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The Christmas Silence

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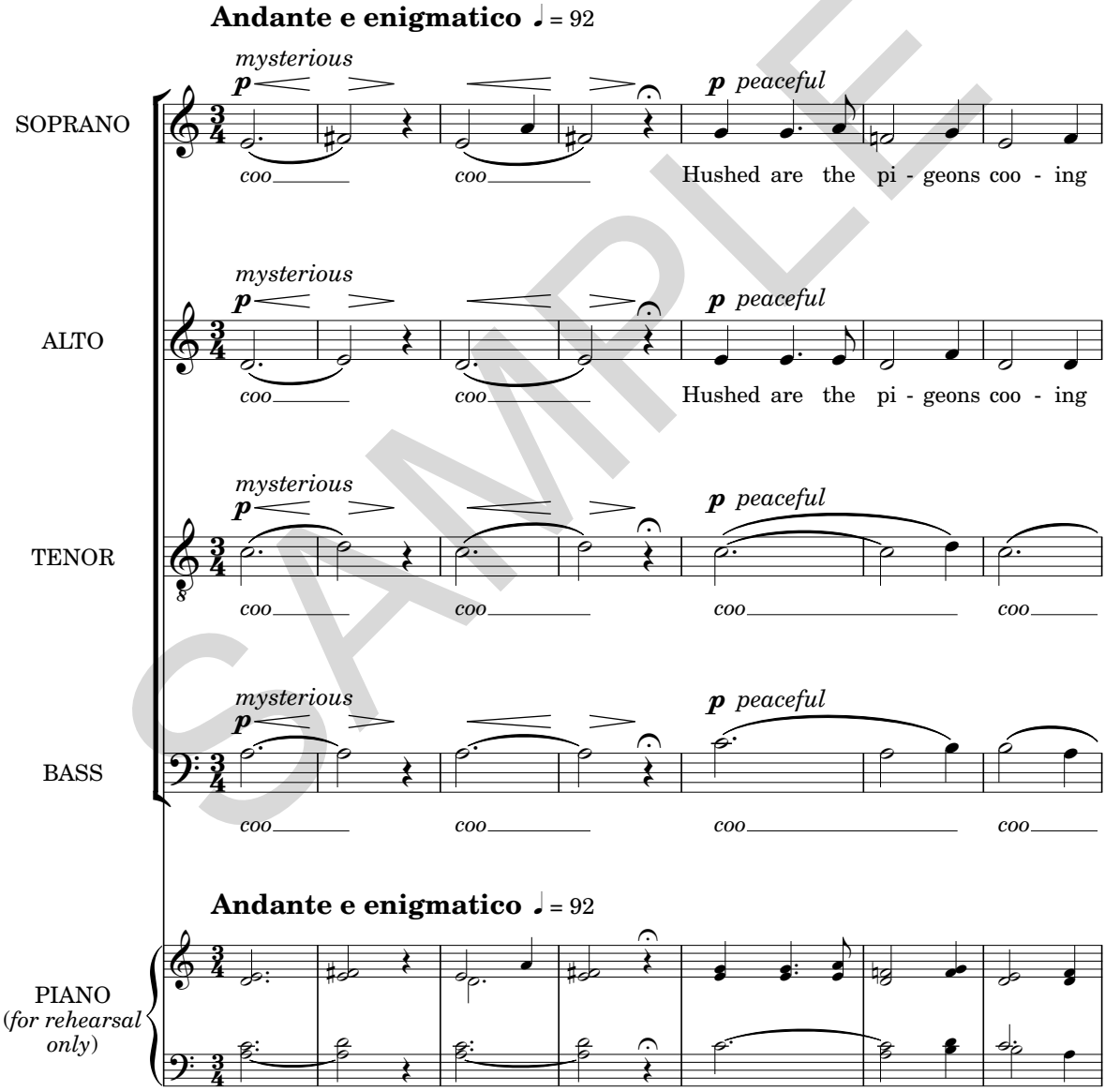
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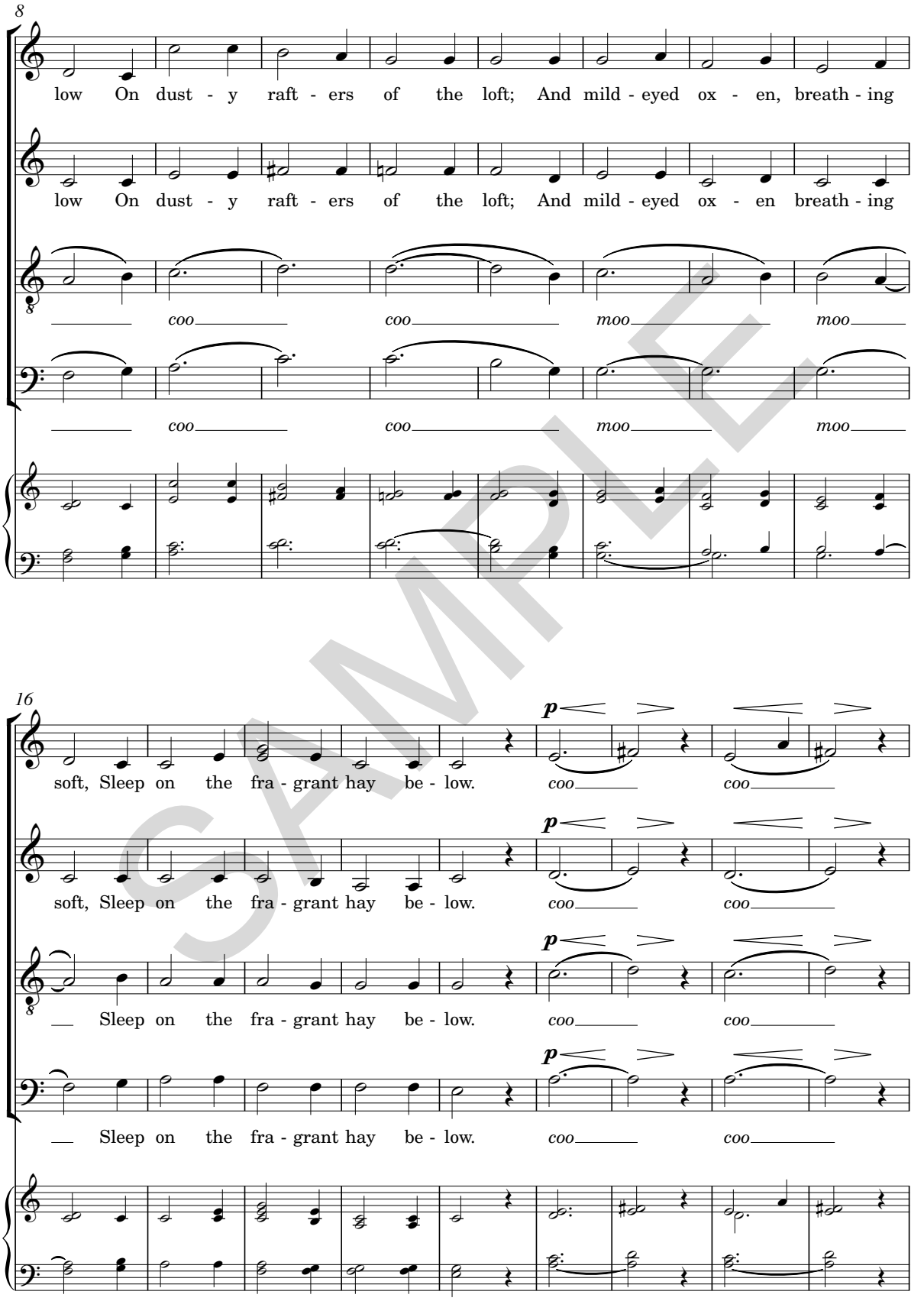
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low On dust - y raft - ers of the loft; And mild - eyed ox - en, breath - ing
low On dust - y raft - ers of the loft; And mild - eyed ox - en breath - ing
coo coo moo moo
coo coo moo moo
16
soft, Sleep on the fra - grant hay be - low.
