Recorde-se, a propósito, que os termos *oboé* e *fagote* foram usados para significar instrumentos idênticos. Assim, o *fagote* veio, de certo modo, substituir o chamado *baixo de oboé*.

Por tudo o que fica dito, entendemos que o instrumento moderno que deve corresponder ao *fagotillo* indicado por D. Pedro da Esperança será o oboé.

Baixão era o termo usado para identificar um instrumento de madeira de palheta dupla, da família das charamelas, muito usado nas igrejas, exactamente até ao século XVIII, e a que corresponde, nos instrumentos modernos, o *fagote*.

É evidente que as partes instrumentais podem ser executadas por outros instrumentos, sem com isso se desrespeitar a hipotética vontade do compositor. Estas obras são duma época em que, mesmo na música orquestral, as indicações dos respectivos instrumentos não tinham carácter obrigatório. No presente caso, o mais natural é que o A. tenha distribuído as partes pelos instrumentos de que dispunham os executantes.

De qualquer forma, o contraste de sonoridade entre os instrumentos indicados, principalmente entre os dois *superius*, produz efeito estético que, na medida do possível, deve ser tido em conta e, dada a coincidência de sons entre o *baixão* e o *guijão*, também pensamos na conveniência em atribuir a um instrumento de corda a parte deste último.

Permita-se-nos, por fim, formular um voto: que esta publicação, para além de despertar um sério interesse pelos manuscritos musicais acima referidos, permita aos vários conjuntos amadores e profissionais portugueses darem vida à obra de D. Pedro da Esperança.

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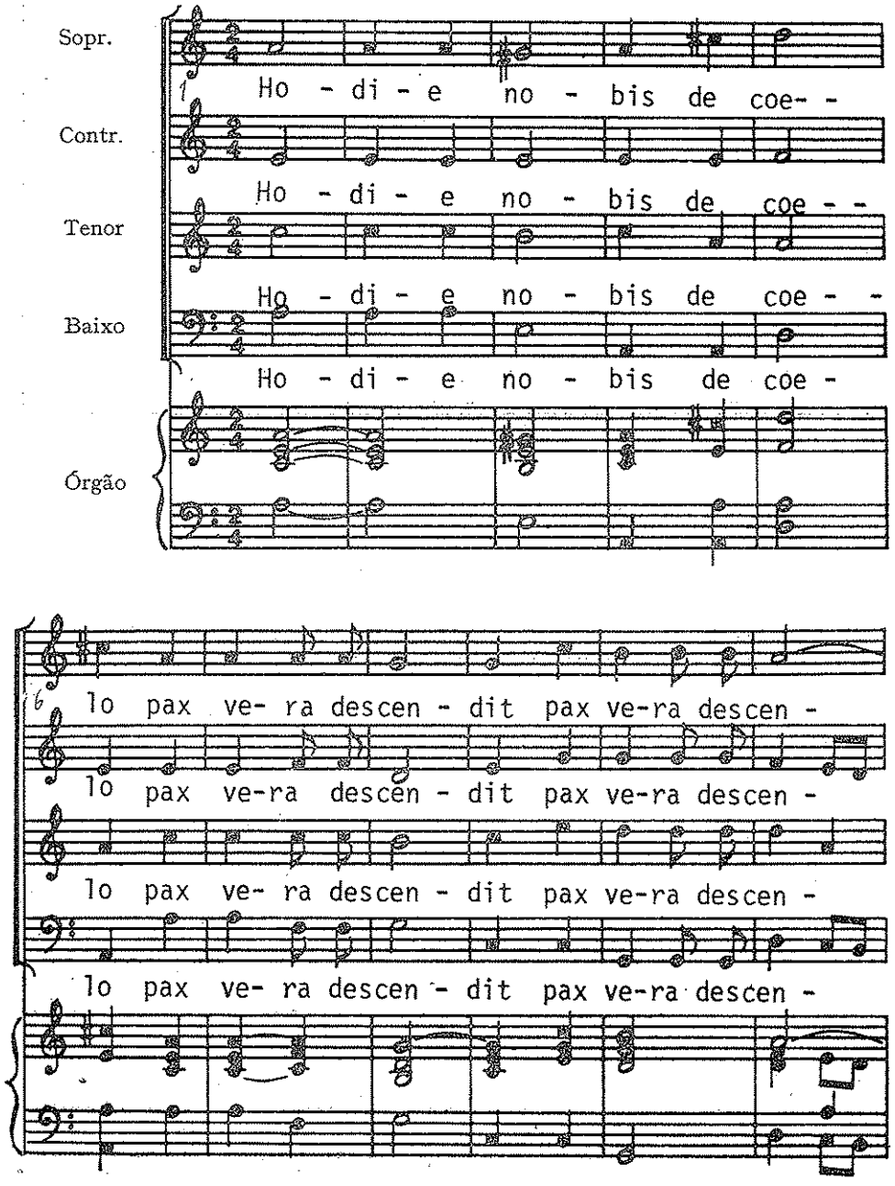

