KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING

for S.A.B. voices, a cappella
with optional Hand Drum*

Traditional Spiritual

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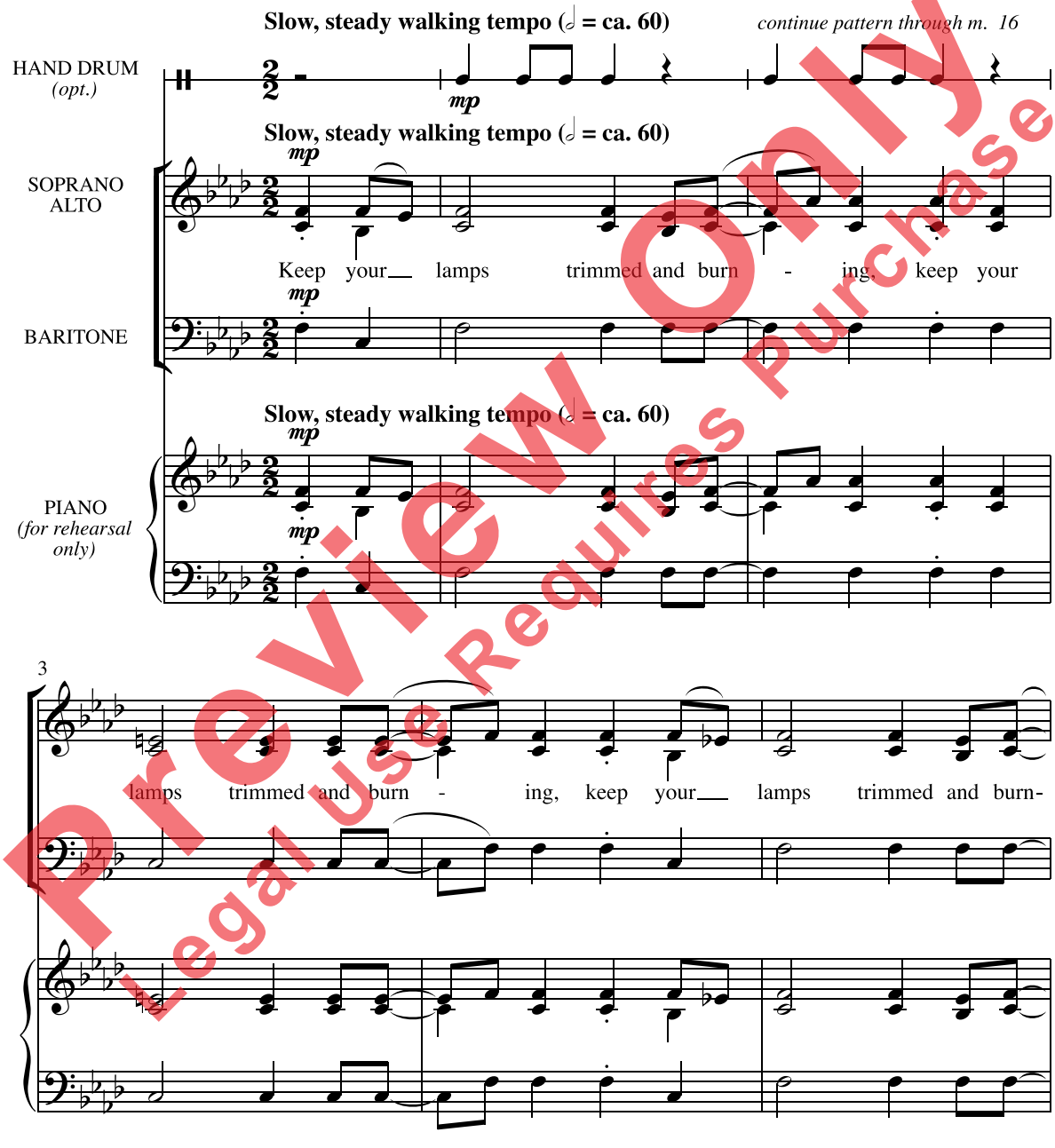

*Also available for S.A.T.B. (28679), S.S.A. (28681), and T.T.B.B. (28682). Hand Drum part is on page 12.

