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SATB CHOIR, WITH DJEMBE

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SIKIRI SAKO

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About The Composer

Cedrick Howoseb is a composer and conductor from Otjiwarongo, Namibia. His passion for choral music was ignited by the hymns of the Lutheran church choir, leading him to start composing for school choirs. A self-taught musician, Cedrick continues to hone his craft and mastery of choral composition.

Cedrick serves as the director of the Sion Youth Choir of Namibia, as well as the composer-in-residence of the Collective Singers. His compositions have earned him recognition within the choral community. In 2023, Cedrick was honored with the title of Best Old Mutual Choir Conductor, a prestigious award given annually to outstanding choir conductors in Namibia.

Text and Translation

Sikiri sikiri sako
Rae rae sako
Si sikiri sako sa
Ha da hoa da
ǀhu ru re

Sikiri Sako, in the Khoekhoegowab language, is based on a Namibian childhood game. Like *Marco Polo* or *Hide and Seek*, one child calls out, "*Sikiri sikiri sako,*" and the group responds, "*Rae rae sako.*"

The closing phrase, ha da hoa da ǀhu ru re, translates roughly as "*let's play.*"

Pronunciation

In the phonetic guide, [r] is rolled

Vowels are pure: a = ah, e = eh, i = ee, o = oh, u = oo

ǀ is a dental click, created by placing the tip of the tongue against the upper front teeth (similar to "t"), then pulling the tongue away sharply to make a click

