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In Memory of Our Foremothers, Who Fought For Our Deliverance

PSALMS OF LUMINOUS RESCUE*

10. Luminous Rescue (reprise of Ps 59)

To that place where they lay pierced -- their hearts, eyes, hands, feet, souls,
until they run with their own blood like fountains --
you come, in luminous rescue, to lift them gently,
staunching their wounds, wrapping, holding them,
so that they begin, they begin with shallow breaths, to want to sing again.

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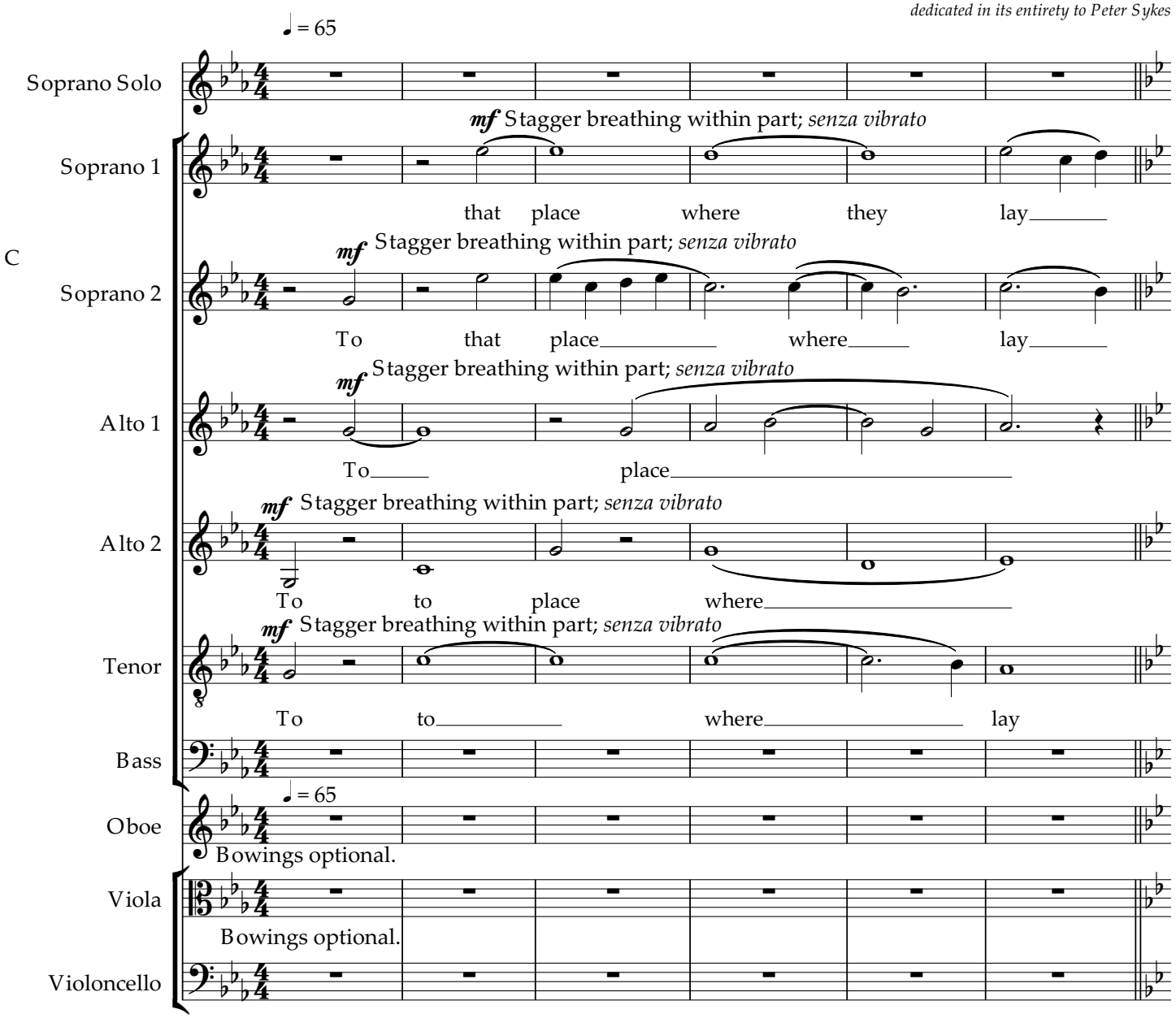

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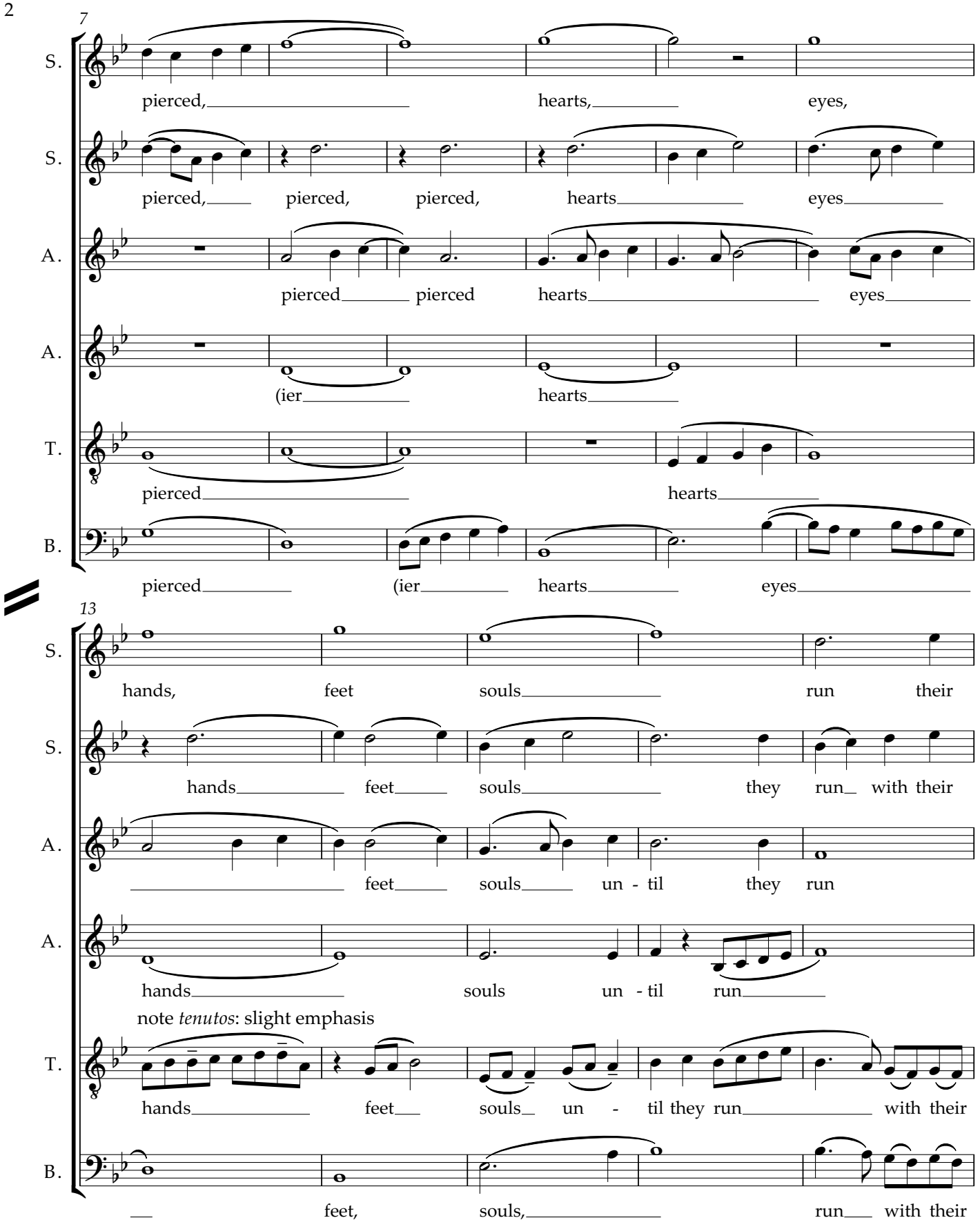