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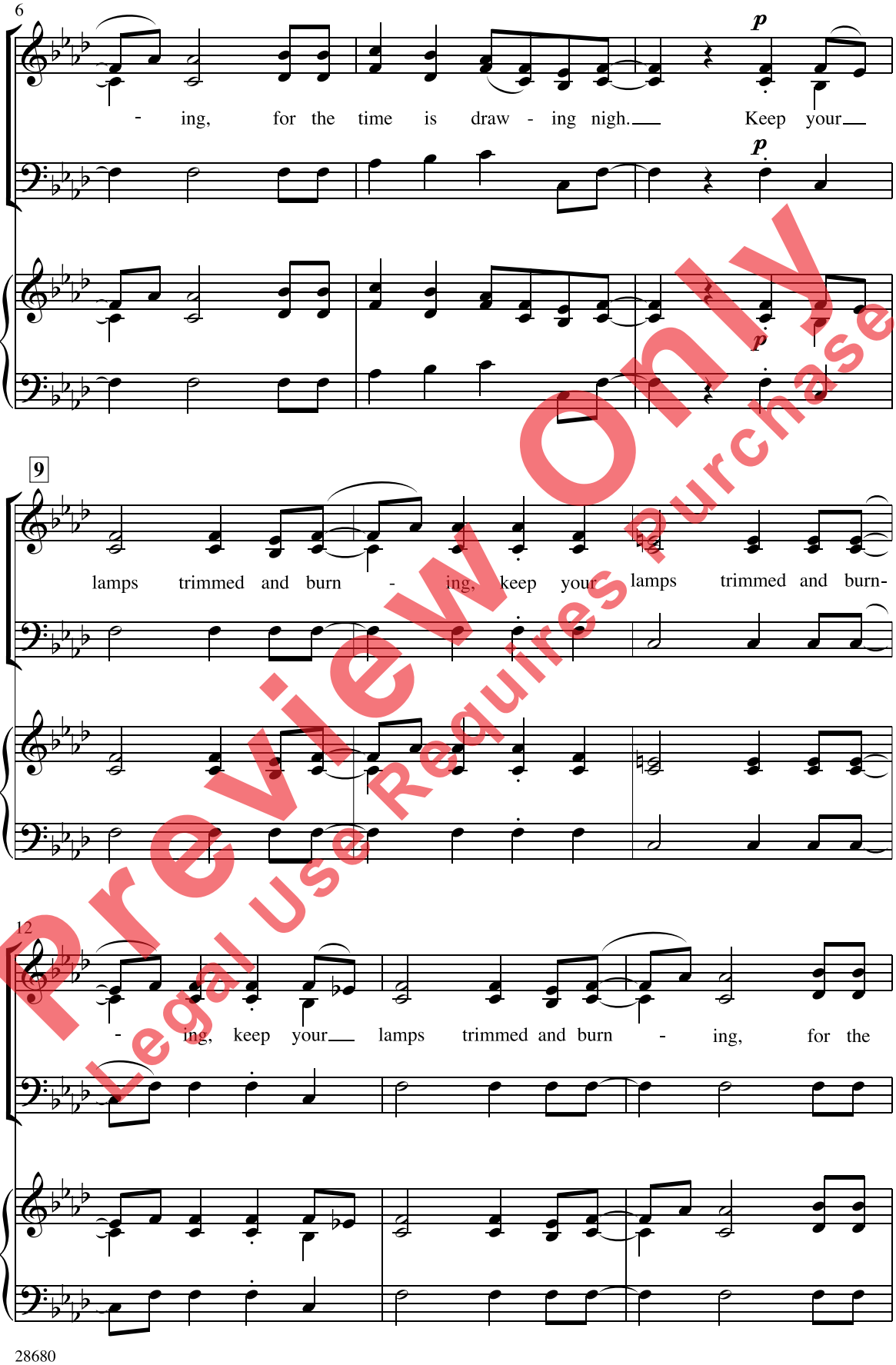

