

Dave LaDelfa

Laces

for choir SSSAAATTBB

Performance Notes

When available forces preclude the division of sections into numerically equal halves and thirds, lower voices should be assigned the extra members; e.g. when there are five altos, they should divide 1-2-2 at m.34 and 2-3 at m.204.

The dotted rectangles on page 1 indicate “ragged entrances” where the individual members of each section should enter slightly out of synchronization, approximately upon the note value shown.

Slurs have been used throughout to designate gestures with a connected dynamic contour. In this respect, they should be interpreted more like woodwind phrasings than the melismatic bracketing conventional of vocal/choral notation.

Pronunciation Guide

(referencing American English words)

a as in “otter”	na as in “not”
ba as in “bop”	o as in “owe”
da as in “doll”	ra as in “rock” (approximant ɹ, no roll or flap)
de as in “demo” (not a diphthong as in “day”)	rre as in “wreck” (with fully rolled r)
do as in “dote”	ta as in “top”
du as in “due”	tu as in “two”
duh as in “dust”	u as in “too”
e as in “extra”	uh as in “away” (schwa ə)
ga as in “got”	va as in “cravat”
ge as in “guess”	ve as in “vector”
m (hummed, lips together)	vo as in “vote”
me as in “measure”	vu as in “voodoo”
ma as in “model”	za as in “izod”
mo as in “mow”	ze as in “zeppelin”
muh as in “mud” (schwa ə)	

Duration: ten minutes

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Lento ($\text{♩} = 40$)

Music for four voices (Soprano S, Alto A, Tenor T, Bass B) in 2/2 time. Dynamics: **p**. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "a ve da tu m o da tu me". The bass part (B) has a note labeled "ragged entrances (see note)".



Music for four voices (Soprano S, Alto A, Tenor T, Bass B) in 2/2 time. Dynamics: **p**. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "ma ta ga da va na ga za ro a ve". The bass part (B) has a note labeled "ragged entrances (see note)".



Music for four voices (Soprano S, Alto A, Tenor T, Bass B) in 3/2 time. Dynamics: **p**. The vocal parts sing the lyrics "da tu m o da tu me ma na ga ta". The bass part (B) has a note labeled "ragged entrances (see note)".

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S. va na ga za rre de vo

A. va rre a ga ta de vo

T. *s* va rre na ra za ga ta de vo de vo

B. (ga) va rre de vo vo



Meno mosso
(♩^3 of previous = $\text{♩} = 60$)

28

S. *mp* ta me ga za de vo ma do → (w) e

A. *mp* na ta me ga za de vo da ta ga na ve zuh do e

T. *mp* ta me ga za de vo da na ve zuh do e

B. *mp* smoothly change vowel ta me ga za de vo → (w) e

34

Moderato ♩ = 96

ONE-THIRD OF ALTOS

A1.

A2.

A3.

p

a a a da a da a da



40

A1.

p

a da a da a ba da a da

A2.

A3.

a ba da a da a ba da a da



46

S1.

ONE-THIRD OF SOPRANOS

50 **pp** **p**

u

A1.

a da a da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da

A2.

A3.

a da a da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da

54

S1. (u) u

A1. a ba da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da a ba da a ba da

A2. **p** ba ba ba ba

A3. a ba da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da a ba da a ba da



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S1. ONE-THIRD u

S2.

S3. ONE-THIRD **p** u

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba ba ba ba ba ba ba

A3. a ba da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da a ba da

69

S1. (u) u

S2.

S3. (u) u

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba ba ba ba da da da da

A3. a ba da a da a ba da

ONE-THIRD **78** **p**

S1. u **ONE-THIRD** p u

S2. **ONE-THIRD** p u

S3. **ONE-THIRD** p u

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba da da da ba ba ba ba

A3. a da a ba da

84

S1. (u) u

S2. (u) u

S3. (u) u

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba da da da ba ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da

A3. a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da

B. pp m

This musical score page contains six staves of music. The top three staves (S1, S2, S3) are vocal parts in treble clef, each with a dynamic marking of **p**. The vocal parts sing the vowel 'u' on quarter notes. The bottom three staves (A1, A2, A3) are instrumental parts in treble clef, singing the syllable 'a ba da' on eighth notes. The bottom staff (B) is a bass part in bass clef, playing eighth-note patterns. Measure 84 starts with a fermata over the first two measures. Measure 85 begins with a fermata over the first measure. Measure 86 begins with a fermata over the first measure. Measure 87 begins with a fermata over the first measure. Measure 88 begins with a fermata over the first measure.

