How Can We Sing with Joy to God

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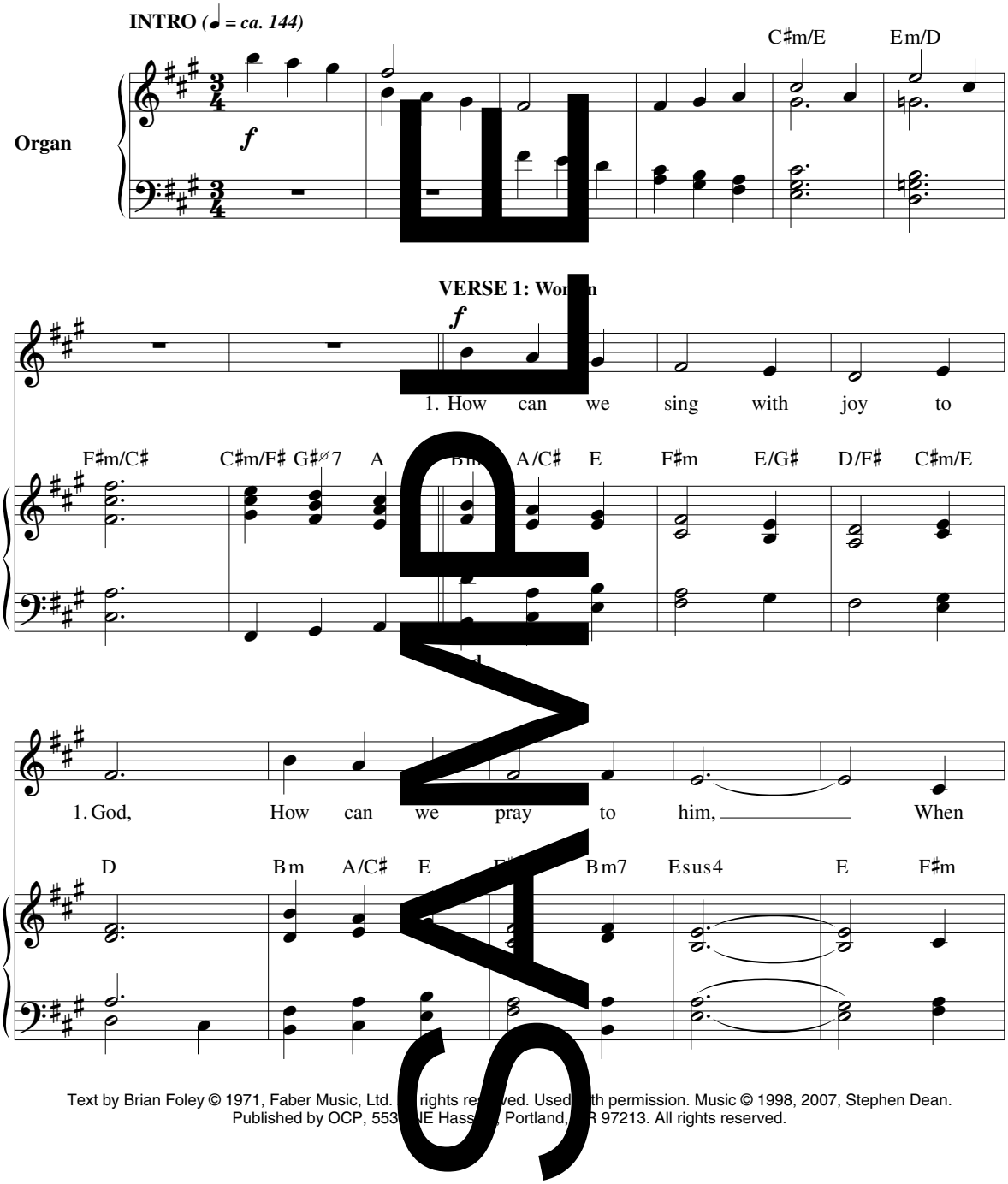

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