O magnum mysterium

Alexander Campkin

Scored for:

SSATB choir. Duration: c. 5 minutes
Winner of the NCEM Composers' Award 2010 in association with BBC Radio 3, The Tallis Scholars and Chester Festivals. First performed by the Tallis Scholars directed by Peter Phillips, Chester Cathedral, 30th June 2010.

Text:

O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepio.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

O most awesome mystery
and sacrament divine and most wondrous:
that animals should look and see the Lord a babe newborn
beside them in a manger laid.
O how truly blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy
to bear and bring forth the Lord Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Composer Biography:

Described as 'fresh and attractive' by Gramophone, Alexander Campkin's music has attracted the attentions of some of the top ensembles. His work has been performed or broadcast in over thirty countries and features on 15 CDs, one of which was Classic FM Christmas CD of the Year. Alexander (b. 1984) has received over sixty commissions from organisations including The Royal Opera House, The London Mozart Players, The Royal Ballet Sinfonia, Aldeburgh Music, The BBC Performing Arts Fund, The Swedish Arts Council, Ampersandance Contemporary Dance Company, New London Children's Choir, The Theatinerkirche Vokalkapelle Munich, The Fulham Camerata Choir and Orchestra and Neresheim Abbey in Germany. He has been elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music for services to music. He studied at Oxford University, the Royal Academy of Music and the University for Performing Arts in Vienna.

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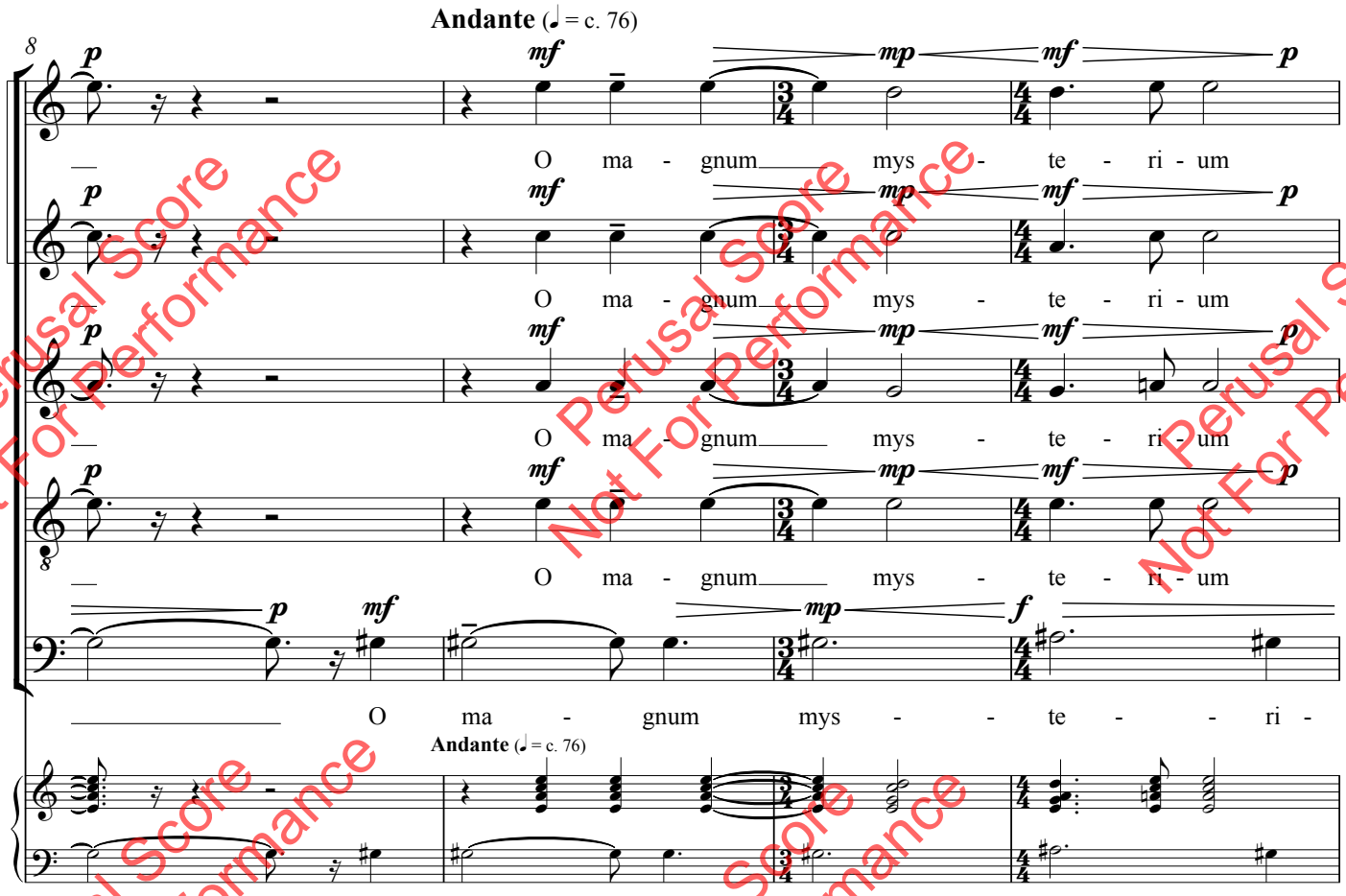

