4. A maiden most gentle

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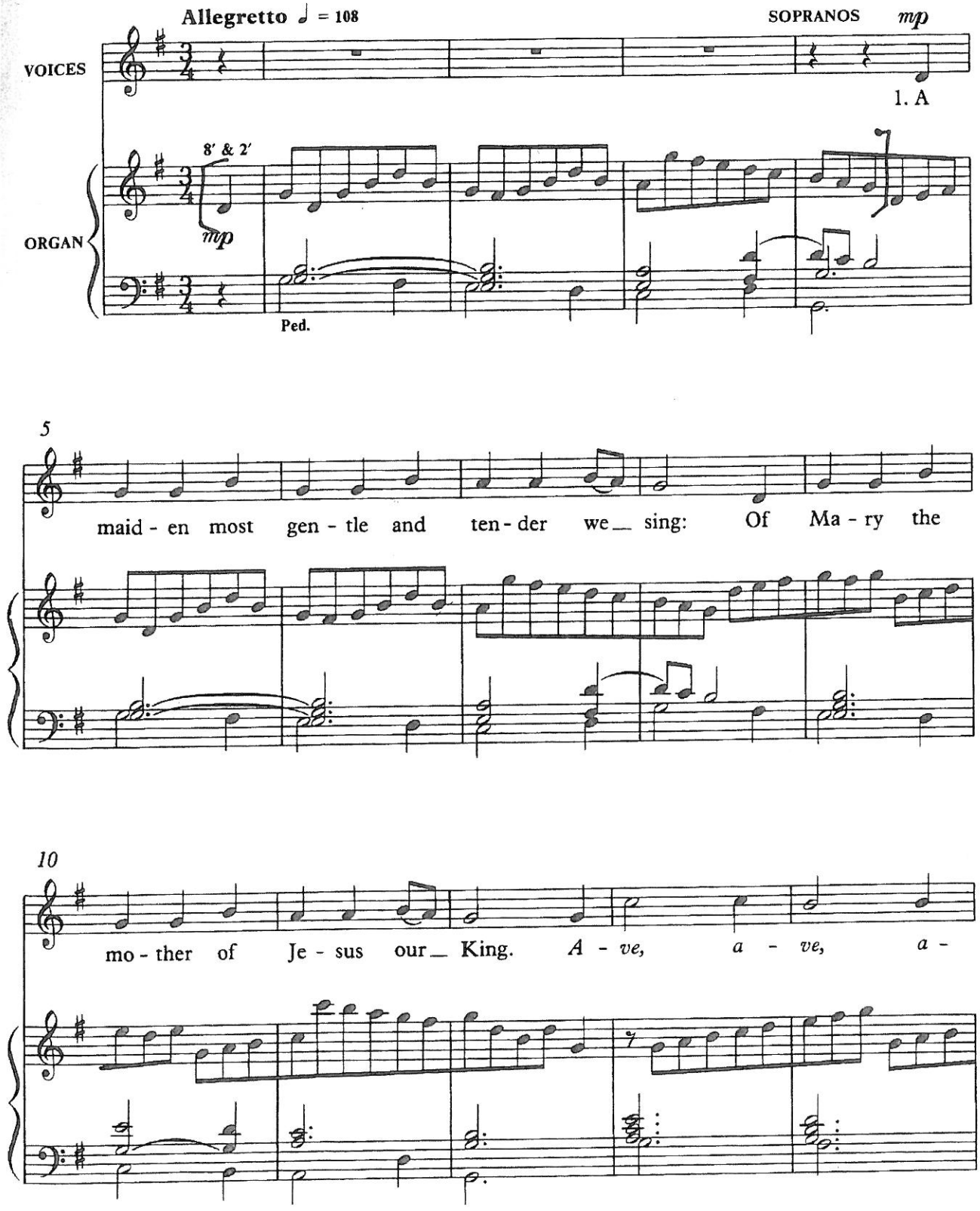
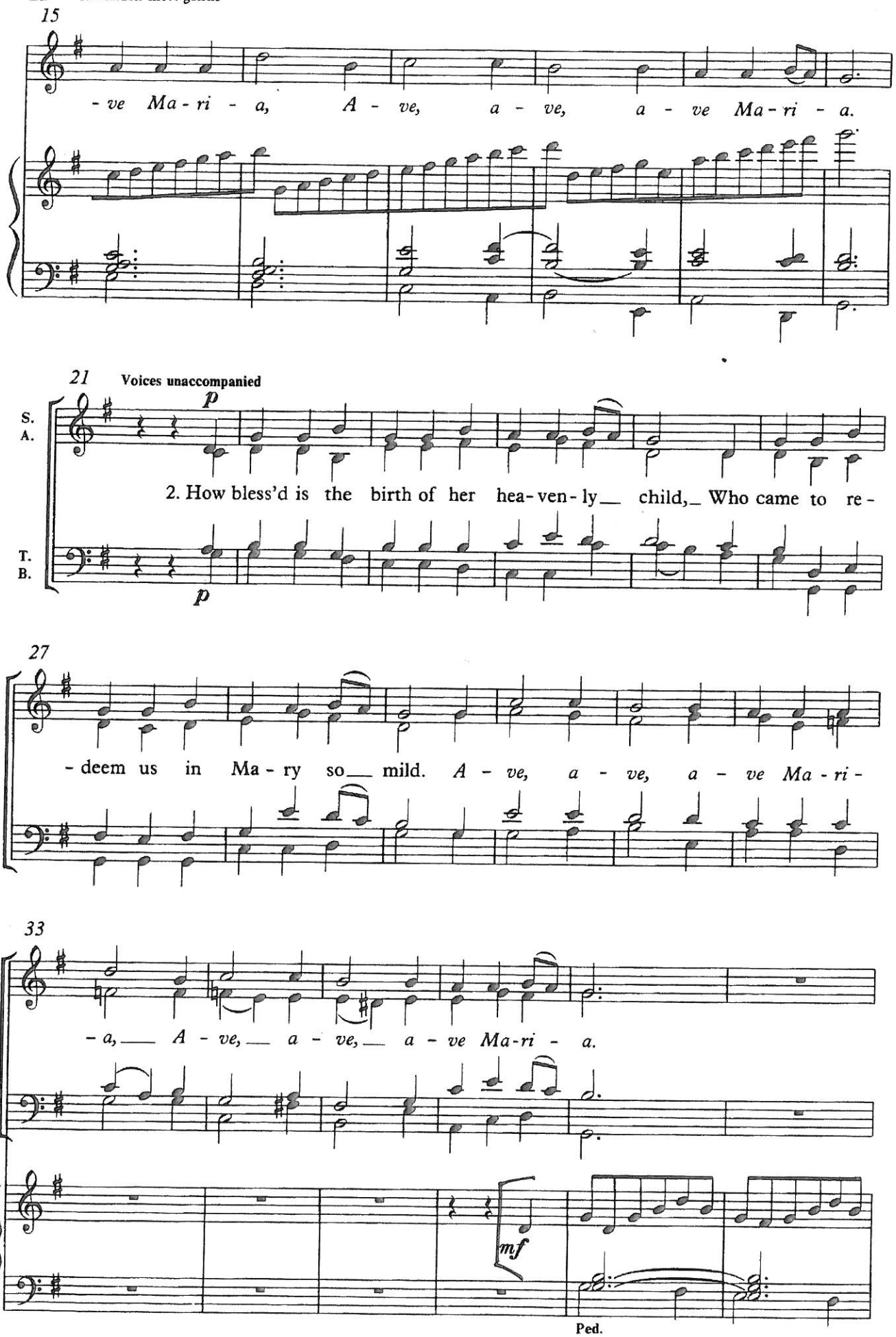
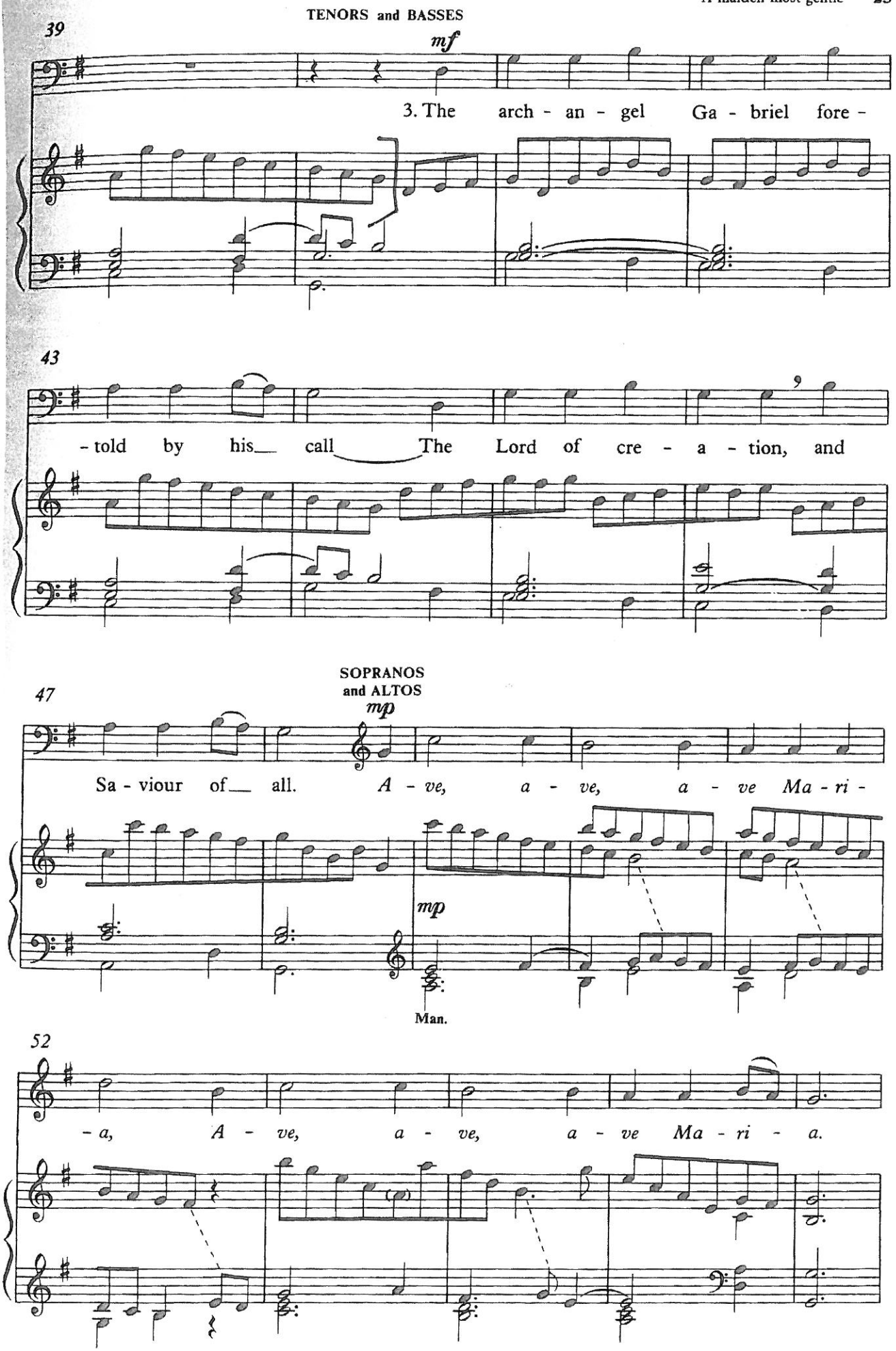
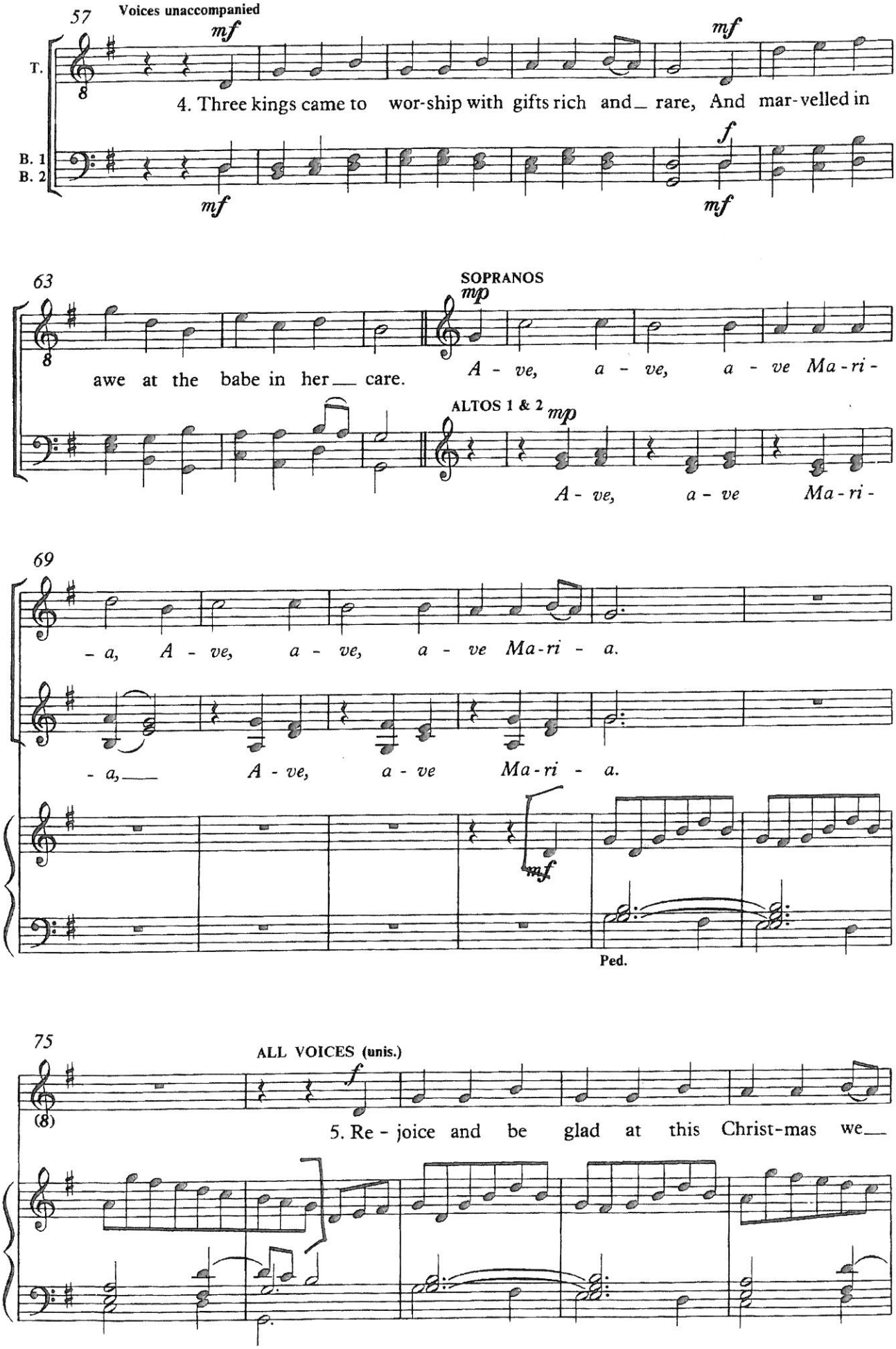
French traditional melody
arranged by ANDREW CARTER

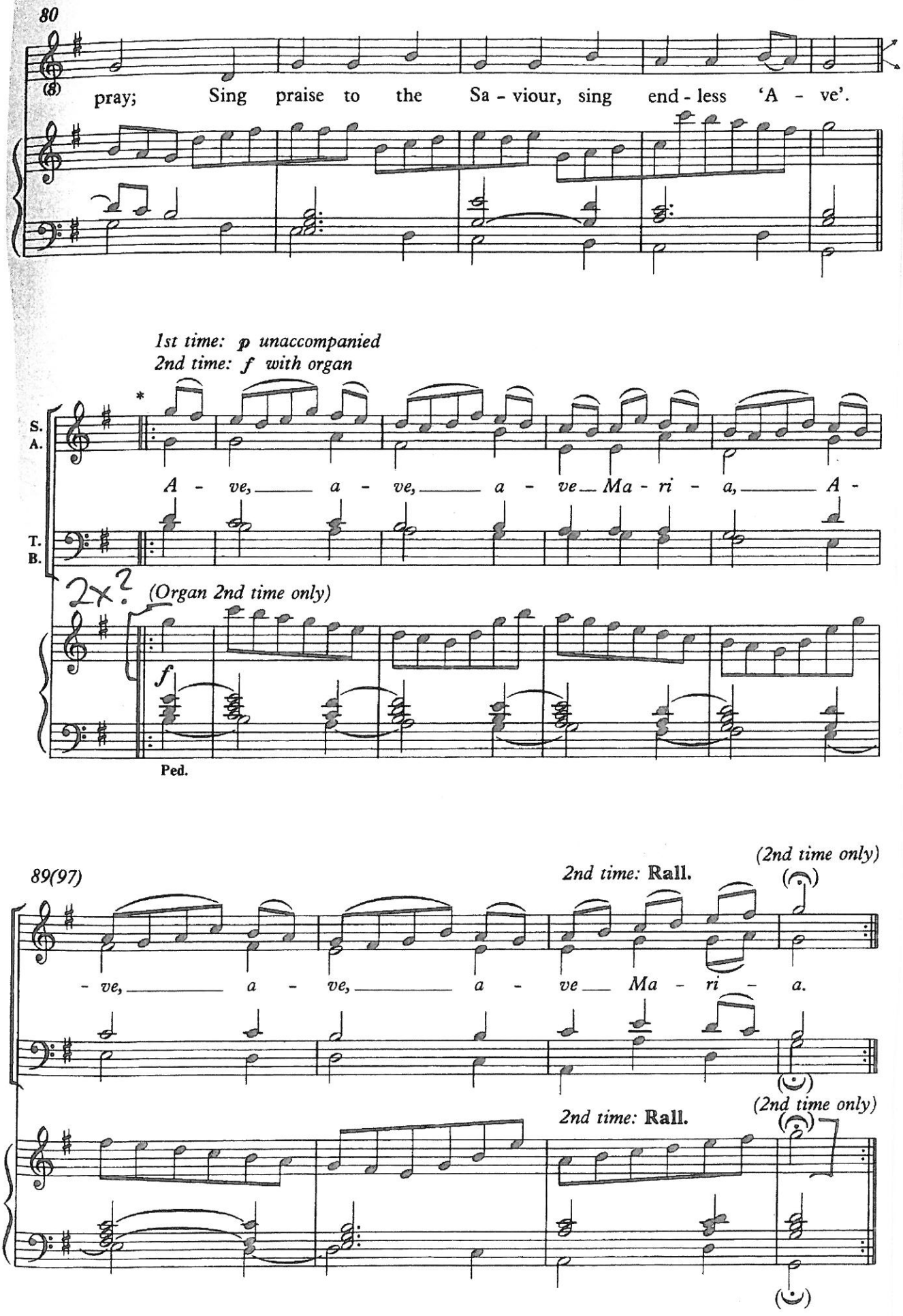


*paraphrased from The Venerable Bede


