A Love Letter

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Moderato fervente (♩ = ca. 80)

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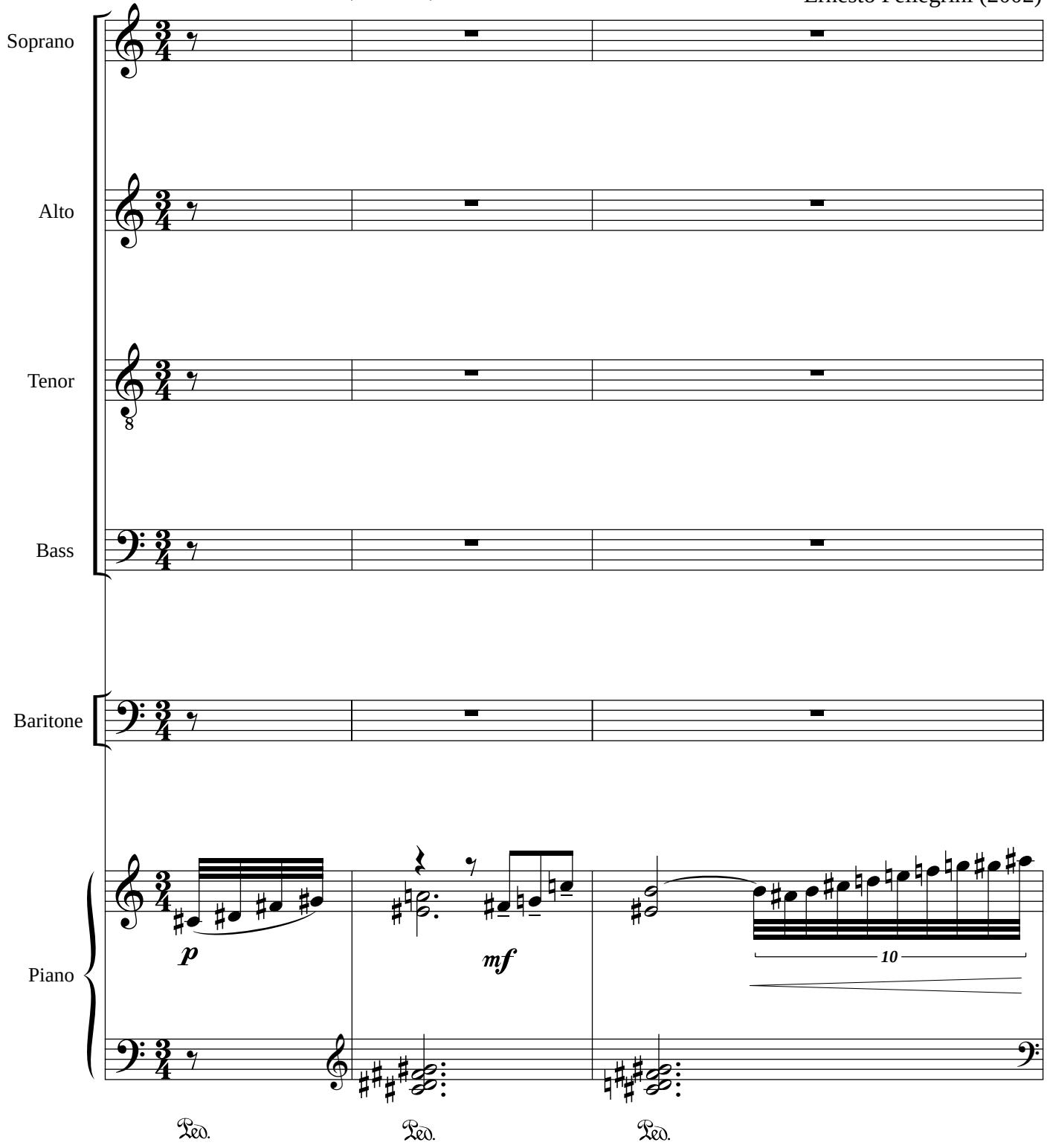

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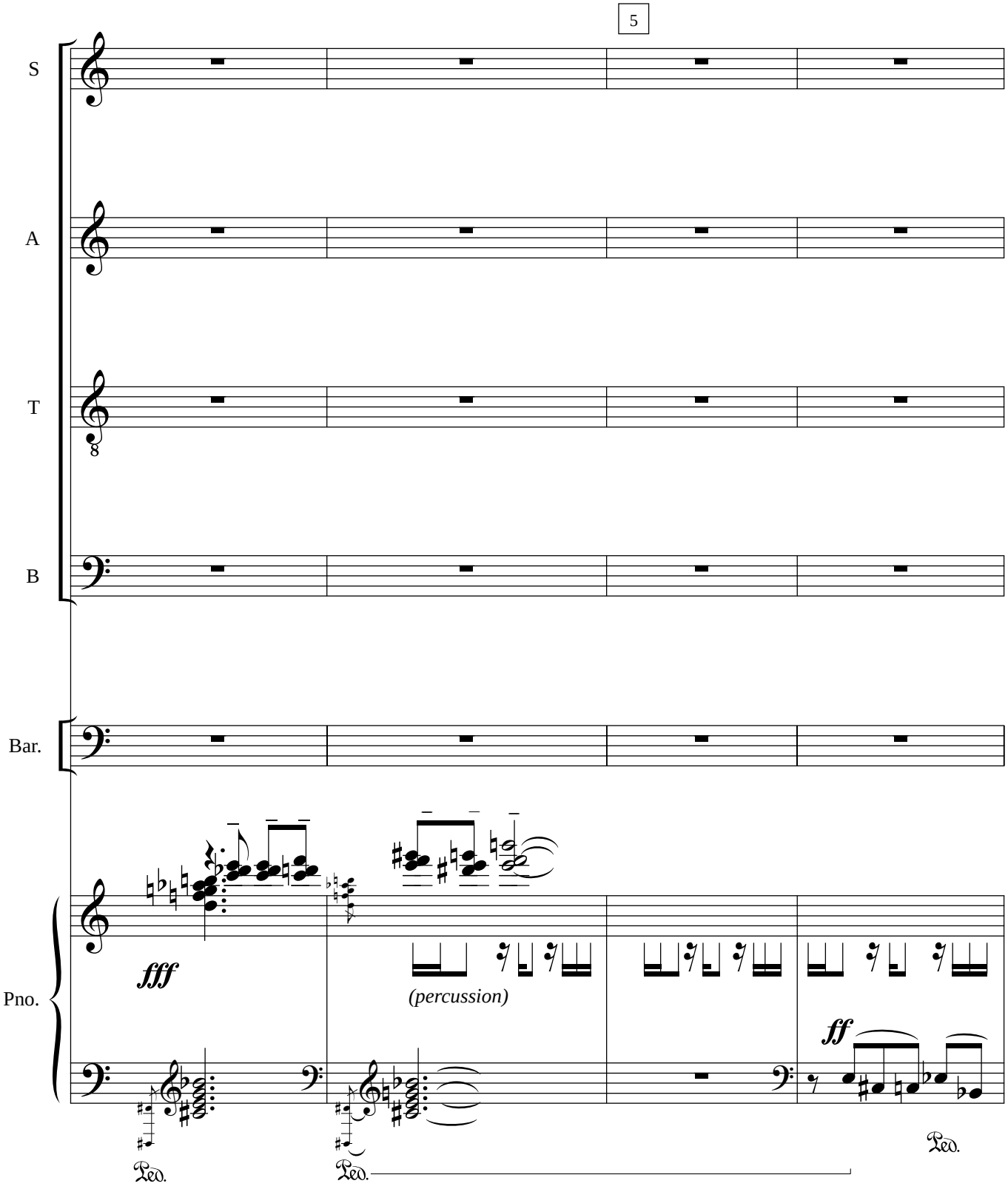
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(percussion)
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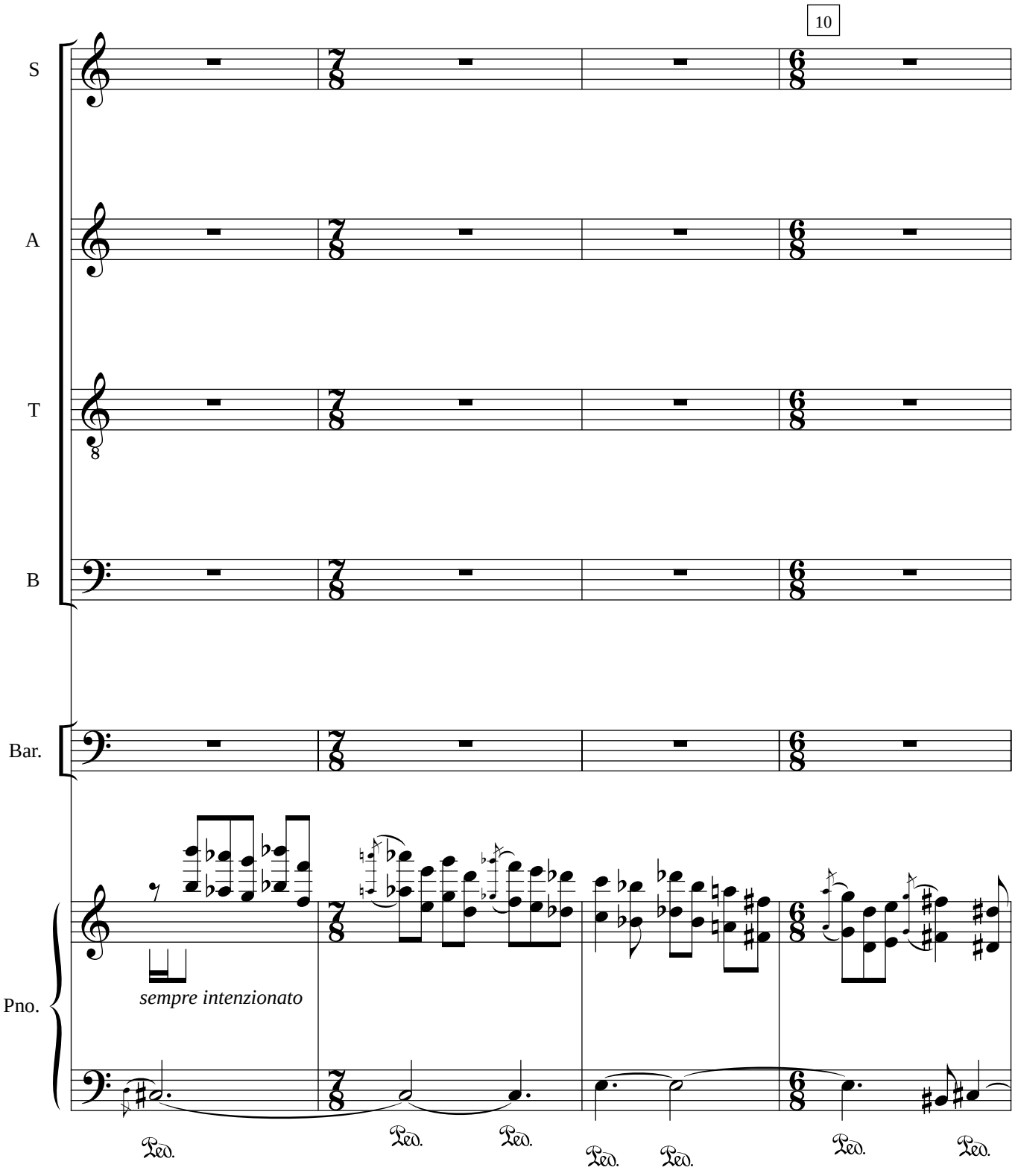
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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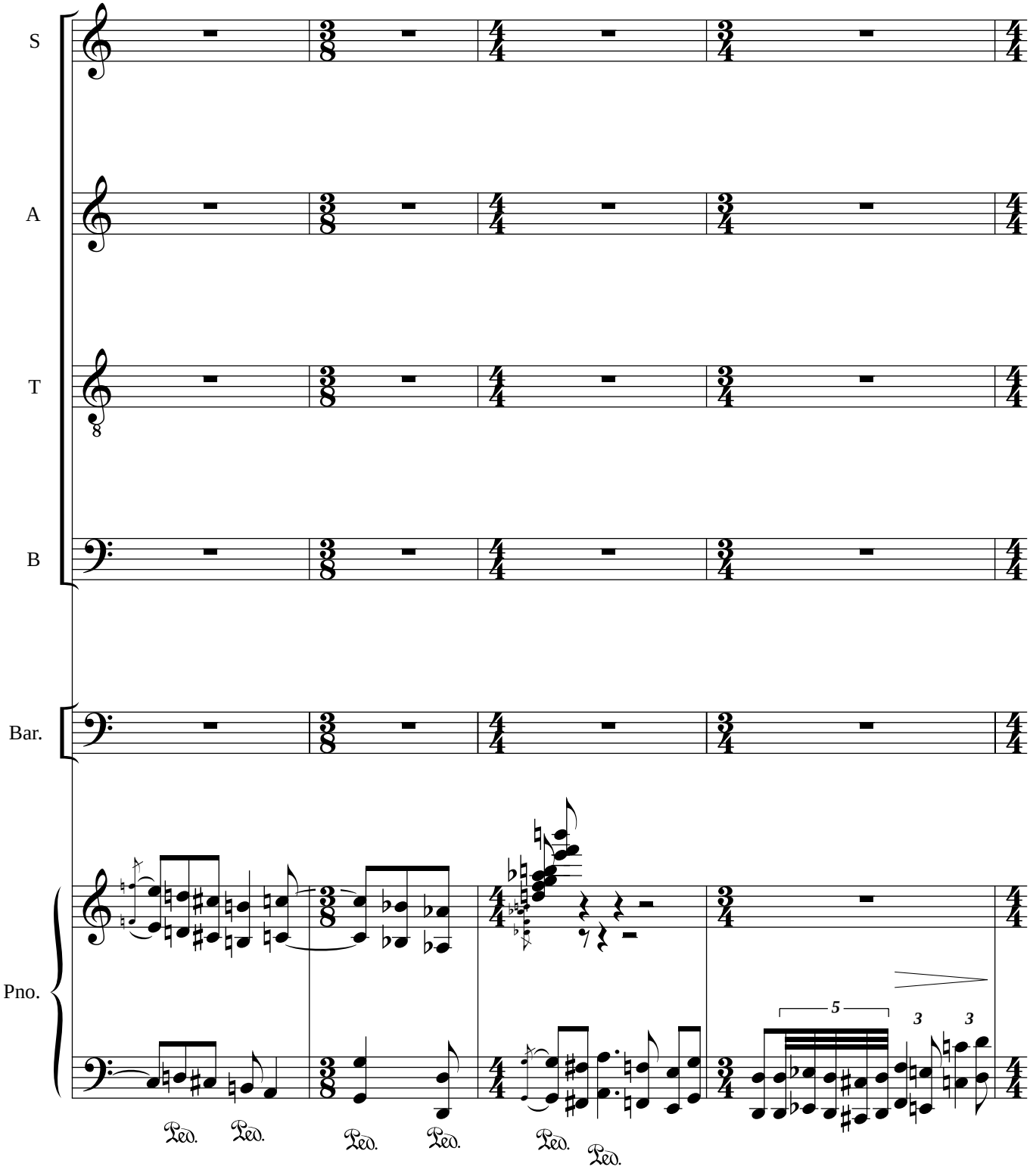
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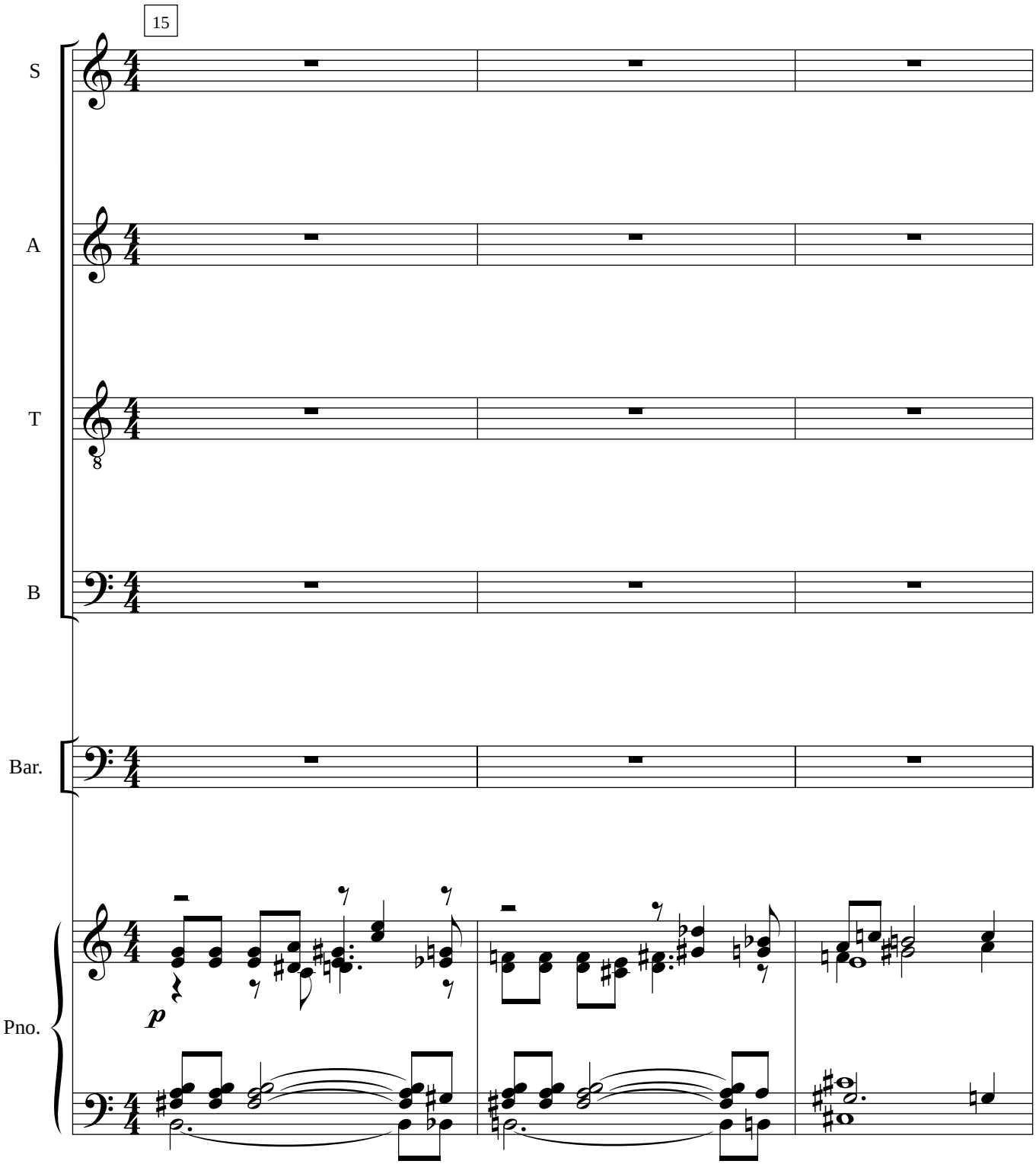
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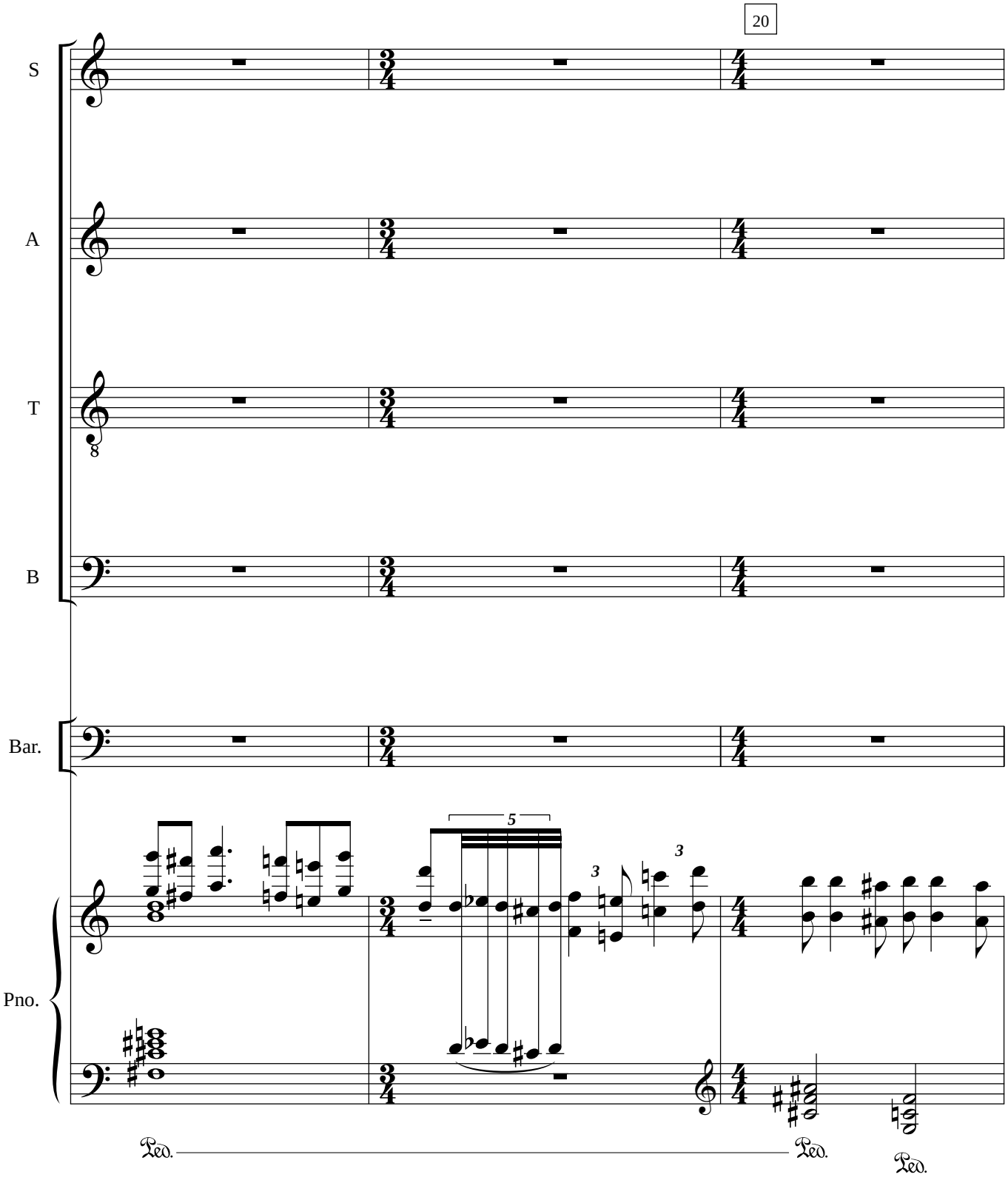
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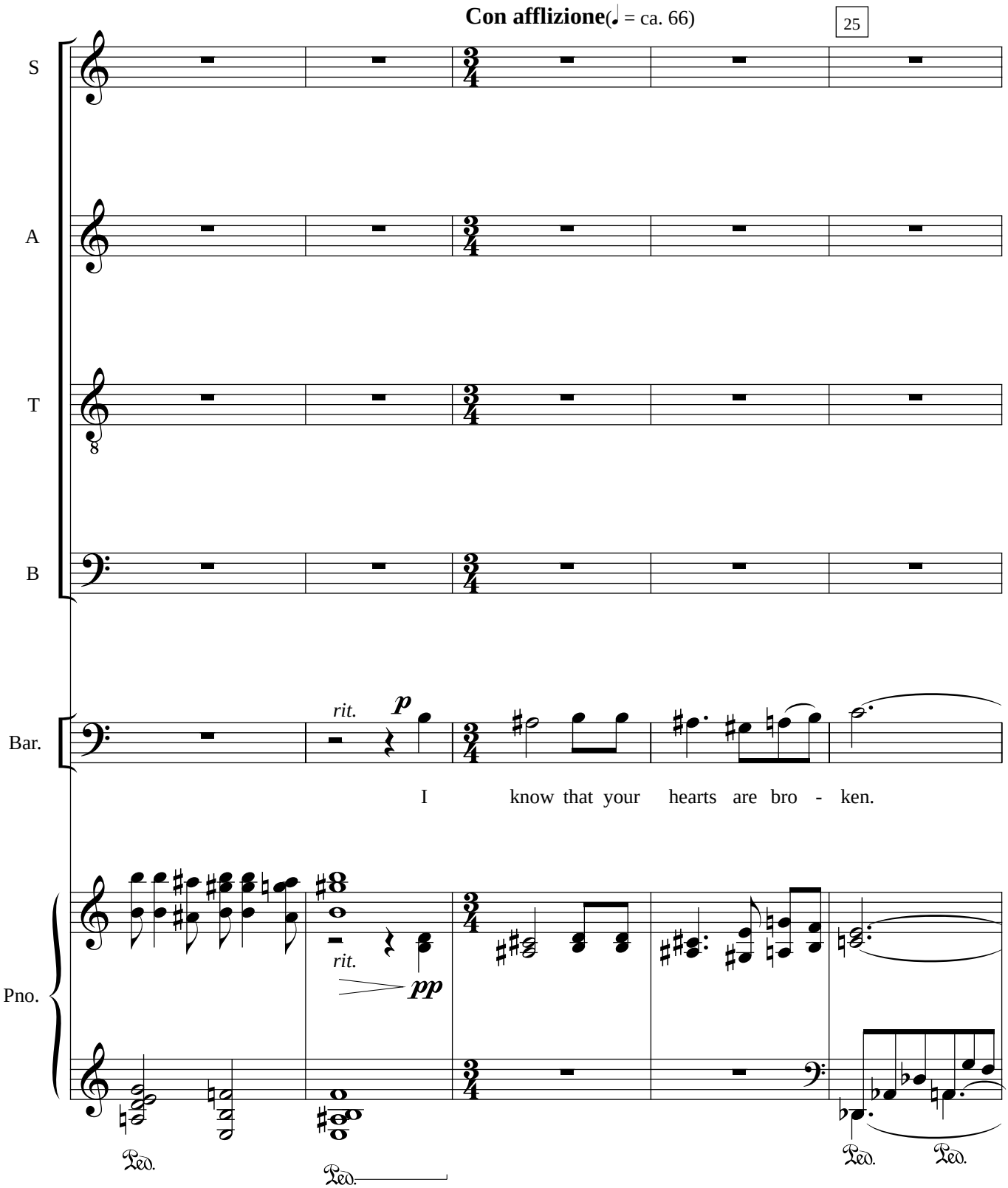
Con afflizione (♩ = ca. 66)
25
S
A
T
B
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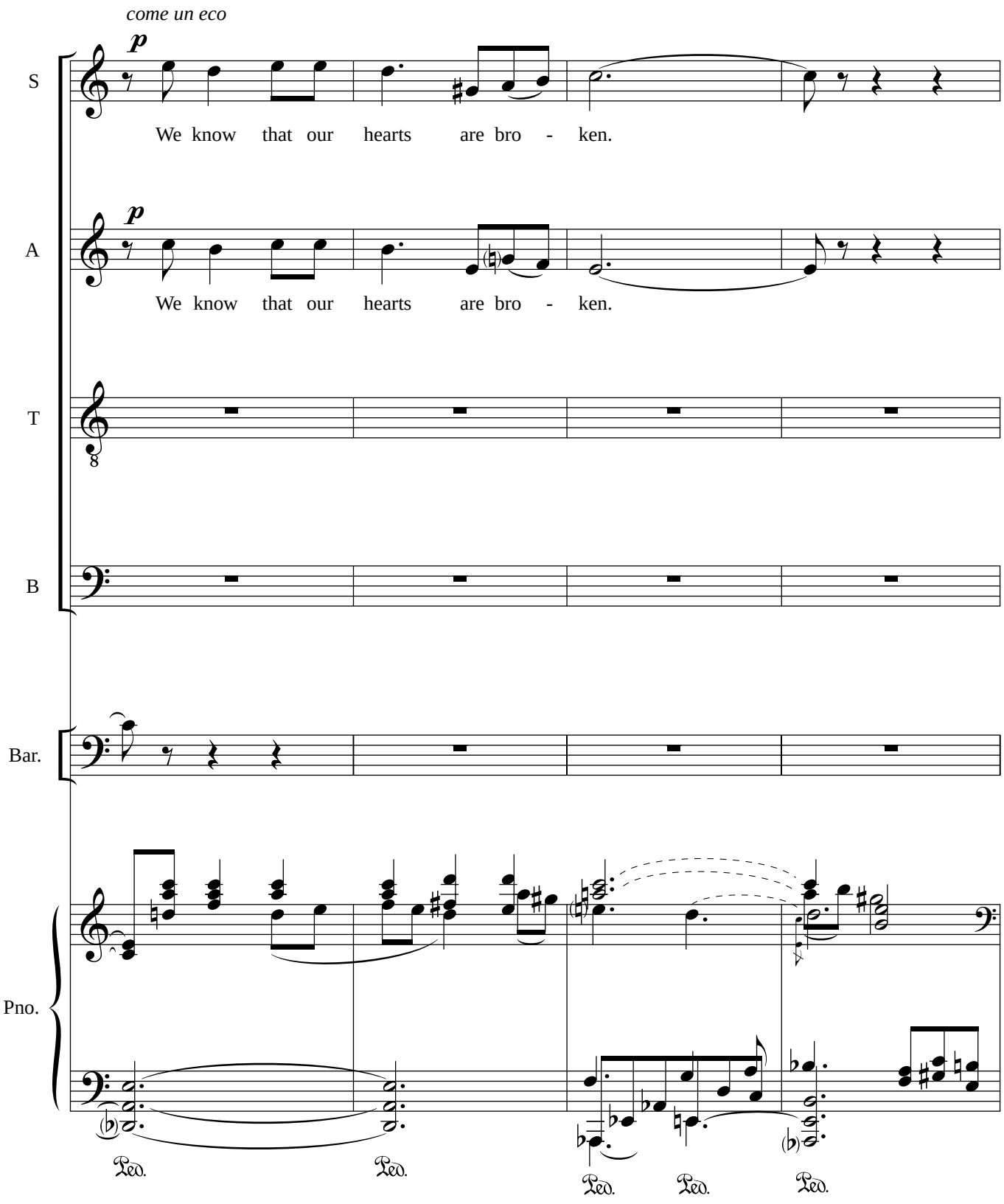
rit.
p
I know that your hearts are bro - ken.
Pno.
rit.
pp
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


come un eco
S
We know that our hearts are bro - ken.
A
We know that our hearts are bro - ken.
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
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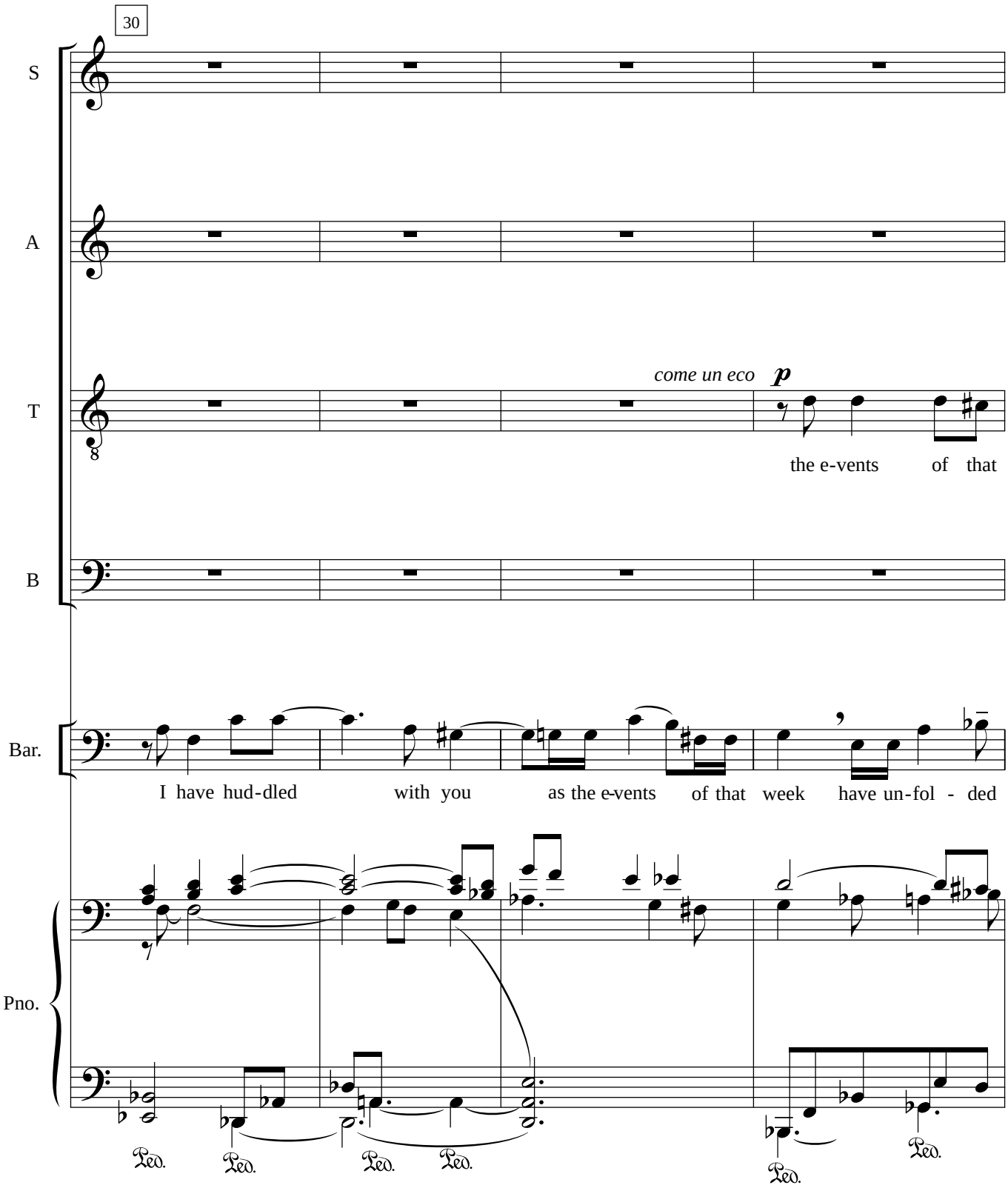
Ped.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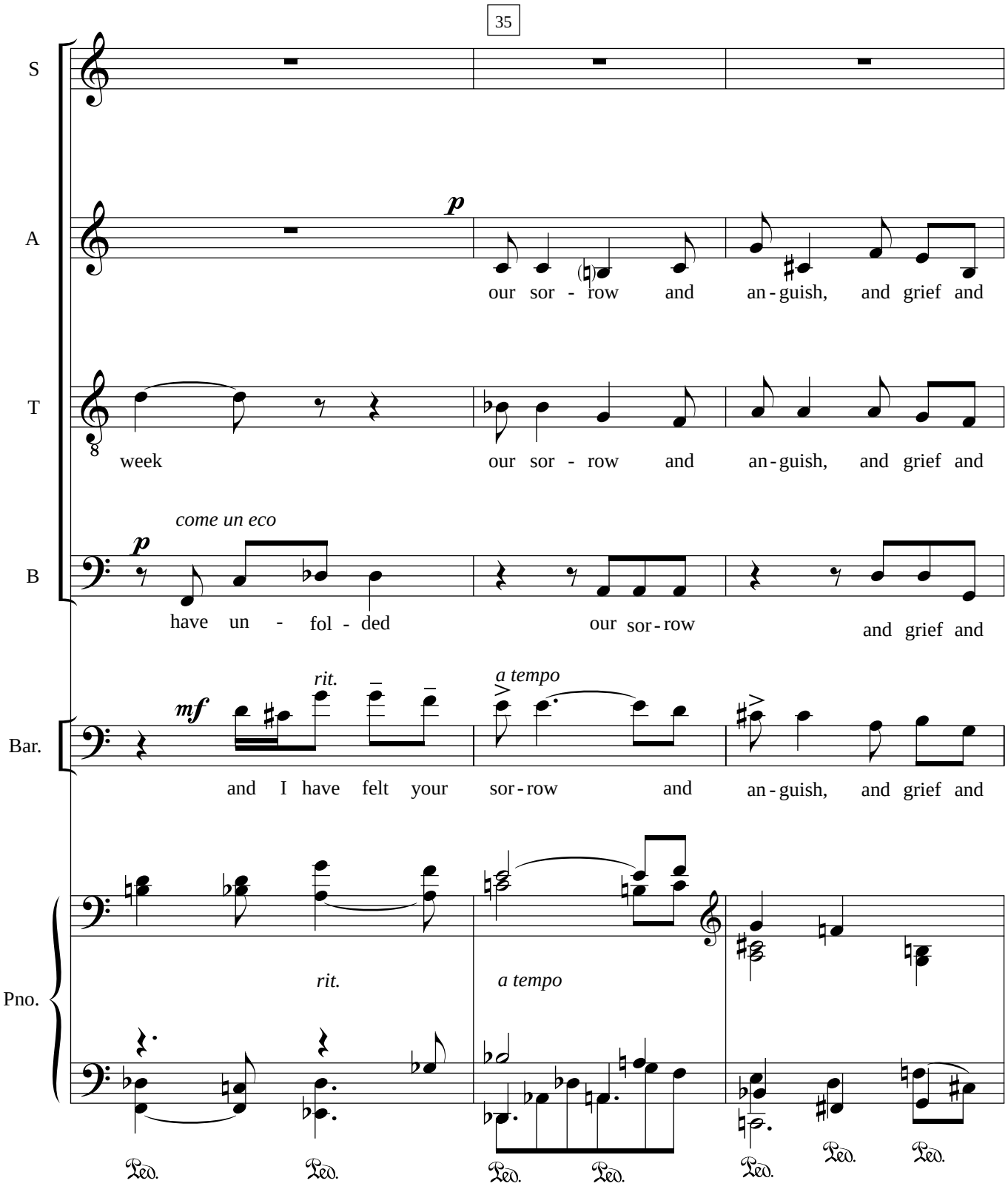
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
come un eco
p
the e-vents of that
I have hud-dled with you as the e-vents of that week have un-fol - ded
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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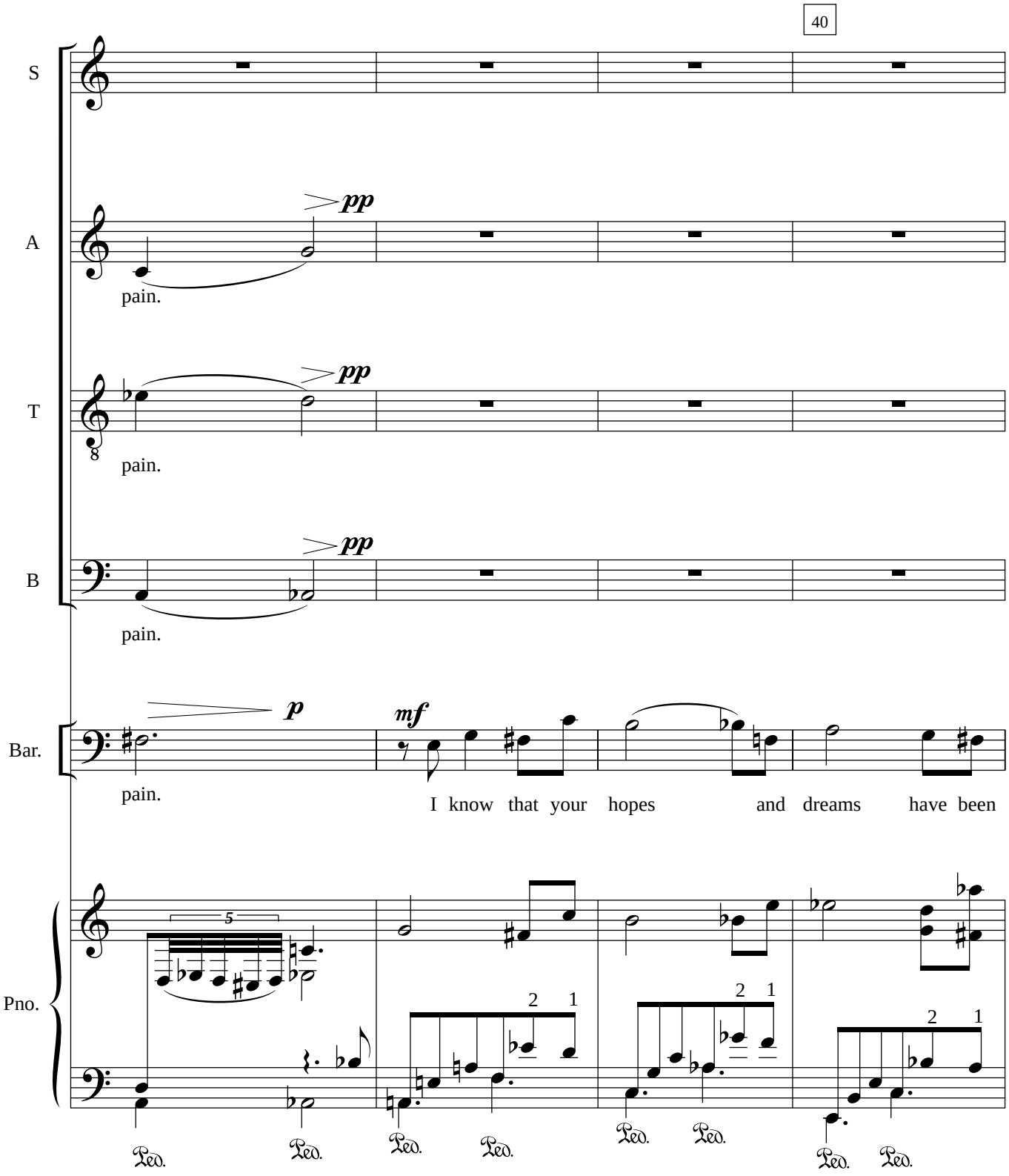
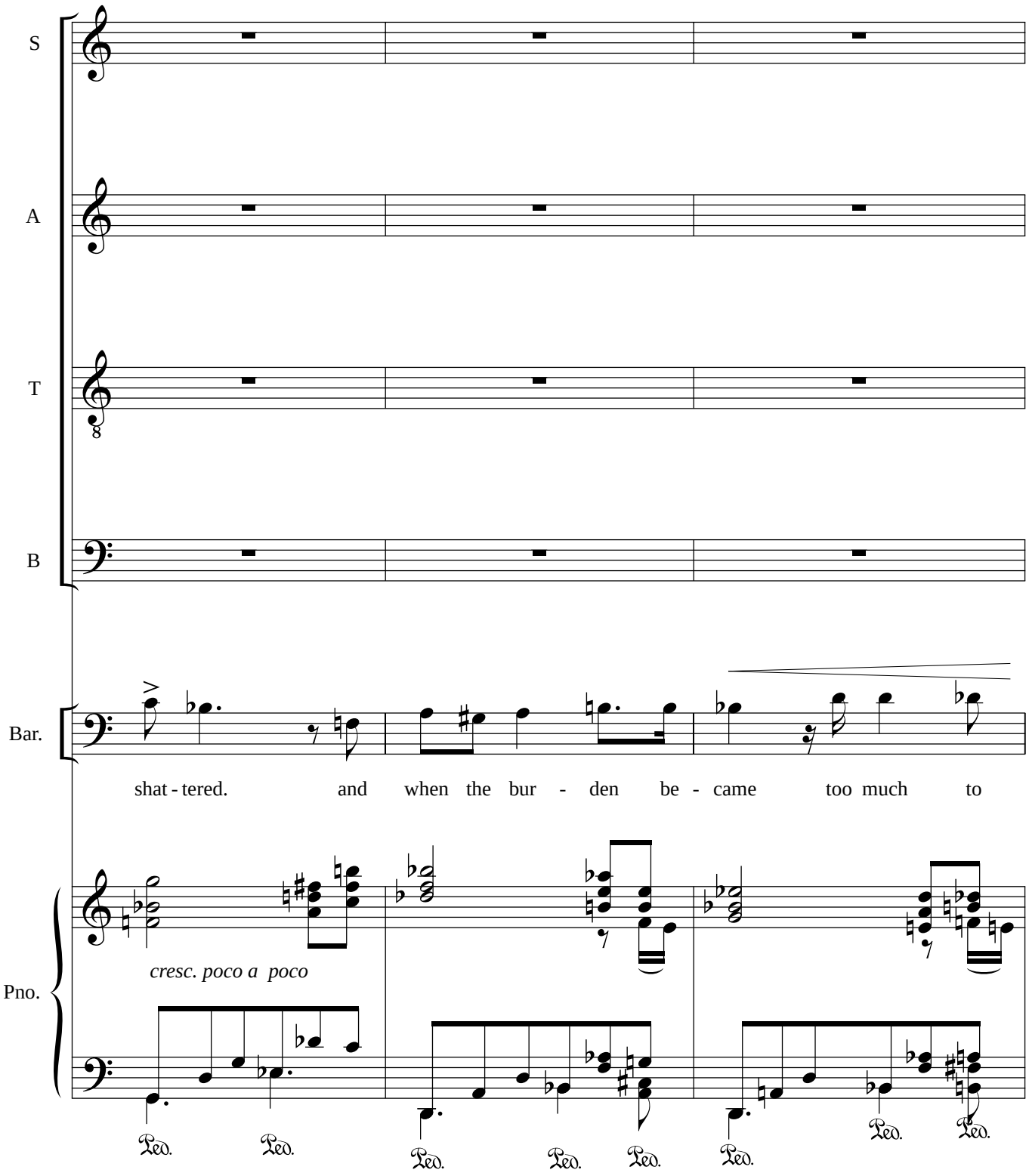
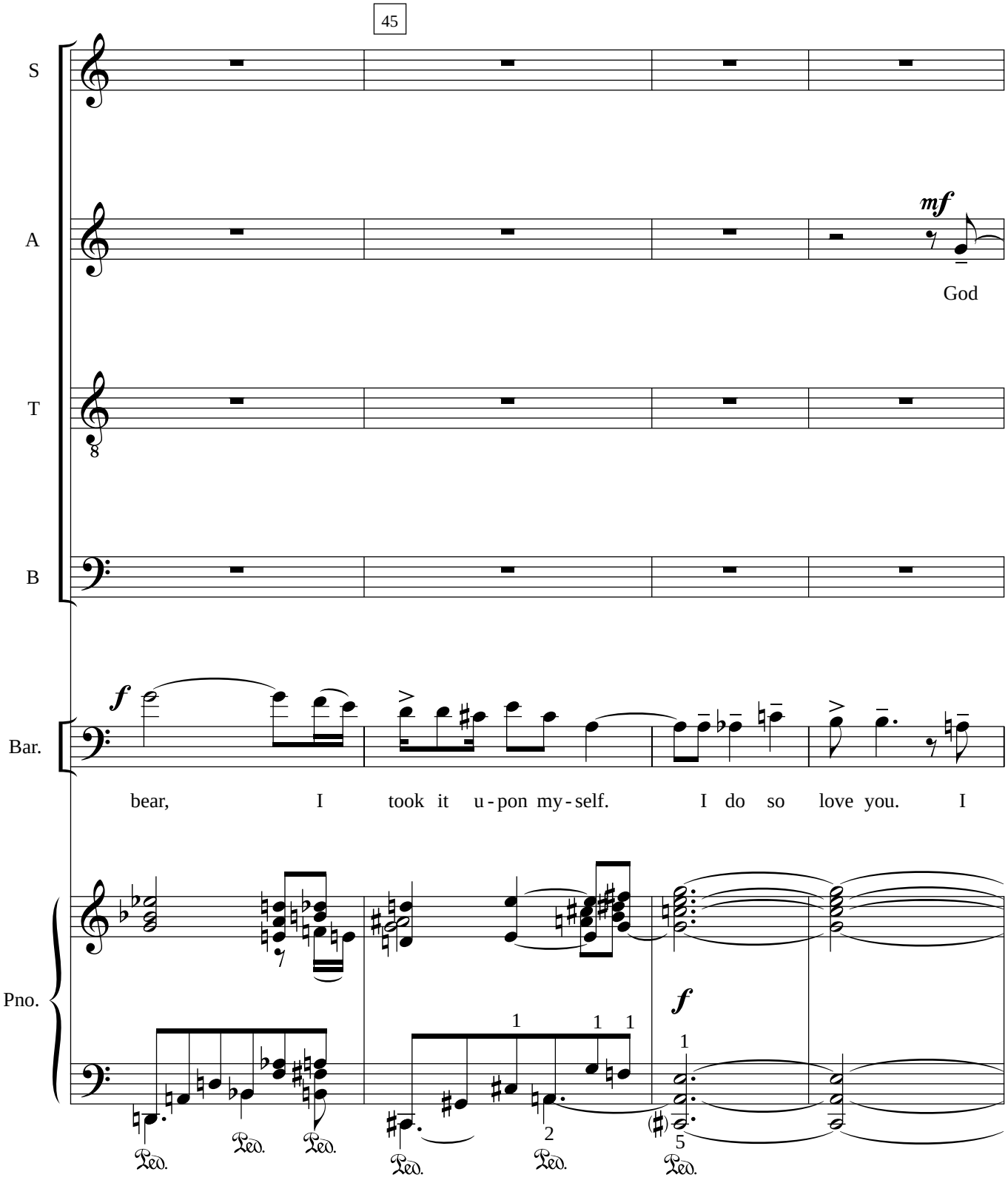
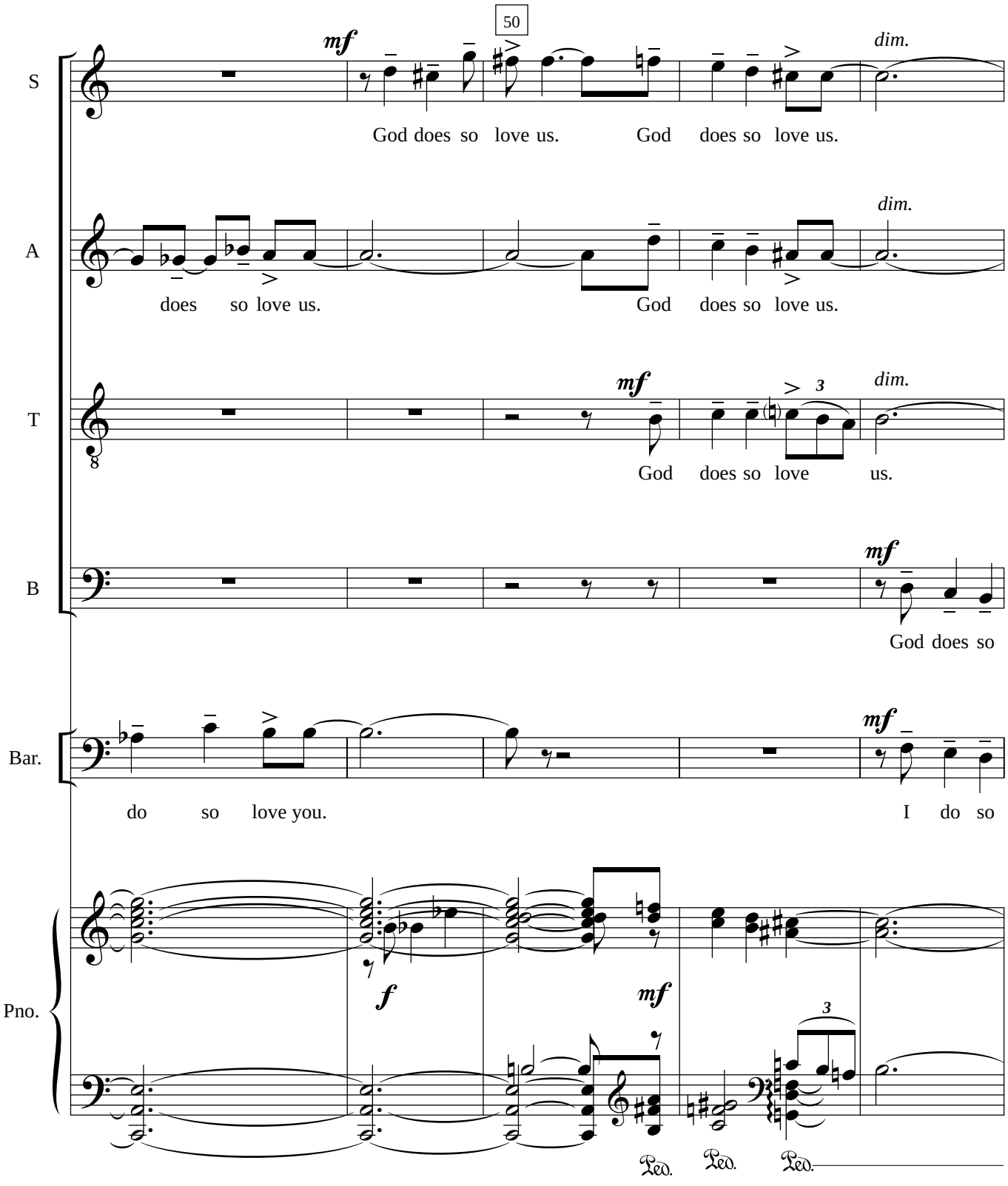
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
p
week
our sor - row and an - guish, and grief and
come un eco
have un - fol - ded
our sor - row
and grief and
mf
rit.
a tempo
and I have felt your sor - row and an - guish, and grief and
Ped.


40
S
A
pp
pain.
T
pp
pain.
B
pp
pain.
Bar.
p
mf
pain.
I know that your hopes and dreams have been
Pno.
5
2 1
2 1
2 1
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
shat - tered. and when the bur - den be - came too much to
Pno.
cresc. poco a poco
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


45
S
A
mf
God
T
B
Bar.
f
bear, I took it u - pon my - self. I do so love you. I
Pno.
f
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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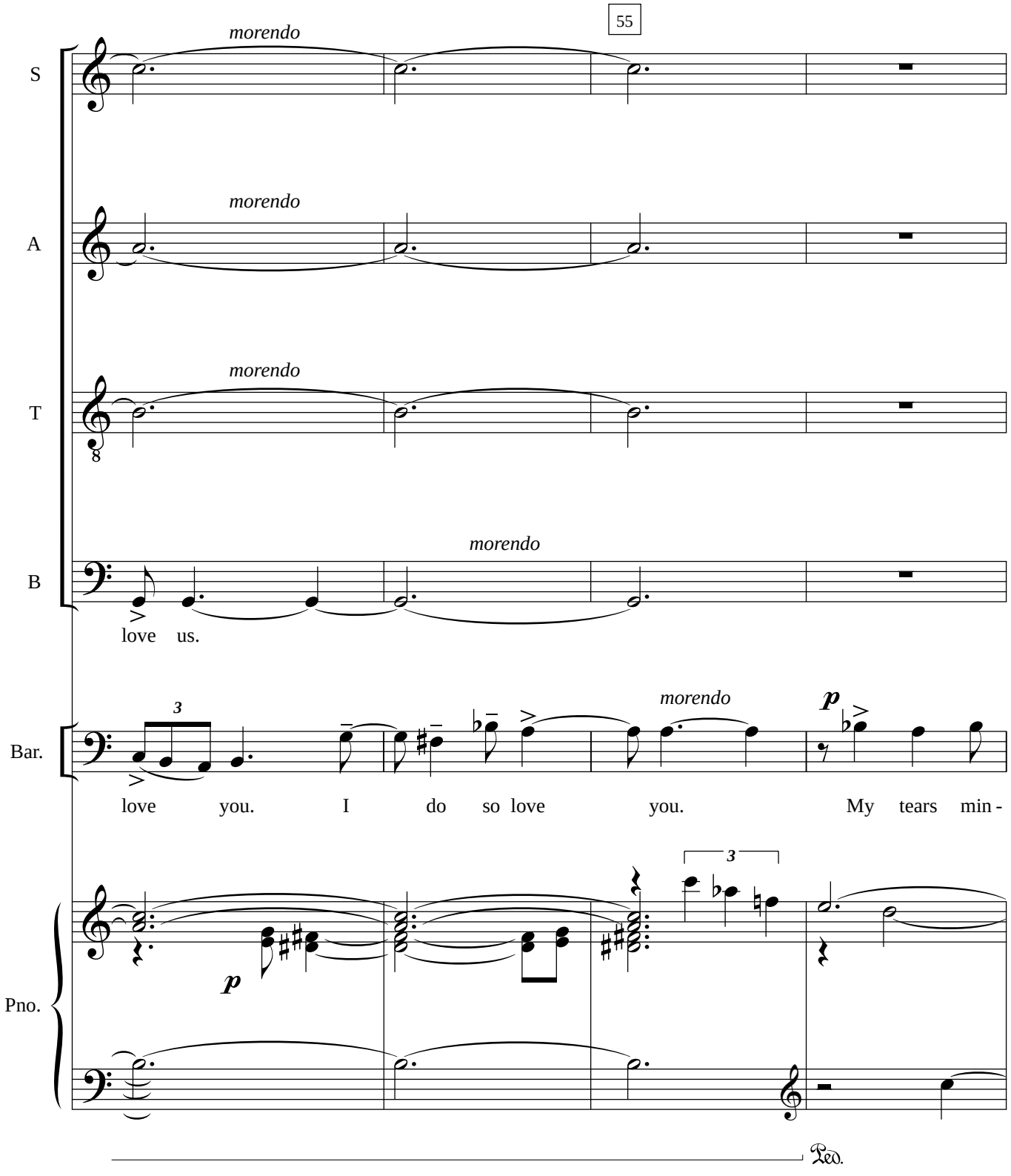
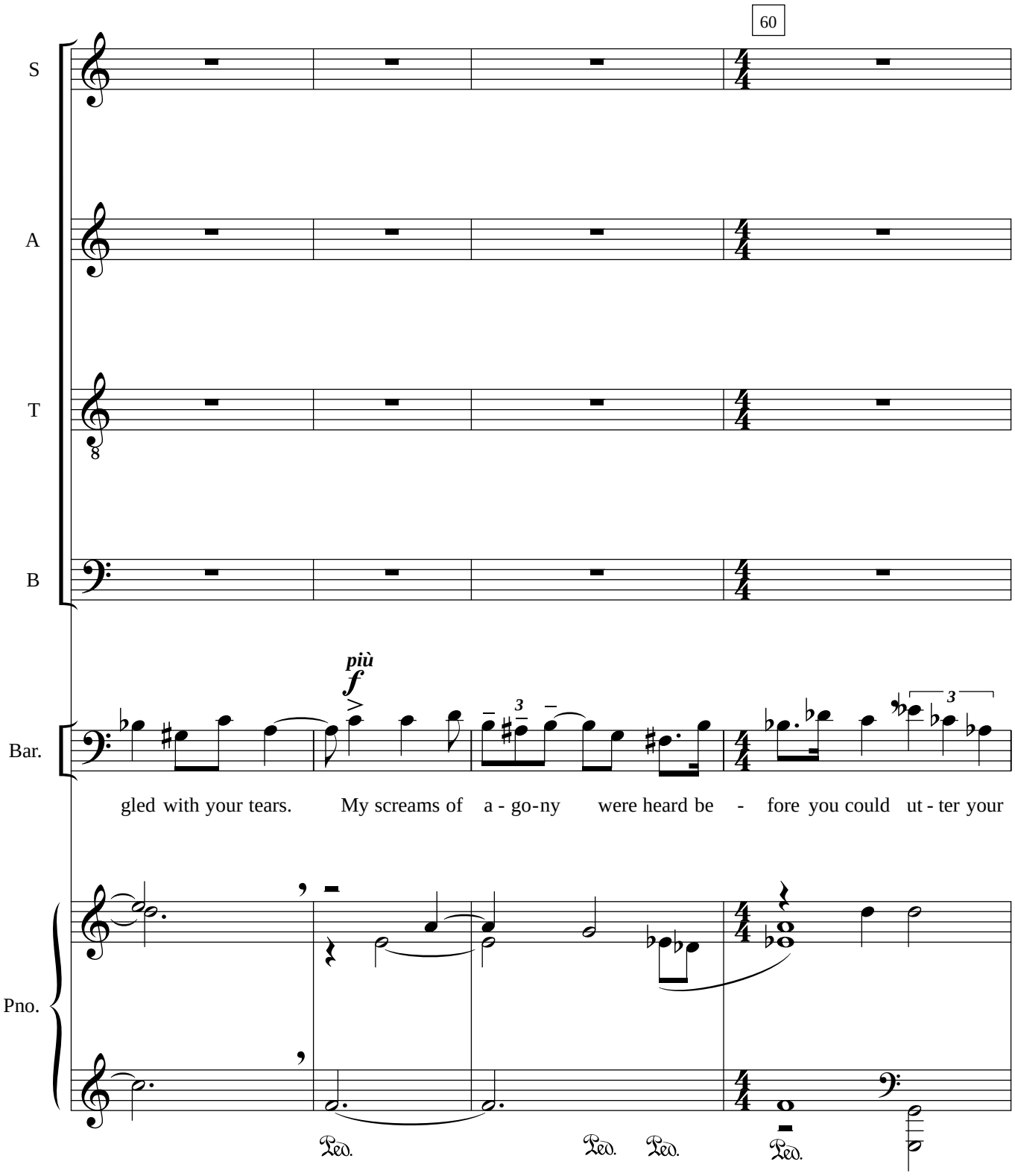
S
mf
dim.
God does so love us.
God does so love us.
A
dim.
does so love us.
God does so love us.
T
mf
dim.
God does so love us.
B
mf
God does so
Bar.
mf
do so love you.
I do so
Pno.
f
mf
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


55
S
morendo
A
morendo
T
morendo
8
B
morendo
love us.
Bar.
3
morendo
p
love you. I do so love you. My tears min -
Pno.
p
3
Ped.


