little man
(in a hurry
full of an
important worry)
halt stop forget relax

wait

(little child
who have tried
who have failed
who have cried)
lie bravely down

sleep

big rain
big snow
big sun
big moon
(enter

us)

e.e.cummings

Performance note: deconstructed words should always have the same vowel as the original word. For instance, "man" and "ma" will have identical vowels, as will "rain" and "nayn," etc.

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little man in a hurry

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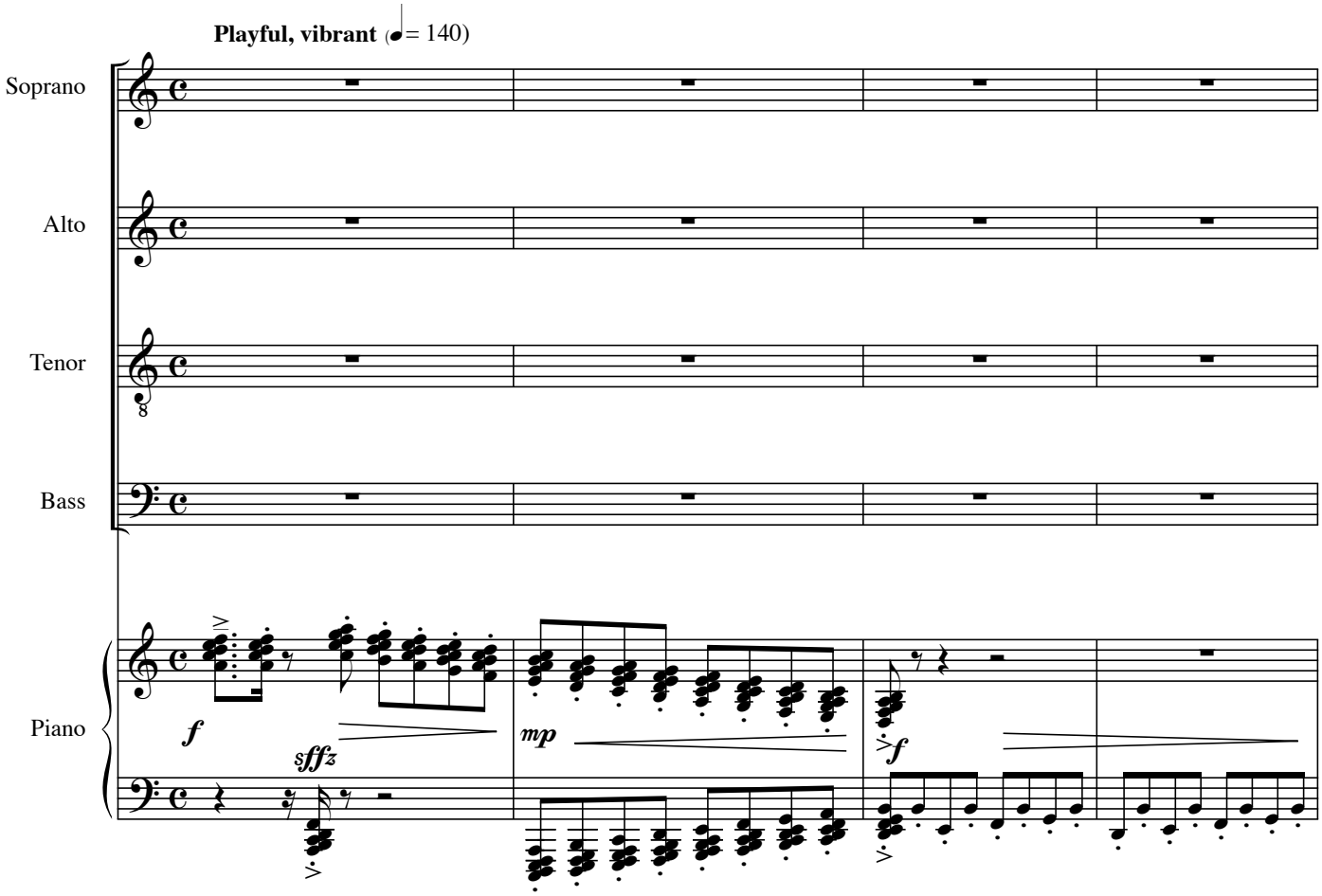

