NOTES

Utilizing the Advent text from Luke 1:38, ***Dixit Maria*** presents the moment of ecstatic joy during the Annunciation. I have sought to capture not only the joyful moment of Gabriel's message to Mary, but also the feelings of exaltation that this story has given to so many people for generations.

The work opens with a choral fanfare, setting a tone of grandeur which prevails throughout. This is followed by a playful melody which features interjections of near fervent exaltation. The music then moves to a lyrical tune through which singers may take the opportunity to showcase attention to tone and phrasing. The music then transitions back to the playful melody, and the work ends in a triumphant exclamation.

When preparing ***Dixit Maria***, the conductor should pay special attention to the nuance of tone and phrasing throughout. *Rubato* is always encouraged, especially in the lyrical section. I hope that this work will be a tremendous addition to your treble repertoire and bring joy to performers and audiences alike.

—Thomas Juneau

Latin	***English***
Dixit Maria ad angelum:	*Mary said to the Angel:*
Ecce, ancilla Domini:	*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord:*
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.	*let it be done to me according to your word.*

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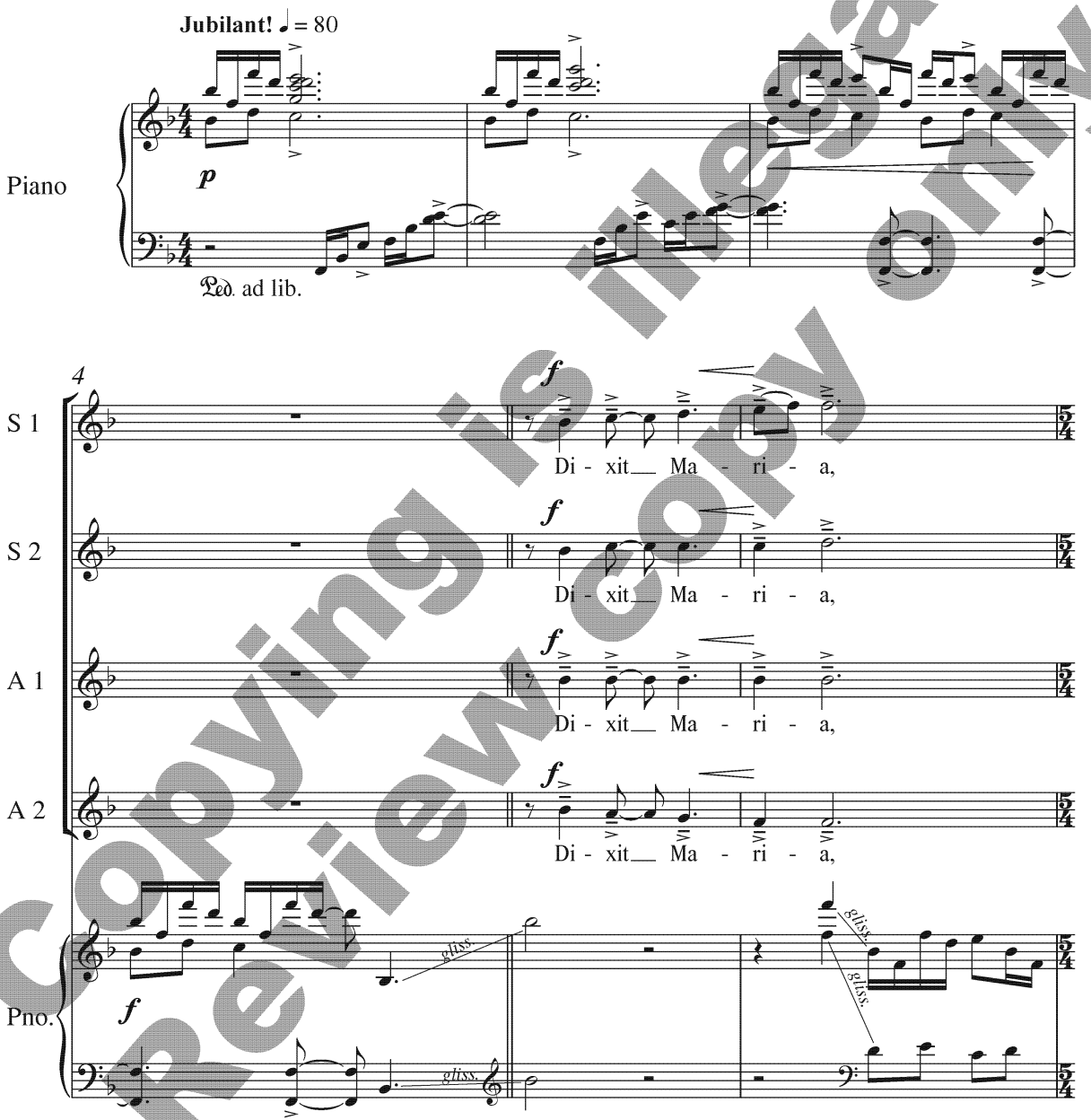

