Nigra Sum

I Am Black

(Decepta ex Canticis)

for Three-Part Chorus of Men's Voices (TTB)★

with Piano or Organ Accompaniment

Duration about 5 minutes

English version by Kenneth Sterne

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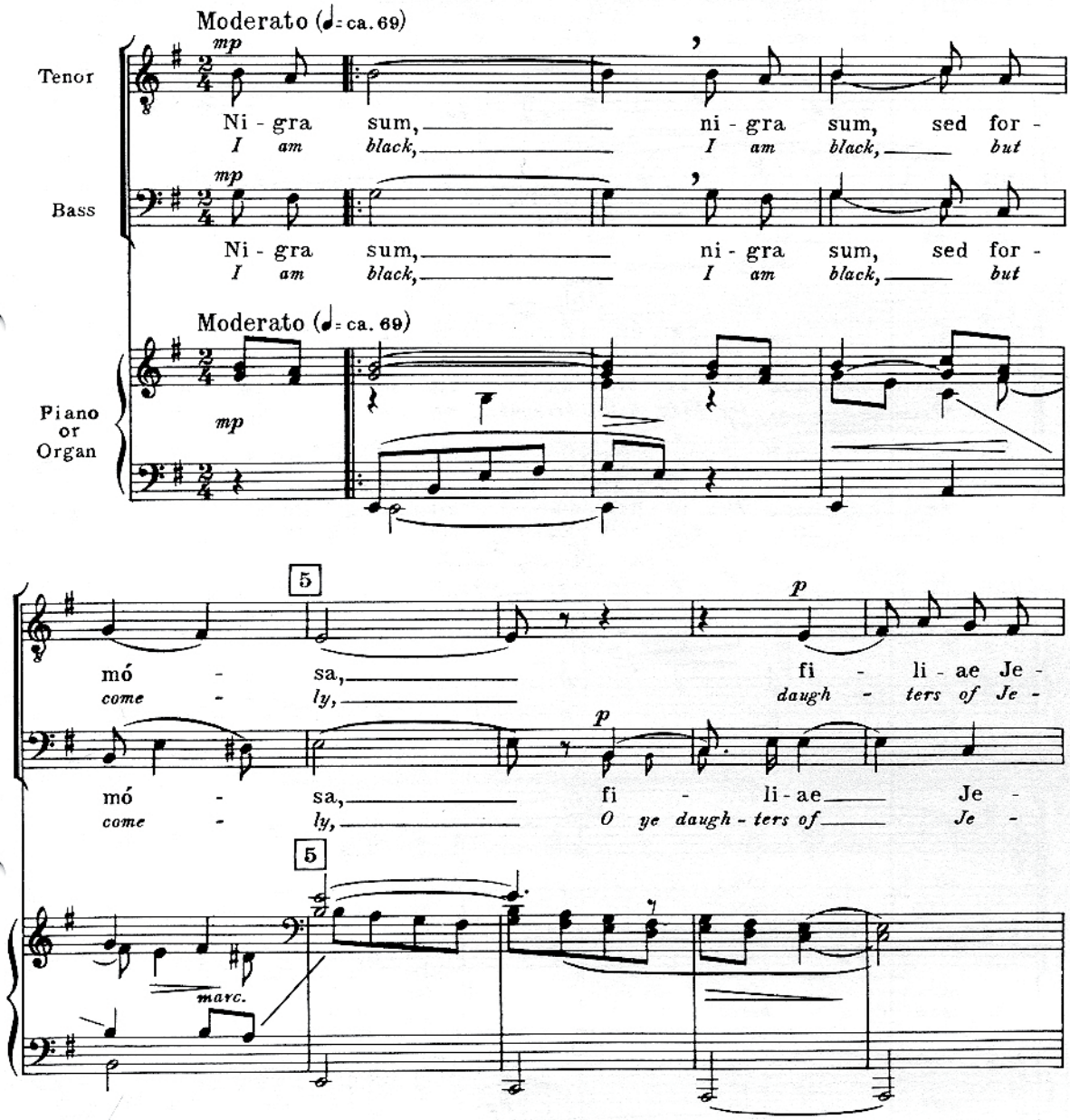

