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2-PART CHOIR, WITH PIANO

RYAN MAIN

BE WHO YOU ARE

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About The Composer

Ryan Main is an award-winning composer, director, and clinician whose compositions are performed globally. His writing spans a dynamic range of styles, drawing inspiration from timeless poetry, contemporary themes, and the depth of the human experience. His works have earned numerous accolades and are frequently featured at prestigious venues like Carnegie Hall and American Choral Directors Association conferences. He earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Composition from the University of Missouri–Kansas City and Master's degrees in Music Composition and Music Education from the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

Ryan is a sought-after honor choir director and presenter, sharing expertise on leadership, choir engagement, and composing. He maintains a busy schedule of commissions while mentoring aspiring composers and has served as Professor of Choral Arranging at UMKC's Conservatory. He founded the Youth Chorus of Kansas City, a mission-driven organization serving students of all backgrounds, regardless of financial barriers, and Endeavor Music Publishing, a fair-pay publishing company dedicated to supporting composers. He is a member of ACDA and NAfME, and has served on the National Association for Music Education's Council on Music Composition. For more information on Ryan and his music, visit www.ryanmain.com.

Text

You are love, exuberant love.
You are life, unstoppable life.
Loud, stomping feet, eyes glitter and shine
Your arms and your heart to the world open wide.

You are magic, wondrous magic.
You are laughter, bubbling laughter.
Loud, stomping feet, eyes glitter and shine
Your arms and your heart to the world open wide.

You are joy, spell-binding joy.
You are light, unshakeable light.
Loud, stomping feet, eyes glitter and shine
Your arms and your heart to the world open wide

Carry it with you as you walk,
Though the road can be cold and dark
You have the power to be who you are.

You are love. You are life.
You are laughter. You are light.
The world needs your light, this place needs your song.
Never be sorry to be who you are.

by Bethany Main

About the Piece

The text of Be Who You Are was written by the commissioning director, Bethany Unruh, as a letter to her students, describing all the joy, love, and life she witnesses in them every day.

This song was written for them, for children everywhere, and for the child in each of us, with the sincere hope that we can be reminded to experience love and joy, and to embrace life without holding back.

As the choir prepared this piece for premiere, a former Manchester Park student took his own life. This was a stark reminder that now, more than ever, we must communicate to students that they have value, and that each of their gifts brings light into our world.

This piece is dedicated to Tommy Ruff, and to every child who needs to be told today: you are magic, and you are loved. A portion of the proceeds of this title are donated to Band of Angels, a non-profit organization providing musical instruments to students in need.

-Ryan Main and Bethany Main

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Commissioned for the Manchester Park Elementary School Special Chorus, under the direction of Bethany Unruh
for their performance at the 2020 Kansas Music Educators Association Conference

