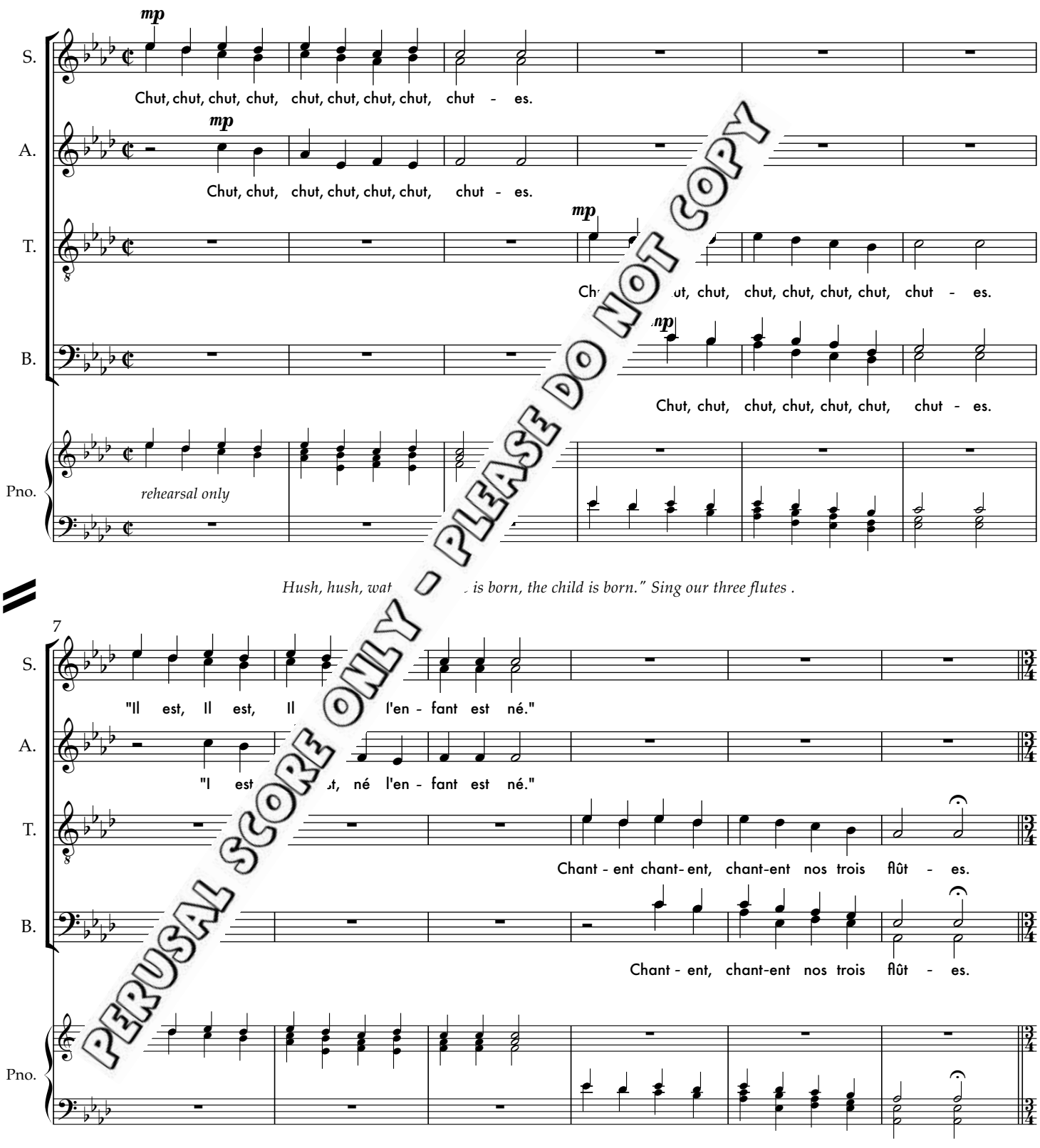
*Dedicated to the Stairwell Carollers*

# Rideau Carol

**Lighty cascading** ♩ = 90

**David Rain**

