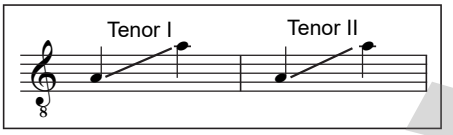
Ale Pun

TT and Piano* with Optional Percussion**

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Spanish, Traditional
Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram



Rhythmically ♩. = ca. 60-63

mf +Perc.

3

5 TI *mf*

Flur - ries of snow - flakes are fall - ing, y a - le

TII *mf*

La vir - gen va ca - mi - nan - do, y a - le

Flur - ries of snow - flakes are fall - ing, y a - le

La vir - gen va ca - mi - nan - do, y a - le

Performance time: ca. 2:00
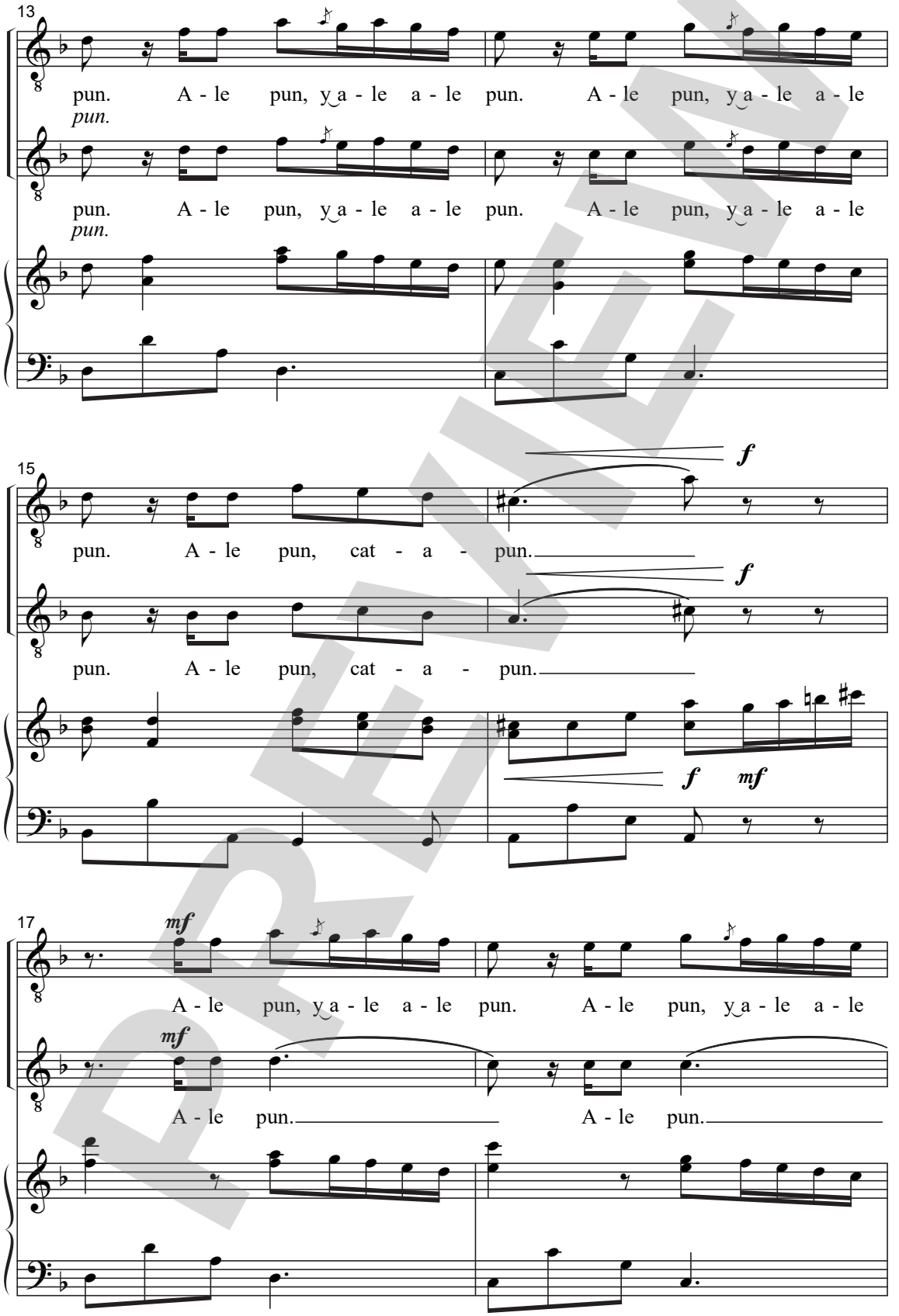
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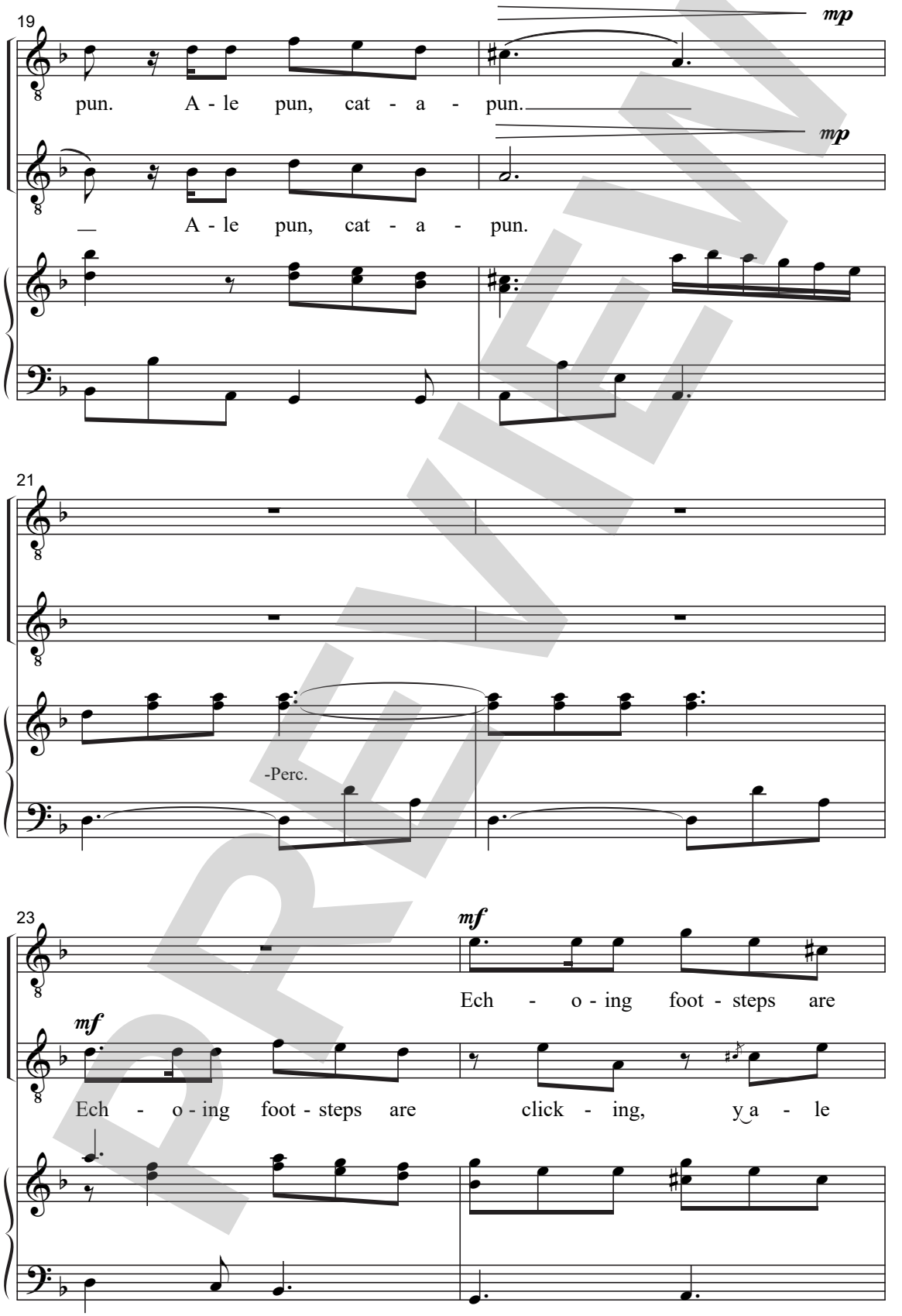
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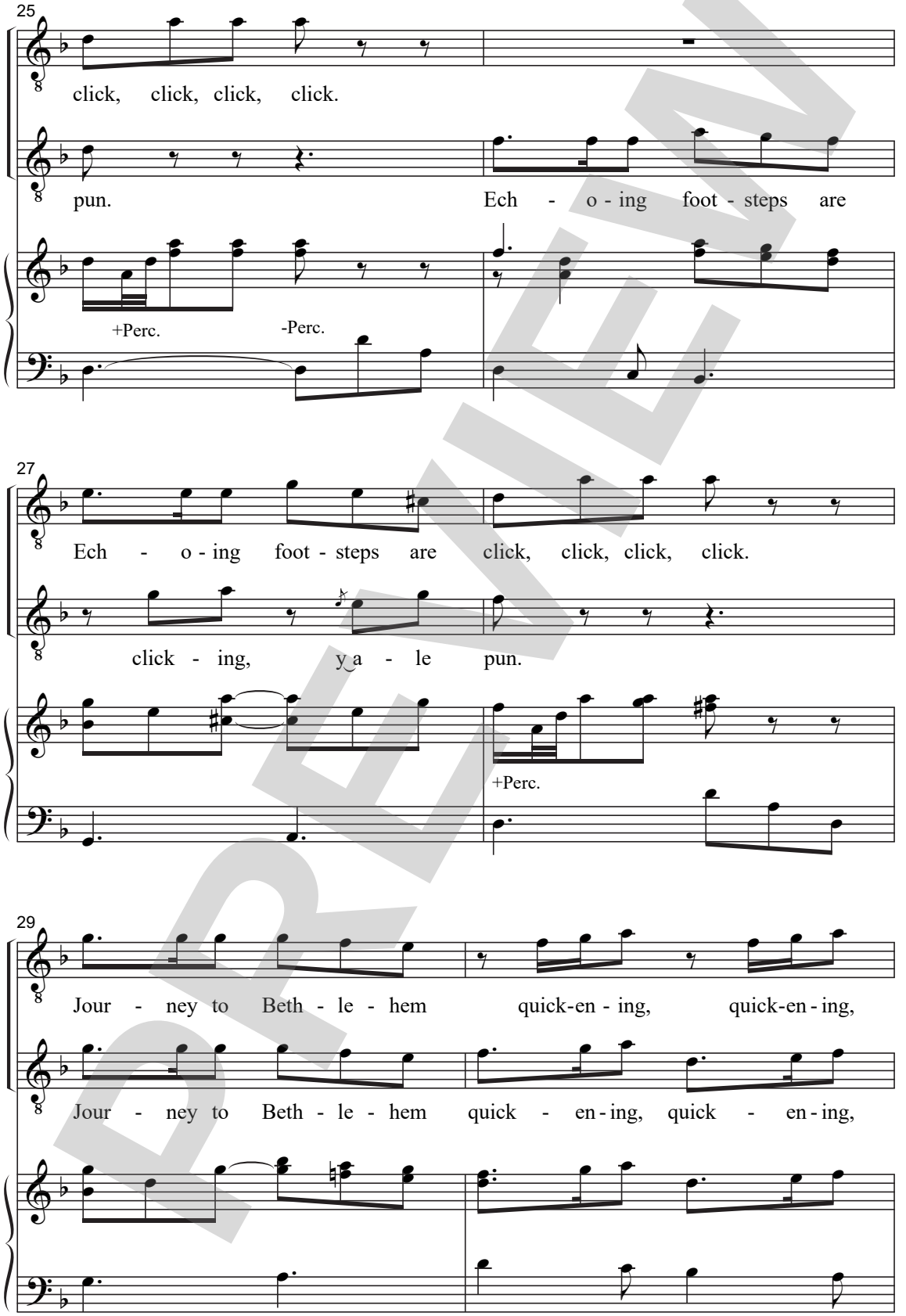
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13
