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DANCE AND SING

for SATB and Piano

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Commissioned by the Macalester Festival Chorale,
Kathy Romey, director

Premiered November 23, 1991 by the Macalester Festival Chorale,
Kathy Saltzman Romey, director,
at the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center Concert Hall,
Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

c. 3 minutes

PROGRAM NOTE:

Commissioned in honor of the Macalester Festival Chorale's twentieth anniversary, *Dance and Sing* is a lively, rhythmically compelling song set to a text by John Gay. Its quick phrases celebrate the energy of youth while gently underscoring its ephemeral nature.

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Youth's the season make for joys,
Love is then our duty;
She alone who that employs,
Well deserves her beauty.
Let's be gay,
While we may,
Beauty's a flower despised in decay.
Youth's the season made for joys,
Love is then our duty.

Let us drink and sport today,
Ours is not tomorrow.
Love with youth flies swift away,
Age is nought but sorrow.
Dance and sing,
Time's on the wing,
Life never knows the return of spring.
Let us drink and sport today,
Ours is not tomorrow.

John Gay, *The Beggar's Opera*

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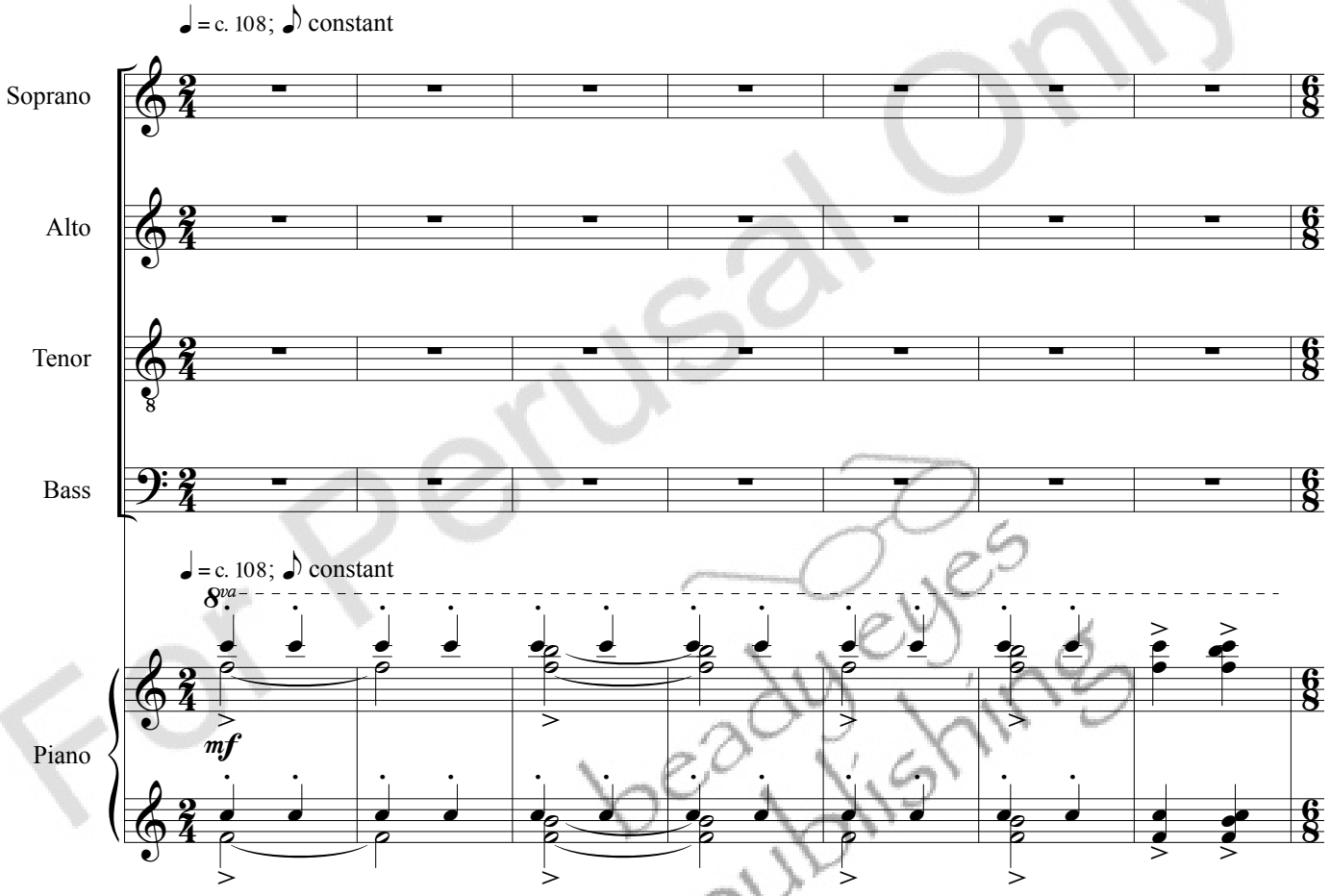

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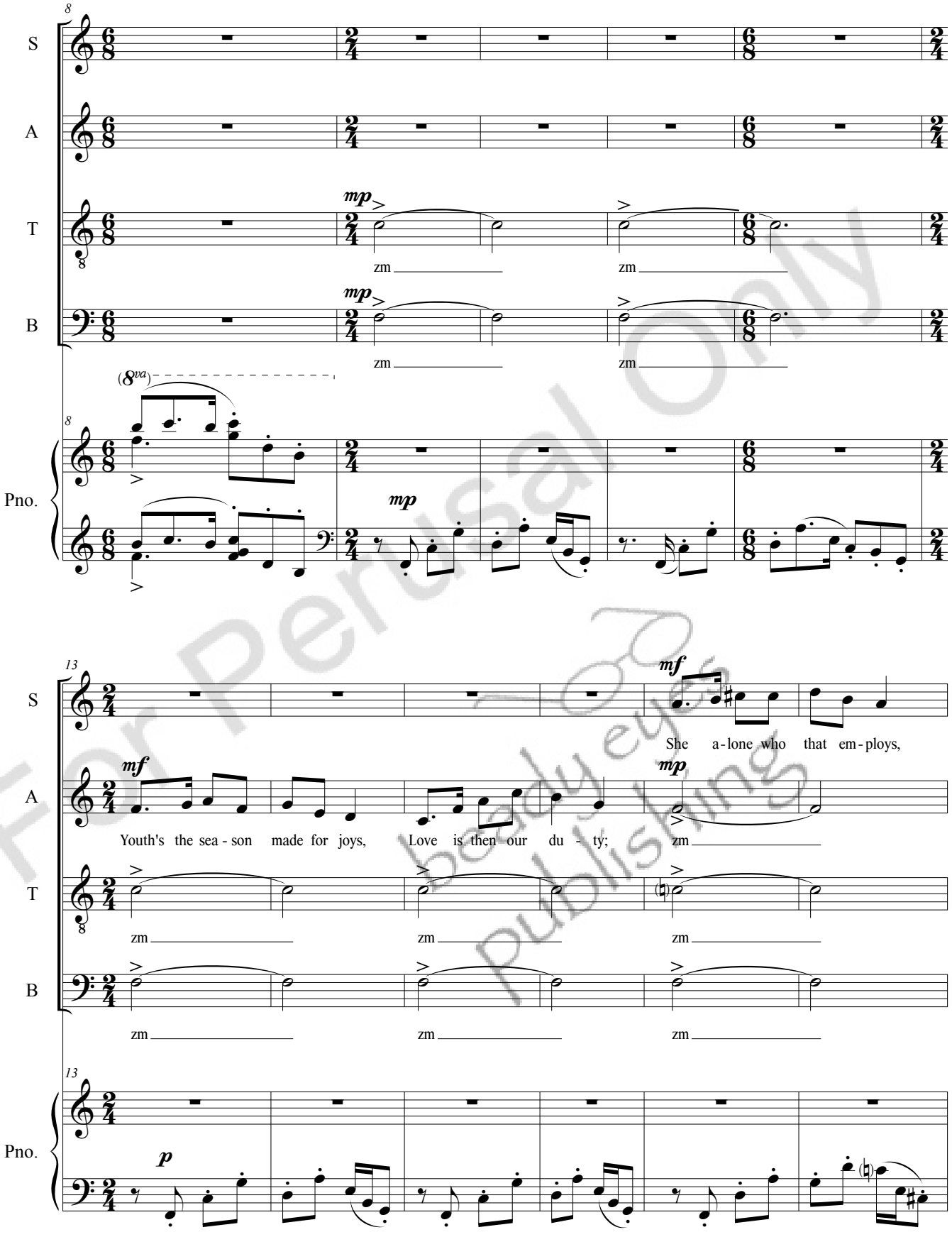

