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On this day earth shall ring

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Piae Cantiones (1582)
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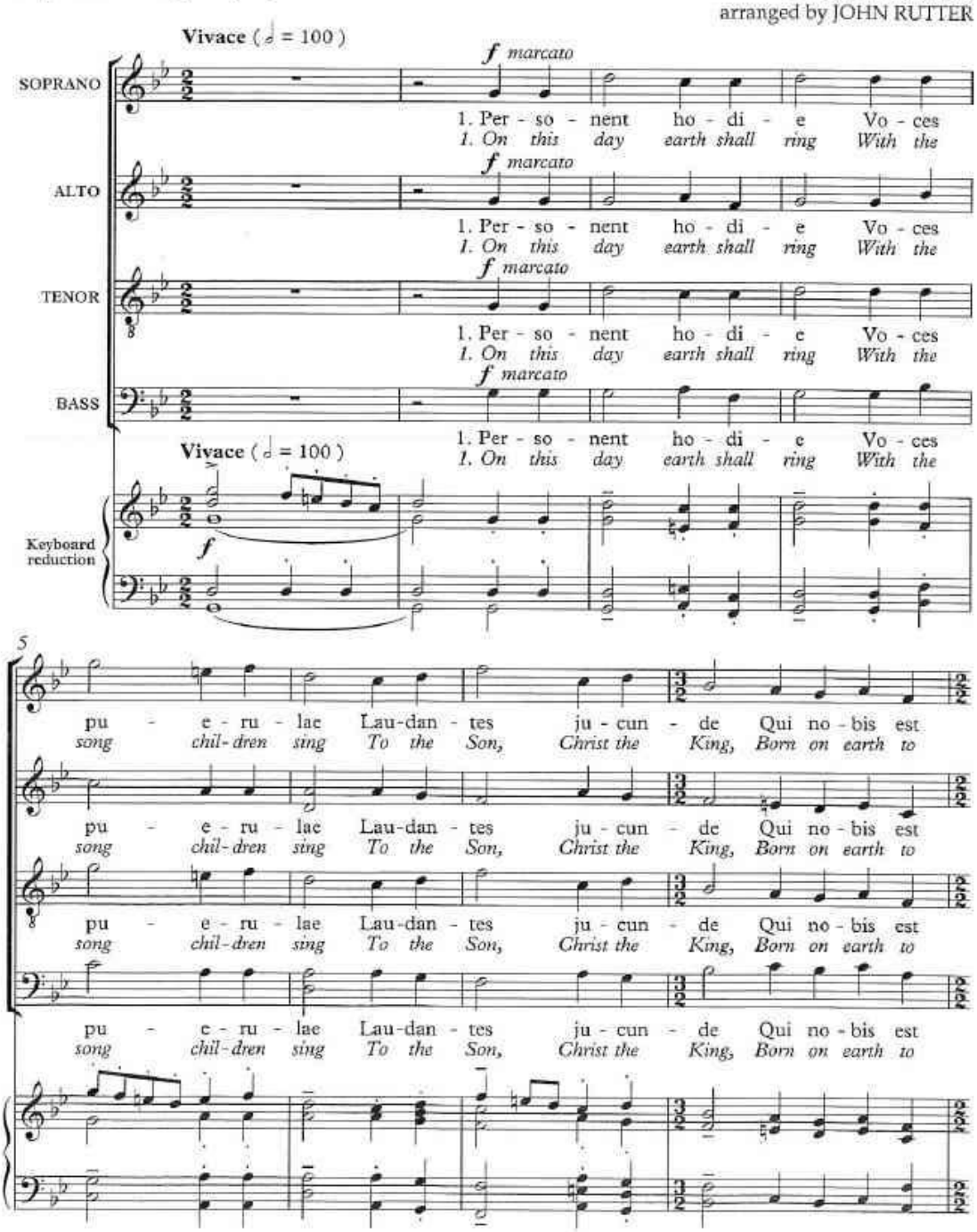

This carol is scored for piccolo (optional), 2 oboes, clarinet and/or horn, 2 bassoons, tabor, harp and/or organ. Alternatively, it may be played by recorder, 3 crumhorns (descant, alto, and tenor), sackbut, psaltery, lute, and tabor. Scores and parts are available on hire.

