Chanukah, Chanukah

This arrangement features a new melody for these well-known Chanukah lyrics that describe the beauty of the holiday and its special joy for children. The middle section recreates the spontaneous joy of children at play during the holiday and leads to the ending, where the chorus sings like a wildy spinning dreydl!

Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was recaptured from the Syrian Greeks in 165 BCE. The miracle referred to is the fact that when the priests returned to the Temple, they found only enough oil to last for one day, but it lasted for eight. Thus, holiday candles are lit on all eight days. The menorah, with its eight branches, one for each candle, has become the symbol of Chanukah.

Lyrics & Translation

Chanukah, Chanukah	**Chanukah, Chanukah**
Chag yafeh kaul kach	**Such a beautiful holiday**
Or chaviv misaviv	**A lovely light is all around**
Gil l'yeled rach	**Joy for a gentle child**
S'vivon sov, sov, sov	**Dreydl, spin, spin, spin**

Pronunciation Guide For Hebrew

a	**as in *ah***
e	**as in *led***
i	**as in *ski***
o	**as in French *beau***
u	**as in zoo (no diphthong)**
ei	**as in French *blasé***
ch	**as in German *buch***
g	**as in *good***
h	**as in *house***
k	**as in *kite***
s	**as in *sound***
sh	**as in *shoe***
ts	**as in *hits***

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Traditional Chanukah lyrics

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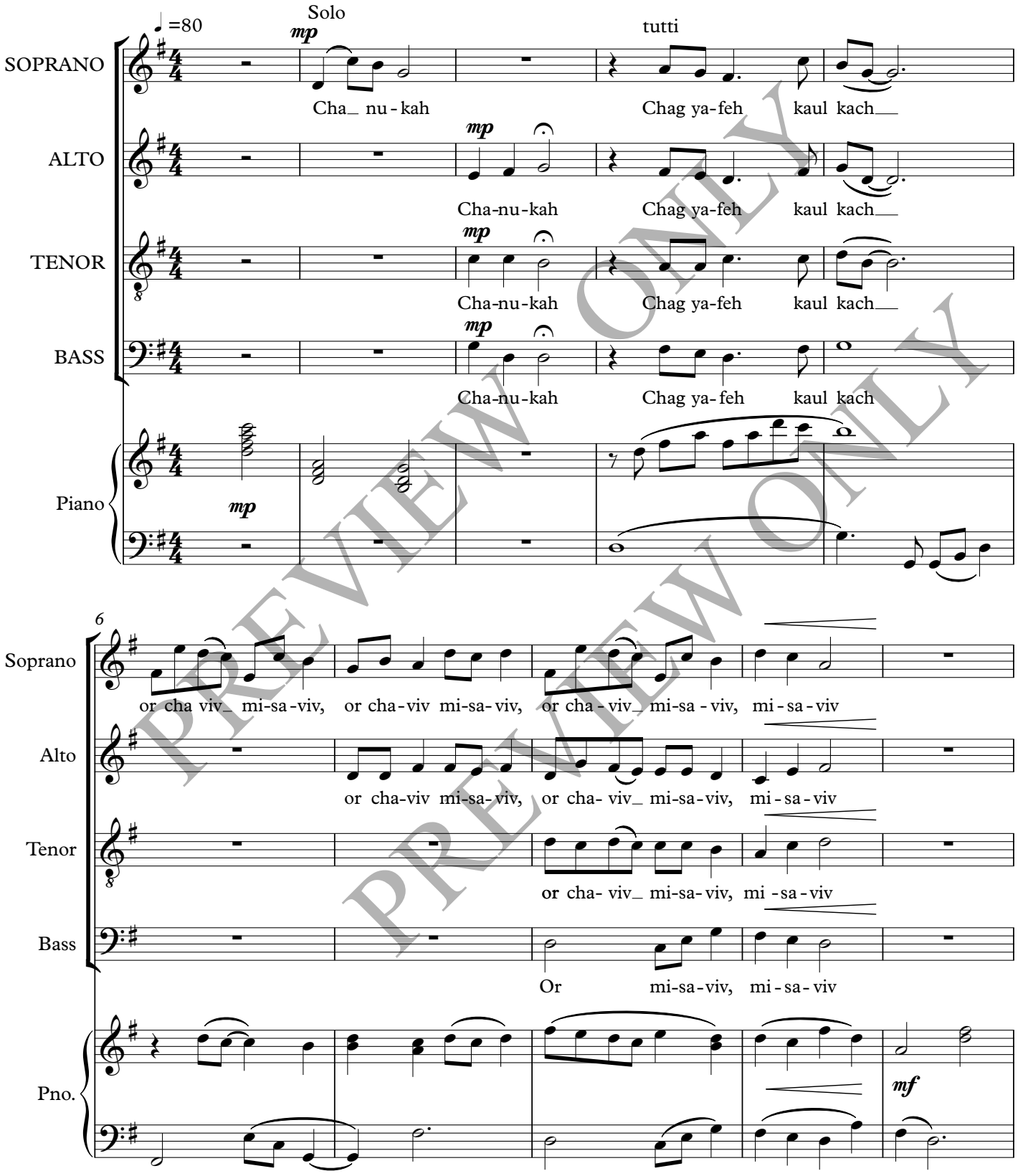

