THE HYMNS Project

VOL. 2

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Foreword

When Semsen Music allowed me to arrange their inaugural hymns collection two years ago, I prayerfully titled it ***The Hymns Project, Volume 1*** in hopes that there would be a need for additional volumes. With that said, I am thrilled to bring you the second volume of ***The Hymns Project*** series!

As a worship pastor, Volume 1 was a valuable resource for me personally, and I'm equally excited about the 10 new arrangements in Volume 2. The formula remains the same for this project: A team of wonderful worship pastors helped me select the titles in this collection, and I think you are going to love where we landed. I truly love every hymn in this project and plan to use them all in my own worship planning. There are no added choruses and no changes to the original hymn melodies. You'll find a few updated lyrics and a completely fresh approach to each song, but your congregation will be able to join right in from verse 1 on every arrangement!

In addition, you'll find suggested scriptures that you can share or simply project as you lead these songs. I love watching a congregation connect on a deeper level as they hear or read God's word in the midst of singing His praise.

I pray that these timeless songs engage your choir and congregation to sing to the only One worthy of our worship.

Gratefully,
—Cliff Duren

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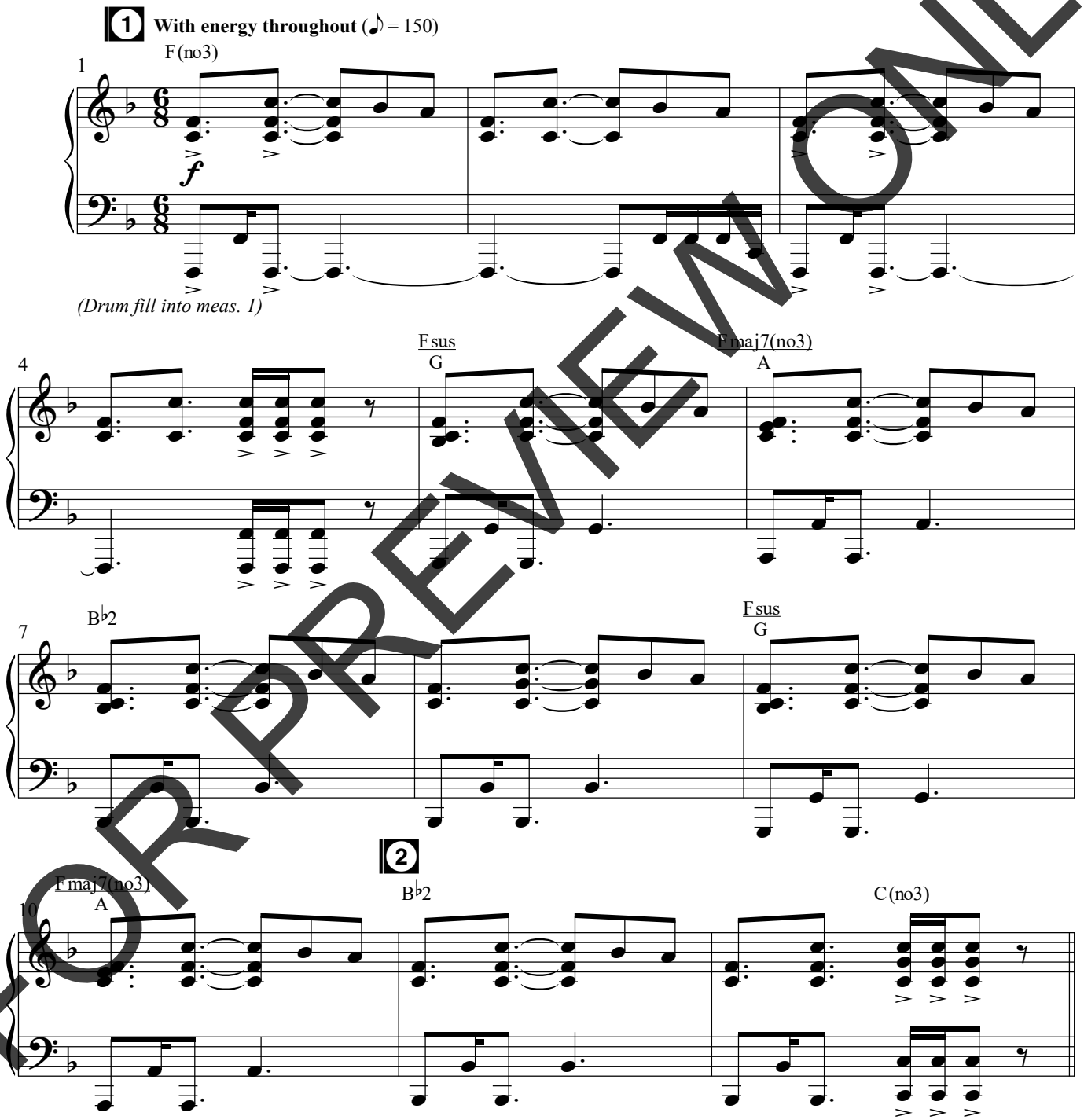
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words by
JOACHIM NEANDER

Music:
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. *(Psalm 92:1-2 ESV)*



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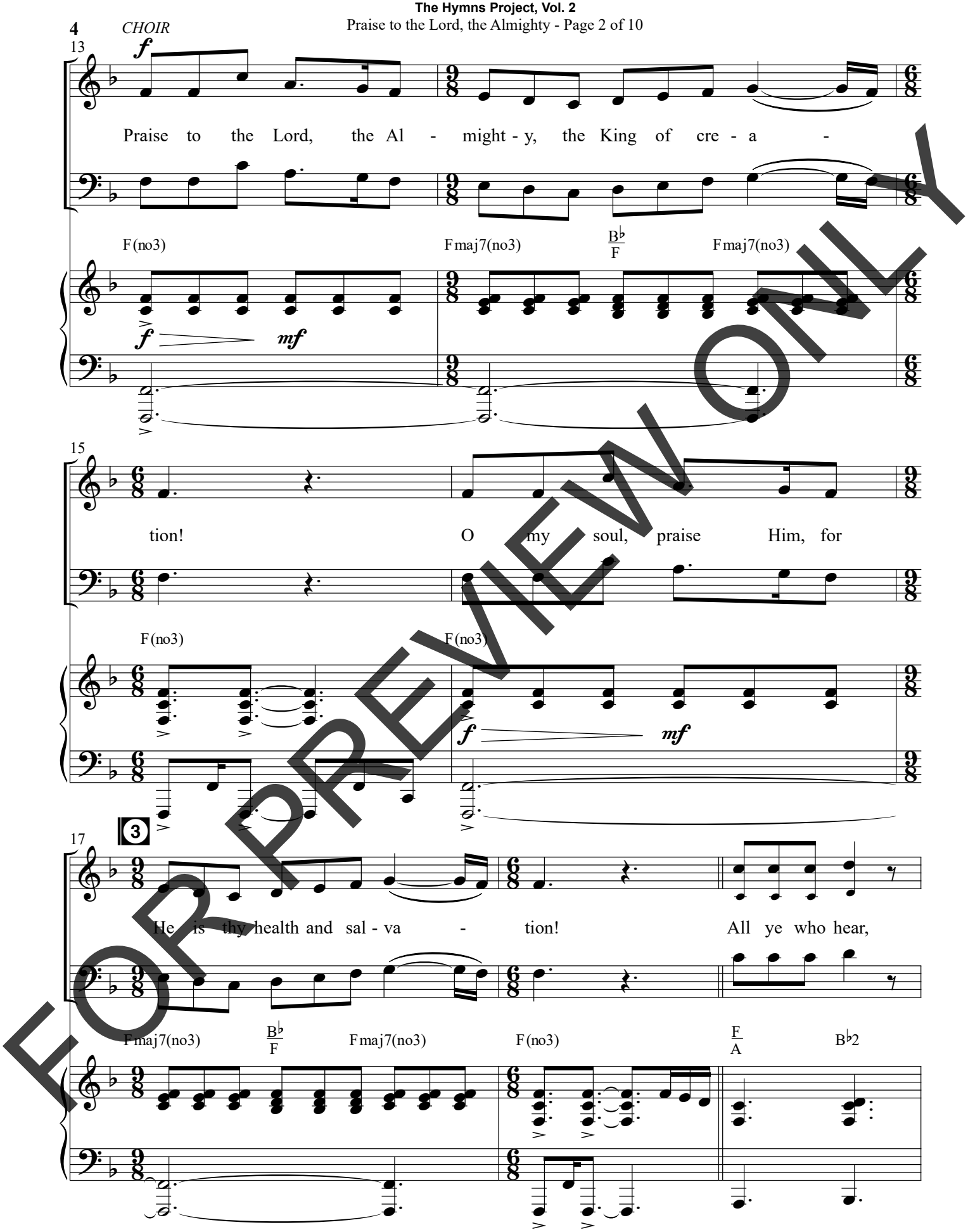

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20

now to His tem - ple draw near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra -

Dm7 F/C G/B F/A B♭2 C

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: At the works of your hands I sing for joy. *(Psalm 92:4 ESV)*

23

4

tion!

Fsus/G Fmaj7(no3)/A B♭2

f

27

f

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,

F(no3) C B♭2 C F

f

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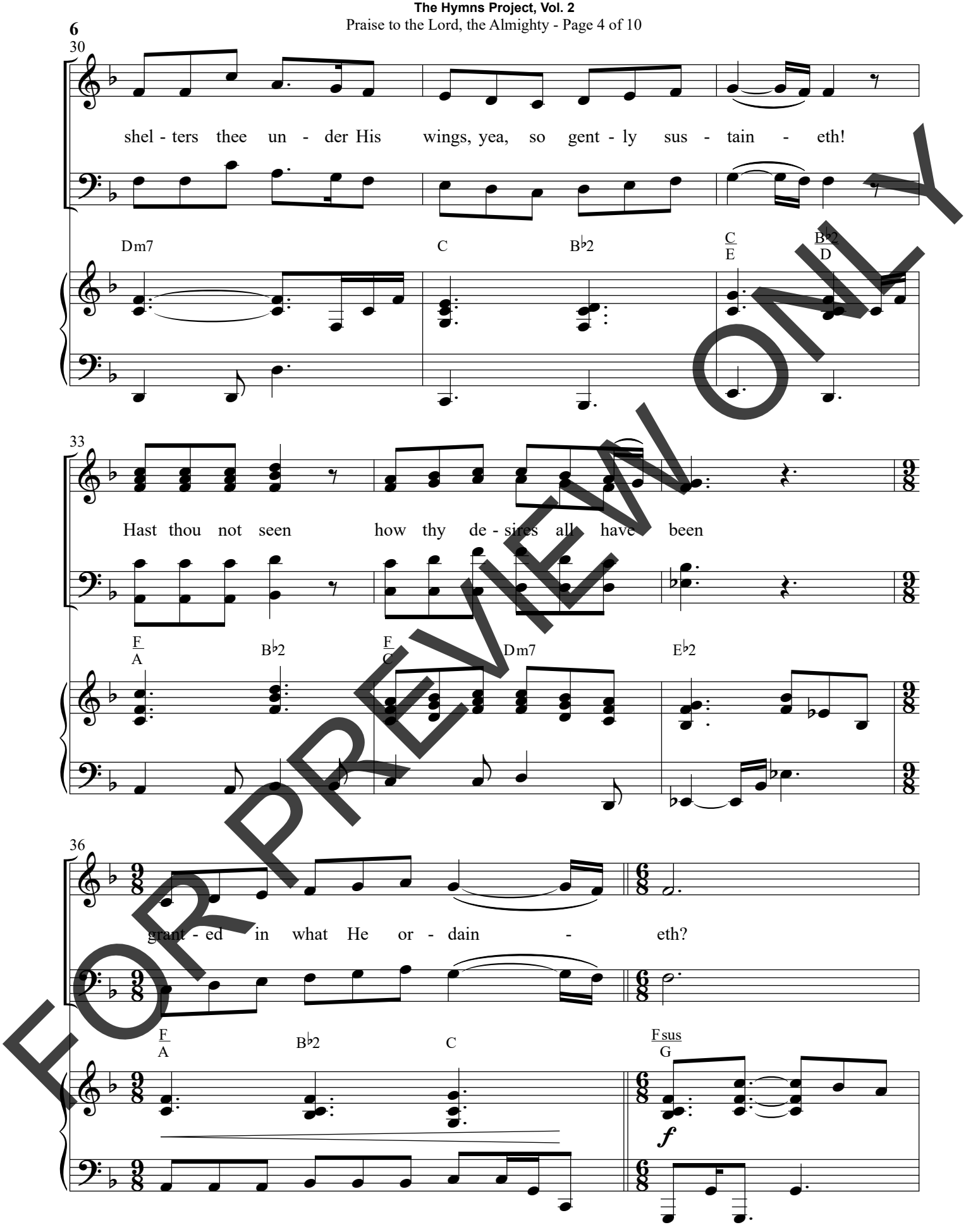

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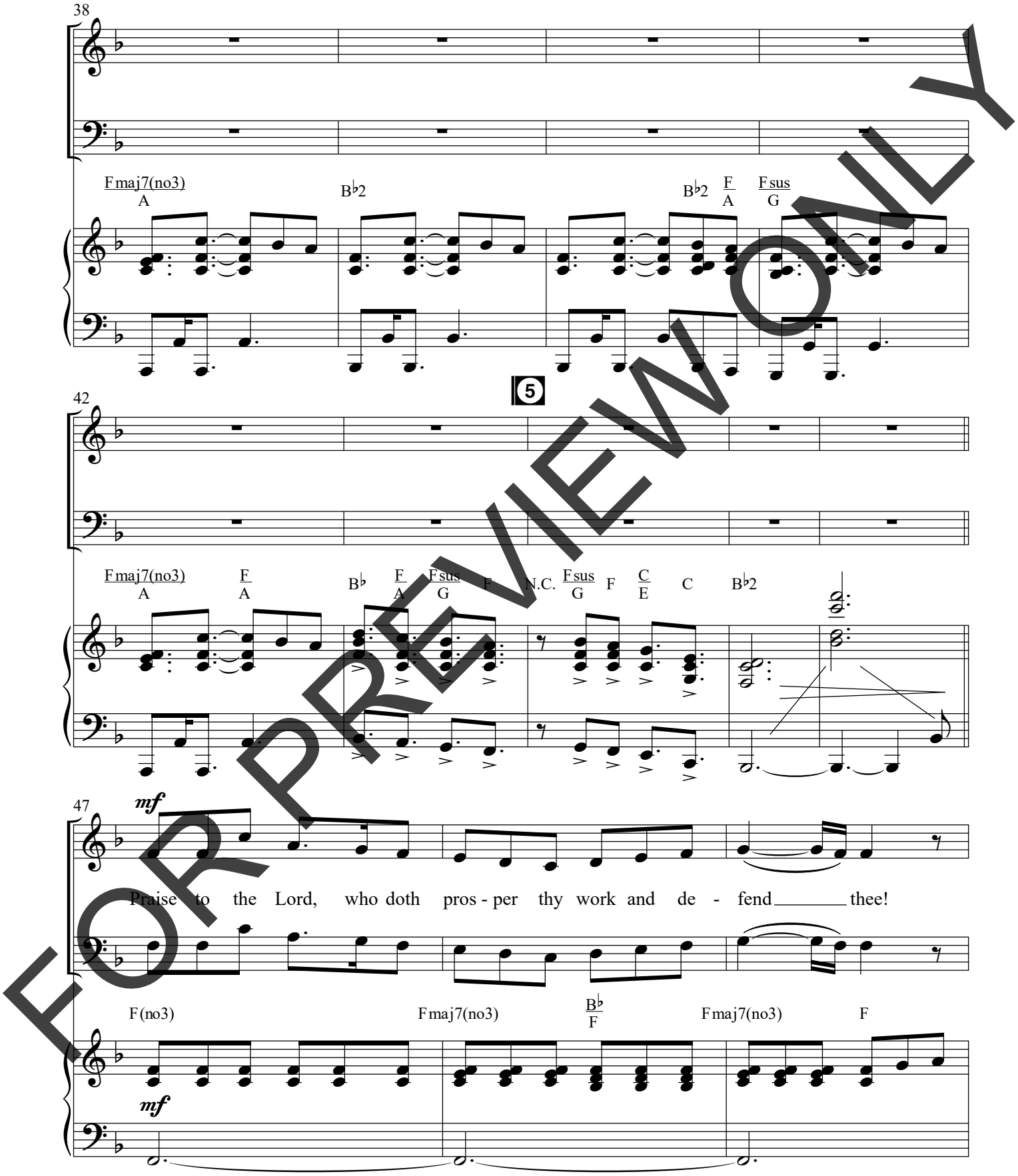
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! *(Psalm 148:1-2 ESV)*



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Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.

Dm7 C B♭2 C/E B♭2/D

53

Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do

F/A B♭2 Dm7 B♭2 Csus C

56

f

if with His love He be - friend thee.

F/A B♭2 C F(no3)

f

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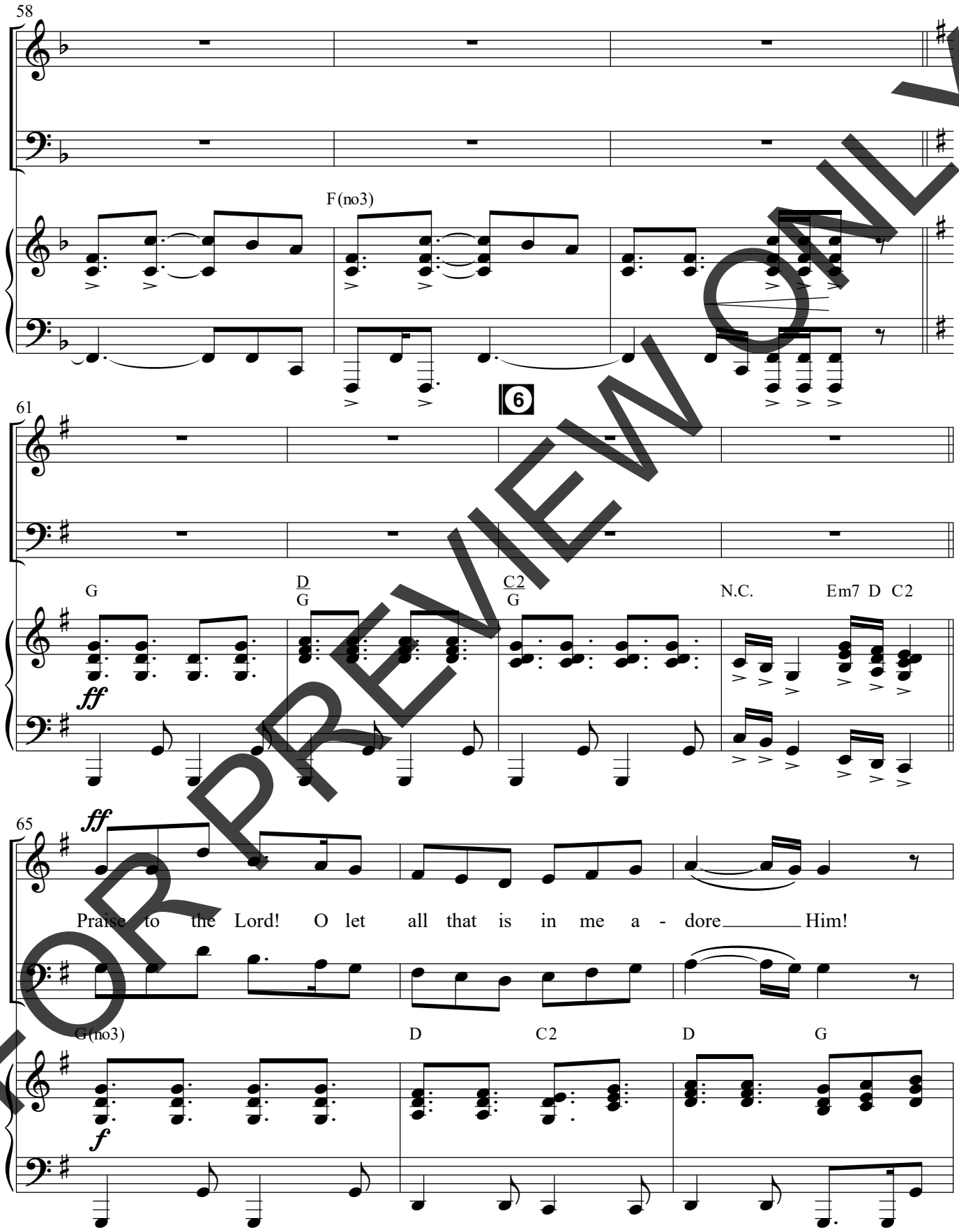
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. *(Psalm 148:13 ESV)*



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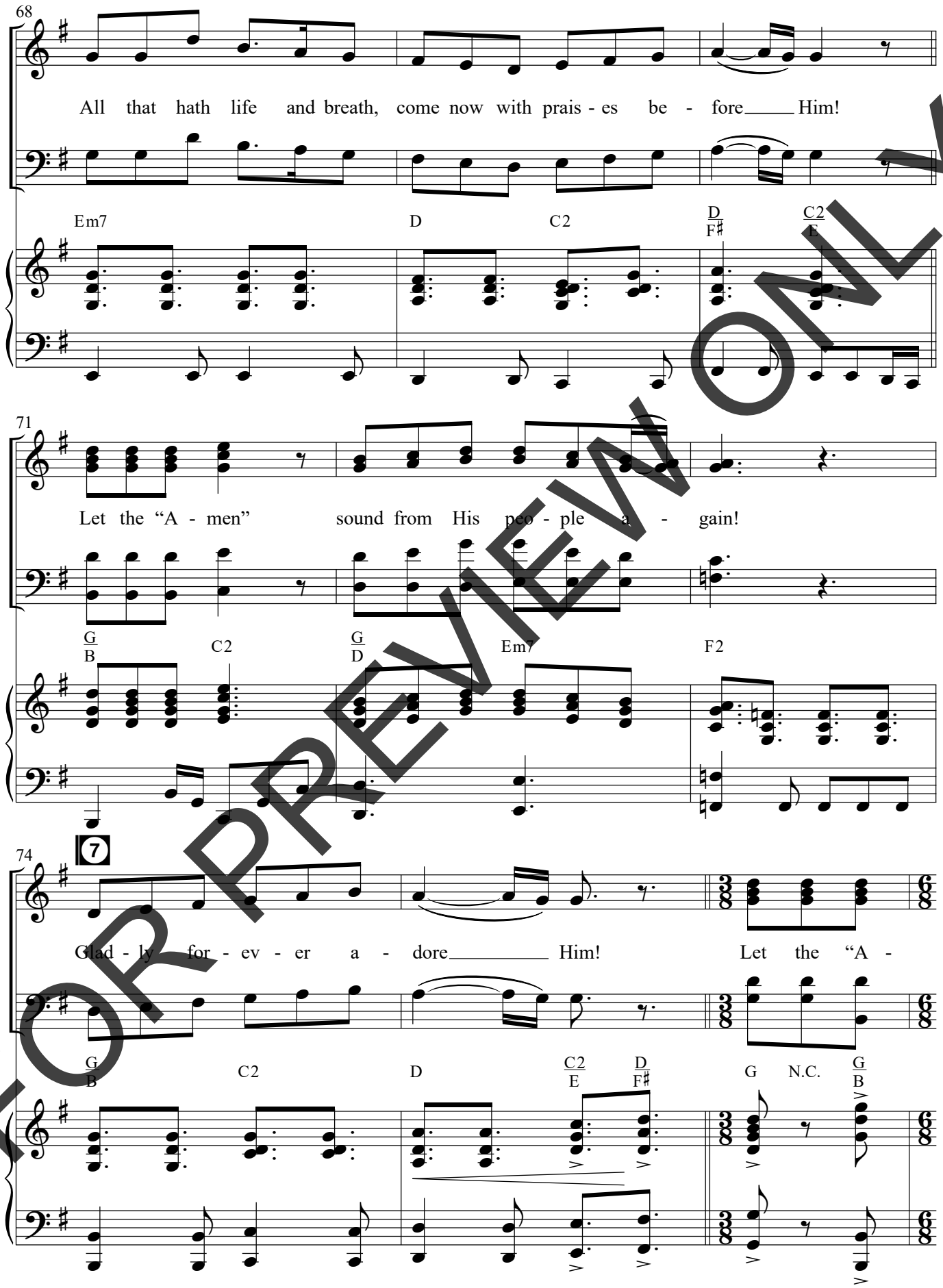

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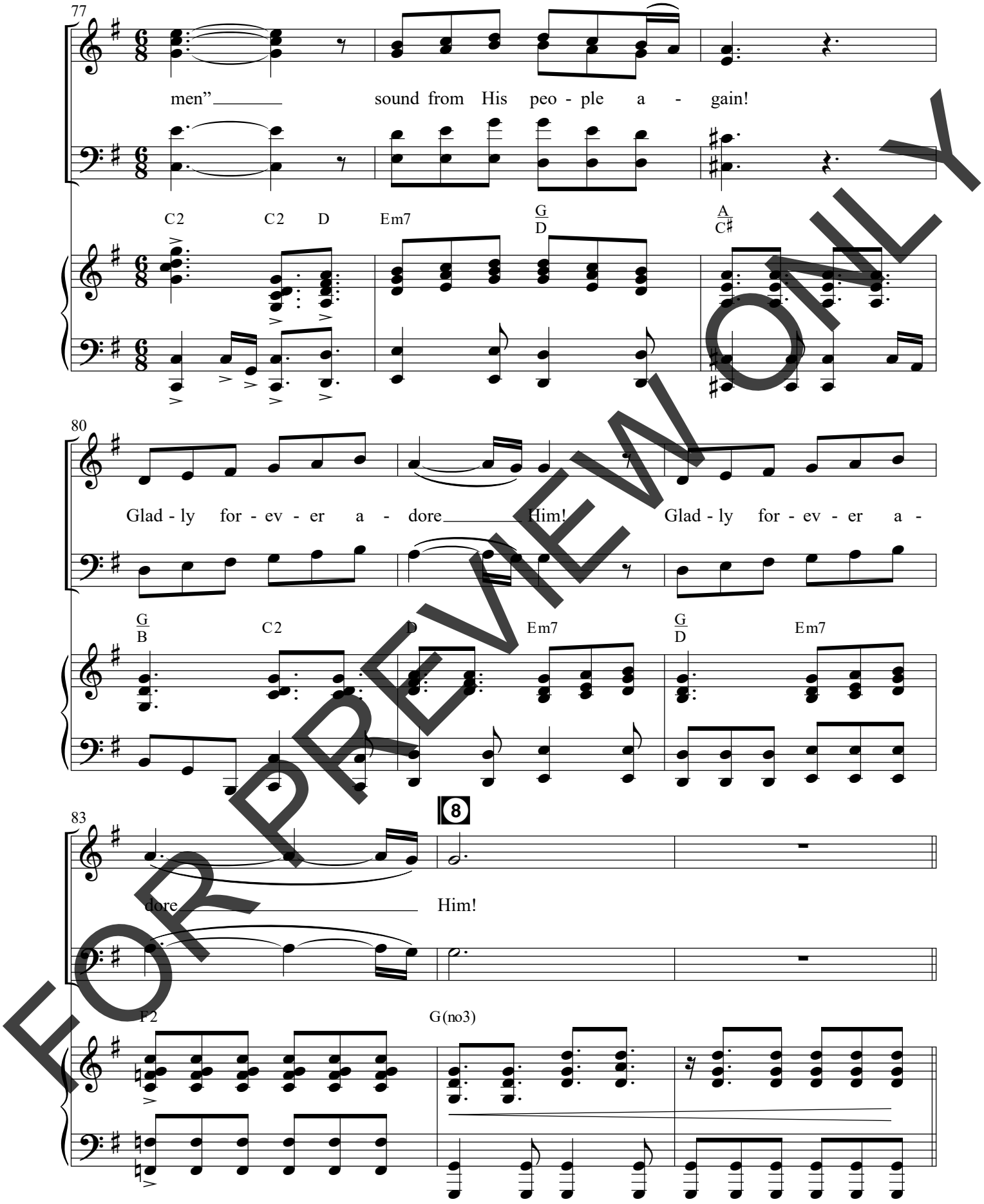

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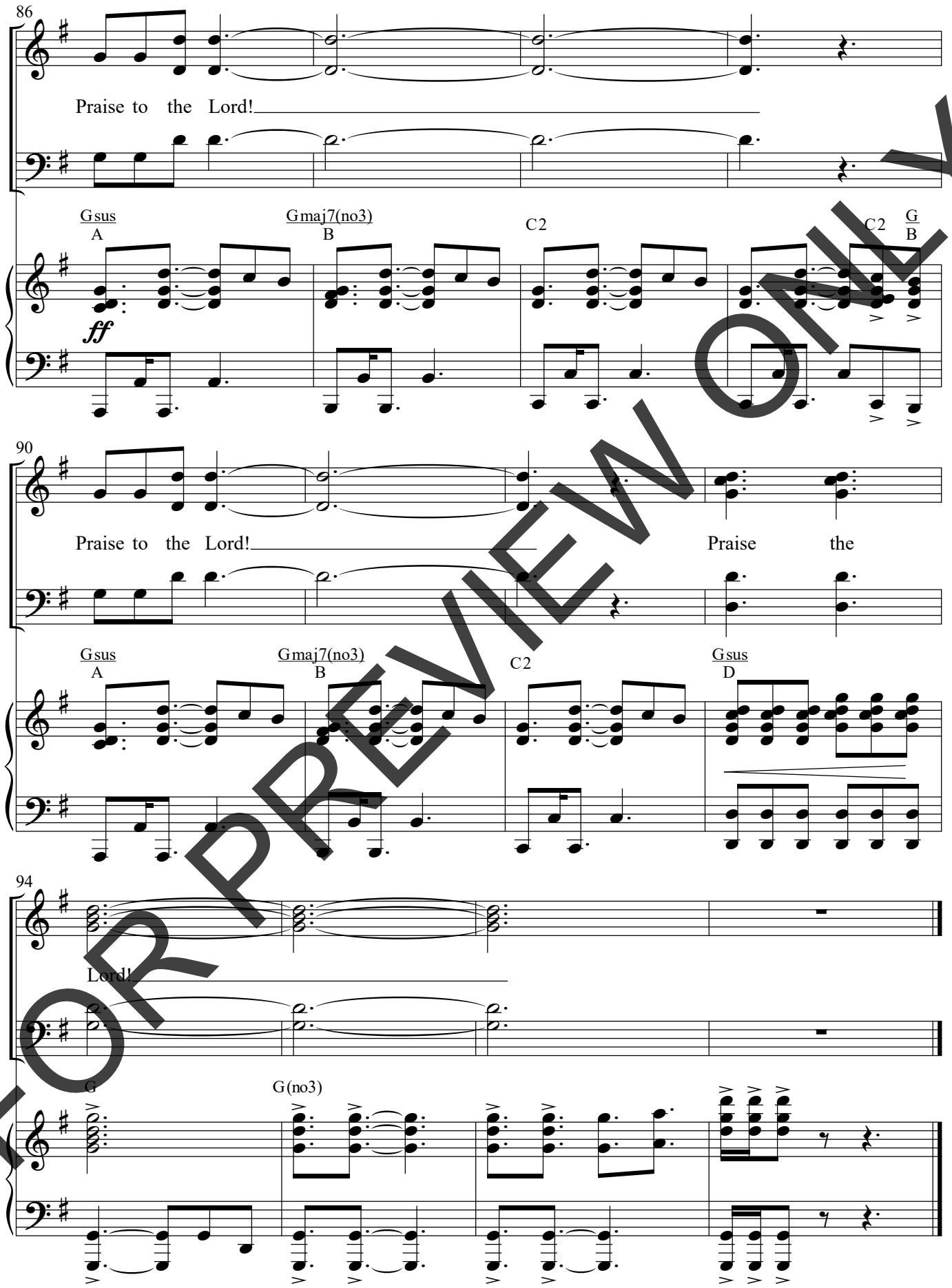

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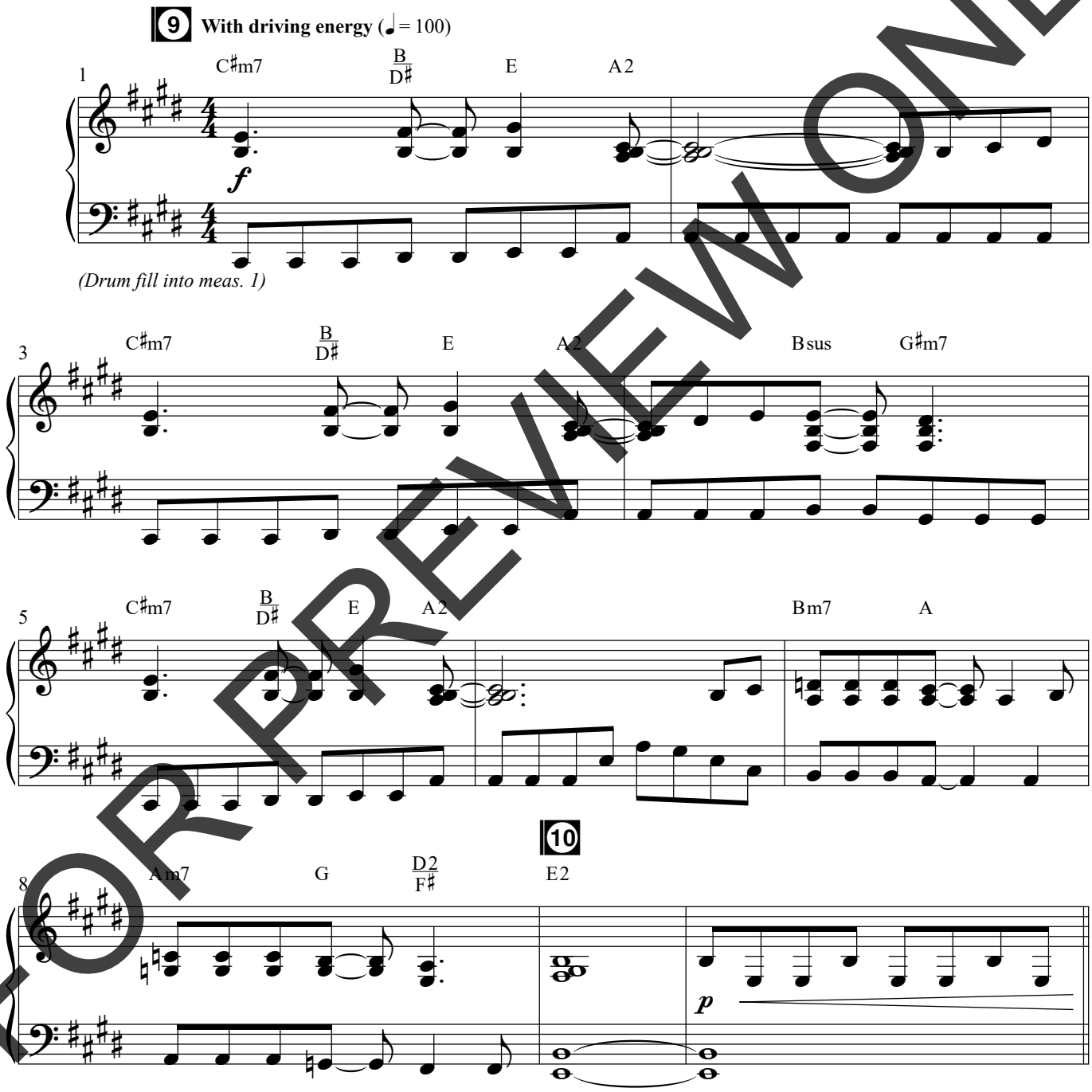
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Words by WILLIAM MOORE
New Words by CLIFF DUREN

Music by
WILLIAM MOORE
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! *(Psalm 95:1-2 ESV)*



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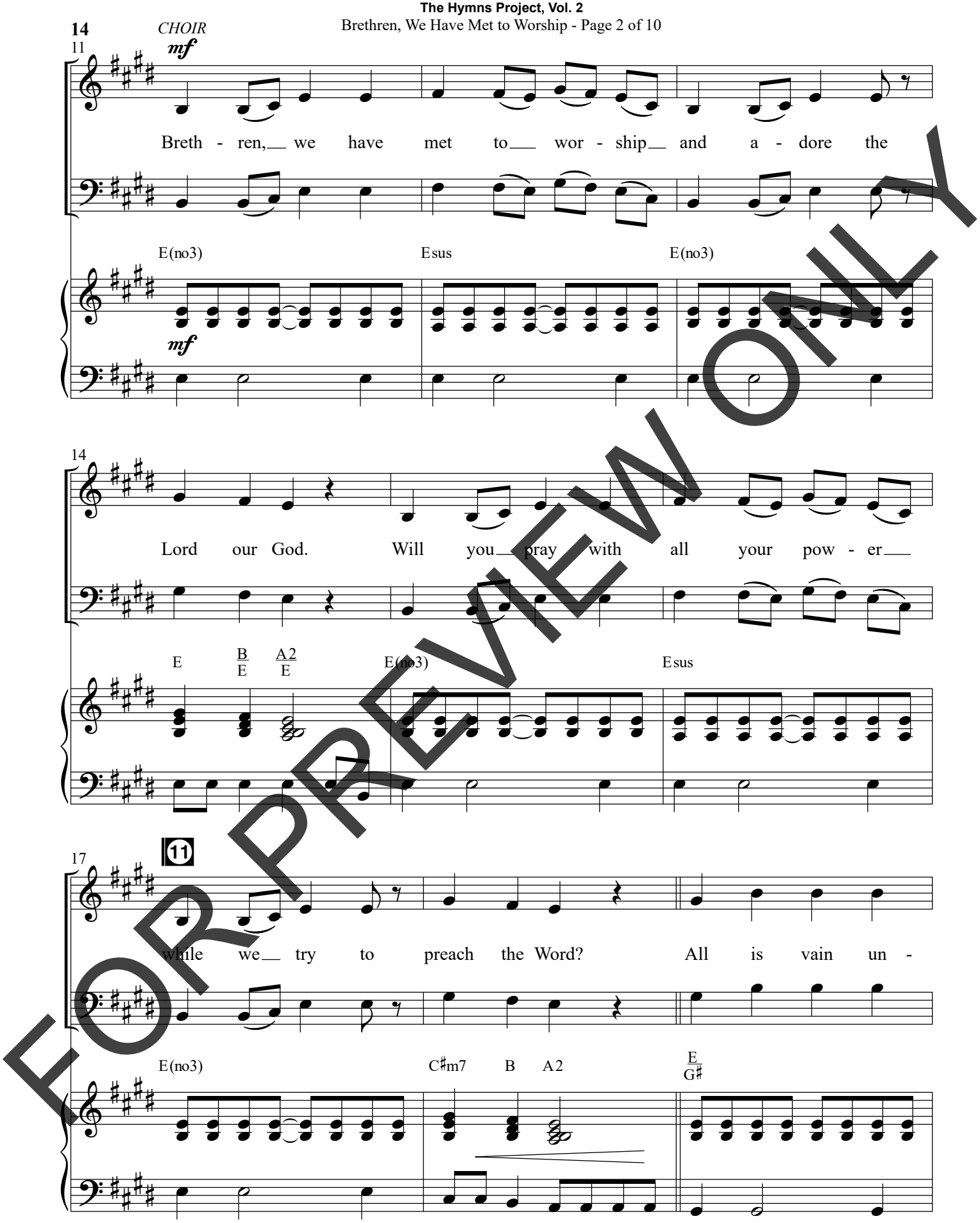

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20

less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly

A2 E/B

22

One comes down. Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na

A2/C♯ B/D♯ E(no3) Esus

25

will be show - ered all a - round.