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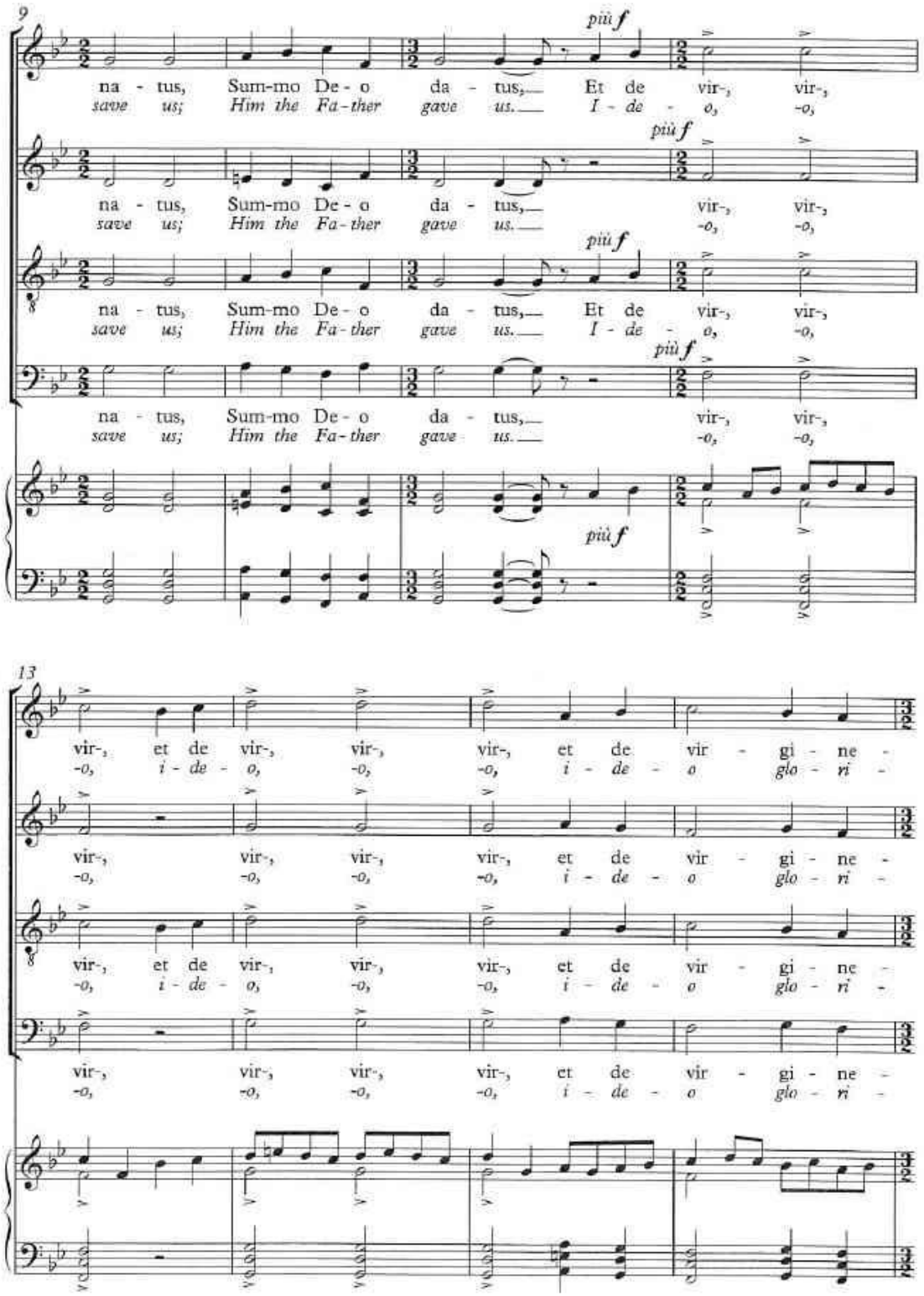
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più f
na - tus, Sum-mo De - o da - tus, Et de vir-, vir-,
save us; Him the Fa - ther gave us. I - de - o, -o,