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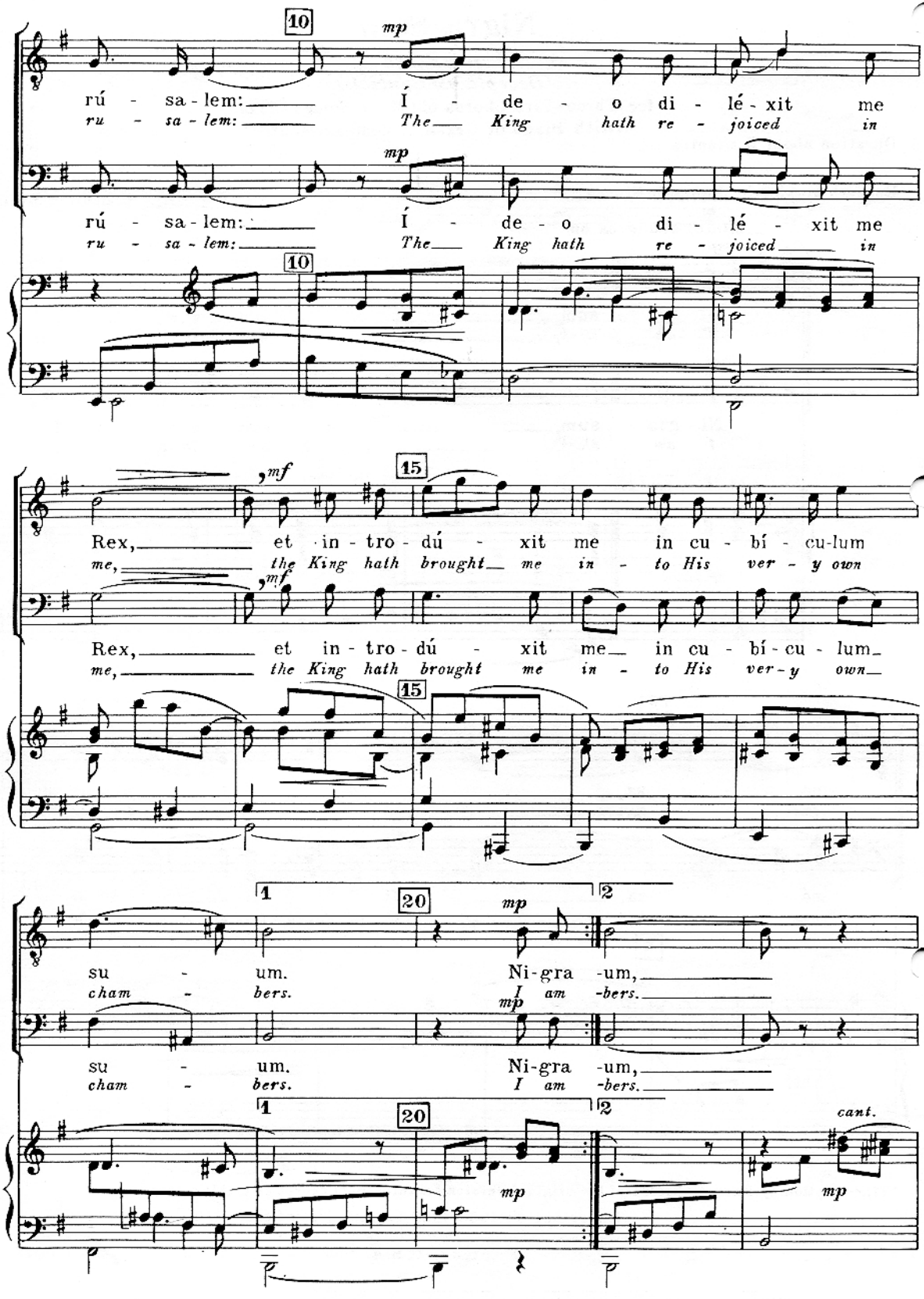
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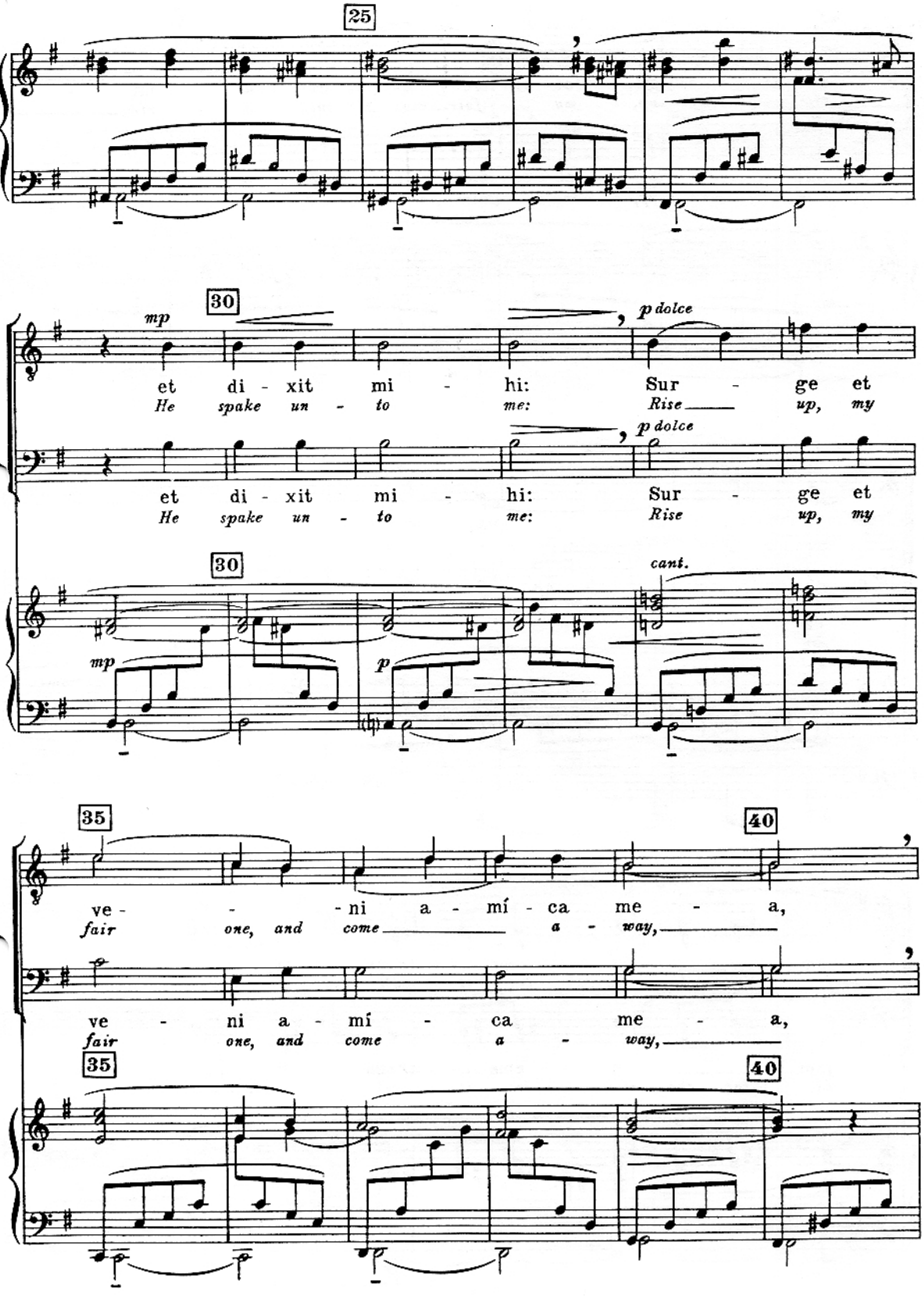
mp
rú - sa - lem: Í - de - o di - lé - xit me
ru - sa - lem: The King hath re - joiced in
rú - sa - lem: Í - de - o di - lé - xit me
ru - sa - lem: The King hath re - joiced in
10
15
mf
Rex, et in - tro - dú - xit me in cu - bí - cu-lum
me, the King hath brought me in - to His ver - y own
Rex, et in - tro - dú - xit me in cu - bí - cu - lum
me, the King hath brought me in - to His ver - y own
15
1
20
2
mp
su - um. Ni-gra -um,
cham - bers. I am -bers.
su - um. Ni-gra -um,
cham - bers. I am -bers.
