

CRINES URSI

A SONG OF RITUAL
FOR TTBB CHOIR

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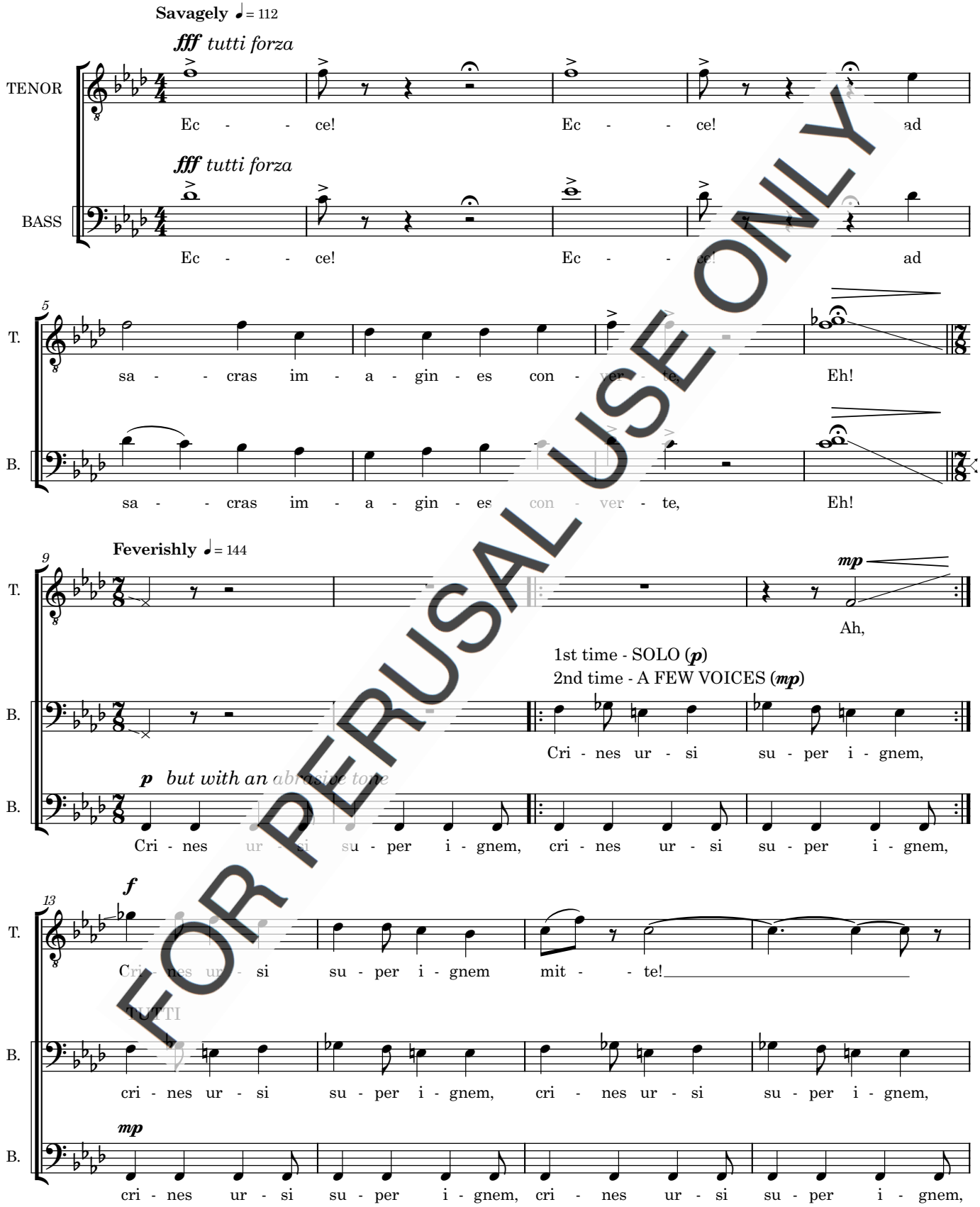
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for YL Male Voice Choir

