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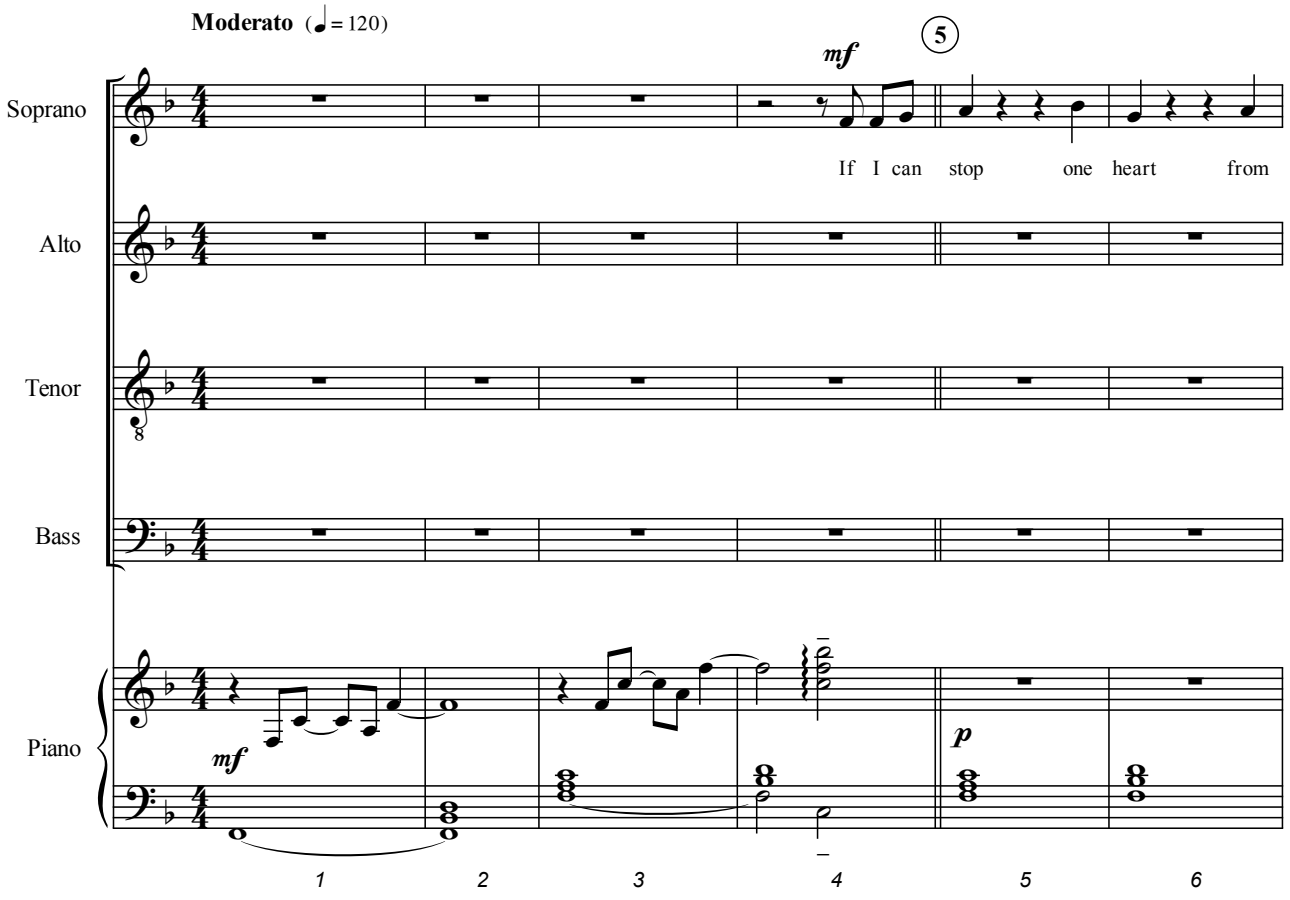
From Complete Poems (1923), "Part One: Life"

VI

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.