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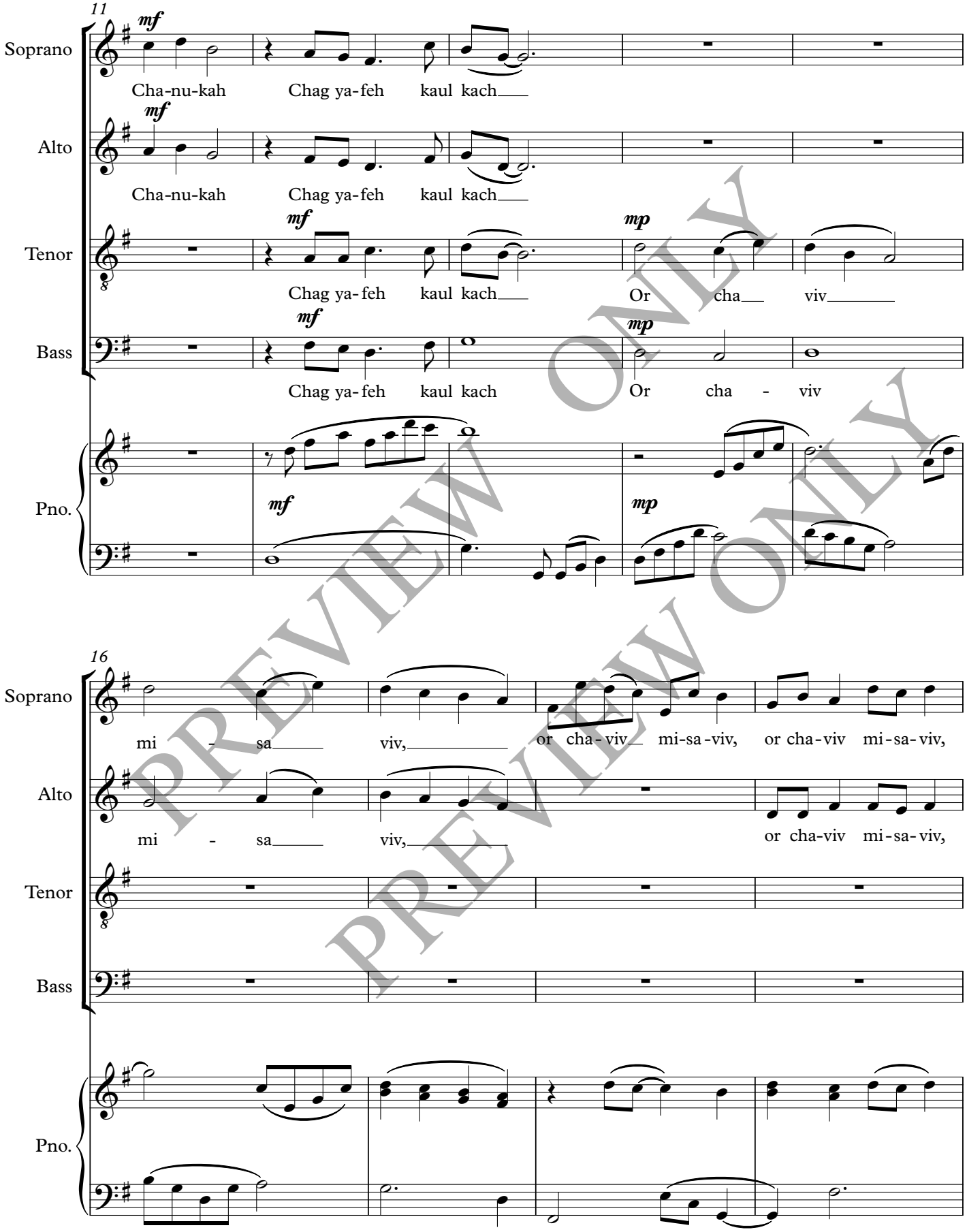

