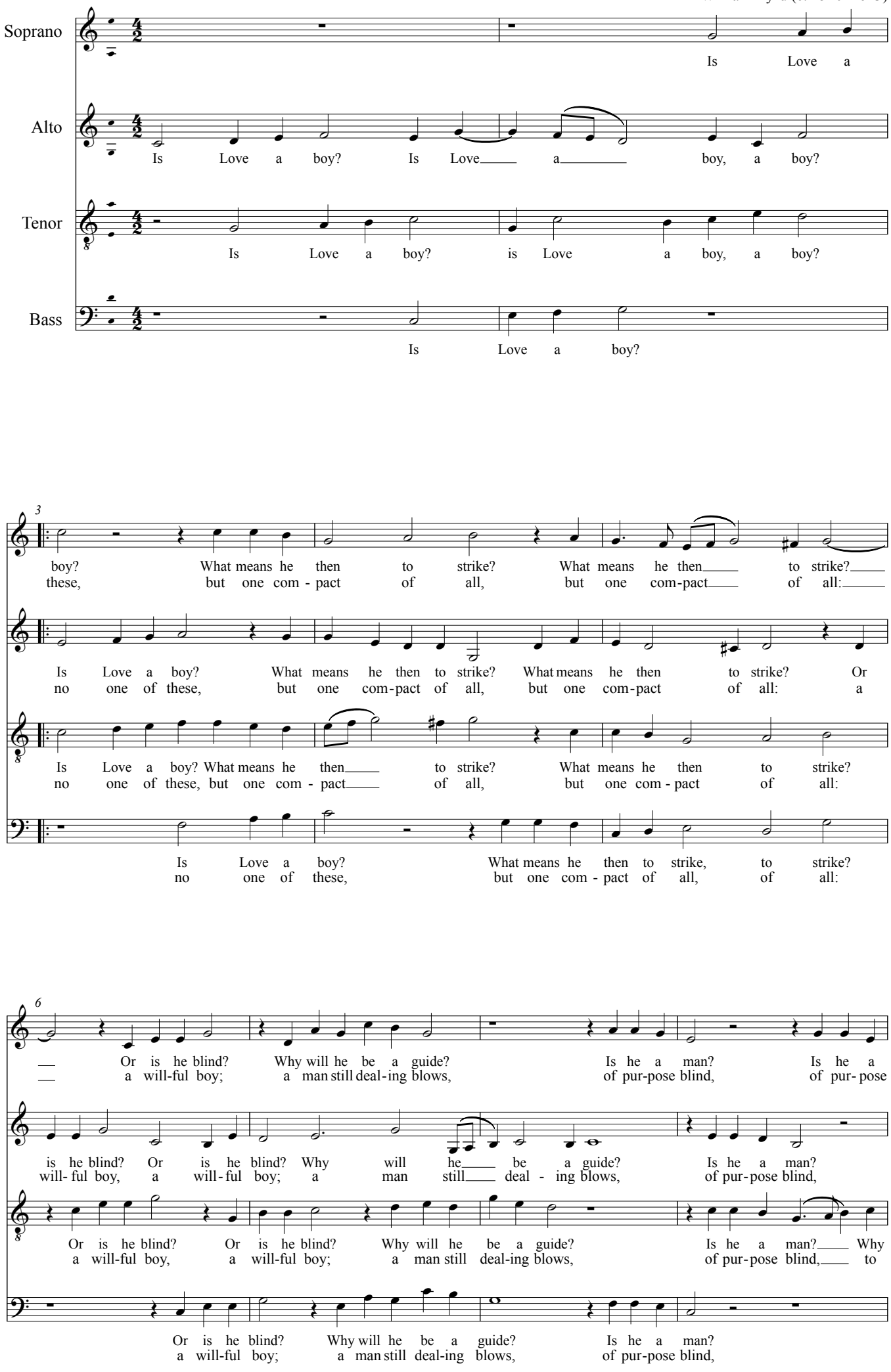
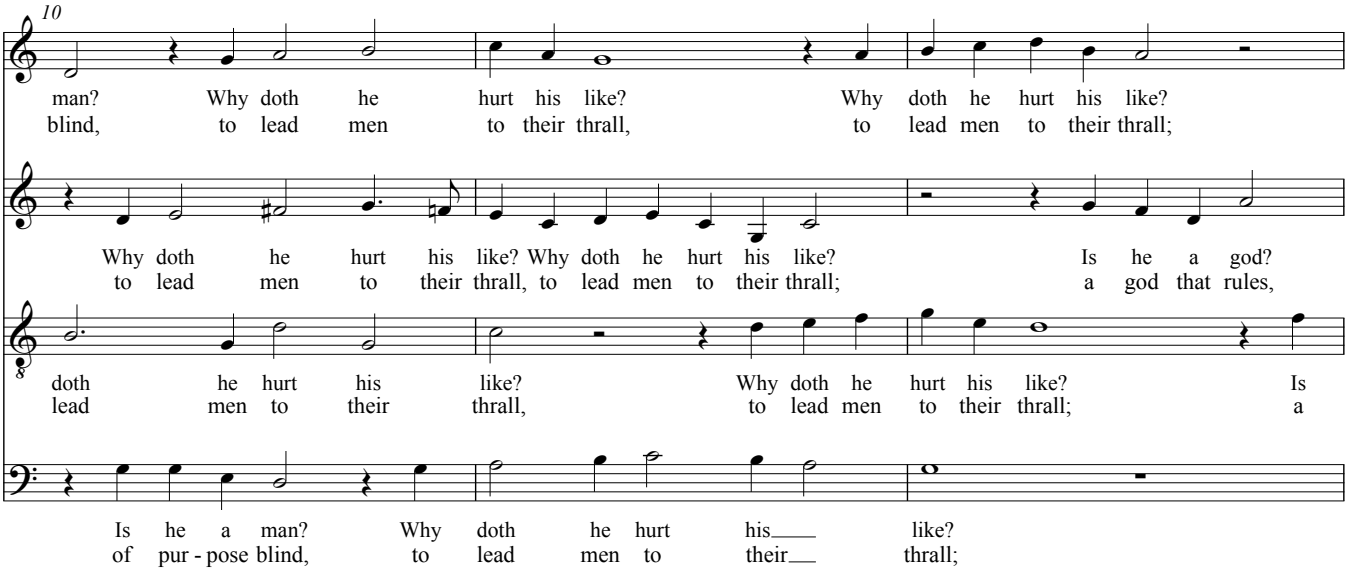
Is Love a boy? / Boy, pity me

Songs of sundrie natures (1589), no. 15 & 16

William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

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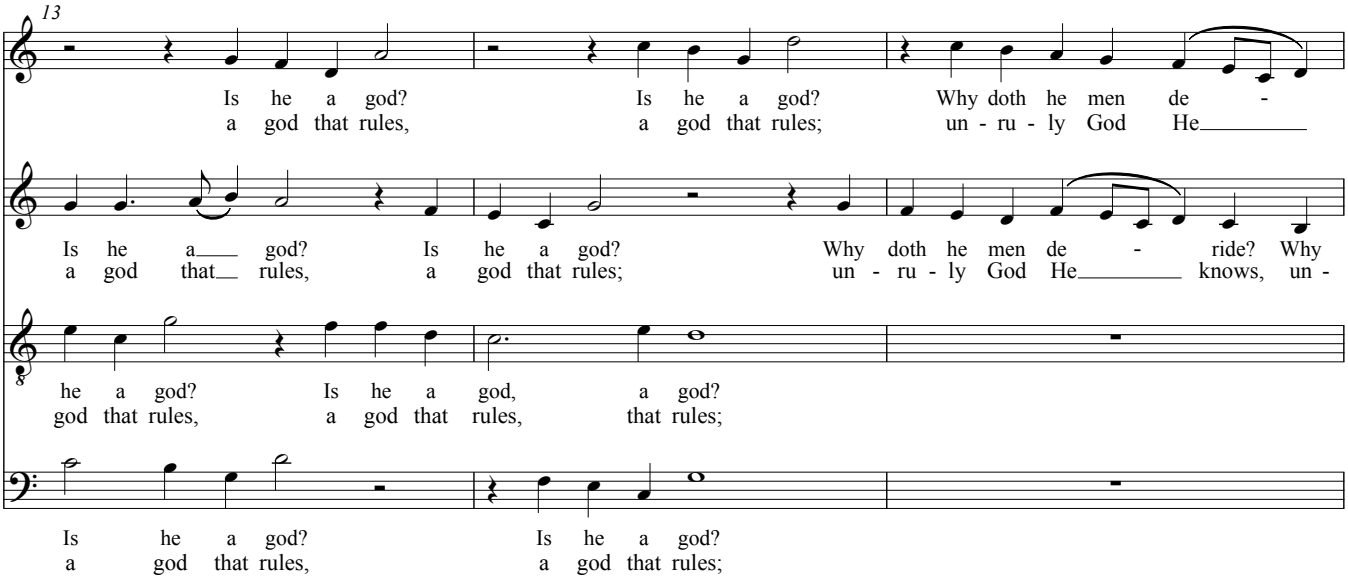
man? Why doth he hurt his like? Why doth he hurt his like?
blind, to lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall;
Why doth he hurt his like? Why doth he hurt his like? Is he a god?
to lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall; a god that rules,
doth he hurt his like? Why doth he hurt his like? Is
lead men to their thrall, to lead men to their thrall; a
Is he a man? Why doth he hurt his like?