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Fragments of a text found scrawled on
the wall of an underground bunker
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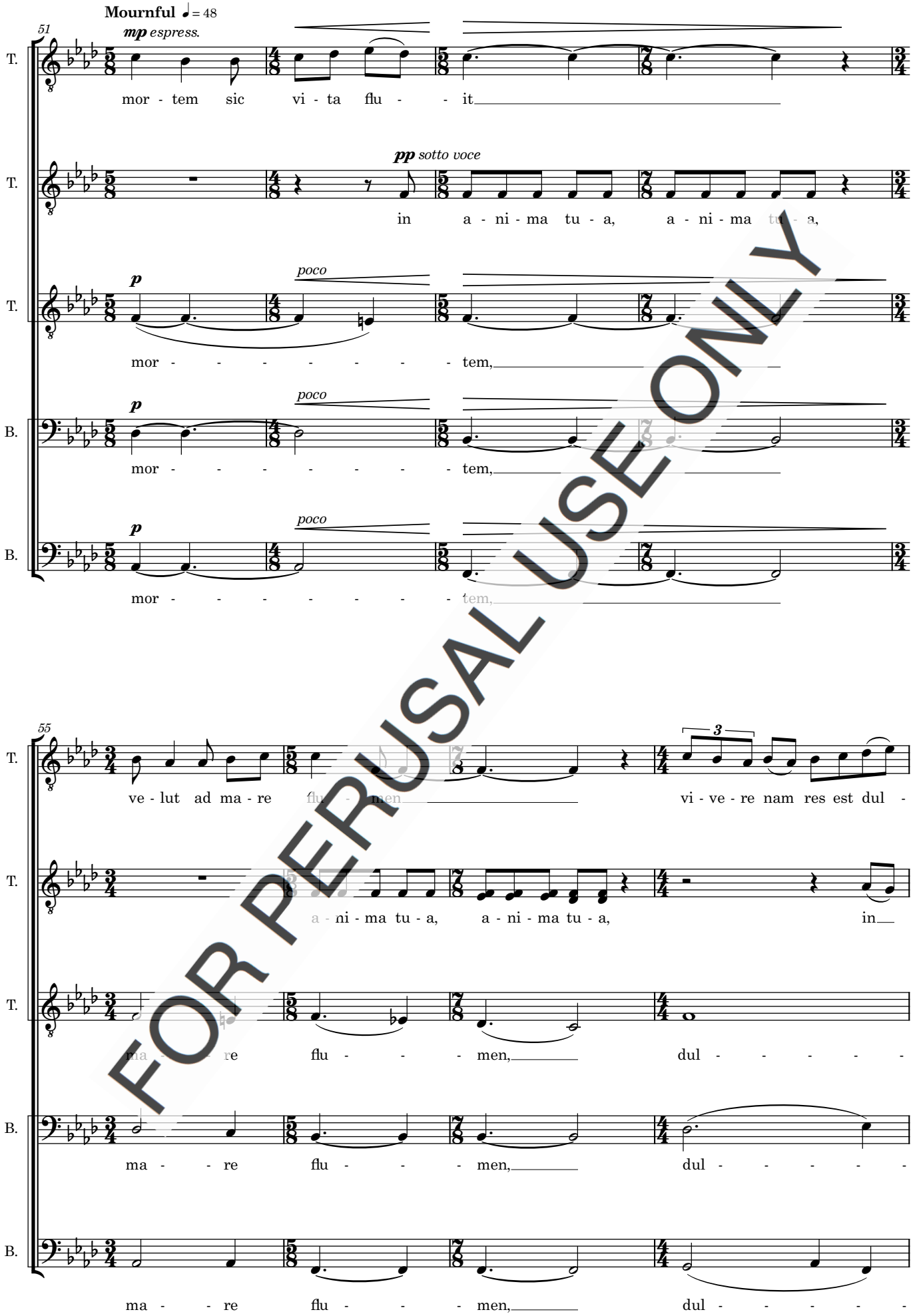
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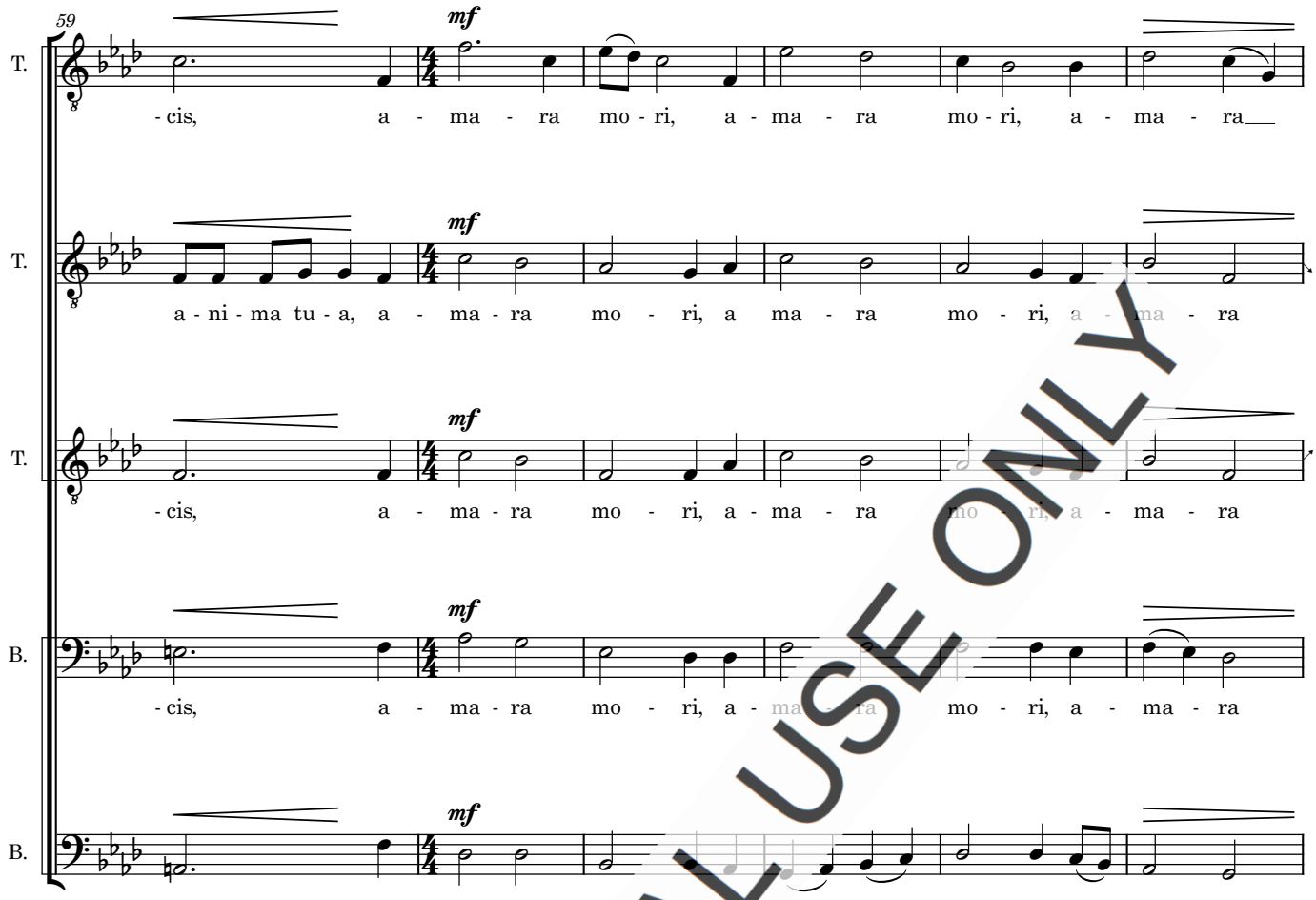
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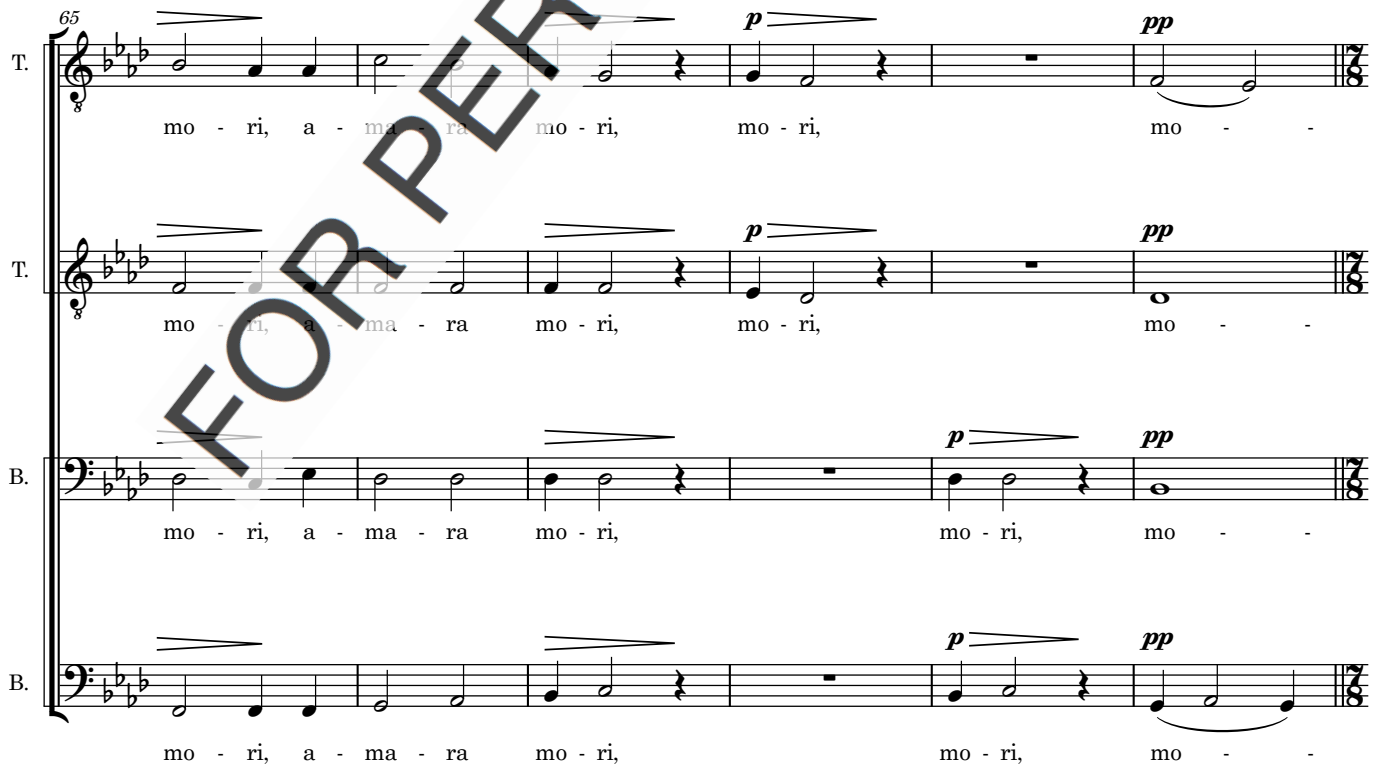


