The Holy Well

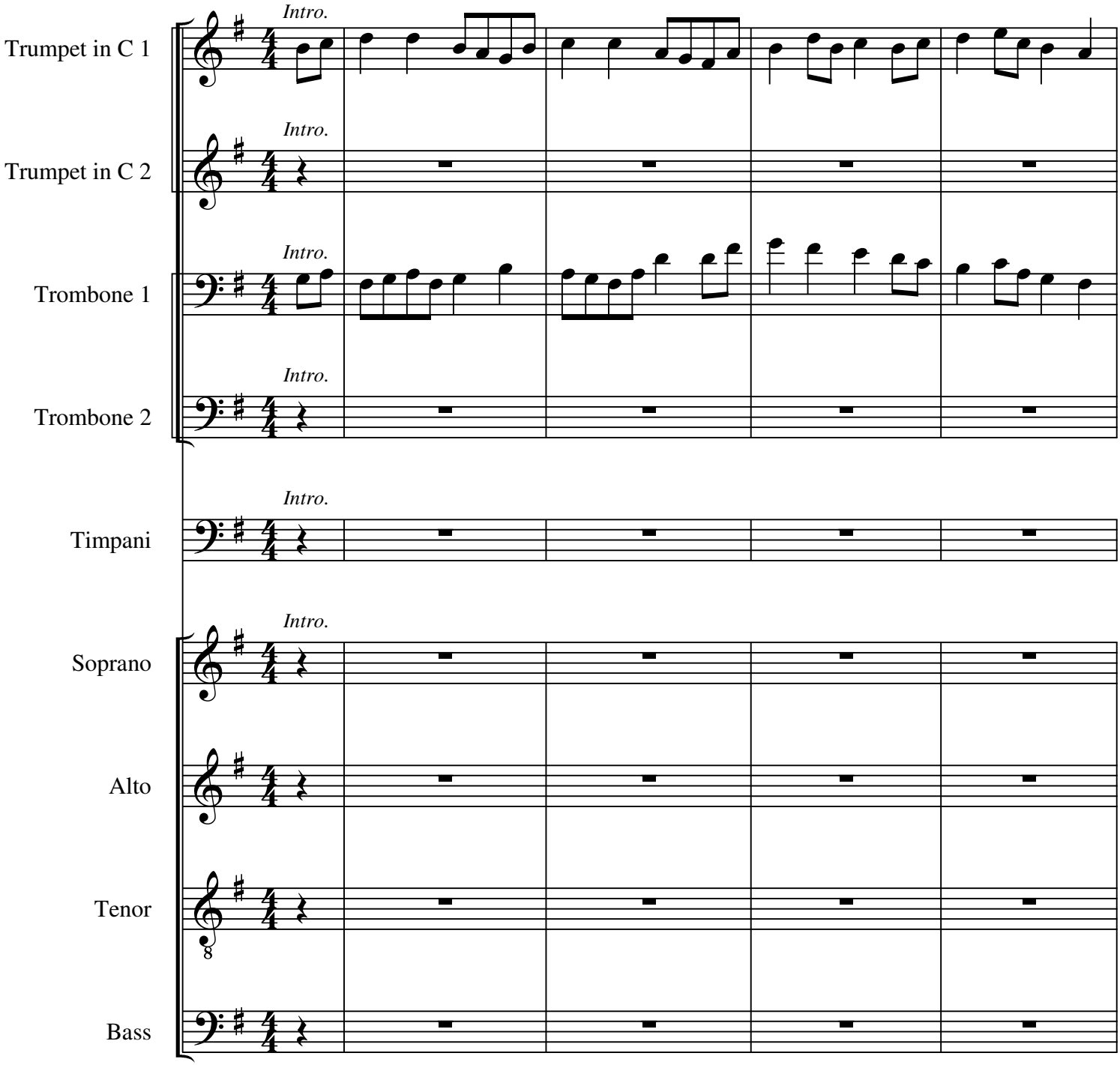
(Tune noted by Cecil Sharp - Camborne, 1913)

for Choir, Brass & Timpany

Score

Traditional English
Arr. Michel Rondeau

Allegro ♩ = 100



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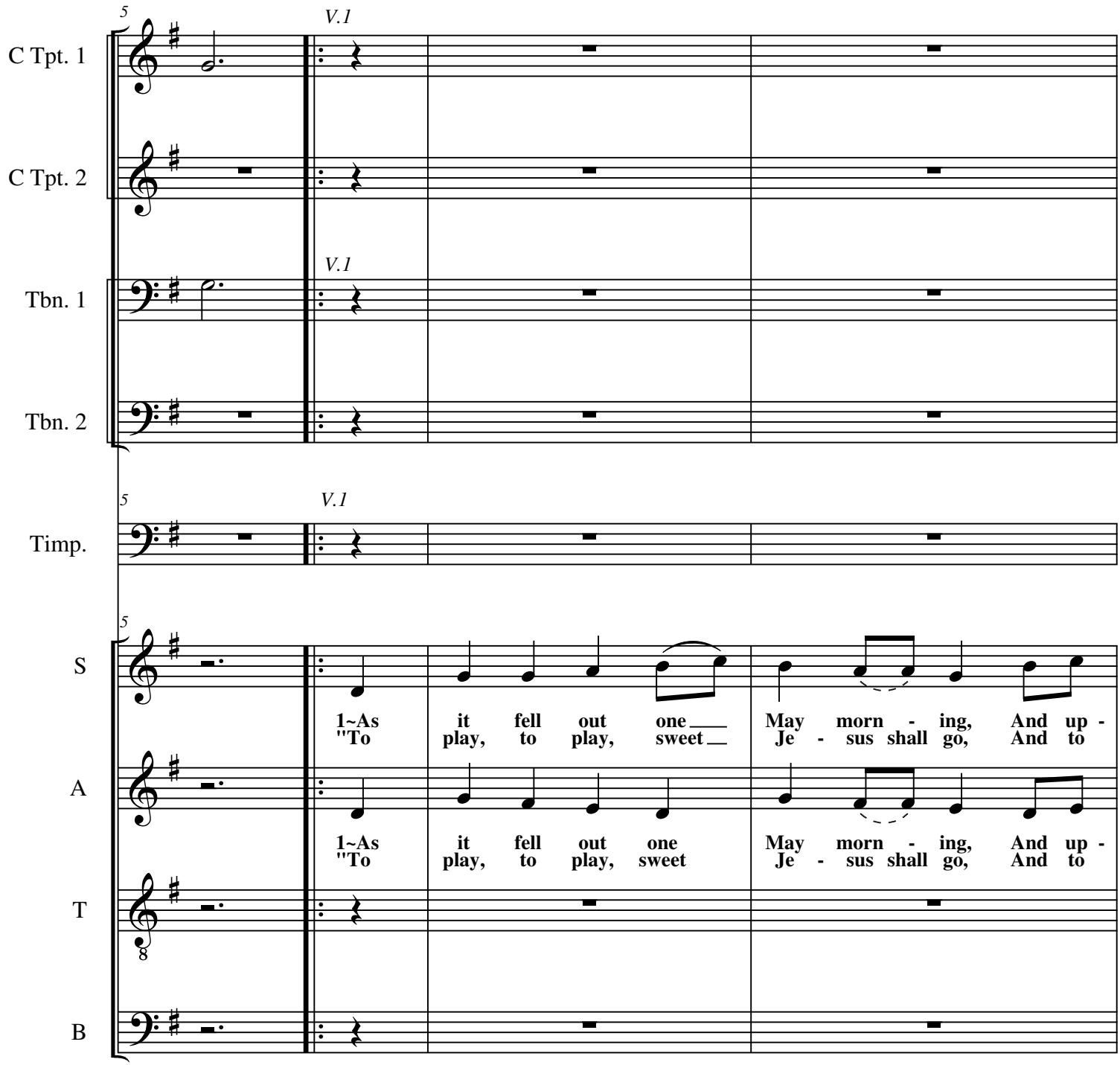
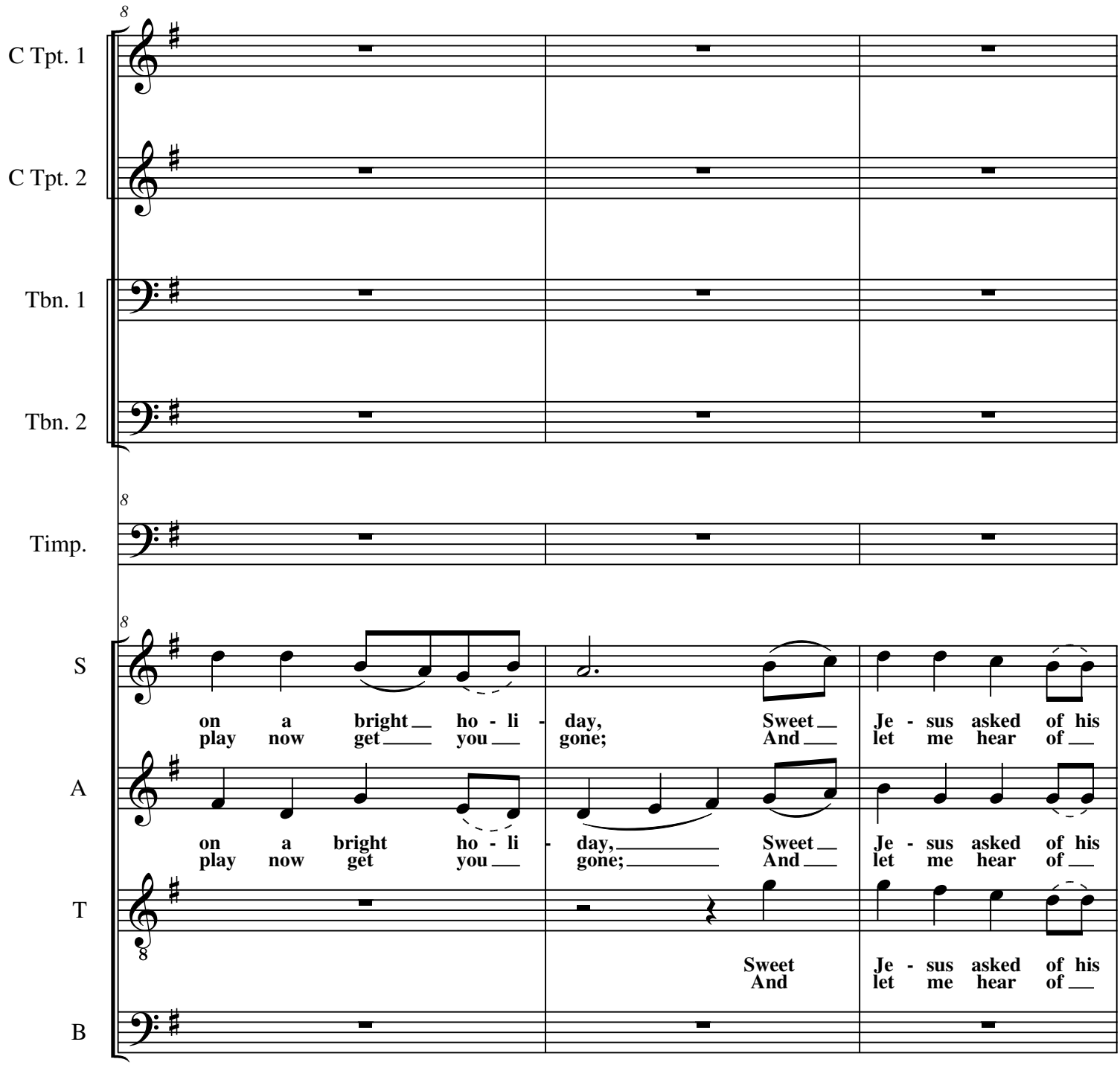
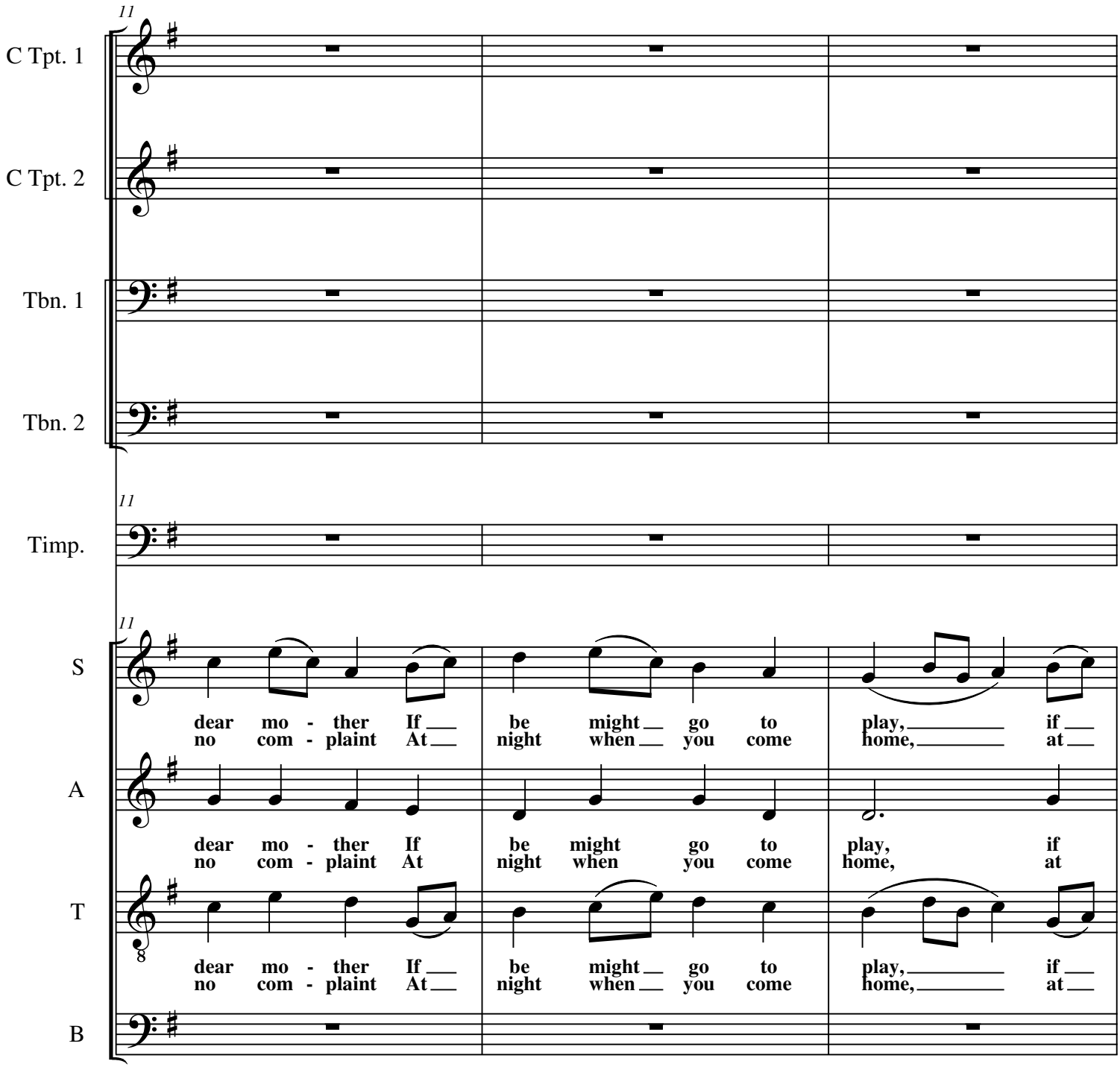
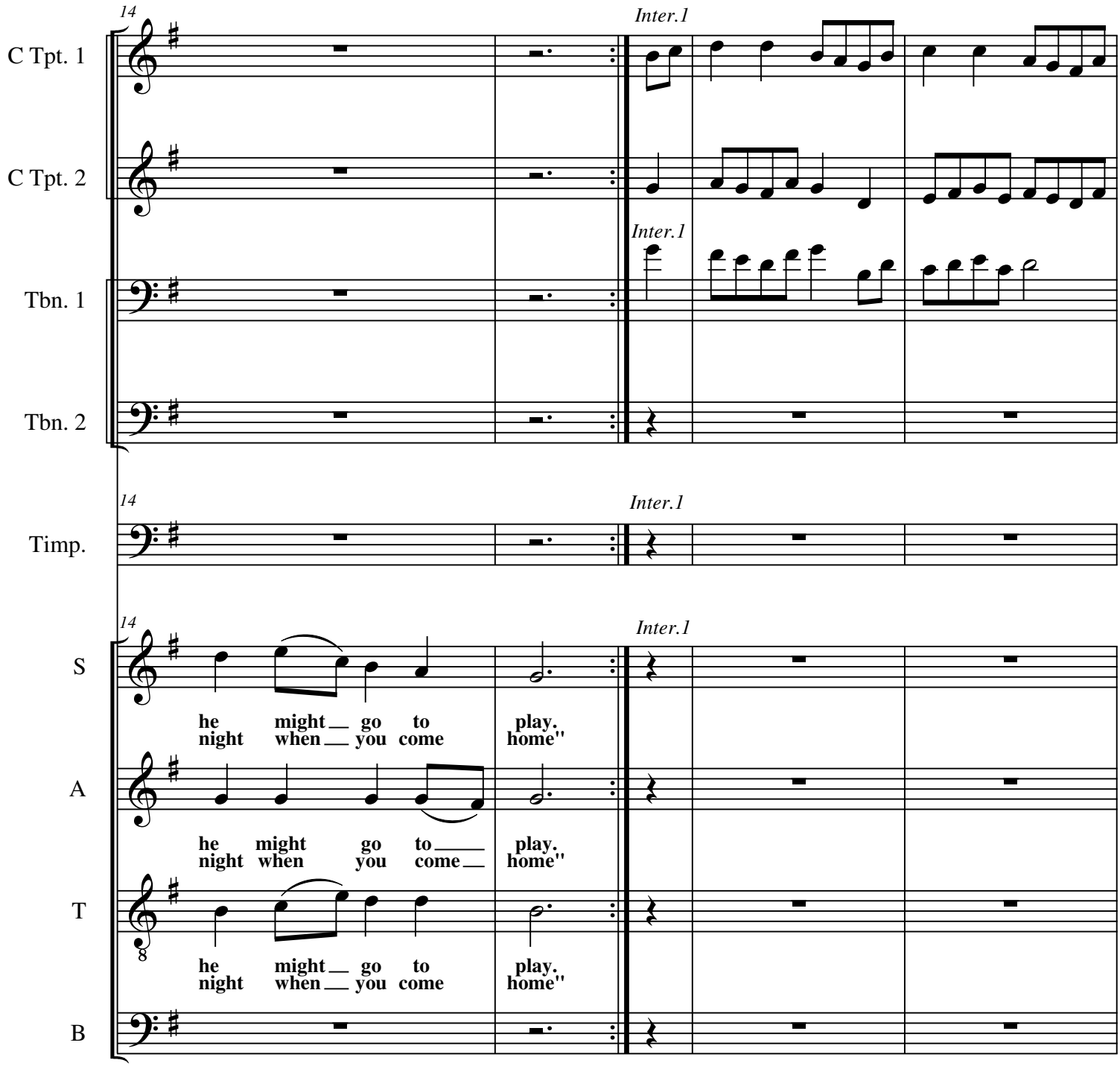

