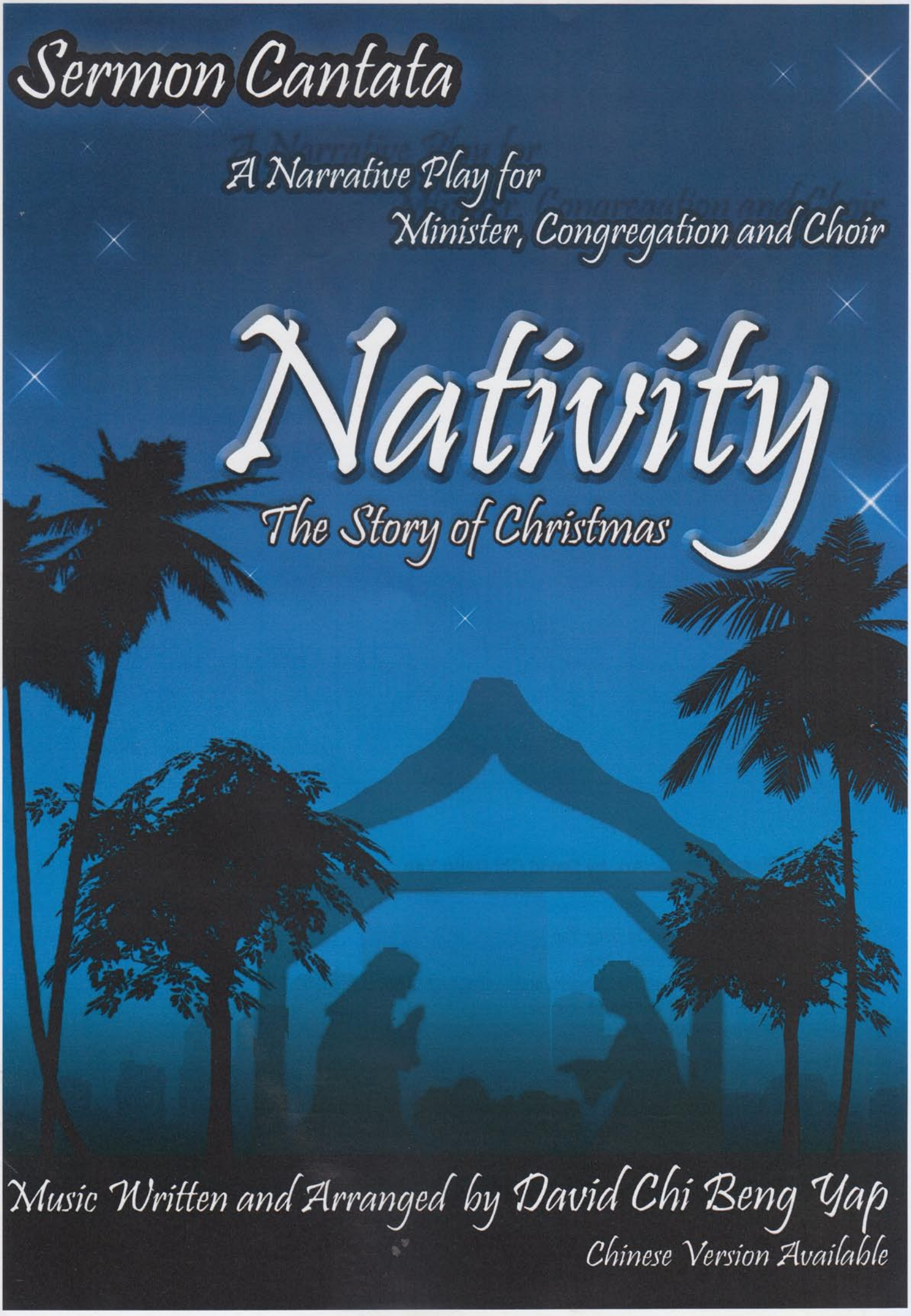

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Foreword: Christmas & Nativity

In both Matthew and Luke in the New Testaments you'll find the story about the birth of Christ which occurred factually over 2000 years ago. Yet, this historical story reappears every year on Christmas, especially the scene of Nativity. Put aside the commercial activities that take advantage of Christmas, no one can bypass the Nativity in their minds, be they Christians or non-Christians.

Visually one would think of the Nativity depicting baby Jesus in the manger with Mary and Joseph plus a few animals nearby. In fact, I believe that the whole Nativity should include the shepherds in the wilderness, the beautiful singing of the heavenly hosts and the wisemen with gifts following the star from the East. Even though they may not appear all at the same time.

We must not be blinded by the commercial influence on Santa Clause (especially the children) and miss the significance of the birth of Christ. We must not centre our minds on gifts for our loved ones only and forget the most valuable gift from God to redeem us from sins. We should remind ourselves through Nativity that "All this took place to fulfil what the Lord has said through the prophet....."[Matthew 1:22]It is God's everlasting plan – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believe in him shall have eternal life." [John 3:16]

Nearly half century ago, on Christmas Eve, I had the chance of conducting mass singing in the Manila Cultural Centre with choirs and orchestra. Even though it was a secular concert, I managed to arrange for candles in the audience when the choirs sang "Silent Light" beside a Nativity Scene Set. Afterwards, many parents brought their children to the front to have a closer look. Some children enjoyed touching baby Jesus, the shepherds and the wise men. I remember someone said that he then understood the origin of the year AD. I immediately realized that the Nativity would be a valuable tool for evangelism. This idea appears in my mind frequently. During the recuperation from my stroke, I thank the Lord for writing the Nativity in music and songs involving the choir, the pastor and the scripture readers.

I also thank Mr. Joshua Sy and Mr. Heteng of Song-In and KKLau of WACCM for their help to put this project into publishing. May our Lord be praised.

David C.B. Yap, Perth, WA, Australia, 22nd January, 2011.

聖嬰聖景燭光崇拜秩序

Nativity Candle Light Service

殿樂
Prelude

宣召
Invocation

會衆詩　（請自選聖誕詩歌）
Hymn

禱告
Prayer

啓應文　（請自選與耶穌降生有關的經文）
Response Reading

會衆詩　（請自選聖誕詩歌）
Hymn

奉獻
Offertory

聖嬰聖景
Nativity

詩班與會衆合唱 ———— 齊來宗主信徒
Choir and Congregation　O come all ye faithfull
（詩班傳遞燭光給會衆）

燭光敬拜 ———— 同唱平安夜
Candle Light Service　Silent Night, Holy Night

祝福
Benedition



一九八七年馬尼拉兒童詩班於菲律濱文化中心演出〖聖誕故事〗

〖**Christman Story**〗 presented by Manila Children's Choir at the Main Theatre, Cultural Centre of Philipines.



