His Ways Are Higher

Text: John 16:33; Romans 5:1-4; Romans 12:12; 1 Peter 5:10; D&C 121:7-8; Isaiah 55:8-11

Doctrinal Points of Emphasis:

The Atonement of Jesus Christ -- Jesus Christ offers grace to help us change and become like Him. We can humbly ask God to bless and help us as we seek to develop Christlike attributes.

The Plan of Happiness -- We will find lasting joy as we follow our Heavenly Father's plan for us. We can choose to be happy and grateful, even during times of trial.

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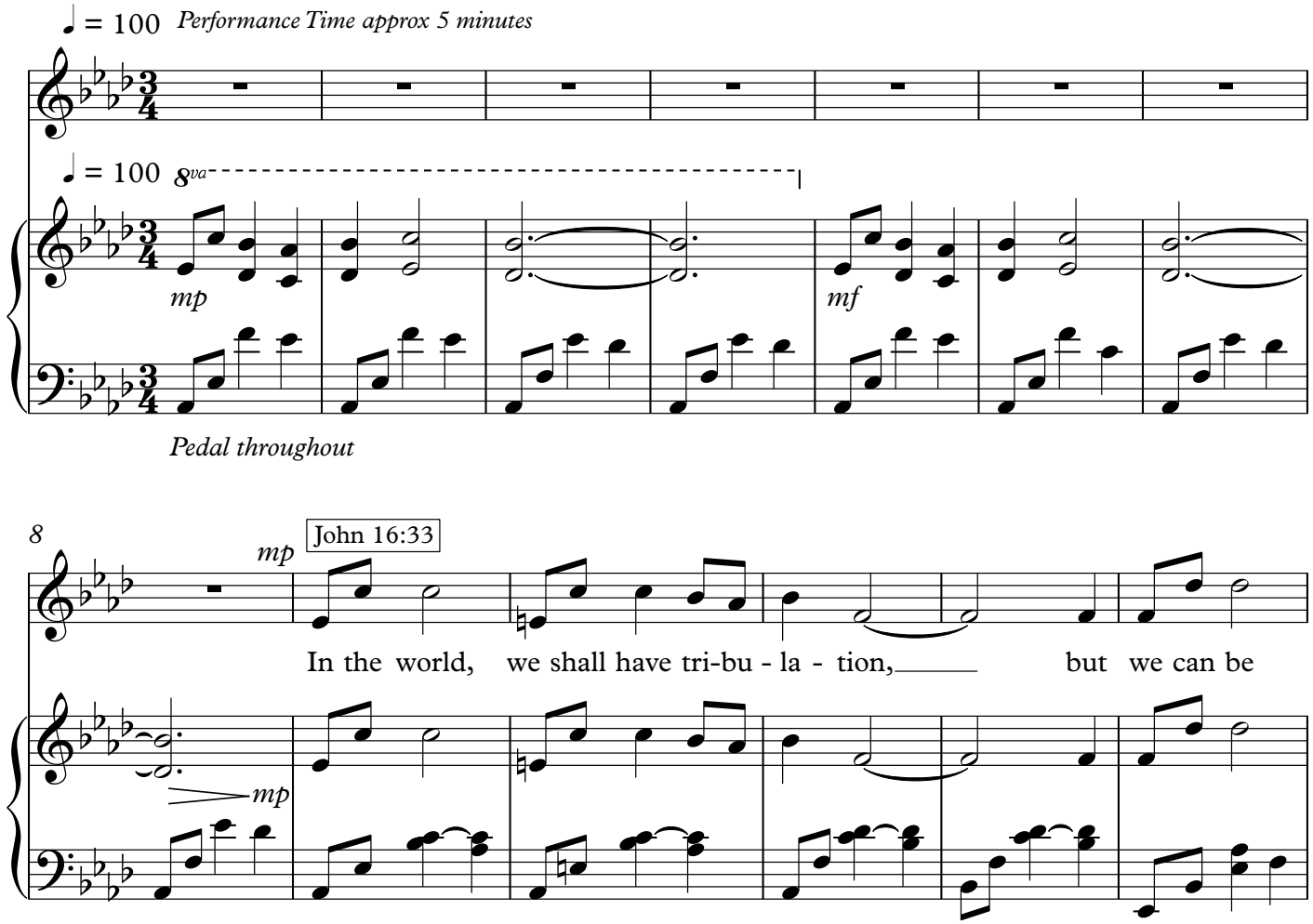
Summary: These Scriptures teach us that although we will have trials in this world, we can be cheerful, and with faith have peace and hope in Christ. We can glory in our trials because of what we can learn from them. Our trials will last for only a small moment, compared to eternity. As we persist in prayer, we will be strengthened via ways we may not understand because God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours. The Isaiah verses make us aware that when we allow the Lord to use the "rain" and "snow" in our lives for his purposes, there is a wonderful "ripple effect" for good that can happen.