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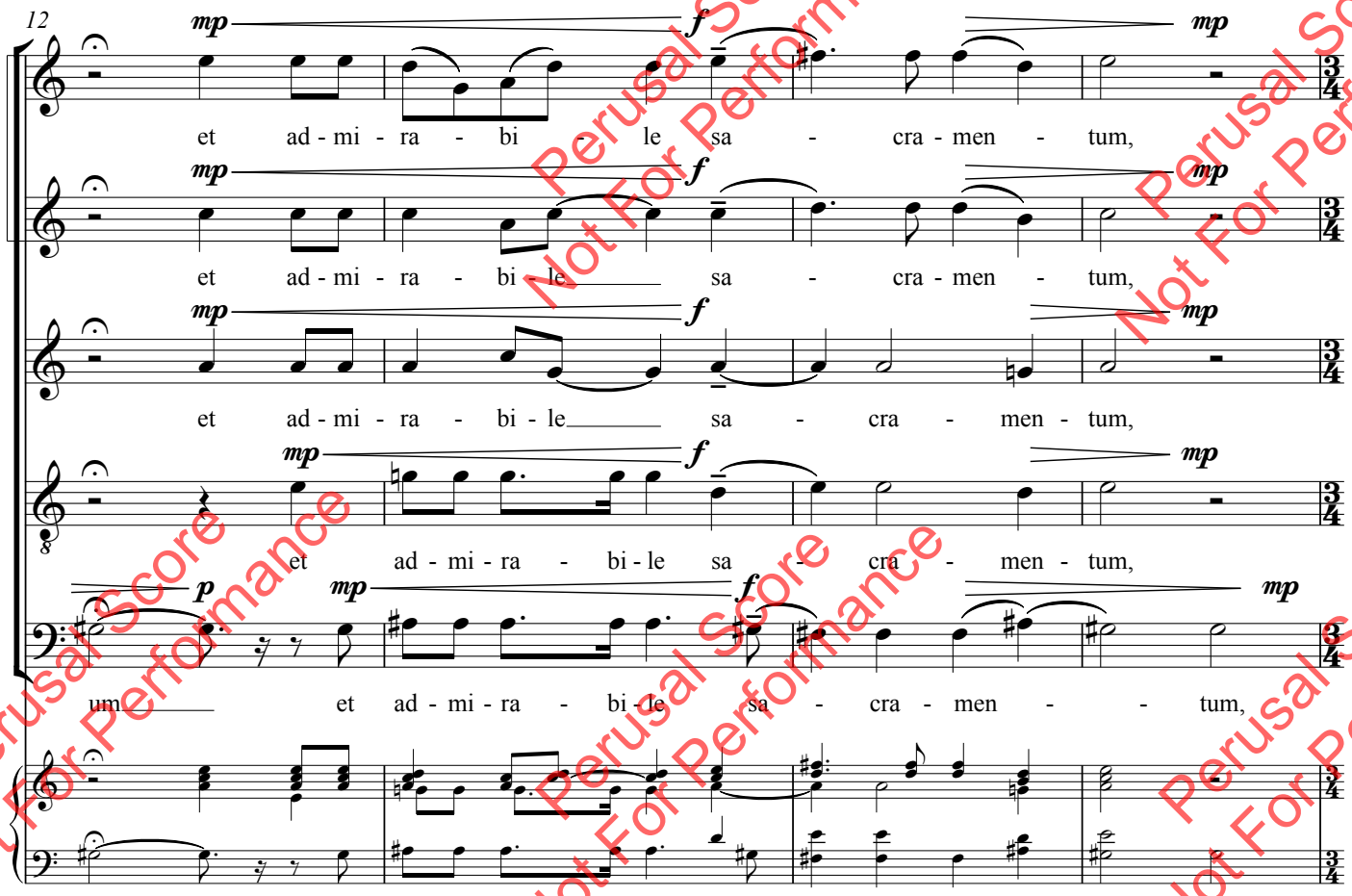