60
S
A
T
B
Bar.
più
f
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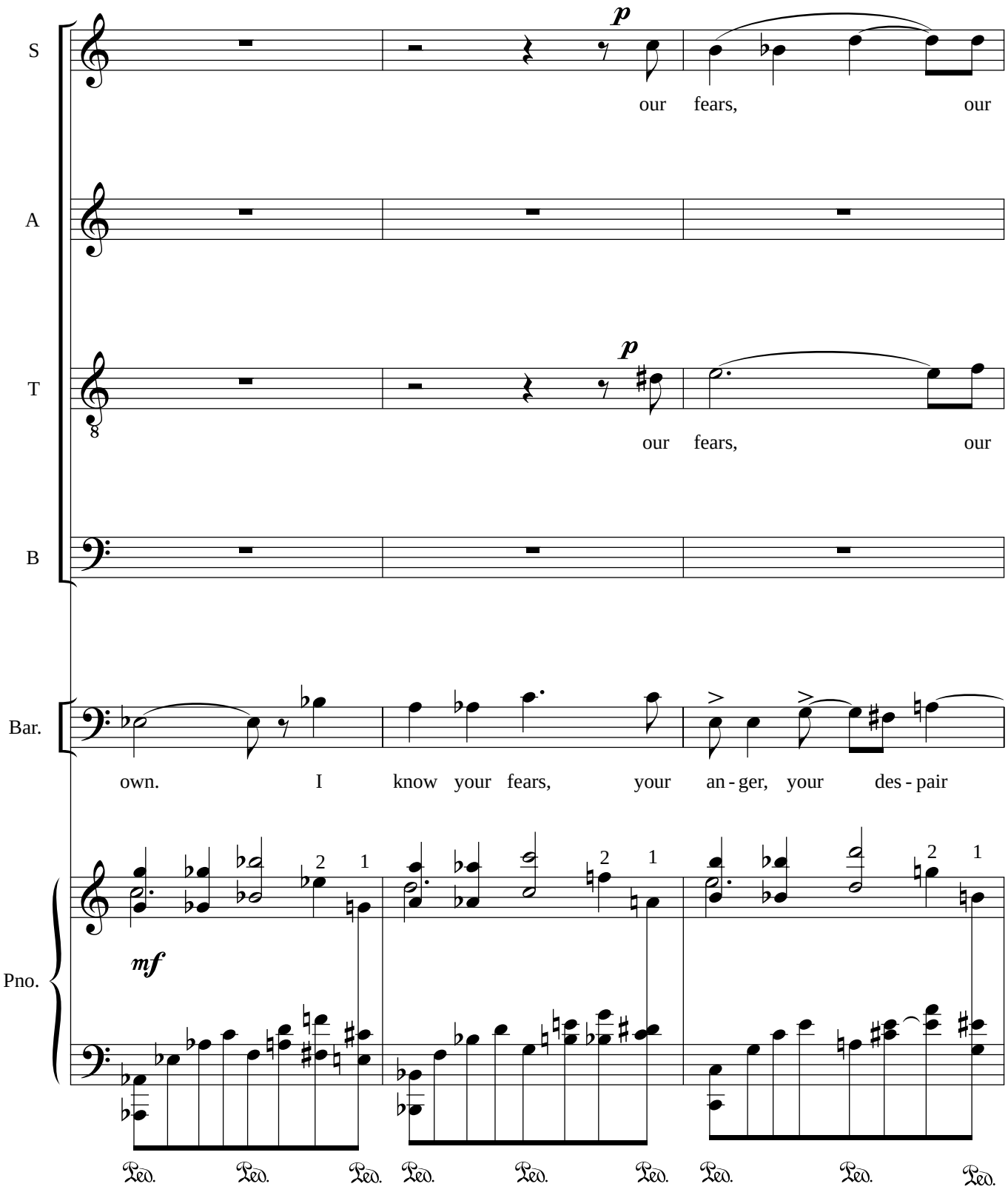
gled with your tears. My screams of a - go-ny were heard be - fore you could ut - ter your
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


S
A
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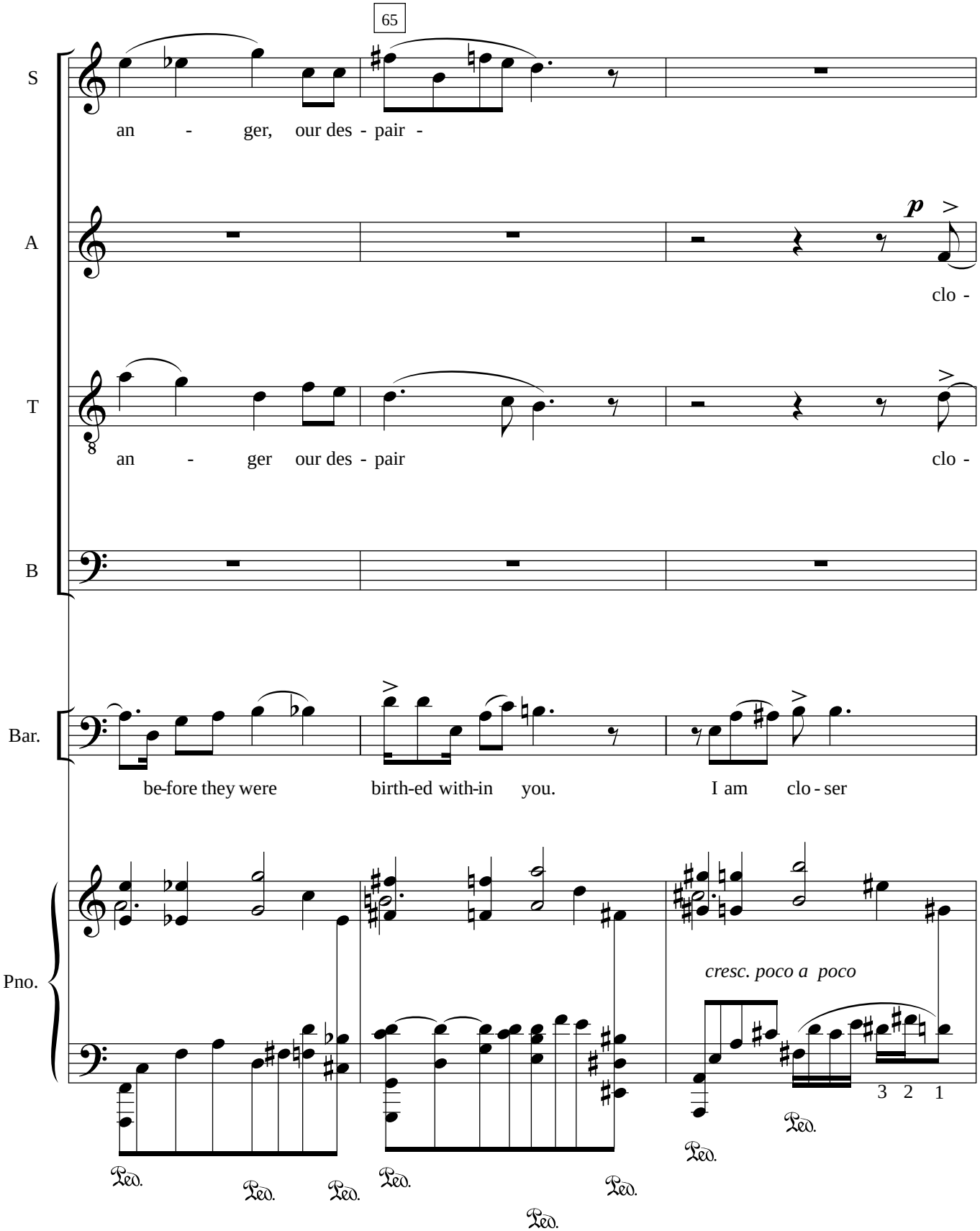
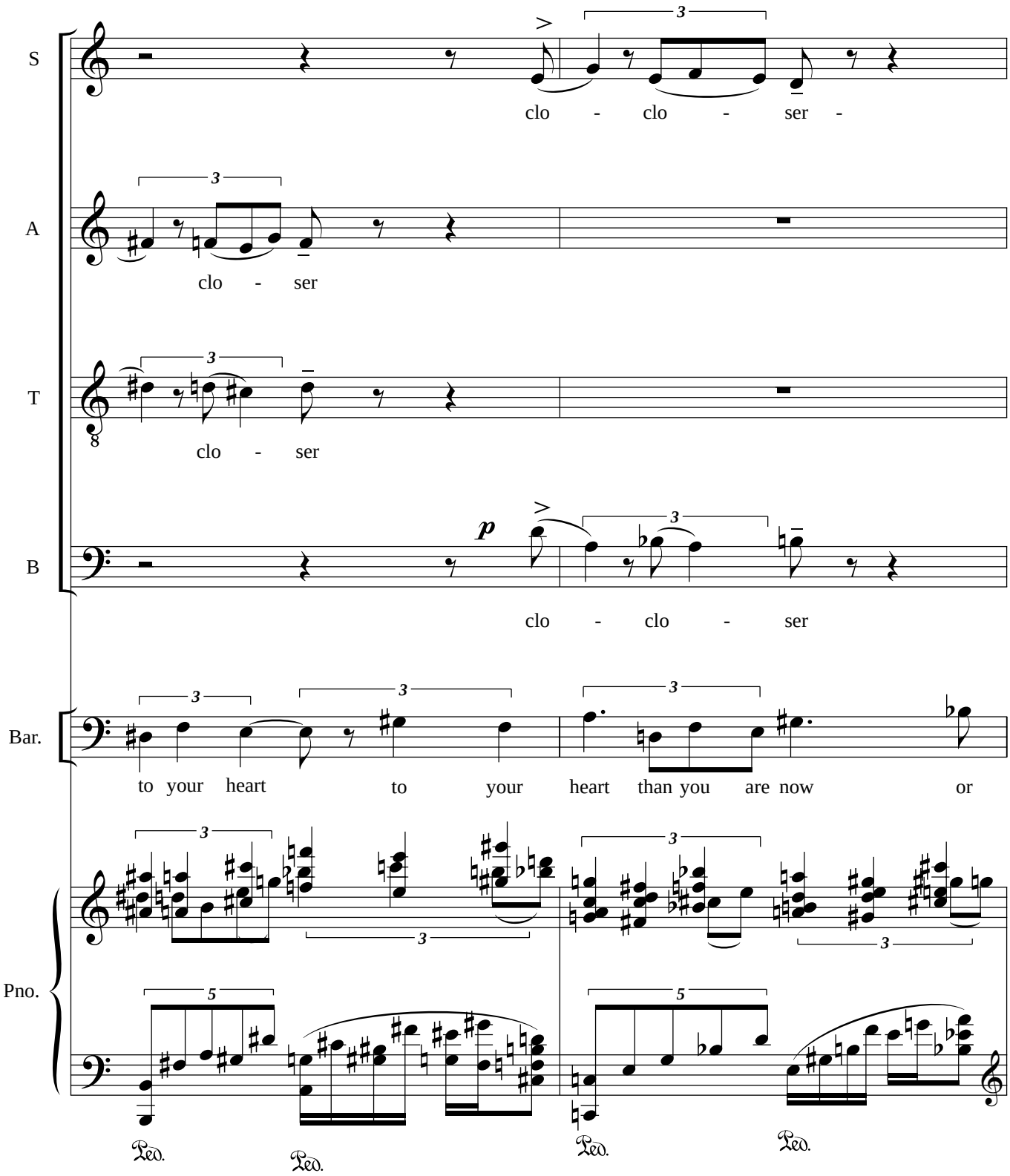
Pno.
p
our fears, our
p
our fears, our
own. I know your fears, your an - ger, your des - pair
mf
2 1
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


65
S
an - ger, our des - pair -
A
p
clo -
T
an - ger our des - pair
clo -
B
Bar.
be-fore they were
birth-ed with-in you.
I am clo - ser
Pno.
cresc. poco a poco
3 2 1
Ped.


S
clo - clo - ser -
A
clo - ser
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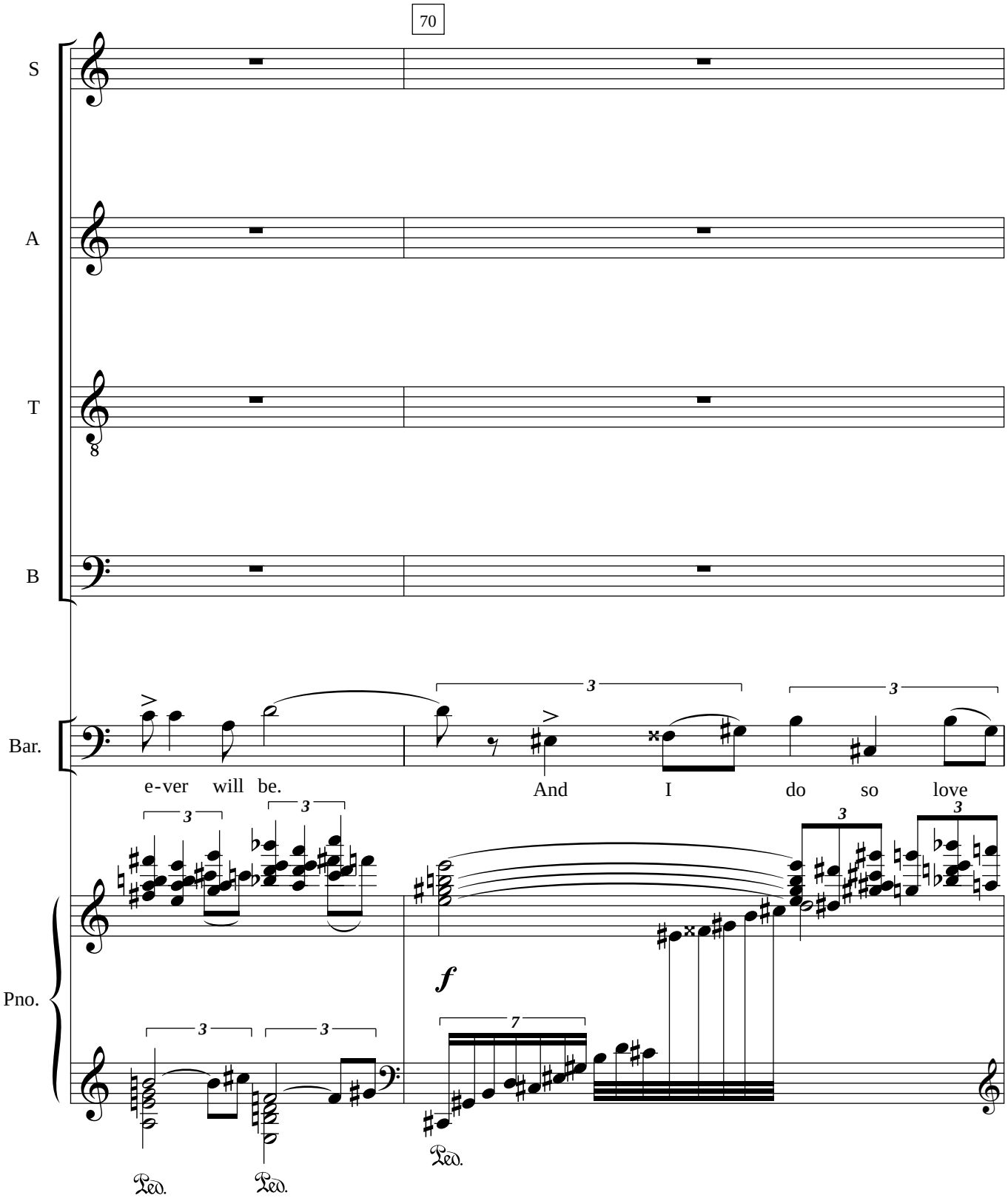
B
p
clo - clo - ser
Bar.
to your heart to your heart than you are now or
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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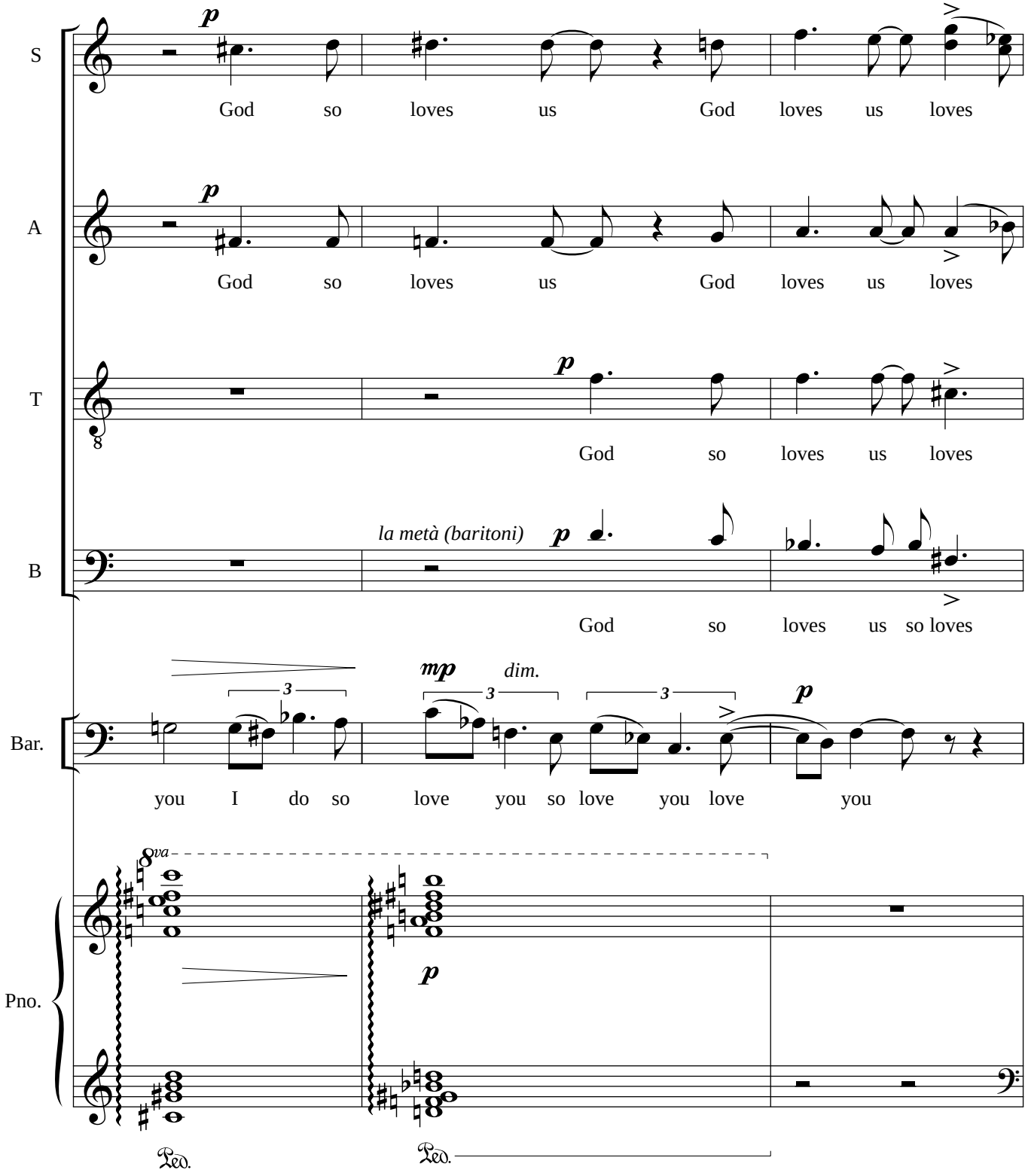
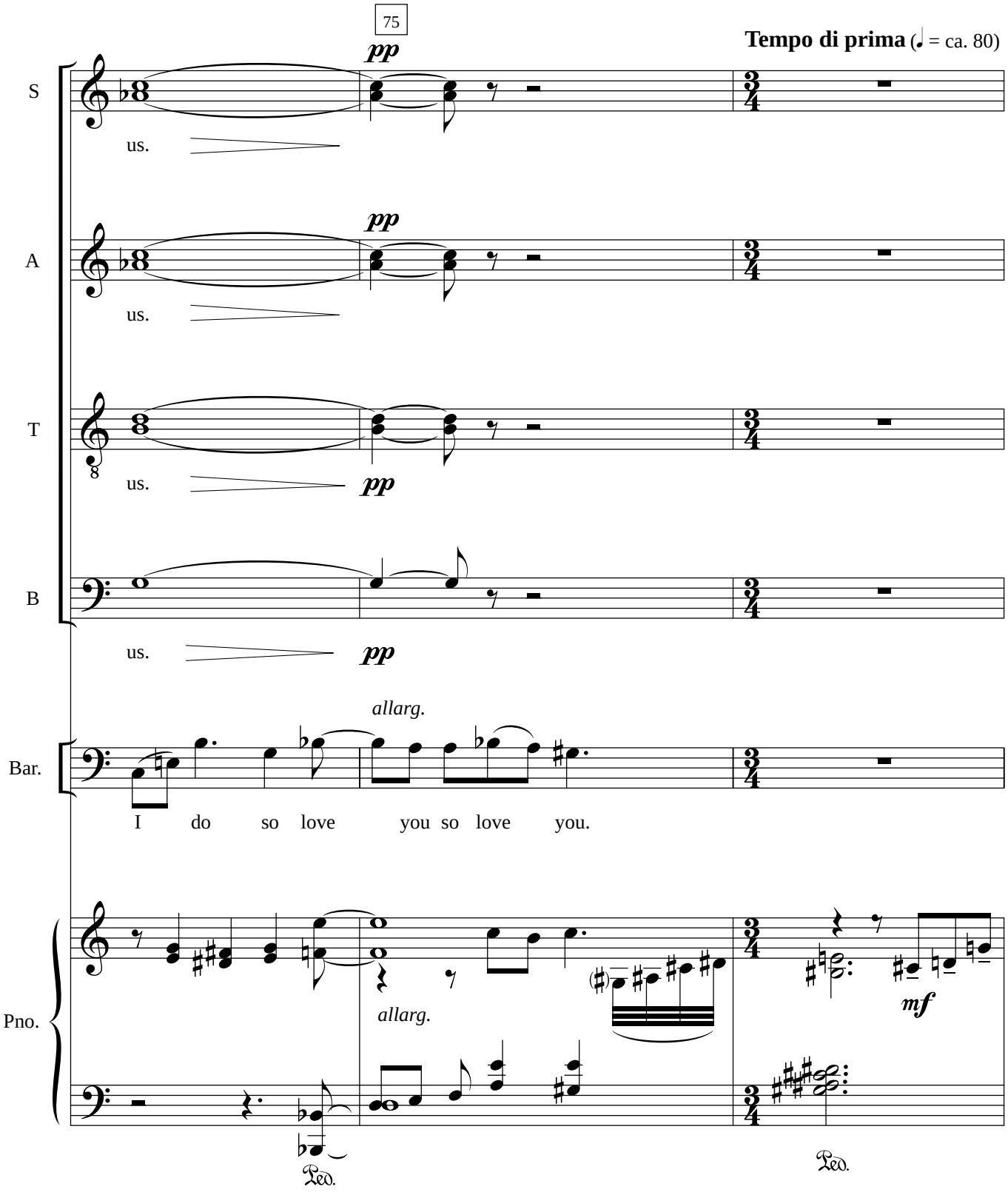
e-ver will be.
And I do so love
f
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
p
God so loves us God loves us loves
God so loves us God loves us loves
God so loves us loves
la metà (baritoni)
God so loves us so loves
mp
dim.
you I do so love you so love you love you
8va
Ped.
Ped.


75
Tempo di prima (♩ = ca. 80)
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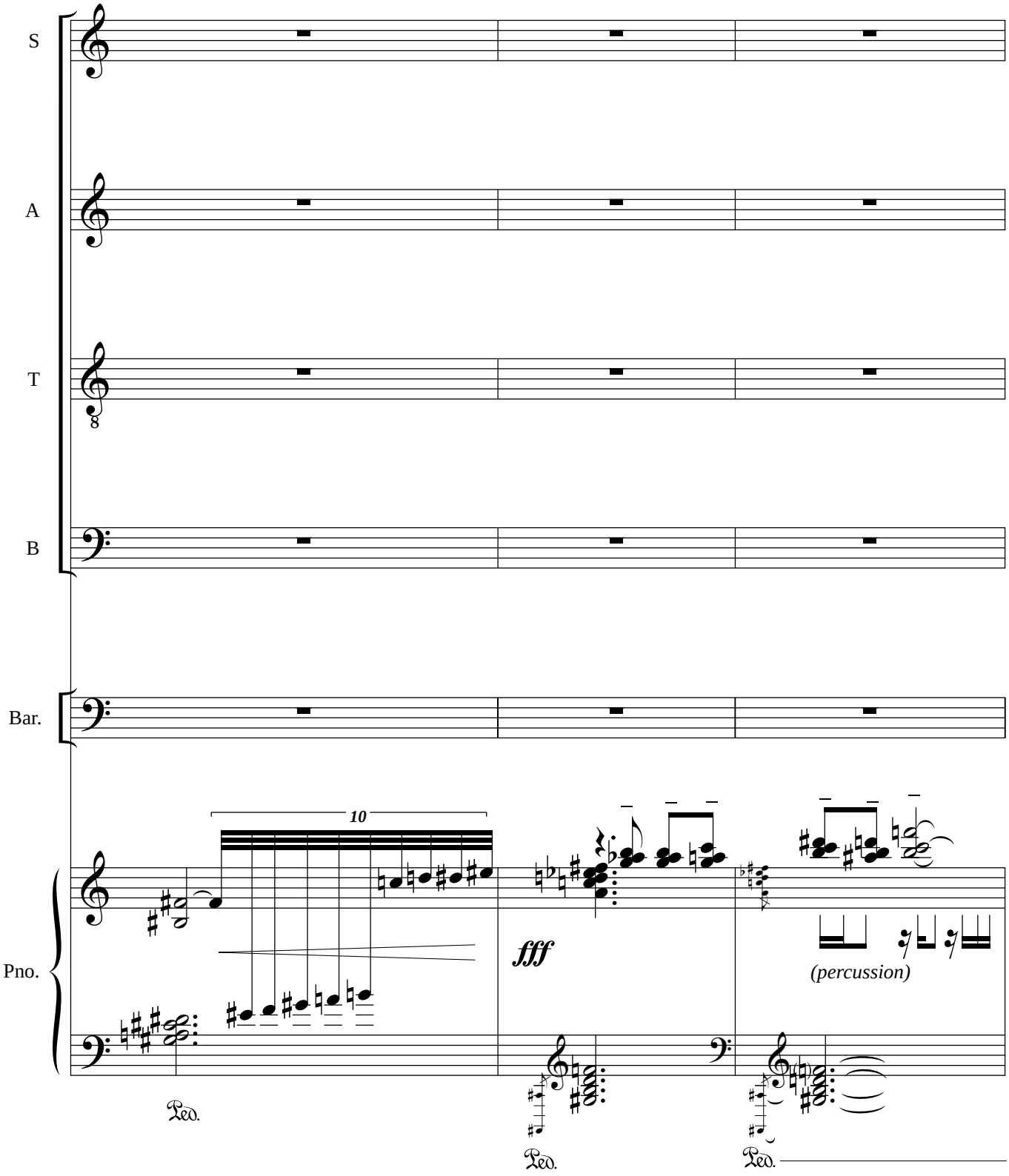
Bar.
Pno.
pp
us.
allarg.
I do so love you so love you.
mf
Ped.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Pno.
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(percussion)
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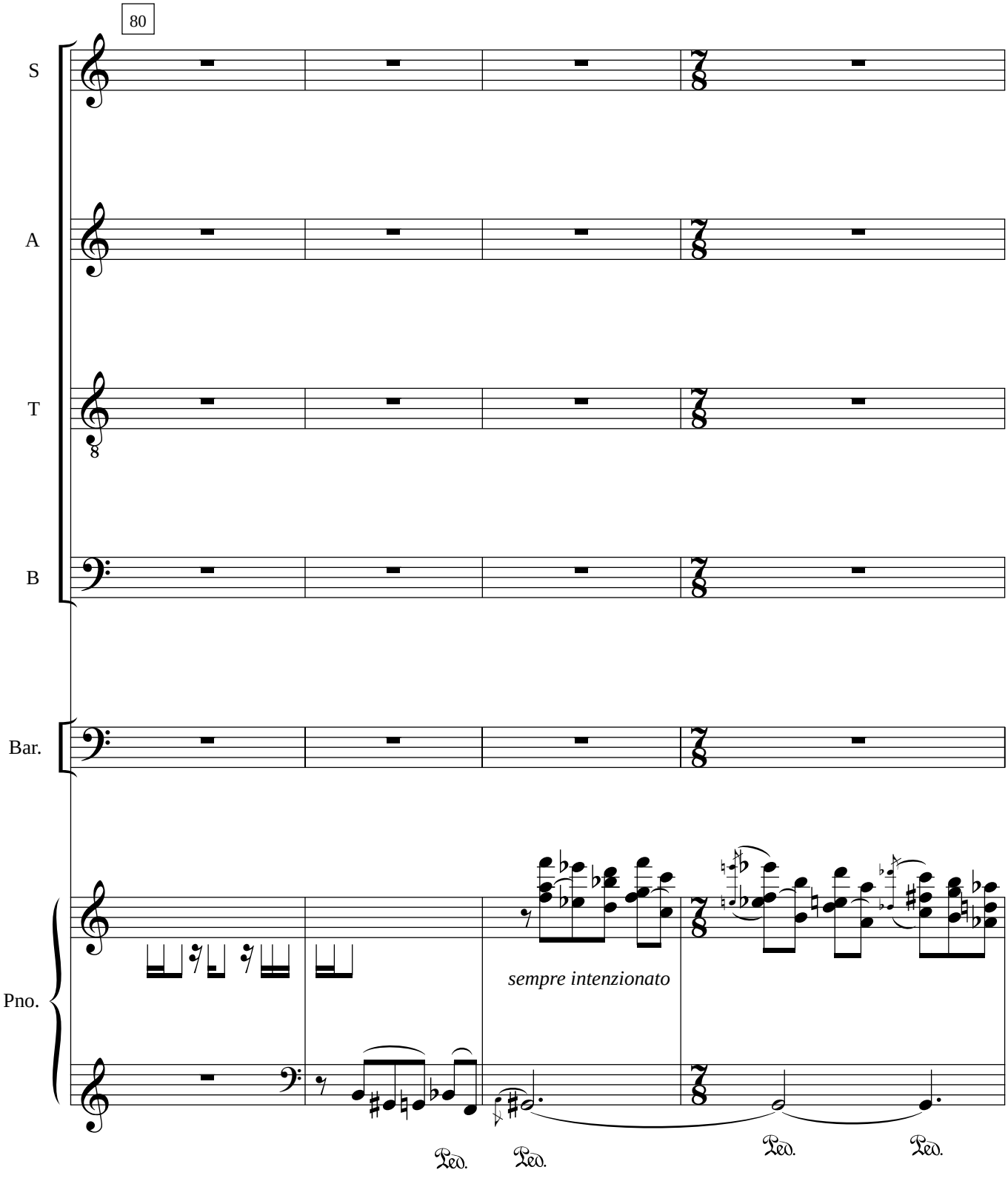
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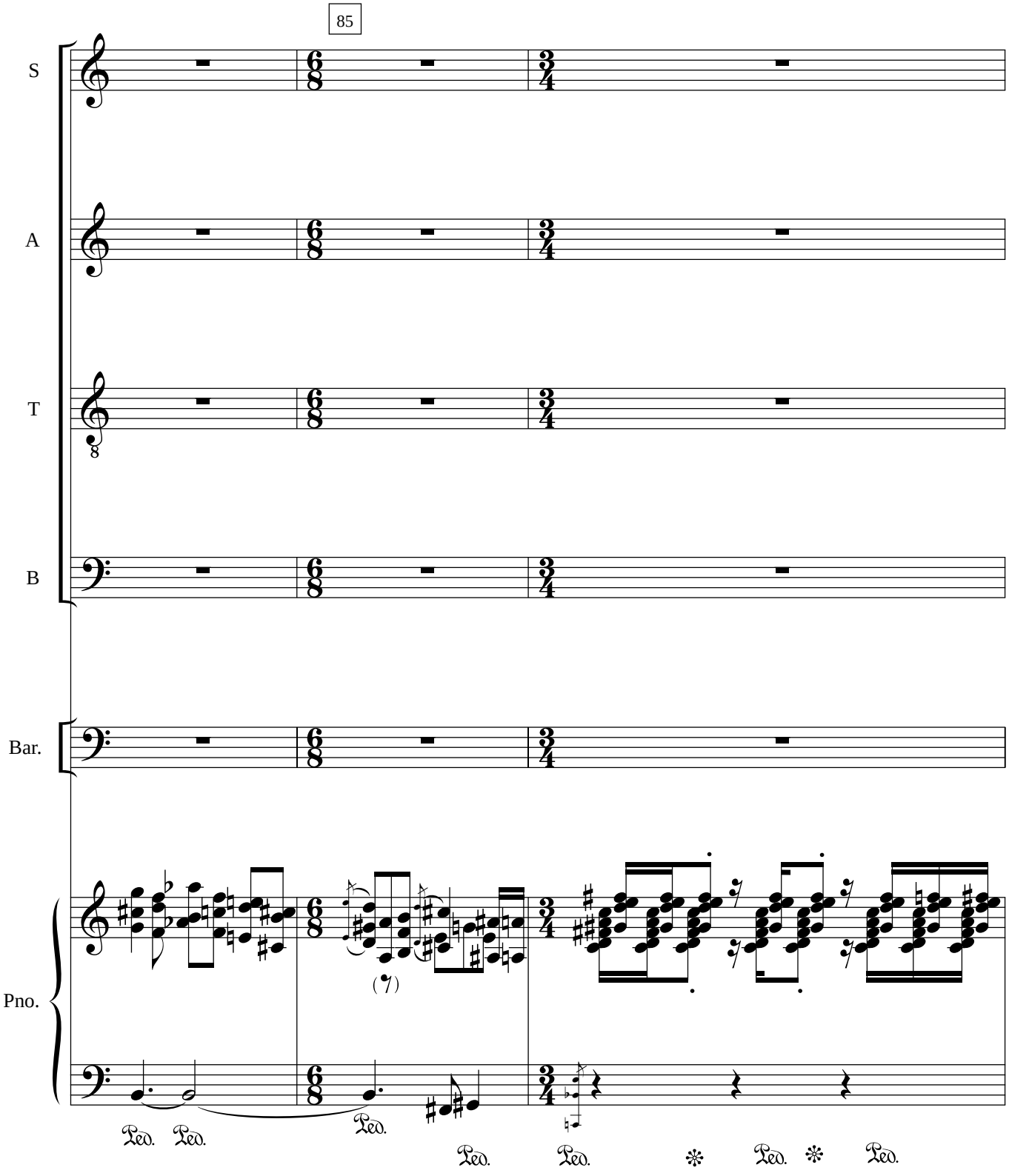
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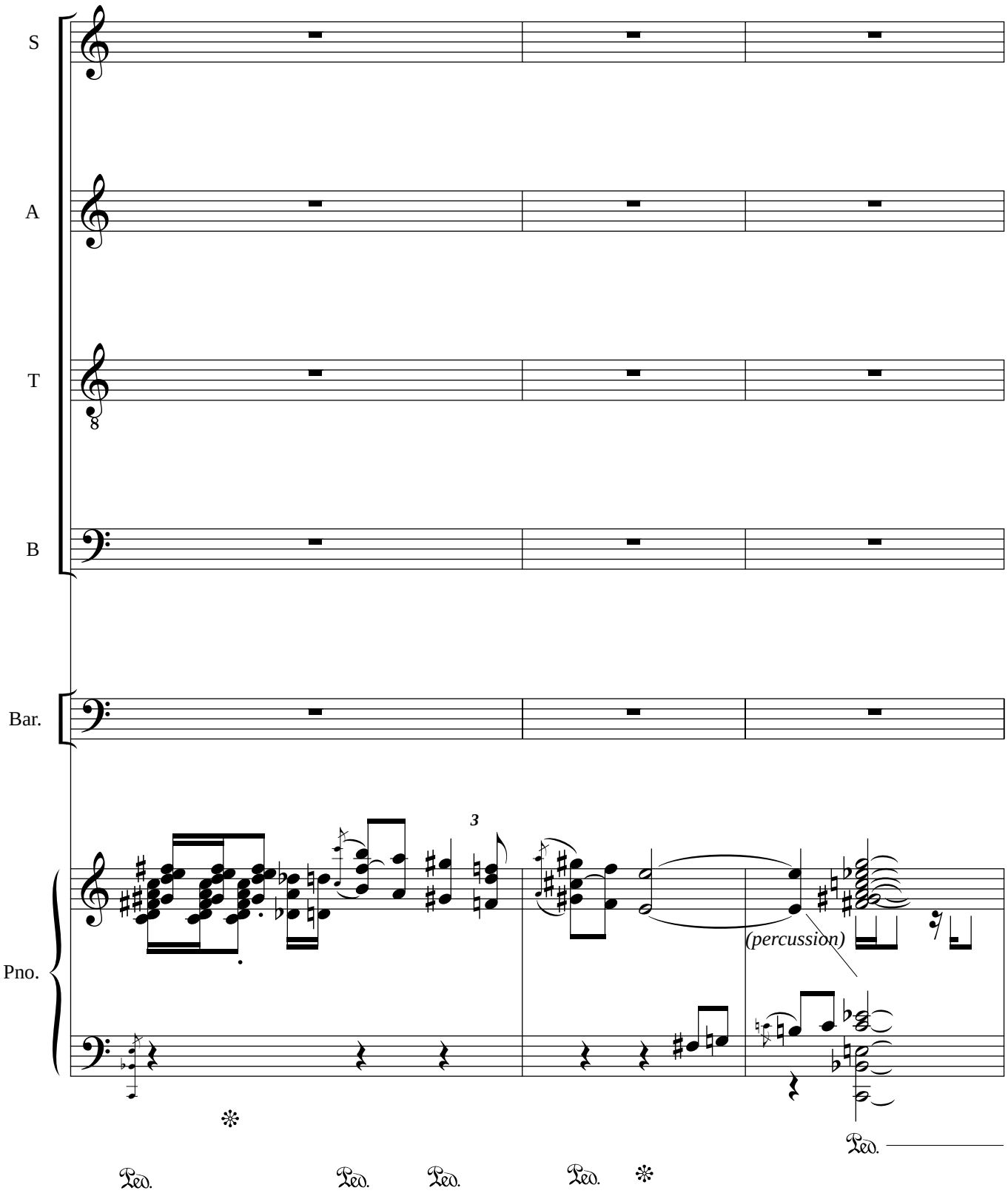
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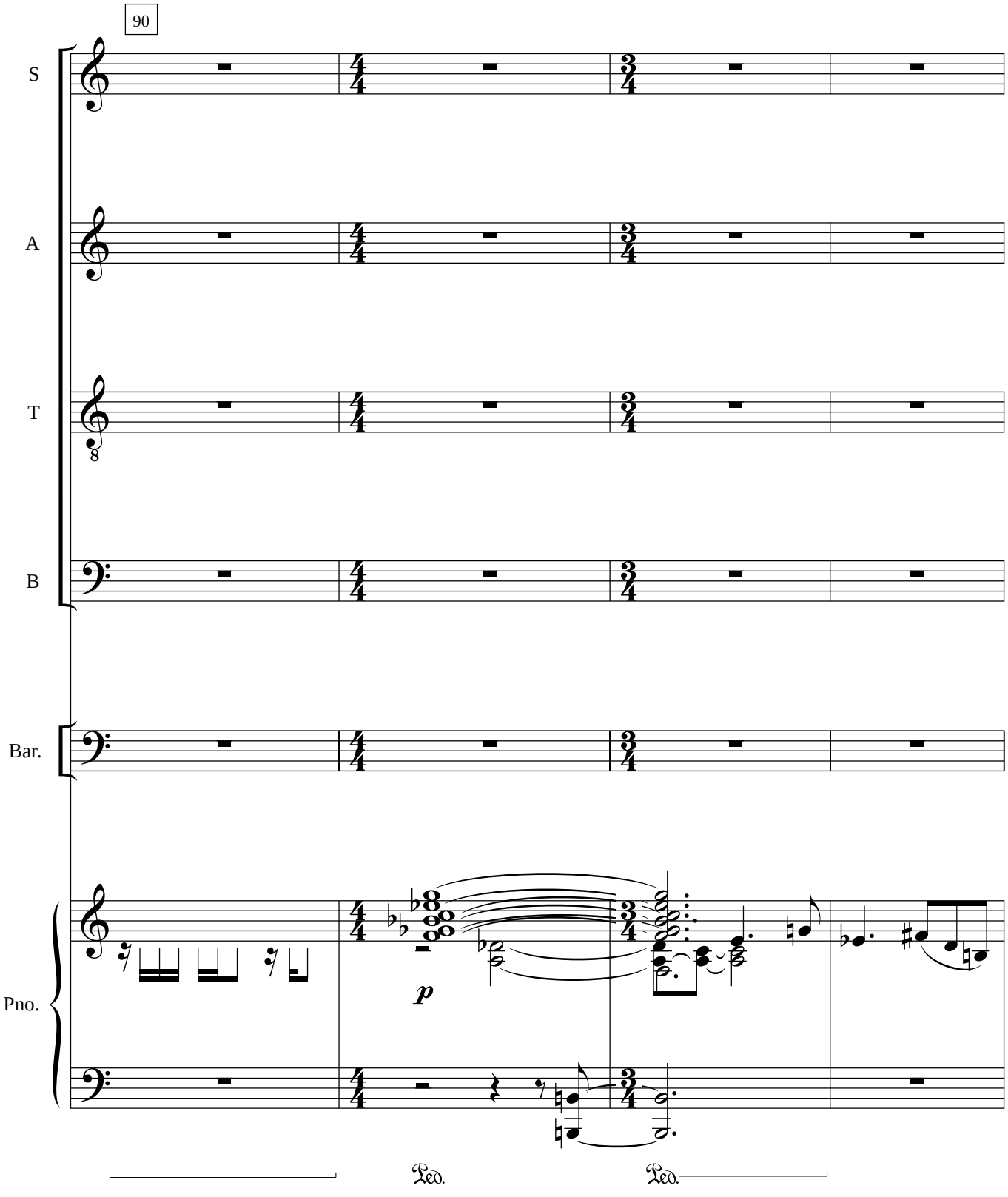
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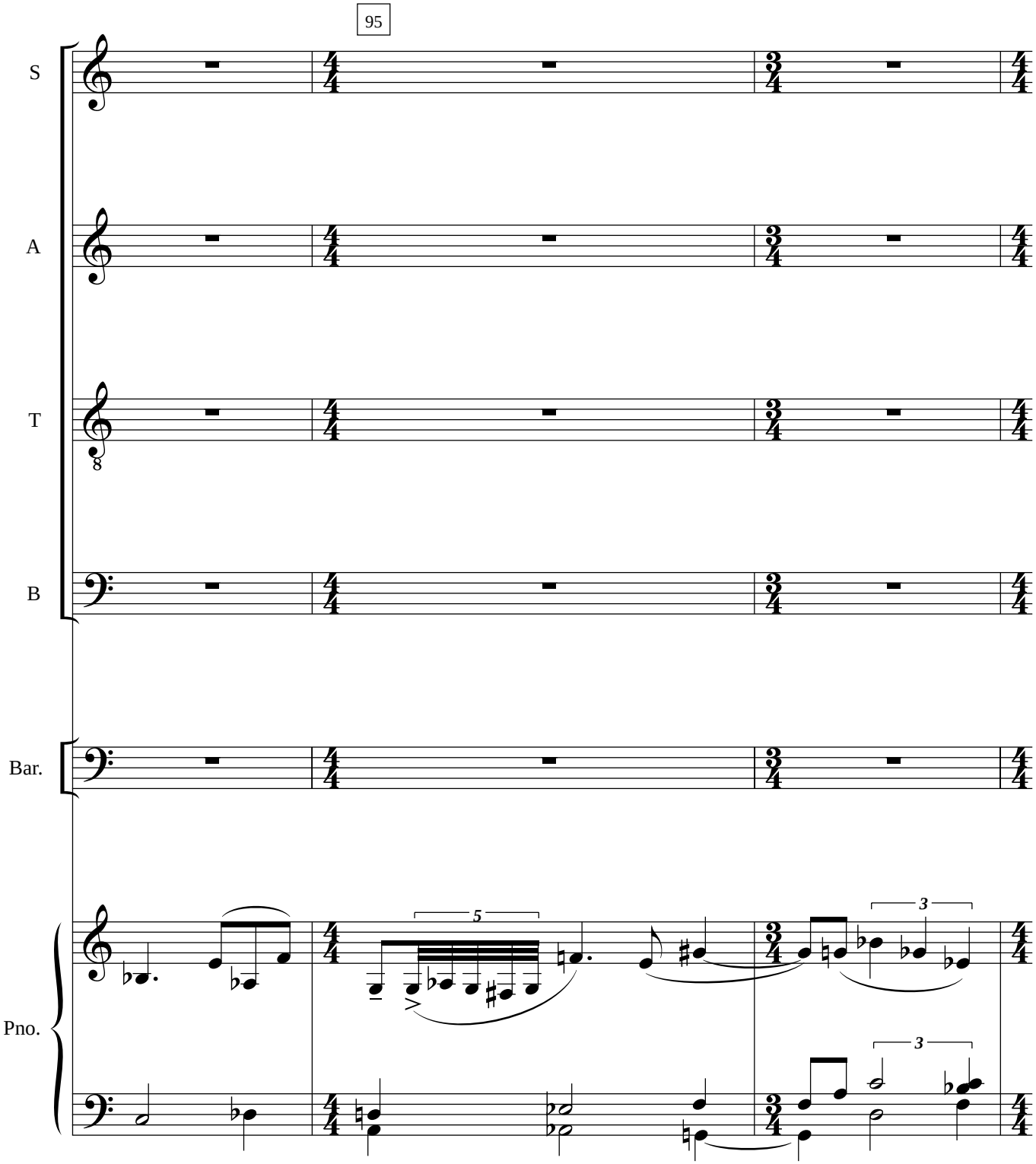
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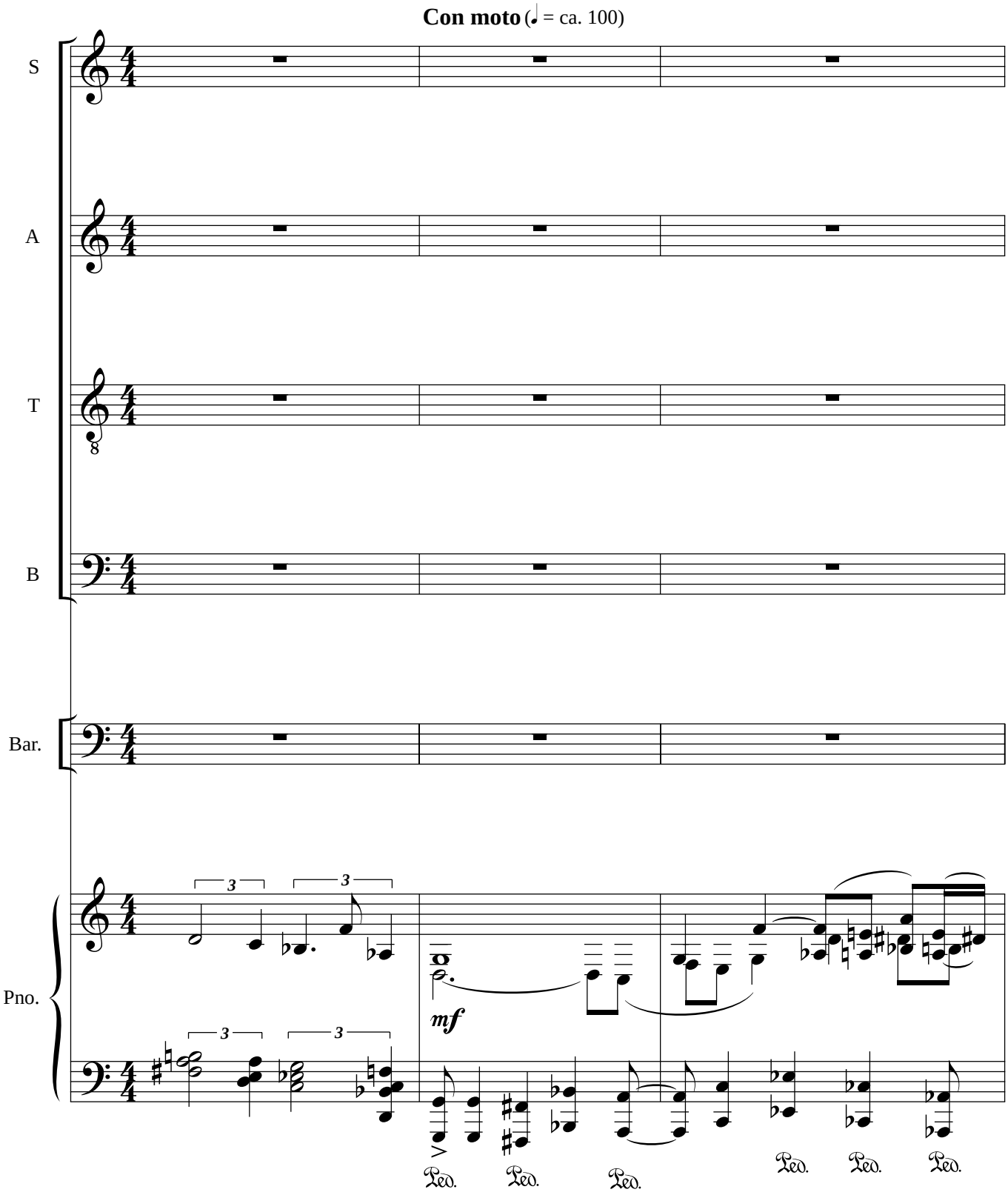
Con moto (♩. = ca. 100)
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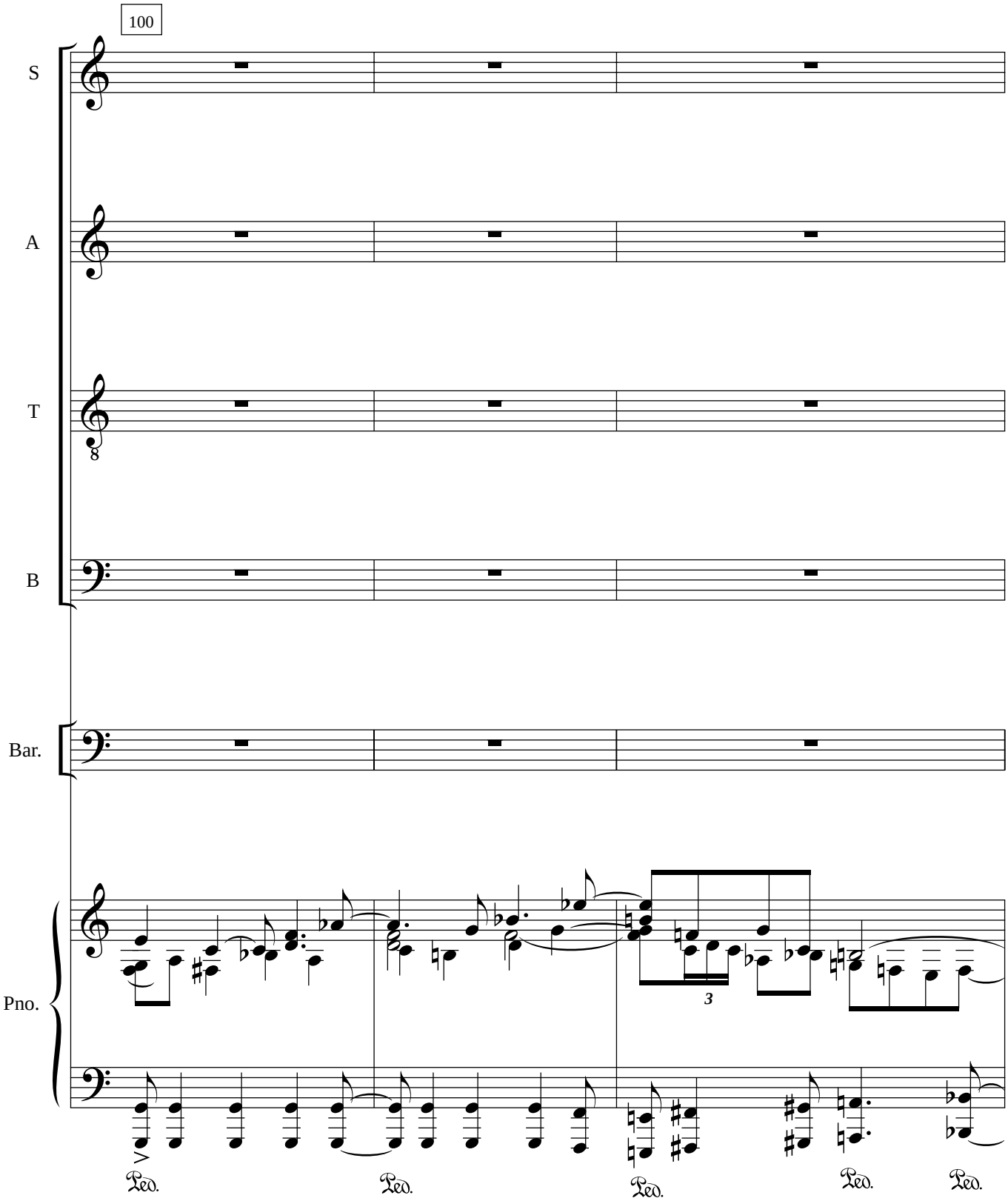
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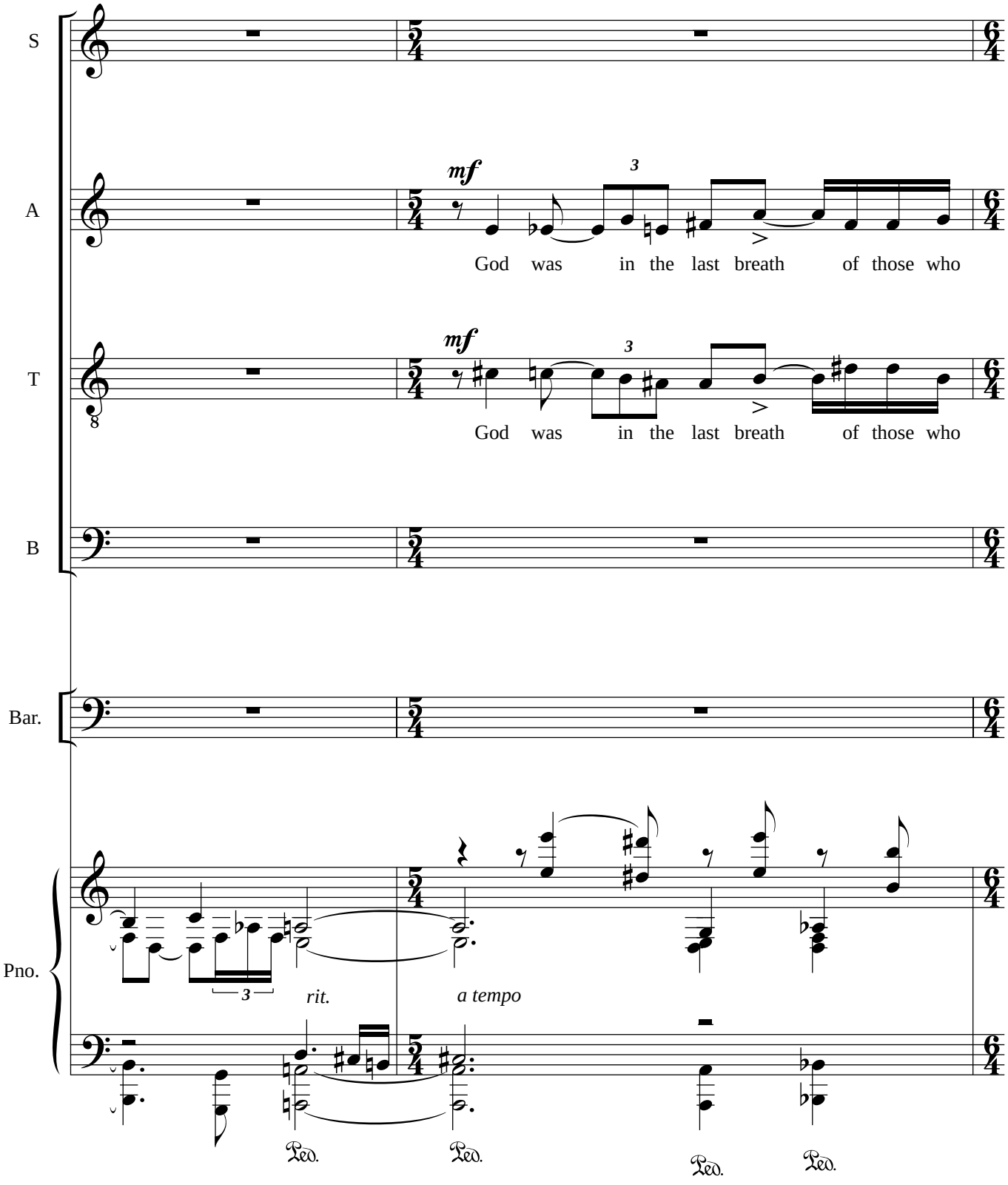
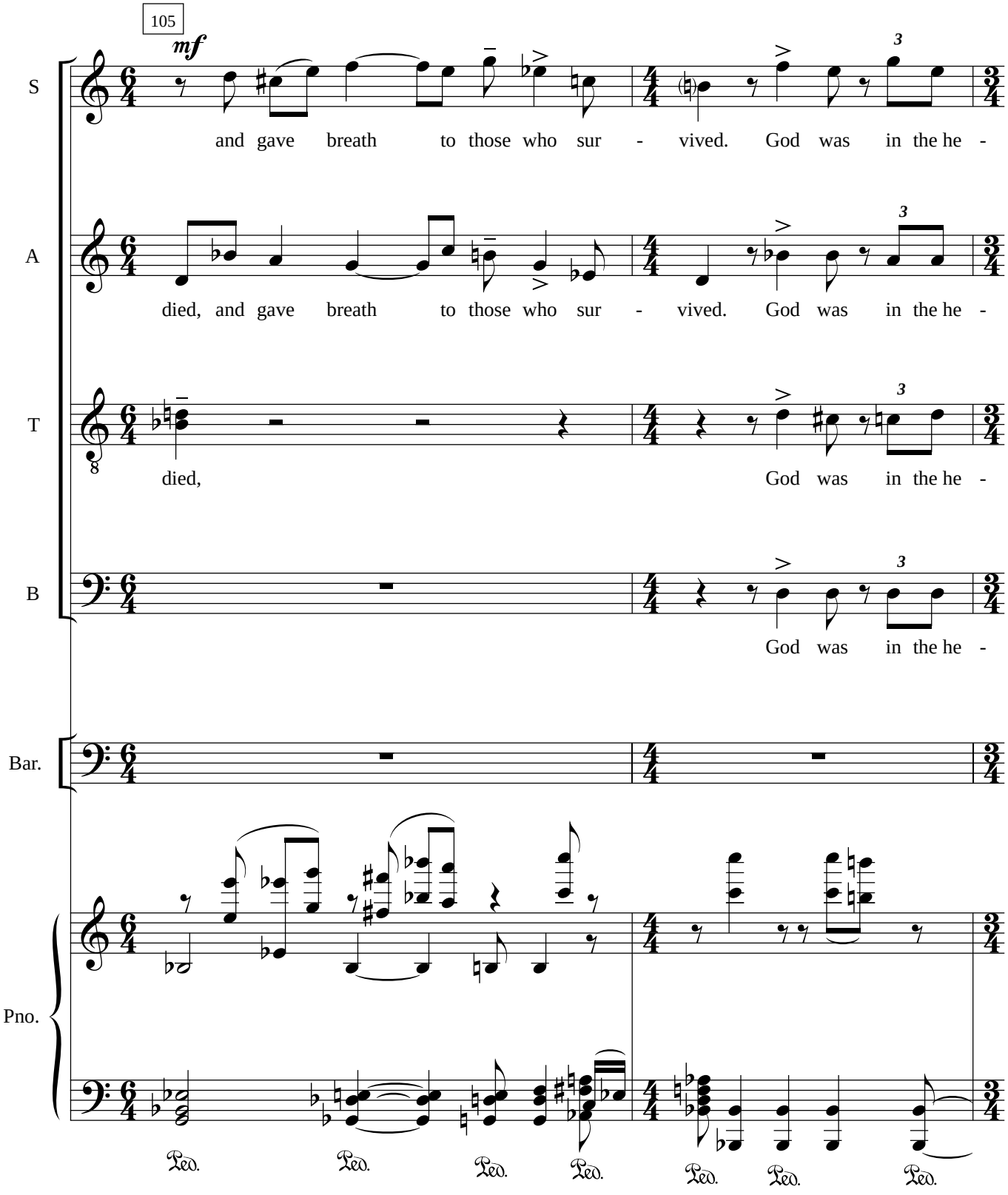
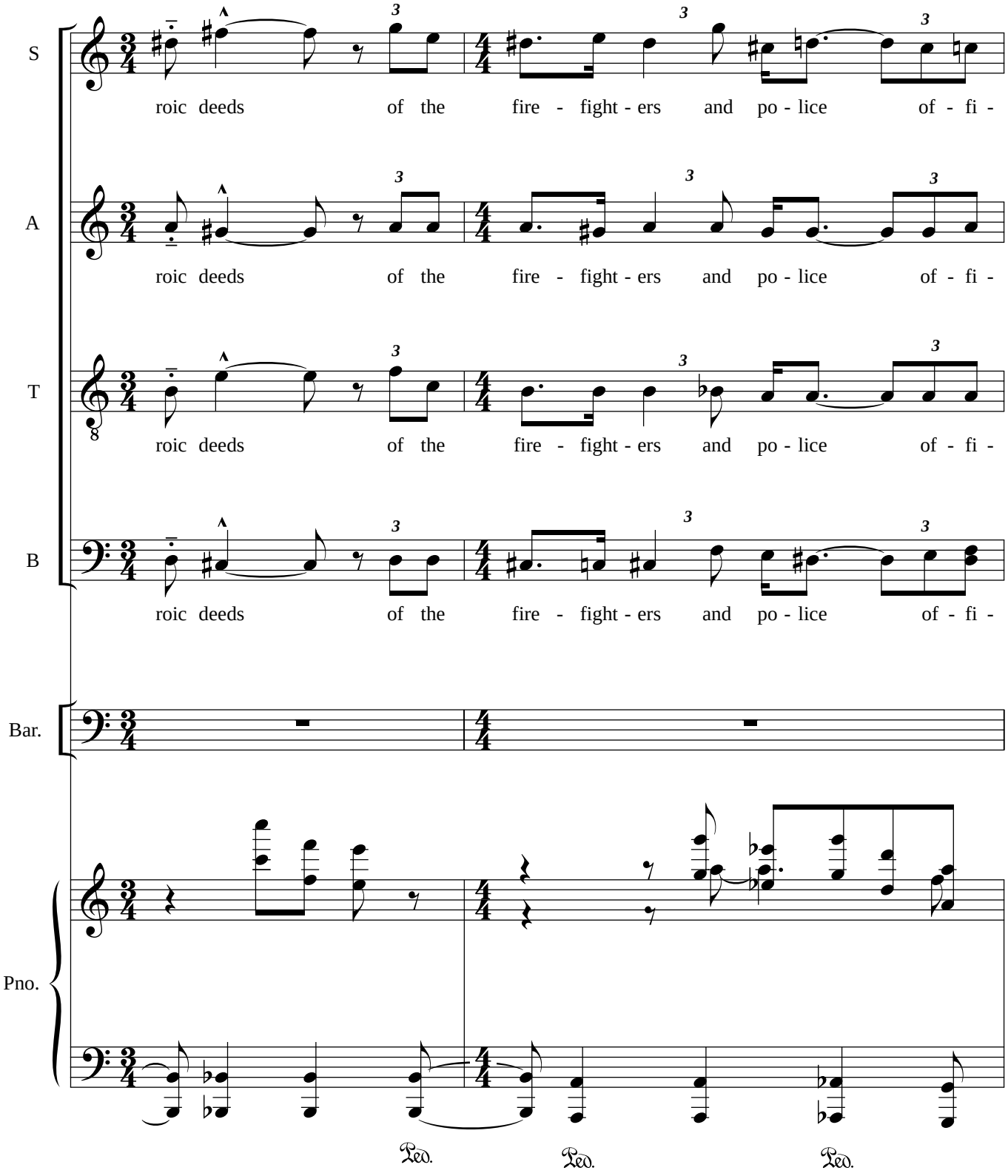

