EDITOR'S NOTE

Georg Reutter (1708–1772), a native of Vienna and the son of an organist and composer, attributed his musical studies to Caldara. Reutter served as Kapellmeister to the royal Viennese court under the rule of Empress Maria Theresia and in that capacity hired a young Joseph Haydn to sing in the cathedral choir. Reutter was known for his numerous operas and oratorios, as well as settings of the Mass and shorter liturgical compositions.

This edition of "Gloria in Excelsis" is based upon a hand-copied set of parts from the eighteenth century, located in the archive of the Stiftsbibliothek at Chorherrenstift Klosterneuburg in Austria, 273/9.

Reutter's "Gloria in Excelsis" is scored for two violins, cello and bass. The text of the motet is translated: *Glory to God in the highest, peace to men of good will. I announce to you a great joy: today a saviour is born to you, by love miraculously driven from heaven to bring you life. He lies like a guilty one, great king and lord, moaning in a dark cave, taking the form of a lowly slave, restricted to a cradle, abandoned by you. Therefore fly, shepherds, fly, and welcome your God, who wishes to embrace you as a child with his arms, and to love you as a saviour, as a saviour to be loved in return.*

The present edition adheres closely to the above-mentioned source, noting editorial marking in parentheses. Voice parts, where notated in moveable clefs, were rewritten in treble clef; phrase markings in the voice parts were added where two or more notes occurred for a single syllable of text; the piano reduction was prepared from the orchestral material.

I am indebted to Dr. Heinz Ristory for supplying photocopies of the source material, and to Dr. Floridus Roehrig, librarian at Chorherrenstift Klosterneuburg, for granting permission to publish.

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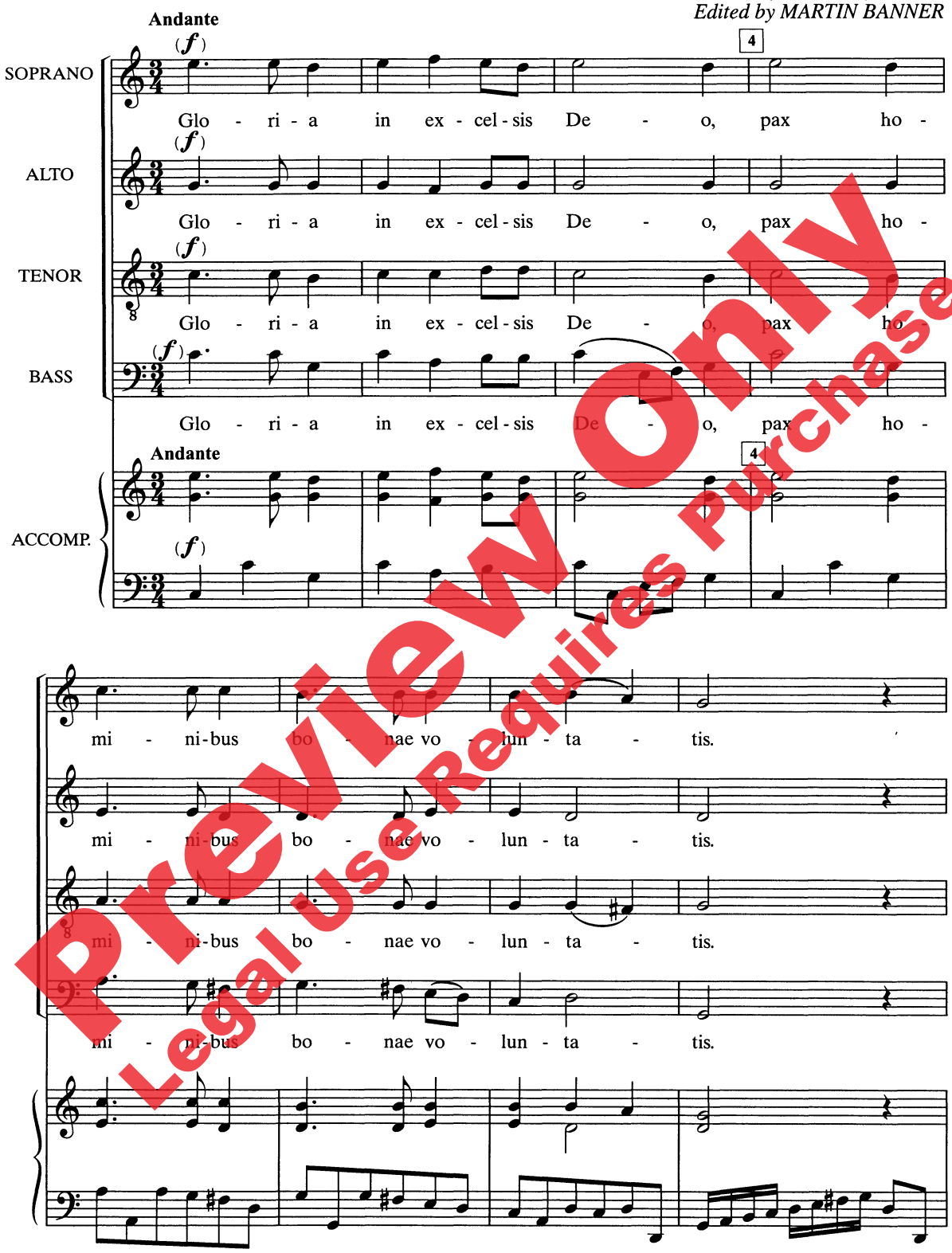
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

for SATB voices, accompanied*

GEORG REUTTER
(1708-1772)
Edited by MARTIN BANNER



*Parts are available separately for an Instrumental Ensemble (2 violins, cello and/or bass). (LG53051A)