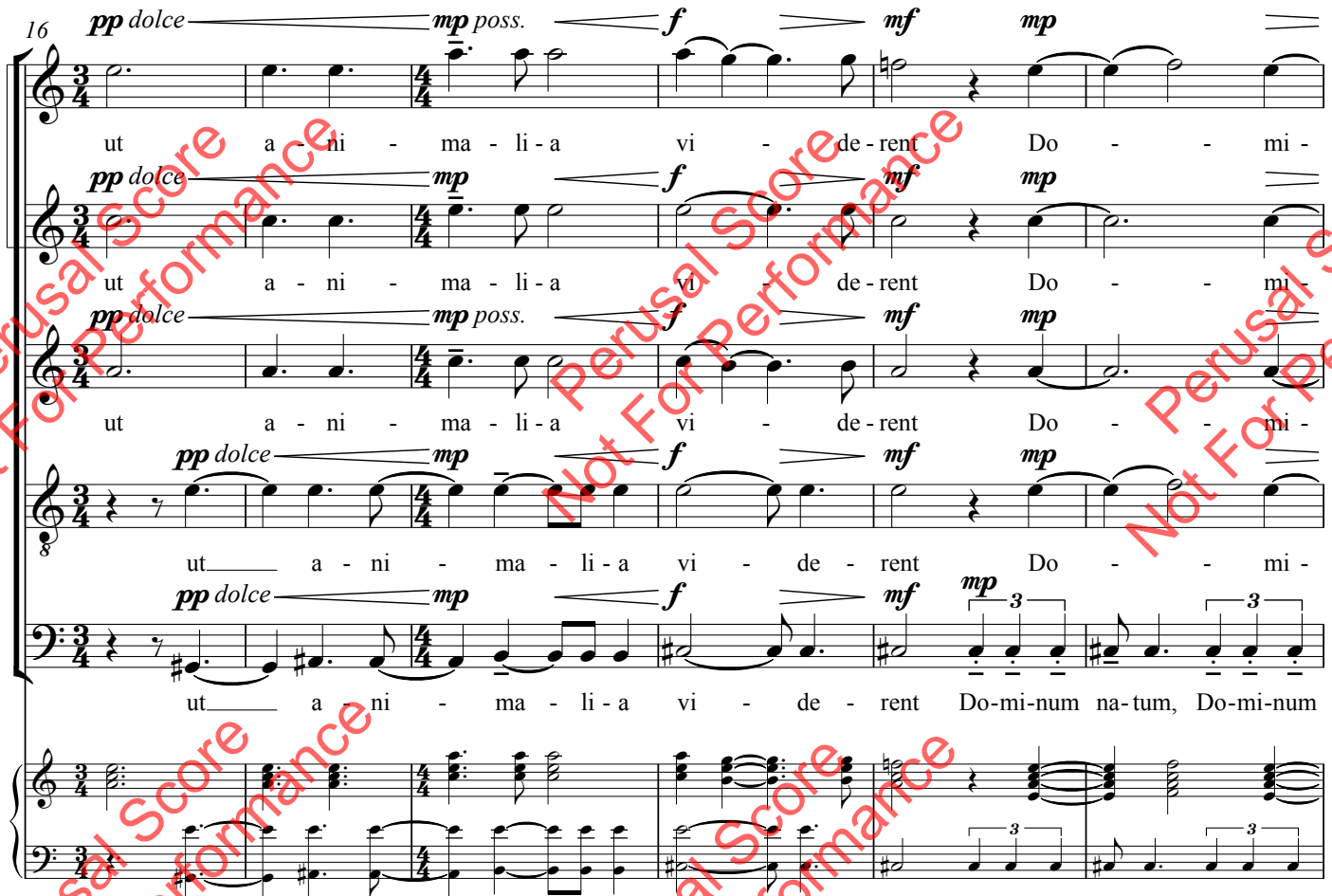