C♯m7 A2

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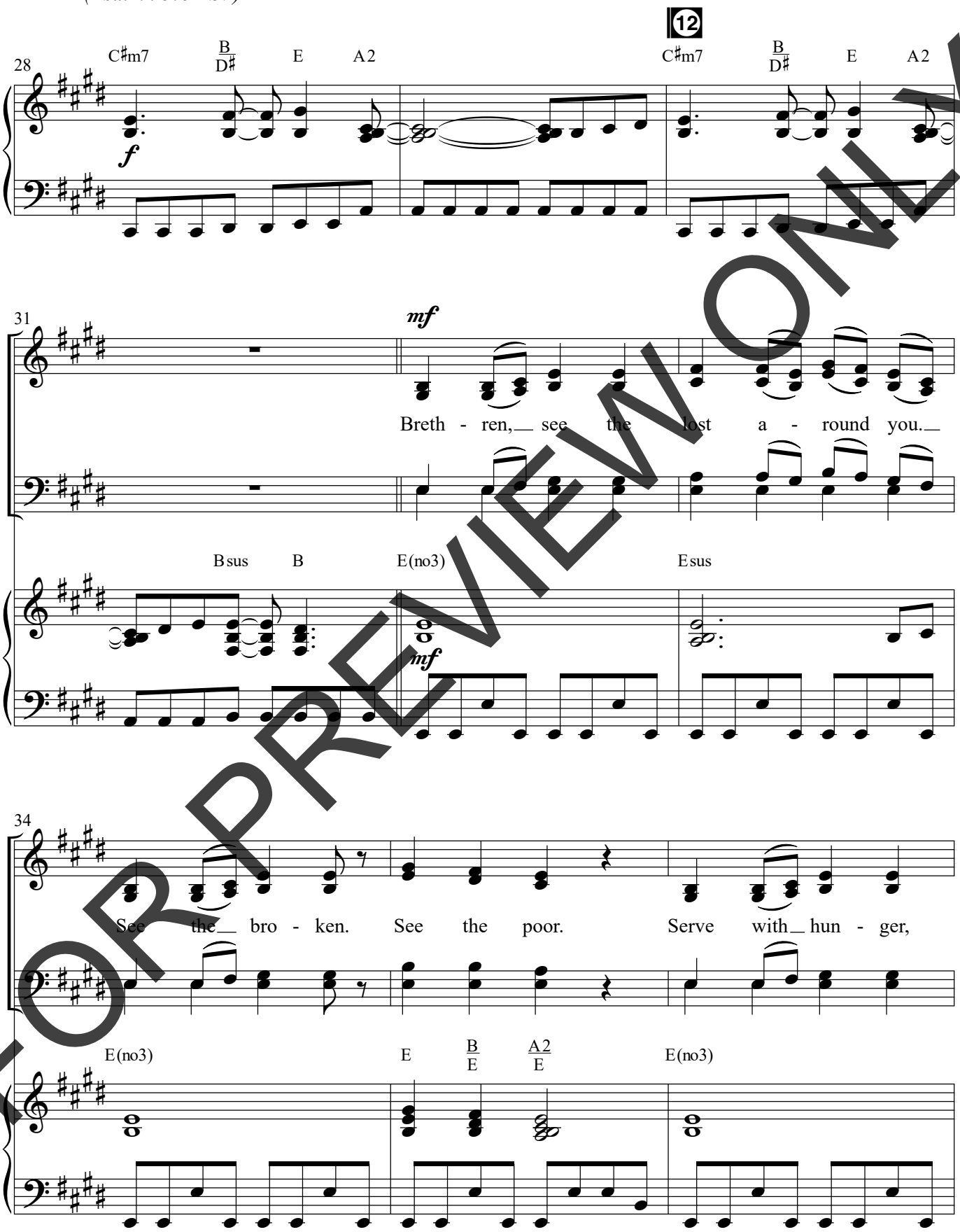
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! *(Psalm 95:6 ESV)*



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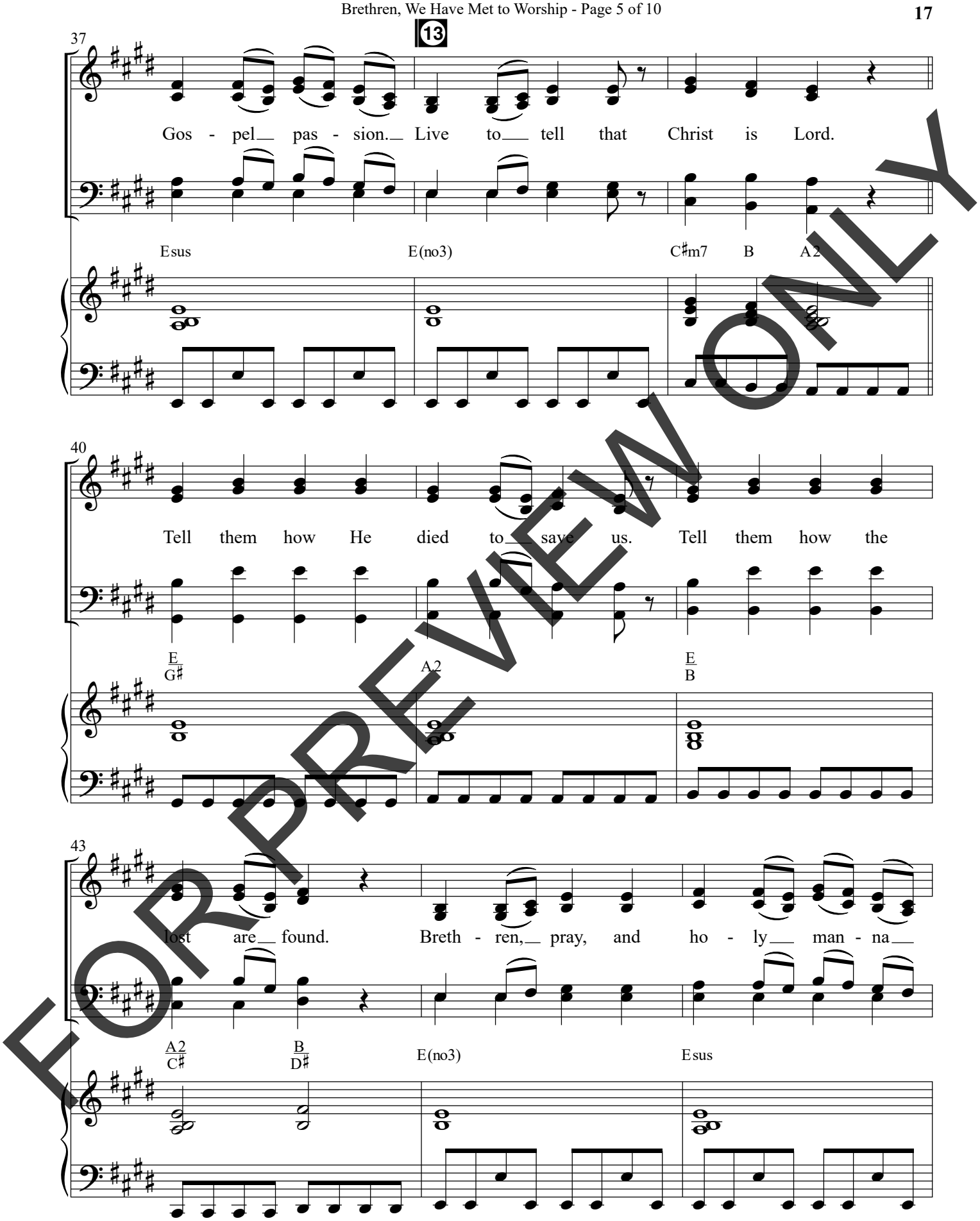

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will be show - ered all a - round.

C♯m7 A2 B(add4)

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. *(1 Chronicles 16:25-27 ESV)*

48

C♯m7 B/D♯ E A2 C♯m7 B/D♯ E A2

f

51

Bsus B Dm7 C/E F B♭2

ff

14

53

Cm7 B♭ B♭m7 A♭ E♭2/G

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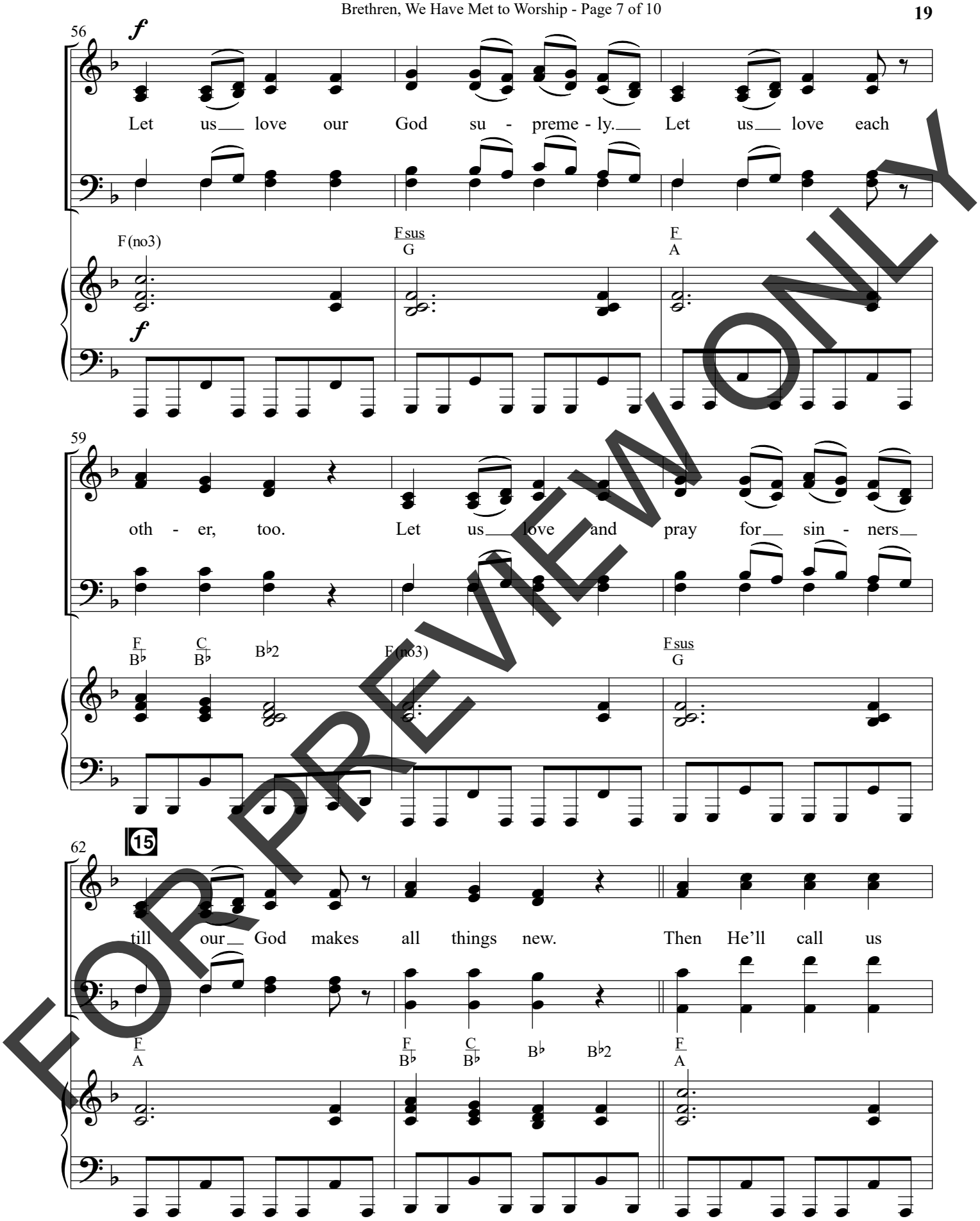

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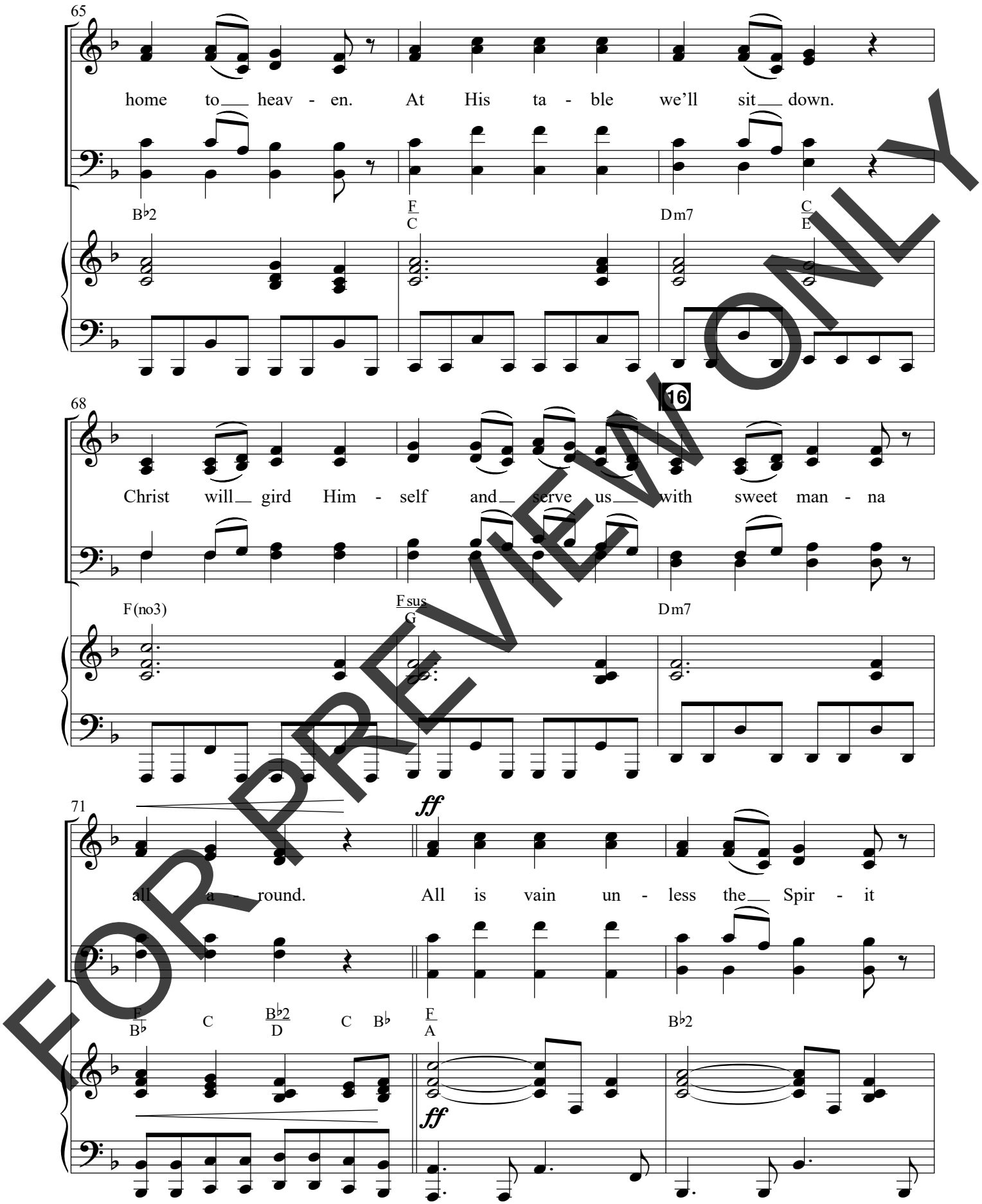

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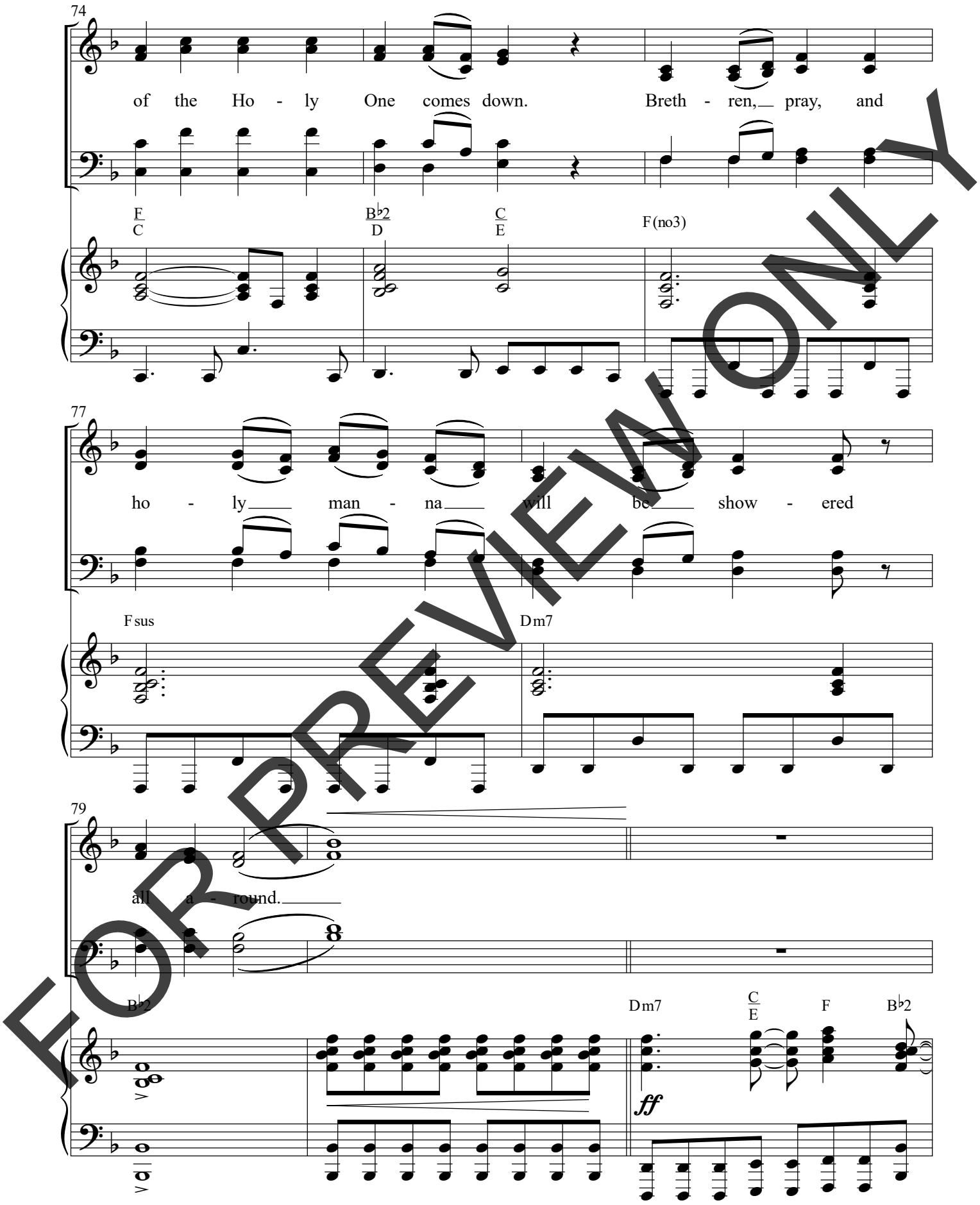

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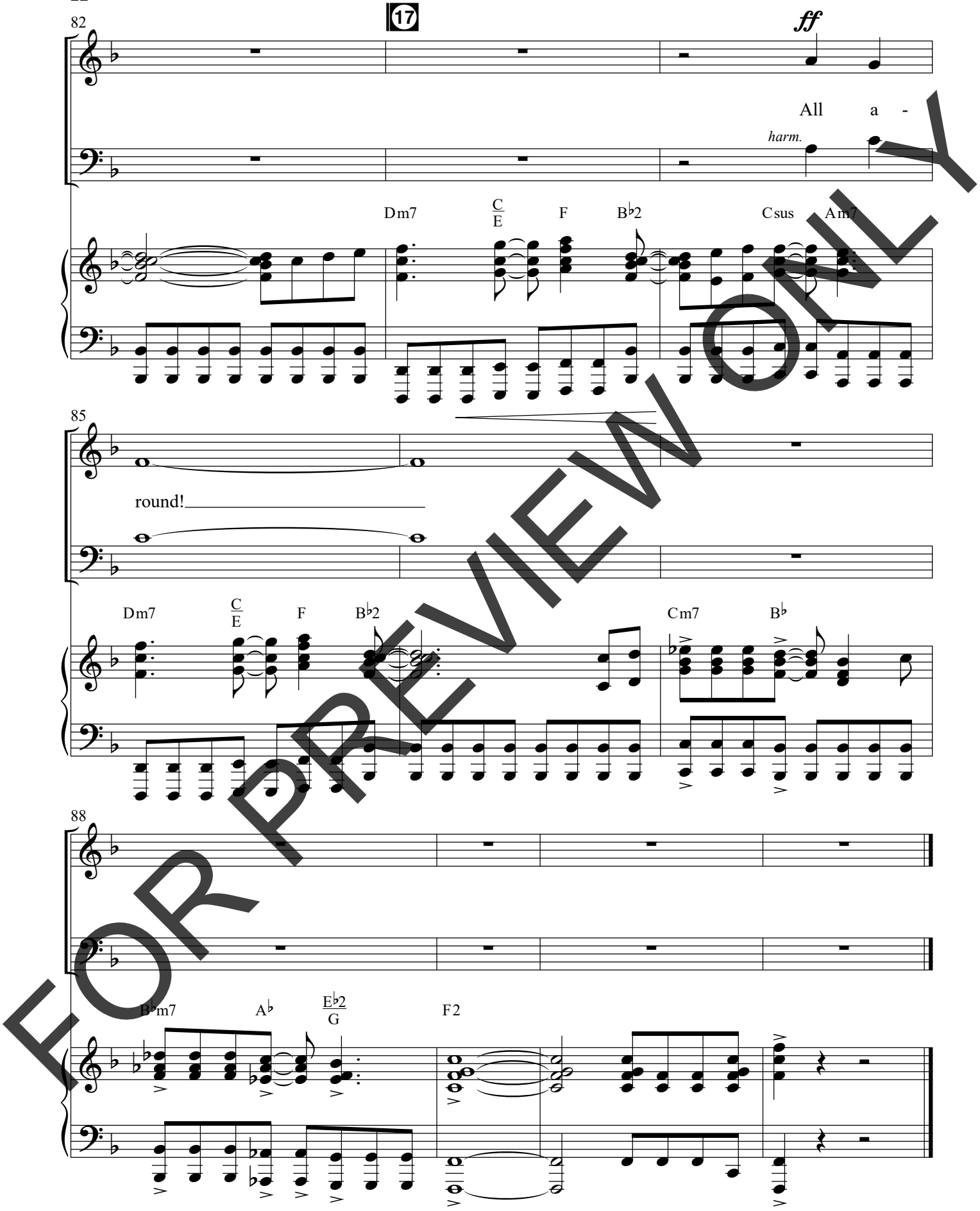

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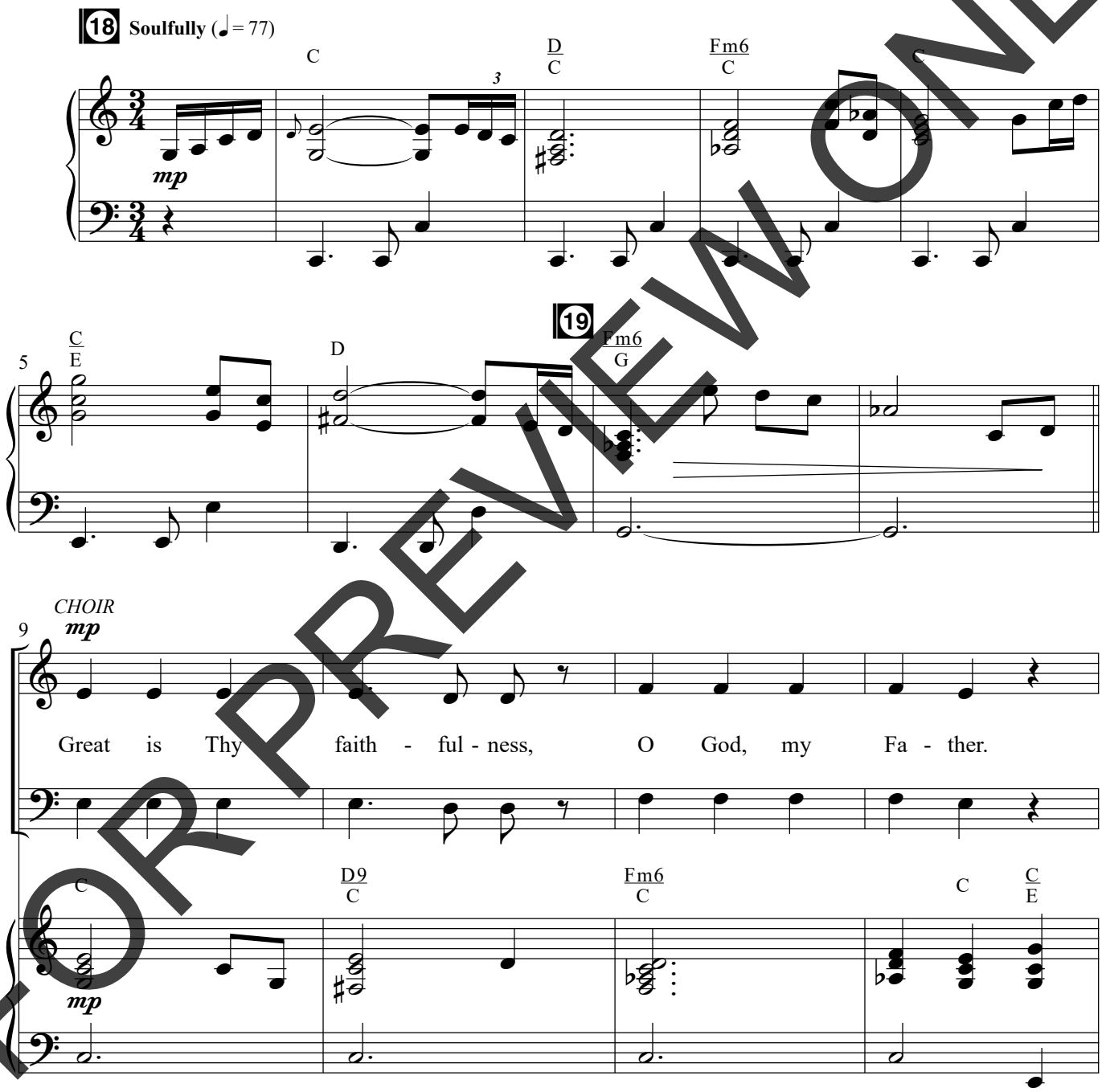
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words by
THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

Music by
WILLIAM M. RUNYAN
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *(Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV)*



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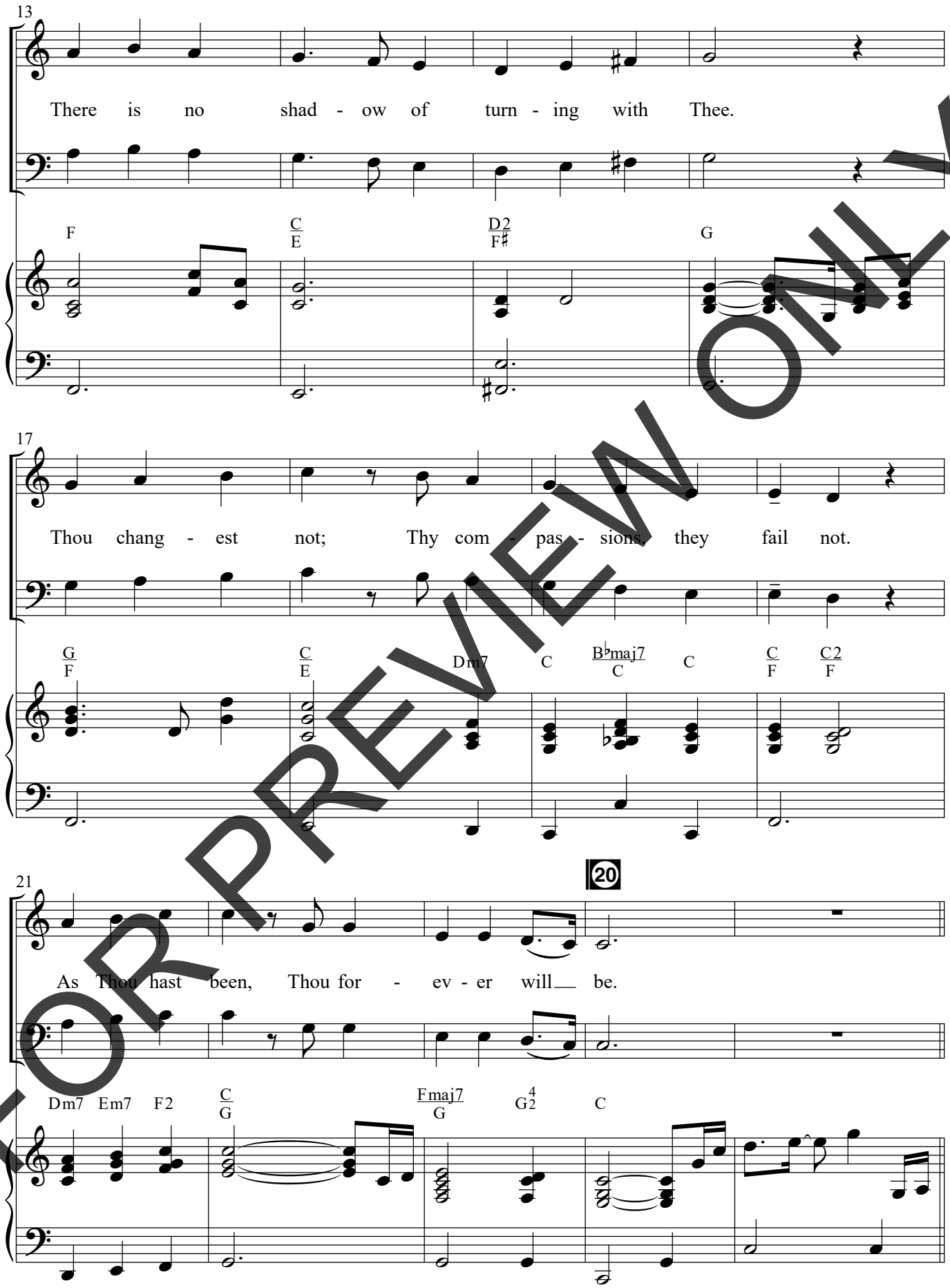

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Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Morn-ing by

G Fm6/C C A/C♯ C/D Dm G G/F

31

21

morn - ing new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed Thy

C/E G/D C/D D7 G G/F C/E Dm7

36

hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to

C B♭maj7/C C C/F C2/F Dm7 Em7 F2 C/G Fmaj7/G

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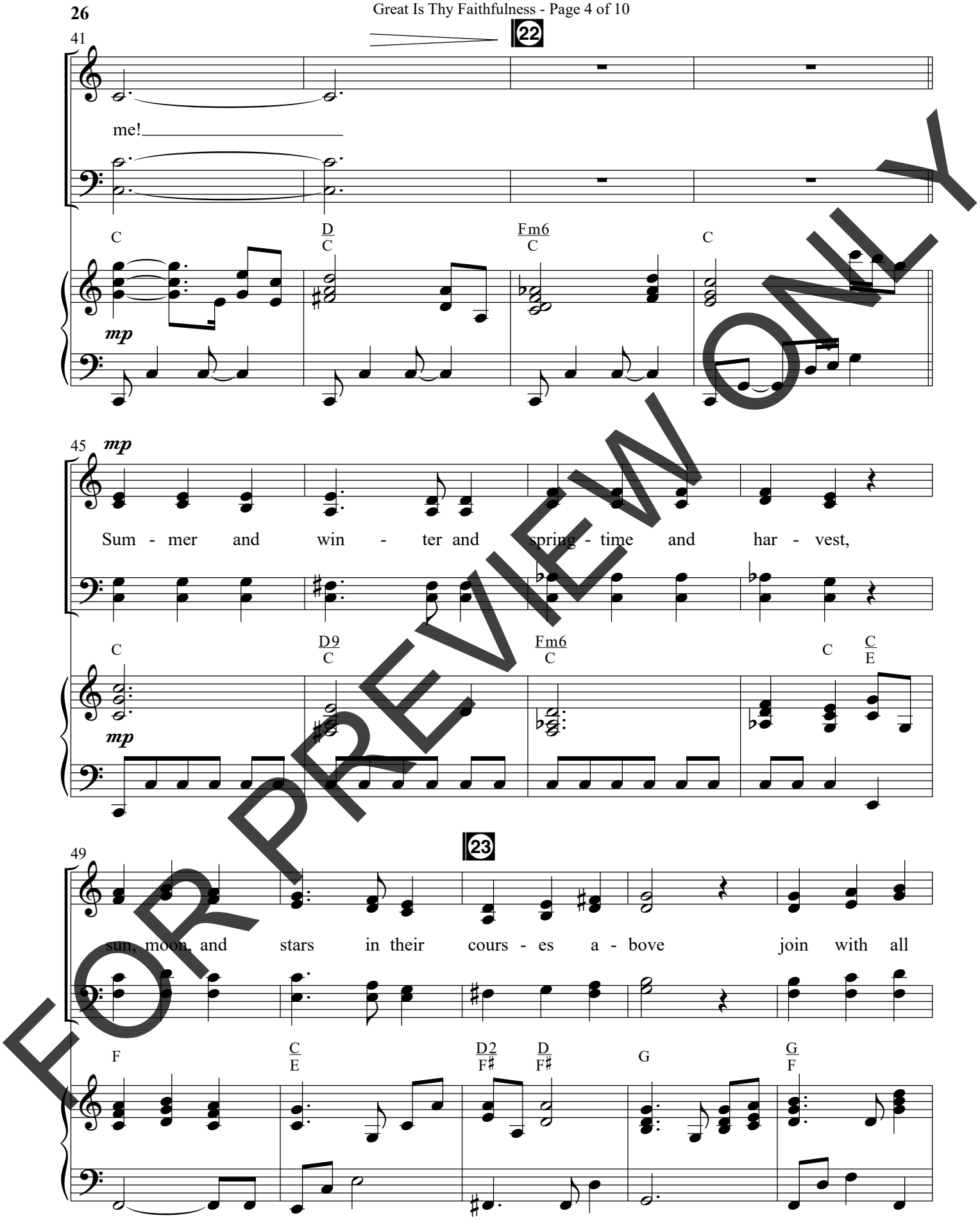

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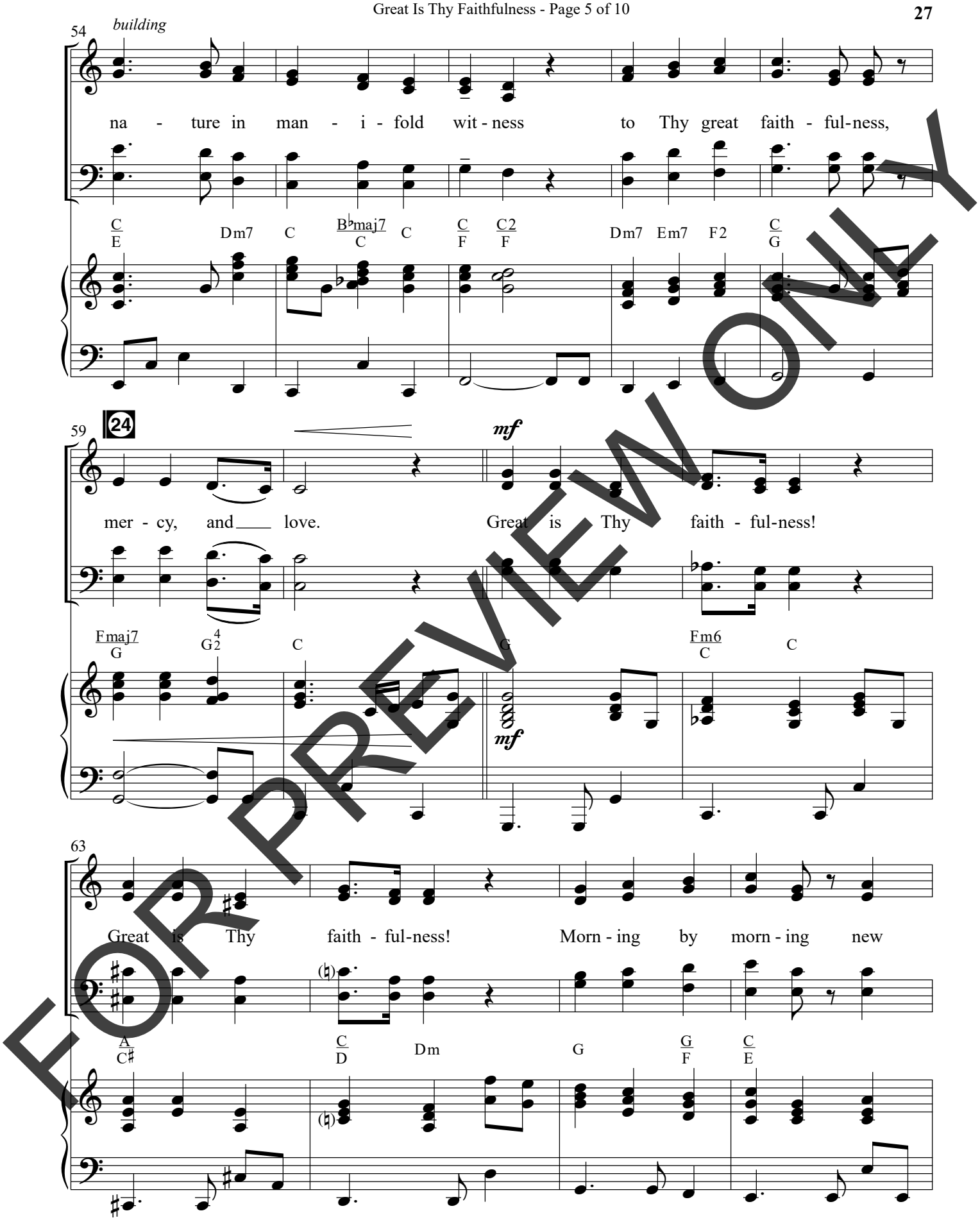

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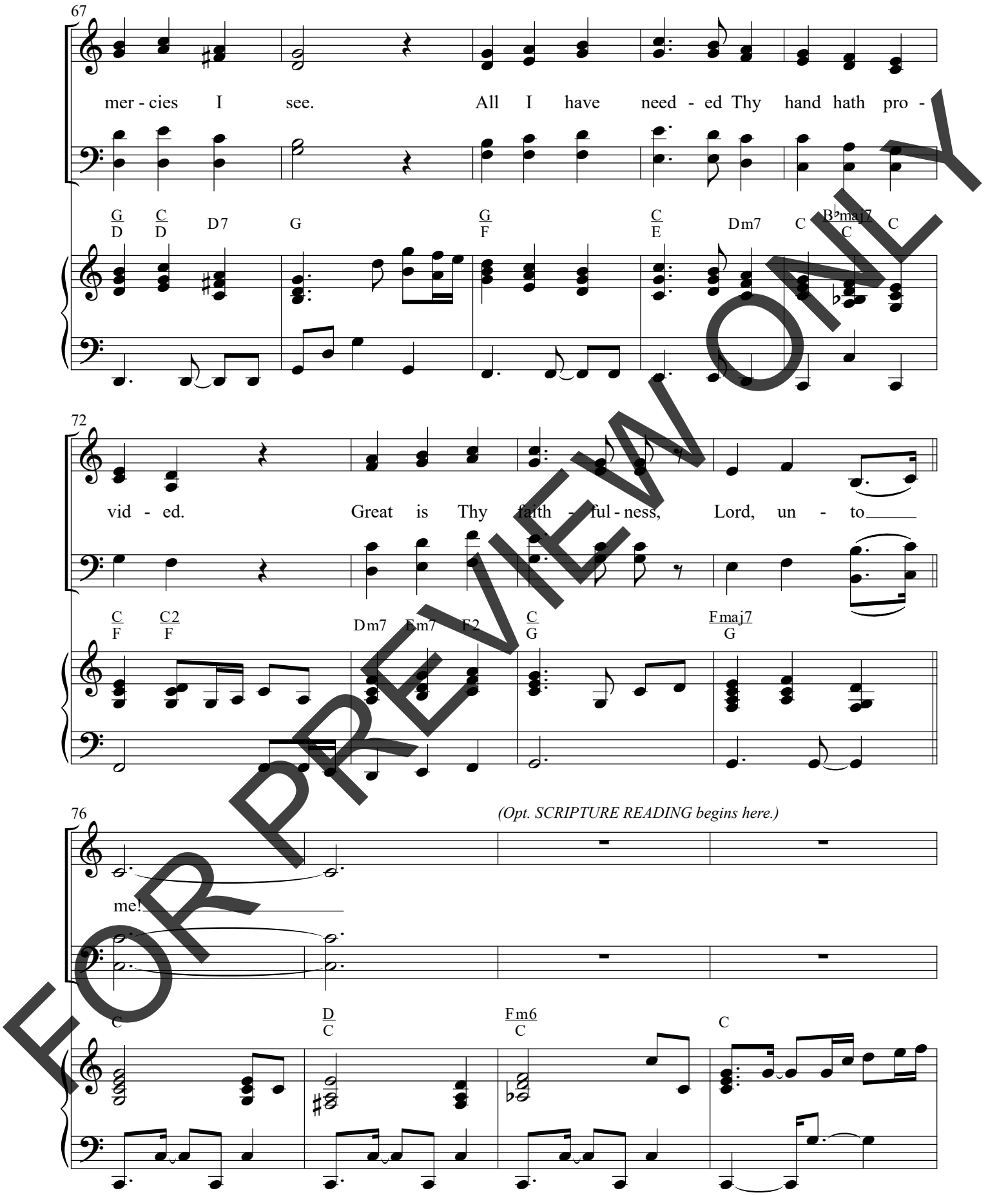

