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This work is a set of reflections on various aspects of the beautiful season in Down East Maine, where my wife and I live (all year round, by the way – not just the summer). The first movement, At Quiet Cove, is a tribute to a somewhat hidden and particularly gorgeous cove on the shore of the Bay of Fundy. Only once have we been there and seen other people.

Late June is the time when lupines blossom and are often seen dancing in the wind. Lupine Dance is something of an homage to Bela Bartok and the way he was inspired by folk dances of Eastern Europe.

On summer solstice the sun rises incredibly early (4:42 am) and sets incredibly late (8:18 pm). Solstice Chorale is a hymn to the longest day of the year.

The Stream of Days attempts to capture the magic of summer days, which seem to flow effortlessly one into another, carrying us along in their beauty.

Summer Music was composed for, and is dedicated to, three marvelous musicians: Kathleen Collisson ('cello), Suzanne Gilchrest (flute) and Setsuko Otake (oboe). Colleagues of mine at the Summerkeys progam in Lubec, Maine, they premiered the work in August, 2018.

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Composer John Newell draws from a variety of musical traditions. His objective is to create works that reflect his personal sensibility, and that are inspiring and rewarding for performers and listeners alike. John's works have long been noted for their originality, clarity and a lyrical expressivity. He is equally at home composing for orchestra, solo instruments, vocal ensembles and chamber groups.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, John graduated from Duke University, having pursued studies in composition, piano and conducting. He earned his M.F.A from California Institute of the Arts, where his primary teacher was Mel Powell. John completed his formal training at SUNY Buffalo, working with Morton Feldman as recipient of the first Edgard Varèse Fellowship. Since earning his Ph.D. in 1979 he has pursued an independent creative path.

Organizations that have commissioned works include Eight Strings & a Whistle, Atlantic Sinfonietta and Bowery Ensemble (New York), Monday Evening Concerts (Los Angeles), Enid Symphony Orchestra (Oklahoma), Resinosa Ensemble and Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra (Maine).

His work has received support from the American Music Center, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Meet the Composer. John's works are self-published through Abierto Music and he is a member of Broadcast Music Inc. More information is available at his web site: johnnewellmusic.com.

An accomplished pianist and conductor, John is experienced in collaborating with performers to create and present new works. He lives in Eastport, Maine; he is on the faculty of the Summerkeys program and founding director of the choral ensemble *Quoddy Voices*.

For Kathleen, Setsuko and Suzanne

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I. At Quiet Cove

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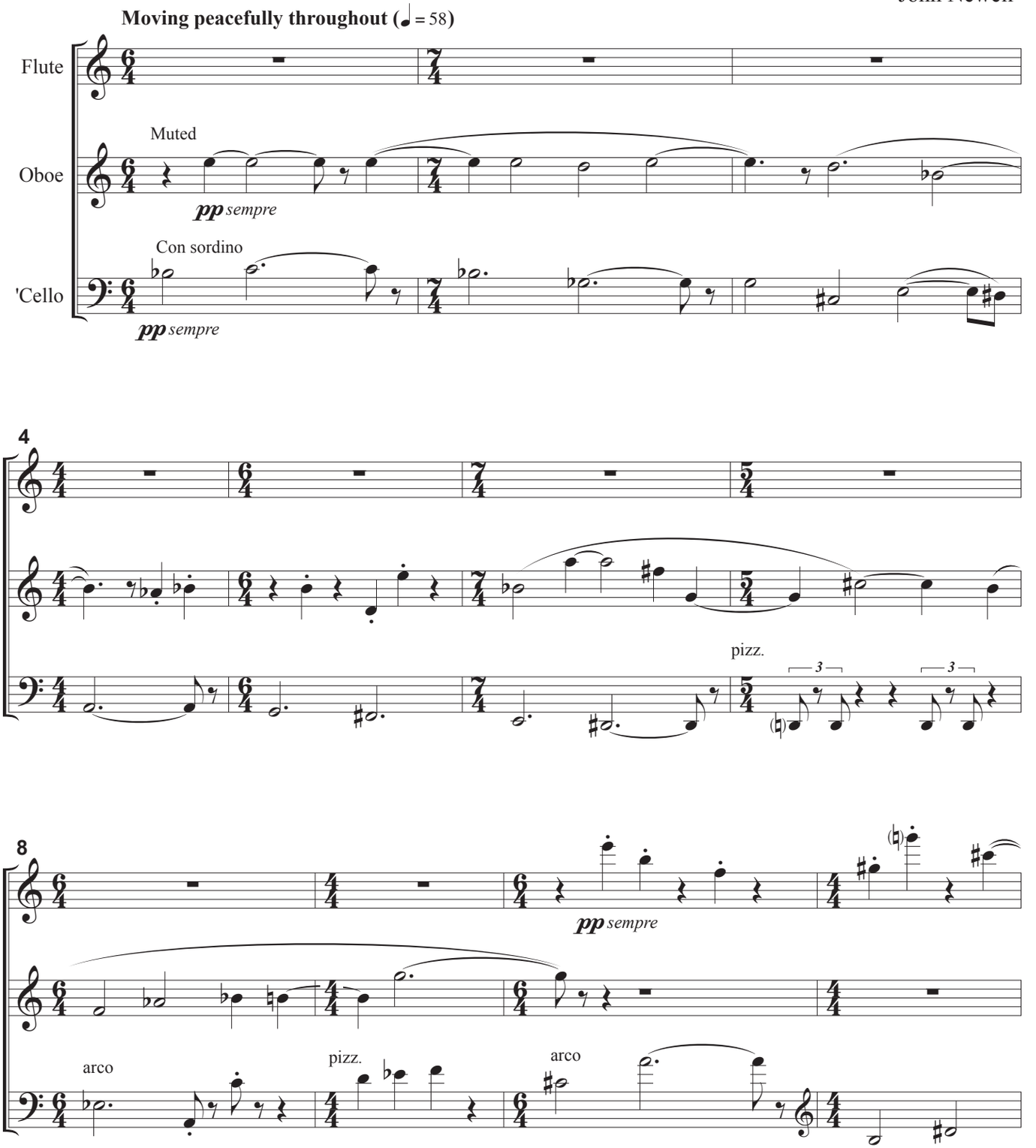