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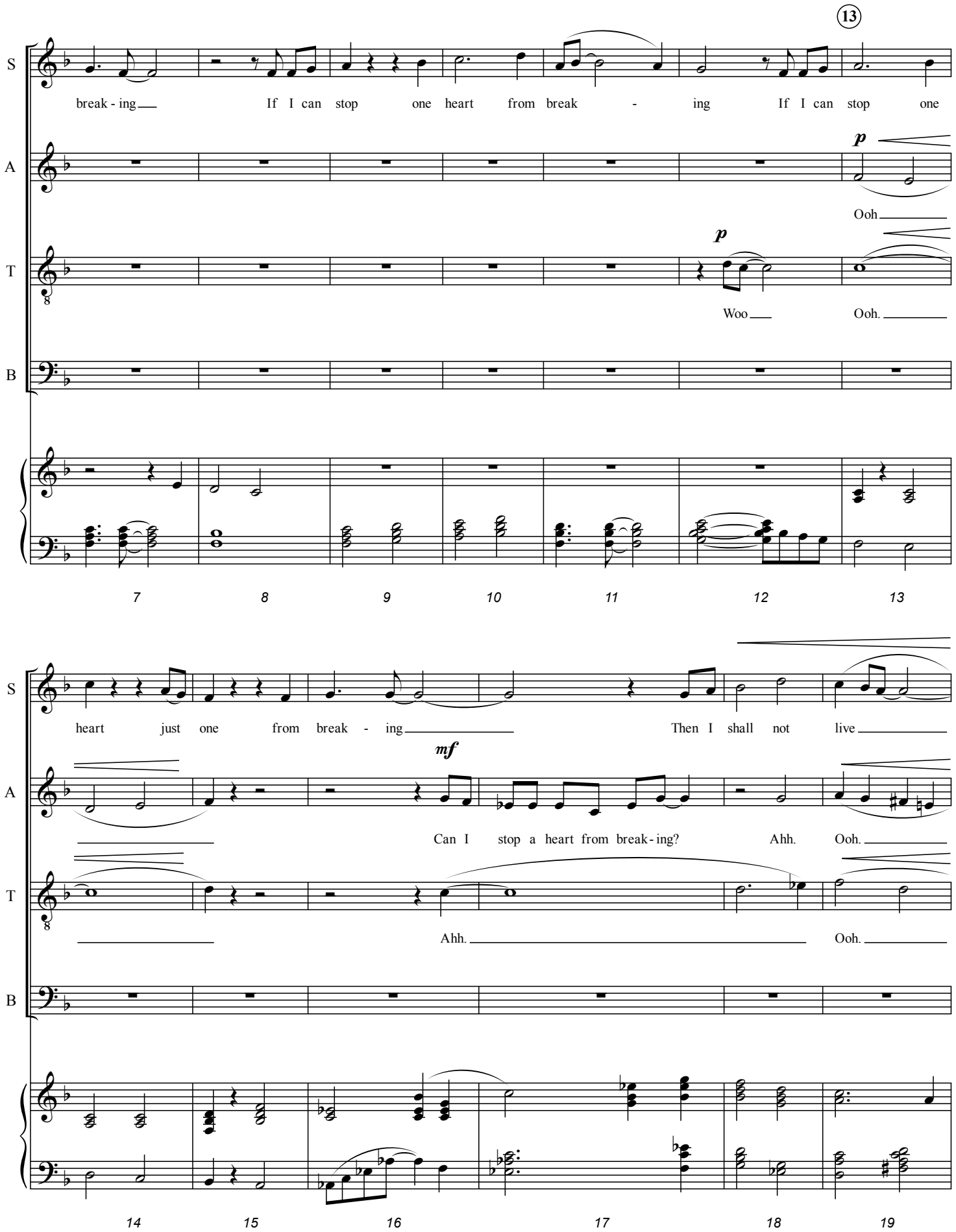
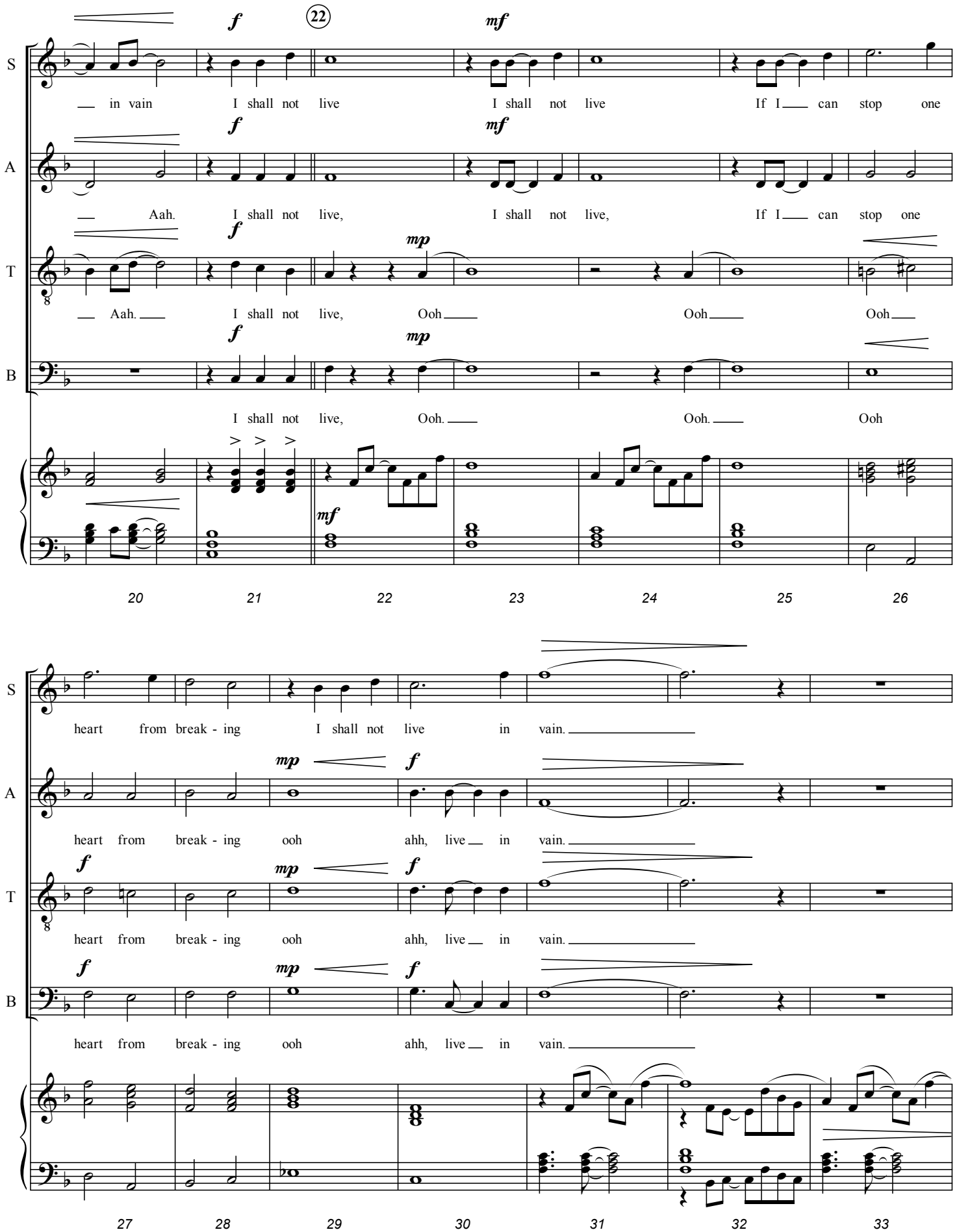

