Oi Te Kaikki

For unaccompanied TTBB voices

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About the Piece

This piece is a setting of the Finnish translation of Lamentations 1:12. The book of Lamentations in the Christian Bible is a collection of laments following the destruction of Jerusalem in the 6th century BCE. Alternatively, many have viewed the text of Lamentations 1:12 as Mary crying out following Jesus' execution, and the Latin setting has been used as a Tenebrae Responsory for Holy Saturday.

I was inspired to write this tune while on a tour of Finland, Estonia, and Latvia with my choir. While I was not inspired by the sight of any particular person or group of people crying out in anguish, I was inspired by the tune "O vos omnes" by Pau Casals i Defilló, which my choir performed on the tour and which is a setting of the Latin version of Lamentations 1:12. I had learned some Finnish prior to the trip and was familiar with the pronunciation of Finnish words, so I decided to challenge myself to write a tune to a text in a language I had never written for. The result is "Oi Te Kaikki."

Finnish Text and Pronunciation:	***English Translation:***
Oi te kaikki ohikulkijat,	*O all ye that pass by,*
[**oi te 'kaik:i 'ohikulkijat**]	
katsokaa ja nähkää,	*behold and see,*
['**katsoka: ja 'næhkæ:**]	
onko kipua, minun kipuni vertaista?	*if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow?*
['**oŋko 'kipua 'minun 'kipuni 'vertaista**]	

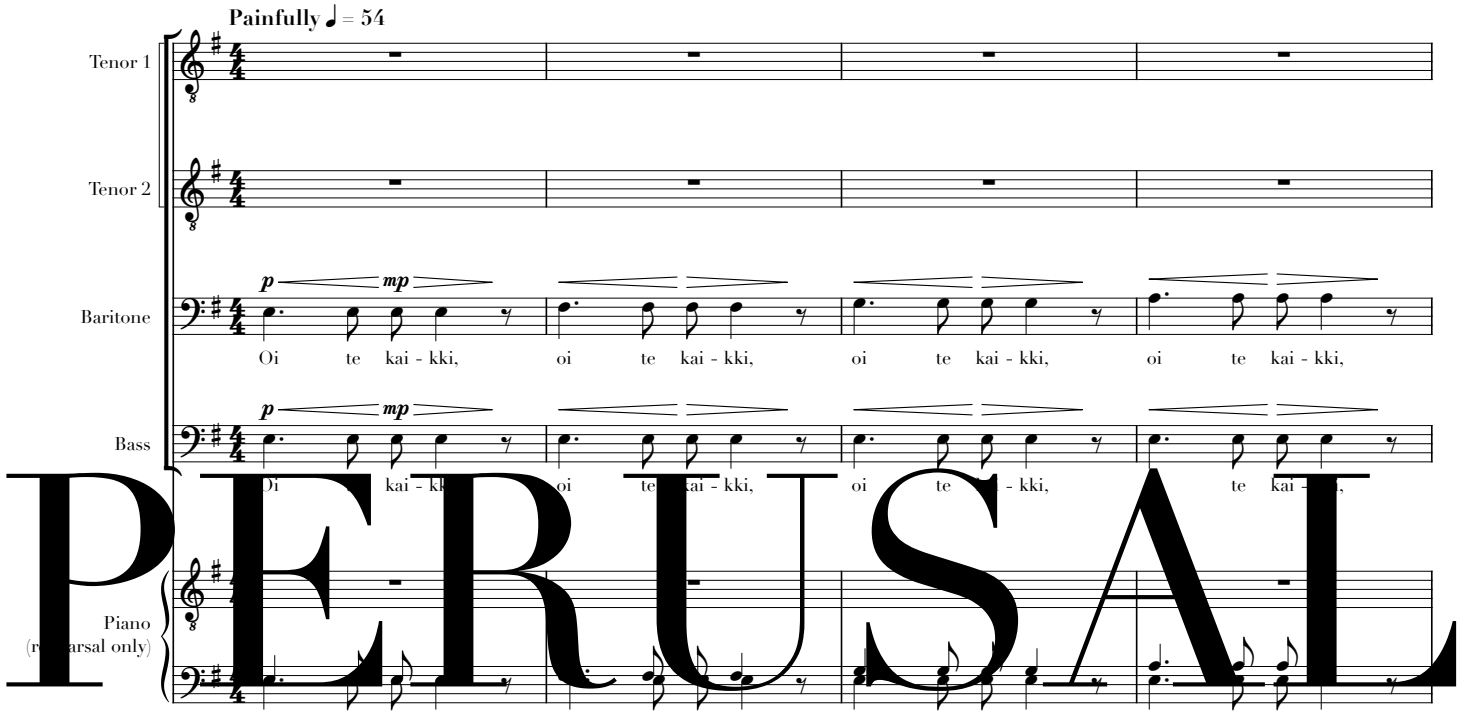
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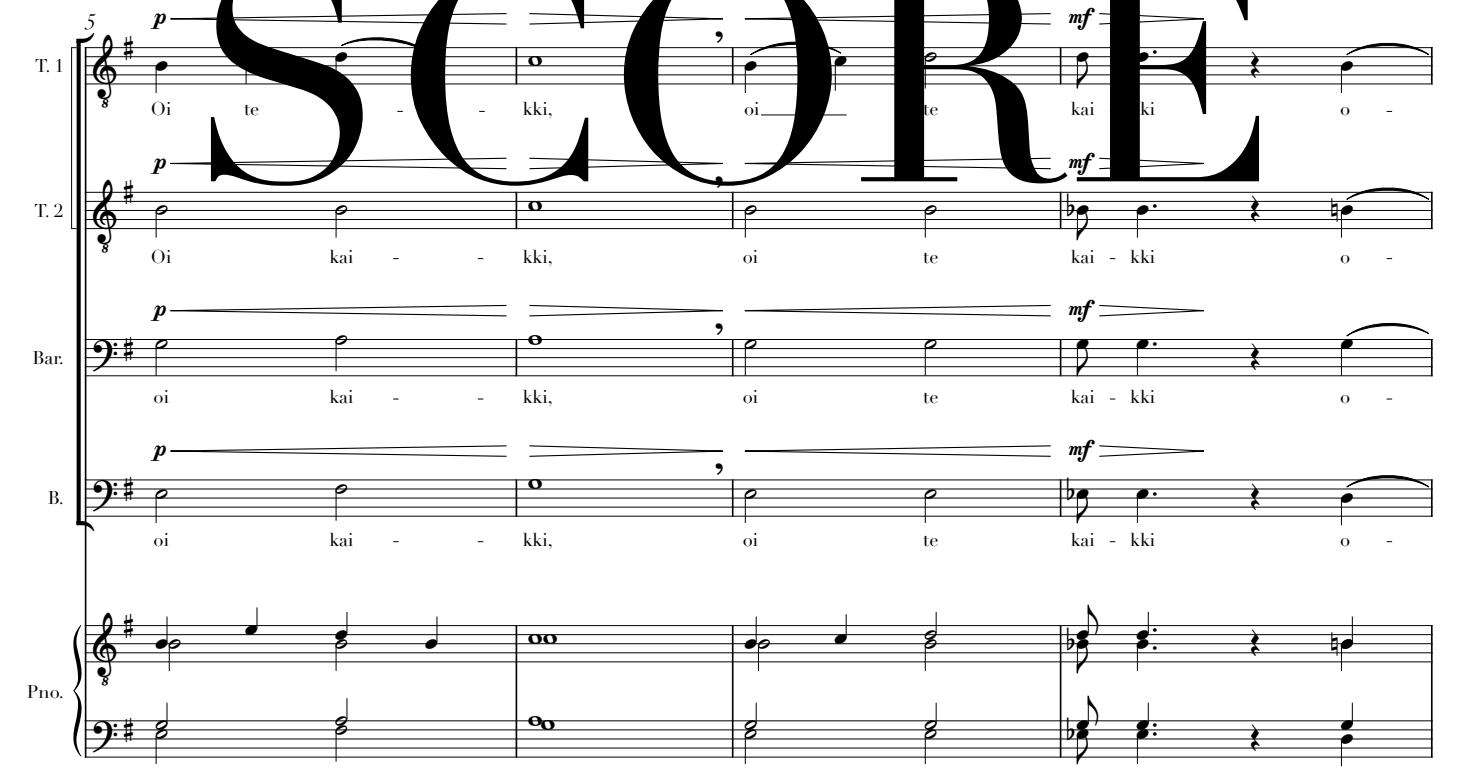
