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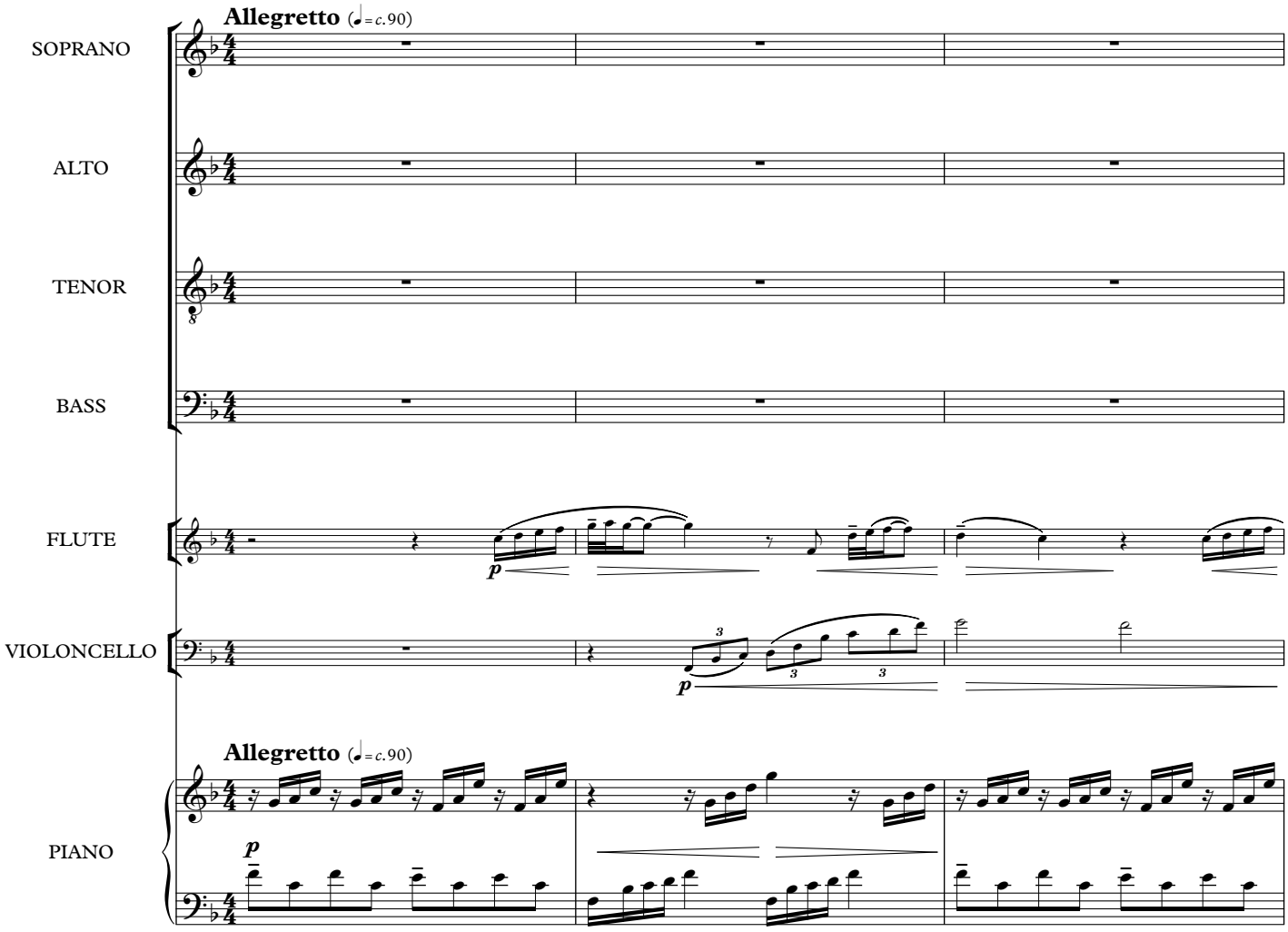

