Restore Our Joy It's not easy to have singers sing with a sense of longing and mystery, but it can be done. By adding this subtle, nuanced approach to the performance of this anthem, it will communicate its message all the more powerfully. Take care not to give equal weight to the eighth notes (especially in the verses) so the music doesn't sound rote or mechanical. Find those important words in the text and lean on them a bit more, therefore helping to present the anthem with maximum impact.

Robert Sterling is a Dove Award winning songwriter, arranger, and record producer. His songs have been recorded by a variety of Christian artists, notably including Point of Grace, Gold City and Sandi Patti. His tunes have worked their way to the top of the Christian pop, Southern Gospel, and inspirational radio charts. Among Robert's record producing credits are the certified gold albums, *Point of Grace,* and *The Whole Truth*, and *24*, by Point of Grace, and the Grammy-nominated recording, *Love Will*, by the Talleys. Robert is a five-time winner of the Gospel Music Association's Dove Award. For five years he headed the songwriting faculty for the Academy of Gospel Music Arts. In 1997, Robert served as the chairman of the Coalition for the Protection of America's Gospel Music Heritage, lobbying and testifying before Congress on behalf of Christian songwriters. In addition to his work as a writer, arranger and orchestrator, Robert has also served as an adjunct professor of Music Publishing at Belmont University in Nashville.

