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SANCTUARY

Music by

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

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About the Work

On our life's journeys, we look for moments to pause and reflect. In order to have these opportunities and fully immerse ourselves, we must find a quiet place, a safe haven, to do so. Our sanctuary becomes our peaceful environment, our own time to look inward. This solo piano work encompasses that idea with a calming presence. The opening chords ring with anticipation of the upcoming serenity, evolving into a chiming motif pervasive throughout the work complemented with an inner-voice countermelody and supportive harmonies. With this calming section of music, the next introduces a folk-like structure and variations of well-known church hymn melodies. Transitions based on common tones expand the song to heightened levels unfolded into recapitulations of the bell-like motif patterns. The song ends in an elongated, deeper sense of patience and tranquility reaching with extended plagal cadence and diminishing chime motifs fading into the distance. You and your audience can fully immerse into this safe haven, work and become whole once again.

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About the Arranger

Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAfME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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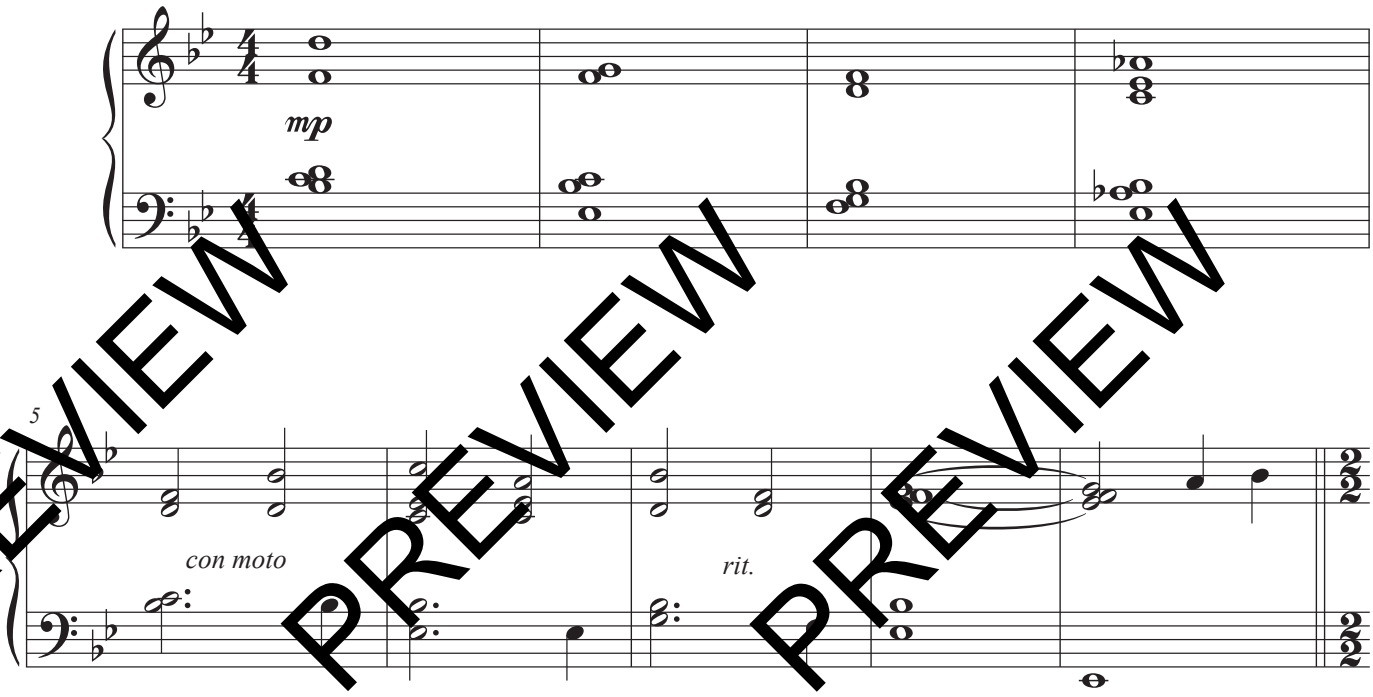
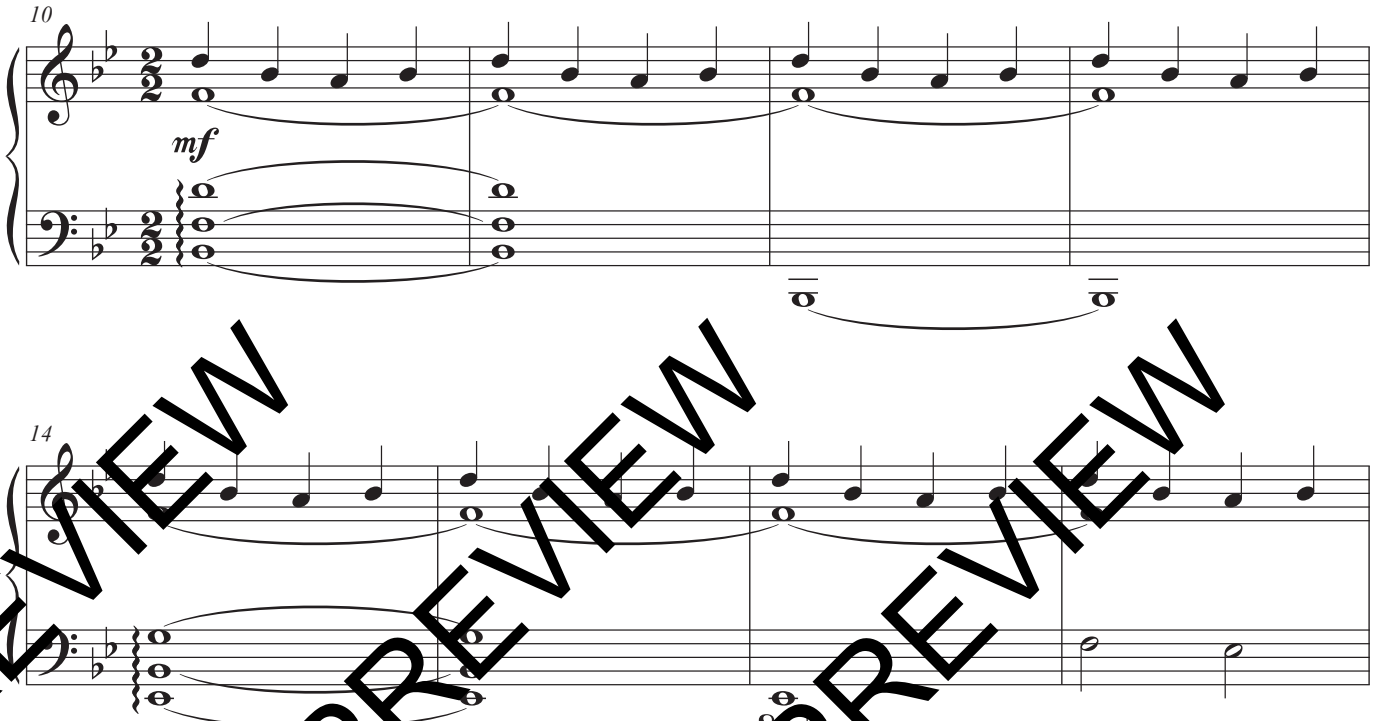
Lento religioso solenne (♩ = 80)