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
mf
God was in the last breath of those who
mf
God was in the last breath of those who
rit.
a tempo
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


105
mf
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
and gave breath to those who sur - vived. God was in the he -
died, and gave breath to those who sur - vived. God was in the he -
died, God was in the he -
God was in the he -
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.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roic deeds of the fire - fight - ers and po - lice of - fi -
A
roic deeds of the fire - fight - ers and po - lice of - fi -
T
roic deeds of the fire - fight - ers and po - lice of - fi -
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Pno.
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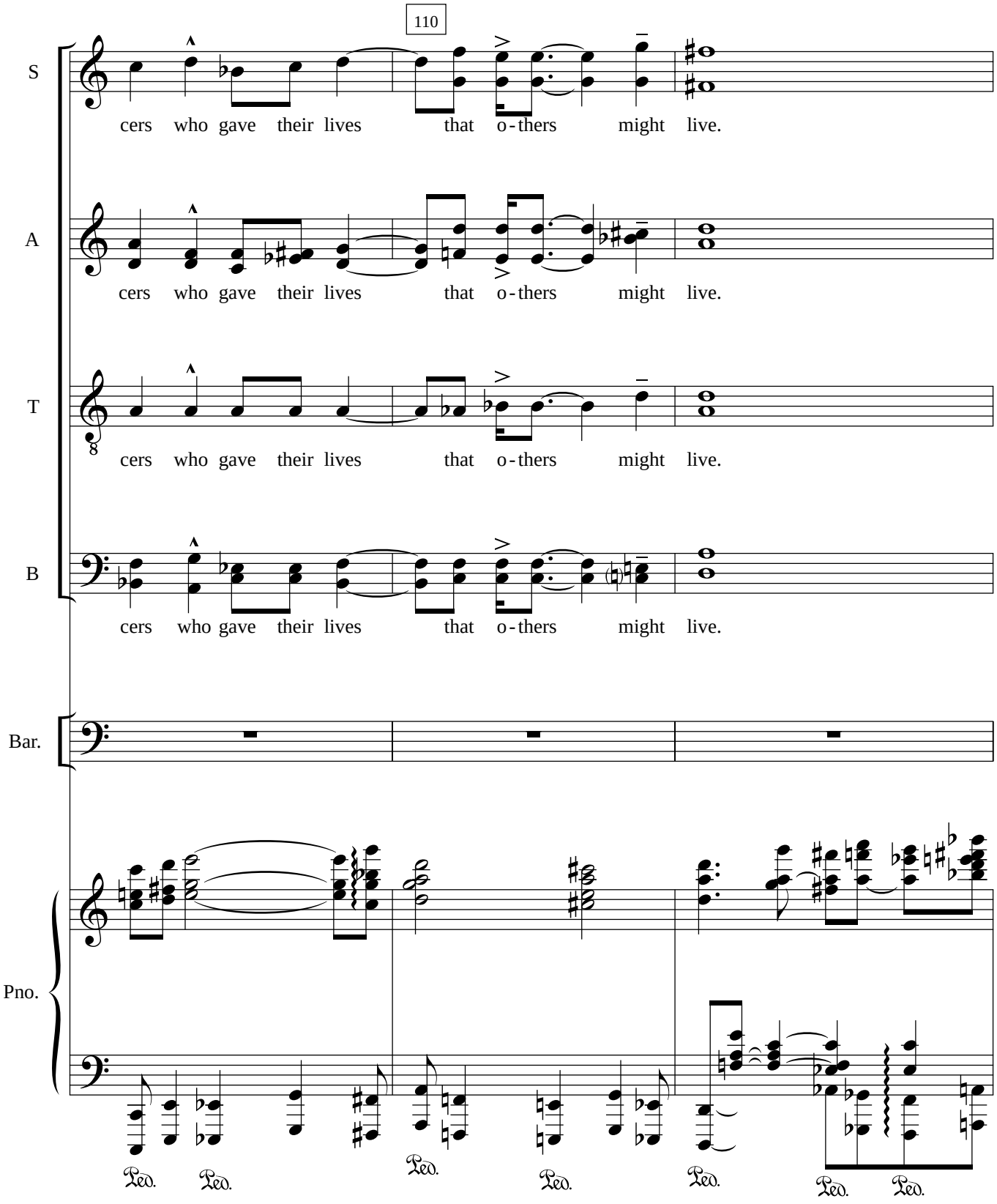
110
S
cers who gave their lives that o-thers might live.
A
cers who gave their lives that o-thers might live.
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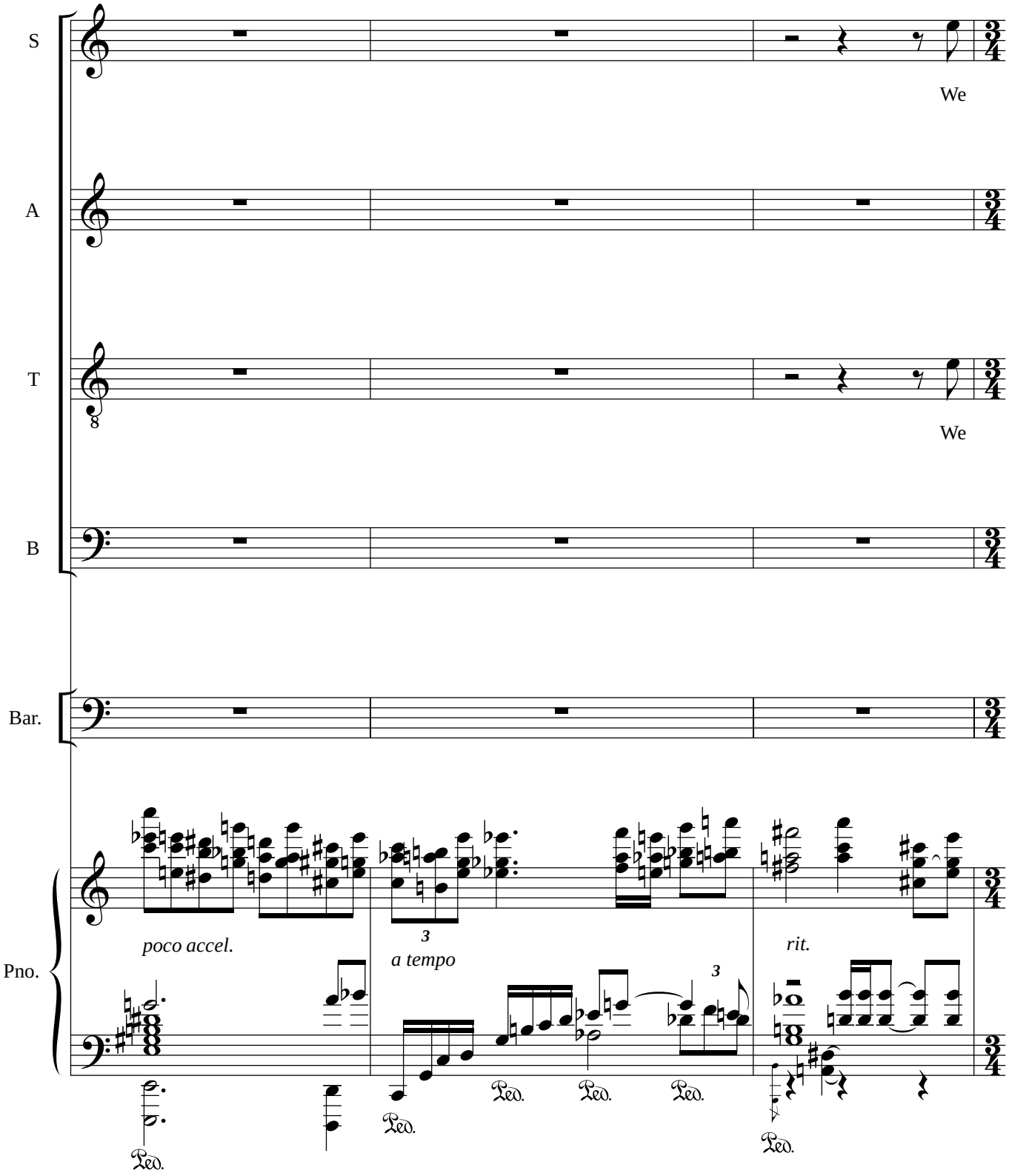
S
We
A
T
We
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Bar.
Pno.
poco accel.
3
a tempo
3
rit.
Ped.
Ped.
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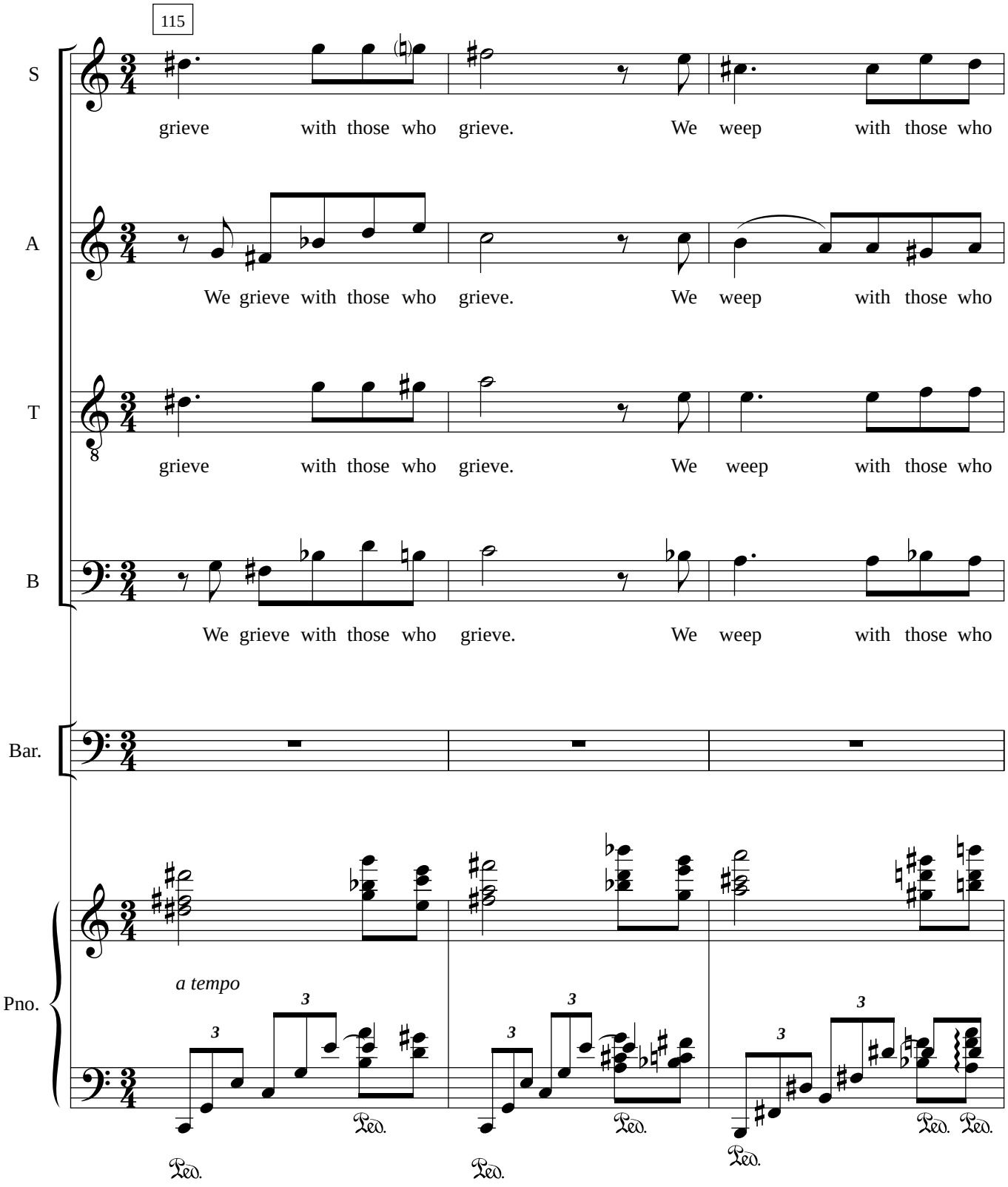
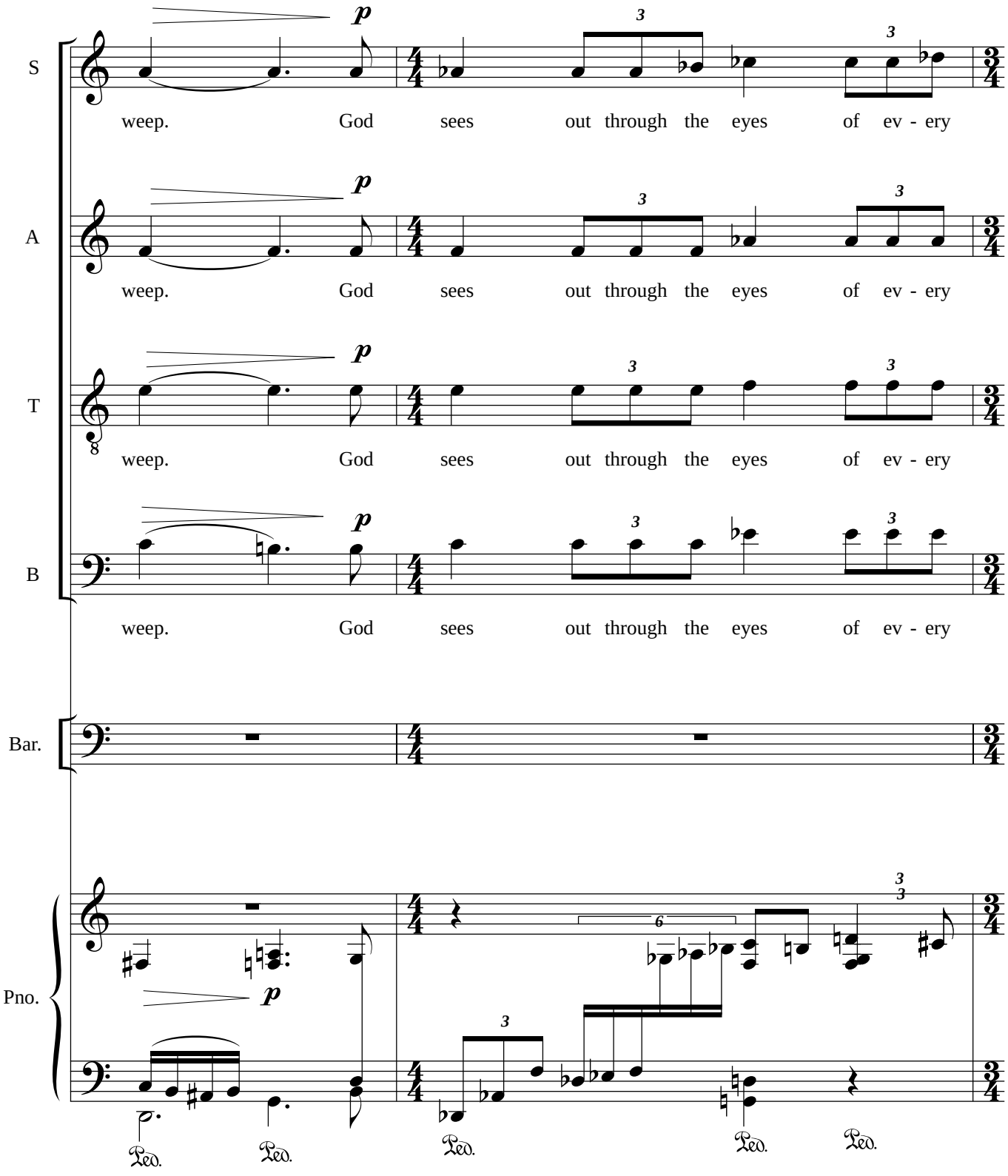
Ped.
Ped.


115
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
grieve with those who grieve. We weep with those who
We grieve with those who grieve. We weep with those who
grieve with those who grieve. We weep with those who
We grieve with those who grieve. We weep with those who
a tempo
3
Ped.


S
A
T
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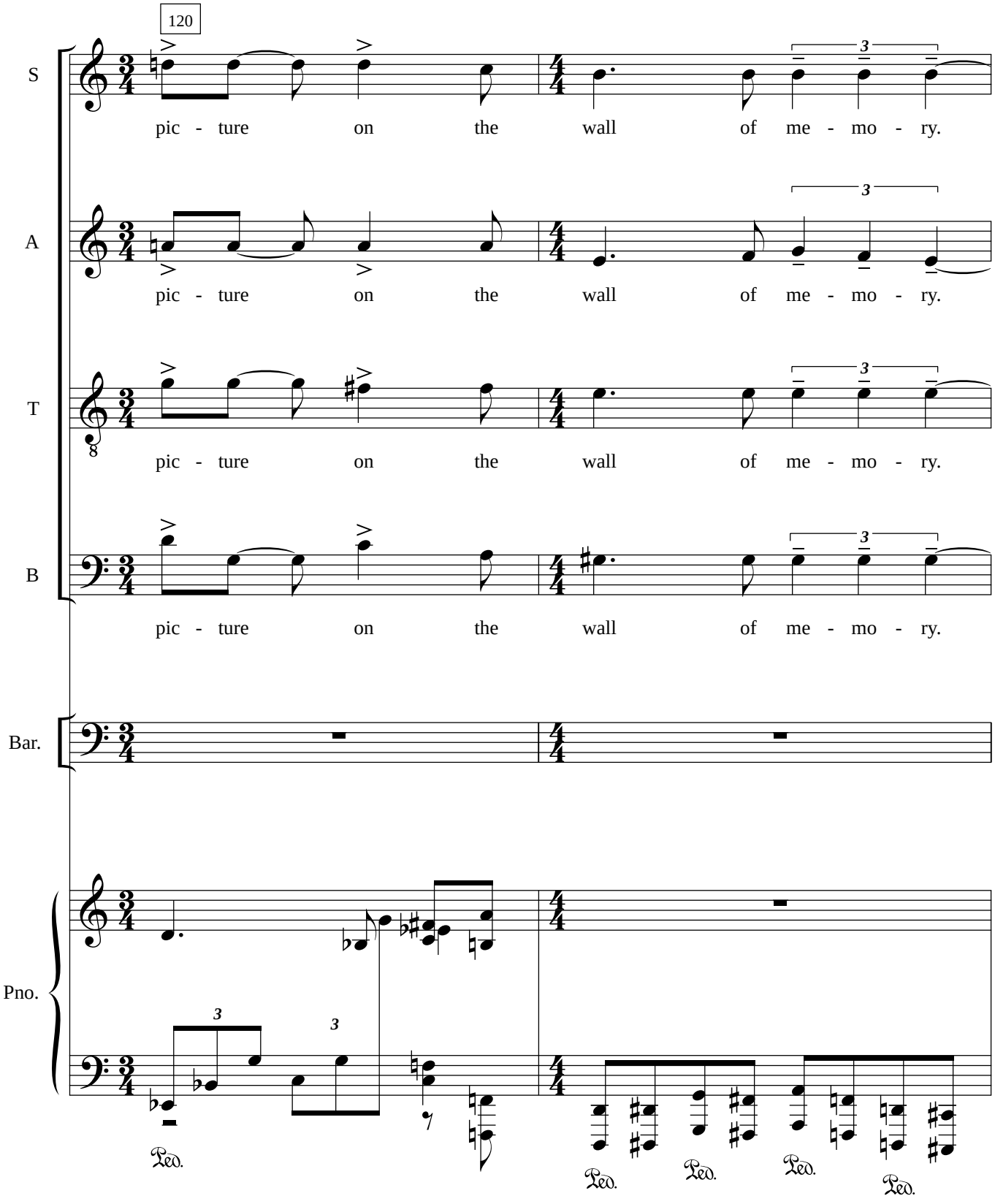
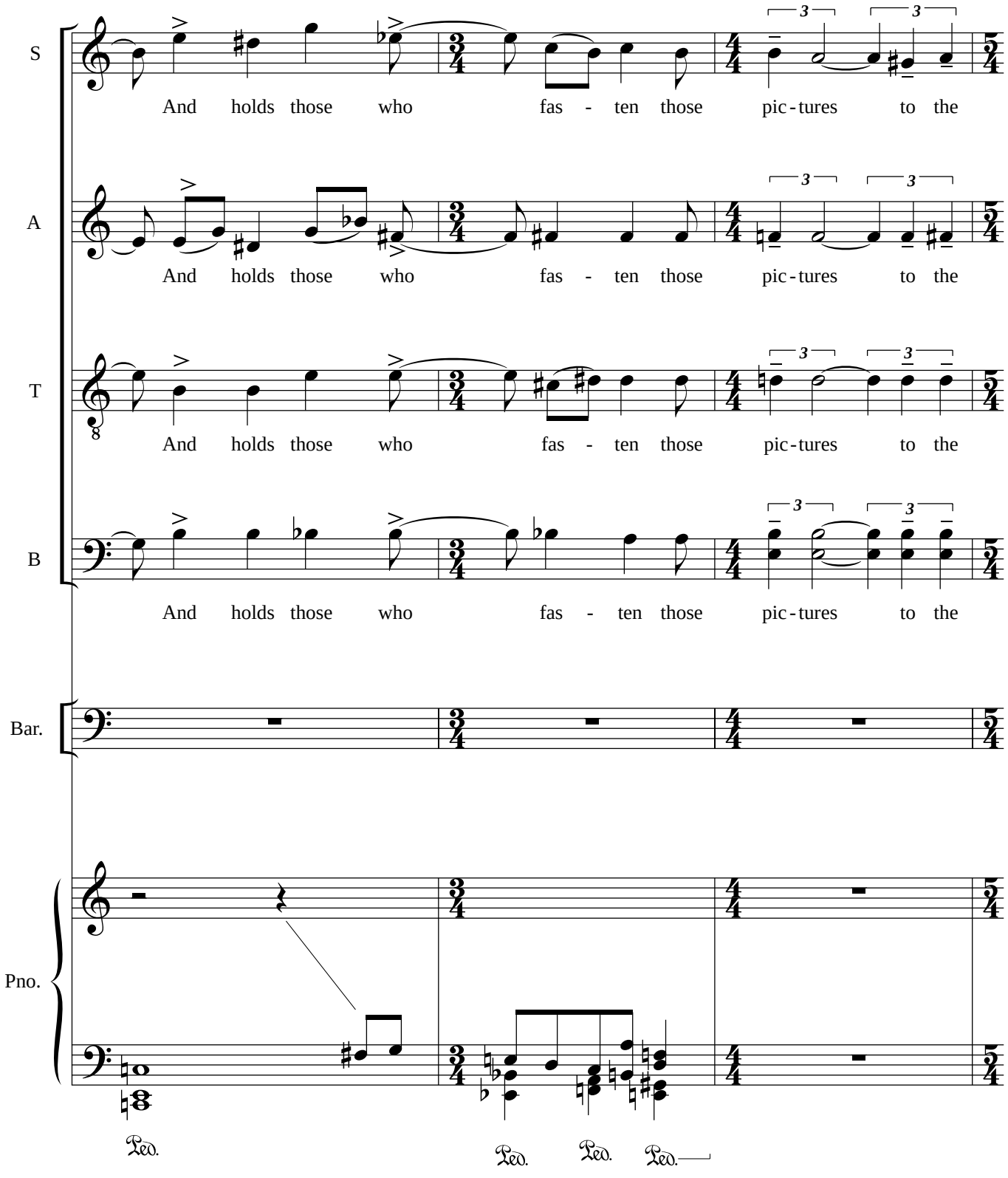
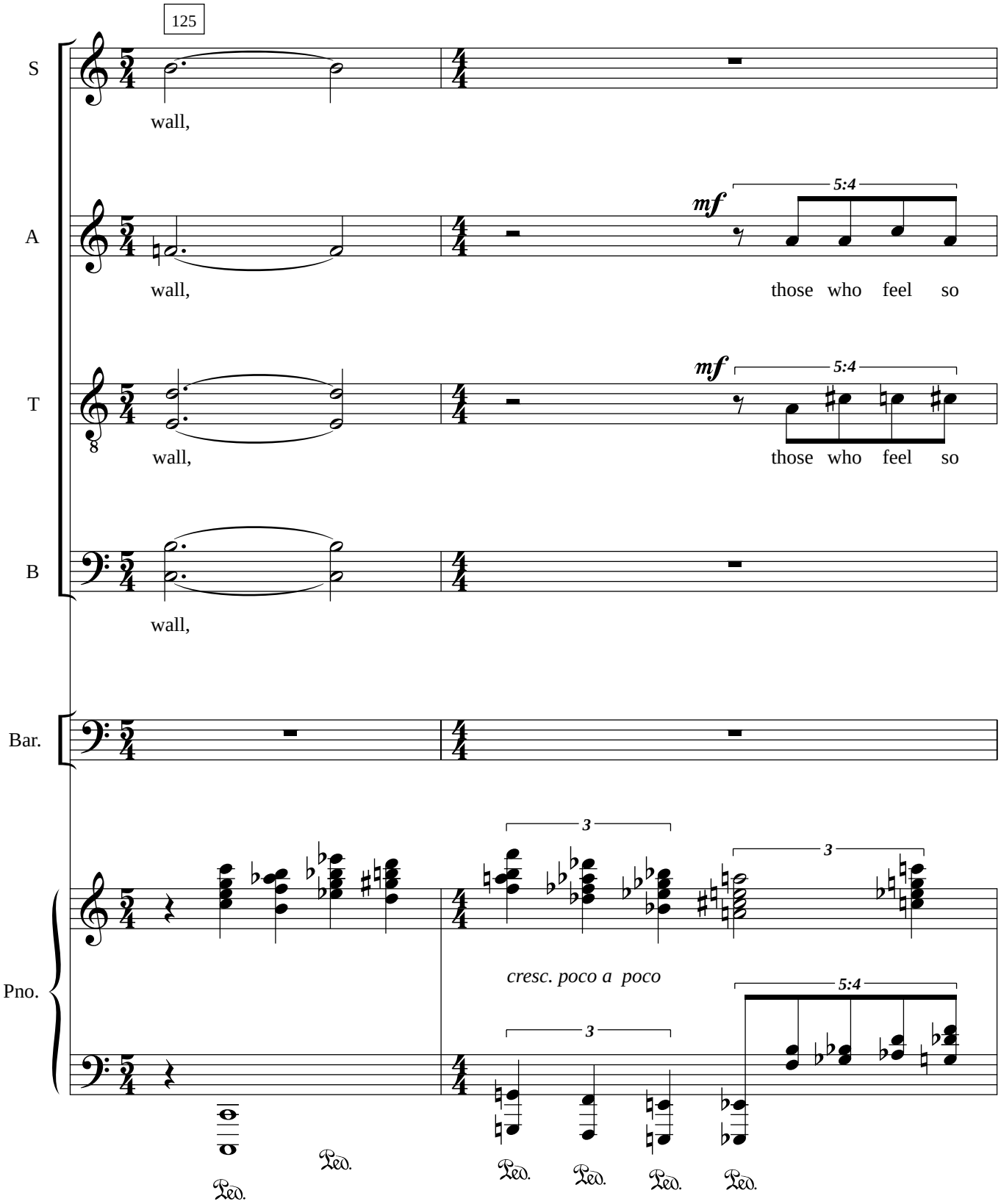
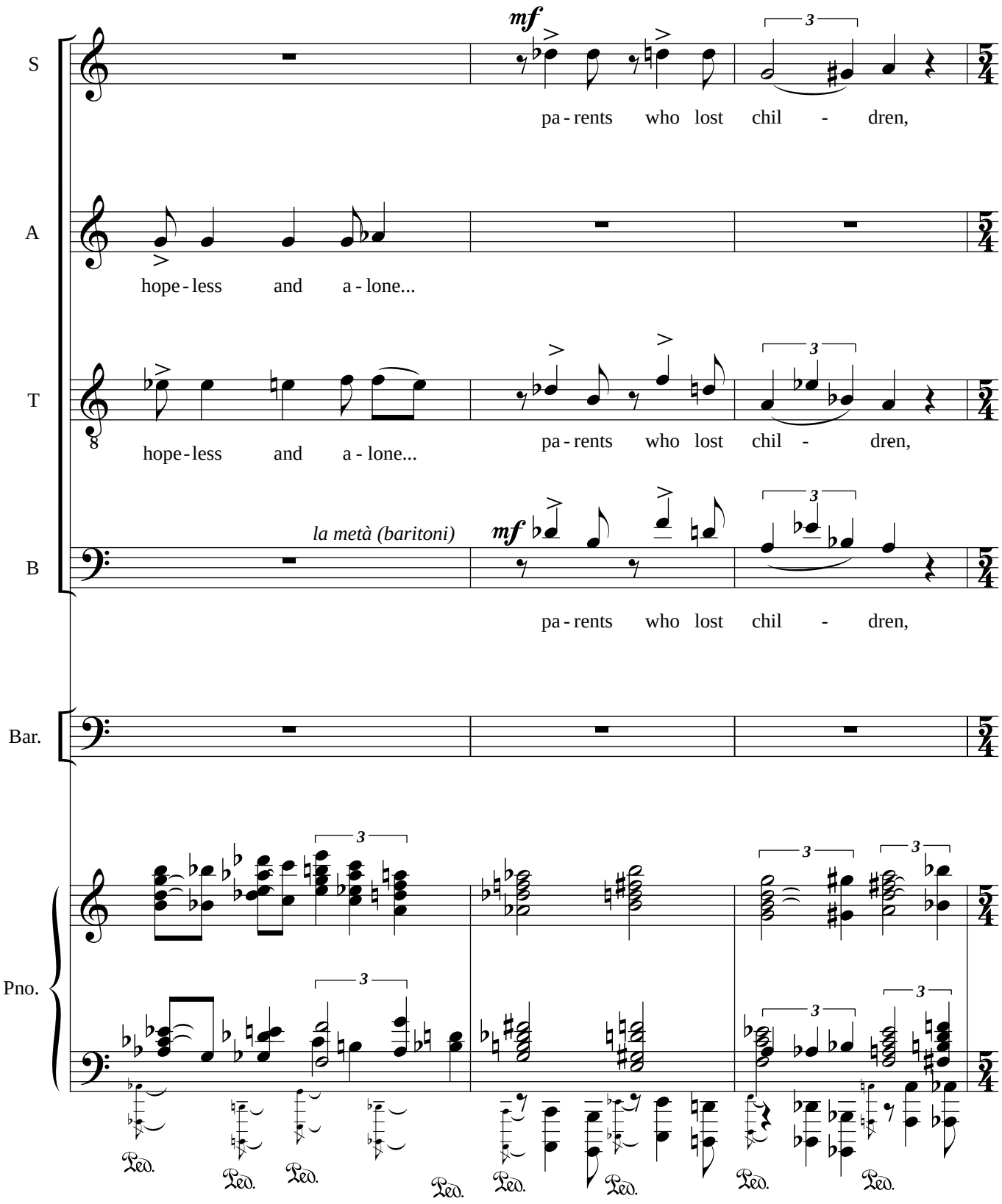
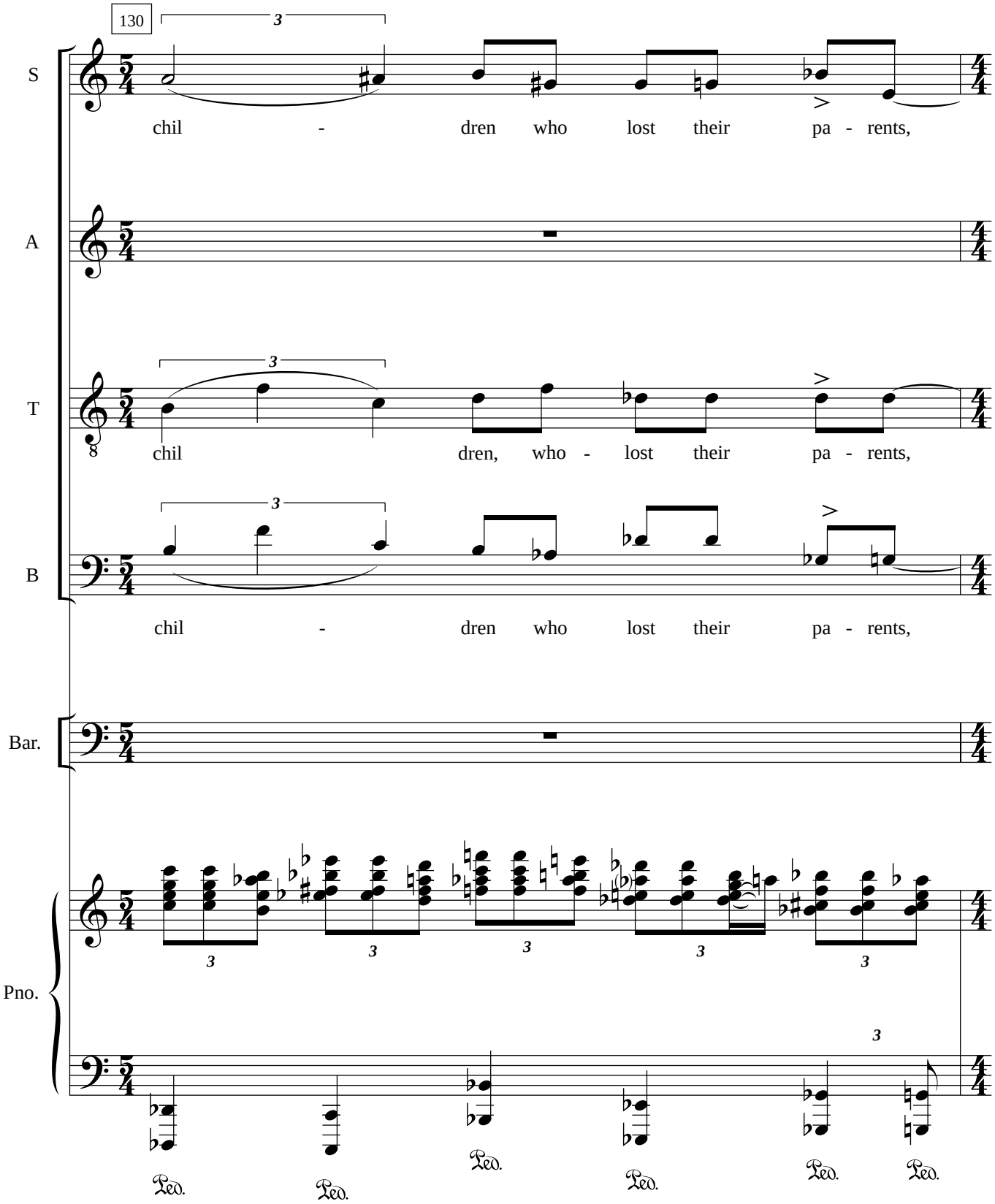
Bar.
Pno.
weep. God sees out through the eyes of ev - ery
weep. God sees out through the eyes of ev - ery
weep. God sees out through the eyes of ev - ery
weep. God sees out through the eyes of ev - ery
p
3
6
Ped.

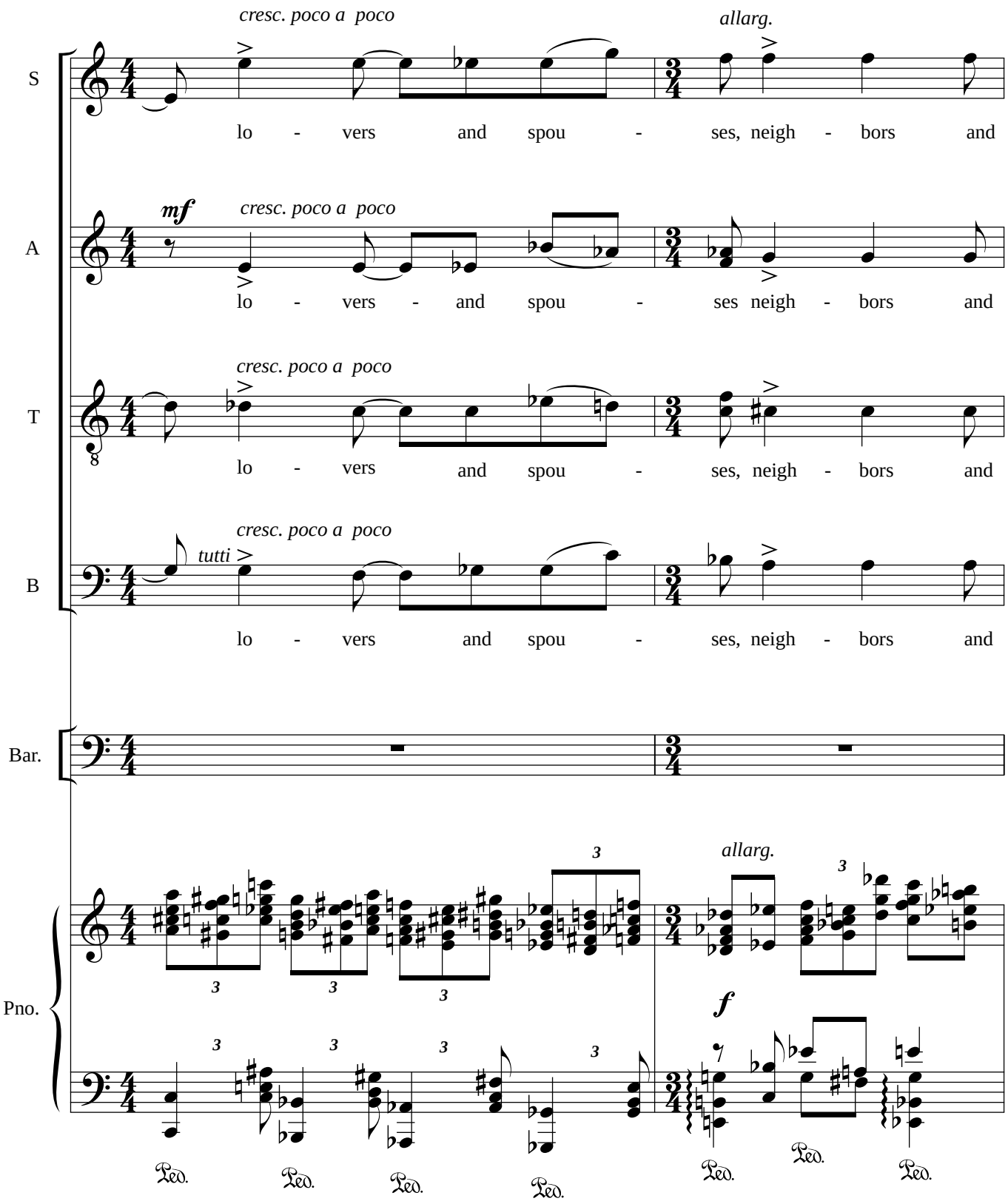

120
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
pic - ture on the wall of me - mo - ry.
pic - ture on the wall of me - mo - ry.
pic - ture on the wall of me - mo - ry.
pic - ture on the wall of me - mo - ry.
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

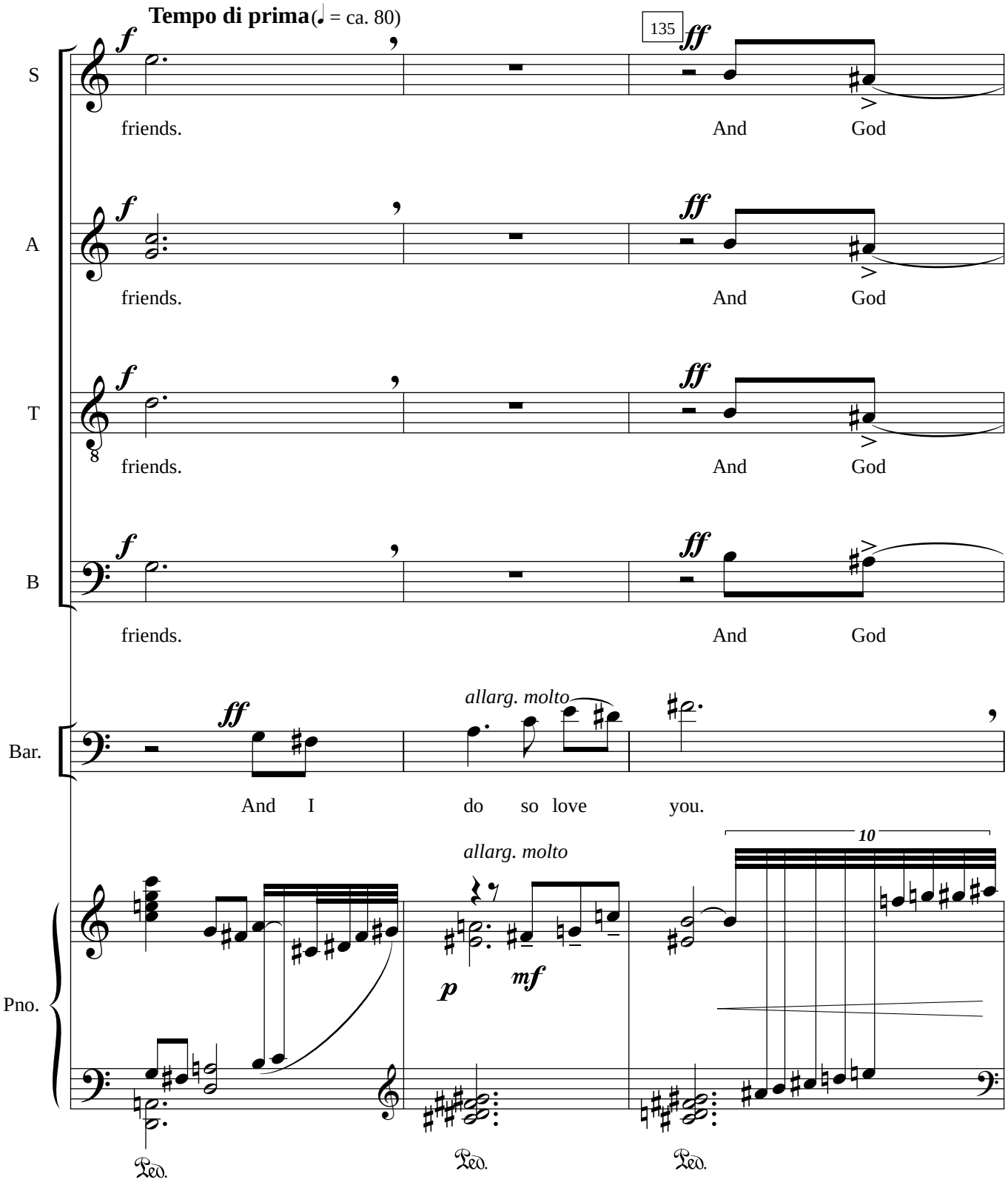

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
And holds those who fas - ten those pic-tures to the
And holds those who fas - ten those pic-tures to the
And holds those who fas - ten those pic-tures to the
And holds those who fas - ten those pic-tures to the
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

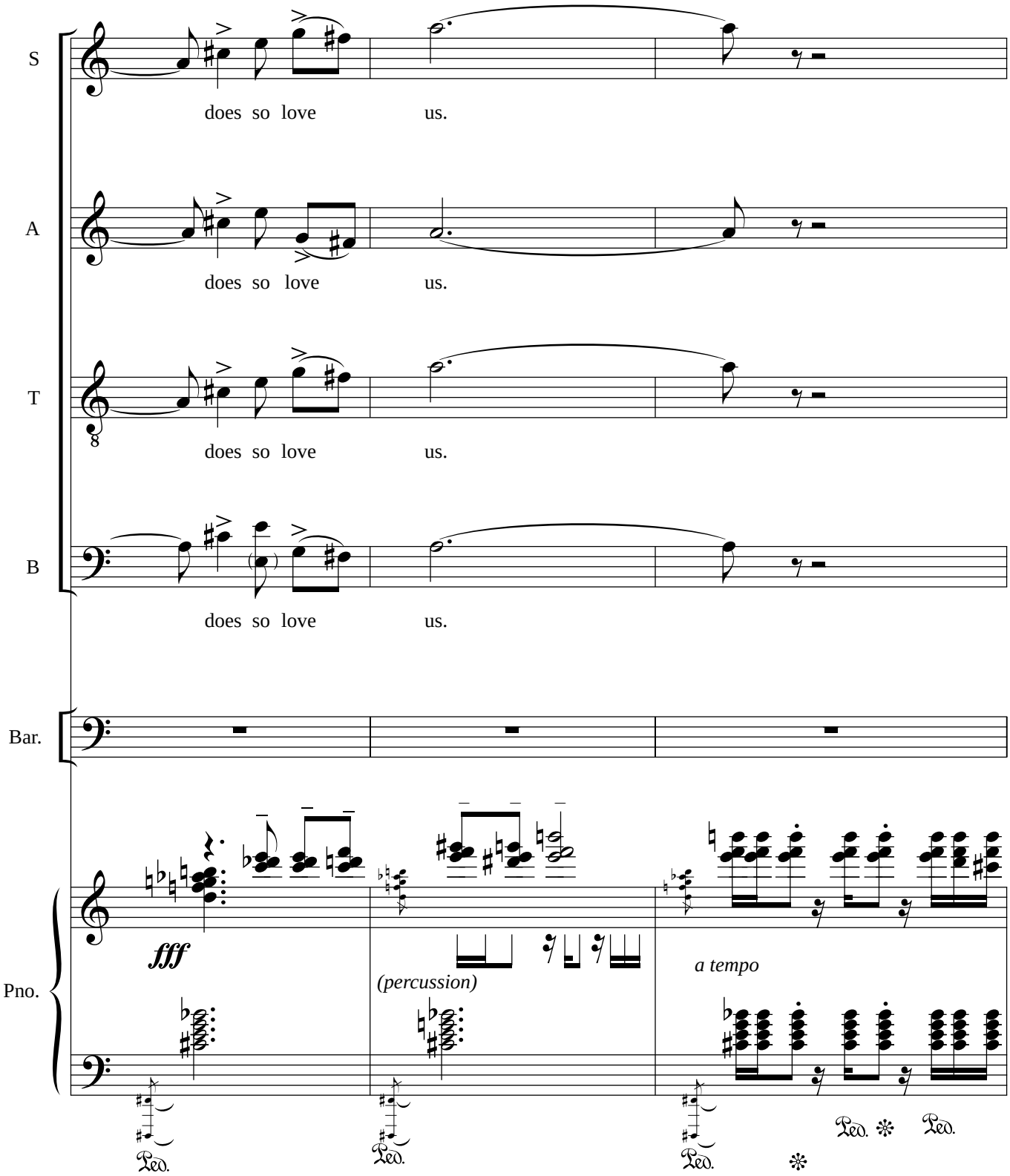

125
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
wall,
wall,
wall,
wall,
mf
5:4
those who feel so
mf
5:4
those who feel so
3
3
cresc. poco a poco
5:4
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

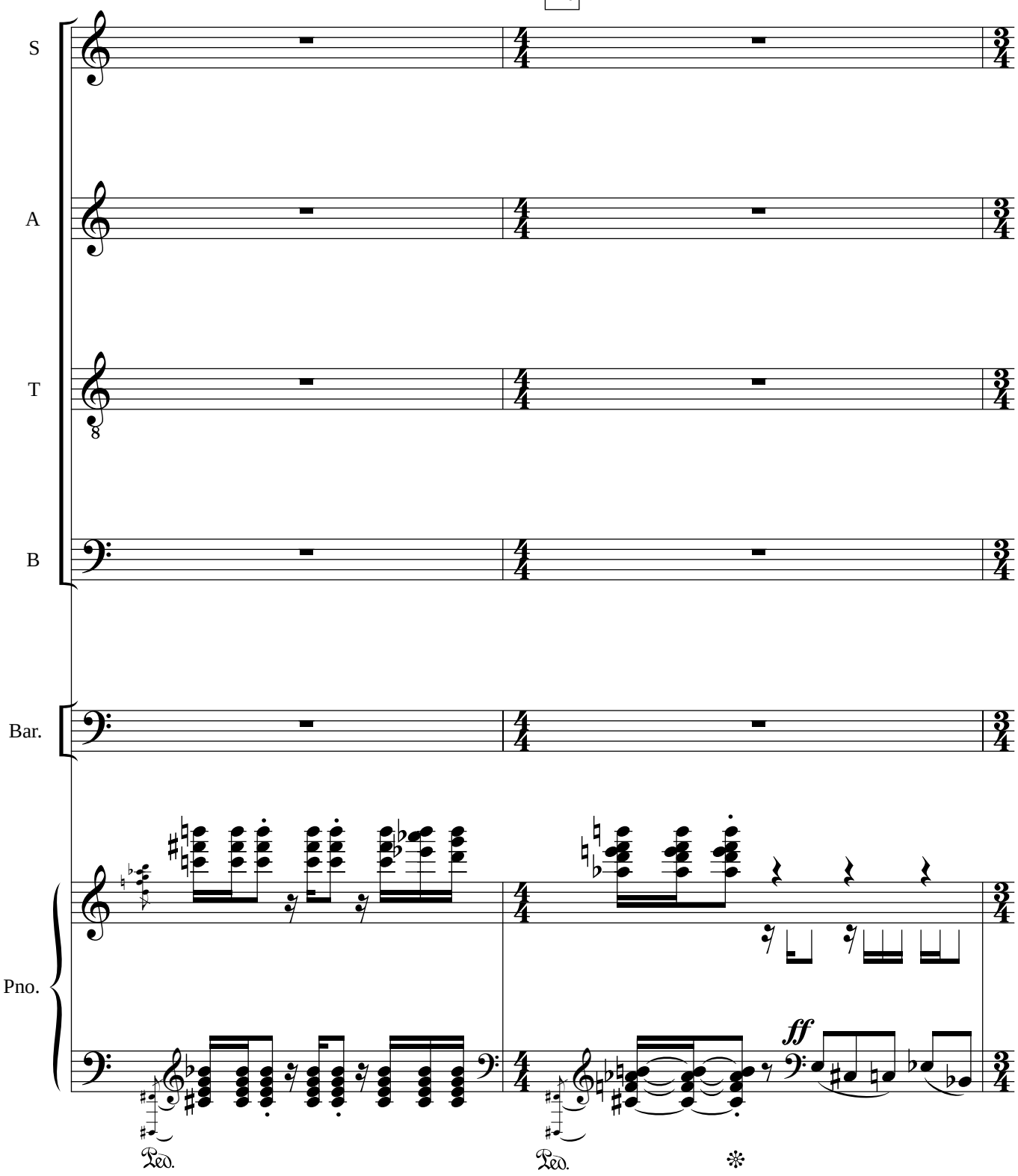

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
mf
pa - rents who lost chil - dren,
hope - less and a - lone...
hope - less and a - lone...
pa - rents who lost chil - dren,
la metà (baritoni)
mf
pa - rents who lost chil - dren,
3
Ped.

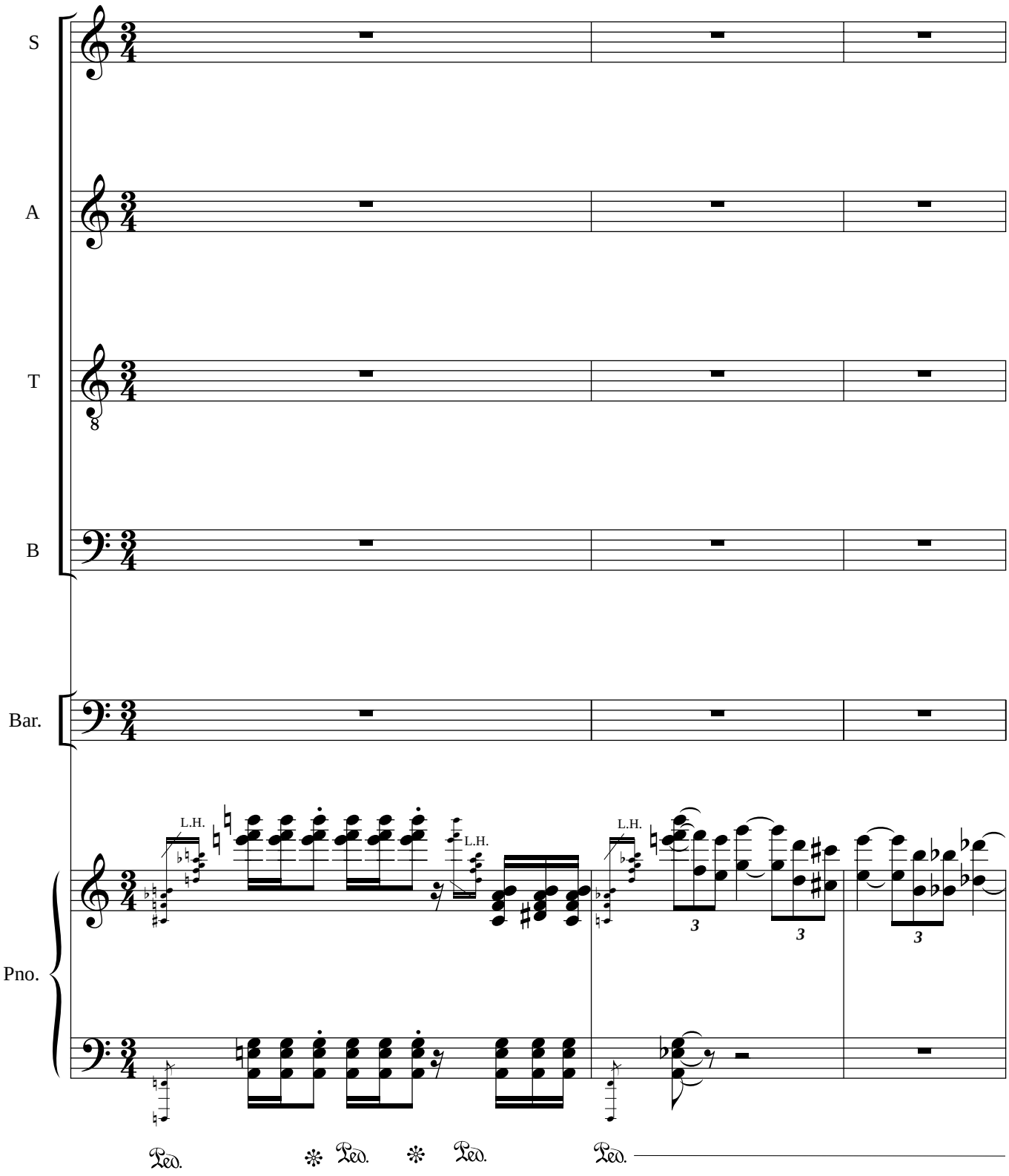

130
S
chil - dren who lost their pa - rents,
A
T
chil dren, who - lost their pa - rents,
B
chil - dren who lost their pa - rents,
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

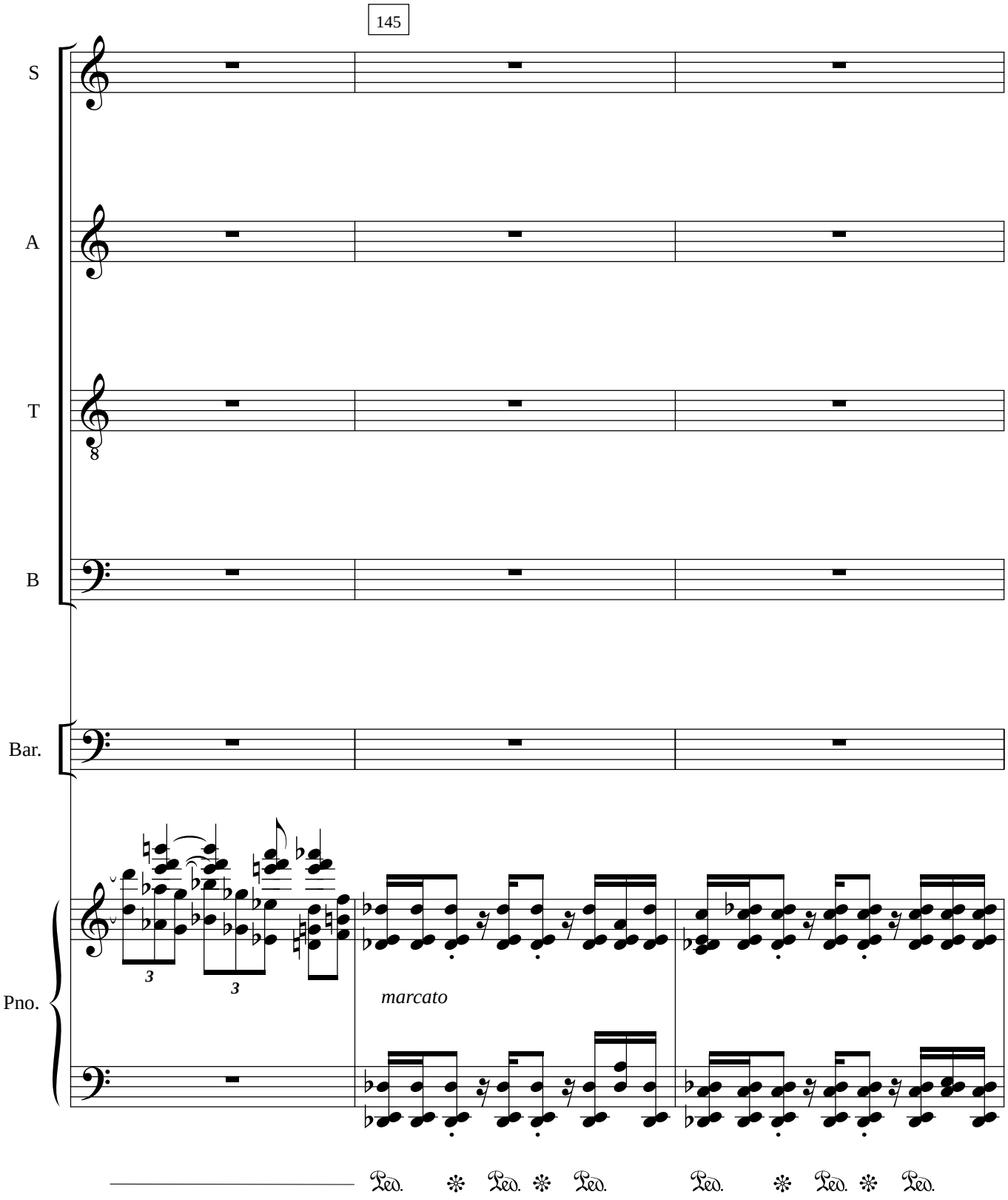

cresc. poco a poco
allarg.
S
lo - vers and spou - ses, neigh - bors and
mf
cresc. poco a poco
A
lo - vers - and spou - ses neigh - bors and
cresc. poco a poco
T
lo - vers and spou - ses, neigh - bors and
cresc. poco a poco
tutti
B
lo - vers and spou - ses, neigh - bors and
Bar.
allarg.
Pno.
f
Ped.

