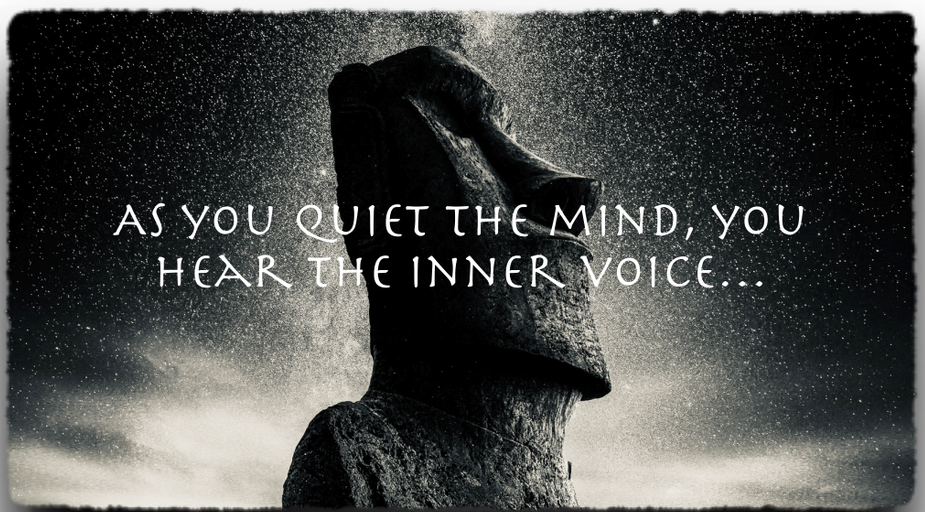
Vox Arcanum

for SATB chorus

Piano

Cello



by

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2024

Text by the composer

Duration: 13.5 minutes

Vox, vox
A voice that calls
We cannot hear
Ever present, so small
And yet so clear

Behind the veil
None can see
From whence it calls
Or who it might be

Heed my voice!
Calls the light
Guide me home
Through this night

What is this voice?
Some charm or spell?
Illusion or real?
Heaven or hell?

Mystery unknown
Yet all may hear
Voice of the Lord?
Or only one's fear?

