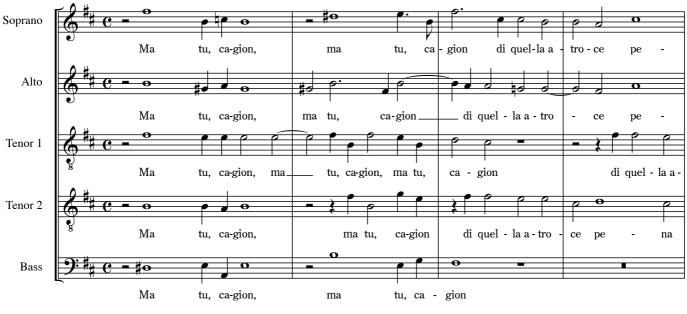
## 18. Ma tu, cagion from the fifth book of madrigals











But you, the cause of that appalling torture which will end my life, see how, despite yourself, one merciful effect flows from your cruelty and the suffering it inflicts: as I die, I am already in such torment that I shall be oblivious to the pain of dying.

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