Not a Soul on the Lake

TTB (Divisi) & Piano

Music by:
Mitchell Fund

Text:
Michael Espinosa

Duration: 2:50

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Information Sheet

Performance Notes

Not a Soul on the Lake features the irrational time signature $\frac{3^{1/2}}{2}$ which is the length of 7 quarter notes, but with a half time feel of 3 beats, each the length of a half note, and a single, faster beat the length of a quarter note. All Divisi parts may optionally be taken as solos, by small groups, or completely omitted for simplicity's sake.

About the Poet: Michael Espinosa

I'm a writer and educator who has been teaching middle school English in western Washington for over 10 years. Writing poetry and short fiction has been a passion of mine since high school. Outside of work, I spend my time reading, writing, and enjoying the outdoors of the Pacific Northwest. In "not a soul on the lake," I was trying to capture the sense of emptiness in a natural area people paid to live by. Some of my writing influences are John Darnielle, John Green, Phil Elverum, Nikki Giovanni, and Raymond Carver. You can read more of my writing at mespinosawrites.com.

About the Composer: Mitchell Fund

I've been a music teacher, composer, and performer in the Puget Sound region of the Pacific Northwest for over 18 years. In 2021 I decided to follow my Walden dreams and built a small, off grid cabin in the foothills of the Cascade mountains. I spend my days amongst nature composing, reading, writing, and teaching remote music lessons. My main composition inspirations are Arvo Pärt, Henryk Górecki, Tomás Luis de Victoria, Ralph Vaughn Williams, and nature itself.

I have dozens of pieces on my website, mitchellfundmusic.com, all free to download. (Though donations are always appreciated!) My Choral Shorts series are pieces, canons, exercises, and warmups designed to be easy to print out on one piece of paper and composed from a teacher's viewpoint to help work on specific choral techniques.

