How far is it to Bethlehem

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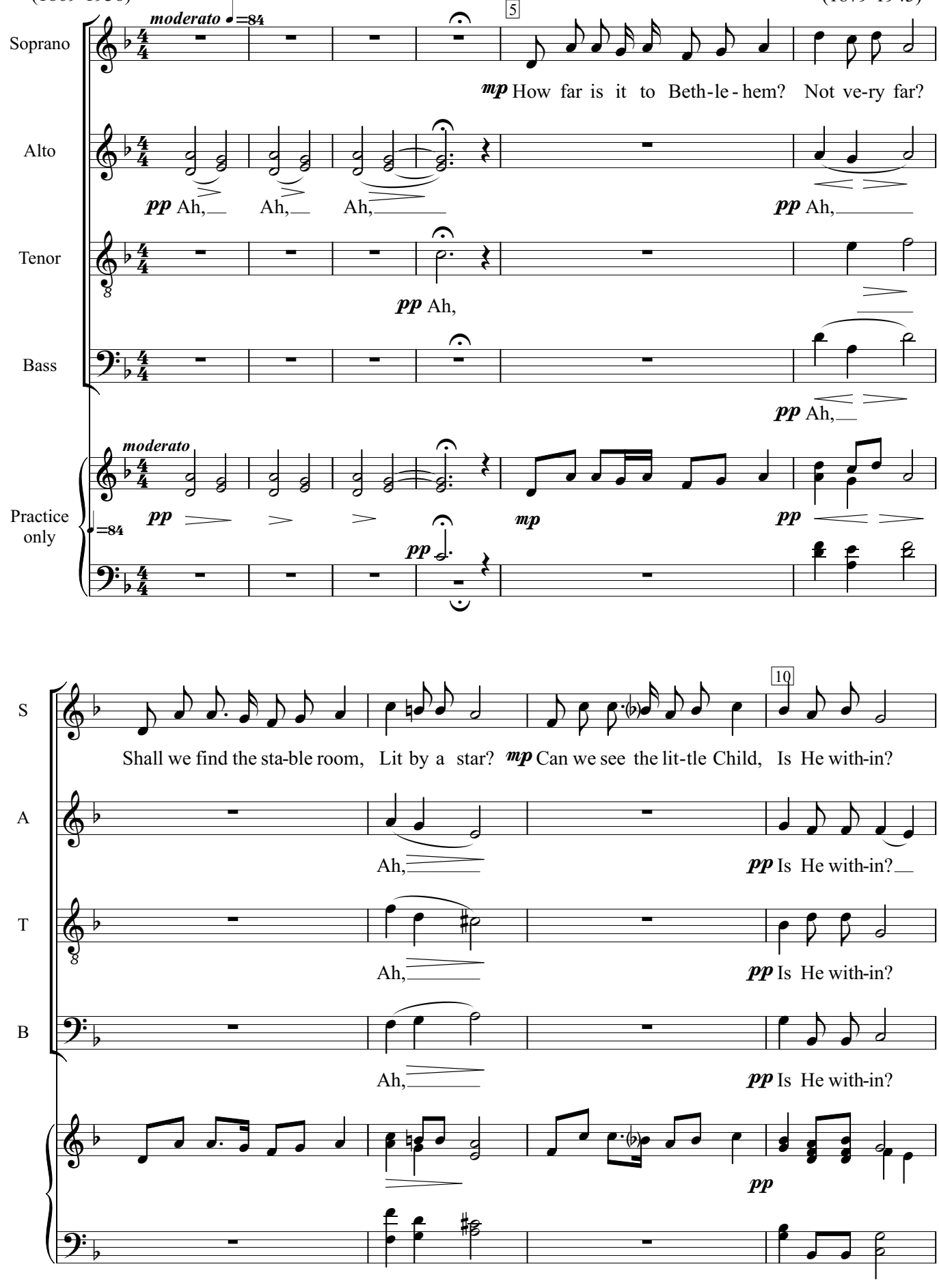
