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2-PART CHOIR, WITH PIANO

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CARMINE'S AFFIRMATIONS

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SATB AND 3-PART MIXED

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About Jasmine

Grammy-nominated music educator Jasmine Fripp is the Director of Choral Activities and General Music at KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School. She is also the founder of The Passionate Black Educator. Fripp has dedicated her career to providing Black and Brown students with a quality music education. With seven years of teaching experience in public and charter schools, she has built award-winning choral programs that consistently receive excellent and superior ratings at festivals. In addition, her students have performed alongside several gospel recording artists and served as opening acts for Grammy award-winning artists Vanessa Bell Armstrong and The Clark Sisters. Fripp's former students' accomplishments include acceptance into several elite collegiate music programs, performing alongside famous recording artists, obtaining roles within professional music companies, and creating musically-based social media content garnering millions of followers.

Mrs. Fripp's passion for providing Black and Brown students with a quality holistic education through music and empowering educators are her sole reasons for creating The Passionate Black Educator. The Passionate Black Educator aims to advocate for students of the global majority by providing opportunities to learn and advance through music, fine arts, and education. PBE also empowers music educators of all cultural backgrounds to create student-centered classroom environments that promote anti-racism, culturally-responsive pedagogy, and healing-centered teaching. Lastly, Fripp's ability to fuse hip-hop, choral music, and creative teaching strategies has led to her being heavily sought after as a clinician by universities, school districts, and professional organizations worldwide.

Fripp is a credited songwriter, background vocalist, and recording artist. She is also an active member of The W. Crimm Singers, known as The Wakanda Chorale in Nashville, Tennessee. As a member of this prestigious group, Fripp has performed with recording artists Stars Go Dim and Grammy award-winning songwriting duo Louis York.

Fripp holds a Bachelor of Music Education with a concentration in Choral Music from Winthrop University. Additionally, under the legacy of Dr. Jeffery Ames, she is pursuing her Master's degree at Belmont University. Lastly, she is a proud member of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

Program Notes

Greetings, Fellow Musician!

My daughter Carmine (pronounced Car-men) always thought of herself as a superhero. So she named herself Rainbow Superhero Carmine (her favorite color is rainbow). She enjoys helping those around her see the best in themselves. "Carmine's Affirmations" was birthed out of...well... affirmations Carmine and I would say every morning on the way to school- I am smart. I work hard. I am beautiful just the way that I am. As a little girl in this day and age, self-love, and self-confidence are vital parts of growing into a loving and confident citizen of the world.

Carmine's Affirmations is centered around embracing the beauty in our differences. Carmine and I dedicate this song to anyone who felt their uniqueness made them an outcast or not good enough. You are worthy of love. You are love. Most importantly- you are beautiful just the way you are.

With Love and Passion,

J. Fripp, aka Rainbow Superhero Mommy

Text

[Chorus]
I am smart
I work hard
I am beautiful
Just the way that I am

[Refrain]
Just the way that I am
Just the way that I am
I am beautiful
Just the way that I am

[Rap]
I believe I am who I am
'Cause I learn from the best,
So I try to do my best
It's within me, not on me
Very smart and beautiful
I can't hide it, I won't fight it

I enjoy all my days,
feeling the sun and breeze
With my family and friends,
filled with laughs and joy
I was made with love,
and can't nobody tell me
different 'cause

[Chant]
I am smart! (I am smart)
I work hard! (I work hard)
I am so beautiful the way
that I am (everybody say)

I am brave! (I am brave)
I'm unafraid! (unafraid)
My life's a gift and the
joy it brings
Everybody sing!