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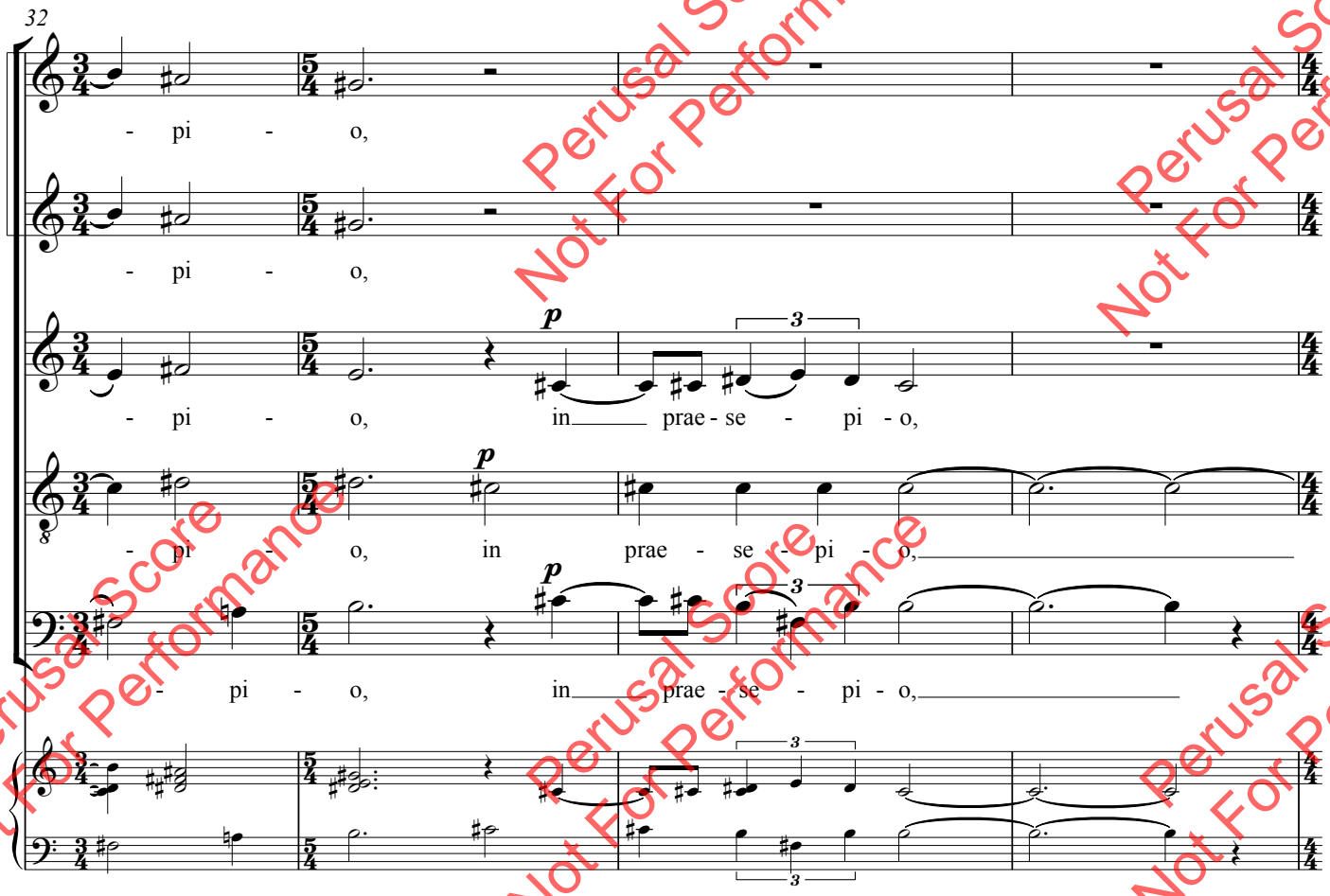