Notes: Within this song, the speaker voice changes. In measures 9-59, the Scriptures have been modified slightly for the singer to repeat counsel given by New Testament writers (originally given in 2nd person) in 3rd person plural -- likening these Scriptures to us personally and collectively.
In measures 60-78, the singer's words are the Lord's counsel to Joseph Smith, which is likewise relevant for us in our day. In measures 79 to the end, the singer's words are those that the Lord spoke (to us) as recorded by the prophet Isaiah.



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Romans 5:1-2

of good cheer for we have peace with God through our Lord,

19

mf

Je - sus Christ. By faith, we have ac-cess to his grace

mf

25

Romans 5:3-4

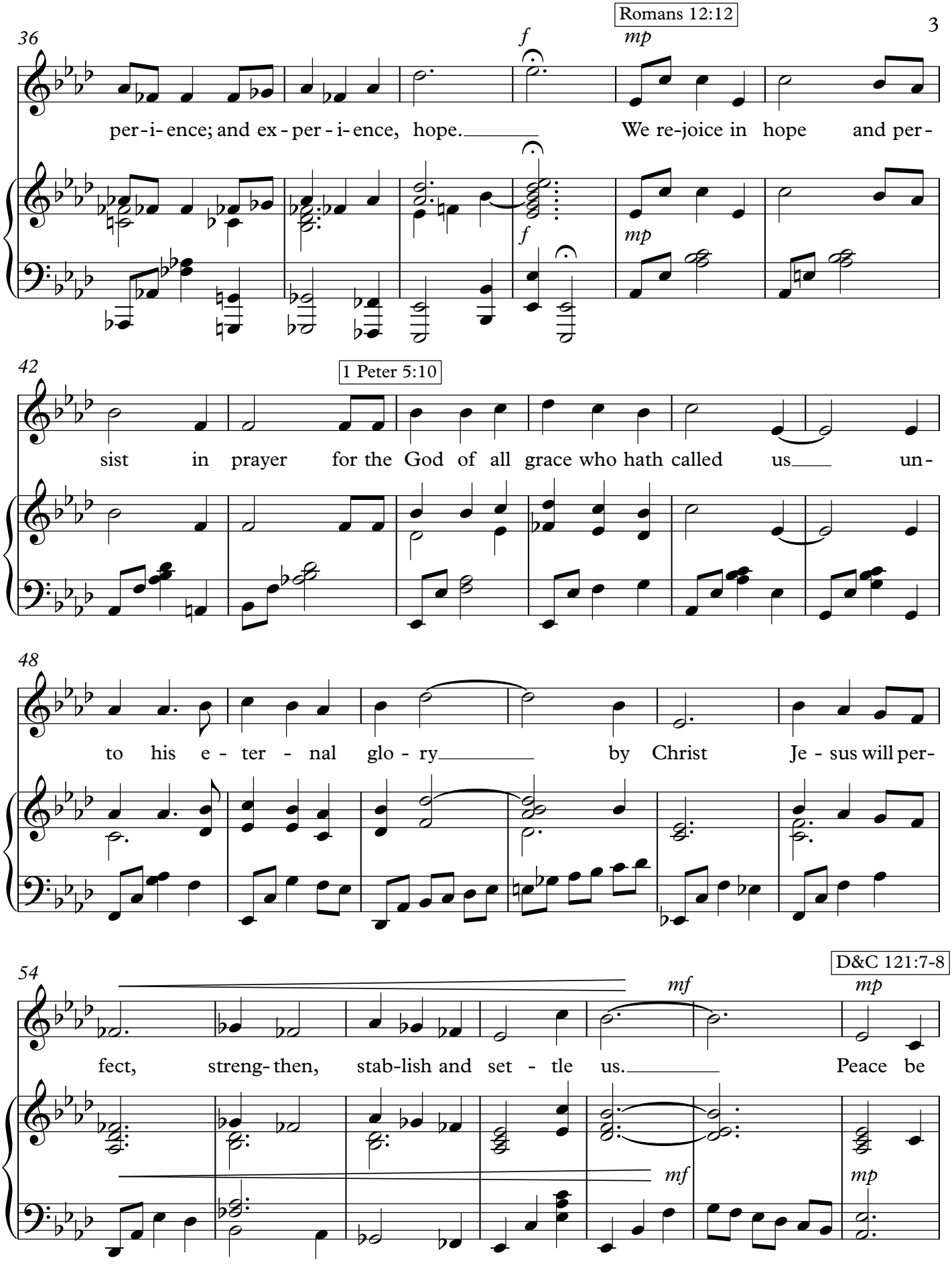
and re - joice in the hope of the glo - ry of God. We glo - ry in