5
V.1
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
V.1
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
5
V.1
Timp.
5
S
1~As it fell out one
"To play, to play, sweet
May morn - ing, And up -
Je - sus shall go, And to
A
1~As it fell out one
"To play, to play, sweet
May morn - ing, And up -
Je - sus shall go, And to
T
B


C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
on a bright ho - li - day, Sweet Je - sus asked of his
play now get you gone; And let me hear of
on a bright ho - li - day, Sweet Je - sus asked of his
play now get you gone; And let me hear of
Sweet Je - sus asked of his
And let me hear of


11
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
11
Timp.
11
S
dear mo - ther If be might go to play, if
no com - plaint At night when you come home, at
A
dear mo - ther If be might go to play, if
no com - plaint At night when you come home, at
T
8
dear mo - ther If be might go to play, if
no com - plaint At night when you come home, at
B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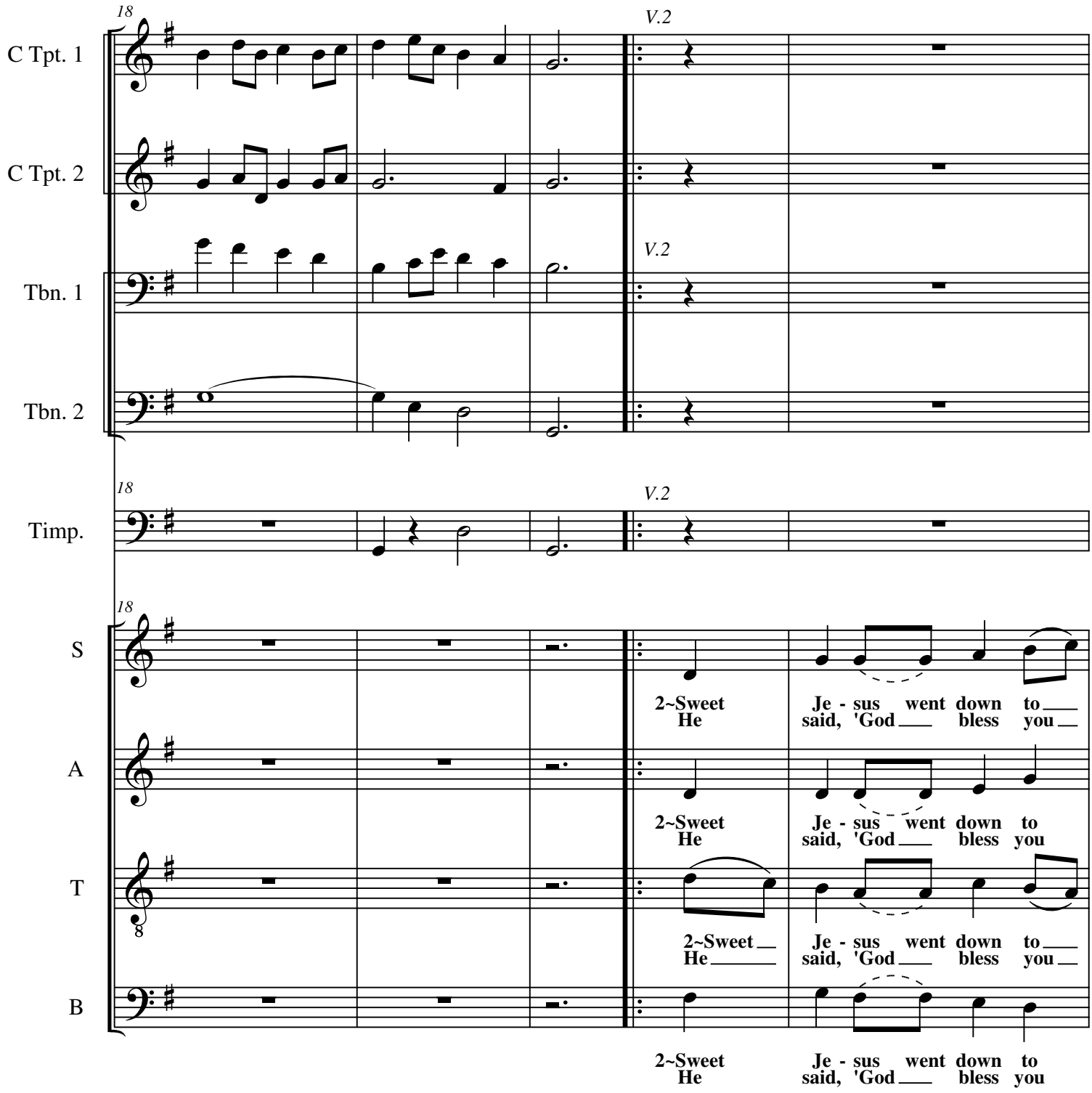
Inter.1
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
he might go to play.
night when you come home"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V.2
C Tpt. 1
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Tbn. 1
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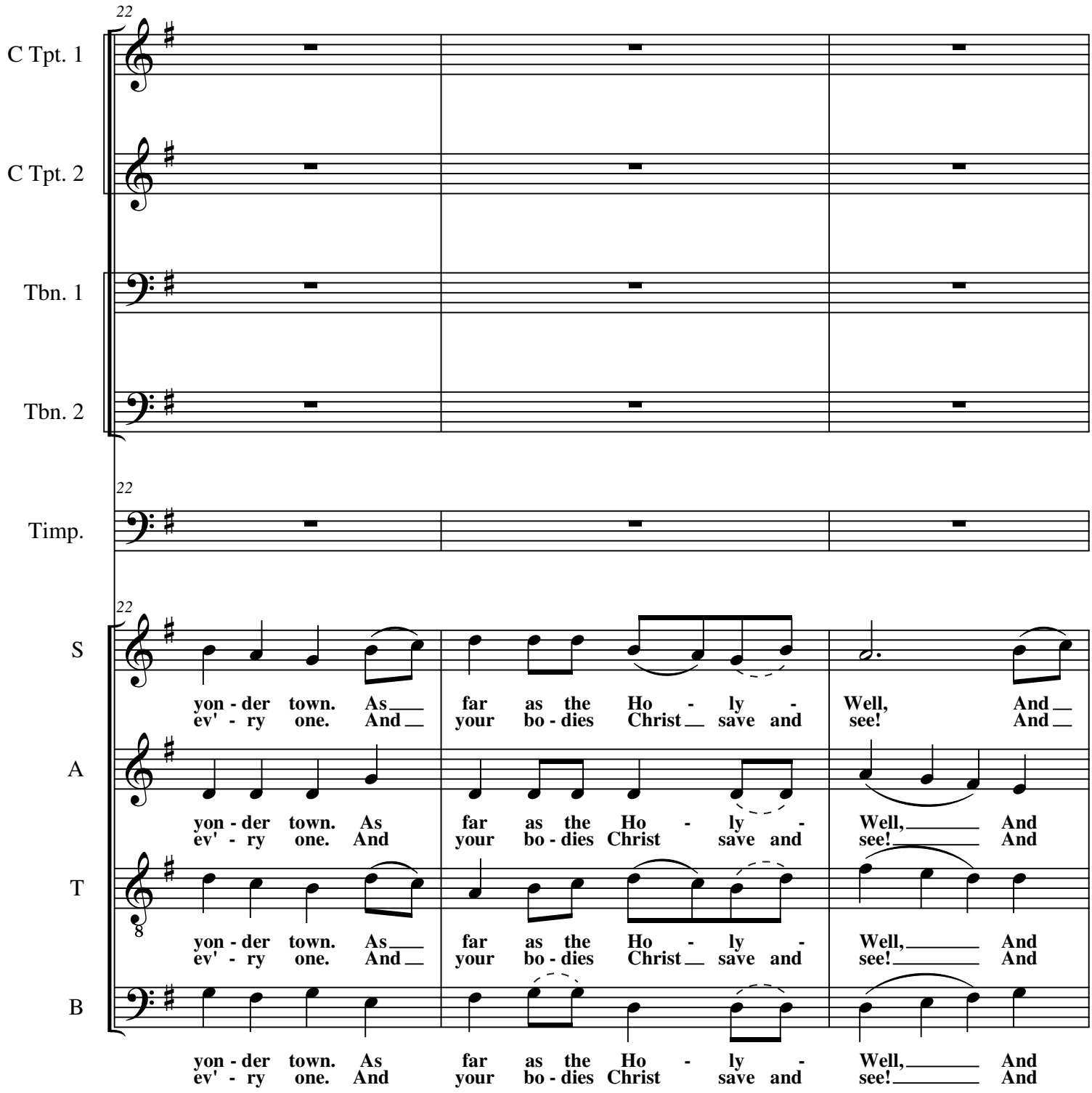
Timp.
S
A
T
B
2~Sweet He
Je - sus went down to
said, 'God bless you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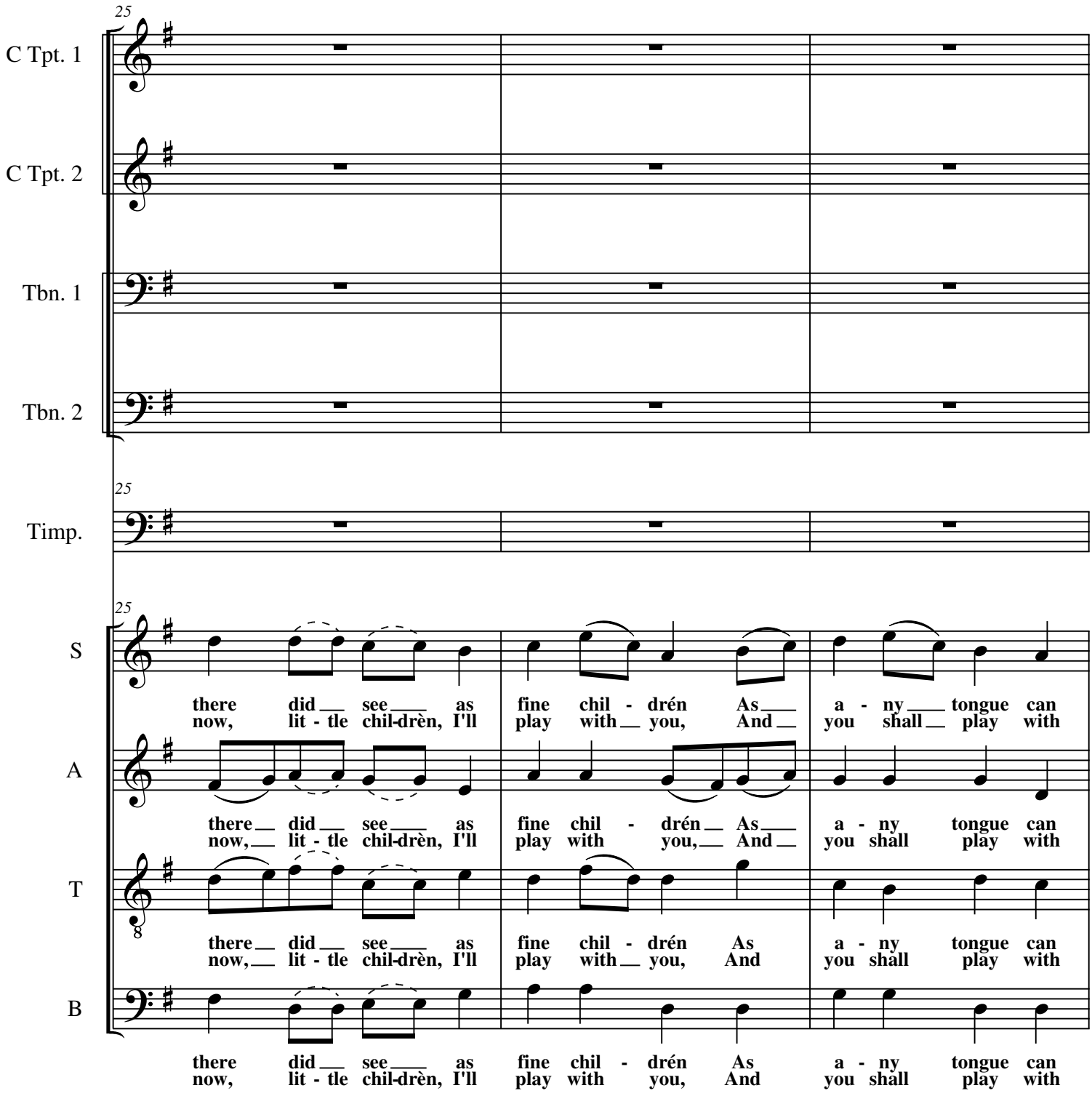
