Sugar

Music by Stanley Turrentine
Lyrics by Jennifer Barnes

Arranged by Jennifer Barnes

For SSAA Vocal Jazz Ensemble
With Piano, Bass & Drums
Level III

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Arranger's Notes on "Sugar"

First, I will say that I am truly honored that you've chosen my arrangement, and hope you will find joy on the journey of learning it, teaching it, or singing it! It can be challenging to find pieces of music from the standard jazz repertoire that don't have romantic lyrics, particularly in swing feel, so I decided that it would be fun to create a different take on the original lyric and tell a story that could be sung by any age group.

I stuck to the original medium swing feel for this arrangement, and wrote a short soli section with rhythm section "stop time" to give the opportunity to imitate a big band and really dig in to the swing feel. The written-out duet lines are meant to be a guide to how a solo jazz vocalist would change the melodic notes and rhythms to personalize and make it their own – your soloists are welcome to use what's written as a springboard to branch out, or stick with the original melody.

The improvisation section can be extremely flexible, with a riff background figure that you may use some of the time on cue, the way jazz players have throughout history. Feature as many soloists as you like, vocal and/or instrumental; trading short (4- or 8-measure) phrases is a nice, less intimidating way to give less experienced soloists a chance to give improvisation a try in small doses.

Have fun and enjoy sending your beautiful music out into our world that is desperately needing and craving more love and beauty!

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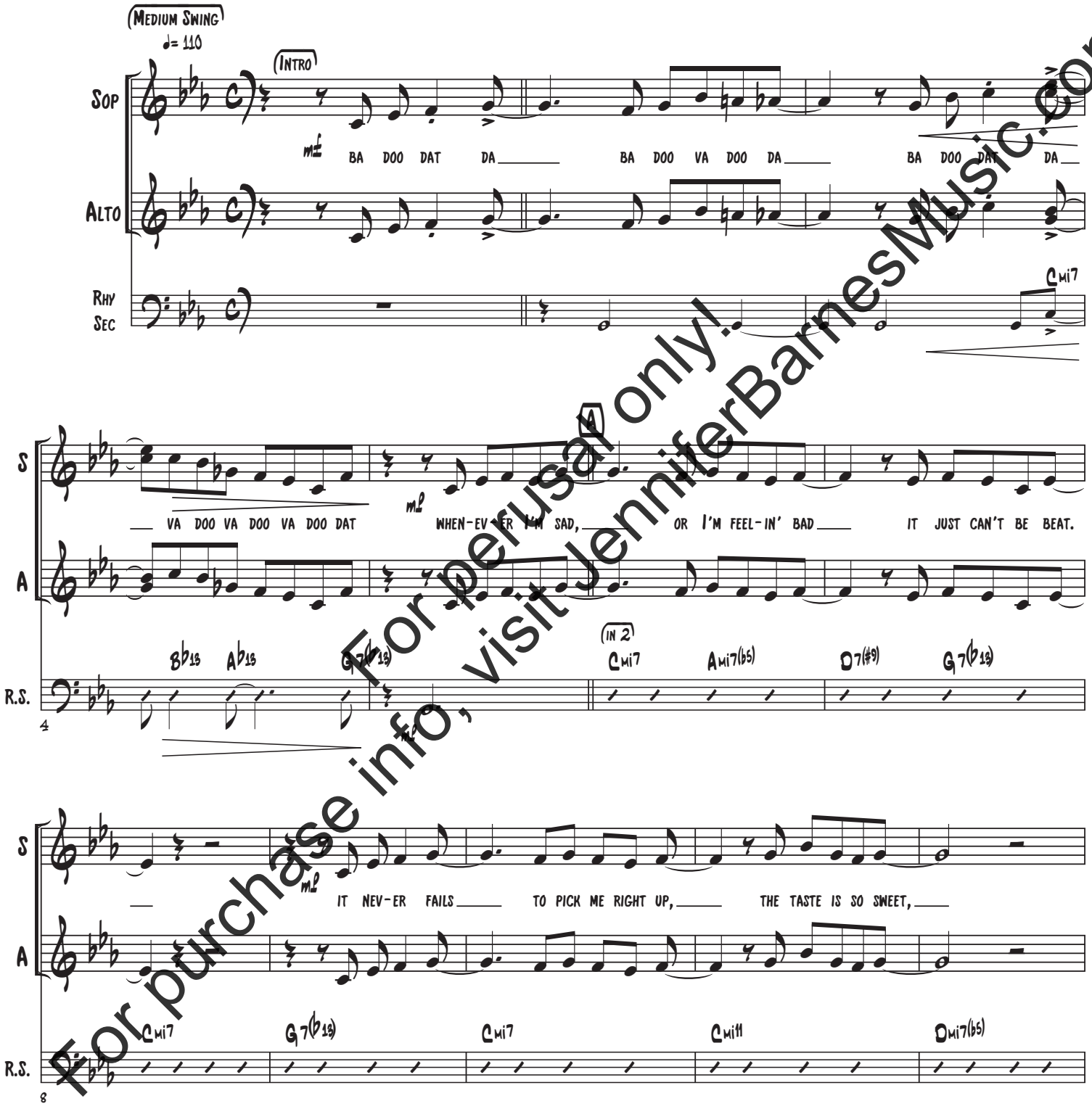

