SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE

AMERICAN FOLK BALLAD

Arranged by

CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

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About the Work

This lyrical waltz tune of the adventurous and humorous tale of Sweet Betsy of Pike County, Missouri gets the solo piano treatment that mimics the rises and falls of the story. With escalating introductions for each of the verses and a parallel minor including a chromatic countervoice, you will experience the narrative through entertaining music and be delighted just like Betsy.

Sweet Betsy from Pike is included in the collection:

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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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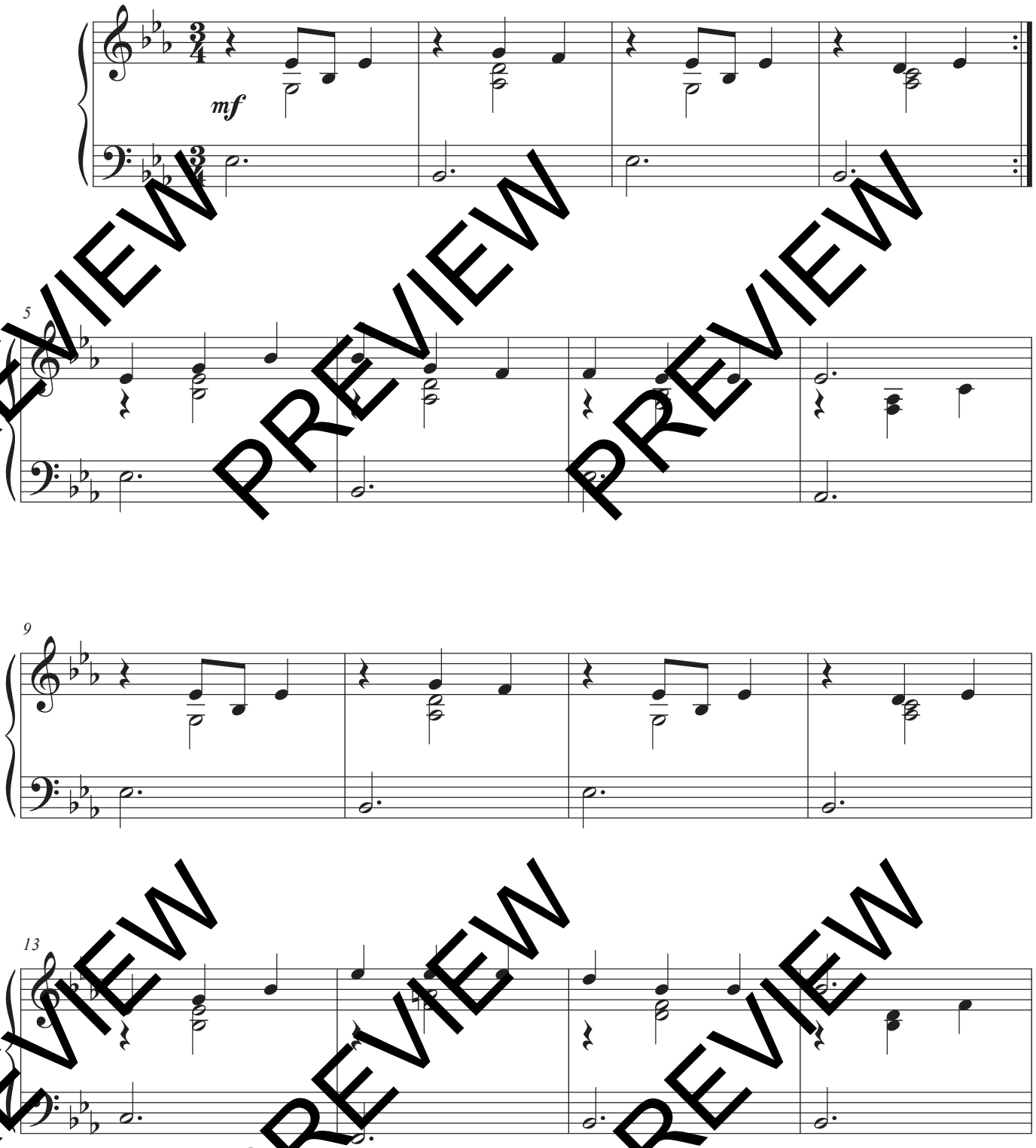
Waltz (♩ = c. 160-168)



