TTBB
accompanied

Let Us Awake

text by
Rabindranath Tagore

music by
James Elias Pick

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Note from the Composer

The text for *Let Us Awake* was adapted from Rabindranath Tagore's *Gitanjali 35*. Written as a prayer and call to action for pre-independence India, the poem was originally composed in Bengali and translated into English by Tagore himself, published in 1912.

More than a century later, the call of these words remains profoundly relevant. Setting aside the differences that divide, we are urged to pursue knowledge, reason, and truth — a pursuit guided by integrity and perseverance. Thought and action are inseparable, leading us into the "heaven of freedom" that awaits our awakening.

The repeated word *awake* functions as both plea and rallying cry. Slowly unfolding from a single note, the voices echo awake, building in complexity and strength, spurring each other forward — a musical reflection of the intentional striving toward moral clarity and the preservation of human dignity that Tagore envisions.

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

Soli Deo Gloria.

~ James Elias Pick
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Text:

Awake! Awake!

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free, let us awake;
Where the world has not been broken up
Into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Into that heaven of freedom, let my country awake;
Into that heaven, my Father, let us awake,
Let us awake.

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free, let us awake;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way,
Let us awake! Awake!

Into that heaven of freedom, let my country awake;
Into that heaven, my Father, let us awake.
Where the mind is led forward into thought and action;
Into that heaven, let us awake!
Awake! Awake!

~ Rabindranath Tagore (adapted)

