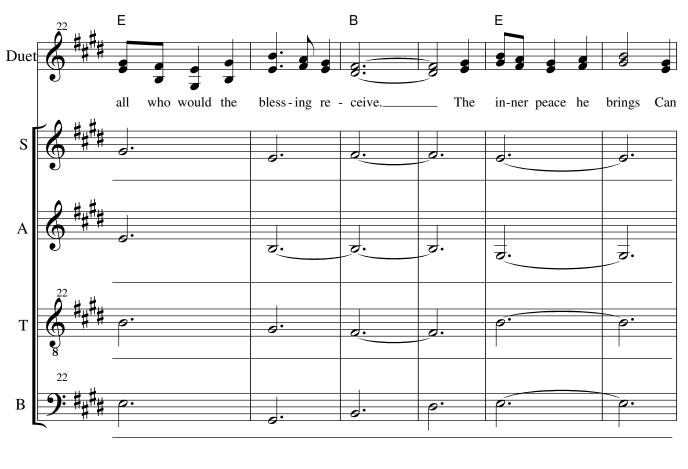
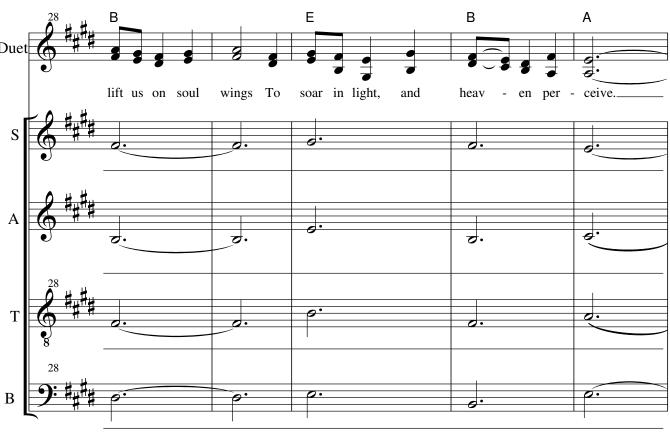
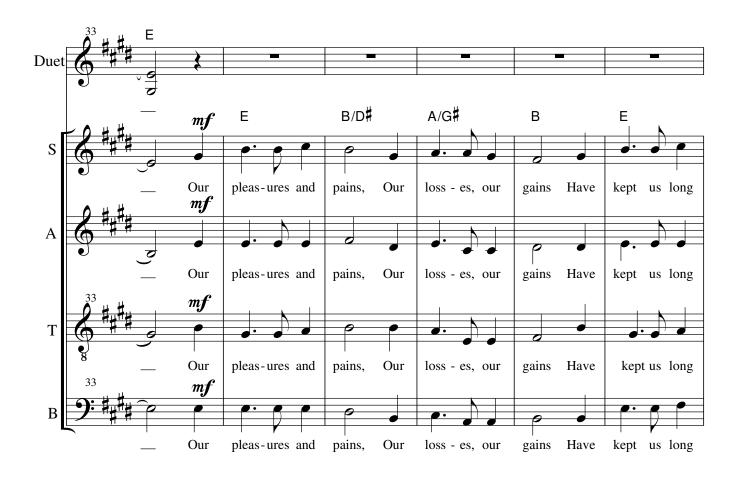
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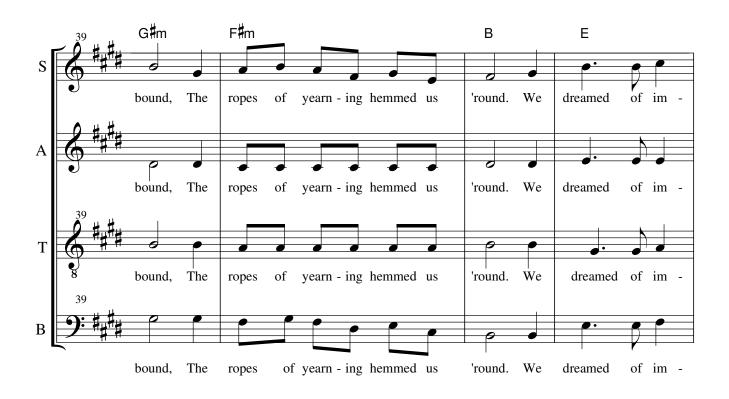