Too many souls
Who languish alone
They paid no heed
If they'd only known

Heed the call
Vox Deus
Domini arcanum
Vox Deus
Vox Domini audite
Vox aeternum

Domini vox arcanum
Et audite

Vox arcanum audite vocem
Heed the call

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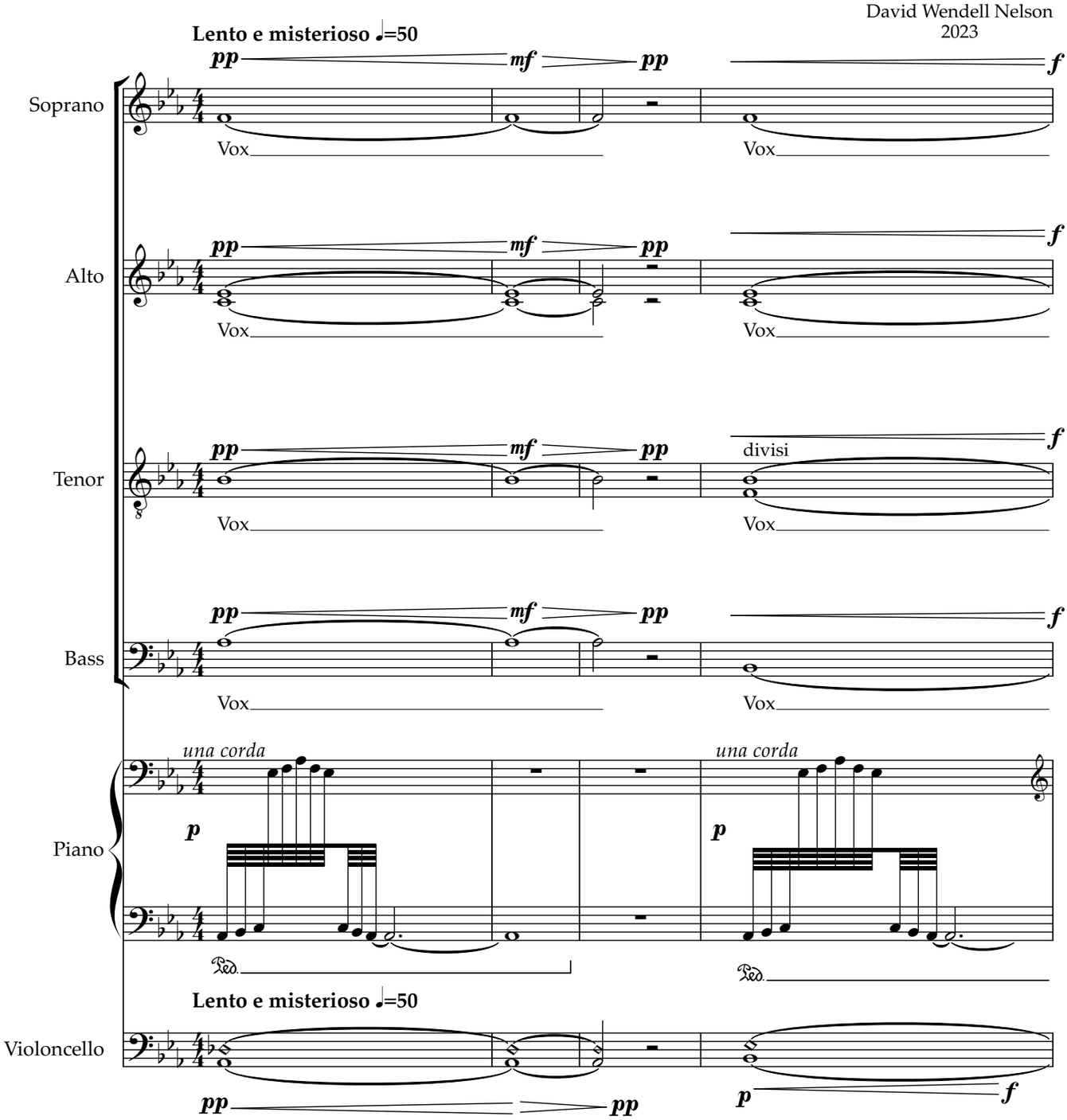
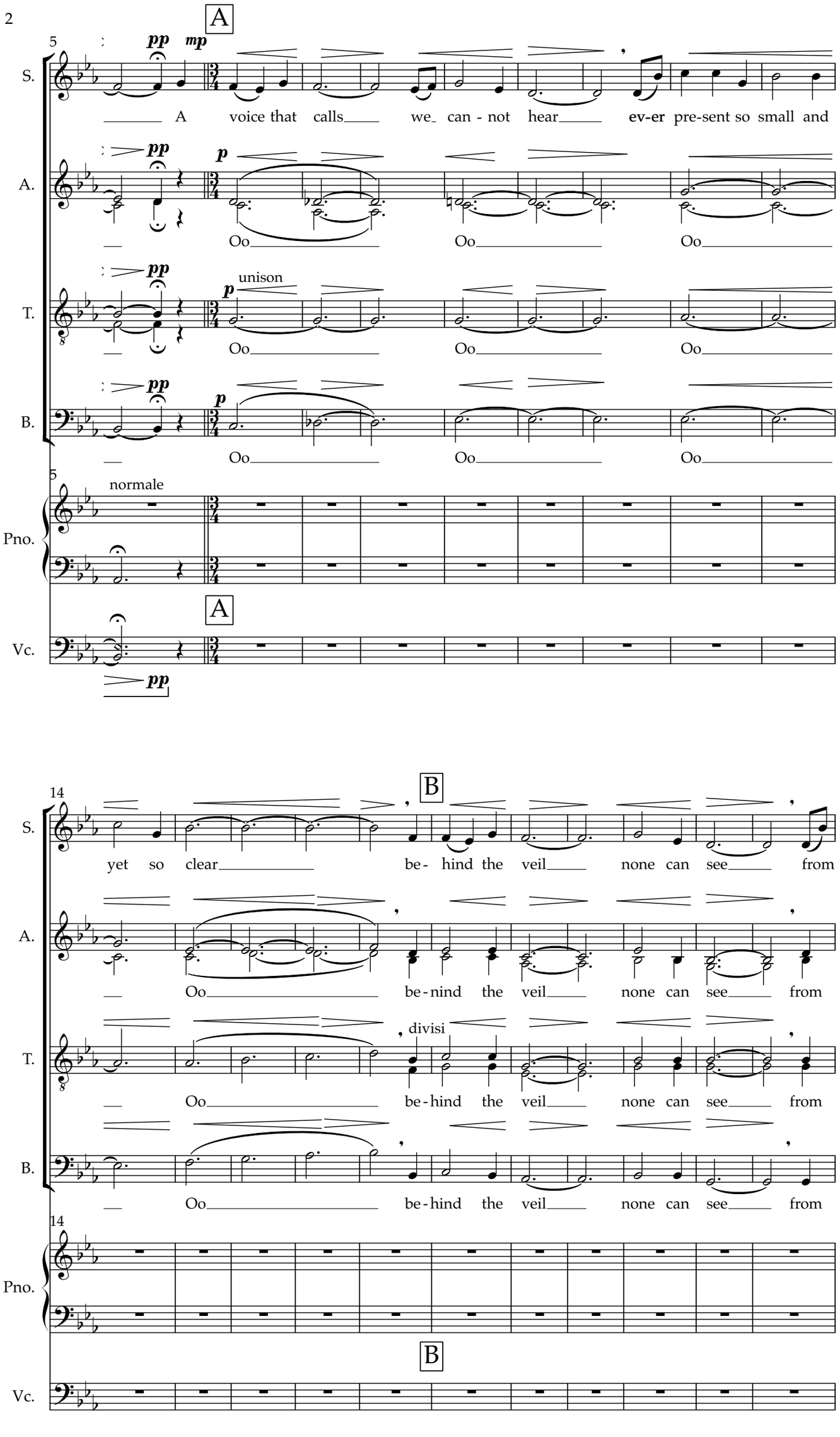
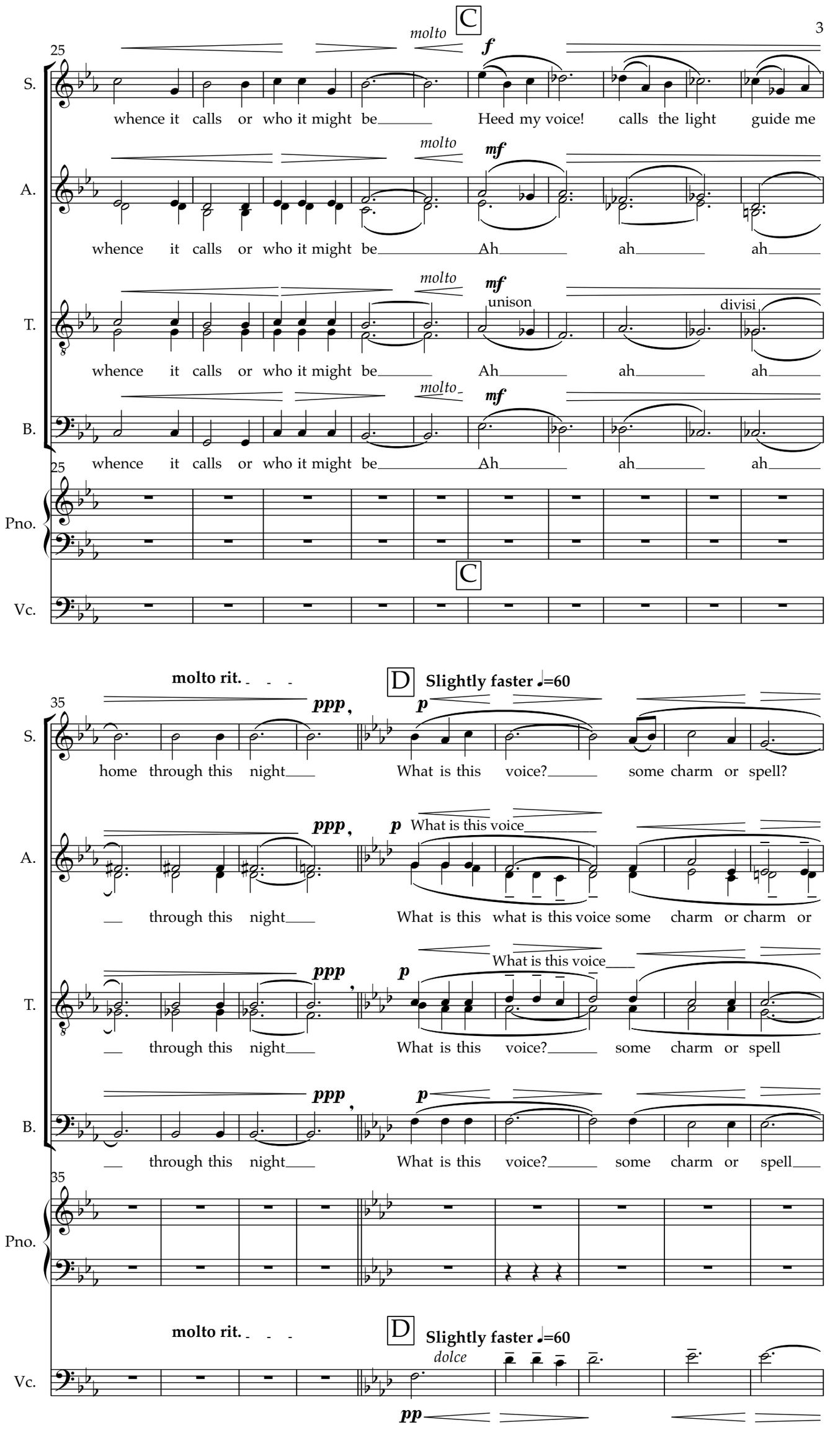
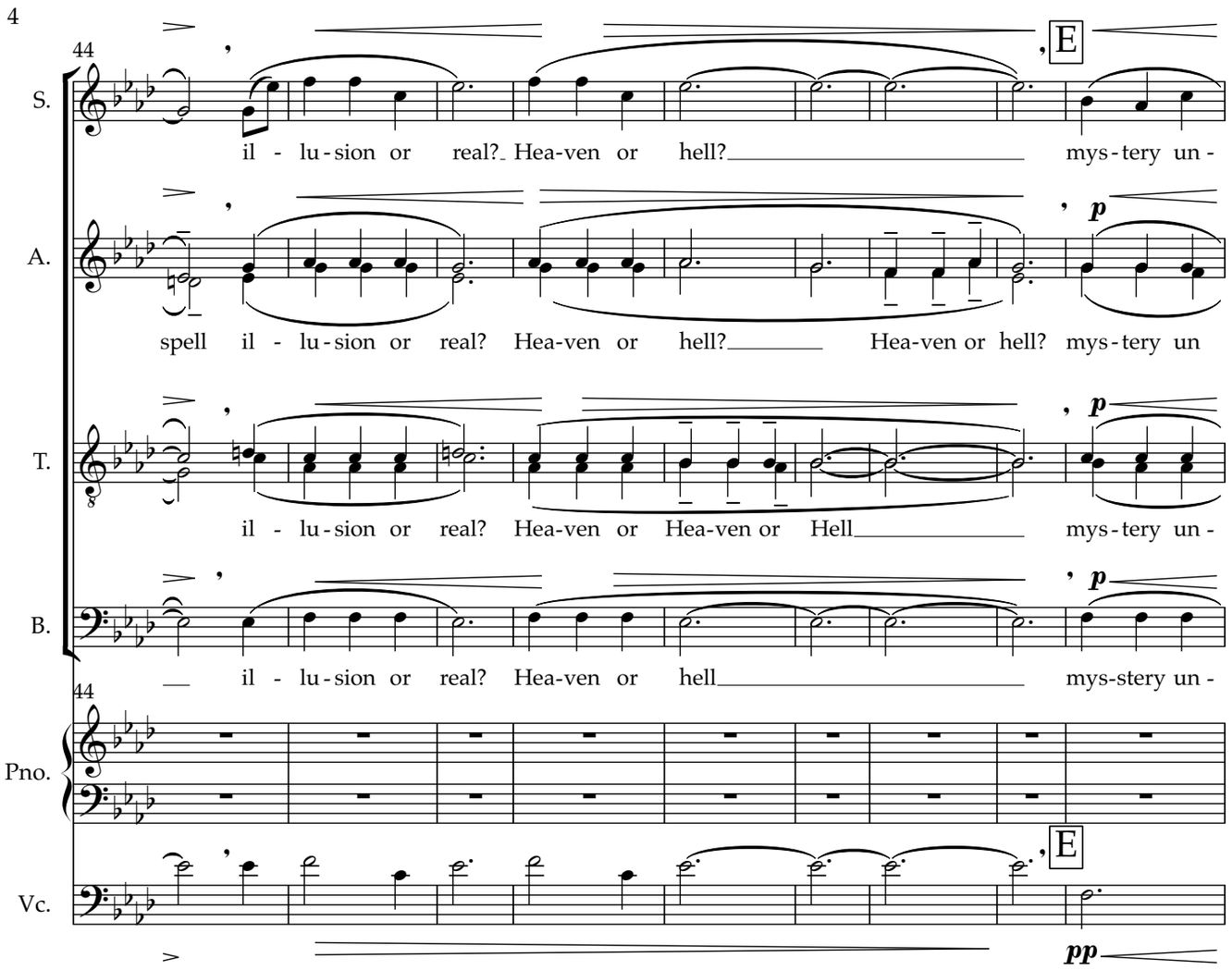
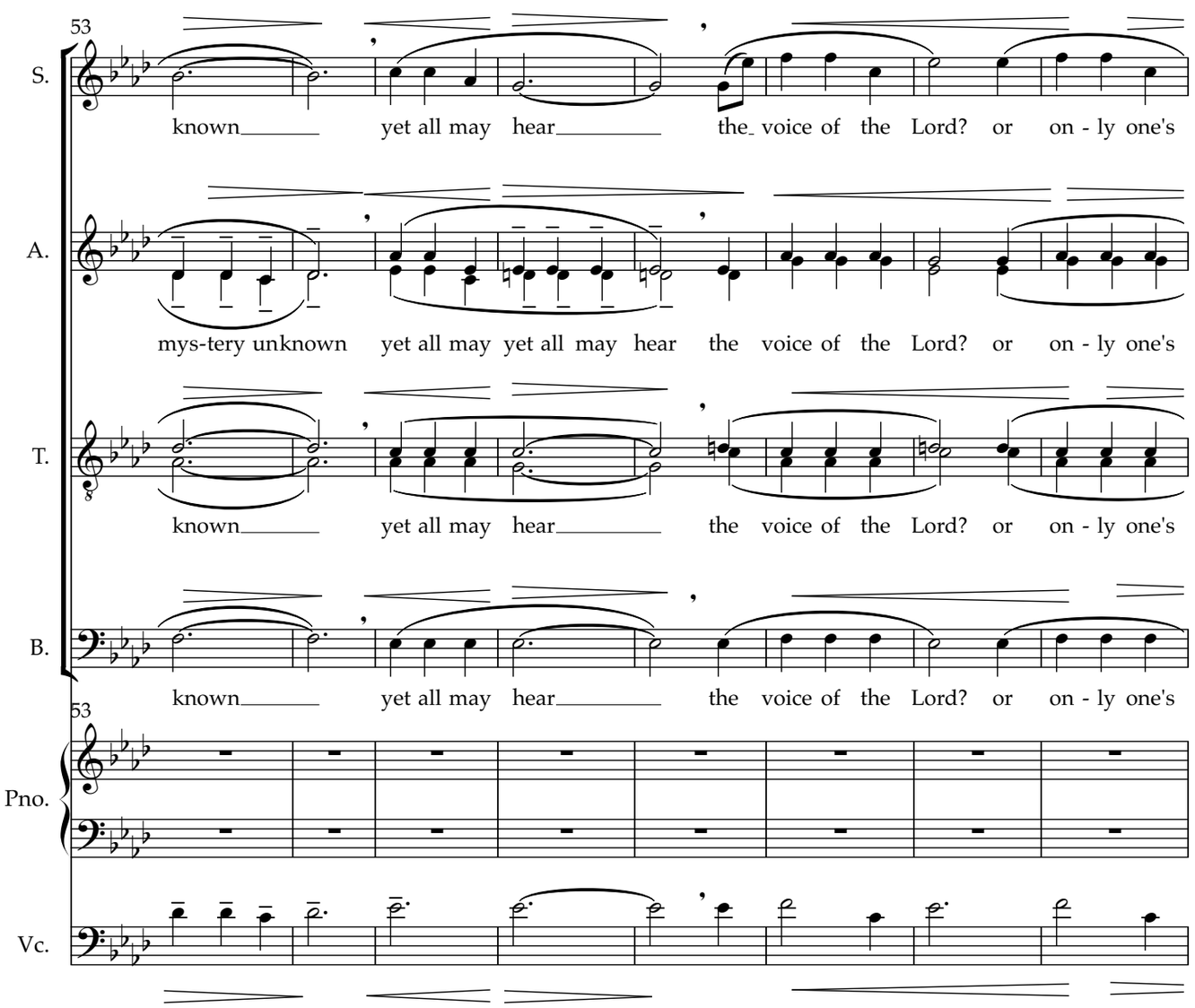
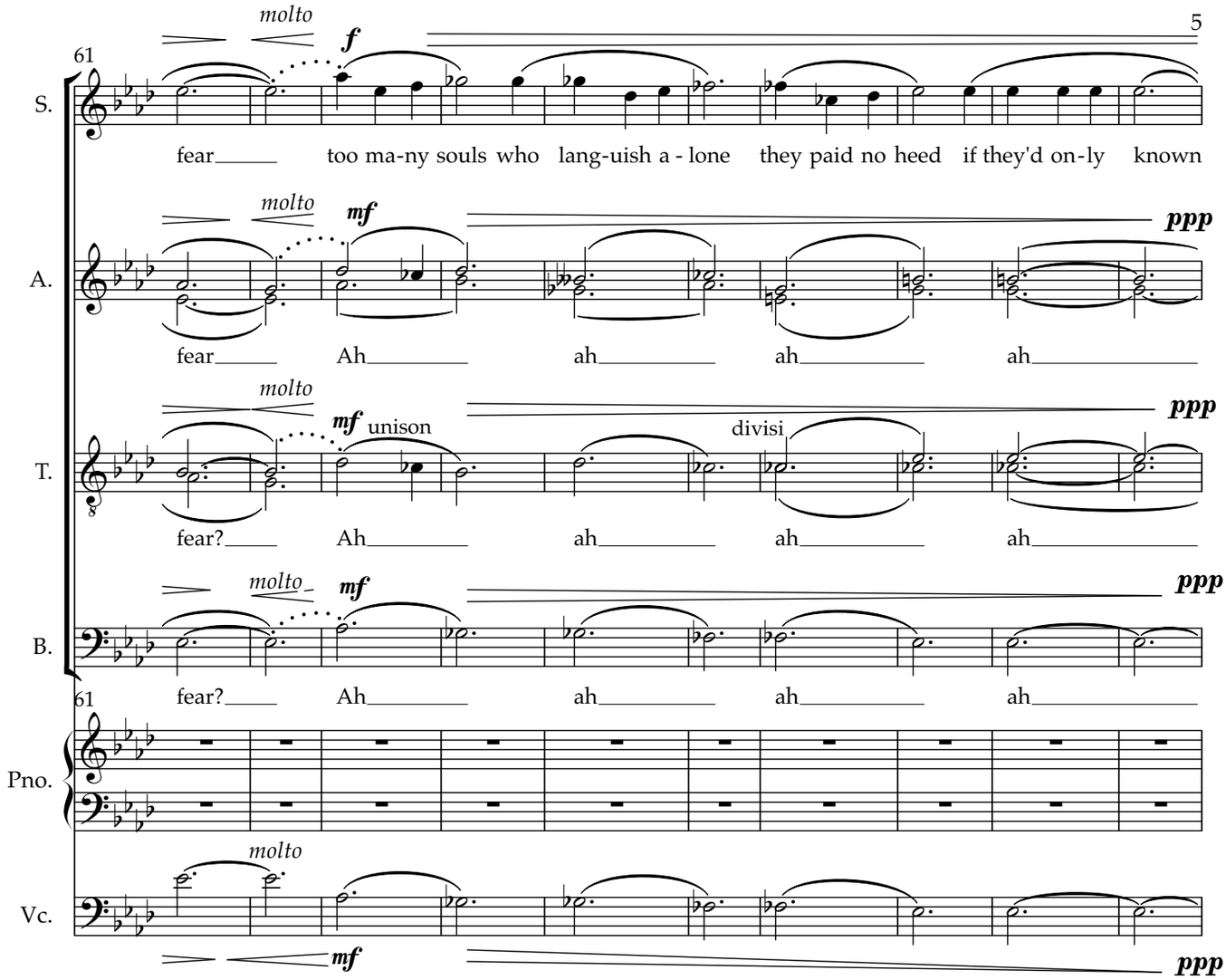