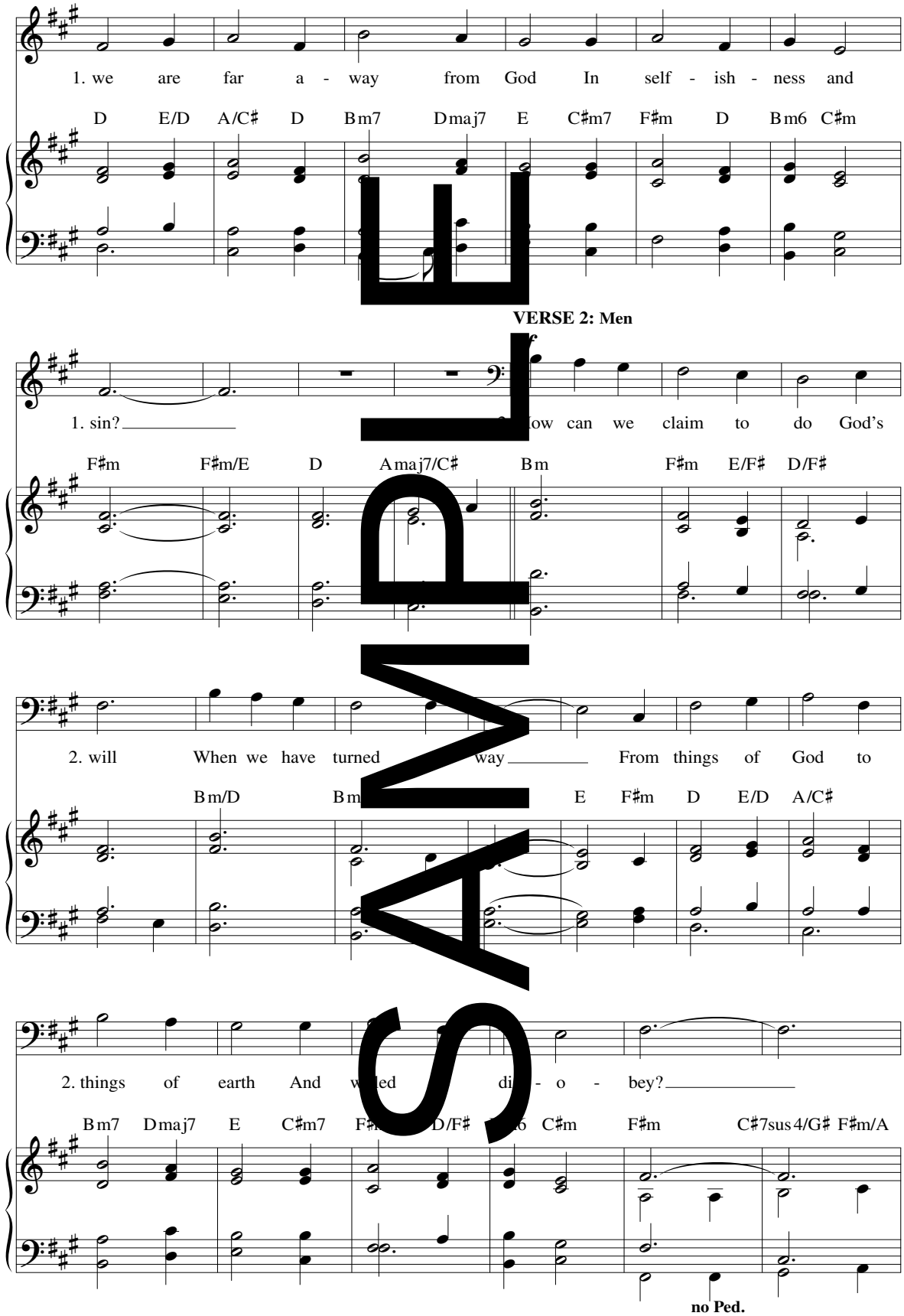
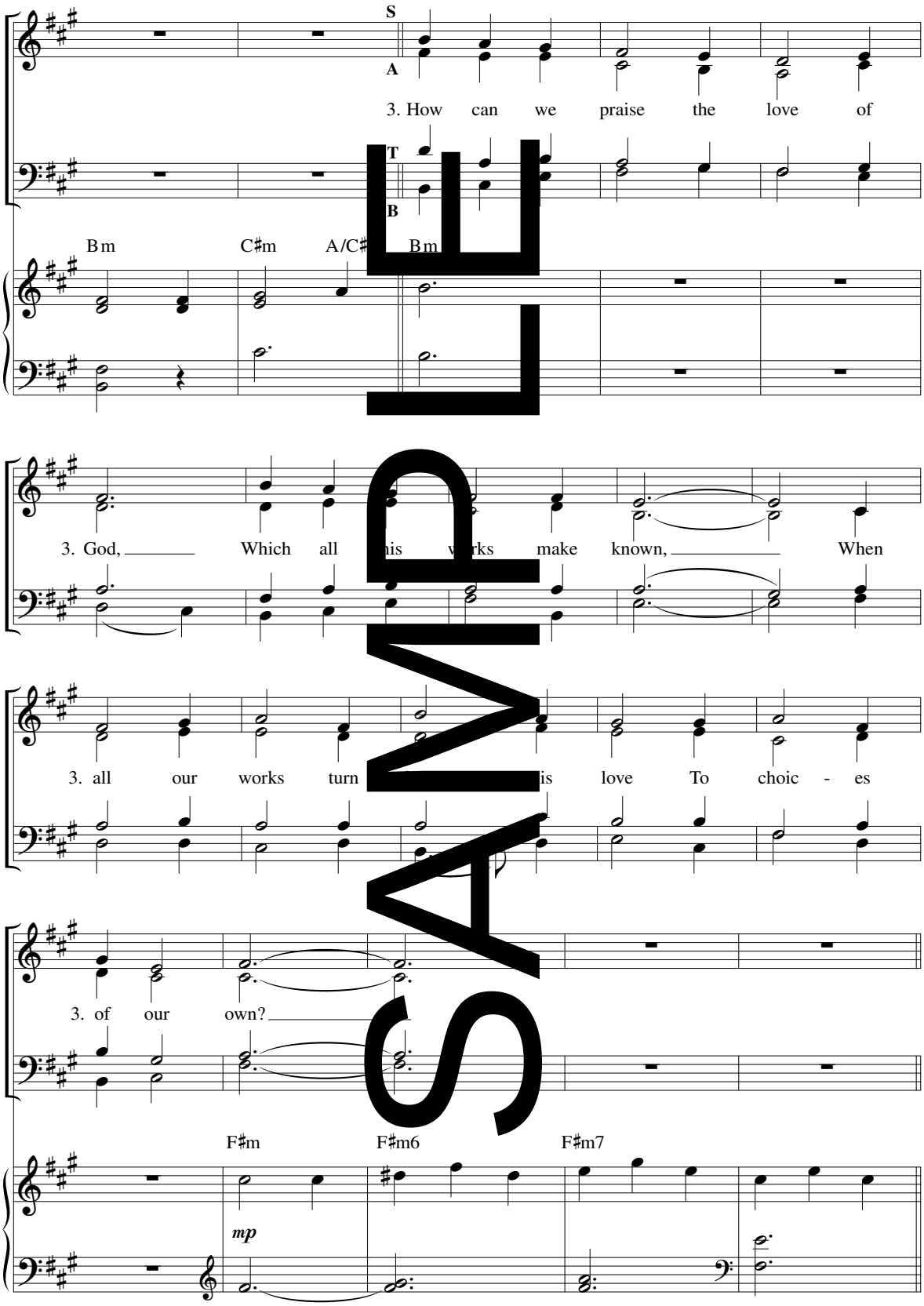

1. we are far a - way from God In self - ish - ness and
D E/D A/C♯ D B m7 D maj7 E C♯m7 F♯m D B m6 C♯m
VERSE 2: Men
1. sin? ow can we claim to do God's
F♯m F♯m/E D A maj7/C♯ B m F♯m E/F♯ D/F♯
2. will When we have turned way From things of God to
B m/D B m E F♯m D E/D A/C♯
2. things of earth And w ed di - o - bey?