of pur - pose blind, to lead men to their thrall;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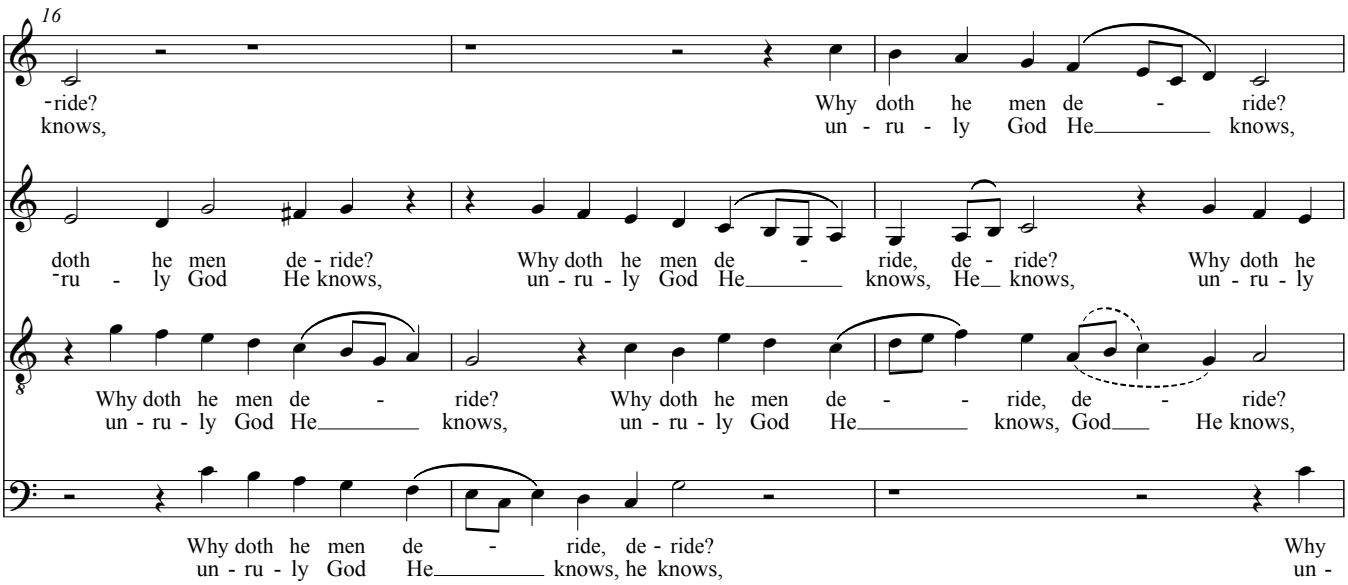
Is he a god? Is he a god? Why doth he men de -
a god that rules, a god that rules; un - ru - ly God He
Is he a god? Is he a god? Why doth he men de - ride? Why
a god that rules, a god that rules; un - ru - ly God He knows, un -
he a god? Is he a god, a god?
god that rules, a god that rules, that rules;
Is he a god? Is he a god?
a god that rules, a god that rules;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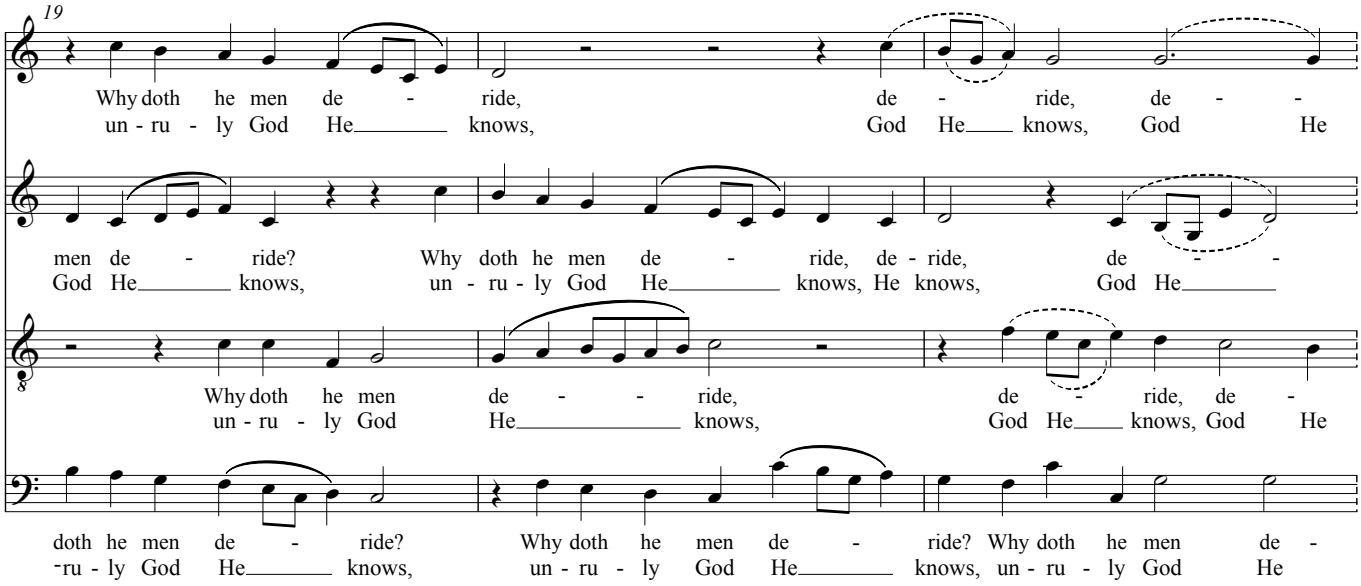
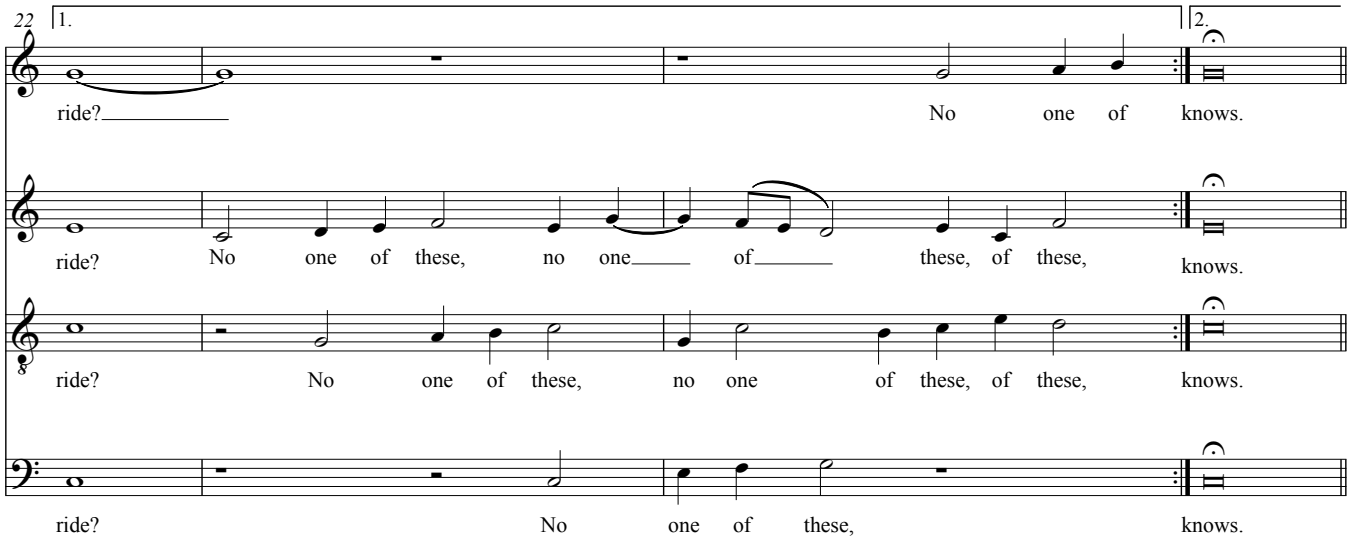
-ride? Why doth he men de - ride?