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S1. u

S2. u

S3. u

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da ba da

A3. a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da a ba da a da a

T1. **[HALF OF TENORS]** ***mp***
ze do ve do

B. ***pp*** m ***pp*** m

99

A1. a ba da
A2. da da ba da da da ba da da da
A3. (a) ba da a ba da a ba da a da a ba da

T1. 8 ma ze do ve ma

B. ***pp*** m

HALF

104

A1. a ba da
A2. ba da da da ba da da da
A3. a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da

T1. 8 ***HALF*** ze do ve do ma

T2. ***HALF*** ze do ve do ma da

B. ***pp*** m

108

S1.

S2. **ONE-THIRD**

p

a

S3.

A1.

a ba da a ba da

A2.

ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da

A3.

a ba da a ba da a da a ba da a ba da va a ba da

T1.

ze do ve ma ze do ve do

T2.

ze do ve ma ze do

B.

pp

p

m m

114

S1.

S2.

(a) a la

S3.

A1.

a ba da a ba da

A2.

ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da

A3.

a ba a ba da va a ba da va a ba da a da a ba da va

T1.

⁸ ma ze do ve ³ ma

T2.

⁸ ve do ma da ze do ve ma

Bar.

p m

Bas.

p m **p** ba da ba da va

120 *p*

S1. [ONE-THIRD] a a

S2. [ONE-THIRD] a a la

S3. [ONE-THIRD] a la

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da

A3. a ba da a ba da a da va ba da a ba da a ba da a da va ba da

T1. ⁸ ze do ve do ma ze do ve ma

T2. ⁸ ze do ve do ma da ze do ve ma

Bar. *p* da duh da duh a uh da duh da

Bas. da da ba da ba da va

128

S1. a a

S2. a da la a

S3. a da la

A1. a ba da a ba da

A2. ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da ba da da da

A3. da ba da da ba da a da va ba da da ba da da ba da a da va ba da

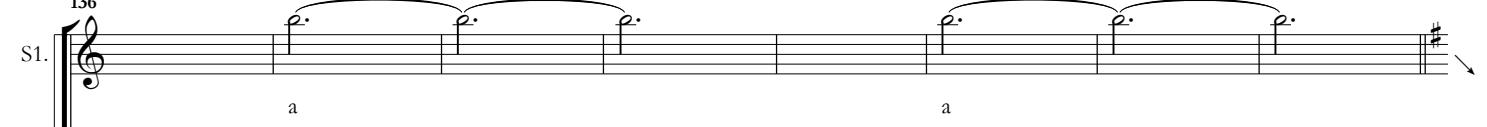
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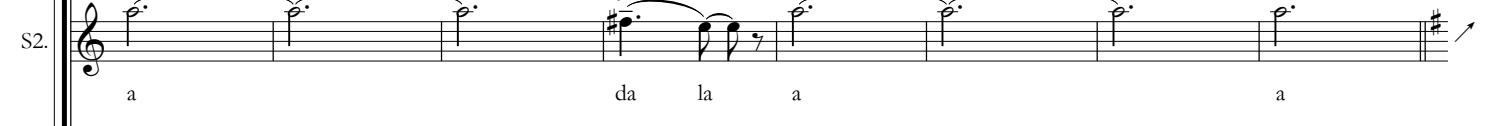
T2. ge ze do ve do ma ge do ve ma

Bar. da duh da duh da duh da

Bas. da da da ba da ba da va

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S1. 

S2. 

S3. 

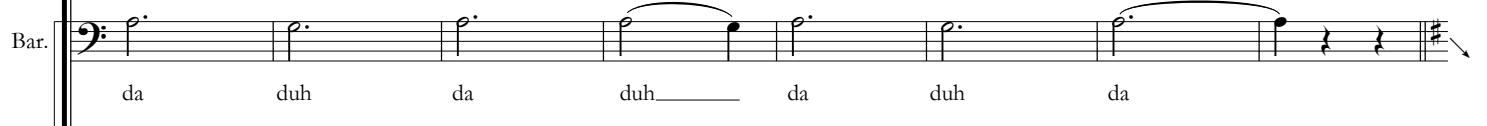
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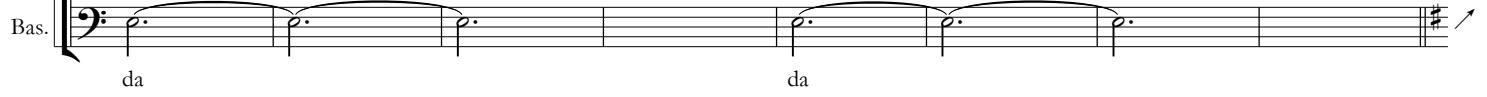
A2. 