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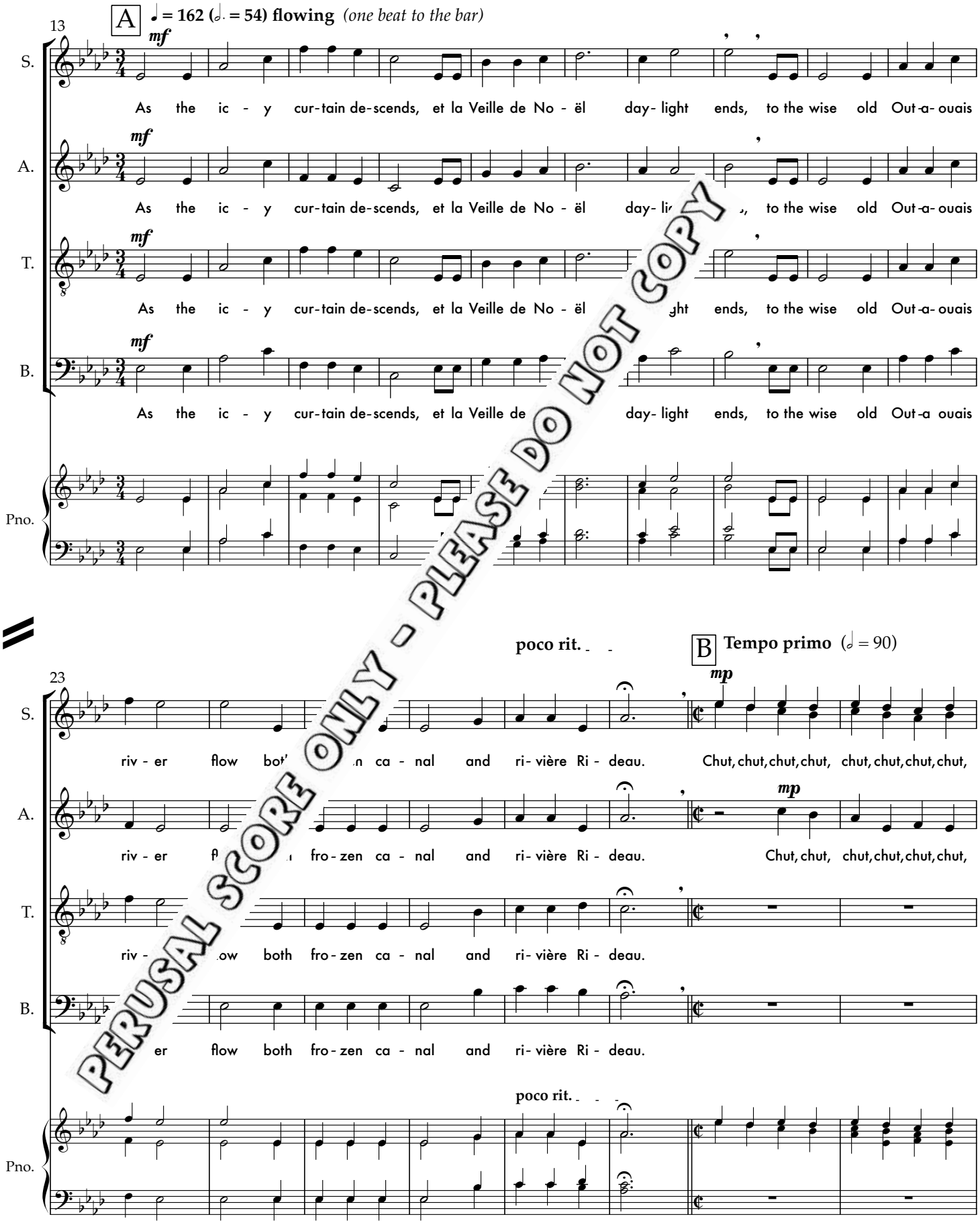


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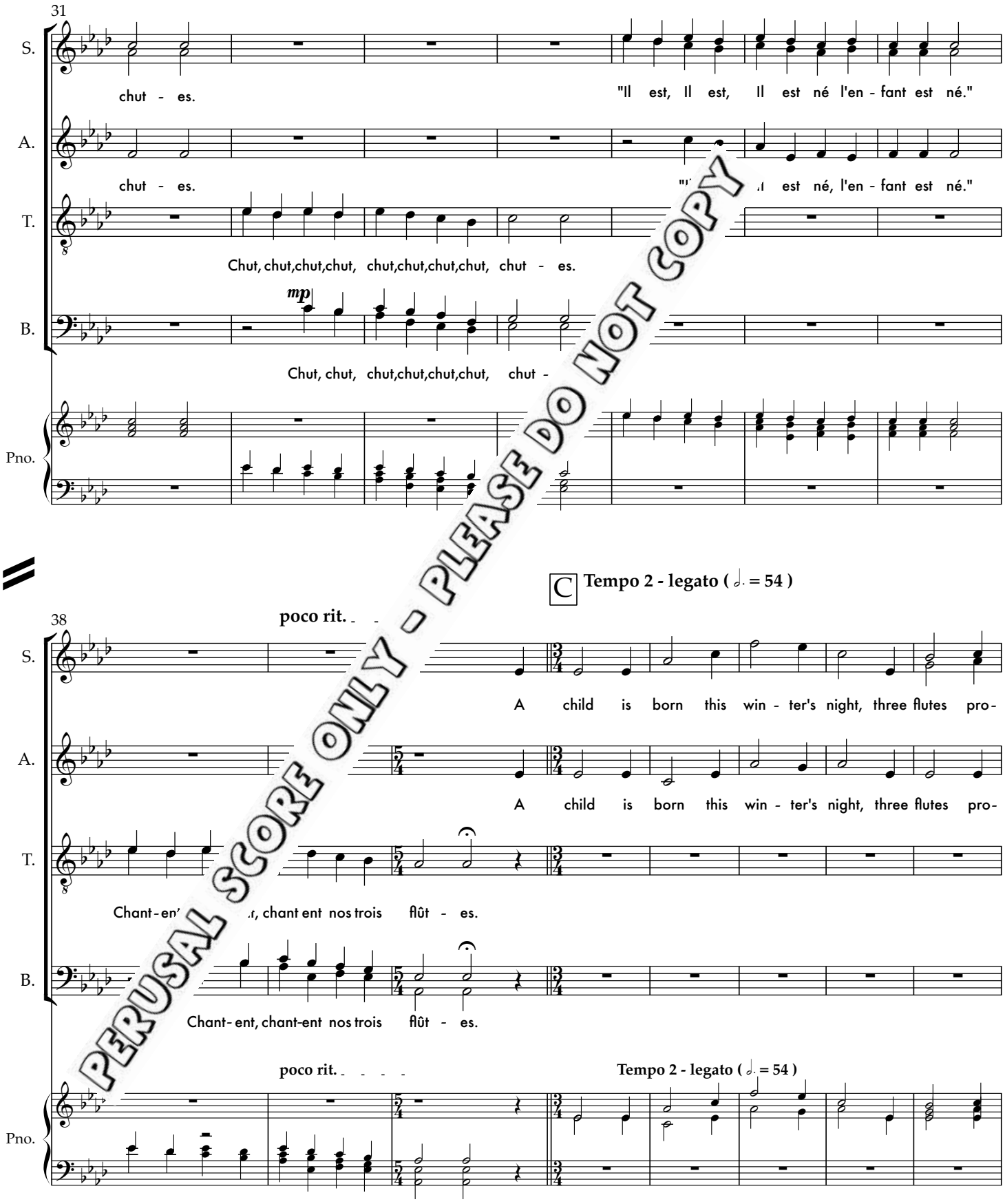