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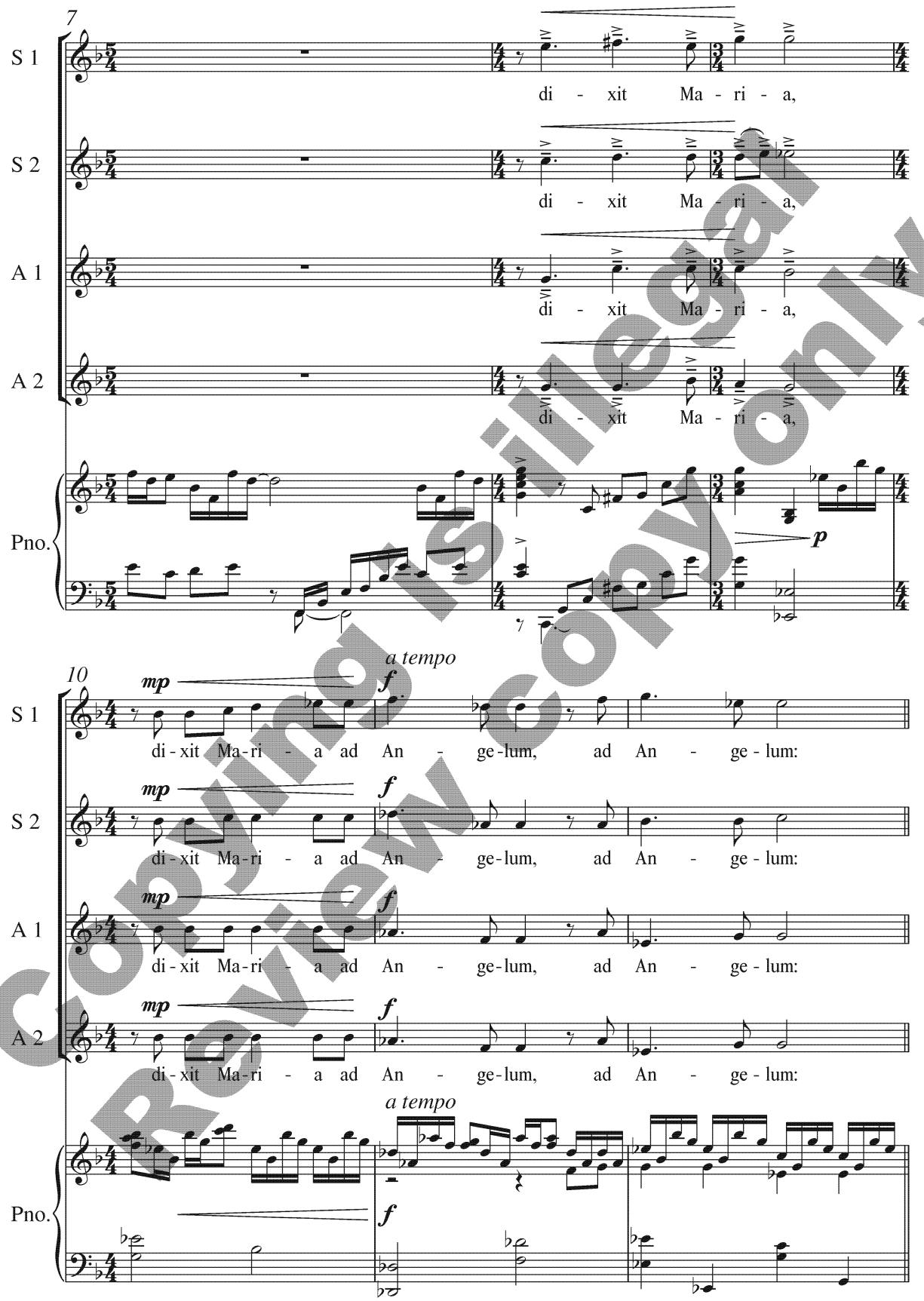

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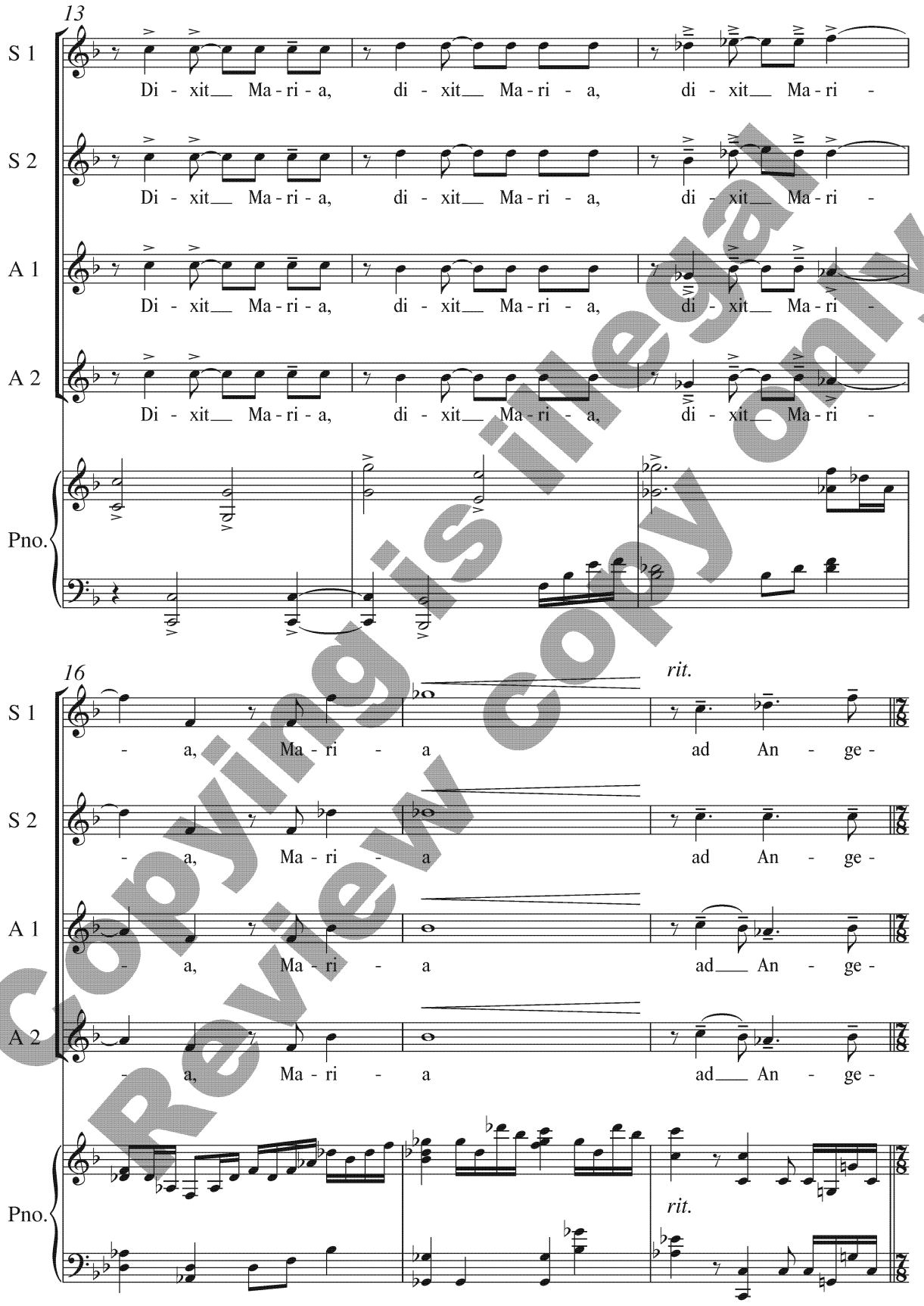

