Be Joyful Together is an arrangement by Hal H. Hopson of a chorus from Cantata No. 15, ***Dennst du Wirst Meine Seele***, by Johann Sebastian Bach. The arranger has provided two new English texts, one each for general occasions and for Easter or Eastertide. He has also provided an instrumental duet obbligato (optional) for either C Instruments (page 11) or B-flat Instruments (p. 12). Suggested corresponding scripture readings include Psalms 23 and 100, Matthew 25: 31-46 and Acts 10: 34-43. One basic homiletical theme is joyfully praising the crucified and risen Lord, who is the ruler of all.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was a musical genius who is generally considered to be one of the greatest composers of all time. A German Baroque church musician, he served as Cantor at St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig from 1722 until the end of his life. He wrote many chorale cantatas for the Lutheran worship service, typically based upon Lutheran chorale (hymn) tunes. The standard cantata was scored for choir (typically an opening chorus and closing chorale), soloists (arias and recitatives) and orchestra. A prolific composer, Bach also composed several passions, numerous instrumental and orchestral works, and his celebrated ***Mass in B Minor.***

Hal H. Hopson is a widely celebrated church composer, arranger and musician. He earned degrees from Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served on the church music faculties of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, and Scarritt Graduate School in Nashville, Tennessee. Especially celebrated for his arrangements and editions of sacred masterworks, Hopson has over 1,400 publications to his credit.

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BE JOYFUL TOGETHER

A General or Easter Anthem

for 2-part mixed voices, accompanied,
with opt. 2 C or B♭ Instruments*

Selected verses from
PSALM 100

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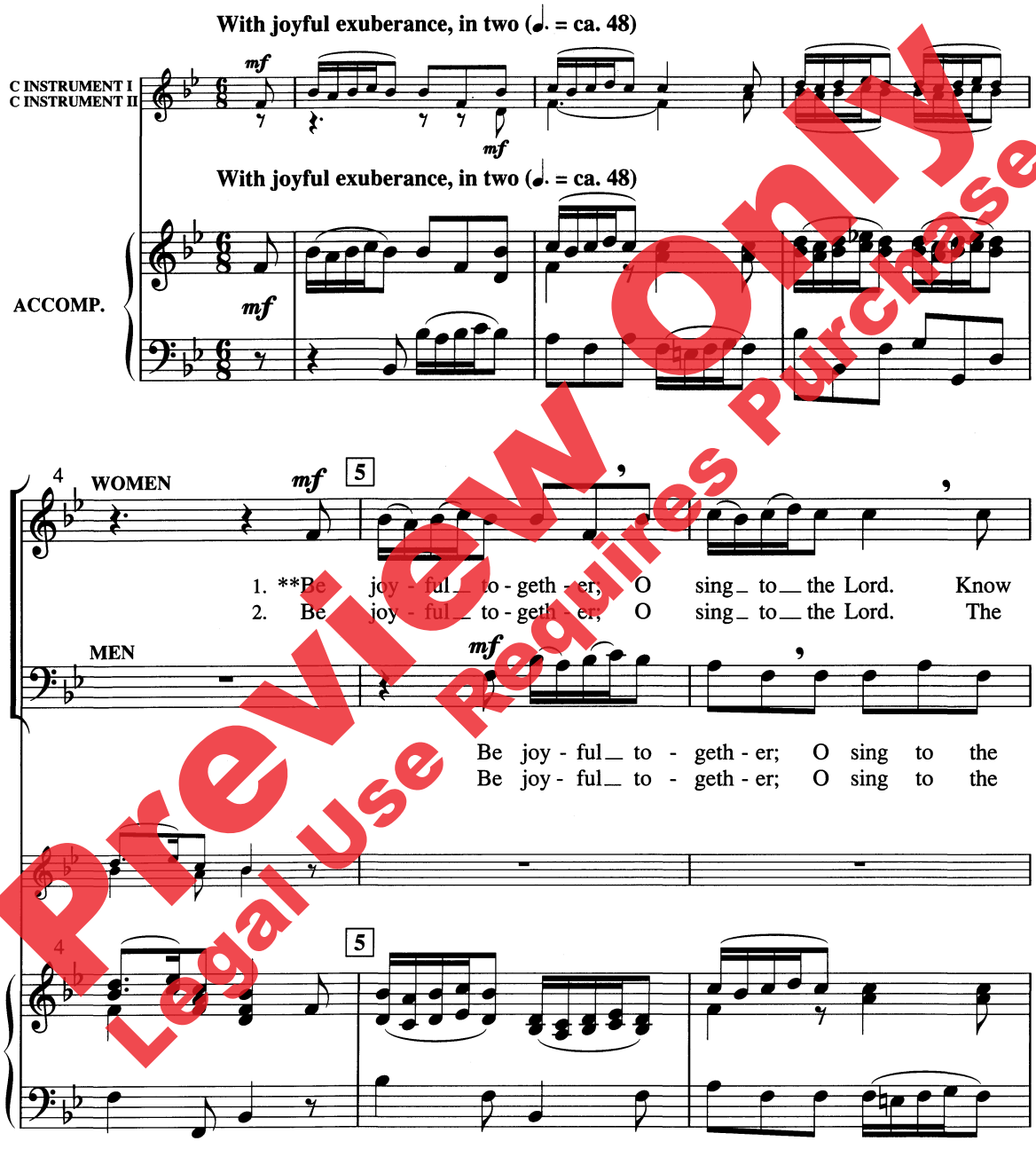

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* Parts for 2 C Instruments and 2 B♭ Instruments may be found on pages 11 and 12, respectively.
** Sing verse 1 for general occasions, verse 2 for Easter.

