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Duration: ca. 15′

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Glenstone Museum

Written for Abeo Quartet

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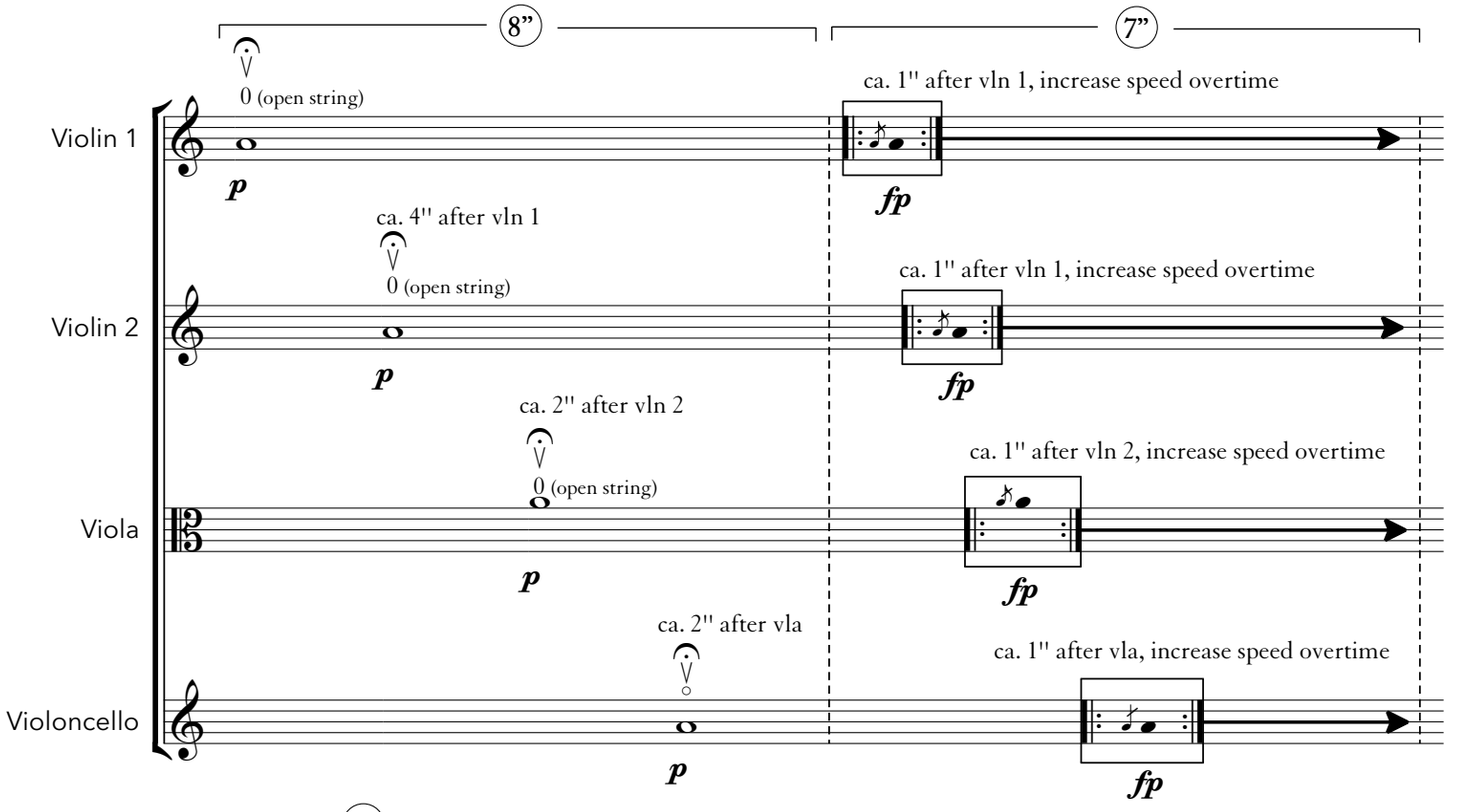
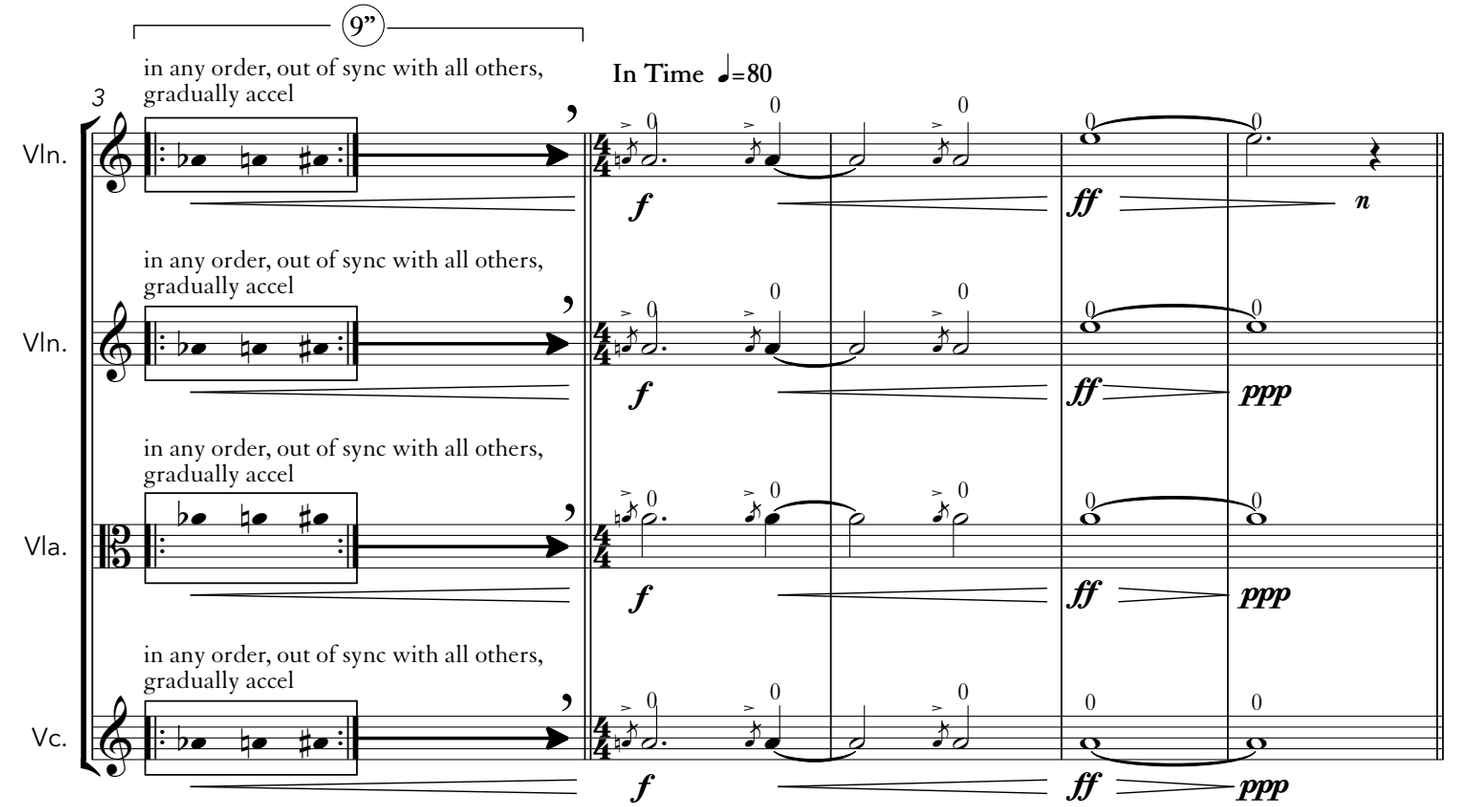
I. July 16, 1969