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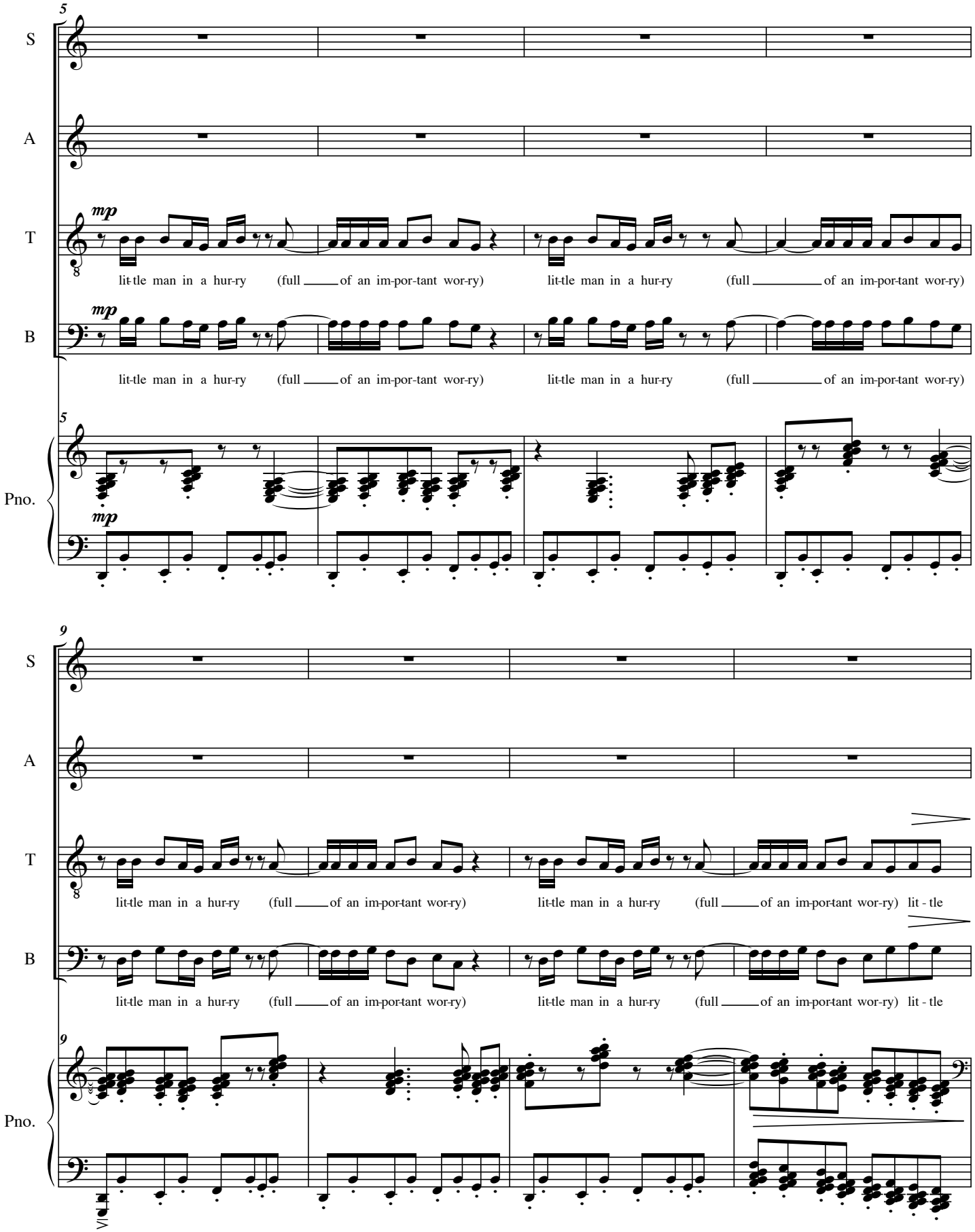
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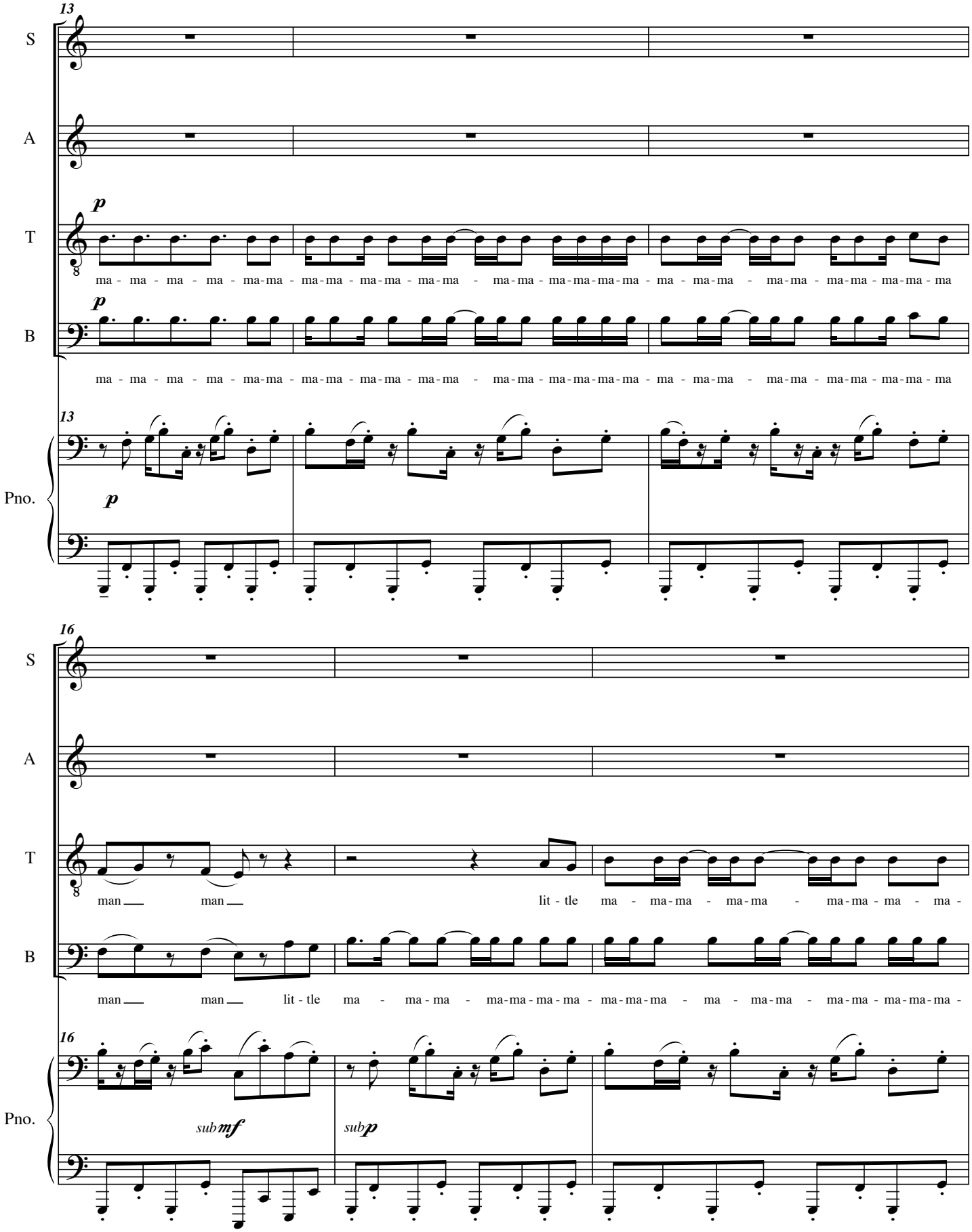
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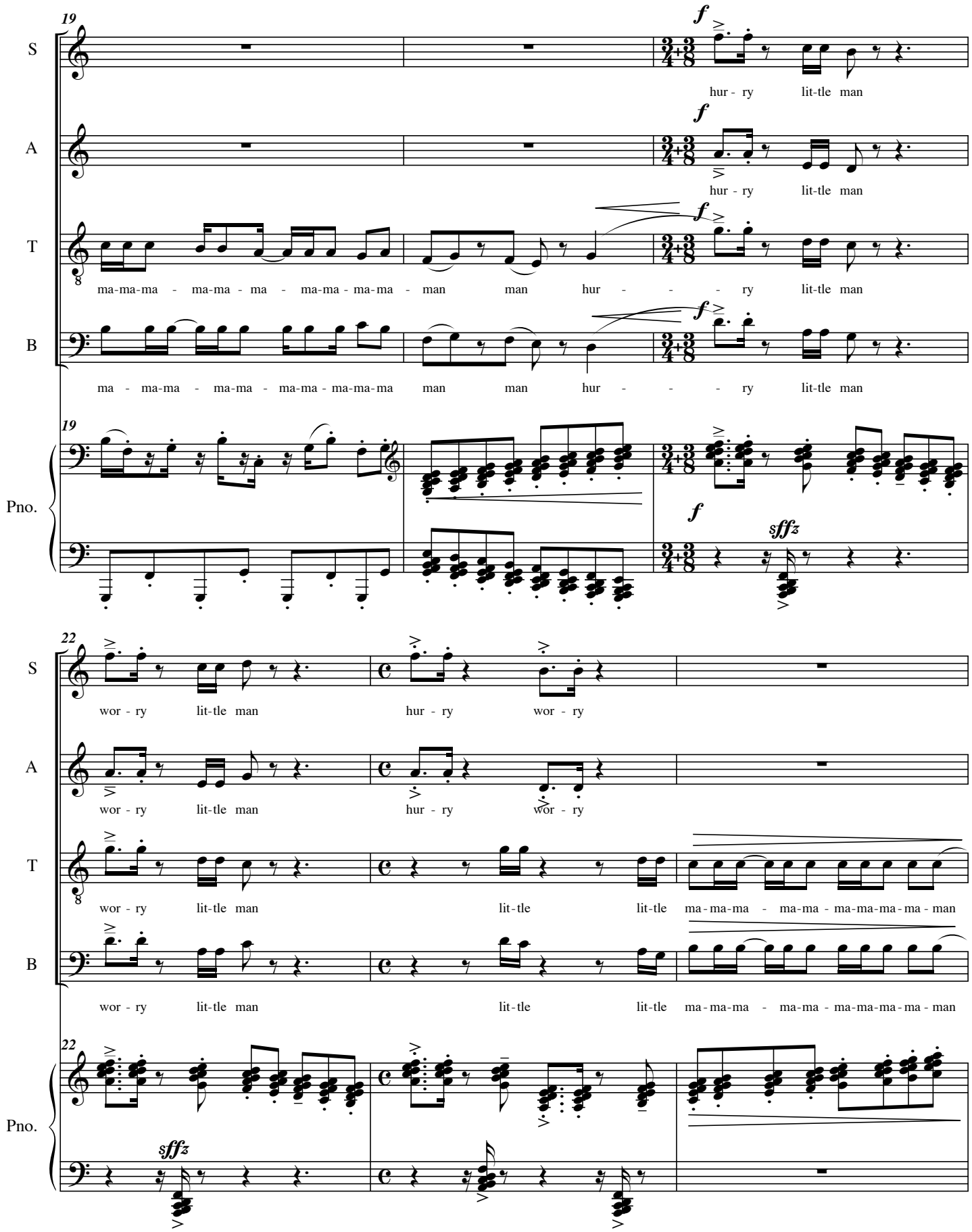
