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TAYLOR SHAEFFER

BONNIE SHIP THE DIAMOND

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About The Arranger

Taylor Shaeffer holds a degree in Music Education from Missouri State University and a Master's in Education Administration from William Woods University. He also holds his Kodály certification through Missouri State University.

Taylor teaches TK-6th grade general music at John Thomas School of Discovery in Nixa, Missouri, where he also directs The Discovery Singers, a before-school choir for 4th-6th graders with more than 100 members. Previously, he taught music at Rountree/Delaware Elementary and Reed Academy Middle School in Springfield, Missouri. Throughout his career, his students have had the honor of performing at the Missouri Music Educators Association state conference in 2017, 2019, 2022, and 2026.

In addition to his work as a conductor and educator, he currently serves as President of Kodály of the Ozarks and has previously held leadership roles as SCMMEA Elementary Vice-President, MCDA Elementary Vice-President, and Vice-President on the board of the Boys Choir of Springfield.

Taylor is also the creator of The Treble Classroom, a website dedicated to providing free resources to help new music educators succeed in their classrooms.

About The Piece

Bonnie Ship the Diamond is a traditional Scottish sea shanty dating from the early nineteenth century, celebrating the dangerous whaling voyages that sailed from the northeast coast of Scotland to the Davis Strait and Greenland. The song honors the Diamond, a real ship that operated from 1812 to 1819, alongside other ships such as the Resolution and the Eliza Swan. Though the song is filled with optimism and adventure, it is shadowed by the dangers of the Arctic: the Diamond was ultimately trapped and wrecked in the ice, with her loss becoming part of the folklore that has helped preserve this enduring tune.

Text

The Diamond is a ship, me lads, for the Davis Strait we're bound,
And the harbor is all crowded with the bonnie lasses round.
The captain gives the orders to sail the ocean wide,
Where the sun it never sets, me lads, nor darkness dims the skies.

For it's cheer up, me lads, let your hearts never fail,
For the bonnie ship the Diamond goes a-fishin' for the whale.

Here's health to the Resolution and the fair Eliza Swan,
The Battler out of Montrose and the Diamond, sailing on.

We catch the northern wind, lads, and the sails are flying free,
And she pitches onward evermore through the wild, rolling sea.

For bright it is both day and night, as the sailing lads turn home,
While the fair wind bears them onward, and no farther now to roam.
Then the old songs wake the harbor, from the town out to the shore,
And there'll not be much for sleeping, lads, when the Diamond's home once more.

Traditional Scottish, adapted

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For 2-Part choir with piano and opt. guitar and percussion