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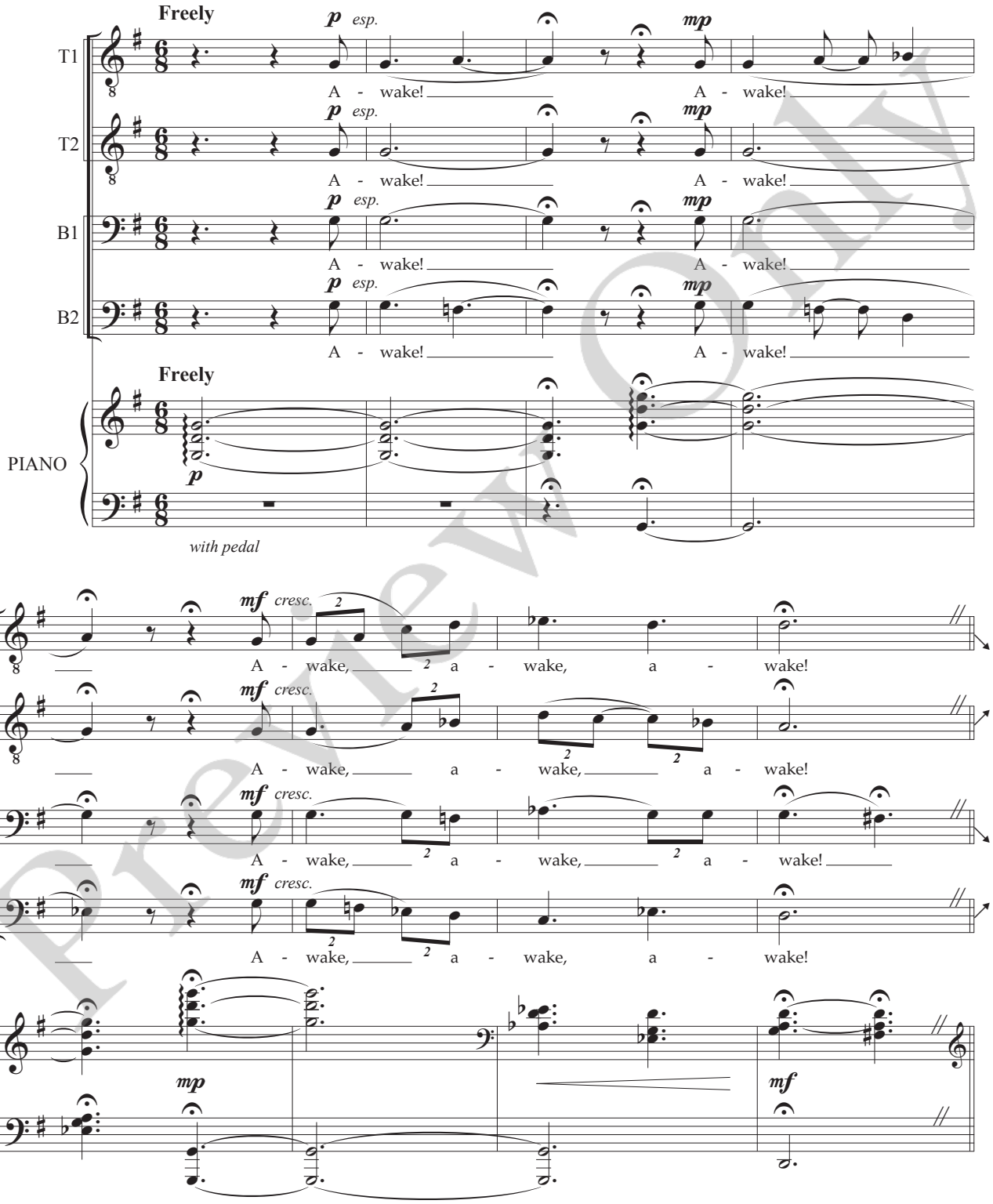
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