St John
Chorus # 1 & # 2

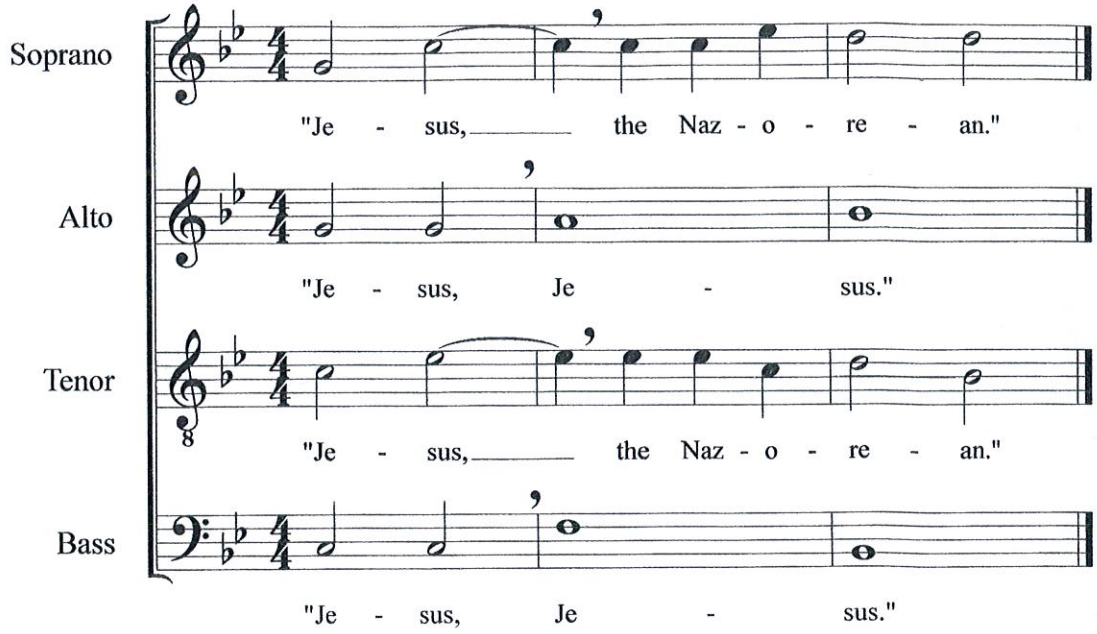
Jesus, the Nazorean

Roger Petrich

First time: mp "stage whisper"
Second time: mf more boldly

"Whom are you looking for?" They answered him: "Jesus... [Chorus 1]

"Whom are you looking for?" They said: "Jesus... [Chorus 2]



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St John Passion – the "crowd" choruses:

1	"Jesus, the Nazorean"
2	"Jesus, the Nazorean"
3	"You are not one of his..."
4	"If he were not..."
5	"We do not have...
6	"Not this one.."
7	"Hail! King..."
8	"Crucify!"
9	"We have a law..."
10	"If you release him..."
11	"Take him away..."
12	"We have no king..."
13	"Do not write..."
14	"Let's not tear it..."
15	Now in the place... [optional]

NOTE:

These choruses can be used "freestanding" with spoken text if desired.

These choruses may also be used as "inserts" into a chanted presentation of the "St John Passion". For other chanted parts [Narrator, Christus, Speaker] the context I have used is:

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St John
Chorus # 3

You are not one of his?

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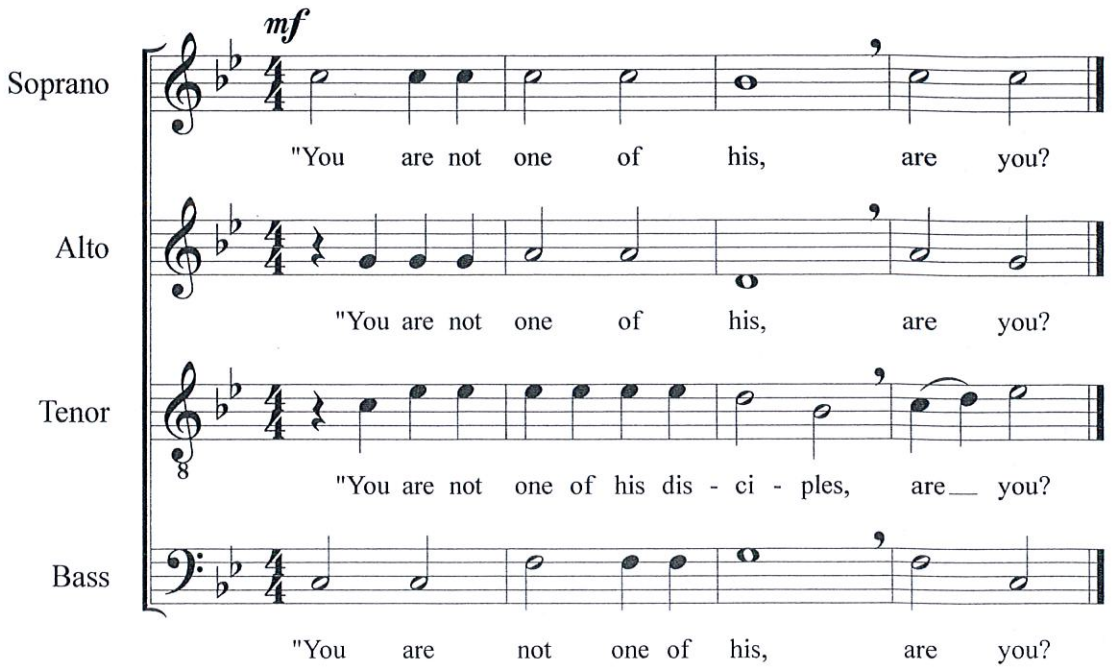
Now Simon Peter as standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

"You are not.... [Chorus 3]



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St John
Chorus # 4

If he were not

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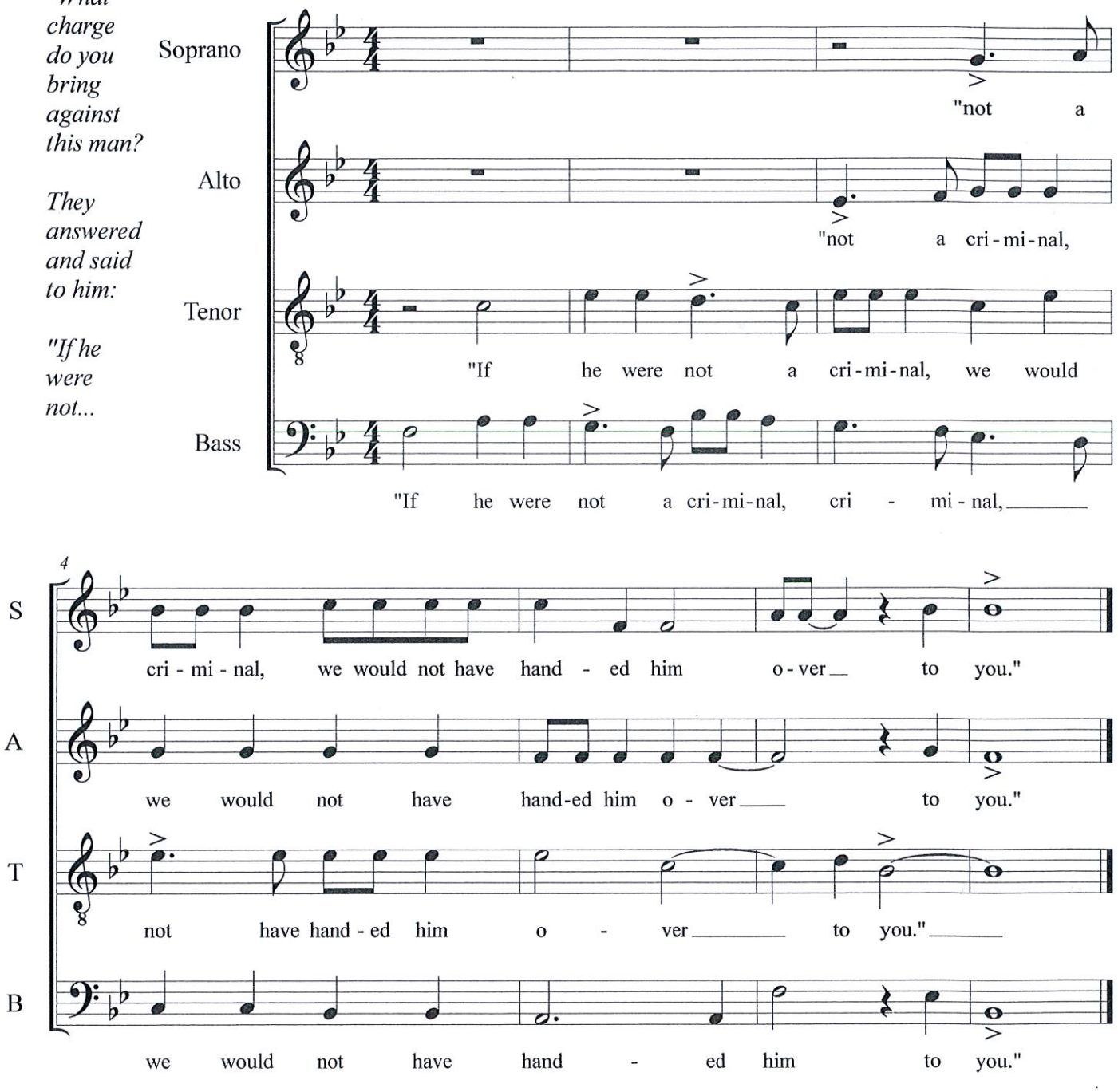
"What charge do you bring against this man?