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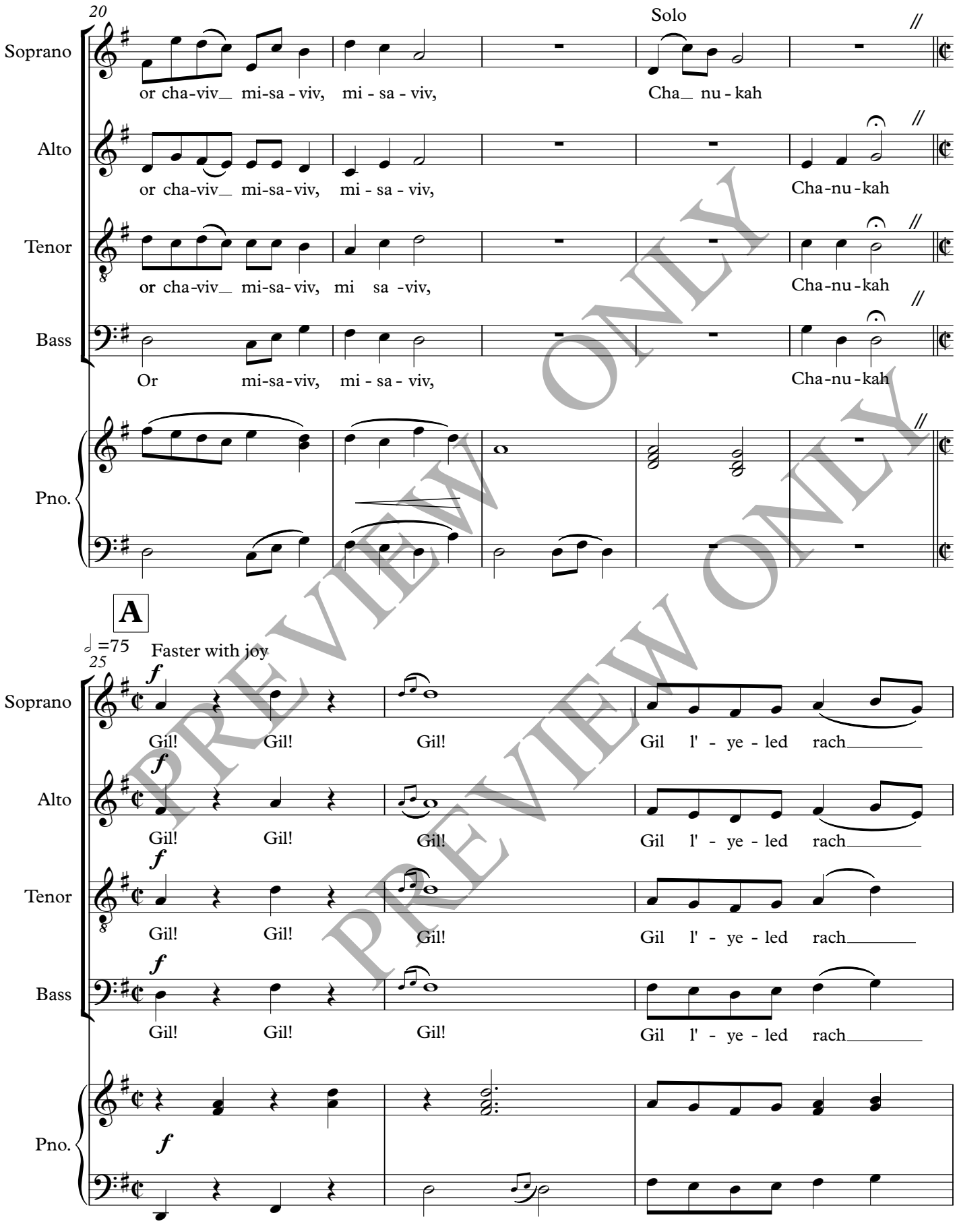