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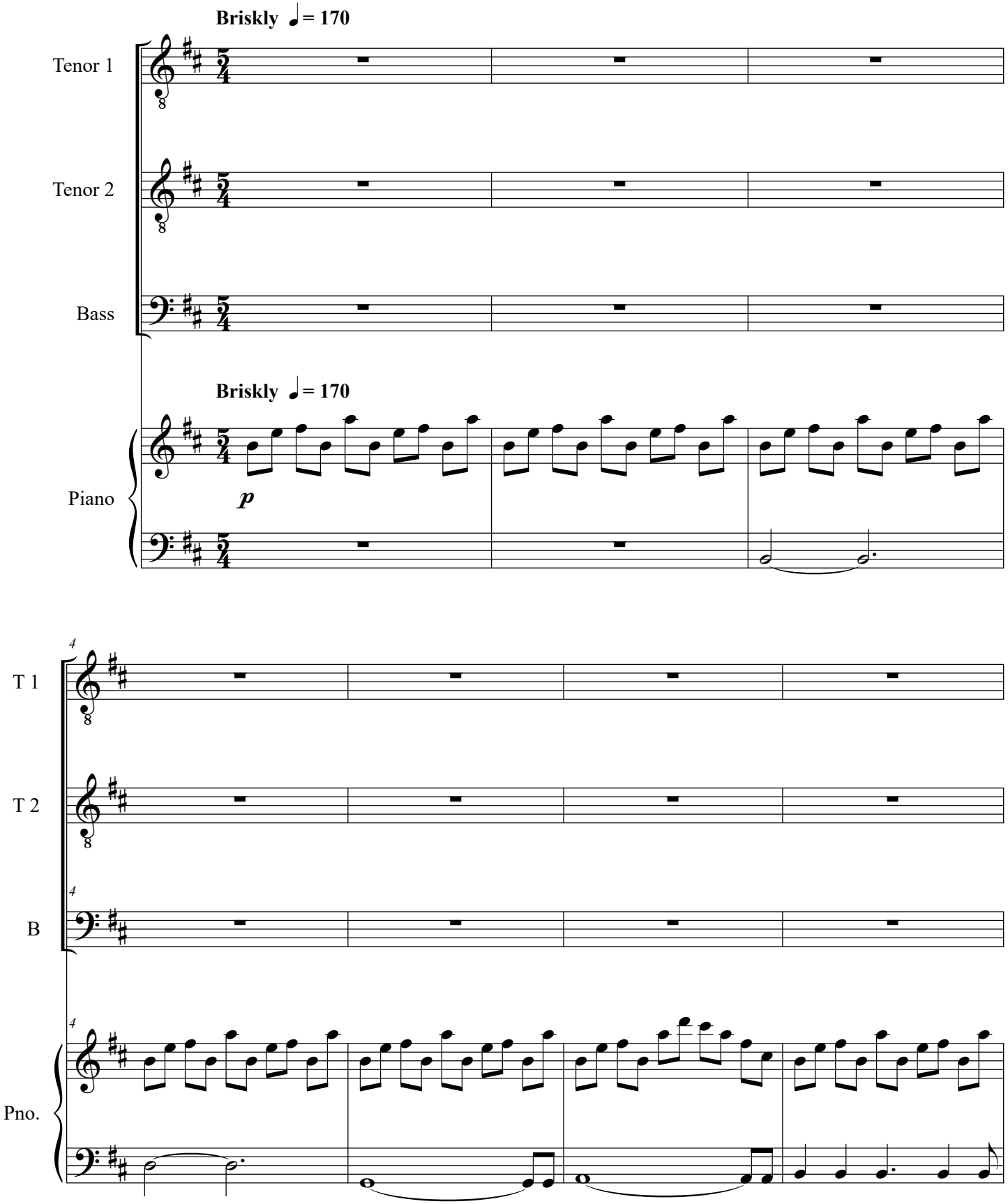
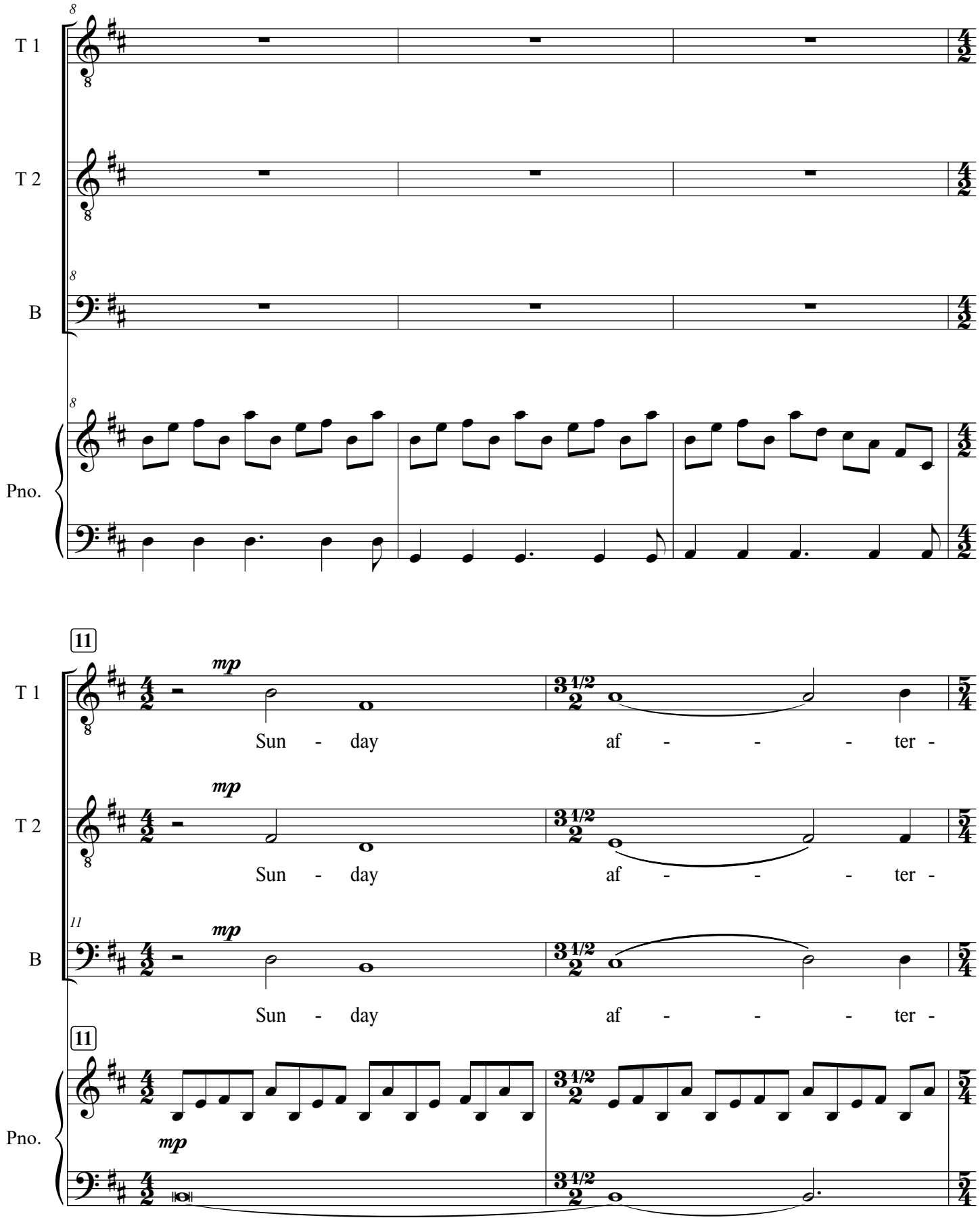
