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The Heavenly Noël

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Op. 57

Adagio (♩ = about 69)

mp

SOLO (MEZZO SOPRANO)
The Solo part should be sung with imagination and a sense of wonder; with delicacy and awe; *not* with dramatic force.

mp

Oh! what great thing is done to - night, Or what good news is sped?

p *mf* *steadily* *mp*

Ped. * *Con Pedale*

What ails the bless-ed Saints in heav-en, They can-not rest in

bed? But up and down so cease-less-ly They go in joy and

f *m.g.* *f*

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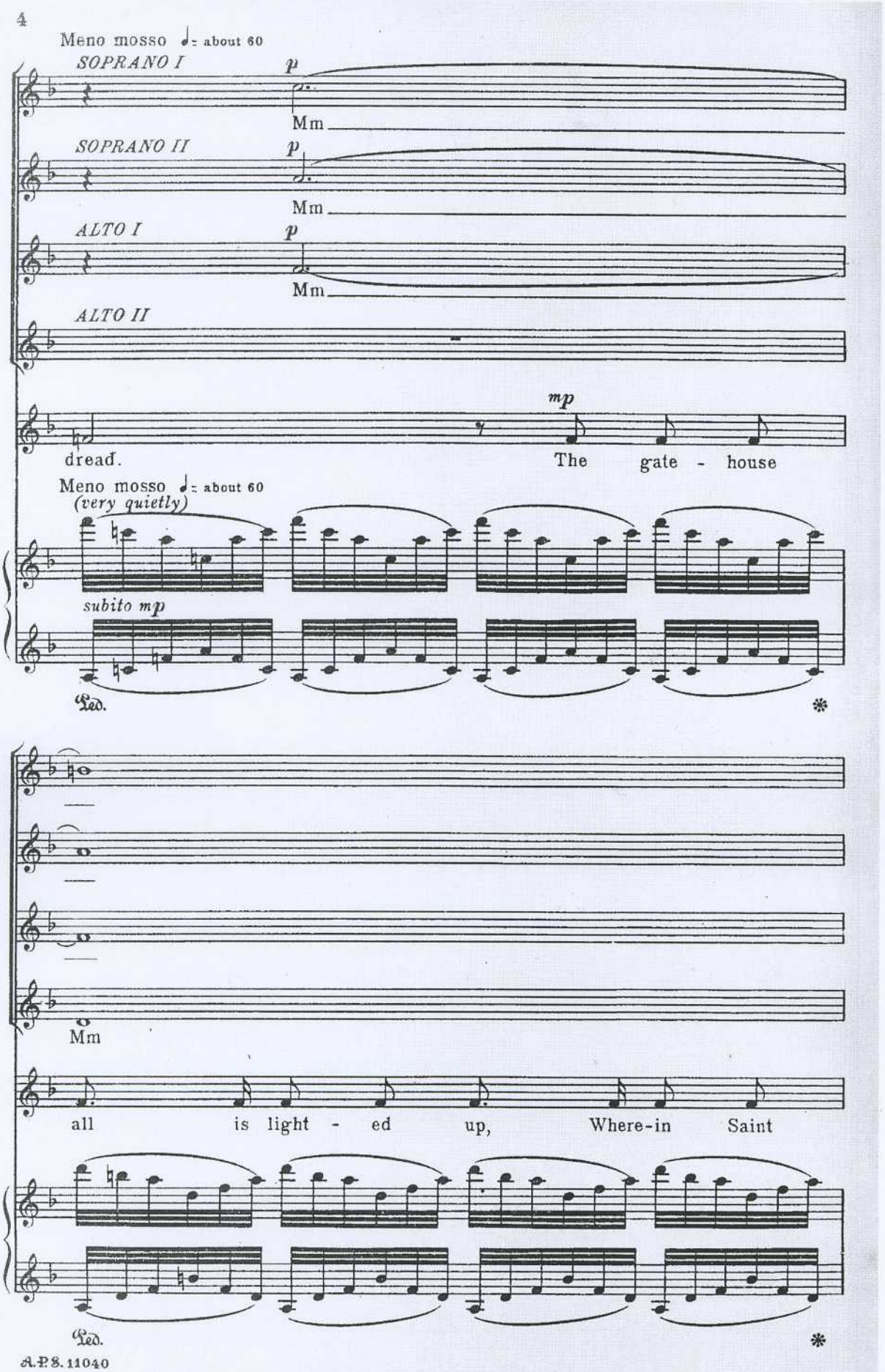
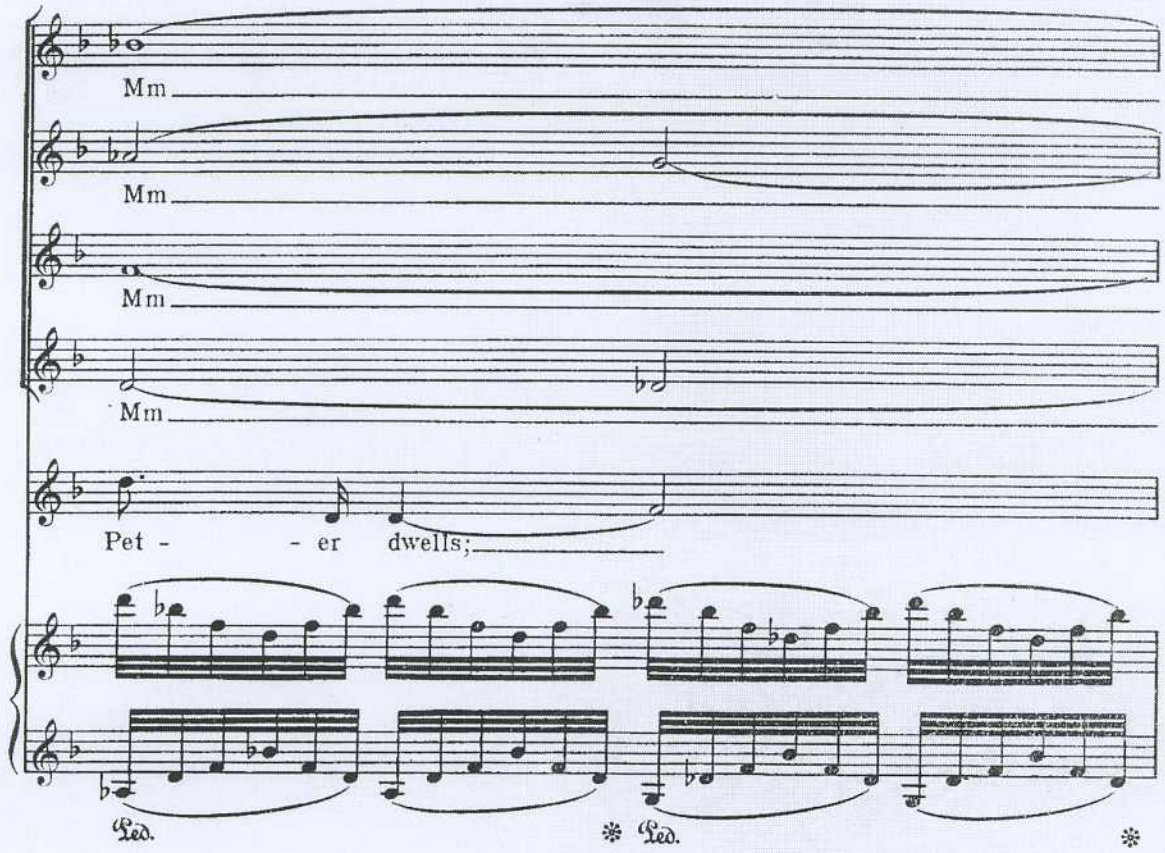
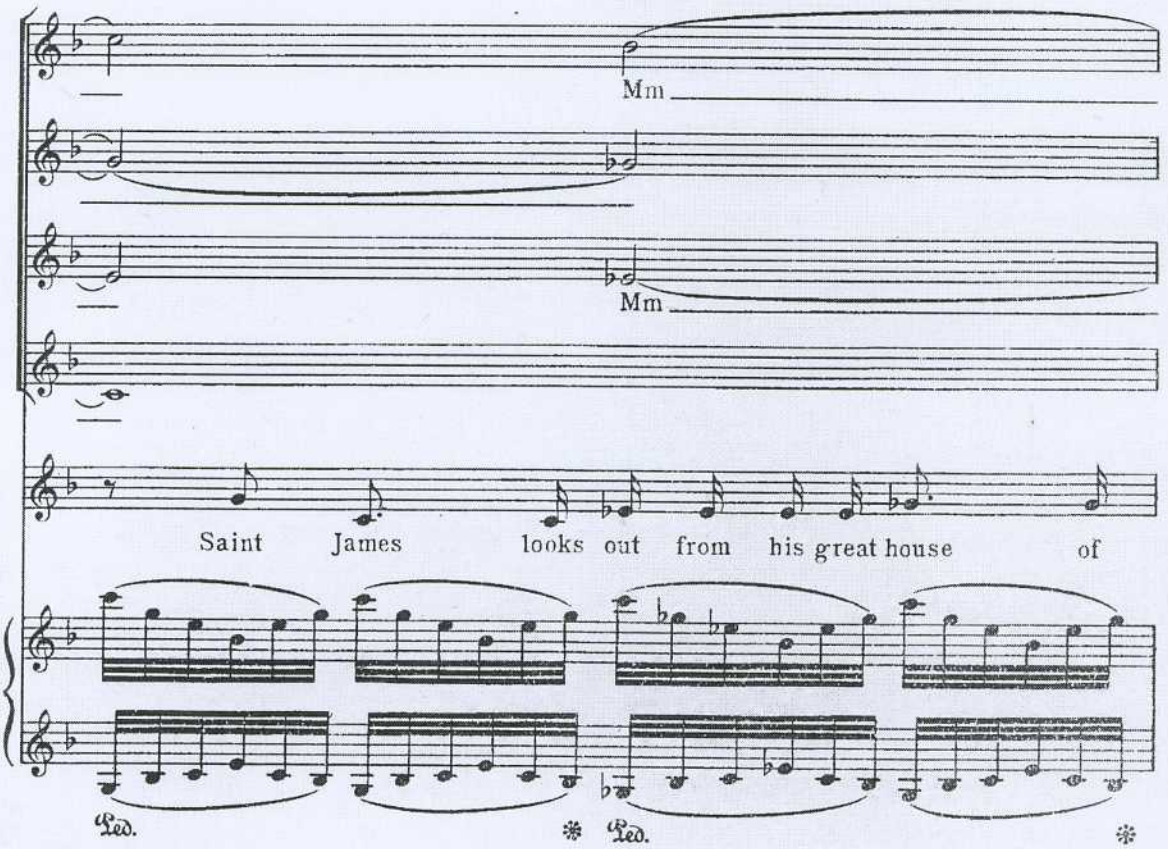
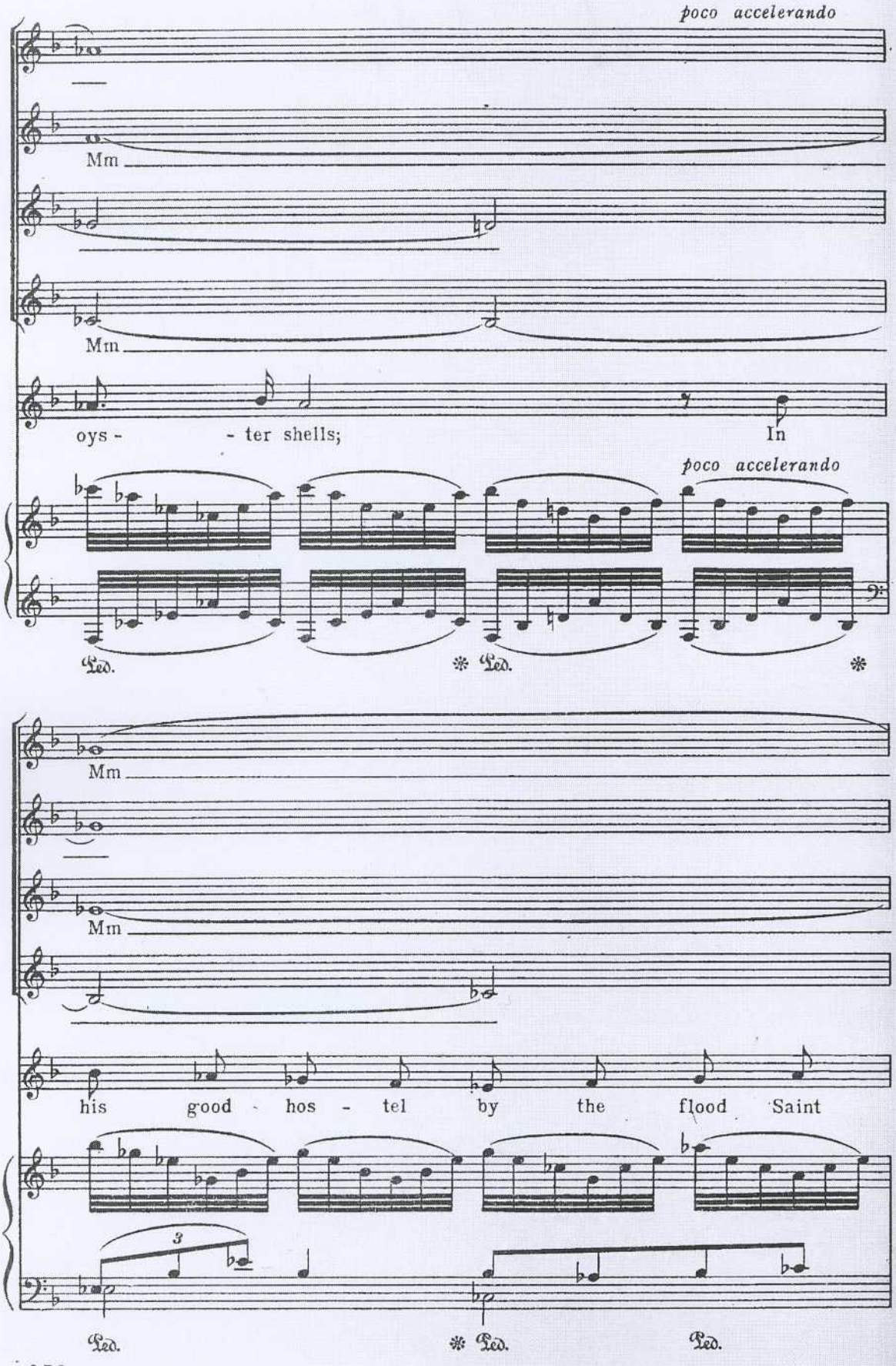
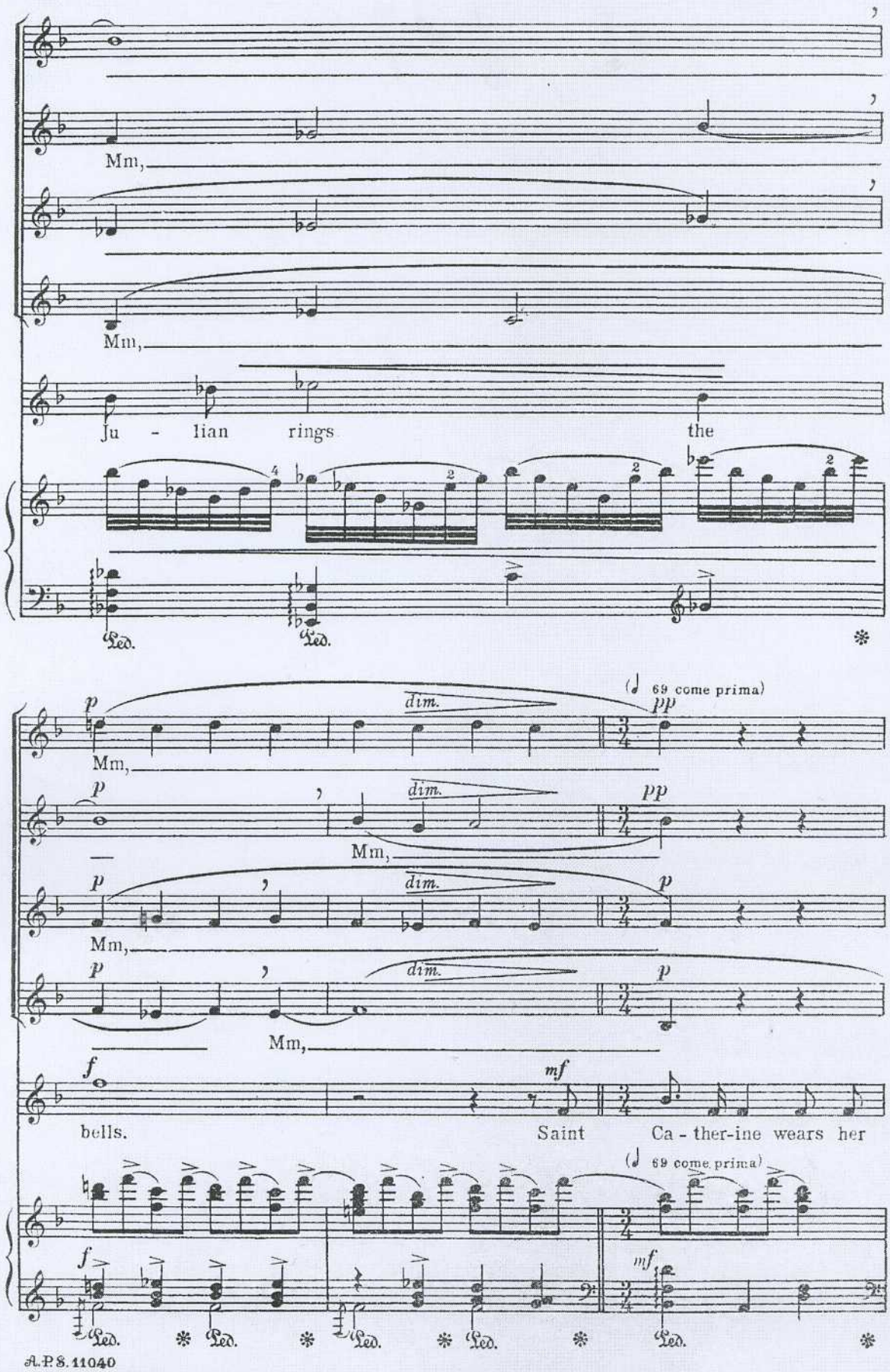
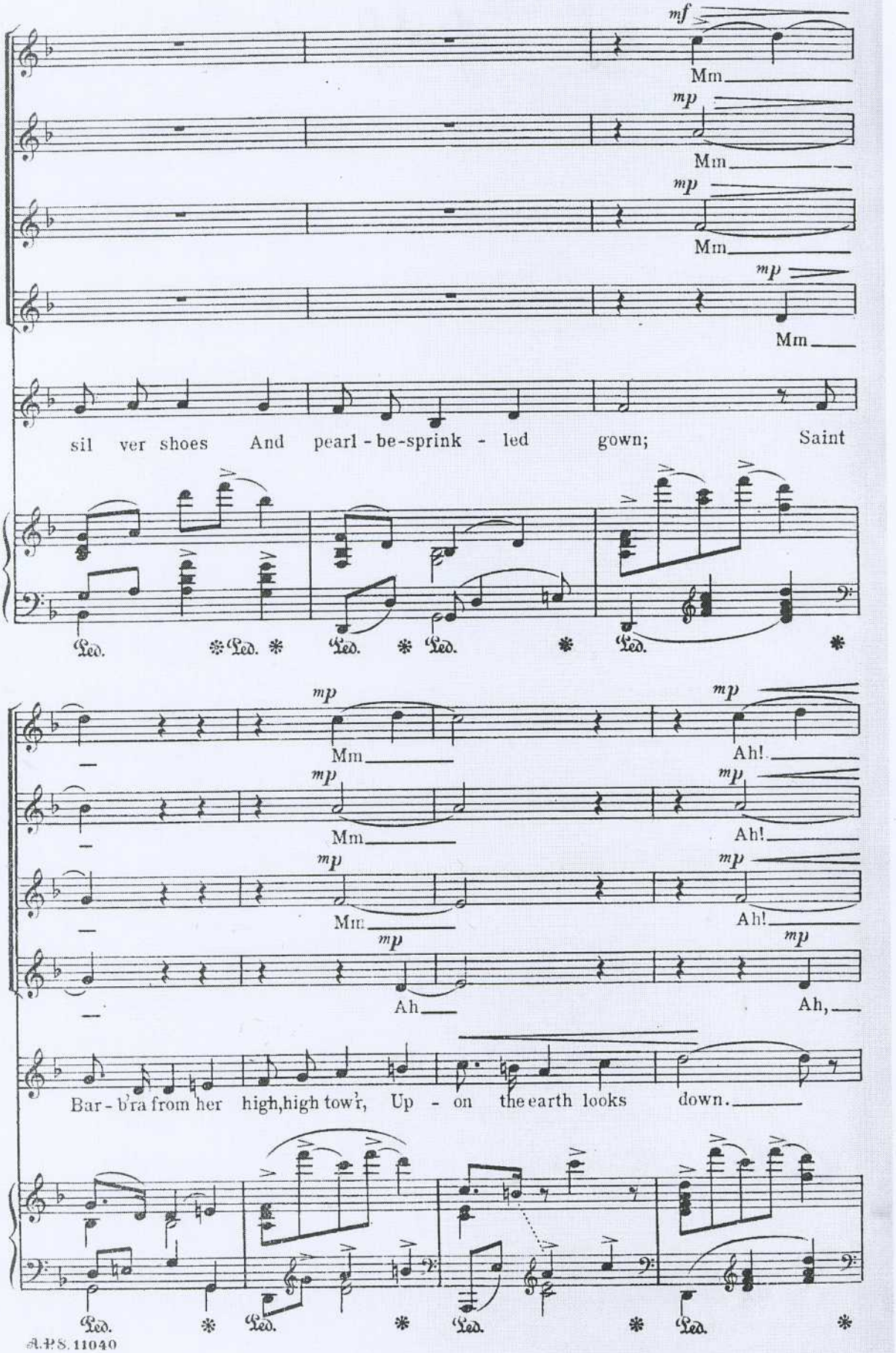