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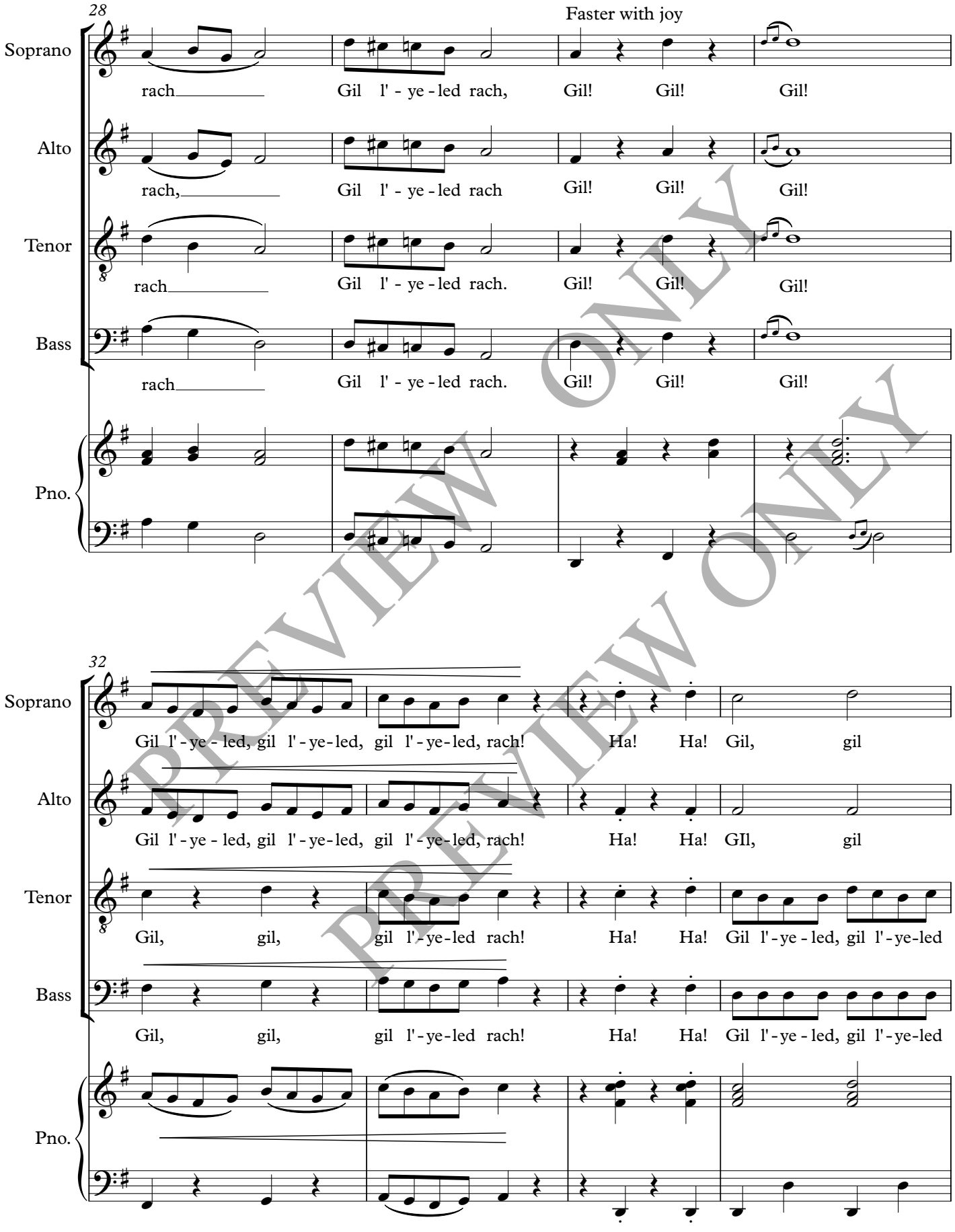