1
20
2
mp
cant.
mp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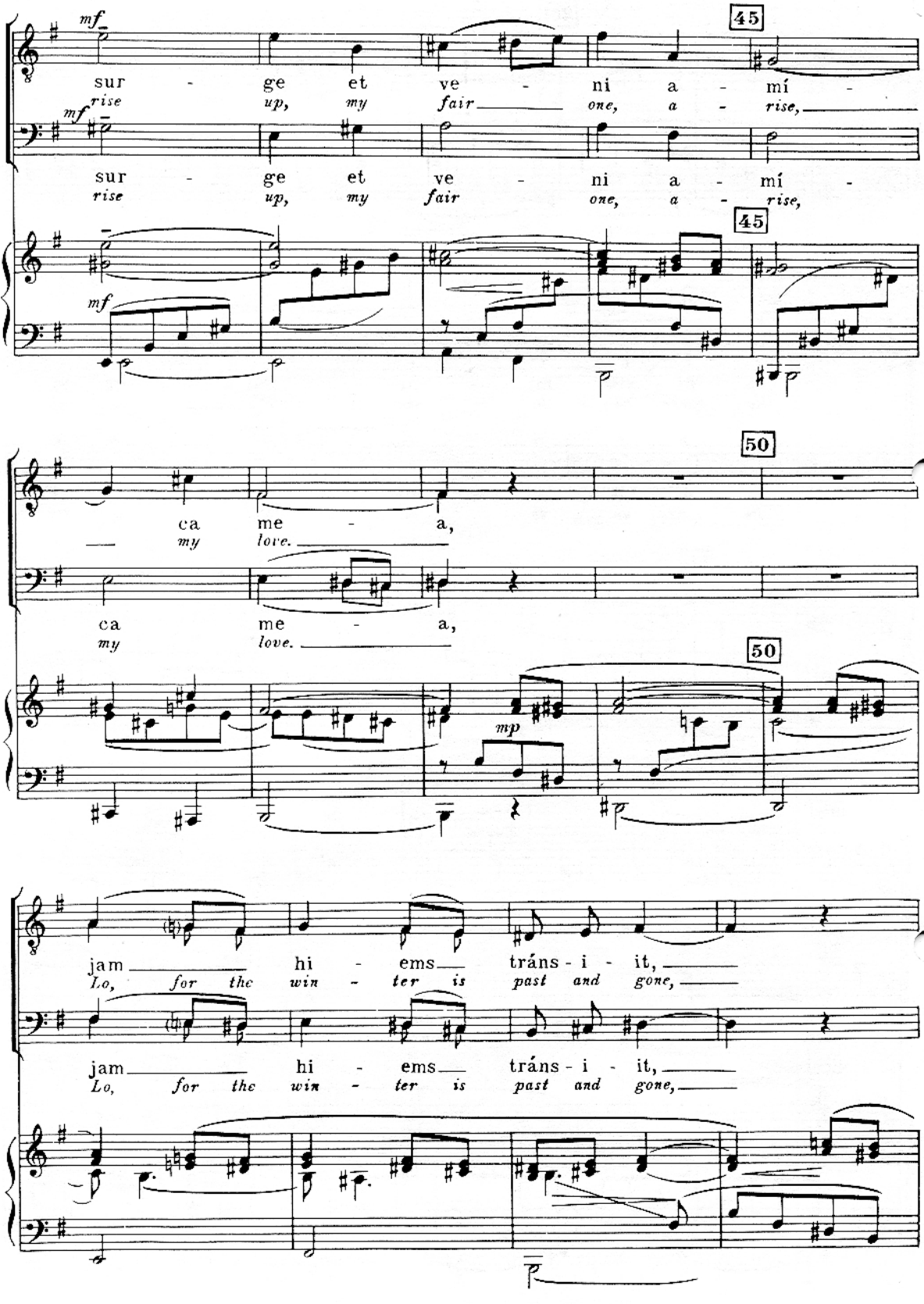
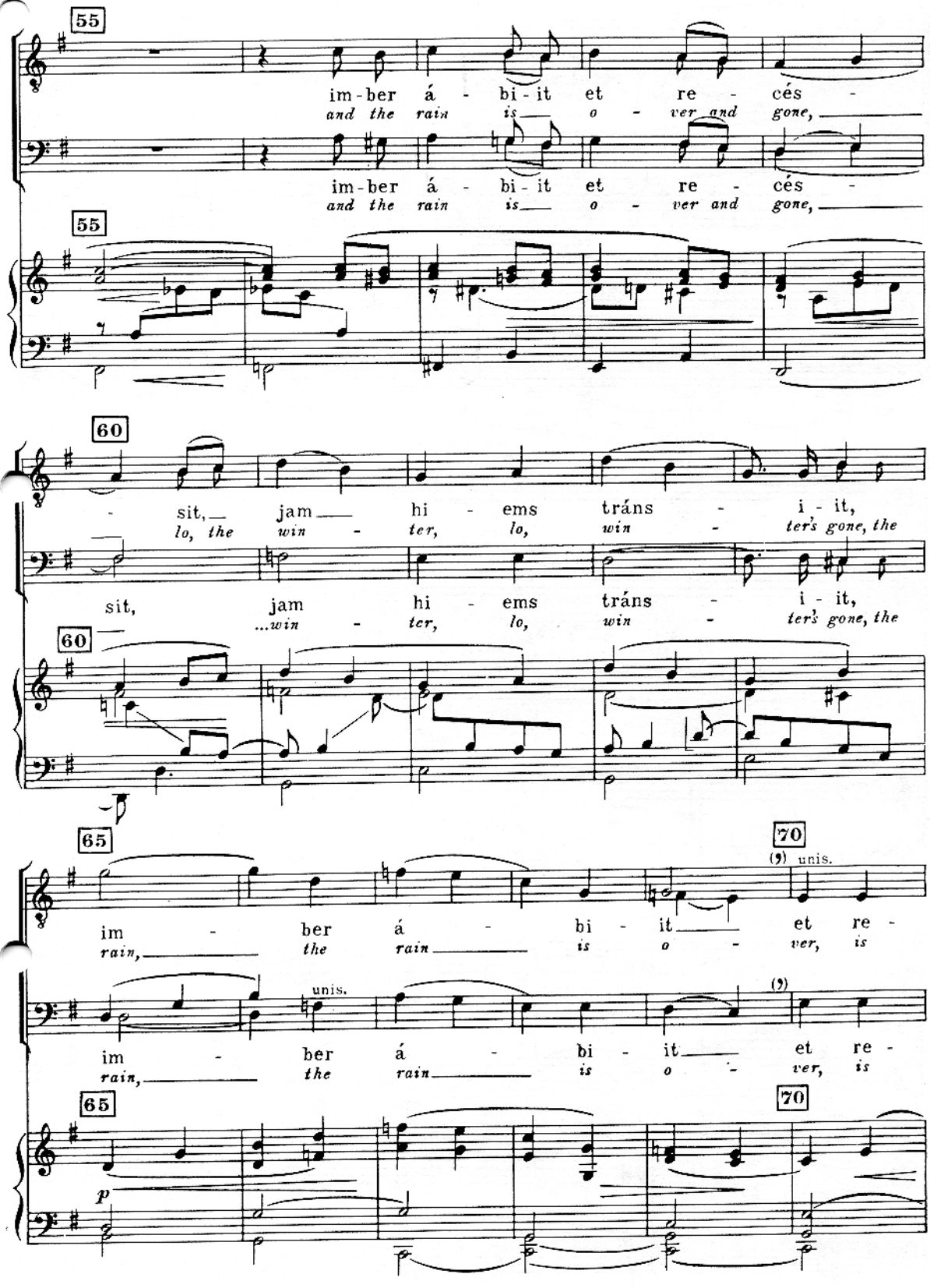
30
mp
p dolce
et di - xit mi - hi: Sur - ge et
He spake un - to me: Rise up, my
et di - xit mi - hi: Sur - ge et
He spake un - to me: Rise up, my
30
cant.
mp
p
35
40
ve - - - ni a - mí - ca me - a,
fair one, and come a - way,
ve - ni a - mí - ca me - a,
fair one, and come a - way,
35
40


mf
45
sur - ge et ve - ni a - mí -
rise up, my fair one, a - rise,
mf
sur - ge et ve - ni a - mí -
rise up, my fair one, a - rise,
45
mf
50
ca me - a,
my love.
ca me - a,
my love.