pun. A - le pun, y a - le a - le pun. A - le pun, y a - le a - le
pun.
pun. A - le pun, y a - le a - le pun. A - le pun, y a - le a - le
pun.
15
f
pun. A - le pun, cat - a - pun.
f
pun. A - le pun, cat - a - pun.
f mf
17
mf
A - le pun, y a - le a - le pun. A - le pun, y a - le a - le
mf
A - le pun. A - le pun.
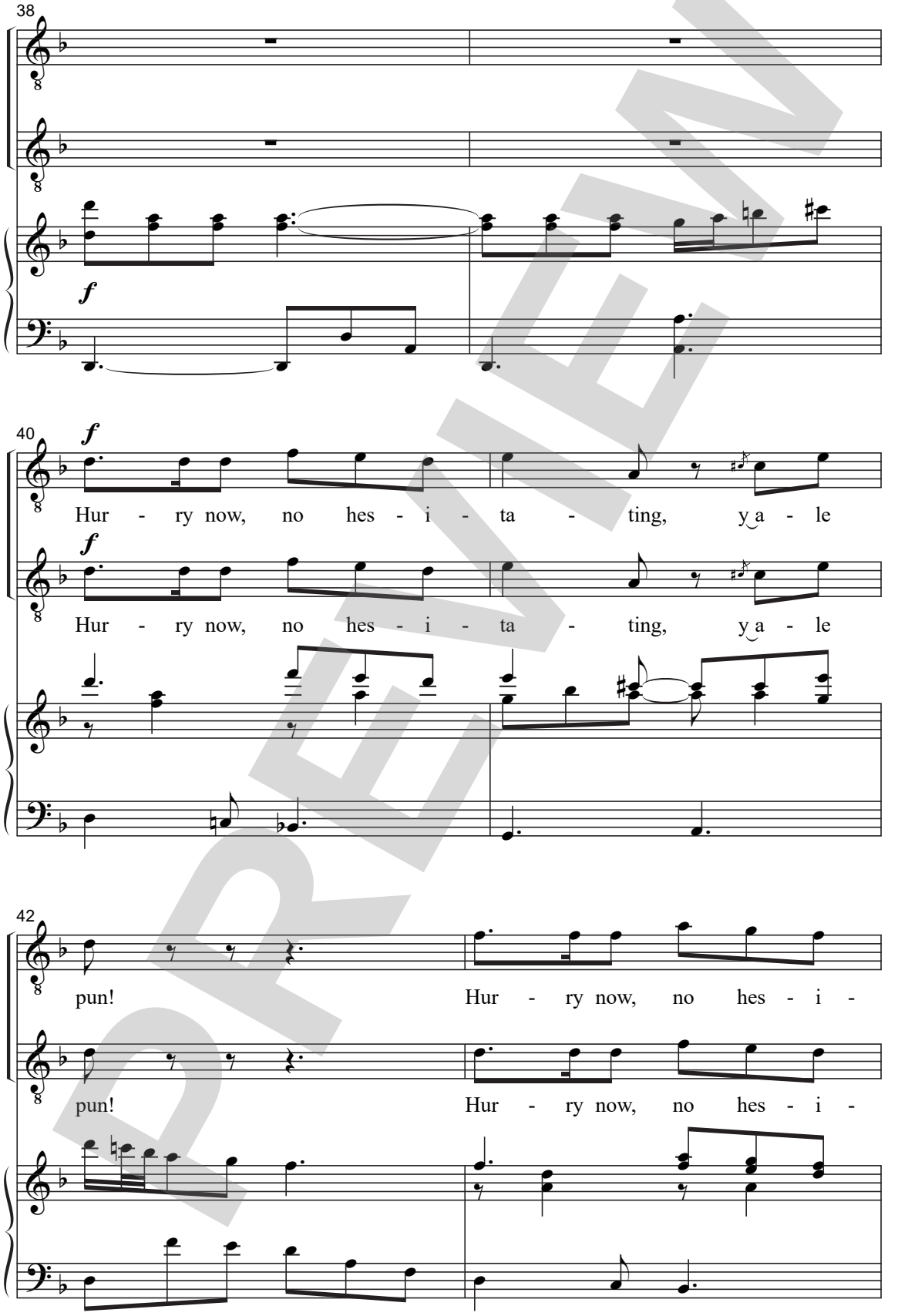
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19
mp