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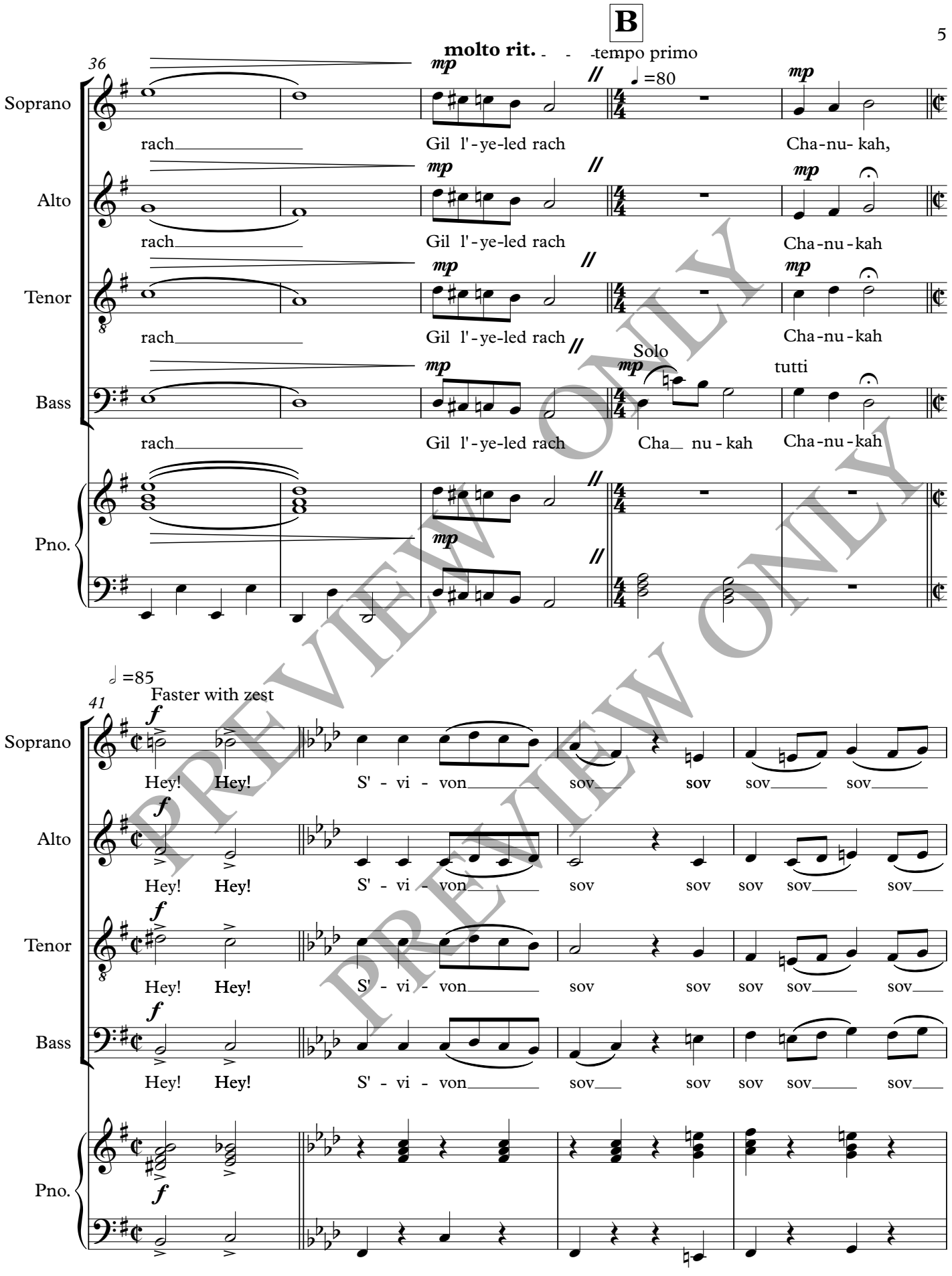