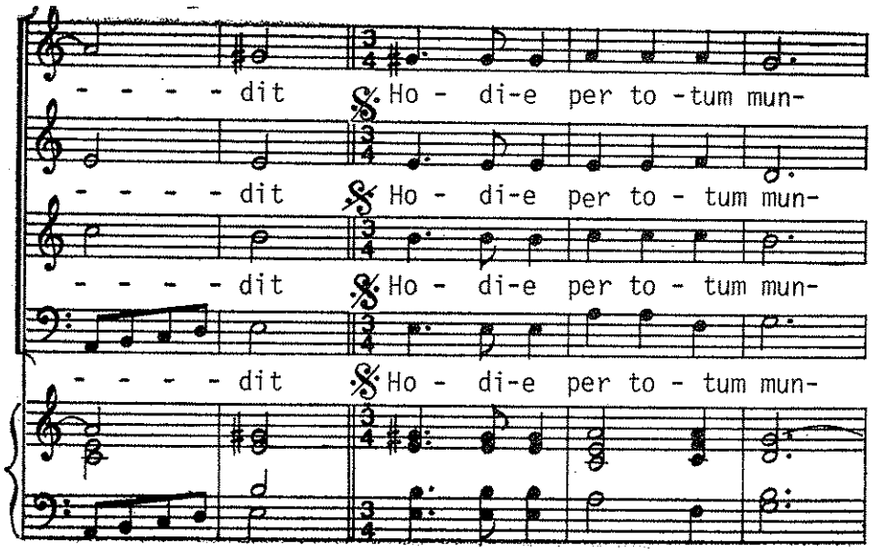
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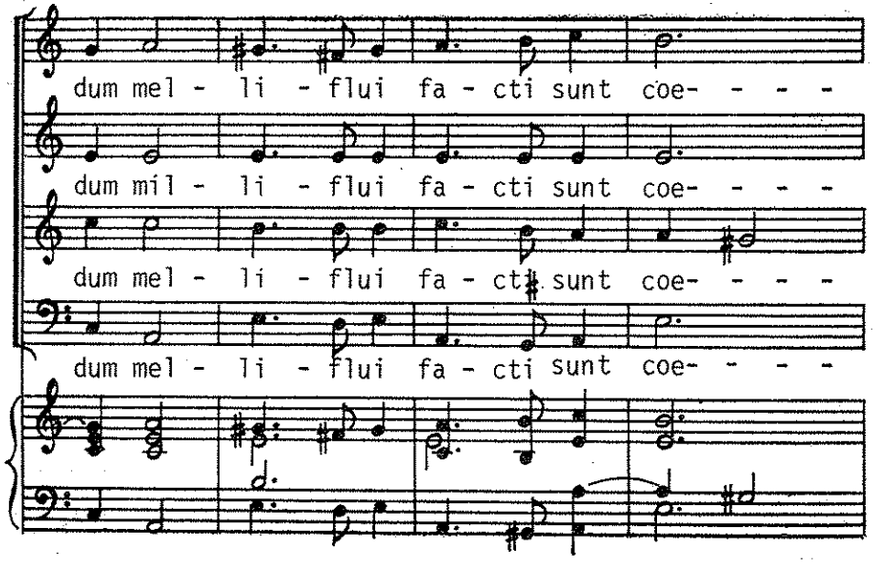
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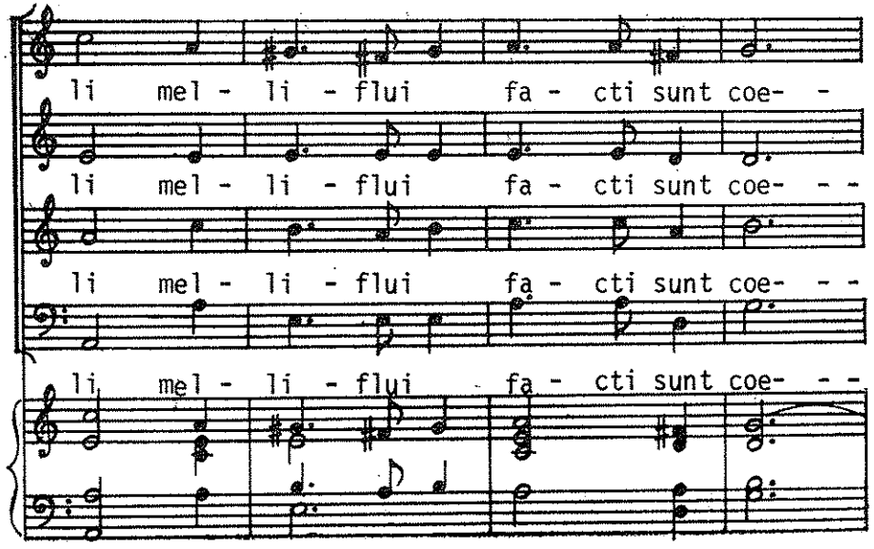
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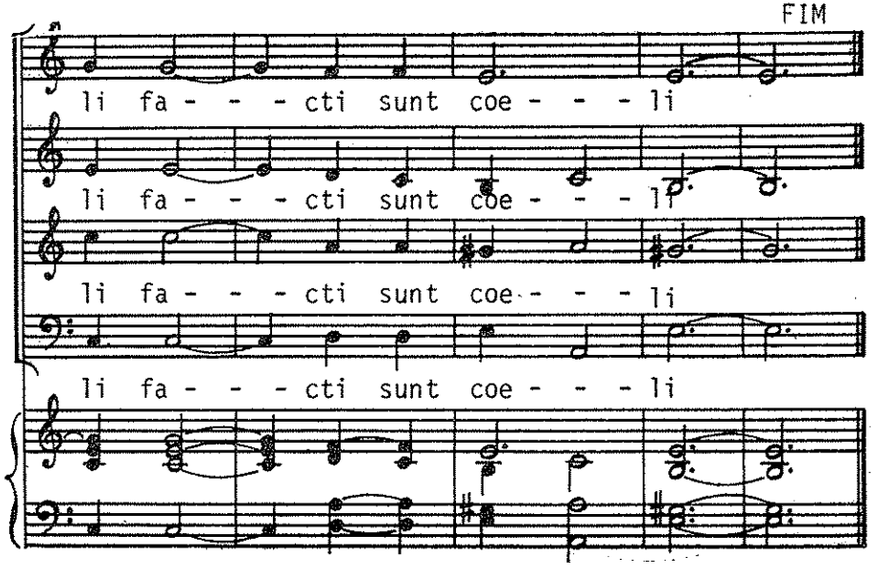
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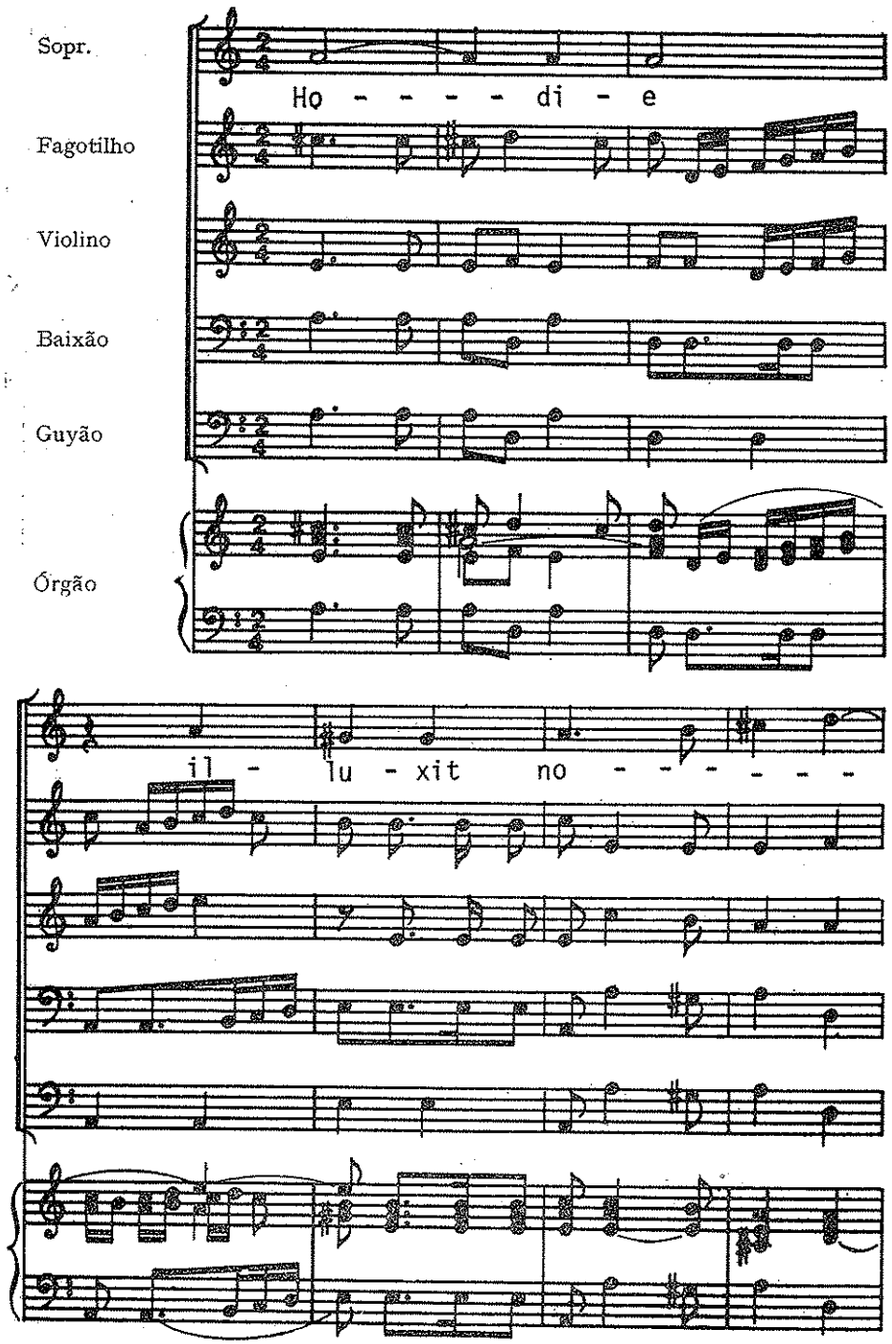
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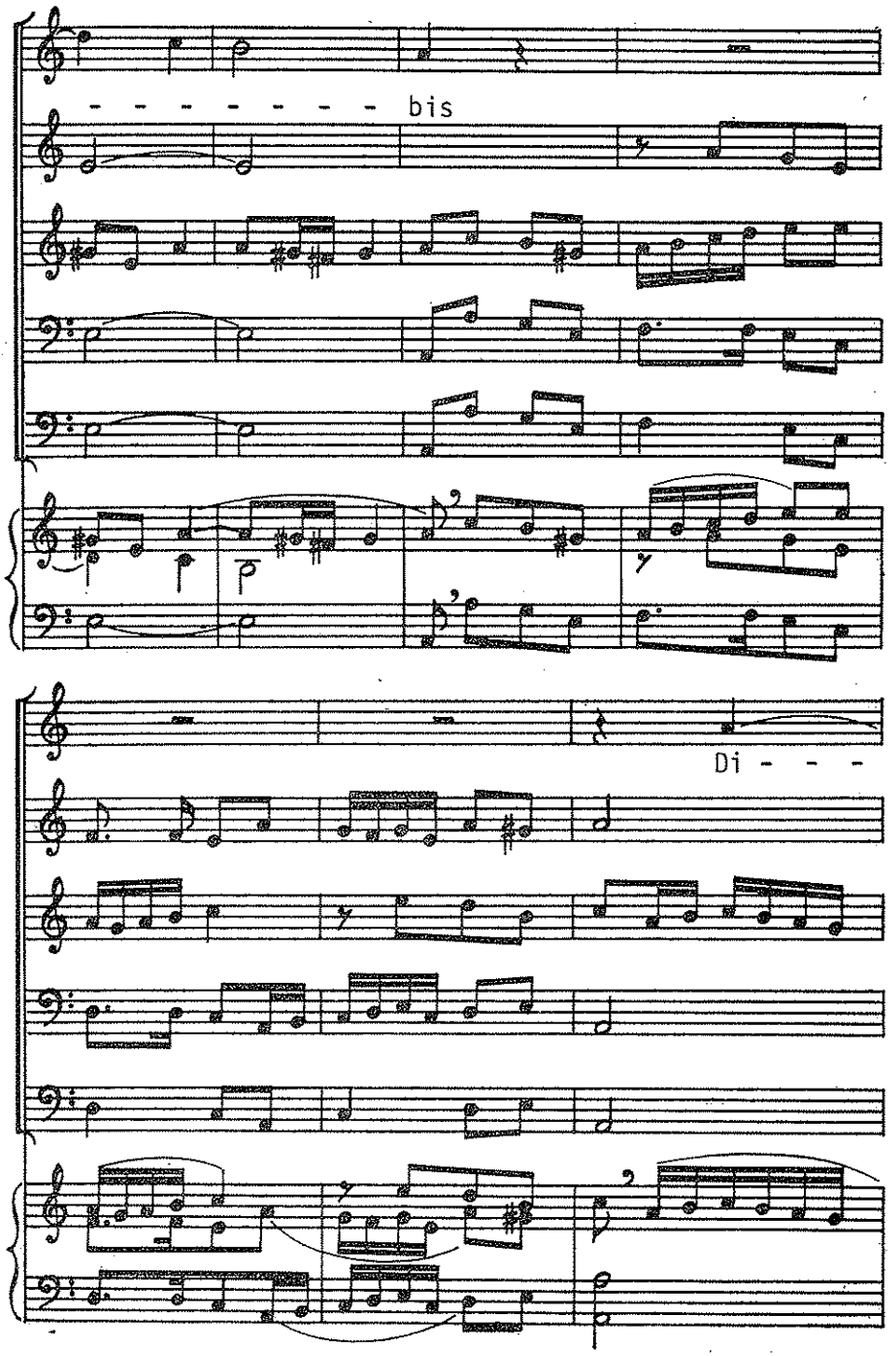
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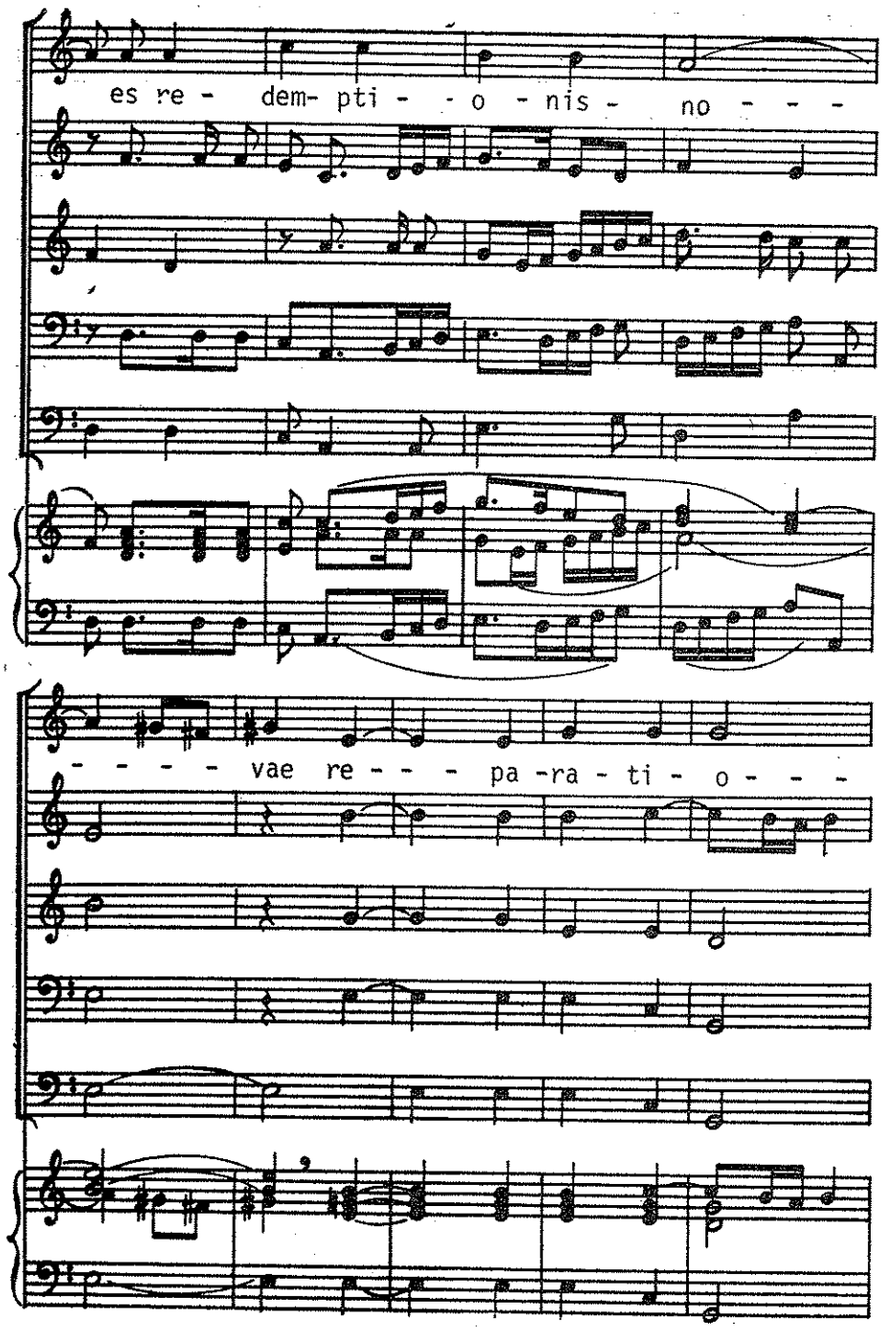
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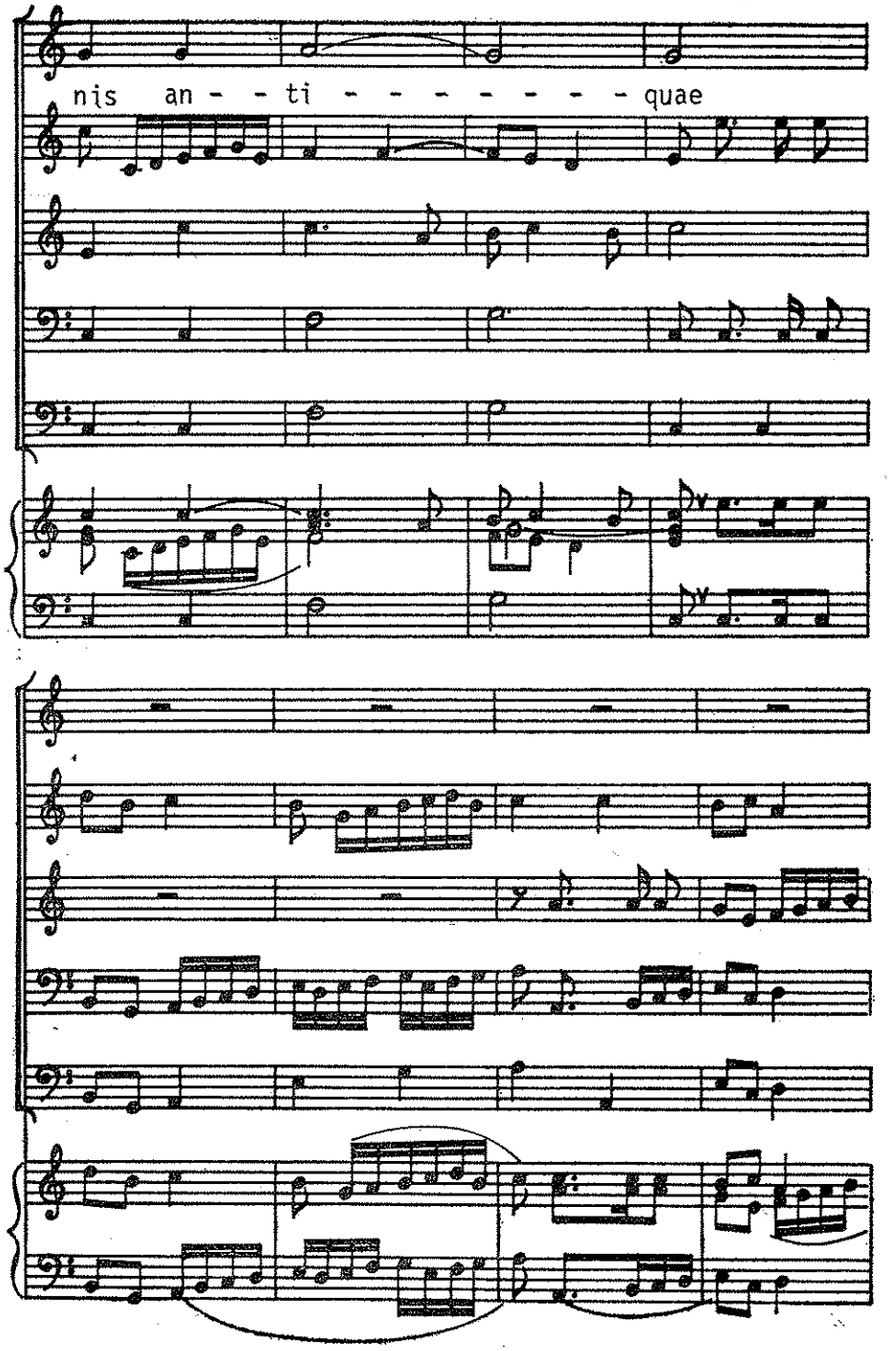
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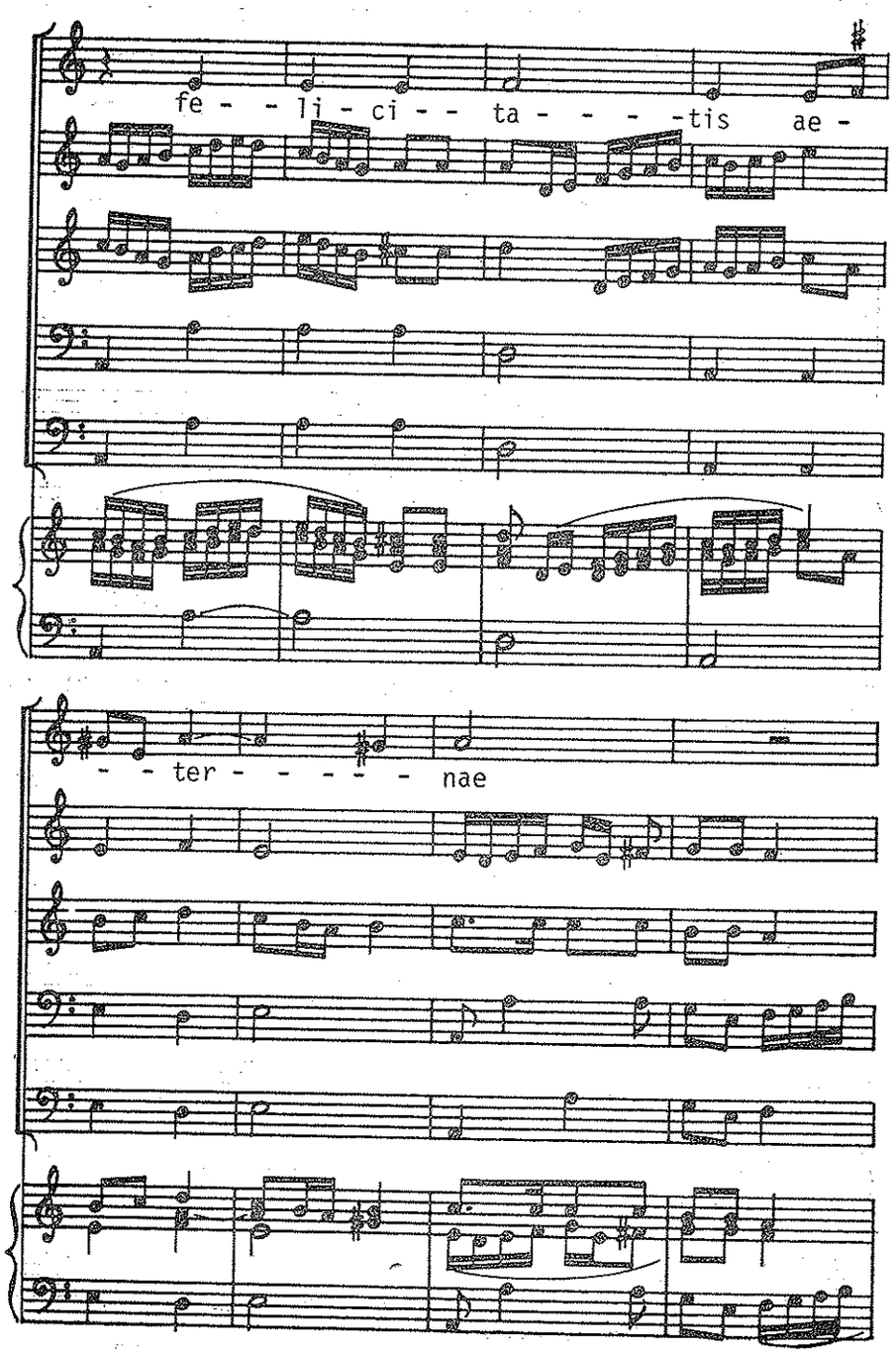
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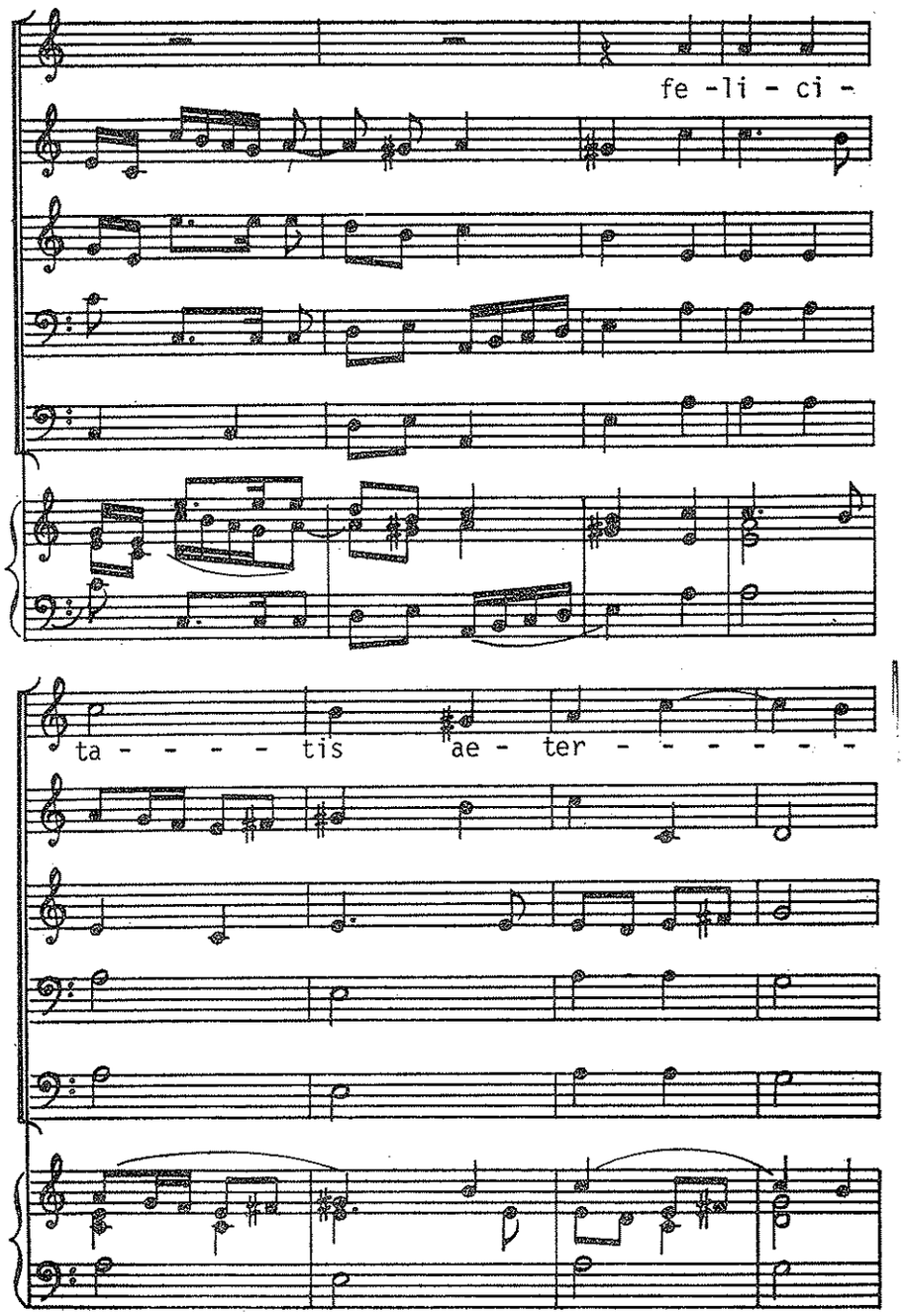
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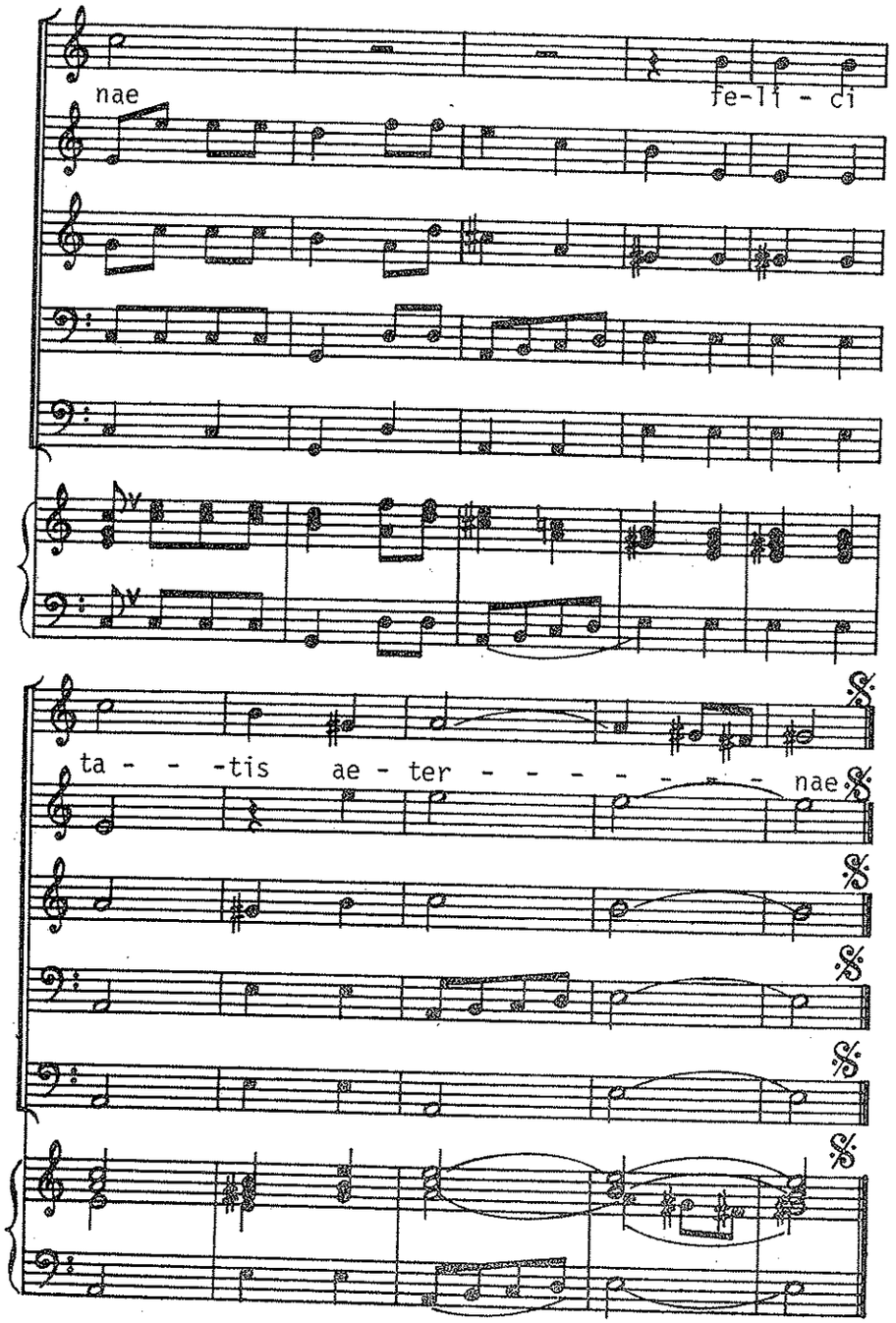