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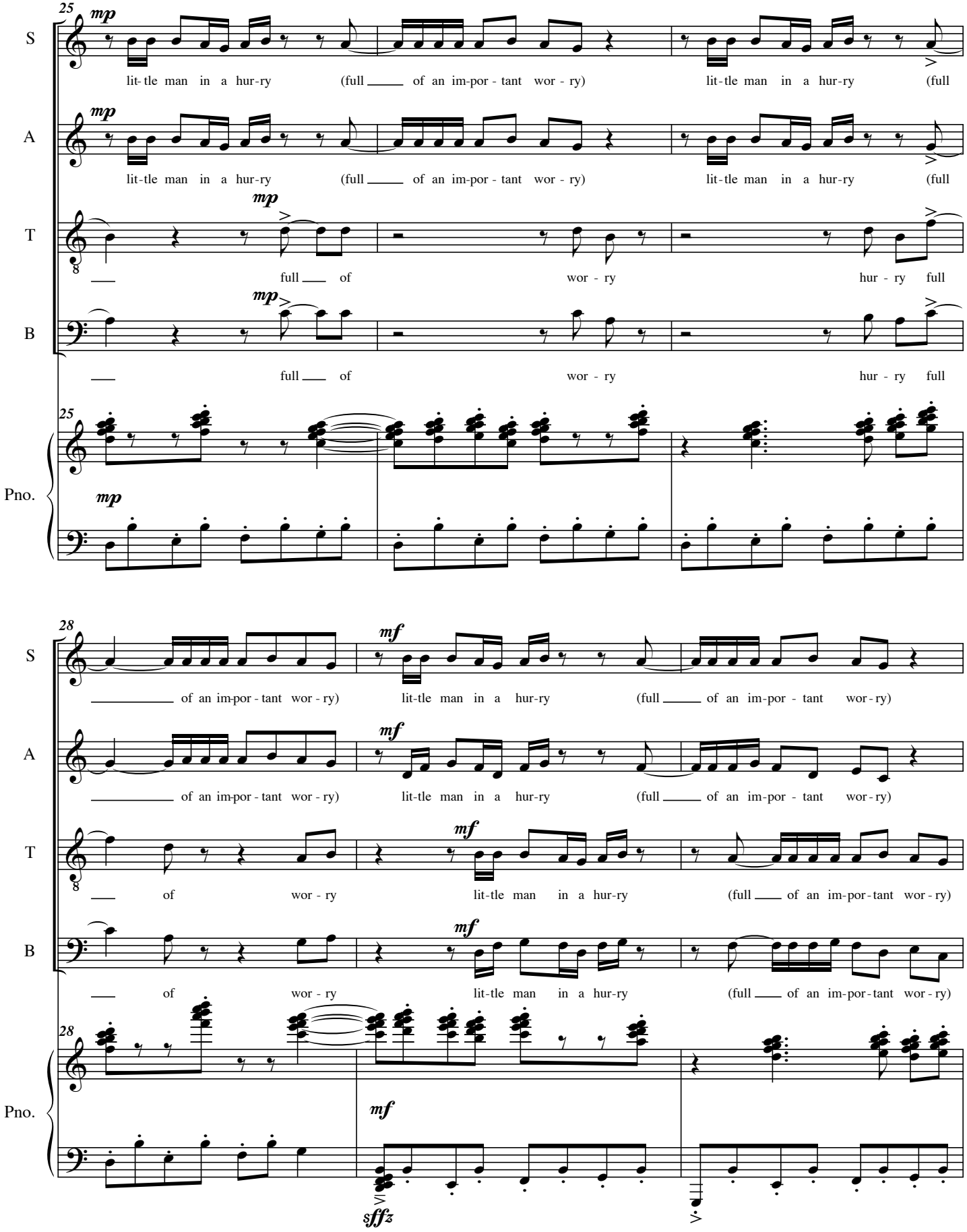
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full of wor - ry hur - ry full
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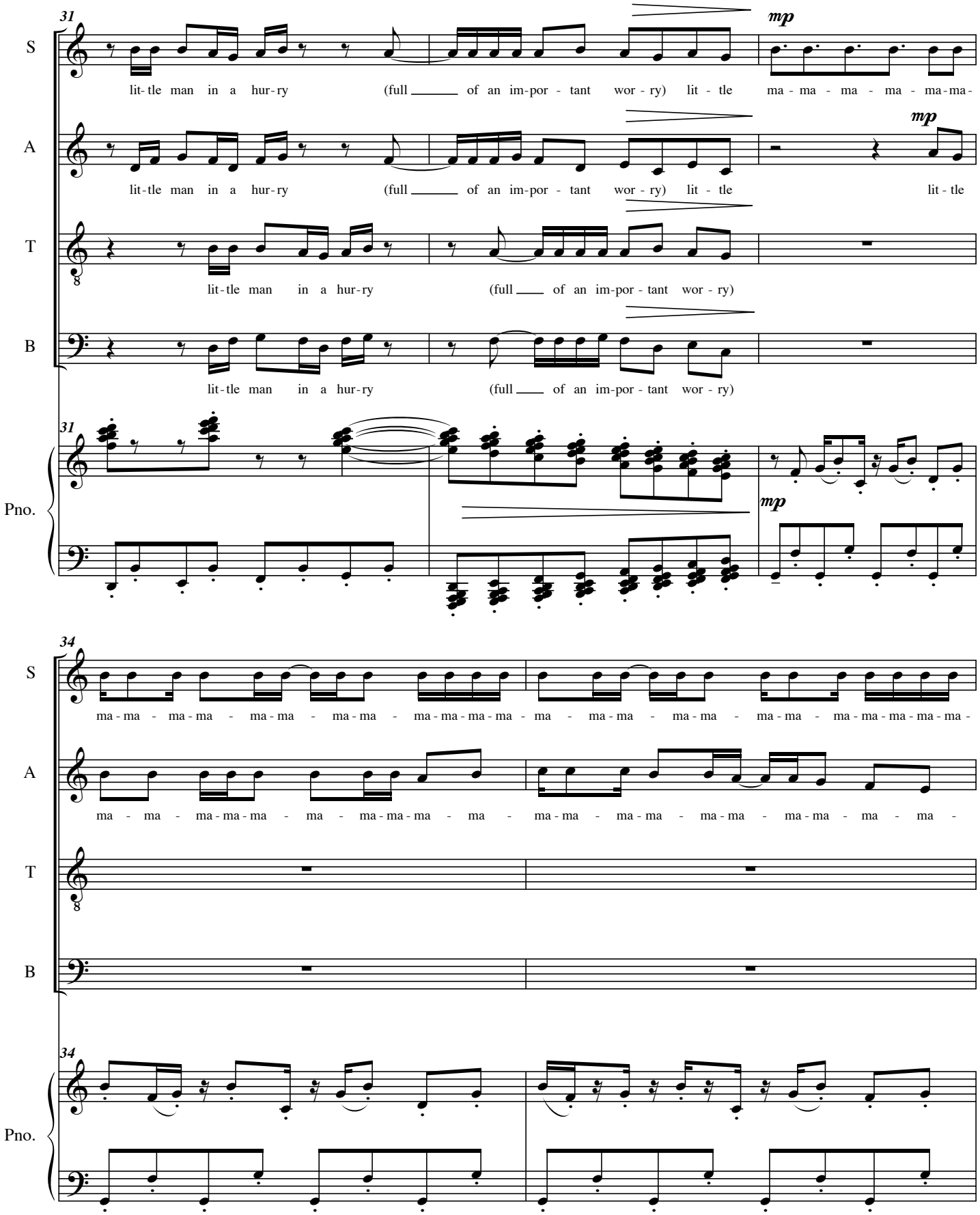
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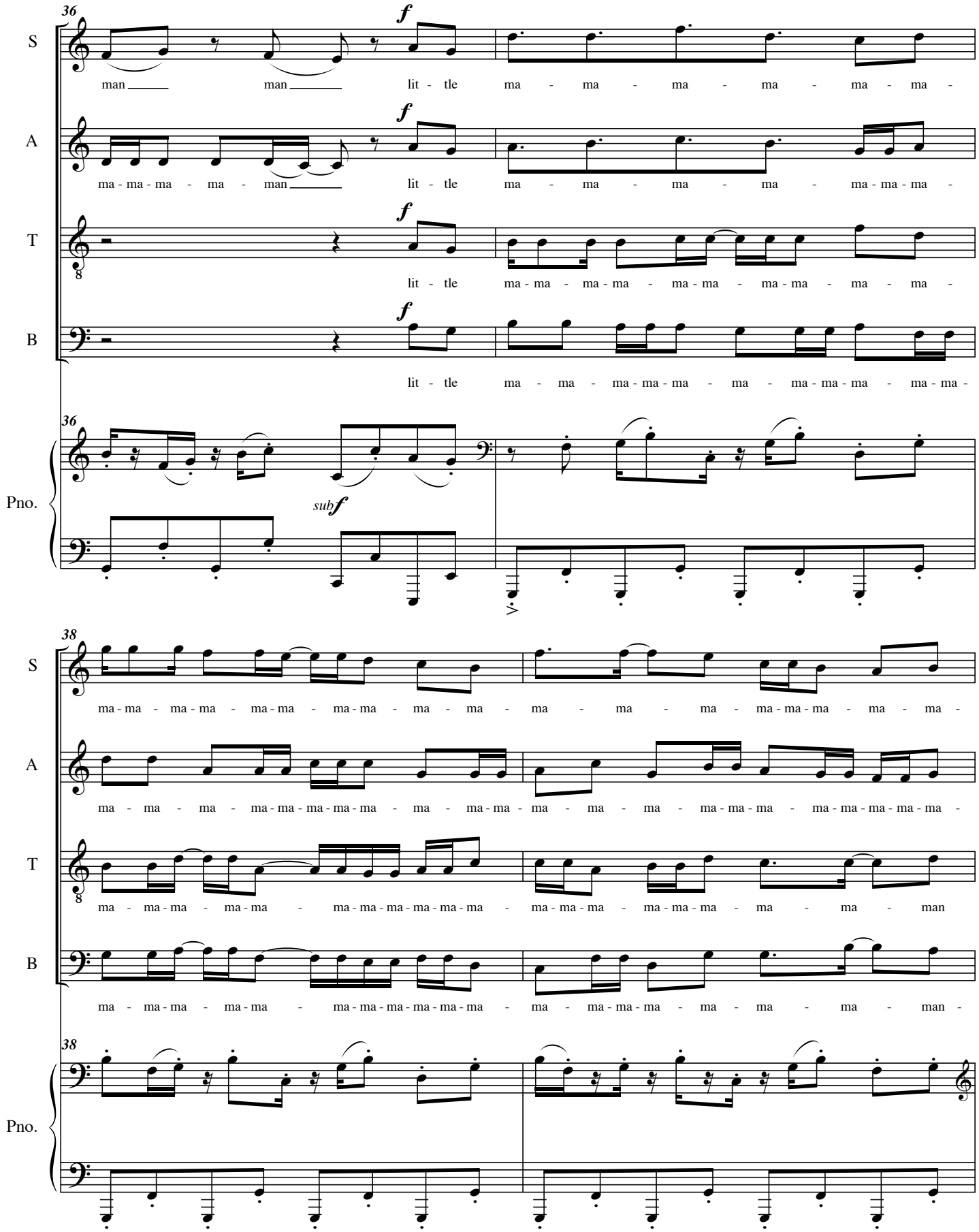
