A PUPPET'S DREAM

For SSAA Treble Voices (Divisi)

DARIUS LIM

ABOUT THE WORK

"I always sat and wondered if lifeless beings such as puppets actually had a mind of their own, and if they did, what their thoughts would be?"

A Puppet's Dream is inspired by another one of my imaginary fantasy worlds of magic where it speaks of the inner-most desires of a group of puppets and their dream of becoming human. The work brings you on their journey of confusion and mystery as they start hearing voices in their head, and suddenly find themselves engulfed the magical transformation as the puppets slowly turn into real people, only to discover in the end that it was all a dream.

In 2018, Puppet's Dream was presented as the featured "Discovery of the Month" Series by legendary composer, John Rutter.

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Darius Lim is President of the Choral Directors' Association of Singapore, Music Director of VOCO Singapore Ladies Choir, and Founder & Artistic Director of the Voices of Asia International Choir Festival. The multi-award Singaporean Conductor-Composer has risen to prominence in the local and international scene with more than 40 top international and national awards to his name. Lim's choral works have been performed widely around the world. Between 2012 and 2014, “Light of the Night”, “Puppet’s Dream” and “5 Elemental Dances for Youth and Children’s Choirs” received international acclaim, with subsequent performances of those works by more than 230 choirs from China, America, Hong Kong, Australia, Spain, South Korea, Finland, Malaysia, Taiwan, Russia, Singapore and the Philippines.

A Puppet's Dream

A commission by Temasek Secondary School Choir
SingaporeYouth Festival Central Judging of Choirs 2011 (Secondry School Choirs)
Special Arrangement for the Shanghai Spring Children's Choir

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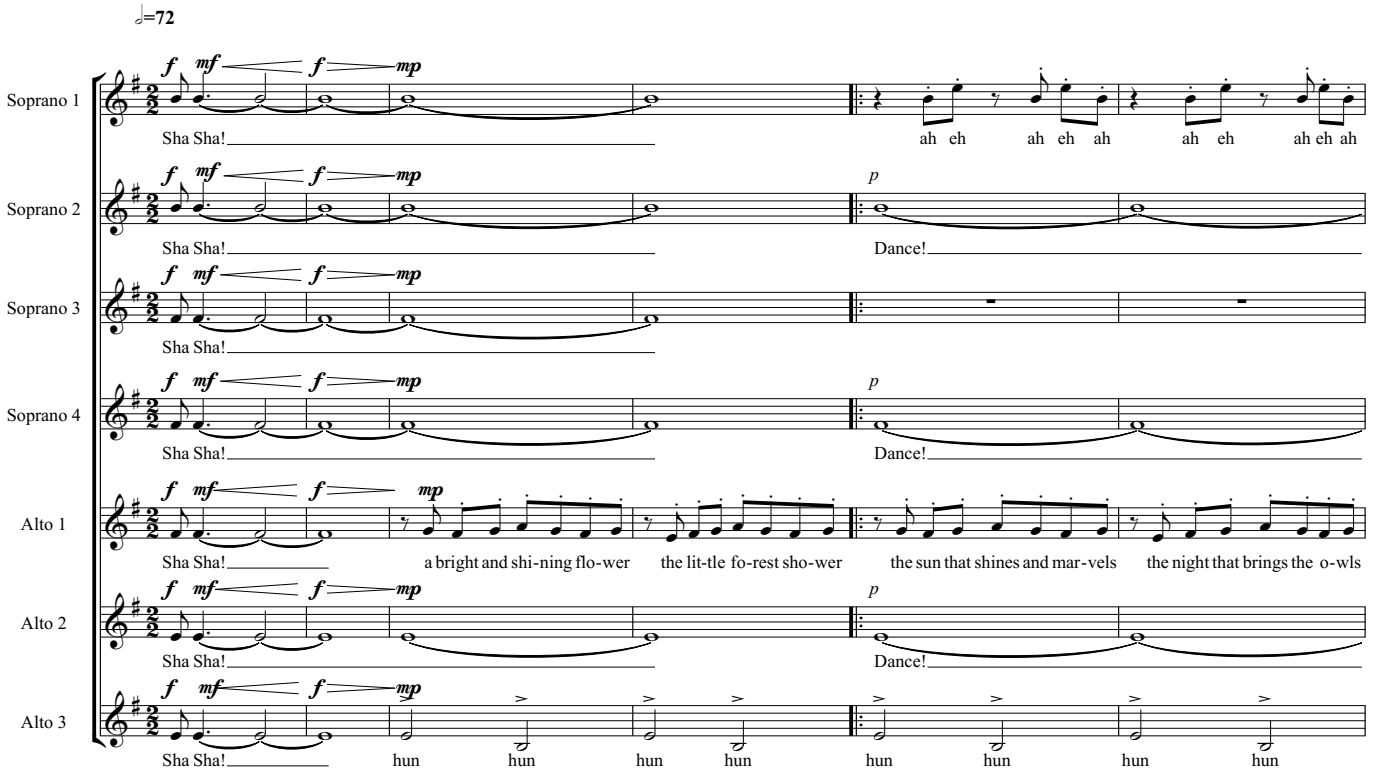