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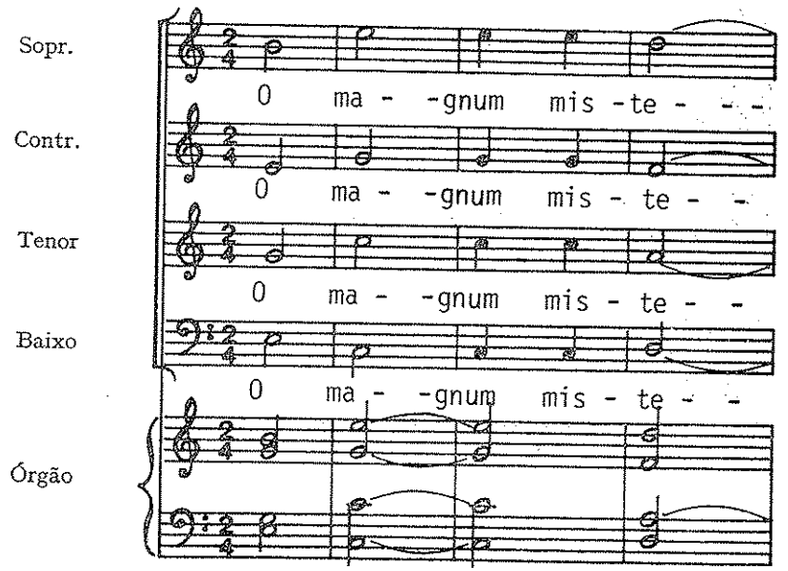

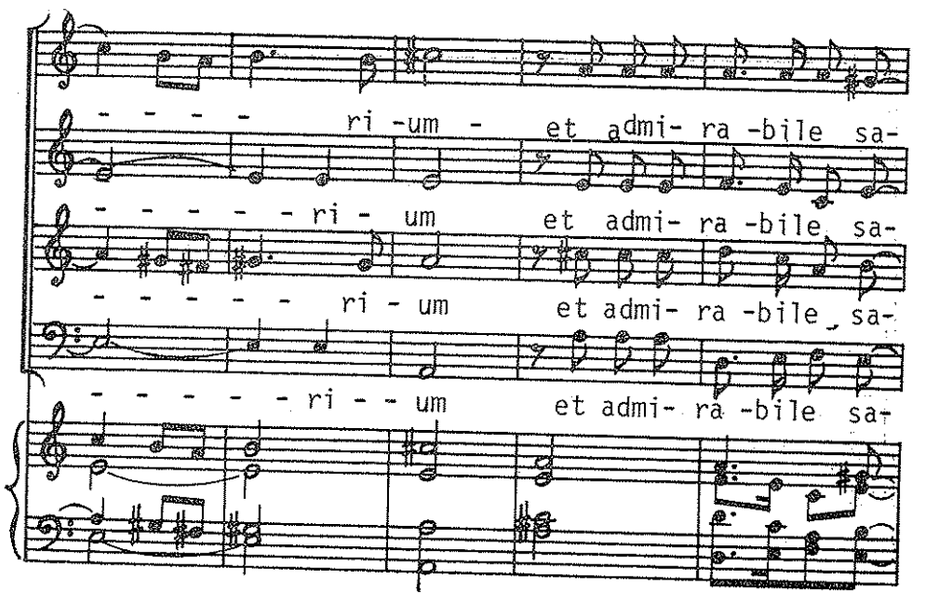

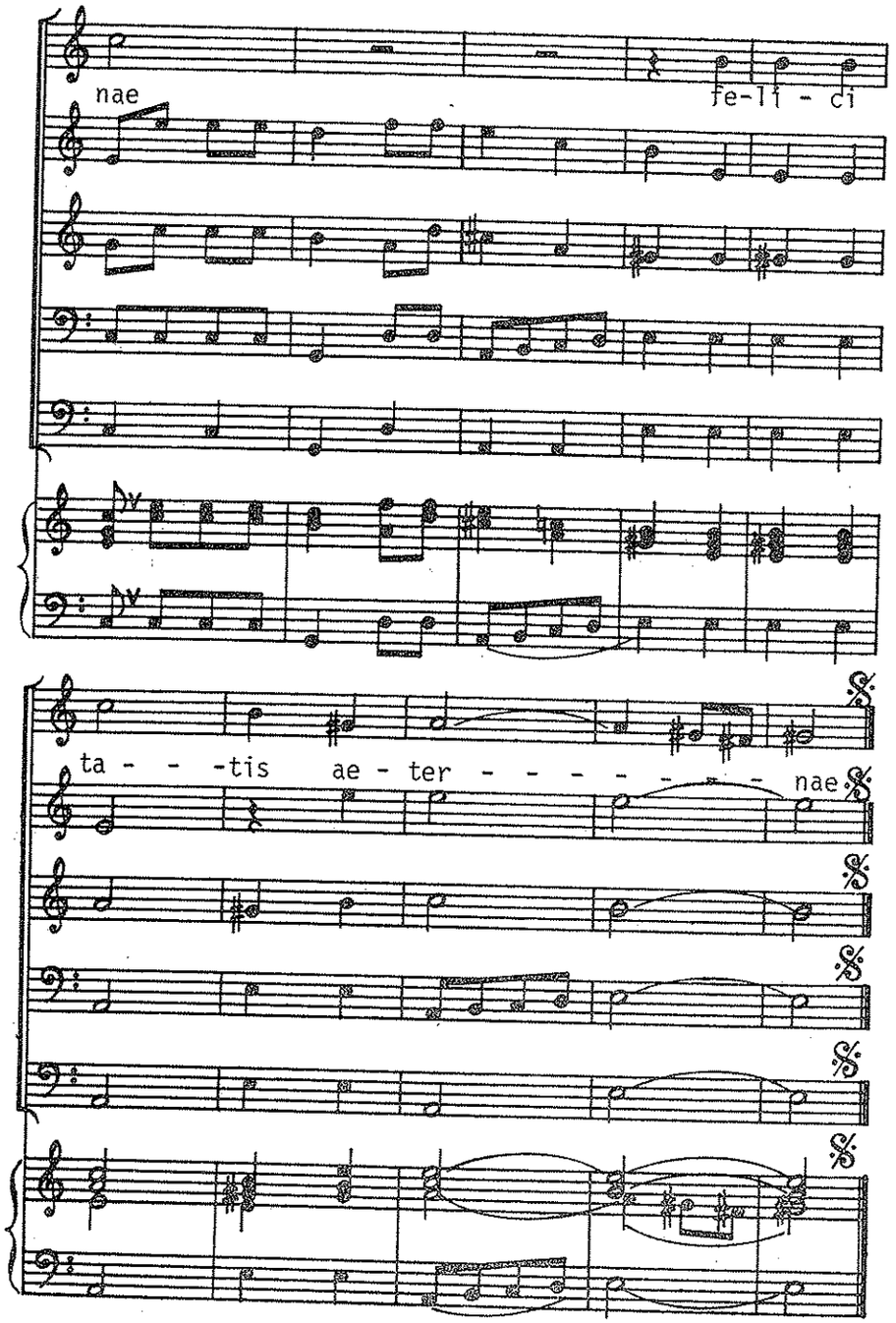

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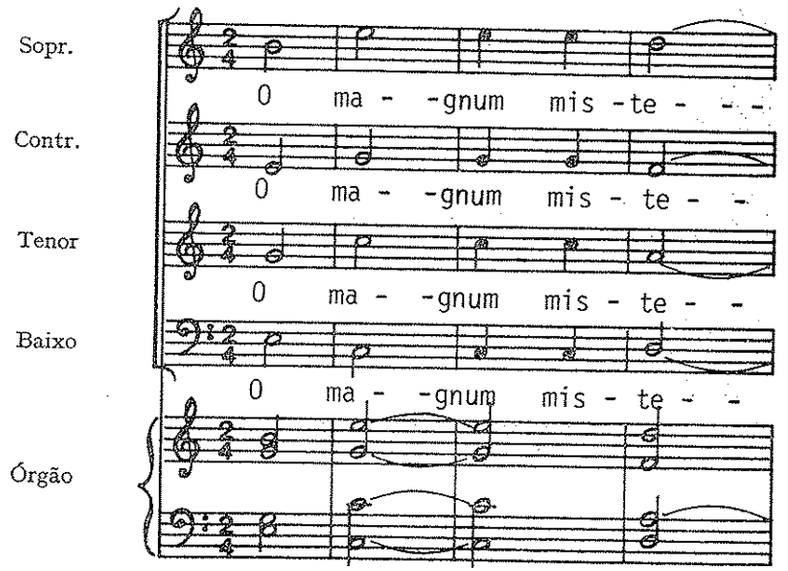

