A HEALING PRAYER

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COMPOSER'S NOTES

The following music was commissioned for use at the 2002 interdenominational September 11th Remembrance Ceremony for the city of Coral Springs, Florida, U.S.A.

The lyrics of Fred Kaan (from the hymn tune CWM RHONDDA) were used as inspiration for this new musical setting:

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

The music is presented as a lead sheet, showing three part harmonies & solo sections. It may be presented in various formats – from small vocal ensembles with a band or as a choral work – with freedom allowed in the instrumentation of the accompaniment.

Peace,



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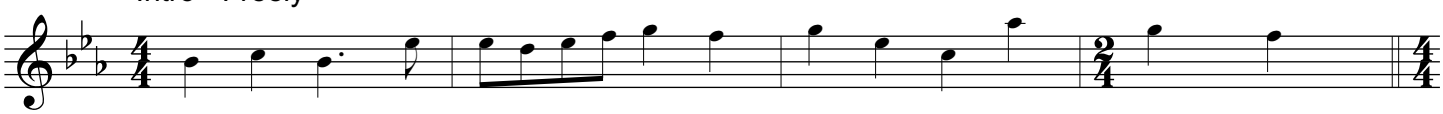
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Intro - Freely



♩ = 76

A1

5 D♭13 E♭Maj7 (instr. echo/ad lib)

For the heal - ing of the na - tions,

9 Cm7 (instr. echo/ad lib)

God, we pray; For the

11 E♭Maj7 (instr. echo/ad lib)

heal - ing of the na - tions,