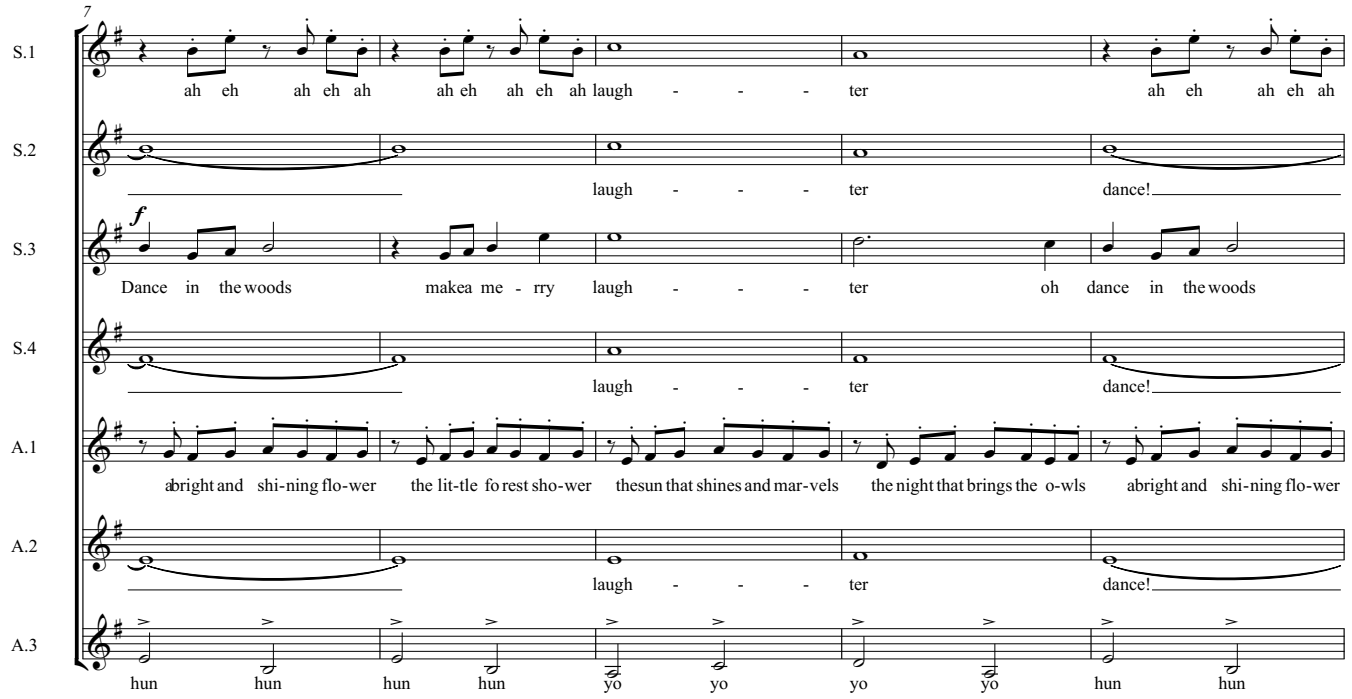

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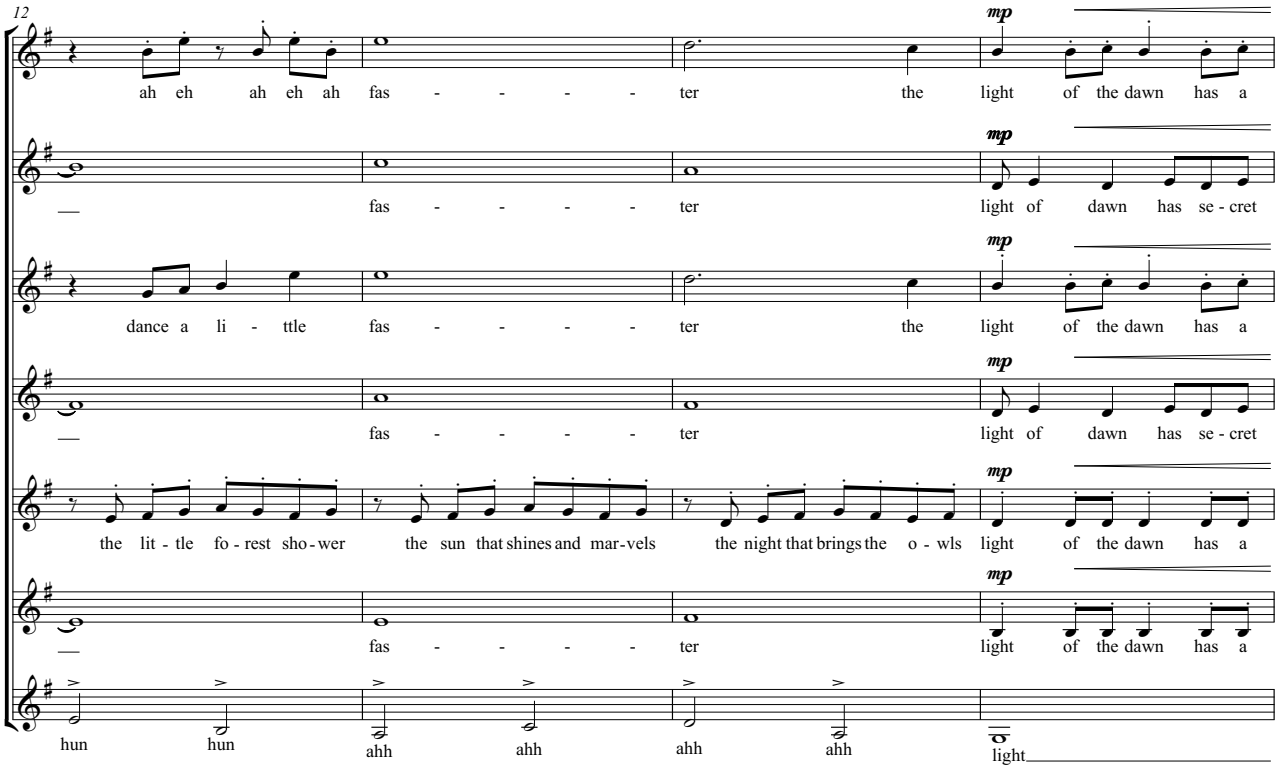

