OVERTURE

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(ACT 1)

SCENE ONE

In Mr. Reti's Sitting Room

(Dim flood light with blue combination)

Mr. Reti is seated in his moderately furnished sitting room. He has an old centre table in front of him and a table fan on top of an old book shelf by his left hand side. His wife enters with a tray containing two plates and cutleries. She puts down the tray on the centre table and sits down facing her husband.

No. 2 Mr. Reti (Solo 1)



<u>No. 3</u>

FAMILY DIALOGUE



(Mr.& Mrs. Reti start eating as the wife feeds the husband. In a while, Dola enters followed by Tidore and Remi)









THE DAY IS PAST AND OVER.







(They all get up and move to their bedrooms)

-----Lights out-----

(ACT 1)

SCENE TWO

In Mr. Reti's Sitting Room

(Morning sunlight effect)

Mr. Reti moves into the sitting room with his wife who is carrying a small radio receiver, a toothbrush and a small bowl containing a glass of water. The wife puts on the radio and starts brushing Mr. Reti's teeth.(RADIO....as the Head of state arrives Abuja today. Before we continue, here are some commercials.)

No. 5a JINGLE INTRO (Instrumental)



Heeeei!..... It's here again!

It's going to be wonderful! It's going to be fantastic!! It's going to be great!!!

OPERATION MEET YOUR STAR!

Doremi and his All Stars Band will be there LIVE! to get you thrilled

Venue: Peoples Club Hall.

Date: Sat 18th march.

Time: 8pm till dawn

Gate fee: N200 flat.

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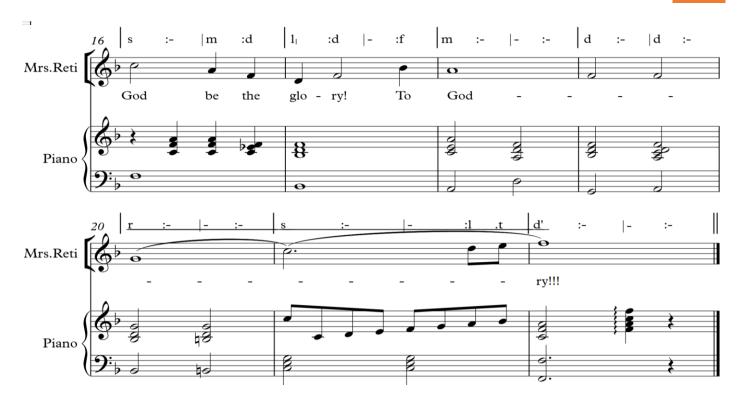
Come one, Come All

To end the news, here are the main points (Mrs. Reti Switches off the radio) Recit. Follows:

No. 5b: Mr. & Mrs. Reti's Recit. 1

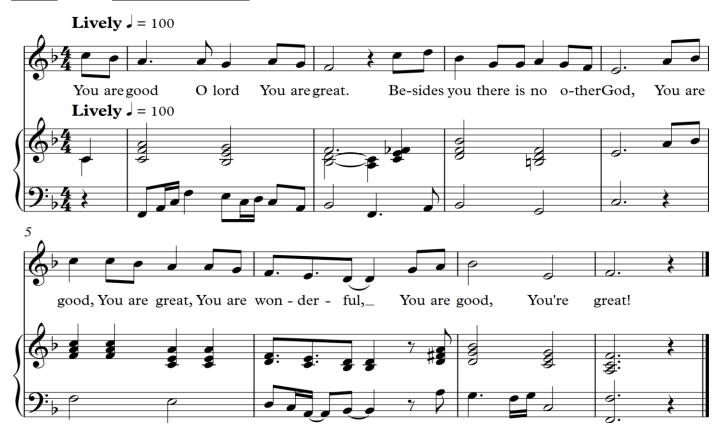






(Doremi walks in with his small bag and guitar singing one of his main songs {down stage})

No. 6: Doremi's (Solo 1)



(By the end of this Solo, Doremi must have climbed up the stage)

Doremi: Daddy, Good morning Sir, Mummy, Good morning Ma.

Mr. & Mrs. Reti: Good morning my son.

Mrs. Reti: How was your performance at the funeral wake?