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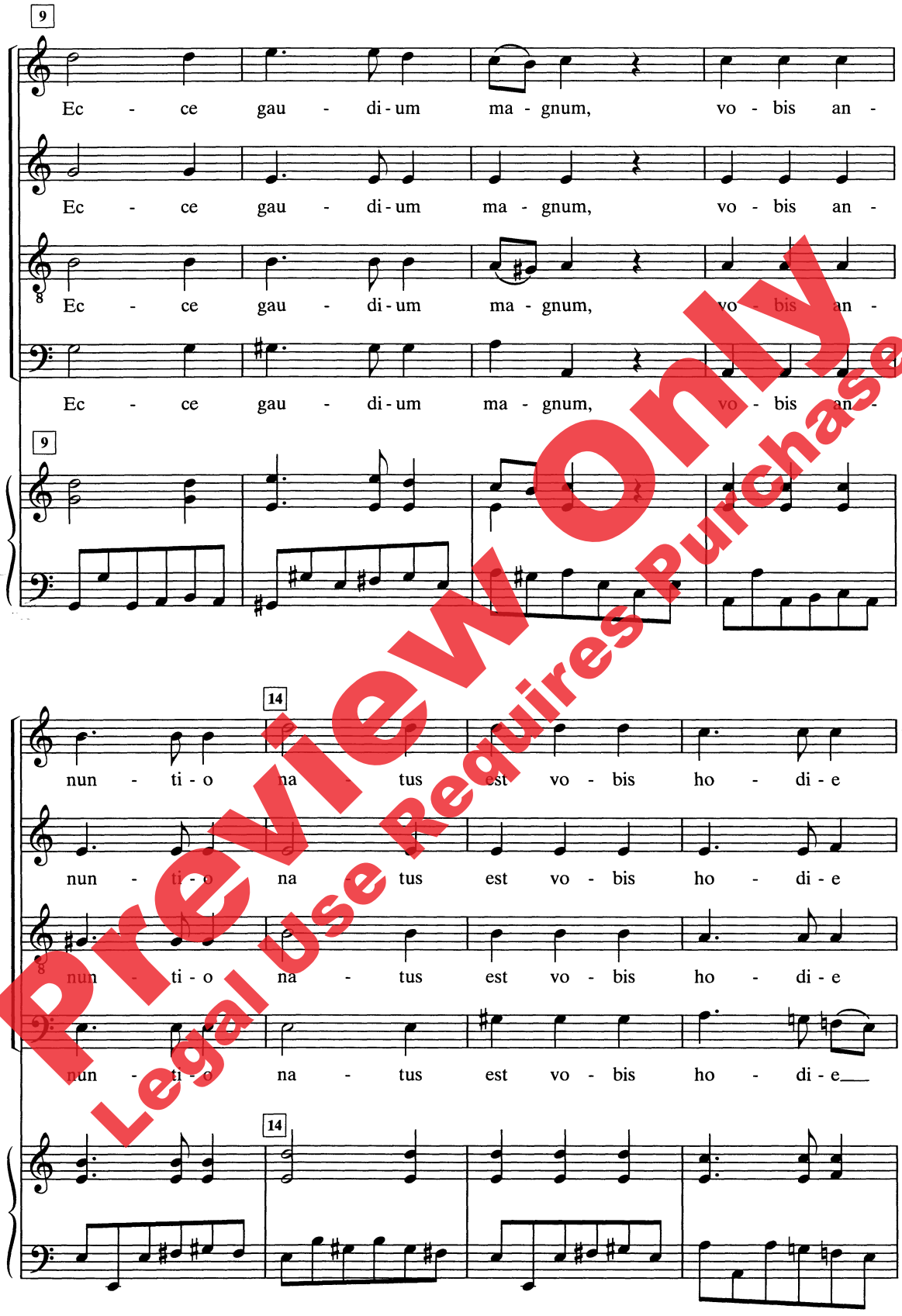

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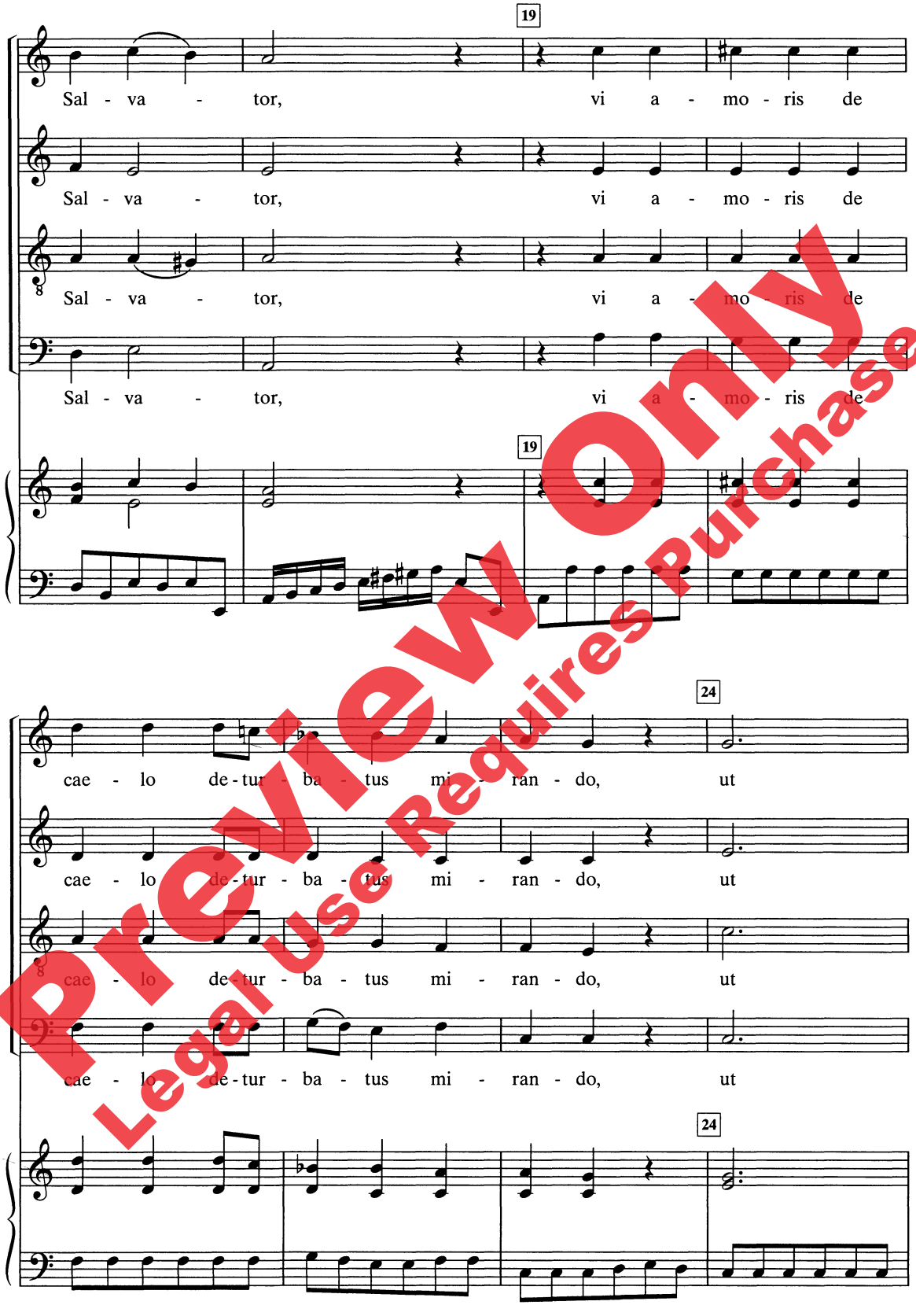

