ADVENT GIFT

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with optional flute*

Words by
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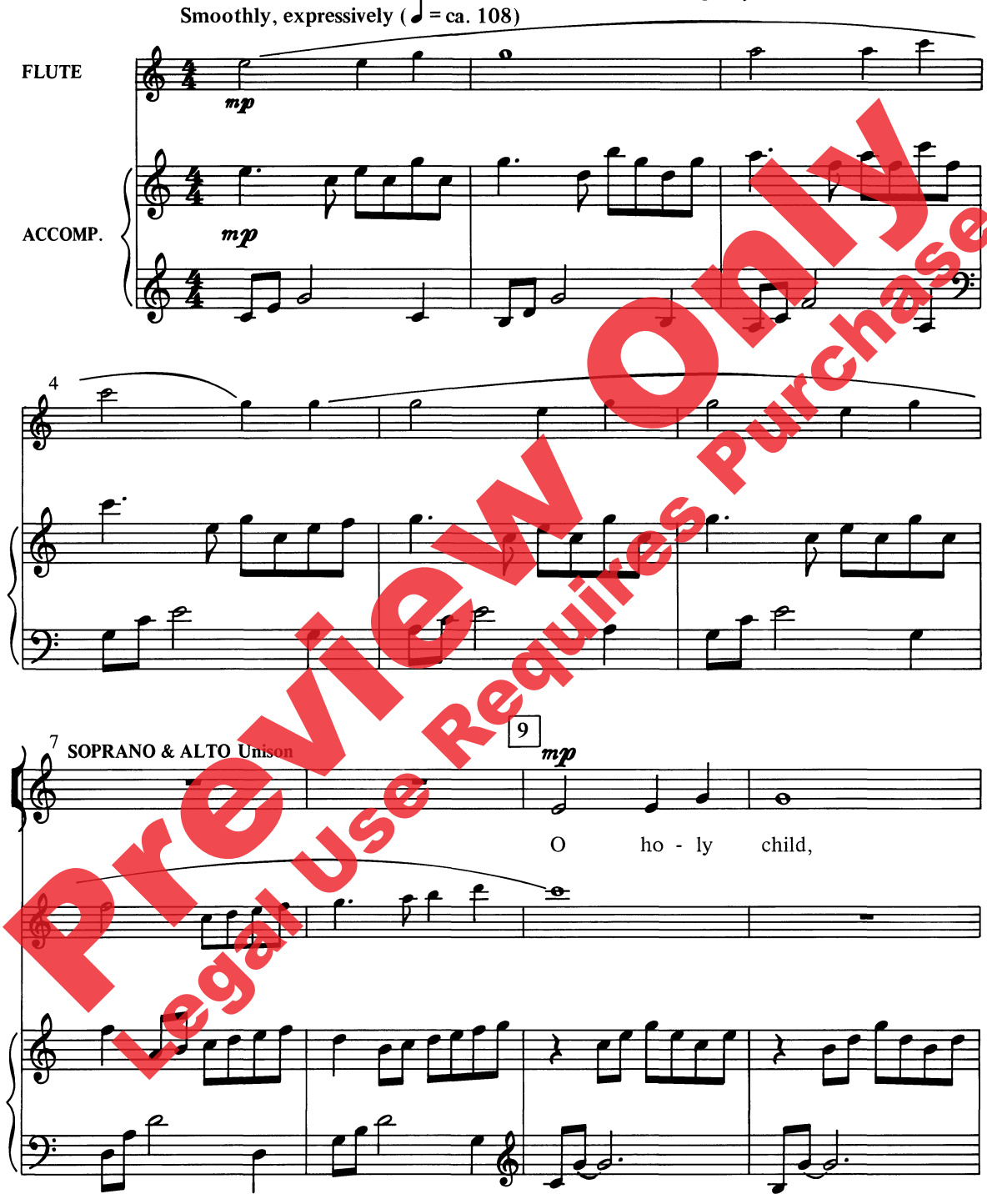

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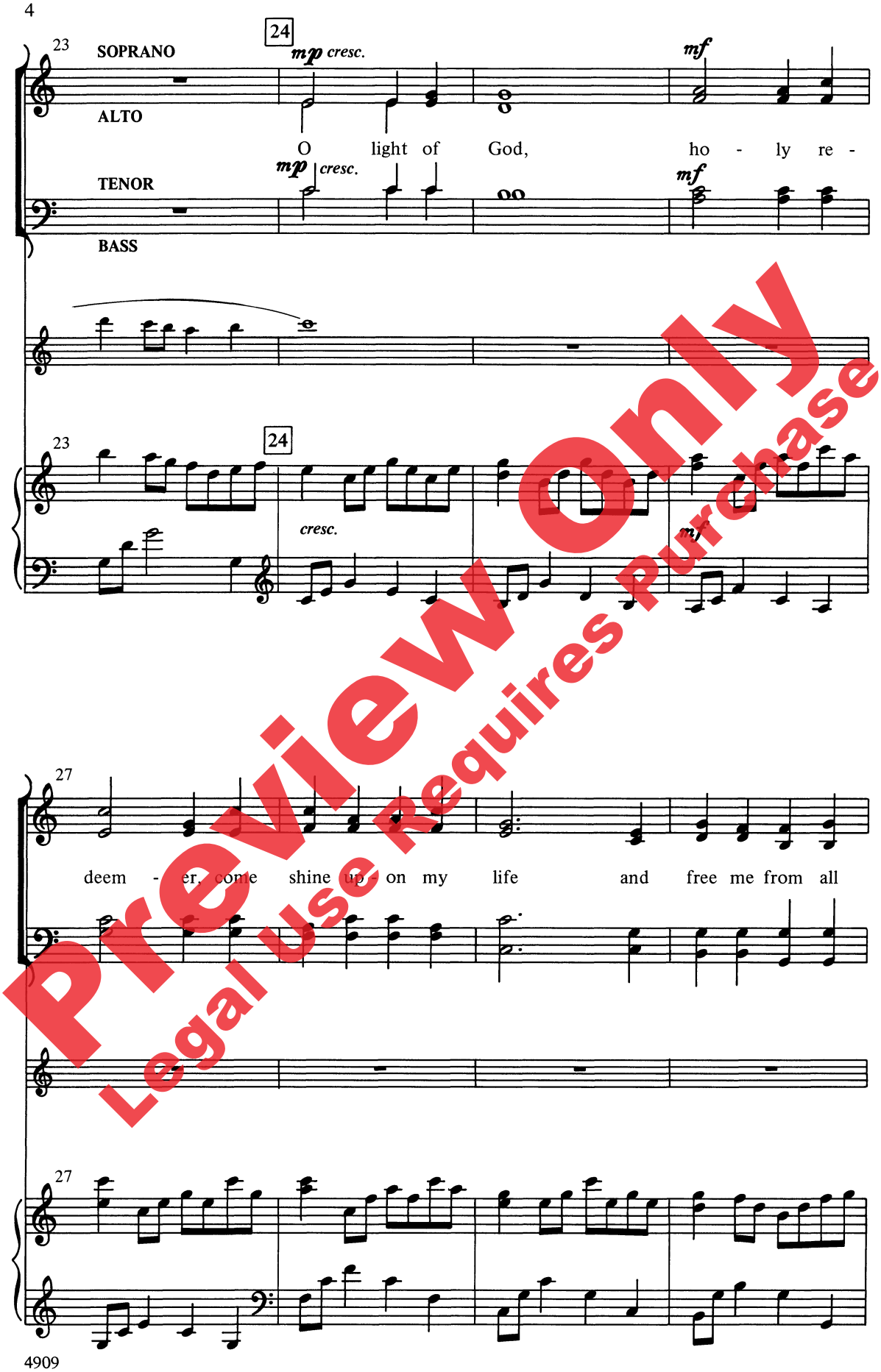