No. 7: Doremi's Recit. 1 & Mrs. Reti's "Alleluia" Solo 2

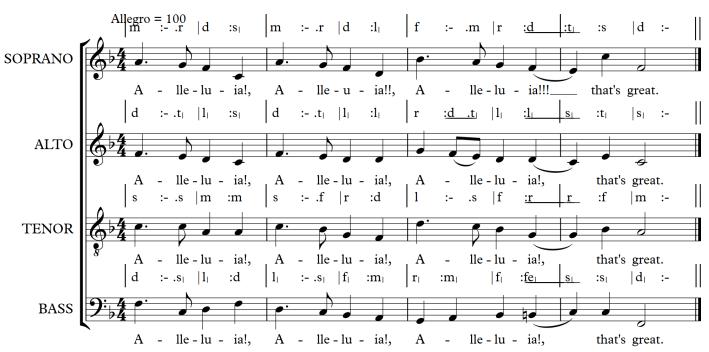


(The background choir takes the following part immediately)

No. 8: Mrs. Reti's

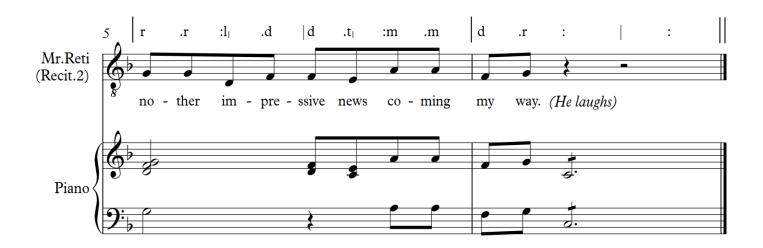
ALLELUIA

Semi-Chorus (Echo)



No.10: Mr.Reti's (Recit. 2)





Mr. Reti's (Speech): I told your sister last night night when she was demanding for Two thousand Naira (N2,000) building levy not to worry until you return. Here you are. In fact, you deserve a handshake (but no hands, he shakes his head).

Come and take this bottle of wine.

(They leave for the inner room as the background Chorus echoes the Semi-Chorus—Alleluia changing the text to untranslatables/vocables e.g: Uh,Mh,Oh e.t.c)

---Lights out---

ACT 1

SCENE THREE

In a Conference room

(Flood light with green combination)

Six members of the church council, the pastor and Doremi are seated around a conference table positioned at the middle of the stage .The stage is decorated with some religious photographs, flowers on the wall and on the table. Dr. Benson; the Chairman of the council is seen standing and talking

No. 10: Dr. Benson (Recit.)





Doremi: (Shaking hands with Dr. Benson) Thank you Sir, Thank you all.

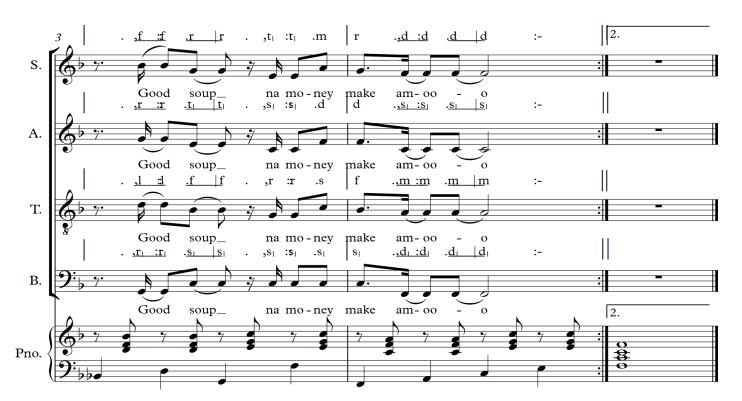
Rev Tim: Don't mention my son. Dr. Benson (Pointing to Dr. Benson) who is the chairman of the church council has said it all. What now remains is for you to mention your price. (No. 11: Doremi's Solo 2 begins)





No. 12: Chorus GOOD SOUP(@background with Doremi singing the melody with Sopranos)





Doremi: The price is **N25,000** per month.

(Flood light begins to blink)

No. 13:

