For the 2005-2006 Chamber Choir,
California State University, Long Beach.

since feeling is first

For SATB chorus, accompanied

e.e. cummings — Joshua Chai

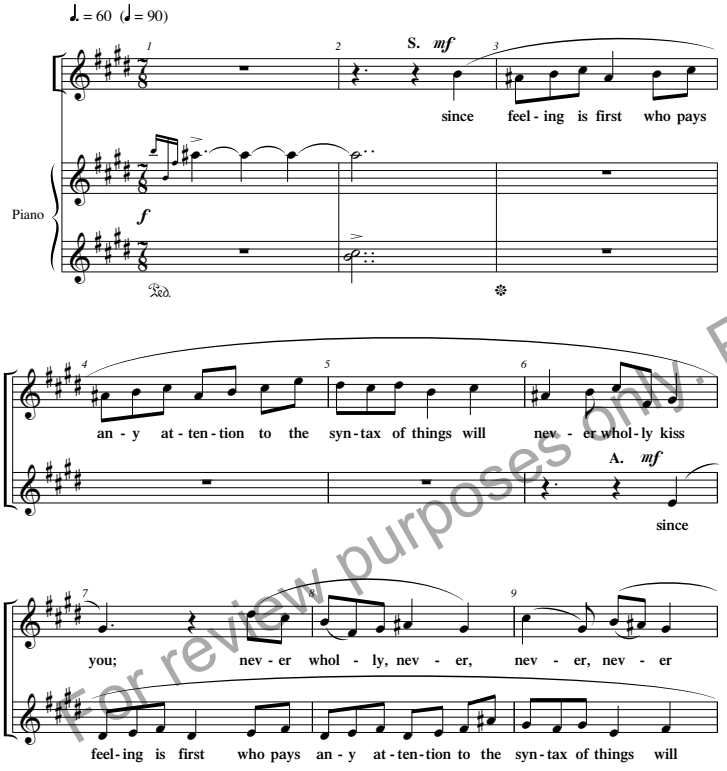
since feeling is first
who pays any attention
to the syntax of things
will never wholly kiss you;
wholly to be a fool
while Spring is in the world

my blood approves,
and kisses are a better fate
than wisdom
lady i swear by all flowers. Don't cry
-- the best gesture of my brain is less than
your eyelids' flutter which says

we are for each other: then
laugh, leaning back in my arms
for life's not a paragraph

And death i think is no parenthesis

-- e.e. cummings



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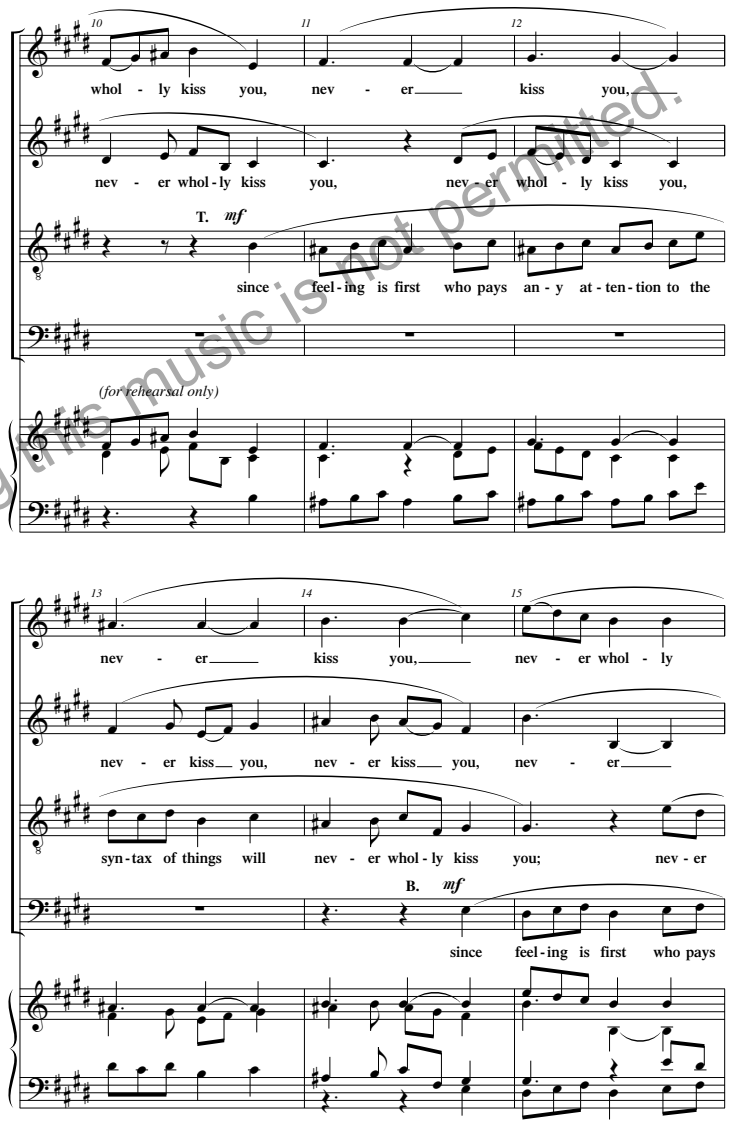