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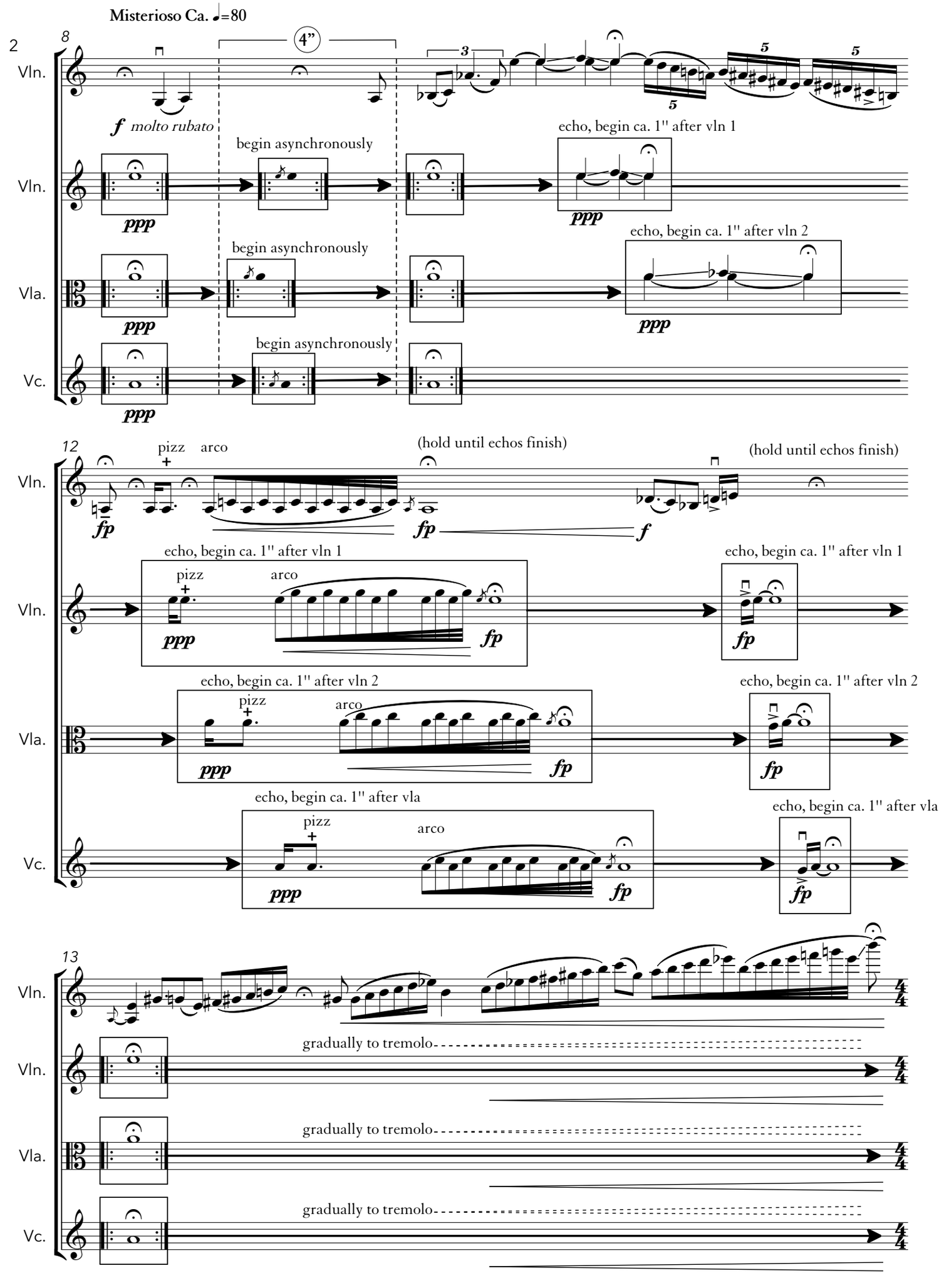
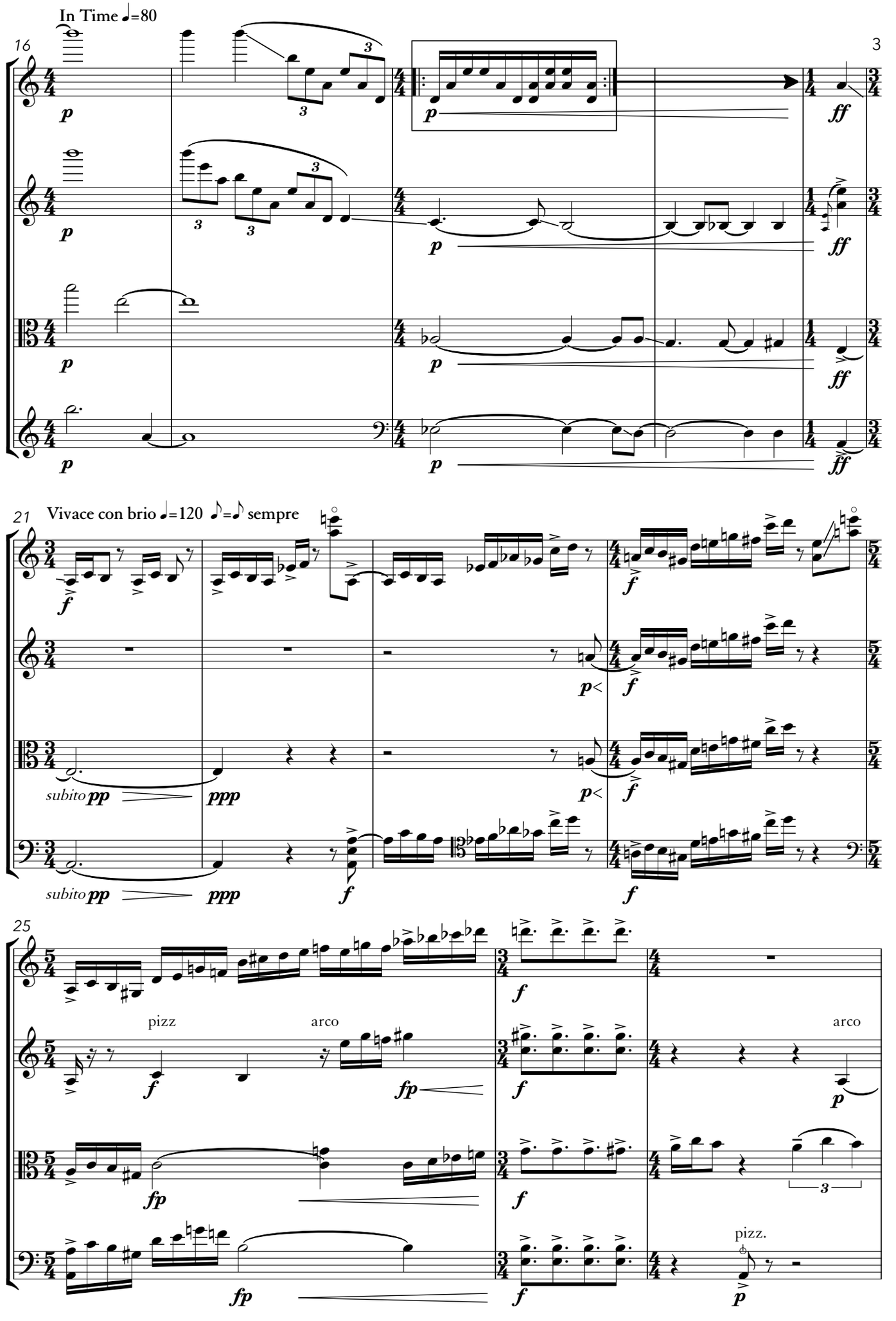
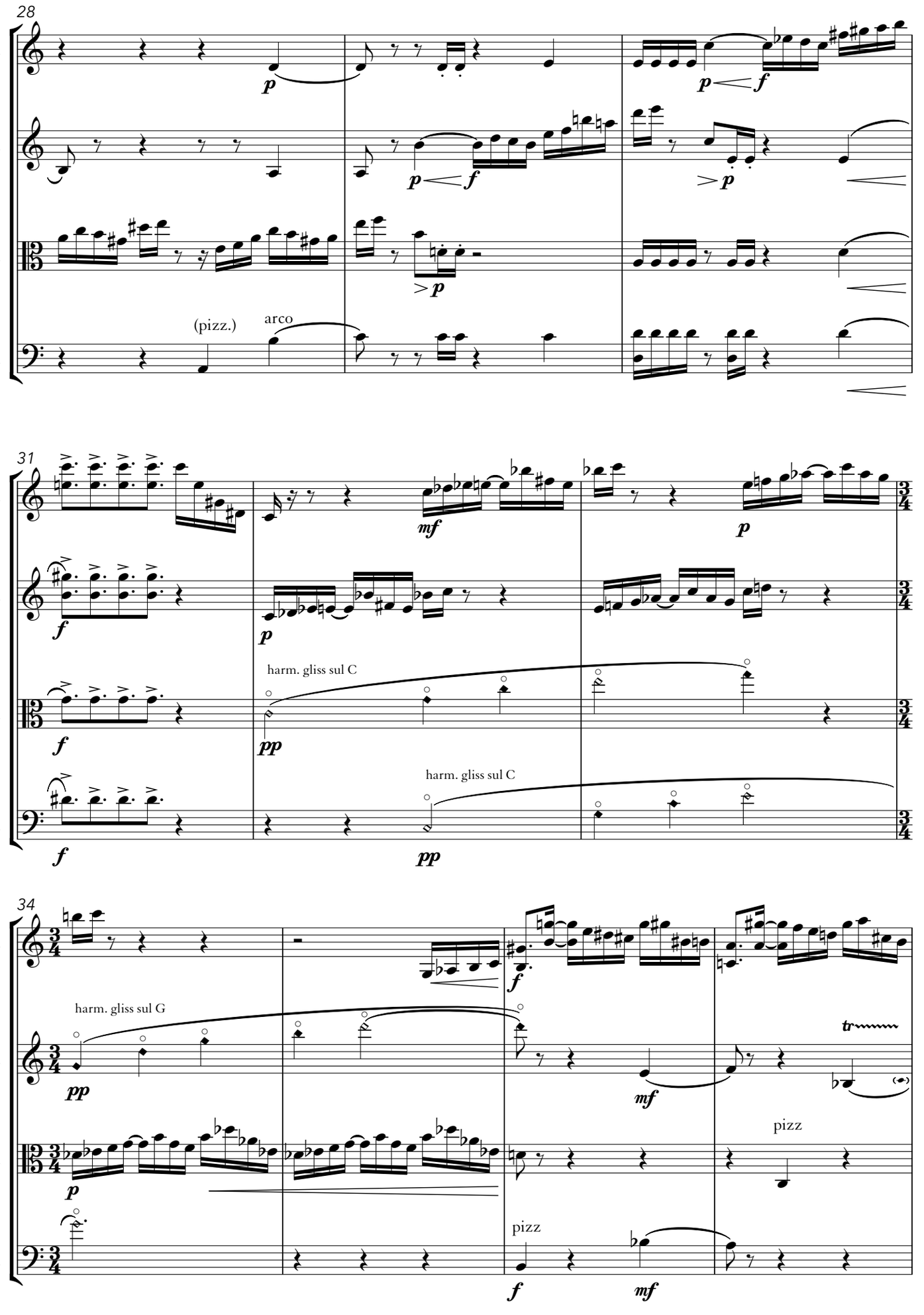
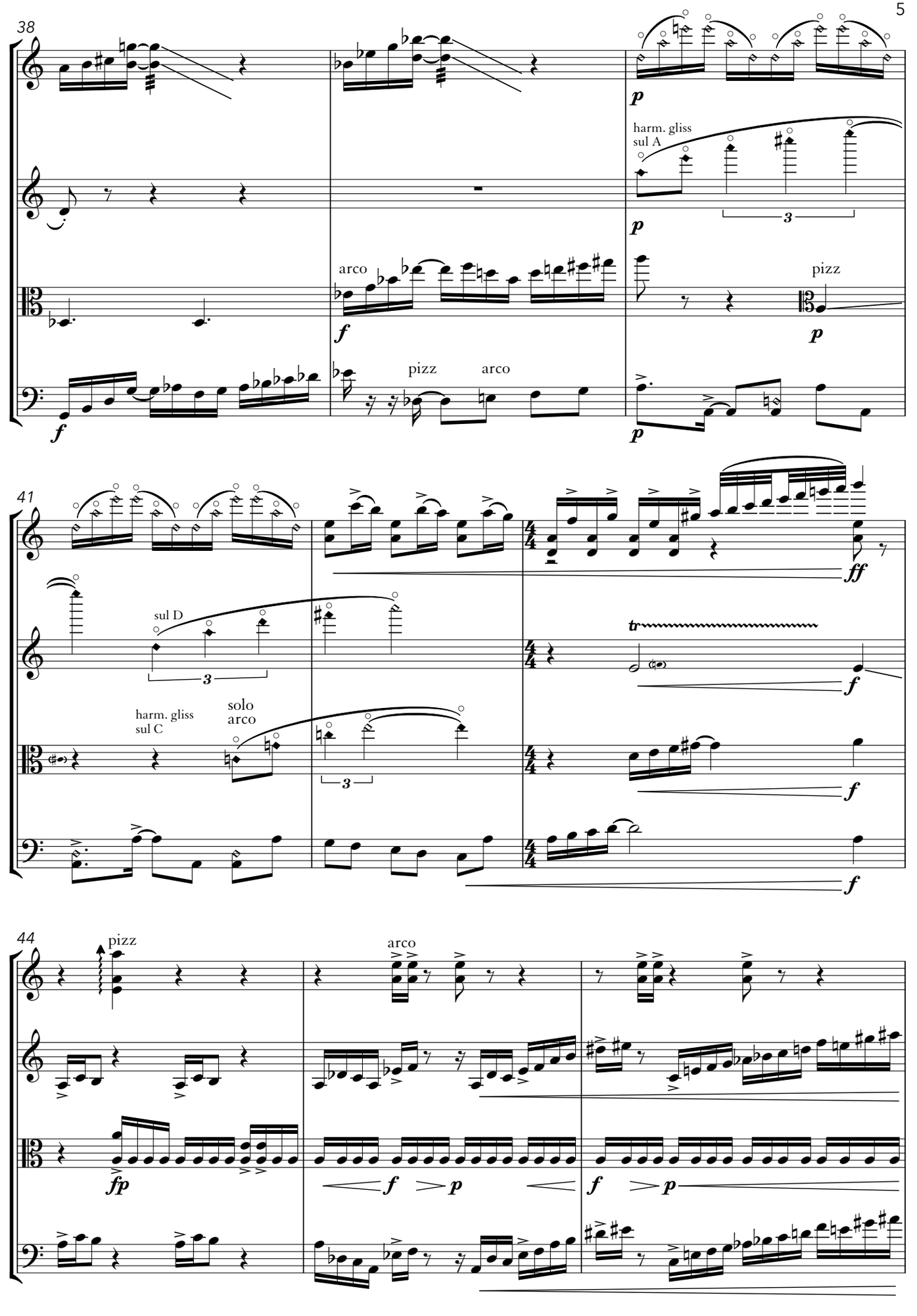
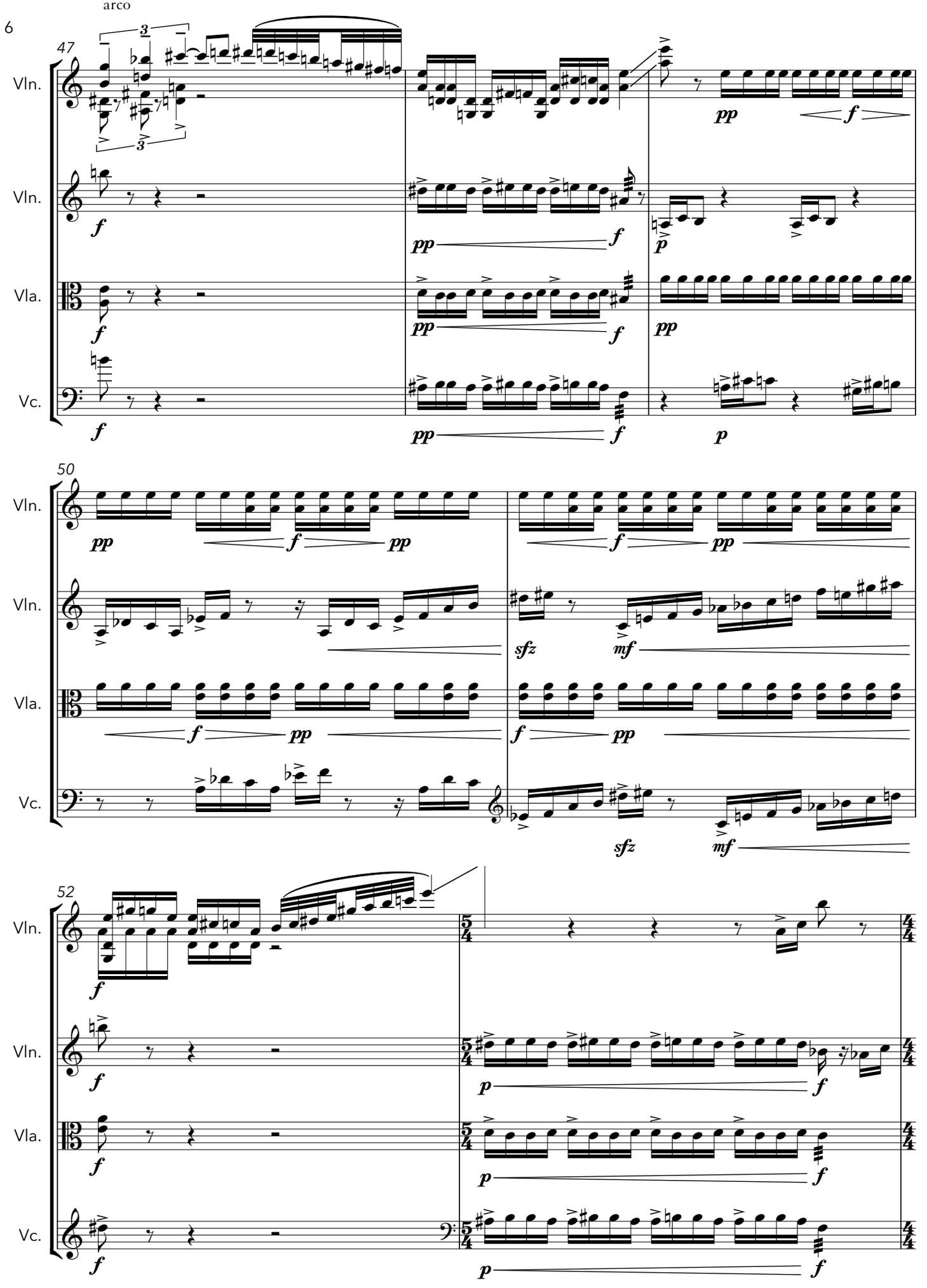
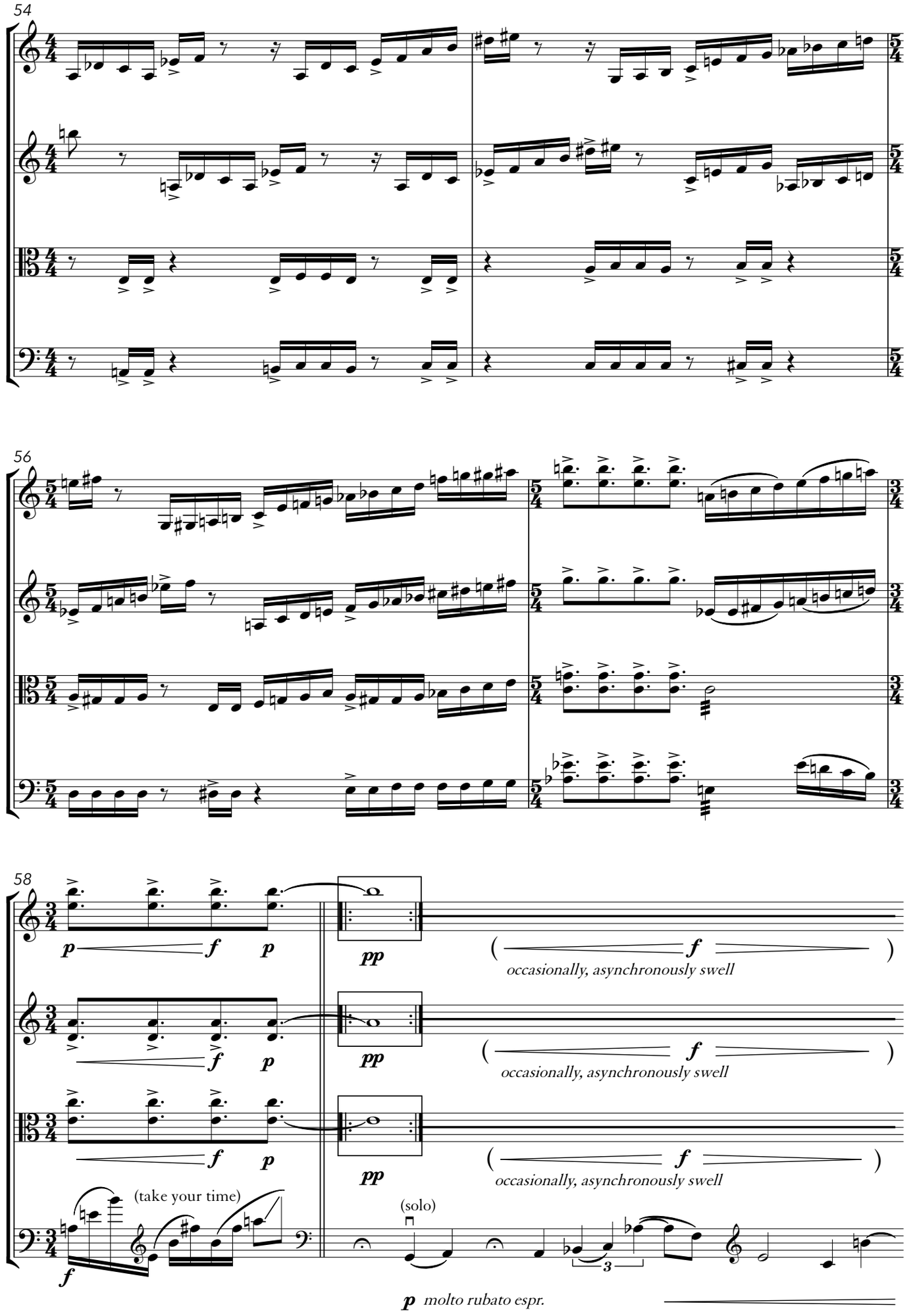

Misterioso Ca. ♩=80
2
8
4"
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
f molto rubato
ppp
begin asynchronously
echo, begin ca. 1" after vln 1
echo, begin ca. 1" after vln 2
12
pizz
arco
(hold until echos finish)
fp
f
echo, begin ca. 1" after vla
13
gradually to tremolo

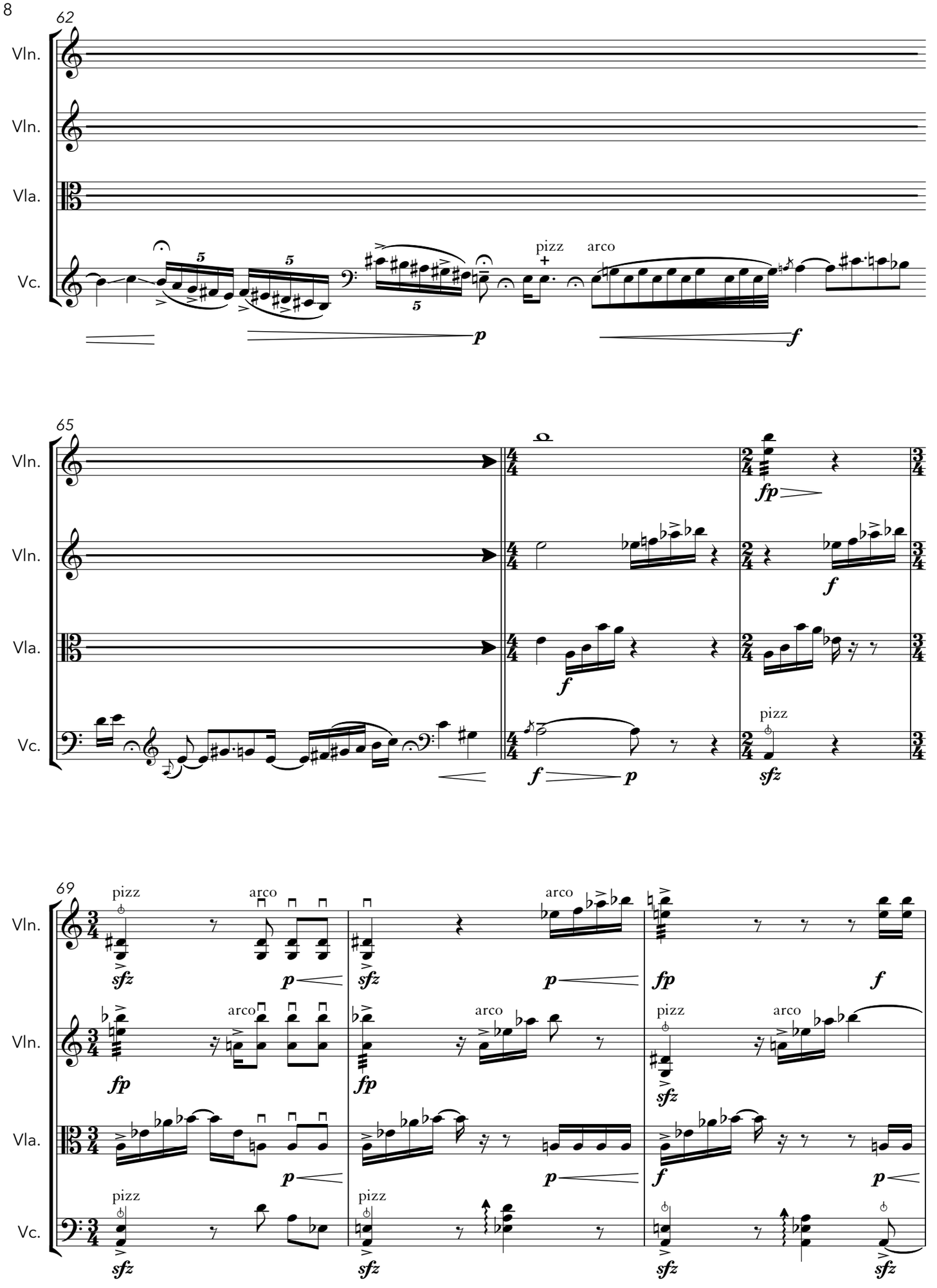

In Time ♩=80
16
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
21
Vivace con brio ♩=120 ♪=♪ sempre
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
subito pp
ppp
25
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
pizz
arco
arco
pizz.