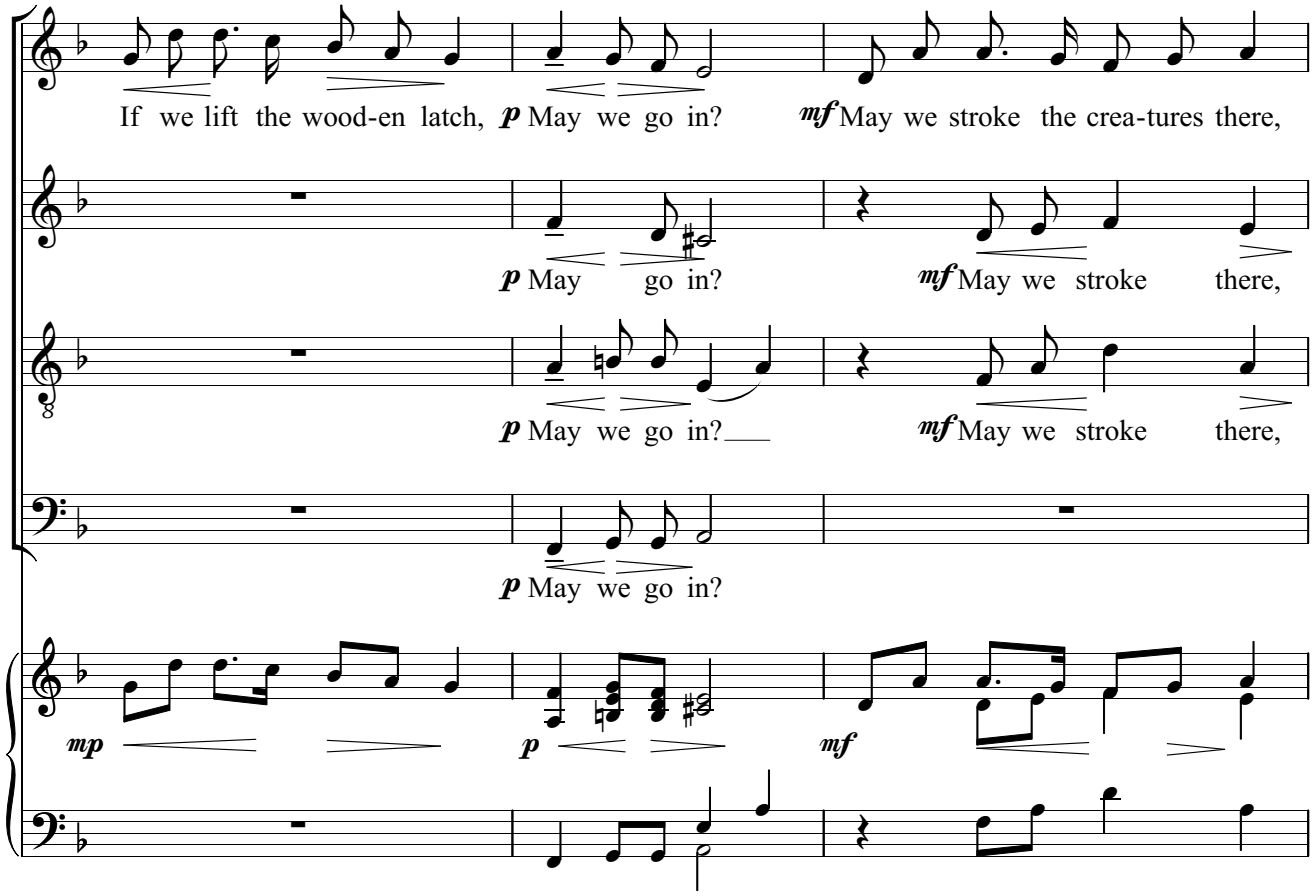
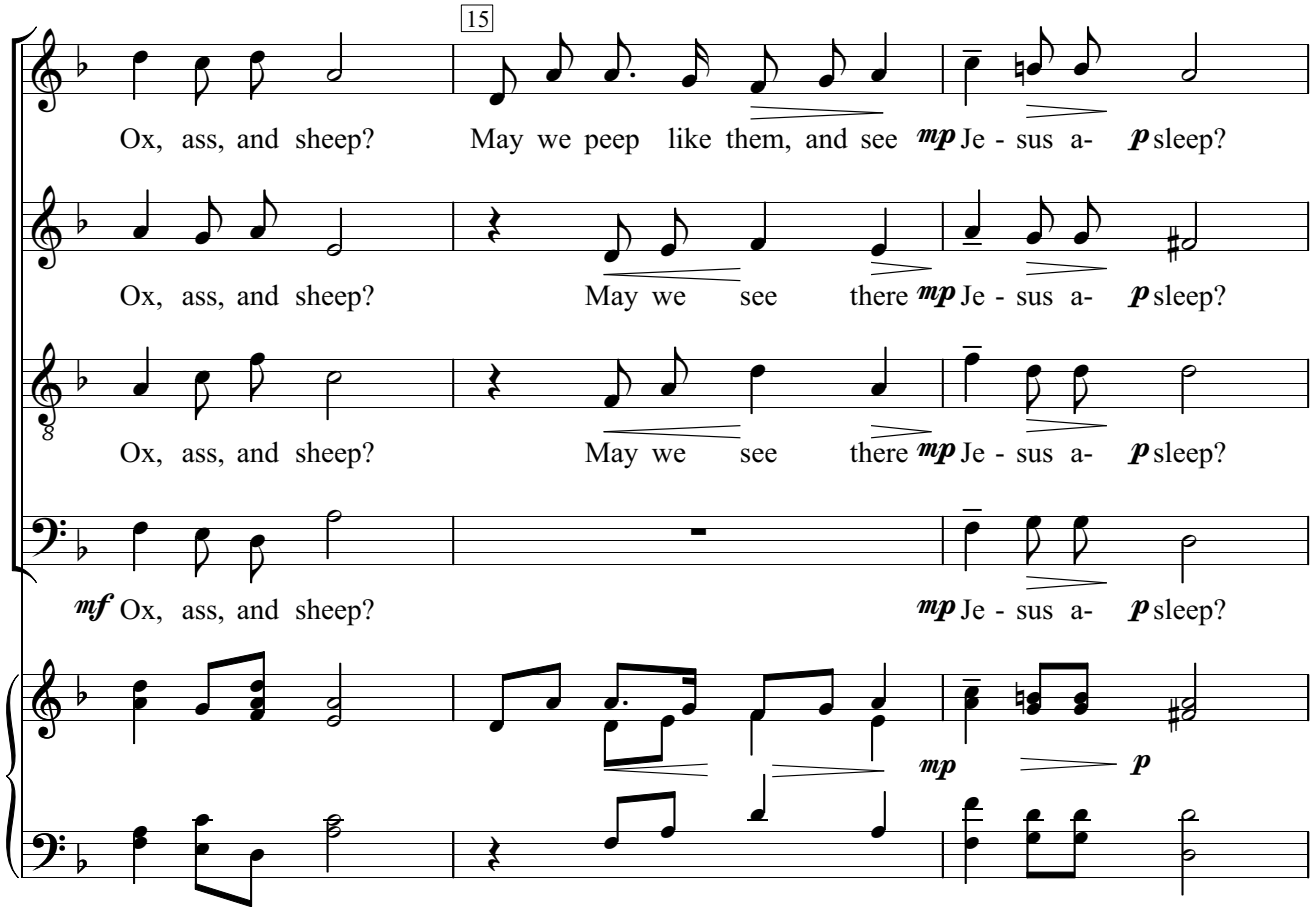
(1869-1938)

Geoffrey Shaw
(1879-1943)




S
If we lift the wood-en latch, p