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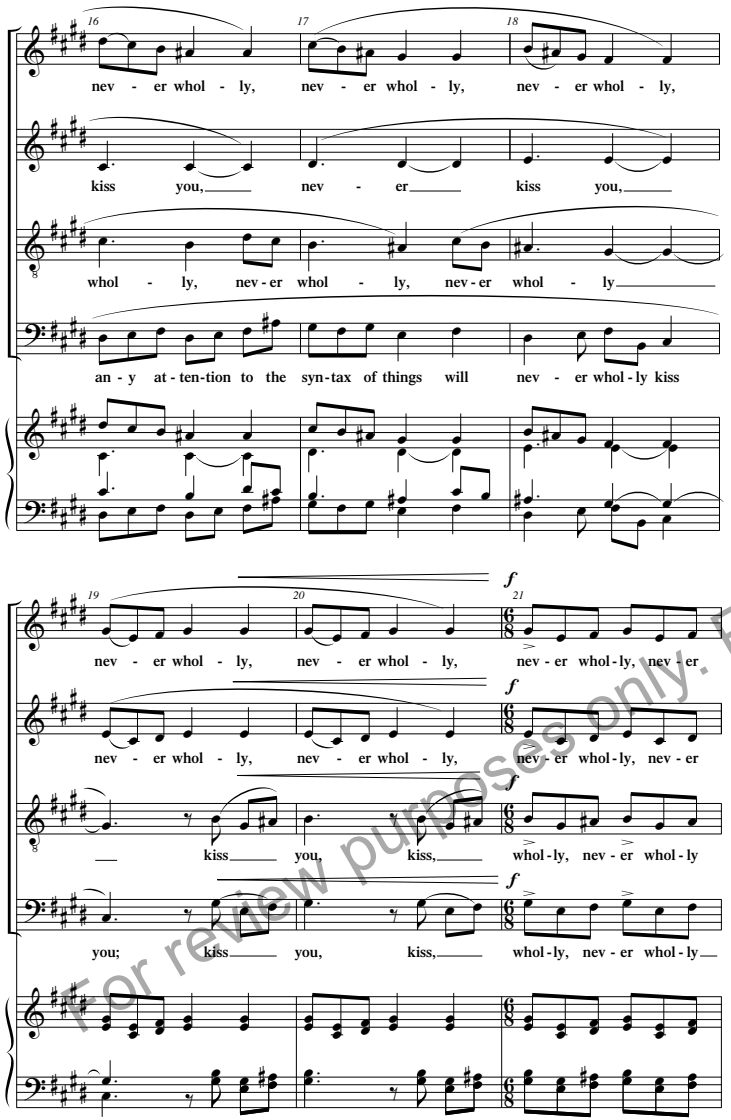