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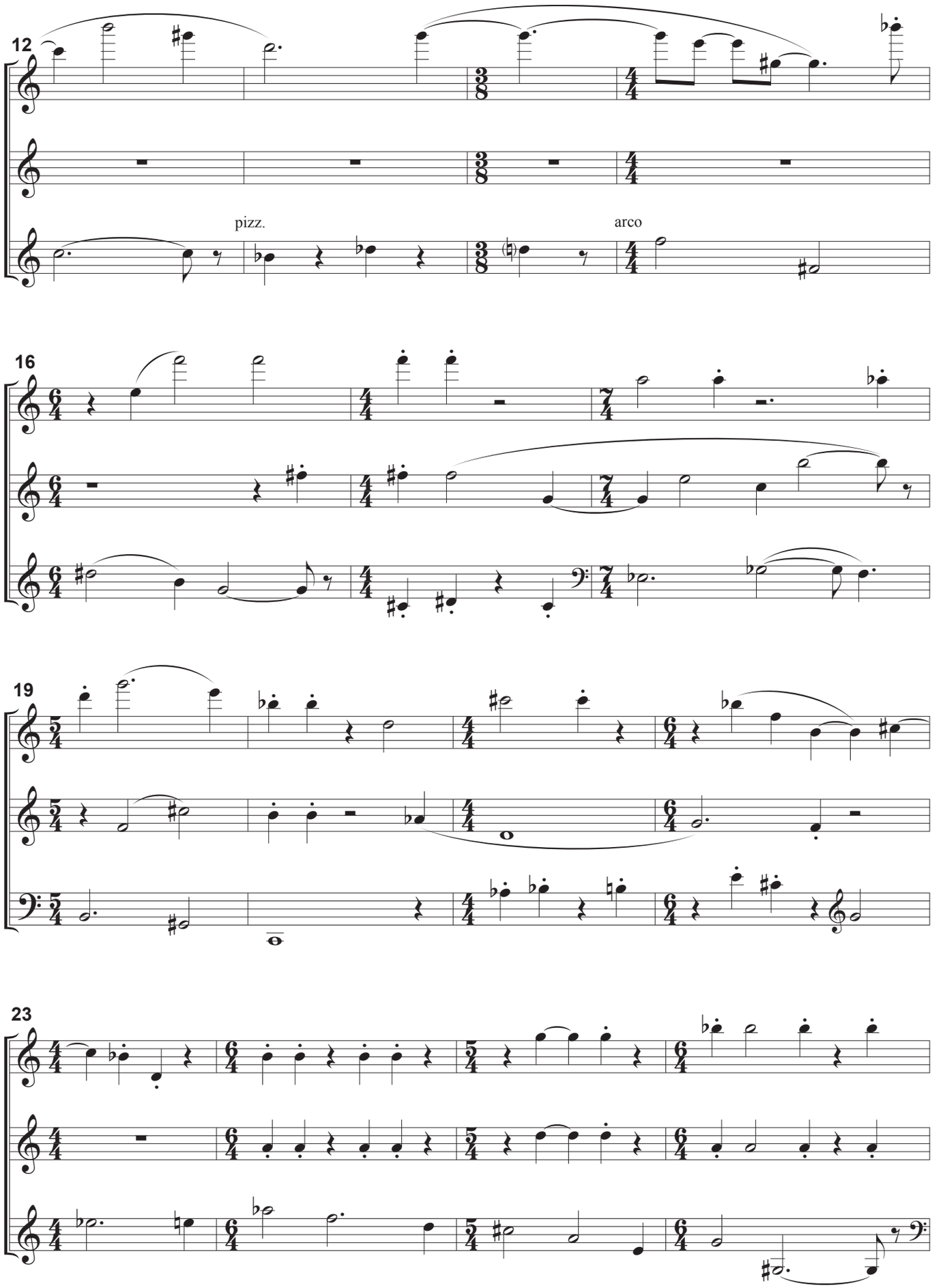
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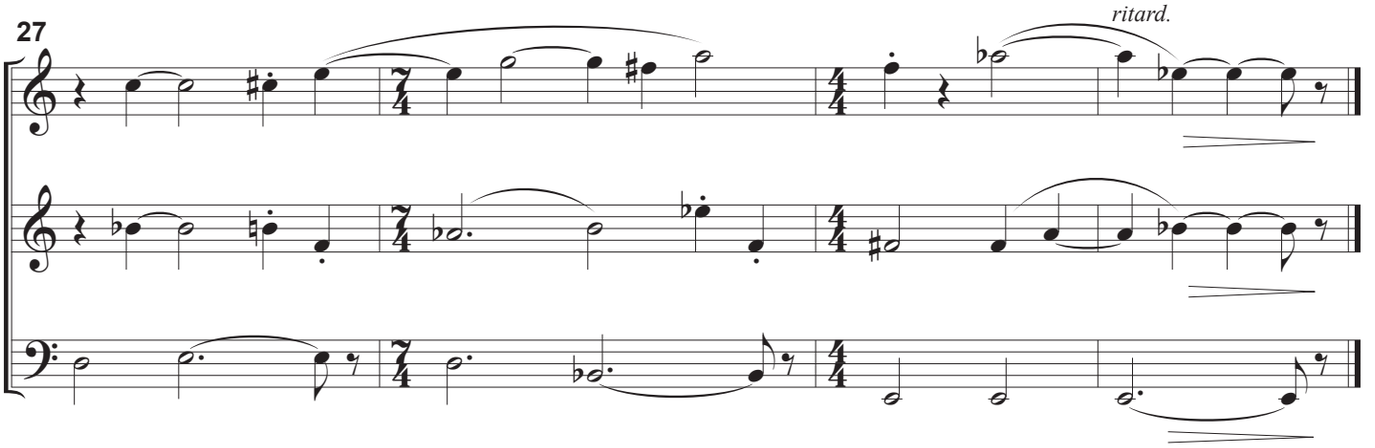
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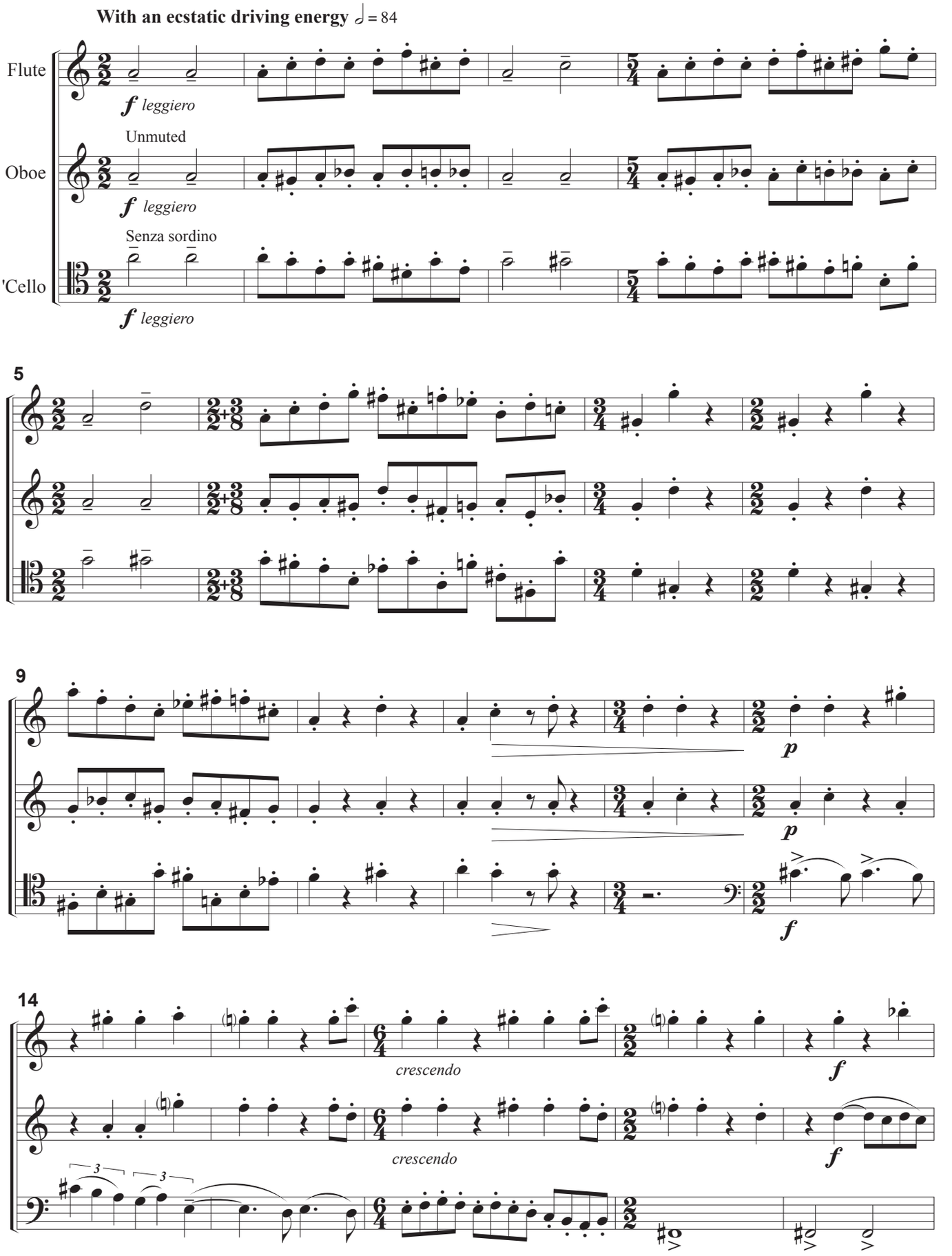