knows, un - ru - ly God He knows,
doth he men de - ride? Why doth he men de - ride, de - ride? Why doth he
-ru - ly God He knows, un - ru - ly God He knows, He knows, un - ru - ly
Why doth he men de - ride? Why doth he men de - - ride, de - ride?
un - ru - ly God He knows, un - ru - ly God He knows, God He knows,
Why doth he men de - ride, de - ride? Why
un - ru - ly God He knows, he knows, un -





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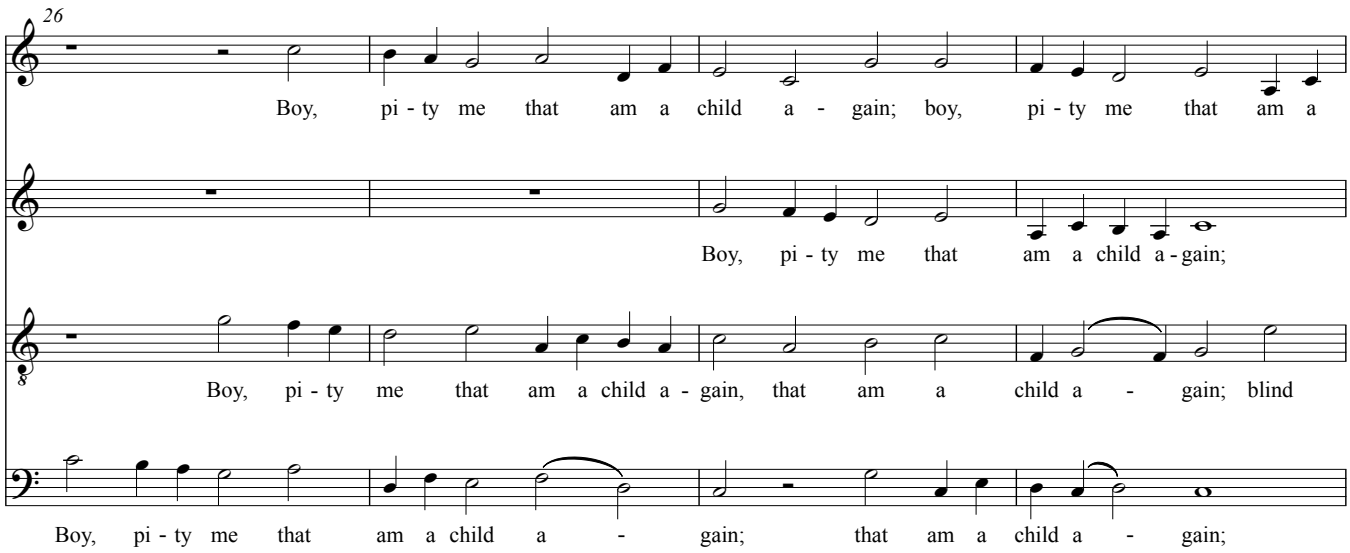

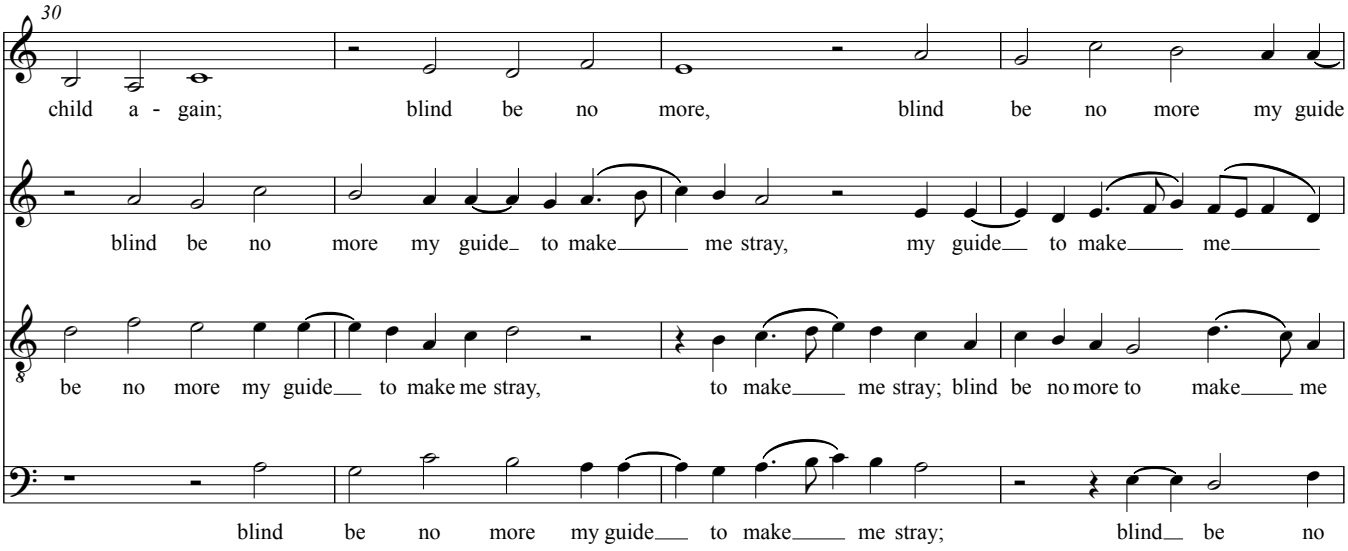
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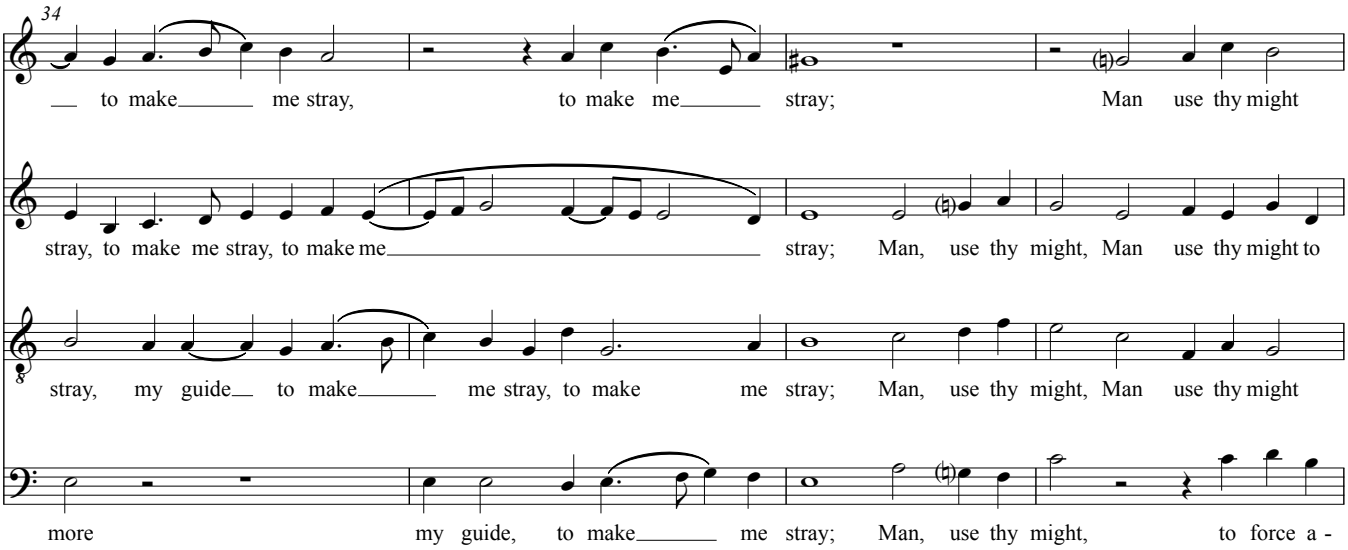
child a - gain; blind be no more, blind be no more my guide