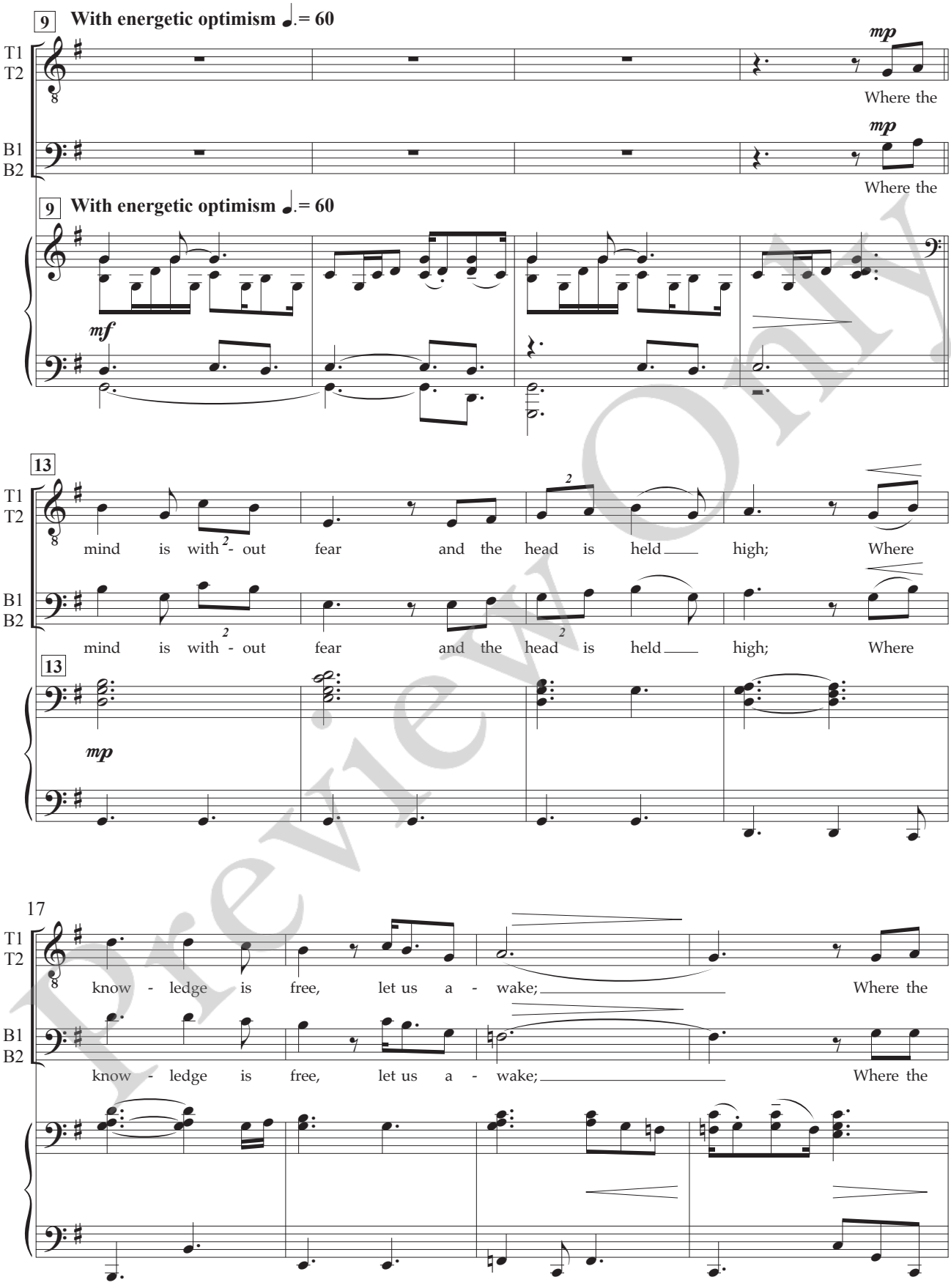
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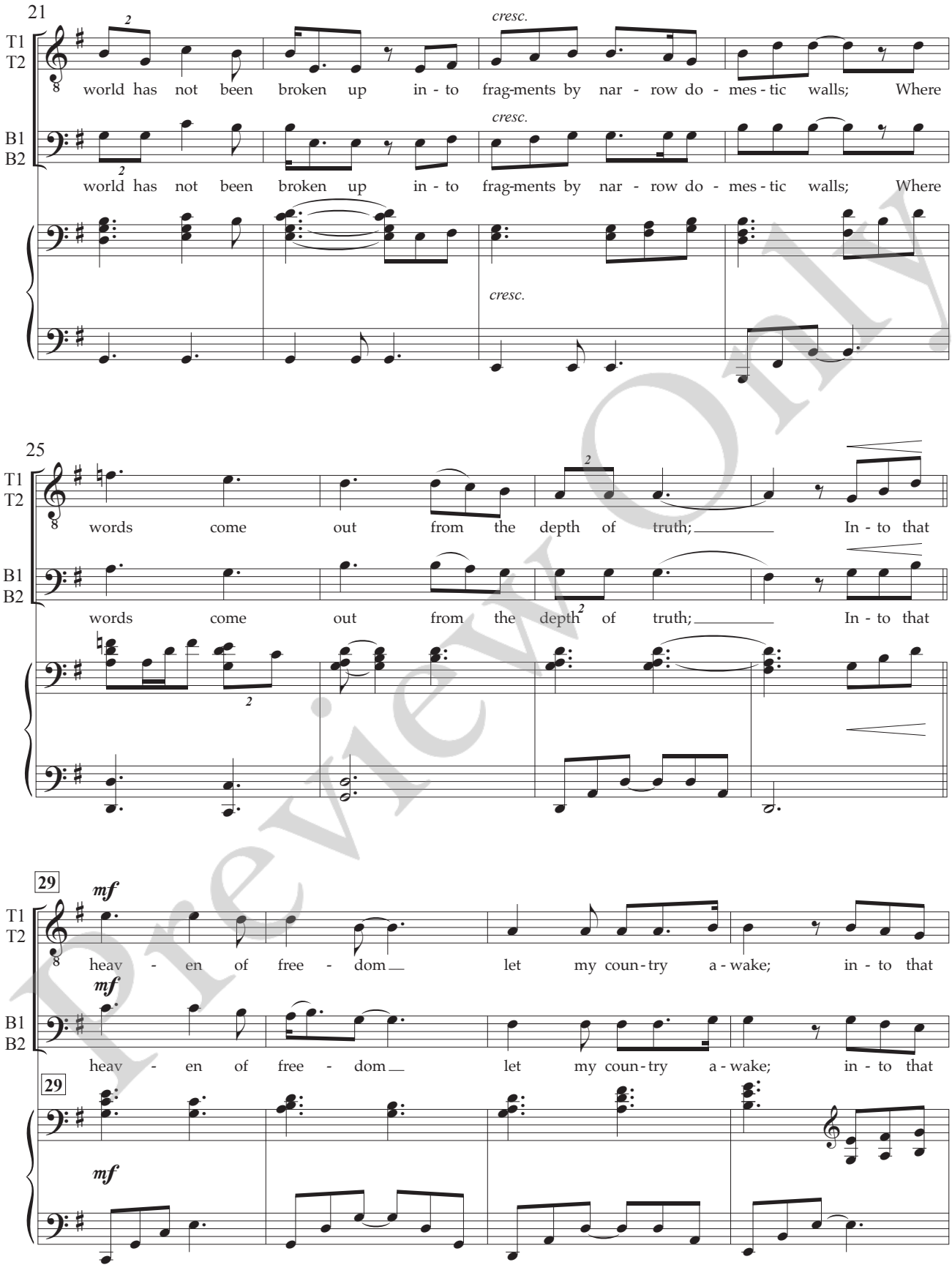