They answered and said to him:

"If he were not...

defensive, impudent



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St John
Chorus # 5

We do not have the right

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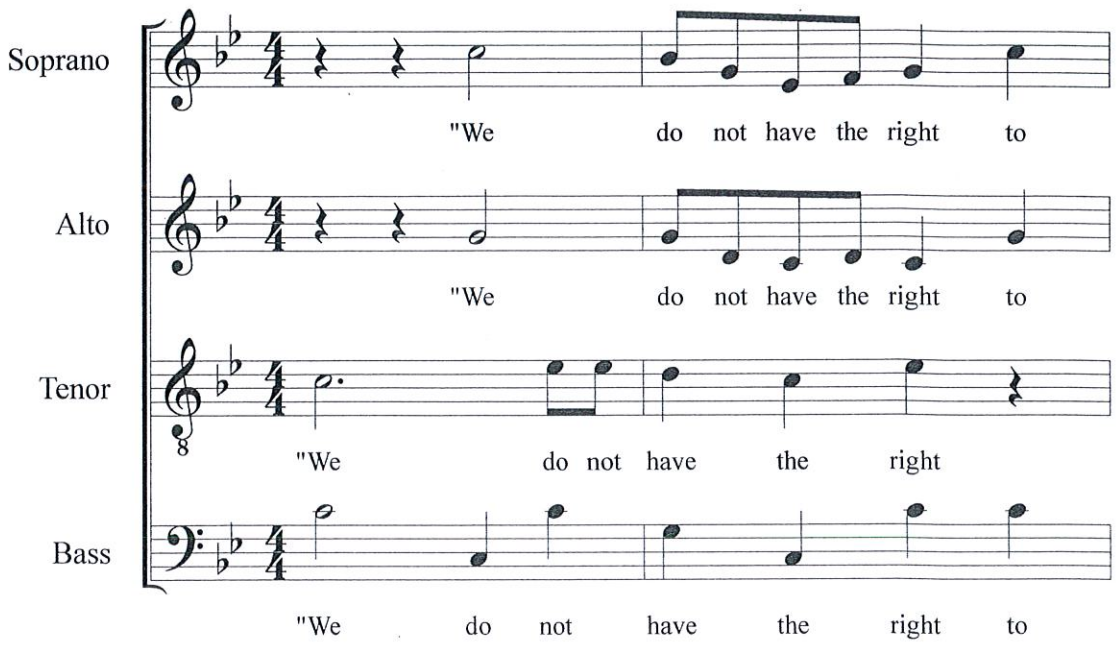
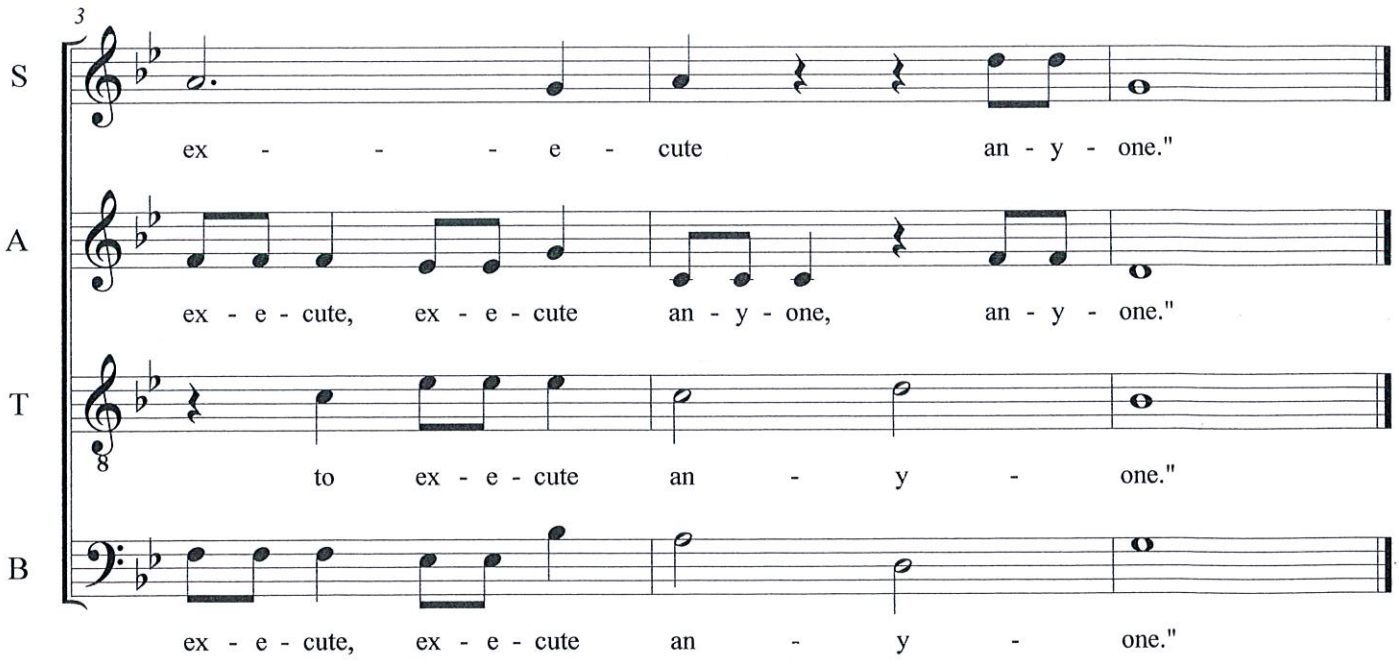
"Take him and judge him according to your law."

The Jews answered him,

"We do not have the right..." [chorus 5]

Patiently pleading





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St John
Chorus # 6

Not this one!

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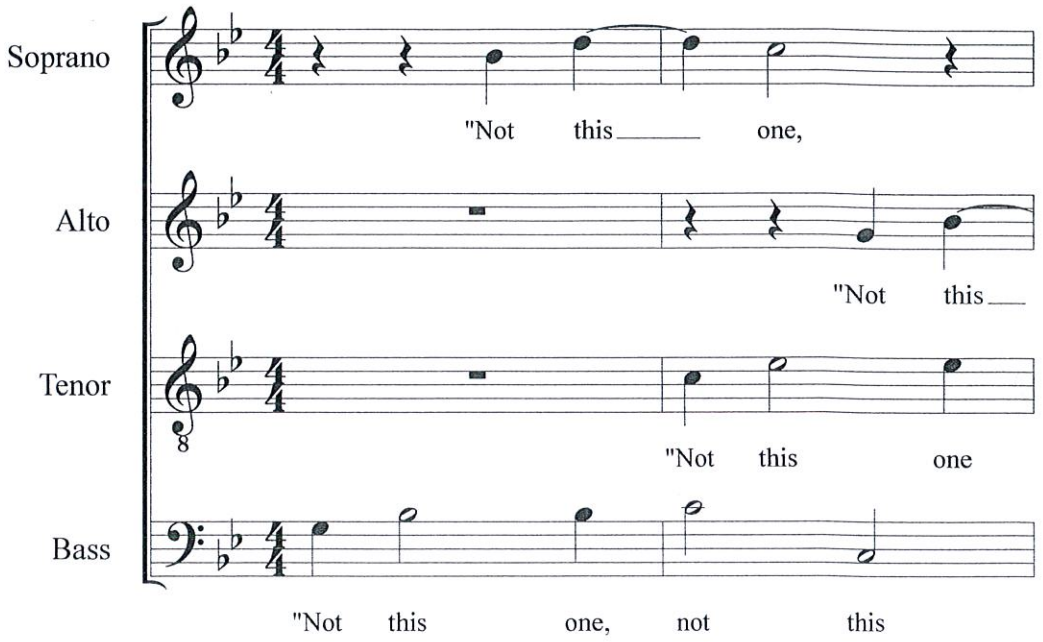
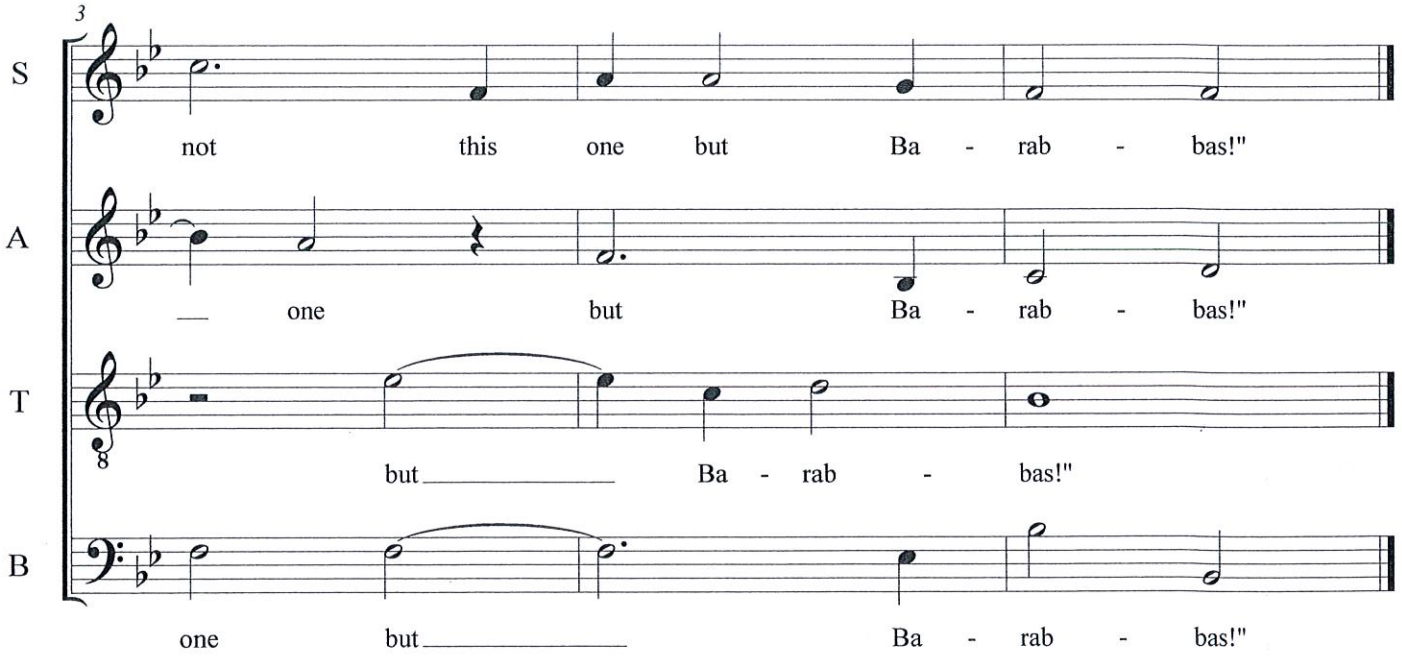
"Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

