Ma Tovu

for Mezzo-soprano, Alto, and Baritone

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מַה–טֹּבוּ אֹהָלֶיךָ יַעֲקֹב. מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל:
וַאֲנִי בְּרֹב חַסְדְּךָ אָבוֹא בֵיתֶךָ.
אֶשְׁתַּחֲוֶה אֶל–הֵיכַל קָדְשְׁךָ בְּיִרְאָתֶךָ:
יְיָ אָהַבְתִּי מְעוֹן בֵּיתֶךָ. וּמְקוֹם מִשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹדֶךָ:
וַאֲנִי אֶשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְאֶכְעָה. אֶבְרְכָה לִפְנֵי–יְיָ עֹשִׂי:
וַאֲנִי תְפִלָּתִי–לְךָ יְיָ עֵת רָצוֹן
אֱלֹהִים בְּרָב–חַסְדֶּךָ עֲנֵנִי בֶּאֱמֶת יִשְׁעֶךָ:

How goodly are your dwellings, O Jacob,
Your sanctuaries, O Israel.

Thanks to Your abundant kindness, O Lord,
I am able to enter Your house.

To bow down before Your in reverence.
In this sacred place of worship.

Lord, I love to be in Your house,
The sanctuary dedicated to Your glory.

Here I worship in Your presence,
O Lord, my maker.

In kindness, Lord, answer my prayer;
Mercifully, grant me Your abiding help.

Numbers 24:5
Psalms 5:8; 69:14

Pronunciation of vowels