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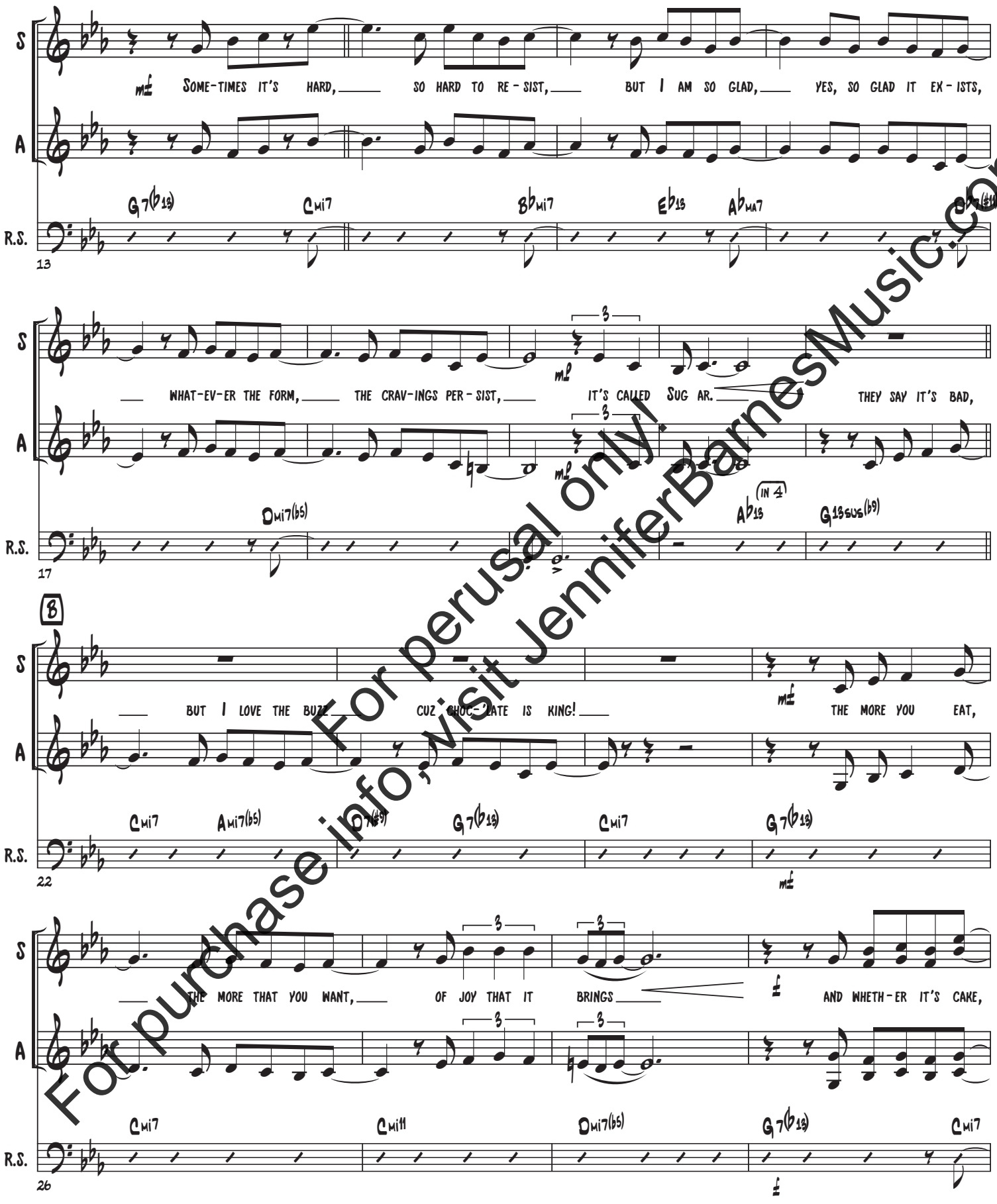

