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No. 1. CHORUS.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings; and there He maketh the hungry to dwell that they may prepare a city for habitation; and sow the fields and plant the vineyards which may yield their fruits of increase. He maketh peace in their borders and filleth them with wheat. He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly.

Let the Lord be magnified who taketh pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

No. 2. CHORUS (*Unaccompanied*).

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

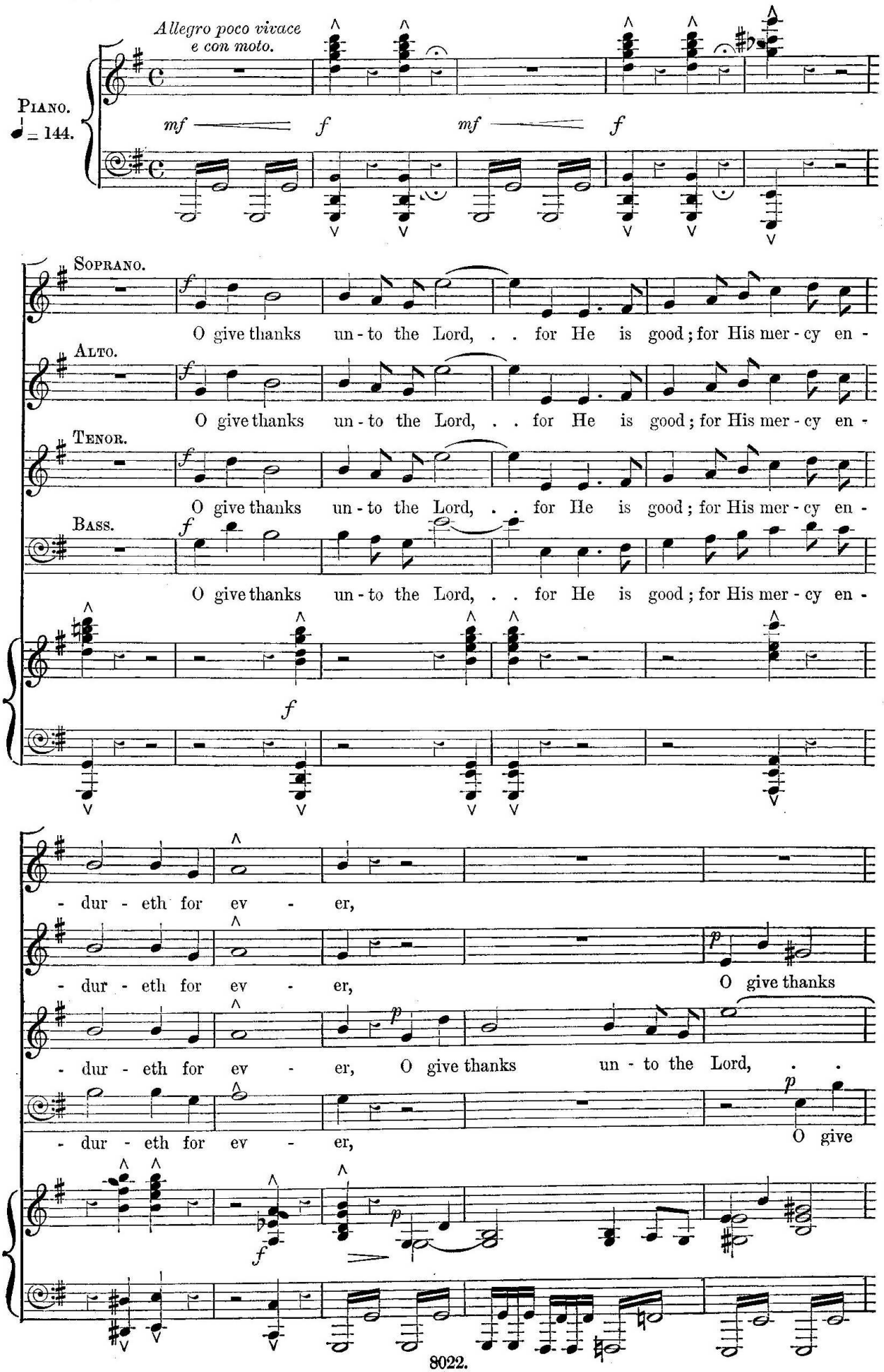
No. 3. FINAL CHORUS.

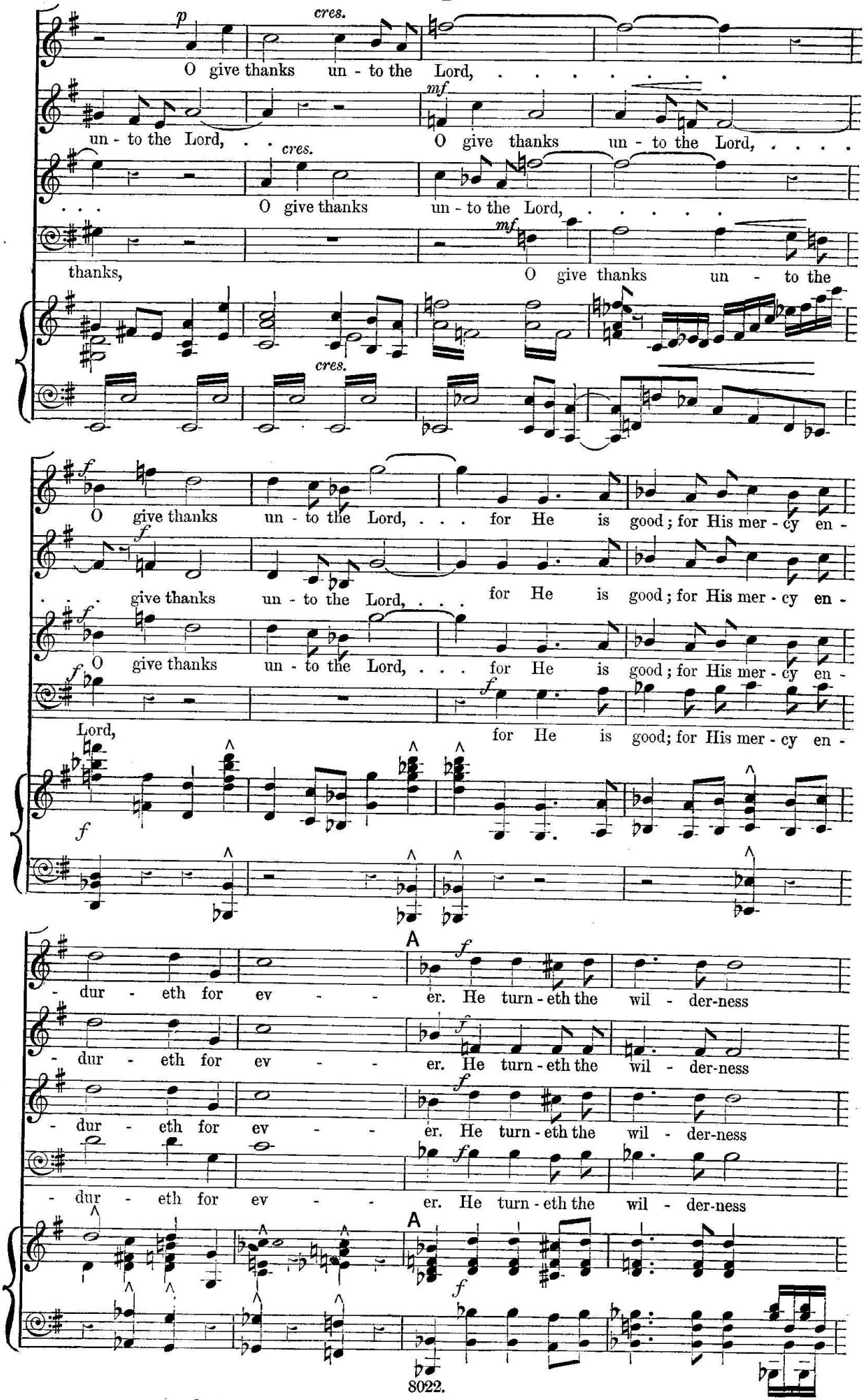
We Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture do give thanks unto Thee for ever.

Blessed be Thou, O God, and praised be Thy glorious Name; and let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory. Amen and Amen.

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING.

No. 1. CHORUS.—"O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD."




p
cres.
O give thanks un - to the Lord, ...
mf
un - to the Lord, . . .
O give thanks un - to the Lord, ...
cres.
. . .
O give thanks un - to the Lord, ...
thanks,
mf
O give thanks un - to the
cres.
f
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . . for He is good; for His mer - cy en -
f
. . . give thanks un - to the Lord, . . . for He is good; for His mer - cy en -
f
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . . for He is good; for His mer - cy en -
f
Lord, for He is good; for His mer - cy en -
f
A
- dur - eth for ev - - er. He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
- dur - eth for ev - - er. He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
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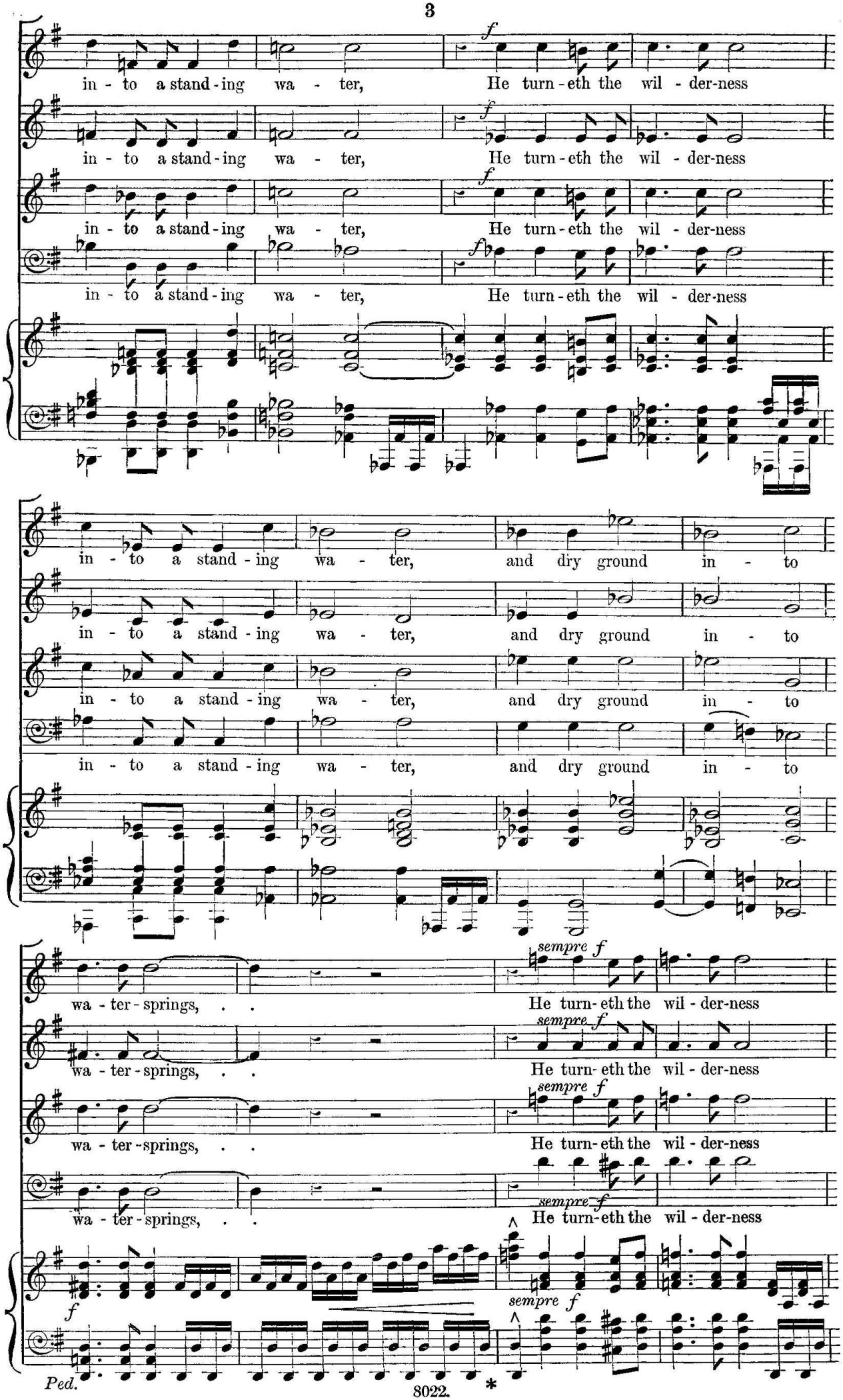
in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
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in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to
in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to
in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to
in - to a stand - ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to
wa - ter - springs, . . He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
wa - ter - springs, . . He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
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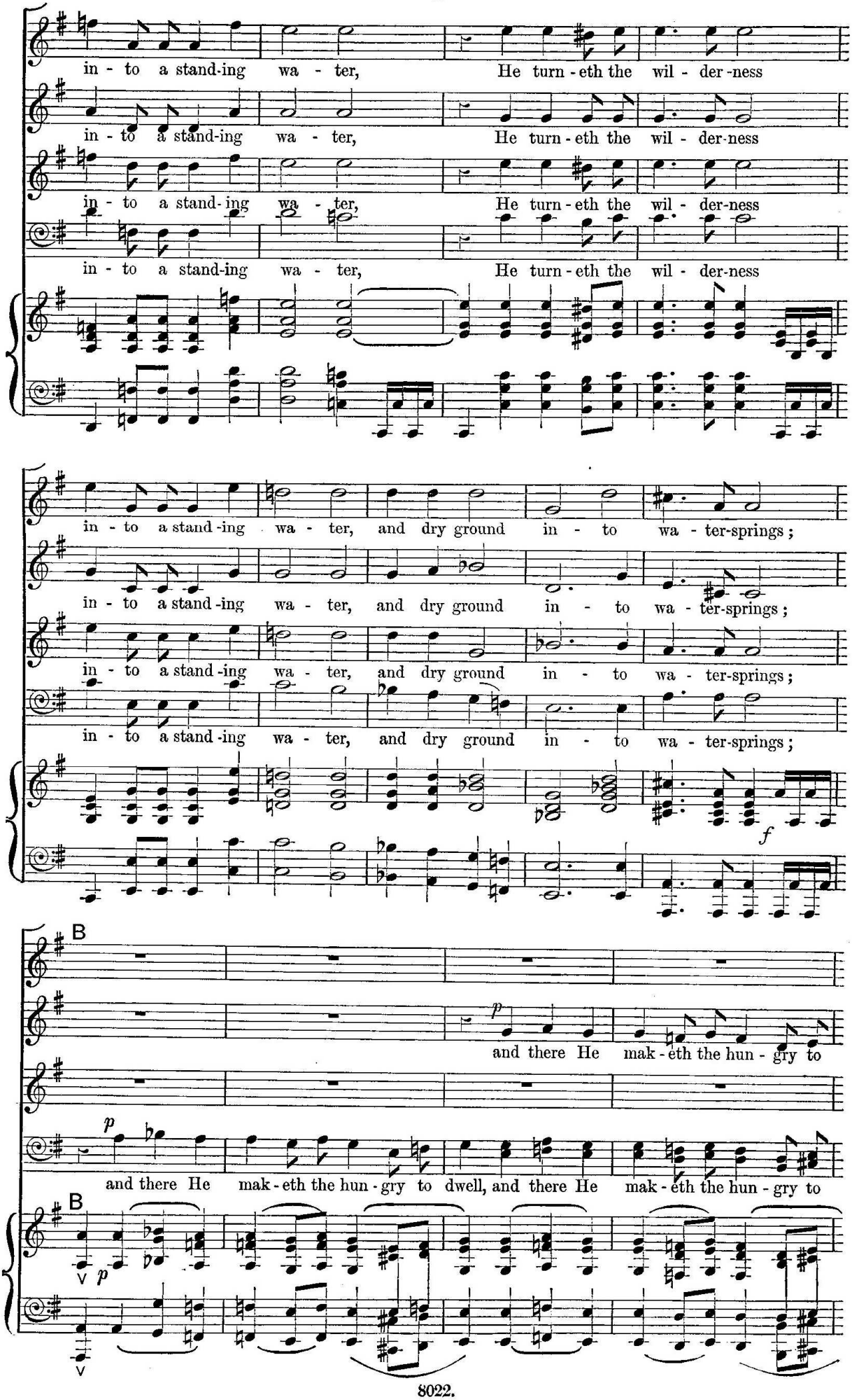
sempre f
Ped.