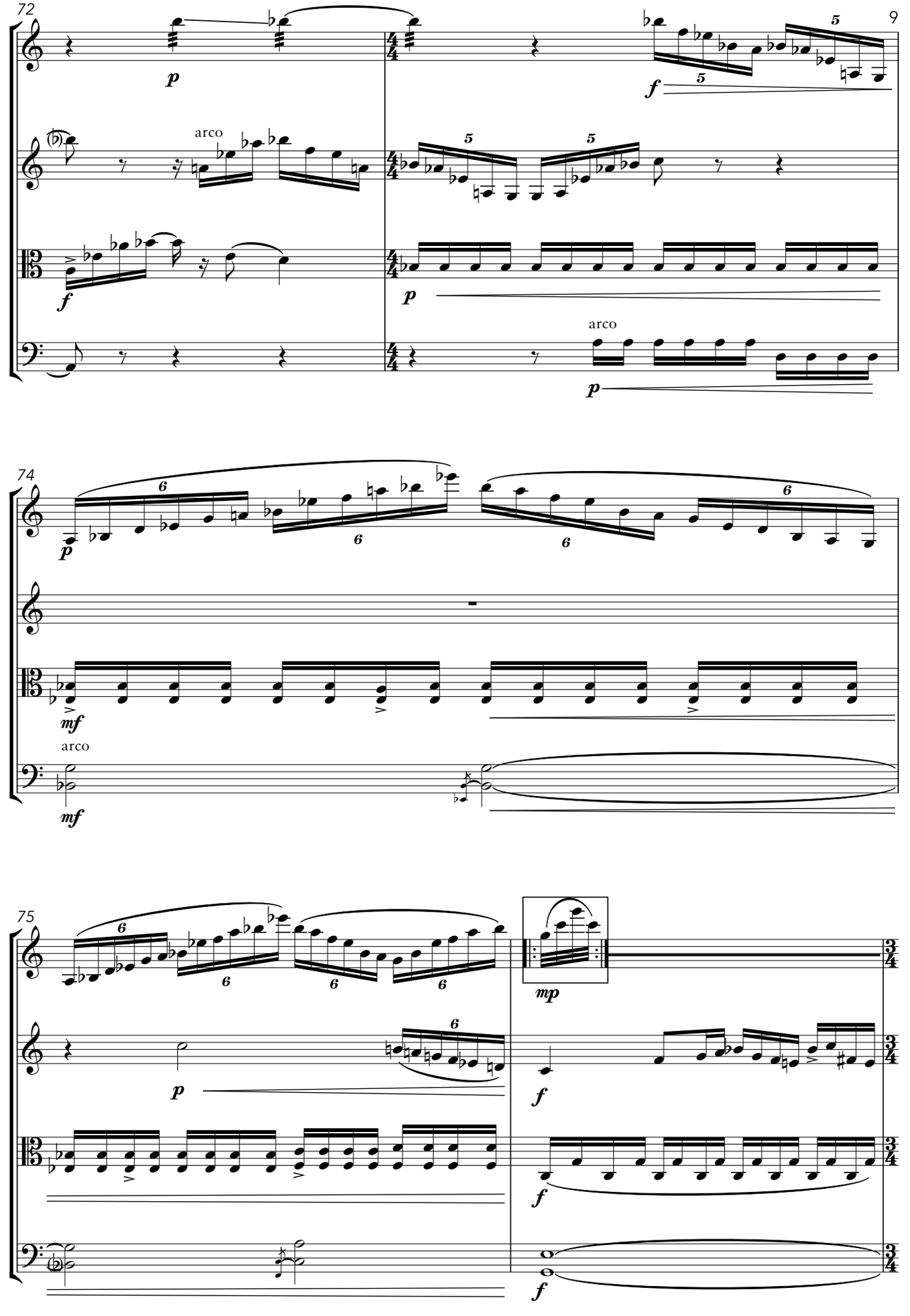

28
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
(pizz.)
arco
31
harm. gliss sul C
harm. gliss sul C
34
harm. gliss sul G
pizz
pizz

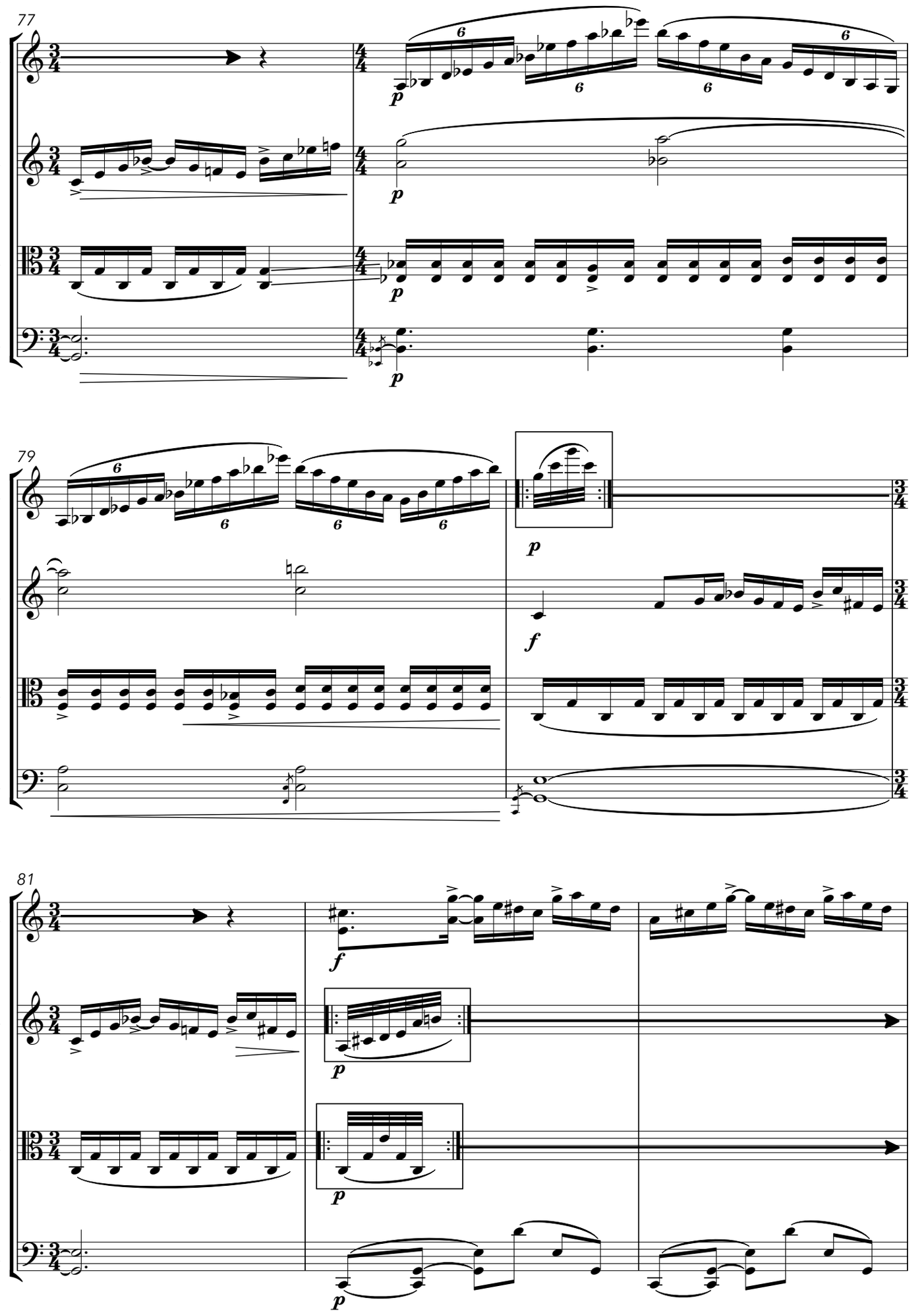

38
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
p
harm. gliss
sul A
3
arco
f
pizz
p
pizz
arco
f
p
41
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
ff
sul D
3
tr
f
harm. gliss
sul C
solo
arco
3
f
f
44
pizz
arco
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
fp
f
p
f
p

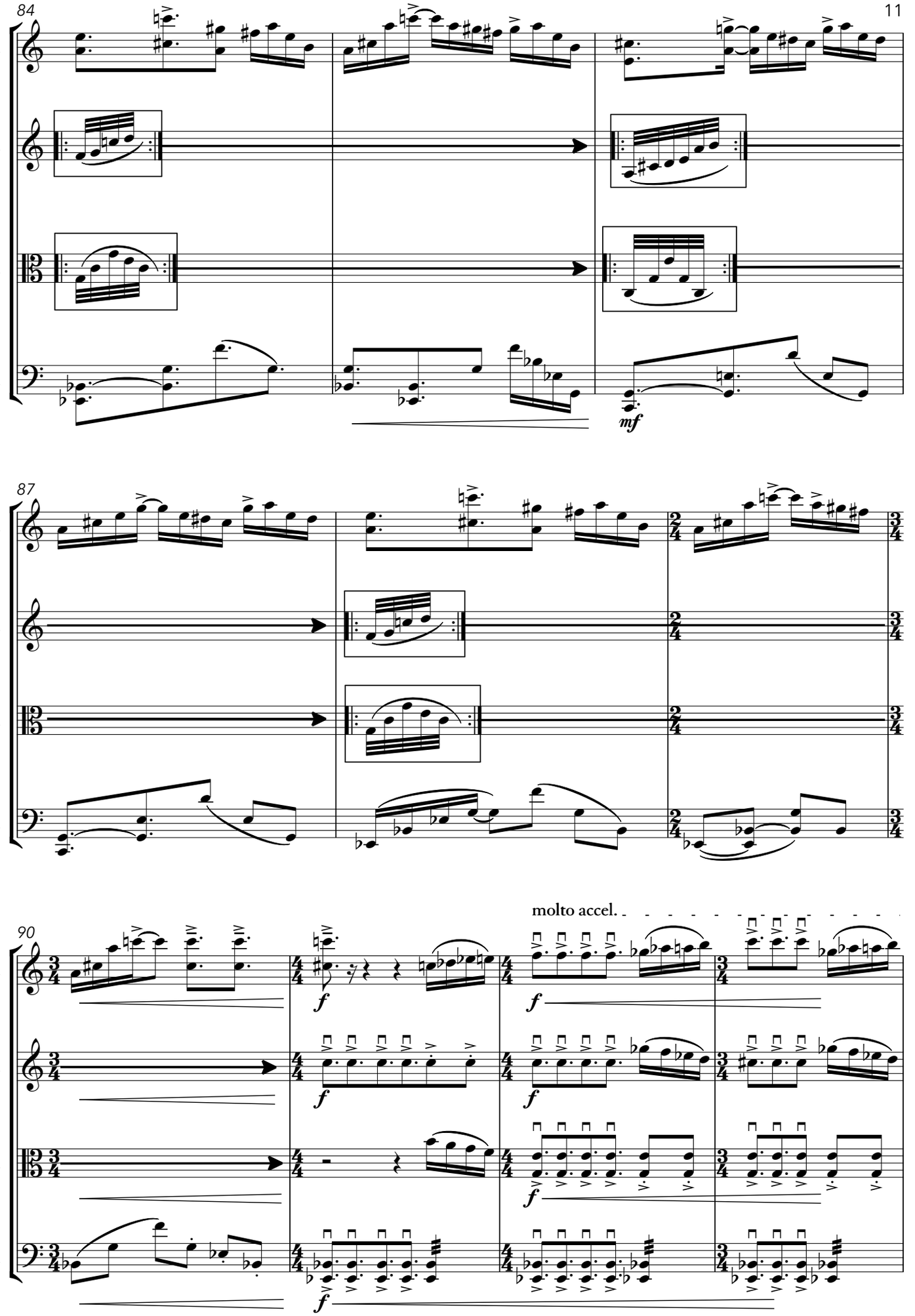

arco
47
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
50
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
52
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.

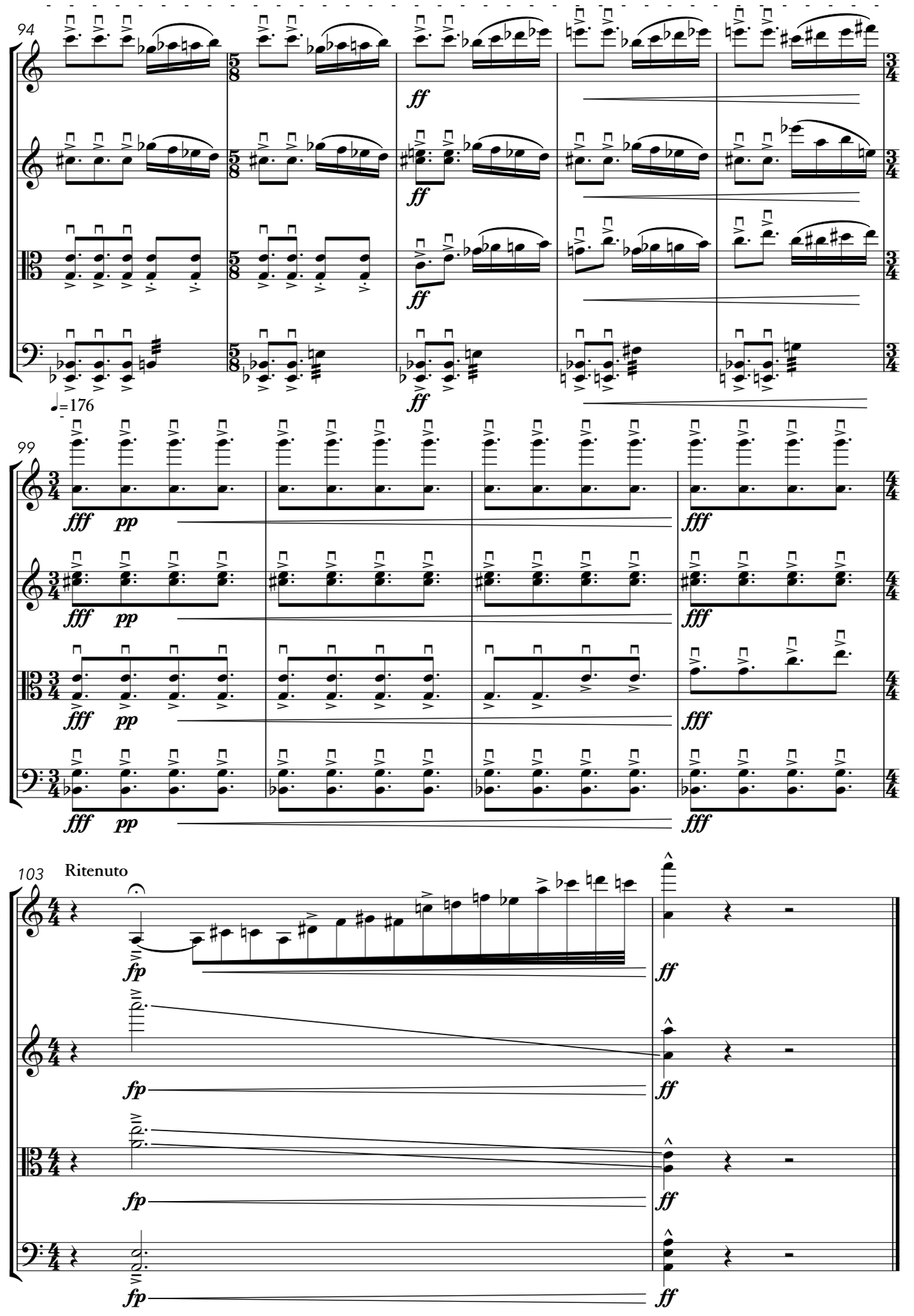

54
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
56
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
58
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
p
f
p
pp
occasionally, asynchronously swell
(take your time)
(solo)
p molto rubato espr.


62
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
pizz
arco
p
f
65
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
fp
f
f
p
pizz
sfz
69
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
pizz
arco
sfz
p
fp
f
pizz
arco


72
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
arco
arco
74
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
arco
75
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.


77
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
79
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
81
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.