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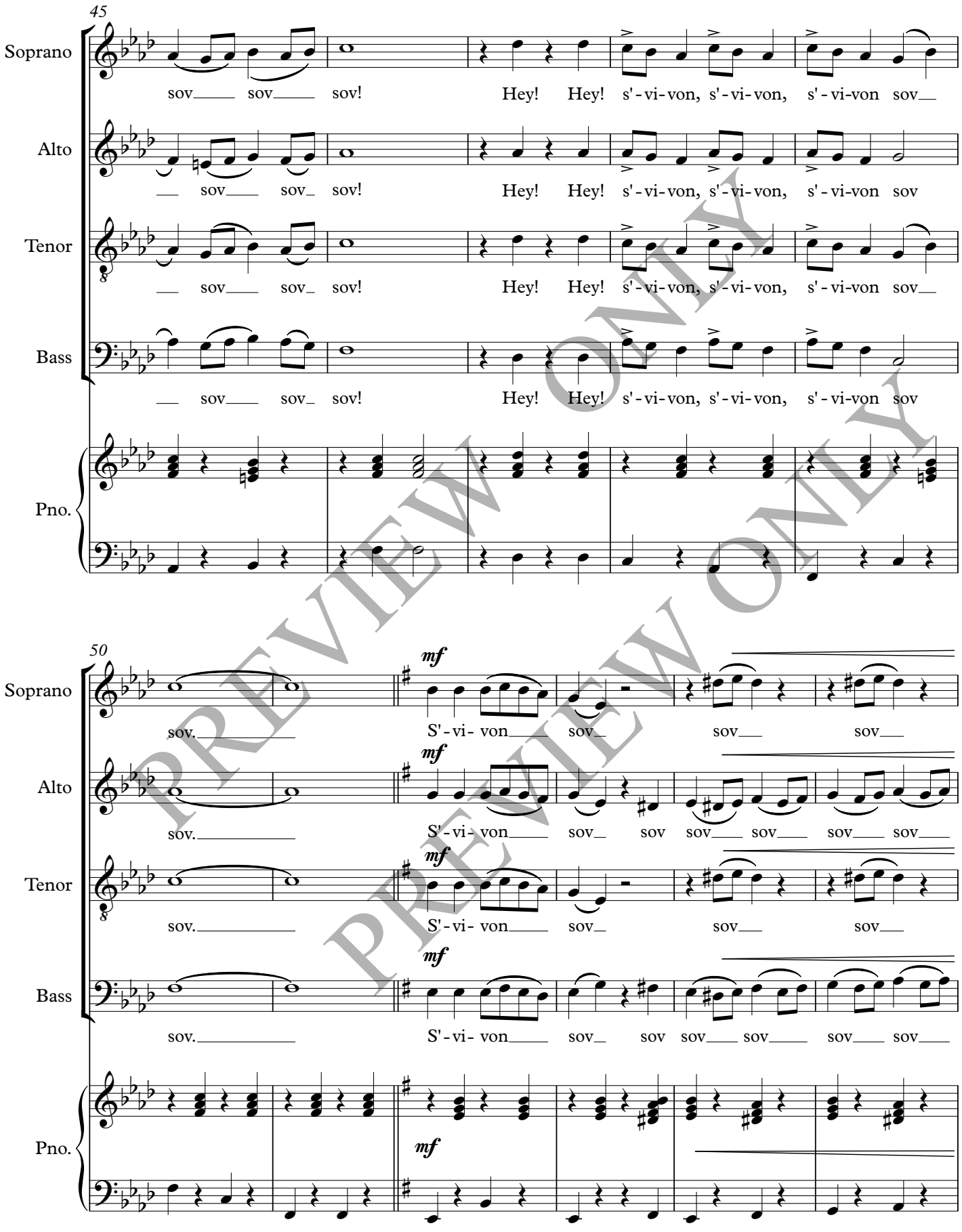

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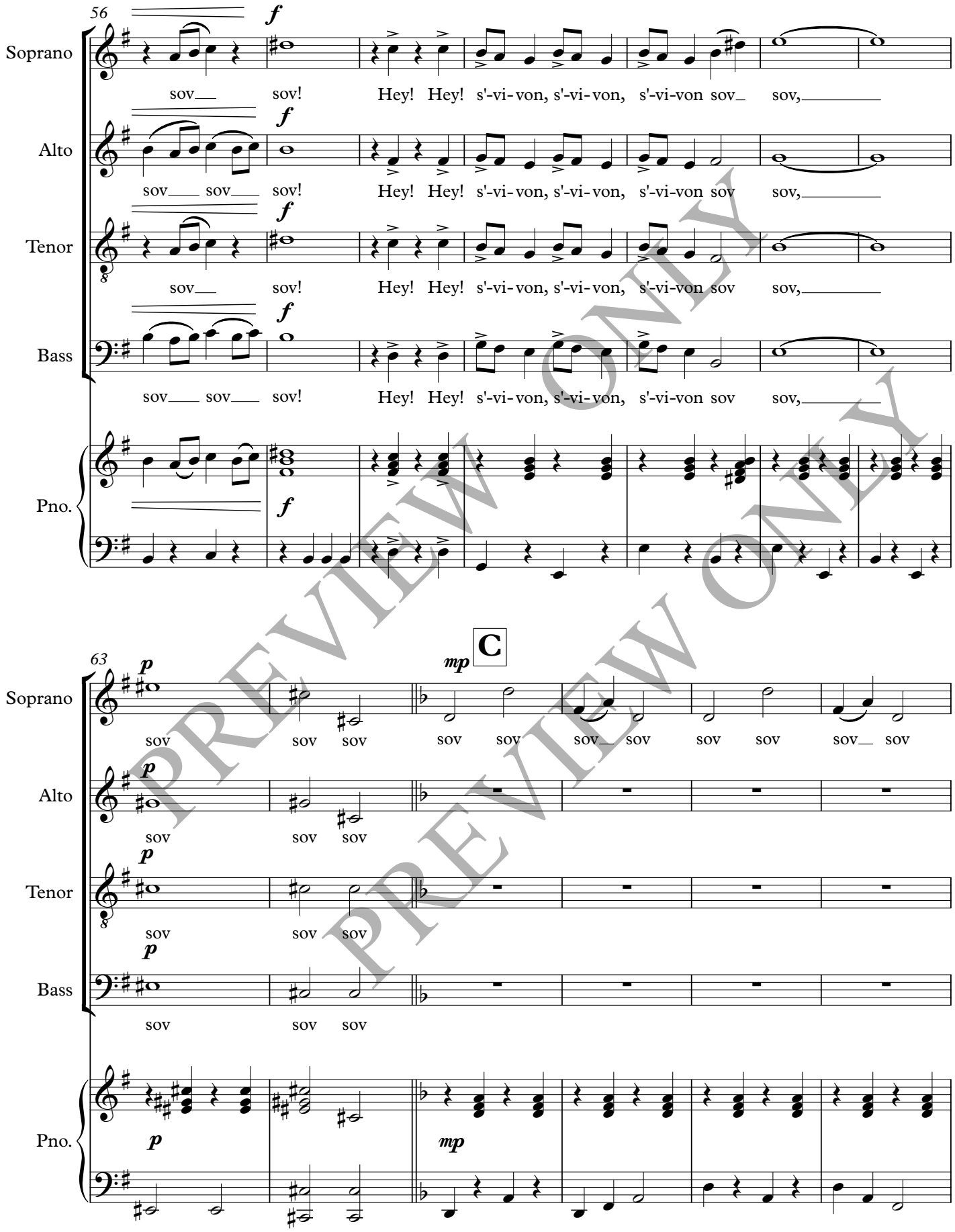

