Nicholas Weininger

Oseh Shalom

Traditional Jewish prayer

SATB, a cappella or with optional violin part

Approx. 2.5 minutes

2020-23

This piece is adapted from a cantata I wrote in 2020-22 in memory of the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. The text is taken from the final portion of the Mourner's Kaddish. I hope it brings both singers and audience a sense of peace and closure in a time when we have experienced many raw, disturbing, challenging events.

Notes on the Hebrew transliteration

Vowels are pure and consistent, particularly "e"/"eh" which is always open on its own, so for instance "ve" and "oseh" rhyme with "pet" and not with "may" or "tree". The only diphthong is "ei", which *is* pronounced as in "may".
The apostrophe before 'a in "ya-'a-seh" denotes a glottal stop.

Text
Oseh shalom bimromav
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu
Ve al kol Israel
Ve al kol yoshvei tevel
Ve imru Amein.

You who bring peace in the heavens,
Bring peace also to us,
And to all Israel,
And to all who dwell on earth,
And let us say: Amen.

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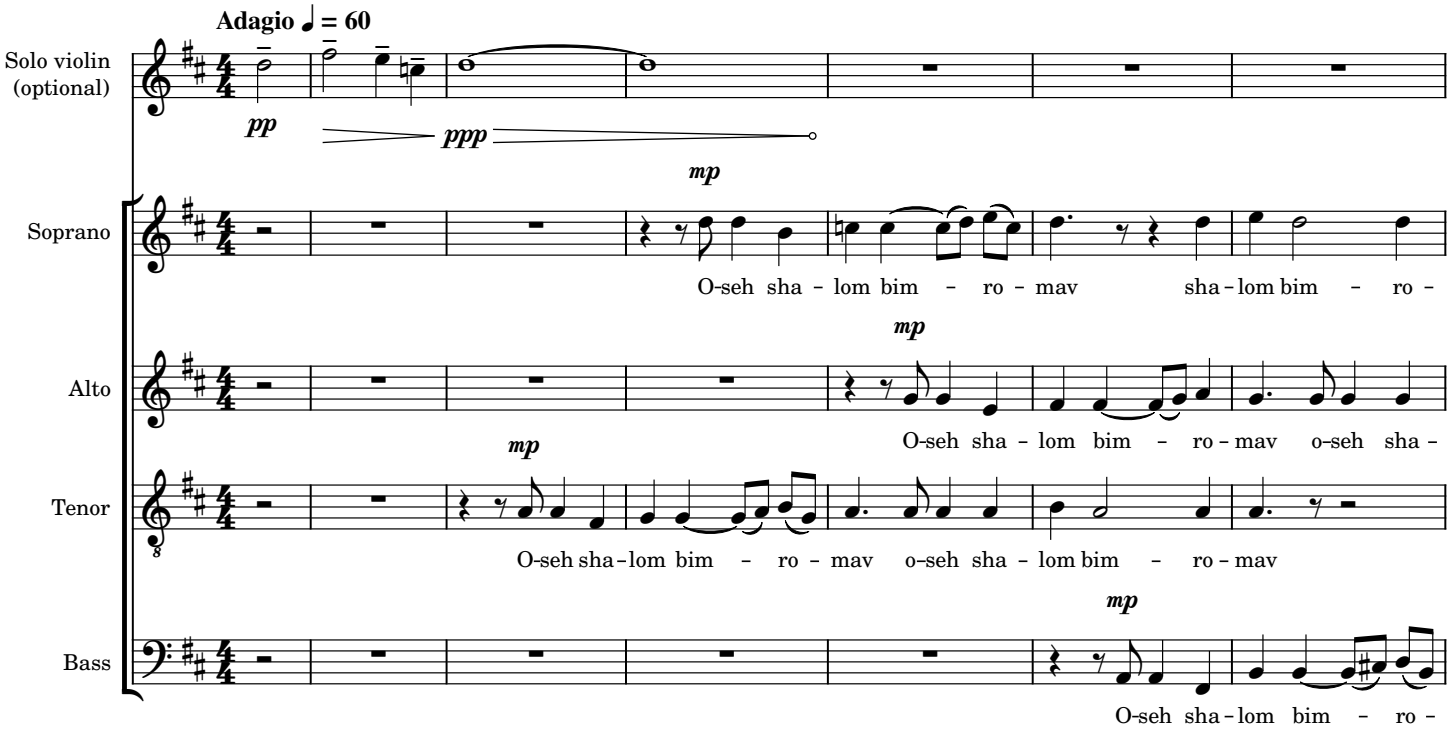