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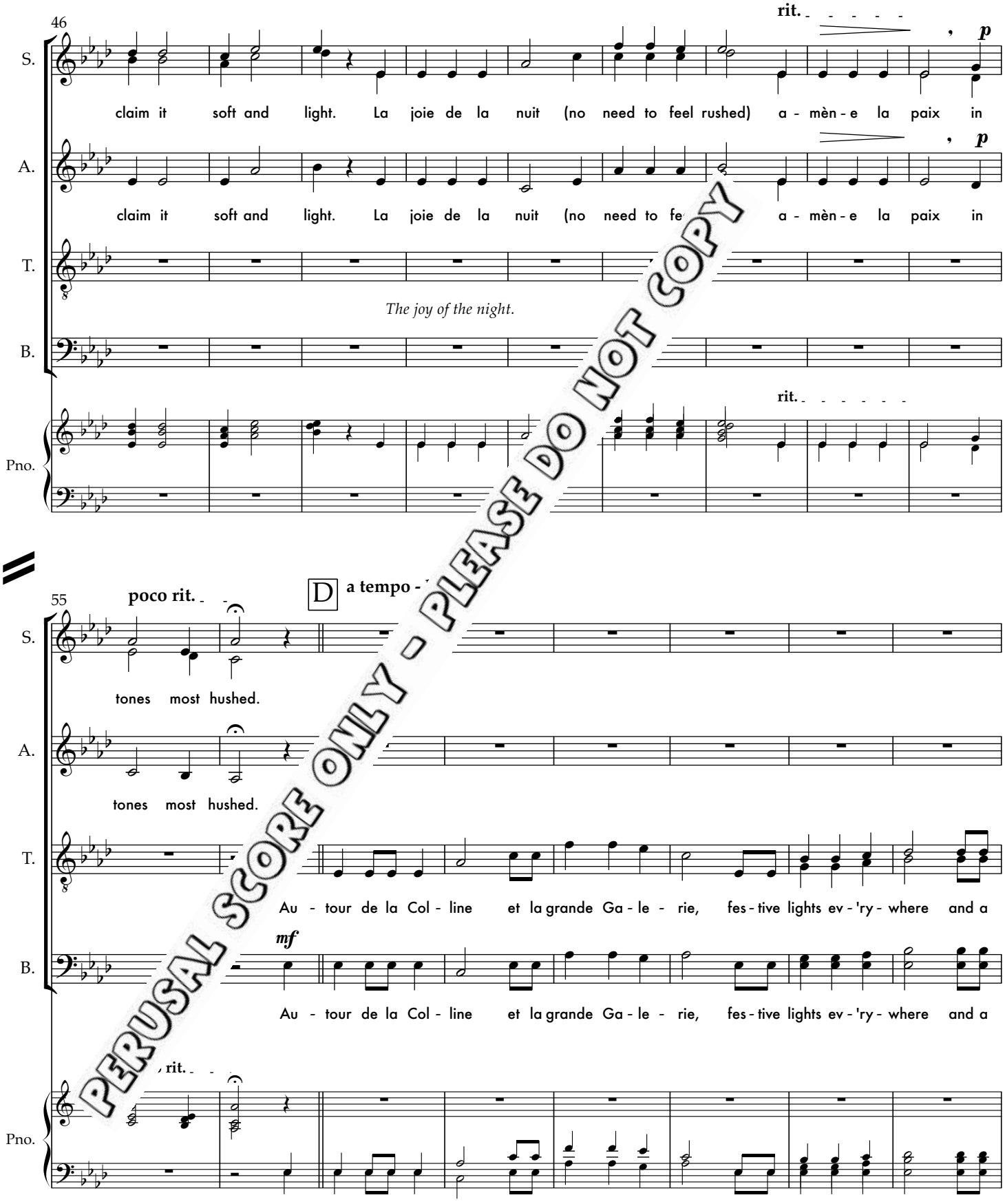