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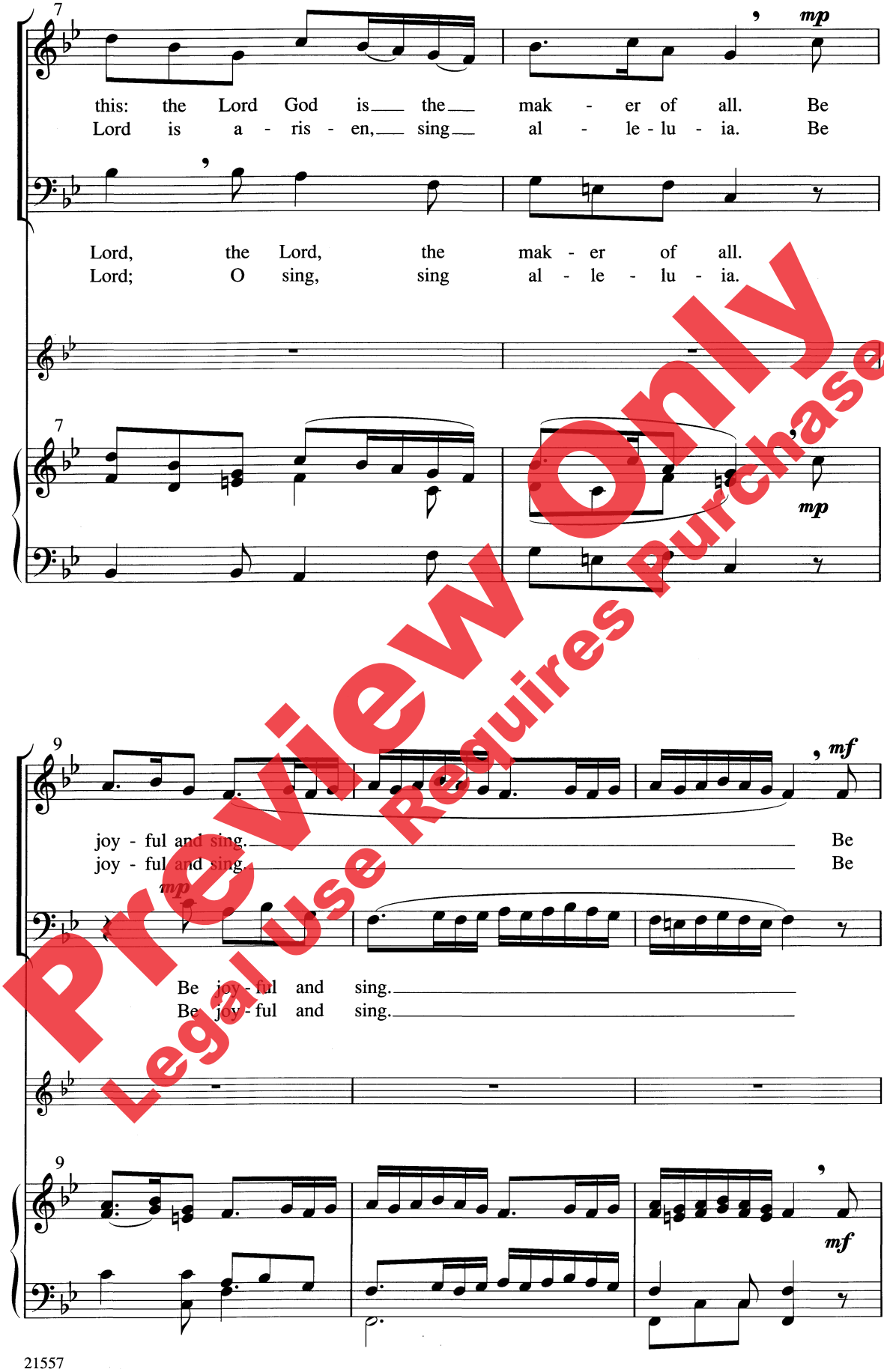