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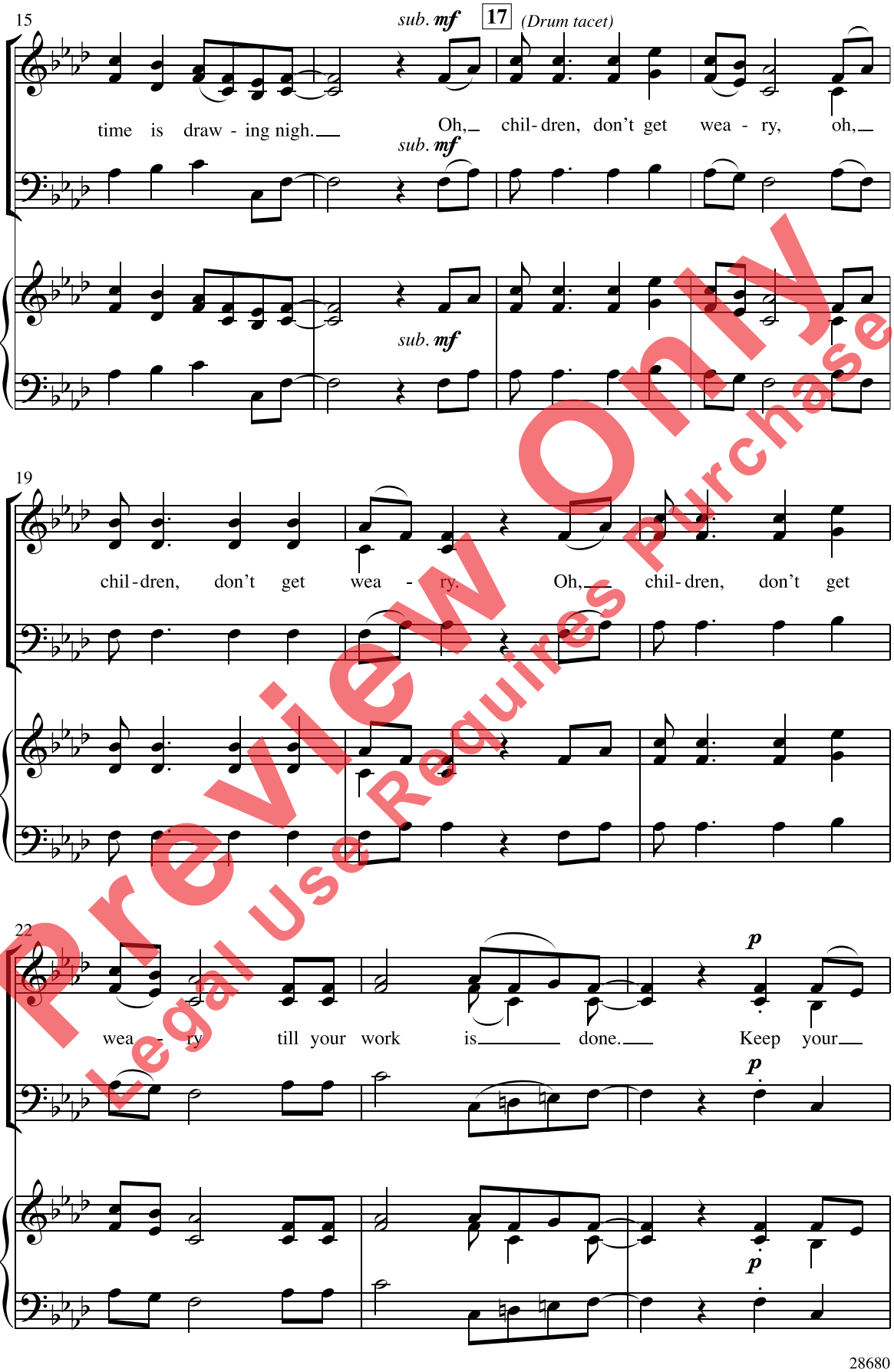

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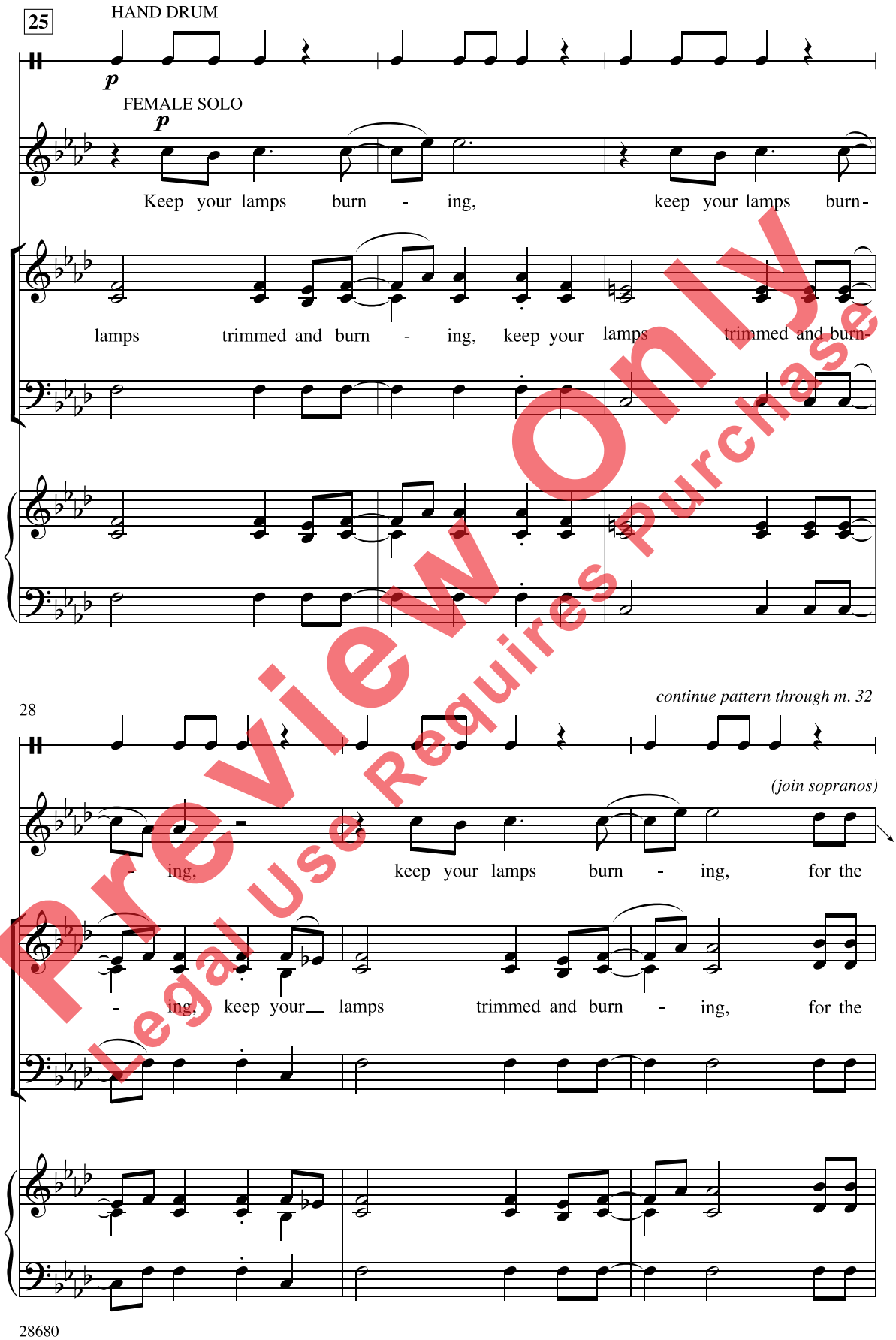