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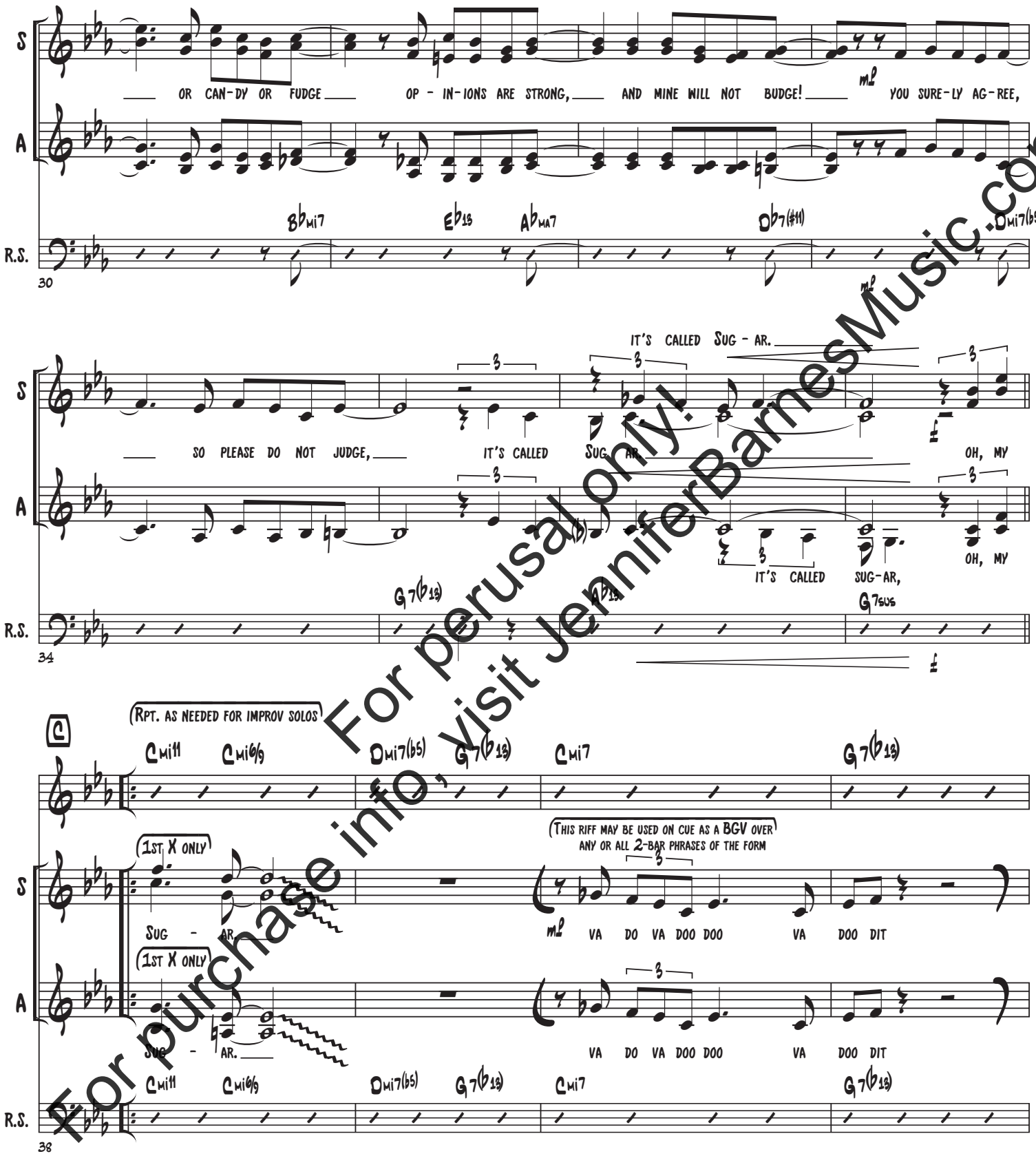

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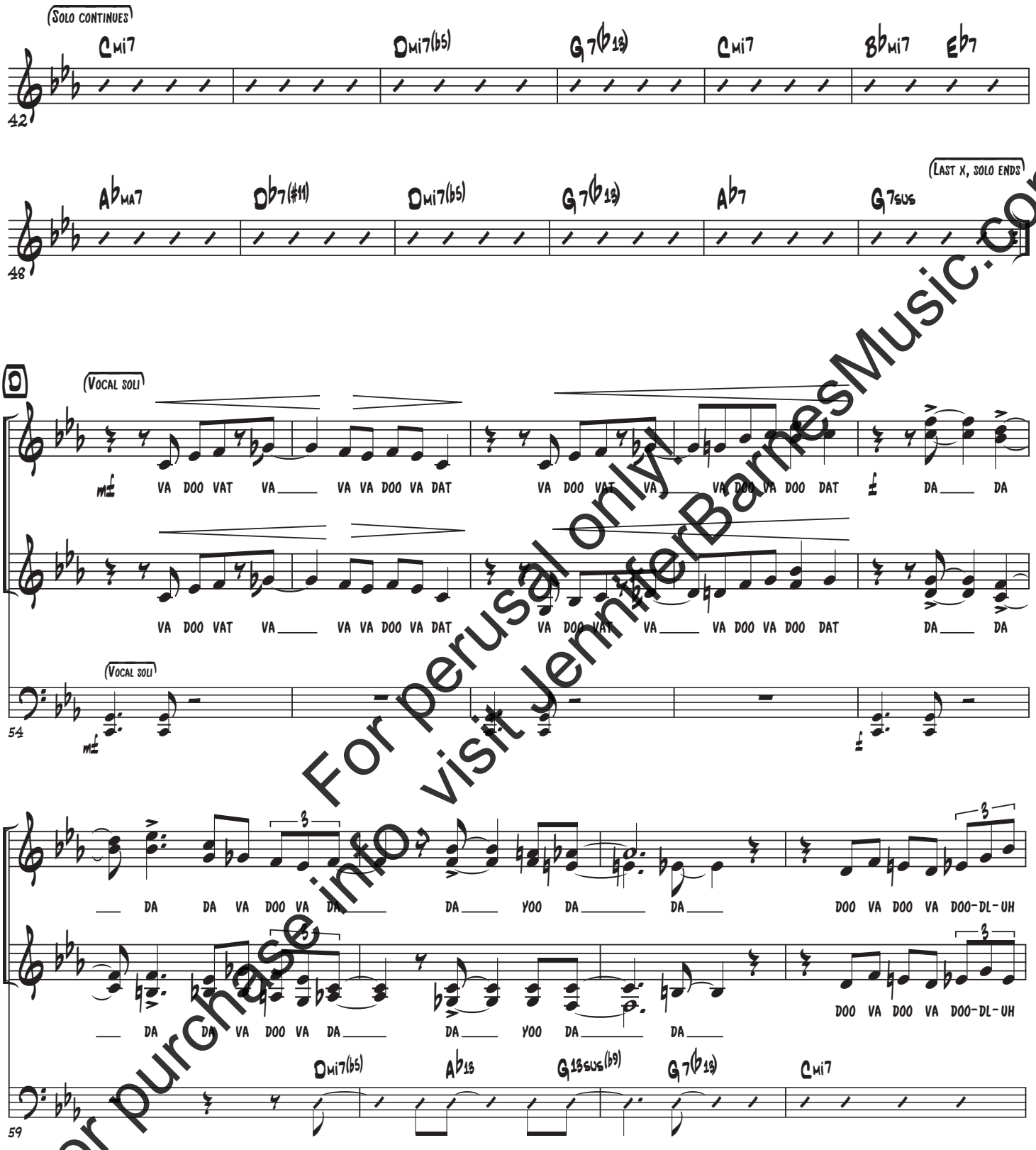