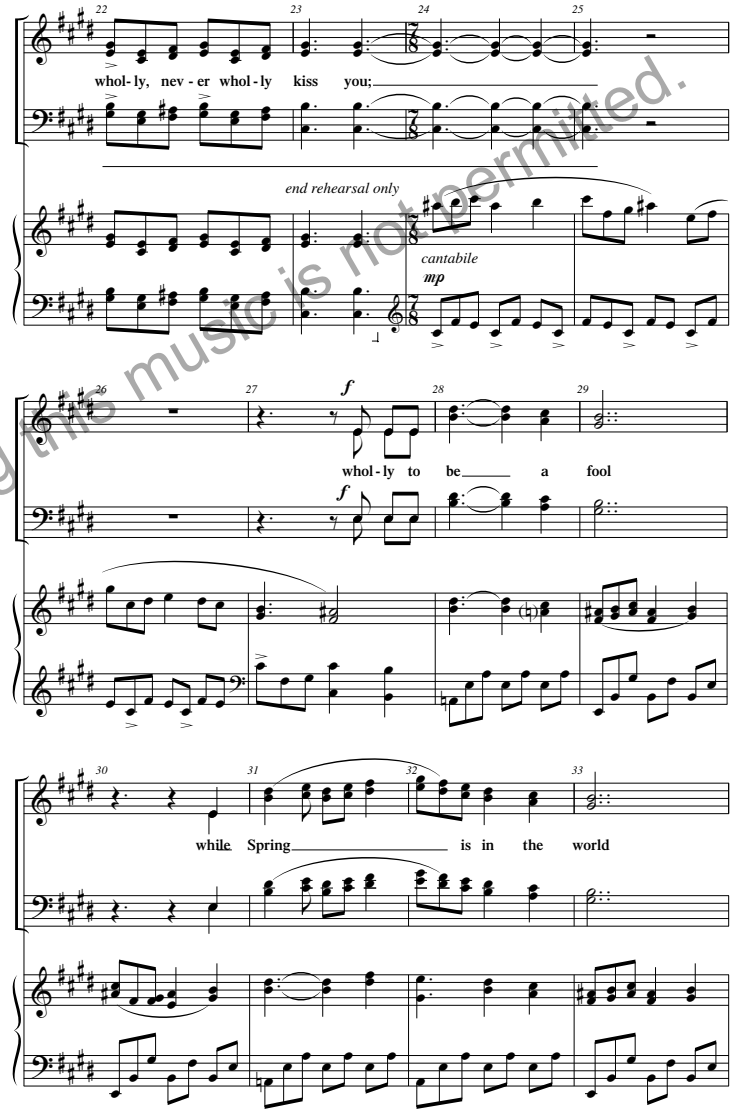

