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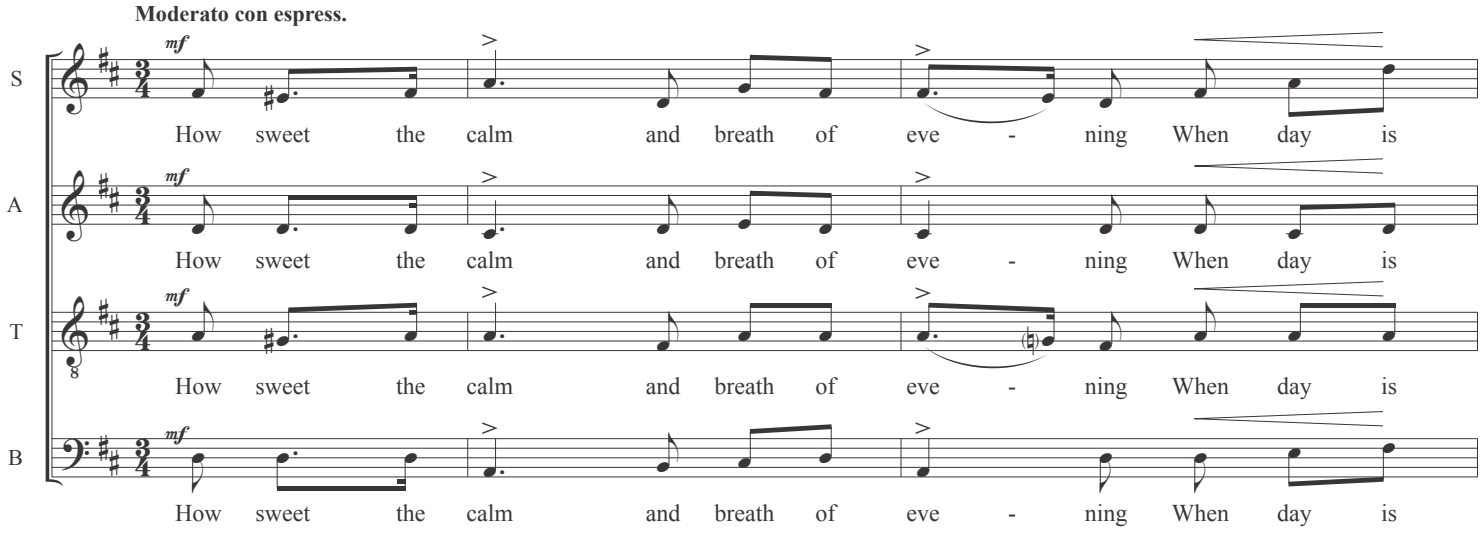