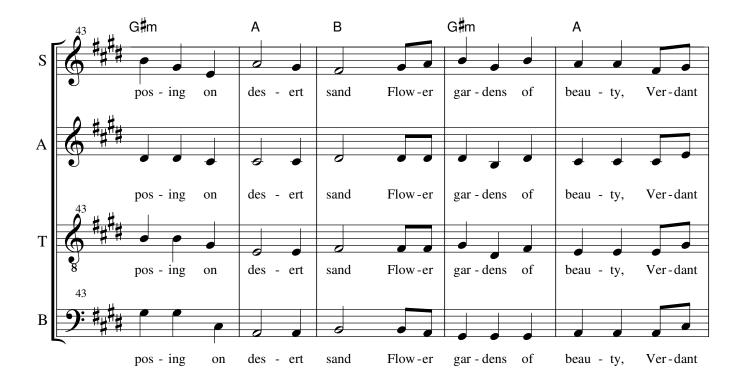
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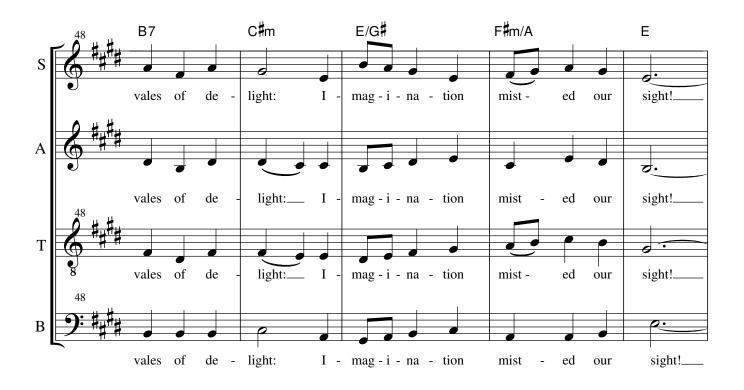


