M A R C E L L O P A L A Z Z O

HIVE

for string quartet

This piece was first performed by the Castalian Quartet,
at the Holywell Music Room, Oxford,
on the 11th May 2022.

HIVE (dur. ca. 6')

In my string quartet, *Hive*, I am primarily concerned with the nervous movements, communicative gestures and visceral energy that might be observed in the actions of bees. I see certain similarities between bees and us. For example, it seems that there are parallels between the pollination process, and the way in which we interact with friends online by sharing snippets of information. The industrious character of the bee and the sudden explosion of colour as it interacts with new flowers are both ideas that have influenced this piece. Rather than trying to depict a scene where bees are present, however, the musical form channels similar erratic energies, holding a structural rather than pictorial significance.

I also took inspiration from the structure of honeycomb - in particular, how it stands together as a unified sum of hexagonal sub-structures. There are moments where the establishment of a new idea is dependent upon carrying forward a small part of the previous one, contributing to an almost mimetic lattice, just like the tiny hexagons in honeycomb.

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HIVE

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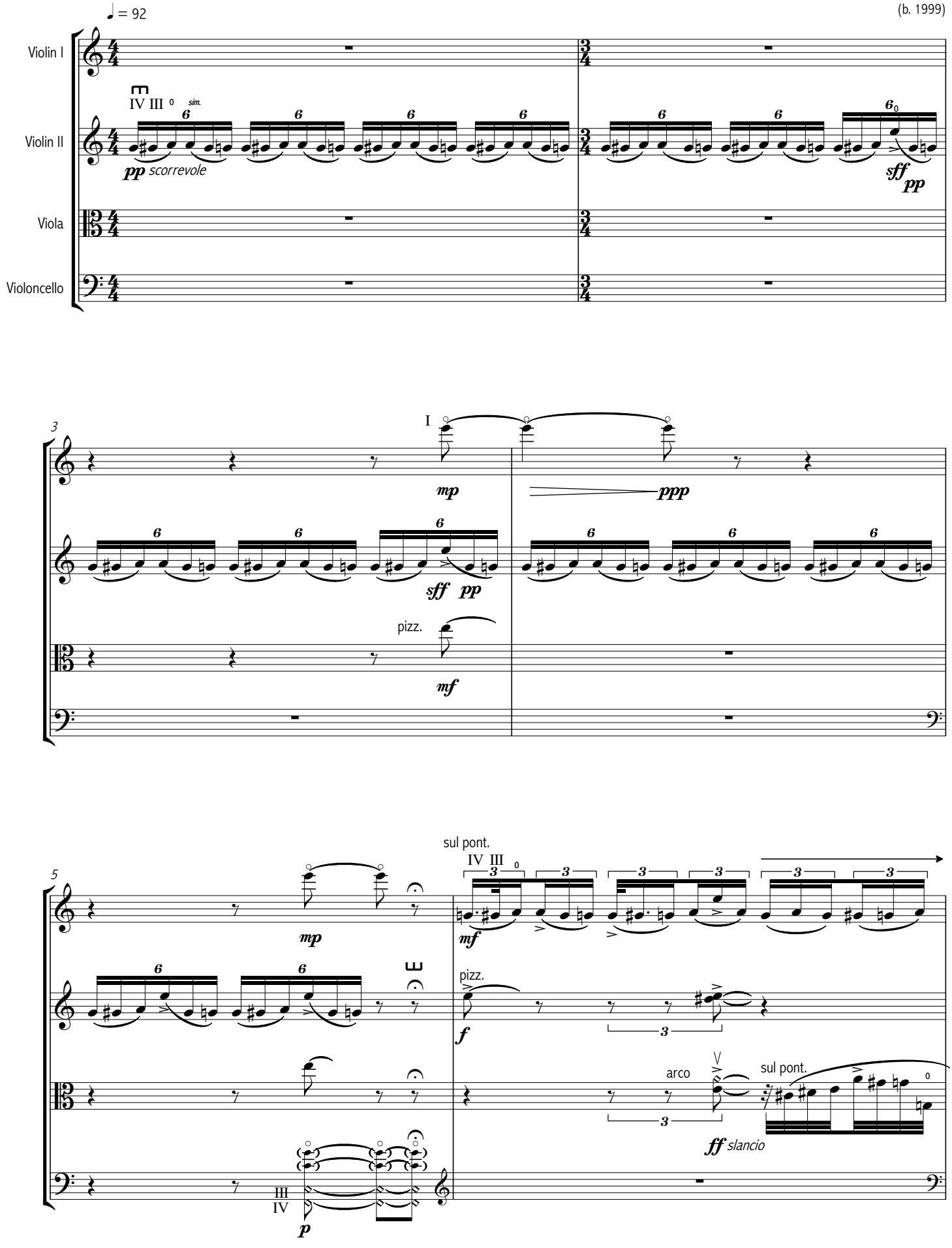