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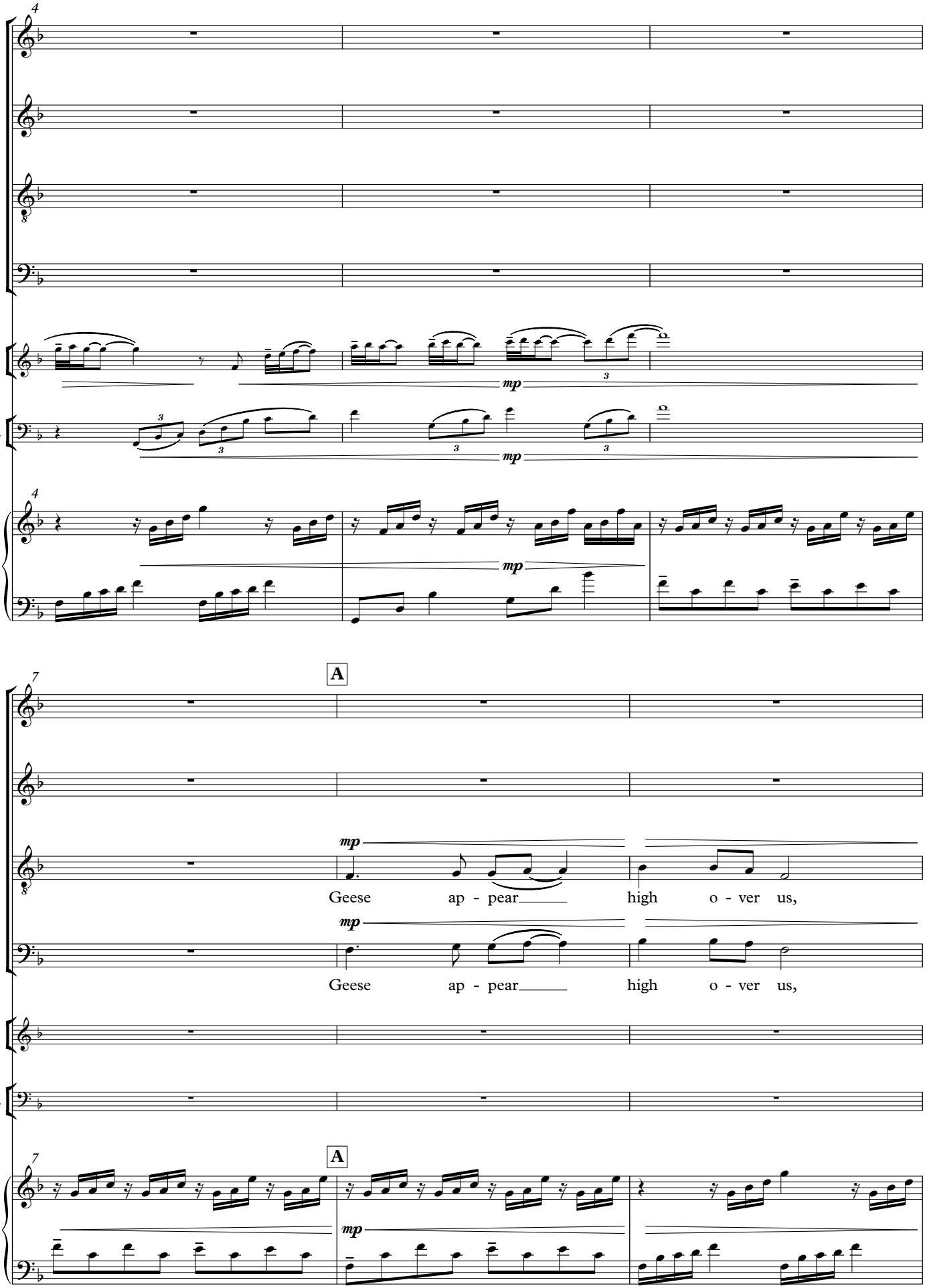
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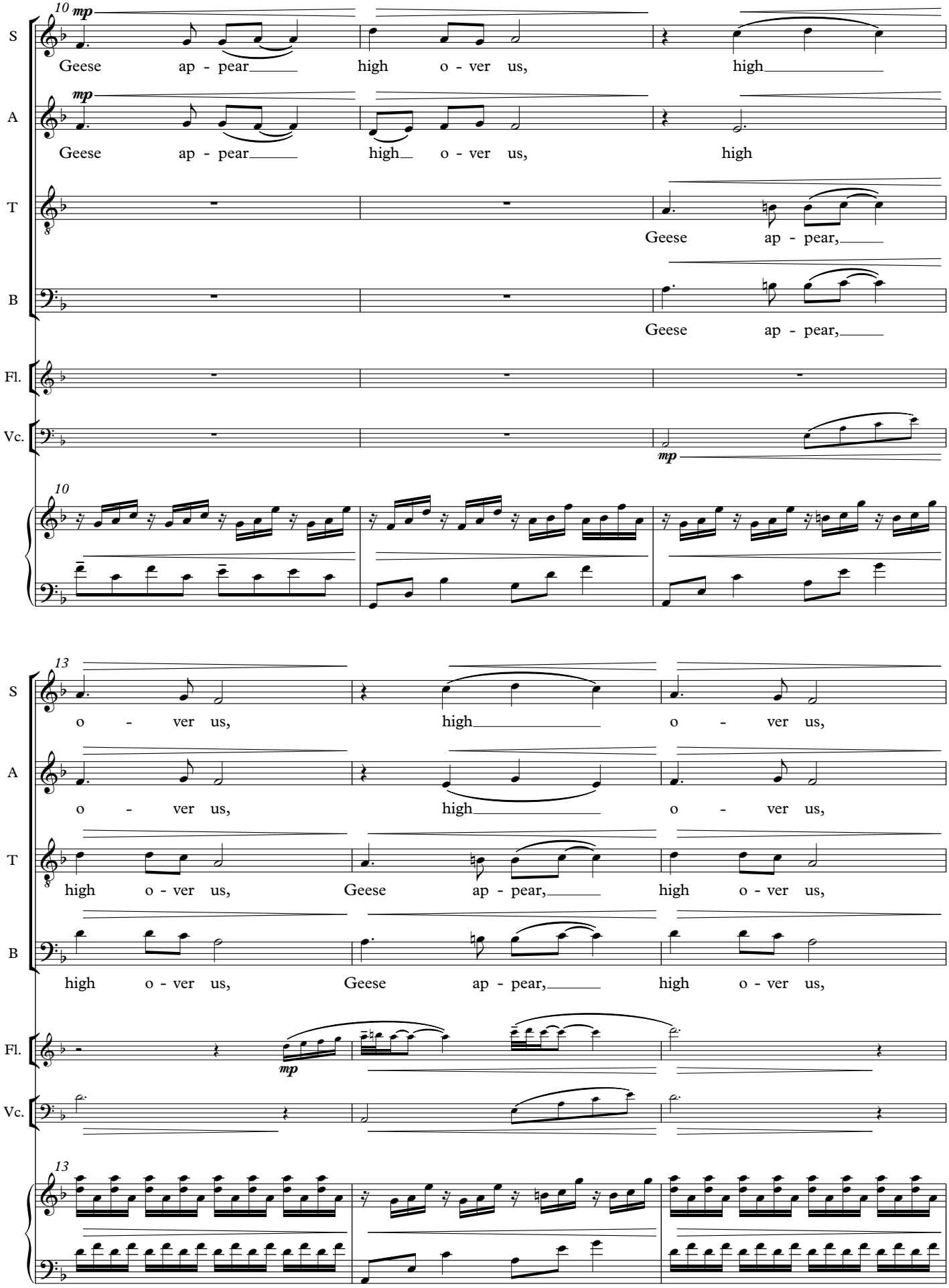
S
A
T
B
Fl.
Vc.
mp
7
A
Geese ap - pear high o - ver us,
Geese ap - pear high o - ver us,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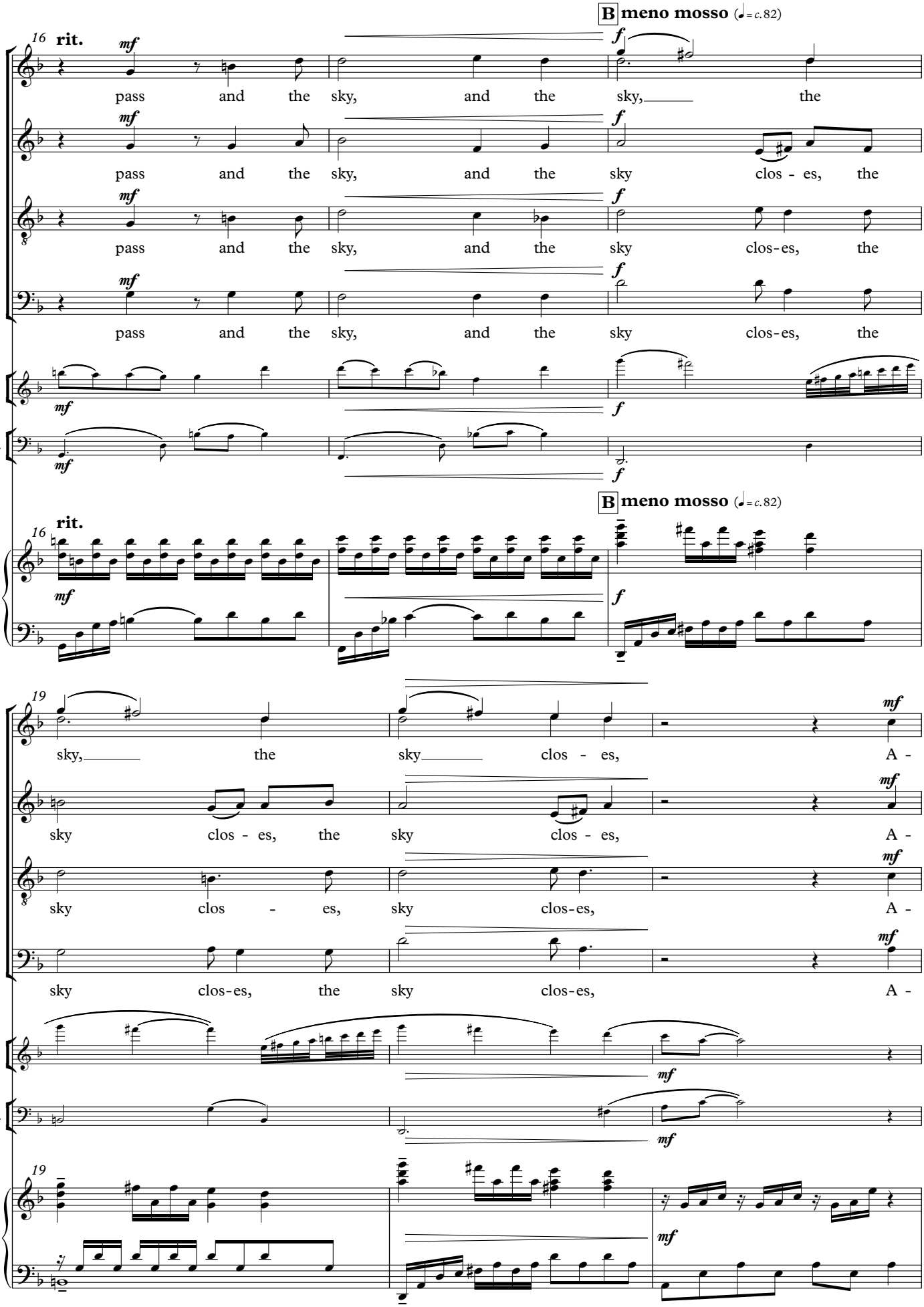
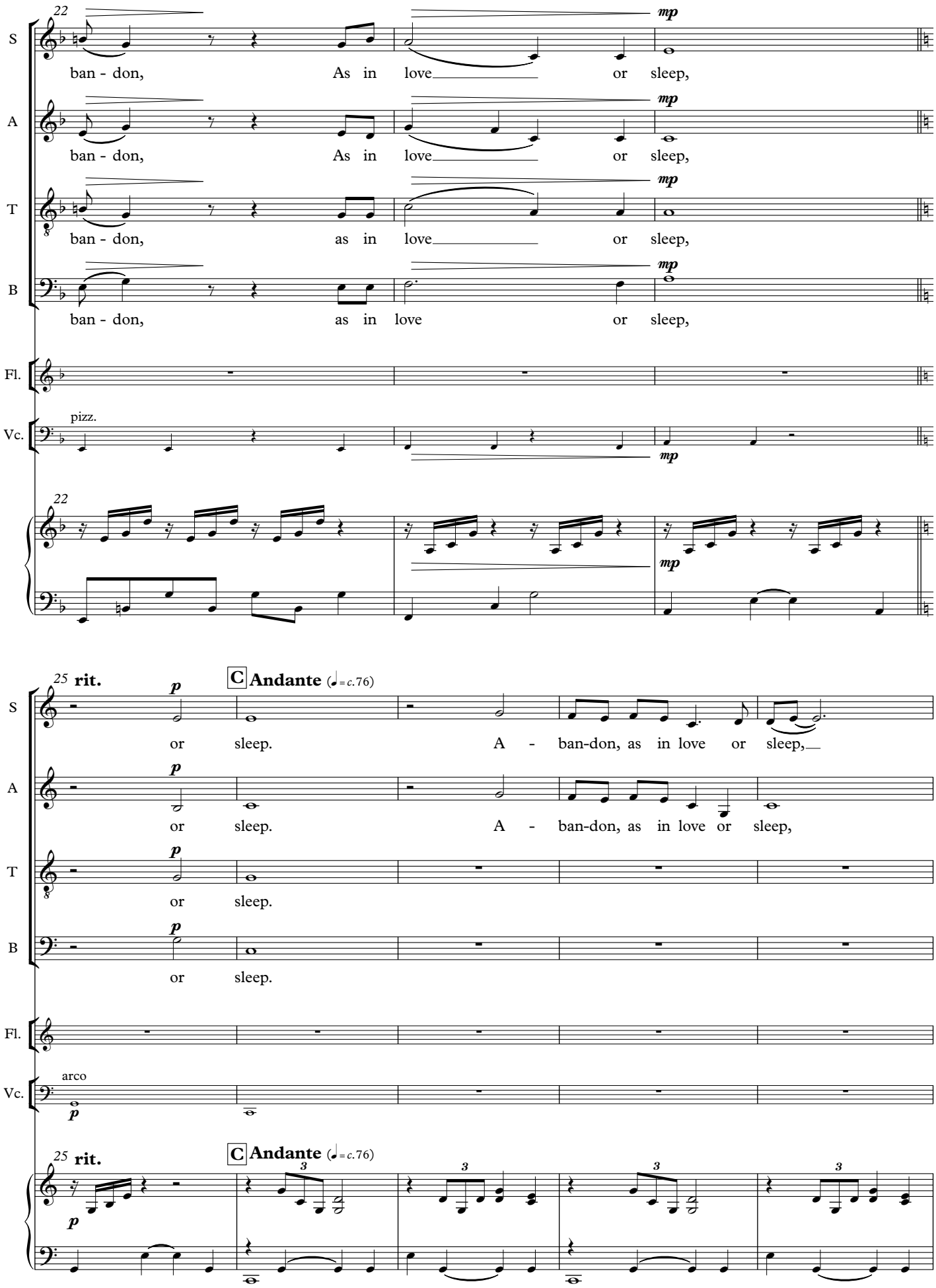
mp
S
Geese ap - pear high o - ver us, high
A
Geese ap - pear high o - ver us, high
T
Geese ap - pear,
B
Geese ap - pear,
Fl.
Vc.
mp
10
13
S
o - ver us, high o - ver us,
A
o - ver us, high o - ver us,
T
high o - ver us, Geese ap - pear, high o - ver us,
B
high o - ver us, Geese ap - pear, high o - ver us,
Fl.
mp
Vc.
13