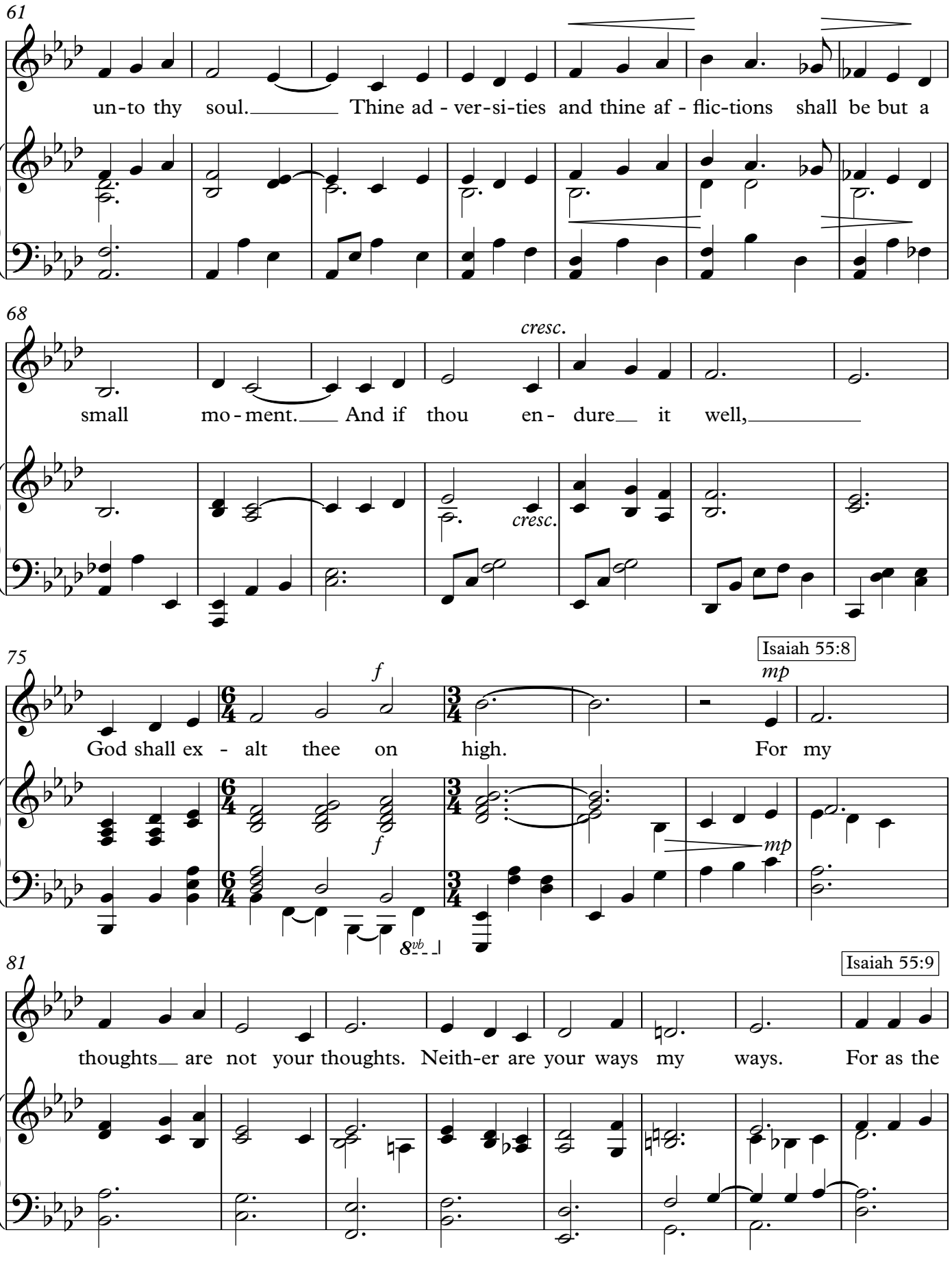
31