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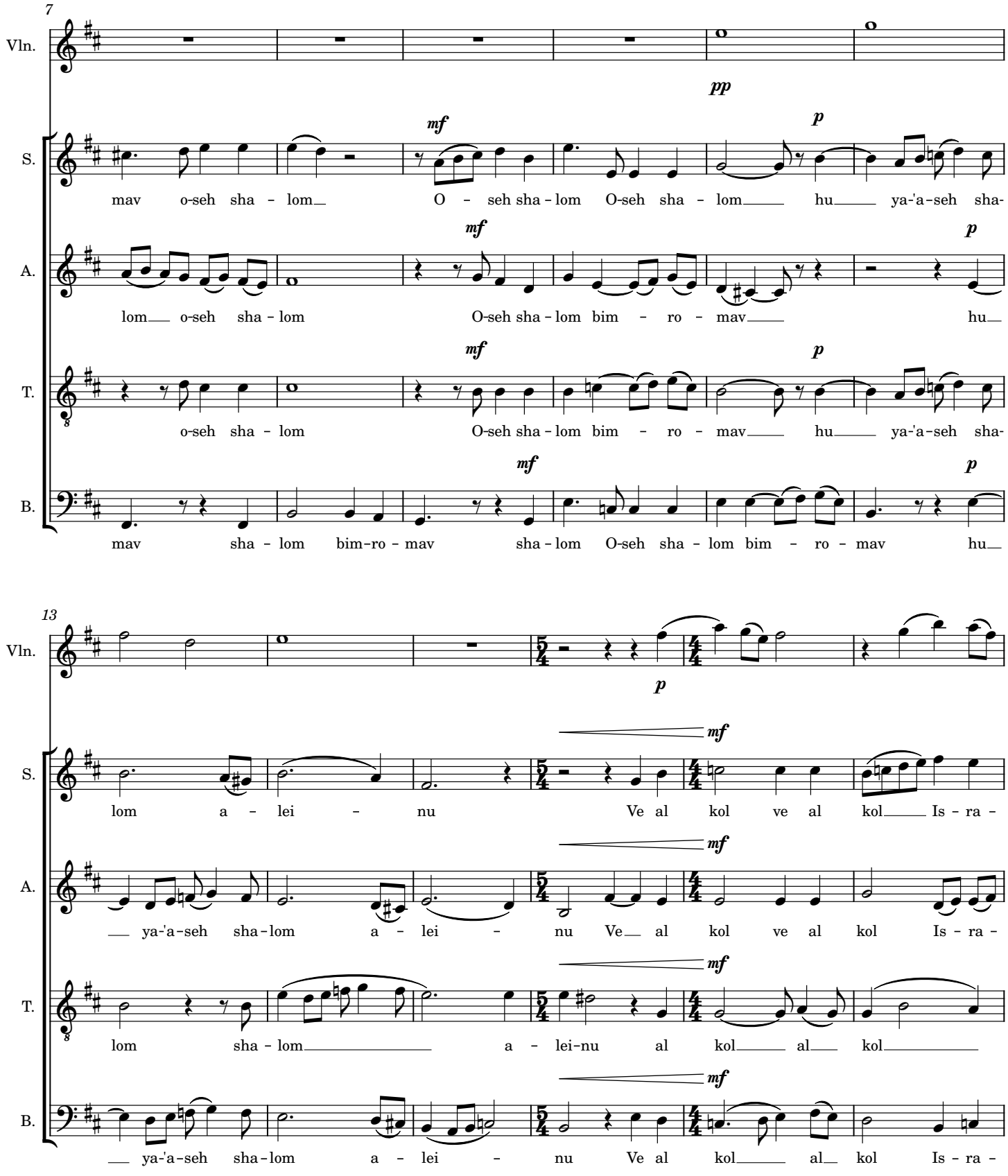