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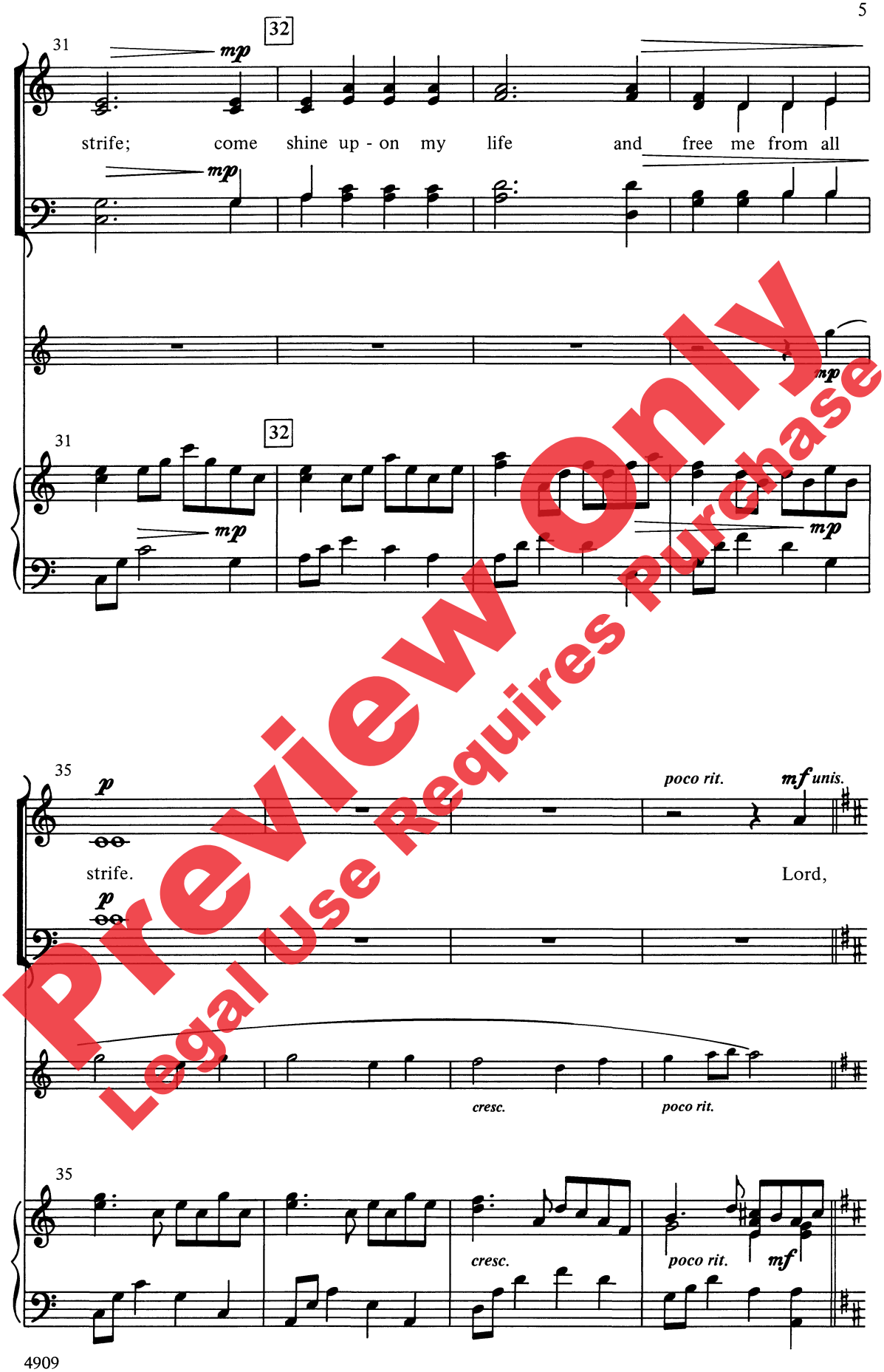

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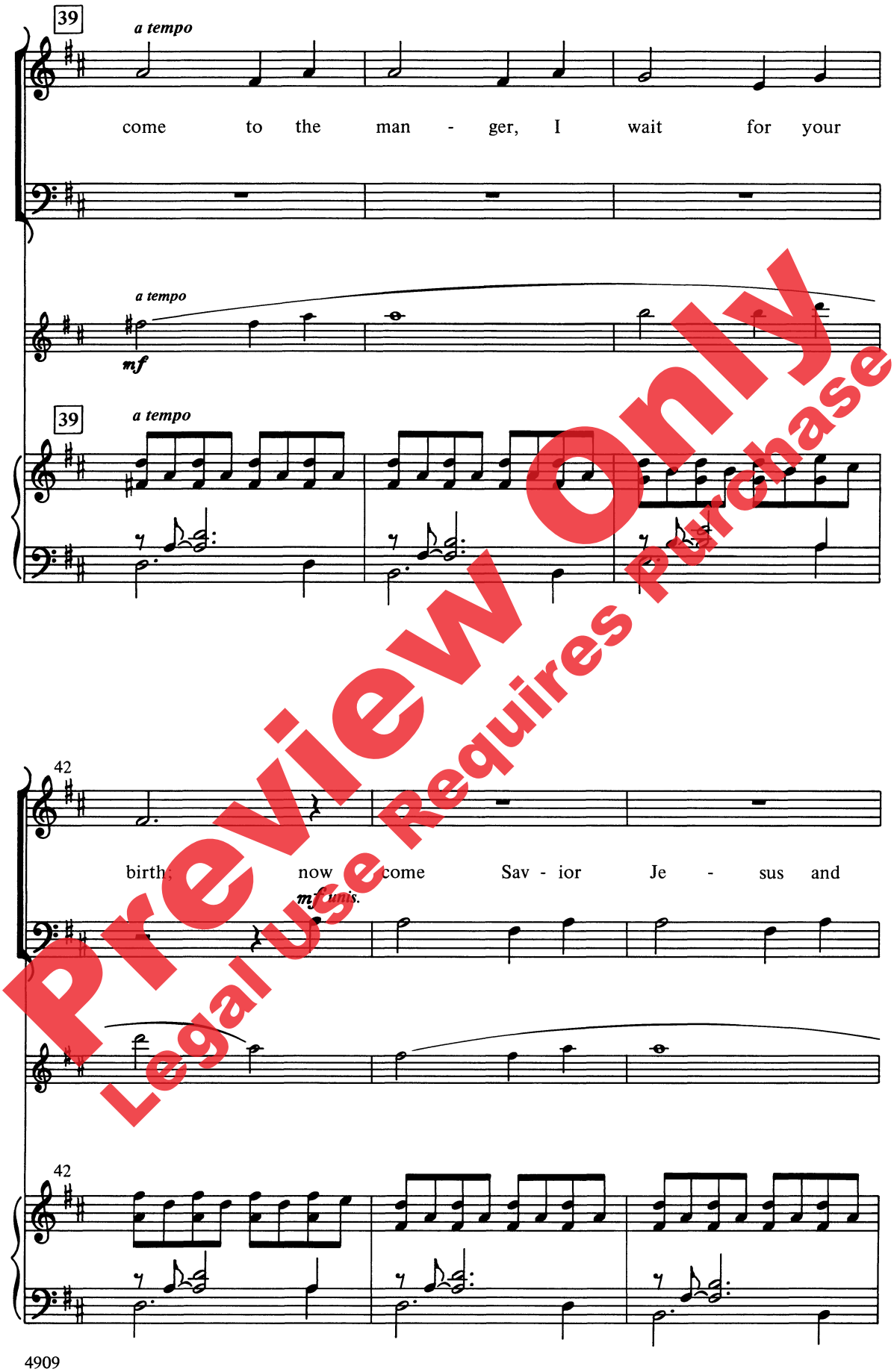

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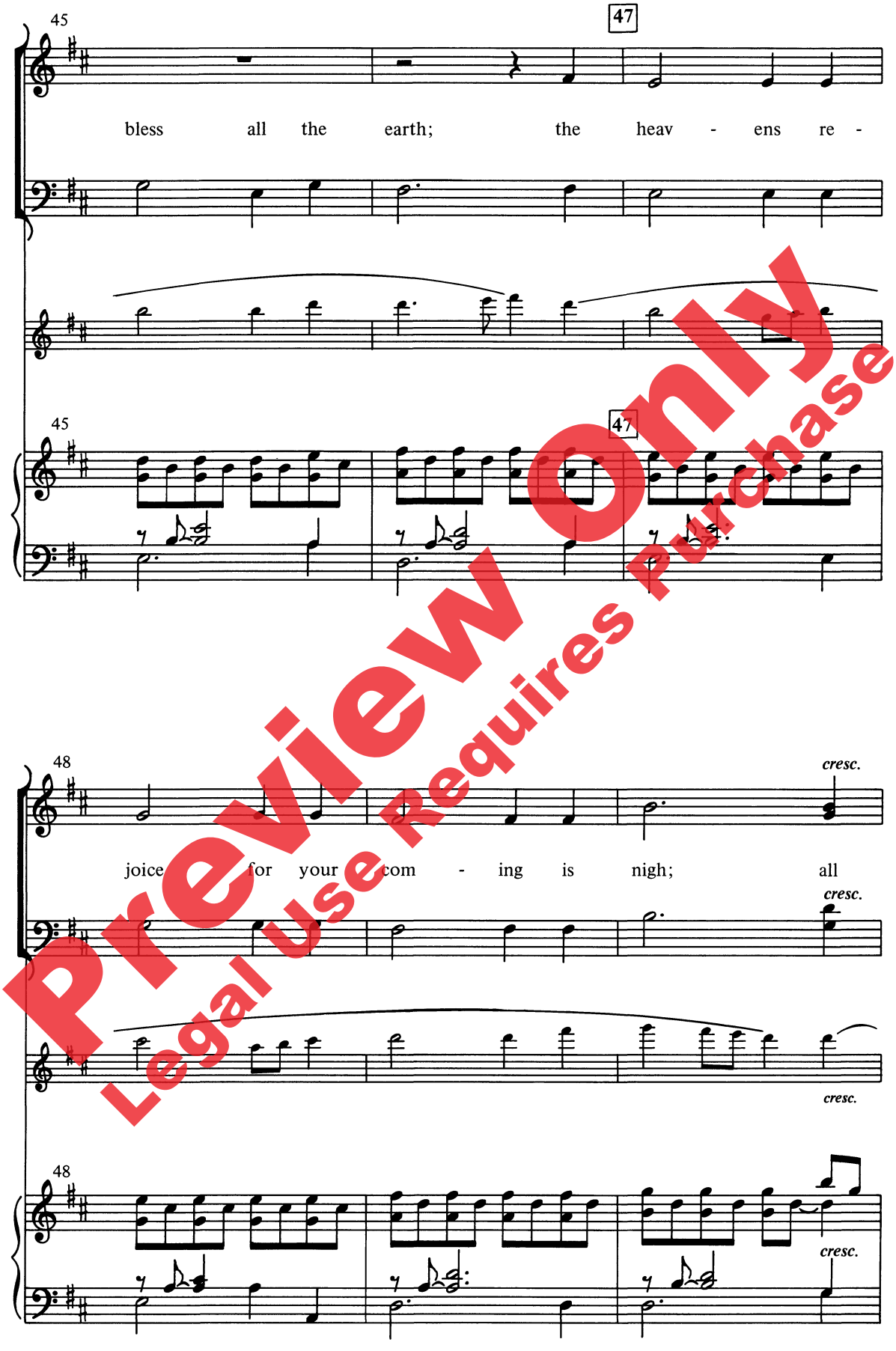