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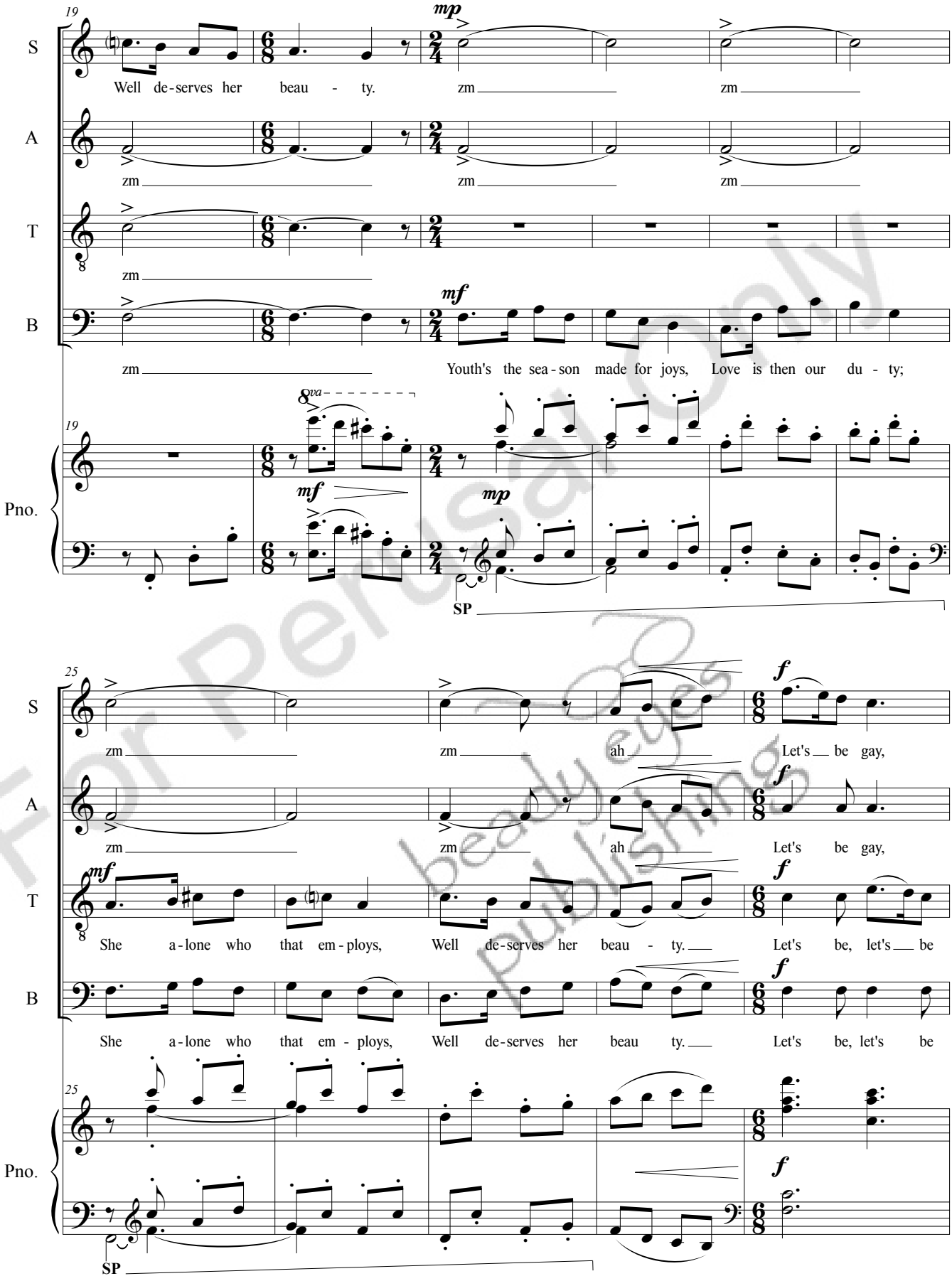

