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Lighten our Darkness

Words from a collect for Evening Prayer
and a Compline hymn, 7th c.

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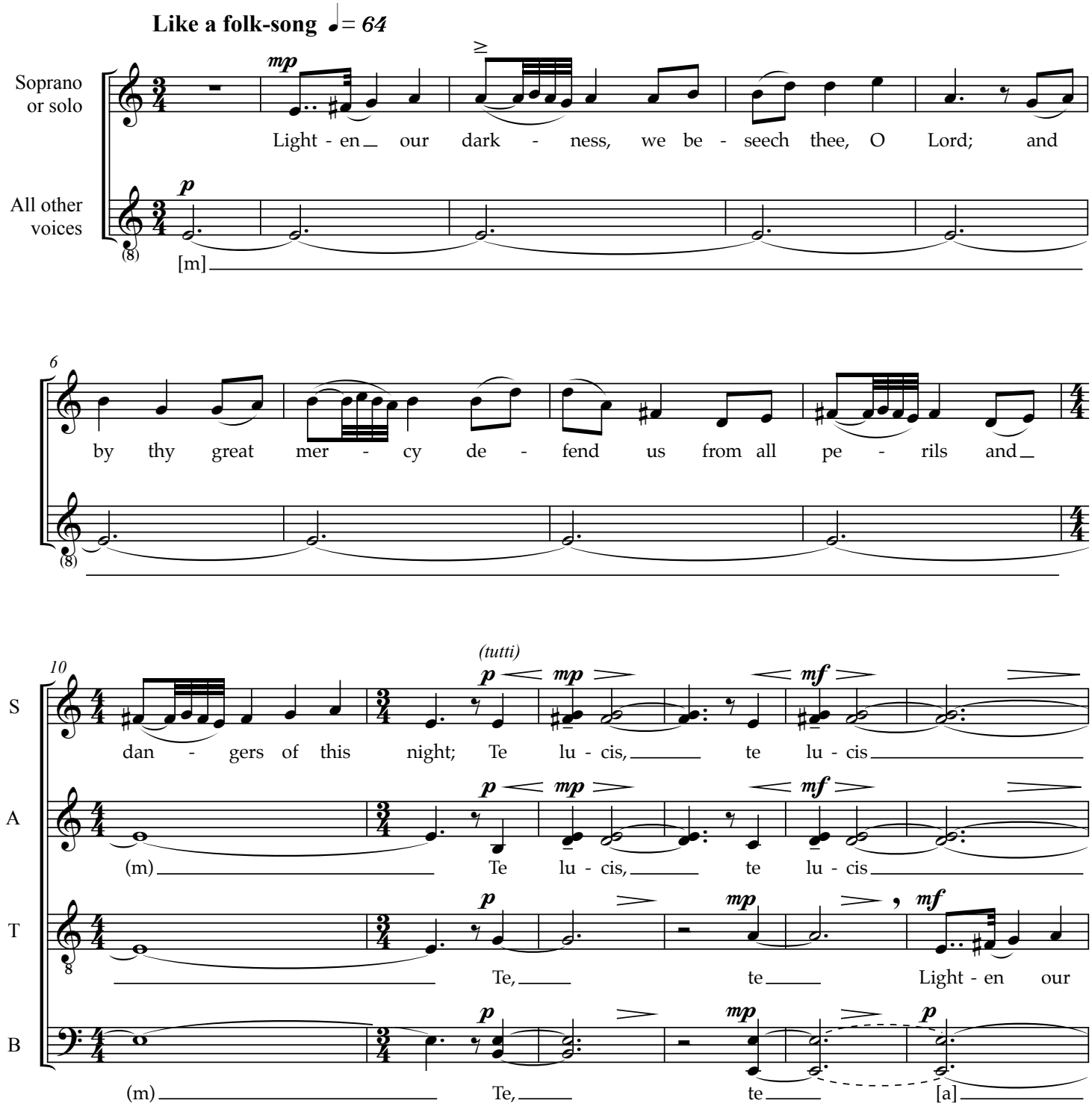
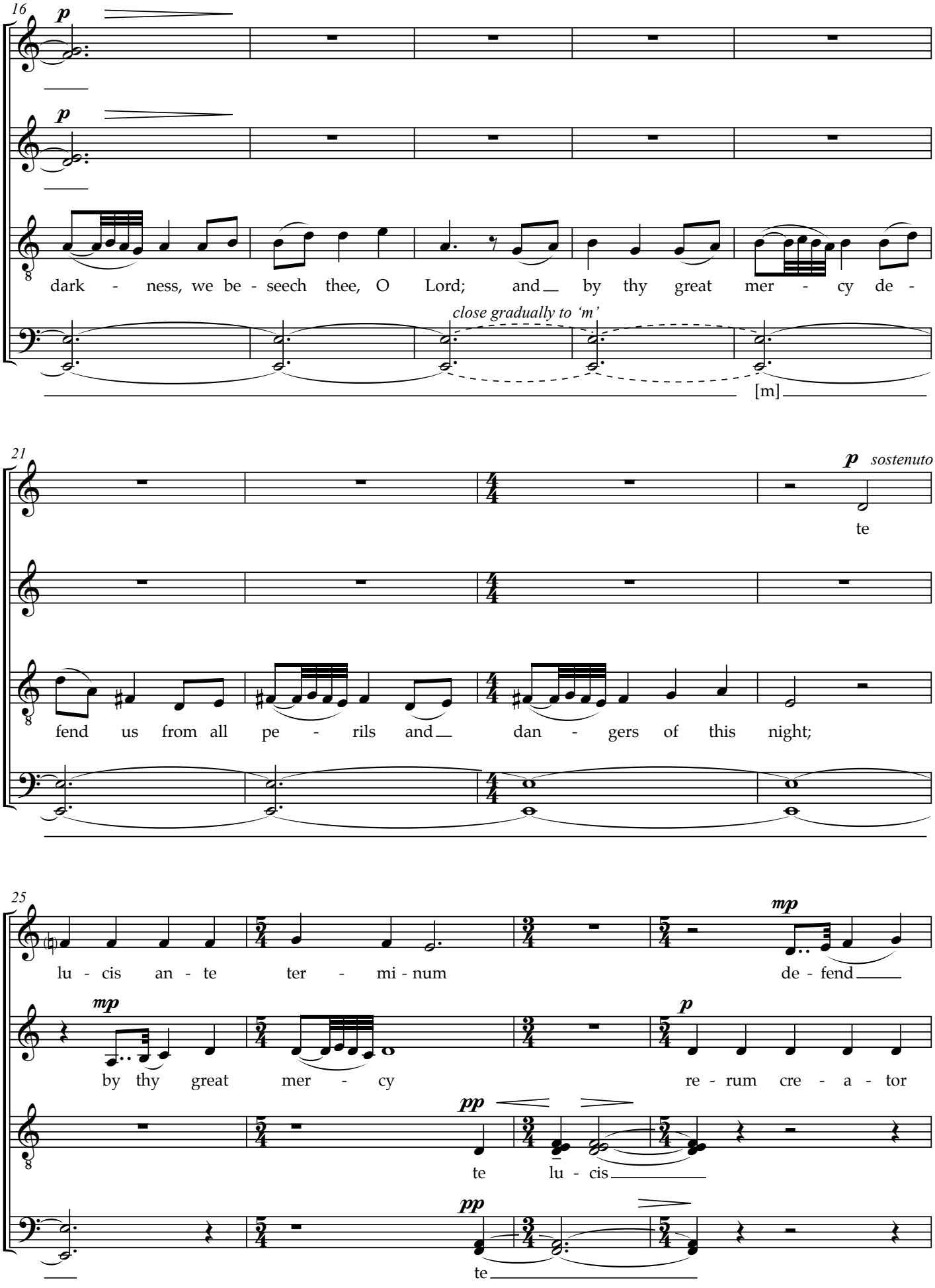


The soprano line in bars 38-47 is an old form of the hymn
'Te lucis ante terminum' - 'Before the ending of the day'


16
p
p
dark - ness, we be - seech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mer - cy de -