pun. A - le pun, cat - a - pun.
mp
A - le pun, cat - a - pun.
21
-Perc.
23
mf
Ech - o - ing foot - steps are
mf
Ech - o - ing foot - steps are click - ing, y a - le
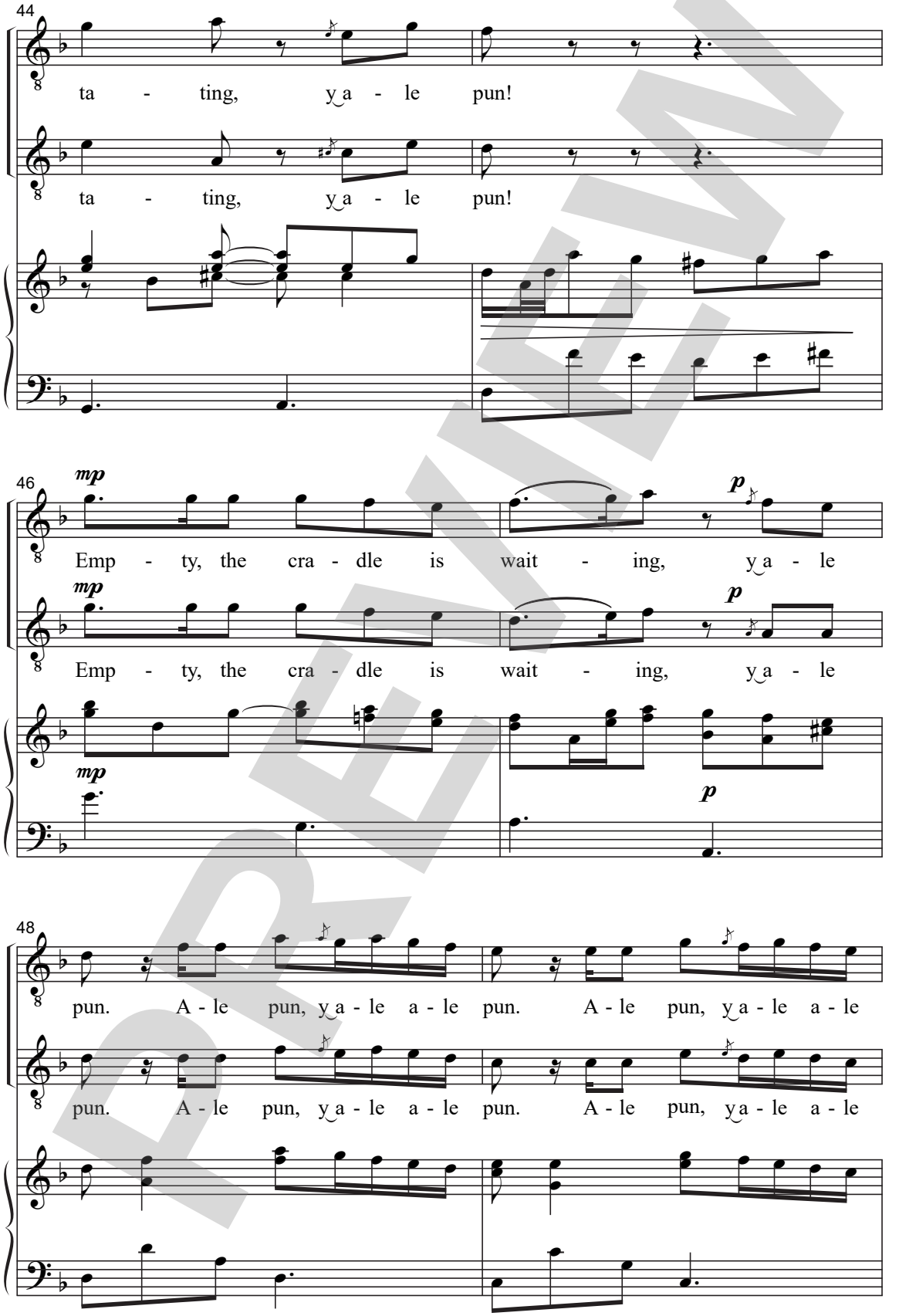
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25
click, click, click, click.
pun.
Ech - o - ing foot - steps are
+Perc.
-Perc.
27
Ech - o - ing foot - steps are click, click, click, click.
click - ing, y a - le pun.