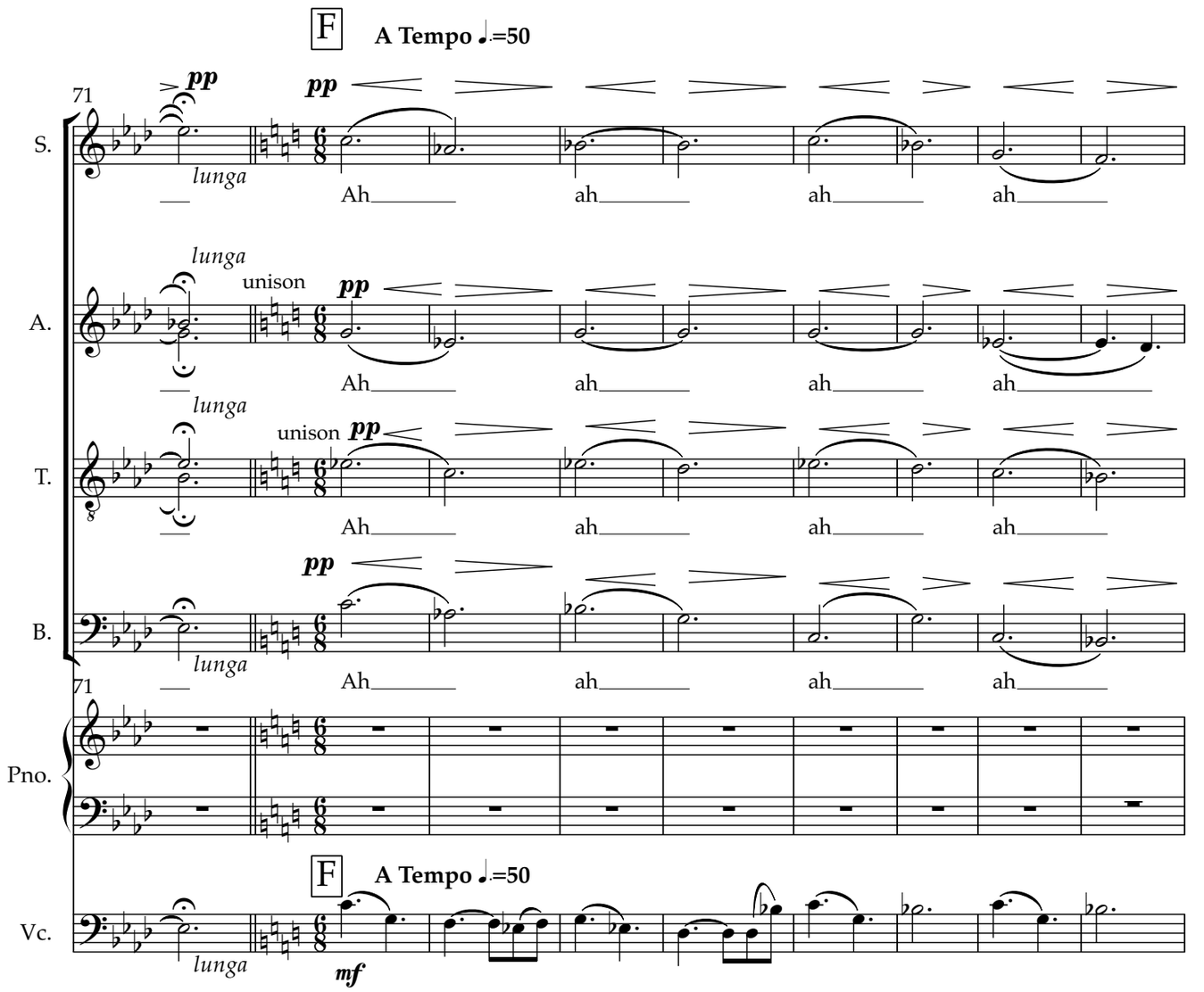

A
5
pp
mp
S.
A voice that calls we can - not hear ev-er pre-sent so small and
A.
p
Oo Oo Oo
T.
unison
Oo Oo Oo
B.
Oo Oo Oo
normale
Pno.
Vc.
pp
B
14
yet so clear be - hind the veil none can see from
Oo be - nind the veil none can see from
divisi
Oo be - hind the veil none can see from
Oo be - hind the veil none can see from

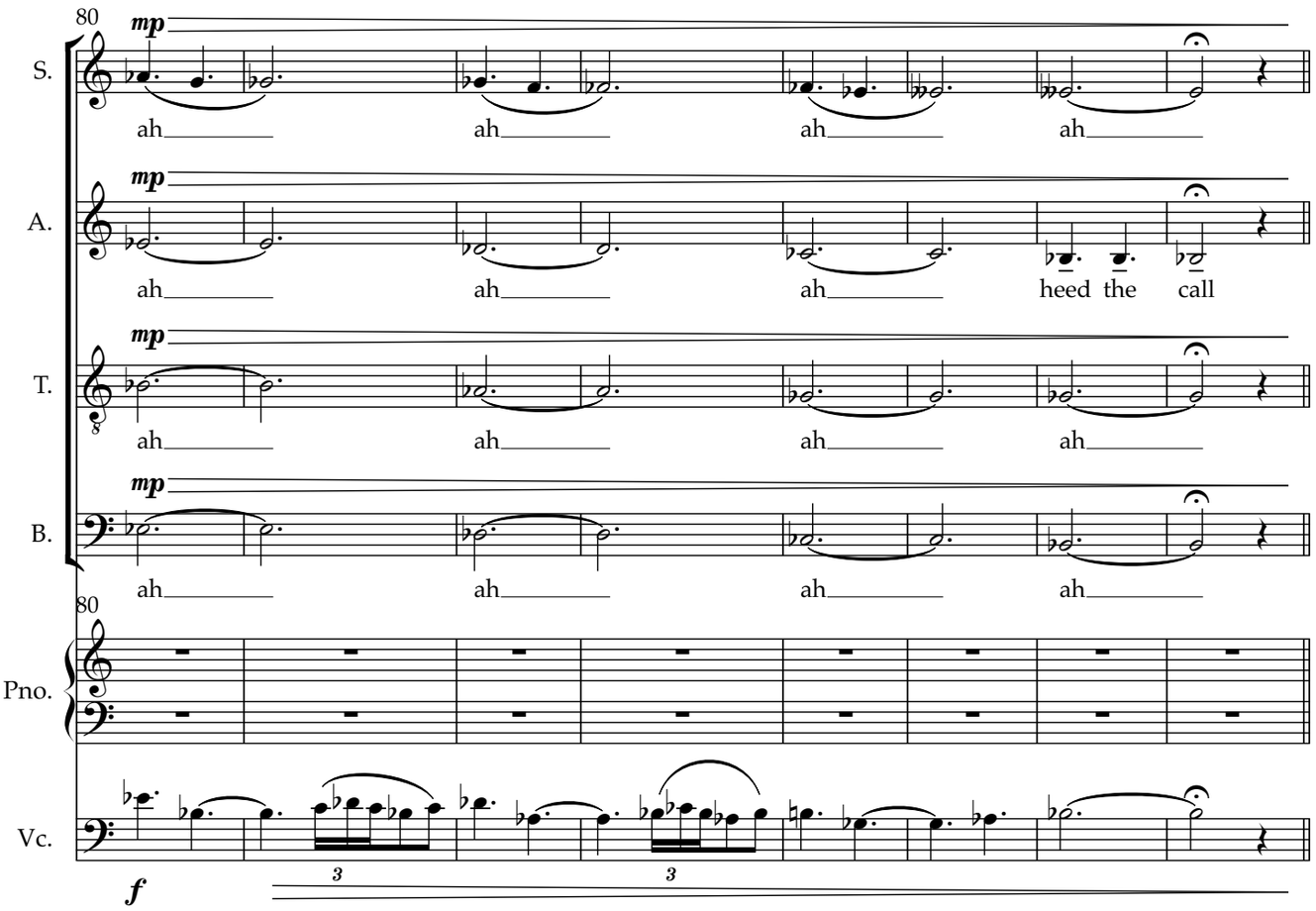

C
molto
f
25
S.
whence it calls or who it might be
Heed my voice! calls the light guide me
A.
mf
whence it calls or who it might be
Ah ah ah
T.
unison
divisi
whence it calls or who it might be
Ah ah ah
B.
whence it calls or who it might be
Ah ah ah
Pno.
Vc.
molto rit.
D
Slightly faster ♩=60
35
ppp
p
home through this night
What is this voice?
some charm or spell?
What is this voice
through this night
What is this what is this voice some charm or charm or
What is this voice
through this night
What is this voice?
some charm or spell
through this night
What is this voice?
some charm or spell
dolce
pp

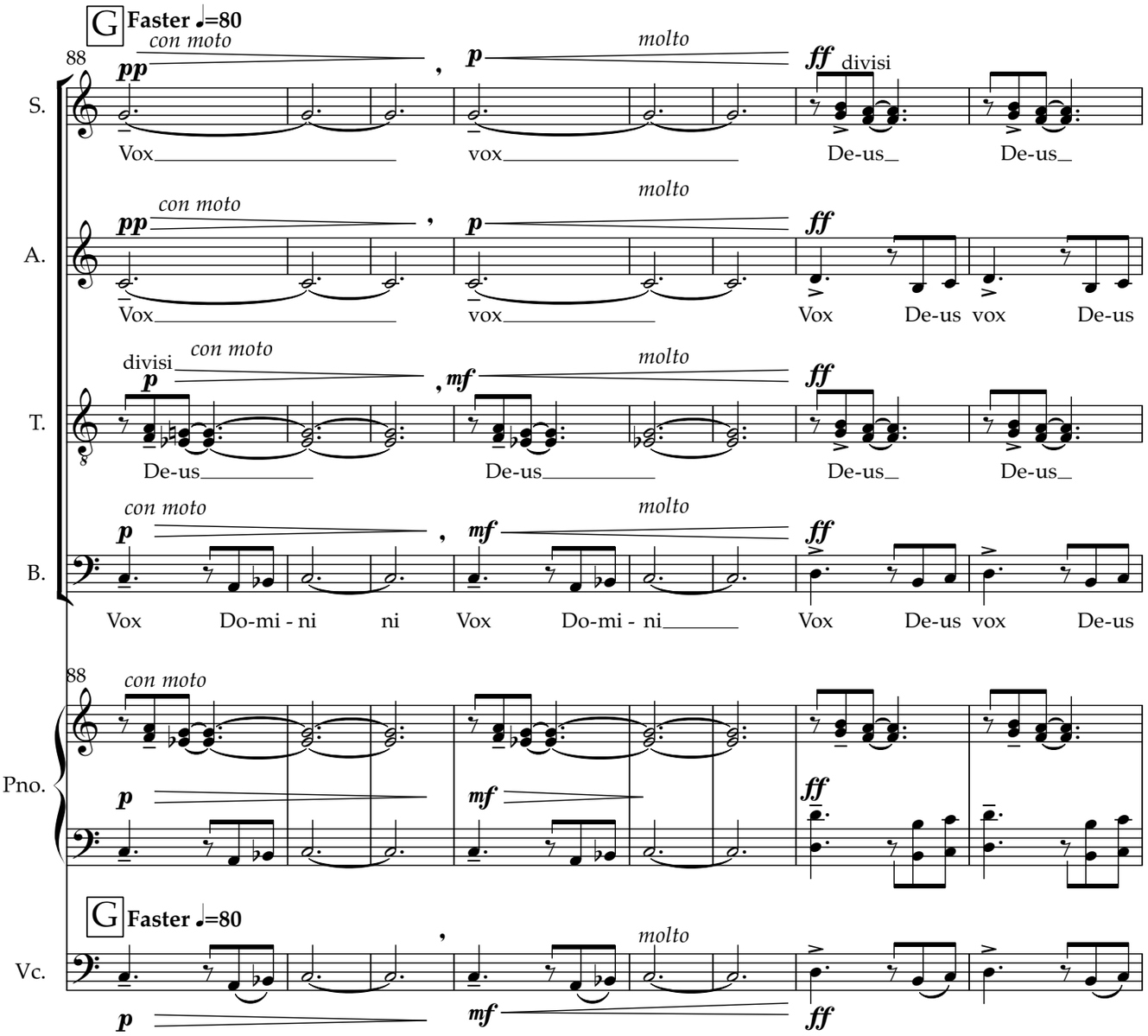

44
S.
il - lu - sion or real? Hea-ven or hell? mys - tery un -
A.
spell il - lu - sion or real? Hea-ven or hell? Hea-ven or hell? mys - tery un
T.
il - lu - sion or real? Hea-ven or Hea-ven or Hell mys - tery un -
B.
il - lu - sion or real? Hea-ven or hell mys-stery un -
Pno.
Vc.
E
p
pp