CHURCH COMMITTEE DIALOGUE

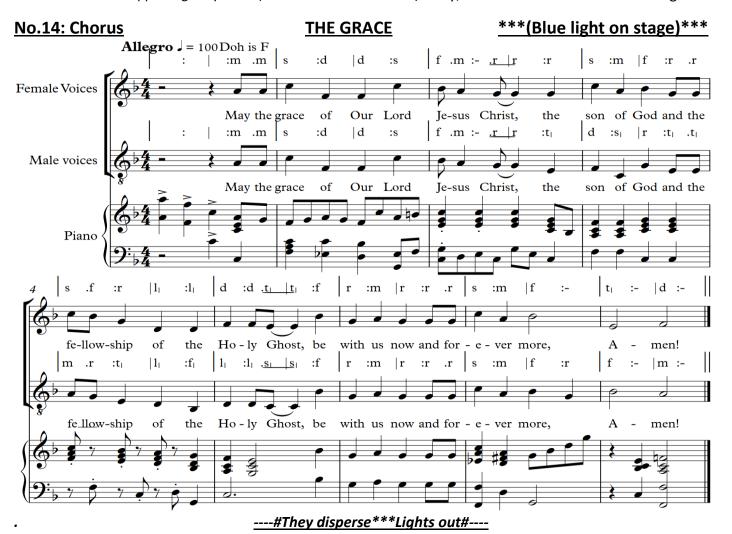








Rev. Tim: Who is supporting Lady Kalu? (Mrs. Ileka raises her hand) Okay, Mrs. Ileka let us all share in the grace.



(ACT 2)

SCENE ONE

Along a path ***(Dim flood light)***

(Doremi is seen putting on a heavy cardigan, going to the hospital as he meets one of his old classmates.)

Ademola: Who am I seeing? Do-re-mi!

Doremi: Ademola; the musician!

Ademola: Jesus Christ! What are you doing in Onitsha?

Doremi: Whao! Onitsha has been my area even while we were in school.

Ademola: Is that so? Oh! I'm happy to see you again since after our school days on campus.

No. 15a:

DOREMI/ADEMOLA'S DIALOGUE (A)



Doremi: Whoa! Congratulations!!!

Ademola: Thank you. How is the going here on your side?







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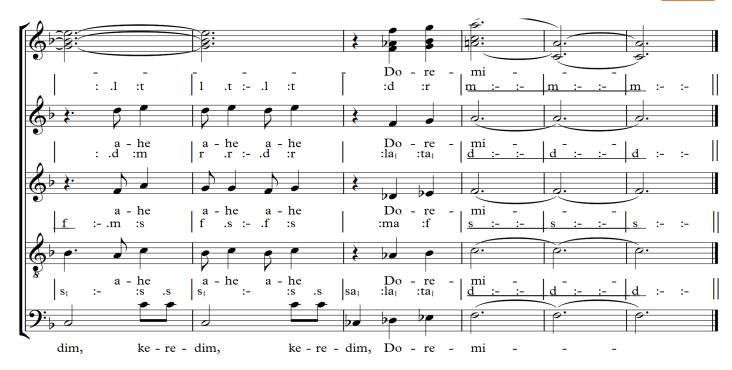
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At the hospital's out-patient apartment

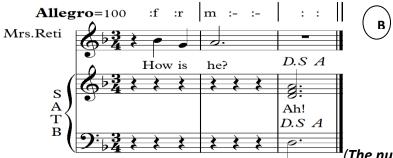
(Dim red light)

(Mr. & Mrs. Reti, two of their sons and one of their daughters are sitted and waiting anxiously for response from the theatre. The background chorus sings the acapella below.)





(Suddenly, a nurse comes out from the theatre. Mrs. Reti rushes to her and...)



(The nurse hurriedly picks up one or two things and

rushes back into the theatre, ignoring Mrs. Reti)



Dola: Mummy it's Okay. He will be alright. ***(Another nurse comes out)***

Mrs. Reti: Is everything going to be alright?





(She stands....after a while, the doctor comes out and beckons Mr.Reti. They move to a corner and the doctor whispers into Mr.Reti's ear. He goes back into the theater with Mr.Reti whom after a whike comes out with an unhappy countenance.)

Mrs.Reti: (facing her husband) What happened? Is he dead? Eeh? Tell me now!

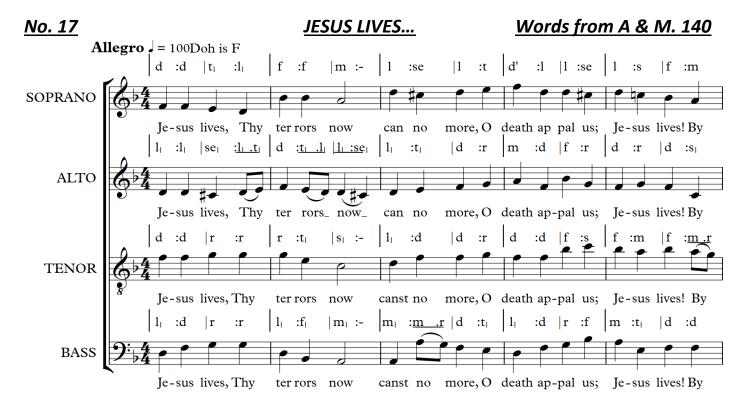
(She bursts into a heavy cry as the chikdren surround her to console her, meanwhile the Background chorus Repontinues repeating D.S $\binom{A}{A}$ till the end of this scene)

