O VIRGO VIRGINUM

SATB with divisi, Organ

O VIRGO VIRGINUM was first performed in Southwark Cathedral, London on 14 July 2012
by the Merbecke Choir, conducted by Huw Morgan, with Peter Wright, organ.

NOTE

The piece can be sung within a dynamic range of mp - mf throughout, except where indicated otherwise. Any additional dynamic variation will be at the discretion of the conductor.

From Bar 47 to the end, it is strongly desired that, provided there are sufficient singers for the taking of breaths to be covered, the music be sung as continuously as possible, to suggest the feeling of a single, timeless phrase.

DURATION 10'

O Virgo Virginum

Text: Sarum Breviary

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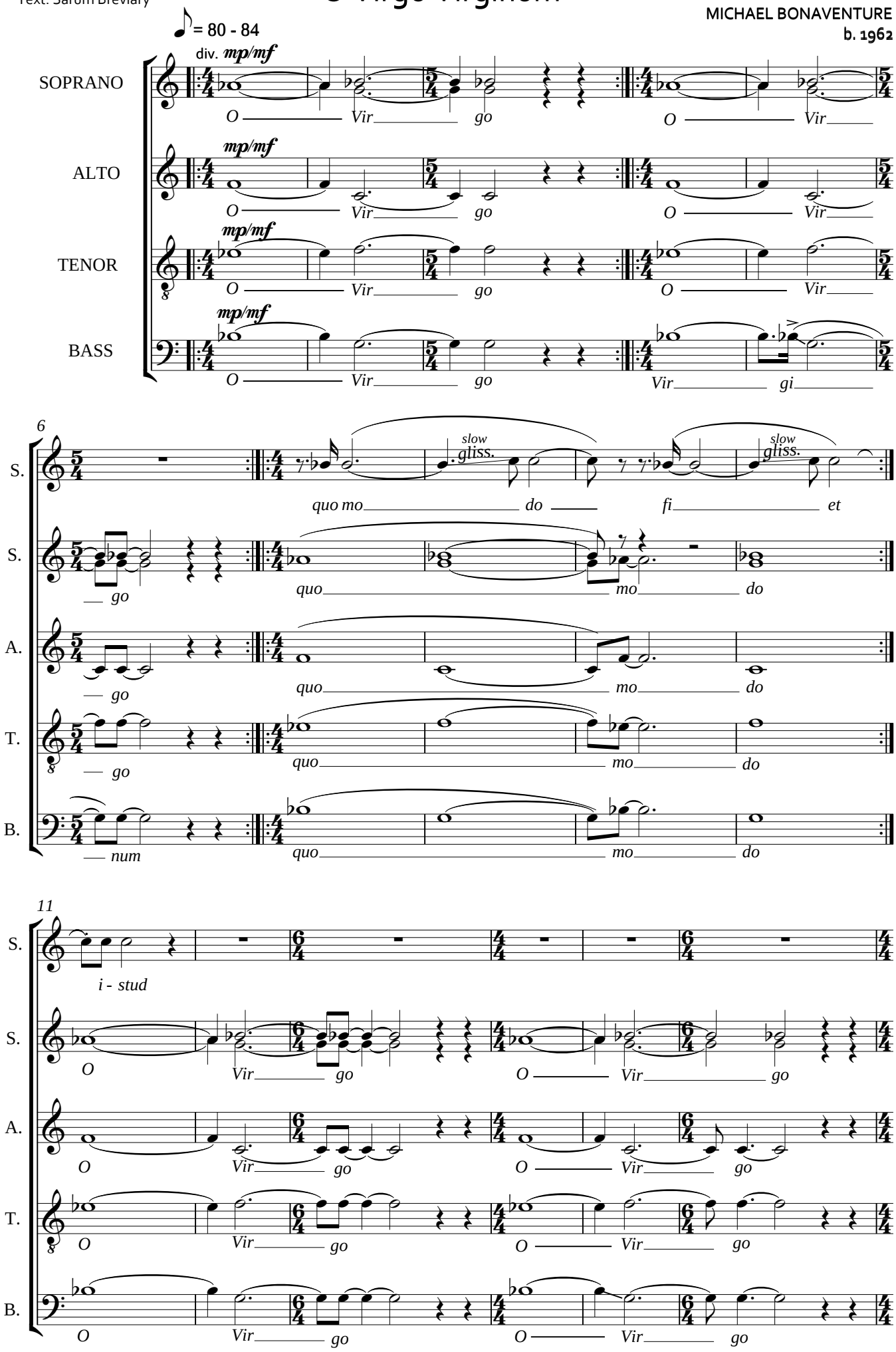

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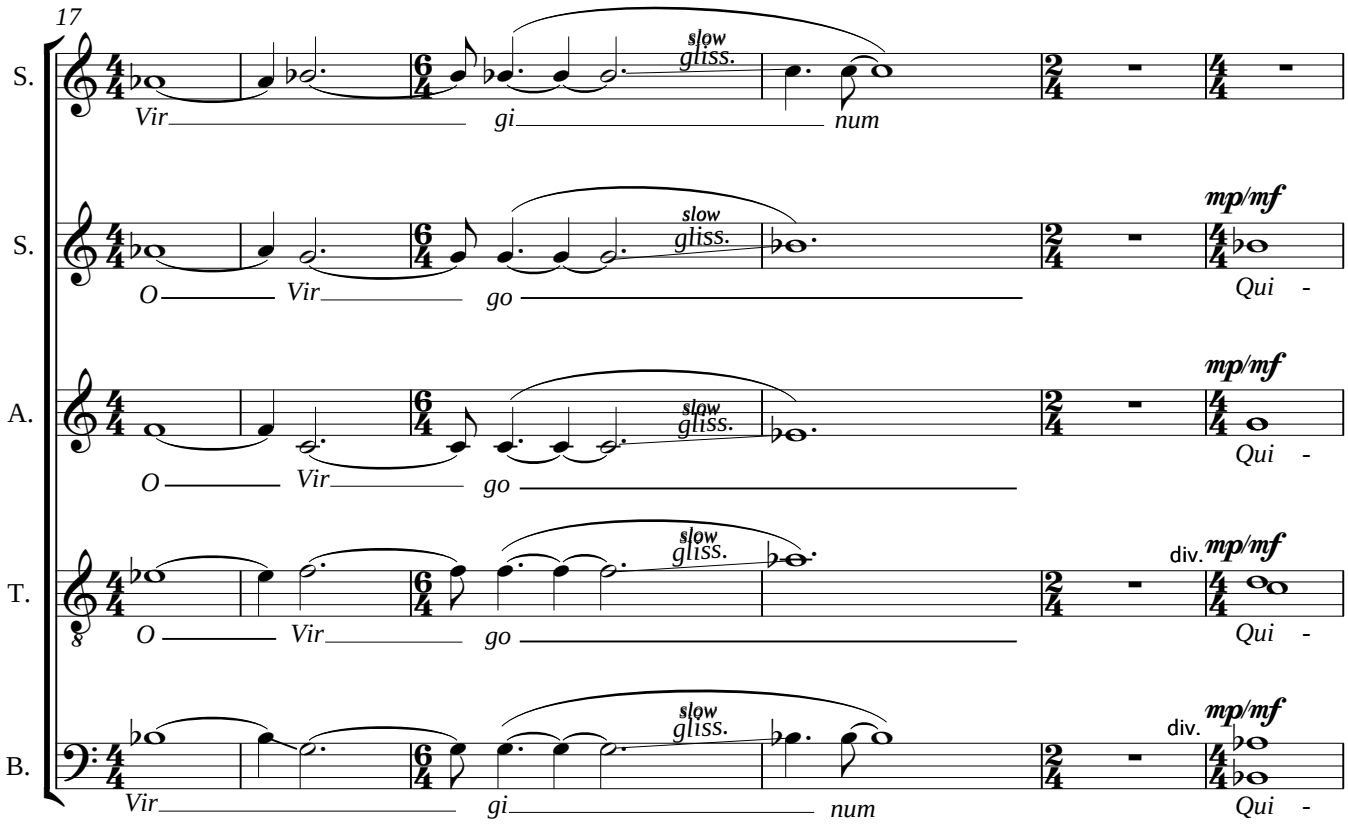
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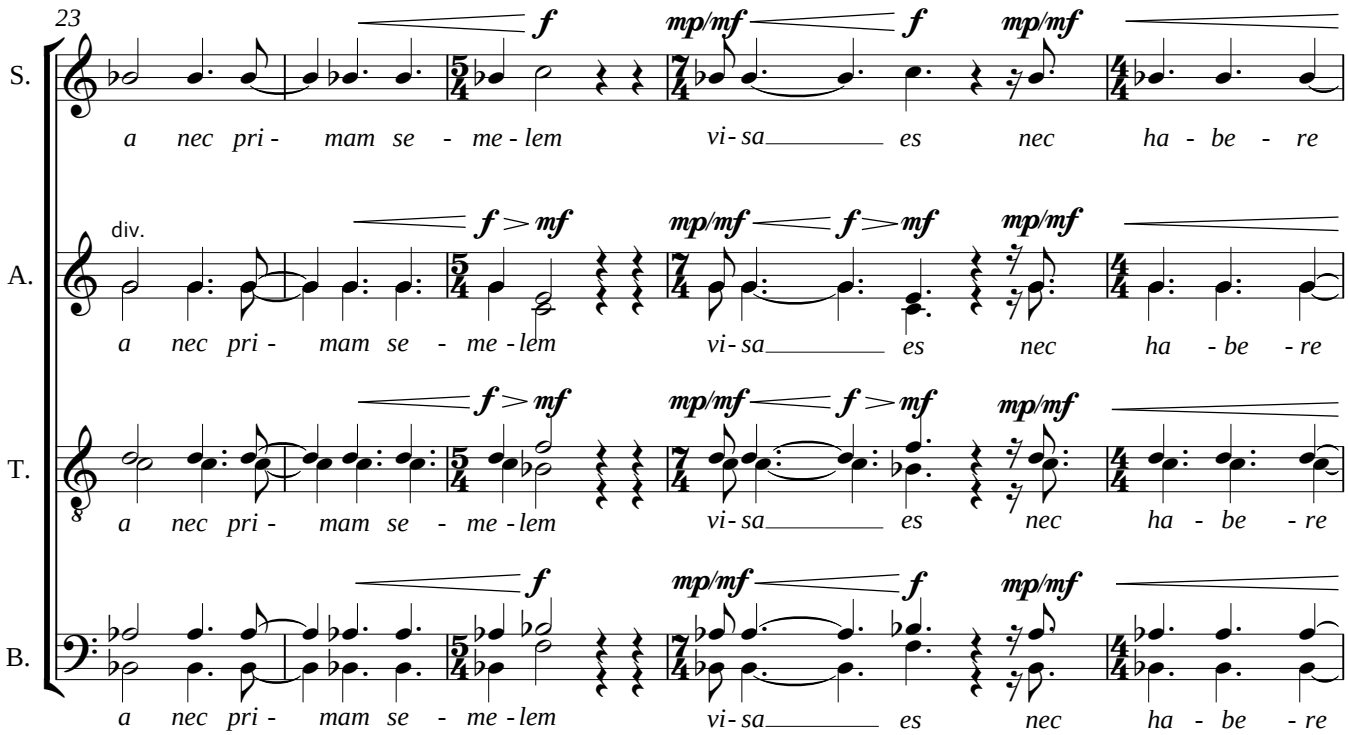