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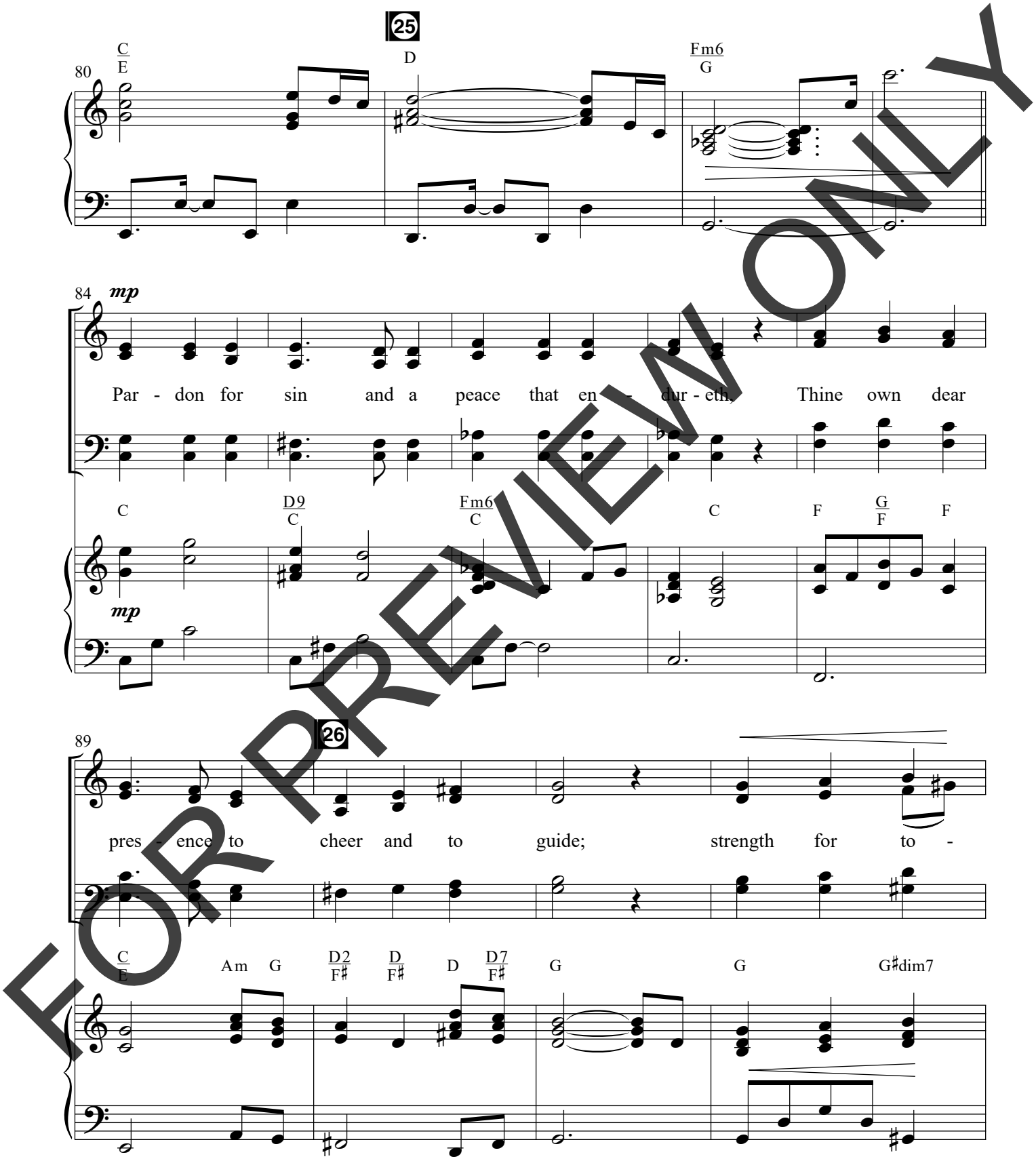
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. *(Lamentations 3:24-25 ESV)*



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mf *f*

day and bright hope for to - mor - row— bless - ings all

Am G/B C Gm7 G♭7(♭5) C/F Dm/F Dm7 Em7 F2

mf *f*

97

27

mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

C/G G F/G G Csus C C/E Dm7 C Am7

101

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

G Fm6/C C A/C♯ C/D Dm

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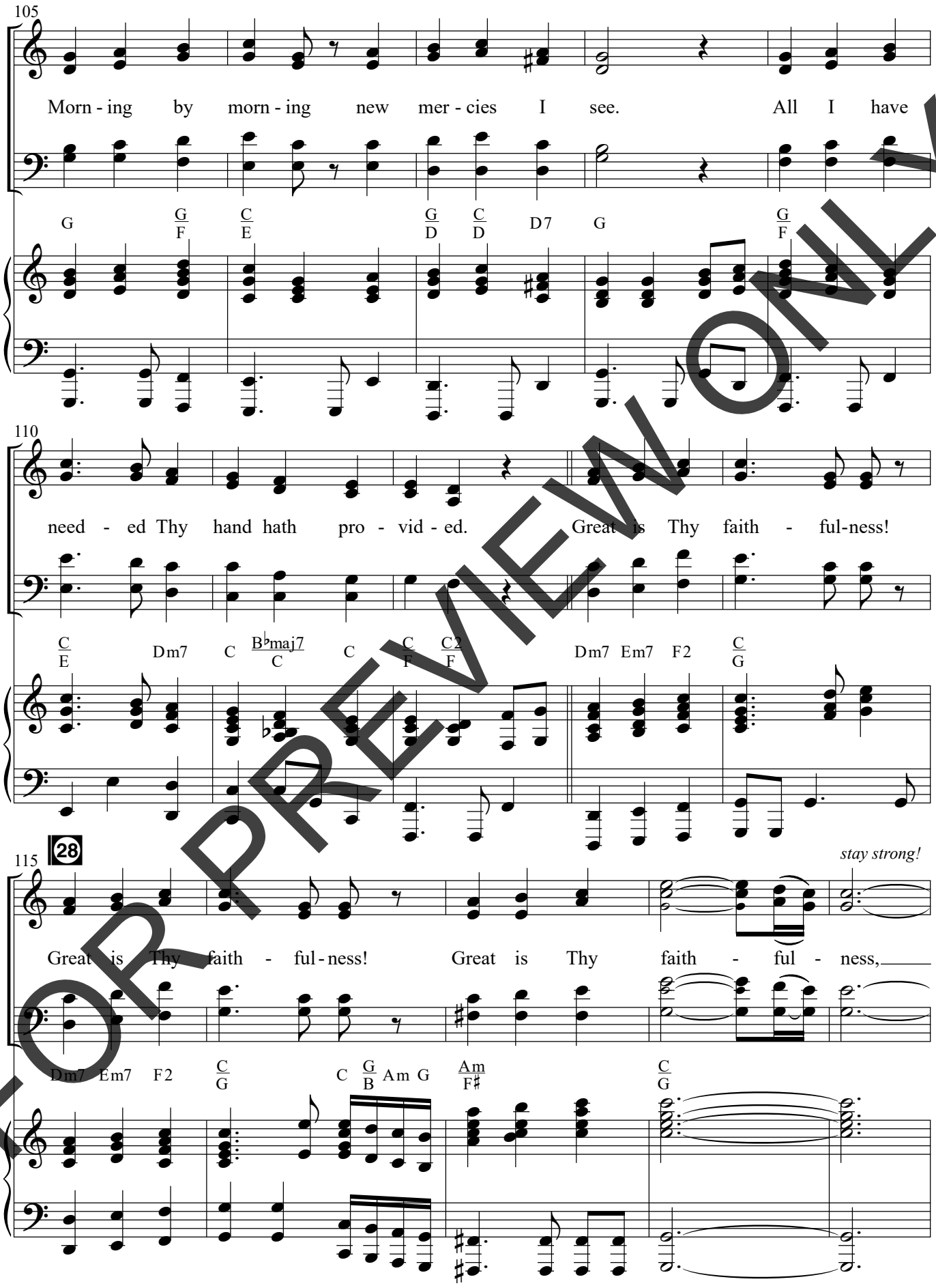

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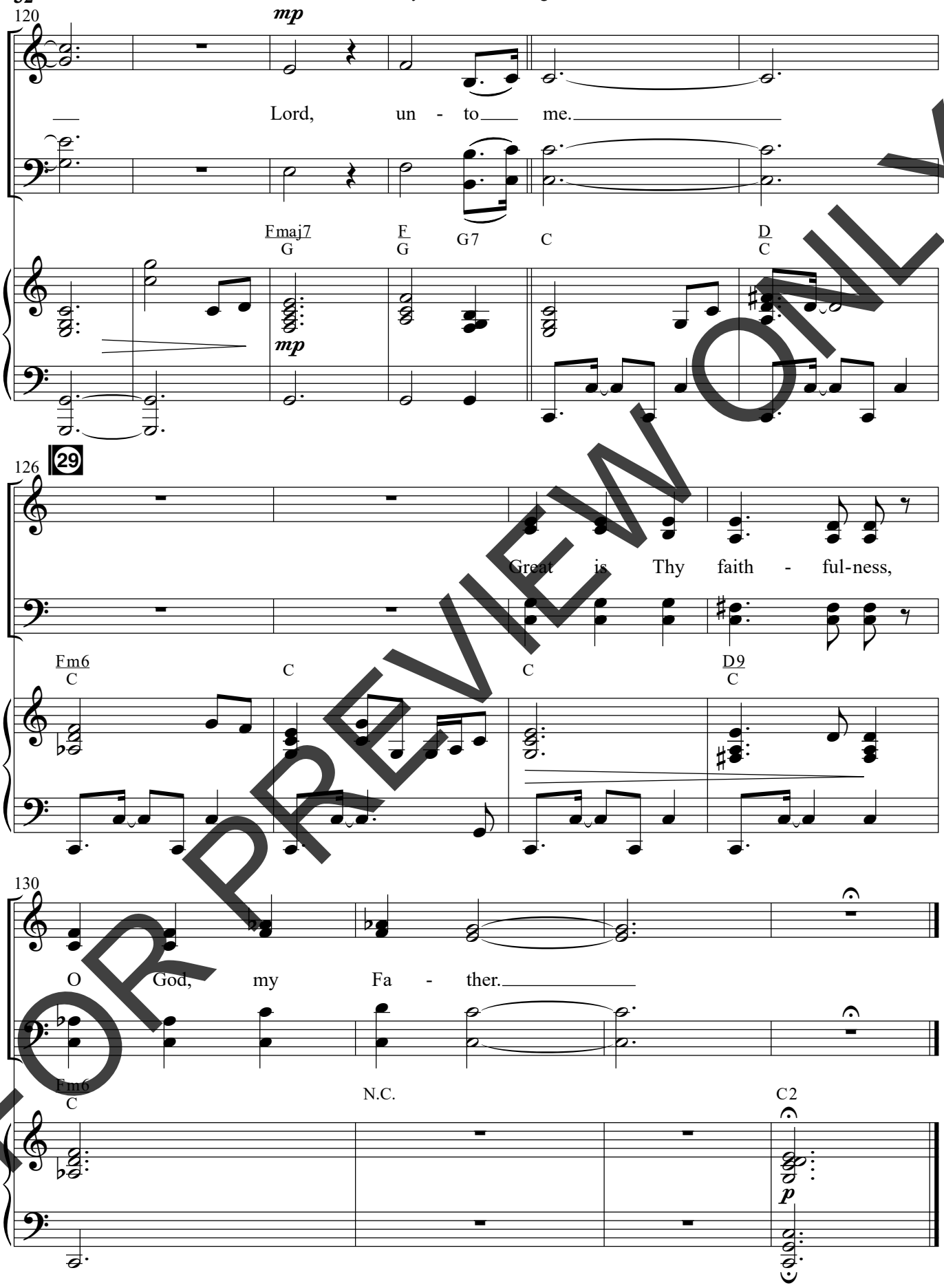

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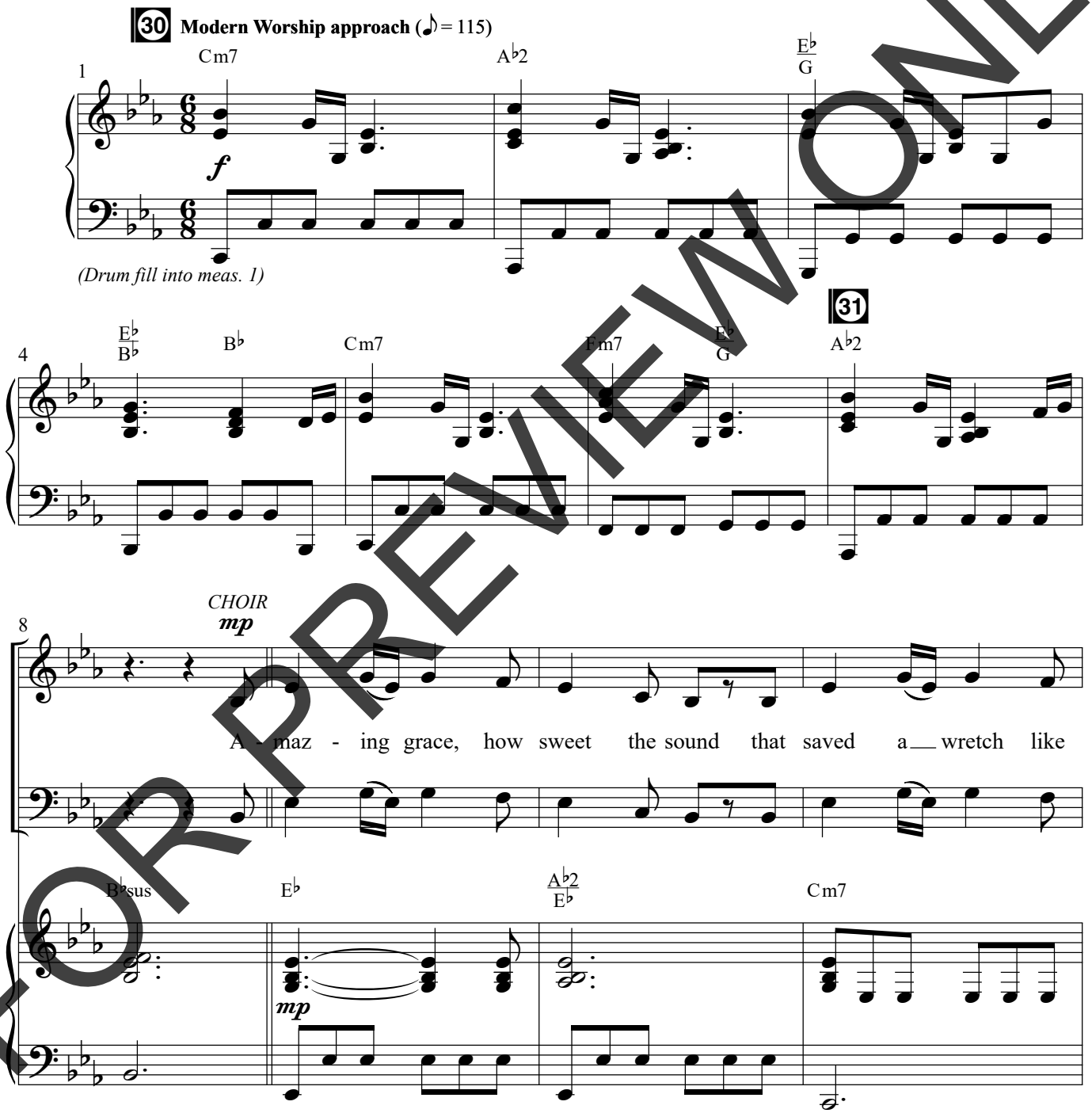
Amazing Grace

Words by
JOHN NEWTON and JOHN P. REES

Traditional American melody
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. *(Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV)*



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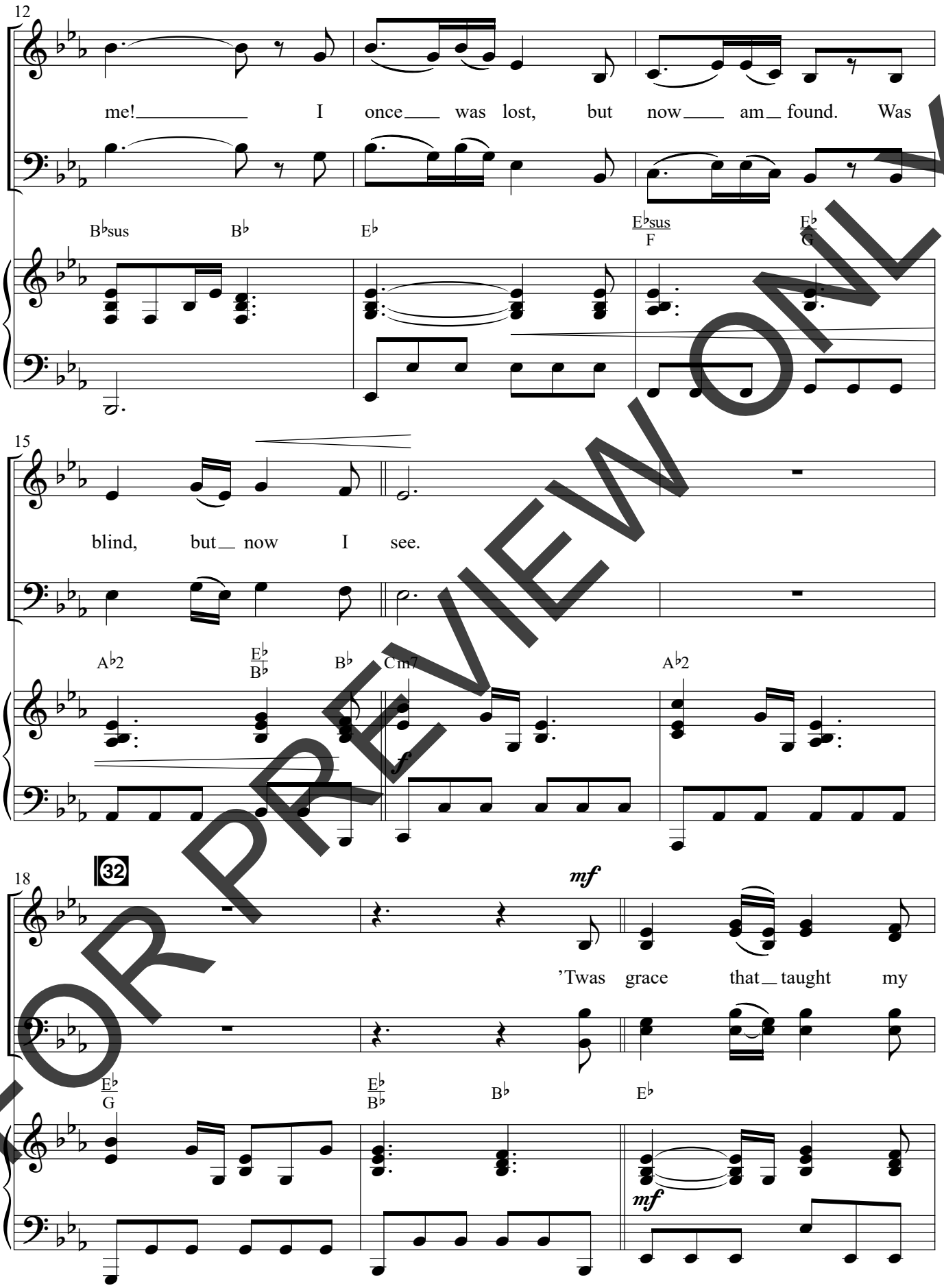

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21

heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved. How

A♭2/E♭ Cm7 B♭sus B♭

24

pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be -

E♭ E♭sus/F E♭/G A♭2 E♭/B♭ B♭

27 33 *mp*

lieved. Through man - y dan - gers,

Cm7 A♭2 B♭ Cm7

mp

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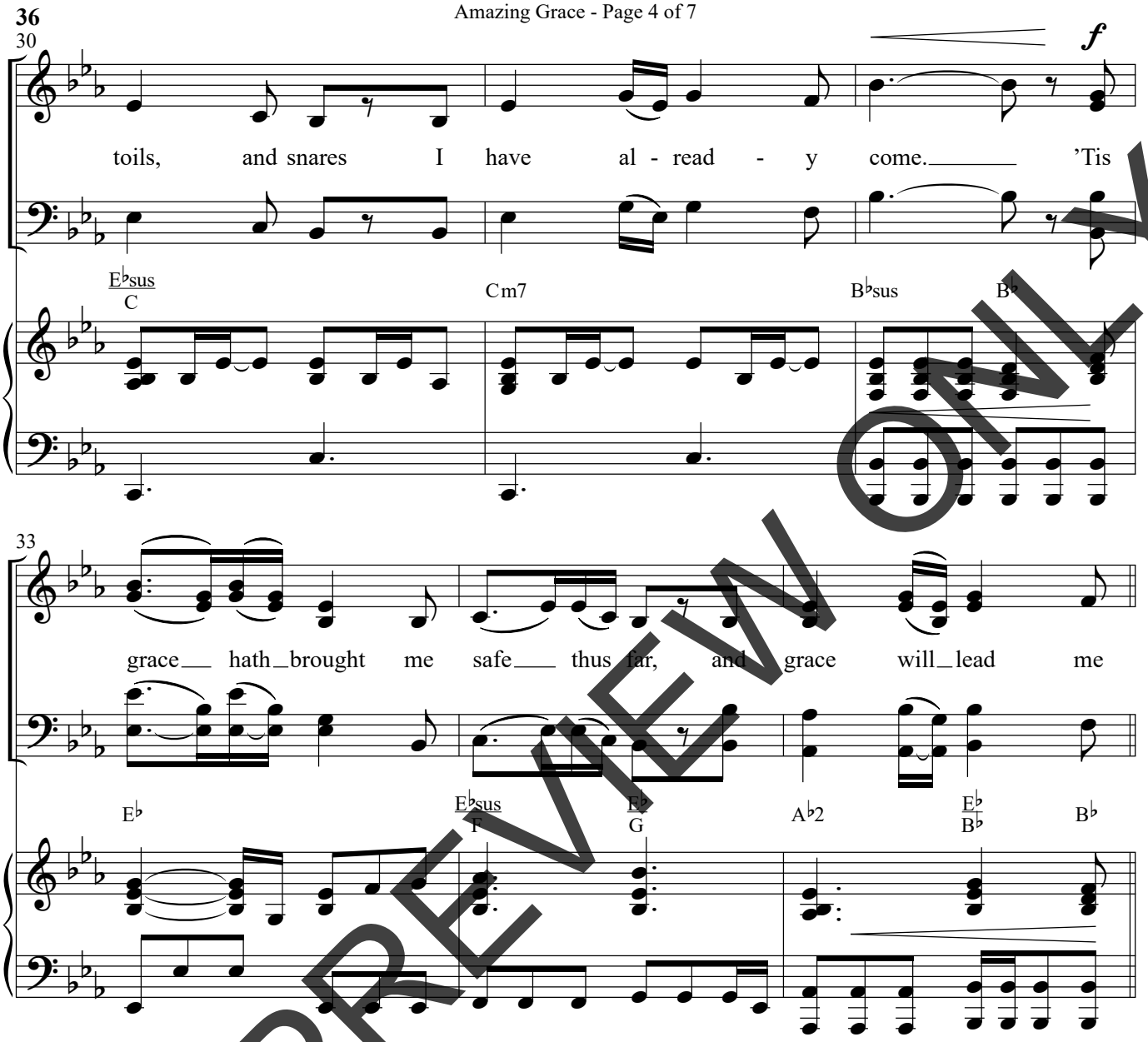

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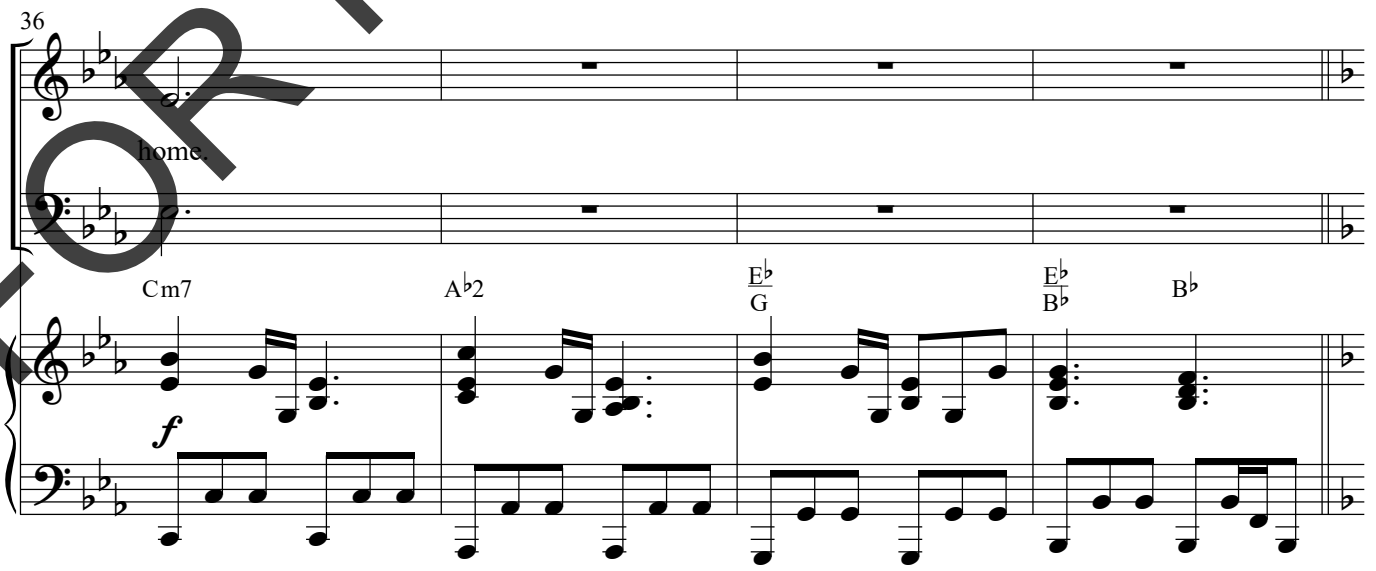

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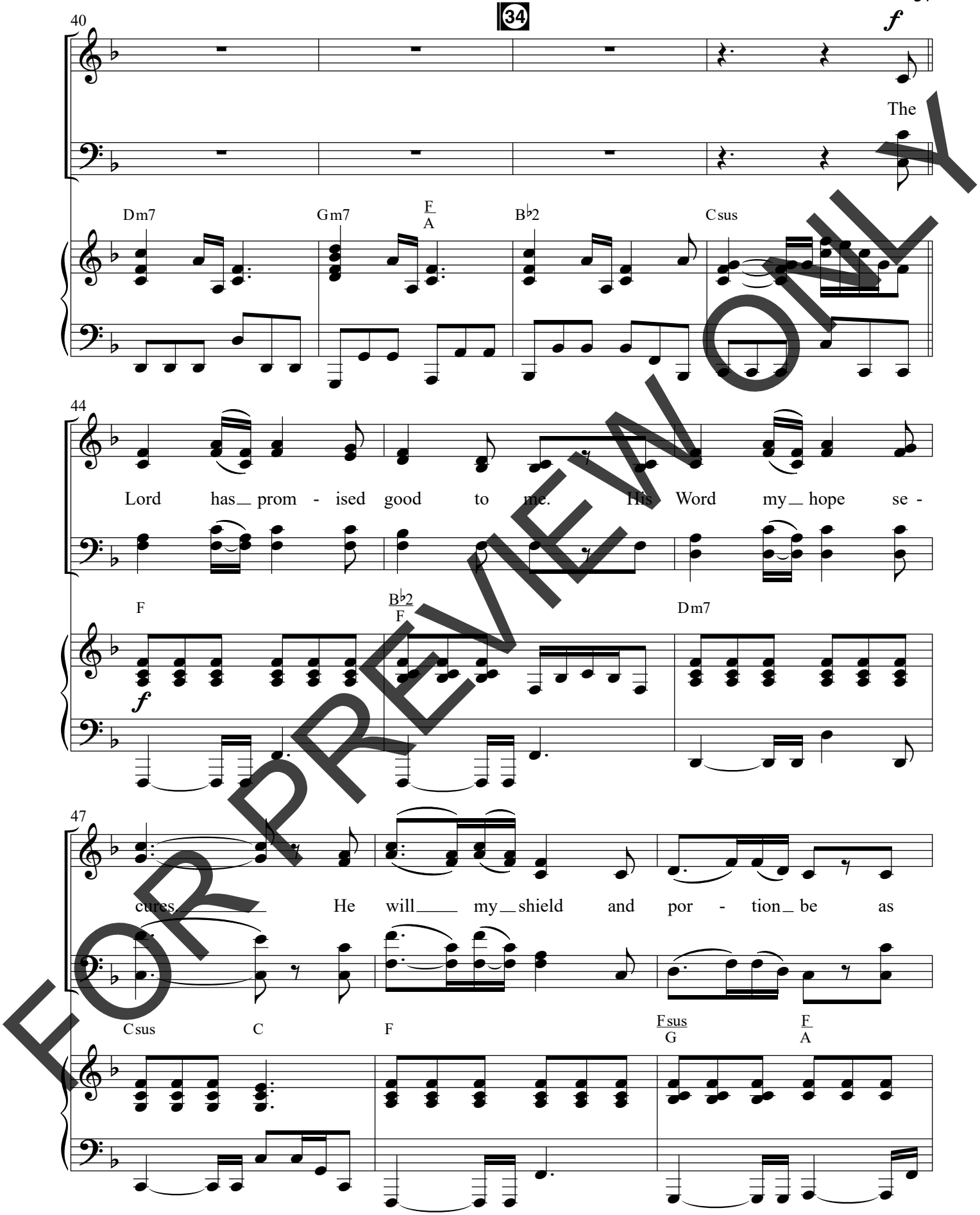

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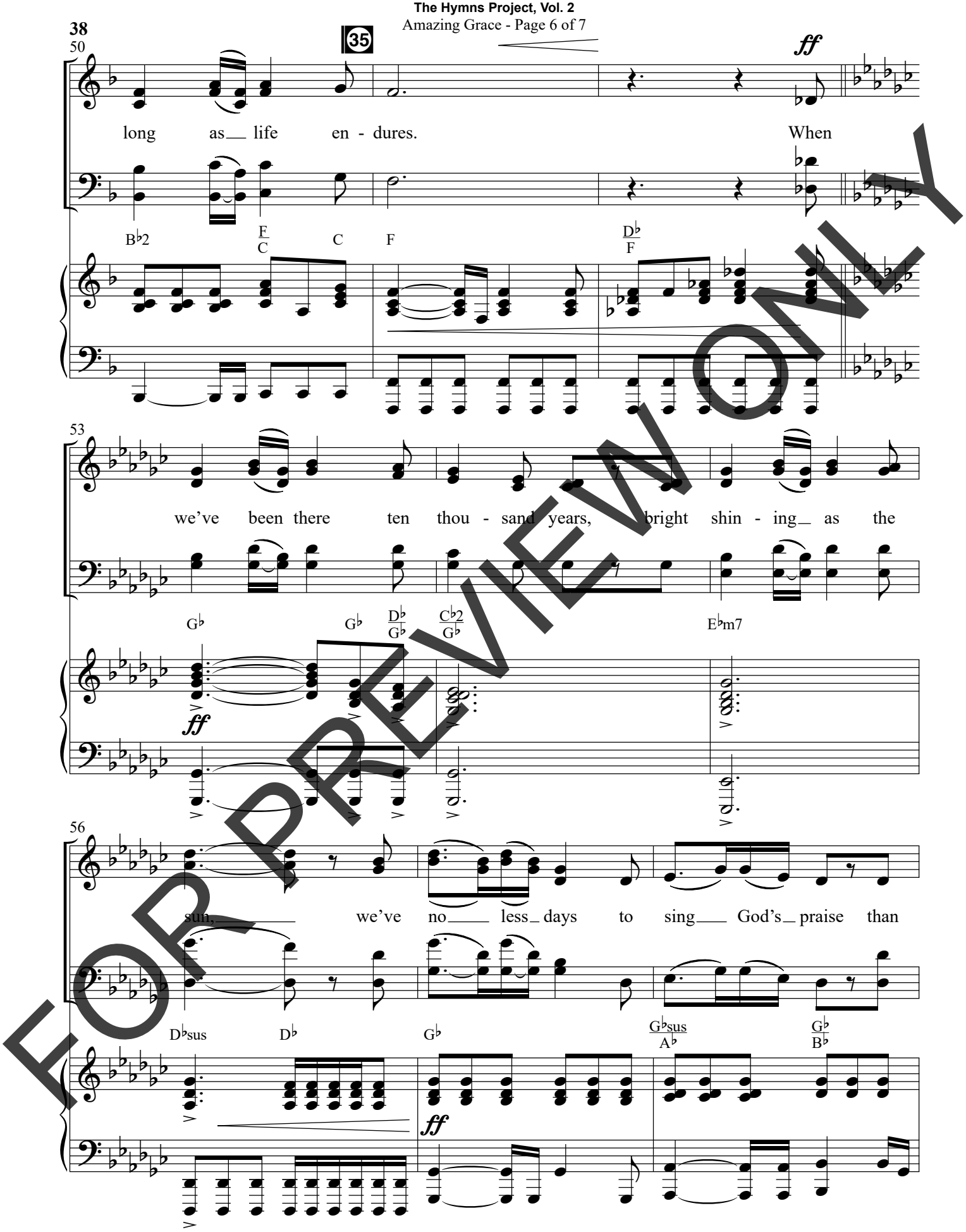

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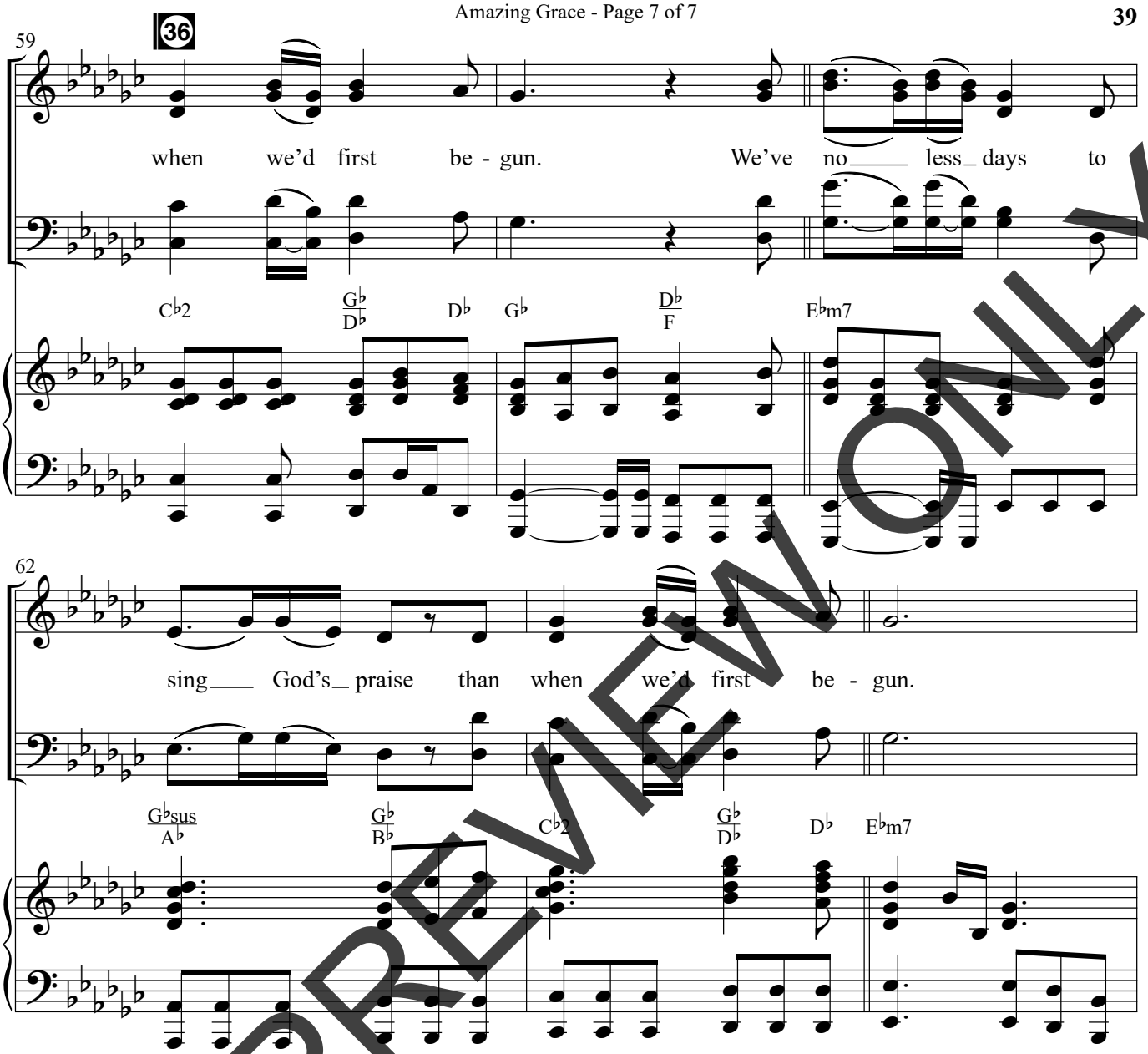
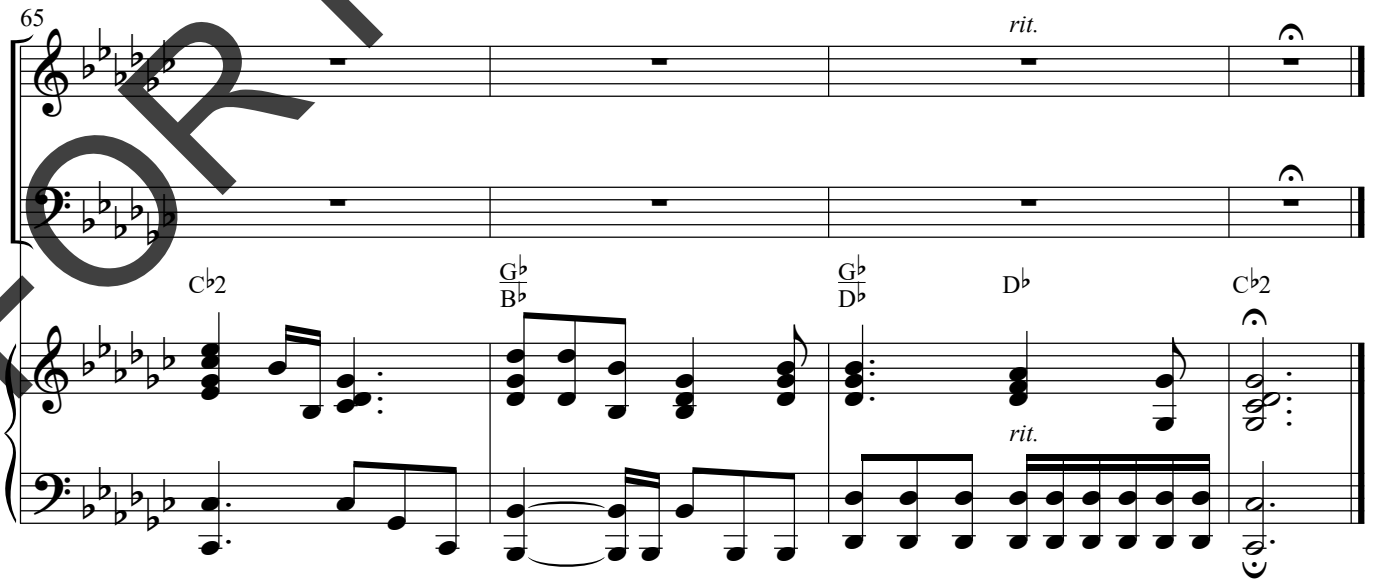


Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." *(John 9:25 ESV)*



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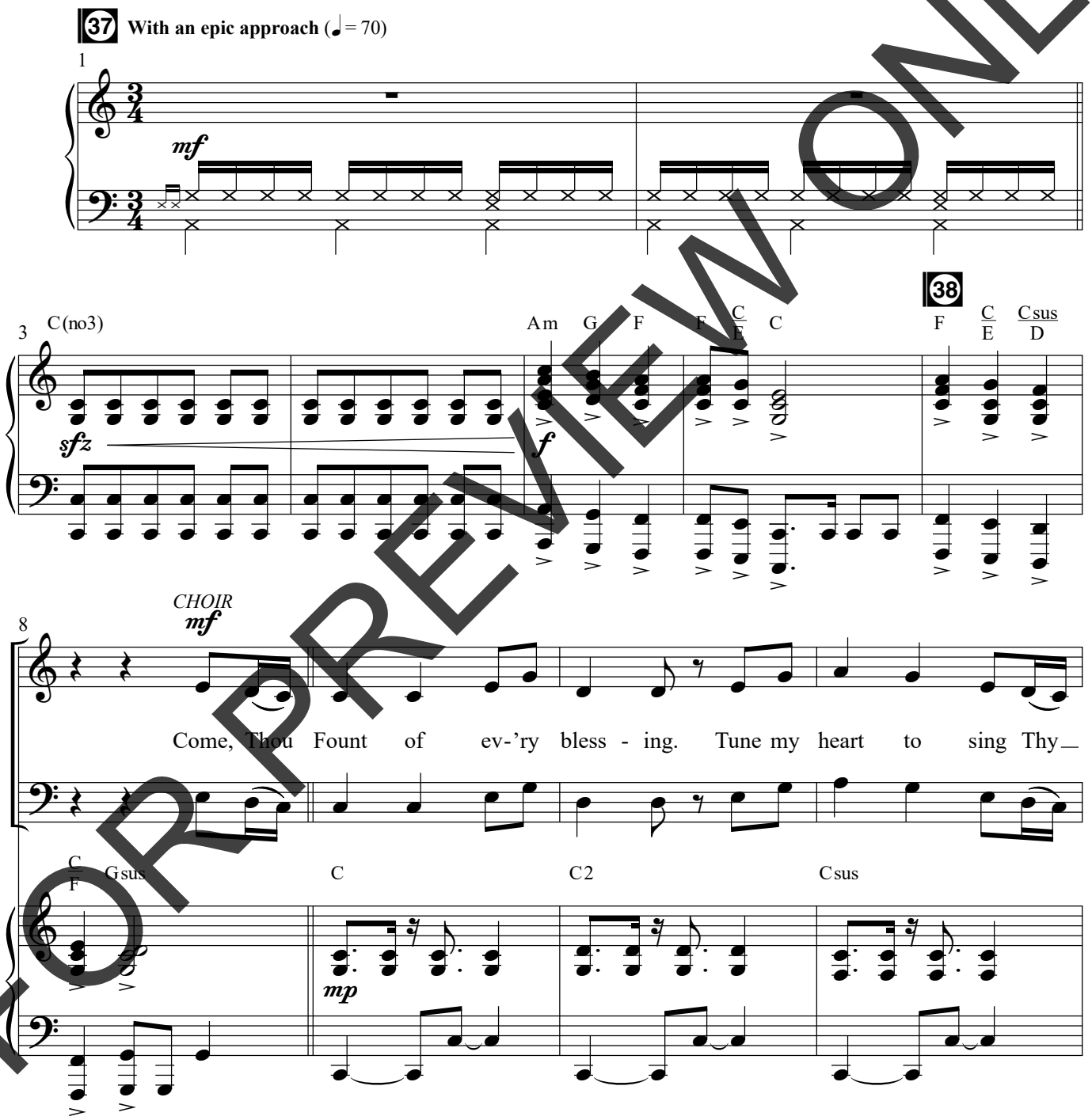
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by
ROBERT ROBINSON

Traditional American melody
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

(1 Chronicles 16:8-9 ESV)



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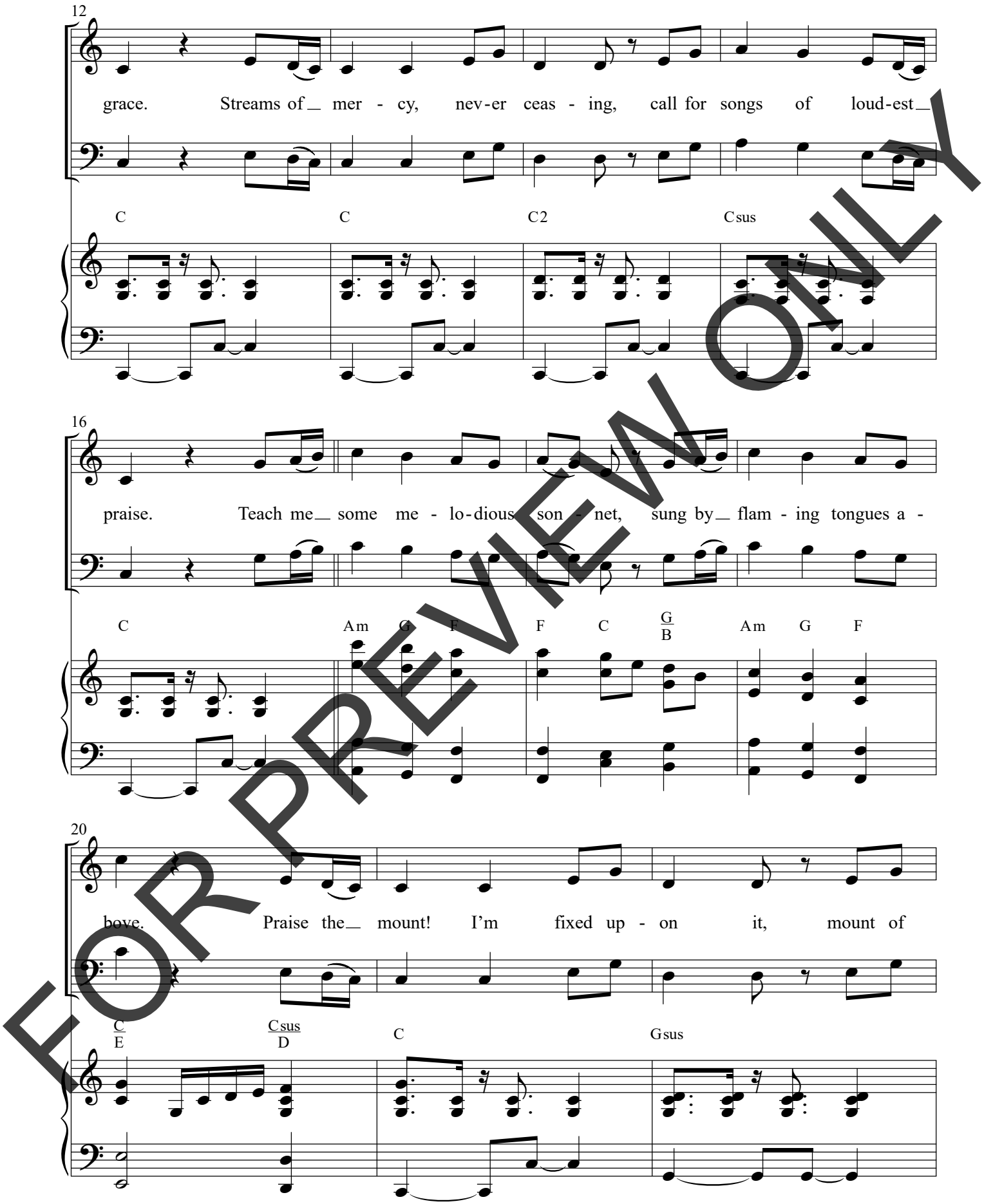

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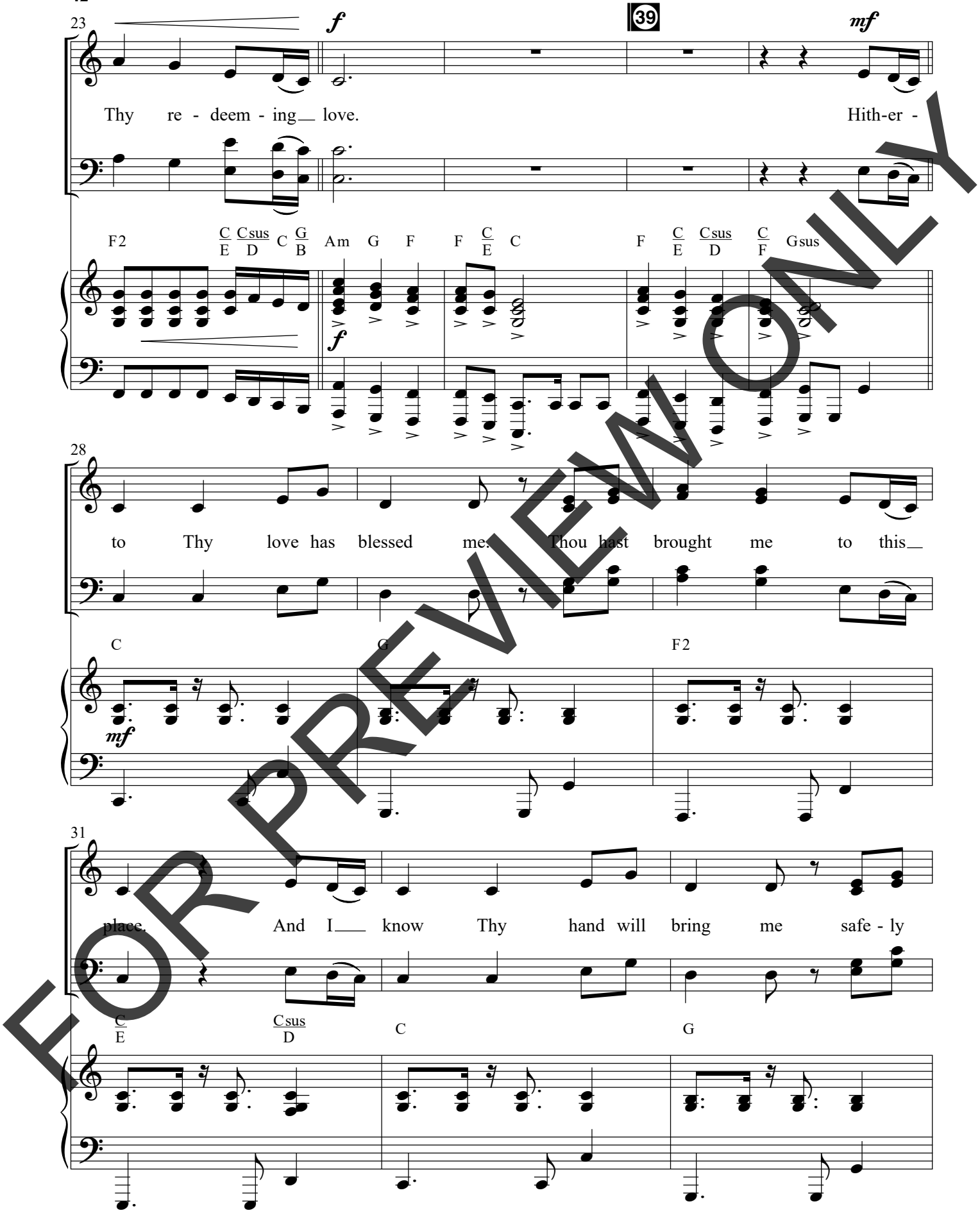

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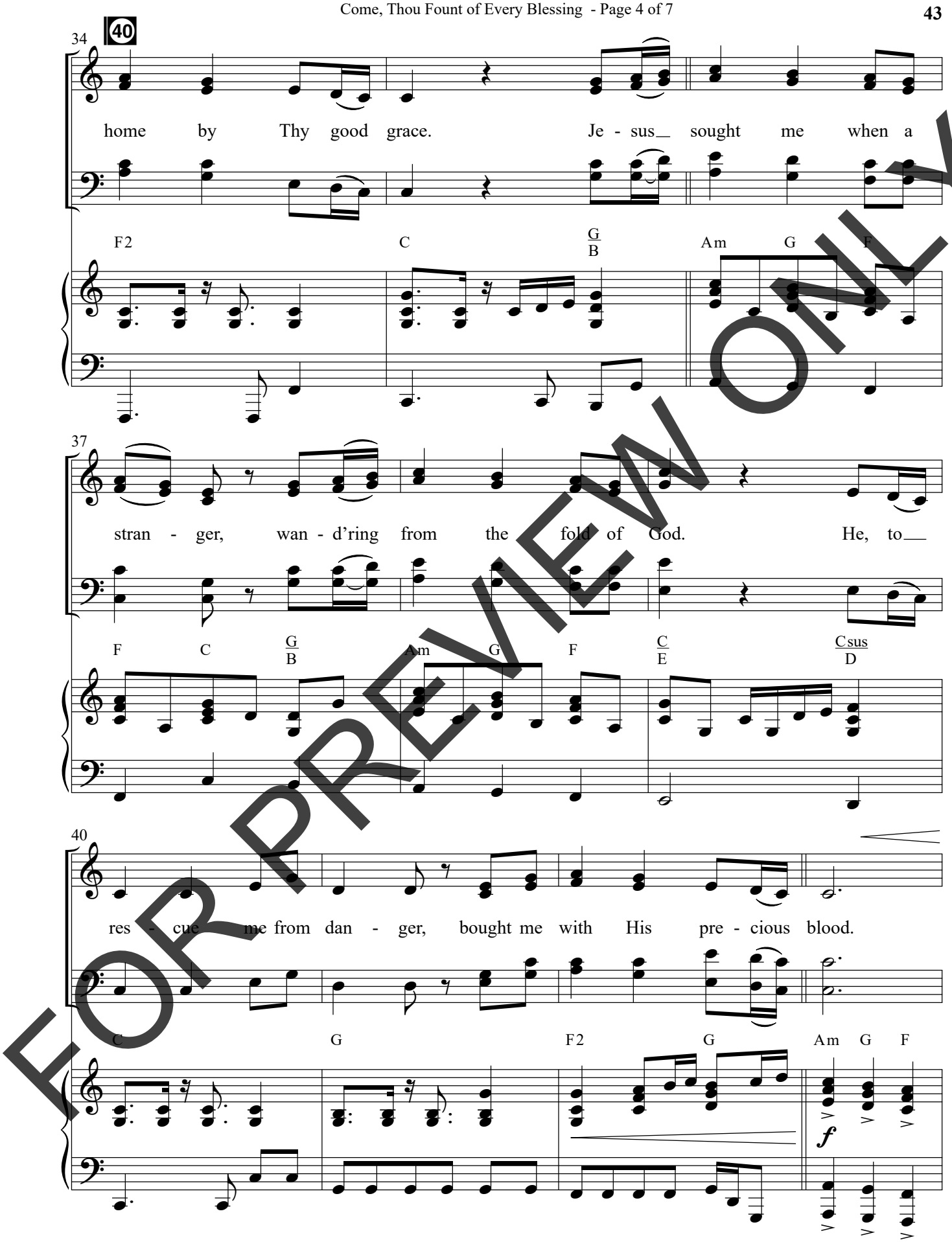

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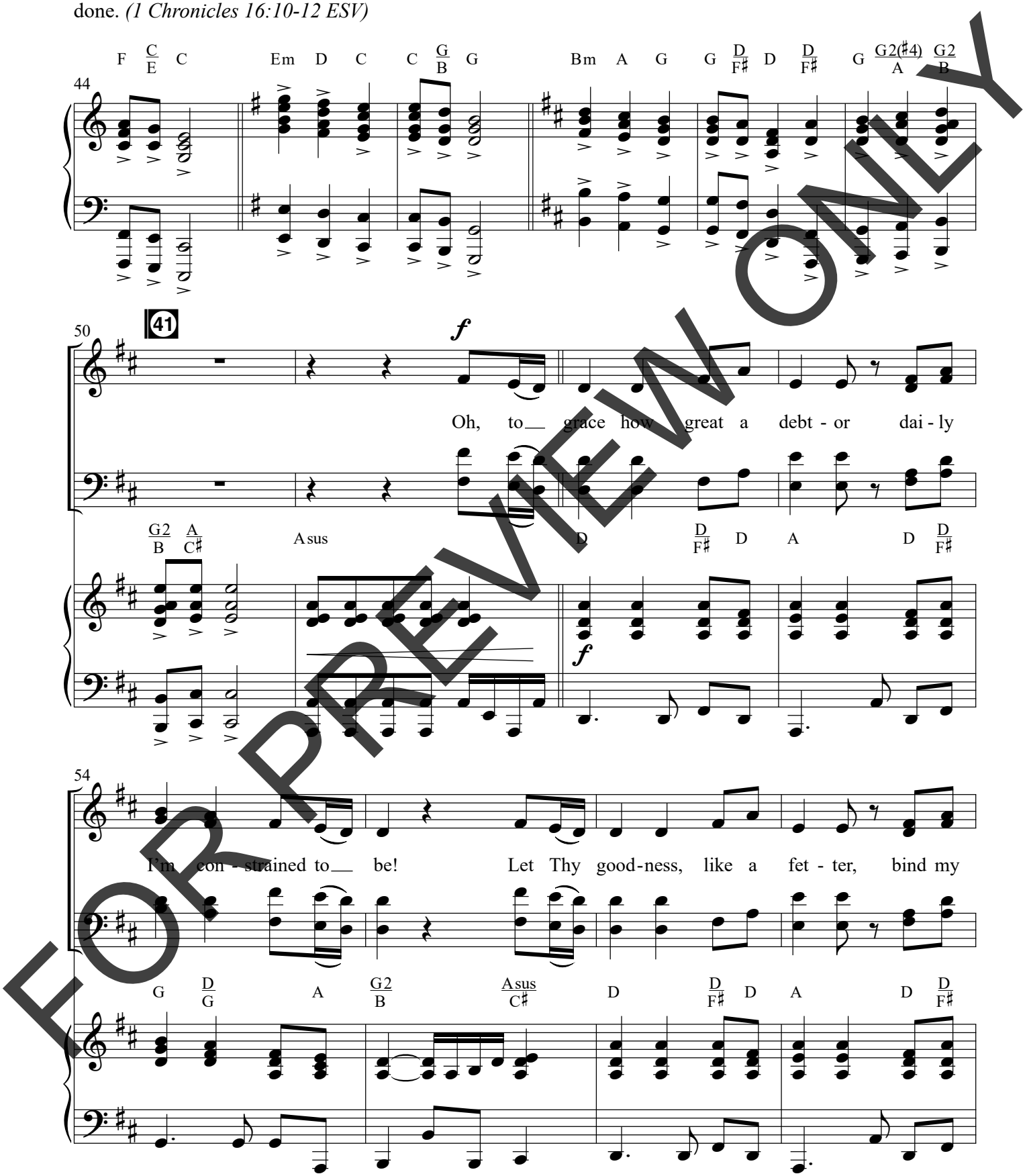
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done. *(1 Chronicles 16:10-12 ESV)*



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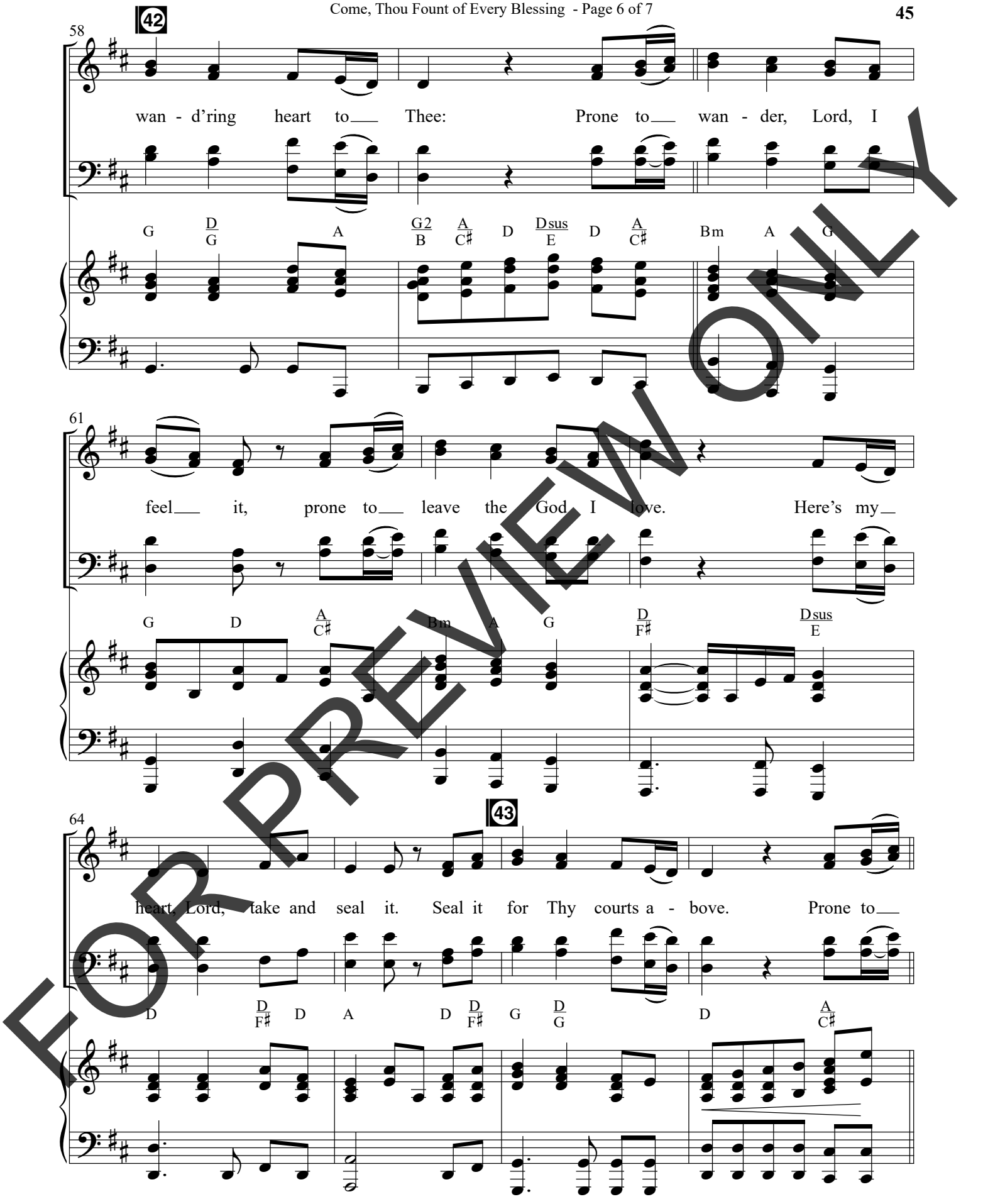

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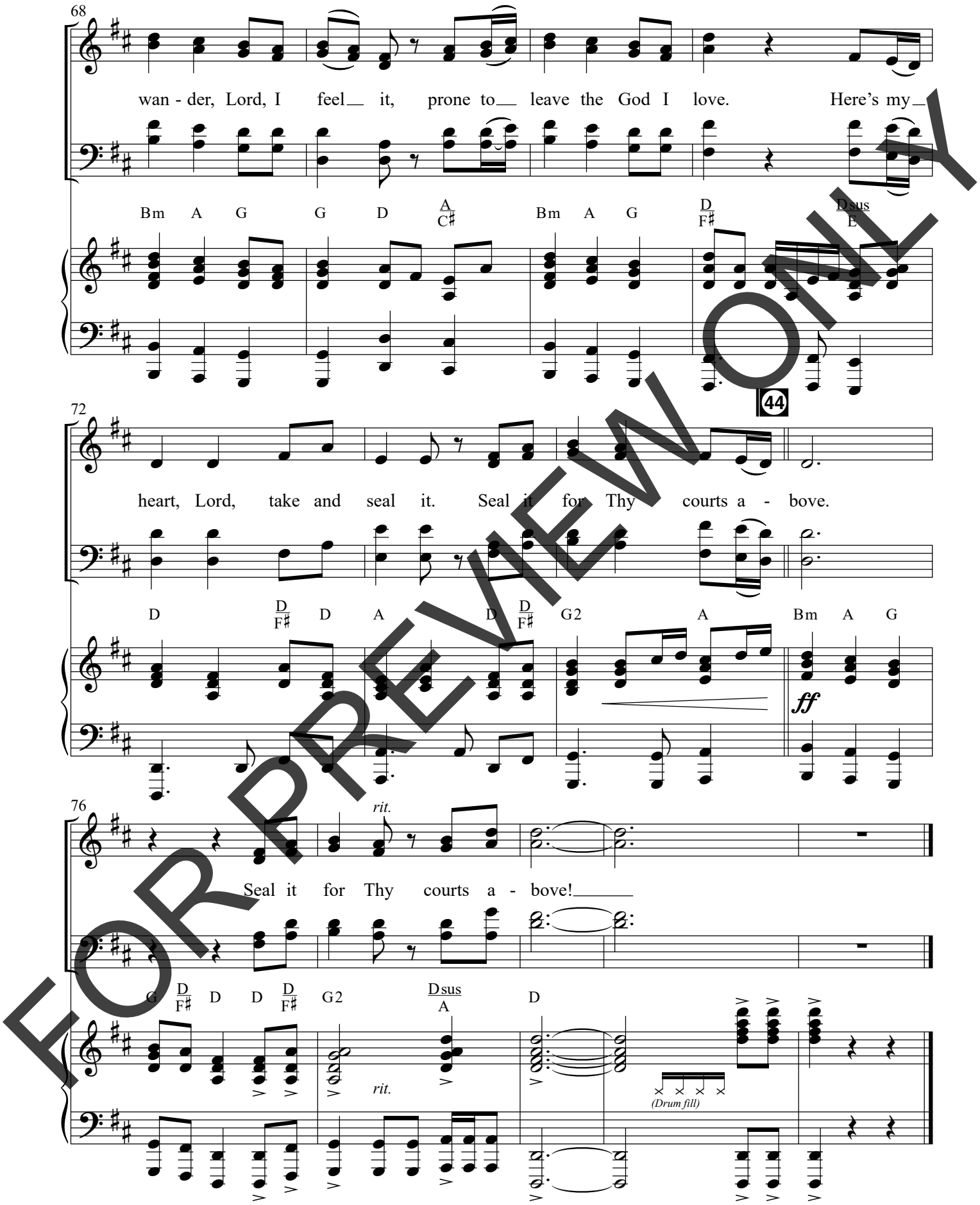

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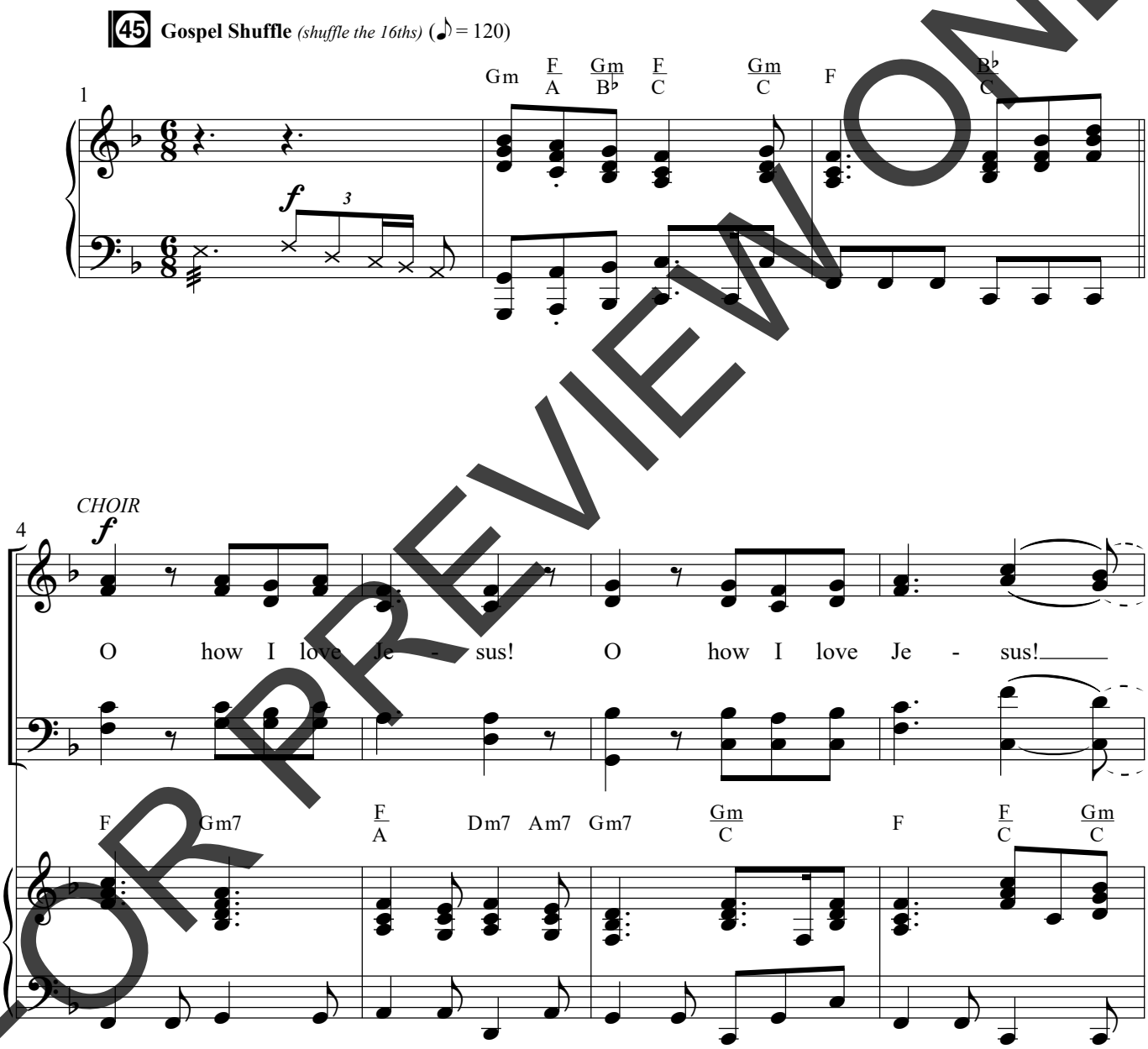
O How I Love Jesus

Words by
FREDERICK WHITFIELD

Traditional American melody
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. *(1 Peter 1:8 ESV)*



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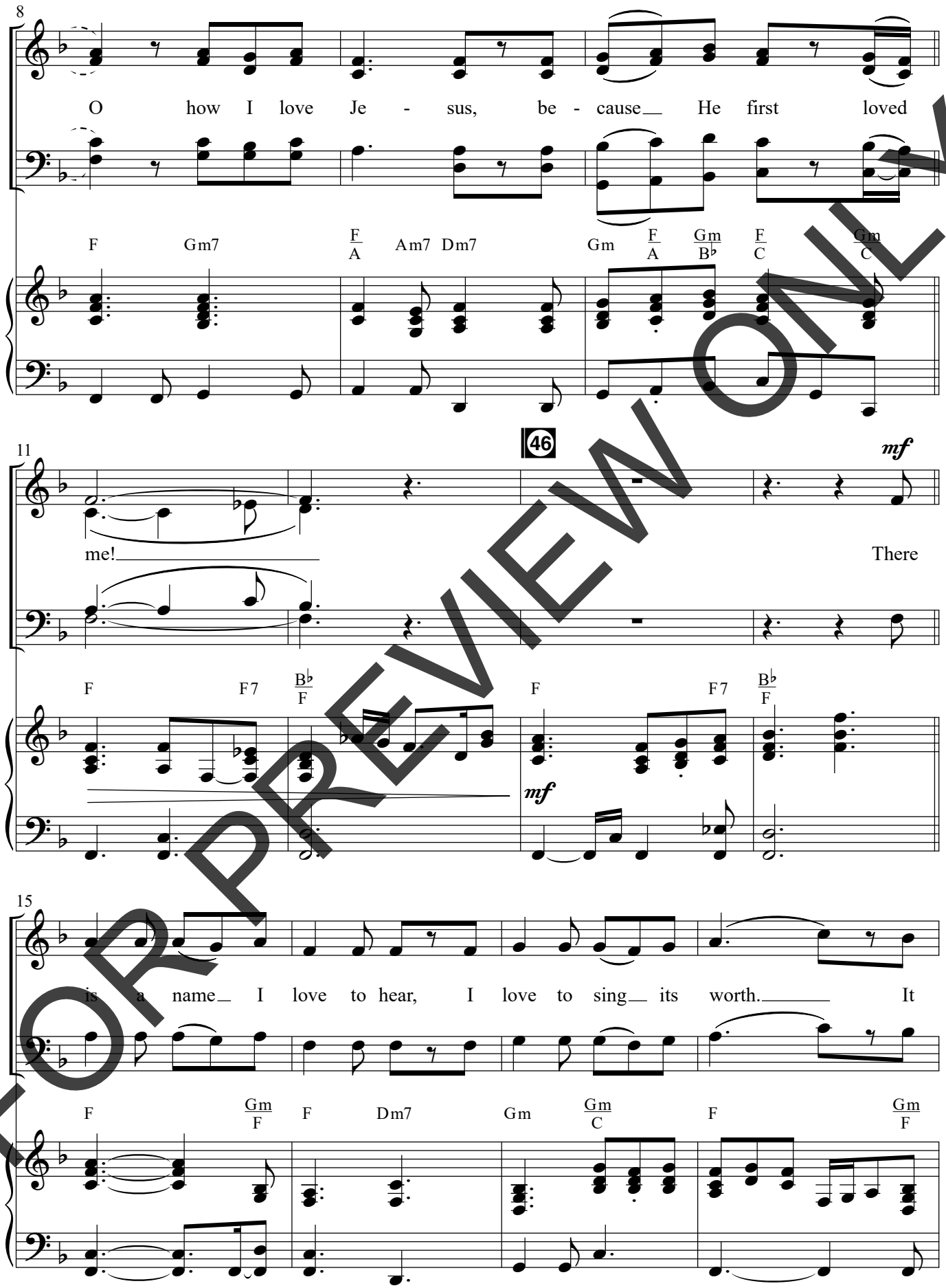

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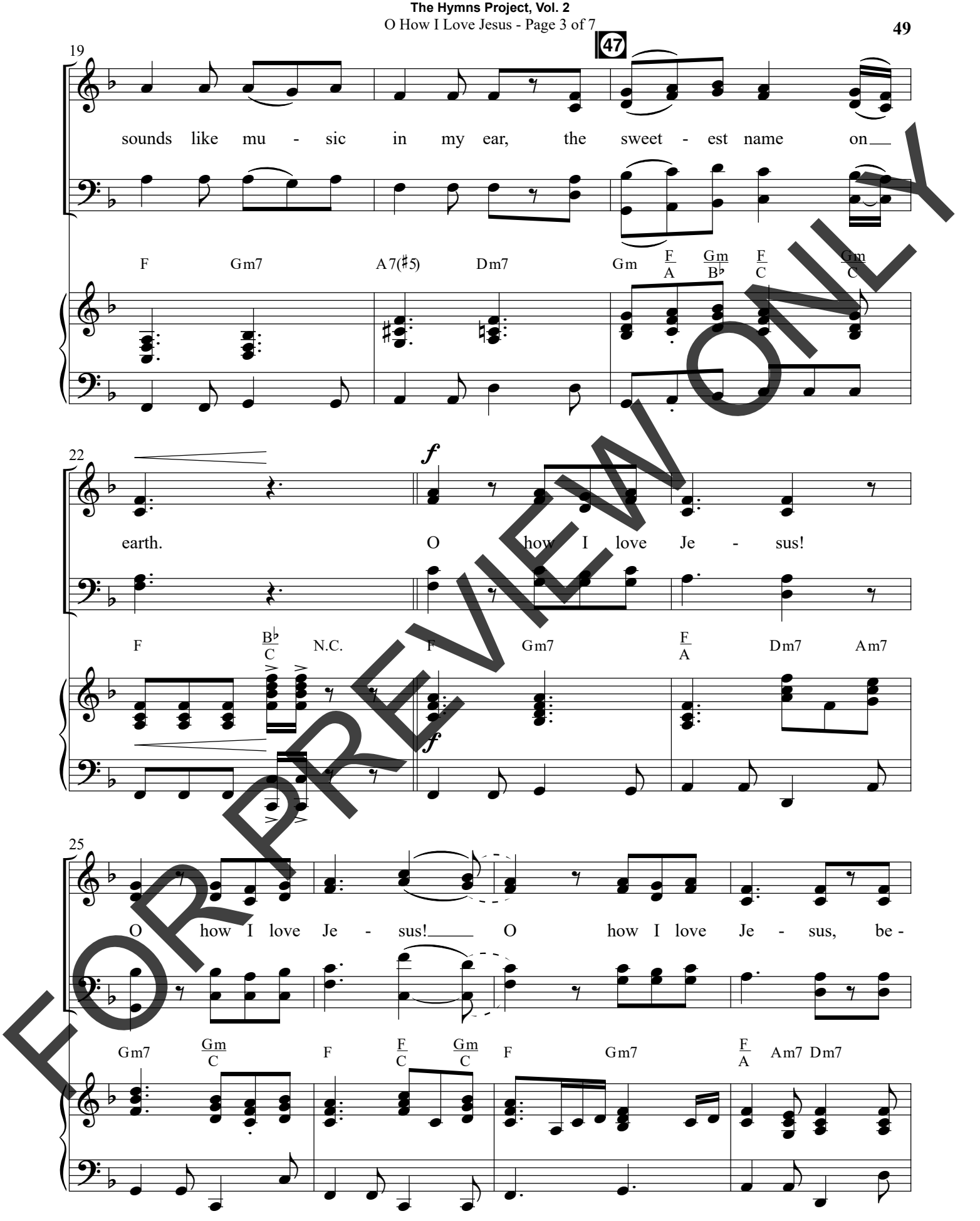

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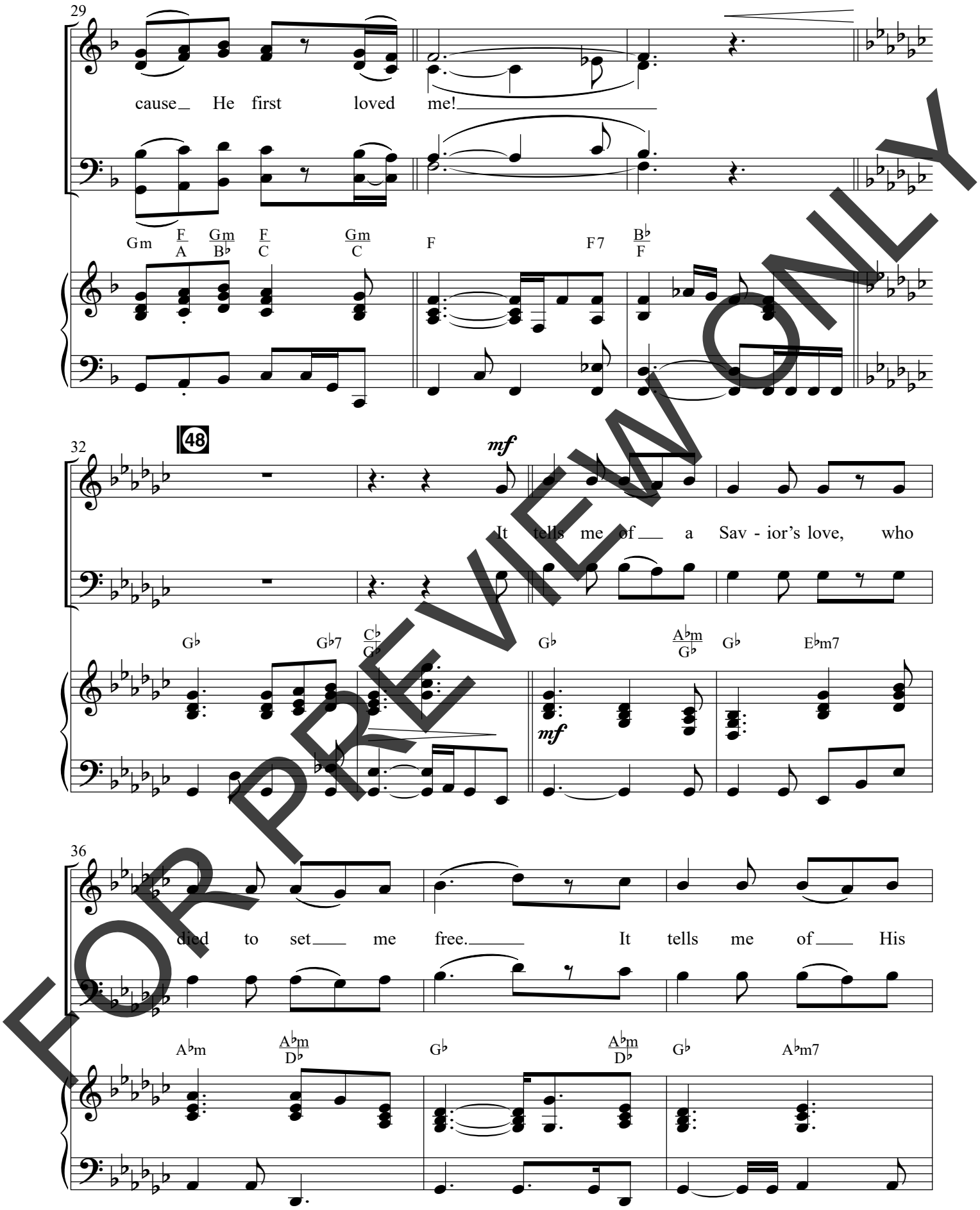