B m7 D maj7 E C♯m7 F♯ D/F♯ 6 C♯m F♯m C♯7sus 4/G♯ F♯m/A
no Ped.

VERSE 3: ***a cappella***



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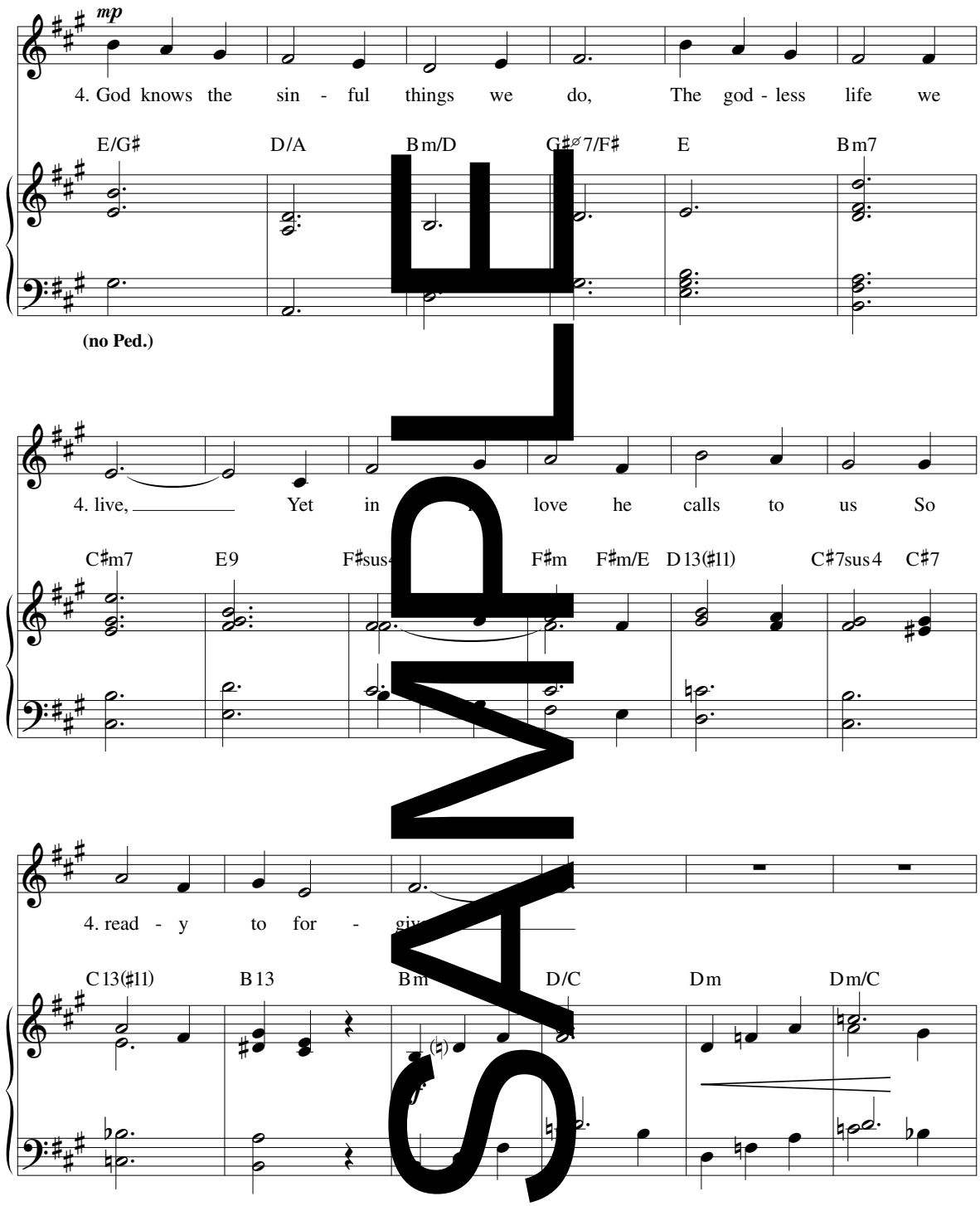
VERSE 4: All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4. God knows the sin - ful things we do, The god - less life we
E/G♯ D/A B m/D G♯ø7/F♯ E B m7
(no Ped.)