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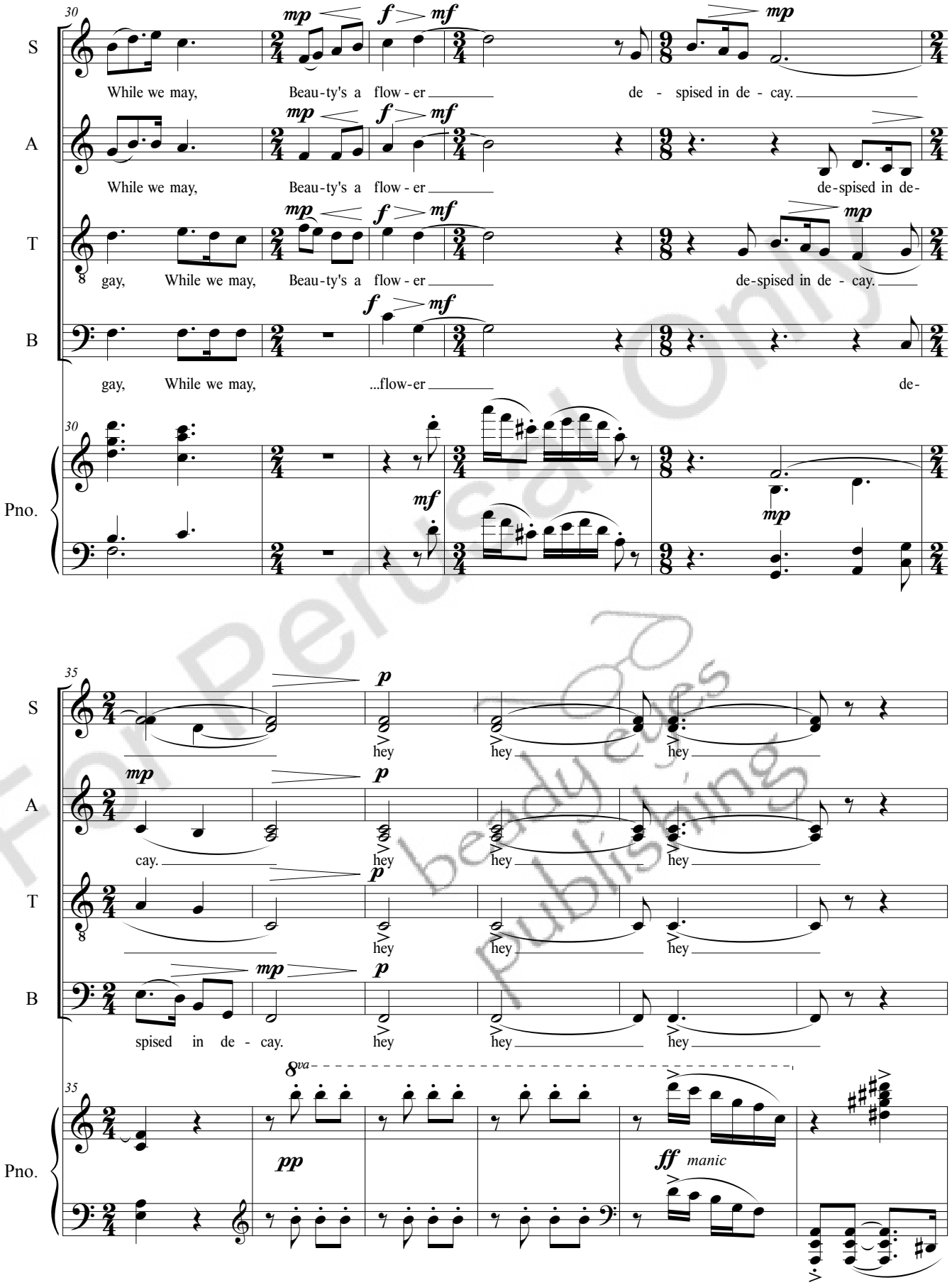

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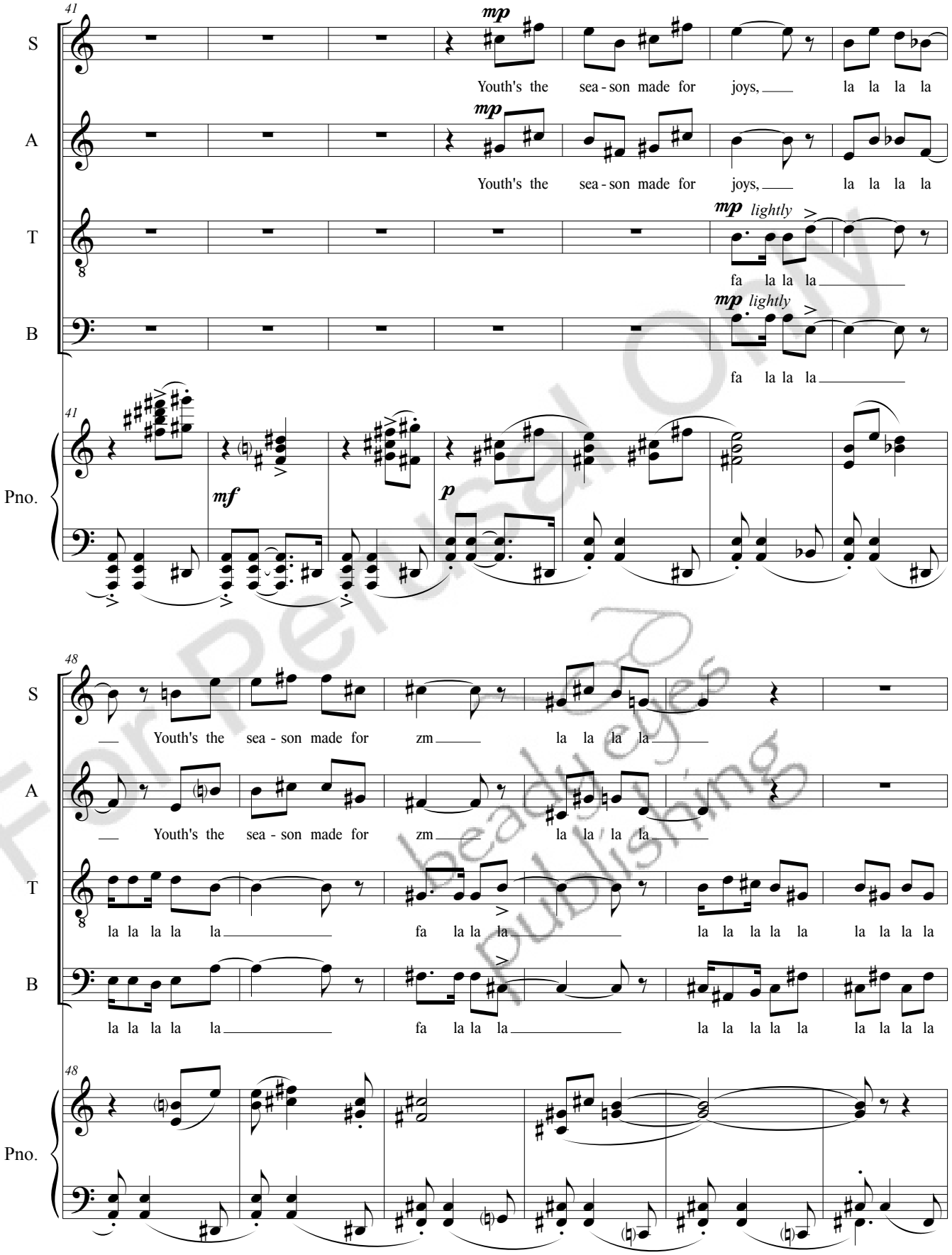