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
22
Timp.
22
S
yon - der town. As far as the Ho - ly - Well, And
ev' - ry one. And your bo - dies Christ save and see! And
A
yon - der town. As far as the Ho - ly - Well, And
ev' - ry one. And your bo - dies Christ save and see! And
T
8
yon - der town. As far as the Ho - ly - Well, And
ev' - ry one. And your bo - dies Christ save and see! And
B
yon - der town. As far as the Ho - ly - Well, And
ev' - ry one. And your bo - dies Christ save and see! And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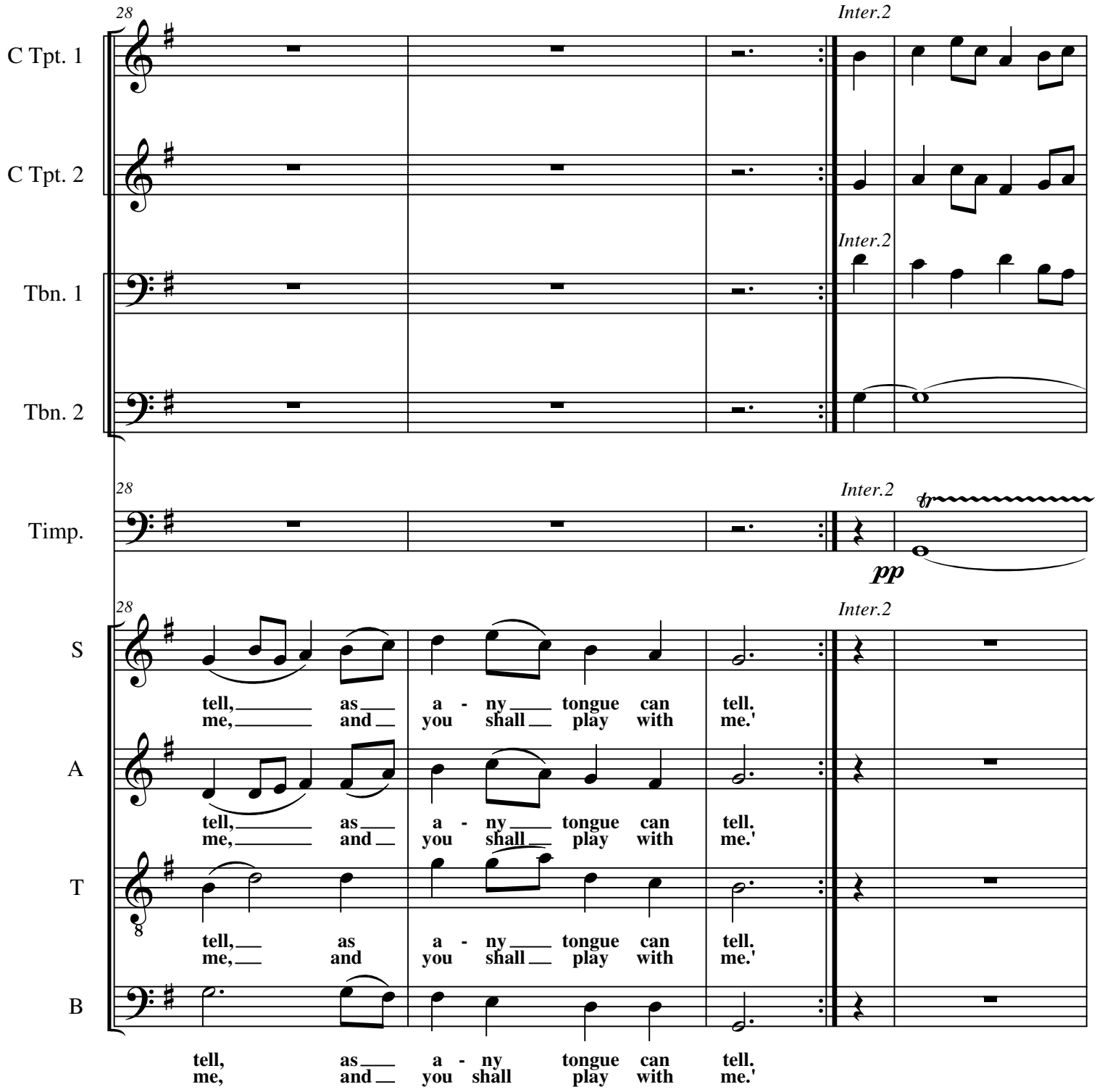
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
25
Timp.
25
S
there did see as fine chil - drén As a - ny tongue can
now, lit - tle chil-drèn, I'll play with you, And you shall play with
A
there did see as fine chil - drén As a - ny tongue can
now, lit - tle chil-drèn, I'll play with you, And you shall play with
T
there did see as fine chil - drén As a - ny tongue can
now, lit - tle chil-drèn, I'll play with you, And you shall play with
B
there did see as fine chil - drén As a - ny tongue can
now, lit - tle chil-drèn, I'll play with you, And you shall play with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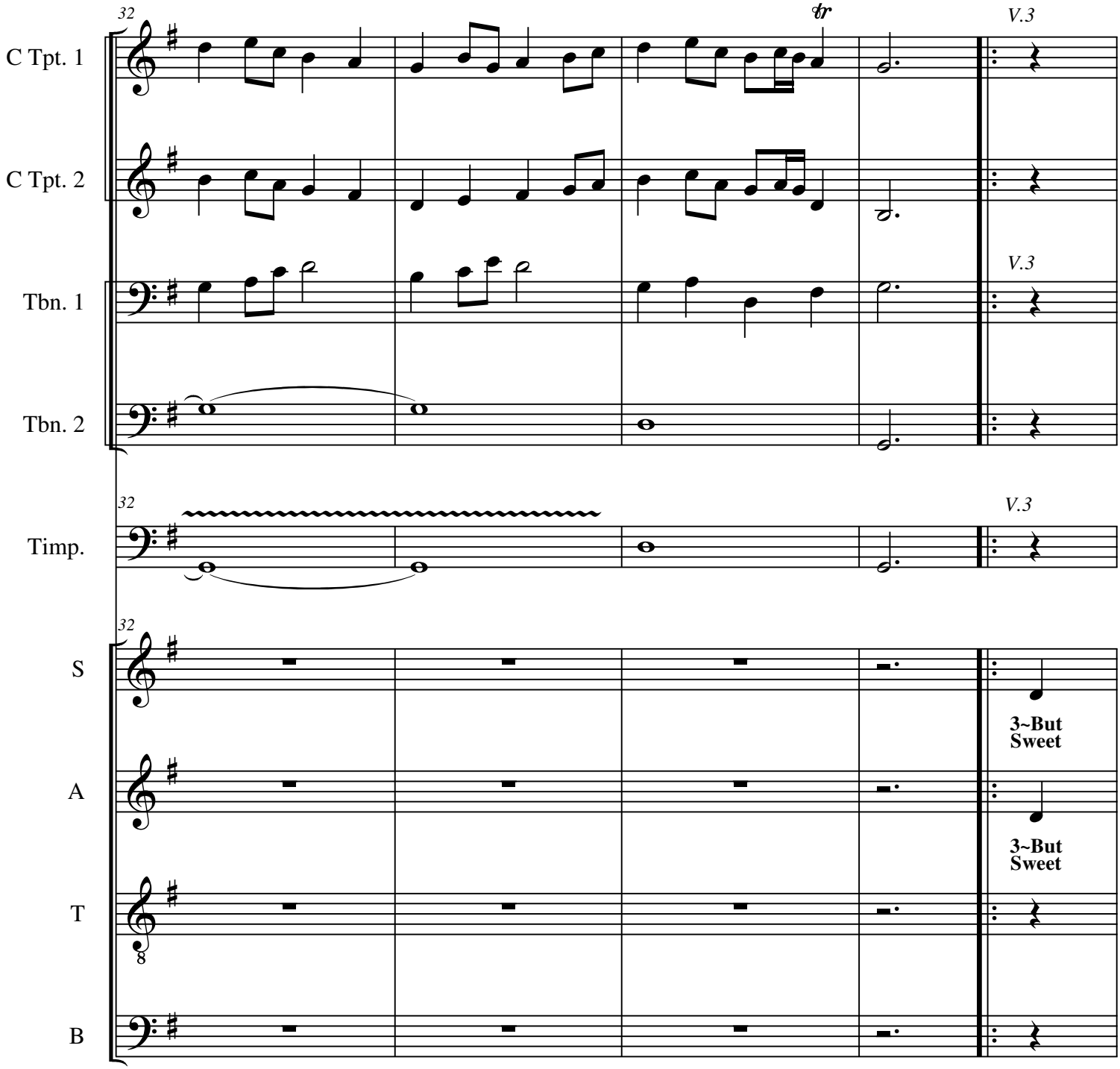
Inter.2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
tr
pp
S
A
T
B
tell, as a - ny tongue can tell.
me, and you shall play with me.'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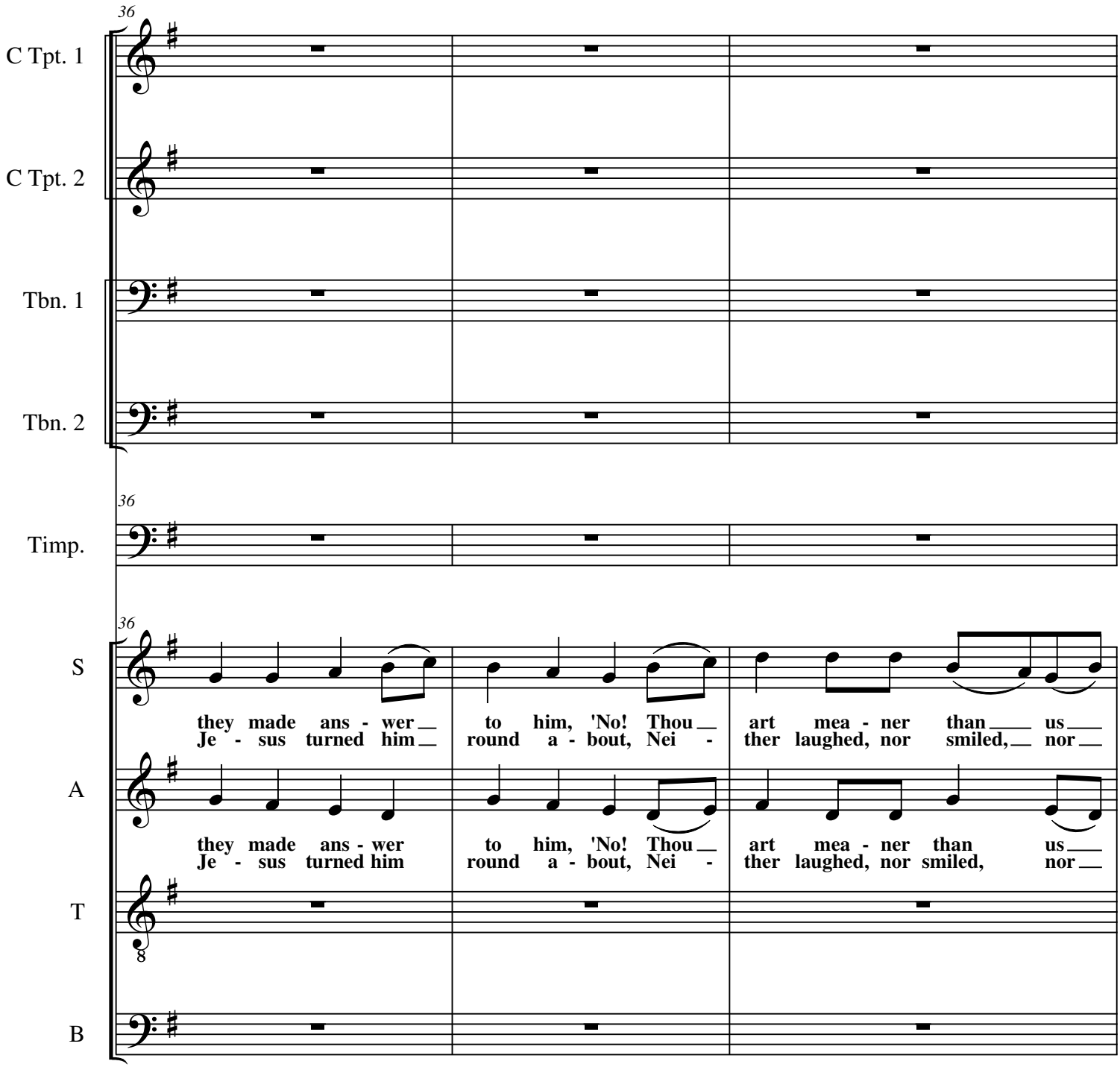