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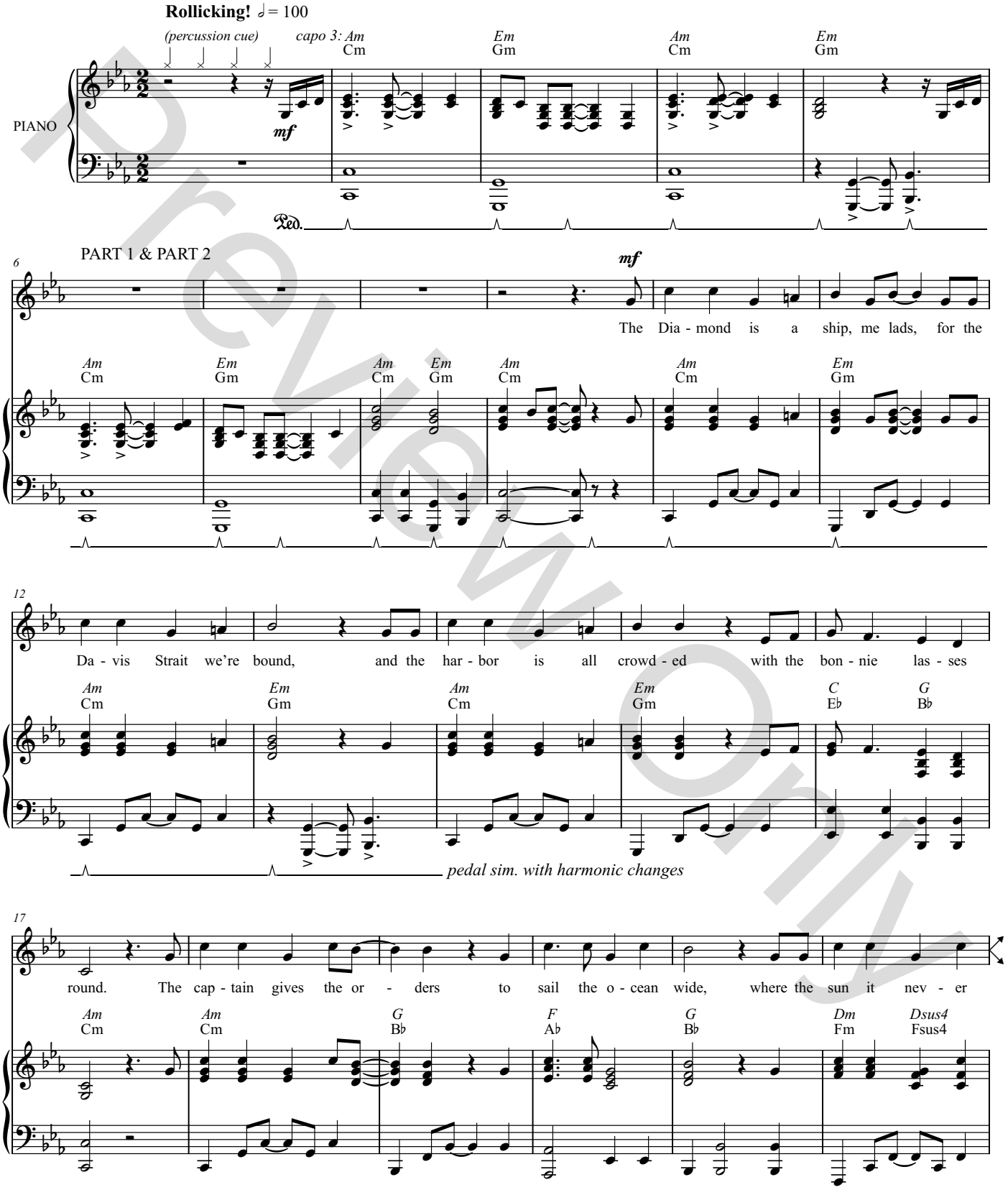

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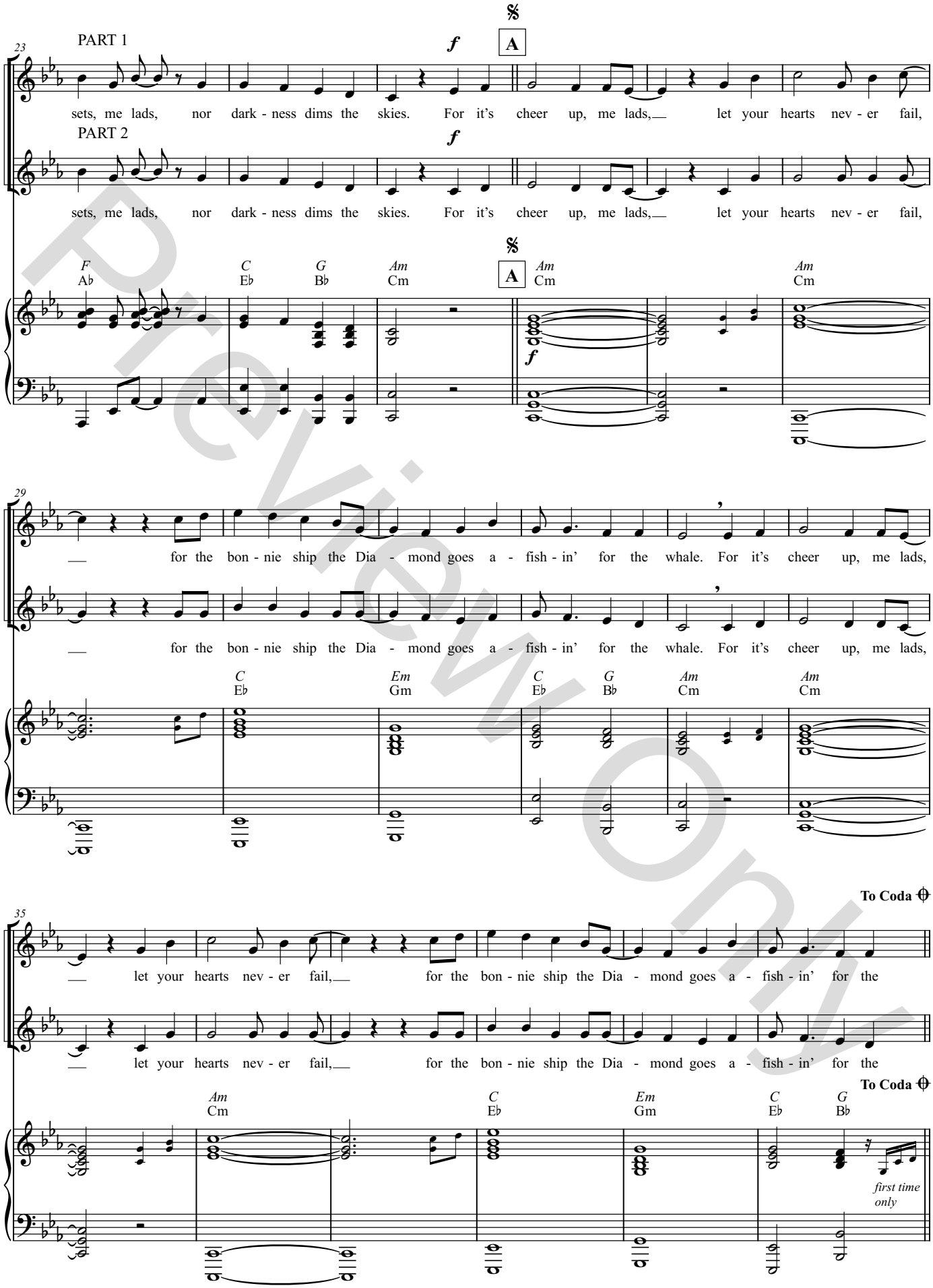