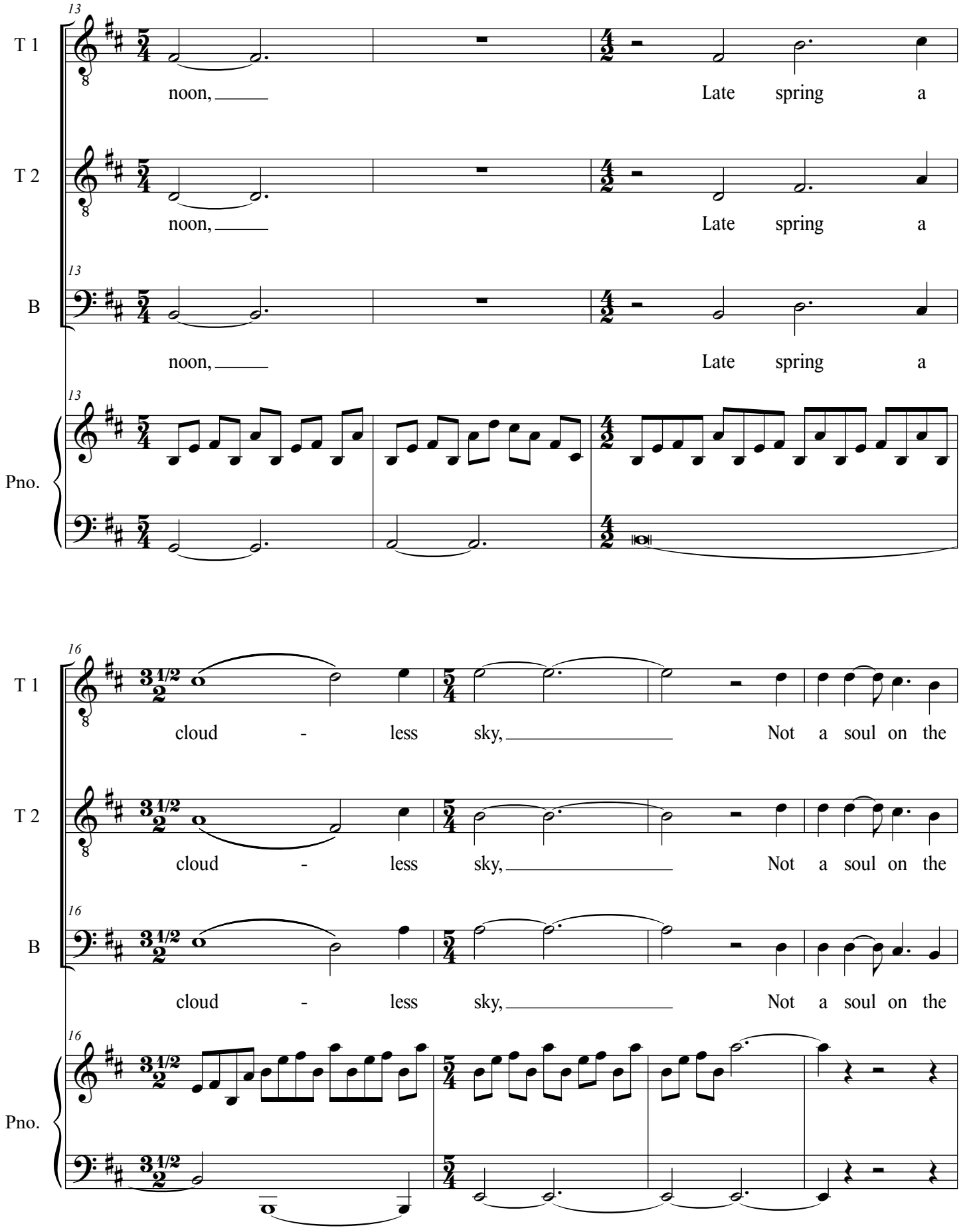
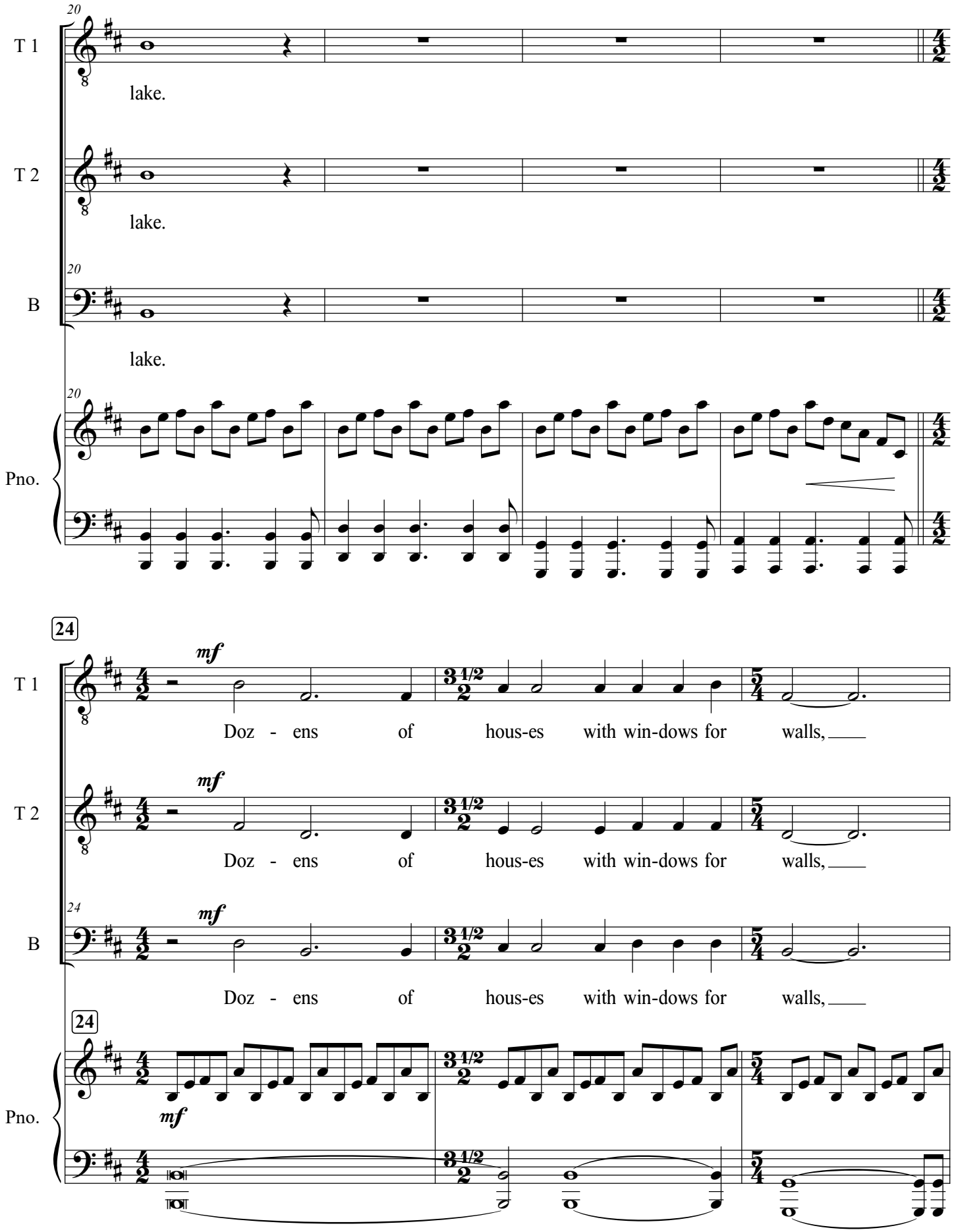
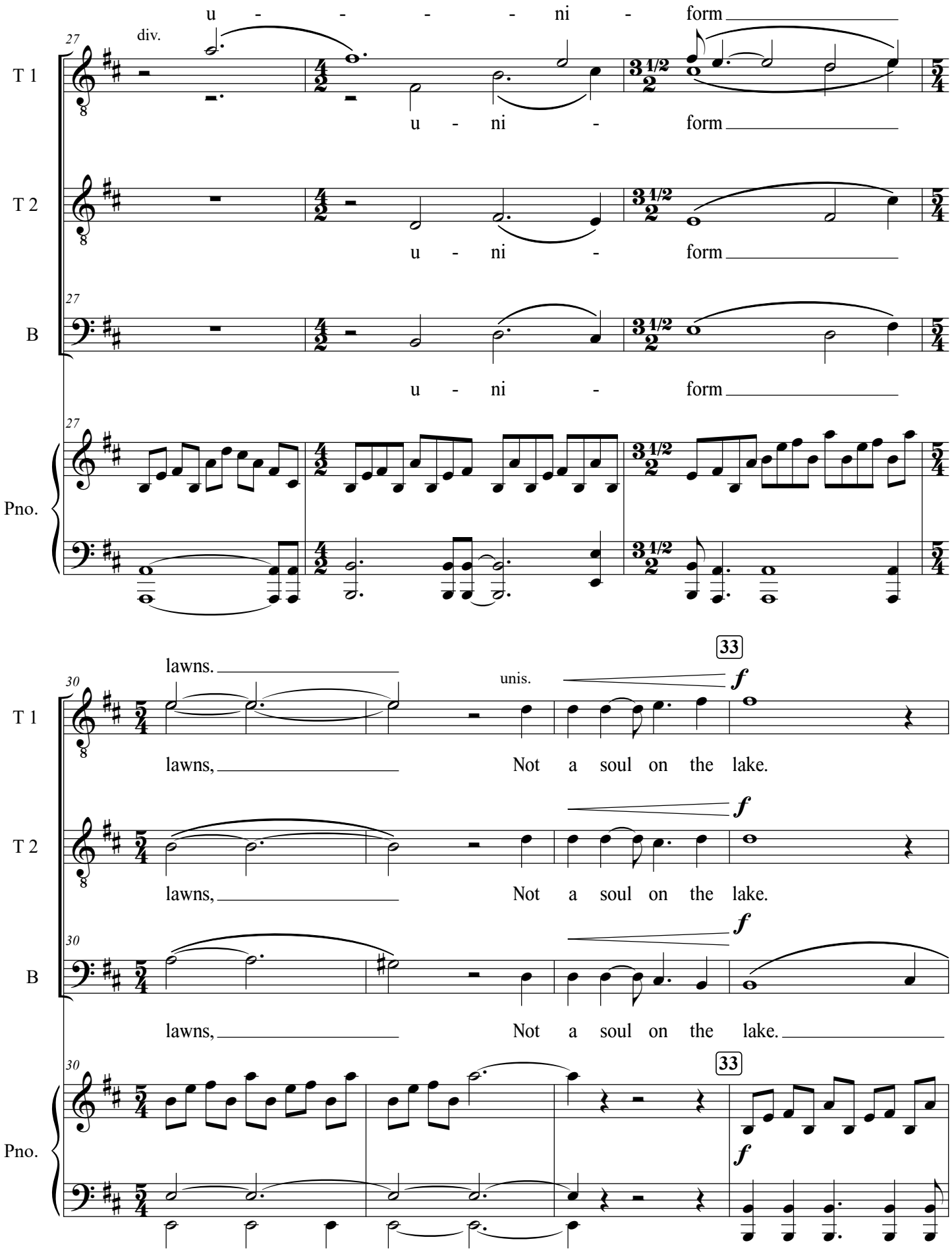
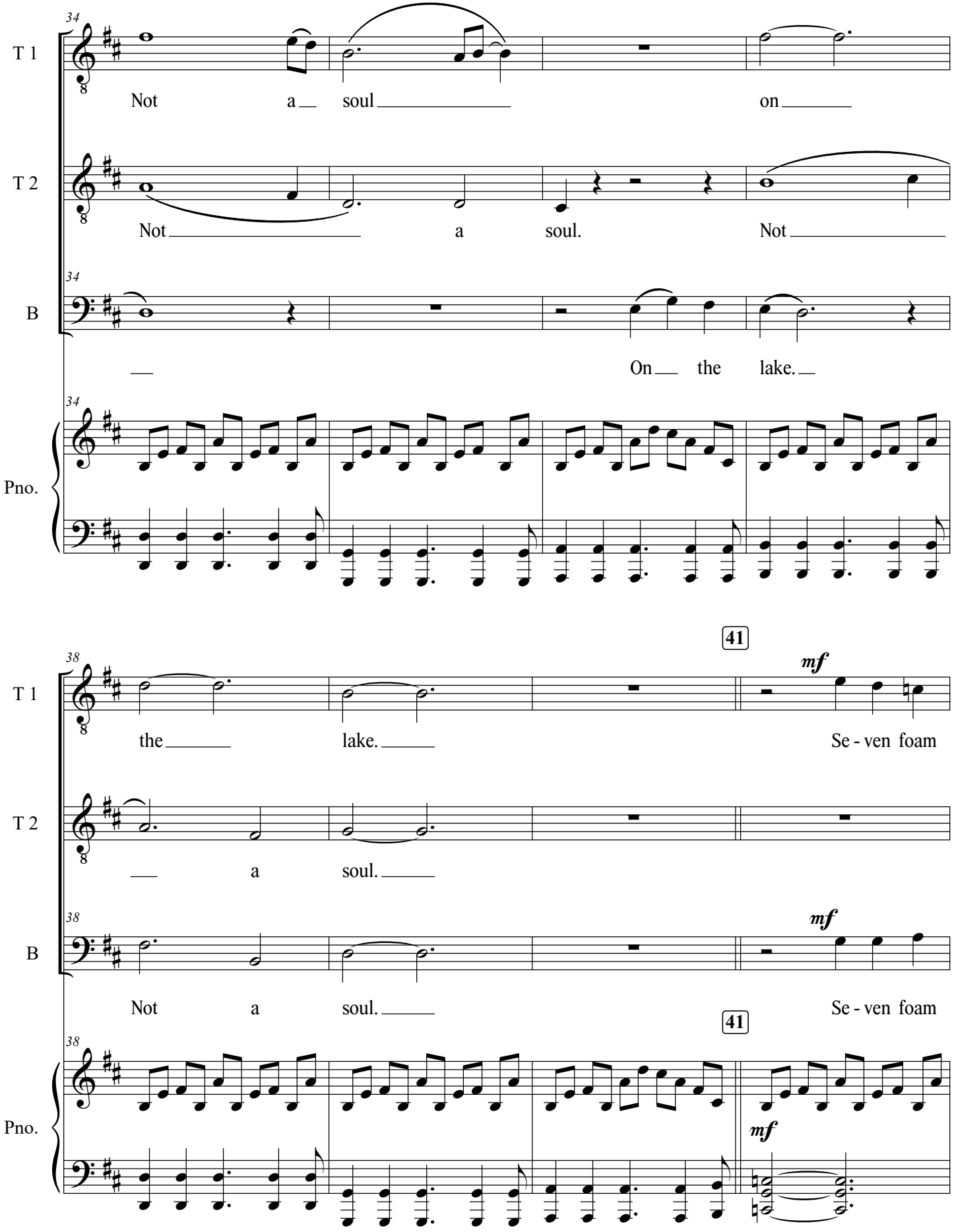