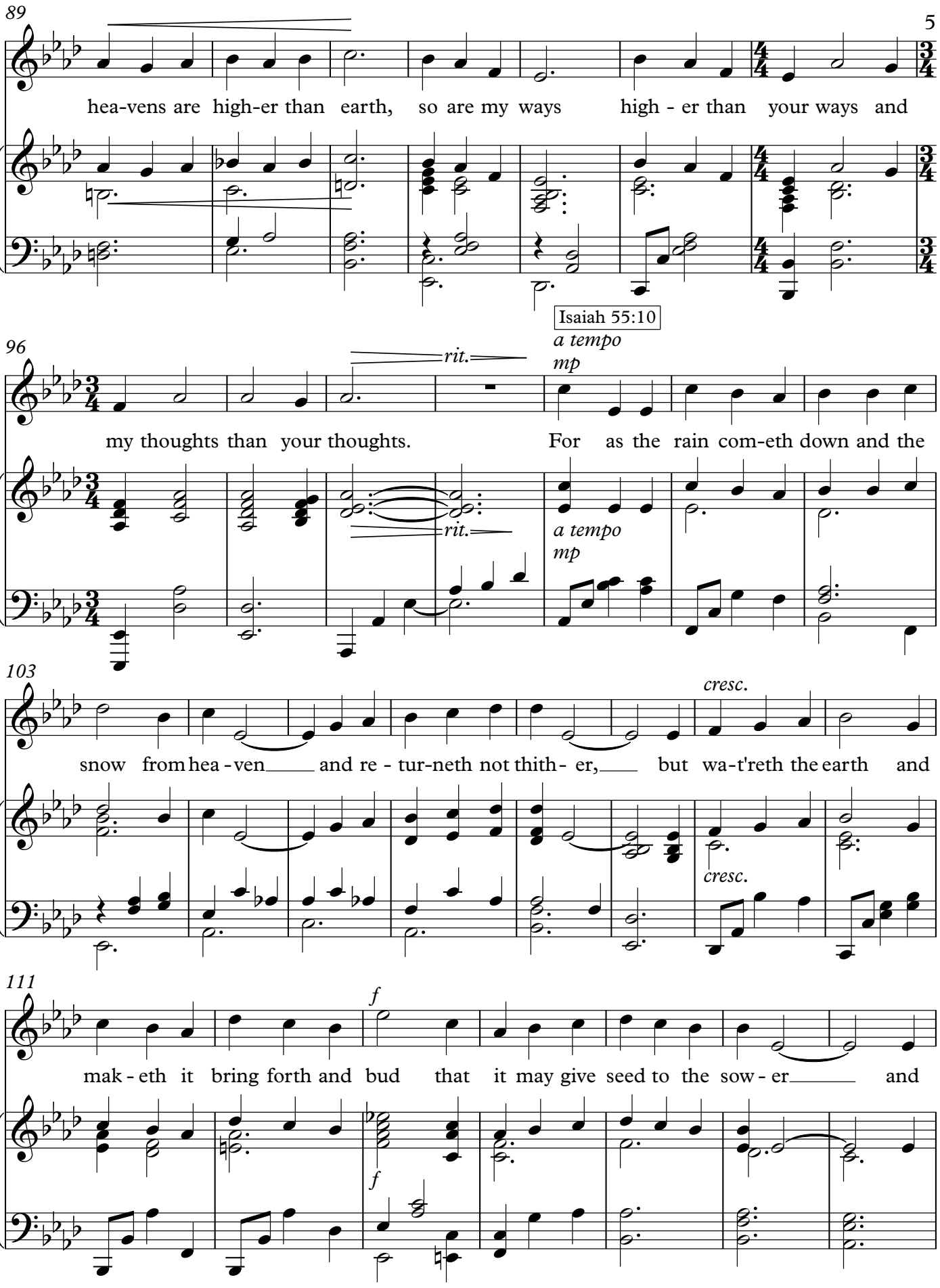
cresc.