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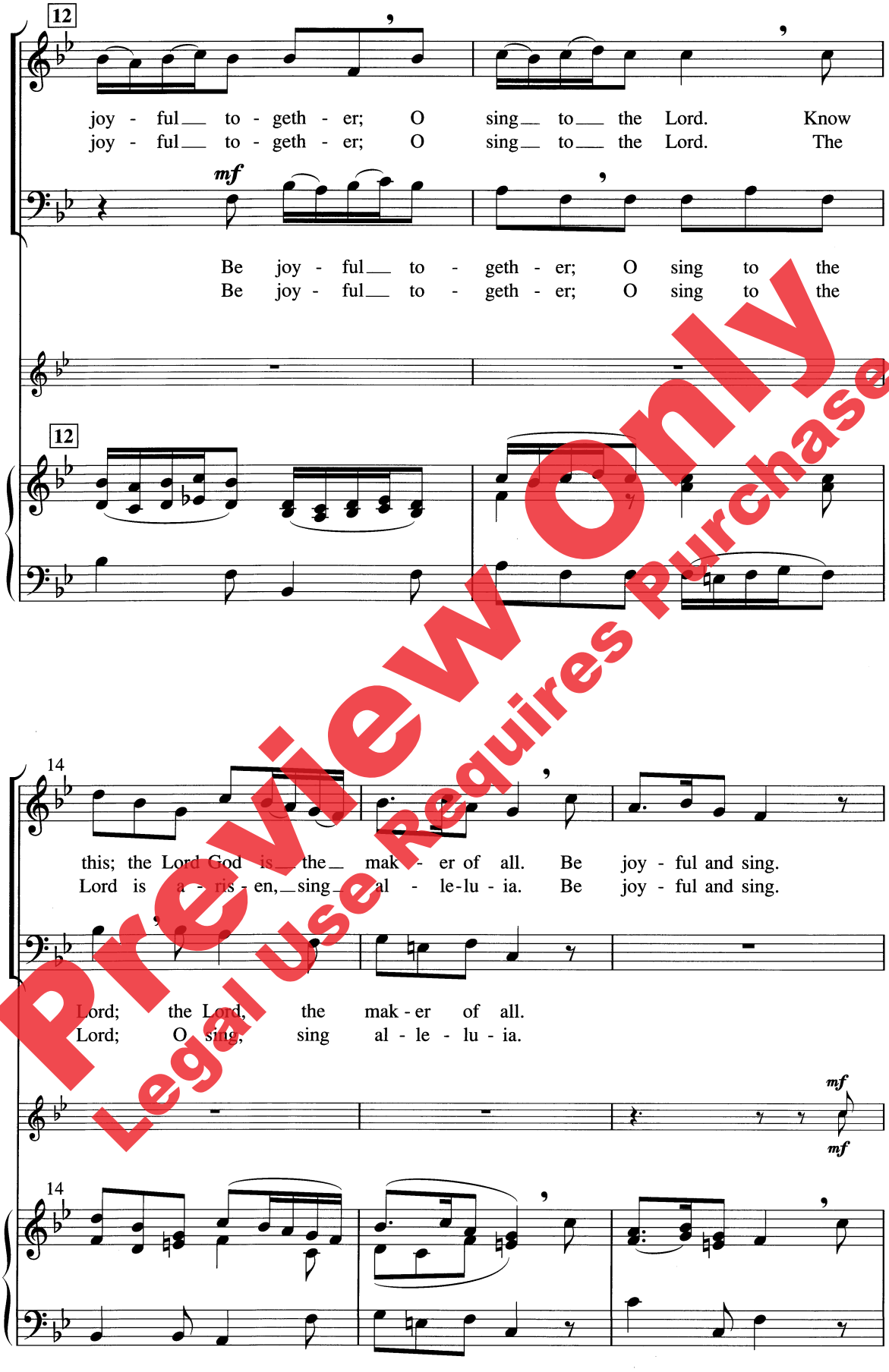

