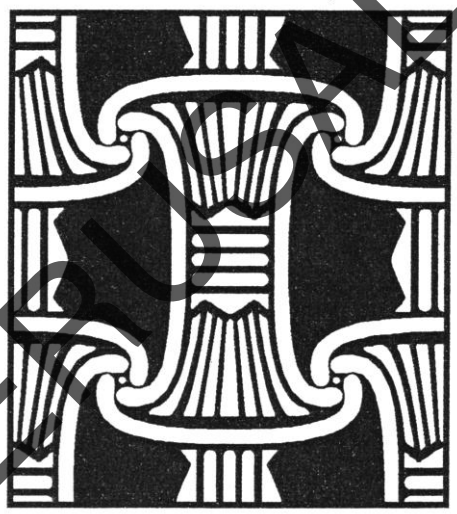
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# Alma Beata et Bella

*for SSATB (div.) Chorus*
*text by Jacopo Sannazaro*

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# Pronunciation Guide

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| *Alma beata et bella,*<br>[ahl-ma bey-ah-tah ett bell-lah] | **Delightful and beautiful soul,** |
| *Che da'lingami sciolta*<br>[kay dah lee-gah-mee schohl-tah] | **Free from bondage,** |
| *Nuda salisti ney superni chiostri*<br>[noo-dah sah-lee-sti ney(ee) soo-pehr-nee kee-oh-stri | **You have risen naked to celestial cloisters,** |
| *Ove con la tua stella*<br>[oh-vey kohn lah too-ah stell-lah] | **Where, together with your star,** |