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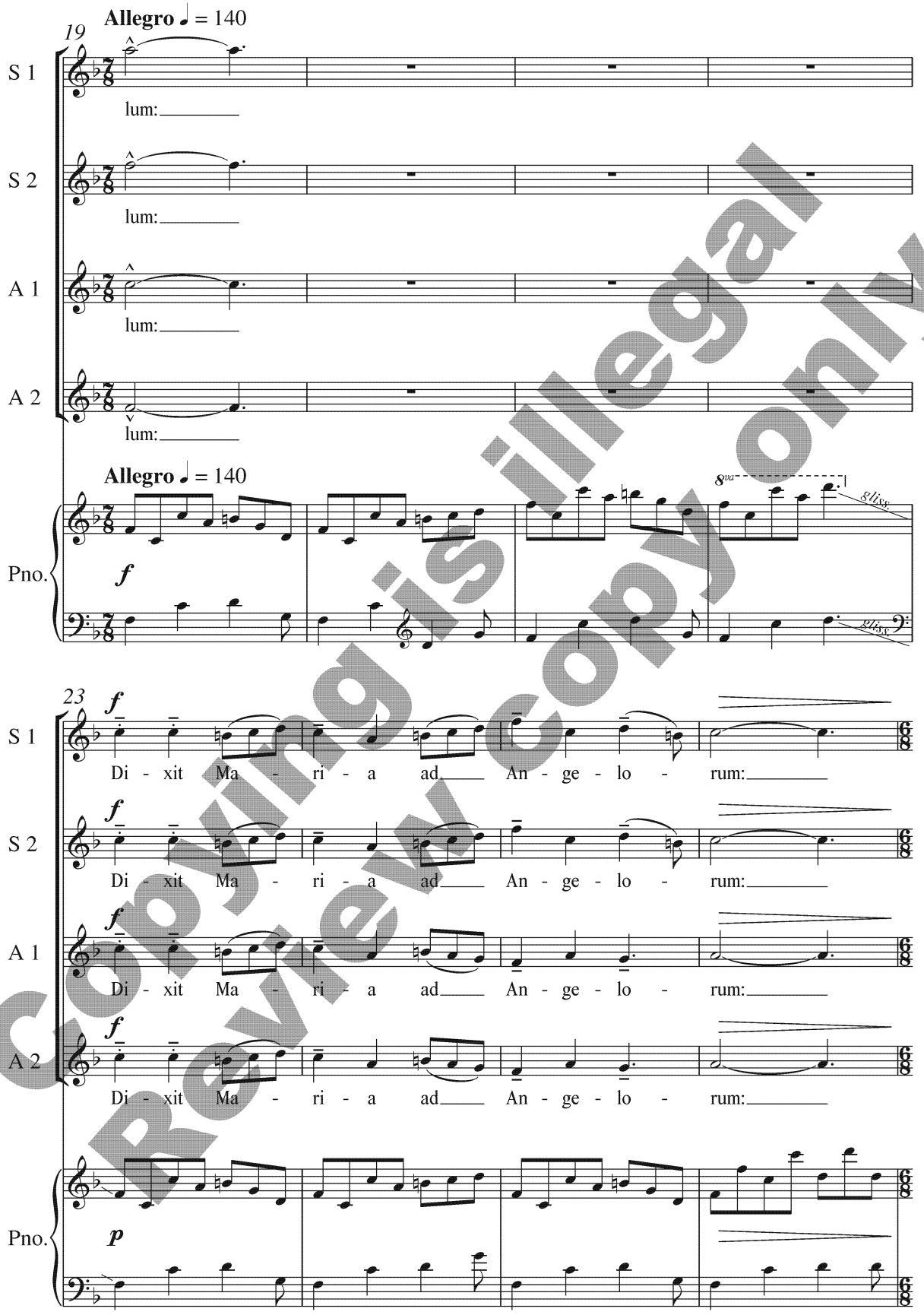