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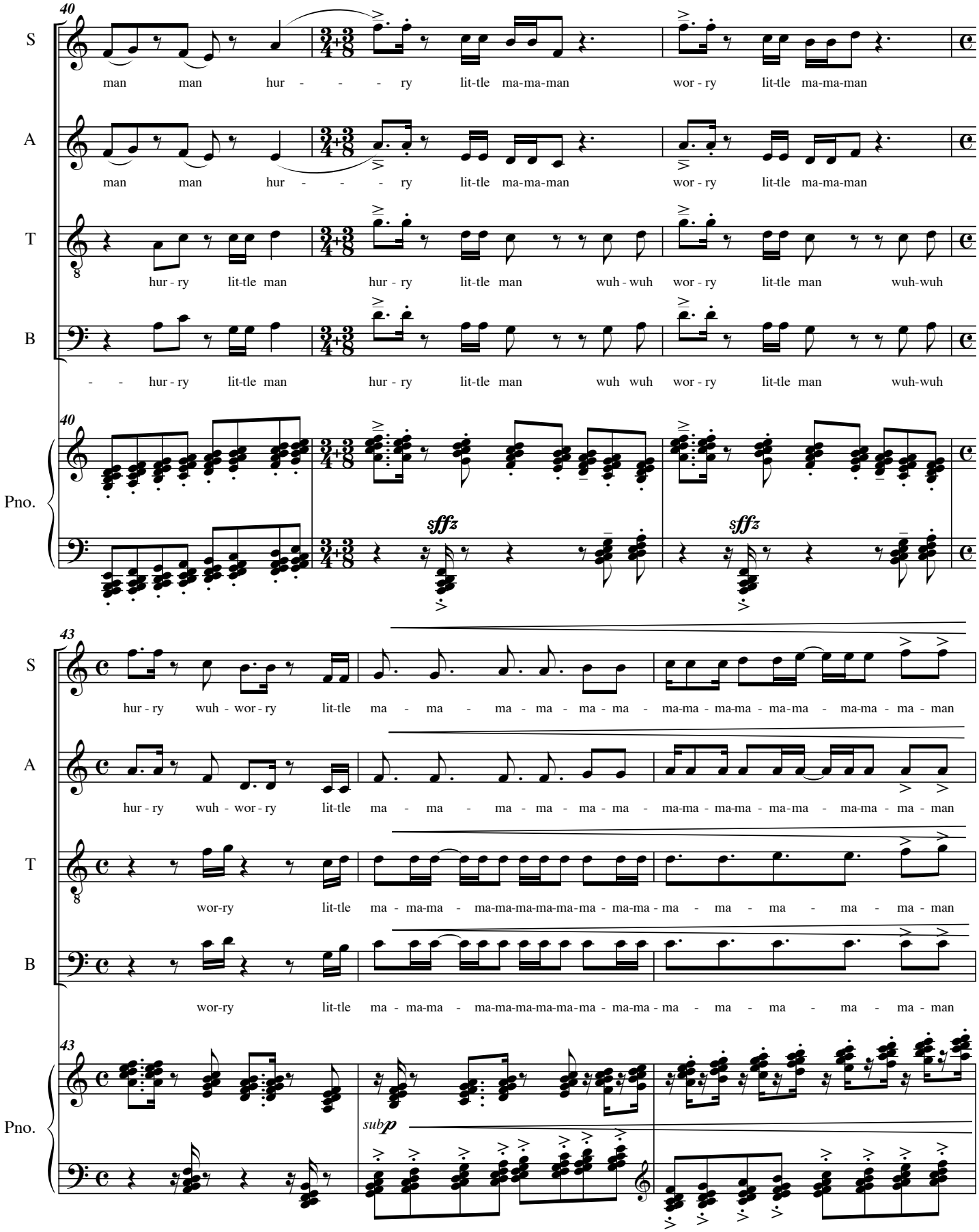
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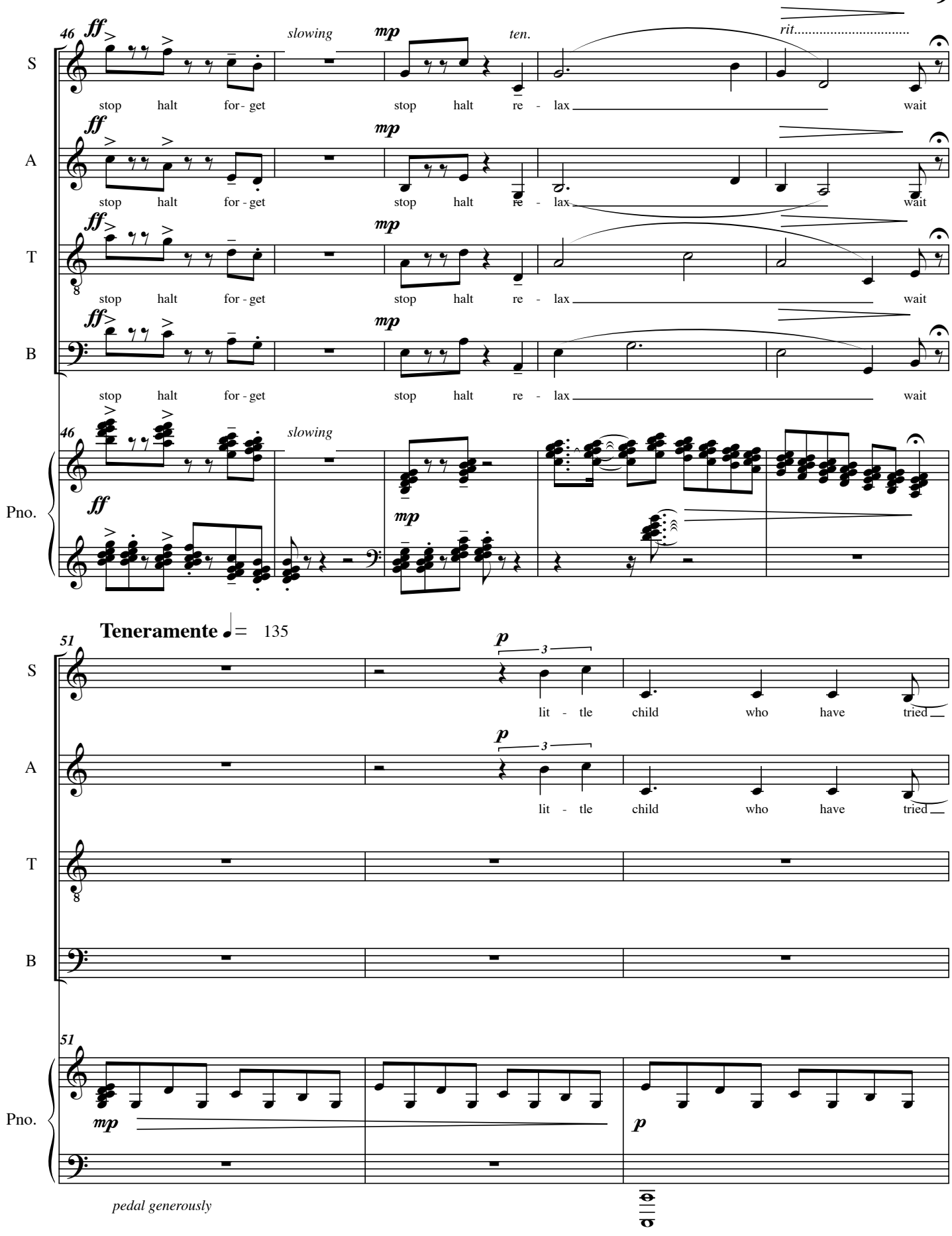
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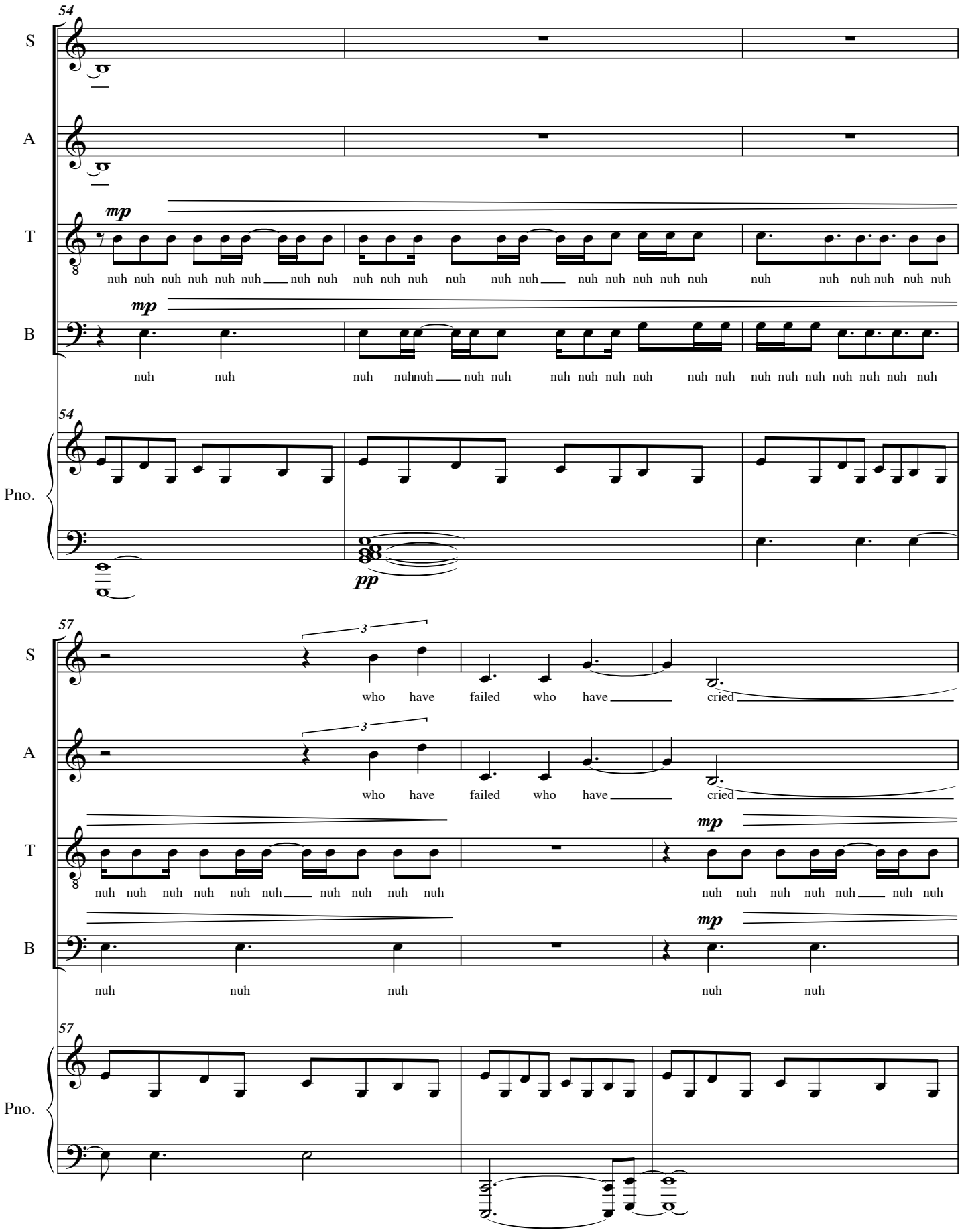
