa la la la la la la la la Don we
join the chor - us Fol - low
25
now Fa la la
me
unis.
gay ap - par - el fa la la la la la la la la Troll the an - cient
mer - ry mea - sure While I tell of
unis.
now Fa la la la la la la Troll the an - cient
me Am(sus4) While I tell of


29
div.
fa la la la la la la la la
Yule-tide car - ol
Yule-tide trea-sure
fa la la la la la la la la
Yule-tide car - ol
Yule-tide trea-sure
fa la la la la la la la la


36
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1.
2.
Deck the Hall withboughs of hol - ly,
Deck the Hall withboughs of hol - ly,
1.
2.
4


39
fa la la la la la la la la
fa la la la la la la la la
Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly
fa la la la la la la la la
fa la la la la la la la la
Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly
fa la la la la la la la la


45
Don we now Fa la la
Don we now our gay ap - par - el fa la la la la la la la la Troll the an-cient
Don we now Fa la la la la la la Troll the an-cient

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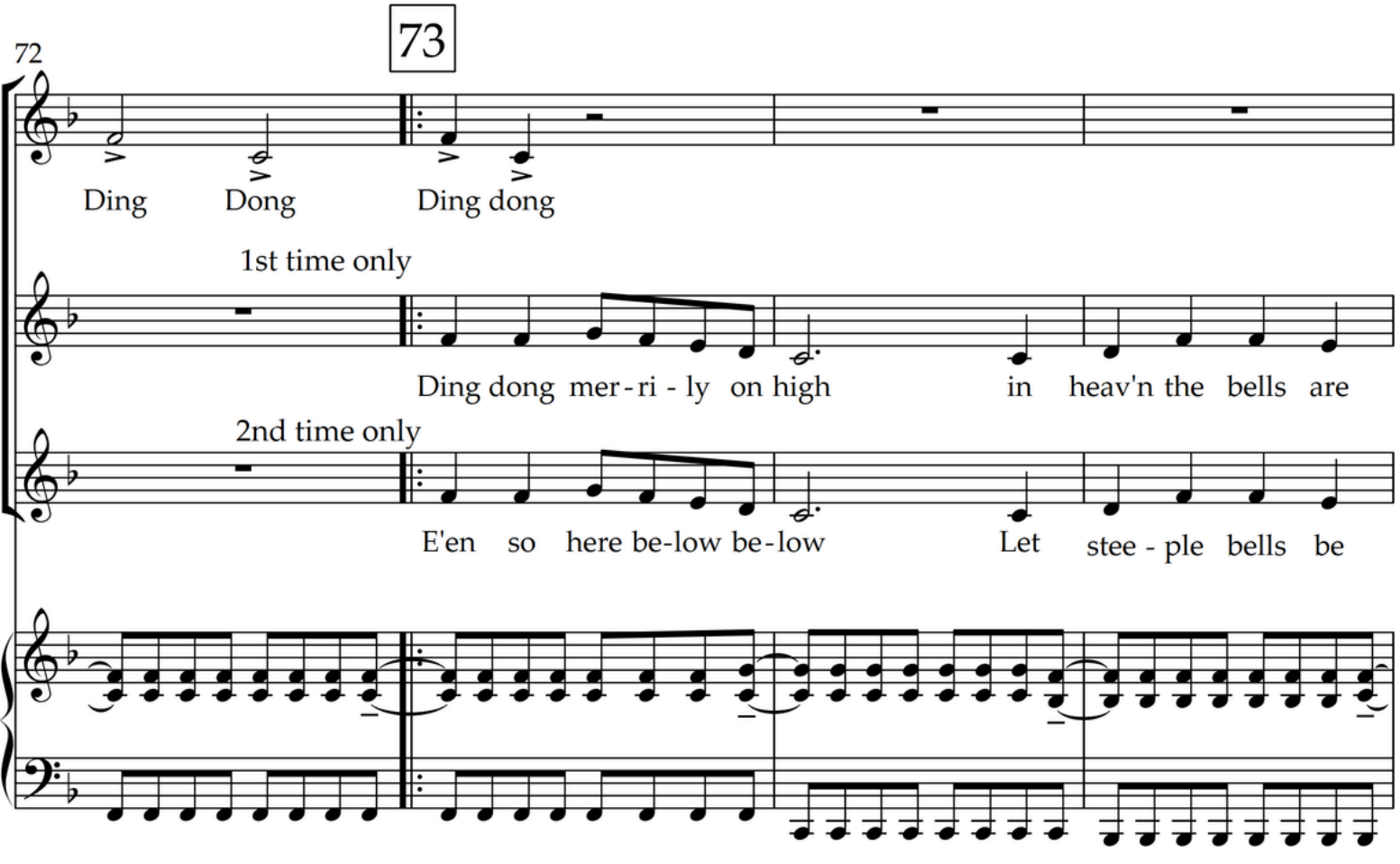
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solo seniors

Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong


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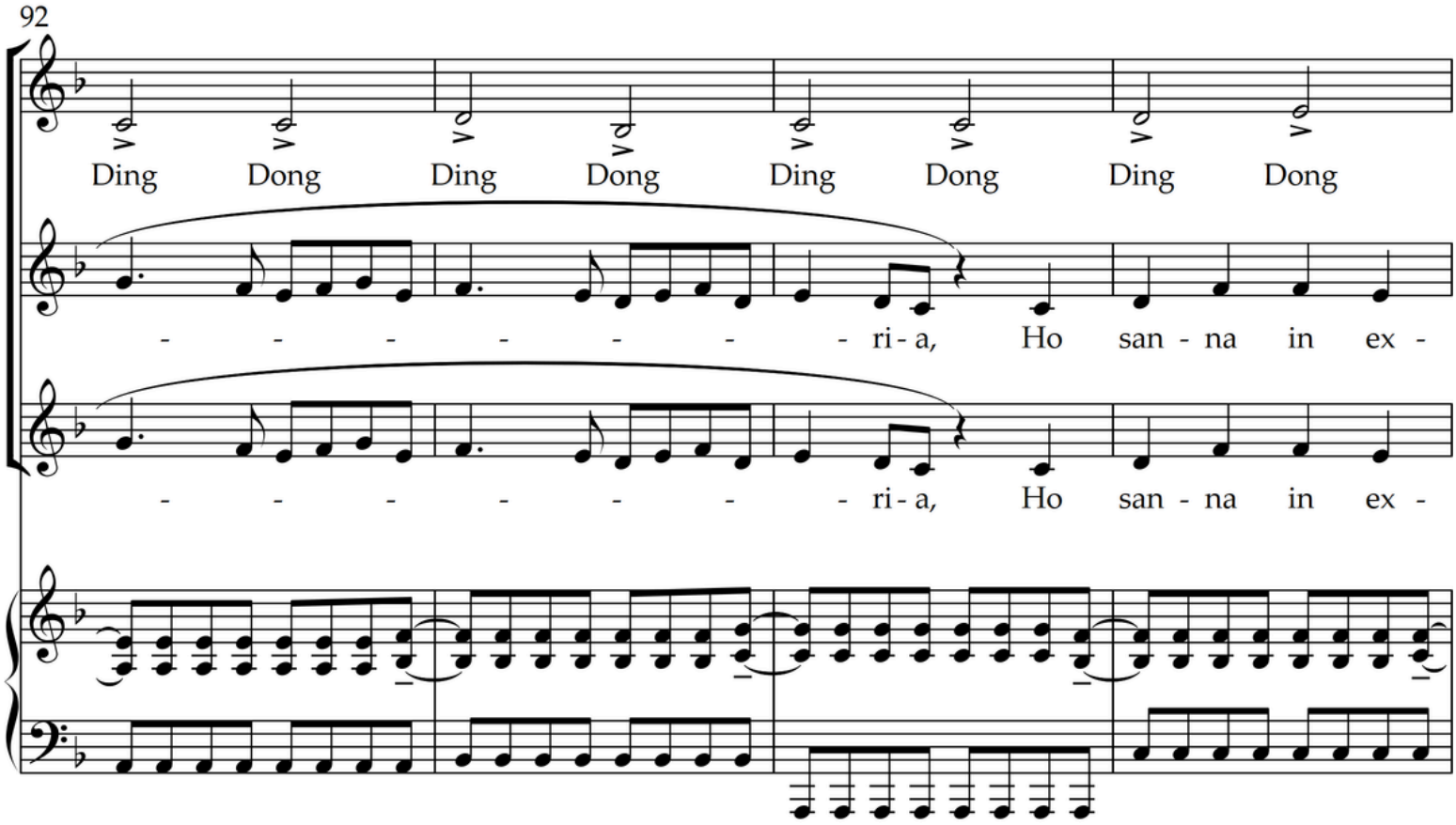

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Ding Dong Ding dong
1st time only
Ding dong mer - ri - ly on high in heav'n the bells are
2nd time only
E'en so here be-low be-low Let stee - ple bells be

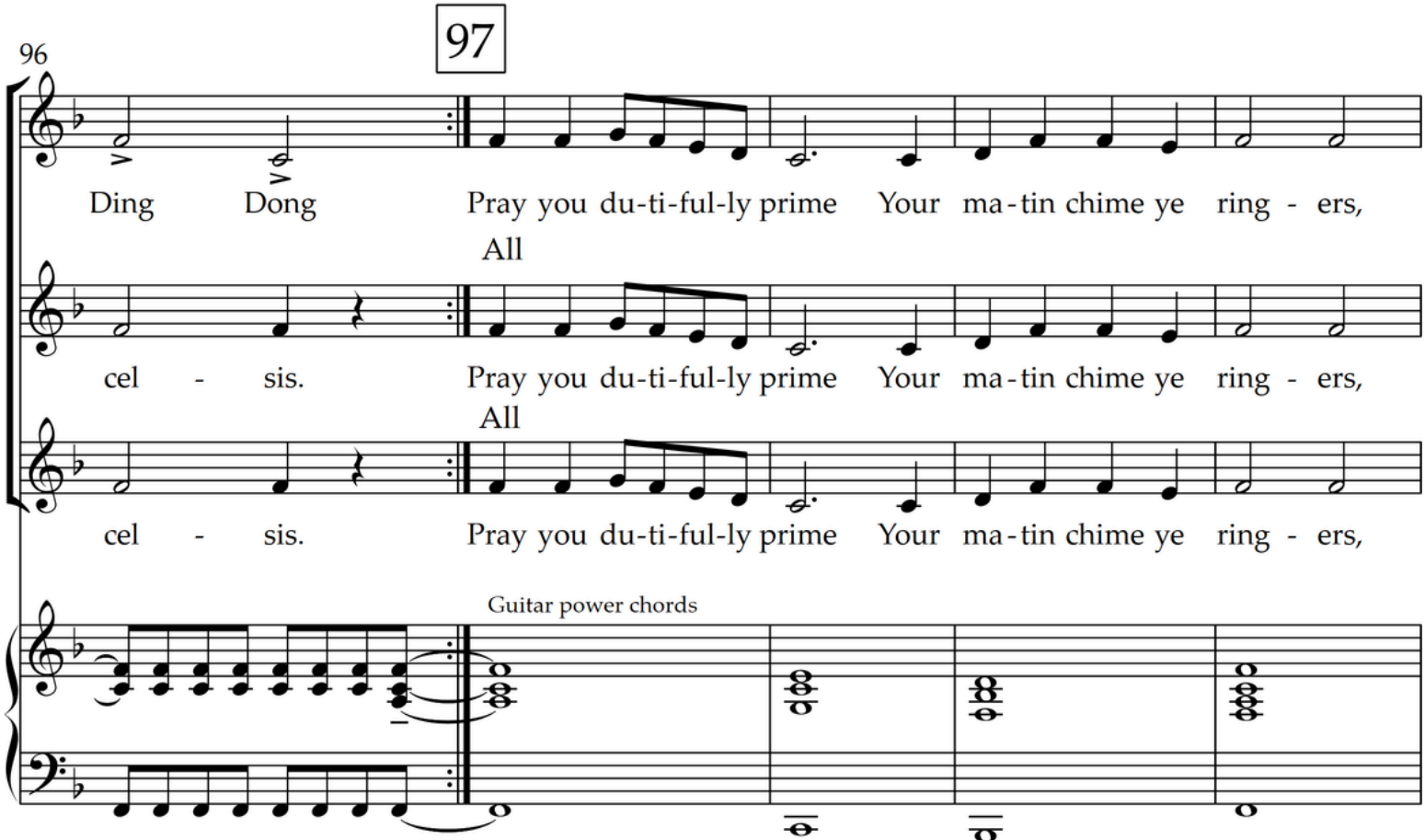

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swung - en And "I - o i - o i - o By priest and peo - ples


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81
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
sing - ing Glo - - - - - - - -
sung - en Glo - - - - - - - -


84
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
- - - - - - - - ri - a, Ho san - na in ex -
- - - - - - - - ri - a, Ho san - na in ex -


88
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
cel - sis. Glo - - - - - - - -
cel - sis. Glo - - - - - - - -


92
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
- - - - - - - - ri - a, Ho san - na in ex -
- - - - - - - - ri - a, Ho san - na in ex -


96
97
Ding Dong Pray you du-ti-ful-ly prime Your ma-tin chime ye ring - ers,
All
cel - sis. Pray you du-ti-ful-ly prime Your ma-tin chime ye ring - ers,
All
cel - sis. Pray you du-ti-ful-ly prime Your ma-tin chime ye ring - ers,
Guitar power chords

Solo Choirs

105

101

May you beau-ti-ful-lyrhyme Your eve-time song ye sing - ers Ding Dong Ding Dong

May you beau-ti-ful-lyrhyme Your eve-time song ye sing - ers Glo - - -

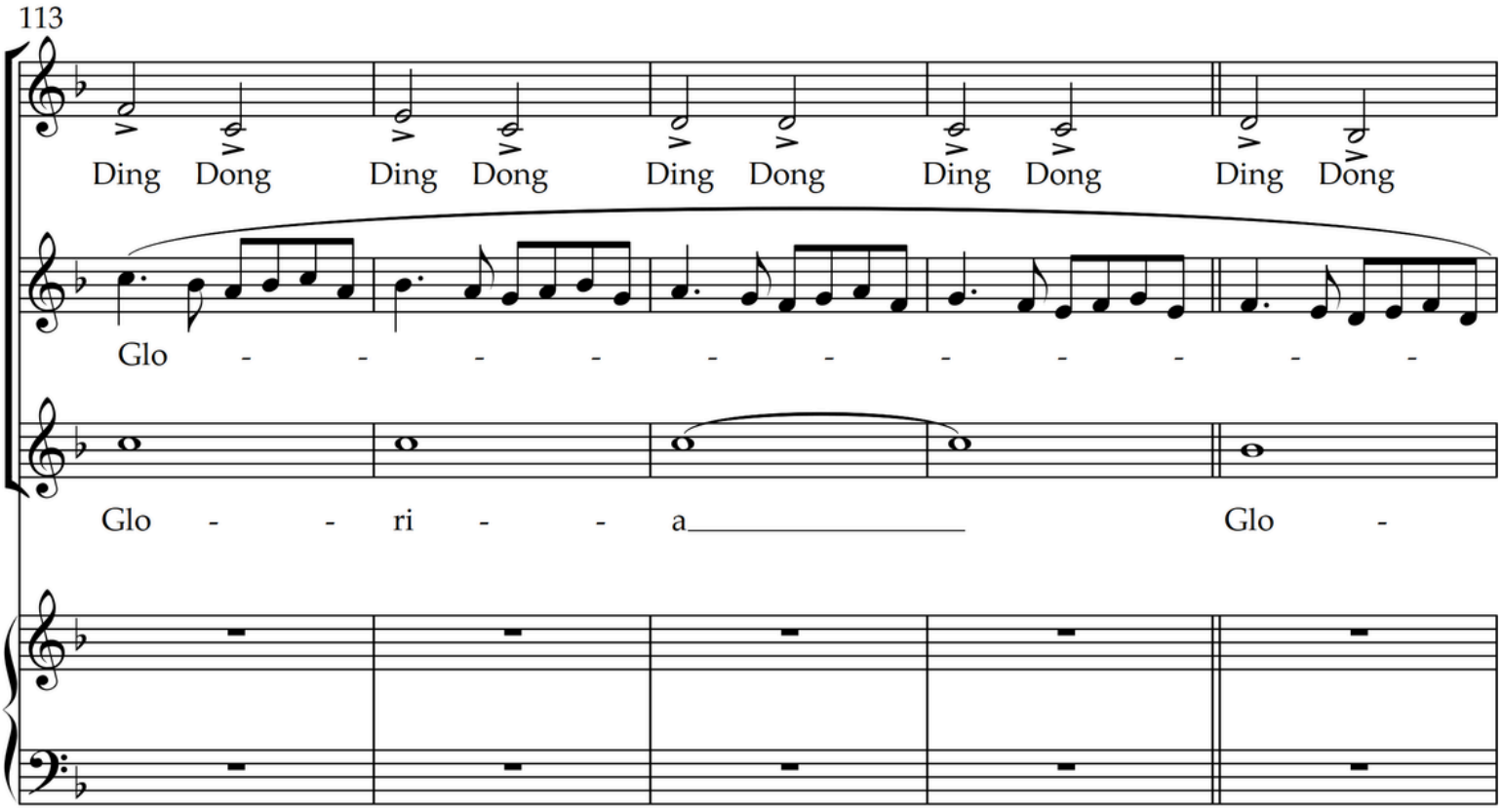
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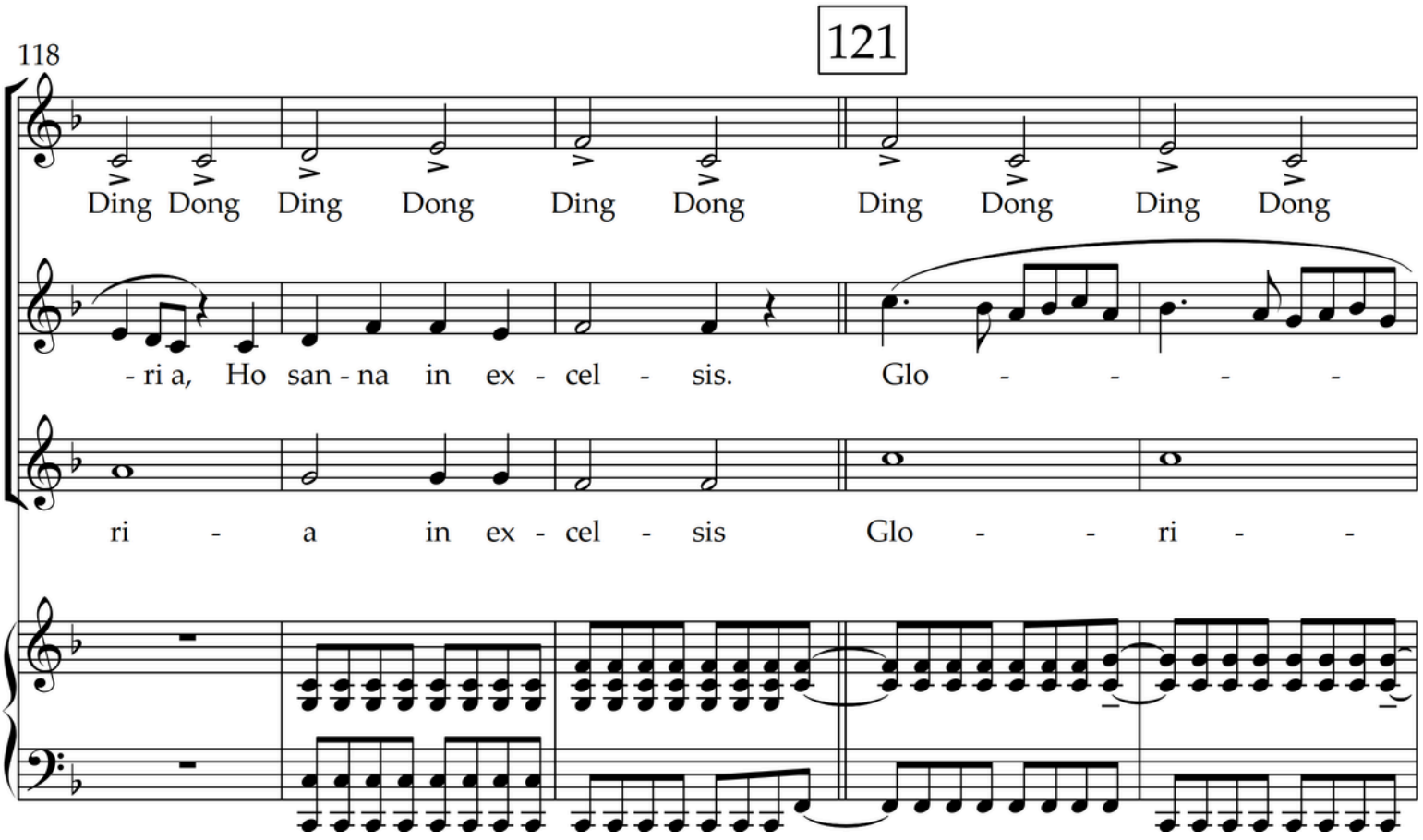
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a Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis

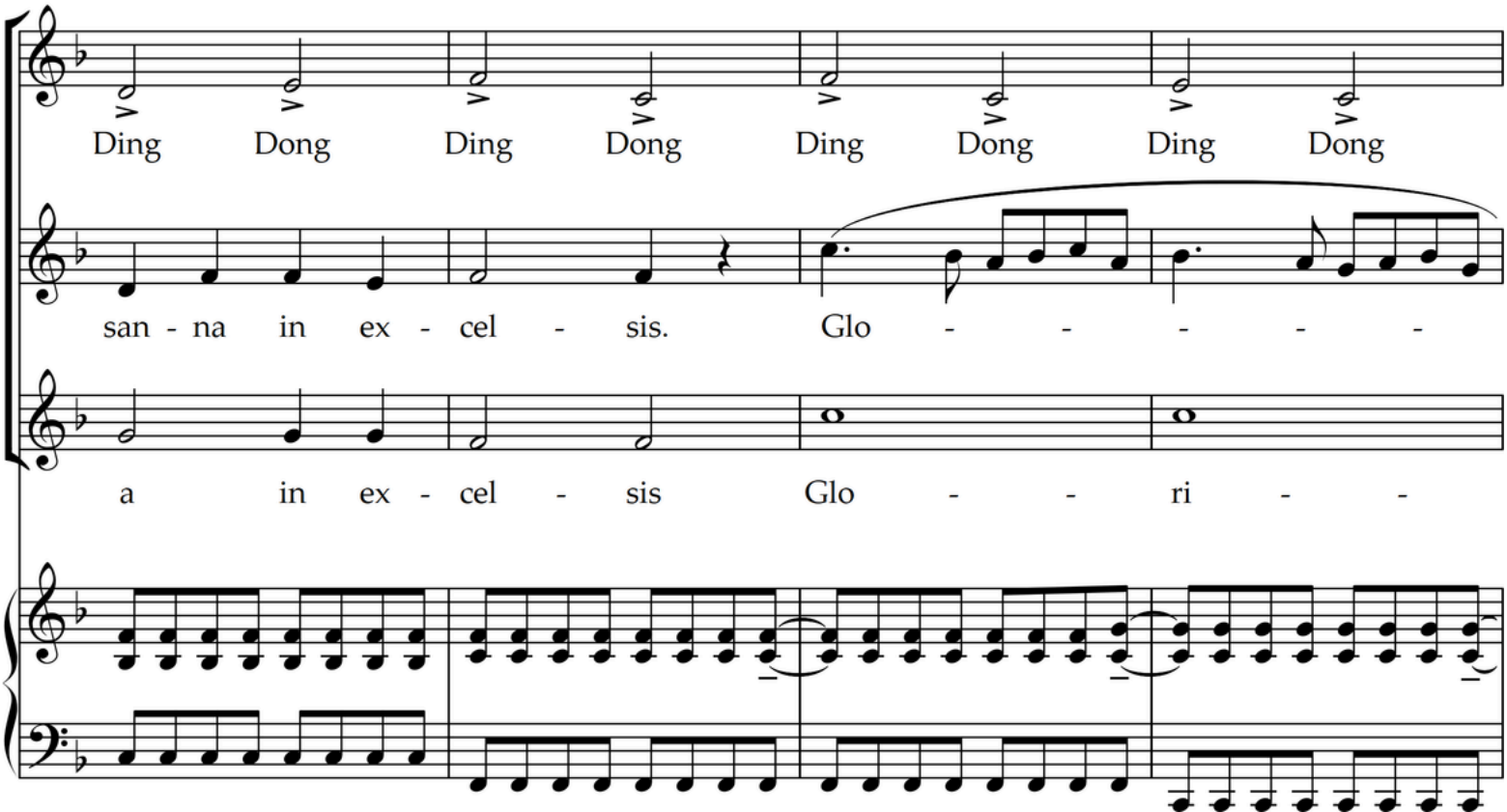

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Glo - - ri - - a Glo -


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- ri a, Ho san - na in ex - cel - sis. Glo - - - -
ri - a in ex - cel - sis Glo - - ri - -

123


Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
- - - - - - - - - - - - ri - a, Ho
a Glo - - ri - -

127


Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
san - na in ex - cel - sis. Glo - - - - -
a in ex - cel - sis Glo - - ri - -


131
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
a Glo


134
Ding Dong Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.
- ri - a, Ho san - na in ex - cel - sis.
ri - a in ex - cel - sis

Deck The Hall Lyrics
Green

Verse One Deck the Hall with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel
fa la la la la la la la la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
fa la la la la la la la la.

Verse Two See the blazing Yule before us
fa la la la la la la la la
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la la la la la
Follow me in merry measure
fa la la la la la la la la
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
fa la la la la la la la la

Verse Three Deck the Hall with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel
fa la la la la la la la la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
fa la la la la la la la la.

Verse Four

Ding Dong merrily on high
in heav'n the bells are ringing.
Ding Dong verily the sky
is riv'n with angels singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Verse Five

(REST)

Verse Six

Pray you dutifully prime
your matin chime ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
your evetime song ye singers
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Deck The Hall Lyrics
Yellow

Verse One

Deck the Hall with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now fa la la la la la la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
fa la la la la la la la la.

Verse Two

See the blazing Yule before us
fa la la la la la la la la
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la la la la la
Follow me fa la la la la la la
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
fa la la la la la la la la

Verse Three

Deck the Hall with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now fa la la la la la la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
fa la la la la la la la la.

Verse Four **(REST)**

Verse Five

E'en so here below below,
let steeple bells be swungen
And i-o, i-o, i-o
by priest and peoples sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Verse Six

Pray you dutifully prime
your matin chime ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
your evetime song ye singers
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis.

Deck The Hall Lyrics
Senior

Verse One

(rest)
Fa la la la la la la la la
(rest)
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now fa la la
(rest)
fa la la la la la la la la.

Verse Two

(rest)
fa la la la la la la la la
(rest)
Fa la la la la la la la la
Follow me fa la la
(rest)
fa la la la la la la la la

Verse Three

(rest)
Fa la la la la la la la la
(rest)
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now fa la la
(rest)
fa la la la la la la la la

Linking Section

Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong
Ding Dong

Verse Four Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,

Verse Five Ding Dong
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong.

Verse Six Pray you dutifully prime
your matin chime ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
your evetime song ye singers
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Hosanna in excelsis.

A Spaceman Came Travelling

The song emphasises the theme of a peaceful, transcendent journey—the visitor traverses galaxies to deliver a message of hope and light to a world in need, positioning the Christmas miracle not merely as a local event, but as a pivotal moment that echoes throughout the entire cosmos.

The song has an ethereal feel to it, and this needs to be represented by the dynamics of the piece. The opening verses should be soft, with the choruses being stronger.

Team Green has the majority of the tune in this piece and team Yellow the harmony supported by the Seniors, even though they are in harmony the rhythms stay the same in verses. The only time this changes is in the Chorus – Green are on the well-known quaver 'La' figure whilst Yellow sing minims throughout. Make sure the children use the 'L' to help with the sound – this will give it a stronger sound.

Verse Three is call and response between the narrator and the Spaceman – for team Yellow – to help the children find their note, sing in the call (on team Greens part) as this gives it to them. This is also true of verse five.

