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Friday Afternoons

Inspired by Benjamin Britten, Friday Afternoons is an initiative created by Snape Maltings (formerly Aldeburgh Music) to open up a world of singing for children and young people. Every year since the project began in 2013, Snape Maltings has commissioned a new set of songs for young people's voices, and these are all made available for free as part of the Friday Afternoons Song Bank. Alongside sheet music, backing tracks and interactive Charanga resources, the website is a source of creativity and inspiration, with space to share performances and resources with teachers and music leaders around the world.

Join our world of song at **www.fridayafternoonsmusic.co.uk**

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Seasons and Charms

1. Three Birds

Three Cold Black Birds
In a Cold Black Tree
What do you think their names might be?
December
January
February

Three Singing Birds
In a Flowering Tree
Chirruping, chirruping – play! play! play!
March
April
May

Three dancing birds
In the sunburned tree
Gasp at the bird bath, bath in the dust
June
July
August

Departing birds
From the Golden tree
Off to the sunshine they remember,
September
October
November.

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1. Three Birds

Alasdair Middleton

Jonathan Dove

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Three Cold Black Birds In a Cold Black Tree

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What do you think their

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names might be?

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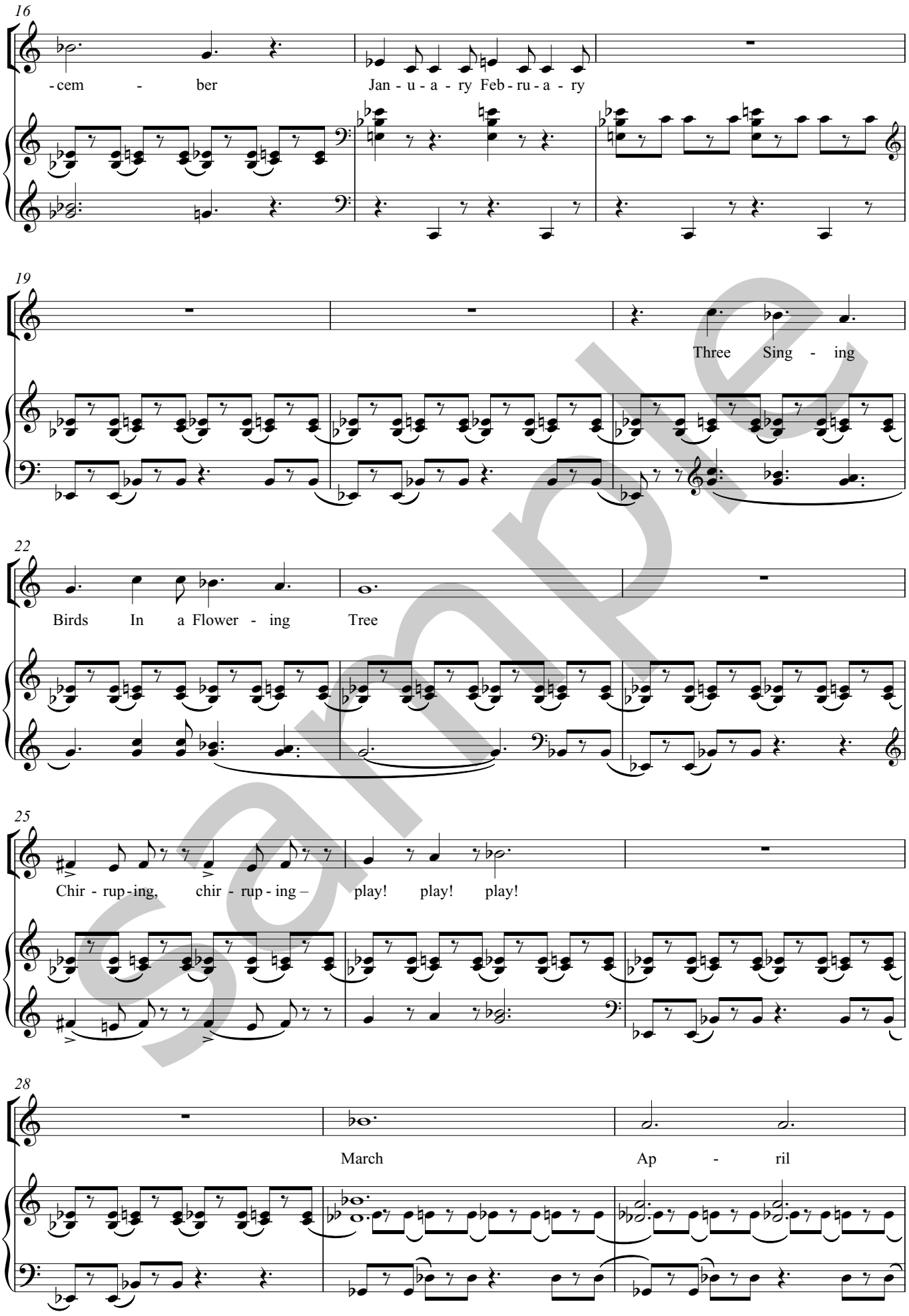
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Three Sing - ing
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Birds In a Flower - ing Tree
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play! play! play!
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March
Ap - ril