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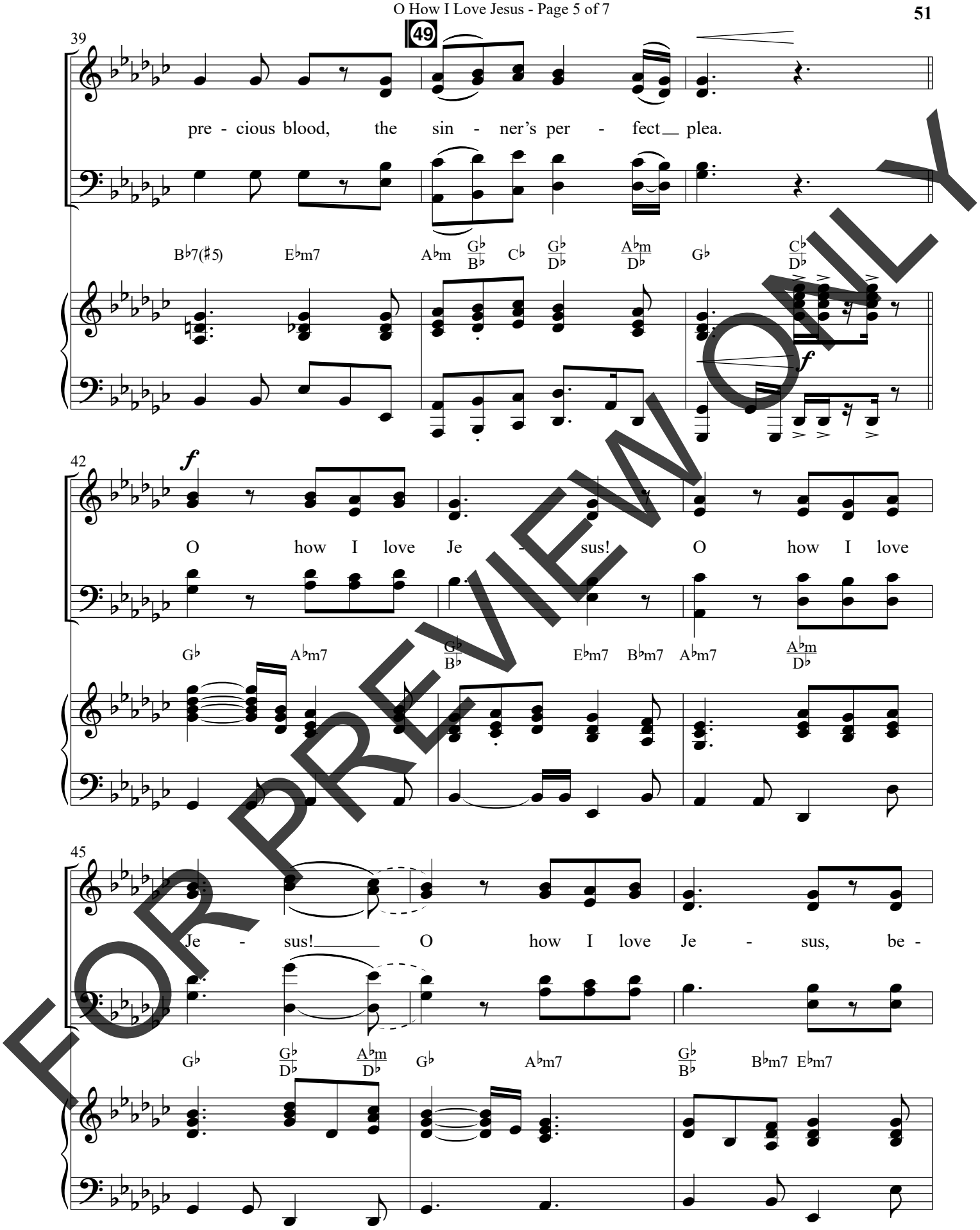

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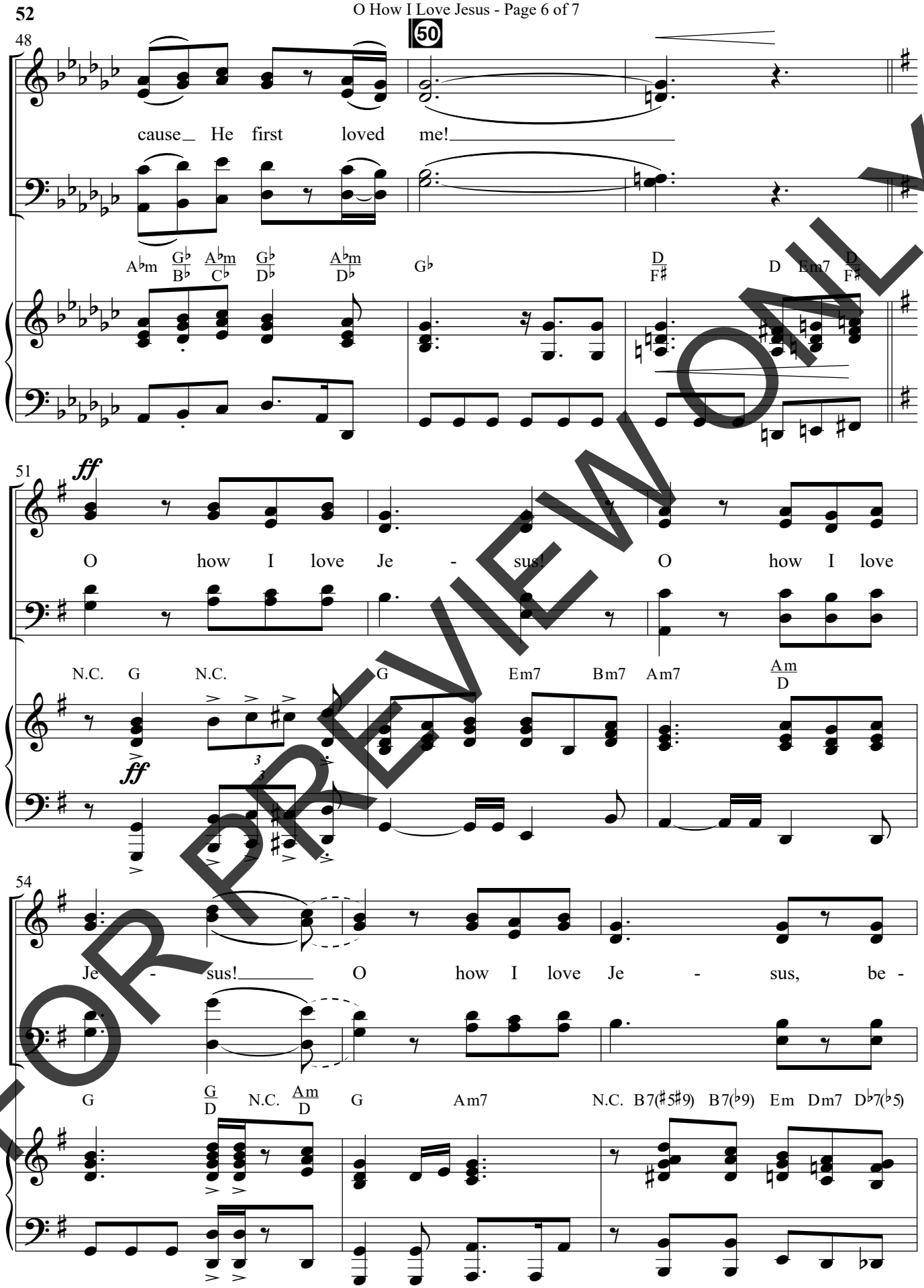

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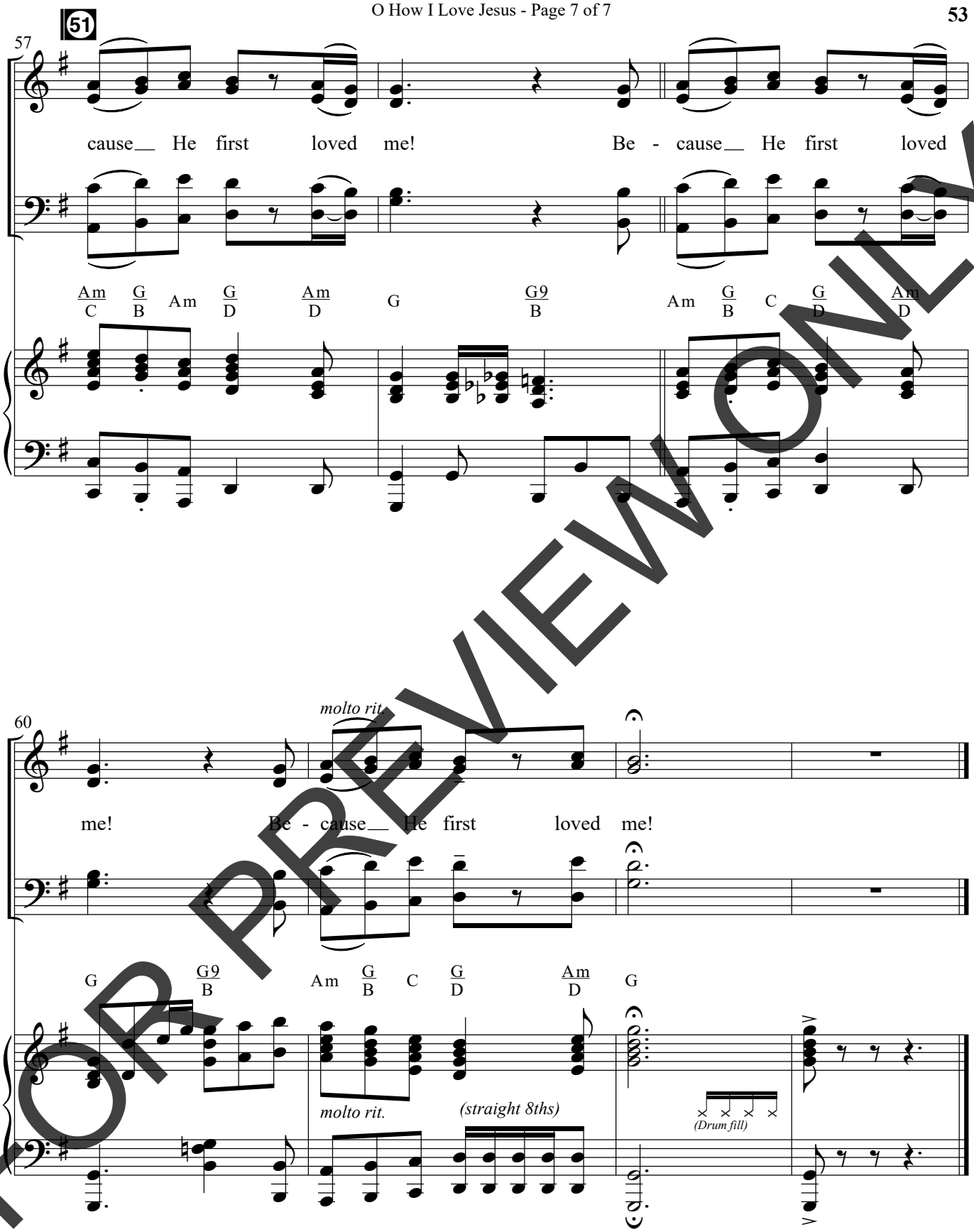

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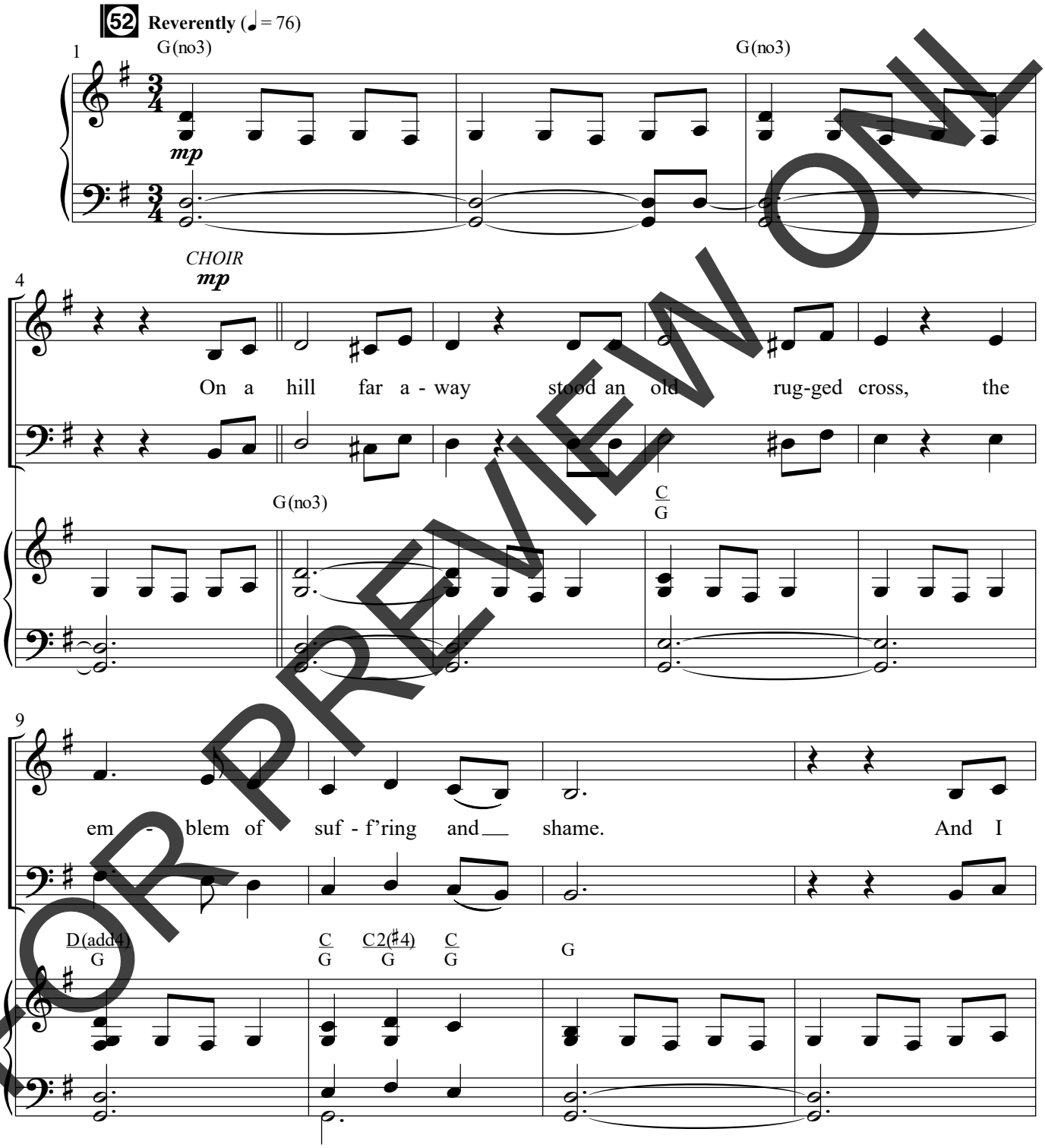
The Old Rugged Cross

Words by
GEORGE BENNARD

Music by
GEORGE BENNARD
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Galatians 6:14 ESV)*



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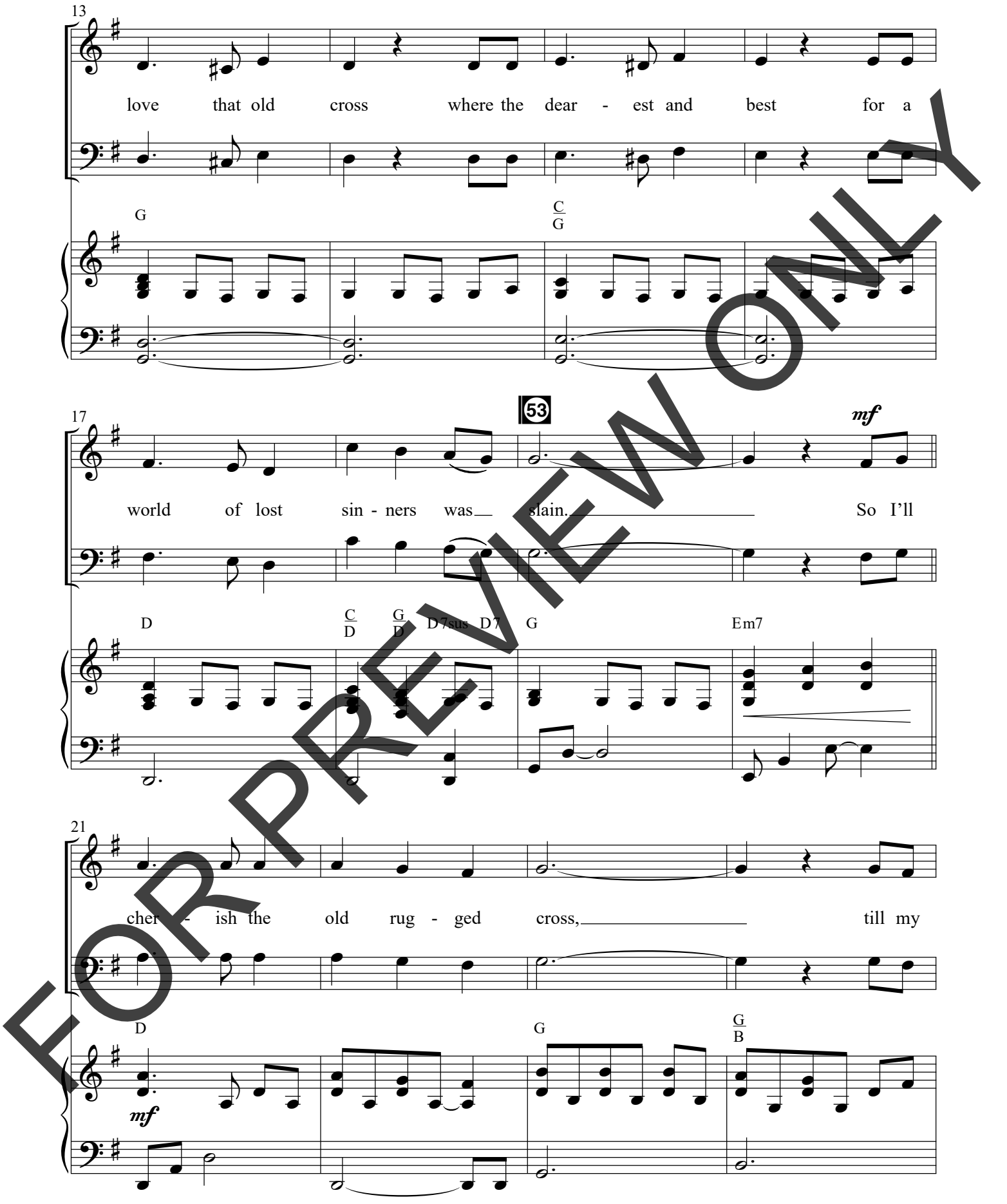

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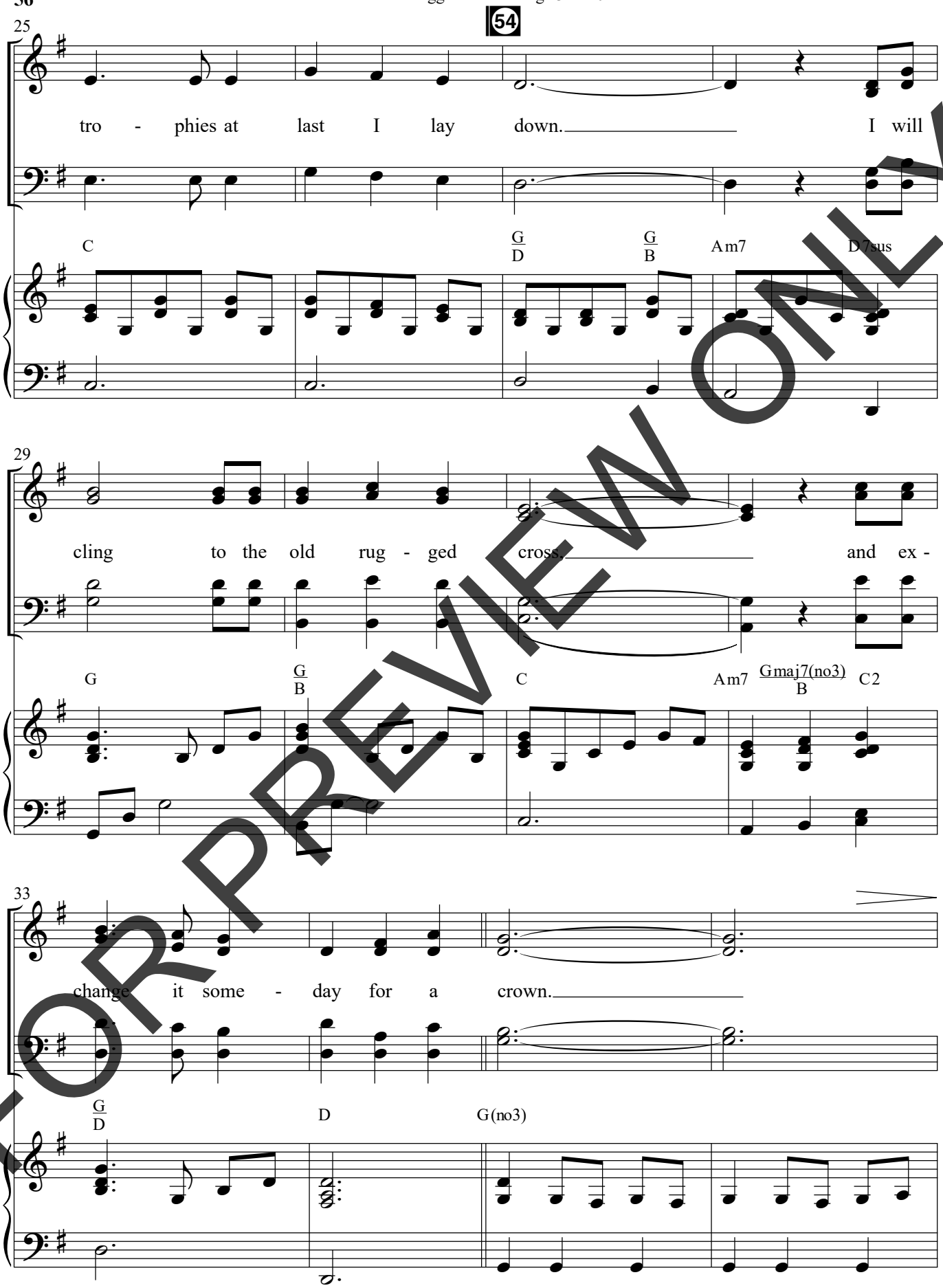

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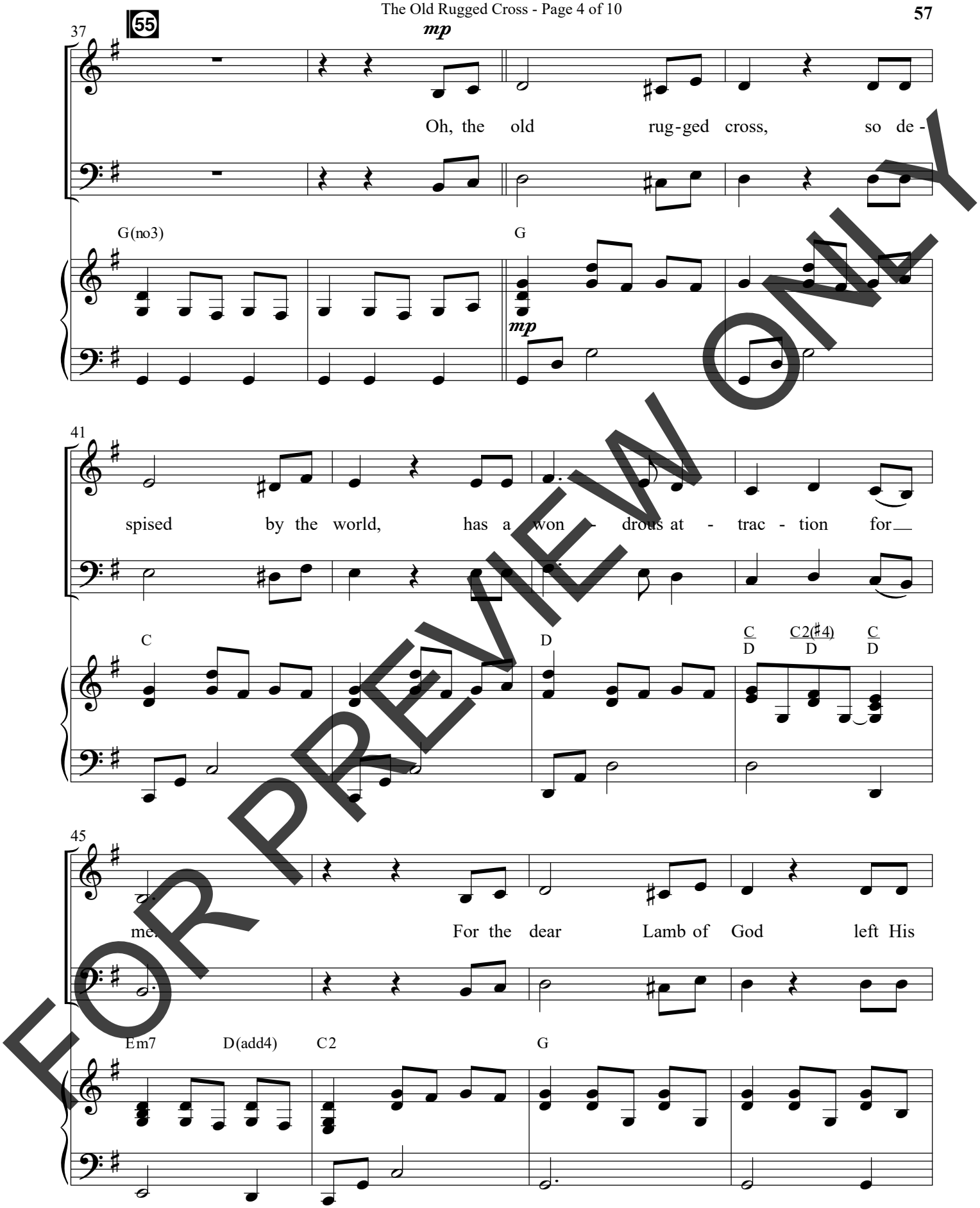

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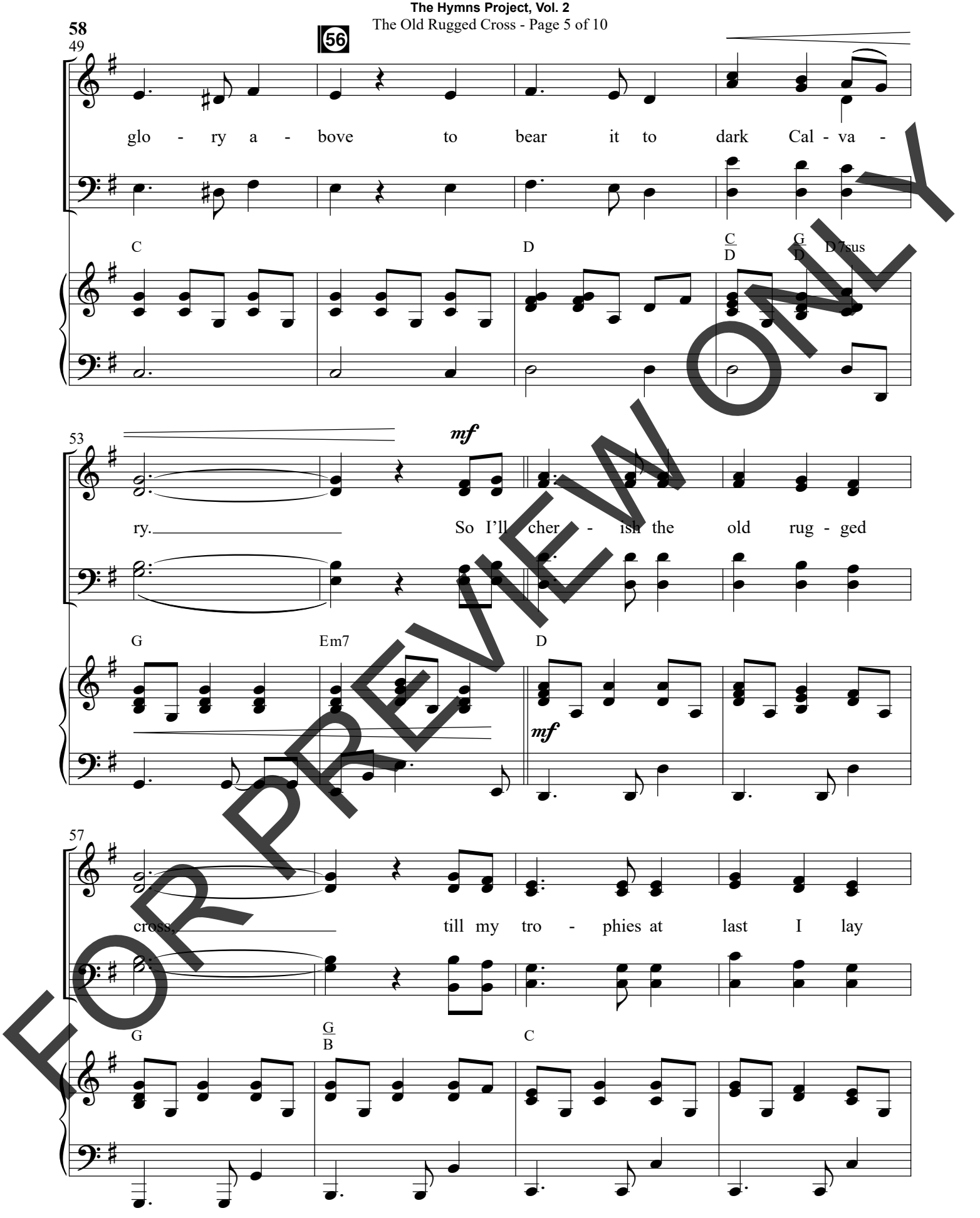

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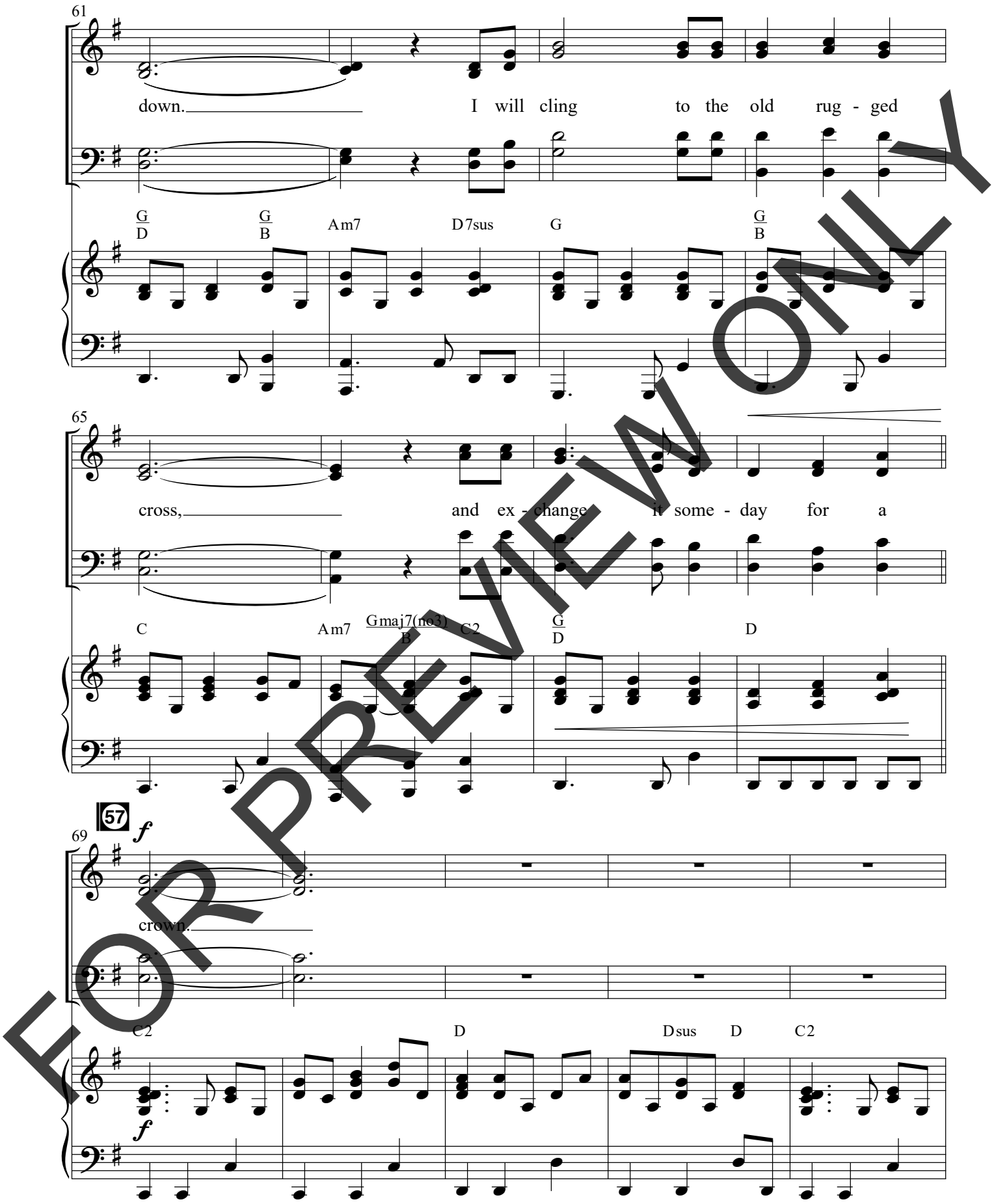

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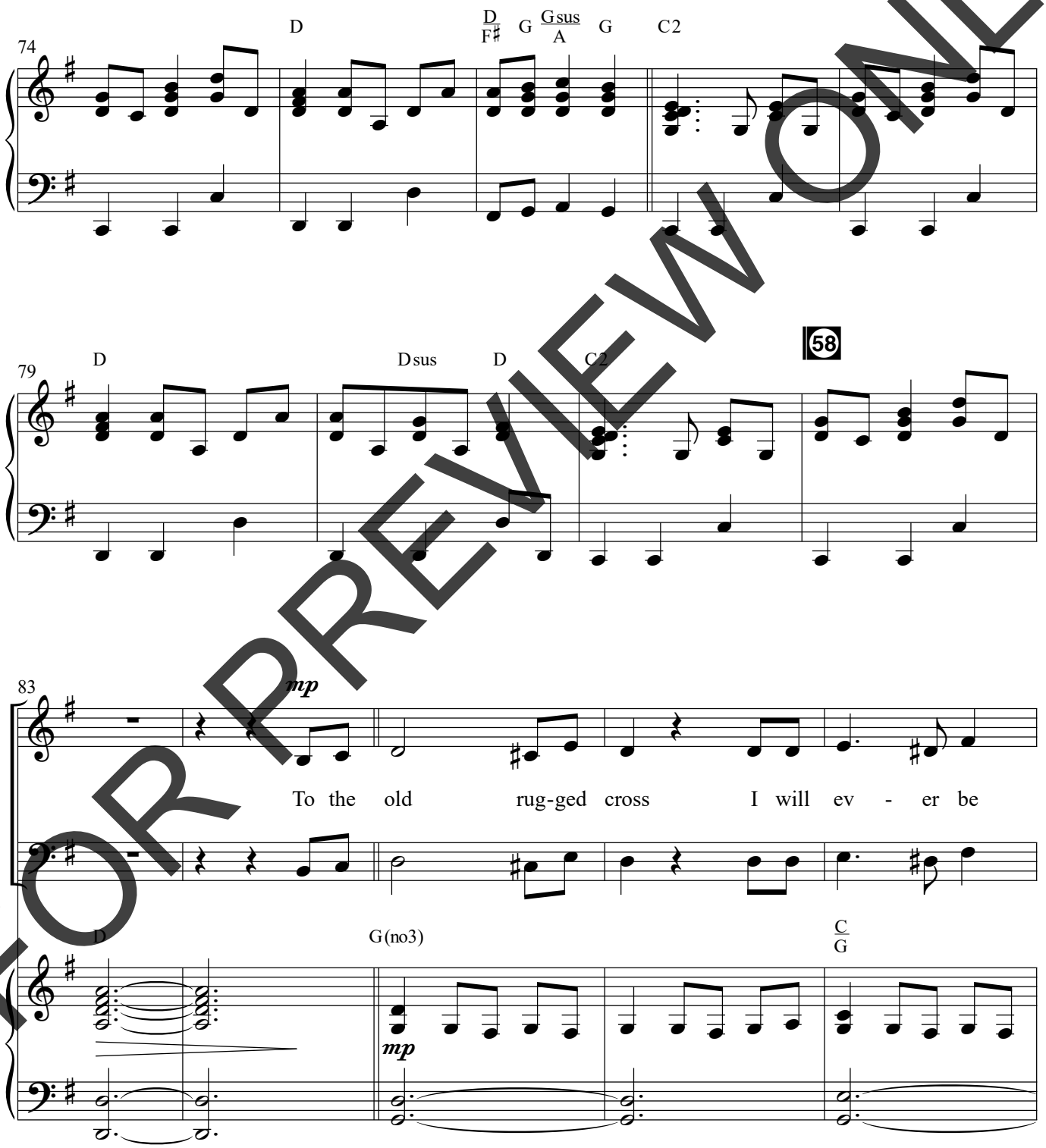
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

(Philippians 2:5-8 ESV)



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true; its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear.