| *Ti godi insieme accolta;*<br>[tee goh-di een-syeh-mee ah-kohl-tah] | **You may be gathered in joy.** |
| *Wuasi un bel sol ti mostri*<br>[kwah-zee oon bell sohl tee moh-stri] | **Like a beautiful sun, you reveal yourself** |
| *Tra li piu chiari spiriti.*<br>[trah lee pyoo kee-ah-ree spear-tee] | **Among the most luminous spirits.** |
| *Altri monti, altri piani,*<br>[ahl-tree mohn-tee, ahl-tree pyah-nee] | **Other mountains, other plains,** |
| *Altri boschecti et rivi*<br>[ahl-tree bohs-ke-tee et tree-vee] | **Other groves and streams,** |
| *Vedi nel cielo et piu novella fior.i*<br>[vey-dee nell tchey-loh ett pyoo noh-vell-lee fyoh-ree] | **You see in heaven and in the newly bloomed flowers.** |
| *Tal fra suavi odori*<br>[tahl frah swah-vee oh-doh-ree] | **Betwixt sweet scents,** |
| *Dolce cantando all'ombra*<br>[dohl-tchey cahn-than-doh ahl ohm-brah] | **Sweetly singing in the shade,** |
| *Siede il nostro Androgeo*<br>[syeh-dey eel noh-stroh ahn-droh-gey-oh] | **Dwells our Androgeo,** |
| *Et di rara dolcezza il cielo ingombra,*<br>[ett dee rah-rah dohl-tchets-sah eel tchey-loh] | **Encumbering the heavens with rare sweetness,** |
| *Temprando gli elimenti.*<br>[temp-rahn-doh lyi ell-ee-men-tee] | **Tempering the elements.** |