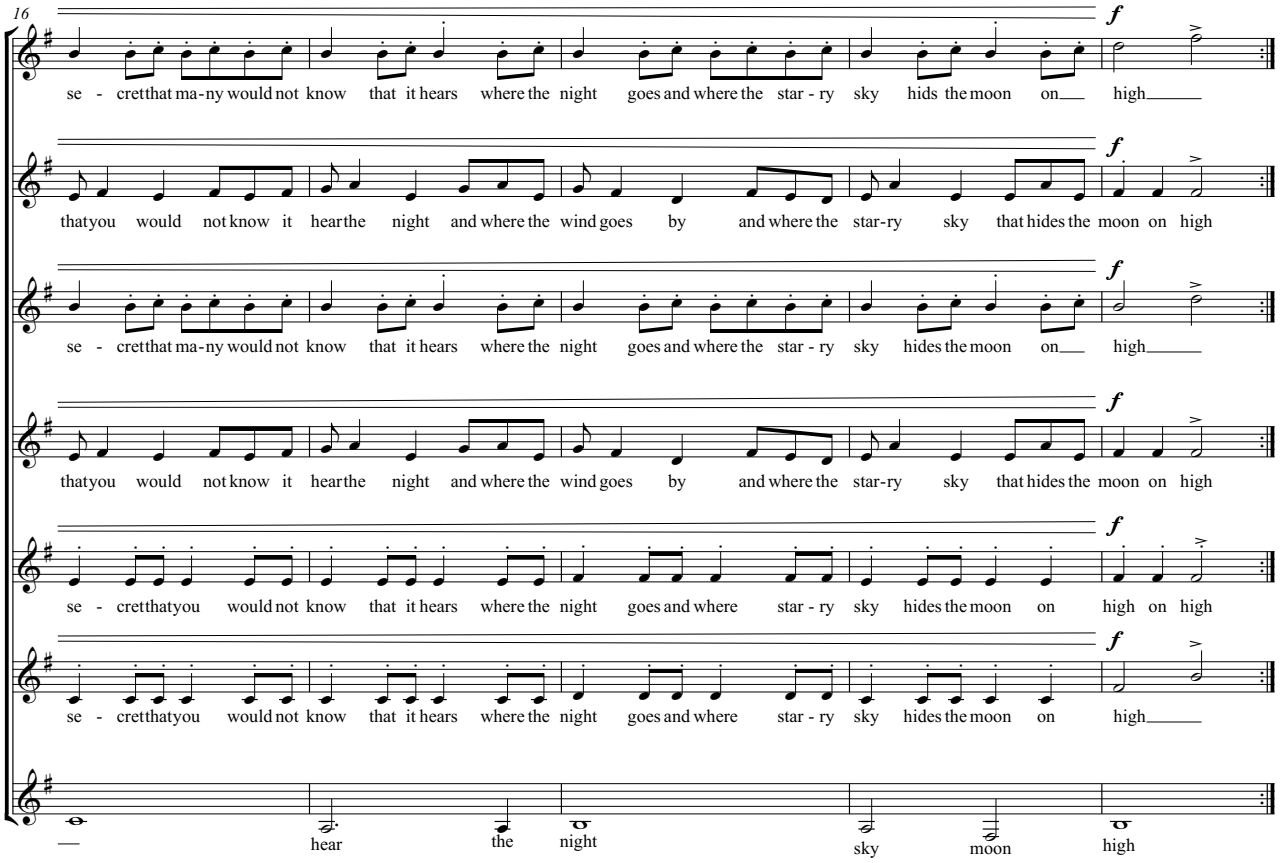

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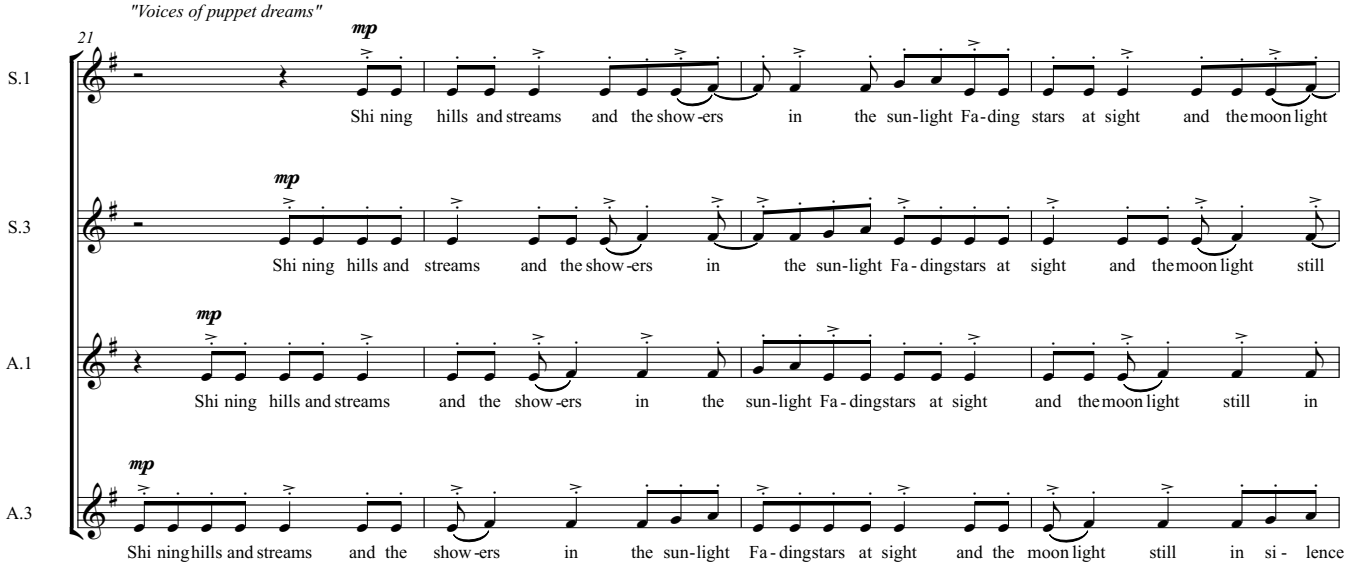