50
mp
jam hi - ems tráns - i - it,
Lo, for the win - ter is past and gone,
jam hi - ems tráns - i - it,
Lo, for the win - ter is past and gone,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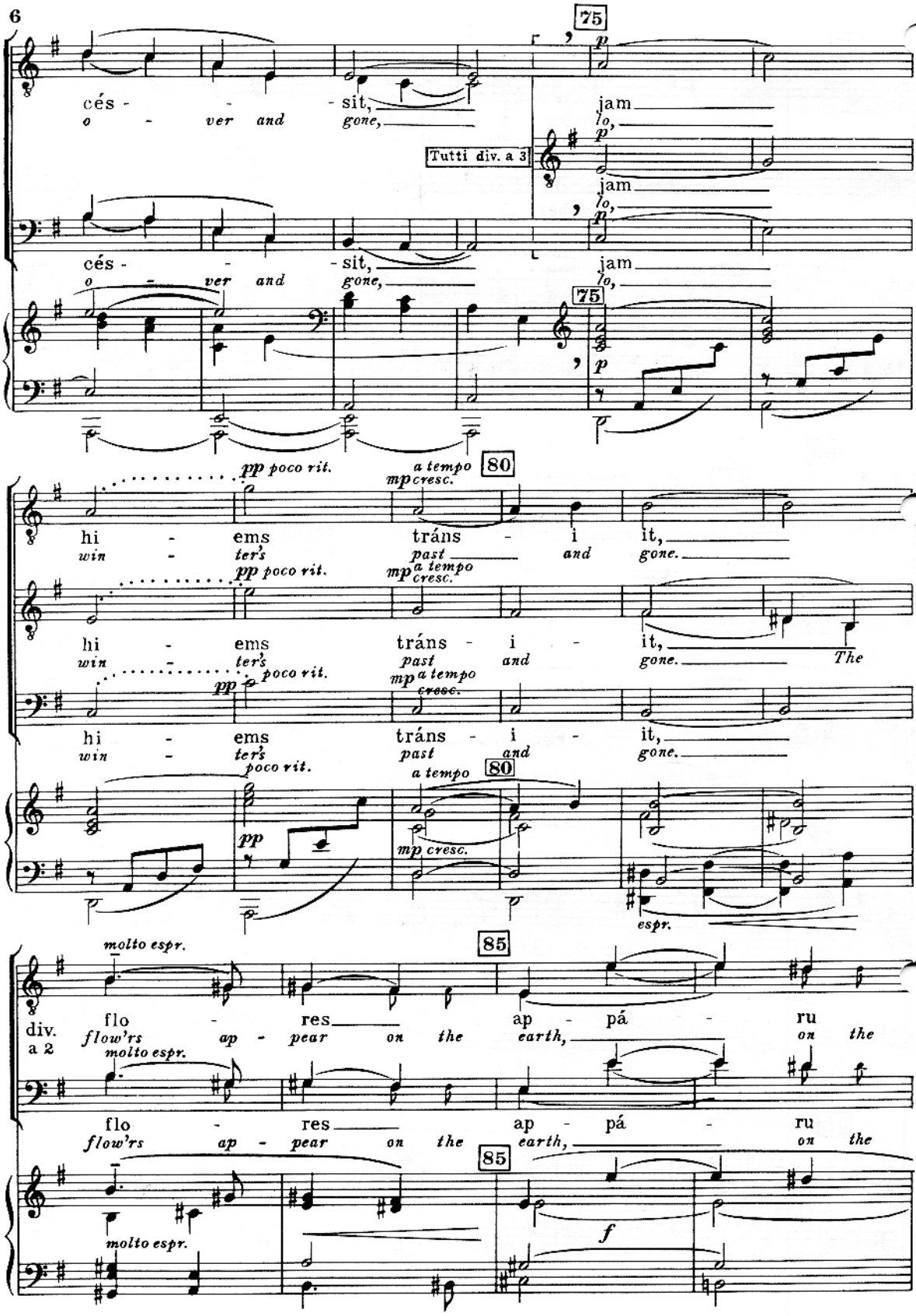
im-ber á - bi-it et re - cés -
and the rain is o - ver and gone,
im-ber á - bi-it et re - cés -
and the rain is o - ver and gone,
55
60
- sit, jam hi - ems tráns - i - it,
lo, the win - ter, lo, win - ter's gone, the
sit, jam hi - ems tráns - i - it,
...win - ter, lo, win - ter's gone, the
60
65
70
(9) unis.
im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is
unis.