13 Cm7 Gsus7 G7 soloist 1

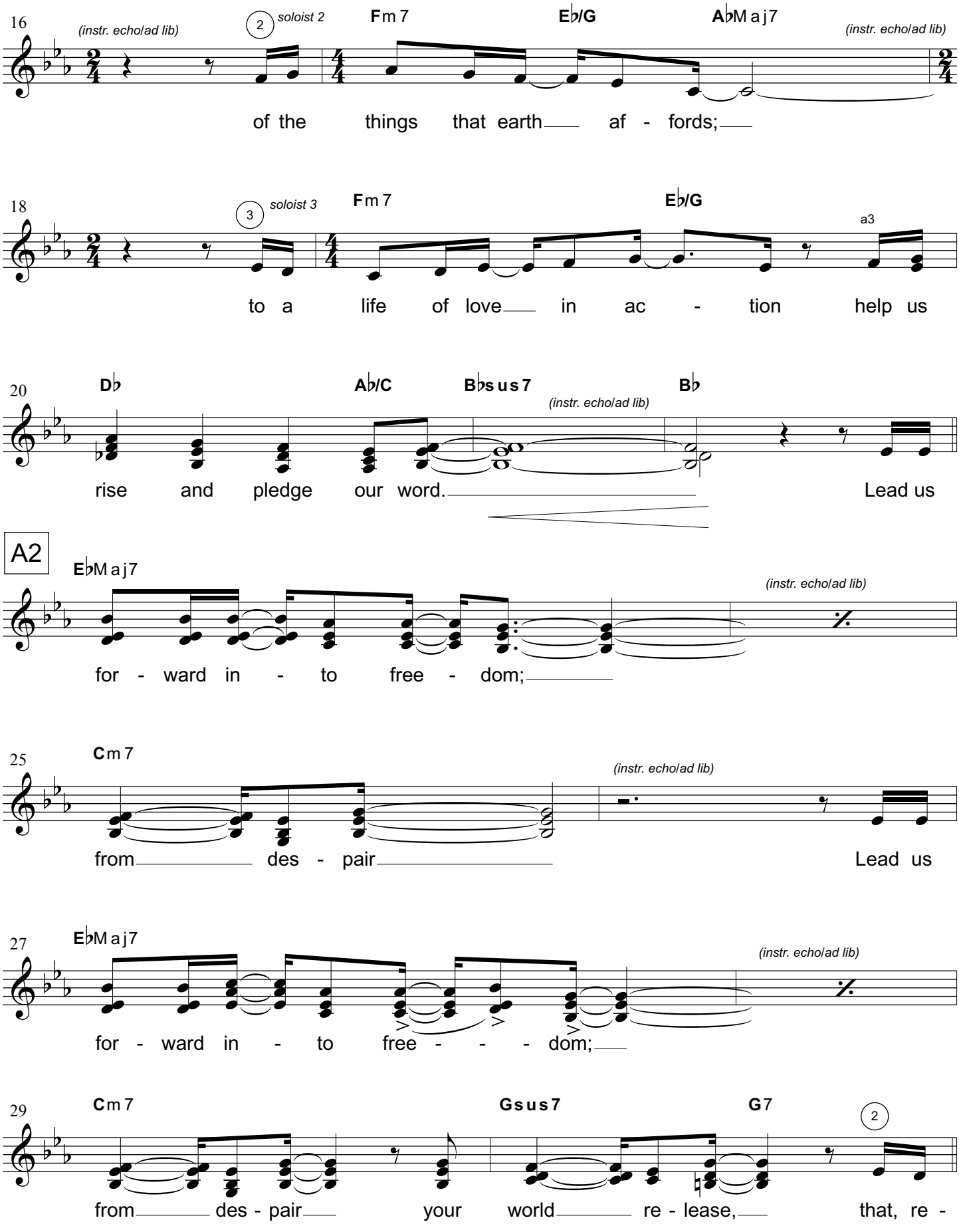
God, we pray with one ac - cord; for a

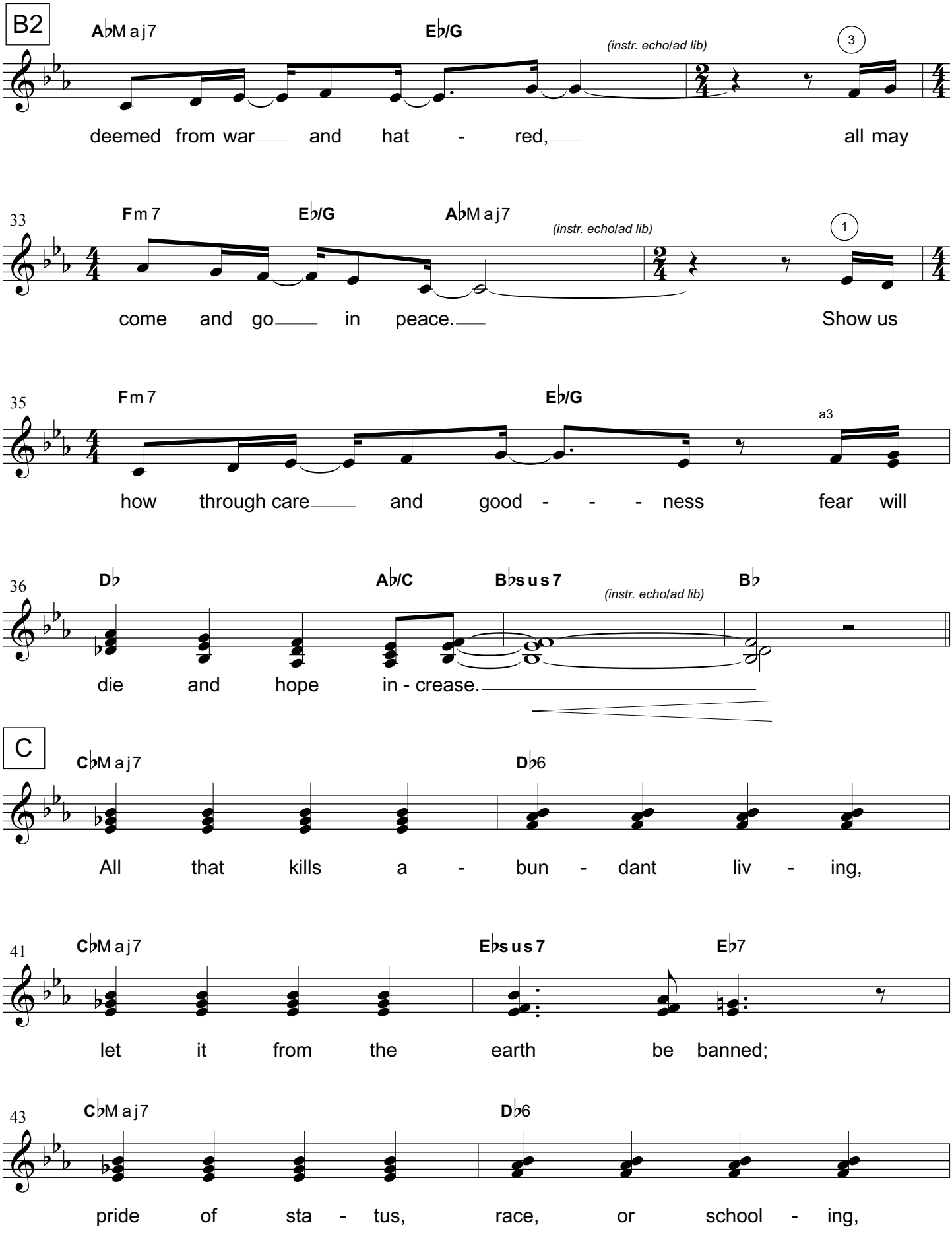
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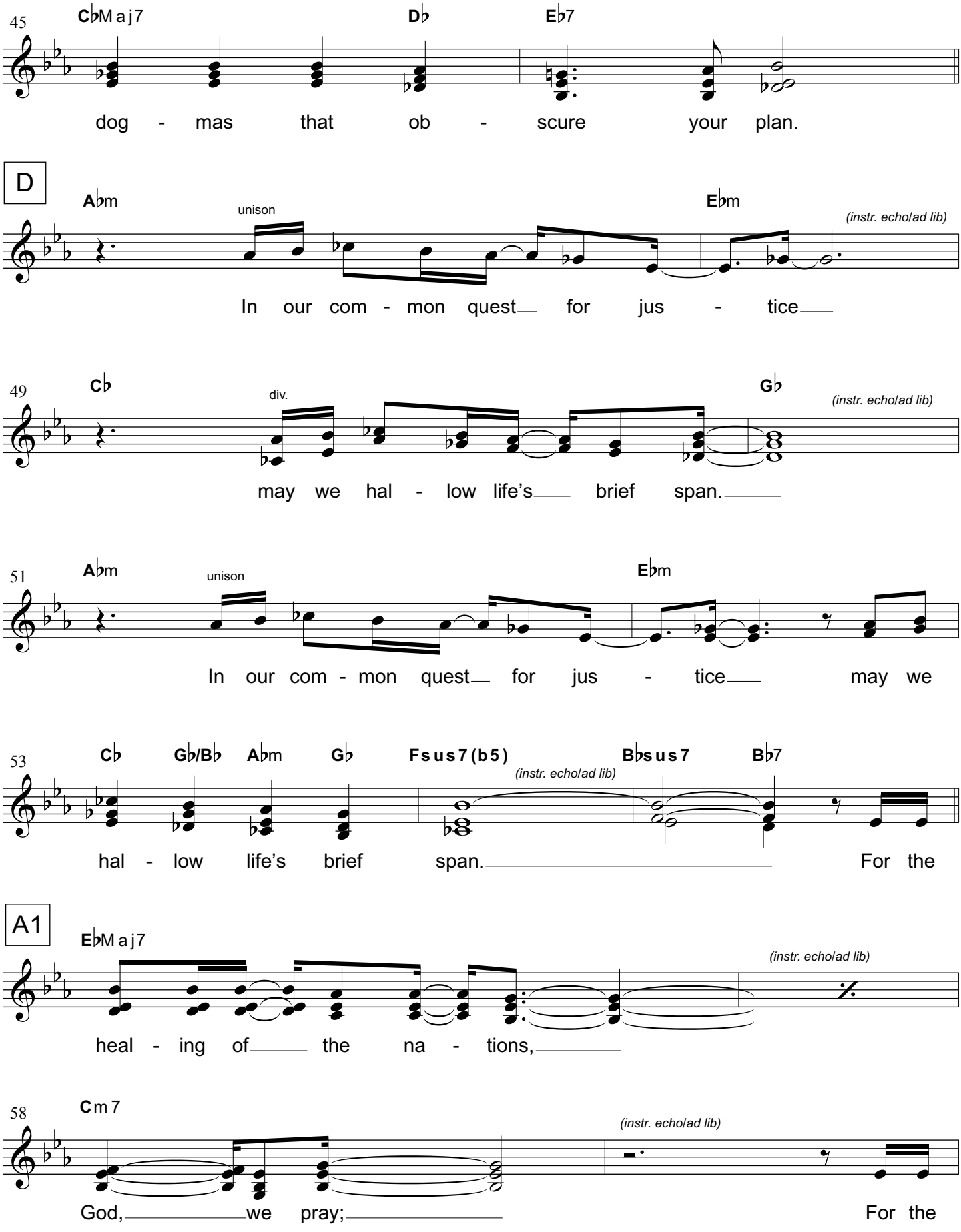
A♭Maj7 E♭/G
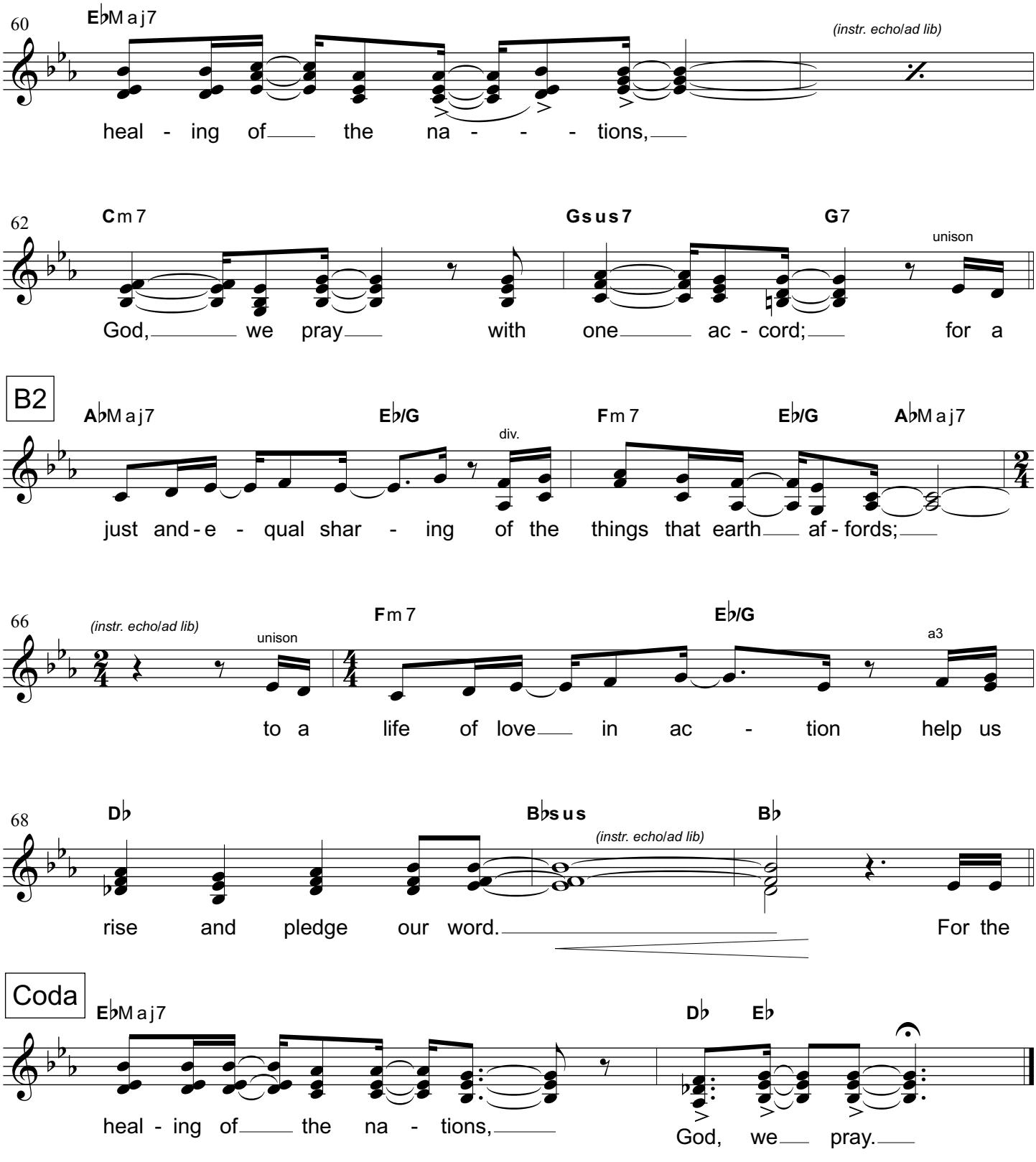
just and e - qual shar - - - ing