a	as in	**a**rt
e	as in	b**e**d
i	as in	p**i**que
o	as in	g**o**
u	as in	d**ue**
' (apostrophe)	as in	**i**t
ei	as in	f**ei**nt

The consonant combination **ch** is pronounced as in Ba**ch**.

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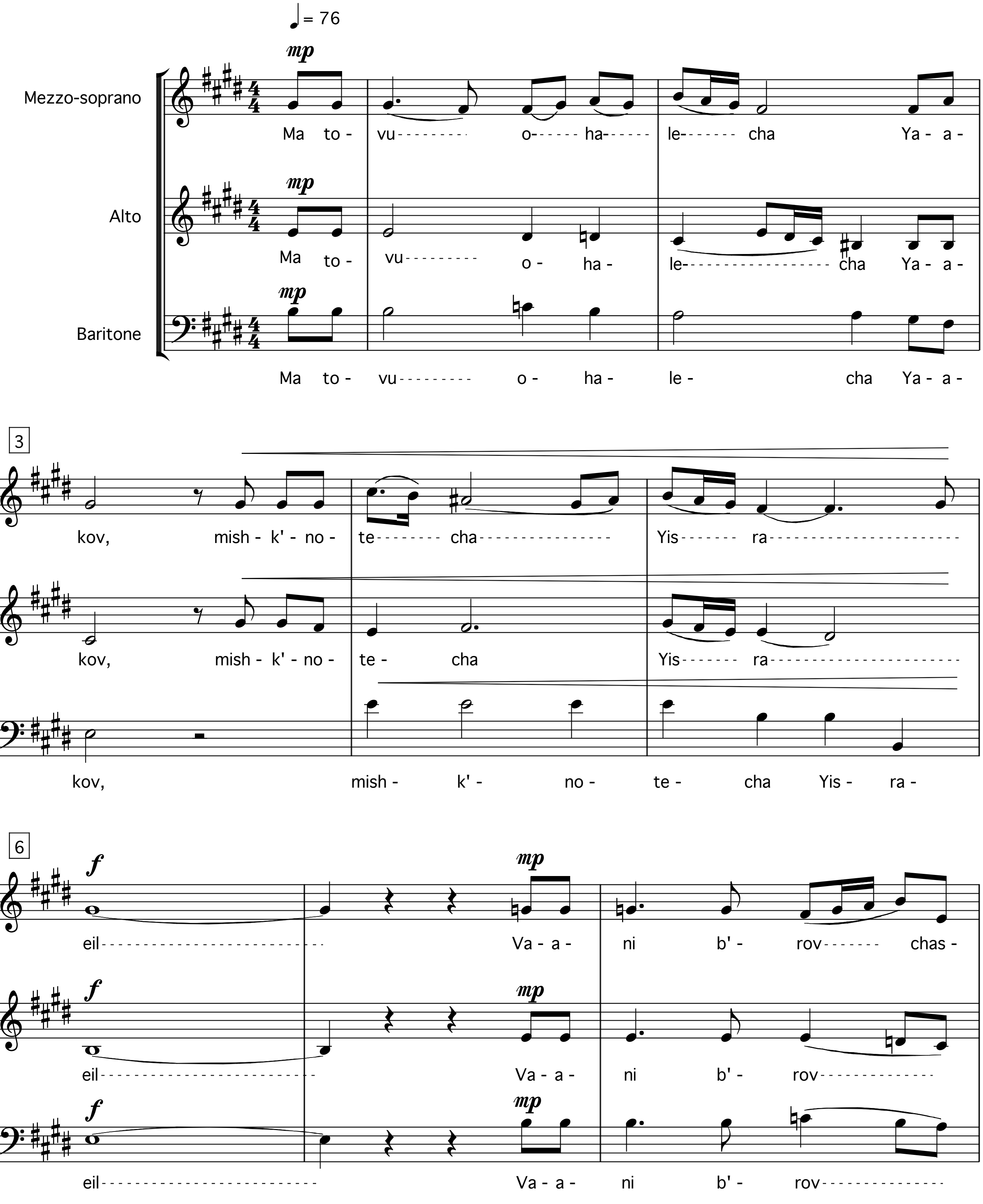
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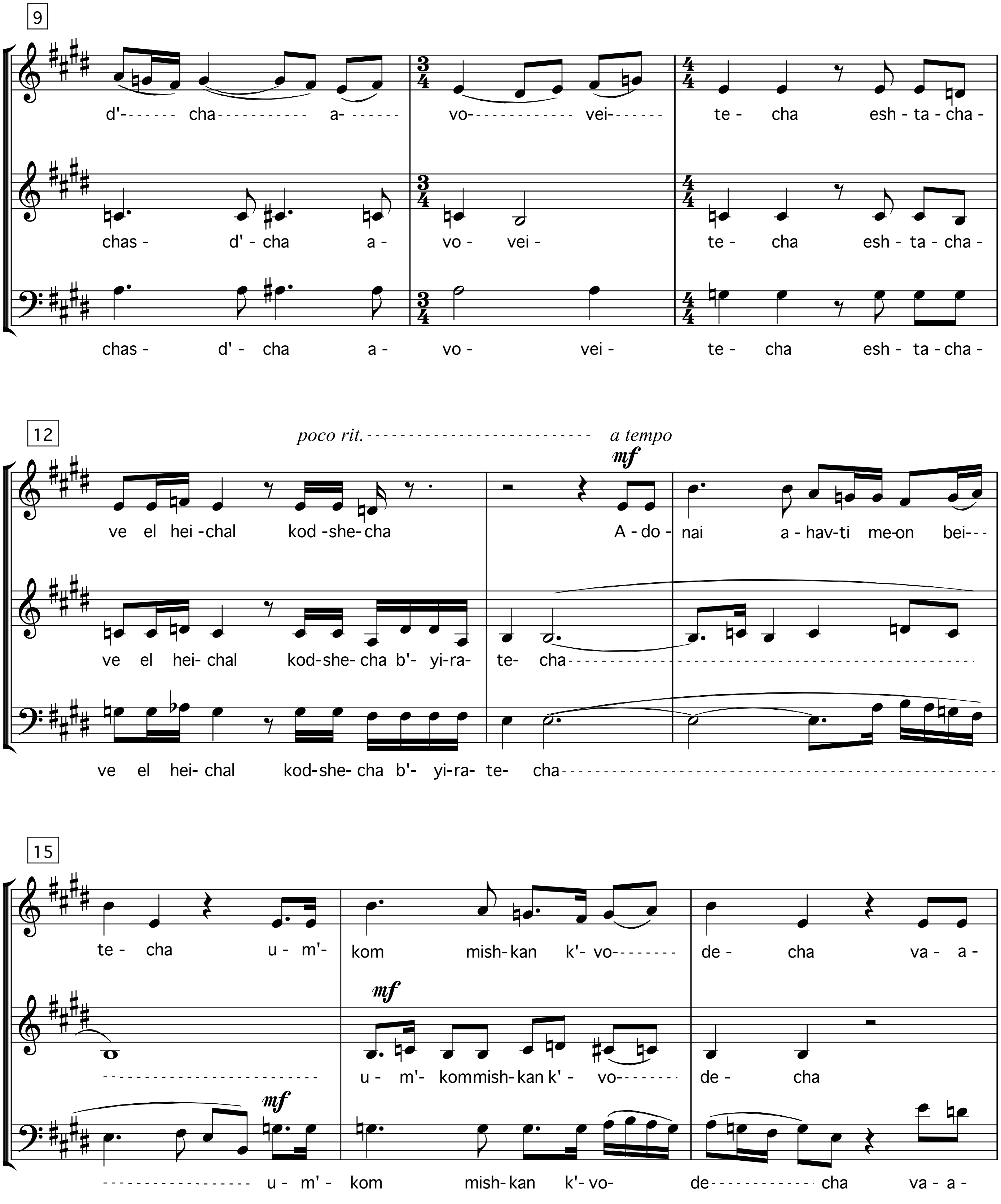
mp
Mezzo-soprano
Alto
Baritone
Ma to - vu o - ha - le - cha Ya - a -
Ma to - vu o - ha - le - cha Ya - a -
Ma to - vu o - ha - le - cha Ya - a -
3