S.
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vir gi num
O Vir go
Qui -
slow gliss.
mp/mf
div.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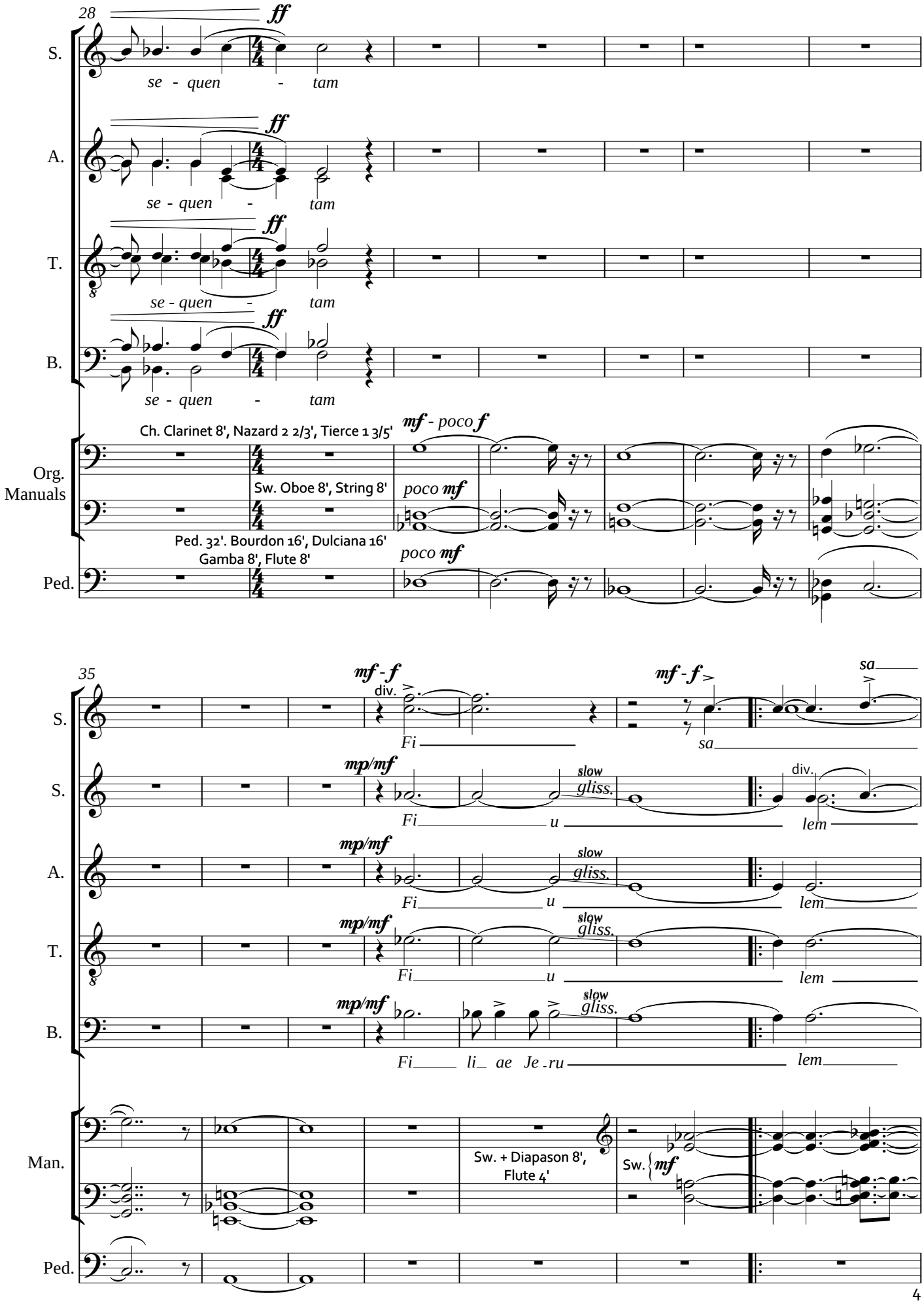
S.
A.
T.
B.
a nec pri - mam se - me - lem
vi - sa es nec ha - be - re