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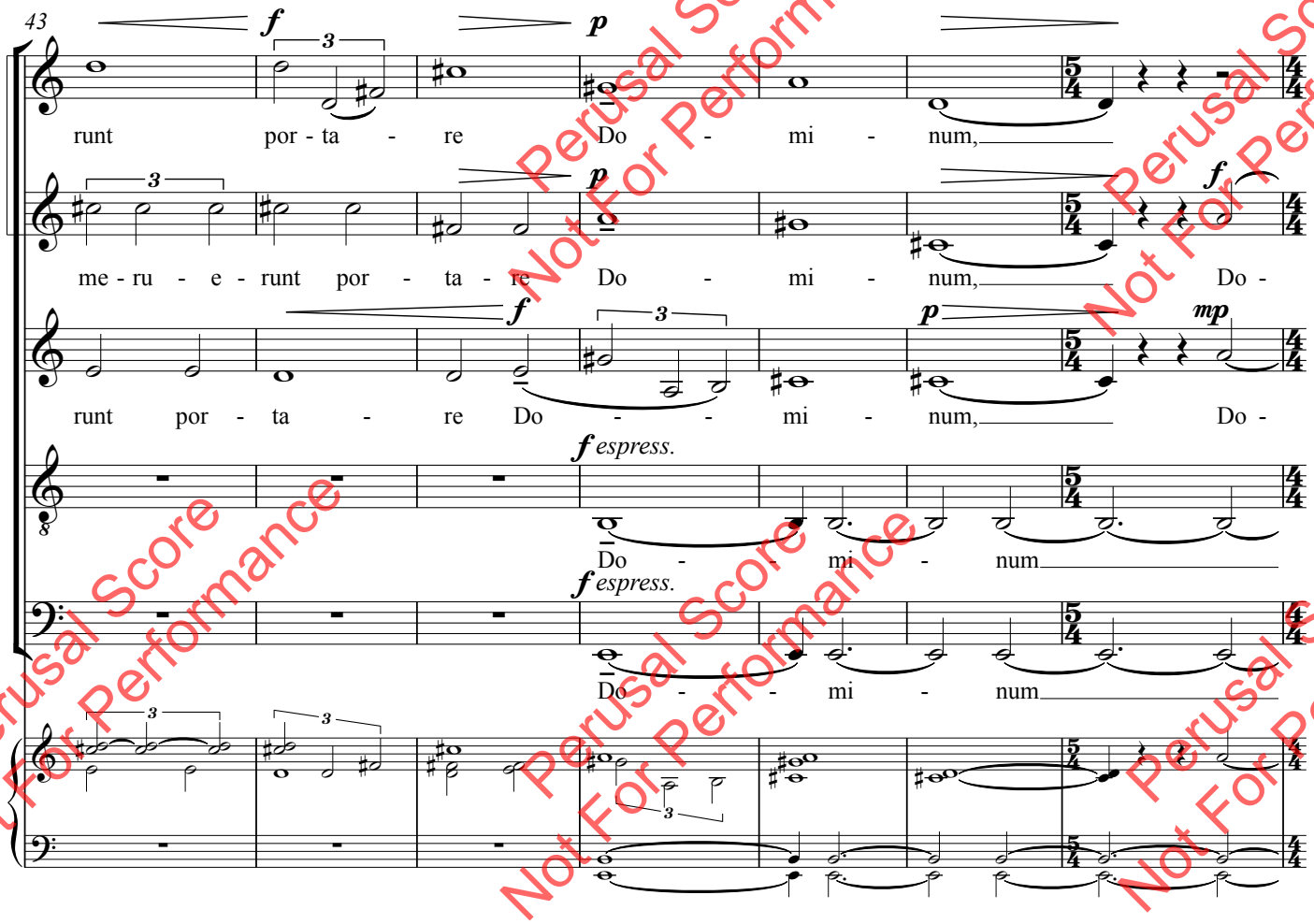