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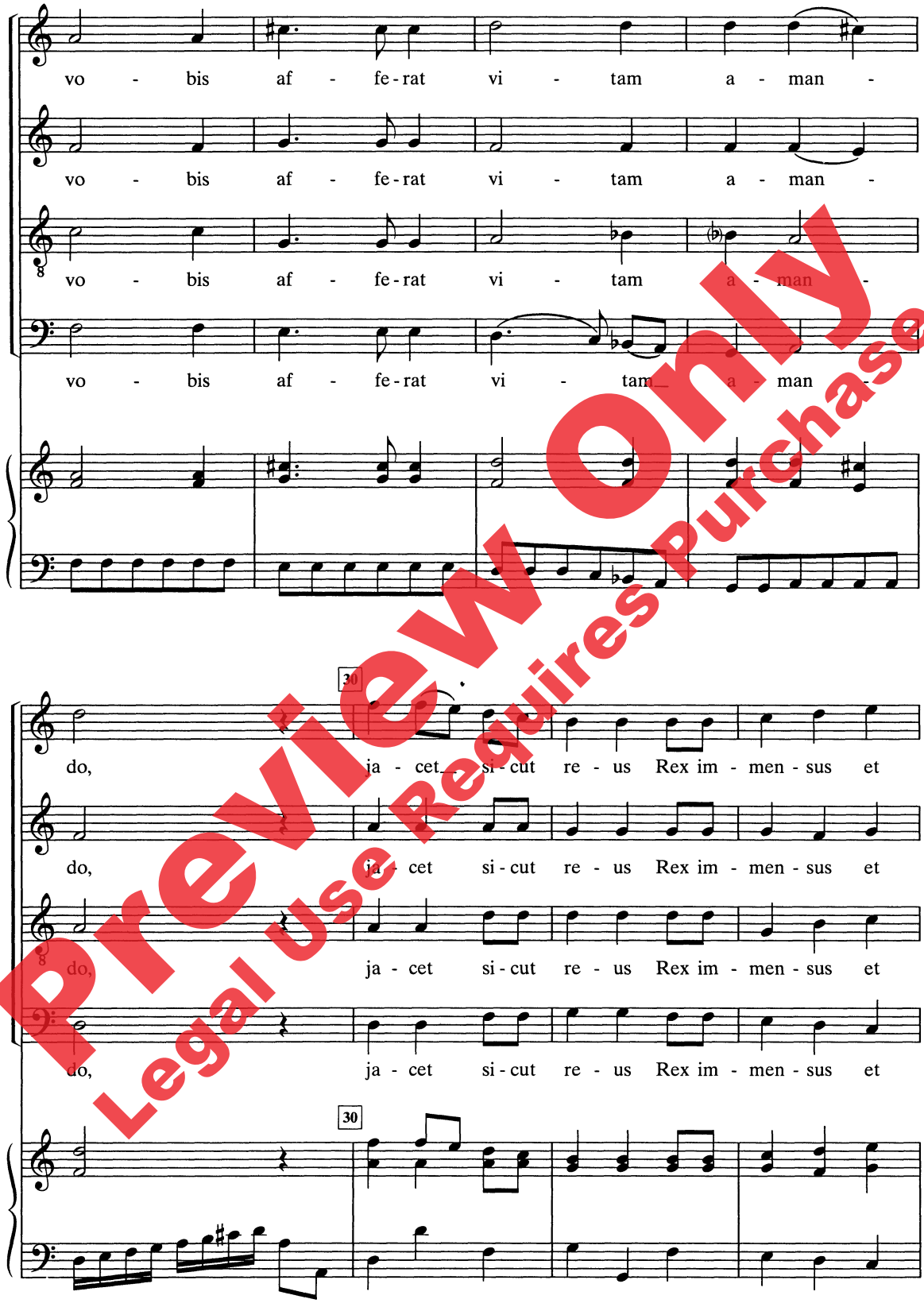