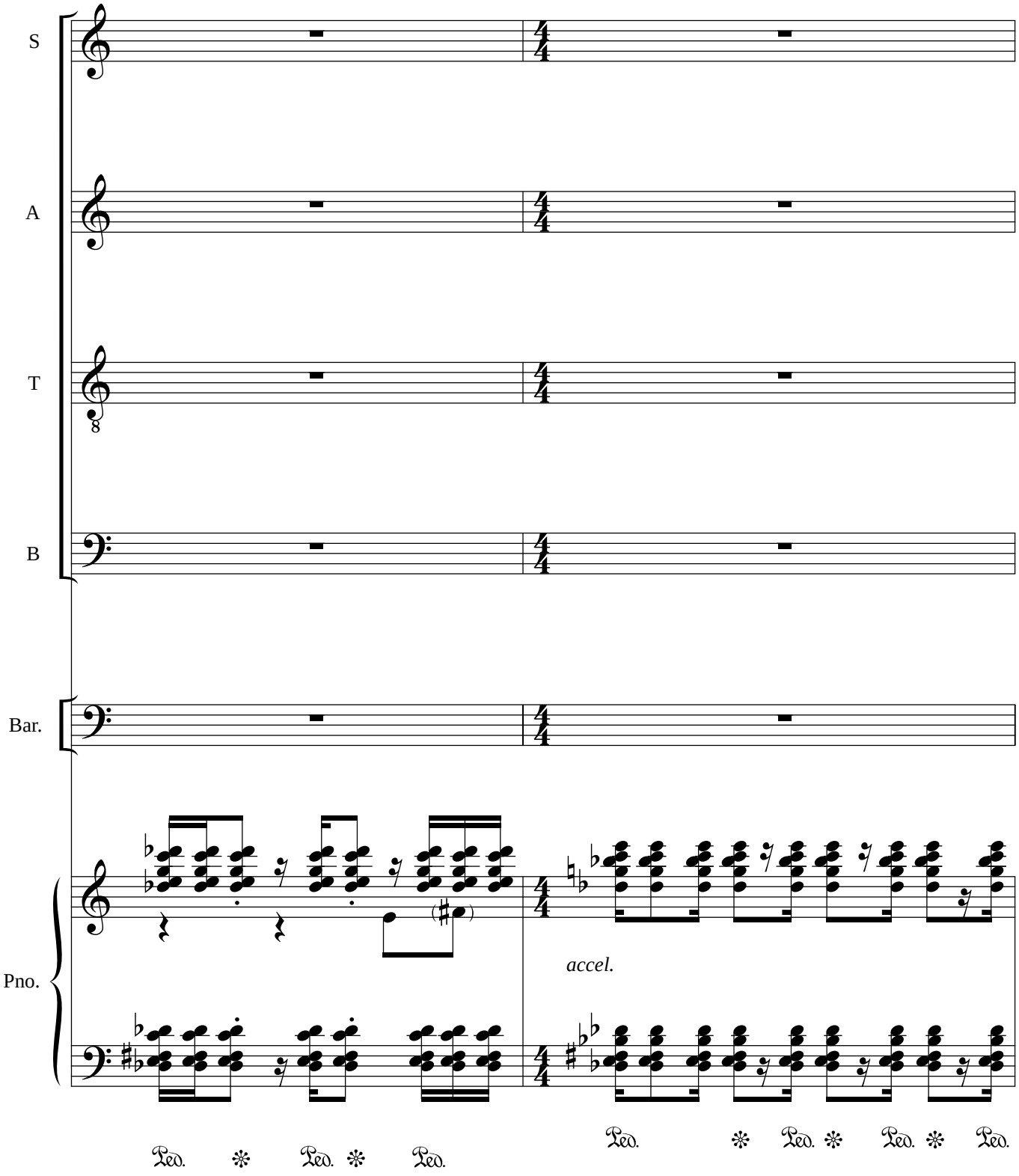

Tempo di prima (♩ = ca. 80)
135
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
f
ff
friends.
And
God
allarg. molto
And I do so love you.
p
mf
10
Ped.

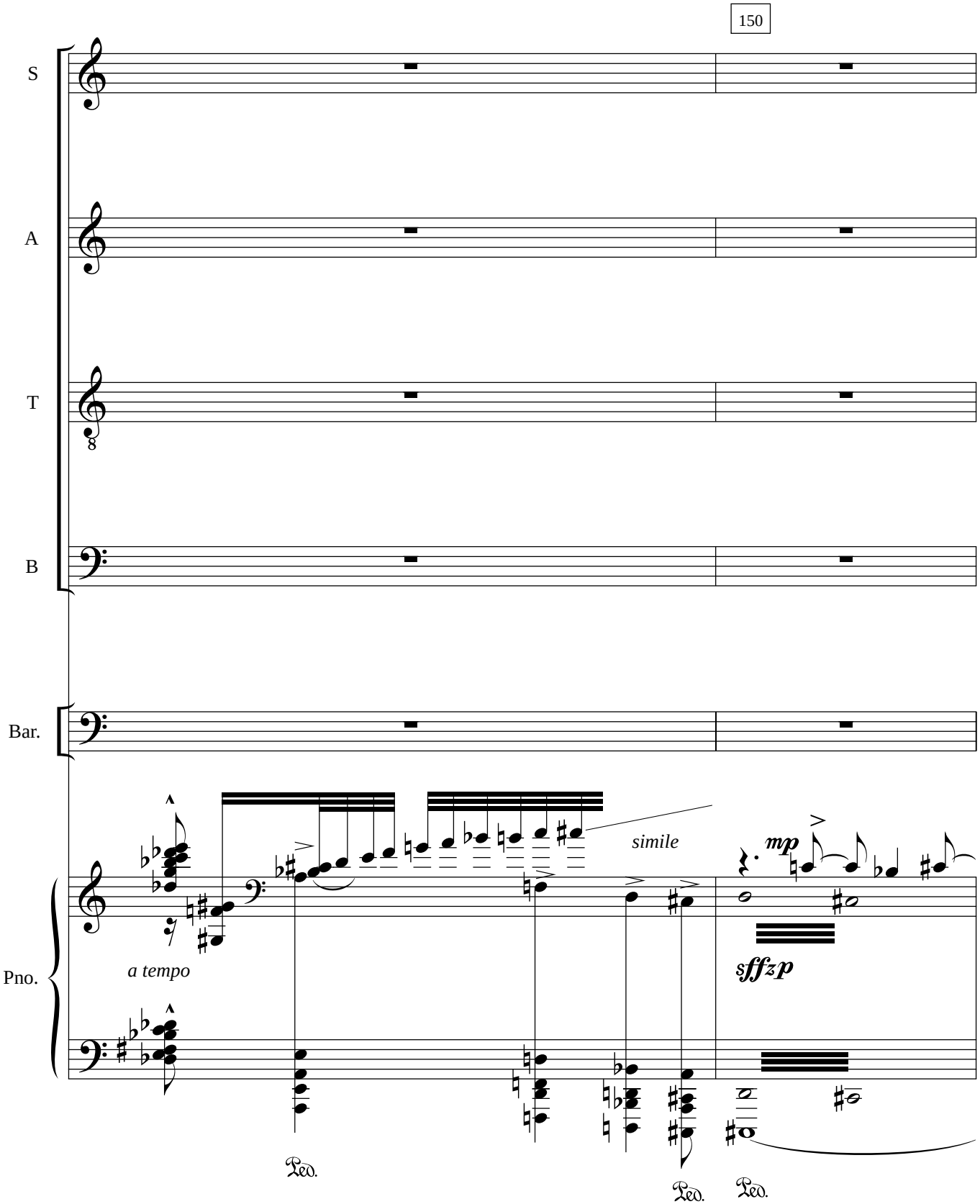

S
does so love us.
A
does so love us.
T
does so love us.
B
does so love us.
Bar.
Pno.
fff
(percussion)
a tempo
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

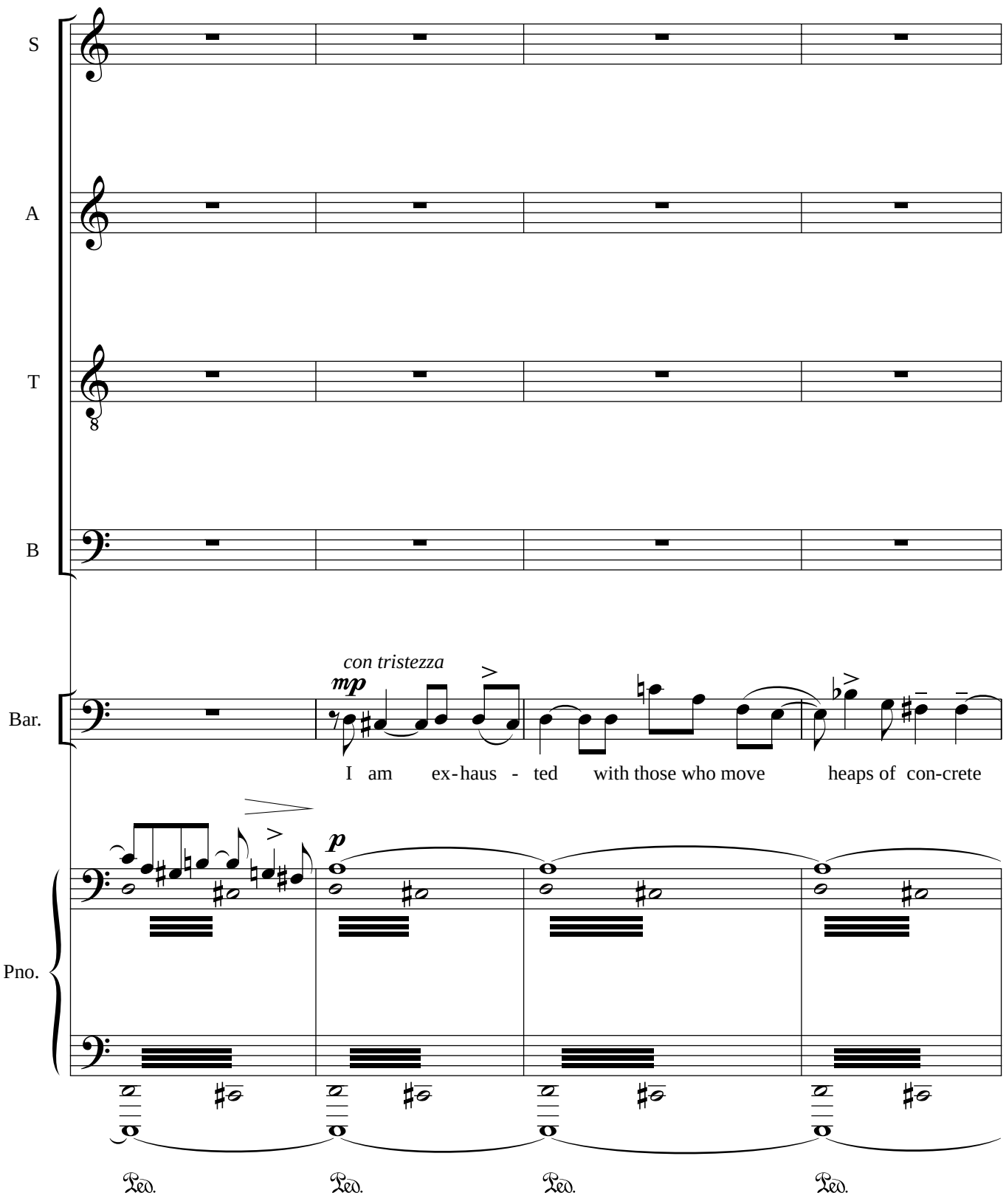

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
ff
Ped.
Ped.

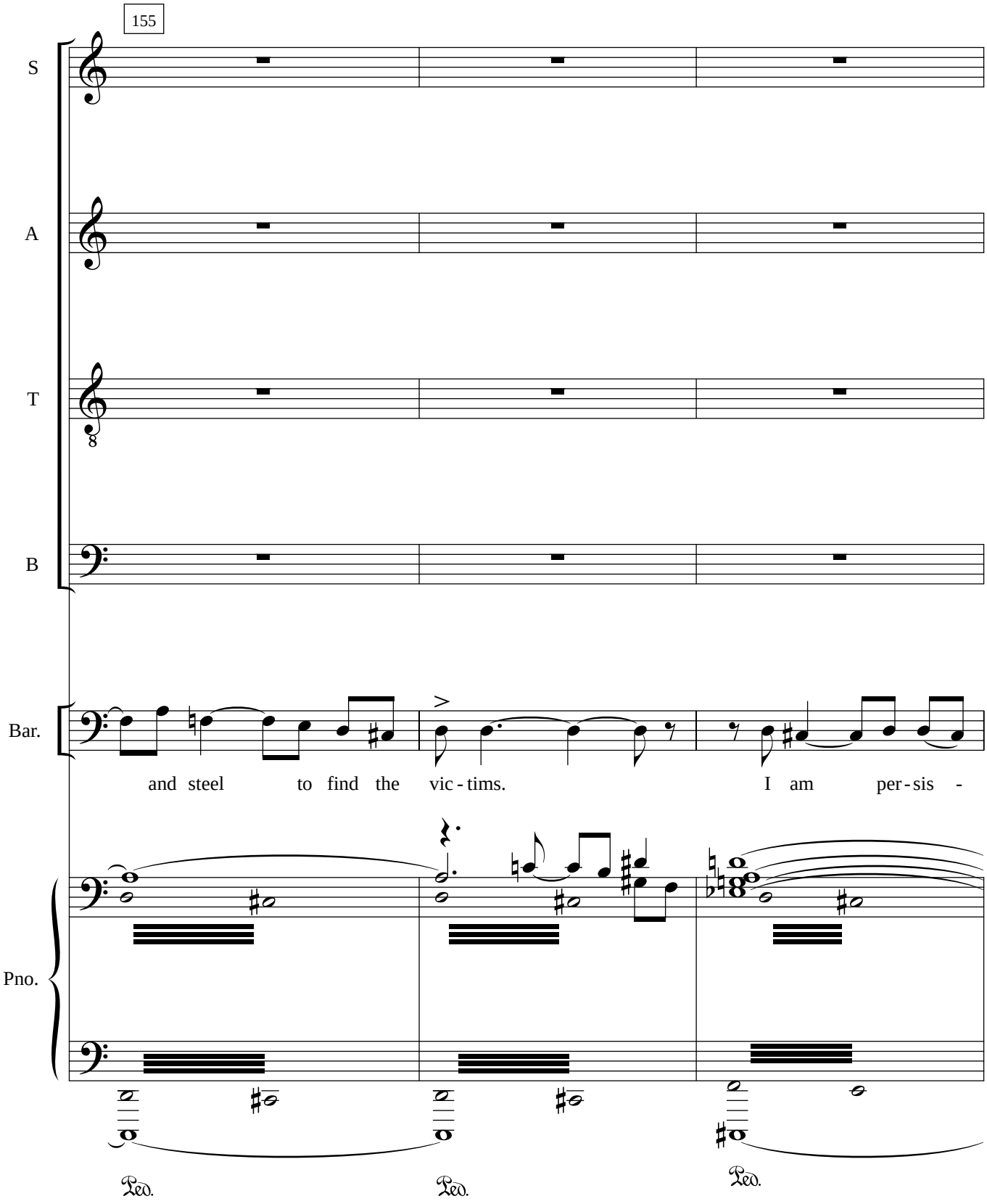

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
L.H.
L.H.
L.H.
3
3
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

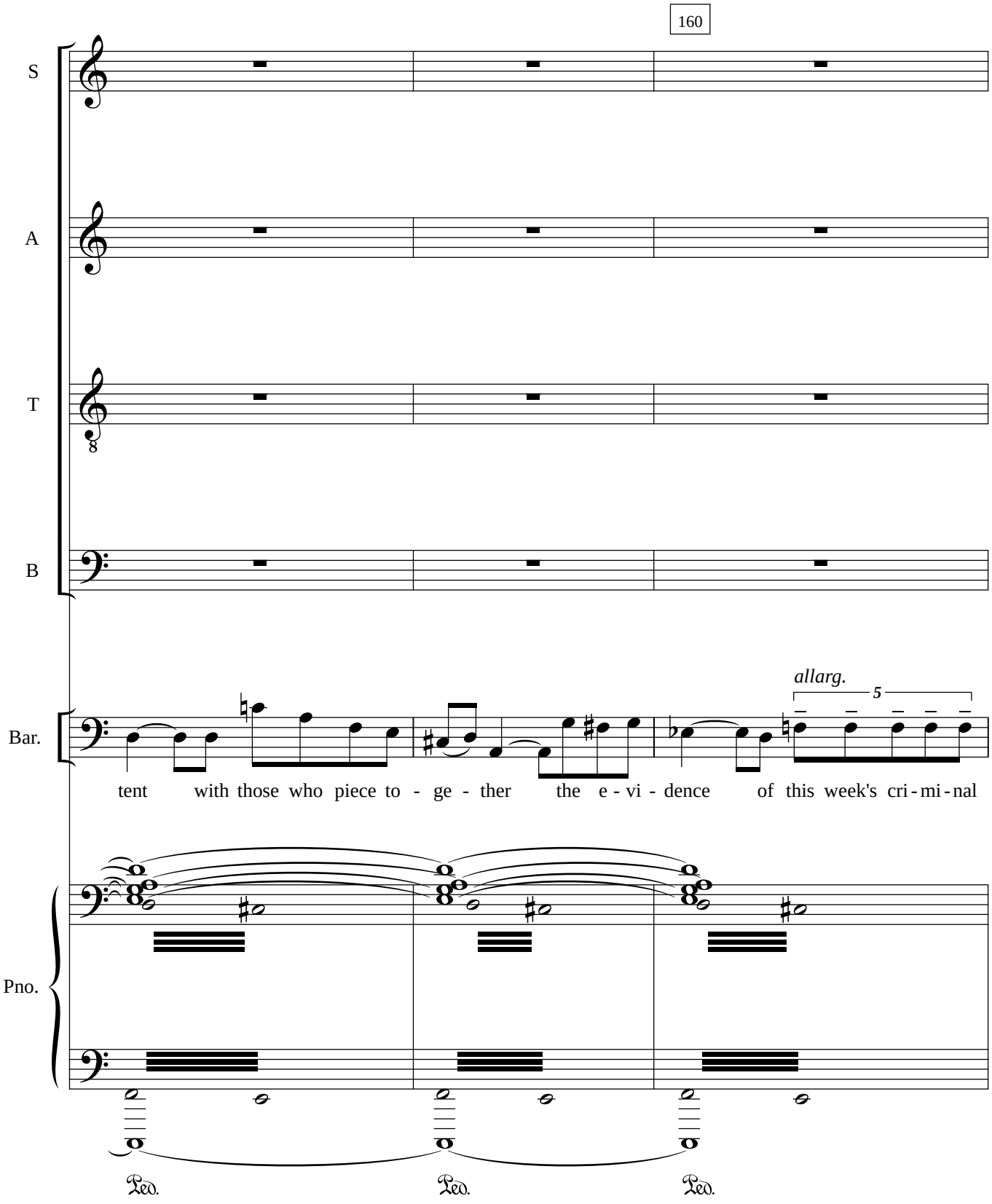

145
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
3
3
marcato
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

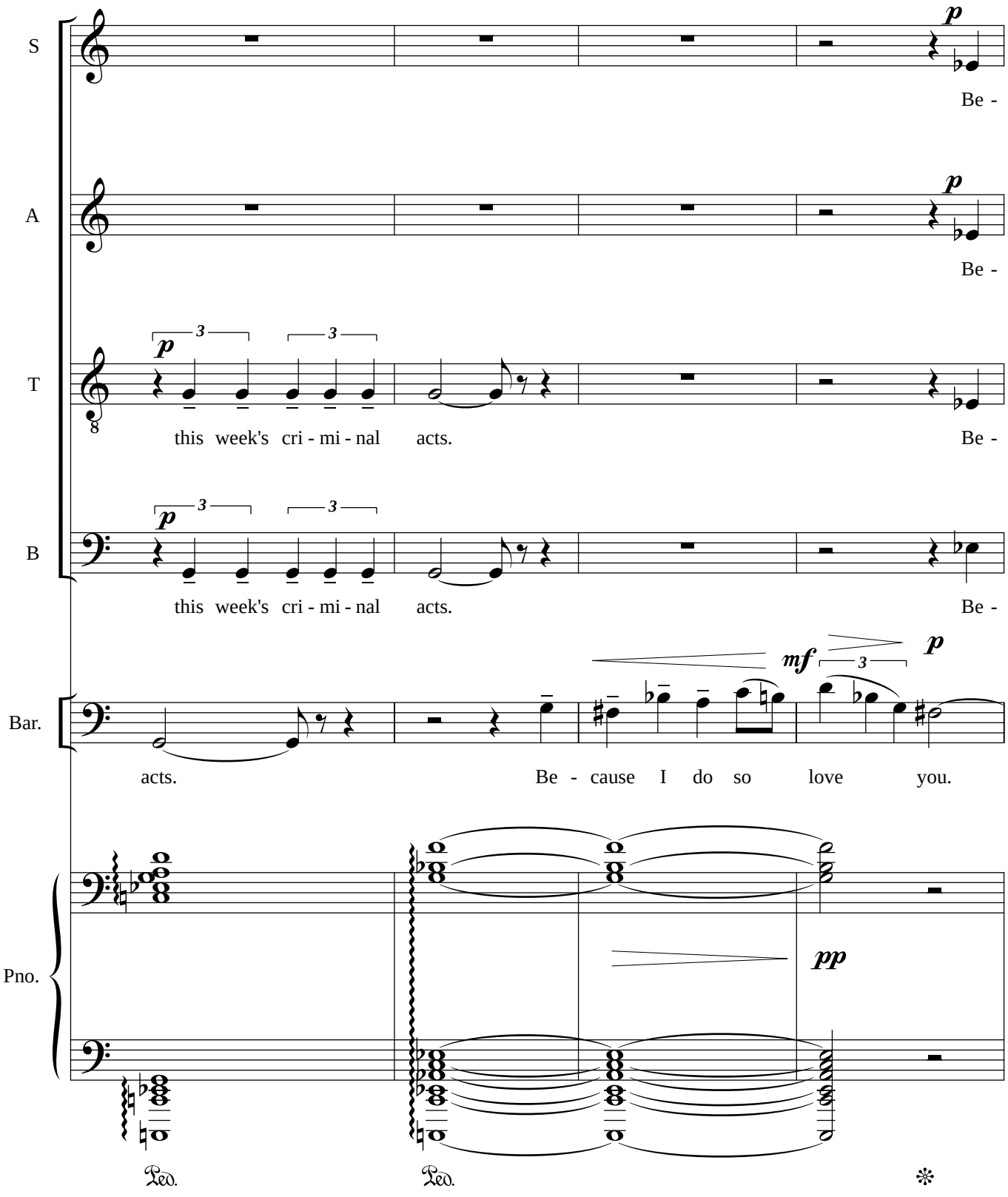

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
accel.

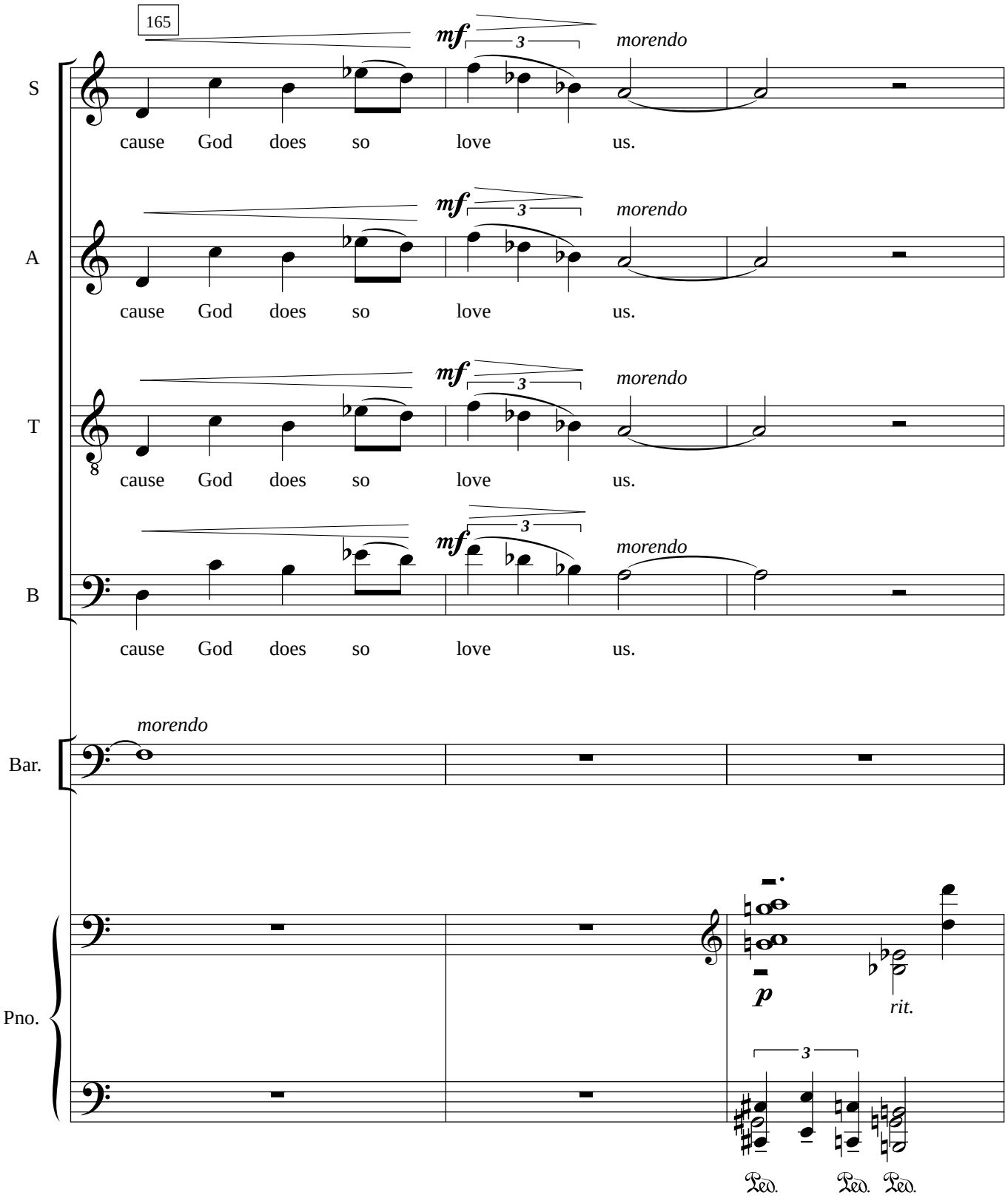

150
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
a tempo
simile
mp
sffzp
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

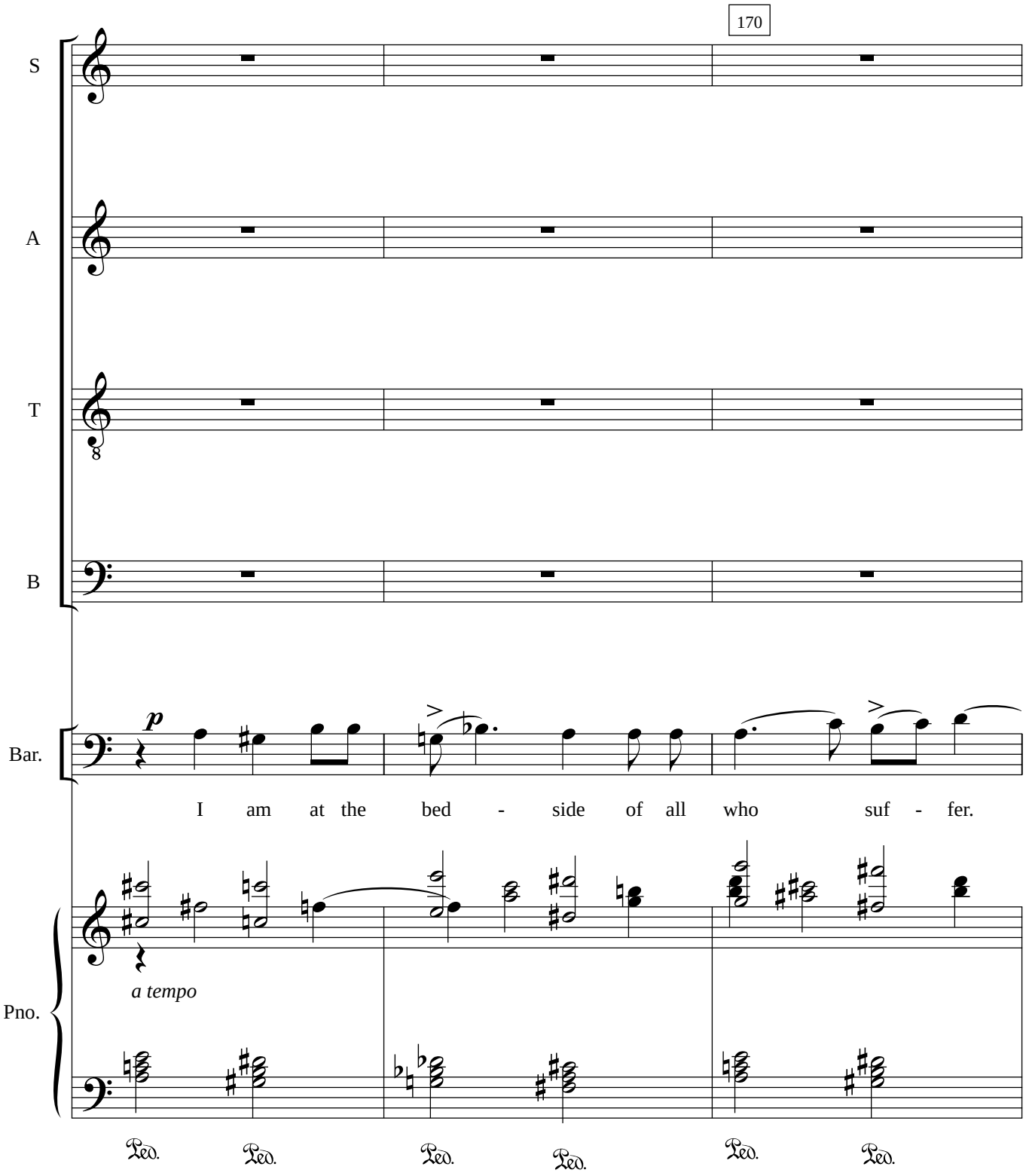

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
con tristezza
mp
I am ex-haus - ted with those who move heaps of con-crete
p
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

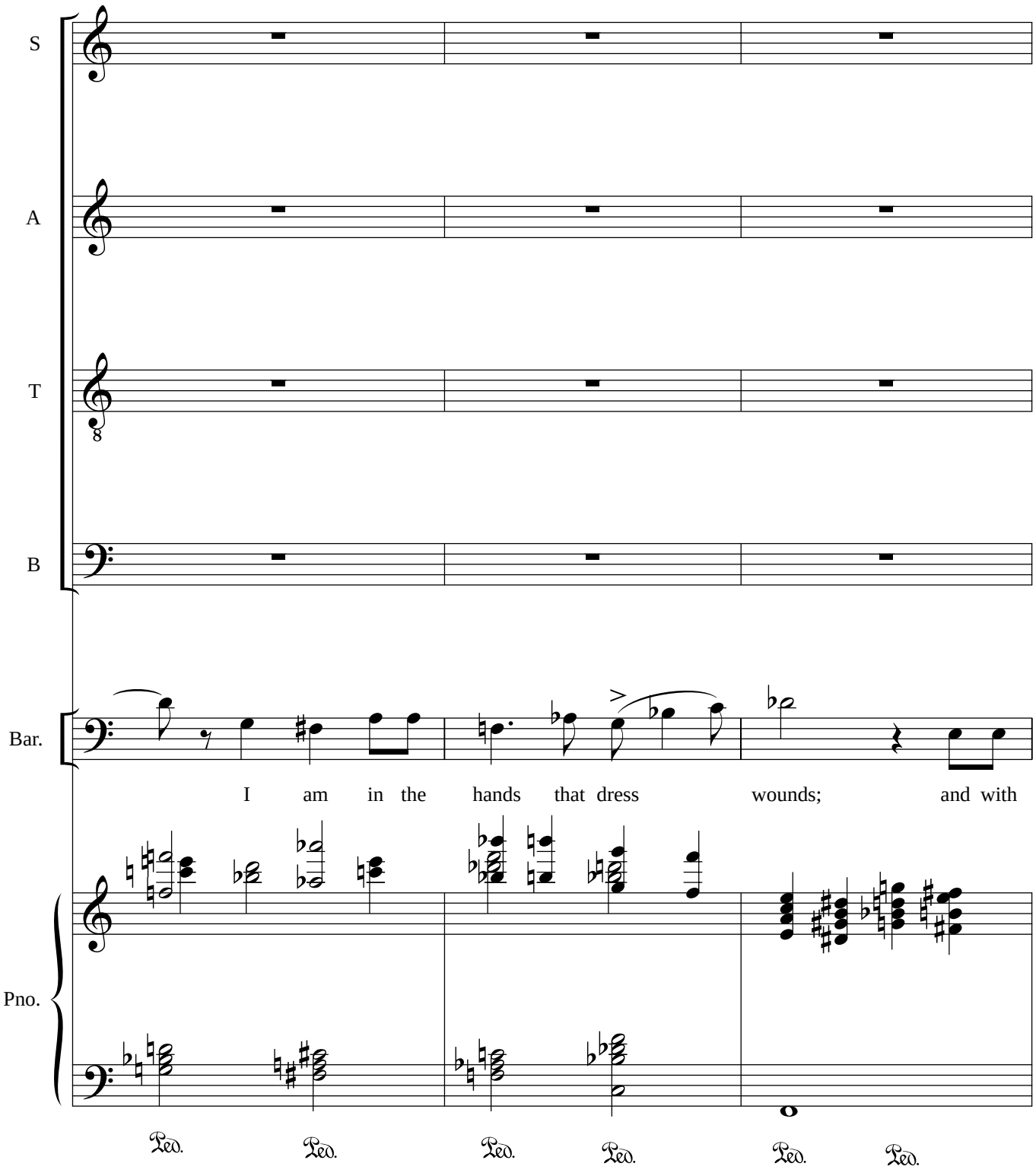

155
S
A
T
B
Bar.
and steel to find the vic - tims. I am per - sis -
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

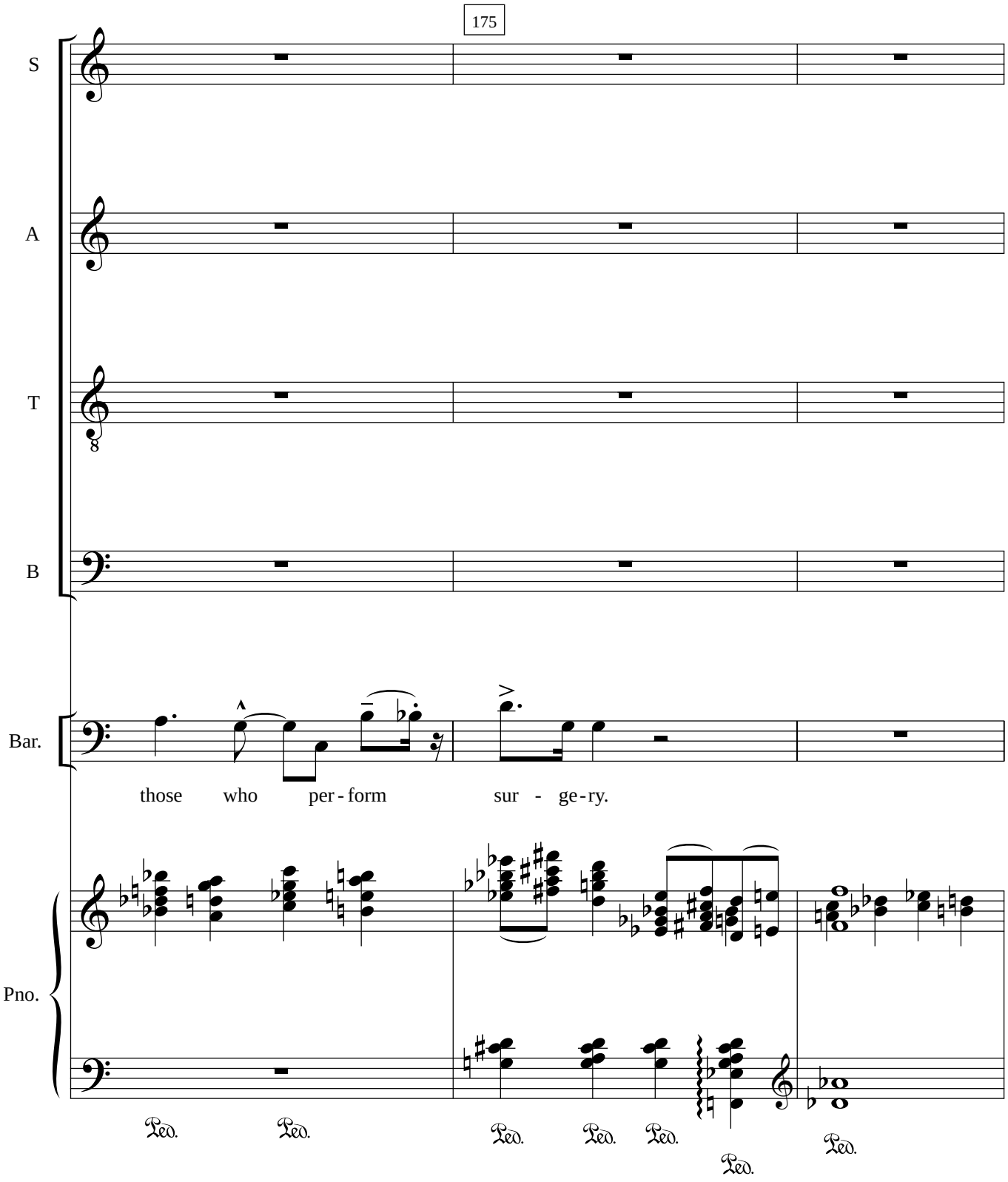

160
S
A
T
B
Bar.
allarg.
5
tent with those who piece to - ge - ther the e - vi - dence of this week's cri - mi - nal
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

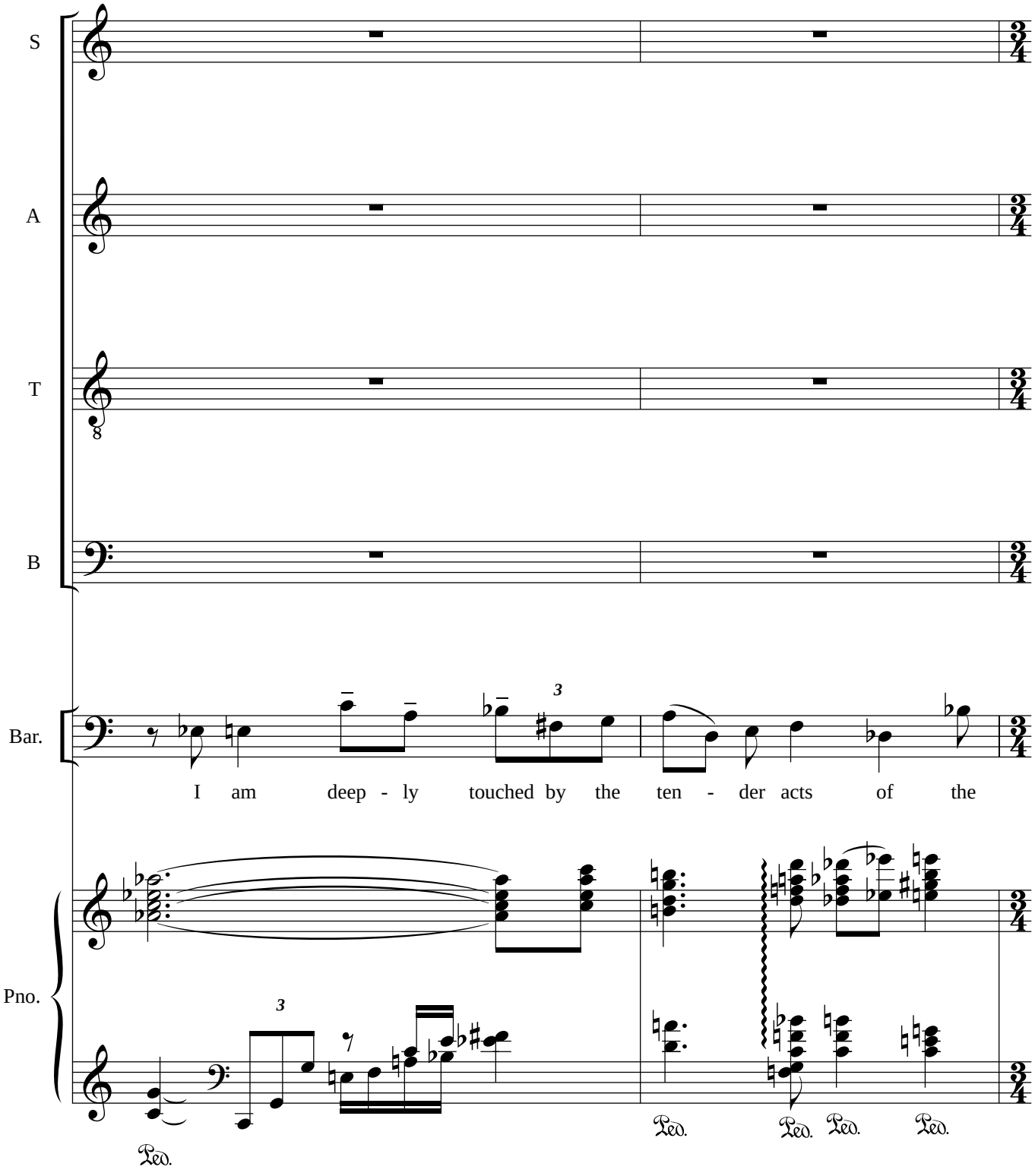

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
p
Be -
p
Be -
p
3
3
this week's cri - mi - nal acts.
Be -
p
3
3
this week's cri - mi - nal acts.
Be -
mf
3
p
acts.
Be - cause I do so love you.
pp
Ped.
Ped.
*

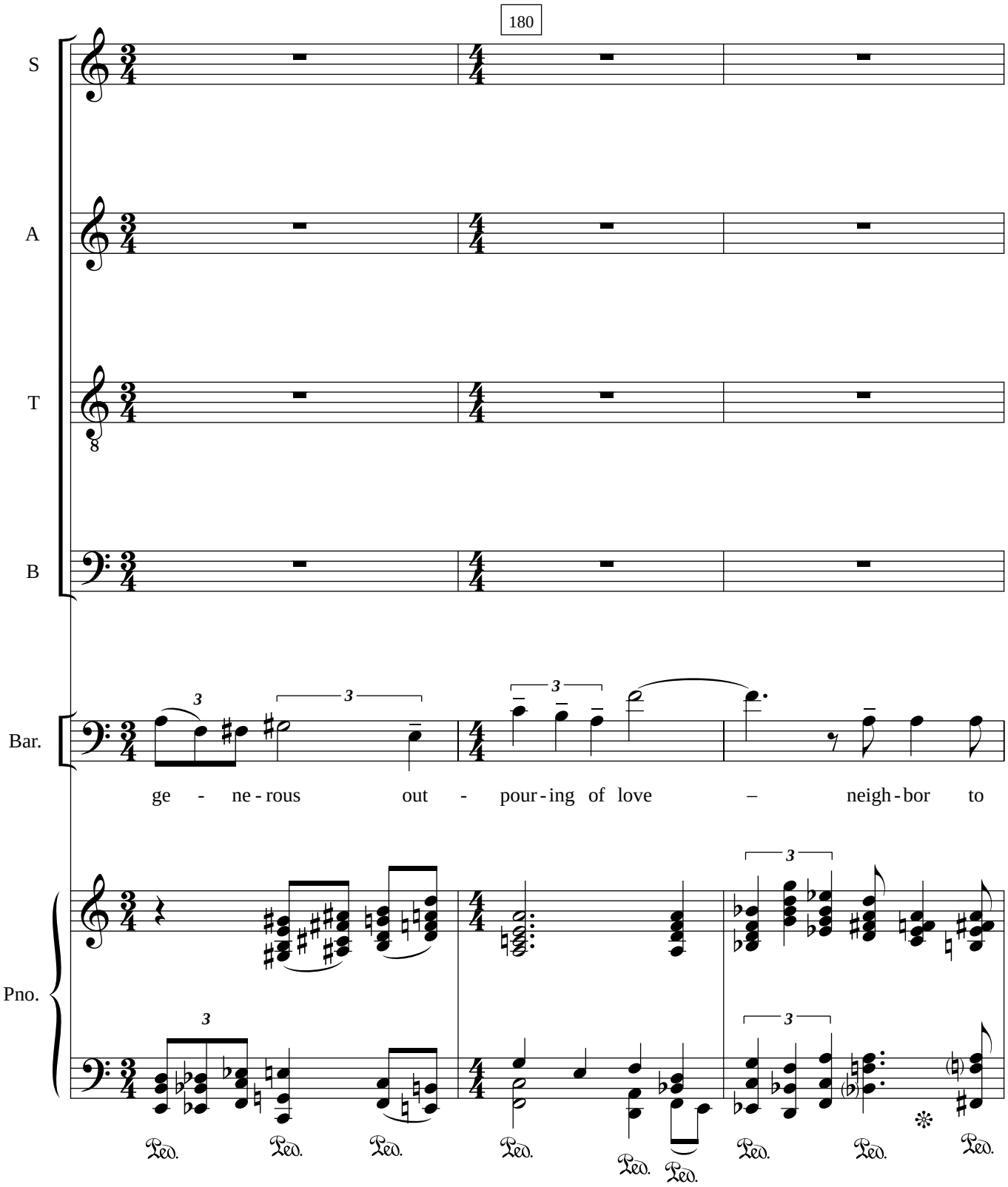

165
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
mf
morendo
cause God does so love us.
morendo
p
rit.
Ped. Ped. Ped.

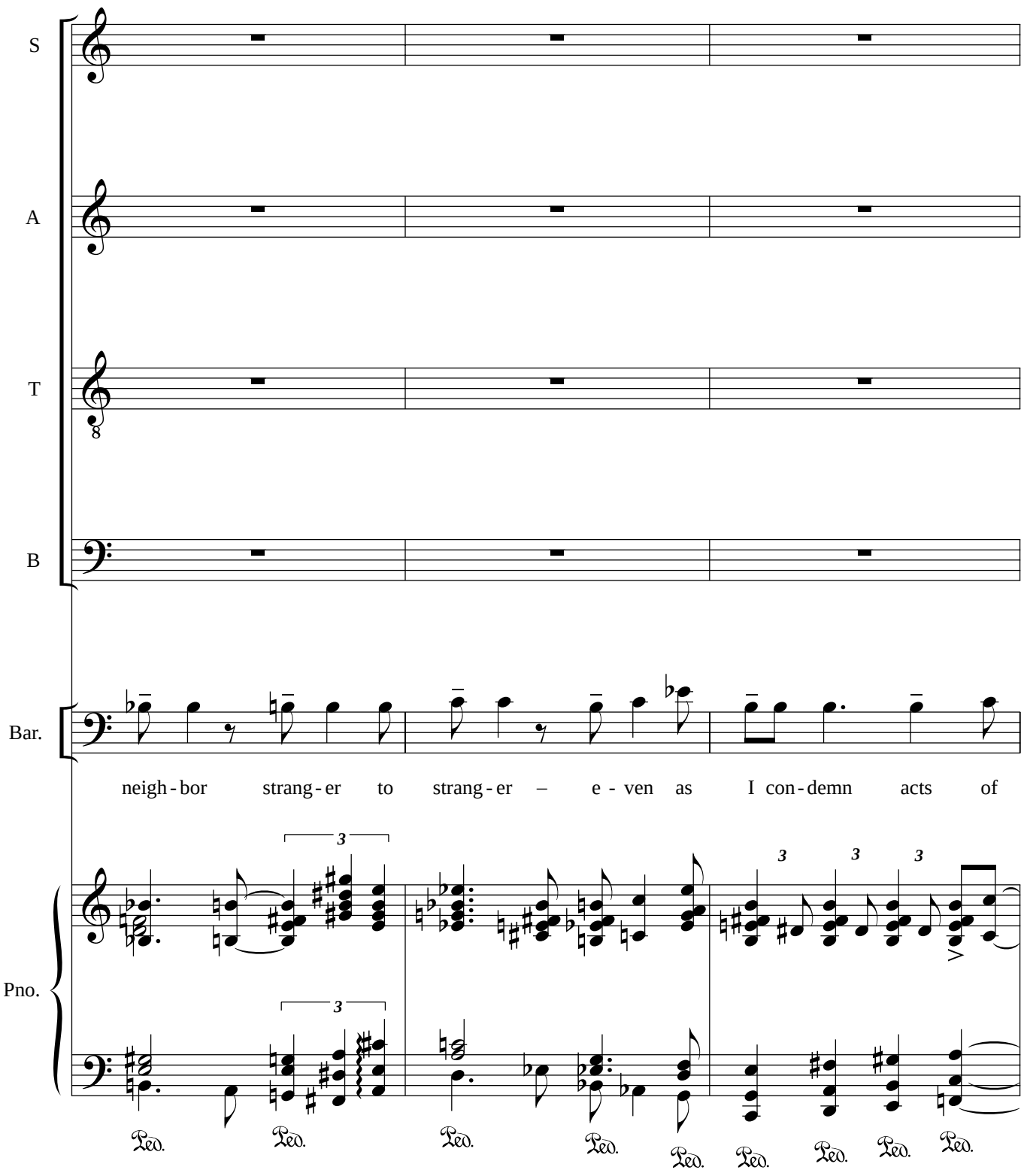

170
S
A
T
B
Bar.
p
I am at the bed - side of all who suf - fer.
Pno.
a tempo
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
I am in the hands that dress wounds; and with
Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


175
S
A
T
B
Bar.
those who per - form sur - ge - ry.
Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
I am deep - ly touched by the ten - der acts of the
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


180
S
A
T
B
Bar.
ge - ne - rous out - pour - ing of love – neigh - bor to
Pno.
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
neigh - bor strang - er to strang - er – e - ven as I con - demn acts of
Pno.
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Ped.
Ped.
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Ped.
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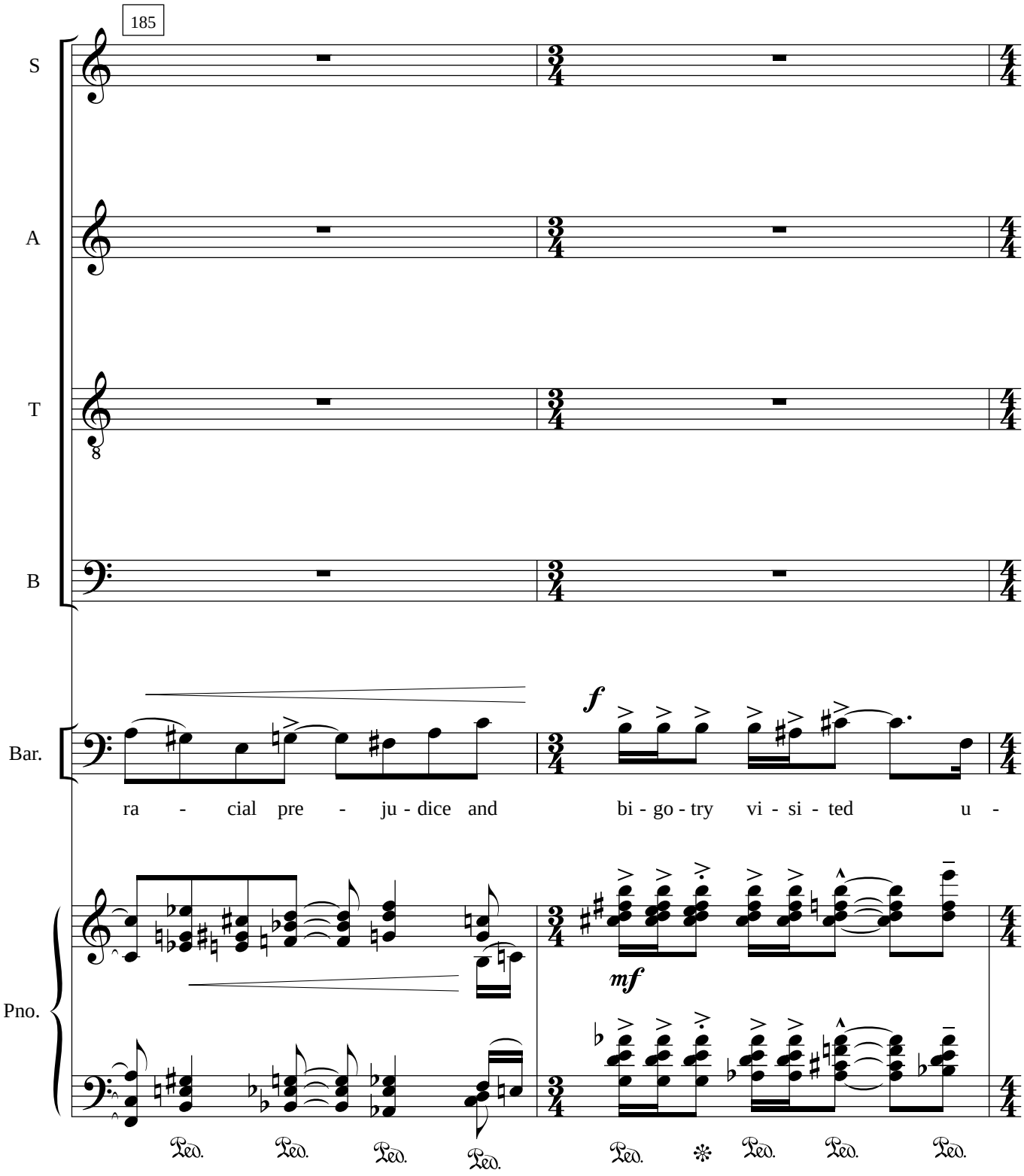
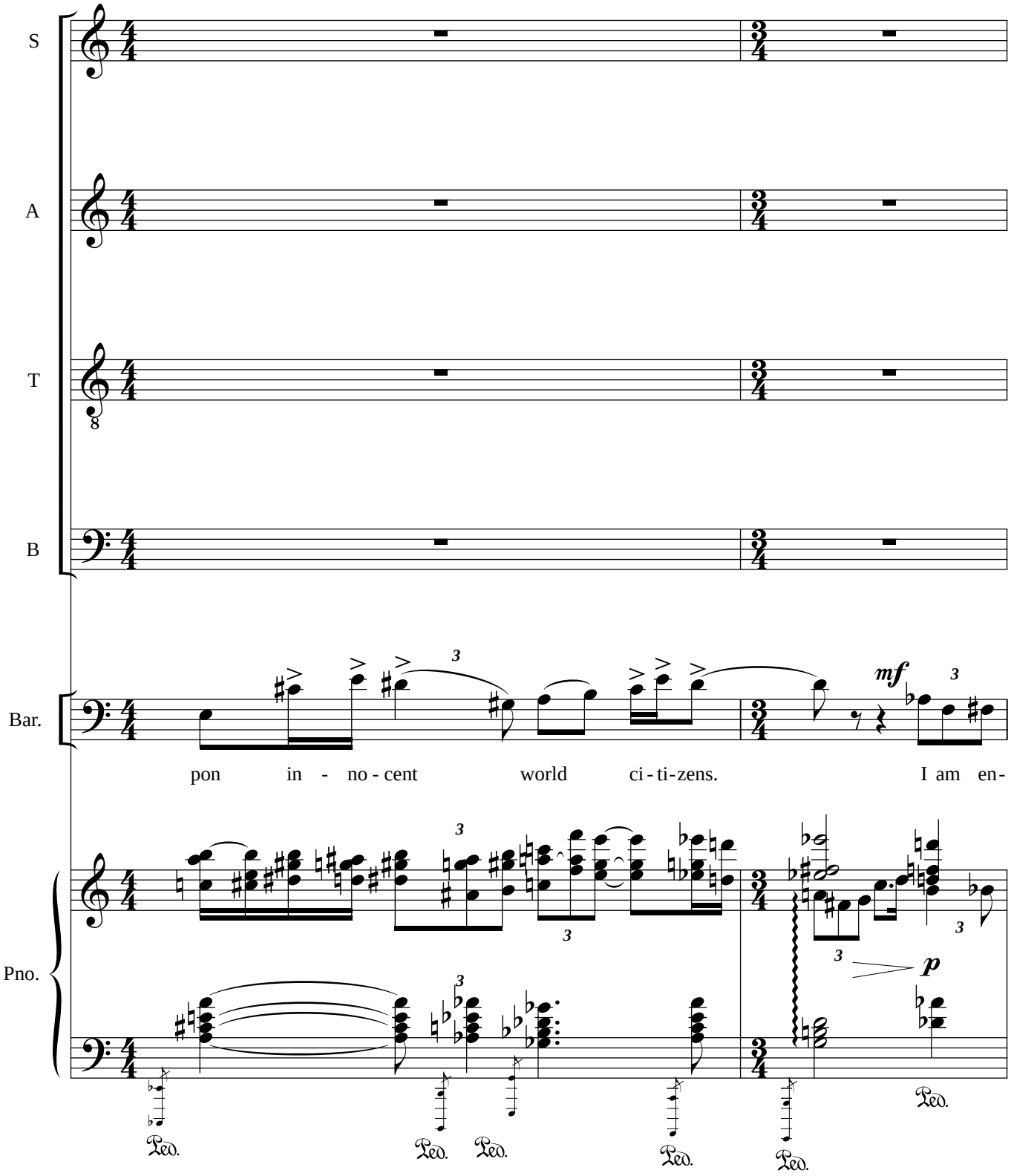
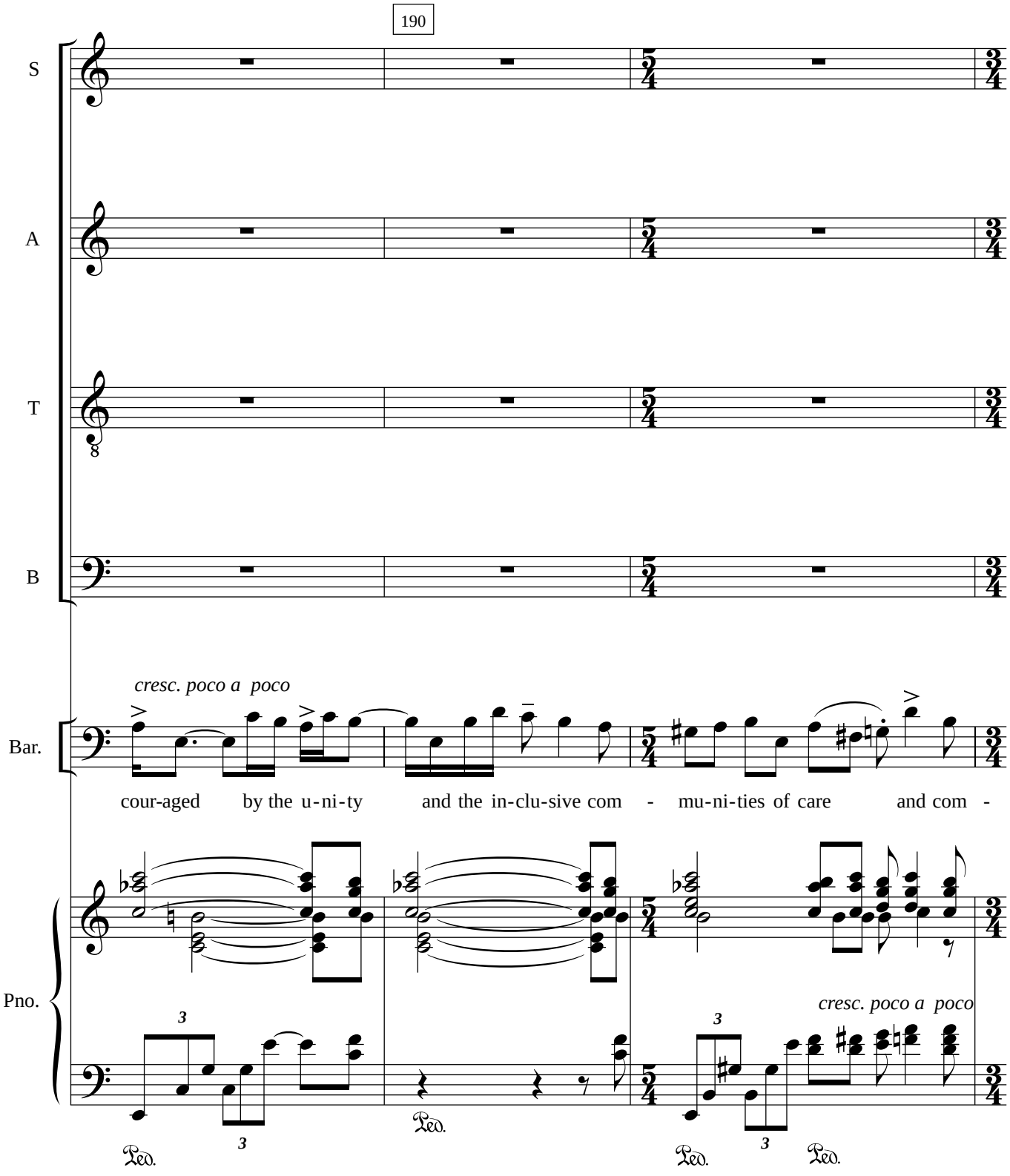
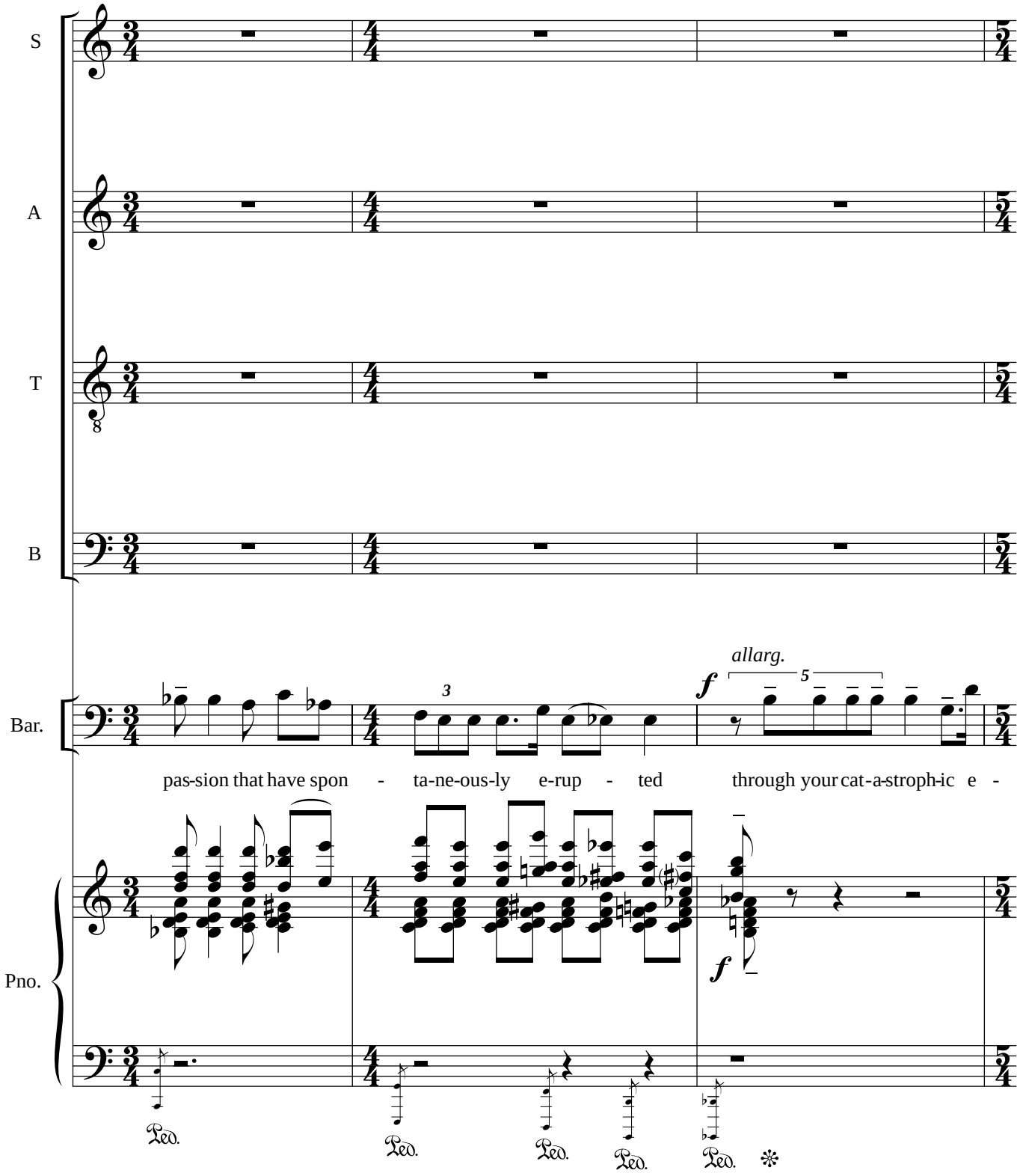
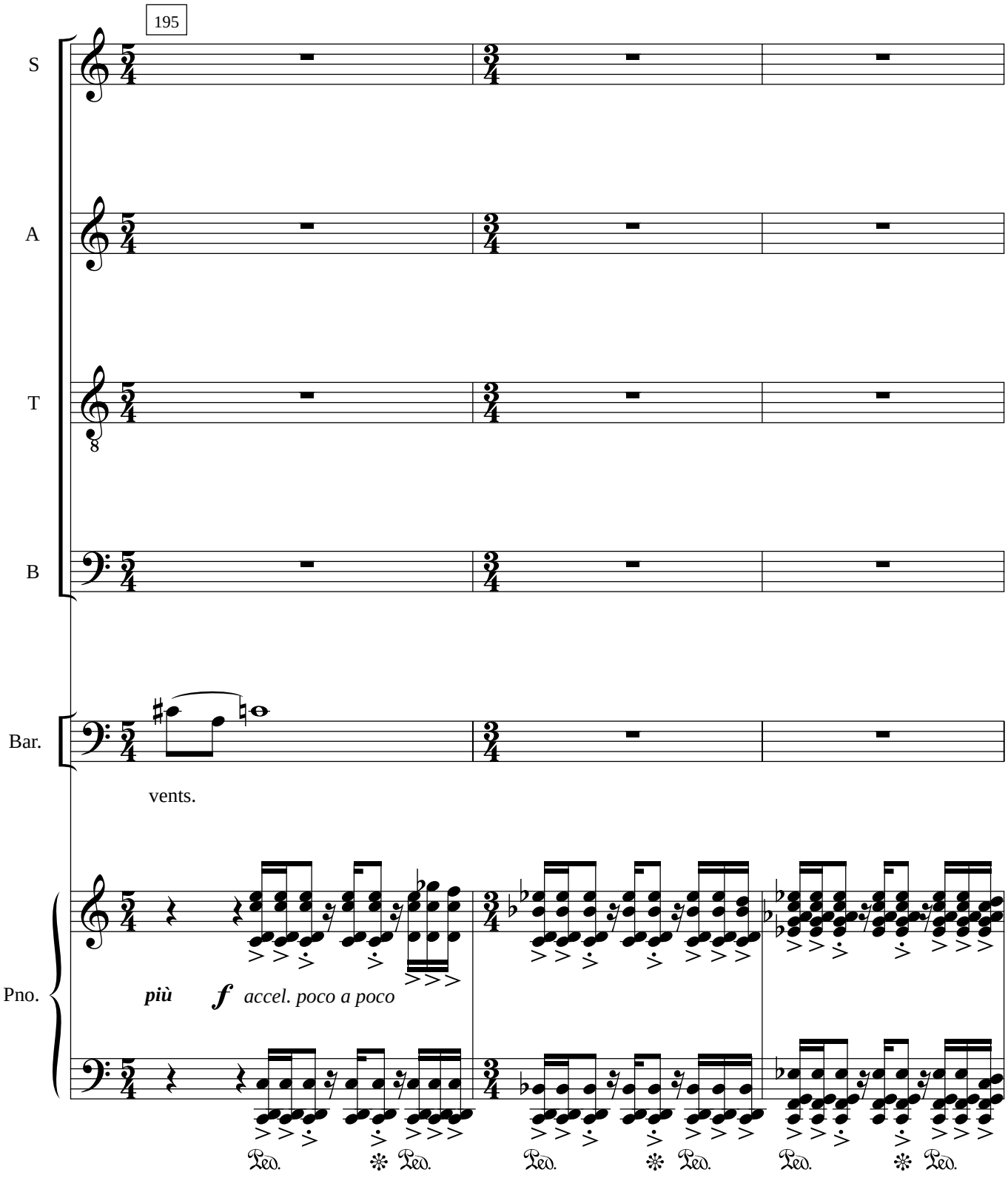
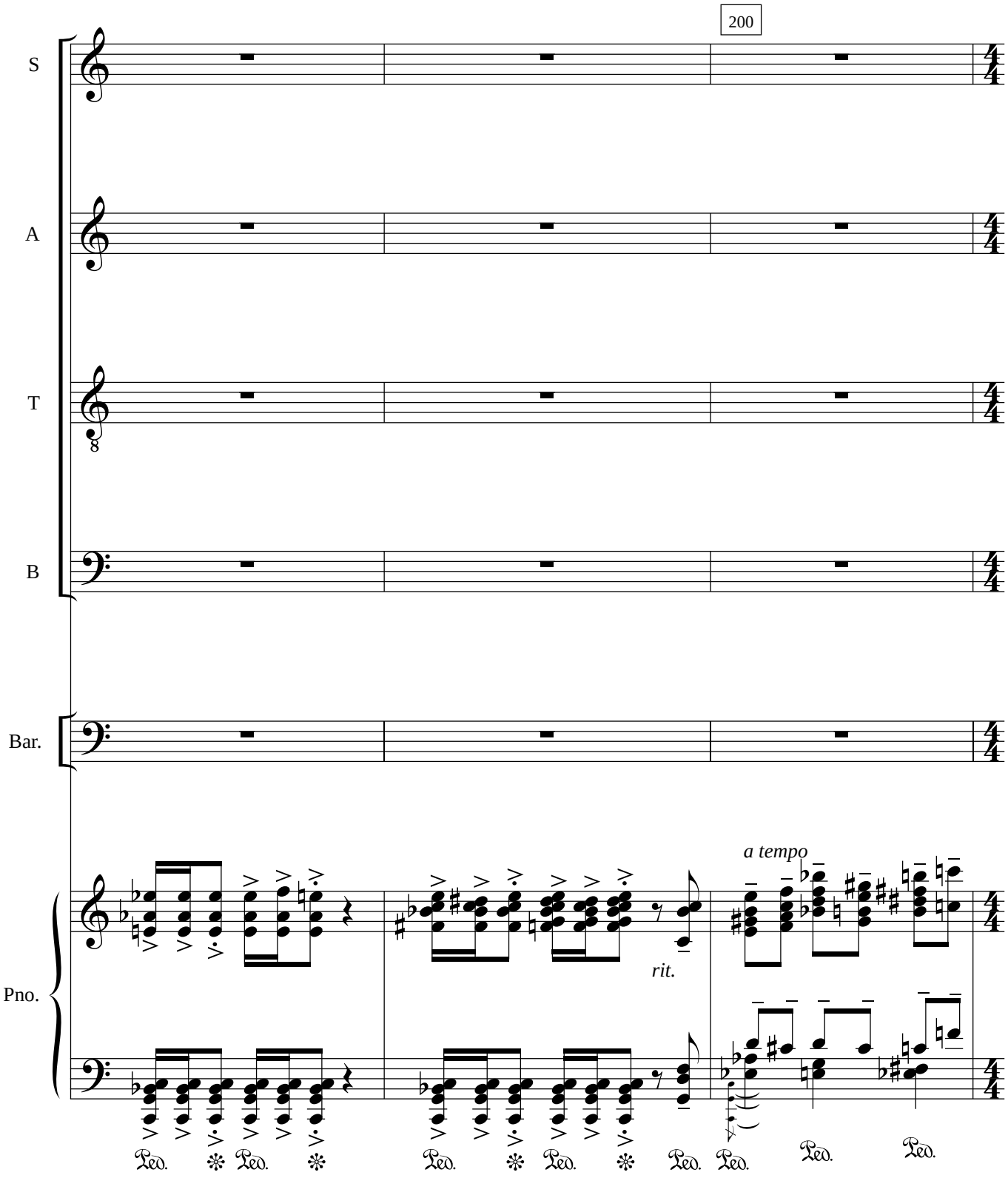