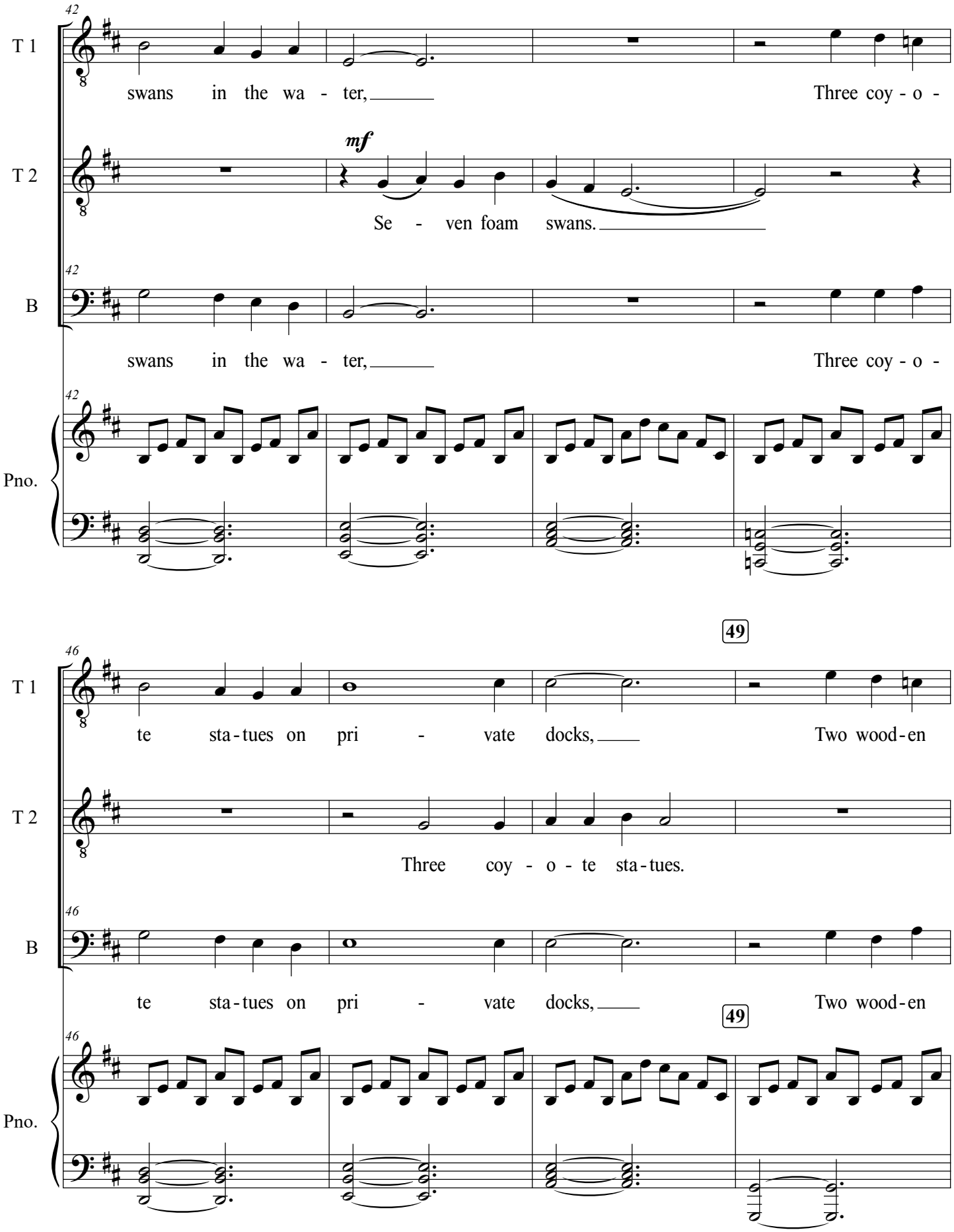

T 1
T 2
B
Pno.
11
mp
Sun - day af - - - ter -

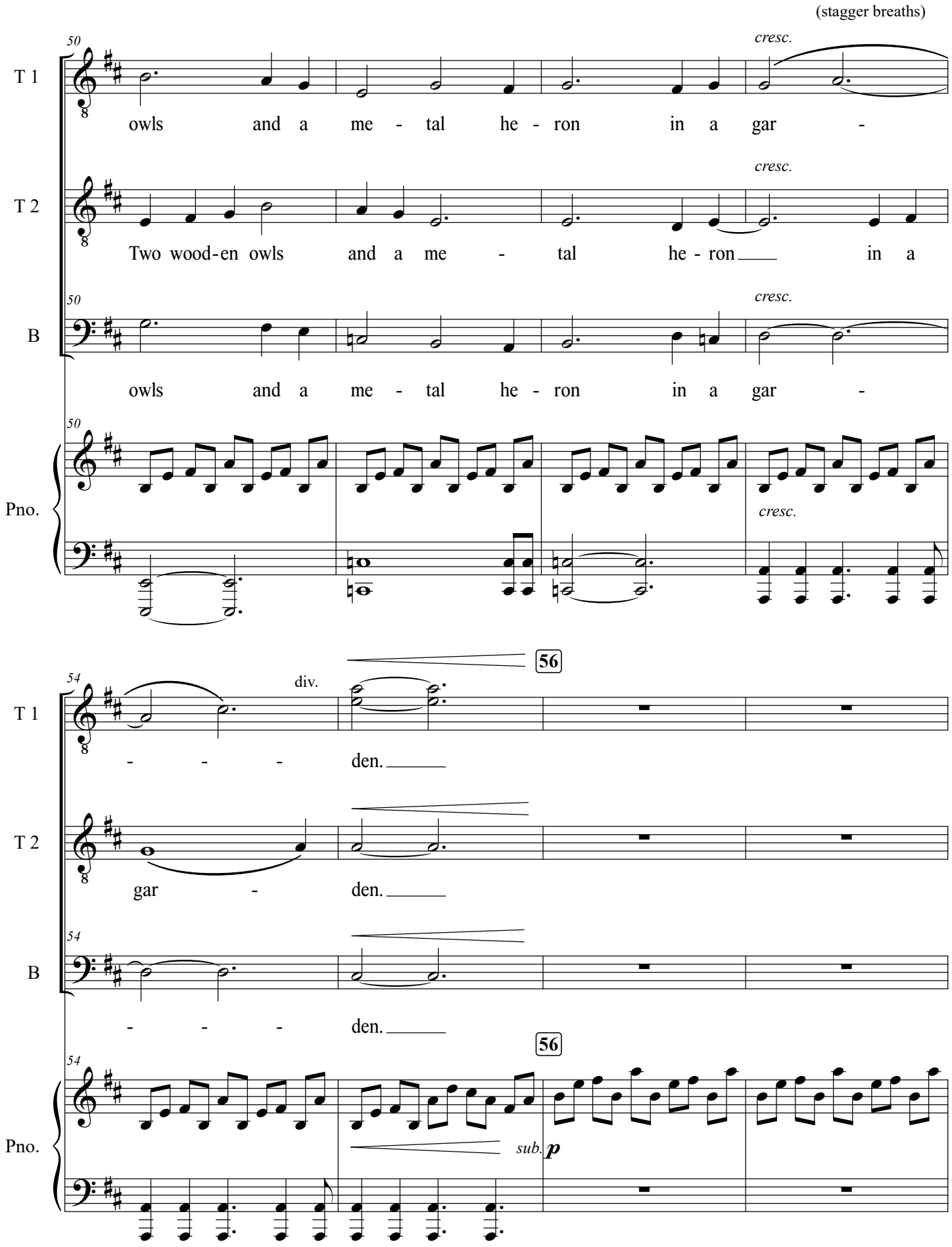

13
T 1
noon, Late spring a
T 2
noon, Late spring a
13
B
noon, Late spring a
13
Pno.
16
T 1
cloud - less sky, Not a soul on the
T 2
cloud - less sky, Not a soul on the
16
B
cloud - less sky, Not a soul on the
16
Pno.