May we go in? mf May we stroke the crea-tures there,
A
p May go in? mf May we stroke there,
T
p May we go in? mf May we stroke there,
B
p May we go in?
mp p mf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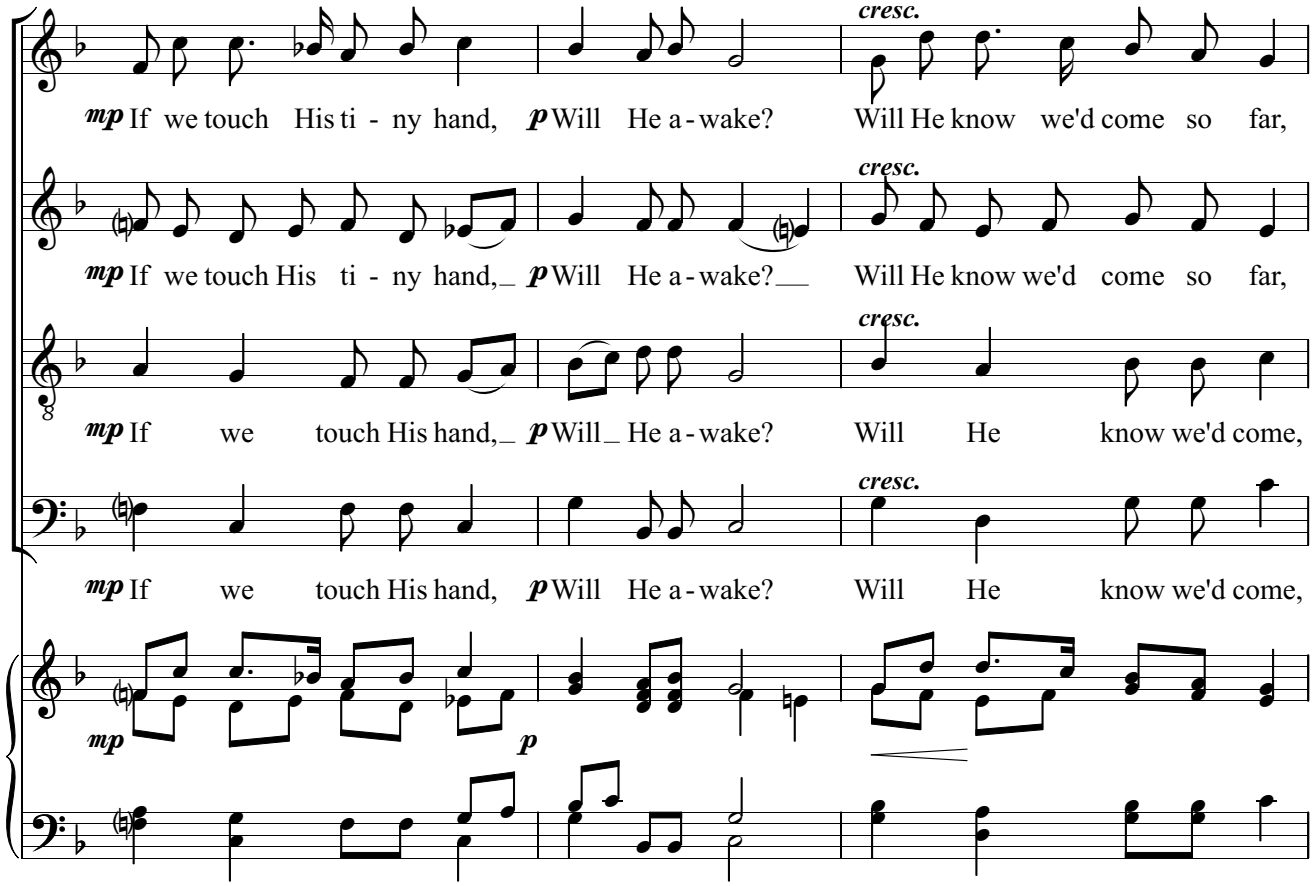
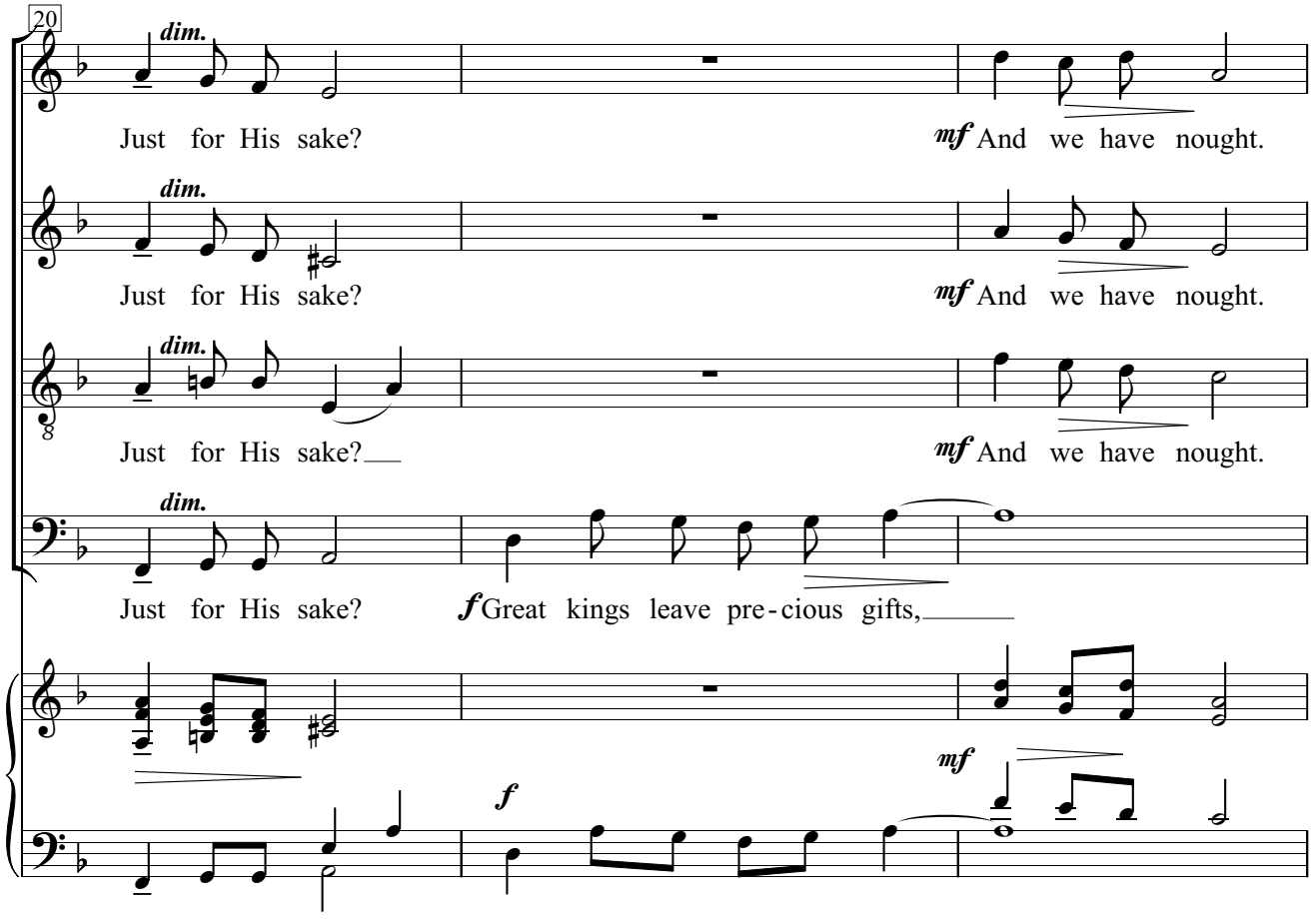