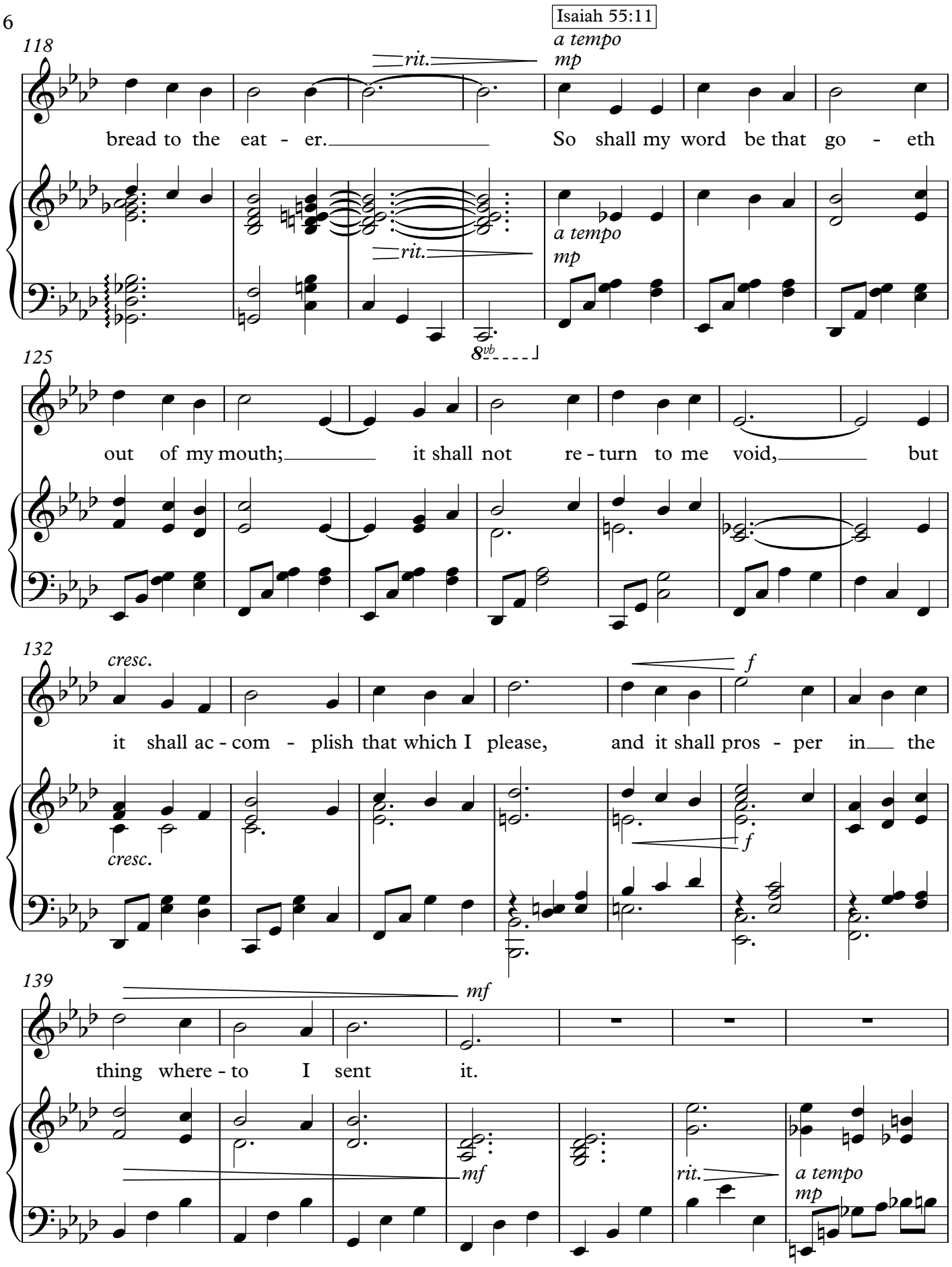
tri - bu - la-tions know ing that trib - u-la-tion work-eth pa-tience; and pa - tience, ex-