They cried out again,

"Not this one... [chorus 6]

defiant, adamant





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St John
Chorus # 7

Hail, King!

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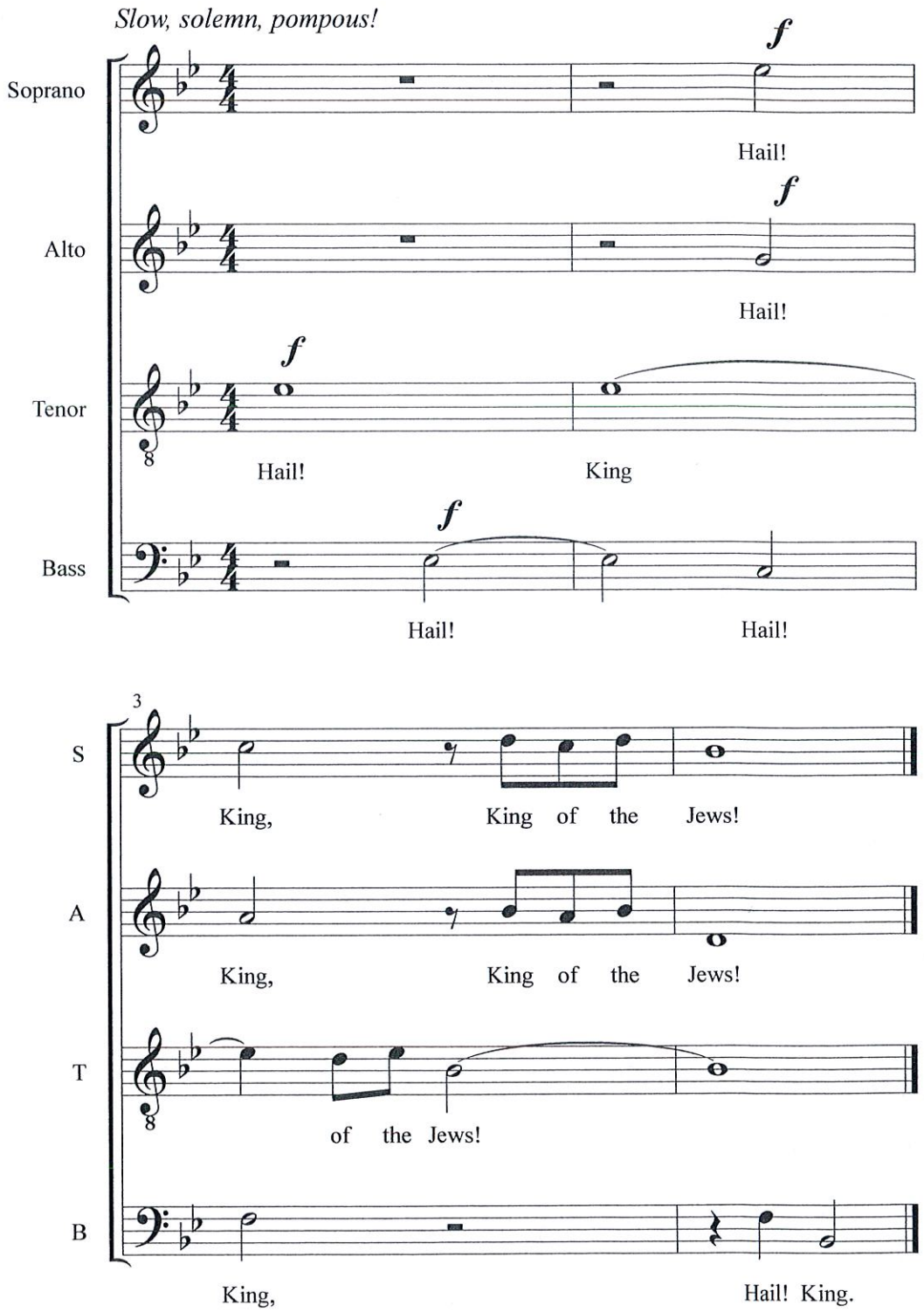
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.

And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said.

"Hail, King of the Jews!" [chorus 7]



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St John
Chorus # 8

Crucify!

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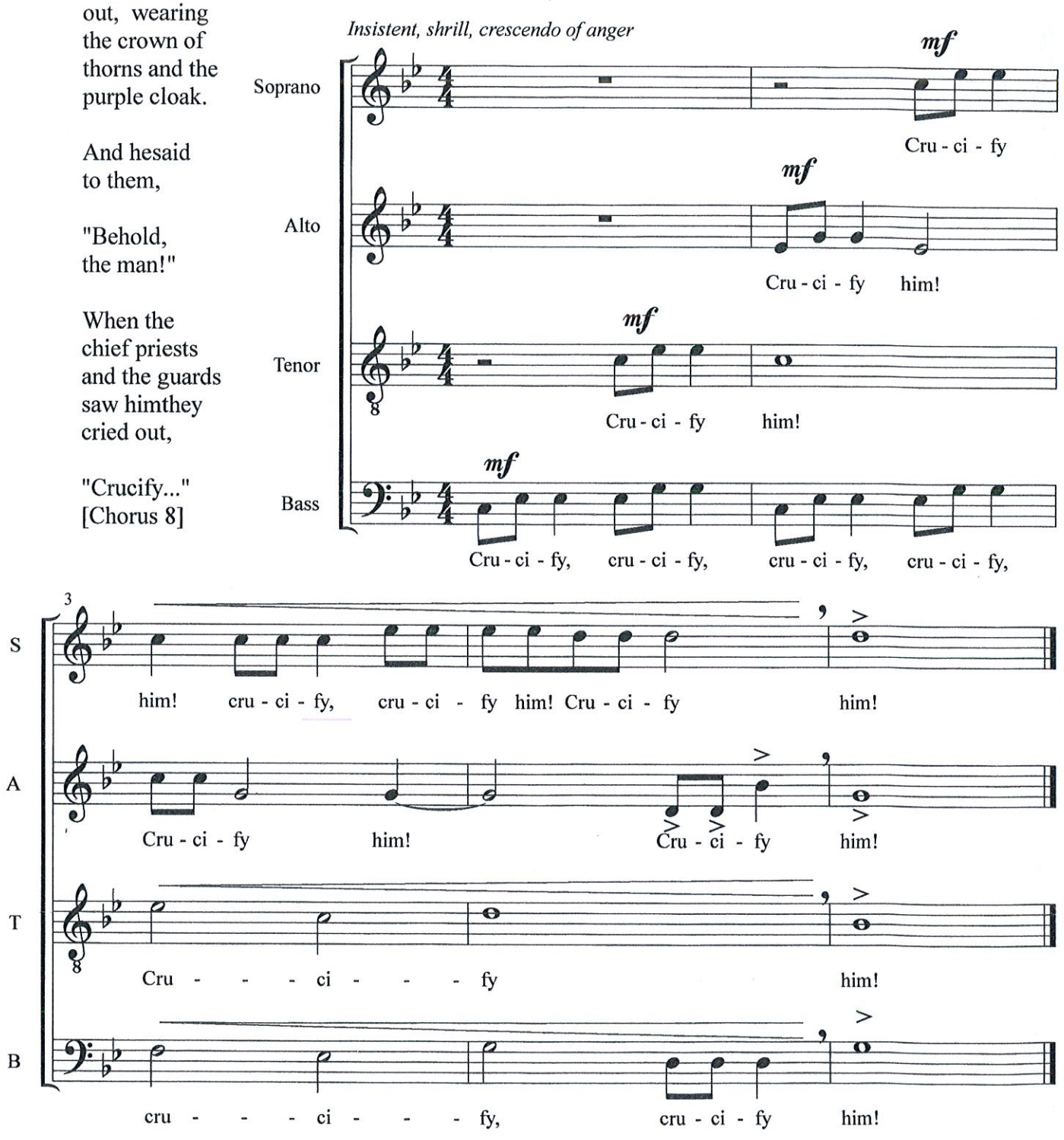
So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak.

And hesaid to them,

"Behold, the man!"