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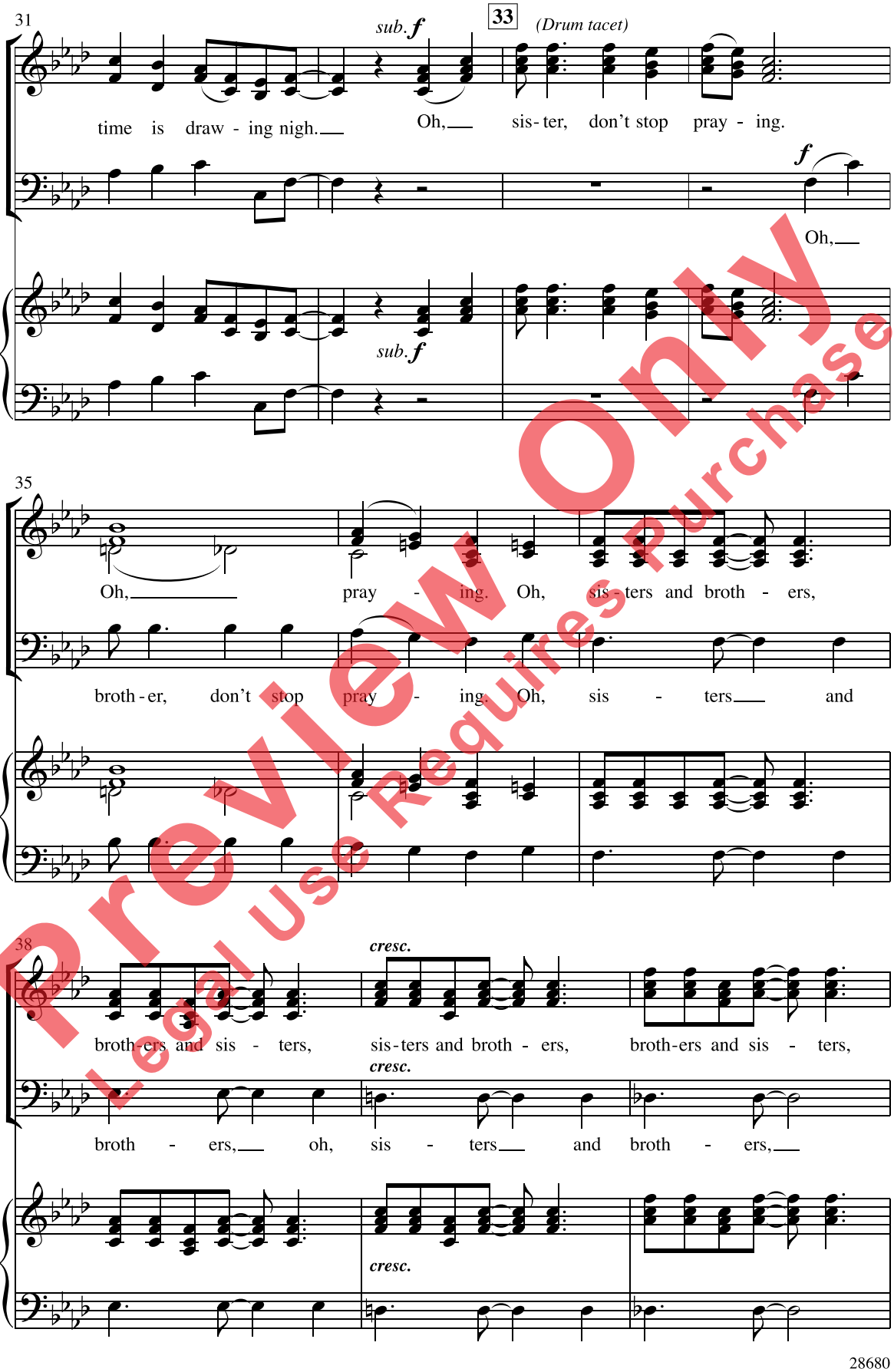