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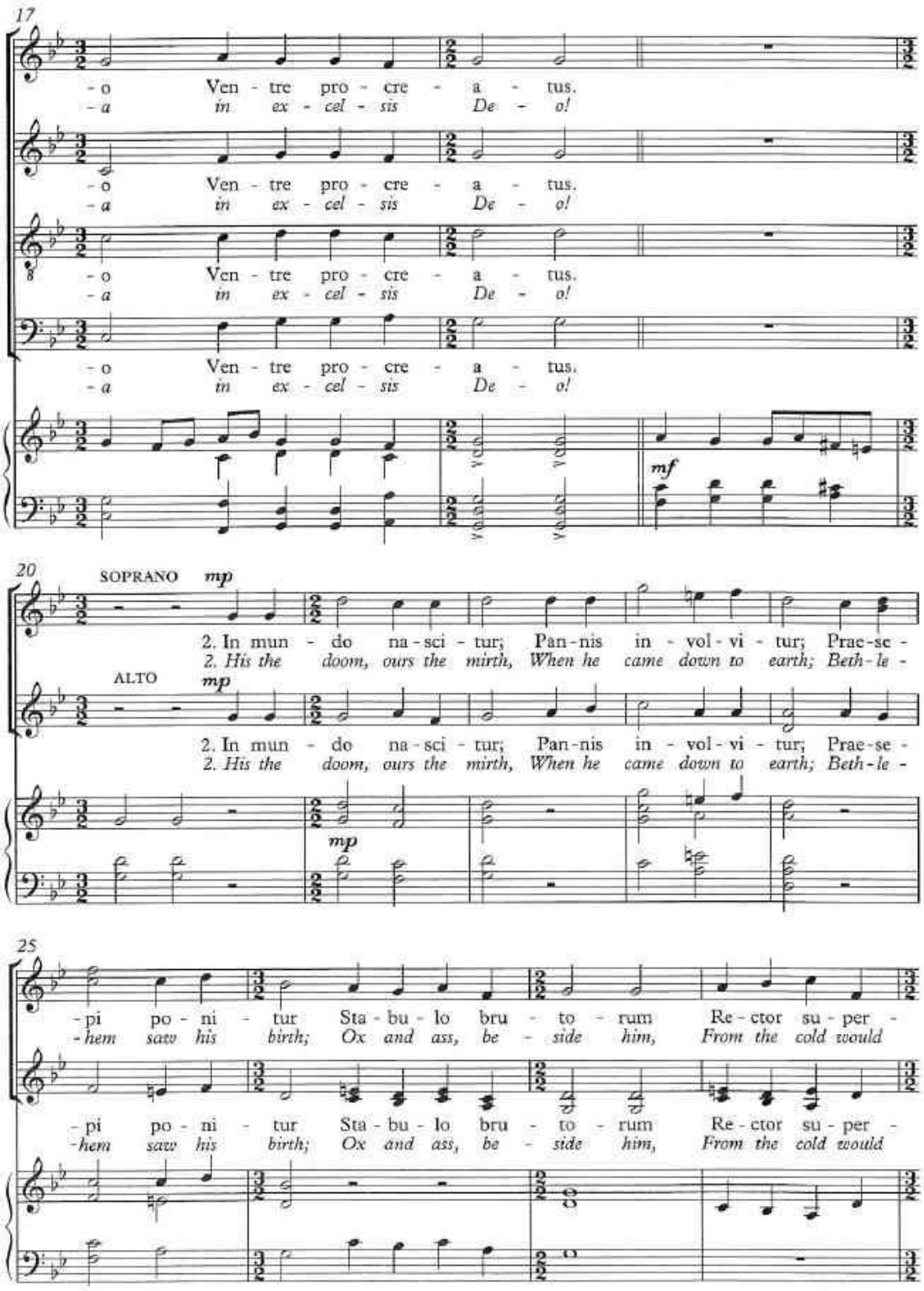
vir-, et de vir-, vir-, vir-, et de vir - gi - ne -
-o, i - de - o, -o, -o, i - de - o glo - ri -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-o Ven - tre pro - cre - a - tus.