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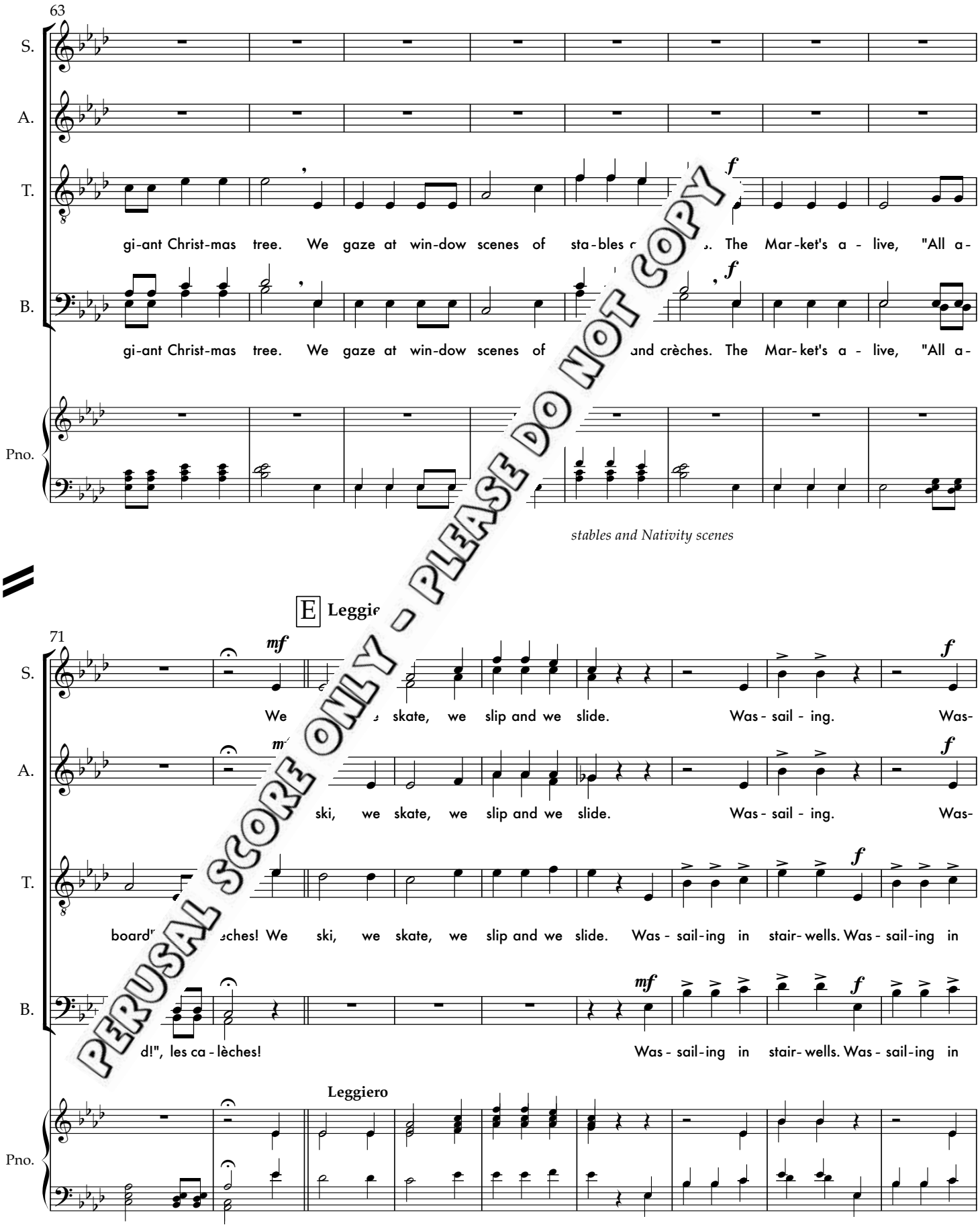
*Around the Parliament Hill and the National Gallery, festive lights everywhere ...*

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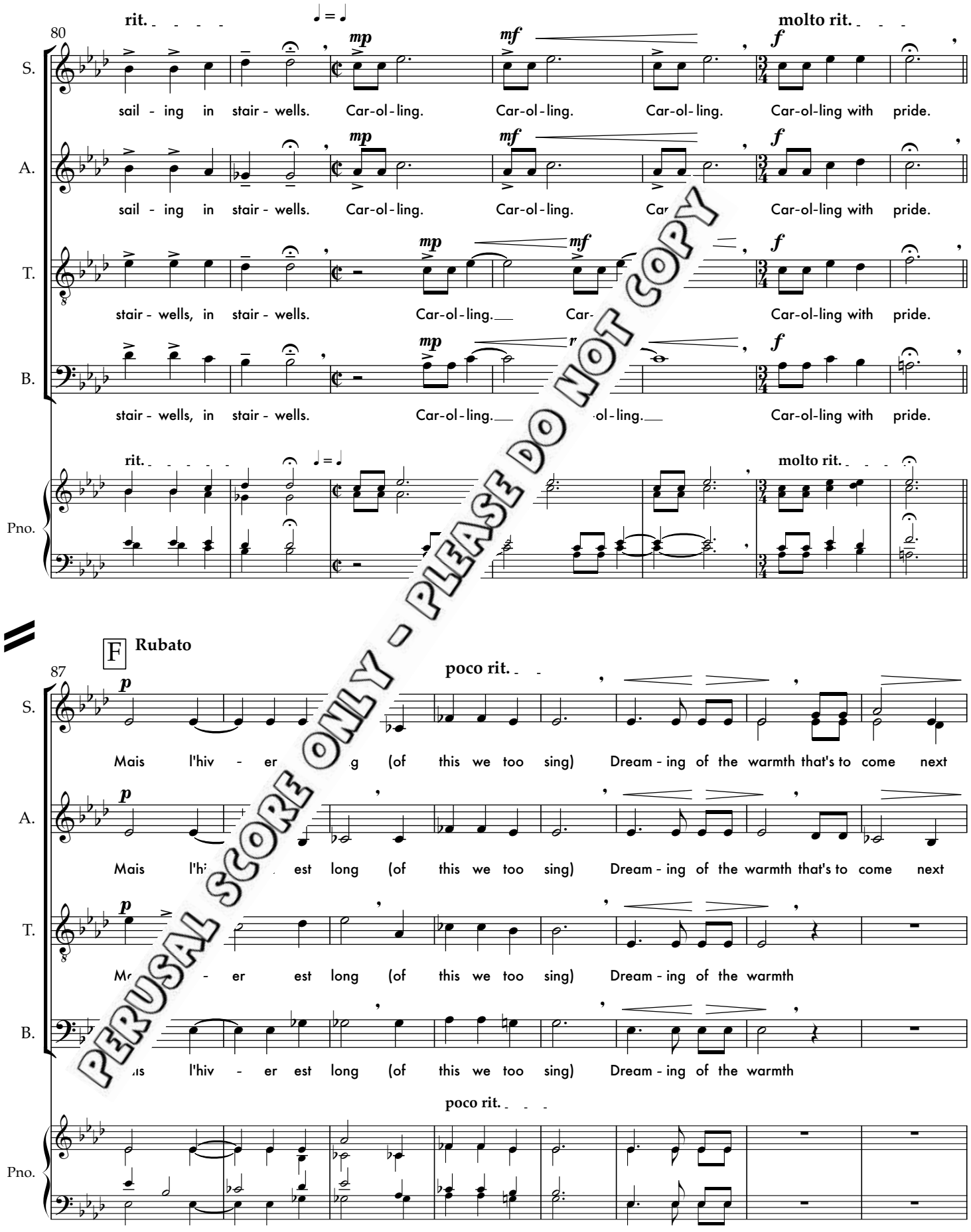