聖誕故事

聖誕歌曲．聖嬰排劇
（兒童詩班適用）

Christmas Story

Christmas Songs & Nativity for Children's Choir.

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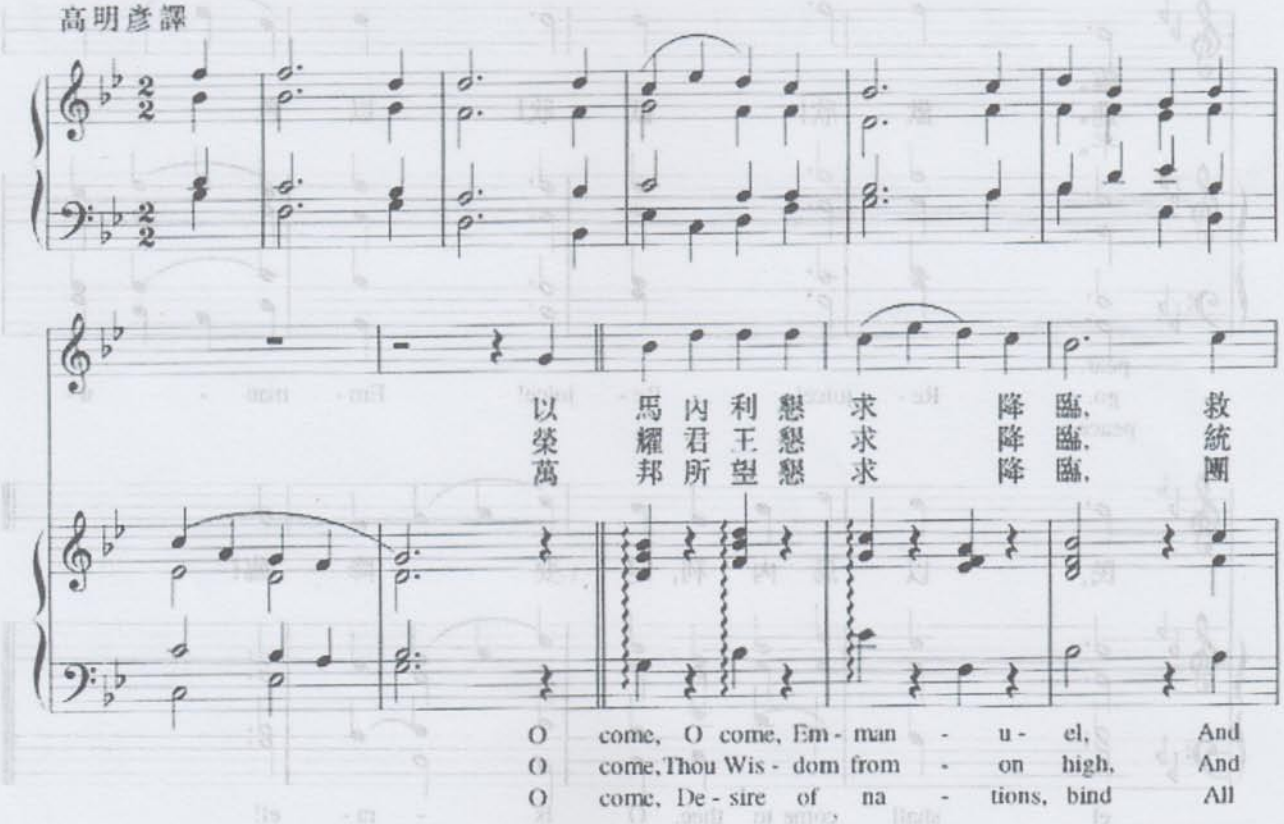
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牧長：在許多年以前的猶太地，有一段黑暗，悲傷又絕望的時期，由於邪惡君王的統治，發生了長期又殘忍的戰爭，沒有人知道光明如何才可能降臨到這個動亂不安的黑暗世界。

Preacher: Long years ago in the land of Judah, there was a time of darkness, grief and despair. There were long and cruel wars as wicked kings ruled over the land. No one knew how light might come to a darkened and troubled world.

請來 請來 以馬內利
O COME O COME EMMANUEL

高明彥譯



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結 萬 民 一 志 一 心， 停 止 戰 爭 妒

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or - der all things, far and nigh; To us the path of
peo - ple in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and

寞 傷 心， 全 心 渴 望 神 子 降
慧 人 能， 領 導 群 生 往 前
忌 紛 爭， 充 滿 世 界 天 賜 和

ex - ile here Un - til the son of God ap -
know - ledge show, And cause us in her ways to
quar - rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's

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進。 歡 欣! 歡 欣! 以 色 列
平。

pear,
go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
peace.

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el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Scene 1(Night Scene):
(While Joseph was praying, an angel appeared to him on stage right corner.)
(Piano continue to play O Come Emanuel while Minister is talking)
Minister: This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

(Matthew 1:18-25)

Scene 2:
(Joseph exits the stage)
(The other corner when Mary was praying, an angel appeared to her)

Minister: The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

(Luke 1:28-35)

And Mary said(with expression):
"My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
(Sing Magnificat)
(After Magnificat)
Scene 3:
There are a group of Arabs coming from the right stage slowly going to the left stage. The last will be Mary and Joseph knocking(with sound) several times on a door and asking on 3 houses for vacancy and kept on getting told no by the housekeeper(housekeeper express with their hands "No"). On the last house Joseph begs and ask pity from the housekeeper for Mary's sake. The housekeeper took pity on them and took them to his manger.

Minister: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
Luke 2:1-12

Scene 4:
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were so afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
(Congregation sing Gloria)
(Piano play background music, then shepherds surround the manger and kneel)
Scene 5:
Minister: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Then Herod called the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea

Herod told the wisemen: "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him,* bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.
When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