185
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
f
mf
ra - cial pre - ju - dice and bi - go - try vi - si - ted u -
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

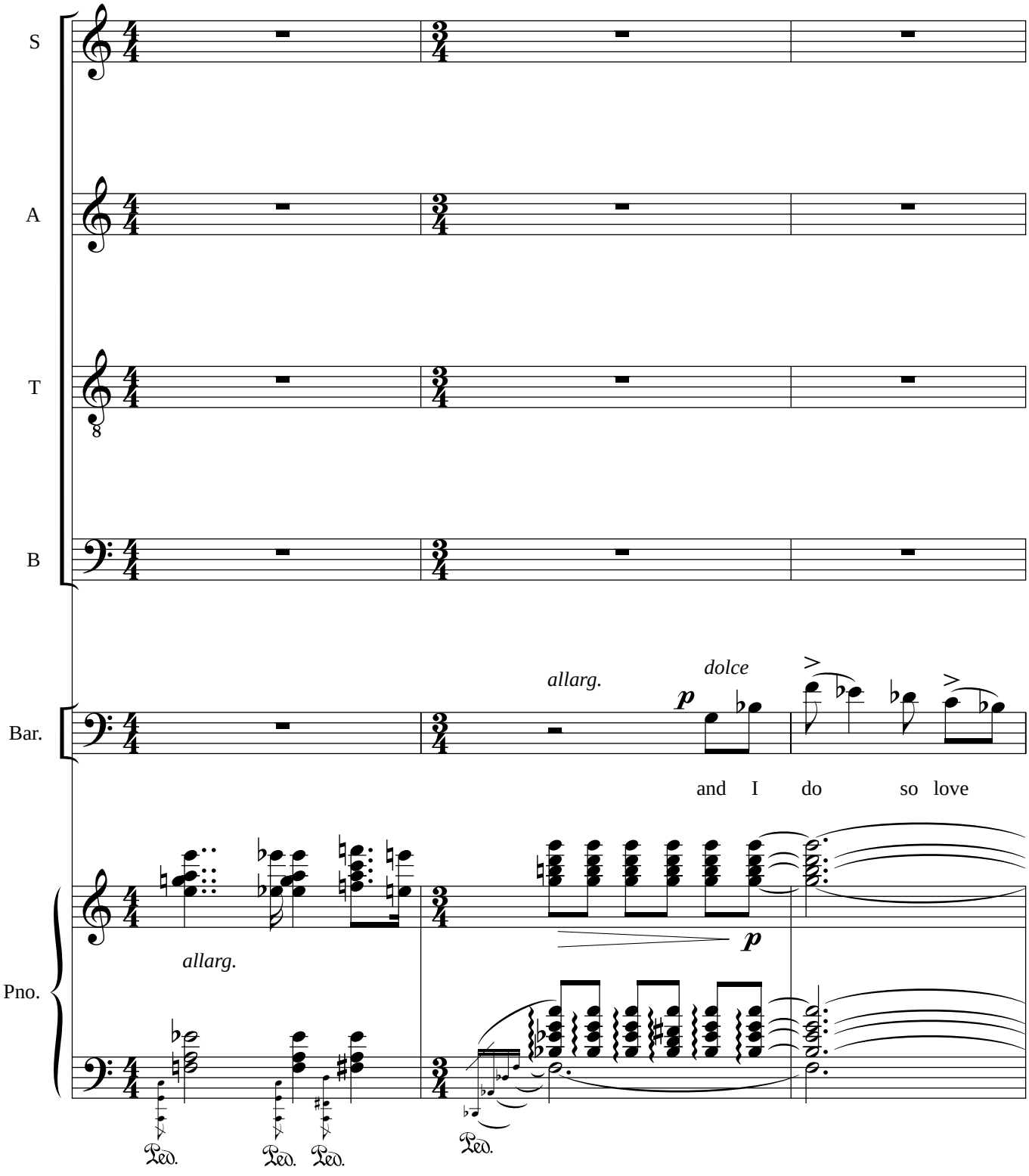

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
pon in - no - cent world ci - ti - zens. I am en -
mf
p
Ped.

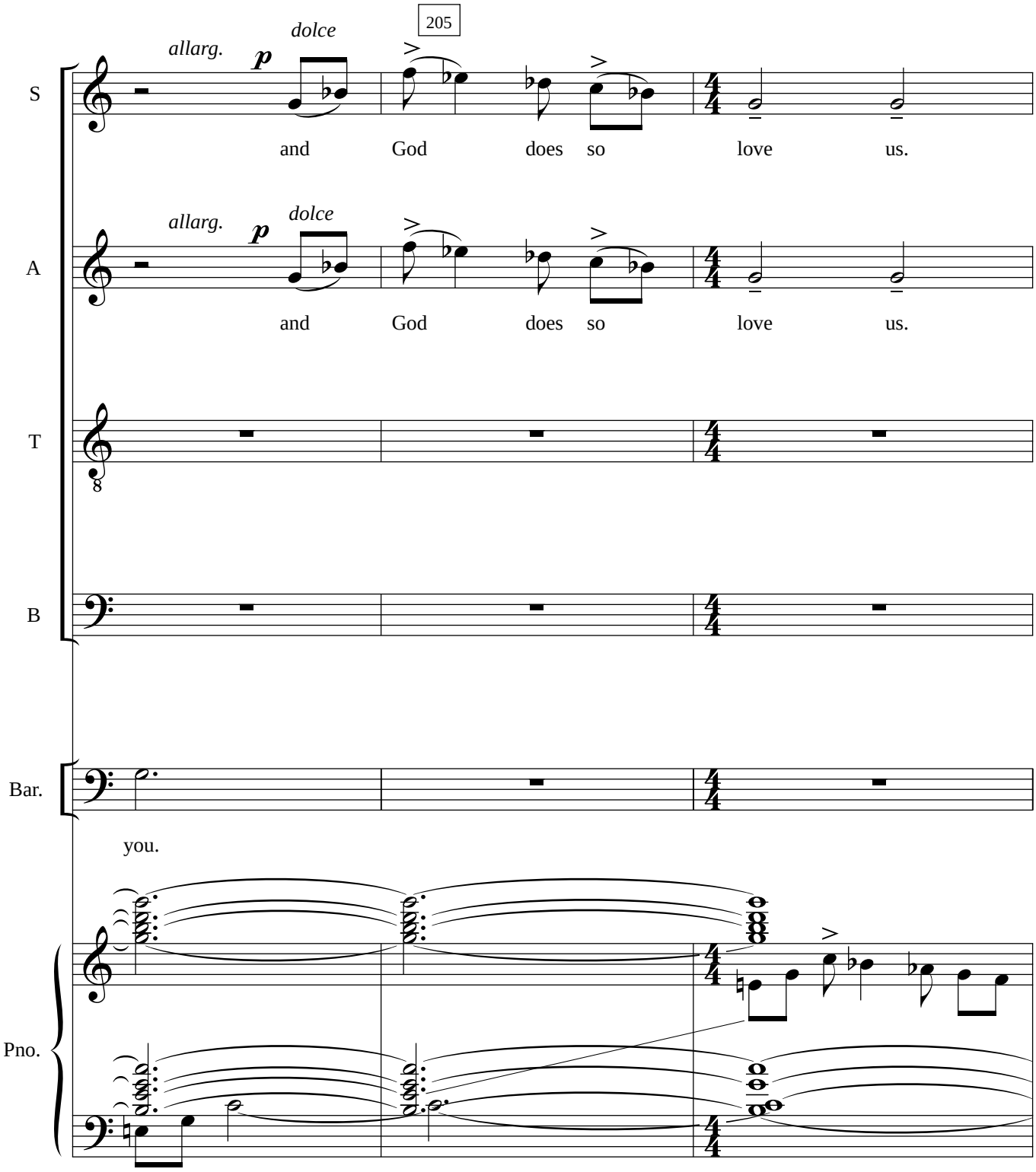

190
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
cresc. poco a poco
cour-aged by the u-ni-ty and the in-clu-sive com - mu-ni-ties of care and com -
cresc. poco a poco
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

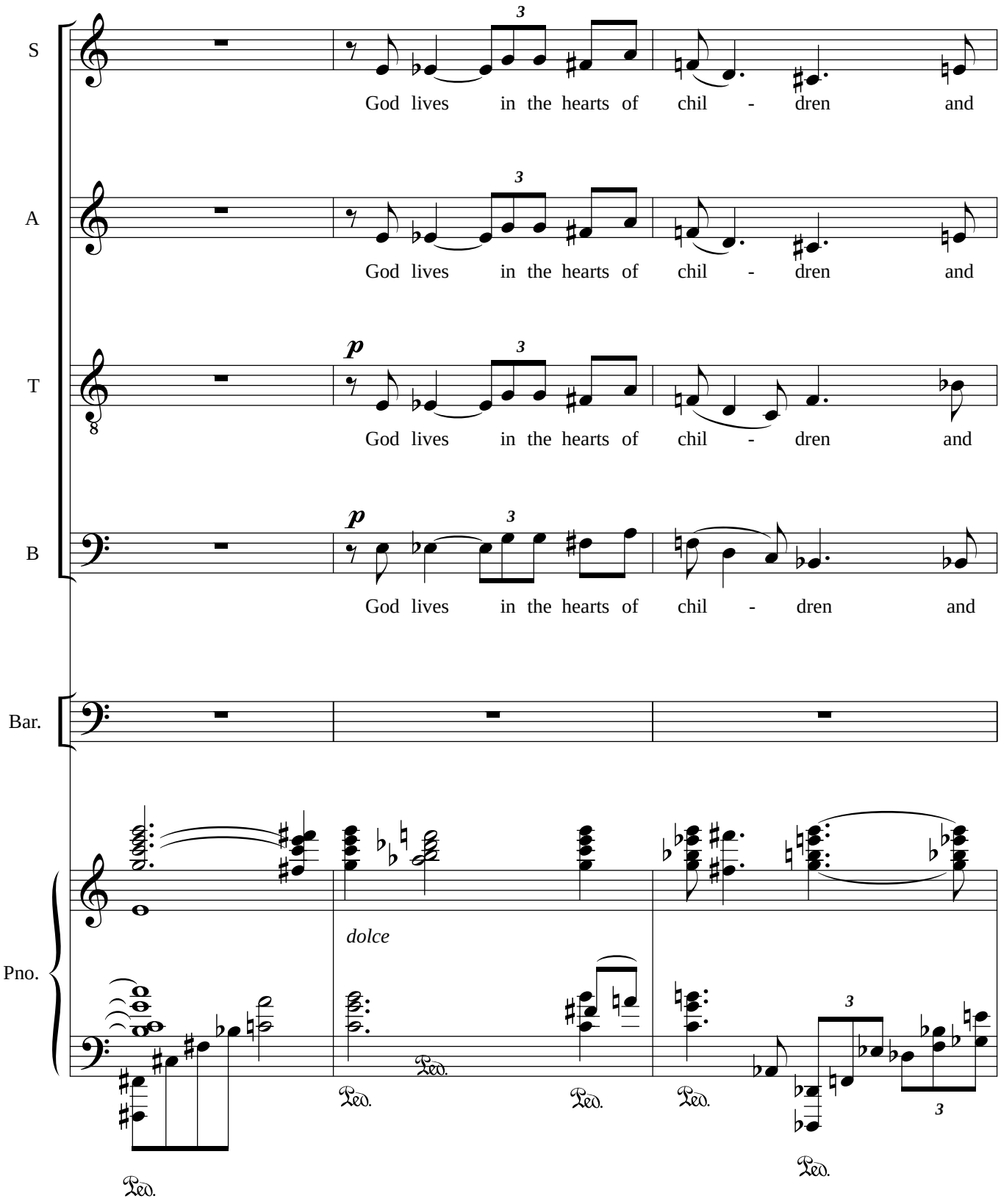

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
allarg.
f
3
5
pas-sion that have spon - ta-ne-ous-ly e-rup - ted through your cat-a-stroph-ic e -
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

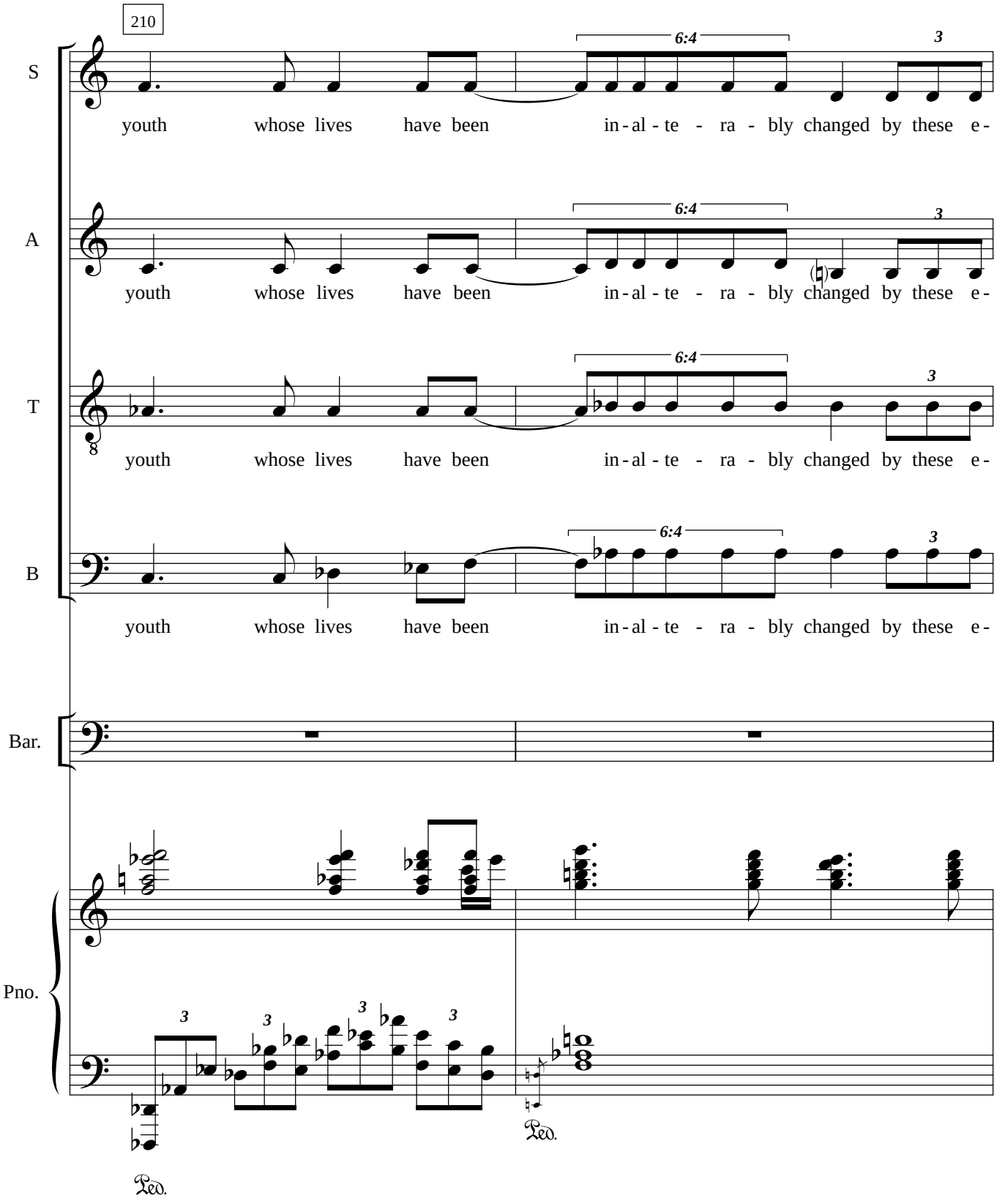

195
S
A
T
B
Bar.
vents.
Pno.
più
f
accel. poco a poco
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

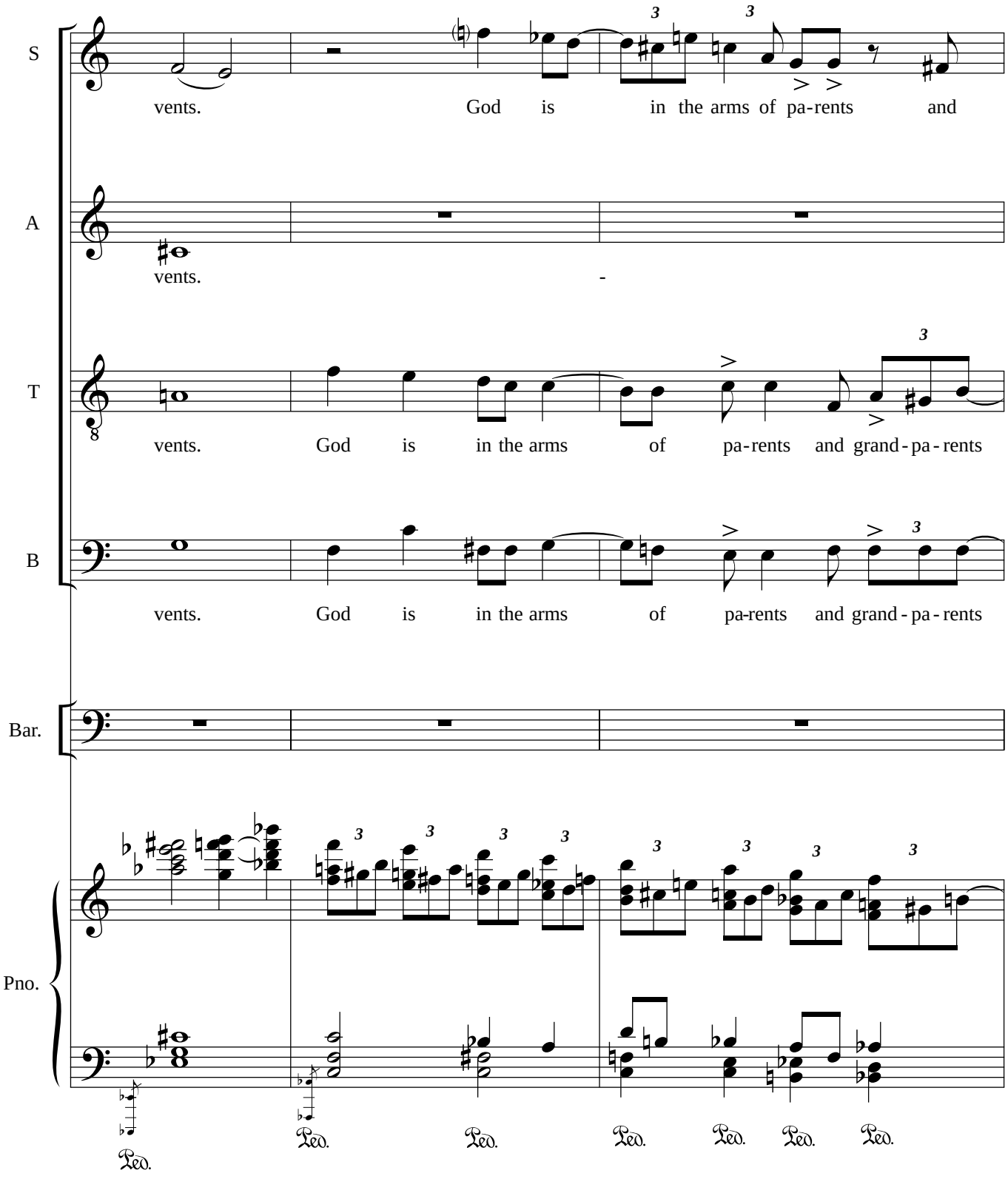

200
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
a tempo
rit.
Ped.

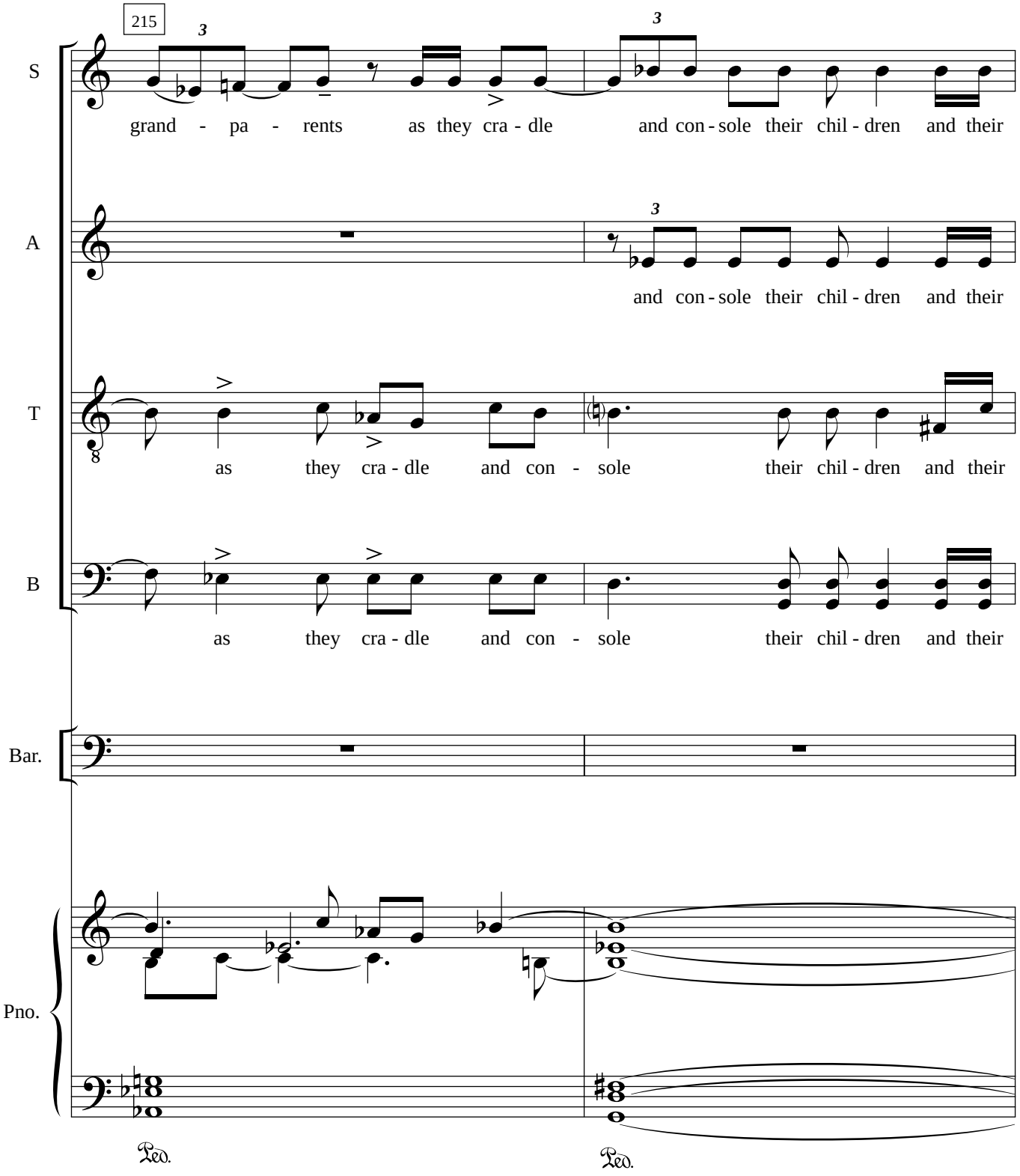

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
allarg.
dolce
p
and I do so love
allarg.
p
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

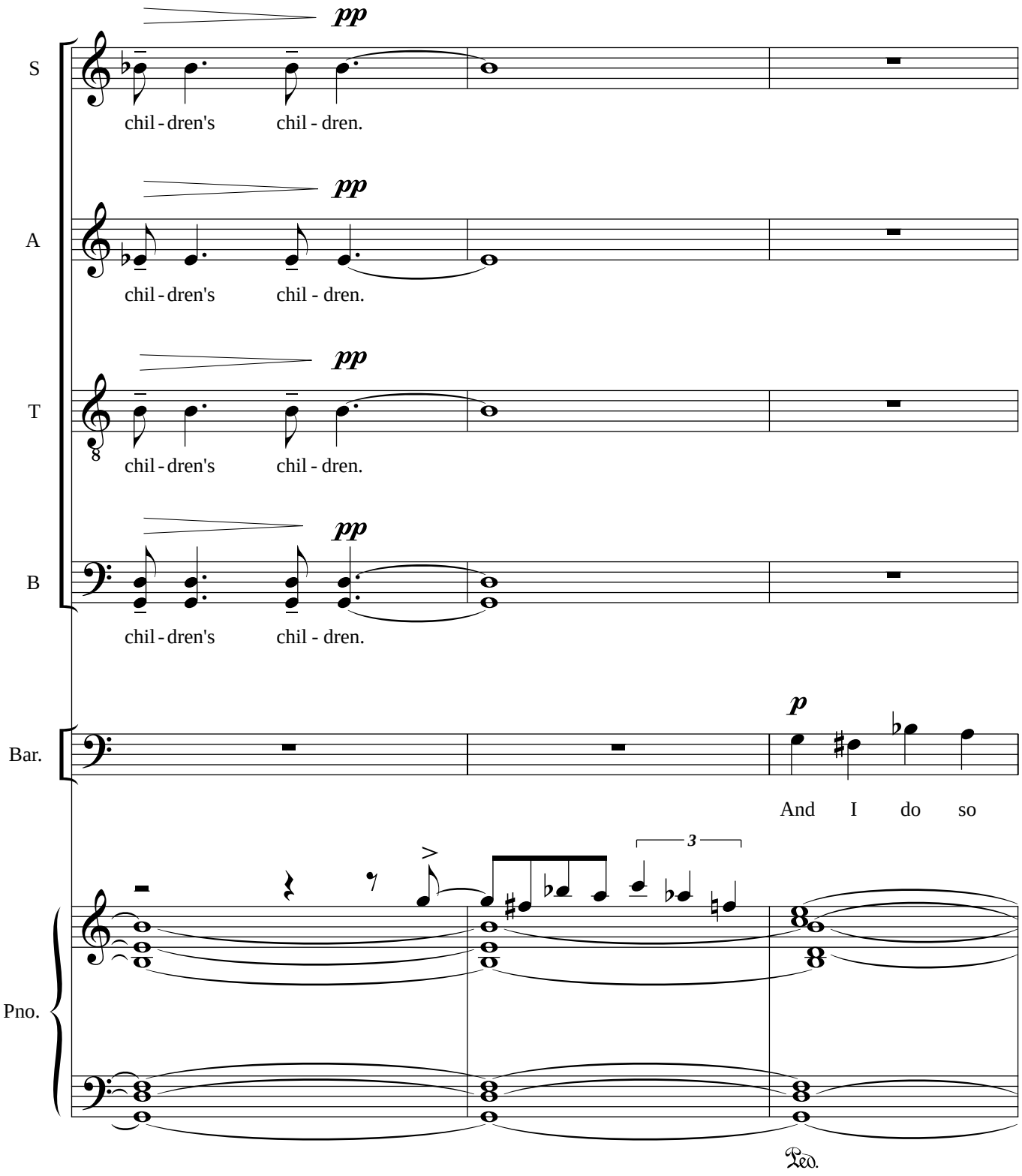

205
S
allarg.
dolce
and God does so love us.
A
allarg.
dolce
and God does so love us.
T
B
Bar.
you.
Pno.

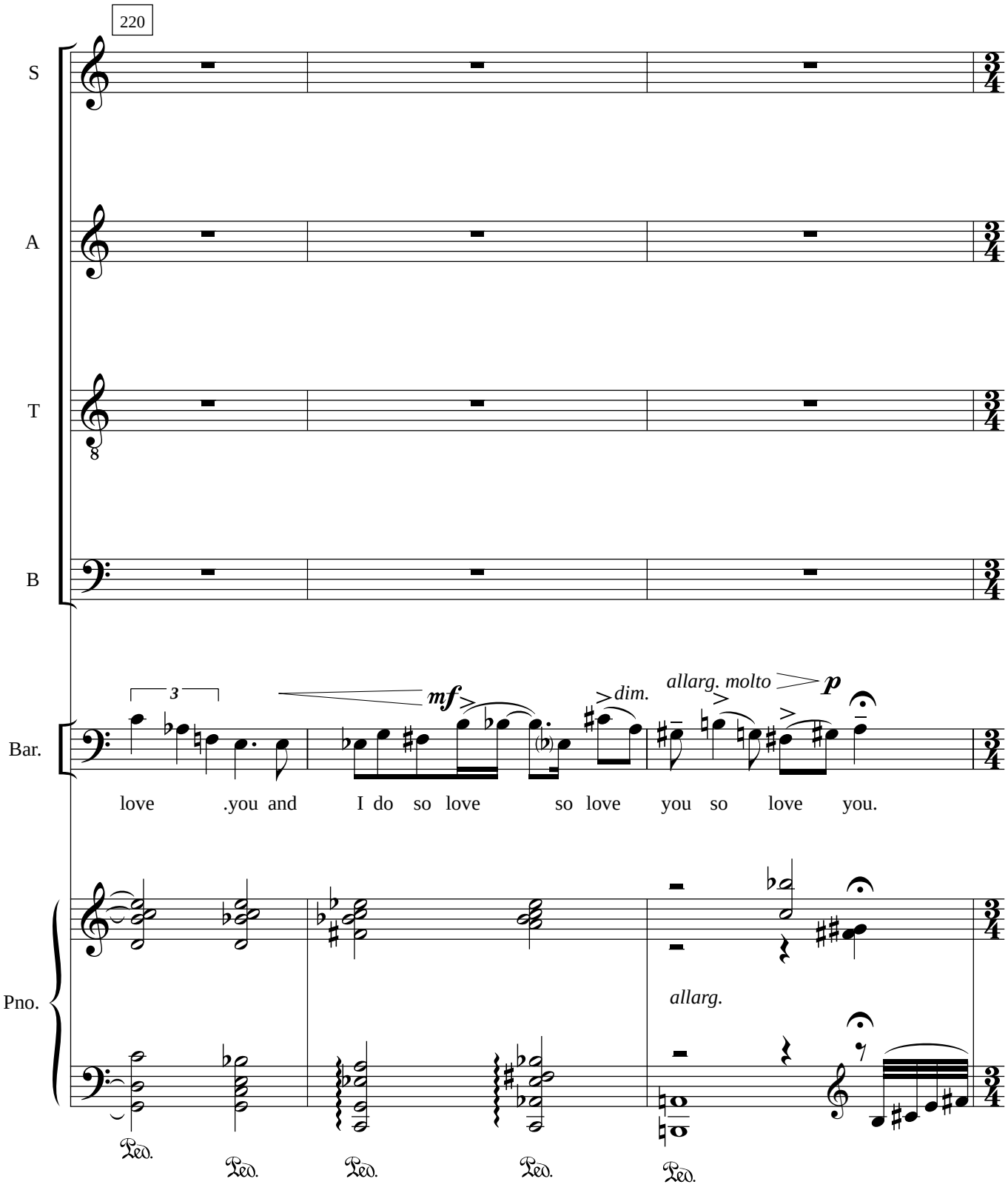

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
God lives in the hearts of chil - dren and
God lives in the hearts of chil - dren and
God lives in the hearts of chil - dren and
God lives in the hearts of chil - dren and
p
p
3
dolce
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

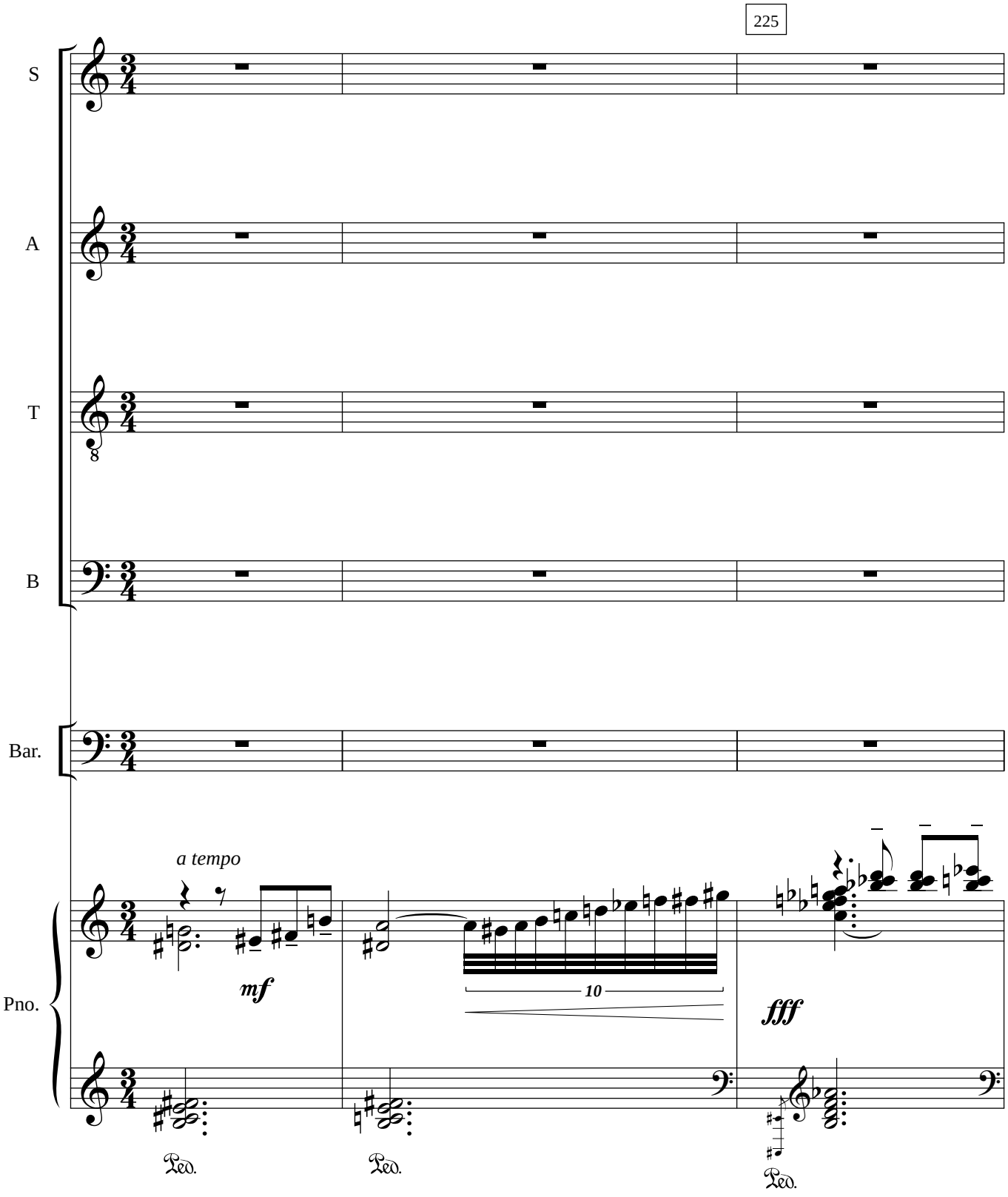

210
S
youth whose lives have been in-al-te-ra-bly changed by these e-
A
youth whose lives have been in-al-te-ra-bly changed by these e-
T
youth whose lives have been in-al-te-ra-bly changed by these e-
B
youth whose lives have been in-al-te-ra-bly changed by these e-
Bar.
Pno.
6:4
3
Ped.


S
vents. God is in the arms of pa-rents and
A
vents. -
T
vents. God is in the arms of pa-rents and grand-pa-rents
B
vents. God is in the arms of pa-rents and grand-pa-rents
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


215
S
grand - pa - rents as they cra - dle and con - sole their chil - dren and their
A
and con - sole their chil - dren and their
T
as they cra - dle and con - sole their chil - dren and their
B
as they cra - dle and con - sole their chil - dren and their
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
pp
chil - dren's chil - dren.
p
And I do so
3
Ped.