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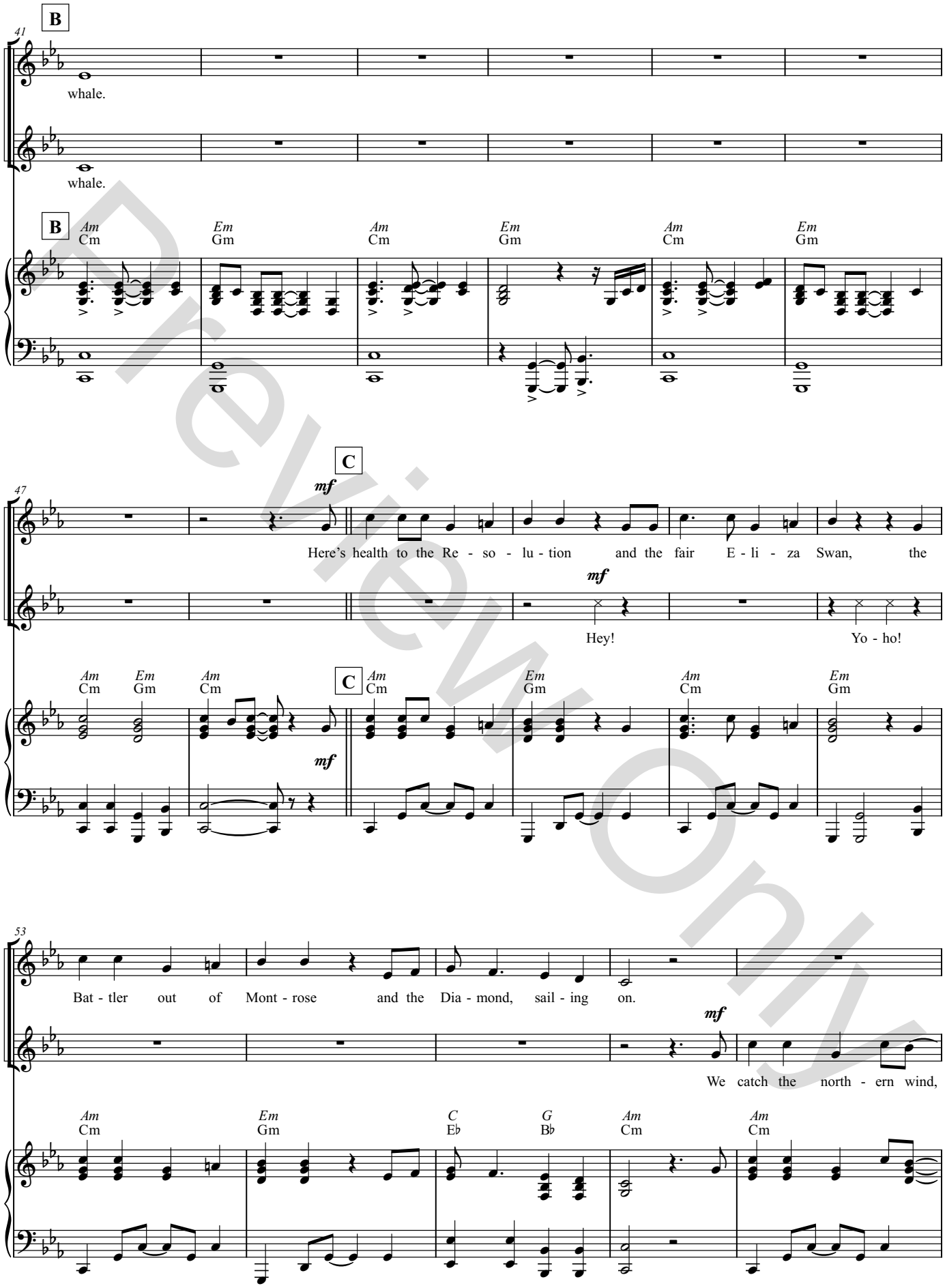