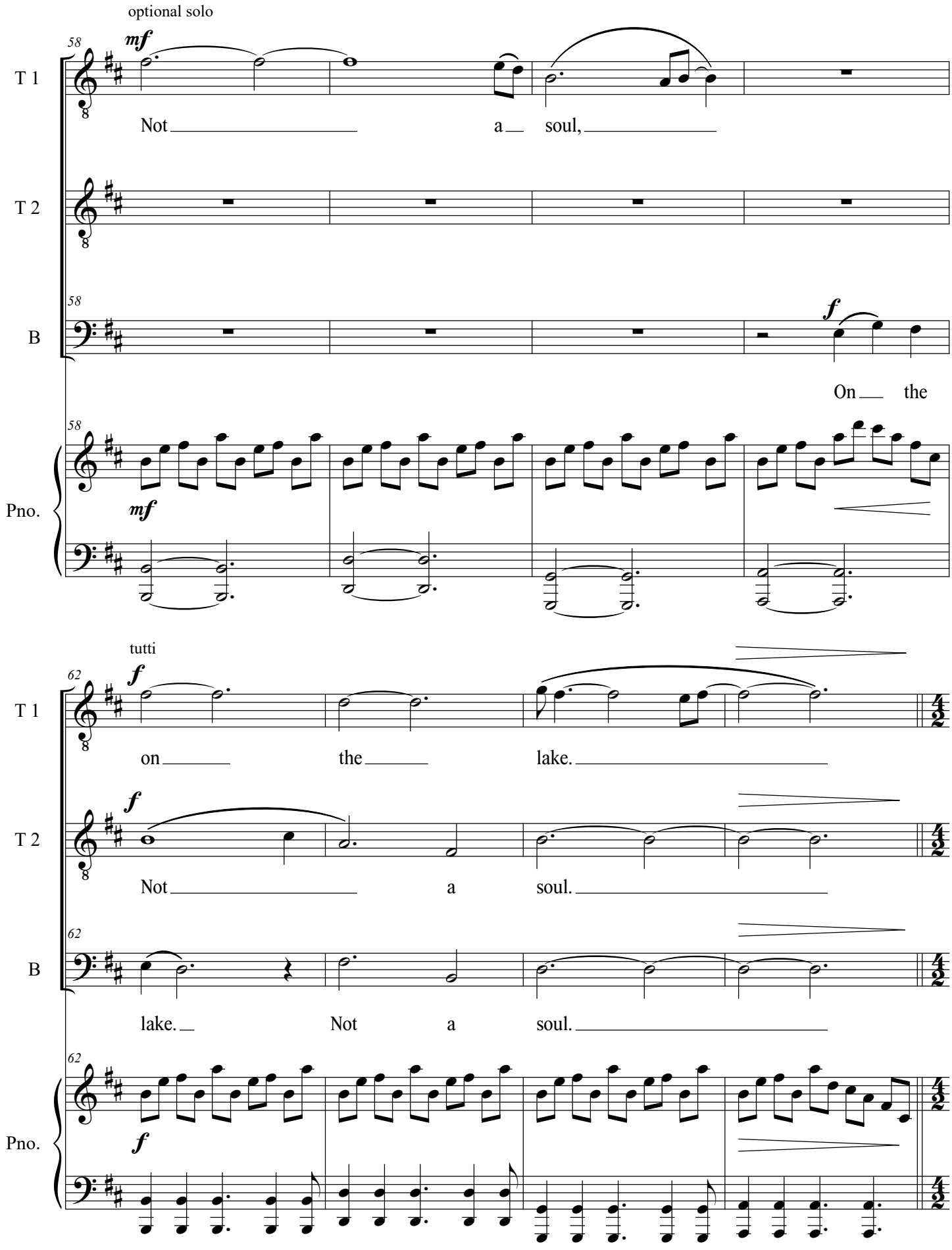

20
T 1
lake.
T 2
lake.
20
B
lake.
20
Pno.
24
mf
T 1
Doz - ens of hous-es with win-dows for walls,
mf
T 2
Doz - ens of hous-es with win-dows for walls,
24
mf
B
Doz - ens of hous-es with win-dows for walls,
24
Pno.
mf

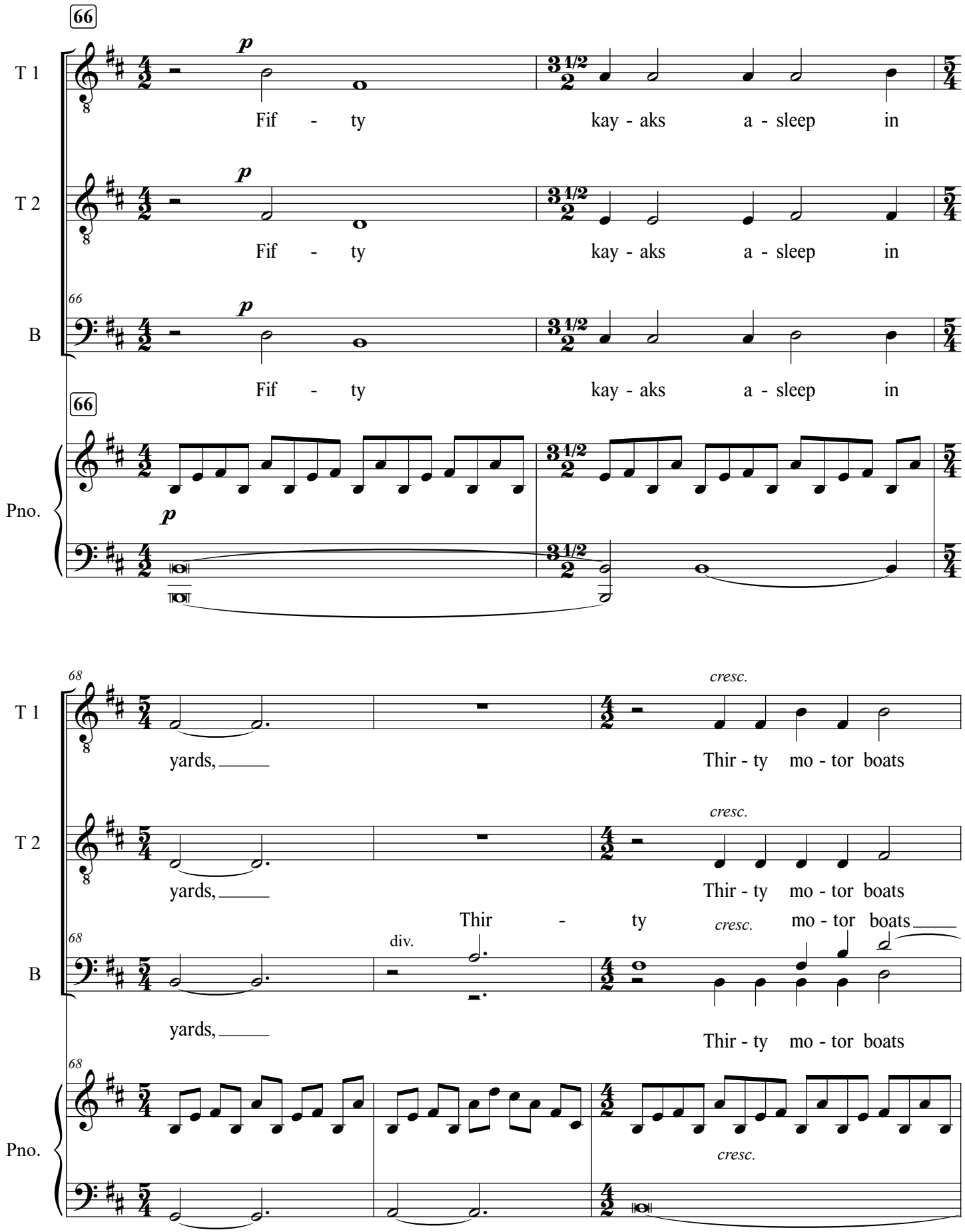

u - - - - ni - form
div.
T 1
u - ni - form
T 2
u - ni - form
B
u - ni - form
Pno.
lawns.
unis.
33
f
lawns, Not a soul on the lake.
T 1
lawns, Not a soul on the lake.
T 2
lawns, Not a soul on the lake.
B
lawns, Not a soul on the lake.
Pno.

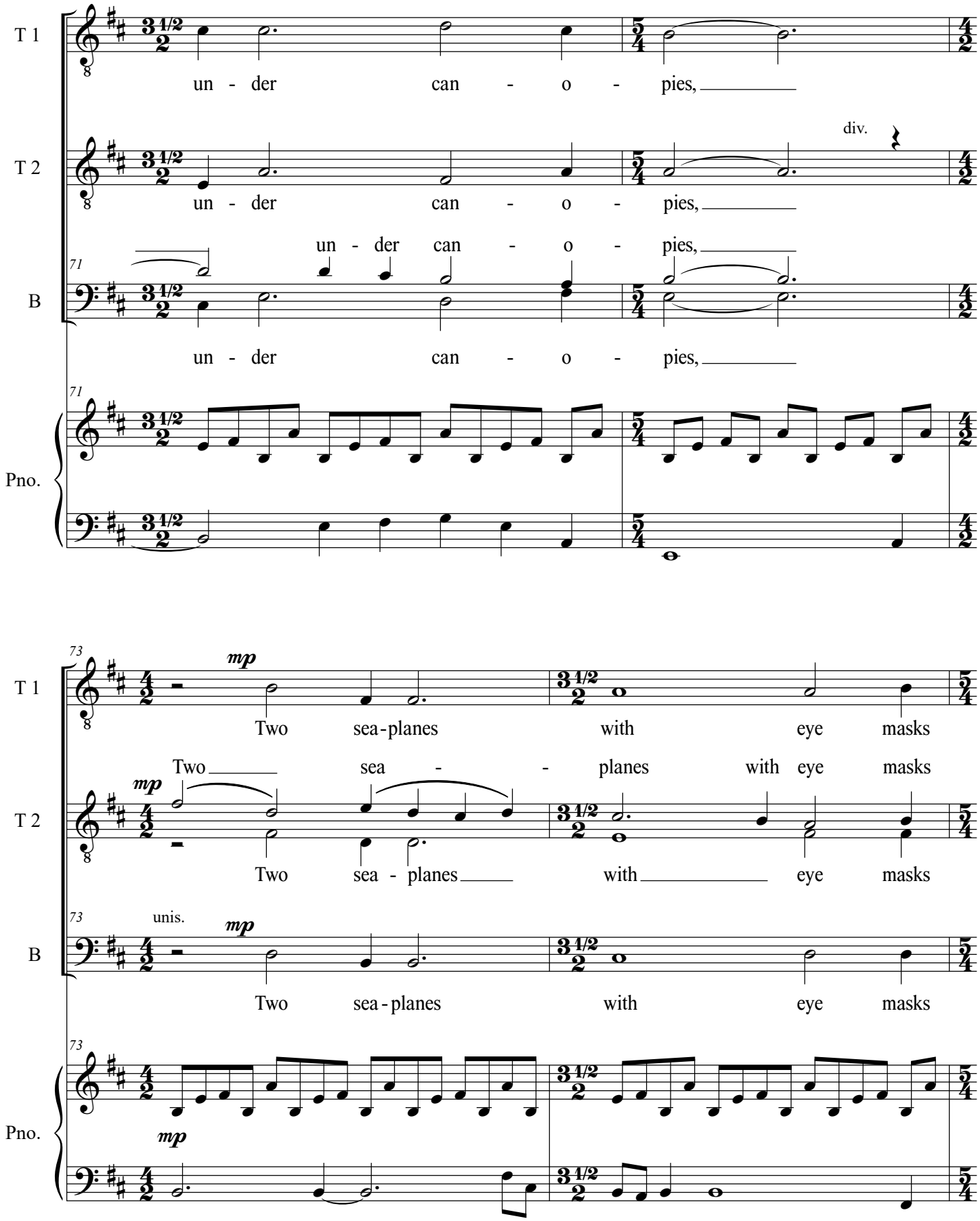

34
T 1
Not a soul on
T 2
Not a soul. Not
B
On the lake.
Pno.
41
38
mf
the lake.
Se - ven foam
a soul.
Not a soul.
Se - ven foam