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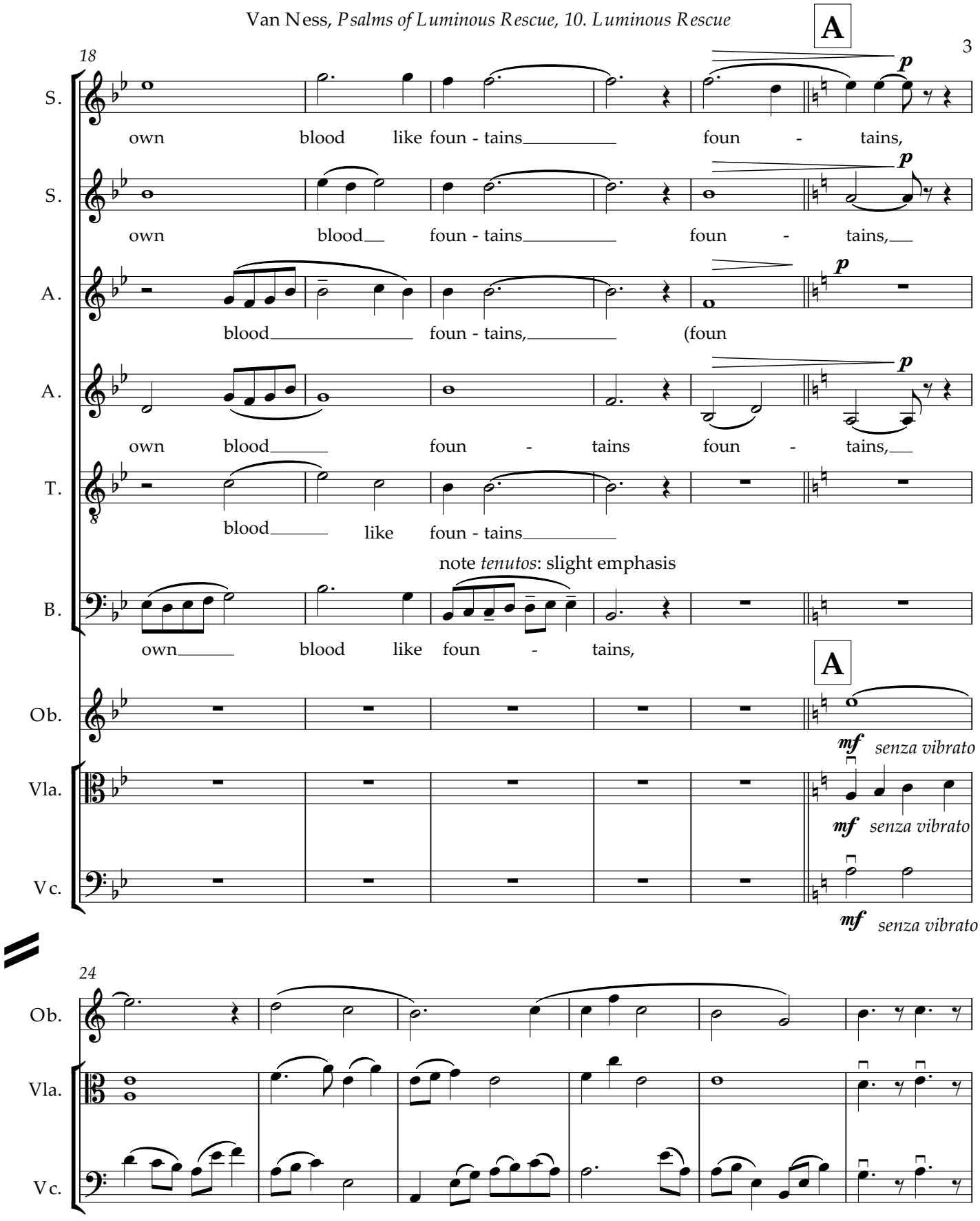
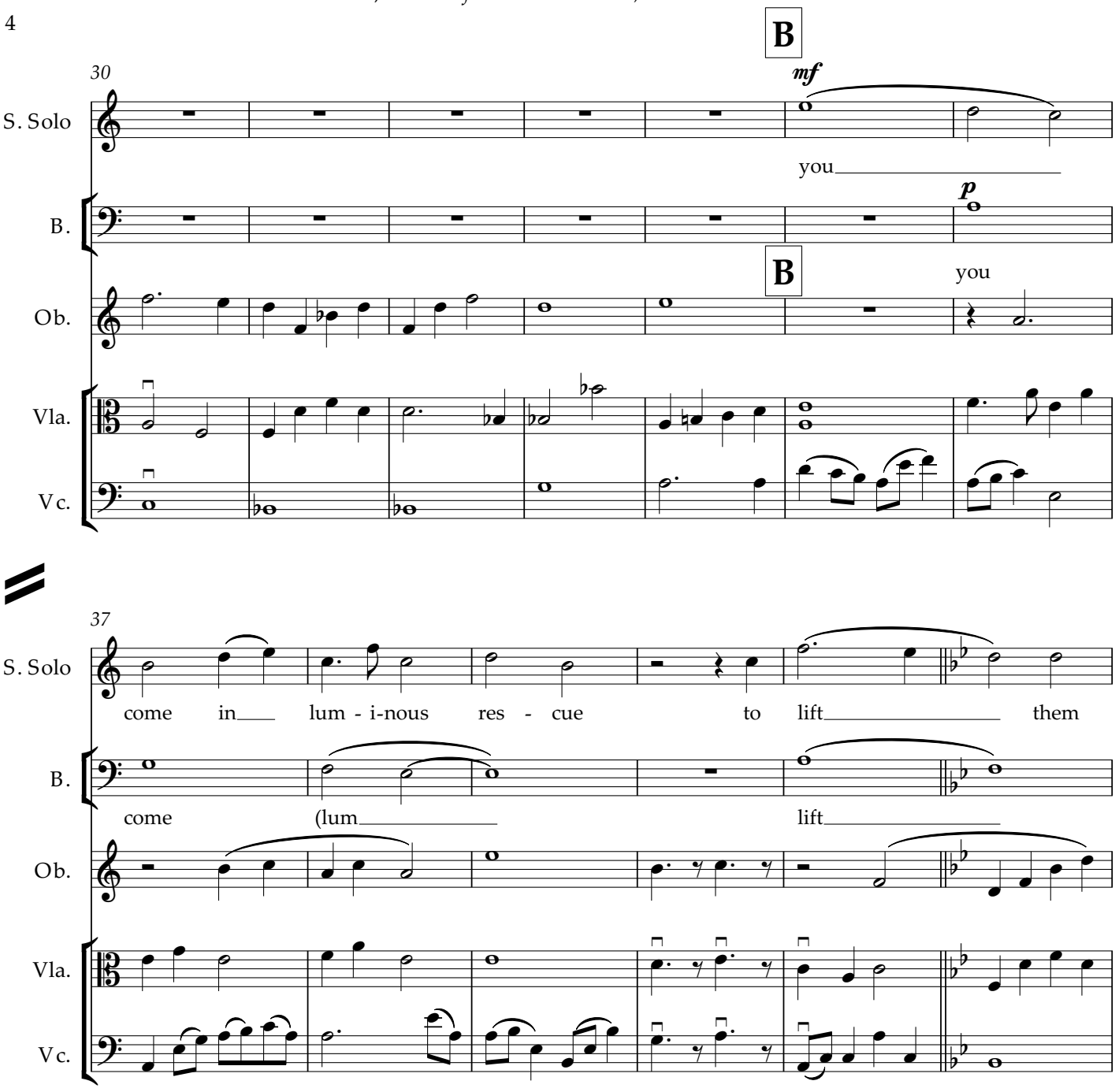
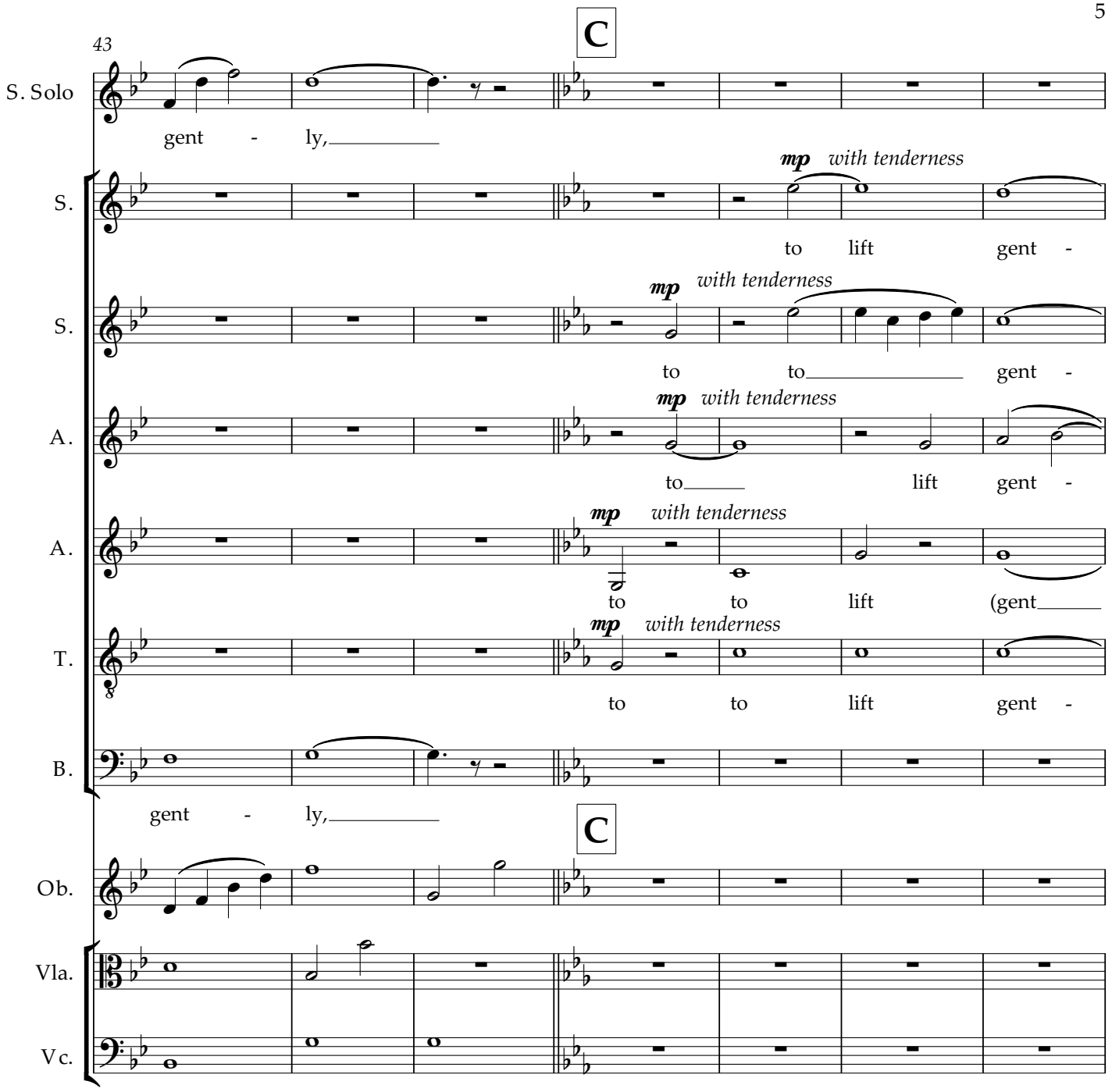
S.
pierced, hearts, eyes,
S.
pierced, pierced, pierced, hearts eyes
A.
pierced pierced hearts eyes
A.
(ier hearts
T.
pierced hearts
B.
pierced (ier hearts eyes
13
S.
hands, feet souls run their
S.
hands feet souls they run with their
A.
feet souls un - til they run
A.
hands souls un - til run
note *tenutos*: slight emphasis
T.
hands feet souls un - til they run with their
B.
feet, souls, run with their


A
18
S.
own blood like foun - tains foun - tains,
p
S.
own blood foun - tains foun - tains,
p
A.
blood foun - tains, (foun
p
A.
own blood foun - tains foun - tains,
p
T.
blood like foun - tains
note *tenutos*: slight emphasis
B.
own blood like foun - tains,
A
Ob.
mf senza vibrato
Vla.
mf senza vibrato
Vc.
mf senza vibrato
24
Ob.
Vla.
Vc.


B
30
mf
S. Solo
you
p
B.
B
you
Ob.
Vla.
Vc.
37
S. Solo
come in lum - i-nous res - cue to lift them
B.
come (lum lift
Ob.
Vla.