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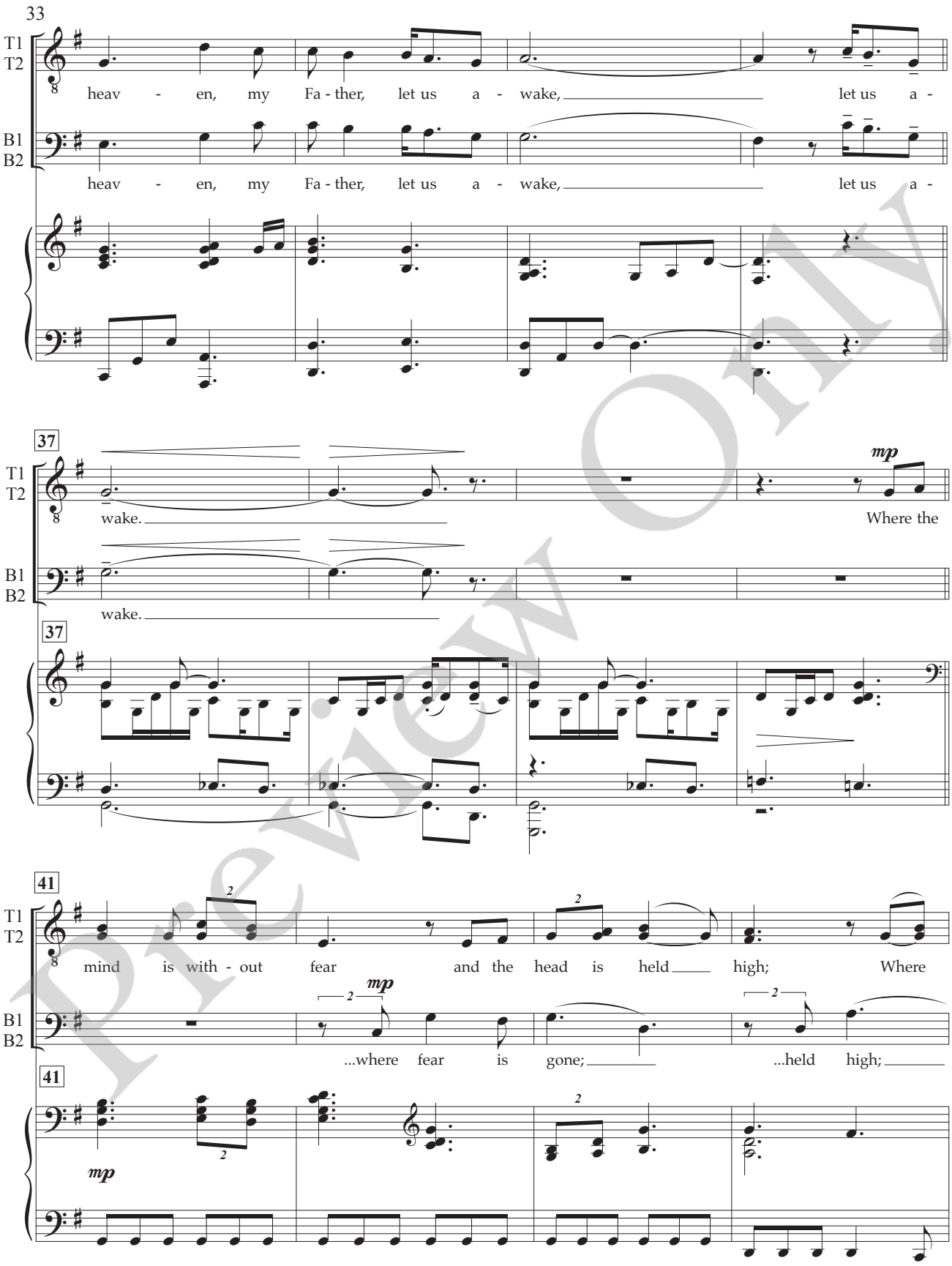