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Valitusvirret 1:12

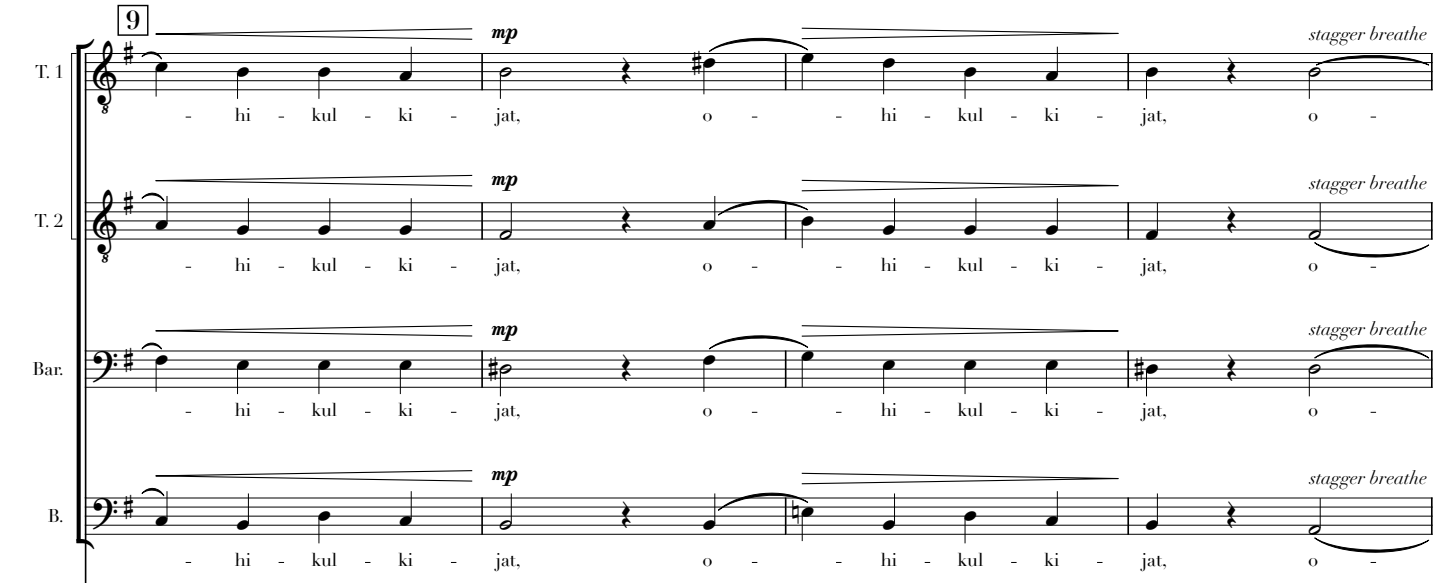
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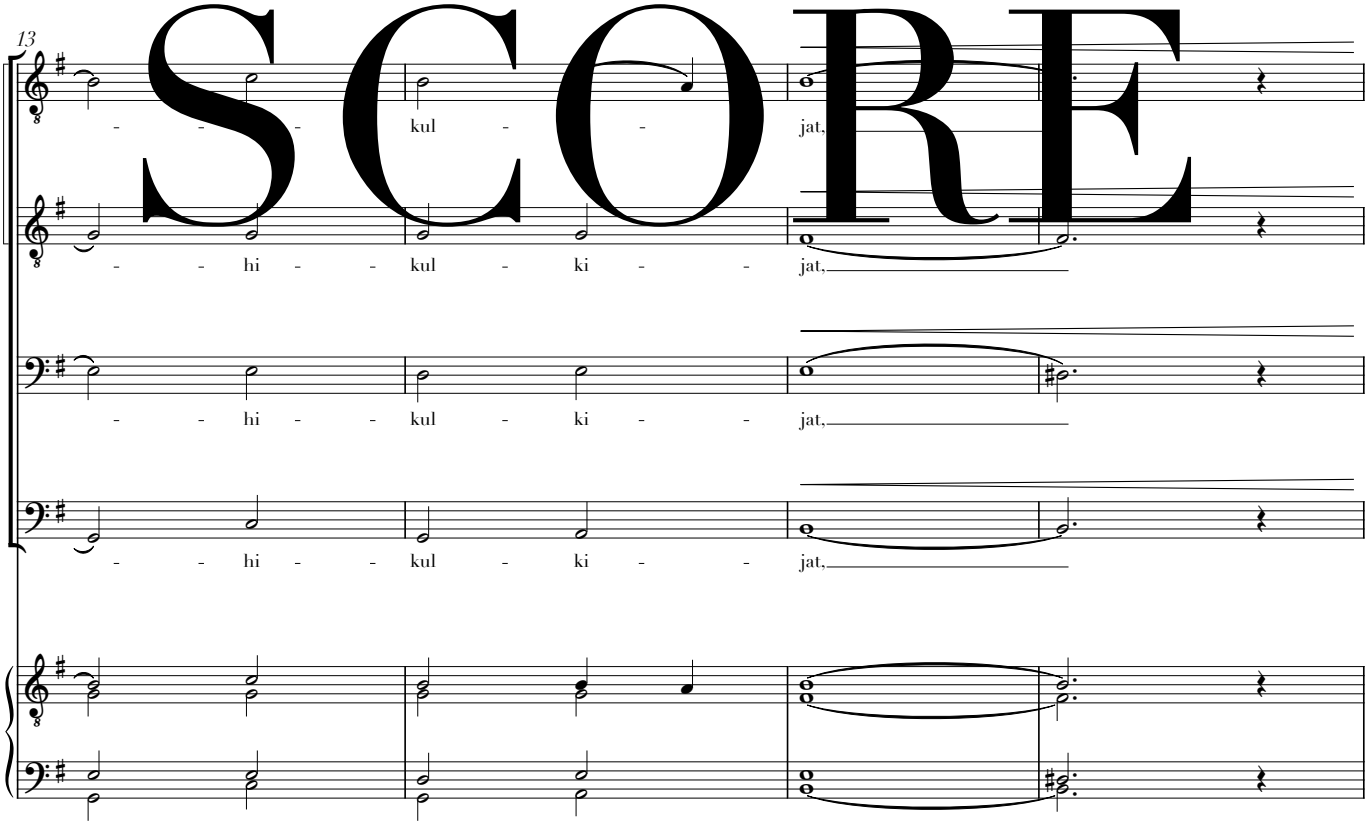


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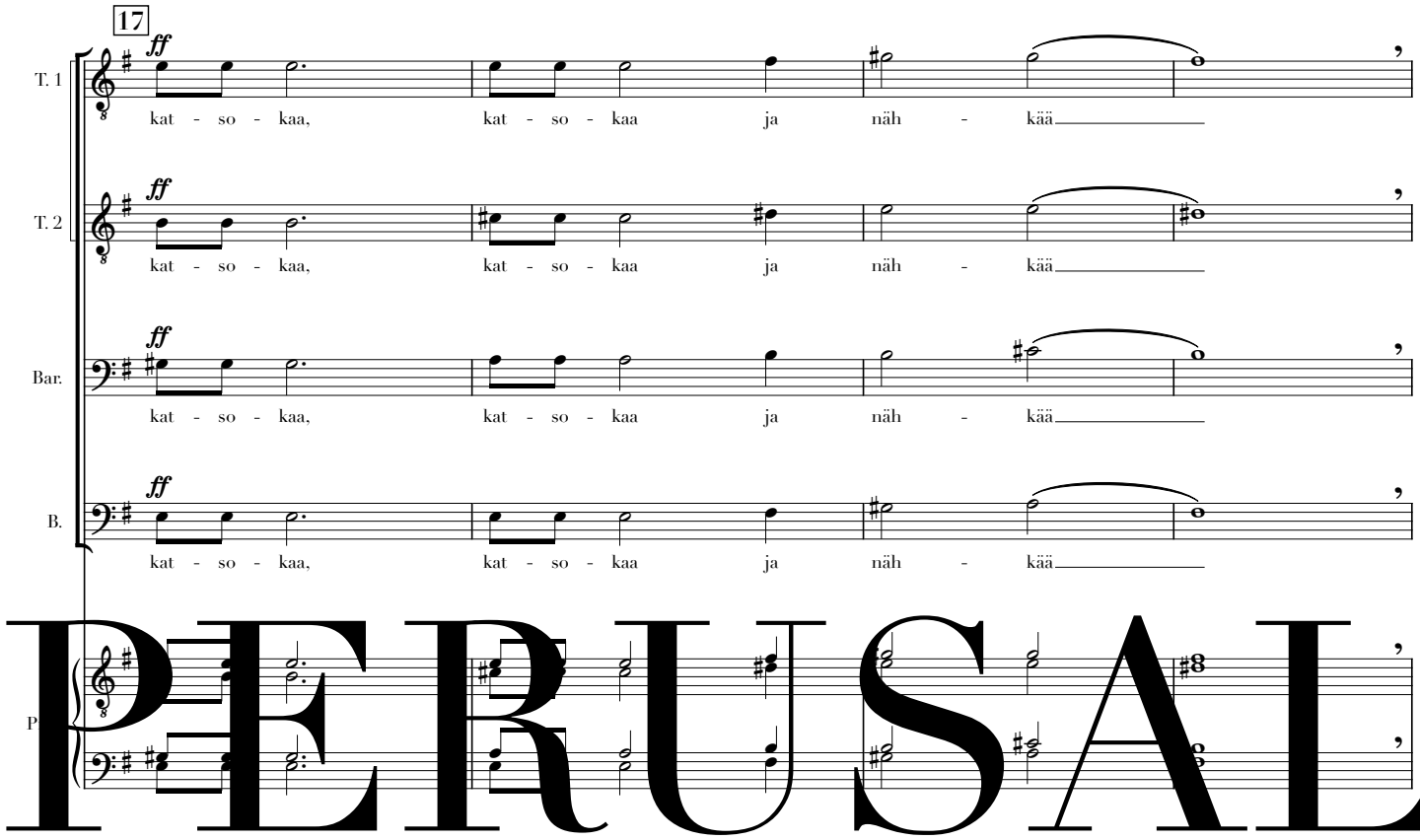