blind be no more my guide to make me stray, my guide to make me
be no more my guide to make me stray, to make me stray; blind be no more to make me
blind be no more my guide to make me stray; blind be no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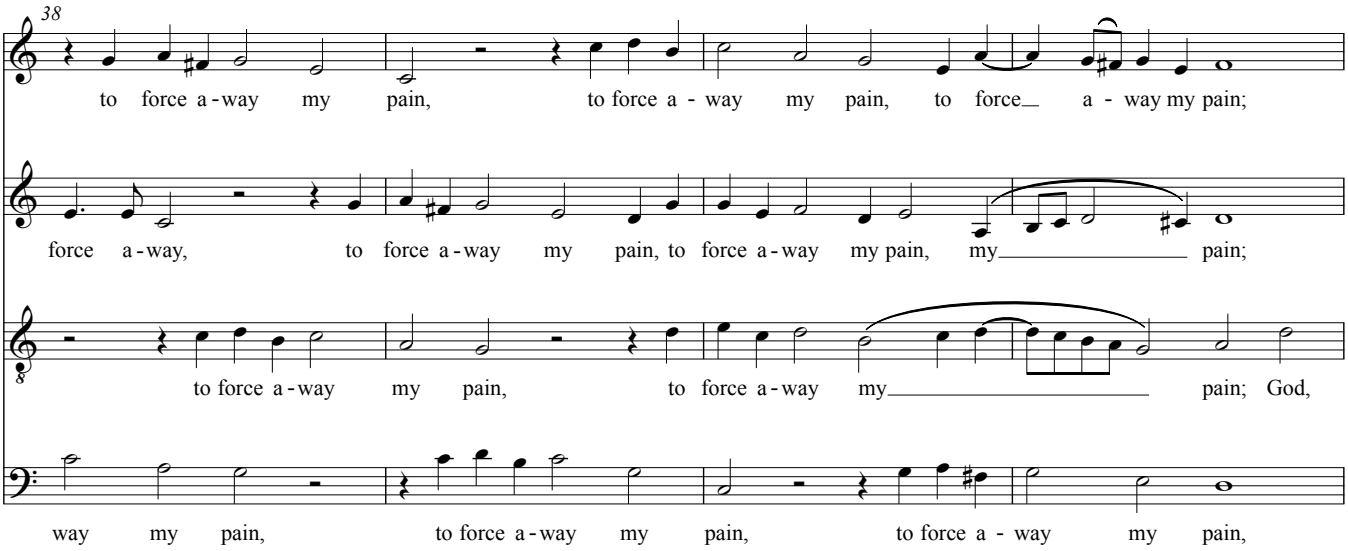
to make me stray, to make me stray; Man use thy might
stray, to make me stray, to make me stray; Man, use thy might, Man use thy might to
stray, my guide to make me stray, to make me stray; Man, use thy might, Man use thy might
more my guide, to make me stray; Man, use thy might, to force a -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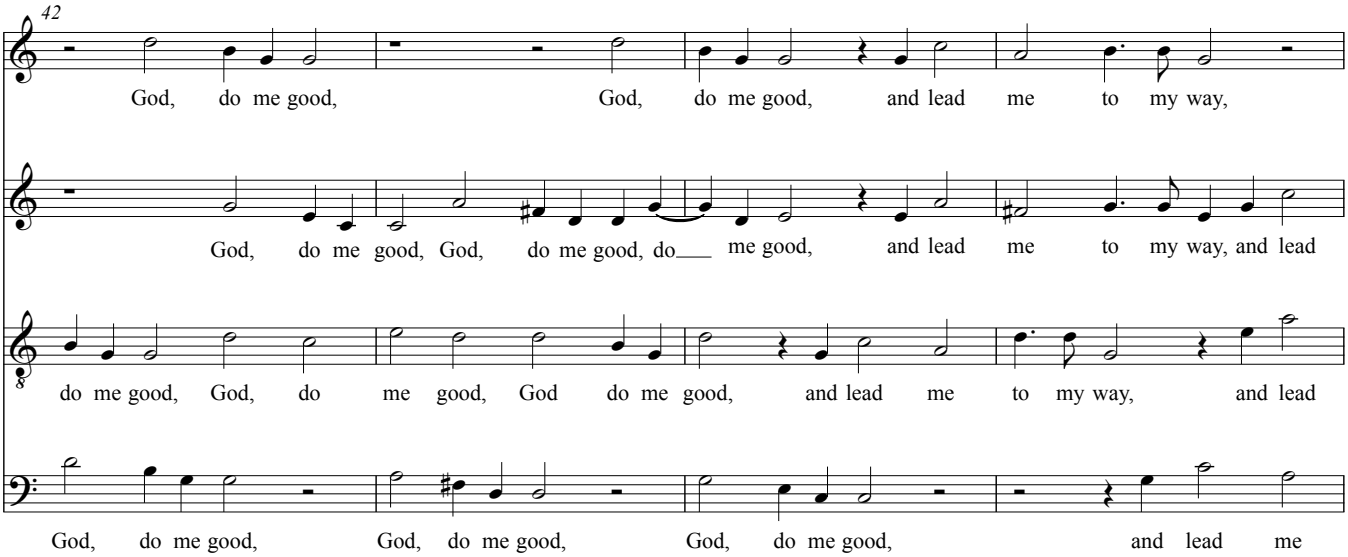
to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain;