in - to a stand-ing wa - ter, He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
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in - to a stand-ing wa - ter, He turn - eth the wil - der-ness
in - to a stand-ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to wa - ter-springs;
in - to a stand-ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to wa - ter-springs;
in - to a stand-ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to wa - ter-springs;
in - to a stand-ing wa - ter, and dry ground in - to wa - ter-springs;
f
B
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and there He mak - eth the hun - gry to dwell, and there He mak - eth the hun - gry to
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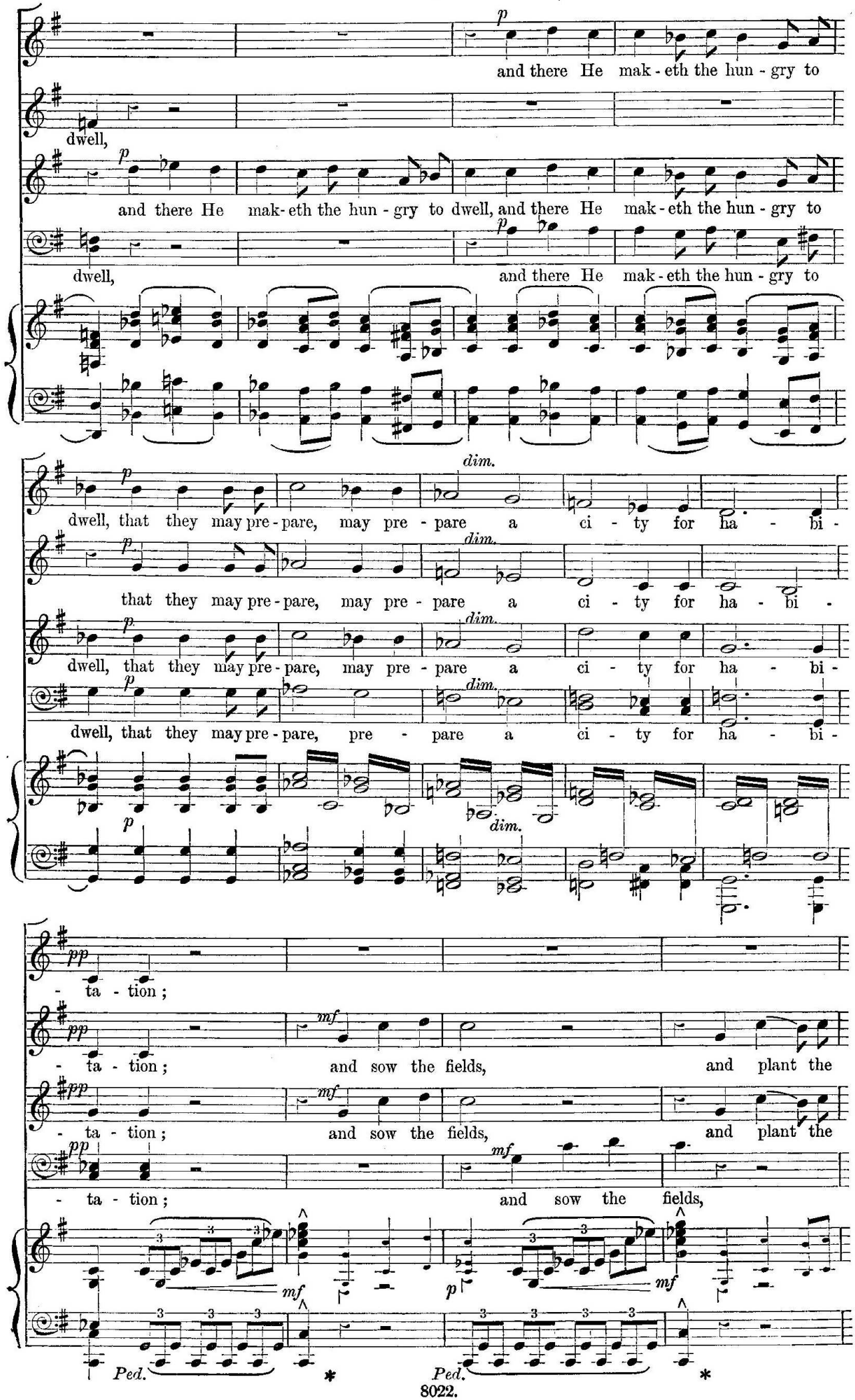
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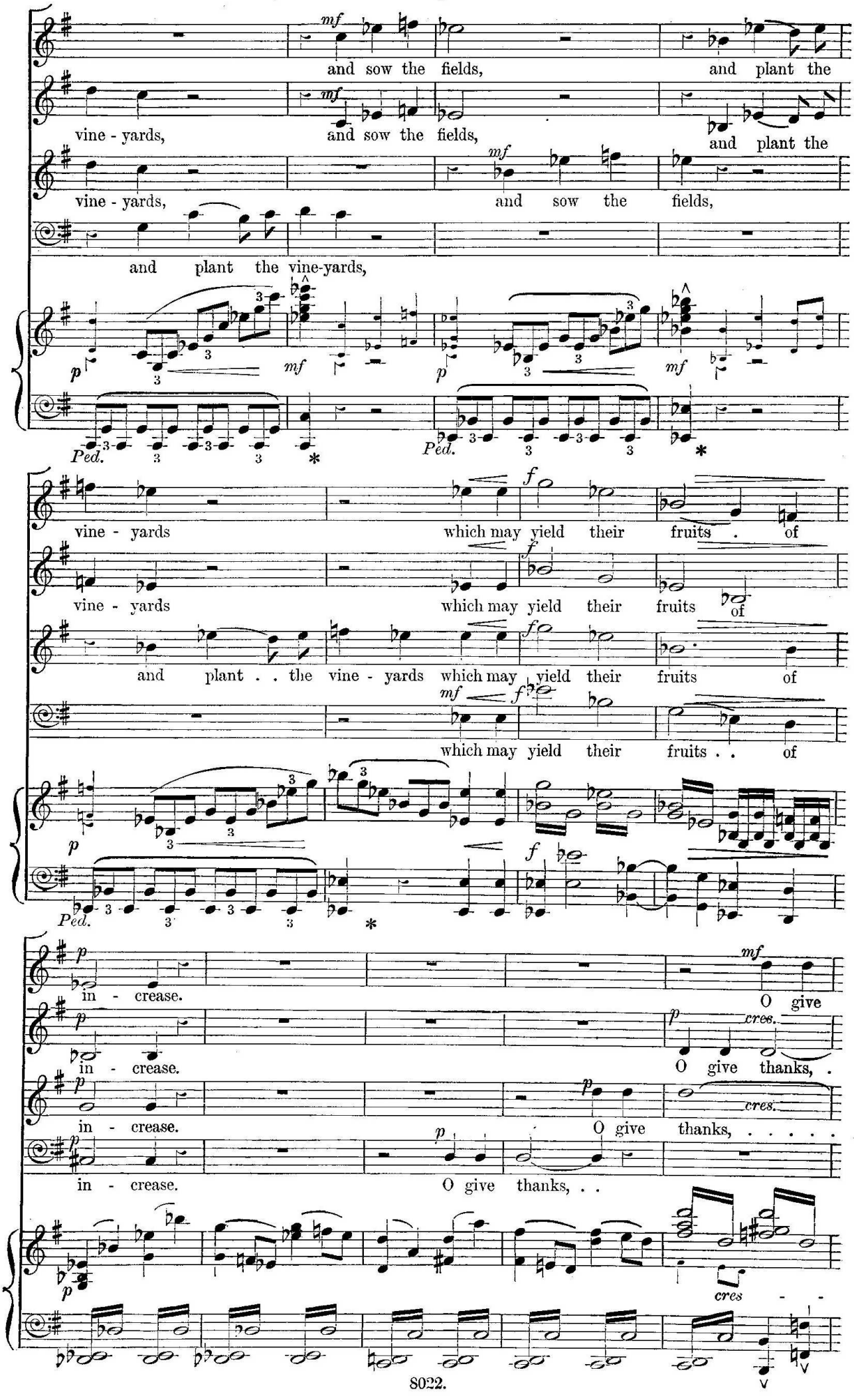
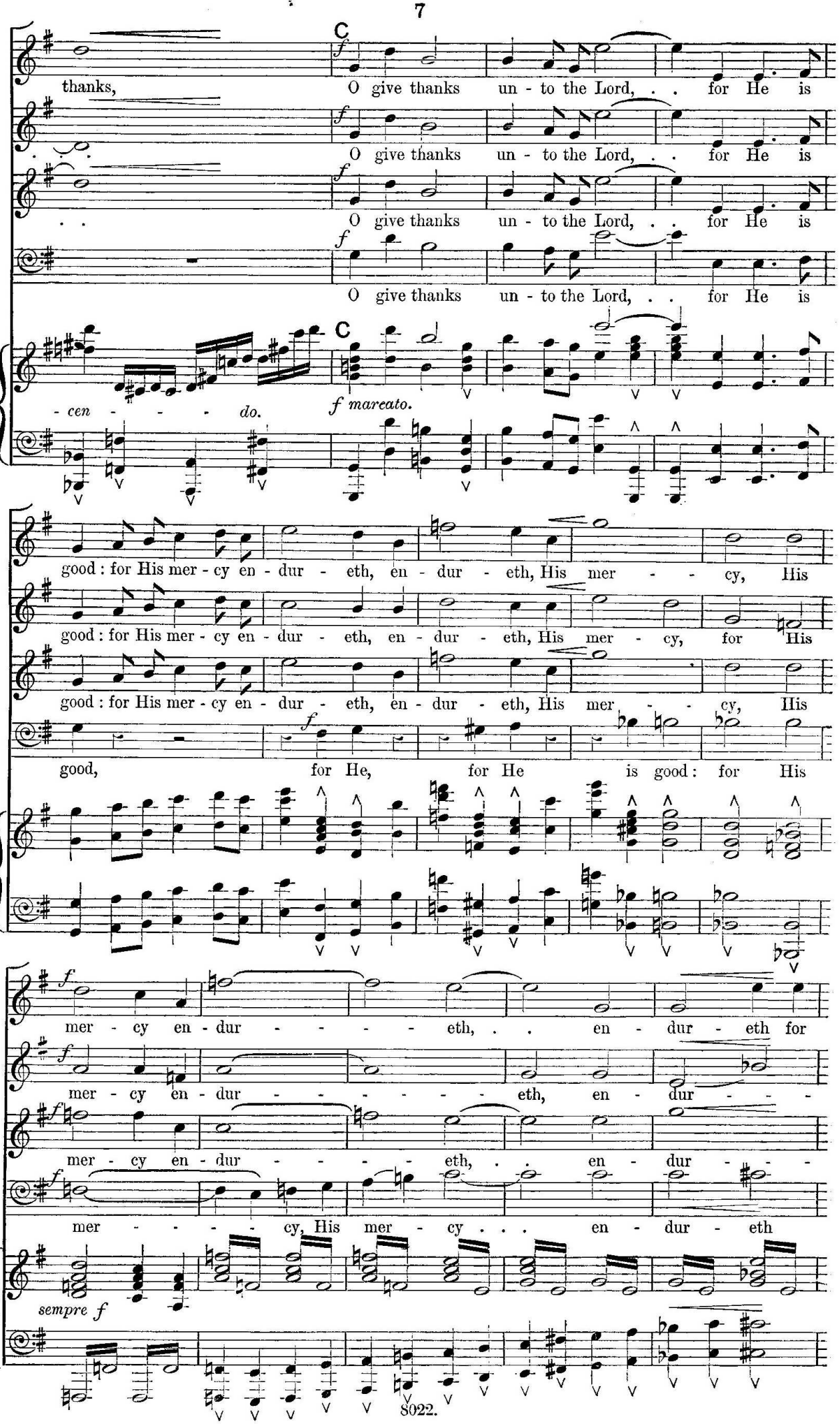
dwell,
and there He mak - eth the hun - gry to
dwell, that they may pre - pare, may pre - pare a ci - ty for ha - bi -
that they may pre - pare, may pre - pare a ci - ty for ha - bi -
dwell, that they may pre - pare, may pre - pare a ci - ty for ha - bi -
dwell, that they may pre - pare, pre - pare a ci - ty for ha - bi -
- ta - tion;
- ta - tion; and sow the fields, and plant the
- ta - tion; and sow the fields, and plant the
- ta - tion; and sow the fields,
Ped.
Ped.


and sow the fields, and plant the
vine - yards, and sow the fields, and plant the
vine - yards, and sow the fields,
and plant the vine-yards,
vine - yards which may yield their fruits . of
vine - yards which may yield their fruits of
and plant . . the vine - yards which may yield their fruits of
which may yield their fruits . . of
in - crease. O give
in - crease. O give thanks, .
in - crease. O give thanks, ...
in - crease. O give thanks, . .
cres - -
Ped.


thanks,
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . for He is
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . for He is
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . for He is
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . for He is
C
f
- cen - - - - do.
f marcato.
good : for His mer - cy en - dur - eth, en - dur - eth, His mer - - - cy, His
good : for His mer - cy en - dur - eth, en - dur - eth, His mer - cy, for His
good : for His mer - cy en - dur - eth, en - dur - eth, His mer - - - cy, His
good, for He, for He is good : for His
mer - cy en - dur - - - - - eth, . . en - dur - eth for
mer - cy en - dur - - - - - - eth, en - dur - - -
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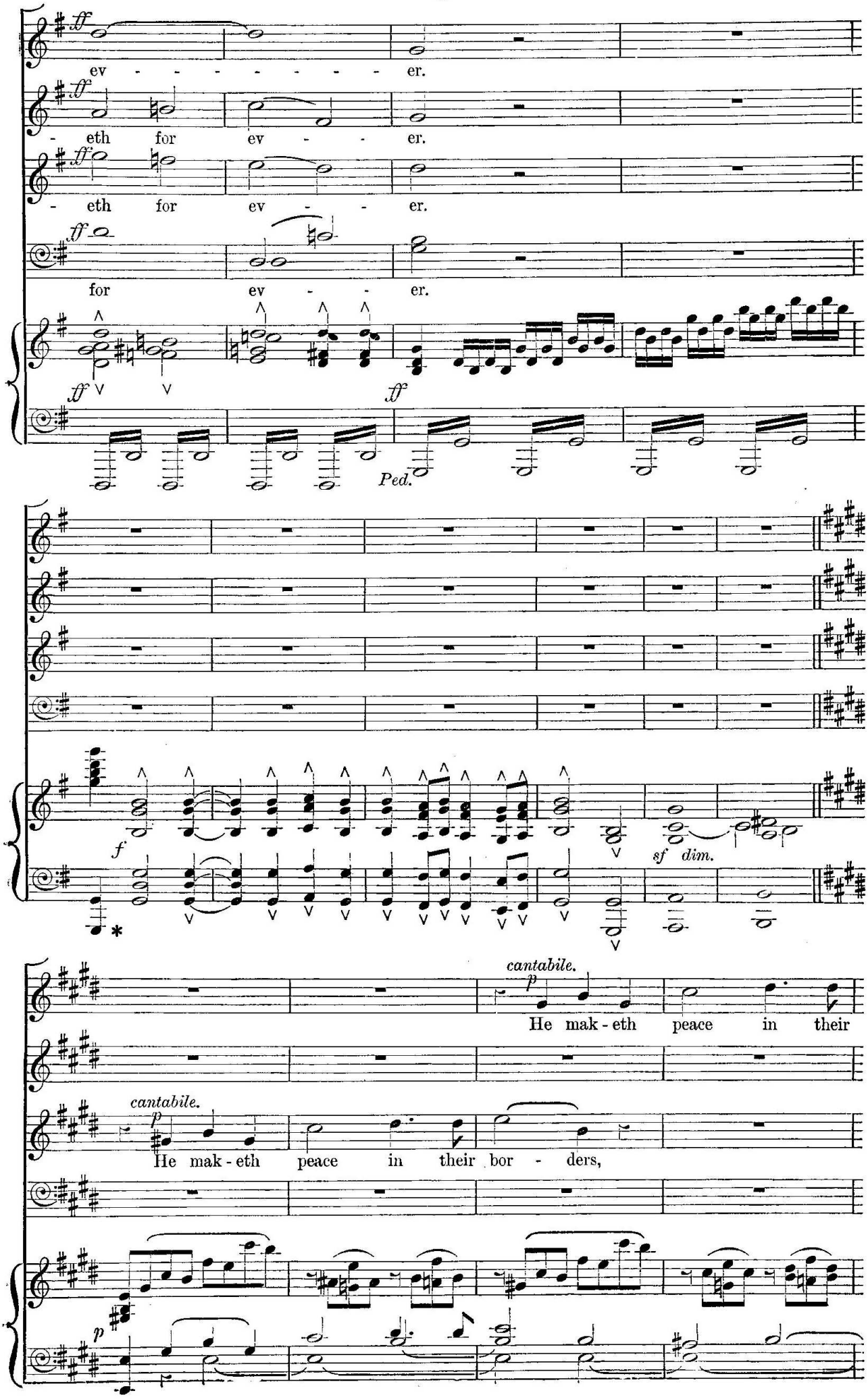
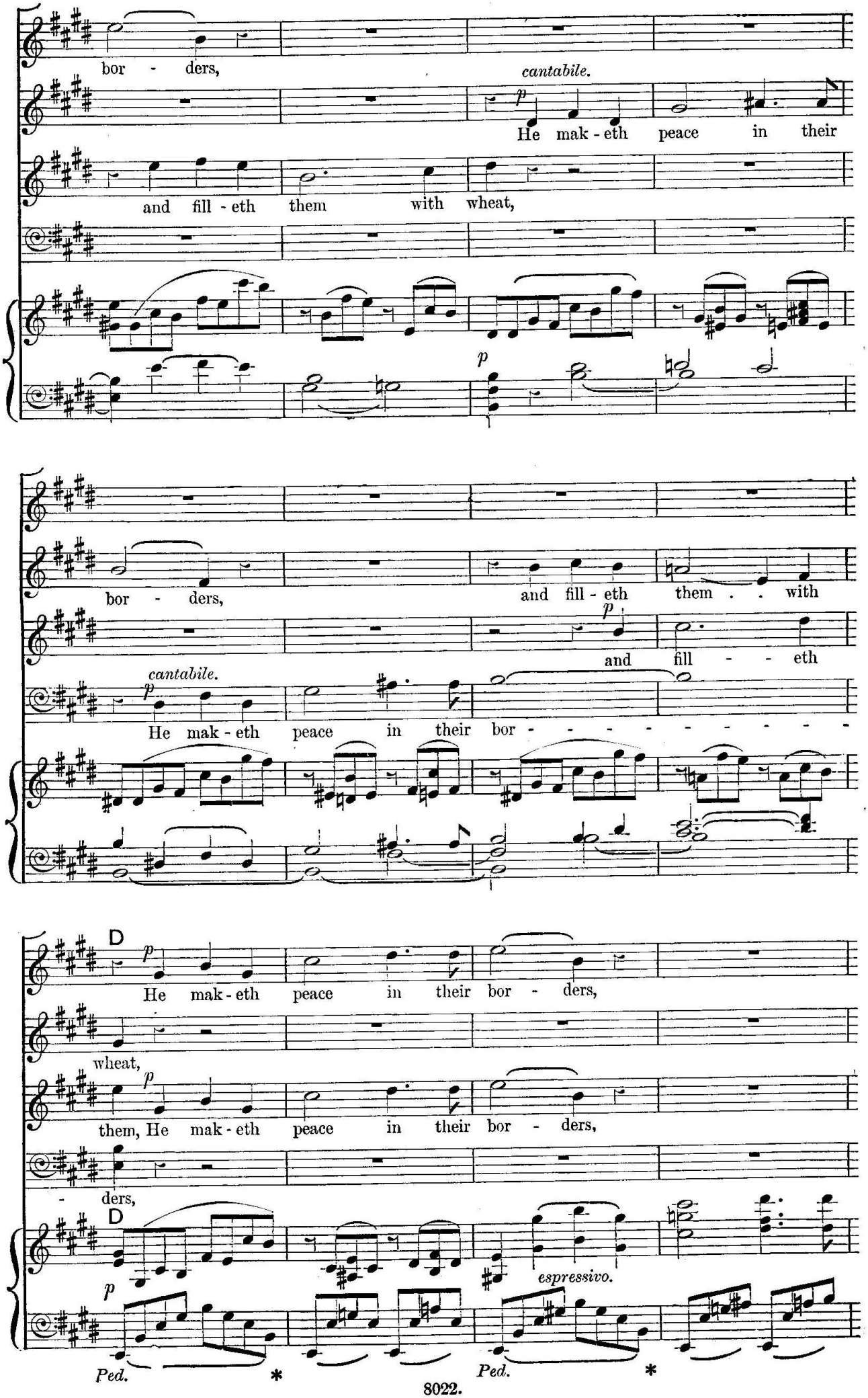
sempre f


ff
ev - - - - - - - - er.
- eth for ev - - er.
- eth for ev - - er.
for ev - - er.
Ped.
f
sf dim.
cantabile.
p
He mak - eth peace in their
cantabile.
p
He mak - eth peace in their bor - ders,