+Perc.
29
Jour - ney to Beth - le - hem quick-en - ing, quick-en - ing,
Jour - ney to Beth - le - hem quick - en - ing, quick - en - ing,
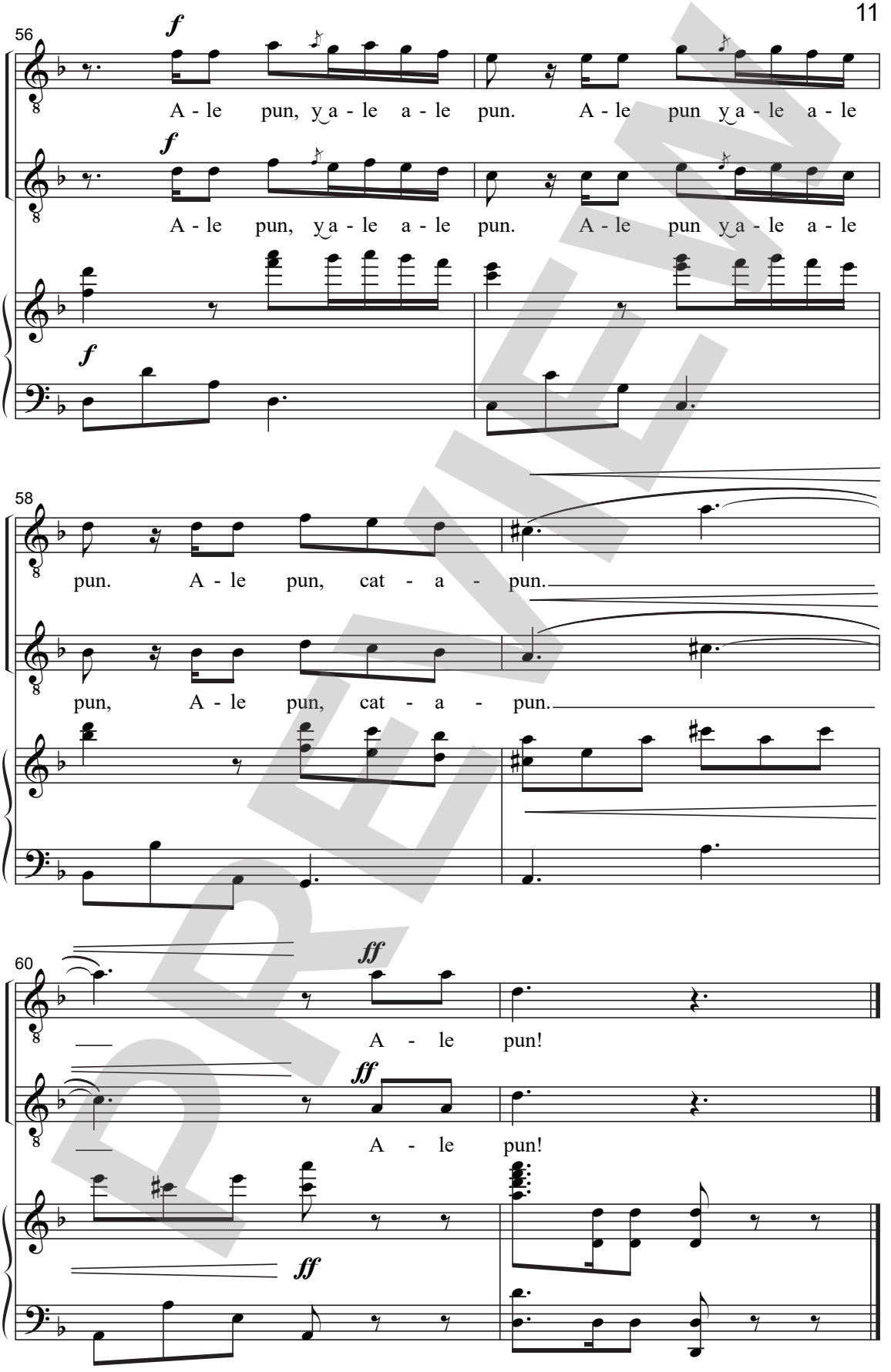
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38
f
40
f
Hur - ry now, no hes - i - ta - ting, y a - le
f
Hur - ry now, no hes - i - ta - ting, y a - le
42
pun! Hur - ry now, no hes - i -
pun! Hur - ry now, no hes - i -