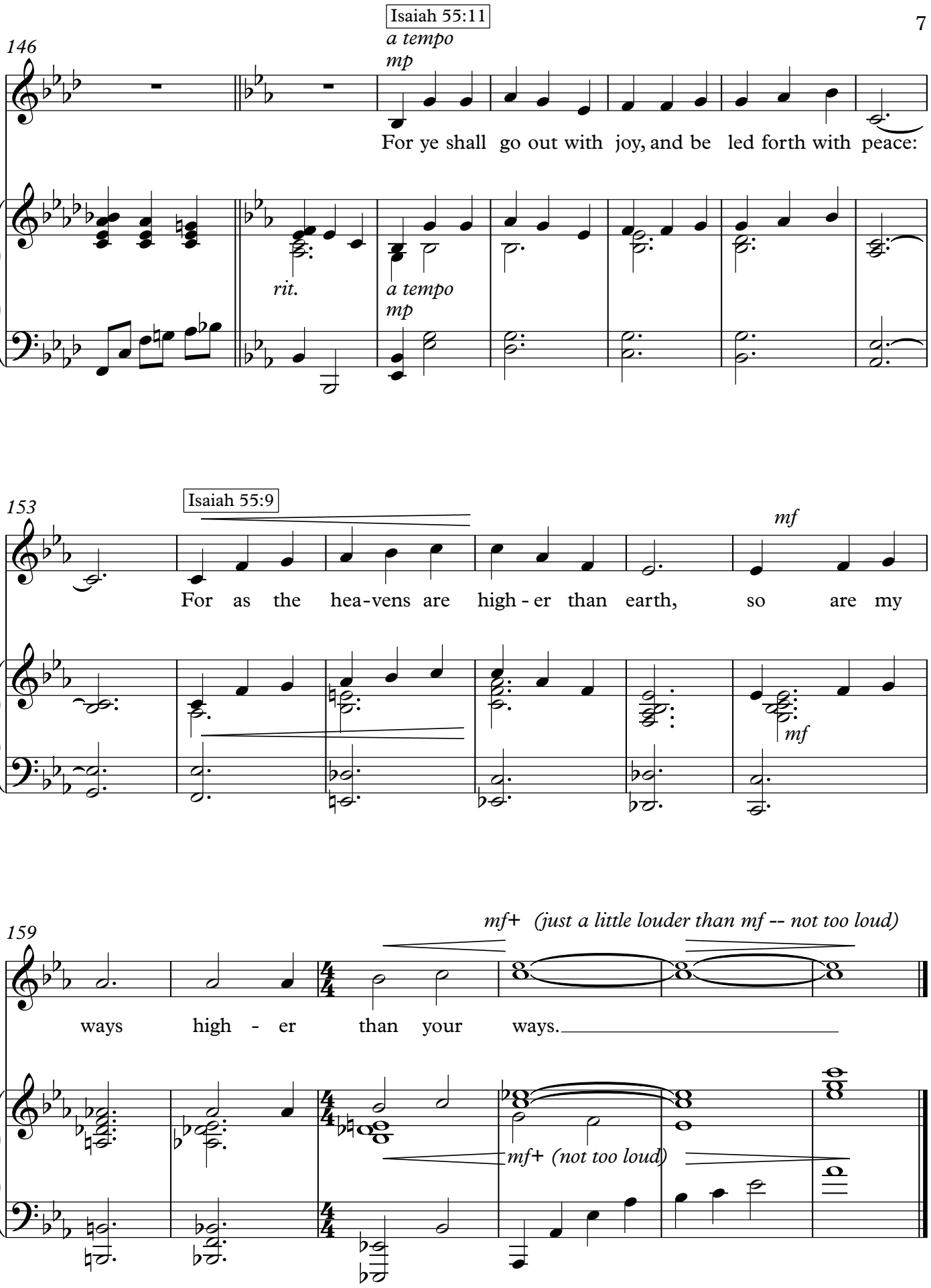
cresc.


