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Life's Pride and Cared-for Crown

for Counter-tenor, 2 Tenors and Bass

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***LIfe's Pride and Cared-for Crown* was first perfromed by the Hilliard Ensemble on 11th May 1996 at St. Peter's Church, Notting Hill, London.**

Performance notes

1 The short phrases in the first section should be sung *ad libitum* and repeated, where indicated, until cued. Each phrase should be finished before moving to the next.

2. Tempi indication in the *ad libitum* sections are approximate. No attempt should be made to synchronise tempi between parts.

On ear and ear two noises too old to end
Trench - right, the tide that ramps against the shore;
With flood or a fall, low lull-off or all roar,
Frequenting there while moon shall wear and wend.

Left hand, off land, I hear the lark ascend,
His rash-fresh re-winded new-skeinèd score
In crisps of curl off wild winch whirl, and pour
And pelt music, till none's to spill or spend.

How these two shame this shallow and frail town!
How ring right out our sordid turbid time,
Being pure! We, life's pride and cared-for crown,

Have lost that cheer and charm of earth's past prime:
Our make and making break, are breaking, down
To man's last dust, drain fast towards man's first slime.

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Liber scriptus proferetur,	A book of writings shall be brought forth
In quo totum continetur,	in which shall be contained everything
Unde mundus judicetur.	for which the world shall be judged
Judex ergo cum sedebit,	And so, when the judge sits,
Quidquid latet apparebit:	whatsoever is hidden shall be manifest,
Nil inultum remanebit.	and nothing shall go unavenged.

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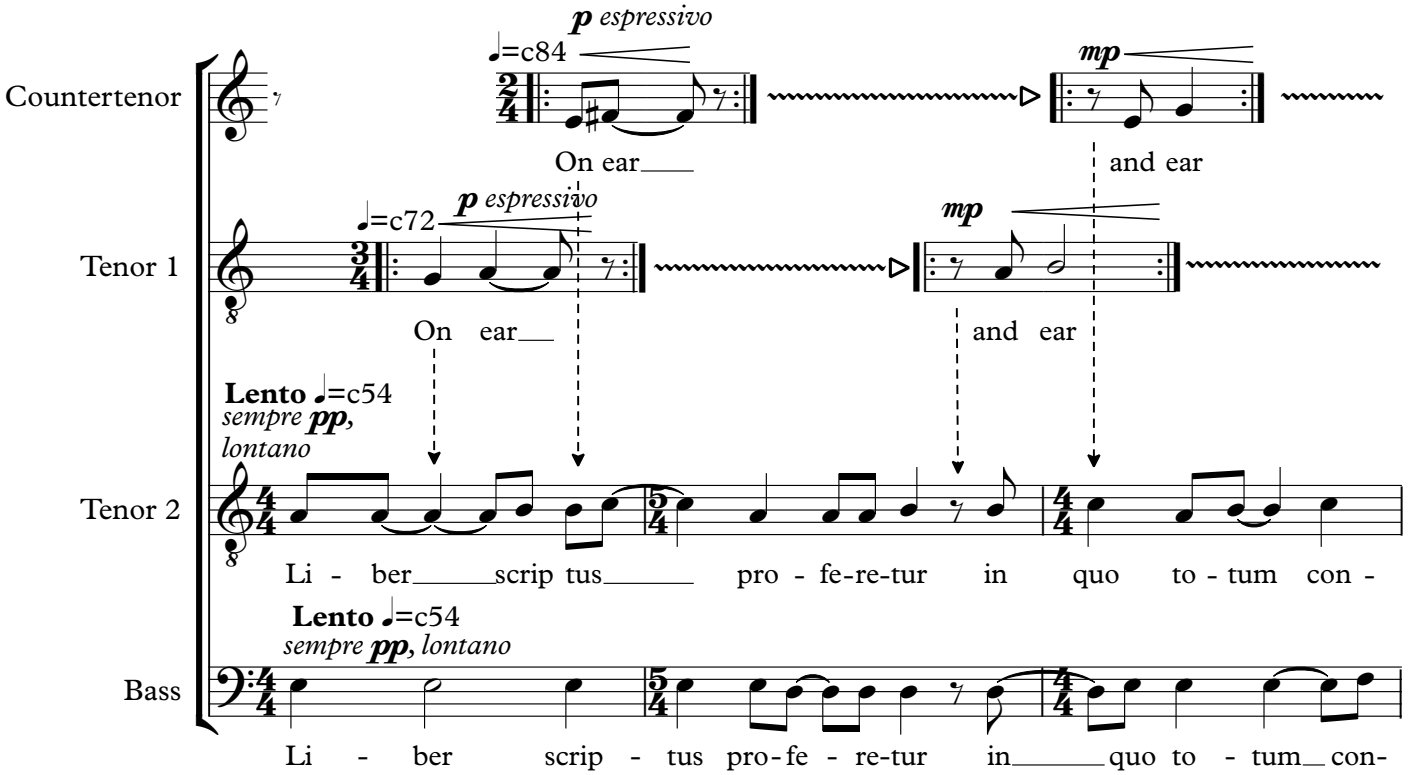