A3. 

T1. 

T2. 

Bar. 

Bas. 

TUTTI *mp*

S.

A.

T1.

T2.

B.

=

148

S.

A.

T1.

T2.

B.

152

S. u u u u

A. a ra ta de a ra ta de vo a ra ta de a da va da va a ra ta de a ra ta de vo a ra ta de

T1. a ra ta de vo a a ra ta de vo de vo va da a ra ta de vo a a ra ta de vo

T2. la la ma la la ma

Bar. a ra ta de vo a ra ta ta de a ra ta de vo a ra ta ta de

Bas. do du du do du du

≡

164

S. u u u u

A. a da va da va da va a ra ta de a ra ta de vo a ra ta de a da va da va a ra ta de

T1. de vo va da a ra ta de vo a ra ta de a ra ta de vo de vo va da a ra ta de vo

T2. la la ma la la ma

Bar. a ra ta de vo a ra ta ta de a ra ta de vo

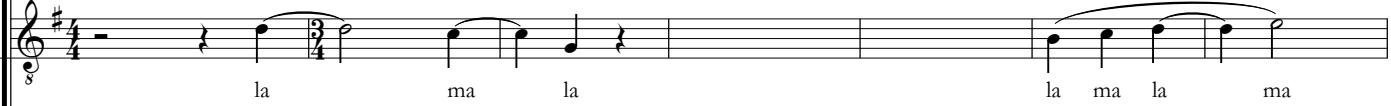
Bas. do du du do du du

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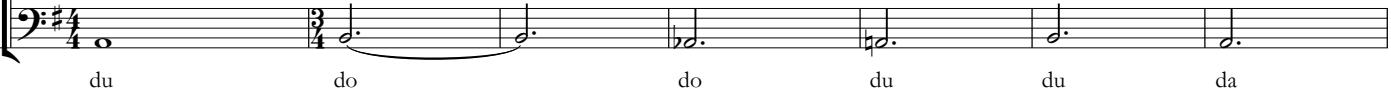
S. 

A. 

T1. 

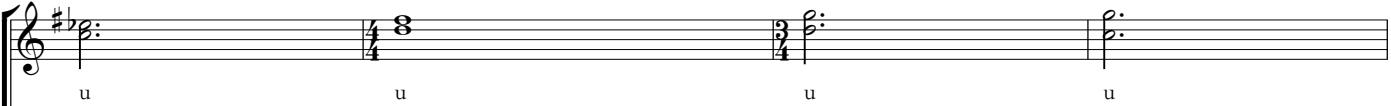
T2. 

Bar. 

Bas. 

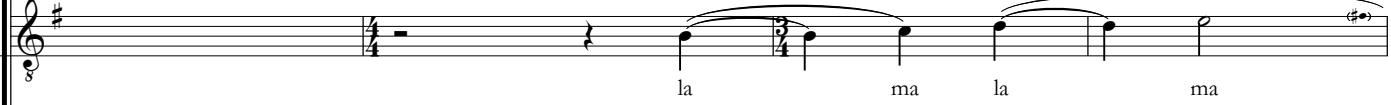
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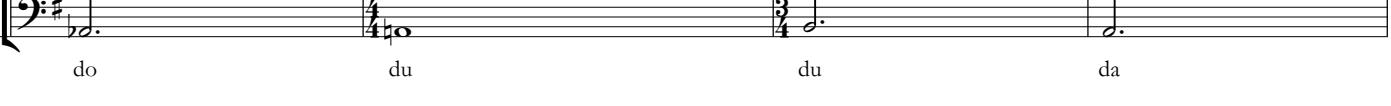
S. 

A. 

T1. 

T2. 

Bar. 

Bas. 

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S. u u u u

A. da ra ta de a ra ta de vo de vo va da a ra da ra ta da da

T1. a ra ta de vo da ra va ta de a ra ta de vo a ra ta de vo

T2. da ma la ma la ma

Bar. a ra ta de vo da ra va ta de vo da

Bas. do du du da

180

S. u u u u

A. — ra ta de a ra ta de vo de vo da ra ta da de a ra ta de vo de vo va va de

T1. a ra ta de vo da va ta de da ra ta da va de vo da va va de vo de vo a da va de vo

T2. da da ma la ma la ma la

Bar. a ra ta de vo da ra ta ta da a ra ta de vo

Bas. do du da de da do

185

S. u u u u

A. a ra ta de vo de vo da ra ta da de a ra ta de vo de vo da va va de vo

T1. da va ta de da ra ta da va de vo da va va de vo de vo a da va de vo

T2. da ma la ma la ma la ma

Bar. da ra ta ta da a ra ta de vo

Bas. du da de da do



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poco rit.