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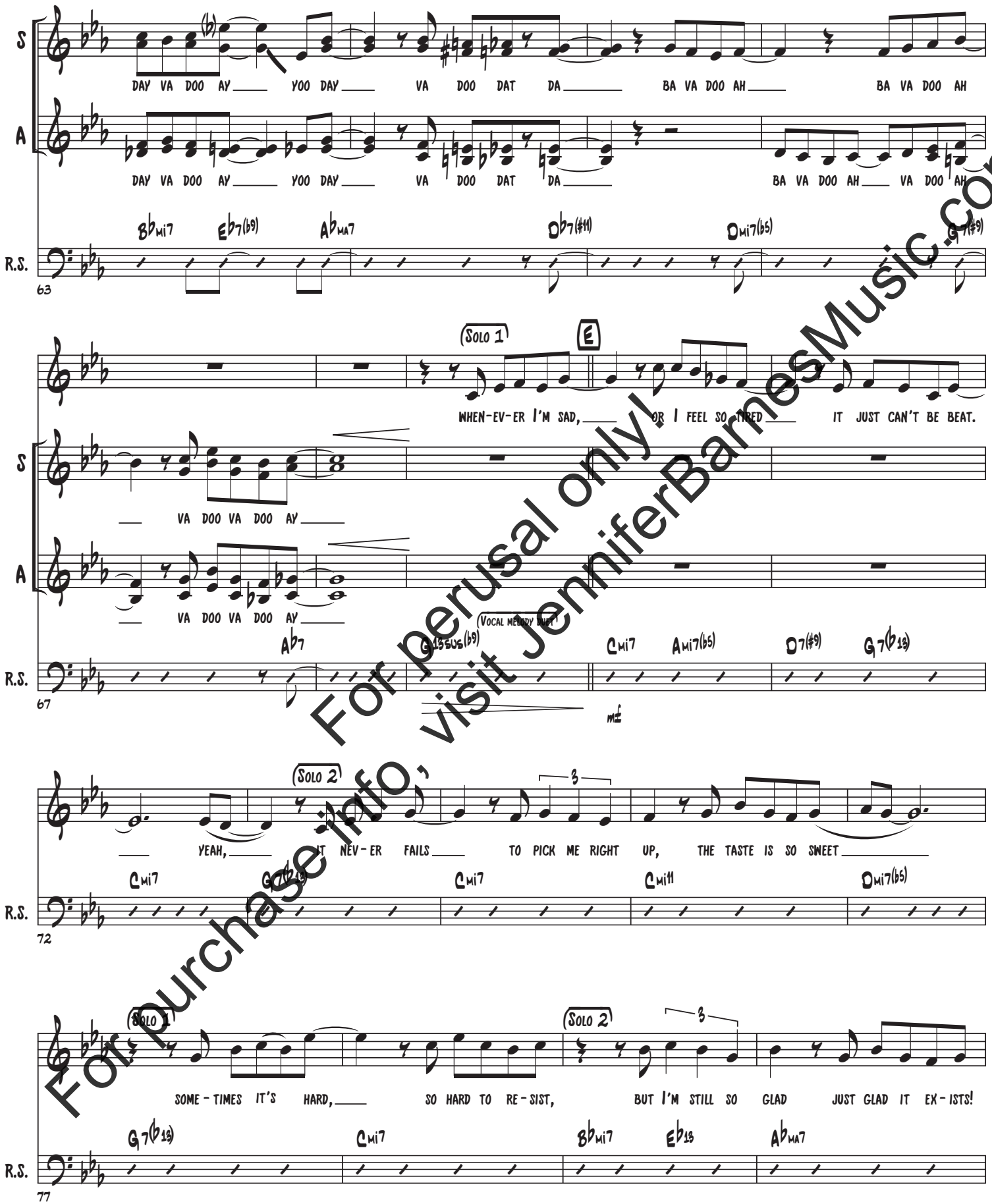