B meno mosso (♩= c. 82)
16
rit.
mf
f
S
A
T
B
Fl.
Vc.
pass and the sky, and the sky, the
pass and the sky, and the sky clos - es, the
pass and the sky, and the sky clos-es, the
pass and the sky, and the sky clos-es, the
19
sky, the sky clos - es, A -
sky clos - es, the sky clos - es, A -
sky clos - es, sky clos-es, A -
sky clos-es, the sky clos-es, A -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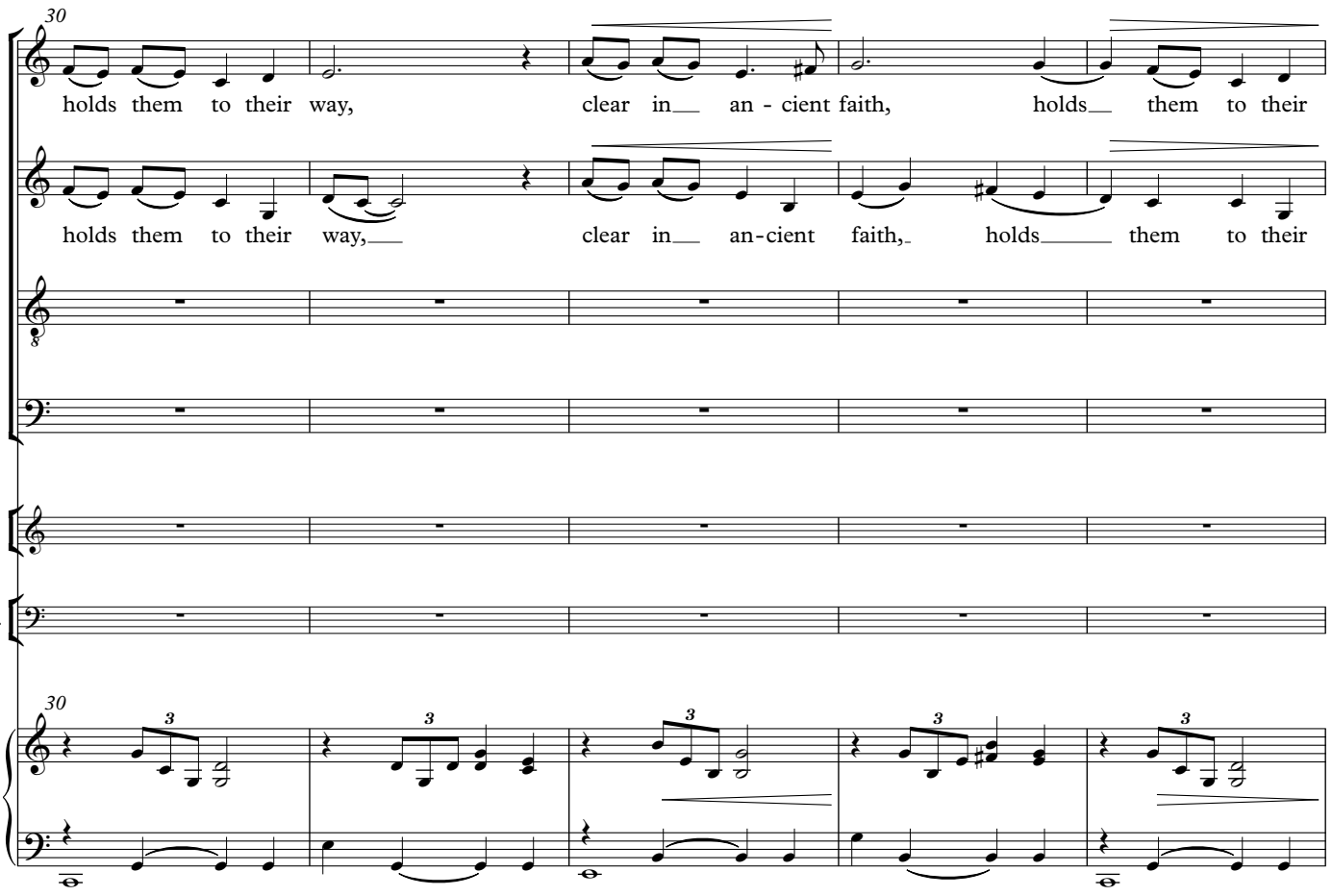