A Spaceman Came travelling

for Upper Voices and Piano

Arranged by GT



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9

ship from a - far_ 'twas light years of time since his mis-sion did start, And
down to a shed where a mo - ther and child were ly - ing there on a bed_ A

ship from a - far_ 'twas light years of time since his mis-sion did start, And
down to a shed where a mo - ther and child were ly - ing there on a bed_ A

down to a shed where a mo - ther and child were ly - ing there on a bed_ A

G Am C G F G

hung in the sky like a
he had the face of an

o - ver a vil-lage he halt - ed his craft and it hung in the sky
bright light of sil - ver shone 'round his head and_ he had the face of an

o - ver a vil-lage he halt - ed his craft and it hung in the sky like a
bright light of sil - ver shone 'round his head and_ he had the face of an

bright light of sil - ver shone 'round his head and_ he had the face of an

Am Em F Am C G


15
star
an - gel
1.
Just like a star
an-gel
And they were a - fraid
2.He
star
Just like a star
an-gel
And they were a - fraid
2.He
an-gel
2.He
F
G
Am
1.
19
2.
20
3.Then the stran-ger spoke, he said
"Do not fear I come from a pla-net a
2.
Am
C
G
Am
C
G


23
and
and
long way from here_ And I bring a mes- sage, for man - kind to hear" and
F G Am Em F Am
26
sud-den-ly the sweet-est mu-sic_ filled the air -
sud-den-ly the sweet-est mu-sic_ filled the air -
sud-den-ly the sweet-est mu-sic_ filled the air -
C G F G Am


30
31
And it went La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la
And it went La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la
Am Em F Am C G F G


35
La la la la la la la la la la Peace and good-will to all men
La la la la la la la la la la Peace and good-will to all men
la la la la Peace and good-will to all men
Am Em F Am C G F

39

42

And love for the child

la la la la

And love for the child

La la la la la la la la la la

And love for the child

La la la la

G Am F G Am Em F Am

44

To Coda

la la la la la la la

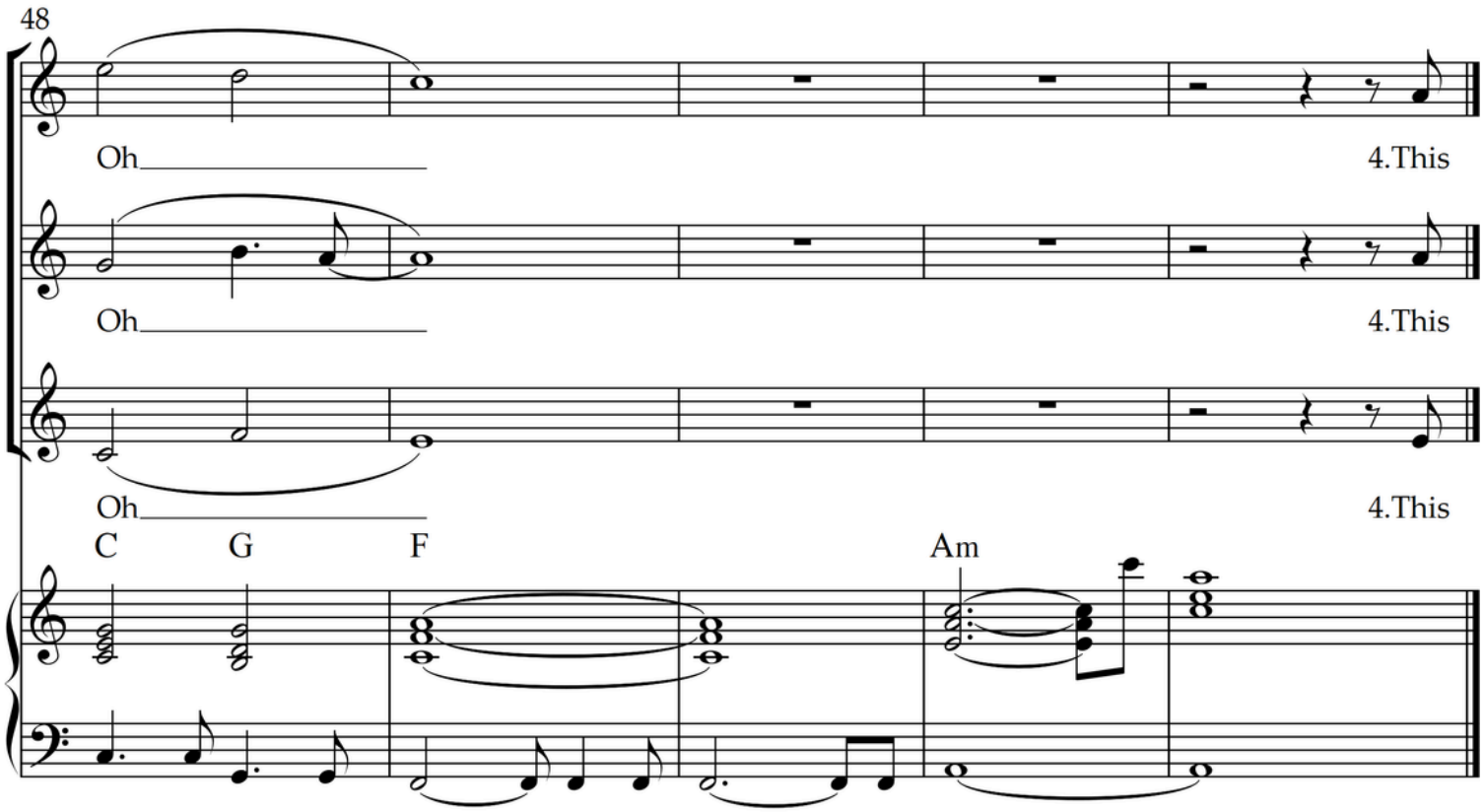
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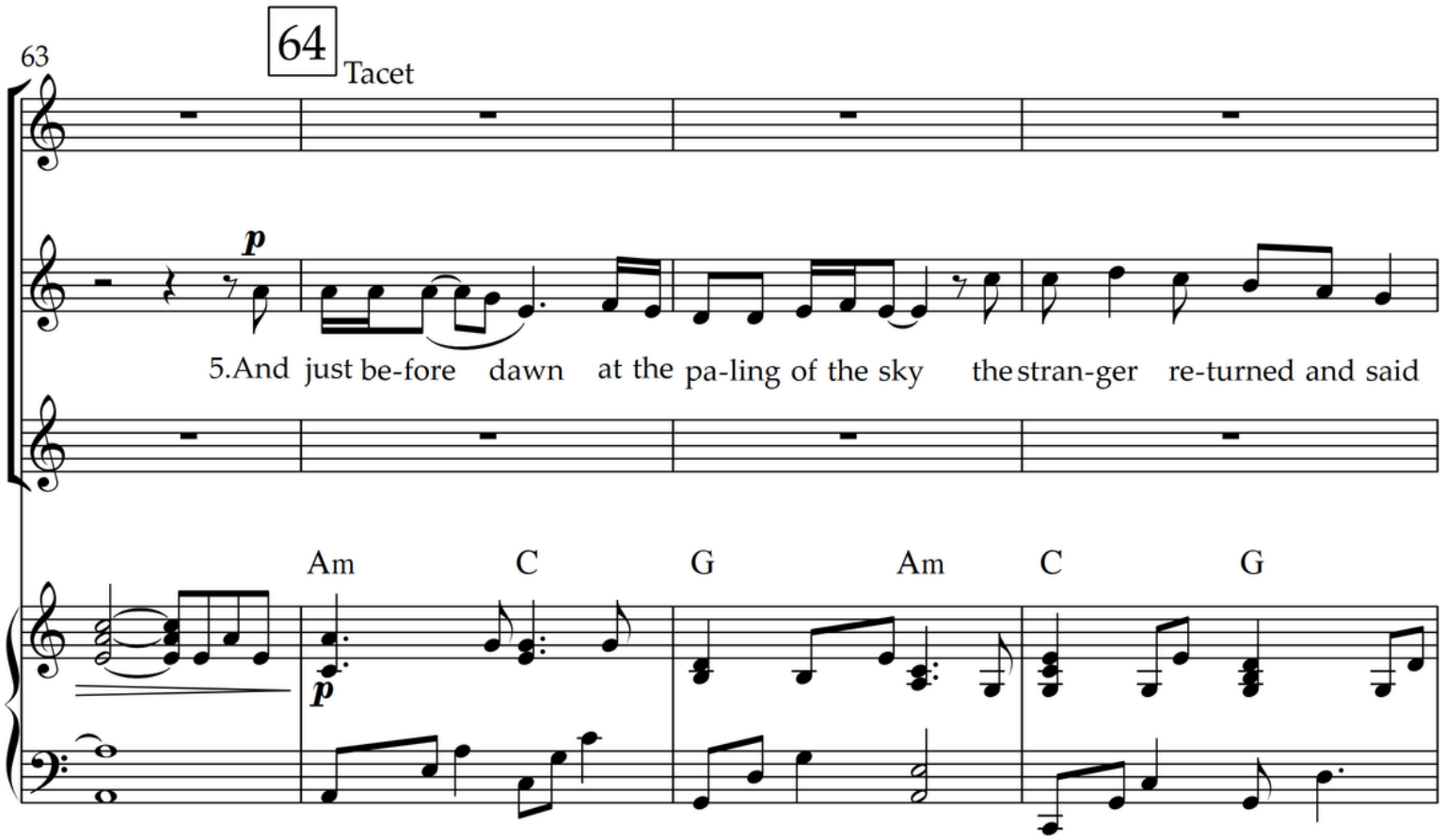
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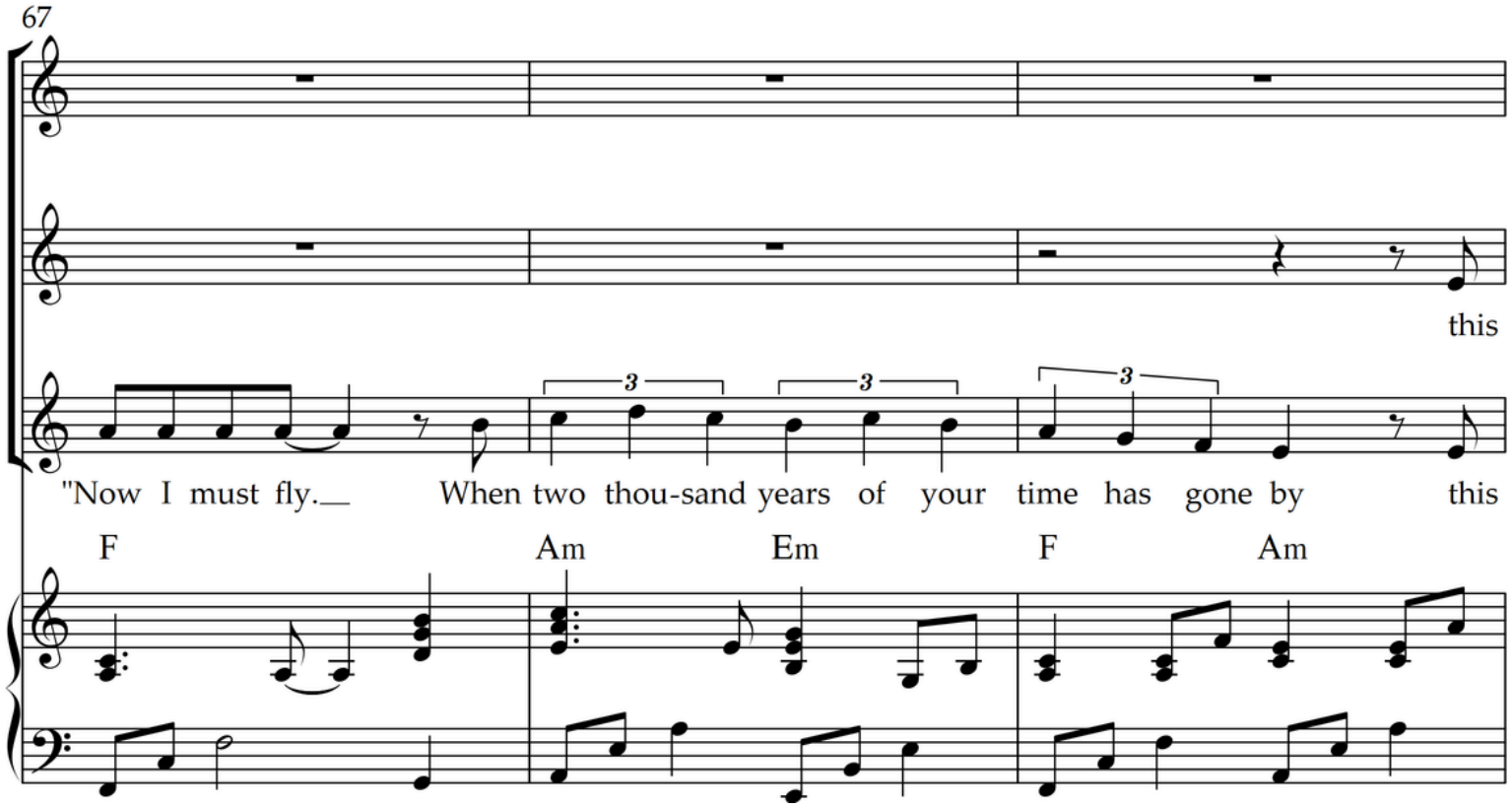
C G F G Am Em F Am


48
Oh
4.This
Oh
4.This
Oh
4.This
C
G
F
Am

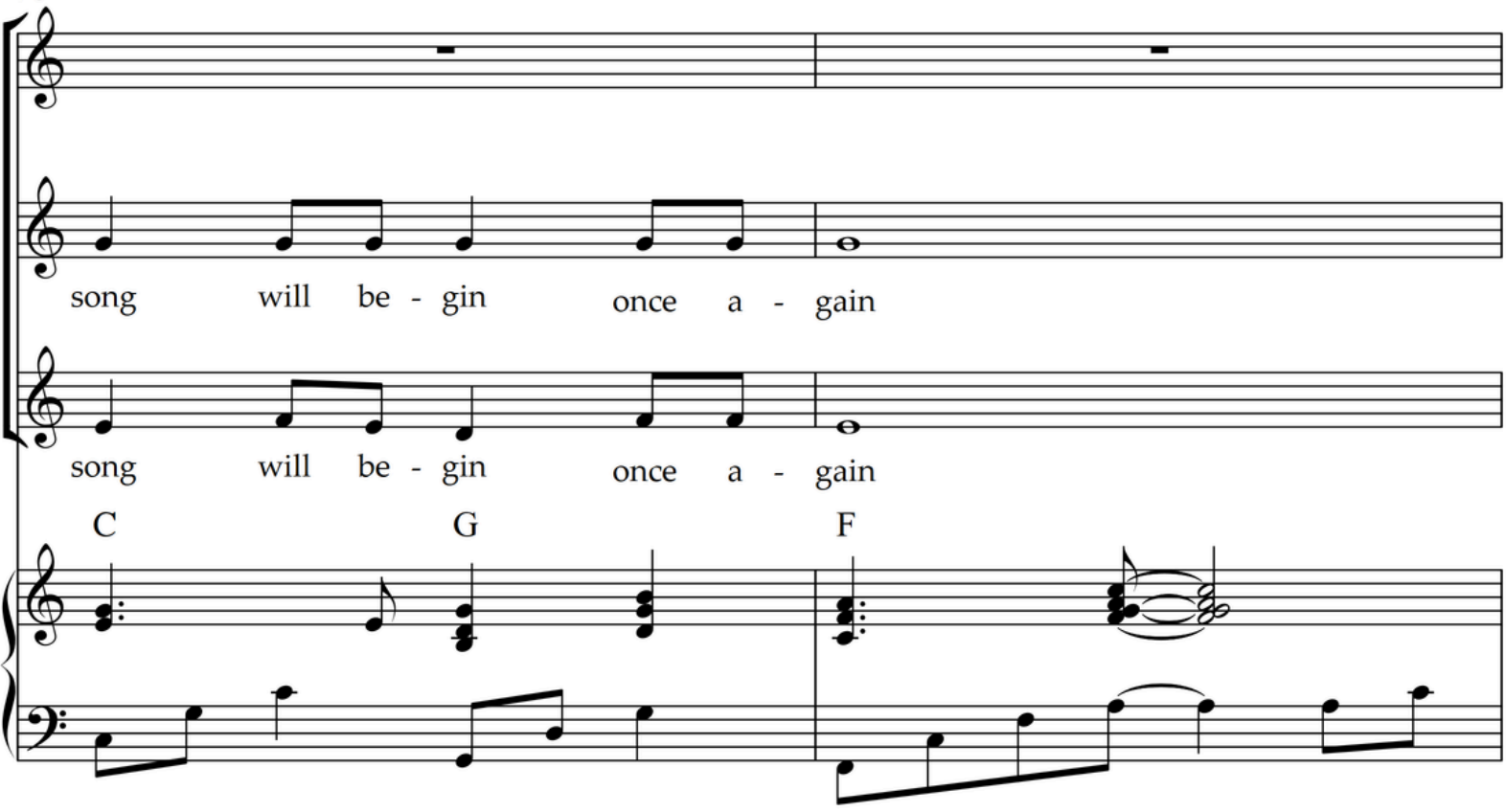

53
(as 2 part juniors)
love-ly mu-sic wenttremb-ling thru the ground, and ma-ny were wak-ened on
love-ly mu-sic wenttremb-ling thru the ground, and ma-ny were wak-ened on
love-ly mu-sic wenttremb-ling thru the ground, and ma-ny were wak-ened on
Am
C
G
Am
C
G


56
hear-ing that sound and trav-'llers on the road, the vil-age they found by the
hear-ing that sound and trav-'llers on the road, the vil-age they found by the
hear-ing that sound and trav-'llers on the road, the vil-age they found by the
F G Am Em F Am
59
light of that ship in the sky
light of that ship in the sky which shone all a-round
light of that ship in the sky which shone all a-round
light of that ship in the sky which shone all a-round
C G F F G Am


63
64
Tacet
p
5.And just be-fore dawn at the pa-ling of the sky the stran-ger re-turned and said
Am C G Am C G
p

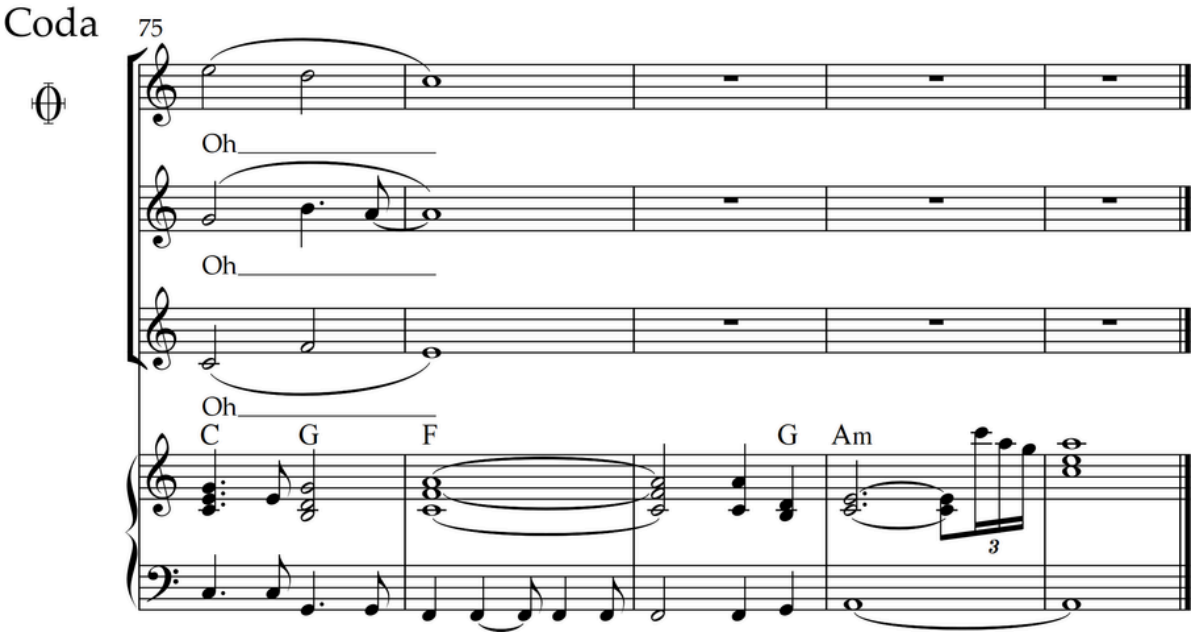

67
this
"Now I must fly. When two thou-sand years of your time has gone by this
F Am Em F Am
3
3
3

70


song will be - gin once a - gain
song will be - gin once a - gain
C G F

72


D.S. al Coda
And it goes
And it goes
to a ba - bys cry."
G Am
D.S. al Coda


Coda
75
Oh
Oh
Oh
C
G
F
G
Am
3

A Spaceman Came Travelling Lyrics
Green

Verse One A spaceman came trav'lling on his ship from afar
'Twas light years of time since his mission did start,
And over a village he halted his craft
And it hung in the sky like a star, just like a star.

Verse Two He followed a light and came down to a shed,
Where a mother and child were lying there on a bed.
A bright light of silver shone 'round his head.
And he had the face of an angel, and they were afraid.

Verse Three Then the stranger spoke, he said **…(rest)**
And suddenly the sweetest music filled the air,
And it went:

Chorus La la la la la la la la la la,
La la la la la la la la la la,
La la la la la la la la la la,
Peace and good-will to all men,
And love for the child.
La la la la la la la la la la,
La la la la la la la,
La la la la la la la la la la.
Oh.

Verse Four This lovely music went trembling through the ground,
And many were wakened on hearing that sound.
And trav'llers on the road, the village they found,
By the light of that ship in the sky which shone all around.

Verse Five And just before dawn at the paling of the sky
The stranger returned and said **… (rest)**
This song will begin once again,
And it goes:

Chorus La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
Peace and good-will to all men,
And love for the child.
La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
Oh.

A Spaceman Came Travelling Lyrics
Yellow

Verse One

A spaceman came trav'lling on his ship from afar
'Twas light years of time since his mission did start,
And over a village he halted his craft
And it hung in the sky like a star, just like a star.

Verse Two

He followed a light and came down to a shed,
Where a mother and child were lying there on a bed.
A bright light of silver shone 'round his head
And he had the face of an angel **…. (rest)**

Verse Three

Do not fear
I come from a planet a long way from here
And I bring a message for mankind to hear
And suddenly the sweetest music filled the air

Chorus

La la la la la la la
La la la la
Peace and good-will to all men
And love for the child.
La la la la la la la
La la la la
Oh.

Verse Four

This lovely music went trembling through the ground,
And many were wakened on hearing that sound
And trav'llers on the road, the village they found
By the light of that ship in the sky which shone all around

… (rest)

Verse Five

Now I must fly
When two thousand years of your time has gone by
This song will begin once again to a baby's cry

Chorus

La la la la la la la
La la la la
Peace and good-will to all men
And love for the child.
La la la la la la la
La la la la
Oh.

A Spaceman Came Travelling Lyrics
Senior

Verse One

A spaceman came trav'lling on his ship from afar
'Twas light years of time since his mission did start,
And over a village he halted his craft
And it hung in the sky like a star, just like a star.

Verse Two

He followed a light and came down to a shed,
Where a mother and child were lying there on a bed.
A bright light of silver shone 'round his head
And he had the face of an angel, and they were afraid.

Verse Three

…(rest)
And suddenly the sweetest music filled the air
And it went

Chorus

La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
Peace and good-will to all men
And love for the child.
La la la la la la la
La la la la
Oh.

Verse Four This lovely music went trembling through the ground,
And many were wakened on hearing that sound
And trav'llers on the road, the village they found
By the light of that ship in the sky which shone all around.

Verse Five **… (rest)**

Chorus La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
Peace and good-will to all men
And love for the child.
La la la la la la la
La la la la
Oh.

Do They Know It's Christmas Time (Feed The World)

The song carries a message of hope and kindness, reminding us that the true spirit of Christmas is about generosity, sharing what we have, and showing love and care to people everywhere, no matter how far away they may be.

We have kept this song close to the original, however please sing as per the download as we have changed some of the rhythms/inflections to make it easier for the children to sing.

We would like them to tell the story of this song, through the dynamics, so please do make a note of them on the score.

Verse one is in unison, verse two introduces harmony for team yellow. To get their note for verse two, they need to remember the note they finish verse one on. There is a big vocal jump that both parts will need to do at the end of bar 51 into 52 – for this warm ups will be useful – especially the number warm up which is in the appendix.

Bar 61 we introduce the call and response motif between team green and yellow. To aid the children in this, when they are learning it would be helpful if you sing in the opposite part.

For the repeated chorus at the end Team Green just need to get used to not singing 'Again'. Get them saying the words first in rhythm: '*Let them know it's Christmas time a- feed the world*.' Just repeat this until it becomes second nature to them, then add in the tune. Make sure they use the letter 'L' to help them get to the top note.

For all parts, each *Feed the world* should be louder than the last one.

Do They Know It's Christmas?

arranged by GT





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9
time we let in light and we ban - ish shade.
time we let in light and we ban - ish shade.
12
And in our world of plen - ty we can spread a smile of joy.
And in our world of plen - ty we can spread a smile of joy.
16
Throw your arms a-round the world at Christ-mas time.
Throw your arms a-round the world at Christ-mas time.


20
mf
21
But say a prayer, to pray for the
But say a prayer,
21
23
oth-er ones at Christ - mas time. It's
oth-er ones at Christ - mas time. It's
26
hard, but when you're hav-ing fun there's a
hard, but when you're hav-ing fun


29
world out - side your win - dow, and it's a world of dread and fear
world out - side your win - dow, and it's a world of dread and fear
32
where the on - ly wa - ter flow-ing the
where the on - ly wa - ter flow-ing the
35
bit - ter sting of tears. And the Christ-mas bells that ring
bit - ter sting of tears. And the Christ-mas bells that ring


38
f
there are the clang-ing chimes of doom. Well to -
f
there are the clang-ing chimes of doom. Well to -
41
mf
night thank God it's them in-stead of you. And there
mf
night thank God it's them in-stead of you. And there
45
won't be snow in Af - ri-ca this Christ - mas time. The
won't be snow in Af - ri-ca this Christ - mas time. The


49
great-est gift they'll get this year is life. Where
great-est gift they'll get this year is life. Where
53
noth-ing ev-er grows, no rain or riv ers flow.
noth-ing ev-er grows, no rain or riv ers flow.
57
Do they know it's Christ-mas time at all?
Do they know it's Christ-mas time at all?


61
mp
Here's to you,
mp
raise a glass for ev - 'ry - one.
mf
Here's to them
mf
un - der -
64
f
Do they know it's Christ - mas time at___
f
neath that burn-ing sun. Do they know it's Christ - mas time at___
67
all?
all?


71
mf
Feed the
mf
Feed the
76
f
world.
Feed the world.
f
world.
Feed the world.
81
Let them know it's Christ-mas time a - Feed the world. Let them know it's
Let them know it's Christ-mas time a - gain. the world. Let them know it's


86
Christ - mas time a - Feed the world.
Christ - mas time a - gain. the world.
89
rit.
Let them know it's Christ - mas time a - gain.
Let them know it's Christ - mas time a - gain.
rit.

Do They Know It's Christmas (Feed The World) Lyrics
Green

Verse One

It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid.
At Christmas time we let in light and we banish shade.
And in our world of plenty we can spread a smile of joy.
Throw your arms around the world at Christmas time.

Verse Two

But say a prayer, to pray for the other ones.
At Christmas time, it's hard, but when you're having fun.
There's a world outside your window,
and it's a world of dread and fear
Where the only water flowing, is the bitter sting of tears.
And the Christmas bells that ring there
are the clanging chimes of doom.
Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you.

Verse Three

And there won't be snow in Africa this Christmas time.
The greatest gift they'll get this year is life.
Where nothing ever grows, no rain or rivers flow.
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Bridge

Here's to you **(rest)** Here's to them **(rest)**
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Chorus

Feed the world
Feed the world.
Feed the world, let them know it's Christmas time a-
Feed the world, let them know it's Christmas time a-
Feed the world, let them know it's Christmas time again.

Do They Know It's Christmas (Feed The World) Lyrics
Yellow

Verse One

It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid.
At Christmas time we let in light and we banish shade.
And in our world of plenty we can spread a smile of joy.
Throw your arms around the world at Christmas time.

Verse Two

But say a prayer, other ones.
At Christmas time, it's hard, but when you're having fun.
world outside your window,
and it's a world of dread and fear
Where the only water flowing, the bitter sting of tears.
And the Christmas bells that ring there,
are the clanging chimes of doom.
Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you.

Verse Three

And there won't be snow in Africa this Christmas time.
The greatest gift they'll get this year is life.
Where nothing ever grows, no rain or rivers flow.
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Bridge

(rest) raise a glass for ev'ryone.
(rest) underneath that burning sun.
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Chorus

Feed the world
Feed the world.
Feed the world, let them know it's Christmas time again.
The world, let them know it's Christmas time again.
The world, let them know it's Christmas time again.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

This is a classic English carol that serves as a comforting message of hope and strength amidst the hardships of life.

We have modernised this carol so that it has a pop feeling, with a 'tag' using the title which needs to be crisp. Do this by overexaggerating the words, and also making sure there is a gap between *me* and *rry*!
To stop this sounding like Mary, encourage the children to say Meh!

Verse One is in unison, verse two then starts as a round which comes back together on the word *Mary* (bar 48) which is where we introduce some harmony. In verse two team Yellow do not sing the words '*To which his mother'*.