220
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
3
mf
dim.
allarg. molto
p
love .you and I do so love so love you so love you.
allarg.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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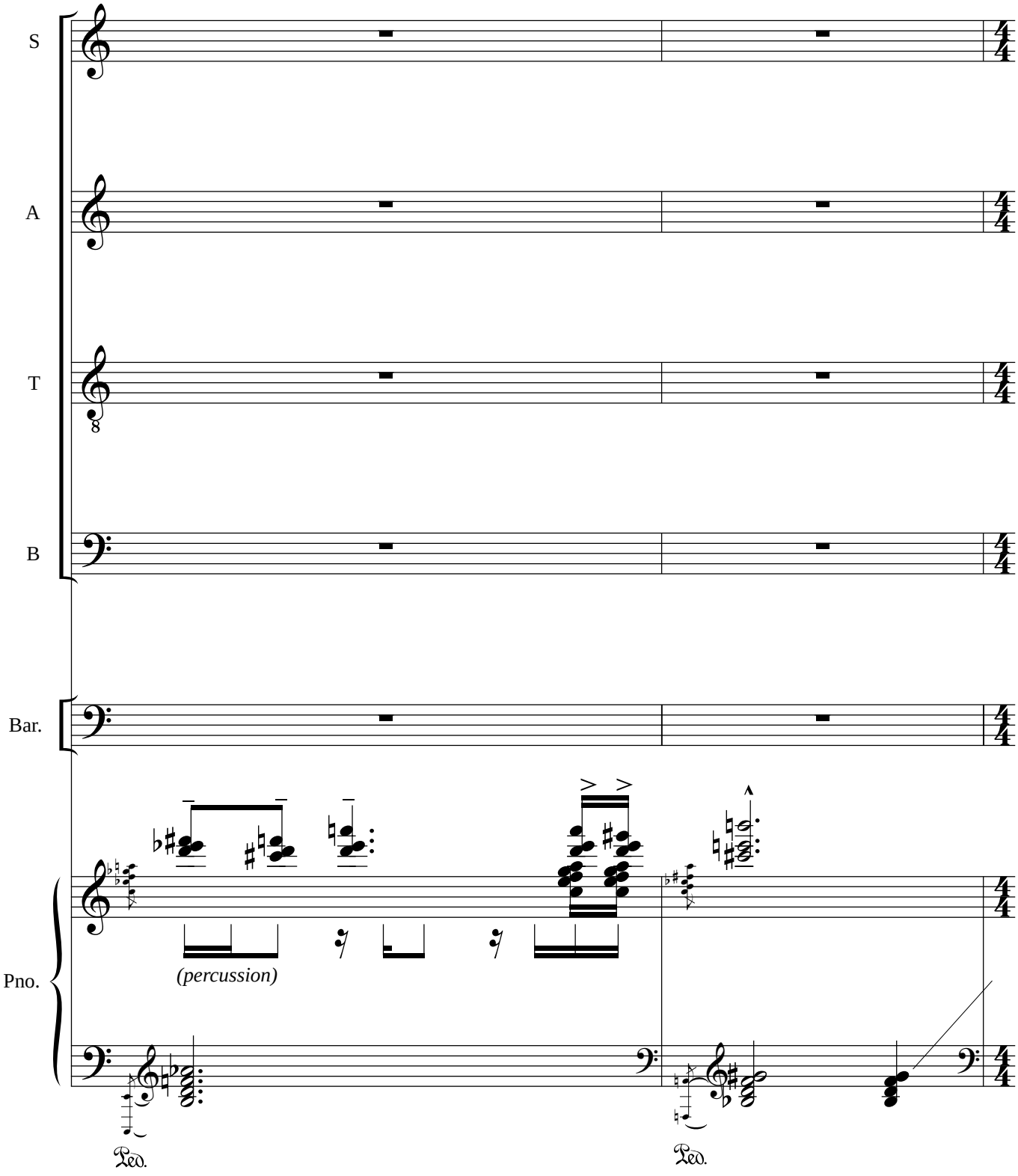
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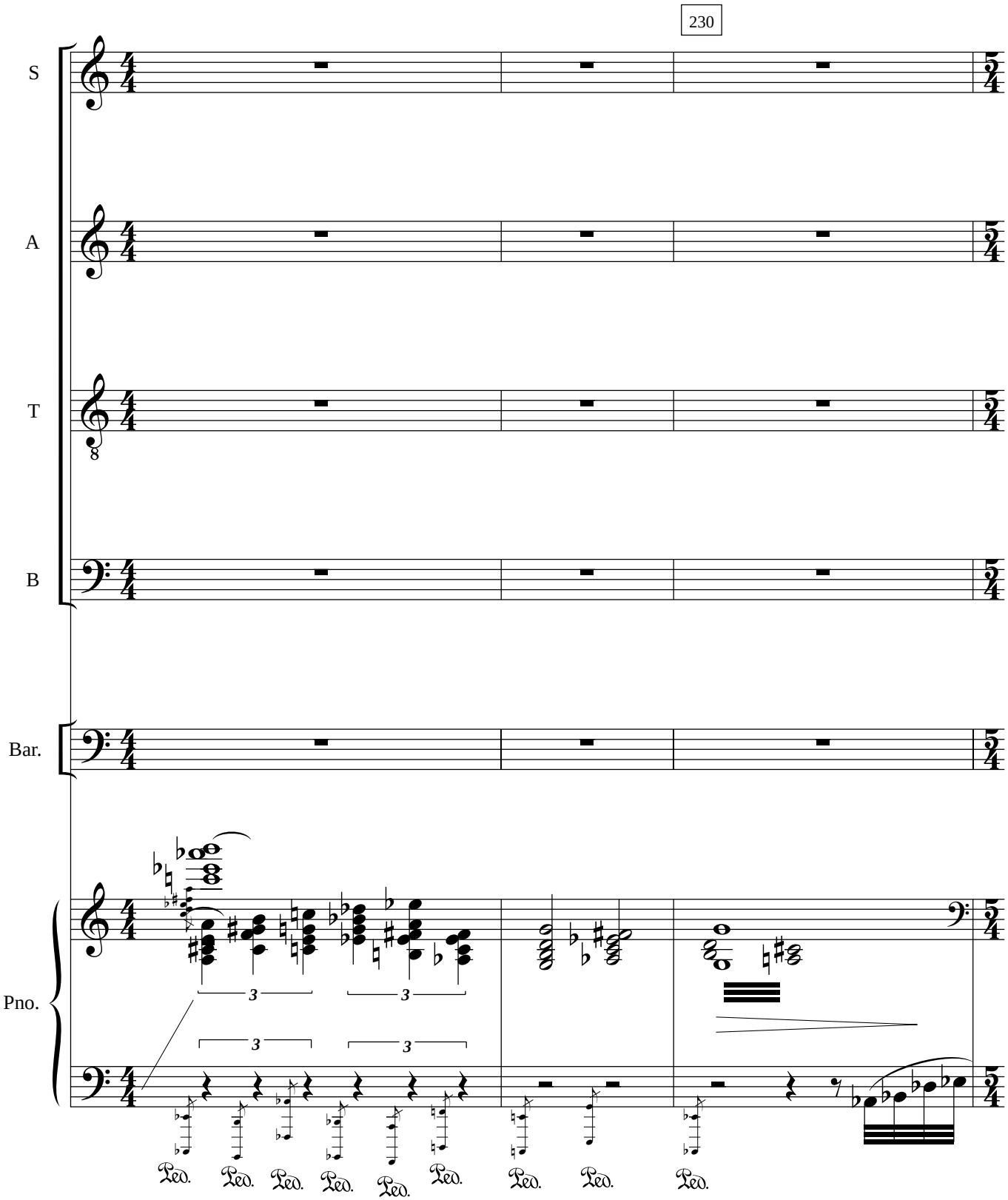
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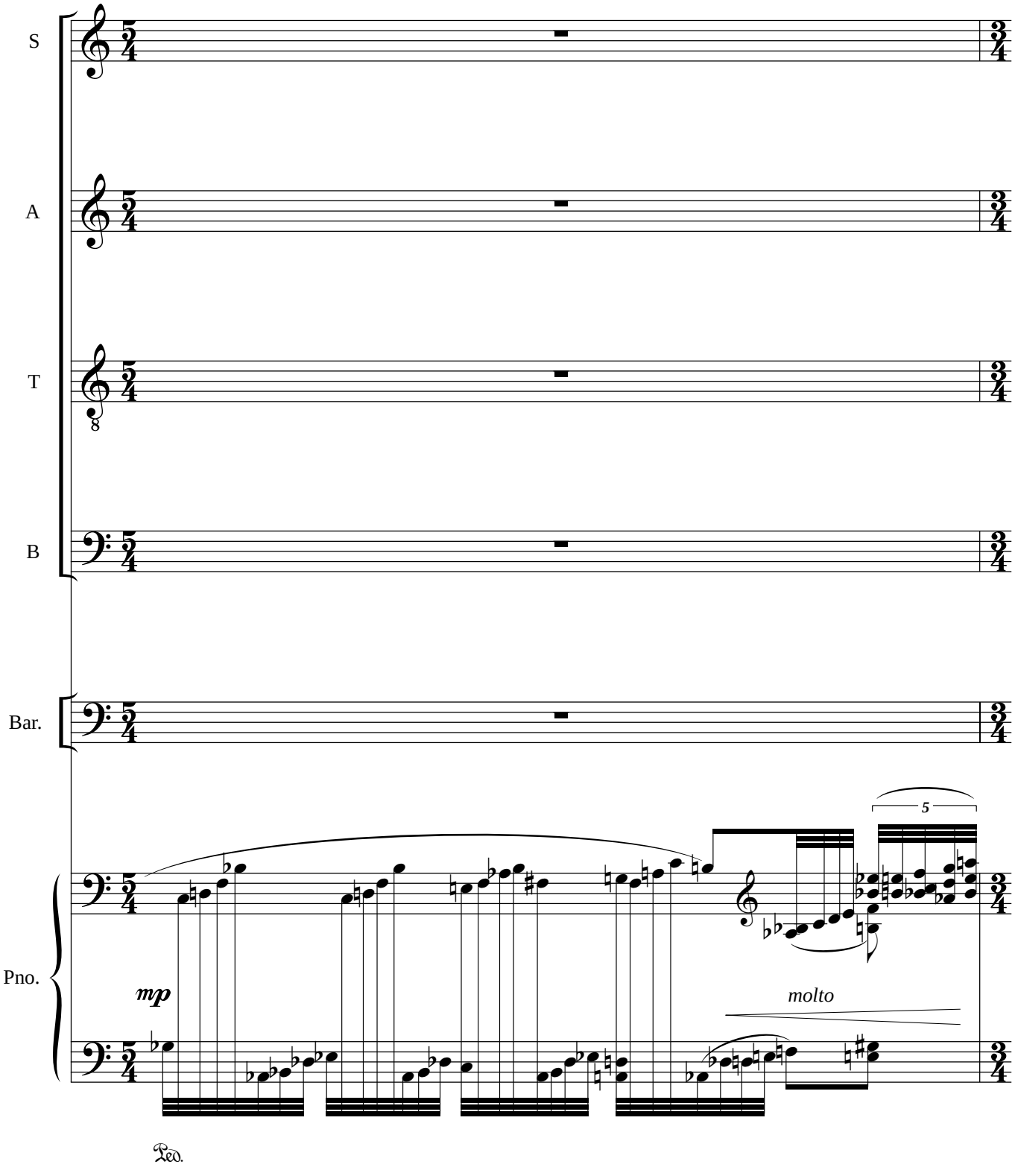
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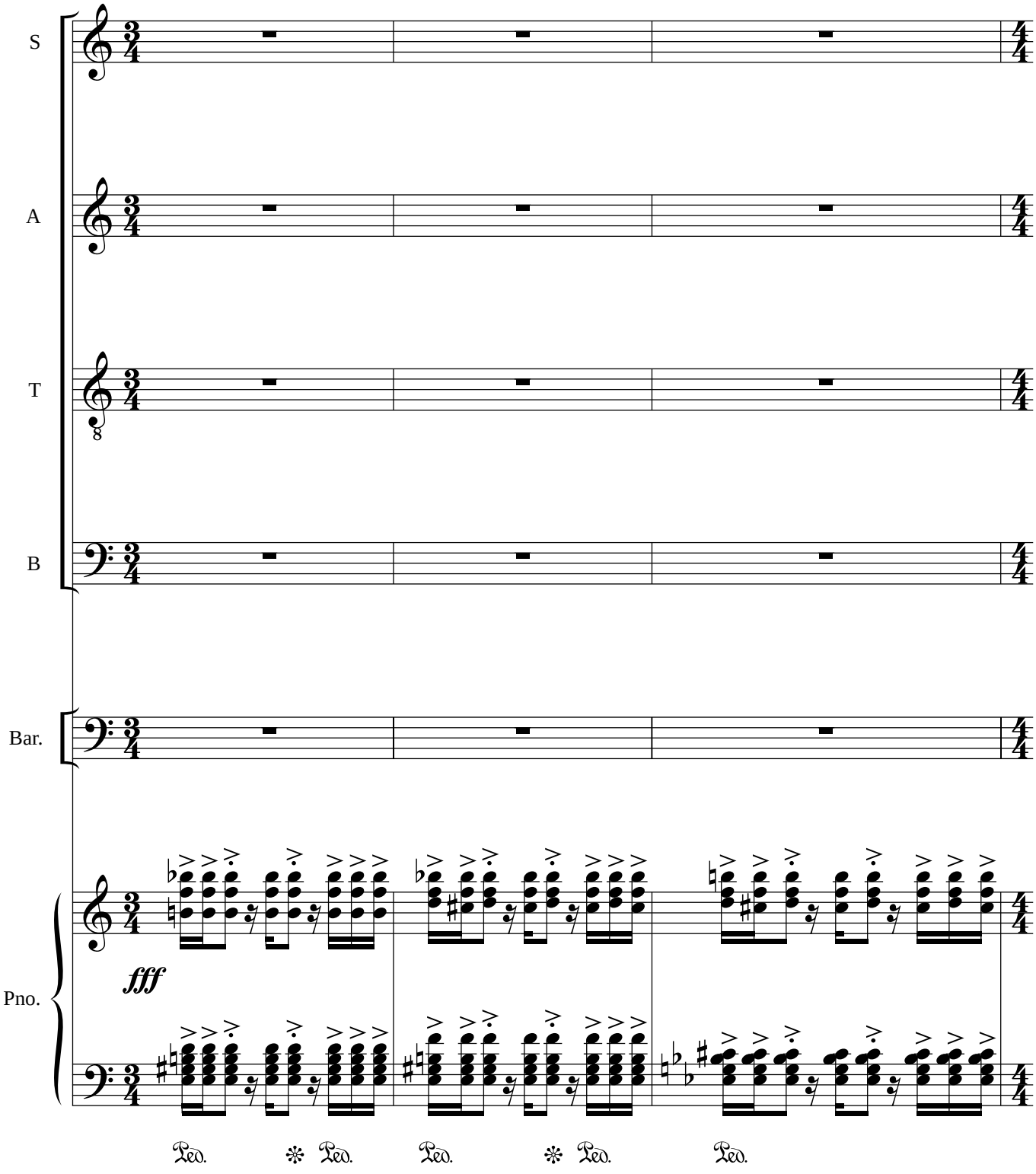
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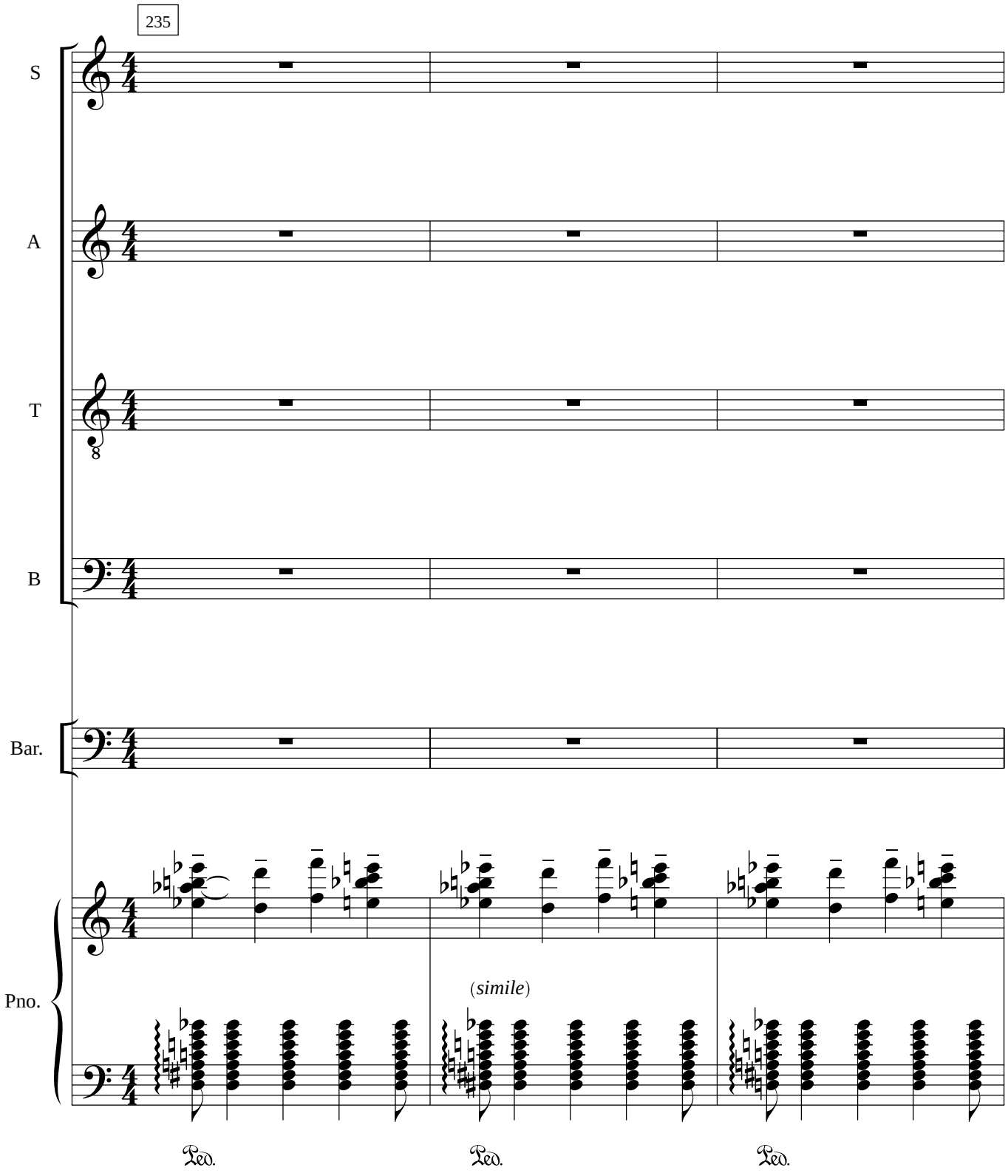
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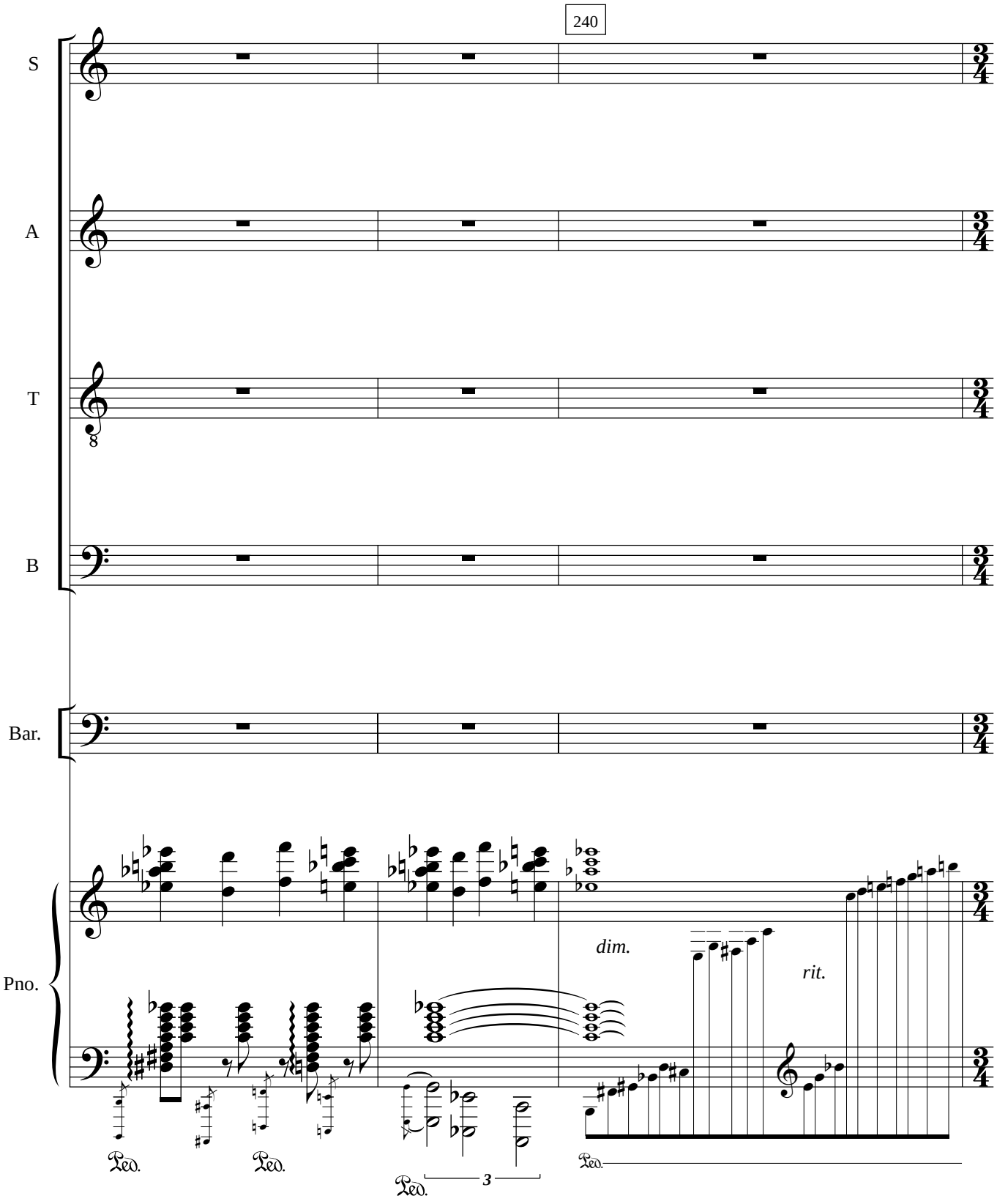
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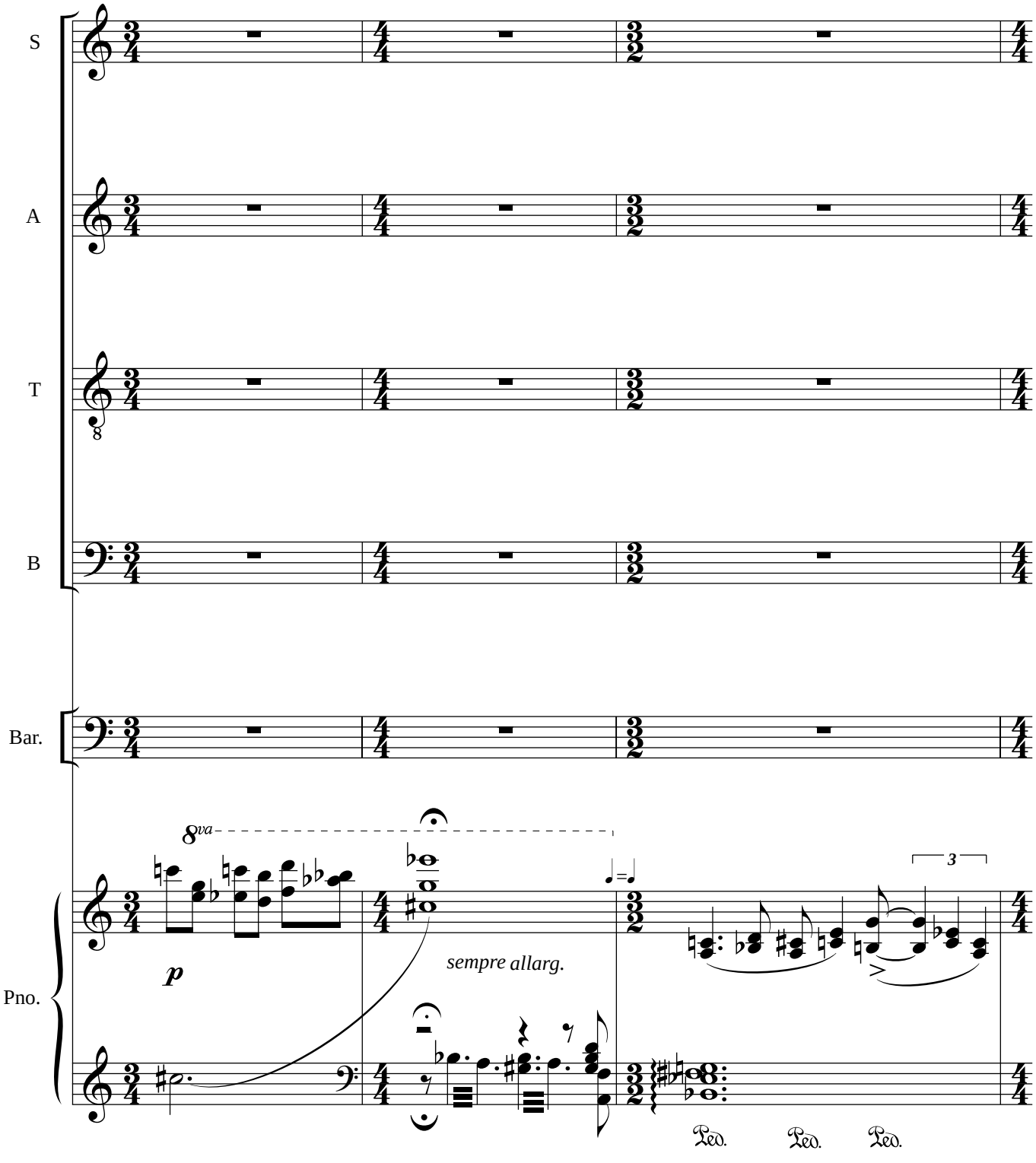
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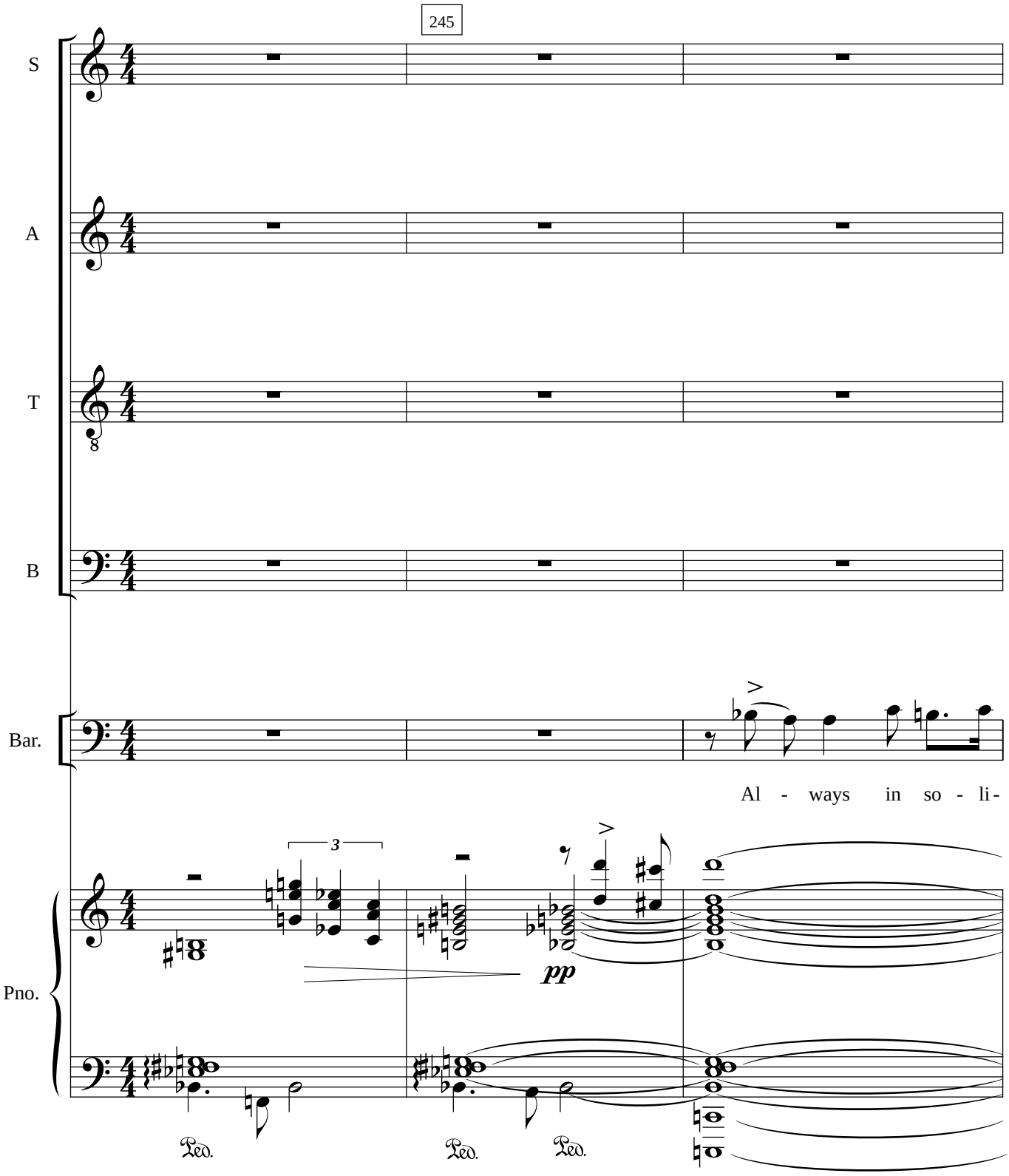
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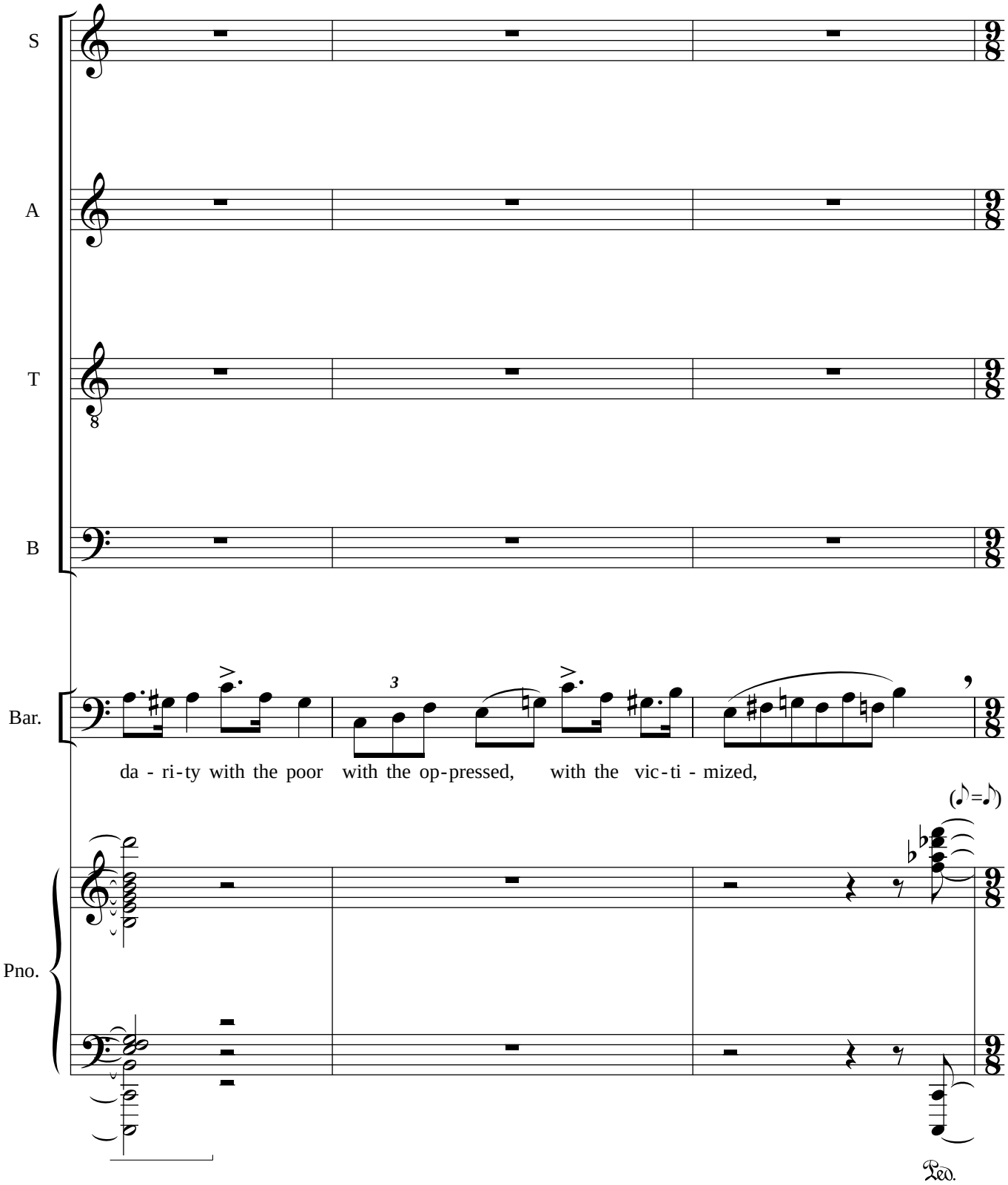
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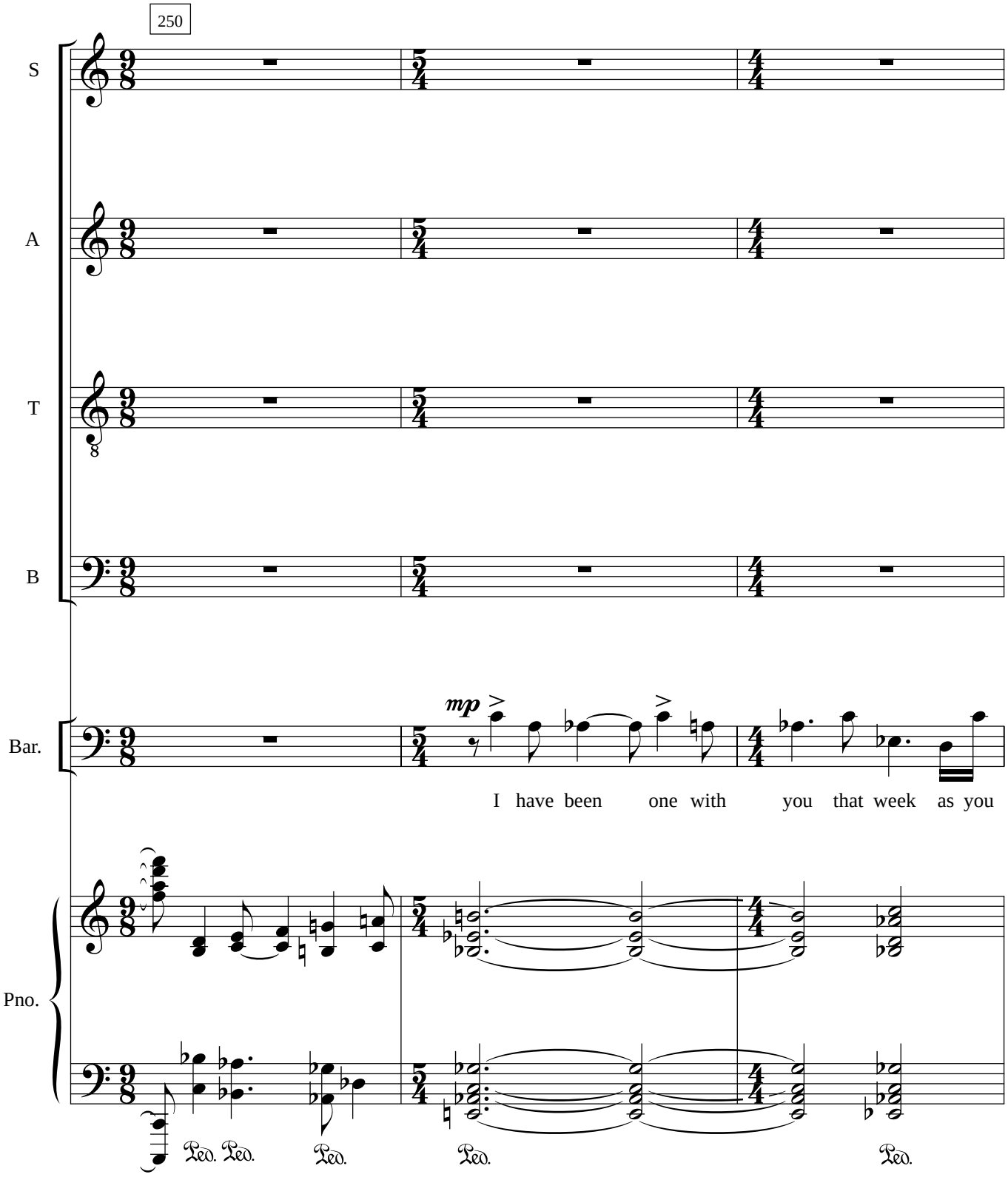
da - ri-ty with the poor with the op-pressed, with the vic-ti - mized,
(♪=♪)
Pno.
Ped.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A
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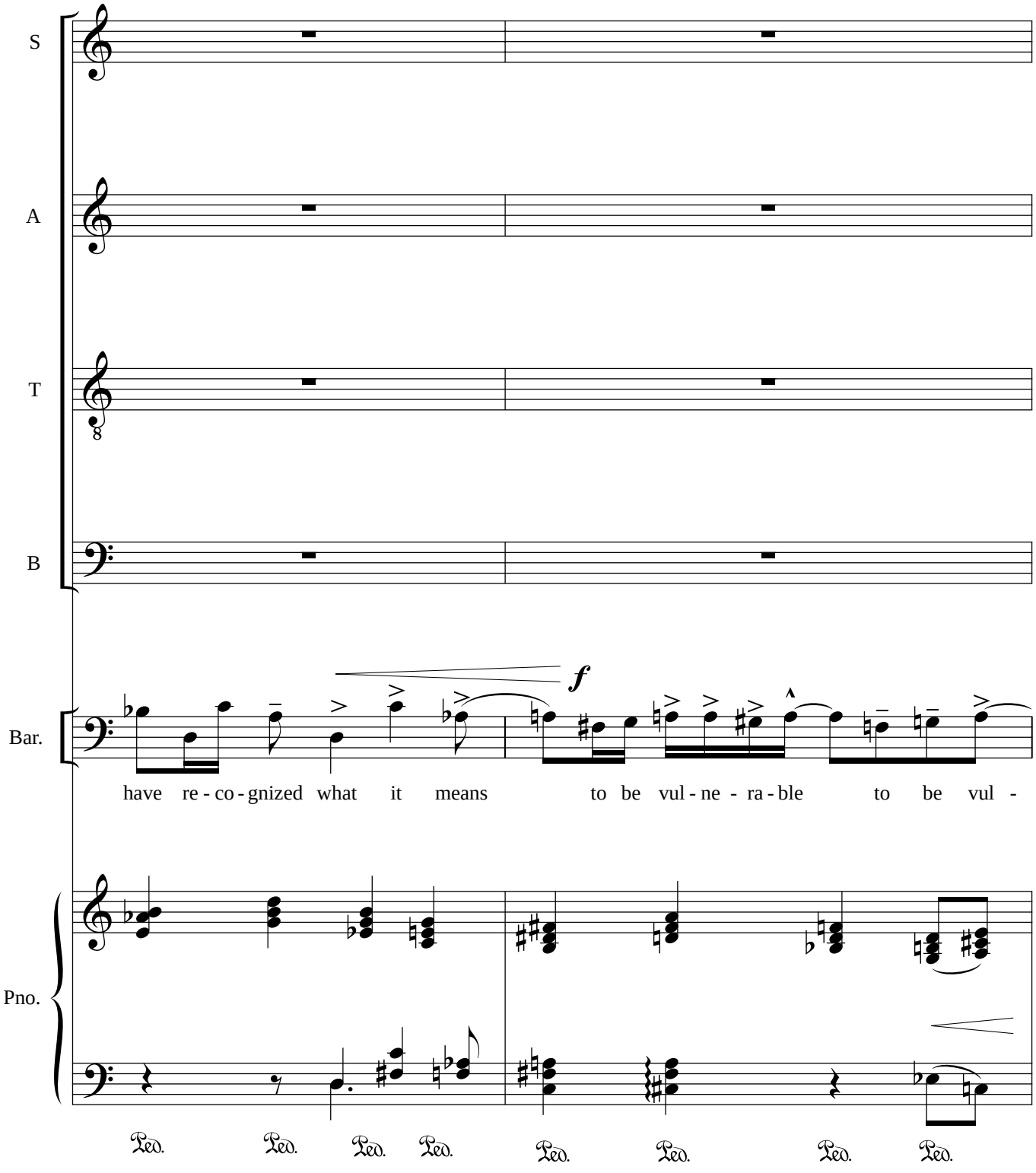
B
Bar.
Pno.
mp
I have been one with you that week as you
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


S
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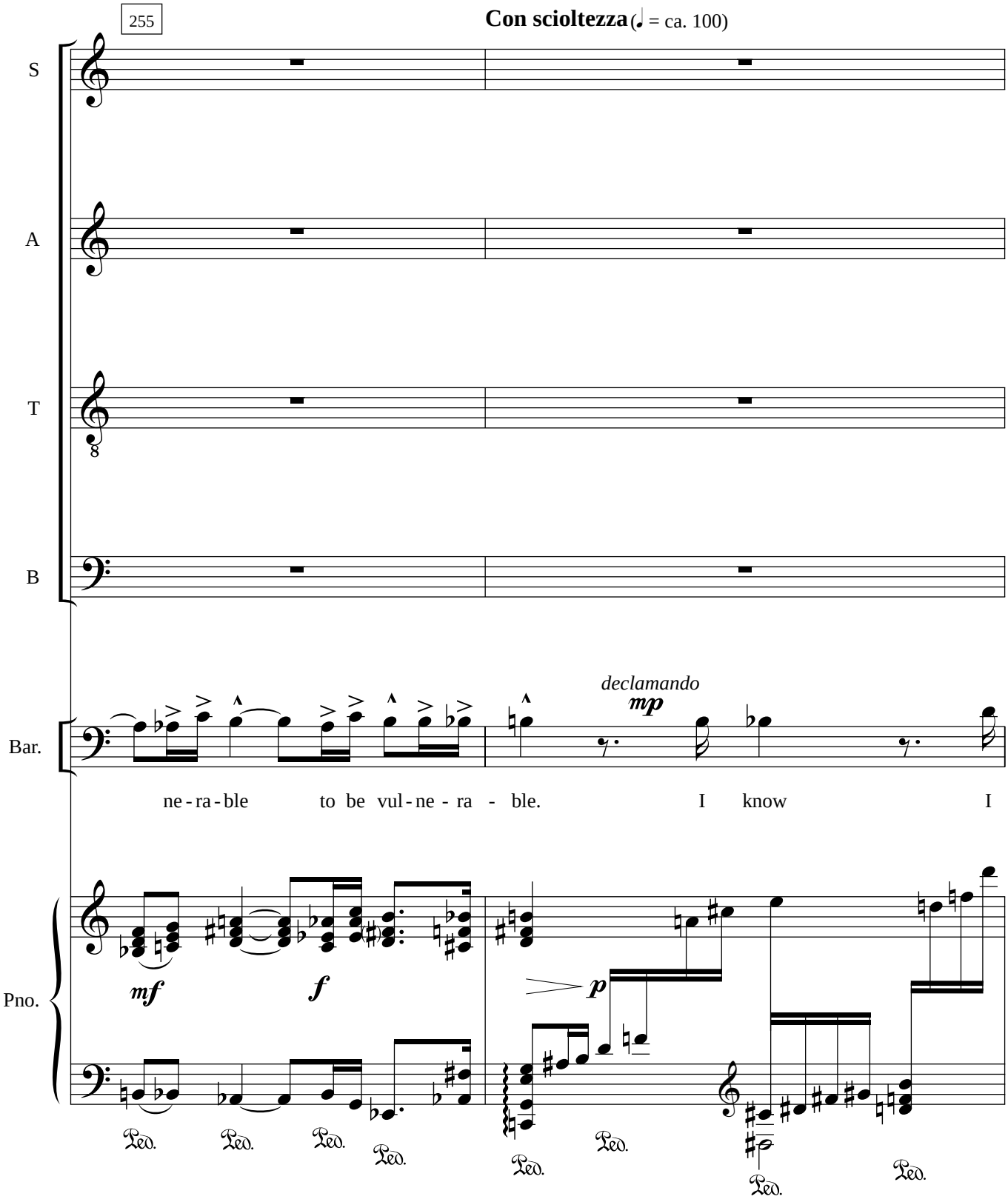
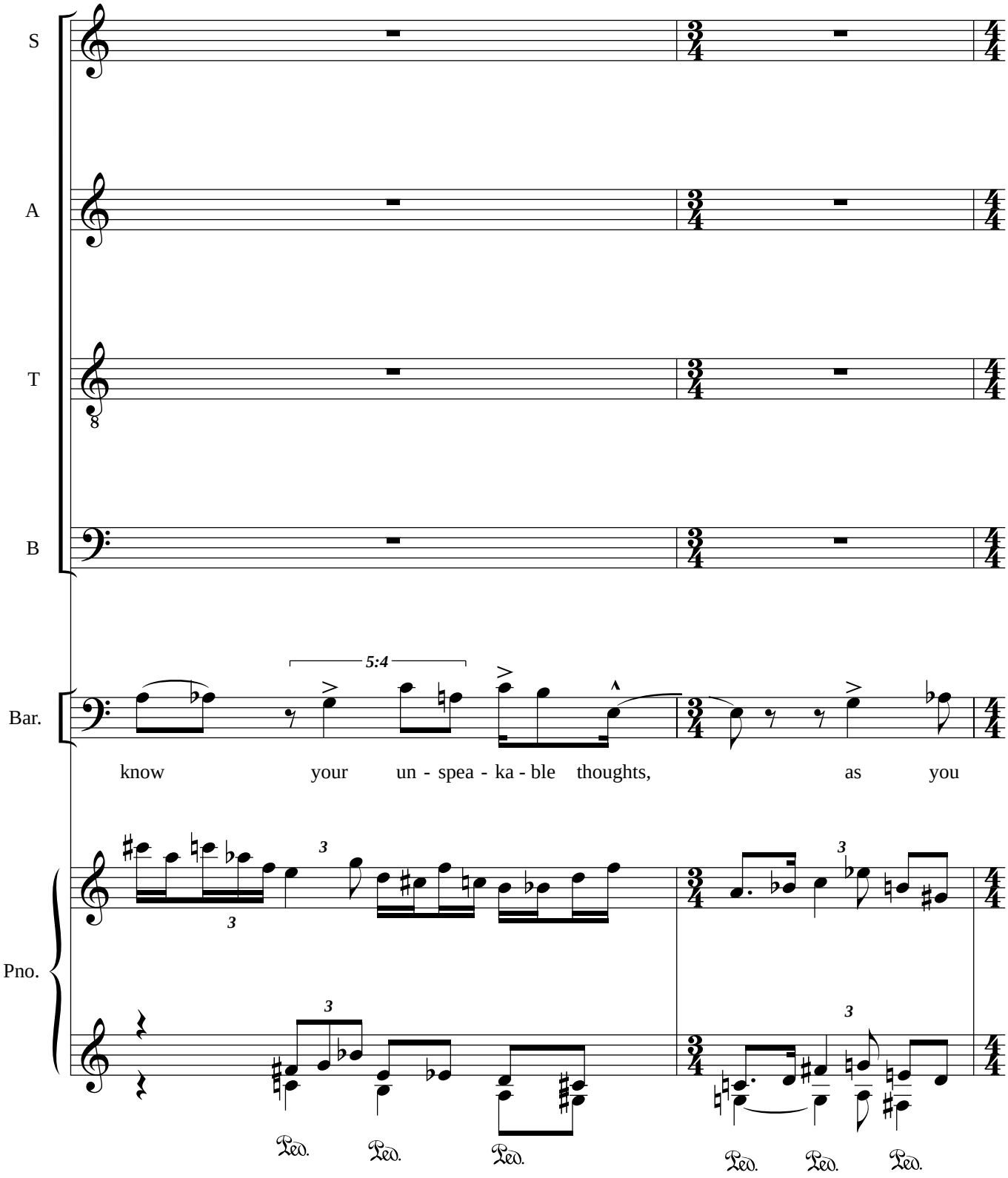
Bar.
Pno.
f
have re - co - gnized what it means to be vul - ne - ra - ble to be vul -
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.


255
Con scioltezza (♩. = ca. 100)
S
A
T
B
Bar.
declamando
mp
ne - ra - ble to be vul - ne - ra - ble. I know I
Pno.
mf
f
p
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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Bar.
Pno.
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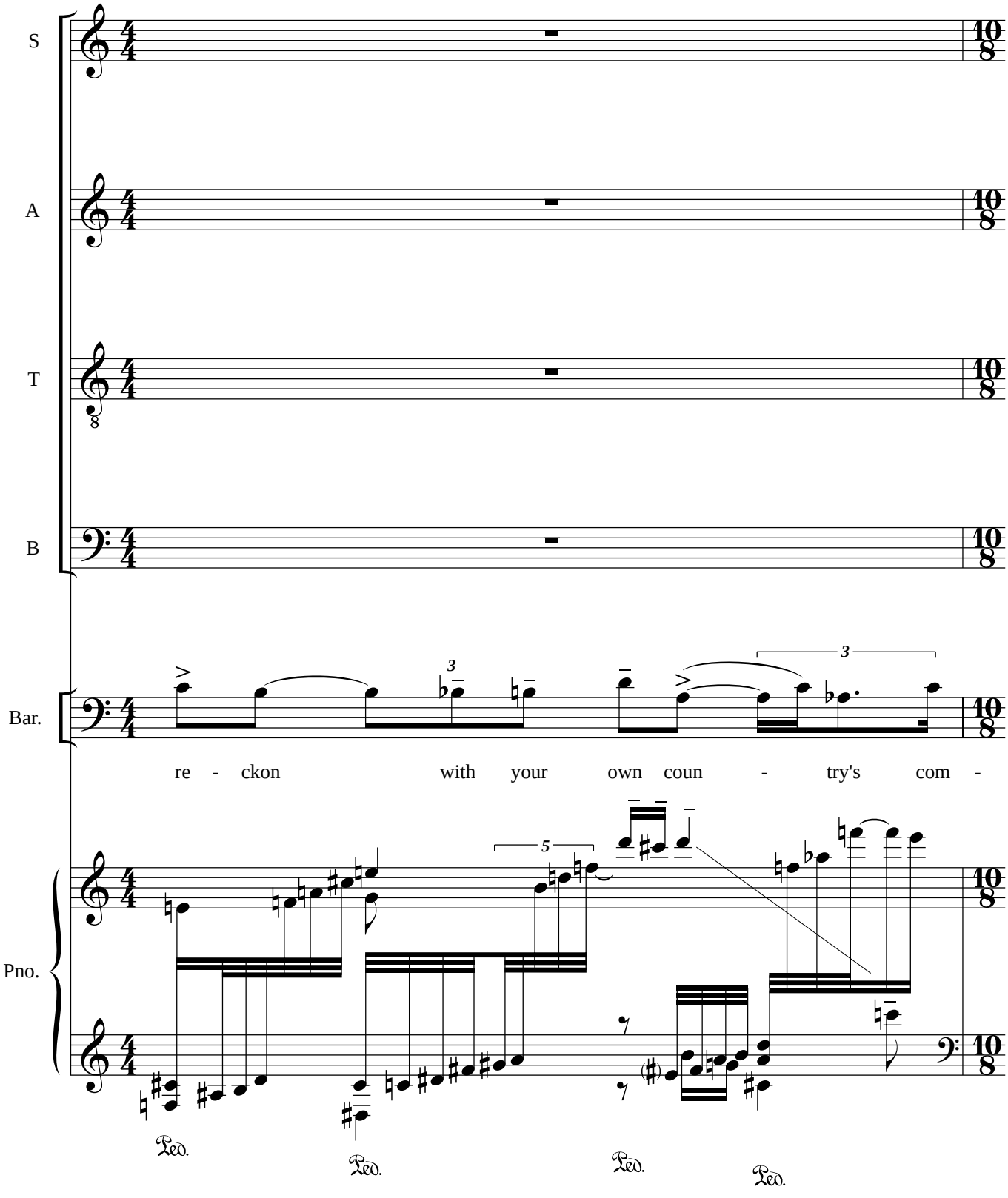
know your un - spea - ka - ble thoughts, as you
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.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B
Bar.
re - ckon with your own coun - try's com -
Pno.
Ped.
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Ped.
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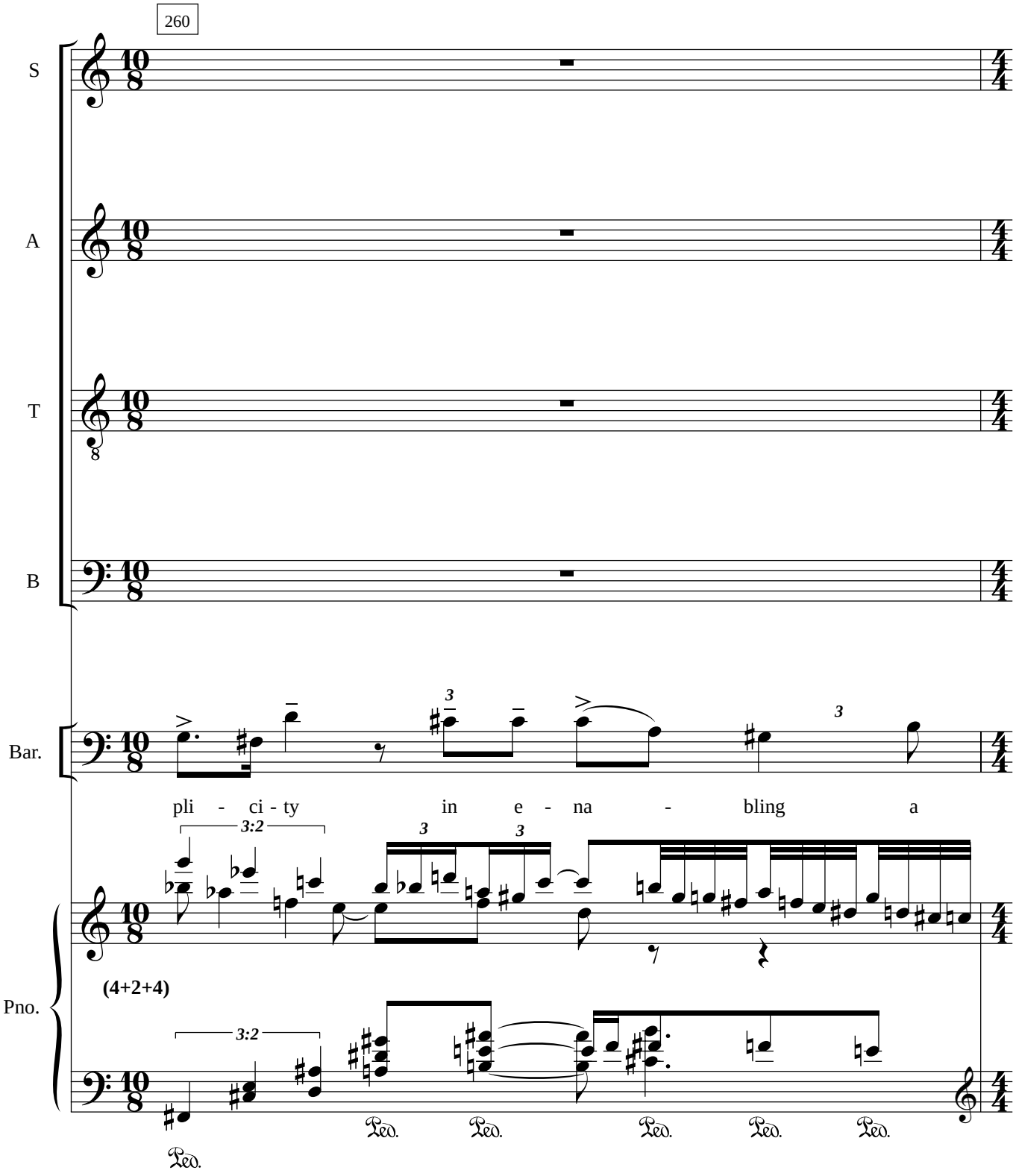
260
S
A
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B
Bar.
pli - ci - ty in e - na - bling a
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Pno.
(4+2+4)
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Ped.
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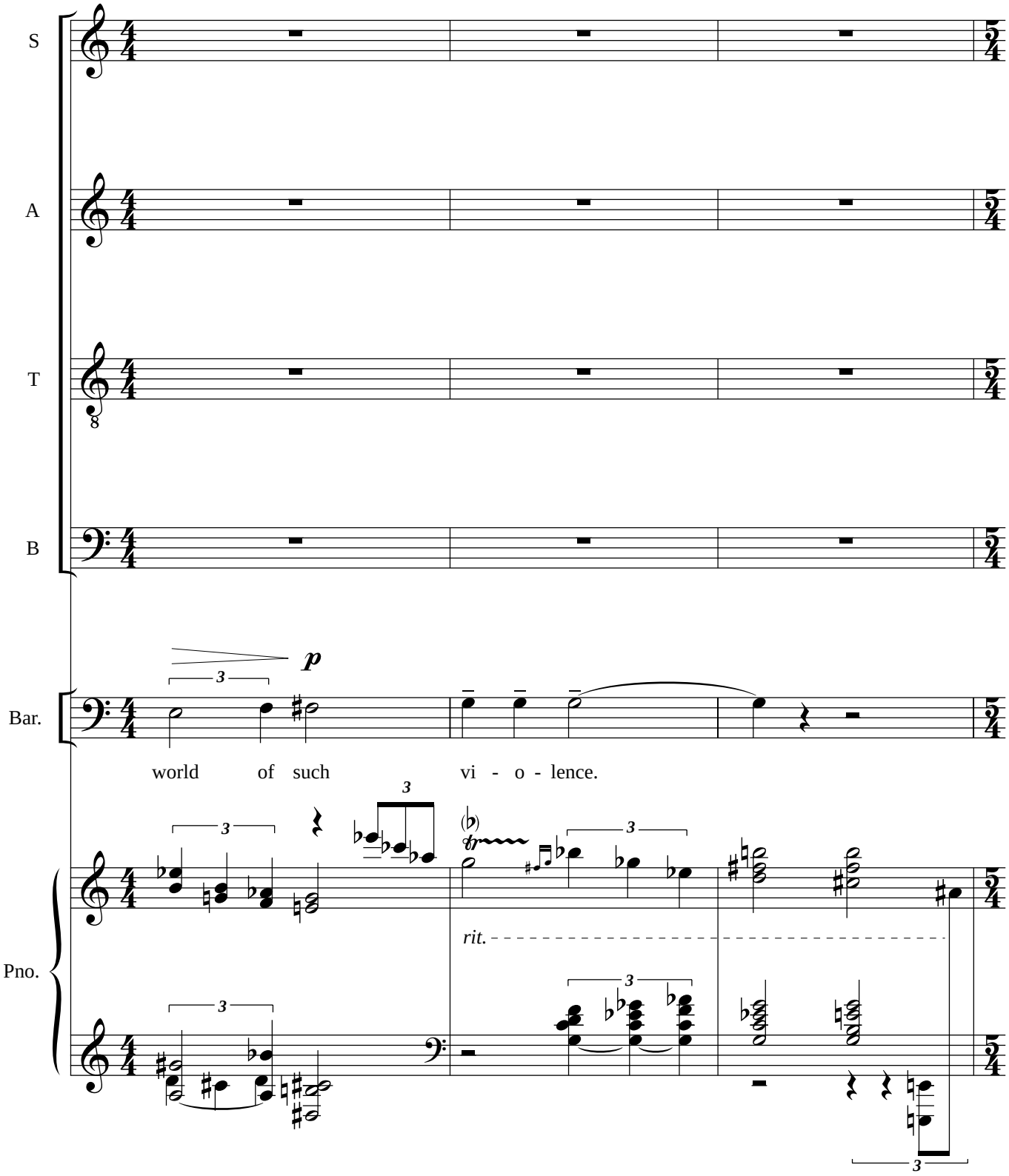
Ped.
Ped.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Bar.
Pno.
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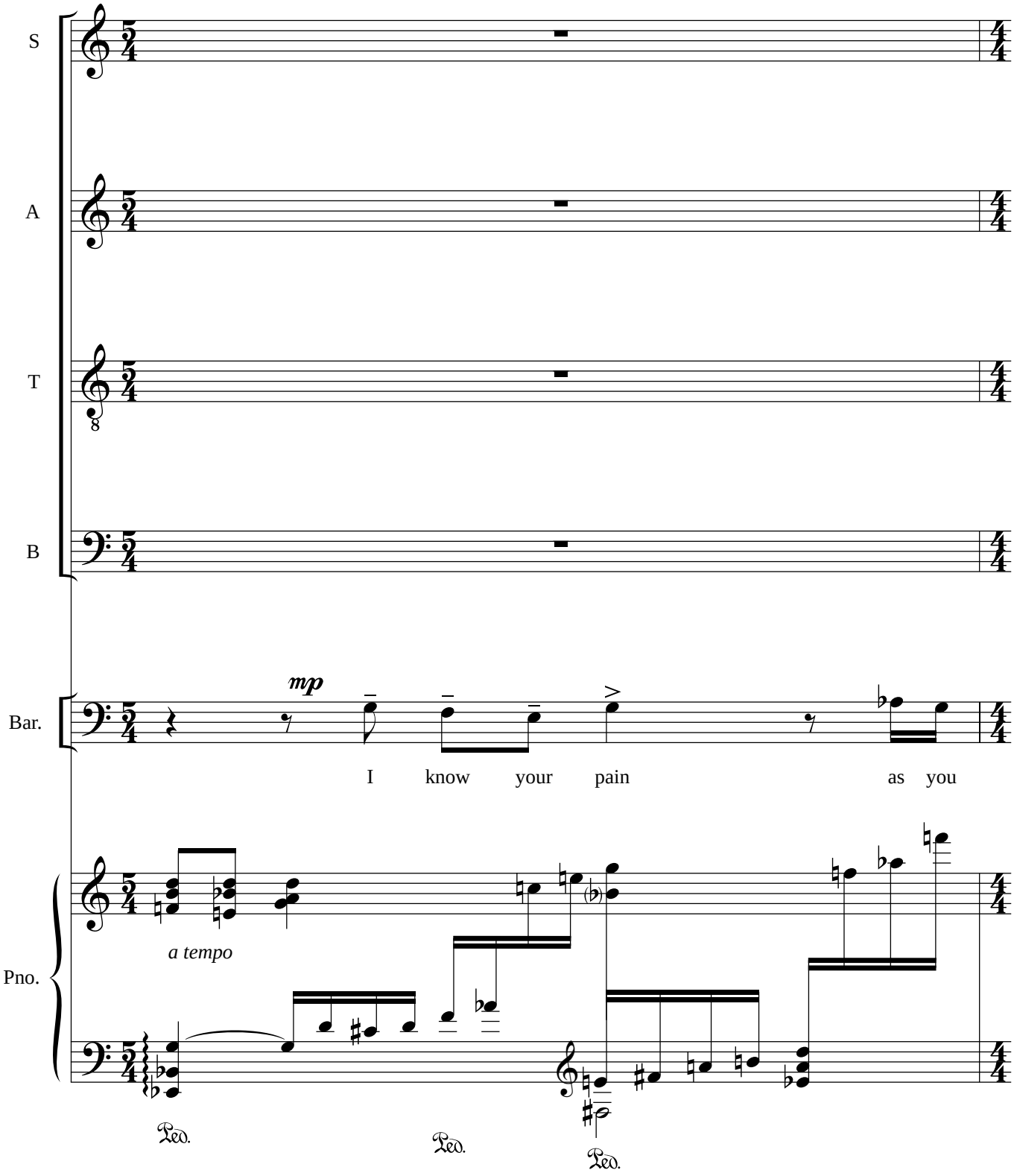
rit.


S
A
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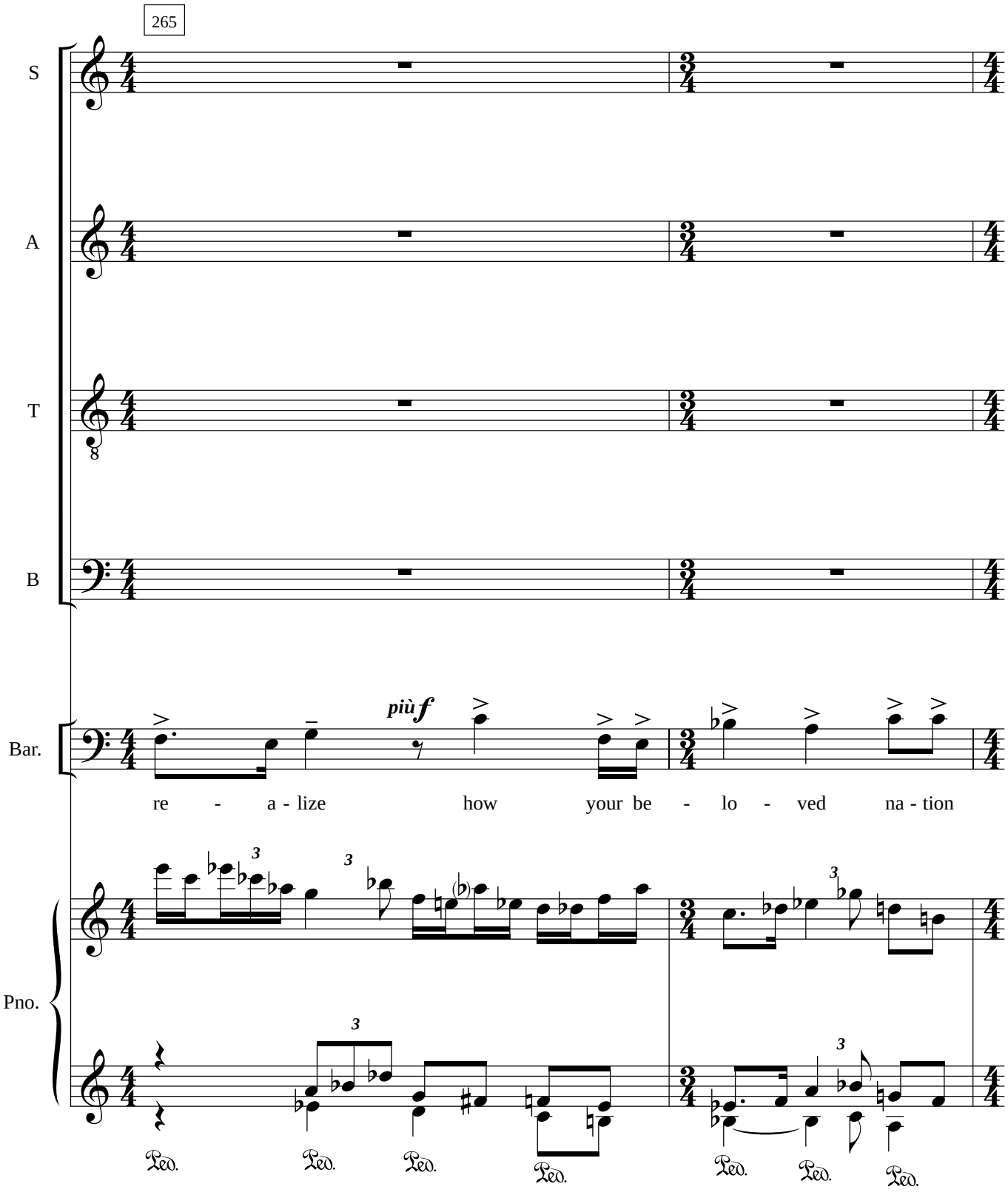
B
Bar.
mp
I know your pain as you
Pno.
a tempo
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