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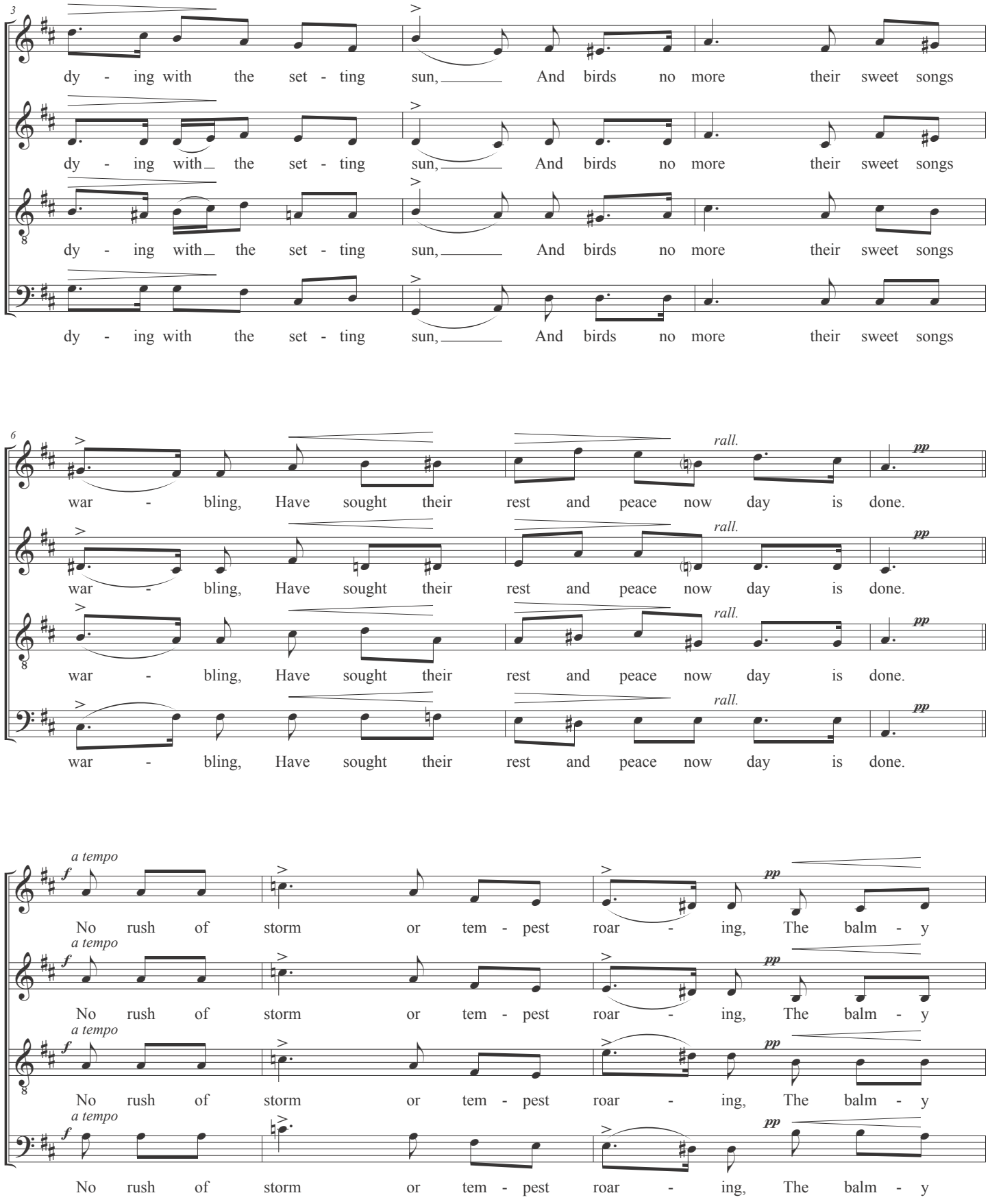