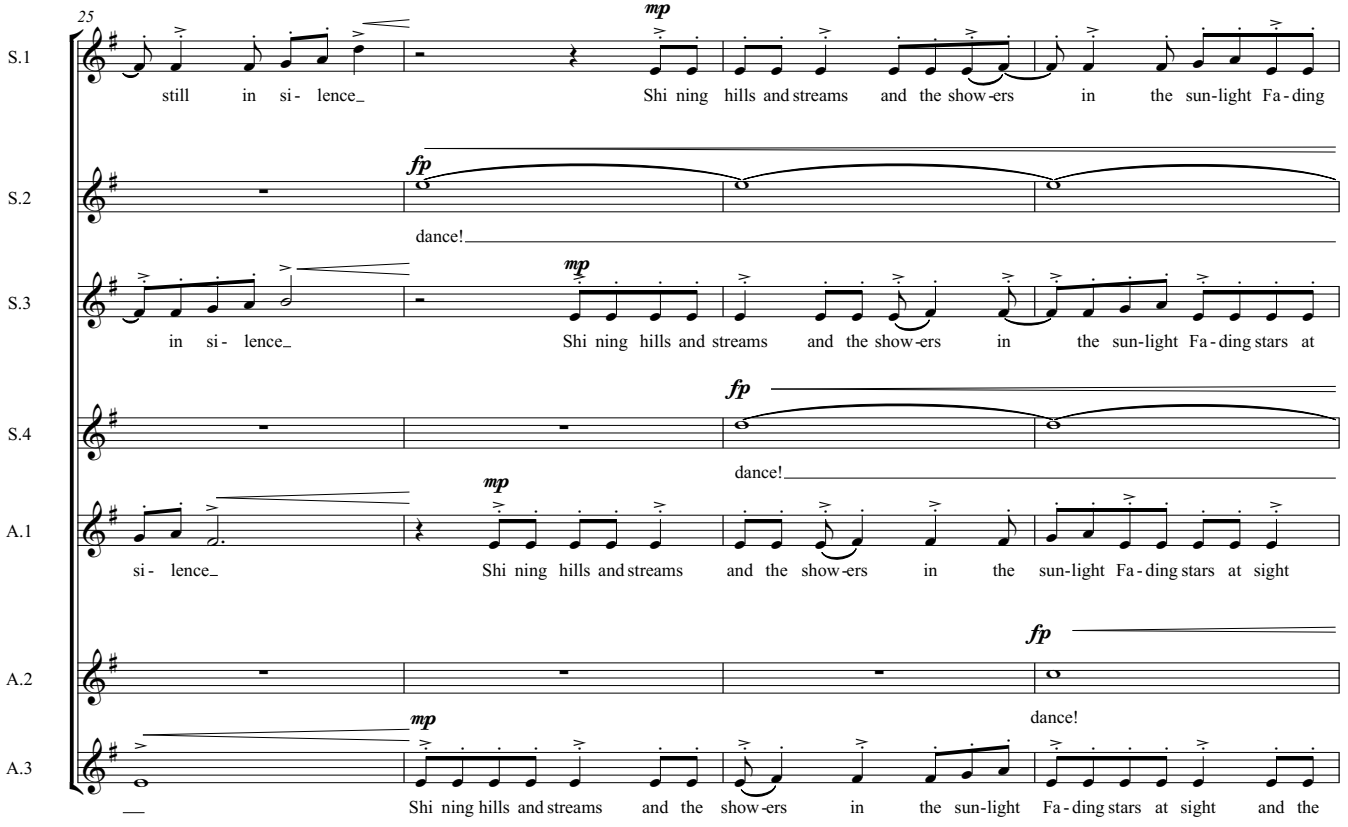

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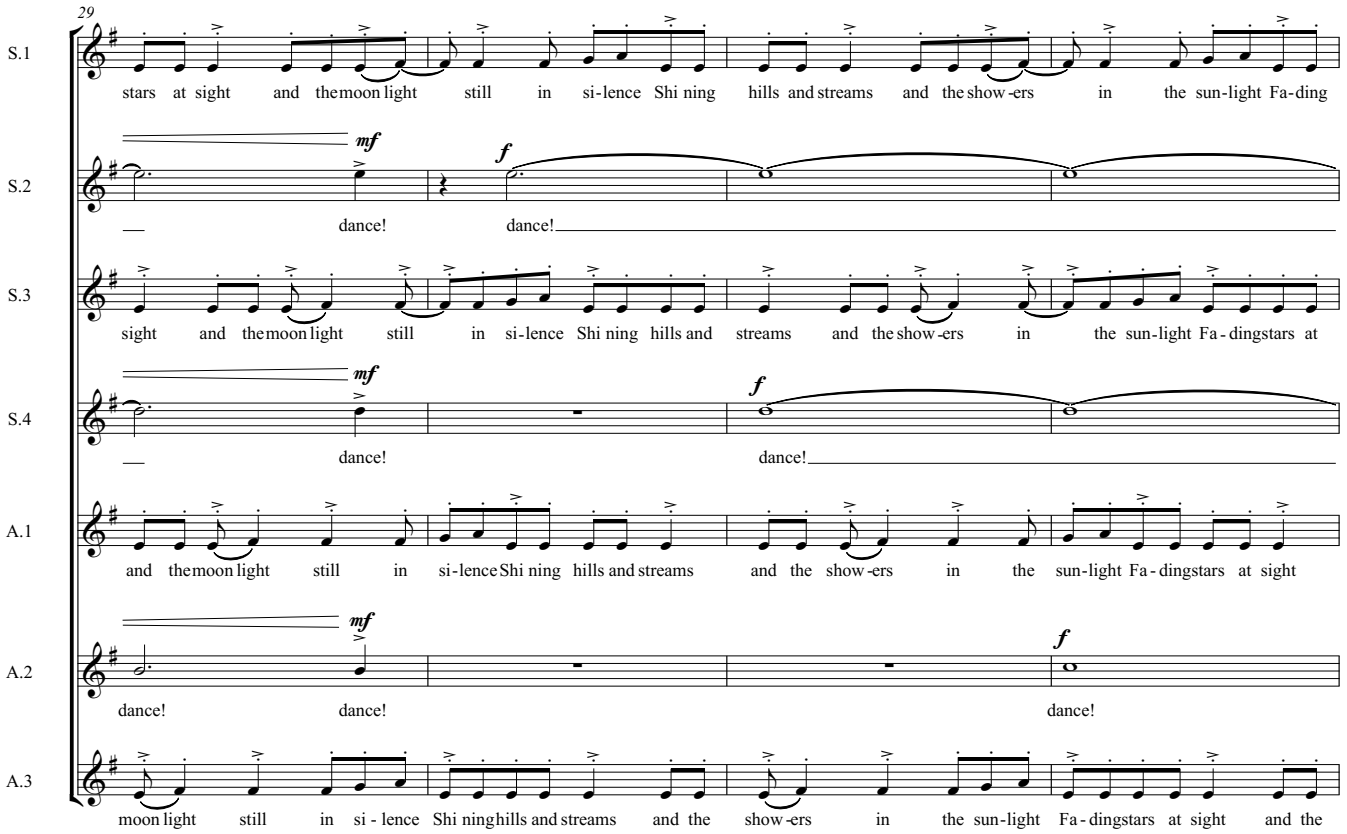