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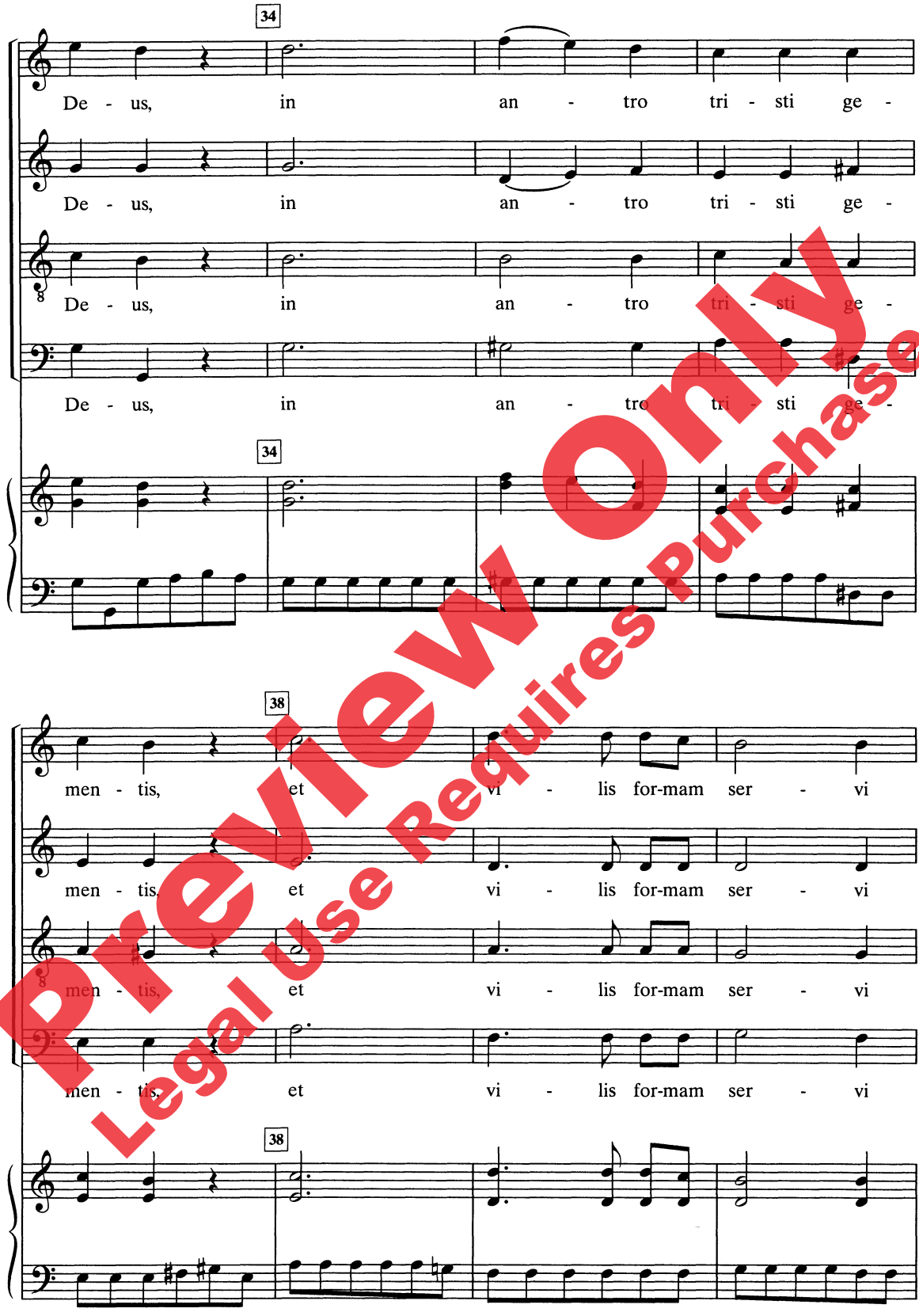

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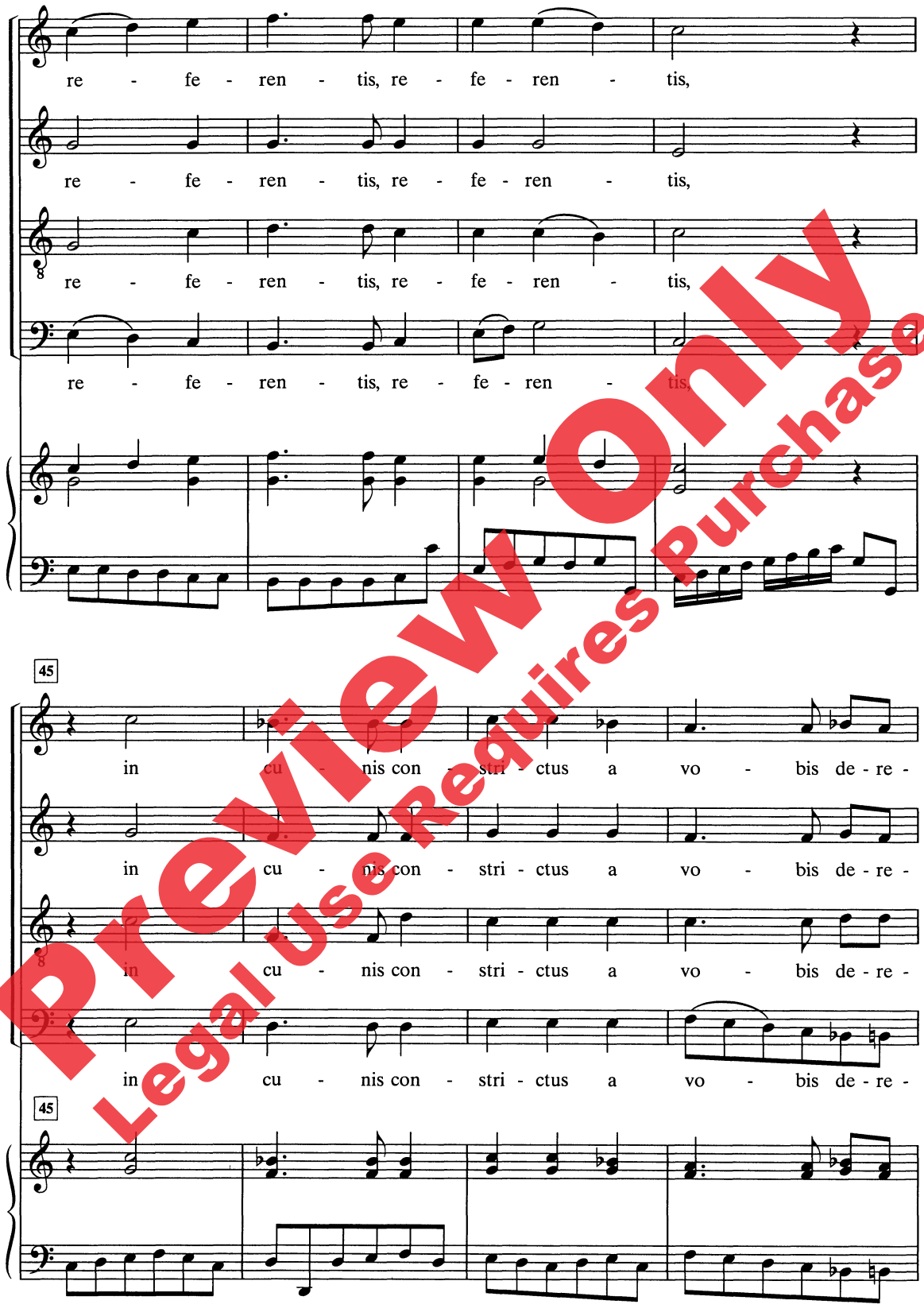