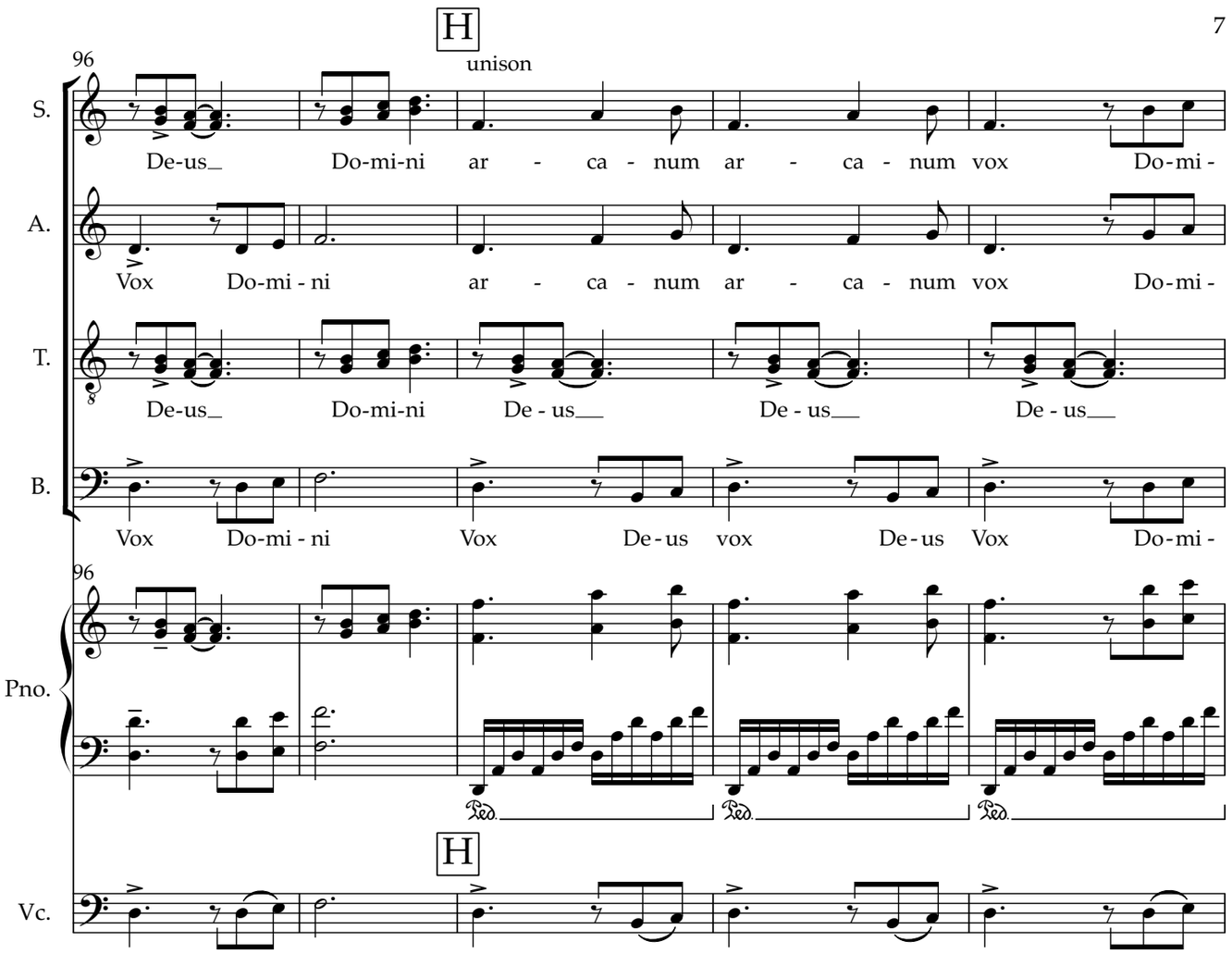

53
S.
known yet all may hear the voice of the Lord? or on - ly one's
A.
mys-tery unknown yet all may yet all may hear the voice of the Lord? or on - ly one's
T.
known yet all may hear the voice of the Lord? or on - ly one's
B.
known yet all may hear the voice of the Lord? or on - ly one's
Pno.
Vc.

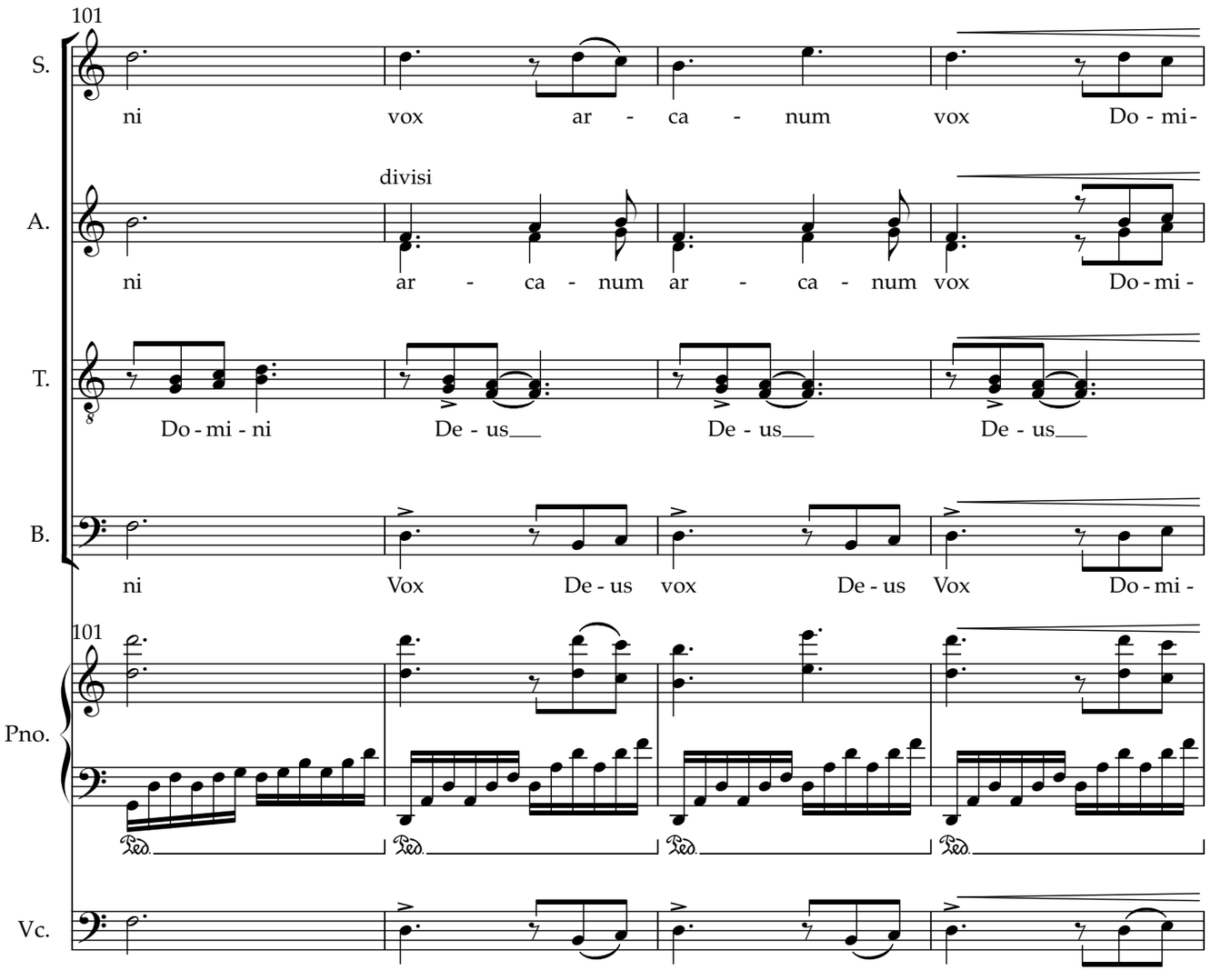

61
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
Vc.
molto
f
mf
ppp
unison
divisi
fear too ma-ny souls who lang-uish a - lone they paid no heed if they'd on-ly known
fear Ah ah ah ah
fear? Ah ah ah ah

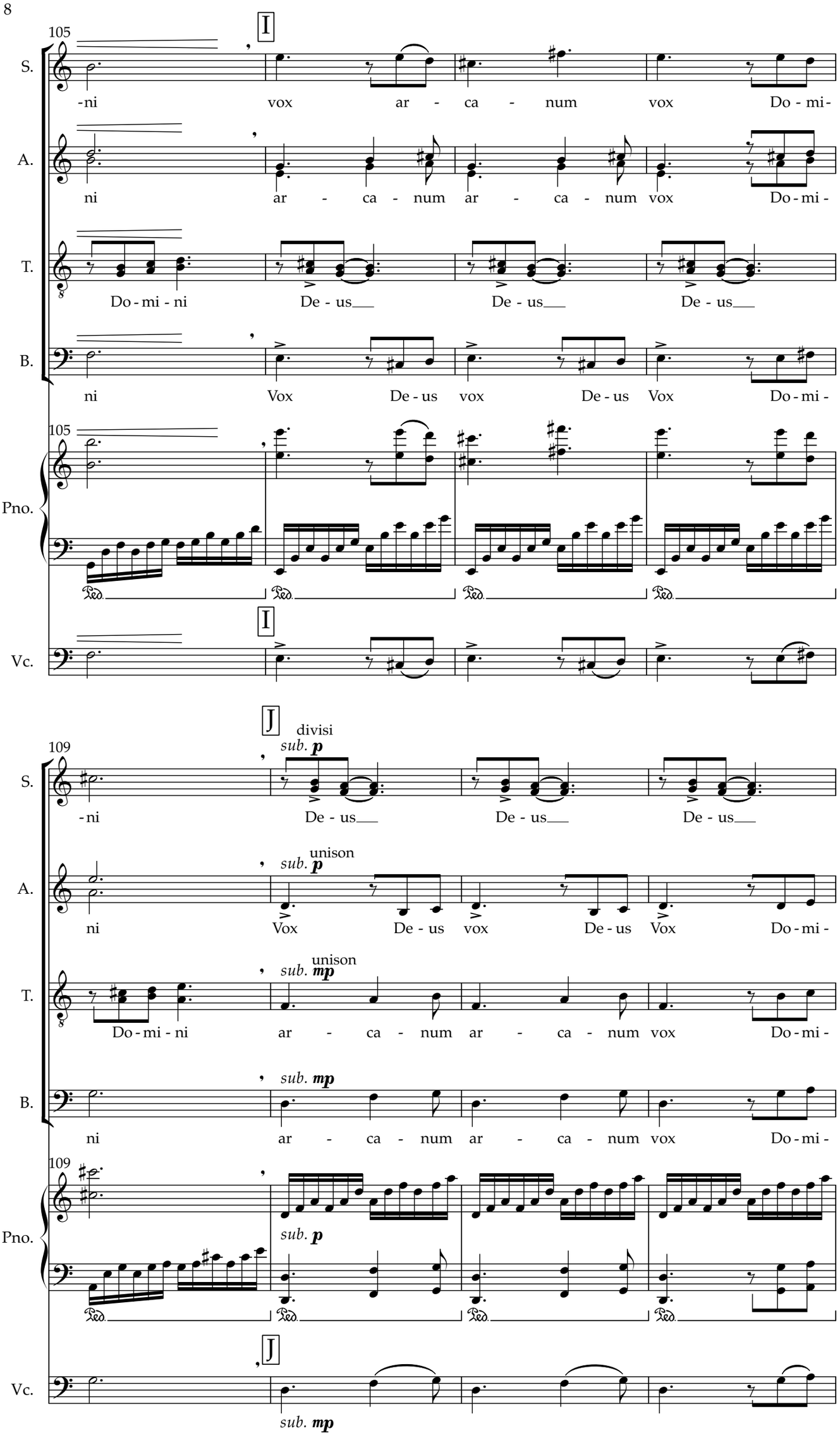

F
A Tempo ♩.=50
71
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
Vc.
pp
lunga
unison
mf
Ah ah ah ah

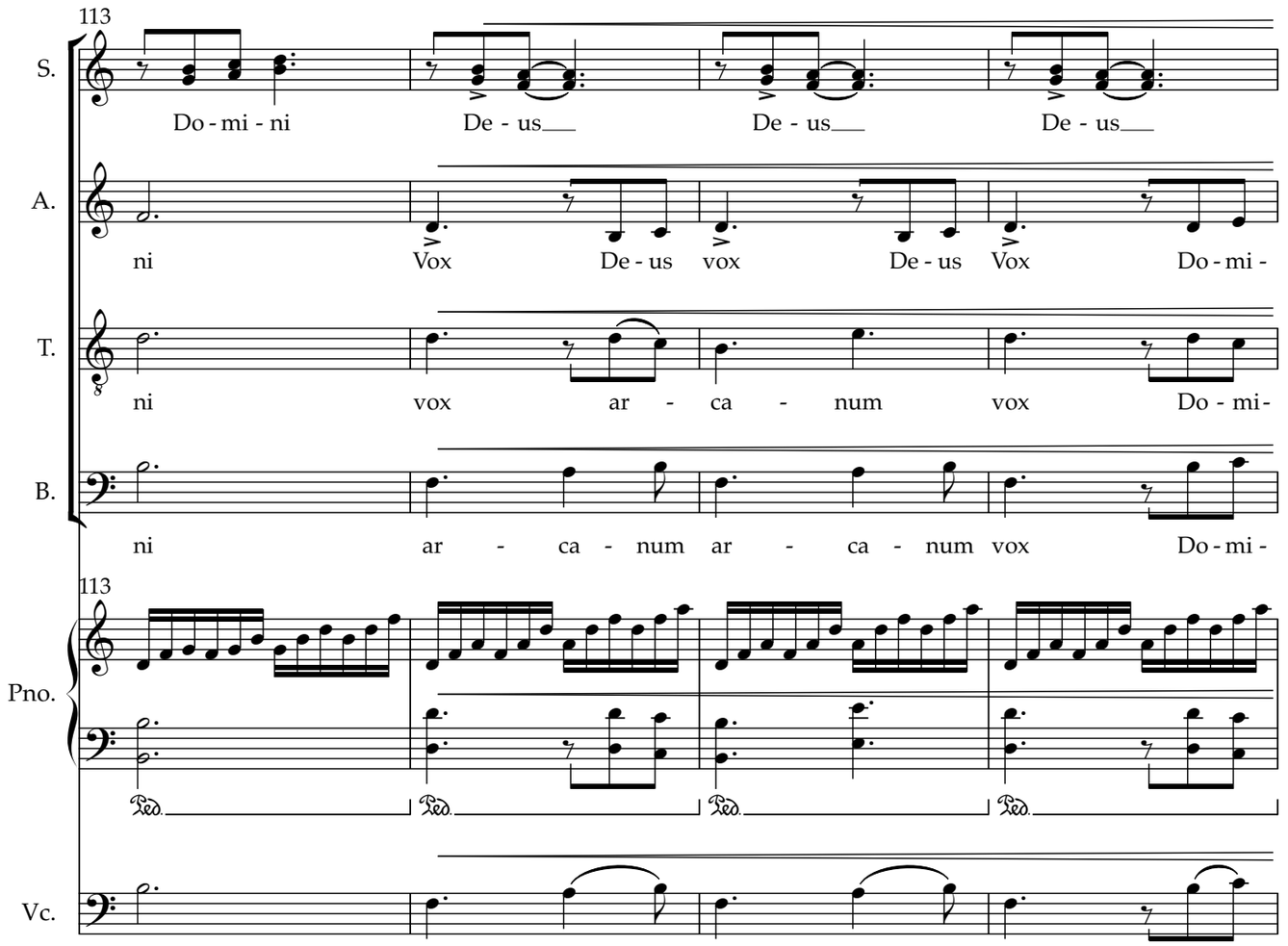

80
mp
S.
ah ah ah ah
A.
ah ah ah heed the call
T.
ah ah ah ah
B.
ah ah ah ah
Pno.
Vc.
f