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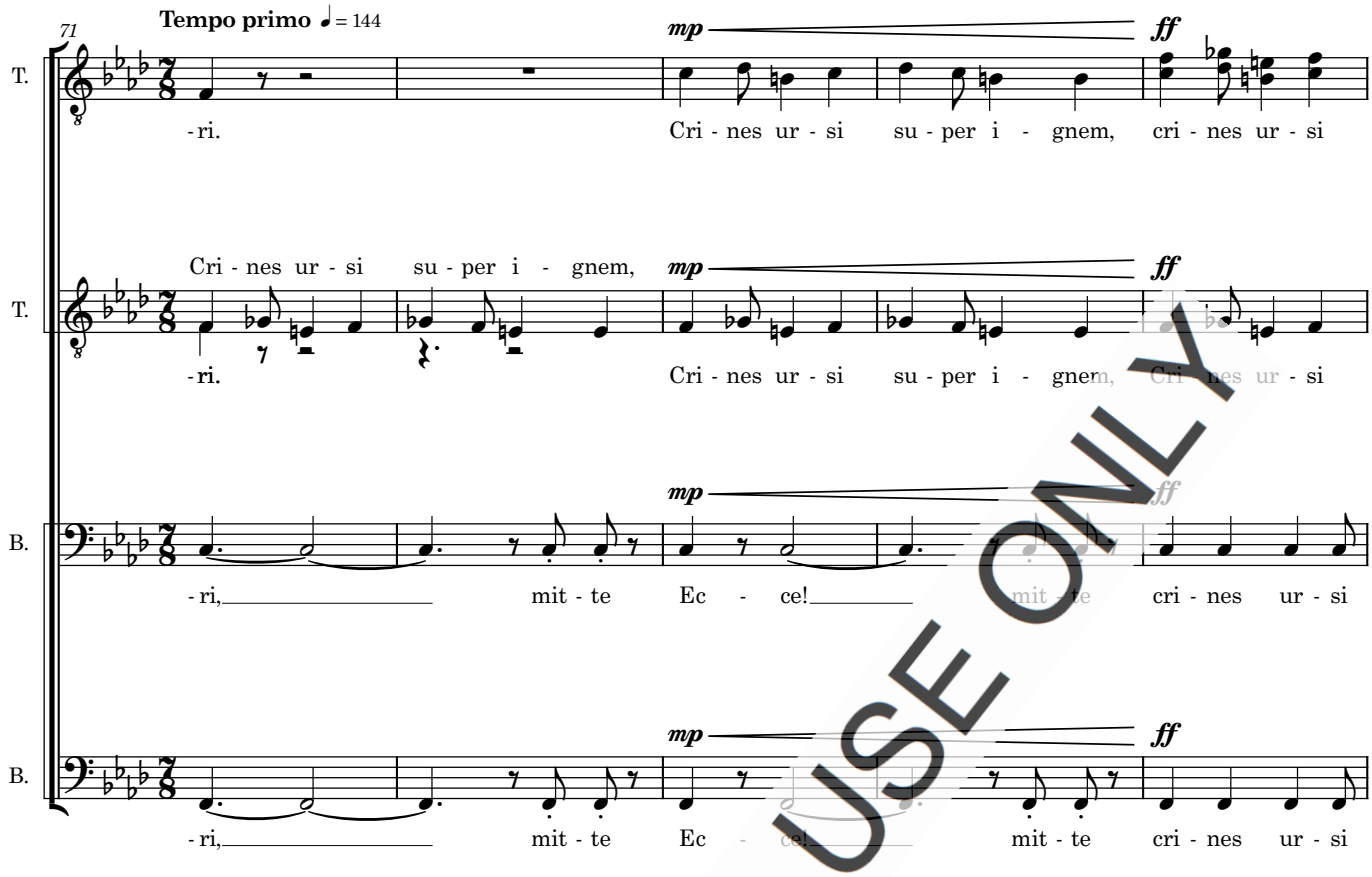


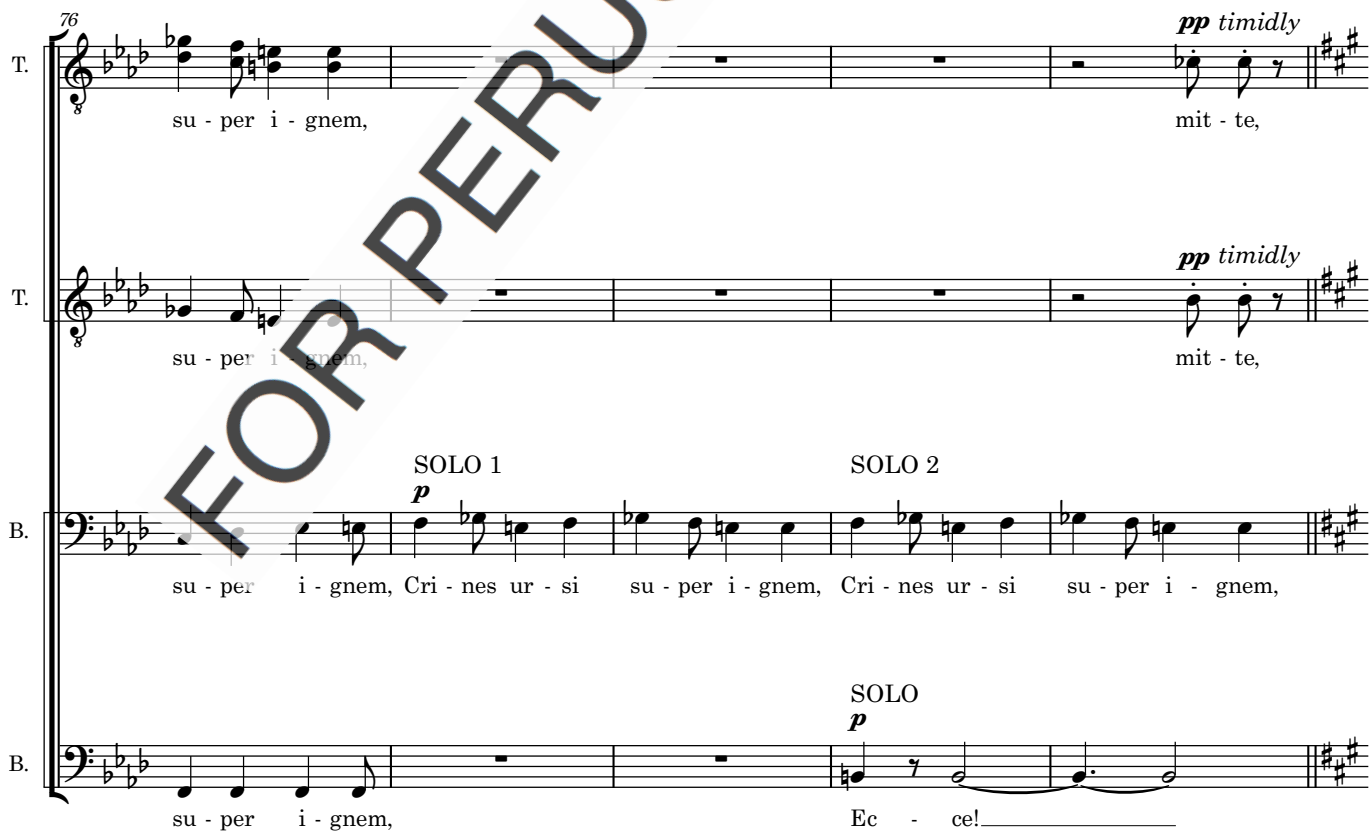
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