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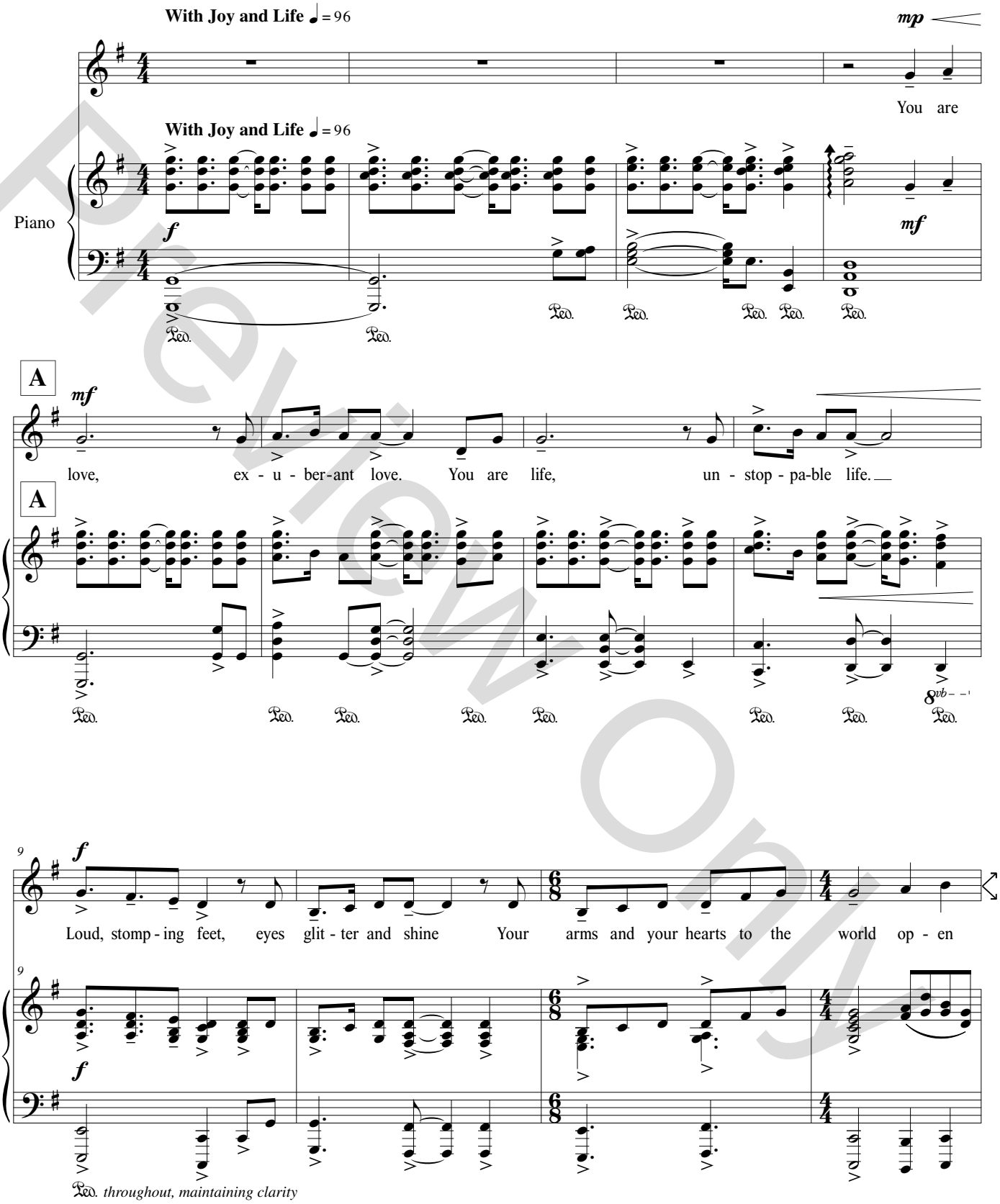
Bethany Main

Ryan Main



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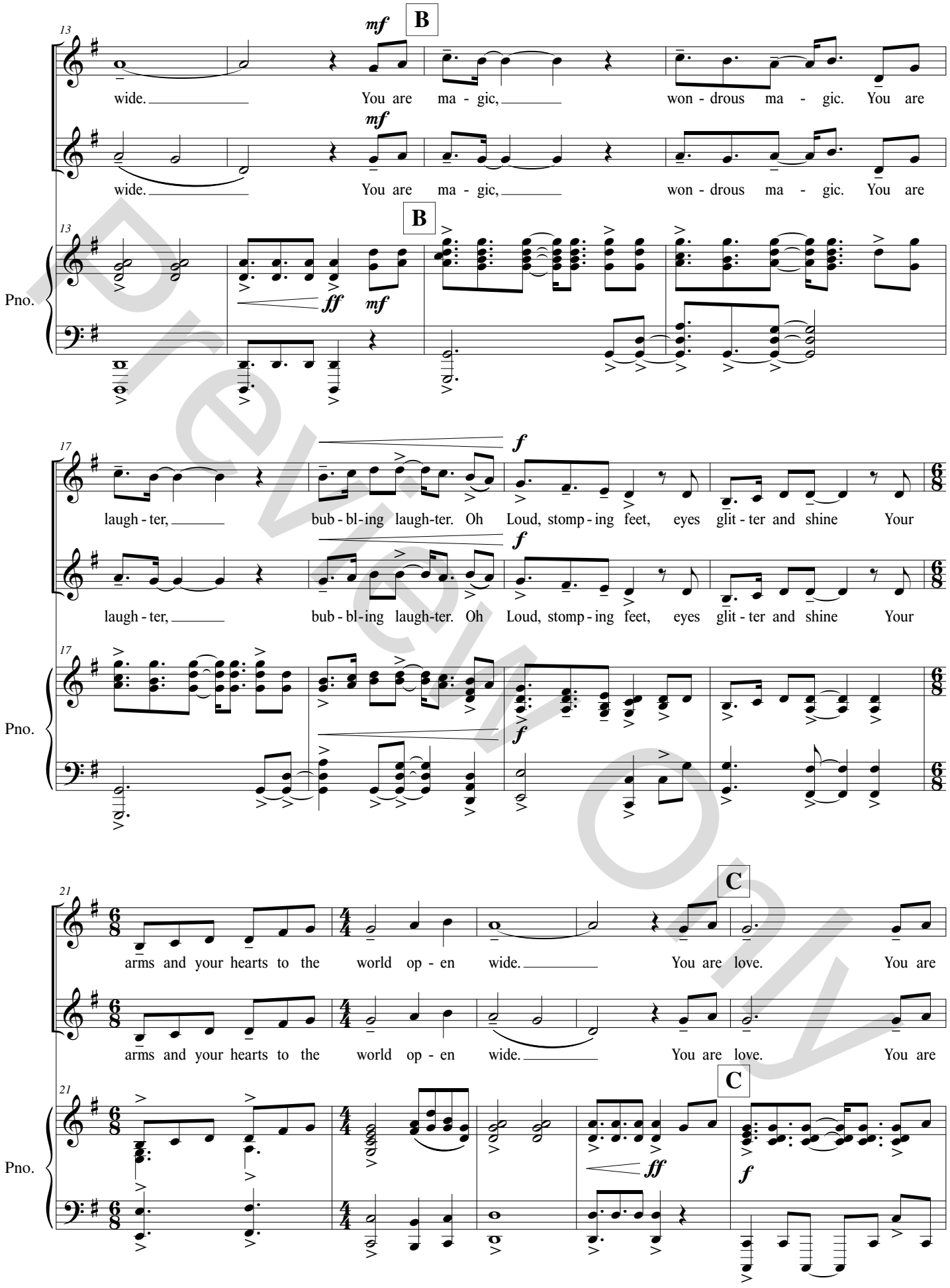

