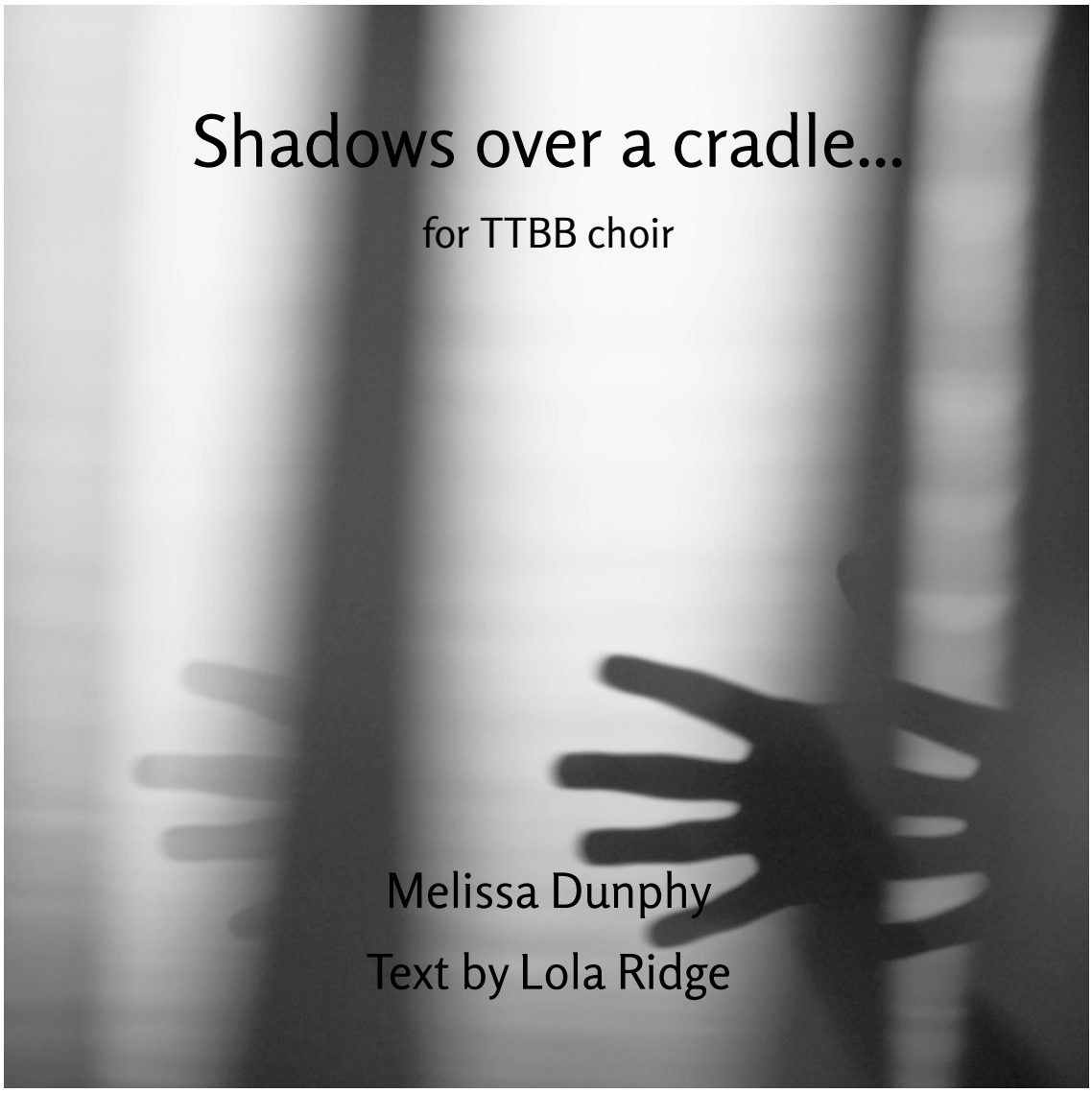

Shadows over a cradle...

for TTBB choir

Melissa Dunphy

Text by Lola Ridge

3 min

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(Shadows over a cradle...
fire-light craning...
A hand
throws something in the fire
and a smaller hand
runs into the flame and out again,
singed and empty...
Shadows
settling over a cradle...
two hands
and a fire.)