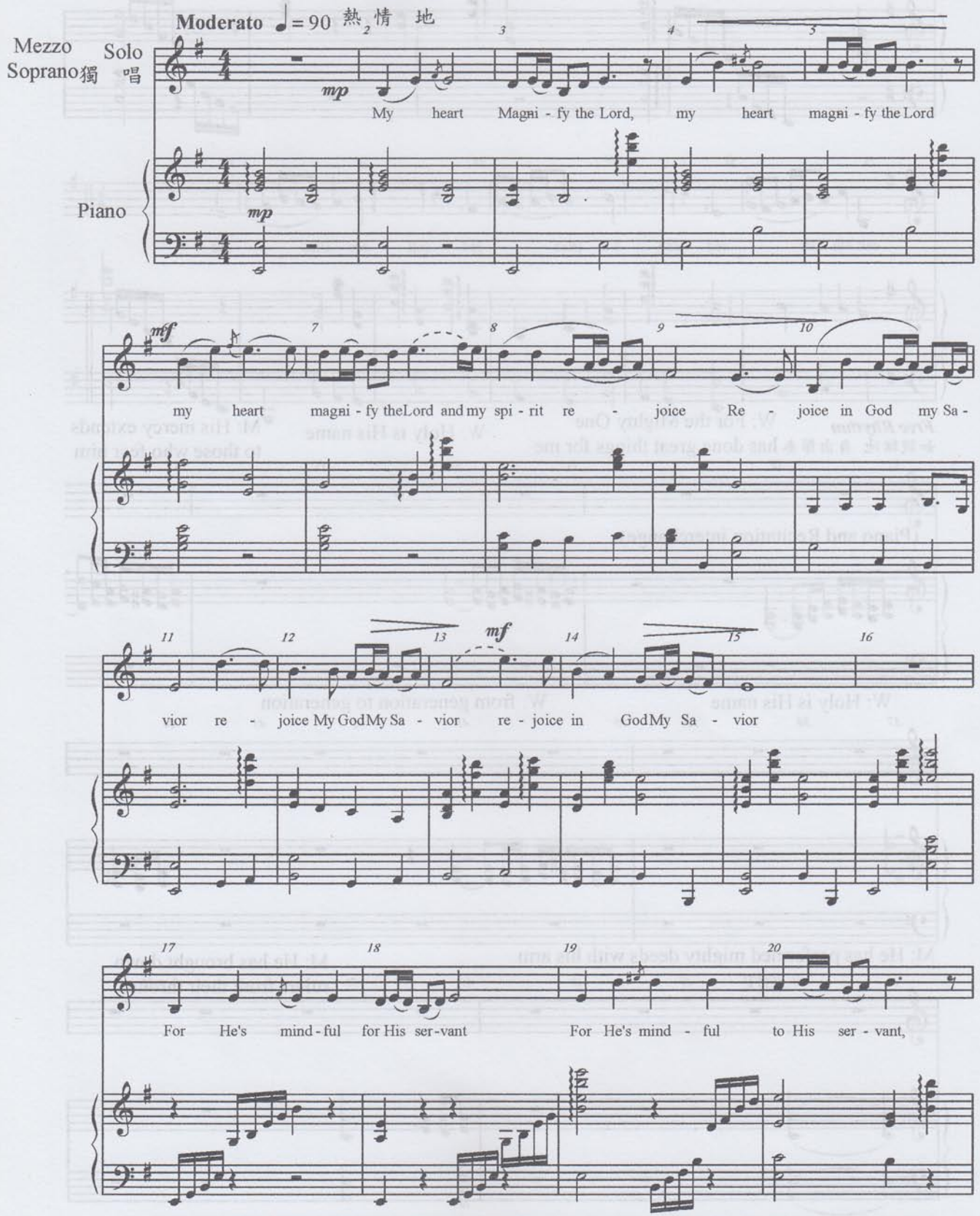
Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country using another way.
Matthew 2:1-12

(Congregation sing Three Wise Men)
(Candle Light Service)
(Congregation sing O come O Ye faithful)
(While singing O come O Ye faithful, the candles hold by the congregation are lightened by someone then the room is darkened)
(After singing O come, Congregation sing Silent Night)
(During the singing of Silent Night, Minister can raise or put down the candle and everyone should follow him, during singing of Verse 2, the entire Nativity casts walk out toward the lobby or garden to display themselves, then after benediction, congregation should extinguish the candle, go to the lobby for taking pictures and fellowship time with Nativity casts)
The End