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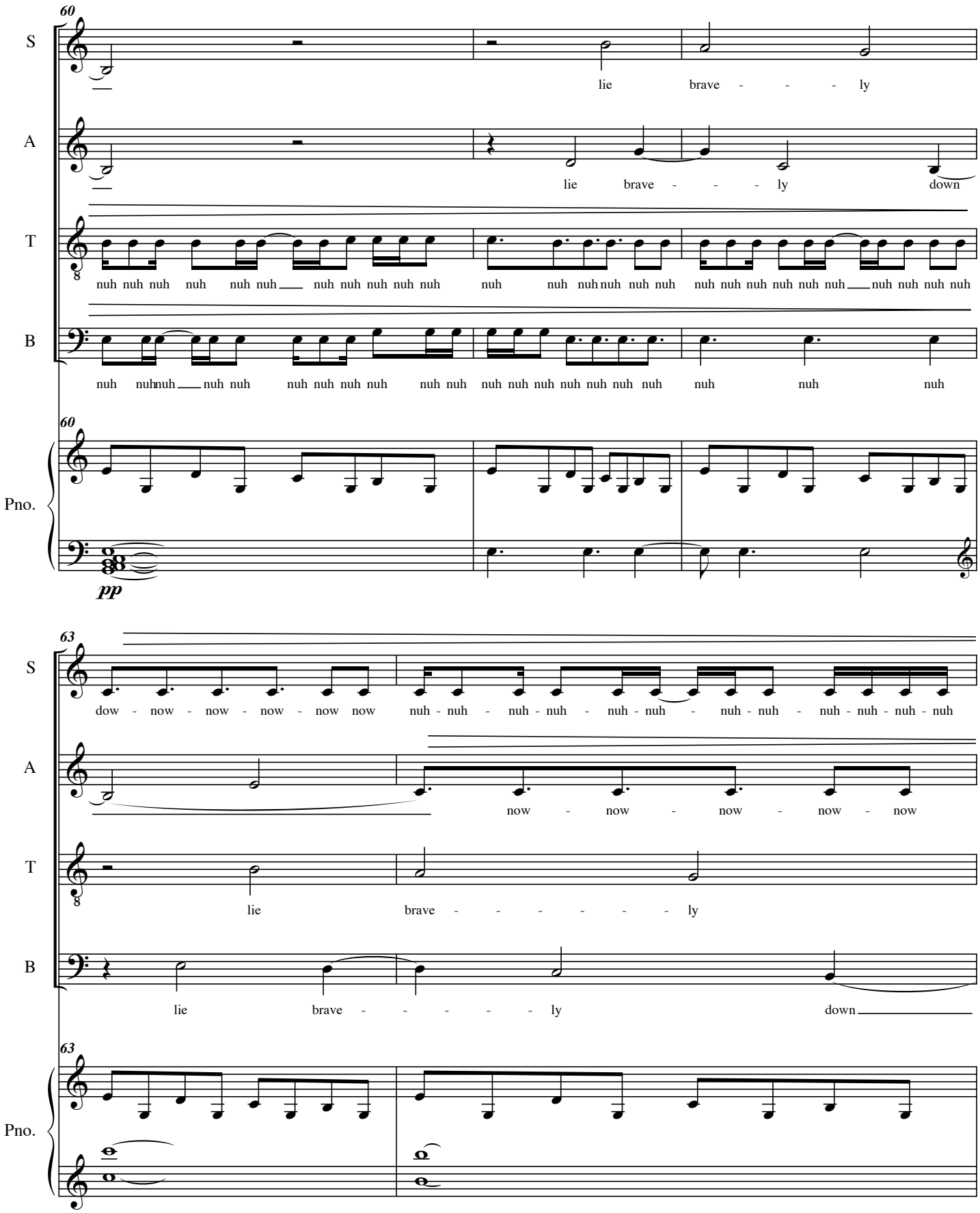
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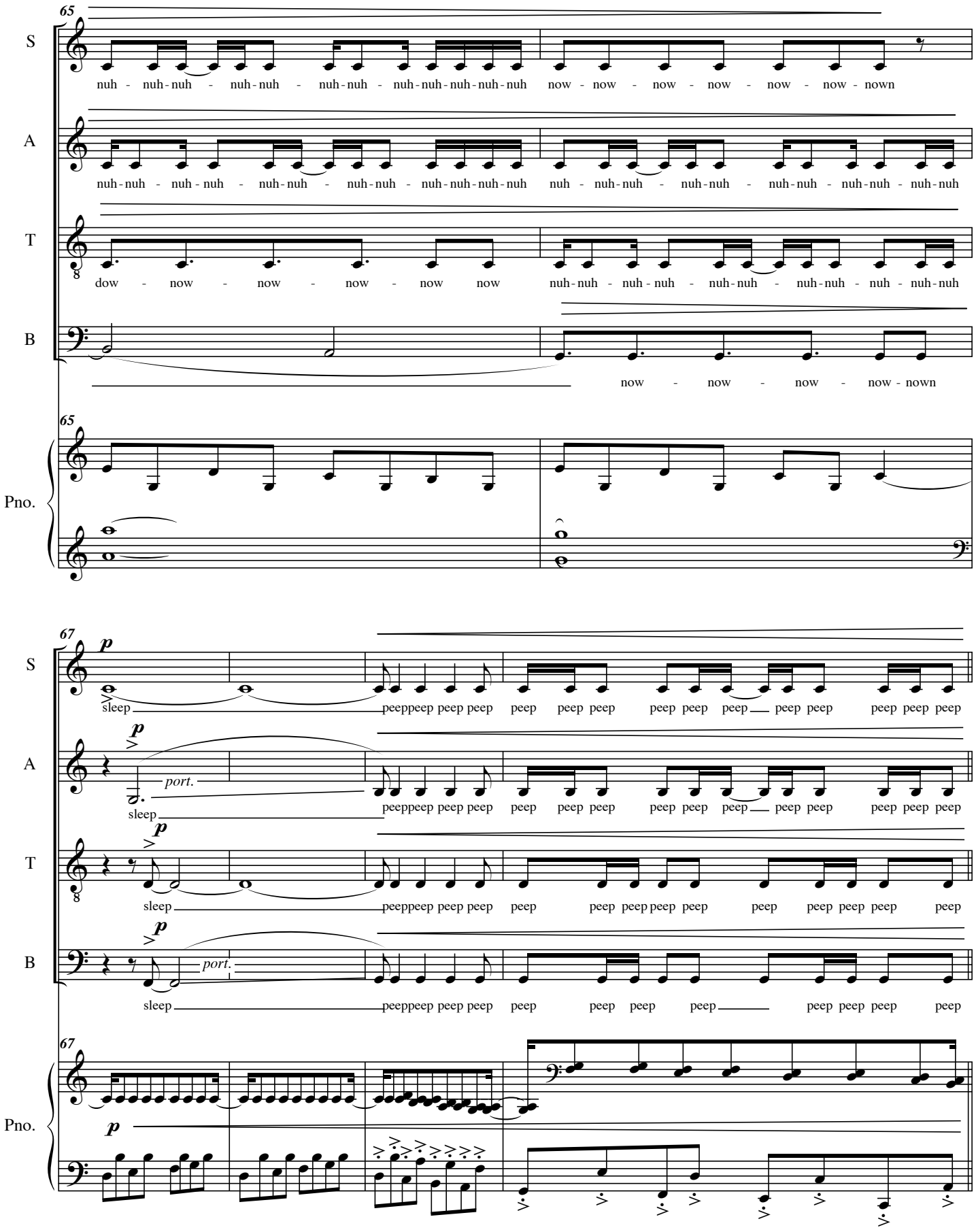
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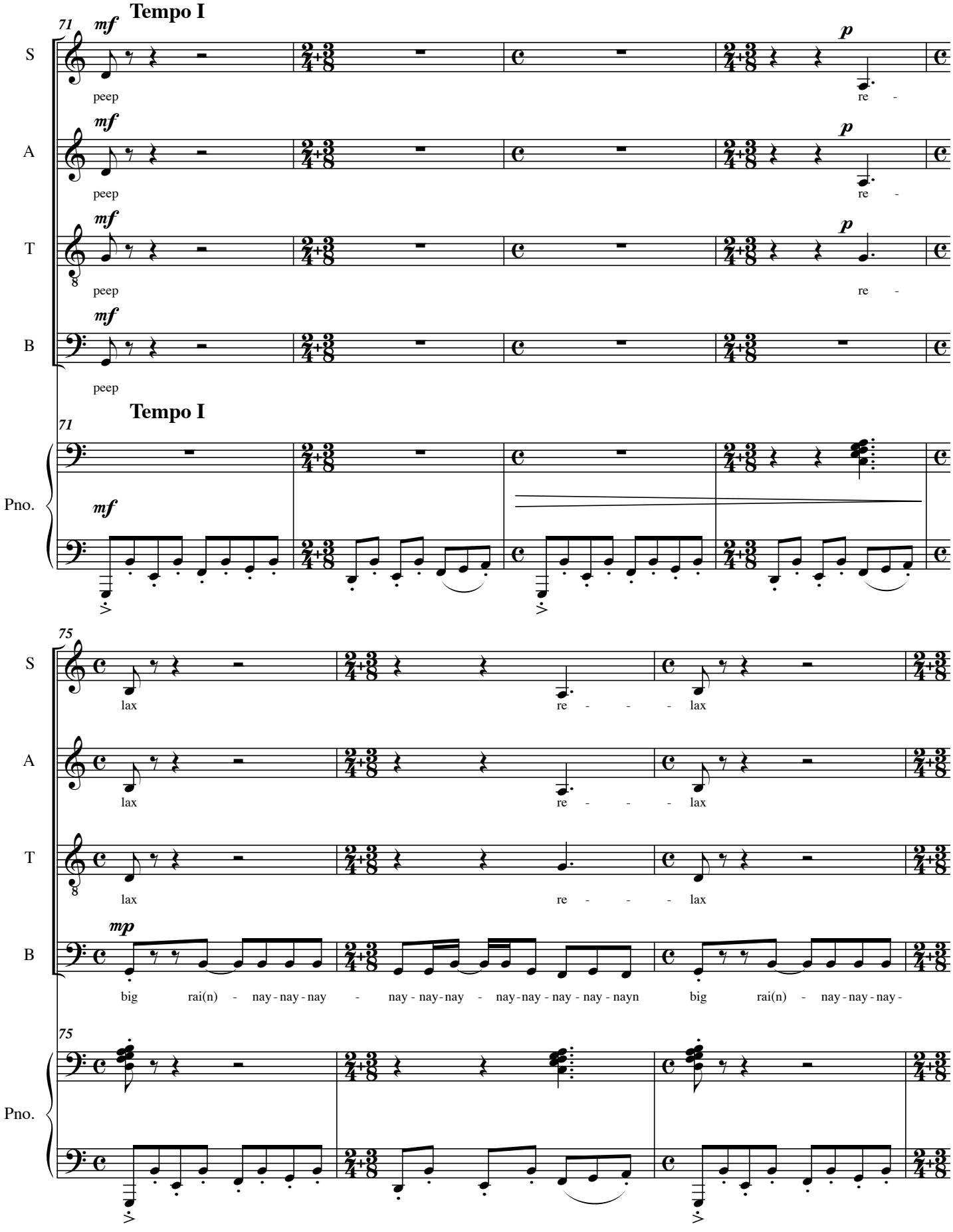