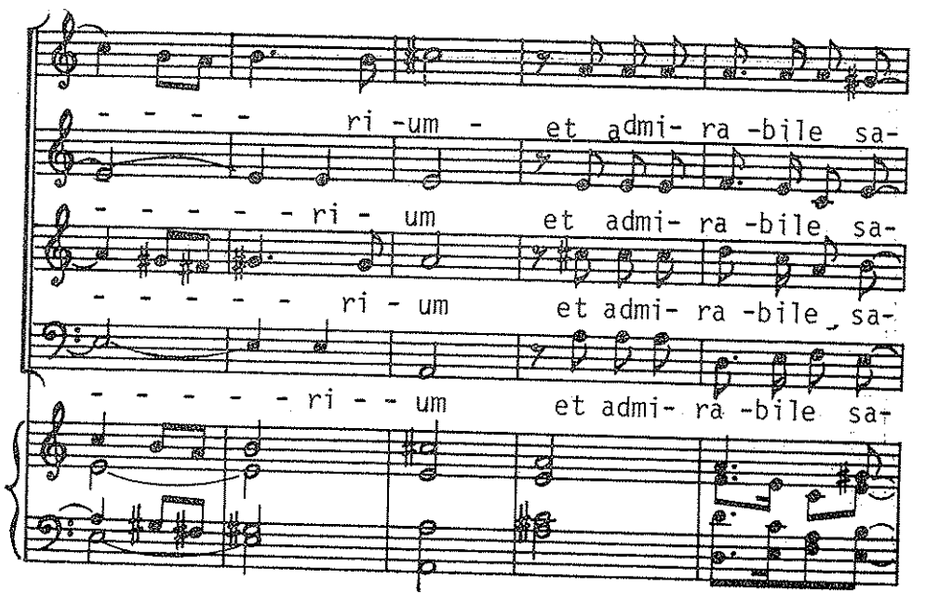

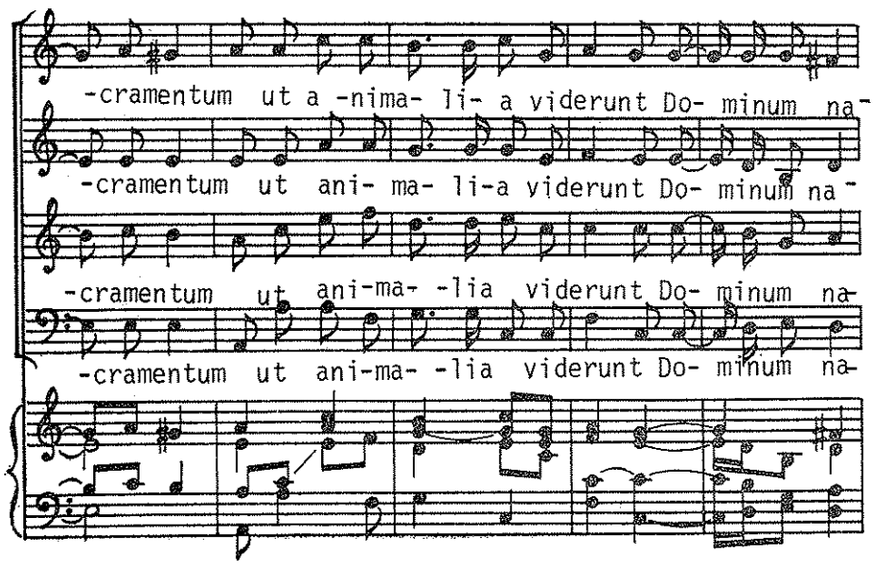
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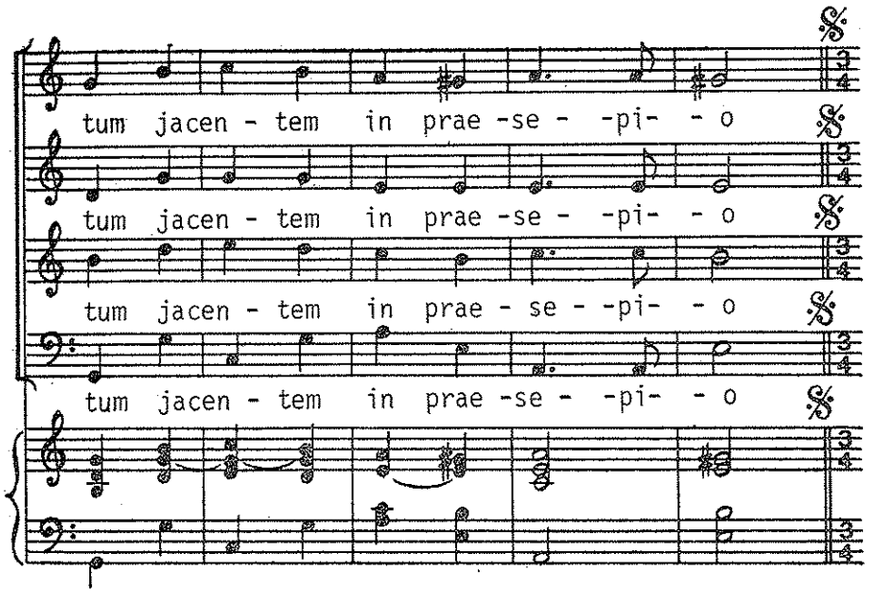
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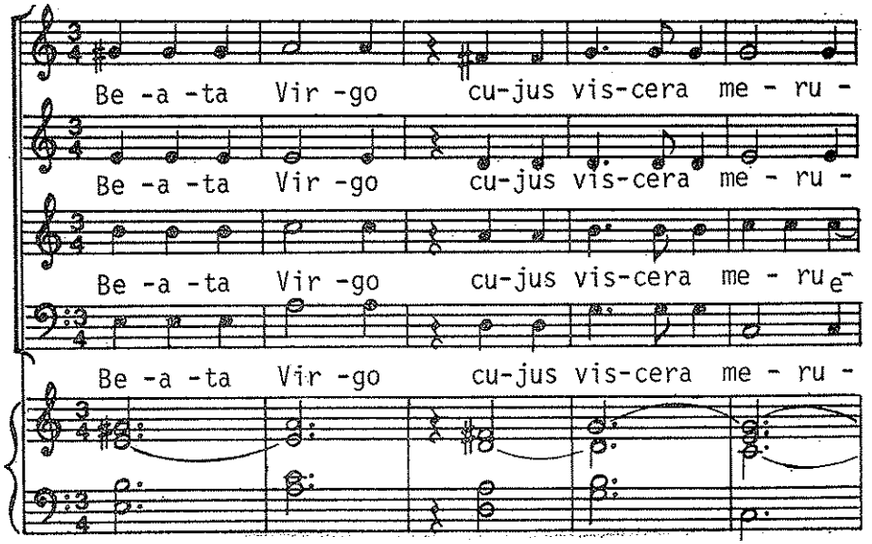
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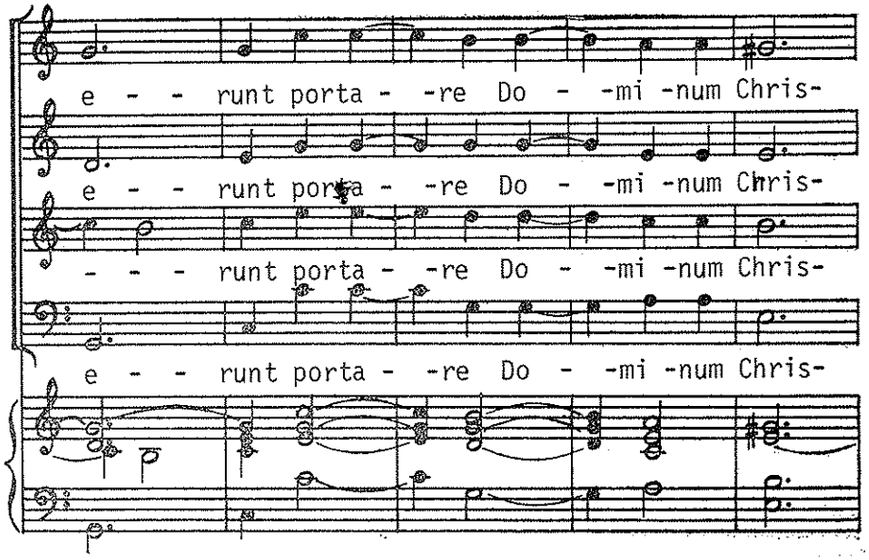
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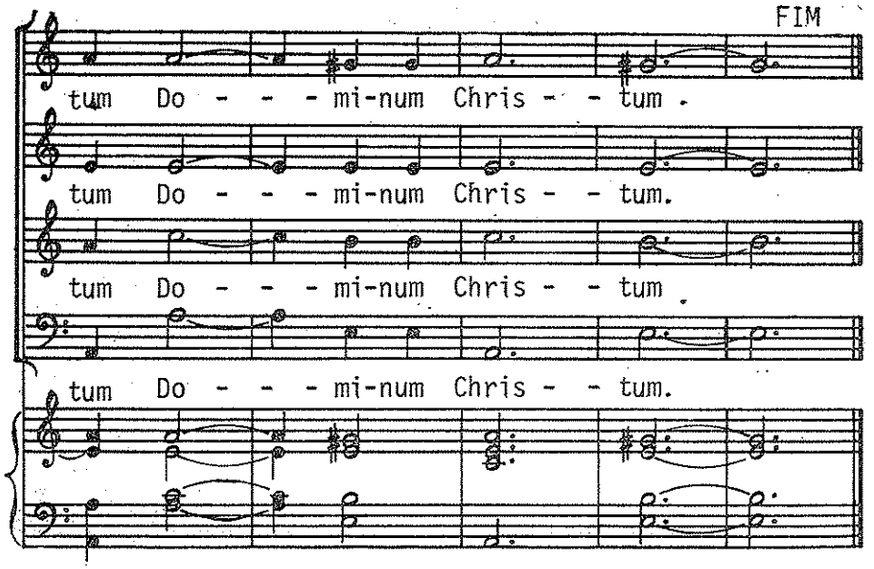
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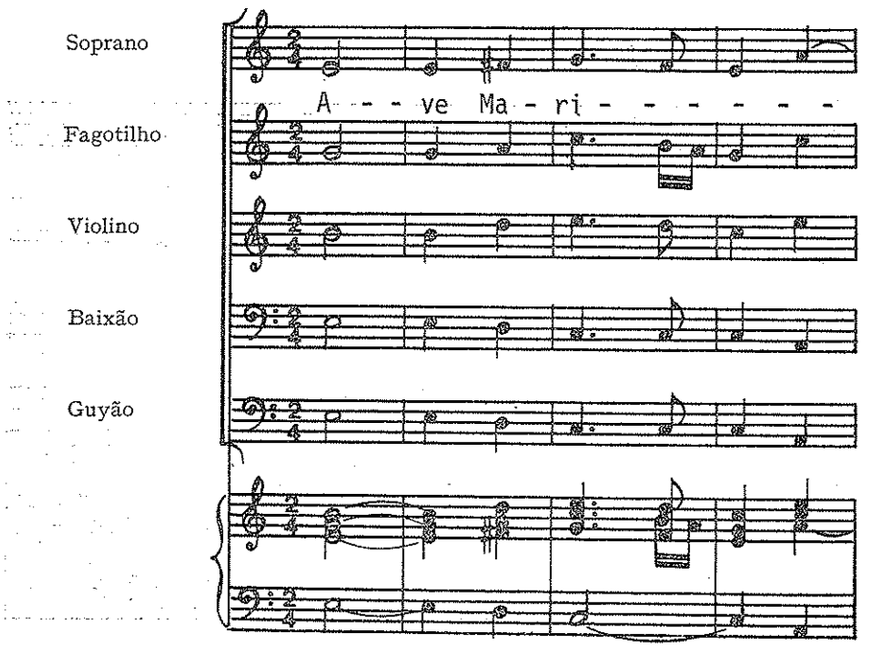
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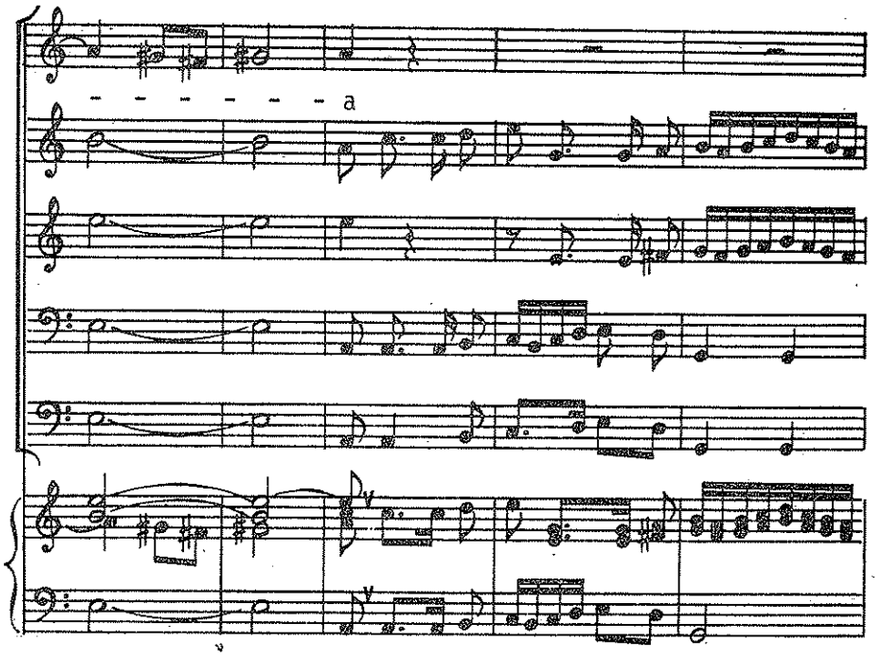
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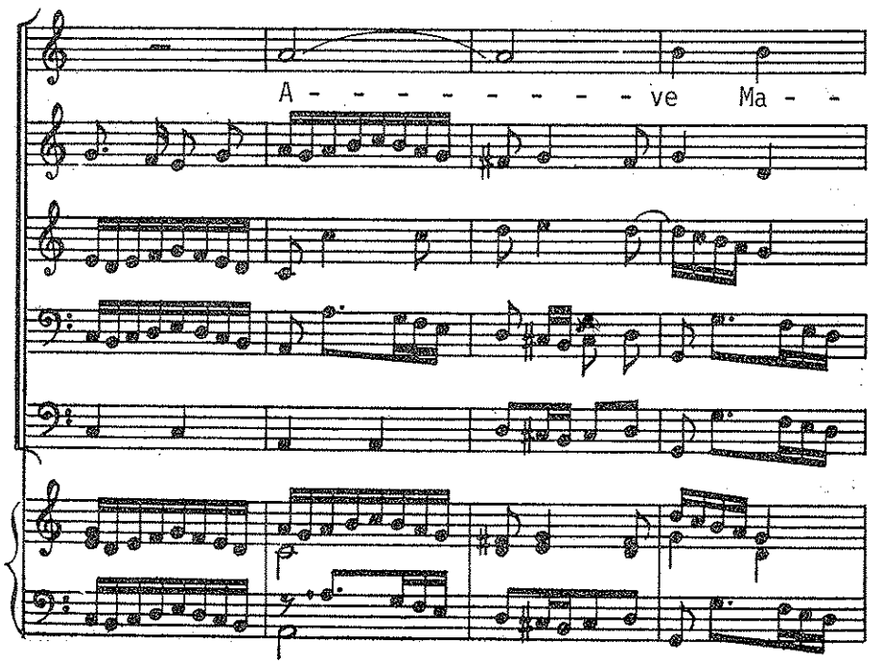
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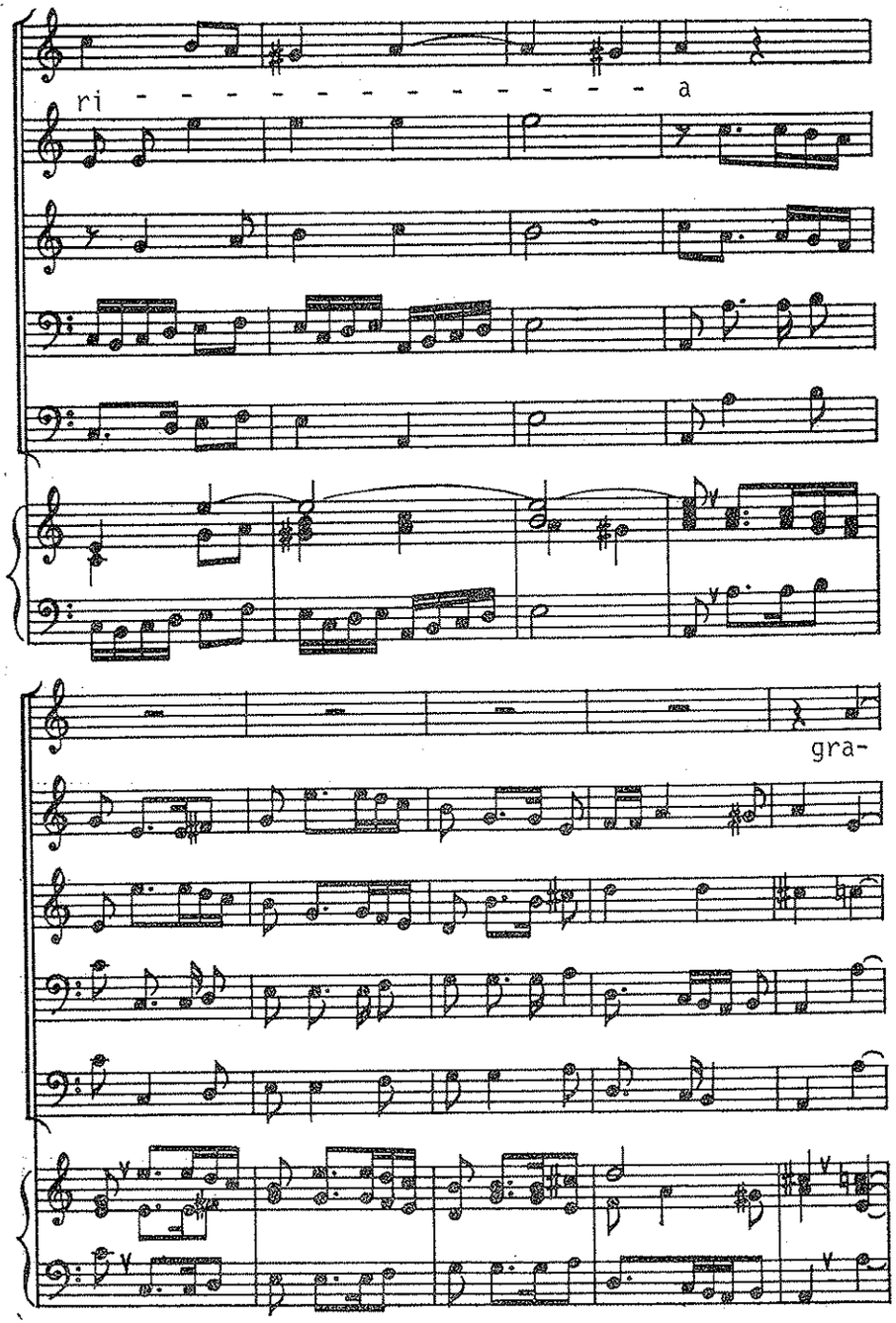
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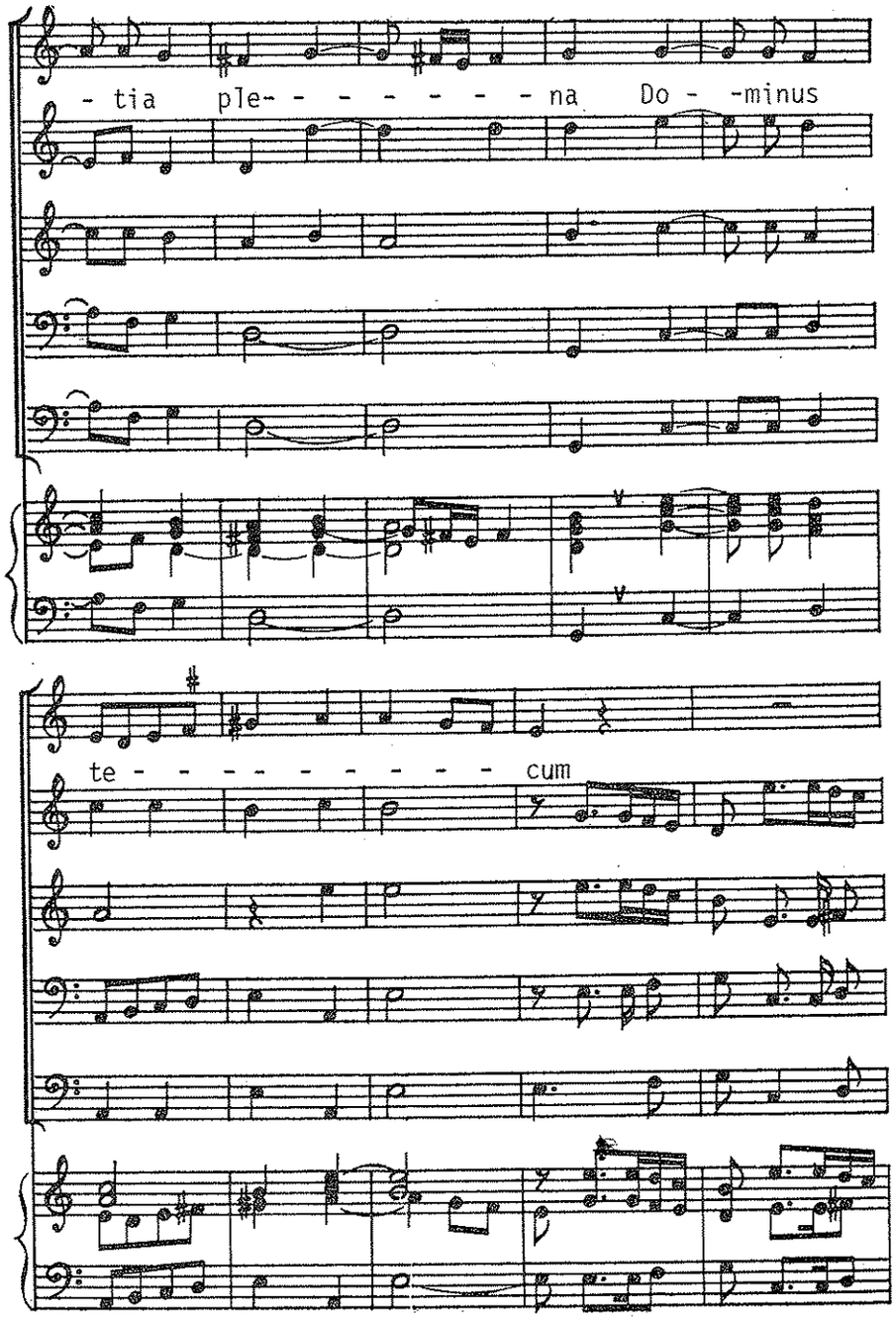
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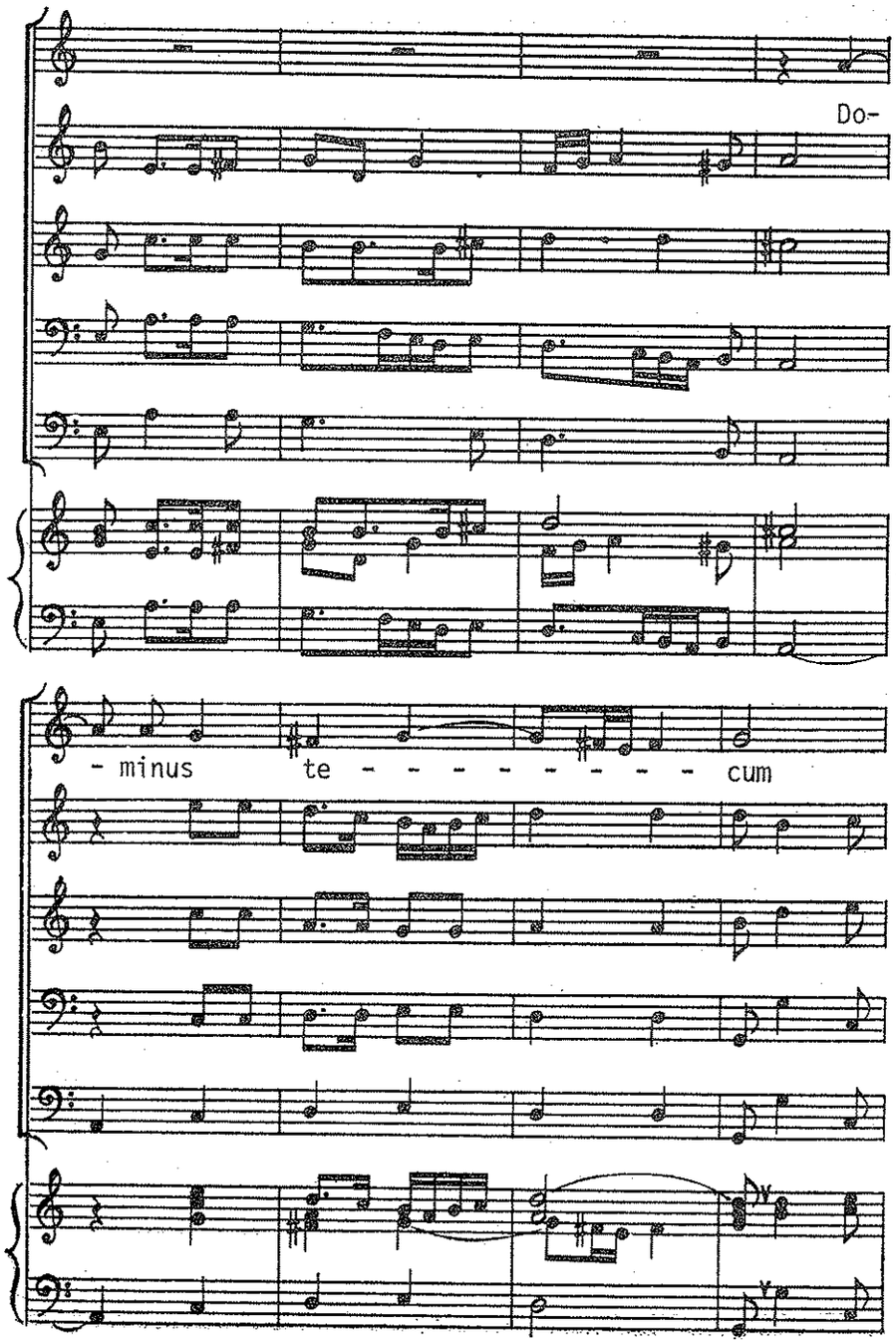