bor - ders,
cantabile.
p
He mak - eth peace in their
and fill - eth them with wheat,
p
bor - ders,
and fill - eth them . . with
p
and fill - - eth
cantabile.
p
He mak - eth peace in their bor - - - - - - - - -
D
p
He mak - eth peace in their bor - ders,
wheat,
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espressivo.
Ped.
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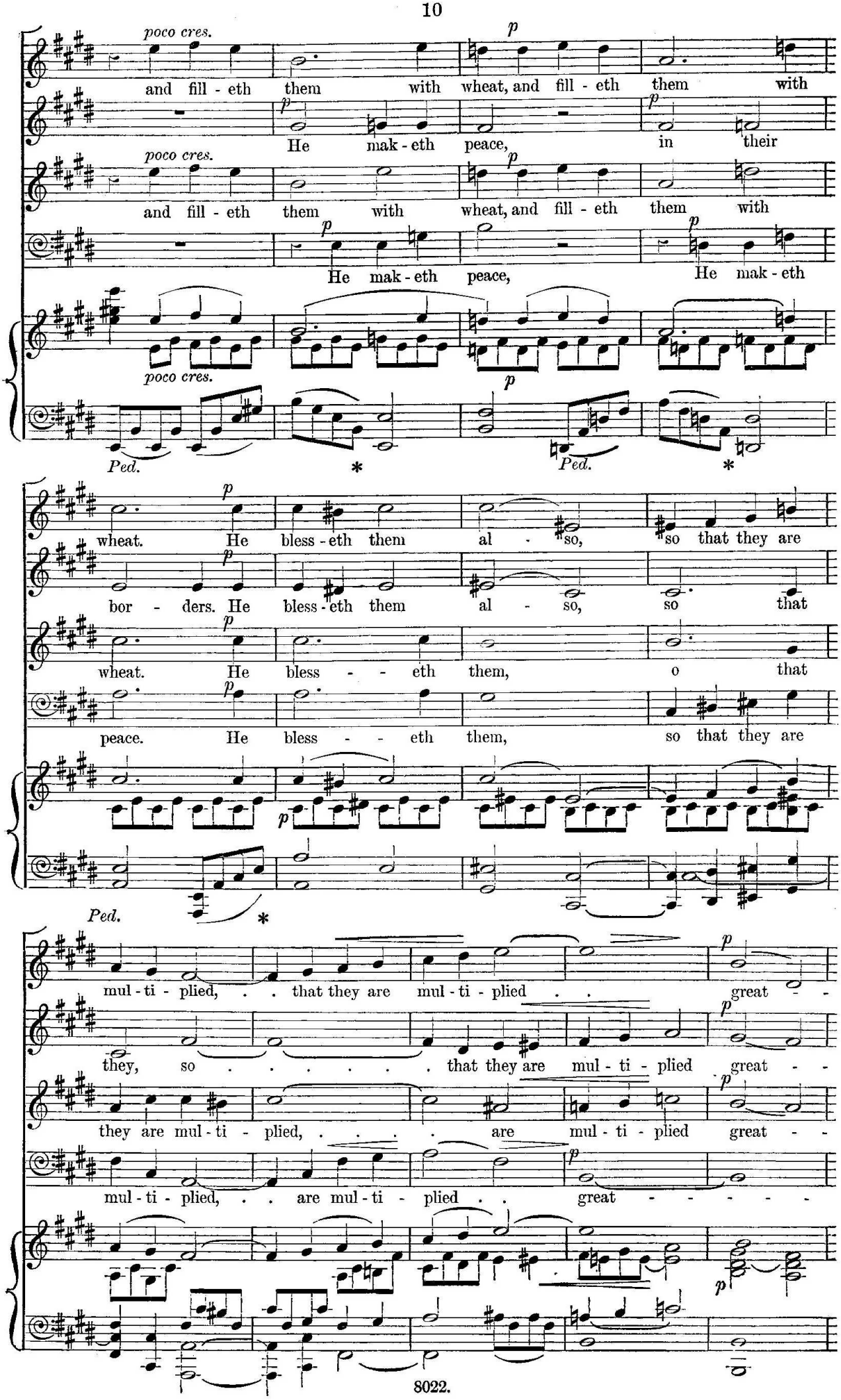
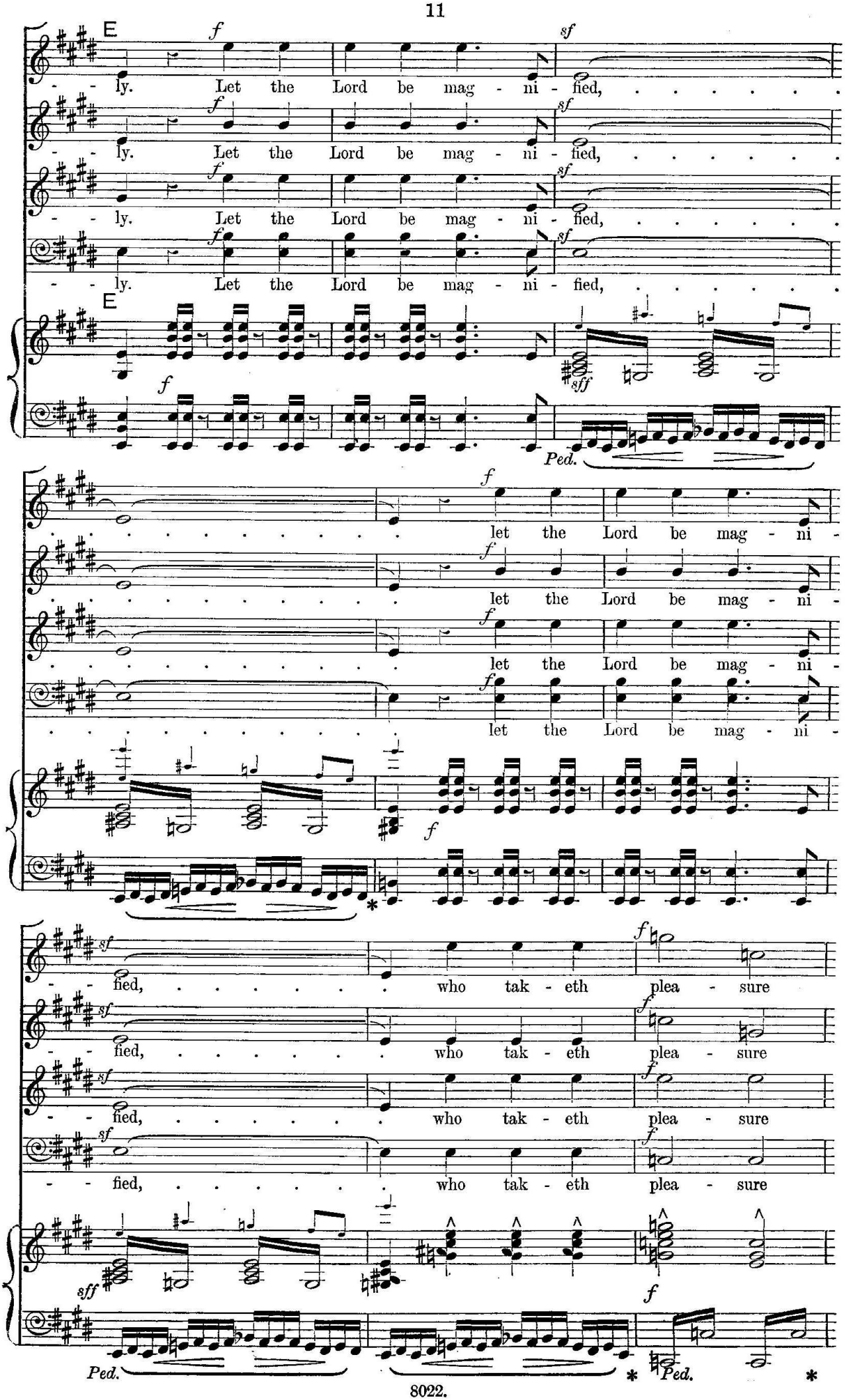

poco cres.
and fill - eth them with wheat, and fill - eth them with
He mak - eth peace, in their
poco cres.
and fill - eth them with wheat, and fill - eth them with
He mak - eth peace, He mak - eth
poco cres.
Ped. * Ped. *
wheat. He bless - eth them al - so, so that they are
bor - ders. He bless - eth them al - so, so that
wheat. He bless - - eth them, o that
peace. He bless - - eth them, so that they are
Ped. *
mul - ti - plied, . . that they are mul - ti - plied . . great - -
they, so . . . . . that they are mul - ti - plied great - -
they are mul - ti - plied, ... are mul - ti - plied great - -
mul - ti - plied, . . are mul - ti - plied . . great - - - - -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sff
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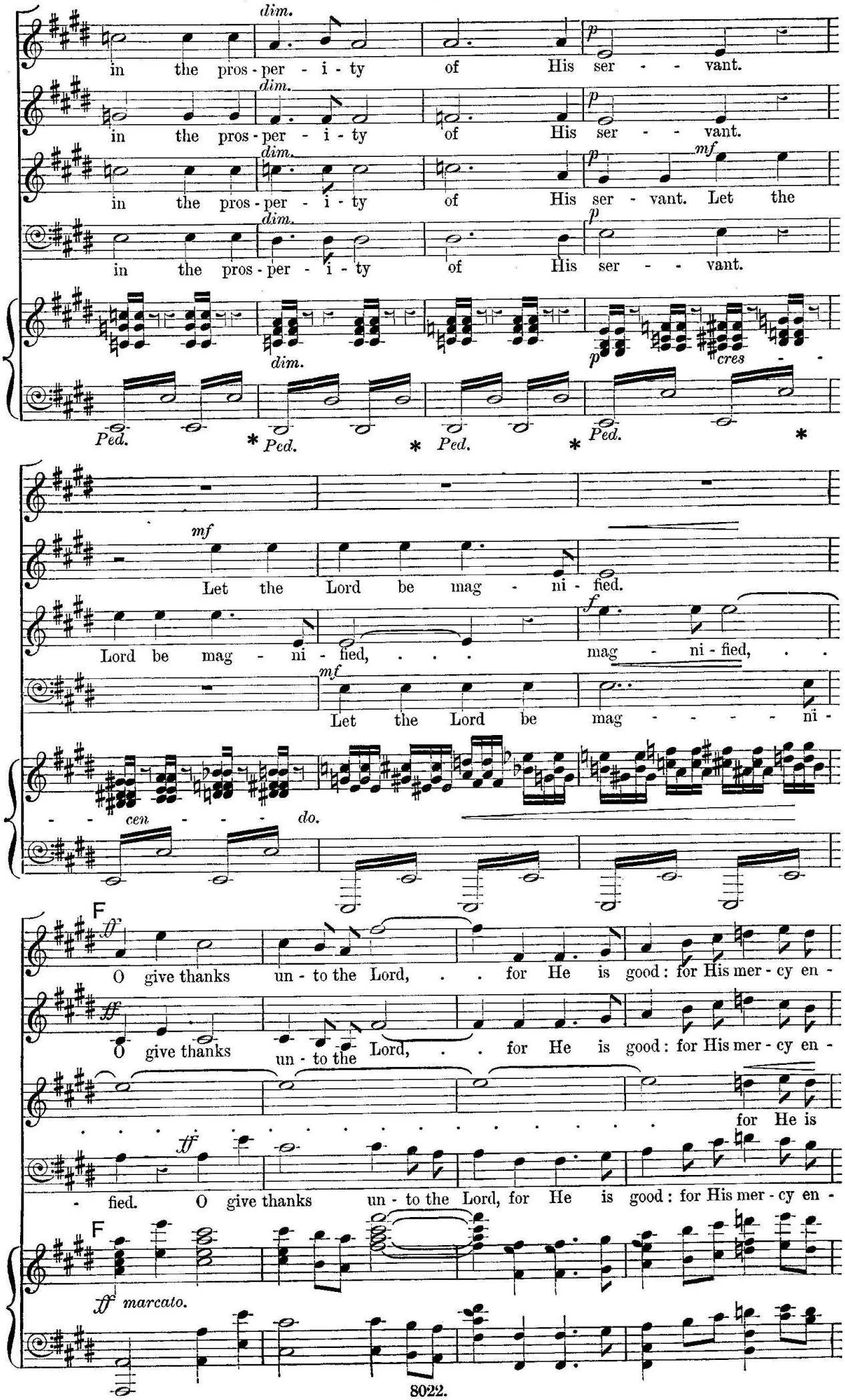
let the Lord be mag - ni -
*
fied, who tak - eth plea - sure
Ped.


dim.
in the pros - per - i - ty of His ser - - vant.
p
mf
Let the
Ped.
cres
Let the Lord be mag - ni - fied.
Lord be mag - ni - fied, . . . mag - ni - fied, . .
Let the Lord be mag - - - - - ni -
cen - - - - do.
F
ff
O give thanks un - to the Lord, . . for He is good: for His mer - cy en -
for He is
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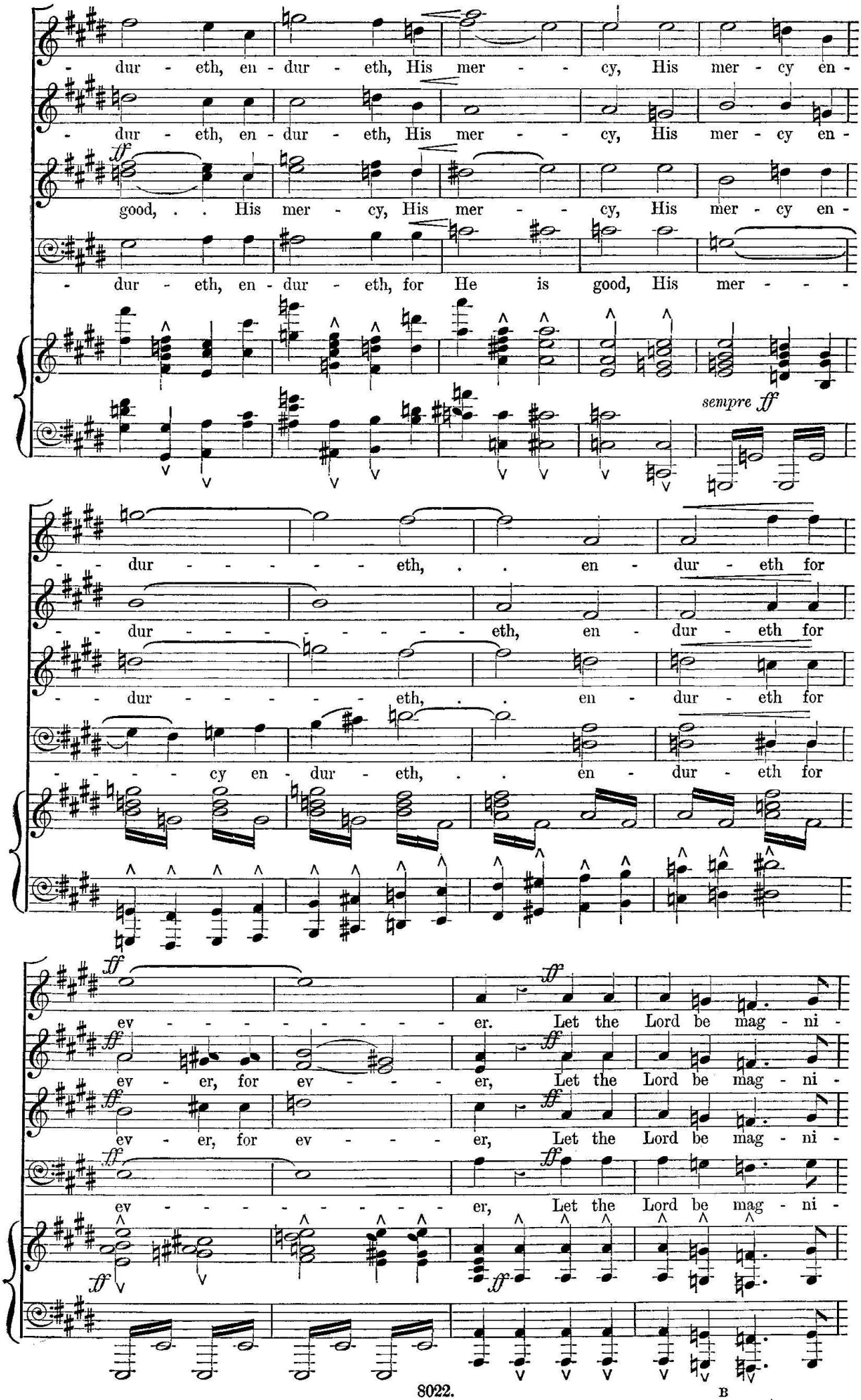
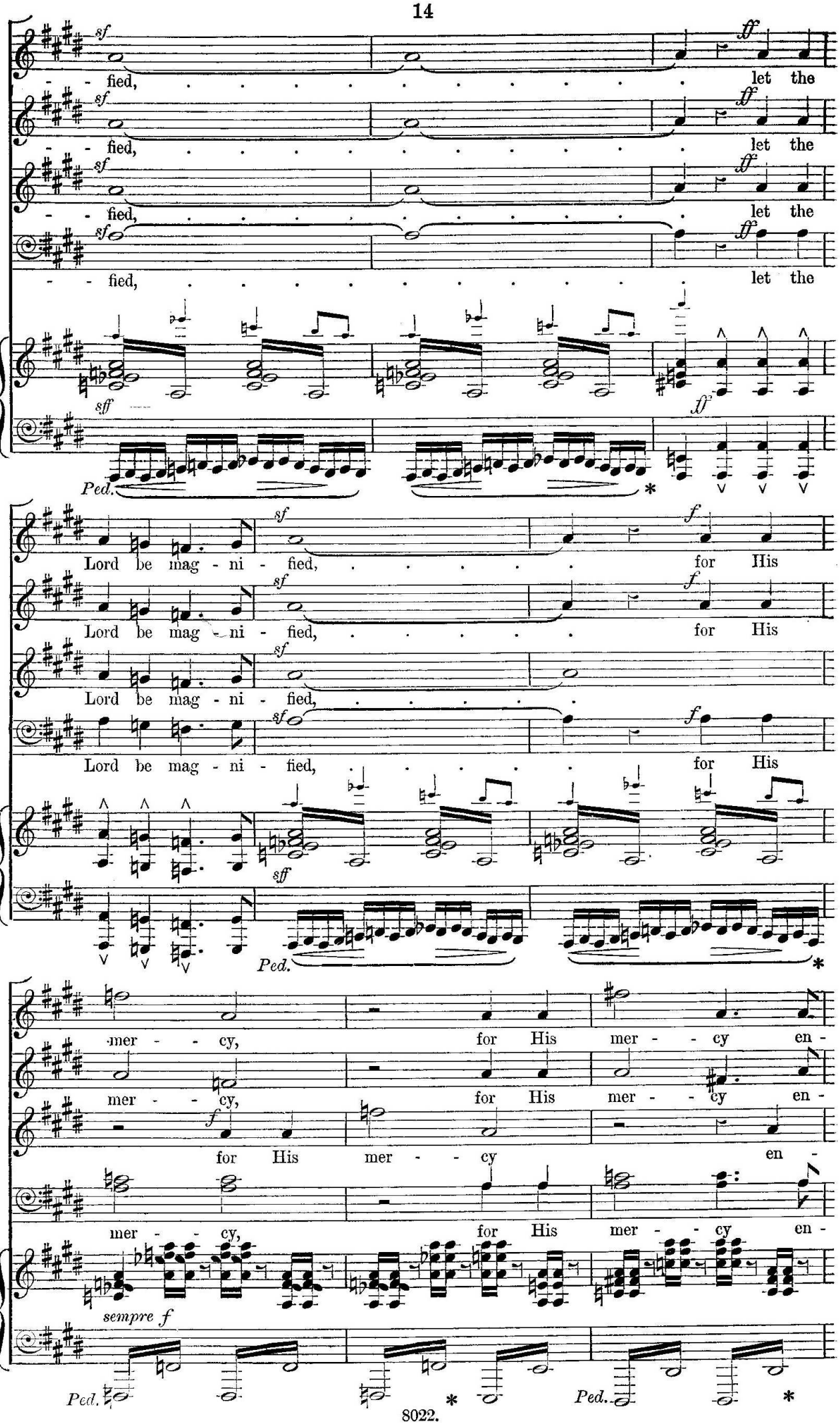
marcato.