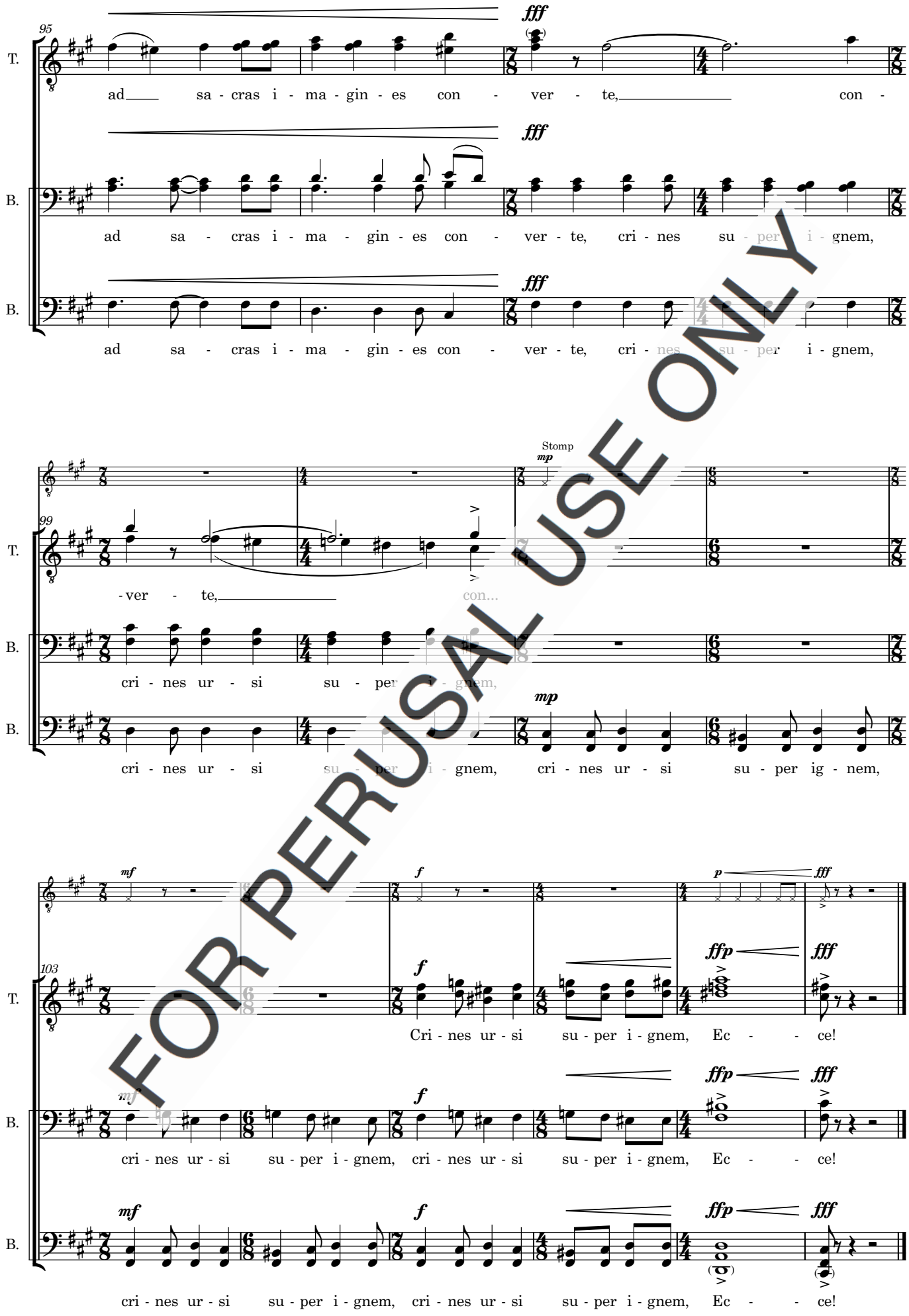




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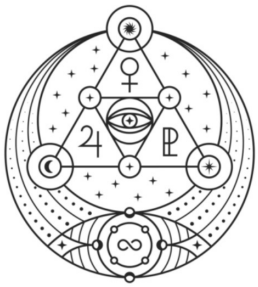


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ECCE!
CRINES URSI SUPER IGNEM MITTE
AD SACRAS IMAGINES CONVERTE
IN ANIMA TUA

AD MORTEM SIC VITA FLUIT
VELUT AD MARE FLUMEN
VIVERE NAM DULCE EST DULCIS
AMARA MORI

BEHOLD!
CAST THE HAIR OF A BEAR INTO THE FIRE
TURN TOWARDS SACRED IMAGES
IN YOUR MIND

SO DOES LIFE FLOW TO DEATH
AS RIVERS TO THE SEA
FOR IT IS SWEET TO LIVE
BITTER TO DIE

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