f
mf
mp/mf
div.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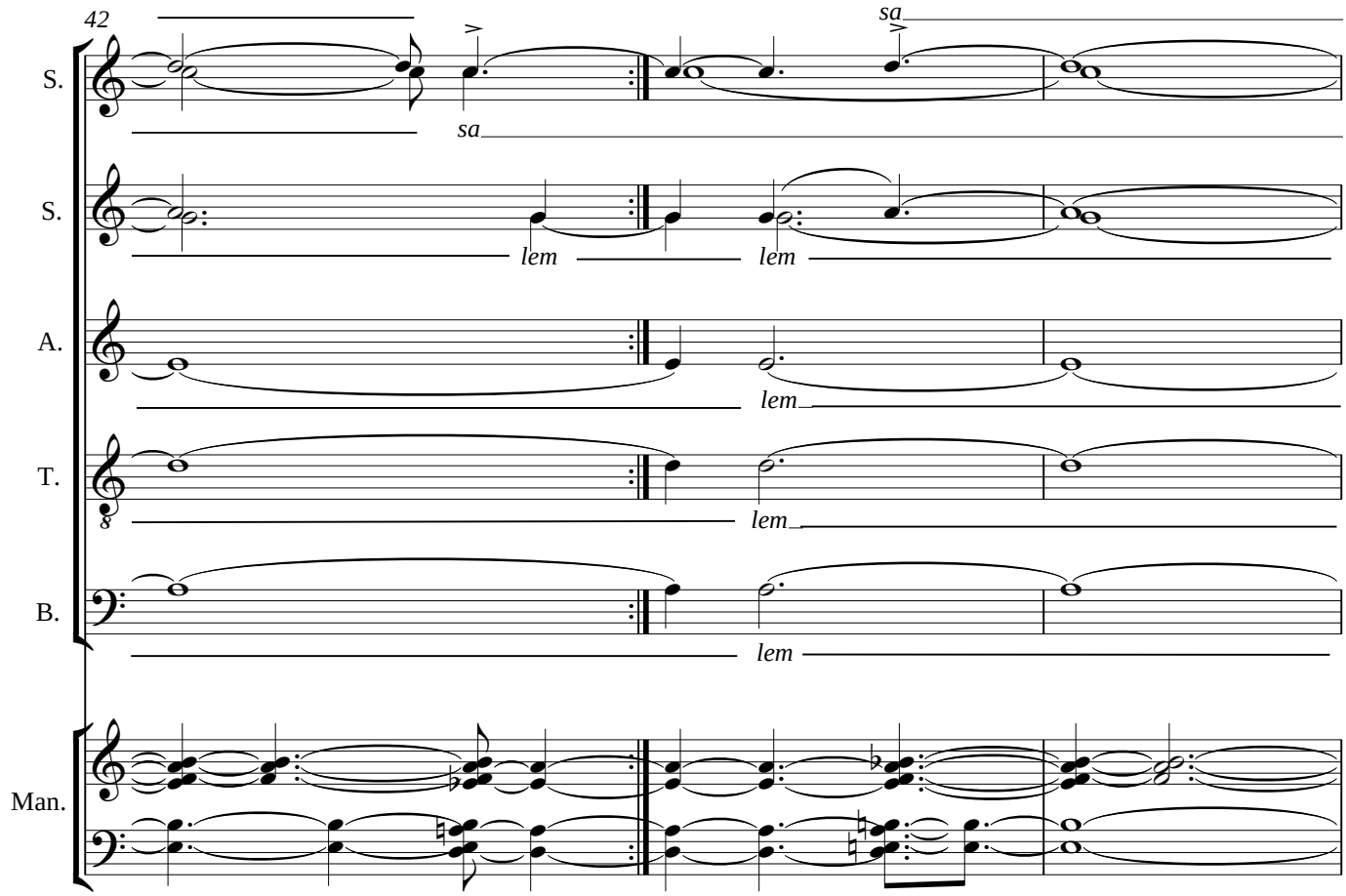
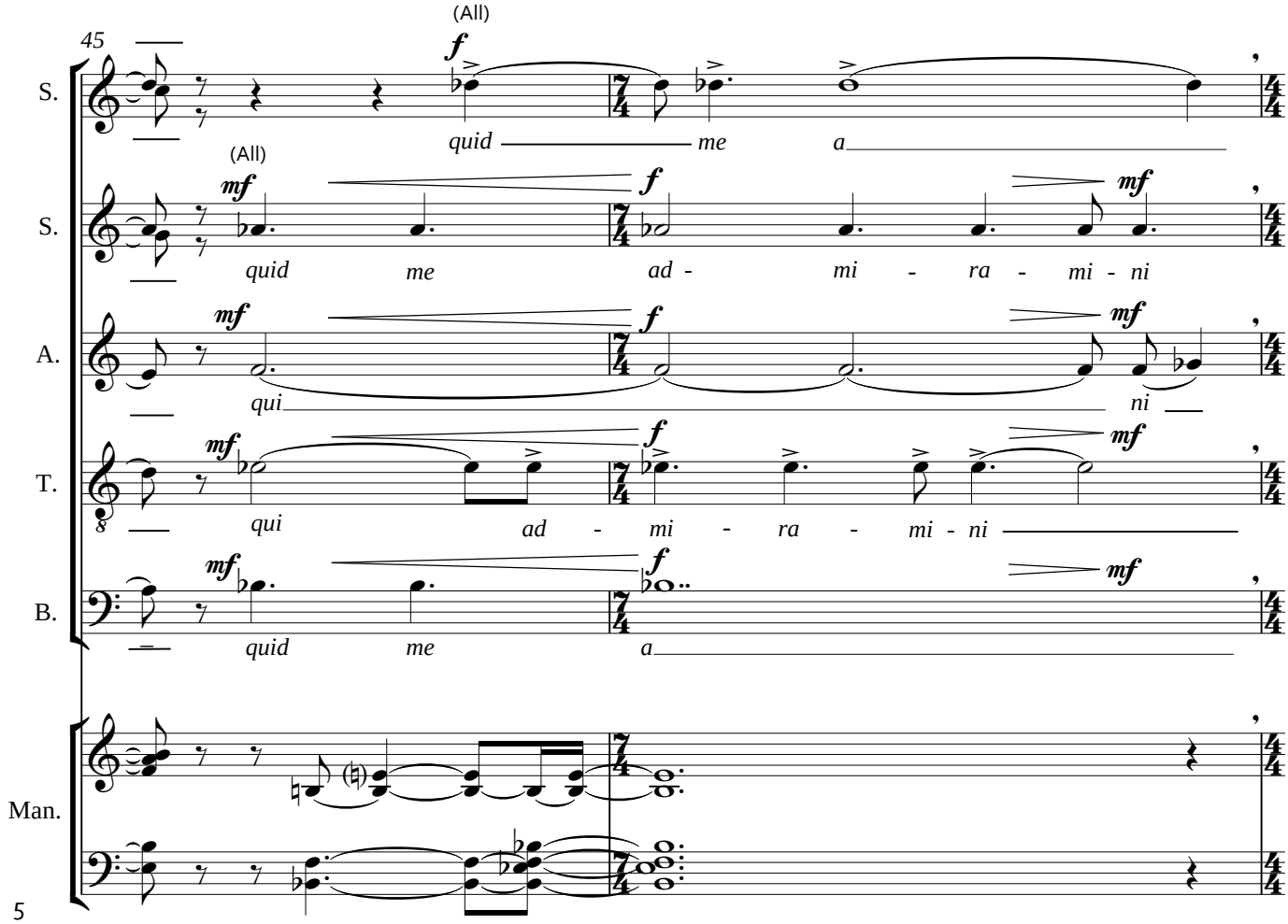
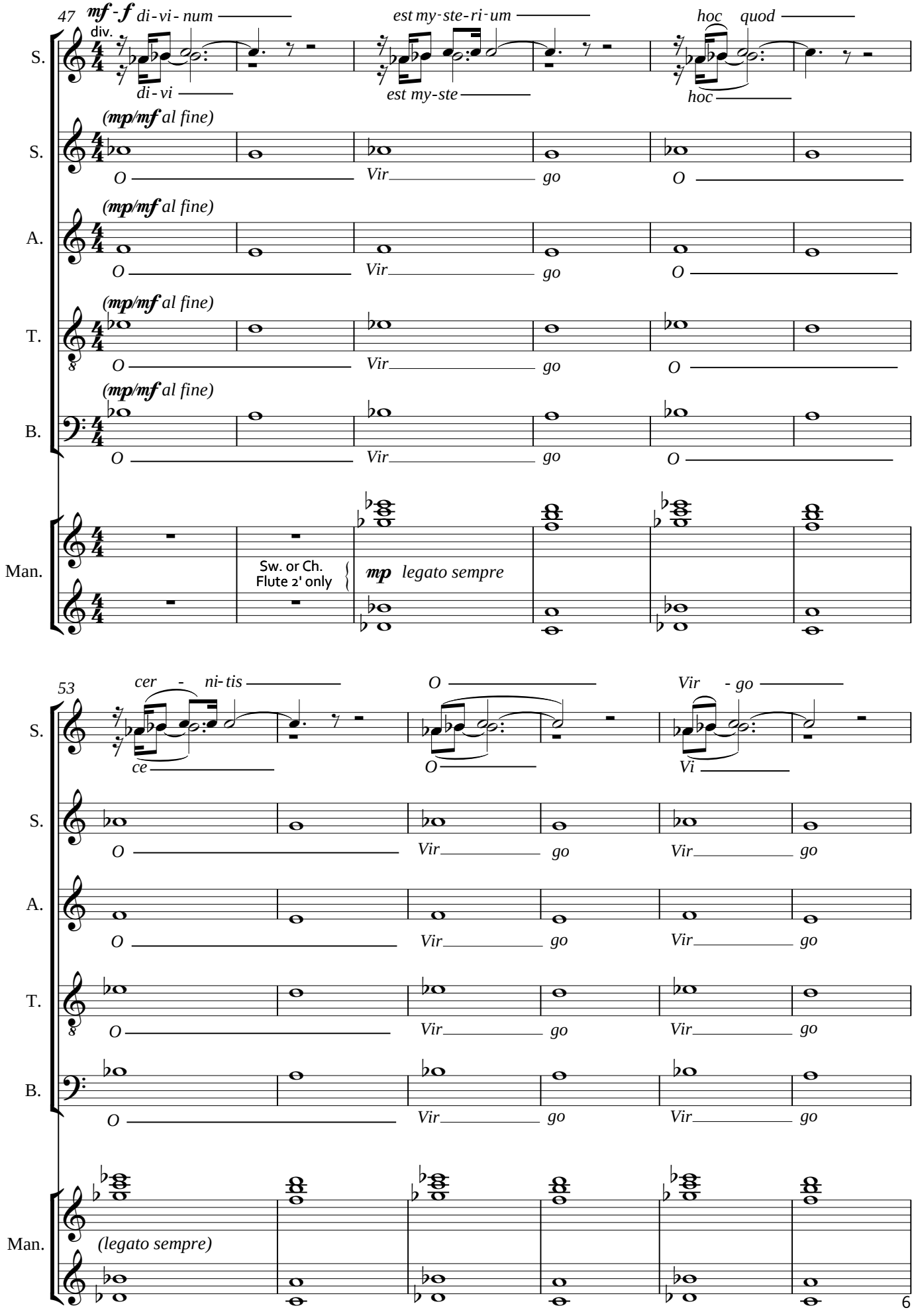
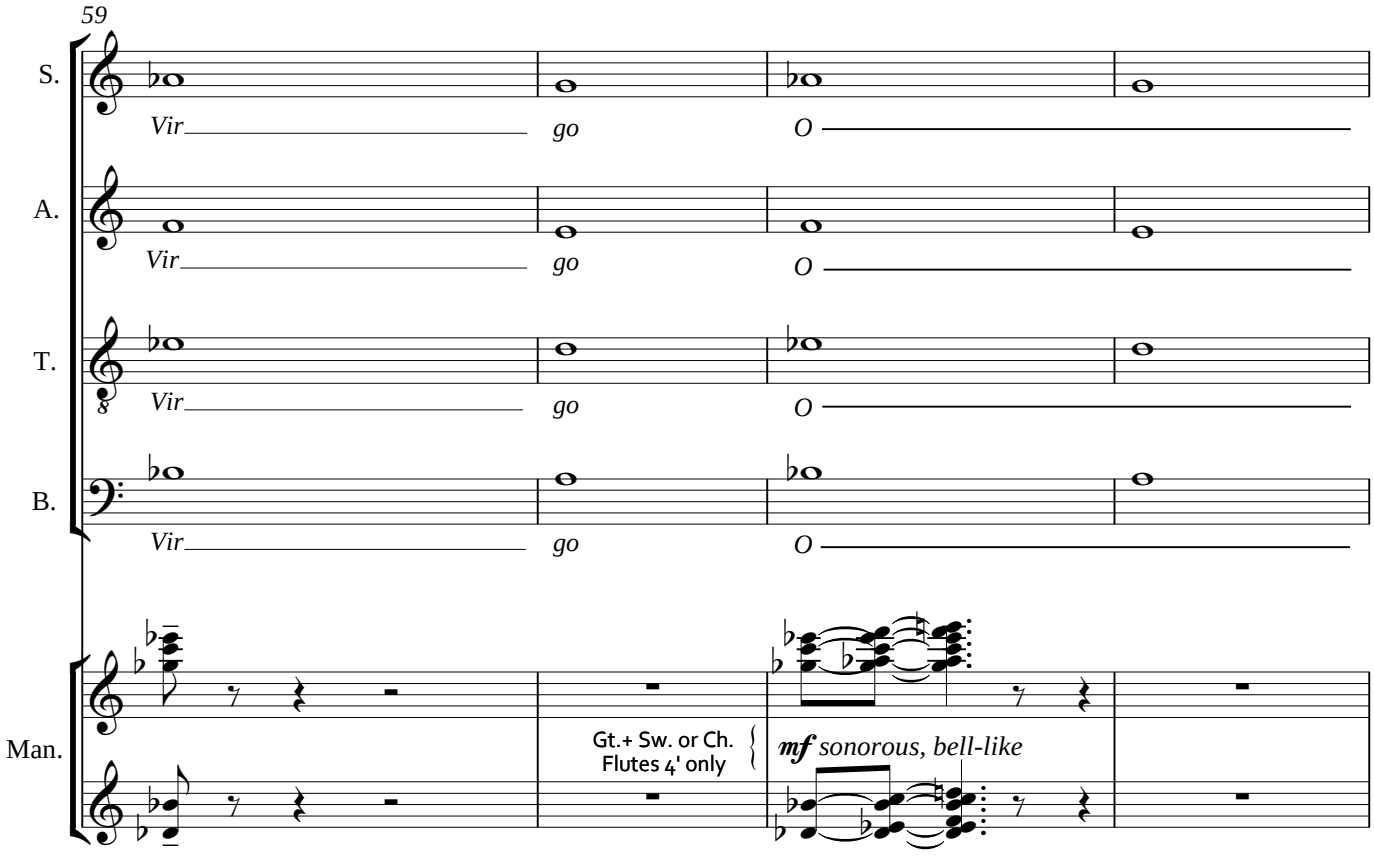
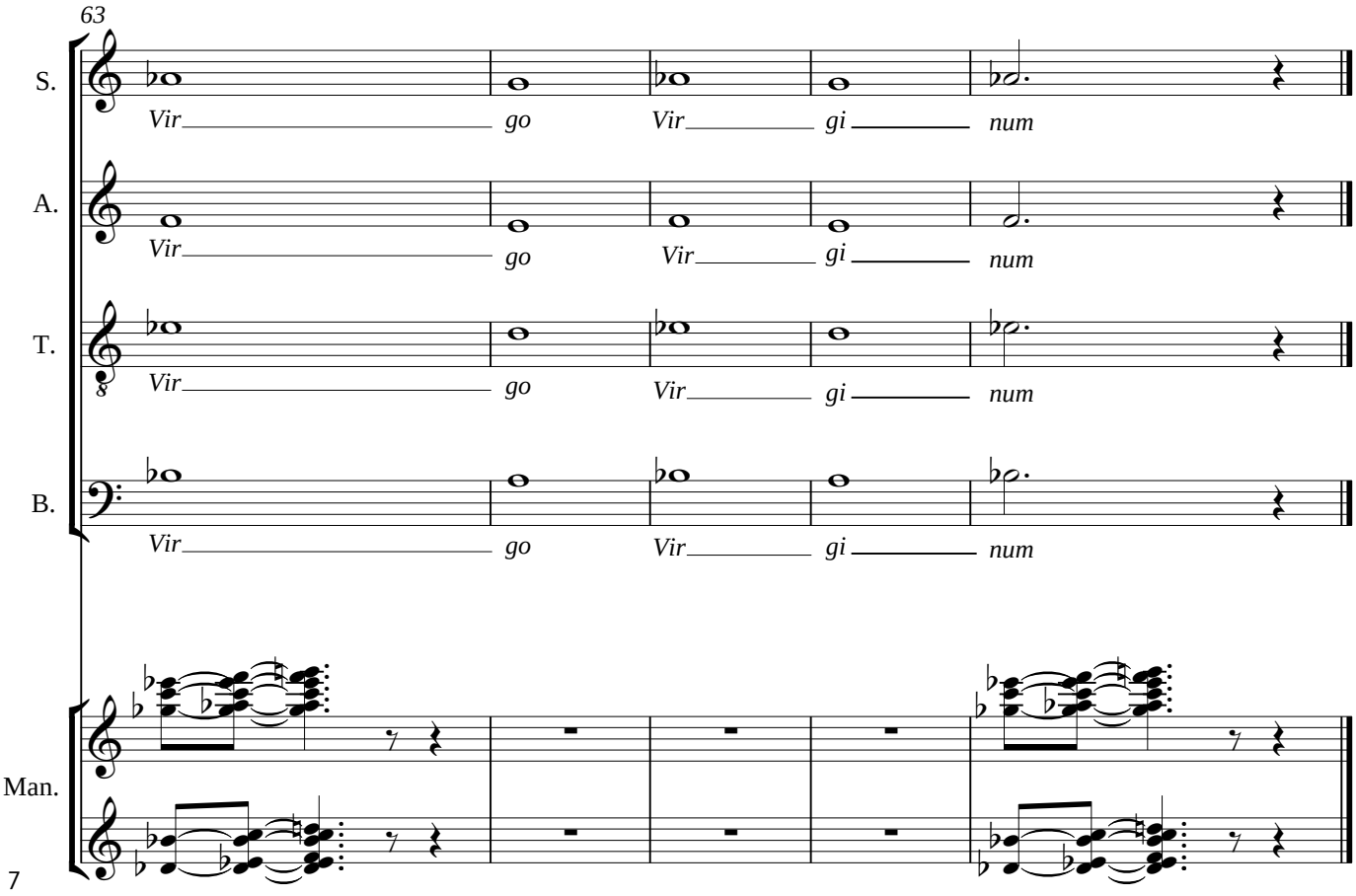
S.
A.
T.
B.
ff
se - quen - tam
Org.