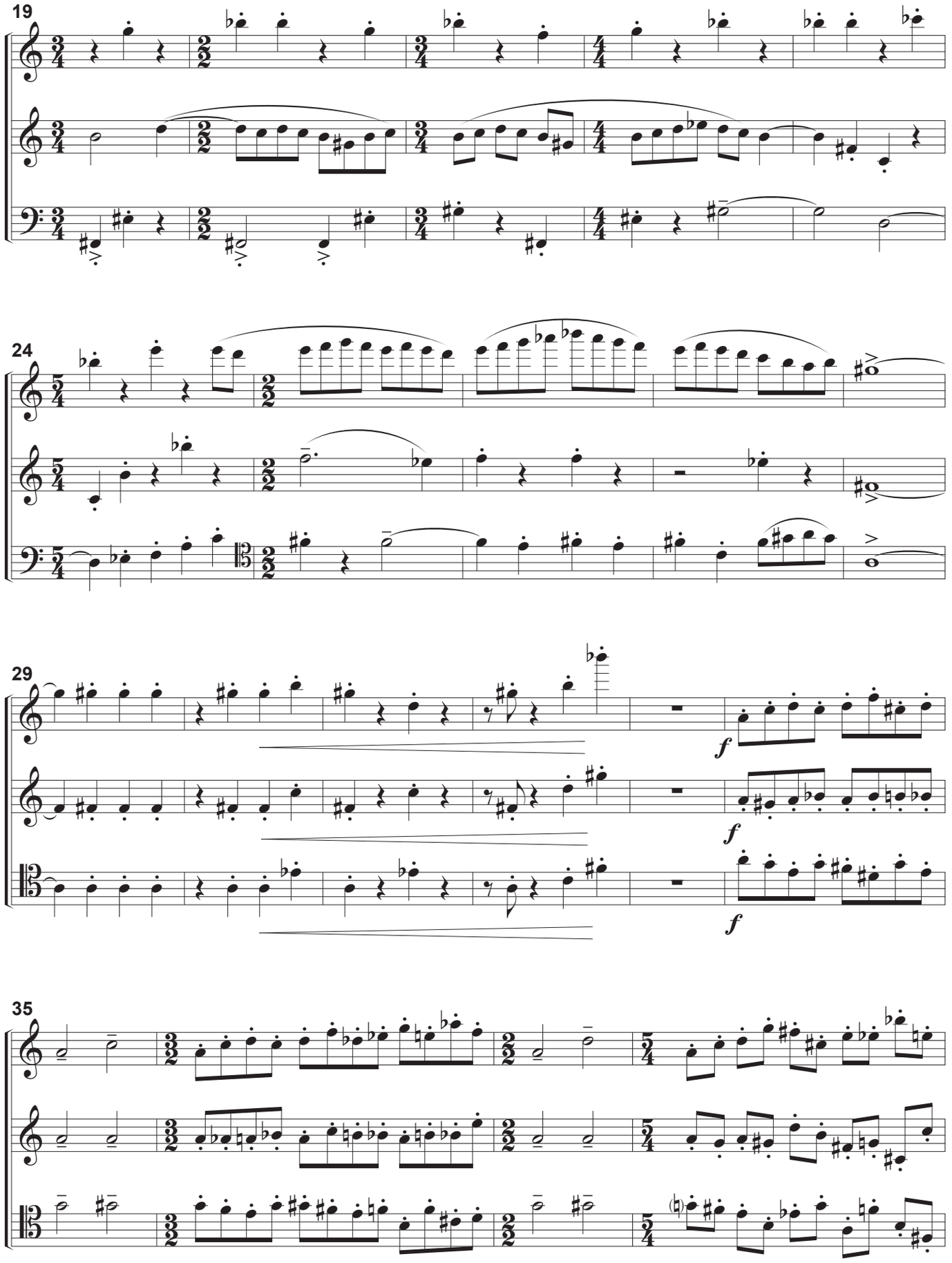
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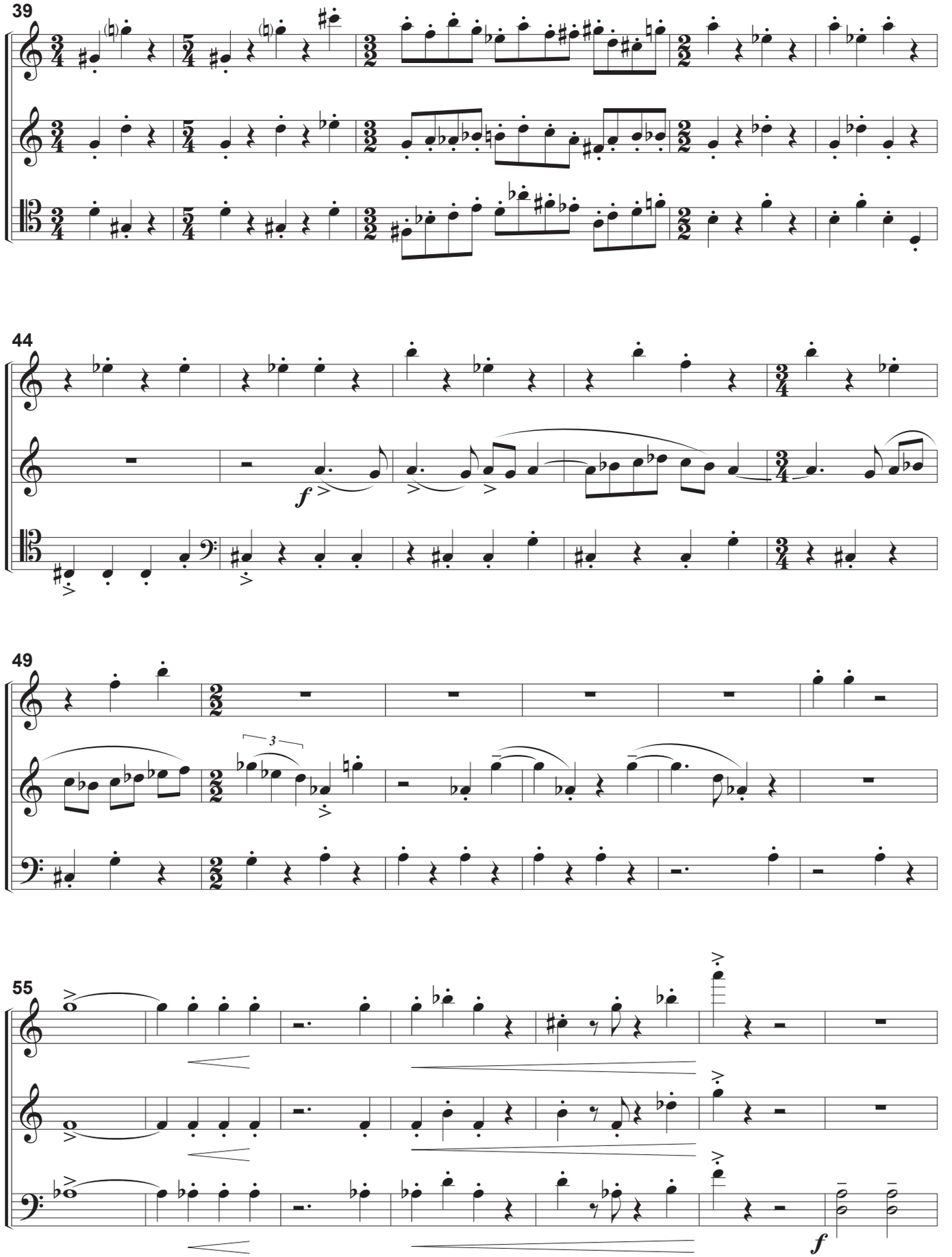
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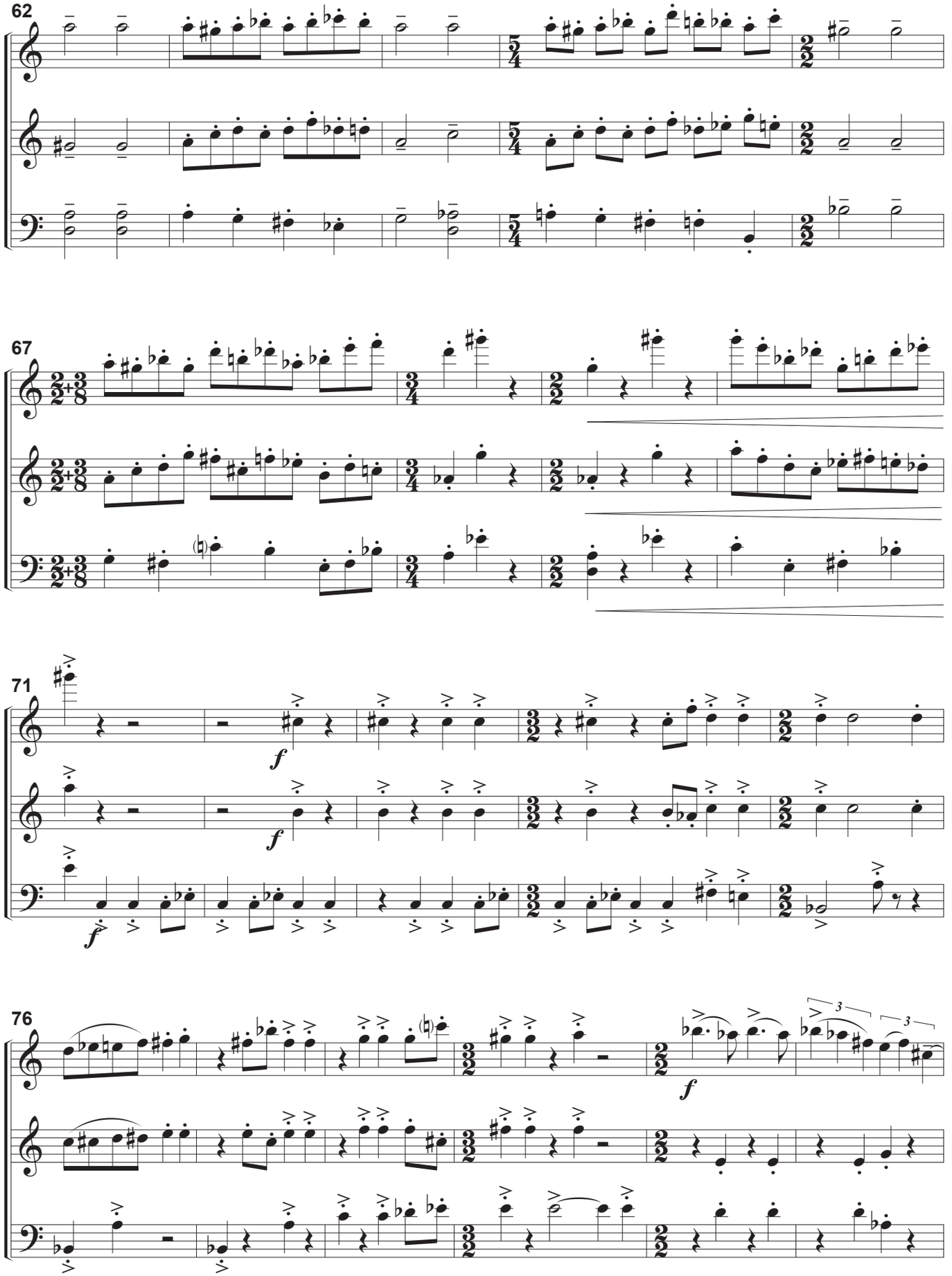