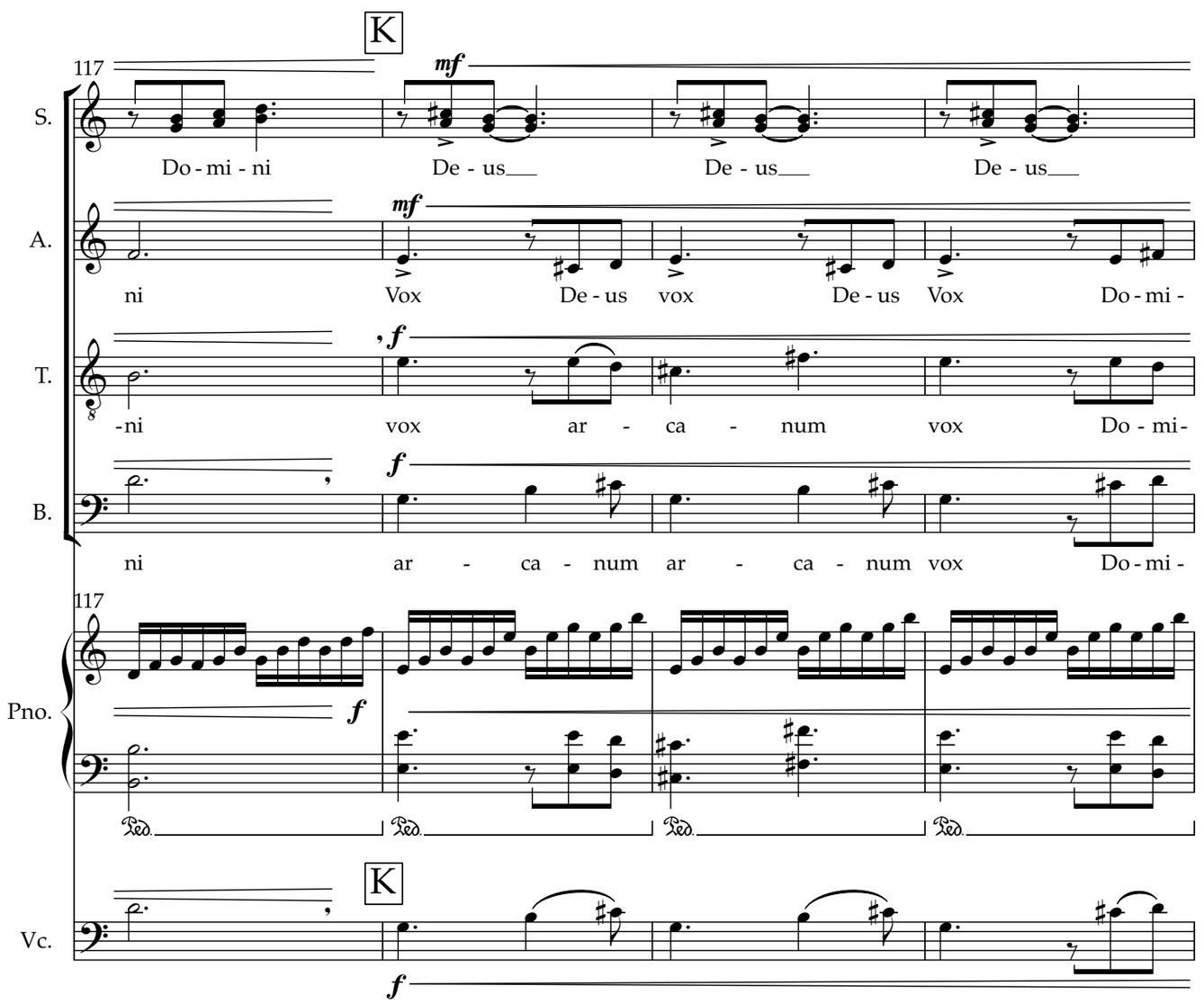

G Faster ♩=80
88
con moto
molto
pp
p
ff divisi
S.
Vox vox De-us De-us
A.
Vox vox Vox De-us vox De-us
divisi
T.
De-us De-us De-us De-us
mf
B.
Vox Do-mi - ni ni Vox Do-mi - ni Vox De-us vox De-us
Pno.
Vc.

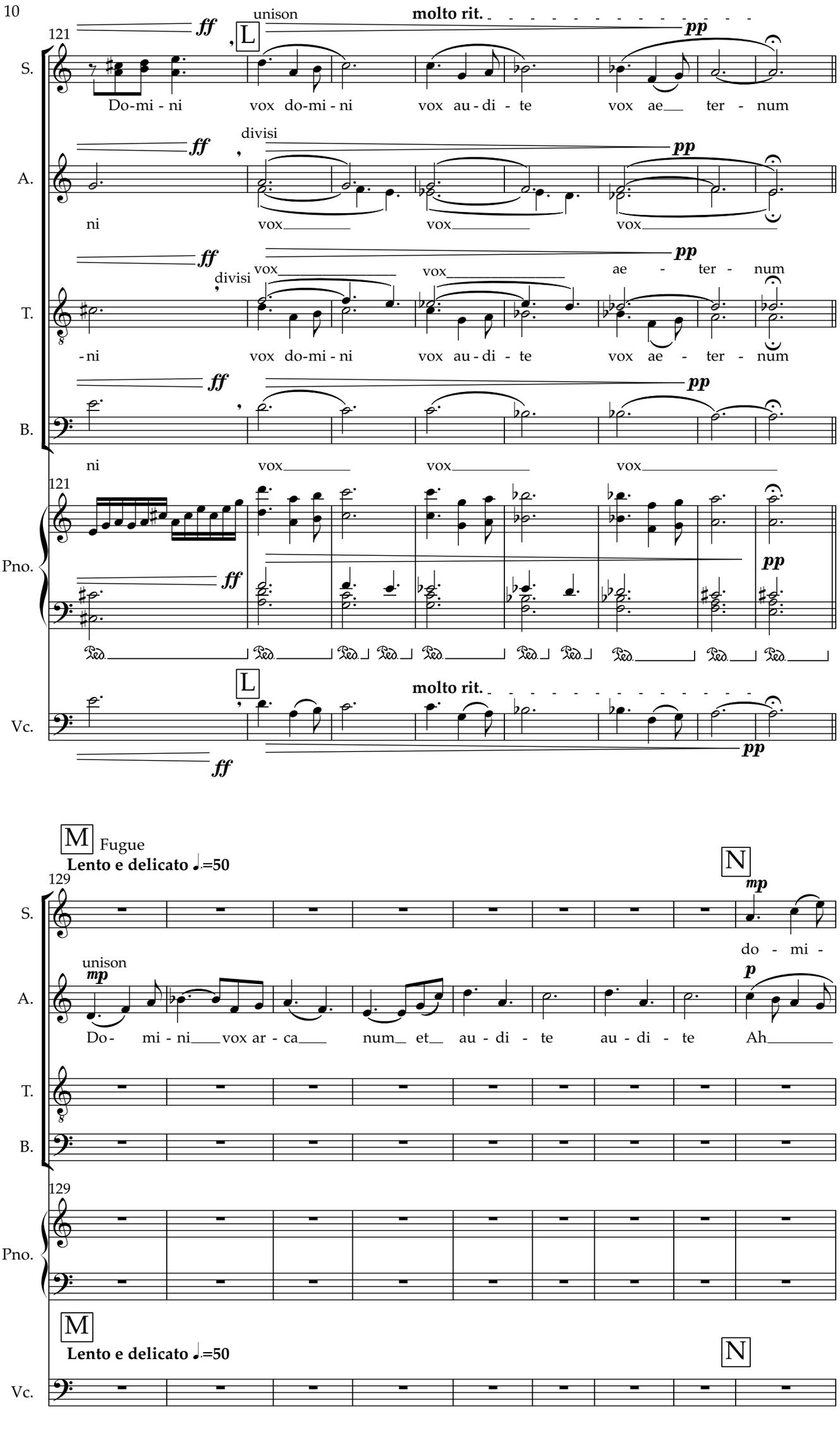

H
unison
96
S.
De-us_ Do-mi-ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do-mi-
A.
Vox Do-mi - ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do-mi-
T.
De-us_ Do-mi-ni De - us__ De - us__ De - us__
B.
Vox Do-mi - ni Vox De-us vox De-us Vox Do-mi-
96
Pno.
H
Vc.

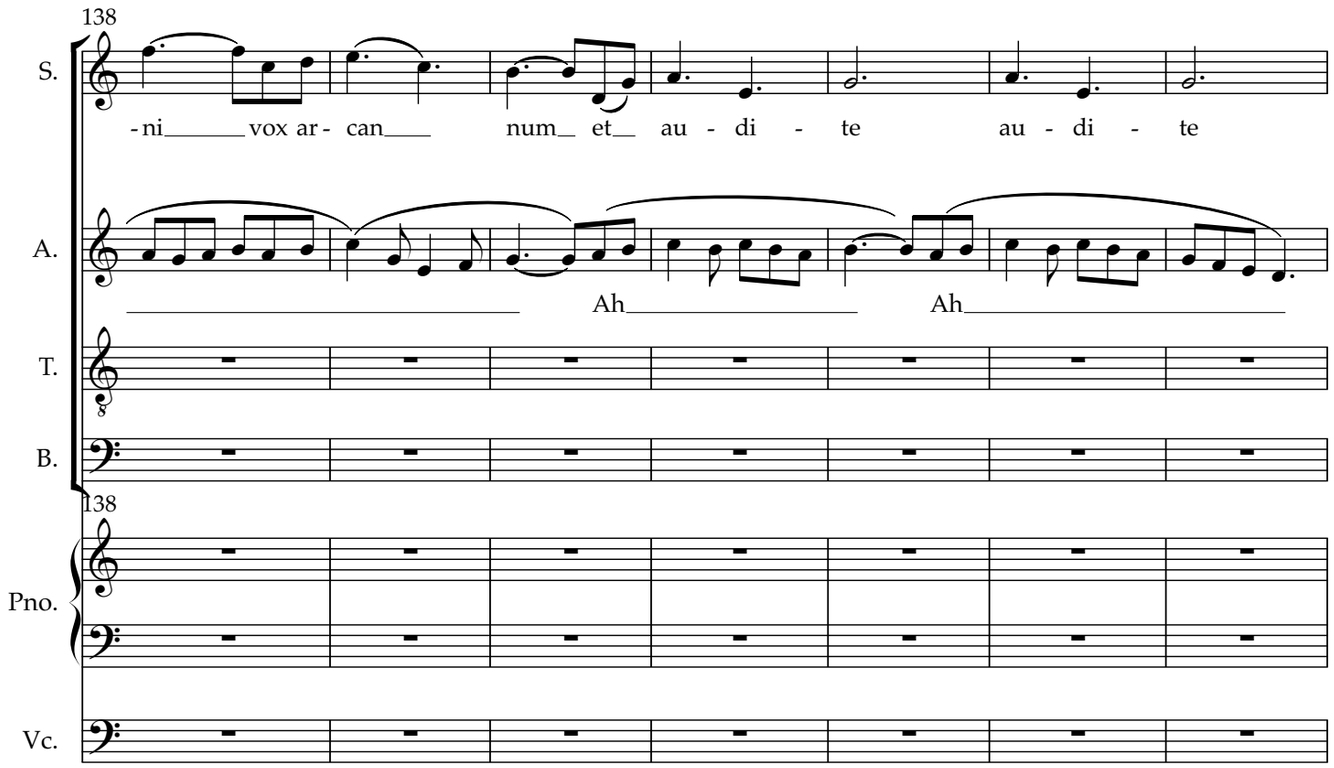

101
S.
ni vox ar - ca - num vox Do - mi-
divisi
A.
ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do - mi -
T.
Do - mi - ni De - us__ De - us__ De - us__
B.
ni Vox De - us vox De - us Vox Do - mi -
101
Pno.
Vc.