[Refrain]
Just the way that I am
Just the way that I am
I am beautiful
Just the way that I am

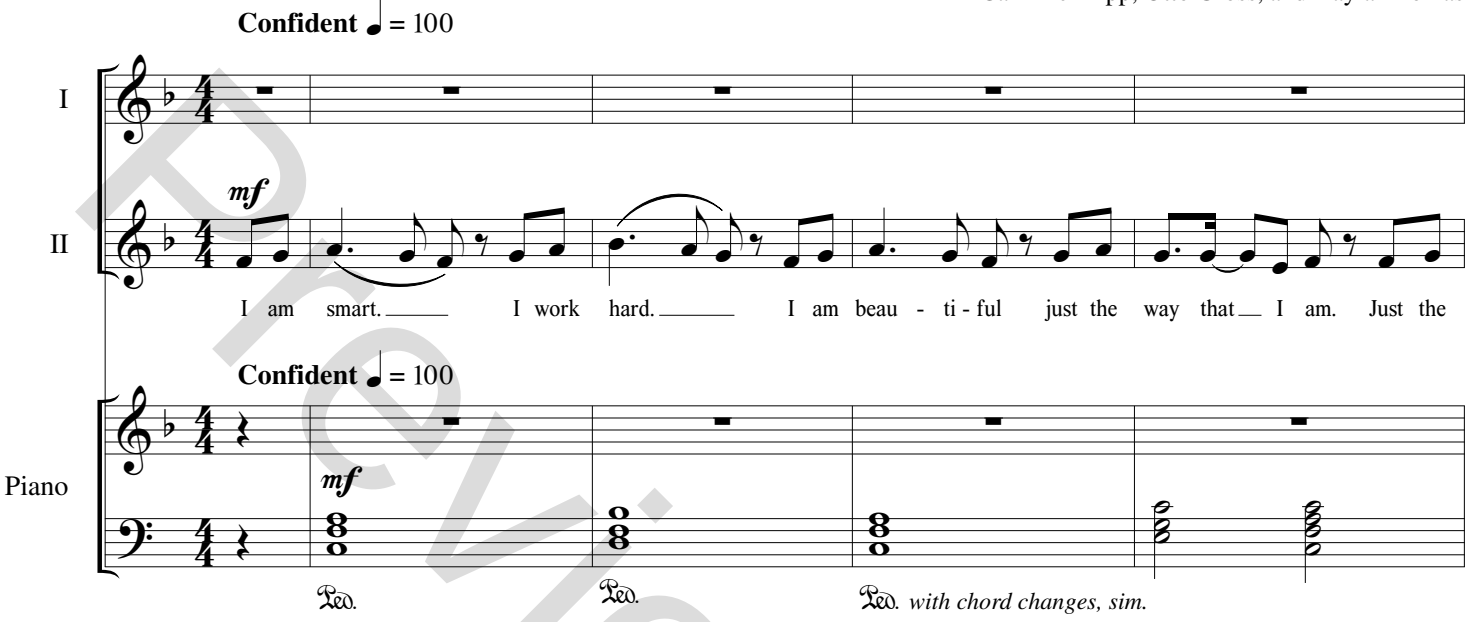
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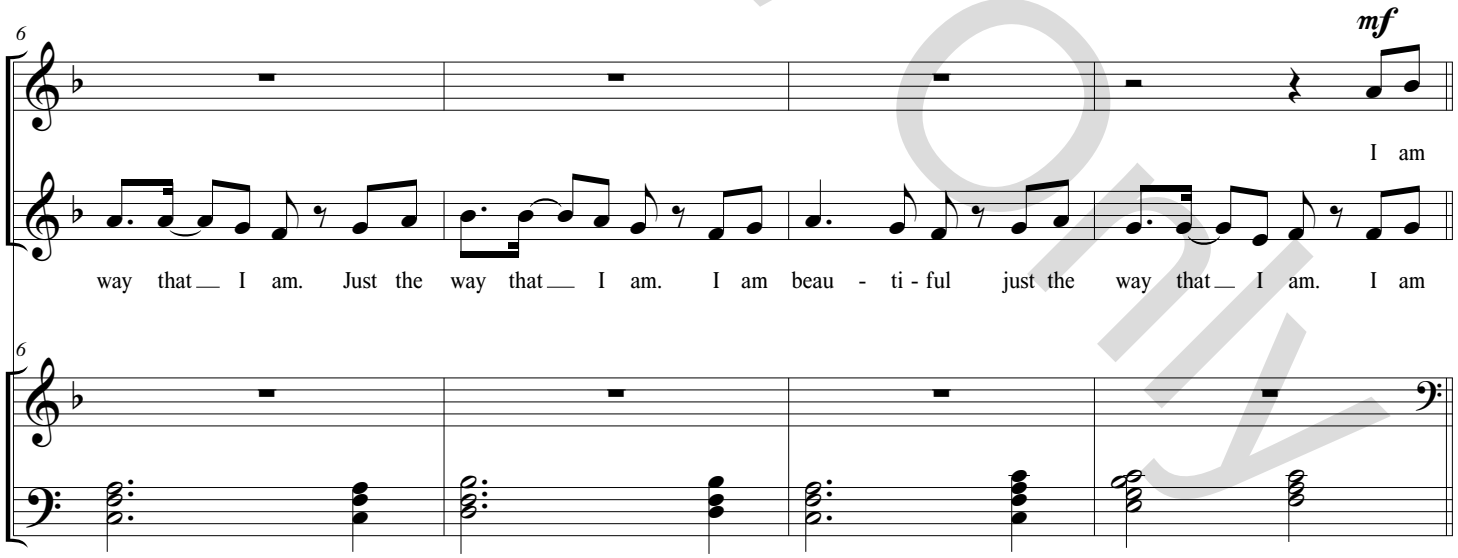
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CARMINE'S AFFIRMATIONS