kov, mish - k' - no - te - cha Yis - ra -
kov, mish - k' - no - te - cha Yis - ra -
kov, mish - k' - no - te - cha Yis - ra -
6
f
eil Va - a - ni b' - rov chas -
eil Va - a - ni b' - rov
eil Va - a - ni b' - rov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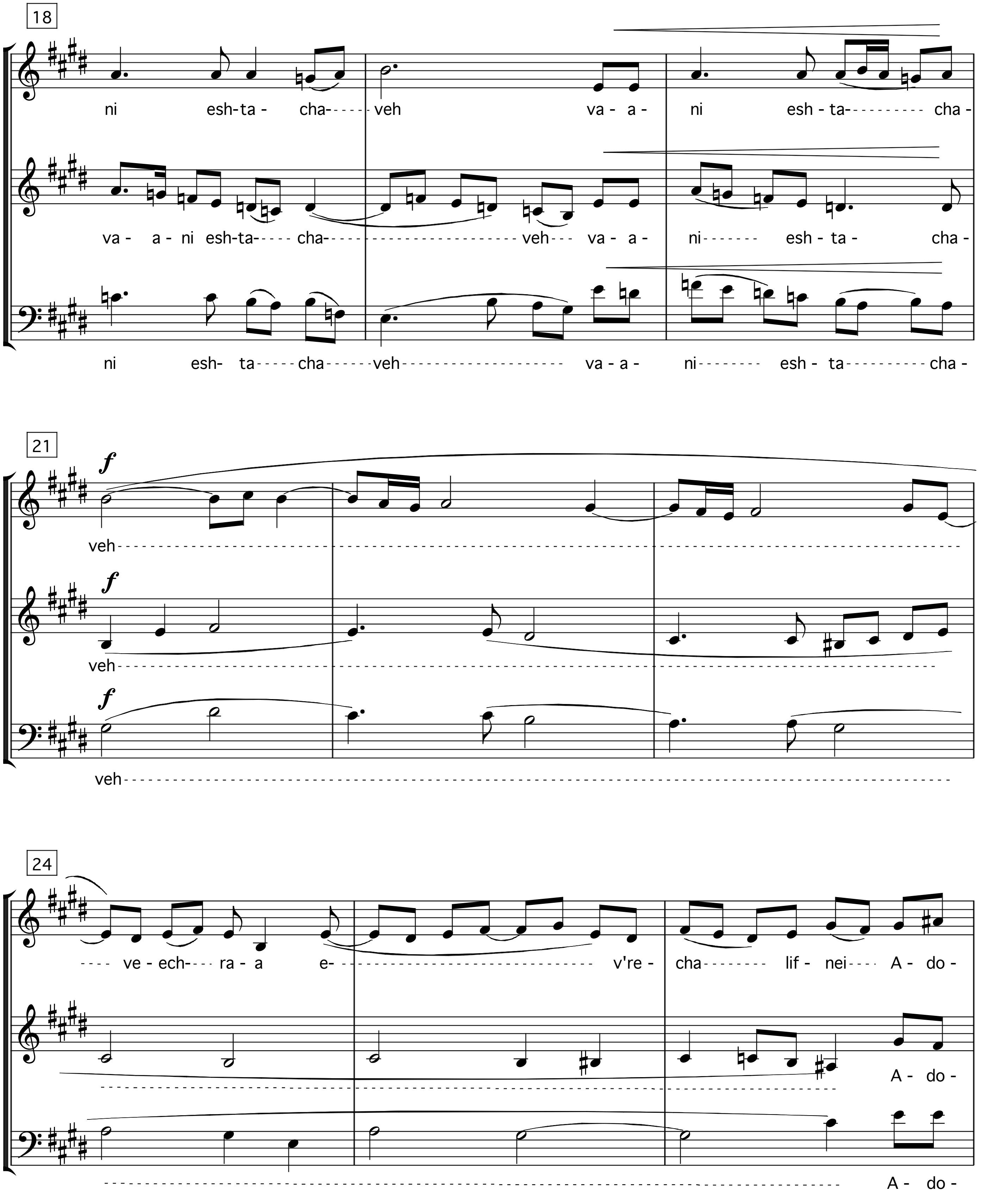
d'- cha a- vo- vei- te - cha esh - ta - cha -
chas - d' - cha a - vo - vei - te - cha esh - ta - cha -
chas - d' - cha a - vo - vei - te - cha esh - ta - cha -
12
poco rit.
a tempo
mf
ve el hei - chal kod - she - cha A - do - nai a - hav - ti me-on bei-