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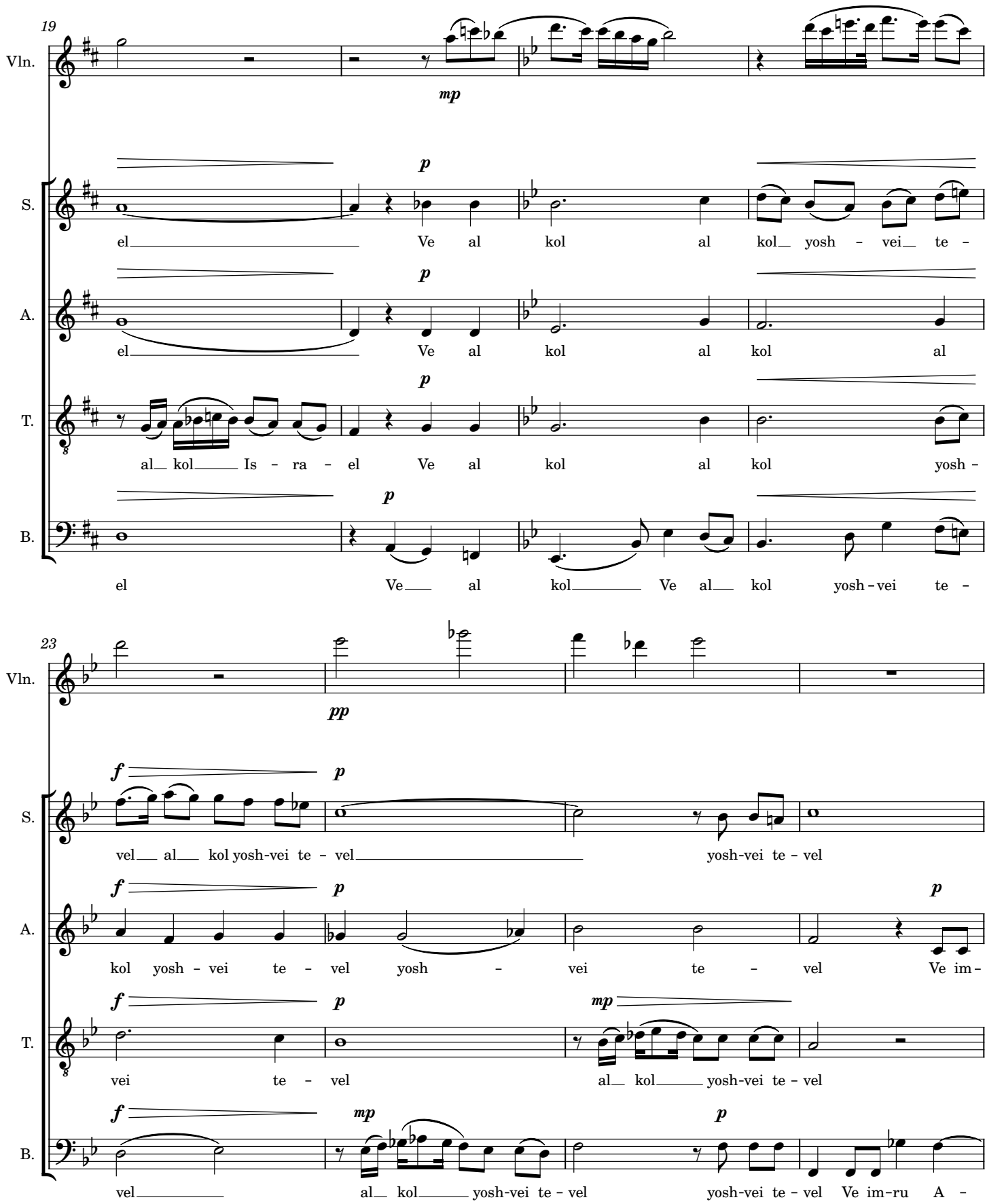