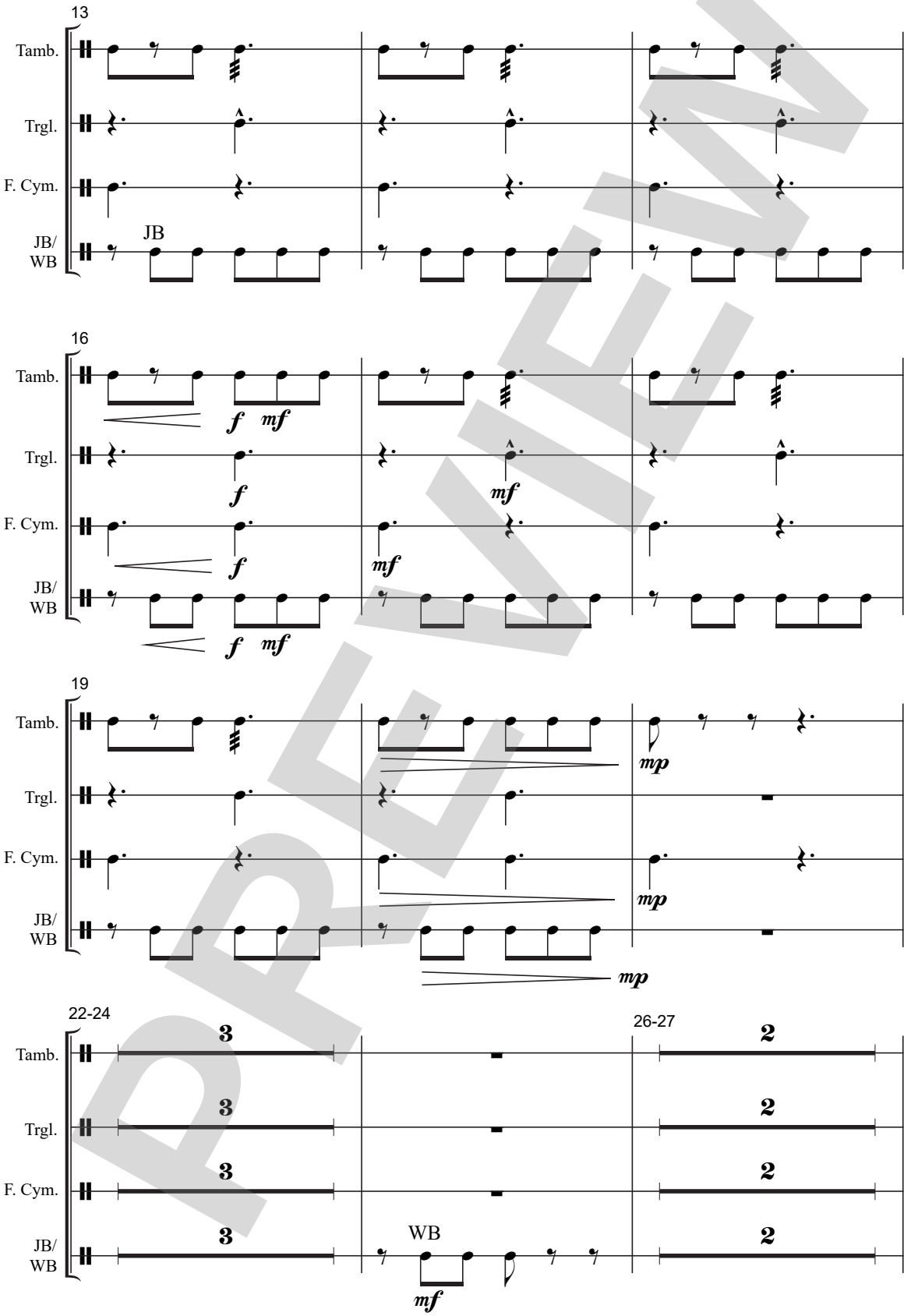
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44
ta - ting, ya - le pun!
ta - ting, ya - le pun!
46
mp
Emp - ty, the cra - dle is wait - ing, ya - le
p
Emp - ty, the cra - dle is wait - ing, ya - le
48
pun. A - le pun, ya - le a - le pun. A - le pun, ya - le a - le
pun. A - le pun, ya - le a - le pun. A - le pun, ya - le a - le