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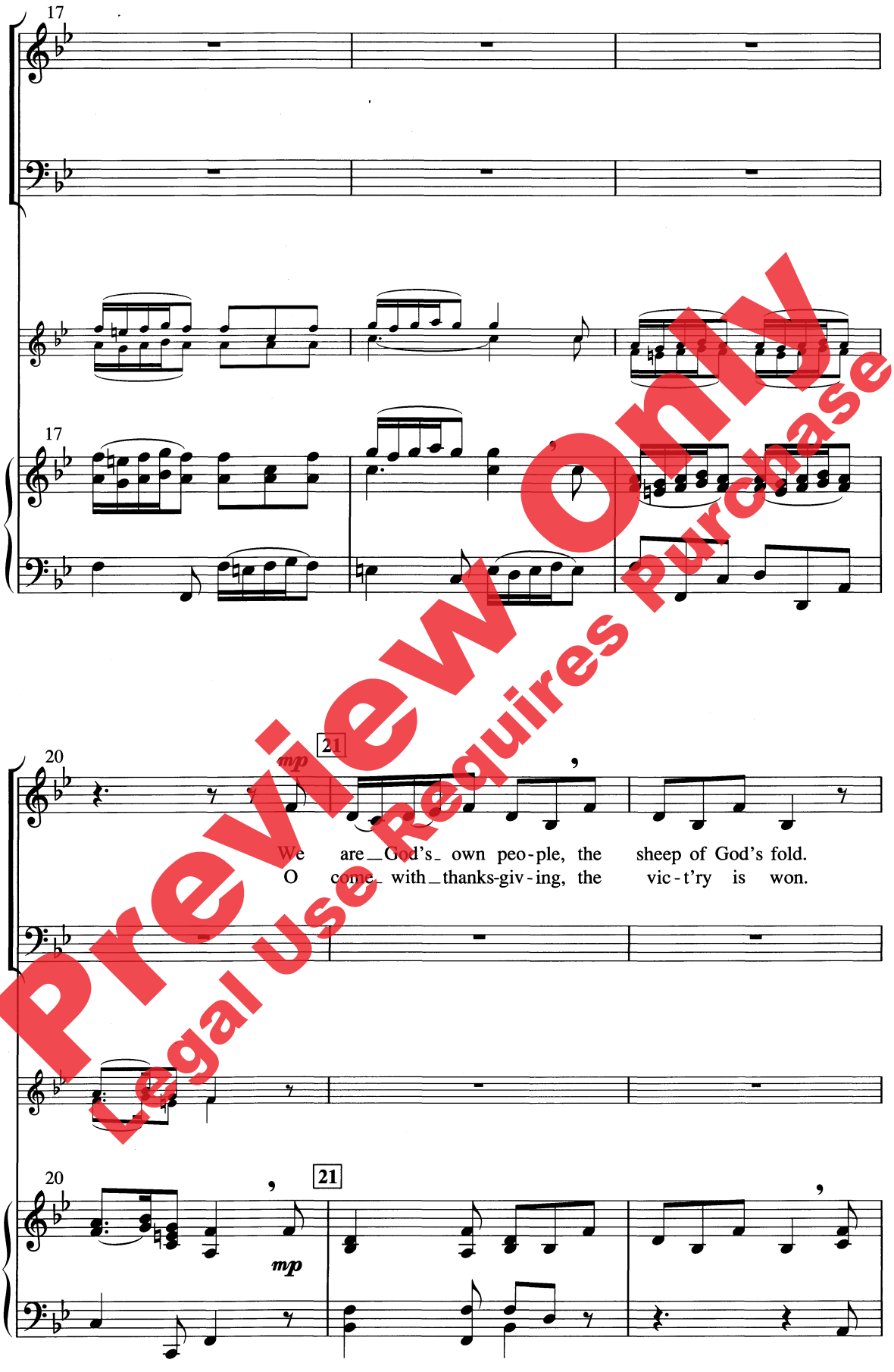

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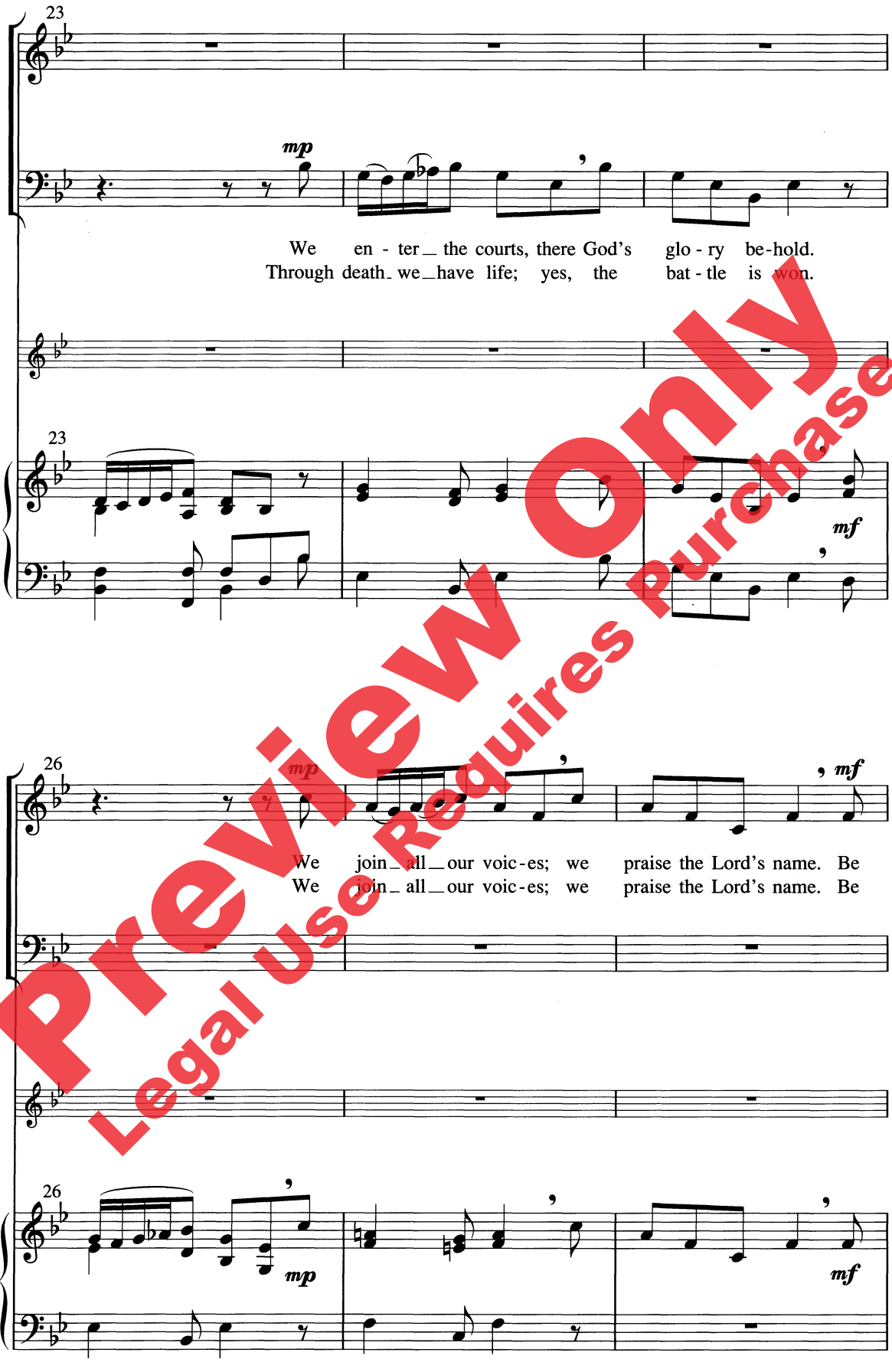