- dur - eth, en - dur - eth, His mer - - - cy, His mer - cy en -
- dur - eth, en - dur - eth, His mer - - - cy, His mer - cy en -
good, . . His mer - cy, His mer - - - cy, His mer - cy en -
- dur - eth, en - dur - eth, for He is good, His mer - - - -
sempre ff
- - dur - - - - - - eth, . . en - dur - eth for
- - dur - - - - - - - - eth, en - dur - eth for
- - dur - - - - - eth, . . en - dur - eth for
- - - - cy en - dur - eth, . . en - dur - eth for
ev - - - - - - - - - er. Let the Lord be mag - ni -
ev - er, for ev - - - - er, Let the Lord be mag - ni -
ev - er, for ev - - - - er, Let the Lord be mag - ni -
ev - - - - - - - - - er, Let the Lord be mag - ni -


- - fied, ... let the
- - fied, ... let the
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Lord be mag - ni - fied, ... for His
Lord be mag - ni - fied, ... for His
Lord be mag - ni - fied, ...
Lord be mag - ni - fied, ... for His
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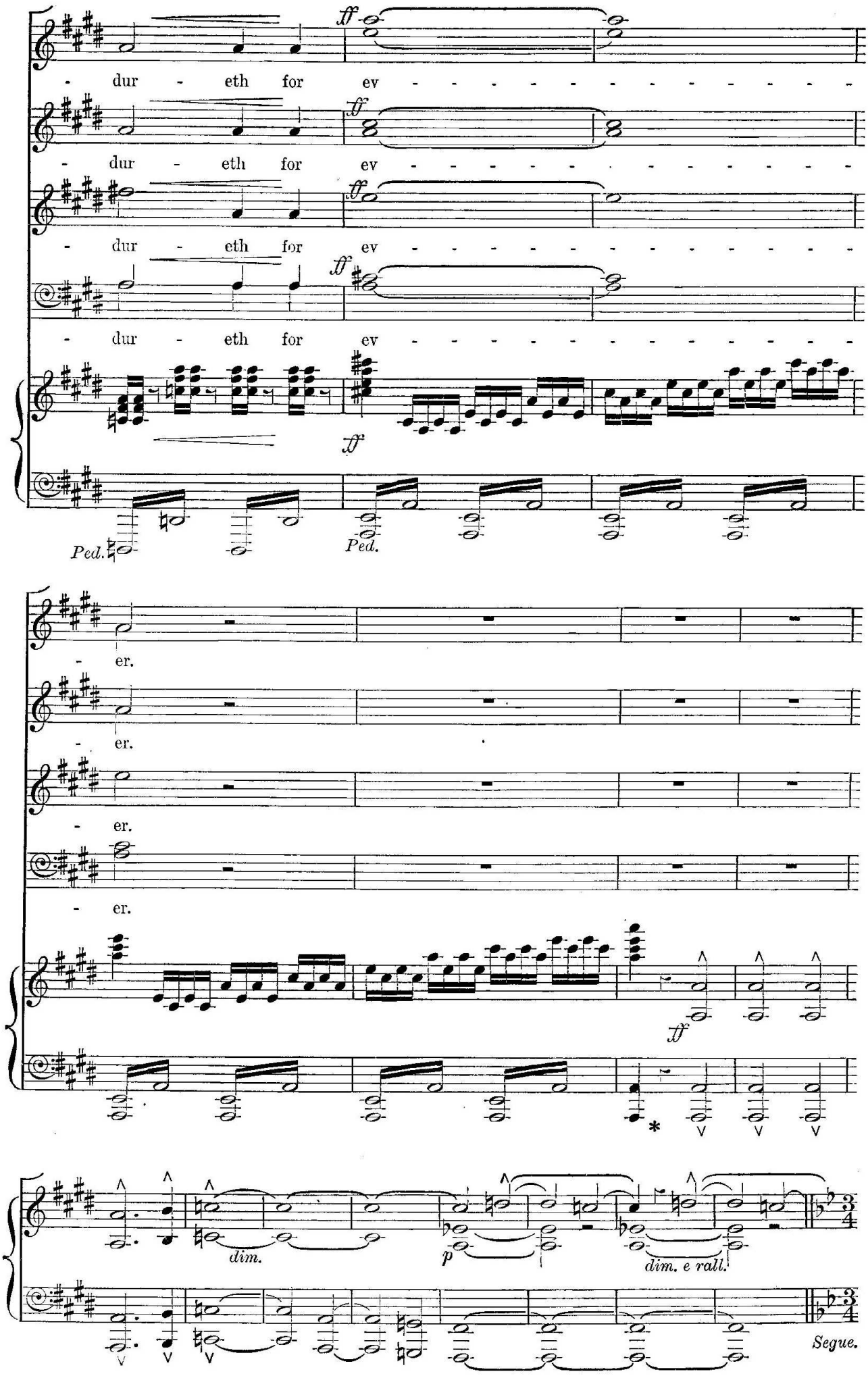
ff
- dur - eth for ev - - - - - - - - - - - - -
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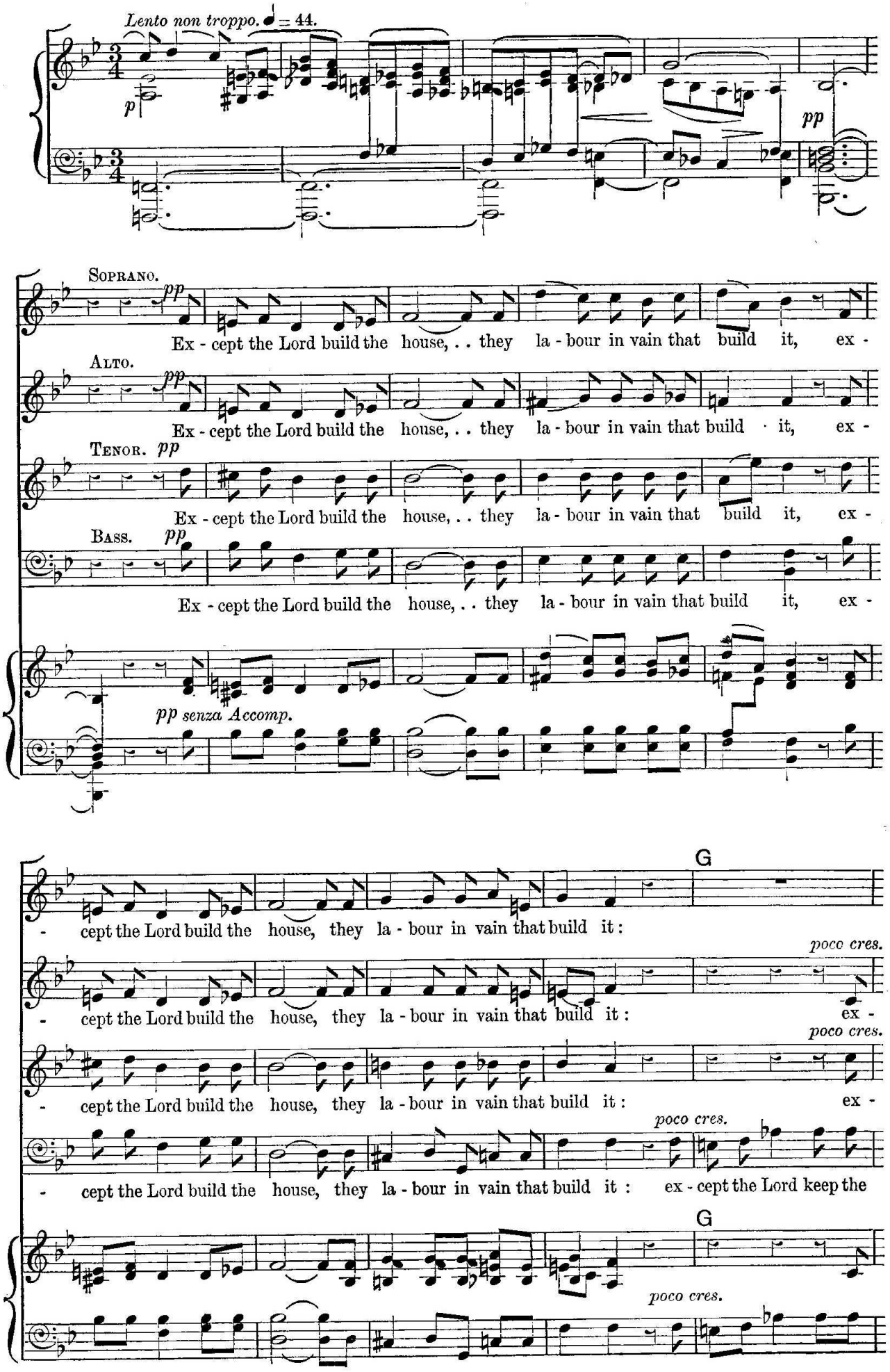
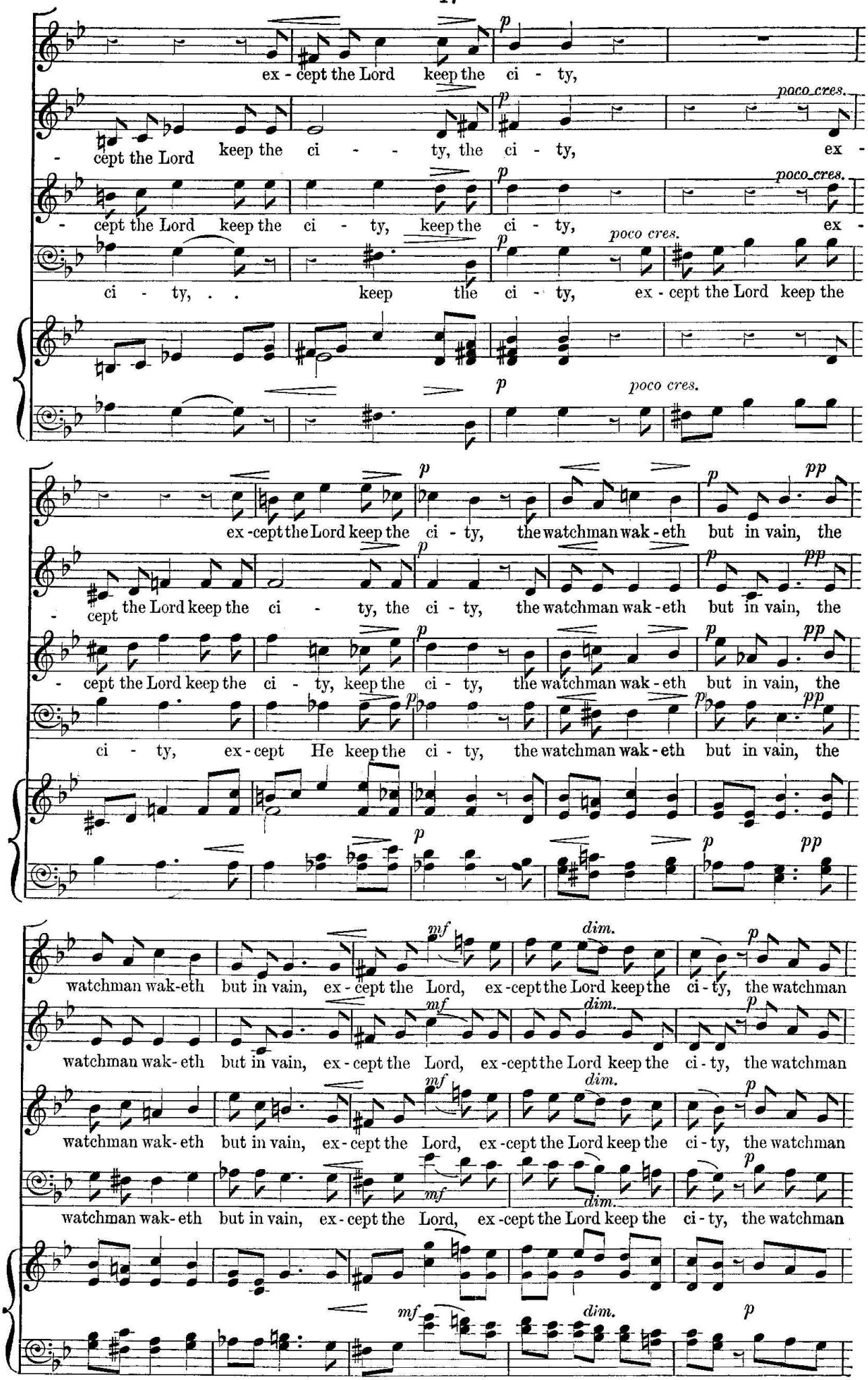
- dur - eth for ev - - - - - - - - - - - - -
- dur - eth for ev - - - - - - - - - - - - -
ff
Ped.
Ped.
- er.
- er.
- er.
- er.
ff
*
dim.
p
dim. e rall.
Segue.

No. 2. CHORUS (*Unaccompanied*).—" EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE."




ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty,
- cept the Lord keep the ci - - ty, the ci - ty, ex -
- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, keep the ci - ty, ex -
ci - ty, . . keep the ci - ty, ex - cept the Lord keep the
ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, the watchman wak - eth but in vain, the
- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, the ci - ty, the watchman wak - eth but in vain, the
- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, keep the ci - ty, the watchman wak - eth but in vain, the
ci - ty, ex - cept He keep the ci - ty, the watchman wak - eth but in vain, the
watchman wak - eth but in vain, ex - cept the Lord, ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, the watchman
watchman wak - eth but in vain, ex - cept the Lord, ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, the watchman
watchman wak - eth but in vain, ex - cept the Lord, ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, the watchman
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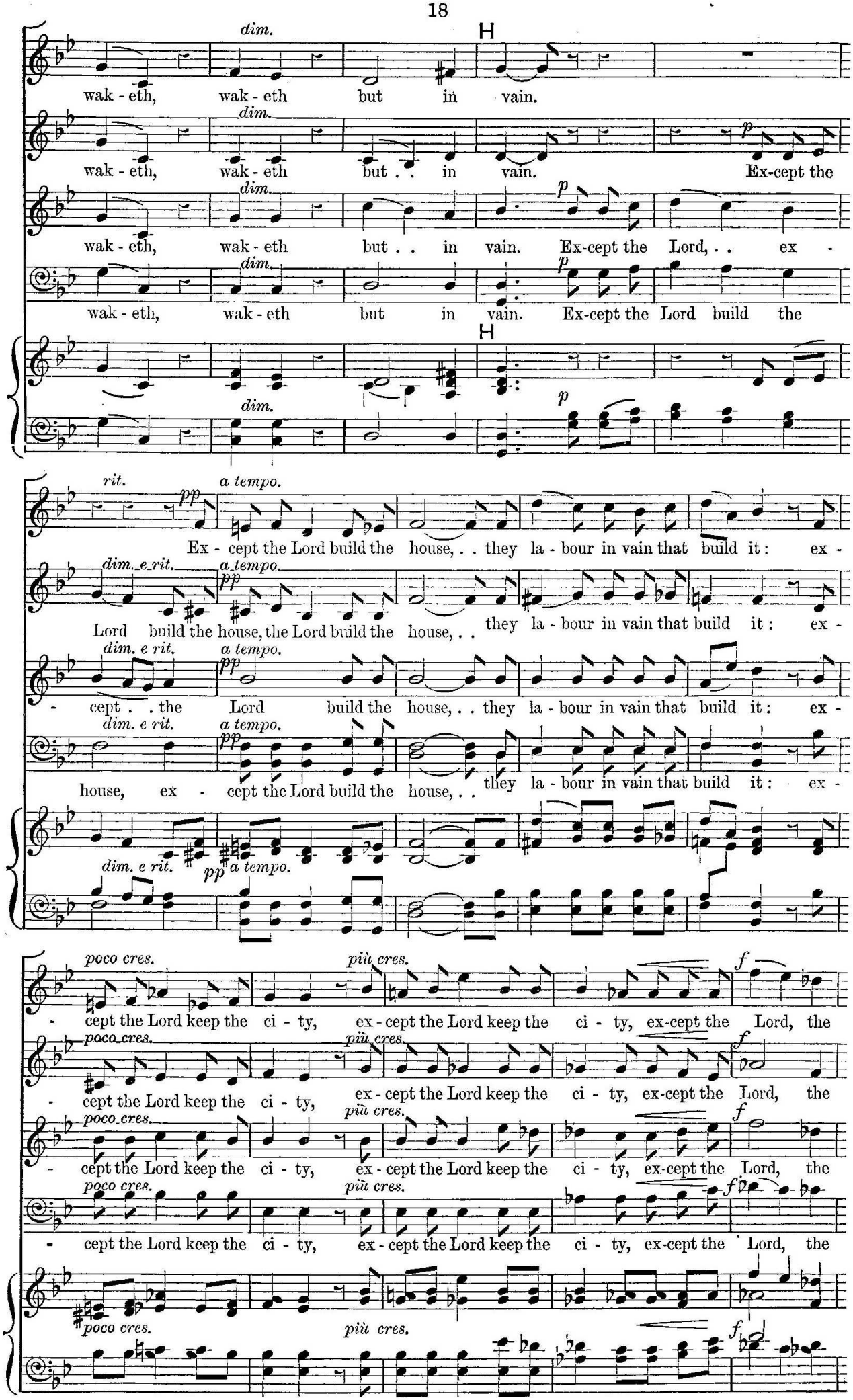
poco cres.
dim.


