For Carla Moniz.

Sobre el Evangelio 'In principio erat Verbum' acerca de la Santisima Trinidad

[Upon the Gospel 'In the Beginning was the Word' relating to the Most Holy Trinity]

San Juan de la Cruz:
[St John of the Cross.]
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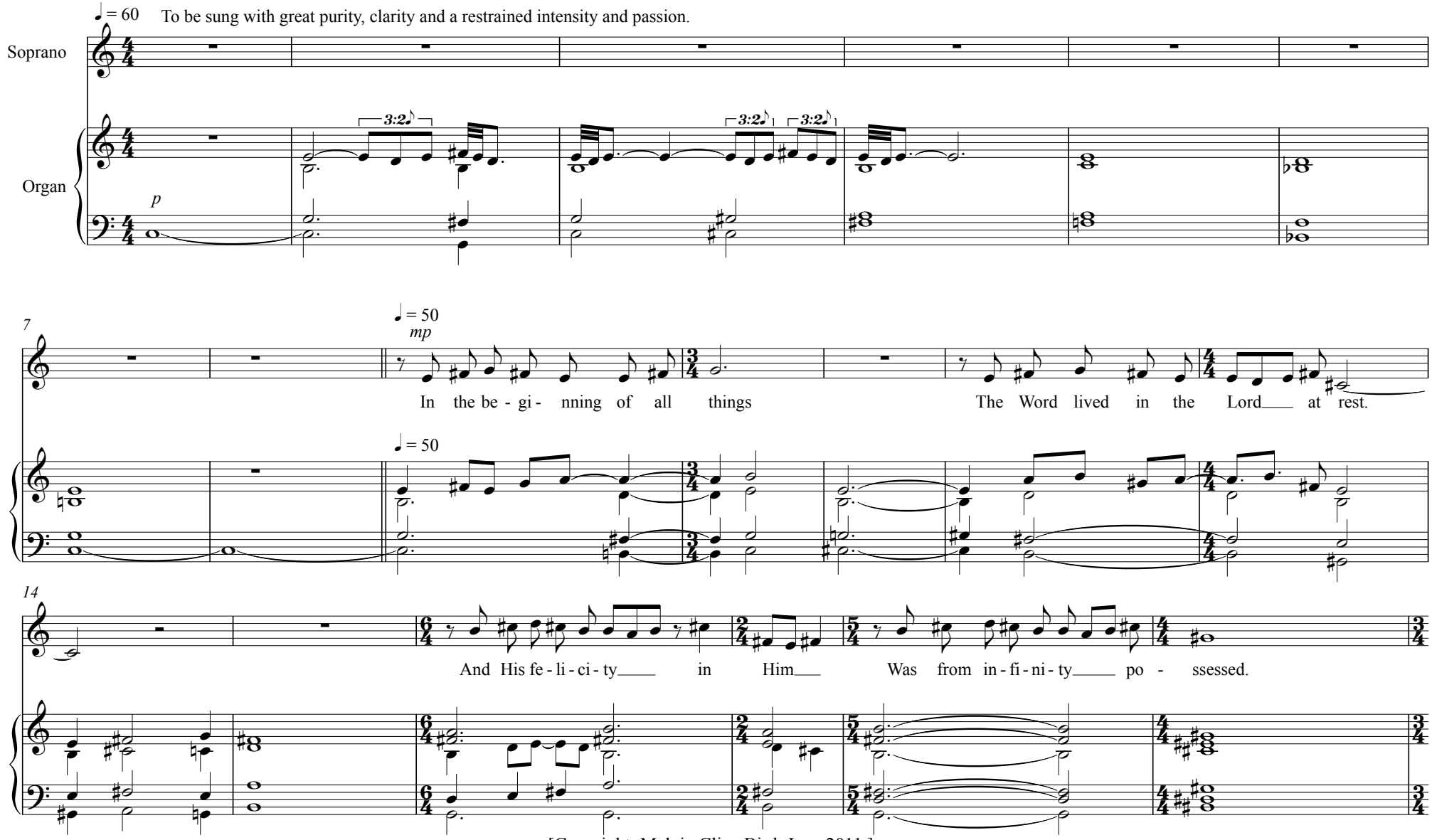

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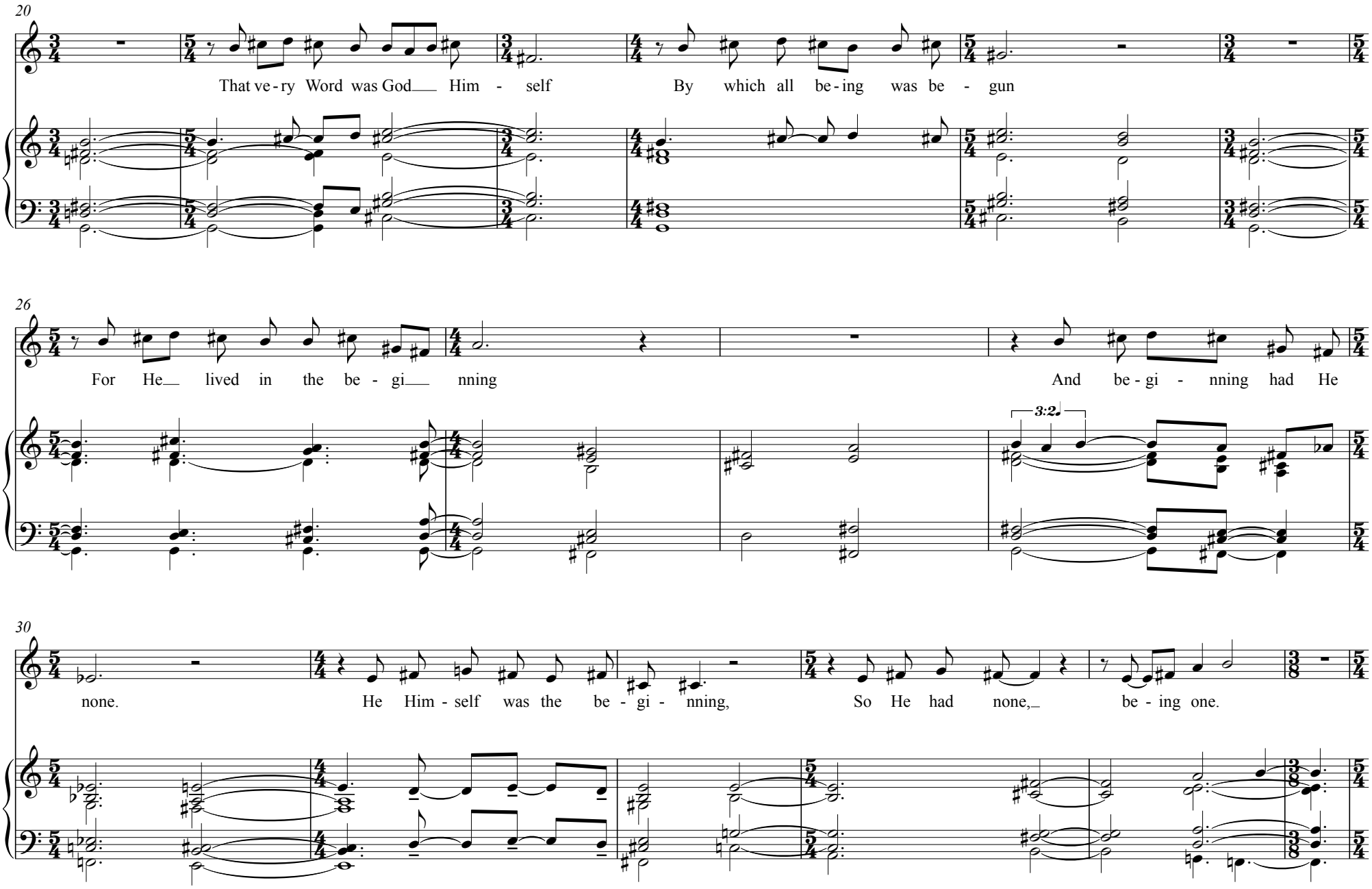
