

# O GOD, SHINING GEM

for Sir John Tavener

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With great reverence  $\text{♩} = 60$

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in 4/4 time and begins with a tempo marking of  $\text{♩} = 60$  and a dynamic of *p*. The Soprano and Alto parts have lyrics: "O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace." The Tenor part is silent. The Bass part begins with a *pp* dynamic and the instruction "(breathe as necessary)", followed by a series of notes on a single pitch.

Soprano *p*  
O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace.

Alto *p*  
O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace.

Tenor

Bass *pp* (breathe as necessary)  
O

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S. So that the heart may res-on-ate. Form-less one.

A. So that the heart may res-on-ate. Form-less one.

T.

B. *pp* (breathe as necessary)  
O  
*simile*

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S. be-stow your grace. So that we may merge with you and be-come one.

A. be-stow your grace. So that we may merge with you and be-come one.

T.

B. *simile*

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S. *f*  
 Merc - i - ful God please come to us. Re - splend - ing as

S. *f*  
 Merc - i - ful God please come to us. Re - splend - ing as

A. *f*  
 Merc - i - ful God please come to us. Re - splend - ing as

A. *pp*  
 O simile

T. *f*  
 Merc - i - ful God please come to us. Re - splend - ing as

T. *f*  
 Merc - i - ful God please come to us. Re - splend - ing as

B. *pp*

S. *ff*  
 e - tern - al love. Prec - ious jewelled light dwel - ling with - in.

S. *ff*  
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A. *ff*  
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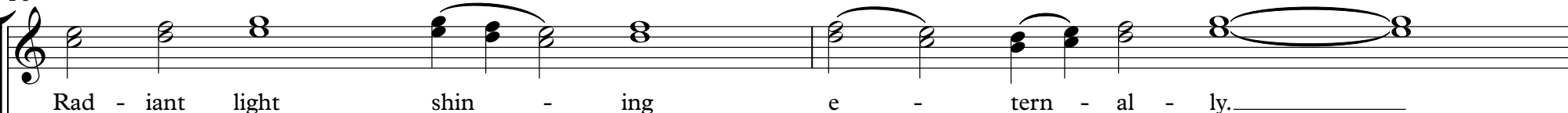
A.  
 (Piano accompaniment for Alto)


T. *ff*  
 e - tern - al love. Prec - ious jewelled light dwel - ling with - in.


T. *ff*  
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B.  
 (Piano accompaniment for Bass)

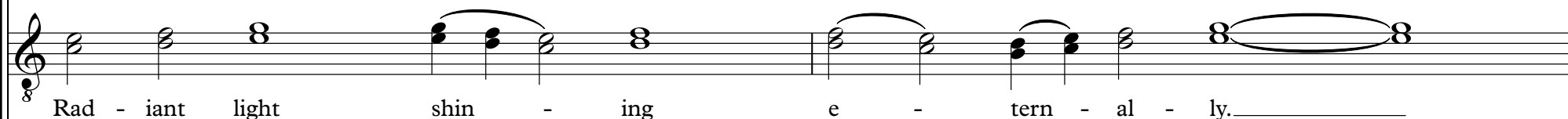
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S.  Rad - iant light shin - ing e - tern - al - ly.

S.  Rad - iant light shin - ing e - tern - al - ly.

A.  Rad - iant light shin - ing e - tern - al - ly.

A. 

T.  Rad - iant light shin - ing e - tern - al - ly.

T.  Rad - iant light shin - ing e - tern - al - ly.

B. 