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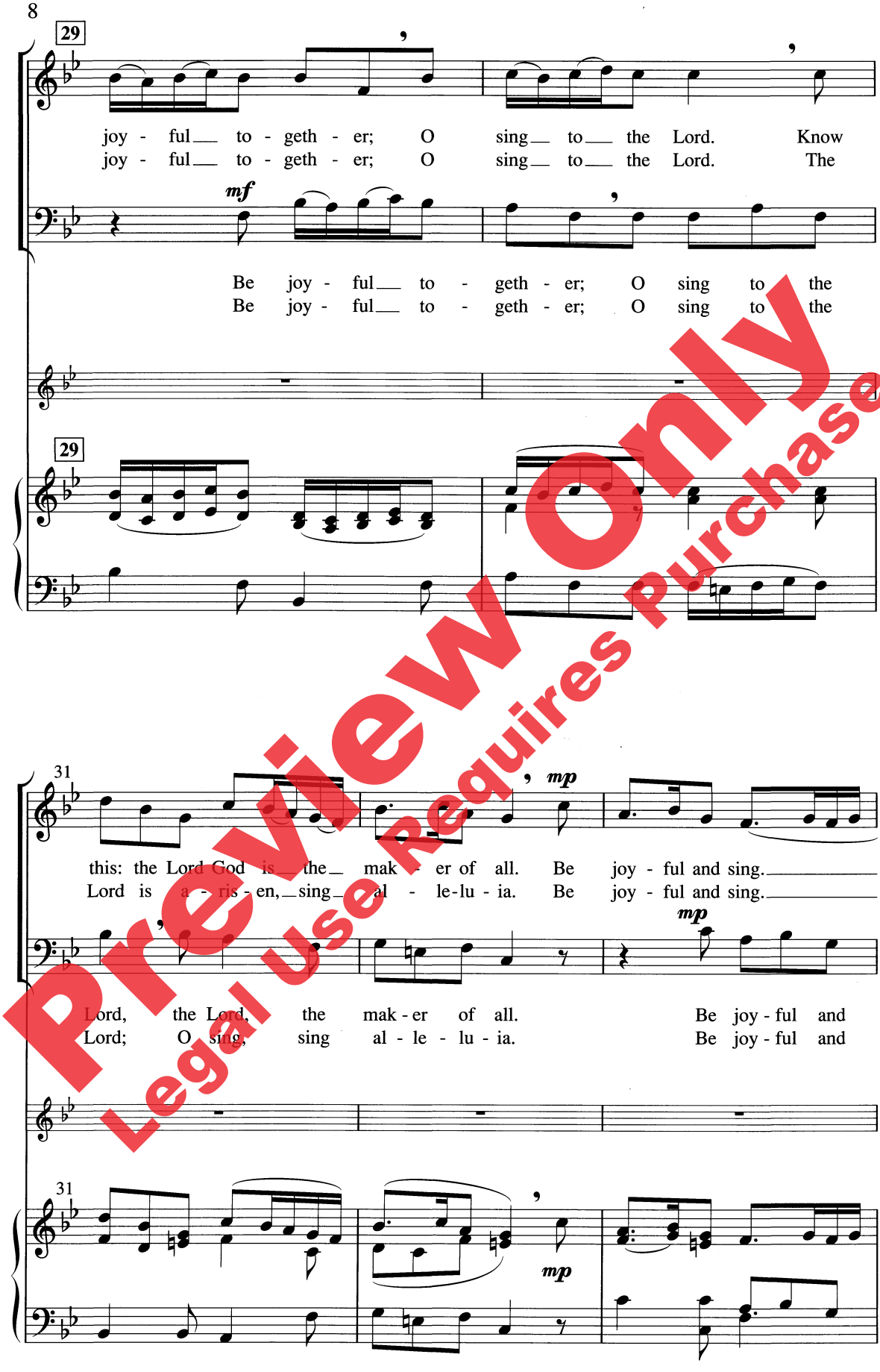