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

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Music by
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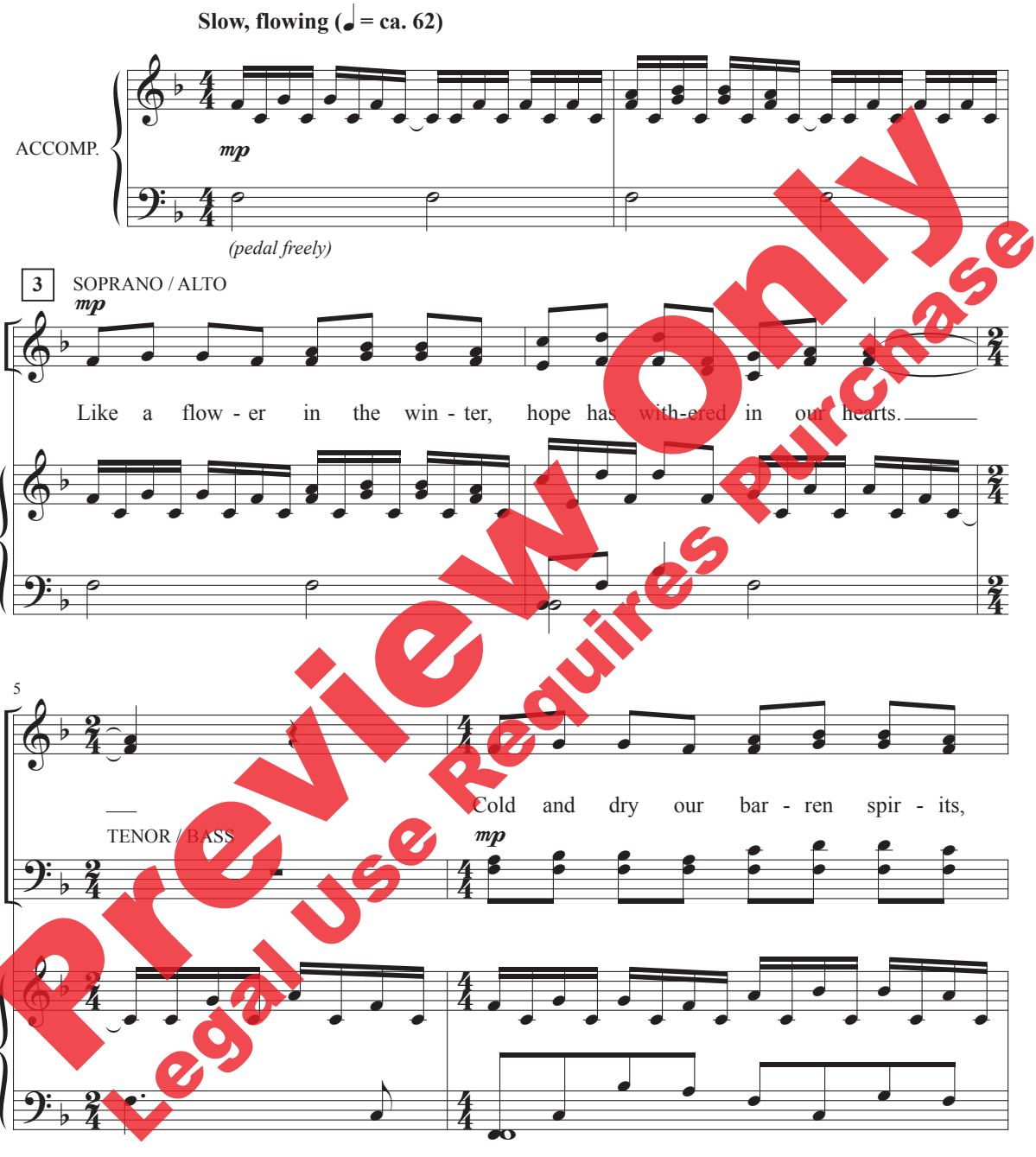

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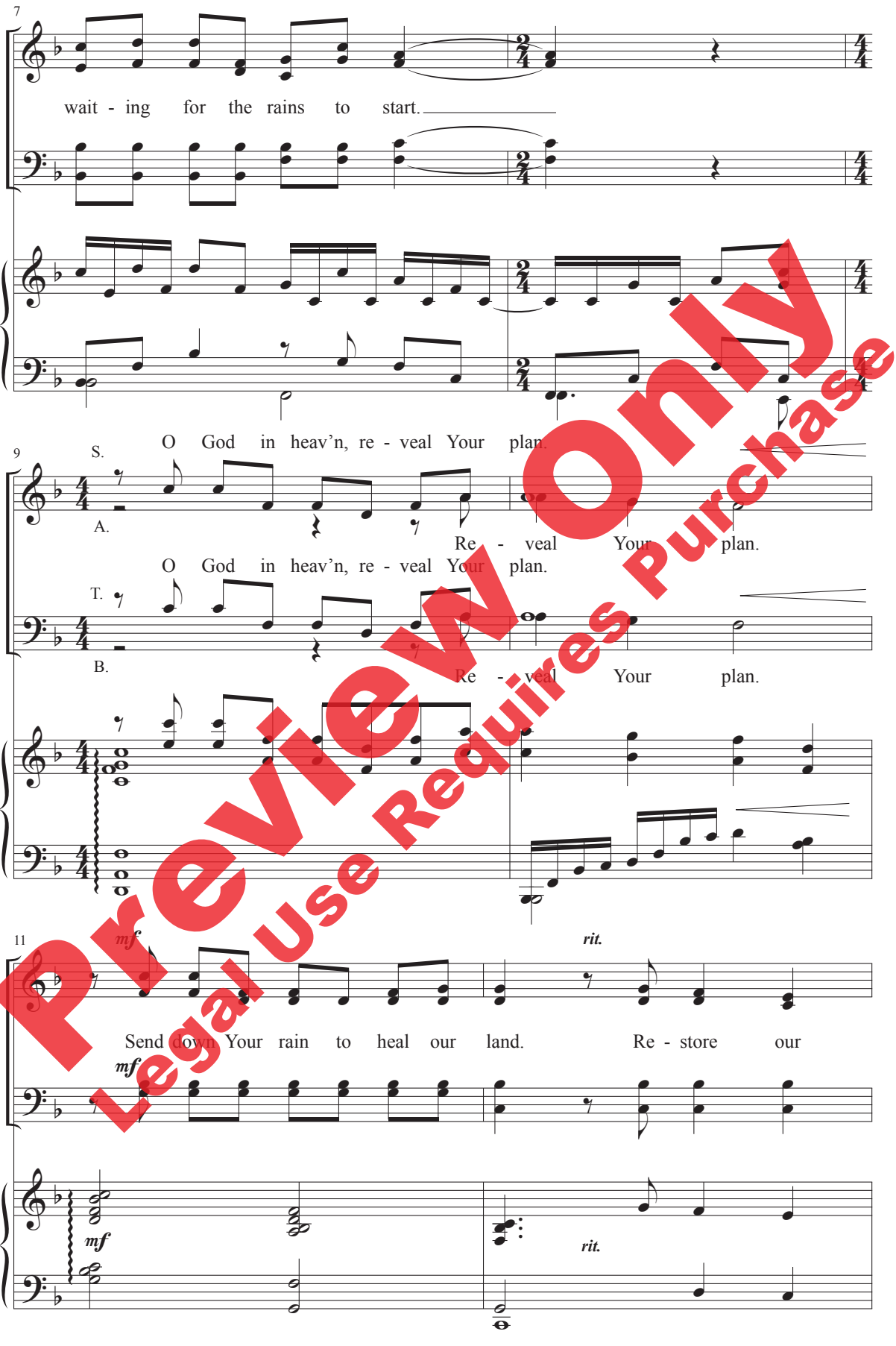

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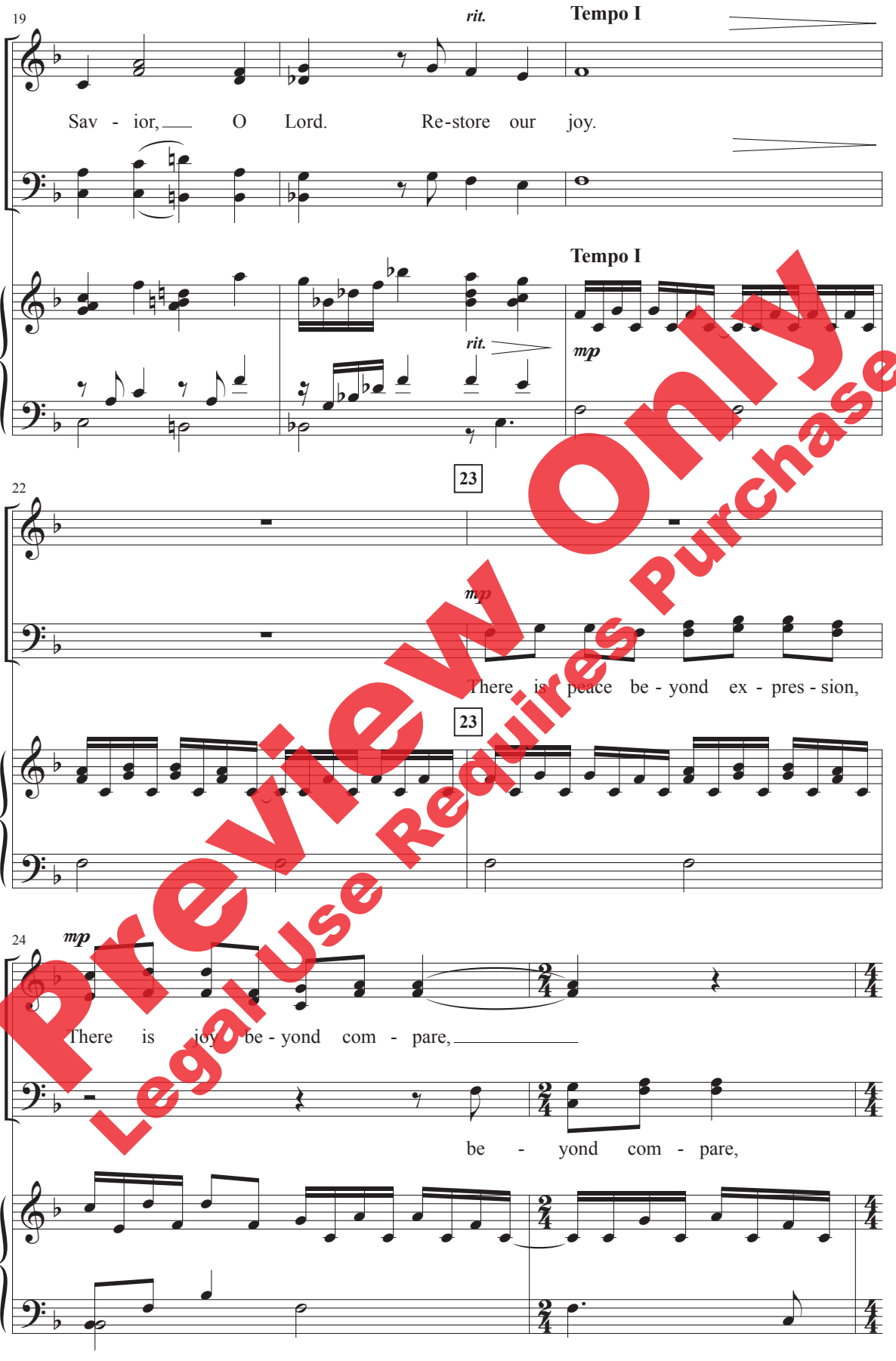