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That ve - ry Word was God Him - self By which all be - ing was be - gun
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For He lived in the be - gi nning And be - gi - nning had He
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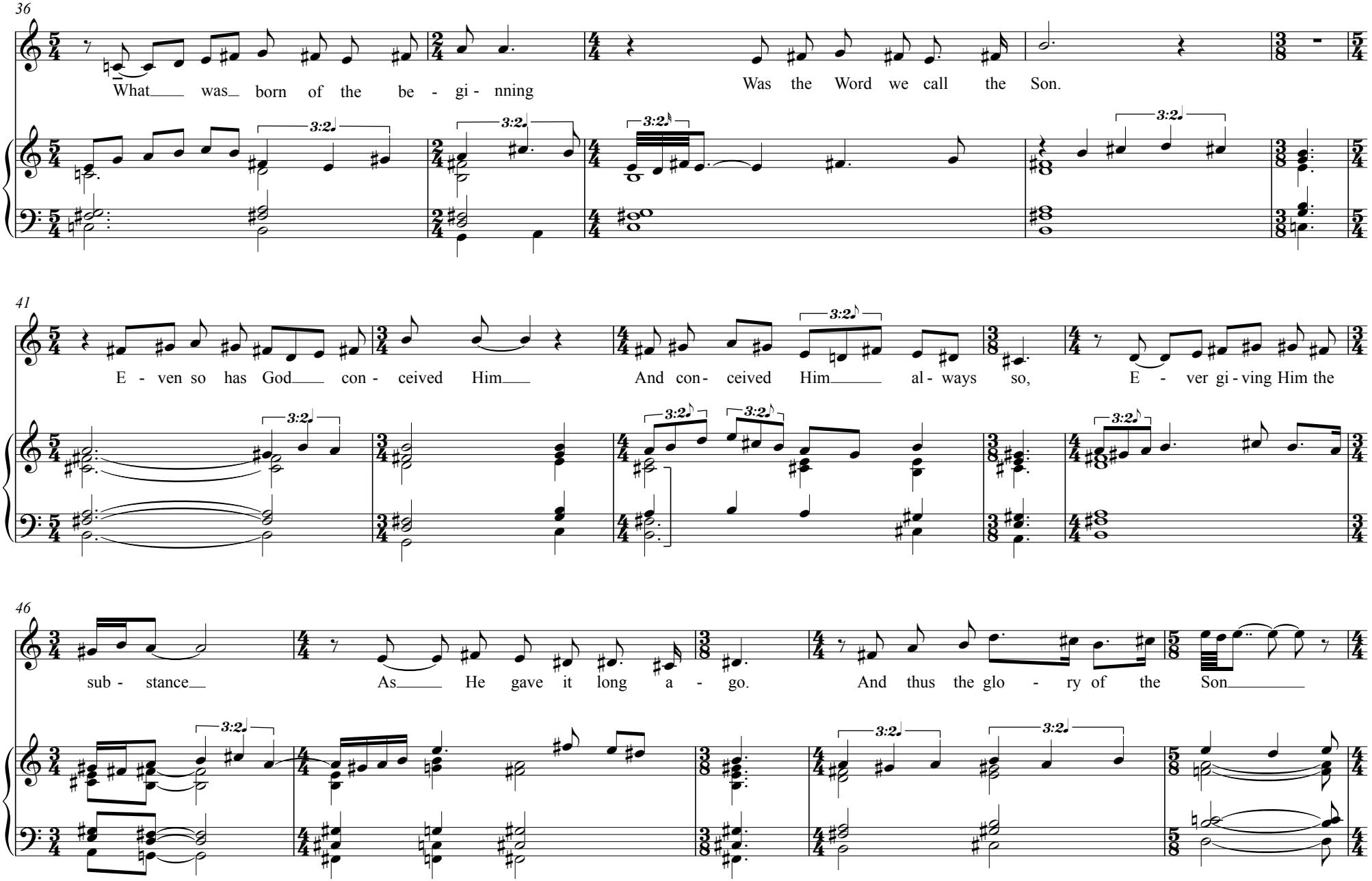
none. He Him - self was the be - gi - nning, So He had none, be - ing one.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What was born of the be - gi - nning