D(add4) / G — C / G — C2(♯4) / G — C / G — G

92

mf

Then He'll call me some - day to my home far a -

G — C / G

mf

96

59

f

way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share! So I'll

D — C / D — G / D — D7sus — G — G / B — Gsus / A — G

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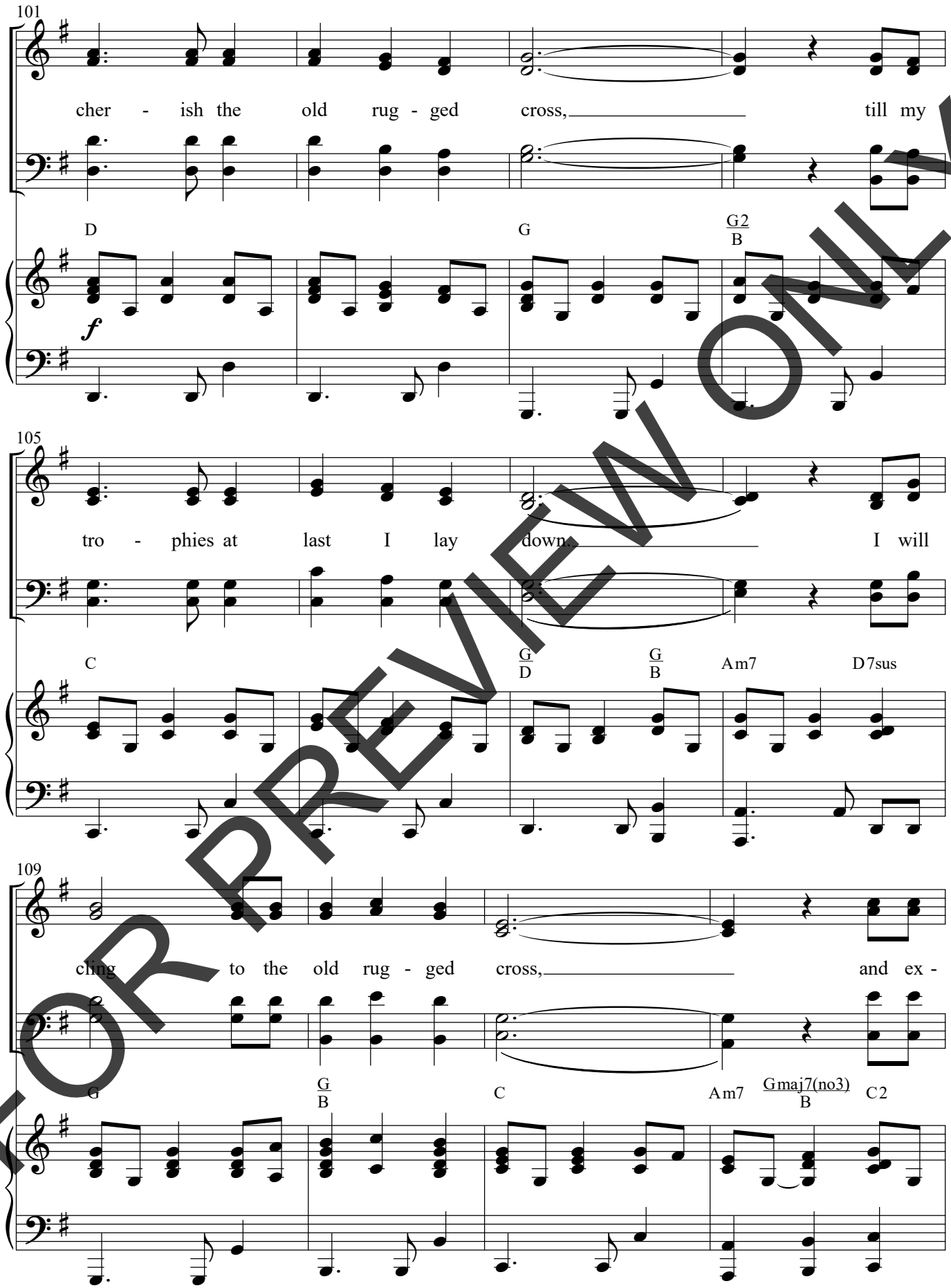

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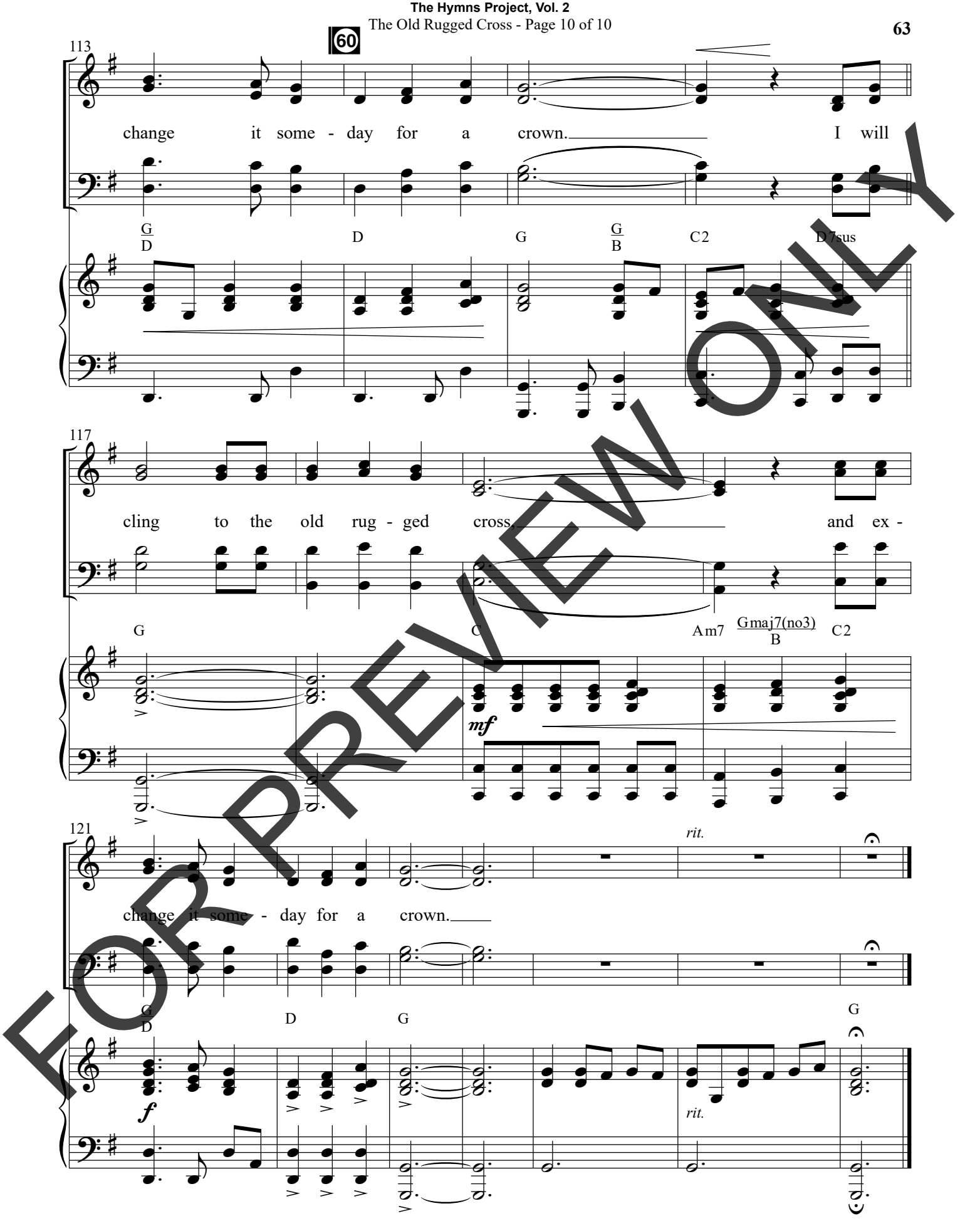

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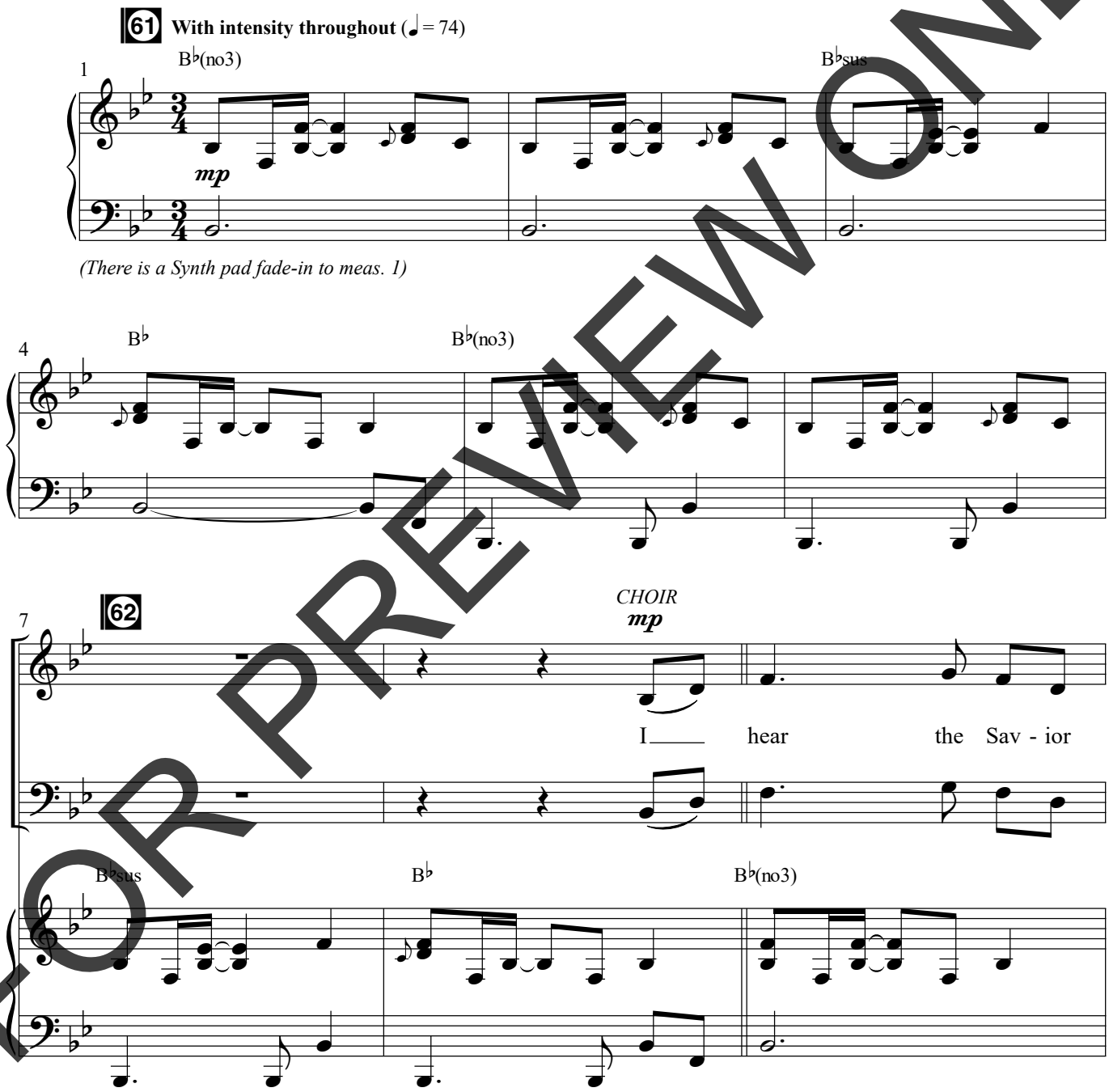
Jesus Paid It All

Words by
ELVINA M. HALL

Music by
JOHN T. GRAPE
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *(Hebrews 12:1b-2 ESV)*



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10

say, "Thy strength in - deed is small. Child of

B♭sus B♭

13

63

weak - ness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in

Gm7 E♭2 Cm7 B♭maj7(no3)/D

16

all." Je - sus paid it all.

E♭2 F B♭ B♭/E♭ B♭2/E♭ E♭2

mf

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19

All to Him I owe. Sin had left a

Gm7 Fsus F E♭2 B♭/D

22

crim - son stain. He washed it white as snow.

E♭2 B♭/F F B♭(no3)

f

64

25

mf

Lord,

harm.

B♭sus B♭

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28

now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a -

mel.

B♭(no3) B♭sus

mf

31

lone can change the lep - er's spots and

harm. *mel.*

B♭ Gm7 E♭2

34

65

melt the heart of stone. Je - sus paid it

Cm7 B♭maj7(no3)/D E♭2 F B♭

mf

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37

all. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a

B♭/E♭ B♭2/E♭ E♭2 Gm7 Fsus F E♭2 B♭/D

41

crim - son stain. He washed it white as snow.

E♭2 B♭/F F B♭(no3)

f

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *(Romans 5:6, 8 ESV)*

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B♭sus B♭ Gm7

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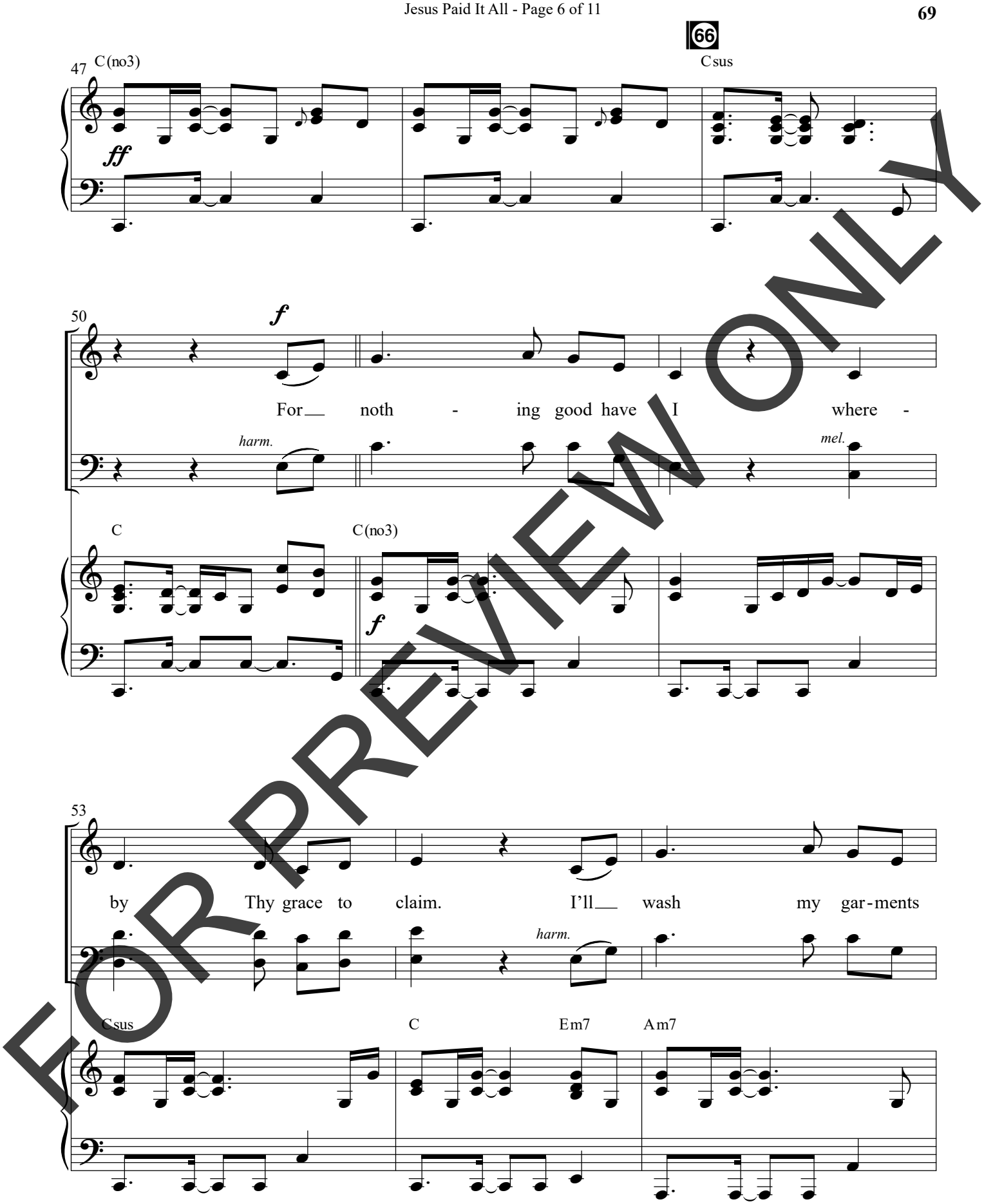

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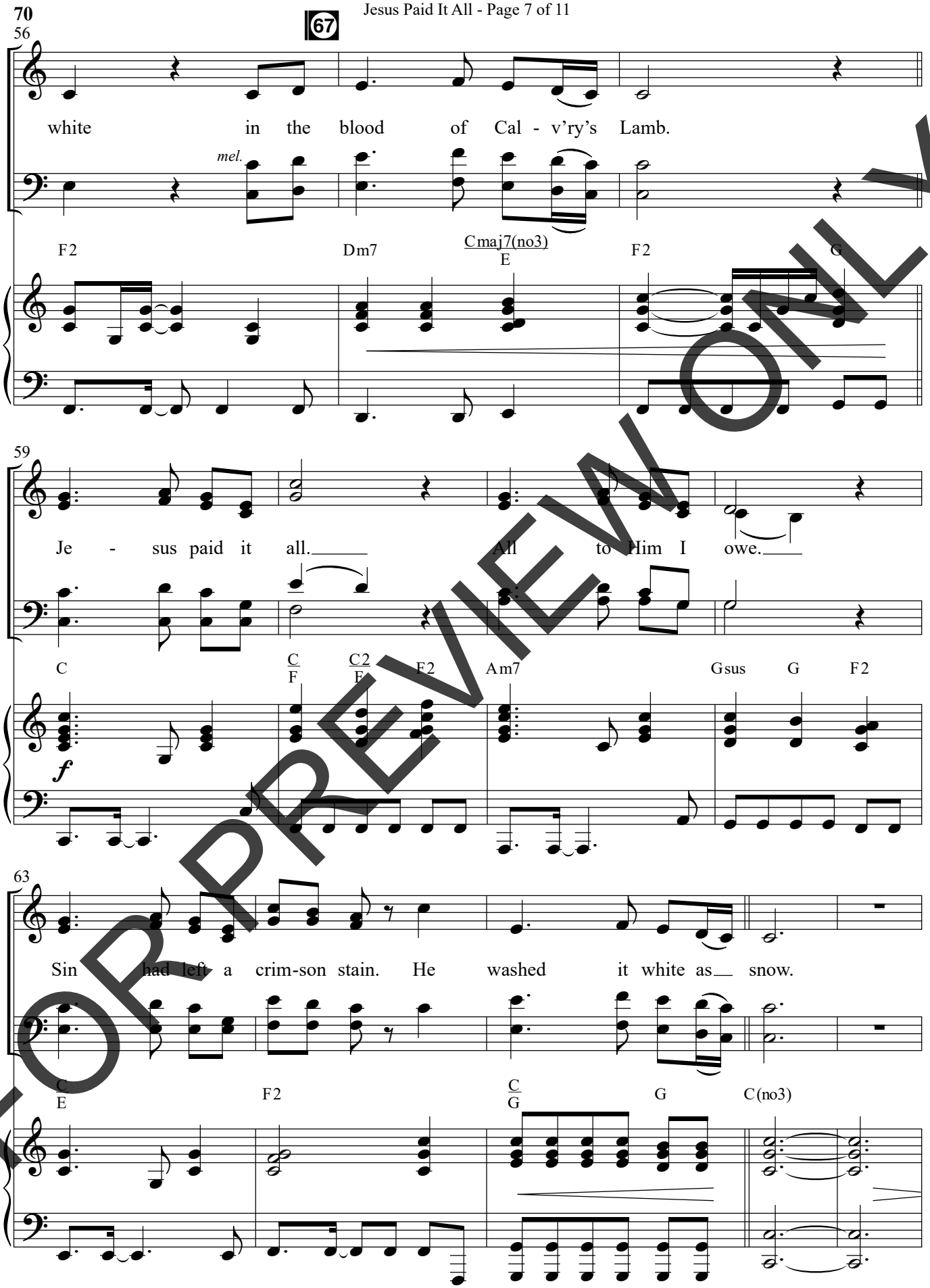

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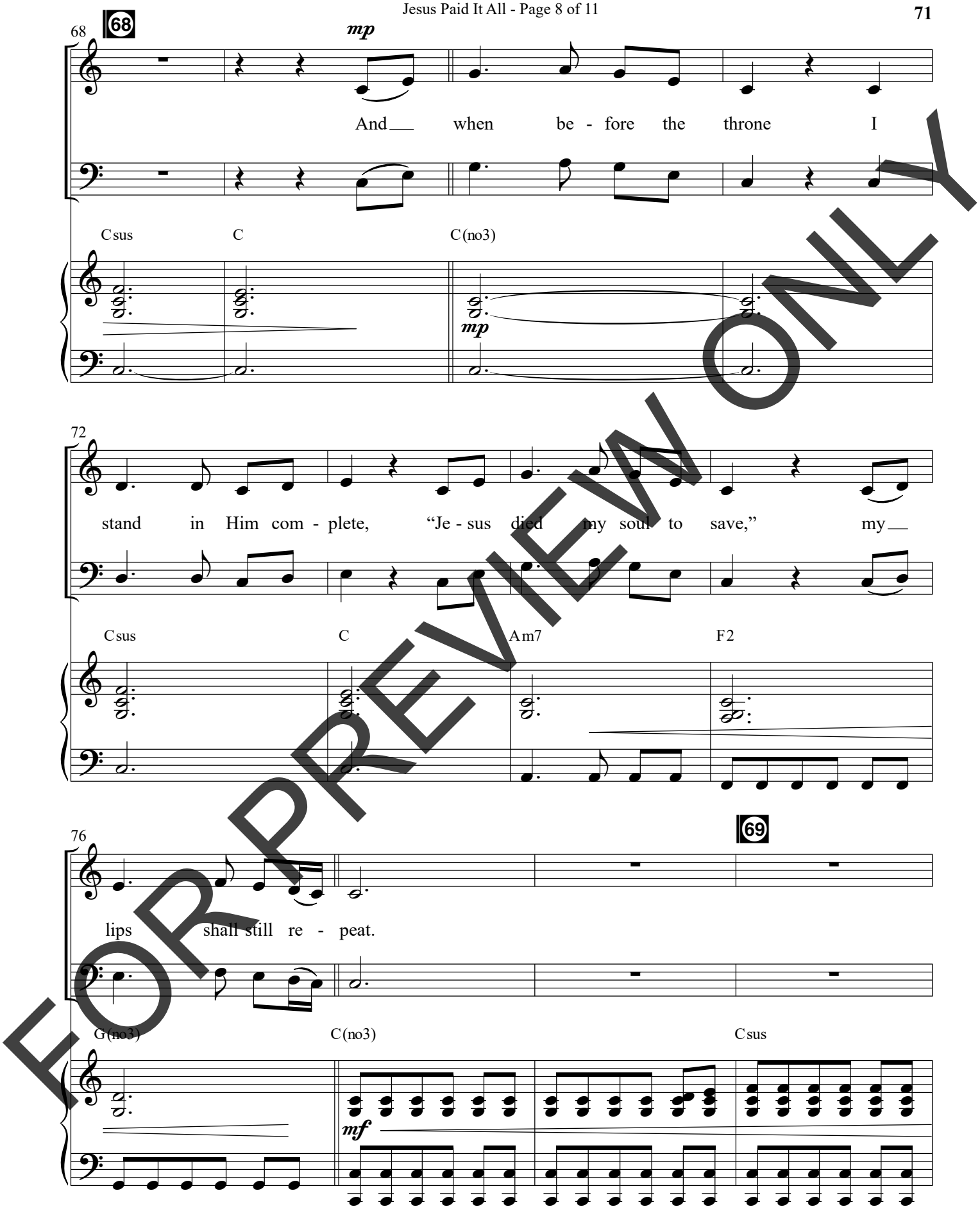

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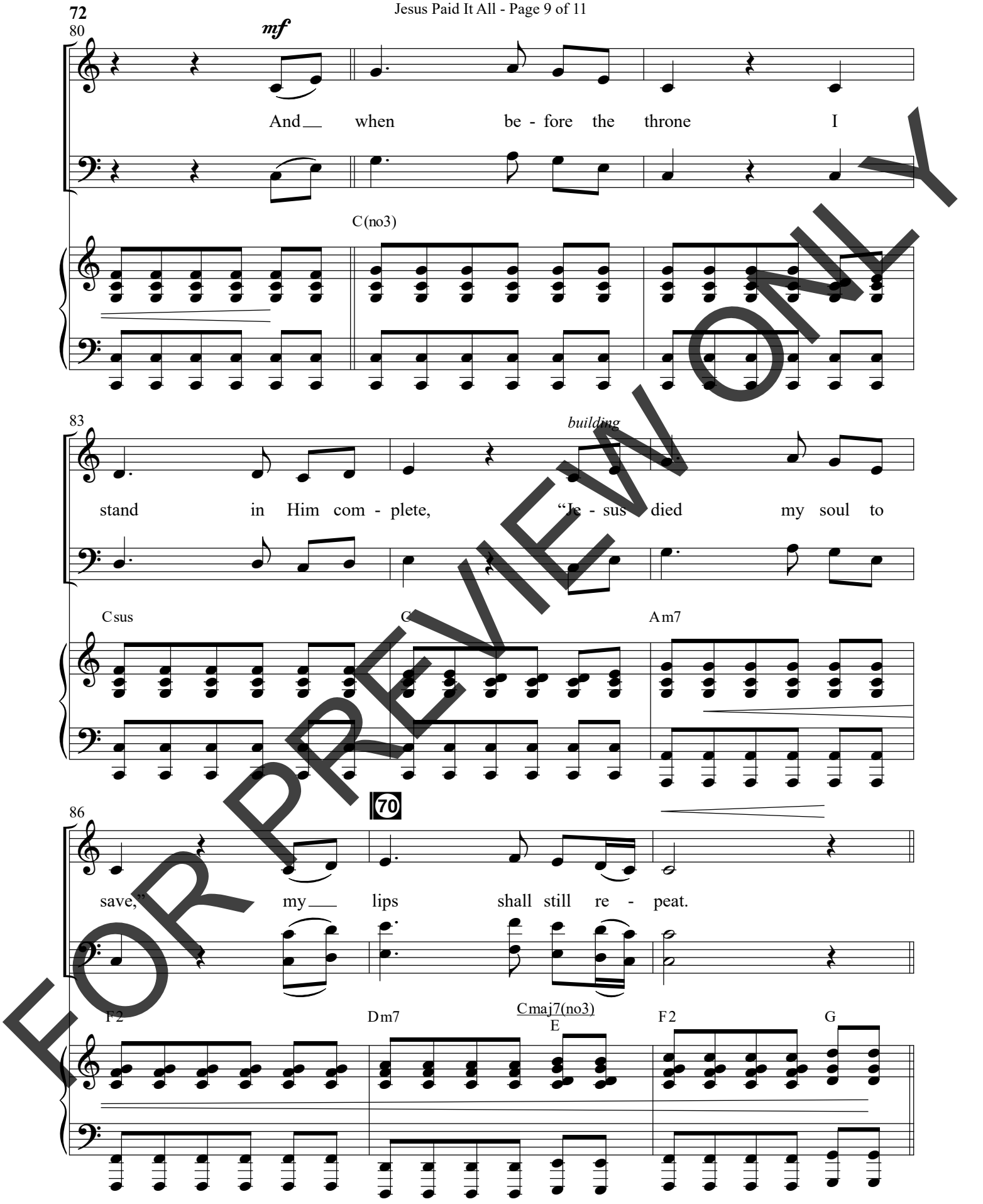

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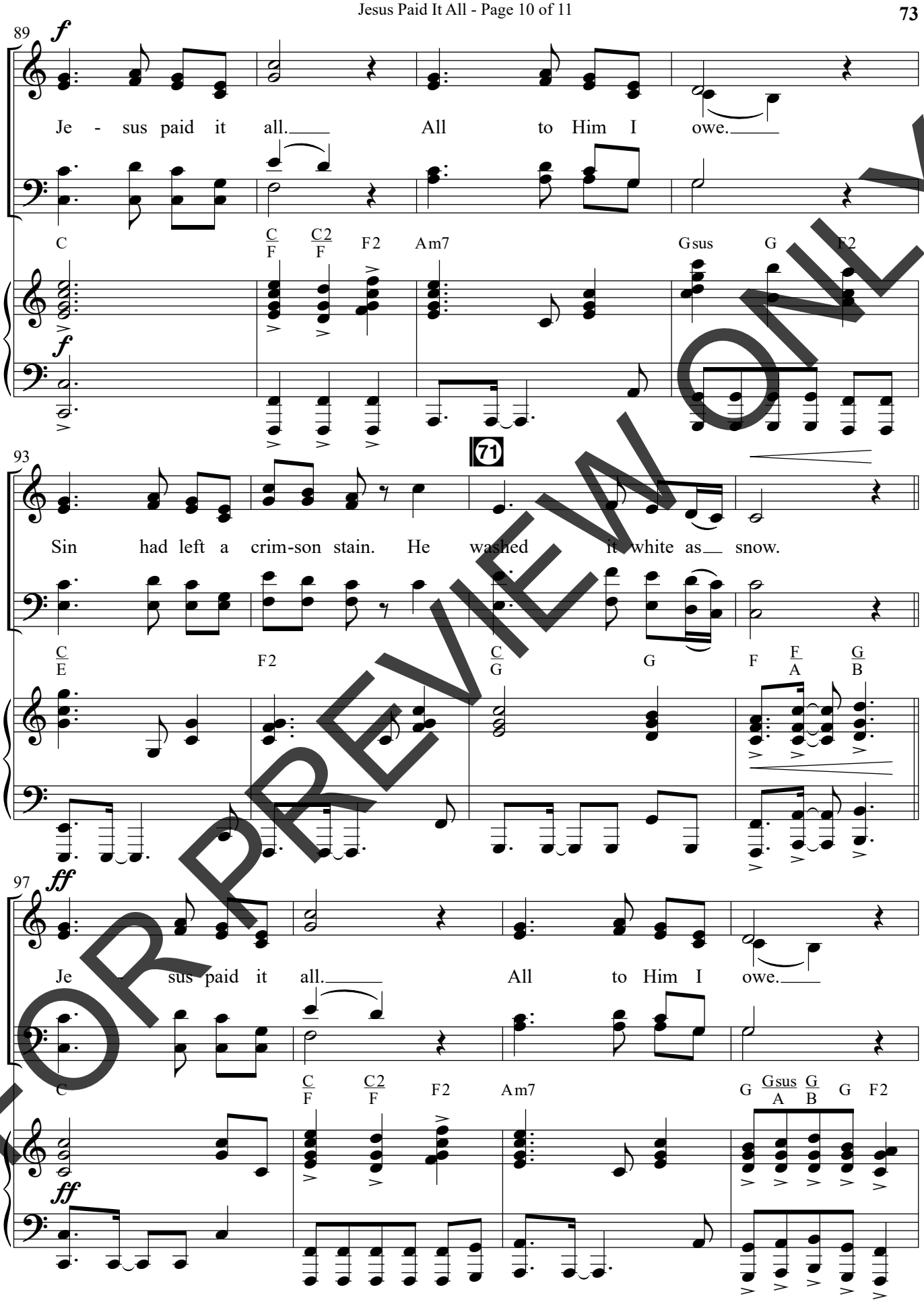

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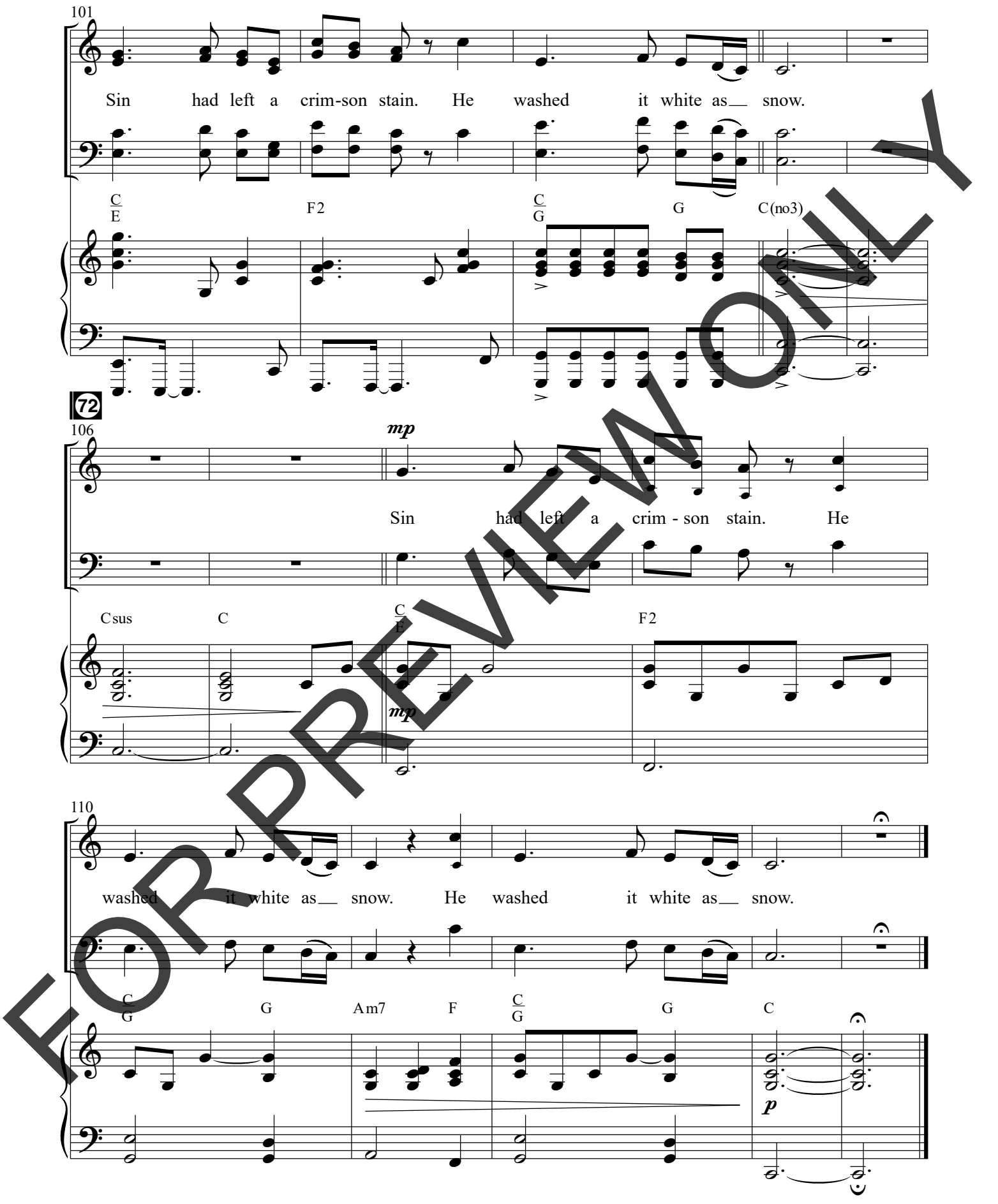

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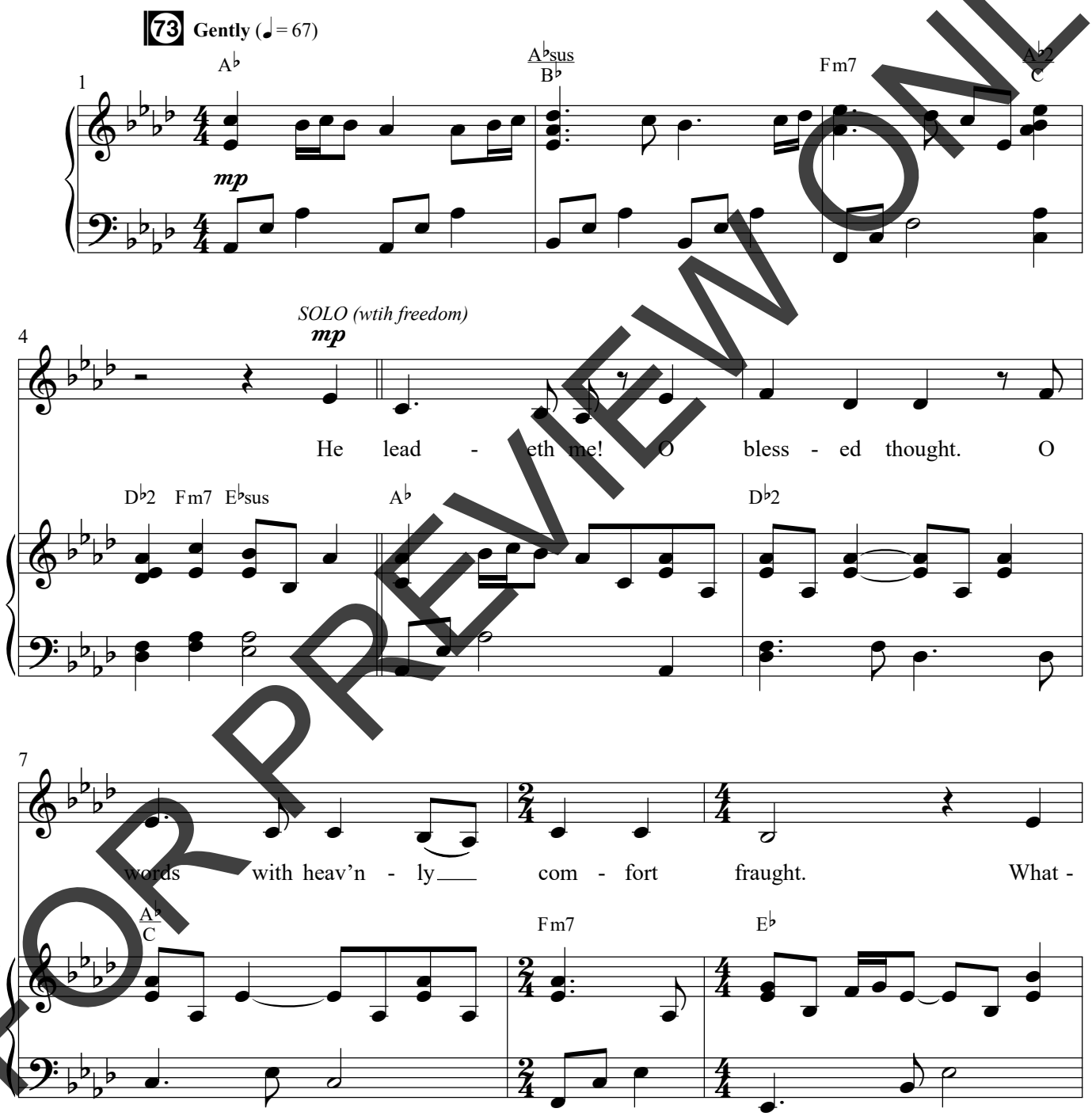
He Leadeth Me

Words by
JOSEPH H. GILMORE

Music by
WILLIAM B. BRADBURY
Arranged by Cliff Duren

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. *(Psalm 23:1-3a ESV)*



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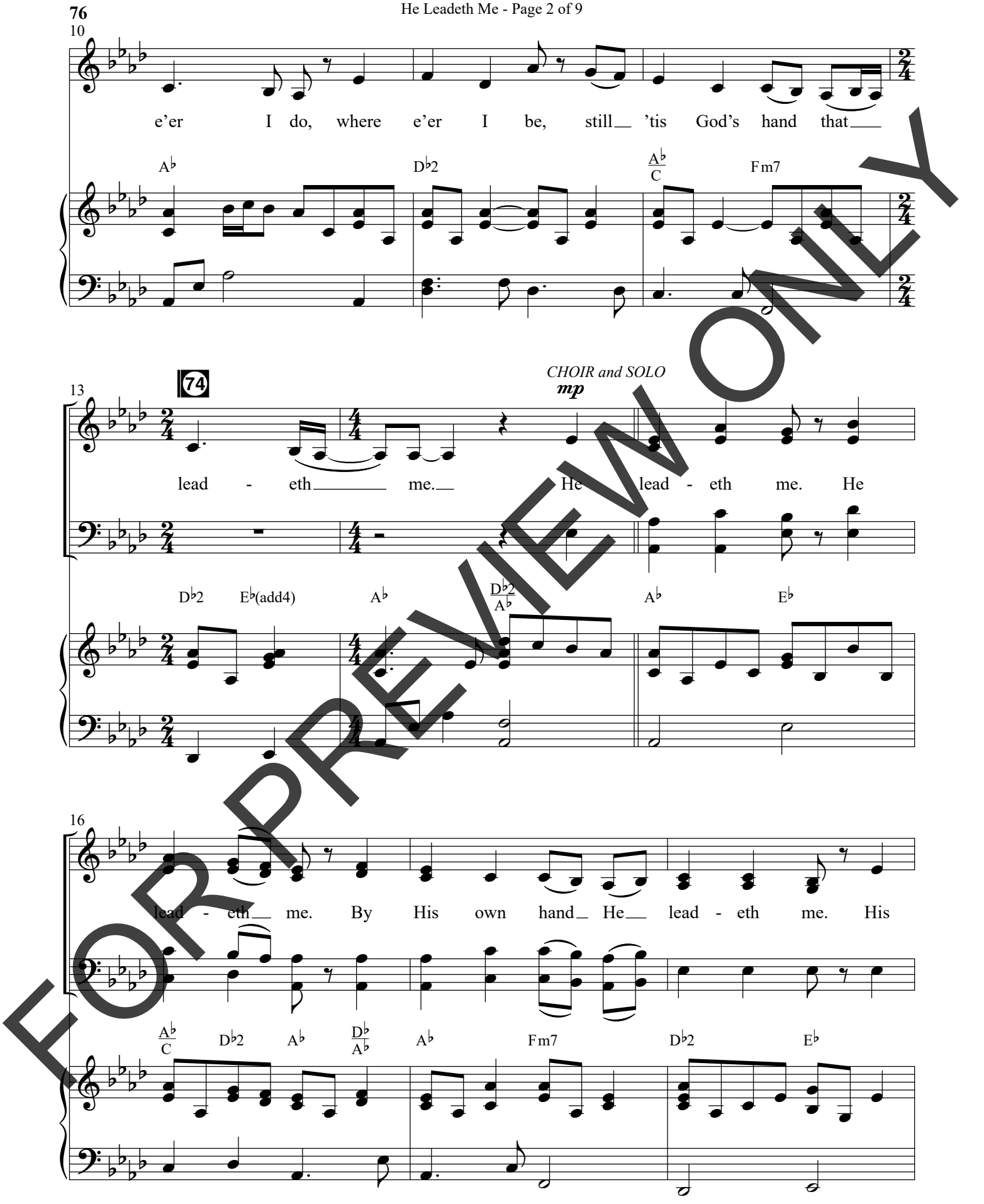

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faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by His hand He

A♭ E♭ A♭/C D♭2 A♭ D♭/A♭ A♭ Fm7

Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

(Psalm 23:3b ESV)

22

end SOLO

lead - eth me.