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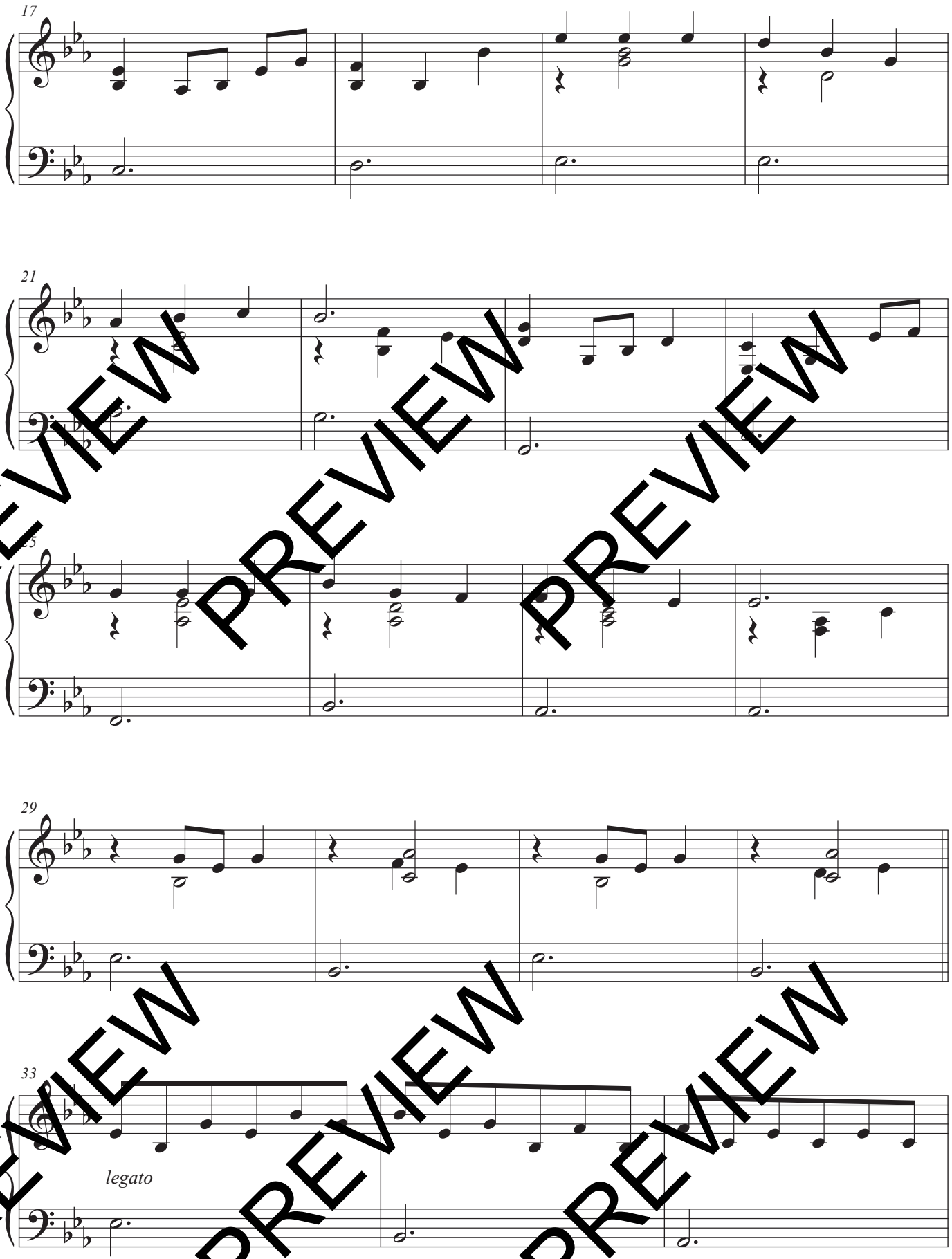