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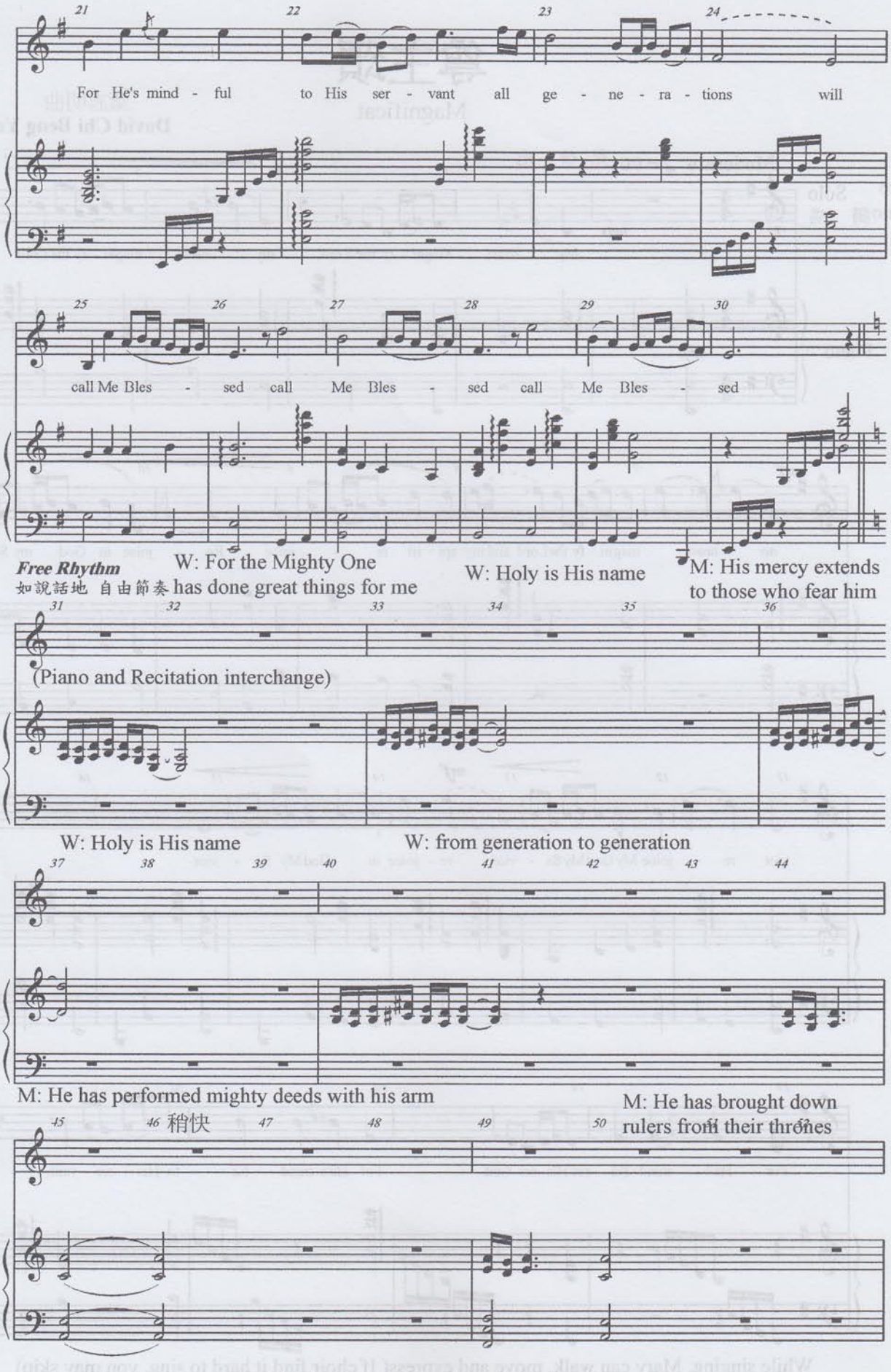
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