*for 2-Part Choir, with Piano**

Tune: Liberian Folk Song ("Take Time in Life")
Words and Additional Music by Jasmine Fripp,
Carmine Fripp, Otto Gross, and Kayla Thomas

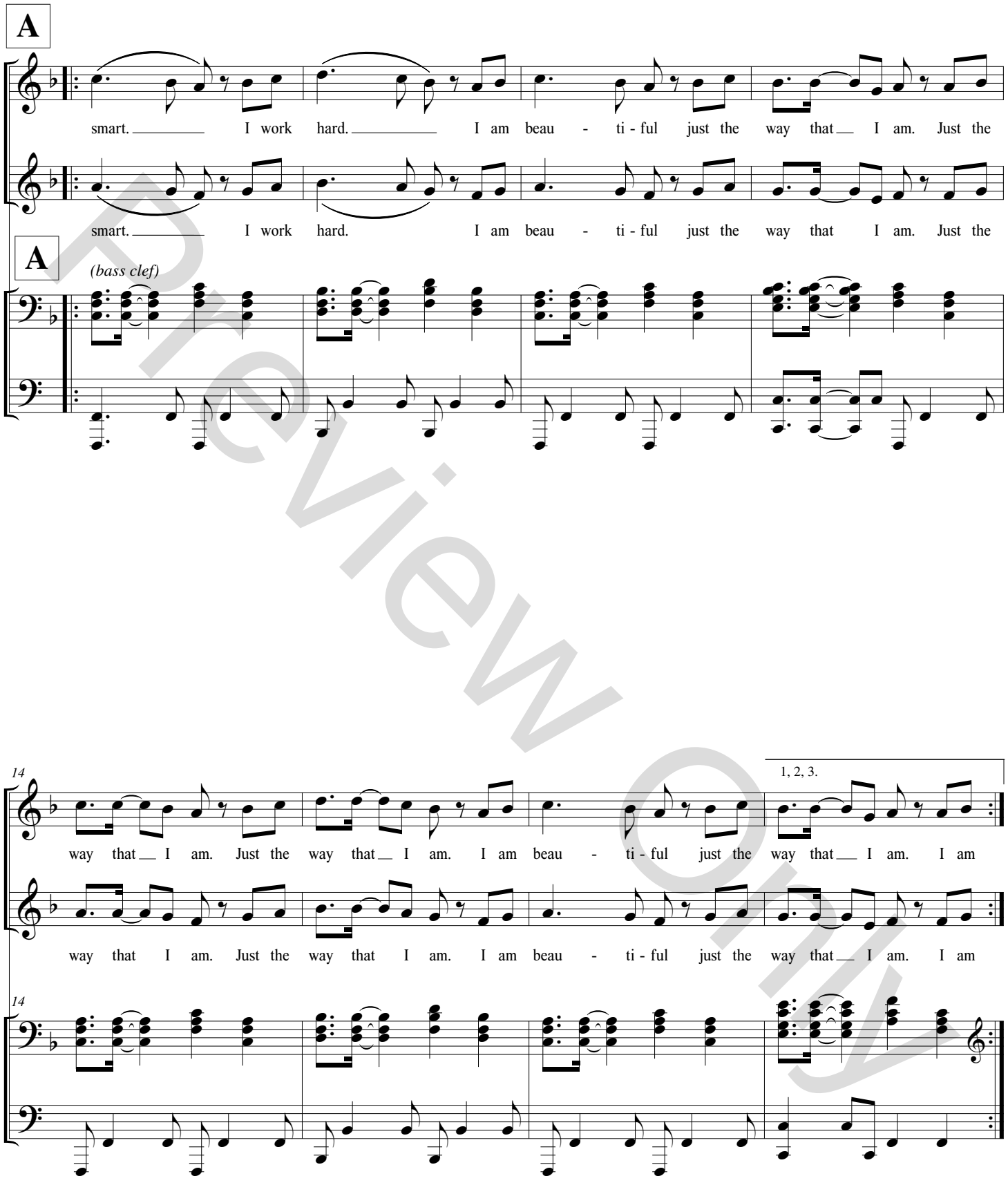