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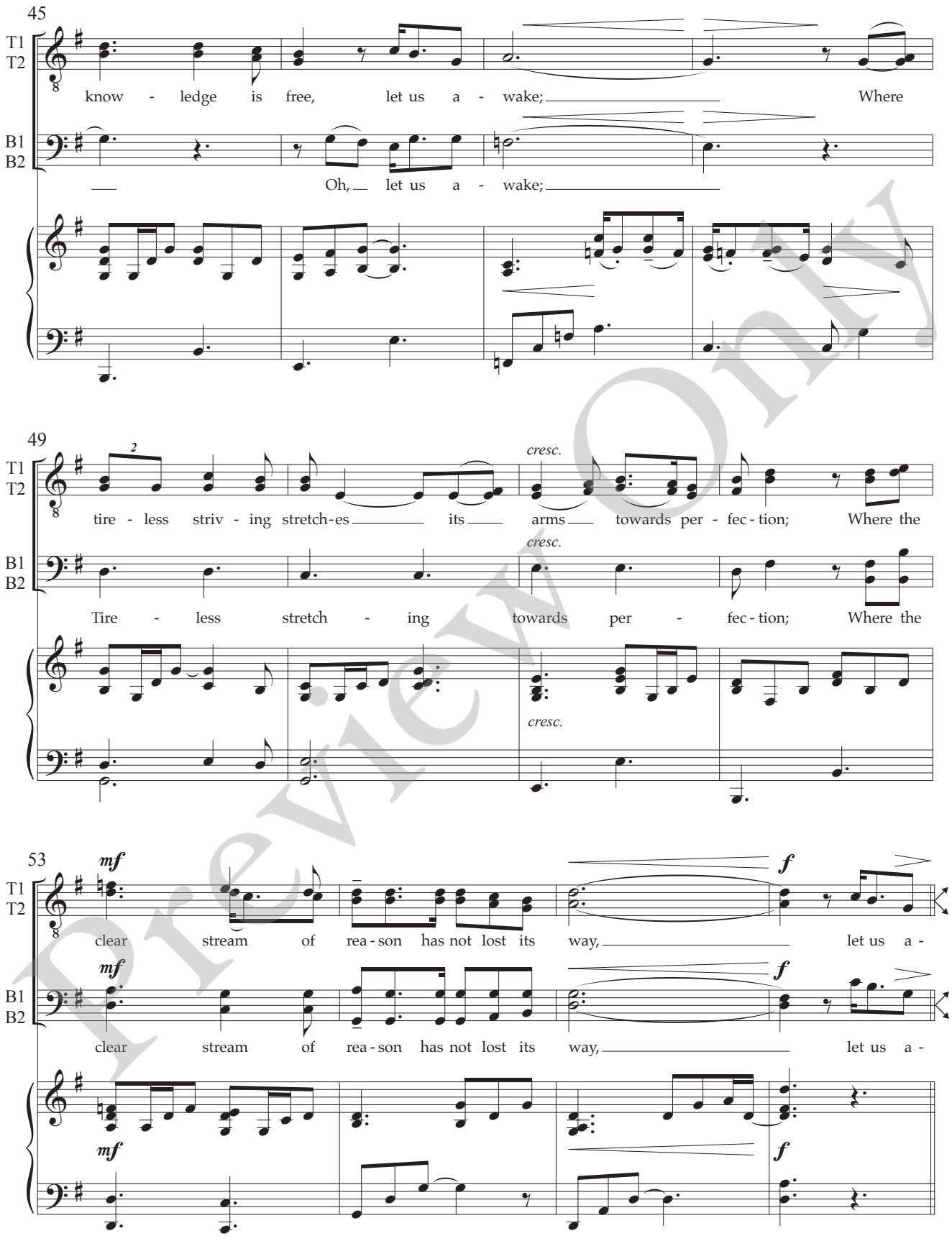
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