Manuals
Ch. Clarinet 8', Nazard 2 2/3', Tierce 1 3/5'
Sw. Oboe 8', String 8'
Ped. 32'. Bourdon 16', Dulciana 16'
Gamba 8', Flute 8'
Ped.
mf - poco f
poco mf
35
mf - f
div.
Fi
sa
mp/mf
slow
gliss.
u
lem
Fi li ae Je - ru
Man.
Sw. + Diapason 8',
Flute 4'
Sw.
mf


42
S.
sa
sa
S.
lem
lem
A.
lem
T.
lem
B.
lem
Man.


45
(All)
f
S.
quid
me
a
(All)
mf
f
mf
S.
quid
me
ad - mi - ra - mi - ni
mf
f
mf
A.
qui
ni
mf
f
mf
T.
qui
ad - mi - ra - mi - ni
mf
f
mf
B.
quid
me
a
Man.


47
mf - f di - vi - num
est my - ste - ri - um
hoc quod
div.
S.
di - vi
est my - ste
hoc
(mp/mf al fine)
S.
O
Vir
go
O
(mp/mf al fine)
A.
O
Vir
go
O
(mp/mf al fine)
T.
O
Vir
go
O
(mp/mf al fine)
B.
O
Vir
go
O
Man.
Sw. or Ch.
Flute 2' only
mp legato sempre
53
cer - ni - tis
O
Vir - go
S.
ce
O
Vi
S.
O
Vir
go
Vir
go
A.
O
Vir
go
Vir
go
T.
O
Vir
go
Vir
go
B.
O
Vir
go
Vir
go
Man.
(legato sempre)





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