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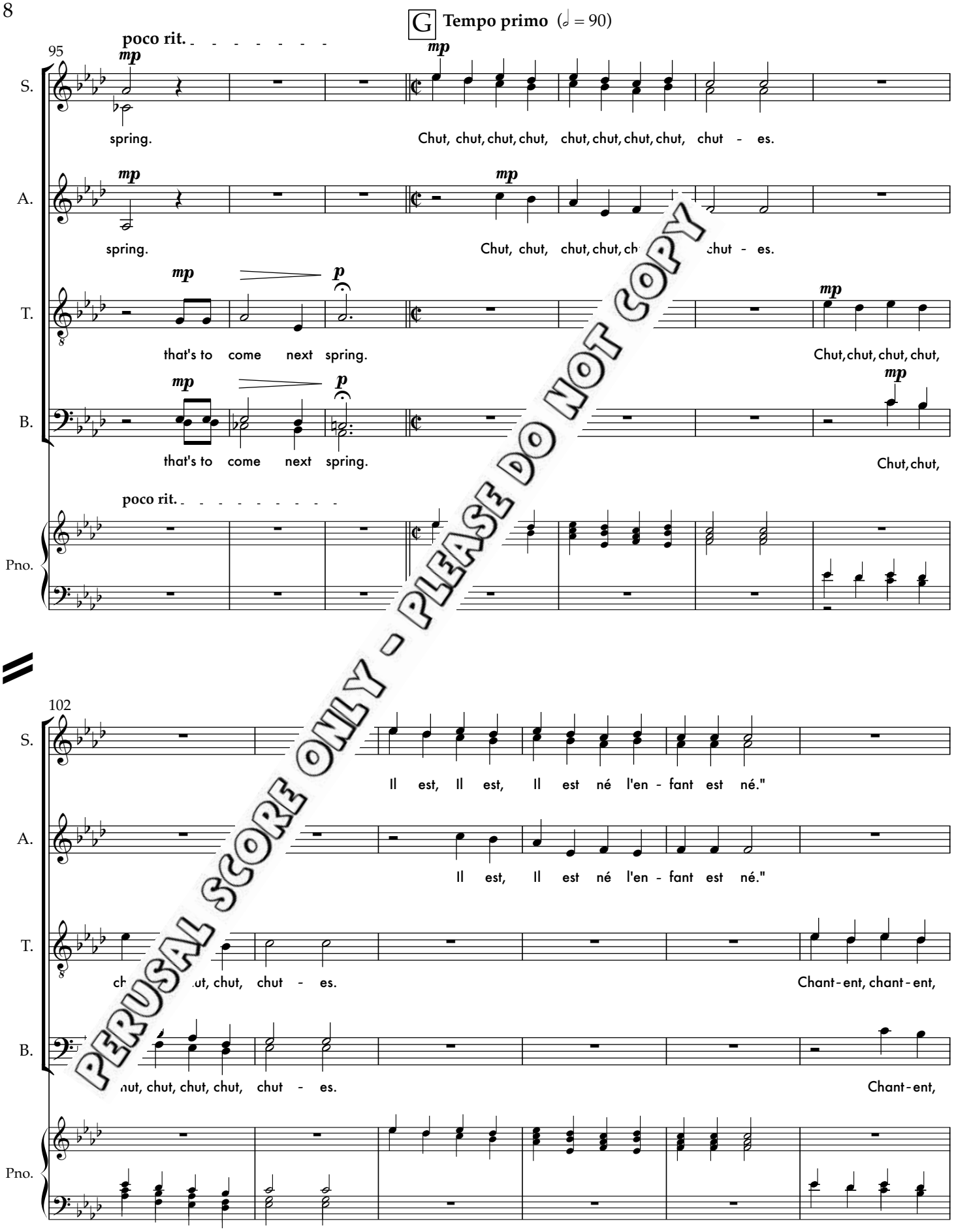