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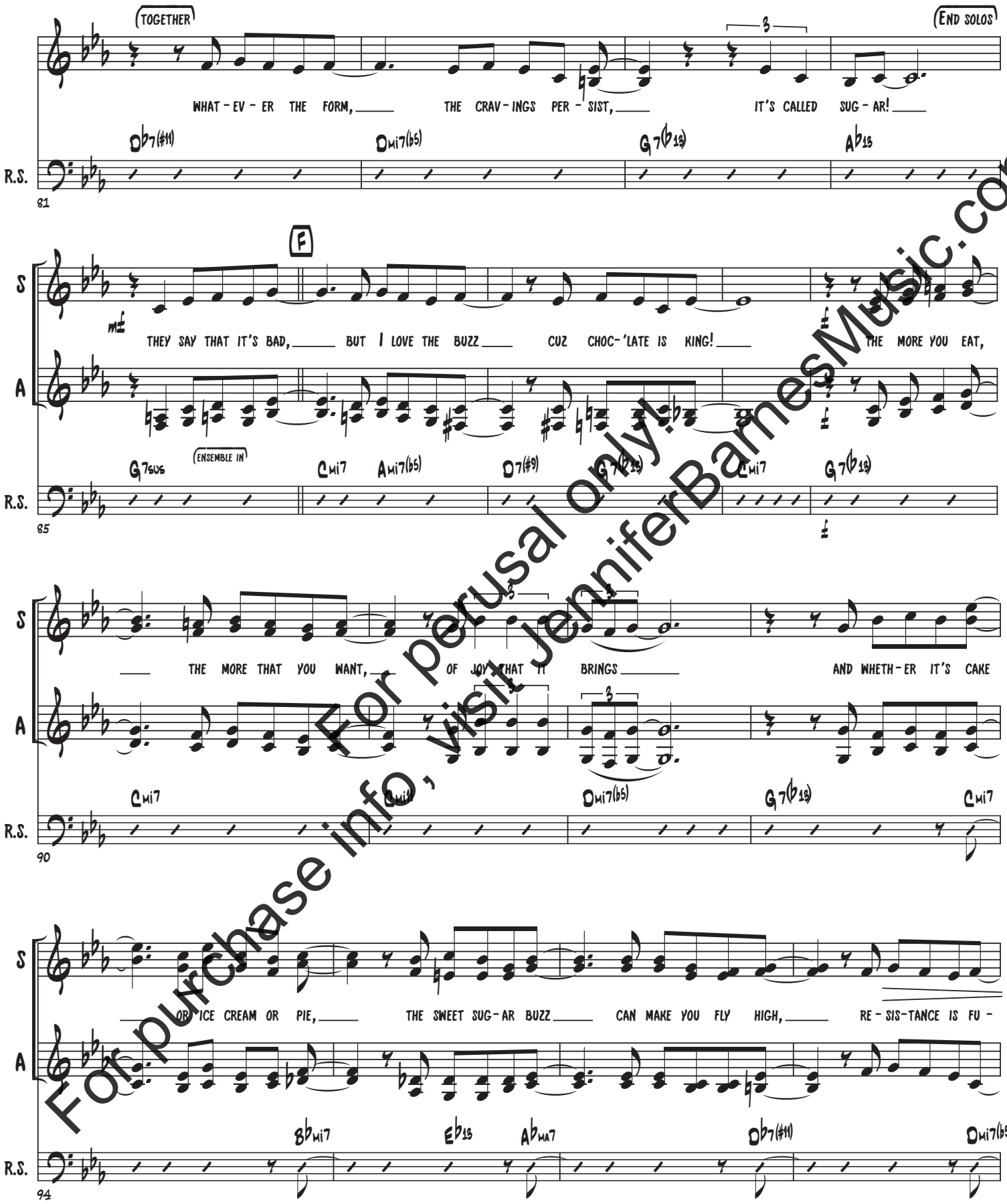