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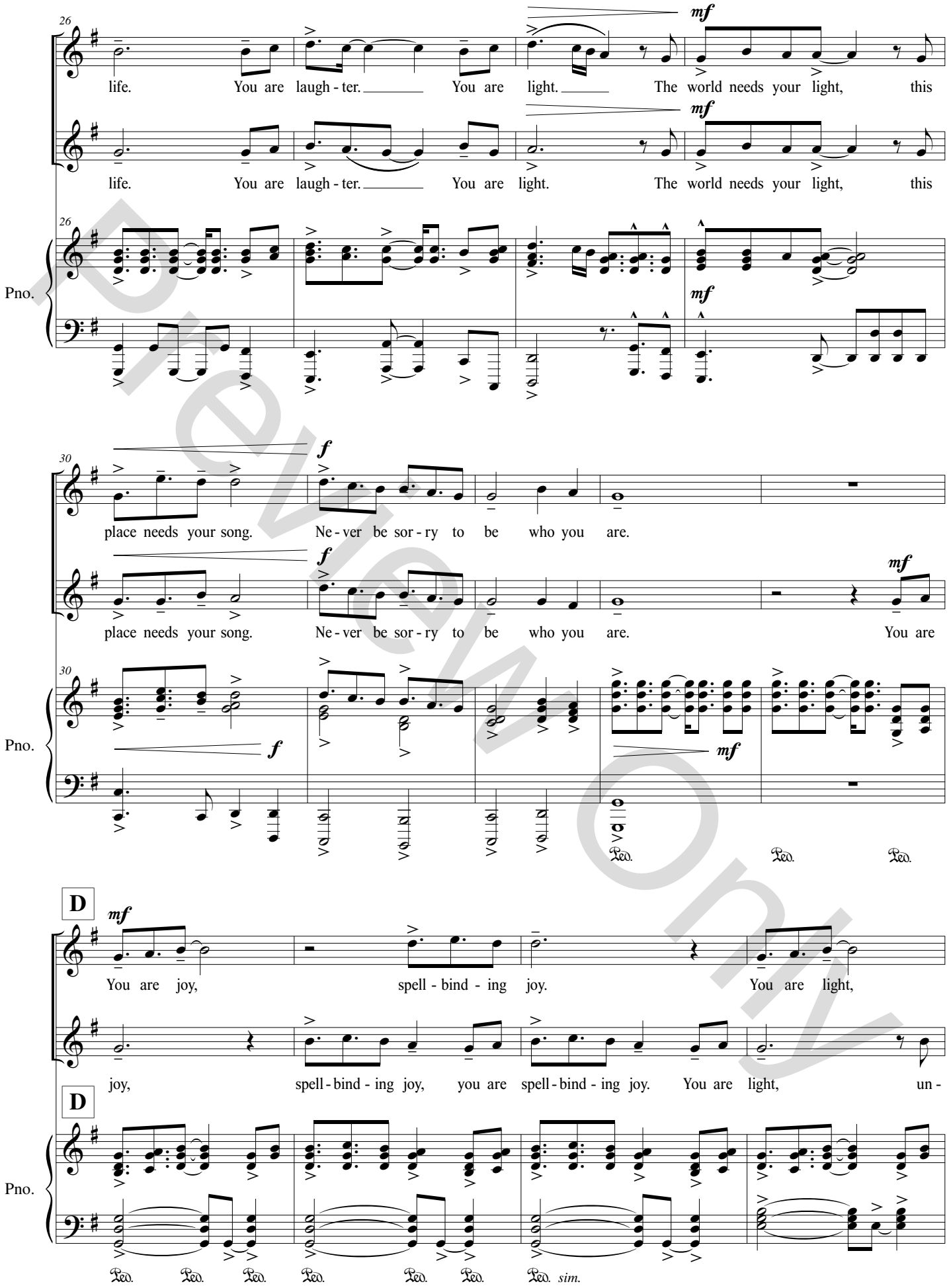