Adagio misterioso, in 2 (𝅗𝅥 = 56)



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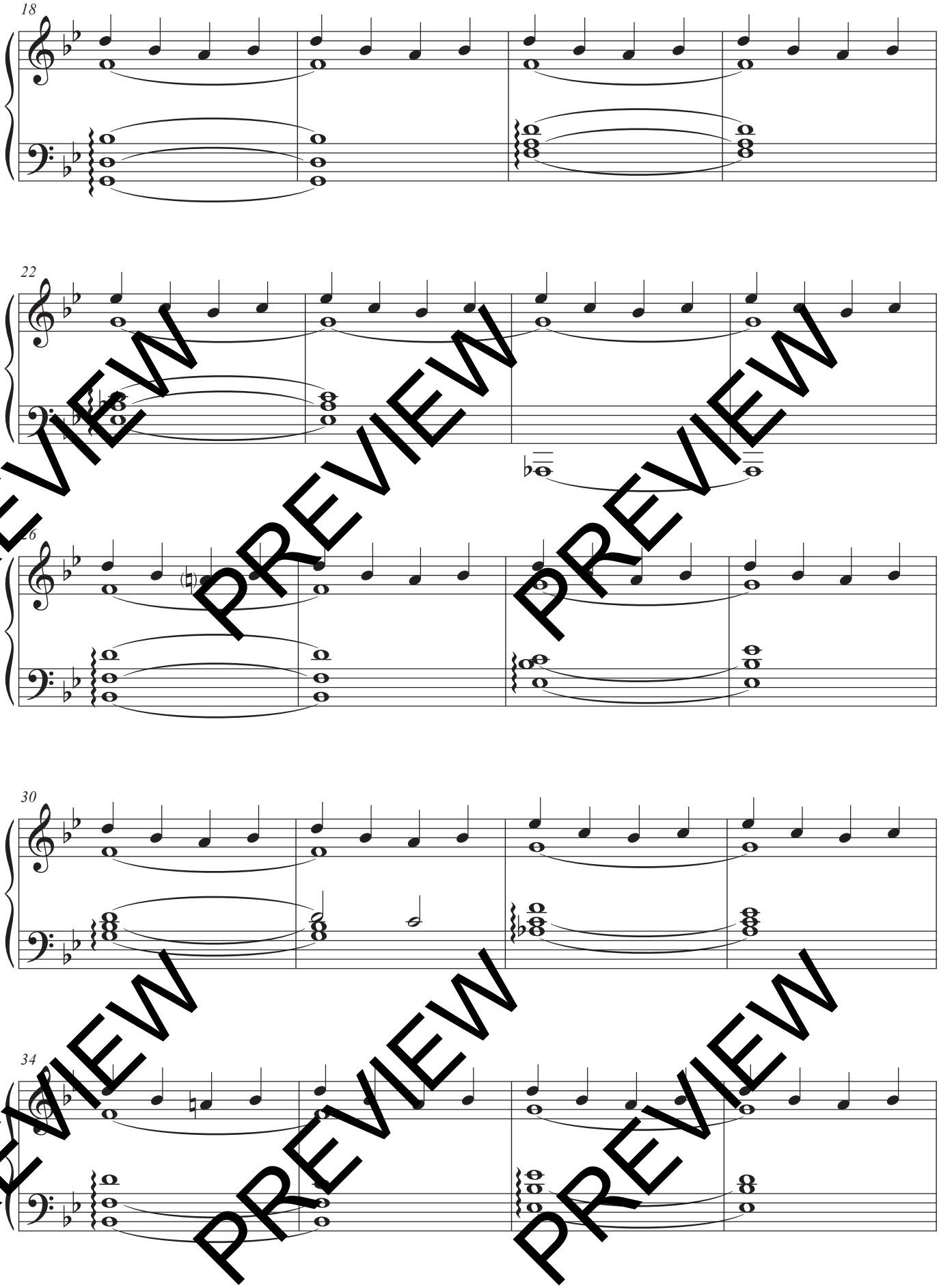