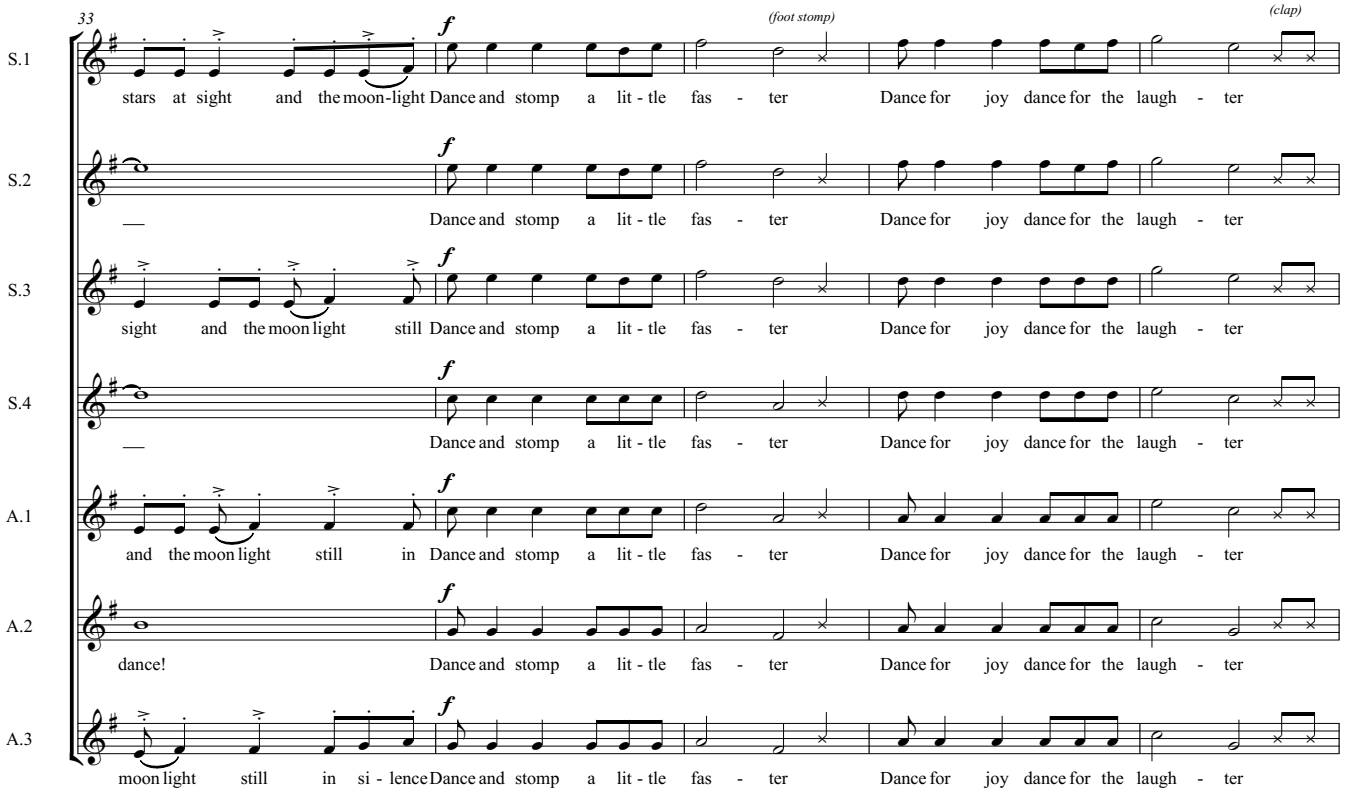

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Choreo Suggestions:
All to drop hands and body slightly into a puppet action

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S.1 — ff — ha! ha! ha! ha! Mmm...

S.2 — ff — ha! ha! ha! ha! Mmm...

S.3 — ff — ha! ha! Mmm...

S.4 — ff — ha! ha! Mmm...

A.1 — ff — ha! ha! Mmm...

A.2 — ff — ha! ha! Mmm...

A.3 — ff — ha! ha! Mmm...

Rattle Clap

Move Like Puppets:
(Transformation from puppets to real people)