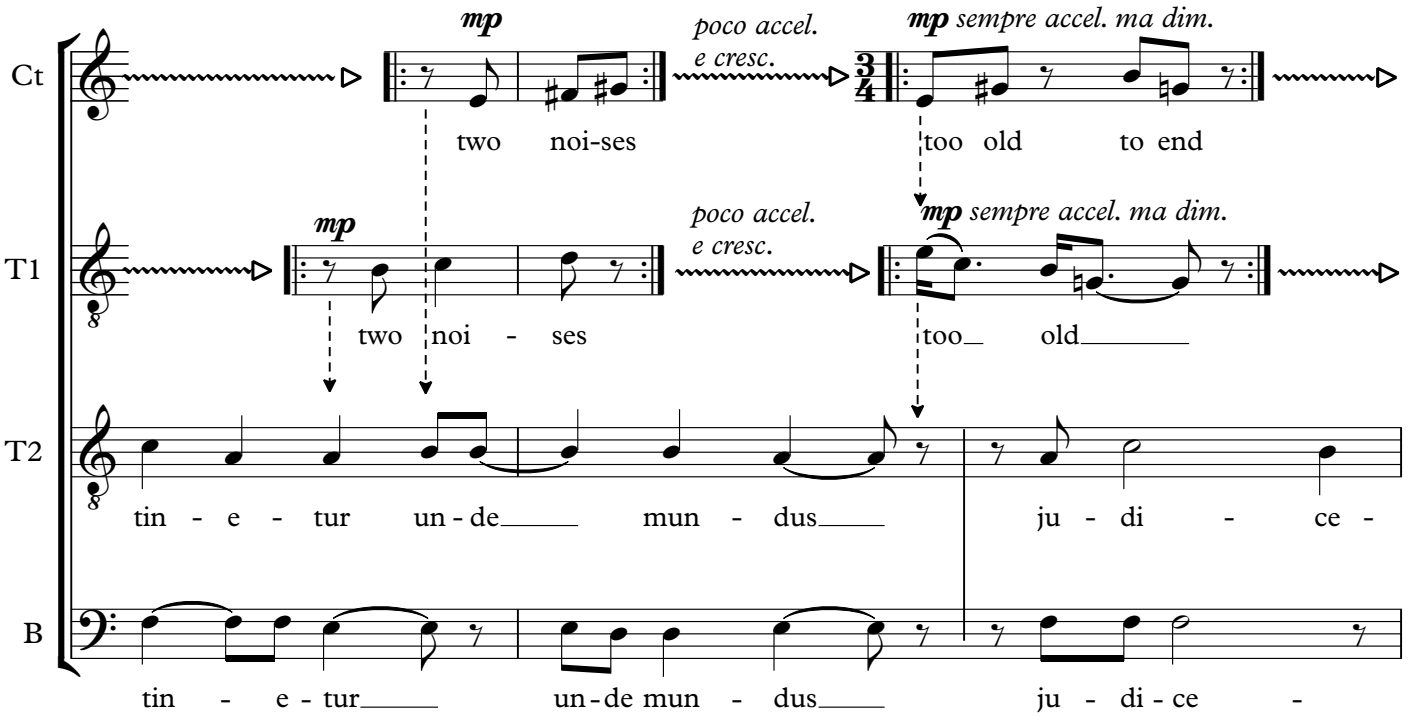