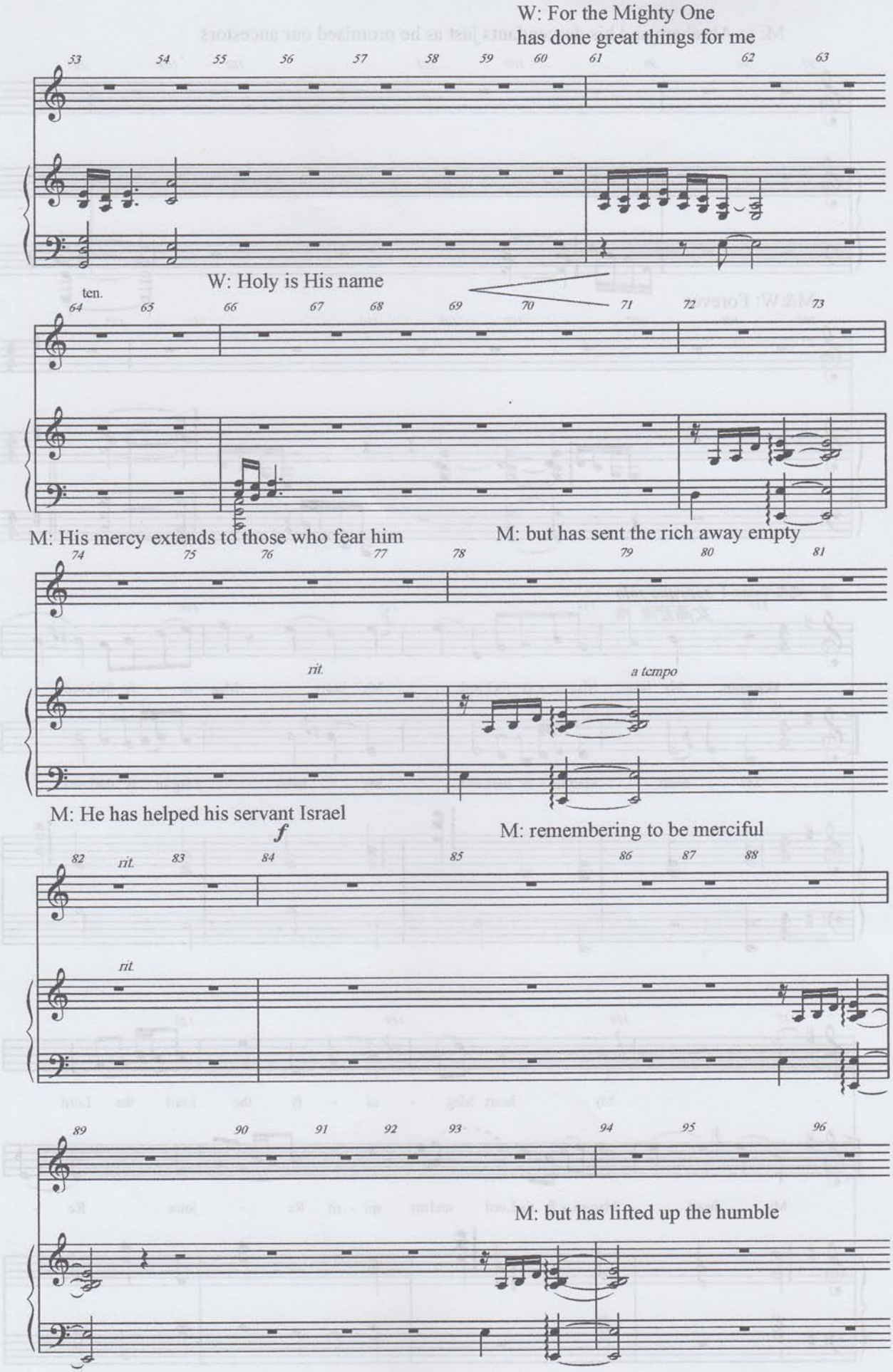
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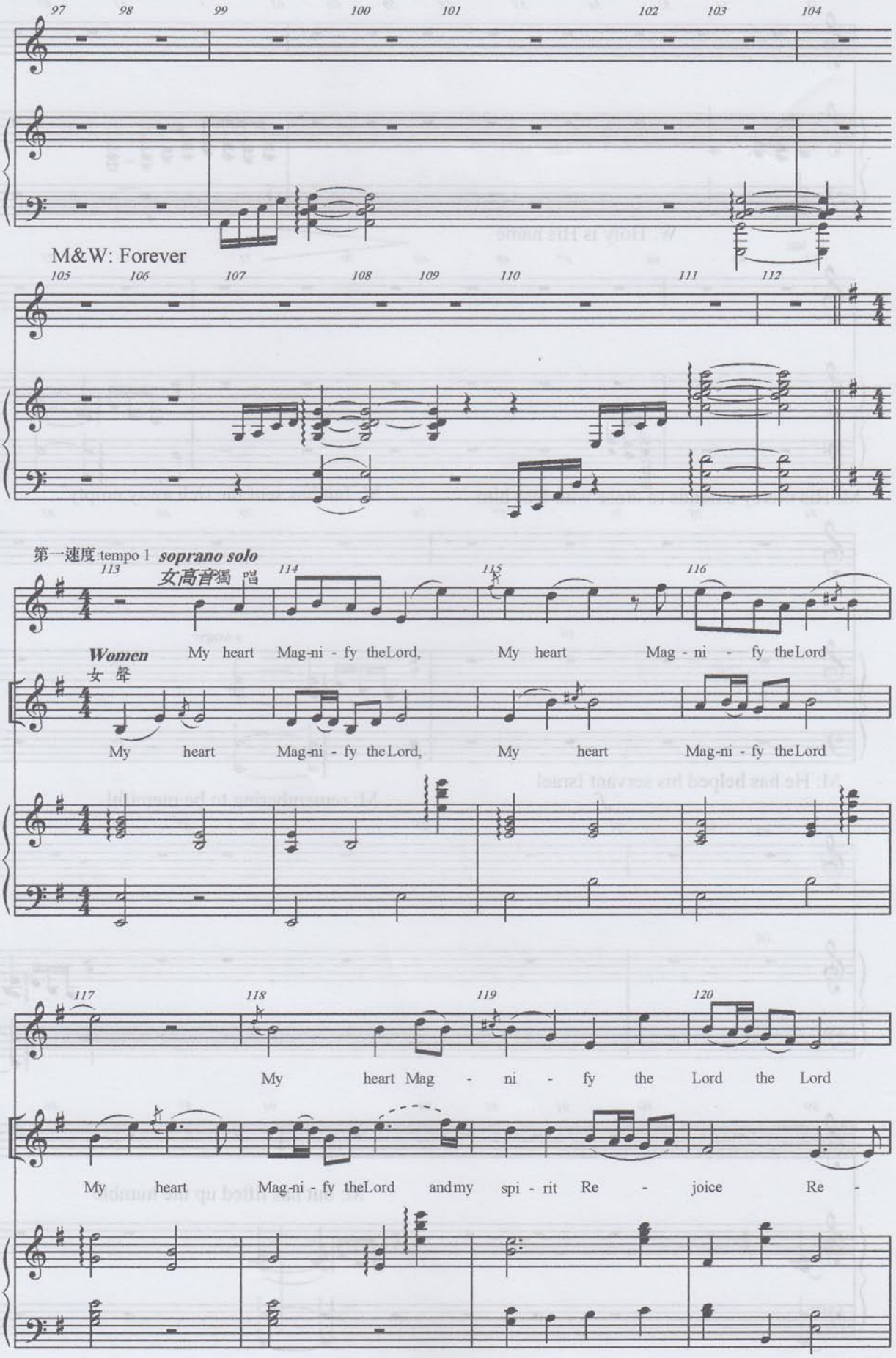
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