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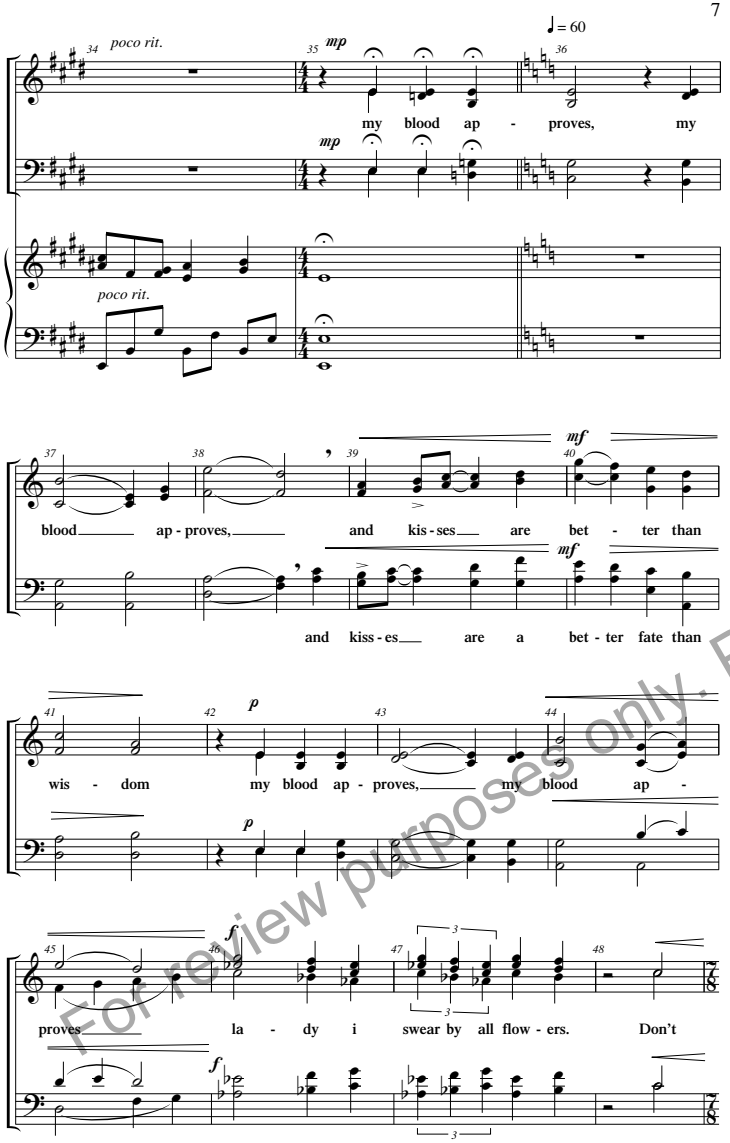