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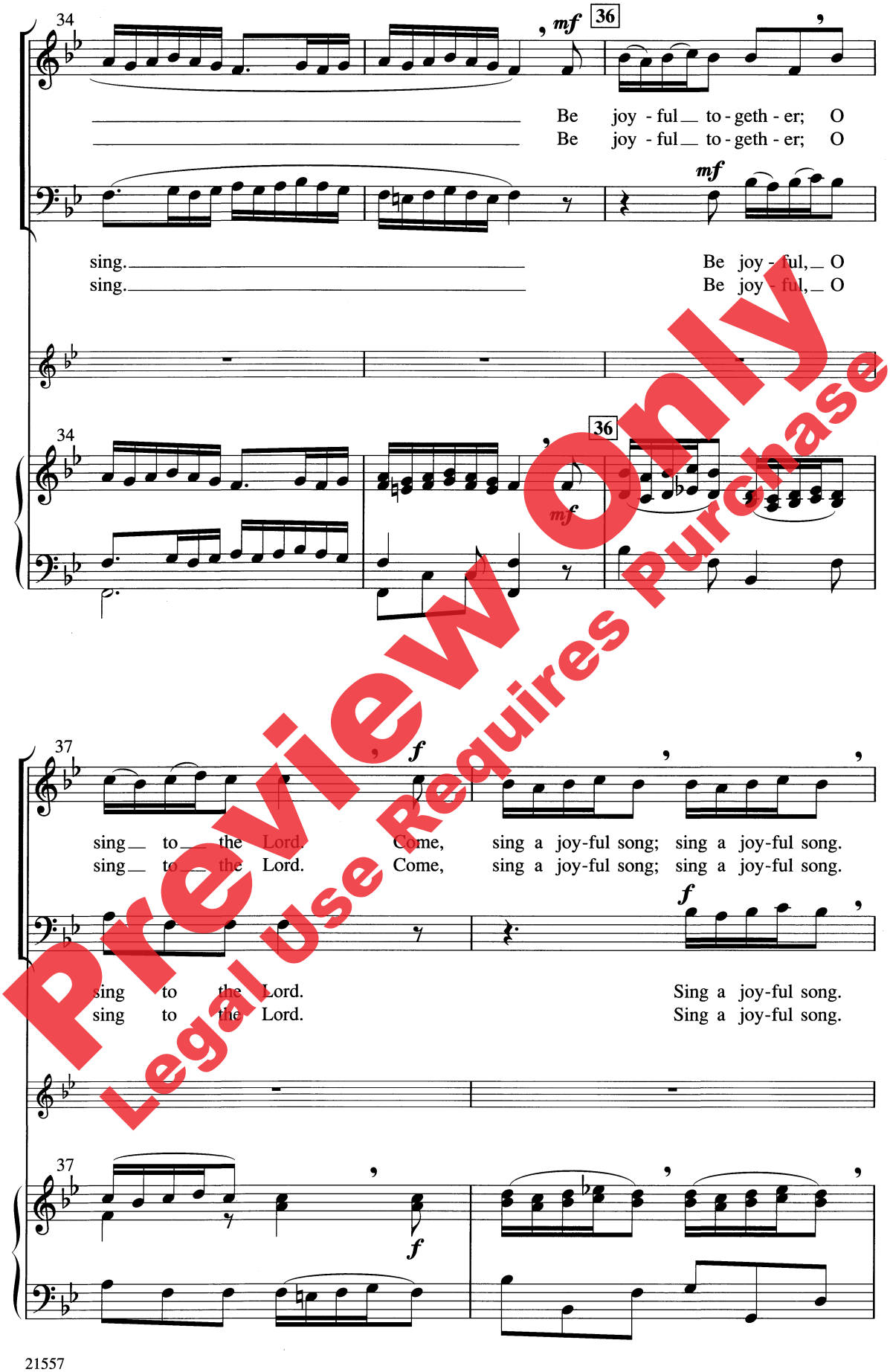