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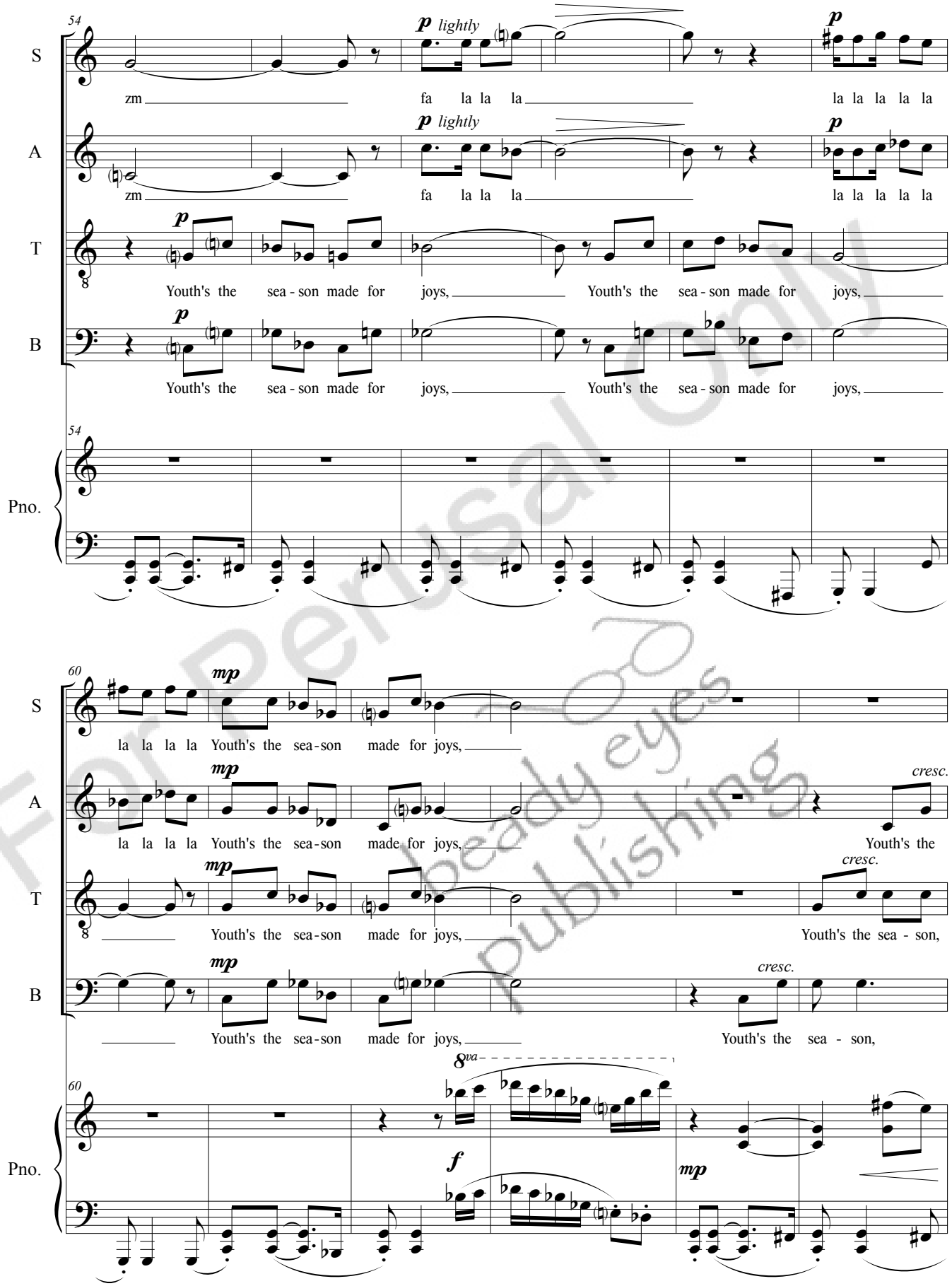

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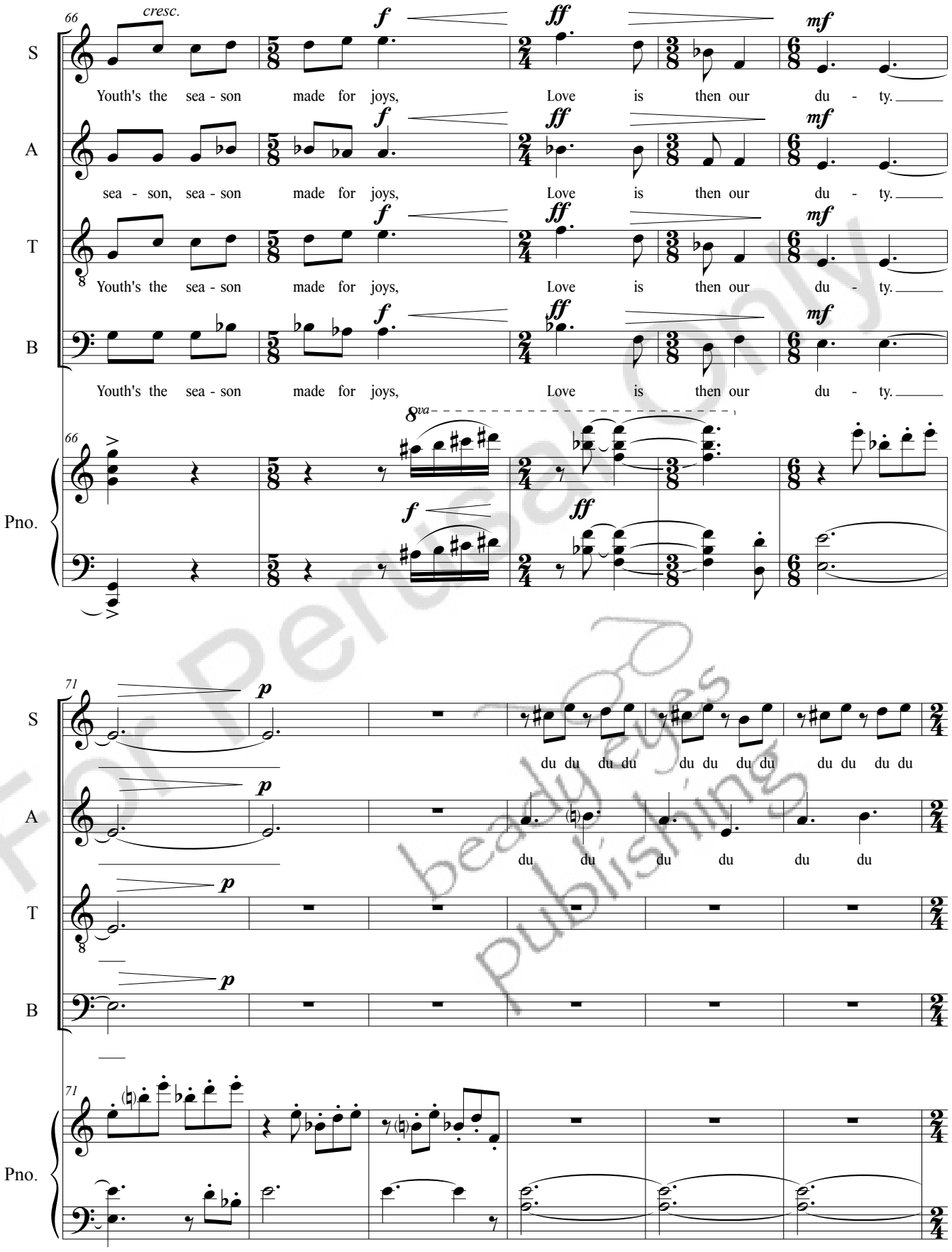