—From *Sun-Up* by Lola Ridge (1920)

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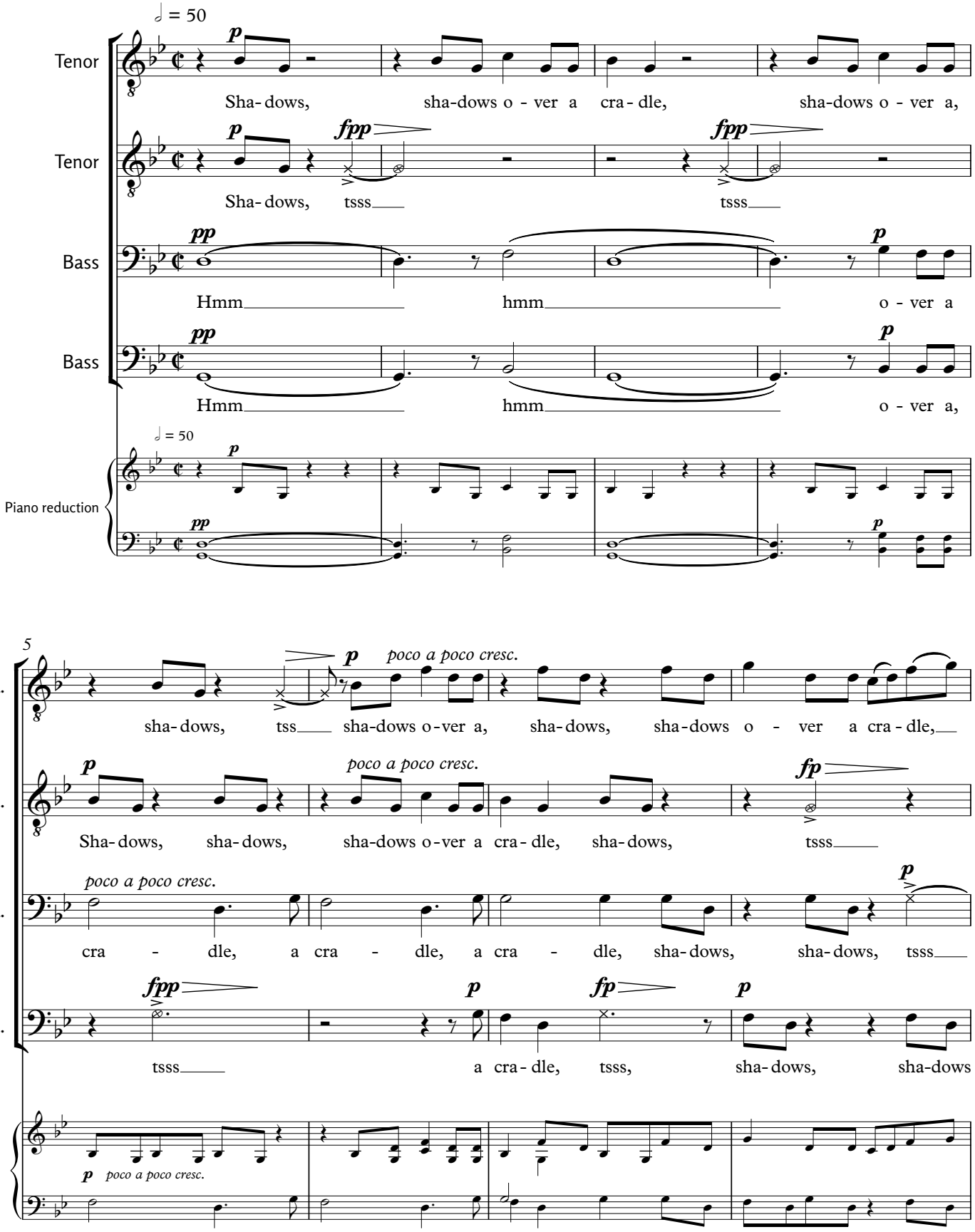

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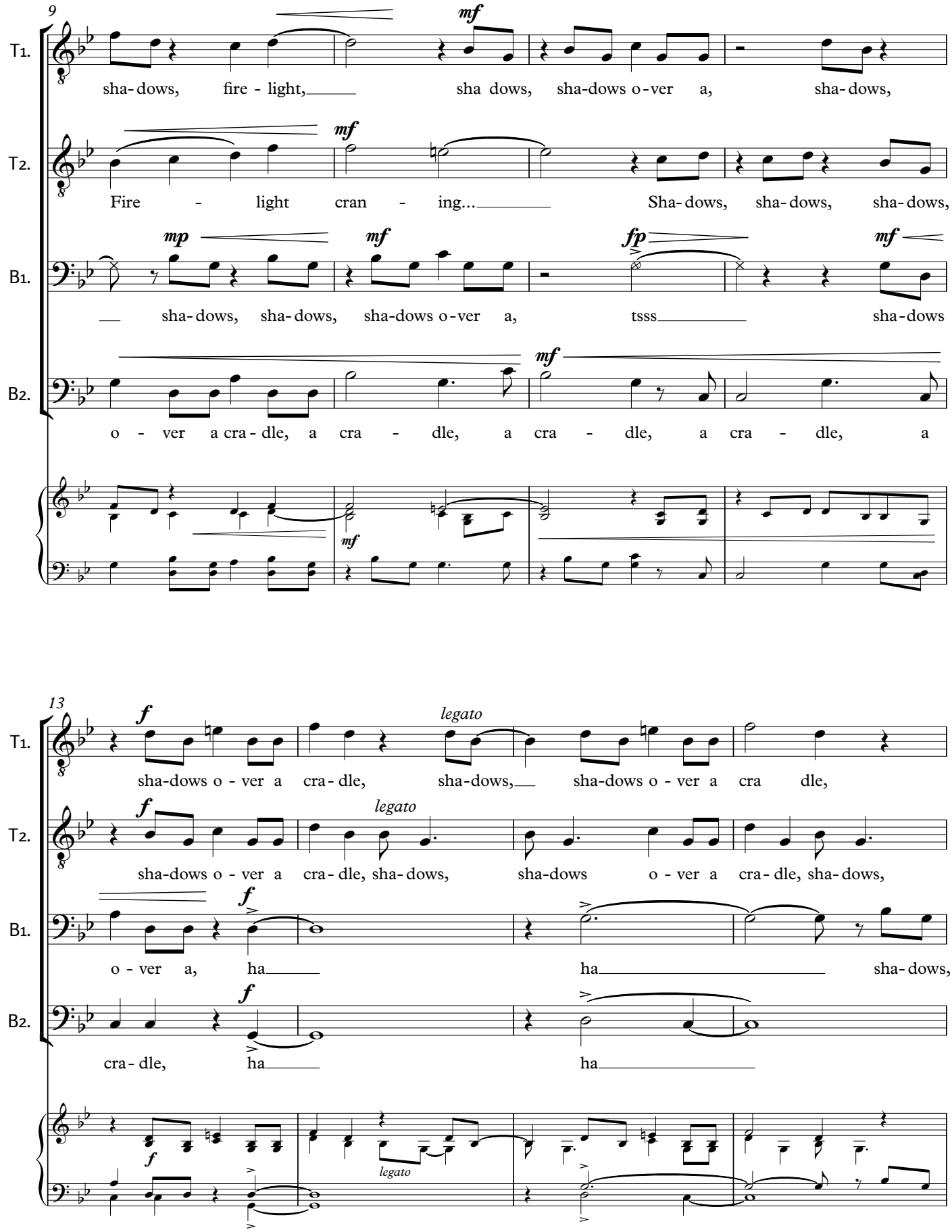
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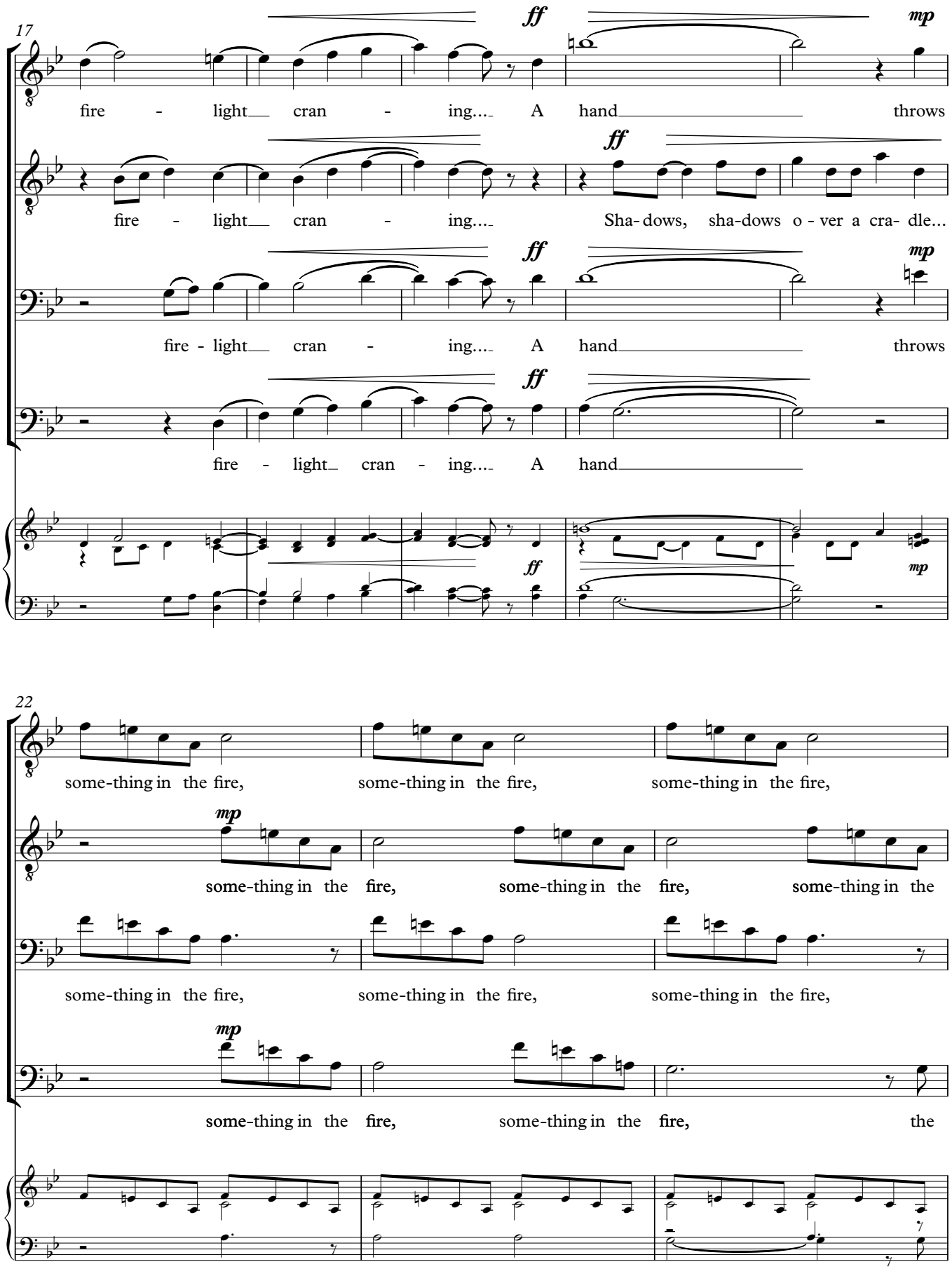
T1.
mf
sha-dows, fire - light, sha dows, sha-dows o-ver a, sha-dows,
T2.
mf
Fire - light cran - ing... Sha-dows, sha-dows, sha-dows,
B1.
mp
mf
fp
mf
sha-dows, sha-dows, sha-dows o-ver a, tsss sha-dows
B2.
mf
o - ver a cra - dle, a cra - dle, a cra - dle, a cra - dle, a
mf
13
T1.
f
legato
sha-dows o - ver a cra - dle, sha-dows, sha-dows o - ver a cra dle,
T2.
f
legato
sha-dows o - ver a cra - dle, sha-dows, sha-dows o - ver a cra - dle, sha-dows,
B1.
f
o - ver a, ha ha sha-dows,
B2.