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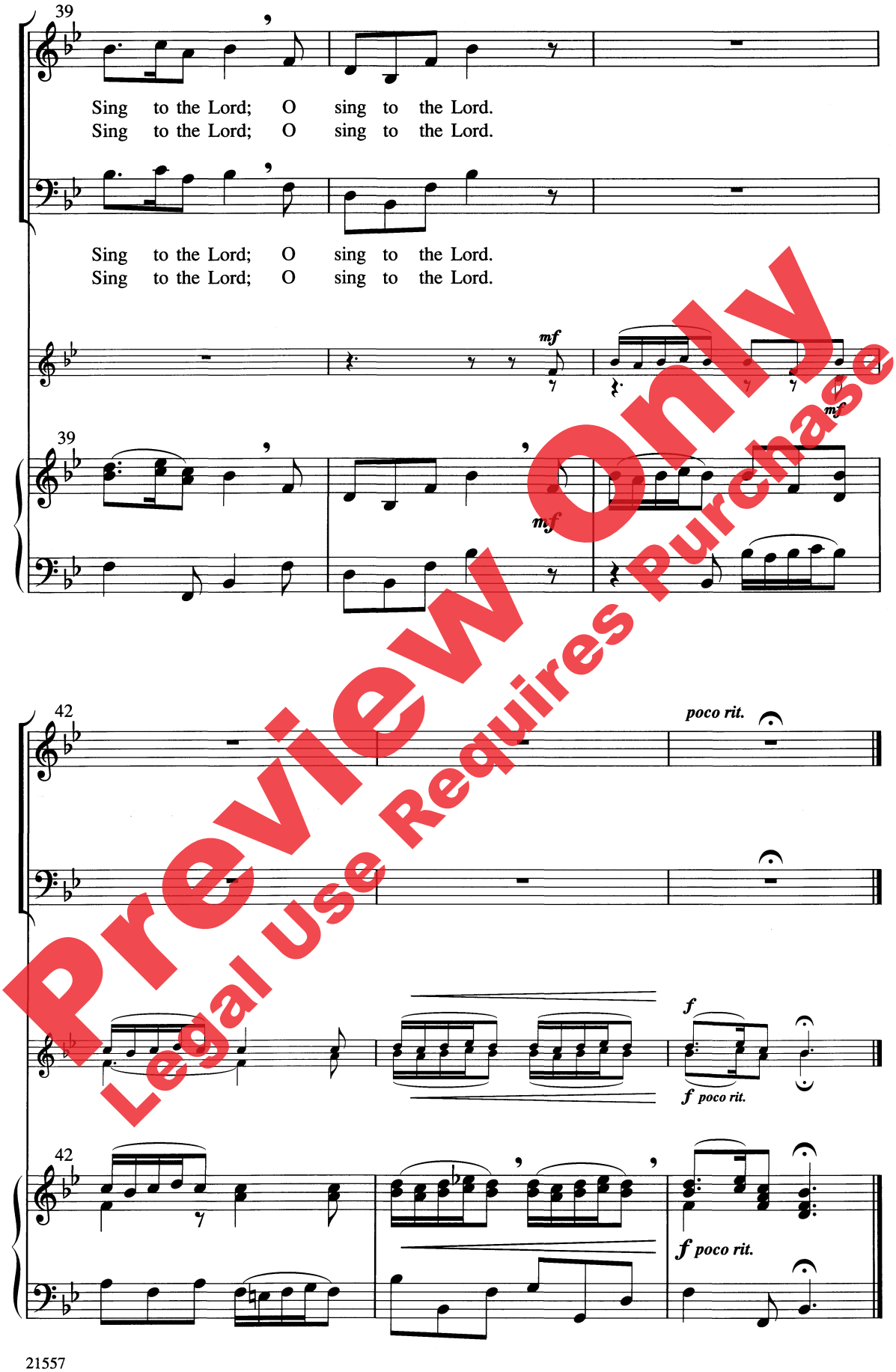

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***C INSTRUMENT**

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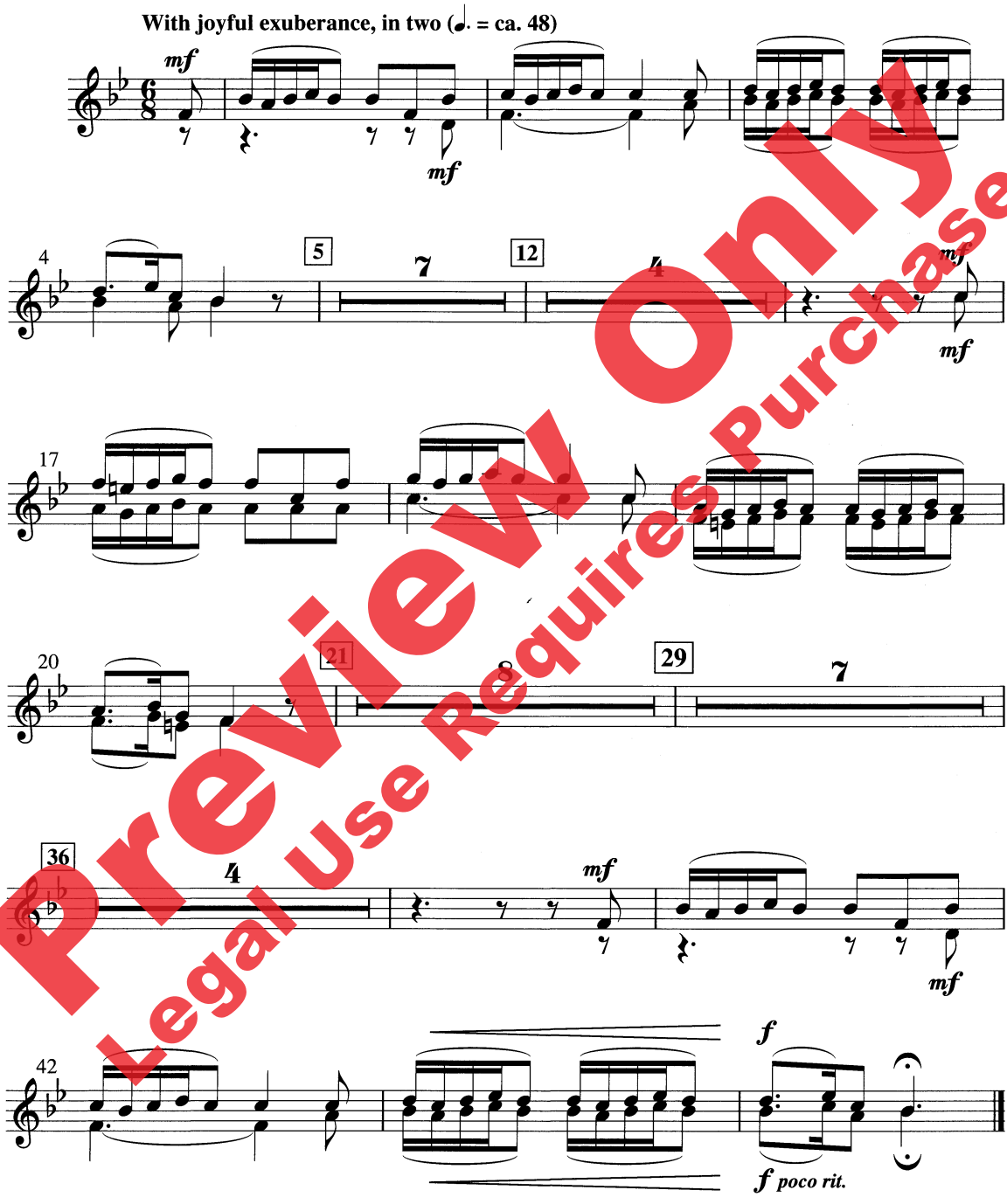