Meno mosso ♩= about 60
SOPRANO I
p
Mm
SOPRANO II
p
Mm
ALTO I
p
Mm
ALTO II
mp
dread.
The gate - house
Meno mosso ♩= about 60
(very quietly)
subito mp
Ped.
*
Mm
all is light - ed up, Where-in Saint
Ped.
*

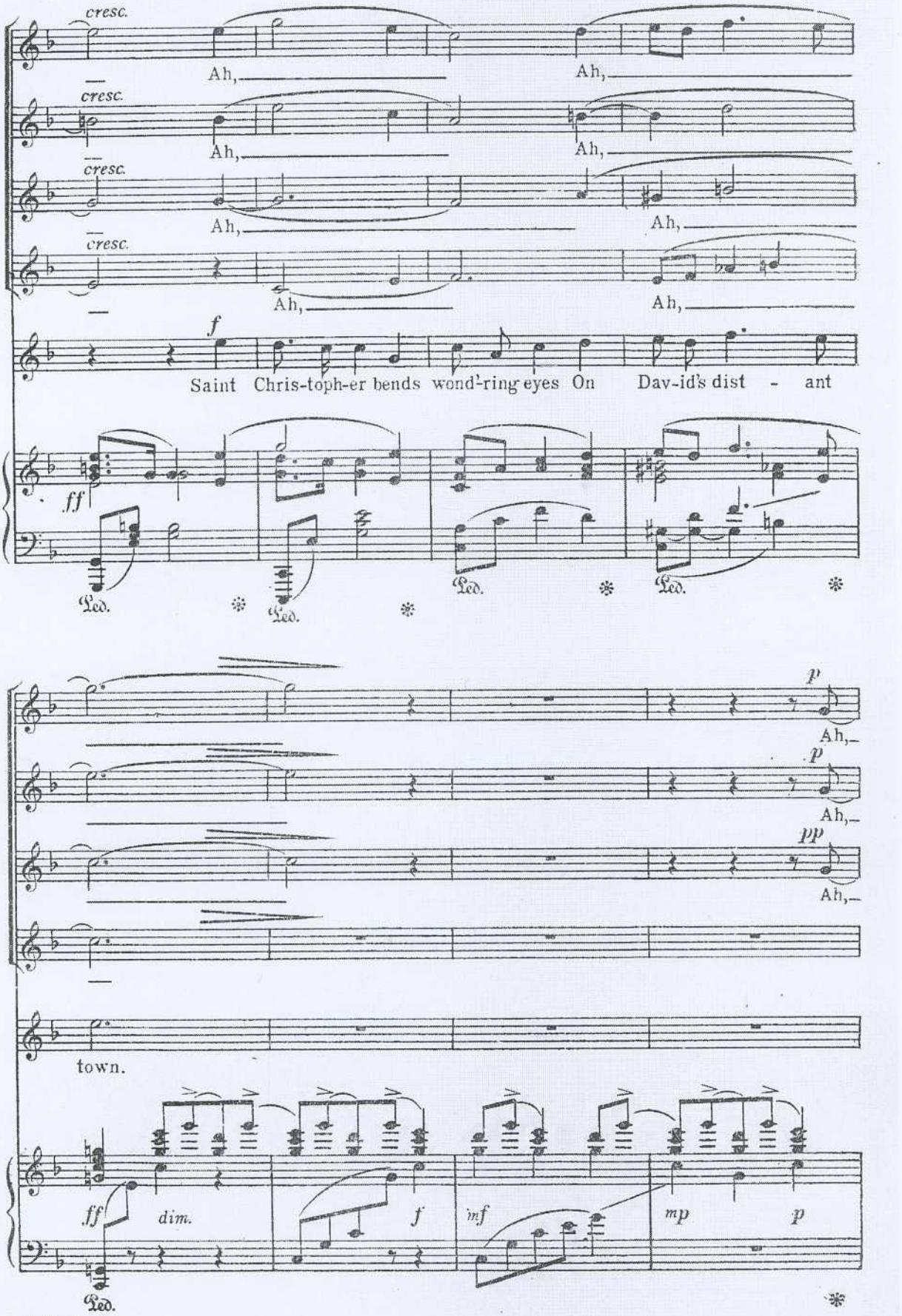

Mm
Mm
Mm
Mm
Pet - - er dwells;
Ped. Ped.