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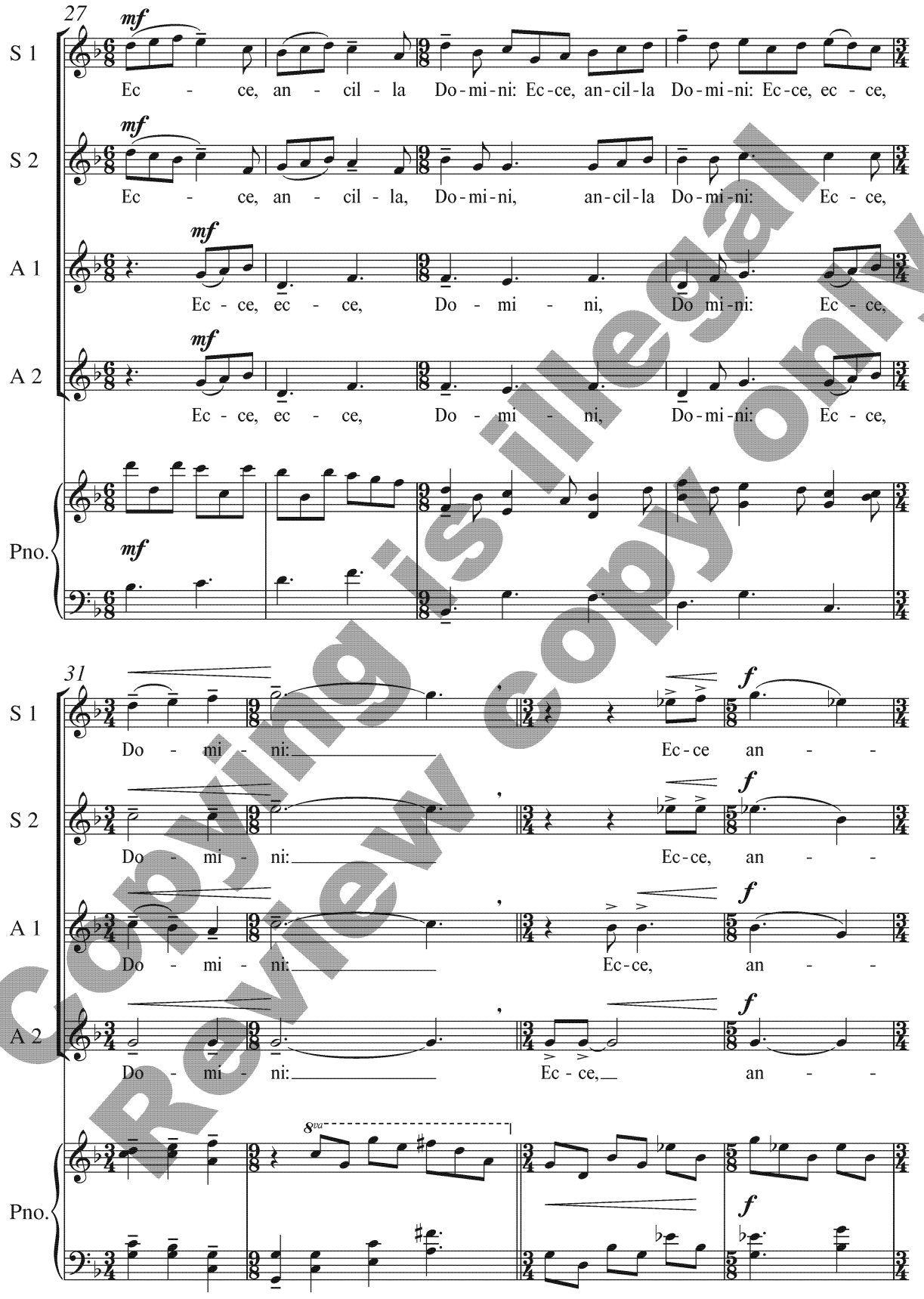

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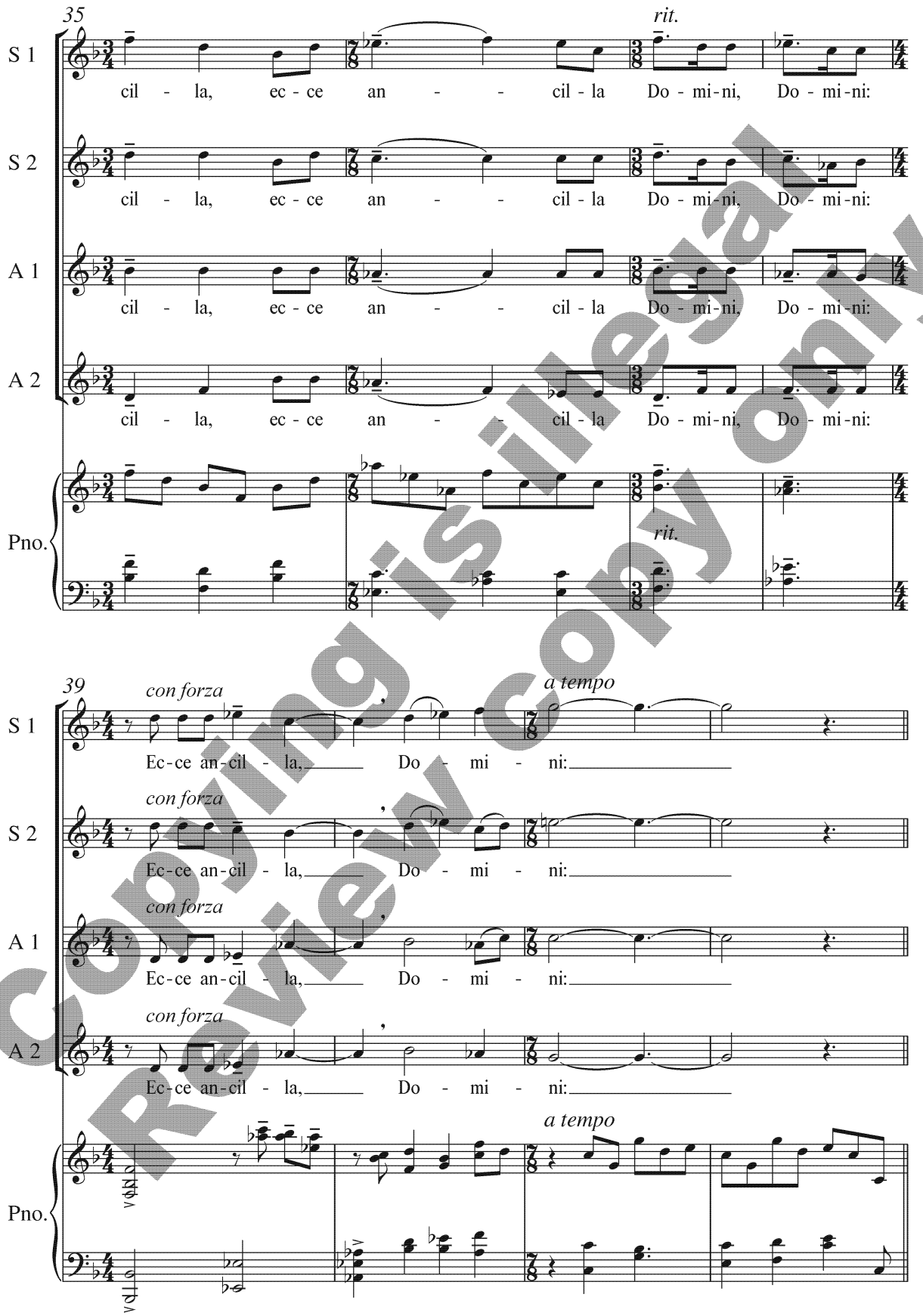