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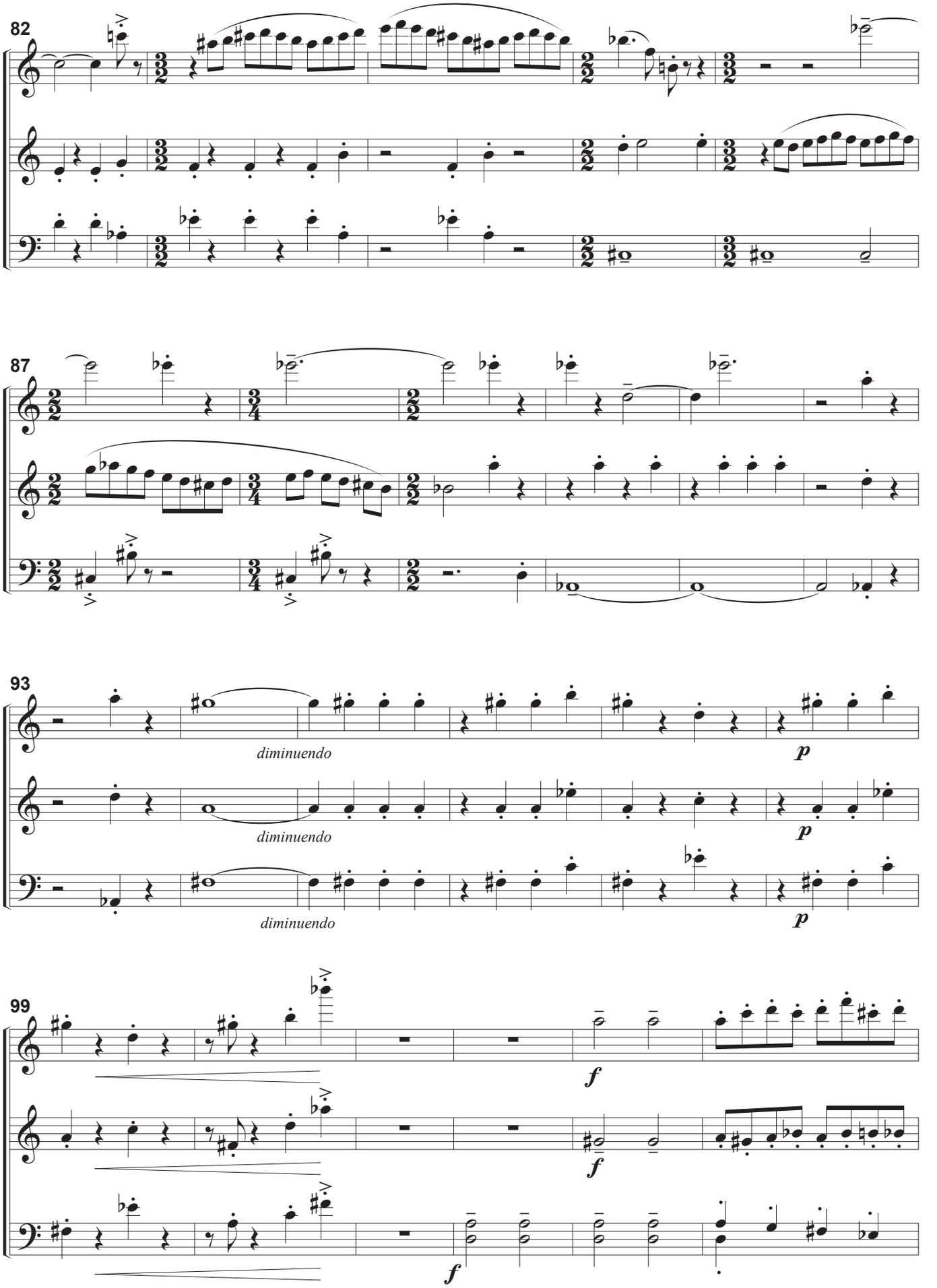
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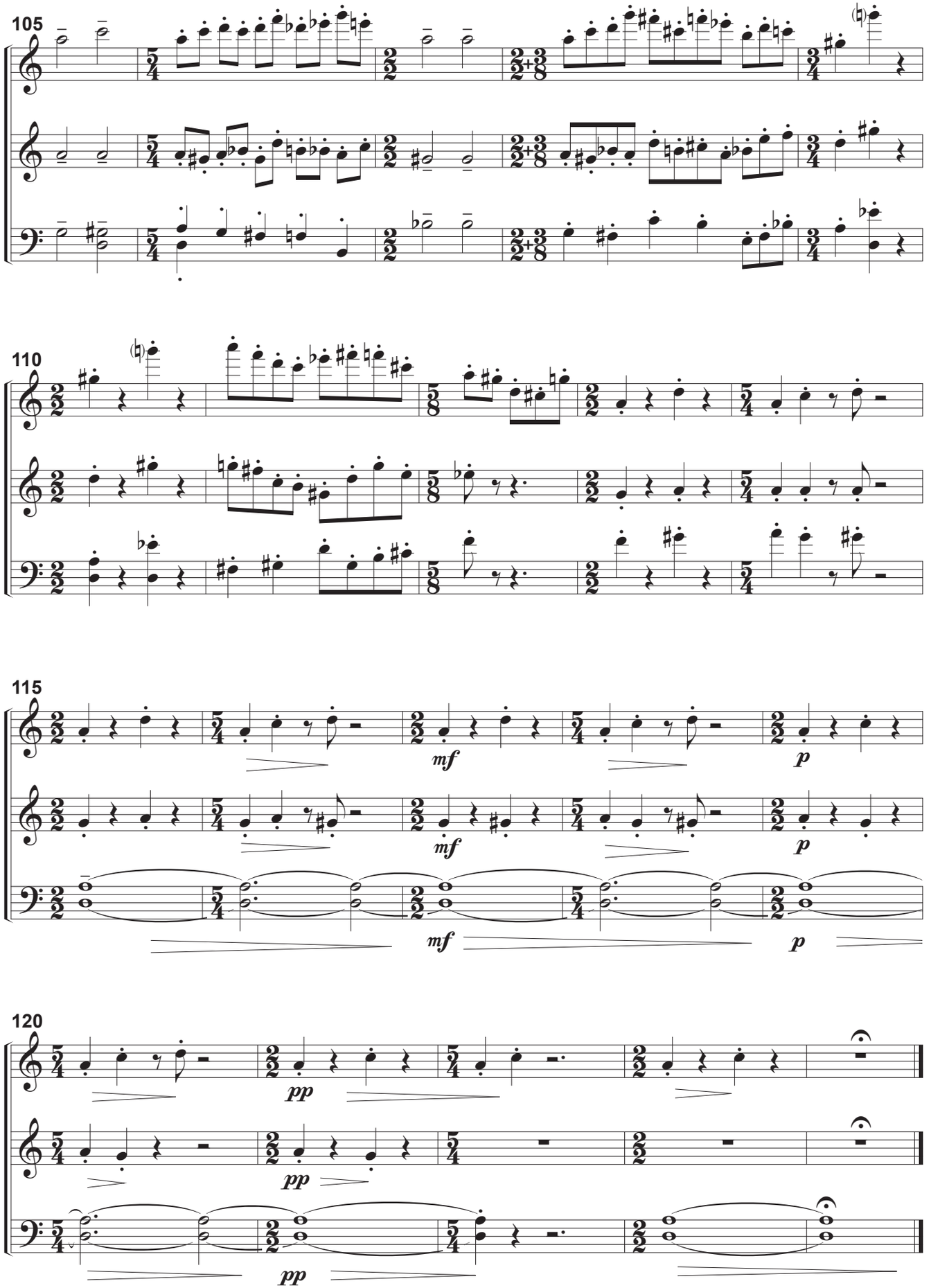
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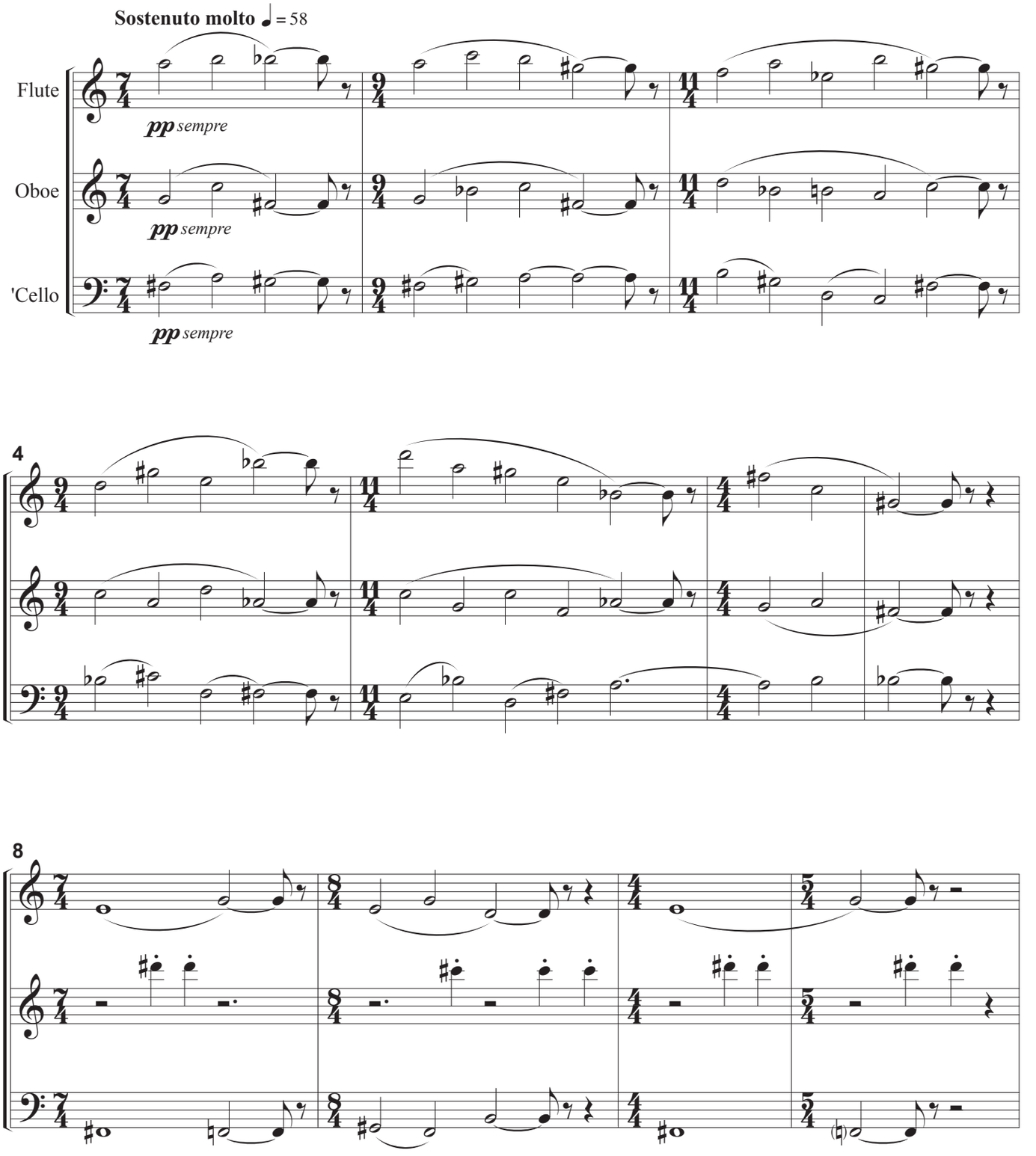