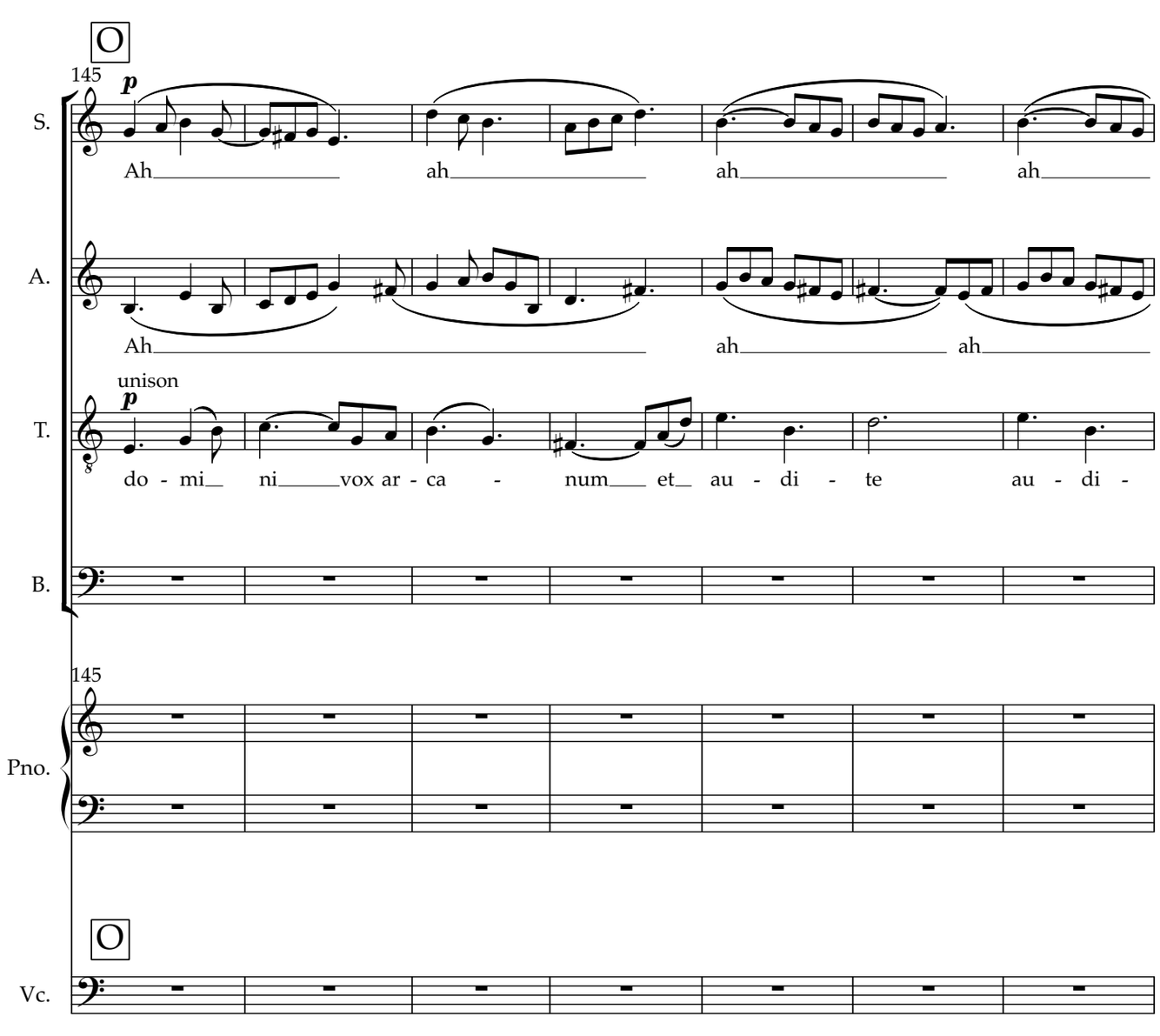

105
I
S.
-ni vox ar - ca - num vox Do - mi-
A.
ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do - mi -
T.
Do - mi - ni De - us De - us De - us
B.
ni Vox De - us vox De - us Vox Do - mi -
Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
Vc.
J
109
divisi
sub. p
-ni De - us De - us De - us
unison
sub. p
ni Vox De - us vox De - us Vox Do - mi -
unison
sub. mp
Do - mi - ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do - mi -
sub. mp
ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do - mi -
sub. p
sub. mp

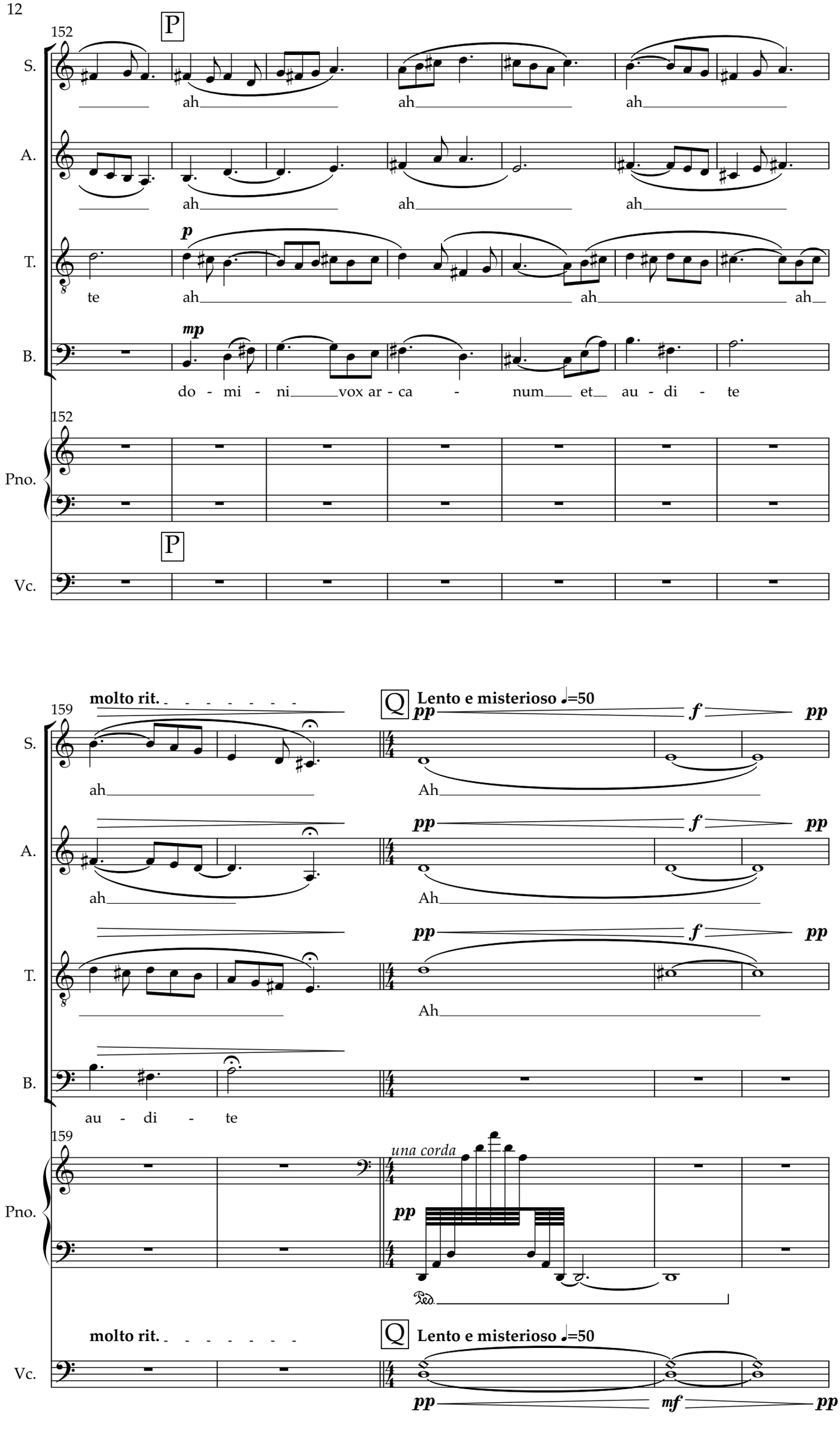

113
S.
Do - mi - ni De - us De - us De - us
A.
ni Vox De - us vox De - us Vox Do - mi -
T.
ni vox ar - ca - num vox Do - mi-
B.
ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do - mi -
113
Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
Vc.

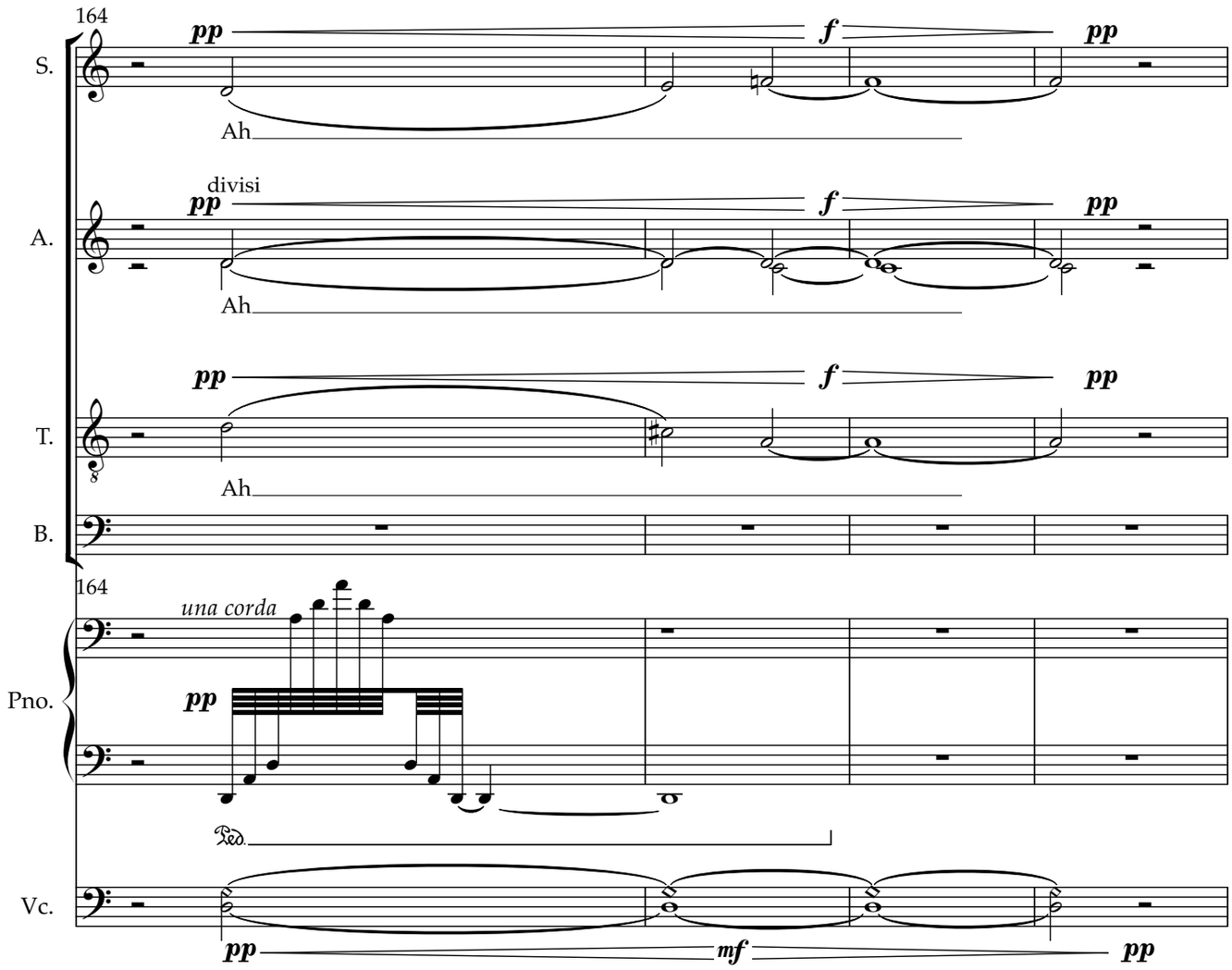

K
117
mf
S.
Do - mi - ni De - us De - us De - us
mf
A.
ni Vox De - us vox De - us Vox Do - mi -
f
T.
-ni vox ar - ca - num vox Do - mi-
f
B.
ni ar - ca - num ar - ca - num vox Do - mi -
117
f
Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
K
Vc.
f


121
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
Vc.
unison
divisi
molto rit.
ff
pp
mp
p
L
M
N
Fugue
Lento e delicato ♩.=50
Do-mi - ni vox do-mi - ni vox au - di - te vox ae__ ter - num
ni vox vox vox
-ni vox do-mi - ni vox au - di - te vox ae - ter - num
ni vox vox vox
ae - ter - num
do - mi -
Do- mi - ni___ vox ar - ca___ num__ et__ au - di - te au - di - te Ah_____
129


138
S.
-ni vox ar- can num et au - di - te au - di - te
A.
Ah Ah
T.
B.
138
Pno.
Vc.


O
145
p
S.
Ah ah ah ah
A.
Ah ah ah
unison
p
T.
do - mi ni vox ar - ca - num et au - di - te au - di -
B.
145
Pno.
O
Vc.