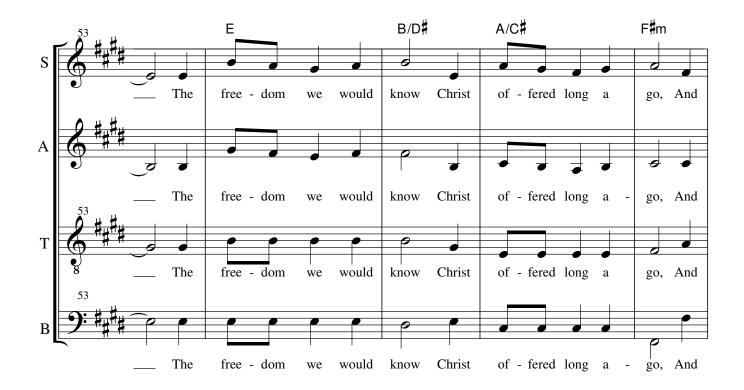


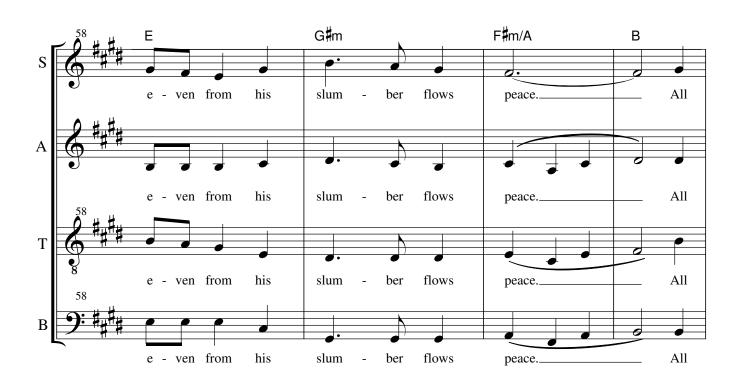


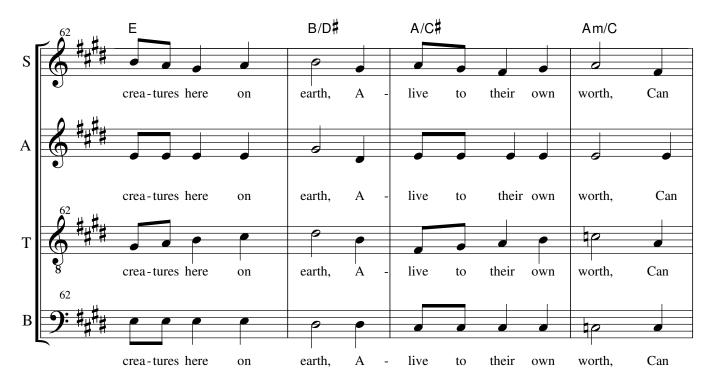


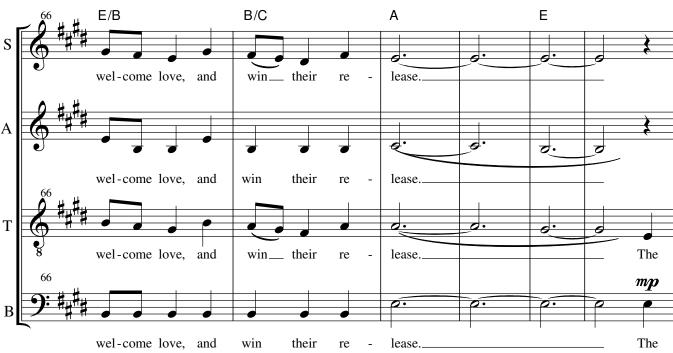


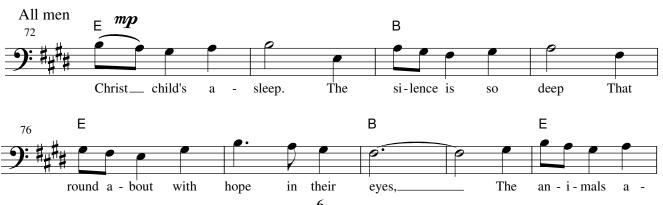


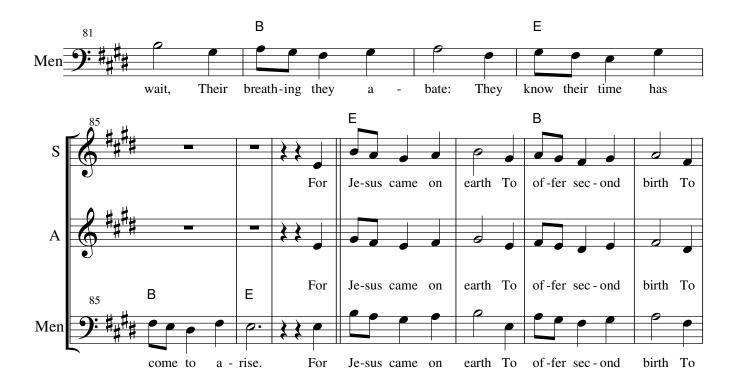


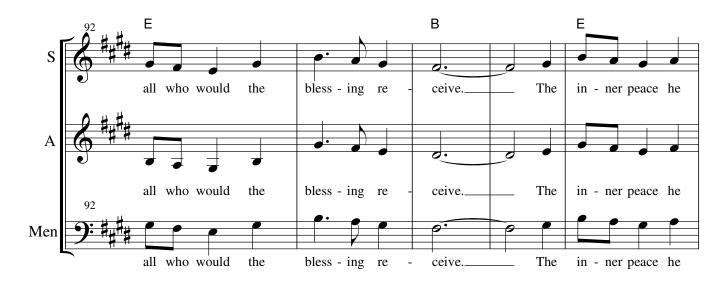


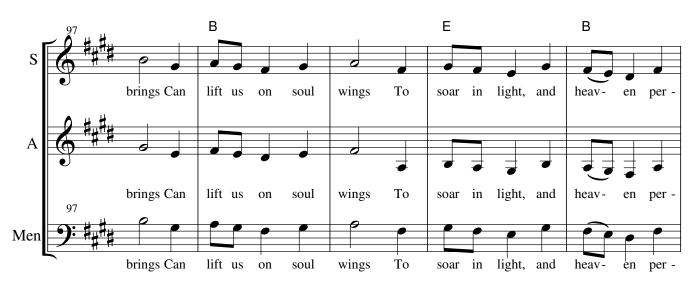


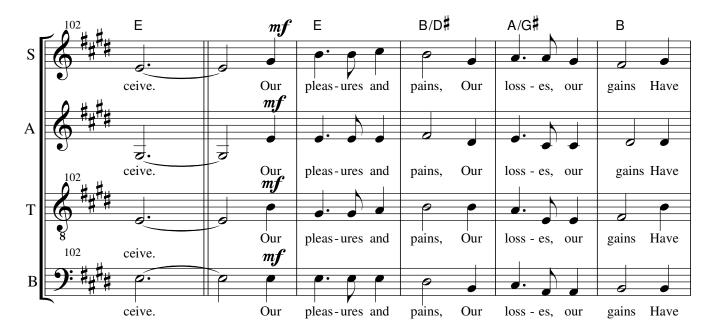


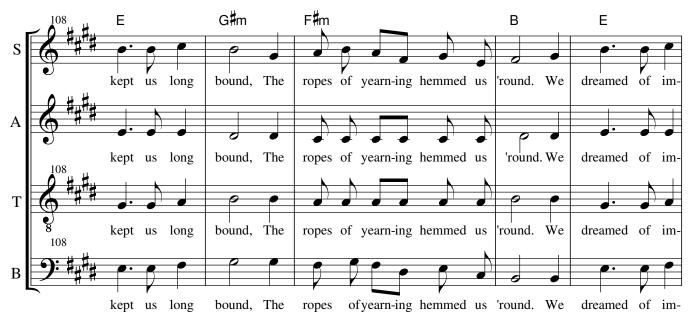


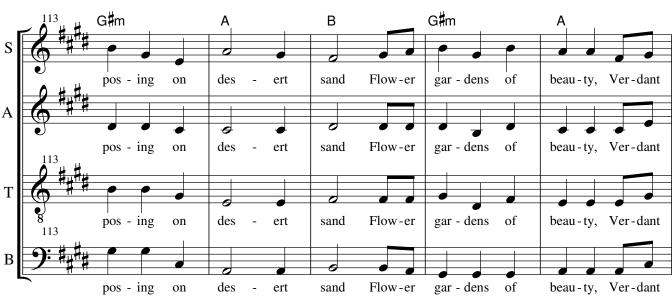


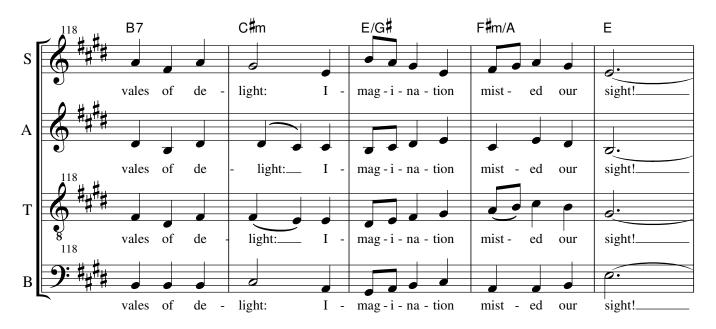


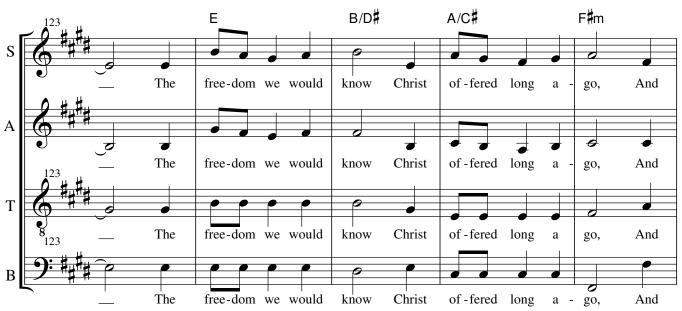


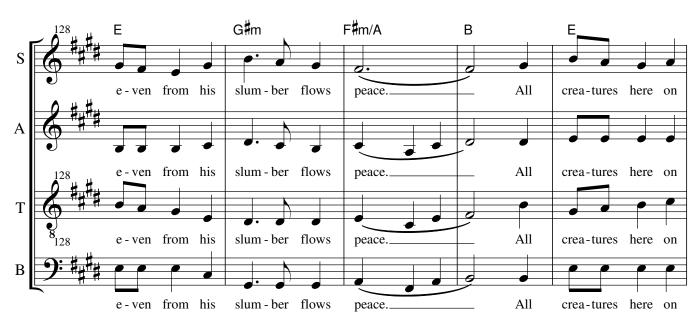


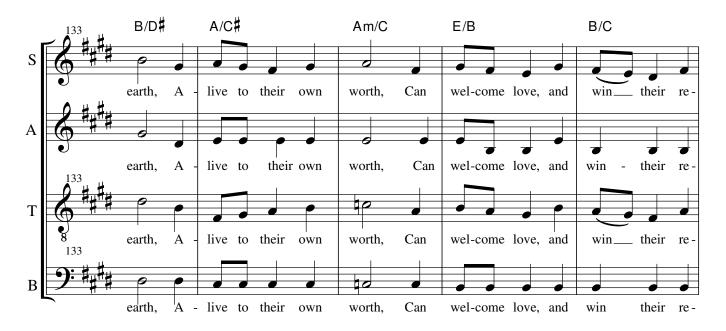