Sikiri sikiri sako
SEE-kee-[r]ee SEE-kee-ree SAH-koh
si.ki.ri si.ki.ri ˈsa.ko

Rae rae sako
[R]AH_eh [R]AH_eh SAH-koh
ˈra_e ˈra_e ˈsa.ko

Si sikiri sako sa
see SEE-kee-[r]ee SAH-koh sah
si si.ki.ri ˈsa.ko sa

Ha da hoa da
AH-dah OH_AH-dah (sounds like WAH-dah)
ˈɑ.dɑ ˈo_ɑ.dɑ

ǀhu ru re
(dental click)HOO-roo-[r]eh
ǀʰu ru re
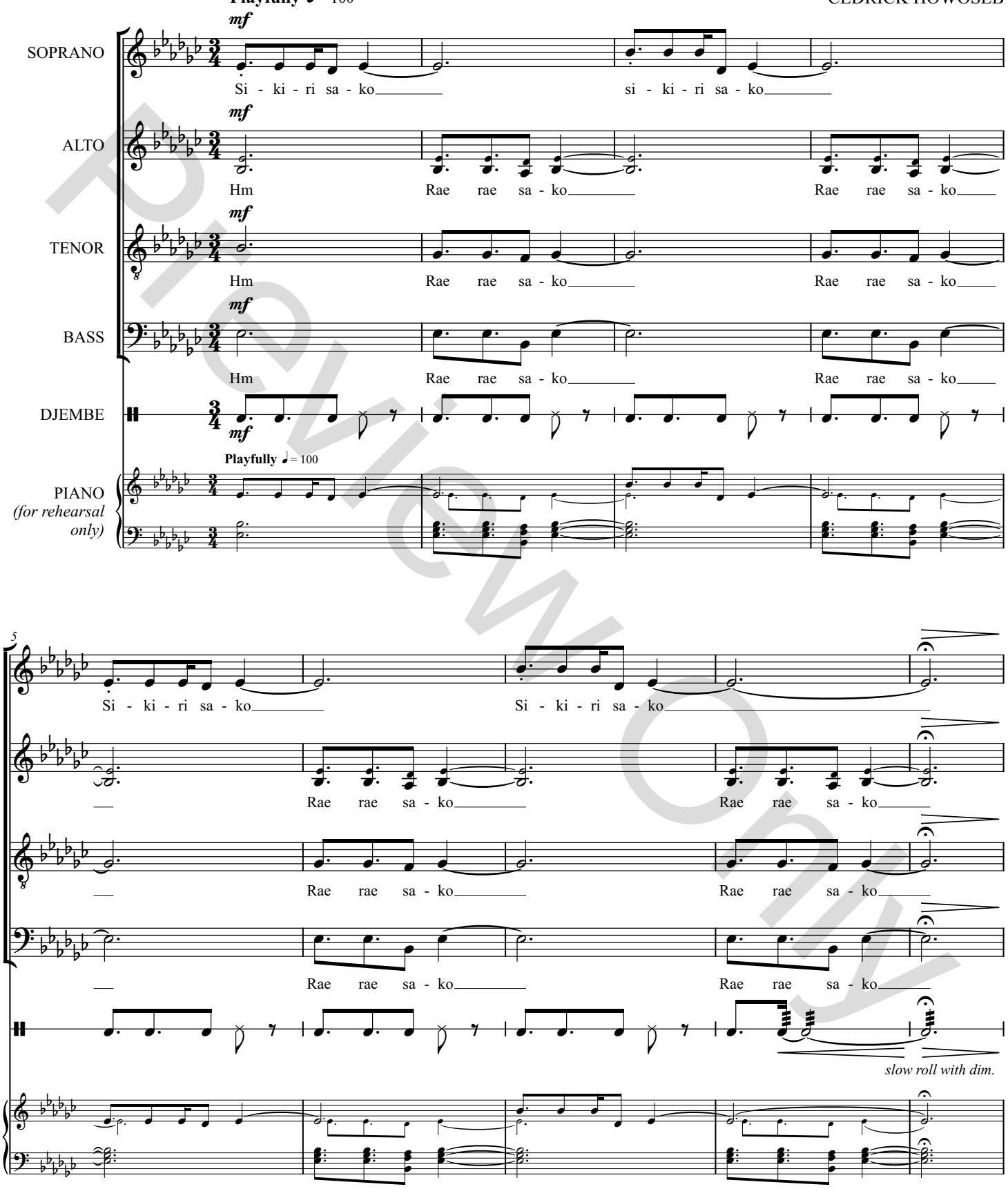