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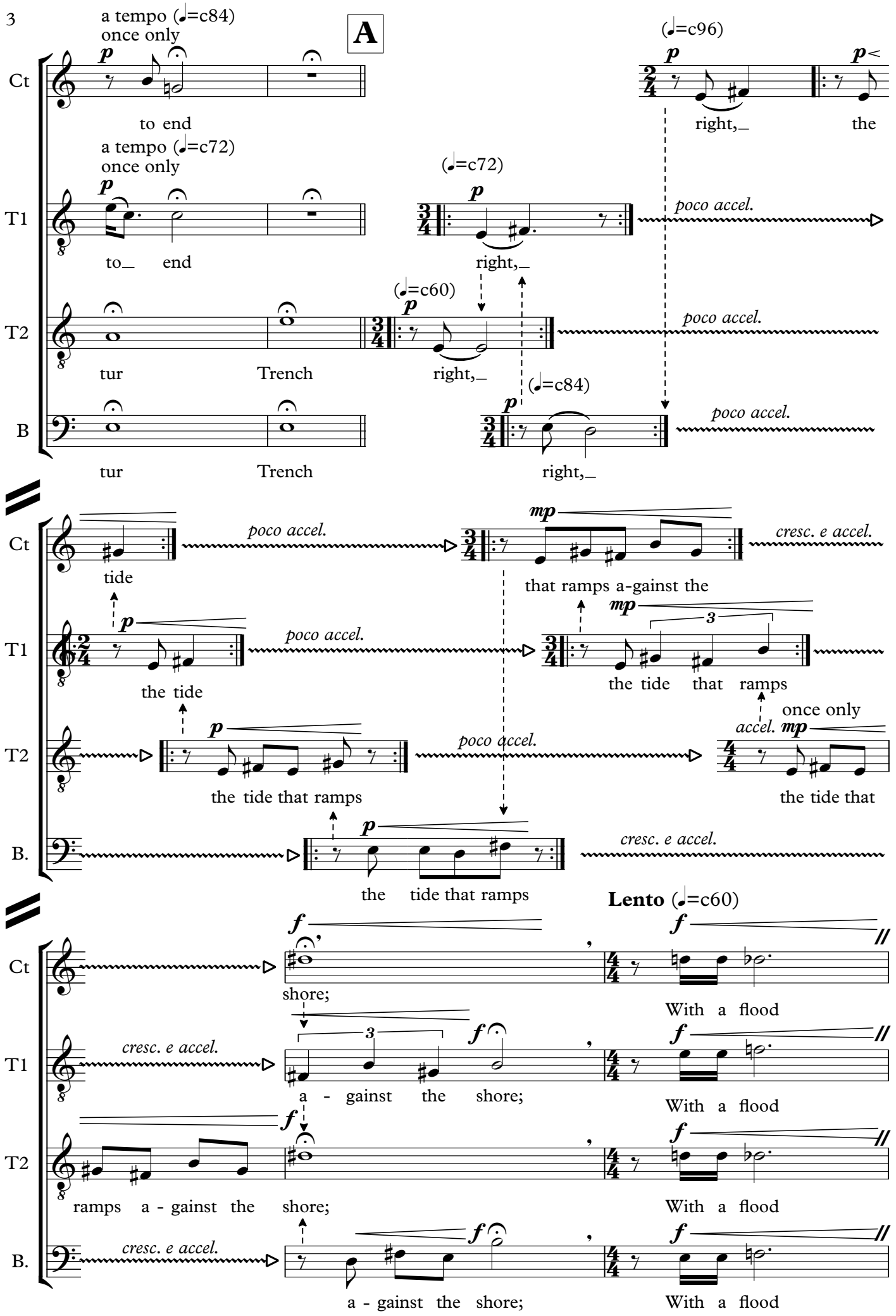