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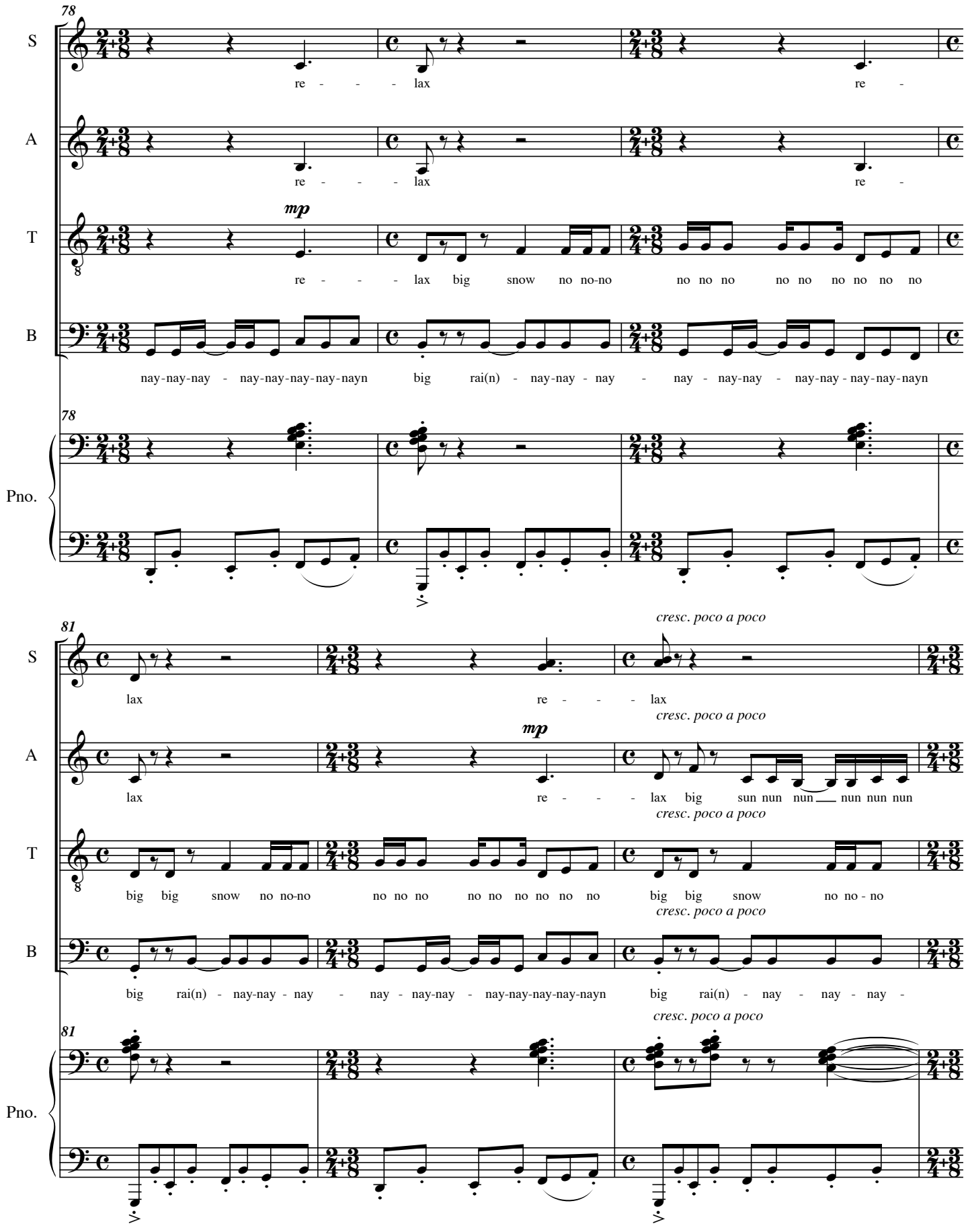
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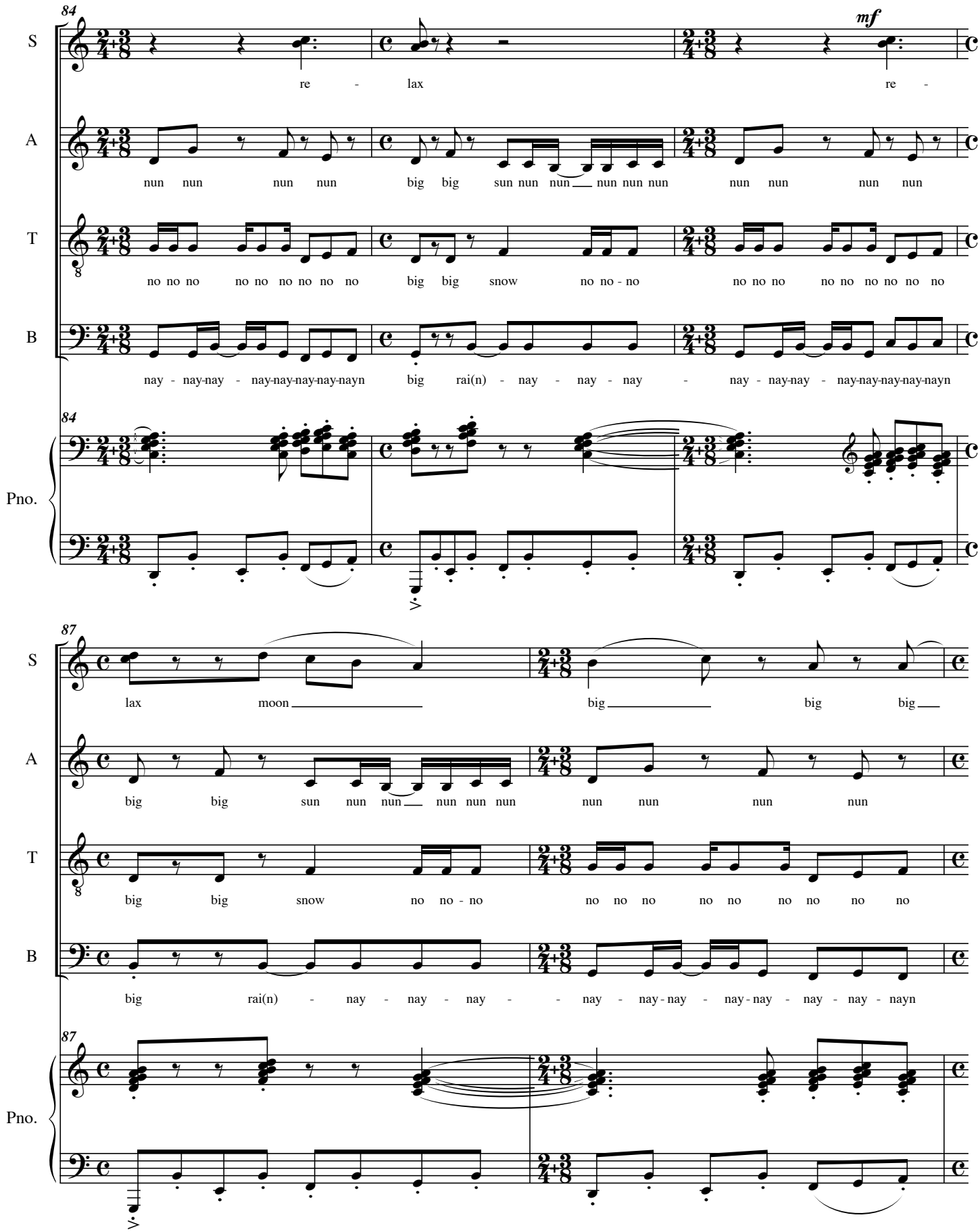
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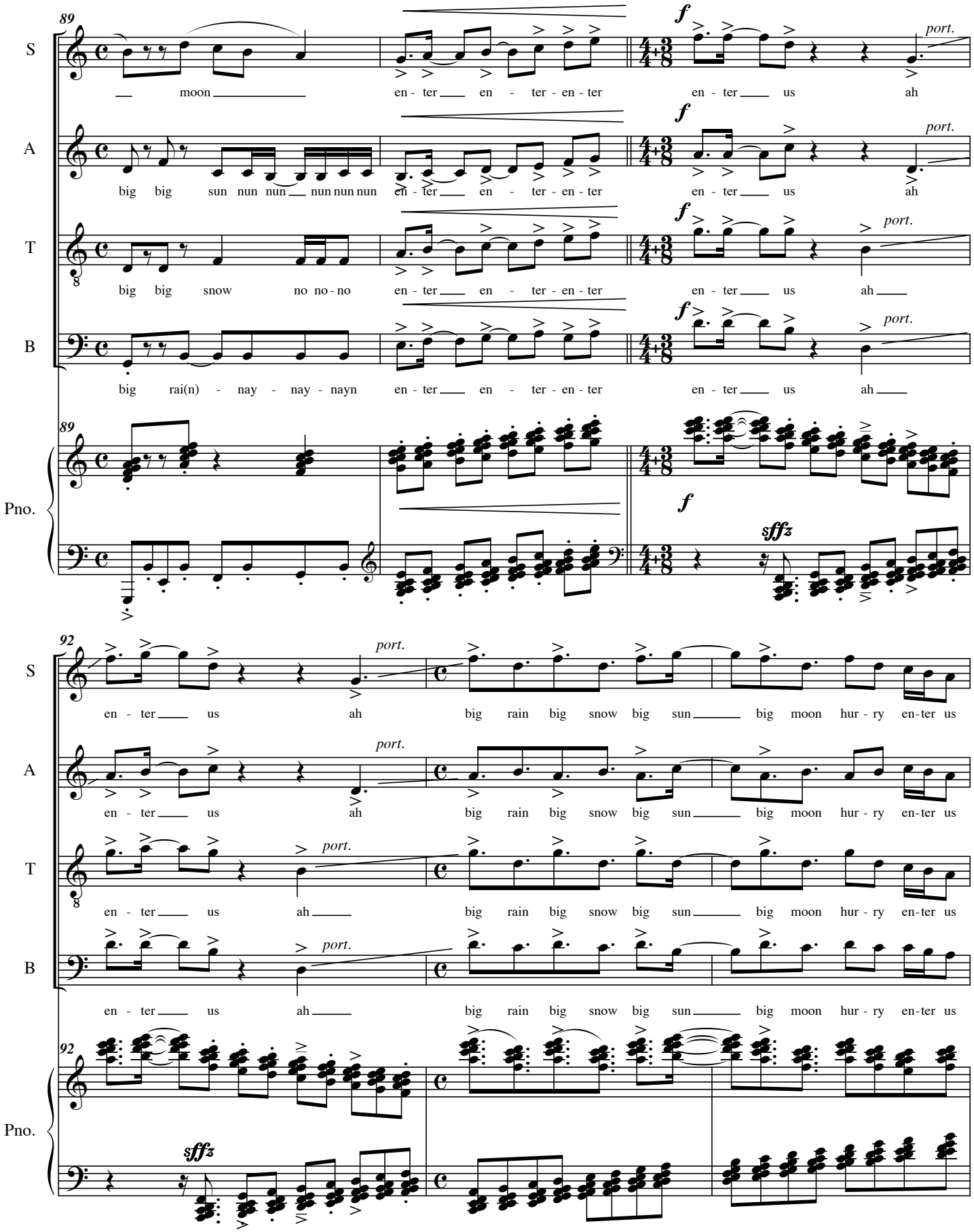