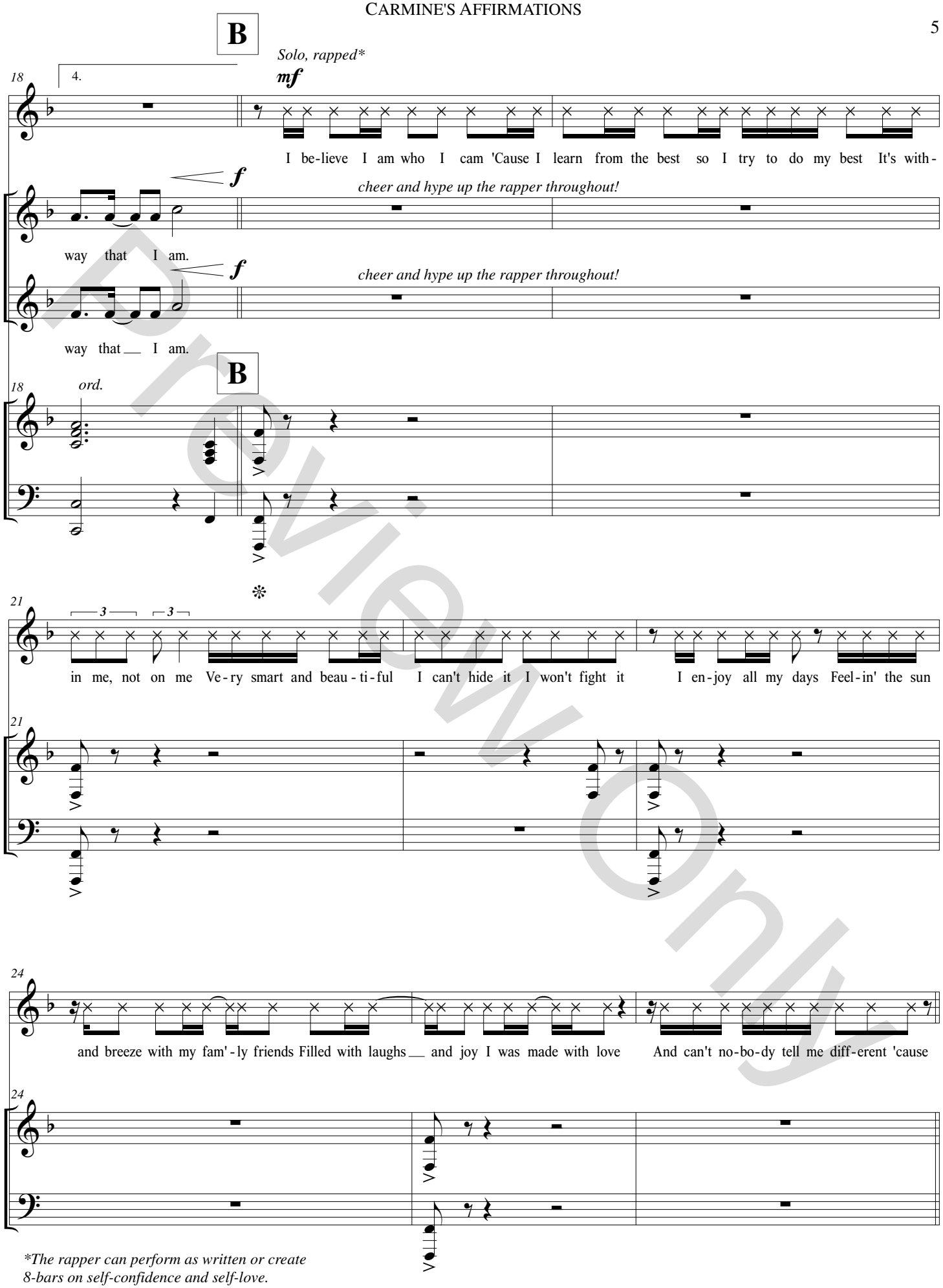
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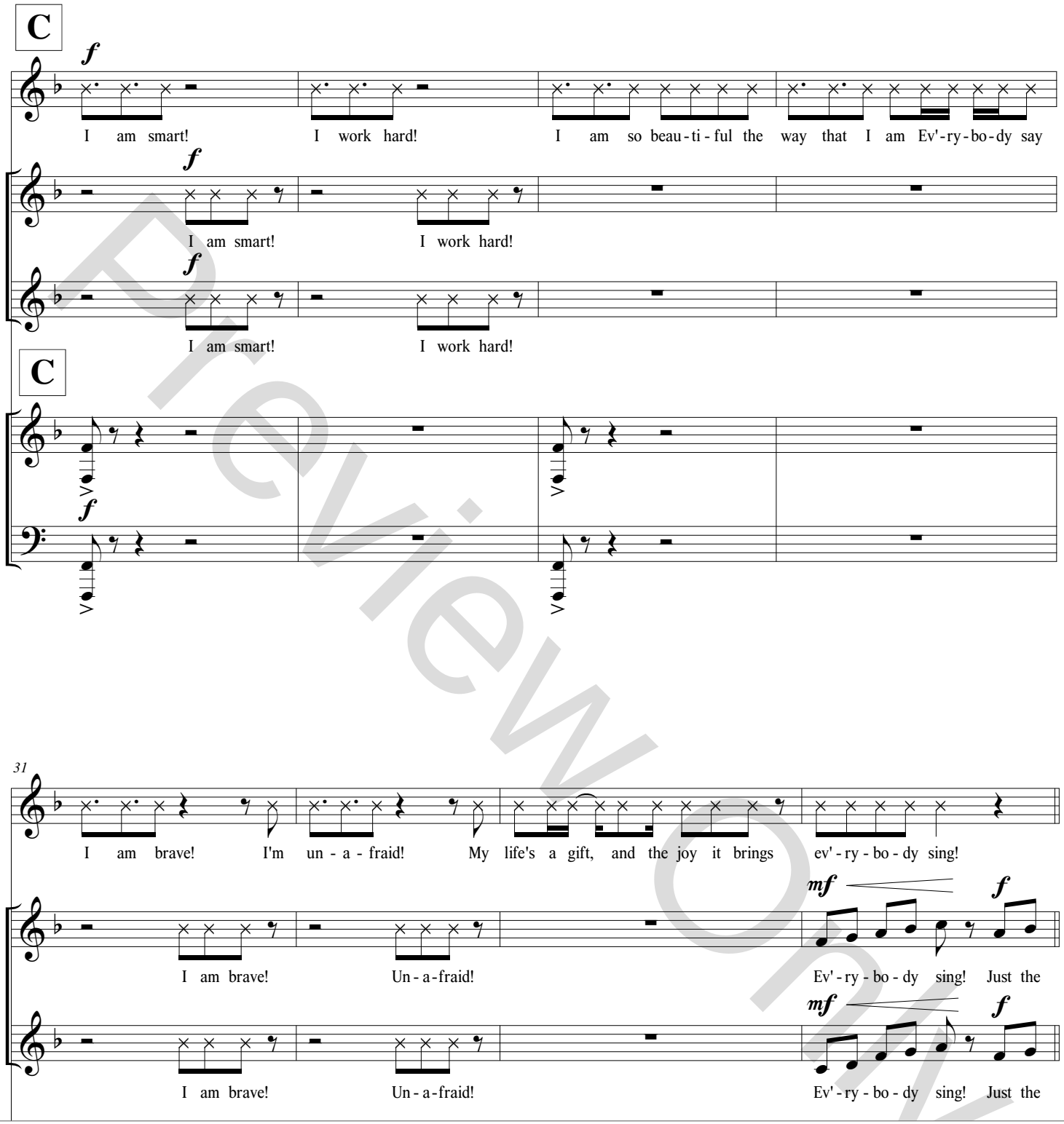