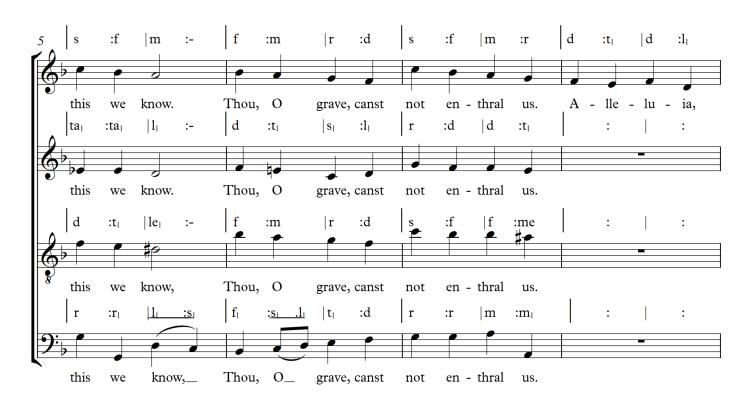
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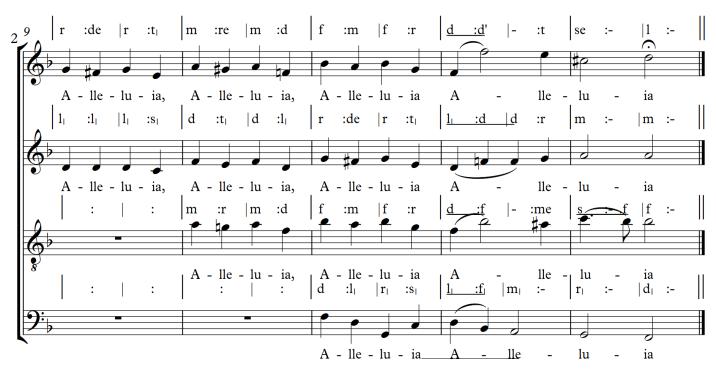
SCENE THREE

In The Church

(As Doremi's friends, relatives and well-wishers come into the church from different directions and get sitted, the cross-bearer, and the choir match in,followed by Doremi's corpse,his parents and family members then the priest(s). Everybody is singing.......)



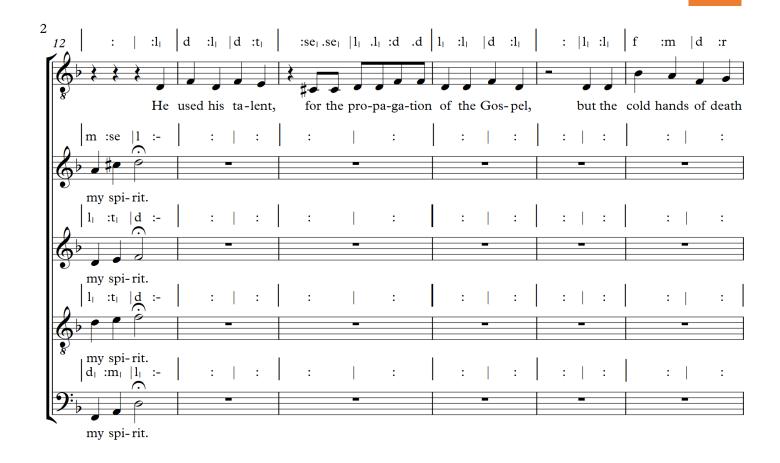




("Jesus lives..." should be sung as many times as may be necessary for the corpse to arrive at the middle of the stage where the prayers are to be said)

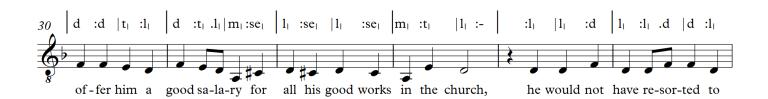
No. 18: Vesicles & Responses.