close gradually to 'm'
[m]
21
p sostenuto
te
fend us from all pe - rils and dan - gers of this night;
25
lu - cis an - te ter - mi - num
mp
de - fend
mp
by thy great mer - cy
p
re - rum cre - a - tor
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lu - cis
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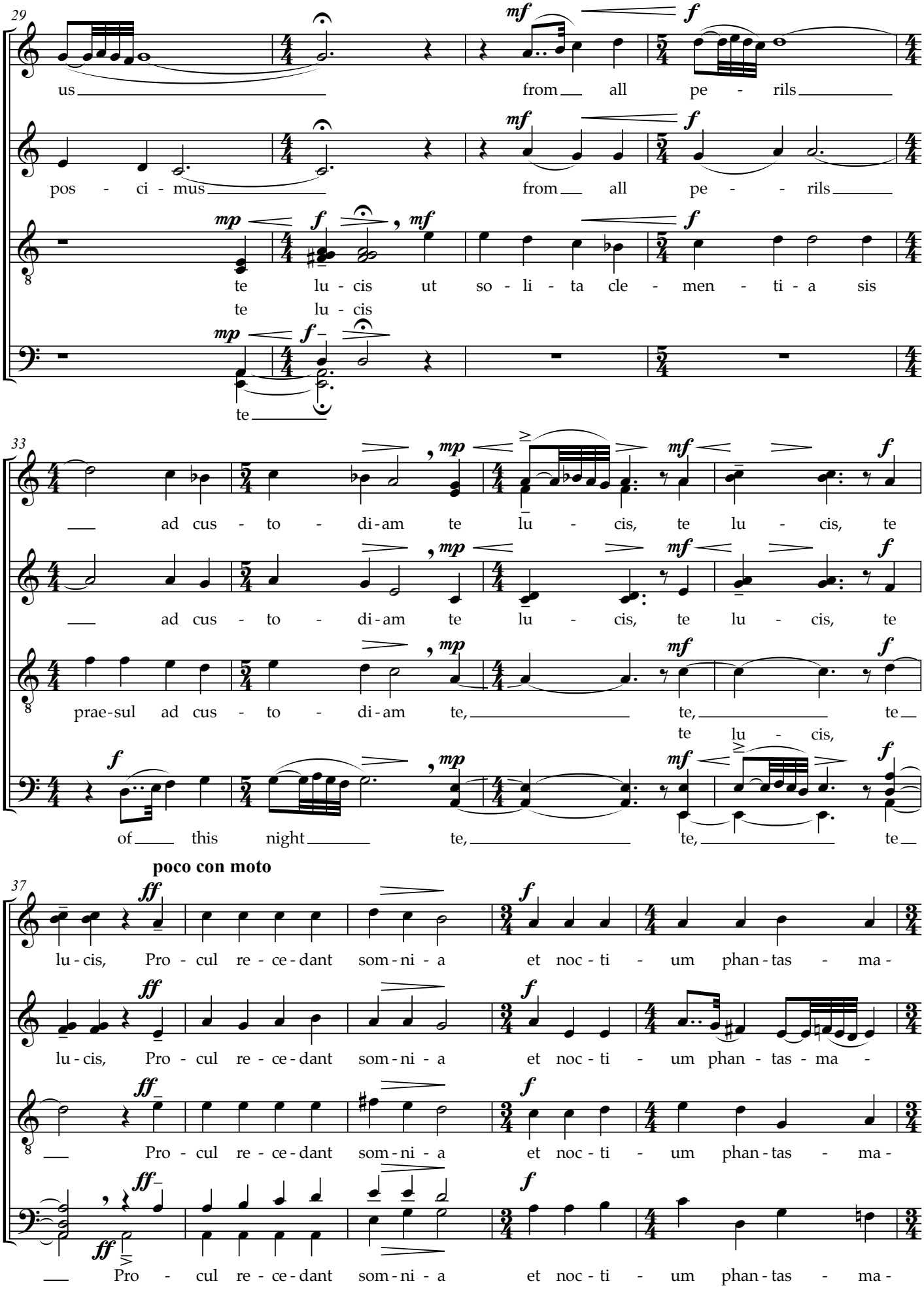
29
us from all pe - rils
pos - ci - mus from all pe - - rils