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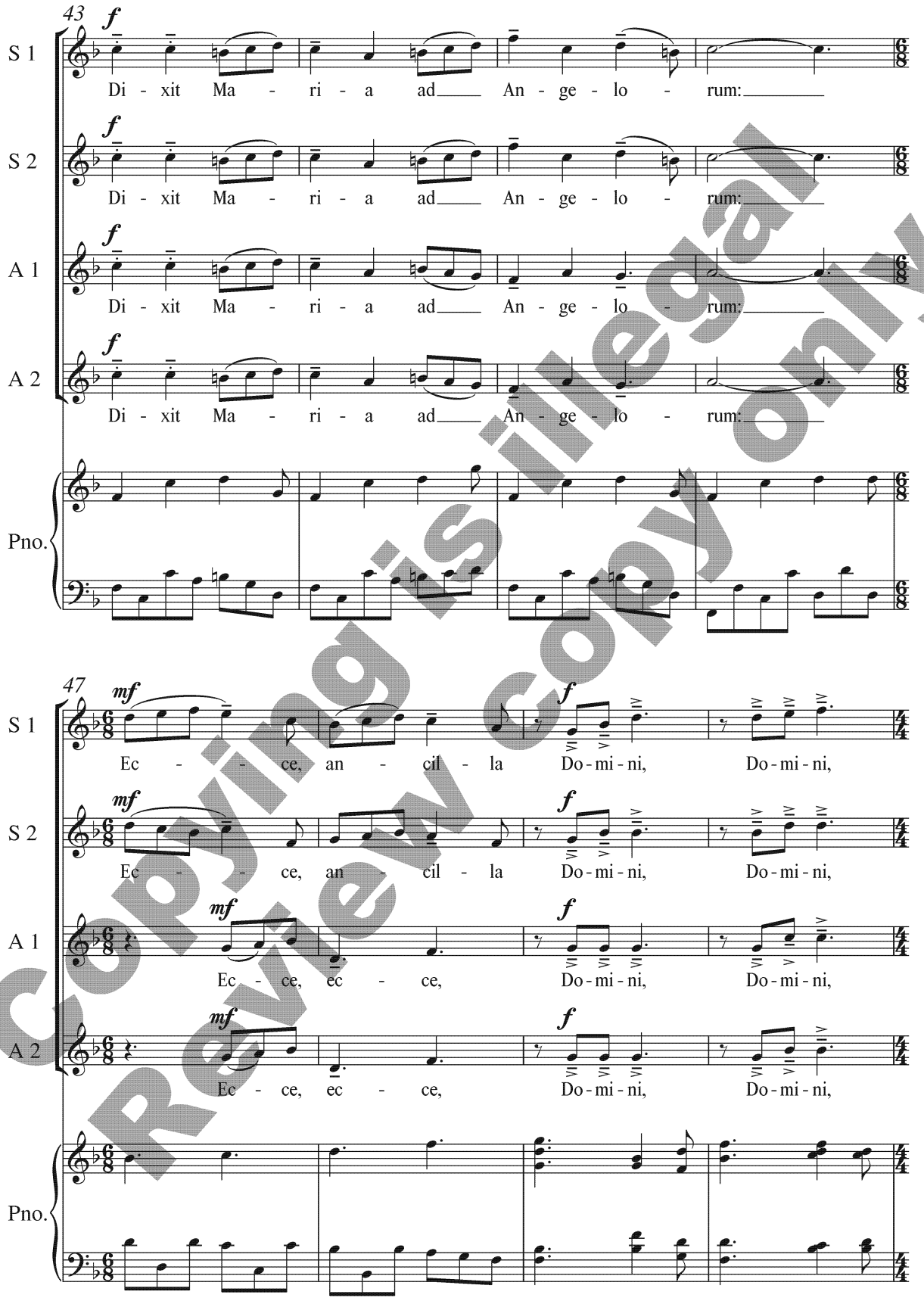