152
P
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
Vc.
ah
te
do - mi - ni vox ar - ca - num et au - di - te
p
mp
159
molto rit.
Q
Lento e misterioso ♩=50
pp
f
Ah
una corda
Ped.
mf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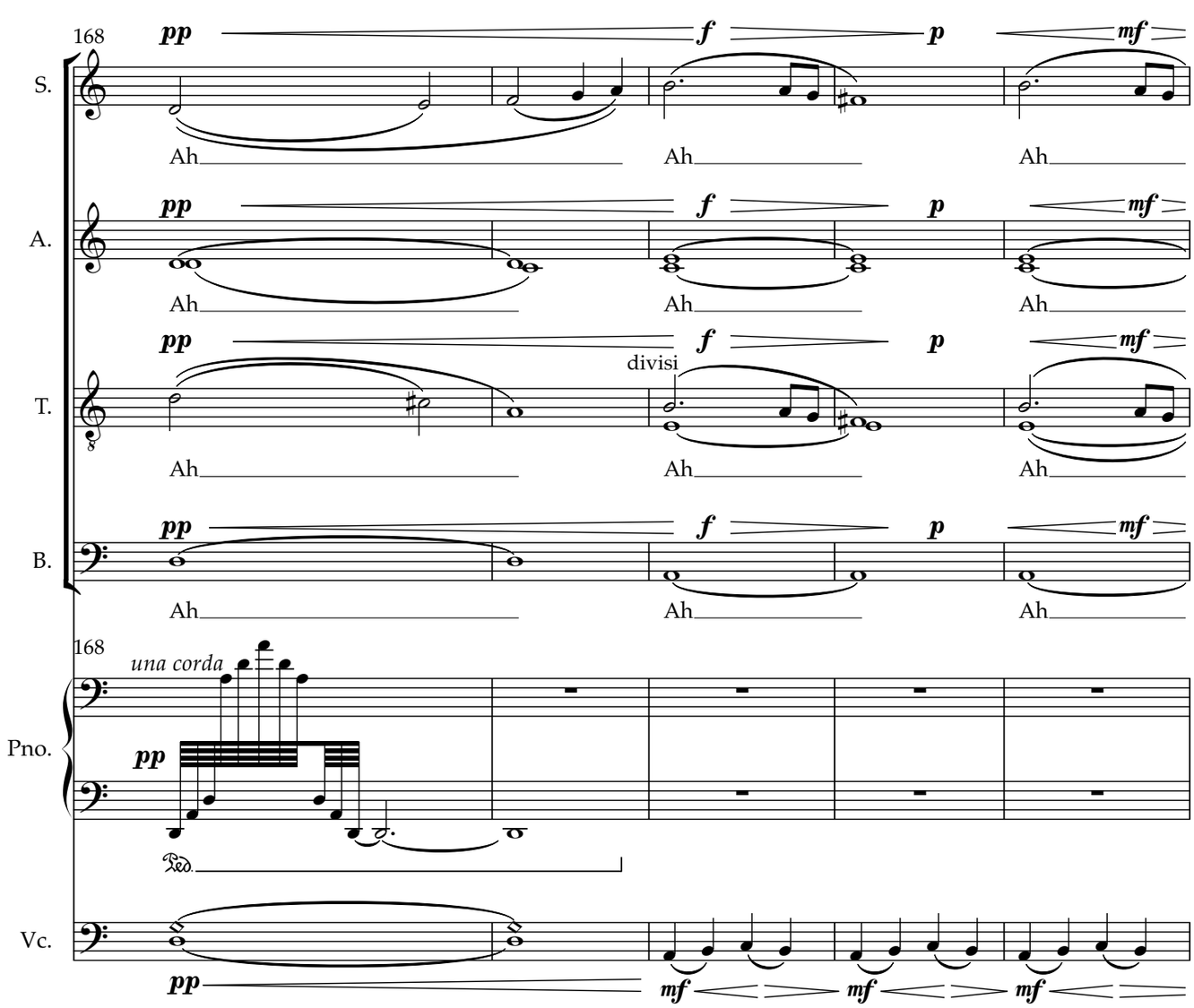
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
Vc.
pp
f
mf
Ah
divisi
una corda
Ped.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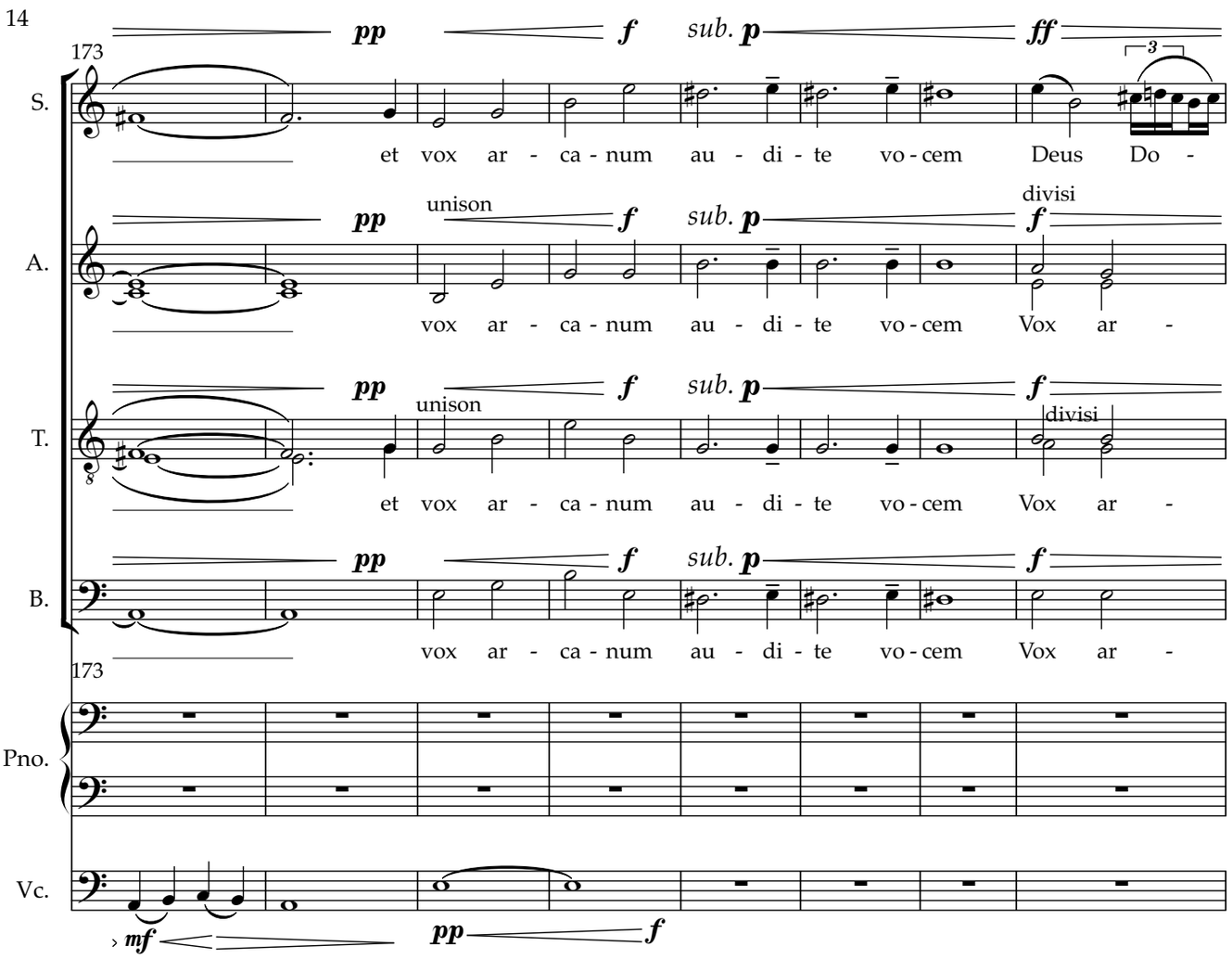
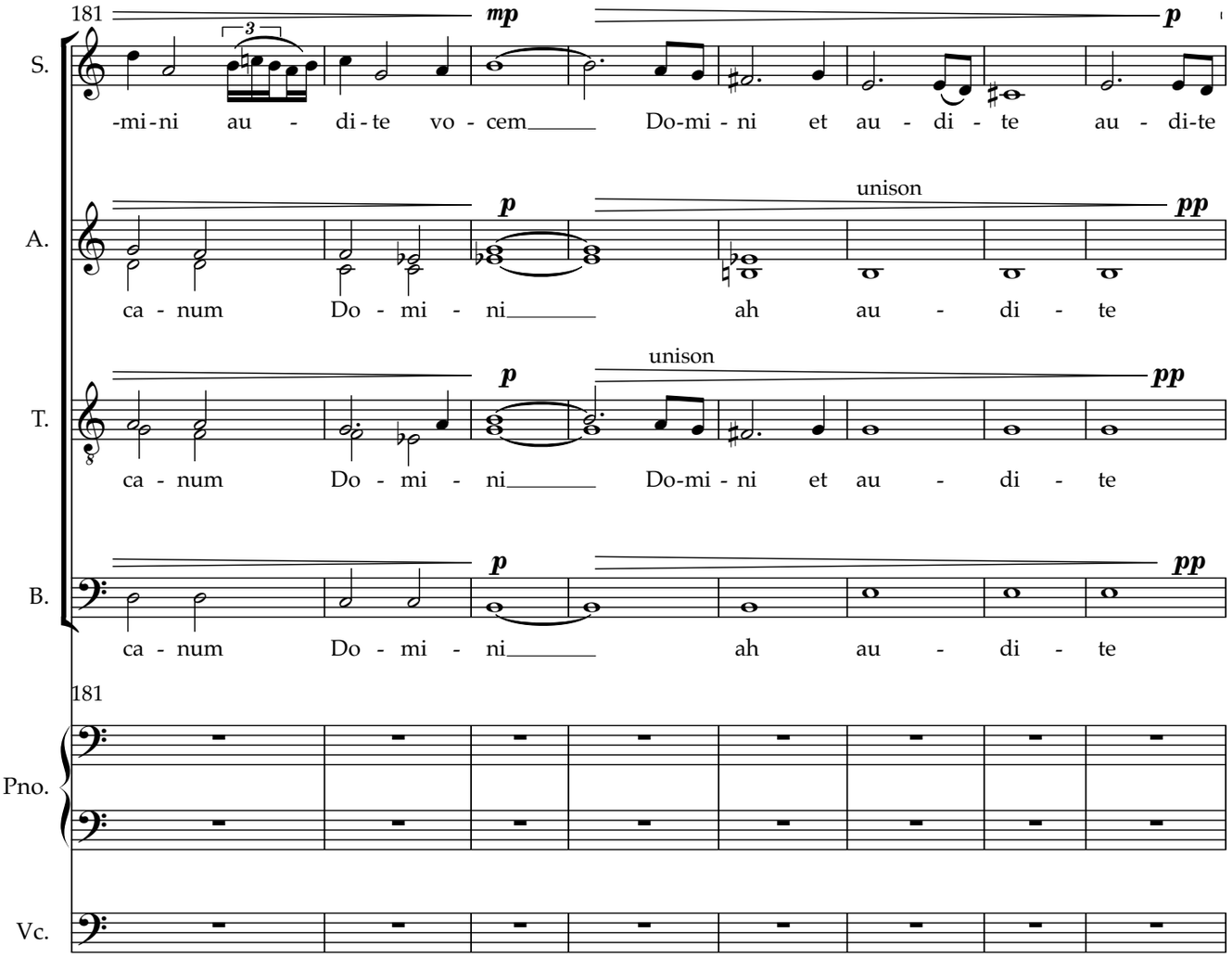
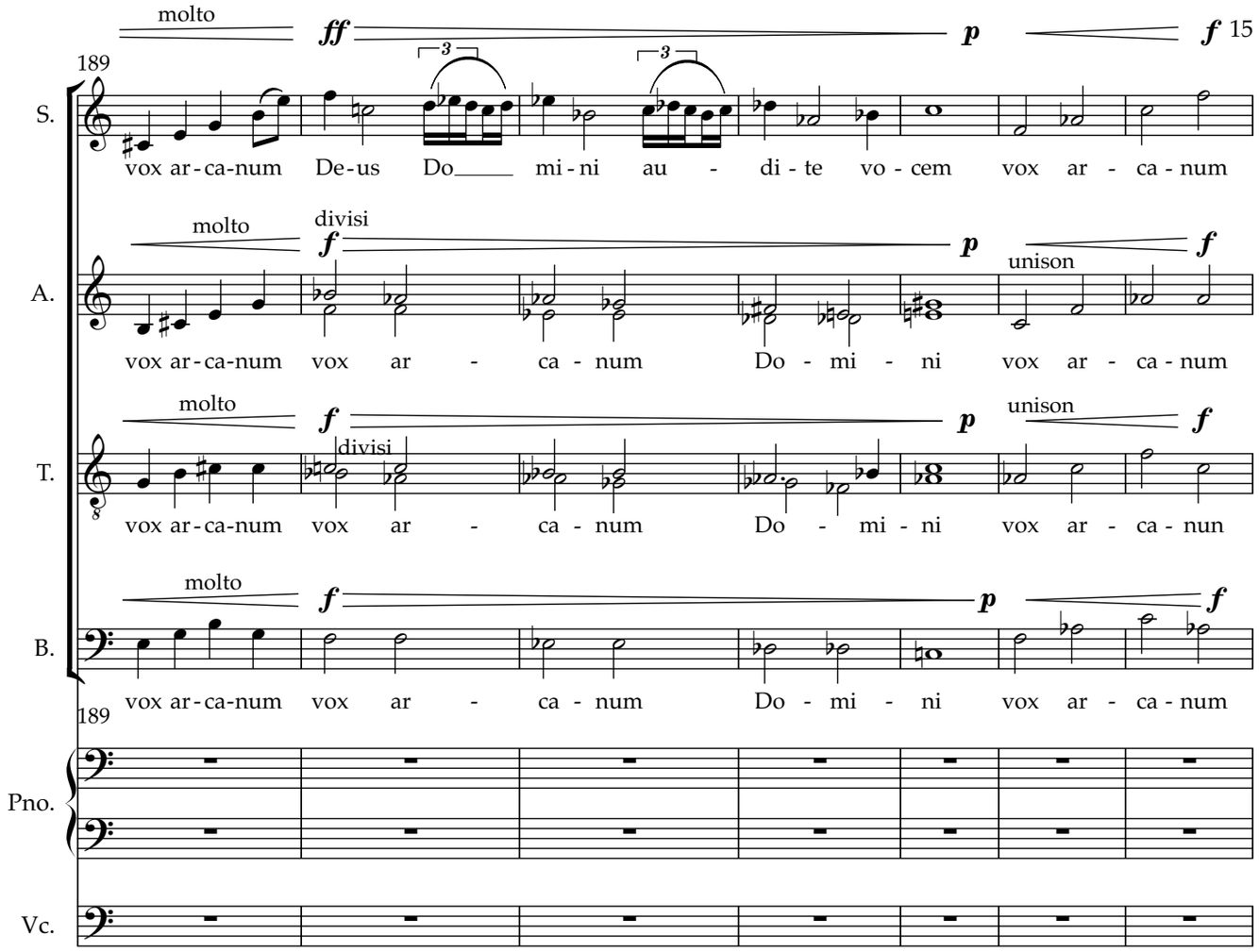
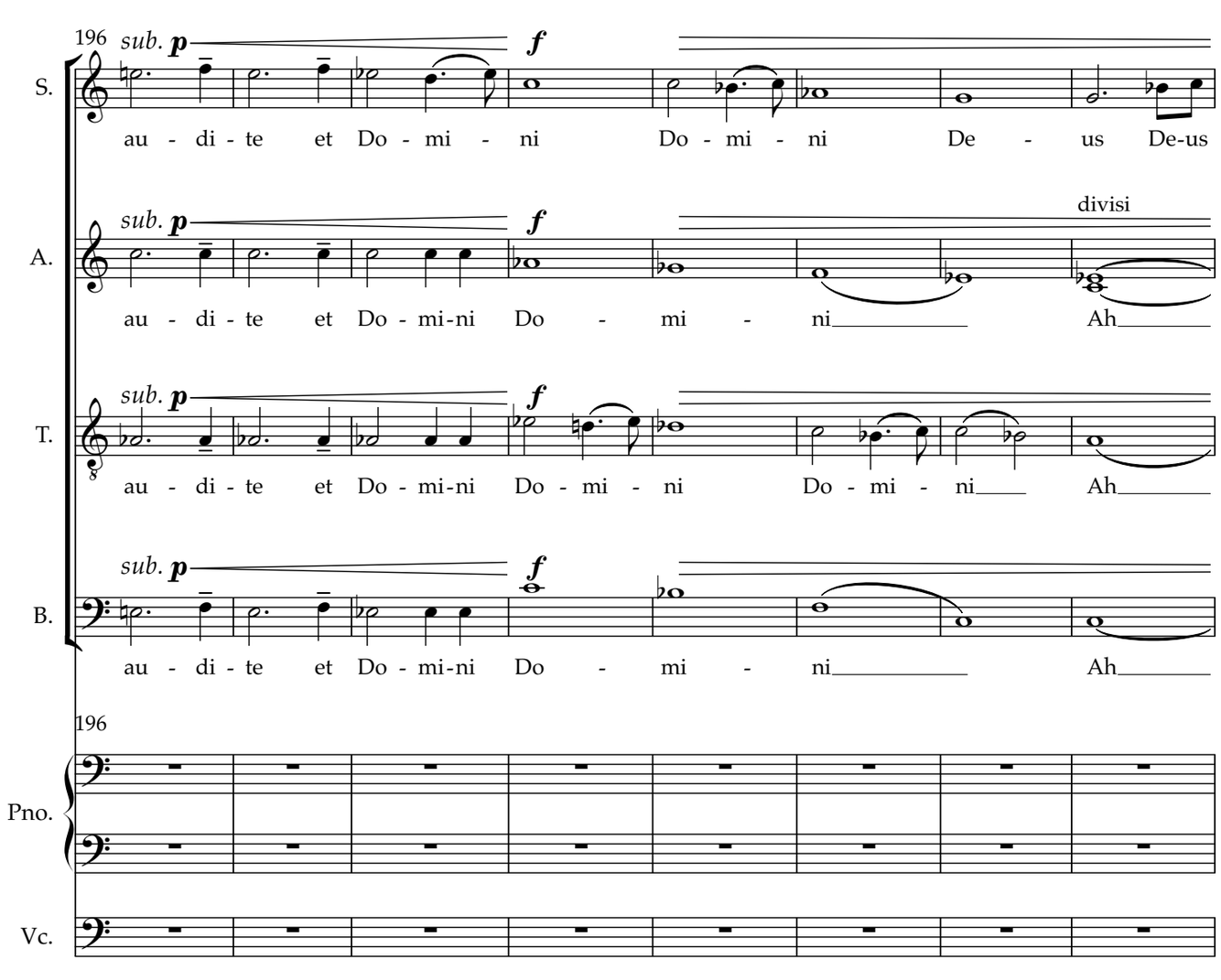
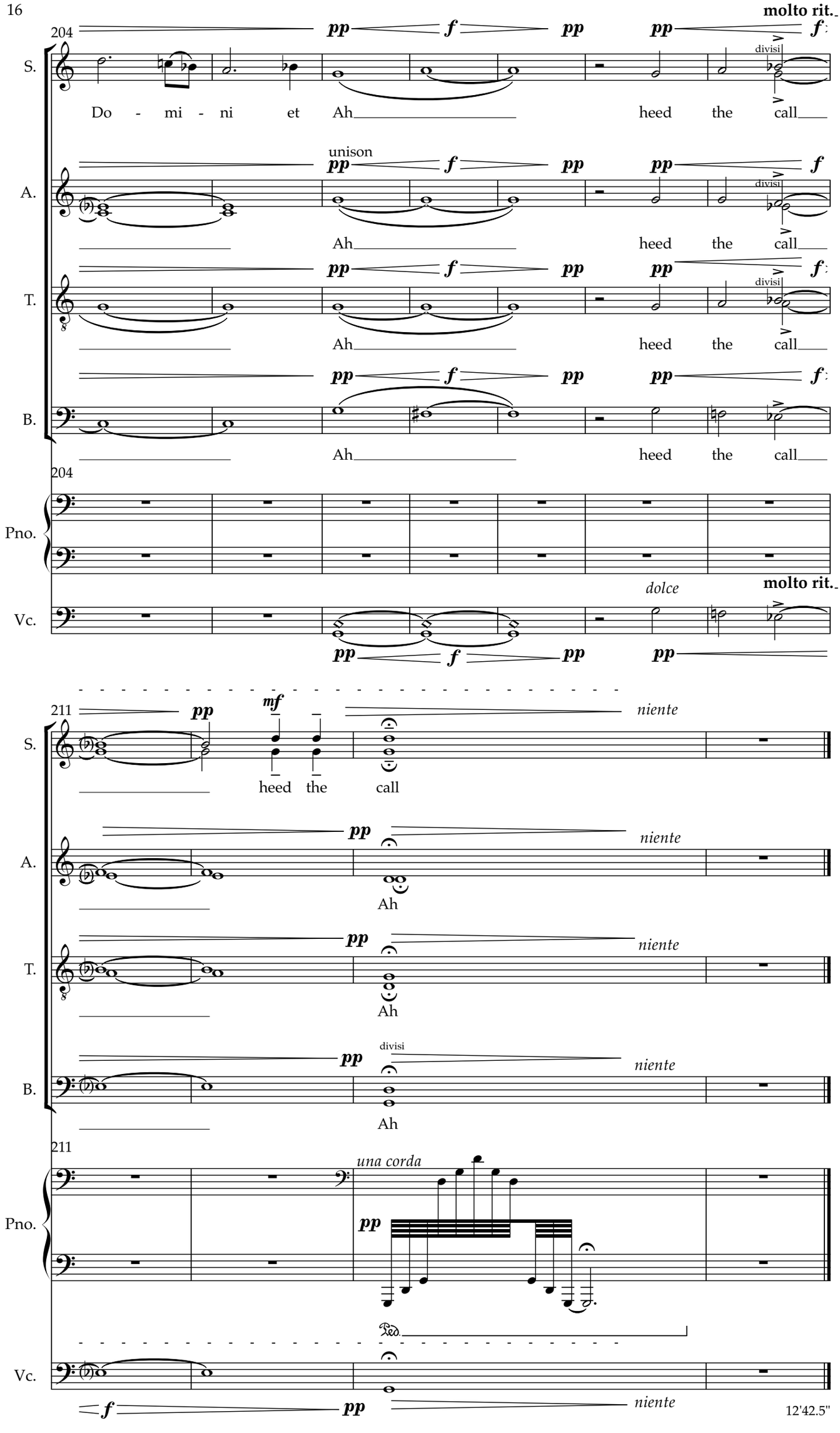
S.
A.
T.
B.
Pno.
Vc.
pp
f
p
mf
Ah
divisi
una corda
Ped.