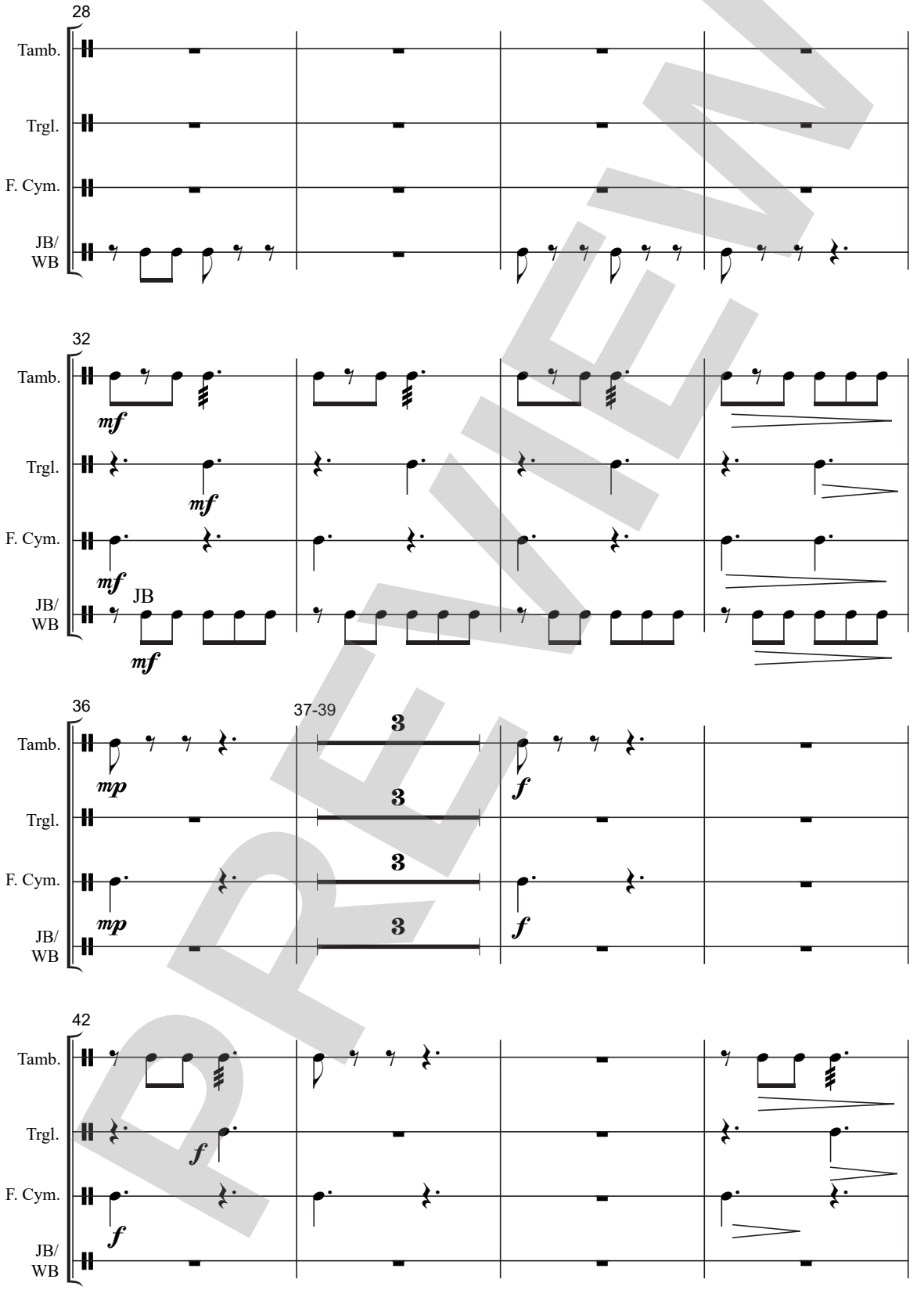
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56
f
A - le pun, ya - le a - le pun. A - le pun ya - le a - le
f
A - le pun, ya - le a - le pun. A - le pun ya - le a - le
f
58
pun. A - le pun, cat - a - pun.
pun, A - le pun, cat - a - pun.
60
ff
A - le pun!
ff
A - le pun!
ff