dim.
wak - eth, wak - eth but in vain.
dim.
wak - eth, wak - eth but . . in vain. Ex-cept the
dim.
wak - eth, wak - eth but . . in vain. Ex-cept the Lord, . . ex -
dim.
wak - eth, wak - eth but in vain. Ex-cept the Lord build the
dim.
rit.
pp
a tempo.
Ex - cept the Lord build the house, . . they la - bour in vain that build it : ex -
dim. e rit.
a tempo.
pp
Lord build the house, the Lord build the house, . . they la - bour in vain that build it : ex -
dim. e rit.
a tempo.
pp
- cept . . the Lord build the house, . . they la - bour in vain that build it : ex -
dim. e rit.
a tempo.
pp
house, ex - cept the Lord build the house, . . they la - bour in vain that build it : ex -
dim. e rit.
pp
a tempo.
poco cres.
più cres.
f
- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, ex-cept the Lord, the
poco cres.
più cres.
f
- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, ex-cept the Lord, the
poco cres.
più cres.
f
- cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, ex - cept the Lord keep the ci - ty, ex-cept the Lord, the
poco cres.
più cres.
f
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poco cres.
più cres.
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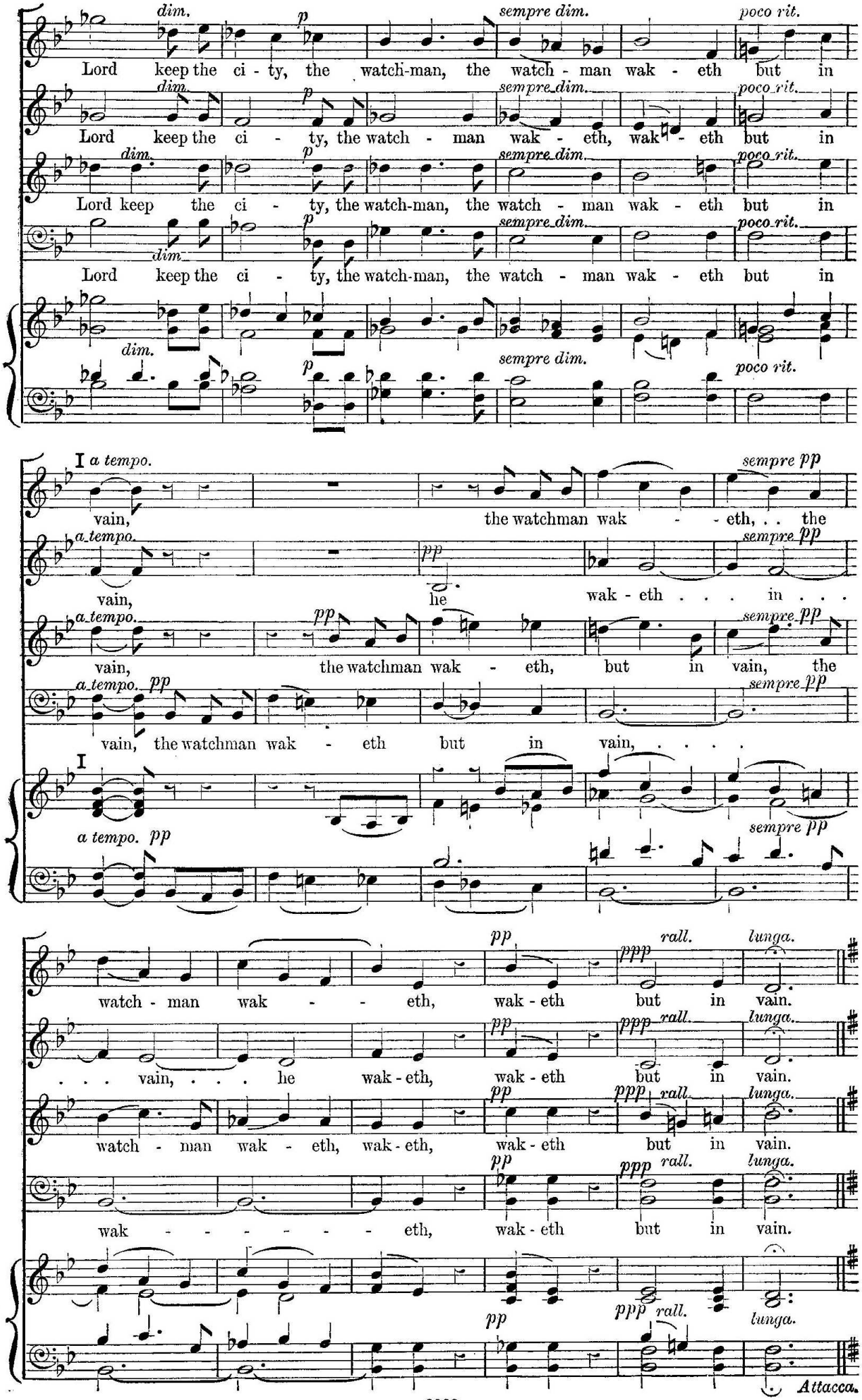
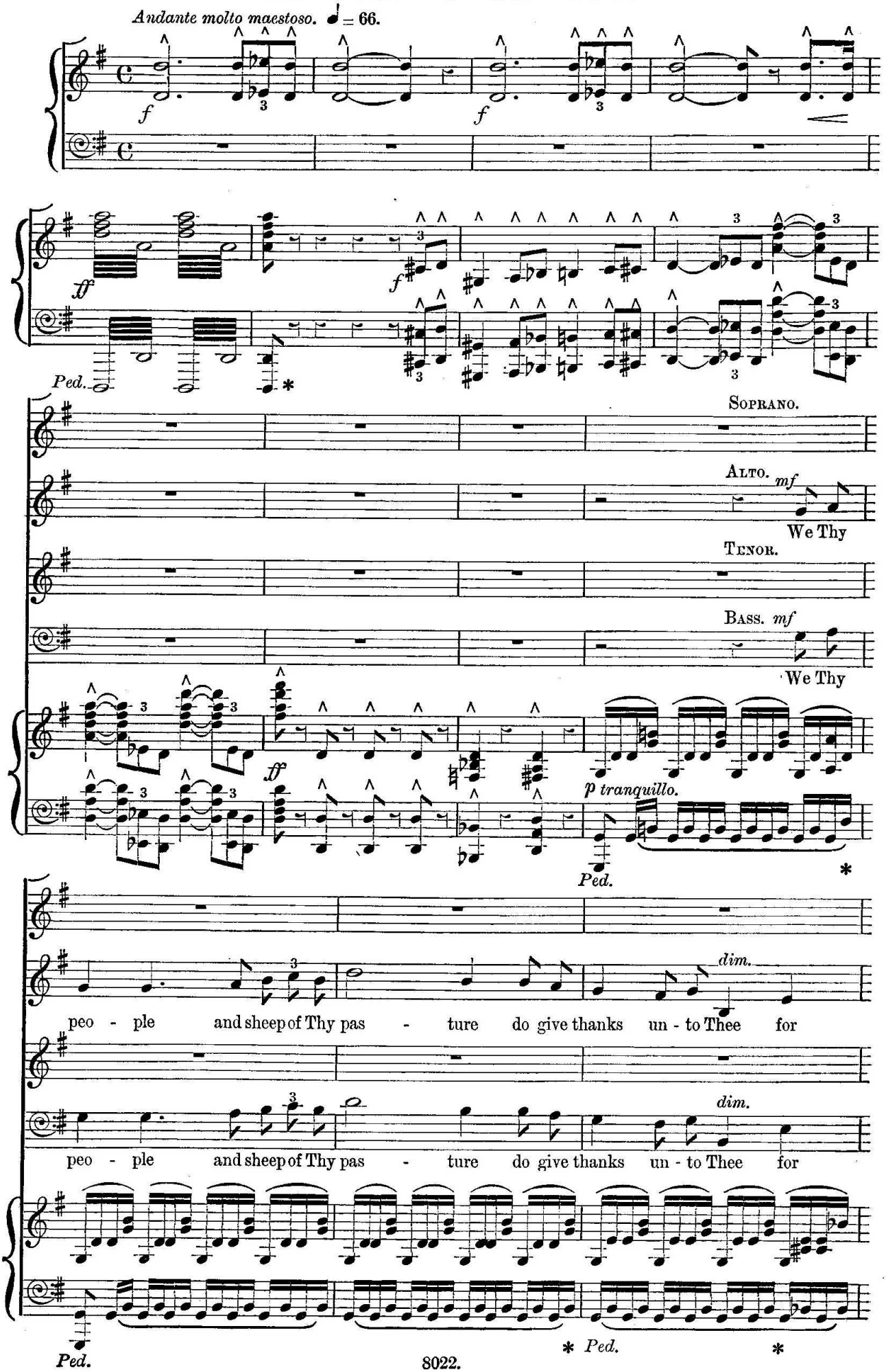
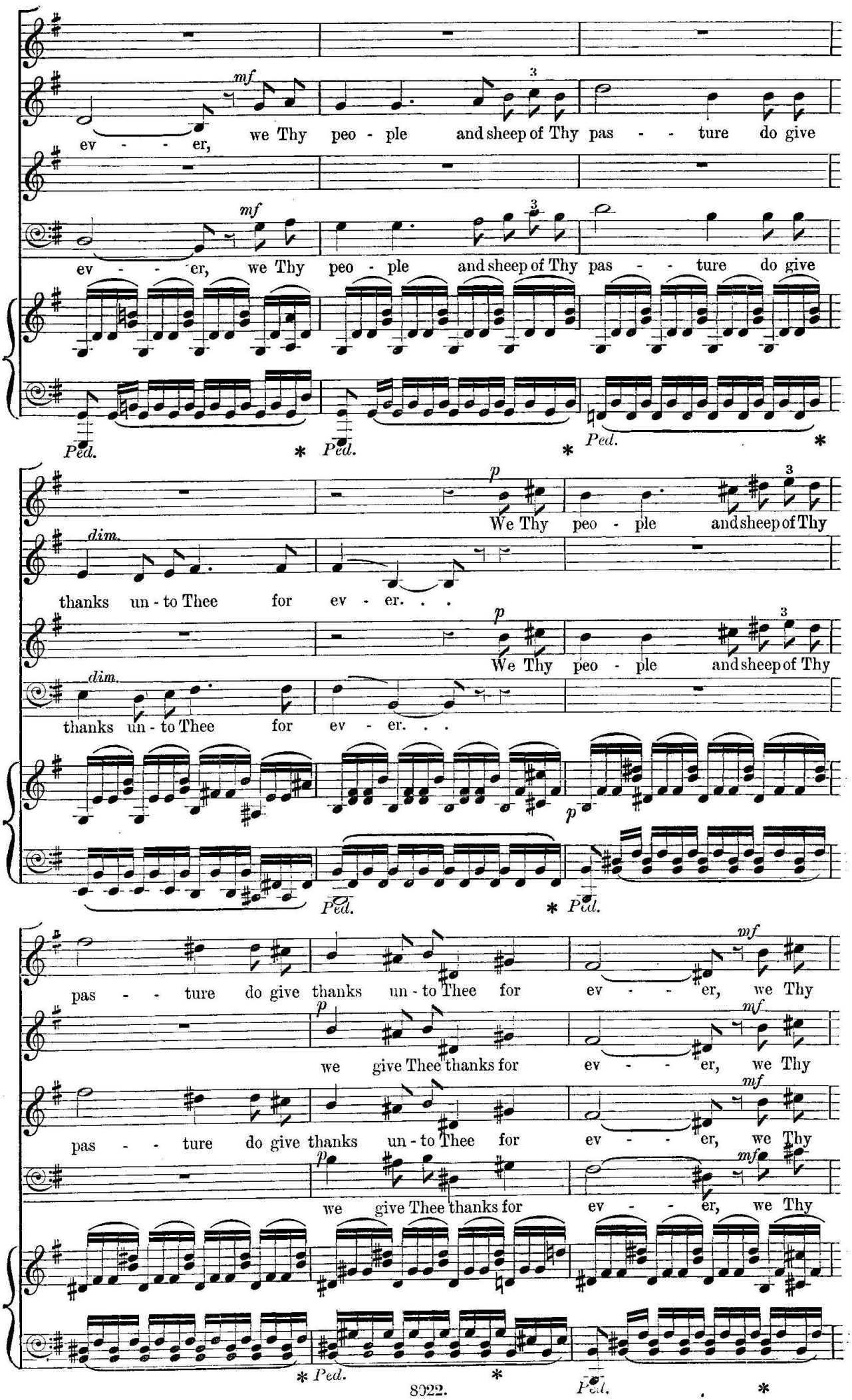
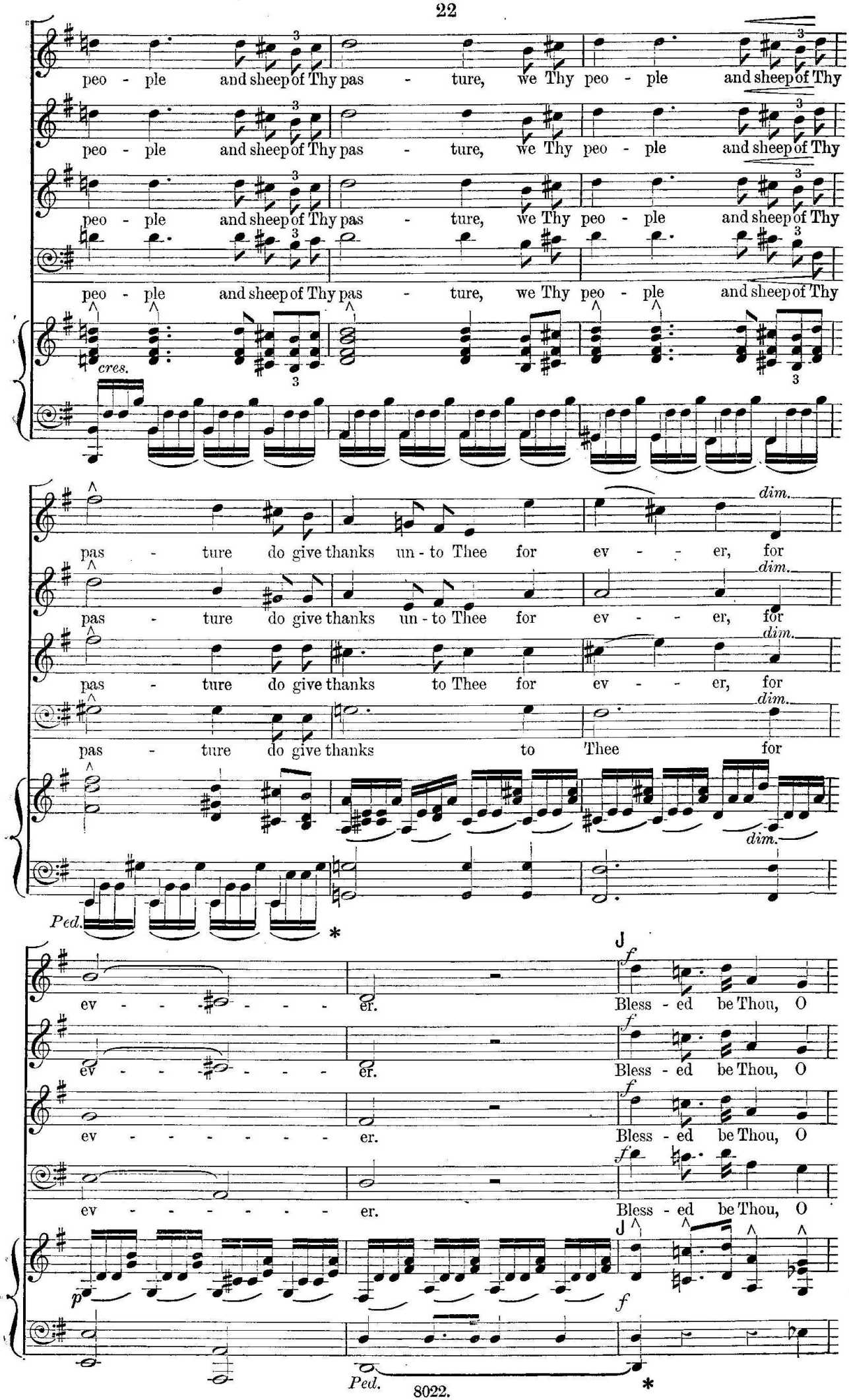

dim. p sempre dim. poco rit.
Lord keep the ci - ty, the watch-man, the watch - man wak - eth but in
Lord keep the ci - ty, the watch - man wak - eth, wak - eth but in
Lord keep the ci - ty, the watch-man, the watch - man wak - eth but in
Lord keep the ci - ty, the watch-man, the watch - man wak - eth but in
I a tempo. sempre pp
vain, the watchman wak - - eth, . . the
vain, he wak - eth . . . in . . .
vain, the watchman wak - eth, but in vain, the
vain, the watchman wak - eth but in vain, ...
a tempo. pp
watch - man wak - - eth, wak - eth but in vain.
. . . vain, . . . he wak - eth, wak - eth but in vain.
watch - man wak - eth, wak - eth, wak - eth but in vain.
wak - - - - - - eth, wak - eth but in vain.
pp ppp rall. lunga.
Attacca.

No. 3. FINAL CHORUS.—"WE THY PEOPLE."

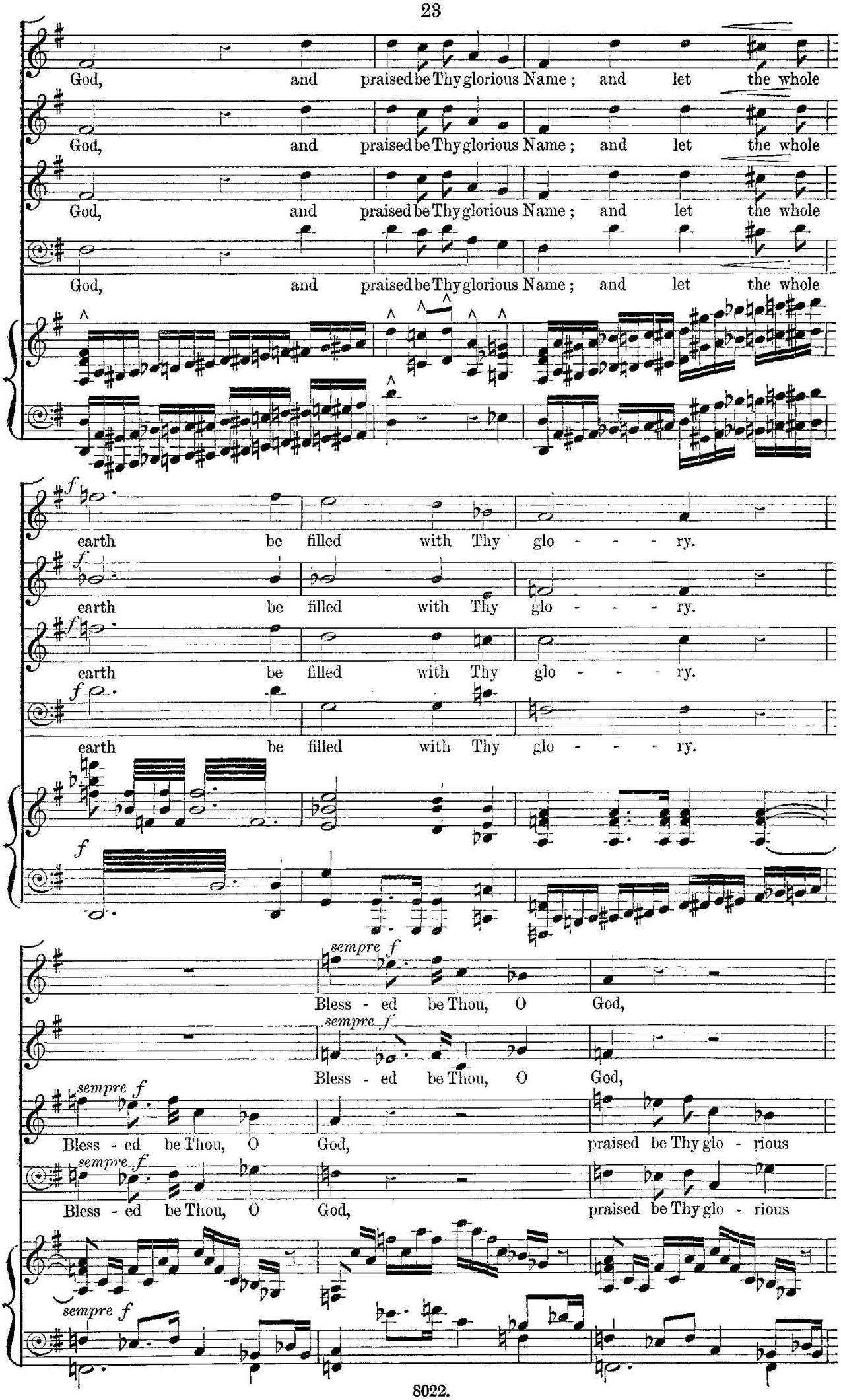



mf
ev - - - er, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - - ture do give
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *
p
We Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
dim.
thanks un - to Thee for ev - er. . .
mf
pas - - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for ev - - - er, we Thy
p
we give Thee thanks for ev - - - er, we Thy


peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - ture, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - ture, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - ture, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - ture, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy

pas - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for ev - - er, for
pas - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for ev - - er, for
pas - ture do give thanks to Thee for ev - - er, for
pas - ture do give thanks to Thee for

ev - - - - - - - er. Bless - ed be Thou, O
ev - - - - - - - er. Bless - ed be Thou, O
ev - - - - - - - er. Bless - ed be Thou, O
ev - - - - - - - er. Bless - ed be Thou, O