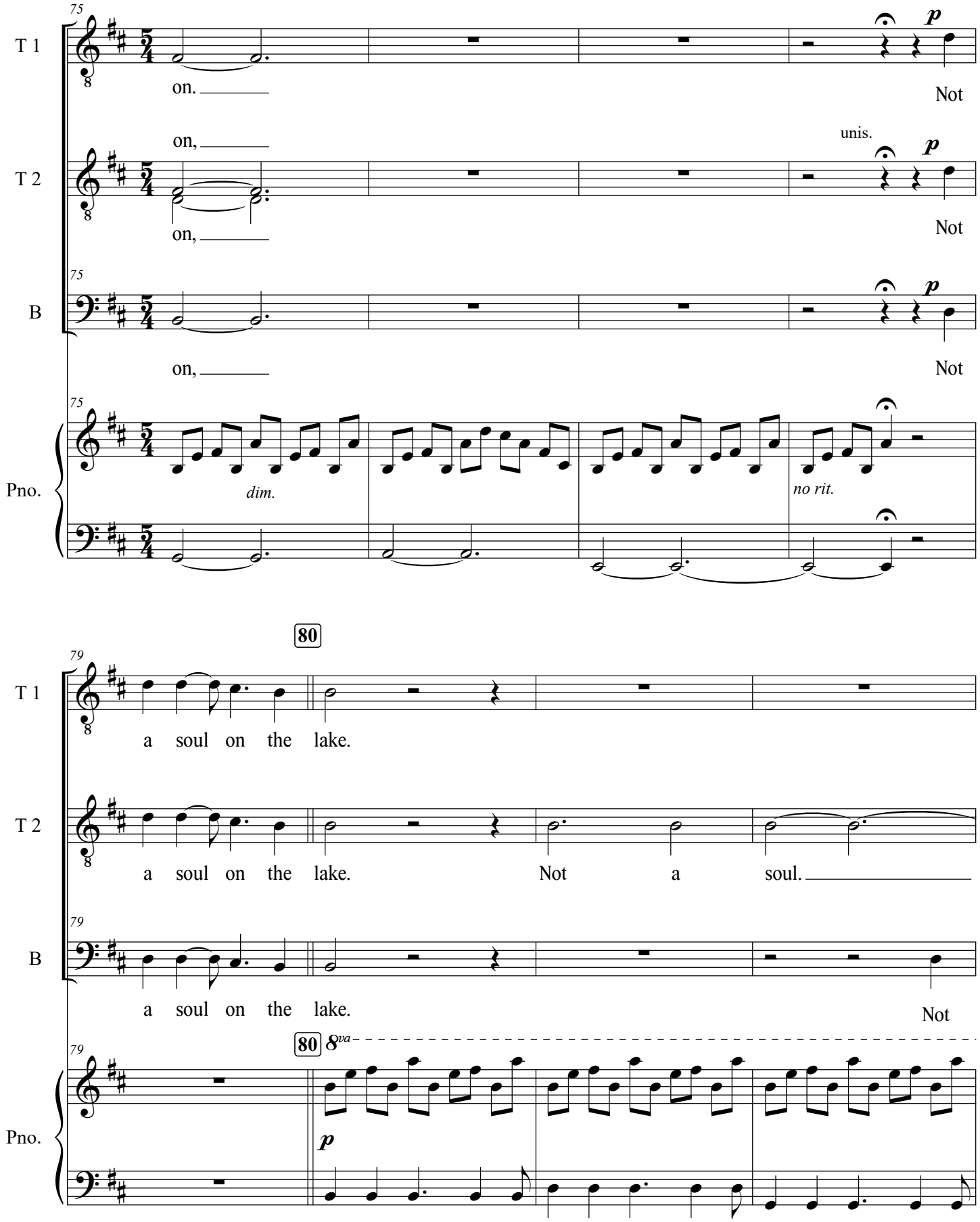

42
T 1
swans in the wa - ter,
Three coy - o -
mf
T 2
Se - ven foam swans.
42
B
swans in the wa - ter,
Three coy - o -
42
Pno.
49
46
T 1
te sta-tues on pri - vate docks,
Two wood-en
T 2
Three coy - o - te sta-tues.
46
B
te sta-tues on pri - vate docks,
49
Two wood-en
46
Pno.

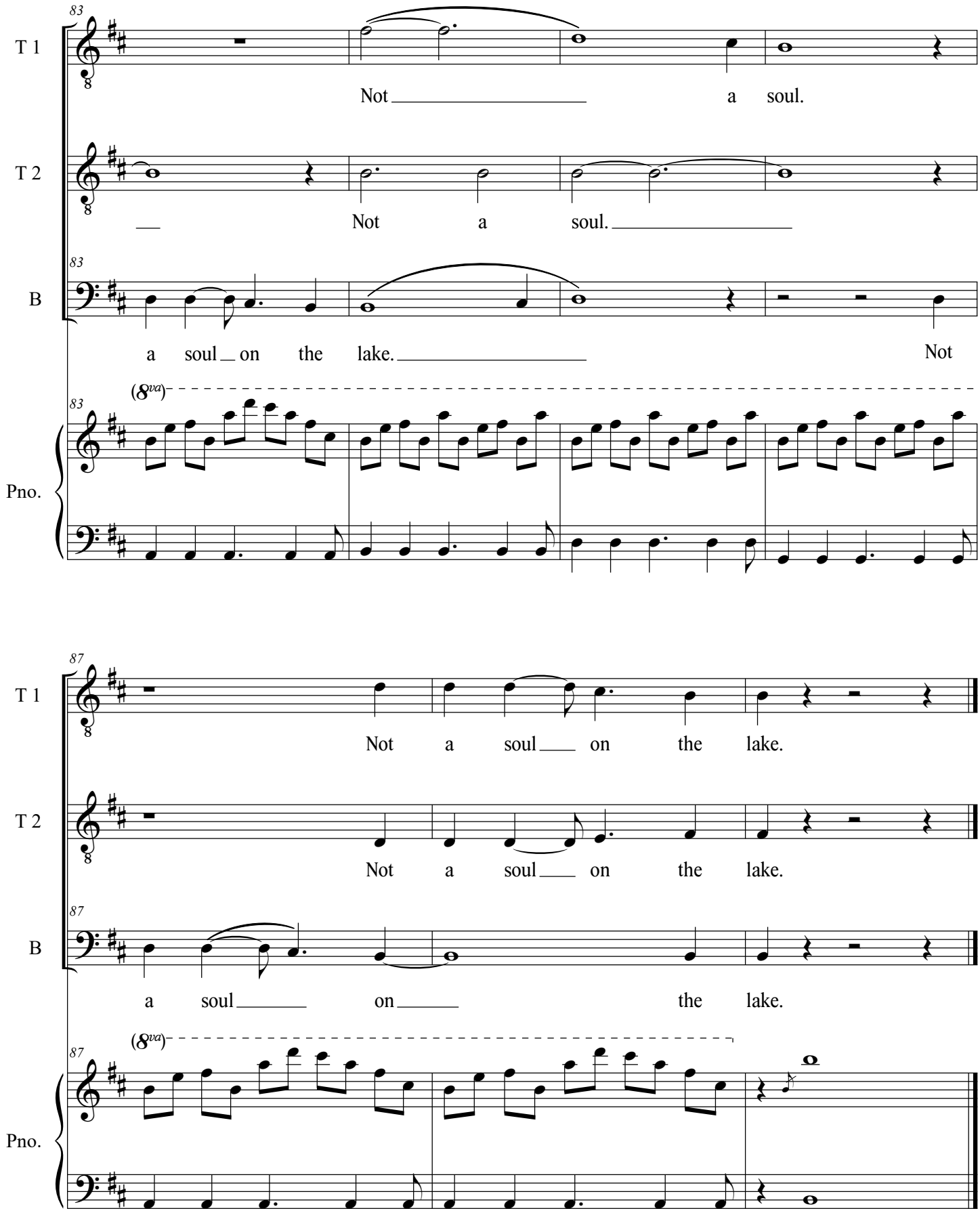

(stagger breaths)
50
T 1
owls and a me - tal he - ron in a gar -
cresc.
T 2
Two wood-en owls and a me - tal he - ron in a
cresc.
B
owls and a me - tal he - ron in a gar -
cresc.
Pno.
cresc.
54
div.
56
- - - den.
gar - den.
- - - den.
sub. p


optional solo
58
mf
T 1
Not a soul,
T 2
58
B
f
On the
58
Pno.
mf
tutti
62
f
T 1
on the lake.
f
T 2
Not a soul.
62
B
lake. Not a soul.
62
Pno.
f


66
T 1
p
Fif - ty kay - aks a - sleep in
T 2
p
Fif - ty kay - aks a - sleep in
66
B
p
Fif - ty kay - aks a - sleep in
66
Pno.
p
68
T 1
cresc.
yards, Thir - ty mo - tor boats
T 2
cresc.
yards, Thir - ty mo - tor boats
Thir - ty cresc. mo - tor boats
68
B
div.
yards, Thir - ty mo - tor boats
68
Pno.
cresc.