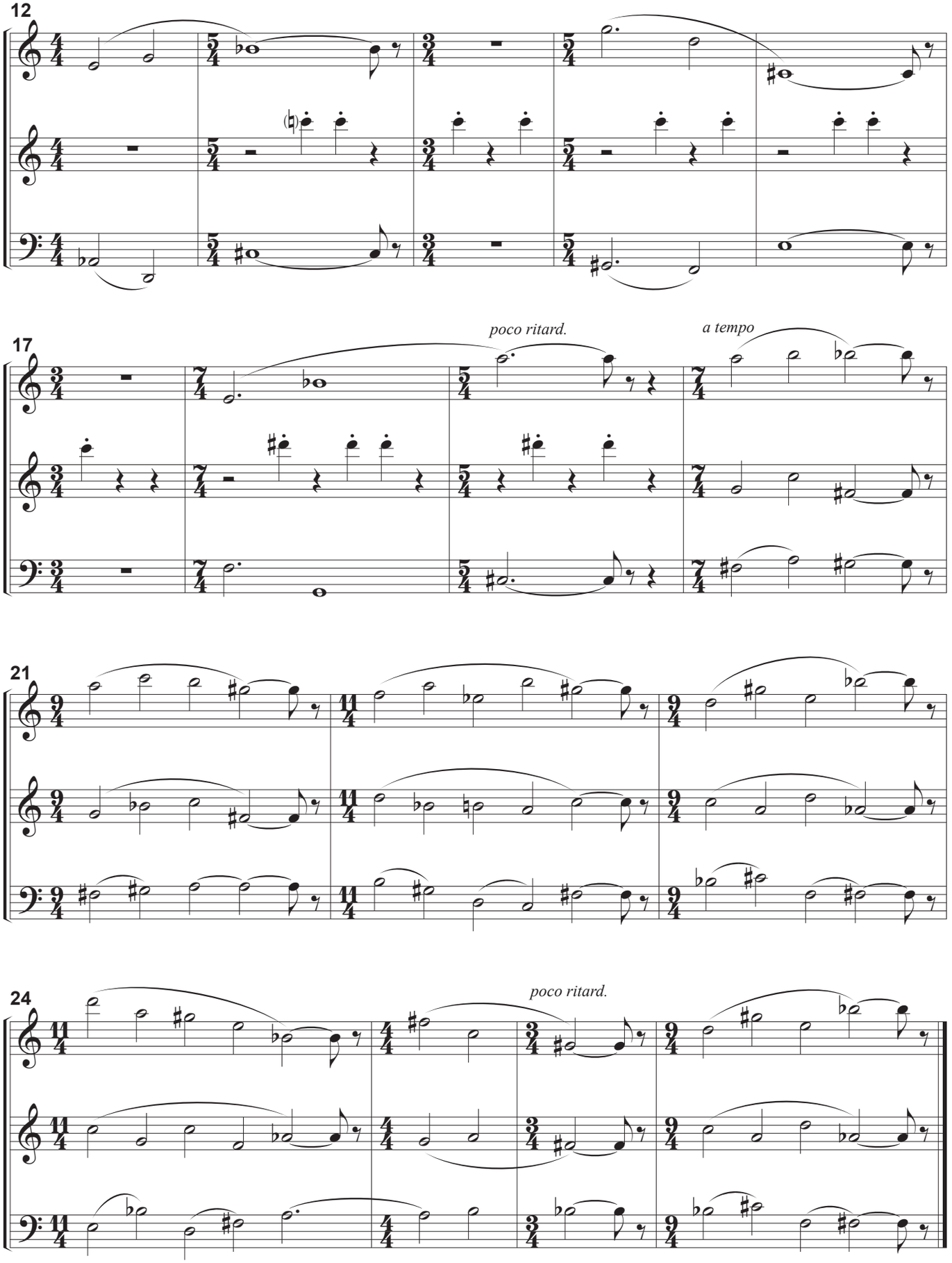
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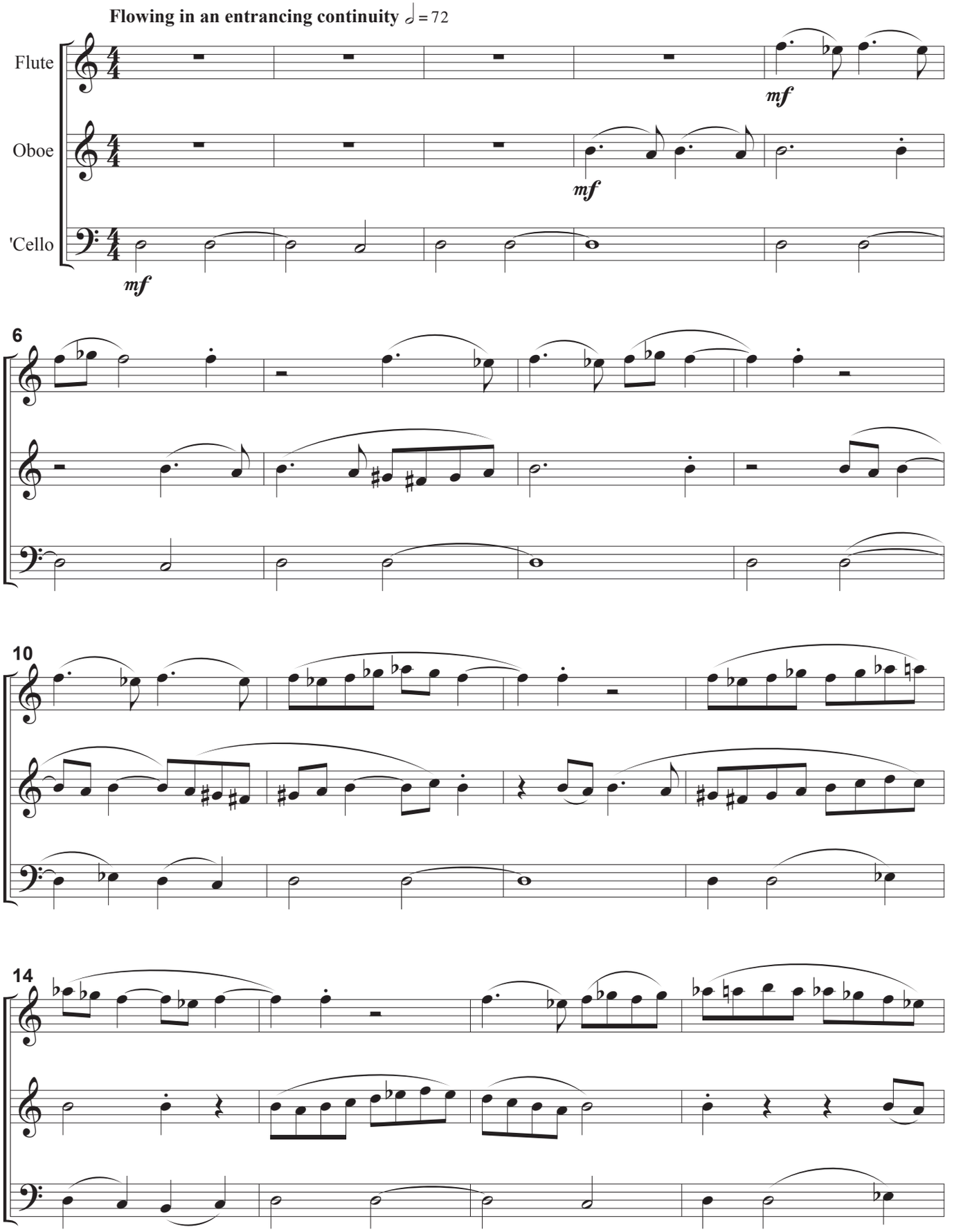