84
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
mf
87
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
molto accel.
90
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
f


94
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
ff
♩=176
99
fff
pp
103
Ritenuto
fp
ff

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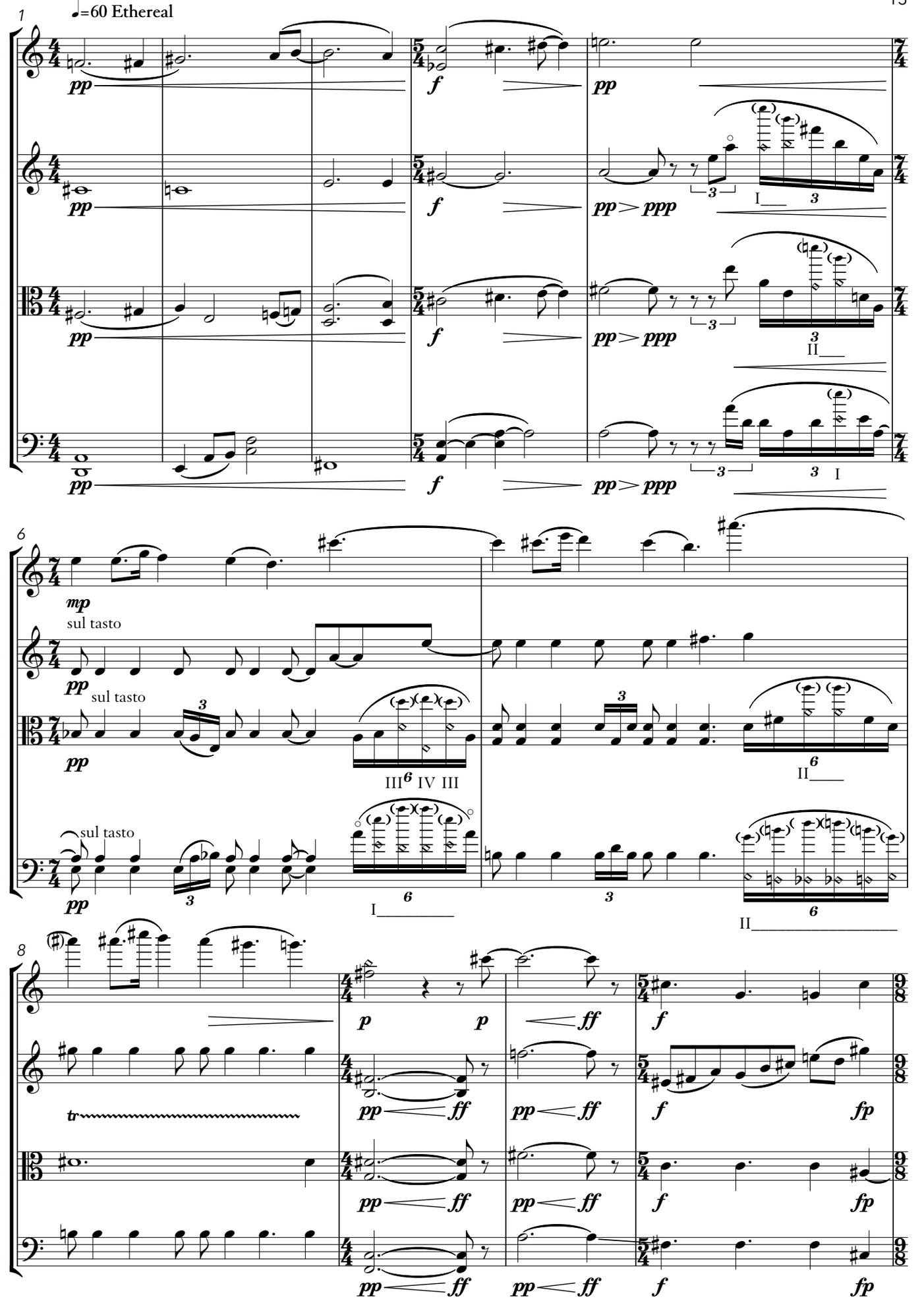
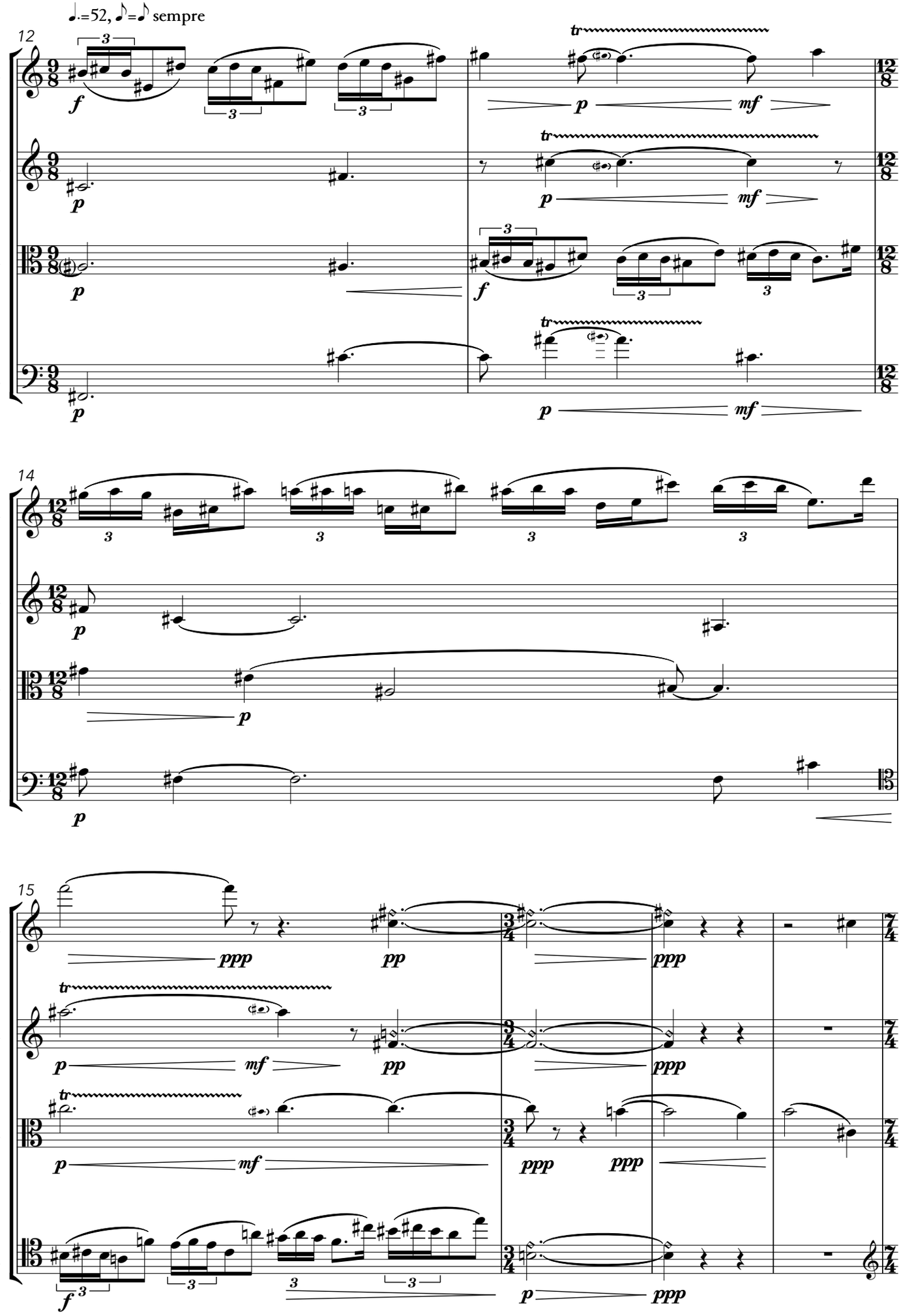
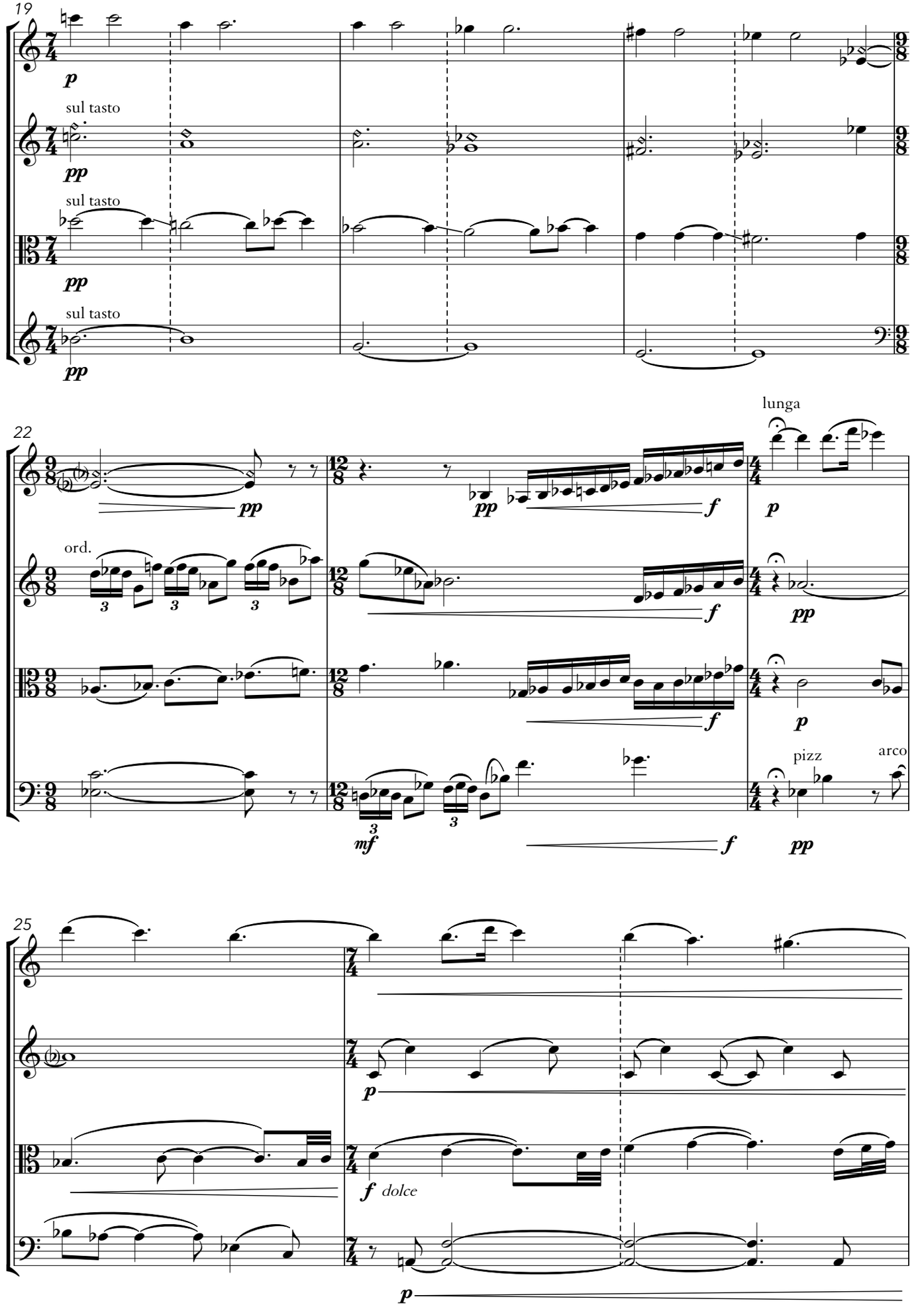
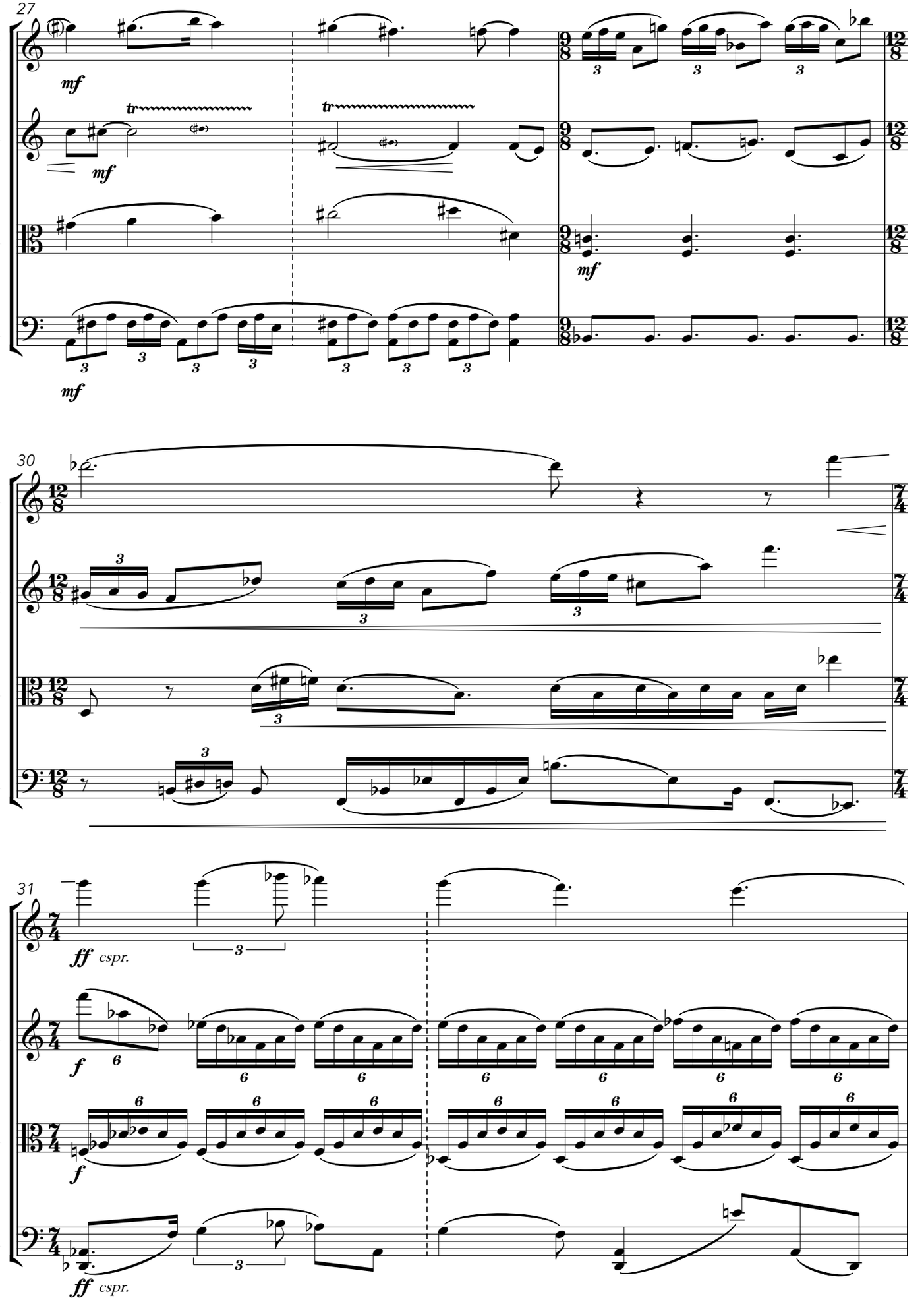
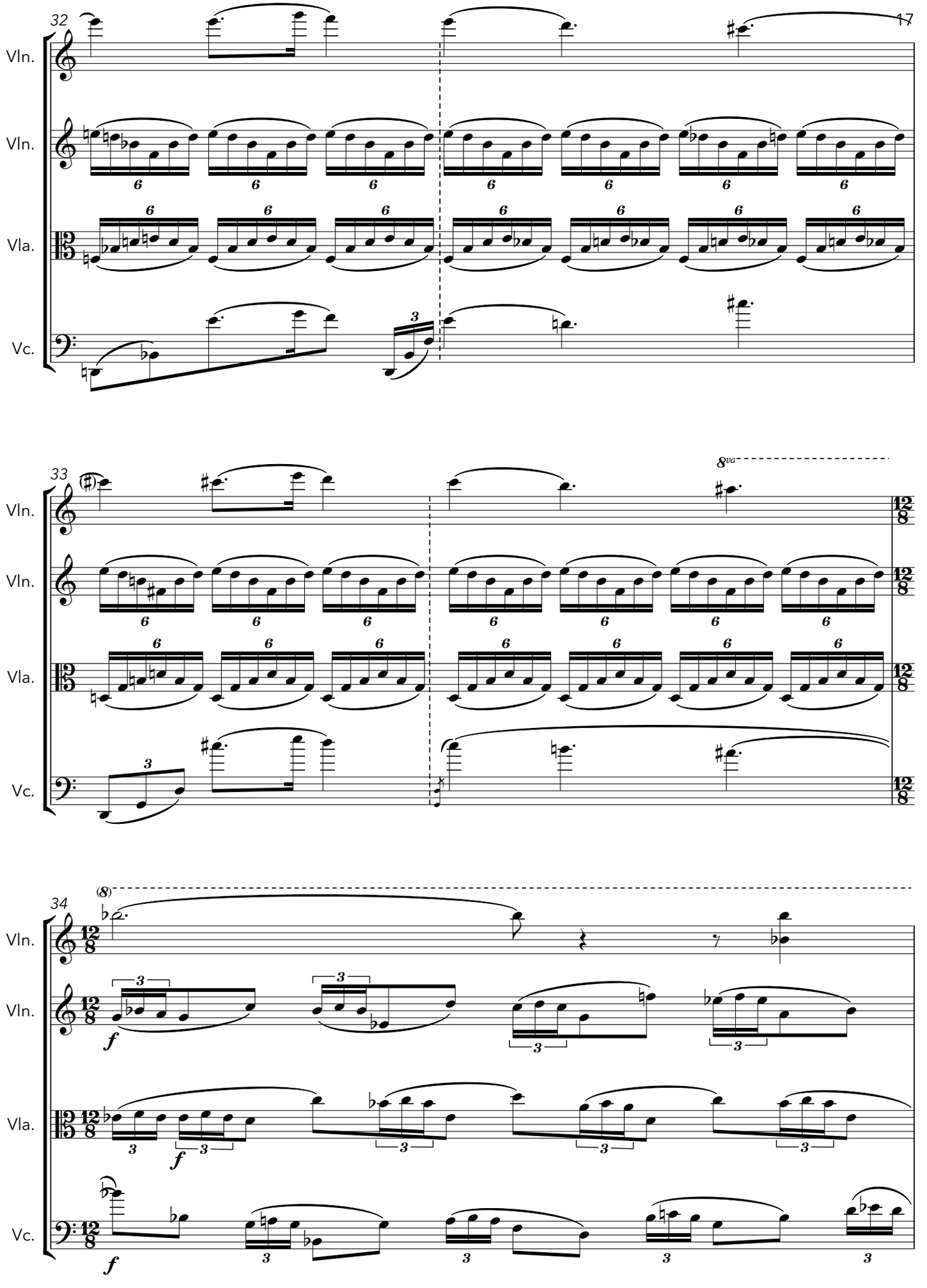
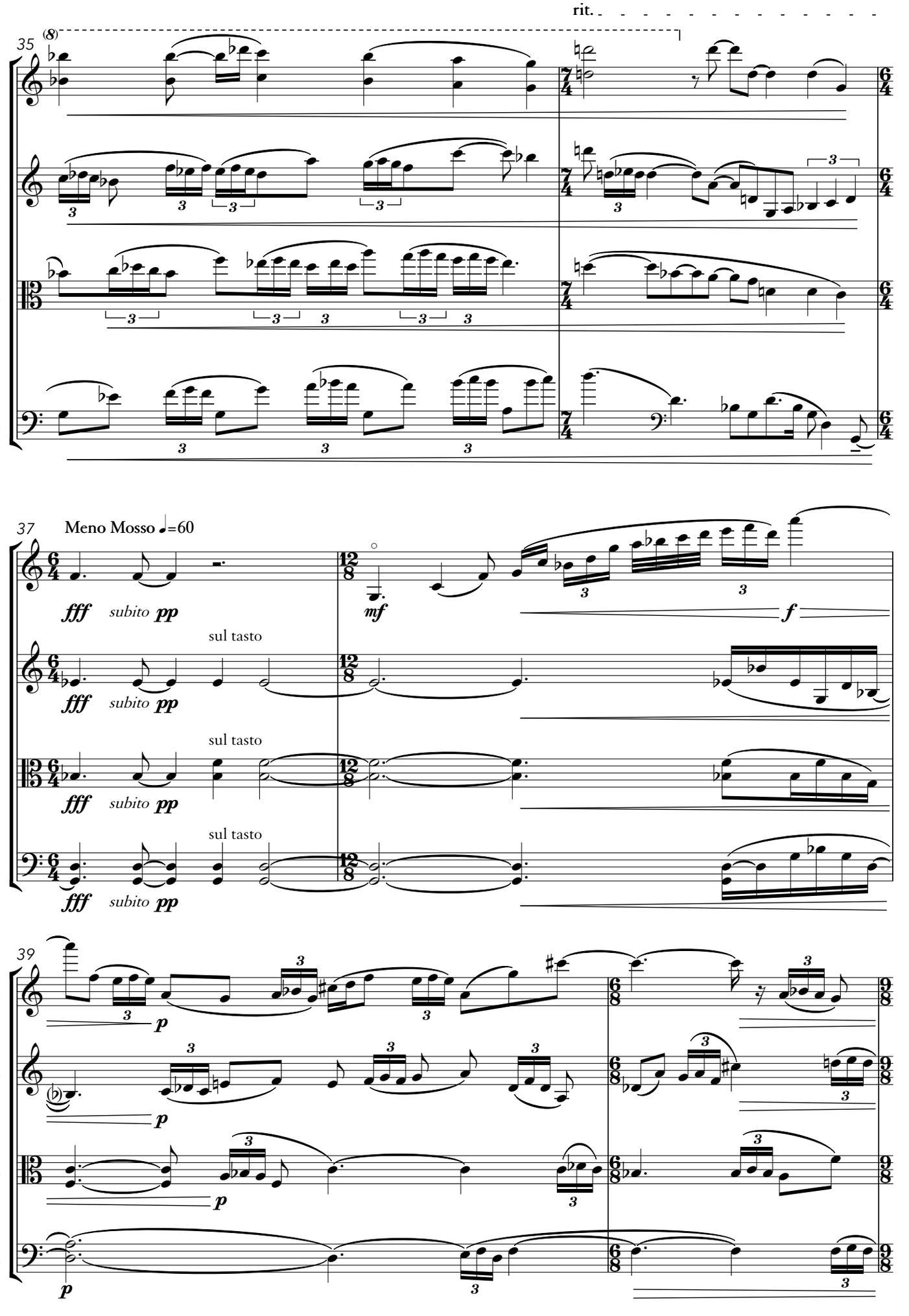