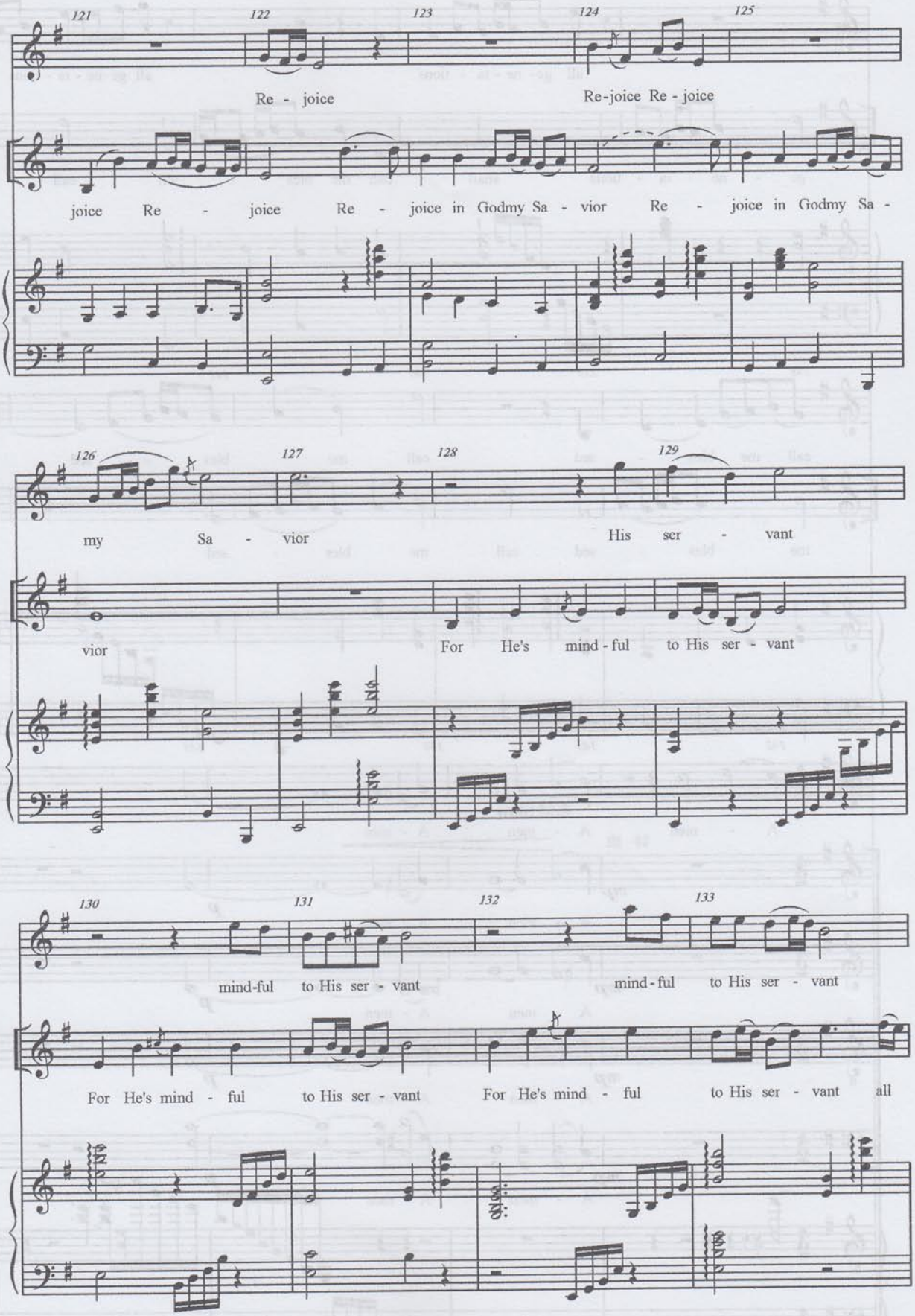
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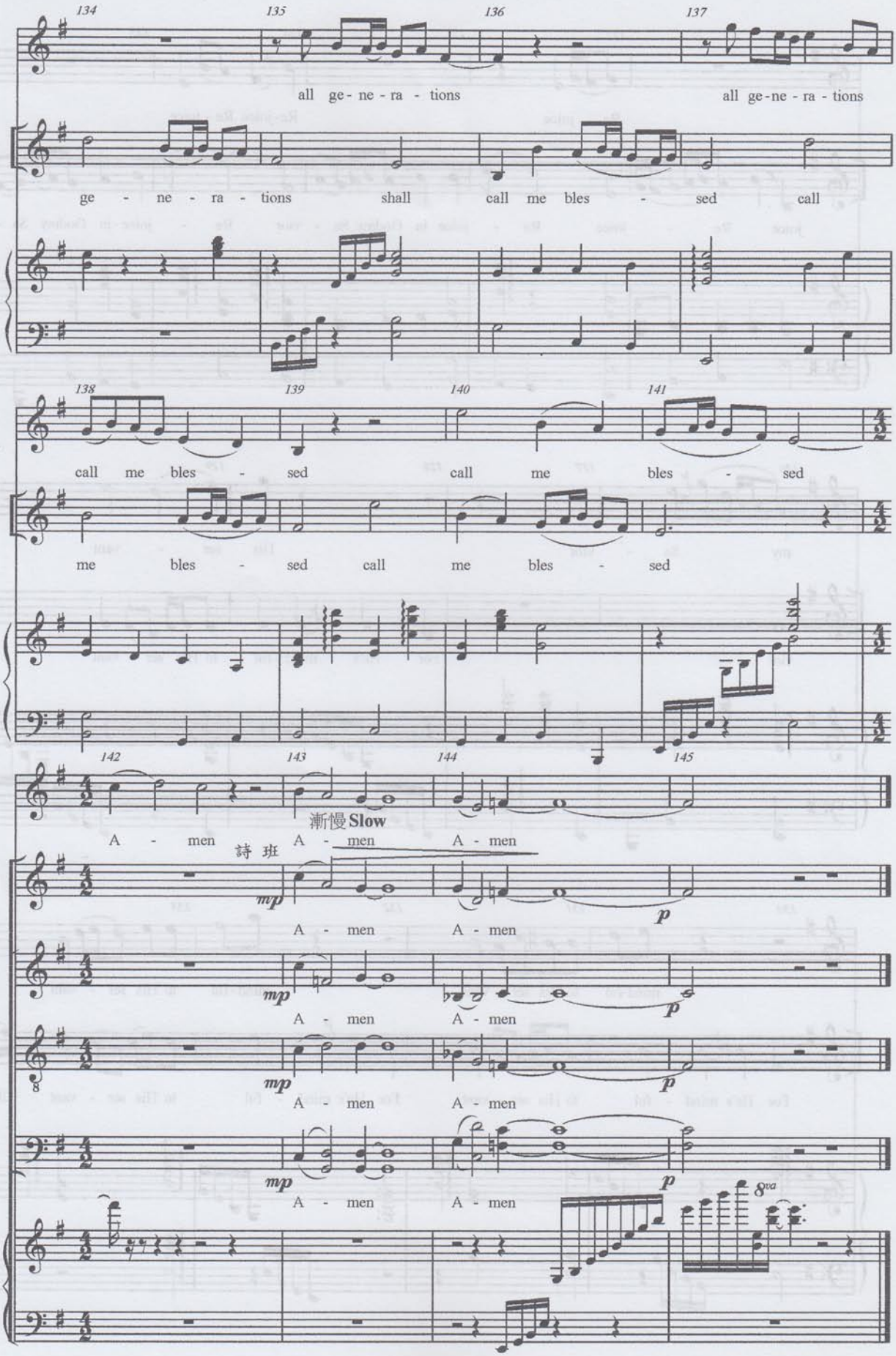