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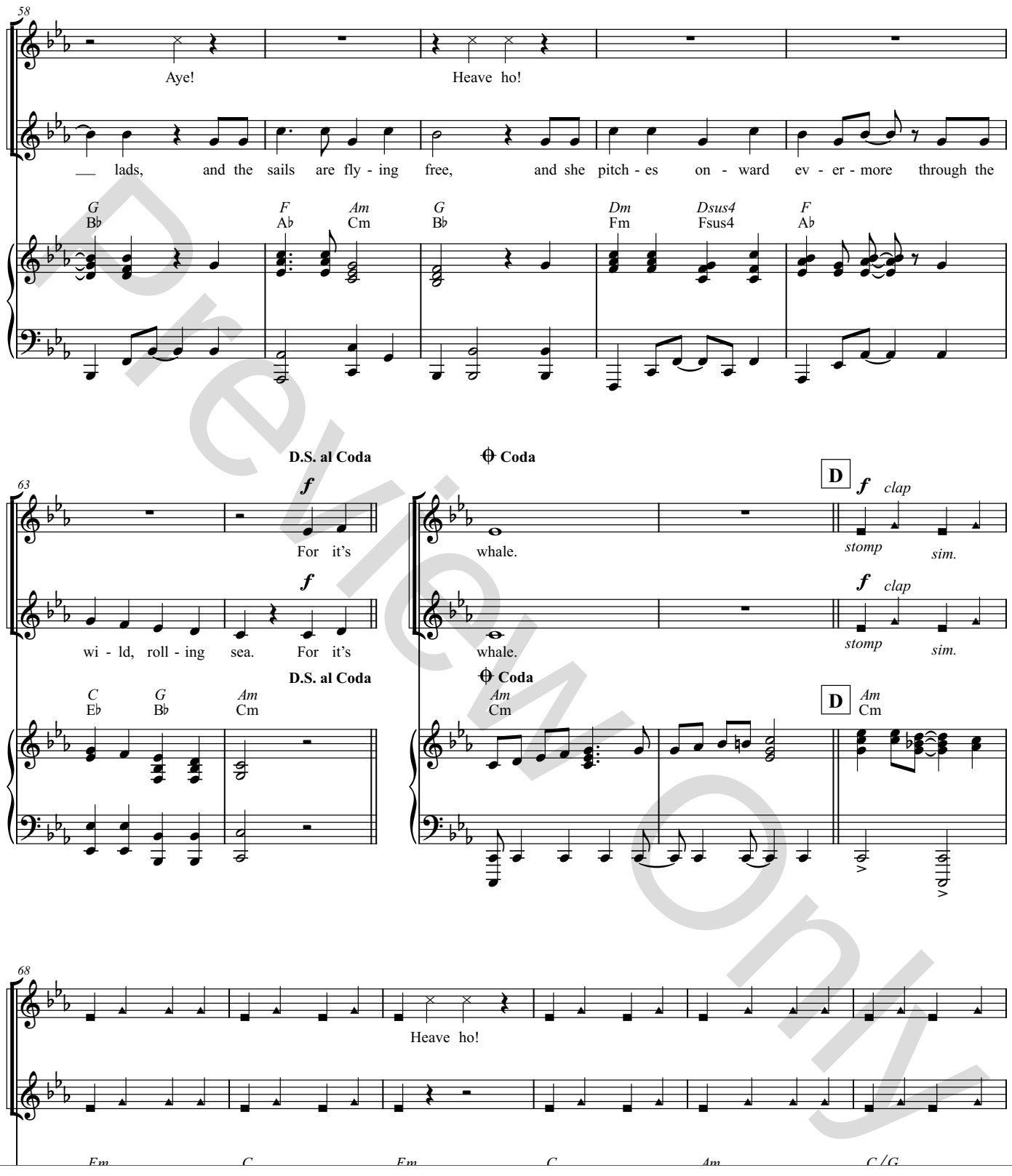