Be aware that the track slows down at bar 57 and then accelerates into bar 63 (back to the original tempo). The final verse, teams Green and Yellow are in unison, with the Senior's continuing the opening theme 'God Rest Ye Merry' and we introduce a descant which Rock Choir Rock Stars will be singing.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

for Upper voices and Piano

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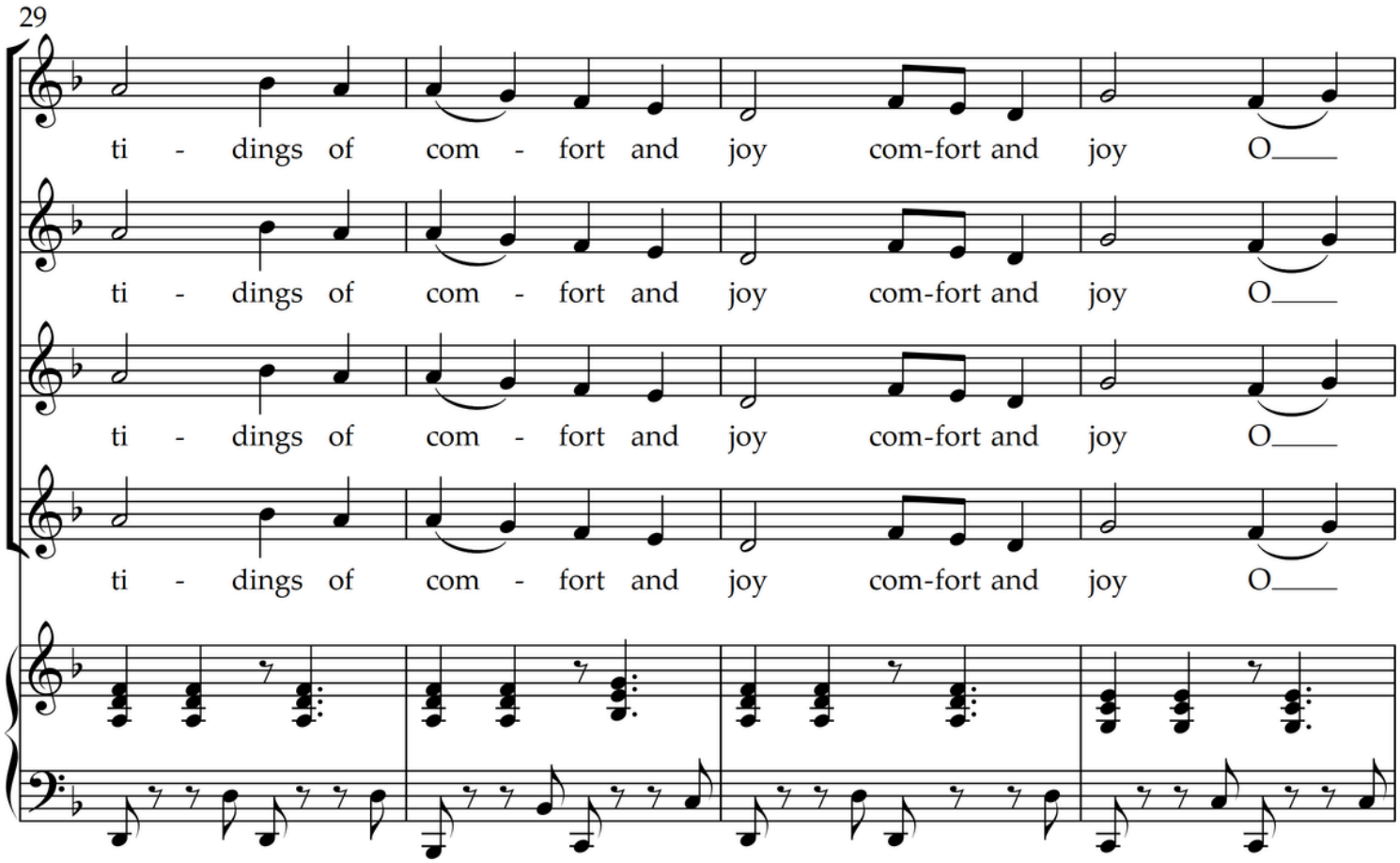


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9
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
13
God rest ye mer - ry
God


17
17
rest ye mer - ry gen - tle - men let no - thing you dis - may Re -
rest ye mer - ry gen - tle - men let no - thing you dis - may Re -
rest ye mer - ry gen - tle - men let no - thing you dis - may Re -
rest ye mer - ry gen - tle - men let no - thing you dis - may Re -
21
mem - ber Christ our sav - iour was born on Christ-mas day To
mem - ber Christ our sav - iour was born on Christ-mas day To
mem - ber Christ our sav - iour was born on Christ-mas day To
mem - ber Christ our sav - iour was born on Christ-mas day To


25
save us all from Sa - tans pow'r When we were gone a - stray O
save us all from Sa - tans pow'r When we were gone a - stray O
save us all from Sa - tans pow'r When we were gone a - stray O
save us all from Sa - tans pow'r When we were gone a - stray O


29
ti - dings of com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O
ti - dings of com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O
ti - dings of com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O
ti - dings of com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O


33
ti - dings of com - fort and God rest ye mer - ry
ti - dings of com - fort and joy
ti - dings of com - fort and joy
ti - dings of com - fort and joy
37
39
God rest ye mer - ry
In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el this
Pt 2 and 3
In Beth - le - hem, in
In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el this
In Beth - le - hem, in
In Beth - le - hem, in

41

bles - sed babe was born, And laid with - in a man - ger u -

Is - ra - el this bles - sed babe was born, And laid with - in a

bles - sed babe was born, And laid with - in a man - ger u -

Is - ra - el this bles - sed babe was born, And laid with - in a

Is - ra - el this bles - sed babe was born, And laid with - in a

45

pon this bles - sed morn To which his mo - ther Ma - ry did

man - ger u - pon this bles - sed morn Ma - ry did

pon this bles - sed morn To which his mo - ther Ma - ry did

man - ger u - pon this bles - sed morn Ma - ry did

man - ger u - pon this bles - sed morn Ma - ry did


49
no - thing take in scorn O ti - dings of com - fort and
no - thing take in scorn O ti - dings of com - fort and
no - thing take in scorn O ti - dings of com - fort and
no - thing take in scorn O ti - dings of com - fort and
no - thing take in scorn O ti - dings of com - fort and
53
Slower ♩ = 100
joy com-fort and joy O ti - dings of com - fort and joy
joy com-fort and joy O ti - dings of com - fort and joy
joy com-fort and joy O ti - dings of com - fort and joy
joy com-fort and joy O ti - dings of com - fort and joy
joy com-fort and joy O ti - dings of com - fort and joy


8
58
59
accel.
A tempo
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
f
64
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry


68
ff
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
Now to our Lord sing
God rest ye mer - ry
Now to our Lord sing
Rock Stars
Now To our Lord
72
God rest ye mer - ry
God rest ye mer - ry
prai - ses all you with - in this place And with true love and
prai - ses all you with - in this place And with true love and
Sing all you with - in this place And with true love


10
76
(Half time feel)
God rest ye mer - ry
ho - ly tide of
bro-ther - hood each oth - er now em - brace This ho - ly tide of
bro-ther - hood each oth - er now em - brace This ho - ly tide of
bro-ther - hood each oth - er now em - brace This ho - ly tide of
E♭maj7
80
Christ - mas all oth - er doth de - face O ti - dings of
Christ - mas all oth - er doth de - face O ti - dings of
Christ - mas all oth - er doth de - face O ti - dings of
Christ - mas all oth - er doth de - face O ti - dings of
F
Gm
Am
B♭maj7


84
com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O___ ti - dings of
com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O___ ti - dings of
com - fort and joy com-fort and joy O___ ti - dings of
com - fort and joy and joy O___ ti - dings of
C
B♭/D
C
B♭maj7
88
mf
com - fort and God rest ye mer - ry___
God rest ye mer - ry___
com - fort and joy___
com - fort and joy___
com - fort and joy___
mf


92
God rest ye mer - ry
95
rit.
God rest ye mer - ry

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Lyrics
Junior

Intro
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry.

Verse One
God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our saviour was born on Christmas day.
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse Two
In Bethlehem, in Israel this blessed babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn.
To which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Linking Section)
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry,
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry.

Verse Three
Now to our Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace.
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Lyrics
Senior

Intro

God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry.

Verse One

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our saviour was born on Christmas day.
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and God rest ye merry,
God rest ye merry.

Verse Two

In Bethlehem, in Israel this blessed babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn.
To which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Linking Section)

God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry,
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry.

Verse Three

God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry
Holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and God rest ye merry,
God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry, God rest ye merry.

O Little Town of Bethlehem/Good King Wenceslas

This mash up is a moment of reflection in the concert.
O Little town of Bethlehem captures the quiet, profound journey of the Nativity by focusing on the transition from the bustling, unaware world to the stillness of a humble destination. Whereas Good King Wenceslas transforms the act of traveling into a noble mission of compassion, ultimately emphasising that the true spirit of the season is found in warmth, generosity, and looking out for our neighbours.

Team green will be singing O little Town of Bethlehem.
Team Yellow will be singing Good King Wenceslas.
Senior's - you can split your singers so that each carol is covered.

Both songs should be sung delicately, with thoughtfulness going into the phrasing. Long lyrical lines, so take care to work on the breathing with this mash up. For Team Yellow, be careful as this carol can sound 'ploddy' if sung to vigorously. For both teams, don't allow the sound be forced, or pushed.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem with Good King Wenceslas

for Upper Voices and Piano

Arranged by GT



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9
E♭ B♭7(sus4) B♭ E♭ E♭/C Fm B♭7 E♭
bove thy deep and dream-less_sleep the si lent stars go by Yet_
13
E♭/G Fm7 E♭maj7 B♭/D Cm7 E♭/B♭ E♭/G Cm Fm7 A♭/B♭ B♭7/D E♭/B♭ A♭/B♭ B♭7
in___thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light The hopes and fears of
18
Cm Gm7 Fm11 A♭maj7 B♭11 B♭7 E♭ A♭
all_ the_years are met in_ thee to - night

22 Band in

mp

E♭ E♭/G B♭/F E♭ Fm B♭7 Fm/B♭ B♭7 E♭

Good King Wen - ces - las look'd out on the feast of Ste - phen

26 E♭ A♭/E♭ E♭ B♭/F E♭ E♭/G Fm B♭7 E♭

When the snow lay round a - bout deep and crisp and e - ven

30 E♭/G Fm7 E♭maj7 B♭/D Cm7 E♭/B♭ E♭/G Cm Fm7 A♭/B♭ B♭ E♭/B♭ A♭/B♭ B♭7

Bright-ly shone the moon that night Tho' the frost was cru - el. When a poor man

8va

35 Cm Gm7 Fm11 A♭maj7 B♭11 B♭7 E♭ A♭

came in sight, Gath-r'ing win-ter fu - - el

40

39 mf F F/E Dm Am7 B♭/C F/C Gm/C C7

O lit - tle town of Beth-le - hem how still we_ see thee

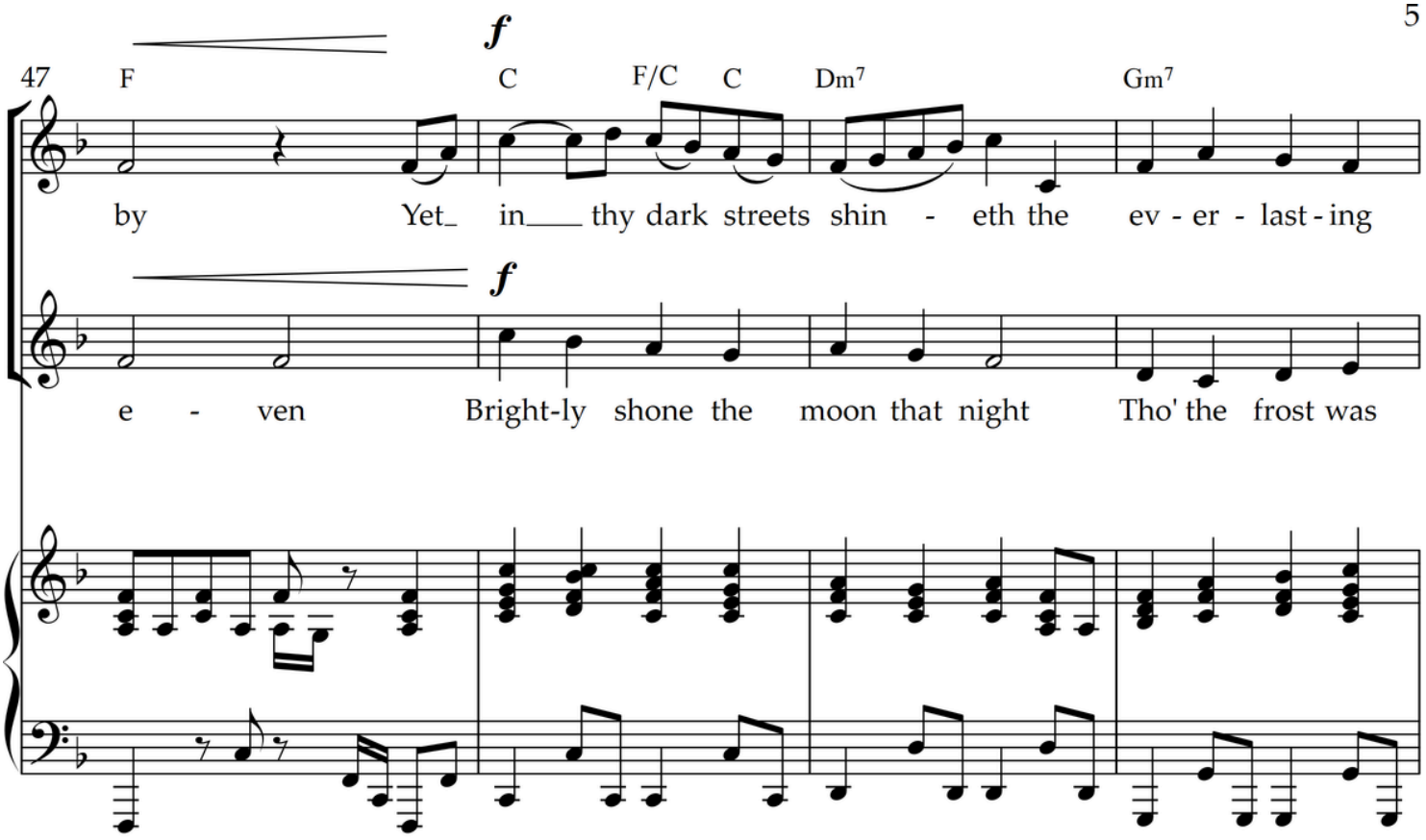
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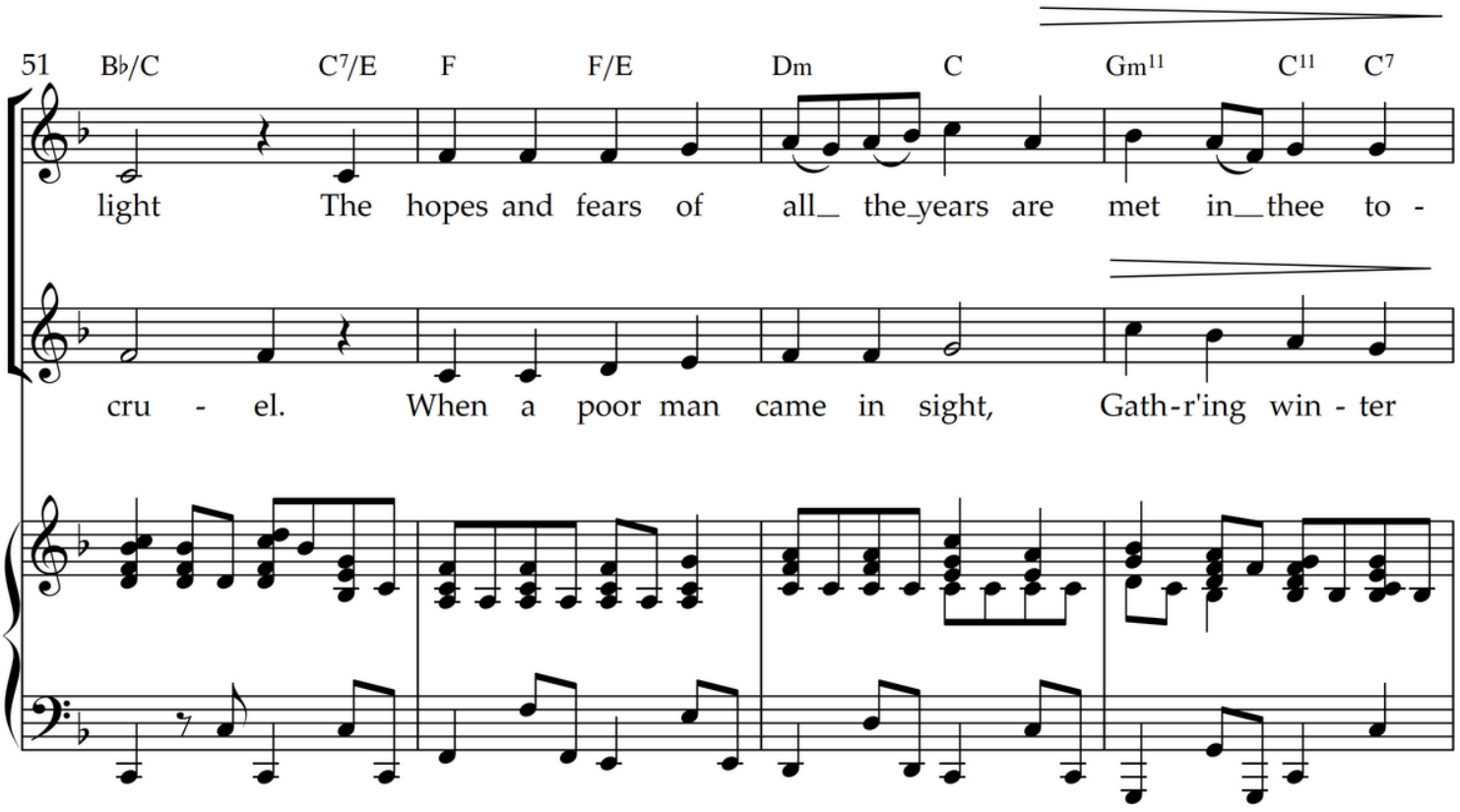
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43 F F F/E C/G Dm Am7 B♭/C F/C Gm/C C7

lie A - bove thy deep and dream-less_sleep the si lent stars go

Ste – phen When the snow lay round a - bout deep and crisp and


47
F
C
F/C
C
Dm7
Gm7
f
by Yet_ in___ thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing
f
e - ven Bright-ly shone the moon that night Tho' the frost was


51
B♭/C
C7/E
F
F/E
Dm
C
Gm11
C11
C7
light The hopes and fears of all_ the_years are met in__thee to -
cru - el. When a poor man came in sight, Gath-r'ing win - ter


57
mp
55
F
B♭
G♭
G♭/F
night
O
ho - ly child of
mp
fu - - - el
In his mas - ters
mf
58
E♭m
B♭m7
C♭/D♭ G♭/D♭ A♭m/D♭
D♭7
G♭
G♭
G♭/F D♭/A♭
Beth-le - hem De - scend to__ us we pray. Cast out our sin and
step he trod, Where the snow lay den - ted. Heat was in the

62 E♭m B♭m7 C♭/D♭ G♭/D♭ A♭m/D♭ D♭7 G♭ D♭ G♭/D♭ D♭

f

en - ter_ in Be born in___ us to - day We hear__ the Christ-mas

f

ve - ry sod which the saint had prin - ted. There-fore Christ - ian

66 E♭m7 A♭m7 C♭/D♭ D♭7/F G♭ G♭/F

an - gels The great glad ti-dings tell O come to us, a -

men, be sure, wealth or rank po - ses - sing Ye who now will


70
E♭m
D♭
A♭m11
D♭11
D♭7
bide with us, our Lord E - man - u -
bless the poor Shall your - selves find
mp
72
G♭
C♭
rit.
el
mp
belss - - - ing
rit.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem/Good King Wenceslas Lyrics
Green

Verse One O Little Town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Verse Two **(REST)**

Verse Three O Little Town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Verse Four O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us our Lord Emanuel.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem/Good King Wenceslas Lyrics
Yellow

Verse One **(REST)**

Verse Two Good King Wenceslas look'd out on the feast of Stephen.
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel.
When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel.

Verse Three Good King Wenceslas look'd out on the feast of Stephen.
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel.
When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel.

Verse Four In his masters step he trod, where the snow lay dented.
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing.
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Merry Christmas

This is a cheerful, upbeat tribute to the magic of the holiday season, emphasising the importance of spending time with the people who matter most. It reminds us that the true spirit of Christmas is found in the joy of connection and the celebration of love and friendship.

We have stayed very close to the original song and this should be nice and easy to learn due to it's repetitive nature.

The introduction to this piece is two solo lines, so it would be great if each school has two confident singers that would be happy to sing these lines.

Verse one is in unison and verse two is in harmony.

There are some beautiful open Ah's in the chorus which need to be smooth and lyrical – it would be a good phrase to use as a warm up to singing (and also means they have learnt part of the song without realising).

At the end, the chorus repeats three times – please make sure each repeat is louder than the last (but not resorting to shouting).

Merry Christmas

for Upper Voices and Piano

Elton John & Ed Sheeran
Arranged by GT

Tempo Rubato

Senior

Jun 1

solo

Build a fire and gath-er round the tree Fill the glass and may-be

Jun 2

solo

Build a fire and gath-er round the tree Fill the glass and may-be

Tempo Rubato

Piano

F A(sus4) Dm /C B♭ B♭/A

4

♩ = 113 Medium Up

come and sing with me

come and sing with me

Gm7 C7 F F Dm B♭

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9

10 *Optional*

So kiss me un-der the mis - tle -toe Pour out the wine
kis-sing me

So kiss me un-der the mis - tle -toe Pour out the wine
kis-sing me

tutti

So kiss me un-der the mis - tle -toe Pour out the wine
kis-sing me

C F Dm

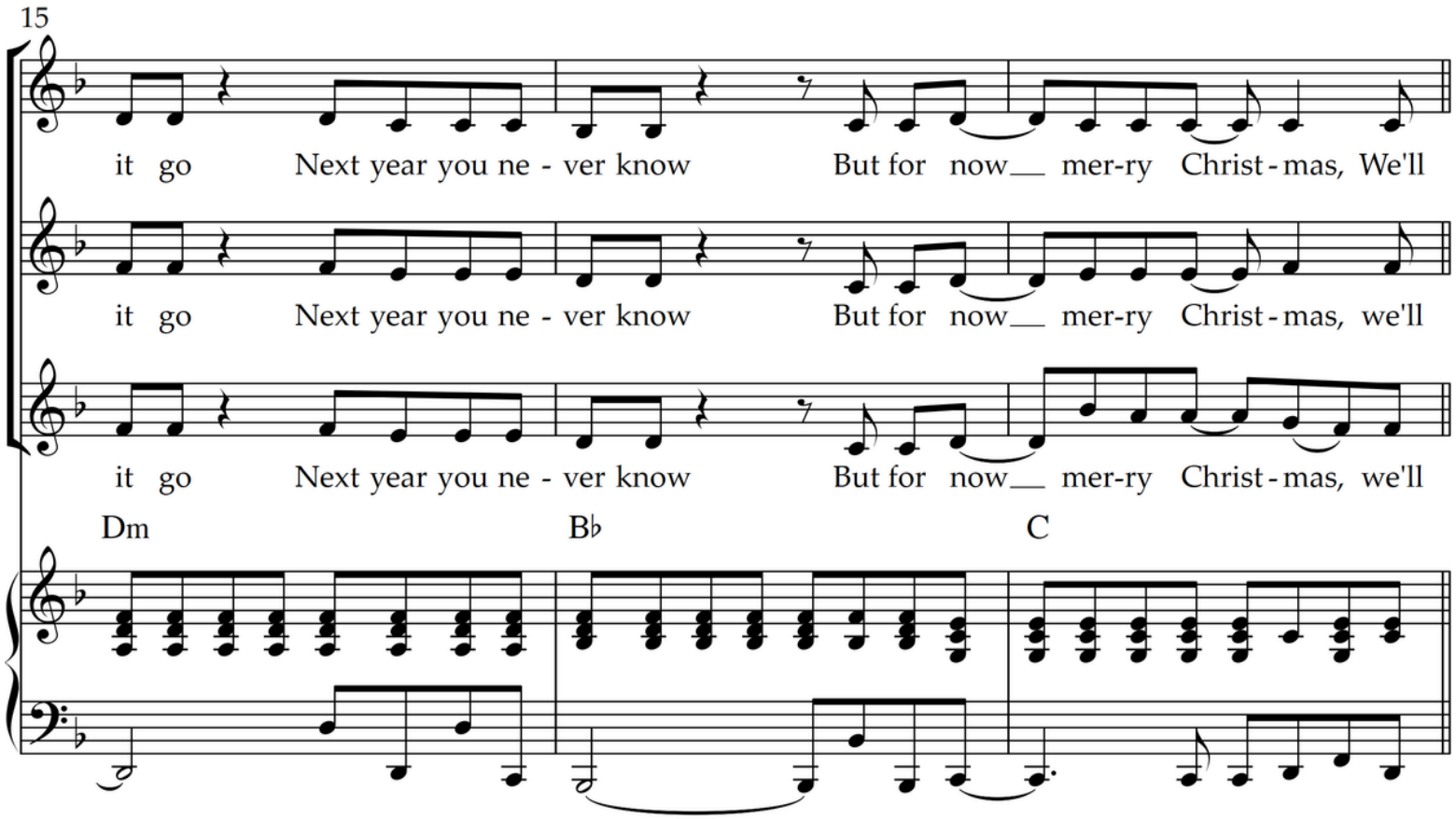
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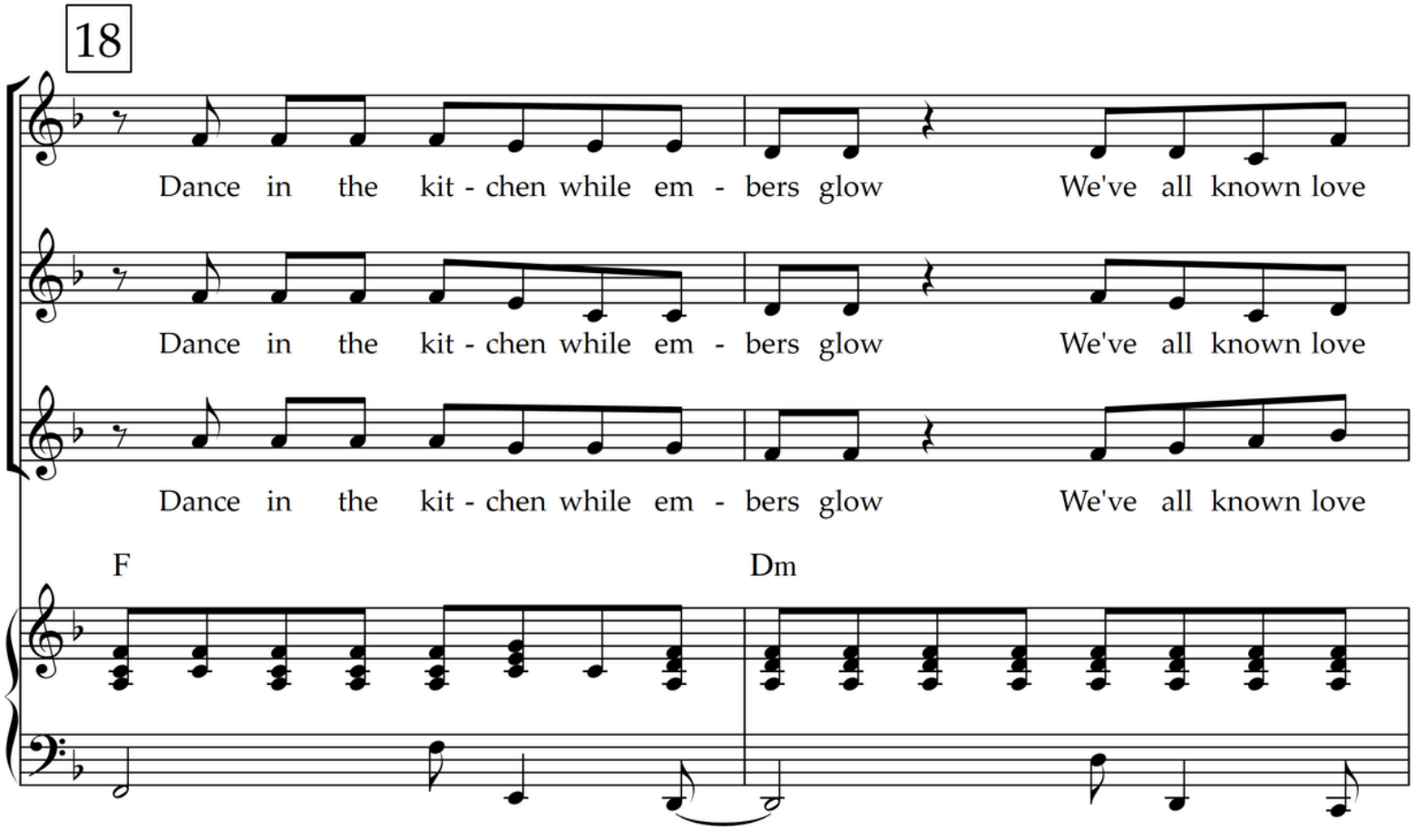
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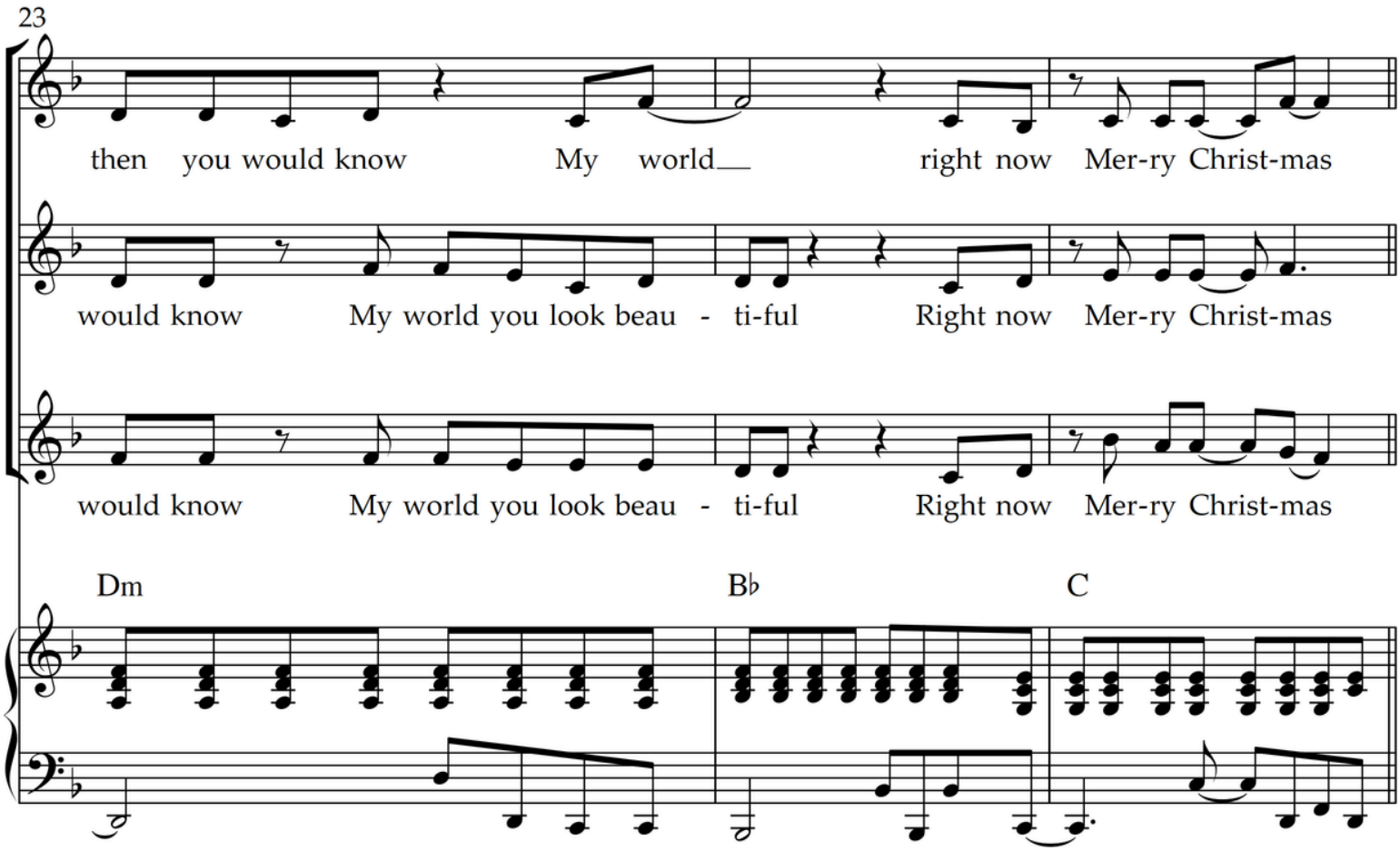
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B♭ C F


15
it go Next year you ne - ver know But for now mer-ry Christ - mas, We'll
it go Next year you ne - ver know But for now mer-ry Christ - mas, we'll
it go Next year you ne - ver know But for now mer-ry Christ - mas, we'll
Dm
B♭
C


18
Dance in the kit - chen while em - bers glow We've all known love
Dance in the kit - chen while em - bers glow We've all known love
Dance in the kit - chen while em - bers glow We've all known love
F
Dm


20
but this love we've got is the best of all
See through my eyes
but this love we've got is the best of all I wish you could see it through my eyes then you
but this love we've got is the best of all I wish you could see it through my eyes then you
B♭
C
F


23
then you would know My world right now Mer-ry Christ-mas
would know My world you look beau - ti-ful Right now Mer-ry Christ-mas
would know My world you look beau - ti-ful Right now Mer-ry Christ-mas
Dm
B♭
C


26
The fire is rag-ing on_ and we all_ sing a - long_
I feel it when it comes Ev - 'ry year Car - ry on_
The fire is rag-ing on_ And we'll all sing a - long to this song_
I feel it when it comes Ev 'ry- year help - ing us_ car-ry on_
The fire is rag-ing on_ And we'll all sing a - long to this song_
I feel it when it comes Ev - 'ry year help-ing us_ car-ry on_
B♭ C F Dm
30
Just hav-ing so much fun_ Whilst we're here_ can we all_ spare a thought
Fill up with so much love_ All the fam - 'ly e - vent all to - ge -
Just hav-ing so much fun_ Whilst we're here can we all_ spare a thought
Fill up with so much love_ All the fam - 'ly e - vent all to - ge -
Just hav-ing so much fun_ Whilst we're here_ can we all_ spare a thought
Fill up with so much love_ All the fam - 'ly e - vent all to - ge -
B♭ C A

33

__ for the ones_ who have gone Mer ry Christ - mas ev - 'ry one
ther where we__ all be - long

__ for the ones_ who have gone Mer ry Christ - mas ev - 'ry one
ther where we__ all be - long

__ for the ones_ who have gone Mer ry Christ - mas ev - 'ry one
ther where we__ all be - long

Dm Dm/C B♭ C

36

1.