Was the Word we call the Son.
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E - ven so has God con - ceived Him
And con - ceived Him al - ways so,
E - ver gi - ving Him the
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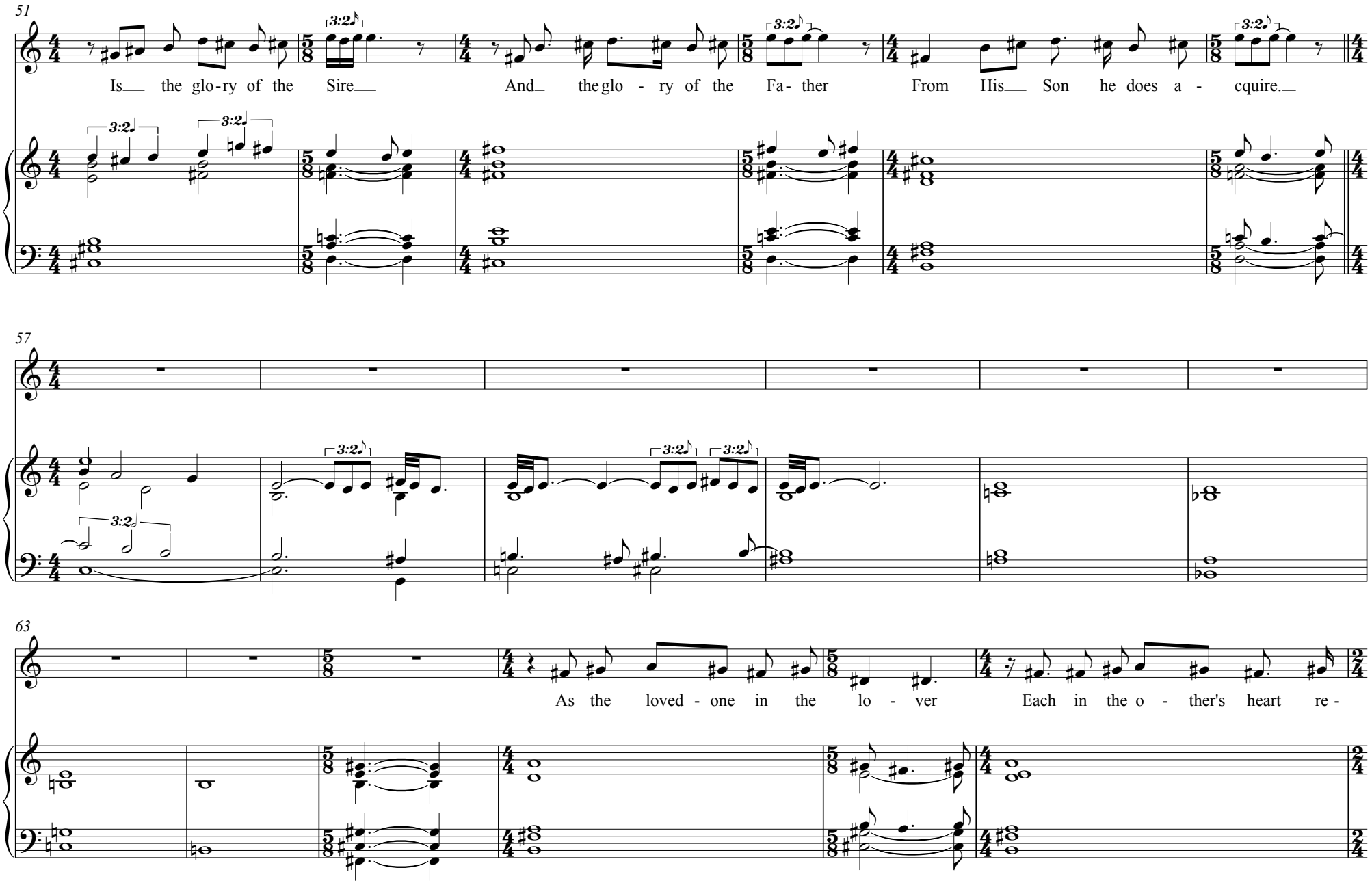
sub - stance
As He gave it long a - go.
And thus the glo - ry of the Son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Is the glo-ry of the Sire
And the glo - ry of the Fa- ther