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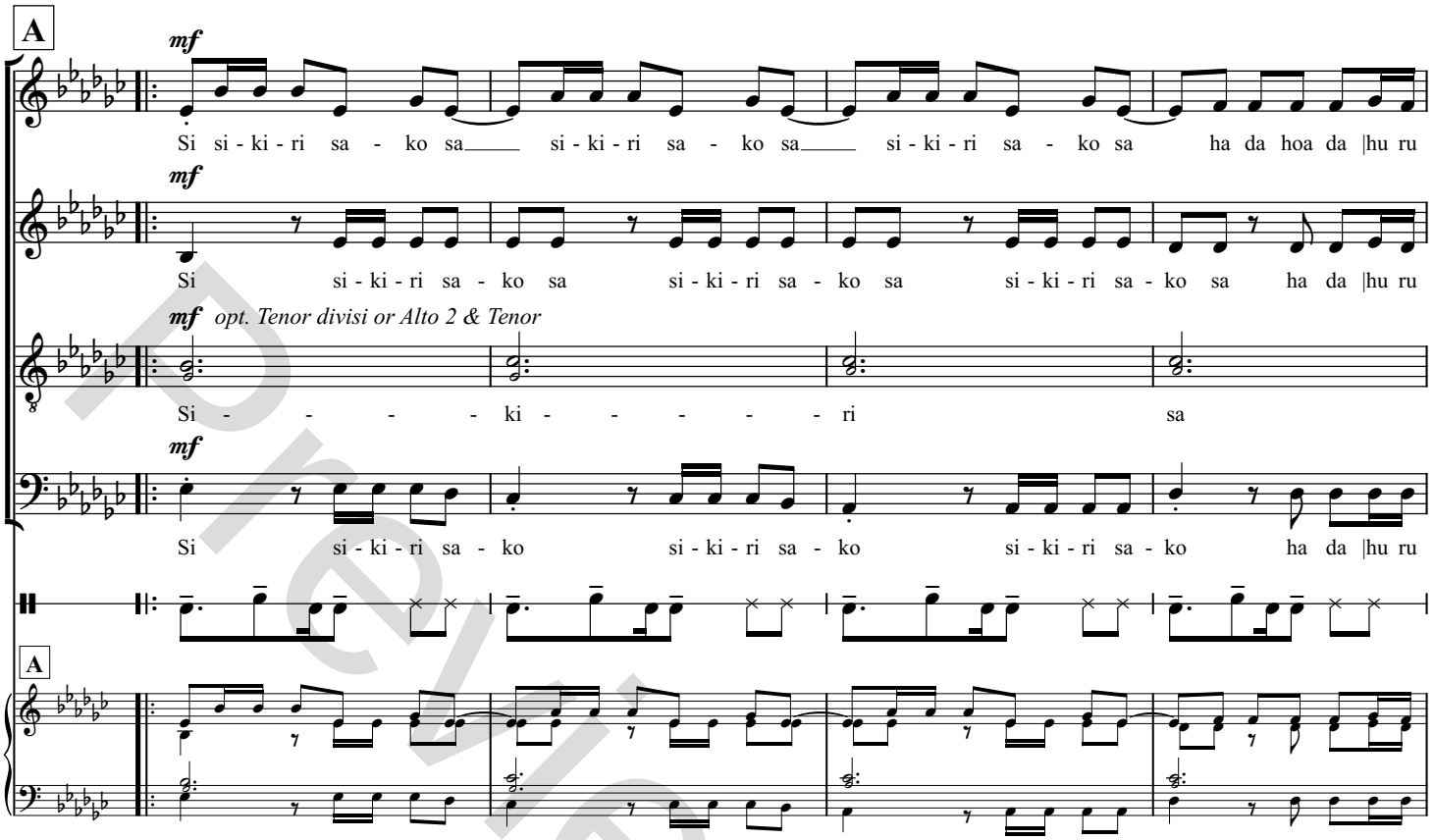
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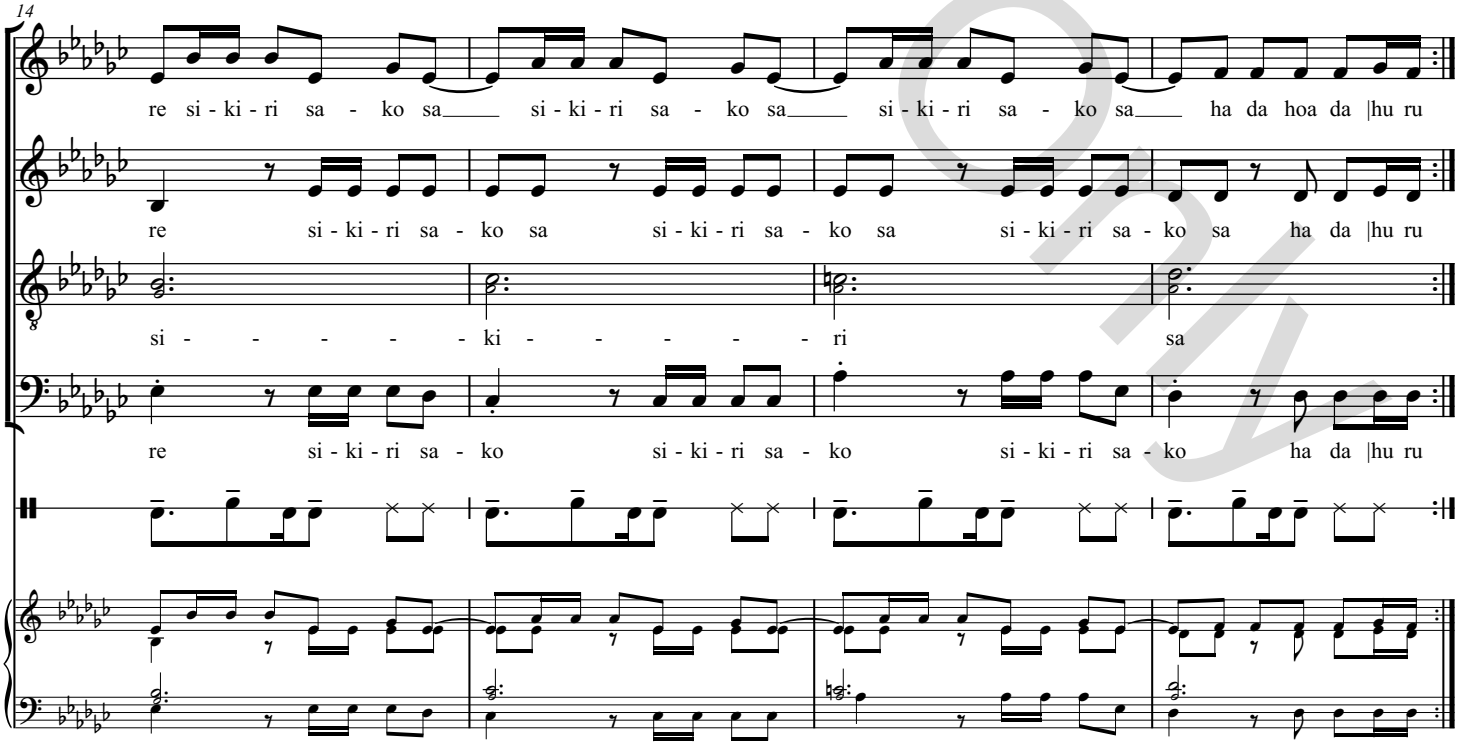