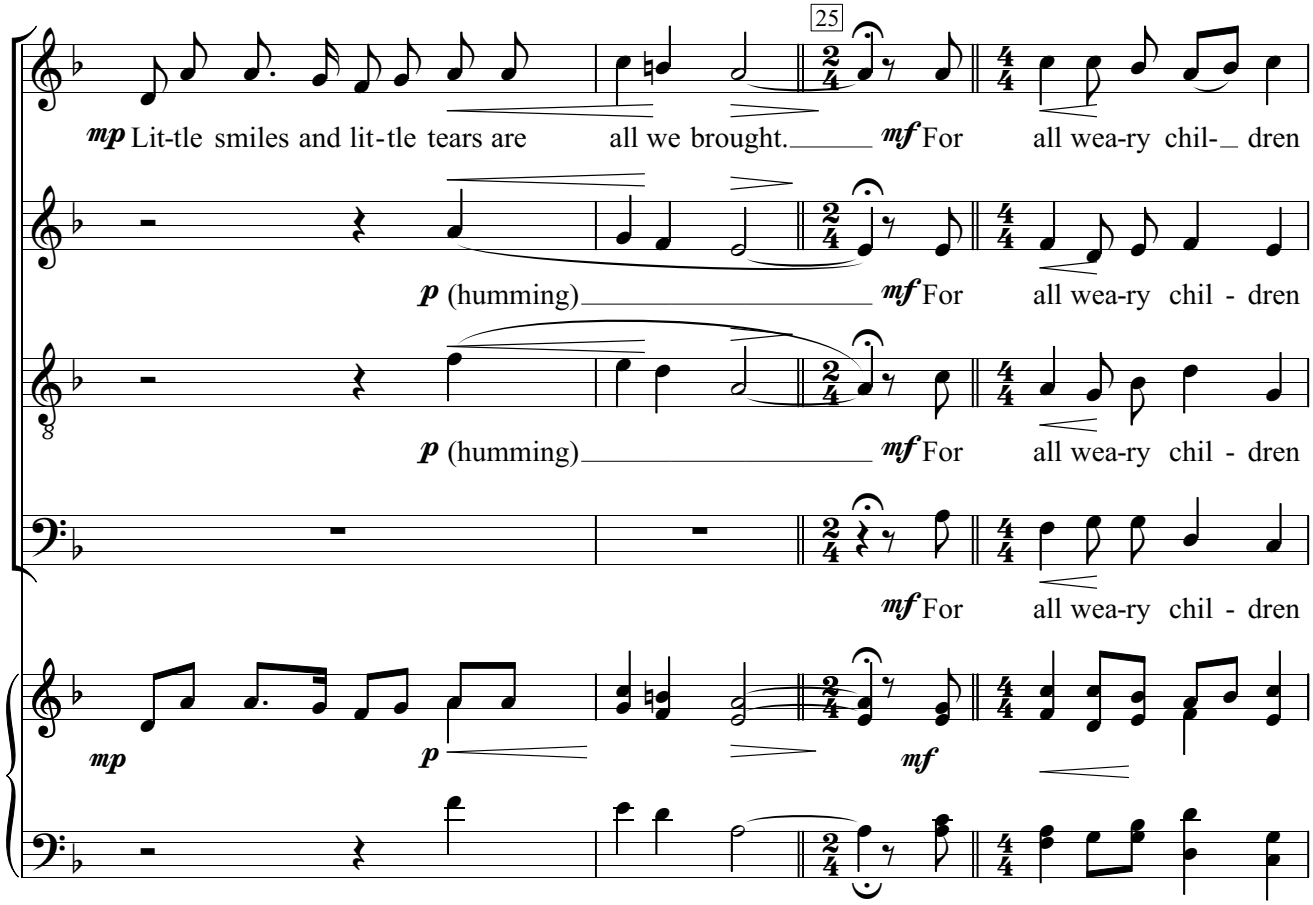
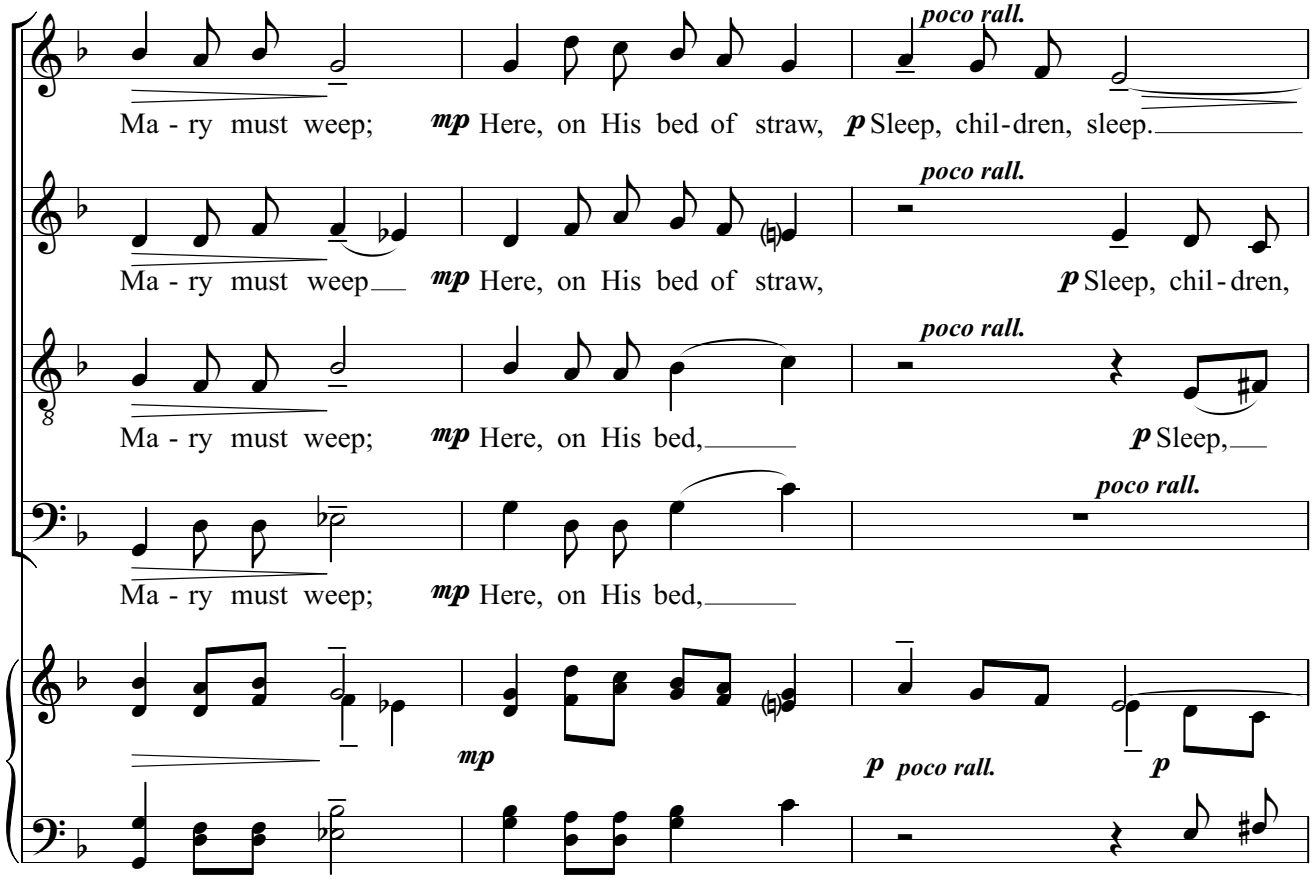
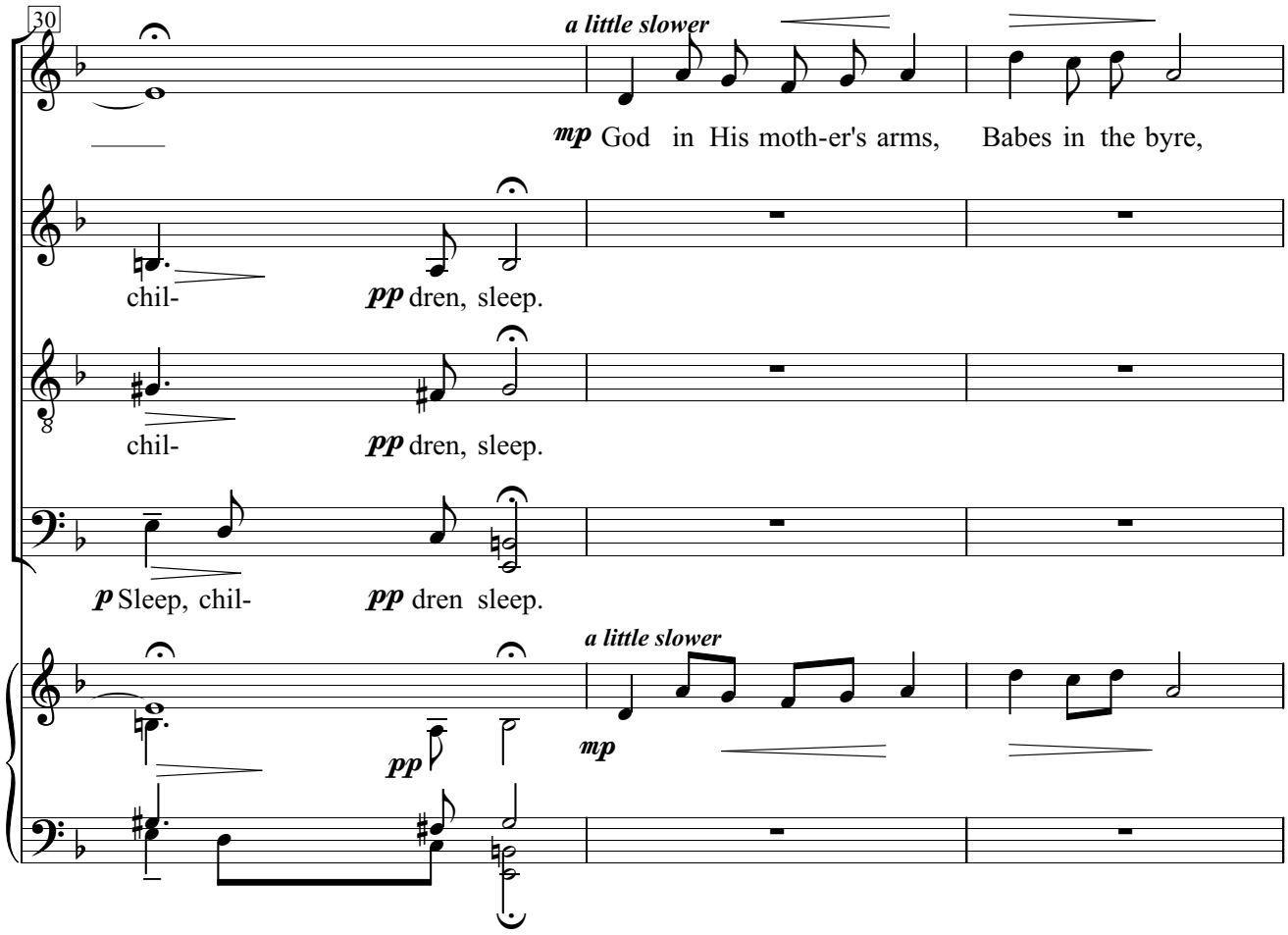
S
Ox, ass, and sheep? May we peep like them, and see mp Je - sus a- p sleep?
A
Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there mp Je - sus a- p sleep?
T
Ox, ass, and sheep? May we see there mp Je - sus a- p sleep?
B
mf Ox, ass, and sheep? mp Je - sus a- p sleep?