f
cra - dle, ha ha
f
legato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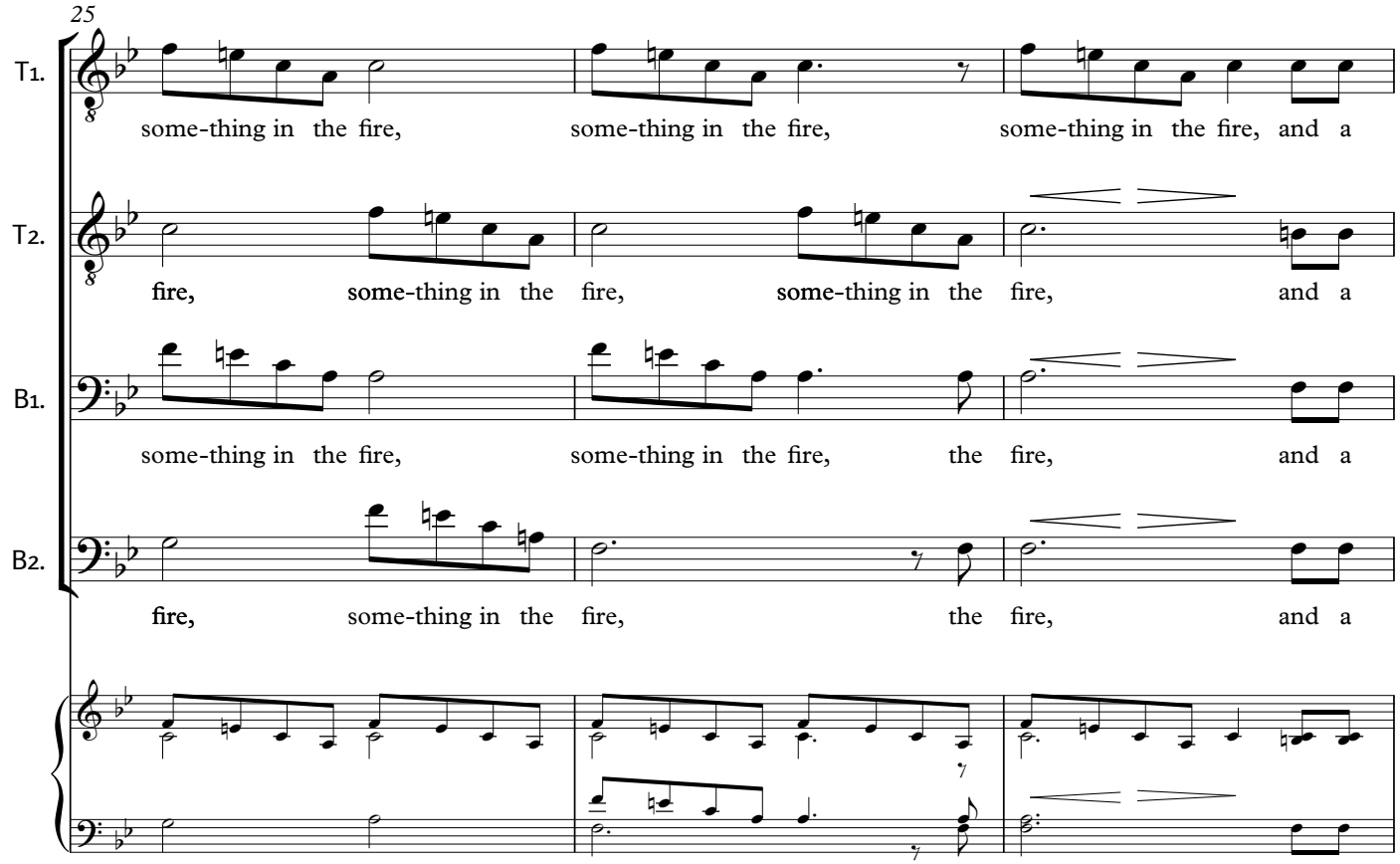
T1.
T2.
B1.
B2.
ff
mp
fire - light cran - ing... A hand throws
fire - light cran - ing... Sha- dows, sha-dows o - ver a cra- dle...
fire - light cran - ing... A hand throws
fire - light cran - ing... A hand
22
some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire,
some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the
some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire,