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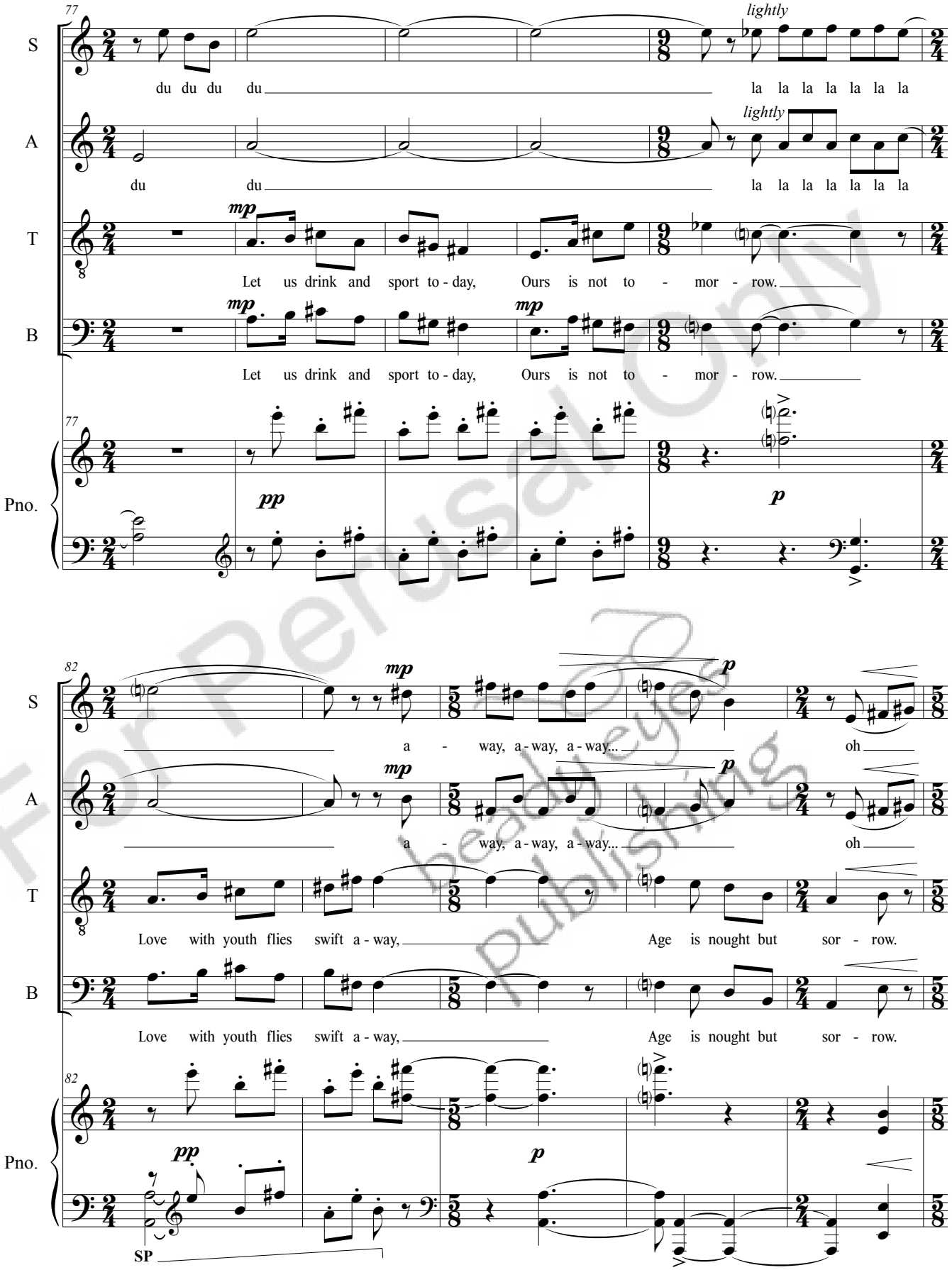

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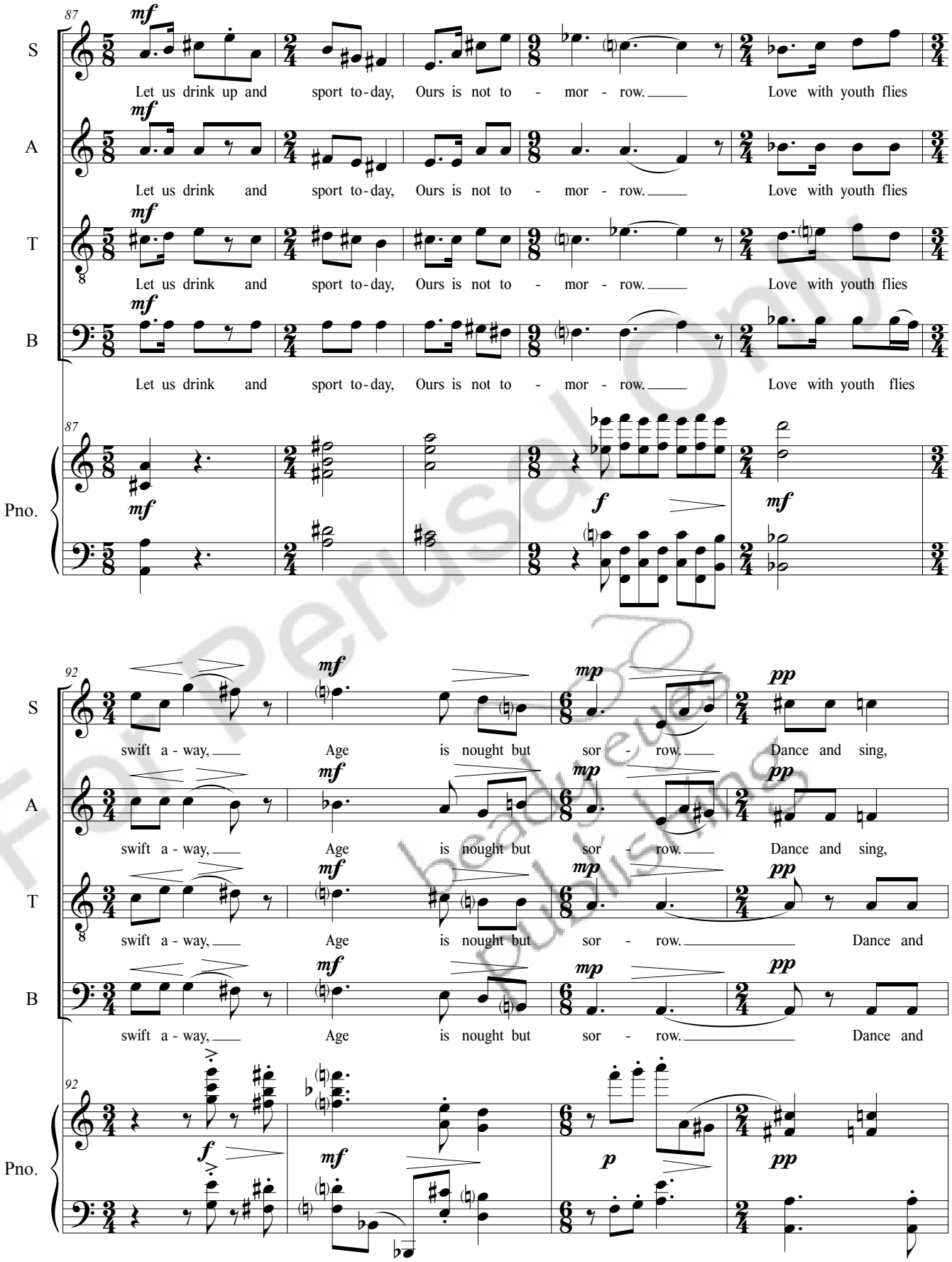