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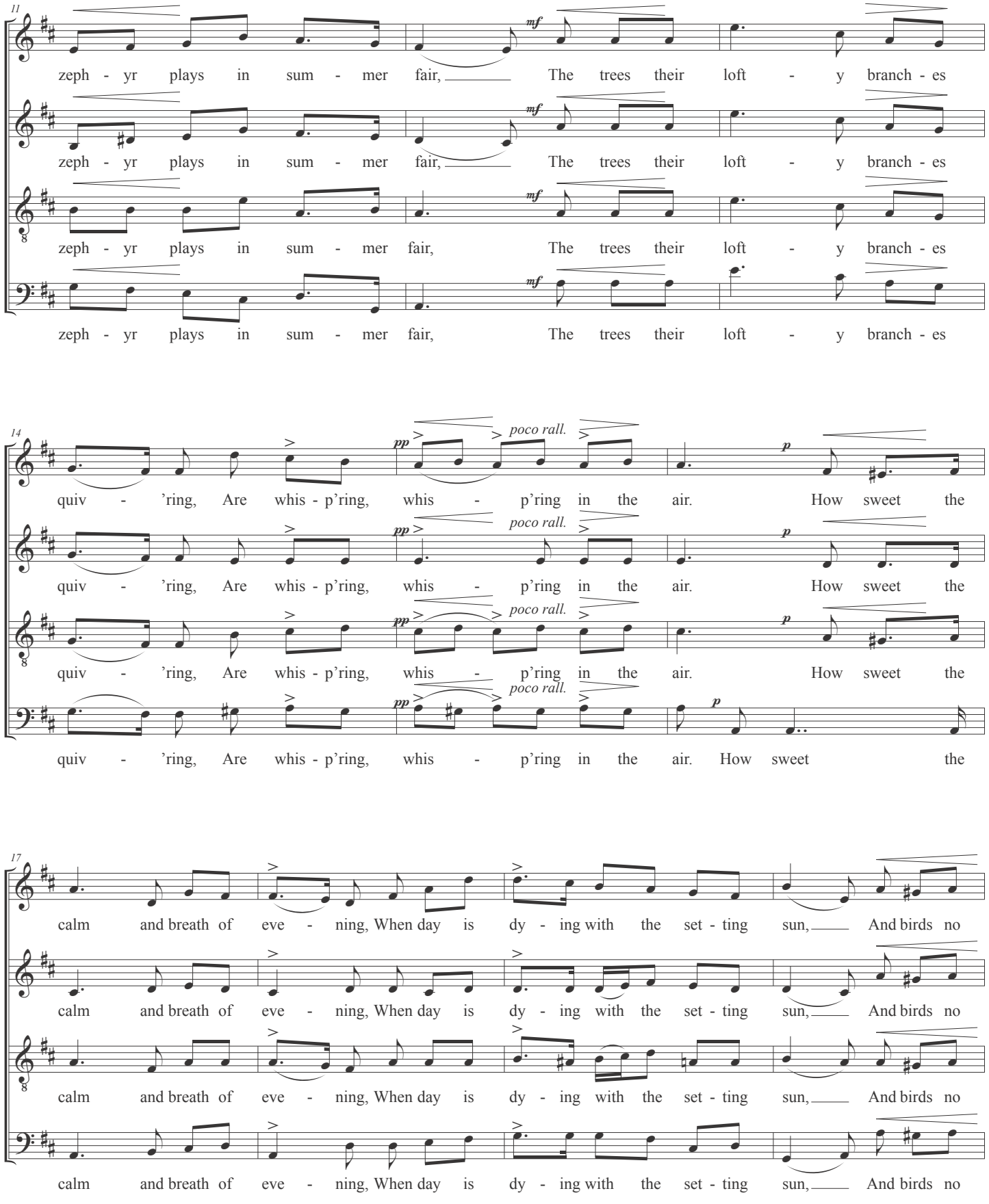