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call Me Bles - sed call Me Bles - sed call Me Bles - sed
Free Rhythm
如說話地 自由節奏
W: For the Mighty One has done great things for me
W: Holy is His name
M: His mercy extends to those who fear him
31 32 33 34 35 36
(Piano and Recitation interchange)
W: Holy is His name
W: from generation to generation
37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
M: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm
M: He has brought down rulers from their thrones
45 46 稍快 47 48 49 50
M= Men Recite
W=Women Recite


W: For the Mighty One
has done great things for me
W: Holy is His name
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M: His mercy extends to those who fear him
M: but has sent the rich away empty
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a tempo
M: He has helped his servant Israel
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M: remembering to be merciful
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rit.
M: but has lifted up the humble

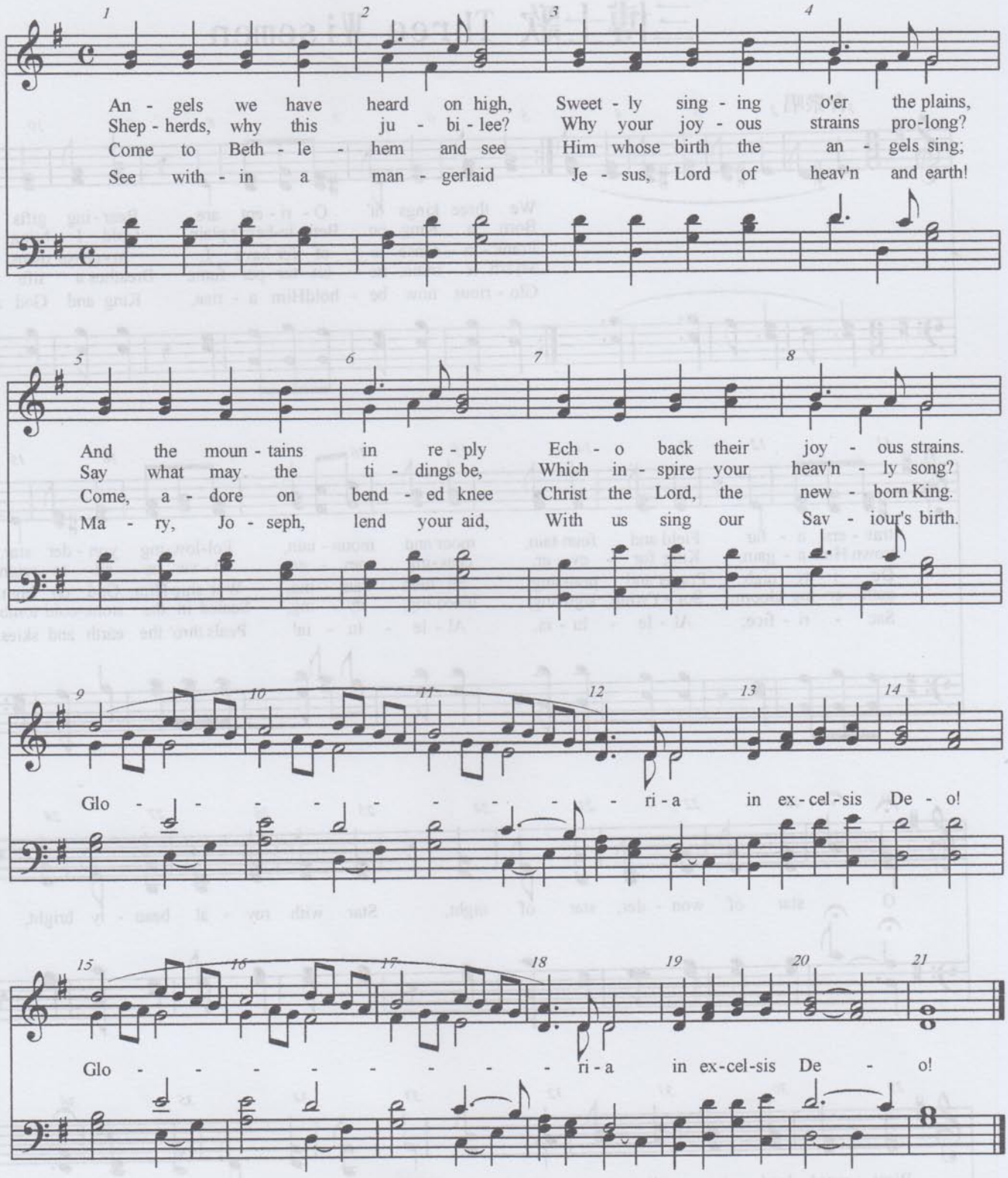
M: to Abraham and his descendants just as he promised our ancestors