36
Romans 12:12
f
mp
per-i-ence; and ex-per-i-ence, hope. We re-joice in hope and per-
42
1 Peter 5:10
sist in prayer for the God of all grace who hath called us un-
48
to his e-ter-nal glo-ry by Christ Je-sus will per-
54
D&C 121:7-8
mf
mp
fect, streng-then, stab-lish and set-tle us. Peace be


61
un-to thy soul. Thine ad - ver-si-ties and thine af - flic-tions shall be but a
68
cresc.
small mo - ment. And if thou en - dure it well,
cresc.
75
Isaiah 55:8
f
mp
God shall ex - alt thee on high. For my
f
mp
8vb
81
Isaiah 55:9
thoughts are not your thoughts. Neith-er are your ways my ways. For as the


89
hea-vens are high-er than earth, so are my ways high - er than your ways and
Isaiah 55:10
96
a tempo
mp
rit.
my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain com-eth down and the
rit.
a tempo
mp
103
cresc.
snow from hea - ven and re - tur-neth not thith - er, but wa-t'reth the earth and
cresc.
111
f
mak - eth it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sow - er and
f


Isaiah 55:11
118
a tempo
mp
rit.
bread to the eat - er.
So shall my word be that go - eth
a tempo
mp
rit.
8vb
125
out of my mouth;
it shall not re - turn to me void,
but
132
cresc.
it shall ac - com - plish that which I please,
f
and it shall pros - per in the
cresc.
f
139
mf
thing where - to I sent it.
mf
rit.
a tempo
mp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Isaiah 55:11
a tempo
mp
For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:
rit.
a tempo
mp
153
Isaiah 55:9
mf
For as the hea-vens are high - er than earth, so are my
mf
159
mf+ (just a little louder than mf -- not too loud)
ways high - er than your ways.
mf+ (not too loud)