When the chief priests and the guards saw himthey cried out,

"Crucify..."
[Chorus 8]



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St John
Chorus # 9

We have a law

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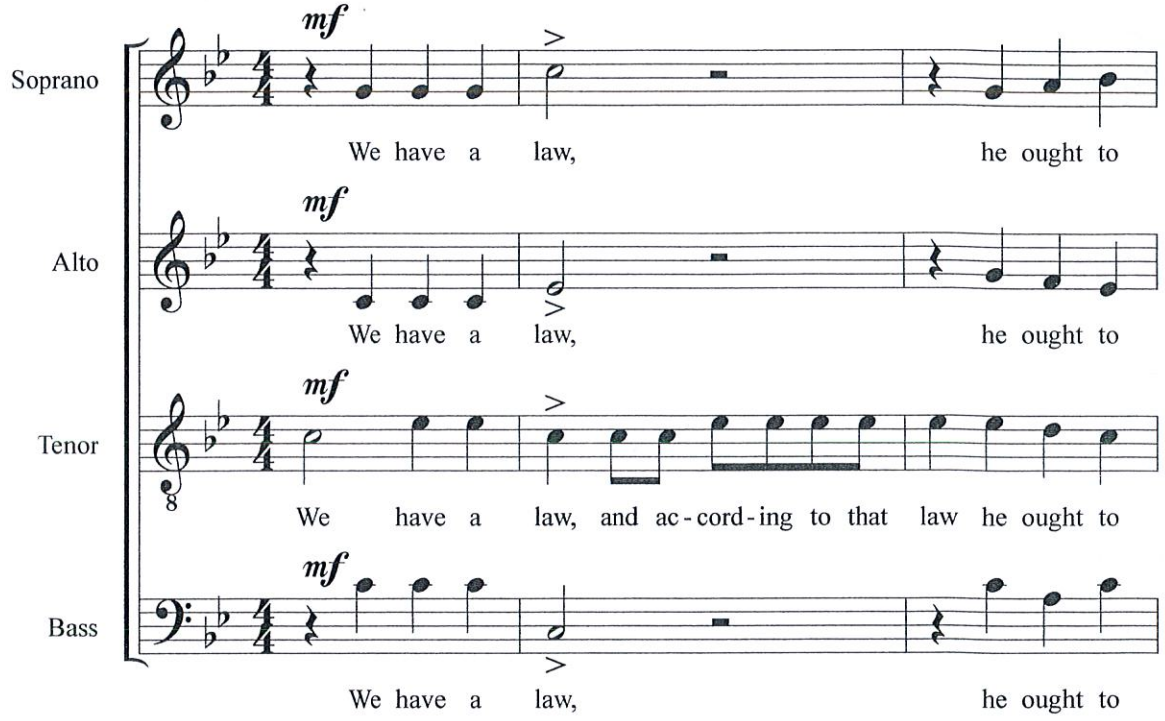
Pilate said to them,

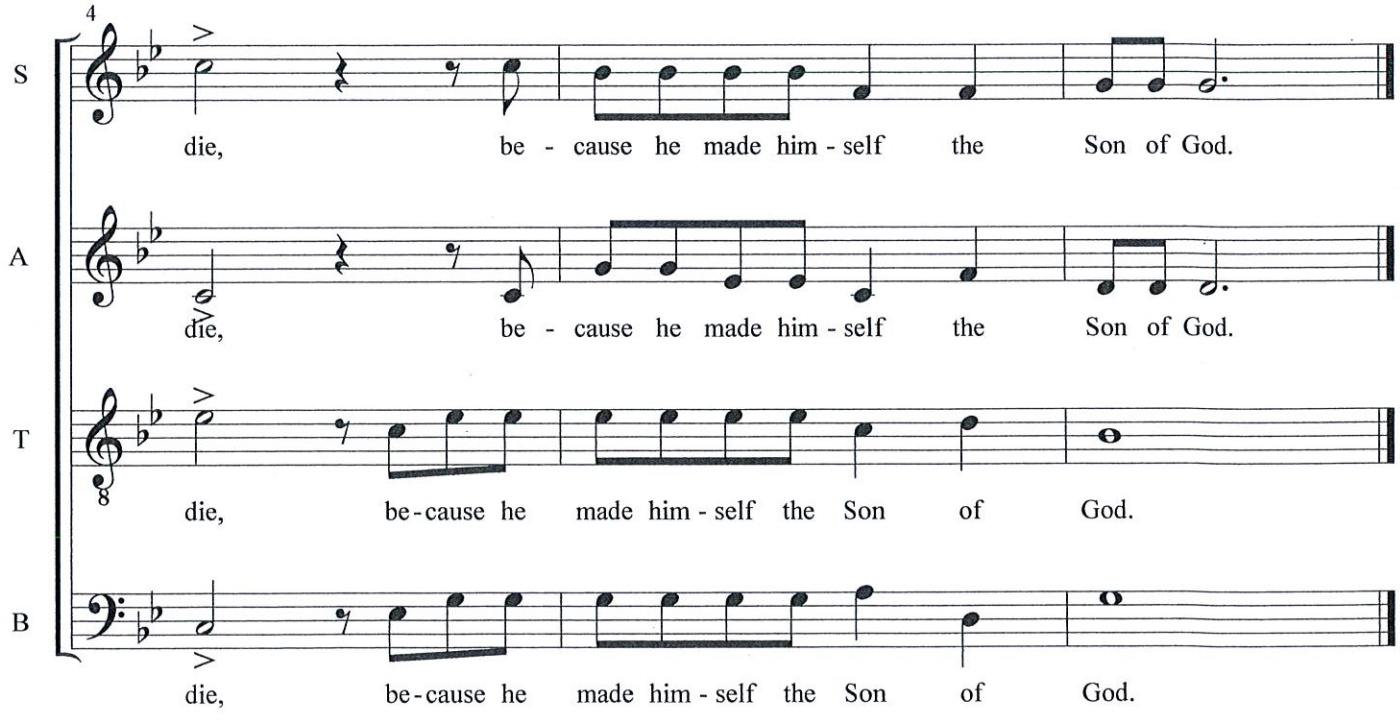
"Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him."

The Jews answered,

"We have a law..."
[Chorus 9]

Slowly, mock horror





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St John
Chorus 10

If you release him

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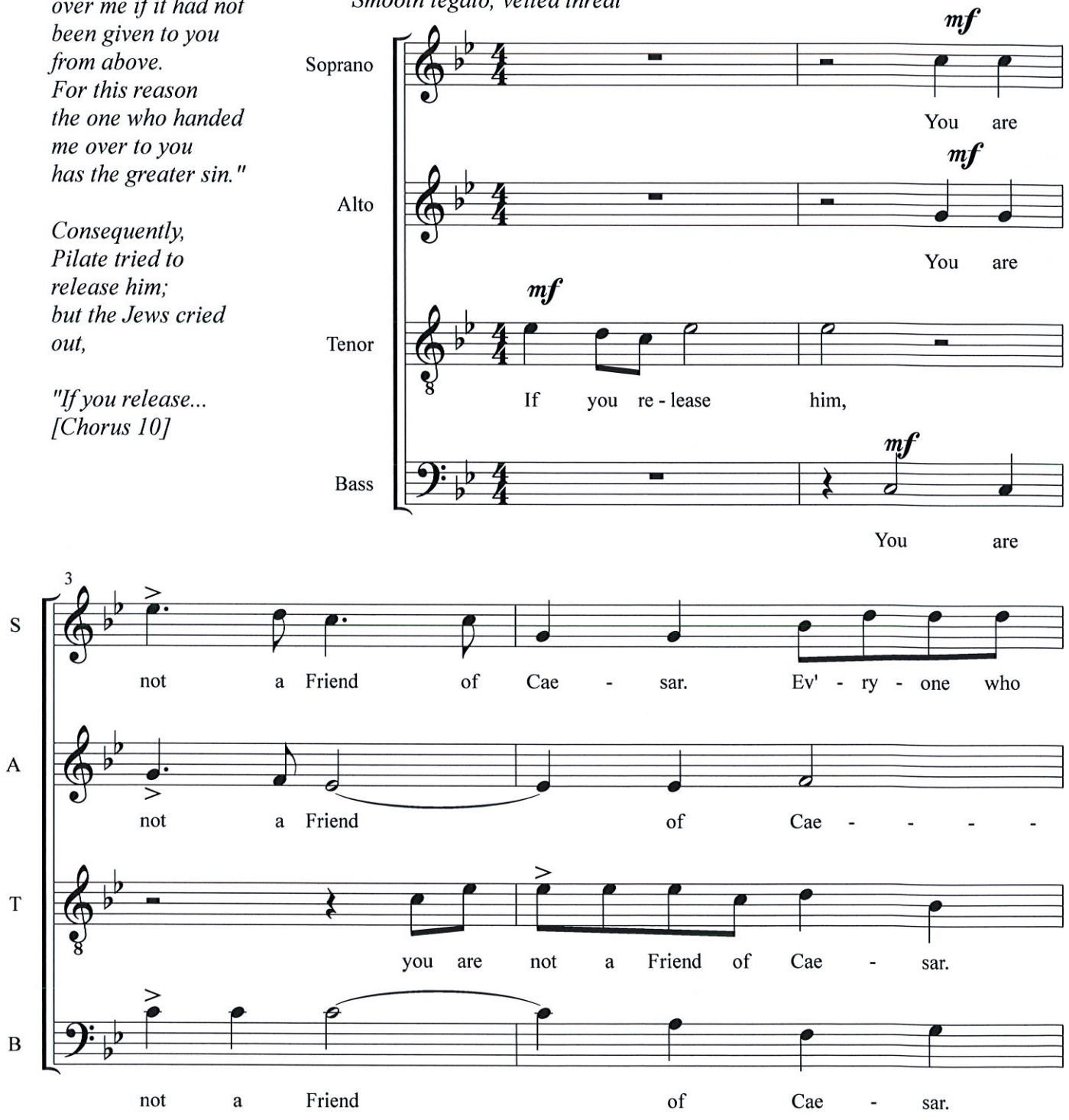
"You have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out,