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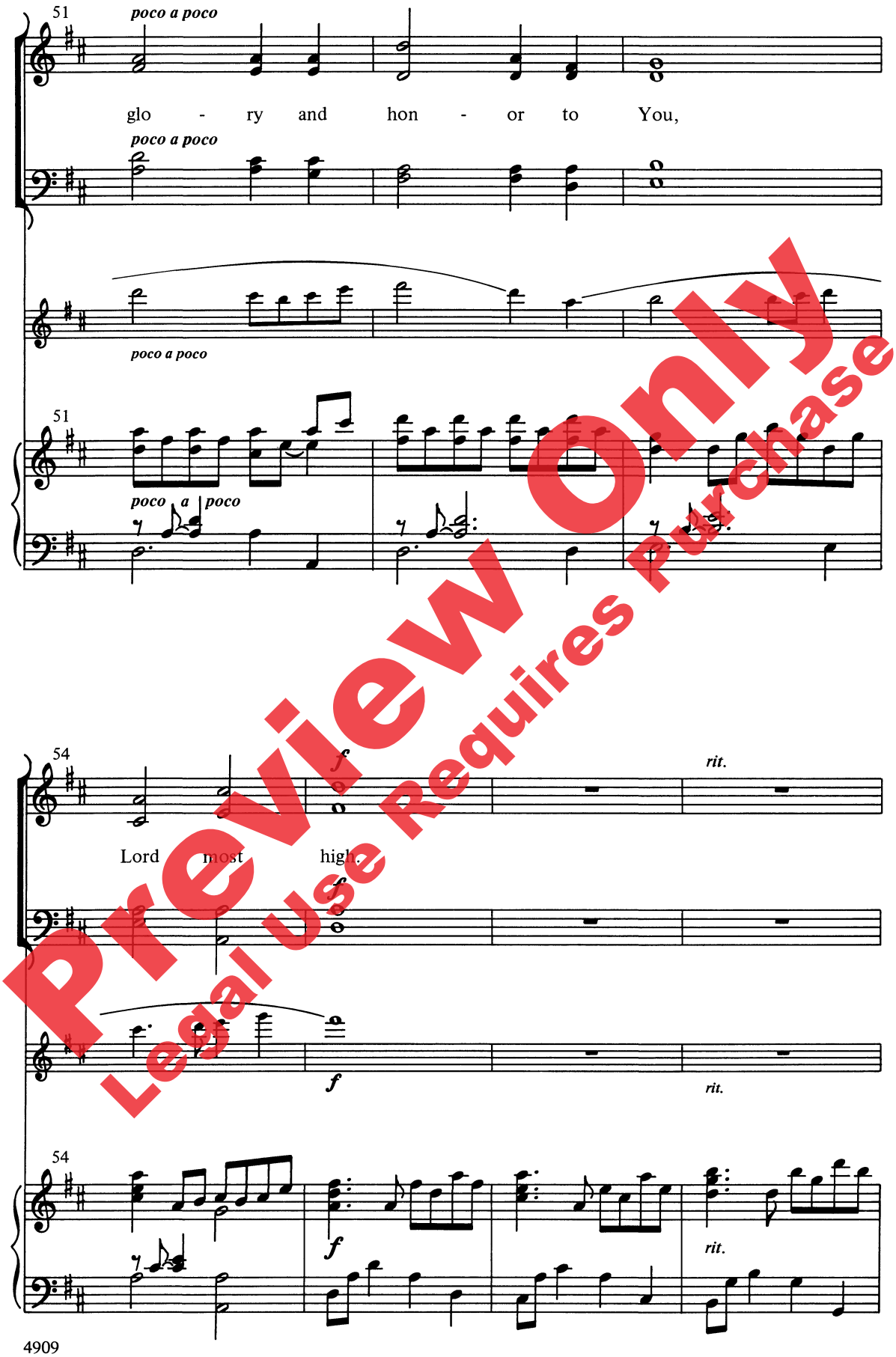

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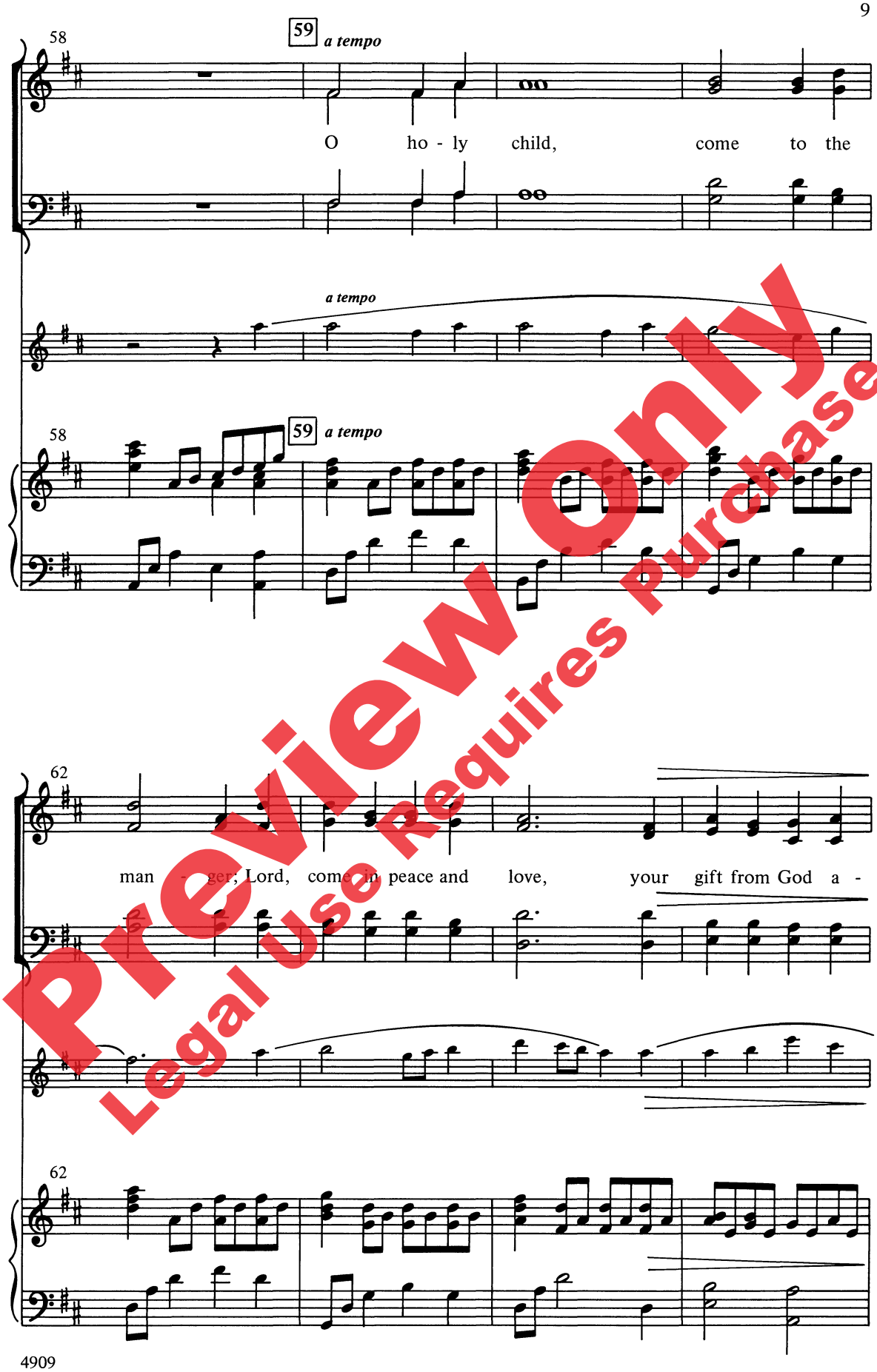

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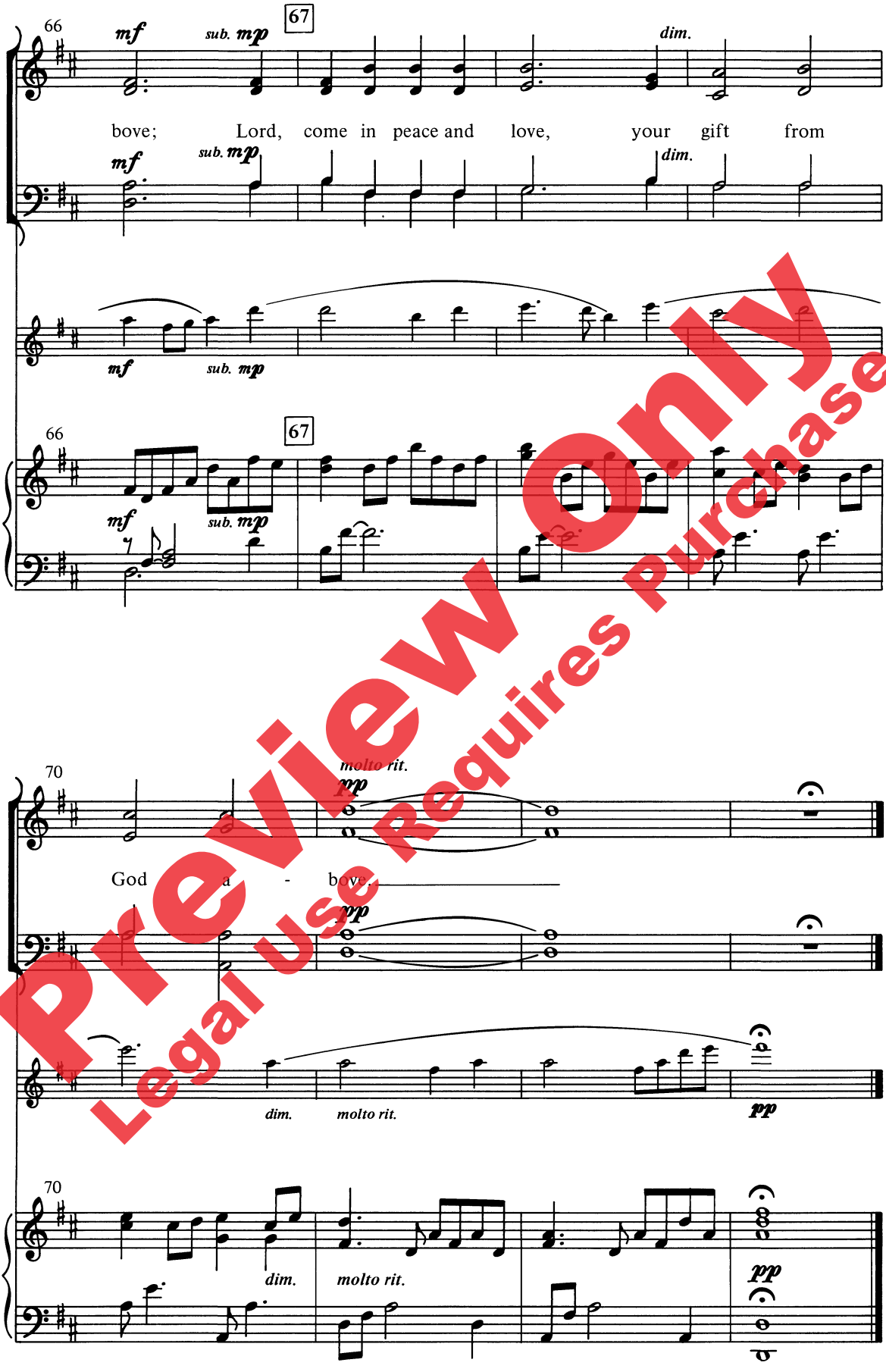