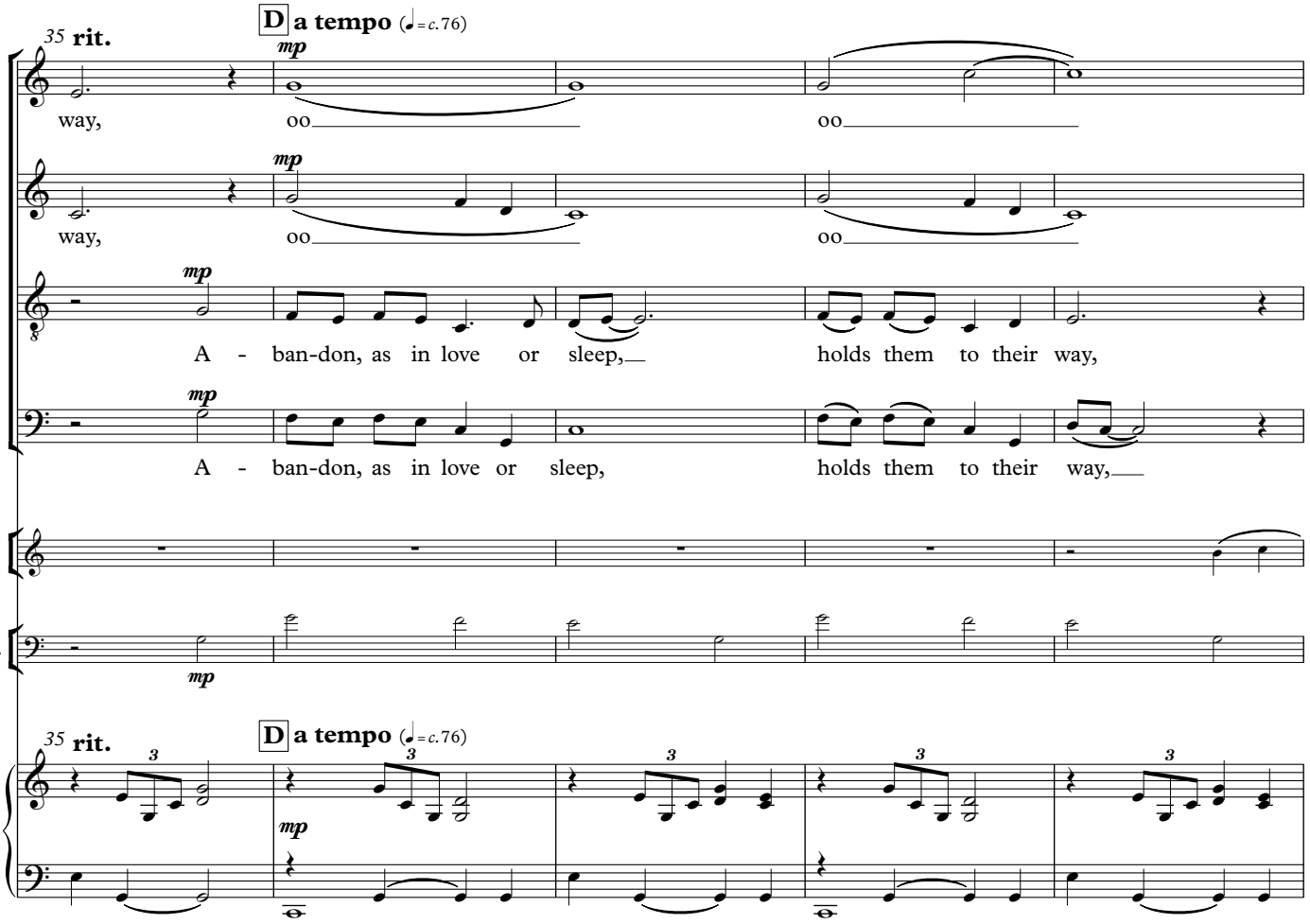
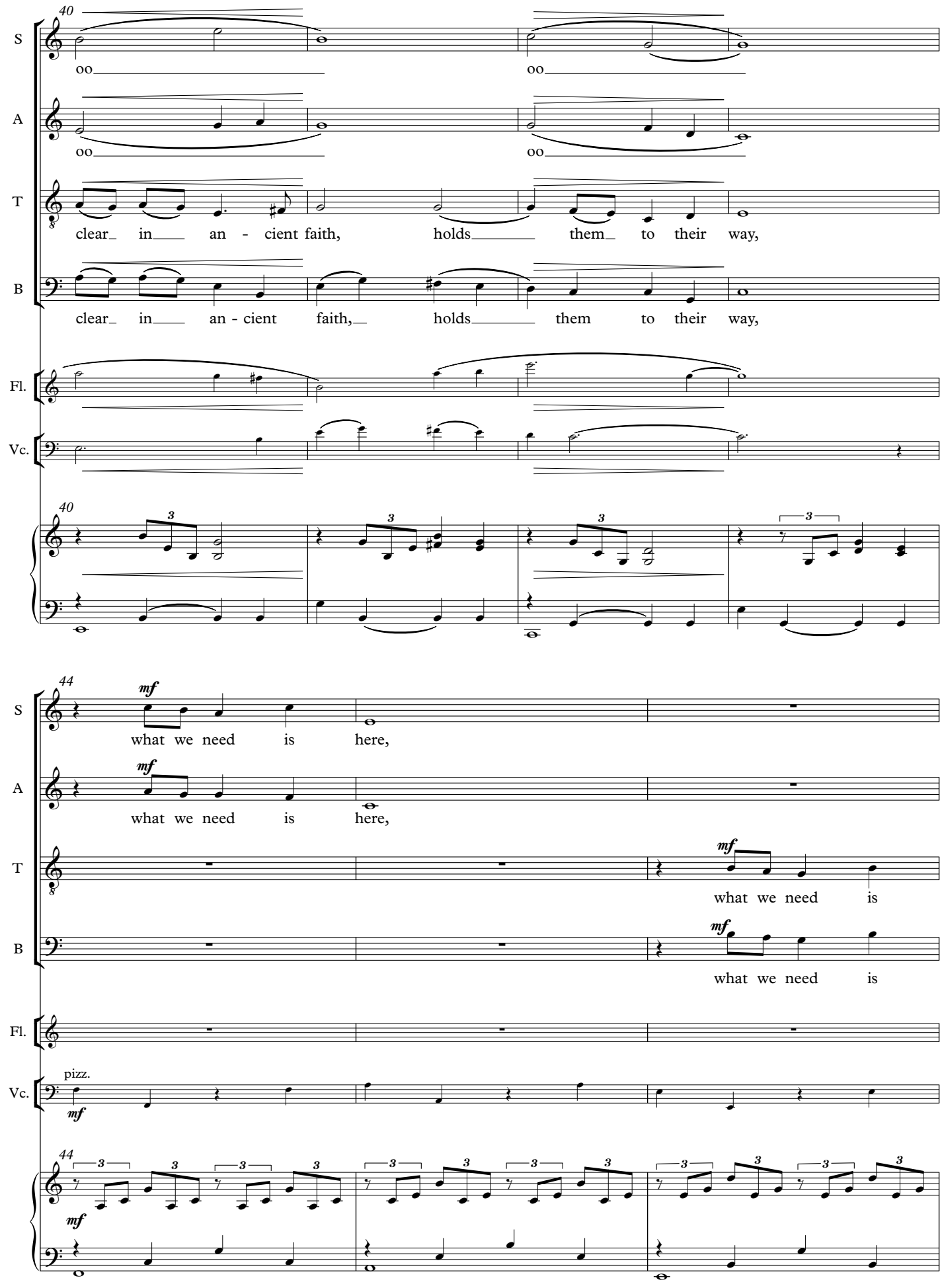
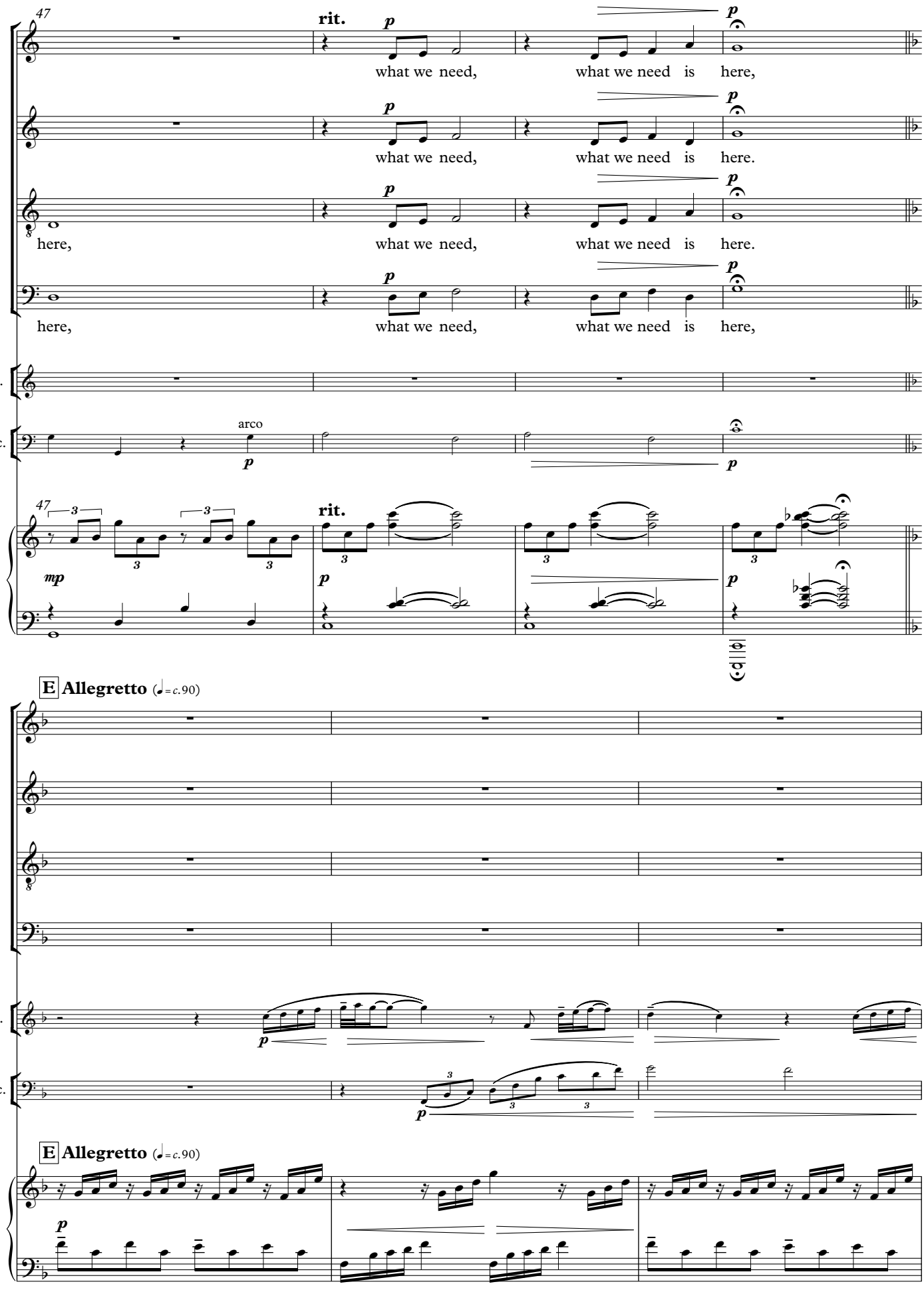
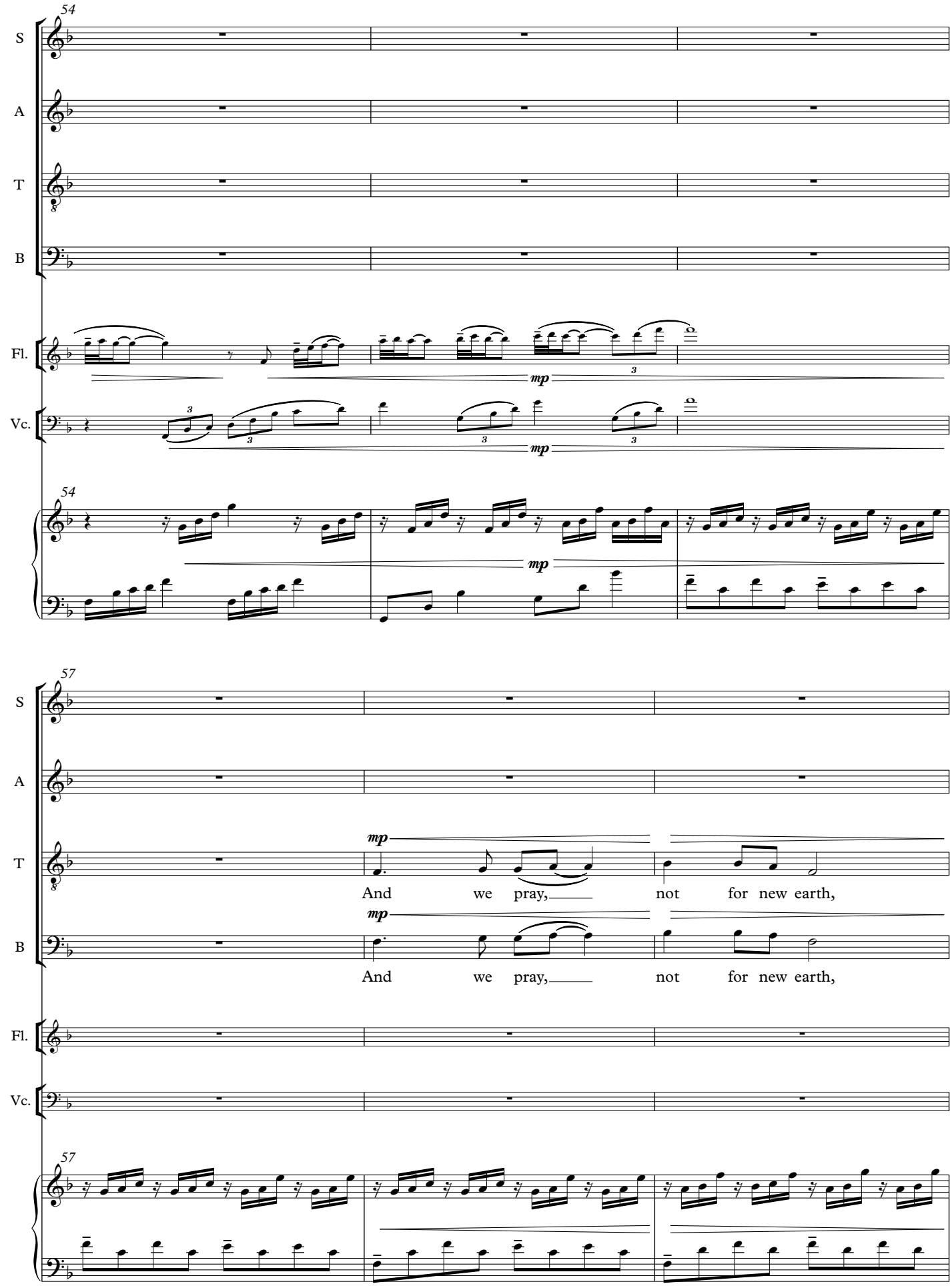
S
ban - don, As in love or sleep,
A
ban - don, As in love or sleep,
T
ban - don, as in love or sleep,
B
ban - don, as in love or sleep,
mp
Fl.
Vc.
pizz.
25 rit.
C Andante (♩= c.76)
p
or sleep. A - ban-don, as in love or sleep,
arco