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
tr
V.3
3~But
Sweet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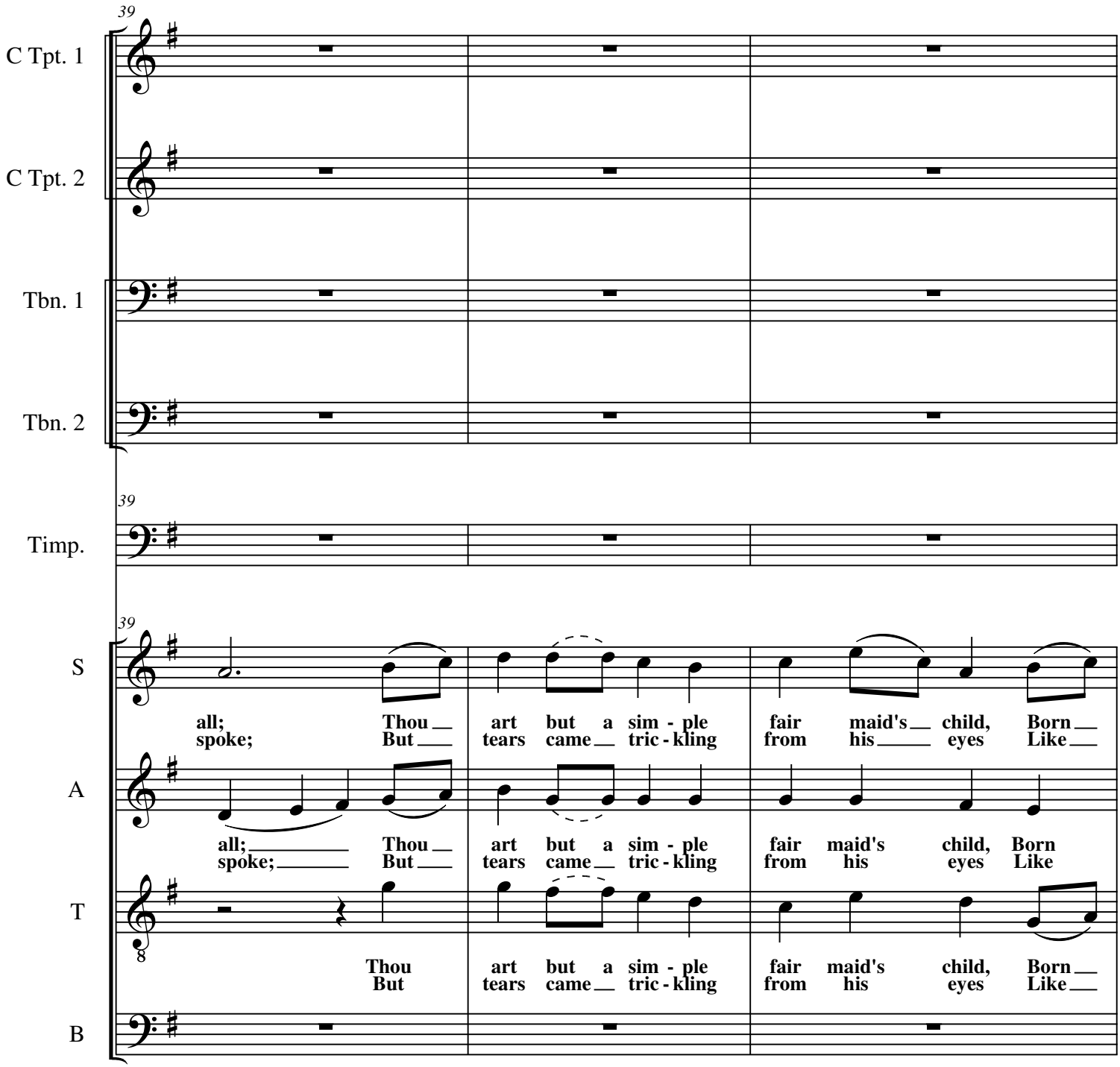
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
36
Timp.
36
S
they made ans - wer to him, 'No! Thou art mea - ner than us
Je - sus turned him round a - bout, Nei - ther laughed, nor smiled, nor
A
they made ans - wer to him, 'No! Thou art mea - ner than us
Je - sus turned him round a - bout, Nei - ther laughed, nor smiled, nor
T
8
B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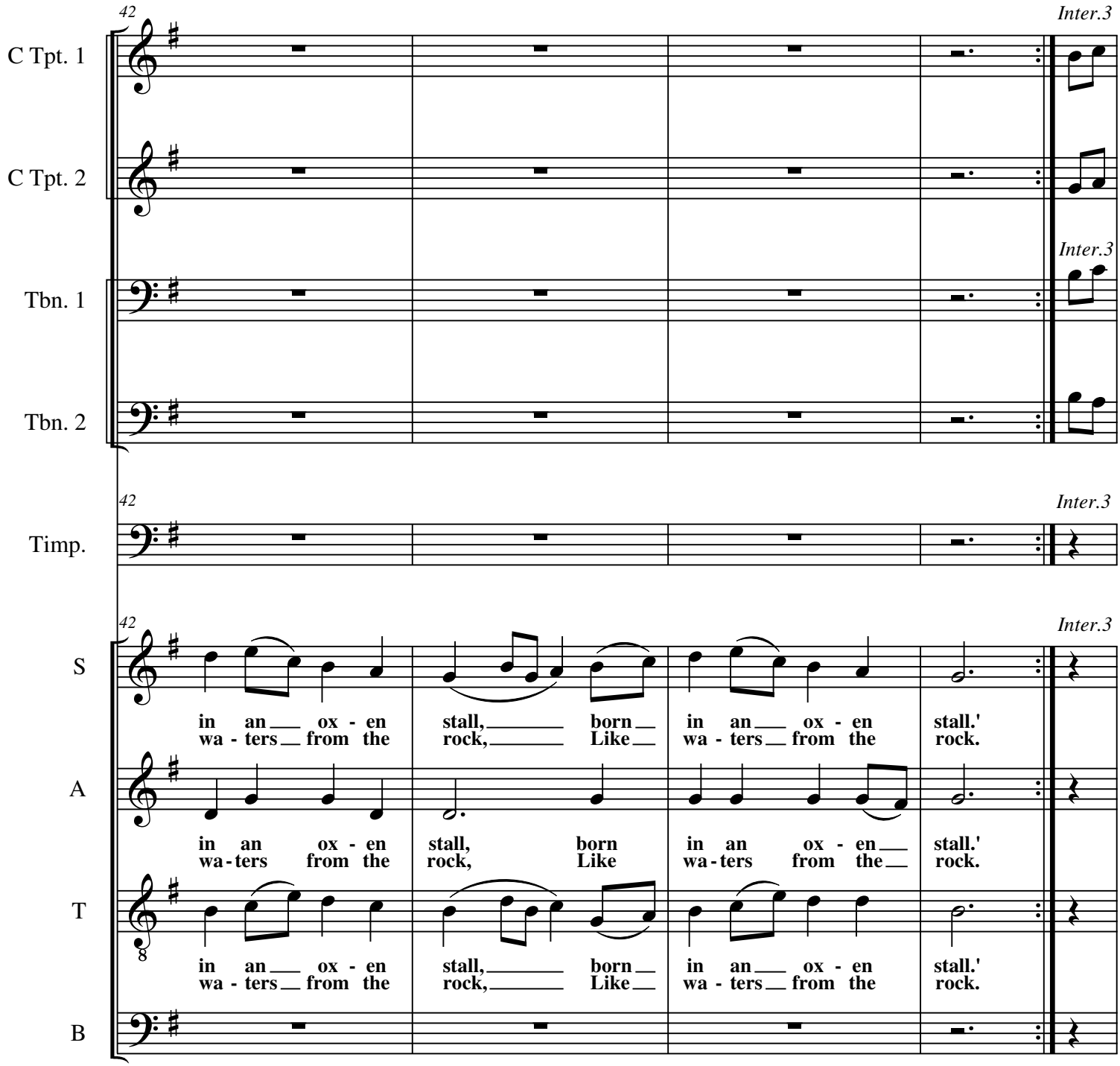
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
39
Timp.
39
S
all; Thou art but a sim - ple fair maid's child, Born
spoke; But tears came tric - kling from his eyes Like
A
all; Thou art but a sim - ple fair maid's child, Born
spoke; But tears came tric - kling from his eyes Like
T
Thou art but a sim - ple fair maid's child, Born
But tears came tric - kling from his eyes Like
B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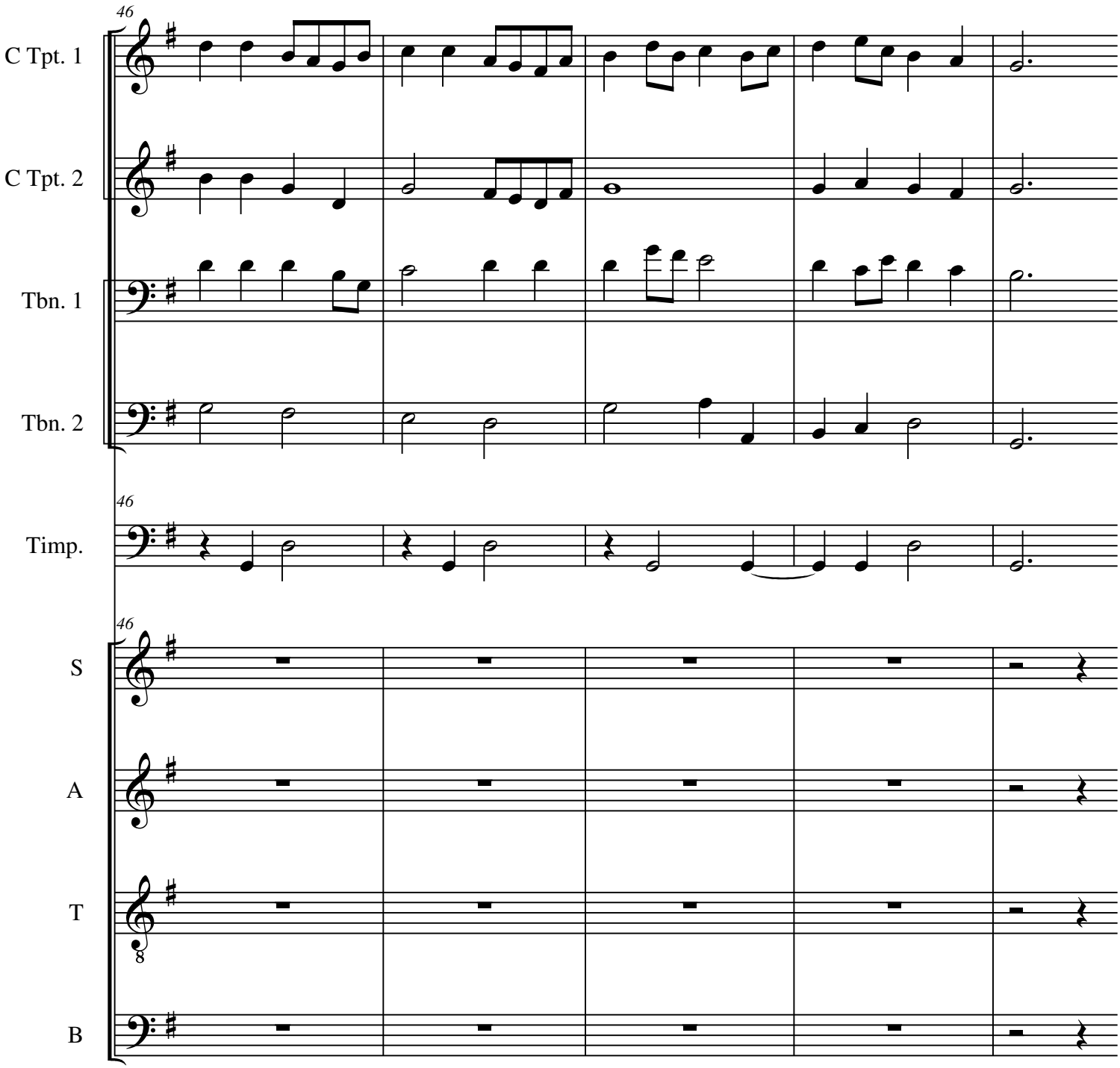
Inter.3
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
in an ox - en stall, born in an ox - en stall.'
wa - ters from the rock, Like wa - ters from the rock.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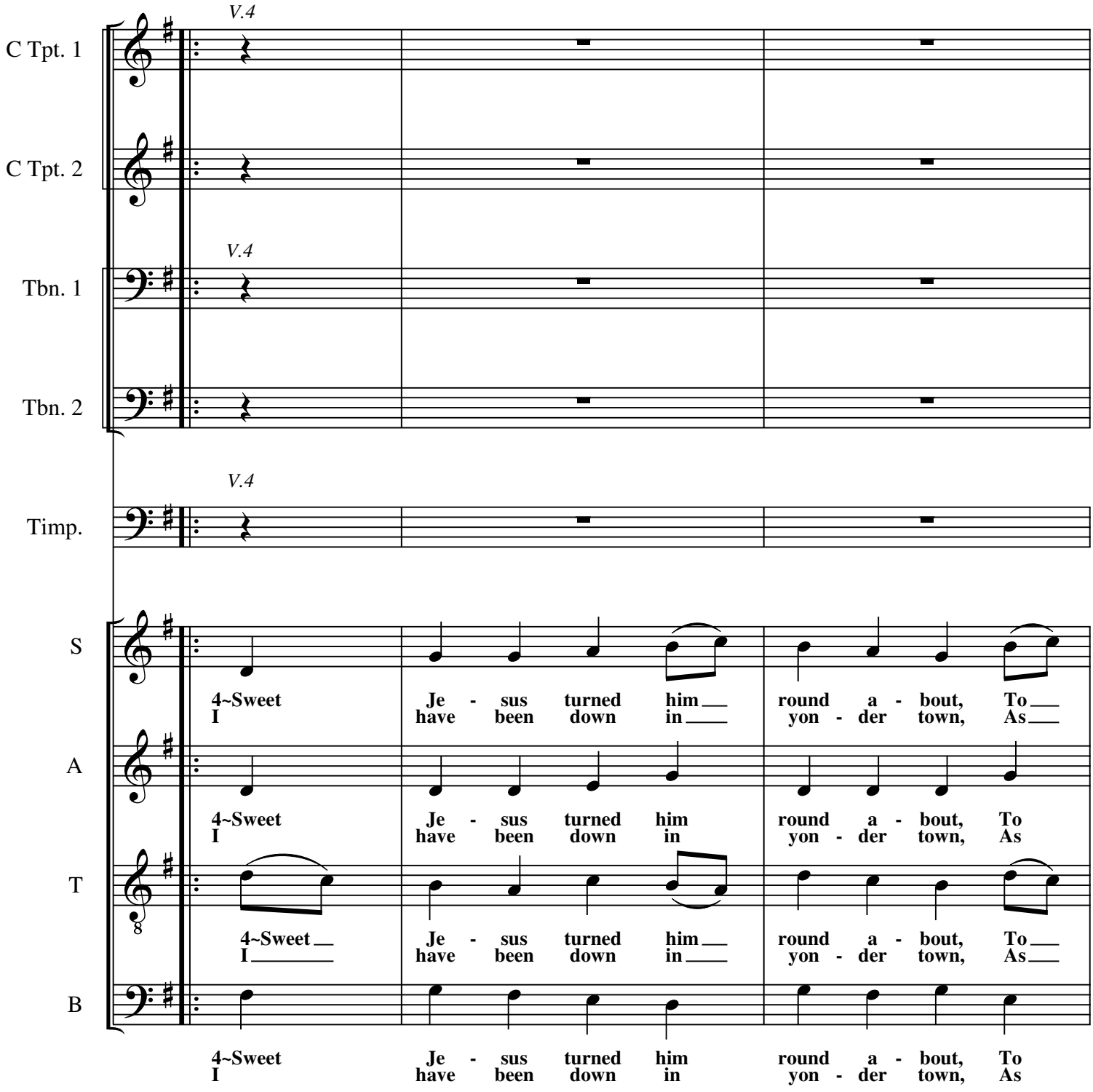
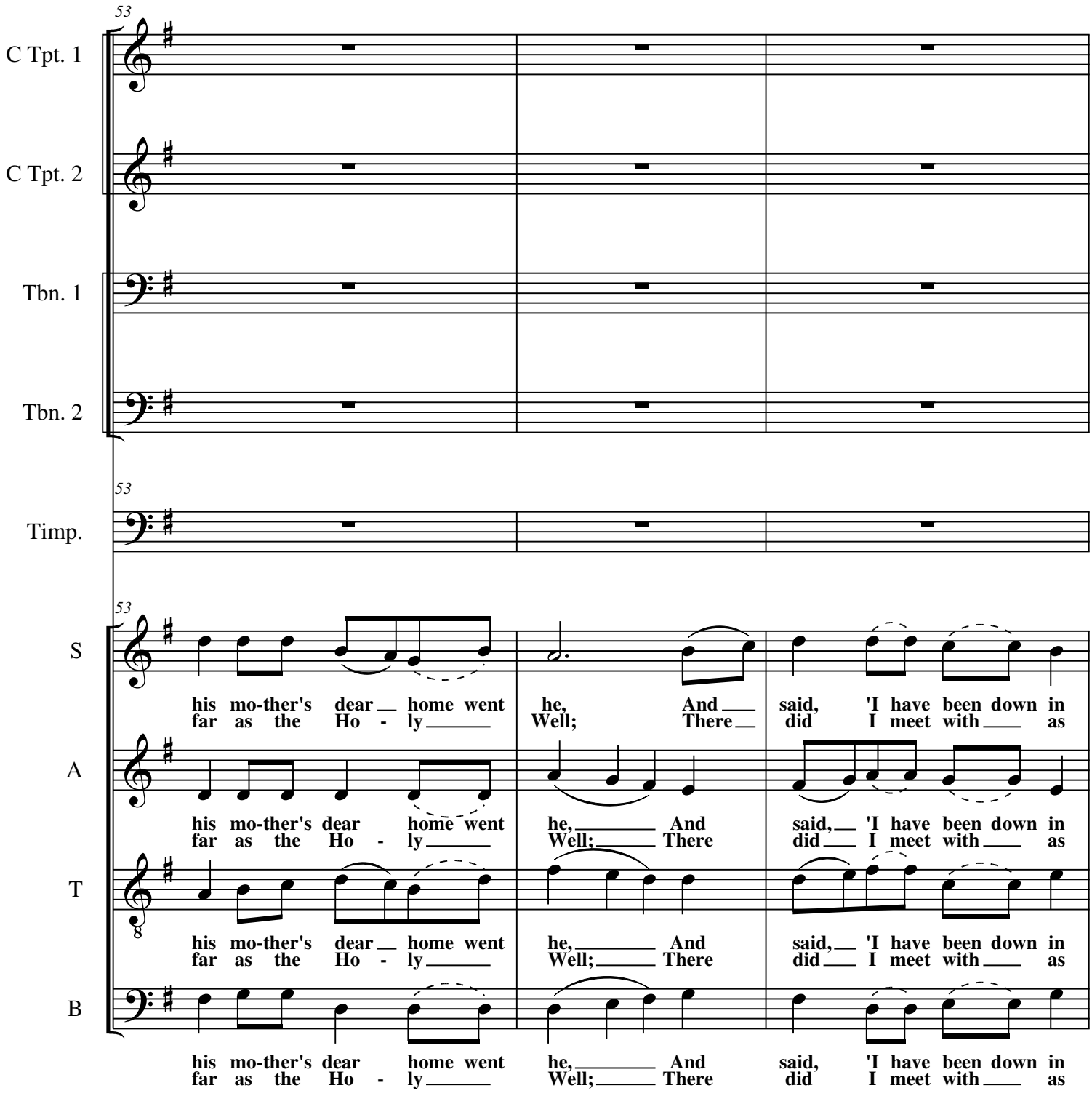
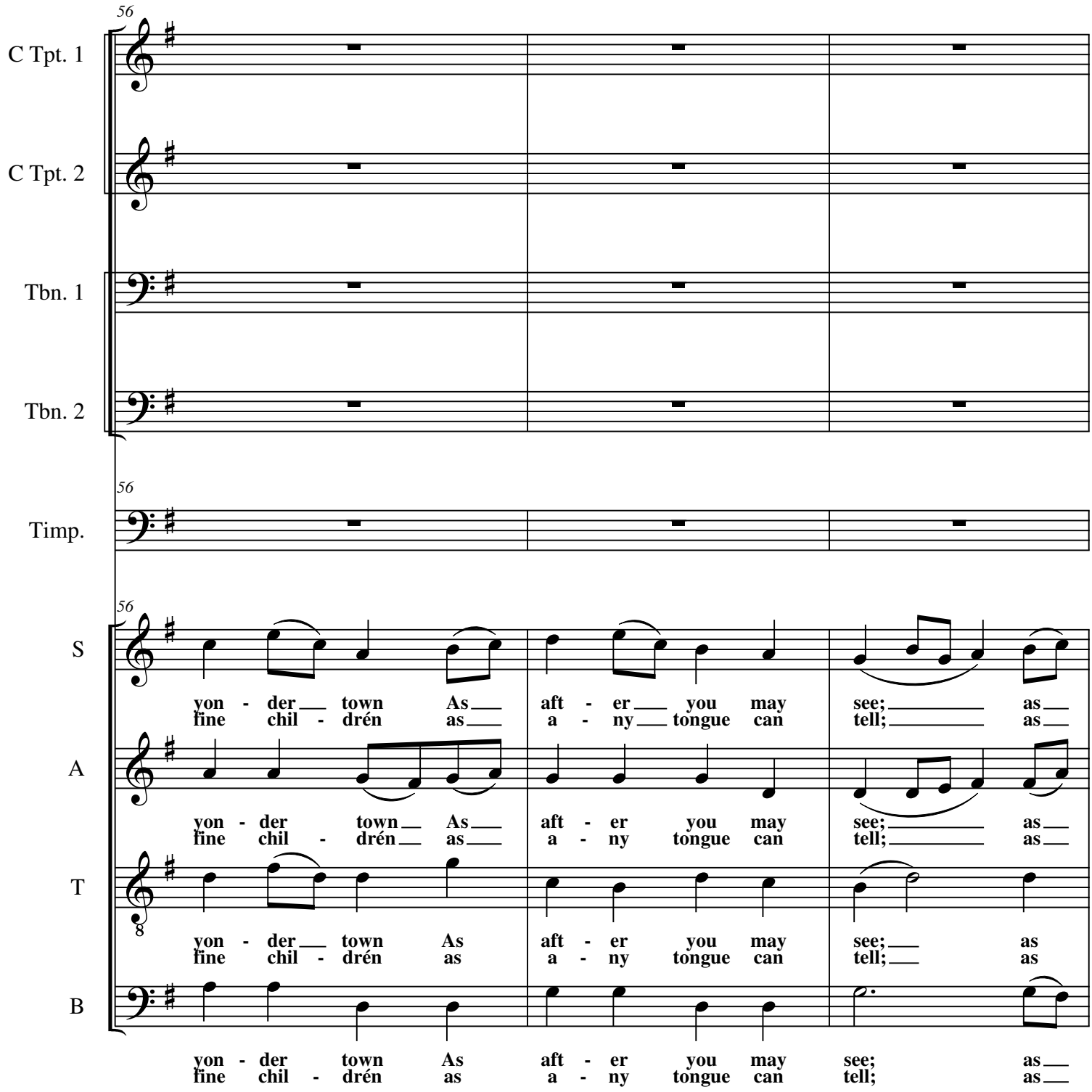
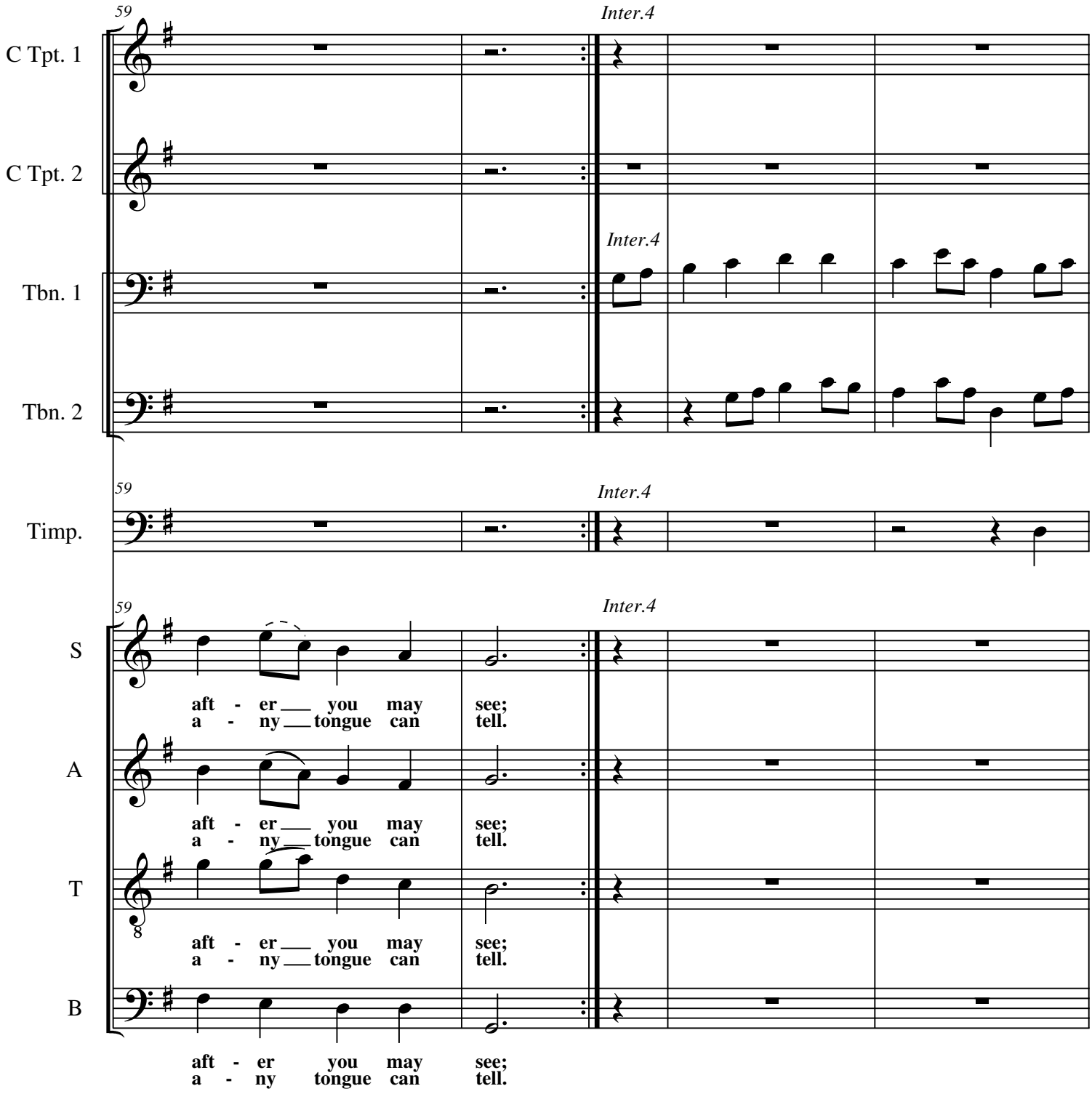
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
46
Timp.
46
S
A
T
8
B