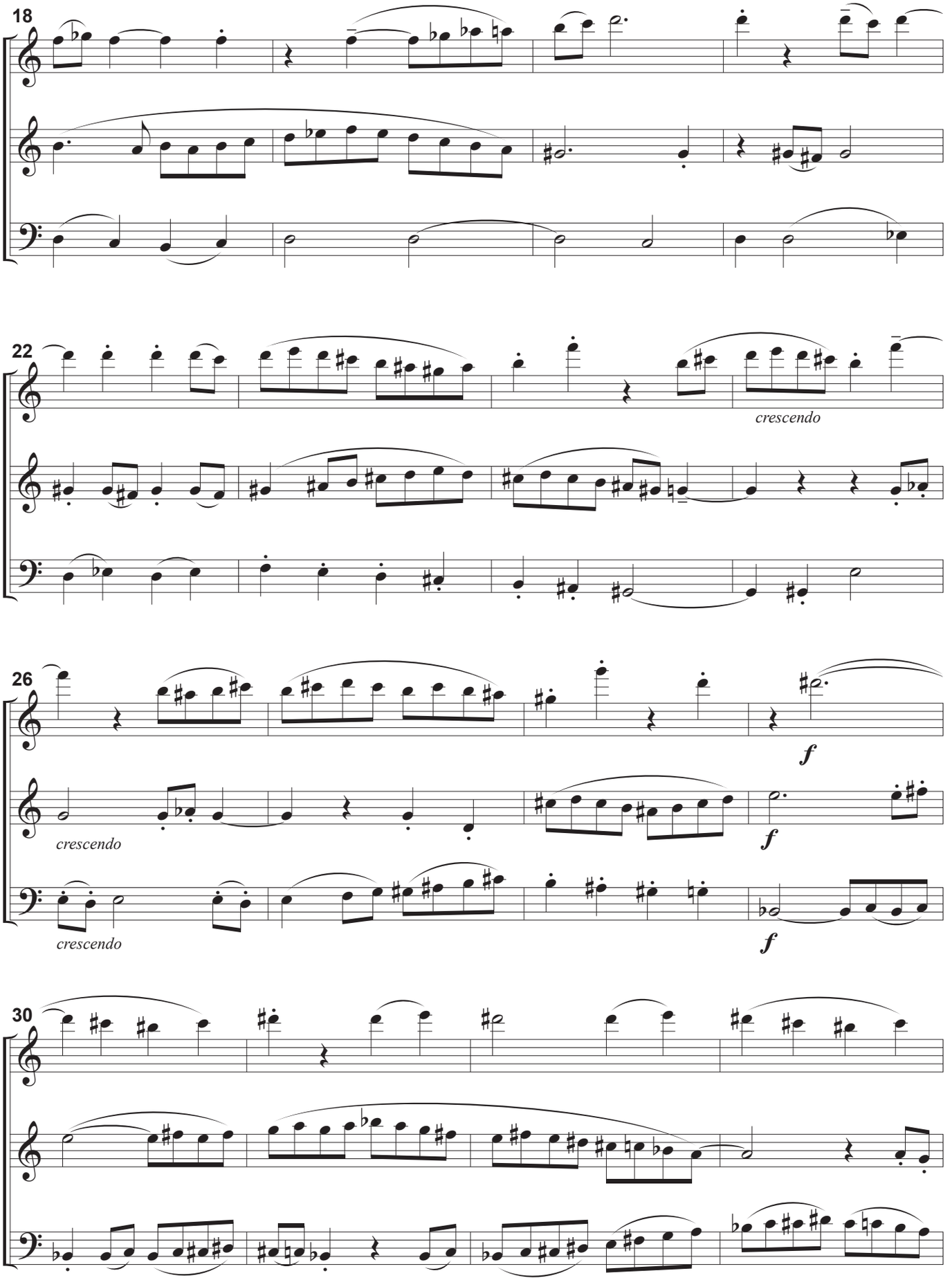
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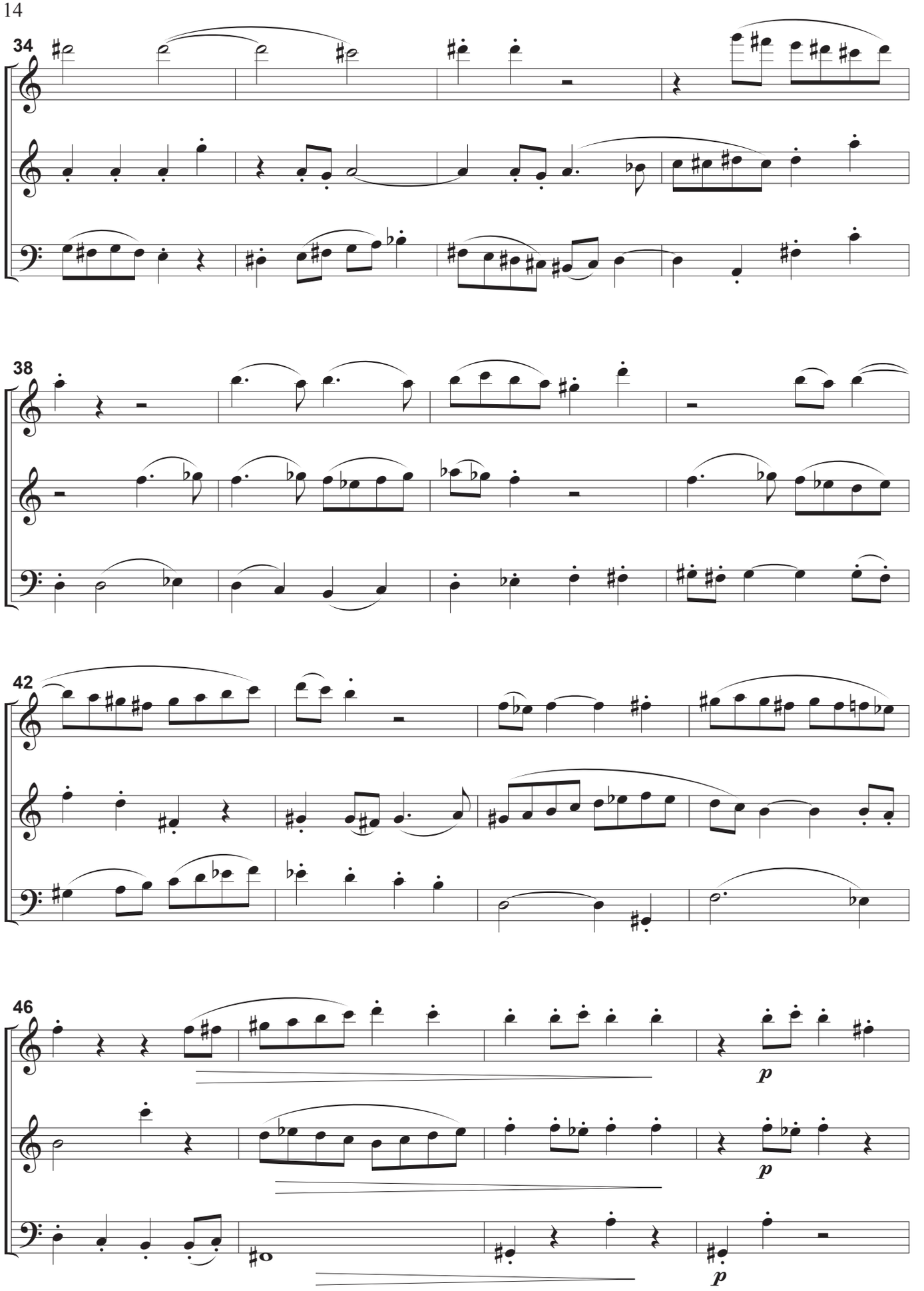
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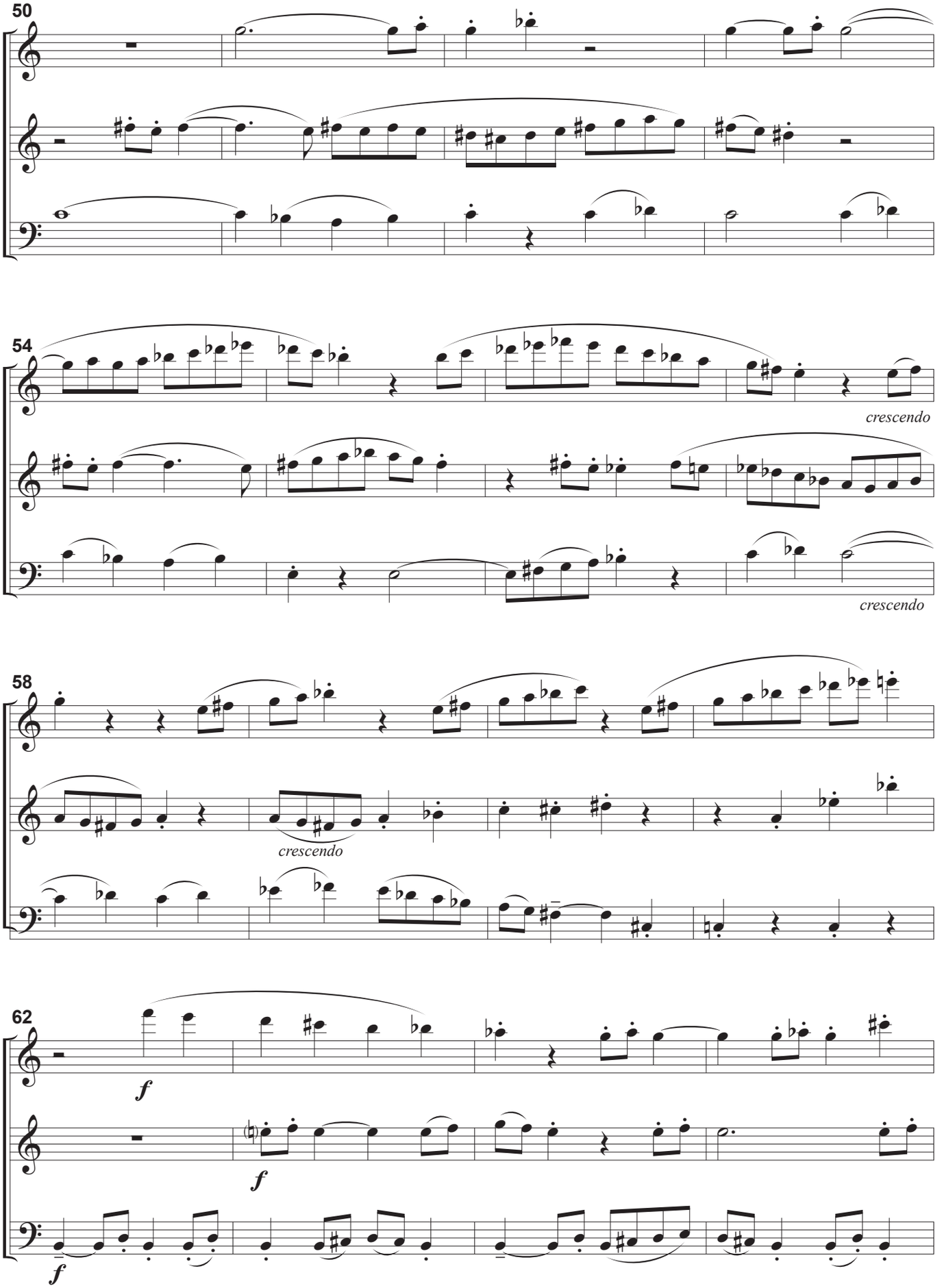
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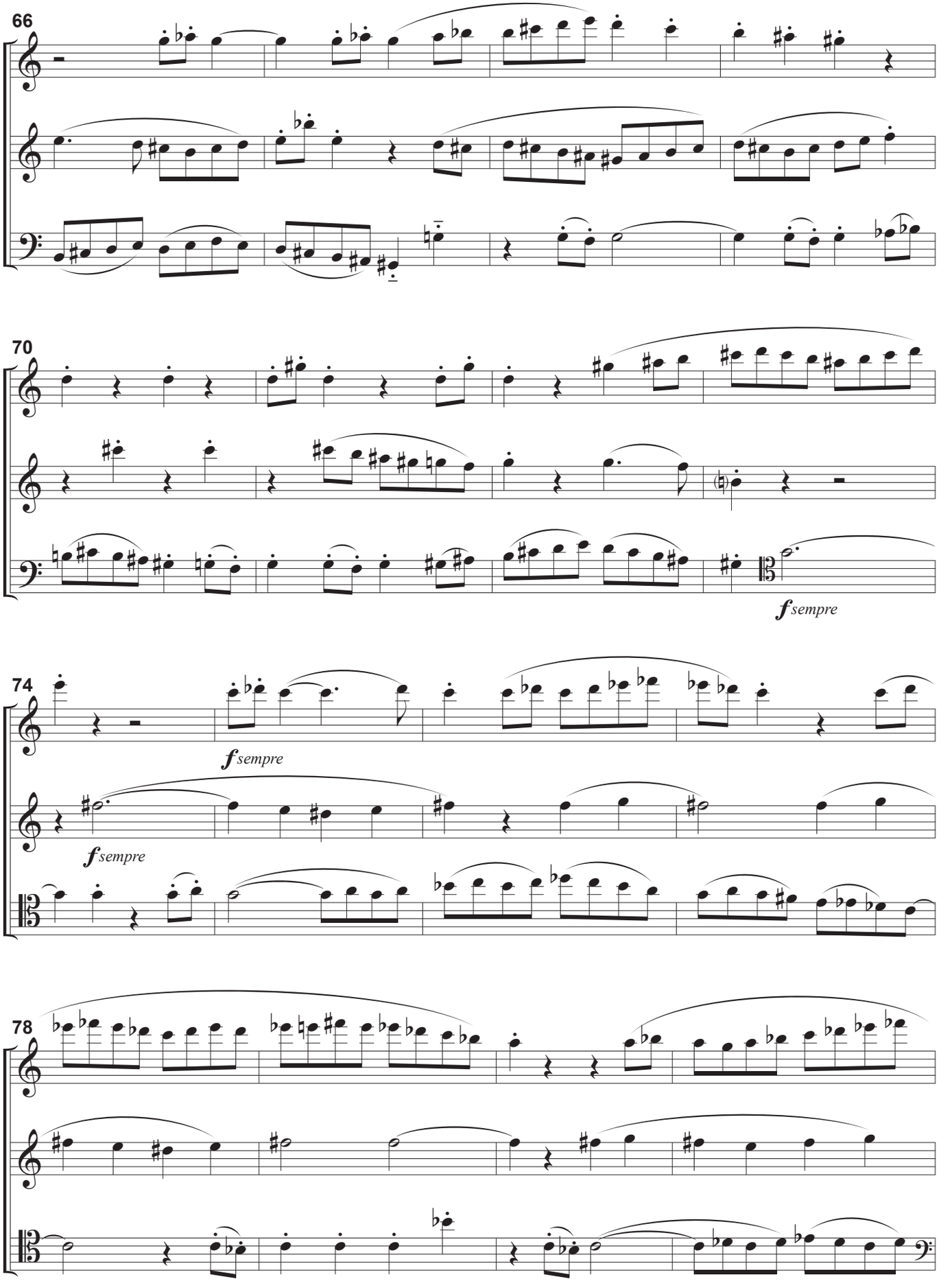