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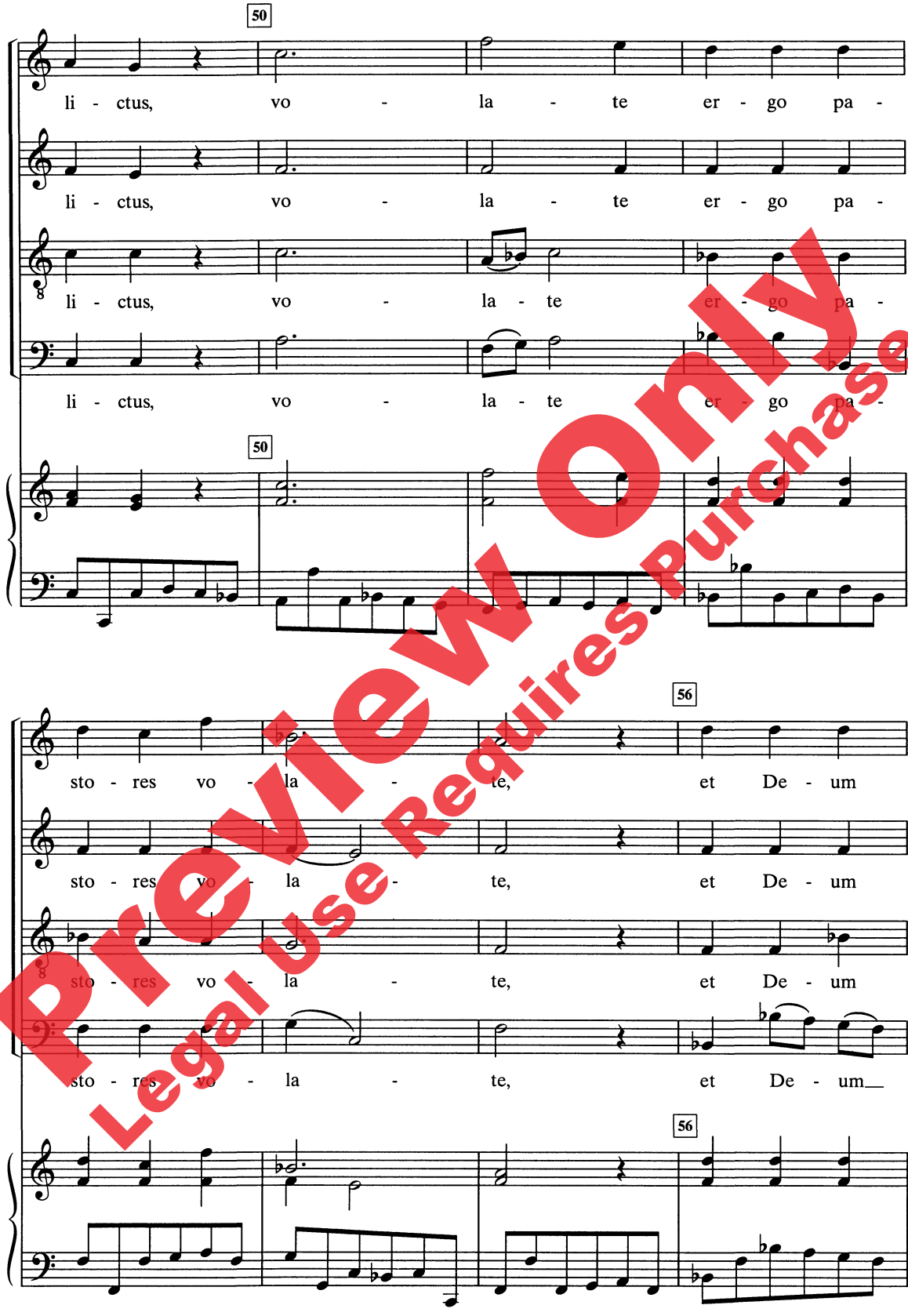