S. *mf*  
 O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace.

S. *pp* (breathe as necessary)  
 O simile

A. *mf*  
 O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace.

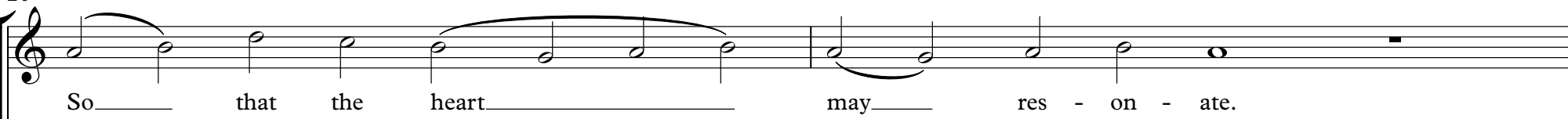
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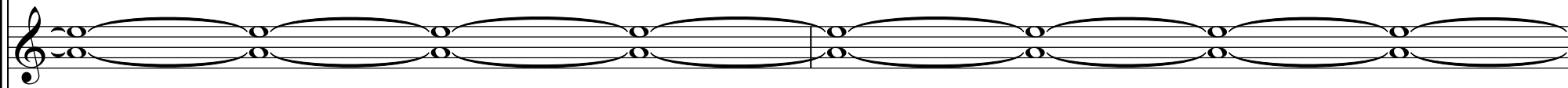
T. *mf*  
 O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace.

T. *mf*  
 O God shin - ing gem be - stow your grace.


B.

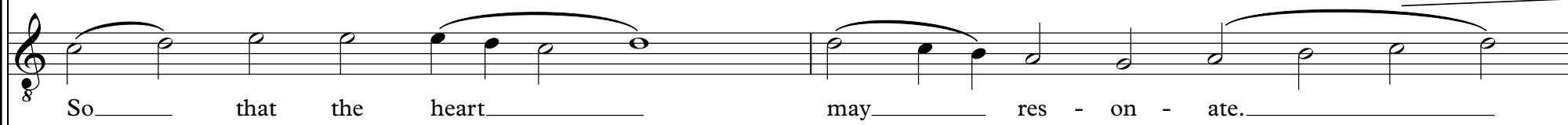
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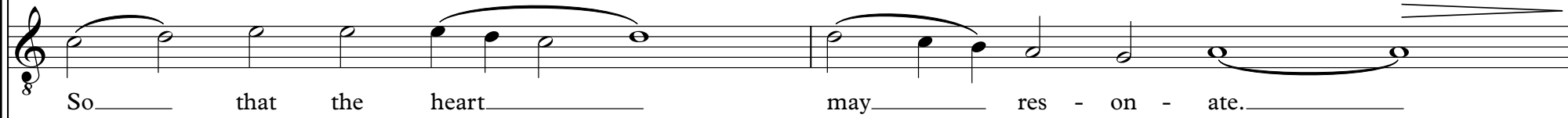
S.   
So that the heart may res - on - ate.

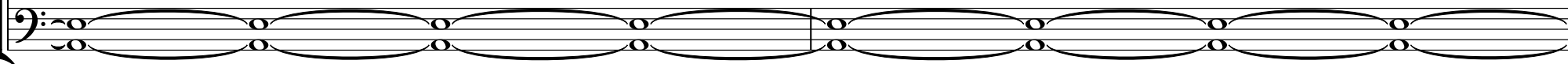
S. 

A.   
So that the heart may res - on - ate.

A. 

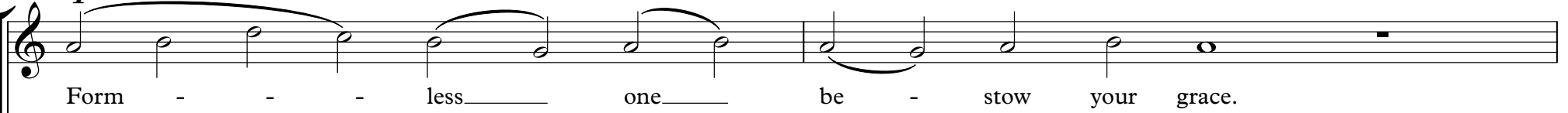
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So that the heart may res - on - ate.

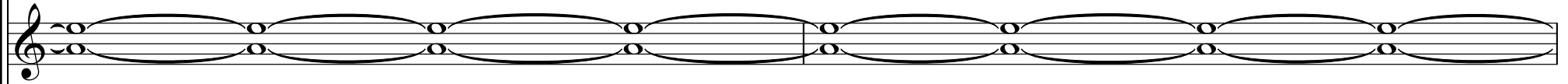
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So that the heart may res - on - ate.

B. 