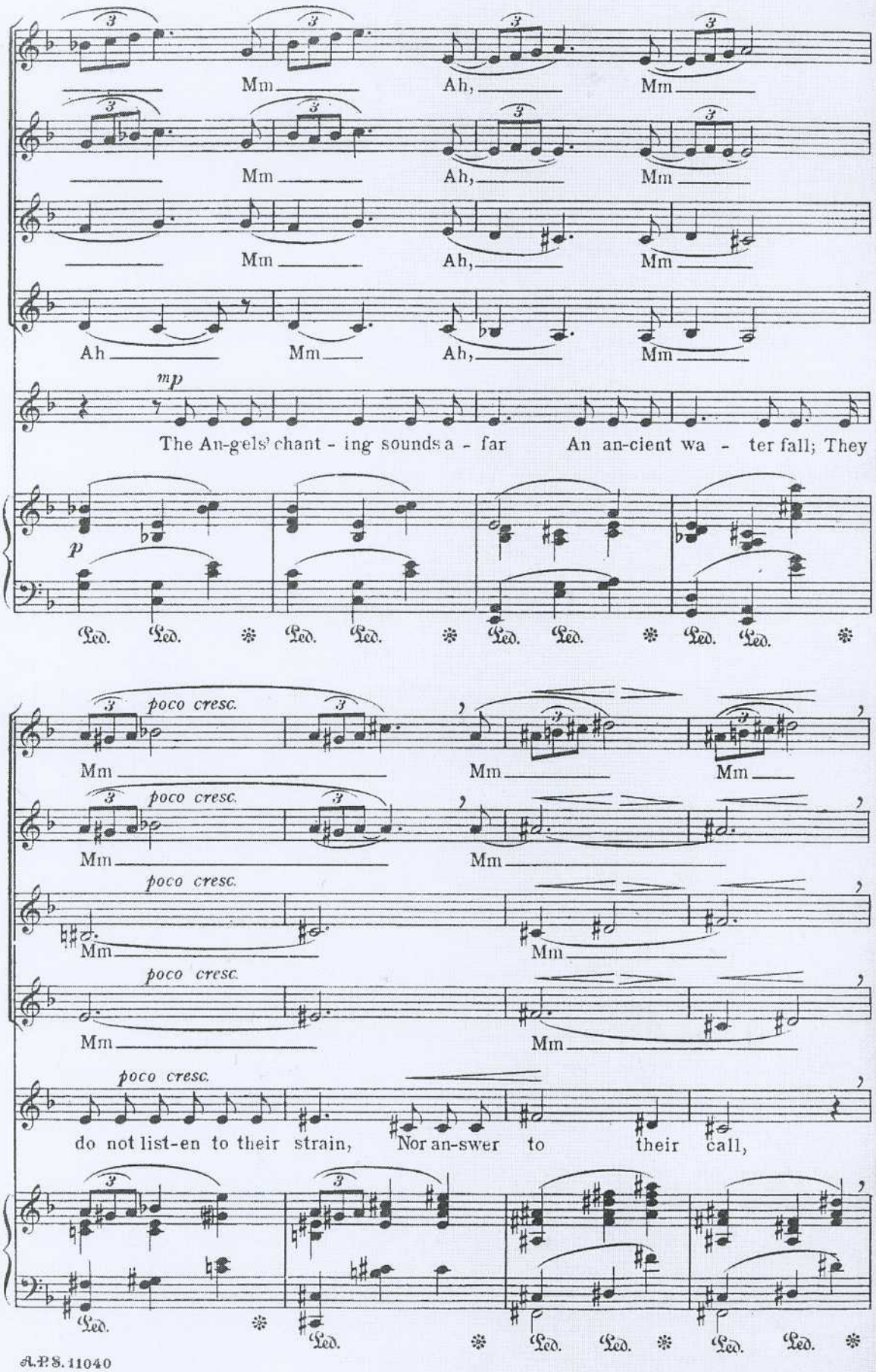

Mm
Mm
Saint James looks out from his great house of
Ped. Ped.

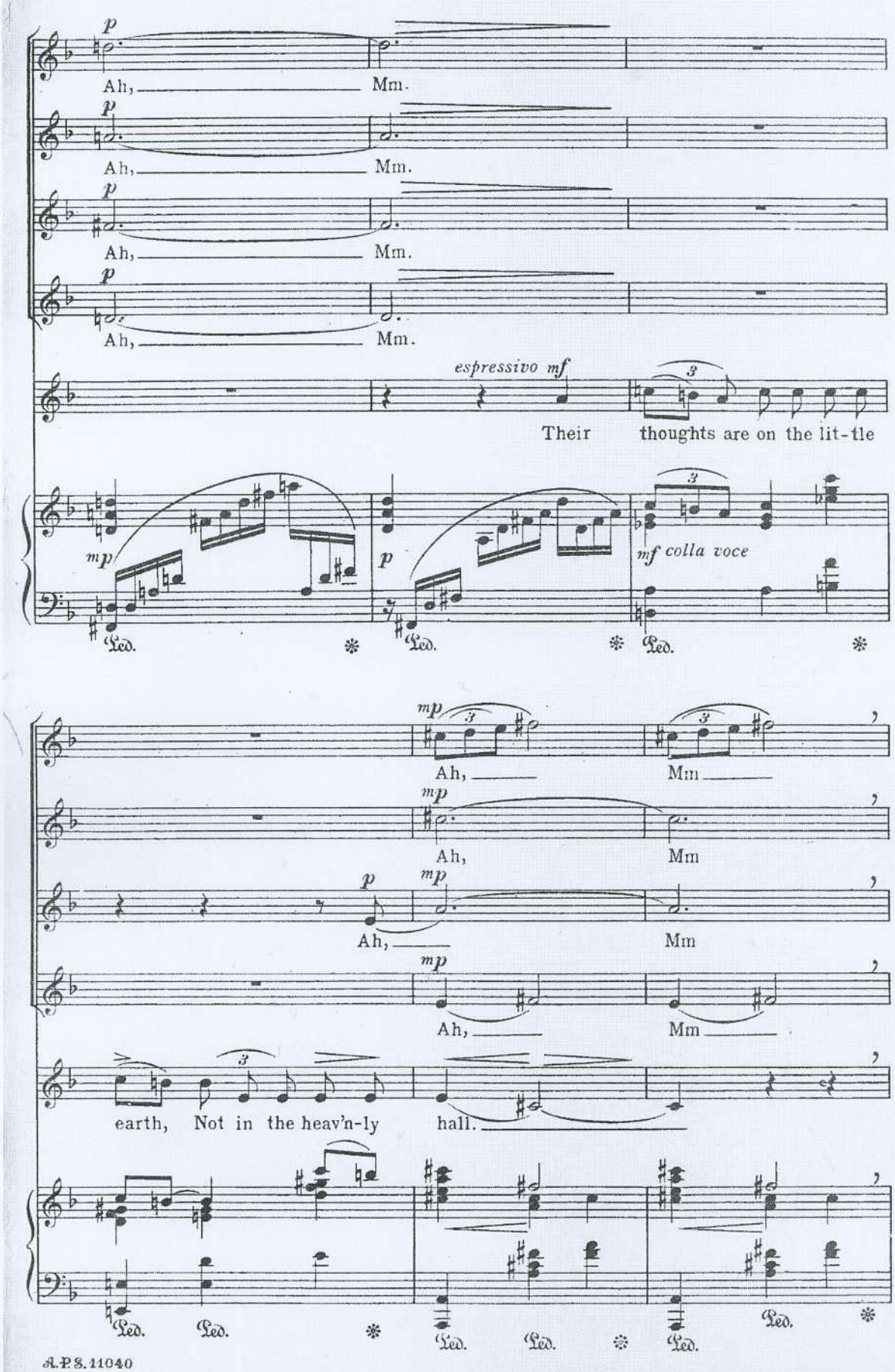

poco accelerando
Mm
Mm
oys - - ter shells; In
poco accelerando
Ped. * Ped. *
Mm
Mm
his good - hos - tel by the flood Saint
3
Ped. * Ped. Ped.