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Piano

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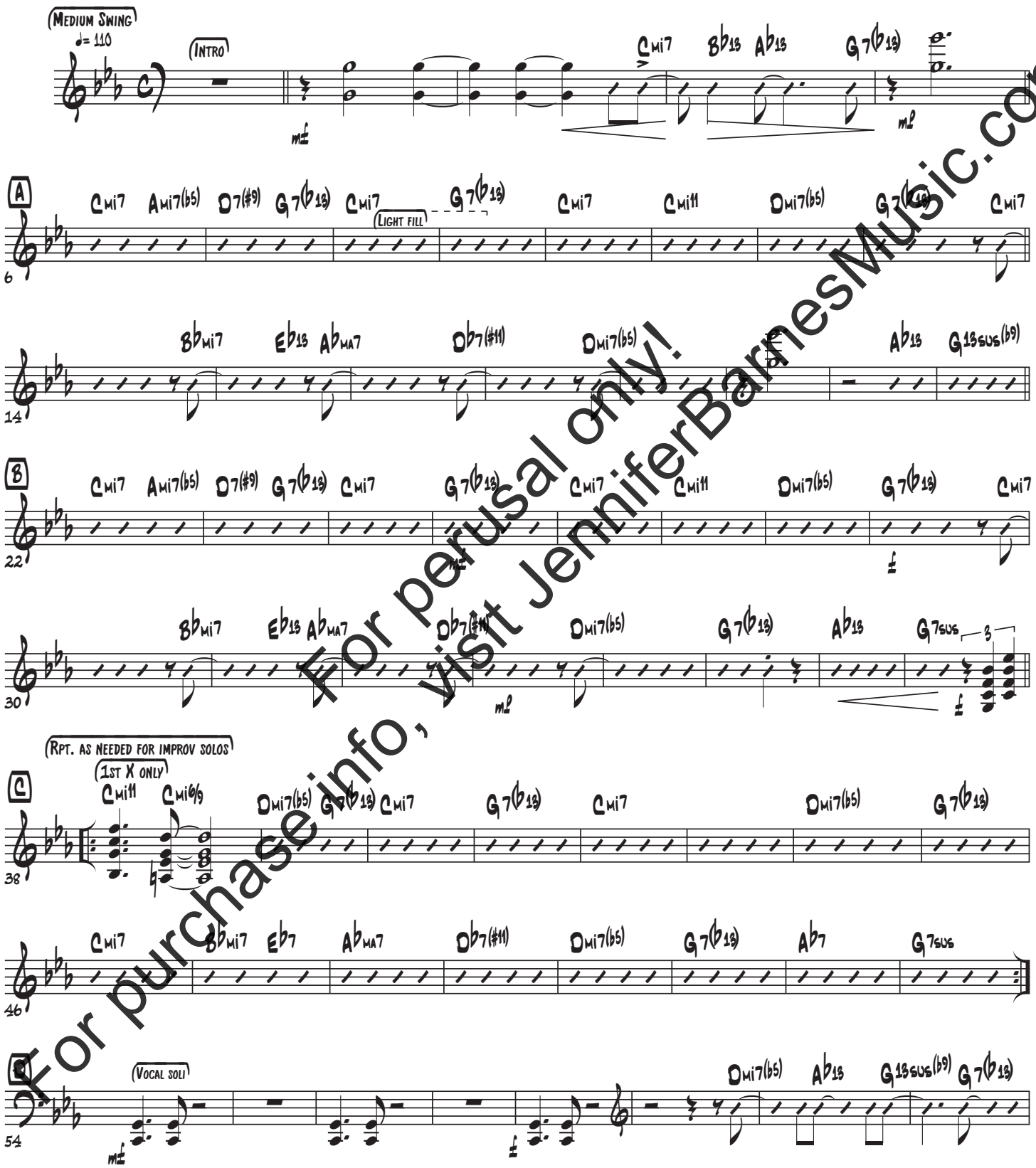