force a - way, to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain, my pain;
to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain; God,
way my pain, to force a - way my pain, to force a - way my pain,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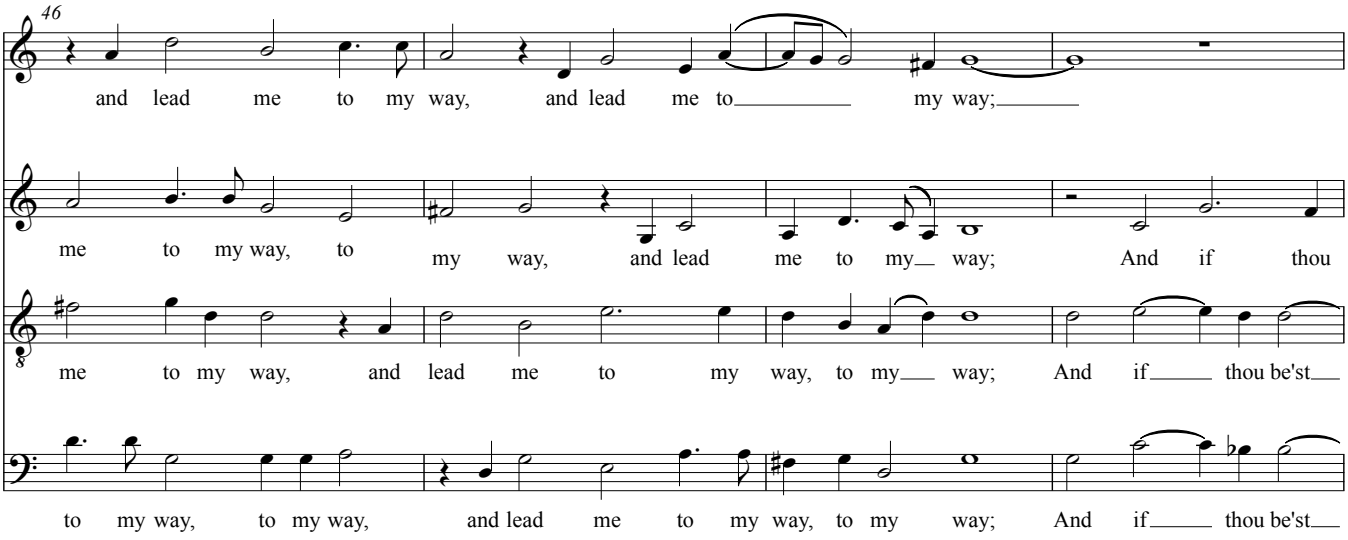
God, do me good, God, do me good, and lead me to my way,
God, do me good, God, do me good, do me good, and lead me to my way, and lead
do me good, God, do me good, God do me good, and lead me to my way, and lead
God, do me good, God, do me good, God, do me good, and lead me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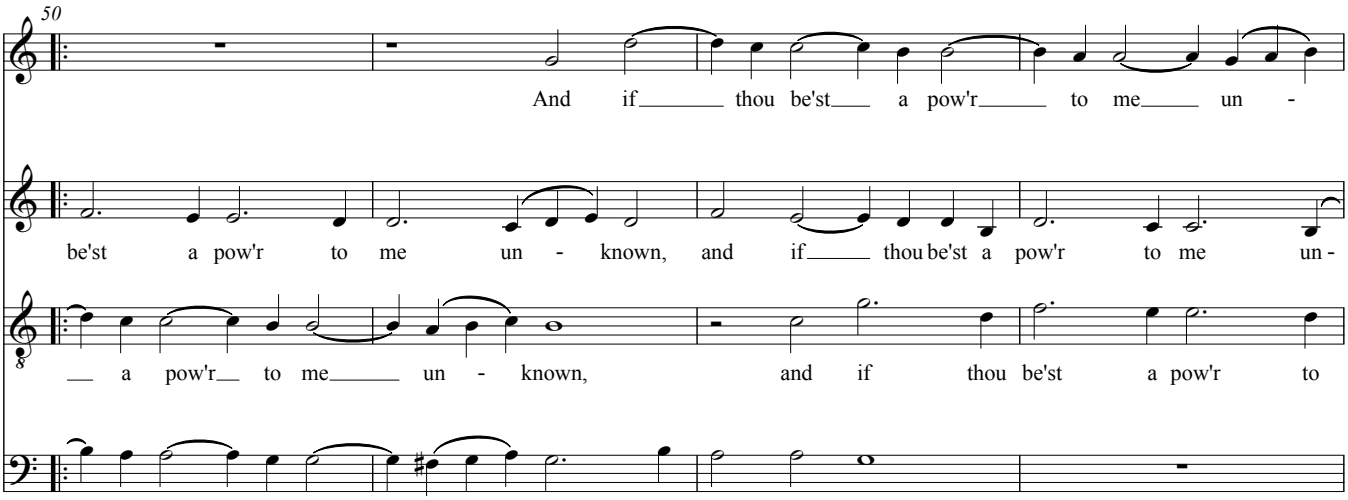