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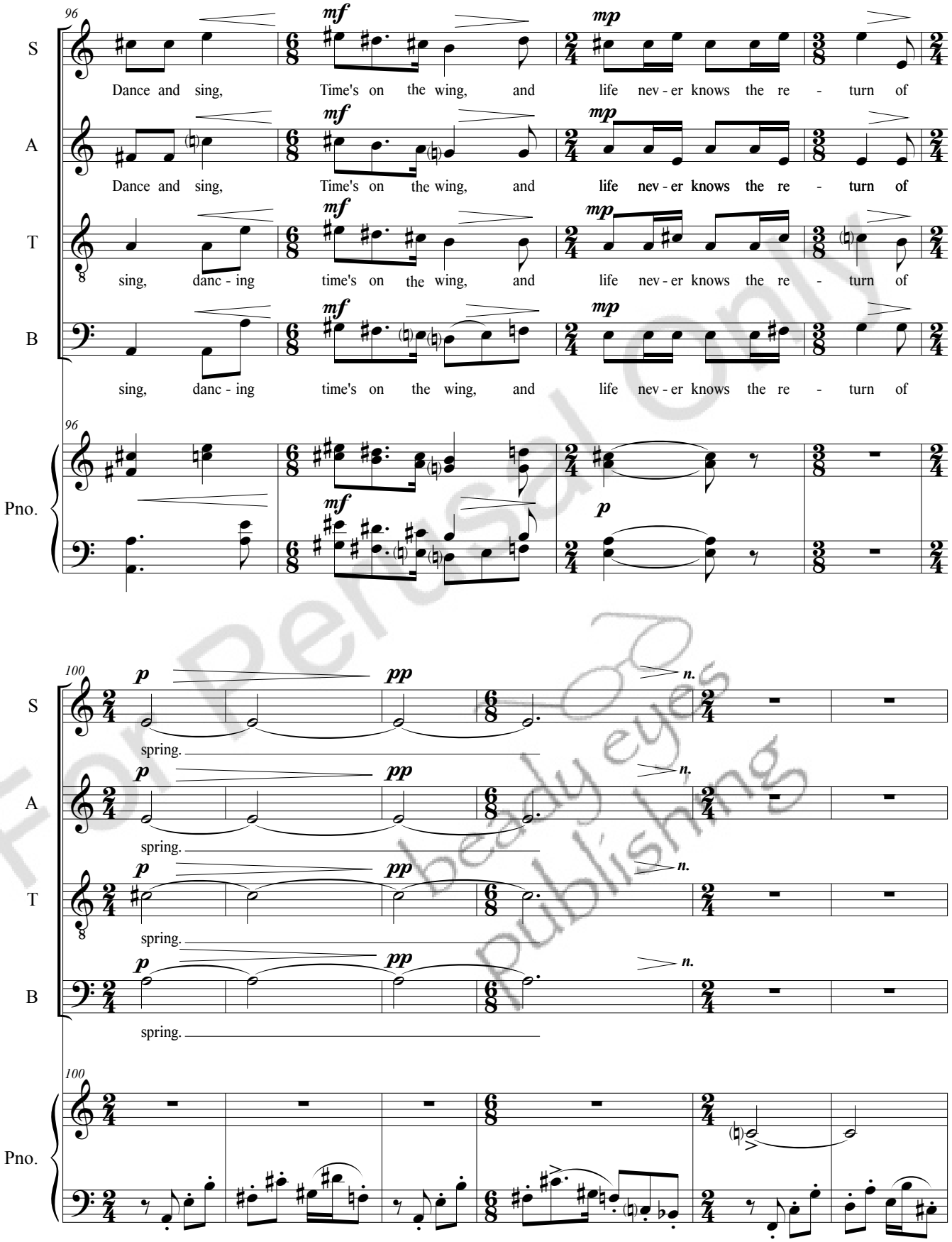