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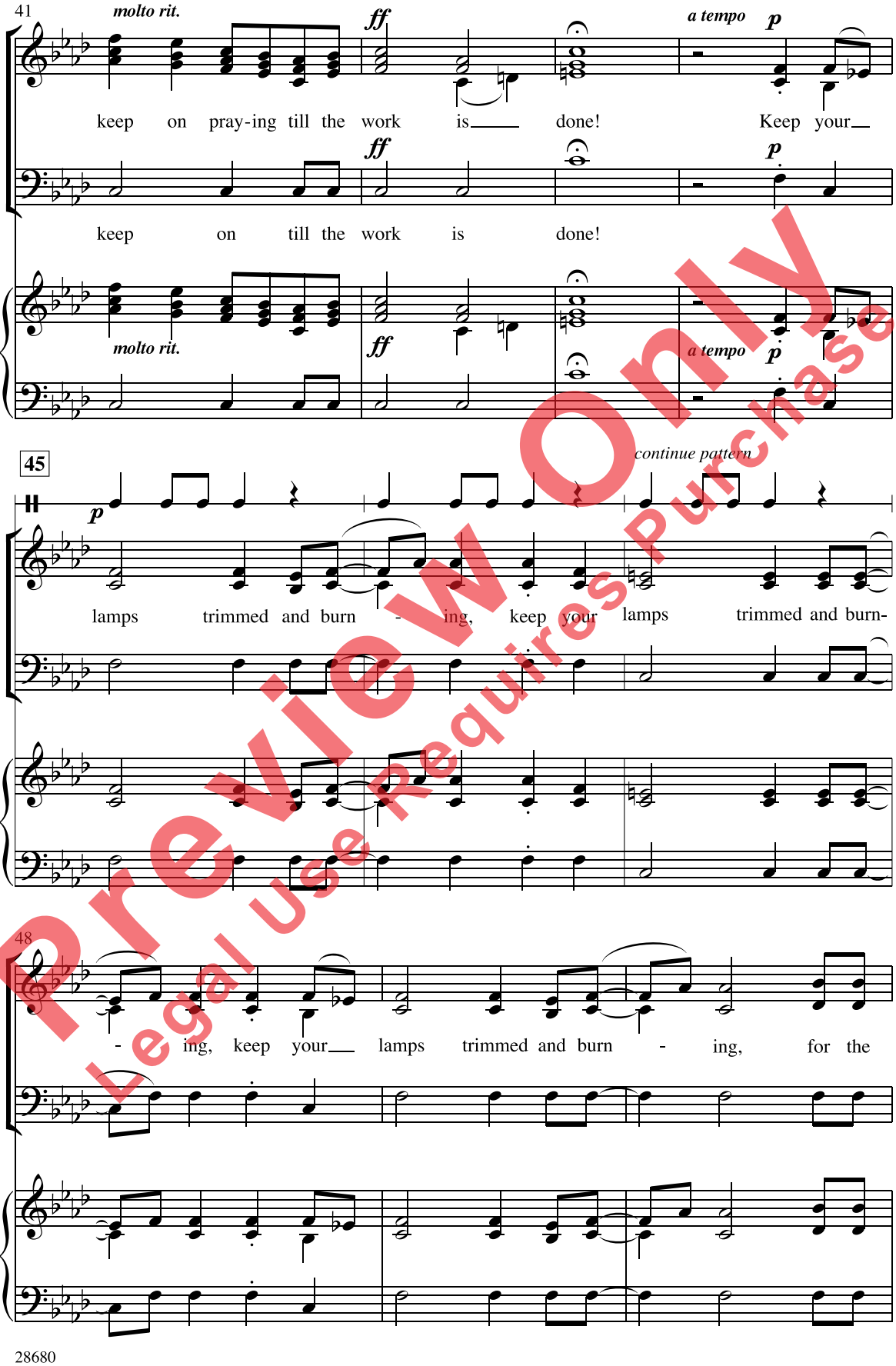