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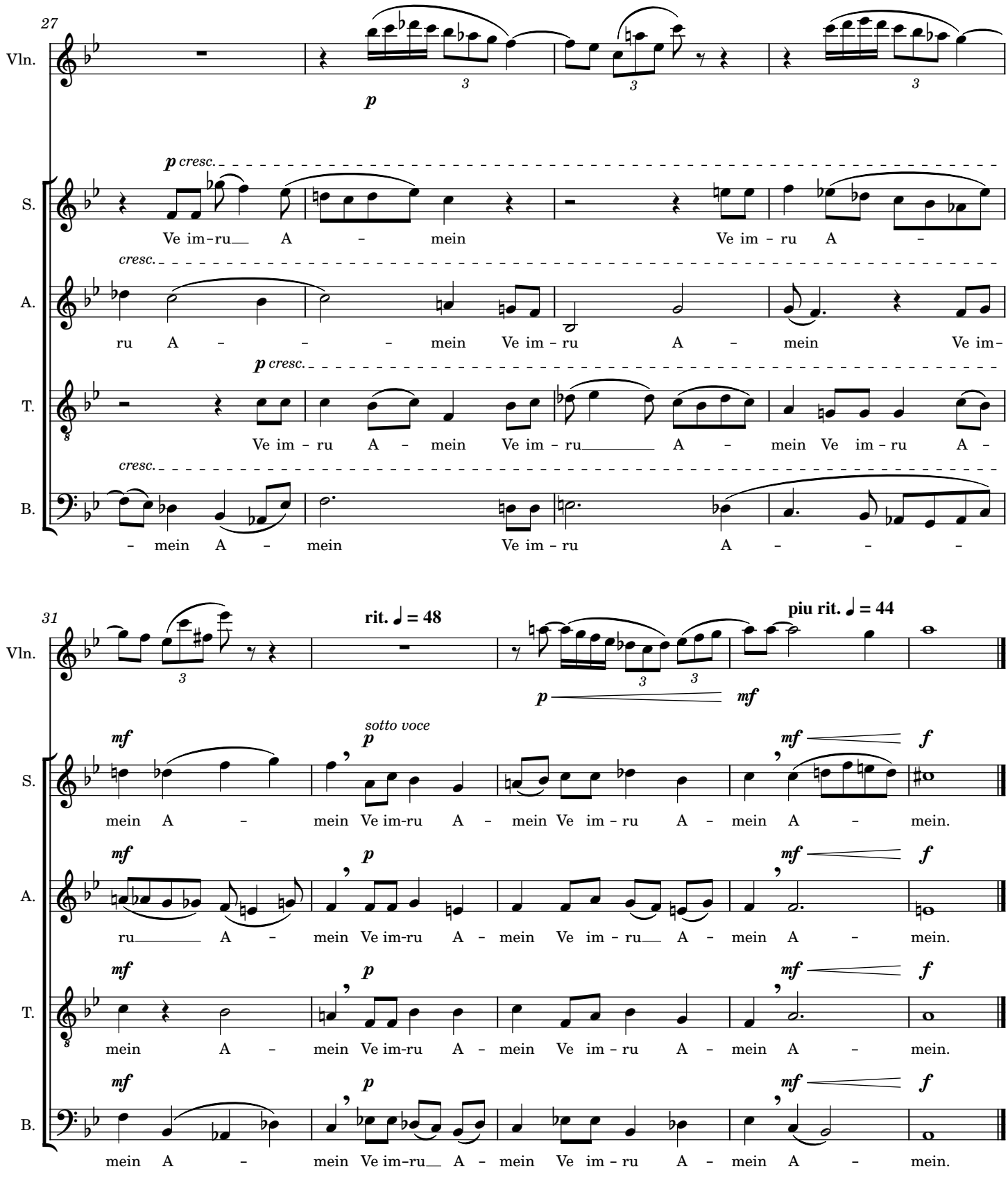

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