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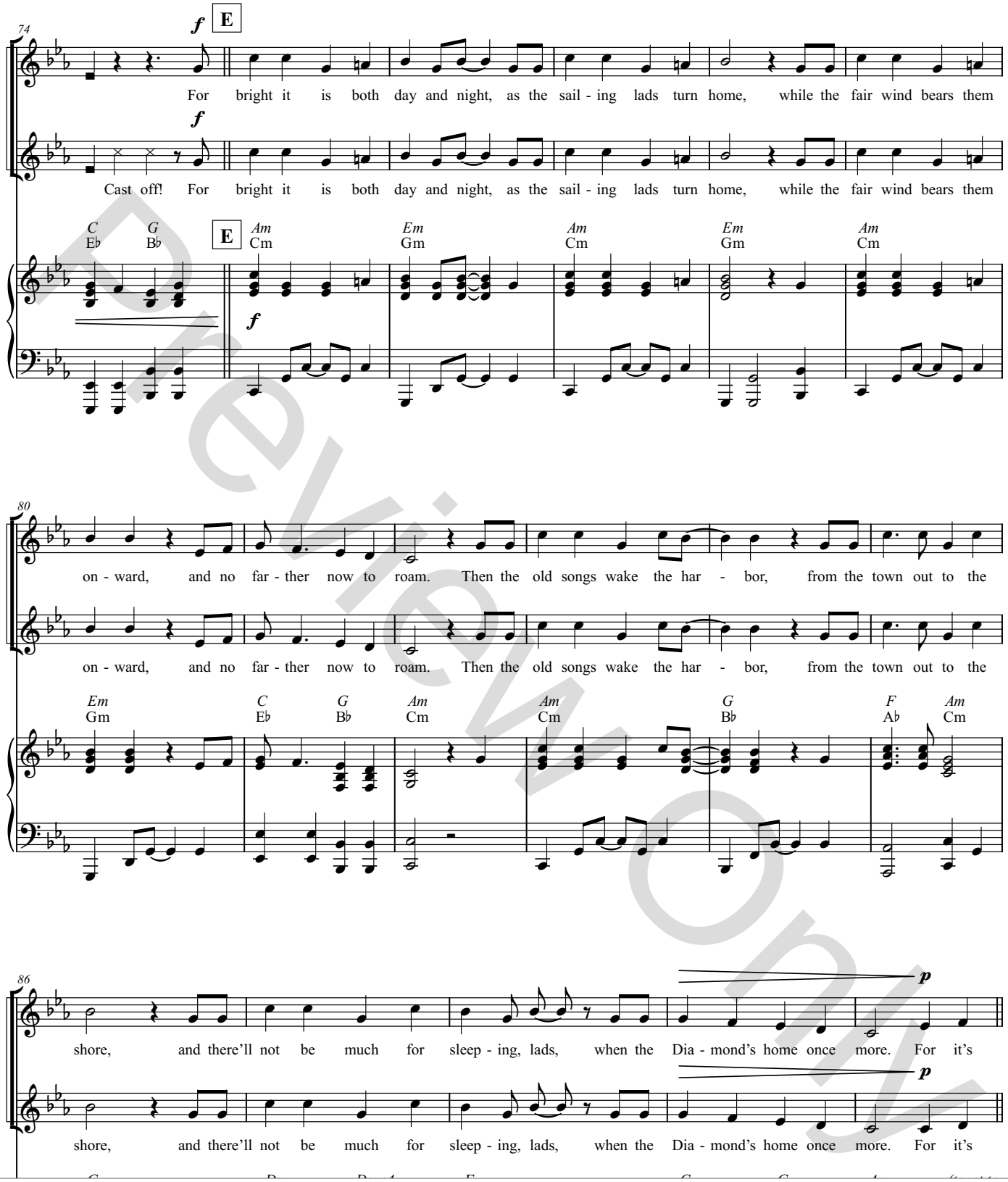