some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, the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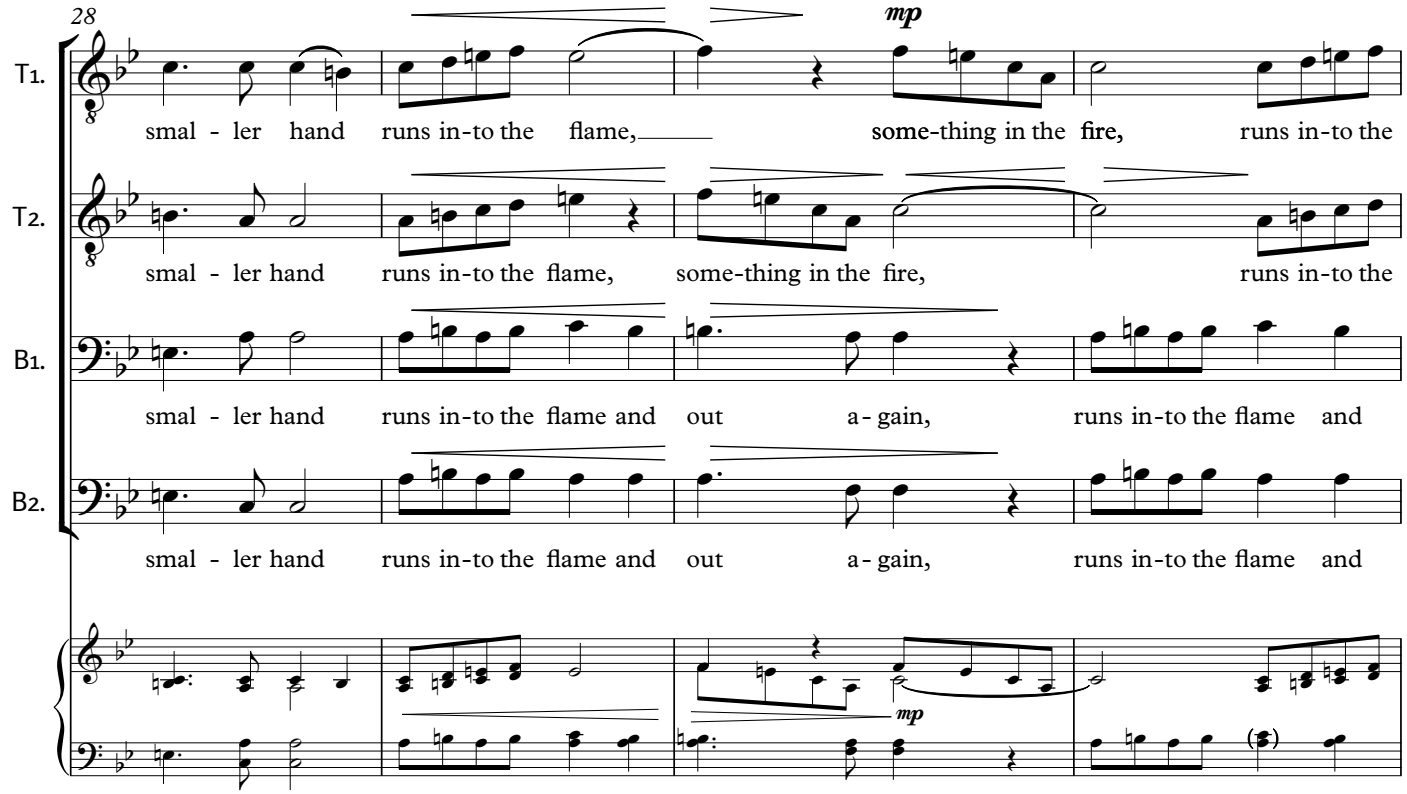
T1.
some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, and a
T2.
fire, some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, and a
B1.
some-thing in the fire, some-thing in the fire, the fire, and a
B2.
fire, some-thing in the fire, the fire, and a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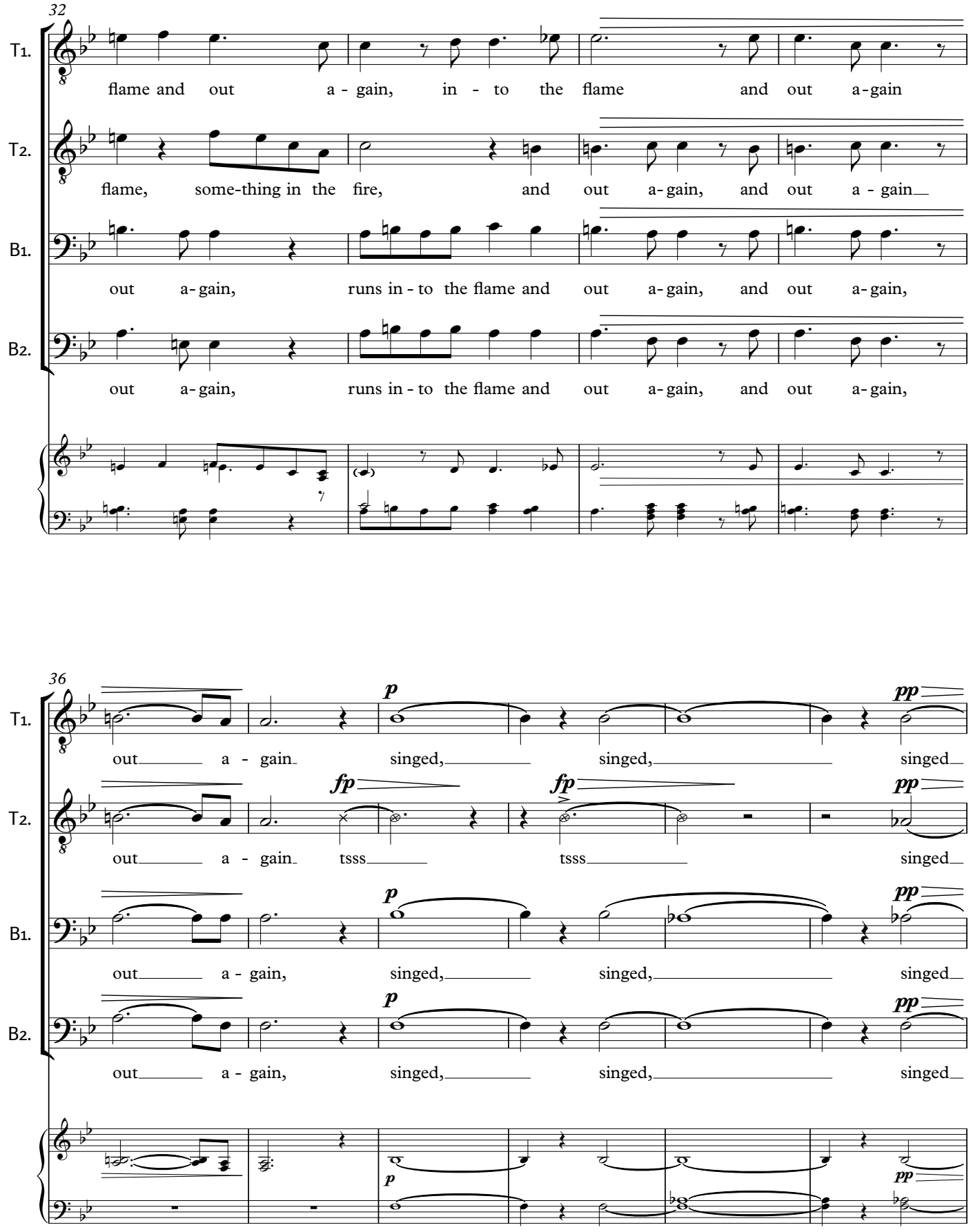
mp
T1.