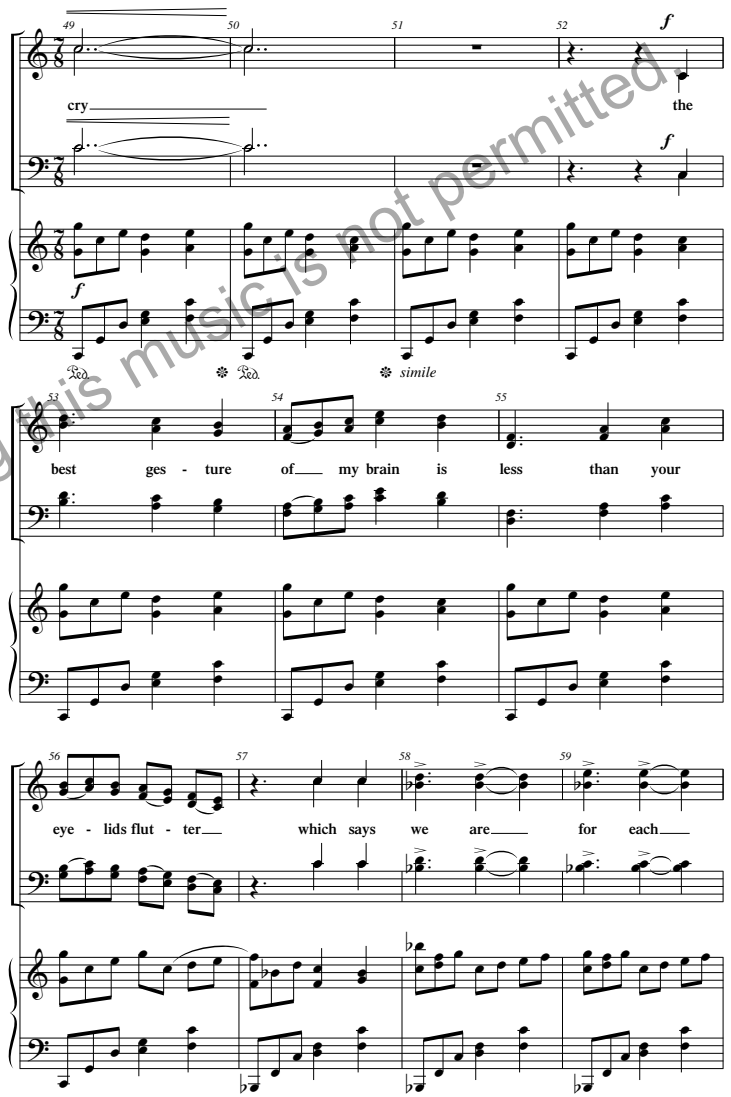

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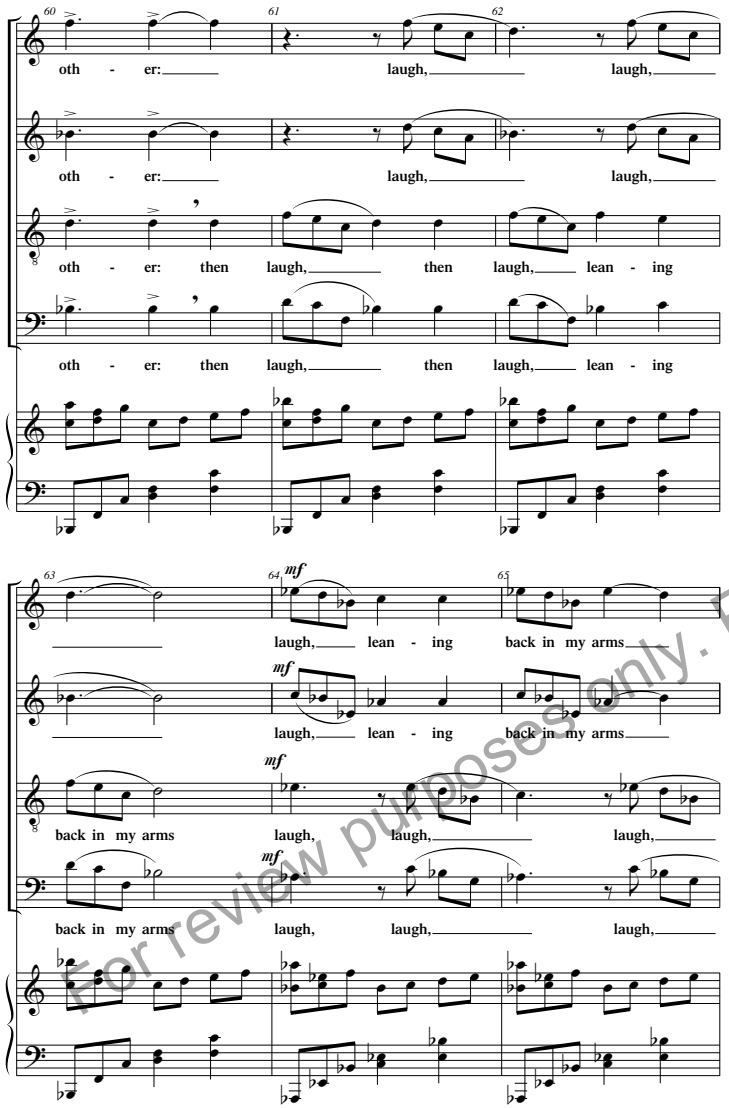