265
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A
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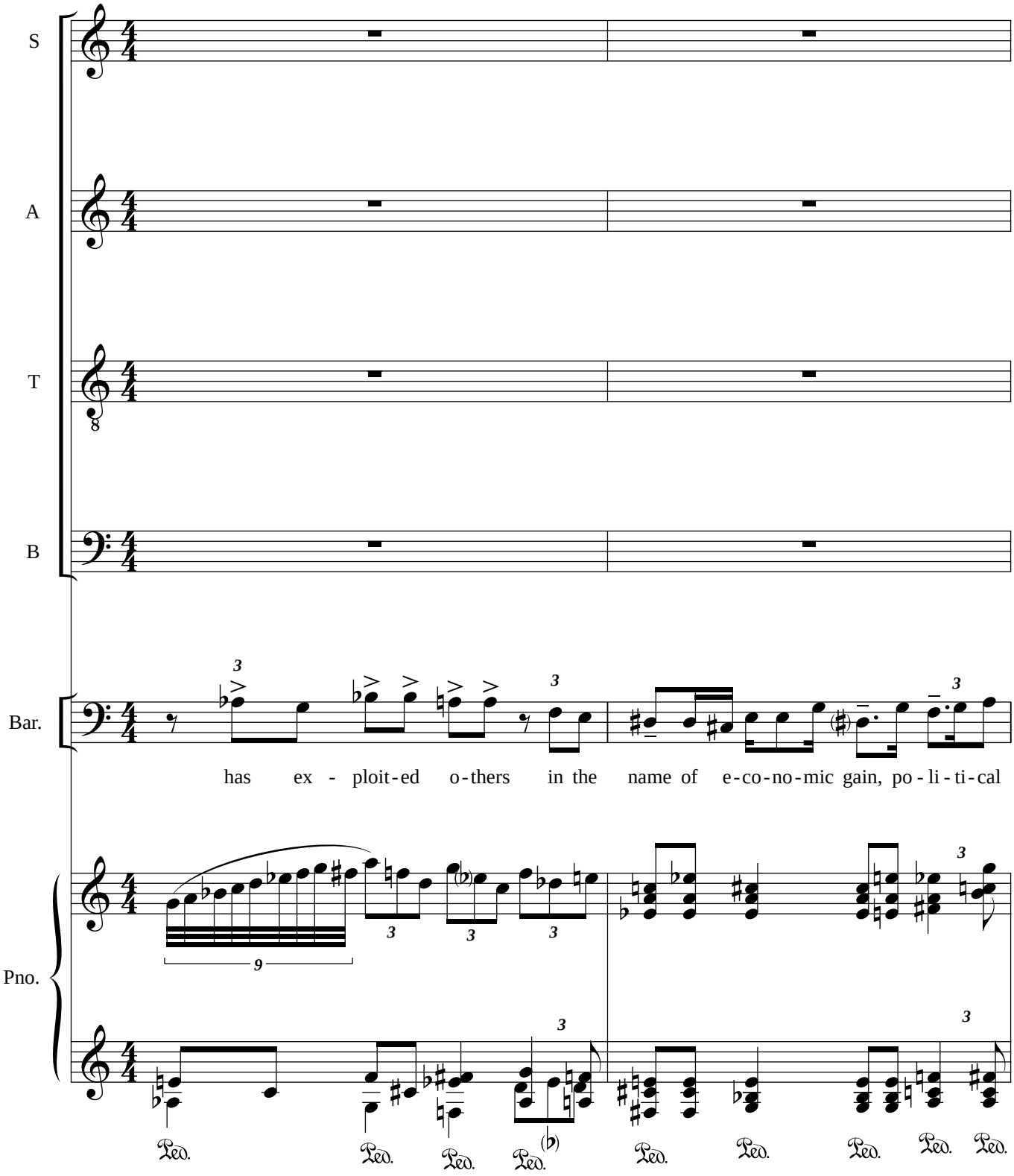
Bar.
Pno.
più f
re - a - lize how your be - lo - ved na - tion
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.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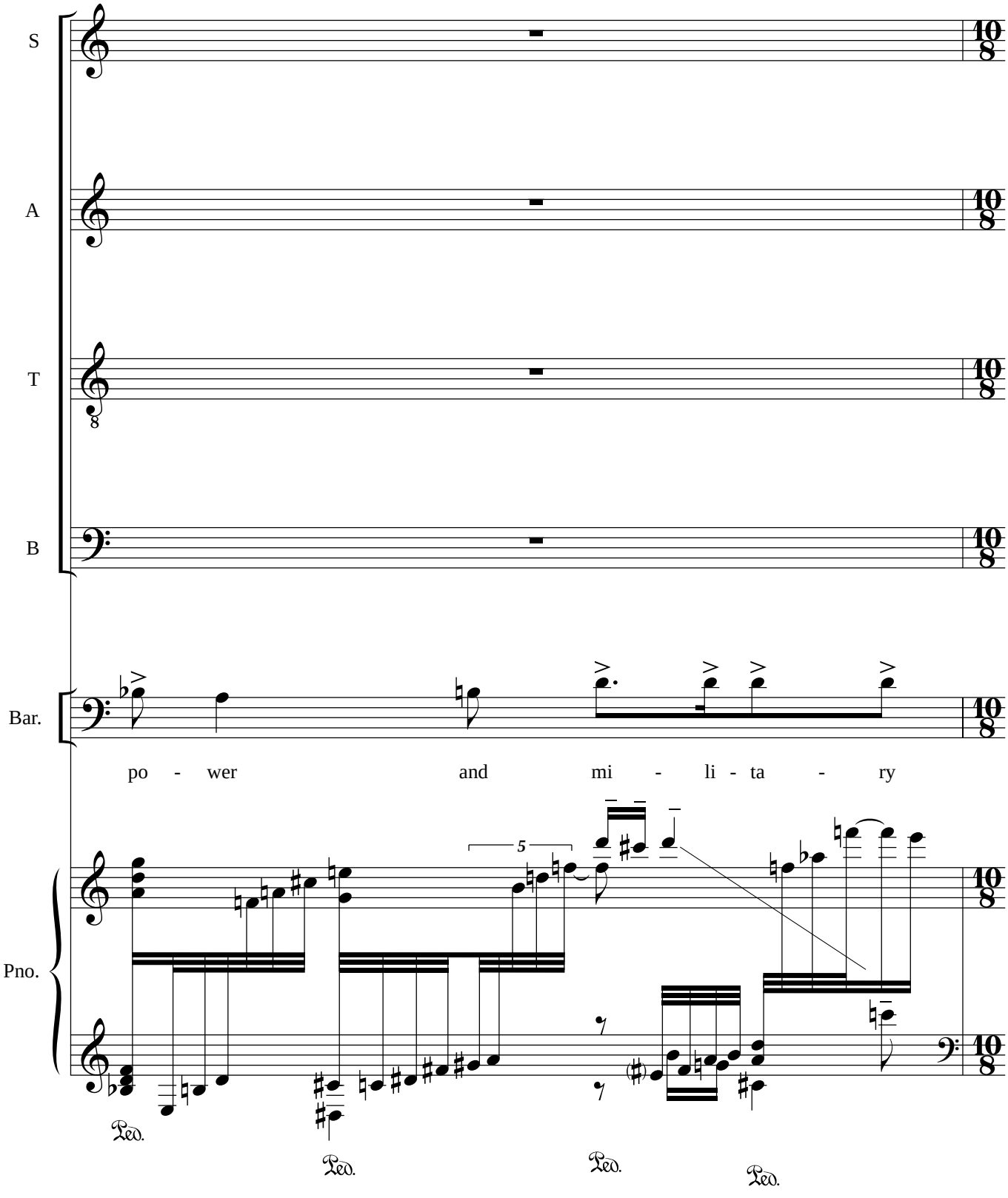
Bar.
has ex - ploit-ed o-thers in the name of e-co-no-mic gain, po - li - ti-cal
Pno.
Ped.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po - wer and mi - li - ta - ry
Pno.
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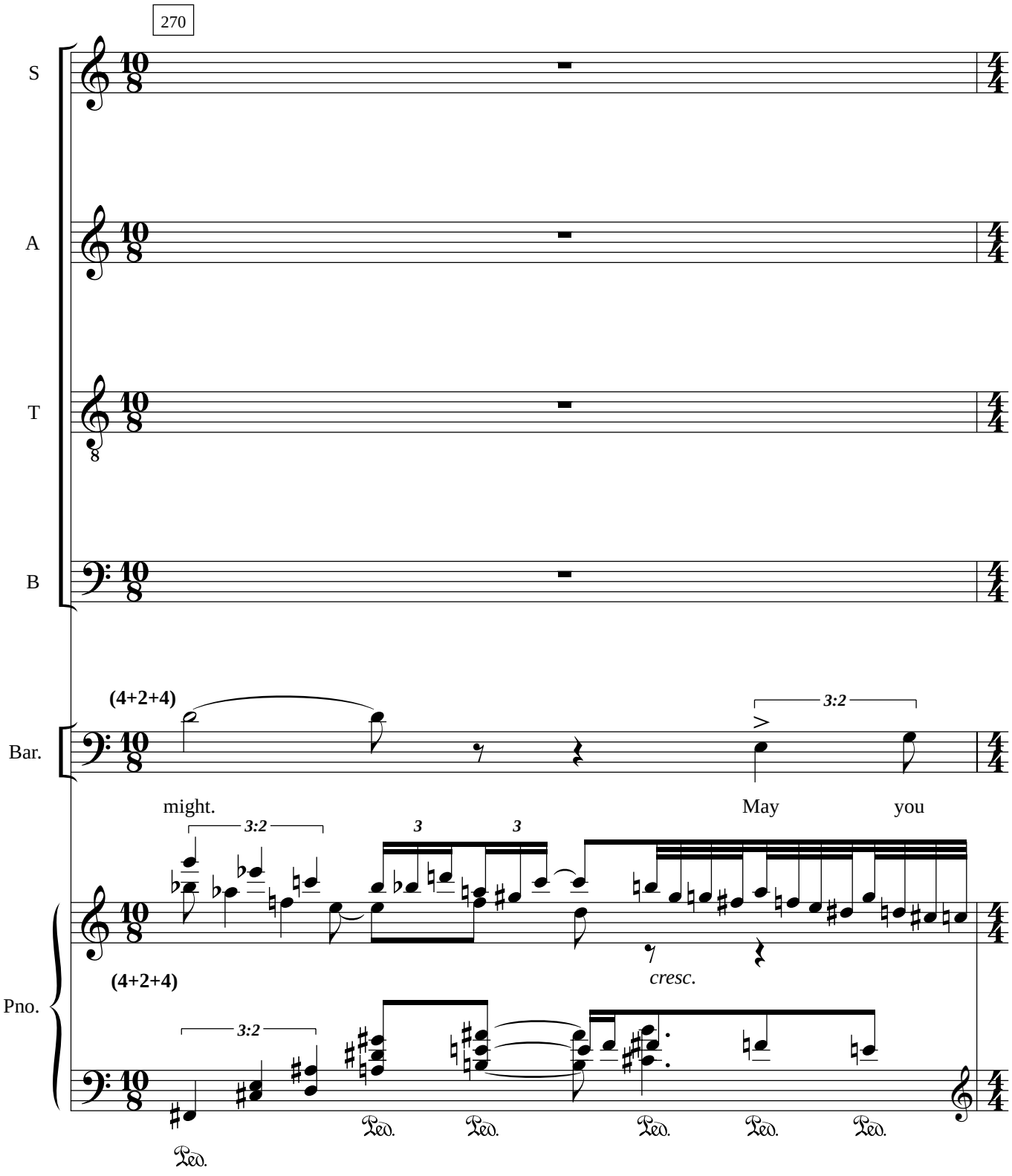
270
S
A
T
B
Bar.
(4+2+4)
3:2
might.
May
you
Pno.
(4+2+4)
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cresc.
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Ped.
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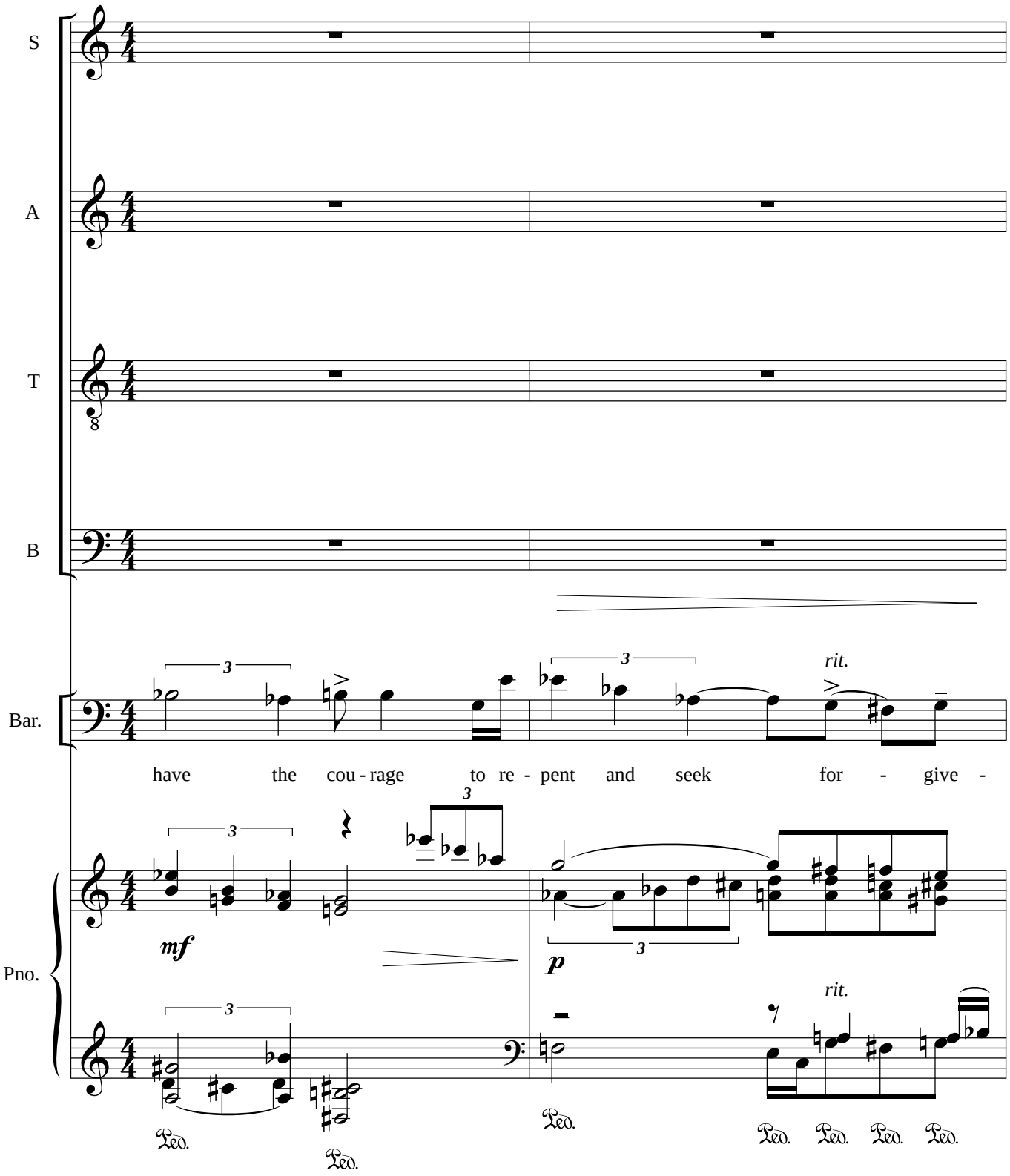
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
have the cou - rage to re - pent and seek for - give -
mf
p
rit.
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Ped.
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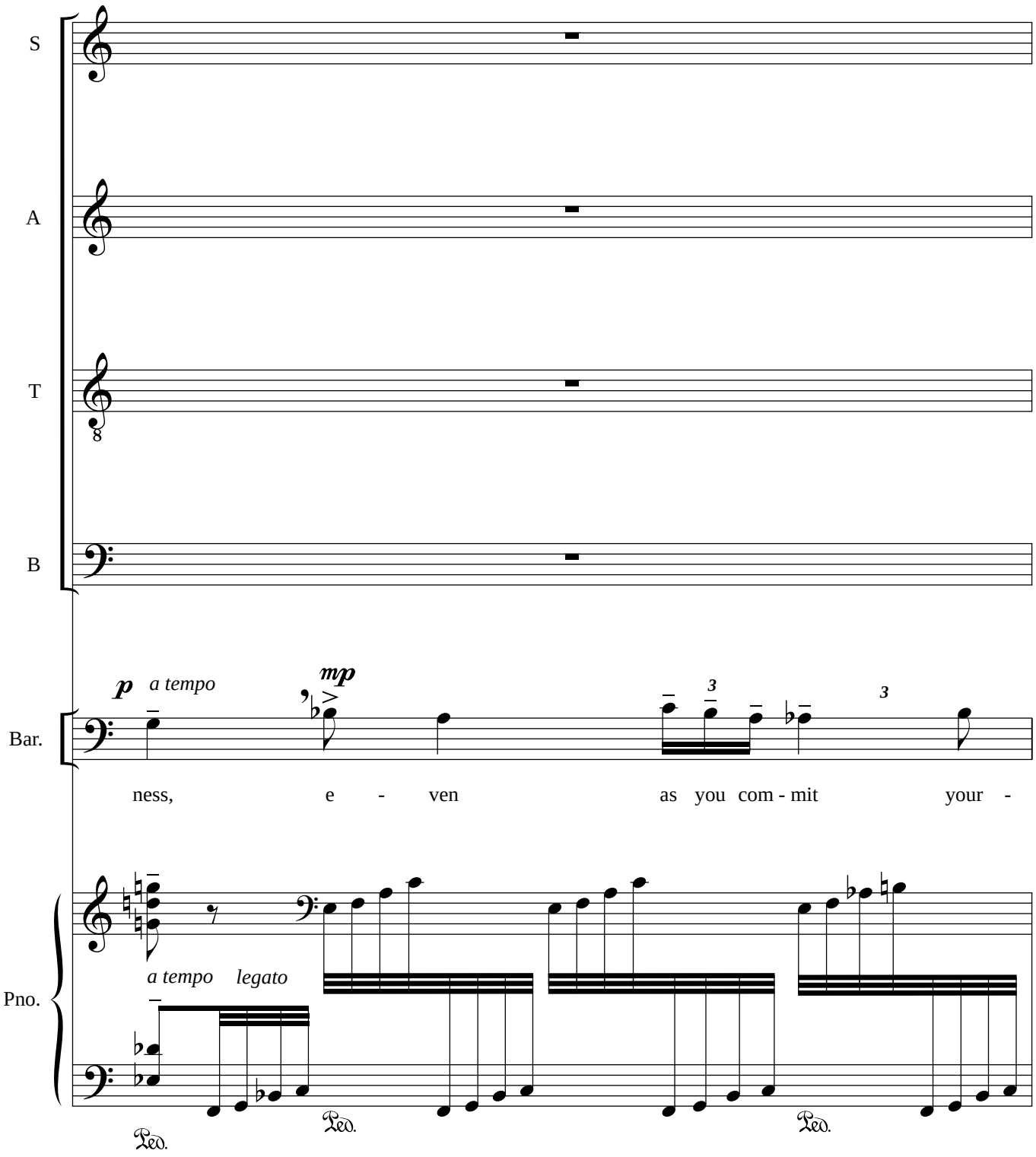
S
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B
Bar.
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a tempo
mp
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ness, e - ven as you com - mit your -
a tempo legato
Ped.
Ped.
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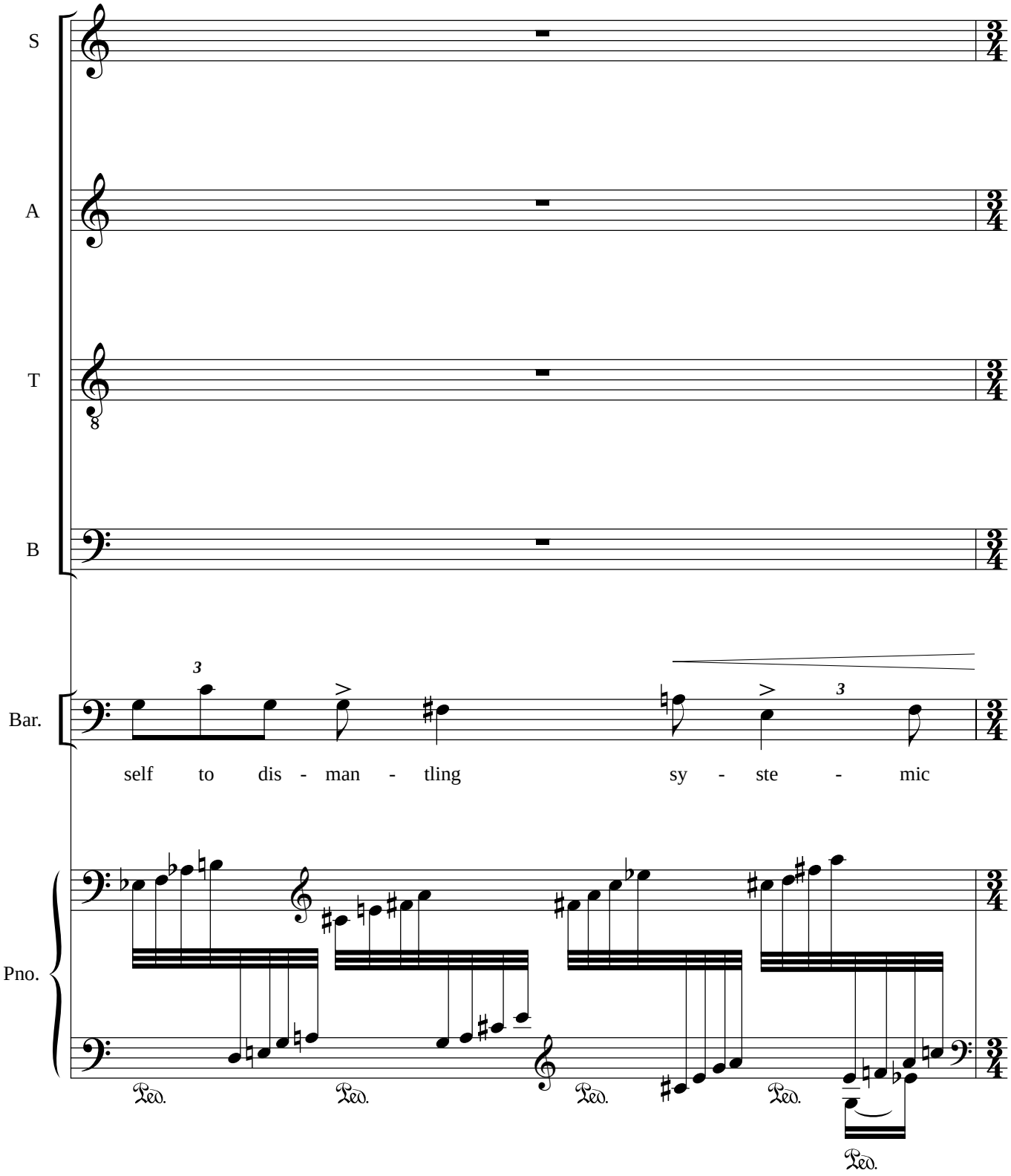
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self to dis - man - tling sy - ste - mic
Pno.
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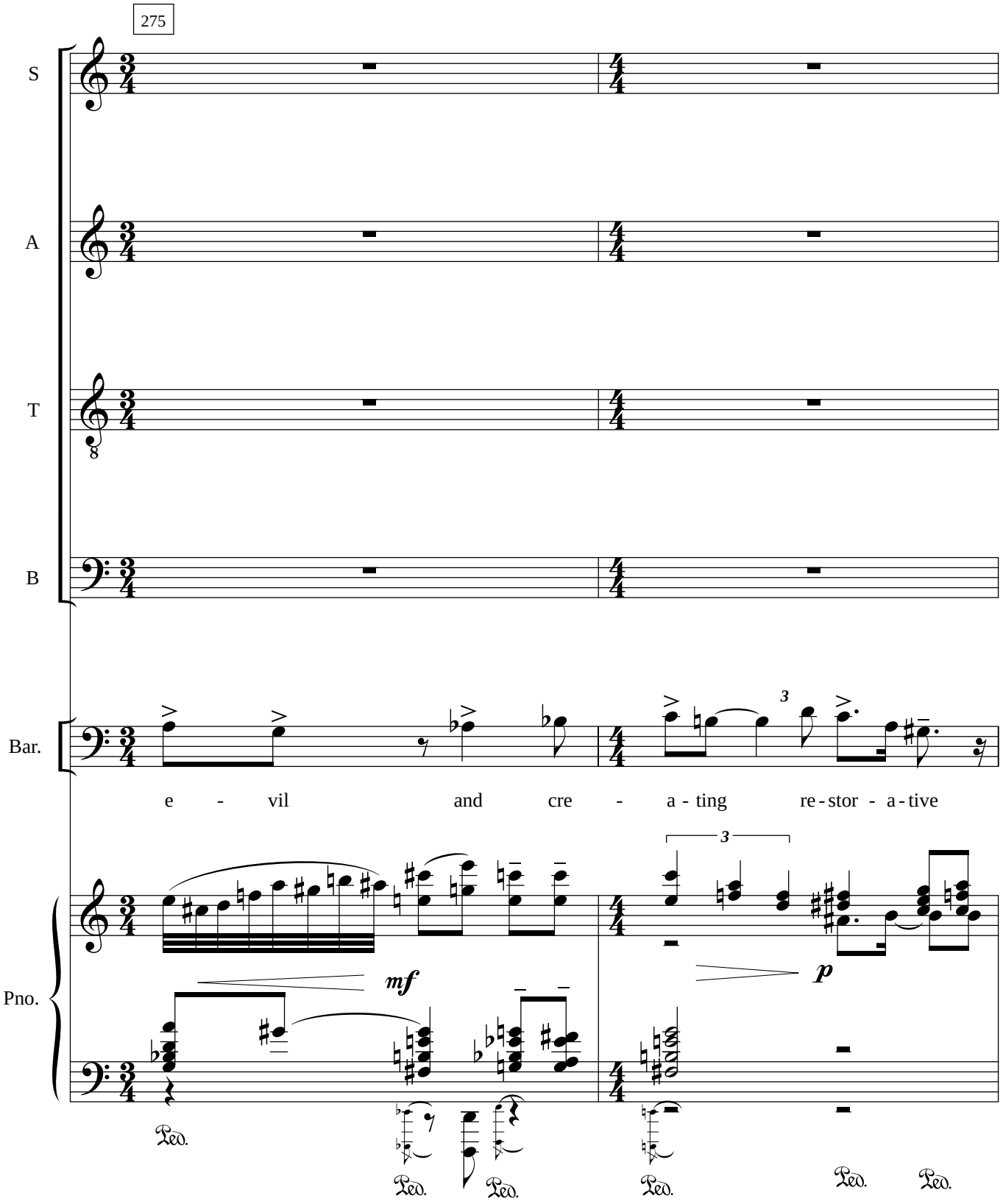
275
S
A
T
B
Bar.
e - vil and cre - a - ting re - stor - a - tive
Pno.
mf
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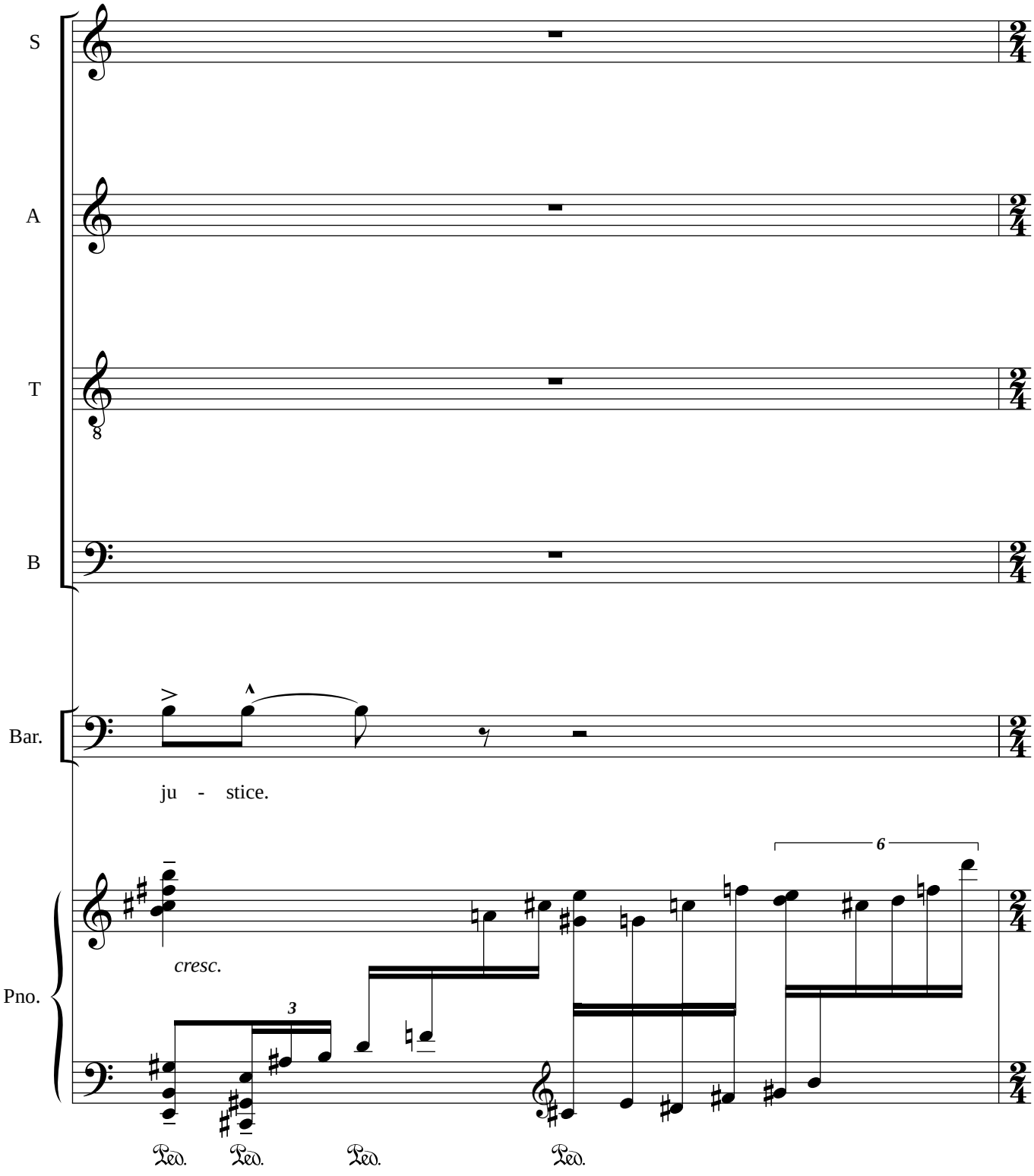
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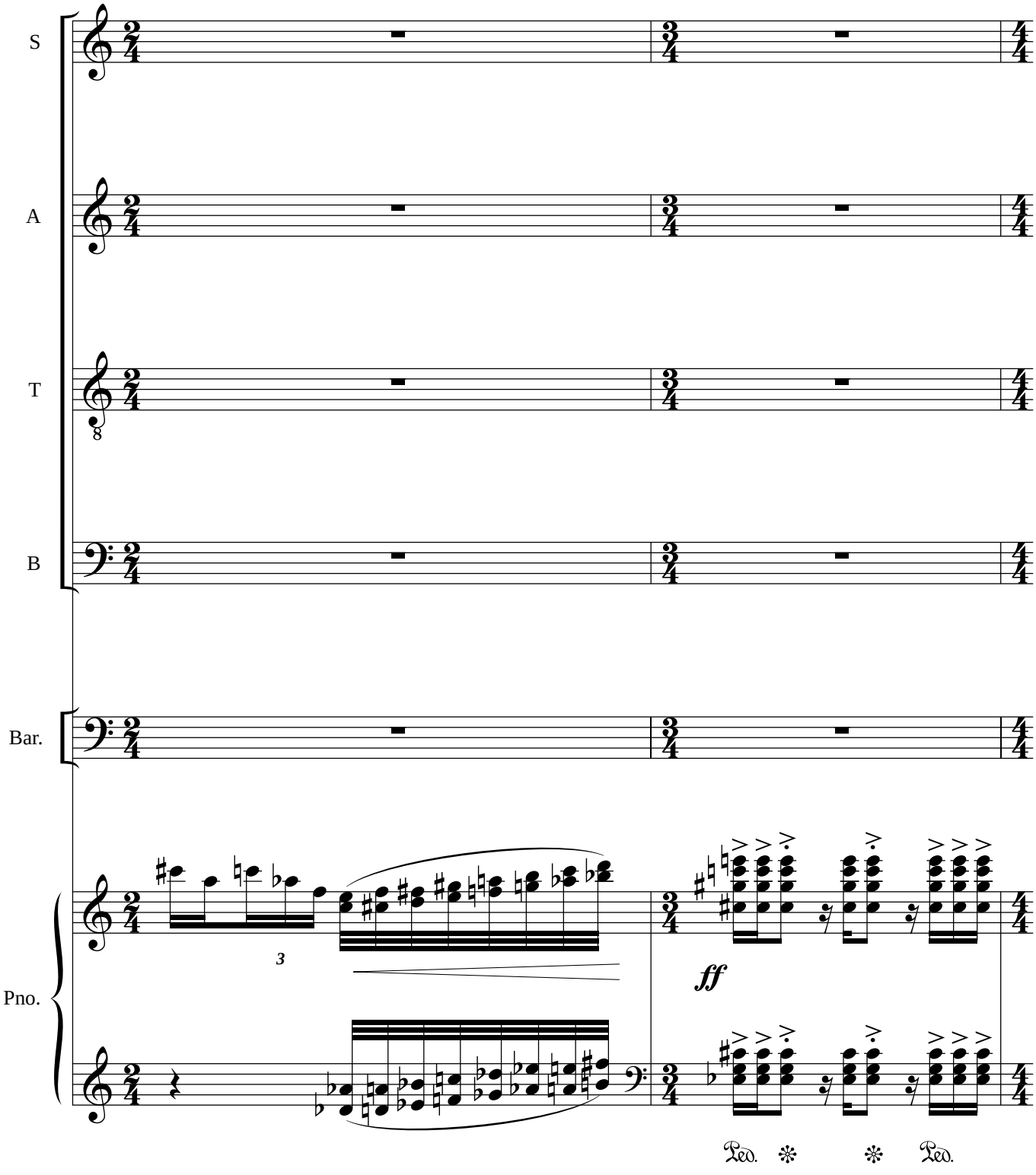
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Pno.
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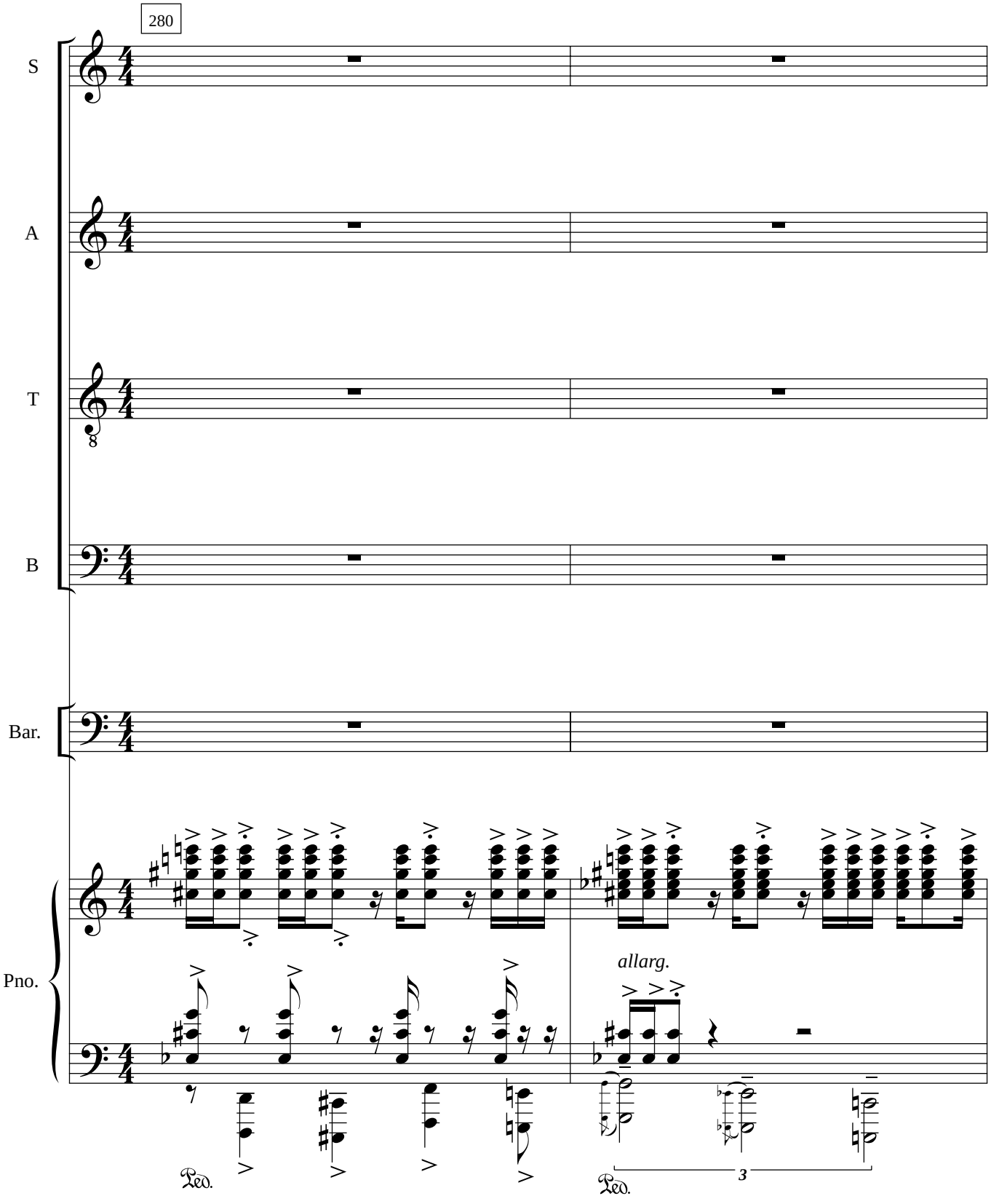
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S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
allarg.
Ped.
Ped.
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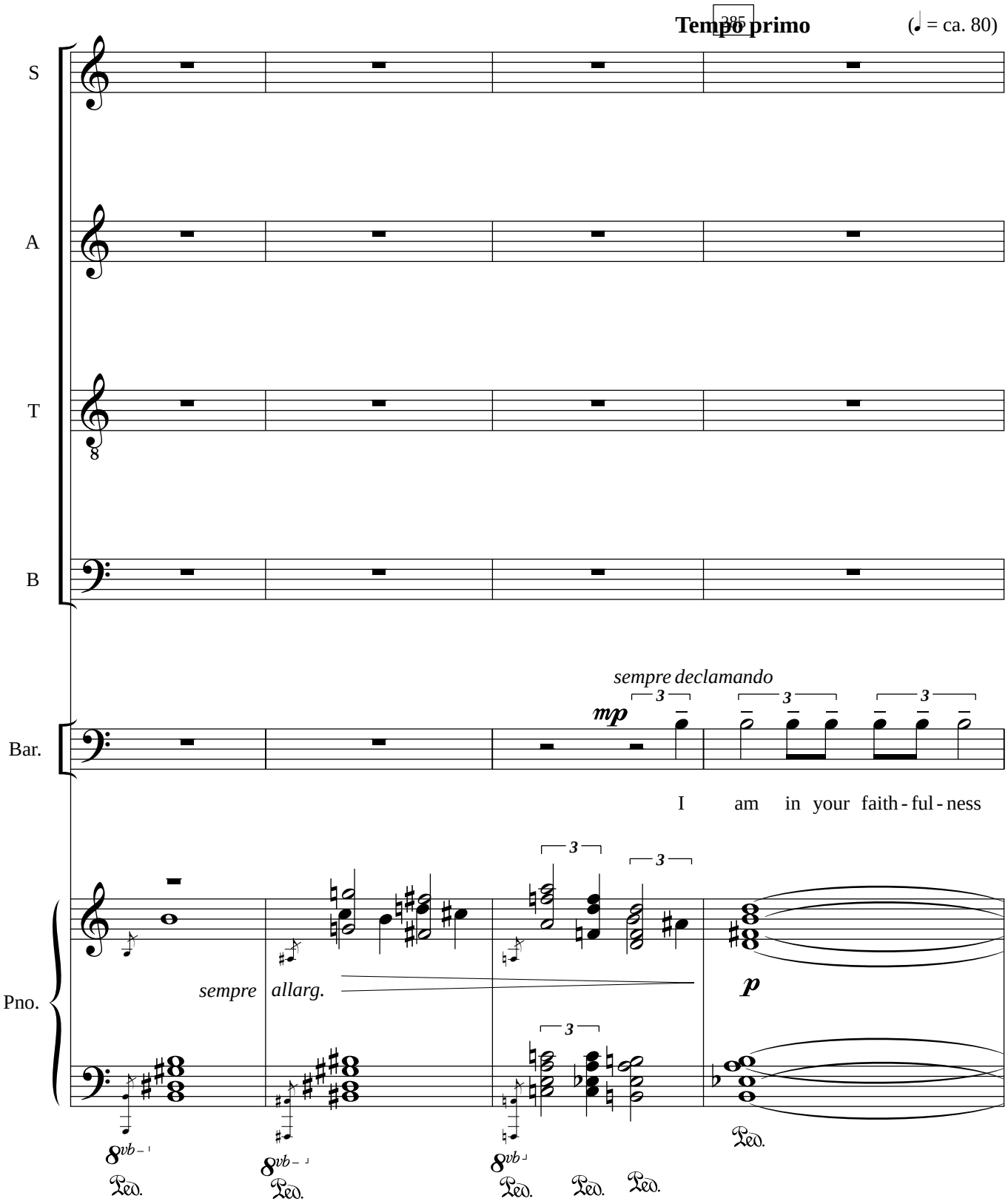
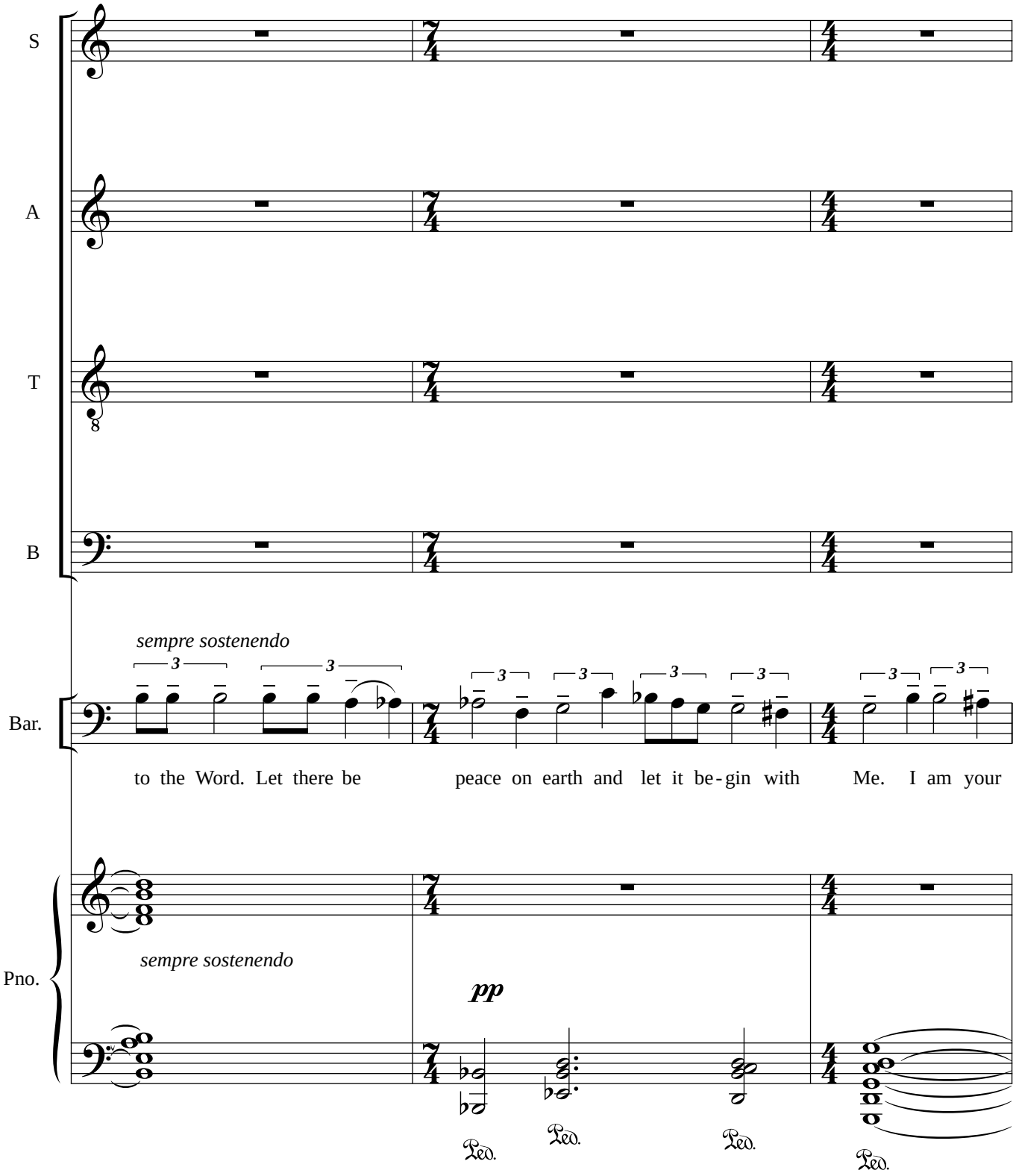
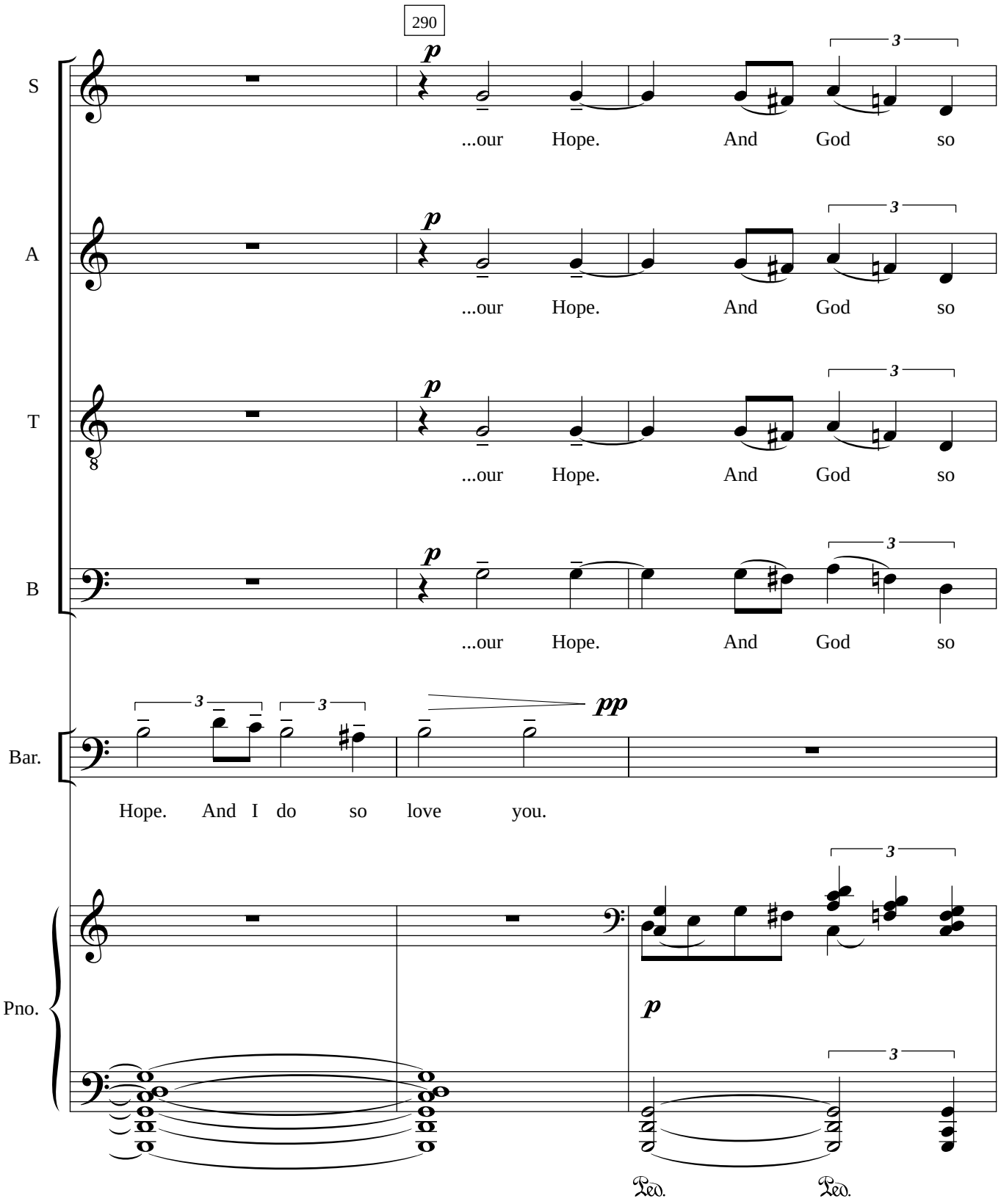
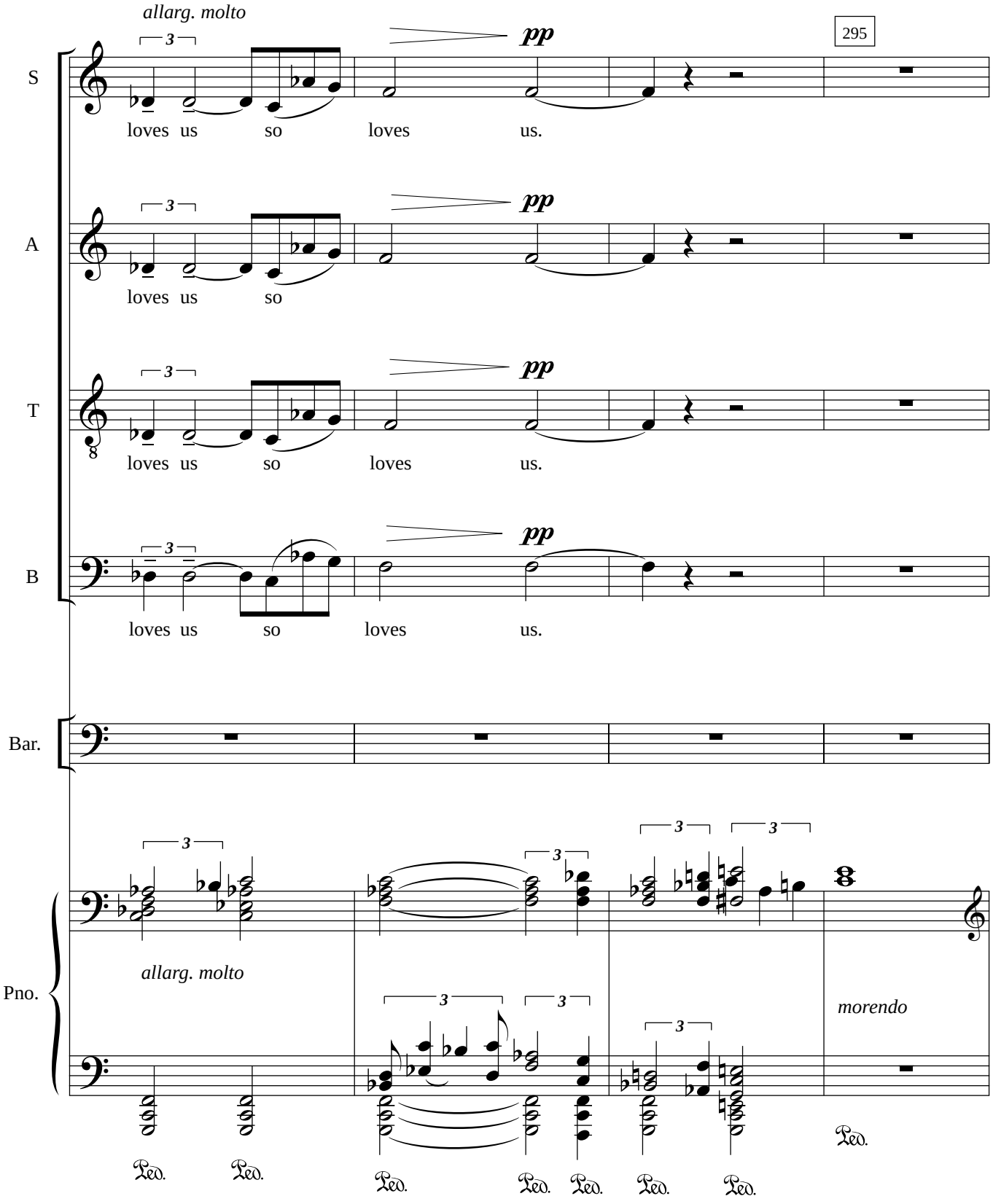
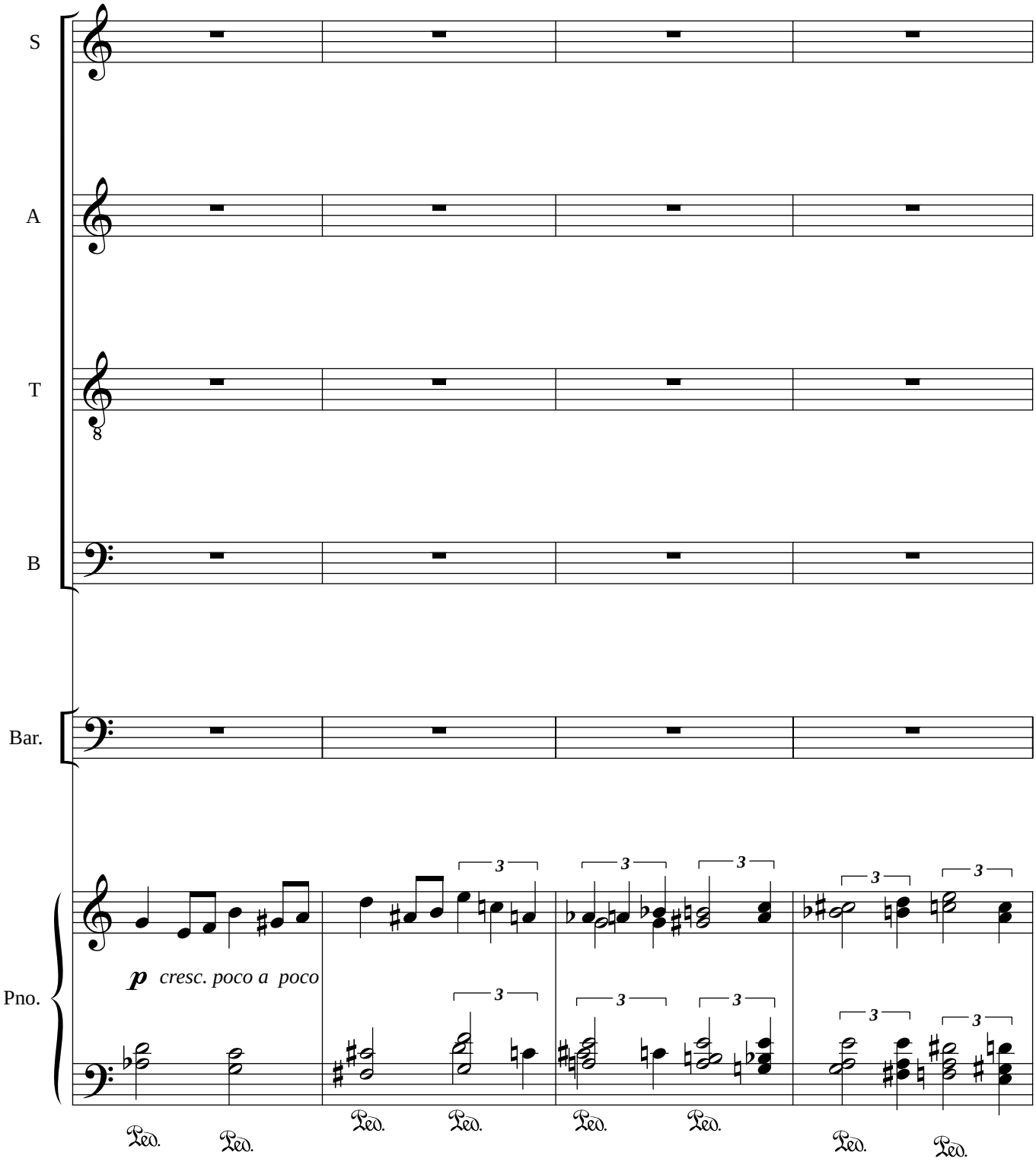

385
Tempo primo
(♩. = ca. 80)
S
A
T
B
Bar.
sempre declamando
mp
I am in your faith - ful - ness
Pno.
sempre
allarg.
p
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
sempre sostenendo
to the Word. Let there be peace on earth and let it be-gin with Me. I am your
sempre sostenendo
pp
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


290
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
...our Hope. And God so
...our Hope. And God so
...our Hope. And God so
...our Hope. And God so
Hope. And I do so love you.
p
pp
3
Ped.
Ped.


allarg. molto
295
S
loves us so loves us.
A
loves us so
T
loves us so loves us.
B
loves us so loves us.
Bar.
Pno.
allarg. molto
morendo
pp
3
Ped.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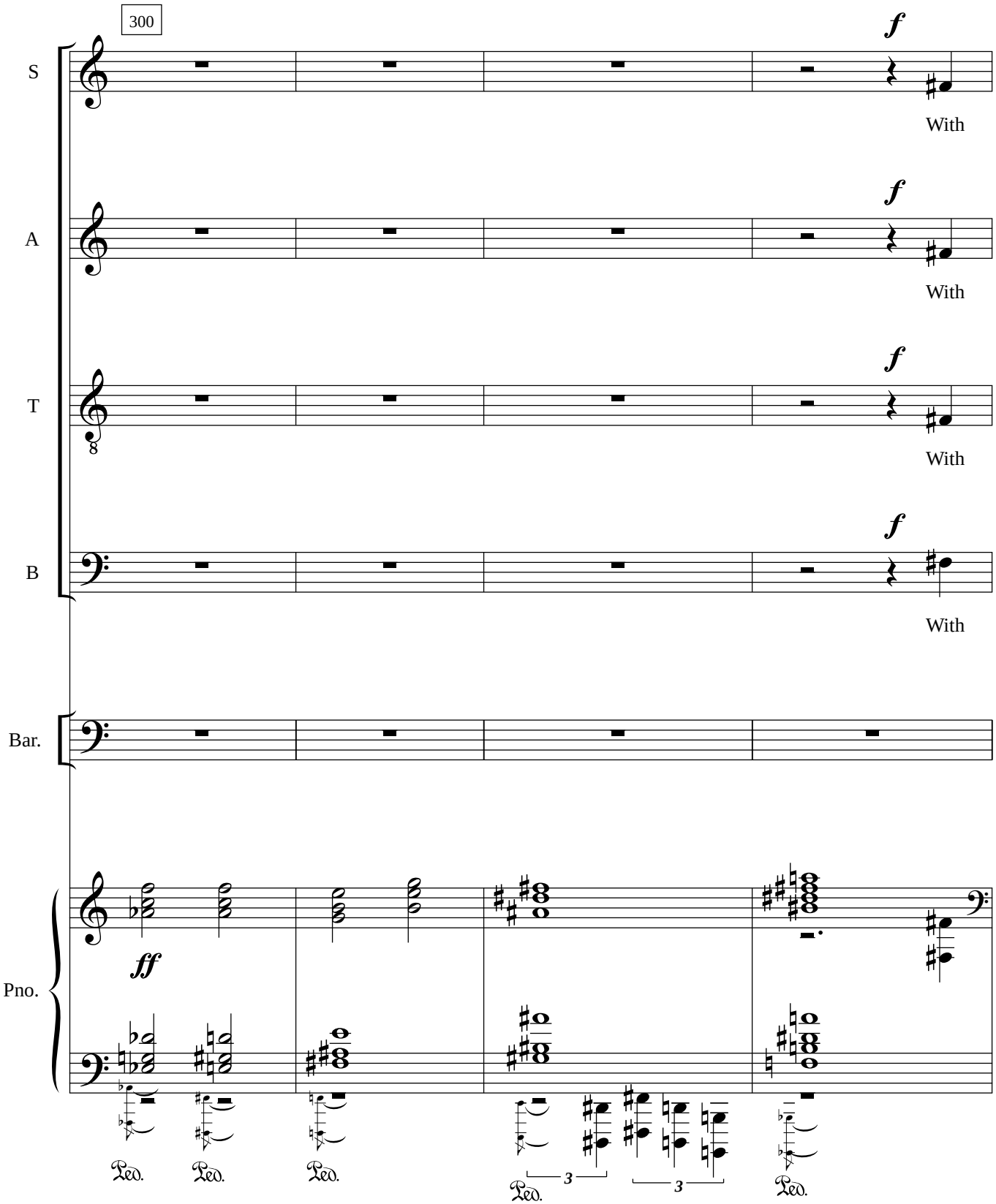
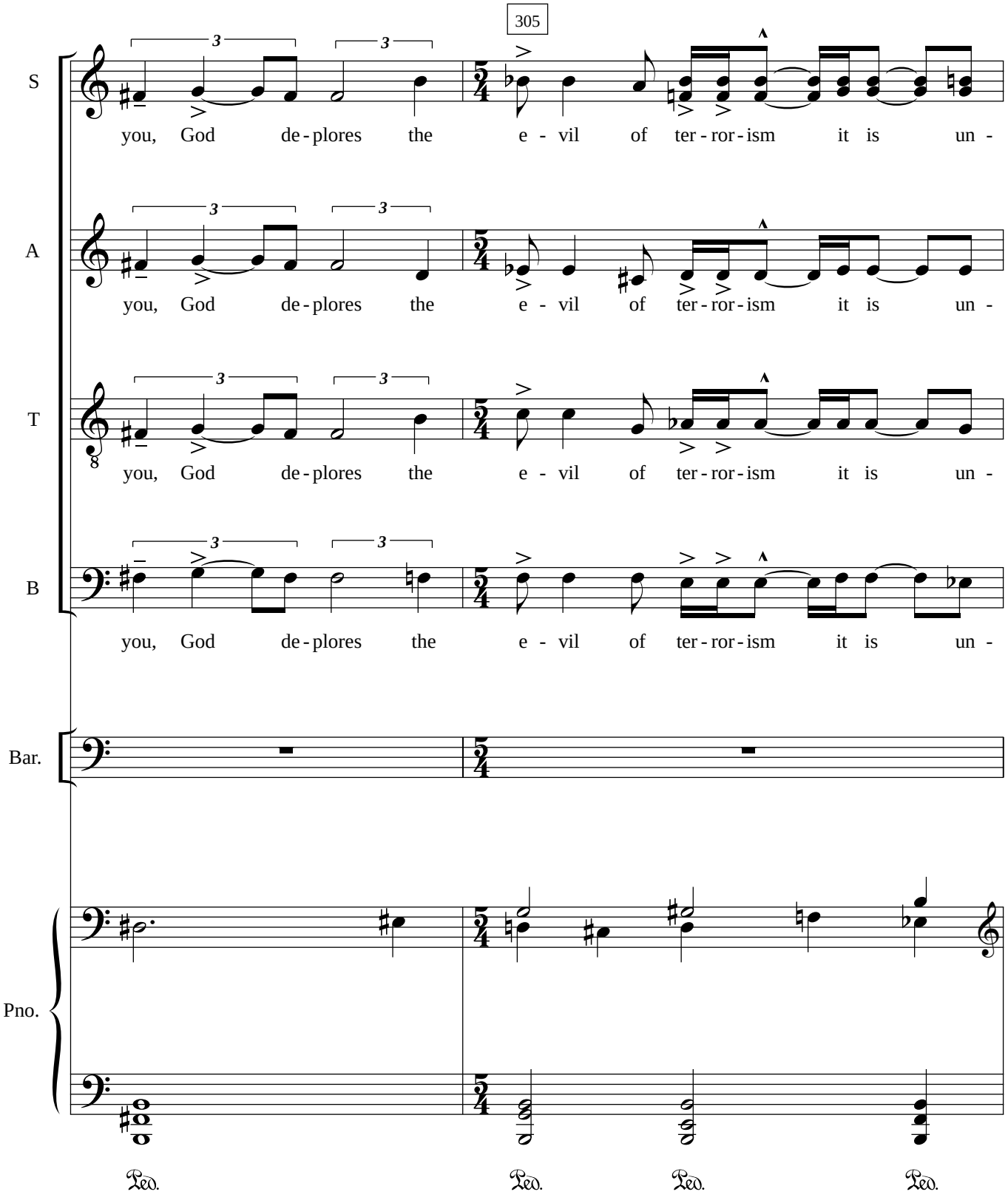
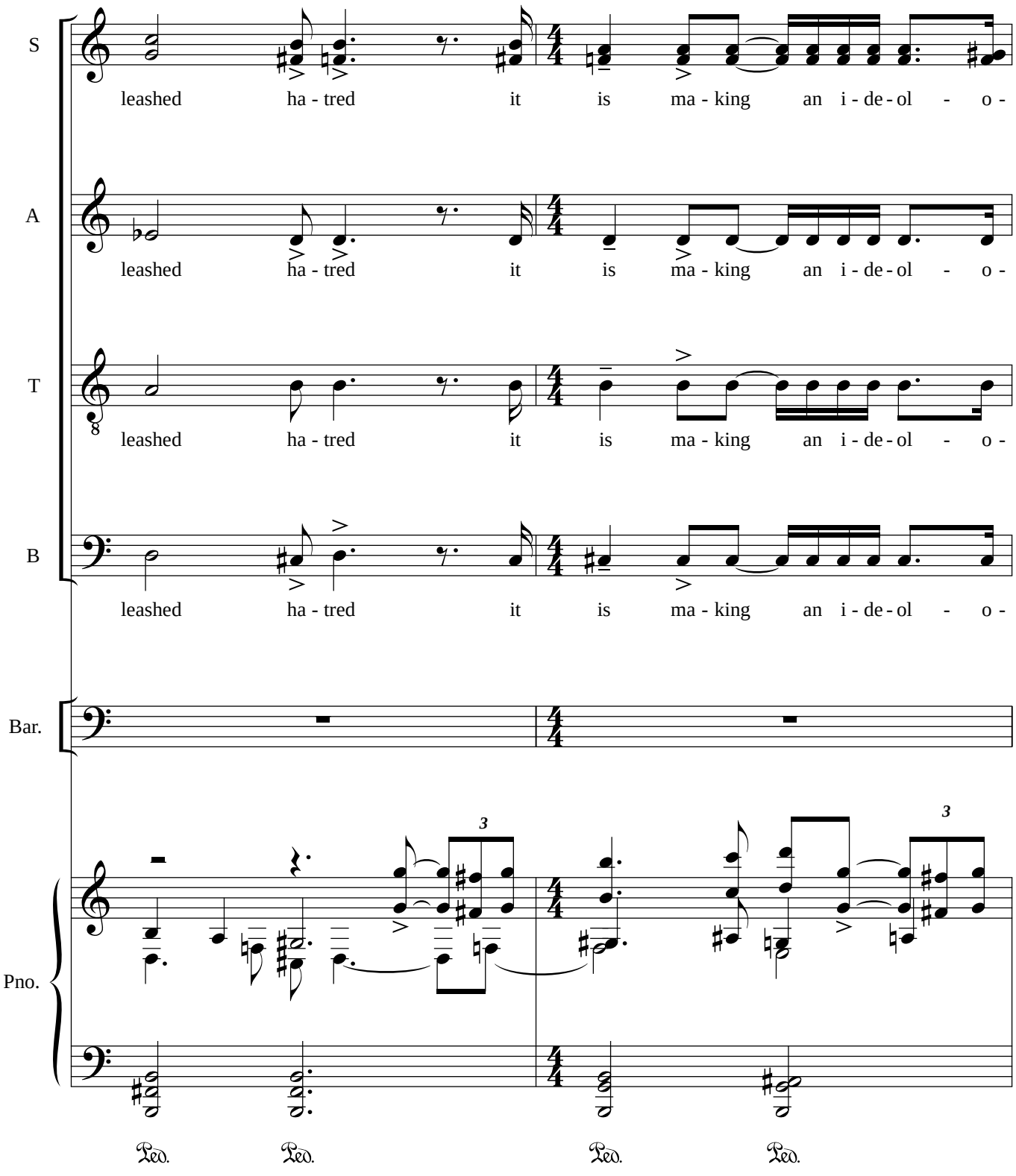
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
p cresc. poco a poco
3
Ped.