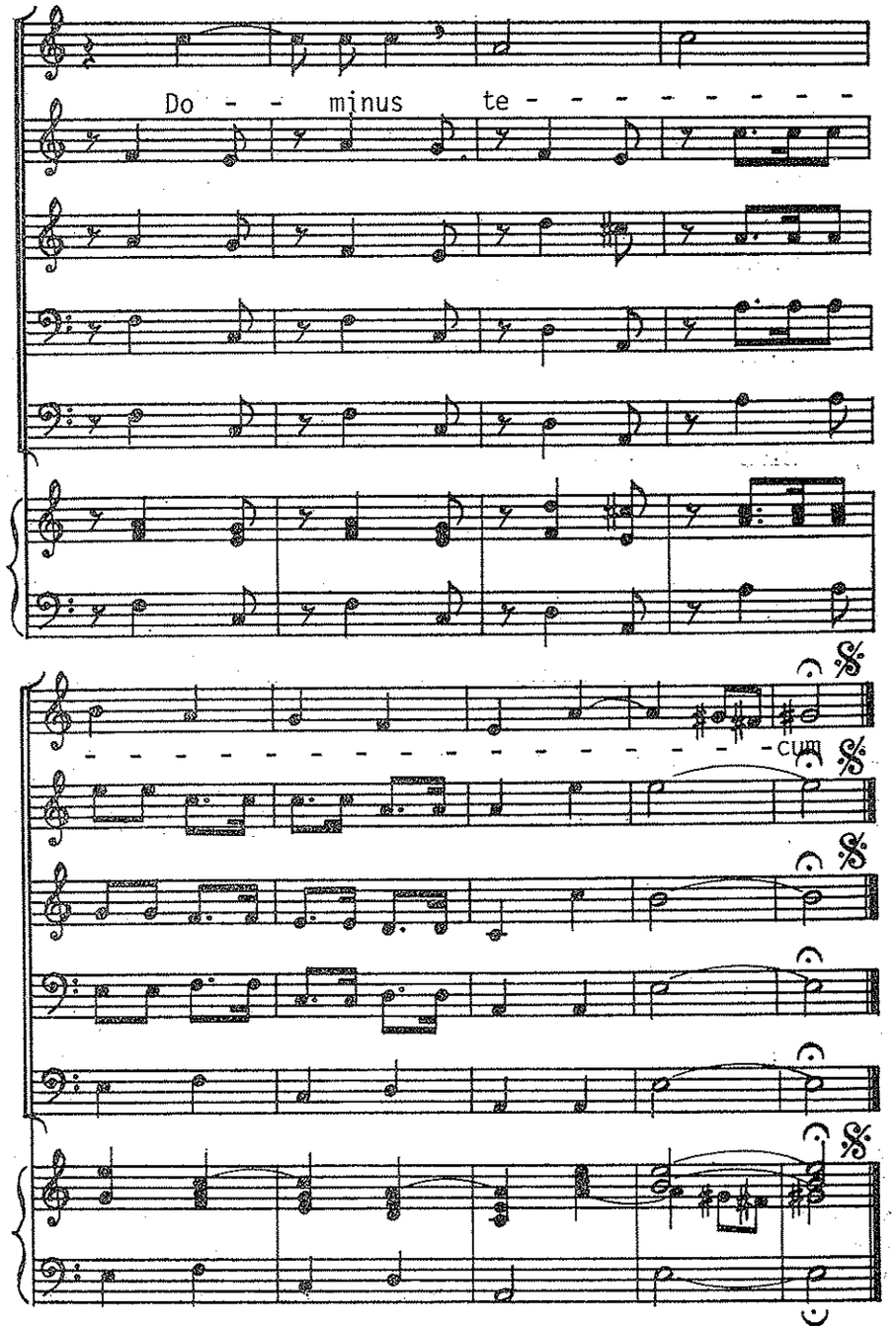
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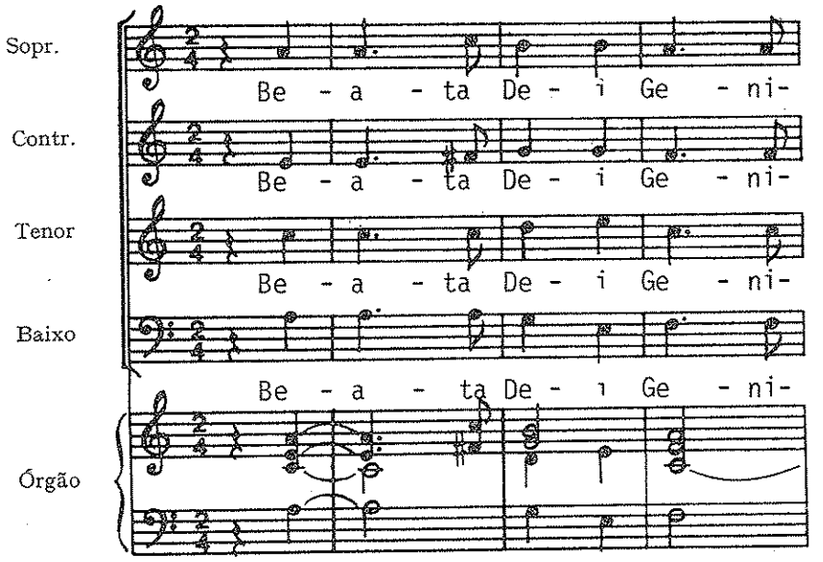