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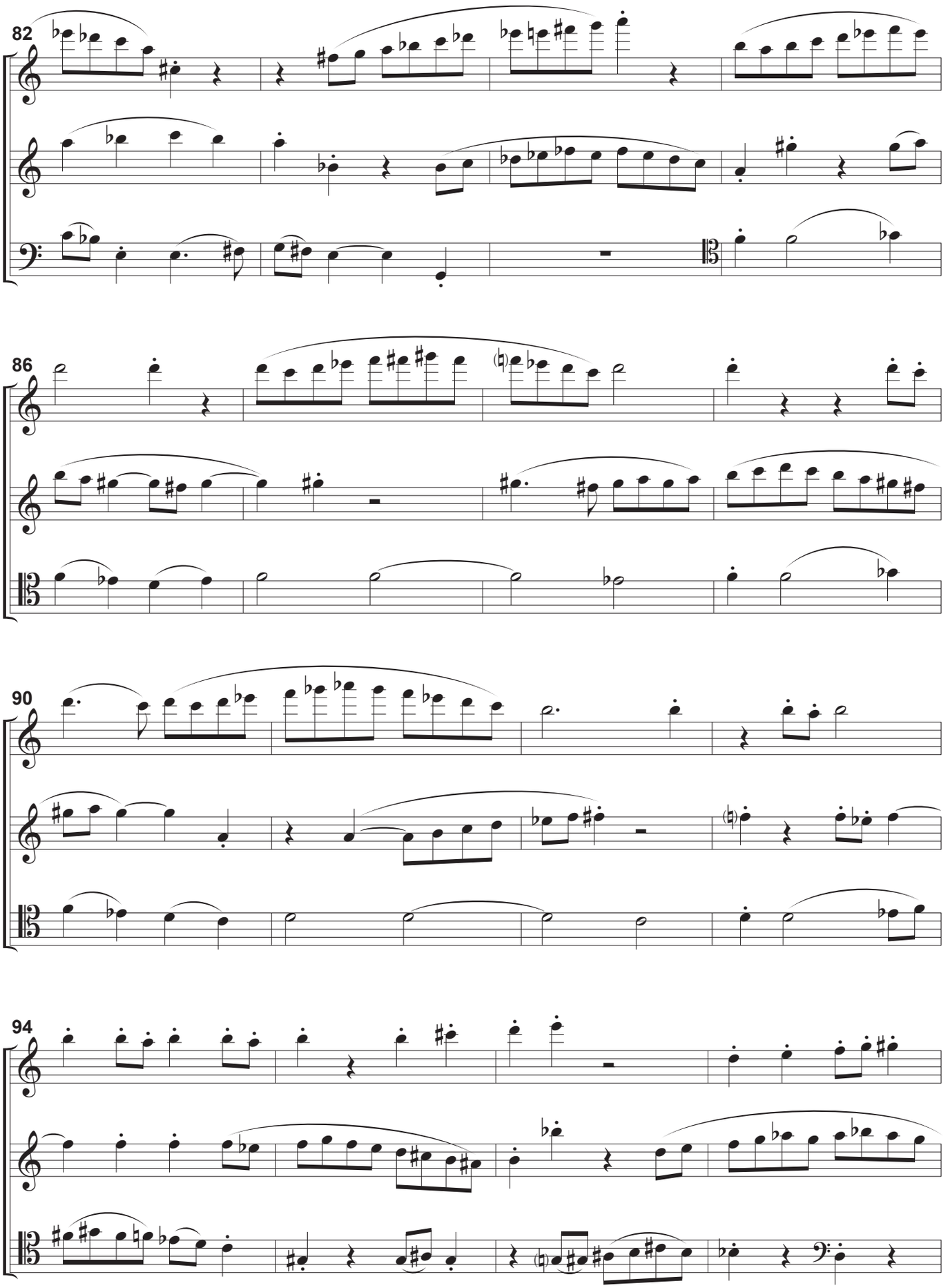
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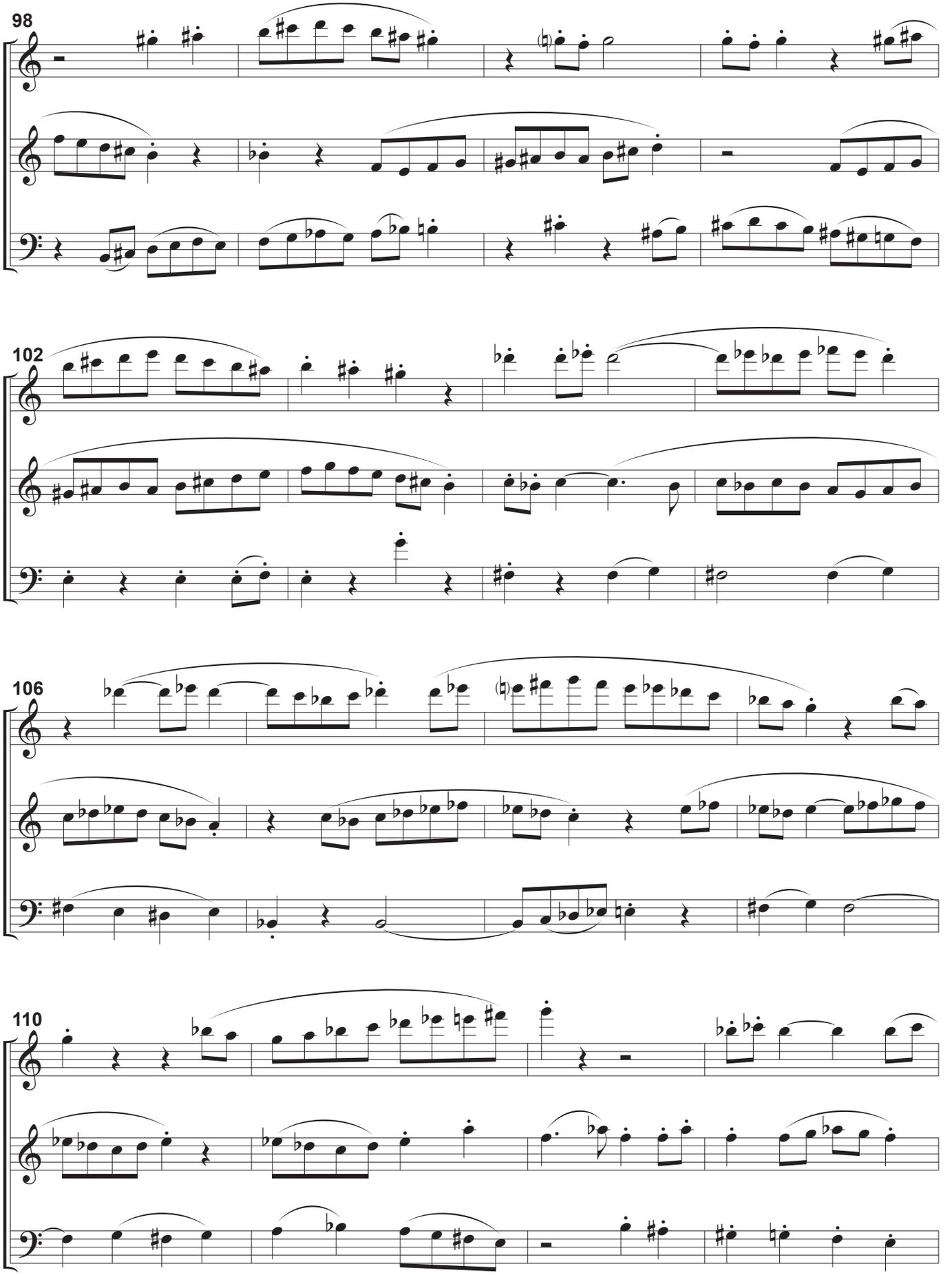
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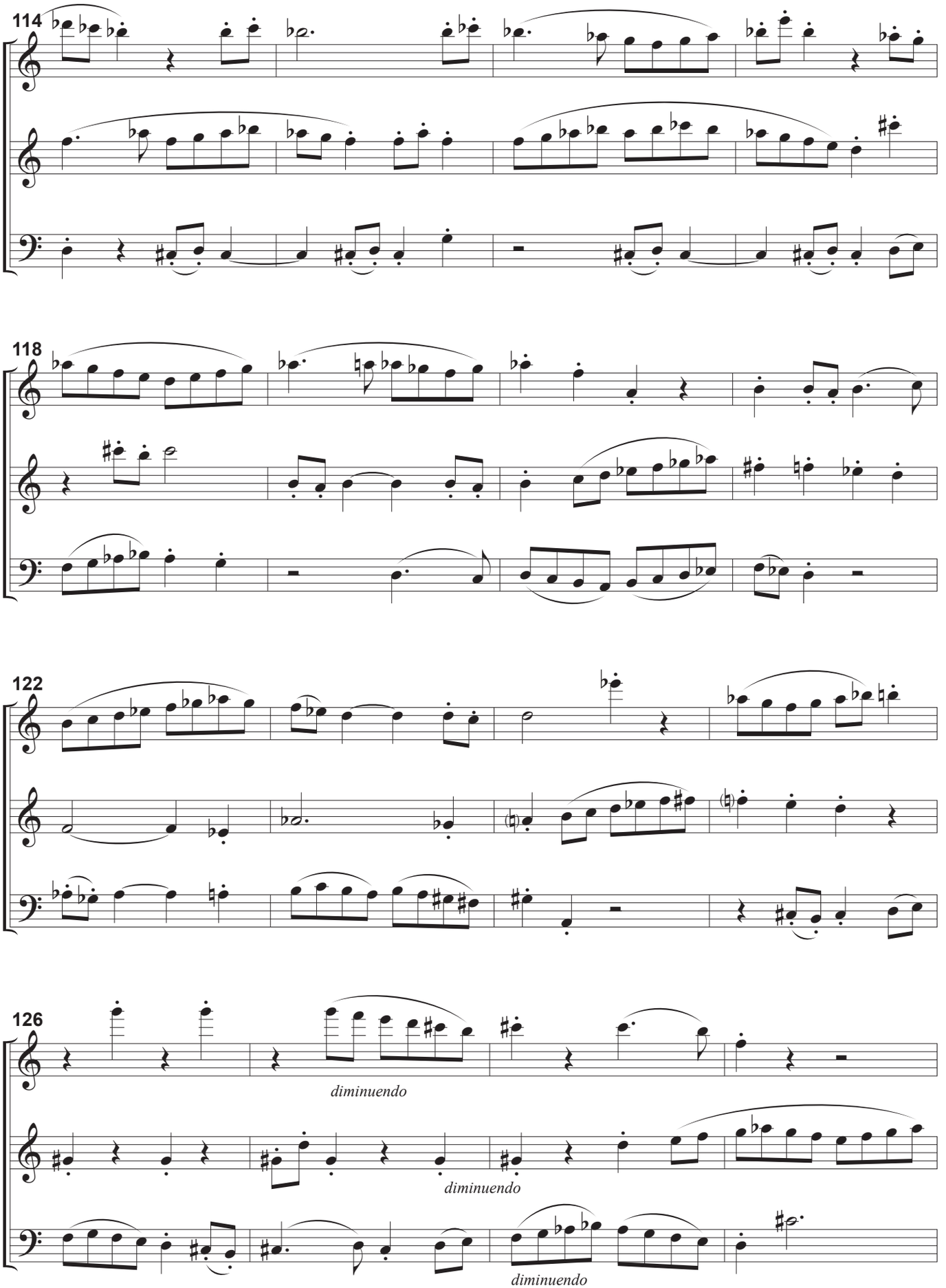