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28
Tamb.
Trgl.
F. Cym.
JB/
WB
32
Tamb.
mf
Trgl.
mf
F. Cym.
mf
JB/
WB
JB
mf
36
37-39
Tamb.
mp
3
f
Trgl.
3
F. Cym.
mp
3
f
JB/
WB
3
42
Tamb.
Trgl.
f
F. Cym.
f
JB/
WB

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Translation Guide

La virgen va caminando, y͡ale pun.	The Virgin is walking, and ale pun.
La virgen va caminando, y͡ale pun.	The Virgin is walking, and ale pun.
Por una montaña oscura, y͡ale pun.	By a dark mountain, and ale pun.
Ale pun, y͡ale ale pun.	Ale pun, and ale ale pun.
Y͡ale pun, y͡ale ale pun.	And ale pun, and ale ale pun.
Y͡ale pun, cata pun.	And ale pun, cata pun.

Pronunciation Guide

La virgen va caminando, y͡ale pun.
lah veer-gin (hard G) vah cah-mee-nahn-doh, ee͡ah-leh poon

Por una montaña oscura, y͡ale pun.
pohr oo-nah mohn-tahn-ya͡oh-scyu-rah ee͡ah-leh poon

Ale pun, y͡ale ale pun.
ah-leh poon ee͡ah-leh ah-leh poon

Ale pun, cata pun.
ah-leh poon cah-tah poon

Ale pun (ah-leh poon) and *cata pun* (cah-tah poon) are nonsense words that may refer to the percussive sound of the donkey's hooves as it carried Mary or the plodding feet of Joseph as they made their way to Bethlehem. No one really knows their true origin or their exact meaning.

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