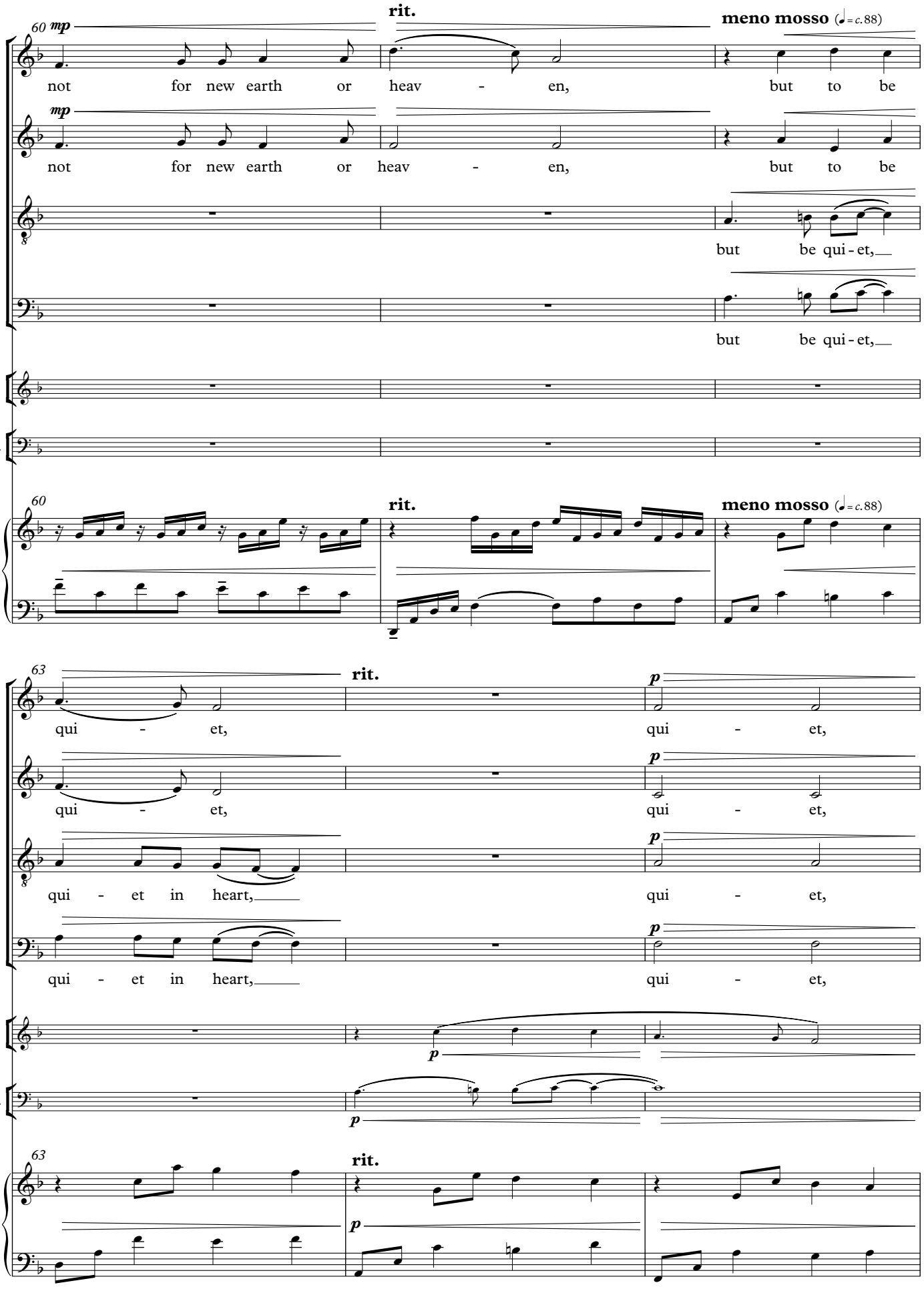

30
S
holds them to their way, clear in an - cient faith, holds them to their
A
holds them to their way, clear in an-cient faith, holds them to their
T
B
Fl.
Vc.
30