♩.=52, ♪=♪ sempre
12
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
14
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
15
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.


19
Vln.
sul tasto
Vln.
sul tasto
Vla.
sul tasto
Vc.
22
Vln.
ord.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
lunga
pizz
arco
25
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
dolce


27
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
mf
tr
30
31
ff espr.
f


32
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
33
8va
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
34
(8)
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
f


rit.
35
(8)
Vln.
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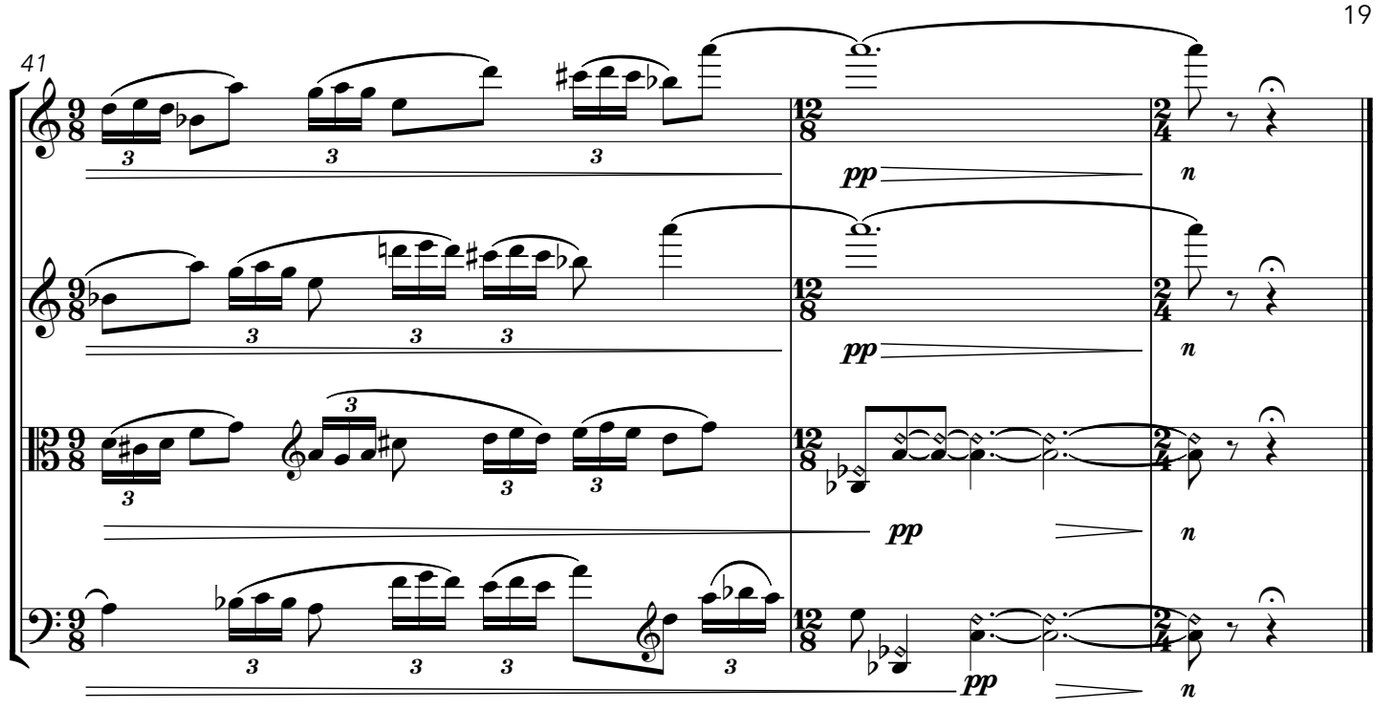
Vla.
Vc.
37
Meno Mosso ♩=60
fff subito pp
mf
f
sul tasto
39
p



