Nigra sum
(SSATBB)

Vulgate: Canticum Canticorum Salomonis 1.4-5
(but with *filia* as is Marian Vespers, not *filiae)*

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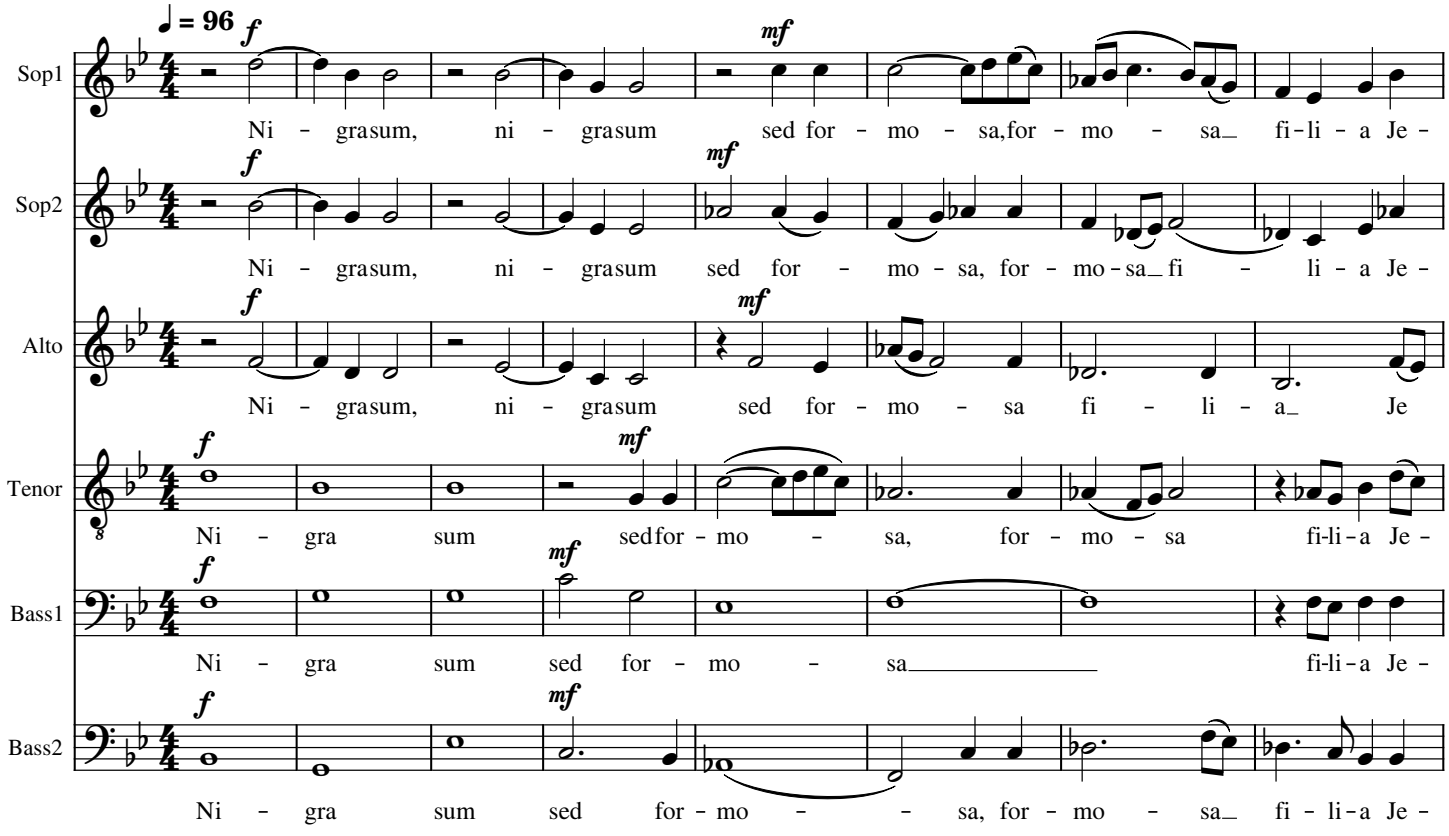

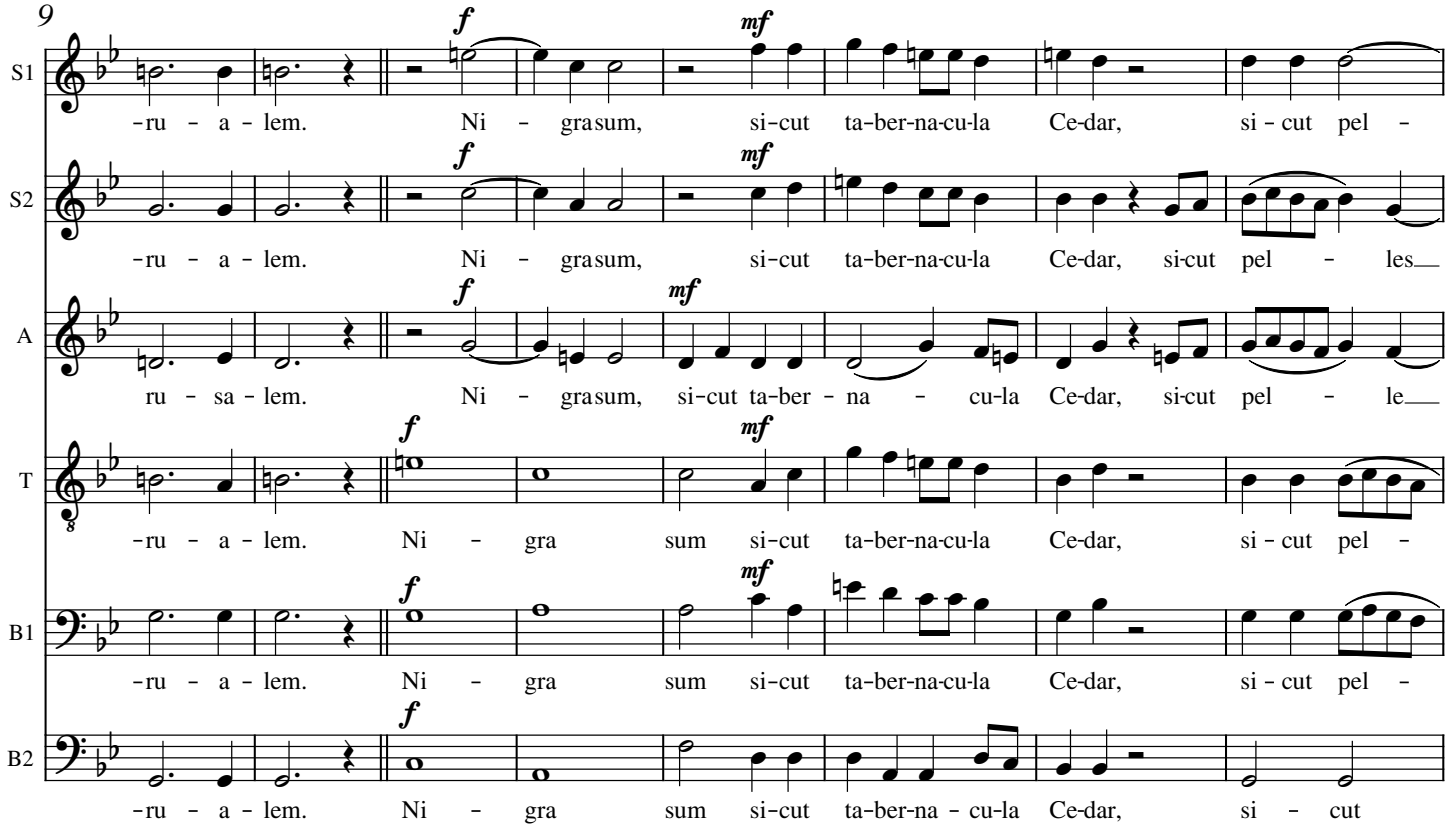

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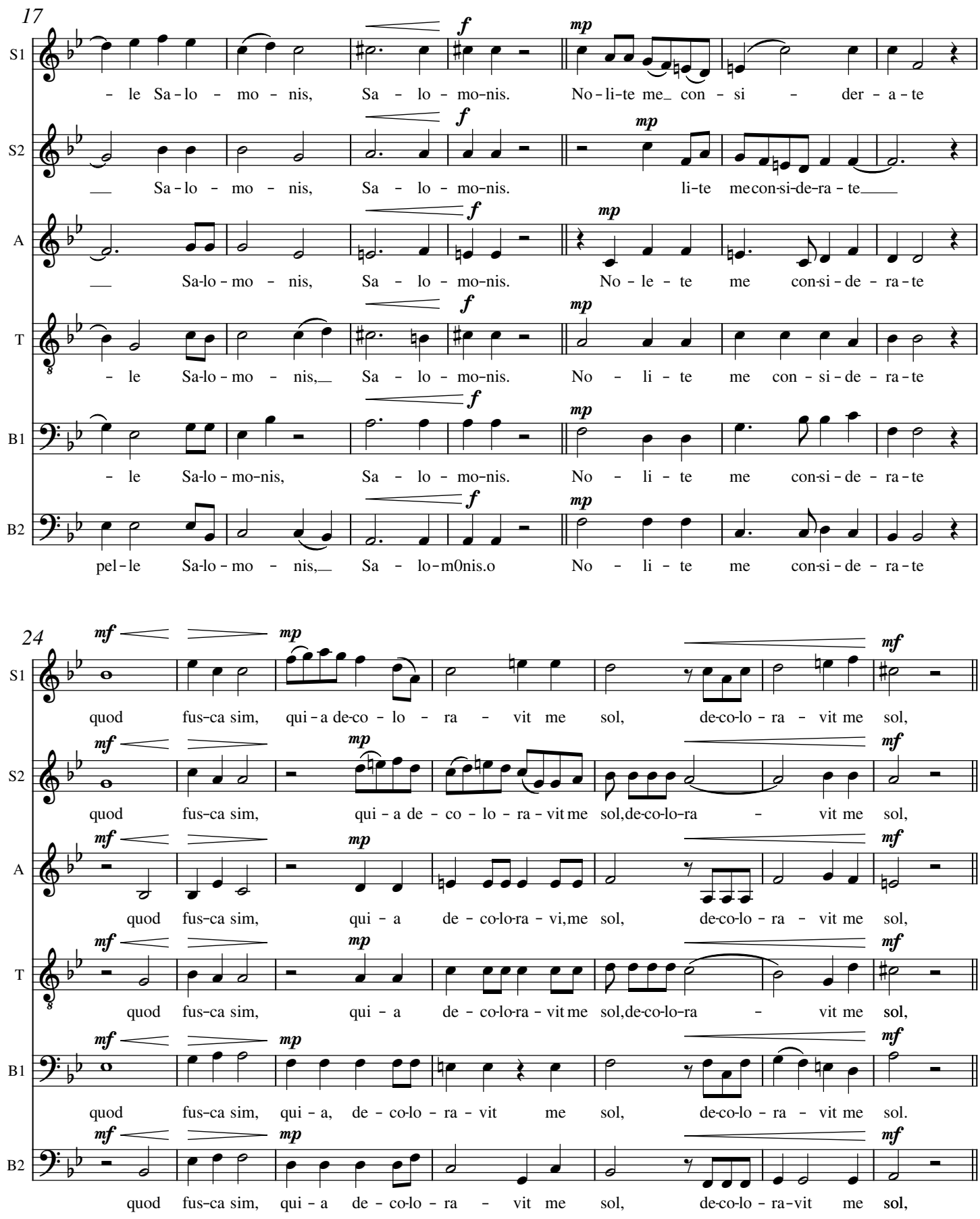