"If you release... [Chorus 10]

Smooth legato, veiled threat



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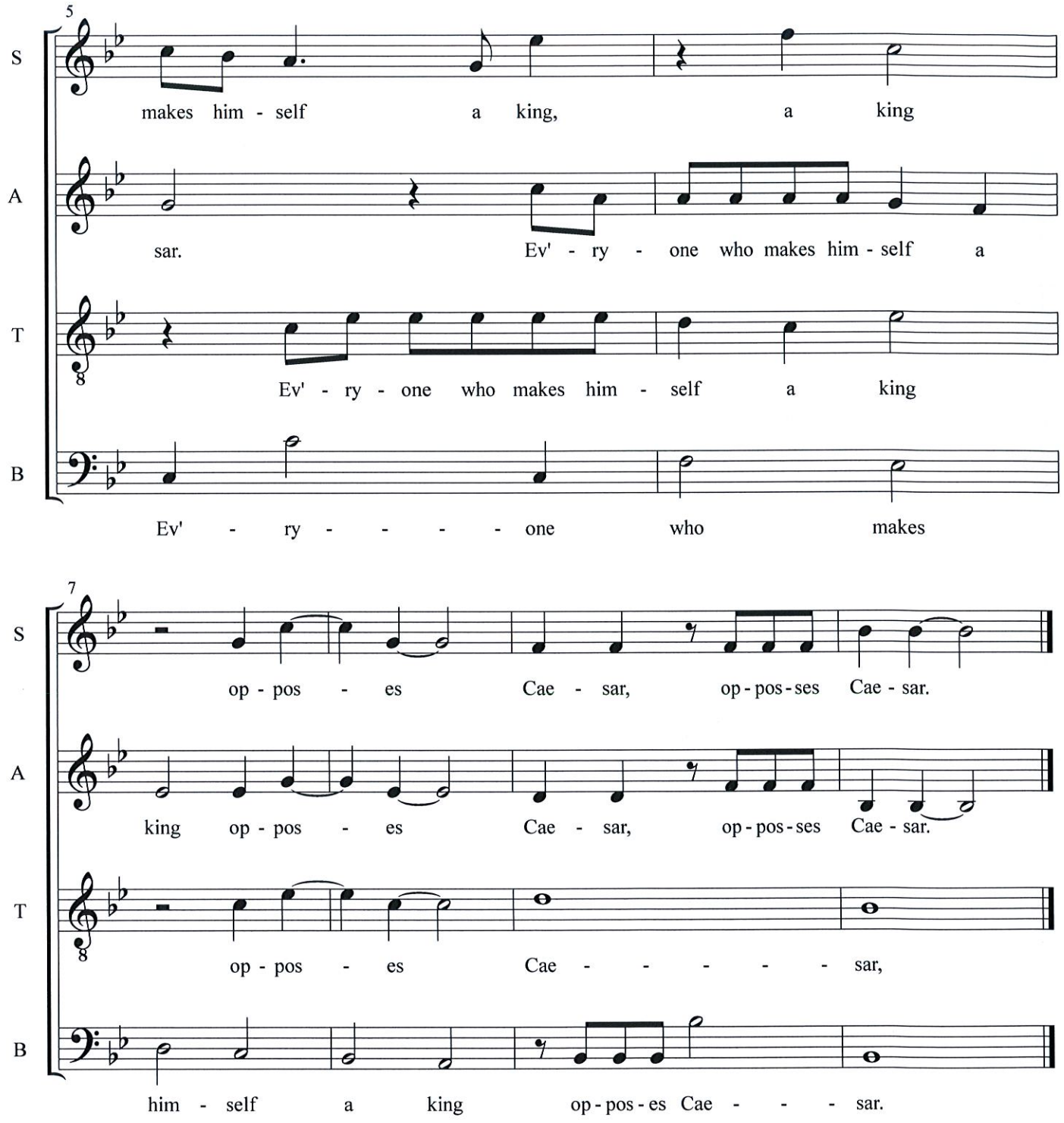
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S
makes him - self a king, a king
A
sar. Ev' - ry - one who makes him - self a
T
Ev' - ry - one who makes him - self a king
B
Ev' - ry - - - - one who makes
7
S
op - pos - es Cae - sar, op - pos - ses Cae - sar.
A
king op - pos - es Cae - sar, op - pos - ses Cae - sar.
T
op - pos - es Cae - - - - - sar,
B
him - self a king op - pos - es Cae - - - sar.

St John
Chorus 11

Take him away!

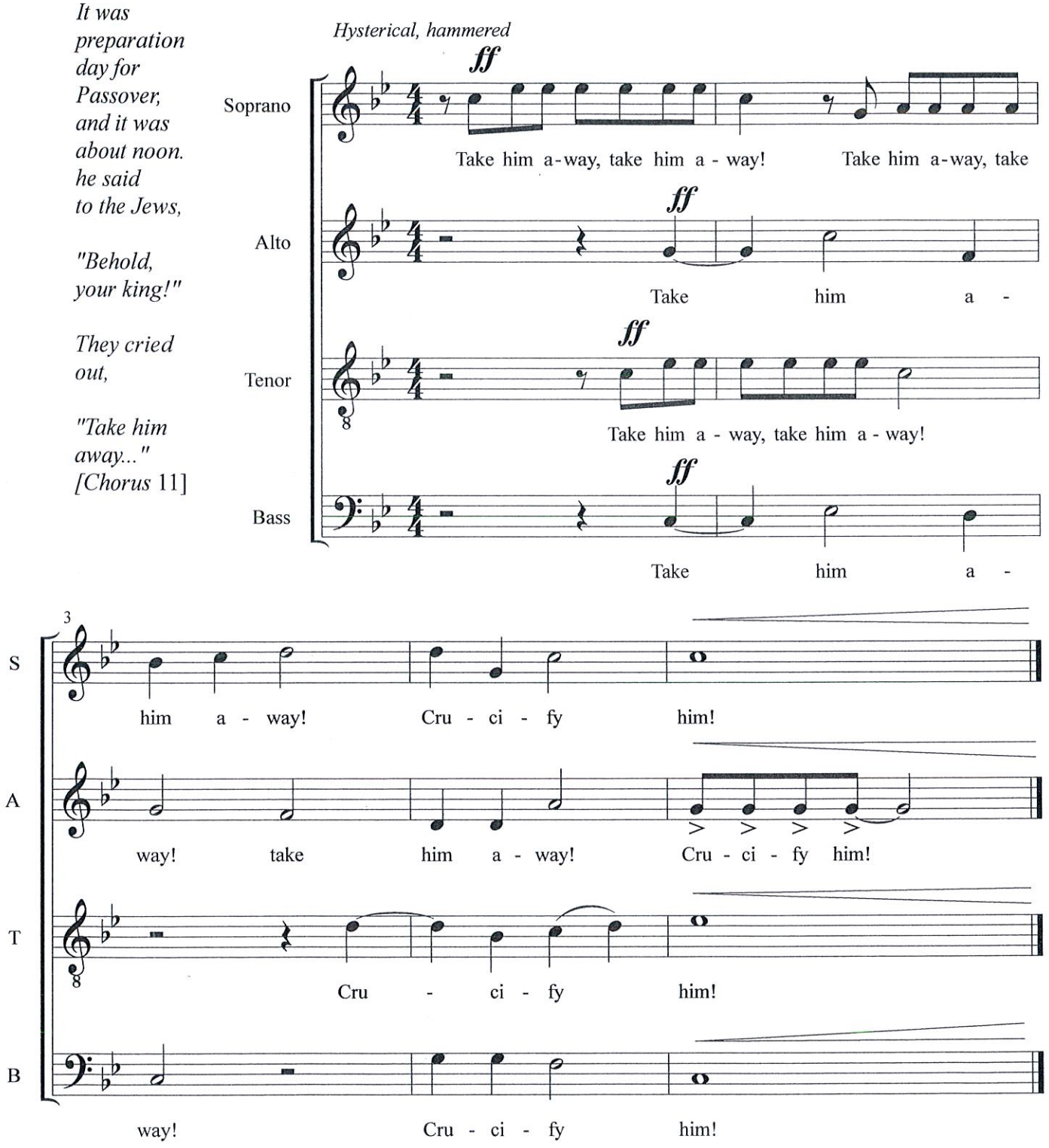
Roger Petrich

It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. he said to the Jews,

"Behold, your king!"