D♭2 E♭(add4) A♭ A♭sus/B♭

mp

25

75

mp

Lord, I would clasp Thy

harm.

Fm7 A♭2/C D♭2 Fm7 E♭sus A♭

mp

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28

hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re -

D♭2 | A♭/C | Fm7

31

pine. Con - tent, what ev - er lot I see, since

E♭ | A♭ | D♭2

34

76

mf

'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me. He

A♭/C | Fm7 | D♭2 E♭(add4) | A♭ | D♭2/A♭

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37

lead - eth me. He lead - eth me. By His own hand He

A♭ E♭ A♭/C D♭2 A♭ D♭/A♭ A♭ Fm7

mf

40

lead - eth me. His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for

D♭2 E♭ A♭ E♭ A♭/C D♭2 A♭ D♭/A♭

43

by His hand He lead - eth me.

A♭ Fm7 D♭2 E♭(add4) Fm7

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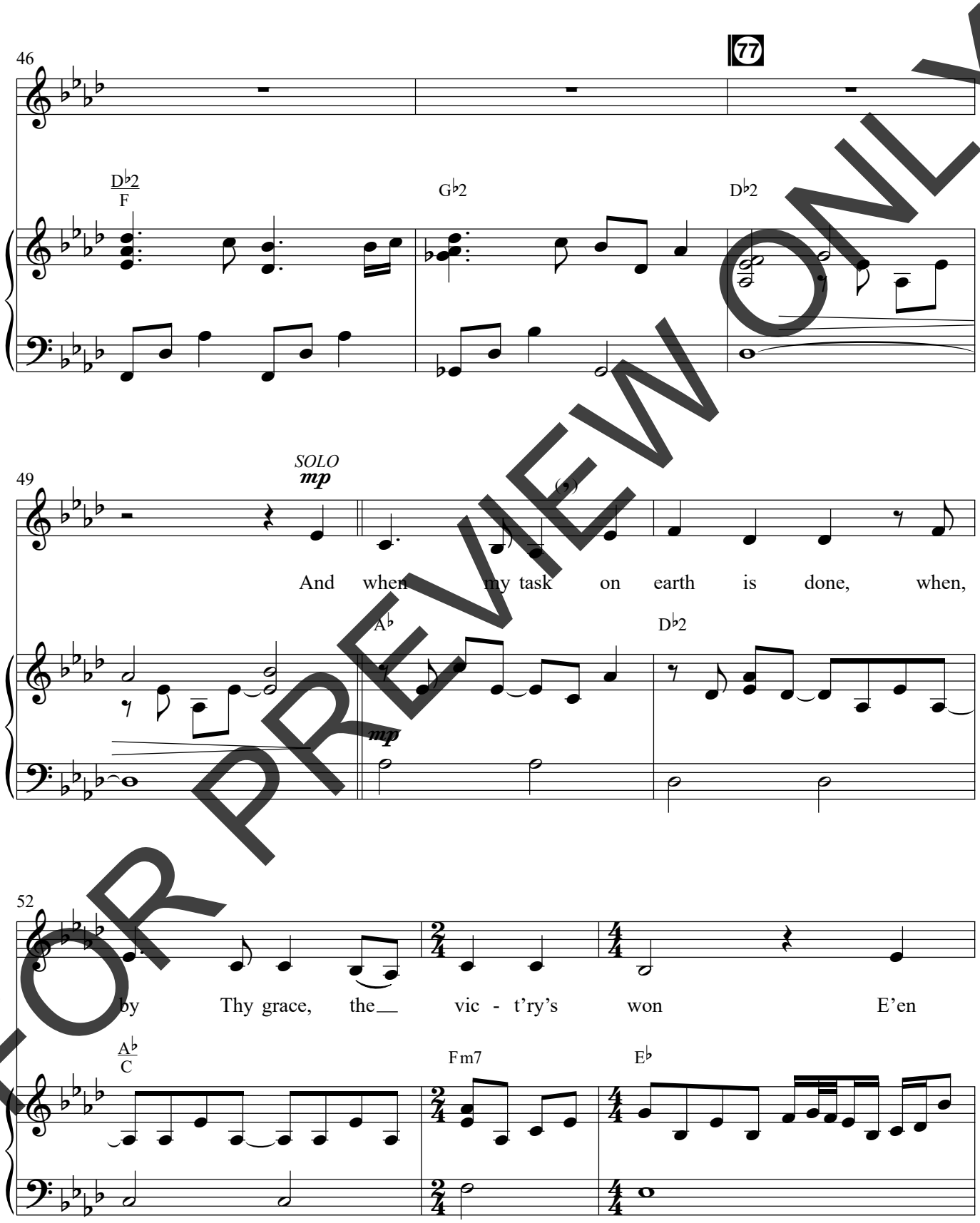
Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *(Psalm 23:6 ESV)*



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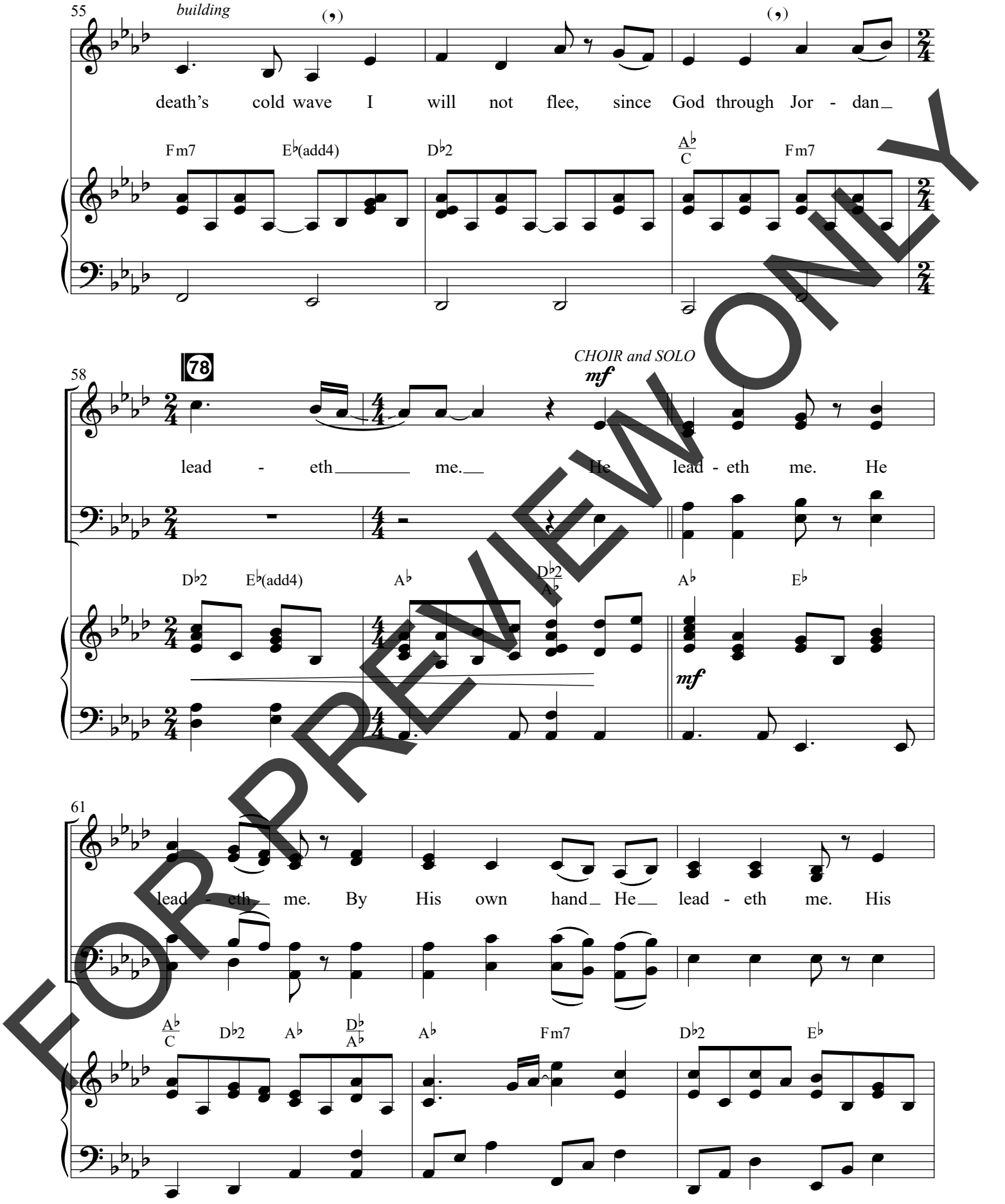

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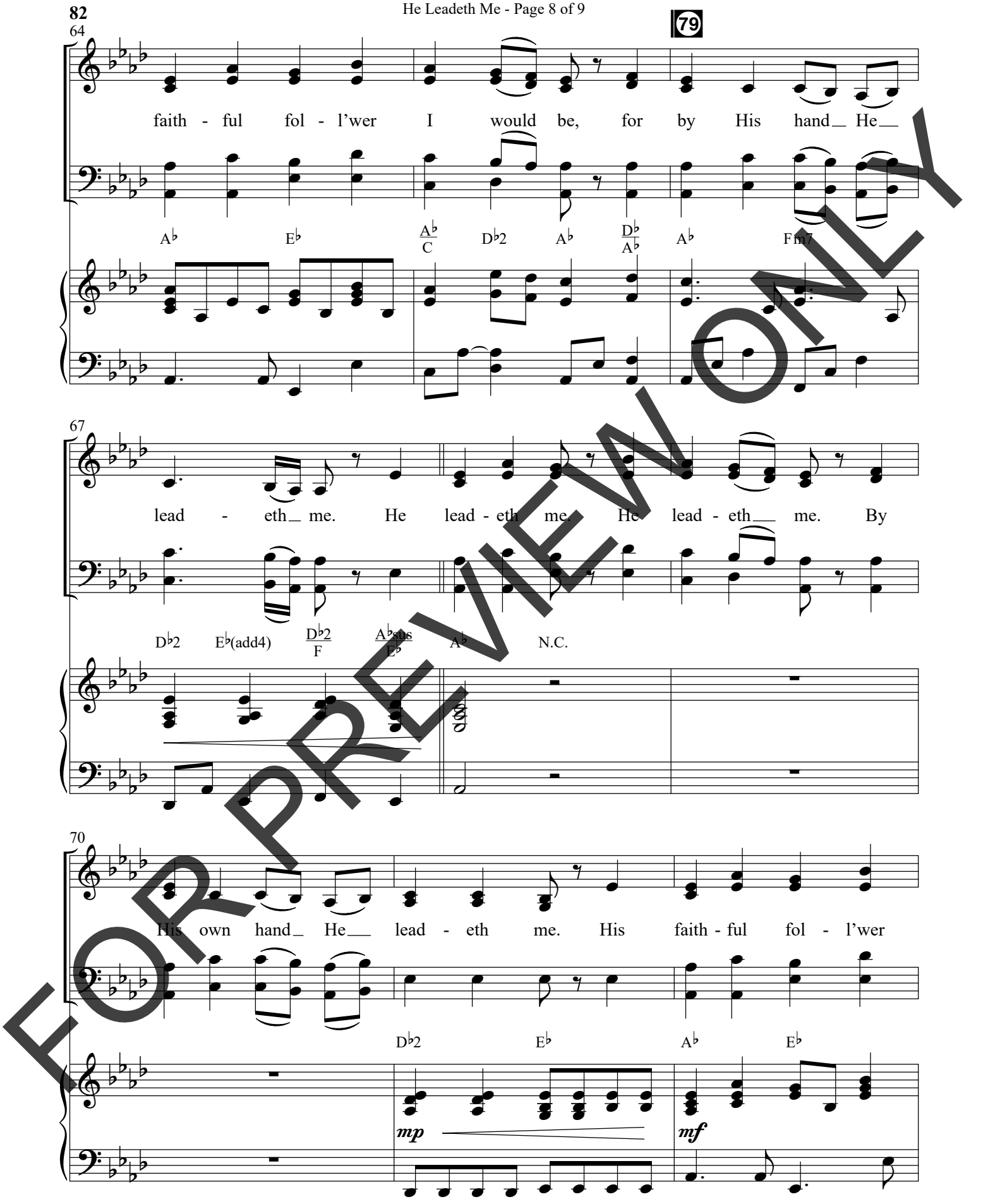

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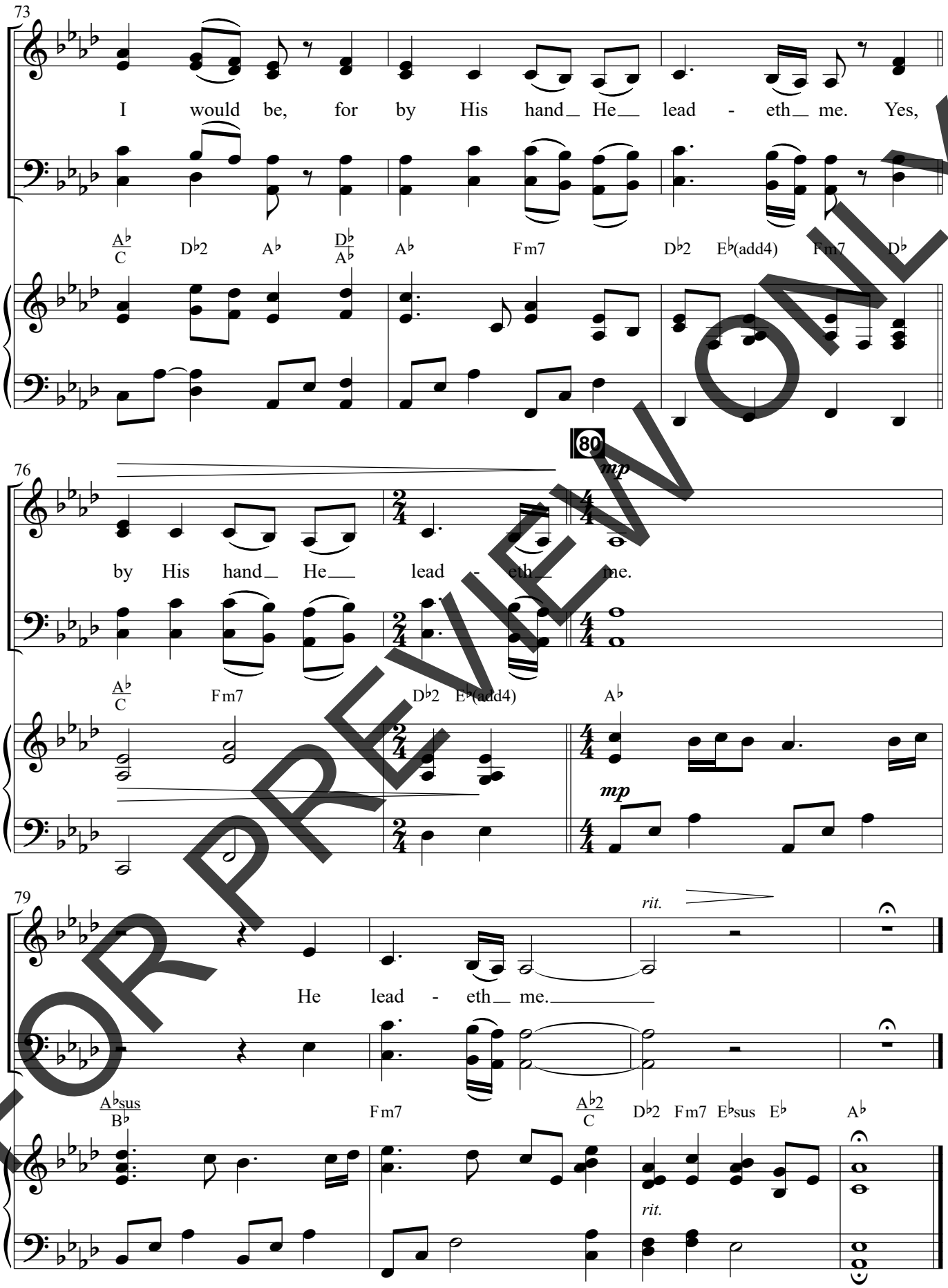

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It Is Well with My Soul

Words by
HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

Music by
PHILIP P. BLISS
Arranged by Cliff Duren

81 **With a cinematic approach** (♩ = 78)

1 A♭(no3) E♭(add4)

mp

(There is a cymbal roll into meas. 1)

3 *CHOIR* *mp*

When

D♭2

5

peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my

A♭(no3) D♭2/A♭ E♭(add4)/A♭

mp

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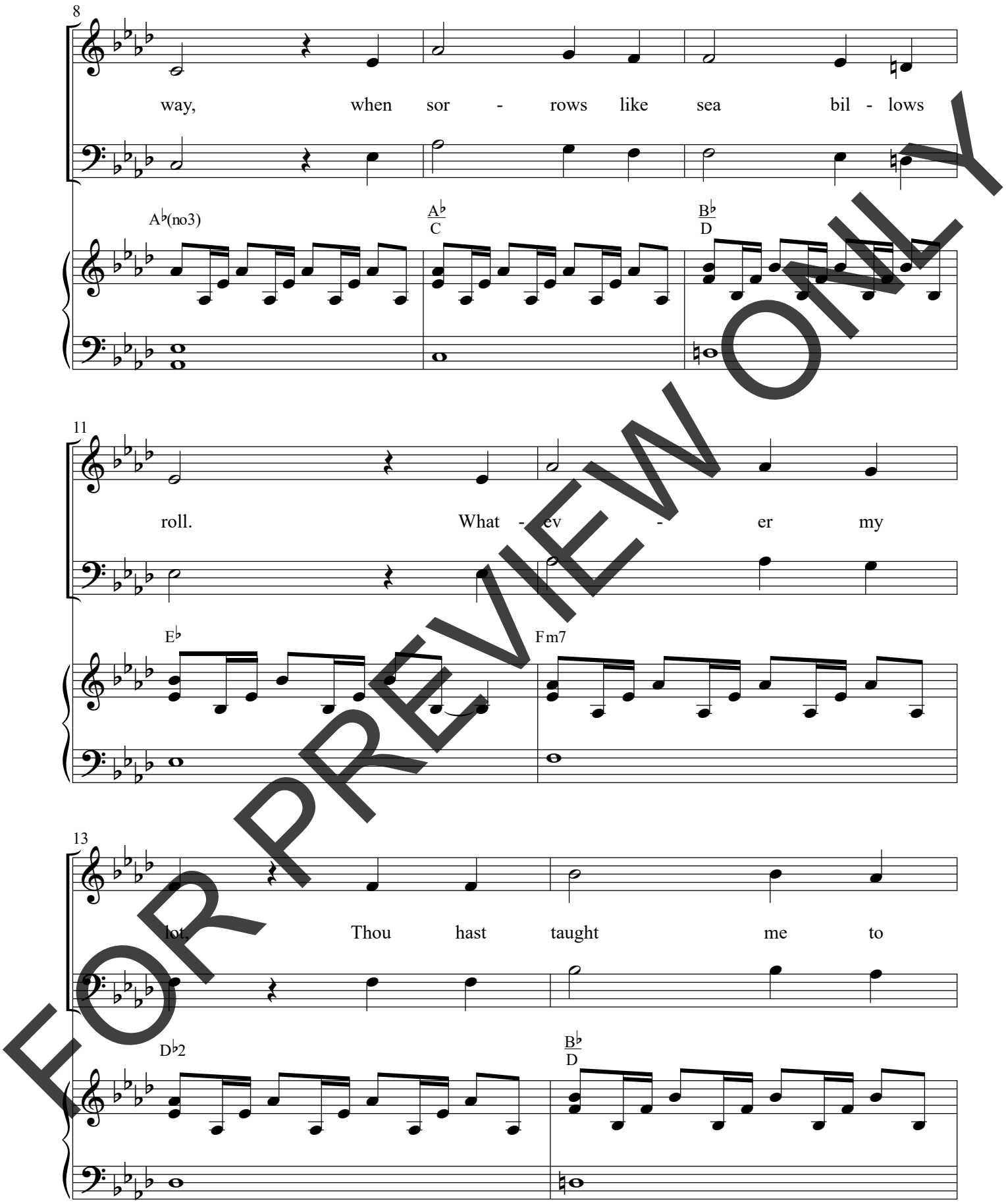

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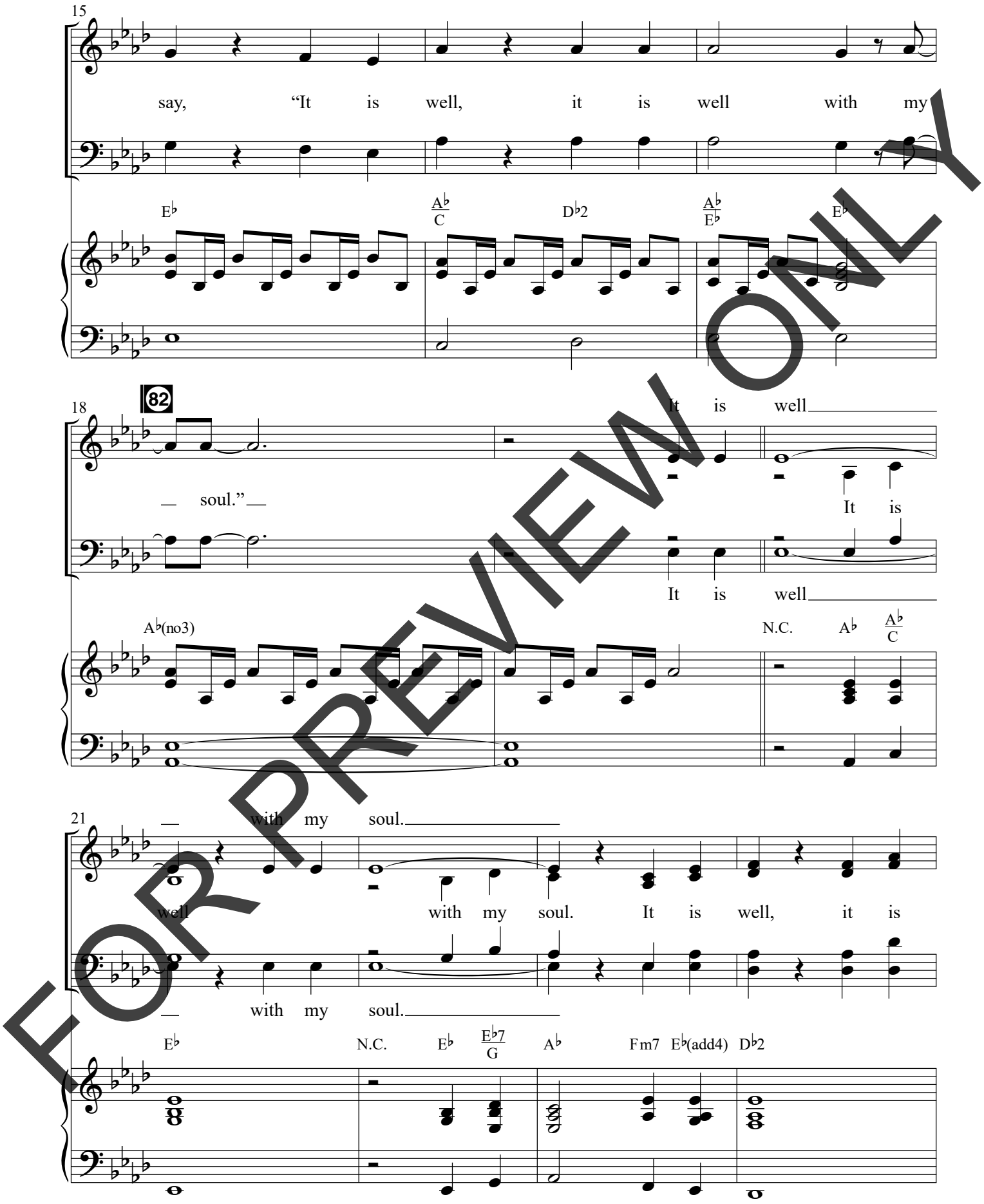

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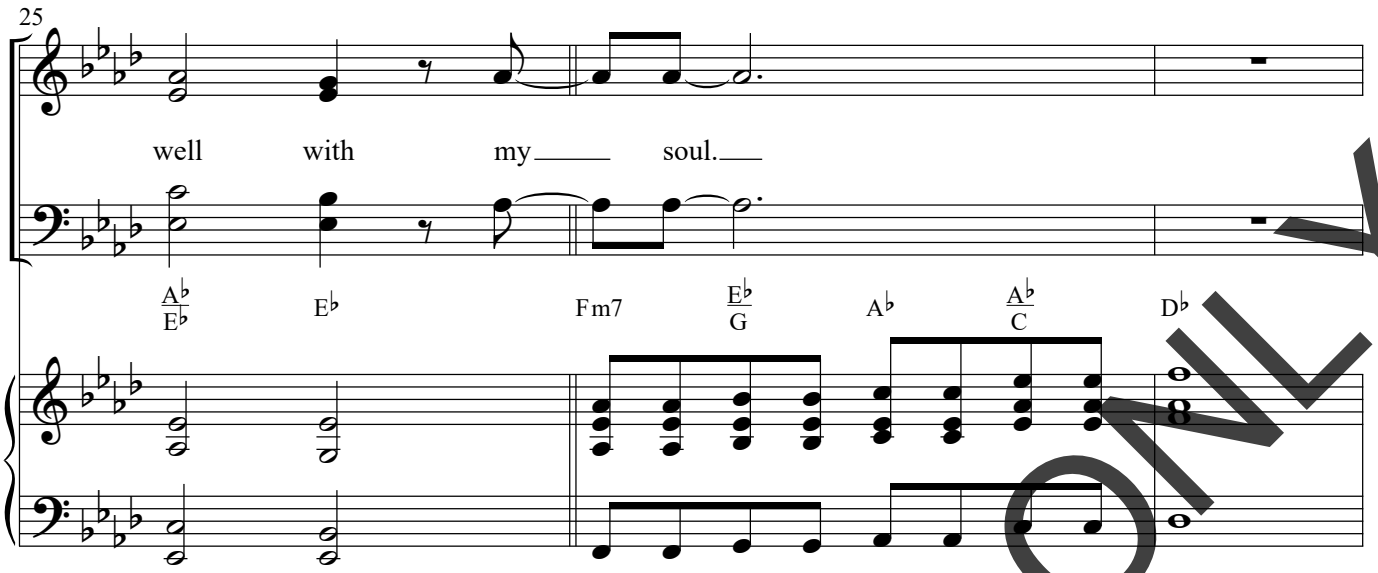

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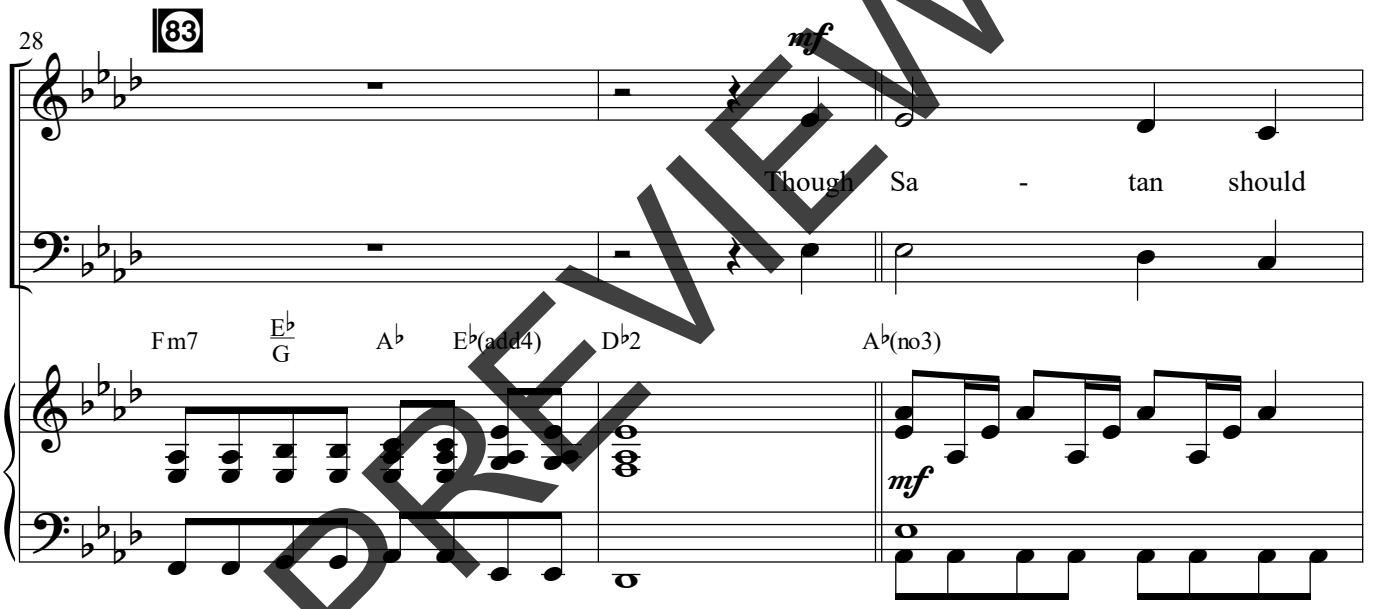

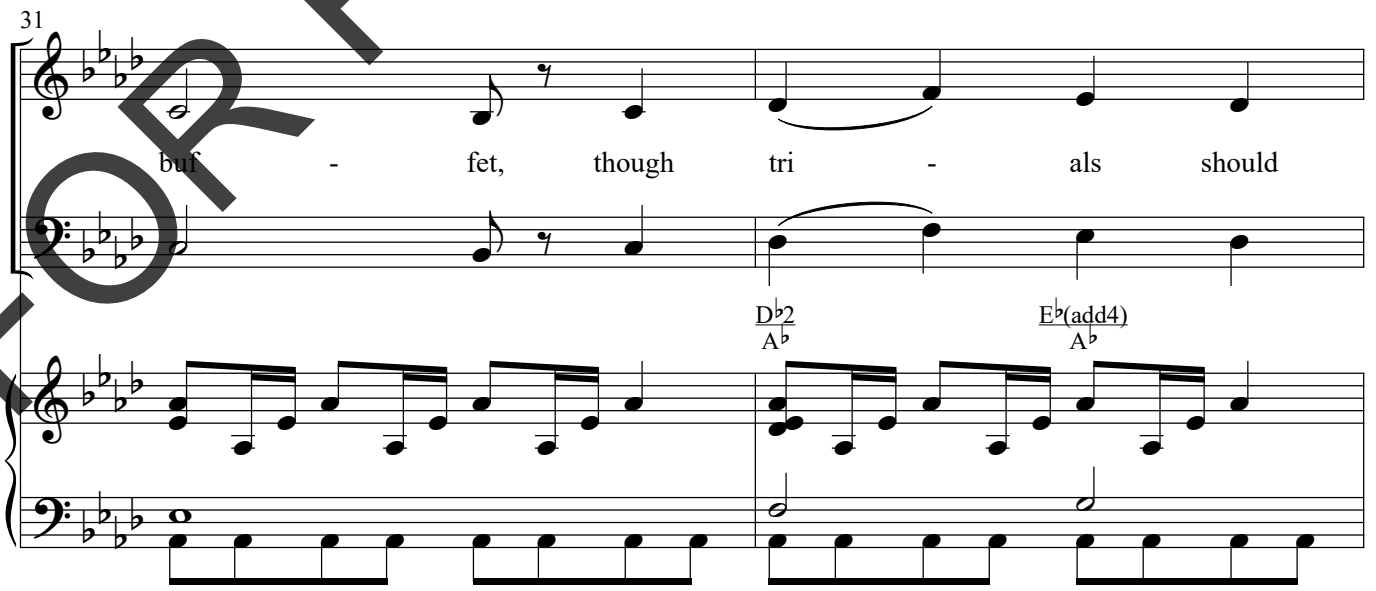

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come, let this blessed as -

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B♭/D E♭

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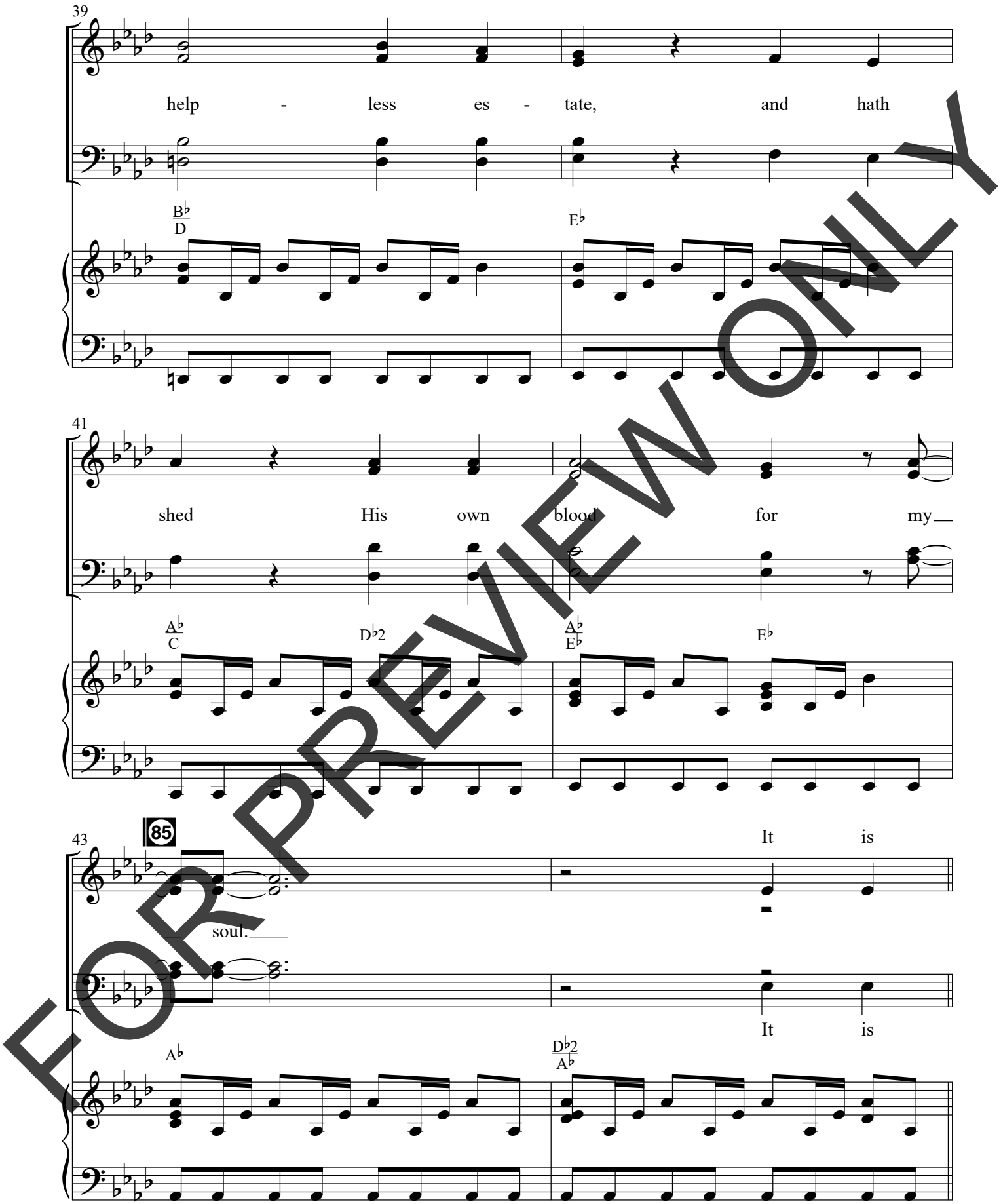

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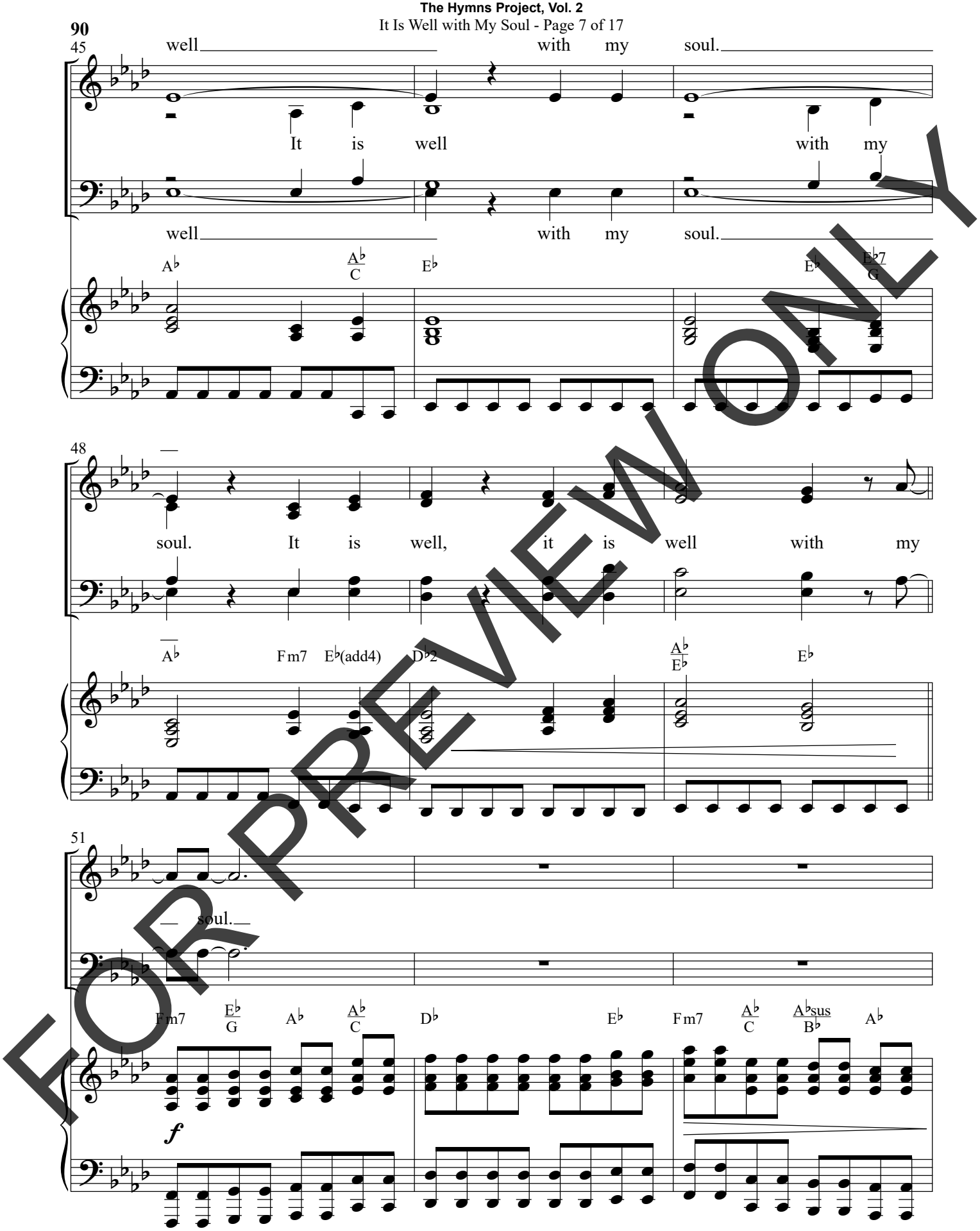