ve el hei- chal kod- she- cha b'- yi- ra- te- cha
ve el hei- chal kod- she- cha b'- yi- ra- te- cha
15
mf
te - cha u - m'- kom mish- kan k'- vo- de - cha va - a -
u - m'- kom mish- kan k' - vo- de - cha
u - m' - kom mish- kan k'- vo- de- cha va - a -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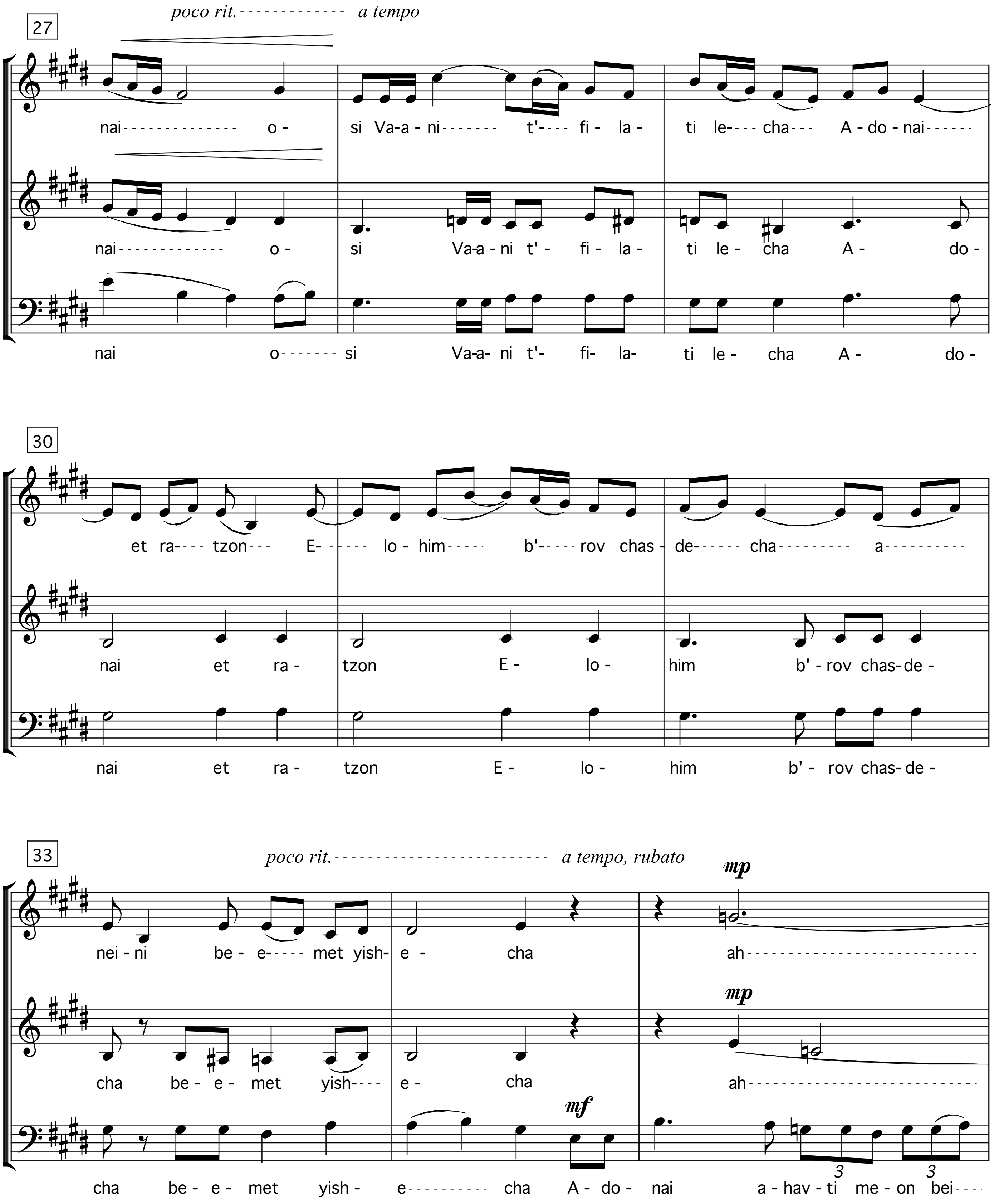
ni esh-ta - cha- veh va - a - ni esh - ta- cha -
va - a - ni esh-ta- cha- veh va - a - ni esh - ta - cha -
ni esh- ta cha veh va - a - ni esh - ta cha -
21
f