13
S
break - ing If I can stop one heart from break - ing If I can stop one
A
p
Ooh
T
p
Woo Ooh.
B
7 8 9 10 11 12 13
S
heart just one from break - ing Then I shall not live
A
mf
Can I stop a heart from break - ing? Ahh. Ooh.
T
Ahh. Ooh.
B
14 15 16 17 18 19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S
A
T
B
in vain I shall not live I shall not live If I can stop one
Aah. I shall not live, I shall not live, If I can stop one
Aah. I shall not live, Ooh Ooh Ooh
I shall not live, Ooh. Ooh. Ooh
heart from break - ing I shall not live in vain.
heart from break - ing ooh ahh, live in vain.
heart from break - ing ooh ahh, live in vain.
heart from break - ing ooh ahh, live in vain.
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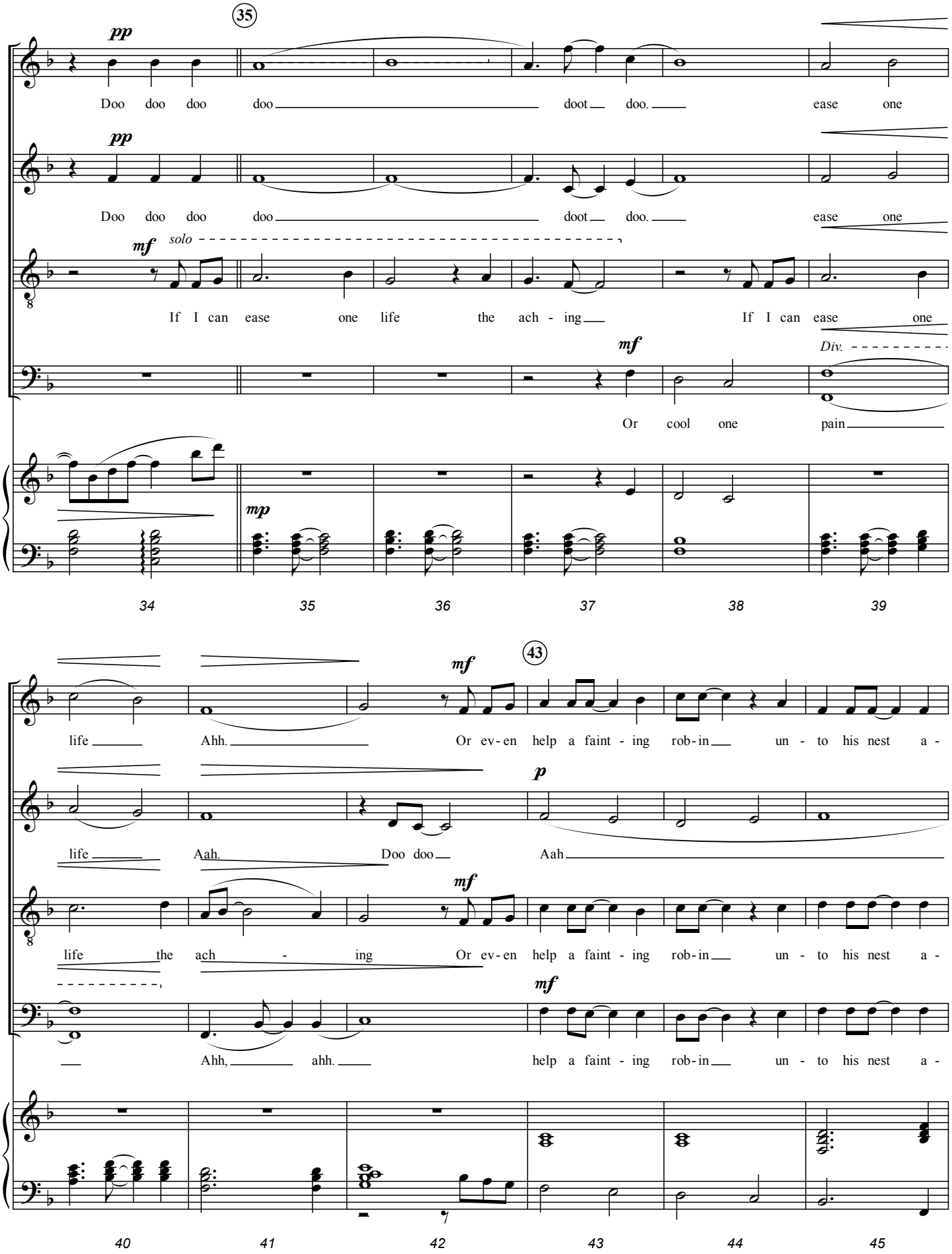
35
pp
S
Doo doo doo doo doot doo. ease one
pp
A
Doo doo doo doo doot doo. ease one
mf
solo
T
If I can ease one life the ach - ing If I can ease one
mf
Div.
B
Or cool one pain
mp
34 35 36 37 38 39
mf
43
S
life Ahh. Or ev-en help a faint - ing rob-in un - to his nest a -
p
A
life Aah. Doo doo Aah
mf
T
life the ach - ing Or ev-en help a faint - ing rob-in un - to his nest a -
mf
B
Ahh, ahh. help a faint - ing rob-in un - to his nest a -
40 41 42 43 44 45

S: gain Then I shall not live in

A: *mf* Un - to his nest a - gain. Ahh Ahh.

T: gain Then I shall not live in

B: gain Then I shall not live Ahh.