From His Son he does a - cquire.
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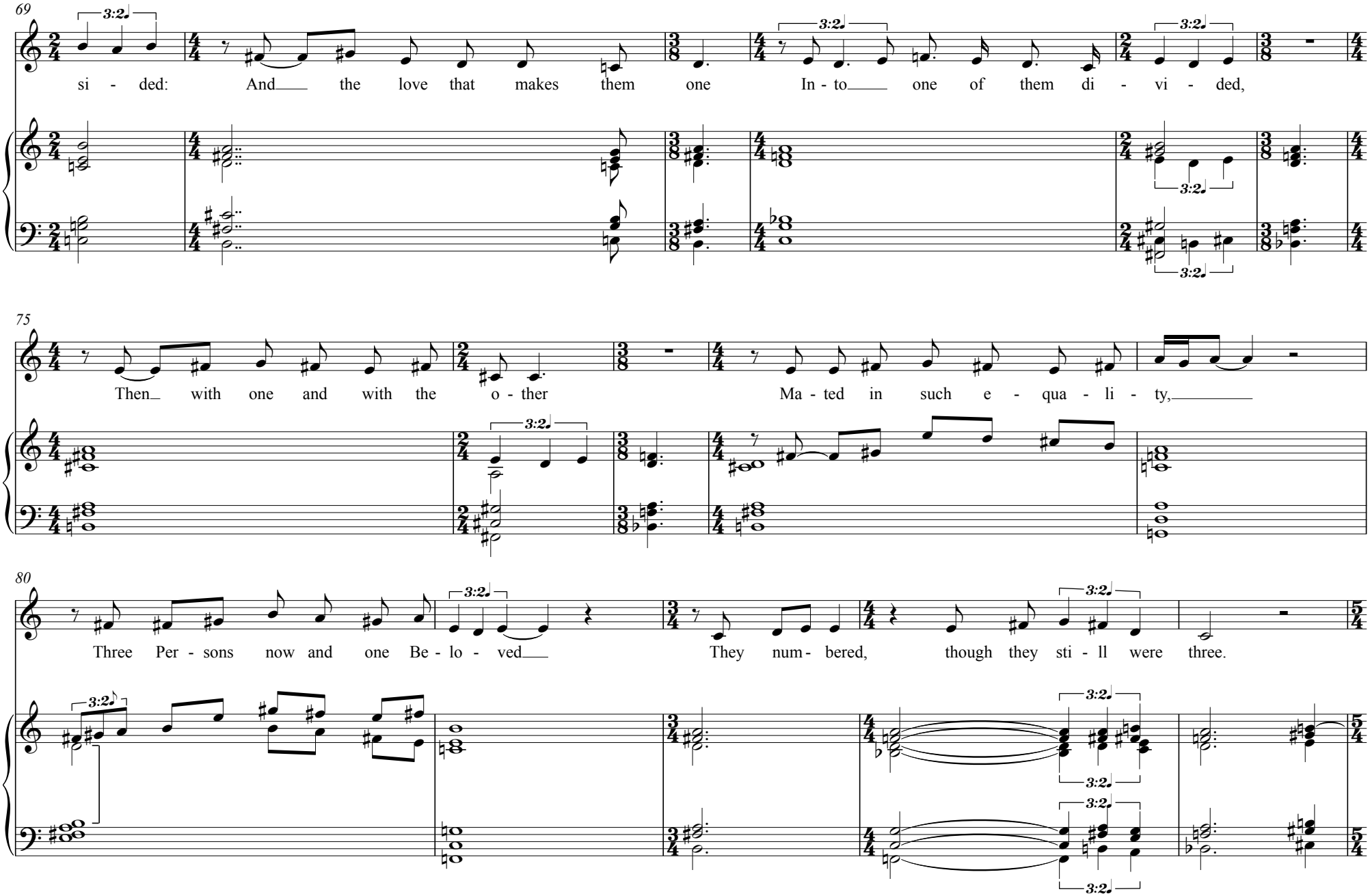
As the loved - one in the lo - ver
Each in the o - ther's heart re -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si - ded: And the love that makes them one In - to one of them di - vi - ded,
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Then with one and with the o - ther Ma - ted in such e - qua - li - ty,