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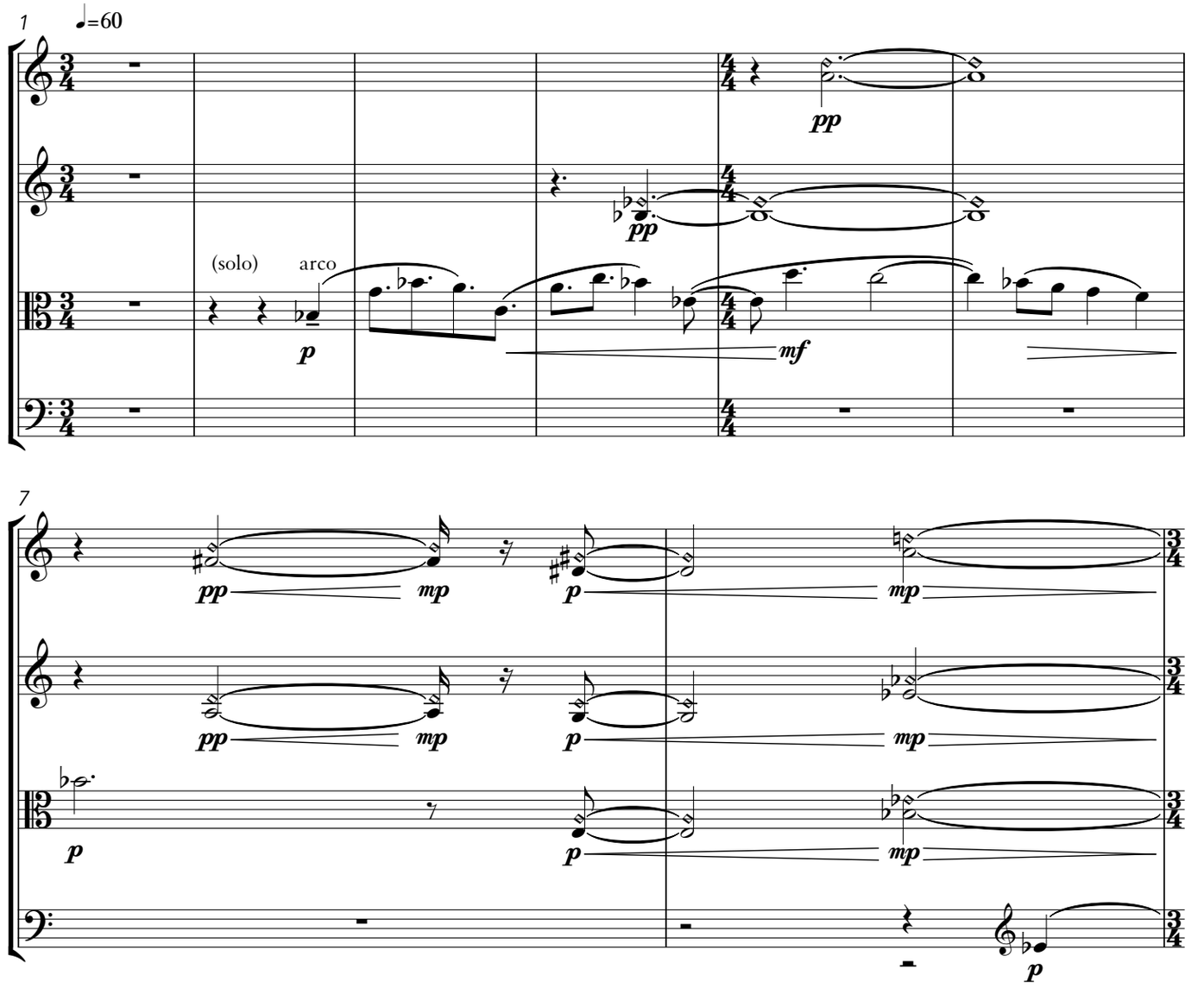
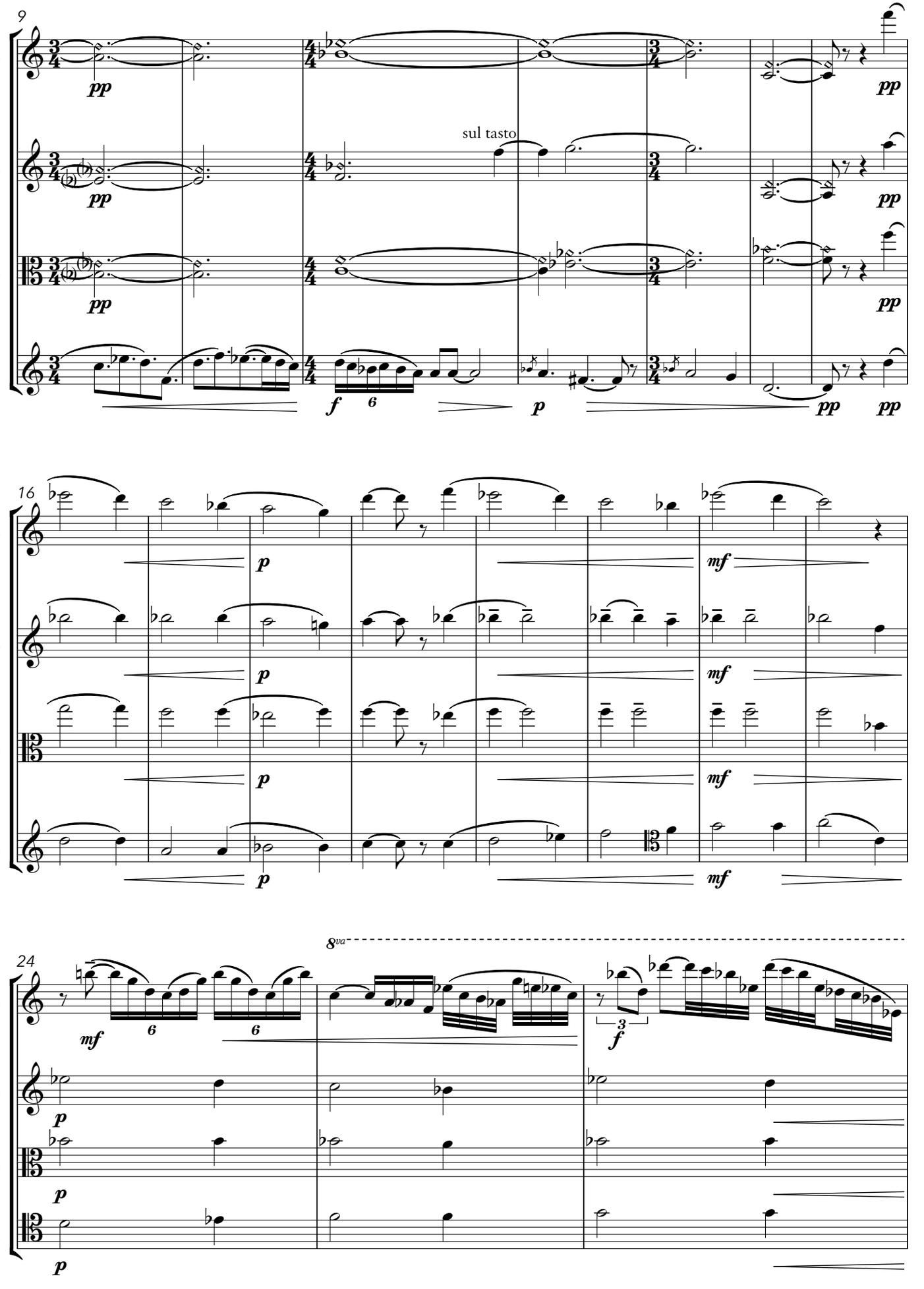
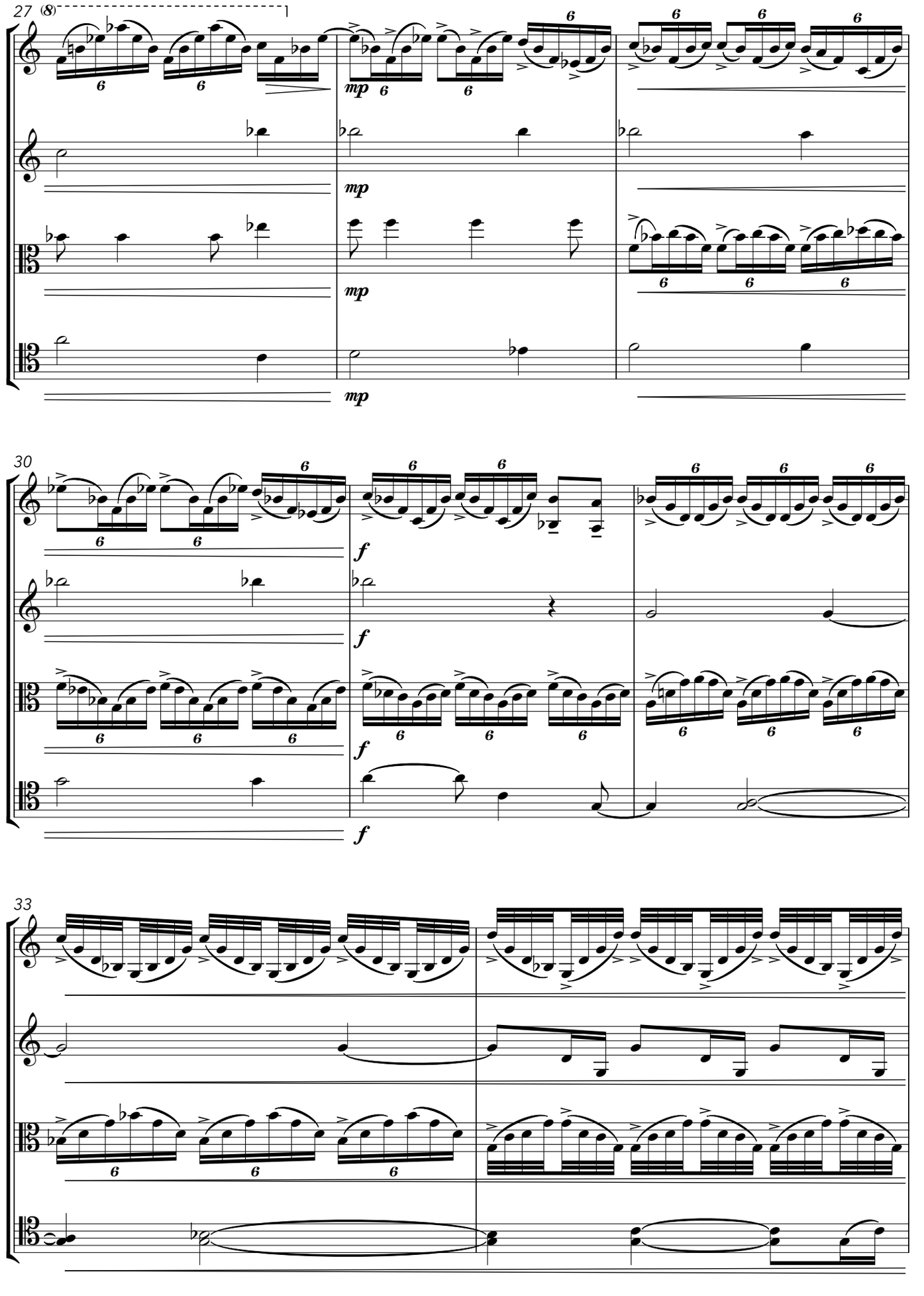
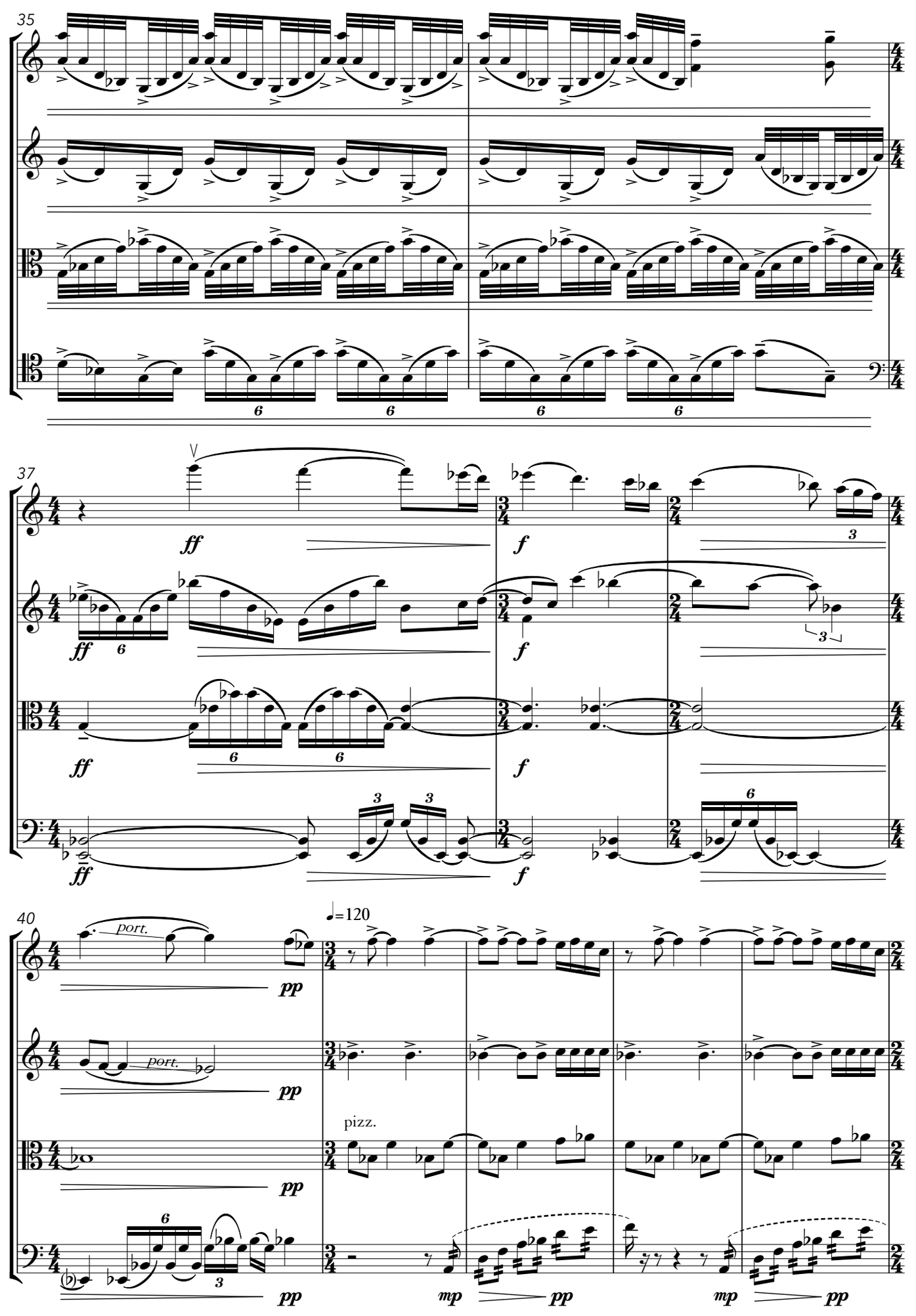
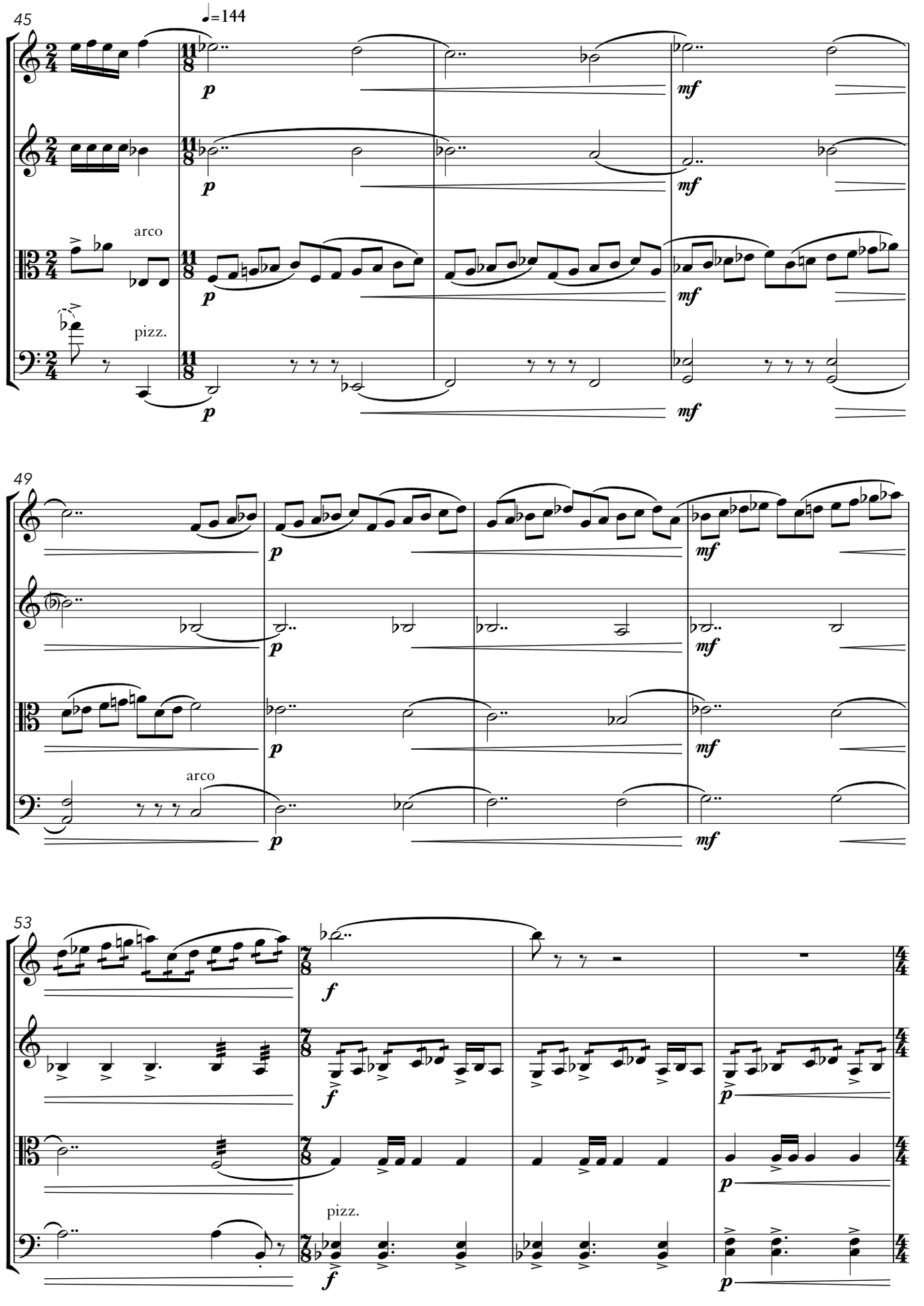
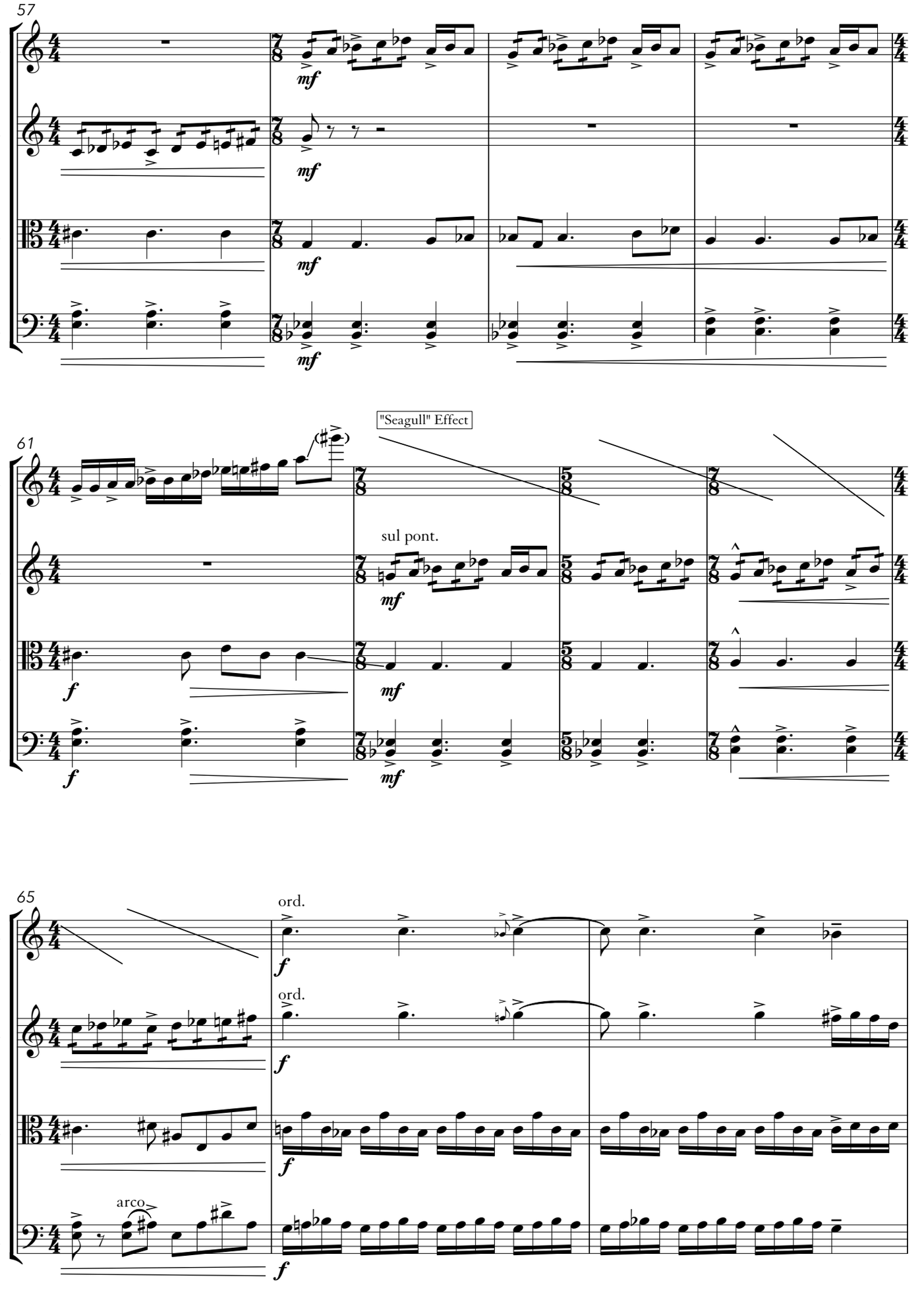


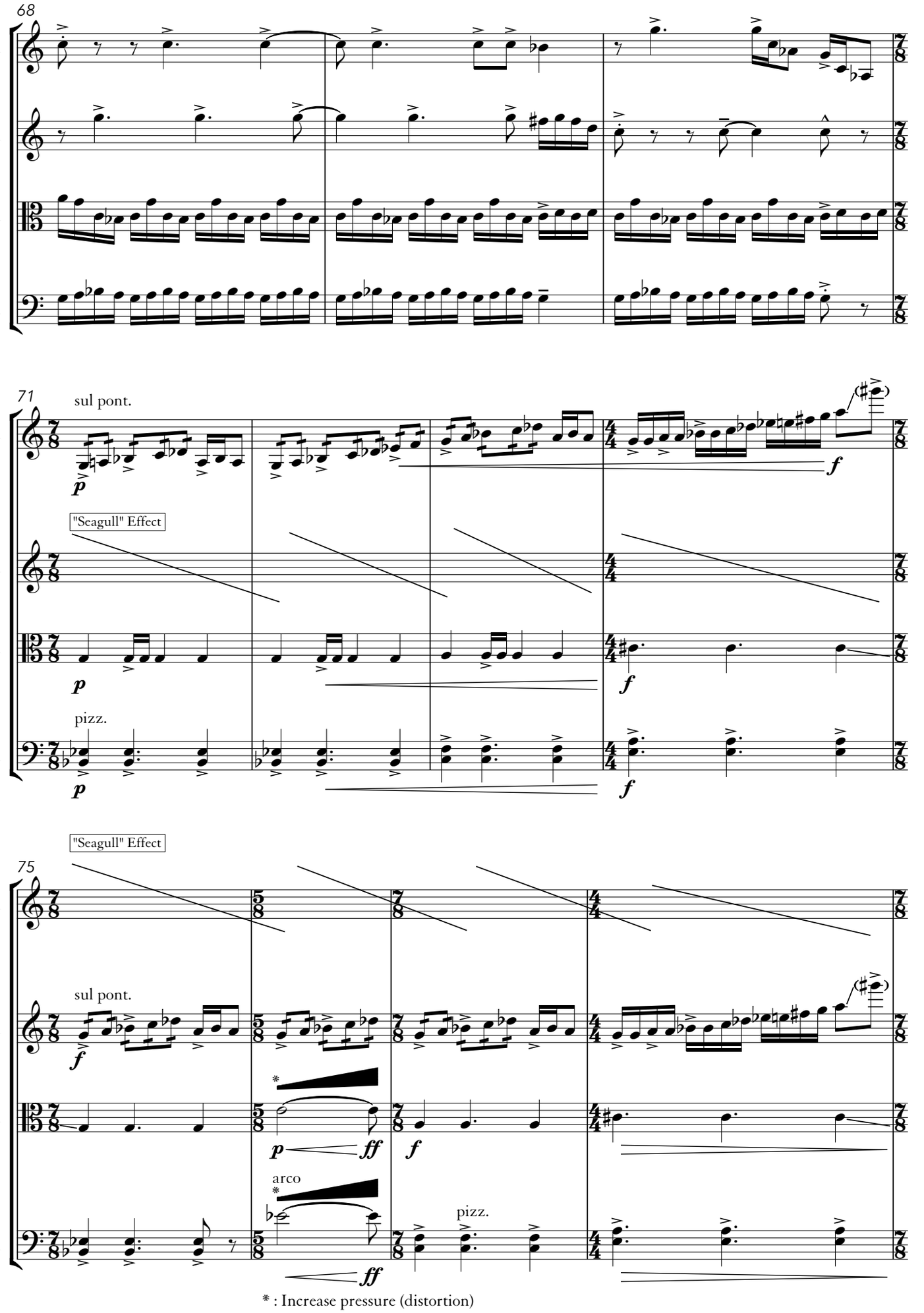

9
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
pp
sul tasto
f
6
p
16
mf
24
8va
3
mf
f