smal - ler hand runs in-to the flame, some-thing in the fire, runs in-to the
T2.
smal - ler hand runs in-to the flame, some-thing in the fire, runs in-to the
B1.
smal - ler hand runs in-to the flame and out a- gain, runs in-to the flame and
B2.
smal - ler hand runs in-to the flame and out a- gain, runs in-to the flame and
mp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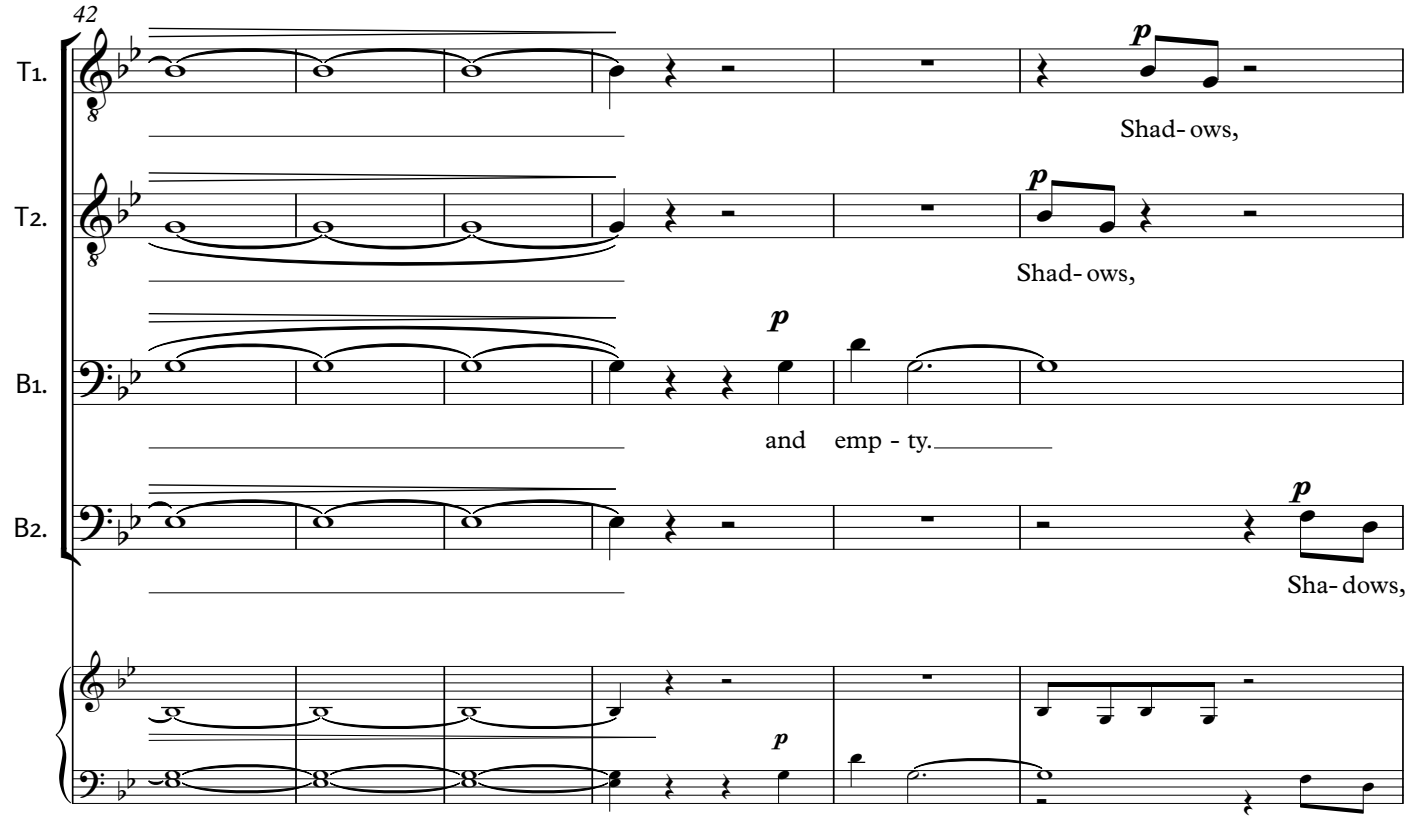
T1.
flame and out a - gain, in - to the flame and out a-gain
T2.
flame, some-thing in the fire, and out a-gain, and out a - gain
B1.
out a-gain, runs in - to the flame and out a-gain, and out a-gain,
B2.
out a-gain, runs in - to the flame and out a-gain, and out a-gain,
36
T1.
out a - gain singed, singed, singed
T2.
out a - gain tsss tsss singed
B1.
out a - gain, singed, singed, singed
B2.