4. live, Yet in love he calls to us So
C♯m7 E9 F♯sus F♯m F♯m/E D 13(♯11) C♯7sus 4 C♯7
4. read - y to for - giv
C 13(♯11) B 13 B m D/C D m D m/C
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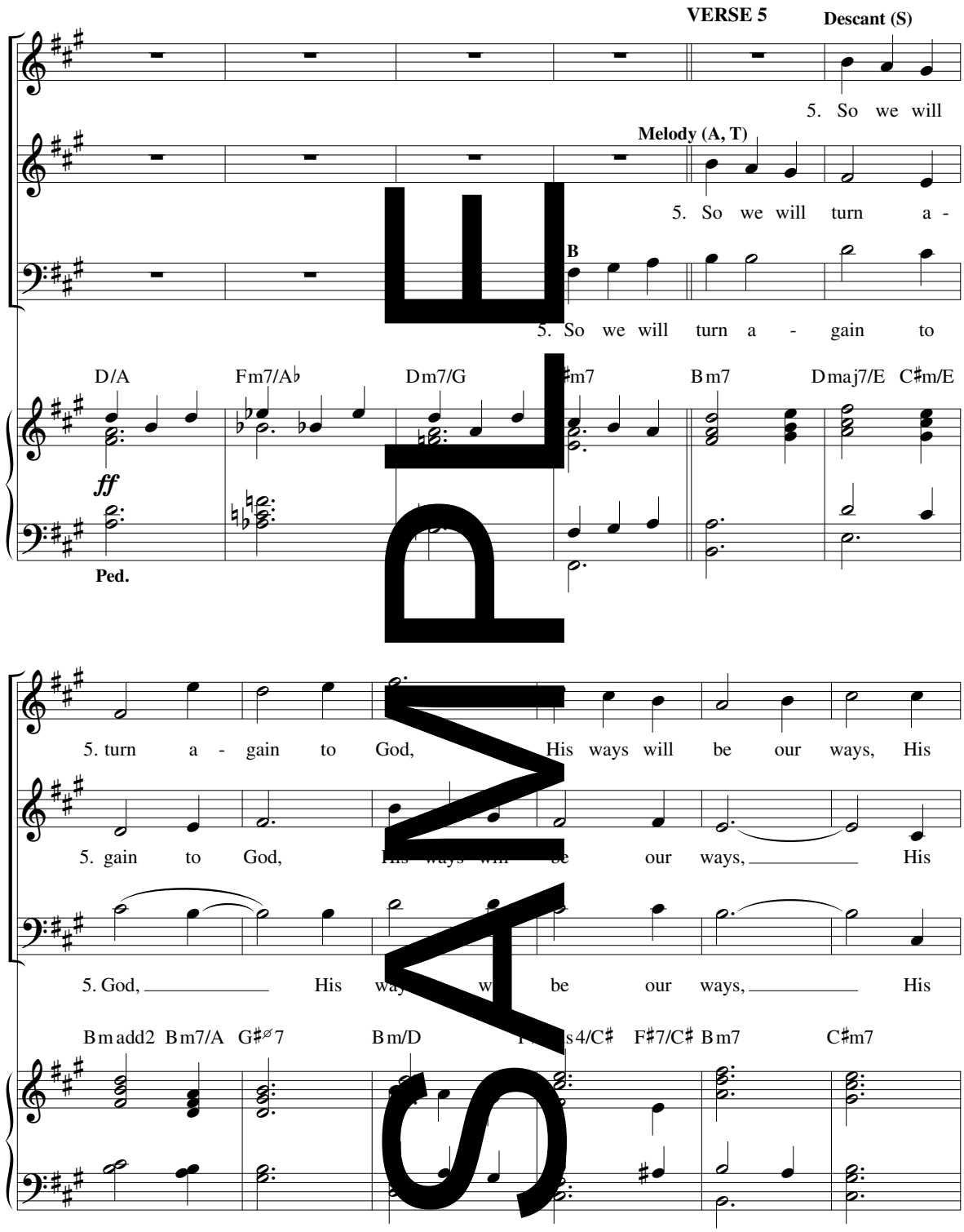