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S1
S2
A
T
B1
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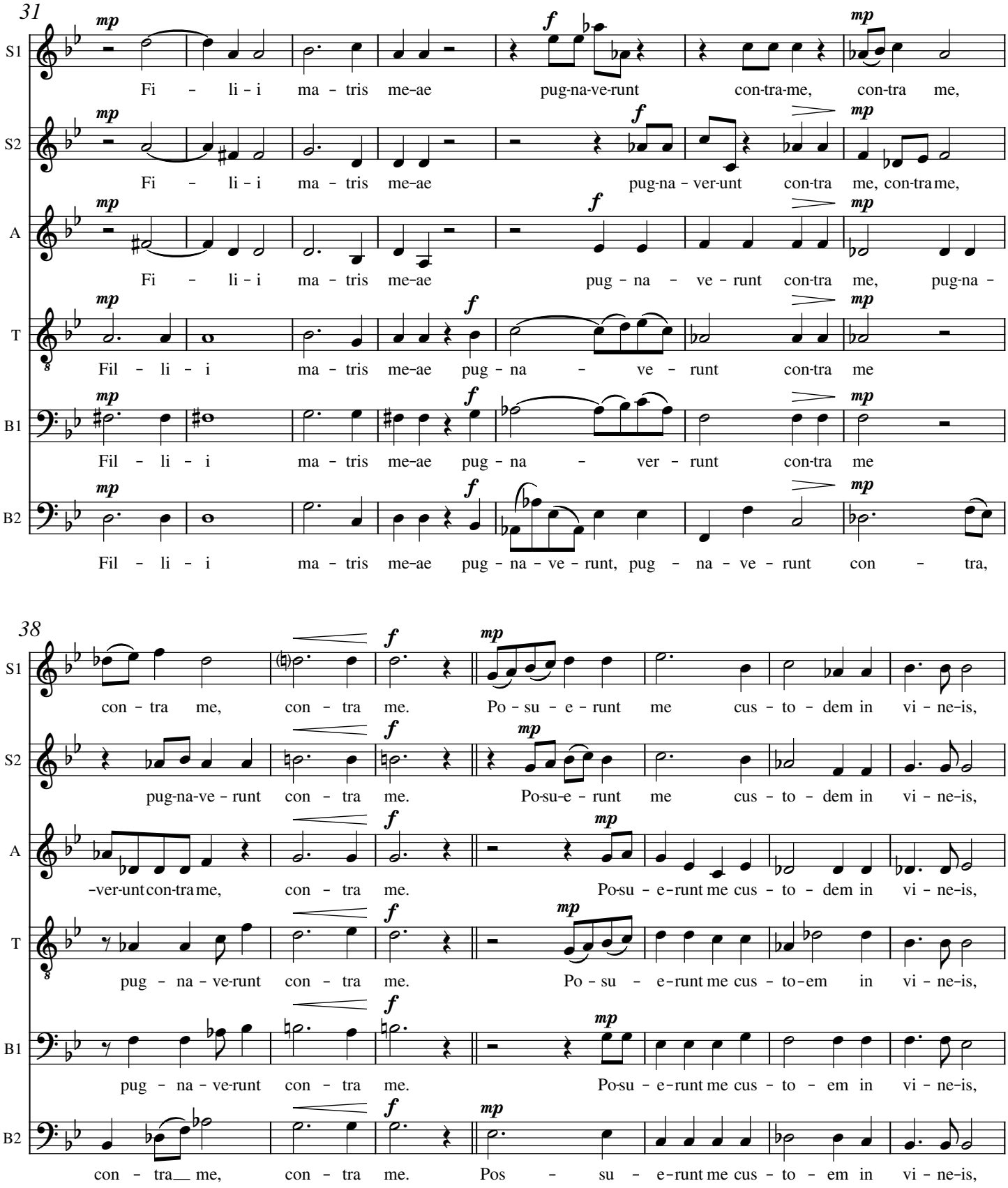
f
mp
– le Sa-lo – mo – nis, Sa – lo – mo-nis. No-li-te me_ con – si – der – a-te
_ Sa-lo – mo – nis, Sa – lo – mo-nis. li-te me con-si-de-ra-te_
_ Sa-lo-mo – nis, Sa – lo – mo-nis. No – le – te me con-si-de-ra-te
– le Sa-lo-mo – nis,_ Sa – lo – mo-nis. No – li – te me con – si-de – ra-te
– le Sa-lo-mo-nis, Sa – lo – mo-nis. No – li – te me con-si-de – ra-te
pel-le Sa-lo-mo – nis,_ Sa – lo-m0nis.o No – li – te me con-si-de – ra-te
24
mf
mp
quod fus-ca sim, qui-a de-co – lo – ra – vit me sol, de-co-lo – ra – vit me sol,
quod fus-ca sim, qui – a de – co – lo – ra-vit me sol,de-co-lo-ra – vit me sol,
quod fus-ca sim, qui – a de – co-lo-ra-vi,me sol, de-co-lo – ra – vit me sol,
quod fus-ca sim, qui – a de – co-lo-ra-vit me sol,de-co-lo-ra – vit me sol,
quod fus-ca sim, qui – a, de – co-lo – ra – vit me sol, de-co-lo – ra – vit me sol.