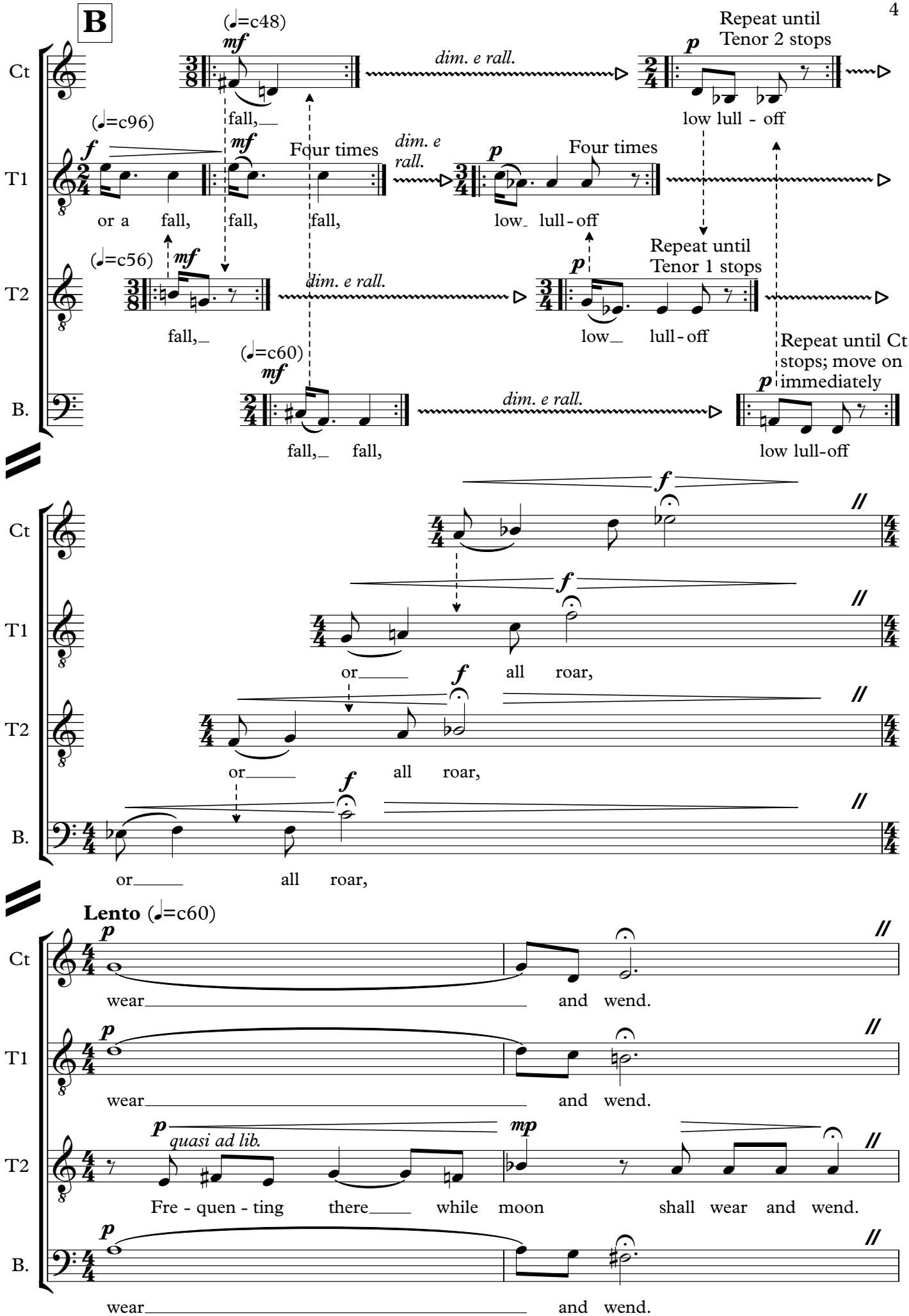
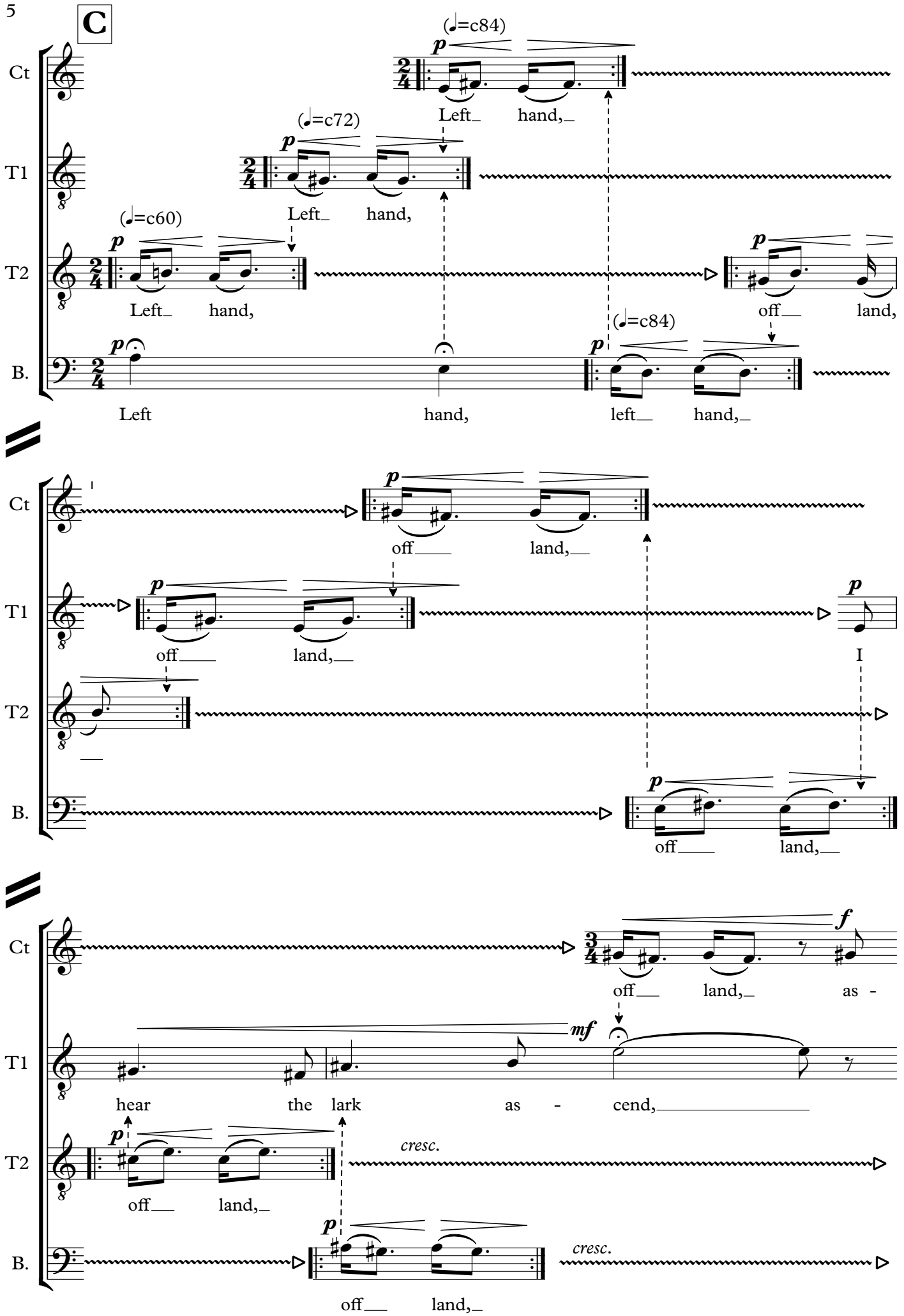