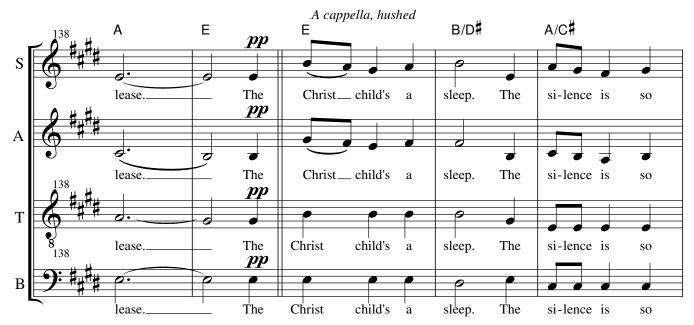


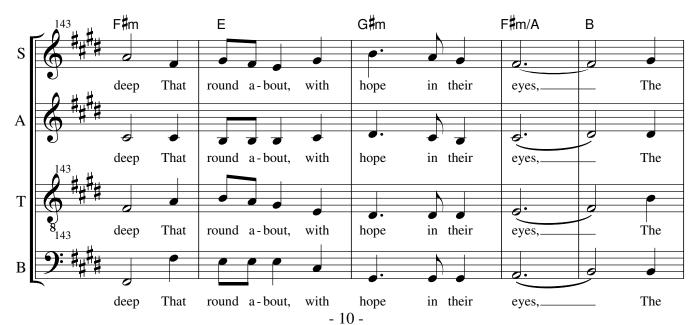


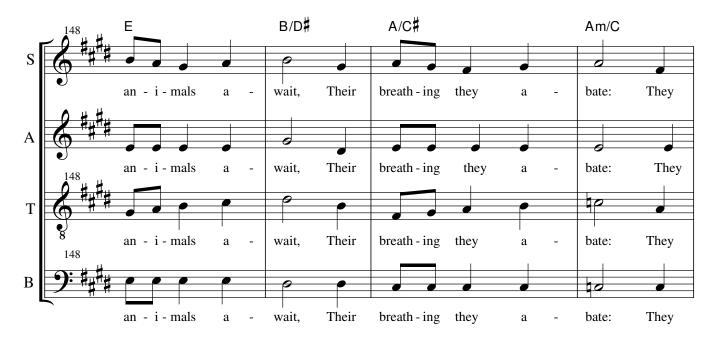


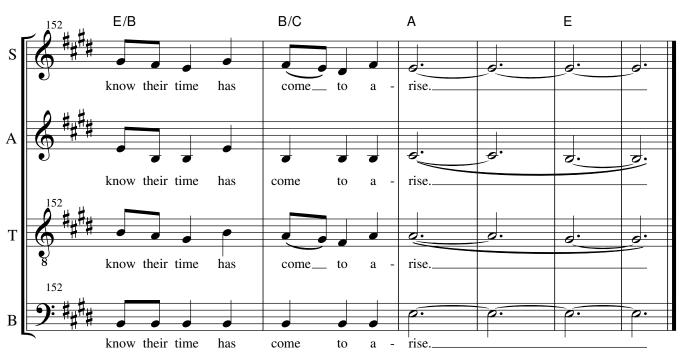












The Christ Child's Asleep (2x plus last verse)

1st time: solo | 2nd time: Men melody mp | last: tutti pp

The Christ child's asleep.

The silence is so deep (no breath) That round about, with hope in their eyes,

The animals await,

Their breathing they abate:

They know their time has come to arise.

1st time: Duet (choir on ooohs) | 2nd time: choir mp

For Jesus came on earth

To offer second birth (no breath) To all who would the blessing receive.

The inner peace he brings (no breath) Can lift us on soul-wings

To soar in light, and heaven perceive.

Choir mf

Our pleasures and pains,

Our losses, our gains (no breath) Have kept us long bound,

The ropes of yearning hemmed us 'round.

We dreamed of imposing on desert sand (no breath) Flower gardens of beauty,

Verdant vales of delight:

Imagination misted our sight!

The freedom we would know (no breath) Christ offered long ago,

And even from his slumber flows peace.

All creatures here on earth,

Alive to their own worth,

Can welcome love, and win their release.

1st time: 6 & 5 count 2nd time: 3 & 2 count

This piece is sung twice through, plus 1st verse