quod fus-ca sim, qui – a de – co-lo – ra – vit me sol, de-co-lo – ra-vit me sol,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S1
S2
A
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Fi - li - i ma - tris me-ae pug-na-ve-runt con-tra-me, con-tra me,
Fi - li - i ma - tris me-ae pug-na - ver-unt con-tra me, con-tra me,
Fi - li - i ma - tris me-ae pug - na - ve - runt con-tra me, pug-na -
Fil - li - i ma - tris me-ae pug - na - ve - runt con-tra me
Fil - li - i ma - tris me-ae pug - na - ver - runt con-tra me
Fil - li - i ma - tris me-ae pug - na - ve - runt, pug - na - ve - runt con - tra,
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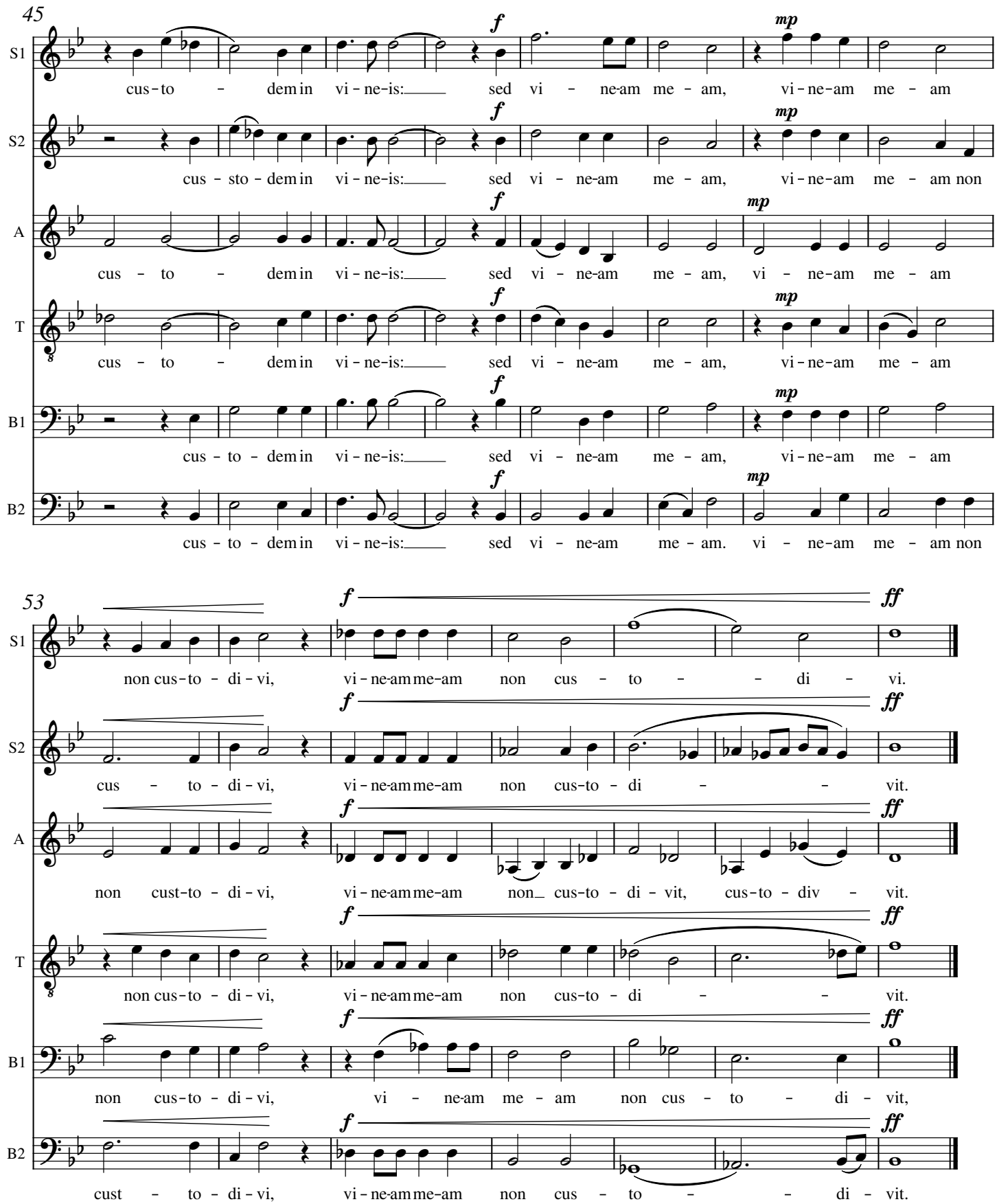
con - tra me, con - tra me. Po - su - e - runt me cus - to - dem in vi - ne-is,
pug-na-ve - runt con - tra me. Po-su-e - runt me cus - to - dem in vi - ne-is,
-ver-unt con-tra me, con - tra me. Po-su - e-runt me cus - to - dem in vi - ne-is,
pug - na - ve-runt con - tra me. Po - su - e-runt me cus - to-em in vi - ne-is,
pug - na - ve-runt con - tra me. Po-su - e-runt me cus - to - em in vi - ne-is,
con - tra me, con - tra me. Pos - su - e-runt me cus - to - em in vi - ne-is,



Nigra sum sed formosa filia Ierusalem,
sicut tabernacula Cedar, sicut pelles Salomonis.
Nolite me considerare quod fusca sim,
quia decoloravit me sol.
Filii matris meae pugnaverunt contra me.
Posuerunt me custodem in vineis:
[sed] vineam meam non custodivi.

I am a black but beautiful daughter of Jerusalem,
as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.
Look not upon me, because I am dark,
because the sun has disclored me:
My mother's children fought against me.
They made me a keeper of the vineyards;
but my own vineyard I have not kept..