__ Ahh_____ Ahh_____ So just keep

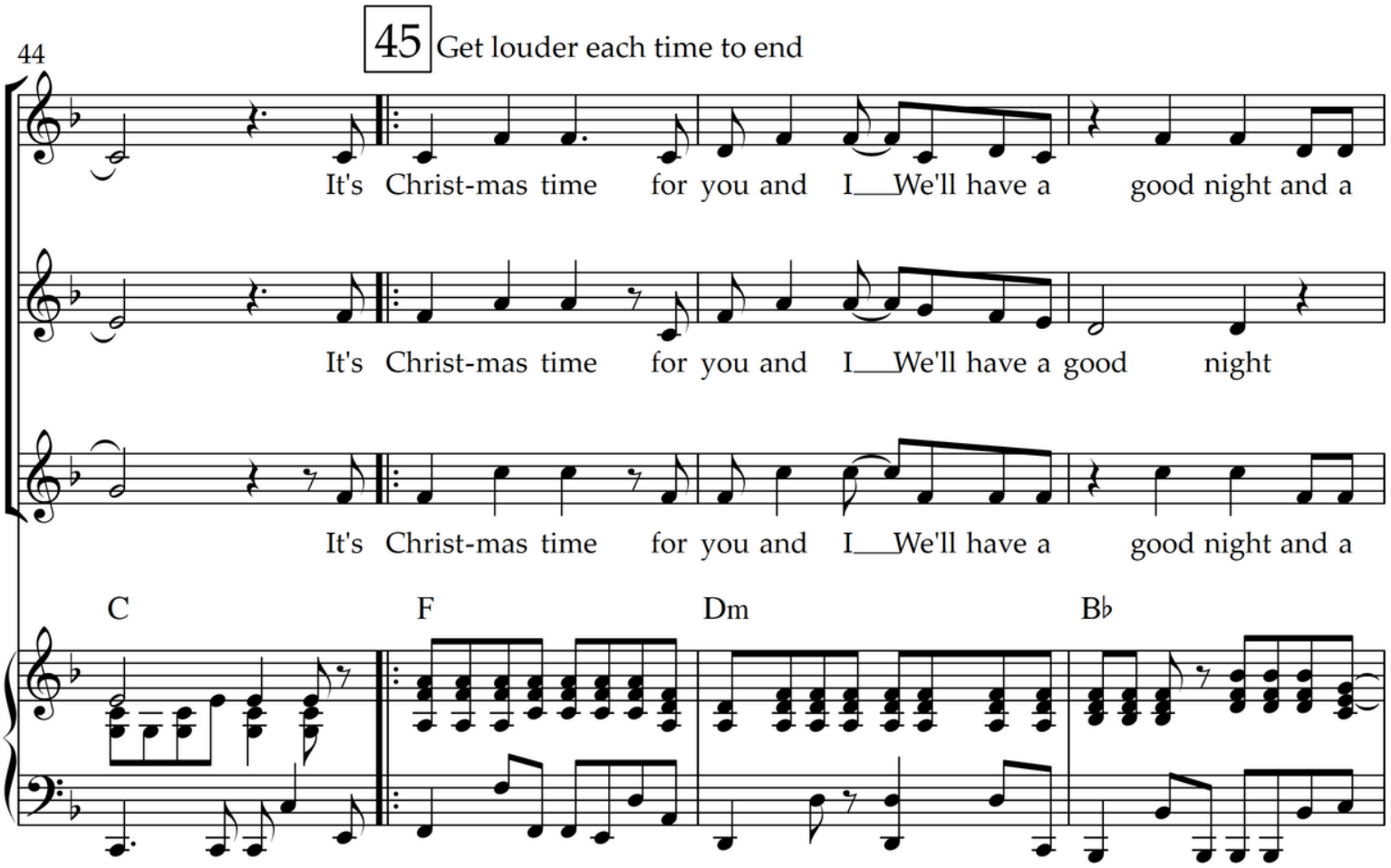
__ Ahh_____ Ahh_____ So just keep

__ Ahh_____ Ahh_____ So just keep

F C Dm C B♭ F C

1.


40
2.
Ahh
Ahh
Ahh
Ahh
Ahh
Ahh
2.
C
F
C
Dm
C
B♭


44
45
Get louder each time to end
It's Christ-mas time for you and I We'll have a good night and a
It's Christ-mas time for you and I We'll have a good night
It's Christ-mas time for you and I We'll have a good night and a
C
F
Dm
B♭


48
Mer-ry Christ-mas It's Christ - mas time for you and I___ we'll have a
Mer - ry Christ-mas It's Christ - mas time for you and I___ We'll have a
Mer-ry Christ-mas It's Christ - mas time for you and I___ we'll have a
C
F
Dm
51
1.2.
3.
good night and a Mer-ry Christ-mas It's Mer-ry Christ-mas time_
Mer - ry Christ-mas It's Mer-ry Christ-mas time_
good night
good night and a Mer-ry Christ-mas It's Mer-ry Christ-mas time_
1.2.
3.
B♭
C
D♭
E♭
F

Merry Christmas Lyrics
Junior

Intro (solo)
Build a fire and gather round the tree
Fill the glass and maybe come and sing with me.

Verse One
So Kiss me under the mistletoe
Pour out the wine let's toast and pray for December snow.
I know there's been pain this year but it's time to let it go,
Next year you never know, but for now Merry Christmas.

Verse Two
We'll dance in the kitchen while embers glow,
We've all known love, but this love we've got is the best of all.
I wish you could see it through my eyes then you would know,
My world, you look beautiful right now, Merry Christmas.

Pre-Chorus
The fire is raging on, and we'll all sing along to this song
Just having so much fun, whilst we're here
can we all spare a thought for the ones who have gone.
Merry Christmas ev'ry one, Ahh, Ahh.

Verse Three
So just keep kissing me under the mistletoe
Pour out the wine let's toast and pray for December snow.
I know there's been pain this year but it's time to let it go,
Next year you never know, but for now Merry Christmas.

Verse Four We'll dance in the kitchen while embers glow,
We've all known love but this love we've got is the best of all.
I wish you could see it through my eyes then you would know,
My world, you look beautiful right now, Merry Christmas.

Pre Chorus I feel it when it comes, ev'ry year helping us carry on.
Fill up with so much love,
all the fam'ly event all together where we all belong.
Merry Christmas ev'ry one, Ahh, Ahh, Ahh, Ahh.

Chorus It's Christmas time for you and I,
we'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas (x5)
It's Christmas time for you and I,
We'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas time.

Merry Christmas Lyrics
Senior

Intro (solo) **REST**

Verse One
So Kiss me under the mistletoe
Pour out the wine let's toast and pray for December snow.
I know there's been pain this year but it's time to let it go,
Next year you never know, but for now Merry Christmas.

Verse Two
We'll dance in the kitchen while embers glow,
We've all known love, but this love we've got is the best of all.
See through my eyes then you would know,
My world, right now, Merry Christmas.

Pre-Chorus
The fire is raging on, and we'll all sing along
Just having so much fun, whilst we're here
can we all spare a thought for the ones who have gone.
Merry Christmas ev'ry one, Ahh, Ahh.

Verse Three
So just keep kissing me under the mistletoe
Pour out the wine let's toast and pray for December snow.
I know there's been pain this year but it's time to let it go,
Next year you never know, but for now Merry Christmas.

Verse Four

We'll dance in the kitchen while embers glow,
We've all known love but this love we've got is the best of all.
See through my eyes then you would know,
My world, right now, Merry Christmas.

Pre Chorus

I feel it when it comes, ev'ry year carry on.
Fill up with so much love,
all the fam'ly event all together where we all belong.
Merry Christmas ev'ry one, Ahh, Ahh, Ahh, Ahh.

Chorus

It's Christmas time for you and I,
we'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas (x5)
It's Christmas time for you and I,
We'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas time.

Merry Christmas Everybody

This song is an anthem that captures the boisterous and communal spirit of a British Christmas.
It transforms the holiday into a loud, celebratory party, reminding everyone to put aside their worries, embrace the merriment, and "look to the future" with shared joy and togetherness.

Again we have kept to the original so it should be very straightforward to learn. Everybody sings the tune in the verses, then in the chorus we introduce harmony.

The most time will be spent on the bridge in this song. Team Yellow have the harmony in this section along with the Senior's and the Aah's need to be light and floaty so that the tune with team Green can come through without having to sing to loudly.

Merry Christmas Everybody

for Upper Voices and Piano

Slade

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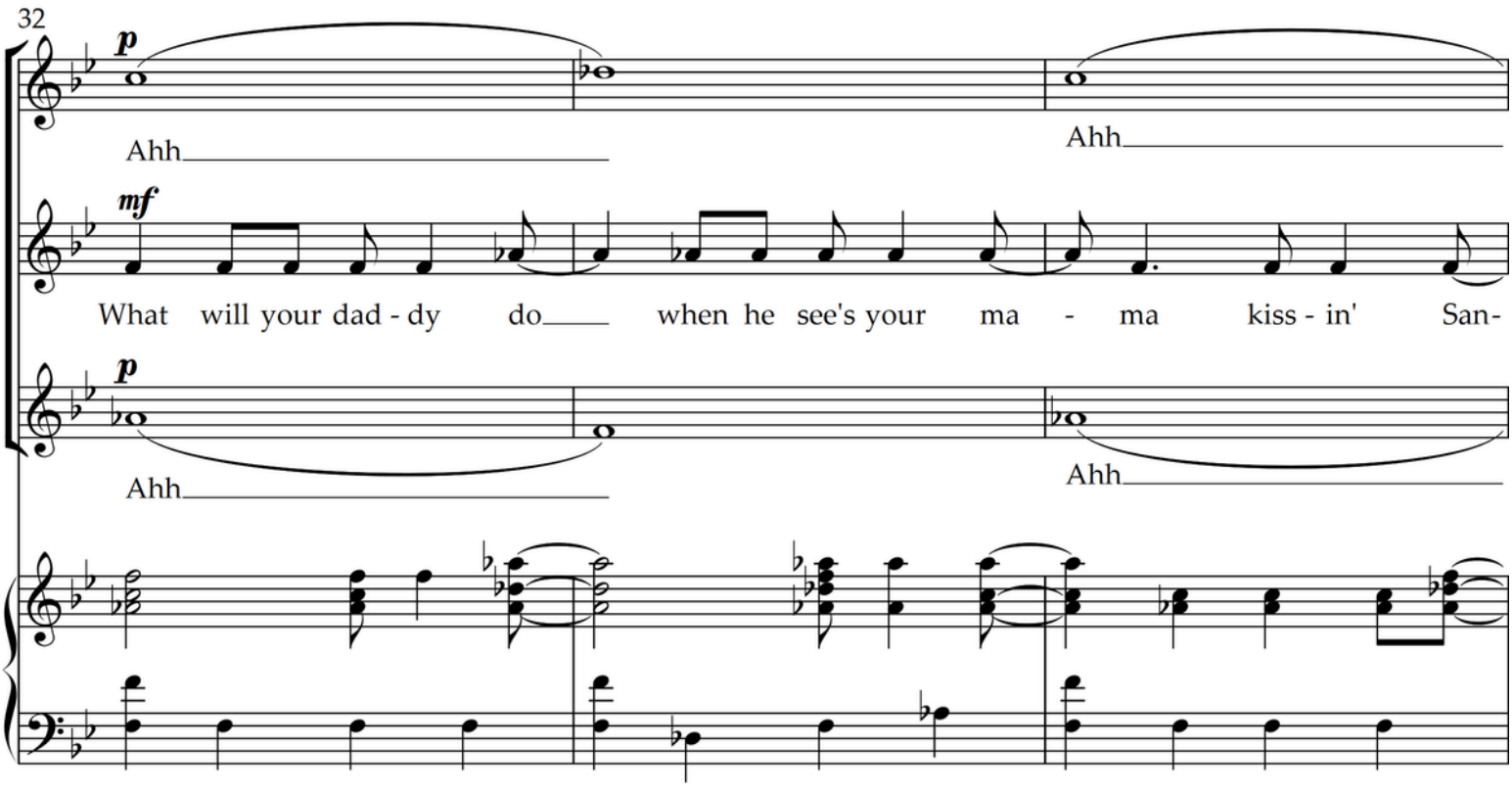
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10
- ta has a ball
to spare in-side
will start to fall
Does he ride a red-nosed rein
Does your gran - ny al - ways tell
Do you ride on down the hill-
- ta has a ball
to spare in=side
will start to fall
Does he ride a red-nosed rein
Does your gran - ny al - ways tell
Do you ride on down the hill-
- ta has a ball
to spare in-side
will start to fall
Does he ride a red-nosed rein
Does your gran - ny al - ways tell
Do you ride on down the hill-


14
- deer Does a ton u - pon his sleigh Do the fair - ies keep him so -
you that the old songs are the best Then she's up and rock 'n rol -
- side in a bug - gy you have made When you land up - on your head
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18
To Coda
f
- ber for a day
- lin' with the rest
then you've been slayed
So here it is mer-ry Christ
22
- mas ev - 'ry - bod - dy's hav-ing fun
Look to the fu-


26
1.
2.
- ture now it's on-ly just be - gun
- ture now it's on-ly just be - gun
- ture now it's on-ly just be - gun
Are you wait -


32
p
Ahh
Ahh
mf
What will your dad - dy do when he see's your ma - ma kiss - in' San-
p
Ahh
Ahh


35
D.S. al Coda
Ahh
- ta Claus ah ha
Ahh
Are you hang
D.S. al Coda


Coda
38
is mer-ry Christ - mas ev - 'ry - bod - dy's hav-ing fun
is mer-ry Christ - mas ev - 'ry - bod - dy's hav-ing fun
is mer-ry Christ - mas ev - 'ry - bod - dy's hav-ing fun
Coda


42
1.2.
Look to the fu - ture now it's on - ly just be - gun
gliss.
Look to the fu - ture now it's on - ly just be - gun
Look to the fu - ture now it's on - ly just be - gun
gliss.
1.2.


46
3.
So here it on - ly just be - gun
So here it on - ly just be - gun
So here it on - ly just be - gun
gliss.
3.

Merry Christmas Everybody Lyrics
Green

Verse One

Are you hanging up your stocking on the wall?
It's the time that ev'ry Santa has a ball.
Does he ride a red nosed reindeer, Does a ton upon his sleigh?
Do the fairies keep him sober for a day?

Chorus

So here it is Merry Christmas ev'rybody's having fun.
Look to the future now it's only just begun.

Verse Two

Are you waiting for the family to arrive?
Are you sure you've got the room to spare inside.
Does your granny always tell ya, that the old songs are the best,
Then she's up and rock and rollin' with the rest.

Chorus

So here it is Merry Christmas ev'rybody's having fun.
Look to the future now it's only just begun.

Bridge

What will your daddy do when he see's your mamma kissin'
Santa Claus. Ah…

Verse Three

Are you hanging up a stocking on the wall?
Are you hoping that the snow will start to fall
Do you ride on down the hillside in a buggy you have made.
When you land upon your head then you've been sleighed.

Chorus

So here it is Merry Christmas ev'rybody's having fun.
Look to the future now it's only just begun. **(x3)**

Merry Christmas Everybody Lyrics
Yellow and Senior

Verse One Are you hanging up your stocking on the wall?
It's the time that ev'ry Santa has a ball.
Does he ride a red nosed reindeer, Does a ton upon his sleigh?
Do the fairies keep him sober for a day?

Chorus So here it is Merry Christmas ev'rybody's having fun.
Look to the future now it's only just begun.

Verse Two Are you waiting for the family to arrive?
Are you sure you've got the room to spare inside.
Does your granny always tell ya, that the old songs are the best,
Then she's up and rock and rollin' with the rest.

Chorus So here it is Merry Christmas ev'rybody's having fun.
Look to the future now it's only just begun.

Bridge Ah, ah, Ah…

Verse Three Are you hanging up a stocking on the wall?
Are you hoping that the snow will start to fall
Do you ride on down the hillside in a buggy you have made.
When you land upon your head then you've been sleighed.

Chorus So here it is Merry Christmas ev'rybody's having fun.
Look to the future now it's only just begun. **(x3)**

Joy To The World

This is a triumphant and exuberant anthem that celebrates the arrival of the season as a moment of universal liberation and peace. It tells the story of a wonderful message of peace and love being shared with the entire world, encouraging every heart to make room for happiness.

Rather than the traditional version of this song we took inspiration from the gospel choir's sound, and this is the feeling we are looking for when performing this song. It needs real energy all the way through – especially towards the end when the tempo increases.

It seems like there are a lot of words in this piece, but in reality, we sing verse one 5 times throughout the piece, and the harmonies all remain the same. So once they have learnt one verse they actually know the whole song.

From a lyric perspective the words 'Heav'n and nature' – the first time this comes round in the verse it is one syllable. But in the last line of verse one you will see it is written as 'heaven' and therefore is two syllables.

The tempo changes will need practicing!

Joy To The World

for Upper Voices and Piano

Arranged by GT



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For Walsall Music Education Service 'Travelling Through Christmas'

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20 ♩ = 170

Hea-ven and hea - ven and na - ture sing

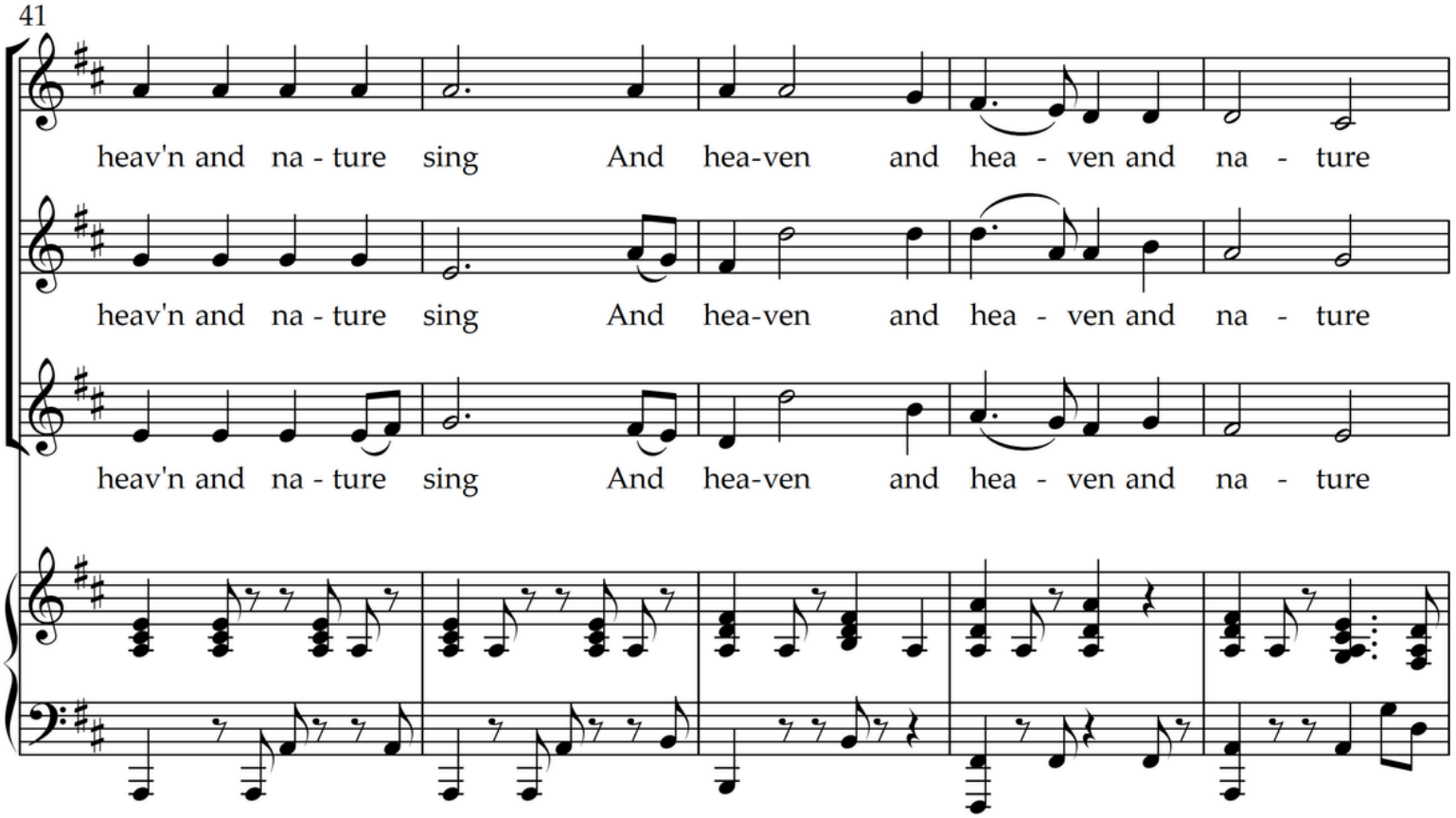
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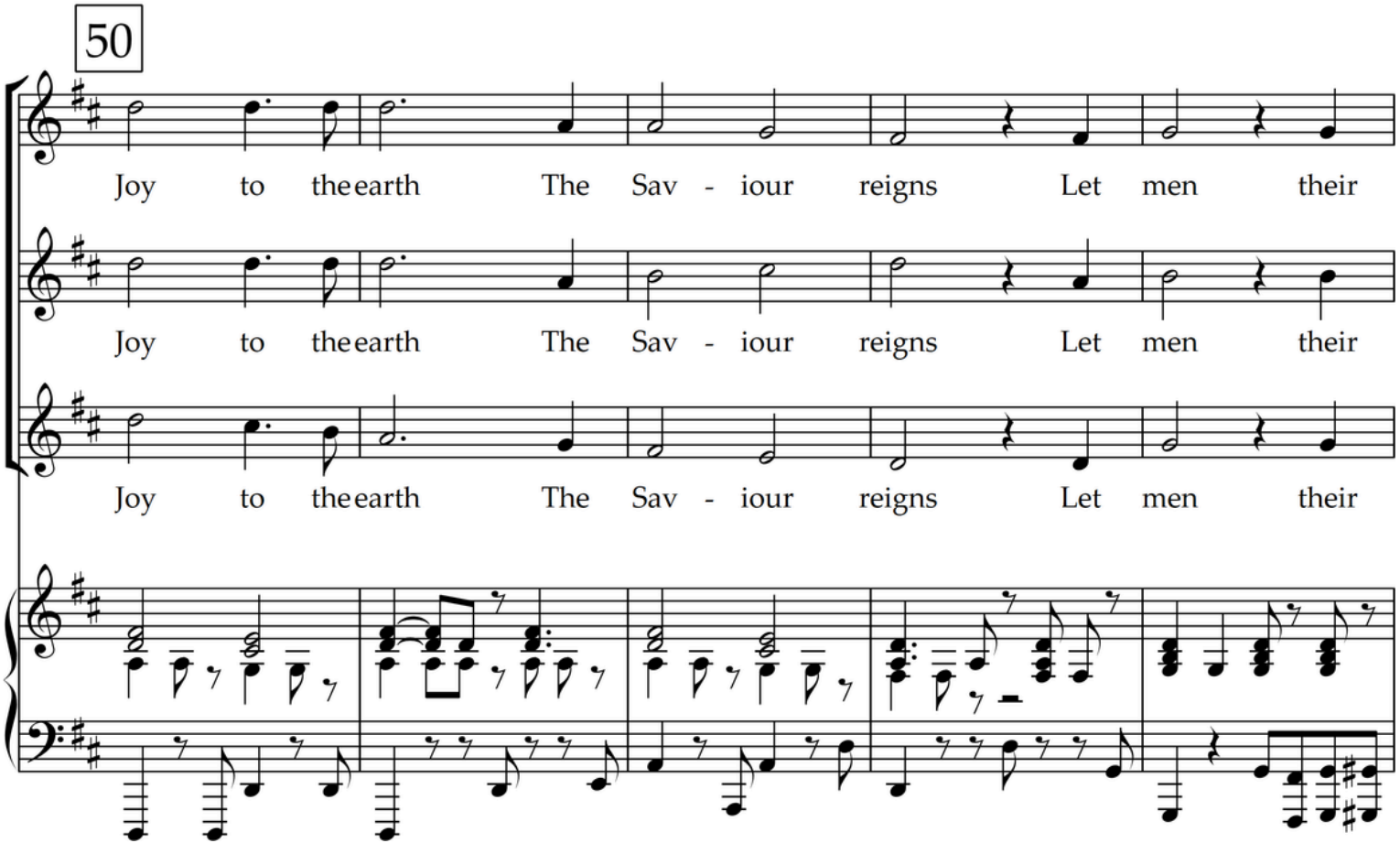
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28
27
Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let
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Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let
32
earth re - ceive her King Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
earth re - ceive her King Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
earth re - ceive her King Let ev - 'ry heart pre -


37
pare Him room And heav'n and na - ture sing And
pare Him room And heav'n and na - ture sing And
pare Him room And heav'n and na - ture sing And


41
heav'n and na - ture sing And hea-ven and hea - ven and na - ture
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heav'n and na - ture sing And hea-ven and hea - ven and na - ture