46 47 48 49 50

S: vain. I shall not

A: I shall not

T: vain. I shall not

B: I shall not

rit. *f* *ff*

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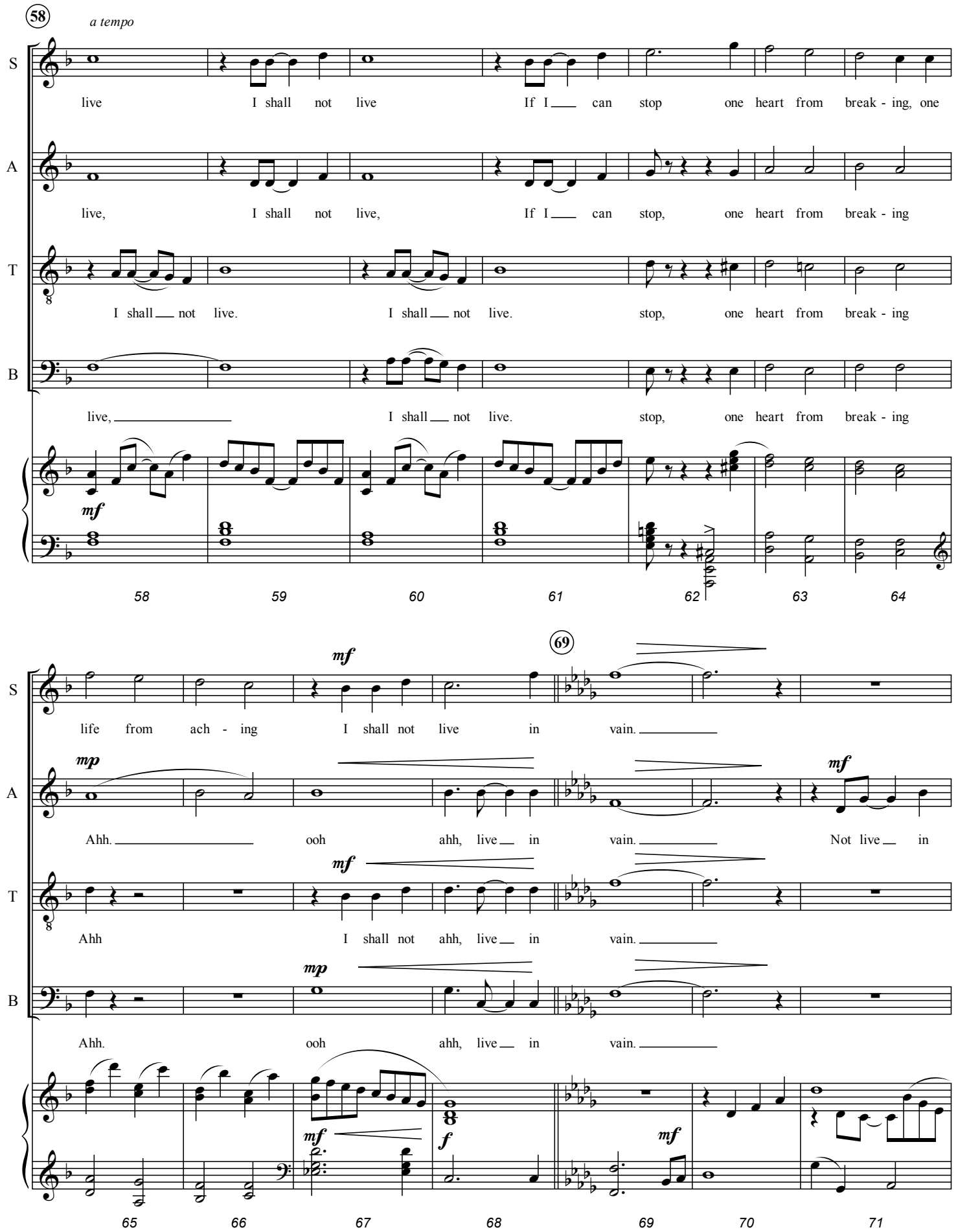
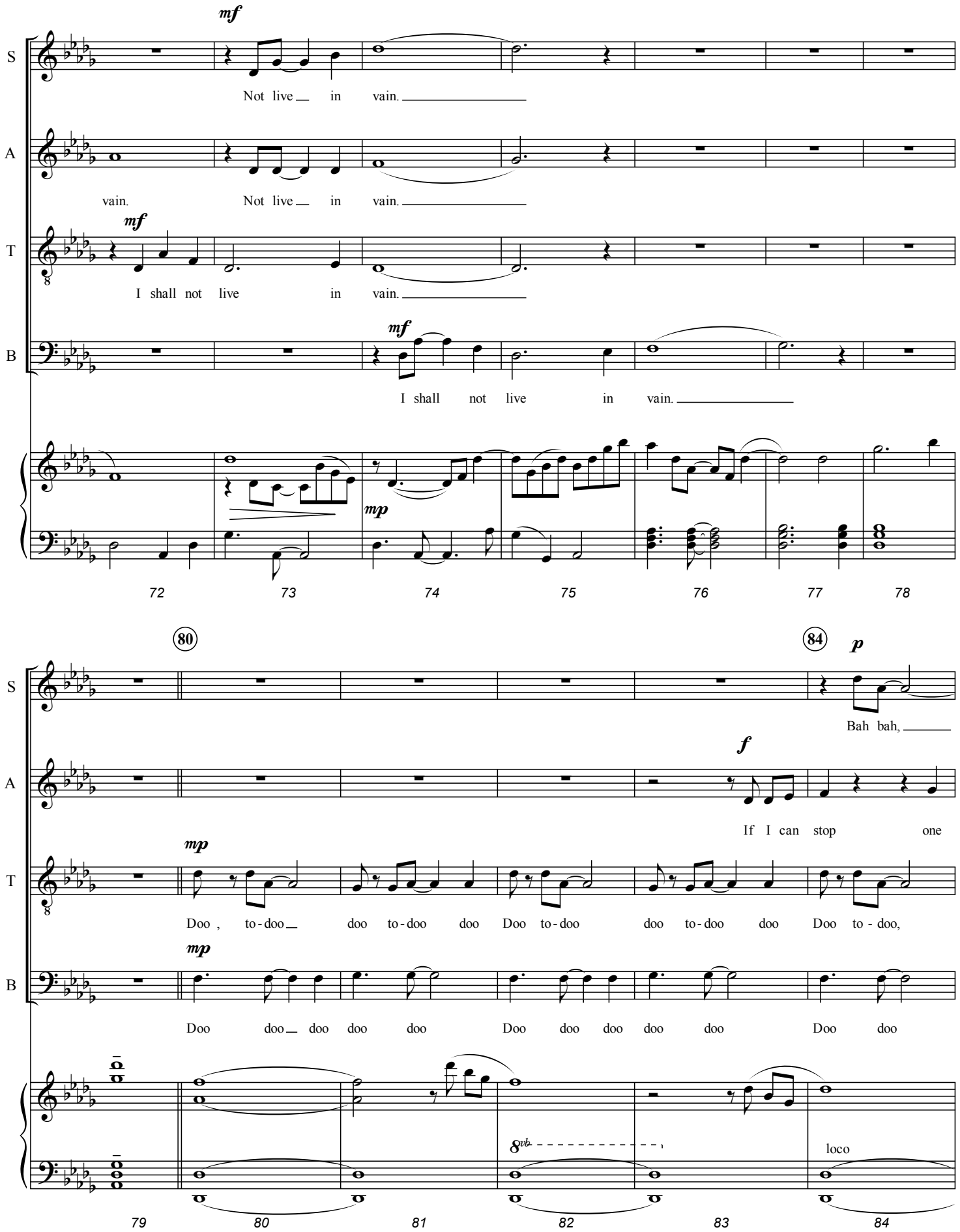
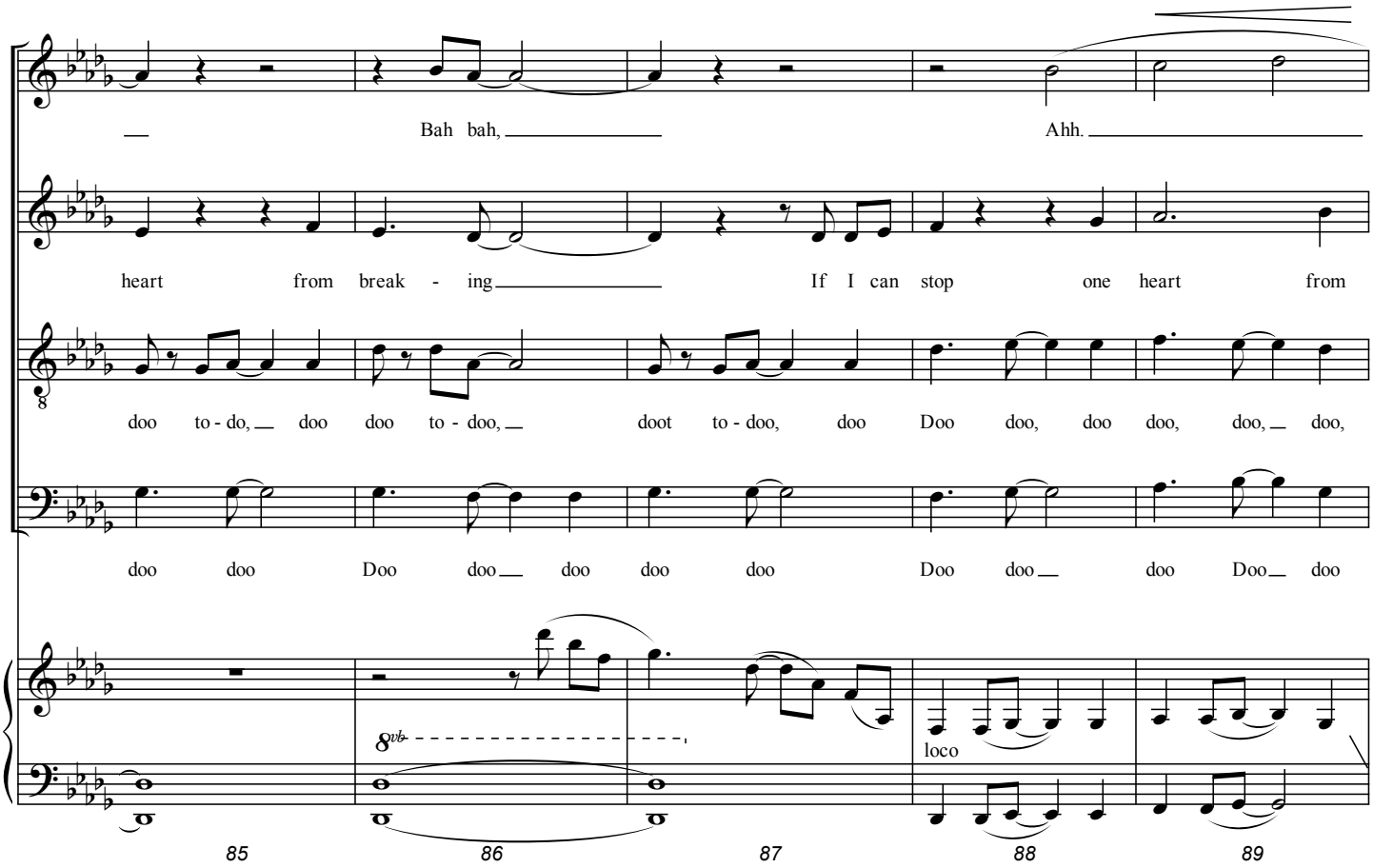