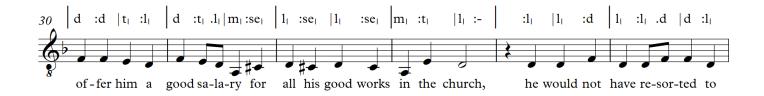






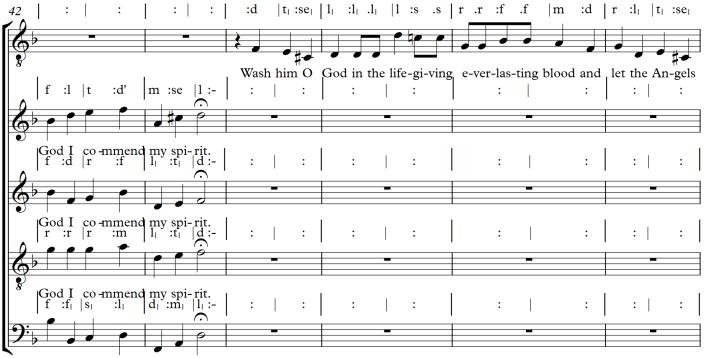
In-to thy hands, O







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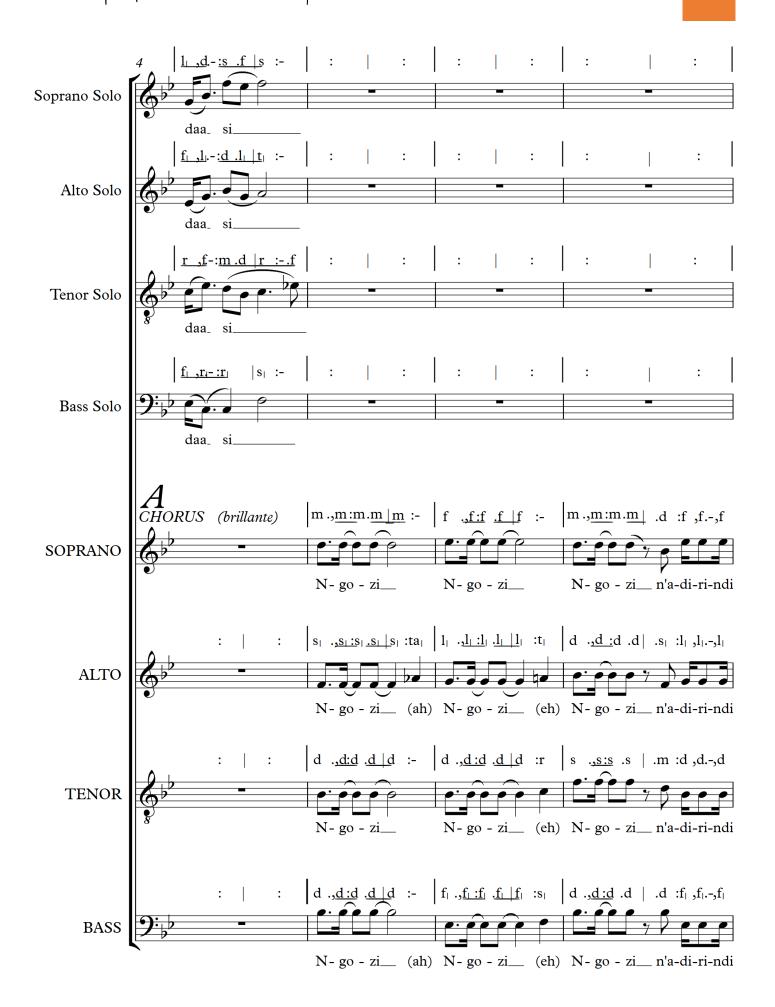
God I co-mmend my spi-rit.



(The Choir surrounds the corpse and renders the following Anthem)

No. 19: NGOZI N'ADIRI NDI NWURU ANWU.