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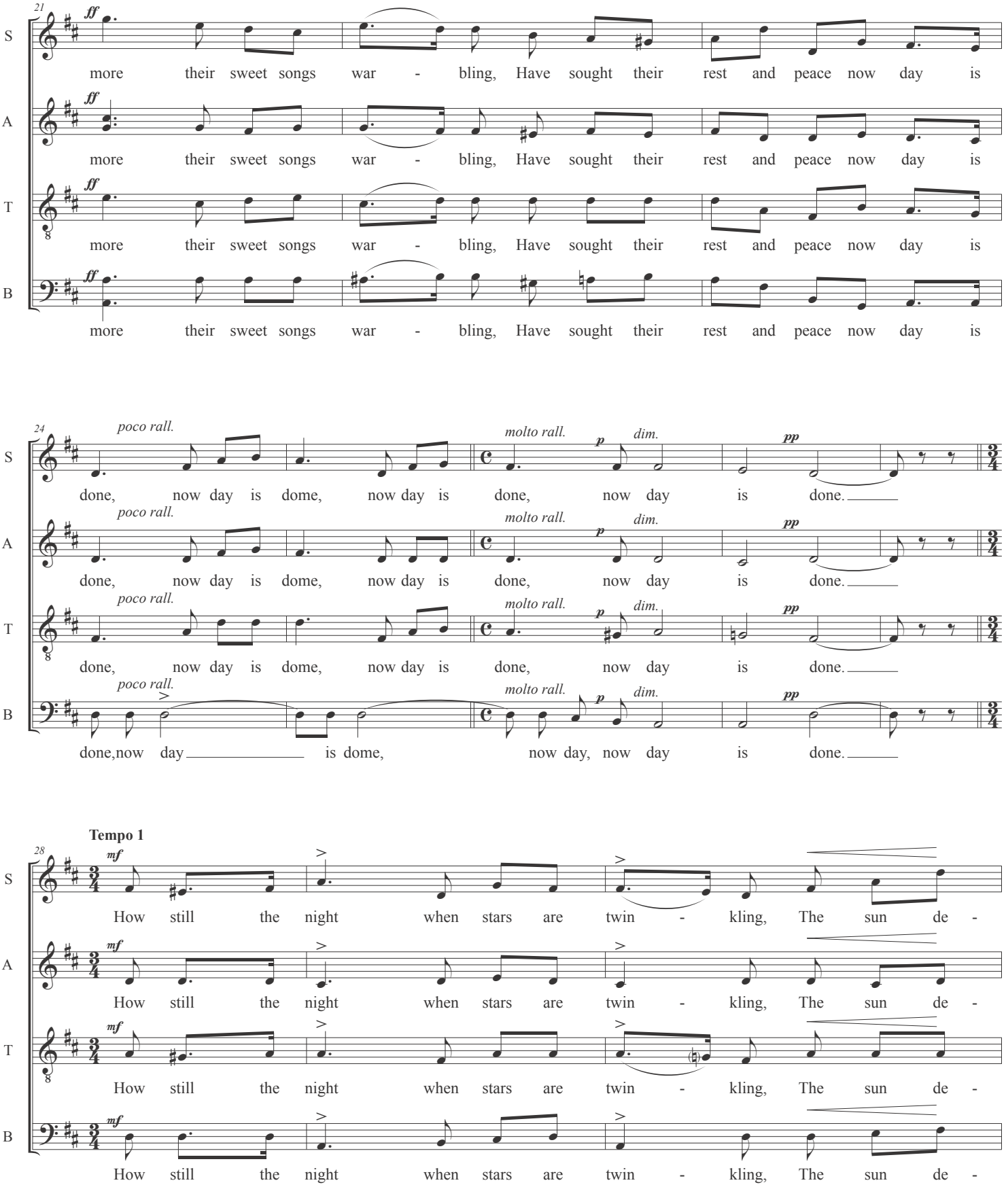