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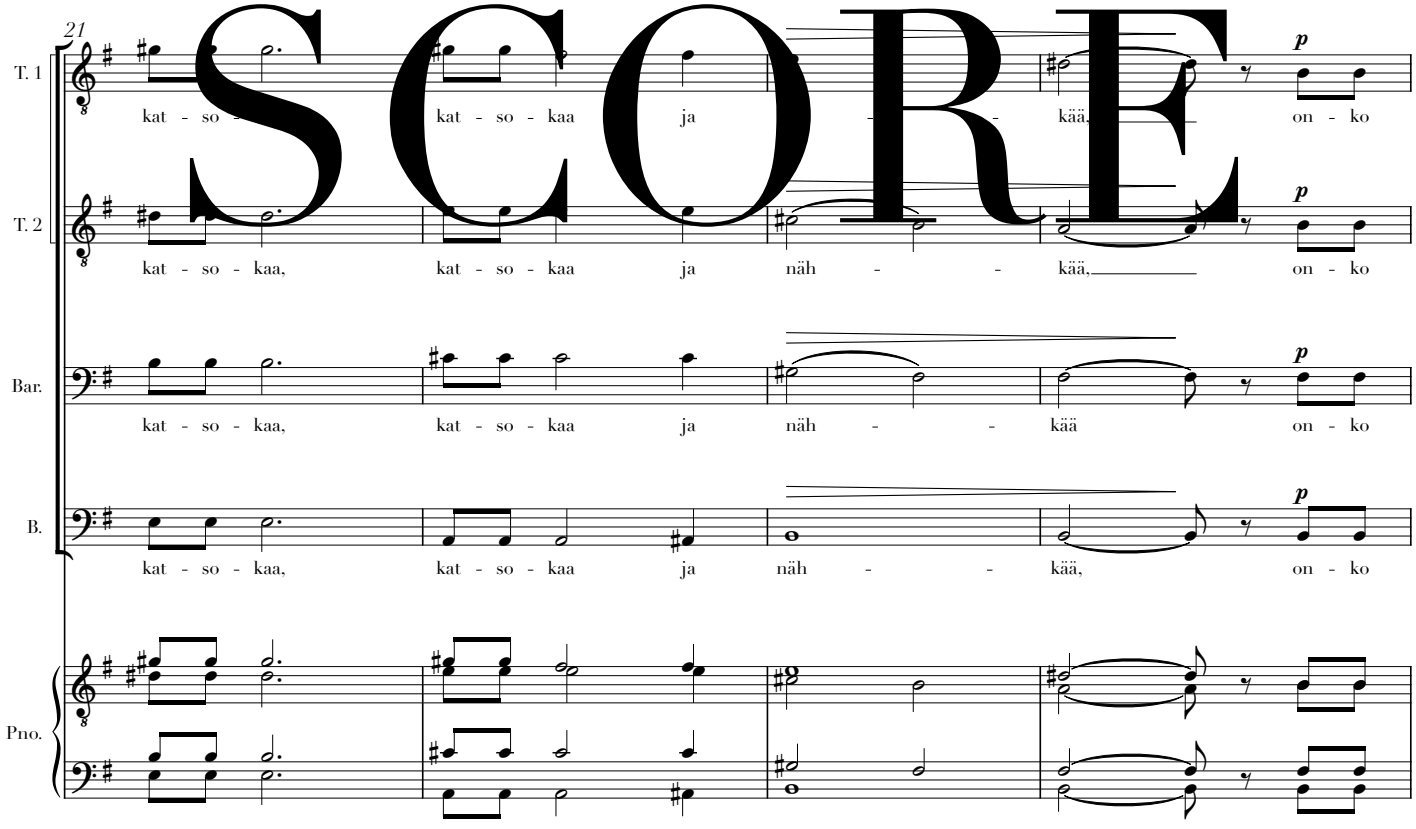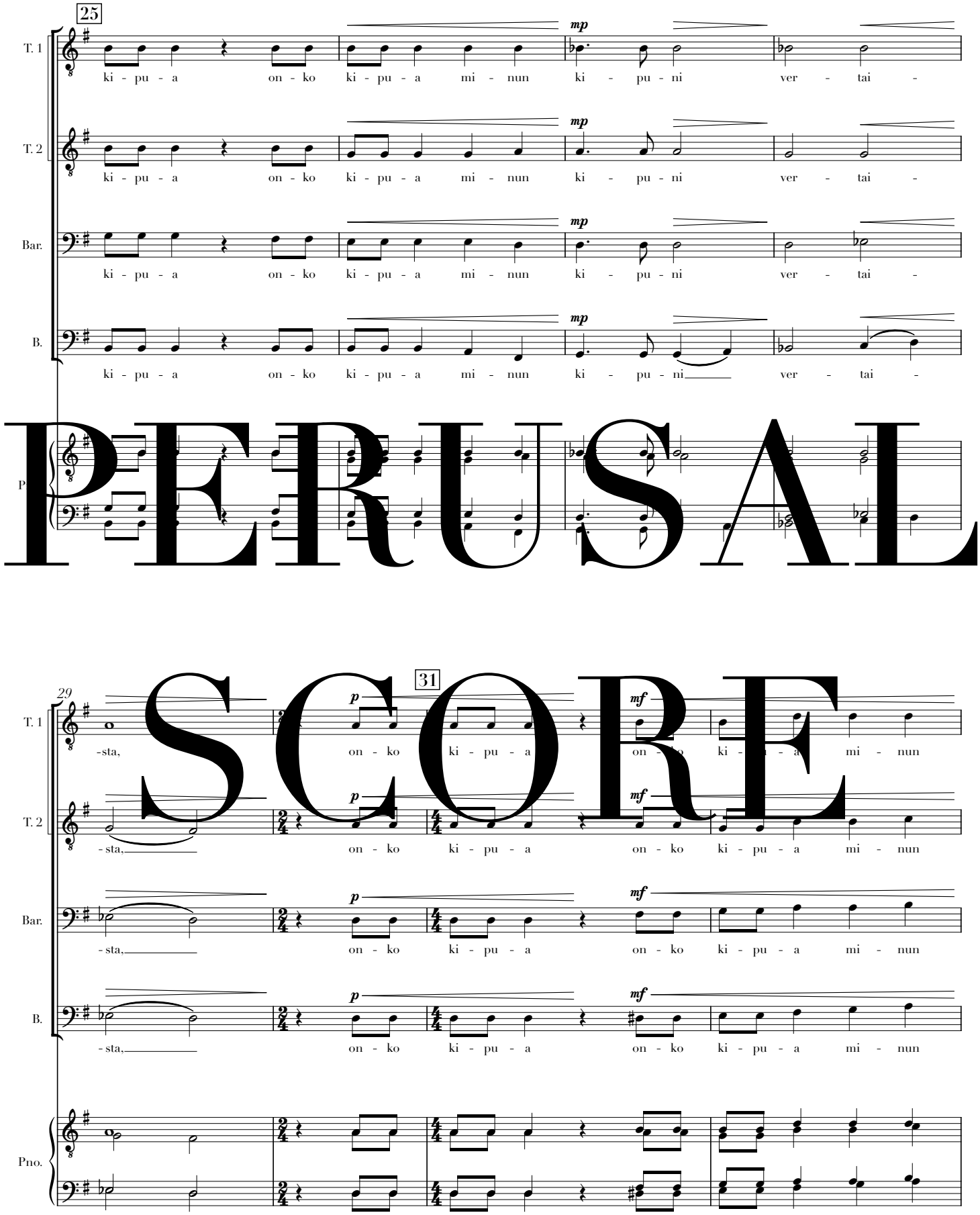


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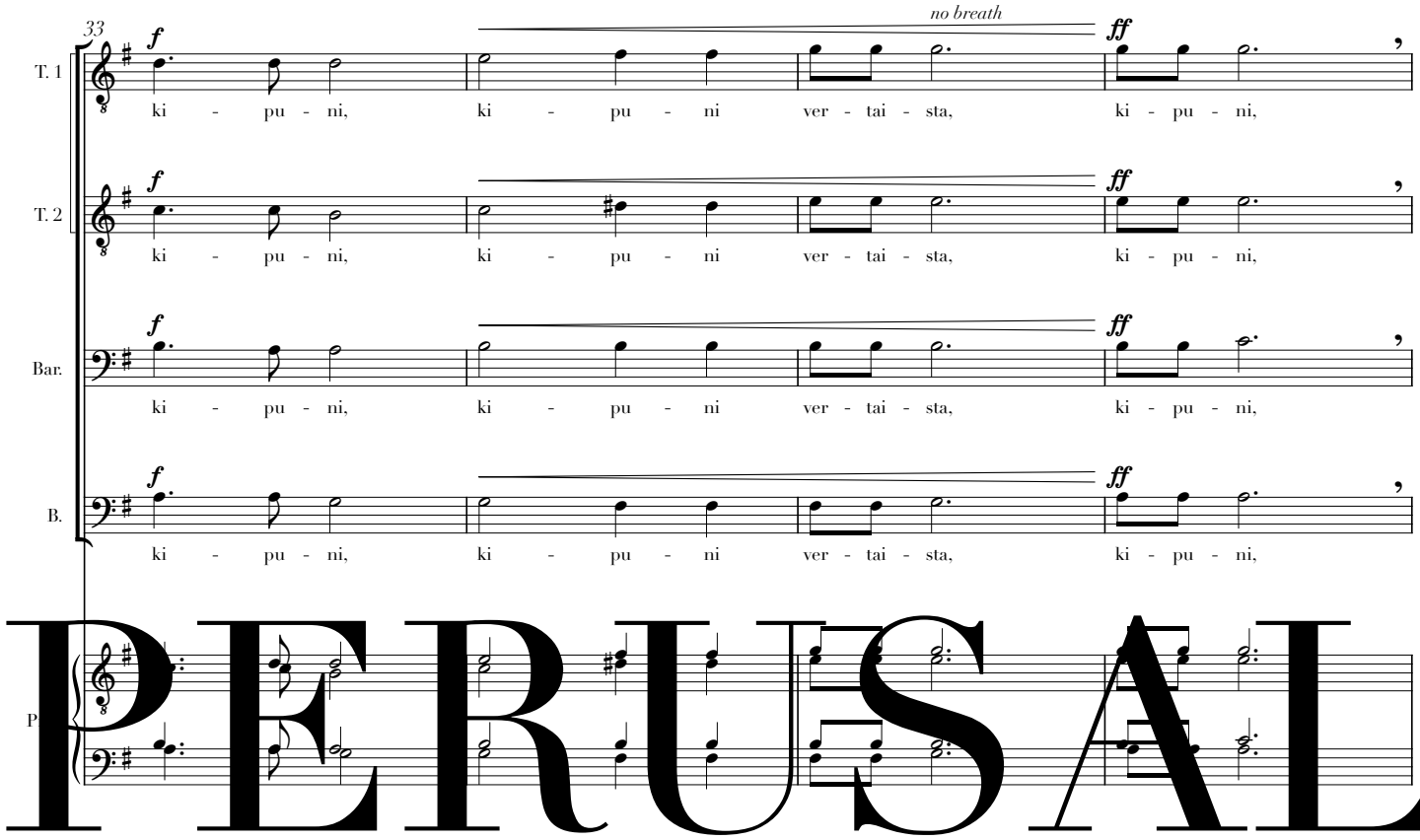