They cried out,

"Take him away..."
[Chorus 11]



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St John
Chorus # 13

Do not write

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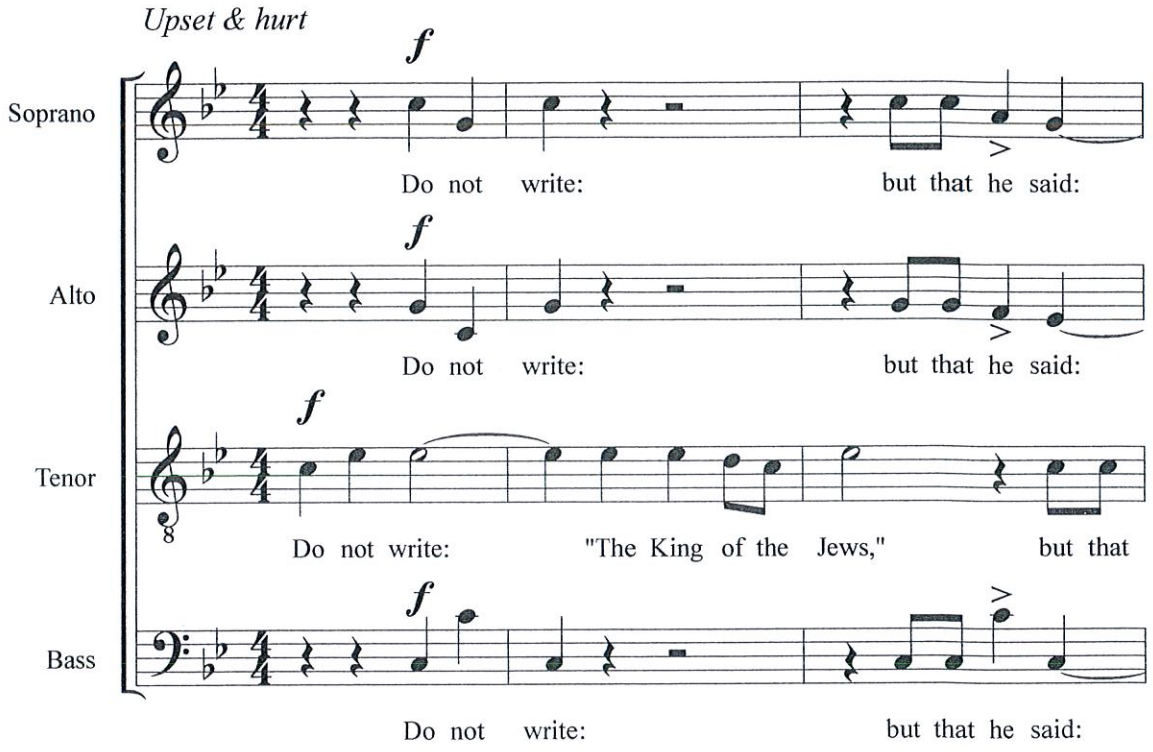
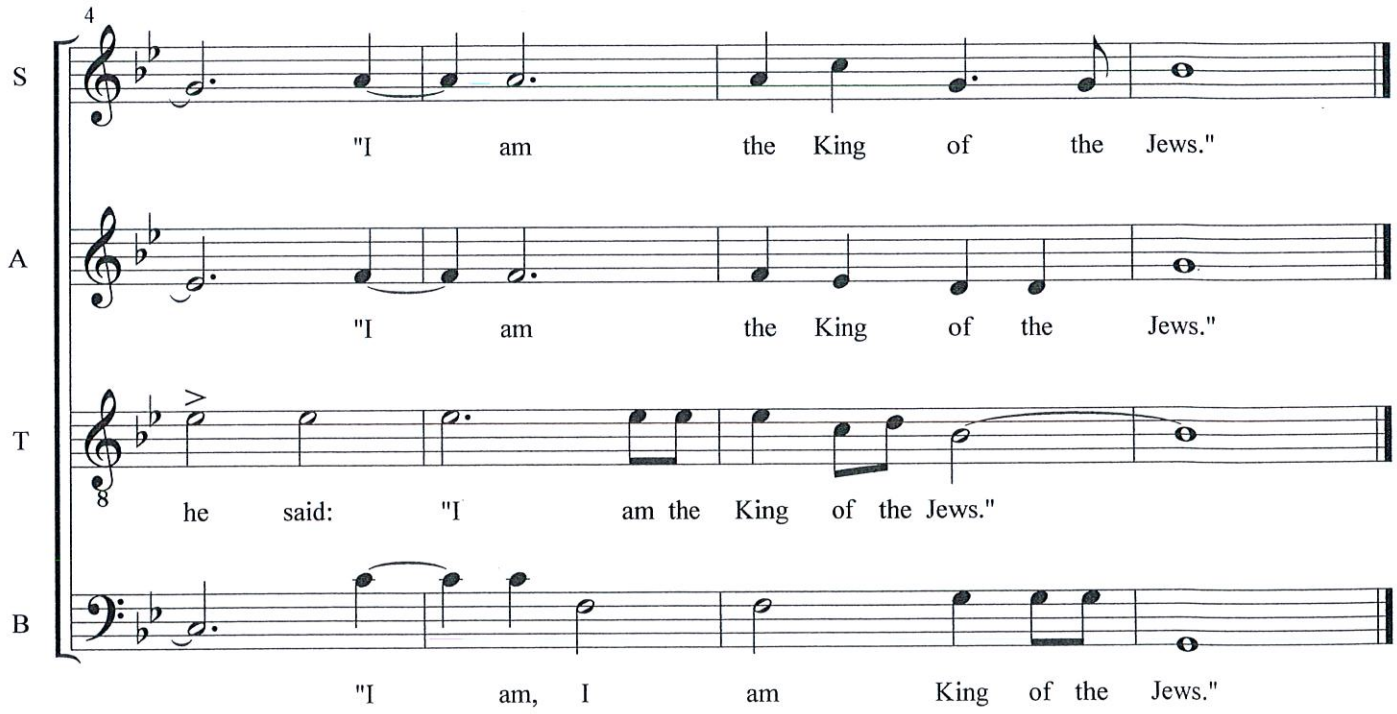
". . . and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek.

So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

"Do not write..." [Chorus 13]





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St John
Chorus 14

Let's not tear it

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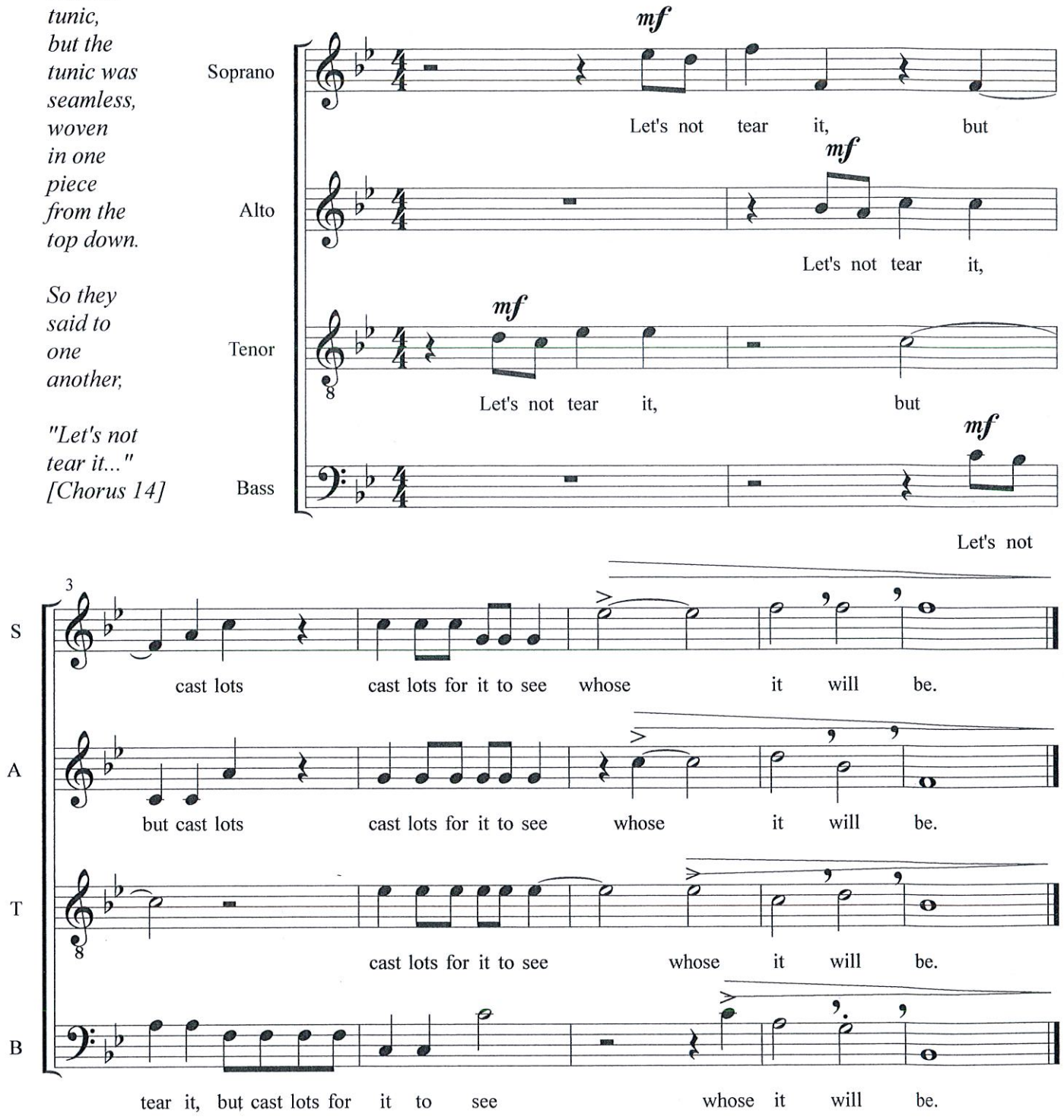
They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down.