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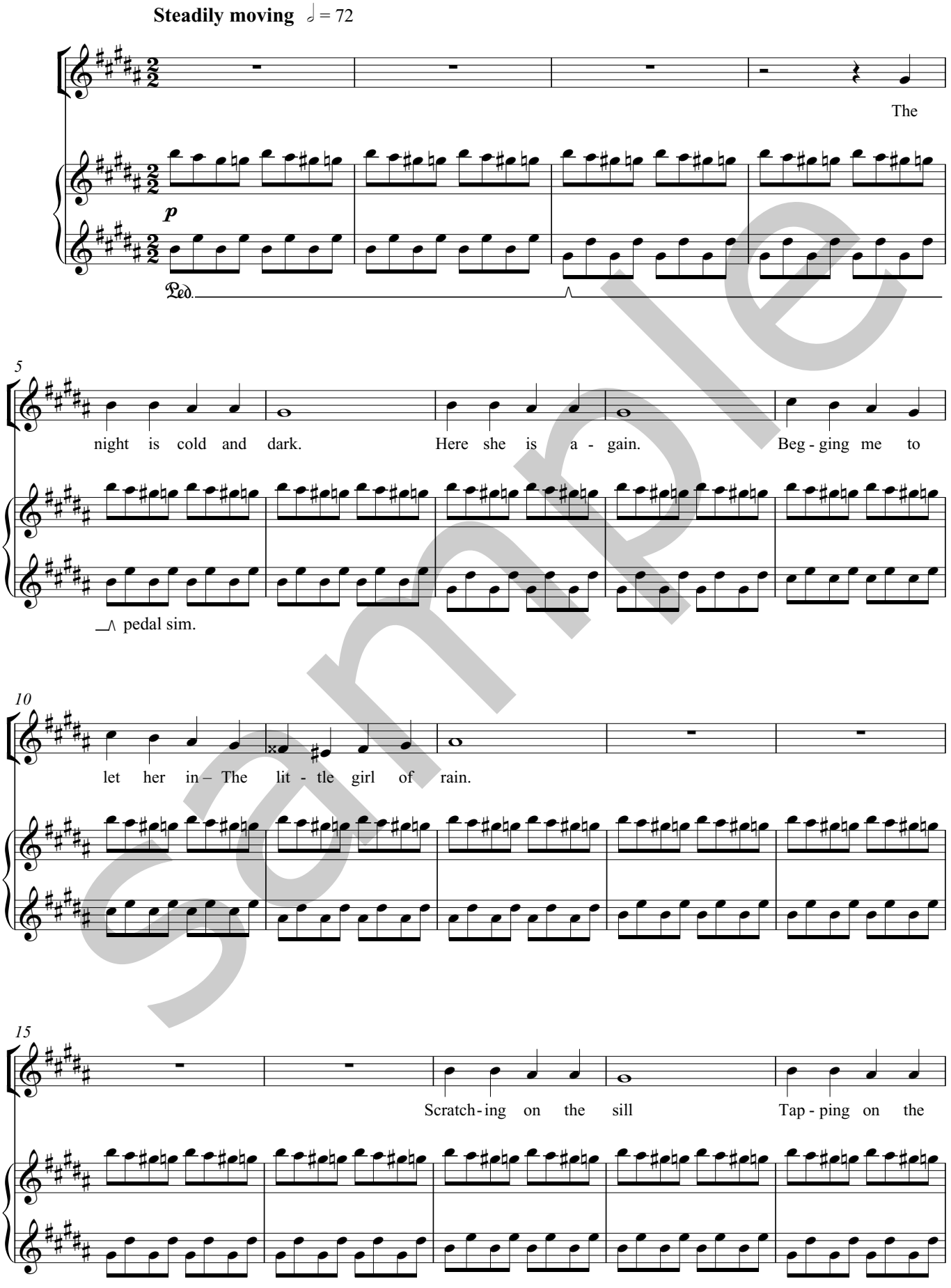
2. The Little Girl of Rain