God, and praised be Thy glorious Name; and let the whole
God, and praised be Thy glorious Name; and let the whole
God, and praised be Thy glorious Name; and let the whole
God, and praised be Thy glorious Name; and let the whole
earth be filled with Thy glo - - - - ry.
earth be filled with Thy glo - - - - ry.
earth be filled with Thy glo - - - - ry.
earth be filled with Thy glo - - - - ry.
sempre f
Bless - ed be Thou, O God,
sempre f
Bless - ed be Thou, O God,
sempre f
Bless - ed be Thou, O God, praised be Thy glo - rious
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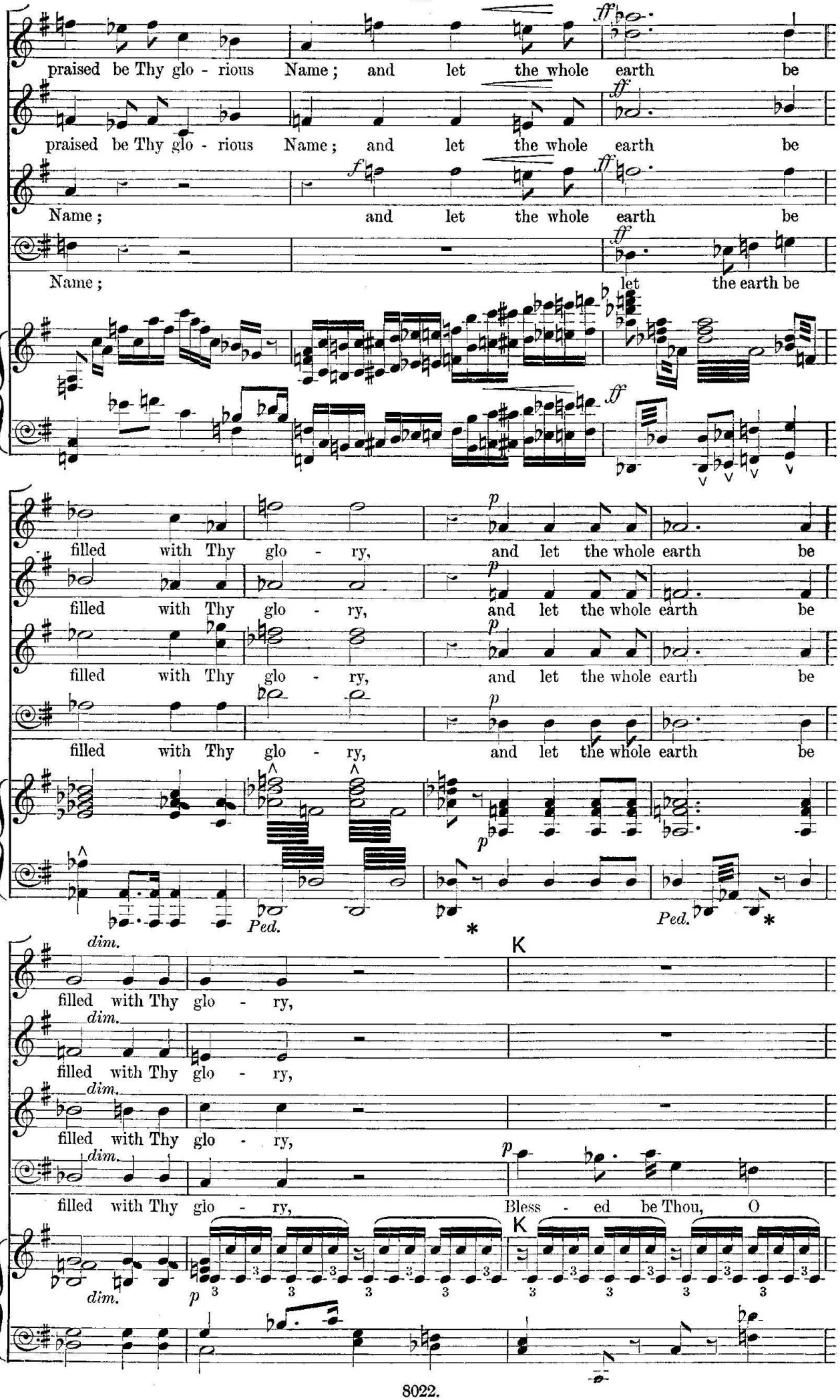
praised be Thy glo - rious Name; and let the whole earth be
praised be Thy glo - rious Name; and let the whole earth be
Name; and let the whole earth be
Name; let the earth be
filled with Thy glo - ry, and let the whole earth be
filled with Thy glo - ry, and let the whole earth be
filled with Thy glo - ry, and let the whole earth be
filled with Thy glo - ry, and let the whole earth be
Ped.
Ped.
dim.
filled with Thy glo - ry,
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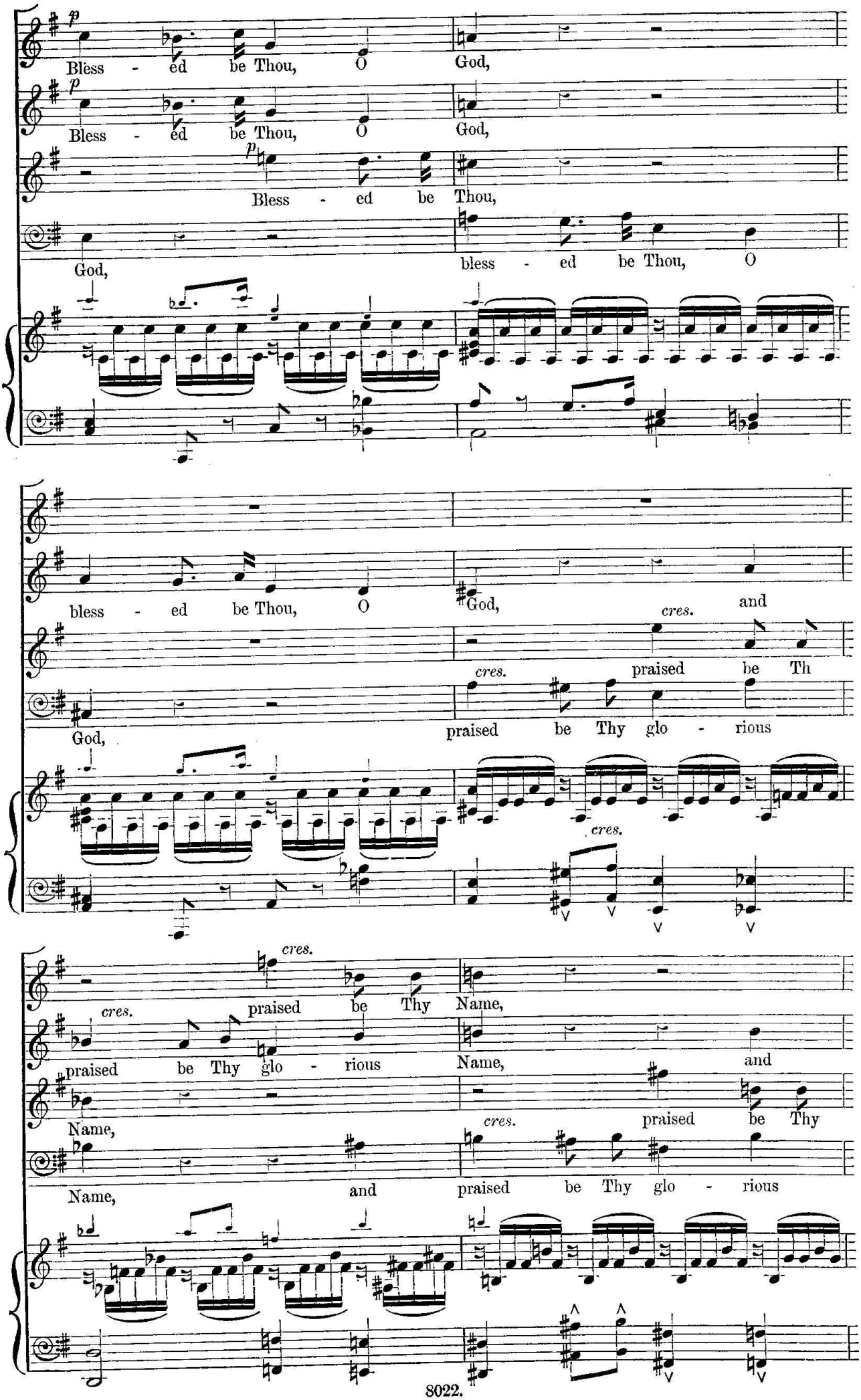
p
Bless - ed be Thou, O God,
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Bless - ed be Thou, O God,
p
Bless - ed be Thou,
God,
bless - ed be Thou, O
bless - ed be Thou, O God, and
cres.
praised be Th
God,
praised be Thy glo - rious
cres.
cres.
praised be Thy Name,
cres.
praised be Thy glo - rious Name, and
Name,
cres.
praised be Thy
Name,
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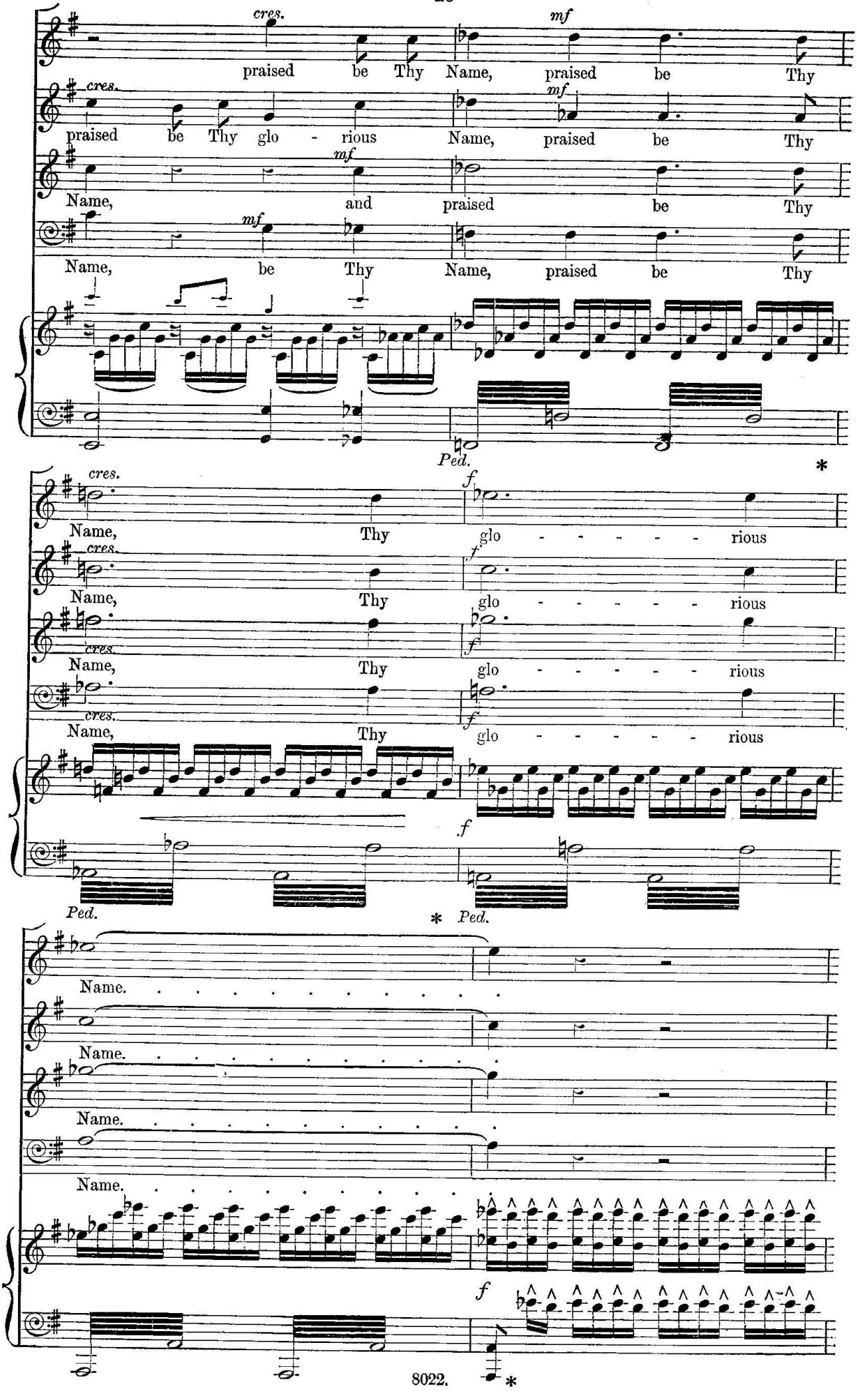
praised be Thy glo - rious


cres.
praised be Thy Name, praised be Thy
mf
cres.
praised be Thy glo - rious Name, praised be Thy
mf
Name, and praised be Thy
mf
Name, be Thy Name, praised be Thy
Ped.
*
cres.
Name, Thy glo - - - - - - rious
f
Name, Thy glo - - - - - - rious
Name, Thy glo - - - - - - rious
Name, Thy glo - - - - - - rious
Ped.
* Ped.
Name.
Name.
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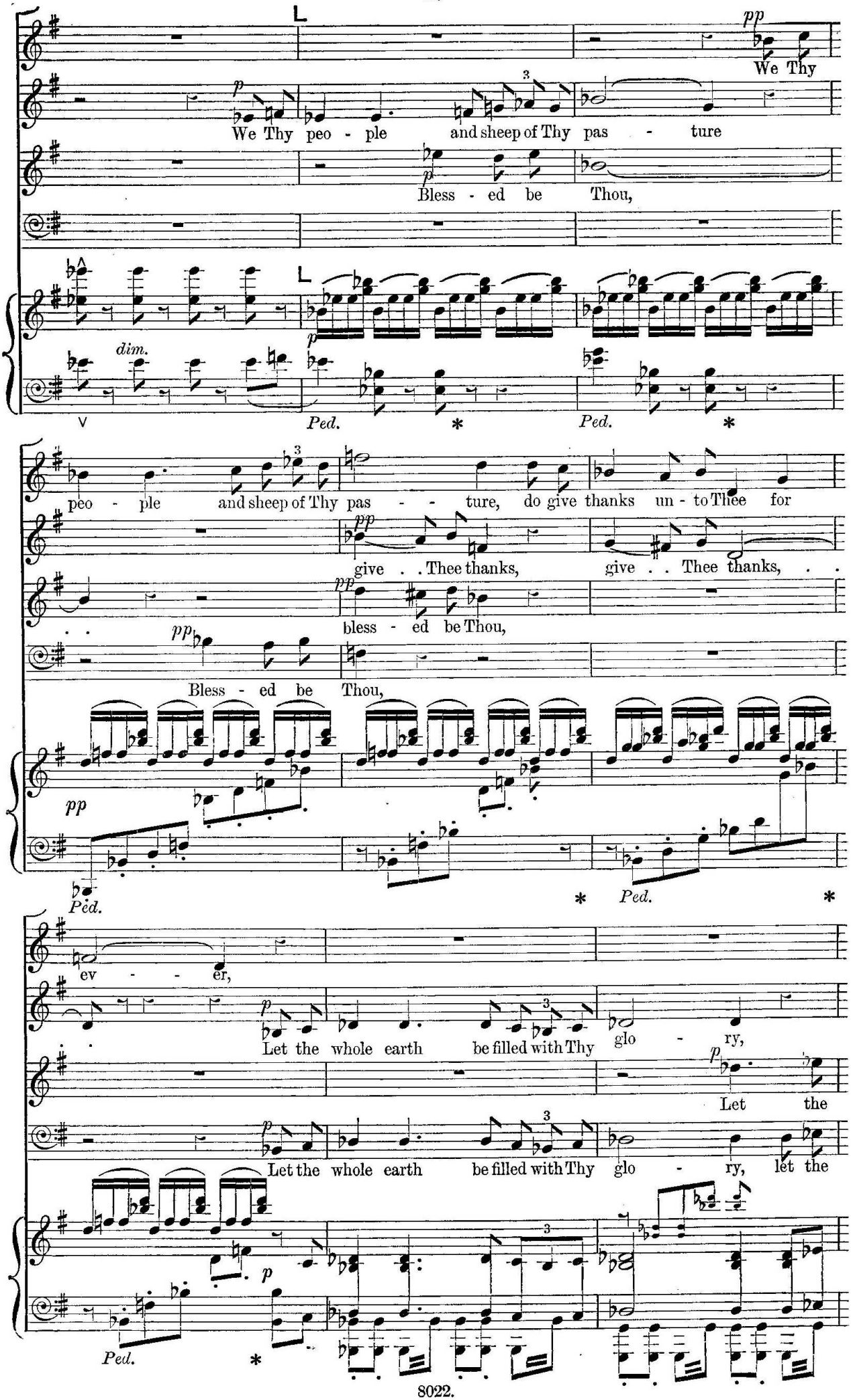
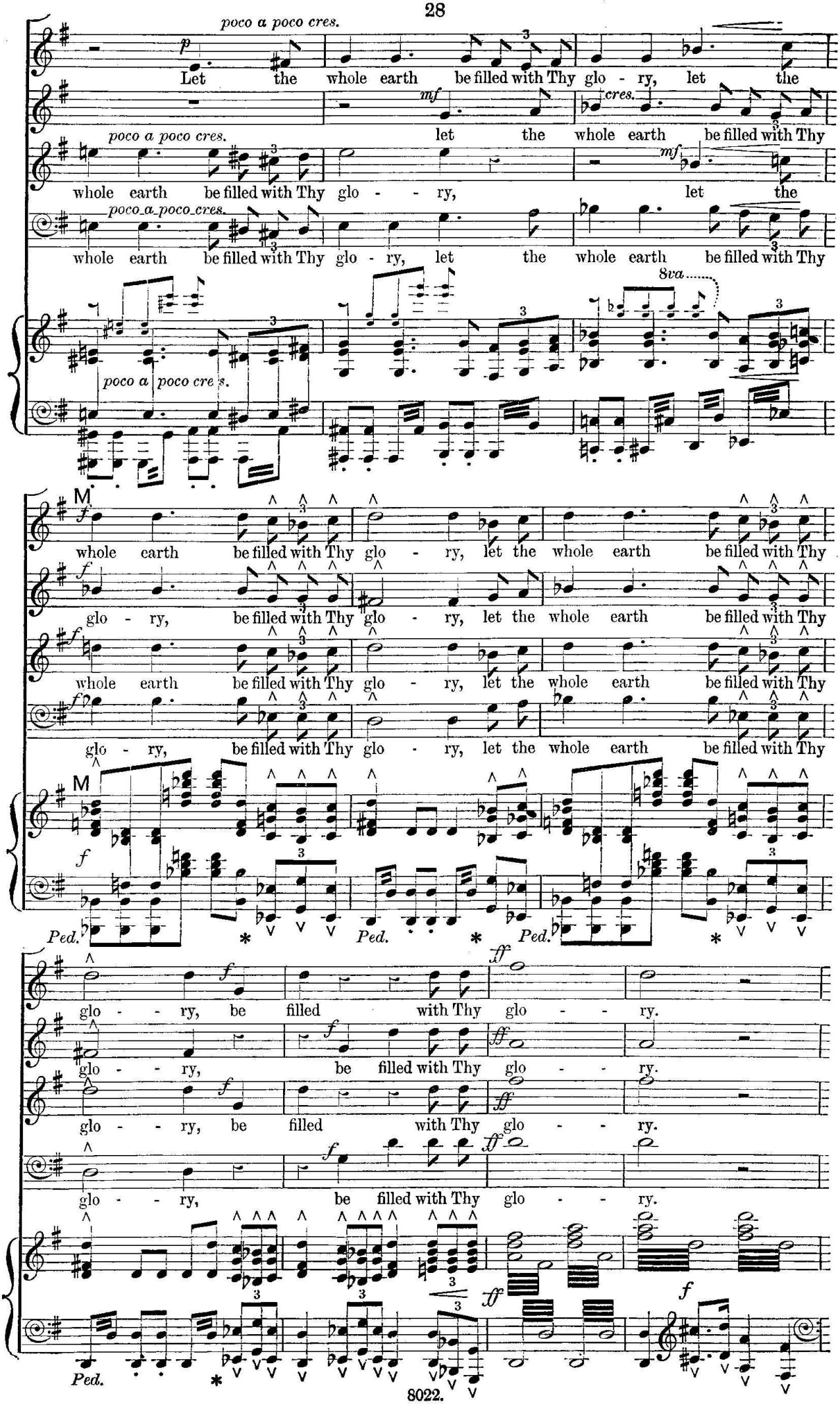
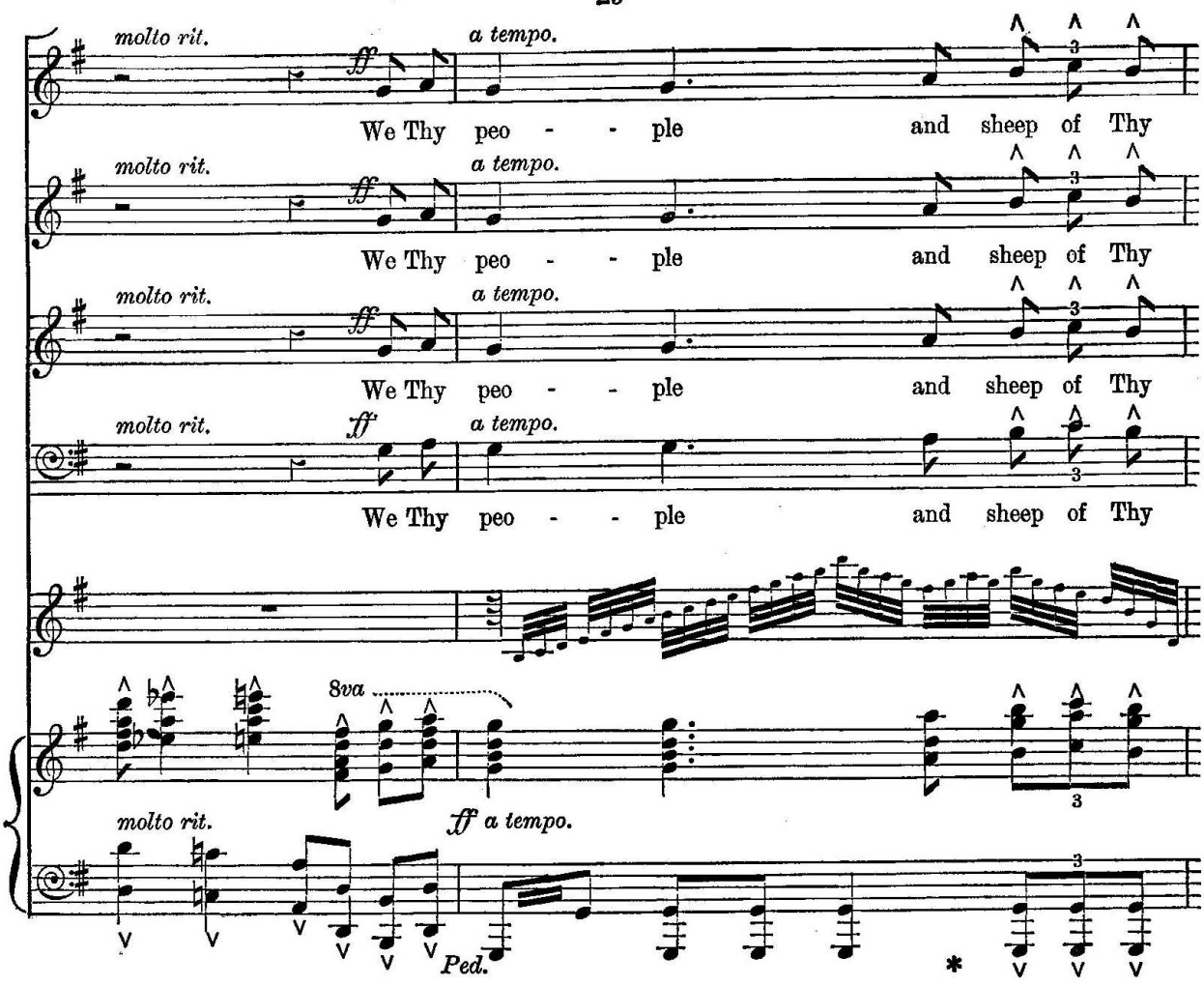