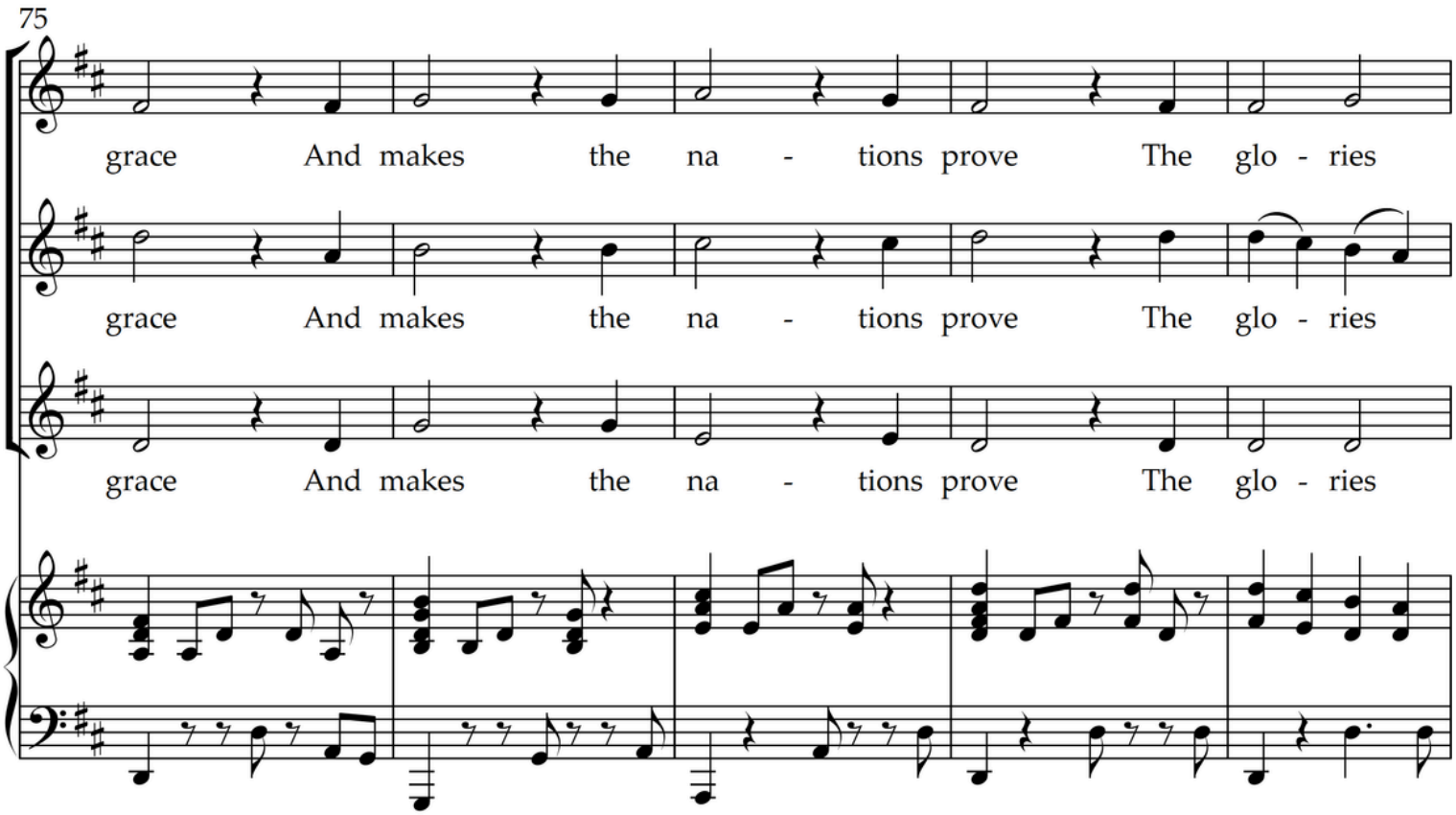

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sing
sing
sing

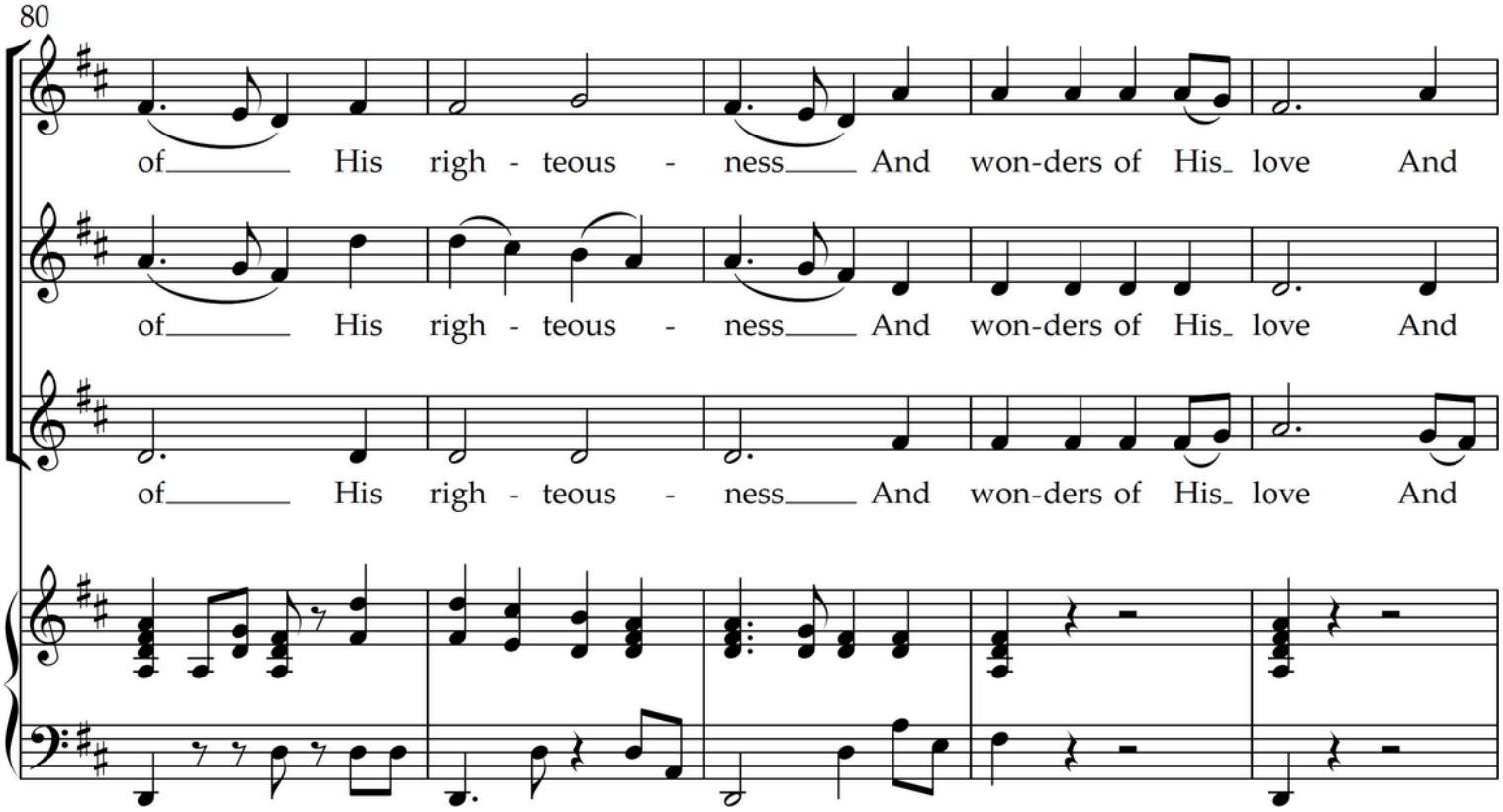

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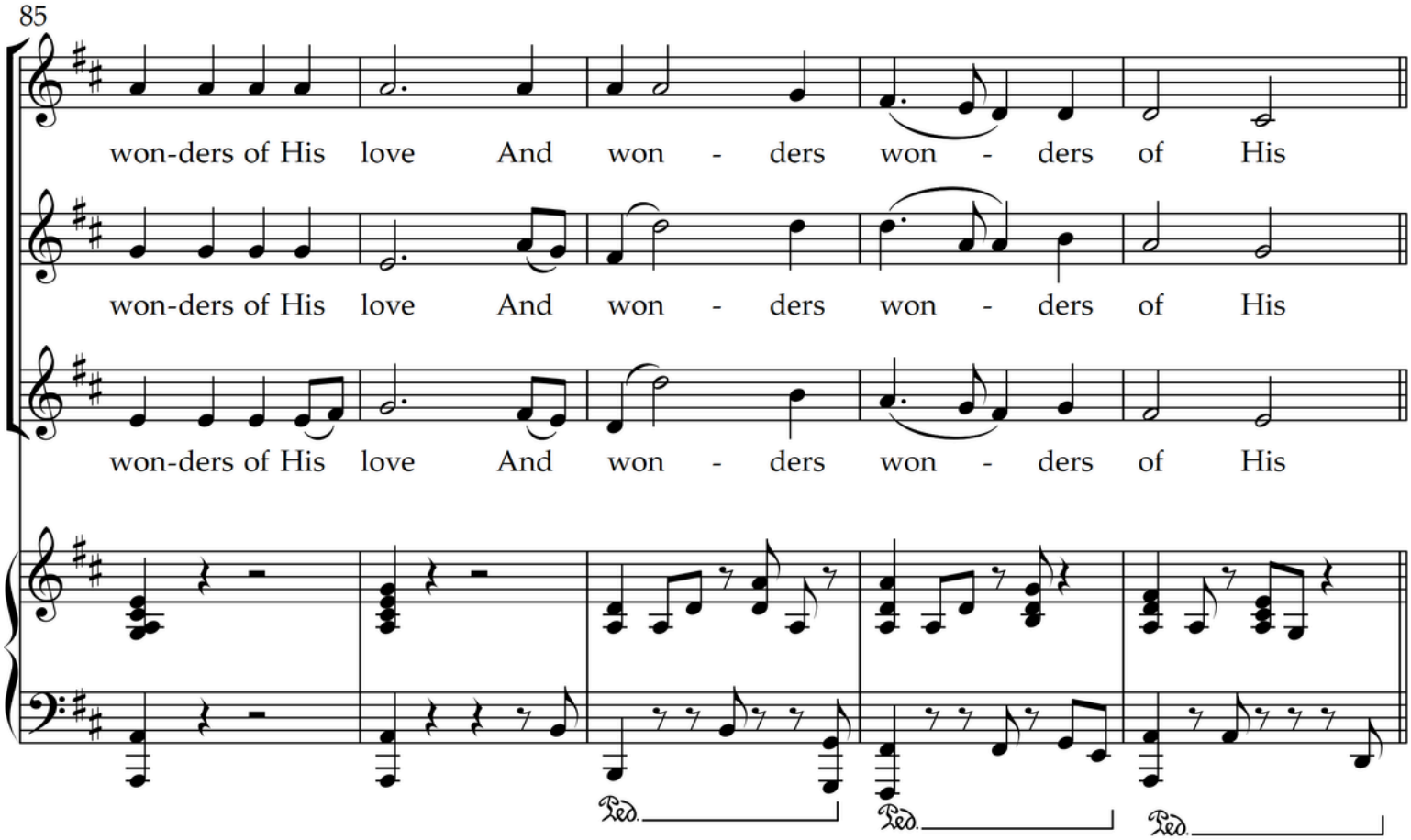

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songs em - ploy While fields and floods Rocks hills and
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60
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy Re - peat the sound-ing joy Re -
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy Re - peat the sound-ing joy Re -
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy Re - peat the sound-ing joy Re -


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peat re - peat the sound - ing joy
peat re - peat the sound - ing joy
peat re - peat the sound - ing joy

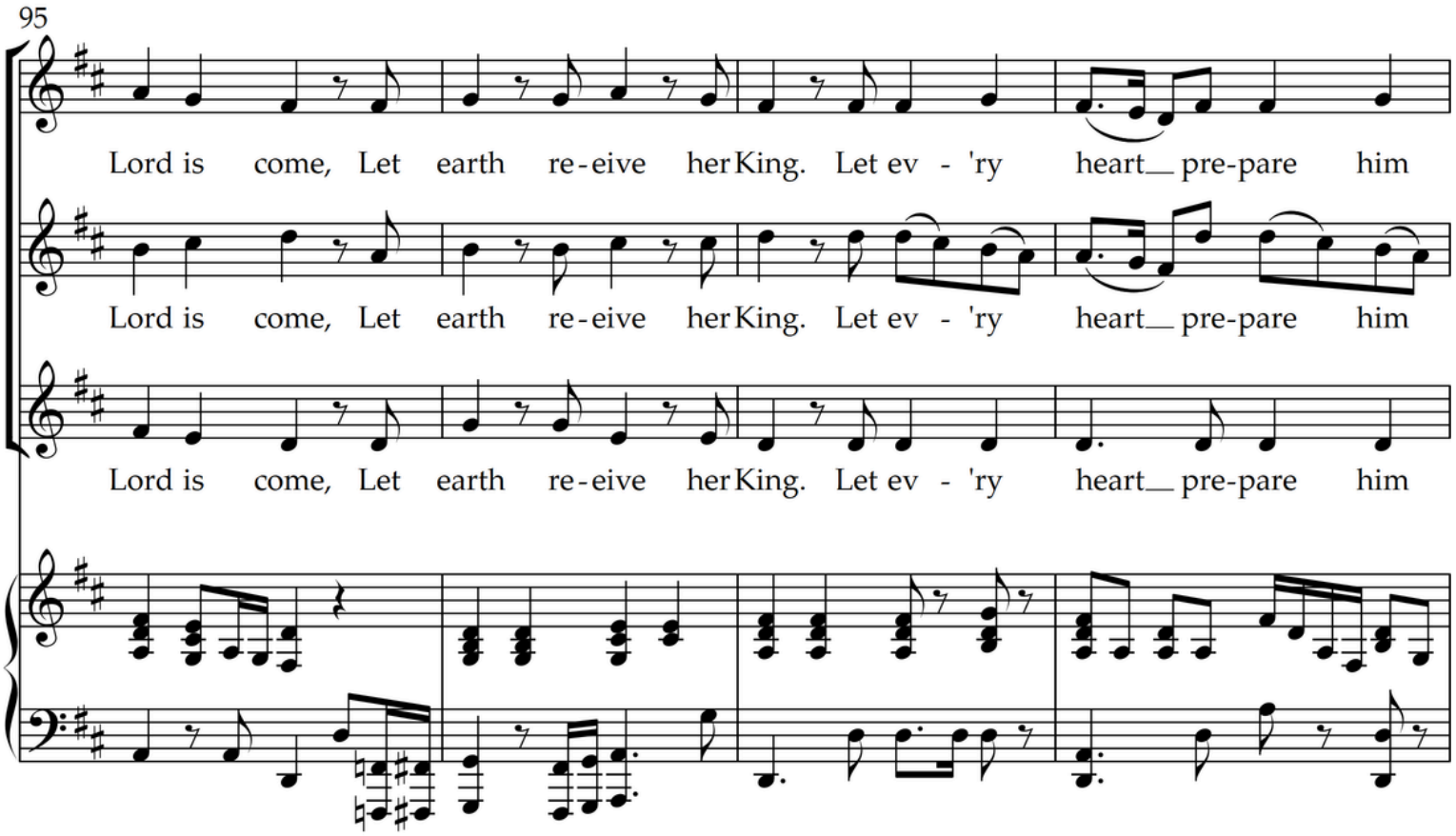

72
70
He rules the world with truth and
He rules the world with truth and
He rules the world with truth and


75
grace And makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries
grace And makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries
grace And makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries


80
of His righ - teous - ness And won-ders of His love And
of His righ - teous - ness And won-ders of His love And
of His righ - teous - ness And won-ders of His love And


85
won-ders of His love And won - ders won - ders of His
won-ders of His love And won - ders won - ders of His
won-ders of His love And won - ders won - ders of His
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


90
♩ = 73 Ballad
love
Joy to the world The
love
Joy to the world The
love
Joy to the world The
mp


95
Lord is come, Let earth re-eive her King. Let ev - 'ry heart pre-pare him
Lord is come, Let earth re-eive her King. Let ev - 'ry heart pre-pare him
Lord is come, Let earth re-eive her King. Let ev - 'ry heart pre-pare him


99
room And heav'n and na-ture sing And Heav'n and na-ture sing And Hea-ven and
room And heav'n and na-ture sing And Heav'n and na-ture sing And Hea-ven and
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102
accel.
hea-ven and na-ture sing
hea-ven and na-ture sing
hea-ven and na-ture sing
accel.


107
108
Prestissimo
♩ = 280
Joy to the World
Joy to the World
Joy to the World

112

116

Joy to theWorld Joy to the

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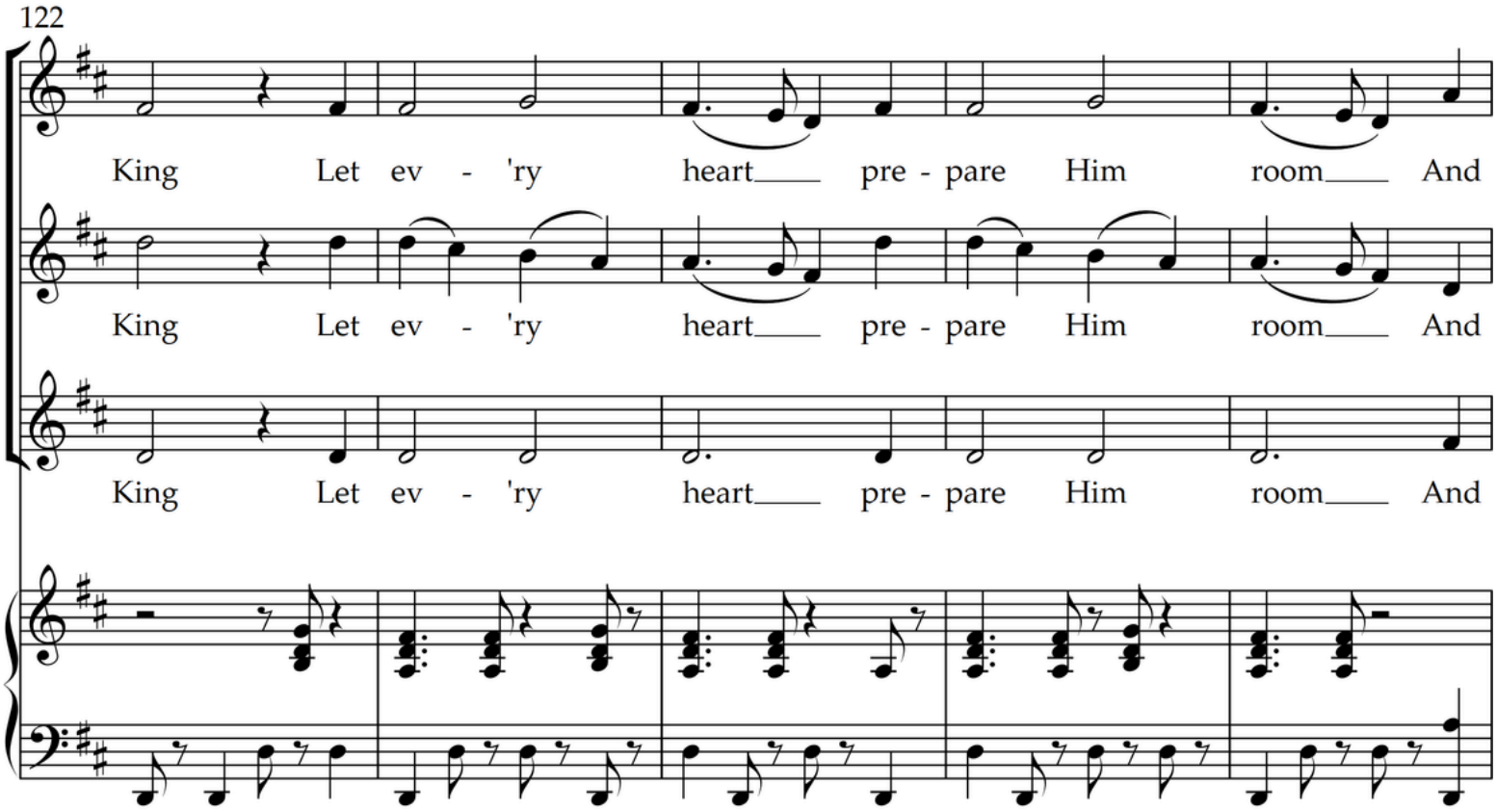
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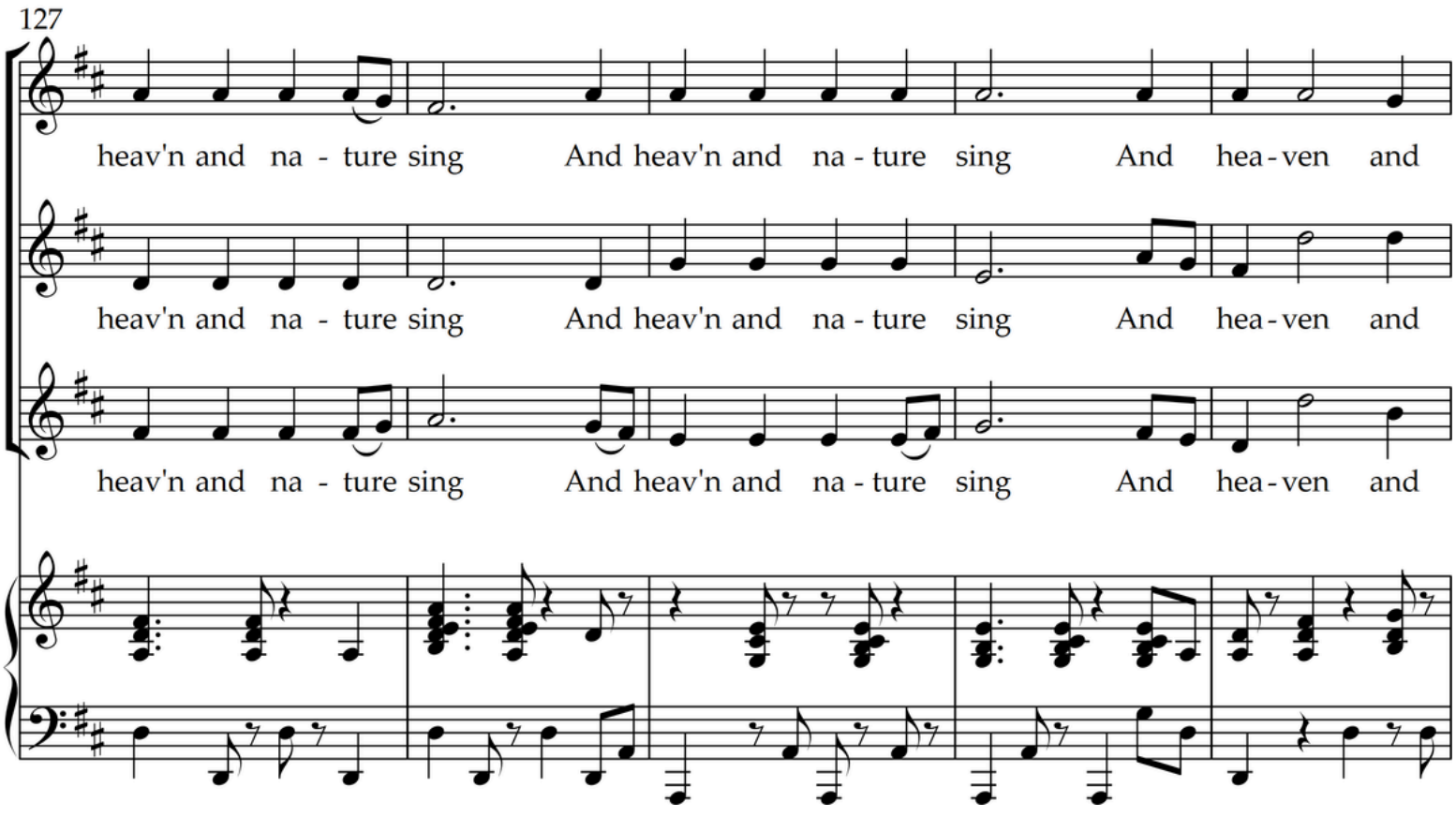
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world, the Lord is come Let earth re - ceive her

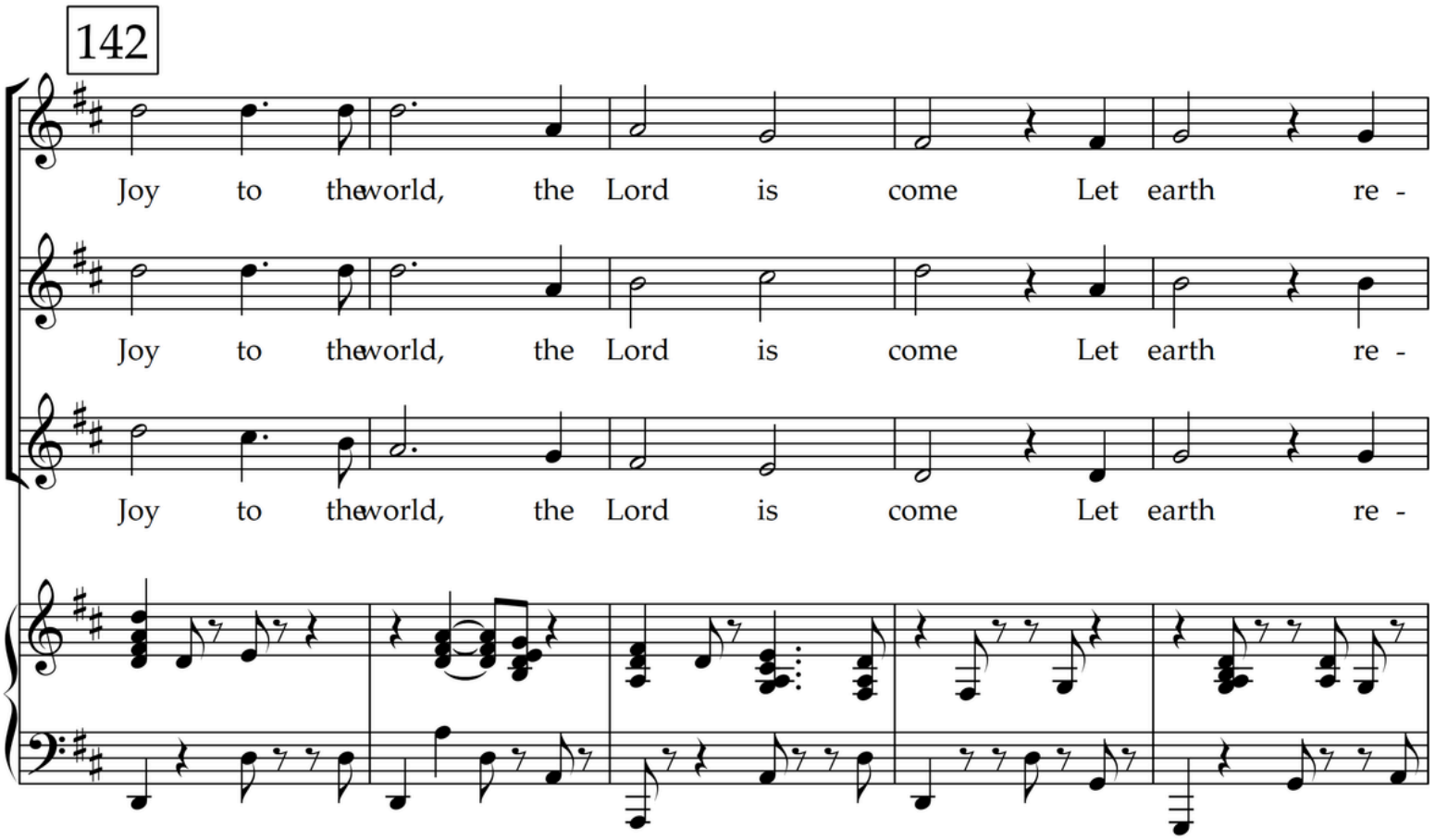
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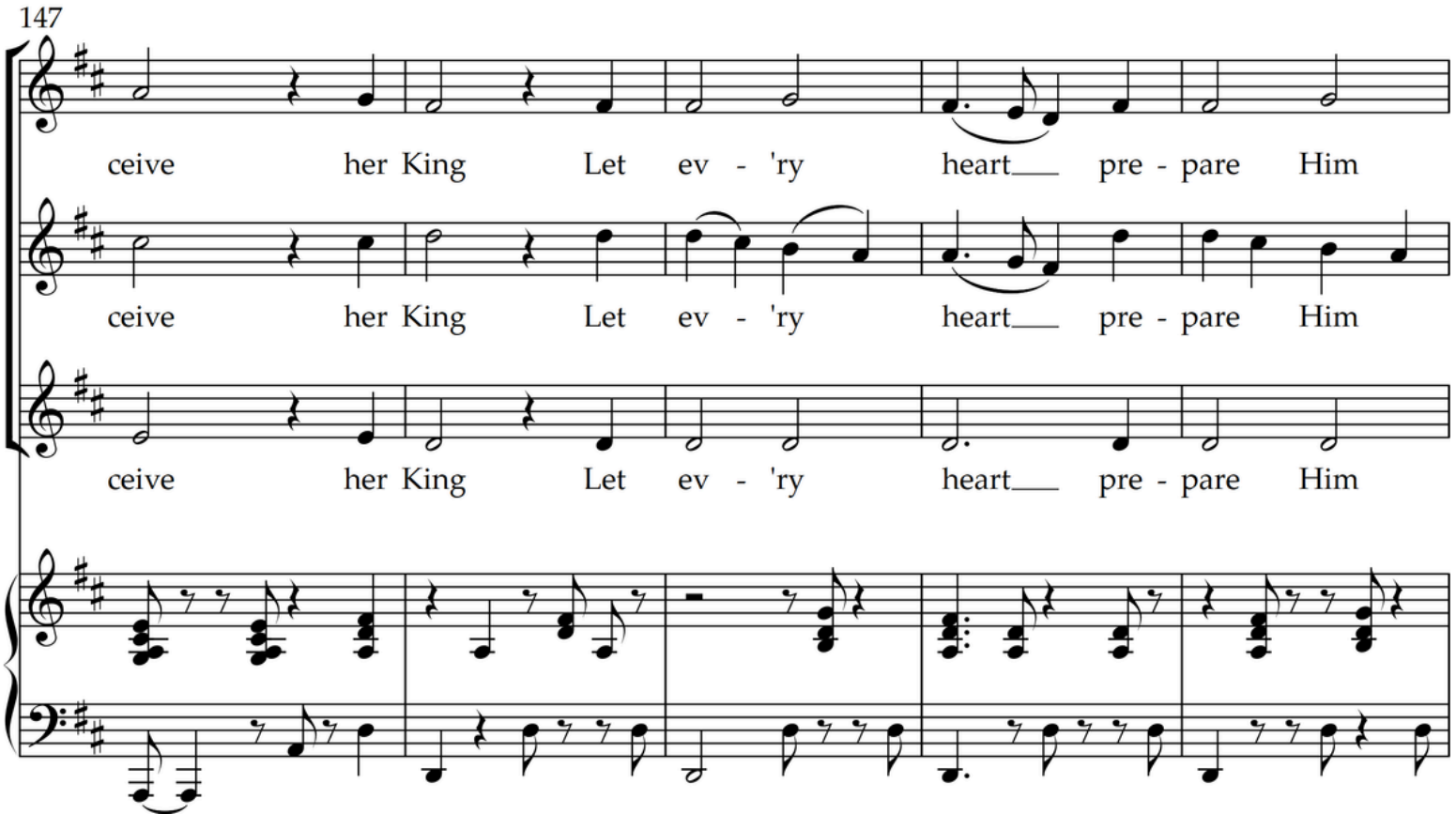
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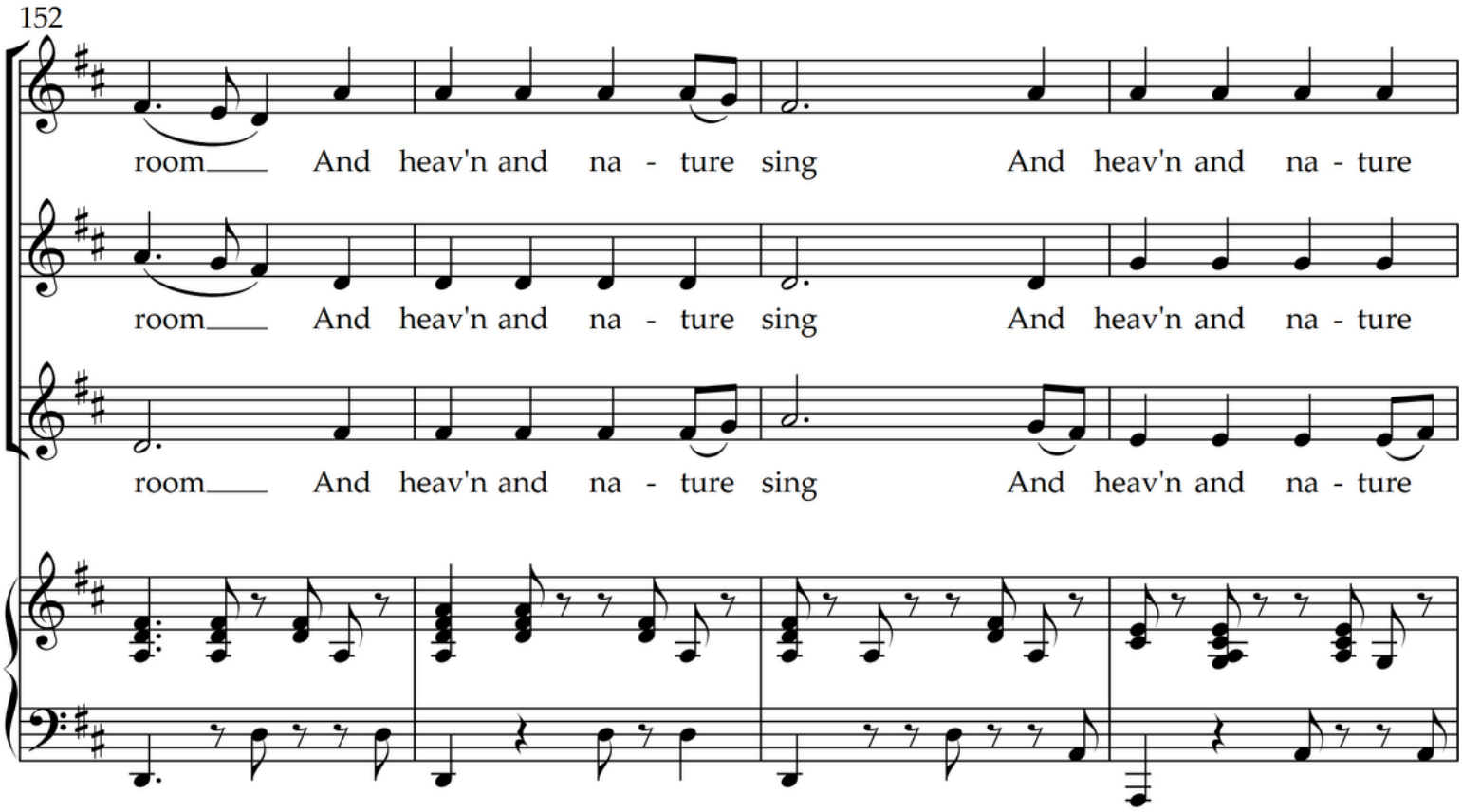