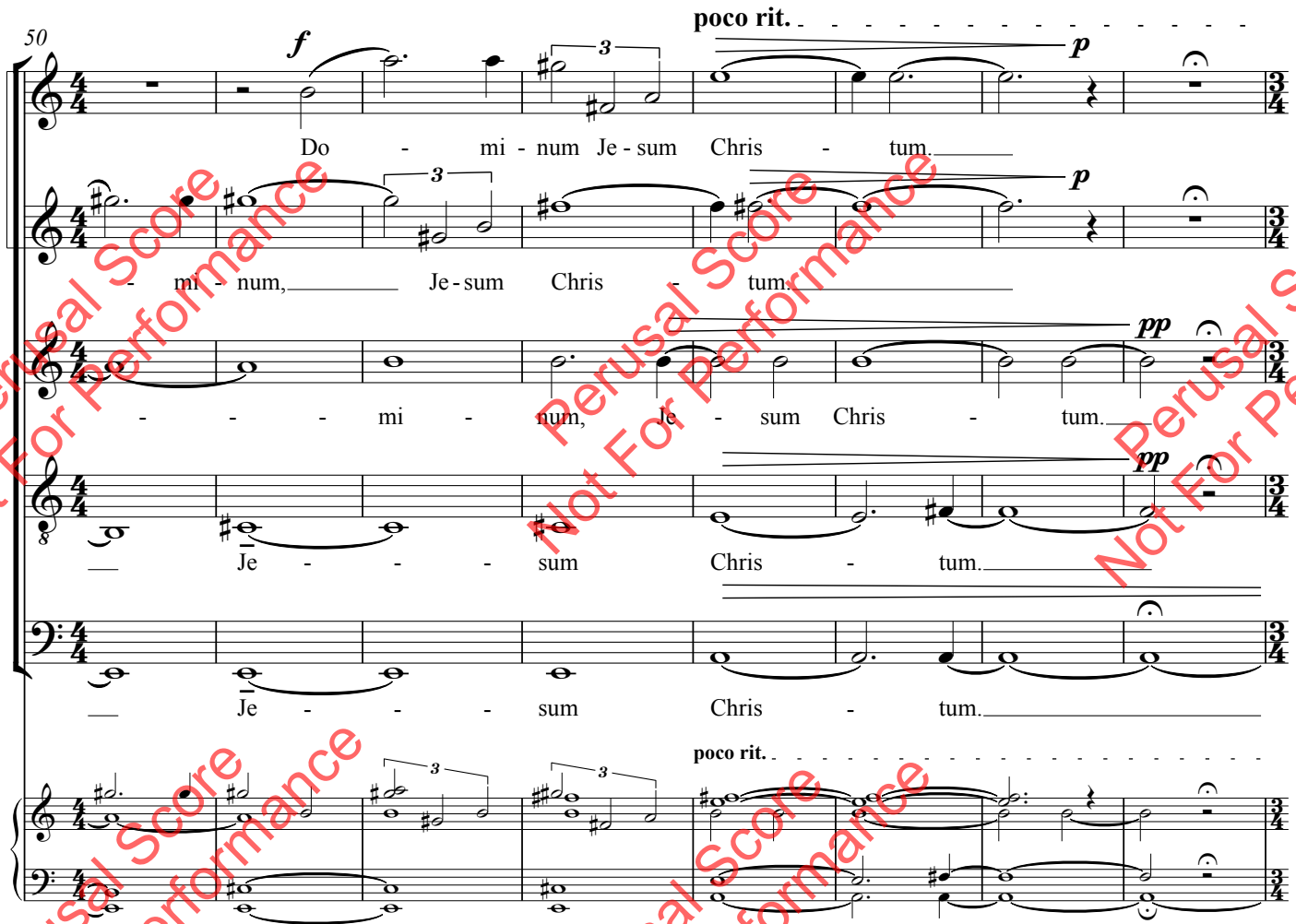

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Tempo primo (♩ = c. 66)

Andante (♩ = c. 76)

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, O ma-

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, O ma-

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Andante (♩ = c. 76)

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poco rit.