S. u u u u

A. a da va de vo da va va de vo da va de vo da

T1. da va va de a da va de vo a da va de vo va de vo da

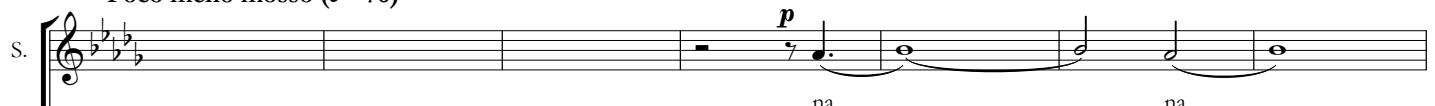
T2. a da va de vo da ma la ma la

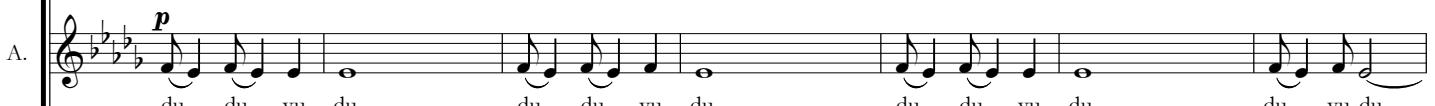
Bar. da va a ra ta de vo la a ra ta de vo ma de vo da

Bas. du da da da da da da

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Poco meno mosso ($\text{♩} = 76$)

S. 

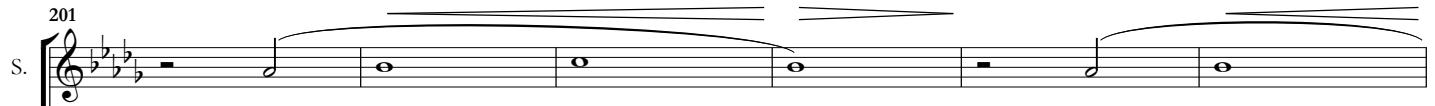
A. 

T. 

B. 



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S. 

A. 

T. 

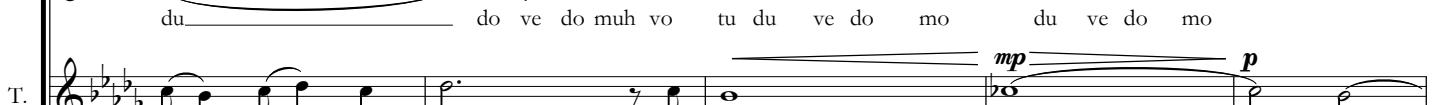
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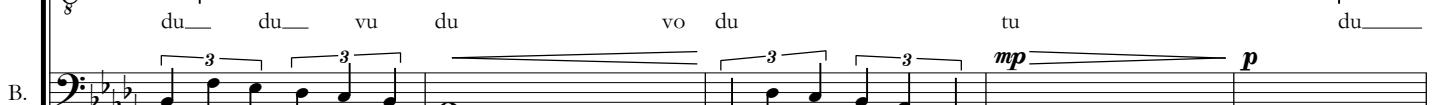


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S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

20

212

S. da na ta ga vo tu m
A. du ve me do mo tu du na do vo tu m
T. ve do mo tu do vo tu m
B. du me do vo muh tu du vo tu m



219

Poco più mosso ($\text{♩} = 50$)

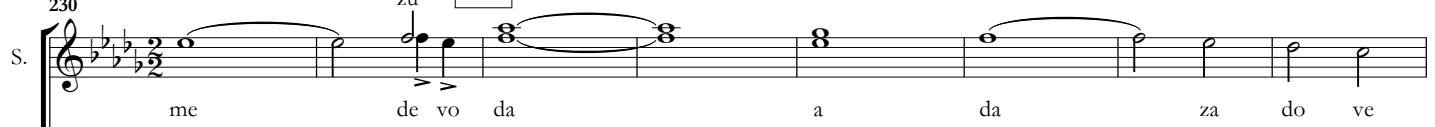
S. a ve o da tu m o da tu me
A. a ve o da tu m o da tu me
T. a ve o da tu m o da tu me
B. a ve o da tu m o da tu me



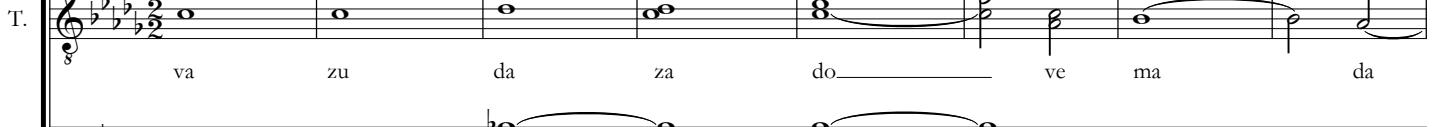
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S. (portamento) va za rre a va zu
A. va rre a
T. va rre a
B. va rre a

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S. 