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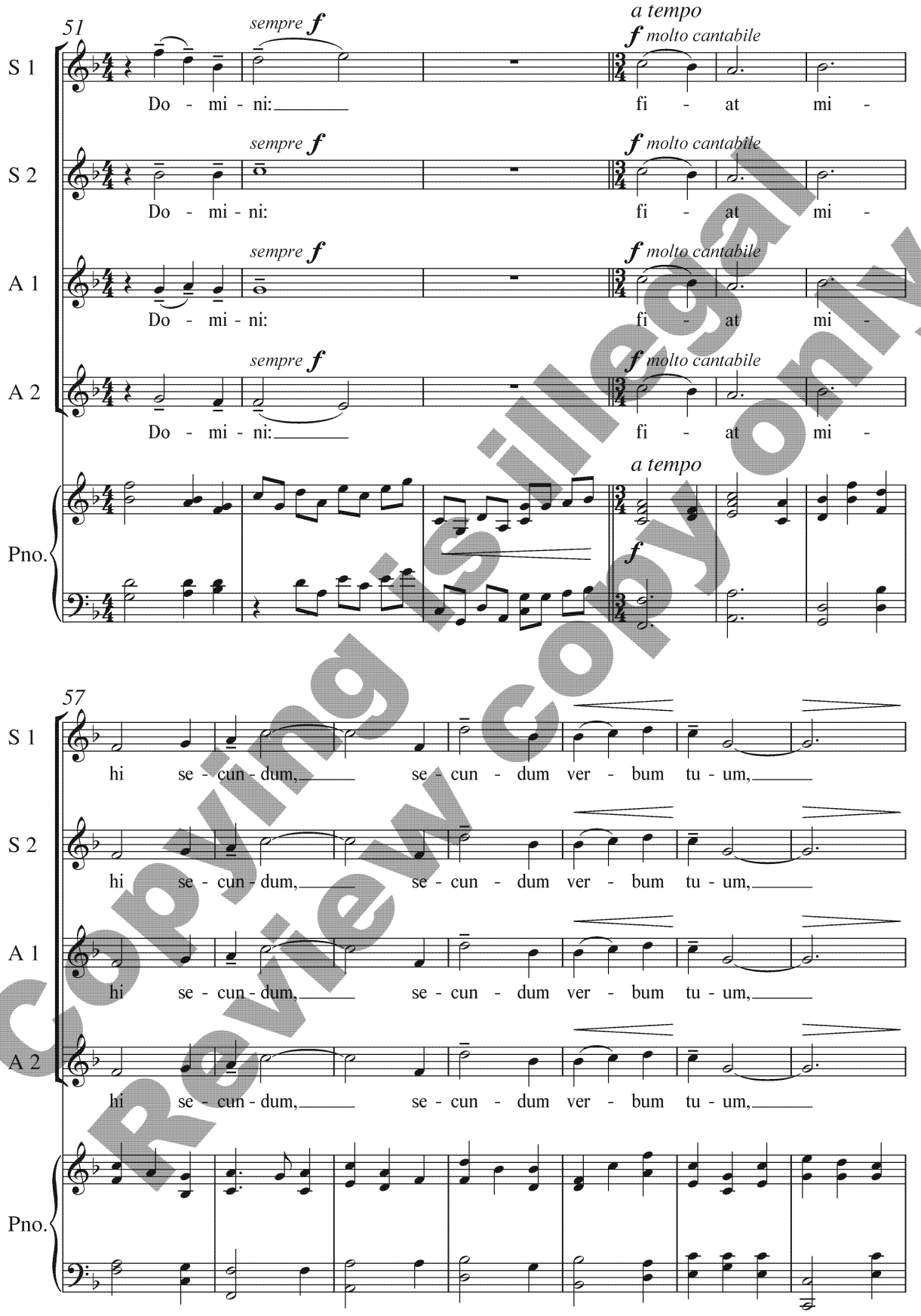

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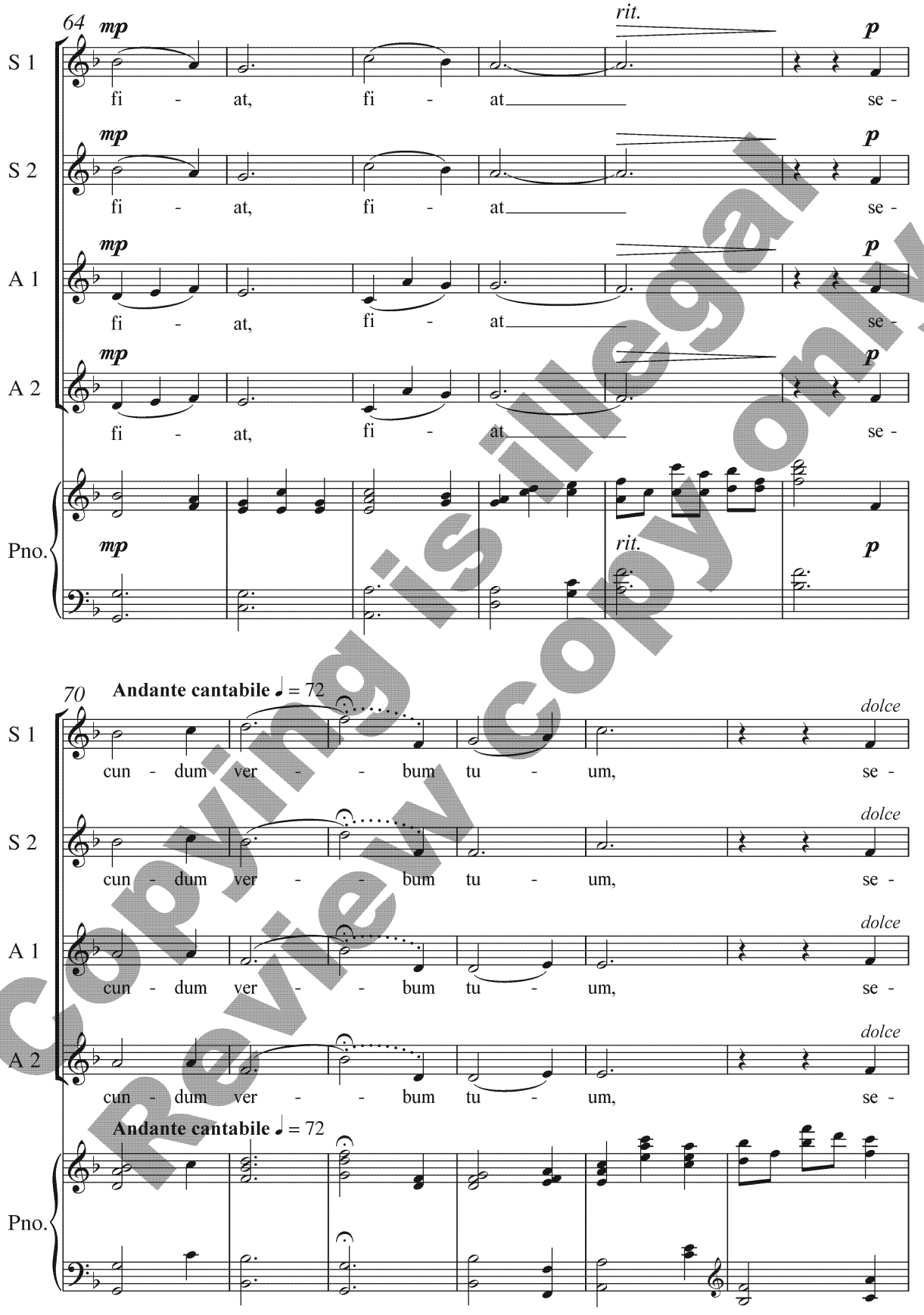