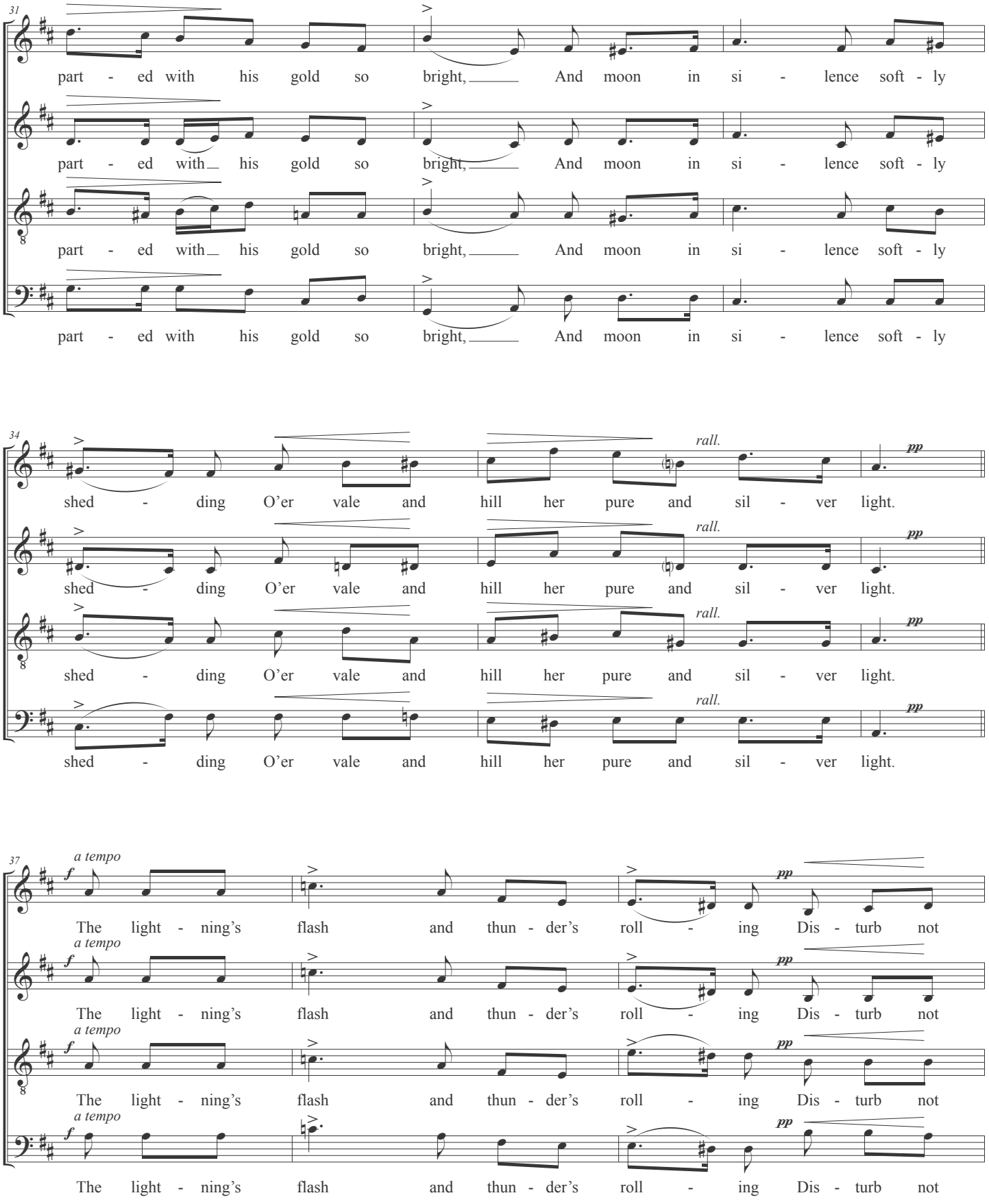
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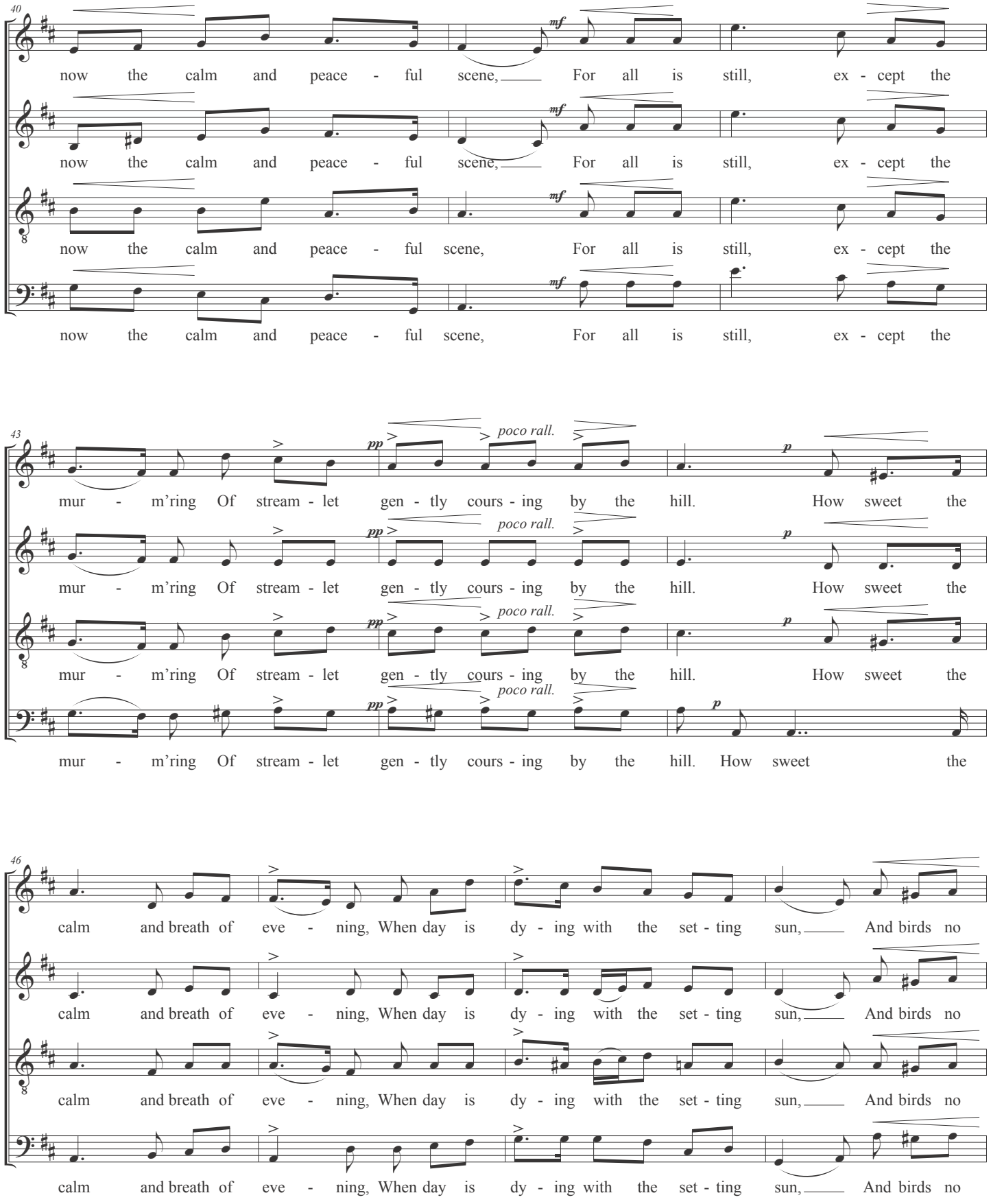