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King Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room And
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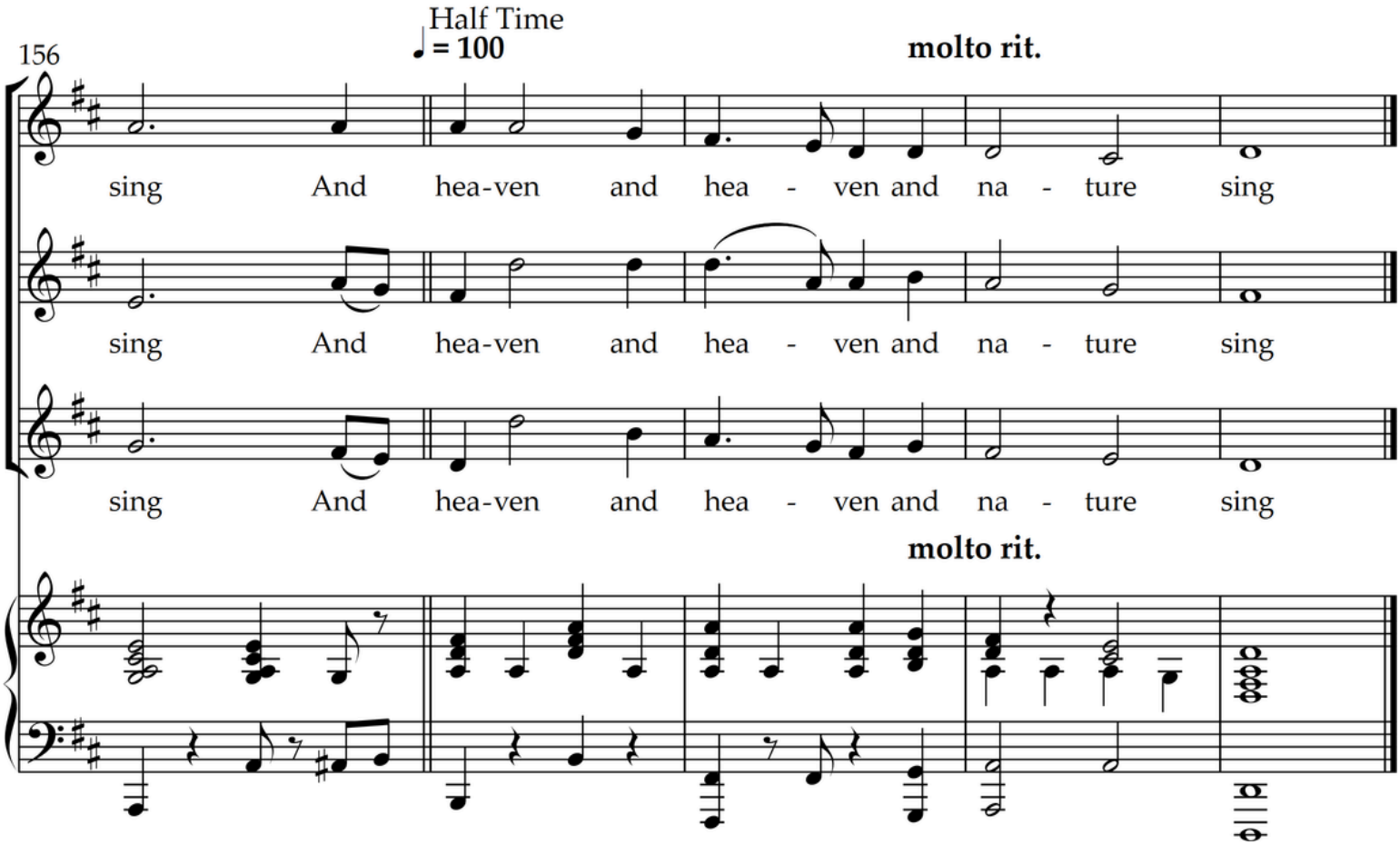

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heav'n and na - ture sing And heav'n and na - ture sing And hea - ven and
heav'n and na - ture sing And heav'n and na - ture sing And hea - ven and
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132
hea - ven and na - ture sing Joy Joy
hea - ven and na - ture sing Joy Joy
hea - ven and na - ture sing Joy Joy
137
Joy Joy Joy Joy
Joy Joy Joy Joy
Joy Joy Joy Joy


142
Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let earth re -
Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let earth re -
Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let earth re -


147
ceive her King Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ceive her King Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ceive her King Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him


152
room And heav'n and na - ture sing And heav'n and na - ture
room And heav'n and na - ture sing And heav'n and na - ture
room And heav'n and na - ture sing And heav'n and na - ture


156
Half Time
♩ = 100
molto rit.
sing And hea-ven and hea - ven and na - ture sing
sing And hea-ven and hea - ven and na - ture sing
sing And hea-ven and hea - ven and na - ture sing
molto rit.

Joy To The World Lyrics

Verse One

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing and heav'n and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing. **(x2)**

Verse Two

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns.
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, Rocks hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse Three

He rules the world with truth and grace.
And makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love.
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Verse Four

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing and heav'n and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Bridge Joy to the World
Joy to the World.

Verse Five Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing and heav'n and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy, Joy, Joy

Verse Six Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing and heav'n and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Hang Your Lights

This is a lively, modern swing-infused holiday track that focuses on the joyful anticipation of welcoming someone special home for Christmas. The lyrics paint a cozy and festive scene, using the act of hanging lights and preparing the house as a metaphor for readying one's heart and home for a reunion with a loved one.

This is the trickiest song in the concert partly because it is not well known, but also because it sits quite high and is rhythmically tricky. Once mastered it will really showcase what the children can do.
Everyone sings the same lyrics in this piece - so senior schools you can again split your singers to cover both harmony parts. Be aware that in the bridge team yellow will not sing ‘let me’ the second time it comes round.

Each school will need to have 1 or 2 soloists as there are a couple of solo lines throughout this piece.

All the verses in this piece are in unison, so once you know the tune for one it is just watching the rhythms for the following verses.

We want the choruses to be an explosion of fun – so if you want to introduce movement into these sections please do!!

The bridge/Middle 8 sections is softer to allow us to build into the finale, it will feel tricky to begin with, but it is very repetitive.

The final line of the piece is a subito PP make sure the children are used to watching for this change so they know it’s coming!

Hang Your Lights

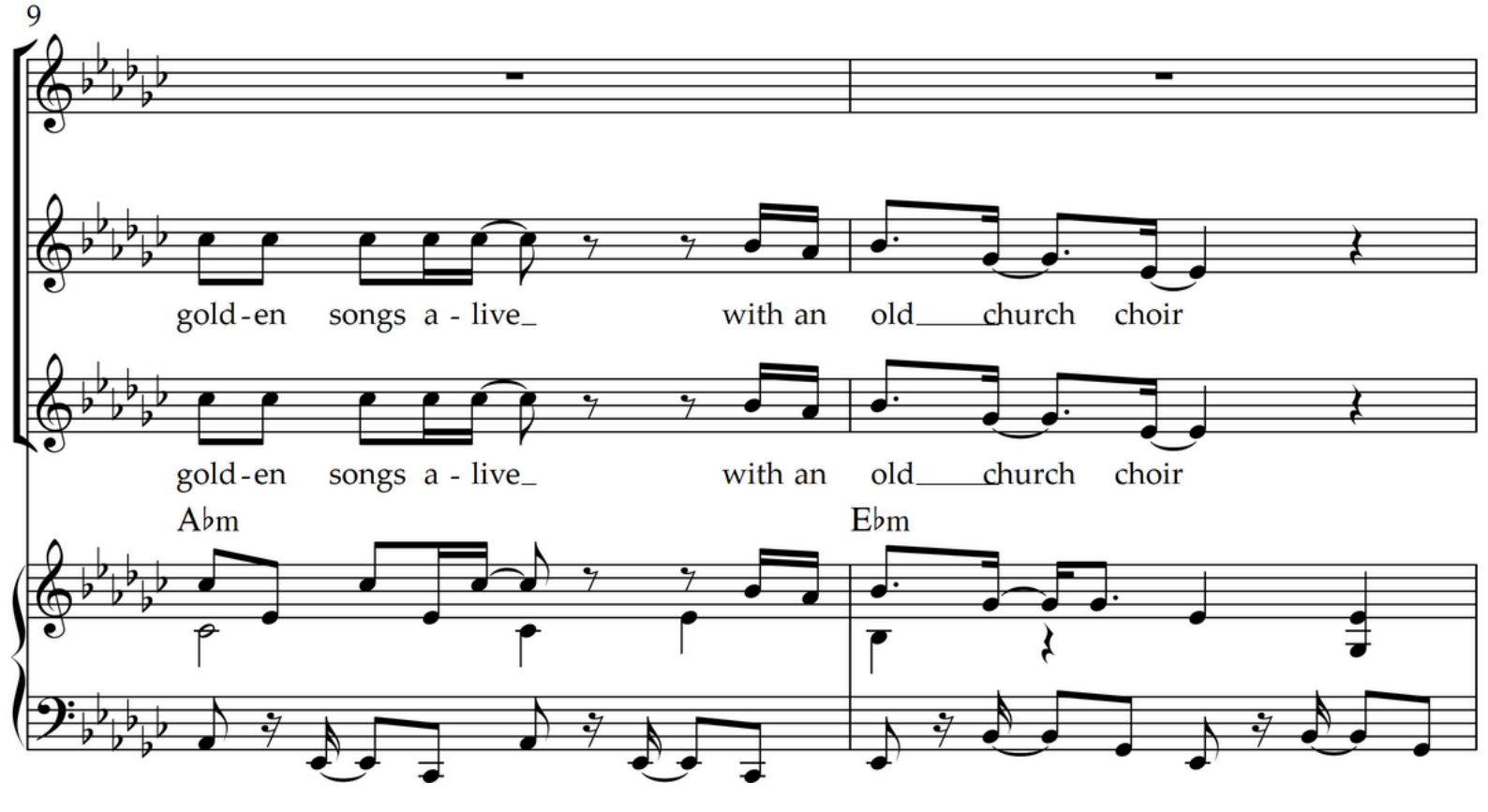
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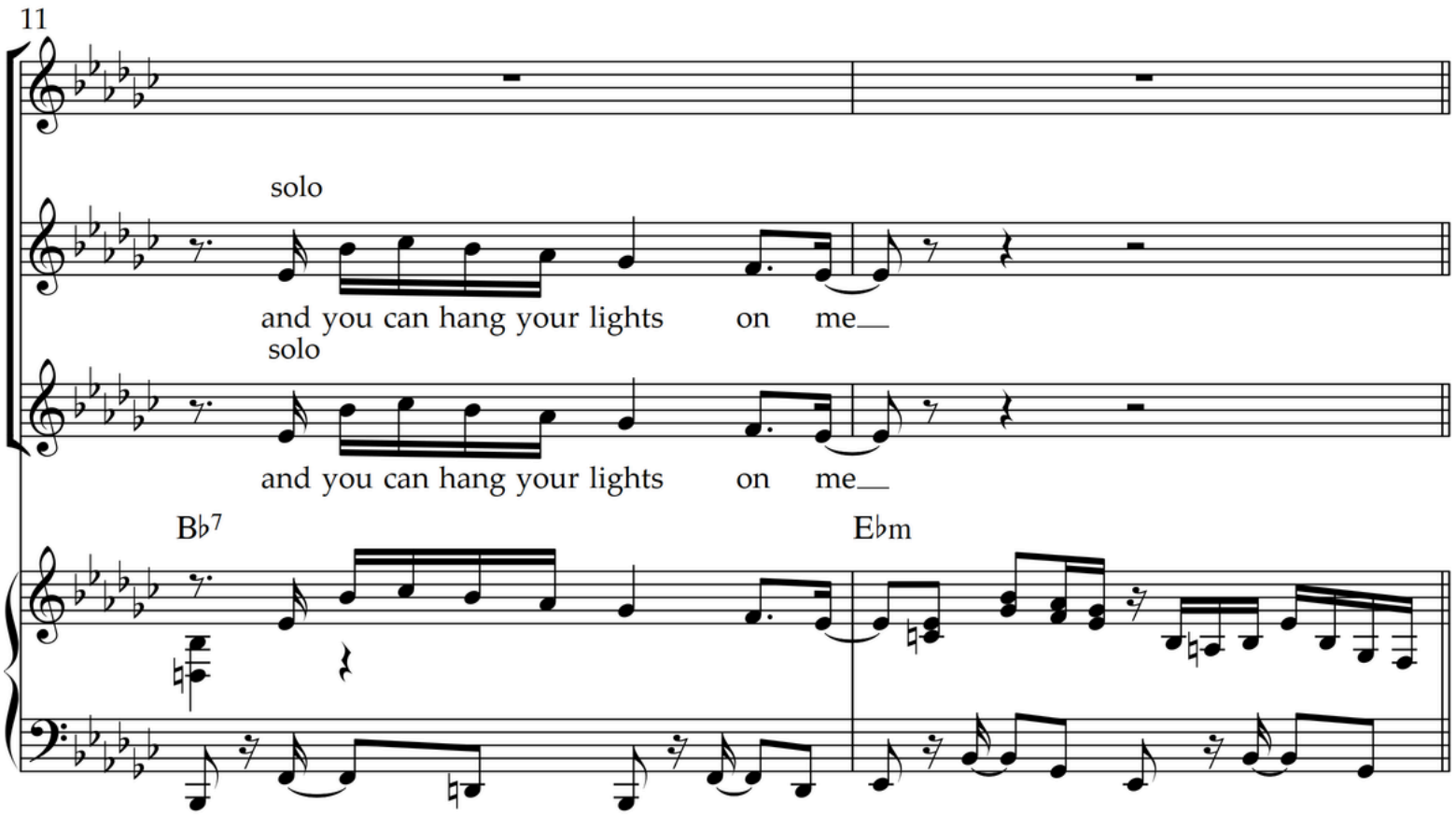
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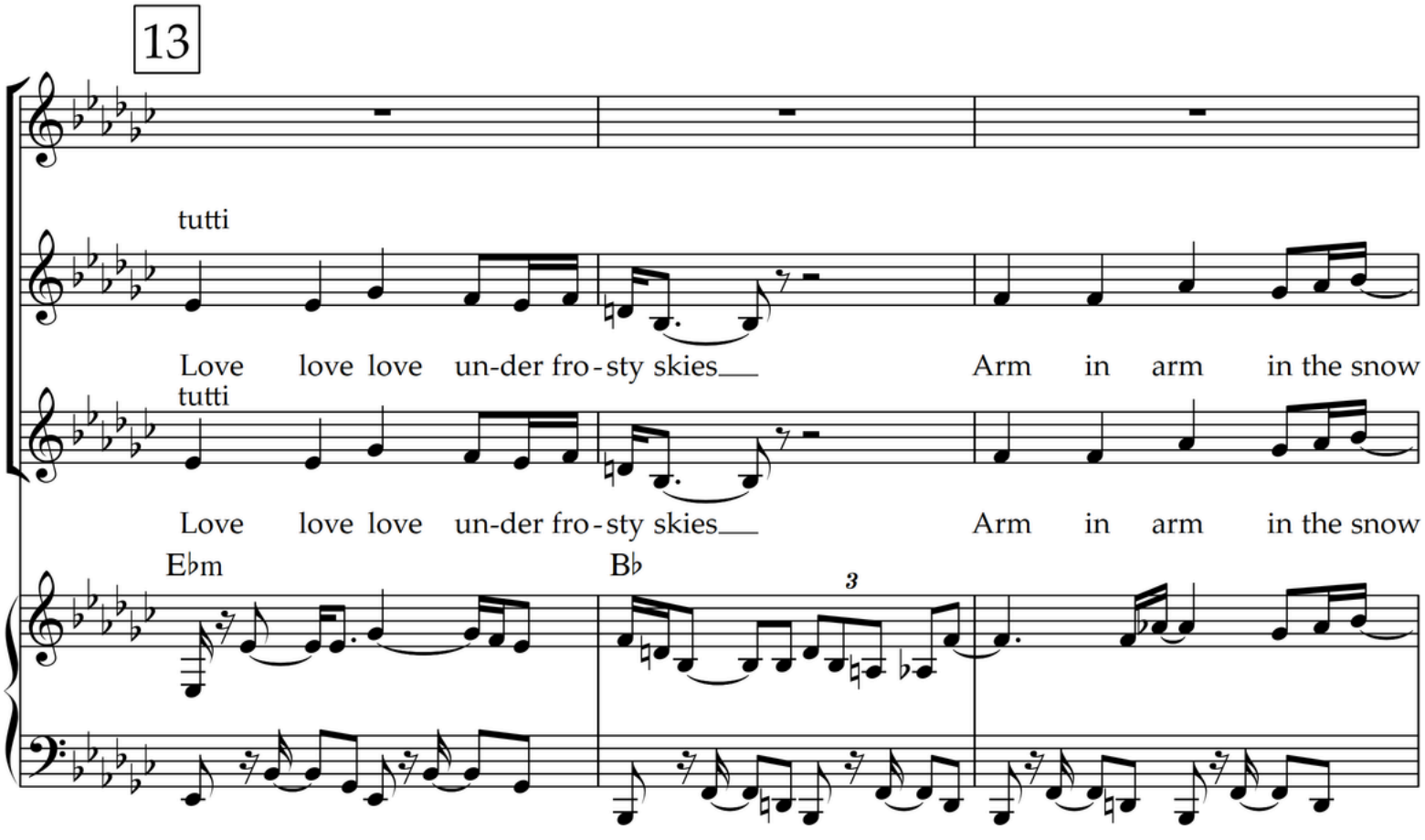


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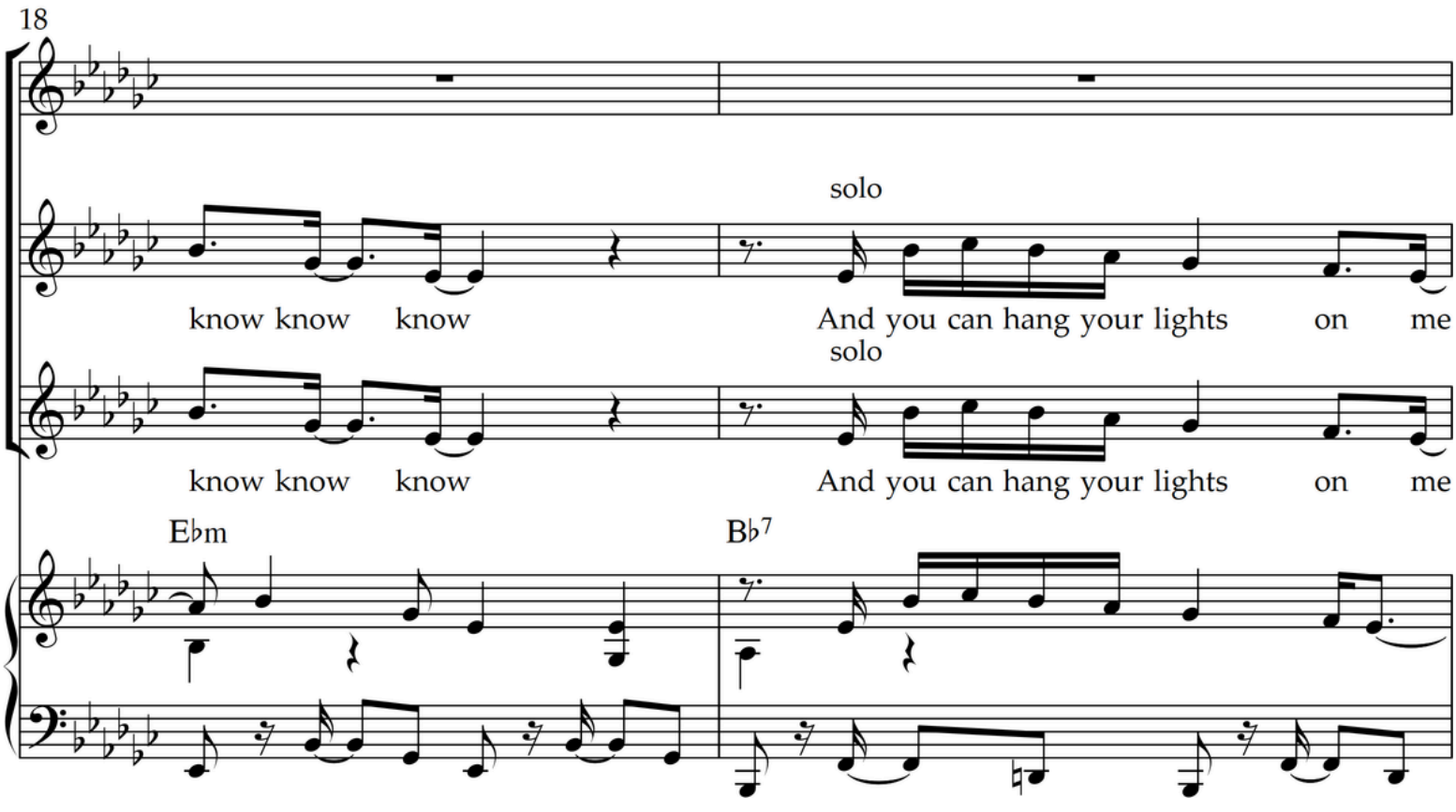

7
6
tle-toe___ Dance dance dance by the fire__ Keep the
tle-toe___ Dance dance dance by the fire__ Keep the
B♭ B♭7 E♭m


9
gold-en songs a - live_ with an old___church choir
gold-en songs a - live_ with an old___church choir
A♭m E♭m


11
solo
and you can hang your lights on me
solo
and you can hang your lights on me
B♭7
E♭m

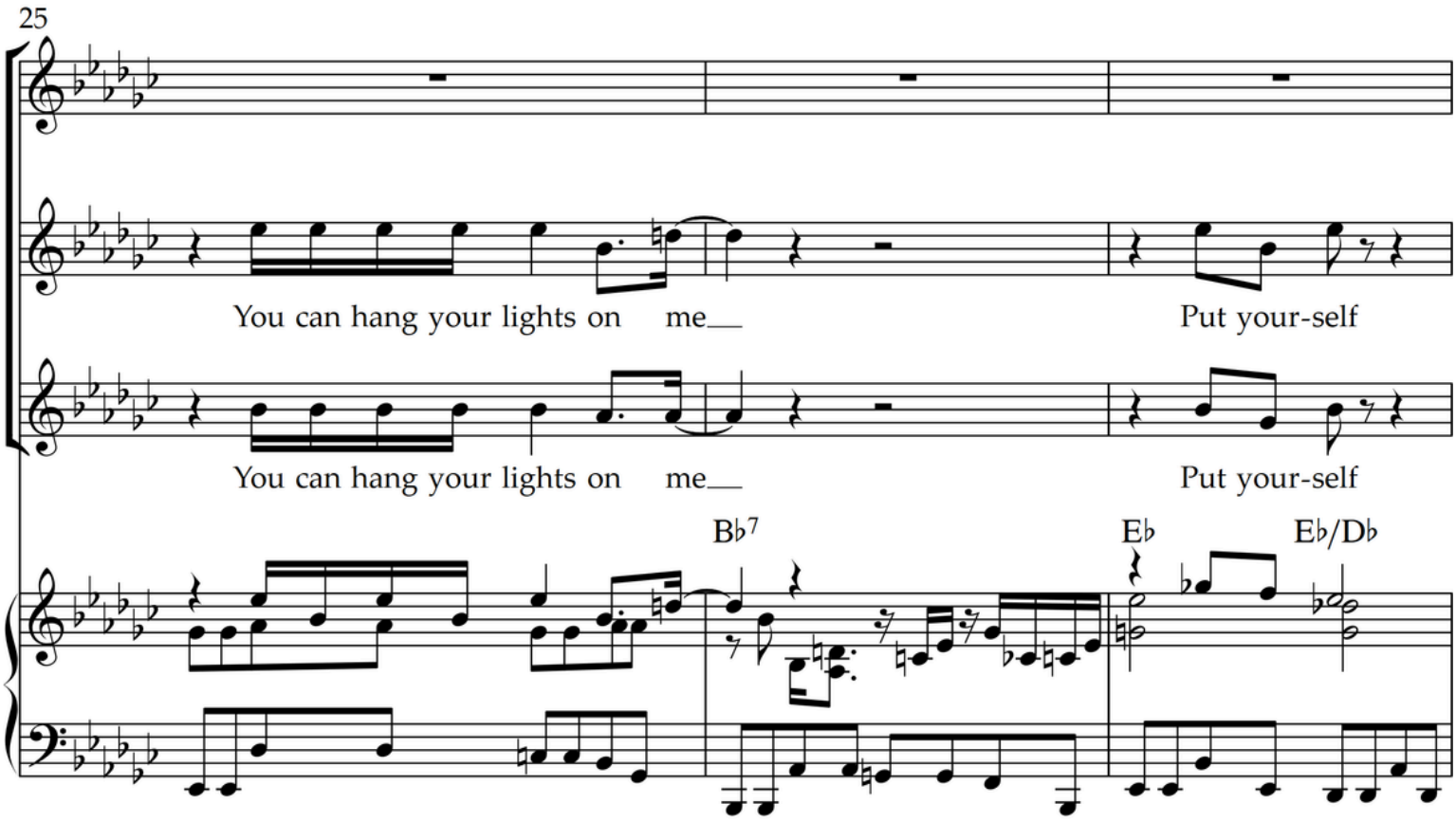

13
tutti
Love love love un-der fro-sty skies
Arm in arm in the snow
tutti
Love love love un-der fro-sty skies
Arm in arm in the snow
E♭m
B♭
3

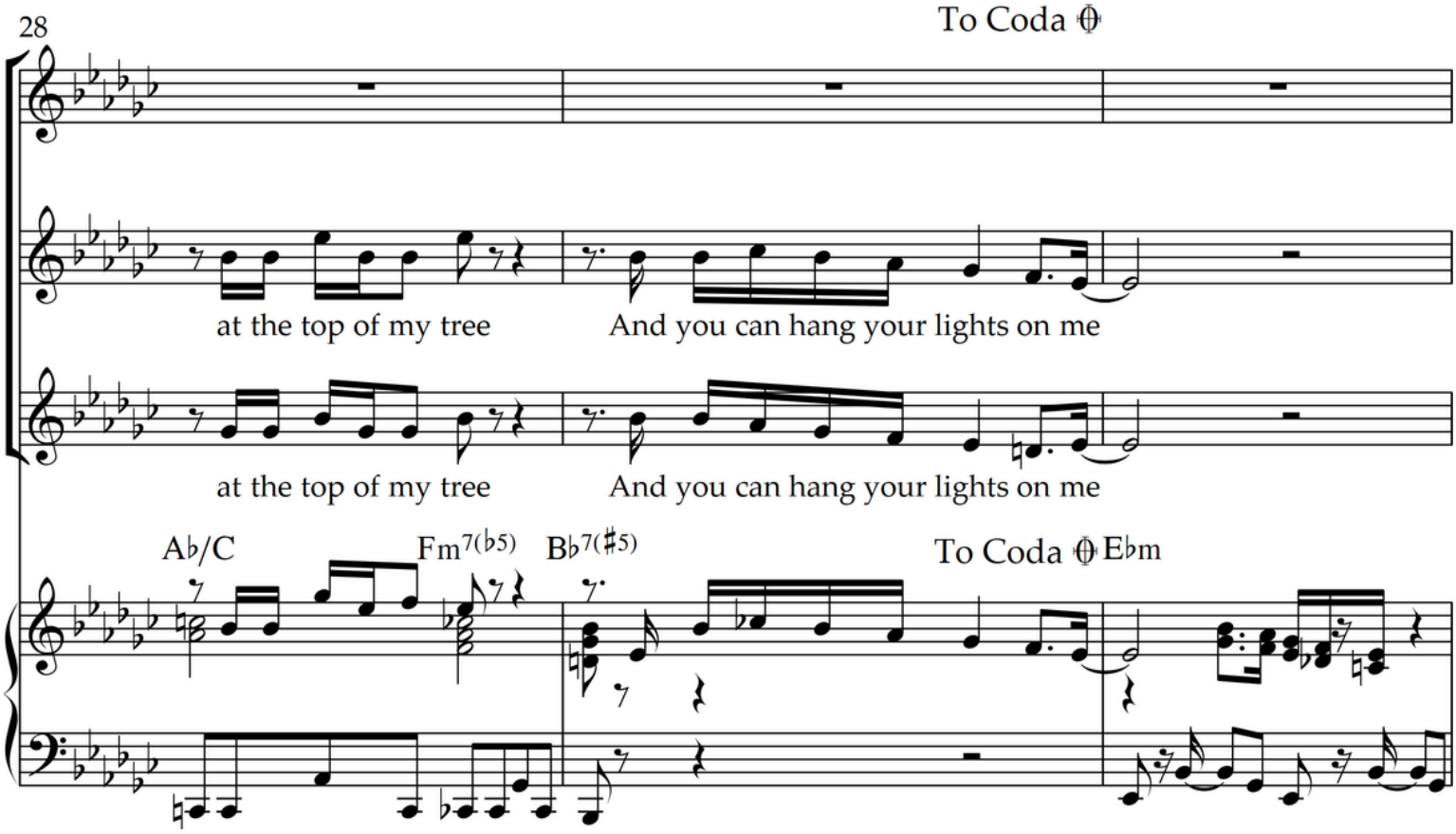

16
There's a twin-kle in your eye_ 'cos when you
There's a twin-kle in your eye_ 'cos when you
E♭m
A♭m


18
know know know
solo
And you can hang your lights on me
know know know
solo
And you can hang your lights on me
E♭m
B♭7