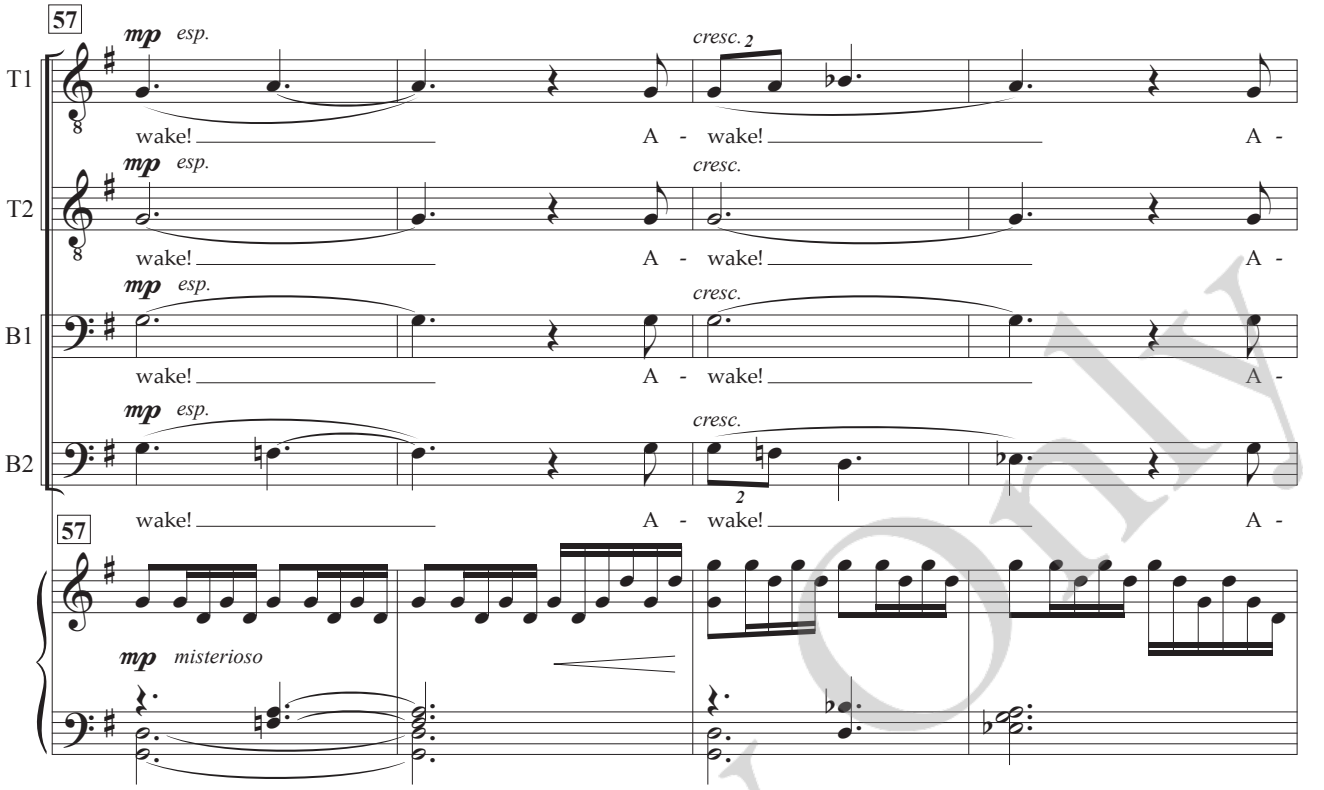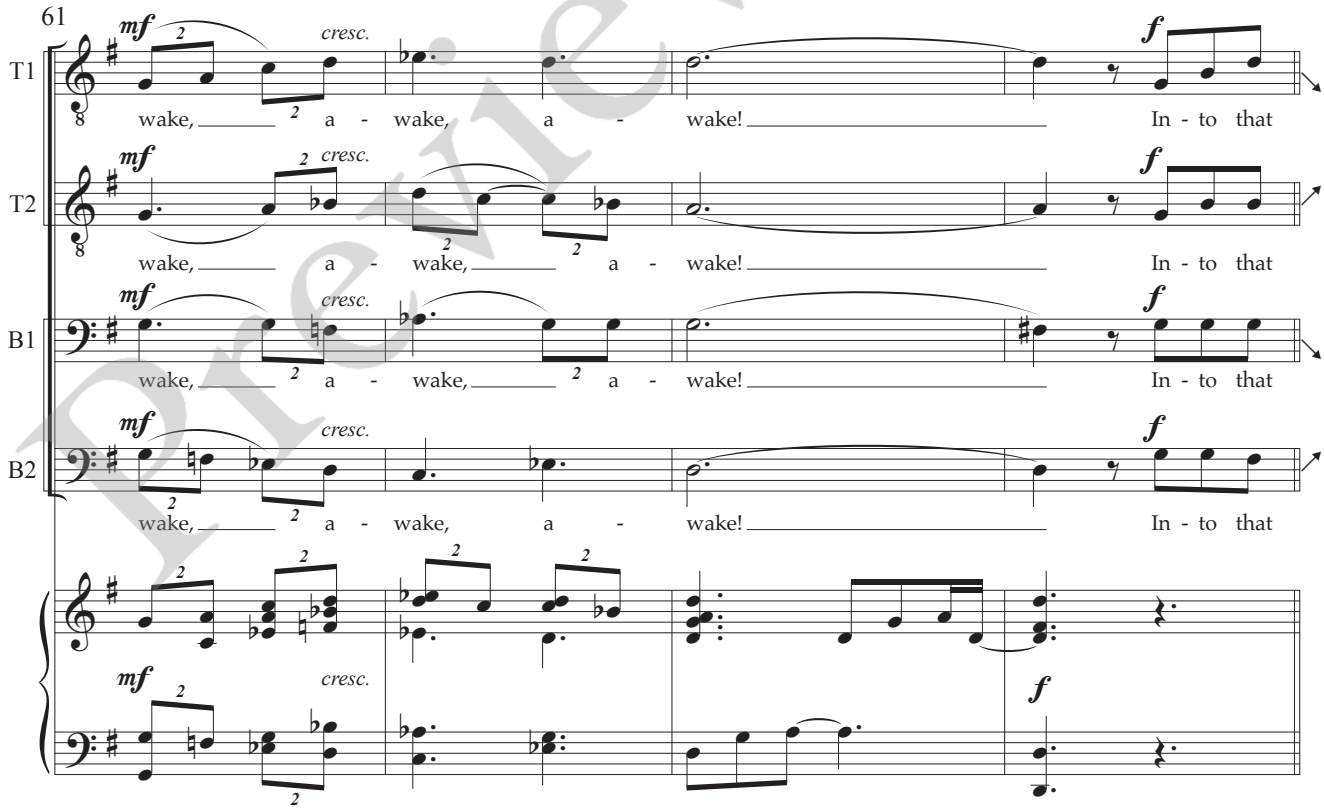
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