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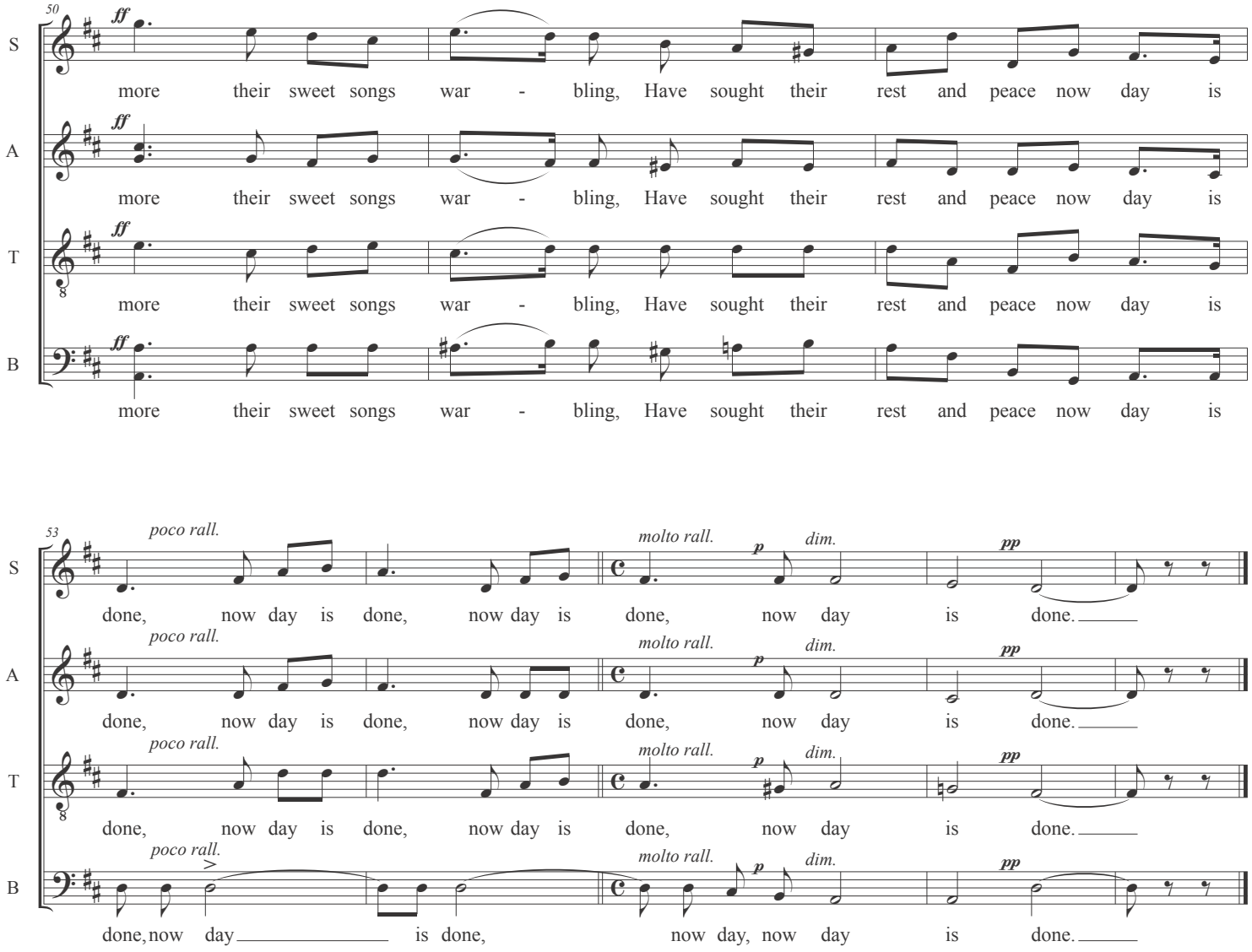

J. Curwen & Sons
(1893)

George Alfred Blackburn (1854-1919?) was probably born in Barton Upon Irwell, Lancashire, England. Little is known of him other than he was knowledgeable of John Curwen's Tonic Sol-fa system and he was engaged musically at the Presbyterian Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester.

How sweet the calm and breath of evening
When day is dying with the setting sun,
And birds no more their sweet songs warbling,
Have sought their rest and peace now day is done.
No rush of storm or tempest roaring,
The balmy zephyr plays in summer fair,
The trees their lofty branches quivering,
Are whispering in the air.

How still the night when stars are twinkling,
The sun departed with his gold so bright,
And moon in silence softly shedding
O'er vale and hill her pure and silver light.
The lightning's flash and thunder's rolling
Disturb not now the calm and peaceful scene,
For all is still, except the murmuring
Of streamlet gently coursing by the hill.

George Alfred Blackburn

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