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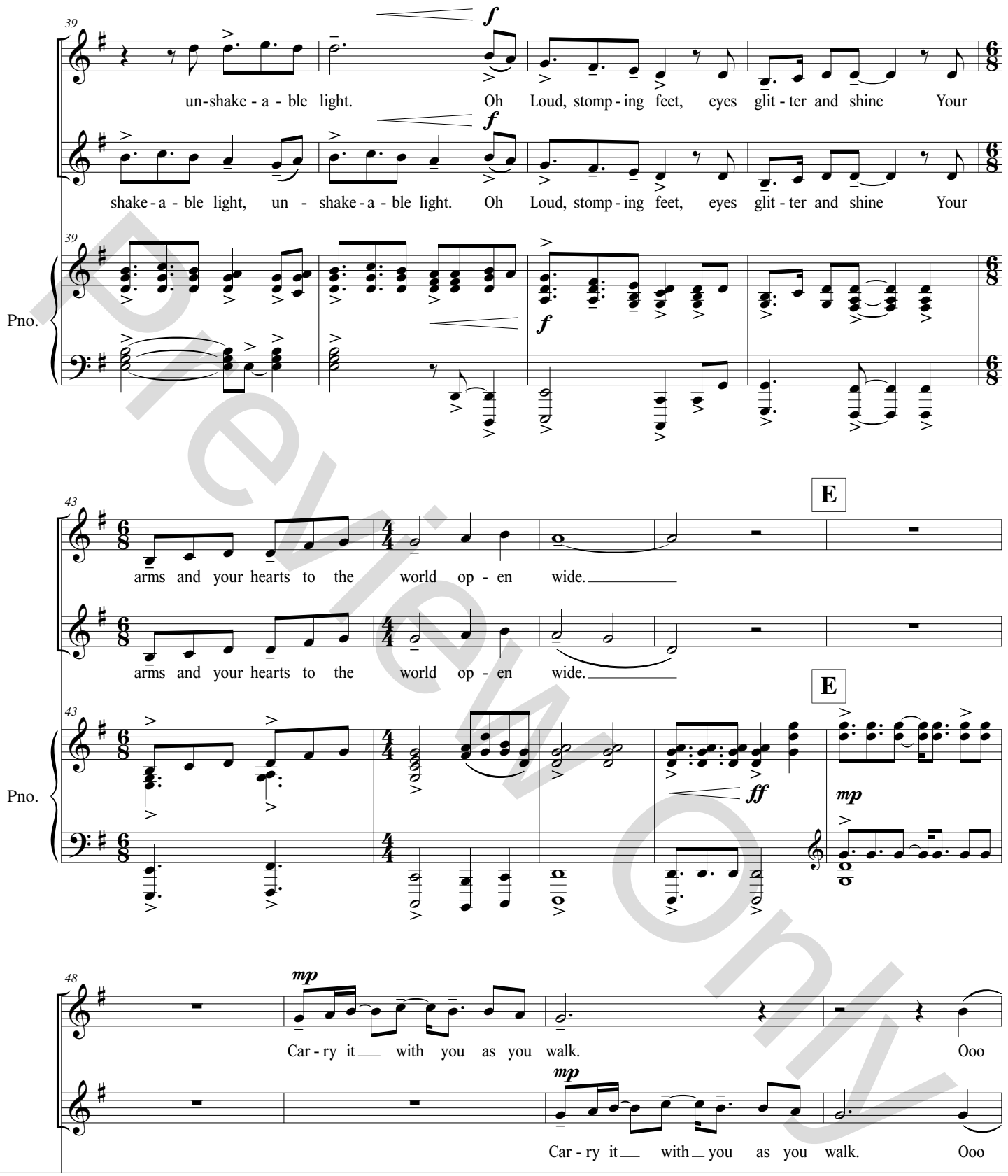