mp p

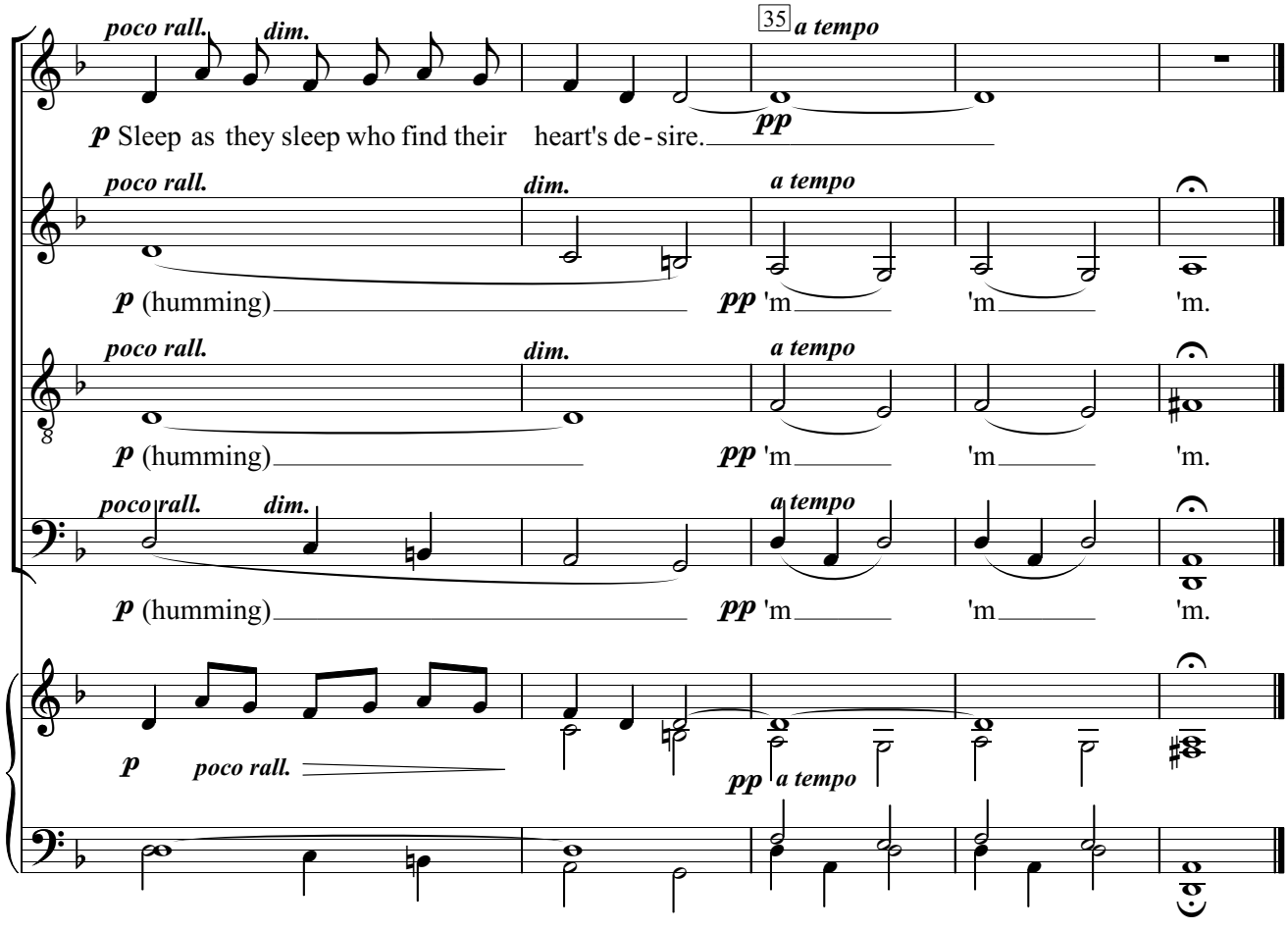

S
A
T
B
cresc.
mp If we touch His ti - ny hand, p Will He a - wake? Will He know we'd come so far,
mp If we touch His ti - ny hand, p Will He a - wake? Will He know we'd come so far,
mp If we touch His hand, p Will He a - wake? Will He know we'd come,
mp If we touch His hand, p Will He a - wake? Will He know we'd come,


20
S
A
T
B
dim.
Just for His sake?
mf And we have nought.
Just for His sake?
mf And we have nought.
Just for His sake?
mf And we have nought.
Just for His sake?
f Great kings leave pre - cious gifts,
f
mf


S
A
T
B
25
mp Lit-tle smiles and lit-tle tears are all we brought.
mf For all wea-ry chil- dren
p (humming)
mf For all wea-ry chil - dren
p (humming)
mf For all wea-ry chil - dren
mf For all wea-ry chil - dren
mp
p
mf


S
A
T
B
poco rall.
Ma - ry must weep; mp Here, on His bed of straw, p Sleep, chil-dren, sleep.
poco rall.
Ma - ry must weep mp Here, on His bed of straw, p Sleep, chil-dren,
poco rall.
Ma - ry must weep; mp Here, on His bed, p Sleep,
poco rall.
Ma - ry must weep; mp Here, on His bed,
mp
p poco rall.
p


30
a little slower
S
mp God in His moth-er's arms, Babes in the byre,
A
chil- pp dren, sleep.
T
chil- pp dren, sleep.
B
p Sleep, chil- pp dren sleep.
a little slower
pp
mp


poco rall.
dim.
35 a tempo
S
p Sleep as they sleep who find their heart's de - sire.
pp
A
p (humming)
pp 'm 'm 'm.
T
p (humming)
pp 'm 'm 'm.
B
p (humming)
pp 'm 'm 'm.
p
poco rall.
pp a tempo