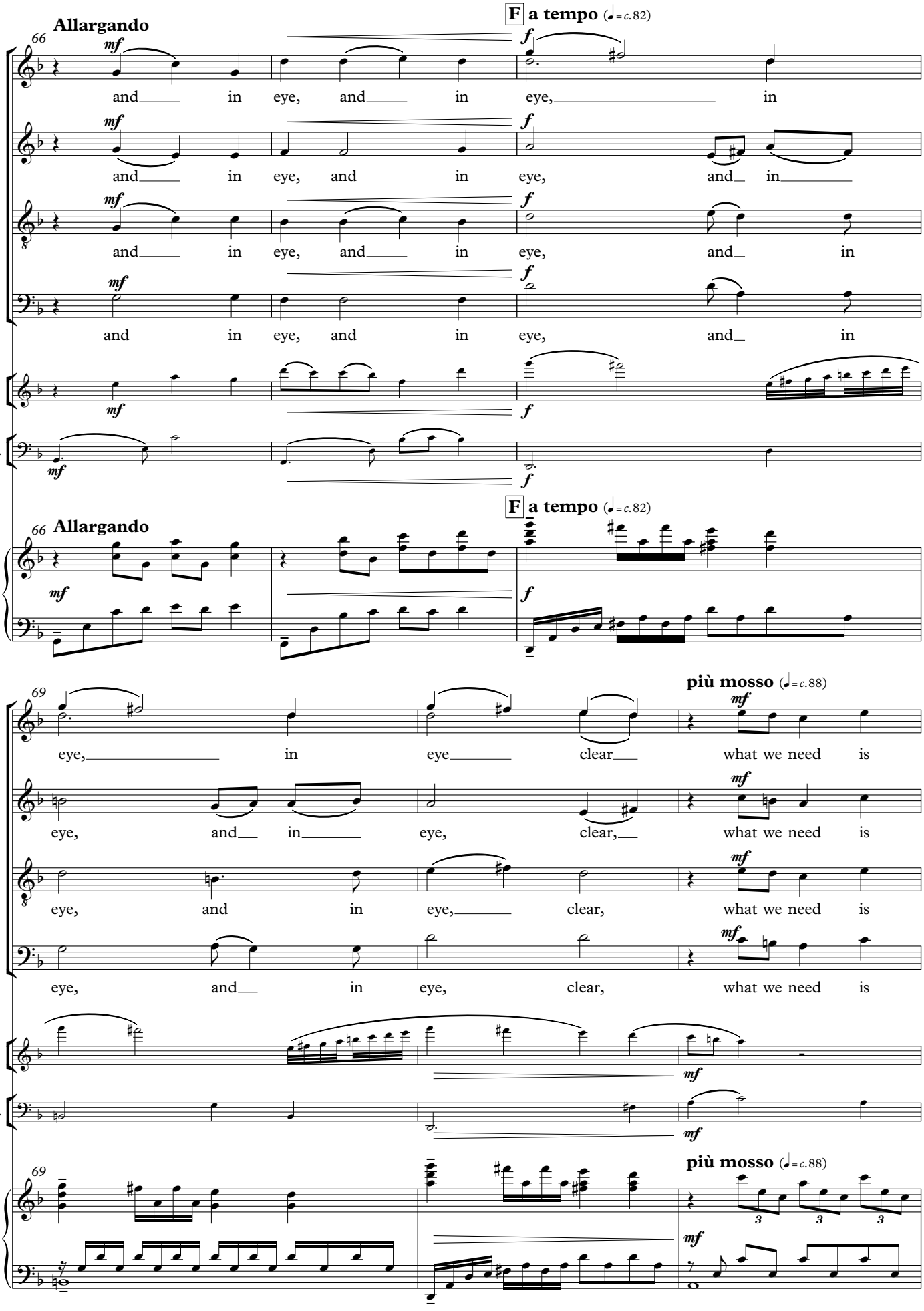

35 rit.
D a tempo (♩= c. 76)
mp
S
way, oo oo
A
way, oo oo
T
A - ban-don, as in love or sleep, holds them to their way,
B
A - ban-don, as in love or sleep, holds them to their way,
Fl.
Vc.
35 rit.
D a tempo (♩= c. 76)

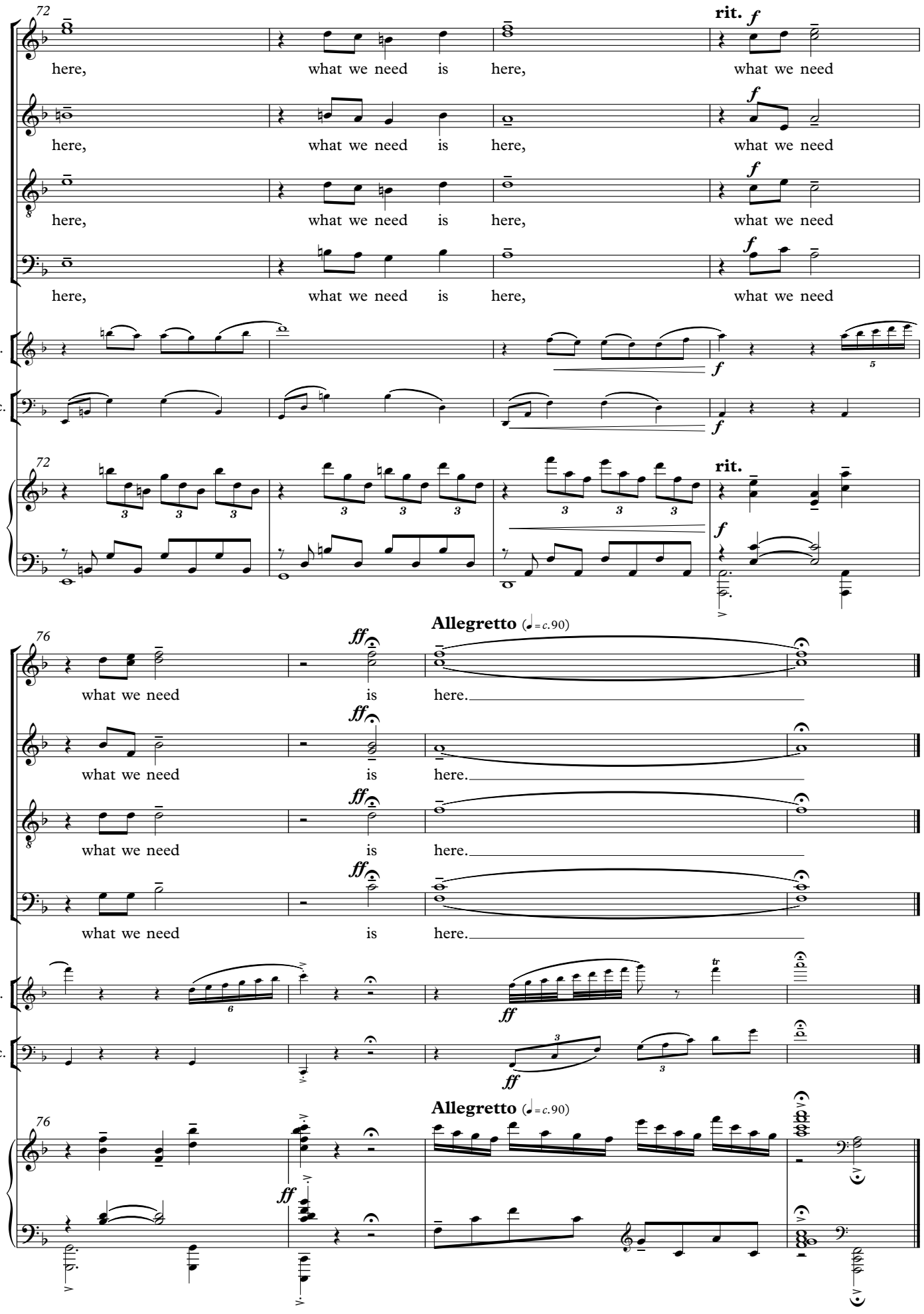

40
S
oo
oo
A
oo
oo
T
clear_ in___ an - cient faith, holds___ them_ to their way,
B
clear_ in___ an - cient faith,_ holds___ them to their way,
Fl.
Vc.
40
44
mf
what we need is here,
what we need is here,
what we need is
what we need is
pizz.
mf
44
mf