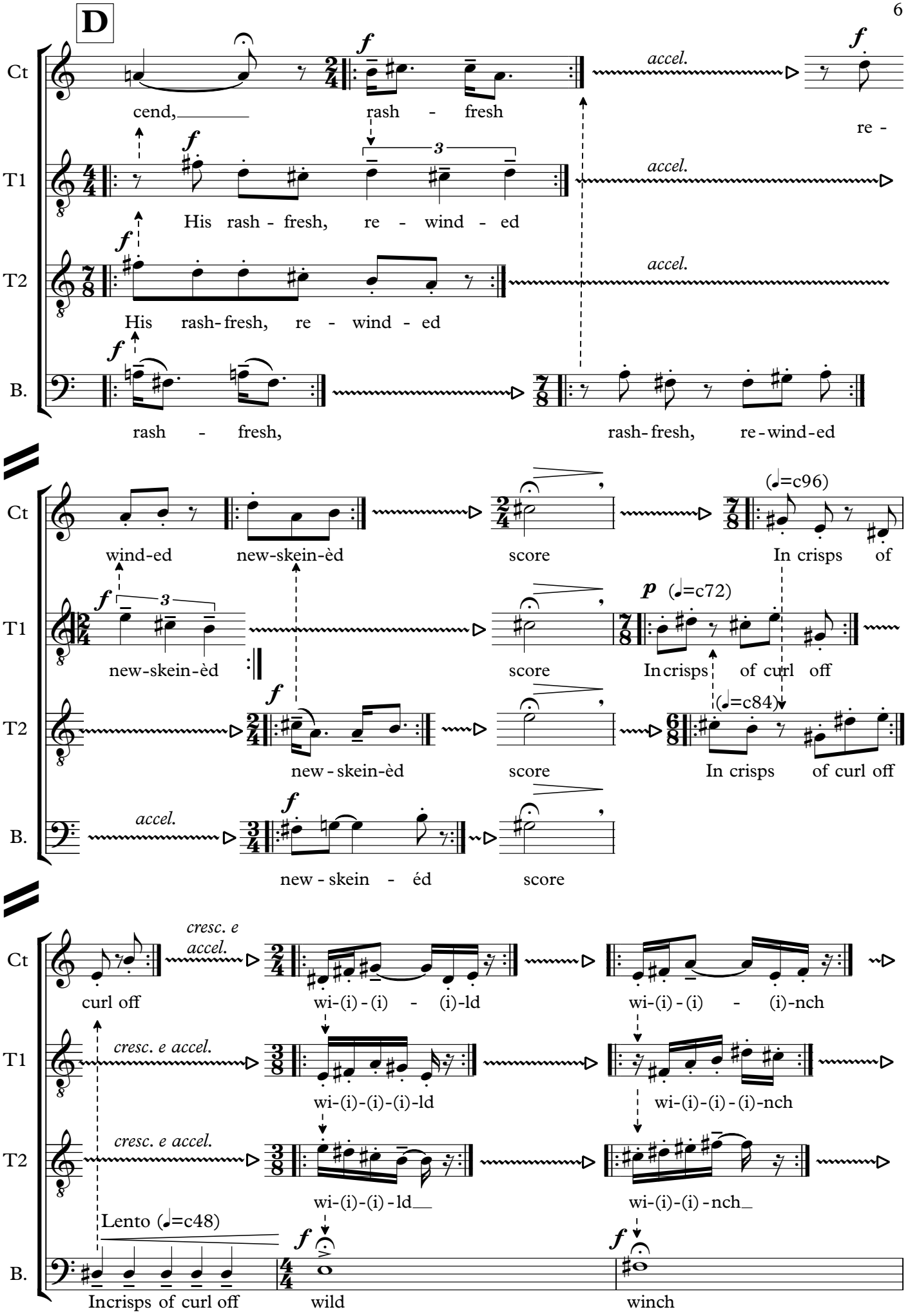