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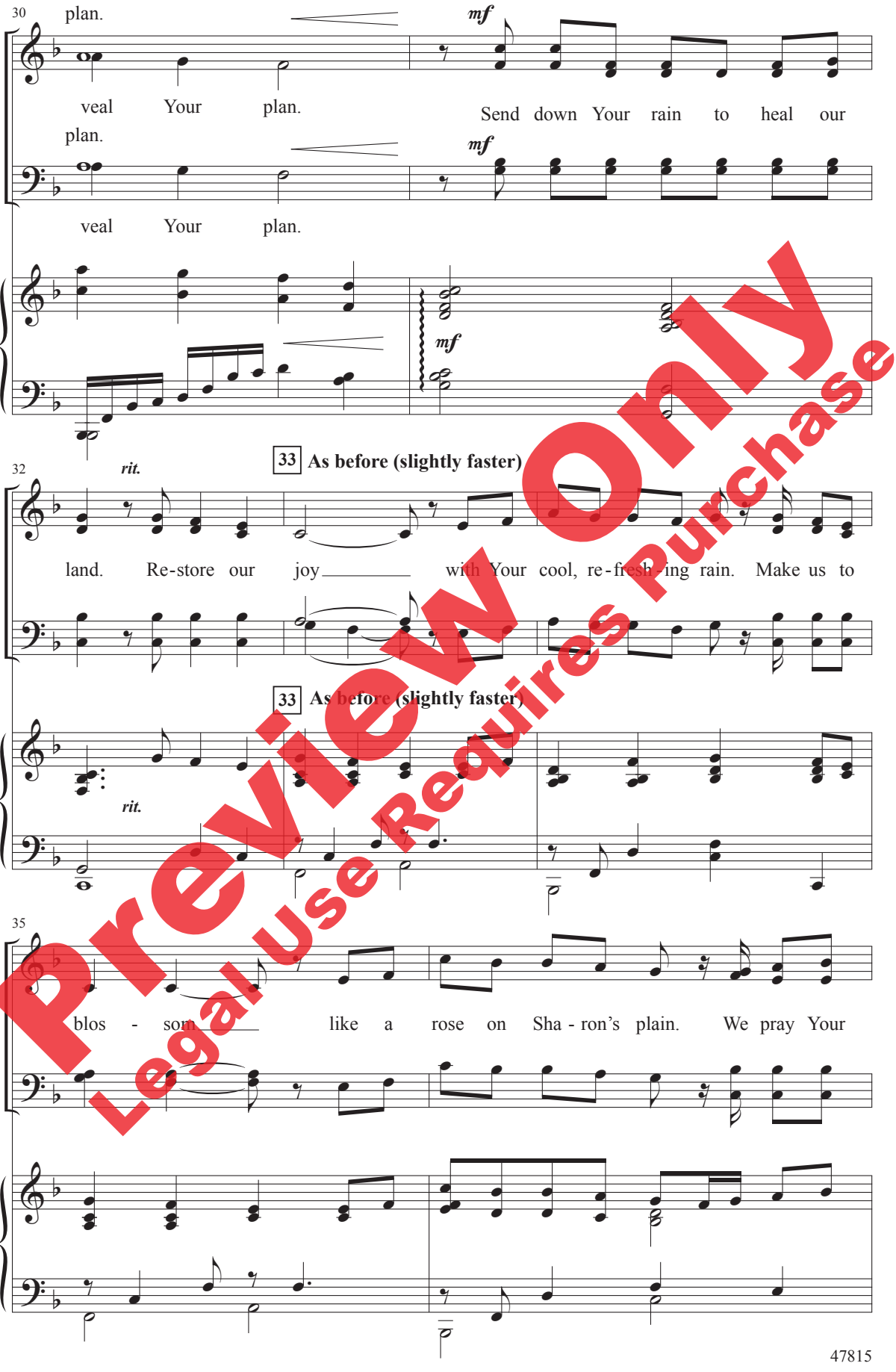

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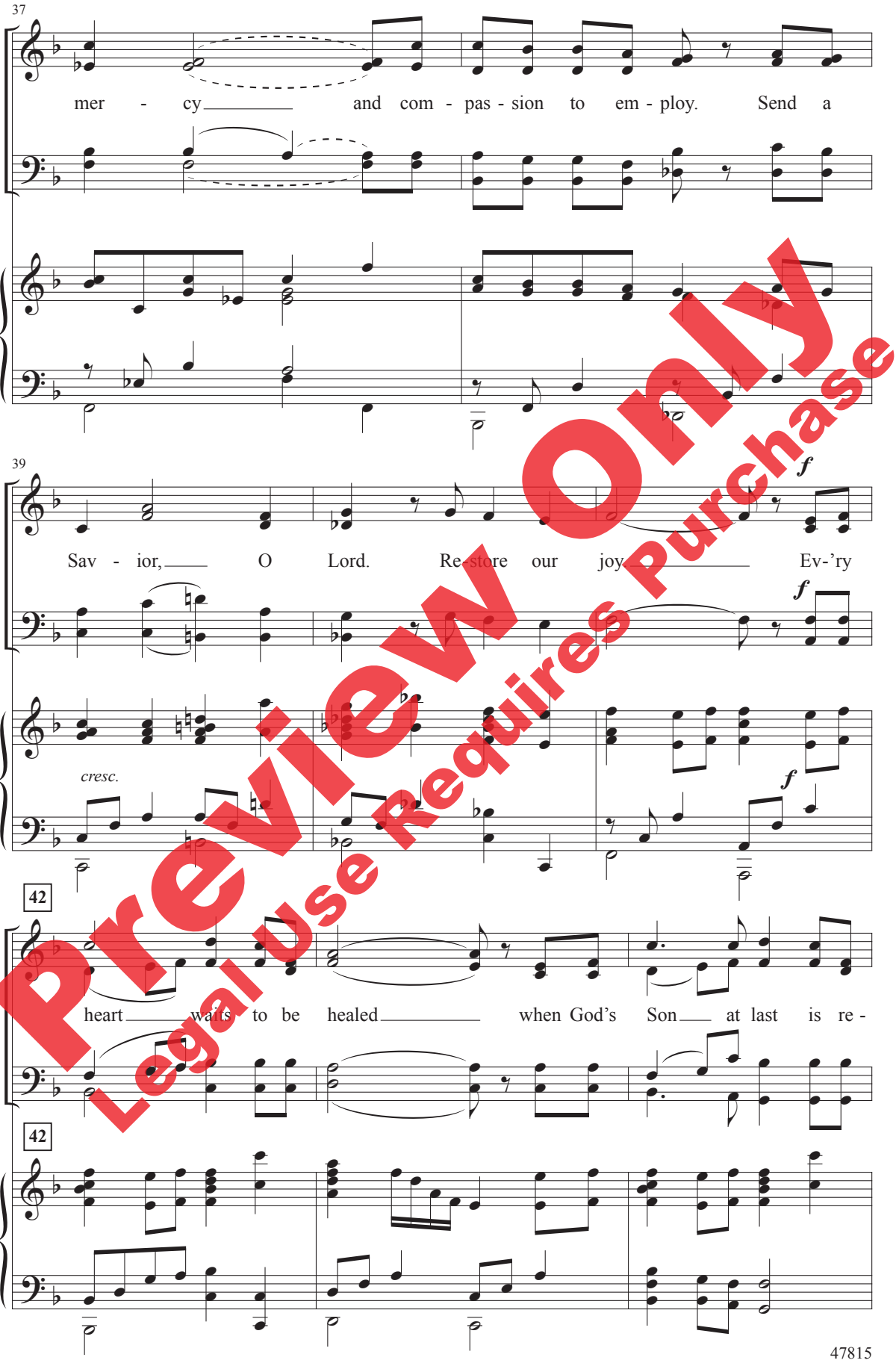

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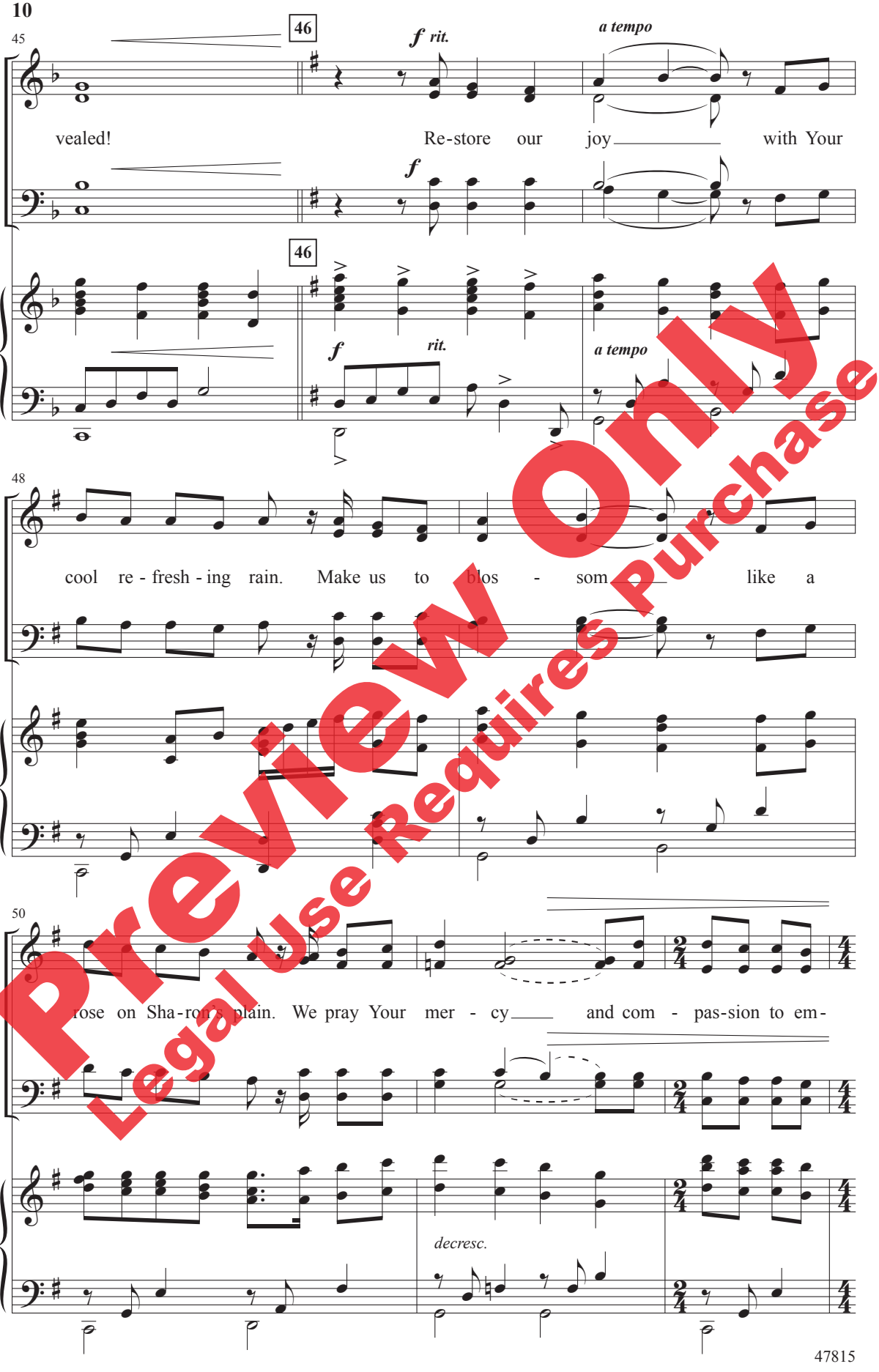

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