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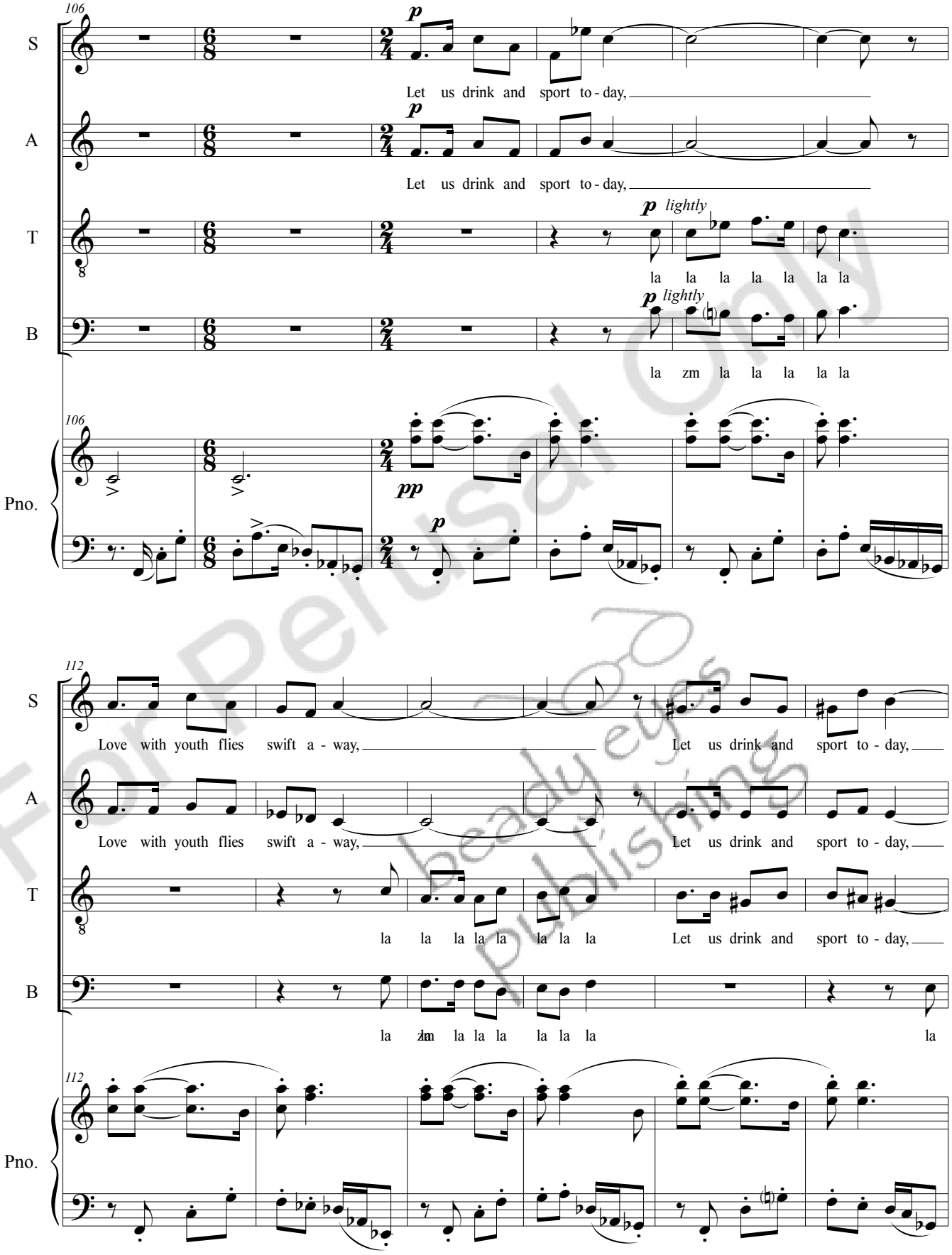

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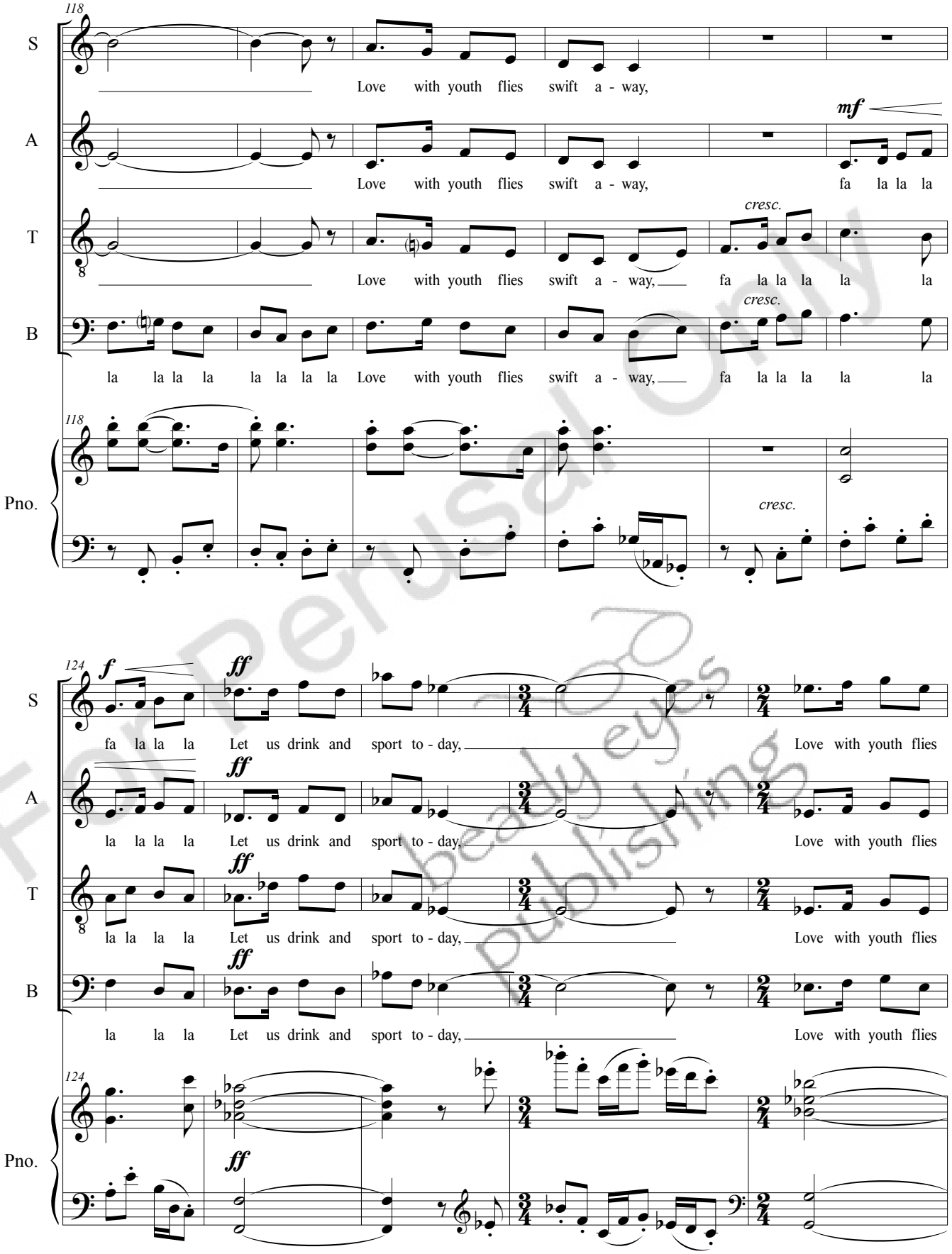