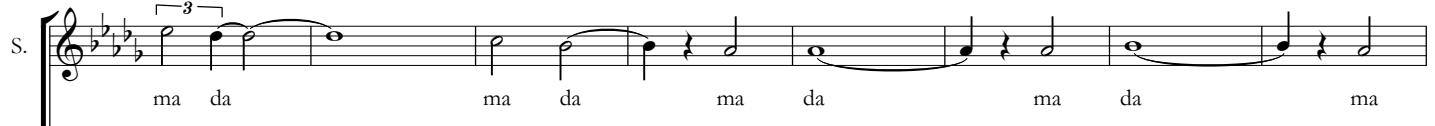
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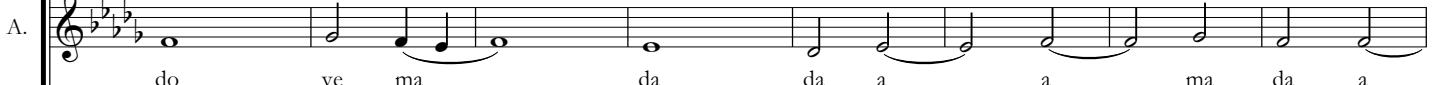
T. 

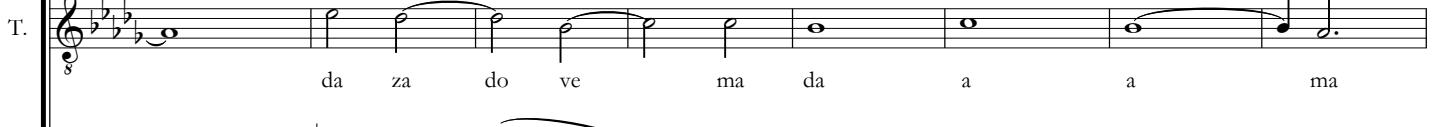
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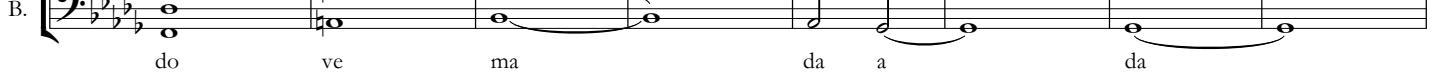
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S. 

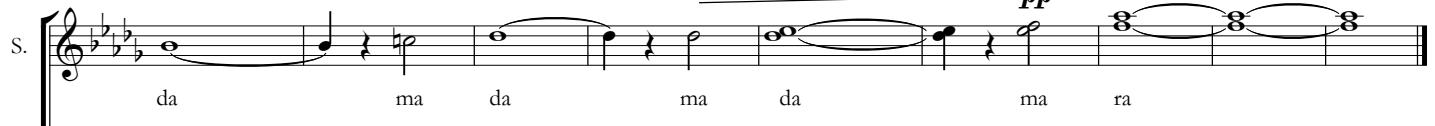
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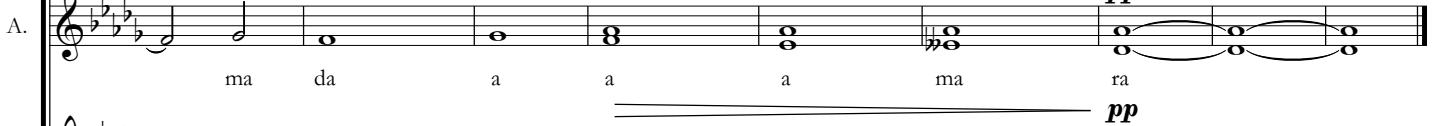
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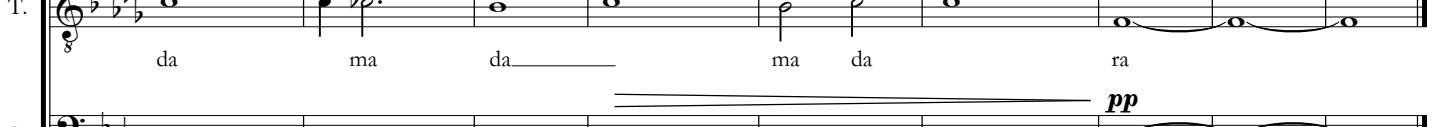
B. 

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S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 