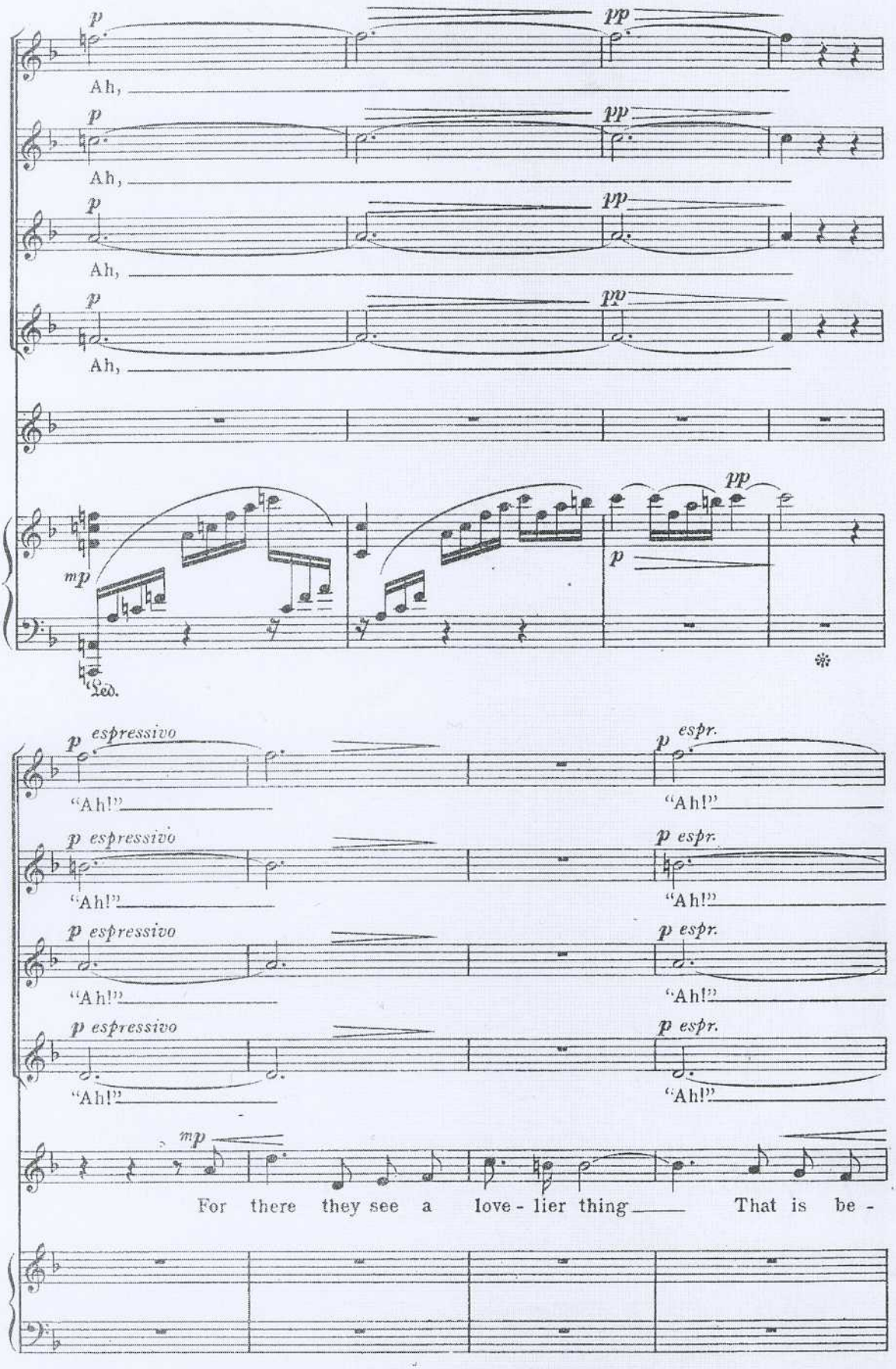

Mm,
Mm,
Ju - lian rings the
Ped.
Ped.
p
dim.
(♩ 69 come prima)
pp
Mm,
p
dim.
pp
Mm,
p
dim.
p
Mm,
p
dim.
p
Mm,
f
mf
bells. Saint Ca - ther-ine wears her
(♩ 69 come prima)
f
mf
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

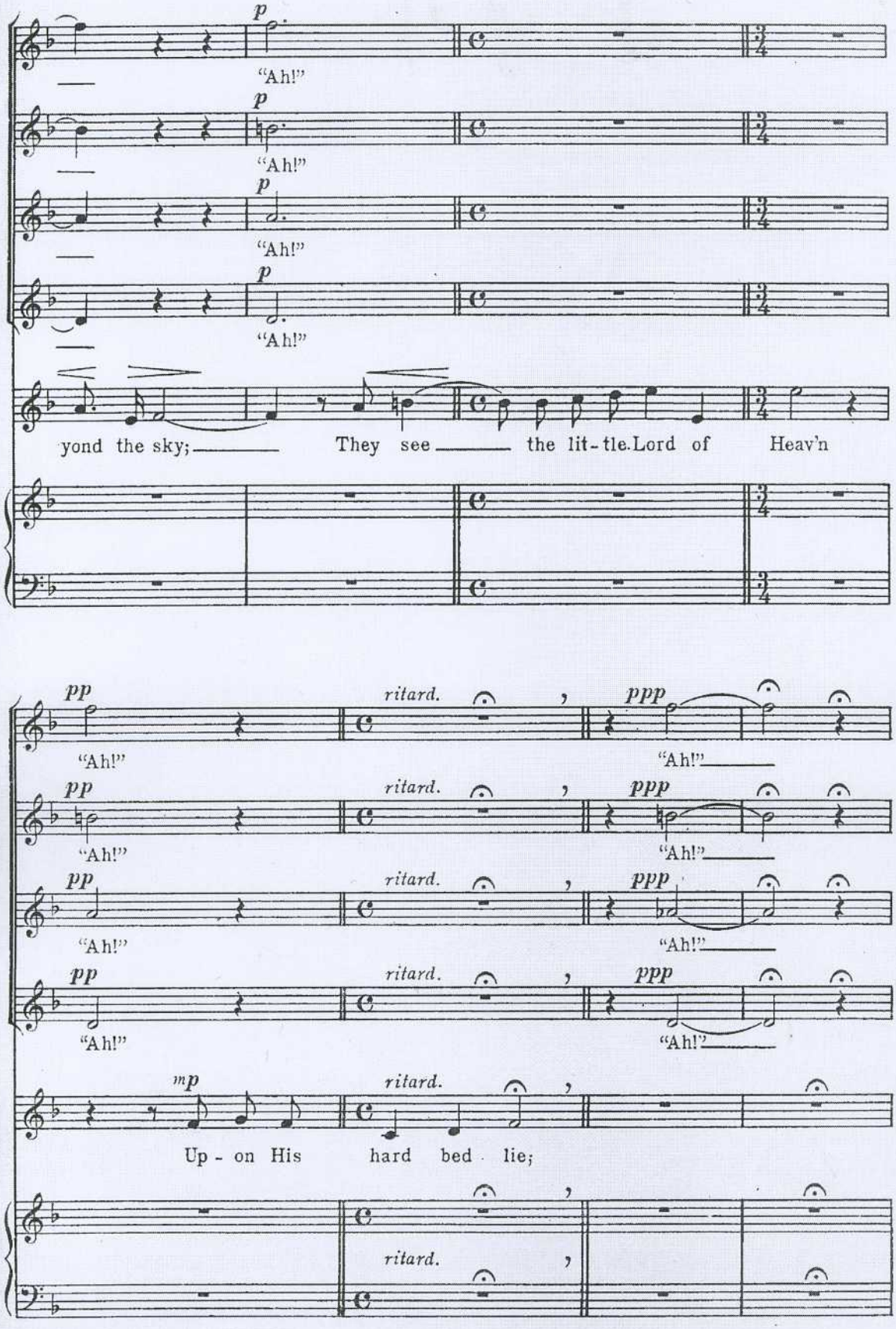

mf
Mm
mp
Mm
mp
Mm
mp
Mm
sil ver shoes And pearl - be-sprink - led gown; Saint
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *
mp
Mm
mp
Ah!
mp
Mm
mp
Ah!
mp
Mm
mp
Ah!
mp
Ah
mp
Ah,
Bar - b'ra from her high,high tow'r, Up - on the earth looks down.
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