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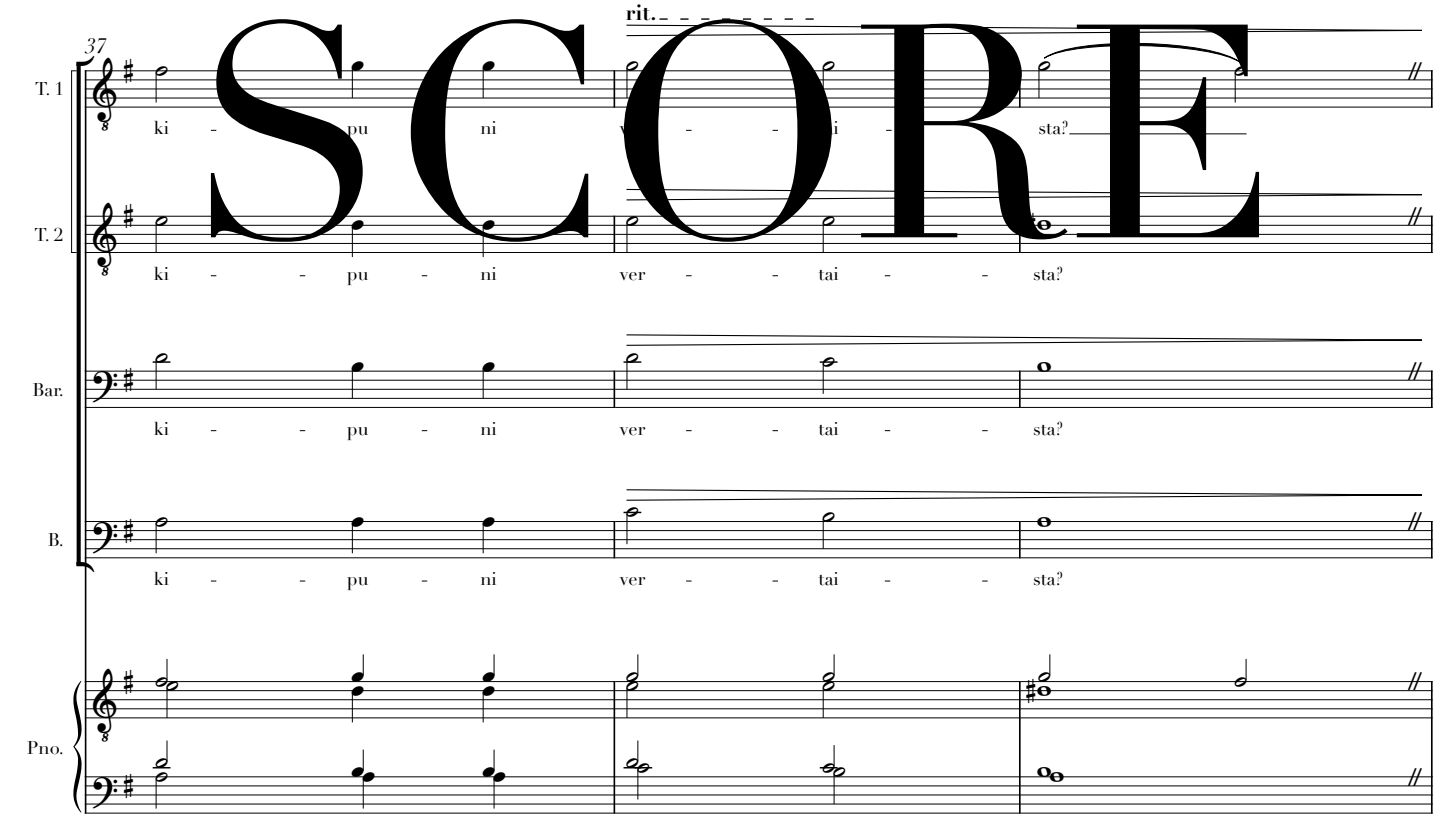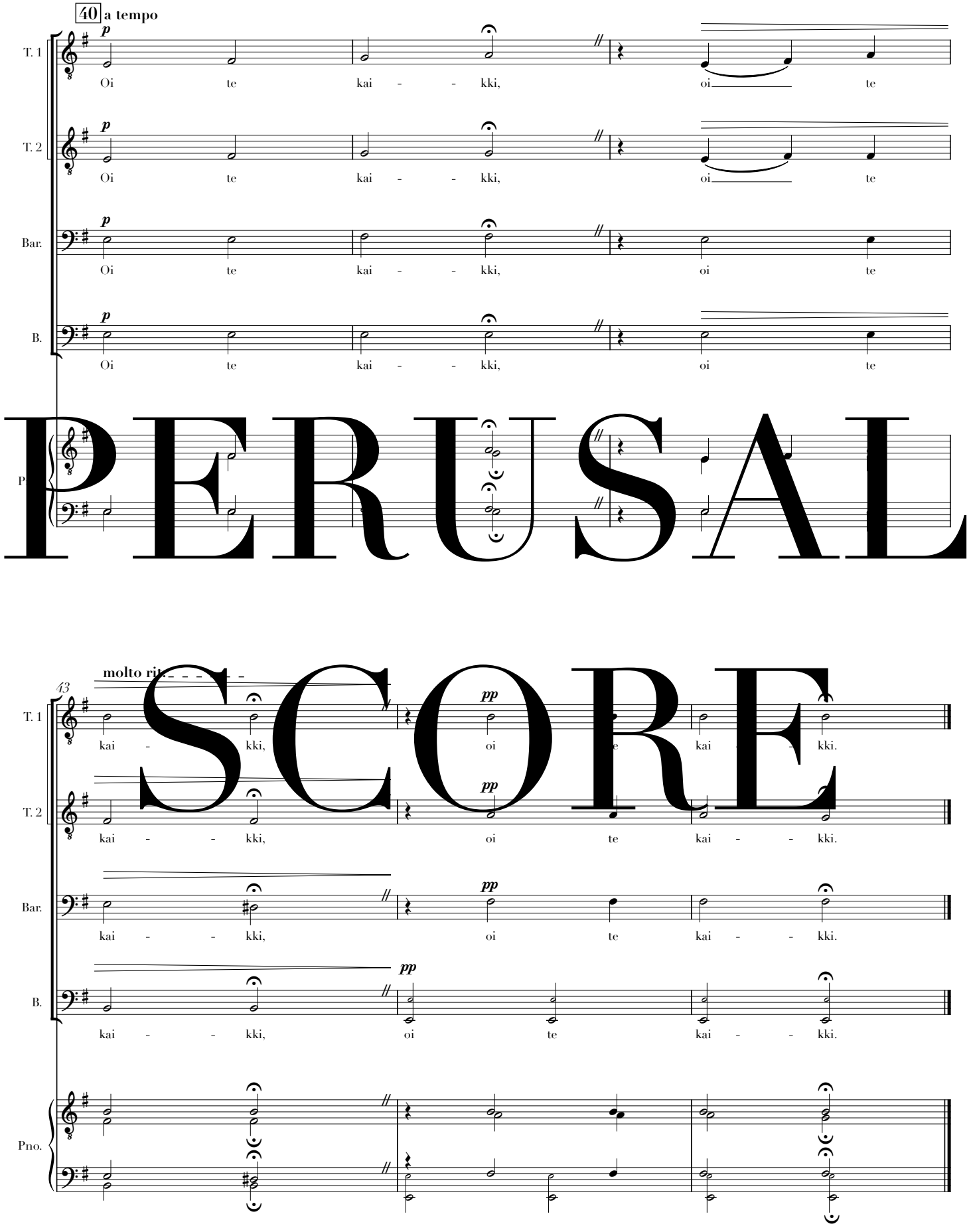




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T. 1
T. 2
Bar.
B.
Pno.
p
Oi te kai - - kki, oi te
PERUSAL
molto rit.
43
pp
kai - - kki, oi te kai - - kki.
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