27
(8)
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
mp
30
f
33


35
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
37
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
ff
f
40
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
port.
pp
♩=120
pizz.
mp


45
♩=144
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
arco
pizz.
Vc.
p
mf
49
arco
53
f
p


57
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
mf
61
"Seagull" Effect
sul pont.
f
65
ord.
arco



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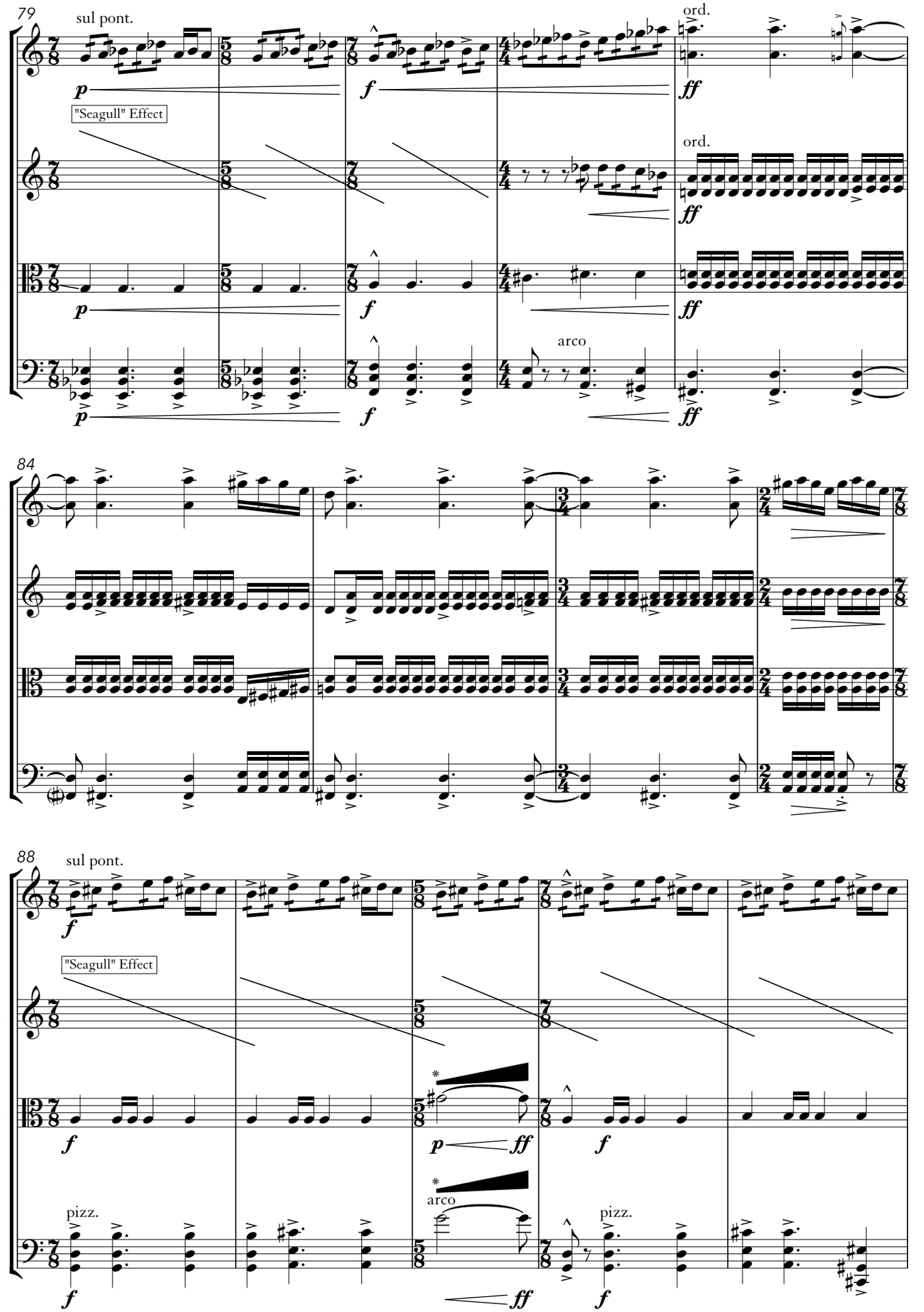
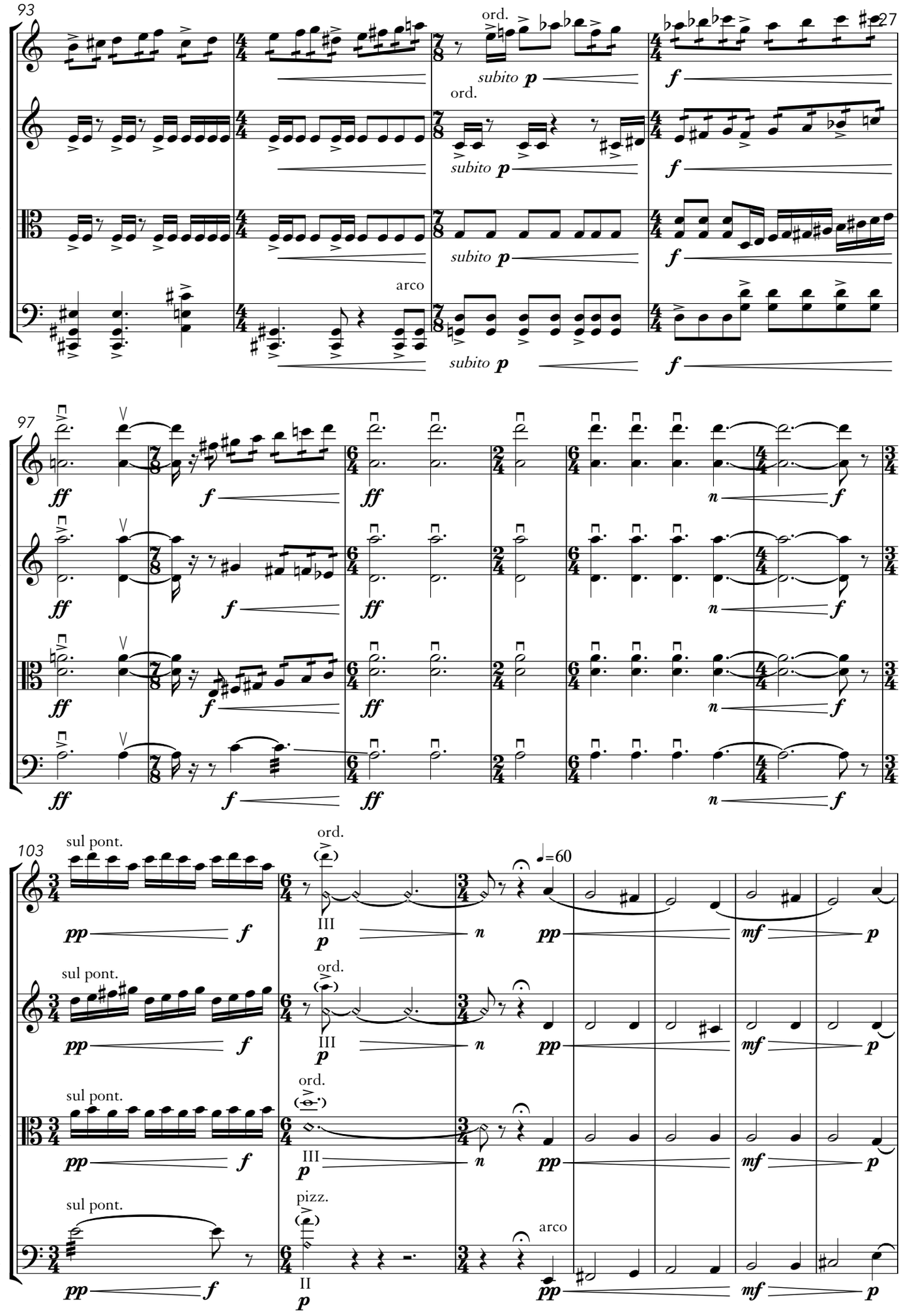
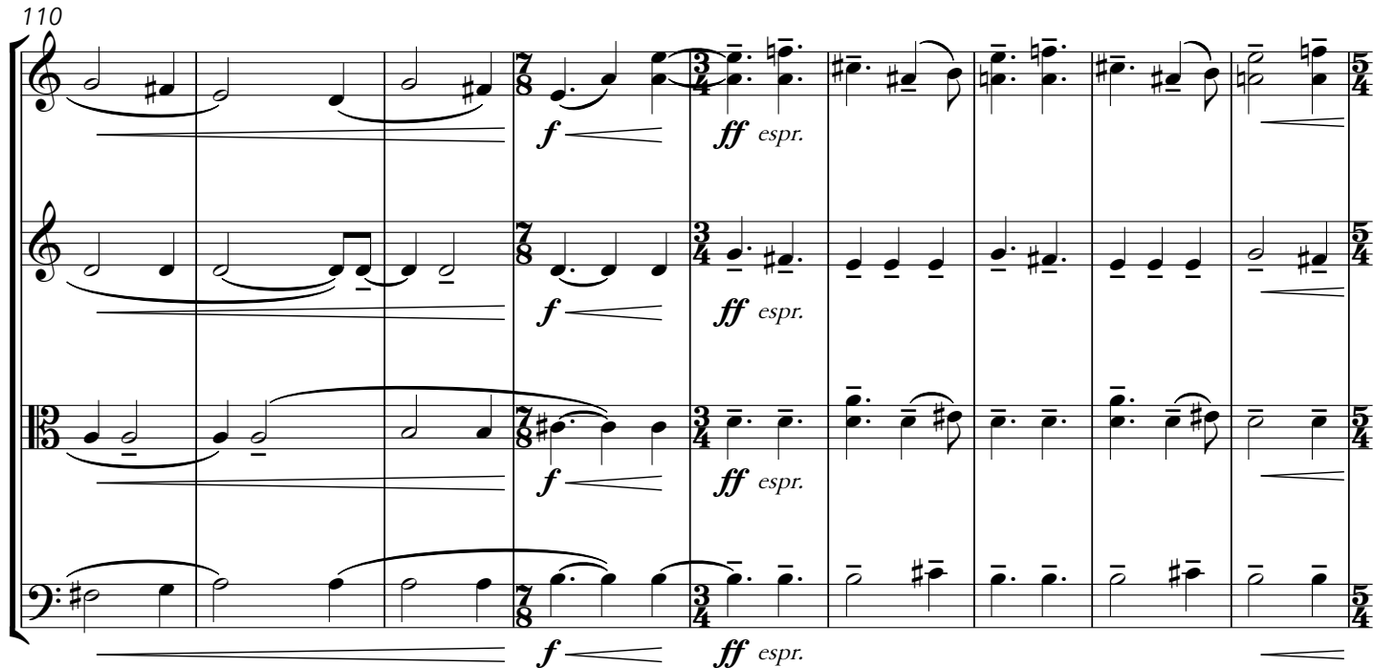
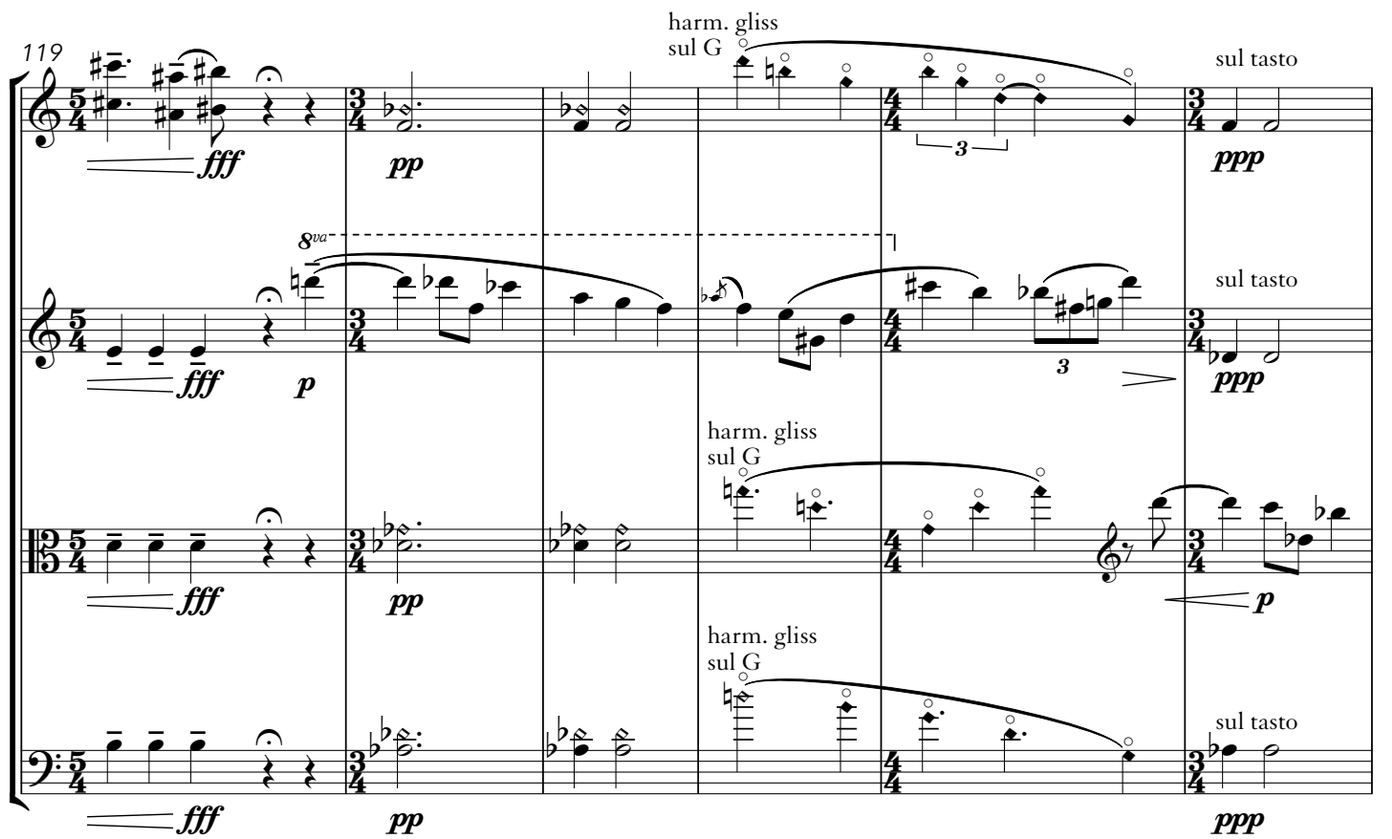
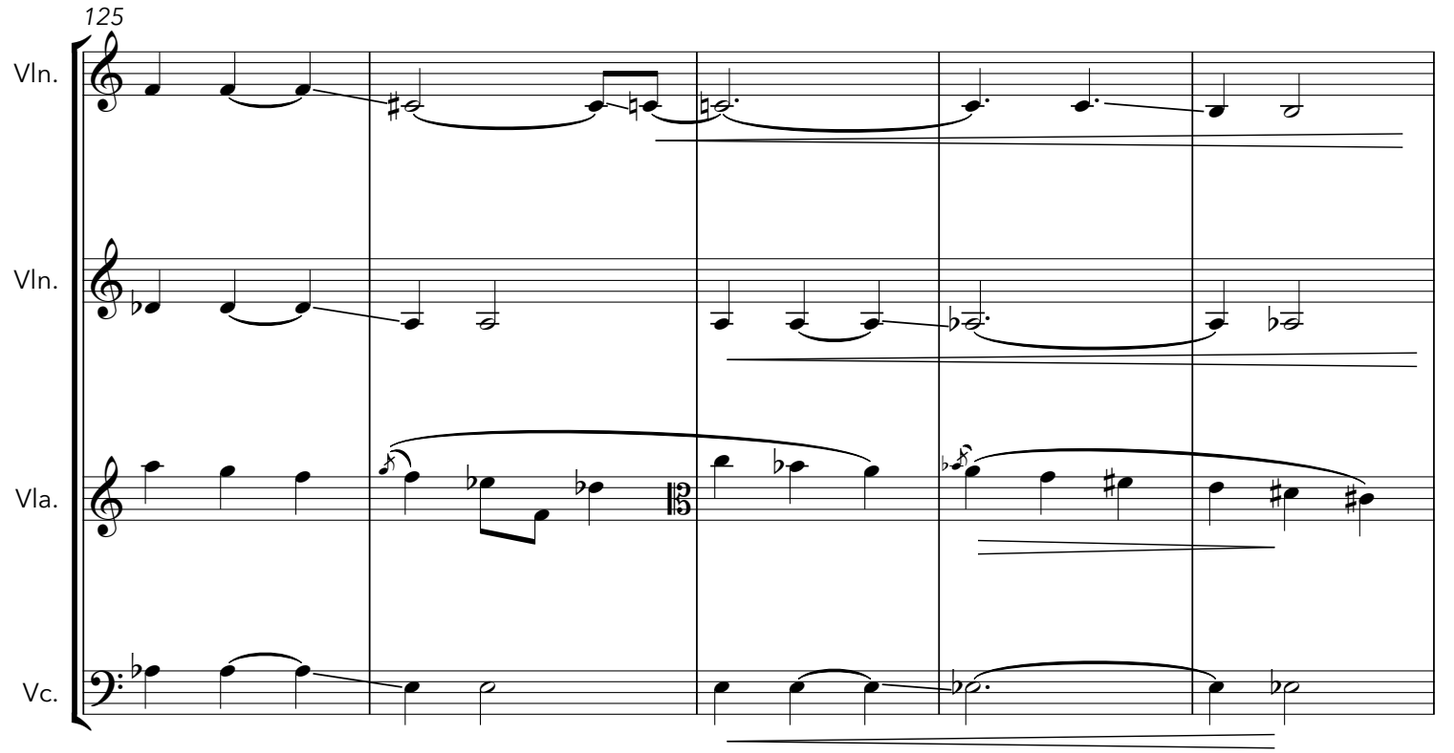
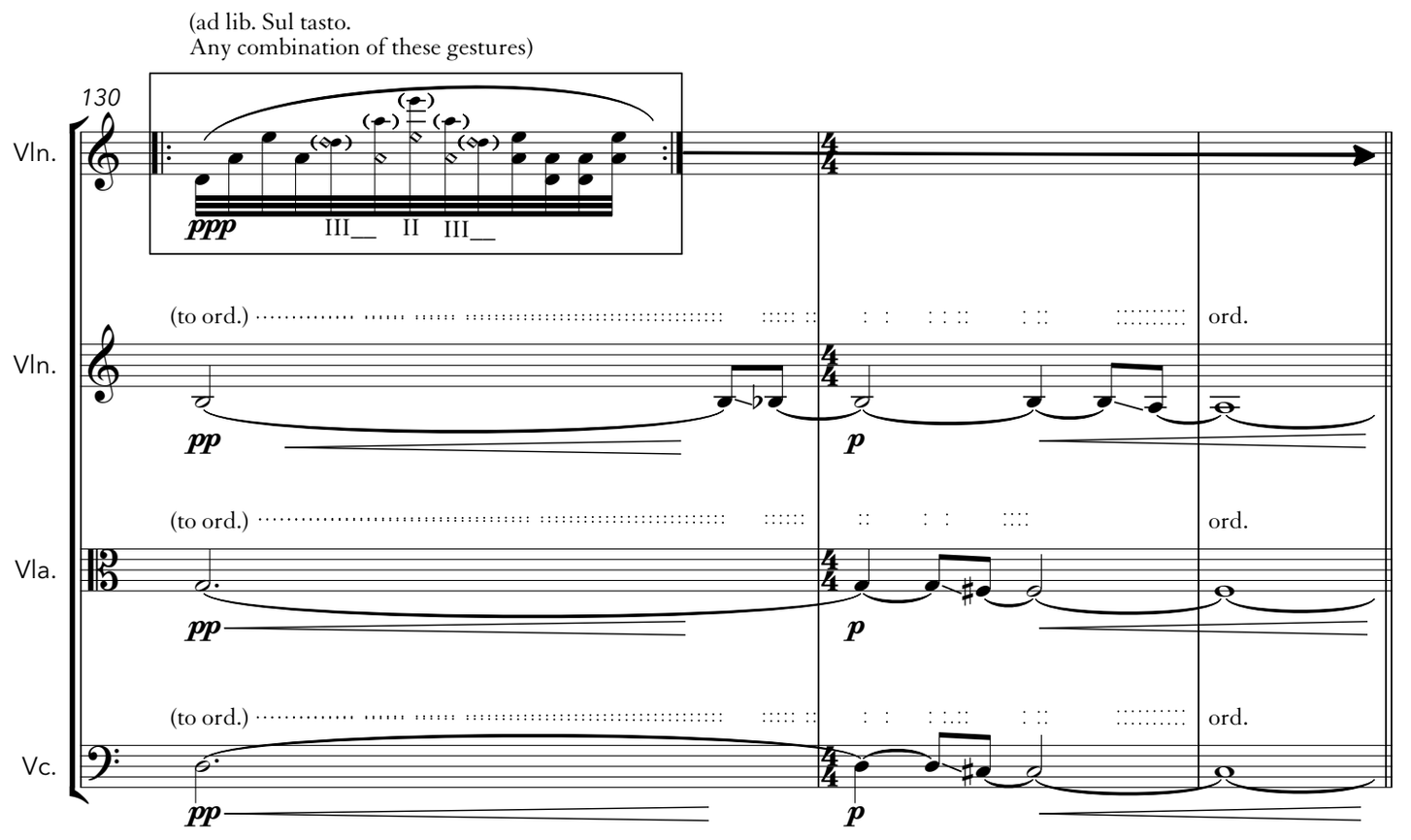