So they said to one another,

"Let's not tear it..." [Chorus 14]



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St John
Chorus 15

Jesus is laid in the grave

**This chorus is provided when a "choral close" is desired and permitted. This would replace the corresponding verses of the Evangelist. It is purely optional.*

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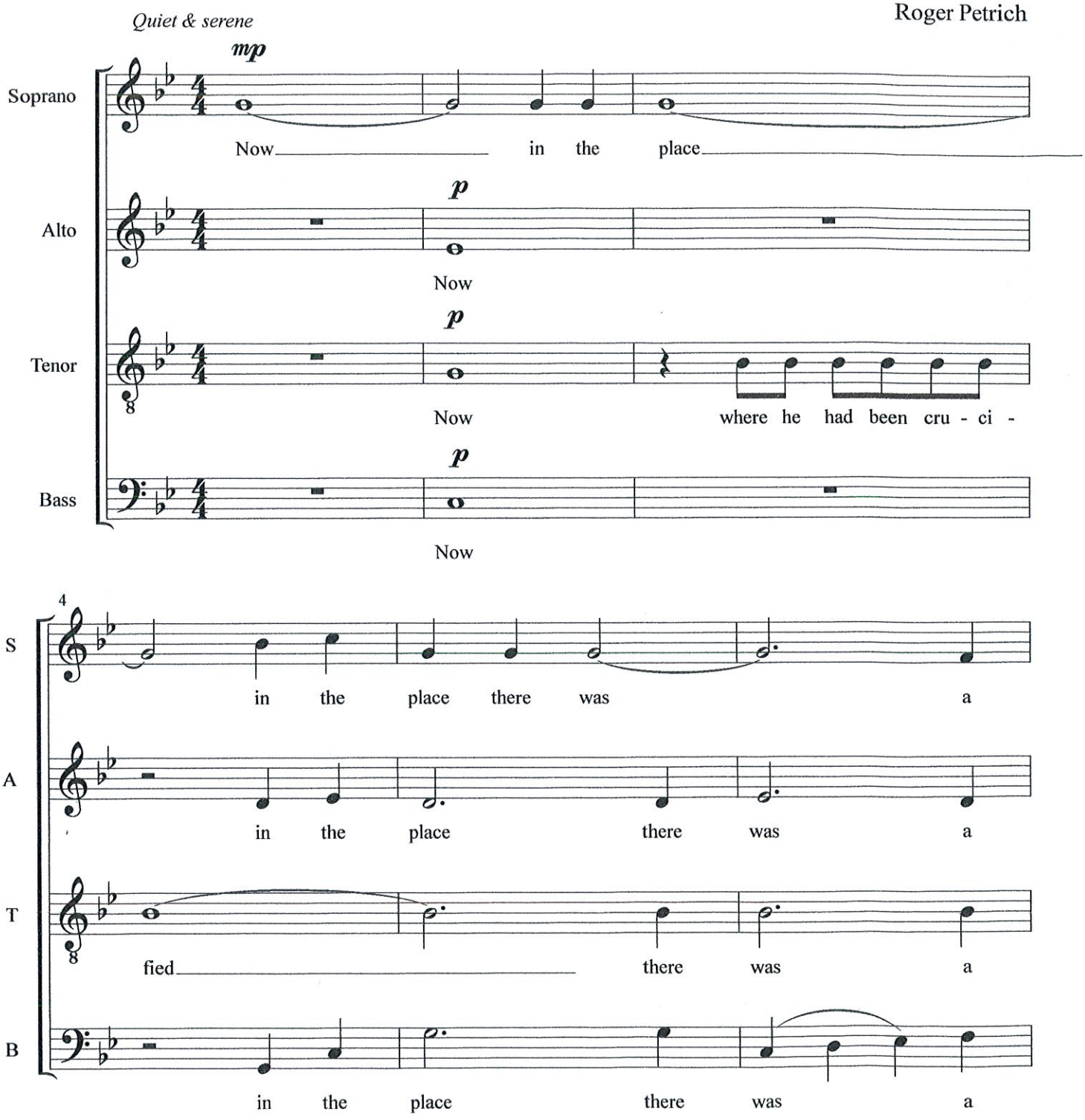