T 1
un - der can - o - pies,
T 2
div.
un - der can - o - pies,
71
B
un - der can - o - pies,
un - der can - o - pies,
71
Pno.
73
mp
Two sea-planes with eye masks
T 1
Two sea - - planes with eye masks
mp
T 2
Two sea - planes with eye masks
73
unis.
mp
B
Two sea-planes with eye masks
73
Pno.
mp


75
T 1
on.
Not
T 2
on,
unis.
on,
Not
B
on,
Not
Pno.
dim.
no rit.
80
79
a soul on the lake.
a soul on the lake. Not a soul.
a soul on the lake.
Not
8va
p


83
T 1
Not a soul.
T 2
Not a soul.
83
B
a soul on the lake. Not
(8va)
83
Pno.
87
T 1
Not a soul on the lake.
T 2
Not a soul on the lake.
87
B
a soul on the lake.
(8va)
87
Pno.

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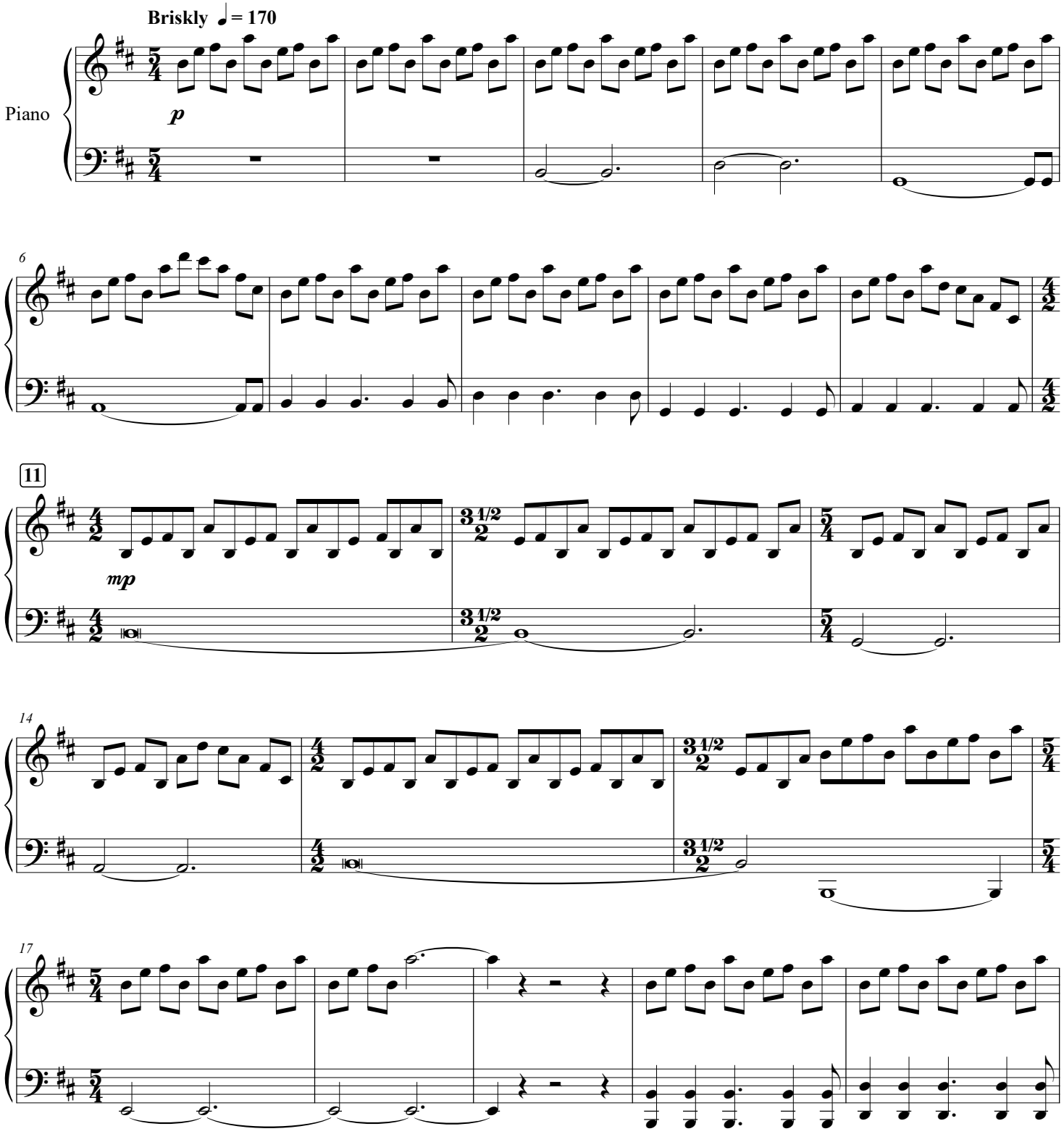
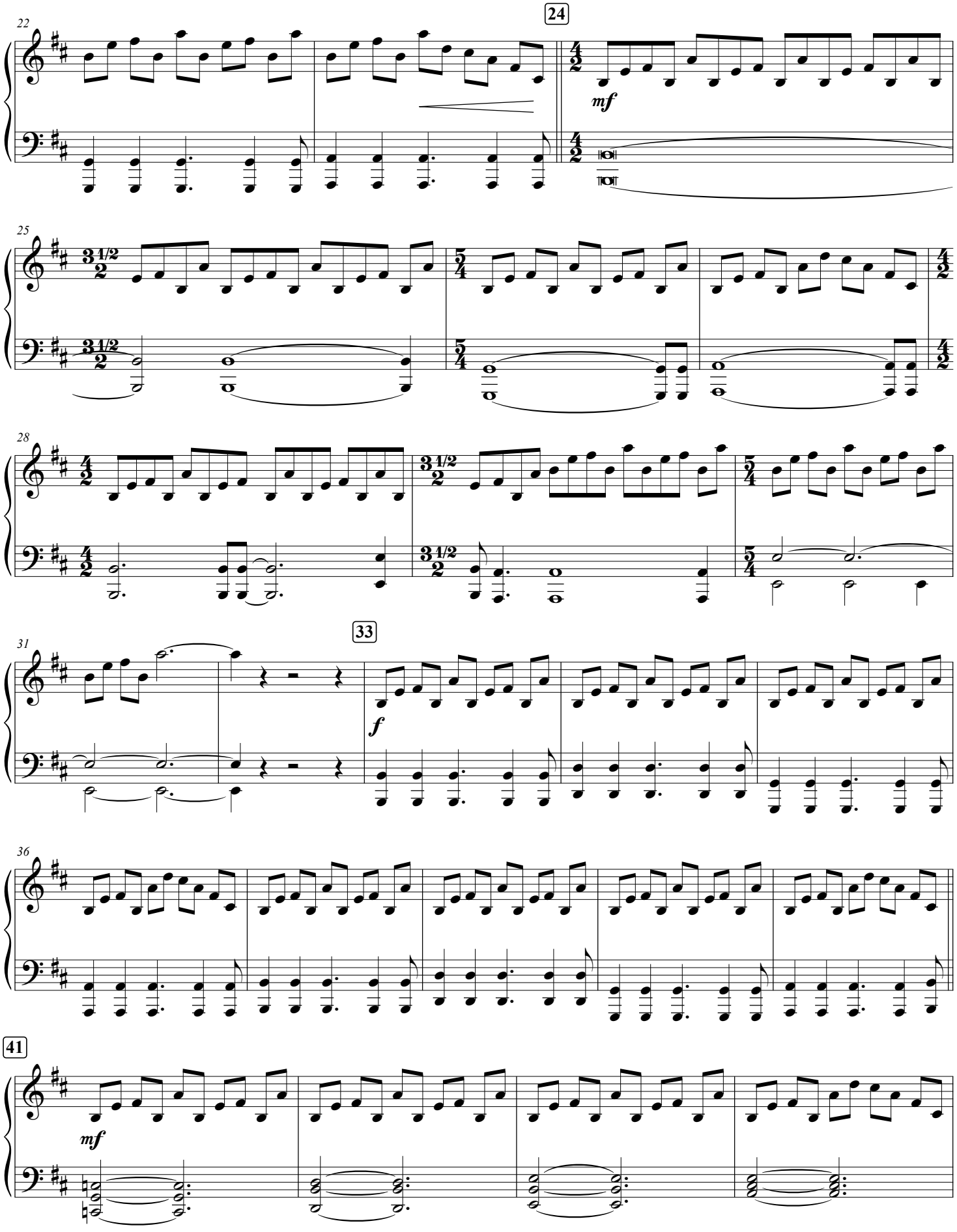
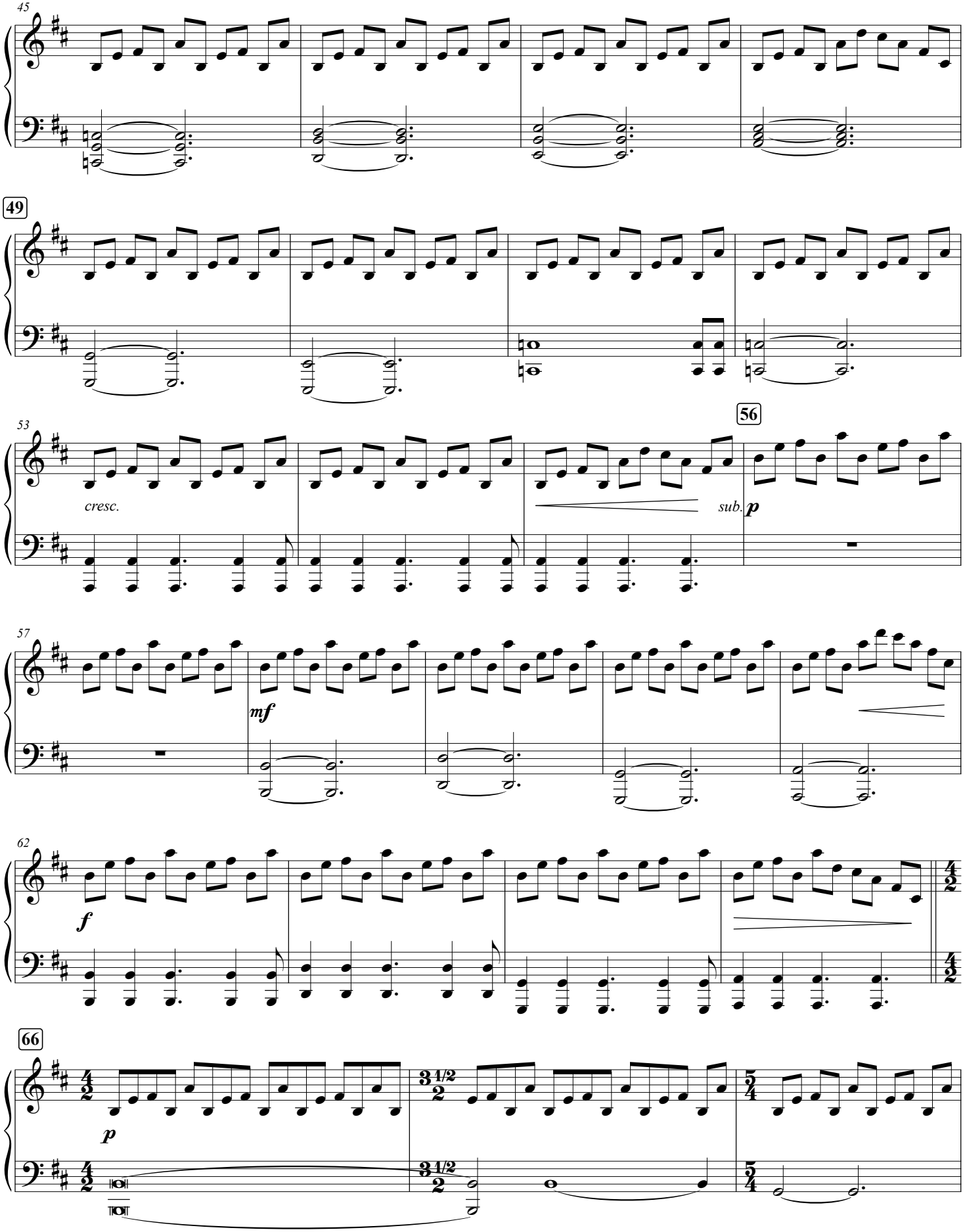
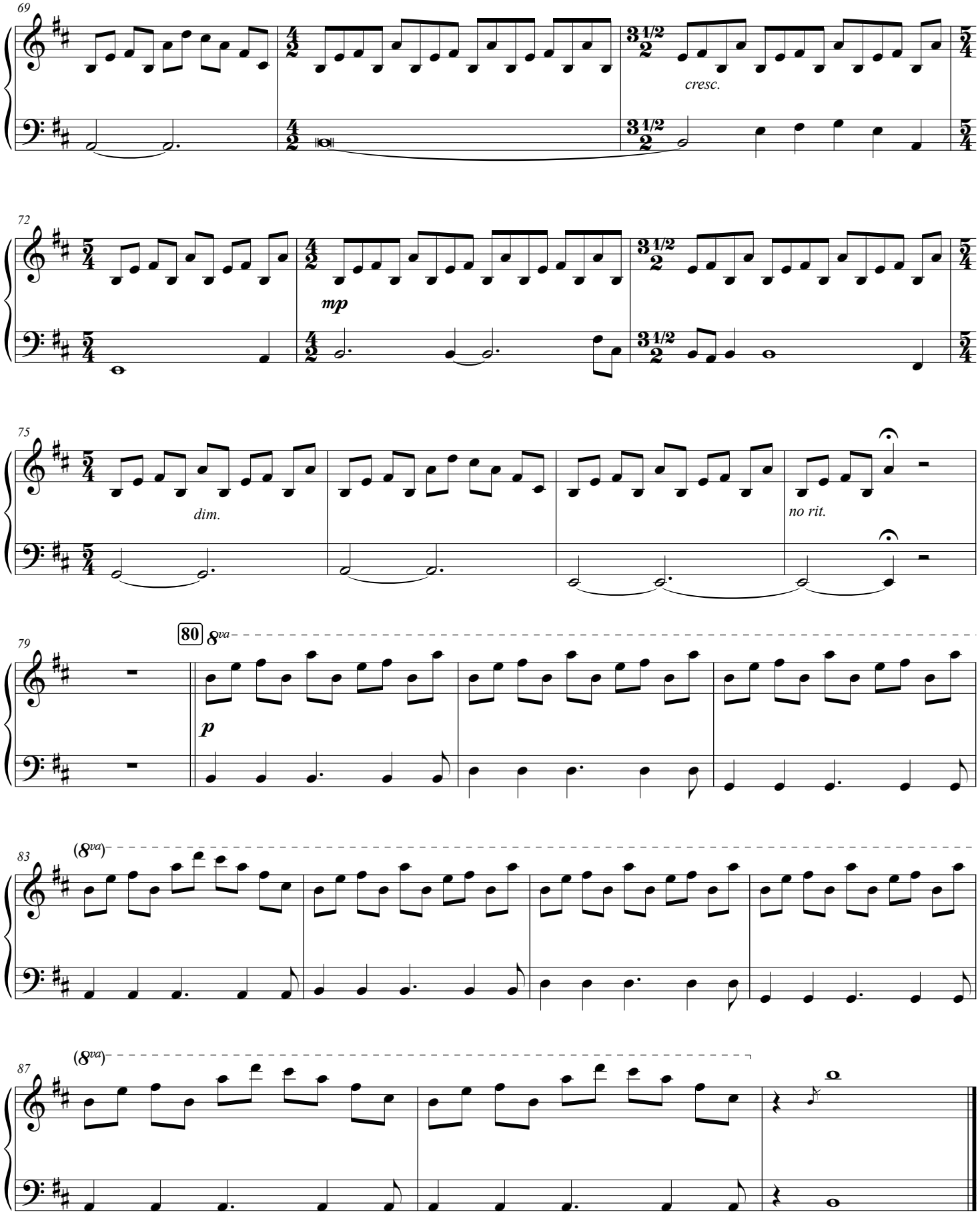



22
24
mf
25
28
31
33
f
36
41
mf


45
49
53
cresc.
56
sub.
p
57
mf
62
f
66
p


69
cresc.
72
mp
75
dim.
no rit.
79
80 8va
p
83
(8va)
87
(8va)