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p
coo coo

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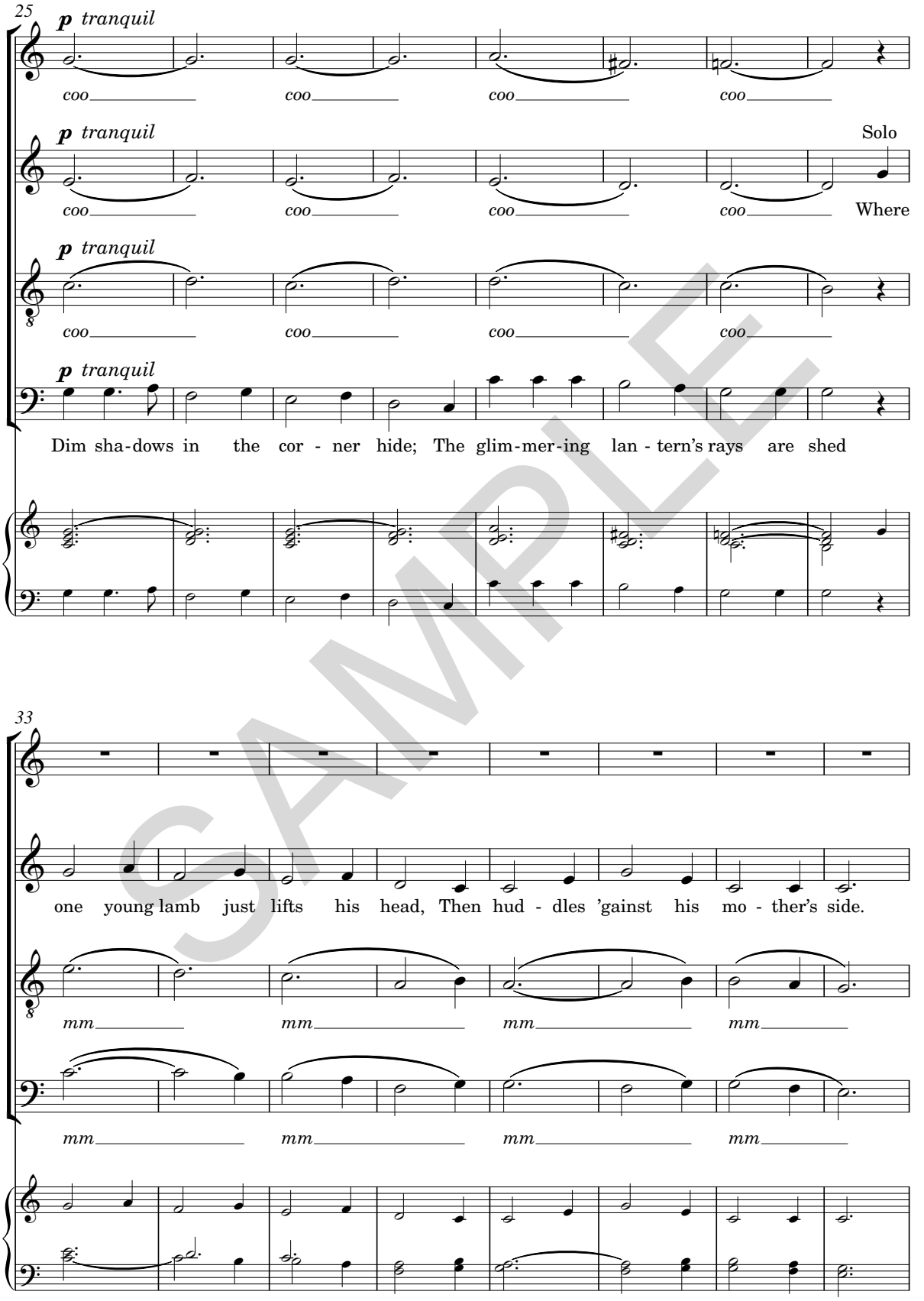
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p tranquil
coo
Solo
Where
Dim sha-dows in the cor - ner hide; The glim-mer-ing lan - tern's rays are shed
33
one young lamb just lifts his head, Then hud - dles 'gainst his mo - ther's side.