| *Alma beata et bella,*<br>*Quasi un bel sol ti mostri*<br>*Tra li piu chiari spiriti* | **Delightful and beautiful soul,**<br>**Like a beautiful sun, you reveal yourself**<br>**Among the most luminous spirits.** |

*Jacopo Sannazaro, translation by Alexander Shundi*

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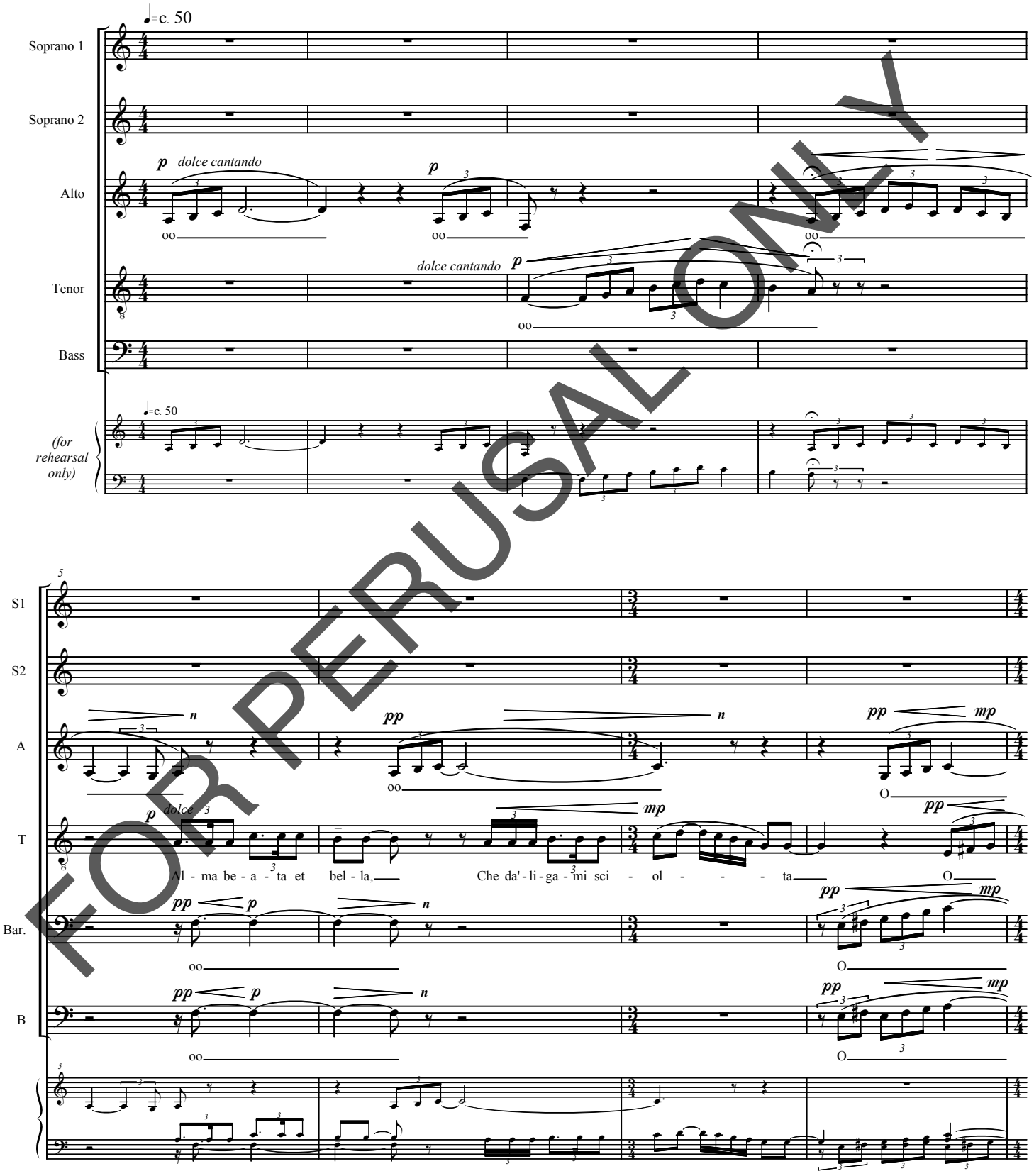