(9)
im - ber á - bi - it et re -
rain, the rain is o - ver, is
65
70
p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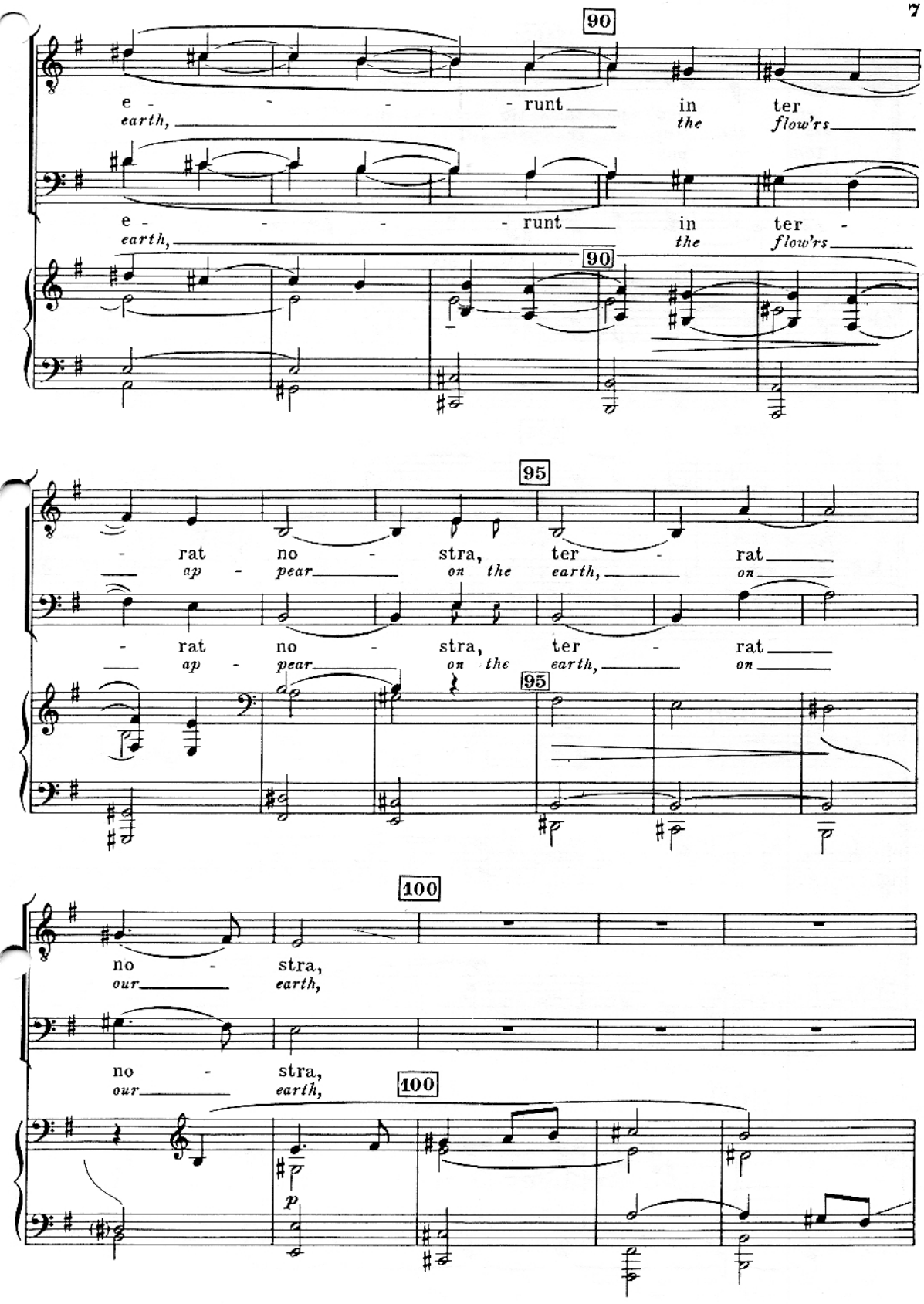
Tutti div. a 3
cés - - - sit, jam
o - ver and gone,
lo,
80
pp poco rit.
a tempo
mp cresc.
hi - ems tráns - i it,
win - ter's past and gone.