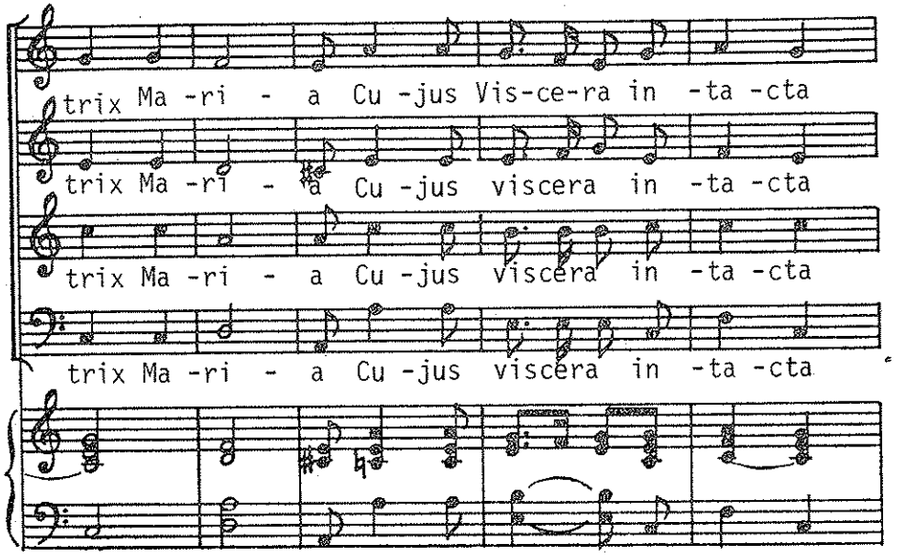

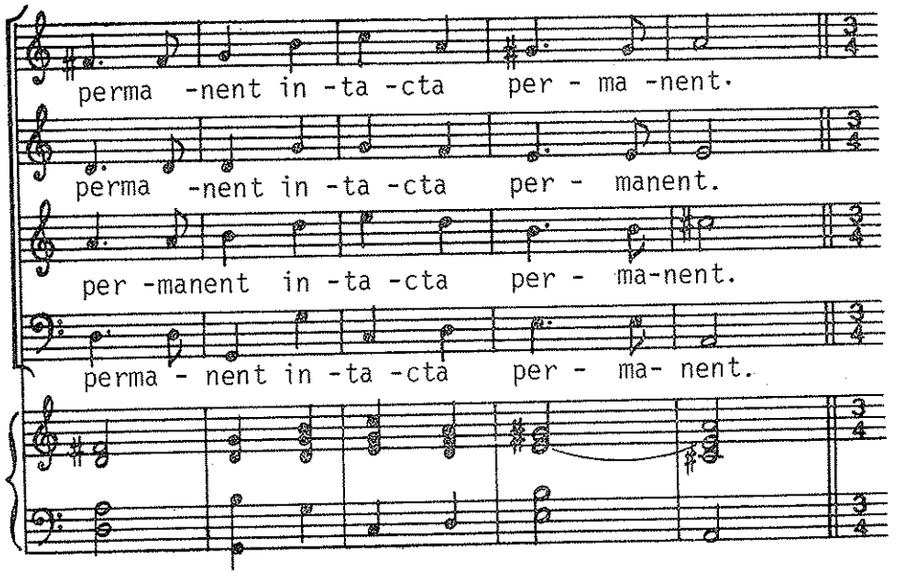

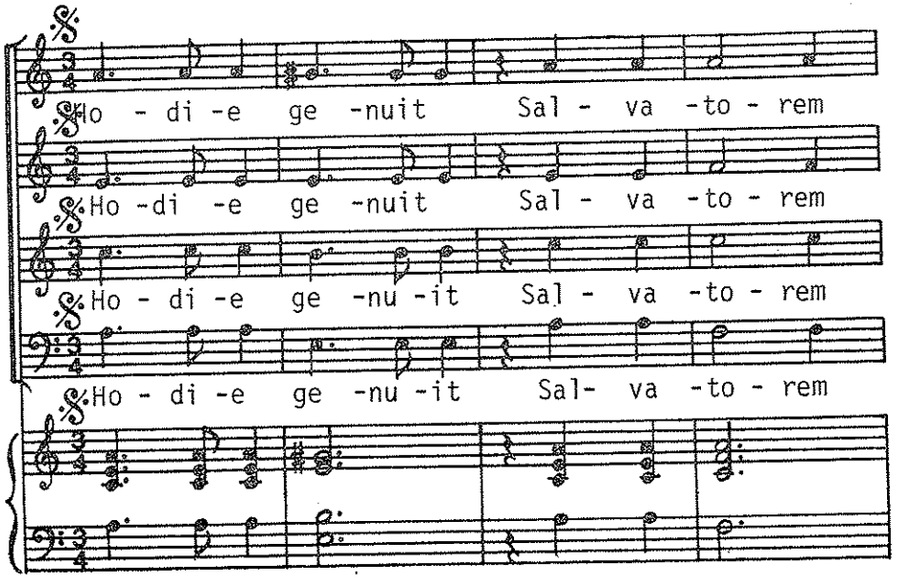

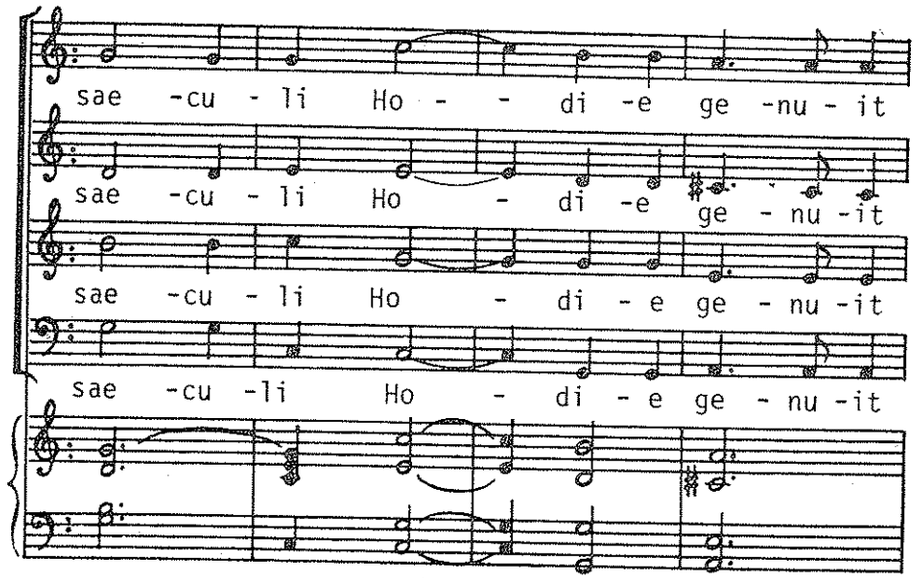
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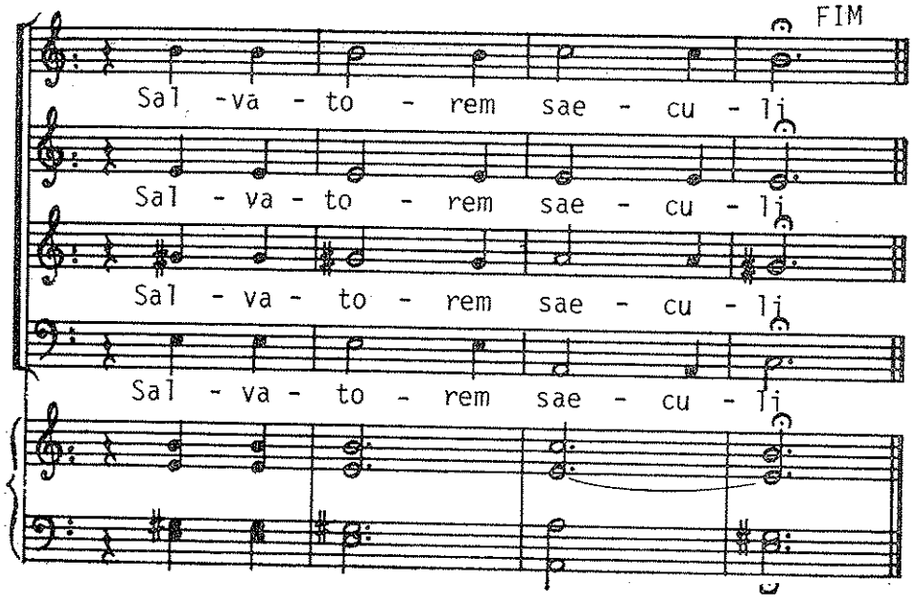
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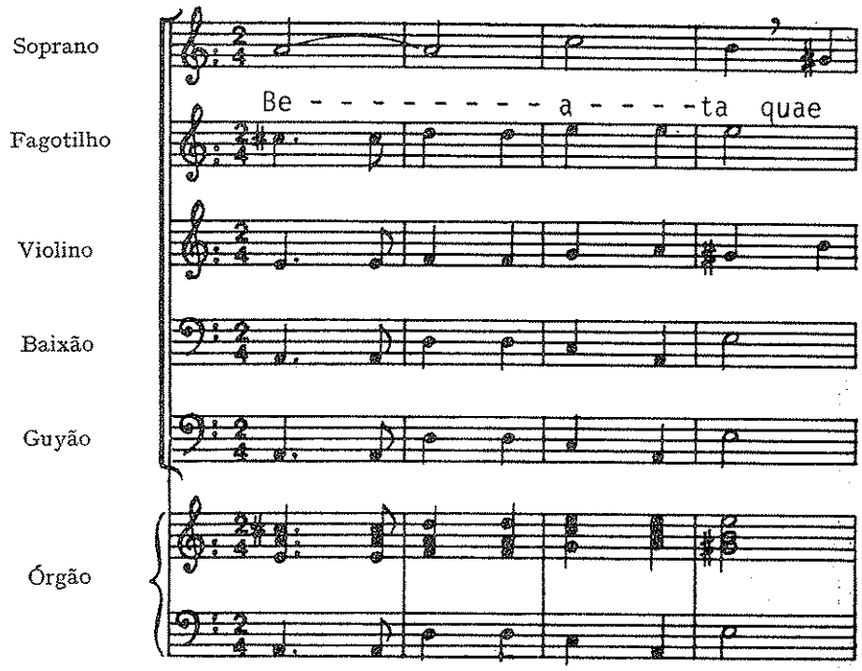
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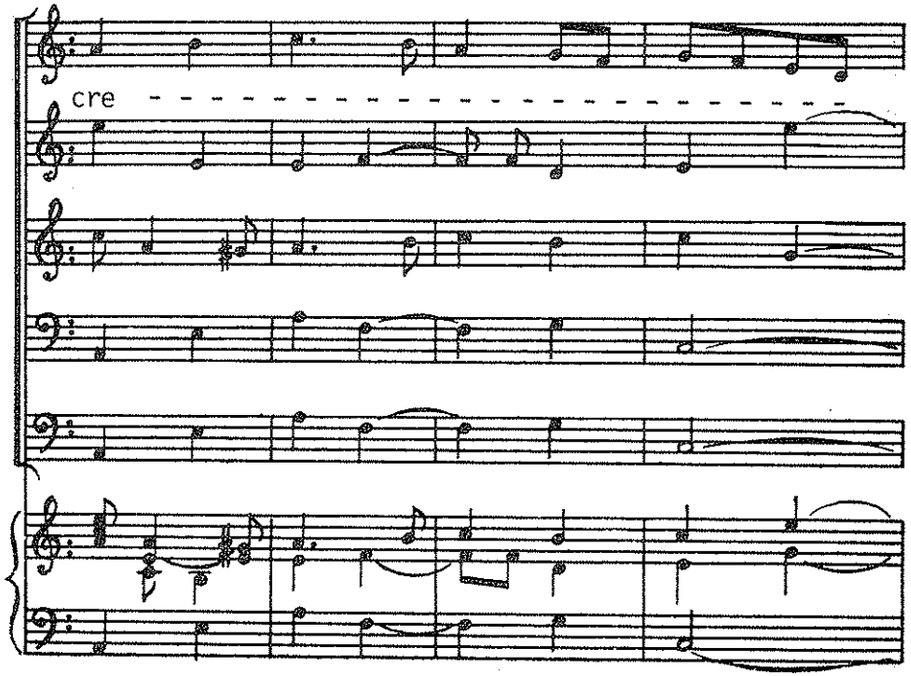
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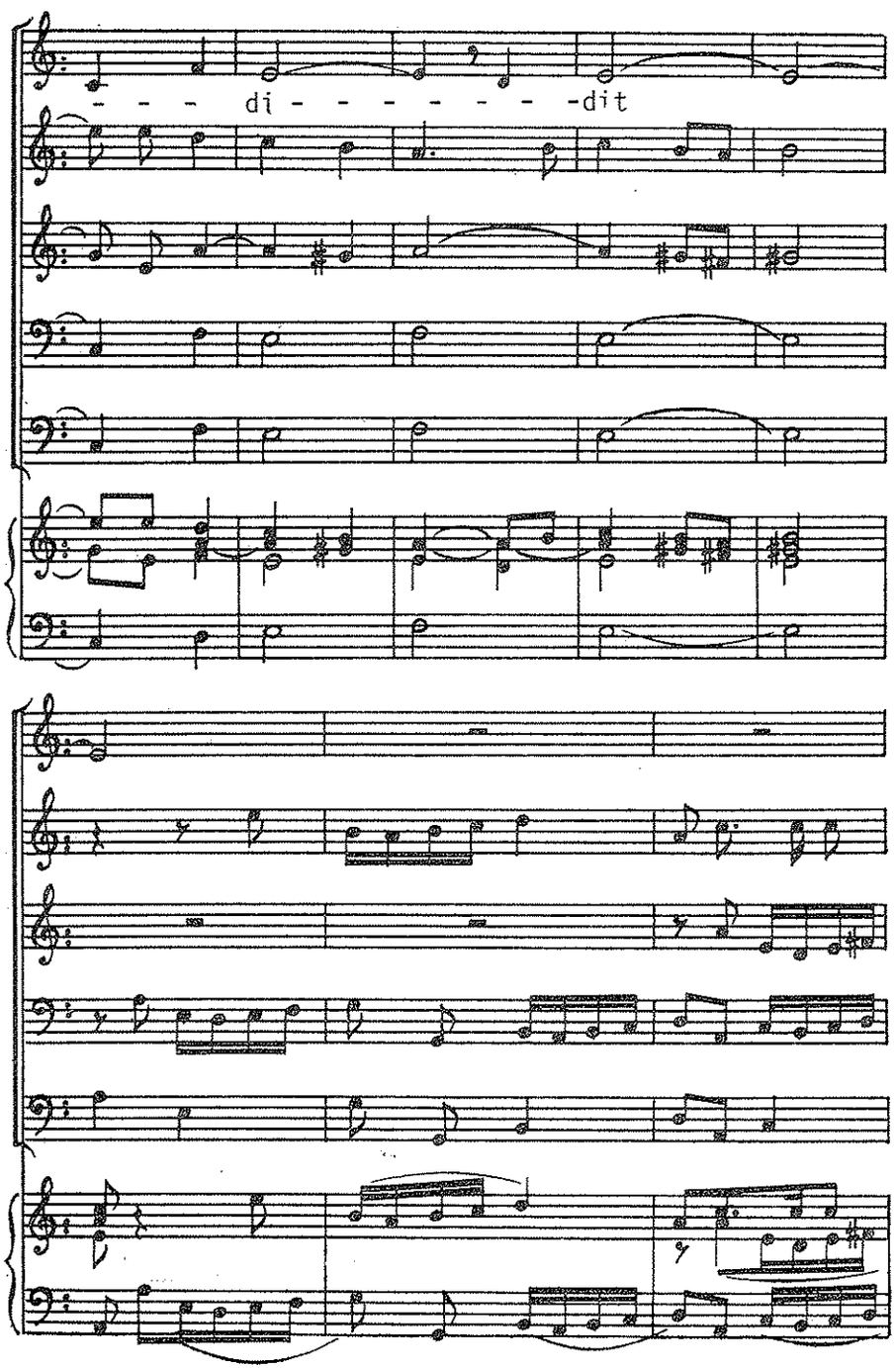