out a - gain, singed, singed, singed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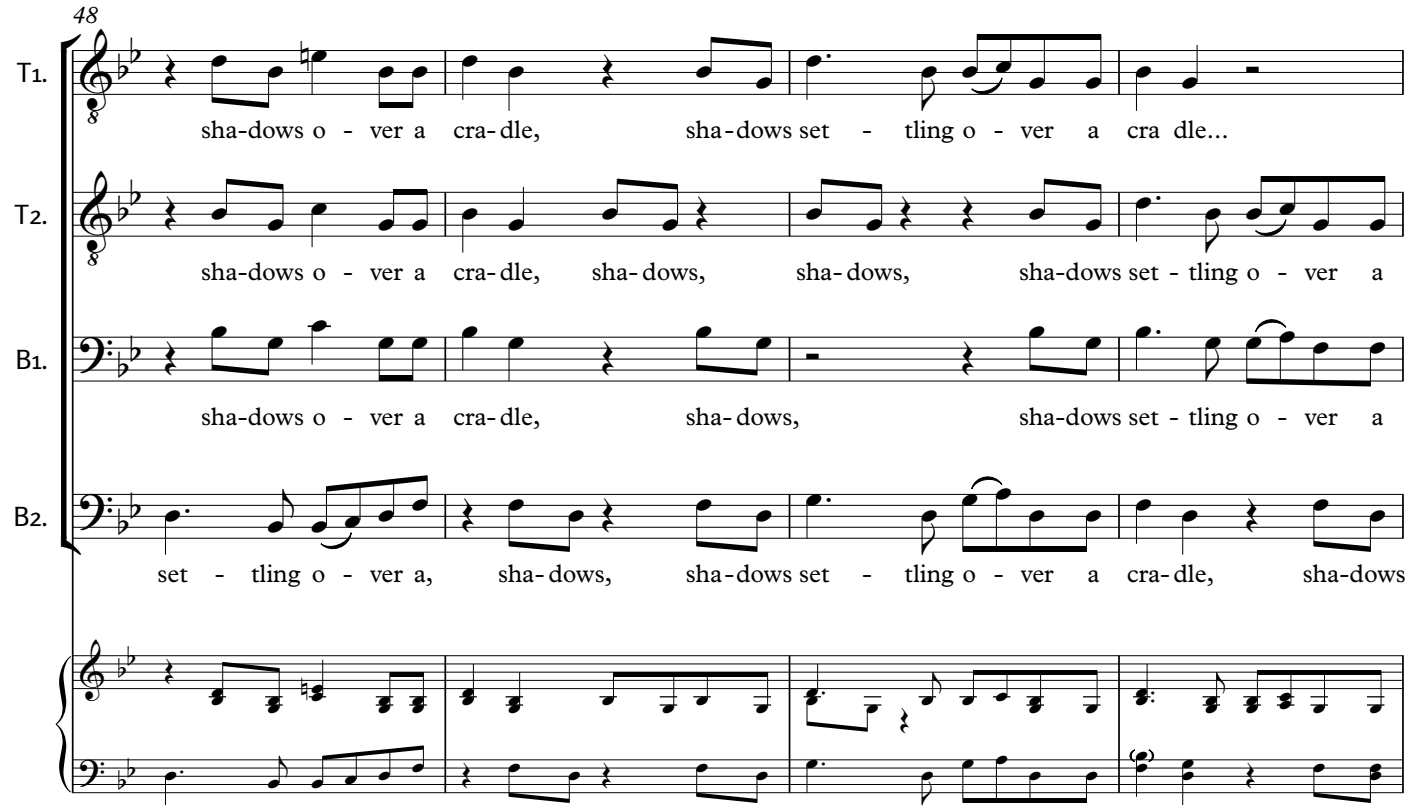
T1.
T2.
B1.
B2.
p
Shad- ows,
Shad- ows,
and emp - ty.
Sha- dows,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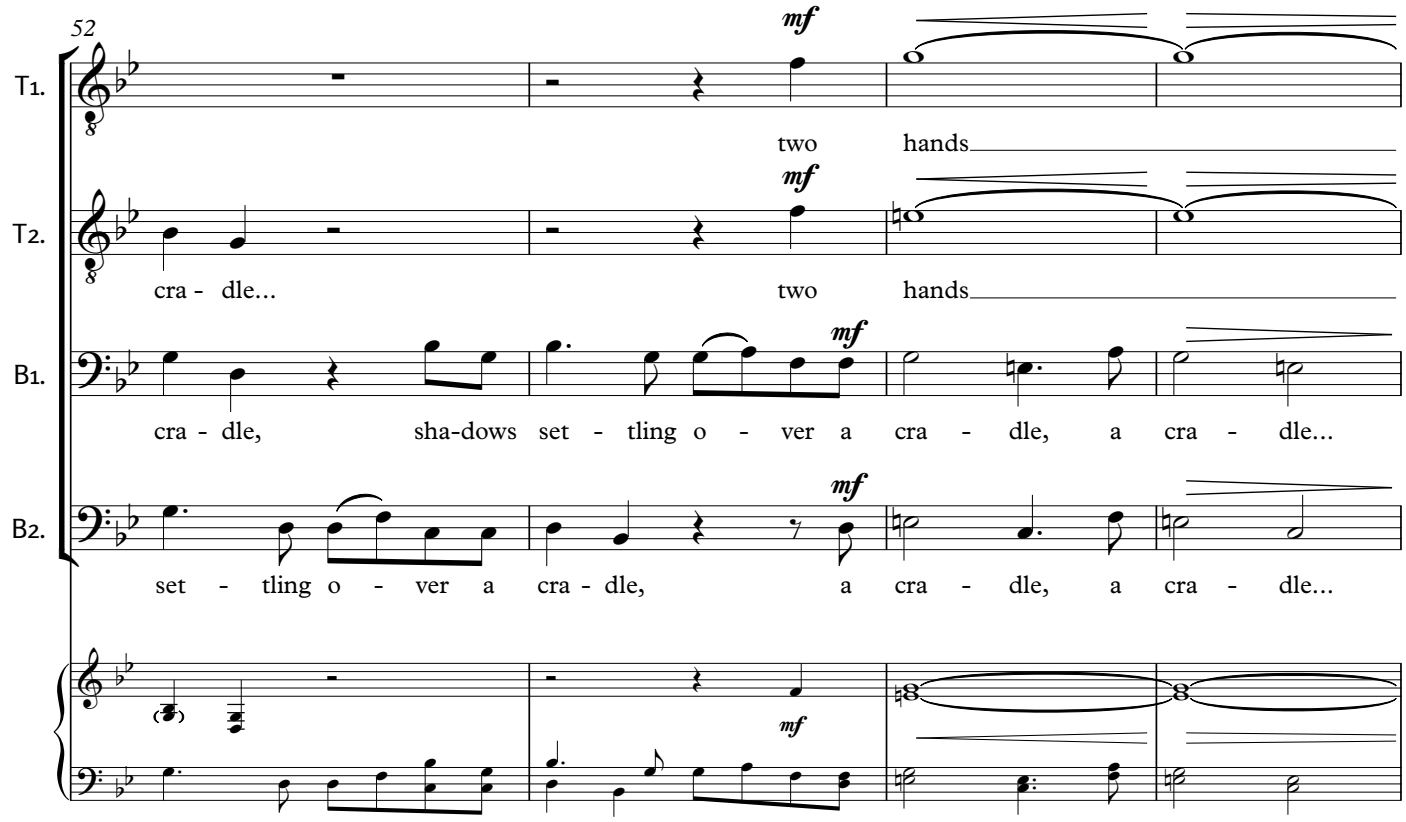
T1.