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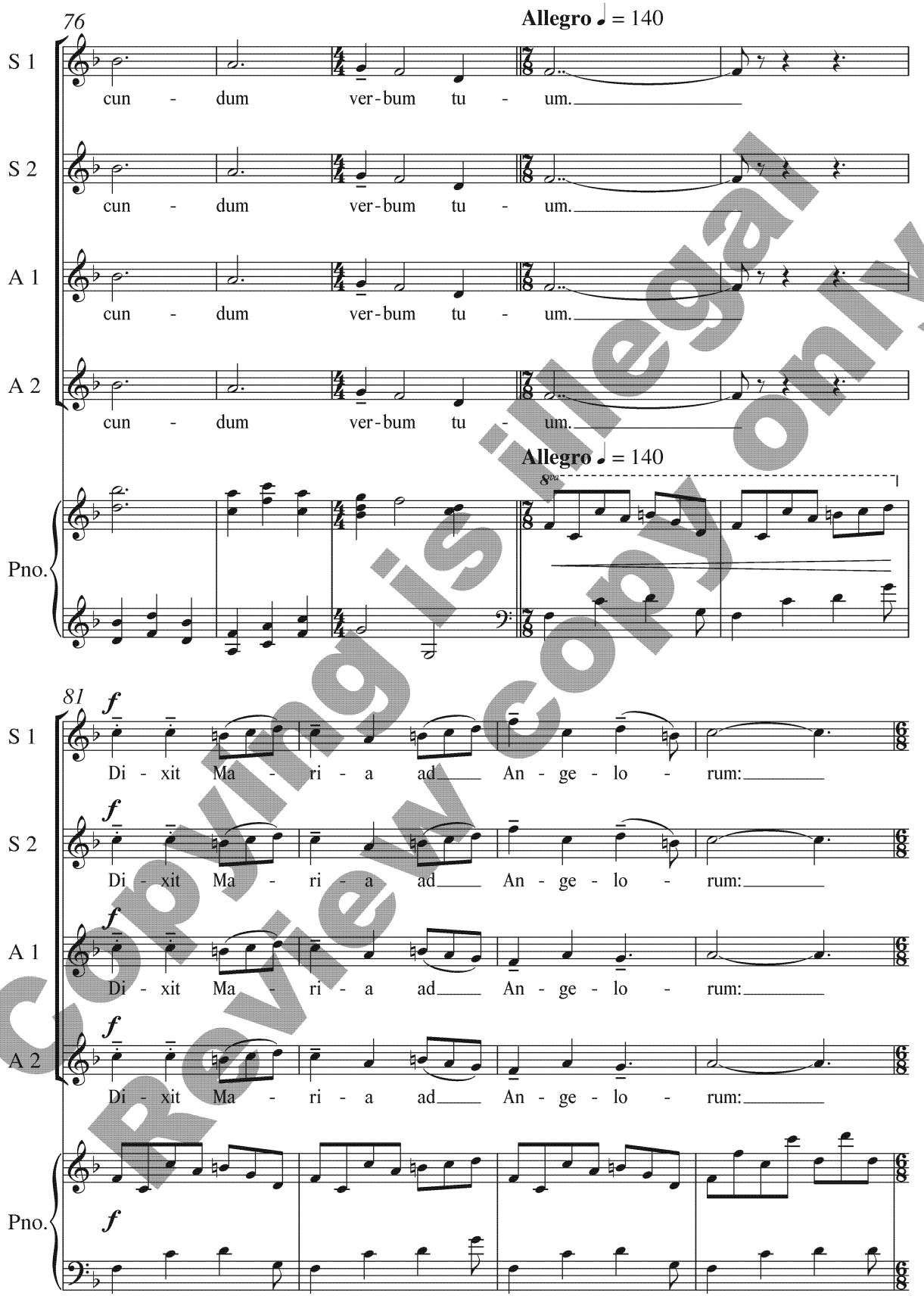