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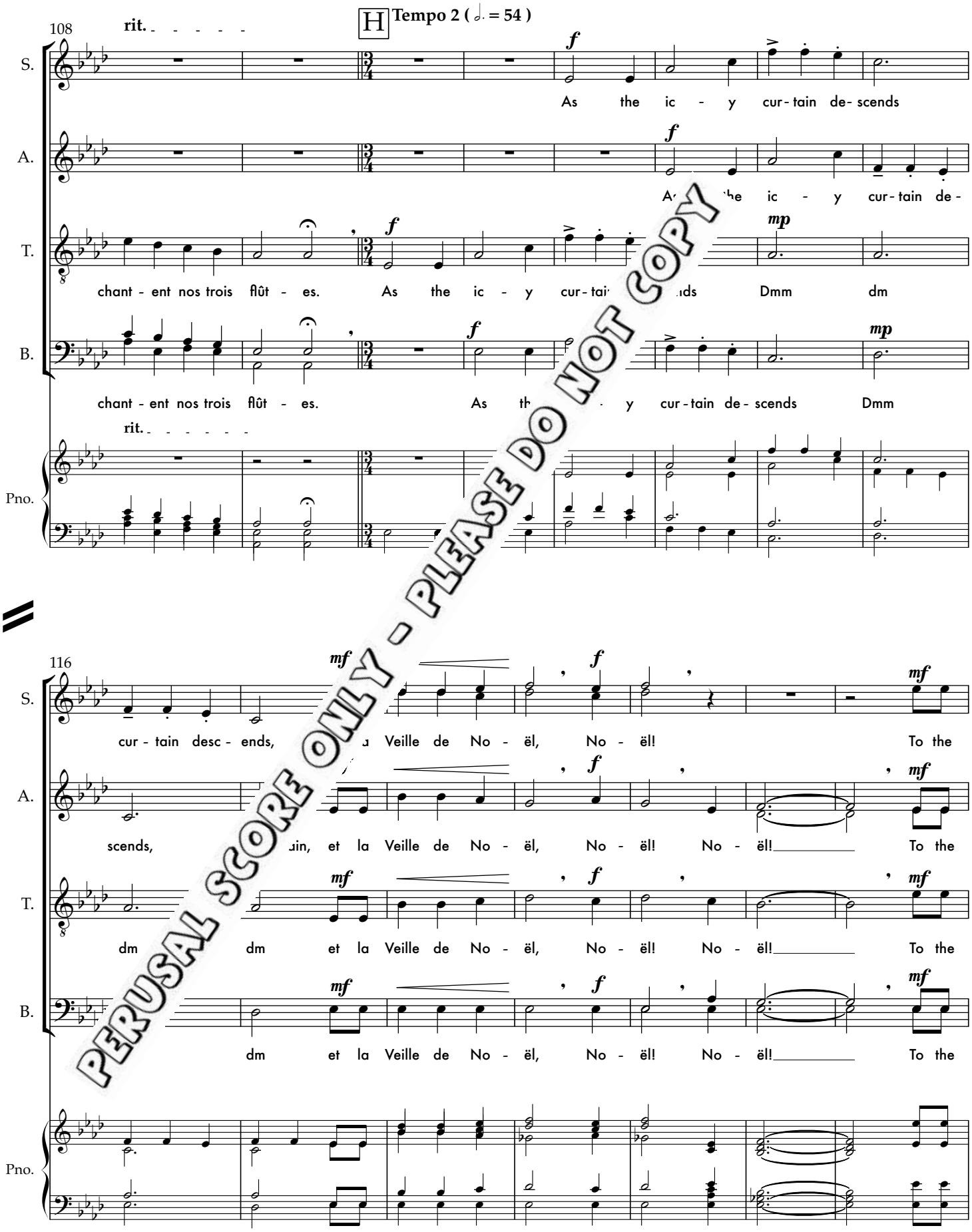


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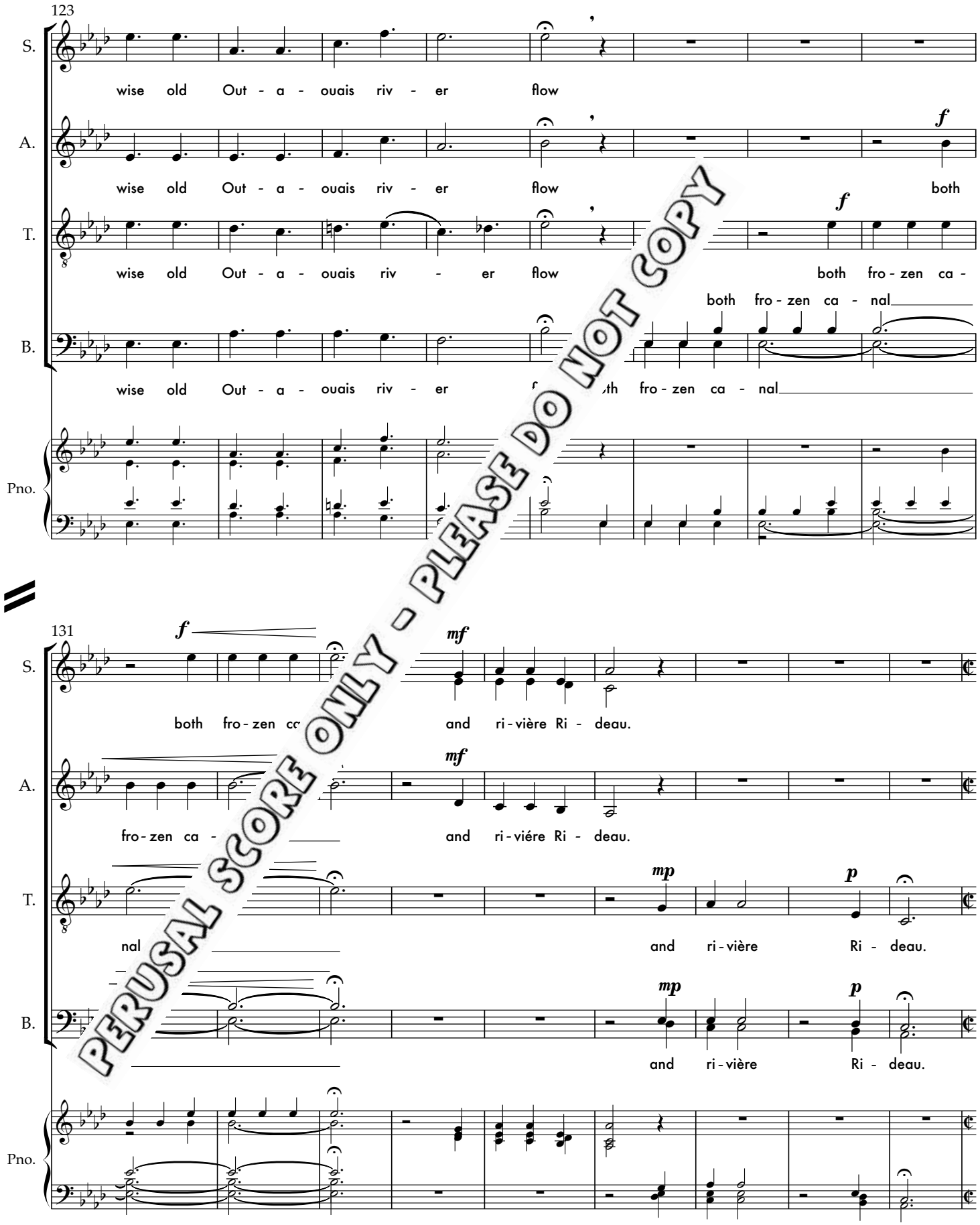