and lead me to my way, and lead me to my way;
me to my way, to my way, and lead me to my way; And if thou
me to my way, and lead me to my way, to my way; And if thou be'st
to my way, to my way, and lead me to my way, to my way; And if thou be'st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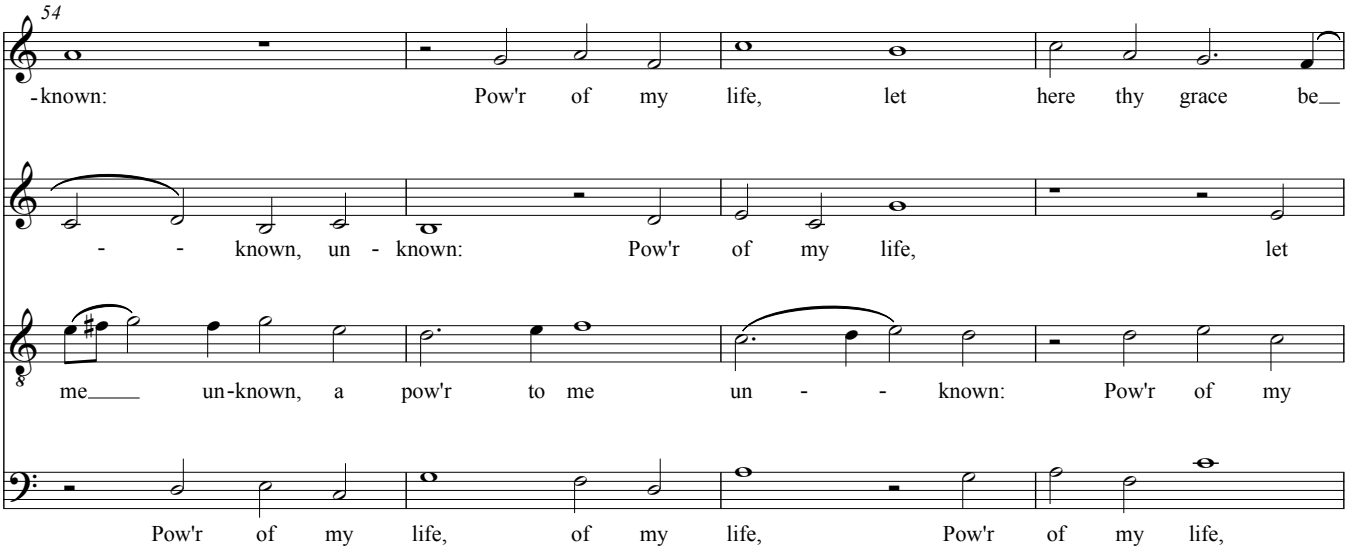
And if thou be'st a pow'r to me un -
be'st a pow'r to me un - known, and if thou be'st a pow'r to me un -
a pow'r to me un - known, and if thou be'st a pow'r to
a pow'r to me un - known, to me un - known: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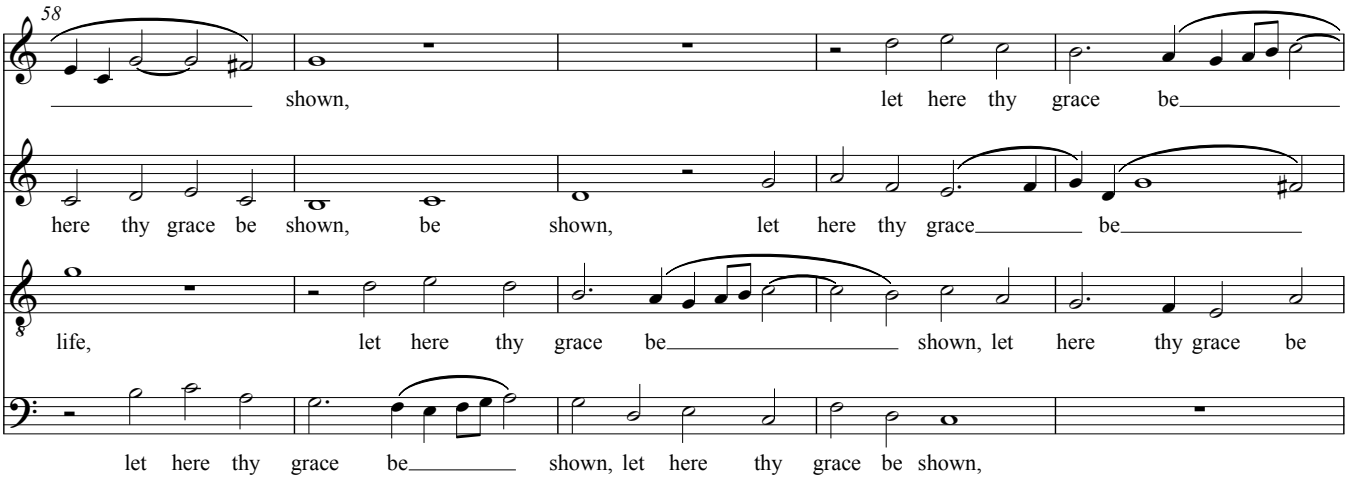
-known: Pow'r of my life, let here thy grace be
- - known, un - known: Pow'r of my life, let