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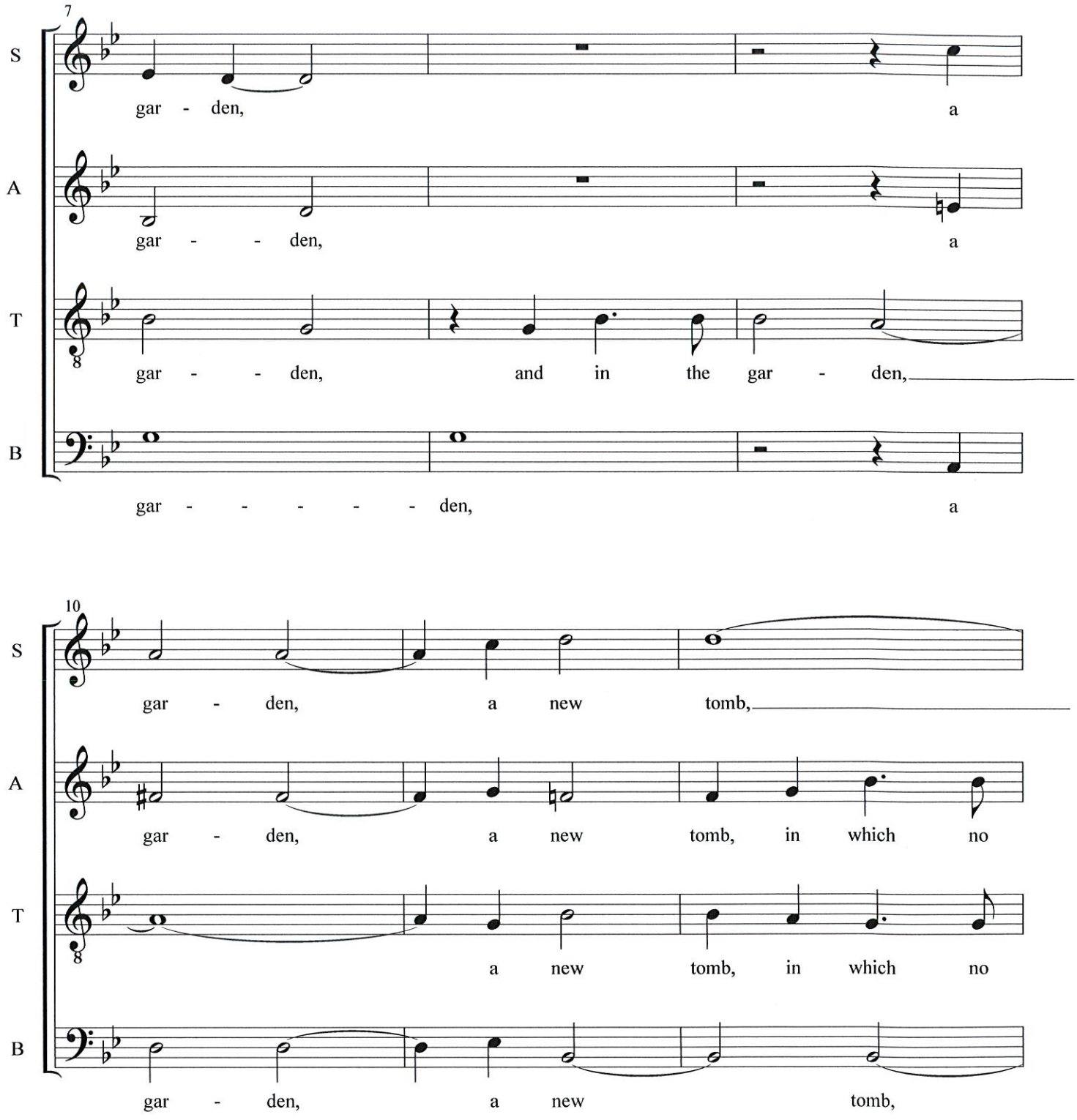
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S
gar - den, a
A
gar - - den, a
T
gar - - den, and in the gar - den,
B
gar - - - - - - den, a
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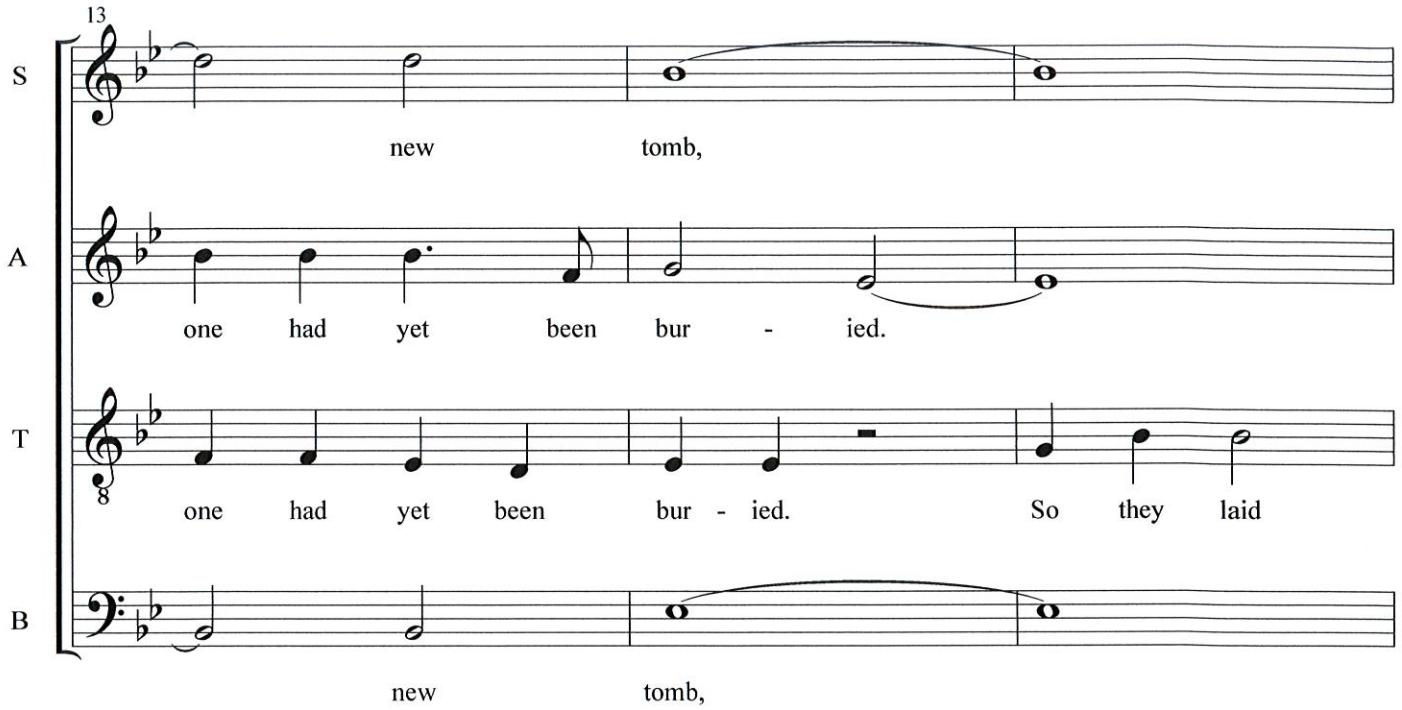
gar - den, a new tomb,
A
gar - den, a new tomb, in which no
T
a new tomb, in which no
B
gar - den, a new tomb,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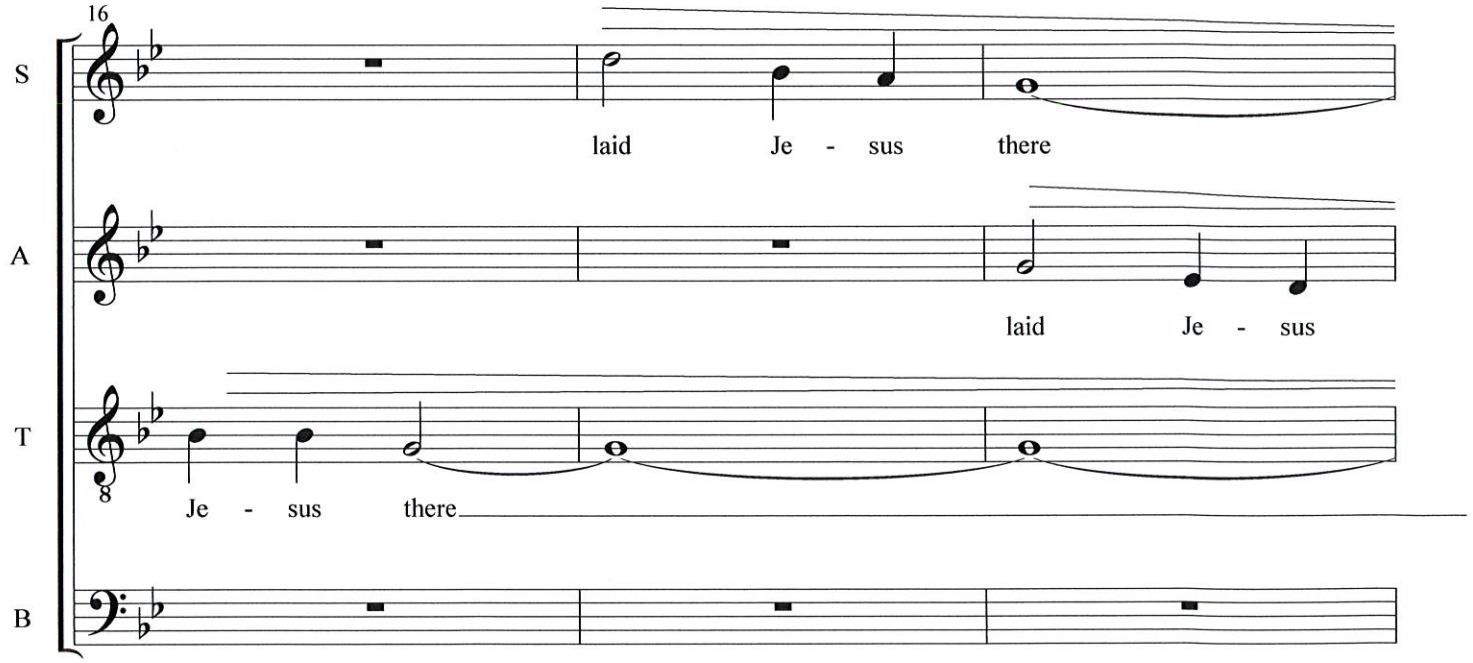
new tomb,
A
one had yet been bur - ied.
T
one had yet been bur - ied. So they laid
B
new tomb,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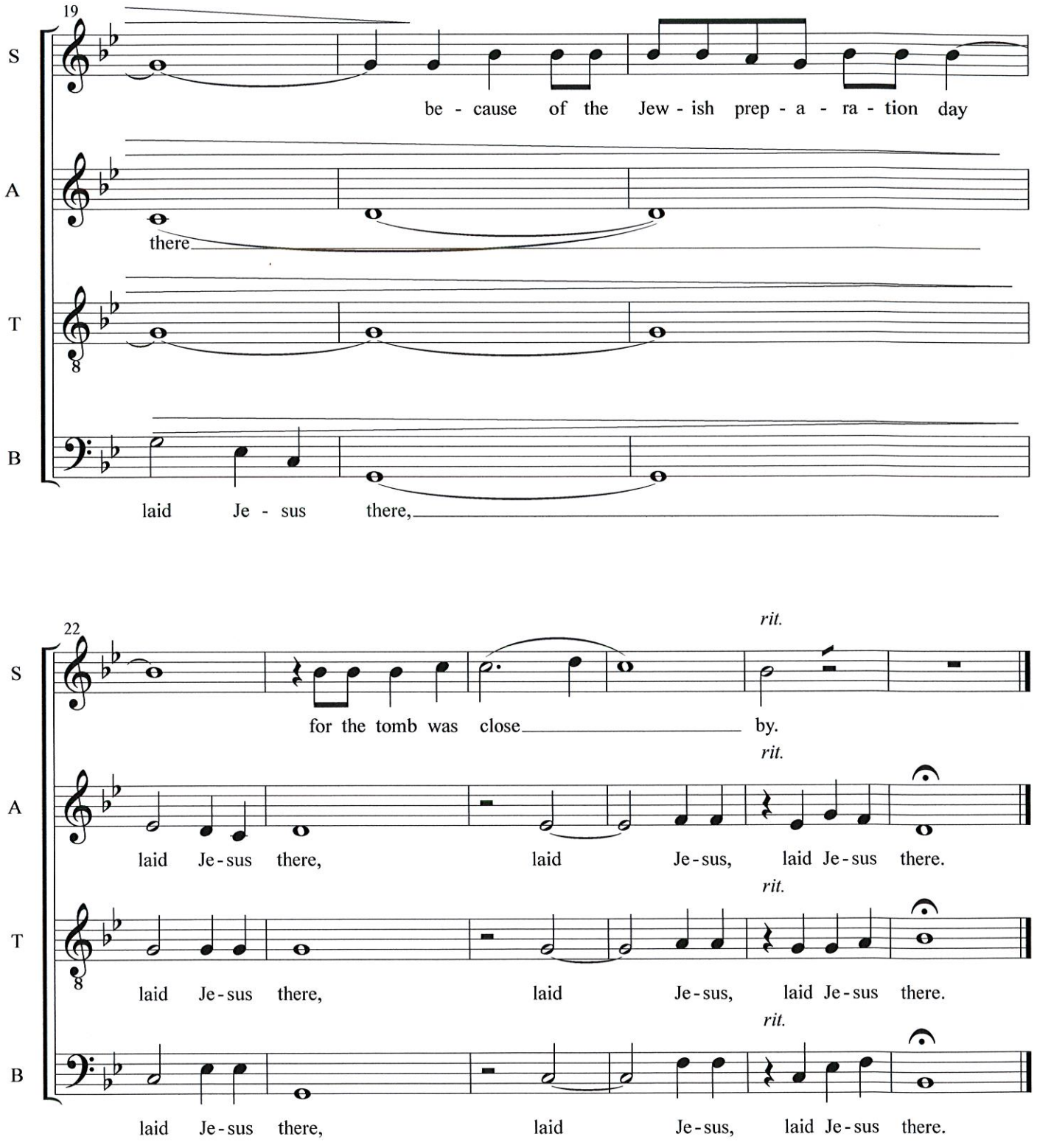
laid Je - sus there
A
laid Je - sus
T
Je - sus there
B


19
S
be - cause of the Jew - ish prep - a - ra - tion day
A
there
T
B
laid Je - sus there,
22
S
rit.
for the tomb was close by.
A
rit.
laid Je-sus there, laid Je-sus, laid Je-sus there.
T
rit.
laid Je-sus there, laid Je-sus, laid Je-sus there.
B
rit.
laid Je-sus there, laid Je-sus, laid Je-sus there.