-a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
-o Ven - tre pro - cre - a - tus.
-a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
-o Ven - tre pro - cre - a - tus.
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-o Ven - tre pro - cre - a - tus.
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mf
20
SOPRANO
mp
2. In mun - do na - sci - tur; Pan - nis in - vol - vi - tur; Prae - se -
2. His the doom, ours the mirth, When he came down to earth; Beth - le -
ALTO
mp
2. In mun - do na - sci - tur; Pan - nis in - vol - vi - tur; Prae - se -
2. His the doom, ours the mirth, When he came down to earth; Beth - le -
mp
25
-pi po - ni - tur Sta - bu - lo bru - to - rum Re - ctor su - per -
-hem saw his birth; Ox and ass, be - side him, From the cold would
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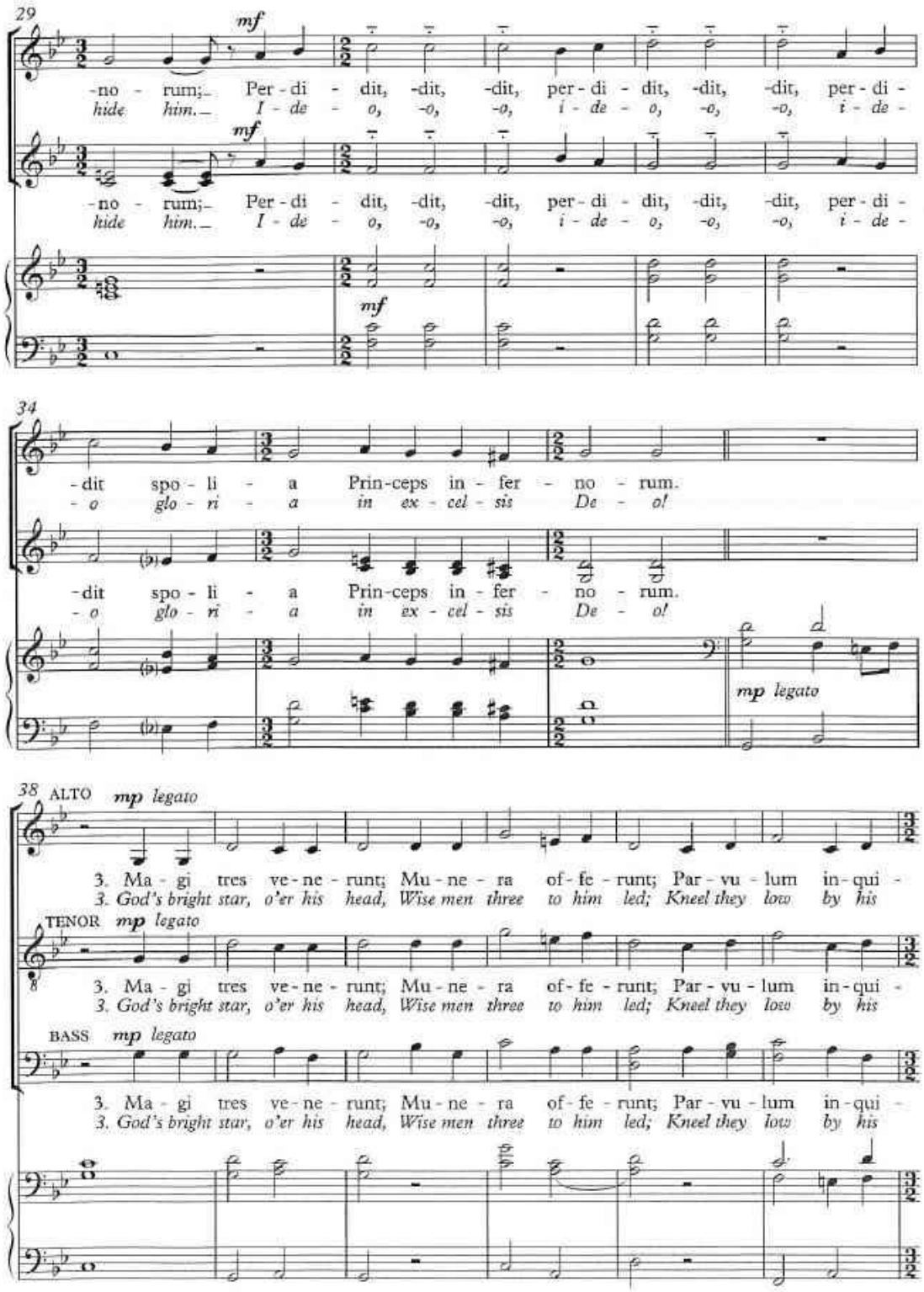
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mf
-no - rum;_ Per - di - dit, -dit, -dit, per - di - dit, -dit, -dit, per - di -
hide him._ I - de - o, -o, -o, i - de - o, -o, -o, i - de -
mf
-no - rum;_ Per - di - dit, -dit, -dit, per - di - dit, -dit, -dit, per - di -
hide him._ I - de - o, -o, -o, i - de - o, -o, -o, i - de -
mf
34
-dit spo - li - a Prin-ceps in - fer - no - rum.
- o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
-dit spo - li - a Prin-ceps in - fer - no - rum.
- o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
mp legato
38 ALTO mp legato