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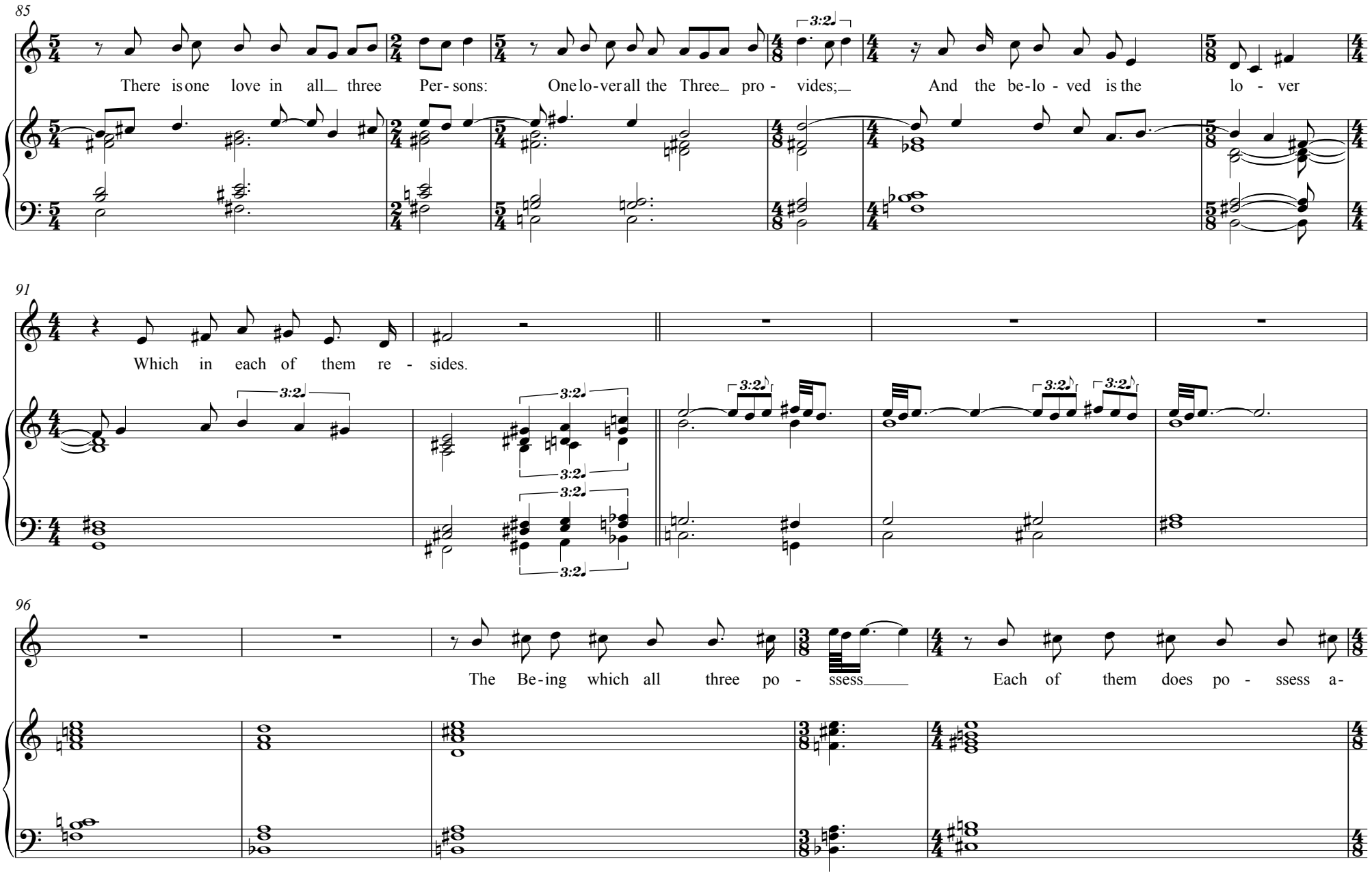
Three Per - sons now and one Be - lo - ved They num - bered, though they sti - ll were three.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There is one love in all three Per- sons: One lo-ver all the Three pro - vides; And the be-lo - ved is the lo - ver
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Which in each of them re - sides.