C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
V.4
4~Sweet I
Je - sus turned him round a - bout, To
have been down in yon - der town, As


53
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
53
Timp.
53
S
his mo-ther's dear home went he, And said, 'I have been down in
far as the Ho - ly Well; There did I meet with as
A
his mo-ther's dear home went he, And said, 'I have been down in
far as the Ho - ly Well; There did I meet with as
T
his mo-ther's dear home went he, And said, 'I have been down in
far as the Ho - ly Well; There did I meet with as
B
his mo-ther's dear home went he, And said, 'I have been down in
far as the Ho - ly Well; There did I meet with as


56
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
56
Timp.
56
S
von - der town As aft - er you may see; as
fine chil - drén as a - ny tongue can tell; as
A
von - der town As aft - er you may see; as
fine chil - drén as a - ny tongue can tell; as
T
8
von - der town As aft - er you may see; as
fine chil - drén as a - ny tongue can tell; as
B
von - der town As aft - er you may see; as
fine chil - drén as a - ny tongue can tell; as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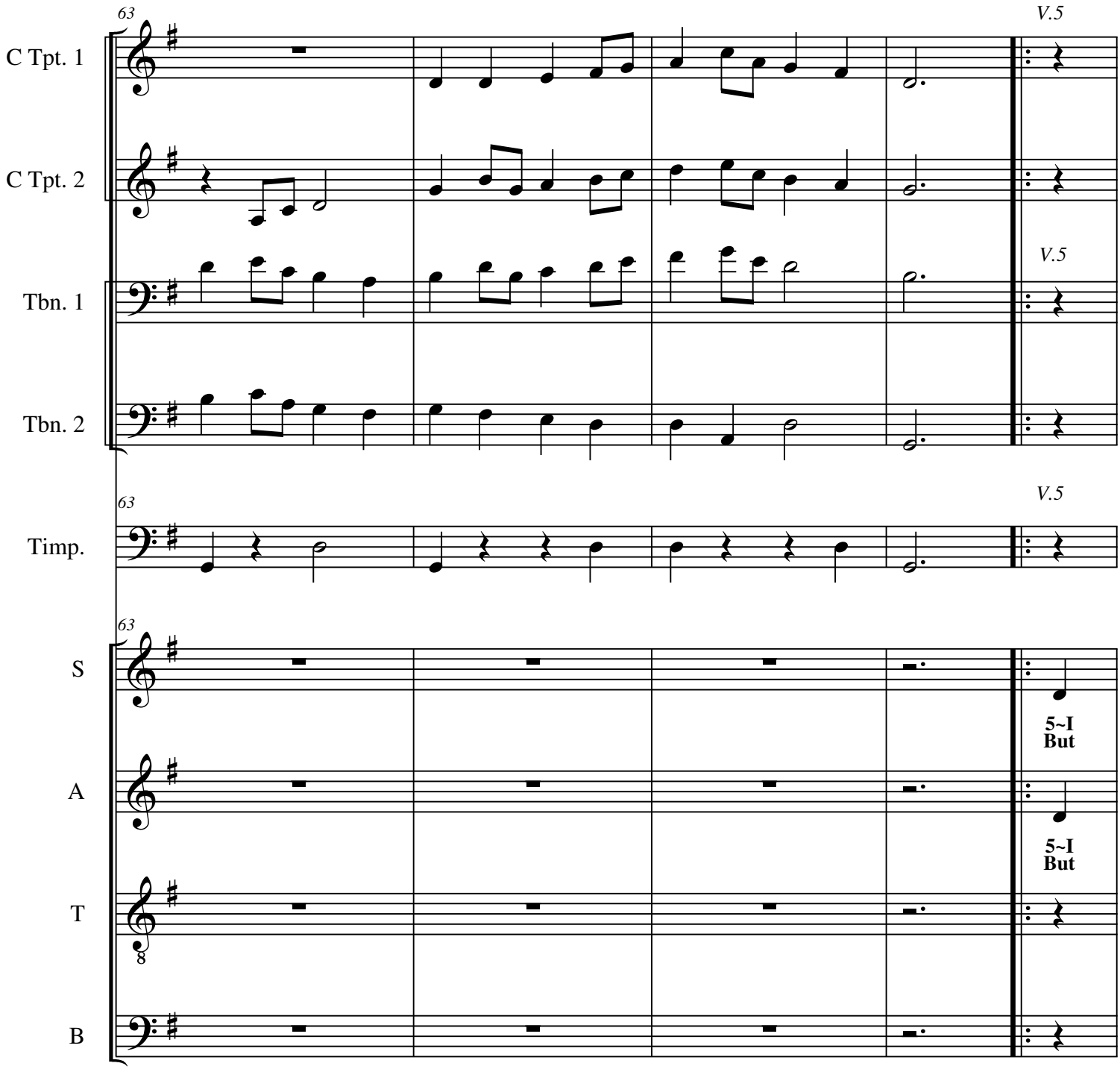
Inter.4
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Inter.4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
59
Inter.4
Timp.
59
Inter.4
S
aft - er you may see;
a - ny tongue can tell.
A
aft - er you may see;
a - ny tongue can tell.
T
aft - er you may see;
a - ny tongue can tell.
B
aft - er you may see;
a - ny tongue can tell.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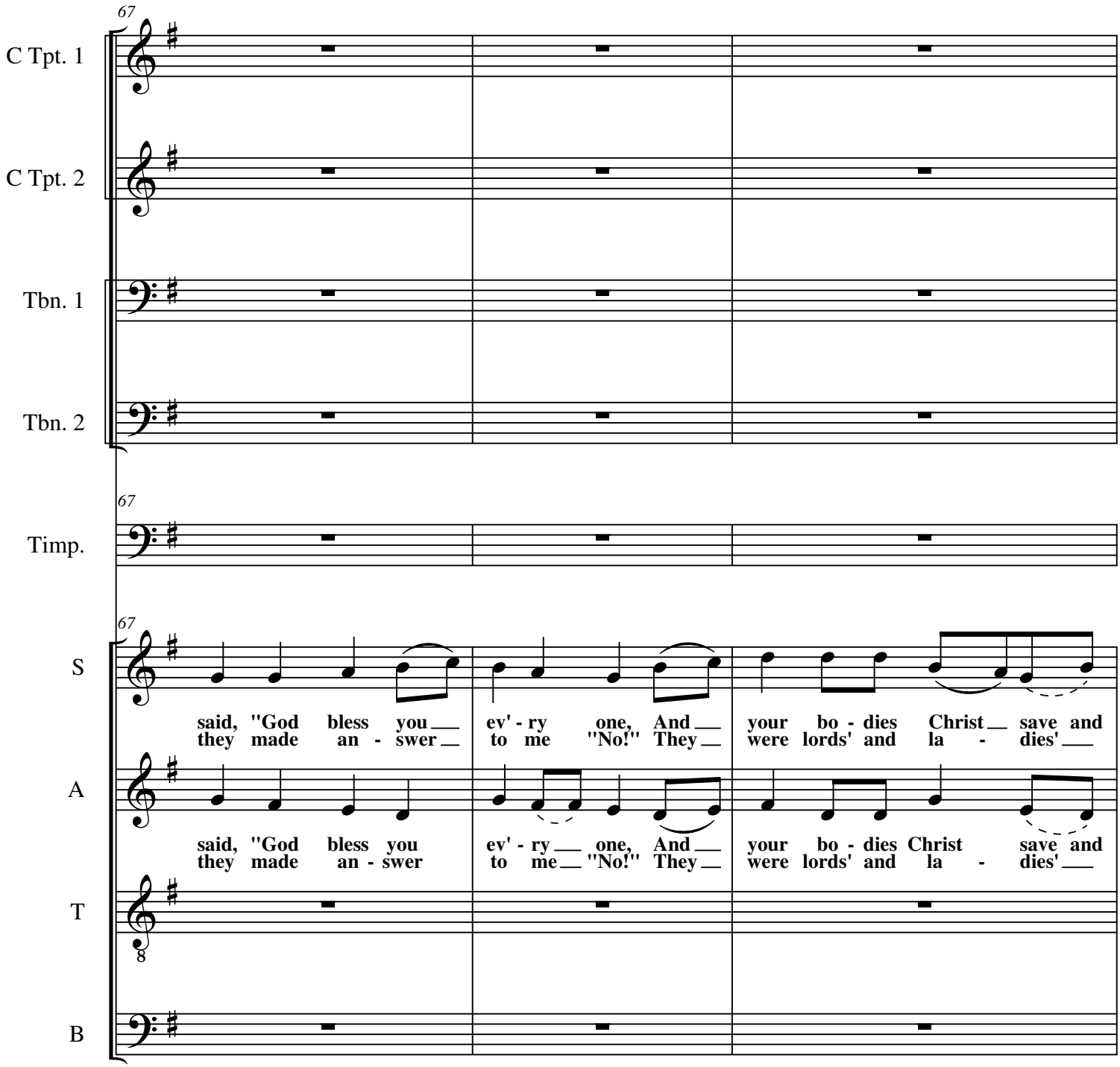
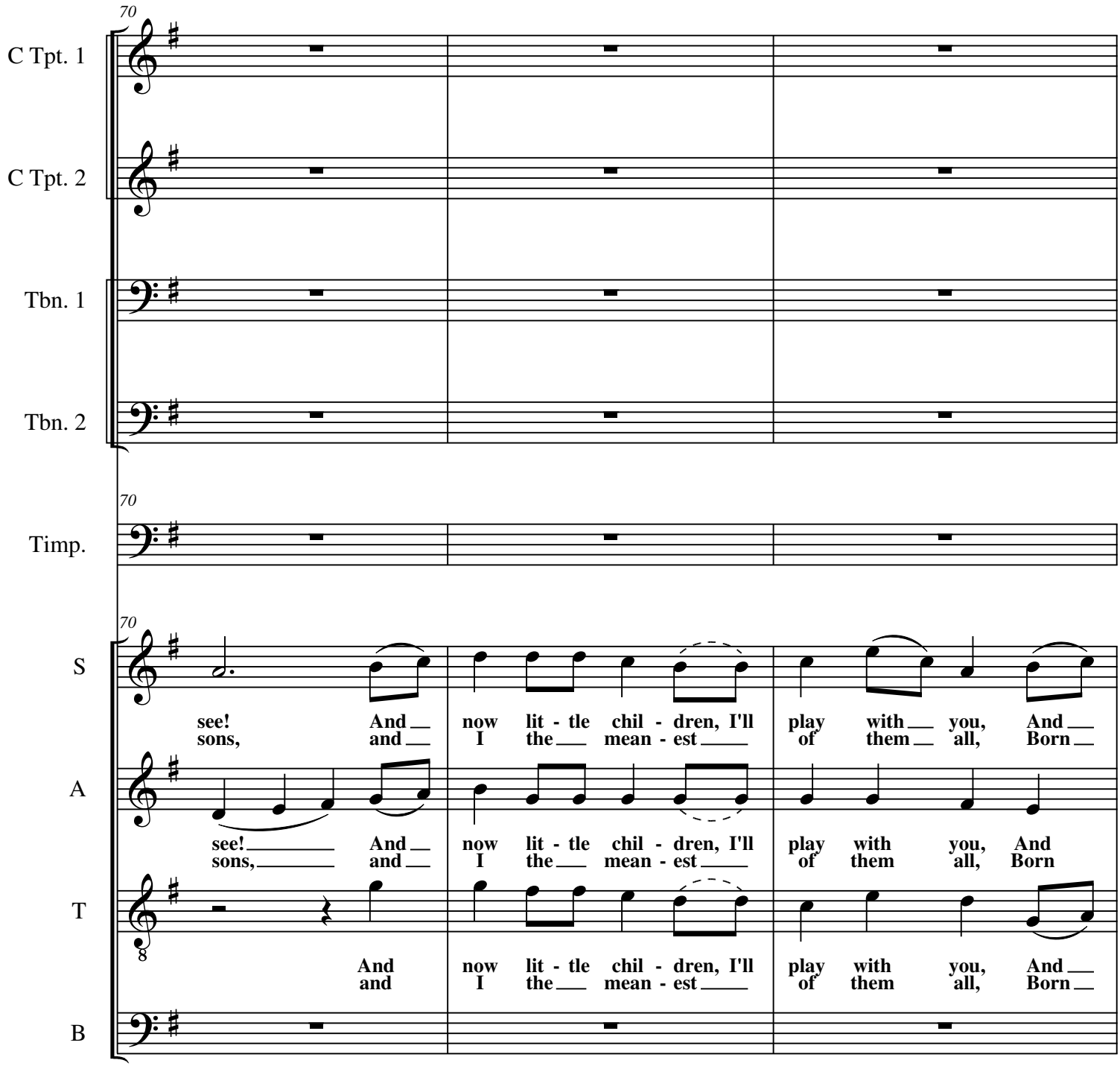
V.5
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
5~I
But