veh
f
veh
f
veh
24
ve - ech- ra - a e- v're - cha lif - nei A - do -
A - do -
A - do -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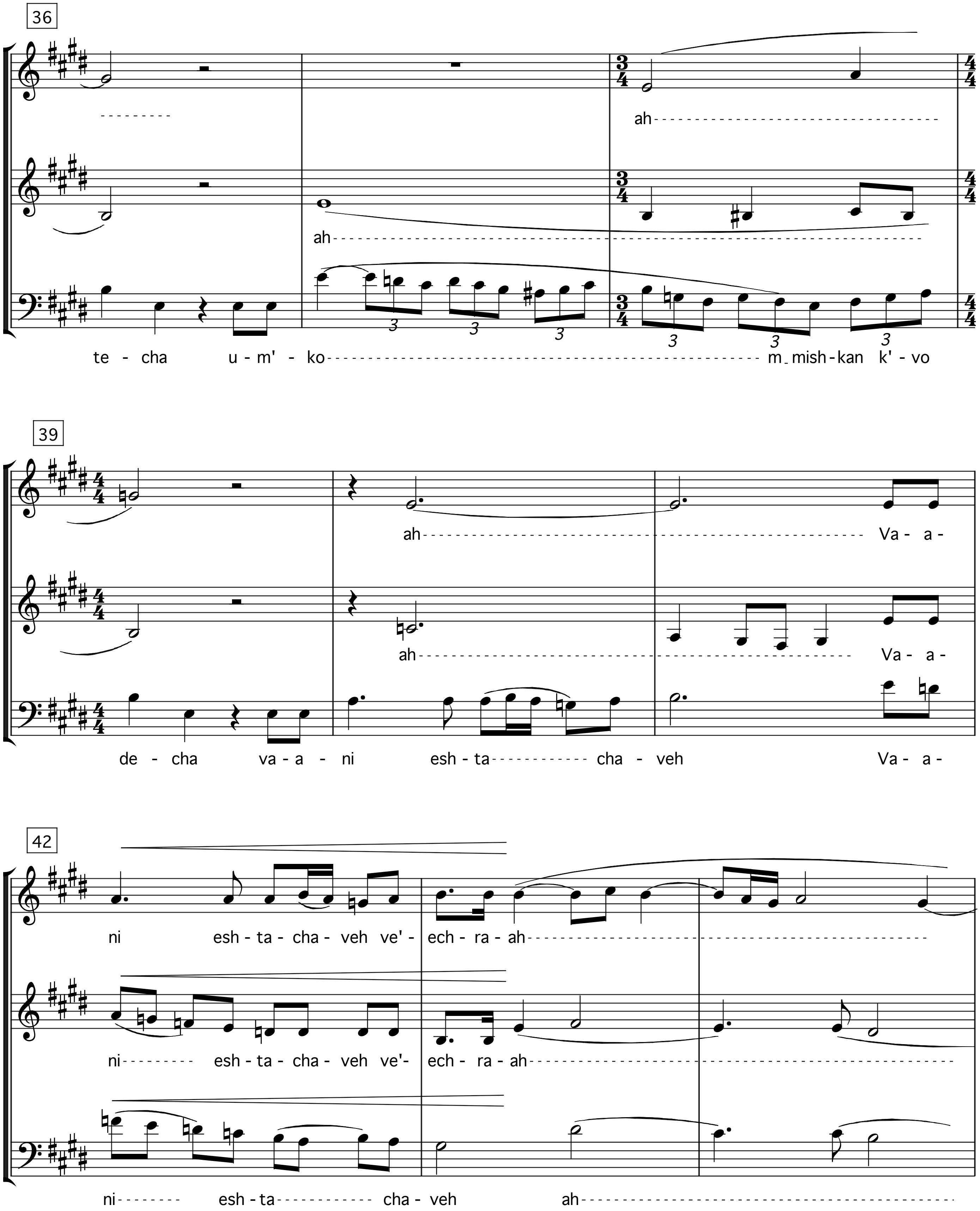
poco rit.
a tempo
nai o - si Va-a - ni t'- fi - la - ti le- cha A - do - nai
nai o - si Va-a-ni t' - fi - la - ti le - cha A - do -
nai o - si Va-a- ni t'- fi- la- ti le - cha A - do -
30
et ra- tzon E- lo - him b'- rov chas - de- cha a-
nai et ra - tzon E - lo - him b' - rov chas- de -
nai et ra - tzon E - lo - him b' - rov chas- de -
33
poco rit.