te lu - cis ut so - li - ta cle - men - ti - a sis
te lu - cis
te
33
ad cus - to - di-am te lu - cis, te lu - cis, te
ad cus - to - di-am te lu - cis, te lu - cis, te
prae-sul ad cus - to - di-am te, te, te
te lu - cis,
of this night te, te, te
37
poco con moto
lu - cis, Pro - cul re - ce - dant som - ni - a et noc - ti - um phan - tas - ma -
lu - cis, Pro - cul re - ce - dant som - ni - a et noc - ti - um phan - tas - ma -
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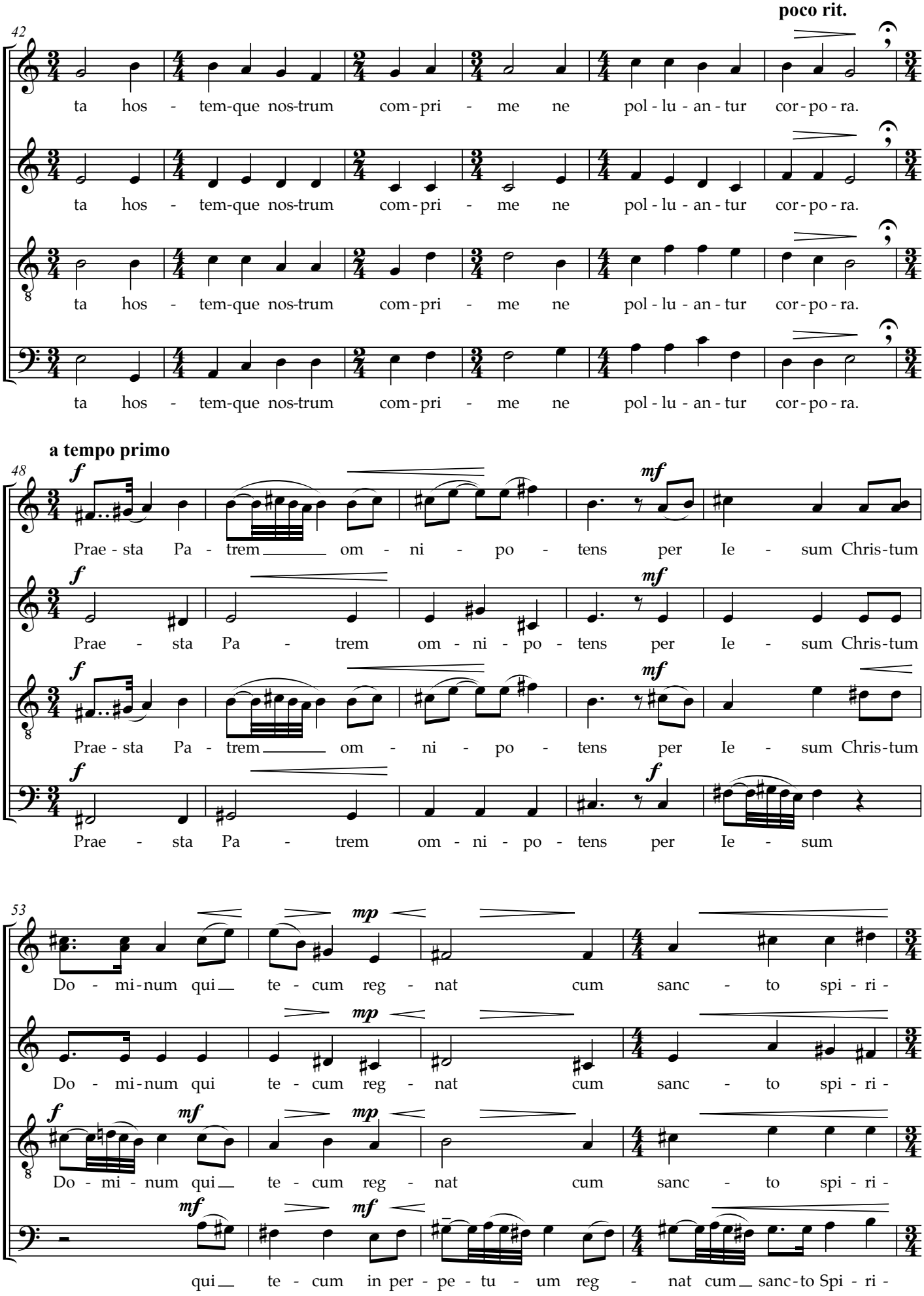