173
S.
et vox ar - ca - num au - di - te vo - cem Deus Do -
A.
vox ar - ca - num au - di - te vo - cem Vox ar -
T.
et vox ar - ca - num au - di - te vo - cem Vox ar -
B.
vox ar - ca - num au - di - te vo - cem Vox ar -
Pno.
Vc.
pp
f
sub. p
ff
mf
unison
divisi


181
S.
-mi - ni au - di - te vo - cem Do-mi - ni et au - di - te au - di-te
A.
ca - num Do - mi - ni ah au - di - te
T.
ca - num Do - mi - ni Do-mi - ni et au - di - te
B.
ca - num Do - mi - ni ah au - di - te
Pno.
Vc.
mp
p
pp
unison


189
molto
ff
p
f
S.
vox ar-ca-num De-us Do mi-ni au - di-te vo-cem vox ar - ca-num
A.
molto
divisi
f
p
unison
f
vox ar-ca-num vox ar - ca-num Do-mi-ni vox ar-ca-num
T.
molto
f
p
unison
f
divisi
vox ar-ca-num vox ar - ca-num Do - mi-ni vox ar-ca-nun
B.
molto
f
p
f
vox ar-ca-num vox ar - ca-num Do-mi-ni vox ar-ca-num
189
Pno.
Vc.


196
sub. p
f
S.
au - di-te et Do-mi-ni Do-mi-ni De - us De-us
A.
sub. p
f
divisi
au - di-te et Do-mi-ni Do - mi - ni Ah
T.
sub. p
f
au - di-te et Do-mi-ni Do-mi-ni Do-mi-ni Ah
B.
sub. p
f
au - di-te et Do-mi-ni Do - mi - ni Ah
196
Pno.
Vc.


molto rit.
204
S.
Do - mi - ni et Ah heed the call
divisi
unison
A.
Ah heed the call
T.
Ah heed the call
B.
Ah heed the call
Pno.
Vc.
dolce
molto rit.
211
S.
heed the call
niente
A.
Ah
T.
Ah
B.
Ah
divisi
una corda
Ped.
Vc.
niente

12'42.5"