T2.
B1.
B2.
sha-dows o - ver a cra- dle, sha- dows set - tling o - ver a cra dle...
sha-dows o - ver a cra- dle, sha- dows, sha- dows, sha-dows set - tling o - ver a
sha-dows o - ver a cra- dle, sha- dows, sha-dows set - tling o - ver a
set - tling o - ver a, sha- dows, sha- dows set - tling o - ver a cra- dle, sha-dows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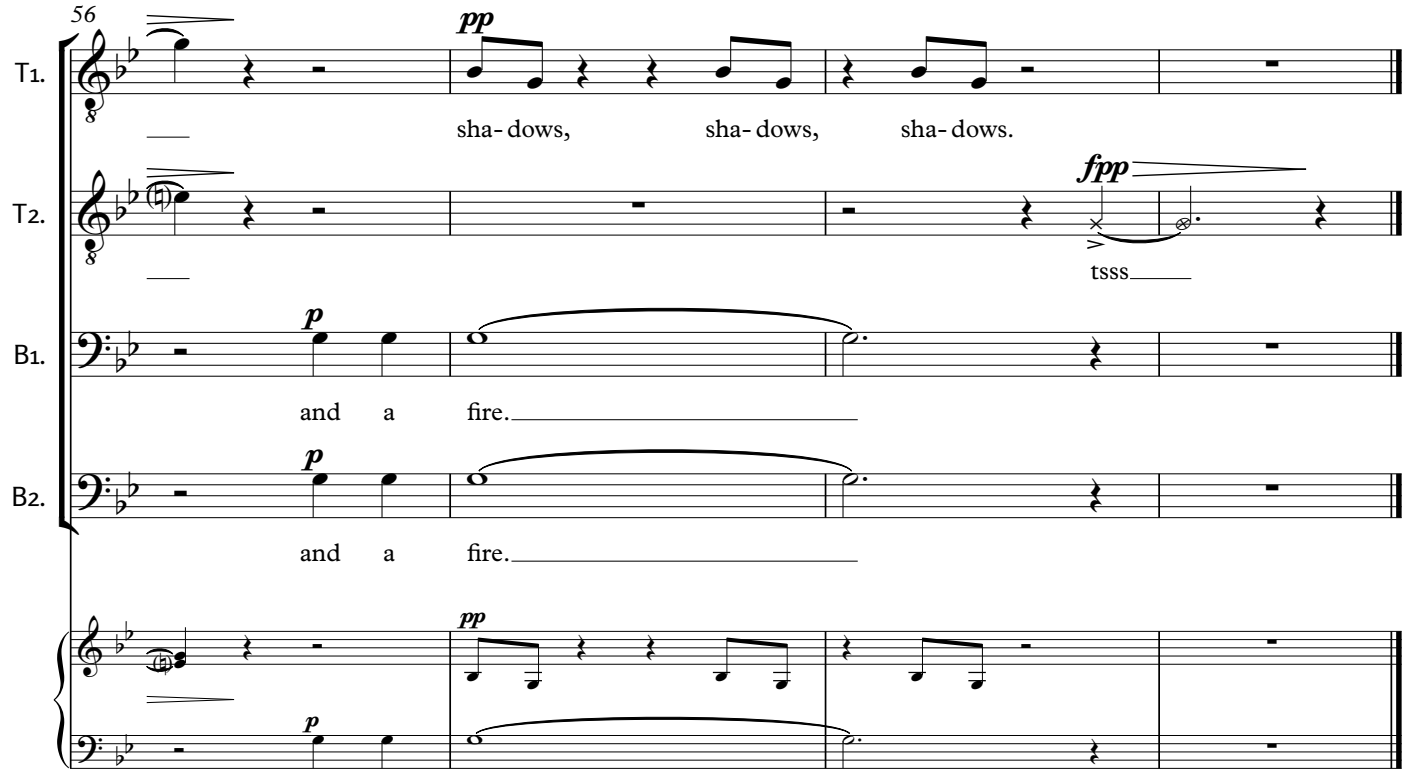
T1.
T2.
B1.
B2.
mf
two hands
cra - dle...
two hands
cra - dle, sha-dows set - tling o - ver a cra - dle, a cra - dle...
set - tling o - ver a cra - dle, a cra - dle, a cra - dle...


56
T1.
T2.
B1.
B2.
pp
sha- dows, sha- dows, sha- dows.
fpp
tsss
p
and a fire.
and a fire.