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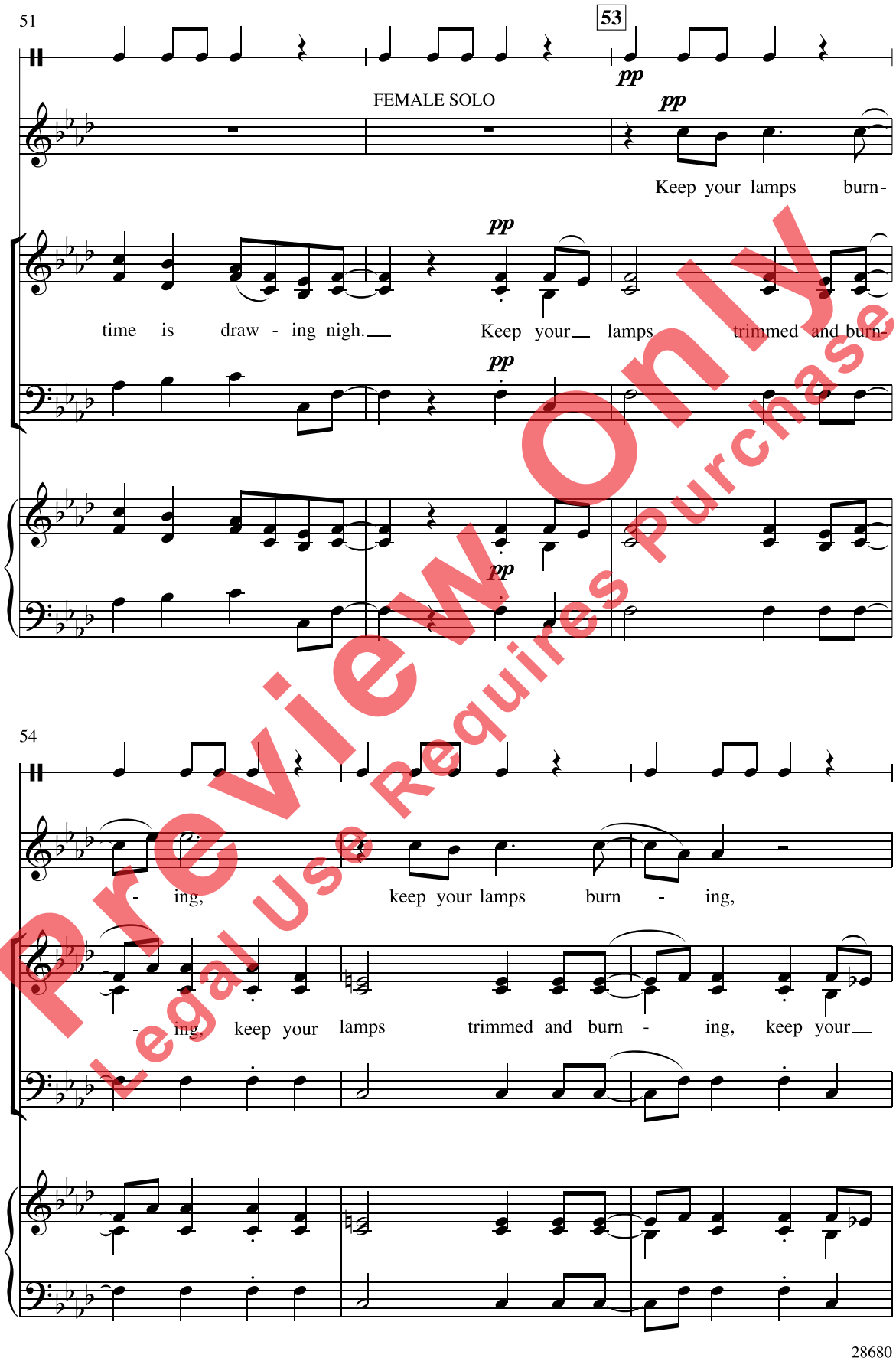