We Thy
We Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - ture
Bless - ed be Thou,
dim.
Ped.
Ped.
peo - ple and sheep of Thy pas - - ture, do give thanks un - to Thee for
give . . Thee thanks, give . . Thee thanks, . .
bless - ed be Thou,
Bless - ed be Thou,
Ped.
Ped.
ev - - er,
Let the whole earth be filled with Thy glo - ry,
Let the
Let the whole earth be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the
Ped.


poco a poco cres.
Let the whole earth be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the
mf cres.
let the whole earth be filled with Thy
poco a poco cres.
whole earth be filled with Thy glo - - ry,
mf
let the
poco a poco cres.
whole earth be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the whole earth be filled with Thy
8va
poco a poco cres.
M
f
whole earth be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the whole earth be filled with Thy
glo - ry, be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the whole earth be filled with Thy
whole earth be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the whole earth be filled with Thy
glo - ry, be filled with Thy glo - ry, let the whole earth be filled with Thy
M
f
Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *
glo - - ry, be filled with Thy glo - - ry.
glo - - ry, be filled with Thy glo - - ry.
glo - - ry, be filled with Thy glo - - ry.
glo - - ry, be filled with Thy glo - - ry.
ff
f
Ped. *


molto rit.
a tempo.
ff
We Thy peo - - ple and sheep of Thy
molto rit.
a tempo.
ff
We Thy peo - - ple and sheep of Thy
molto rit.
a tempo.
ff
We Thy peo - - ple and sheep of Thy
molto rit.
ff
a tempo.
We Thy peo - - ple and sheep of Thy
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molto rit.
ff a tempo.
Ped.
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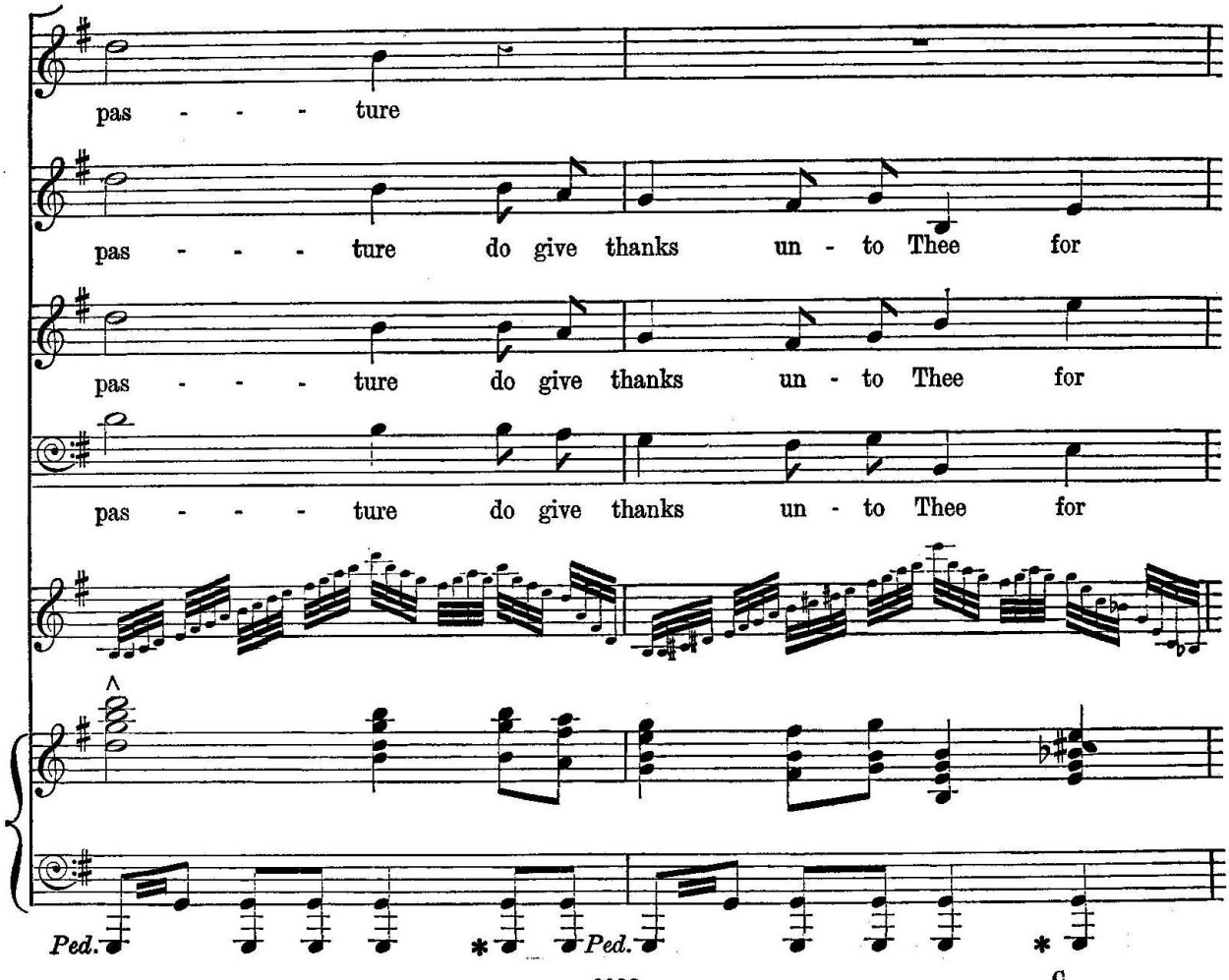
pas - - - - ture
pas - - - - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for
pas - - - - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for
pas - - - - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for
Ped.
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Ped.
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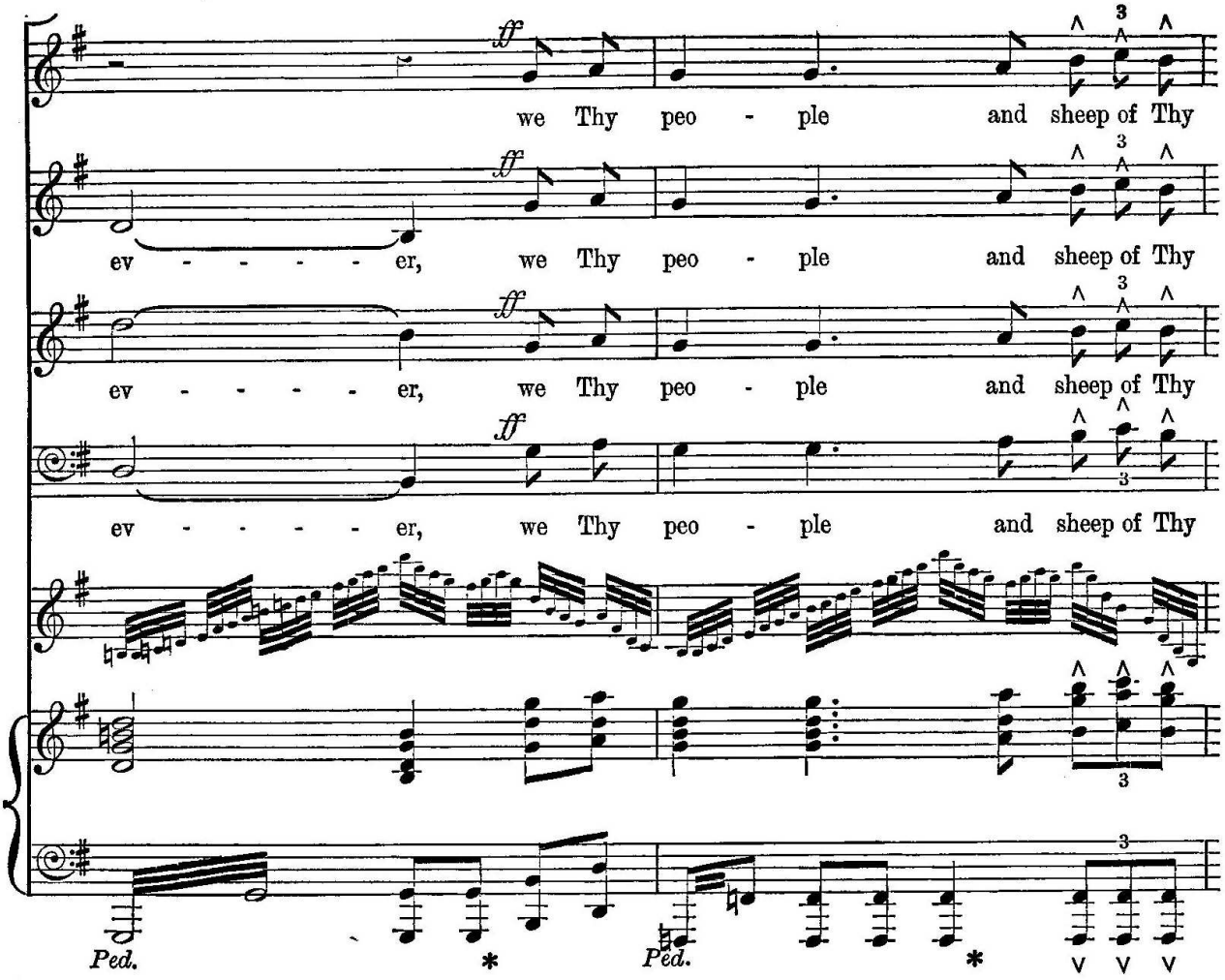
ff
we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
ev - - - - - er, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
ev - - - - - er, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
ev - - - - - er, we Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
Ped.
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Ped.
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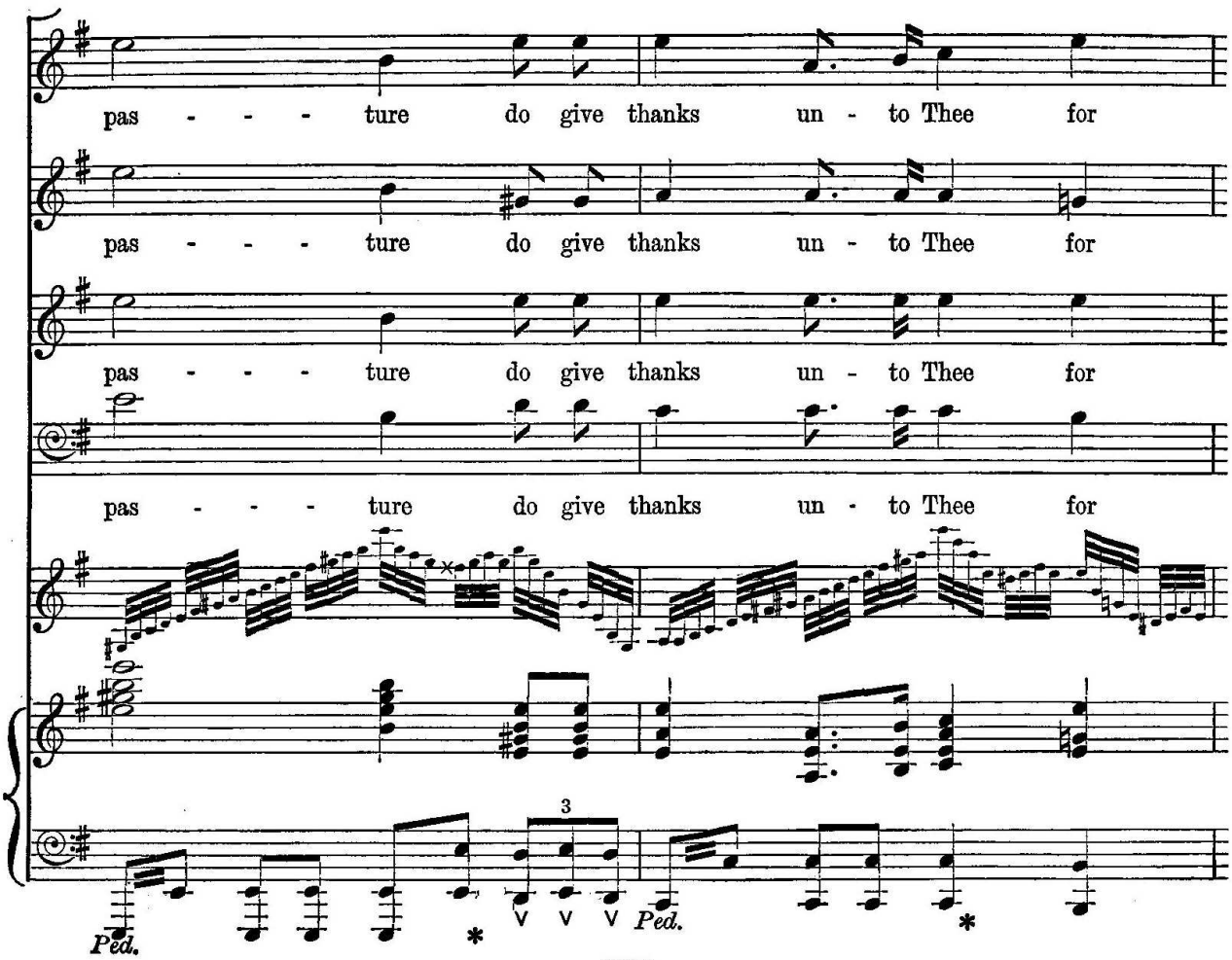
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pas - - - ture do give thanks un - to Thee for
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Ped.
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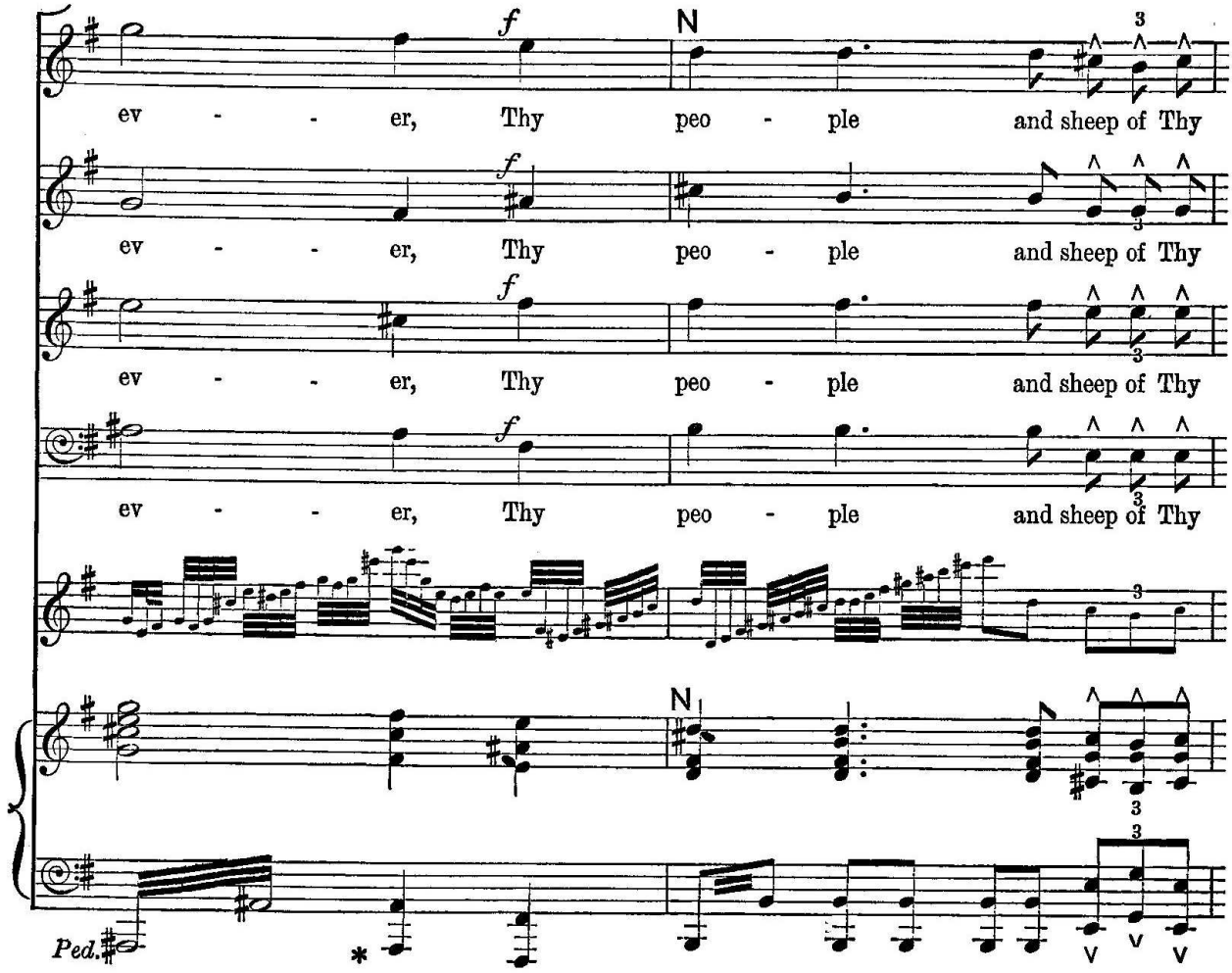
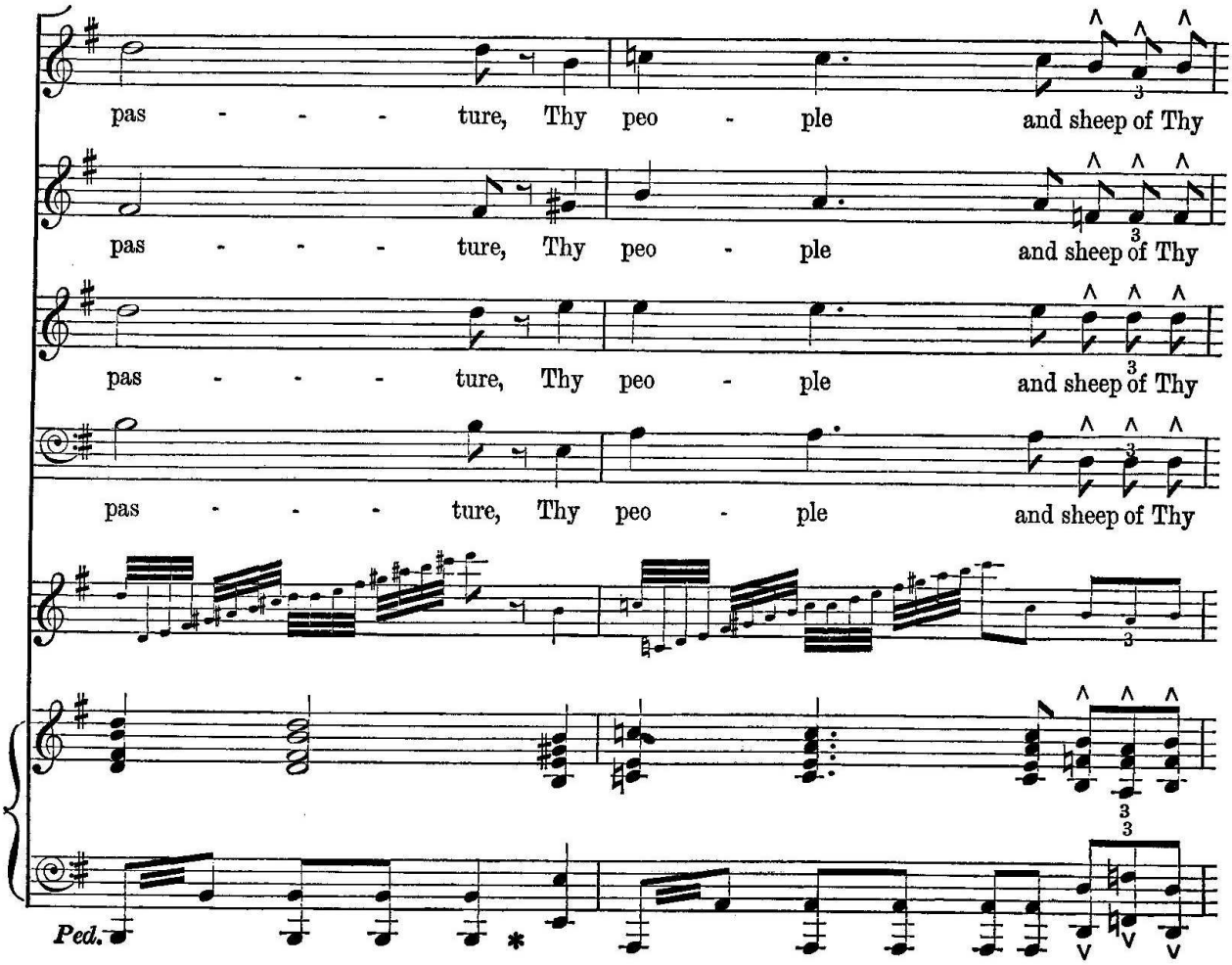