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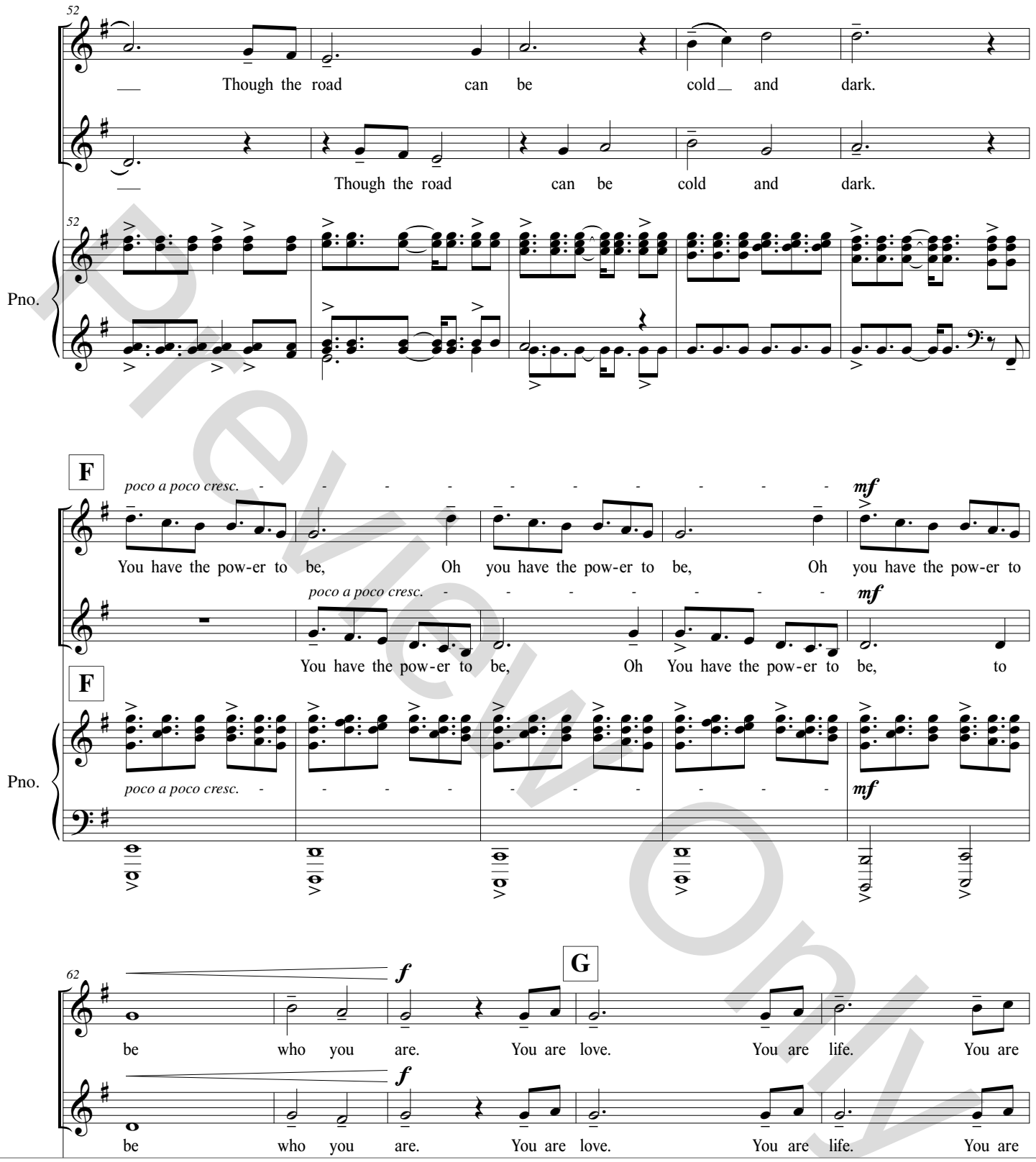