20
tutti
You can hang your lights on me
tutti
You can hang your lights on me
Ebm
B♭7


22
23
Hang your lights
Hang your lights
Hang your lights
Hang your lights
Ebm
Ebm


25
You can hang your lights on me
Put your-self
You can hang your lights on me
Put your-self
B♭7
E♭
E♭/D♭


28
To Coda
at the top of my tree
And you can hang your lights on me
at the top of my tree
And you can hang your lights on me
A♭/C
Fm7(♭5)
B♭7(♯5)
To Coda
E♭m

32

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Bring bring bring down a gleam-ing crown_

Bring bring bring down a gleam-ing crown_

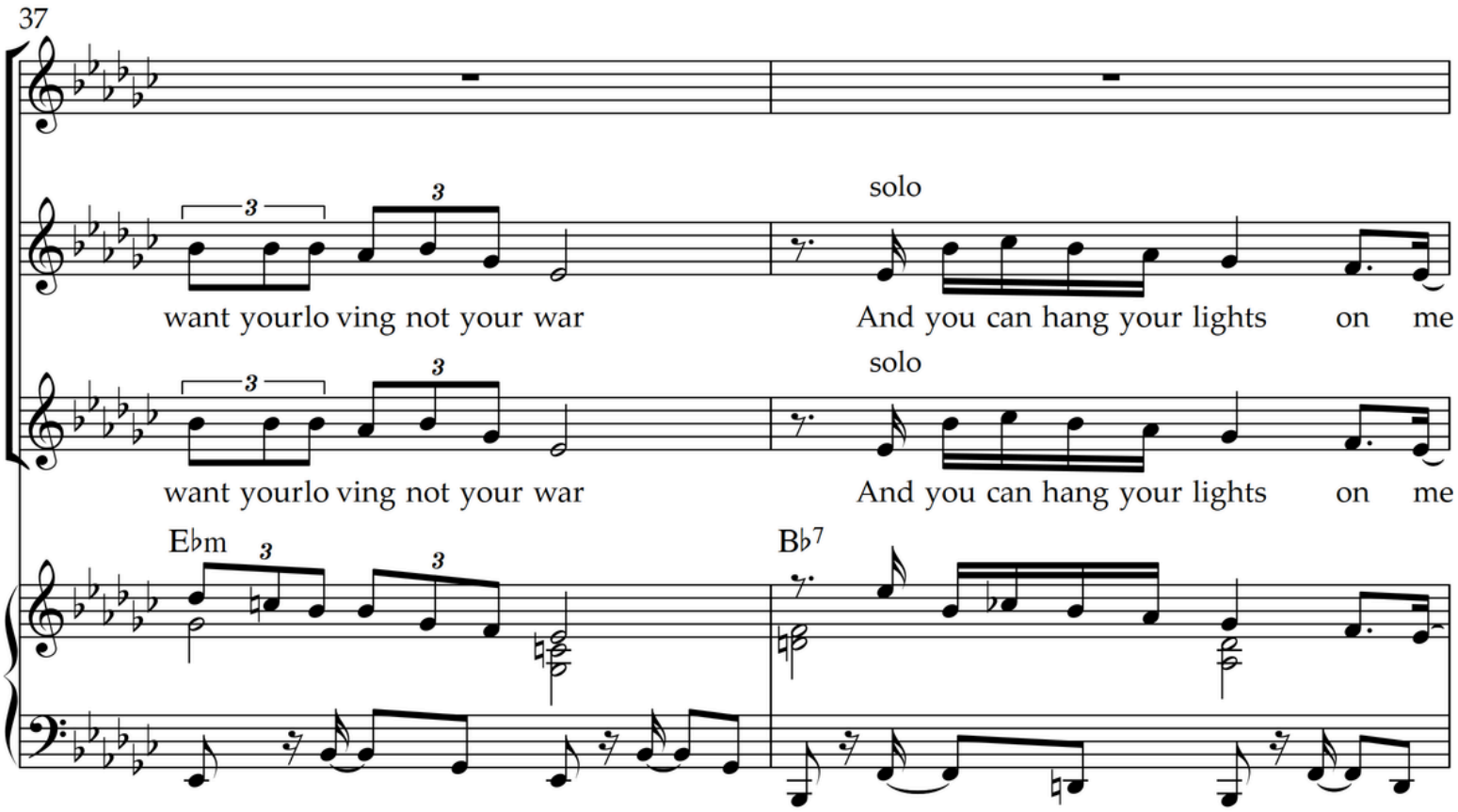
E♭m B♭

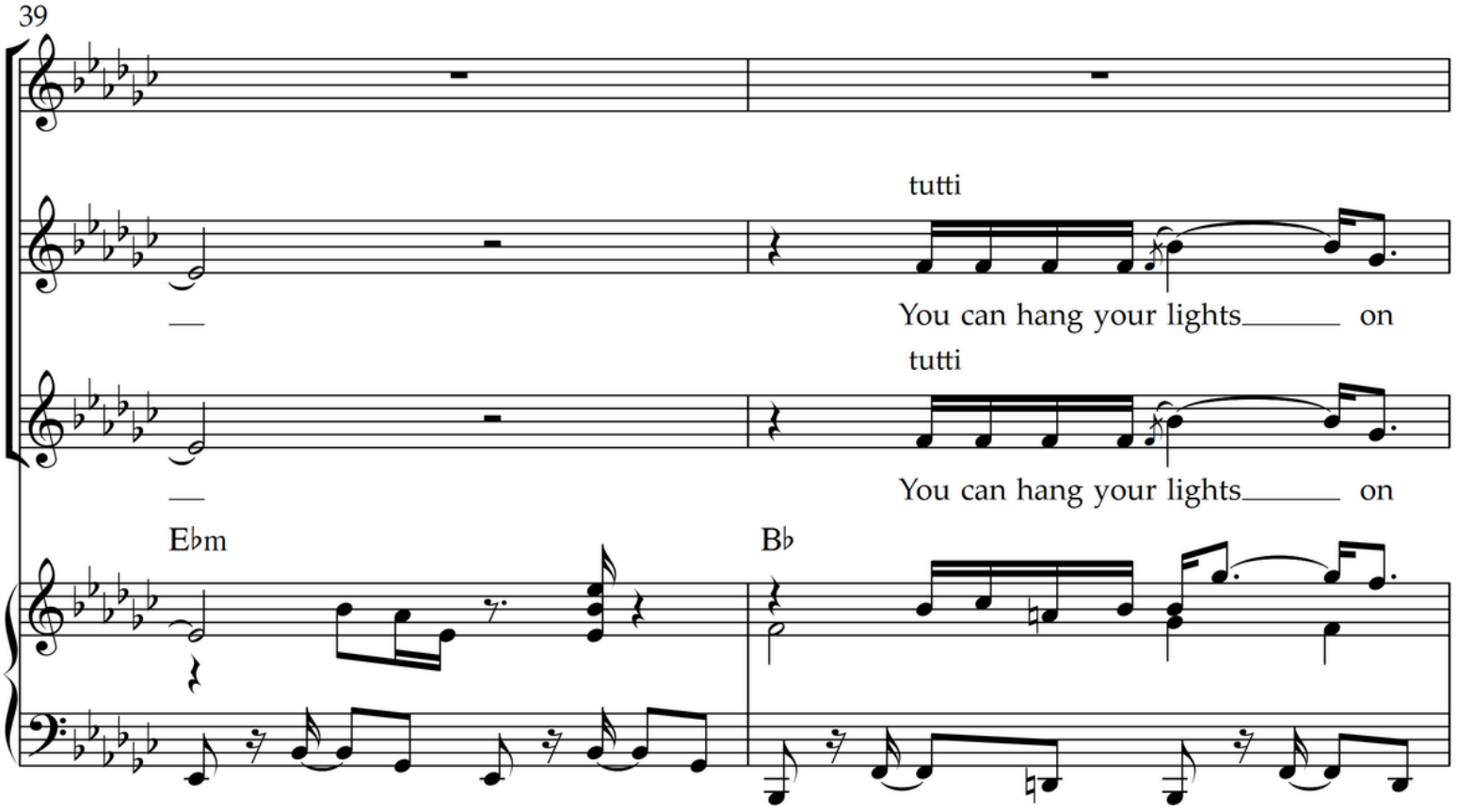
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Raise a toast to one and all___ Shut the cur tains and the door I

Raise a toast to one and all___ Shut the cur tains and the door I

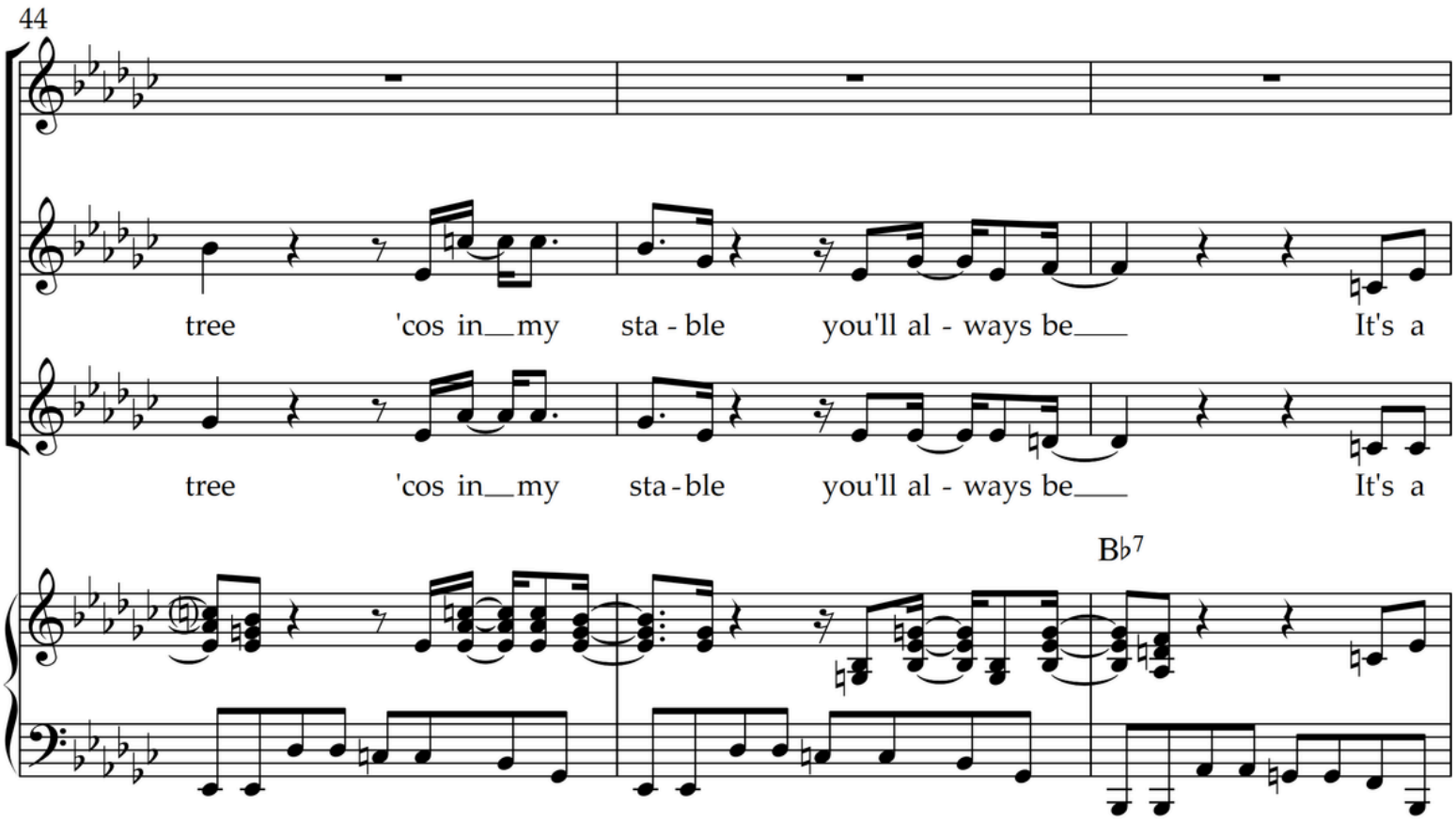
B♭7 E♭m A♭m

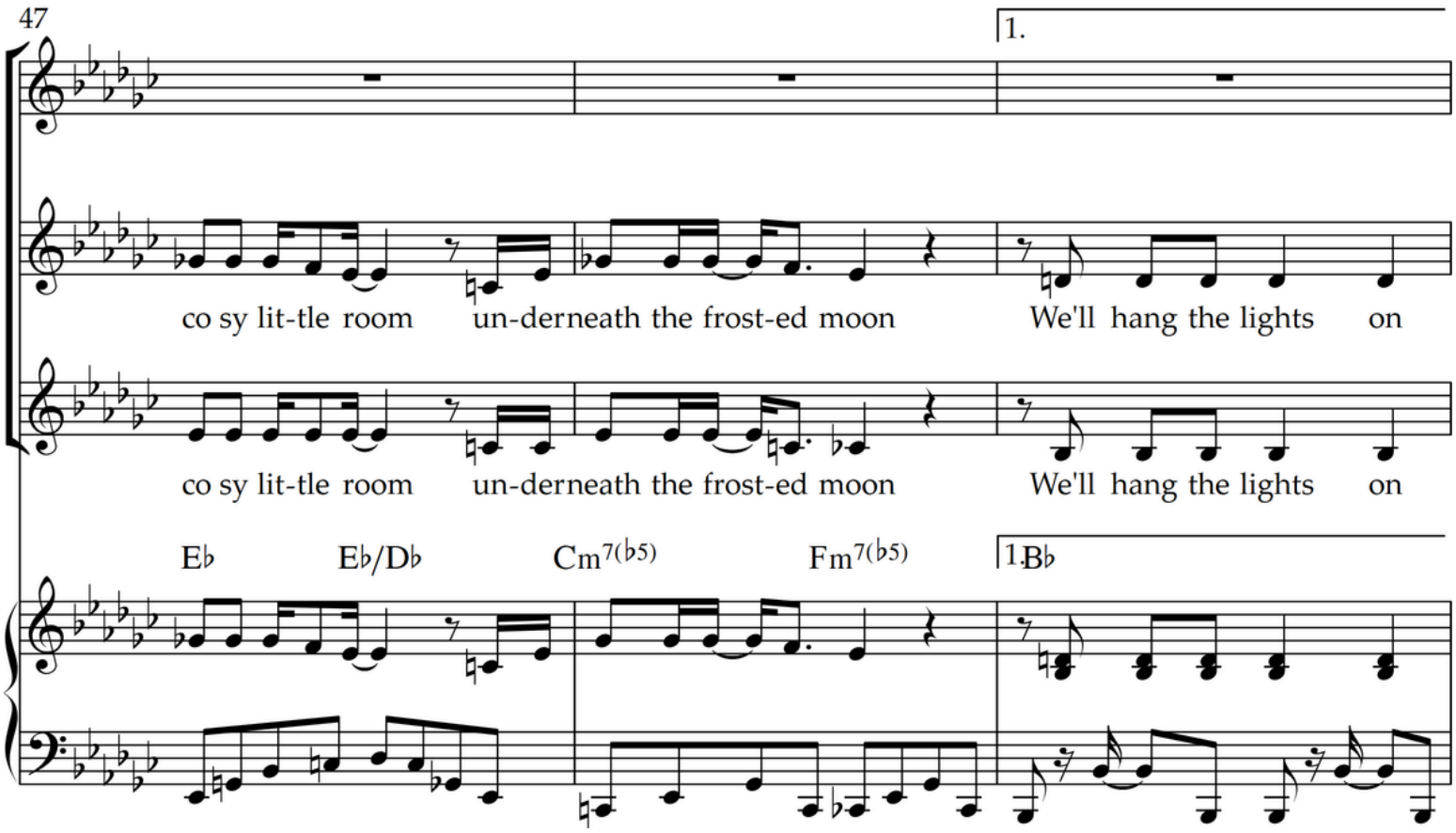

37
solo
want yourlo ving not your war
And you can hang your lights on me
solo
want yourlo ving not your war
And you can hang your lights on me
E♭m
B♭7


39
tutti
You can hang your lights on
tutti
You can hang your lights on
E♭m
B♭

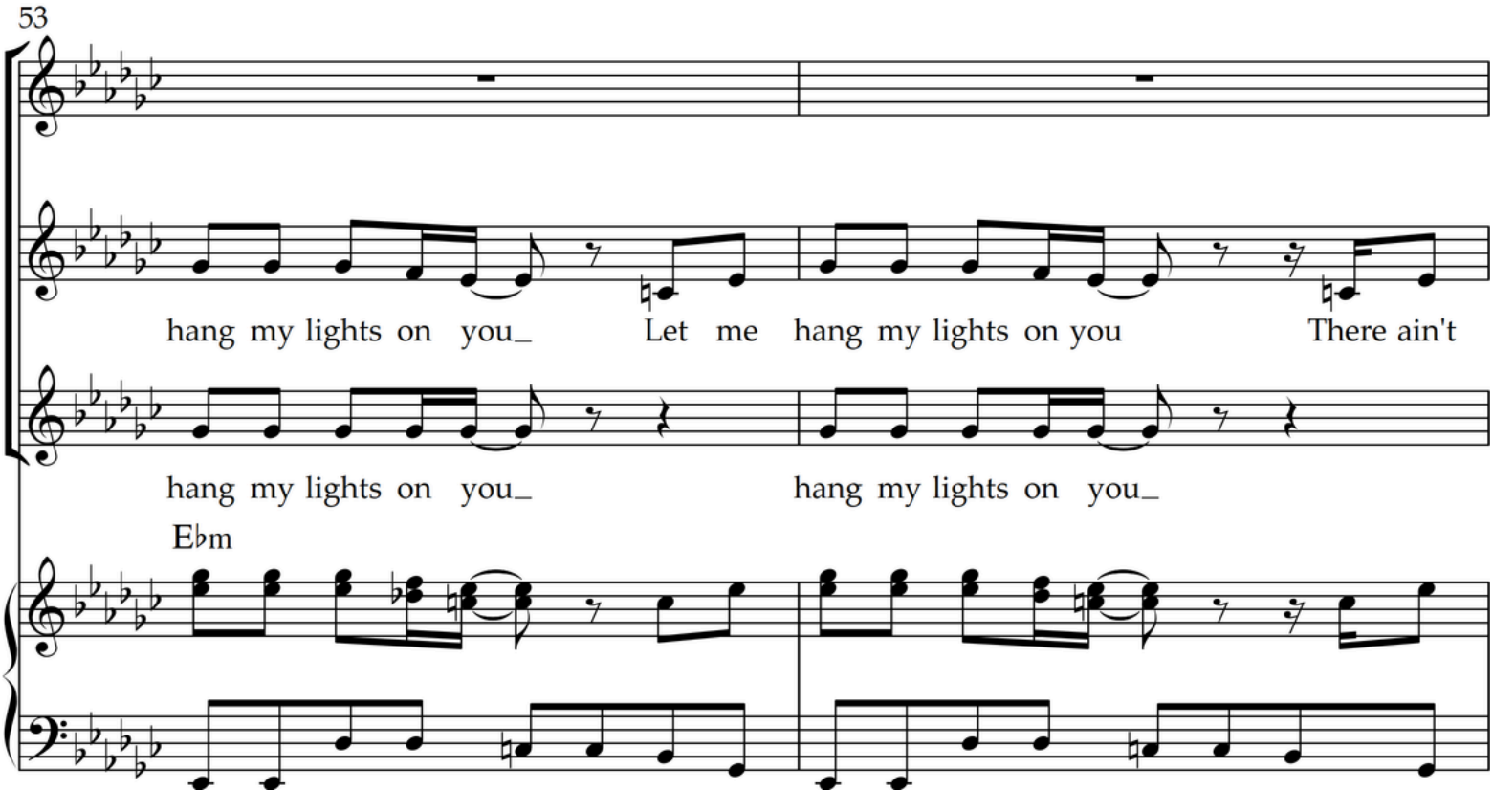

41
D.S. al Coda
me
Hang you lights
me
Hang your lights
B♭7


Coda
42
43
mp
me
I'll be your an - gel at the top of your
I'll be your an - gel at the top of your
E♭m
E♭m


44
tree 'cos in my sta - ble you'll al - ways be It's a
tree 'cos in my sta - ble you'll al - ways be It's a
B♭7

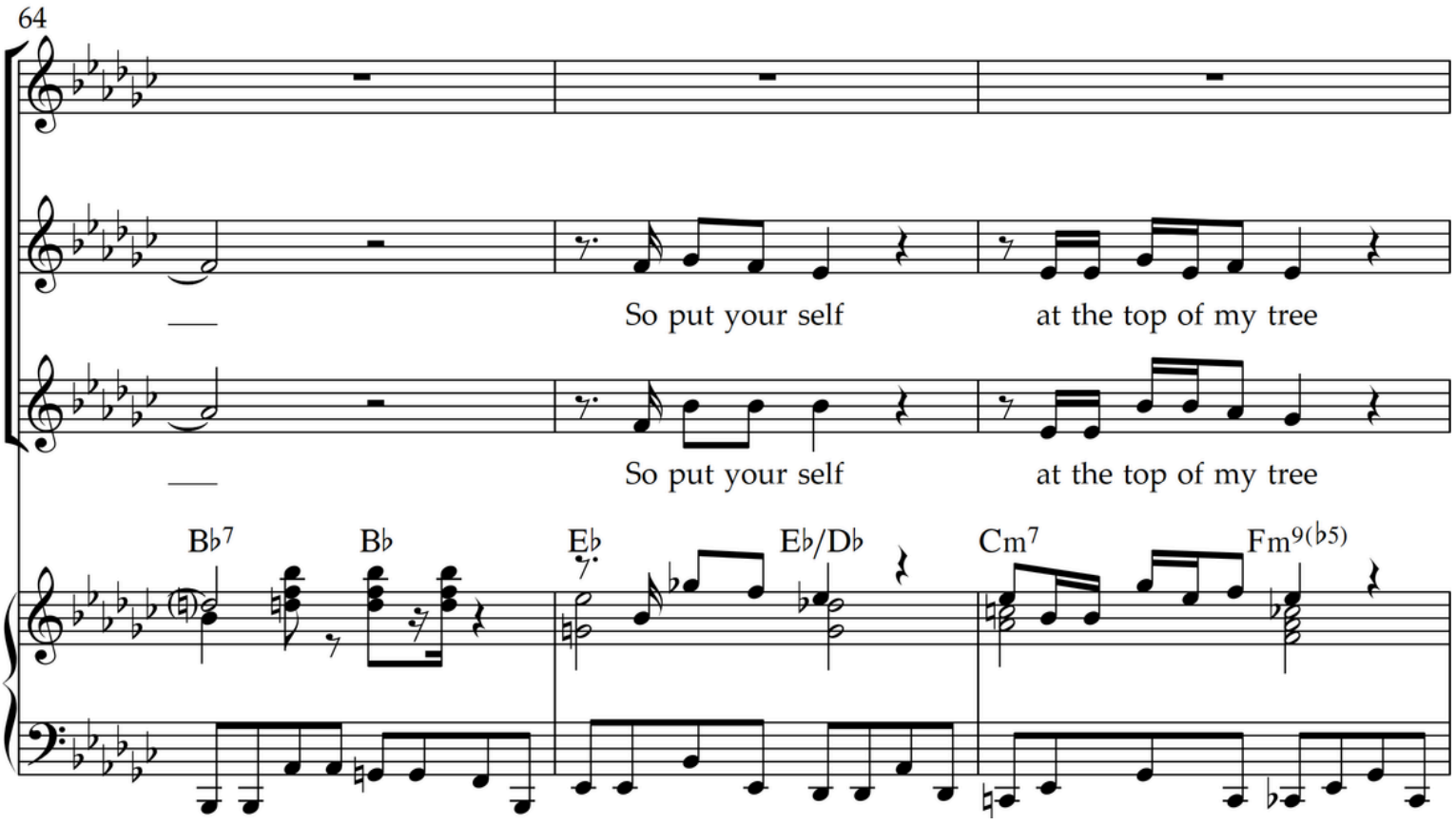

47
1.
co sy lit-tle room un-derneath the frost-ed moon We'll hang the lights on
co sy lit-tle room un-derneath the frost-ed moon We'll hang the lights on
E♭ E♭/D♭ Cm7(♭5) Fm7(♭5)
1.B♭


50
2.
you I'll be your I can hang my lights on you Let me
you I'll be your I can hang my lights on you Let me
2.
B♭
B♭7

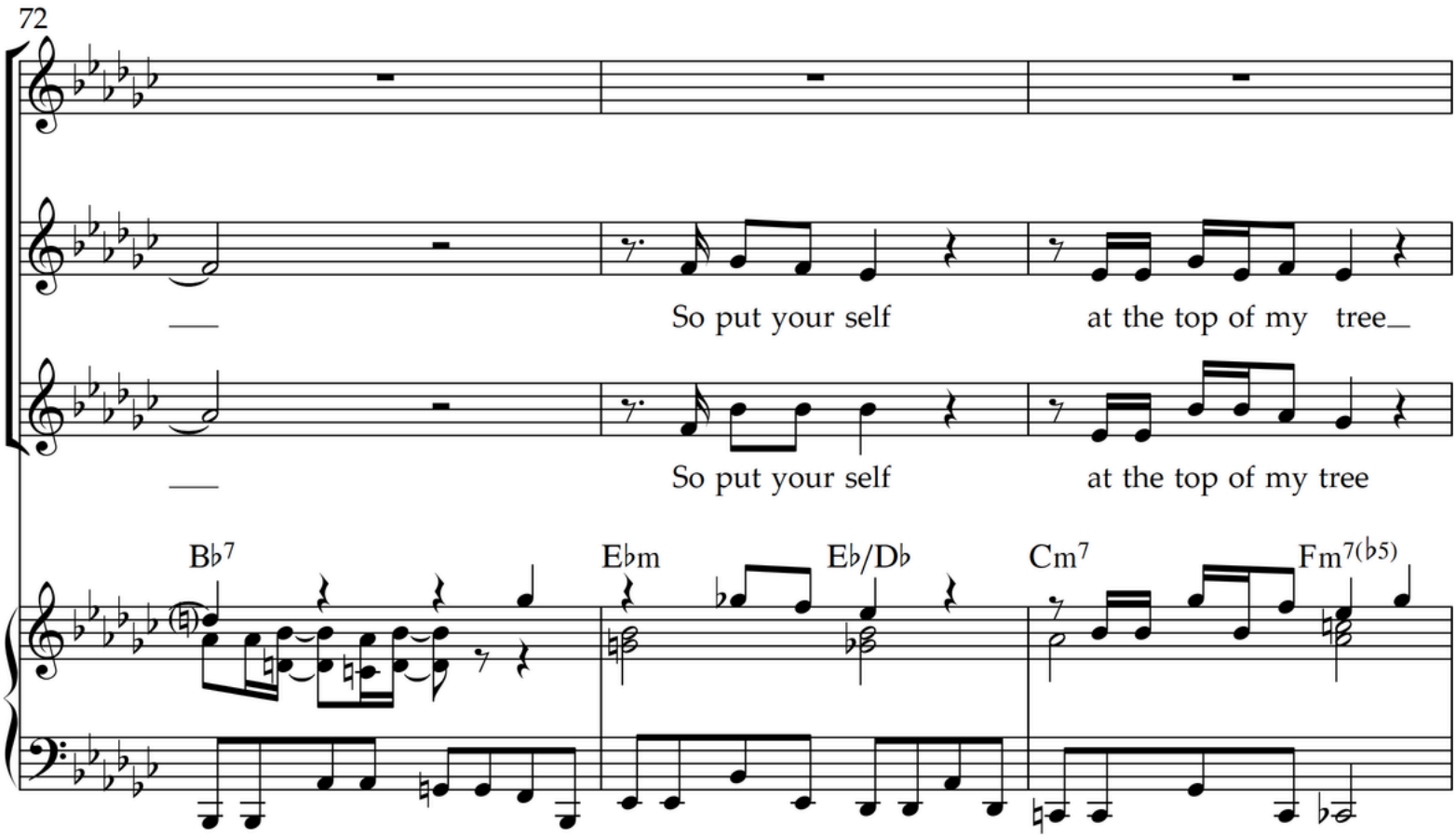

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hang my lights on you_ Let me hang my lights on you There ain't
hang my lights on you_ hang my lights on you_
E♭m

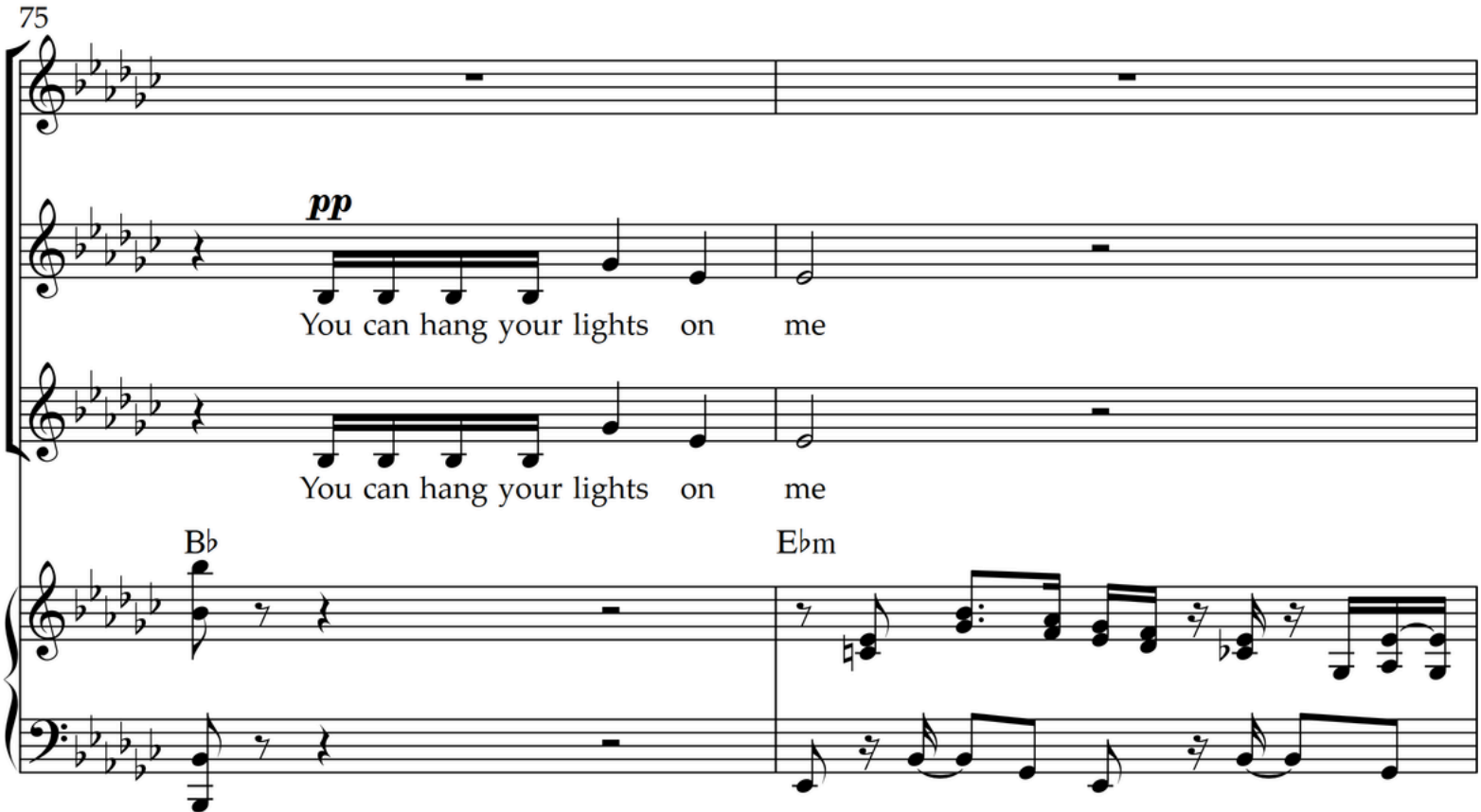

55
noth-ing else this Christ-mas That I would ra-ther do_
Hang your lights
noth-ing else this Christ-mas That I would ra-ther do_
B♭7
E♭
E♭/D♭
58
Hang your lights
Hang your lights
Hang your lights
Cm7
Fm7(♭5)
B♭
B♭7(♯5)
B♭7
B♭


61
Hang your lights
You got-ta
hang your lights on me
Hang your lights
You got-ta
hang your lights on me
Eb


64
So put your self
at the top of my tree
So put your self
at the top of my tree
Bb7
Bb
Eb
Eb/Db
Cm7
Fm9(b5)


67
You can hang your lights on me
Hang your lights
You can hang your lights on me
Hang your lights
B♭
B♭7(♯5)
E♭m
B♭
69
hang your lights
You got-ta
hang your lights on me
Hang your lights
You got-ta
hang your lights on me
E♭m


72
So put your self
at the top of my tree
So put your self
at the top of my tree
B♭7
E♭m
E♭/D♭
Cm7
Fm7(♭5)


75
pp
You can hang your lights on me
You can hang your lights on me
B♭
E♭m


77

Hang Your Lights Lyrics

Verse One

Sing, sing, sing of the mistletoe,
Dance, dance, dance by the fire.
Keep the golden songs alive with an old church choir.
(Solo) And you can hang your lights on me.