mm

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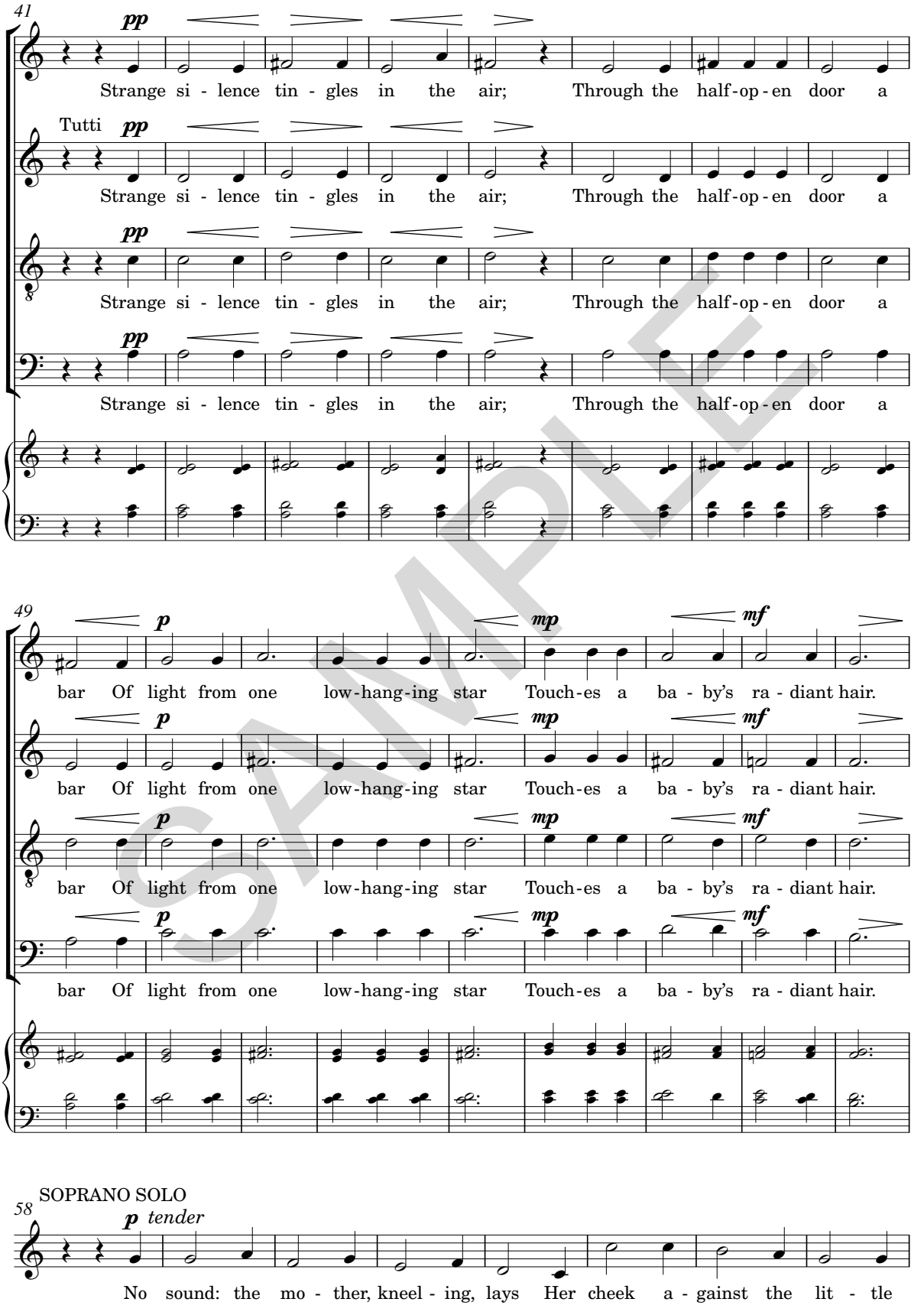
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pp
Strange si - lence tin - gles in the air; Through the half-op-en door a
Tutti
pp
Strange si - lence tin - gles in the air; Through the half-op-en door a
pp
Strange si - lence tin - gles in the air; Through the half-op-en door a
pp
Strange si - lence tin - gles in the air; Through the half-op-en door a
49
p
mp
mf
bar Of light from one low-hang-ing star Touch-es a ba - by's ra - diant hair.
p
mp
mf
bar Of light from one low-hang-ing star Touch-es a ba - by's ra - diant hair.
p
mp
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bar Of light from one low-hang-ing star Touch-es a ba - by's ra - diant hair.
p
mp
mf
bar Of light from one low-hang-ing star Touch-es a ba - by's ra - diant hair.
SOPRANO SOLO
58
p tender
No sound: the mo - ther, kneel - ing, lays Her cheek a - gainst the lit - tle

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