Vc.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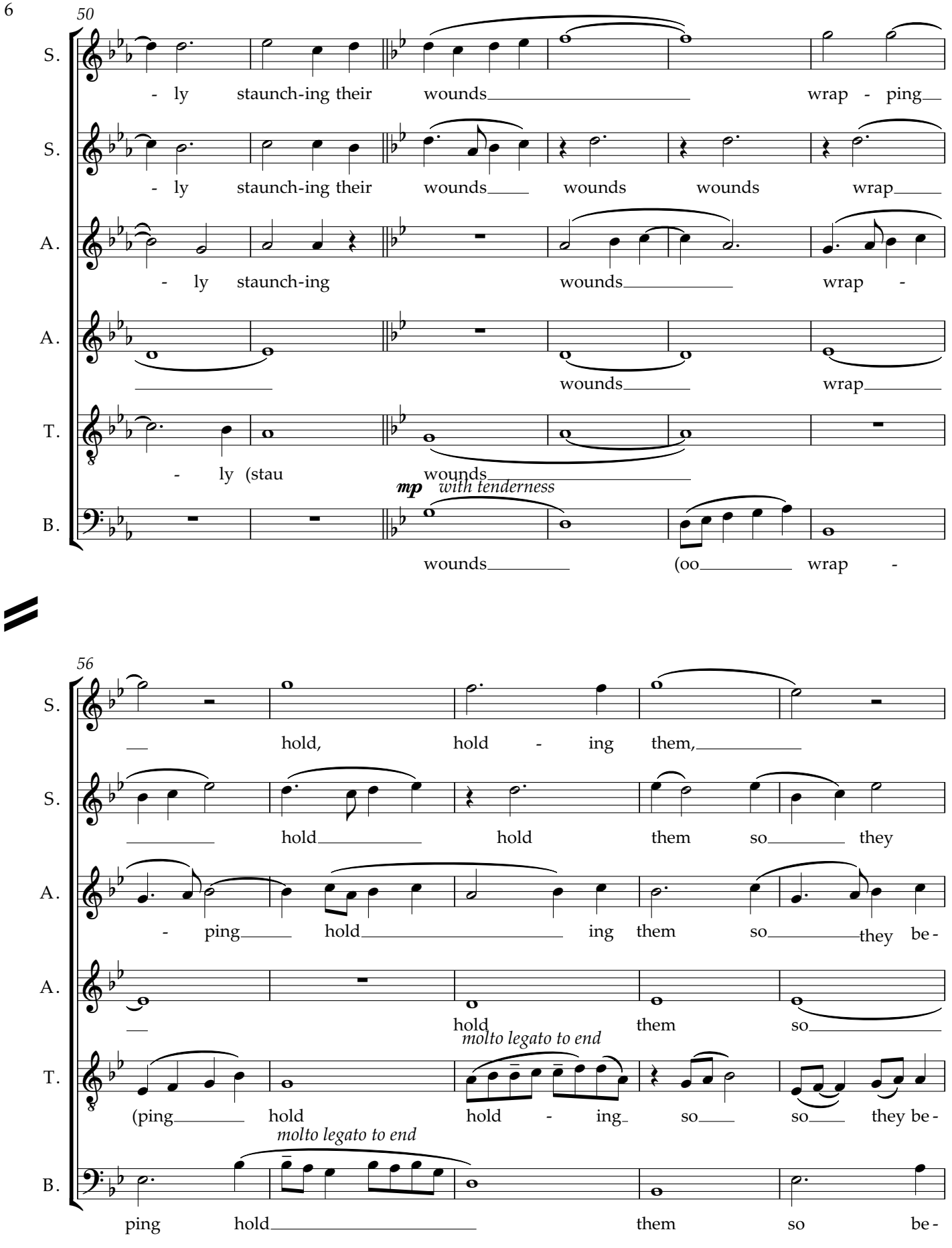
C
S. Solo
gent - ly,
S.
mp with tenderness
to lift gent -
S.
mp with tenderness
to to gent -
A.
mp with tenderness
to lift gent -
A.
mp with tenderness
to to lift (gent
T.
mp with tenderness
to to lift gent -
B.
gent - ly,
C
Ob.
Vla.