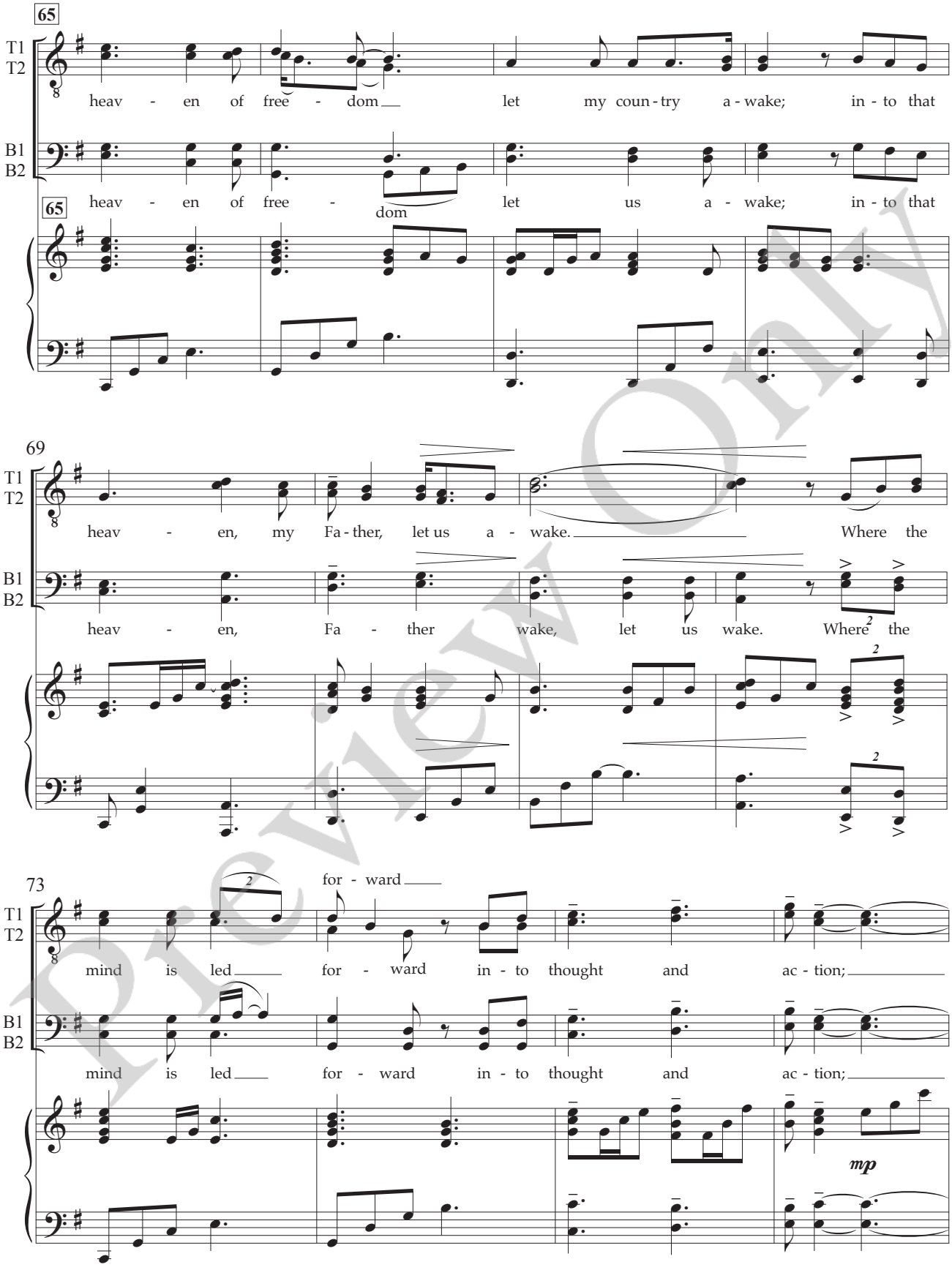
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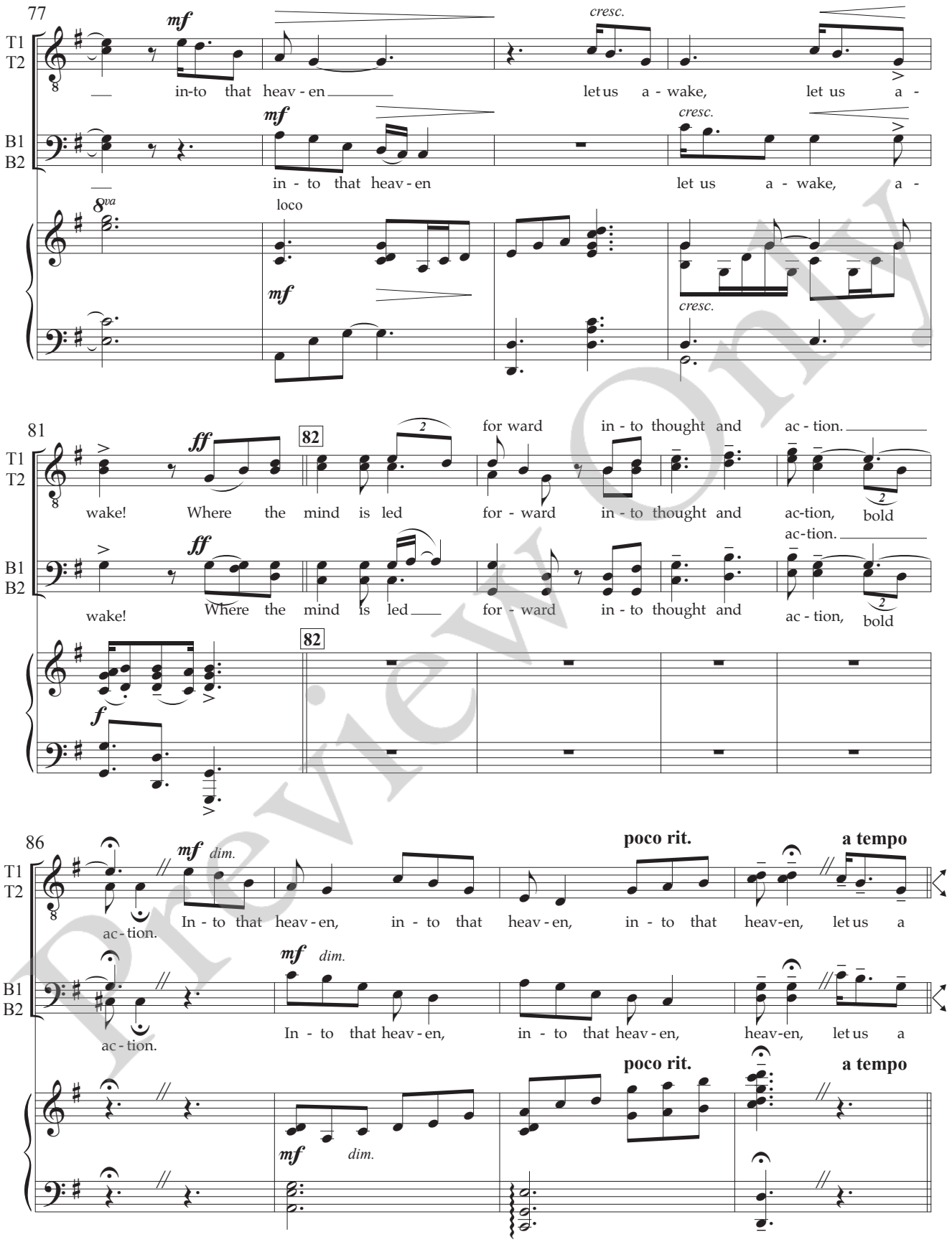