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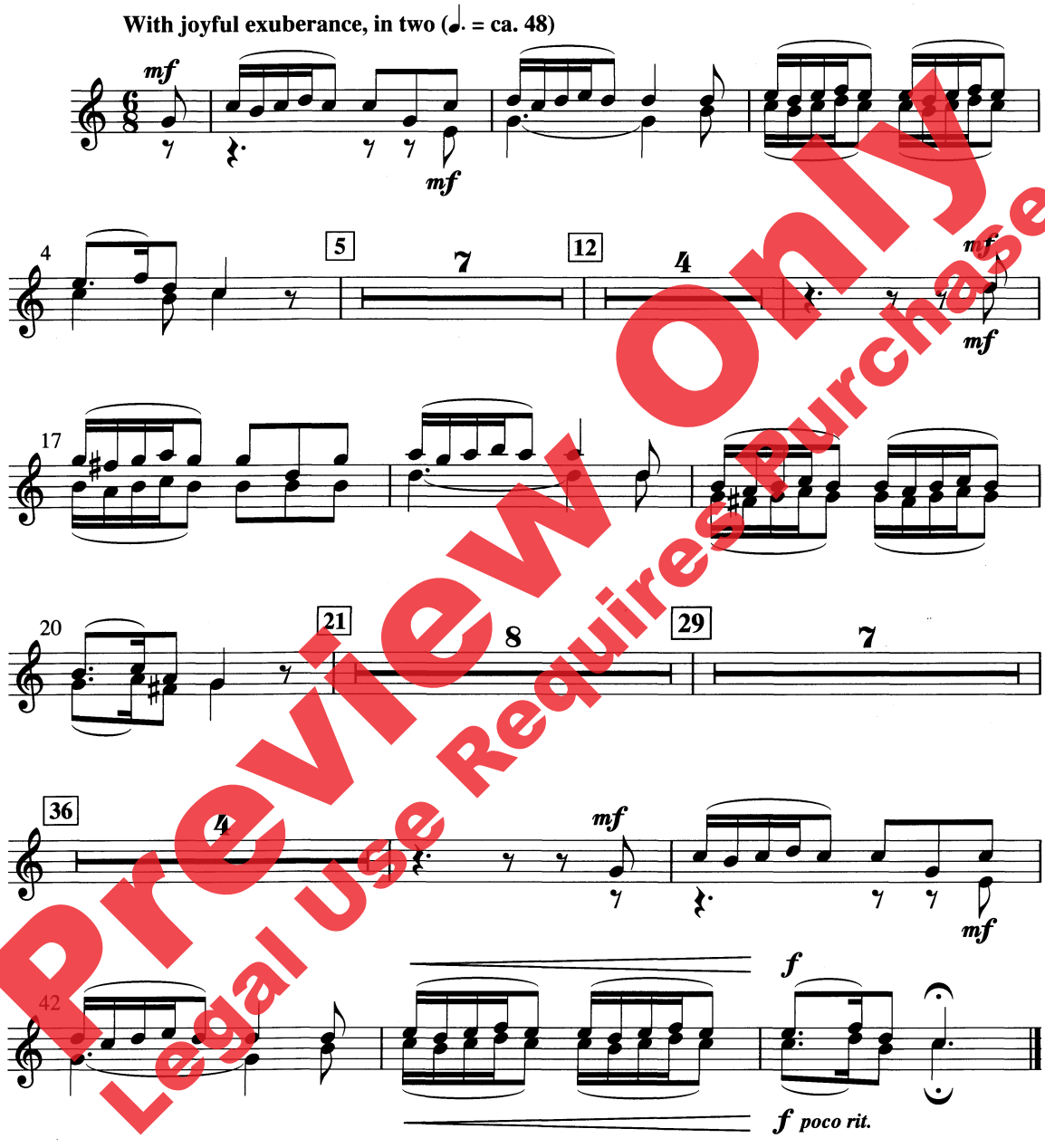

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