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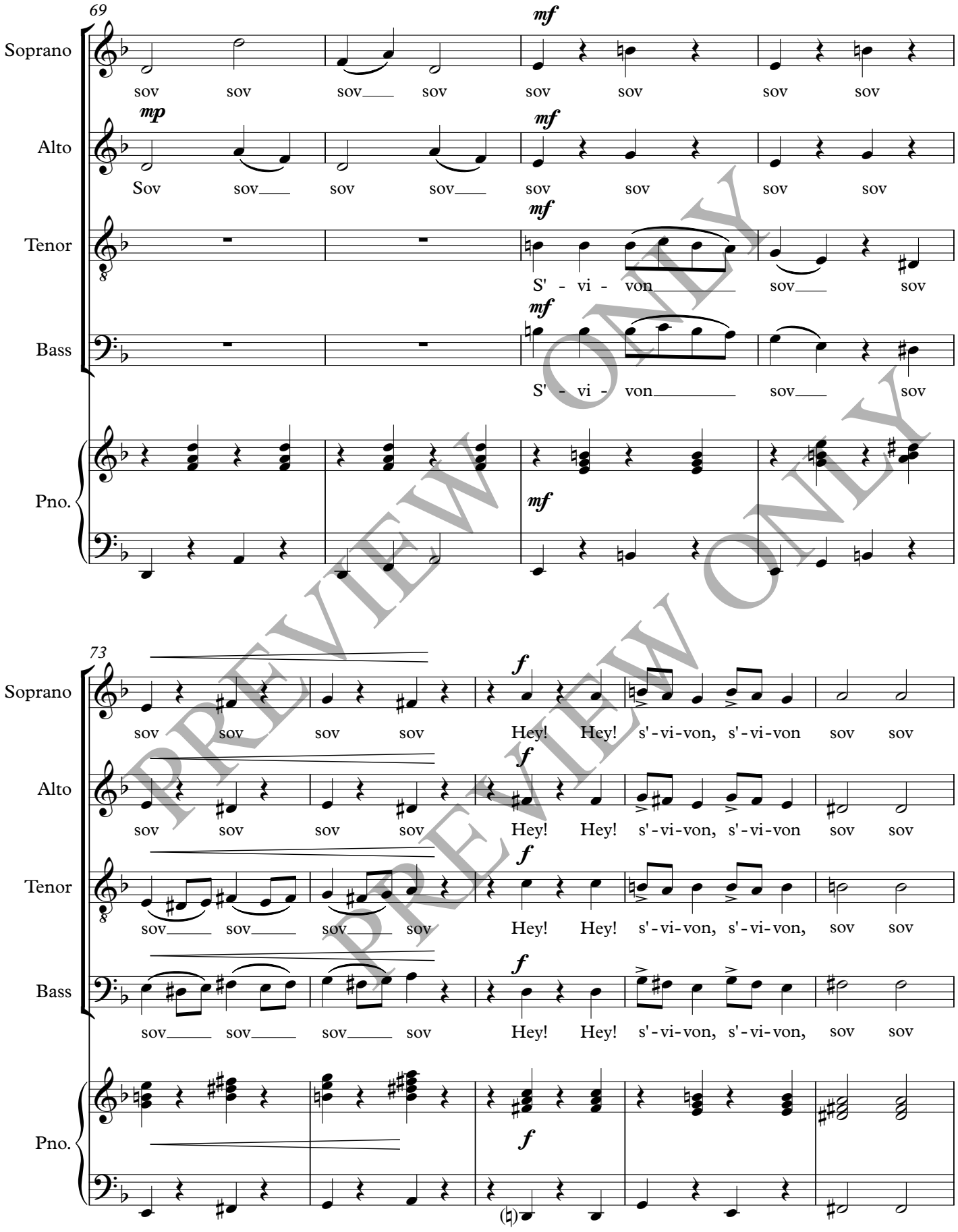