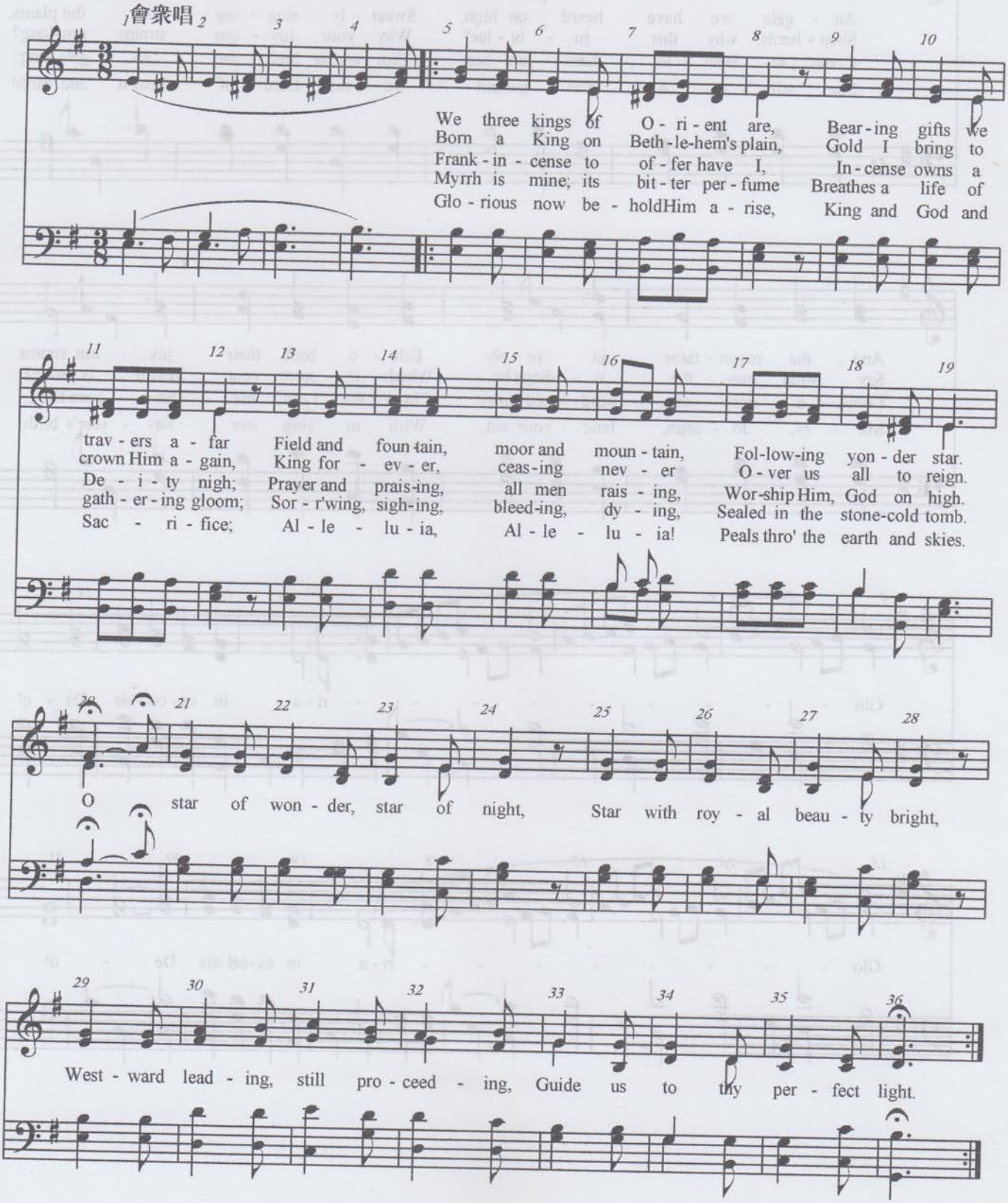

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榮耀歌Gloria


An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
See with - in a man - gerlaid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - iour's birth.
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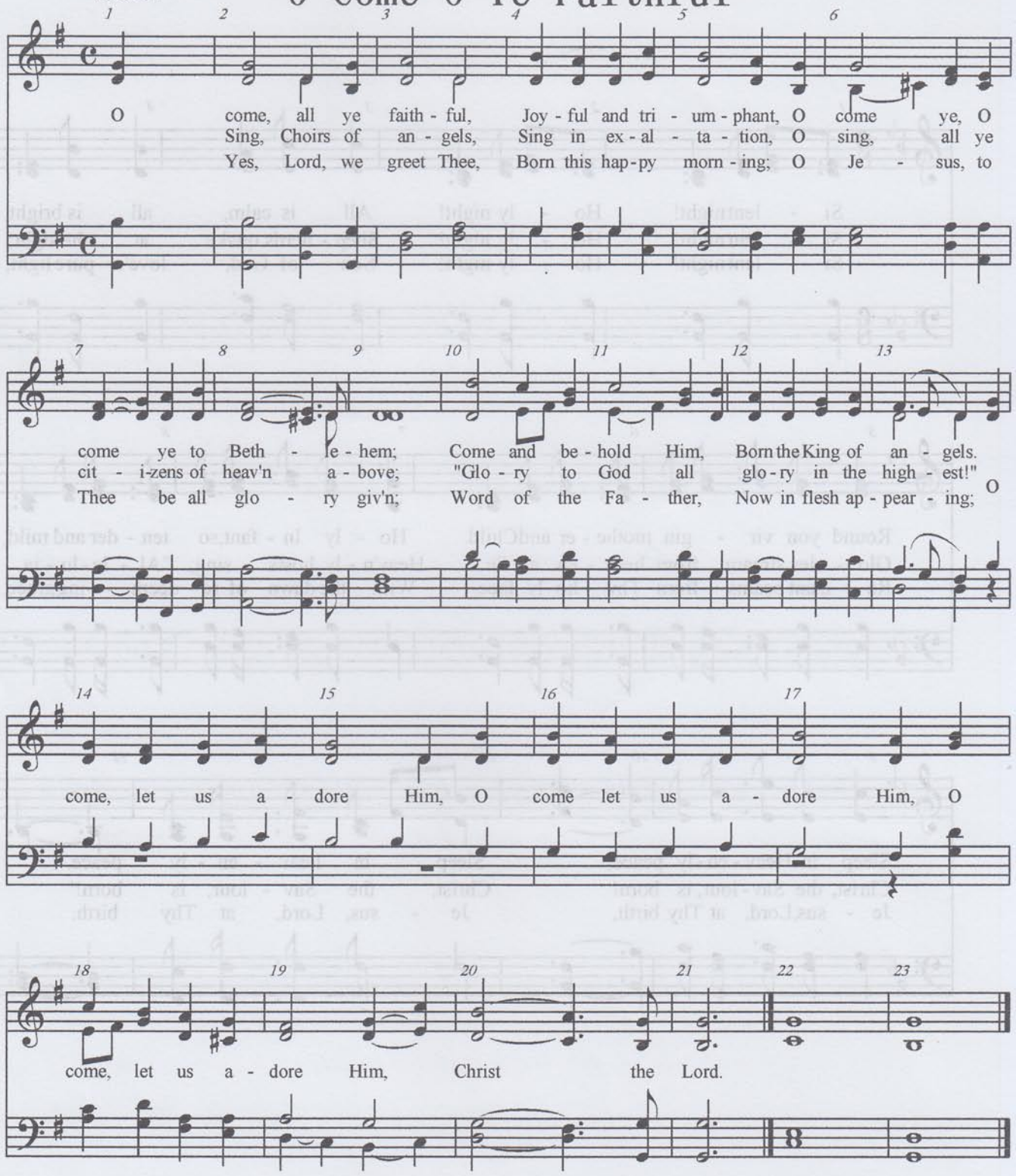
三博士歌 Three Wisemen



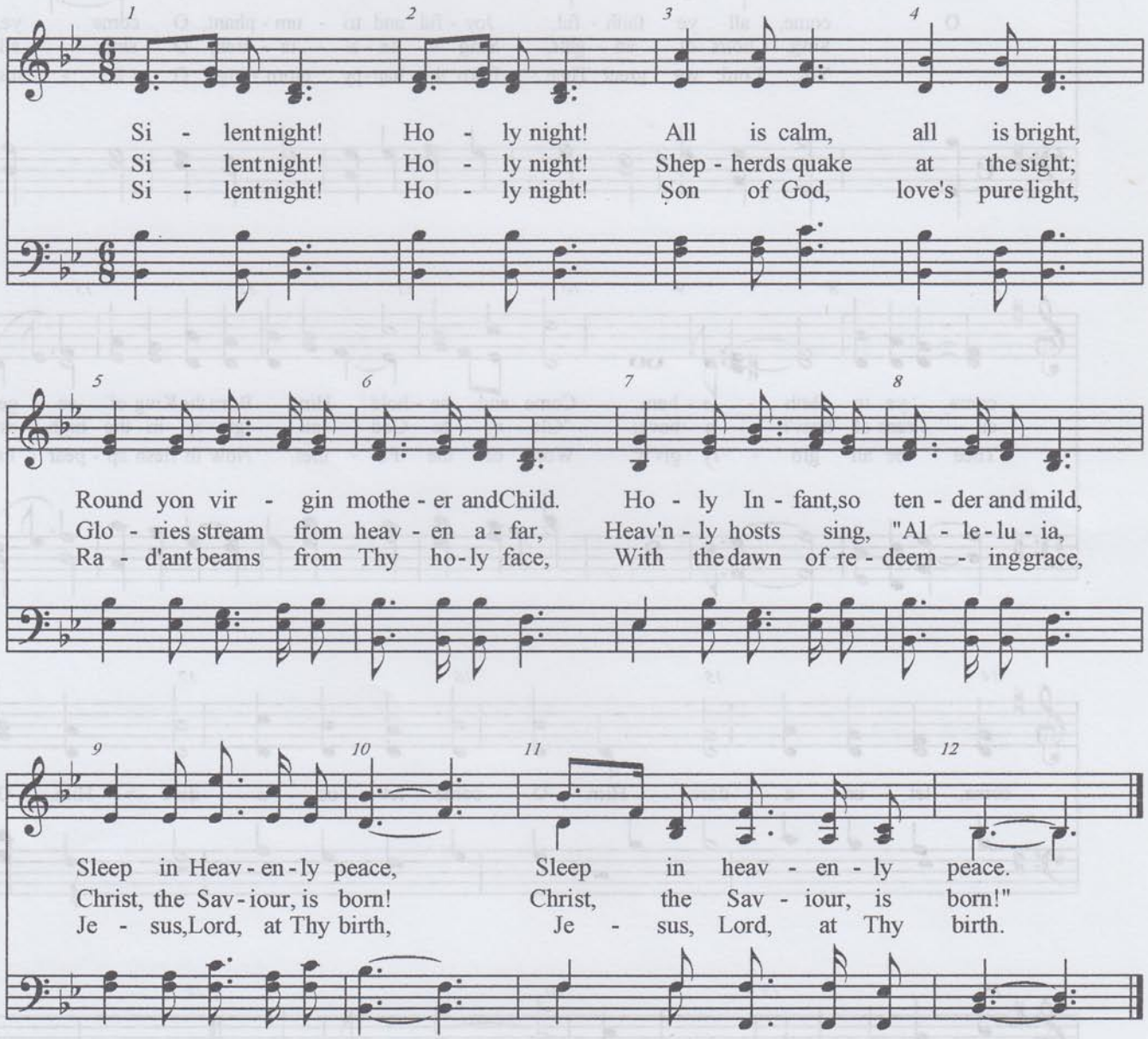
齊來崇拜歌

O Come O Ye Faithful

會衆唱



平安夜歌
Silent Night Holy Night



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