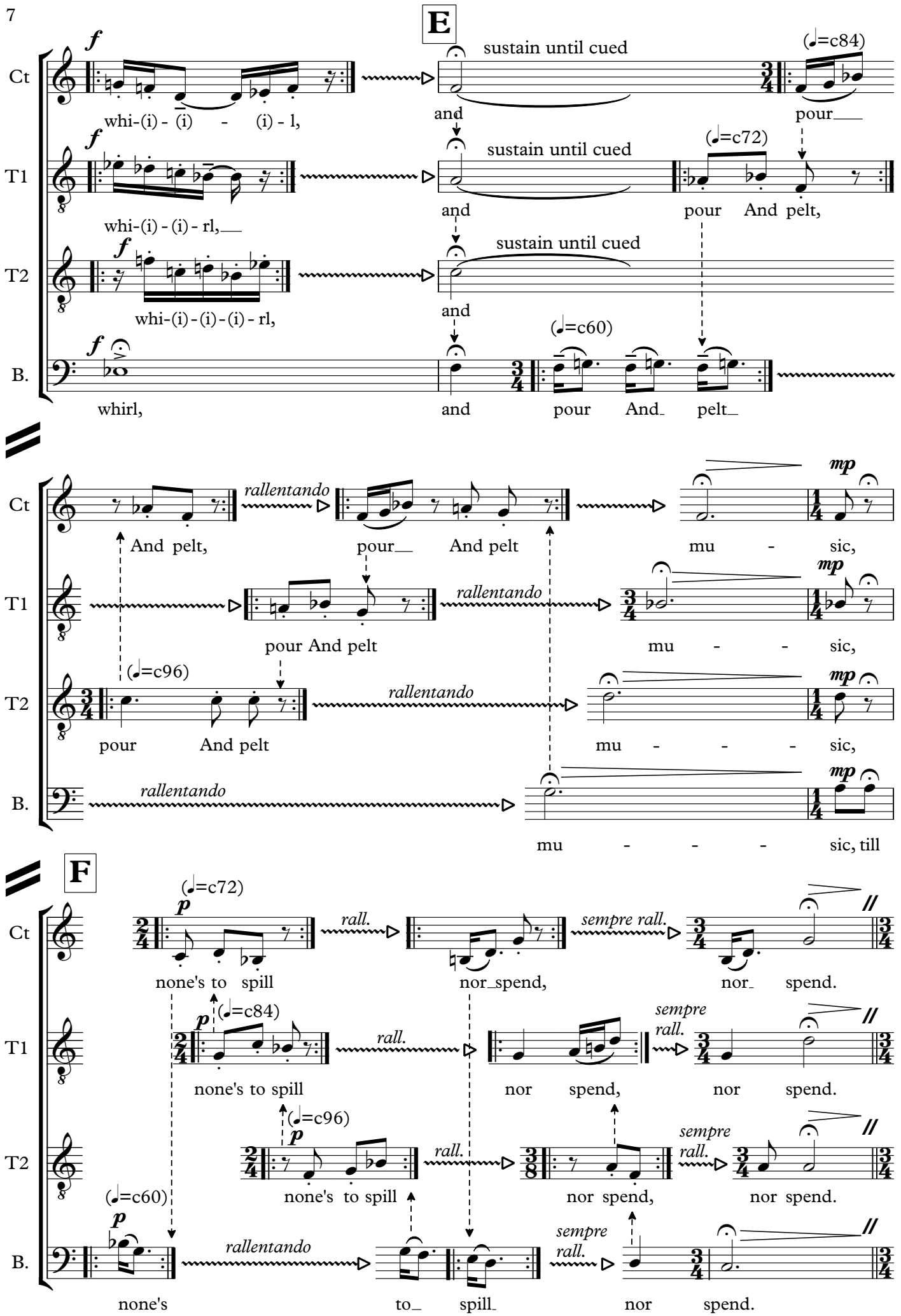
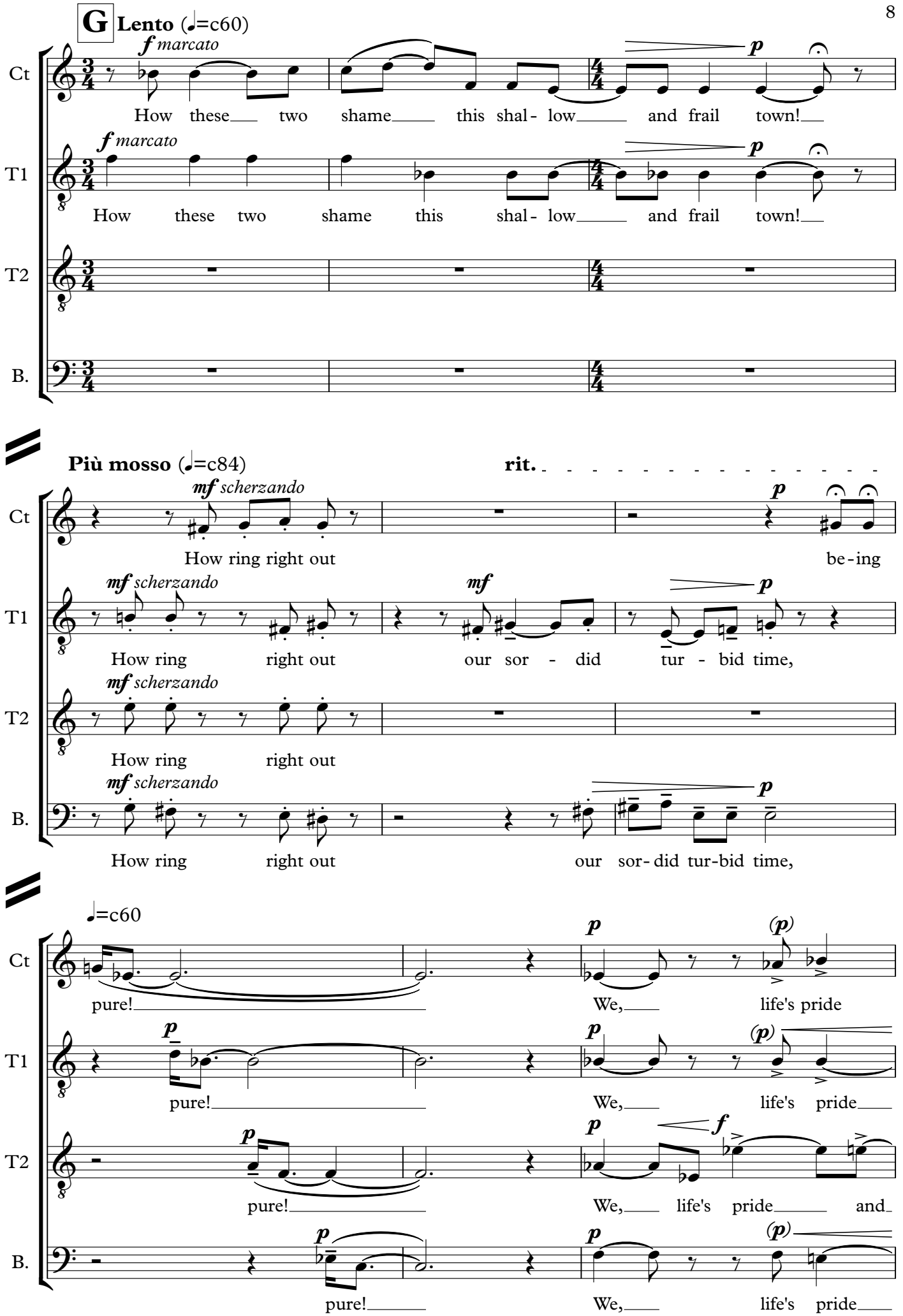