47
rit.
S
what we need, what we need is here,
A
what we need, what we need is here.
T
here, what we need, what we need is here.
B
here, what we need, what we need is here,
Fl.
Vc.
arco
mp
E Allegretto (♩= c.90)


54
S
A
T
B
Fl.
Vc.
mp
3
54
mp
57
S
A
T
B
Fl.
Vc.
mp
And we pray, not for new earth,
mp
And we pray, not for new earth,
57


60
mp
rit.
meno mosso (♩= c.88)
S
not for new earth or heav - en, but to be
A
not for new earth or heav - en, but to be
T
but be qui - et,
B
but be qui - et,
Fl.
Vc.
63
qui - et,
qui - et in heart,
p


Allargando
66
F a tempo (♩= c. 82)
S
A
T
B
Fl.
Vc.
mf
f
and in eye, and in eye, in
and in eye, and in eye, and in
and in eye, and in eye, and in
and in eye, and in eye, and in
69
più mosso (♩= c. 88)
eye, in eye clear what we need is
eye, and in eye, clear, what we need is
eye, and in eye, clear, what we need is
eye, and in eye, clear, what we need is


72
rit.
S
here, what we need is here, what we need
A
here, what we need is here, what we need
T
here, what we need is here, what we need
B
here, what we need is here, what we need
Fl.
Vc.
rit.
76
Allegretto (♩= c.90)
what we need is here.
what we need is here.
what we need is here.
what we need is here.
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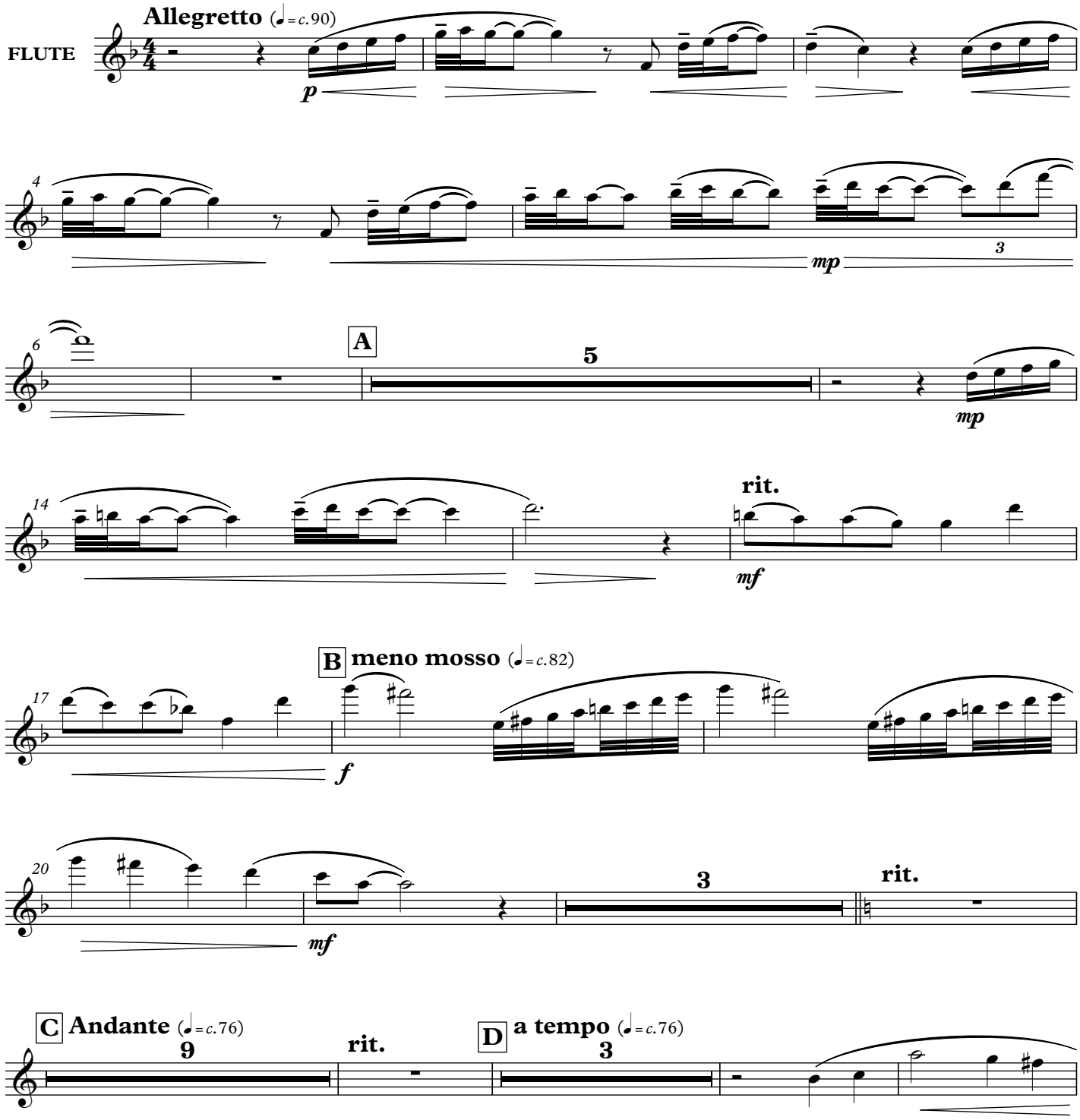

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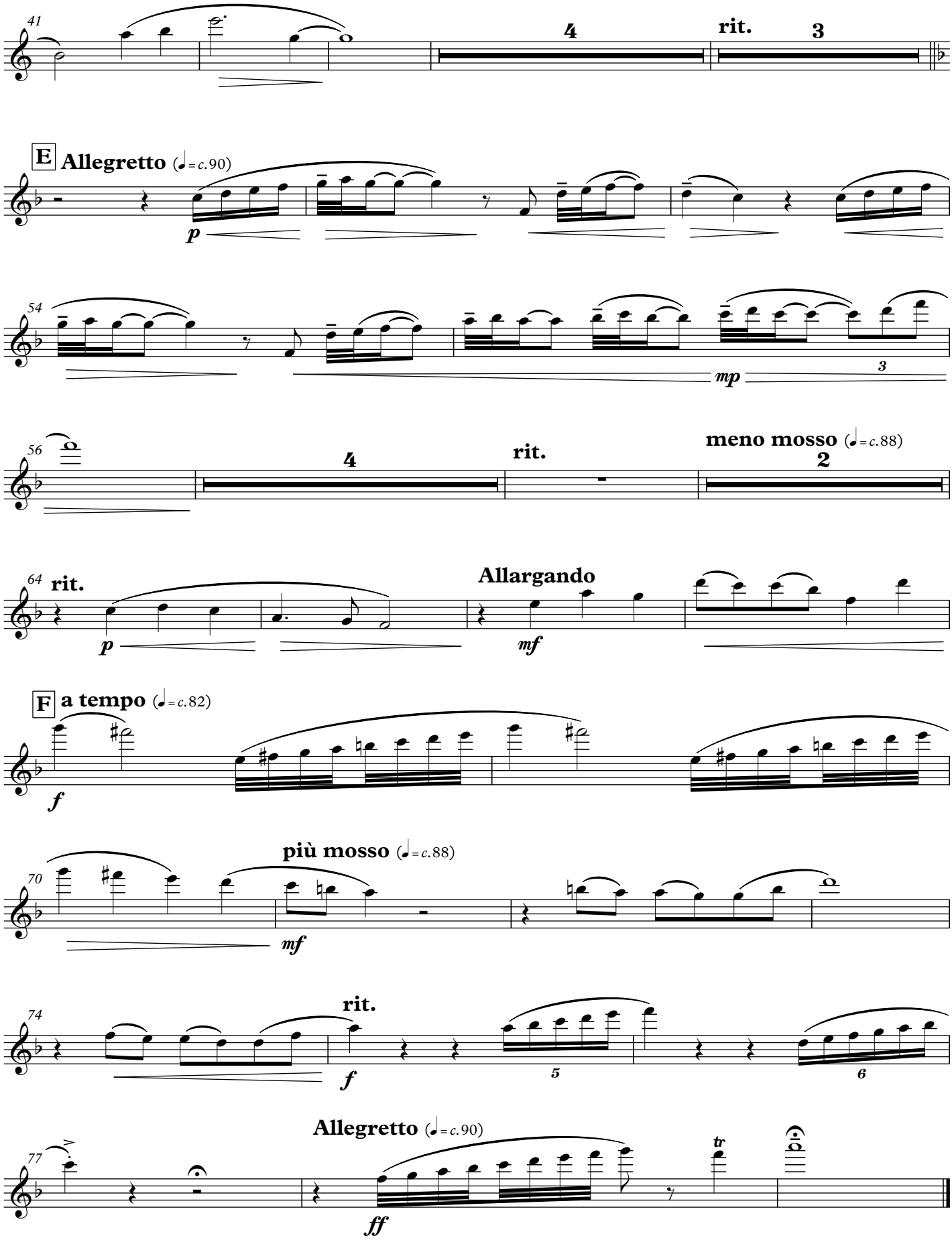
41
4
rit.
3
E Allegretto (♩= c.90)
p
54
mp
3
56
4
rit.
meno mosso (♩= c.88)
2
64
rit.
p
Allargando
mf
F a tempo (♩= c.82)
f
più mosso (♩= c.88)
70
mf
74
rit.
f
5
6
Allegretto (♩= c.90)
77
tr
ff