58
a tempo
S
live I shall not live If I can stop one heart from break - ing, one
A
live, I shall not live, If I can stop, one heart from break - ing
T
I shall not live. I shall not live. stop, one heart from break - ing
B
live, I shall not live. stop, one heart from break - ing
mf
58 59 60 61 62 63 64
69
S
life from ach - ing I shall not live in vain.
mf
A
Ahh. ooh ahh, live in vain. Not live in
mp
mf
T
Ahh I shall not ahh, live in vain.
mf
B
Ahh. ooh ahh, live in vain.
mp
mf
f
mf
65 66 67 68 69 70 71


S
A
T
B
mf
Not live in vain.
vain. Not live in vain.
I shall not live in vain.
I shall not live in vain.
mp
72 73 74 75 76 77 78
80
84
p
Bah bah,
f
If I can stop one
Doo, to-doo doo to-doo doo Doo to-doo doo to-doo doo Doo to-doo,
Doo doo doo doo doo Doo doo doo doo doo Doo doo
8va
loco
79 80 81 82 83 84


S
Bah bah,
Ahh.
A
heart from break - ing
If I can stop one heart from
T
doo to - do, doo doo to - doo,
doot to - doo, doo Doo doo, doo doo, doo, doo,
B
doo doo Doo doo doo doo doo Doo doo doo Doo doo
8vb
loco
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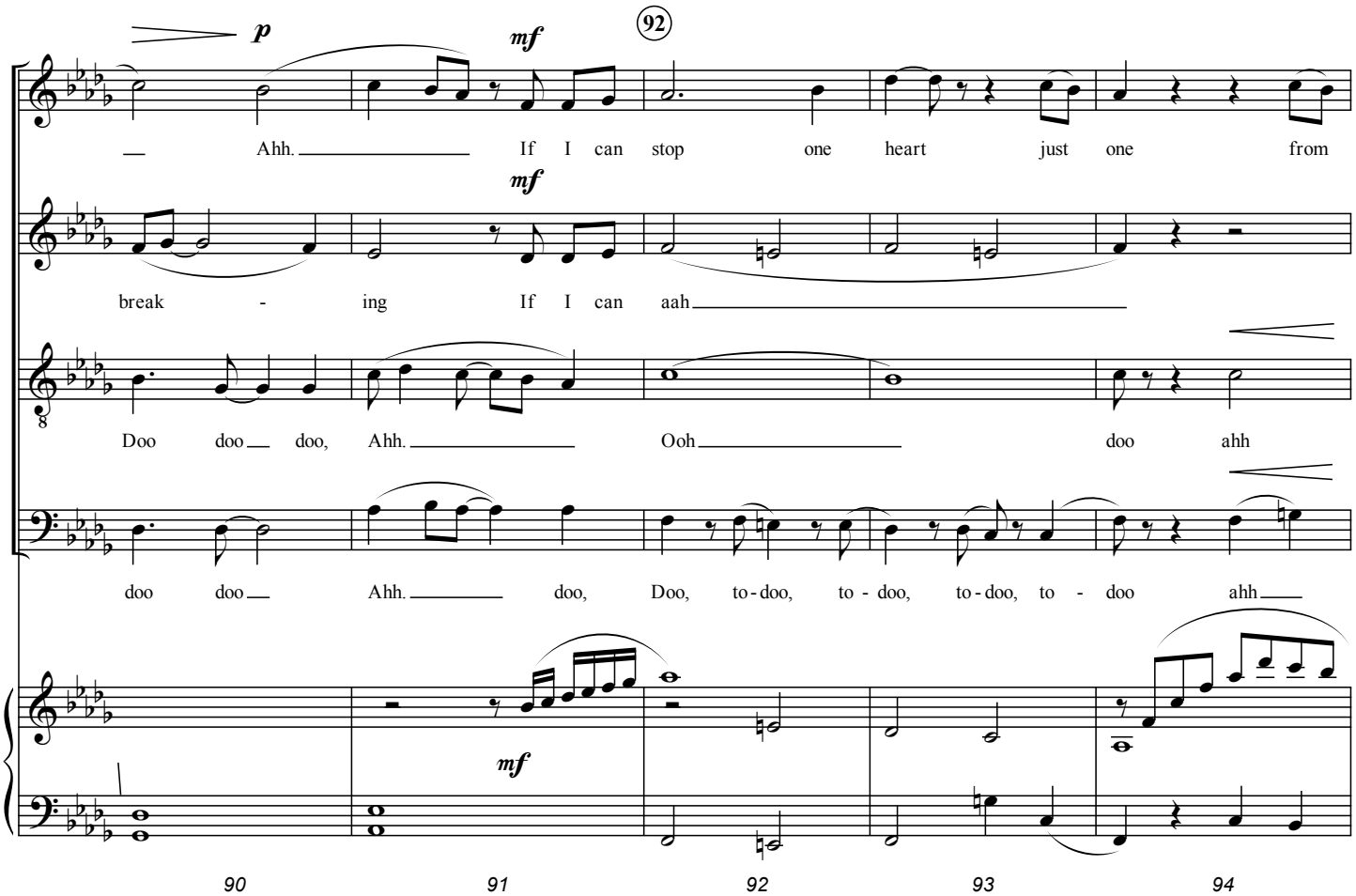
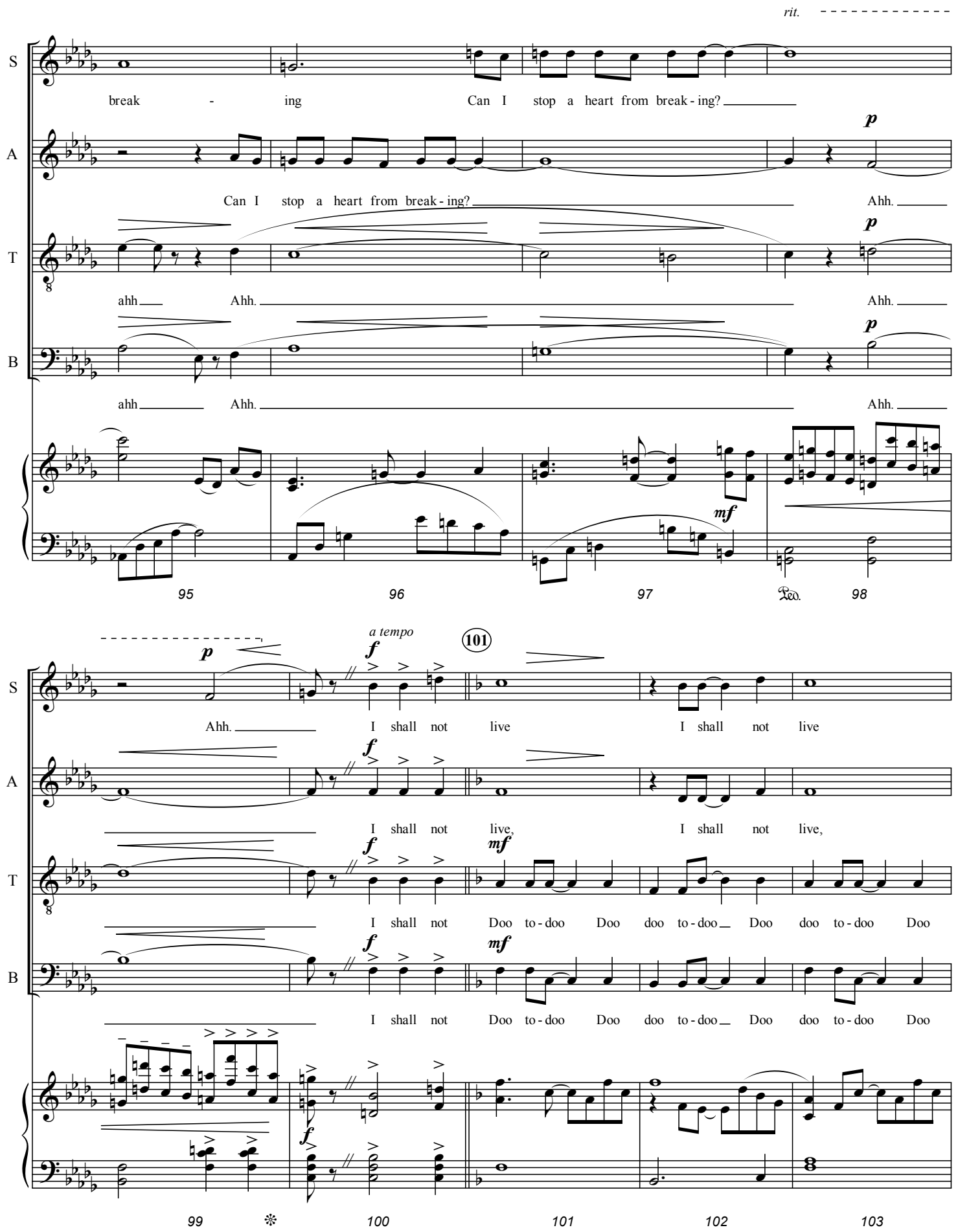