3
a tempo (♩=c84)
once only
A
(♩=c96)
Ct
to end
right,
the
a tempo (♩=c72)
once only
(♩=c72)
T1
to end
right,
poco accel.
(♩=c60)
T2
tur
Trench
right,
poco accel.
(♩=c84)
B
tur
Trench
right,
poco accel.
Ct
tide
poco accel.
that ramps a-gainst the
cresc. e accel.
T1
the tide
poco accel.
the tide that ramps
T2
the tide that ramps
poco accel.
once only
accel.
the tide that
B.
the tide that ramps
cresc. e accel.
Lento (♩=c60)
Ct
shore;
With a flood
T1
cresc. e accel.
a - gainst the shore;
With a flood
T2
ramps a - gainst the shore;
With a flood
B.
cresc. e accel.
a - gainst the shore;
With a flood

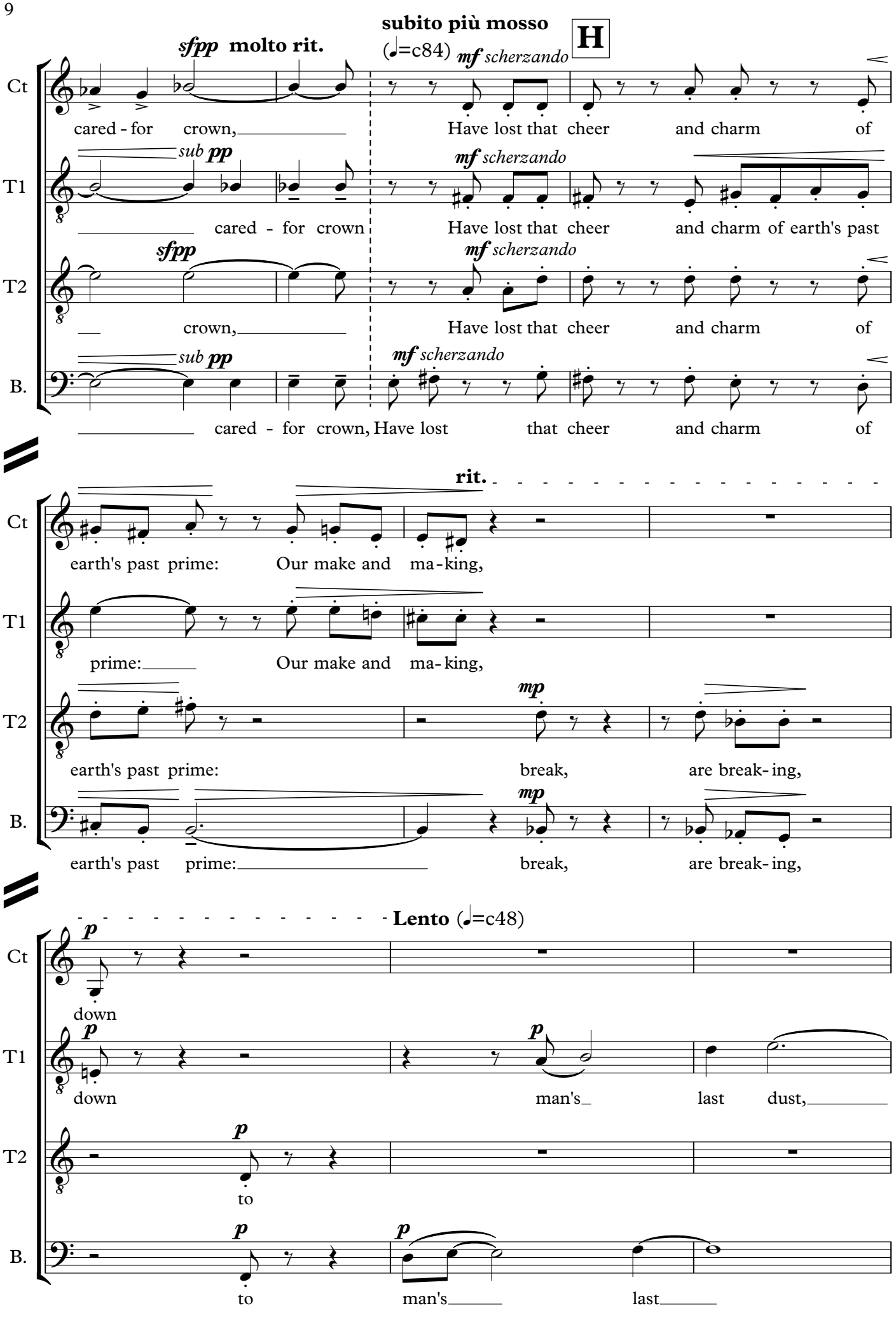

B
(♩=c48)
mf
fall,
dim. e rall.
p
Repeat until Tenor 2 stops
low lull - off
Ct
(♩=c96)
f
mf
Four times
or a fall, fall, fall,
dim. e rall.
p
Four times
low lull - off
T1
(♩=c56)
mf
fall,
dim. e rall.
p
Repeat until Tenor 1 stops
low lull - off
T2
(♩=c60)
mf
fall, fall,
dim. e rall.
p
Repeat until Ct stops; move on immediately
low lull-off
B.
f
or all roar,
Lento (♩=c60)
p
wear and wend.
quasi ad lib.
mp
Fre - quen - ting there while moon shall wear and wend.