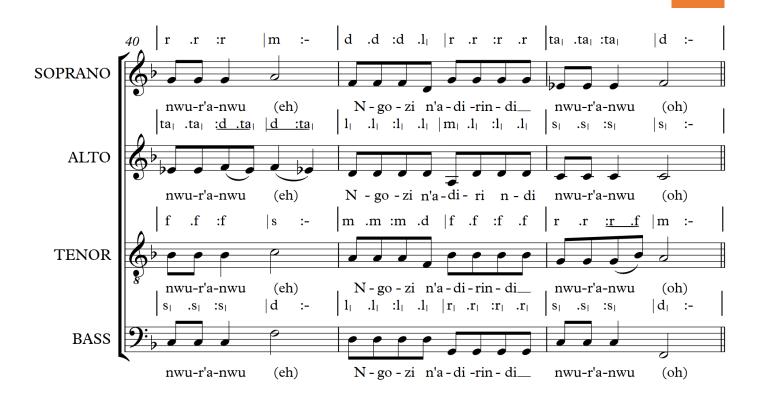








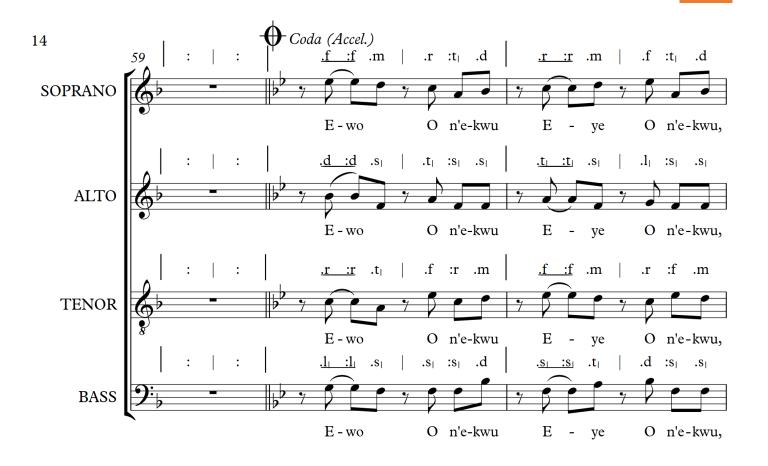


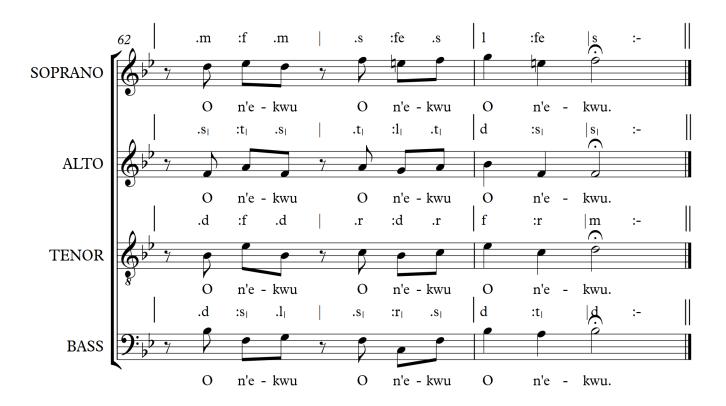




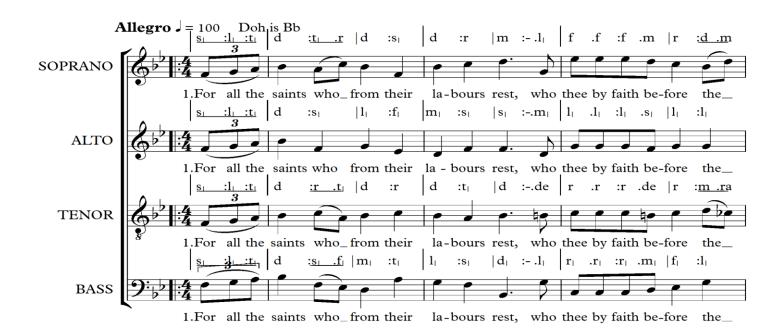


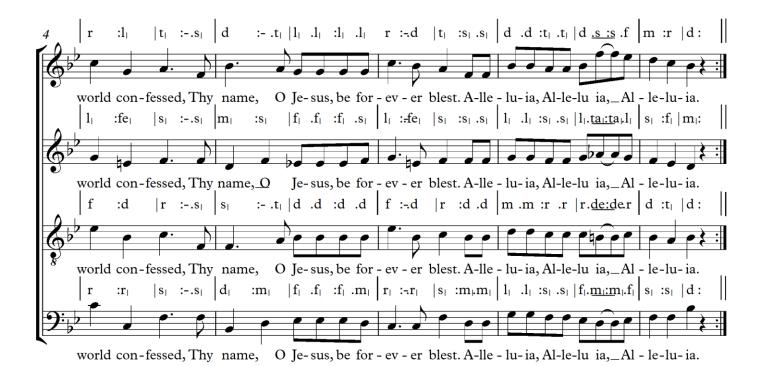
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(At the end of the above Anthem, the corpse is lifted for recession as everybody sings the hymn below)No. 23 FOR ALL THE SAINTS. (Words from A & M Hymn No. 527)





(The Background Chorus will continue repeating the above hymn until everybody vacates the stage)

-----Lights Out-----

THE END