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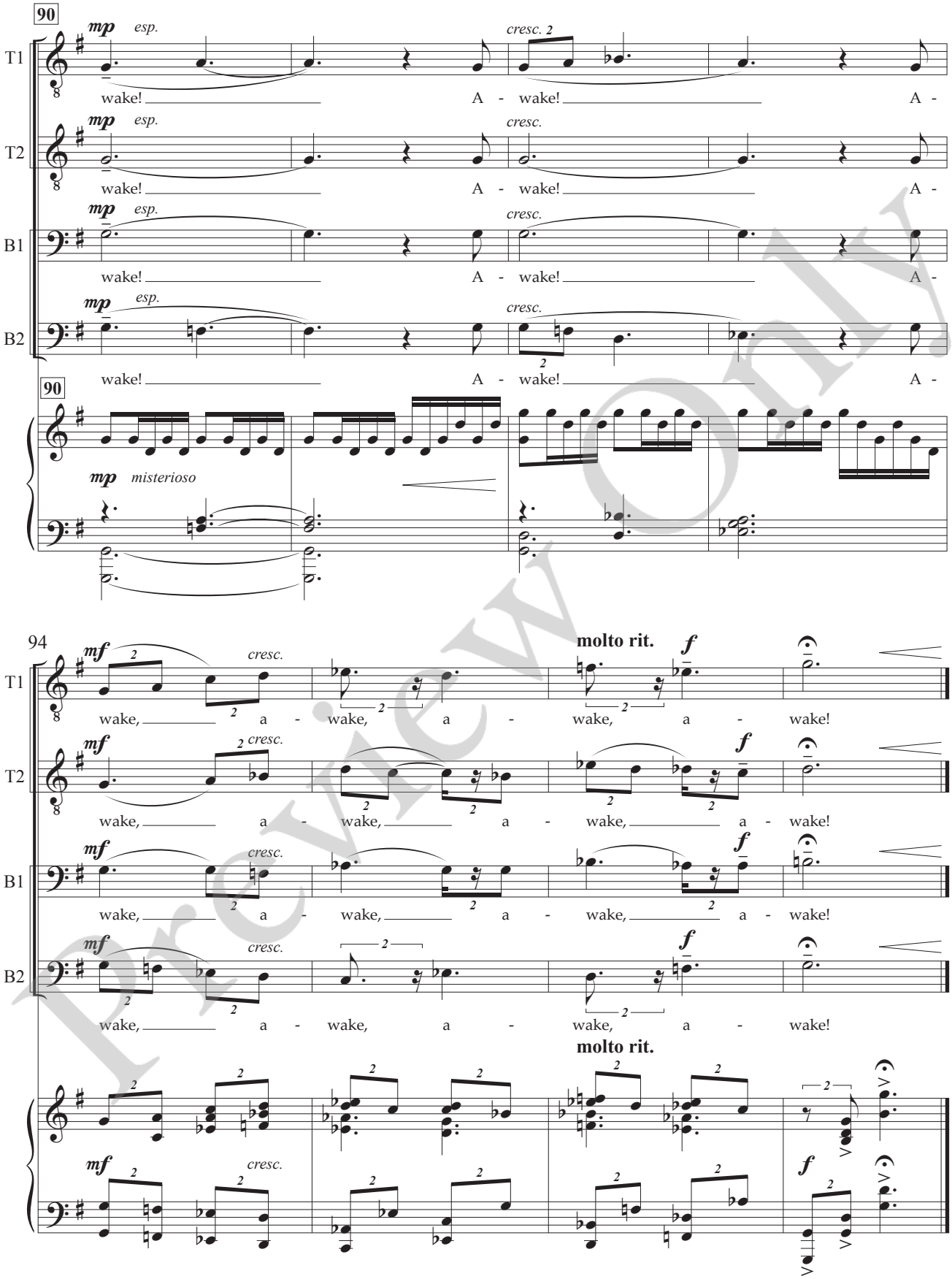
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