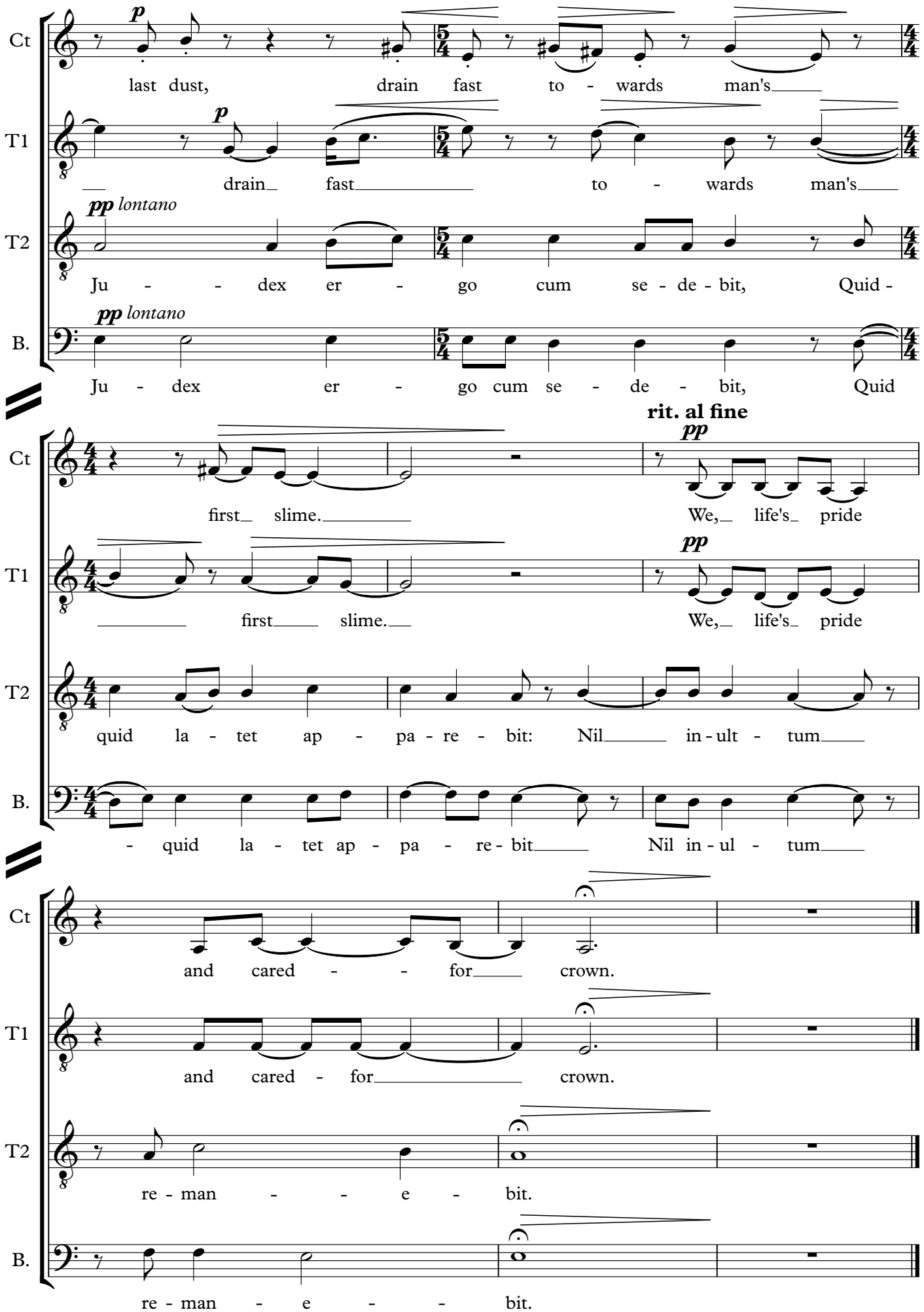

C
Ct
T1
T2
B.
(♩=c84)
(♩=c72)
(♩=c60)
(♩=c84)
Left hand,
Left hand,
Left hand,
off land,
Left hand,
left hand,
off land,
off land,
I
off land,
off land,
hear the lark as - cend,
off land,
as -
off land,
cresc.
cresc.


D
Ct
T1
T2
B.
cend, rash - fresh
re -
His rash - fresh, re - wind - ed
His rash-fresh, re - wind - ed
rash - fresh,
rash-fresh, re-wind-ed
accel.
wind-ed new-skein-èd
score
In crisps of
(♩=c96)
new-skein-èd
score
In crisps of curl off
(♩=c72)
new - skein-èd
score
In crisps of curl off
(♩=c84)
new - skein - éd
score
curl off
wi-(i) - (i) - (i)-ld
wi-(i) - (i) - (i)-nch
wi-(i)-(i)-(i)-ld
wi-(i)-(i) - (i)-nch
wi-(i)-(i) - ld
wi-(i)-(i) - nch
cresc. e accel.
Lento (♩=c48)
Incrisps of curl off
wild
winch


E
Ct
T1
T2
B.
f
whi-(i) - (i) - (i) - l,
whi-(i) - (i) - rl,
whi-(i) - (i) - (i) - rl,
whirl,
sustain until cued
and
(♩=c84)
pour
(♩=c72)
pour And pelt,
(♩=c60)
pour And pelt
rallentando
mp
And pelt,
mu - sic,
(♩=c96)
pour And pelt
mu - - sic,
mu - - - sic, till
F
p
(♩=c72)
none's to spill
rall.
nor spend,
sempre rall.
nor spend.
(♩=c84)
(♩=c96)
(♩=c60)
none's
to spill
nor spend,


G Lento (♩=c60)
Ct
T1
T2
B.
f marcato
How these two shame this shal- low and frail town!
p
Più mosso (♩=c84)
rit.
mf scherzando
How ring right out
be-ing
mf
our sor - did tur - bid time,
our sor-did tur-bid time,
♩=c60
pure!
We, life's pride
(p)
f
and


subito più mosso
(♩=c84)
H
sfpp molto rit.
mf scherzando
Ct
T1
T2
B.
cared - for crown, Have lost that cheer and charm of
sub pp
cared - for crown Have lost that cheer and charm of earth's past
crown, Have lost that cheer and charm of
cared - for crown, Have lost that cheer and charm of
rit.
earth's past prime: Our make and ma - king,
prime: Our make and ma - king,
mp
earth's past prime: break, are break - ing,
earth's past prime: break, are break - ing,
Lento (♩=c48)
p
down
man's last dust,
to
man's last


Ct
T1
T2
B.
p
last dust, drain fast to - wards man's
drain fast to - wards man's
pp lontano
Ju - - dex er - go cum se - de - bit, Quid -
Ju - dex er - go cum se - de - bit, Quid
rit. al fine
pp
first slime. We, life's pride
first slime. We, life's pride
quid la - tet ap - pa - re - bit: Nil in - ult - tum
- quid la - tet ap - pa - re - bit Nil in - ul - tum
and cared - - for crown.
and cared - for crown.
re - man - - e - bit.
re - man - e - - bit.