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Opt. SCRIPTURE READING: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. *(Psalm 103:13 ESV)*

54 G♭

56 86 *mf* My

E♭m7

58 sin— Oh, the bliss of this glo - rious

B♭(no3) *mf* E♭2/B♭ F(add4)/B♭

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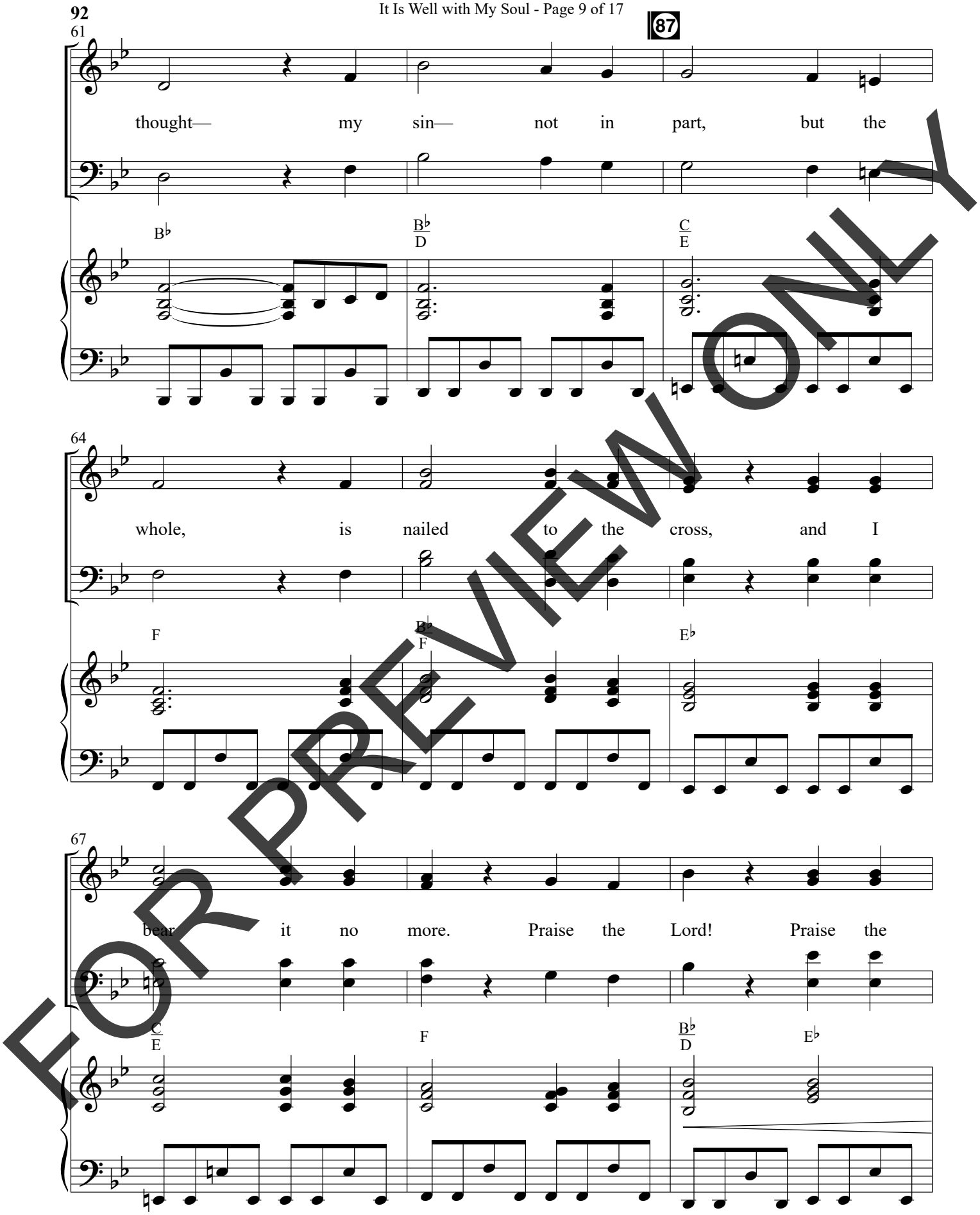

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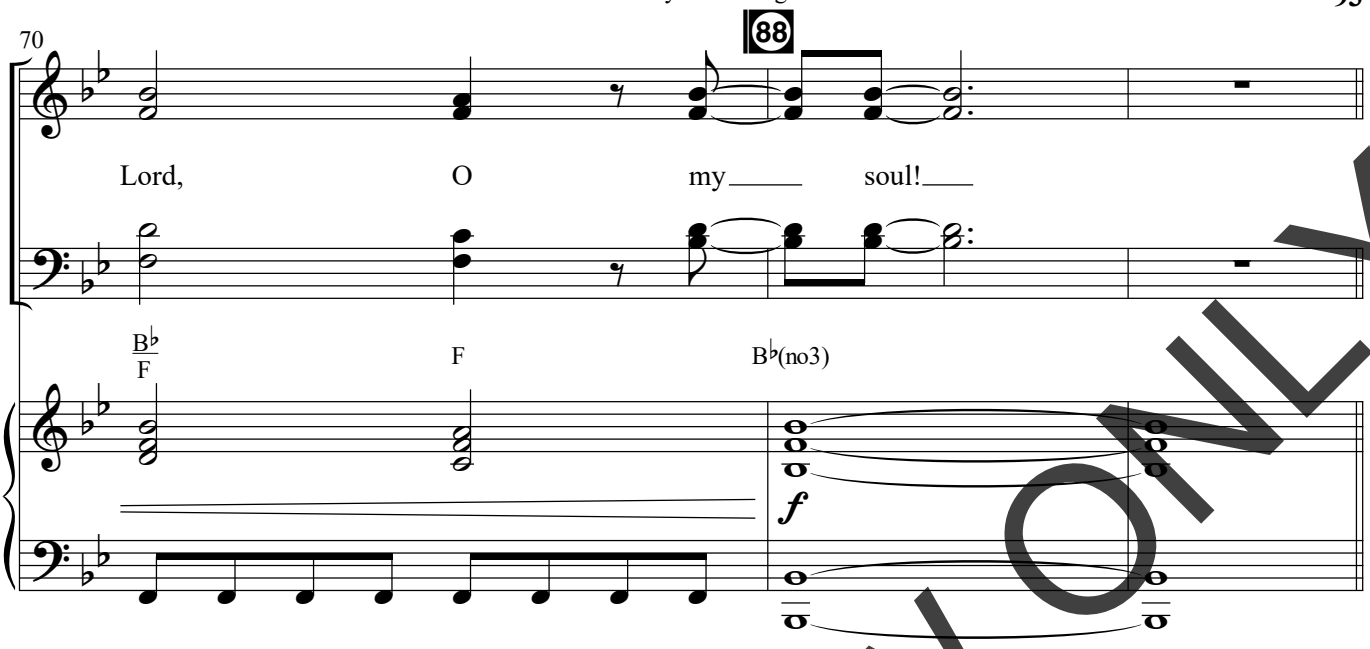

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(1 Thessalonians 4:16 ESV)

FEMALE READER 1: Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
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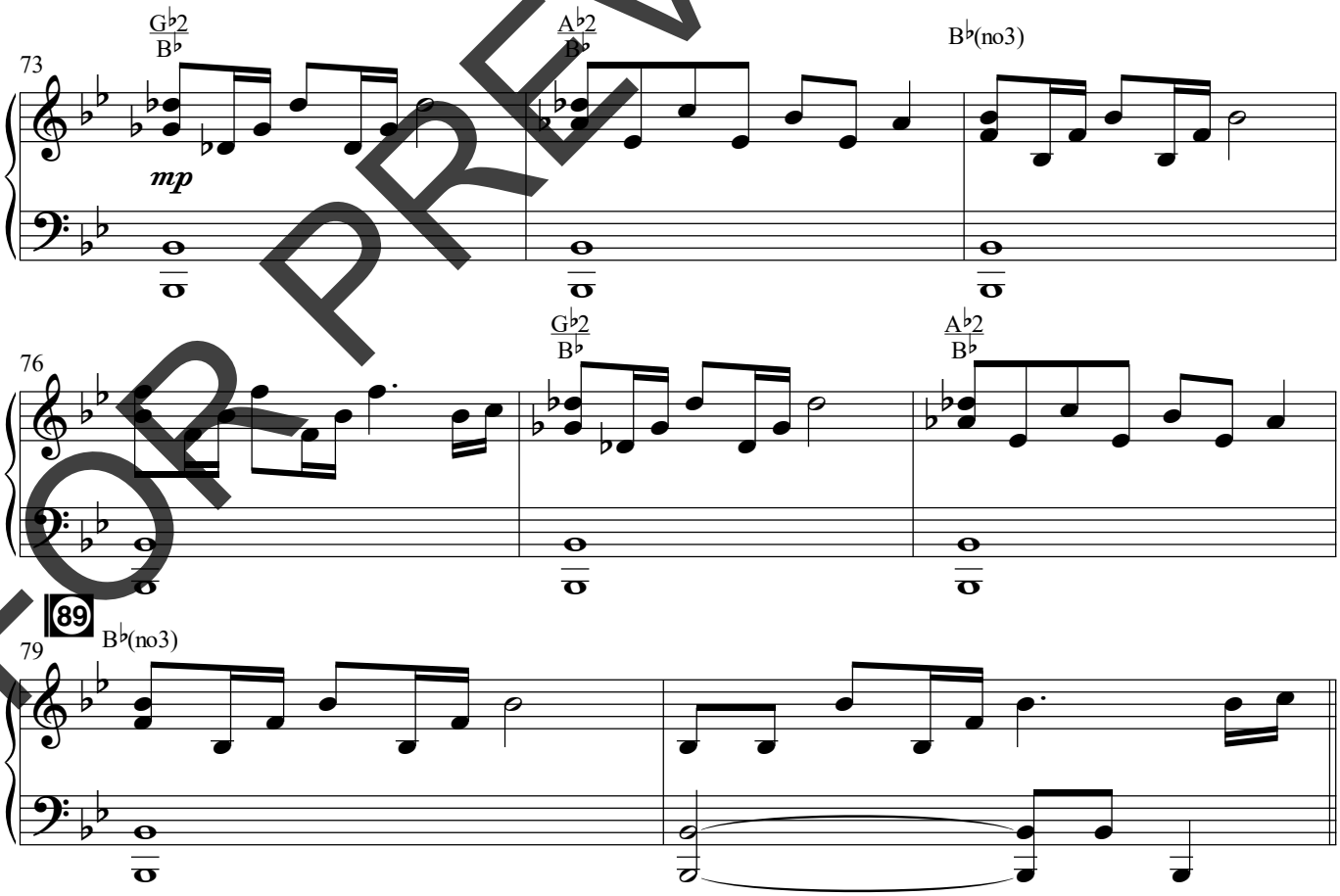

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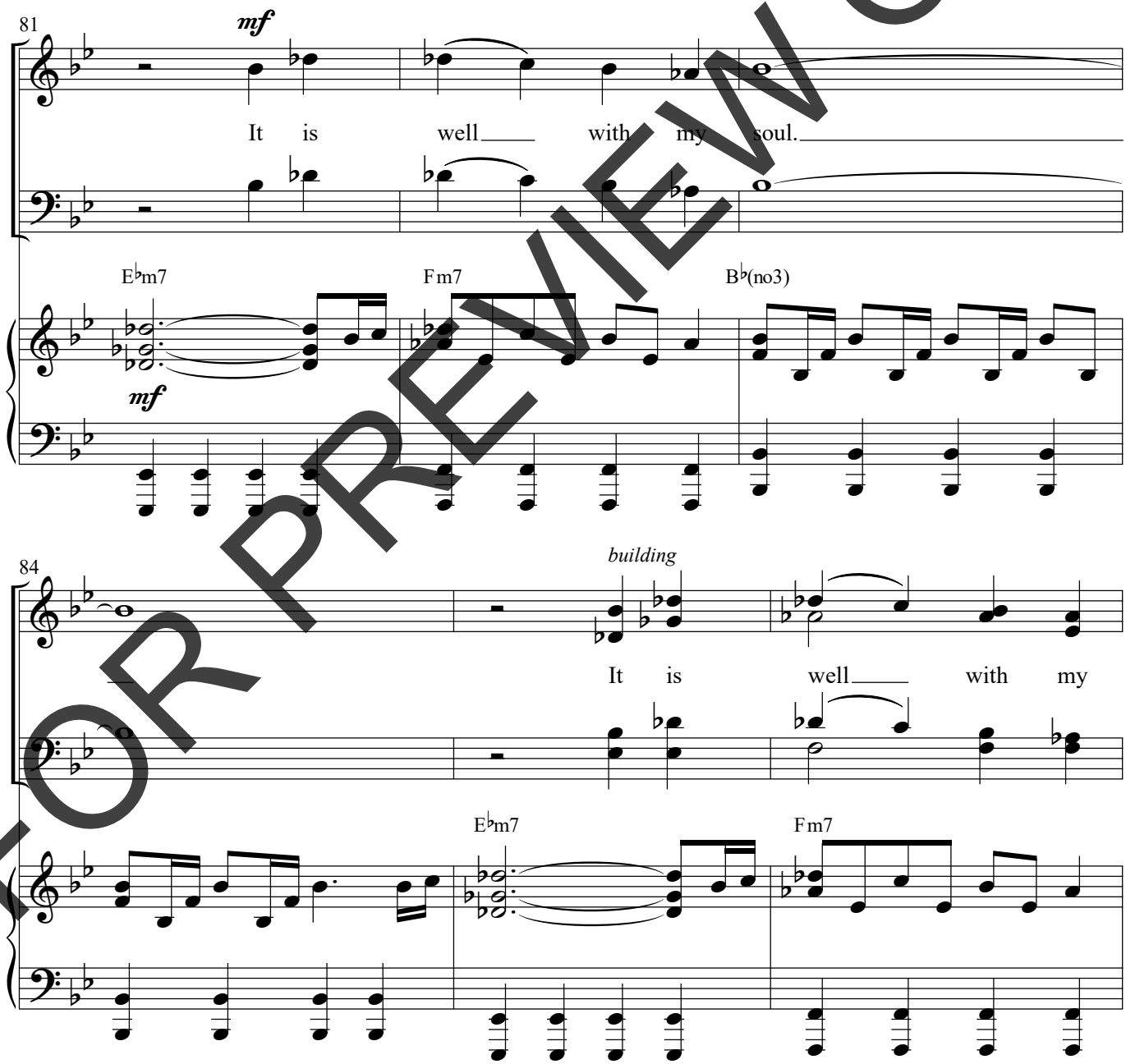
SCRIPTURE READING *(cont.)*:

MALE READER 2: When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. *(Colossians 3:4 ESV)*

FEMALE READER 2: So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. *(Hebrews 9:28 ESV)*

FEMALE READER 3: And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. *(1 Peter 5:4 ESV)*

MALE READER 3: Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." *(Revelation 1:7-8 ESV)*



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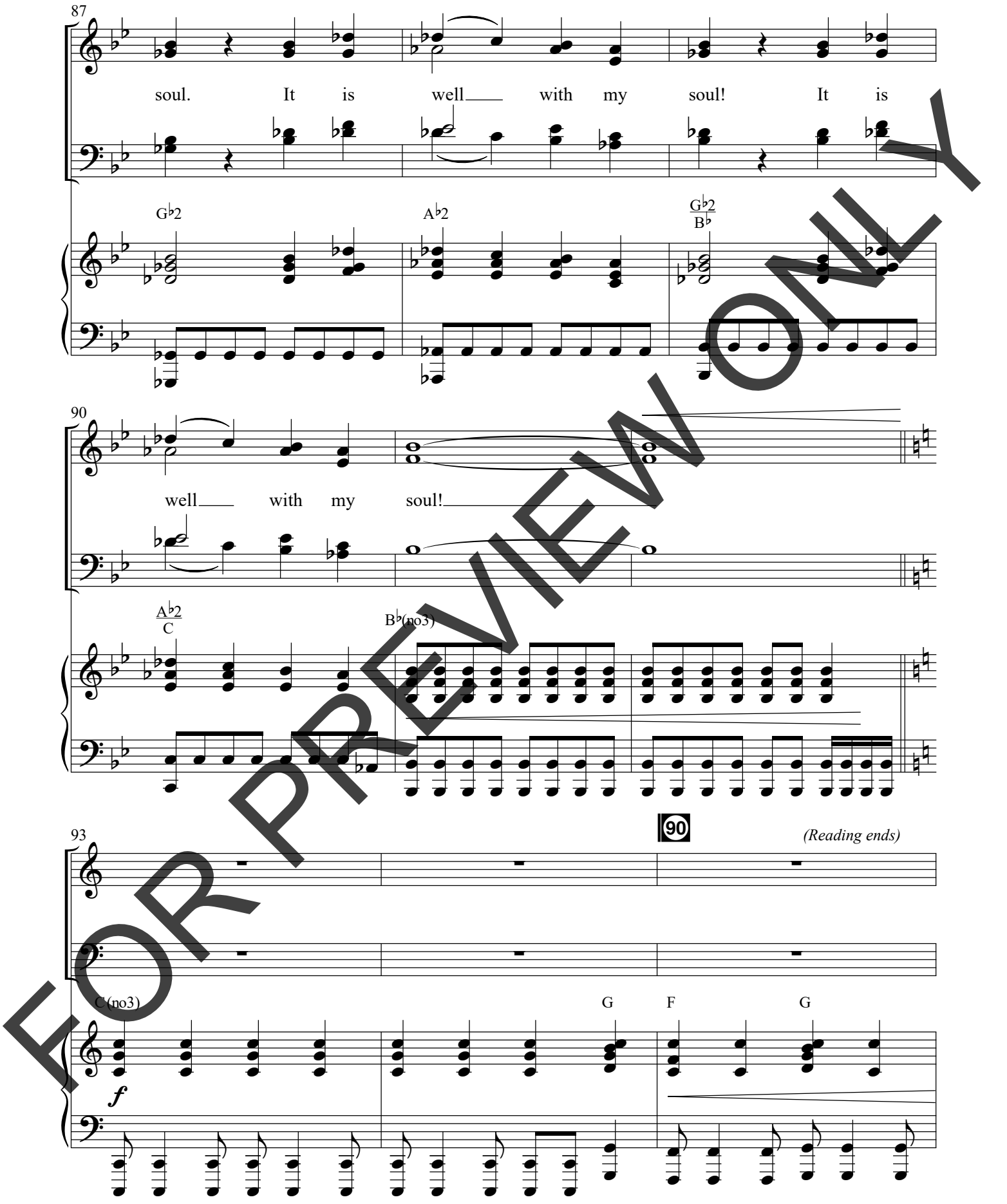

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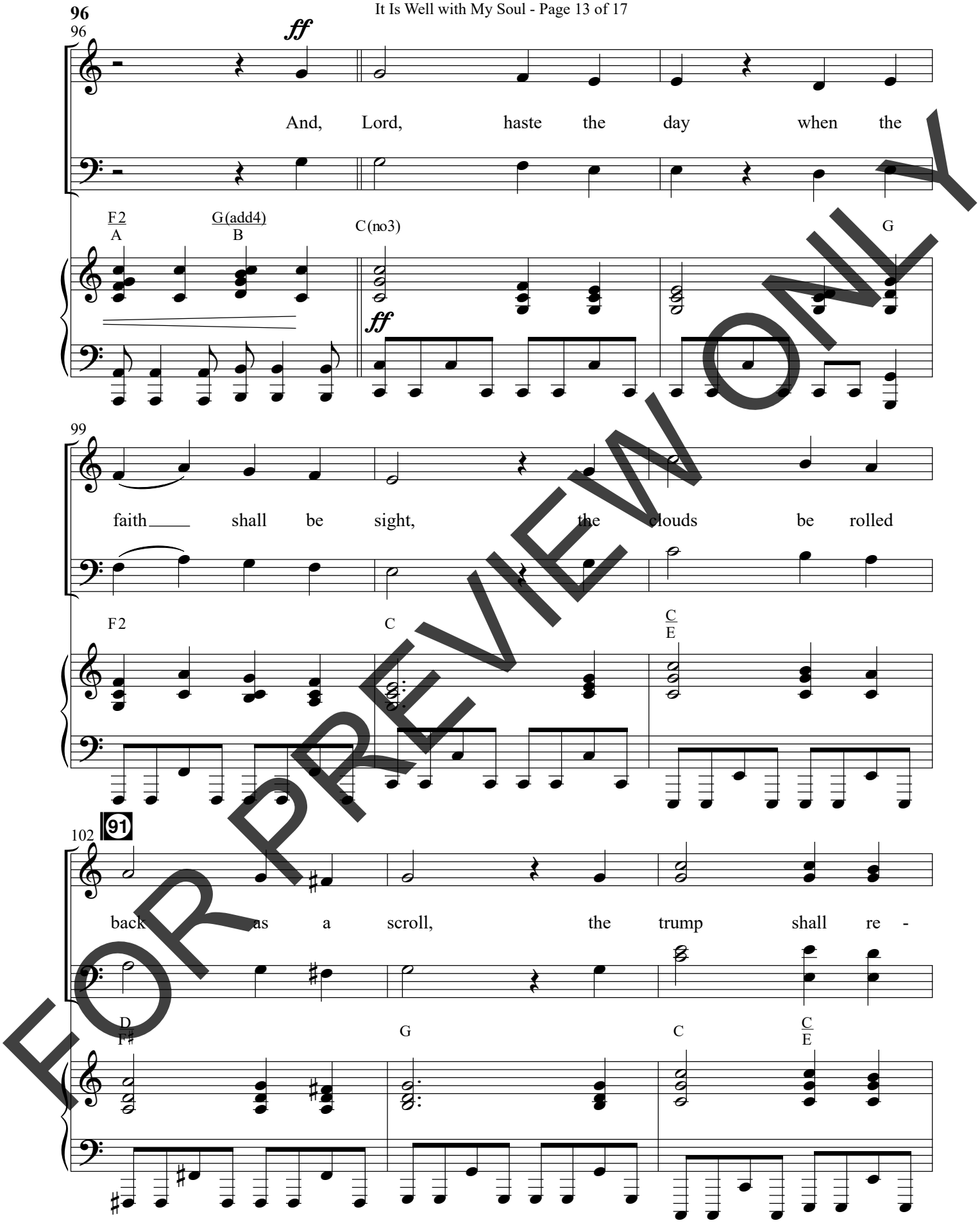

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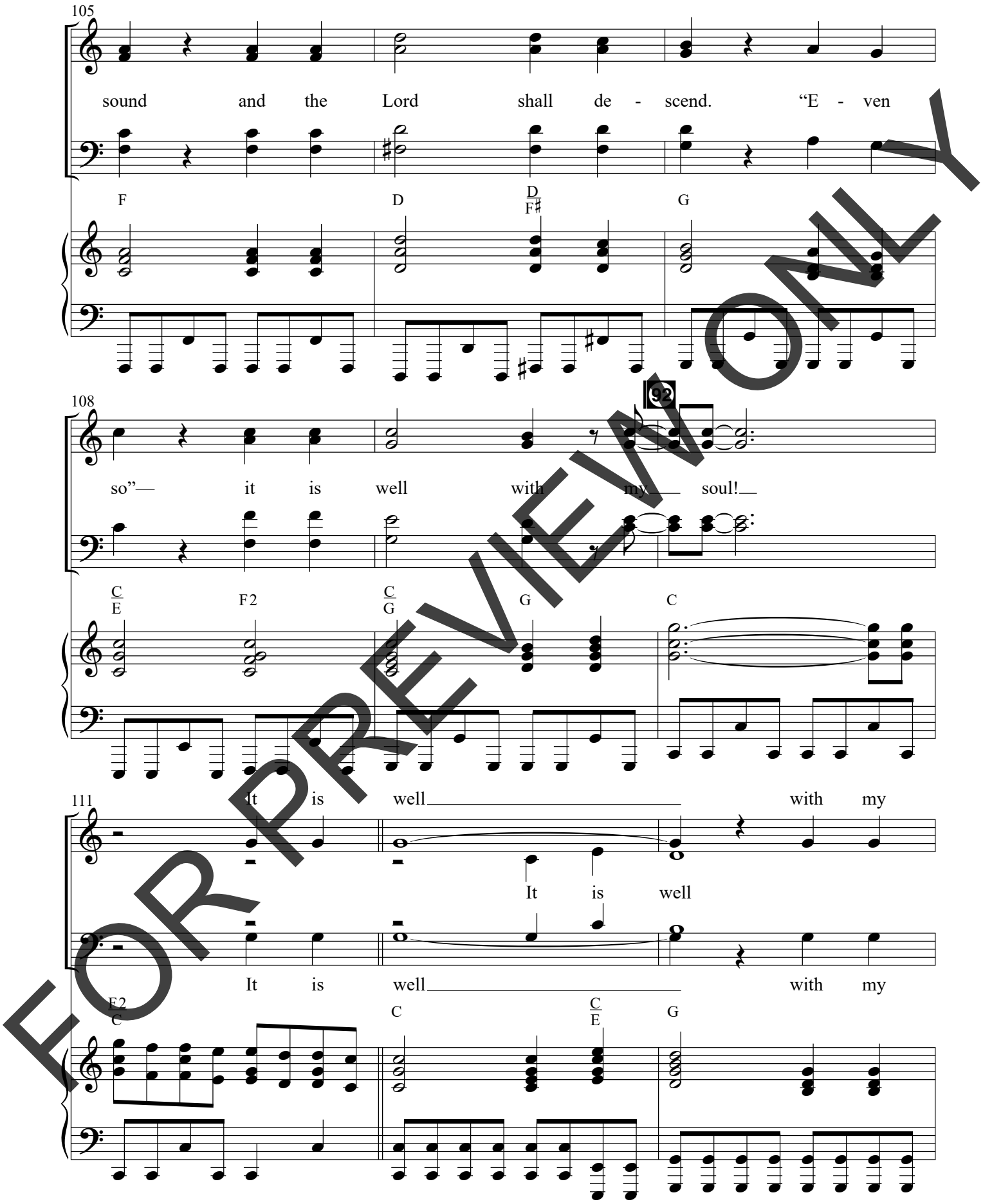

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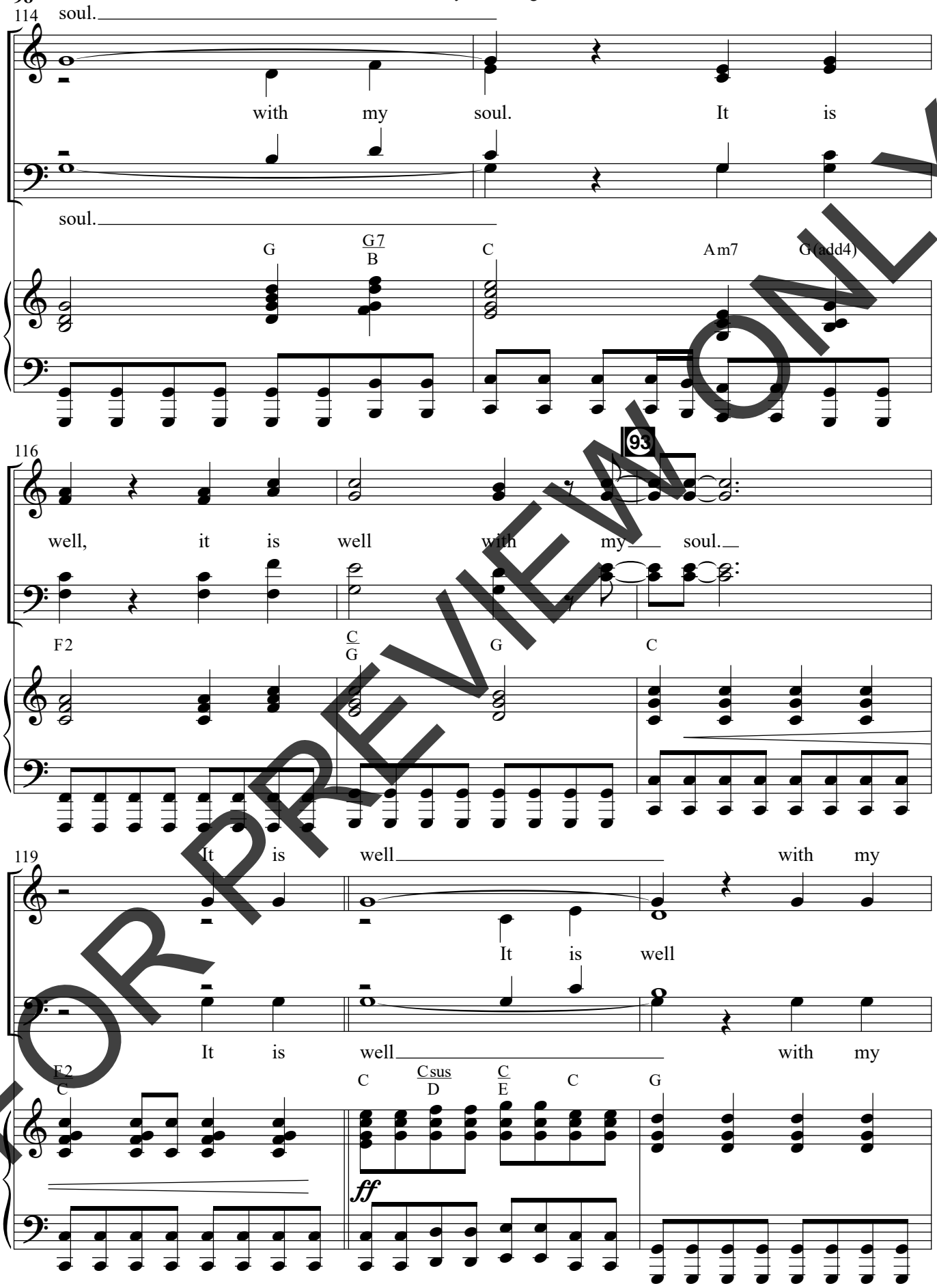

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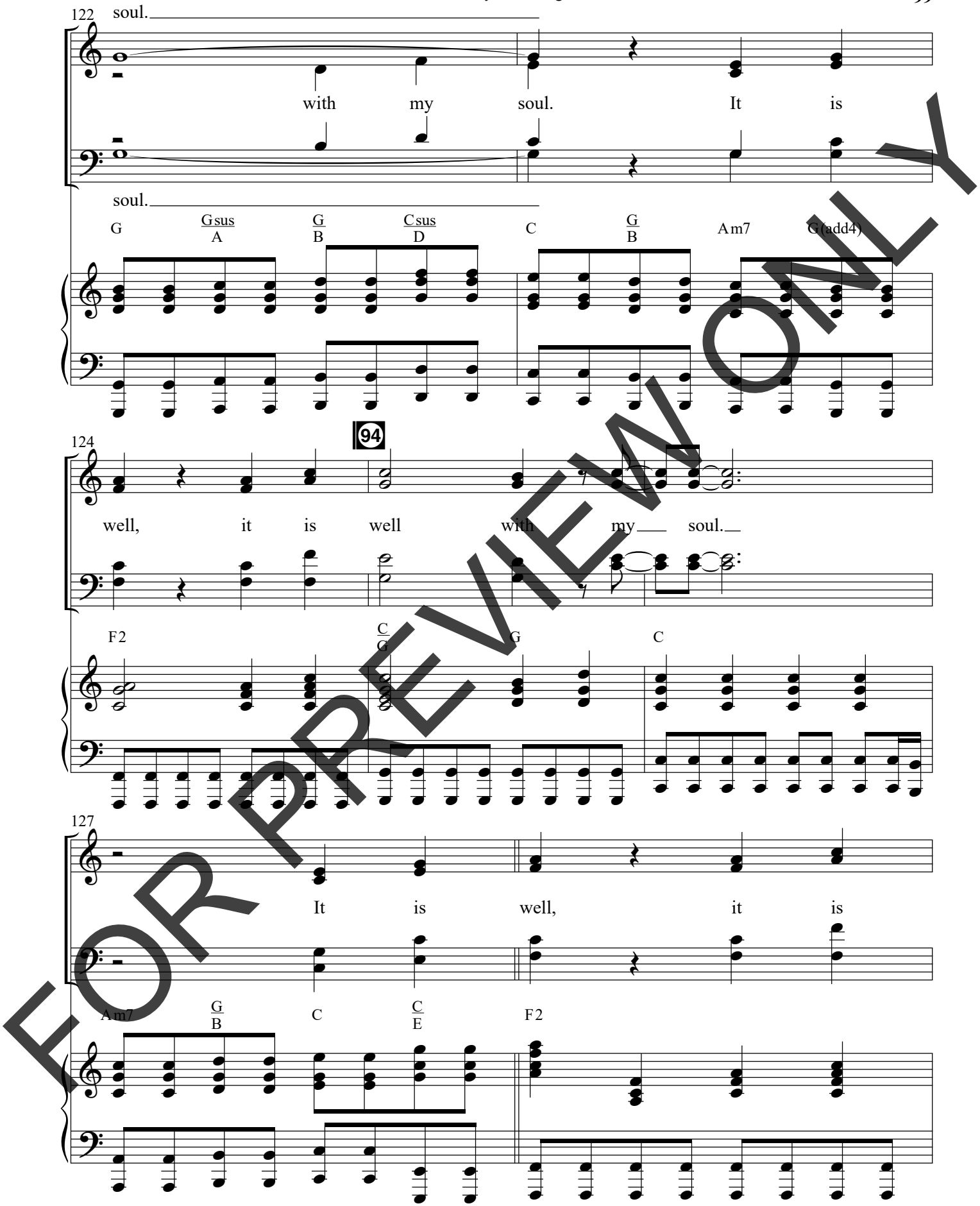

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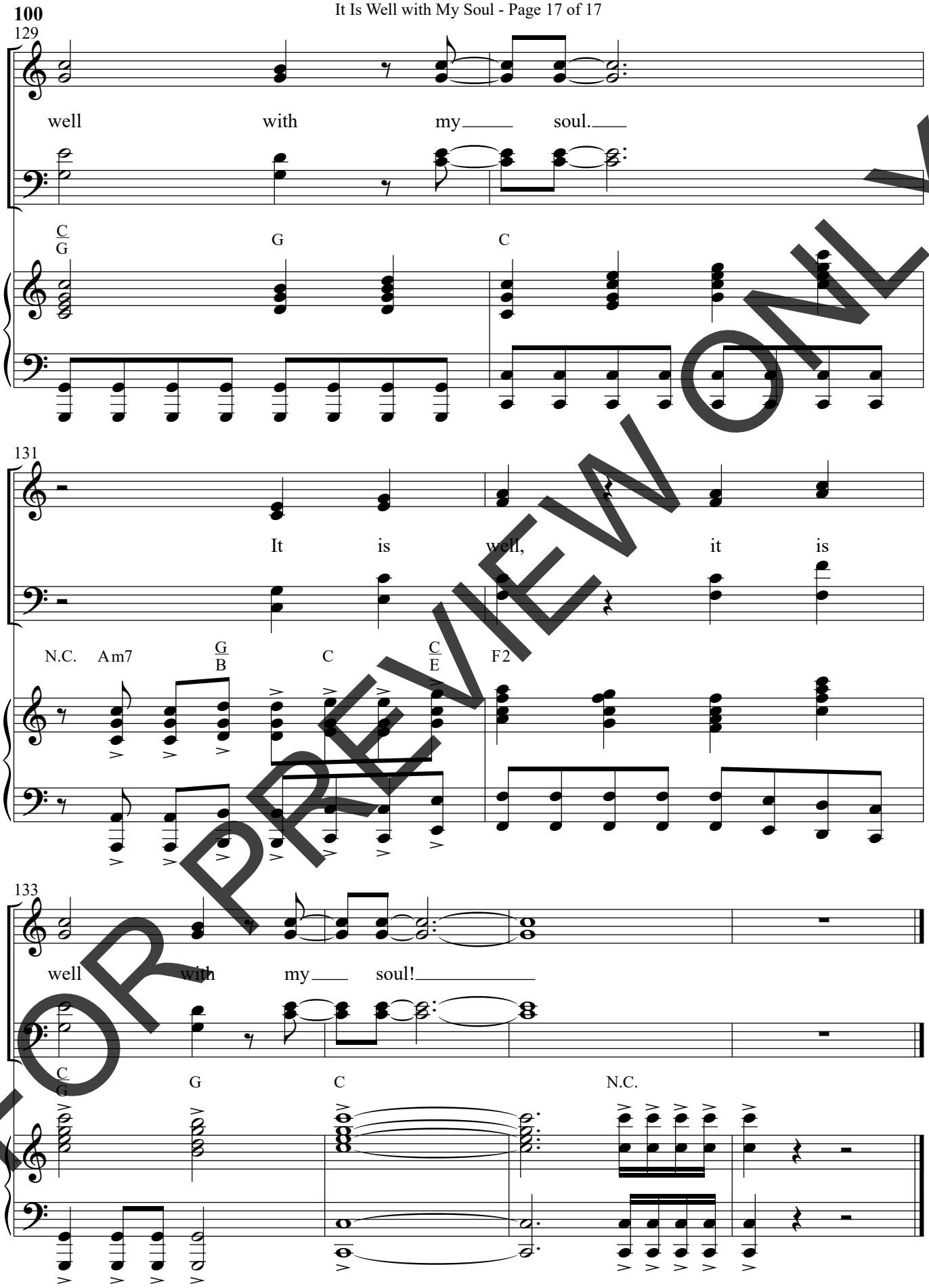

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SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

Note from the arranger to the worship leader: The scriptures throughout this project are listed as a potential resource. These passages could be read or spoken from memory during intros and instrumental sections. They could also simply be placed on the screen (or in the bulletin) for reflection during these sections. In my role as worship pastor, I use scripture in this way every Sunday and have found that it impacts the congregation on such a deep level. Obviously, there are many other passages that would work well with each of these songs. These selections are just a starting point for you as you plan and lead worship.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Intro (mesa. 1-12): It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. *(Psalm 92:1-2 ESV)*

After Verse 1 (meas. 23-26): At the works of your hands I sing for joy. *(Psalm 92:4 ESV)*

After Verse 2 (meas. 37-46): Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! *(Psalm 148:1-2 ESV)*

After Verse 3 (meas. 57-64): Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. *(Psalm 148:13 ESV)*

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

Intro (meas. 1-10): Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! *(Psalm 95:1-2 ESV)*

After Verse 1 (meas. 28-31): Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! *(Psalm 95:6 ESV)*

After Verse 2 (meas. 48-55): Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. *(1 Chronicles 16:25-27 ESV)*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Intro (meas. 1-8): The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *(Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV)*

After Chorus 2 (meas. 76-83): "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. *(Lamentations 3:24-25 ESV)*

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AMAZING GRACE

Intro (meas. 1-8): But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. *(Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV)*

After Verse 3 (meas. 36-43): In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. *(Ephesians 1:7 ESV)*

Outro (meas. 64-68): "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." *(John 9:25 ESV)*

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Intro (meas. 1-8): Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! *(1 Chronicles 16:8-9 ESV)*

After Verse 2 (meas. 43-51): Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done. *(1 Chronicles 16:10-12 ESV)*

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

Intro (meas. 1-3): Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. *(1 Peter 1:8 ESV)*

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

Intro (1-4): But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Galatians 6:14 ESV)*

After Chorus 2 (meas. 69-84): Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. *(Philippians 2:5-8 ESV)*

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Intro (meas. 1-8): Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *(Hebrews 12:1b-2 ESV)*

After Chorus 2 (meas. 43-50): For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *(Romans 5:6, 8 ESV)*

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HE LEADETH ME

Intro (meas. 1-4): The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. *(Psalm 23:1-3a ESV)*

After Chorus 1 (meas. 23-26): He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *(Psalm 23:3b ESV)*

After Chorus 2 (meas. 45-49): Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *(Psalm 23:6 ESV)*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

After Chorus 1 (meas. 26-31): As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. *(Psalm 103:12 ESV)*

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Narrative (meas. 73-96)

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