p
mf
92
S
Ahh.
If I can stop one heart just one from
A
break - ing
If I can aah
T
Doo doo doo, Ahh.
Ooh
doo ahh
B
doo doo Ahh. doo, Doo, to-doo, to - doo, to-doo, to - doo ahh
mf
90
91
92
93
94


rit.
S
break - ing Can I stop a heart from break - ing?
A
Can I stop a heart from break - ing? Ahh.
T
ahh Ahh. Ahh.
B
ahh Ahh. Ahh.
p
mf
95
96
97
98
a tempo
f
101
Ahh. I shall not live I shall not live
I shall not live, I shall not live,
I shall not Doo to - doo Doo doo to - doo Doo doo to - doo Doo
I shall not Doo to - doo Doo doo to - doo Doo doo to - doo Doo
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100
101
102
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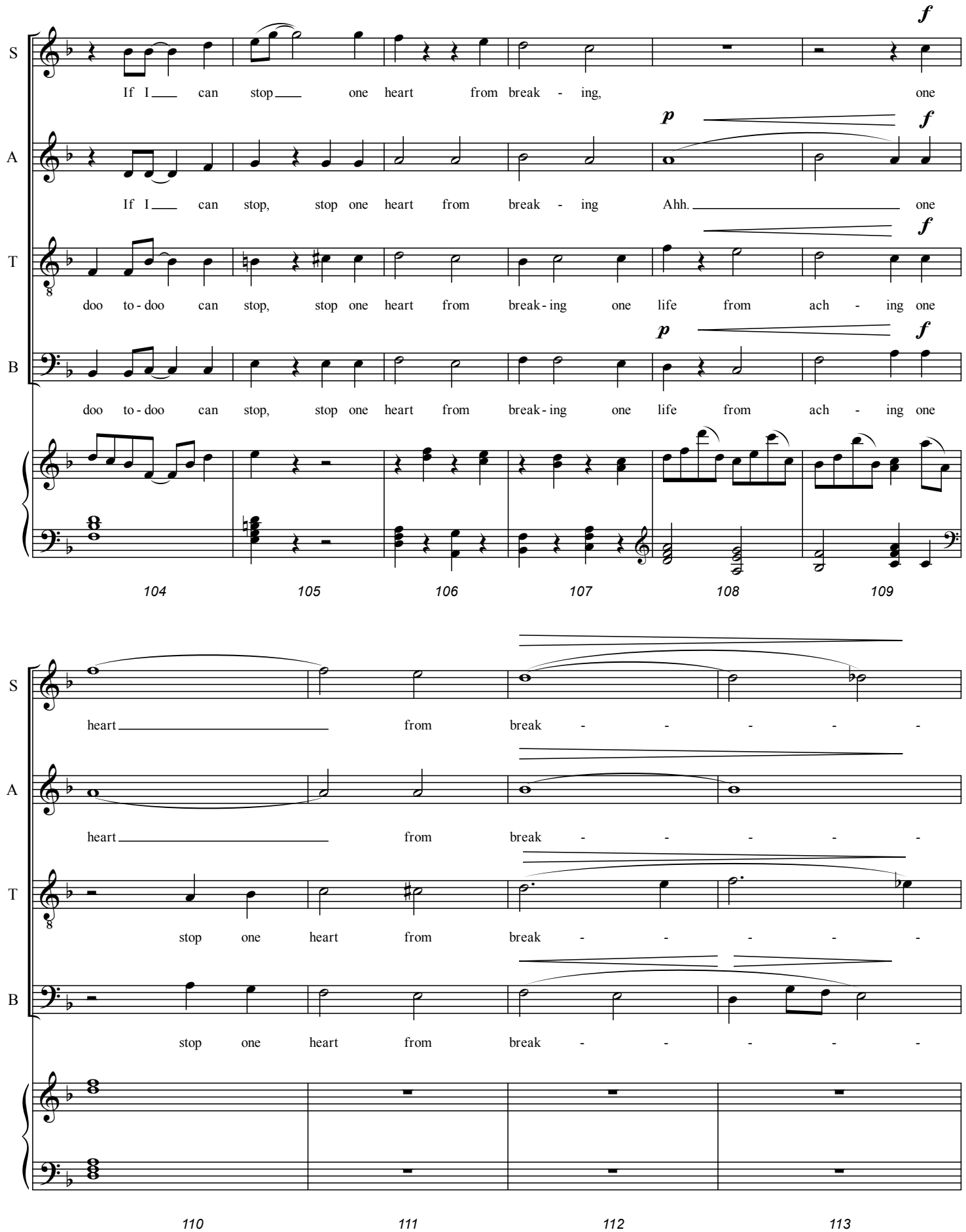
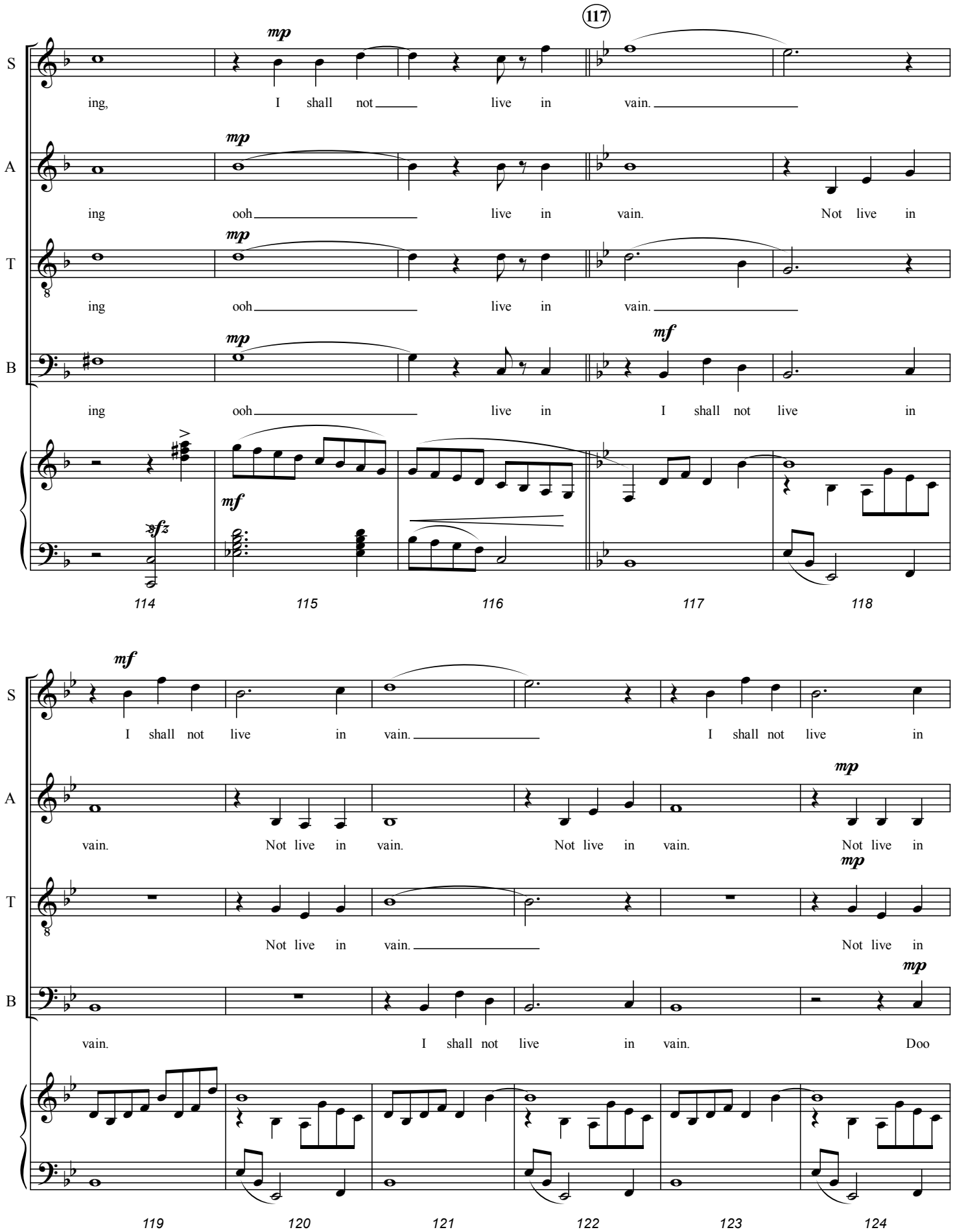
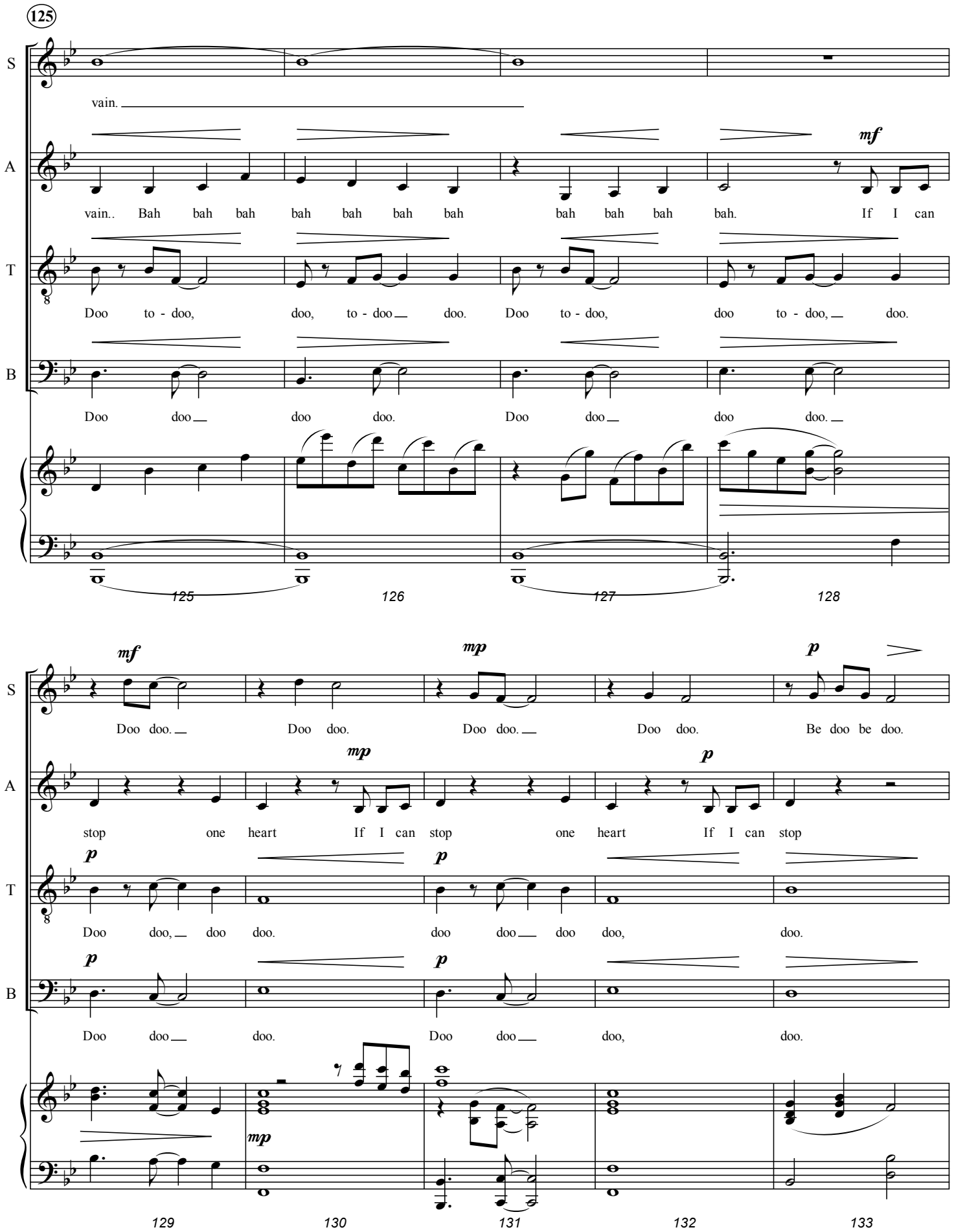