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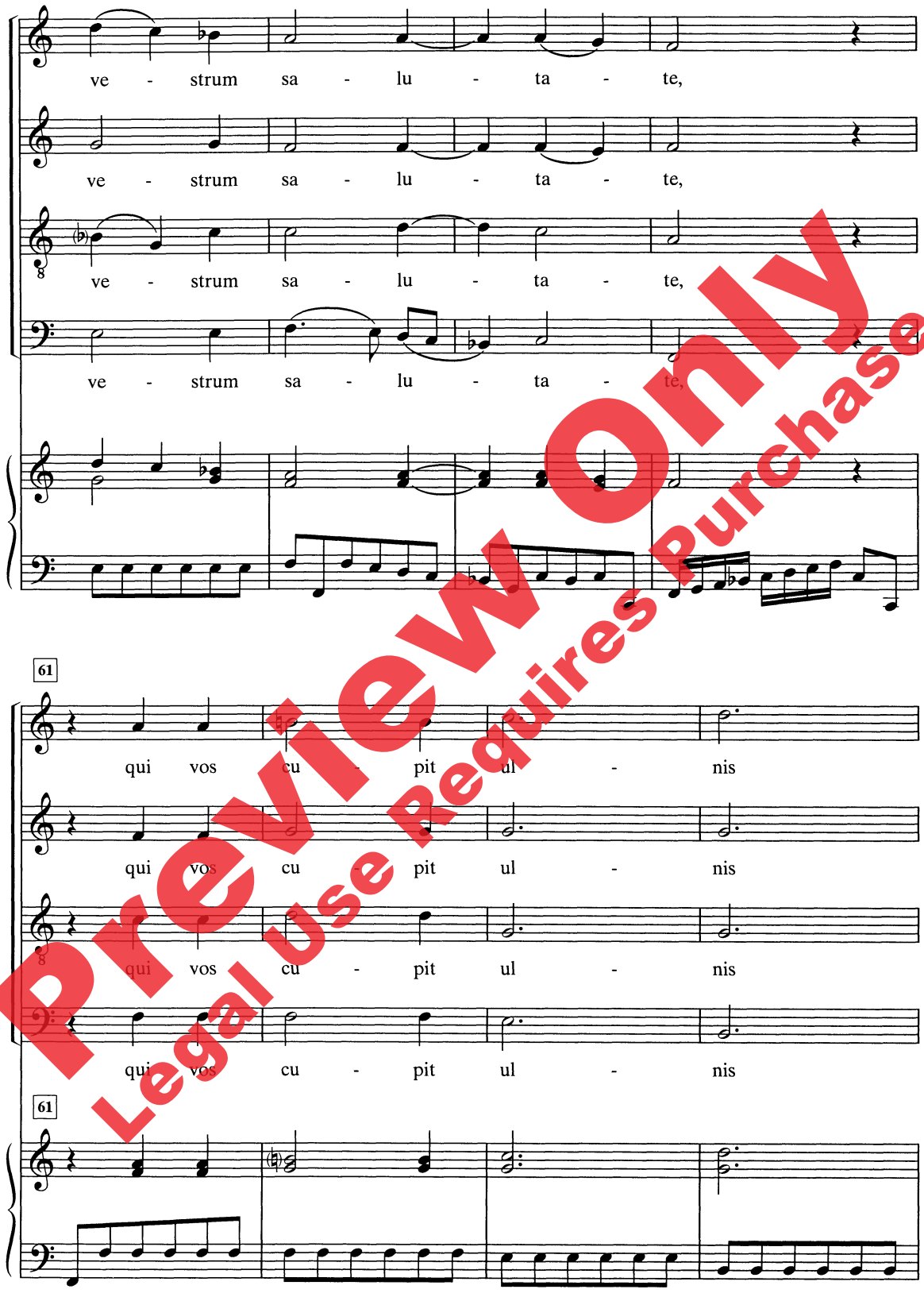

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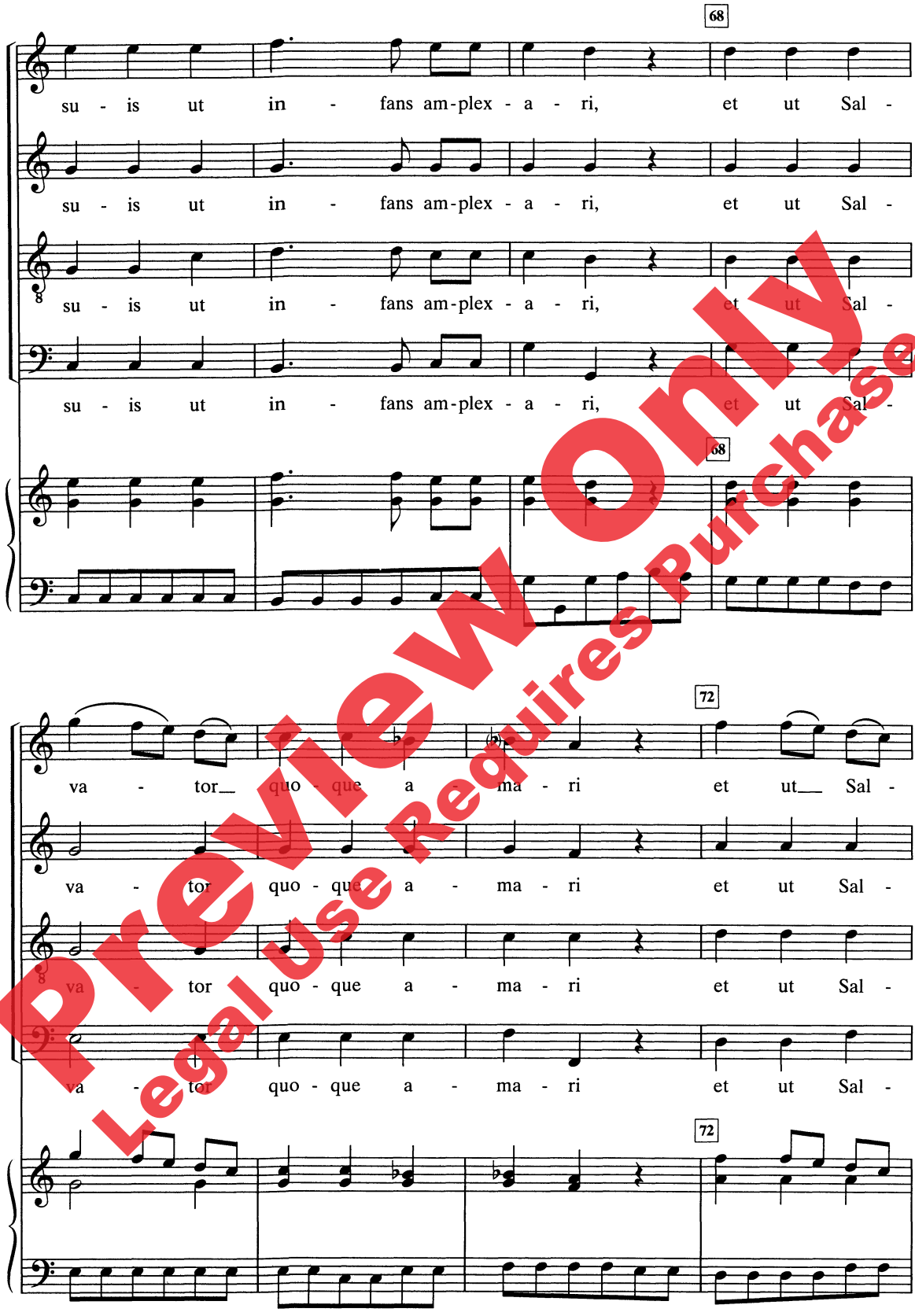