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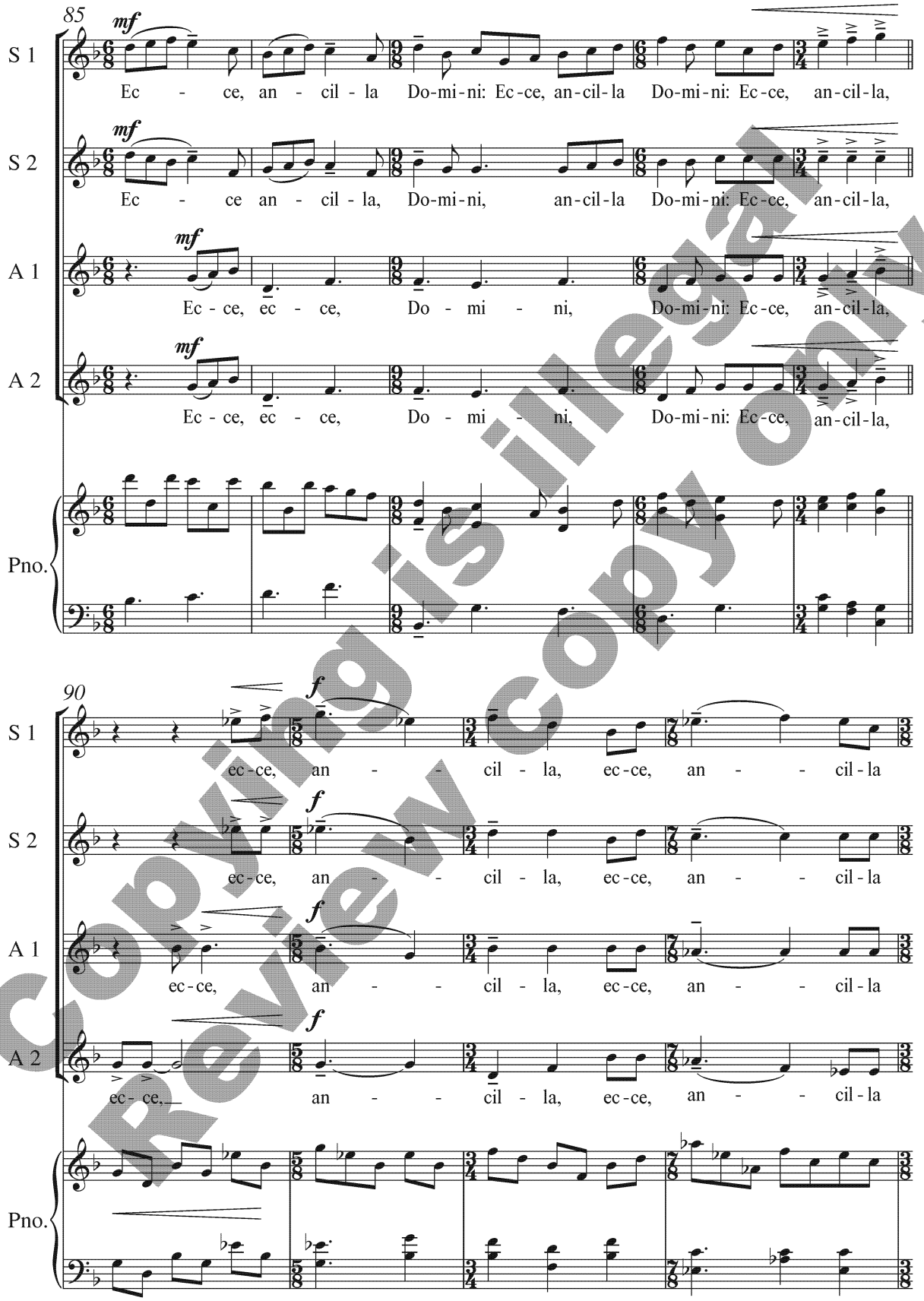

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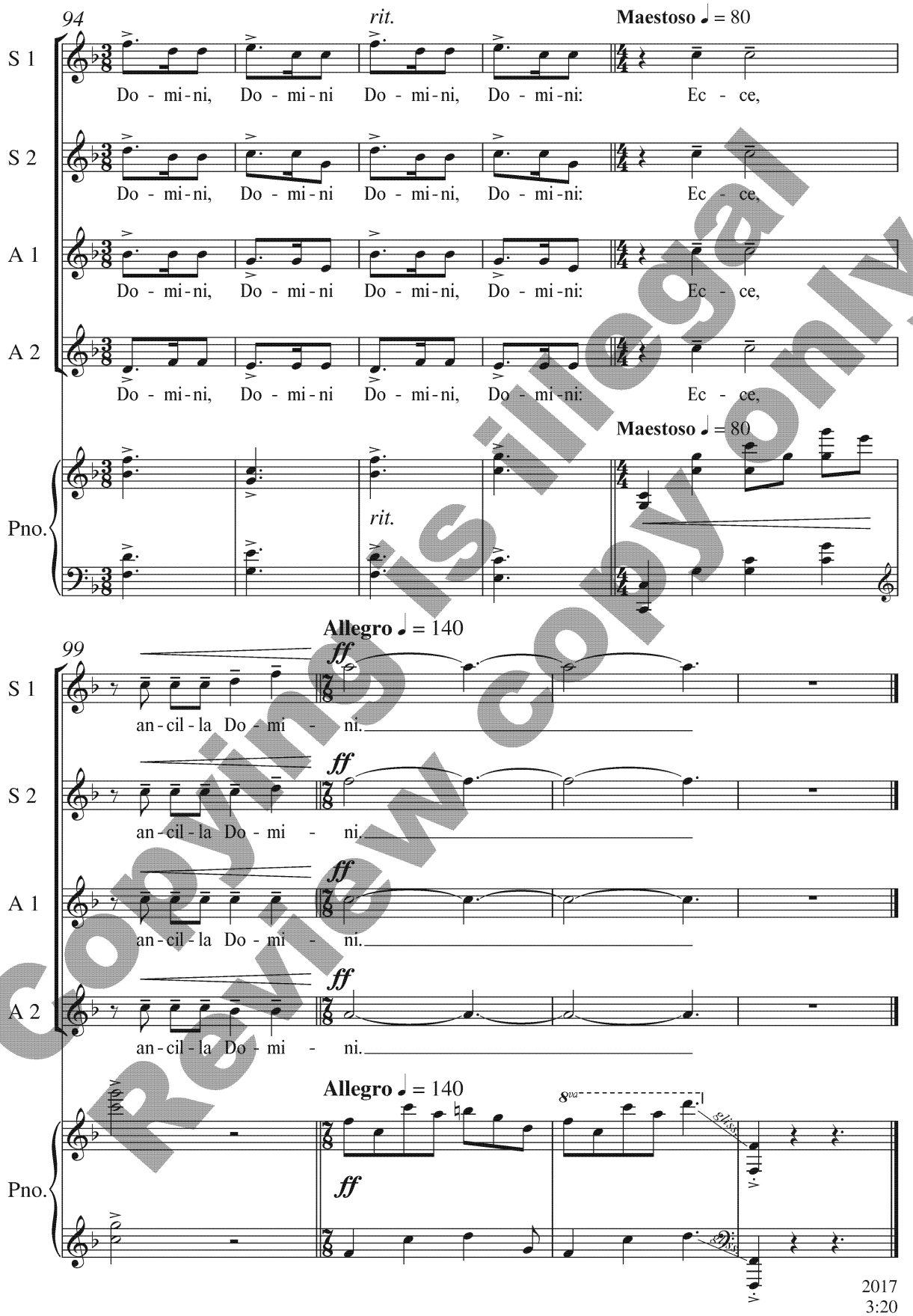

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