me un-known, a pow'r to me un - - known: Pow'r of my
Pow'r of my life, of my life, Pow'r of my life,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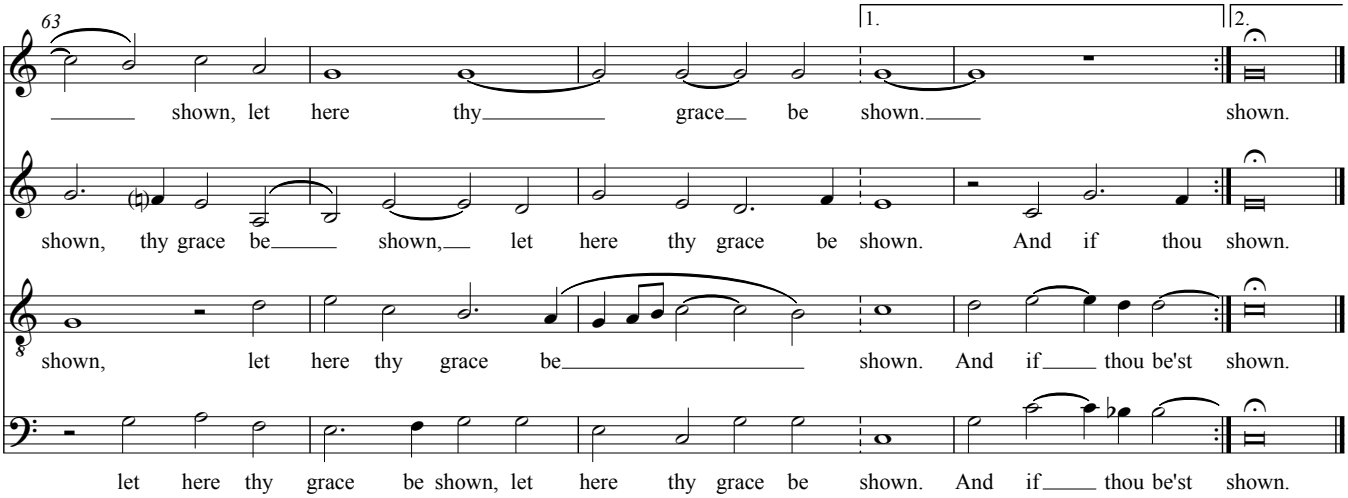
shown, let here thy grace be
here thy grace be shown, be shown, let here thy grace be
life, let here thy grace be shown, let here thy grace be
let here thy grace be shown, let here thy grace be shown,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1.
2.
shown, let here thy grace be shown. shown.
shown, thy grace be shown, let here thy grace be shown. And if thou shown.
shown, let here thy grace be shown. And if thou be'st shown.
let here thy grace be shown, let here thy grace be shown. And if thou be'st shown.