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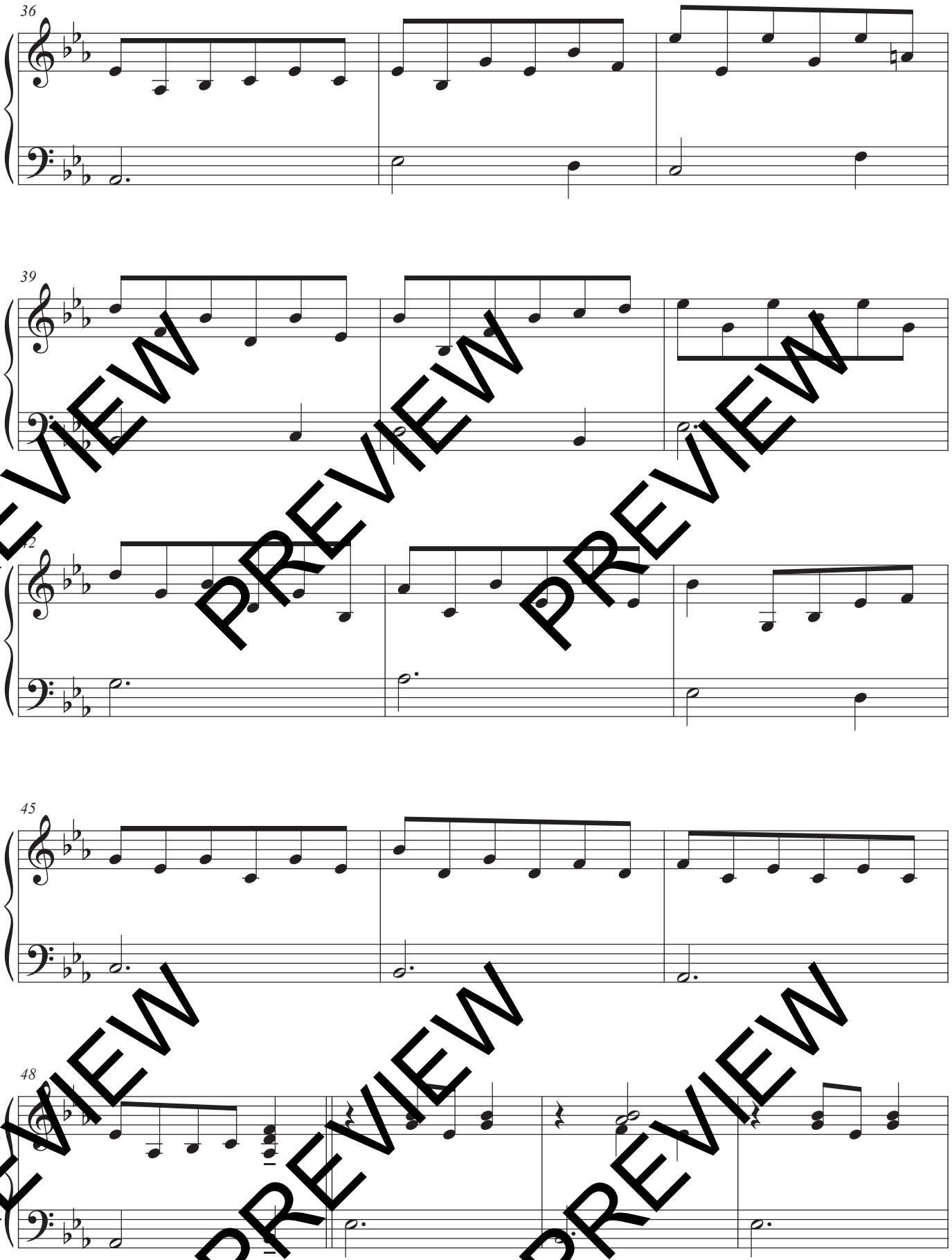

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