3. Ma - gi tres ve - ne - runt; Mu - ne - ra of - fe - runt; Par - vu - lum in - qui -
3. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three to him led; Kneel they low by his
TENOR mp legato
3. Ma - gi tres ve - ne - runt; Mu - ne - ra of - fe - runt; Par - vu - lum in - qui -
3. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three to him led; Kneel they low by his
BASS mp legato
3. Ma - gi tres ve - ne - runt; Mu - ne - ra of - fe - runt; Par - vu - lum in - qui -
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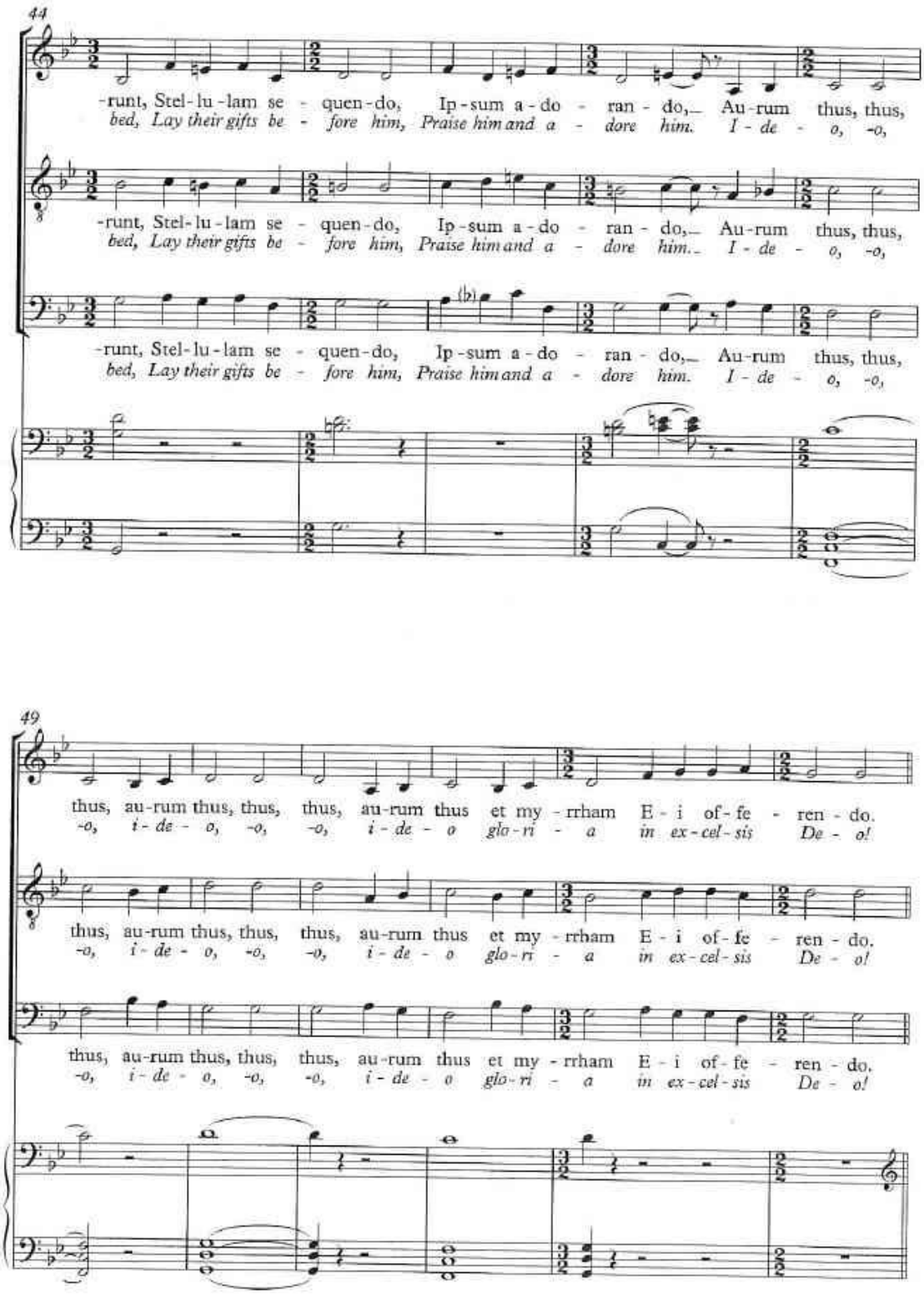
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-runt, Stel-lu-lam se - quen-do, Ip-sum a-do - ran - do, Au-rum thus, thus,
bed, Lay their gifts be - fore him, Praise him and a - dore him. I - de - o, -o,