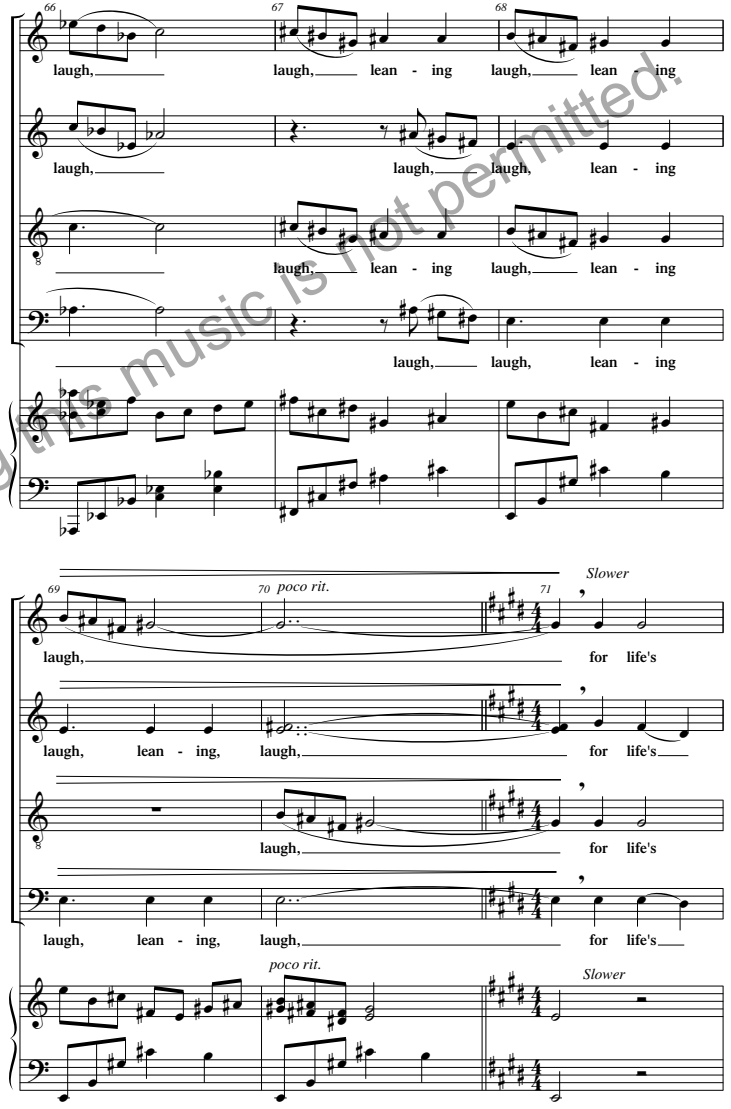

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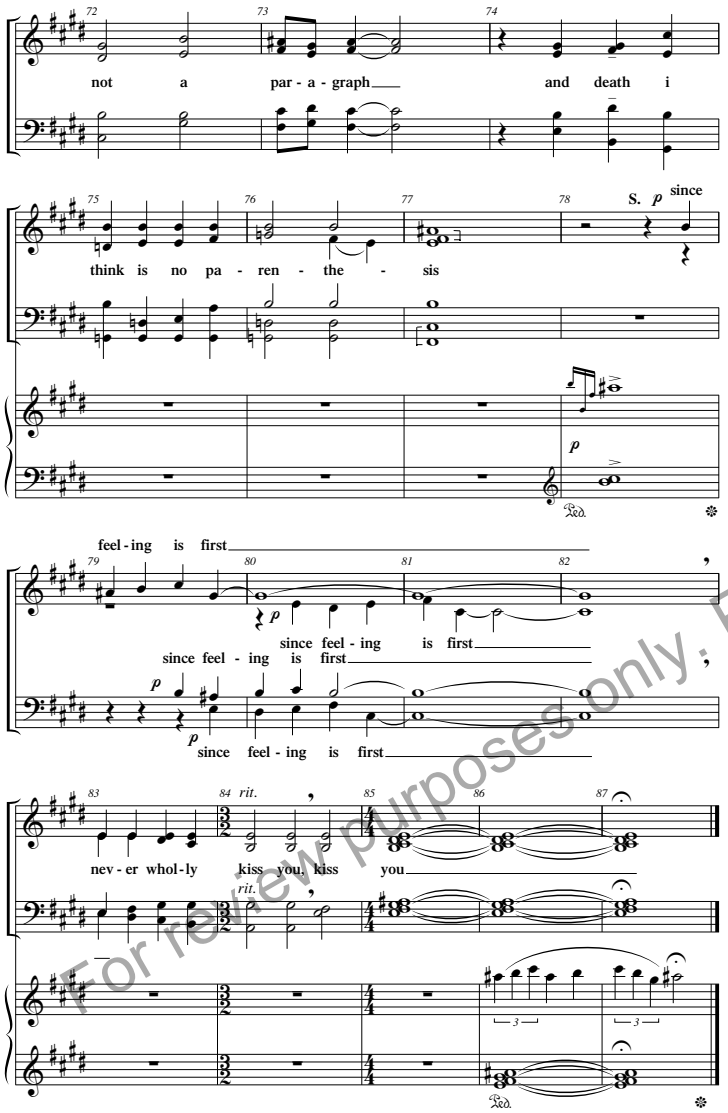

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