42 ♩=120

S.2 — dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly

S.4 — a - round we go

A.1 — fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and

A.2 — dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light

A.3 — dan dan dan dan dan

♩=120

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Castanets

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Triangle

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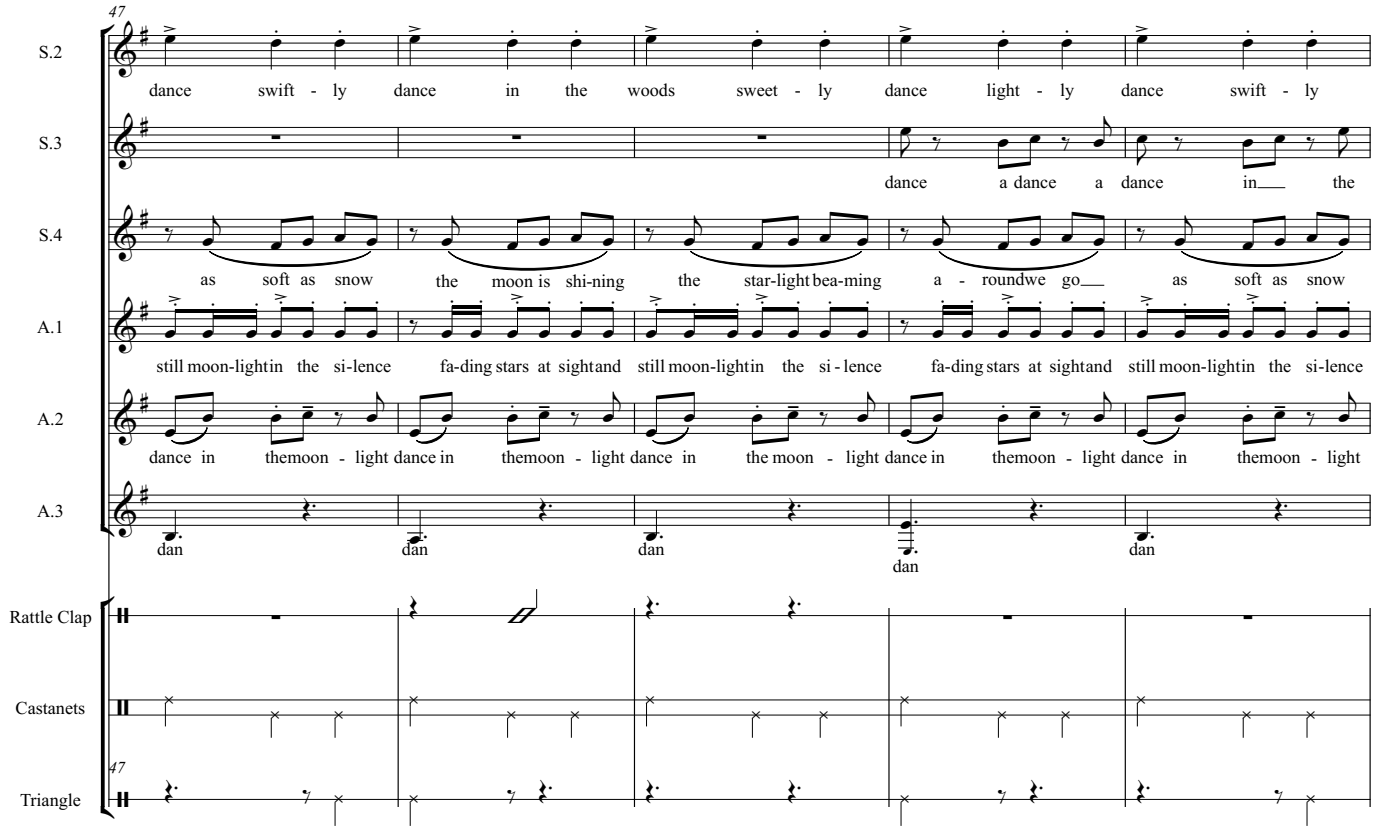