67
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
67
Timp.
67
S
said, "God bless you ev' - ry one, And your bo - dies Christ save and
they made an - swer to me "No!" They were lords' and la - dies'
A
said, "God bless you ev' - ry one, And your bo - dies Christ save and
they made an - swer to me "No!" They were lords' and la - dies'
T
B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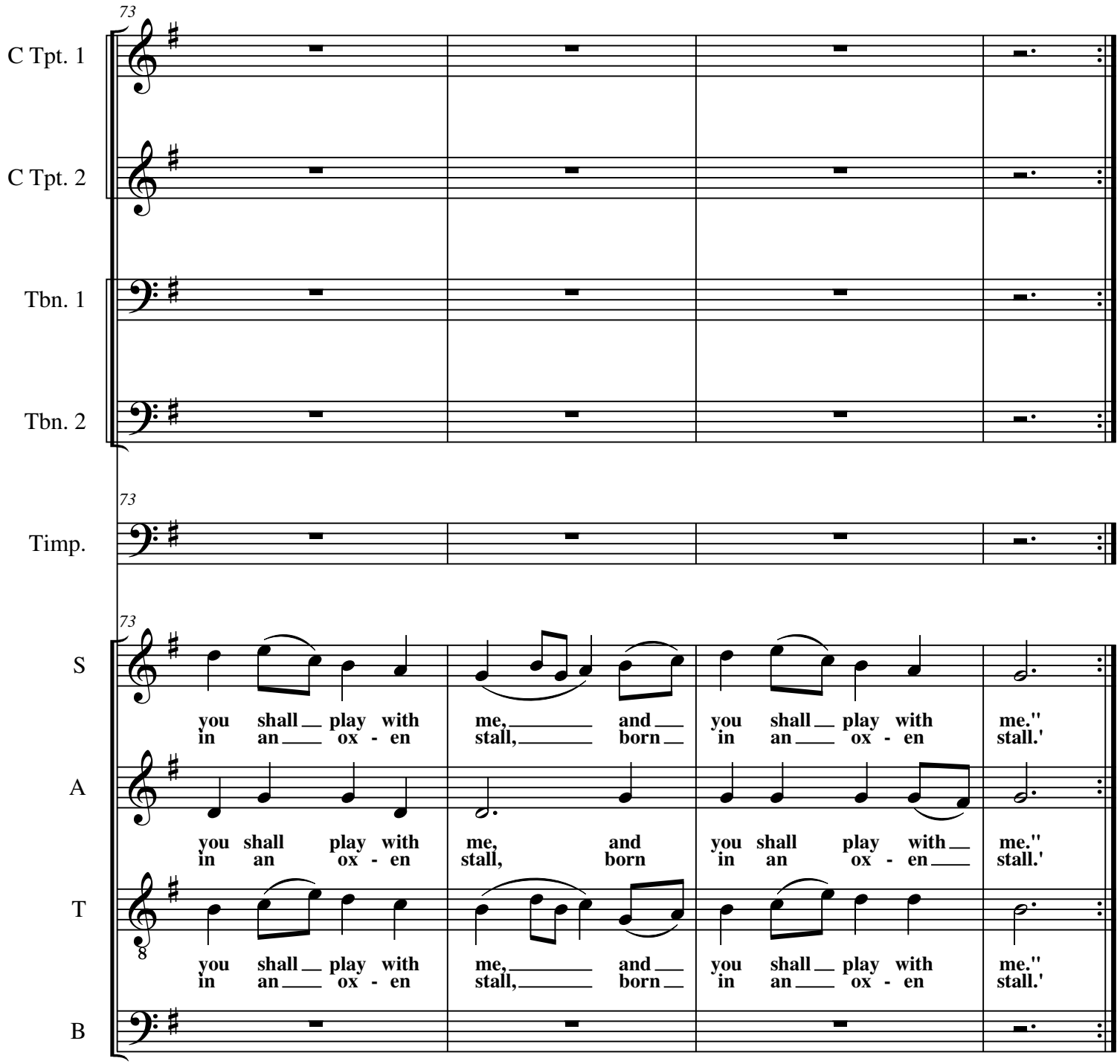
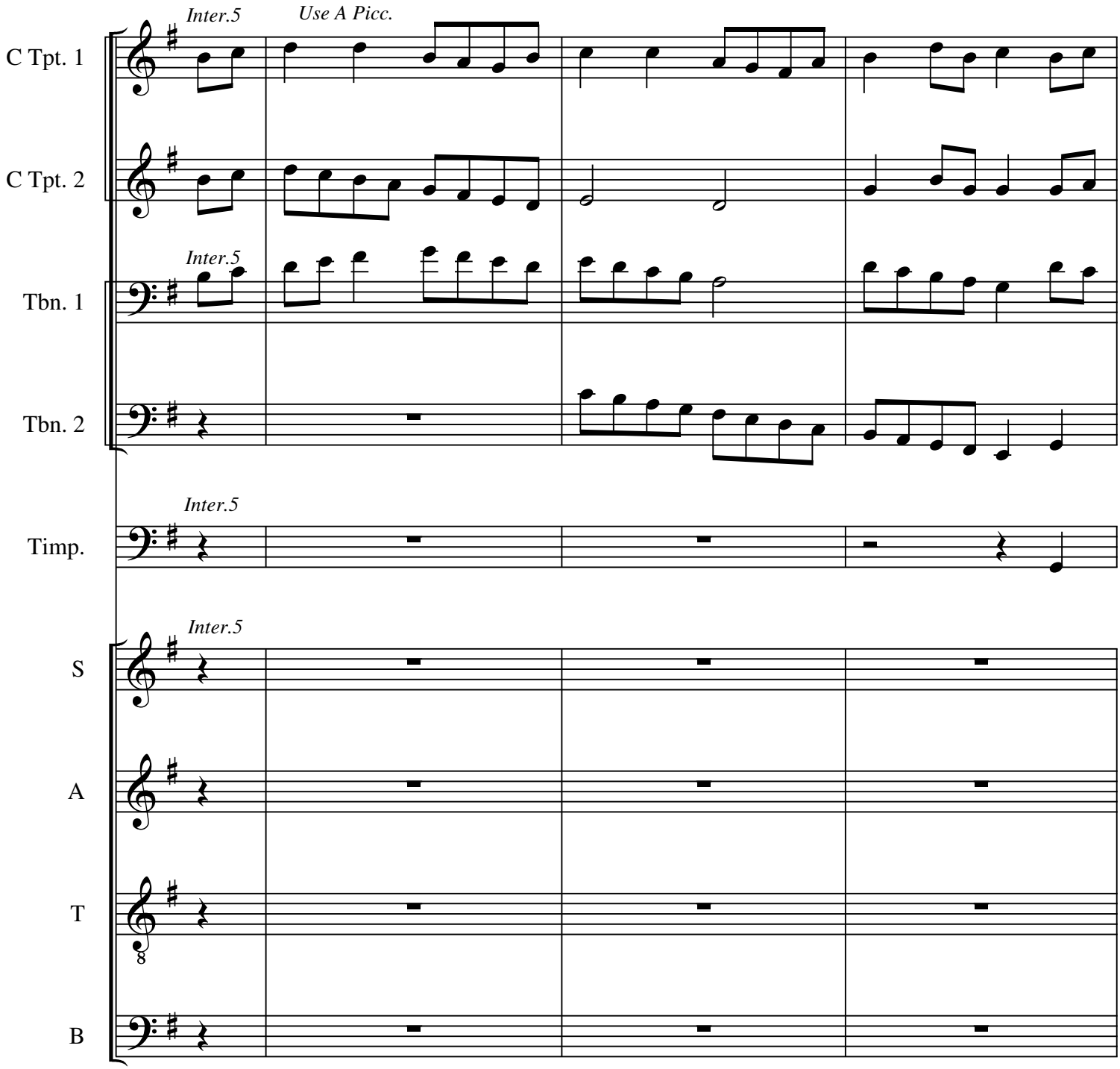
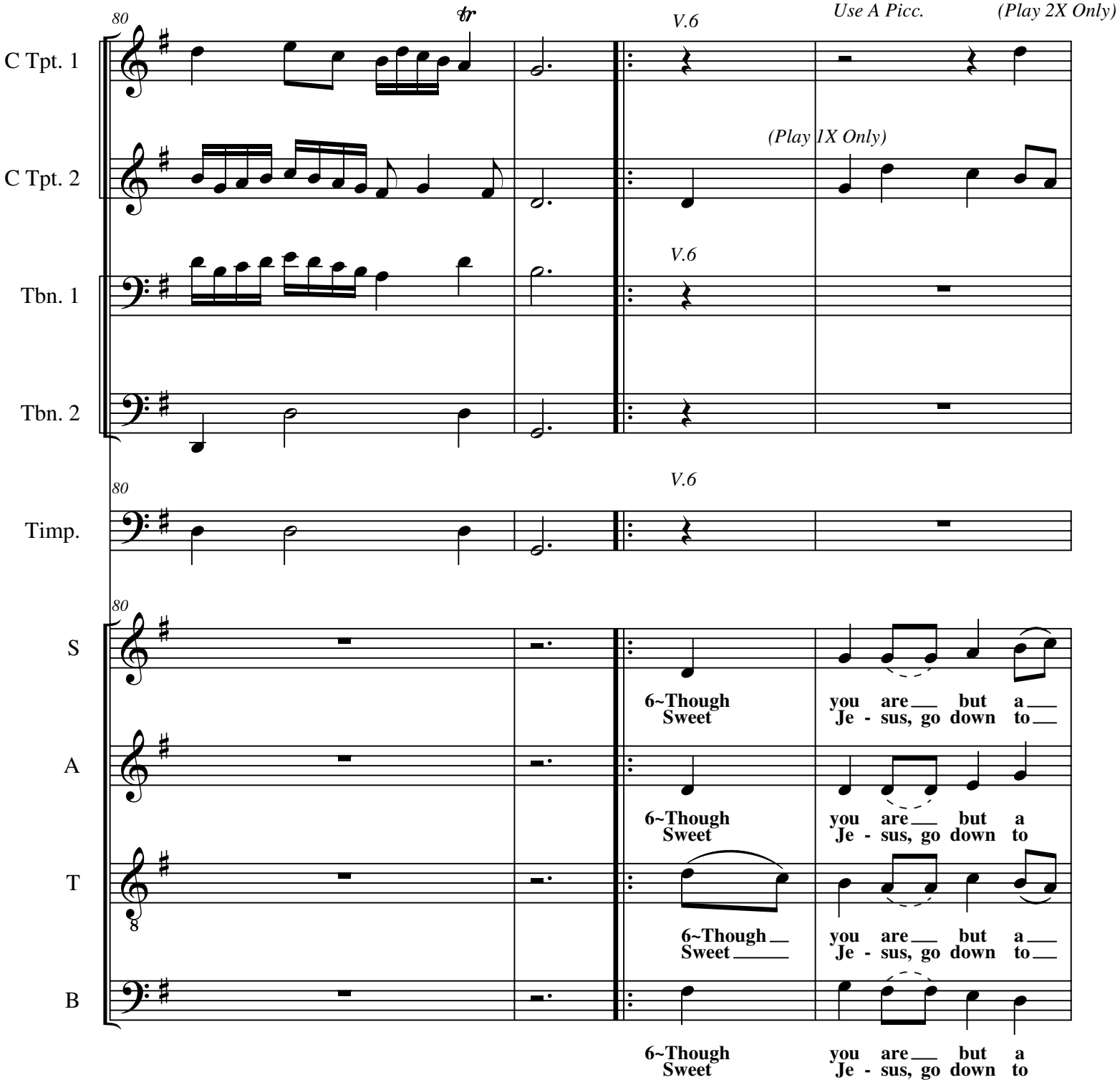
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
70
Timp.
70
S
see! And now lit - tle chil - dren, I'll play with you, And
sons, and I the mean - est of them all, Born
A
see! And now lit - tle chil - dren, I'll play with you, And
sons, and I the mean - est of them all, Born
T
And now lit - tle chil - dren, I'll play with you, And
and I the mean - est of them all, Born
B


73
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
73
Timp.
73
S
you shall play with me, and you shall play with me."
in an ox - en stall, born in an ox - en stall.'
A
you shall play with me, and you shall play with me."
in an ox - en stall, born in an ox - en stall.'
T
you shall play with me, and you shall play with me."
in an ox - en stall, born in an ox - en stall.'
B