300
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
f
With
ff
Ped.
3


305
S
you, God de - plores the e - vil of ter - ror - ism it is un -
A
you, God de - plores the e - vil of ter - ror - ism it is un -
T
you, God de - plores the e - vil of ter - ror - ism it is un -
B
you, God de - plores the e - vil of ter - ror - ism it is un -
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


S
leashed ha - tred it is ma - king an i - de - ol - o -
A
leashed ha - tred it is ma - king an i - de - ol - o -
T
leashed ha - tred it is ma - king an i - de - ol - o -
B
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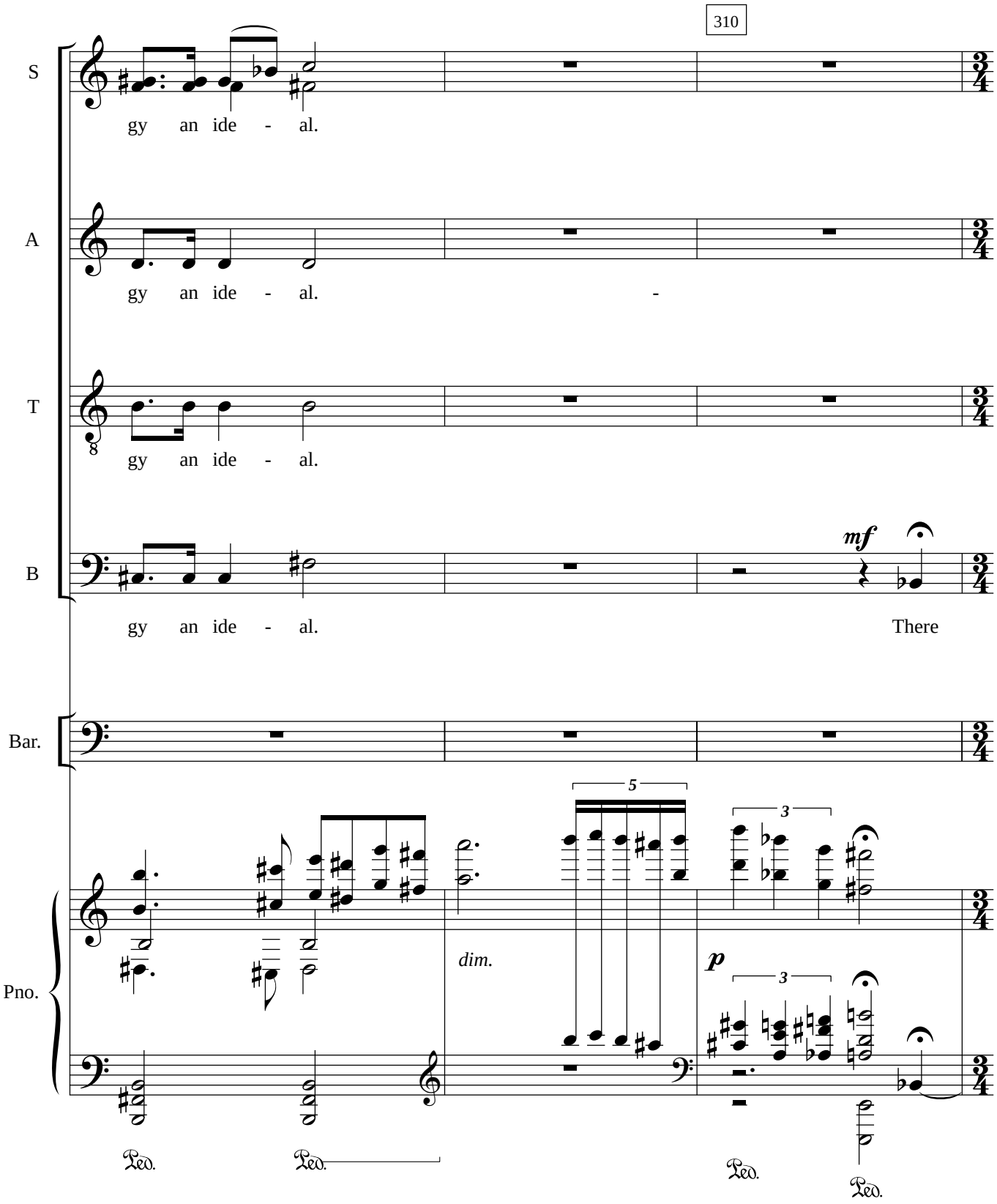
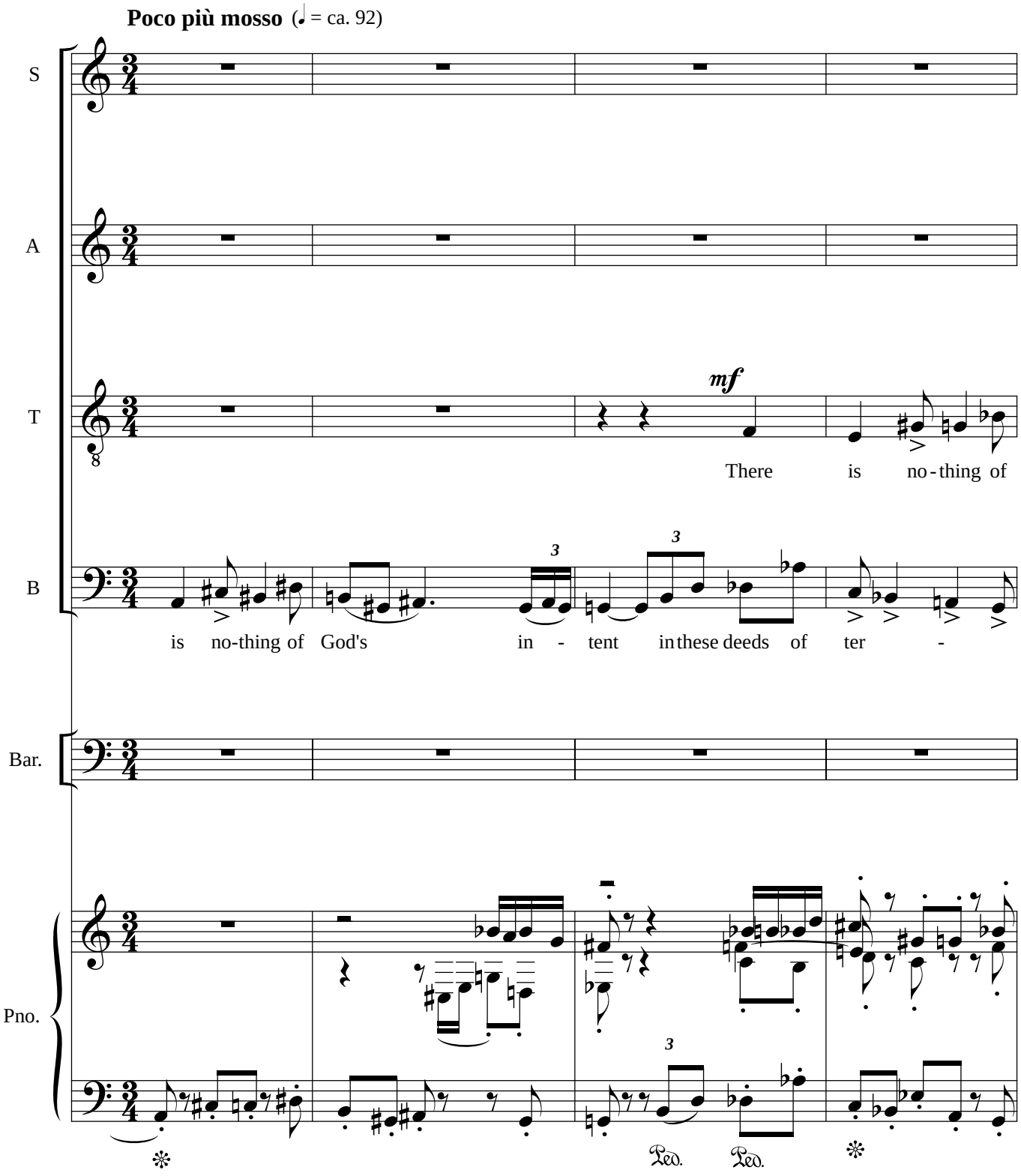
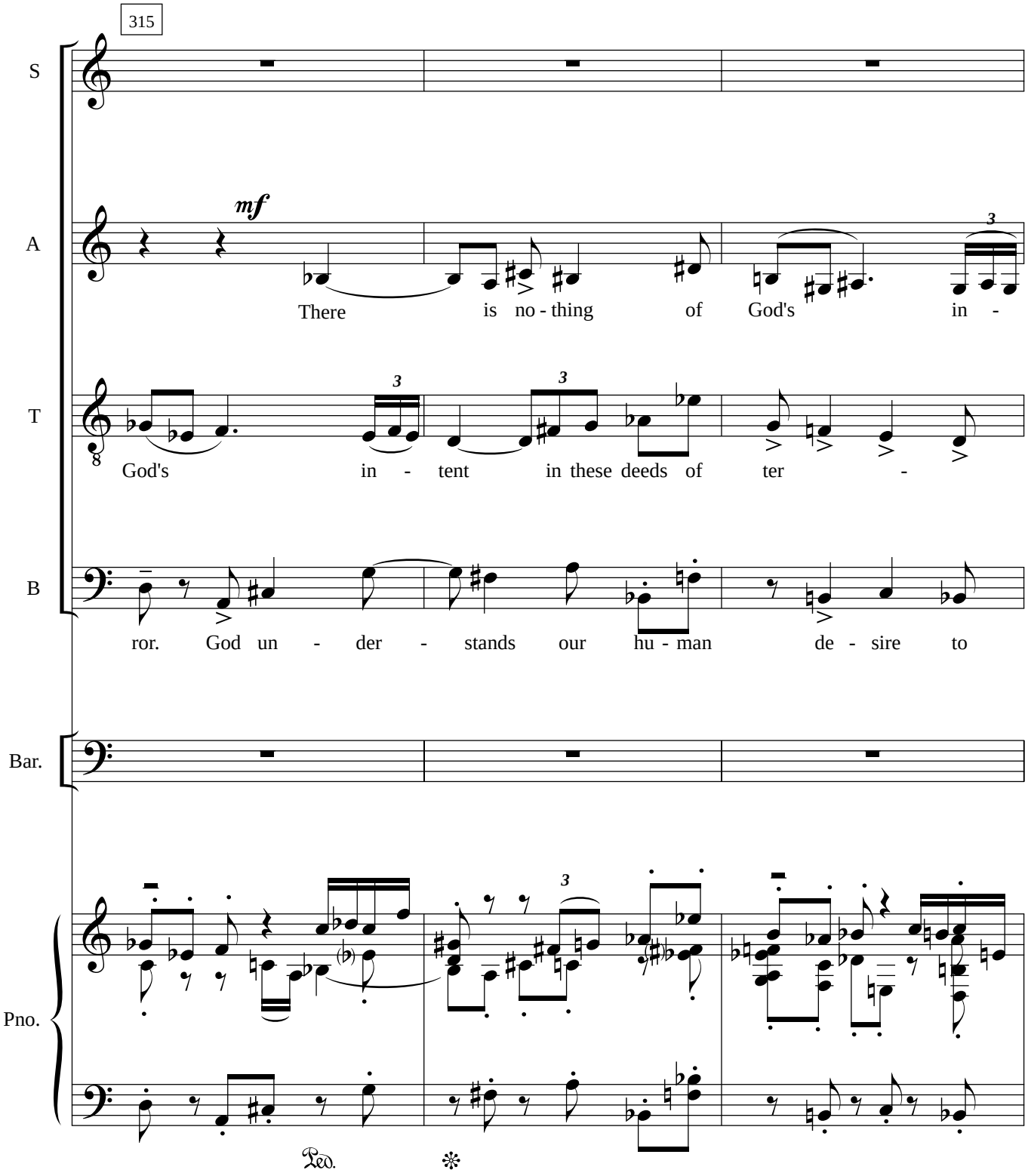
Bar.
Pno.
3
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


310
S
gy an ide - al.
A
gy an ide - al. -
T
gy an ide - al.
B
mf
gy an ide - al. There
Bar.
Pno.
5
3
dim.
p
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


Poco più mosso (♩. = ca. 92)
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
mf
There is no-thing of
is no-thing of God's in - tent in these deeds of ter -
3
3
3
Ped.
Ped.


315
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
mf
There is no - thing of God's in -
God's in - tent in these deeds of ter -
ror. God un - der - stands our hu - man de - sire to
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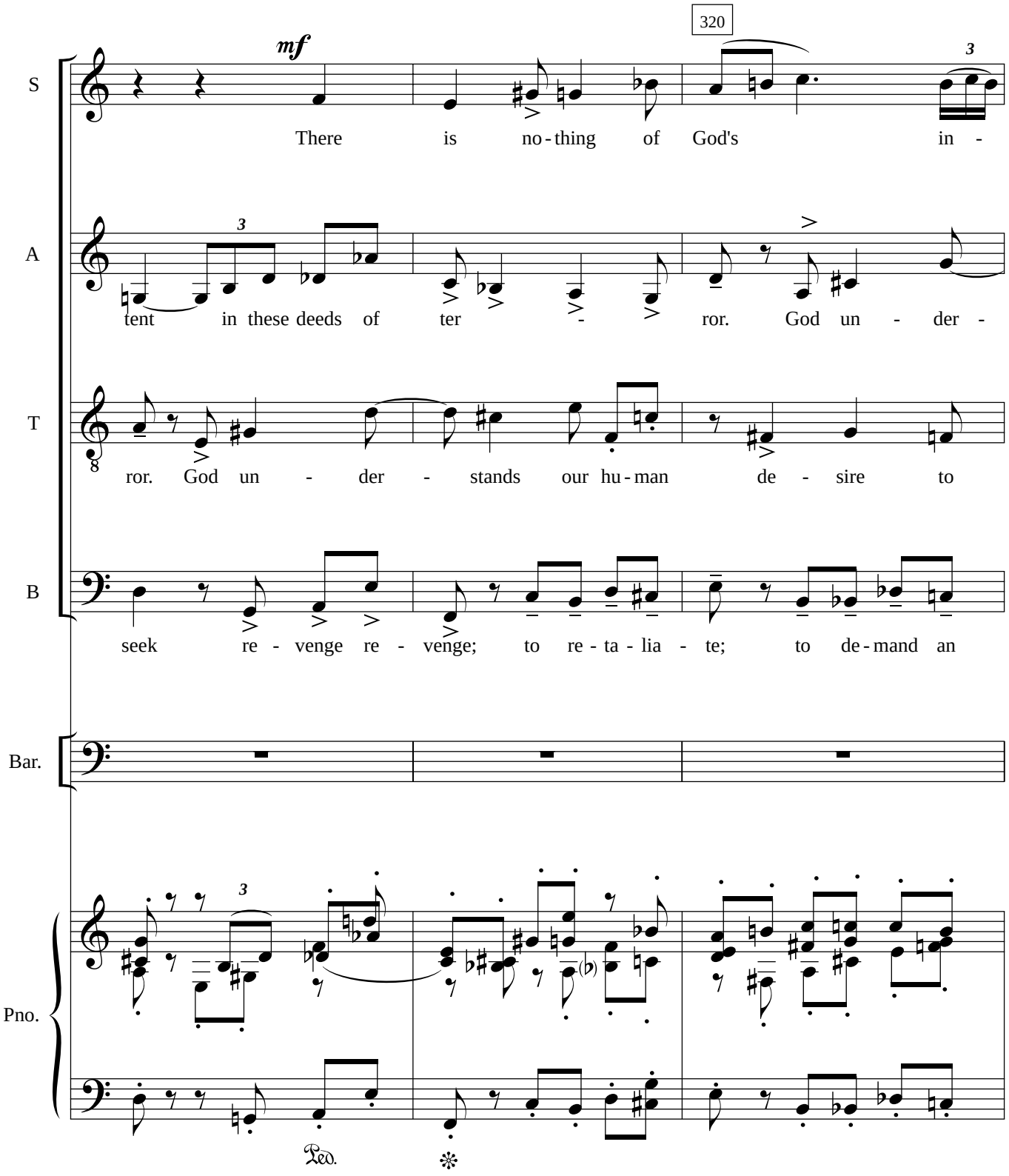
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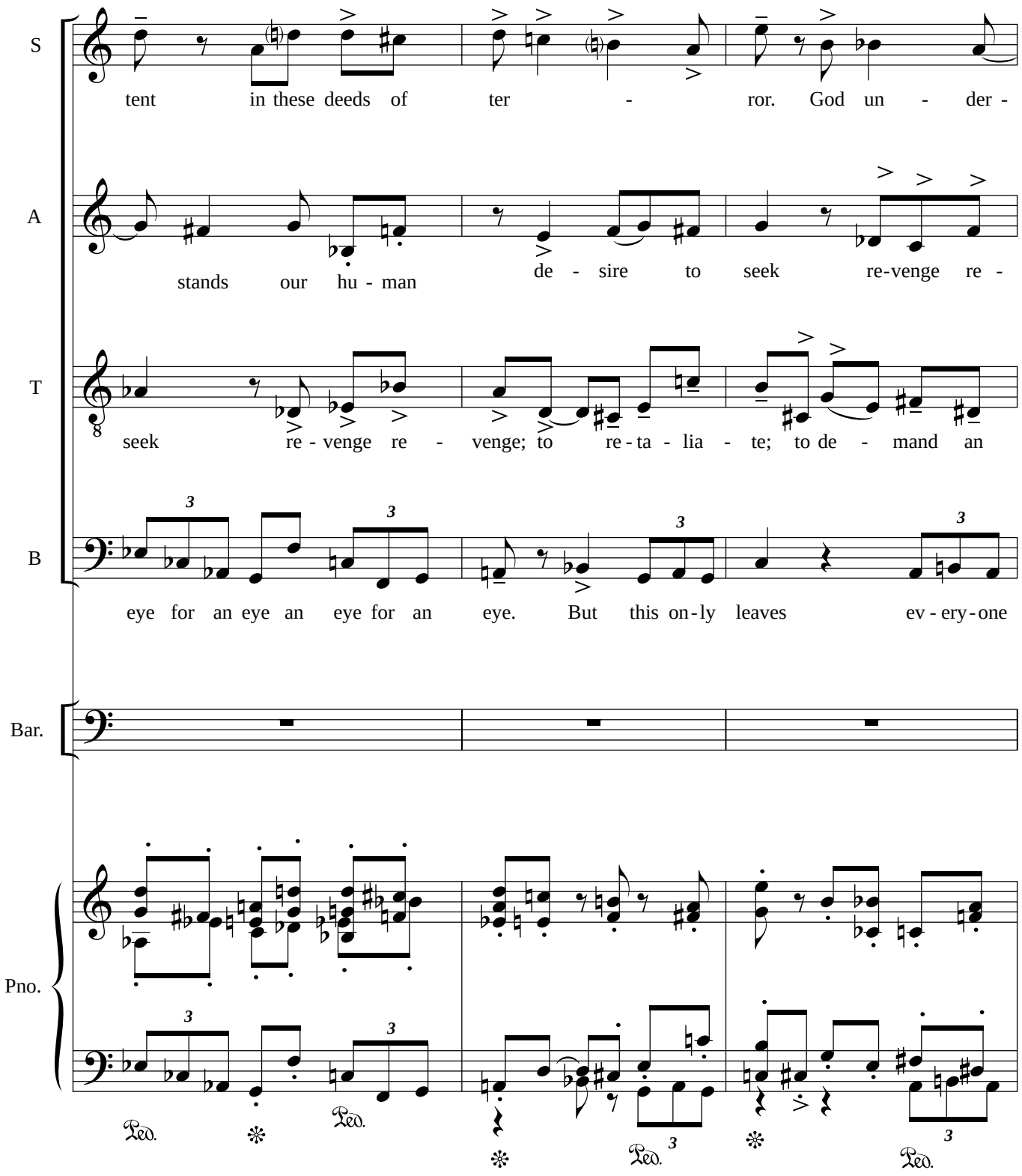
There is no - thing of God's in -
A
tent in these deeds of ter - ror. God un - der -
T
ror. God un - der - stands our hu - man de - sire to
B
seek re - venge re - venge; to re - ta - lia - te; to de - mand an
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.


S
tent in these deeds of ter - ror. God un - der -
A
stands our hu - man de - sire to seek re-venge re -
T
seek re - venge re - venge; to re - ta - lia - te; to de - mand an
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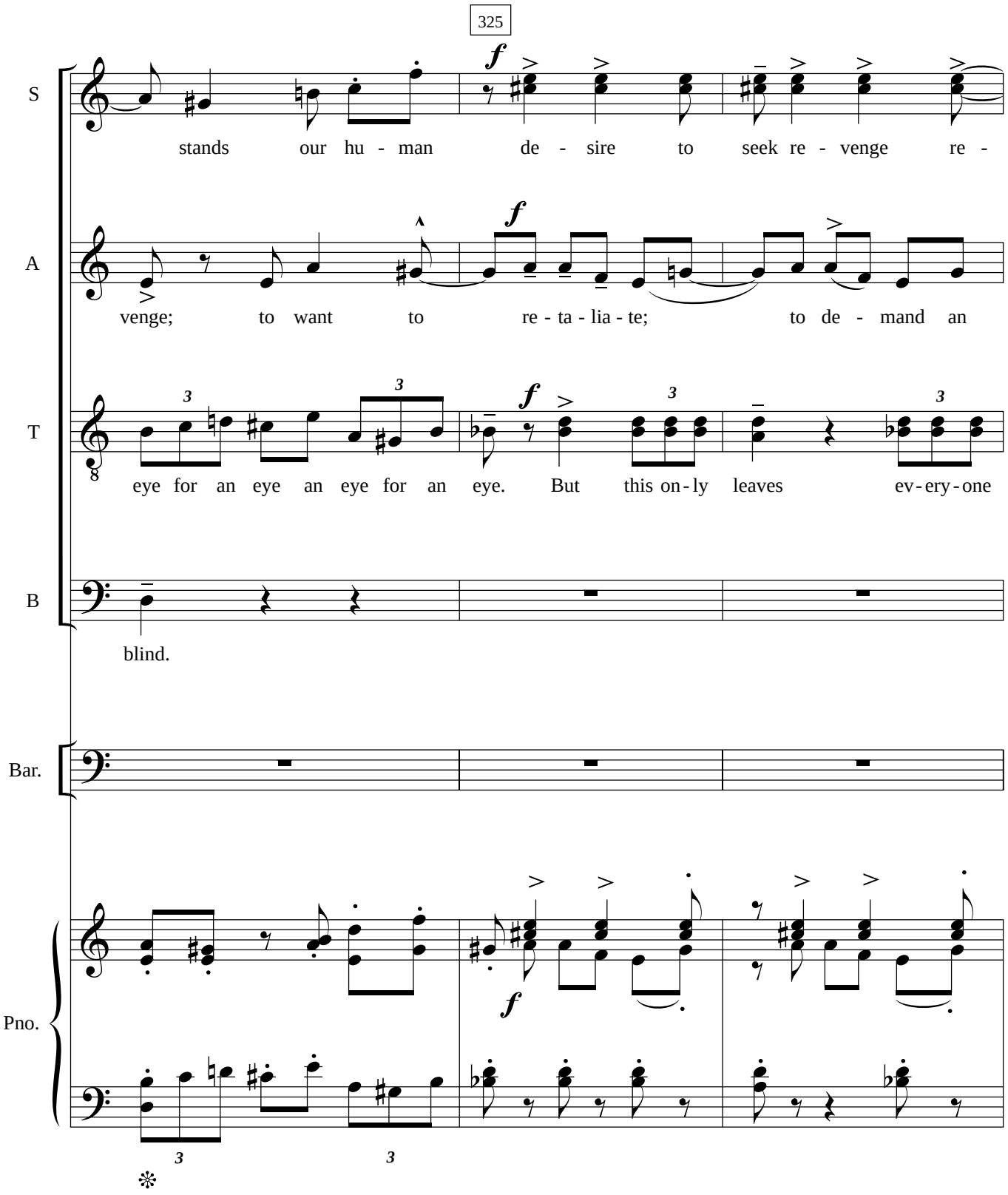
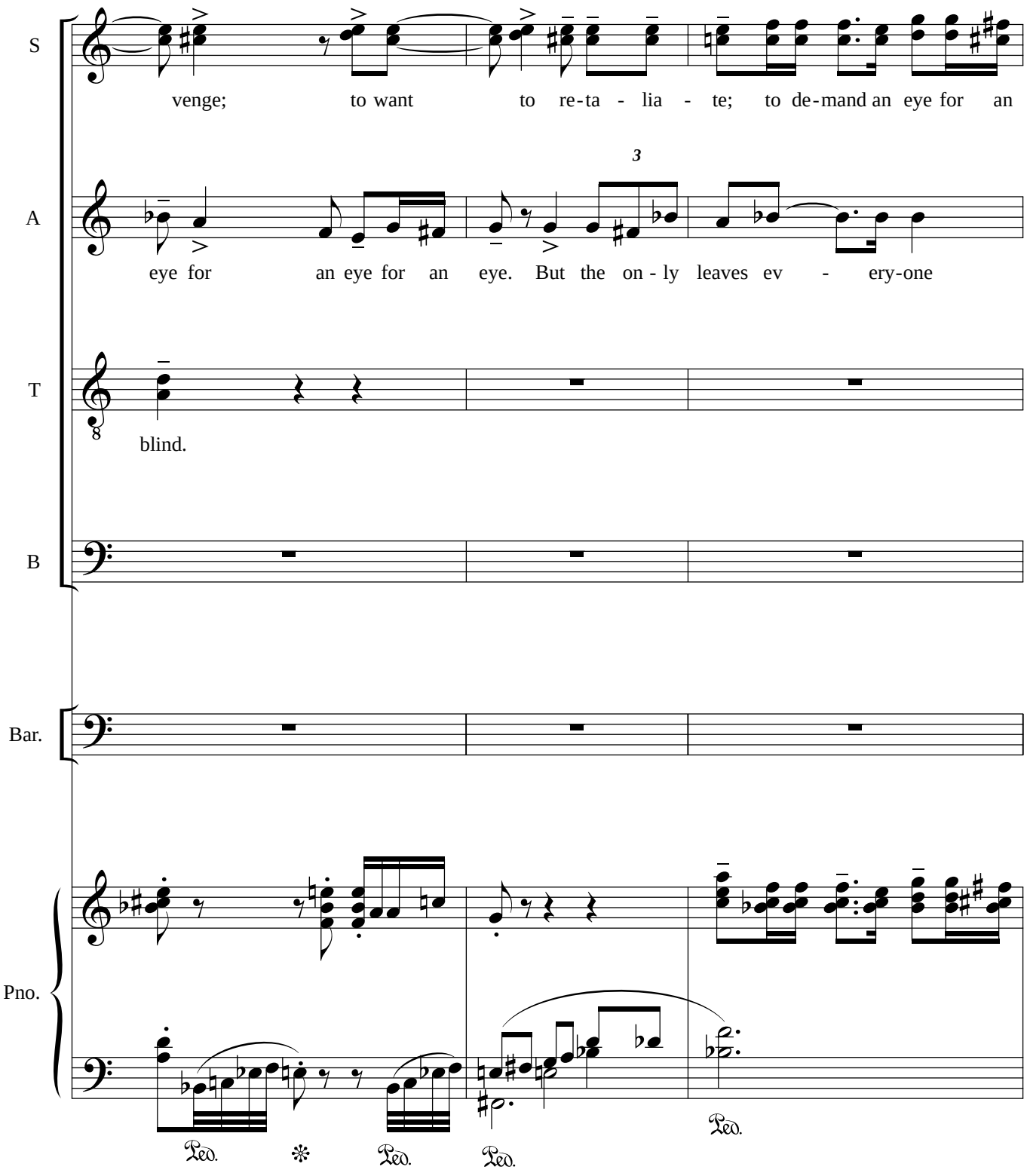
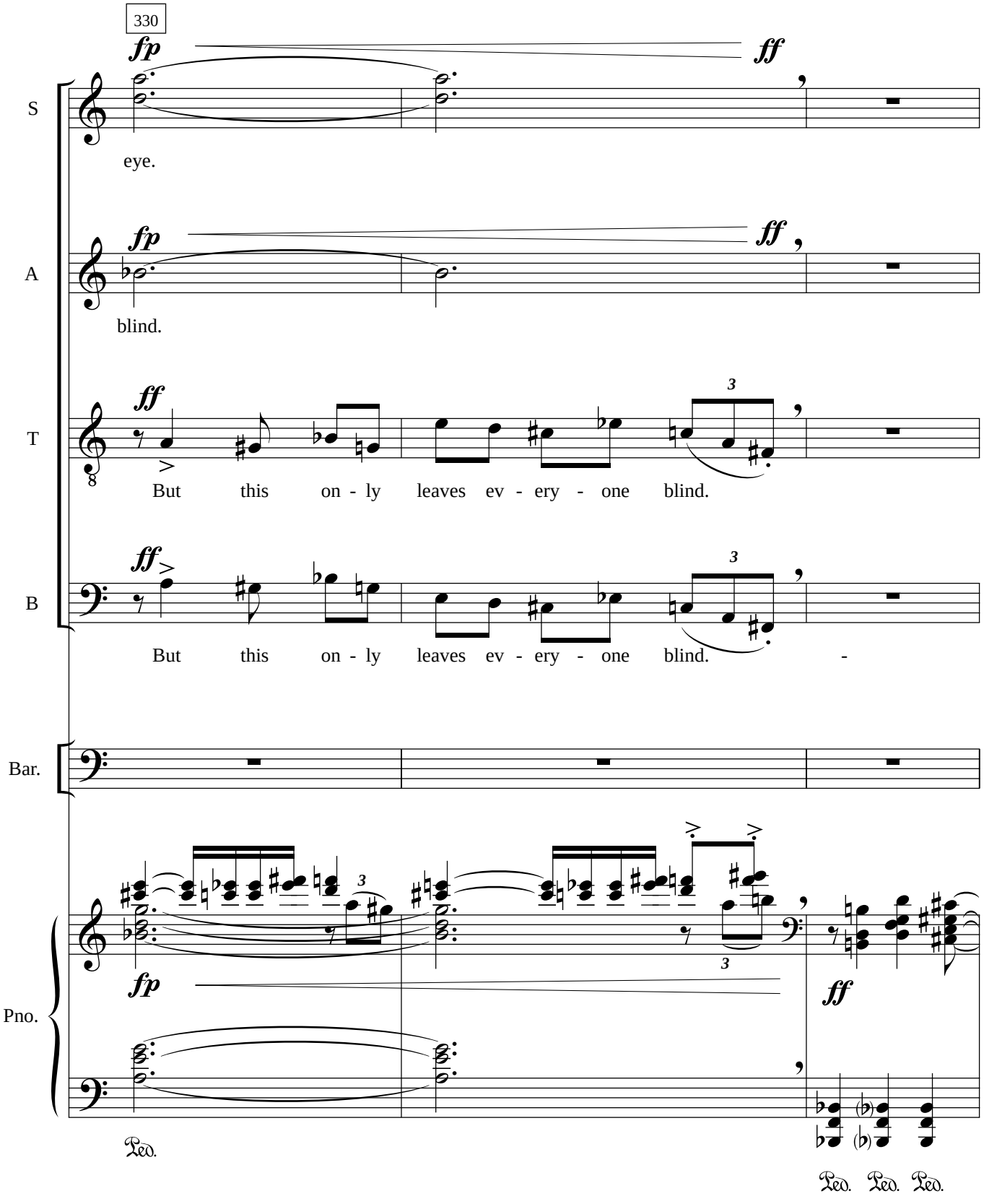
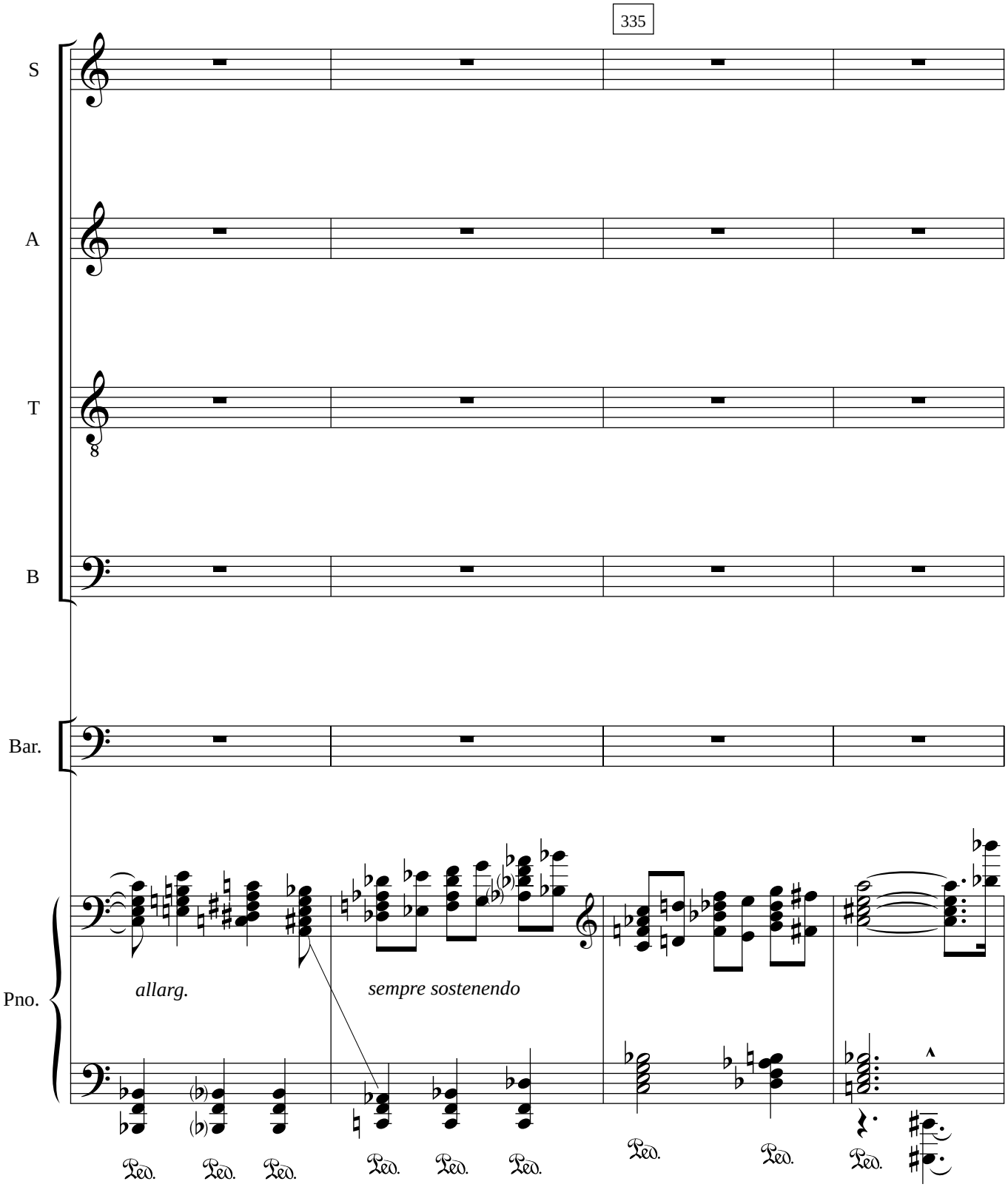
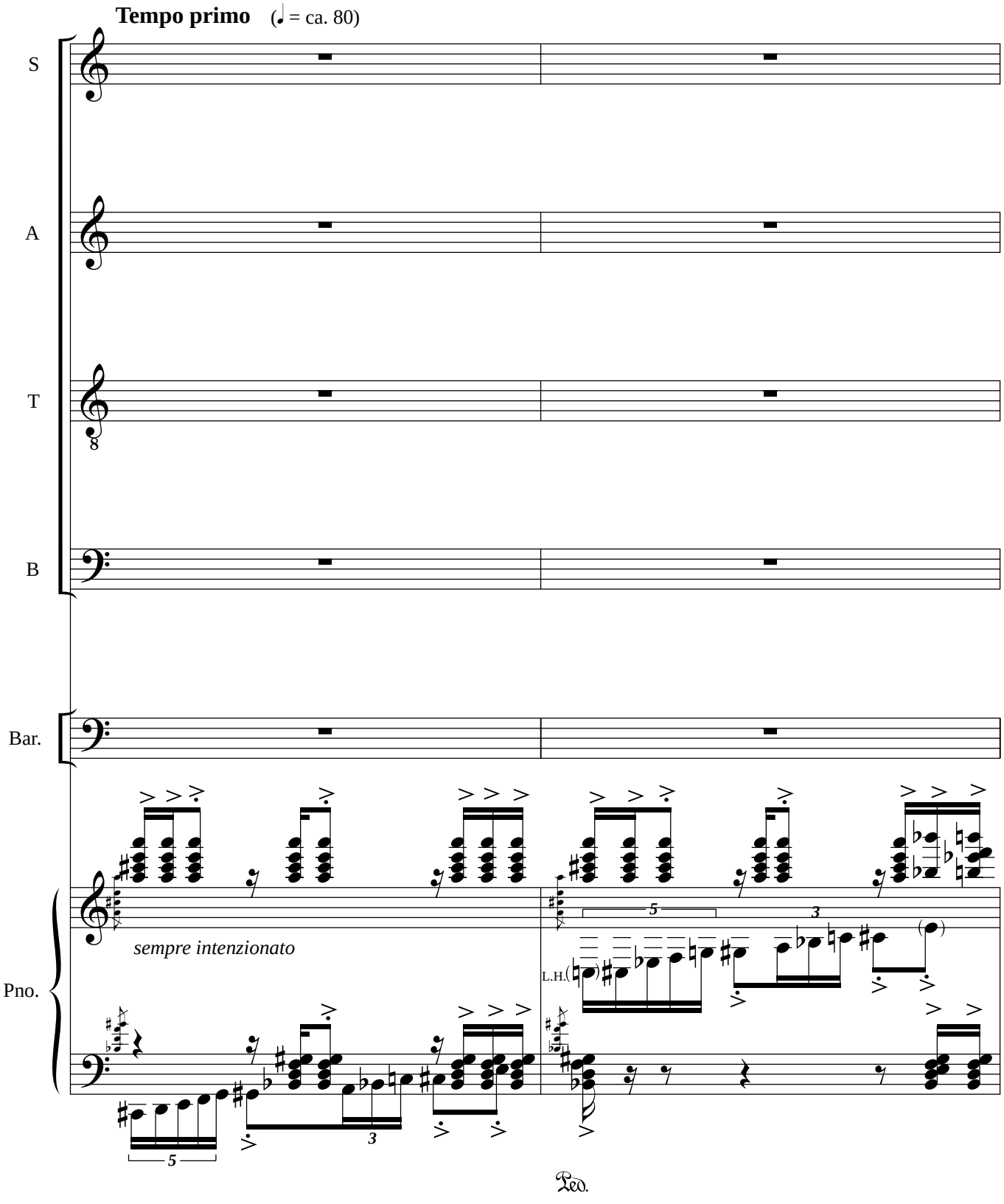
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

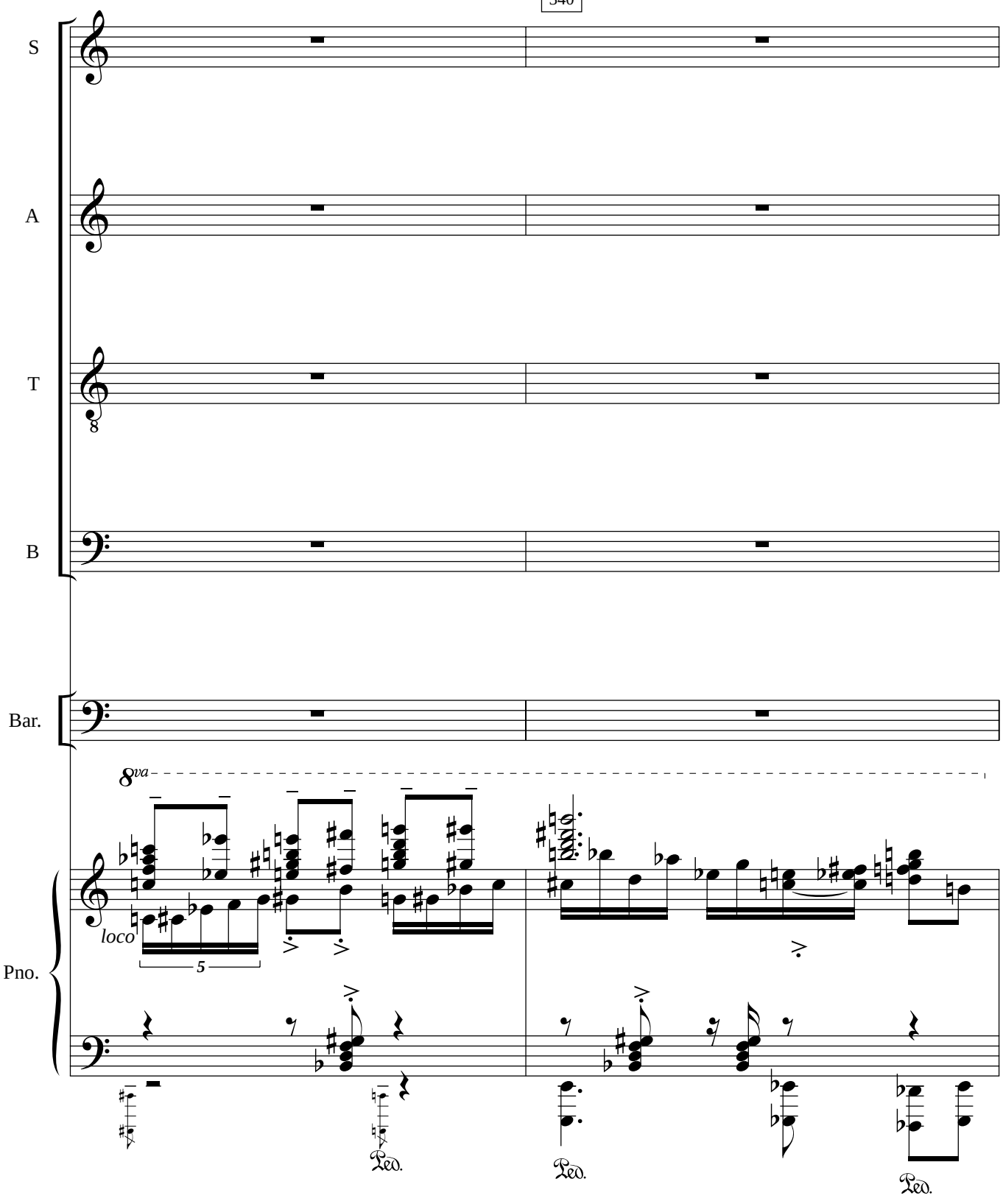

325
S
stands our hu - man de - sire to seek re - venge re -
A
venge; to want to re - ta - lia - te; to de - mand an
T
eye for an eye an eye for an eye. But this on - ly leaves ev - ery - one
B
blind.
Bar.
Pno.

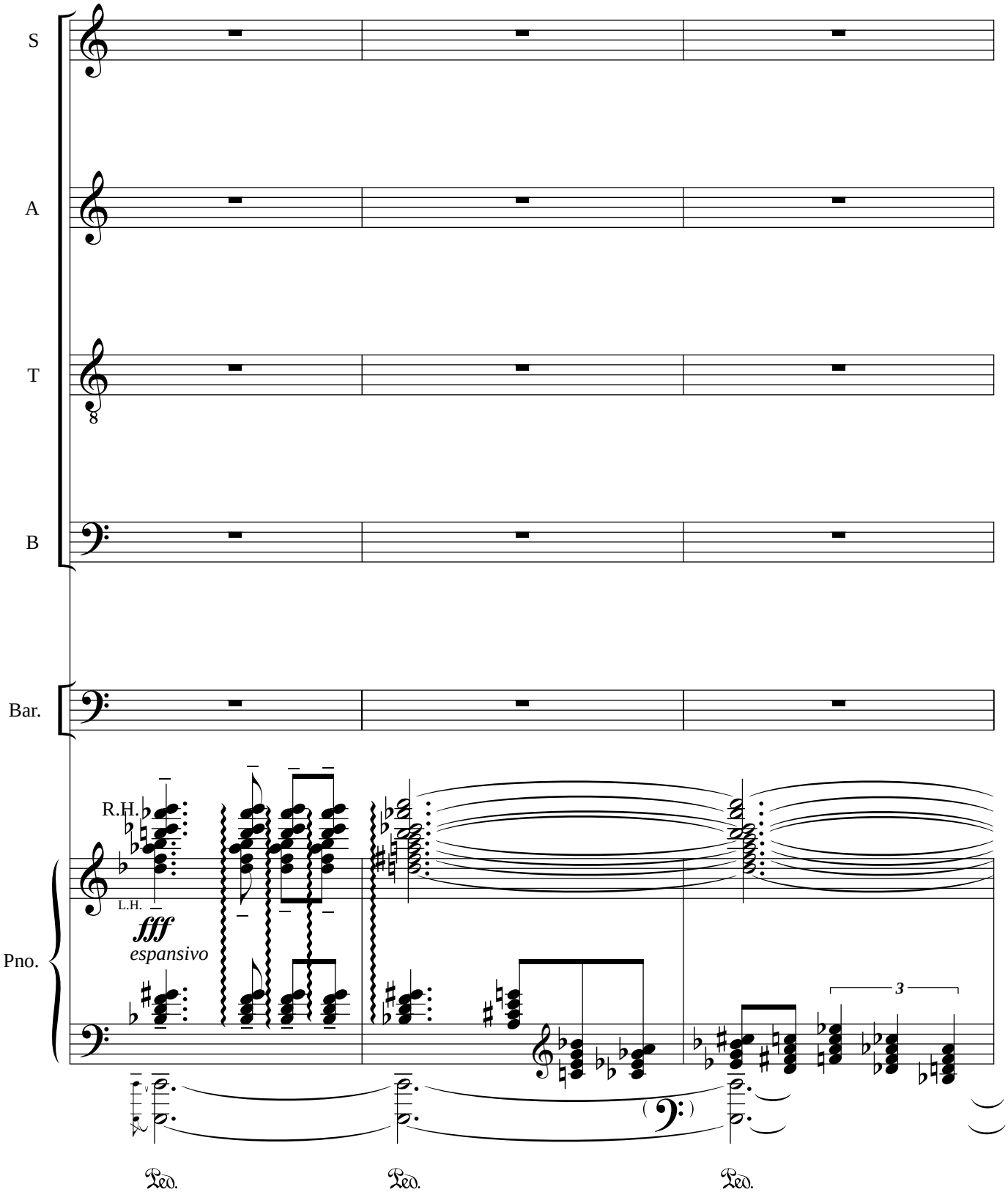

S
venge; to want to re-ta - lia - te; to de-mand an eye for an
A
3
eye for an eye for an eye. But the on - ly leaves ev - ery-one
T
blind.
B
Bar.
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

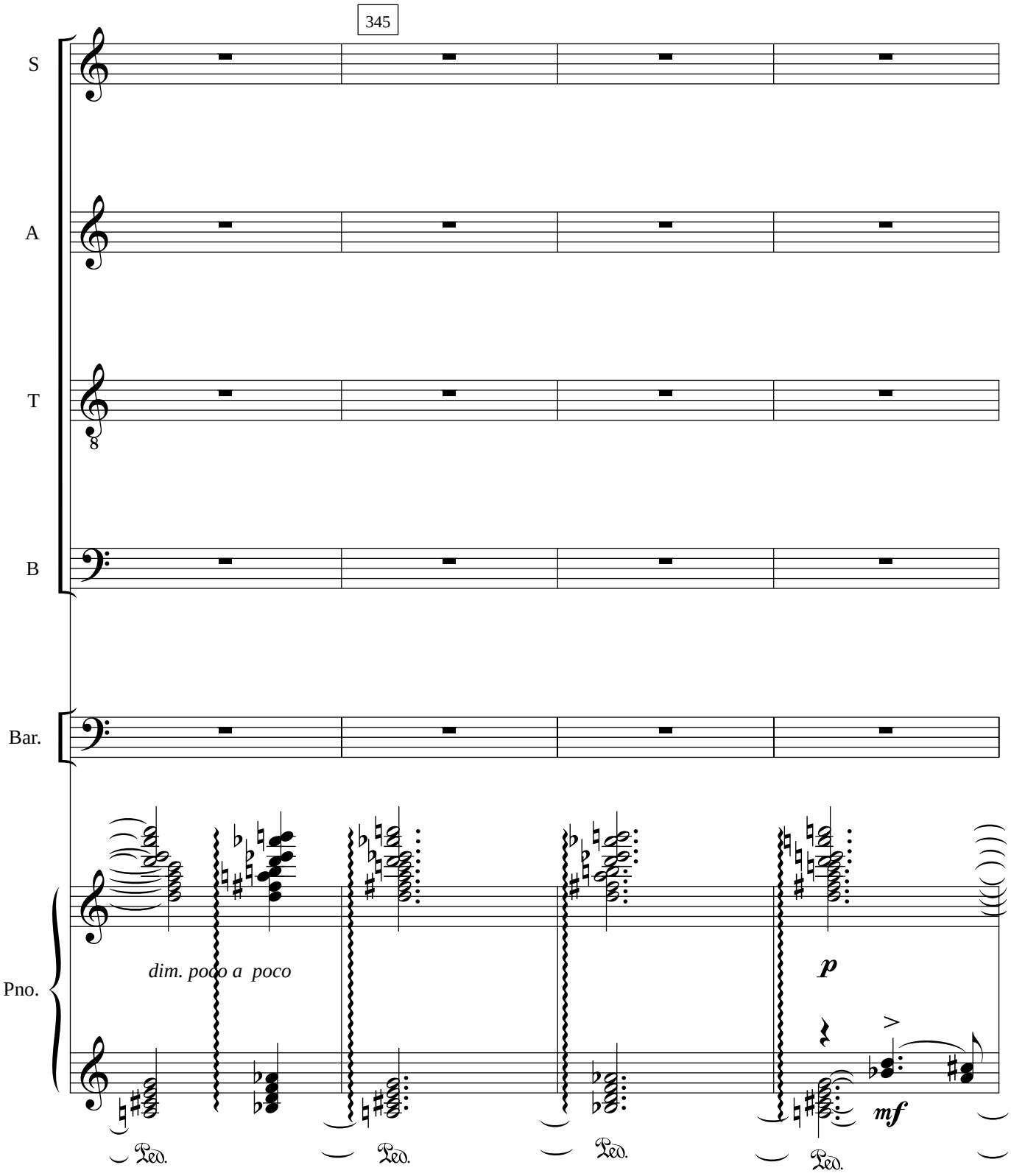

330
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
fp
ff
eye.
blind.
But this on - ly leaves ev - ery - one blind.
But this on - ly leaves ev - ery - one blind. -
3
Ped.
Ped. Ped. Ped.

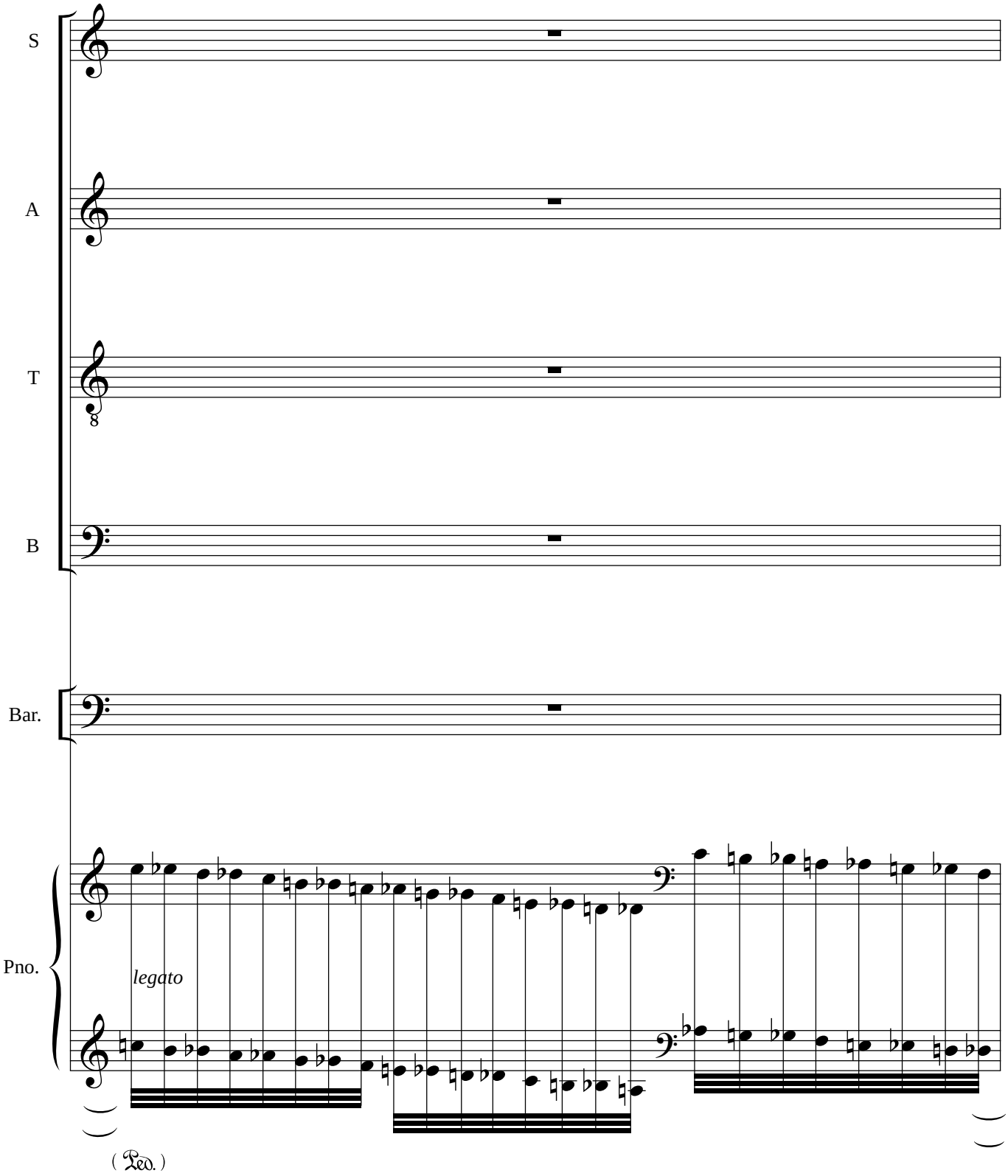

335
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
allarg.
sempre sostenendo
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

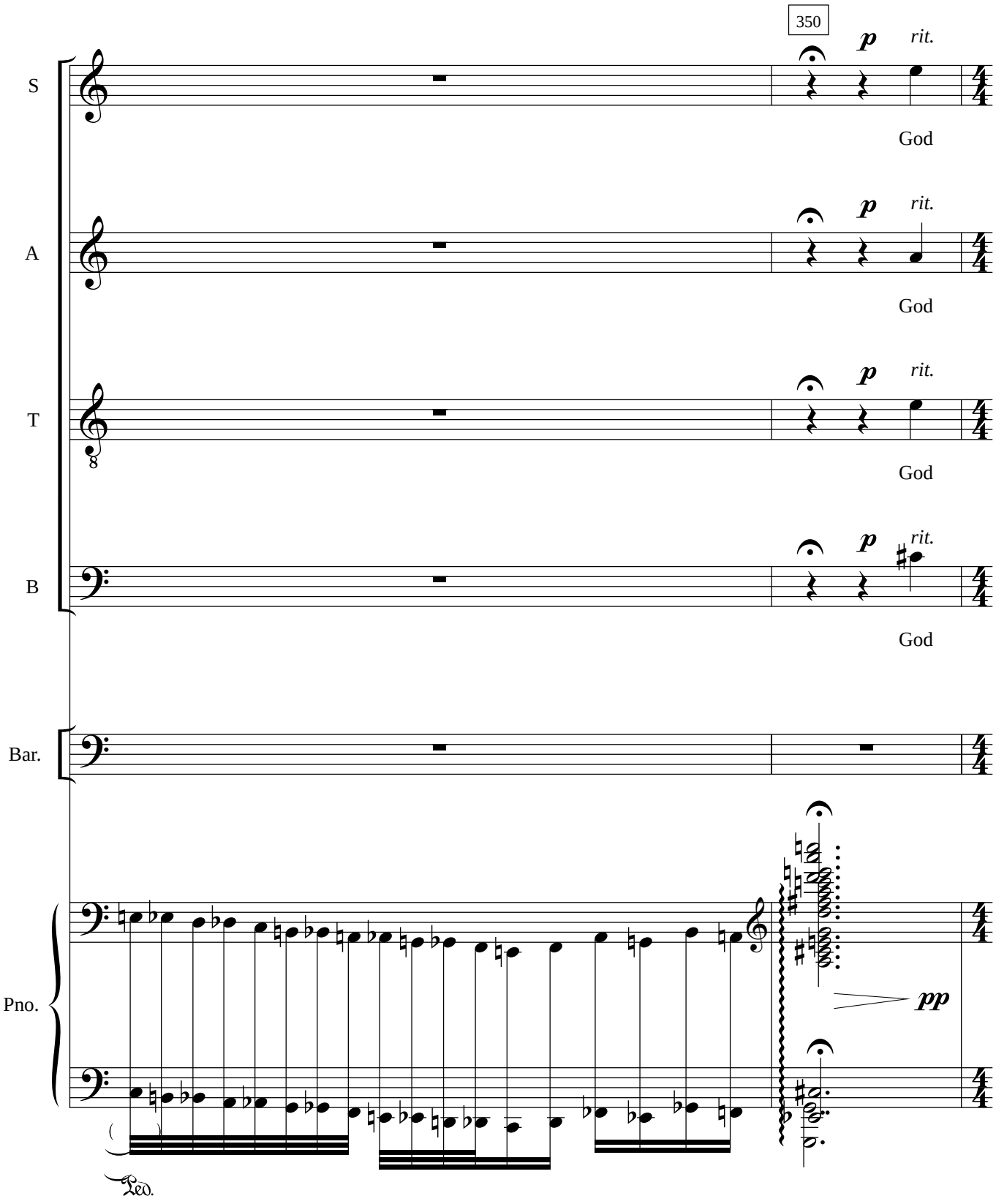

Tempo primo (♩. = ca. 80)
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
sempre intenzionato
L.H.
Ped.

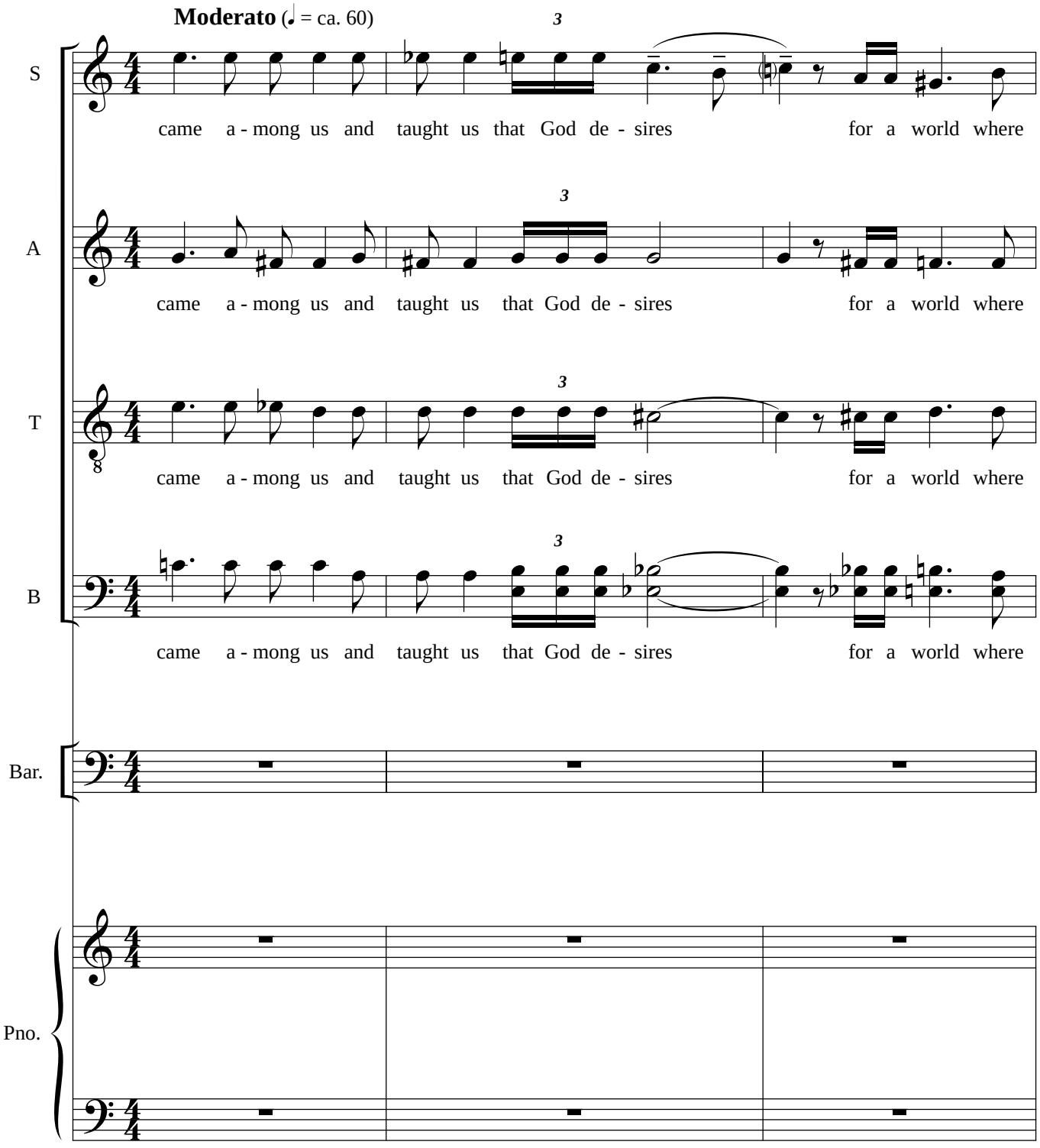

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
8va
loco
5
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

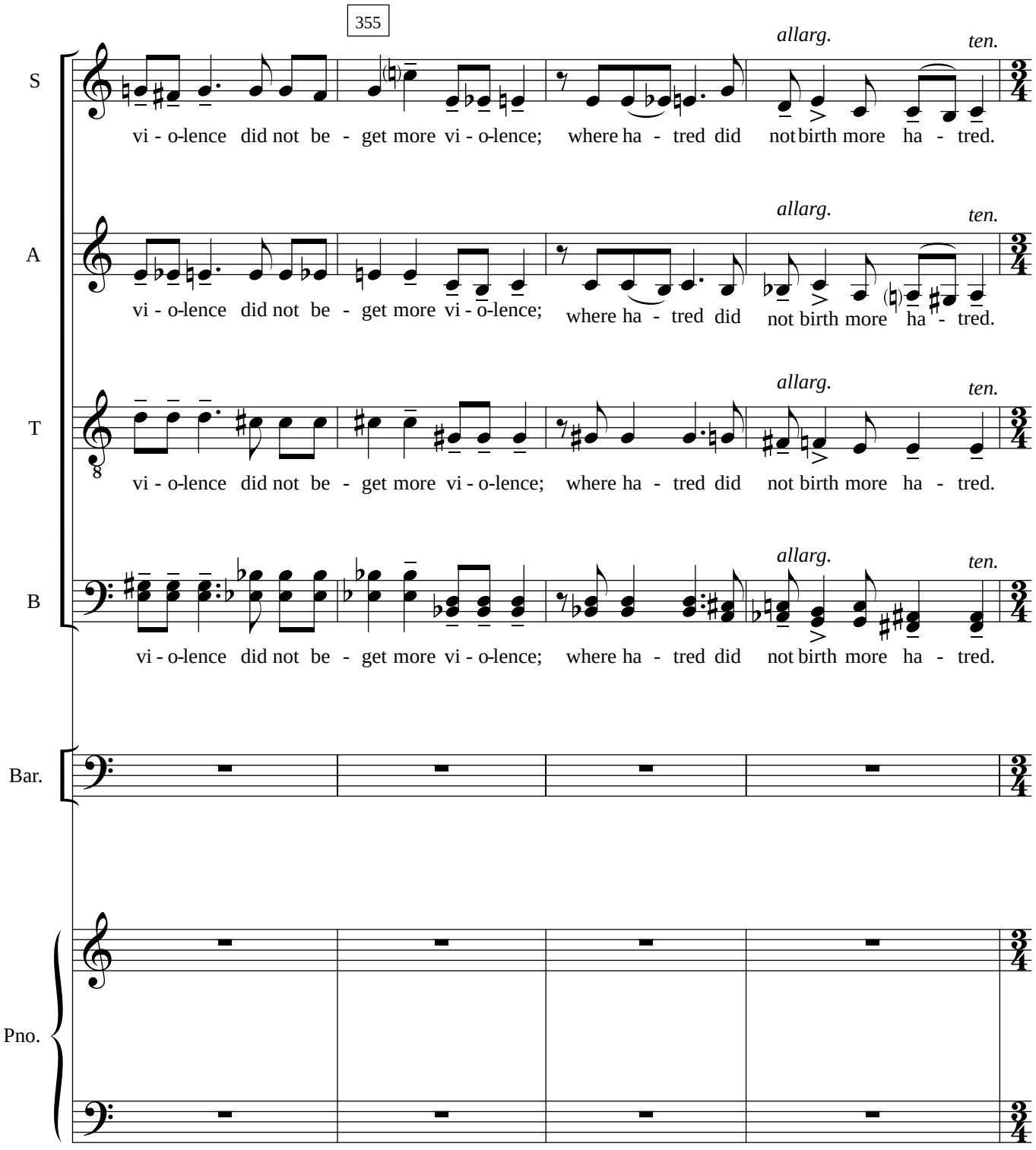

S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
R.H.
L.H.
fff
espansivo
3
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


345
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
dim. poco a poco
p
mf
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.


S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
legato
(Ped.)


350
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
p
rit.
God
pp
Ped.


Moderato (♩ = ca. 60)
S
came a - mong us and taught us that God de - sires for a world where
A
came a - mong us and taught us that God de - sires for a world where
T
came a - mong us and taught us that God de - sires for a world where
B
came a - mong us and taught us that God de - sires for a world where
Bar.
Pno.


355
S
A
T
B
Bar.
Pno.
allarg.
ten.
vi - o-lence did not be - get more vi - o-lence; where ha - tred did not birth more ha - tred.