f
N
ev - - - er, Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
Ped.
*


pas - - - ture, Thy peo - ple and sheep of Thy
Ped.
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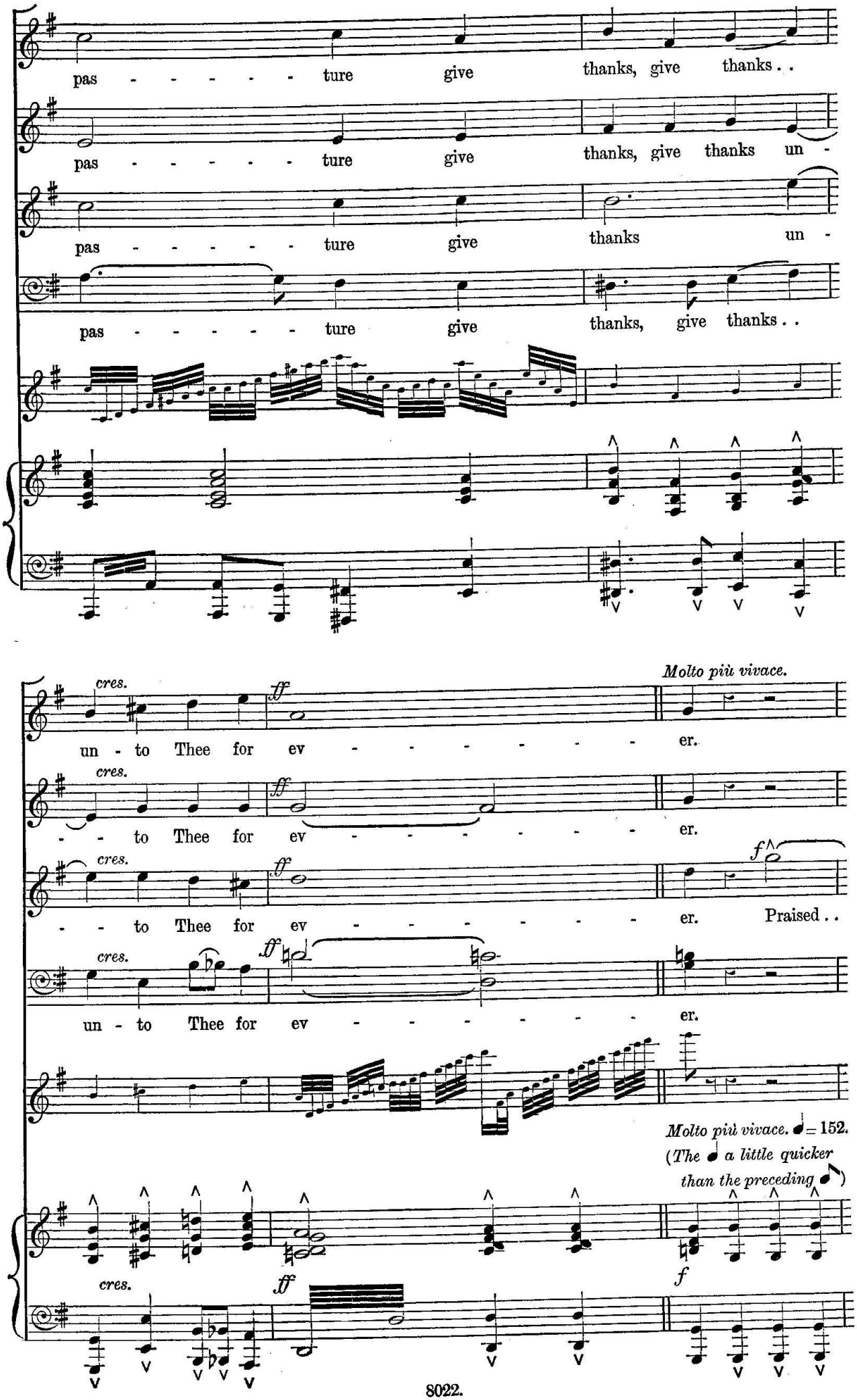
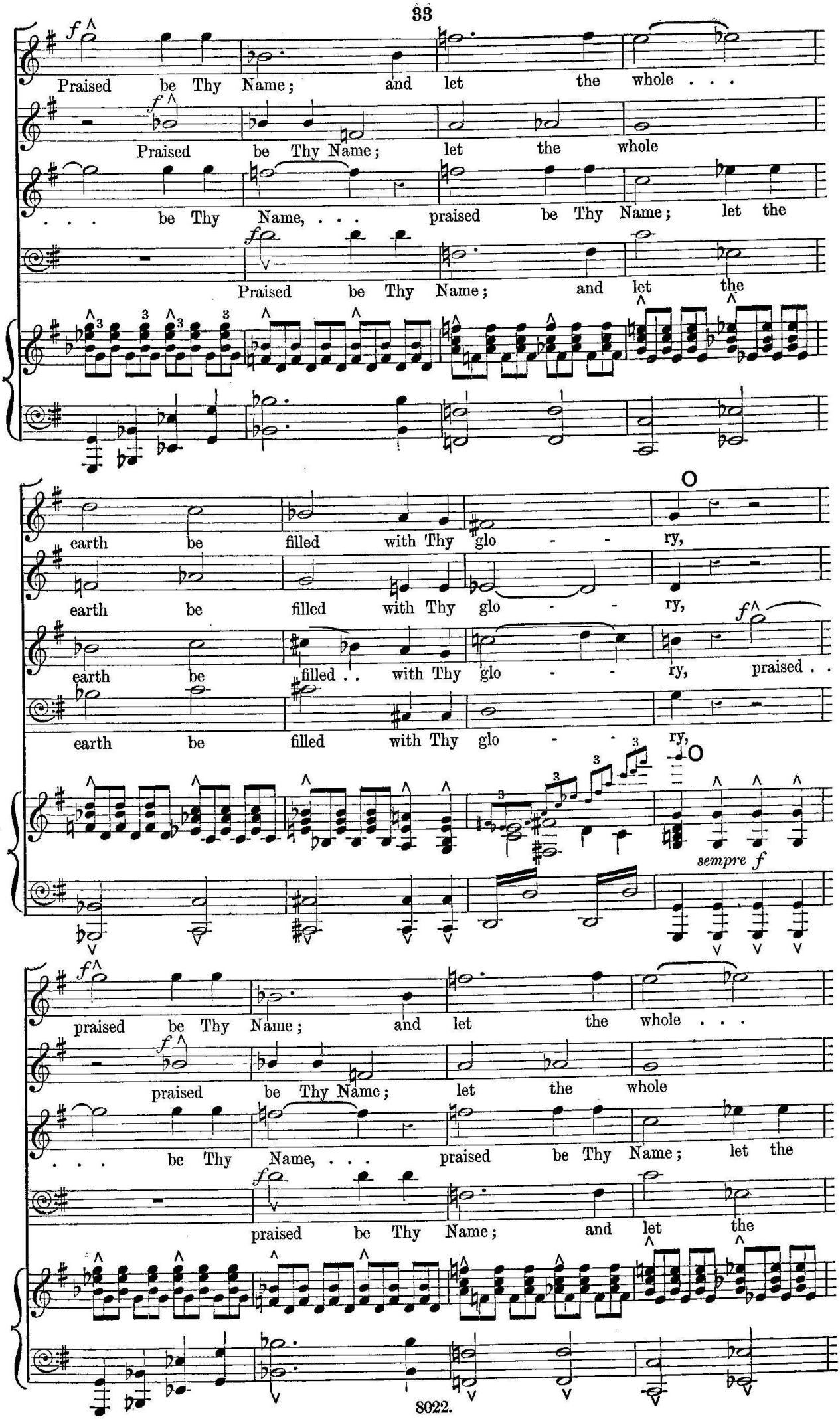
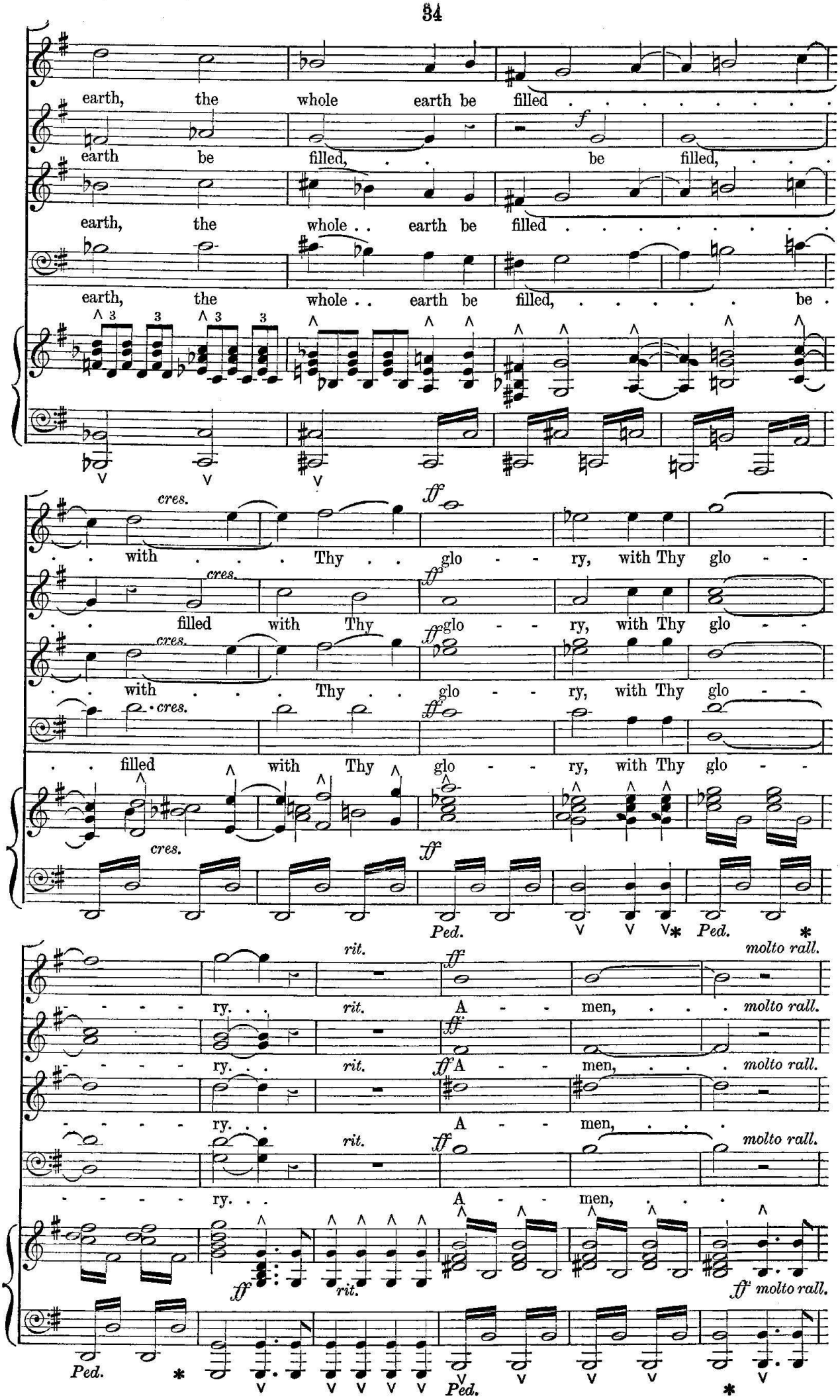
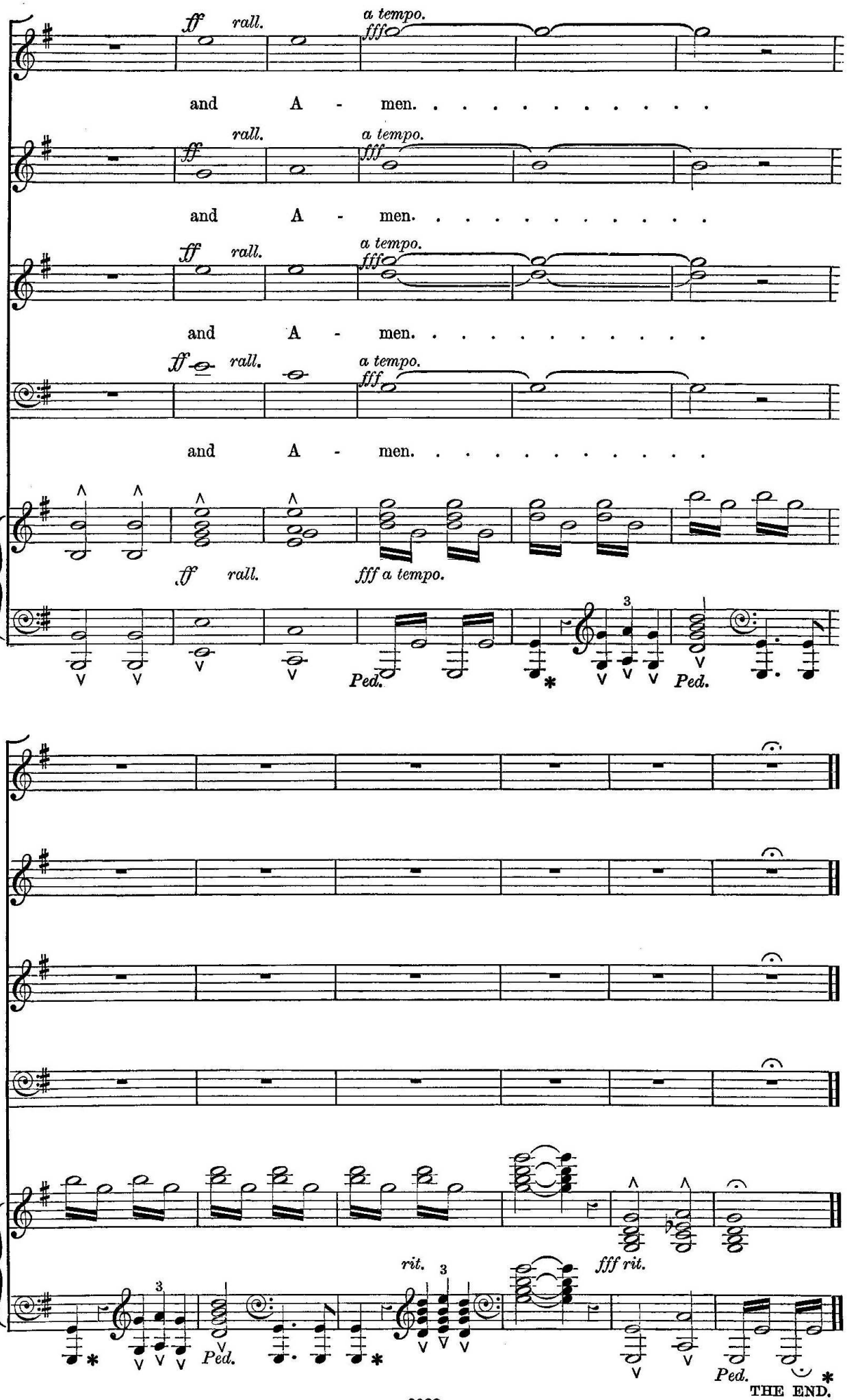

pas - - - - - - ture give thanks, give thanks . .
pas - - - - - - ture give thanks, give thanks un -
pas - - - - - - ture give thanks un -
pas - - - - - - ture give thanks, give thanks . .
cres.
ff
un - to Thee for ev - - - - - - - - er.
Molto più vivace.
cres.
ff
- - to Thee for ev - - - - - - - er.
cres.
ff
- - to Thee for ev - - - - - - - er.
Praised . .
cres.
ff
un - to Thee for ev - - - - - - - er.
Molto più vivace. ♩= 152.
(The ♩ a little quicker
than the preceding ♩)
cres.
ff
f


Praised be Thy Name; and let the whole . . .
Praised be Thy Name; let the whole
. . . be Thy Name, . . . praised be Thy Name; let the
Praised be Thy Name; and let the
earth be filled with Thy glo - - ry,
earth be filled with Thy glo - - ry,
earth be filled . . with Thy glo - - ry, praised . .
earth be filled with Thy glo - - ry,
sempre f
praised be Thy Name; and let the whole . . .
praised be Thy Name; let the whole
. . . be Thy Name, . . . praised be Thy Name; let the
praised be Thy Name; and let the


earth, the whole earth be filled . . . . . .
earth be filled, . . be filled, . . .
earth, the whole . . earth be filled . . . . . .
earth, the whole . . earth be filled, ... be .
cres.
ff
with . . . Thy . . glo - - ry, with Thy glo - -
filled with Thy glo - - ry, with Thy glo - -
with . . . Thy . . glo - - ry, with Thy glo - -
filled with Thy glo - - ry, with Thy glo - -
Ped.
rit.
molto rall.
ry. . . A - - men, . . .
ry. . . A - - men, . . .
ry. . . A - - men, . . .
ry. . . A - - men, . . .
Ped.


ff rall.
a tempo.
fff
and A - men.
ff rall.
a tempo.
fff
and A - men.
ff rall.
a tempo.
fff
and A - men.
ff rall.
a tempo.
fff
and A - men.
ff rall.
fff a tempo.
Ped.
Ped.
rit.
fff rit.
Ped.
Ped.
THE END.