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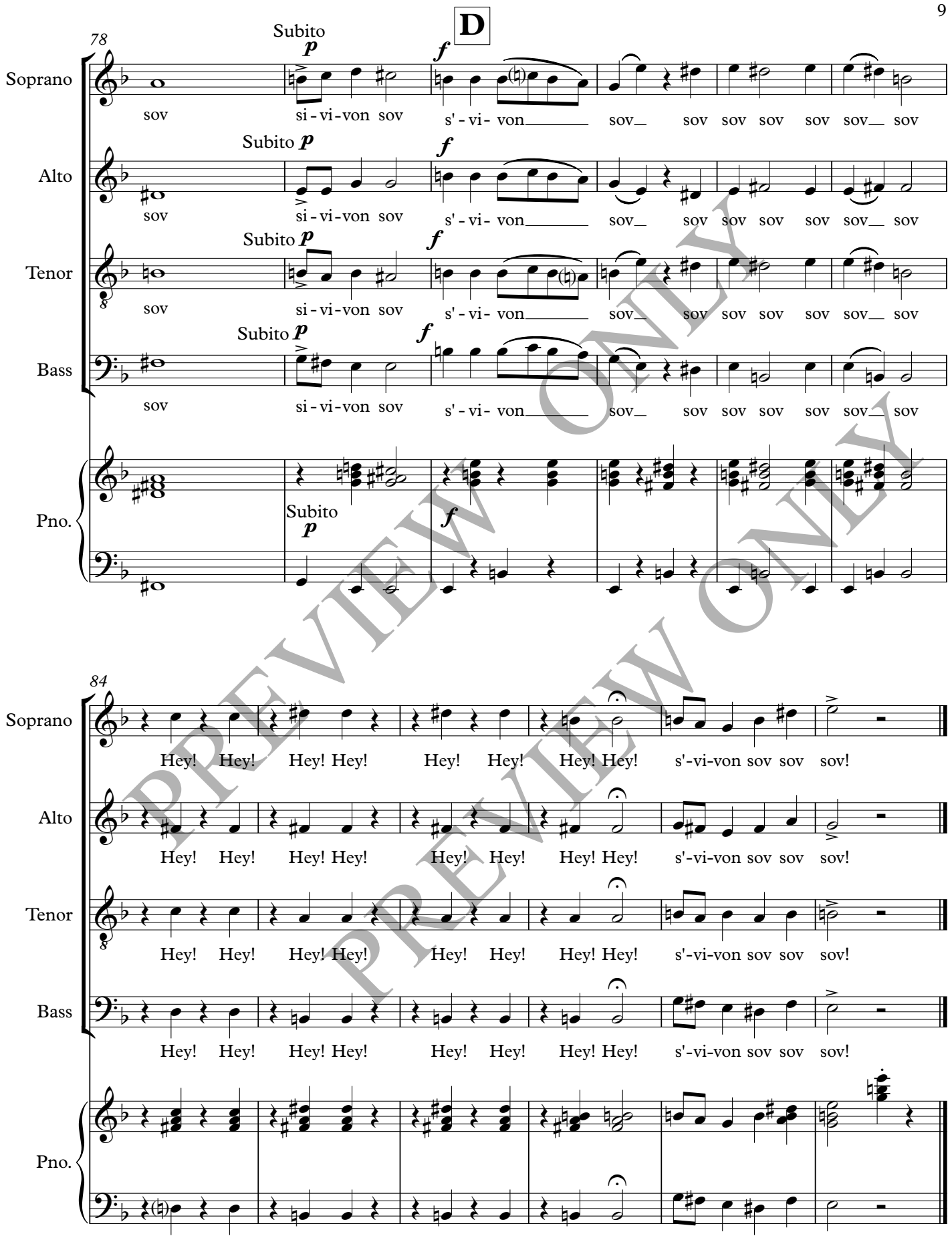

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