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16
(instr. echo/ad lib)
2
soloist 2
Fm7
E♭/G
A♭Maj7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
of the things that earth af - fords;
18
3
soloist 3
Fm7
E♭/G
a3
to a life of love in ac - tion help us
20
D♭
A♭/C
B♭sus7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
B♭
rise and pledge our word.
Lead us
A2
E♭Maj7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
for - ward in - to free - dom;
25
Cm7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
from des - pair
Lead us
27
E♭Maj7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
for - ward in - to free - - - dom;
29
Cm7
Gsus7
G7
2
from des - pair your world re - lease, that, re -


B2
A♭Maj7
E♭/G
(instr. echo/ad lib)
3
deemed from war and hat - red, all may
33
Fm7
E♭/G
A♭Maj7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
1
come and go in peace. Show us
35
Fm7
E♭/G
a3
how through care and good - - - ness fear will
36
D♭
A♭/C
B♭sus7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
B♭
die and hope in - crease.
C
C♭Maj7
D♭6
All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing,
41
C♭Maj7
E♭sus7
E♭7
let it from the earth be banned;
43
C♭Maj7
D♭6
pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,


45
C♭Maj7
D♭
E♭7
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.
D
A♭m
unison
E♭m
(instr. echo/ad lib)
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
49
C♭
div.
G♭
(instr. echo/ad lib)
may we hal - low life's brief span.
51
A♭m
unison
E♭m
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
53
C♭
G♭/B♭
A♭m
G♭
Fsus7(b5)
(instr. echo/ad lib)
B♭sus7
B♭7
hal - low life's brief span. For the
A1
E♭Maj7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
heal - ing of the na - tions,
58
Cm7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
God, we pray; For the


60
E♭Maj7
(instr. echo/ad lib)
heal - ing of the na - - - tions,
62
Cm7
Gsus7
G7
unison
God, we pray with one ac - cord; for a
B2
A♭Maj7
E♭/G
div.
Fm7
E♭/G
A♭Maj7
just and - e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;
66
(instr. echo/ad lib)
unison
Fm7
E♭/G
a3
to a life of love in ac - tion help us
68
D♭
B♭sus
(instr. echo/ad lib)
B♭
rise and pledge our word. For the
Coda
E♭Maj7
D♭
E♭
heal - ing of the na - tions,
God, we pray.

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