- gnum mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um, Al - le - lu - ia,

- gnum mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um, Al - le - lu - ia,

- gnum mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um, Al - le - lu - ia,

- gnum mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um, Al - le - lu - ia,

O mag - num mys - te - ri - um.

poco rit.

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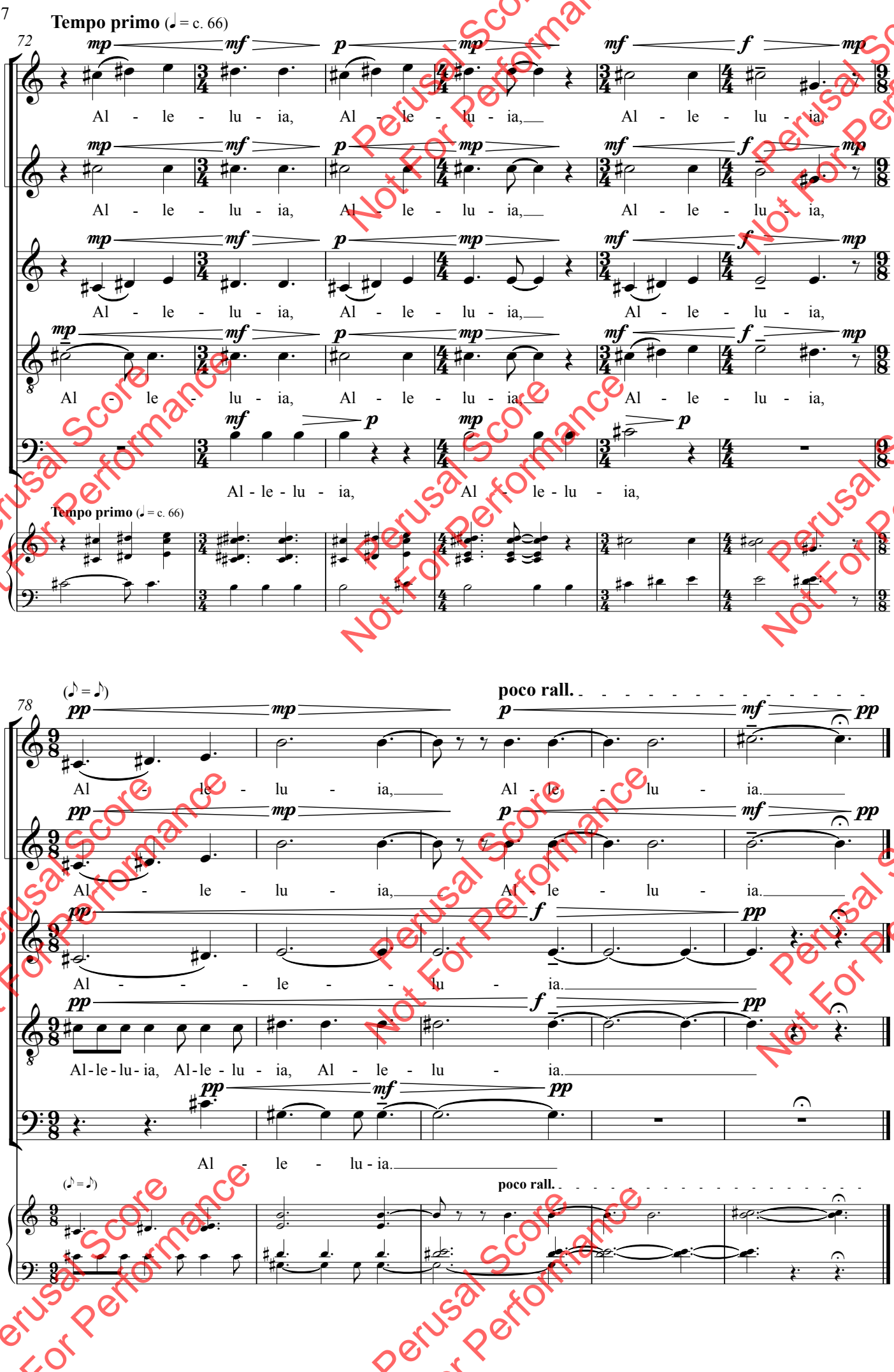

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