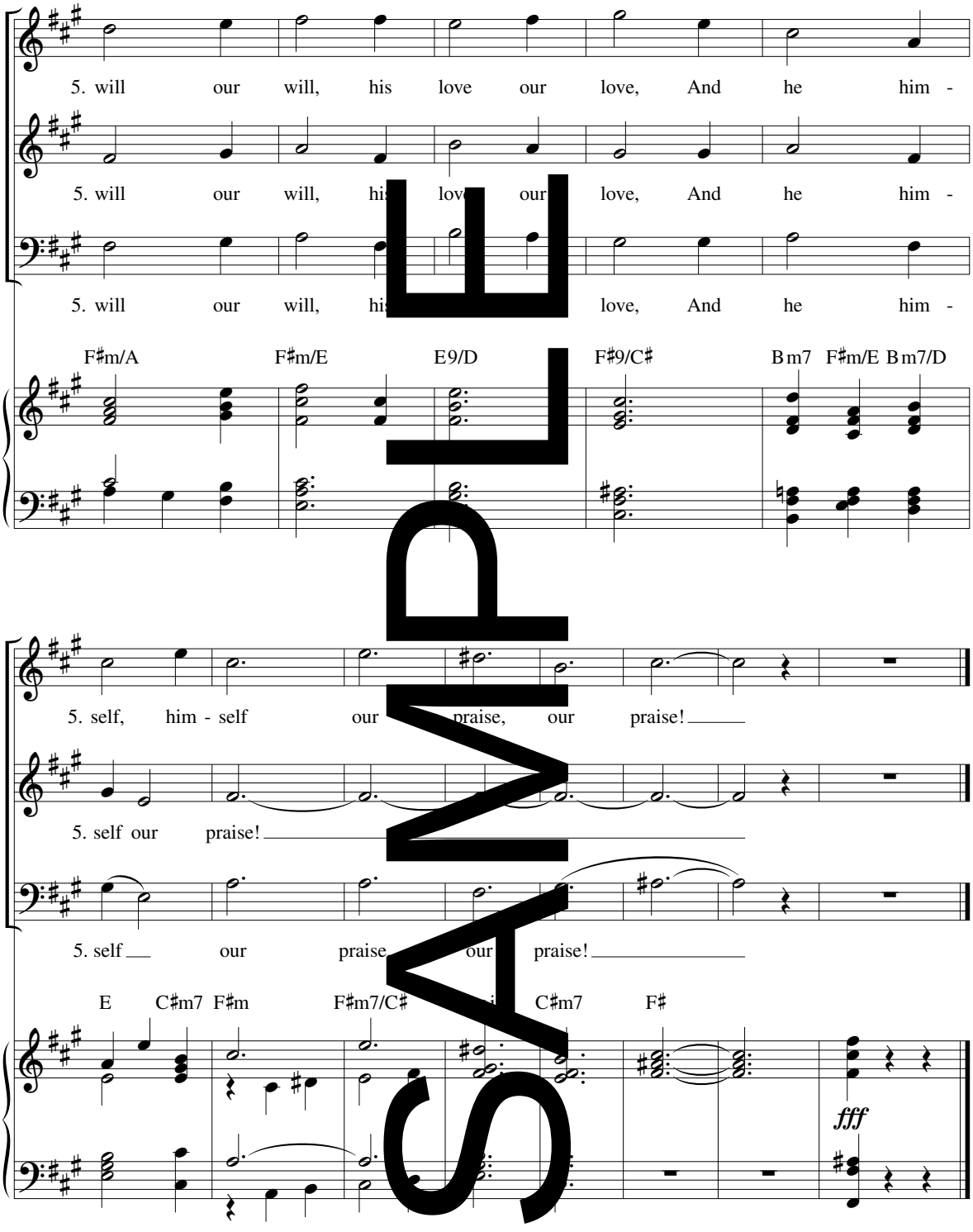

VERSE 5
Descant (S)
5. So we will
Melody (A, T)
5. So we will turn a -
B
5. So we will turn a - gain to
D/A
Fm7/A♭
Dm7/G
♯m7
Bm7
Dmaj7/E
C♯m/E
ff
Ped.