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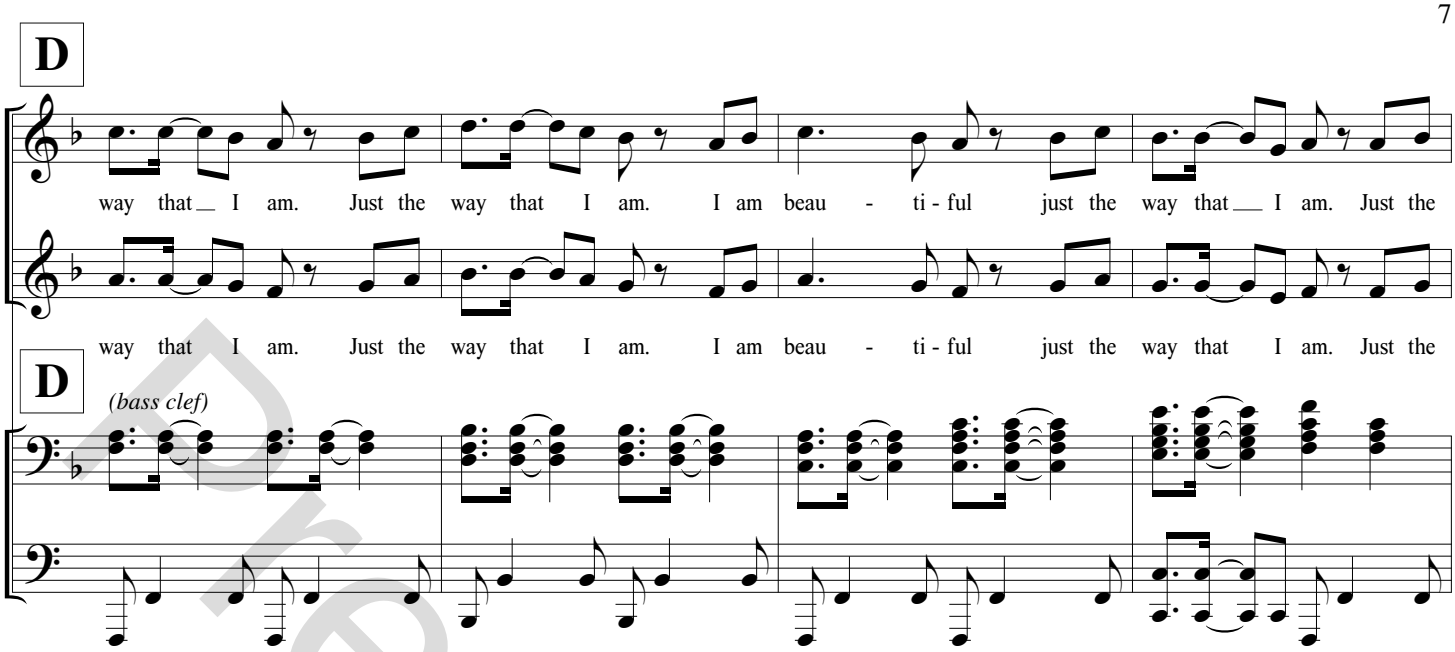