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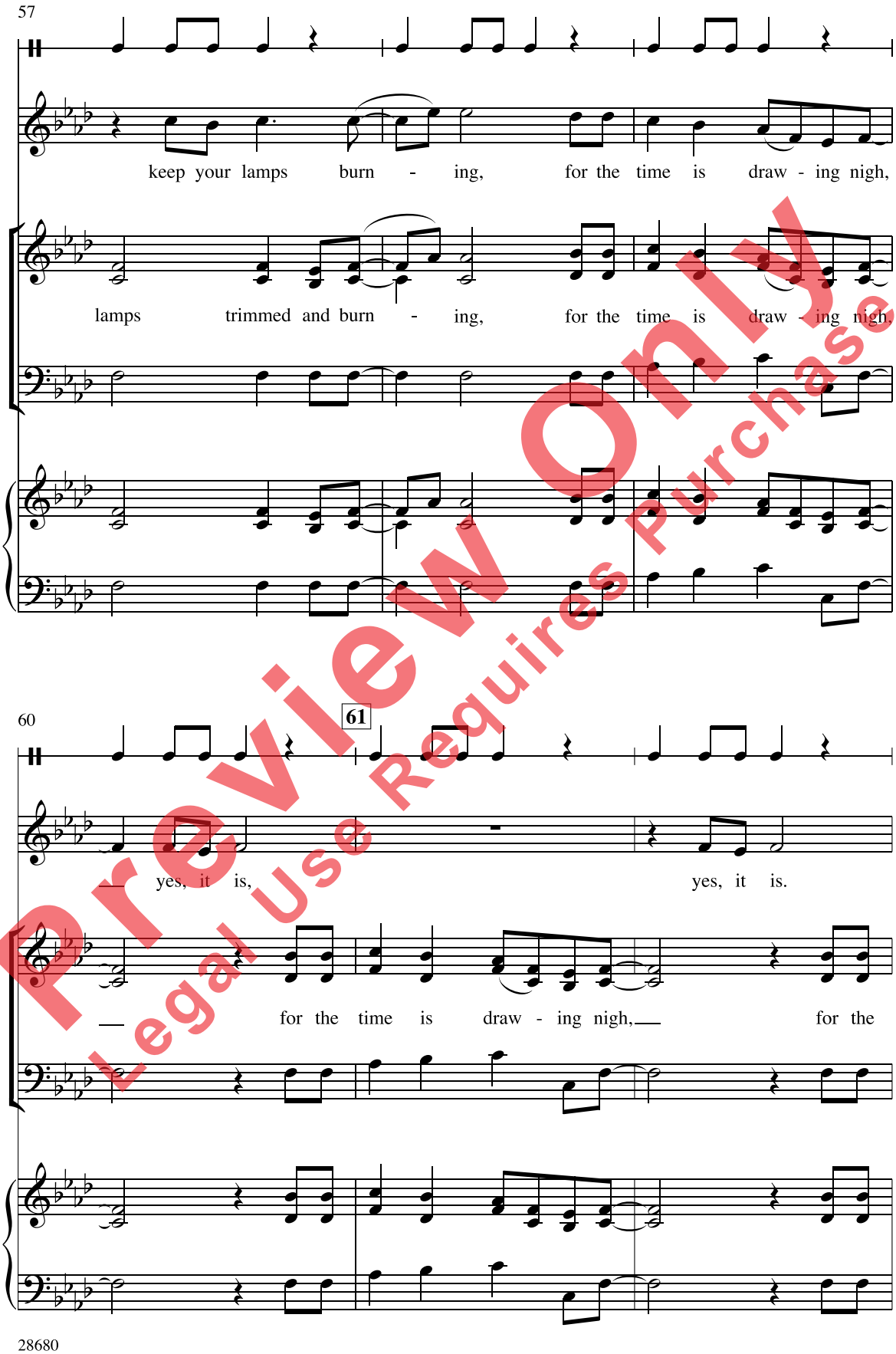

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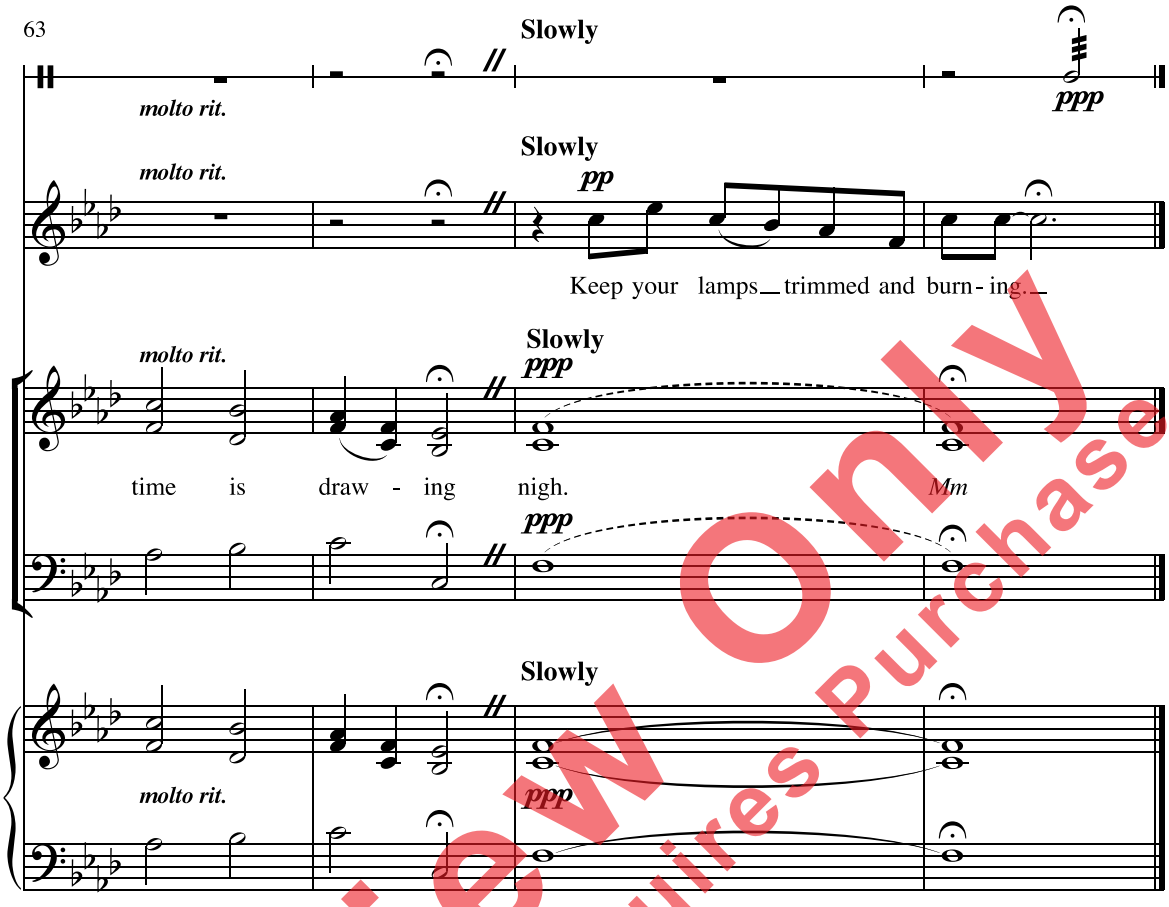