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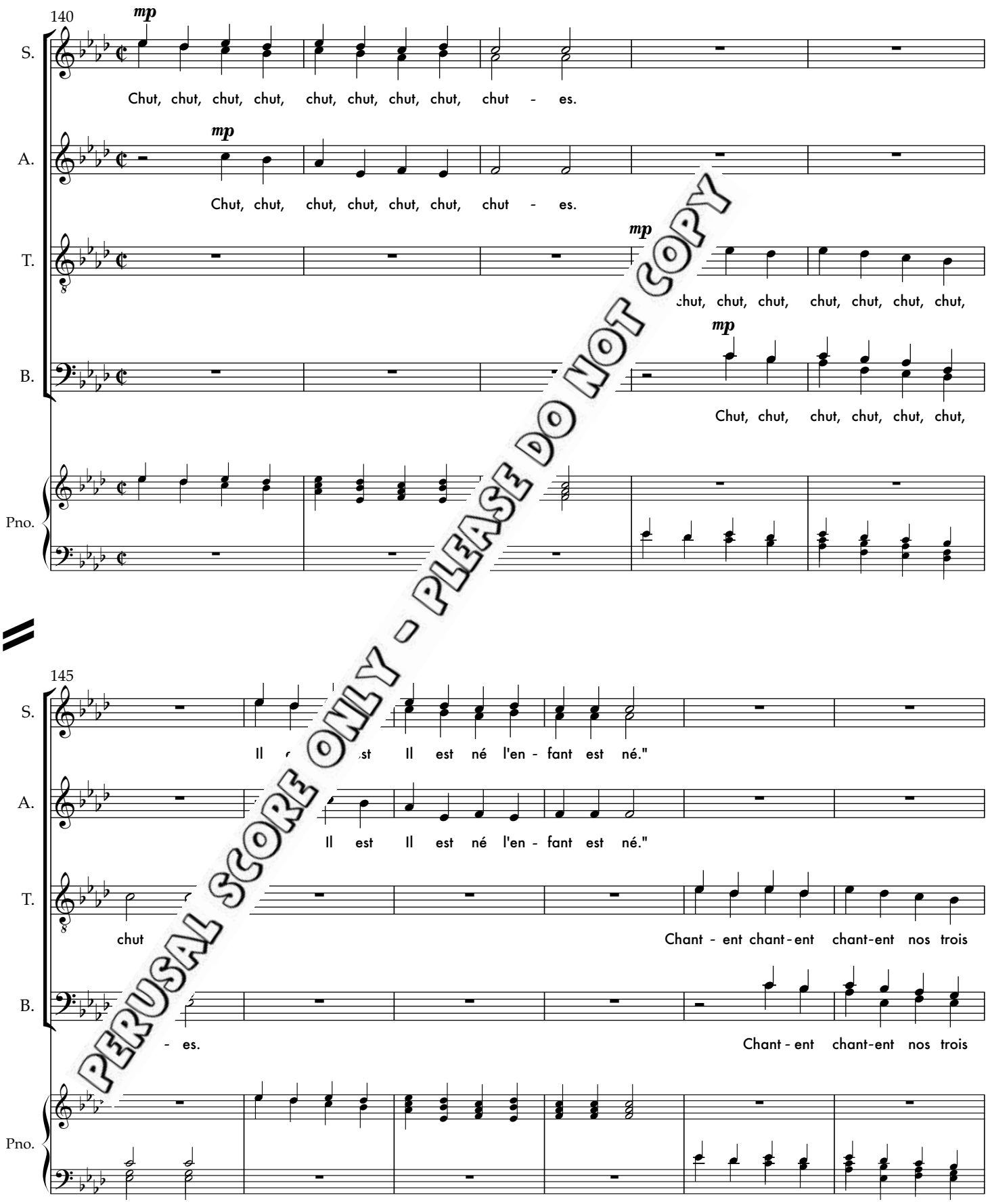