15
- ve Ma - ri - a, A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri - a.
21
Voices unaccompanied
p
S.
A.
2. How bless'd is the birth of her hea - ven - ly child, Who came to re -
T.
B.
p
27
- deem us in Ma - ry so mild. A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri -
33
- a, A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri - a.
mf
Ped.


TENORS and BASSES
39
mf
3. The arch - an - gel Ga - briel fore -
43
- told by his call The Lord of cre - a - tion, and
SOPRANOS and ALTOS
47
mp
Sa - viour of all. A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri -
mp
Man.
52
- a, A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri - a.


57
Voices unaccompanied
mf
T.
4. Three kings came to wor-ship with gifts rich and_ rare, And mar-velled in
B. 1
B. 2
mf
f
mf
63
SOPRANOS
mp
awe at the babe in her_ care.
A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma-ri -
ALTOS 1 & 2
mp
A - ve, a - ve Ma-ri -
69
- a, A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma-ri - a.
- a,_ A - ve, a - ve Ma-ri - a.
mf
Ped.
75
ALL VOICES (unis.)
f
5. Re - joice and be glad at this Christ-mas we_


80
pray; Sing praise to the Sa - viour, sing end - less 'A - ve'.
1st time: p unaccompanied
2nd time: f with organ
S.
A.
T.
B.
A - ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri - a, A -
2x?
(Organ 2nd time only)
f
Ped.
89(97)
2nd time: Rall.
(2nd time only)
- ve, a - ve, a - ve Ma - ri - a.
2nd time: Rall.
(2nd time only)