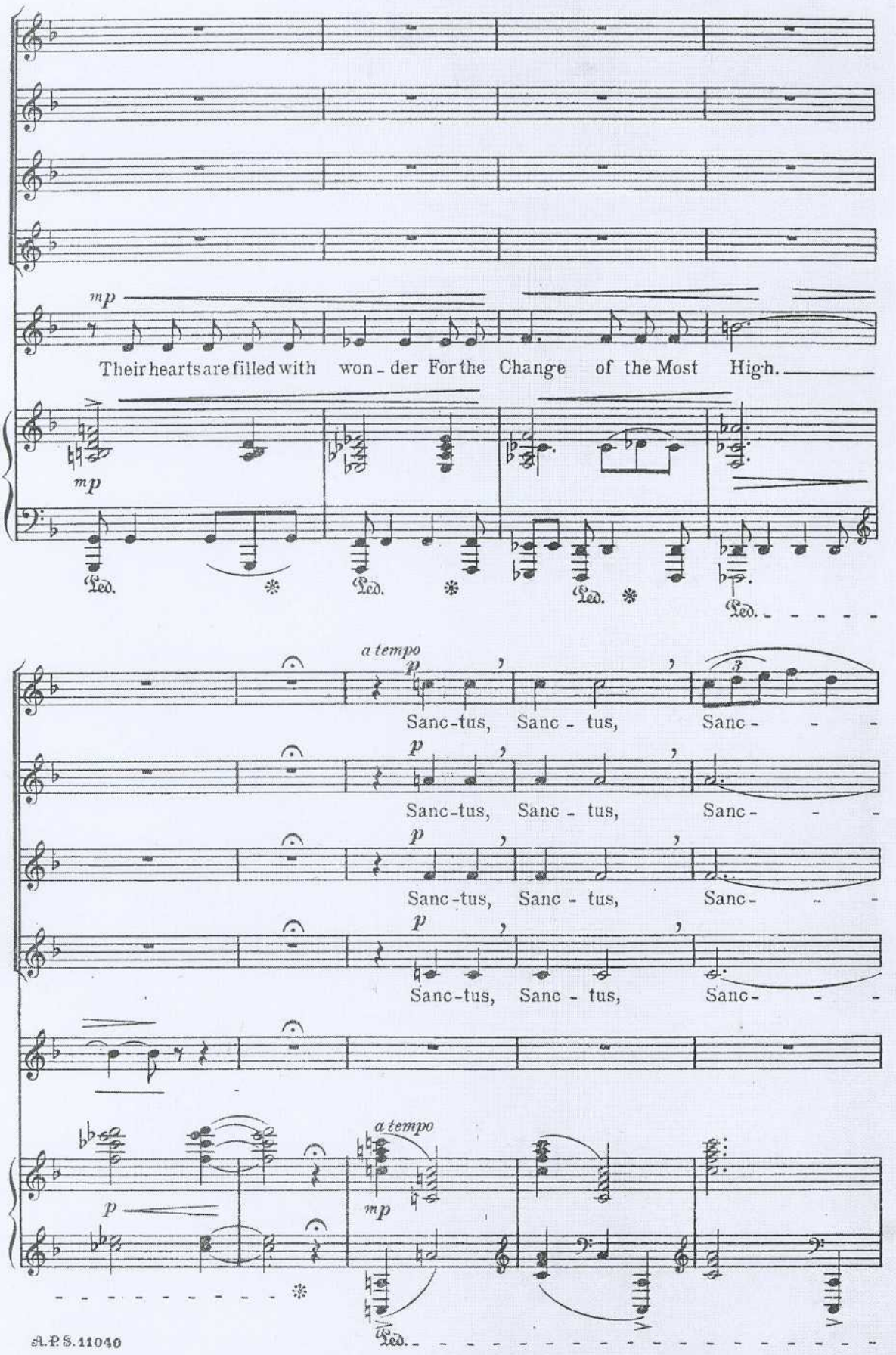

cresc.
Ah,
Ah,
cresc.
Ah,
Ah,
cresc.
Ah,
Ah,
cresc.
Ah,
Ah,
f
Saint Chris-toph-er bends wond'-ring eyes On Dav-id's dist - ant
ff
Led.
Led.
Led.
p
Ah,
p
Ah,
pp
Ah,
town.
ff
dim.
f
mf
mp
p
Led.

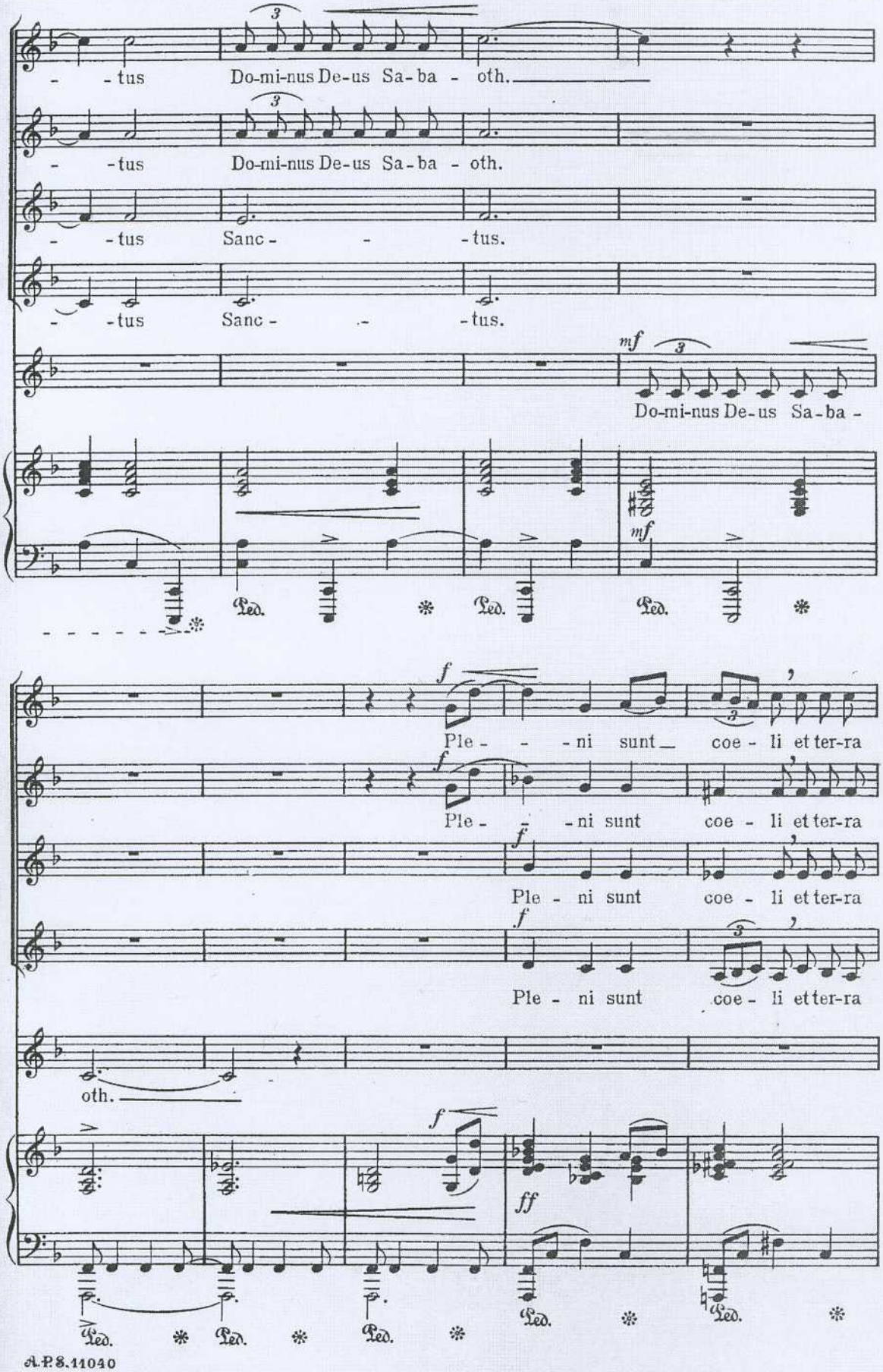

Mm Ah, Mm
Mm Ah, Mm
Mm Ah, Mm
Ah Mm Ah, Mm
mp
The An-gels' chant - ing sounds a - far An an-cient wa - ter fall; They
p
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
poco cresc.
Mm Mm Mm
Mm Mm
Mm Mm
Mm Mm
do not list-en to their strain, Nor an-swer to their call,
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