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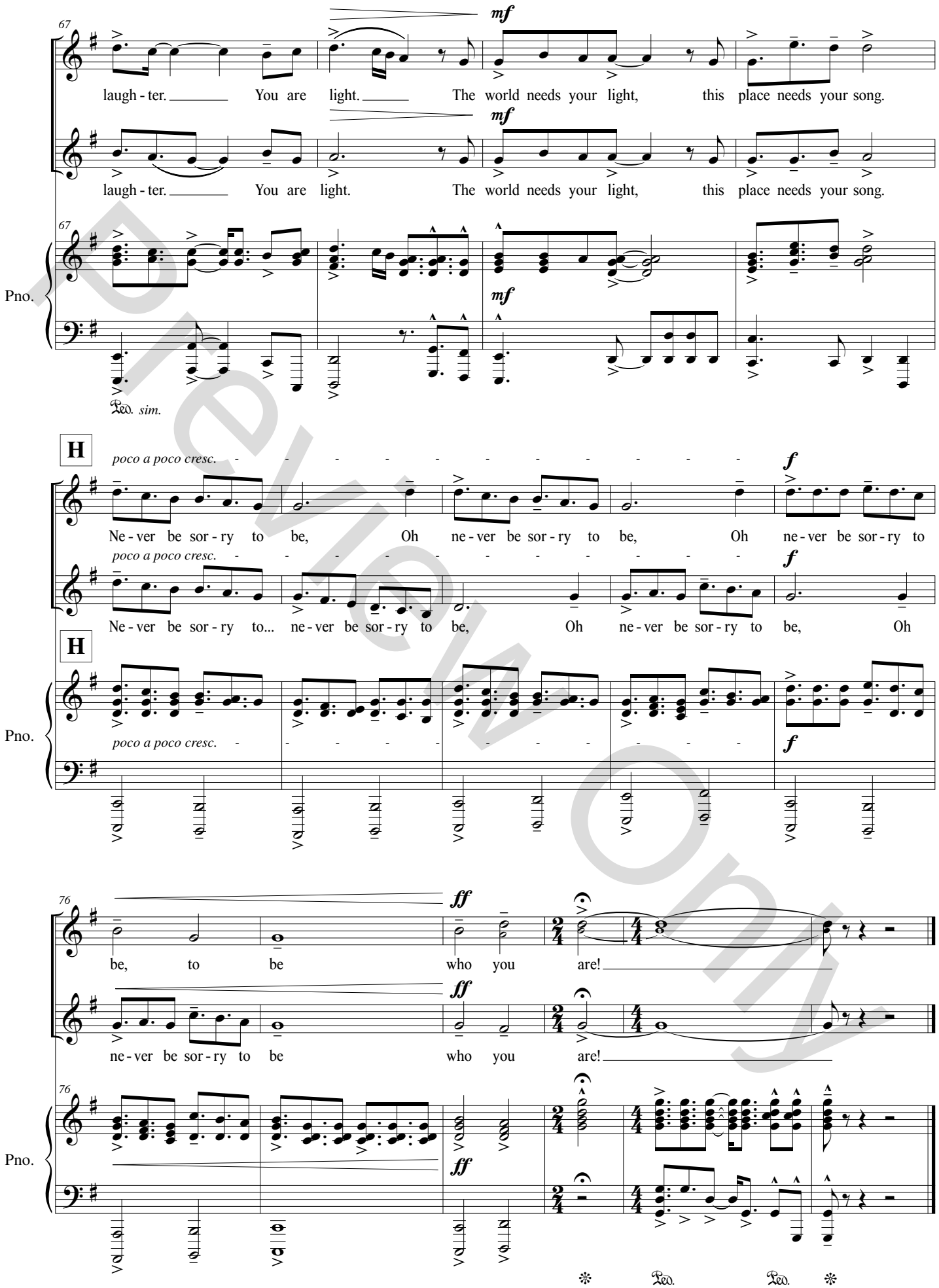

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