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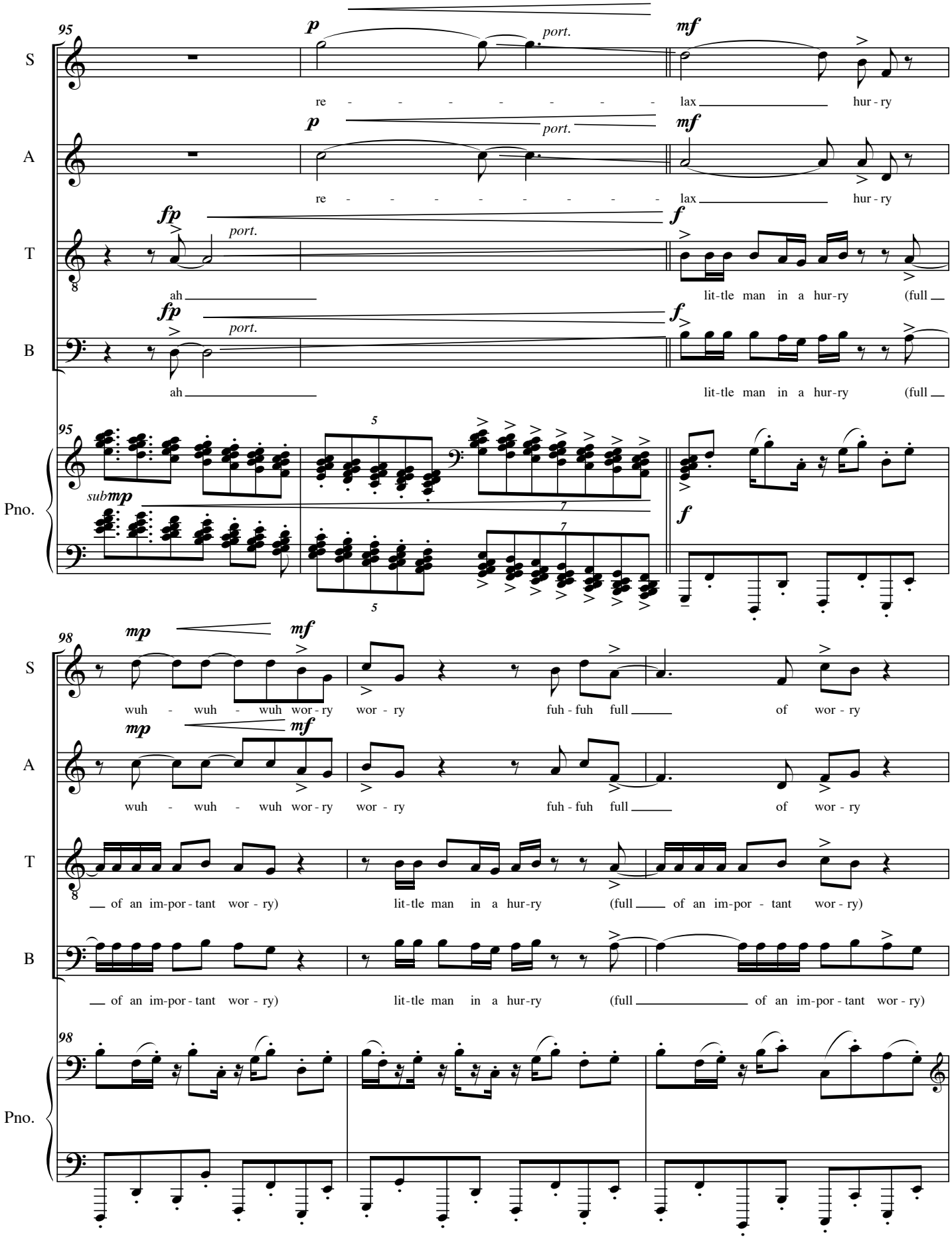
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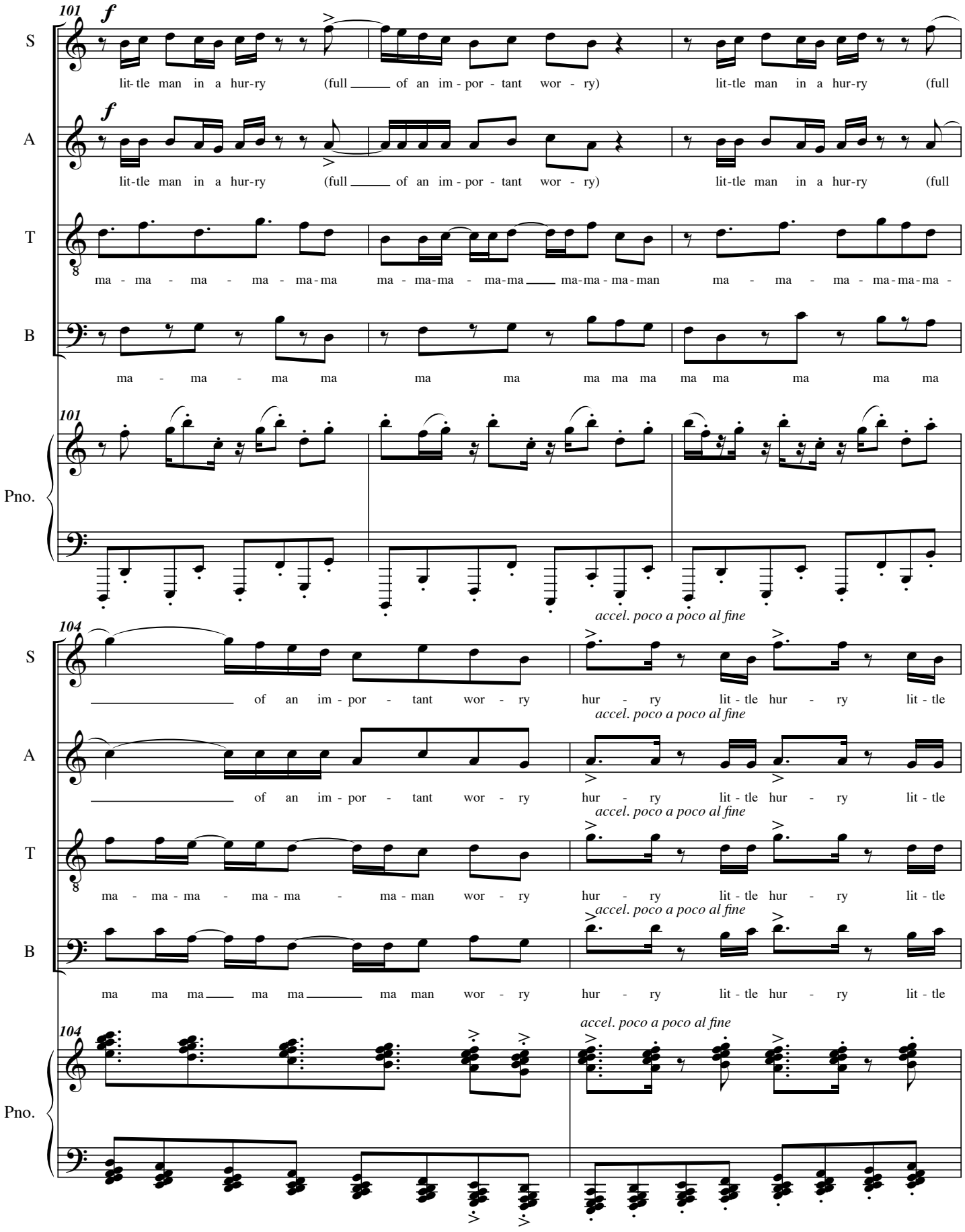
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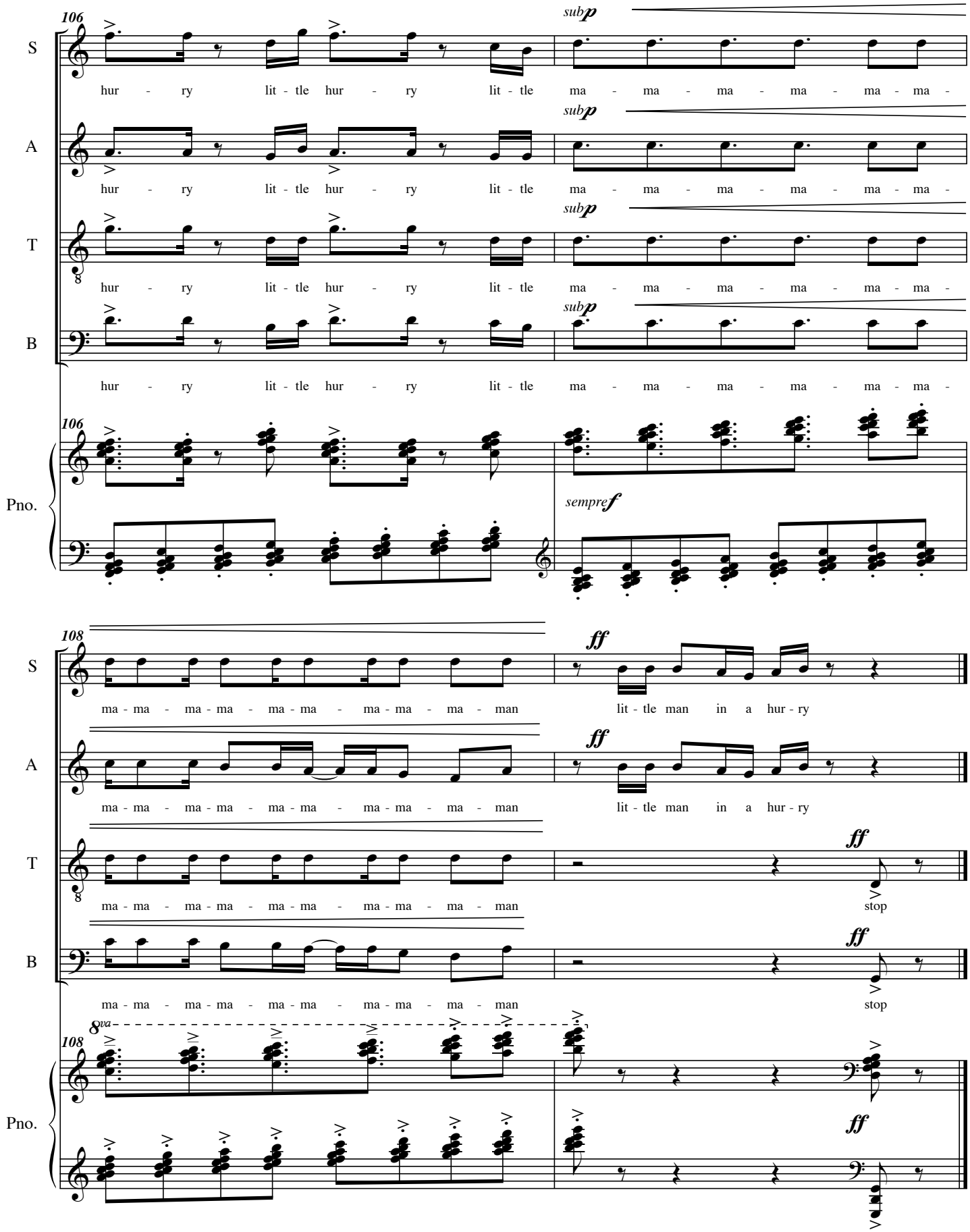

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