5. turn a - gain to God, His ways will be our ways, His
5. gain to God, His ways will be our ways, His
5. God, His ways will be our ways, His
Bmadd2
Bm7/A
G♯ø7
Bm/D
s4/C♯
F♯7/C♯
Bm7
C♯m7


5. will our will, his love our love, And he him -
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F♯m/A F♯m/E E9/D F♯9/C♯ B m7 F♯m/E B m7/D
5. self, him - self our praise, our praise!
5. self our praise!
5. self our praise, our praise!
E C♯m7 F♯m F♯m7/C♯ C♯m7 F♯
fff

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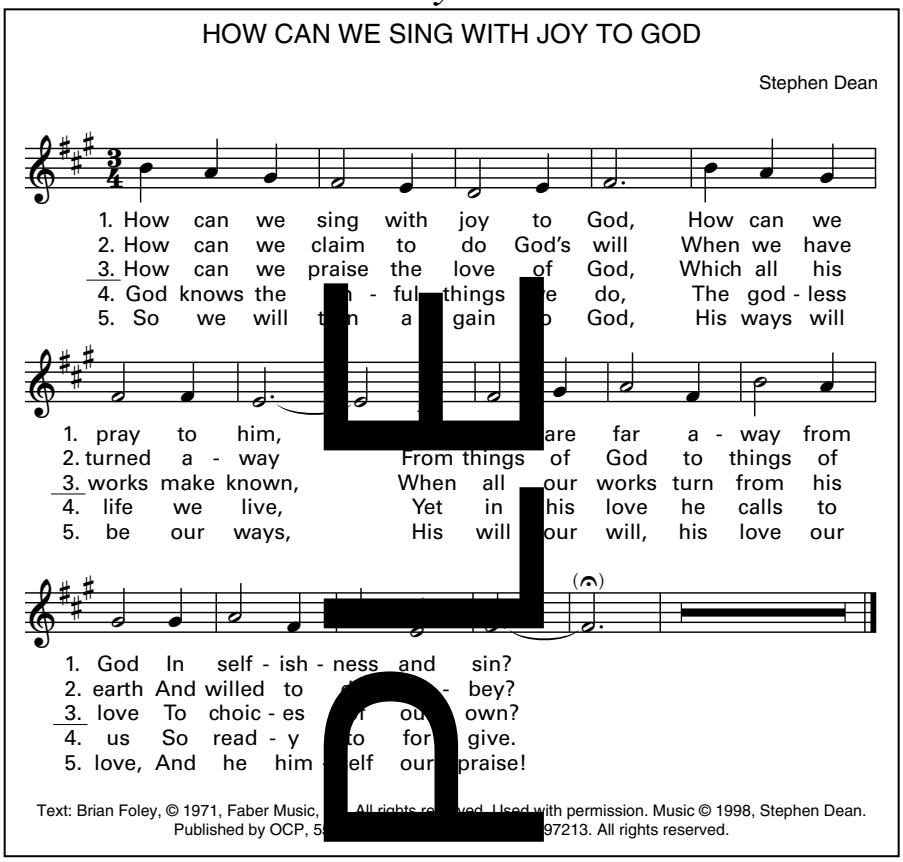

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Composer Notes

How Can We Sing with Joy to God

This hymn by Father Brian Foley presents an eloquent and profound text with a very personal question in the first stanza, one which all sing all worshippers—have to answer. Like a "Lament" psalm, though, the hymn en on a te of ope and praise, contrasting our sinfulness with God's forgiveness. The choral ar ngeme emph zes this change, and the "praise" sung in successive voices should be given gre emph is. This was composed as a unison congregational hymn; it could also be sung as a choral th .

—Stephen Dean