Verse Two

Love, love, love under frosty skies,
Arm in arm in the snow.
There's a twinkle in your eye 'cos when you
know, know, know.
(Solo) And you can hang your lights on me.
(All) You can hang you lights on me.

Chorus

Hang your lights, Hang your lights.
You can hang your lights on me.
Put yourself, at the top of my tree,
And you can hang your lights on me.

Verse Three

Bring, bring, bring down a gleaming crown,
Raise a toast to one and all.
Shut the curtains and the door,
I want your loving not your war.
(Solo) And you can hang your lights on me.
(All) You can hang your lights on me.

Chorus

Hang your lights, Hang your lights.
You can hang your lights on me.
Put yourself, at the top of my tree,
And you can hang your lights on me.

Bridge

I'll be your angel, at the top of your tree
'cos in my stable, you'll always be.
It's a cosy little room underneath the frosted moon
We'll hang the lights on you.

I'll be your angel, at the top of your tree
'cos in my stable, you'll always be.
It's a cosy little room underneath the frosted moon
I can hang my lights on you.

Let me hang my lights on you,
let me hang my lights on you.
There ain't nothing else this Christmas
that I would rather do.
Hang your lights.

Chorus

Hang your lights, Hang your lights
You gotta hang your lights on me.
So put yourself at the top of my tree.
You can hang your lights on me.

Hang your lights, hang your lights,
You gotta hang your lights on me.
So put yourself, at the top of my tree,
You can hang your lights on me.

Wonderful Christmastime

This is our final song of the show and the song focuses on the infectious energy of the occasion and the universal invitation to join in the merriment, it serves as an upbeat anthem that highlights the cheerful, carefree side of the holidays and the collective delight found in being surrounded by loved ones.

We have tried to echo this by introducing a ‘tag’ that is sung at the beginning, middle and end of the piece ‘it’s Christmas time’. The children can really enjoying sliding up/down to the notes.

During the bridge section of this song keep the singing light for ‘the choir of children’ but really lean into the ‘d’s’ of Ding Dong, to represent the pealing of the bells.

Wonderful Christmas Time

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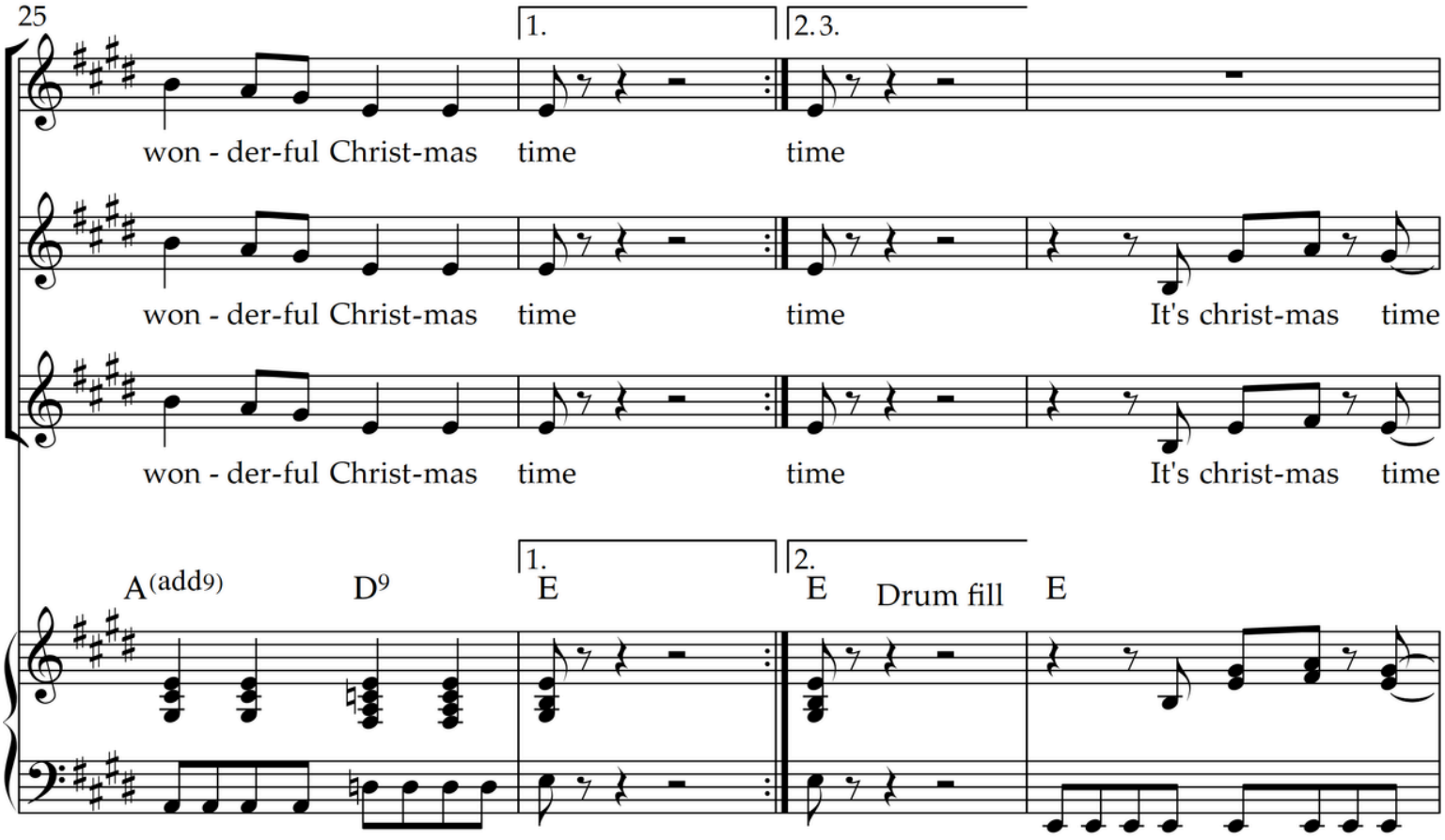




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2
9
11
The mood is right
The par-ty's on
The word is out
The mood is right
The par-ty's on
The word is out
The mood is right
The par-ty's on
The word is out
D/E
E
Emaj7
13
the spir - its up
the feel-ings here
a - bout the town
we're-here to night - -
that on-ly comes
to lift a glass
the spir - its up
the feel-ings here
a - bout the town
we - re here to night -
that on-ly comes
to lift a glass
the spir - its up
the feel-ings here
a - bout the town
we - re here to night -
that on-ly comes
to lift a glass
E
E6
E
Emaj9

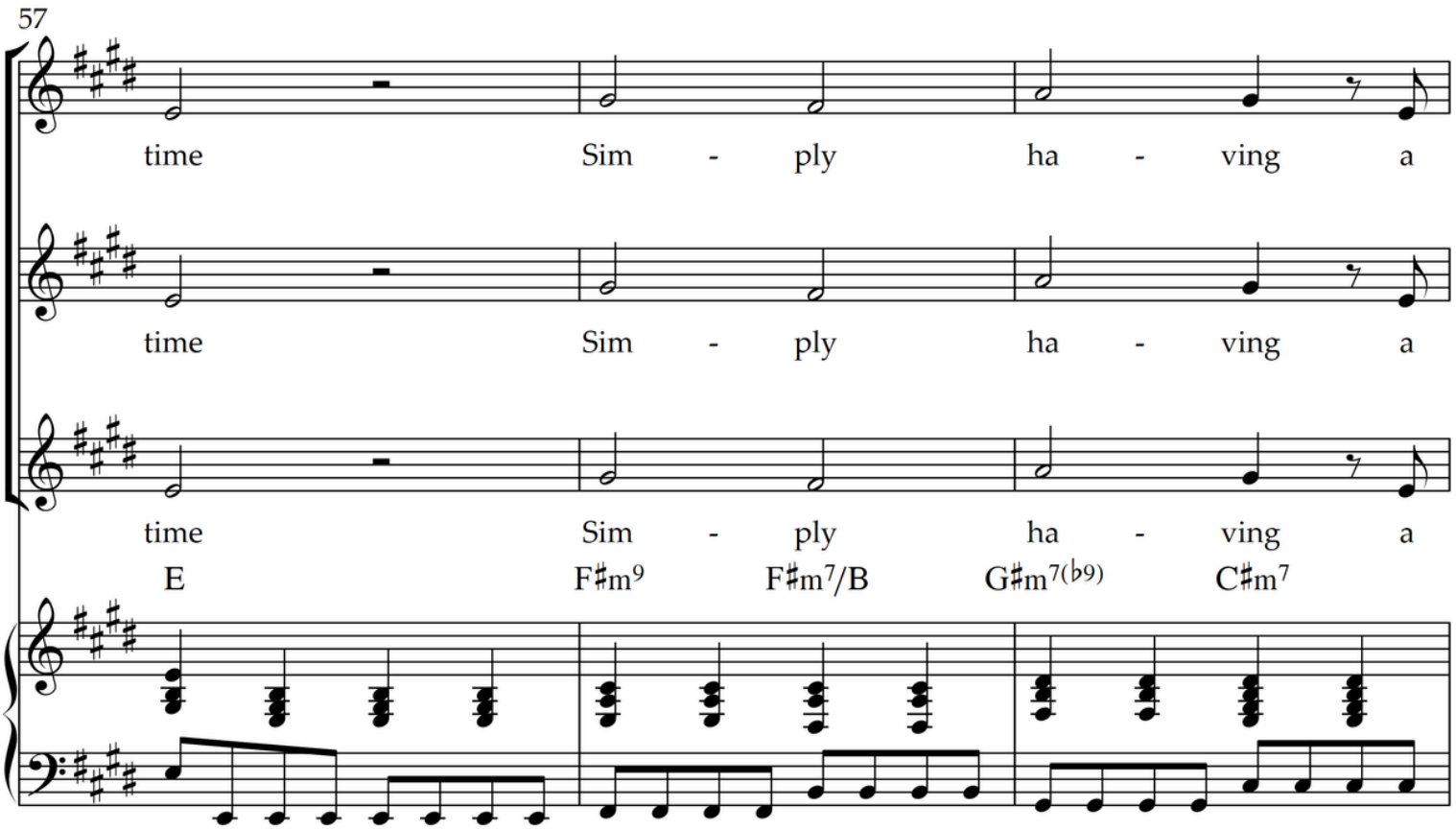

17
To Coda
- and that's e nough
this time of year
Oh don't look down
Sim - ply ha - ving a
- and that's e nough
this time of year
Oh don't look down
Sim - ply ha - ving a
- and that's e nough
this time of year
Oh don't look down
Sim - ply ha - ving a
E
F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7
21
won - der-ful Christ-mas time
Sim - ply ha - ving a
won - der-ful Christ-mas time
Sim - ply ha - ving a
won - der-ful Christ-mas time
Sim - ply ha - ving a
A(add9) D9 E
F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7

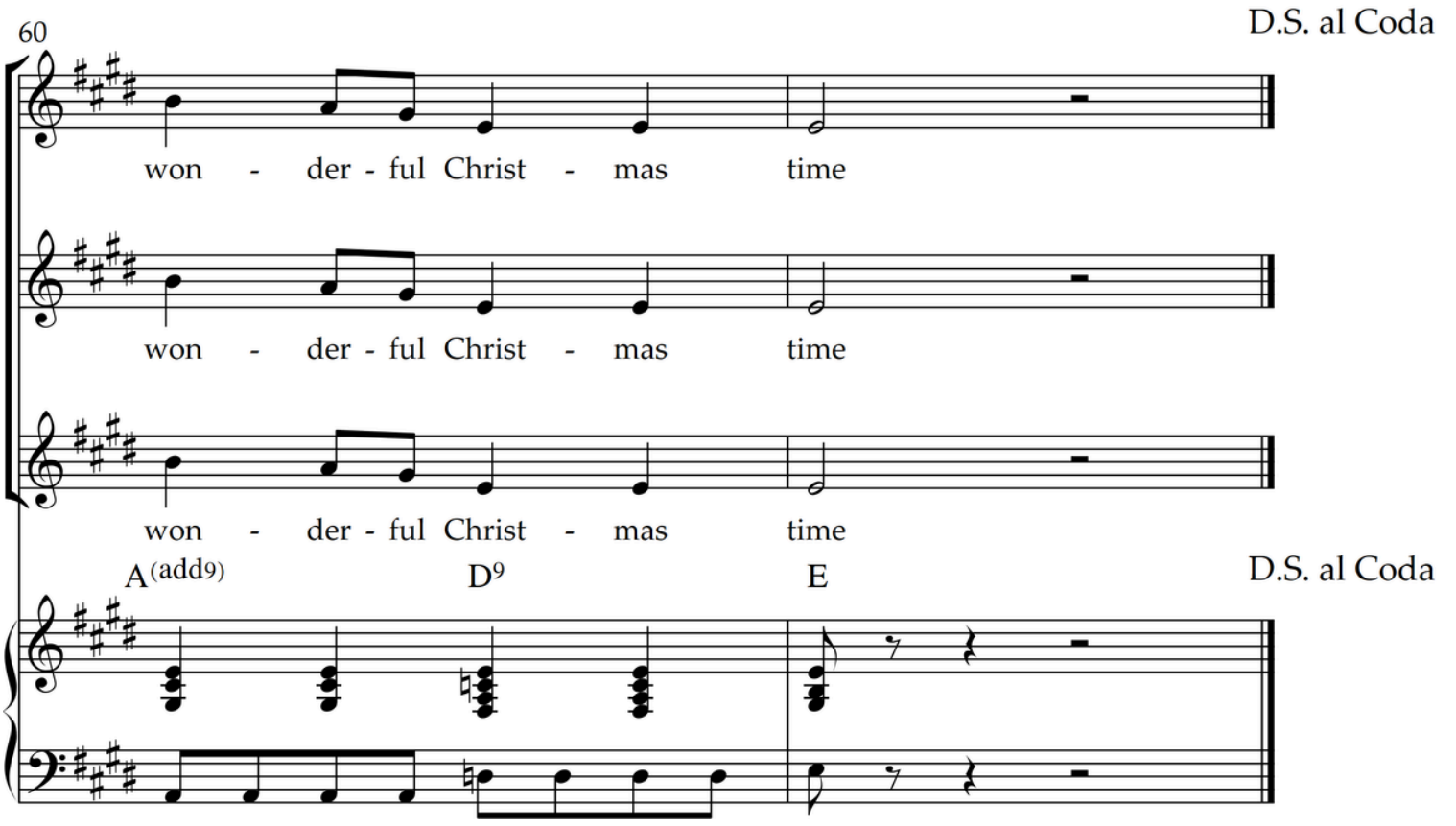

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1.
2.3.
won - der-ful Christ-mas time time
won - der-ful Christ-mas time time It's christ-mas time
won - der-ful Christ-mas time time It's christ-mas time
A(add9) D9
1.
E
2.
E
Drum fill
E


29
It's christ-mas time
It's christ-mas time
It's christ-mas time
D/E
E


33
36
The choir of
The choir of
D/E
E
C♯m7
38
chil - dren sing their song
Ding
chil - dren sing their song
Ding
They prac - tice all year long
F♯m7
Amaj7/B
E
C♯m7
F♯m7
F♯m7
E


45
dong ding dong ding dong ding dong Ooh
Ooh
dong ding dong ding dong ding Ooh
dong
Ooh
ding dong ding dong ding dong Ooh
Ooh
A(add9) B7(sus4) A/B A/E
52
54
Sim - ply ha - ving a won-der-ful Christ-mas
Sim - ply ha - ving a won-der-ful Christ-mas
Sim - ply ha - ving a won-der-ful Christ-mas
Up!
Drum fill
F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7 A(add9) D9


57
time Sim - ply ha - ving a
time Sim - ply ha - ving a
time Sim - ply ha - ving a
E F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7


D.S. al Coda
60
won - der - ful Christ - mas time
won - der - ful Christ - mas time
won - der - ful Christ - mas time
A(add9) D9 E
D.S. al Coda

Coda

62

Sim - ply ha - ving a won-der-ful Christ-mas time

Sim - ply ha - ving a won-der-ful Christ-mas time

Sim - ply ha - ving a won-der-ful Christ-mas time

Coda

F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7 A(add9) D9 E

66

The choir of chil - dren sing their song

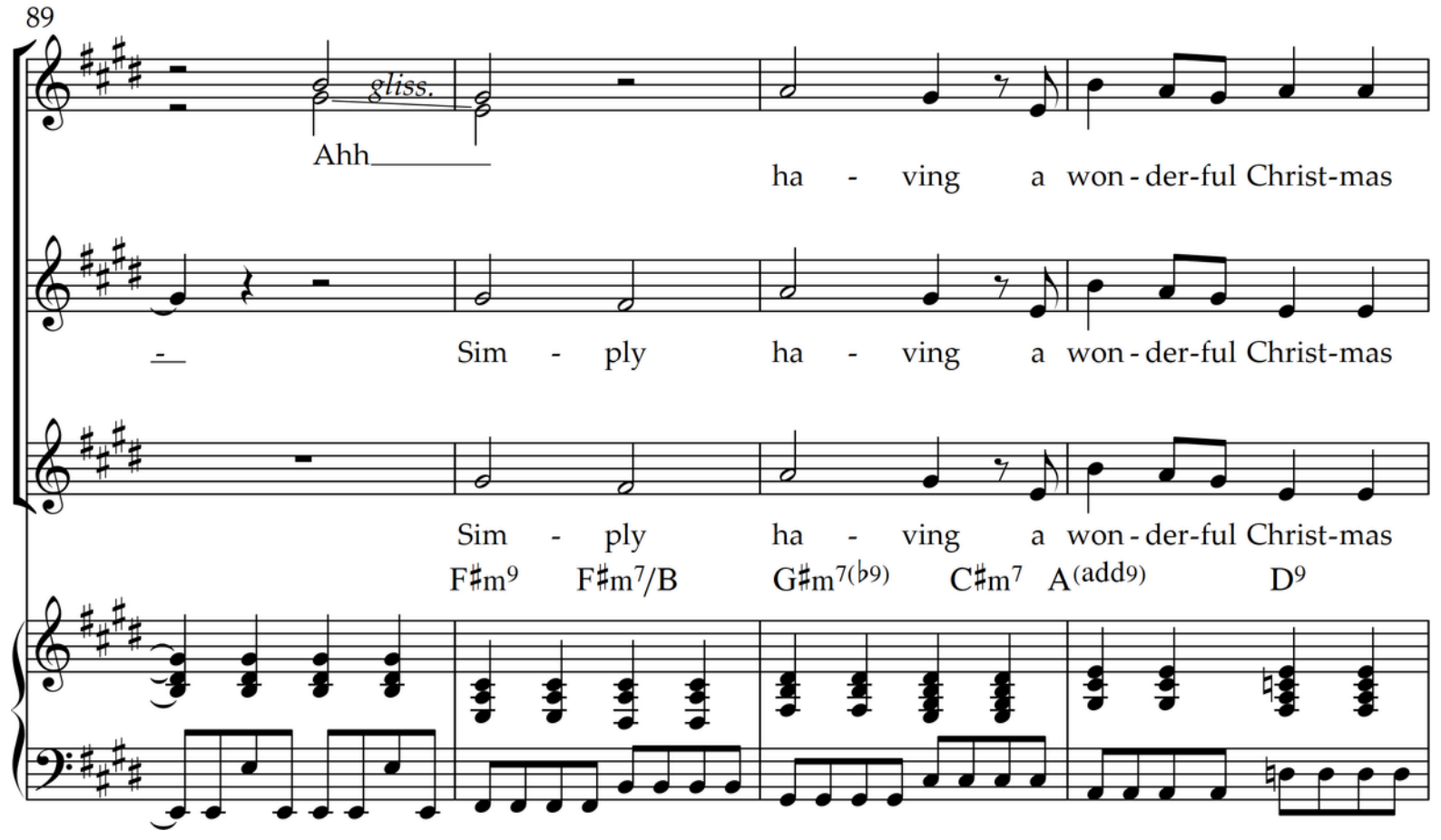
The choir of chil - dren sing their song

They prac - tice all year long

E C♯m7 F♯m7 Amaj7/B E C♯m7 F♯m7 Amaj7/B


74
Ding dong ding dong ding dong ding dong ding dong ding dong ding
Ding dong ding dong ding dong ding dong ding dong ding dong ding
ding dong ding dong ding
Ding dong ding dong ding
E
A(add9)
B7(sus4)
A/B
E
A(add9)
81
82
dong ding dong
It's christ-mas time
dong ding Dong The mood is right
the spir-its up
Dong ding Dong
It's christ-mas time
Drum fill
Up!
B7(sus4)
A/B
E
Emaj7
E
E6


85
gliss.
Ahh
It's christ-mas time
we-re here to night - - - and that's e nough
gliss.
Ahh
It's christ-mas time
E
Emaj9
E


89
gliss.
Ahh
ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
F♯m9
F♯m7/B
G♯m7(♭9)
C♯m7
A(add9)
D9


93
time Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
time Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
time Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
E F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7 A(add9) D9
97
98
time Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
time Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
time Sim - ply ha - ving a won - der-ful Christ-mas
E F♯m9 F♯m7/B G♯m7(♭9) C♯m7 A(add9) D9

TAG

102

101

time Ding dong ding

time It's christ-mas time

time It's christ-mas time

E E Bm11 E

105

dong ding dong

It's christ-mas time

It's christ-mas time

Bm11 E Bm11


108
ding
dong
ding
It's christ-mas time
It's christ-mas time
E
Bm11

Wonderful Christmastime Lyrics
Green

Intro It's Christmas time, It's Christmas time.

Verse One The mood is right, the spirits up
We're here tonight, and that's enough

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Verse Two The party's on, the feelings here,
That only comes, this time of year.

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Intro It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time.

Middle 8 The choir of children sing their song,
(rest)
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
Oooh, Ooh……

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Verse Three The word is out, about the town,
To lift a glass, Oh don't look down.

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Intro It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time.

Middle 8 The choir of children sing their song
(rest)
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
Oooh, Ooh……

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Middle 8 The choir of children sing their song
(rest)
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.

Finale The mood is right, the spirits up
We're here tonight and that's enough.

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Outro It's Christmas time. **(x3)**

Wonderful Christmastime Lyrics
Yellow

Intro It's Christmas time, It's Christmas time.

Verse One The mood is right, the spirits up
We're here tonight, and that's enough

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Verse Two The party's on, the feelings here,
That only comes, this time of year.

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Intro It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time.

Middle 8 **(rest)**
They practice all year long.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
Oooh, Ooh……

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Verse Three

The word is out, about the town,
To lift a glass, Oh don't look down.

Chorus

Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Intro

It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time.

Middle 8

(rest)
They practice all year long.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
Oooh, Ooh……

Chorus

Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Middle 8

(rest)
They practice all year long.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.

Finale

It's Christmas time, Ahh
It's Christmas time

Chorus

Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Outro

It's Christmas time. **(x3)**

Wonderful Christmastime Lyrics
Senior

Intro It's Christmas time, It's Christmas time.

Verse One The mood is right, the spirits up
We're here tonight, and that's enough

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Verse Two The party's on, the feelings here,
That only comes, this time of year.

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Intro It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time.

Middle 8 The choir of children sing their song.
(They practice all year long.)
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, (ding dong.)
Oooh, Ooh…….

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Verse Three The word is out, about the town,
To lift a glass, Oh don't look down.

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Intro It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time.

Middle 8 The choir of children sing their song.
(They practice all year long.)
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, (ding dong.)
Oooh, Ooh…….

Chorus Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Middle 8 The choir of children sing their song.
(They practice all year long.)
(Ding dong,) ding dong, ding dong ding dong
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.

Finale It's Christmas time, Ahh
It's Christmas time, Ahh.

Chorus Having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.
Simply having a wonderful Christmas time.

Outro Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong ding.

Appendices

Breathing exercises

1. Standing in a good singing position, set a pulse going and ask your singers to breathe in over four counts, then exhale over four counts to a shh. To encourage deeper breathing, ask your singers to raise their arms above their heads (like a ballerina in 5th position) as they inhale and then lower their arms as they exhale. You can then ask them to increase the counts they exhale to, i.e. 6 counts, 8, counts, 12 counts etc.

2. Ask your children to put their thumbs and fingers together to make a diamond shape with their hands, then place the thumbs on their belly button. Then ask them to gasp, as if something has shocked them. Then ask them what happened to their hands! Do this exercise a few times to get the children feeling where the air feels like it is going.

3. Set a pulse going and ask your singers to breathe in over four counts. Then ask them to exhale by counting (as below) to your pulse. To make it a fun exercise, there can be a prize for the child that get's the furthest, or as a team you can try and improve on your number each time you use this exercise.



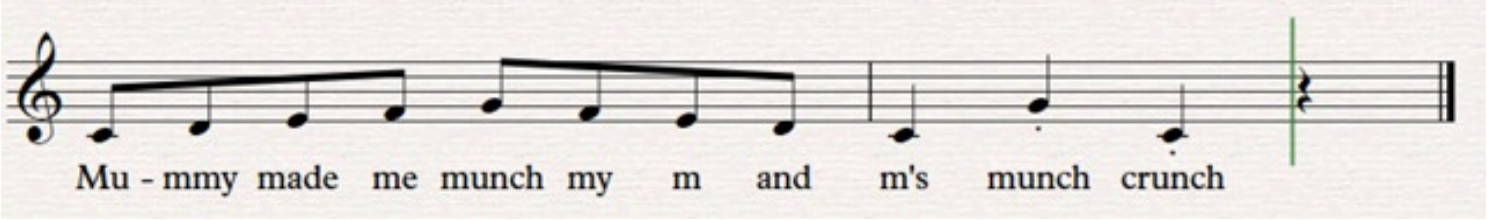
4. Call and response using unvoiced consonants. Ask the children to make the diamond shape again (as per exercise 2) then as the caller, make different rhythms using sounds like 'sss', 'shh', 'fff', 'p', 't' and 'k' which they will then call back to you. Keeping the hands in the diamond shape on their stomach, will help them feel where these sounds are made.

Appendices

Vocal exercises

1. Say the word ‘sing’ and hold on to the ‘ng’ of this word. Using this sound siren around your voice to explore where it can go. Then use an open ‘ee’, then ‘oo’ and finally ‘ah’.

2. The below warm up is great to use to get the mouths moving (lot’s of M’s) and also introduces a scale pattern to your singers. The words are ‘Mummy Made Me Munch My M and M’s Munch Crunch. You can start on the C that is below, but feel free to move up the starting note each time you repeat the exercise.



3. Staying with the scale pattern, we can introduce a number warm up, this is great for understanding intervals and will help with jumps in some of the pieces in our concert.



Once the children feel comfortable with this exercise there are various versions you can do. You can split your group in two (or more) and the groups alternate which numbers they are singing. You can stay as a whole group and replace numbers with an action (3 = clap). You could even do this as a round.