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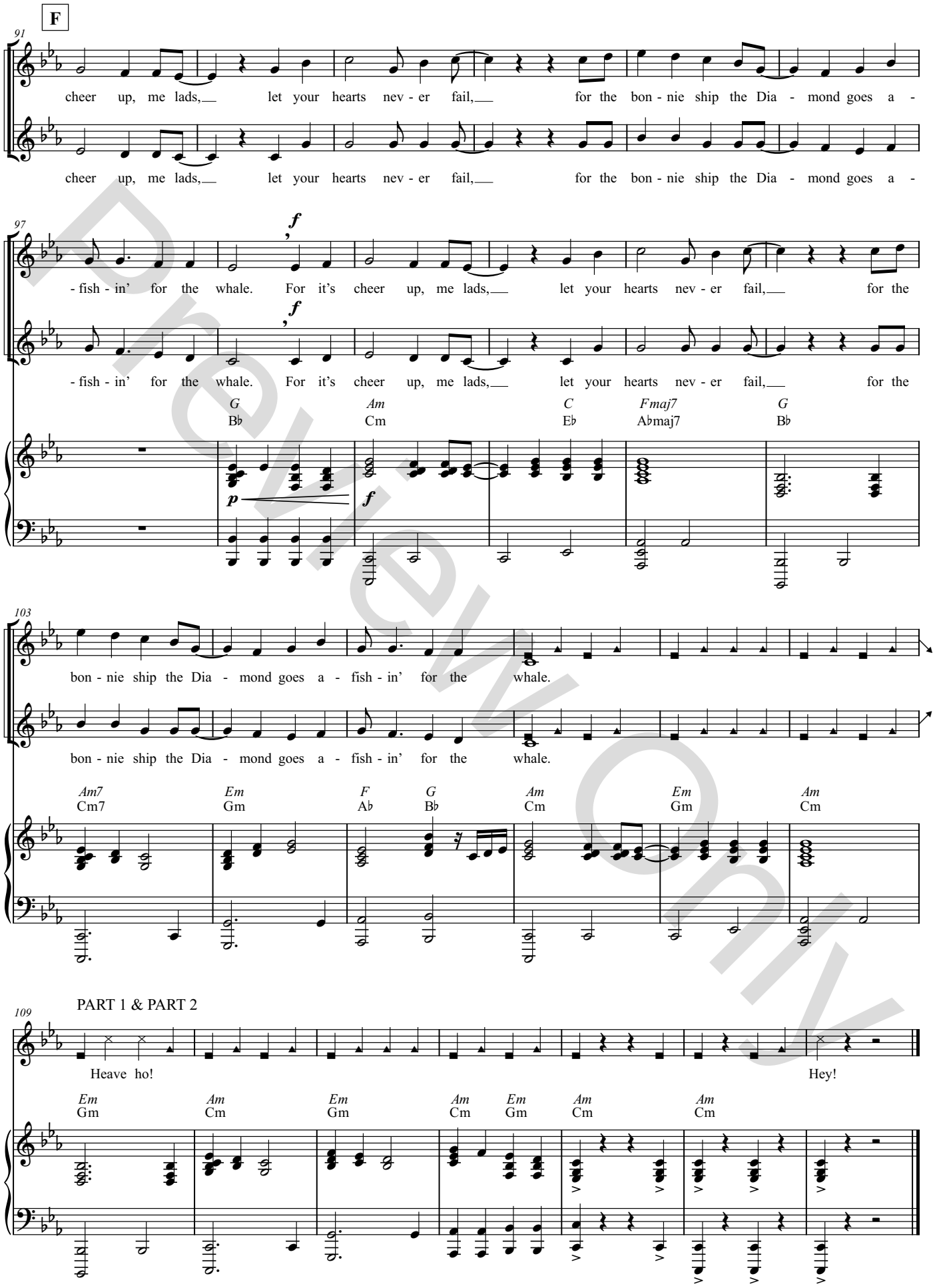

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