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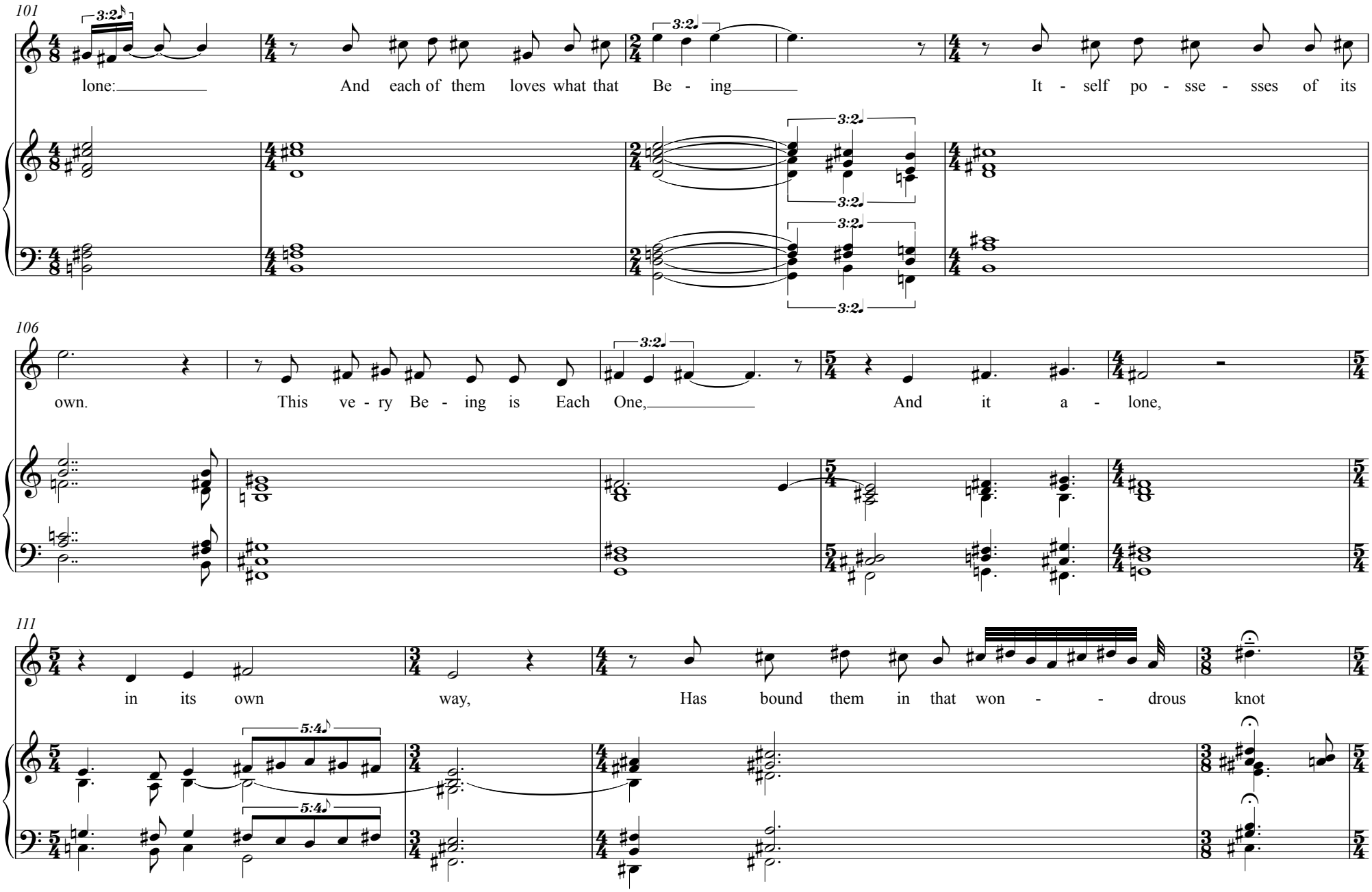
The Be-ing which all three po - ssess Each of them does po - ssess a-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lone:
And each of them loves what that Be - ing
It - self po - sse - sses of its
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own.