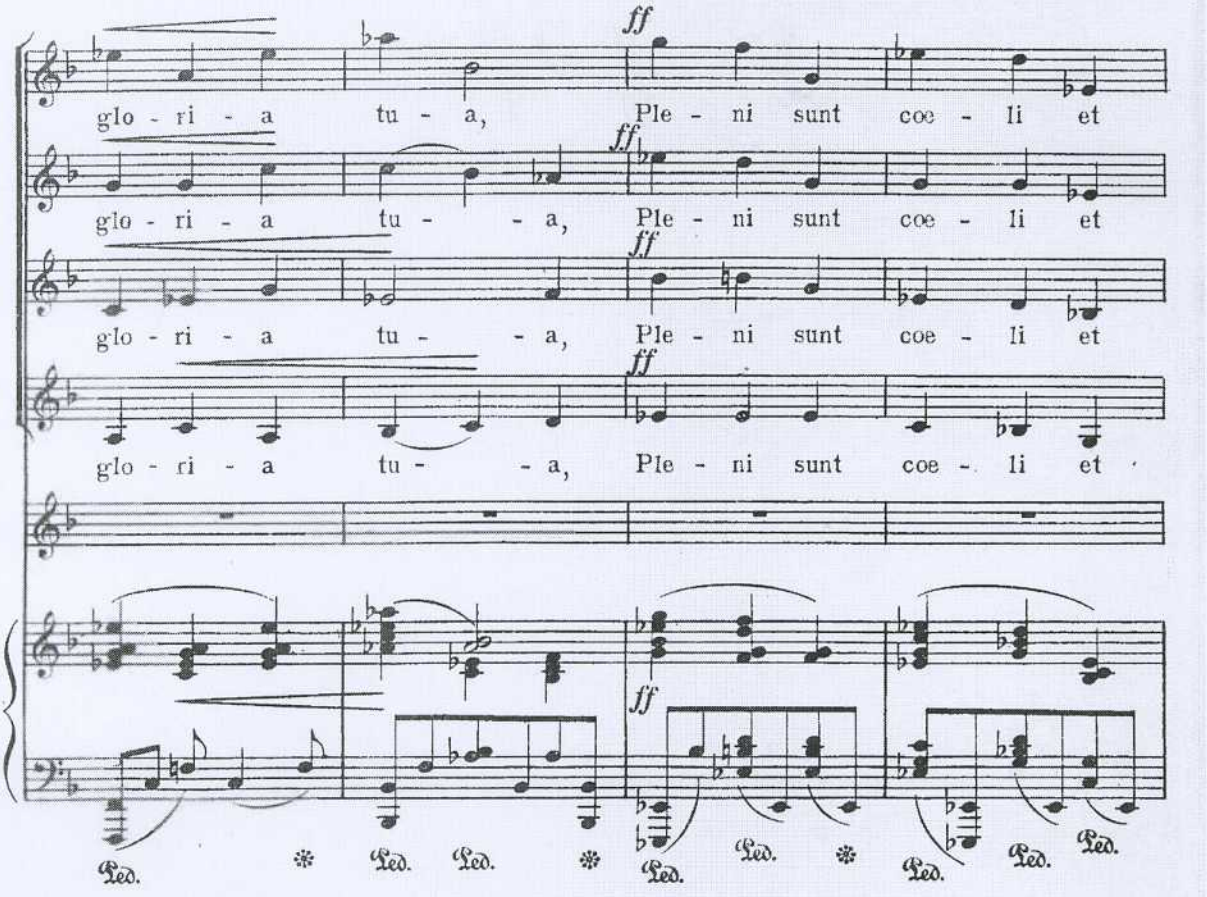

p
Ah, Mm.
p
Ah, Mm.
p
Ah, Mm.
p
Ah, Mm.
espressivo mf
Their thoughts are on the lit-tle
mp
p
mf colla voce
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *
mp
Ah, Mm
mp
Ah, Mm
p
mp
Ah, Mm
mp
Ah, Mm
earth, Not in the heav'n-ly hall.
Ped. Ped. * Ped. Ped. * Ped. Ped. *

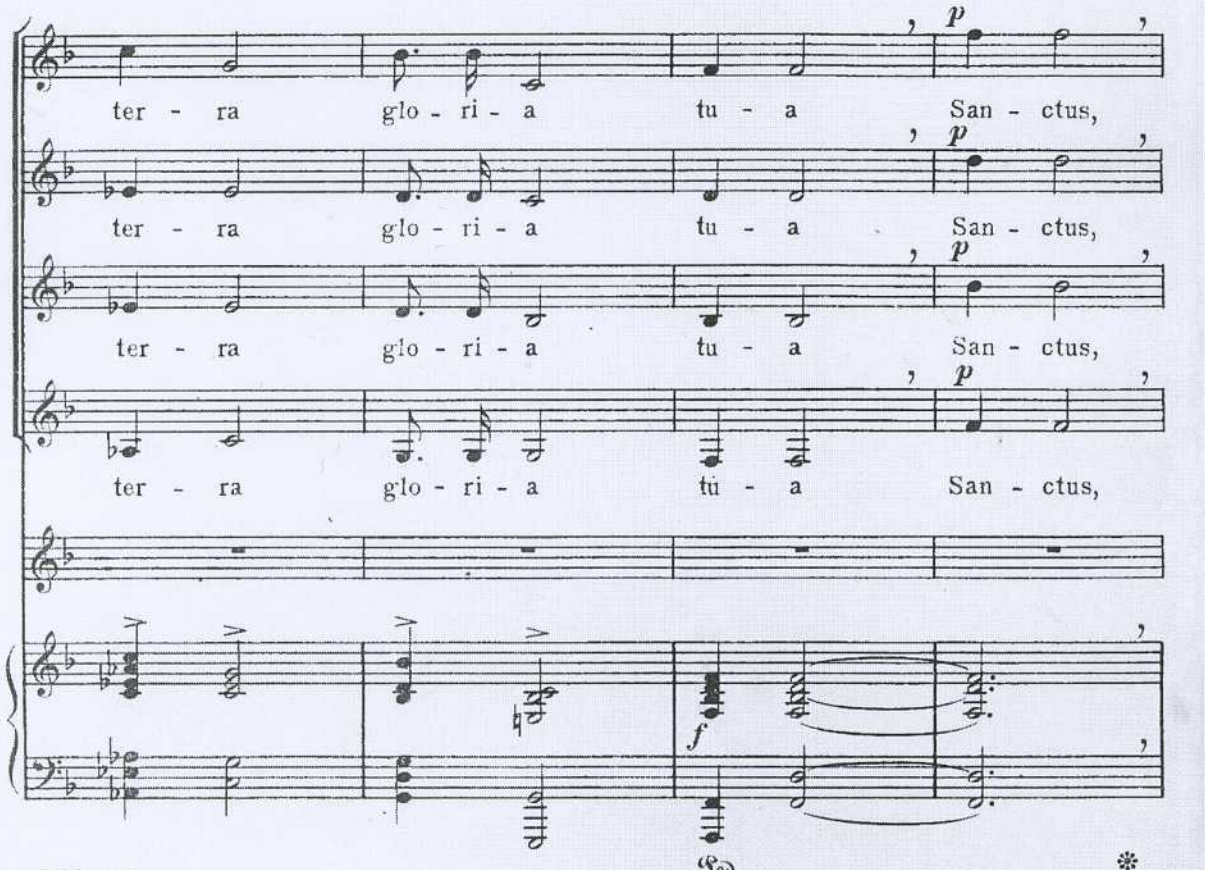

p
pp
Ah,
mp
Ped.
espressivo
espr.
"Ah!"
For there they see a love - lier thing That is be -

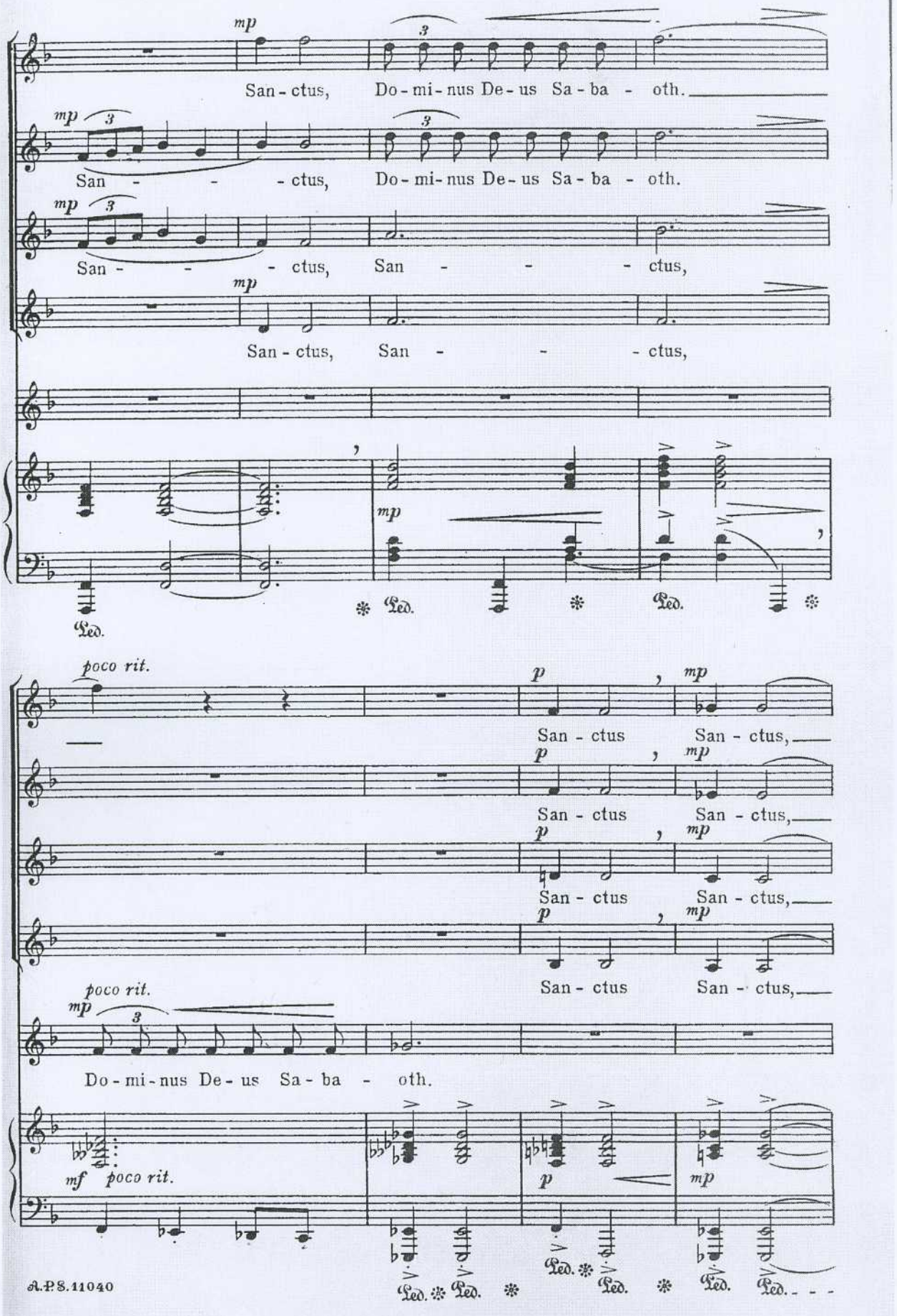

p
"Ah!"
yond the sky; They see the lit-tle Lord of Heav'n
pp
ritard.
ppp
mp
Up - on His hard bed lie;

