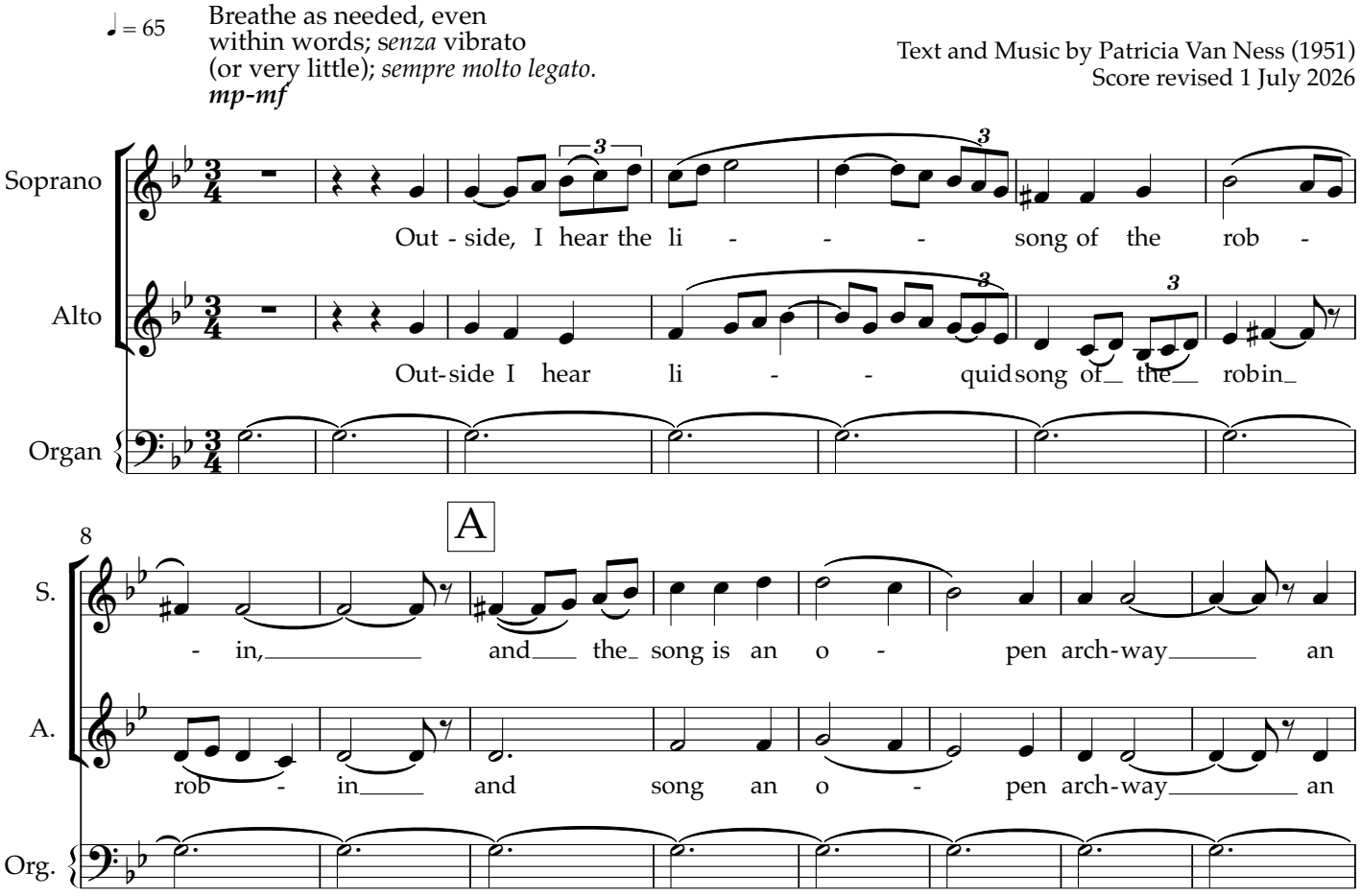For Peter Sykes, with thanks for his priceless contributions to my music
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TRILLIONS

Outside, I hear the liquid song of the robin
and the song is an open archway
where love pours into our world
from love beyond.