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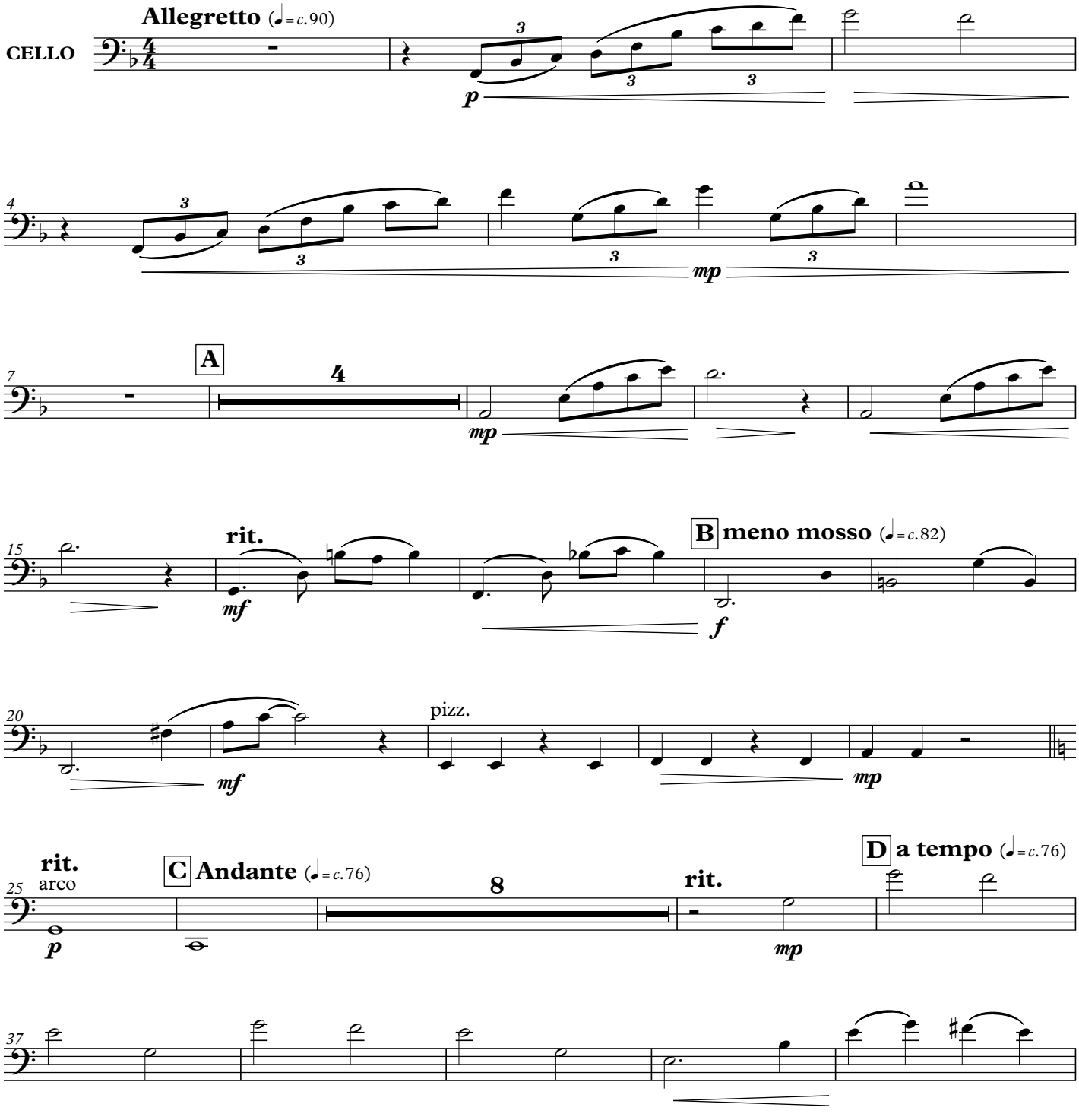

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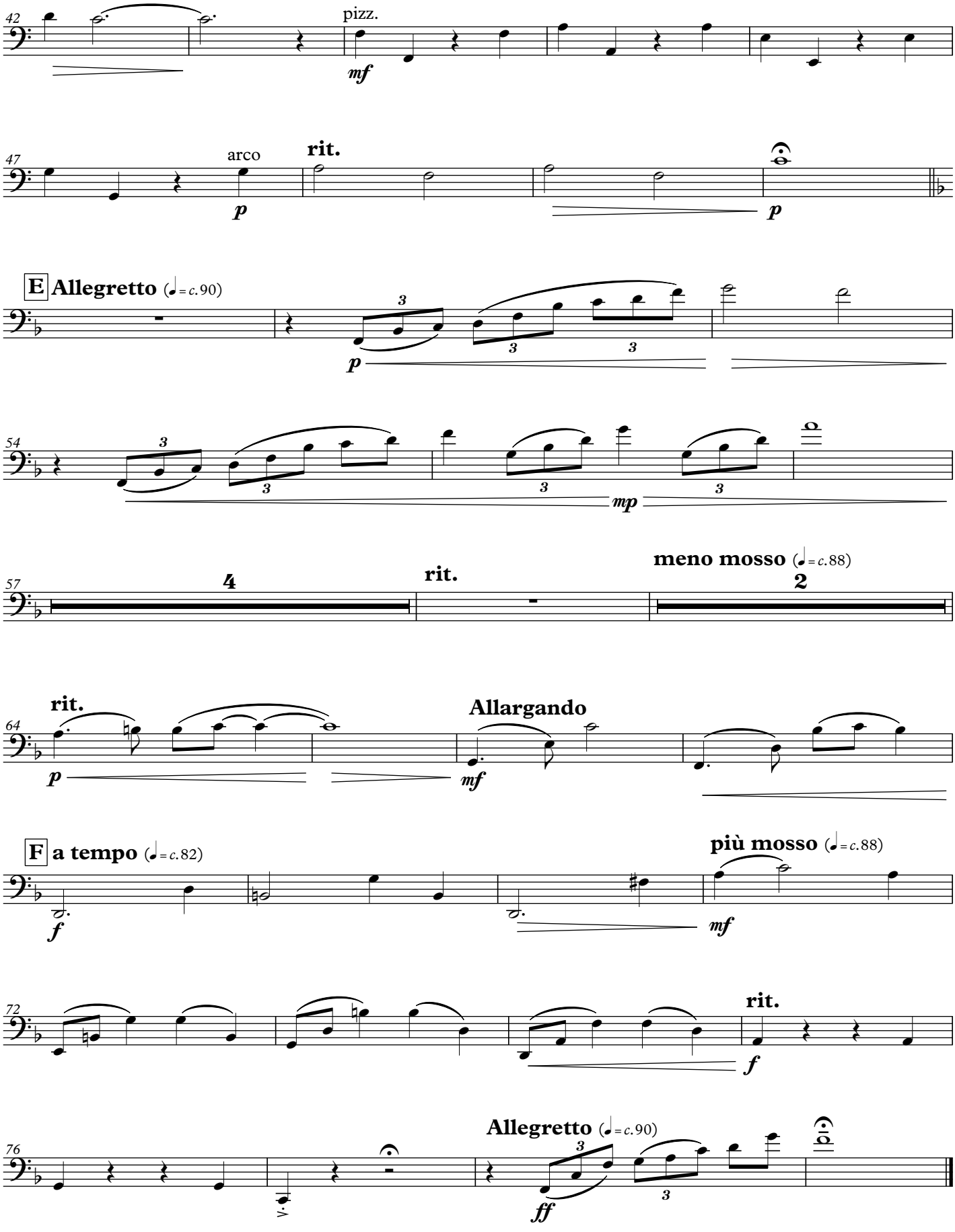
42
pizz.
mf
47
arco
rit.
p
p
E Allegretto (♩= c. 90)
p
54
mp
57
4
rit.
meno mosso (♩= c. 88)
2
64
rit.
p
Allargando
mf
F a tempo (♩= c. 82)
f
più mosso (♩= c. 88)
mf
72
rit.
f
76
Allegretto (♩= c. 90)
ff