The
85
molto espr.
div. a 2
flo - res ap - pá - ru
flow'rs ap - pear on the earth,
f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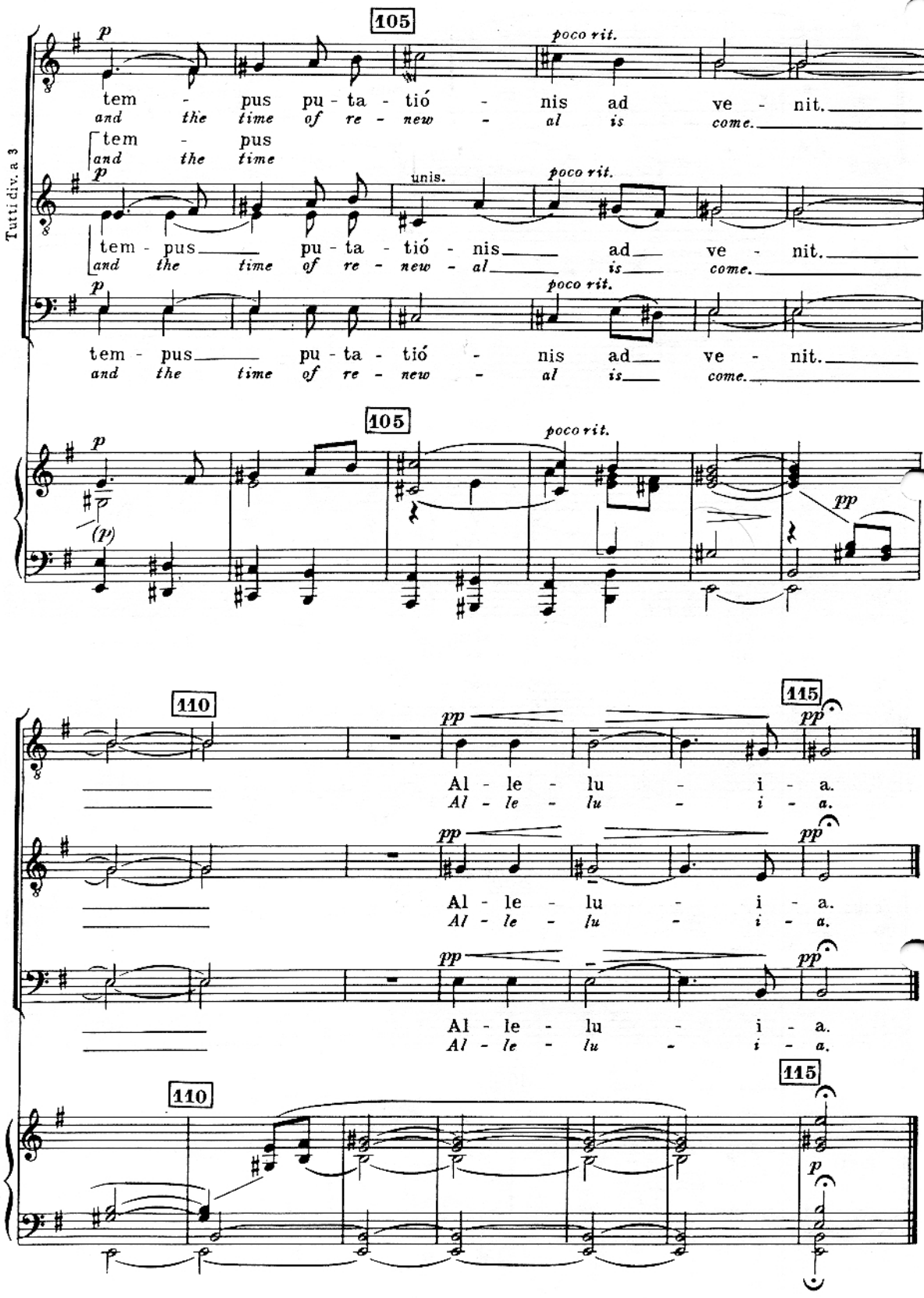
e - - - - runt in ter
earth, the flow'rs
e - - - - runt in ter -
earth, the flow'rs
90
95
- rat no - stra, ter - rat
ap - pear on the earth, on
- rat no - stra, ter - rat
ap - pear on the earth, on
95
100
no - stra,
our earth,
no - stra,
our earth,
100
p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poco rit.
tem - pus pu - ta - tió - nis ad ve - nit.
and the time of re - new - al is come.
Tutti div. a 3
tem - pus
and the time
unis.
tem - pus pu - ta - tió - nis ad ve - nit.
and the time of re - new - al is come.
110
115
Al - le - lu - i - a.
Al - le - lu - i - a.