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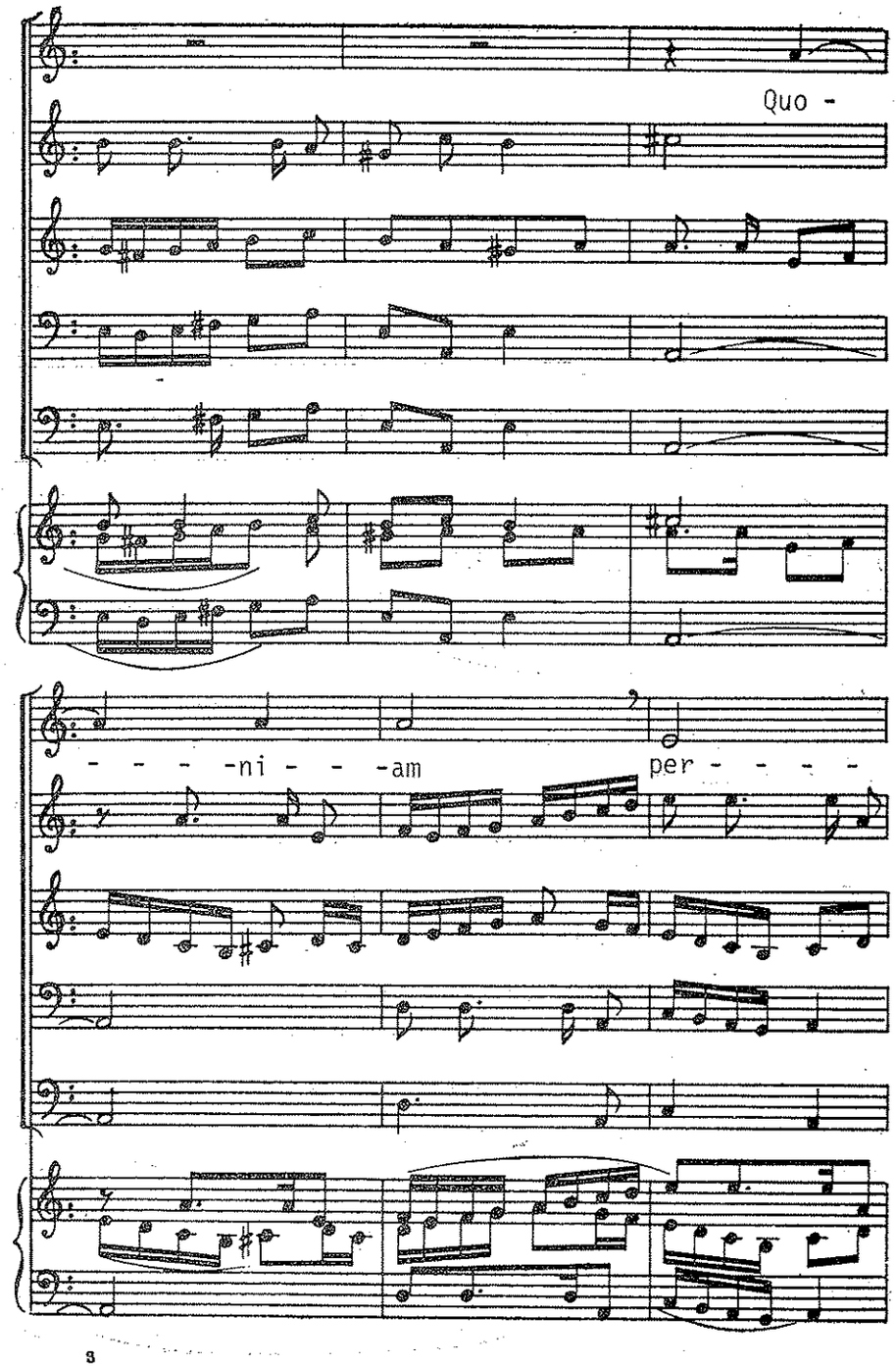
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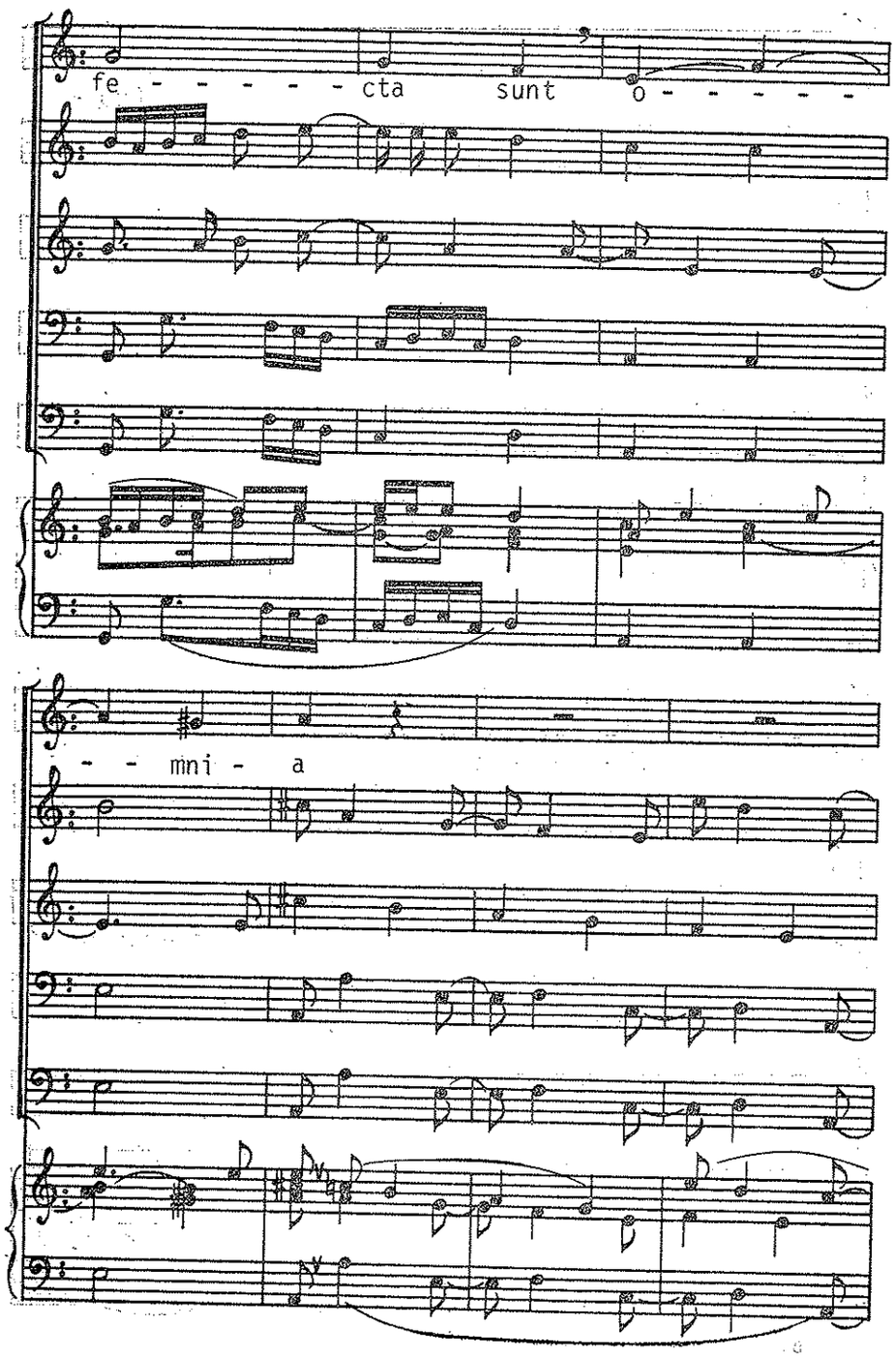
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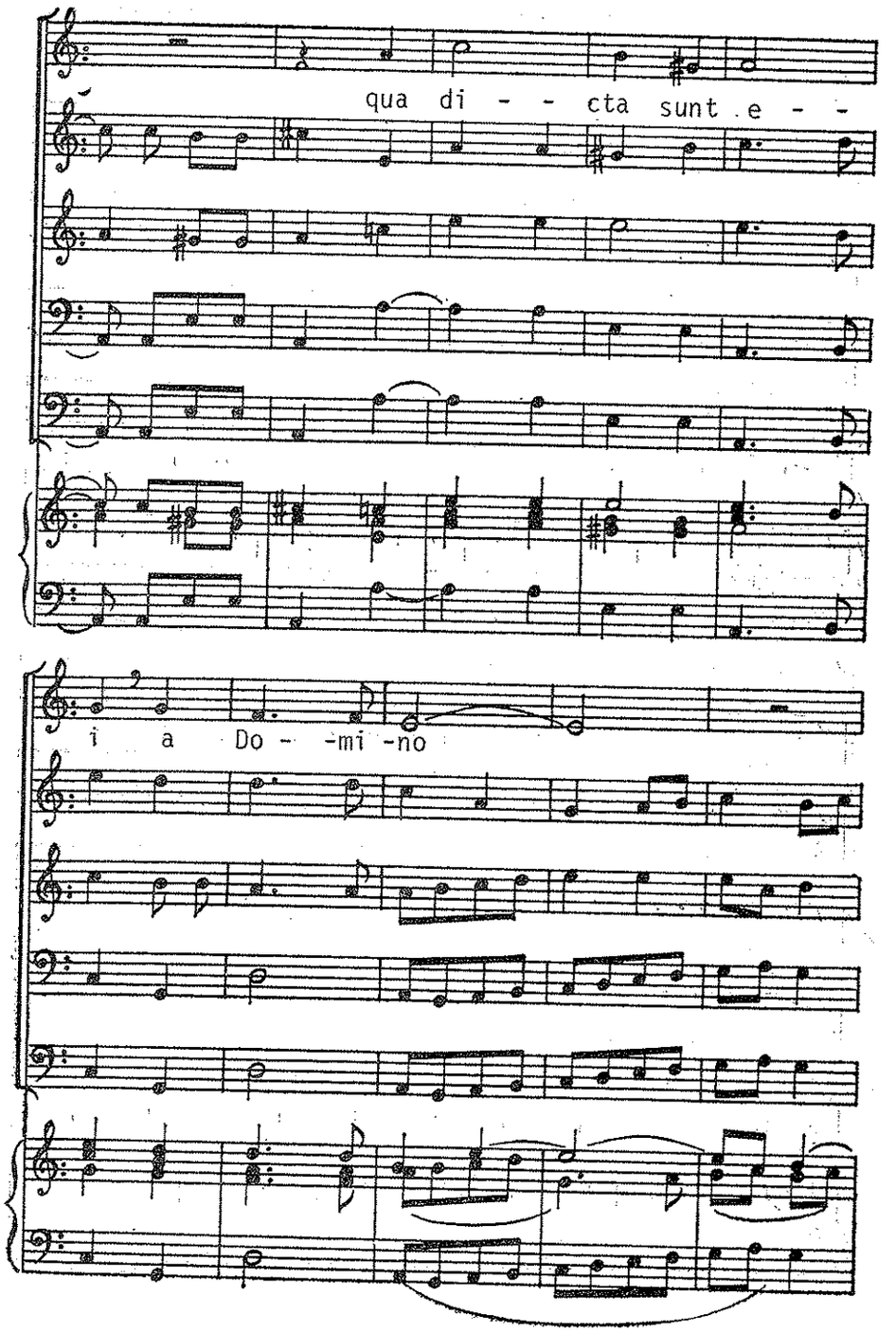
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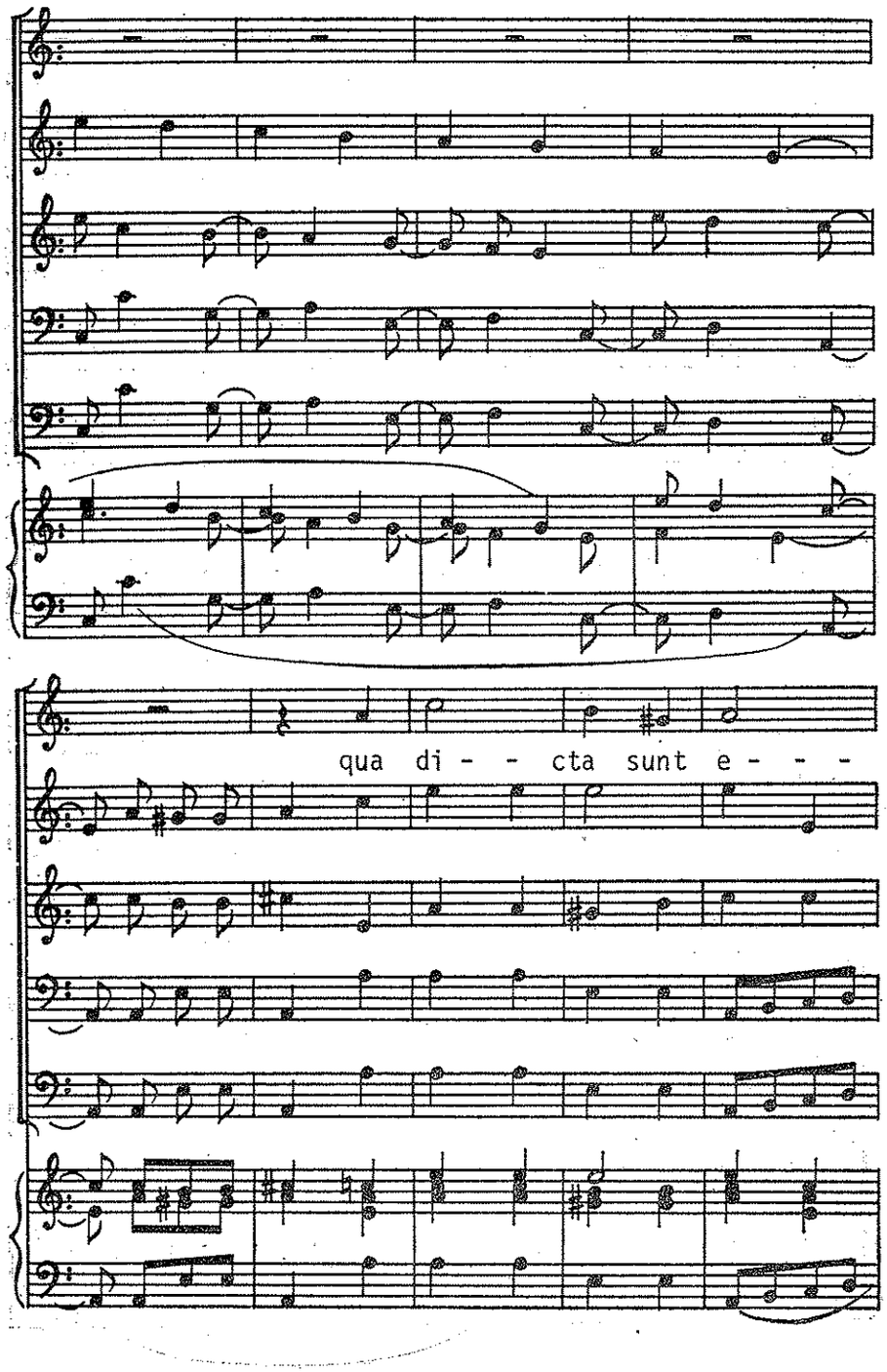
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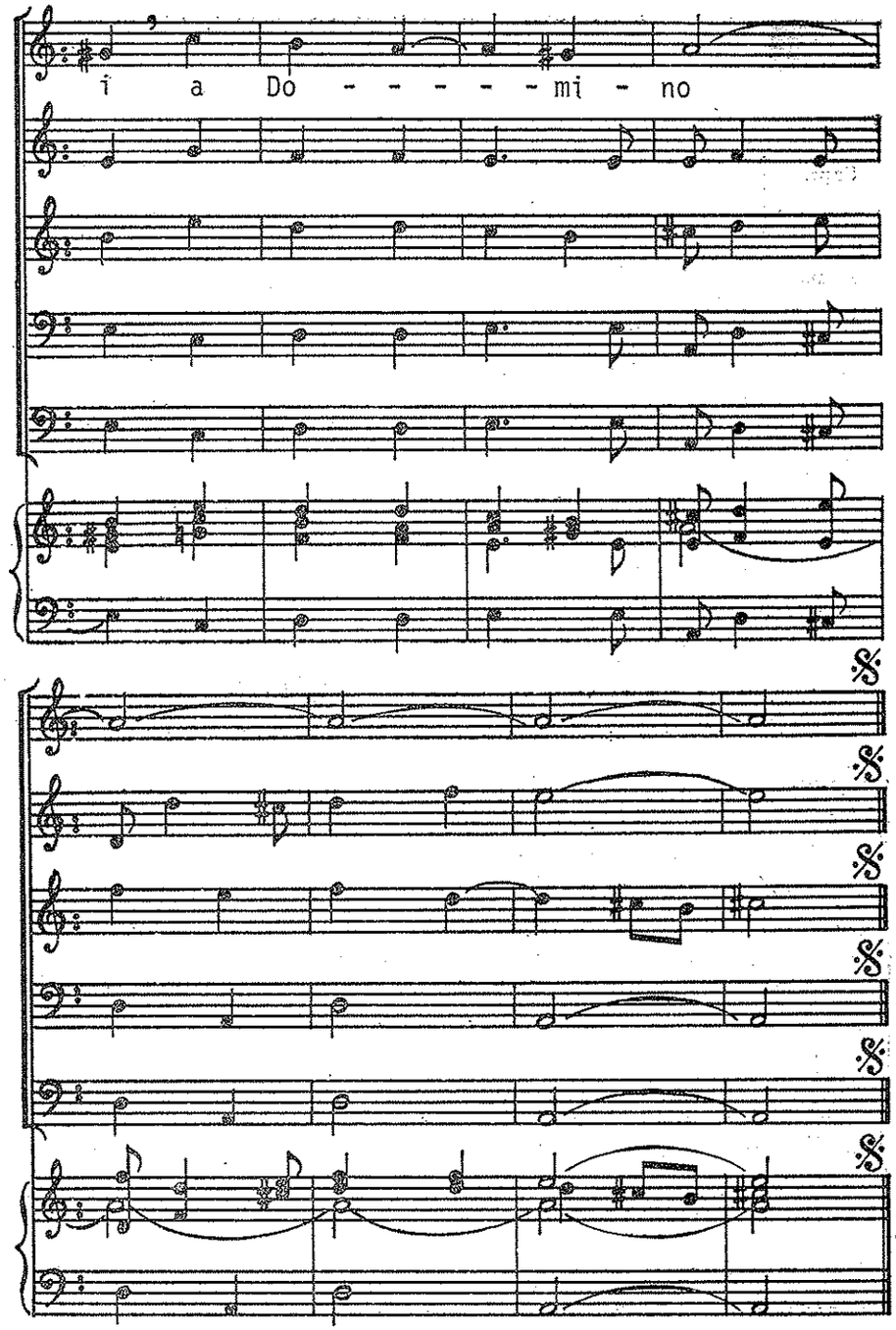
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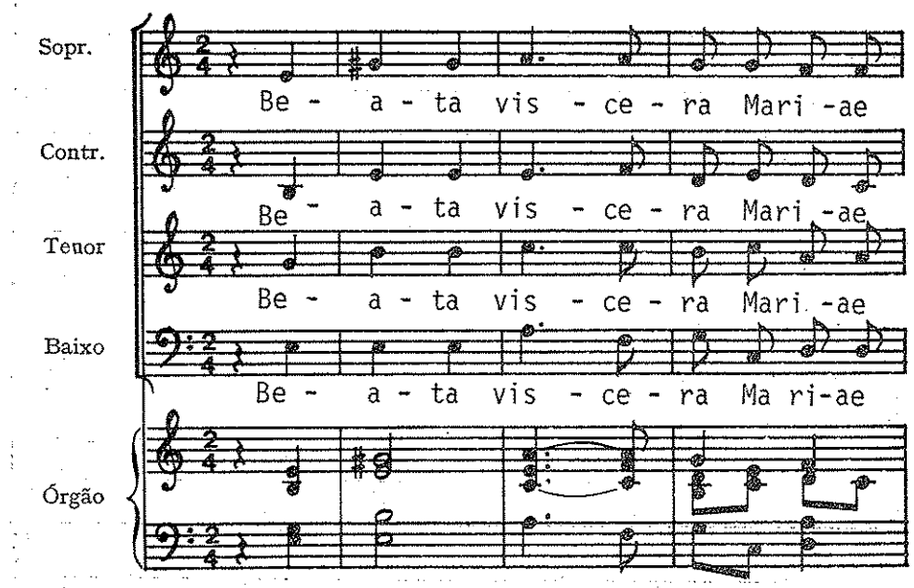