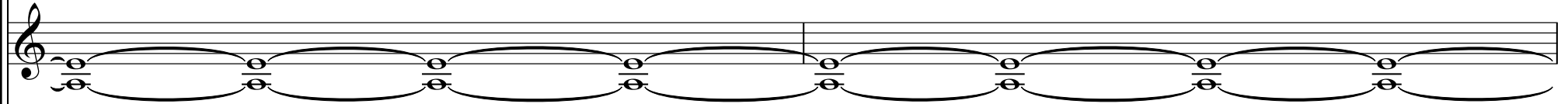
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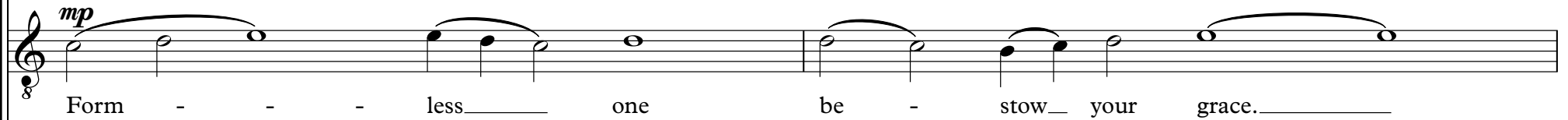
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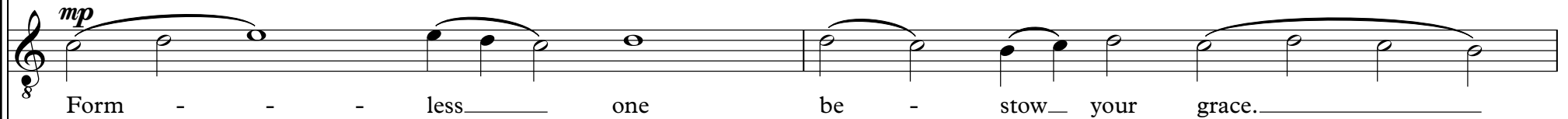
S.   
Form - - - less one be - stow your grace.

S. 

A. *mp*   
Form - - - less one be - stow your grace.

A. 

T. *mp*   
Form - - - less one be - stow your grace.

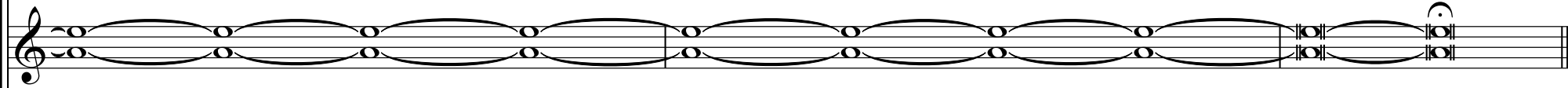
T. *mp*   
Form - - - less one be - stow your grace.

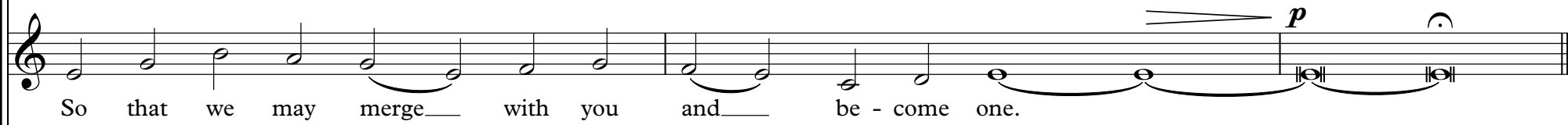
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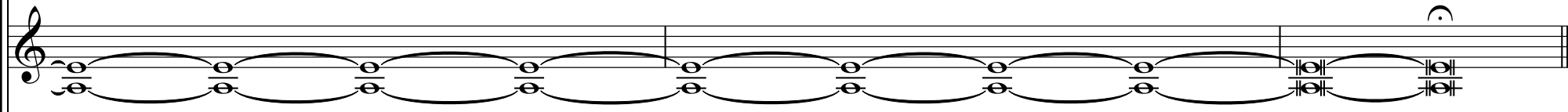


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S.  *p*

S. 

A.  *p*

A. 

T.  *p*

T.  *p*

B. 