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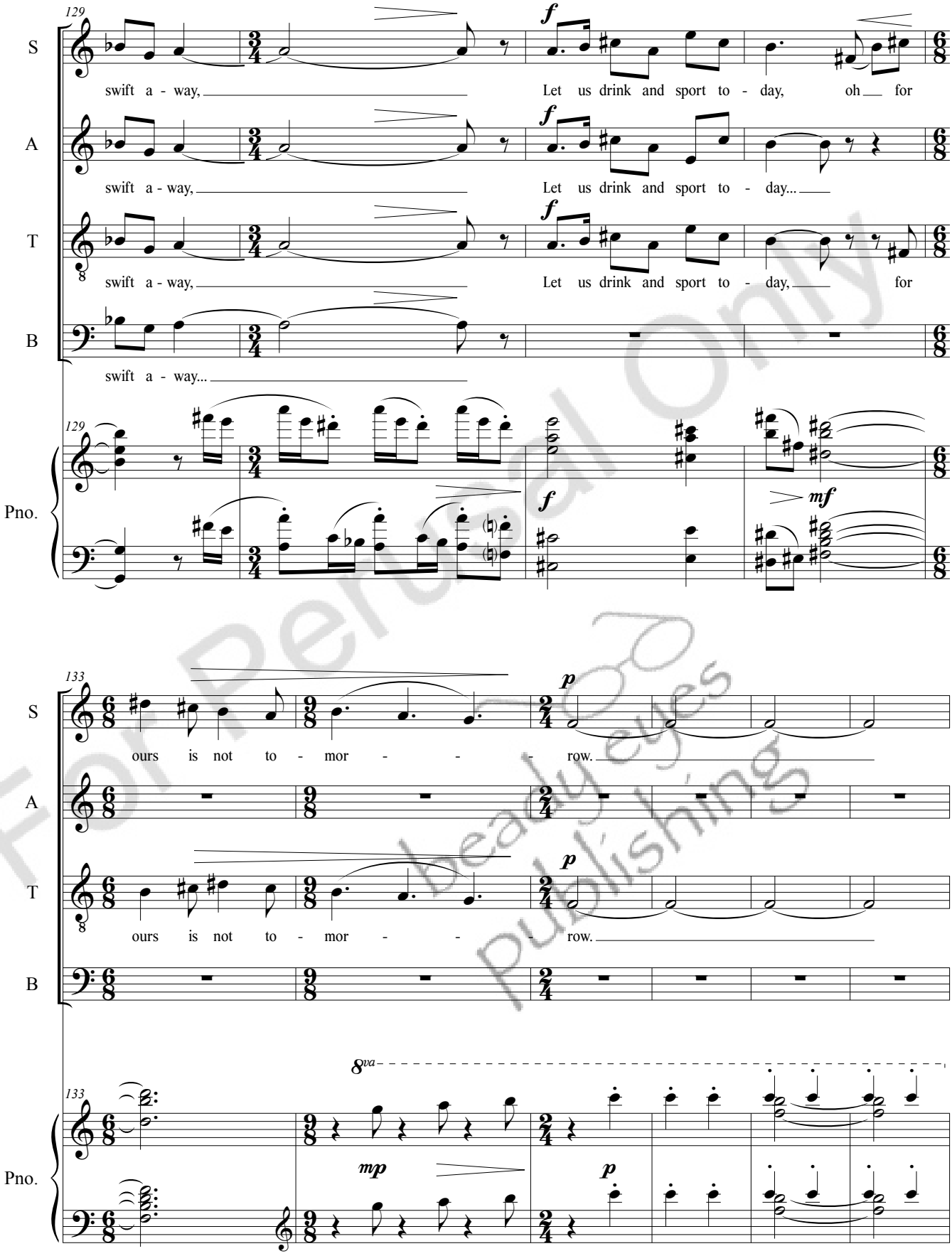

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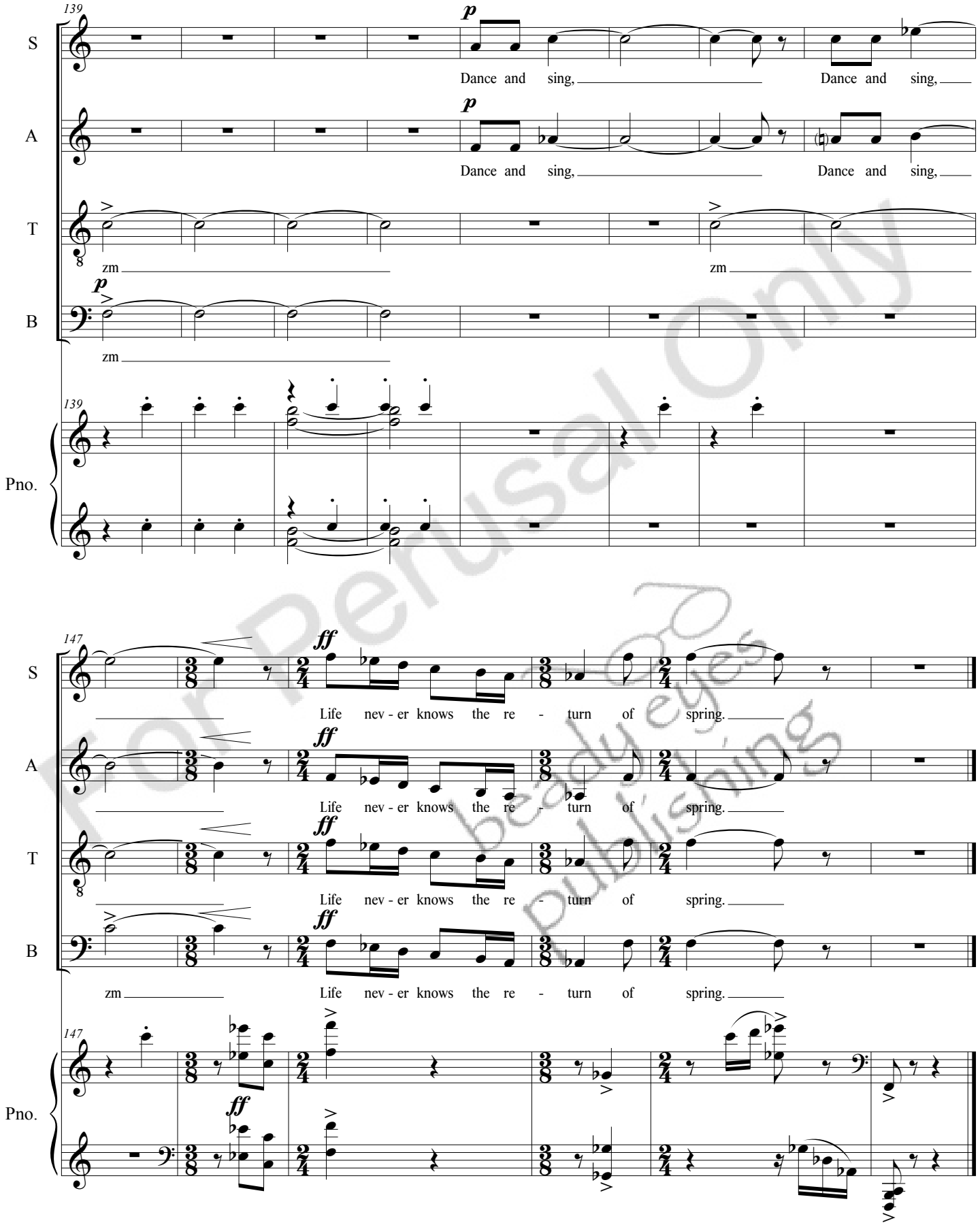

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