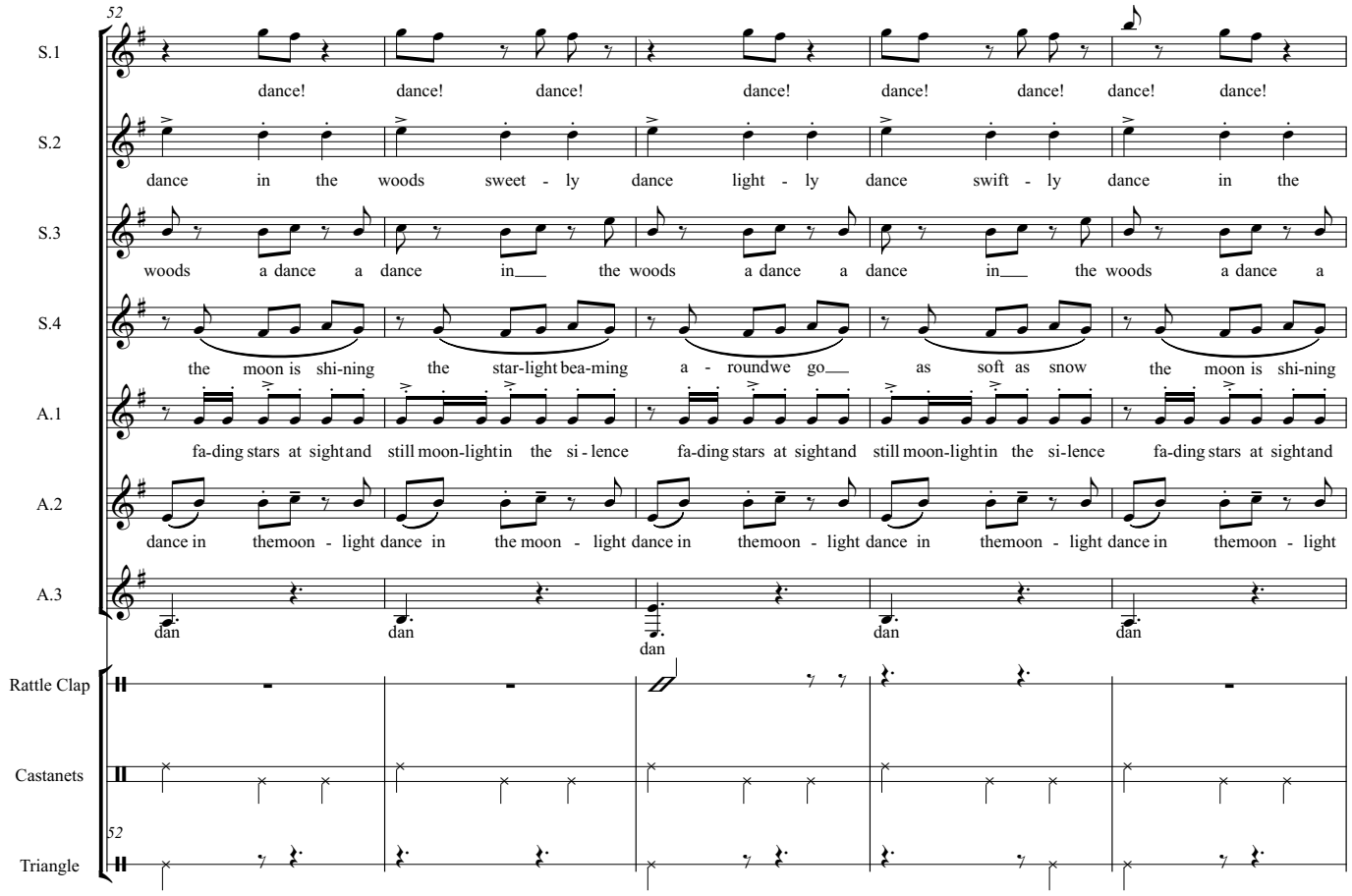

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