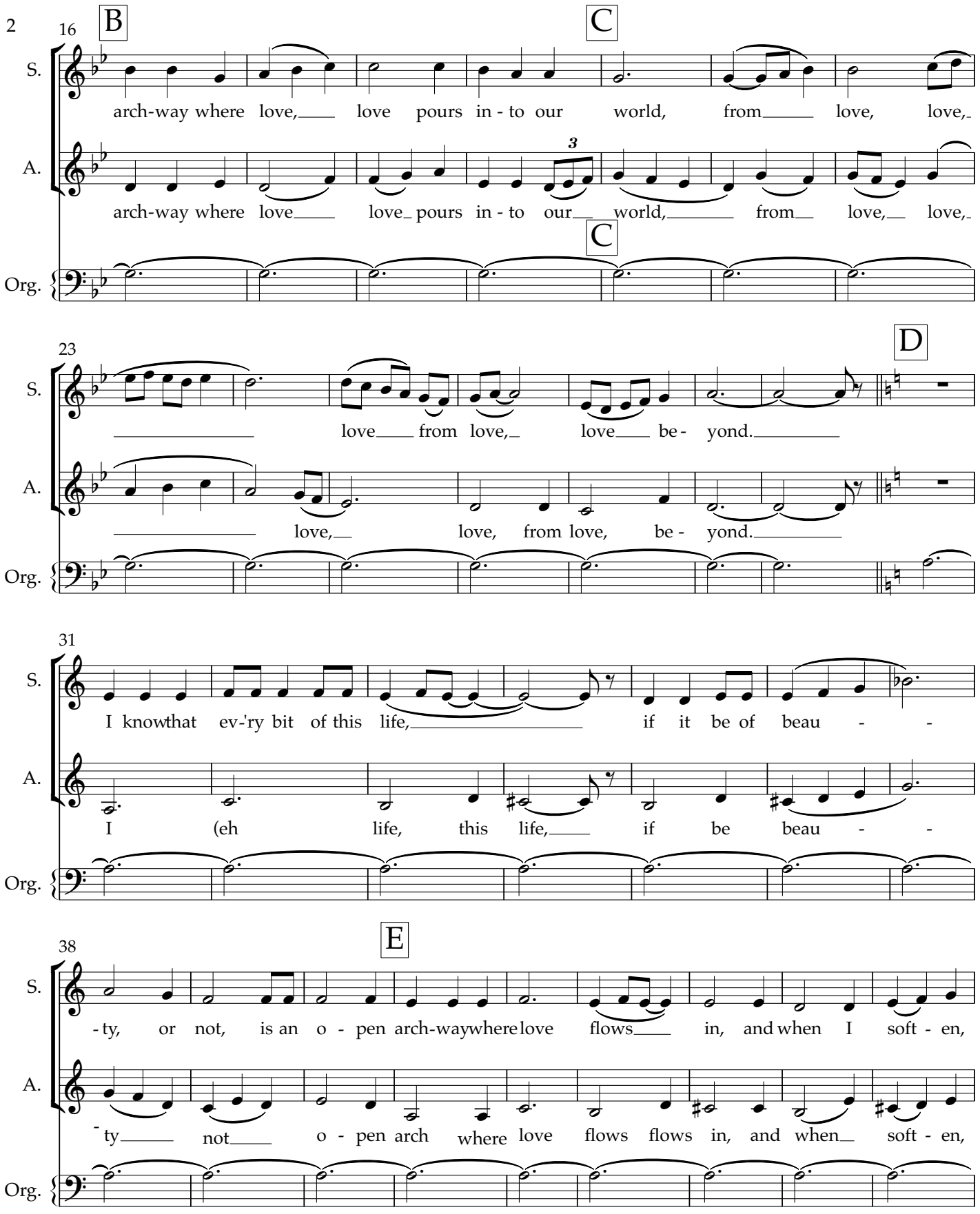
I know that every bit of this life,
if it be of beauty or not,
is an open archway where love flows in;
and when I soften, joy,
soft as water,
flows into me.