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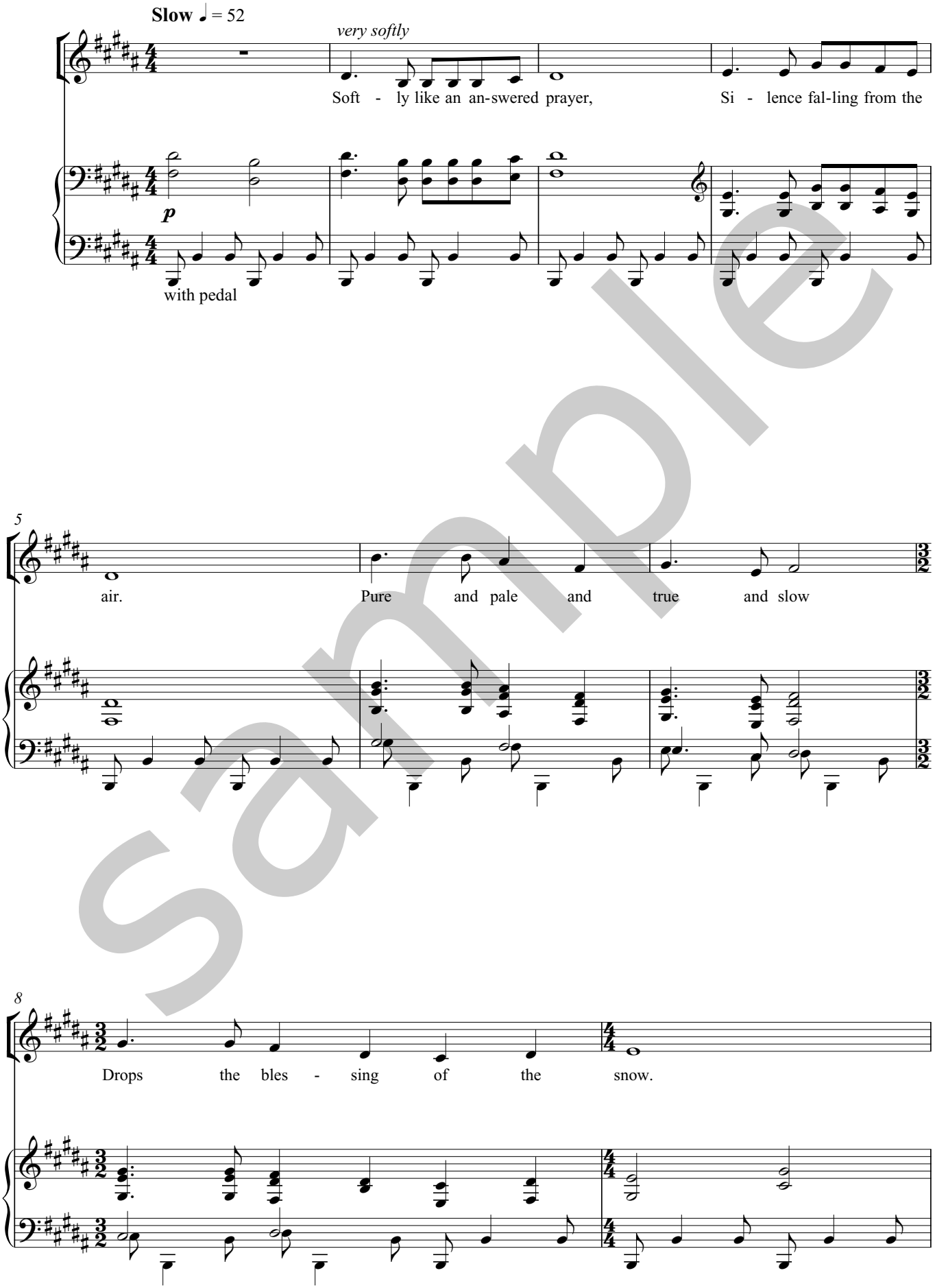
12. Snow



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