79
sul pont.
ord.
Vln.
"Seagull" Effect
Vla.
arco
Vc.
84
88
pizz.

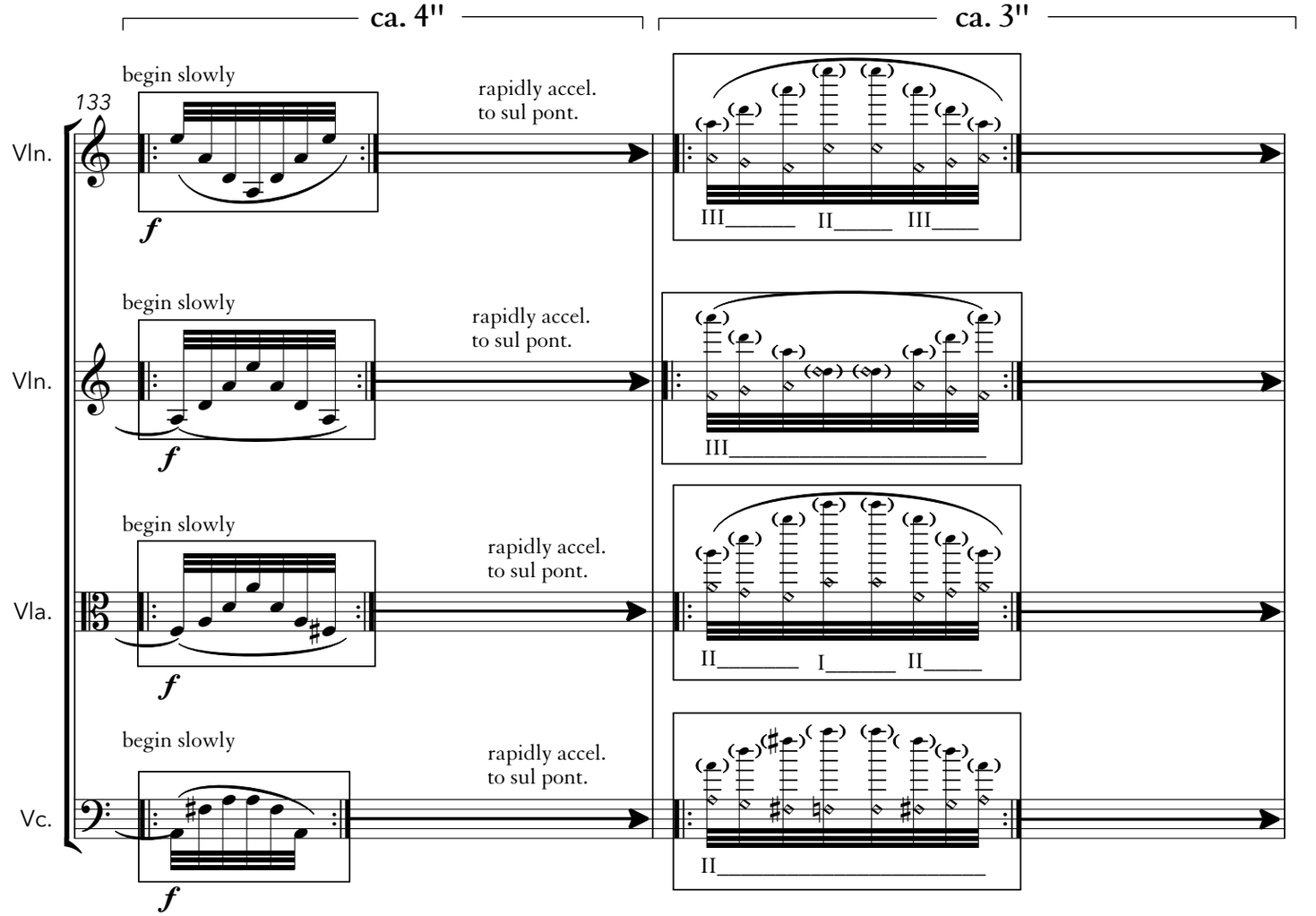

93
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
ord.
subito p
f
arco
97
ff
n
103
sul pont.
pp
III
II
pizz.
♩=60
mf

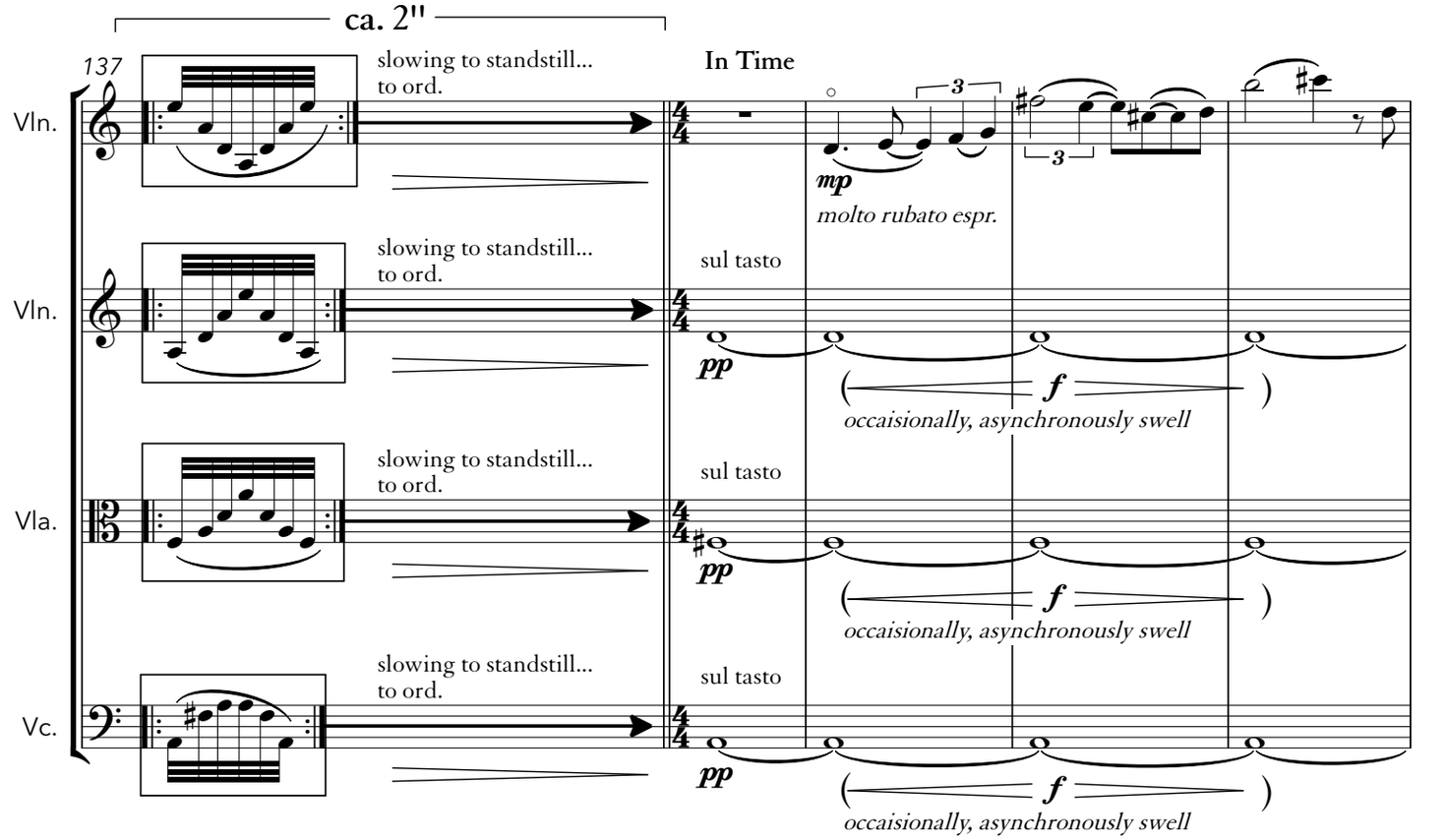

110
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
f
ff espr.

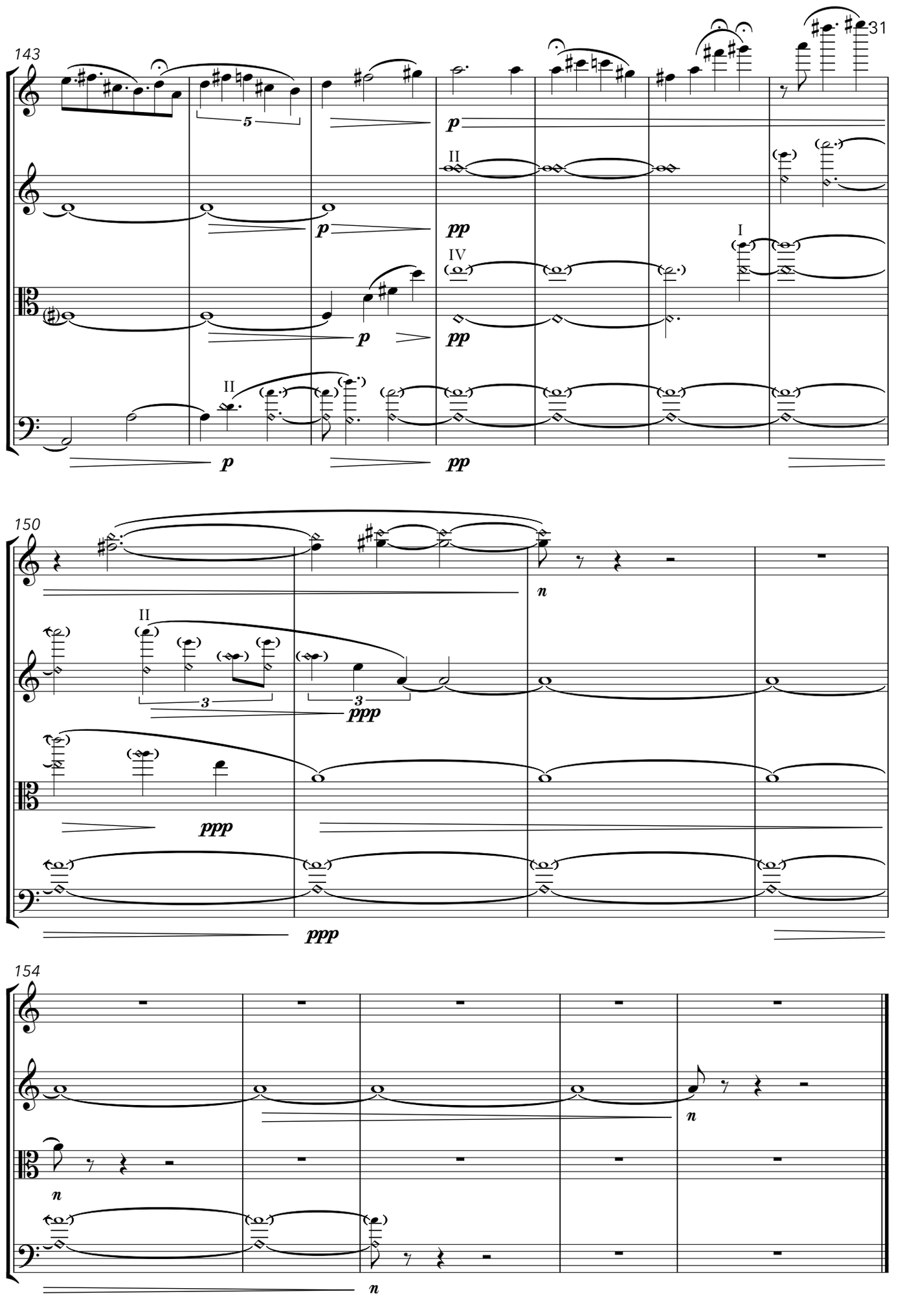

119
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
fff
pp
p
8va
harm. gliss
sul G
sul tasto
ppp
3


125
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.


(ad lib. Sul tasto.
Any combination of these gestures)
130
Vln.
ppp
III__ II III__
(to ord.)
ord.
Vln.
pp
p
(to ord.)
ord.
Vla.
pp
p
(to ord.)
ord.
Vc.
pp
p


ca. 4"
ca. 3"
133
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
begin slowly
rapidly accel.
to sul pont.
f
III_____ II_____ III____
III_____
II_____ I_____ II_____
II_____


ca. 2"
137
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
slowing to standstill...
to ord.
In Time
sul tasto
mp
molto rubato espr.
pp
f
occaisionally, asynchronously swell
3


143
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
II
IV
I
p
pp
150
ppp
154
n