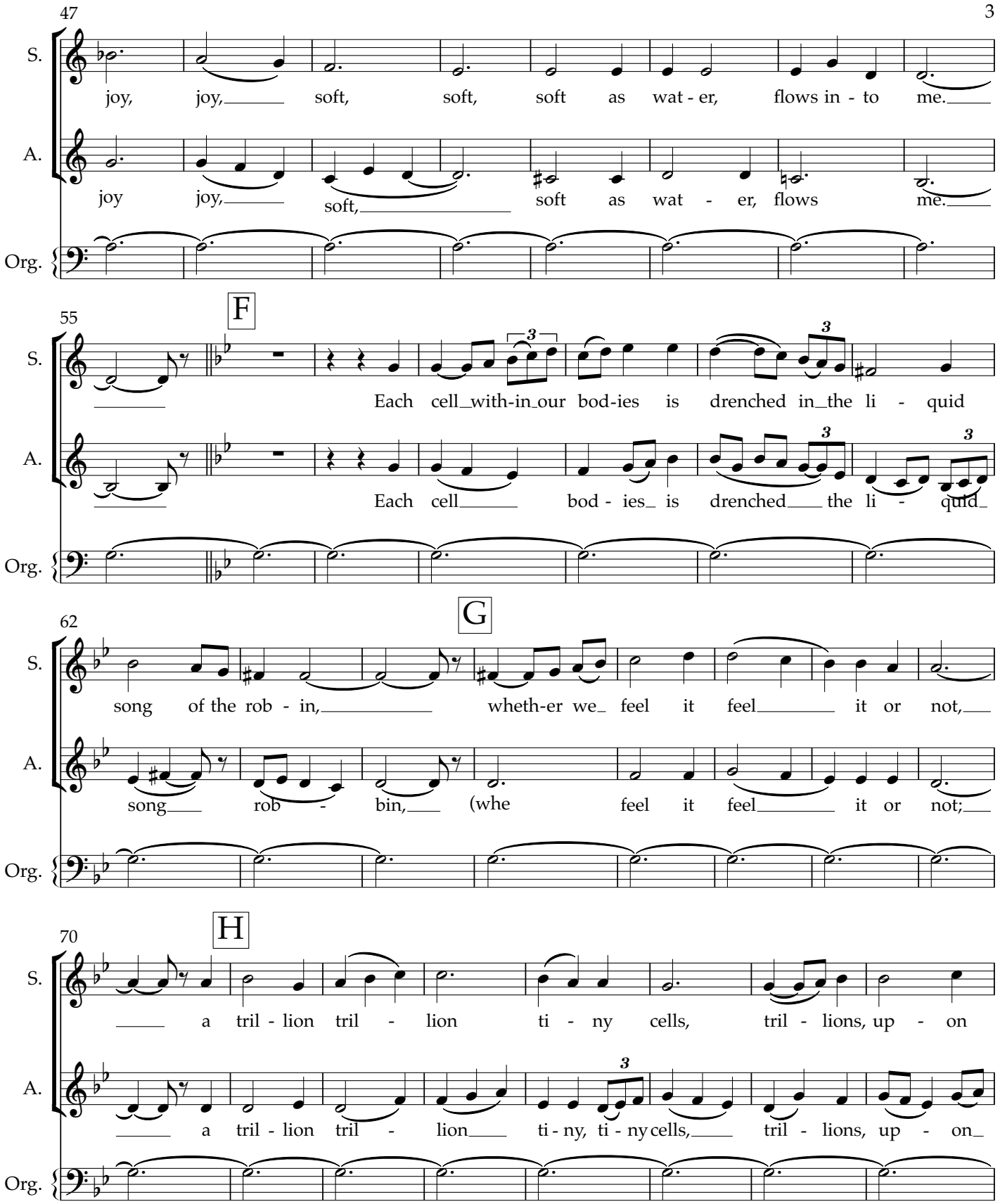
Each cell within our bodies
is drenched in the liquid song of the robin
whether we feel it or not;
a trillion tiny cells, trillions upon trillions,*
each thrilling with love.