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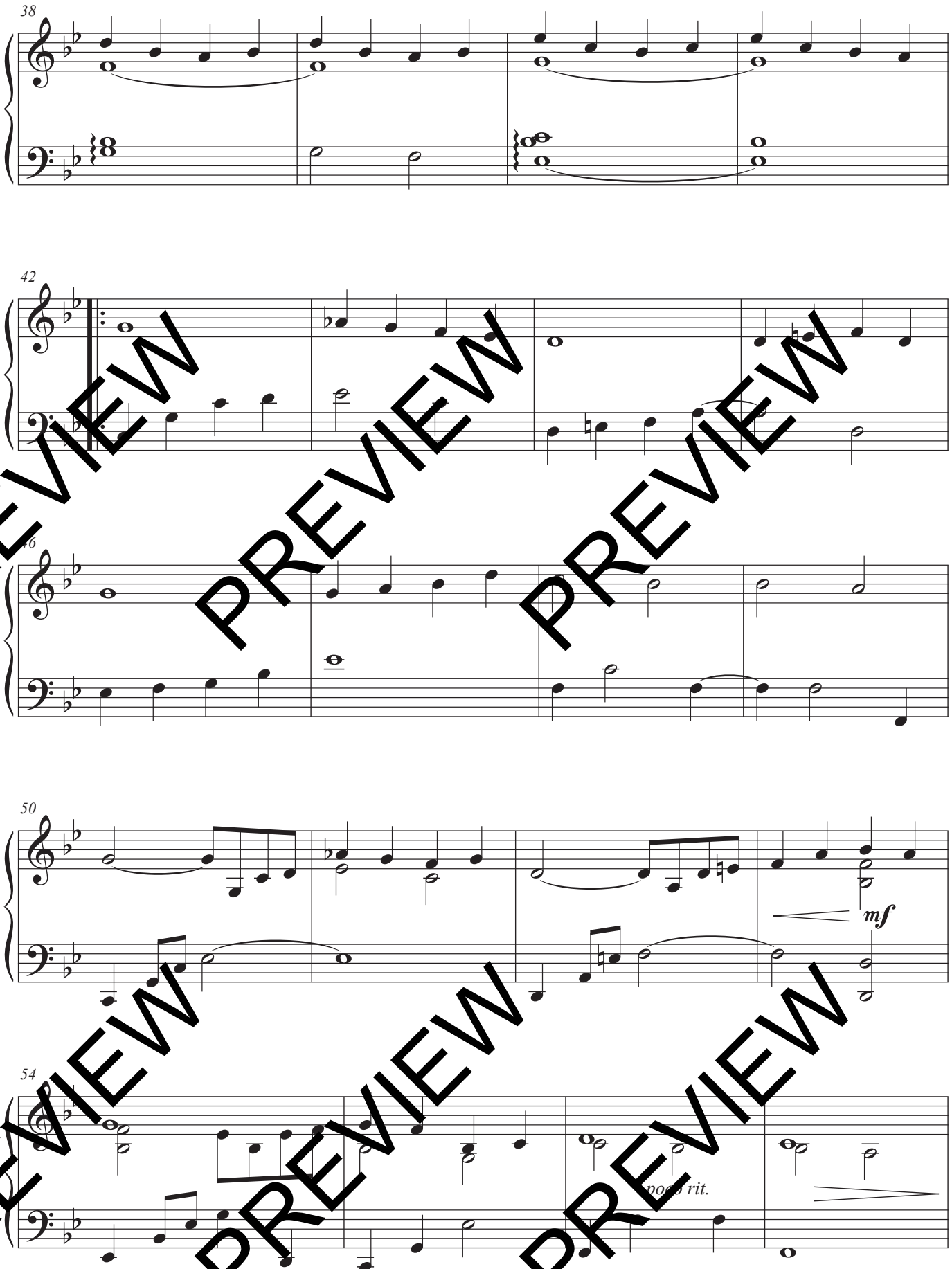

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