Performance Note: This spiritual should be performed at a slow walking tempo. One singer may use a walking stick, striking it on the floor on beat 1 of each measure when the drum is playing (measures 1-16, 25-32, 45-62). This is particularly effective when the stick is struck on a wooden floor, a block of wood, or a piece of plywood.

The message "keep your lamps trimmed and burning" is a reminder that one should always be prepared for the Lord's coming. As with many spirituals, the text may also refer to the flight of escaped slaves from the southern United States via the Underground Railroad.

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HAND DRUM

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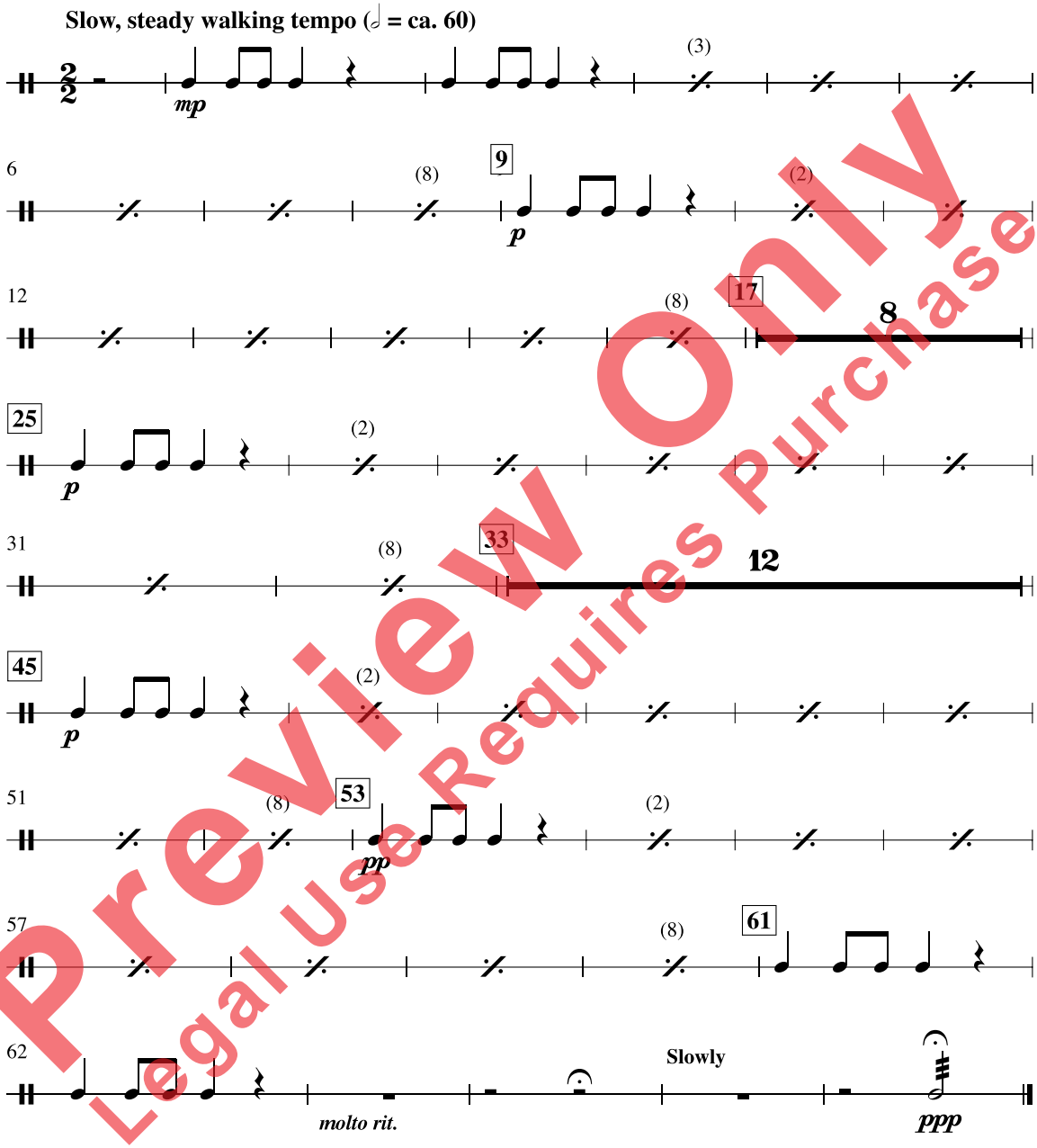

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