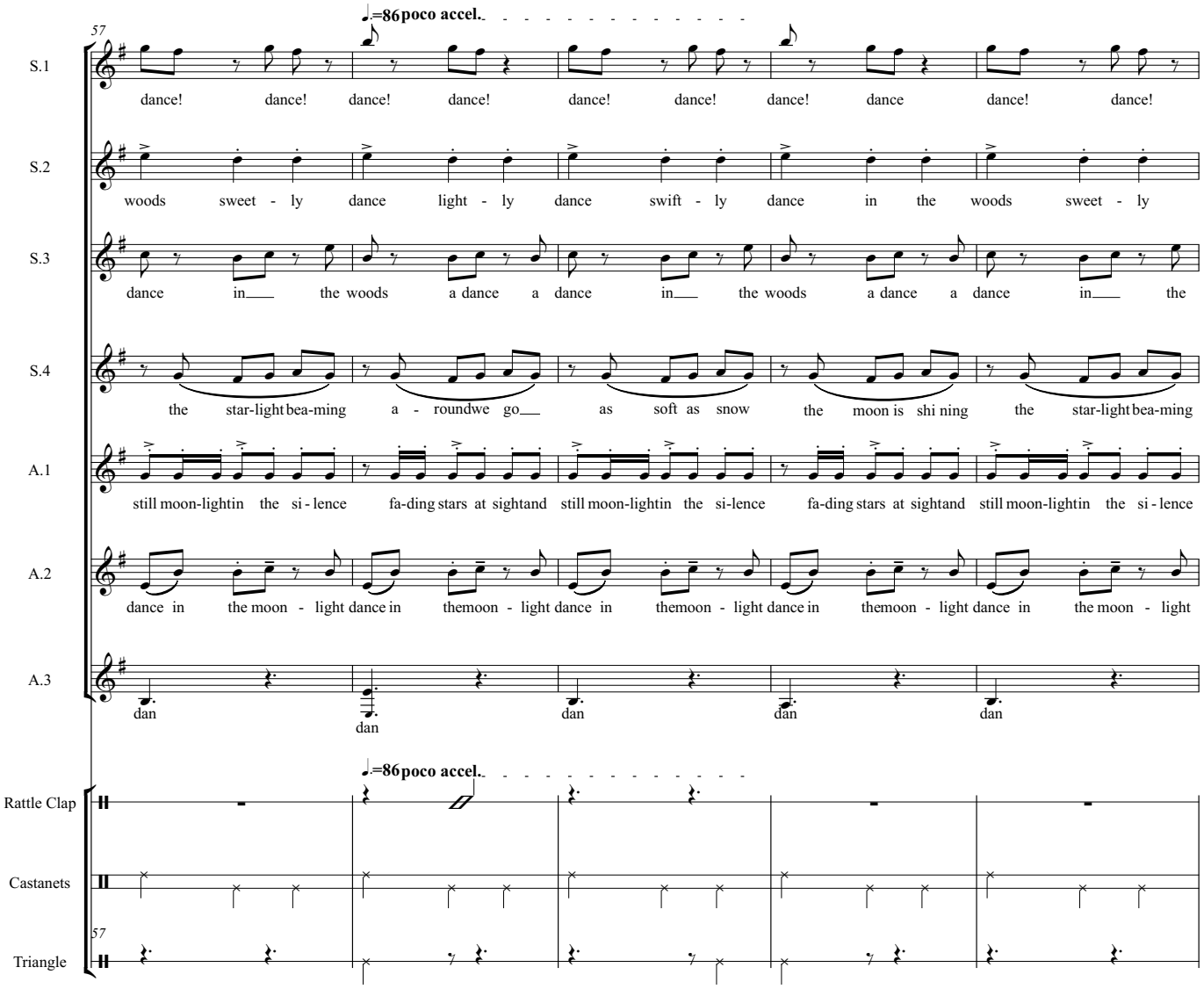

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