Vc.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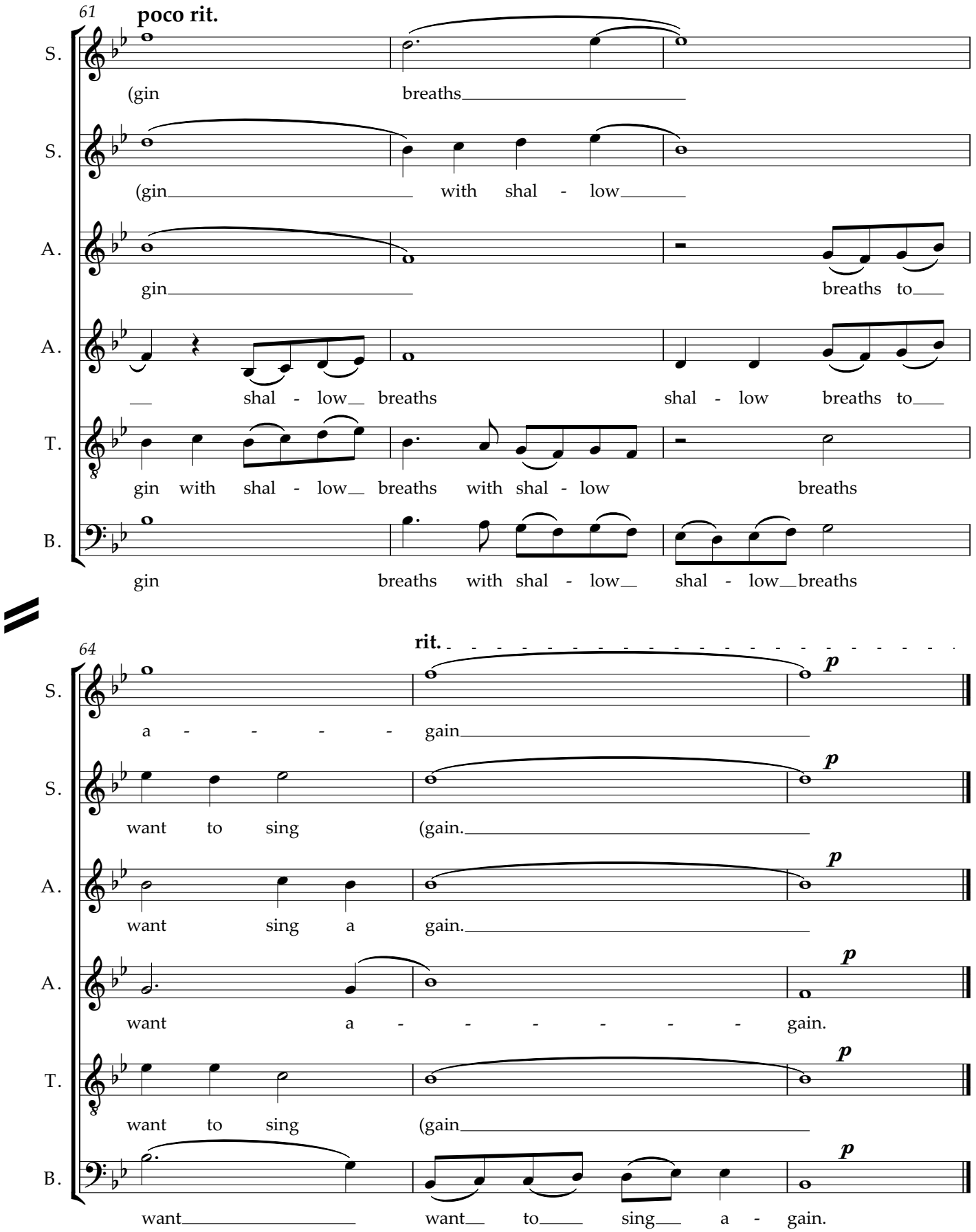
S.
- ly staunch-ing their wounds wrap - ping
S.
- ly staunch-ing their wounds wounds wounds wrap
A.
- ly staunch-ing wounds wrap -
A.
wounds wrap
T.
- ly (stau wounds
mp with tenderness
B.
wounds (oo wrap -
56
S.
hold, hold - ing them,
S.
hold hold them so they
A.
- ping hold ing them so they be -
A.
hold them so
molto legato to end
T.
(ping hold hold - ing so so they be -
molto legato to end
B.
ping hold them so be -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poco rit.
S.
(gin breaths
S.
(gin with shal - low
A.
gin breaths to
A.
shal - low breaths shal - low breaths to
T.
gin with shal - low breaths with shal - low breaths
B.
gin breaths with shal - low shal - low breaths
64
rit.
S.
a - - - - gain
S.
want to sing (gain.
A.
want sing a gain.
A.
want a - - - - - - gain.
T.
want to sing (gain
B.
want want to sing a - gain.