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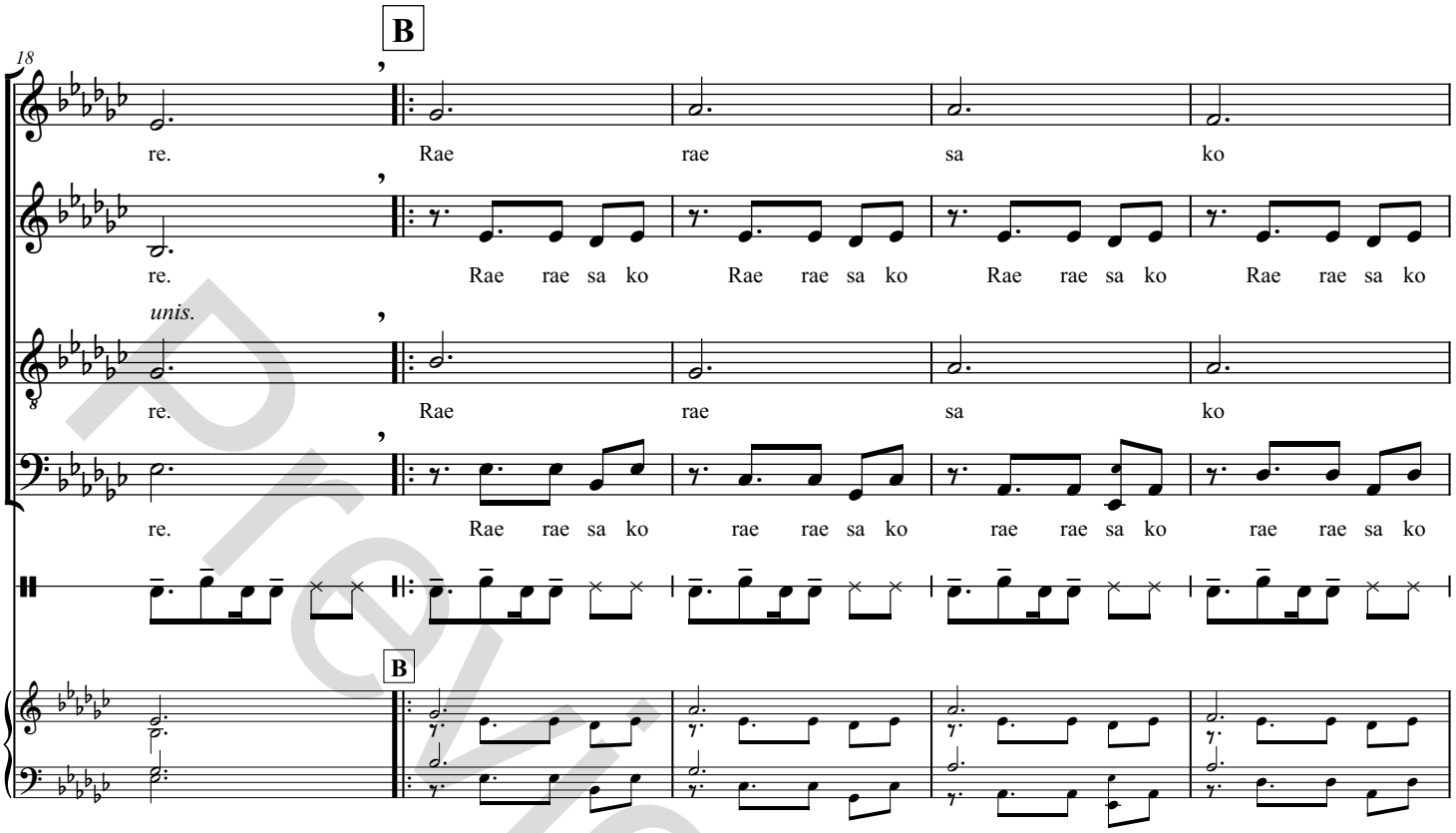
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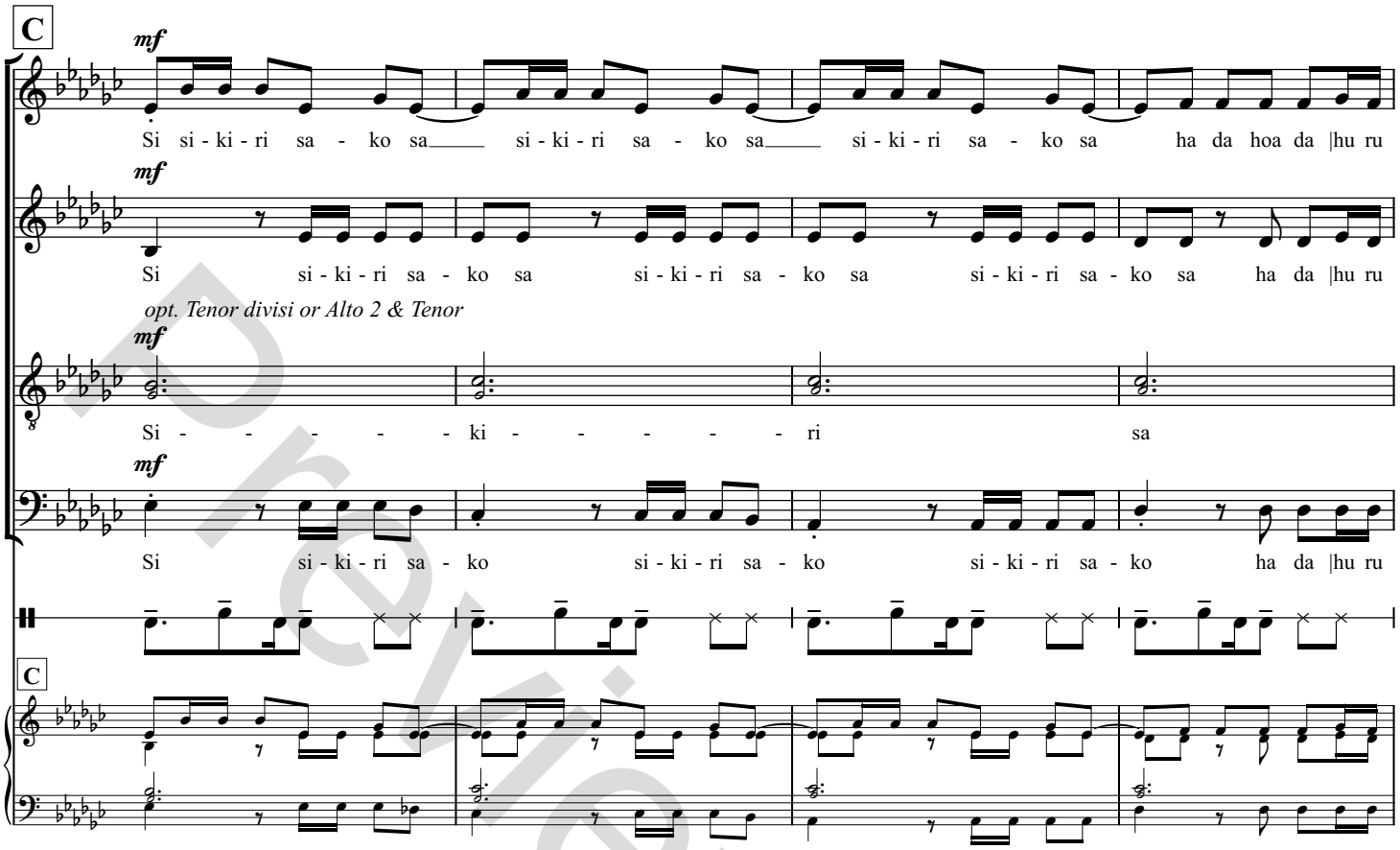