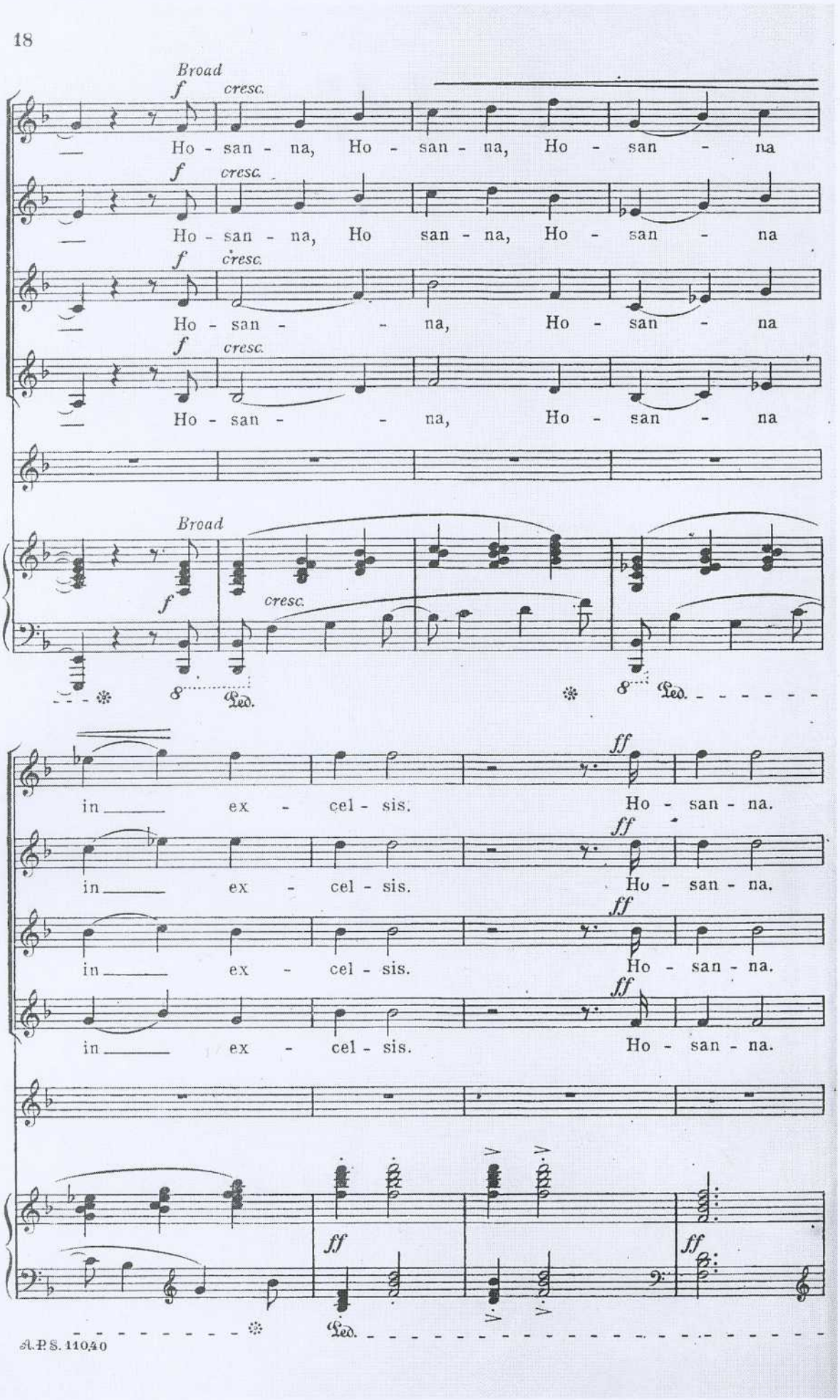

mp
Their hearts are filled with won - der For the Change of the Most High.
mp
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
a tempo
p
Sanc-tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc- - -
p
Sanc-tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc- - -
p
Sanc-tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc- - -
p
Sanc-tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc- - -
a tempo
p
mp
Ped.


- - tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba - oth.
- - tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba - oth.
- - tus Sanc - - - tus.
- - tus Sanc - - - tus.
mf
Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba -
mf
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
f
Ple - - - ni sunt coe - li et ter-ra
f
Ple - - ni sunt coe - li et ter-ra
f
Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter-ra
f
Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter-ra
oth.
f
ff
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


ff
glo - ri - a tu - a, Ple - ni sunt coe - li et
glo - ri - a tu - a, Ple - ni sunt coe - li et
glo - ri - a tu - a, Ple - ni sunt coe - li et
Ped.


p
ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a San - ctus,
ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a San - ctus,
ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a San - ctus,
ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a San - ctus,
f
Ped.


mp
San - ctus, Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
San - - - ctus, Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
San - - - ctus, San - - - ctus,
San - ctus, San - - - ctus,
Ped.
poco rit.
p
San - ctus San - ctus,
Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
mf poco rit.


Broad
f
cresc.
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
Ho - san - na, Ho san - na, Ho - san - na
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
Broad
f
cresc.
Led.
in ex - cel - sis. Ho - san - na.
ff
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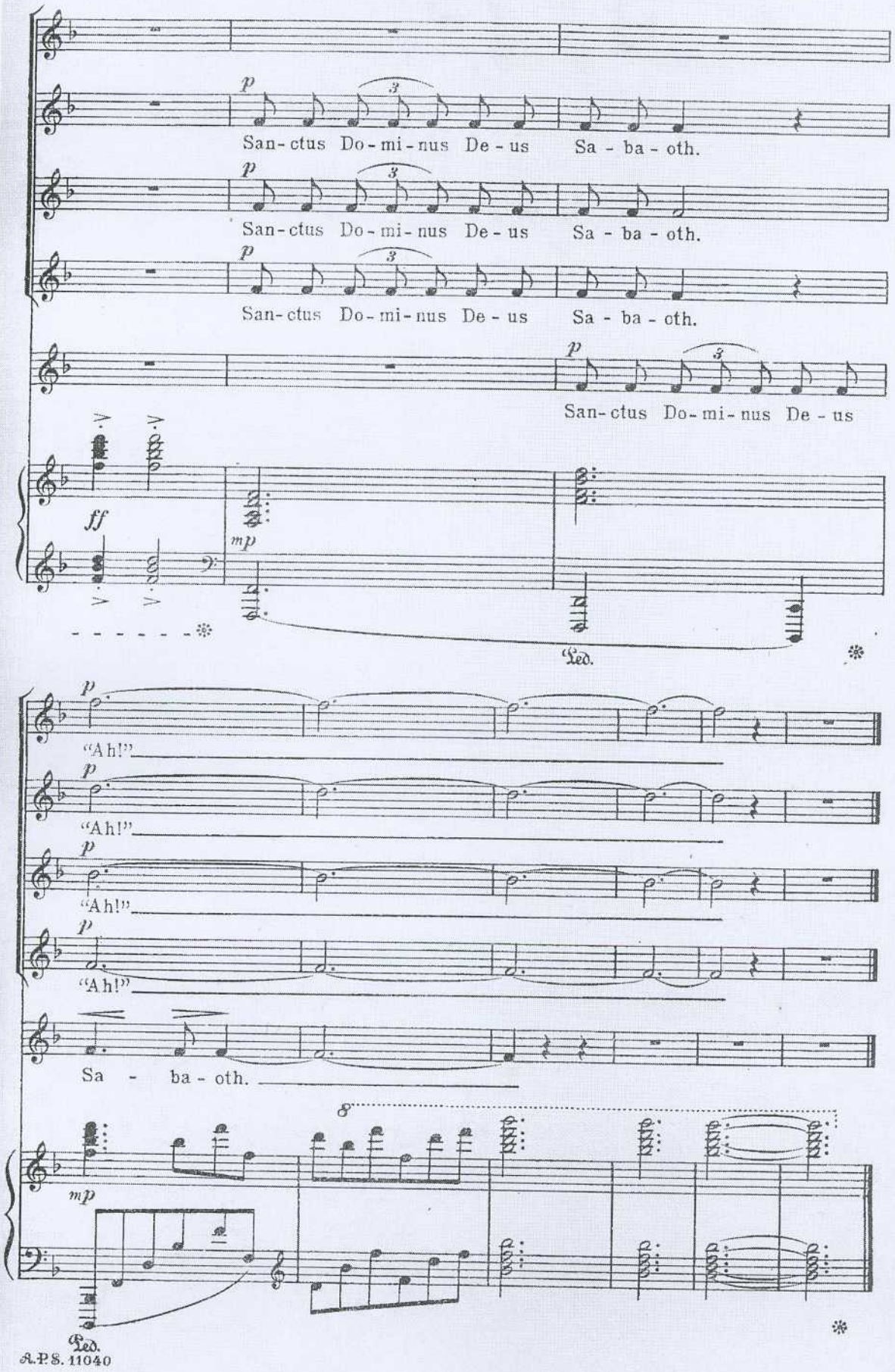
San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.
San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us
ff
mp
Ped.
"Ah!"
"Ah!"
"Ah!"
"Ah!"
Sa - ba - oth.
mp
Ped.