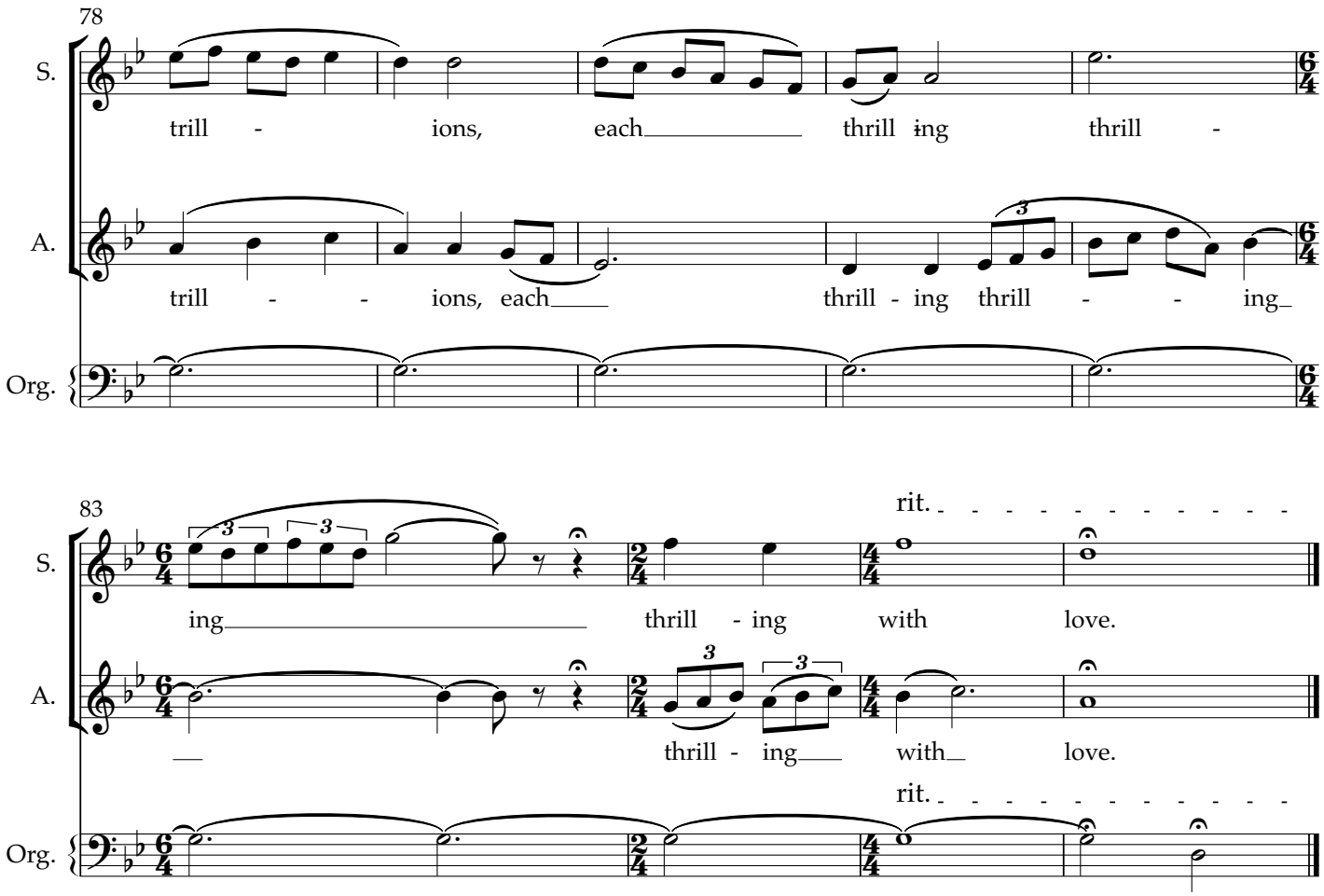


*The human body is made up of 37.2 trillion cells

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S.
arch-way where love, love pours in - to our world, from love, love,
A.
arch-way where love love pours in - to our world, from love, love,
C
Org.
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D
S.
love from love, love be - yond.
A.
love, love, from love, be - yond.
Org.
31
S.
I knowthat ev-'ry bit of this life, if it be of beau - -
A.
I (eh life, this life, if be beau - -
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E
S.
- ty, or not, is an o - pen arch-waywhere love flows in, and when I soft - en,
A.
- ty not o - pen arch where love flows flows in, and when soft - en,
Org.


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S.
joy, joy, soft, soft, soft as wat - er, flows in - to me.
A.
joy joy, soft, soft as wat - er, flows me.
Org.
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F
S.
Each cell with-in our bod-ies is drenched in the li - quid
A.
Each cell bod - ies is drenched the li - quid
Org.
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G
S.
song of the rob - in, wheth-er we feel it feel it or not,
A.
song rob - bin, (whe feel it feel it or not;
Org.
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H
S.
a tril - lion tril - lion ti - ny cells, tril - lions, up - on
A.
a tril - lion tril - lion ti - ny, ti - ny cells, tril - lions, up - on
Org.


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S.
trill - ions, each thrill ing thrill -
A.
trill - - ions, each thrill - ing thrill - - ing
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ing thrill - ing with love.
A.
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