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Bass

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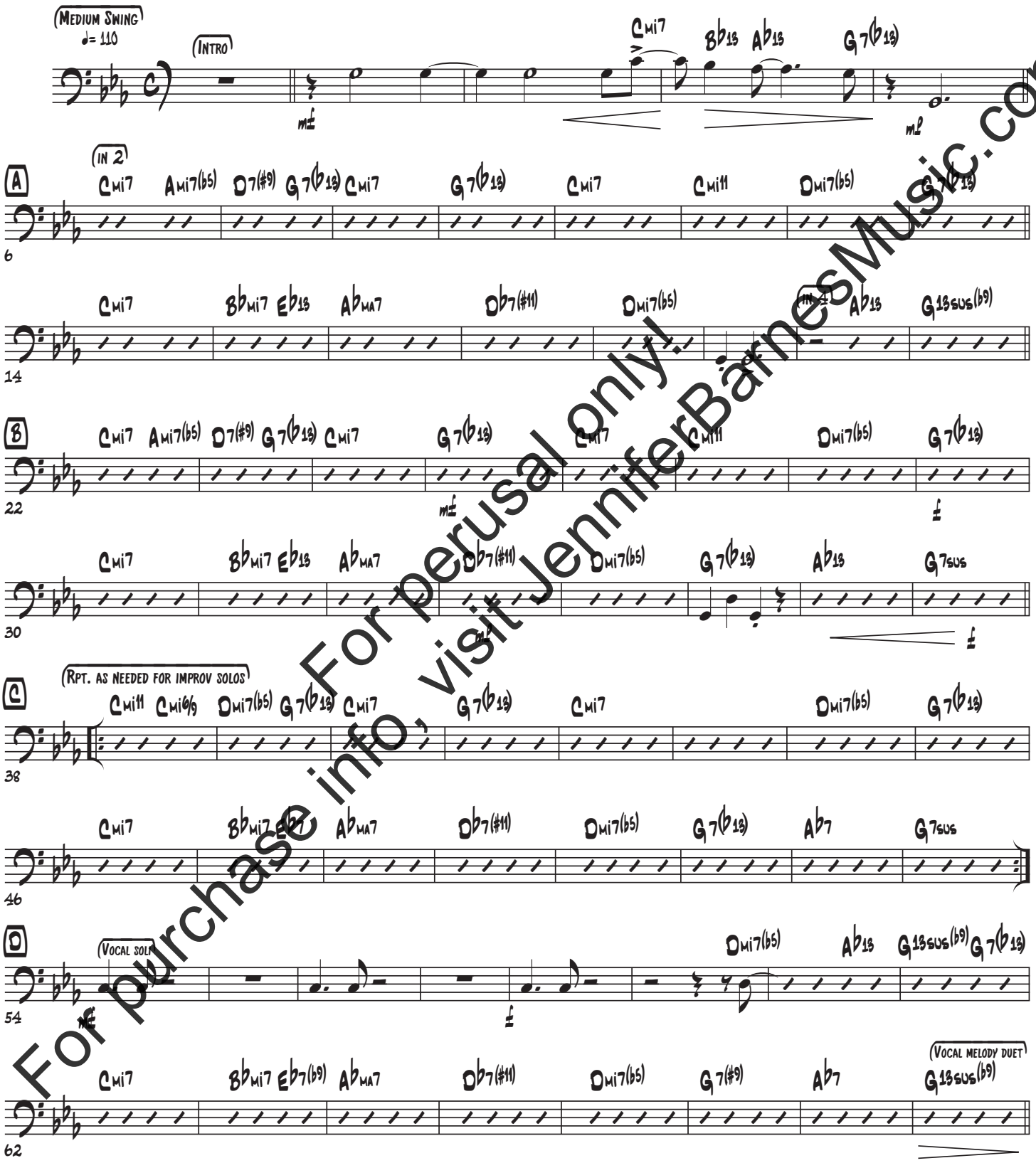

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Drums

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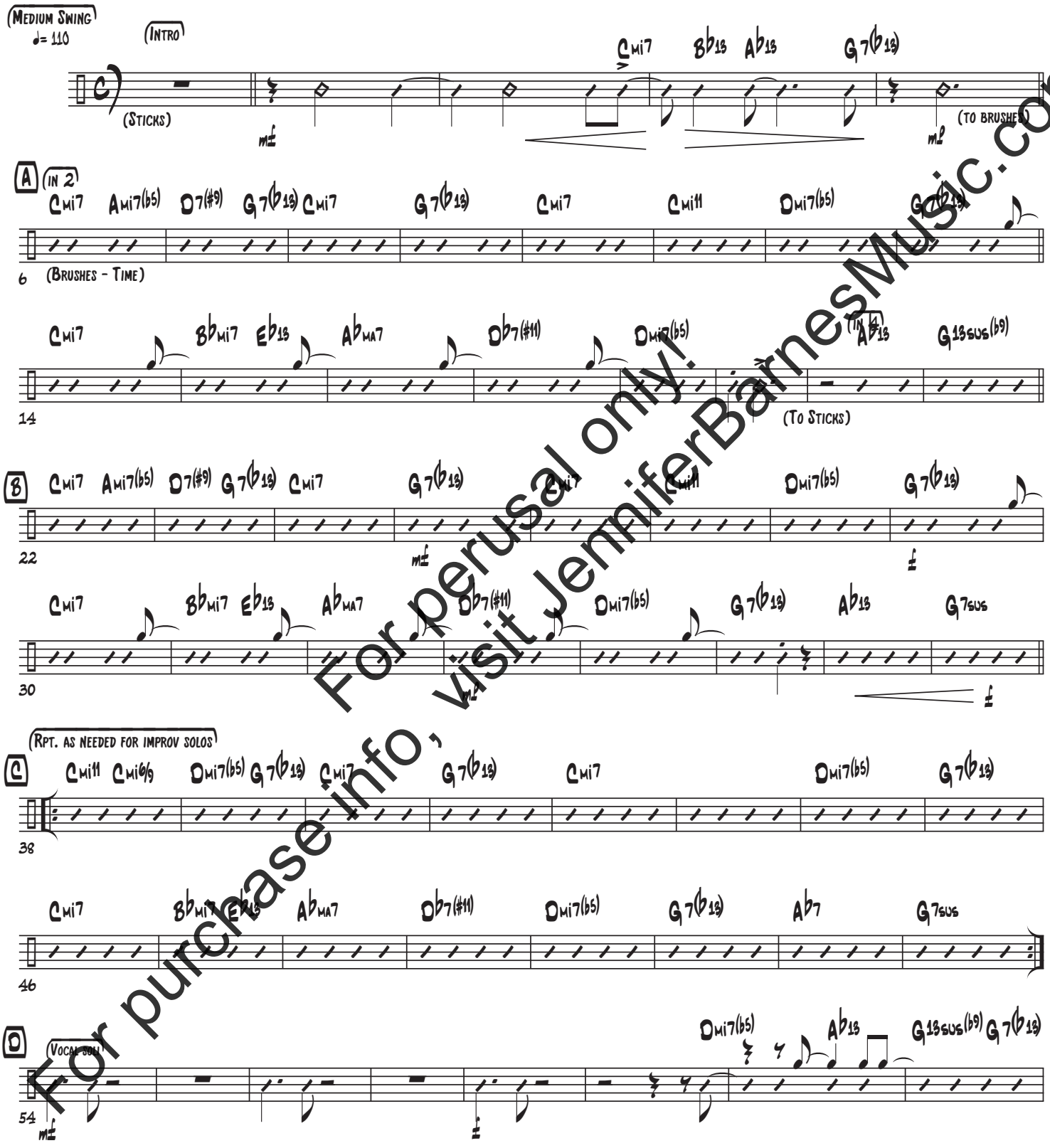