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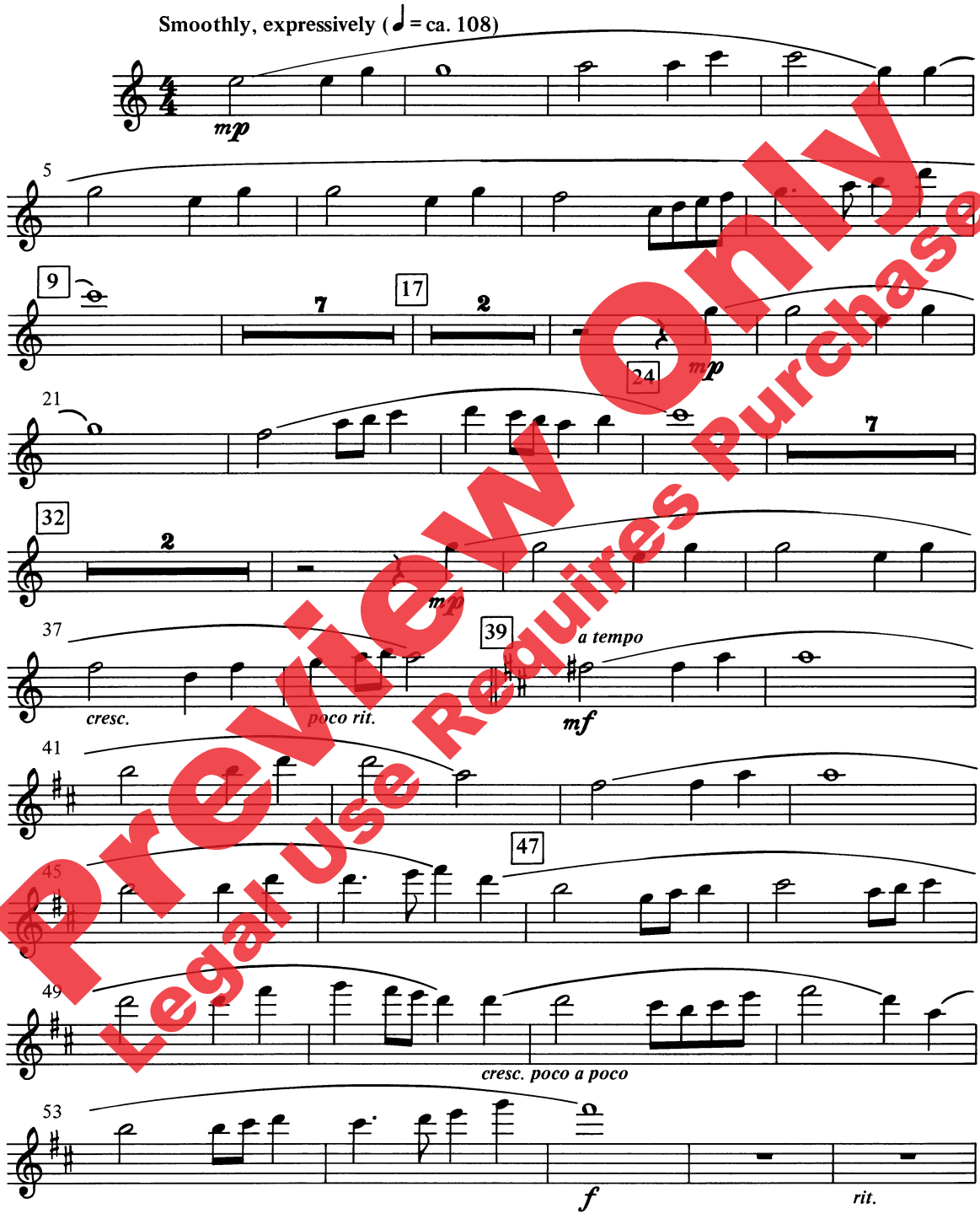
FLUTE



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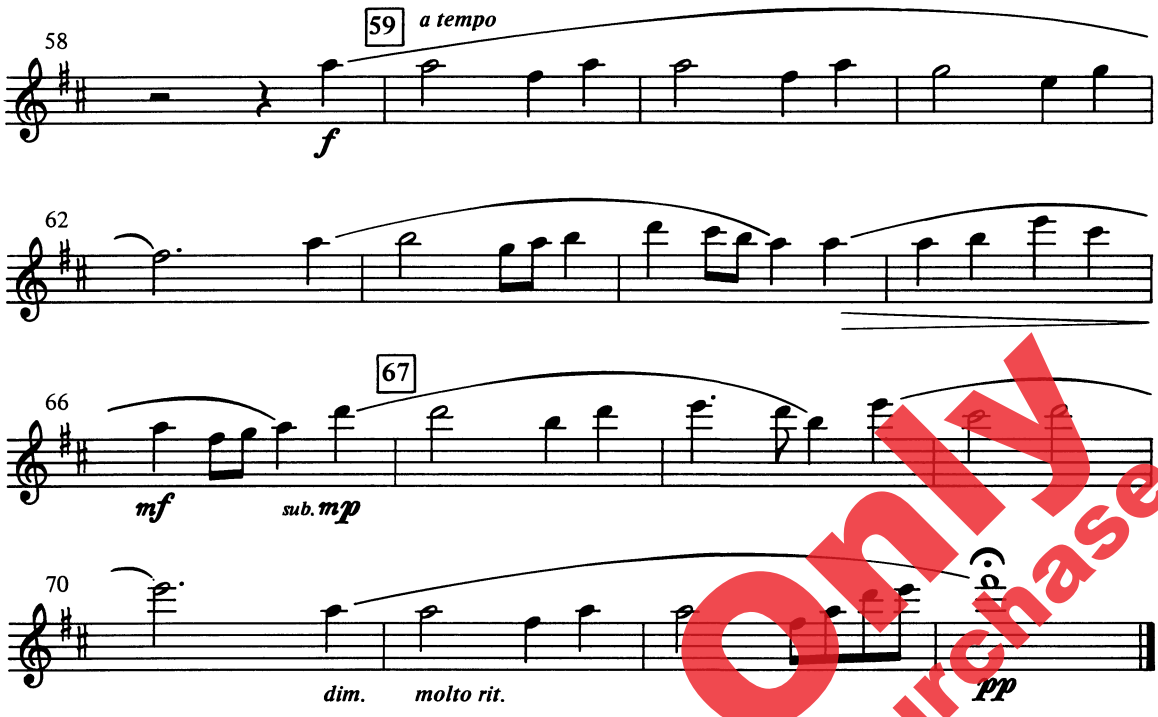

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Advent Gift is an inspired pairing of the beloved carol tune ***Ihr Kinderlein, kommet (O Come, Little Children)*** with a charming melody by Charles Gounod. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include Psalm 80: 1-7, Isaiah 63: 16-19 and 64: 1-8, Mark 13: 32-37, and 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9. One basic homiletical theme is preparing for the coming of the Redeemer who brings peace and love to humankind.

This anthem is best served by gently flowing four-measure phrases highlighted by subtle dynamic shading. Introduce the anthem by rehearsing all voices in unison in m. 9-20 until uniform pitch, tone, and phrasing are achieved. To ensure rhythmic precision, sing the anthem softly on "hoo" pulsing a constant eighth note pattern, matching it with the underlying eighth notes in the accompaniment. Add text without sacrificing uniformity of choir and accompaniment. A basic pulse of two beats per measure and sensitive text declamation will further enhance performances of this gentle Advent anthem.

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