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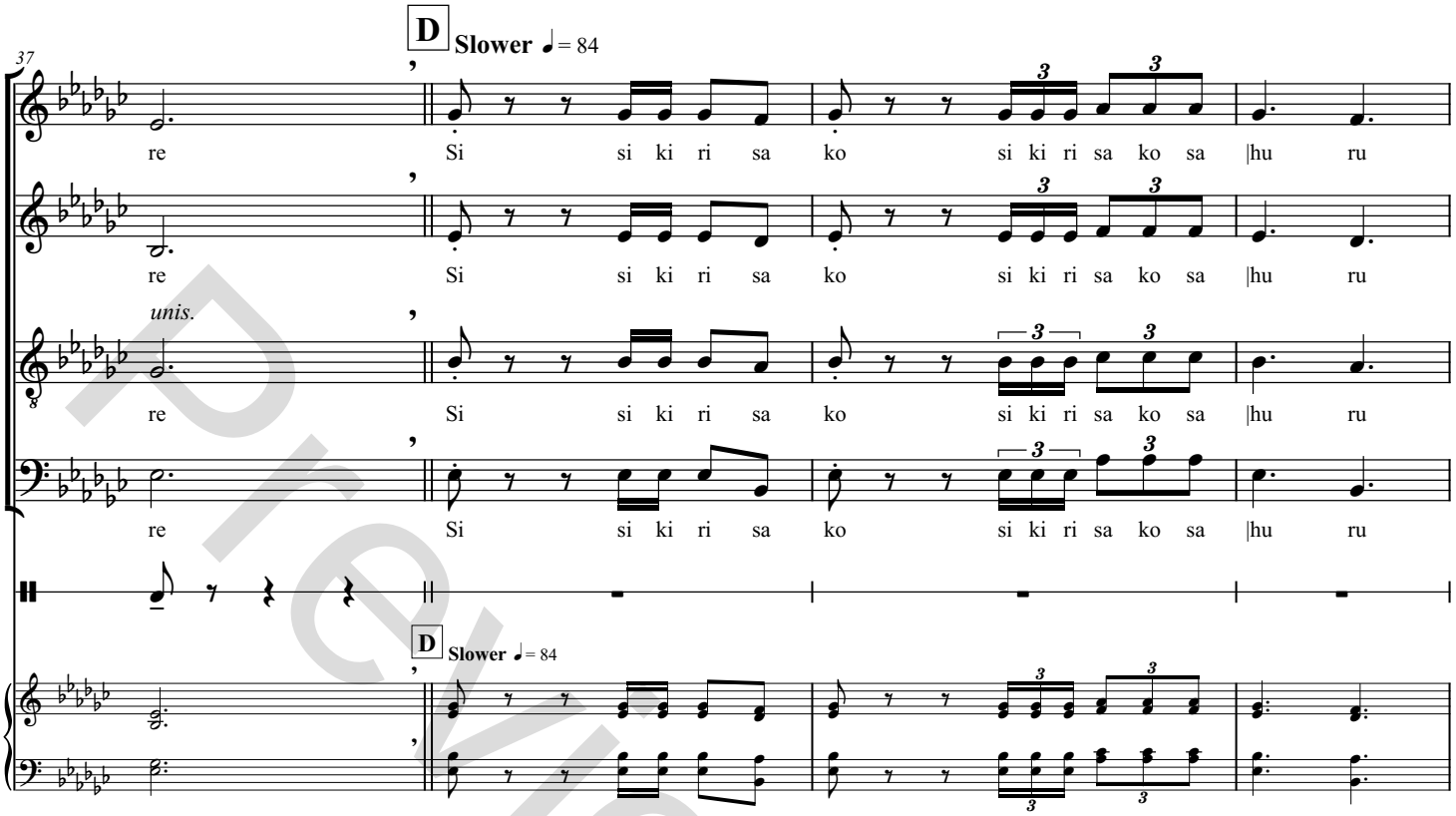