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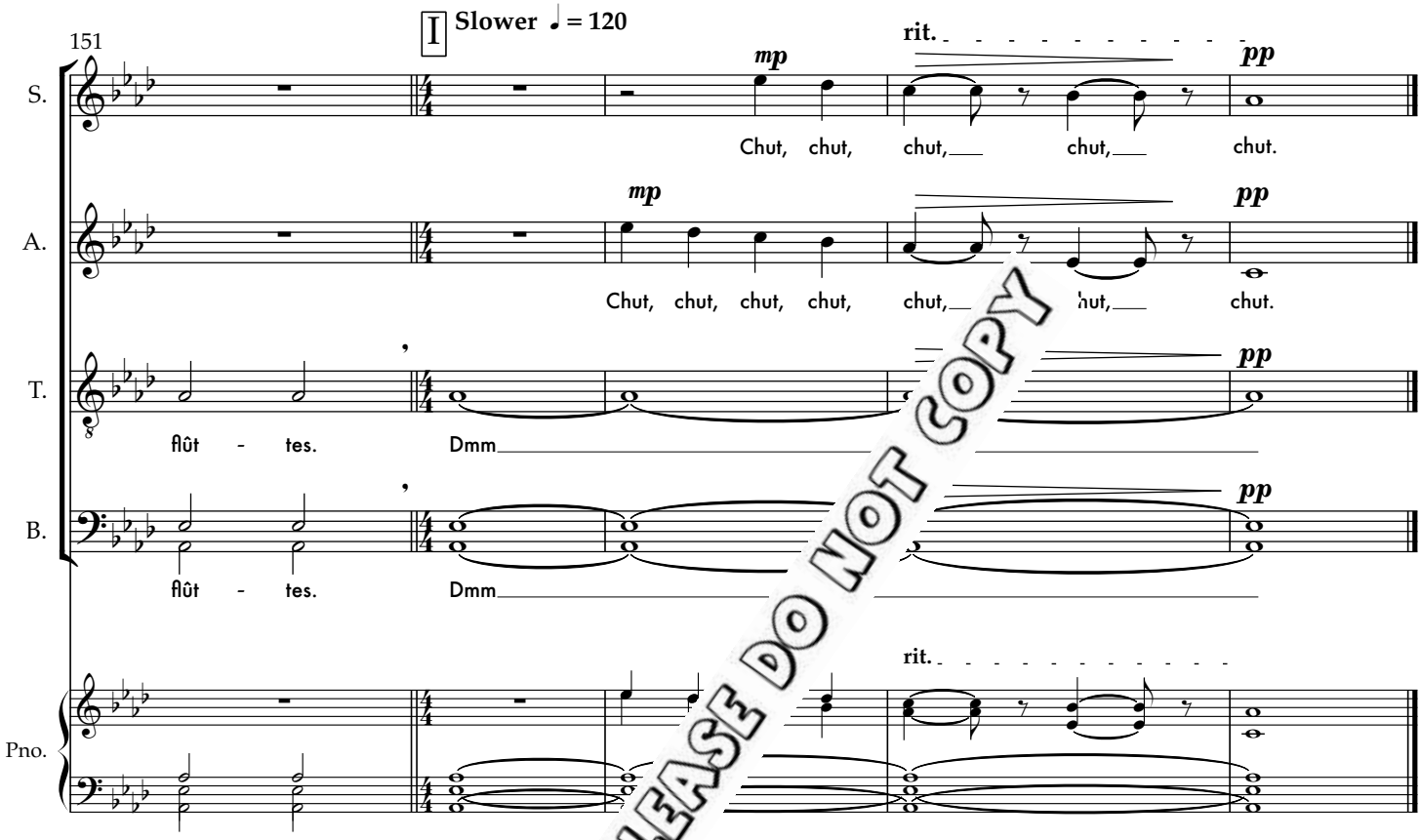


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, Rideau Carol," my very first composition, is a sacred/secular love song to the
airwell Carollers, to whom it is dedicated. While on a marathon training run in 2015,
encountered a sign that said "Chutes Rideau Falls." Suddenly, the idea of a
Christmas carol flashed before my very eyes. It would be bilingual. It would feature
popular Ottawa landmarks including Parliament Hill, the National Gallery, Byward
Market, and the Rideau Falls. And it would begin with a cascading refrain that
contains a play on words: "Chut" in French means "hush" (the baby is sleeping),
while "chutes" means waterfalls.

David Rain (b.19 te in life" choral composer, having caught the composing bug in his mid-60s. Professionally, he received English and La from UBC and a Masters in Development Studies from the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. For 40 years in the fields of international development and refugee and immigrant support, the last 12 years as a fundraiser. David has b ateur singer most of his life, singing with the Christ Church Cathedral boys choir in Vancouver in the 1960s and with the V ach Choir in the 1970s. After a 10-year choral hiatus in Tanzania, he settled in Ottawa in 1992 where for 28 years he sang airwell Carollers. David began composing in his spare time in 2015 and has written or arranged over 30 songs since. His sor een performed by a variety of choirs including the Chamber Choir of Europe, Coro Vivo Ottawa, the Rideau Chorale, Nana erata Singers and the Stairwell Carollers. David is a great fan of Mahler, Bruckner and pioneering Medieval/Renaissance com e donates 50% of his income as a composer to two Ottawa charities: OCISO (the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services O and Orkidstra, an "El Sistema"-inspired program for kids from under-served communities.

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