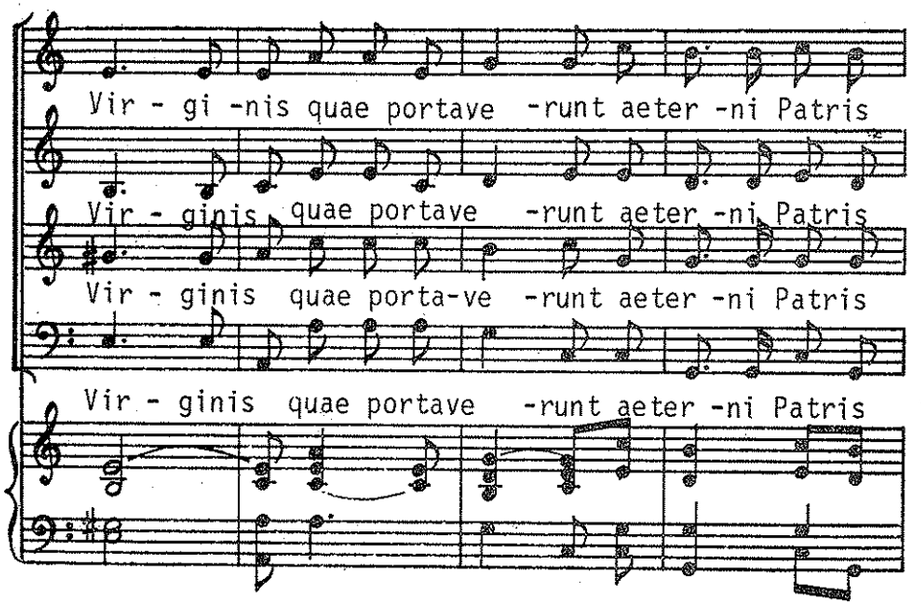

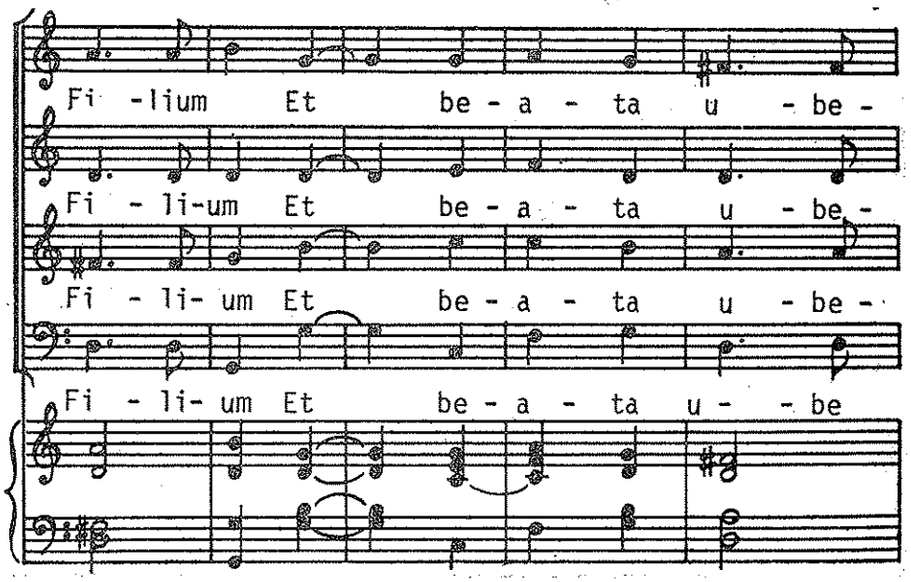

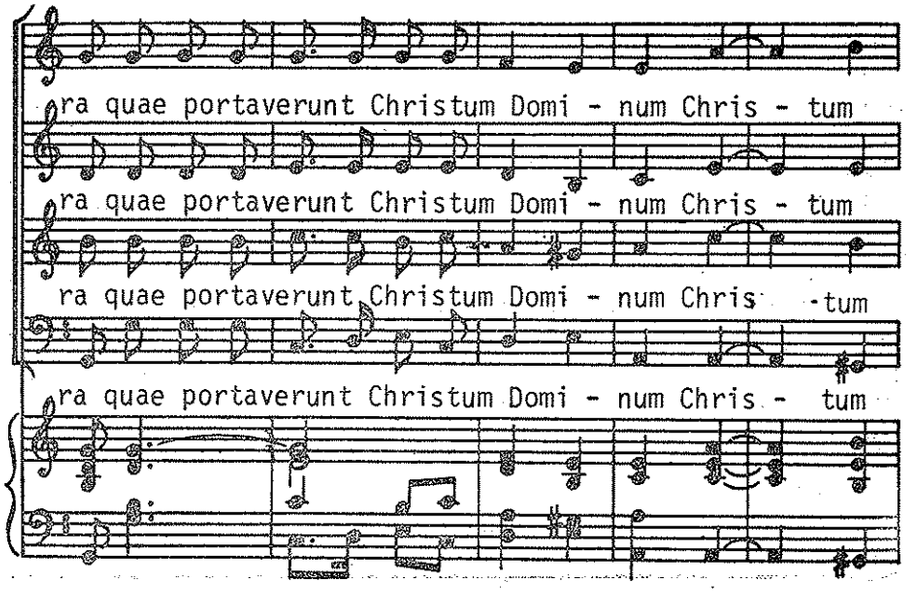

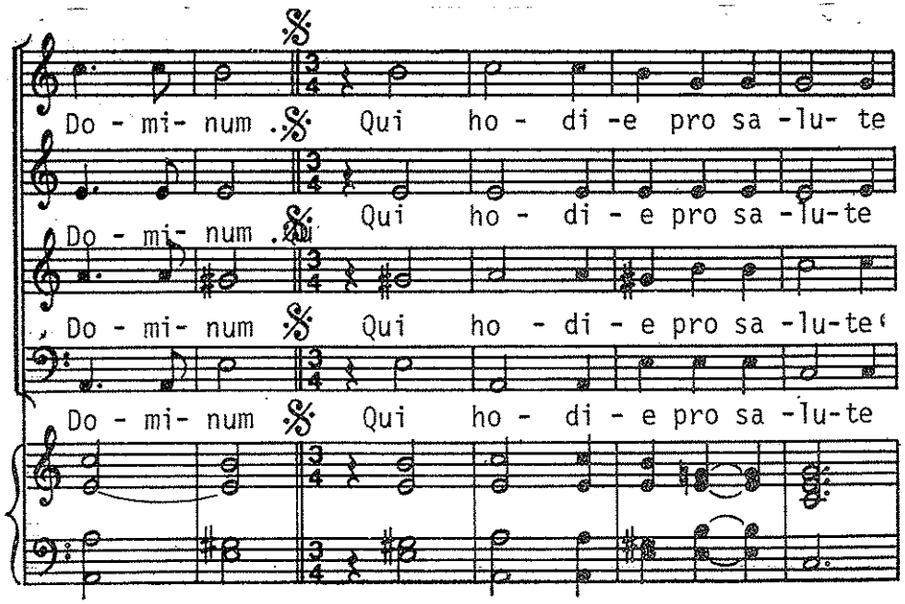
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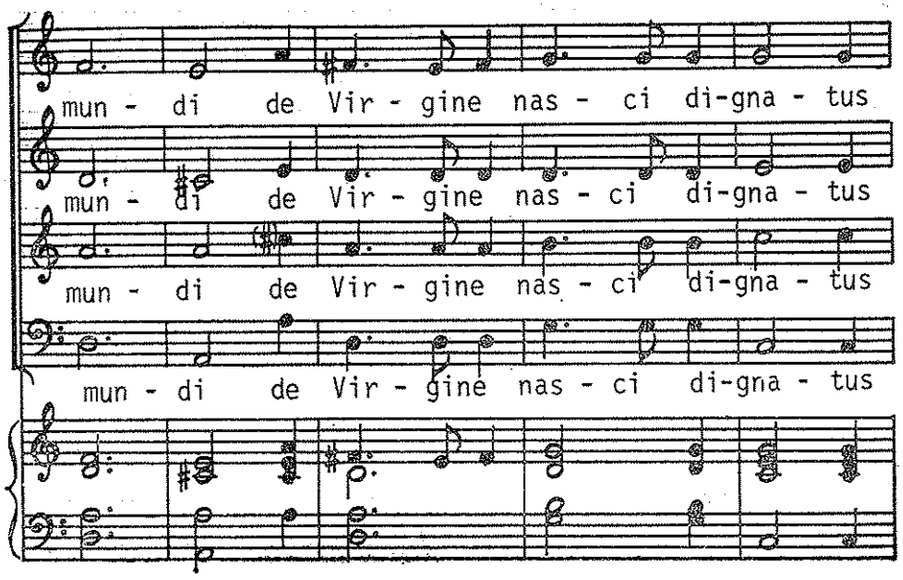
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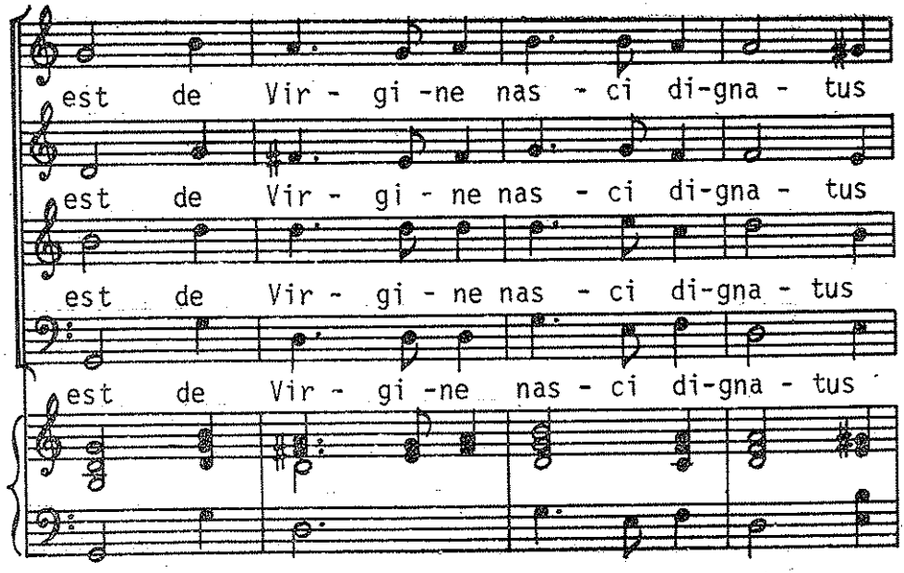
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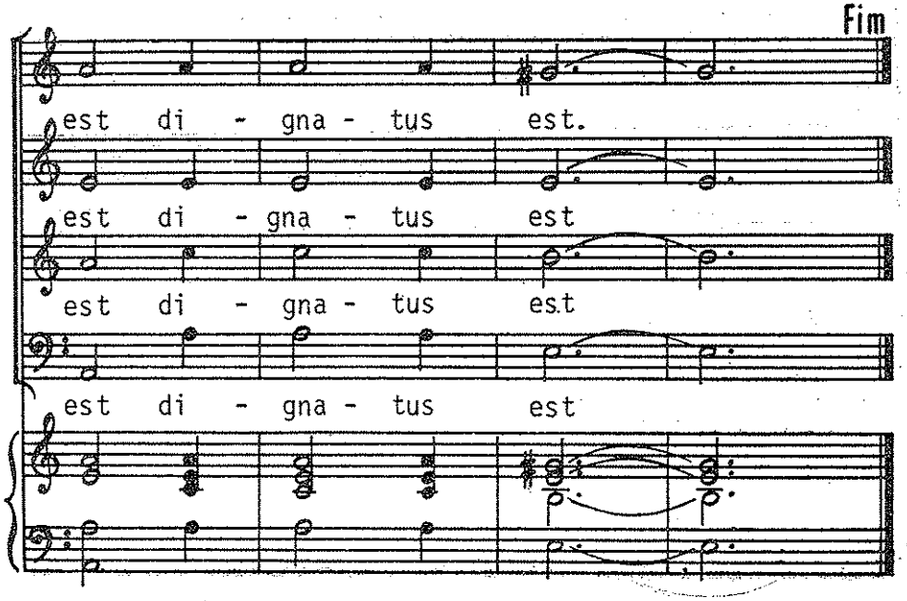
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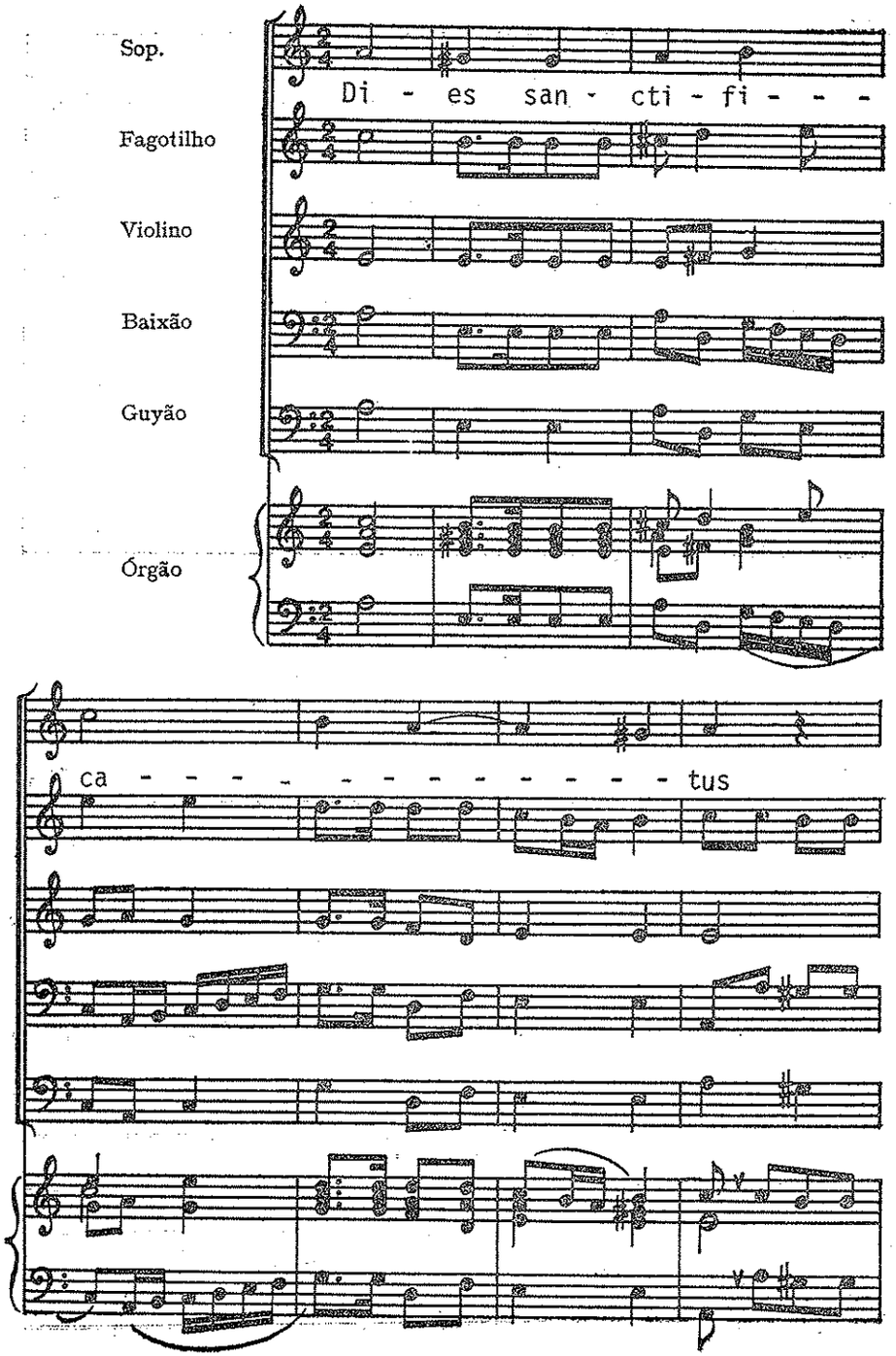
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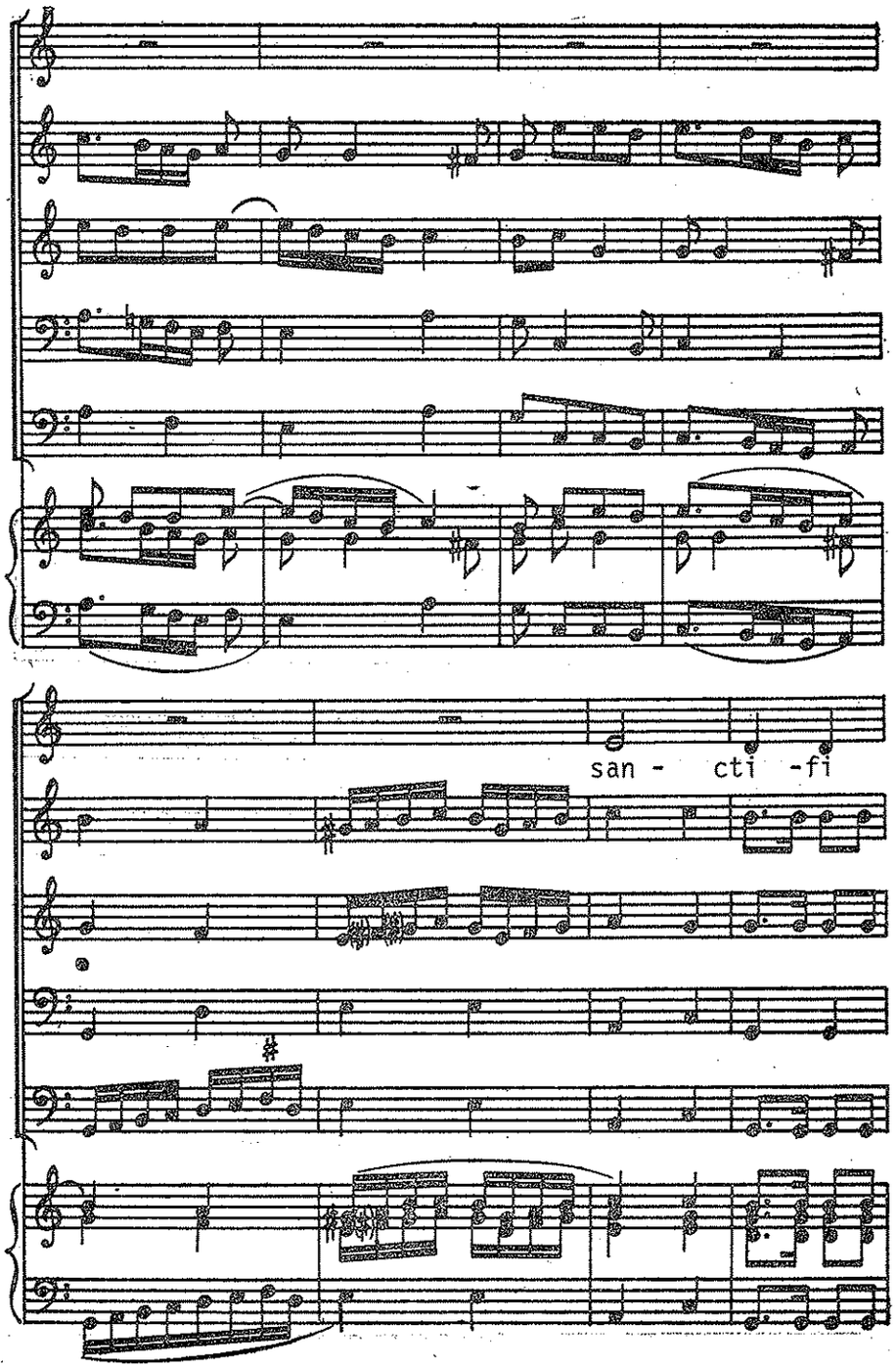
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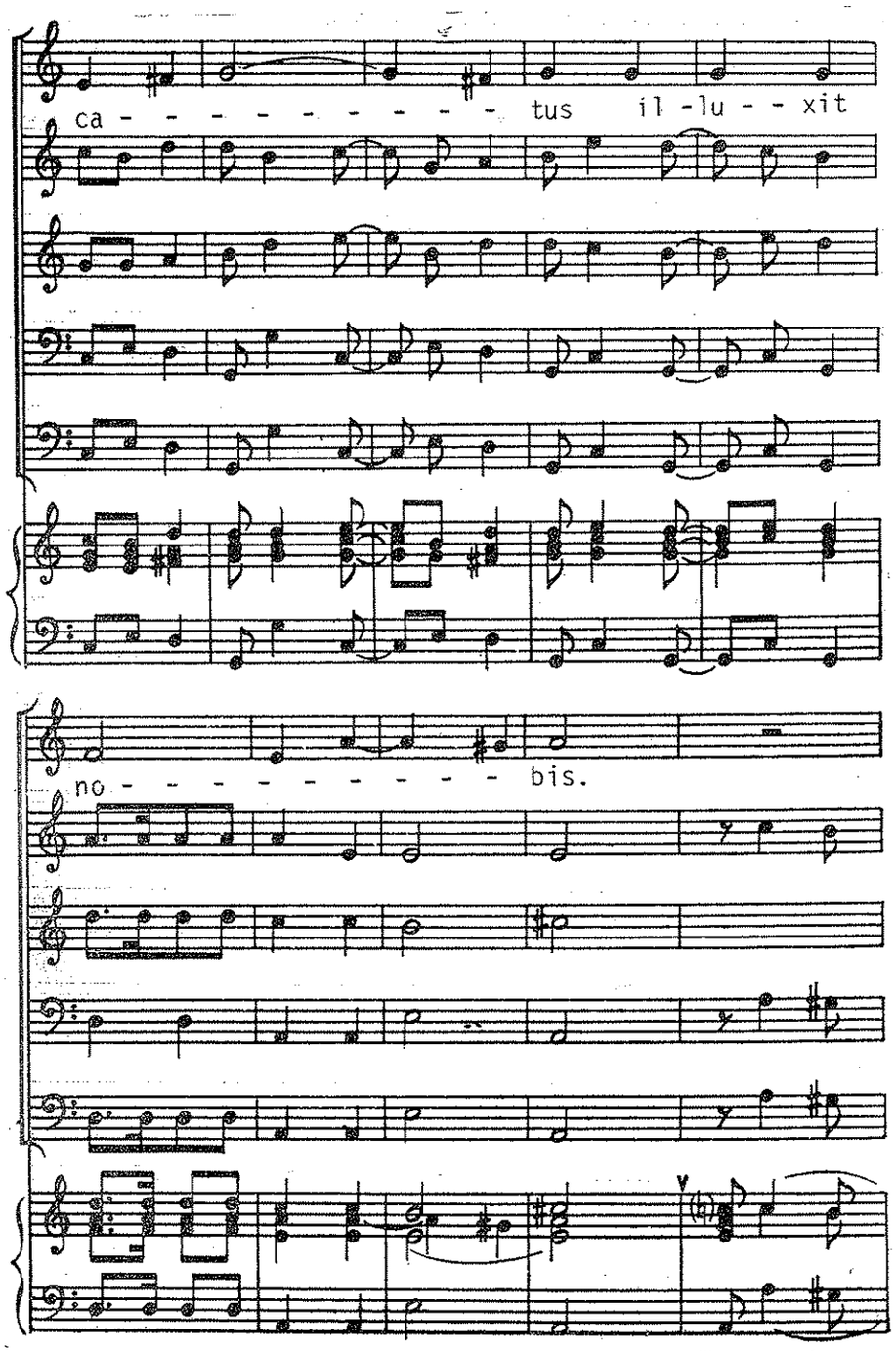
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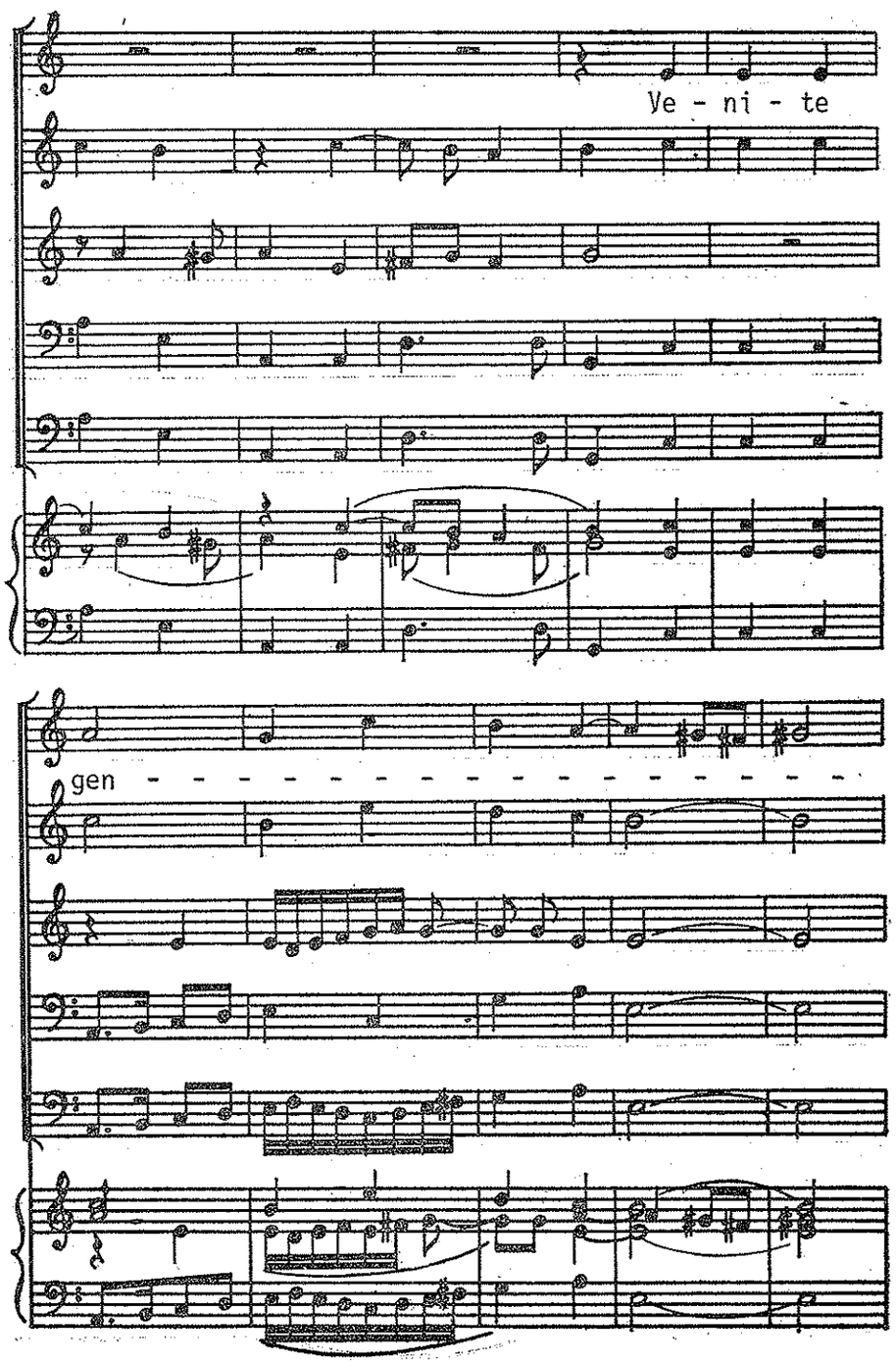
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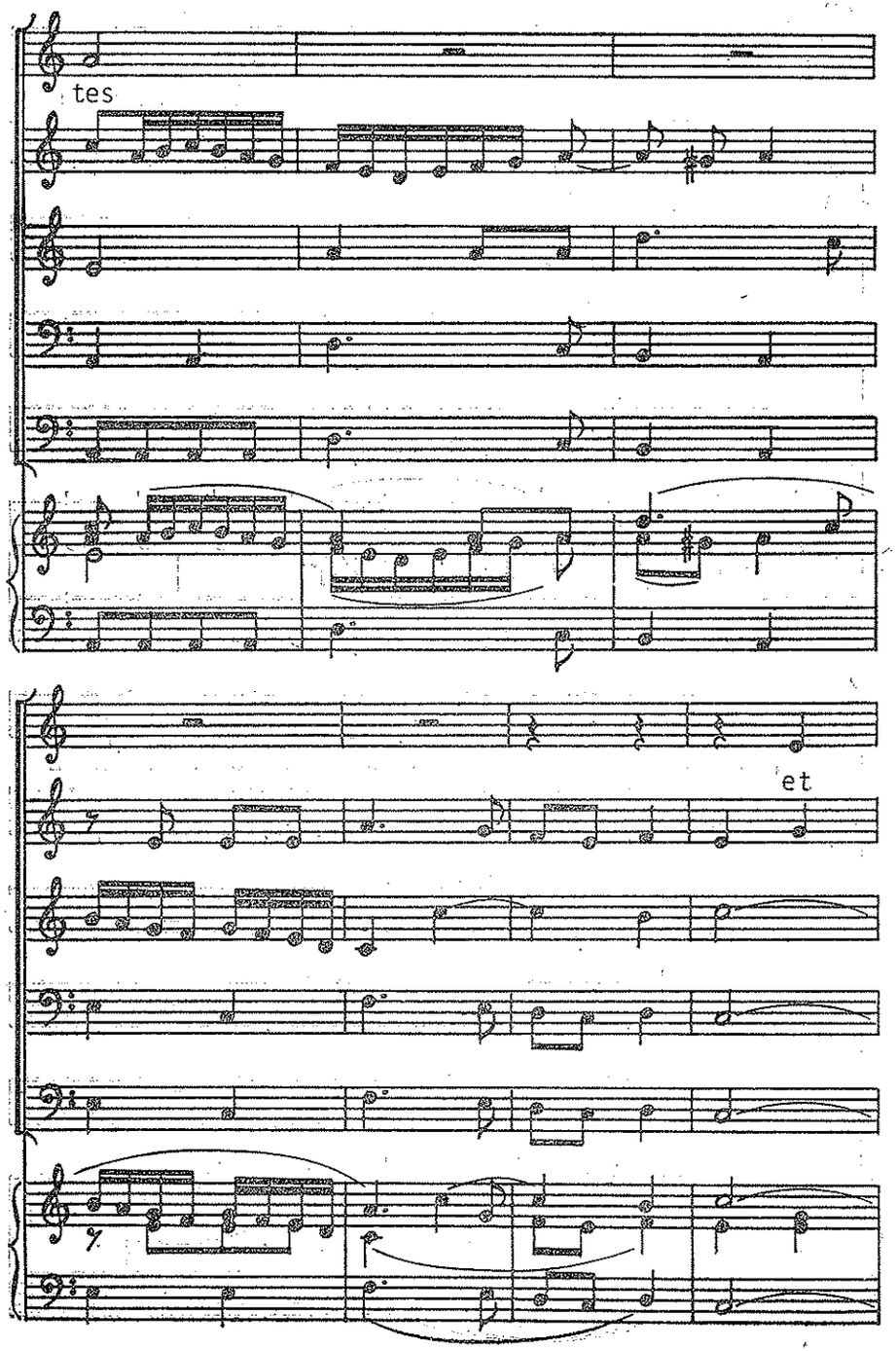
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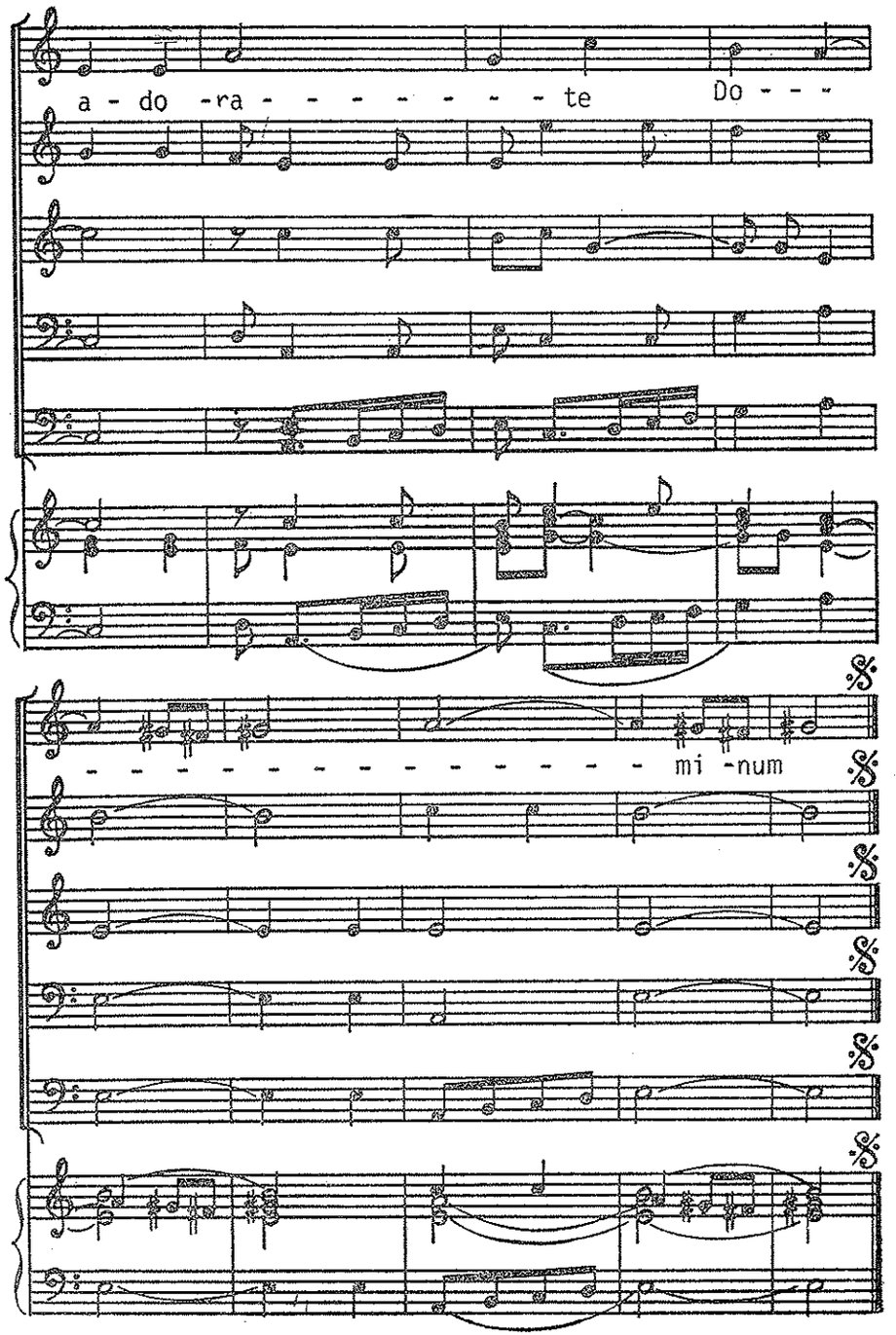
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