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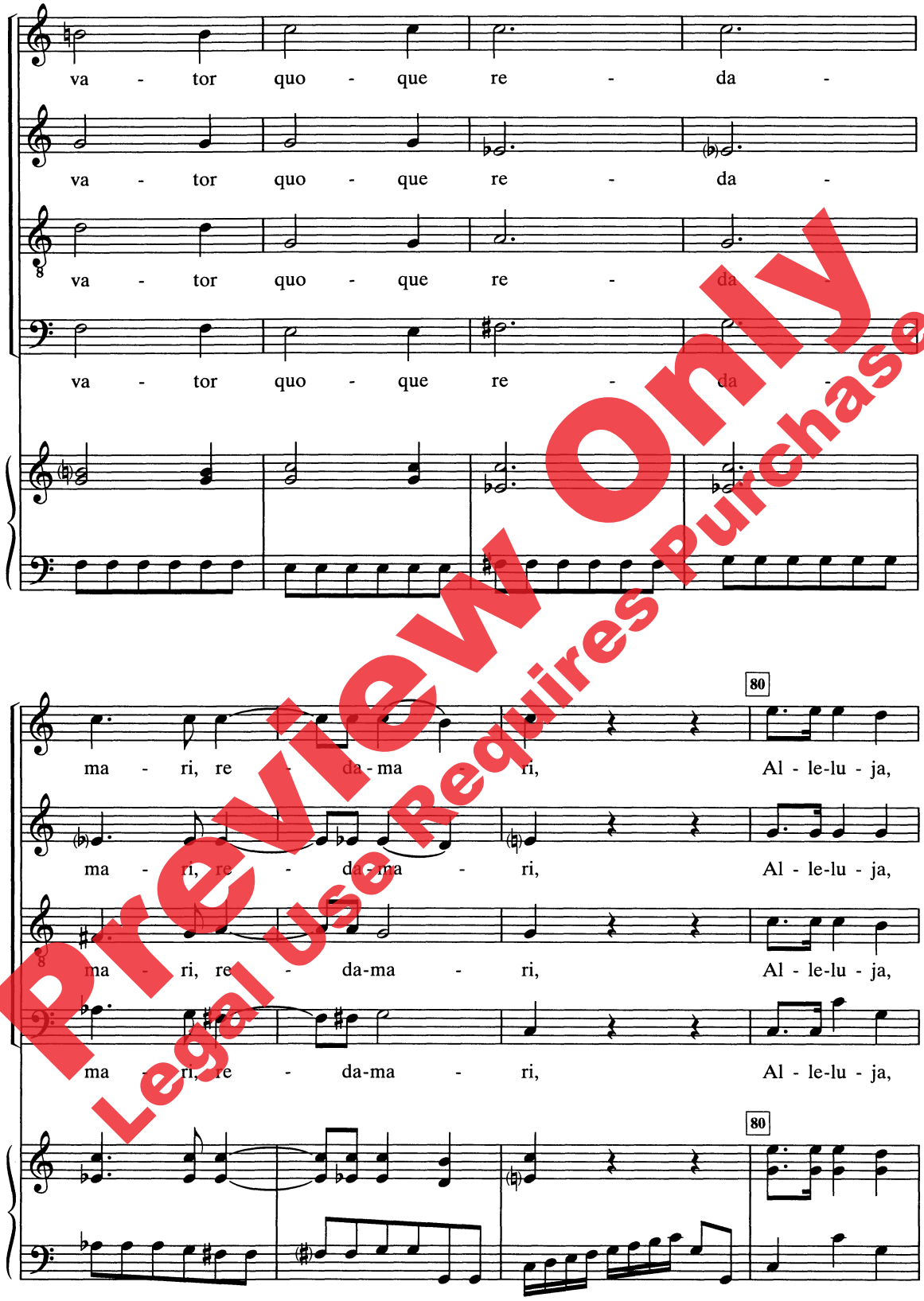