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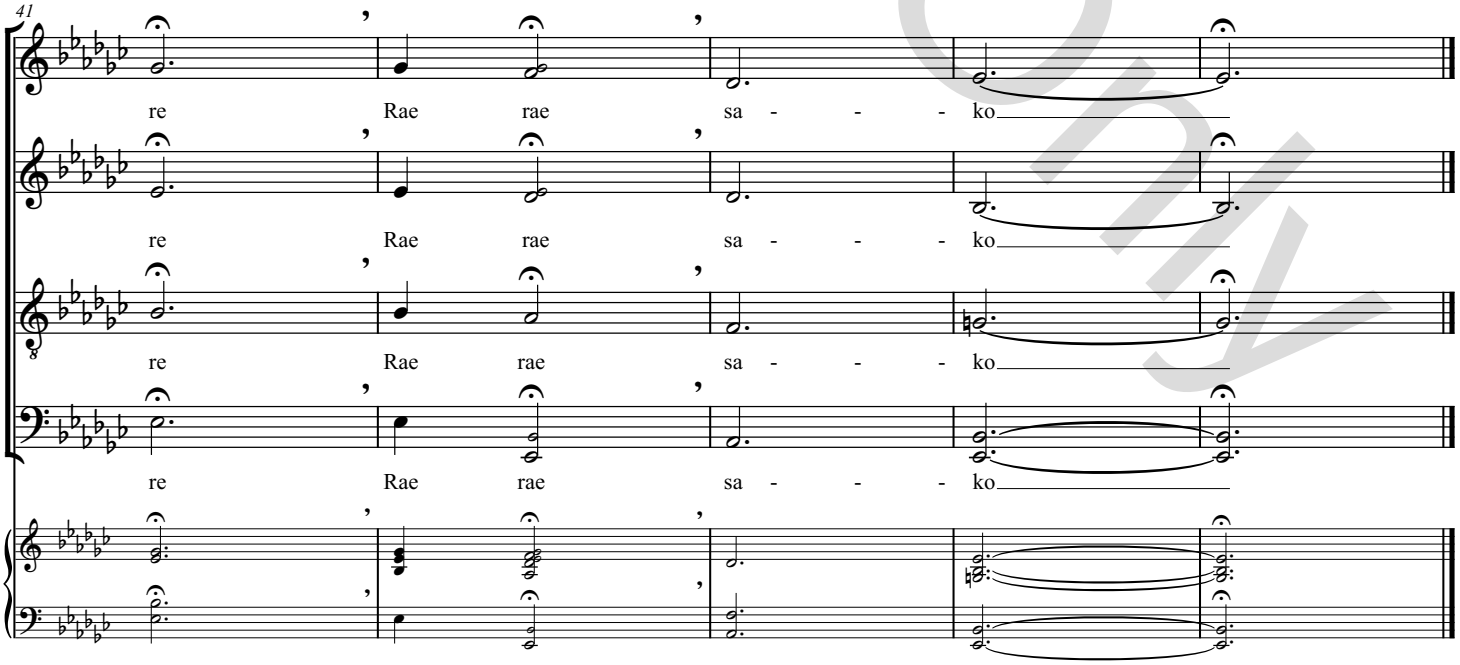
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