a tempo, rubato
mp
nei - ni be - e- met yish- e - cha ah
mp
cha be - e - met yish- e - cha ah
mf
cha be - e - met yish - e cha A - do - nai a - hav - ti me - on bei-
3
3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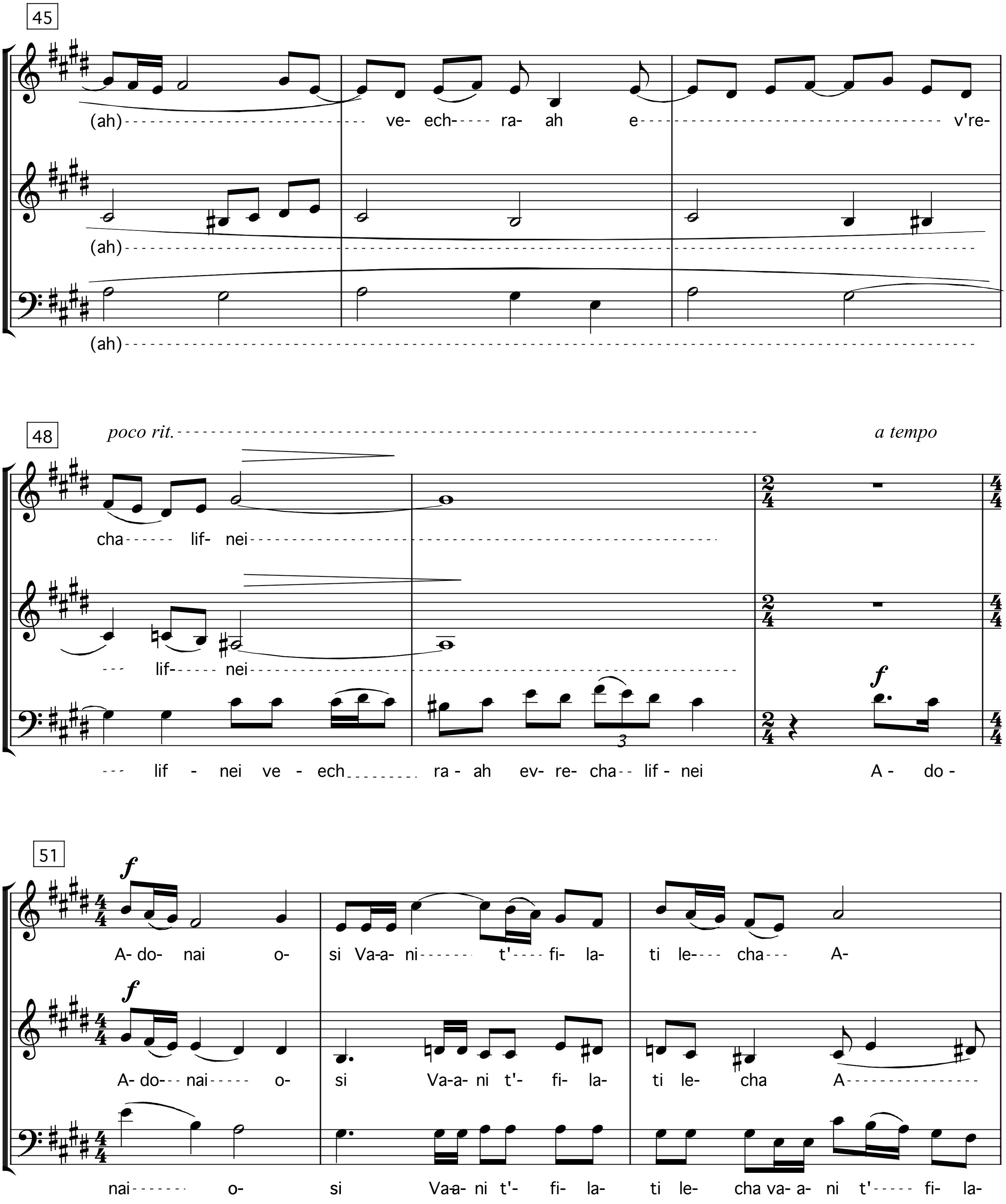
ah
ah
te - cha u - m' - ko m mish - kan k' - vo
39
ah Va - a -
ah Va - a -
de - cha va - a - ni esh - ta cha - veh Va - a -
42
ni esh - ta - cha - veh ve' - ech - ra - ah
ni esh - ta - cha - veh ve'- ech - ra - ah
ni esh - ta cha - veh ah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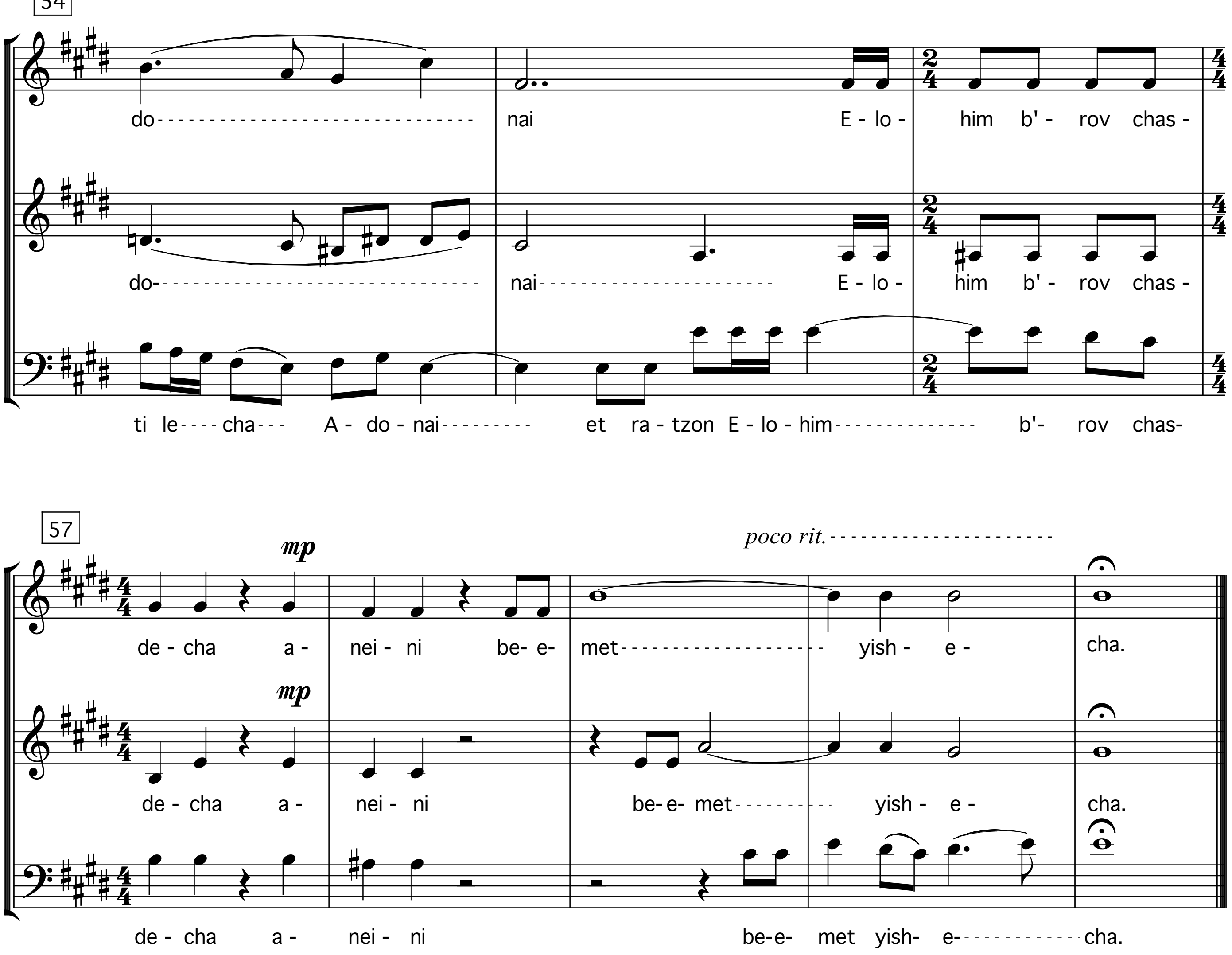
(ah) ve- ech- ra- ah e v're-
(ah)
(ah)
48
poco rit.
a tempo
cha lif- nei
lif- nei
lif - nei ve - ech ra - ah ev- re- cha- lif - nei A - do -
f
51
f
A- do- nai o- si Va-a- ni t'- fi- la- ti le- cha A-
f
A- do- nai o- si Va-a- ni t'- fi- la- ti le- cha A-
nai o- si Va-a- ni t'- fi- la- ti le- cha va- a- ni t'- fi- la-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do- nai E-lo- him b'-rov chas-
do- nai E-lo- him b'-rov chas-
ti le-cha A-do-nai et ra-tzon E-lo-him b'- rov chas-
57
poco rit.
mp
de-cha a- nei-ni be-e- met yish-e- cha.
mp
de-cha a- nei-ni be-e-met yish-e- cha.
de-cha a- nei-ni be-e- met yish- e- cha.