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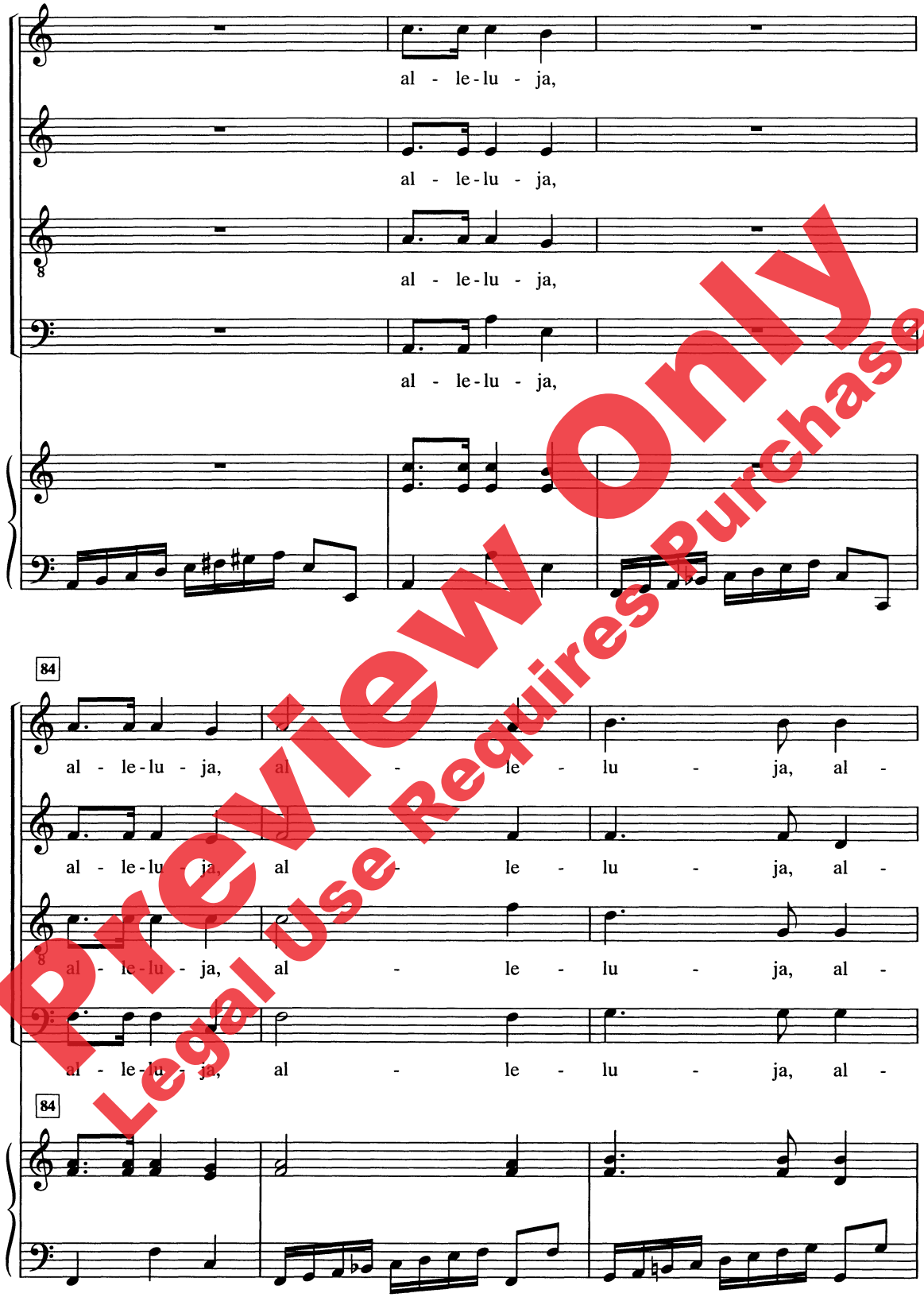

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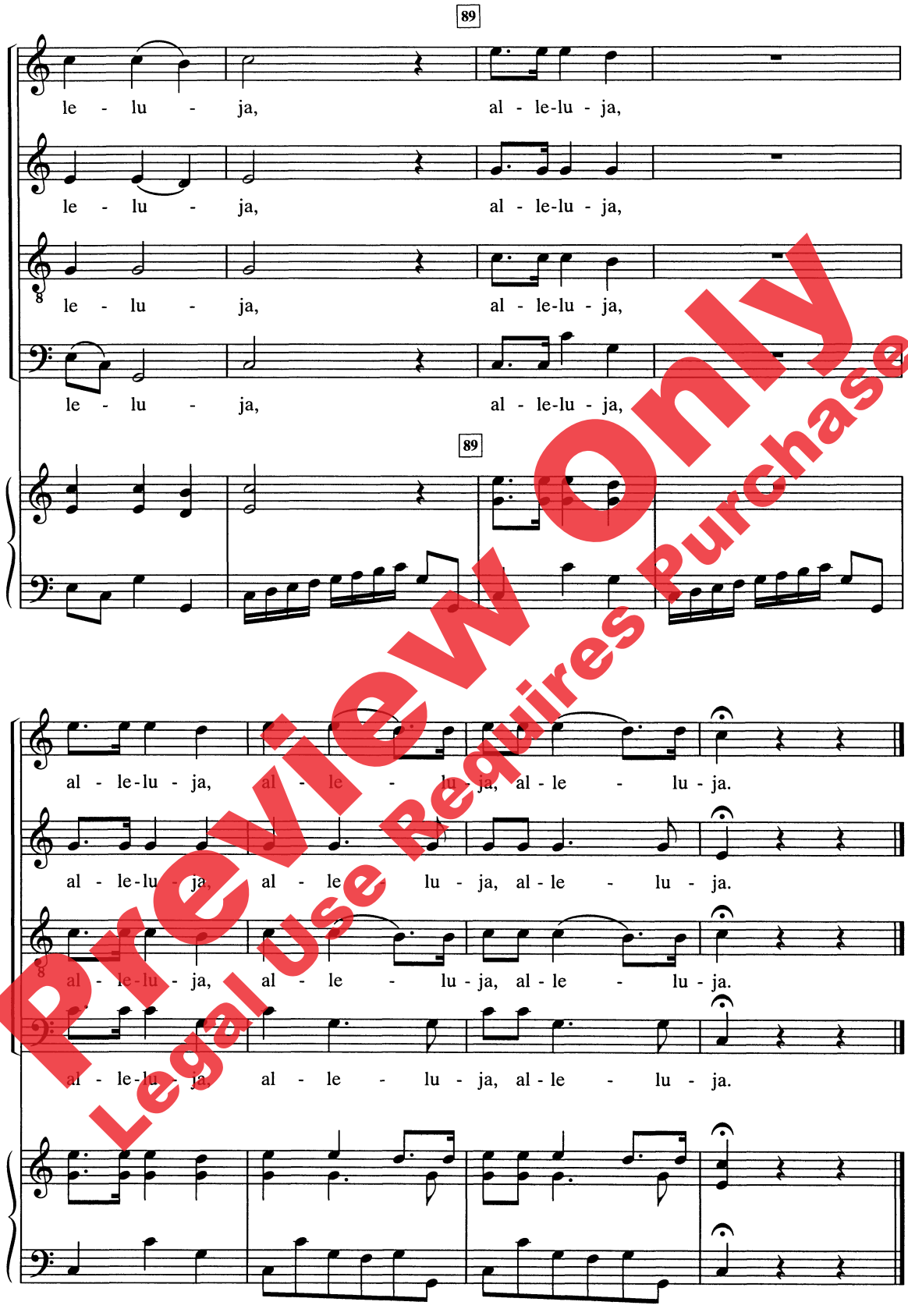

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