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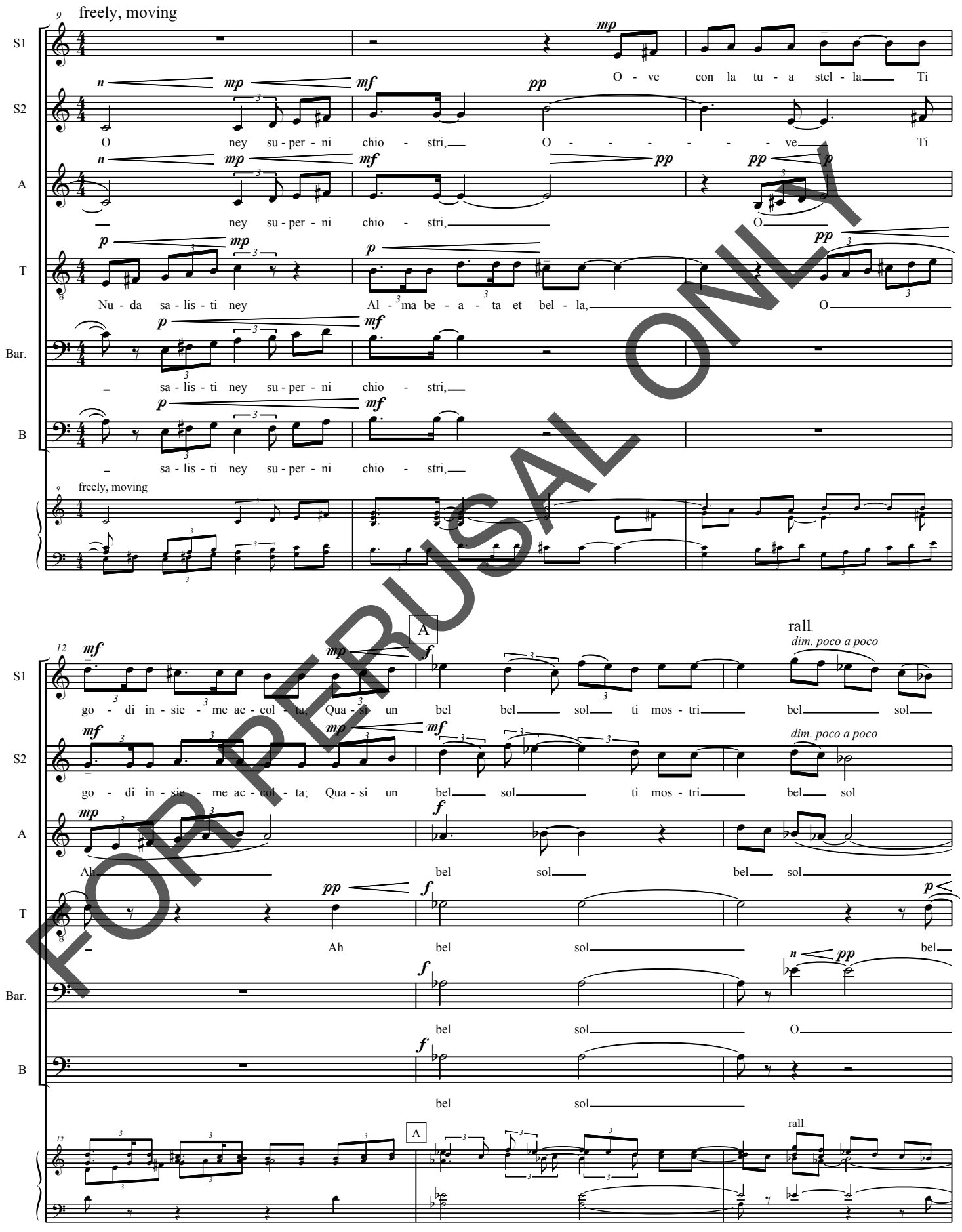
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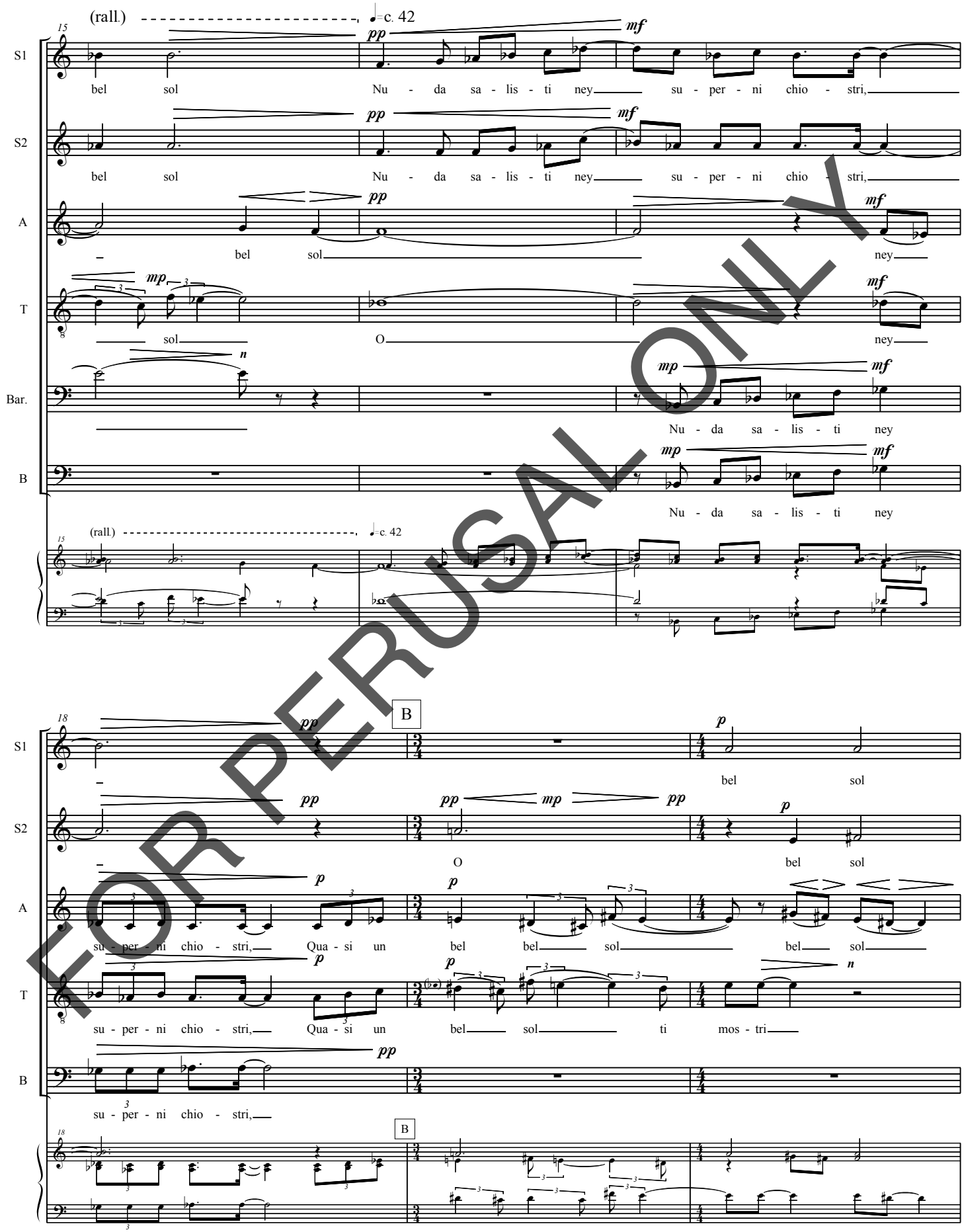

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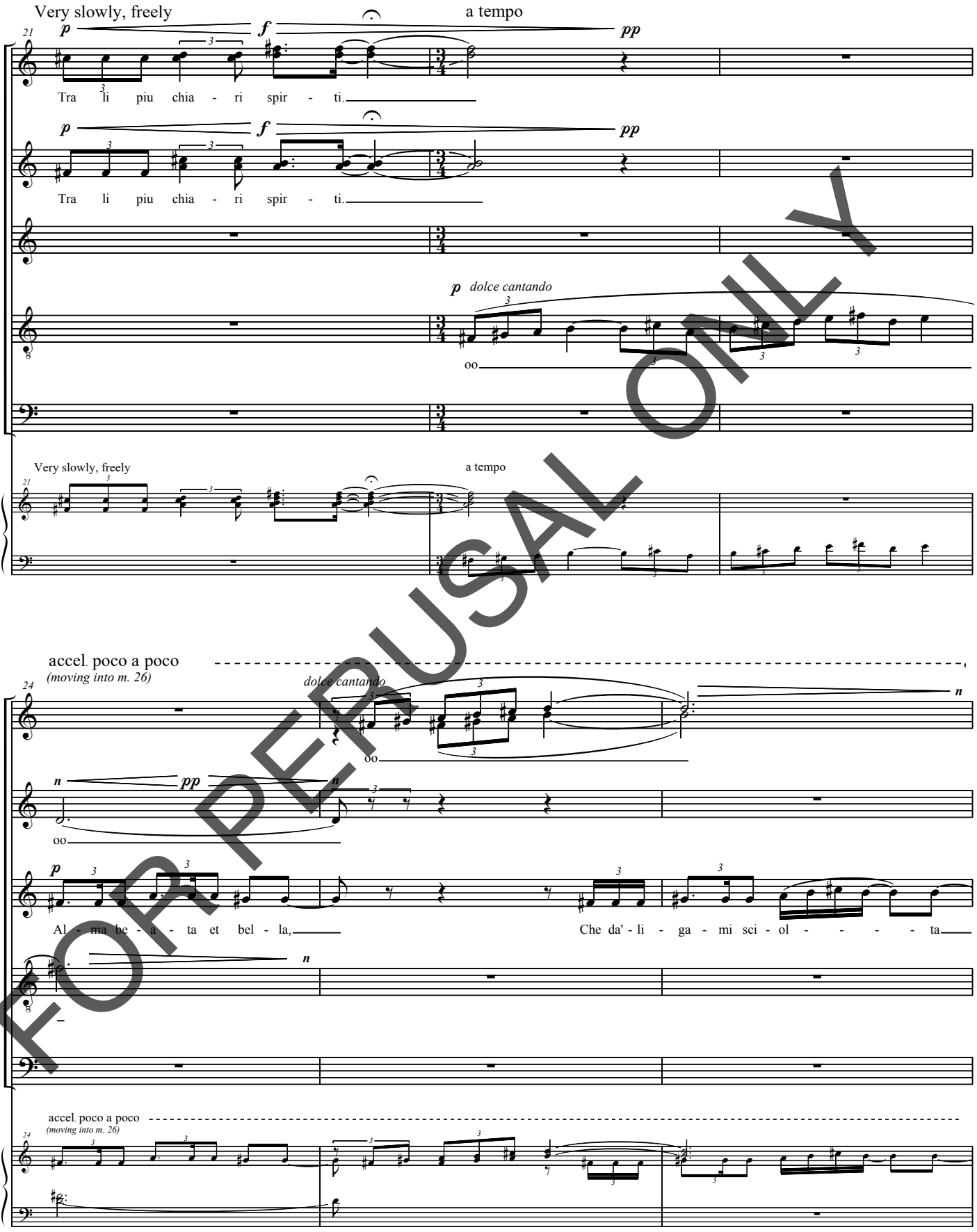
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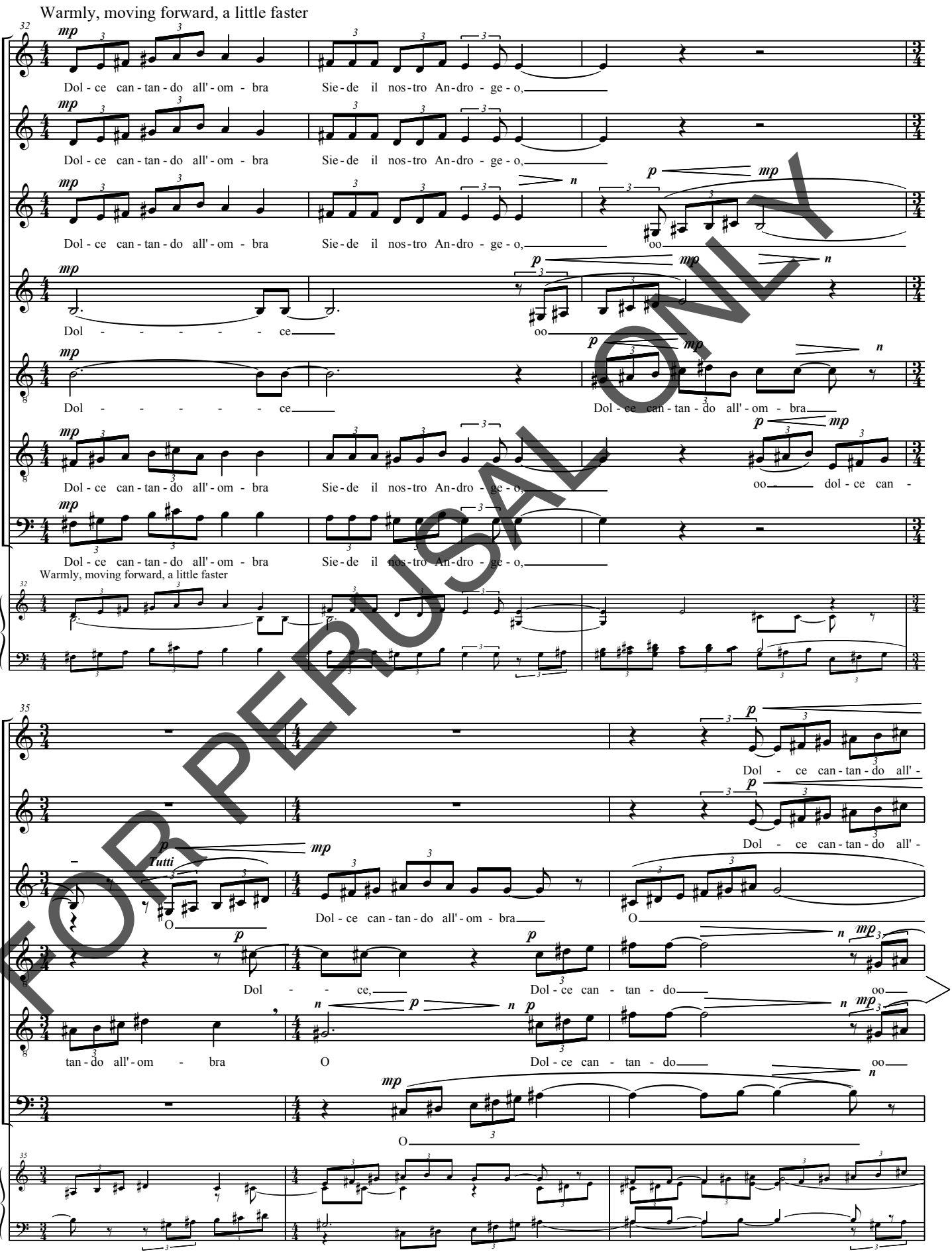