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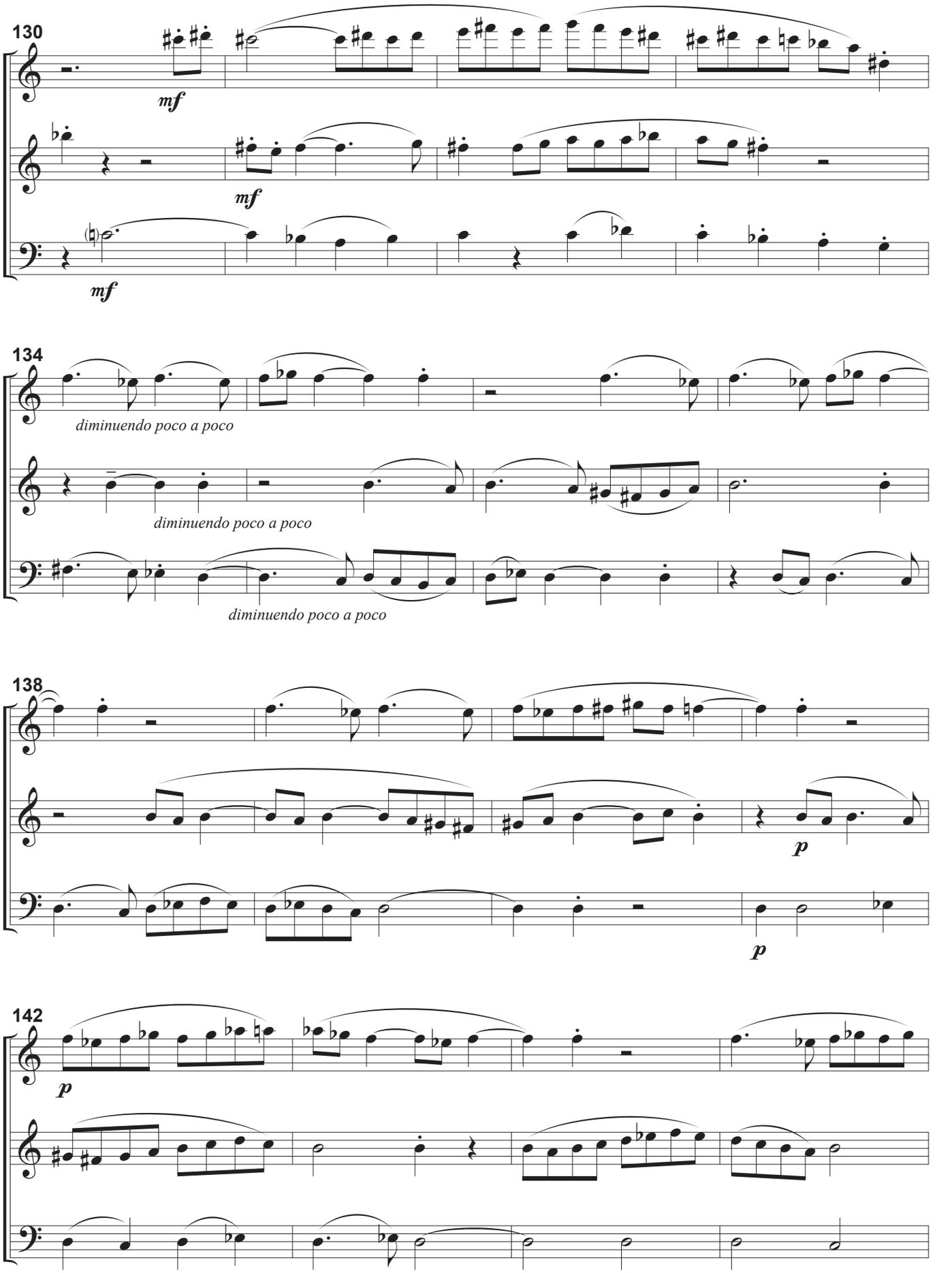
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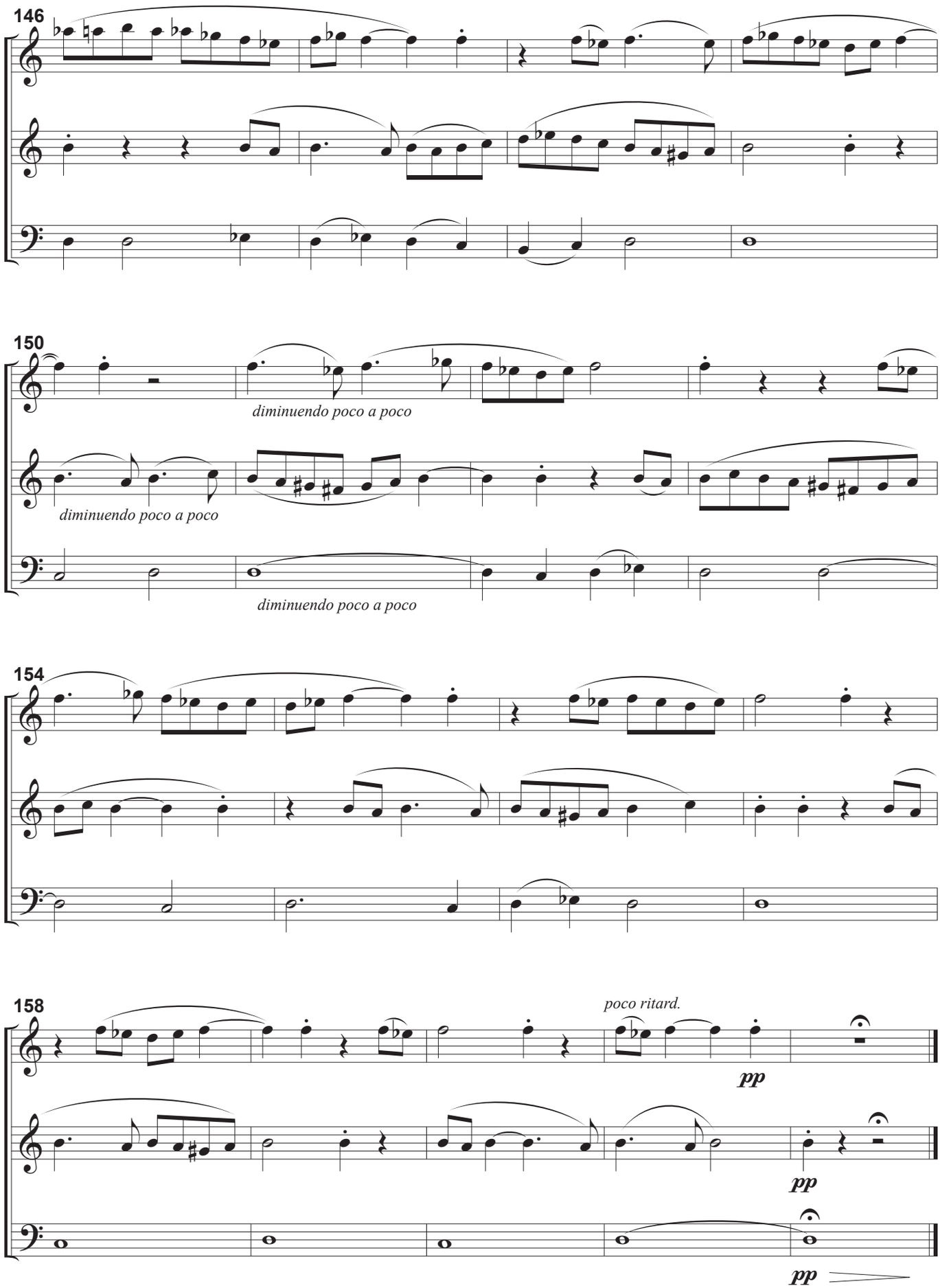
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