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bed, Lay their gifts be - fore him, Praise him and a - dore him. I - de - o, -o,
49
thus, au-rum thus, thus, thus, au-rum thus et my - rrham E - i of-fe - ren - do.
-o, i - de - o, -o, -o, i - de - o glo-ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!
thus, au-rum thus, thus, thus, au-rum thus et my - rrham E - i of-fe - ren - do.
-o, i - de - o, -o, -o, i - de - o glo-ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!
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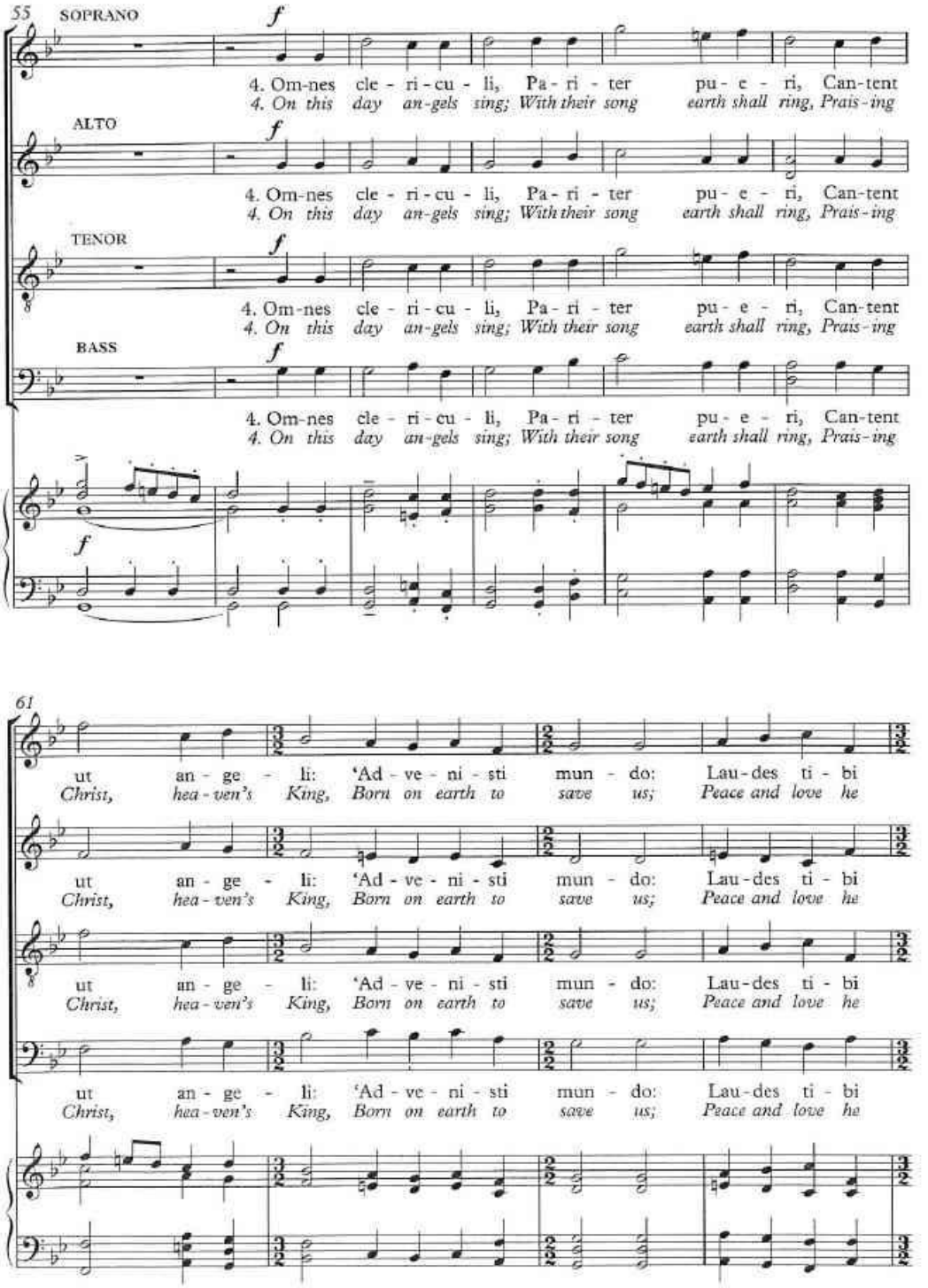
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SOPRANO
f
4. Om-nes cle - ri - cu - li, Pa - ri - ter pu - e - ri, Can-tent