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Score

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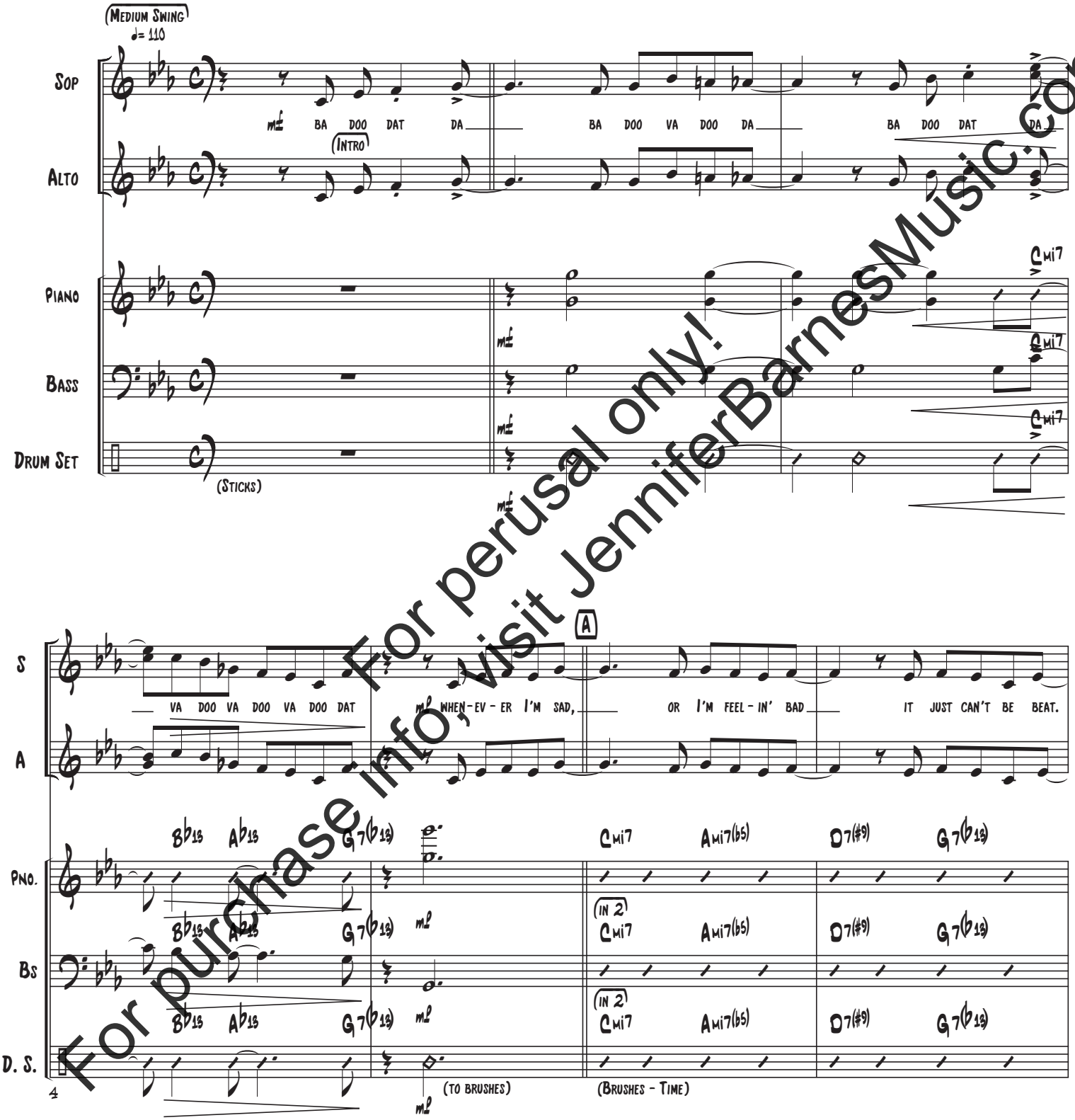

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