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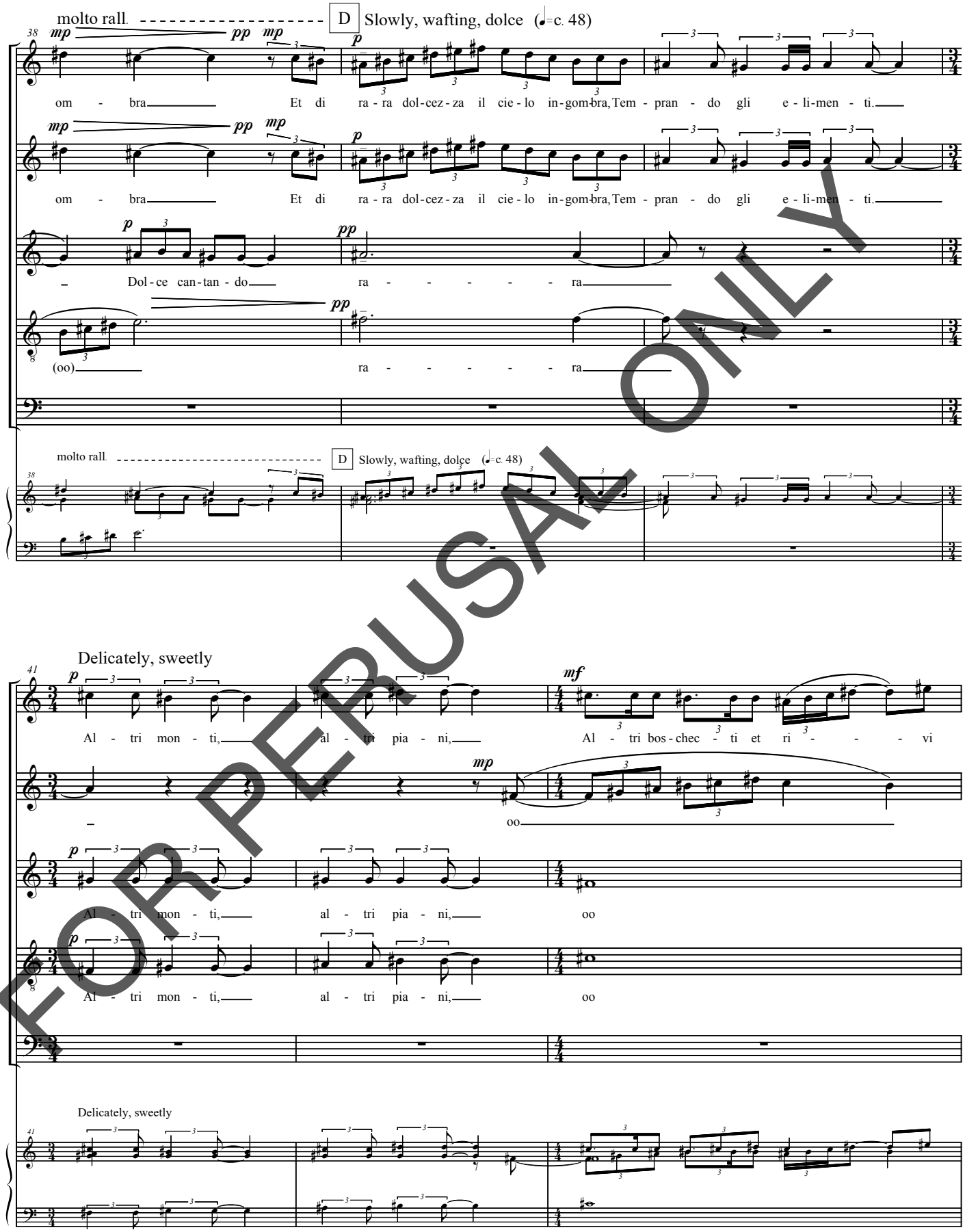



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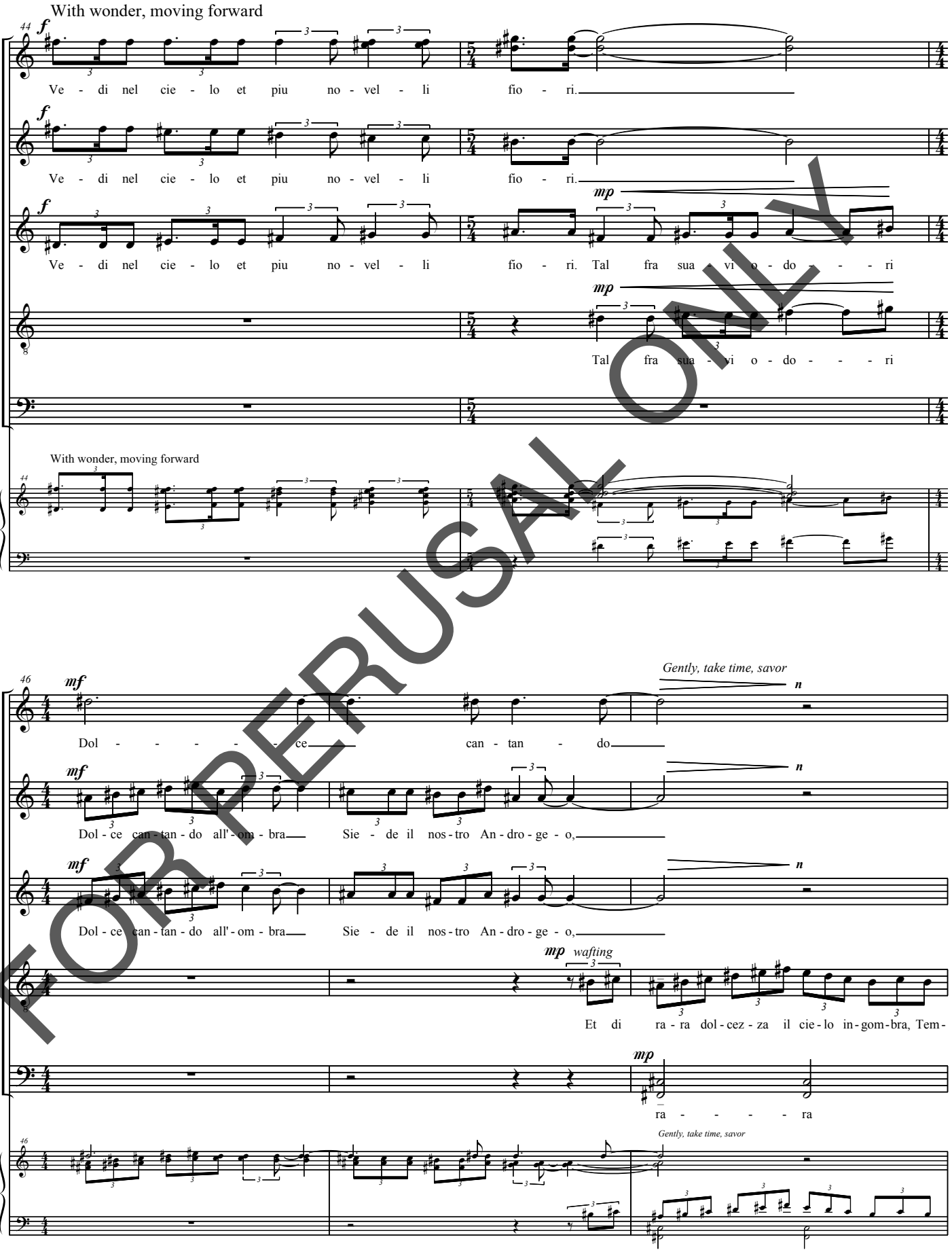
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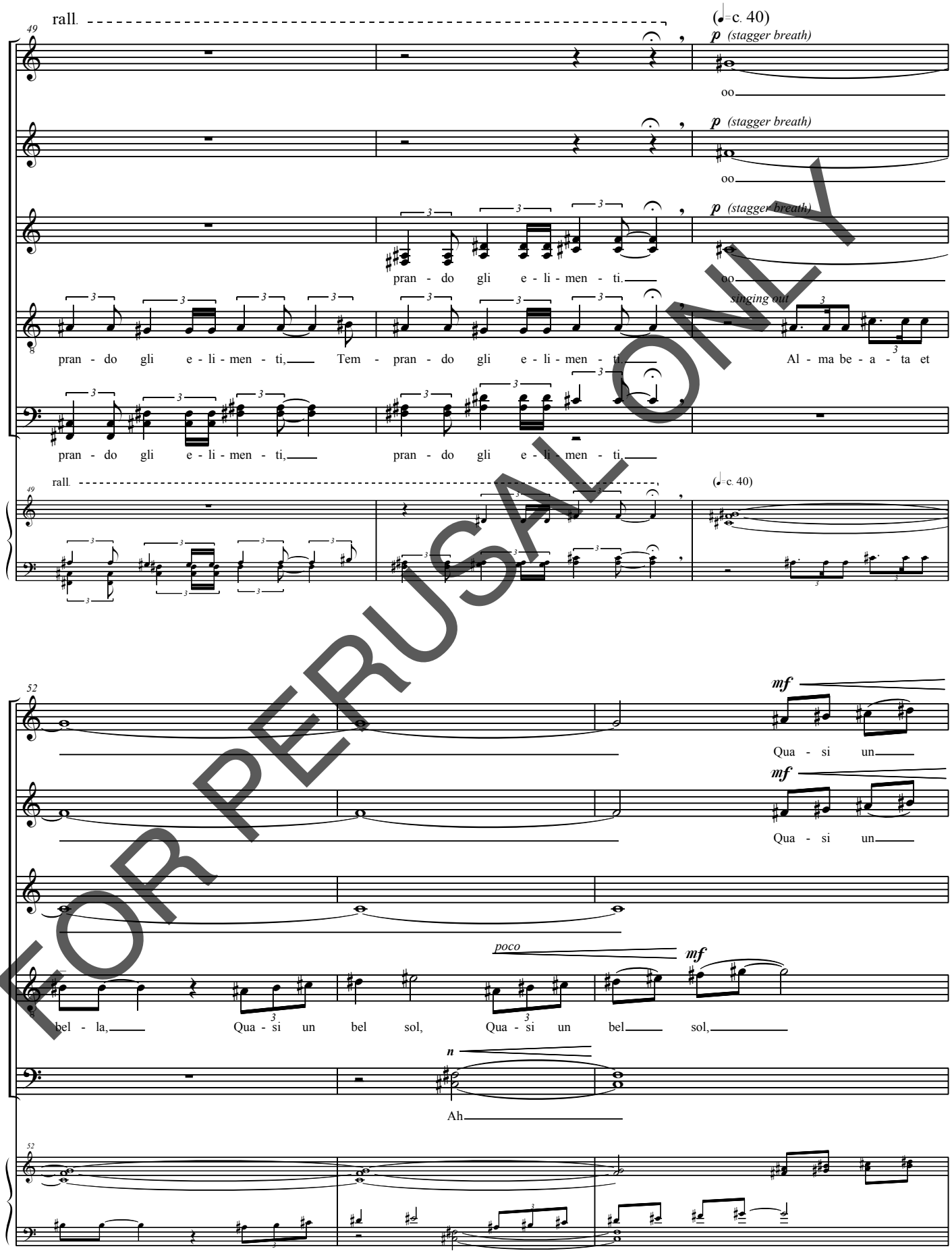

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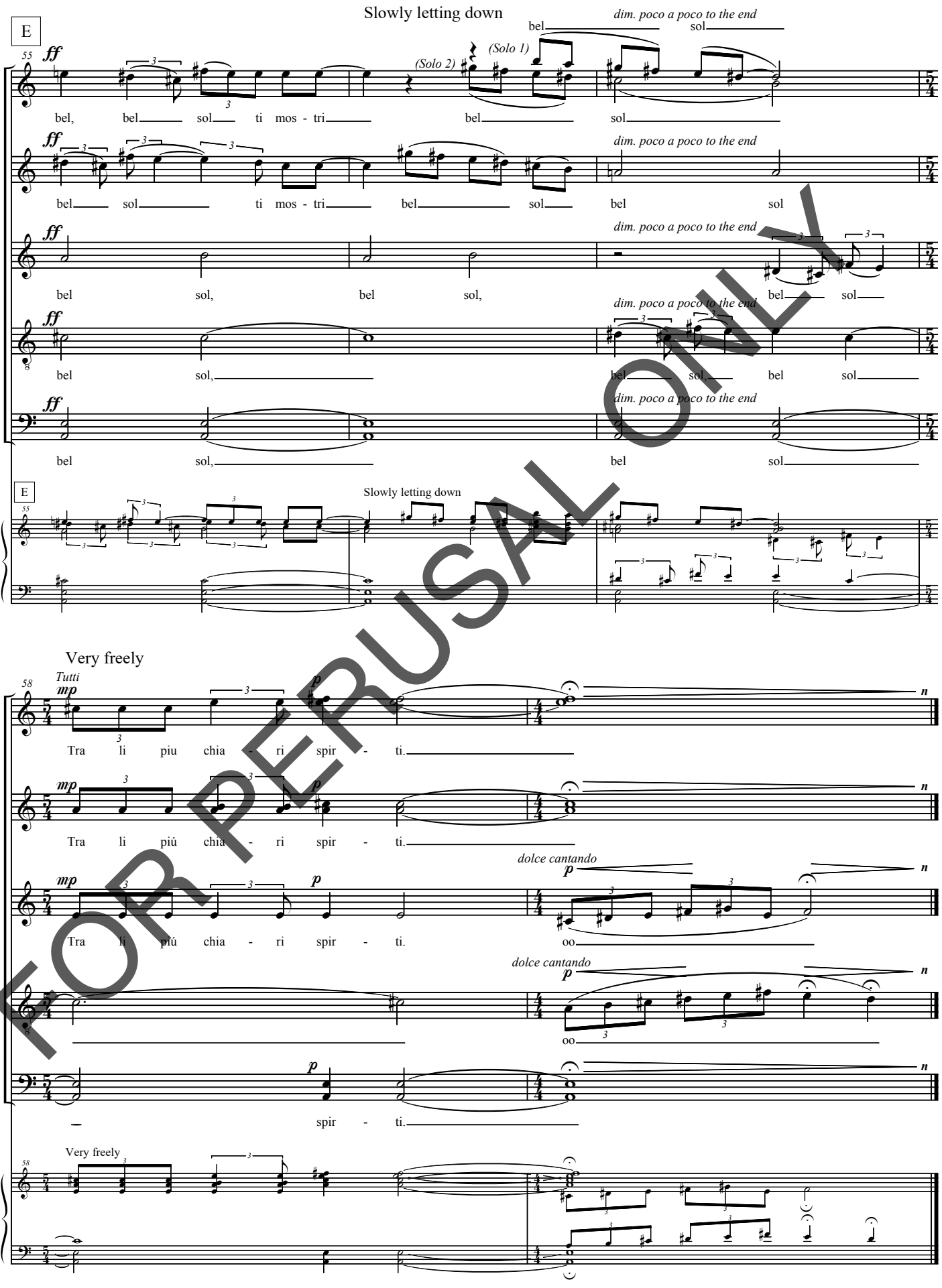

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