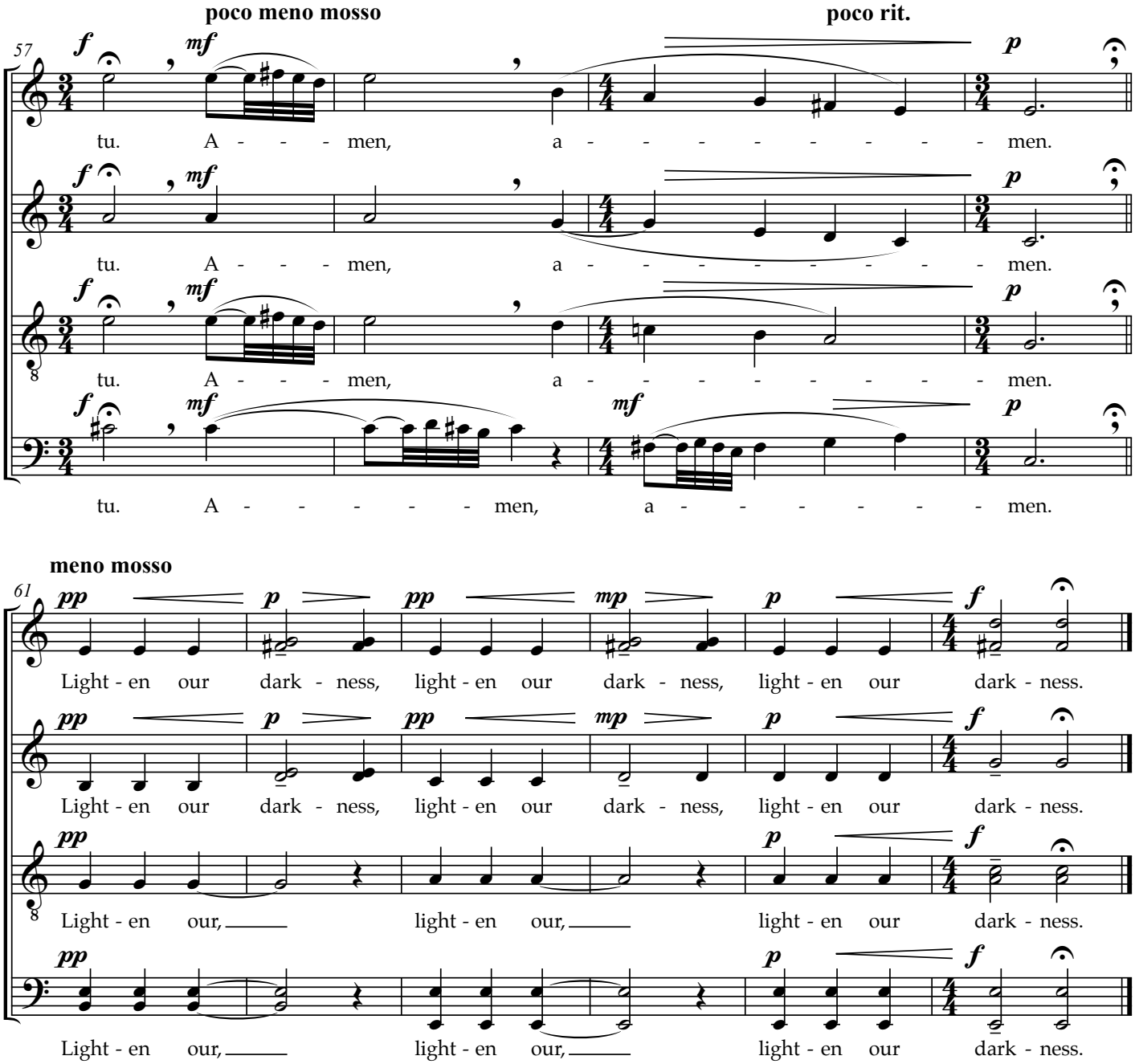

poco rit.
42
ta hos - tem-que nos-trum com-pri - me ne pol - lu - an - tur cor - po - ra.
a tempo primo
48
Prae - sta Pa - trem om - ni - po - tens per Ie - sum Chris-tum
Prae - sta Pa - trem om - ni - po - tens per Ie - sum
53
Do - mi-num qui te - cum reg - nat cum sanc - to spi - ri -
qui te - cum in per - pe - tu - um reg - nat cum sanc-to Spi - ri -


poco meno mosso
poco rit.
57
tu. A - - - men, a - - - - - - - - men.
tu. A - - - men, a - - - - - - - - men.
tu. A - - - men, a - - - - - - - - men.
tu. A - - - - - - men, a - - - - - - - men.
meno mosso
61
Light - en our dark - ness, light - en our dark - ness, light - en our dark - ness.
Light - en our dark - ness, light - en our dark - ness, light - en our dark - ness.
Light - en our, light - en our, light - en our dark - ness.
Light - en our, light - en our, light - en our dark - ness.