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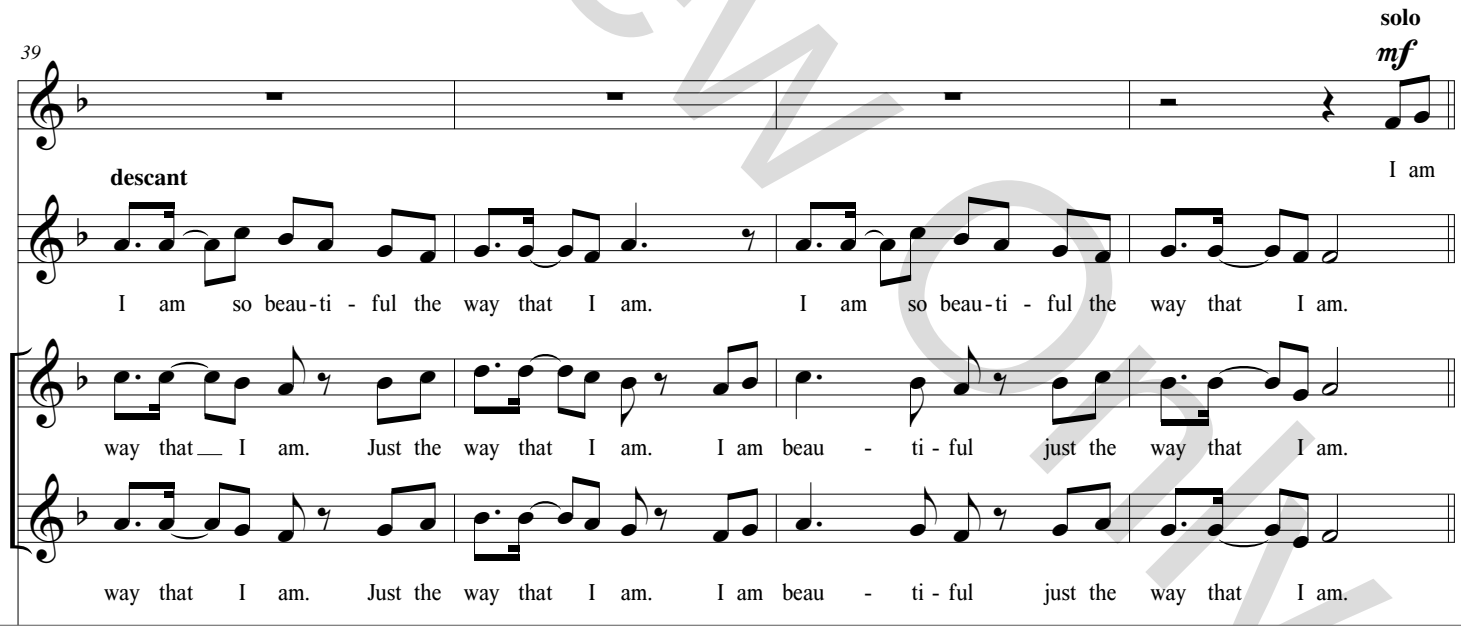
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