Inter.5
Use A Picc.
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Inter.5
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Inter.5
Timp.
Inter.5
S
A
T
B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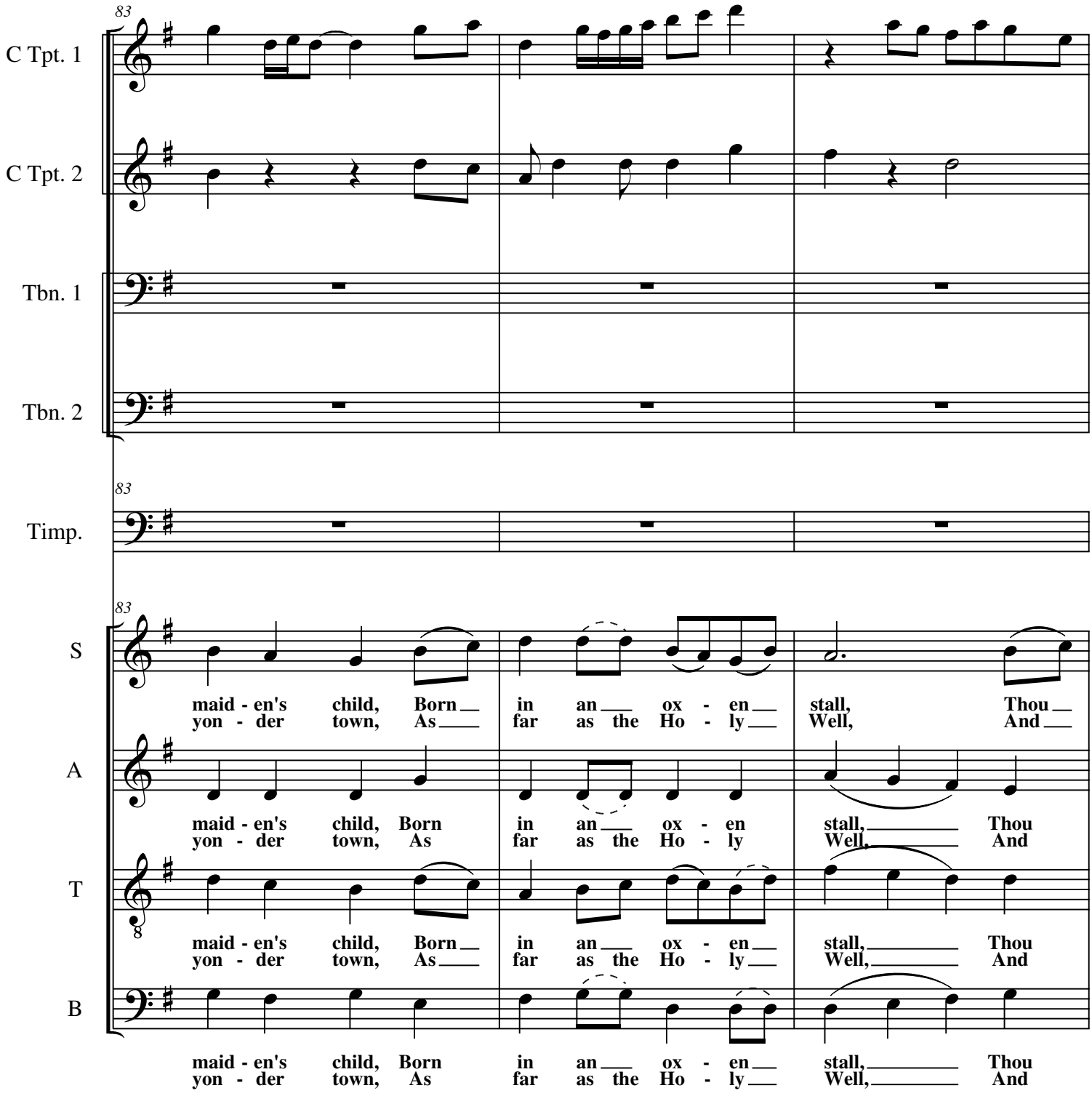
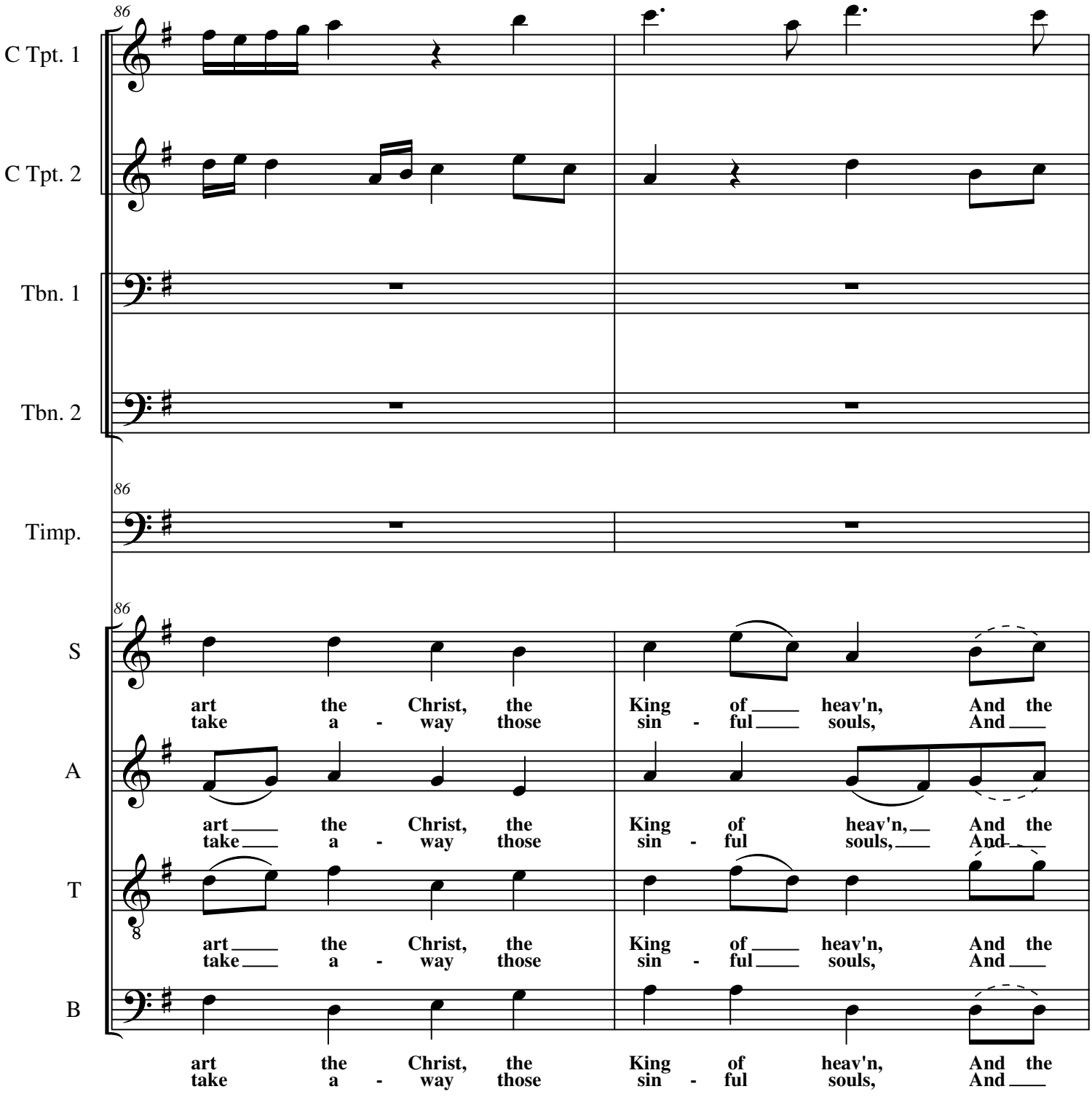
tr
V.6
Use A Picc.
(Play 2X Only)
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
(Play 1X Only)
V.6
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
80
V.6
Timp.
80
S
A
T
B
6~Though you are but a
Sweet Je - sus, go down to


83
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
83
Timp.
83
S
maid - en's child, Born in an ox - en stall, Thou
yon - der town, As far as the Ho - ly Well, And
A
maid - en's child, Born in an ox - en stall, Thou
yon - der town, As far as the Ho - ly Well, And
T
8
maid - en's child, Born in an ox - en stall, Thou
yon - der town, As far as the Ho - ly Well, And
B
maid - en's child, Born in an ox - en stall, Thou
yon - der town, As far as the Ho - ly Well, And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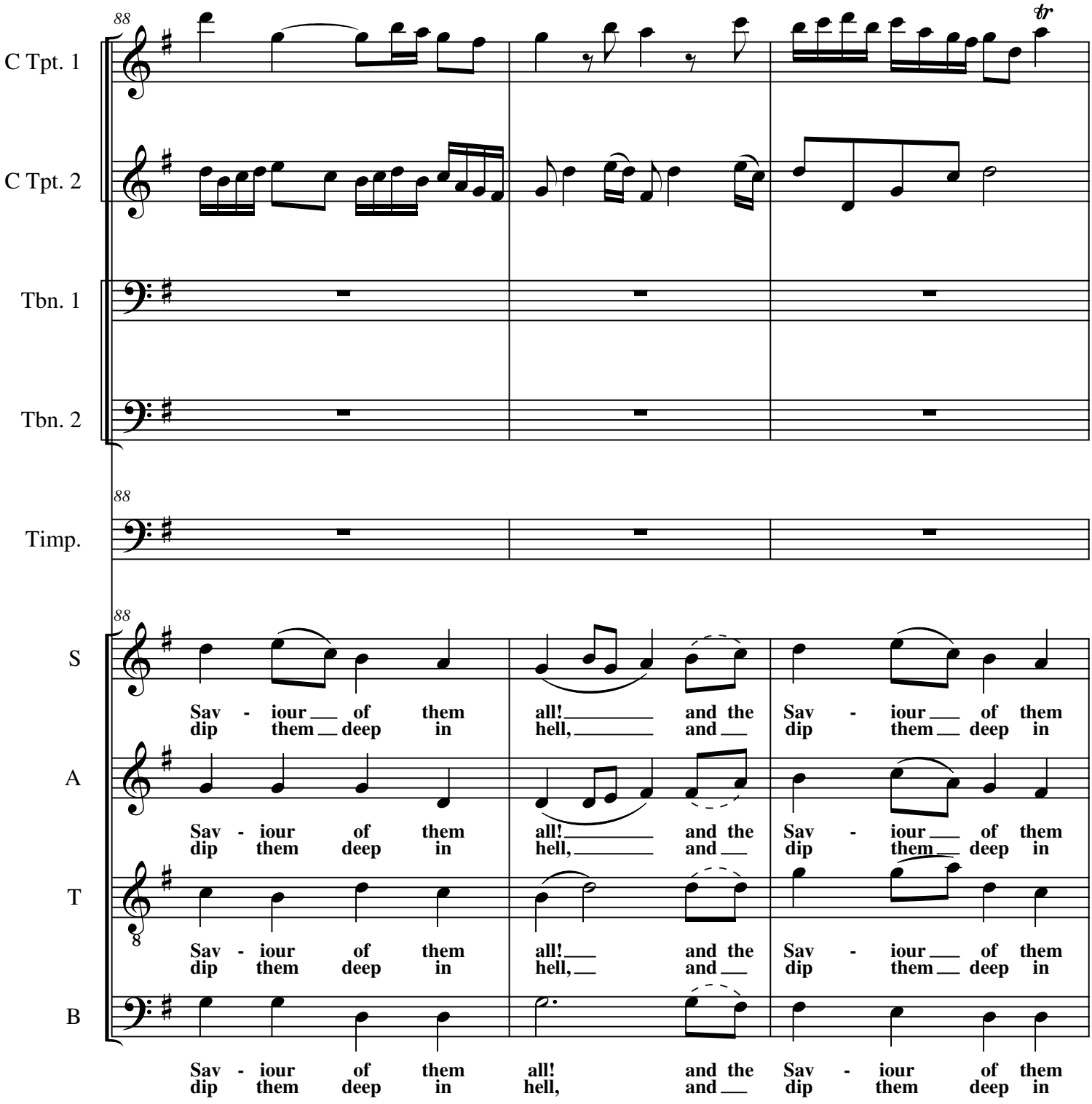
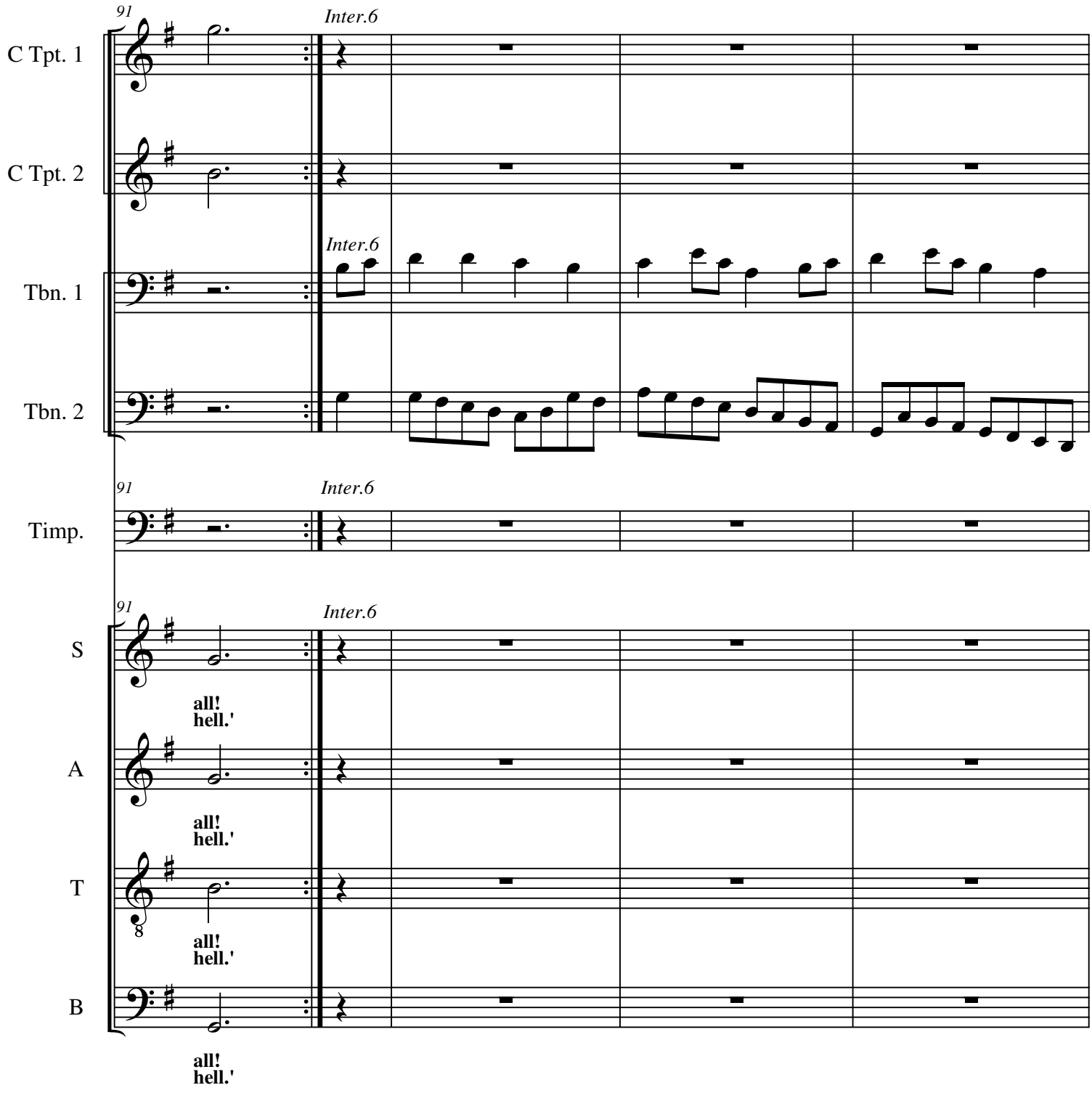
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
86
Timp.
86
S
art the Christ, the King of heav'n, And the
take a - way those sin - ful souls, And
A
art the Christ, the King of heav'n, And the
take a - way those sin - ful souls, And
T
art the Christ, the King of heav'n, And the
take a - way those sin - ful souls, And
B
art the Christ, the King of heav'n, And the
take a - way those sin - ful souls, And