This ve - ry Be - ing is Each One,
And it a - lone,
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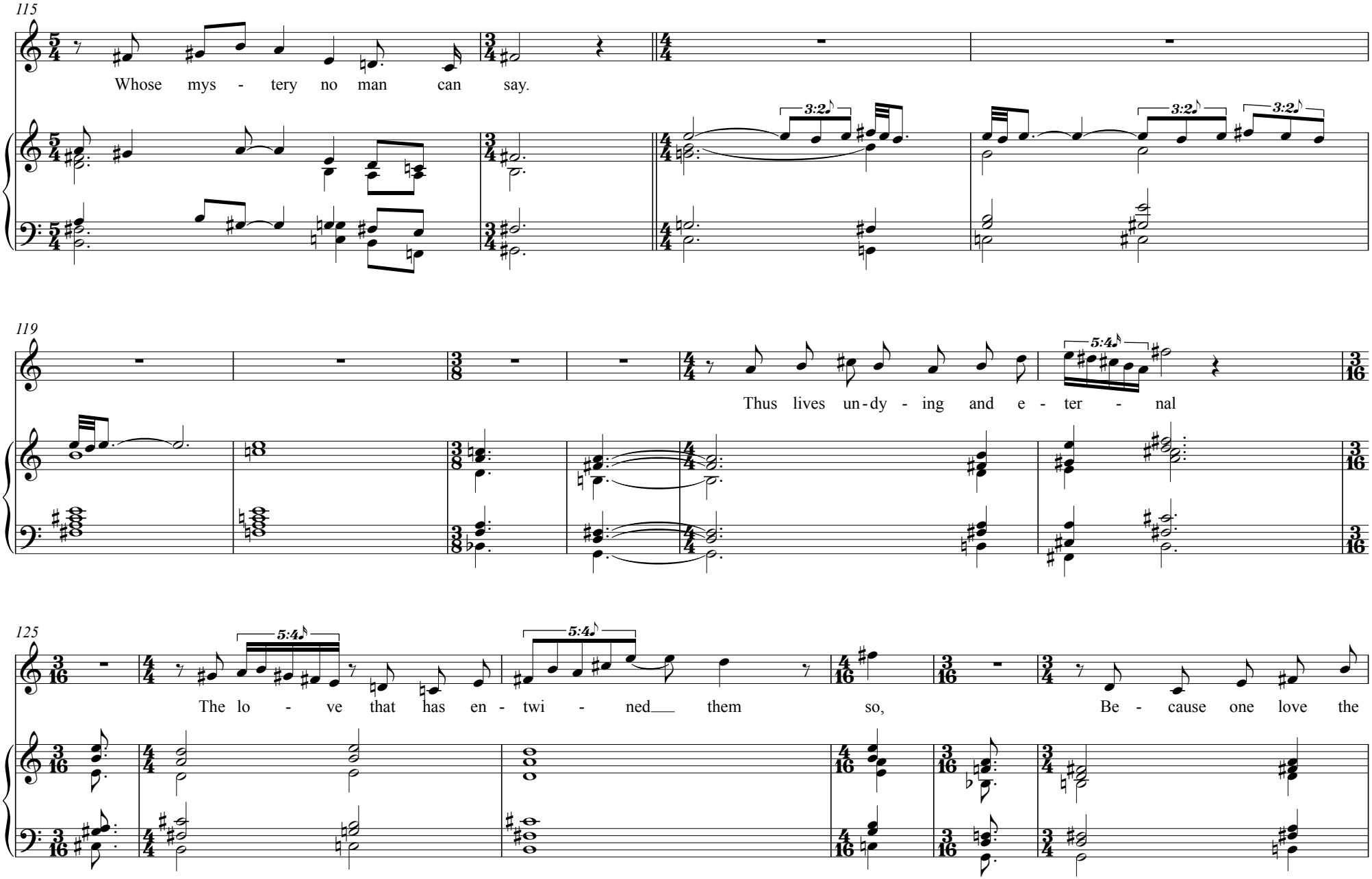
in its own way,
Has bound them in that won - - drous knot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Whose mys - tery no man can say.
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Thus lives un-dy - ing and e - ter - nal
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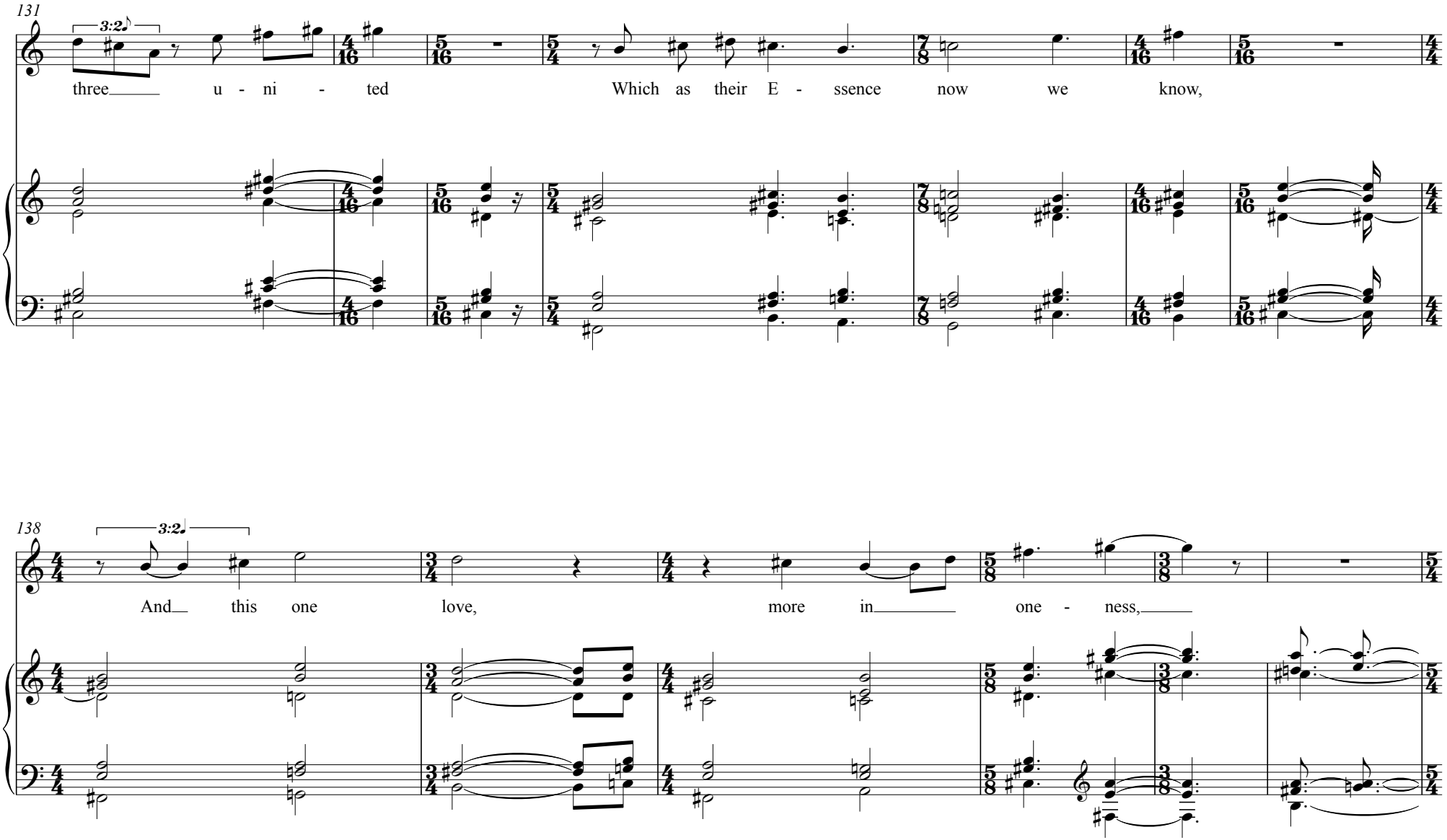