4. On this day an-gels sing; With their song earth shall ring, Prais-ing
ALTO
4. Om-nes cle - ri - cu - li, Pa - ri - ter pu - e - ri, Can-tent
4. On this day an-gels sing; With their song earth shall ring, Prais-ing
TENOR
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BASS
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4. On this day an-gels sing; With their song earth shall ring, Prais-ing
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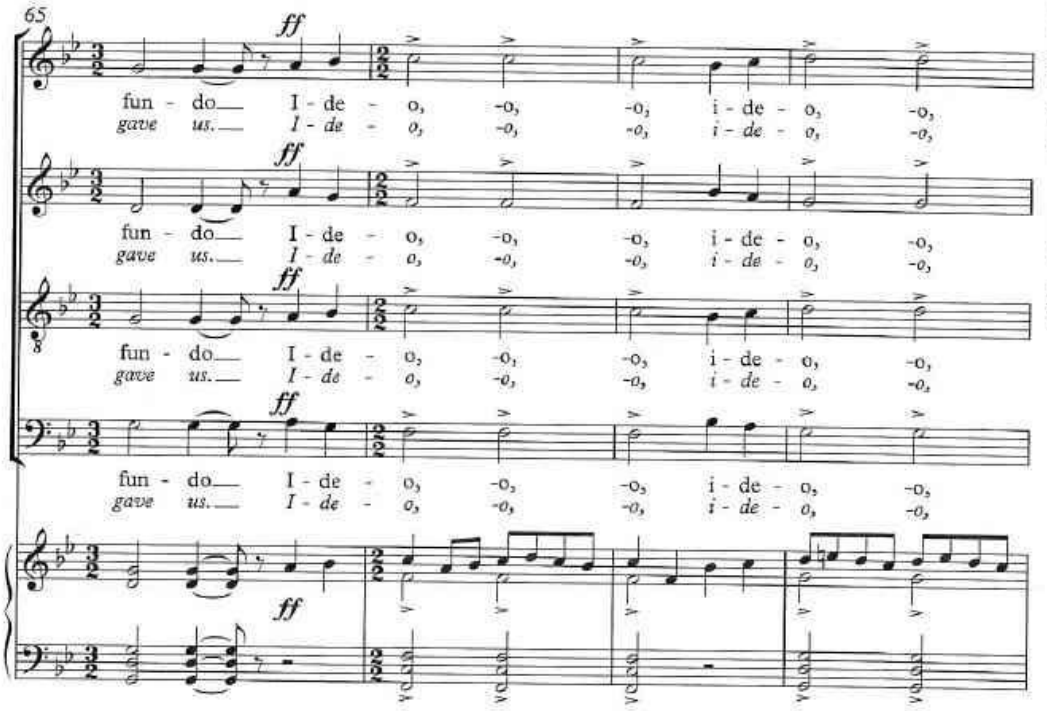
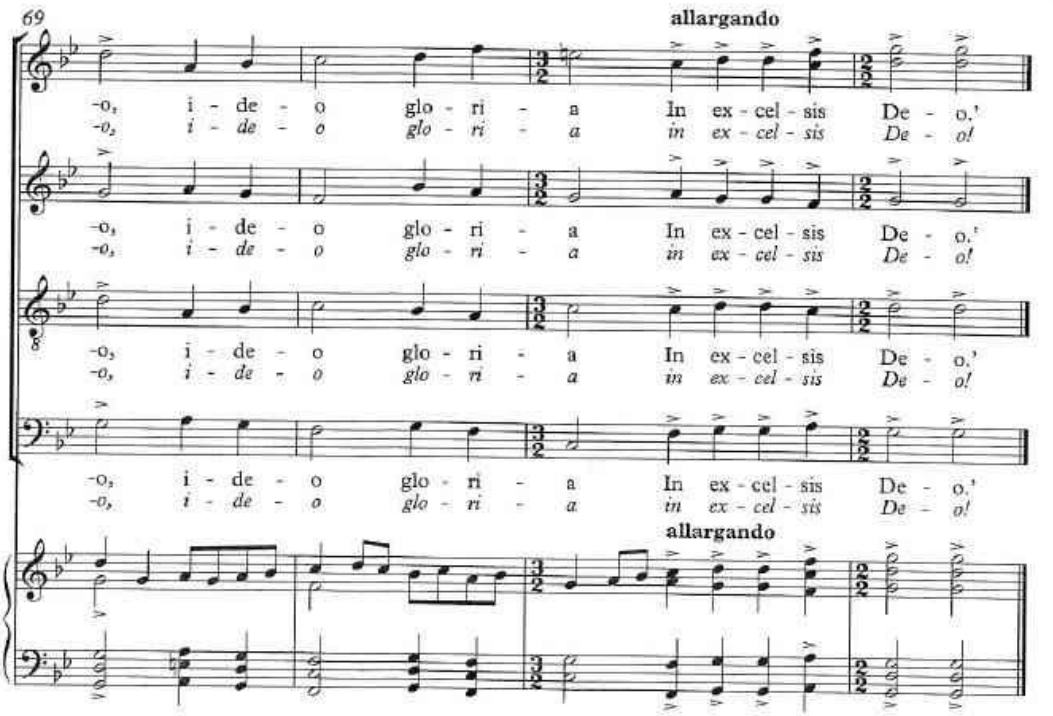
ut an - ge - li: 'Ad - ve - ni - sti mun - do: Lau-des ti - bi
Christ, hea - ven's King, Born on earth to save us; Peace and love he





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