S
If I can stop one heart from break - ing, one
A
If I can stop, stop one heart from break - ing Ahh. one
T
doo to - doo can stop, stop one heart from break - ing one life from ach - ing one
B
doo to - doo can stop, stop one heart from break - ing one life from ach - ing one
104 105 106 107 108 109
S
heart from break - - - - -
A
heart from break - - - - -
T
stop one heart from break - - - - -
B
stop one heart from break - - - - -
110 111 112 113


117
S
ing, I shall not live in vain.
A
ing ooh live in vain. Not live in
T
ing ooh live in vain.
B
ing ooh live in I shall not live in
mp
mf
sfz
114 115 116 117 118
I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in
vain. Not live in vain. Not live in vain. Not live in
Not live in vain. Not live in
vain. I shall not live in vain. Doo
119 120 121 122 123 124


125
S
vain.
A
vain.. Bah bah bah bah bah bah bah bah bah bah bah. If I can
mf
T
Doo to - doo, doo, to - doo doo. Doo to - doo, doo to - doo, doo.
B
Doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo.
125 126 127 128
mf
Doo doo. Doo doo. Doo doo. Doo doo. Be doo be doo.
mp
p
stop one heart If I can stop one heart If I can stop
Doo doo, doo doo. doo doo doo doo, doo.
Doo doo doo. Doo doo doo, doo.
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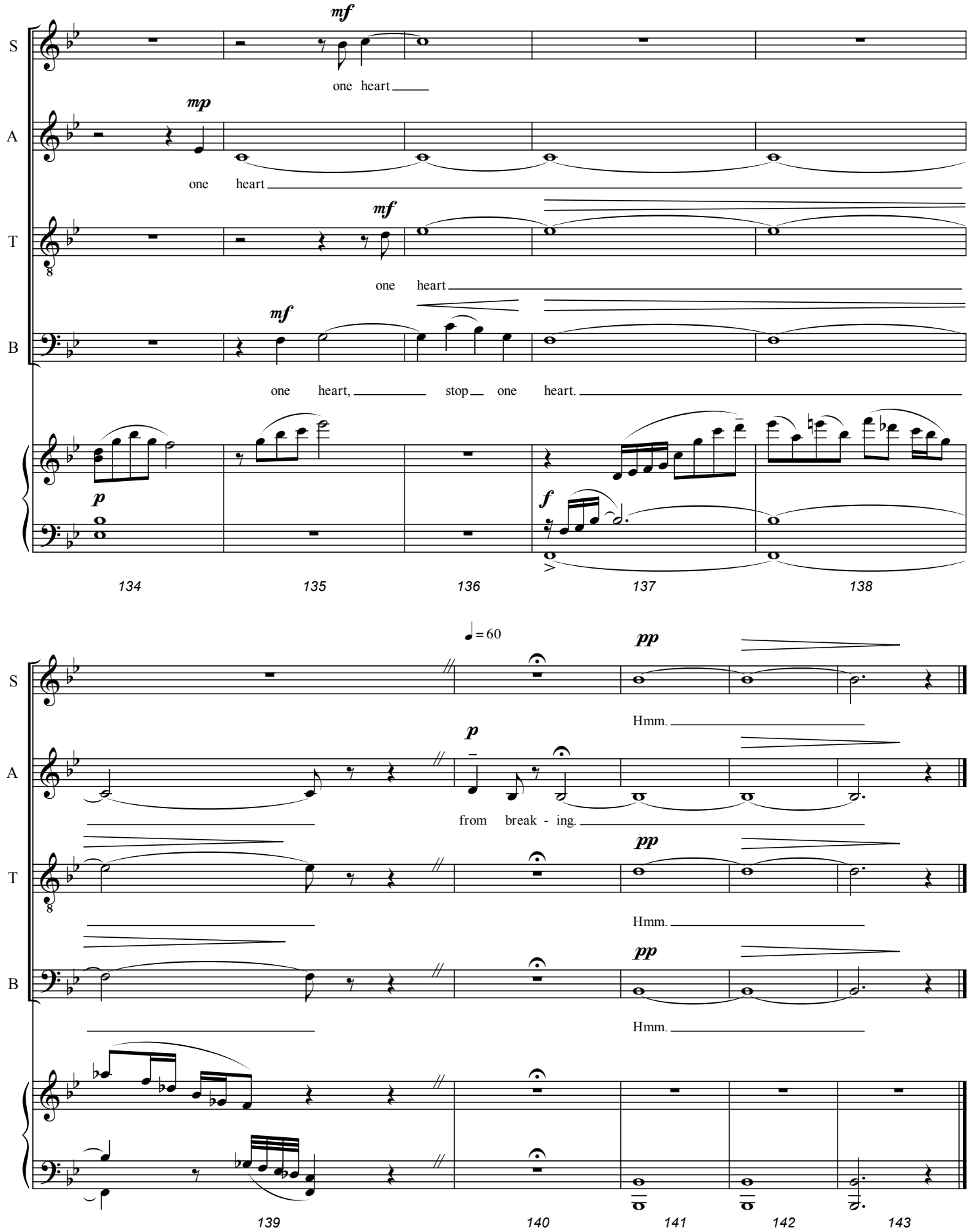
S
A
T
B
mf
one heart
mp
one heart
mf
one heart
mf
one heart, stop one heart.
p
f
134
135
136
137
138
♩ = 60
pp
Hmm.
p
from break - ing.
pp
Hmm.
pp
Hmm.
139
140
141
142
143