The lo - ve that has en - twi - ned them so,
Be - cause one love the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three u - ni - ted
Which as their E - ssence now we know,
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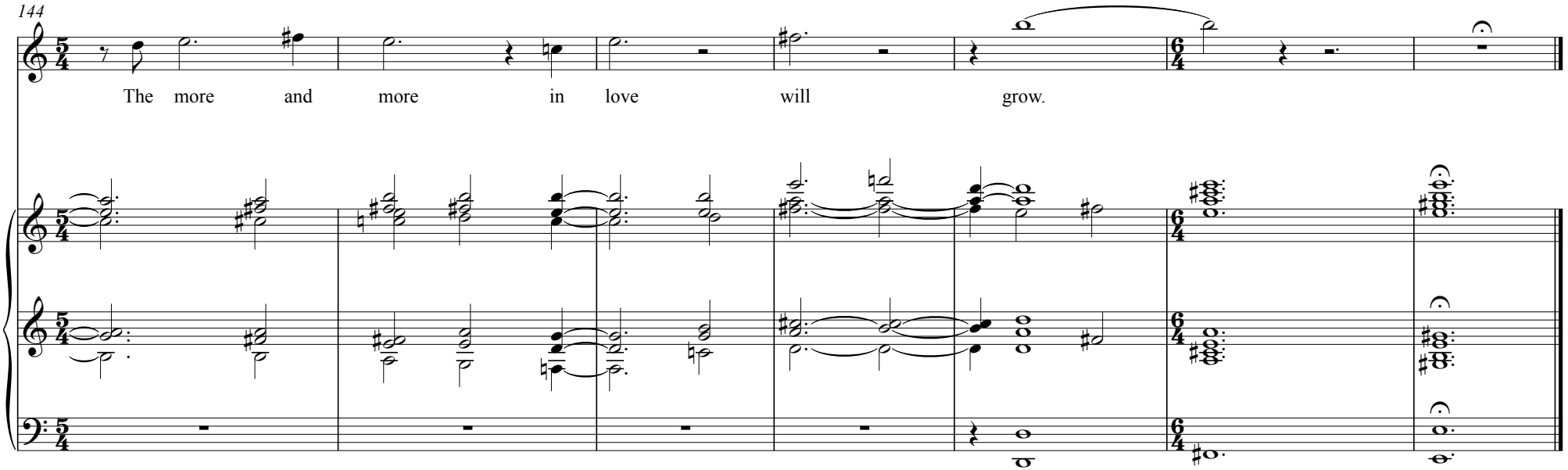
And this one love,
more in one - ness,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The more and more in love will grow.