88
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Timp.
S
A
T
B
Sav - iour of them all! and the Sav - iour of them
dip them deep in hell, and dip them deep in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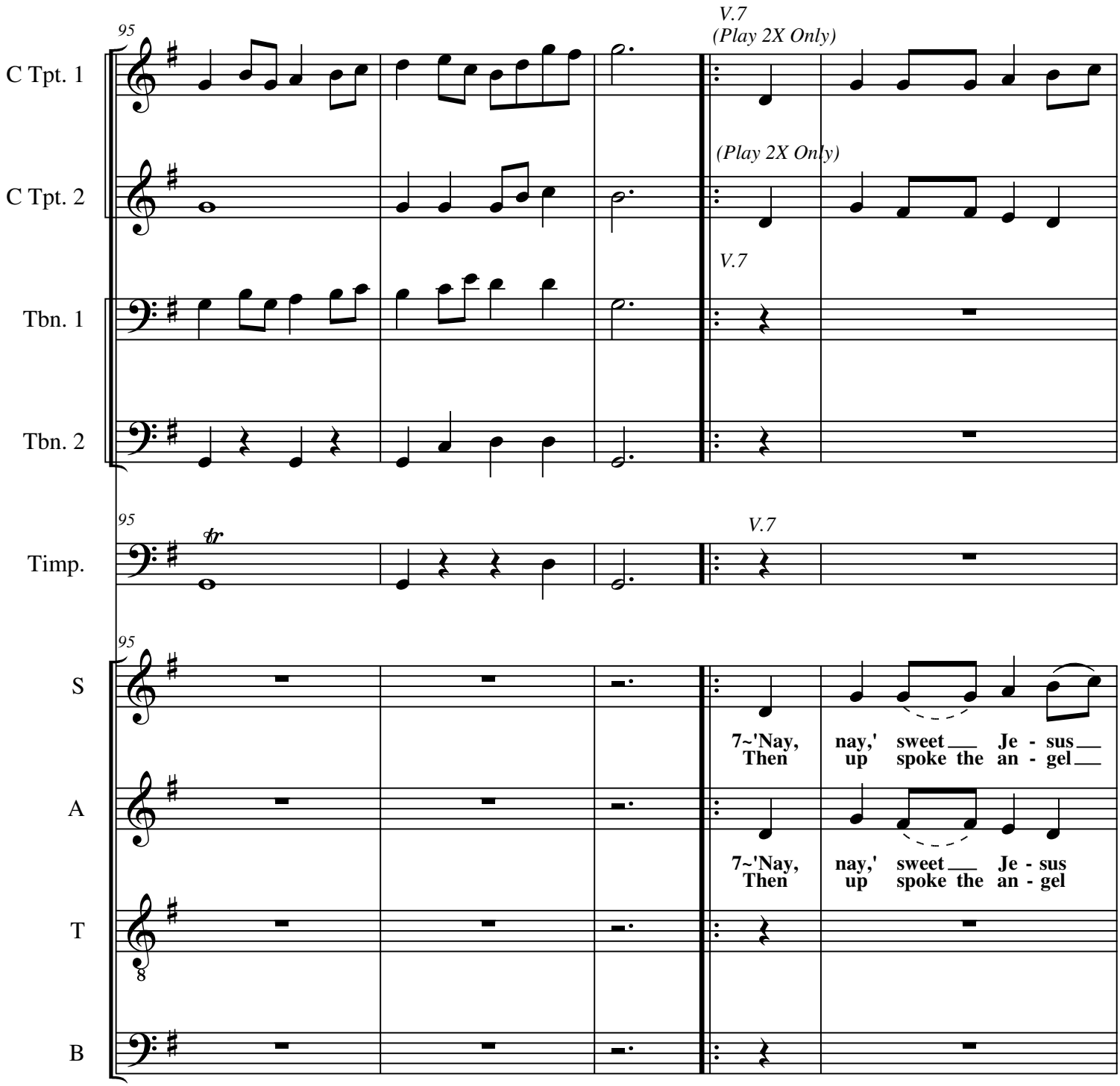
Inter.6
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Inter.6
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
91
Inter.6
Timp.
91
Inter.6
S
all!
hell.'
A
all!
hell.'
T
all!
hell.'
B
all!
hell.'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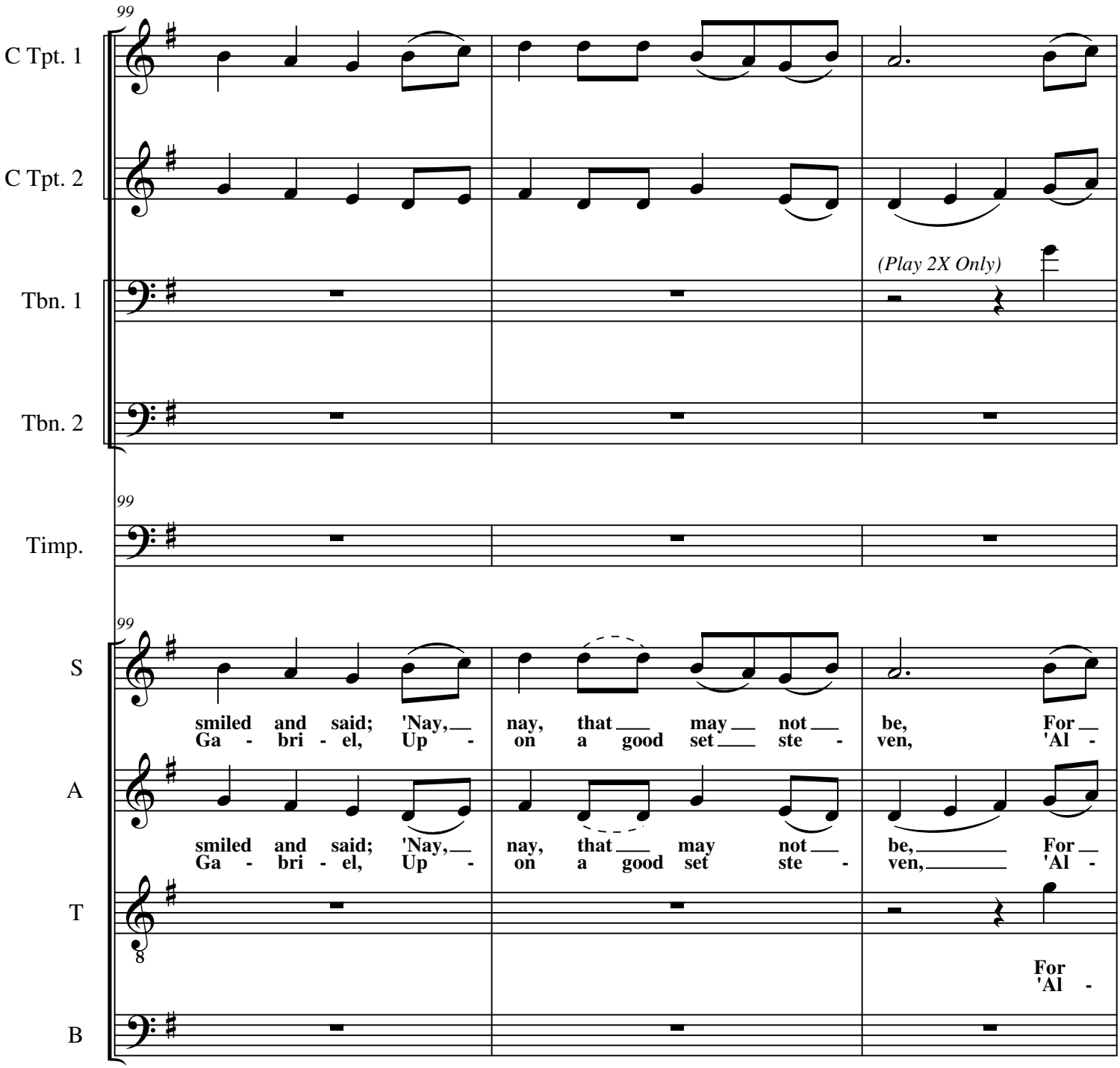
V.7
(Play 2X Only)
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
(Play 2X Only)
V.7
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
95
V.7
Timp.
95
S
7~'Nay, nay,' sweet Je - sus
Then up spoke the an - gel
A
7~'Nay, nay,' sweet Je - sus
Then up spoke the an - gel
T
B


99
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
(Play 2X Only)
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
99
Timp.
99
S
smiled and said; 'Nay, nay, that may not be, For
Ga - bri - el, Up - on a good set ste - ven, 'Al -
A
smiled and said; 'Nay, nay, that may not be, For
Ga - bri - el, Up - on a good set ste - ven, 'Al -
T
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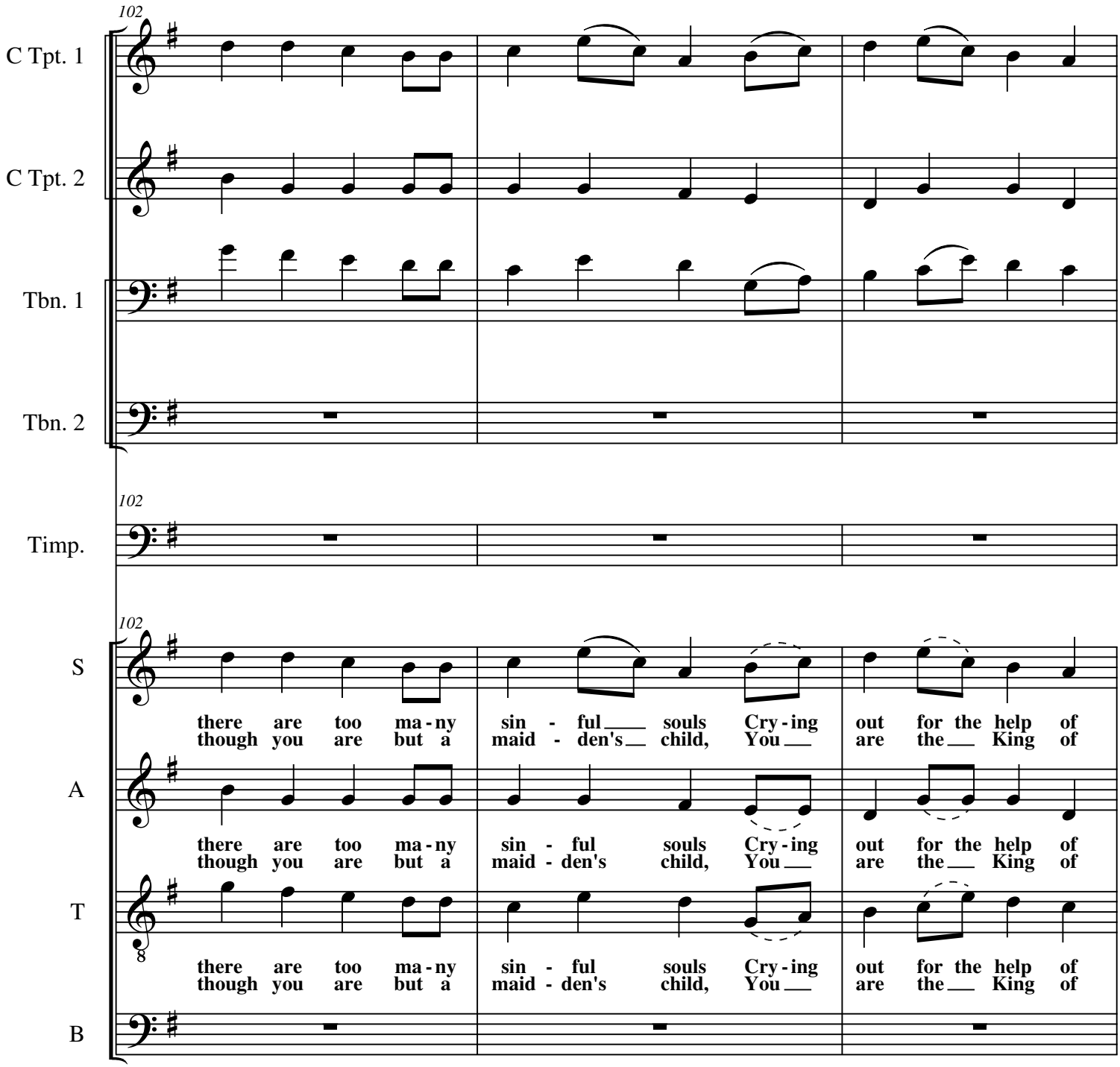
For
'Al -
B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C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
102
Timp.
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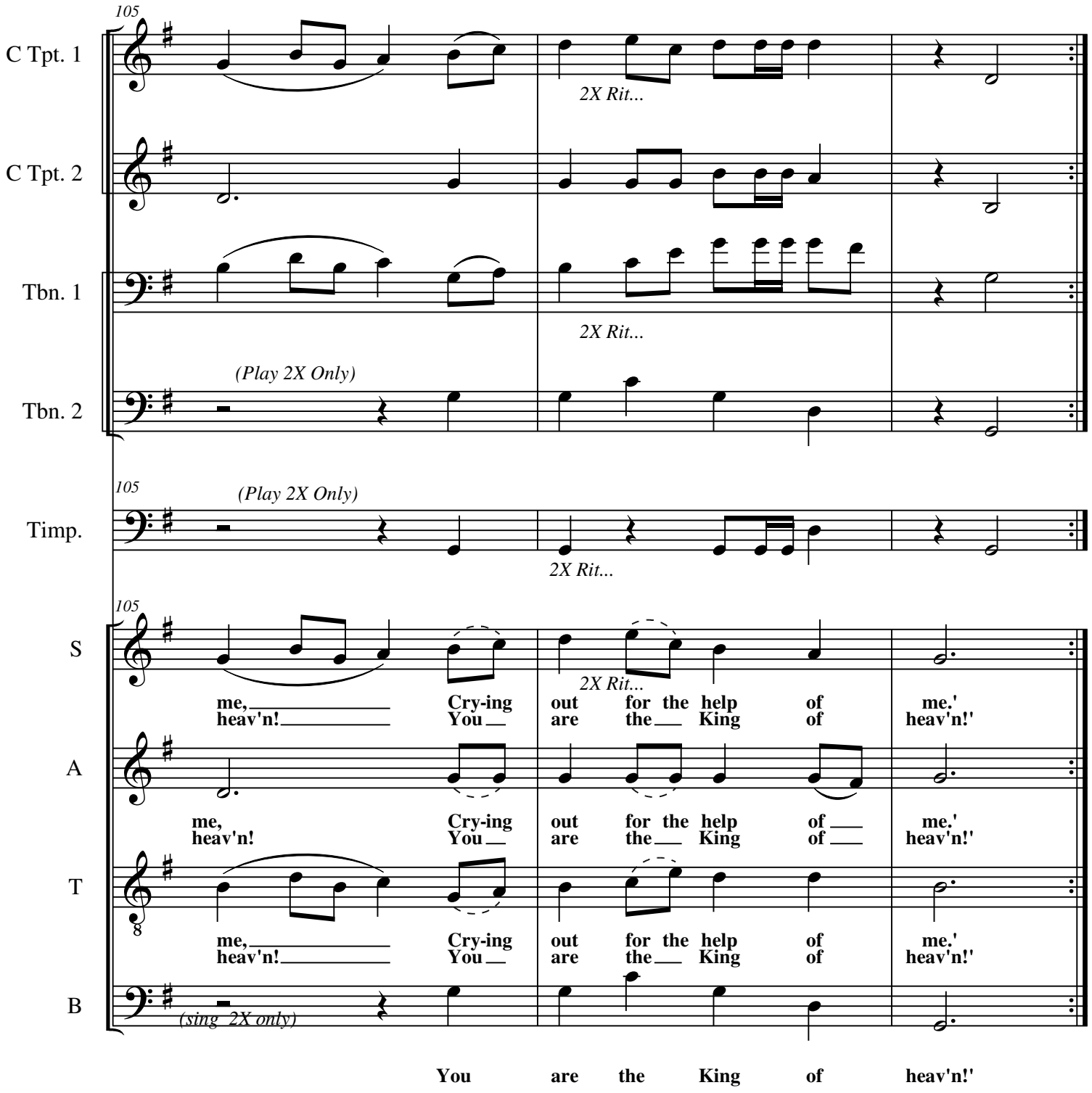

Verse 3: simple- orig. "silly"
Verse 7: steven-(voice) Anglo-Saxon word still used in dialect.(sometimes modified as "Saint Stephen")