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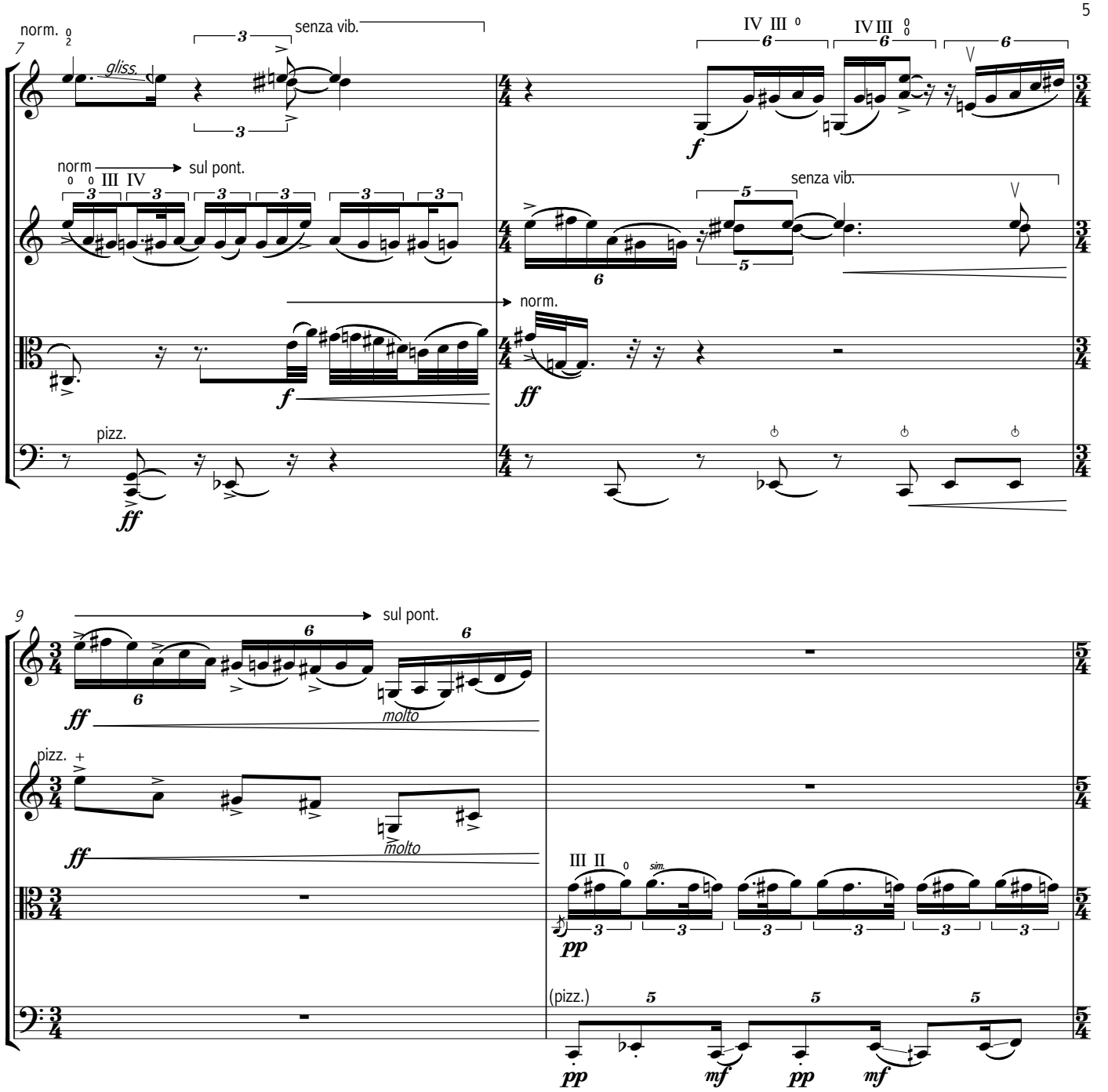
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IV III
V
norm
sul pont.
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senza vib.
V
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pizz.
9
sul pont.
molto
pizz.
molto
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espress.
sub.
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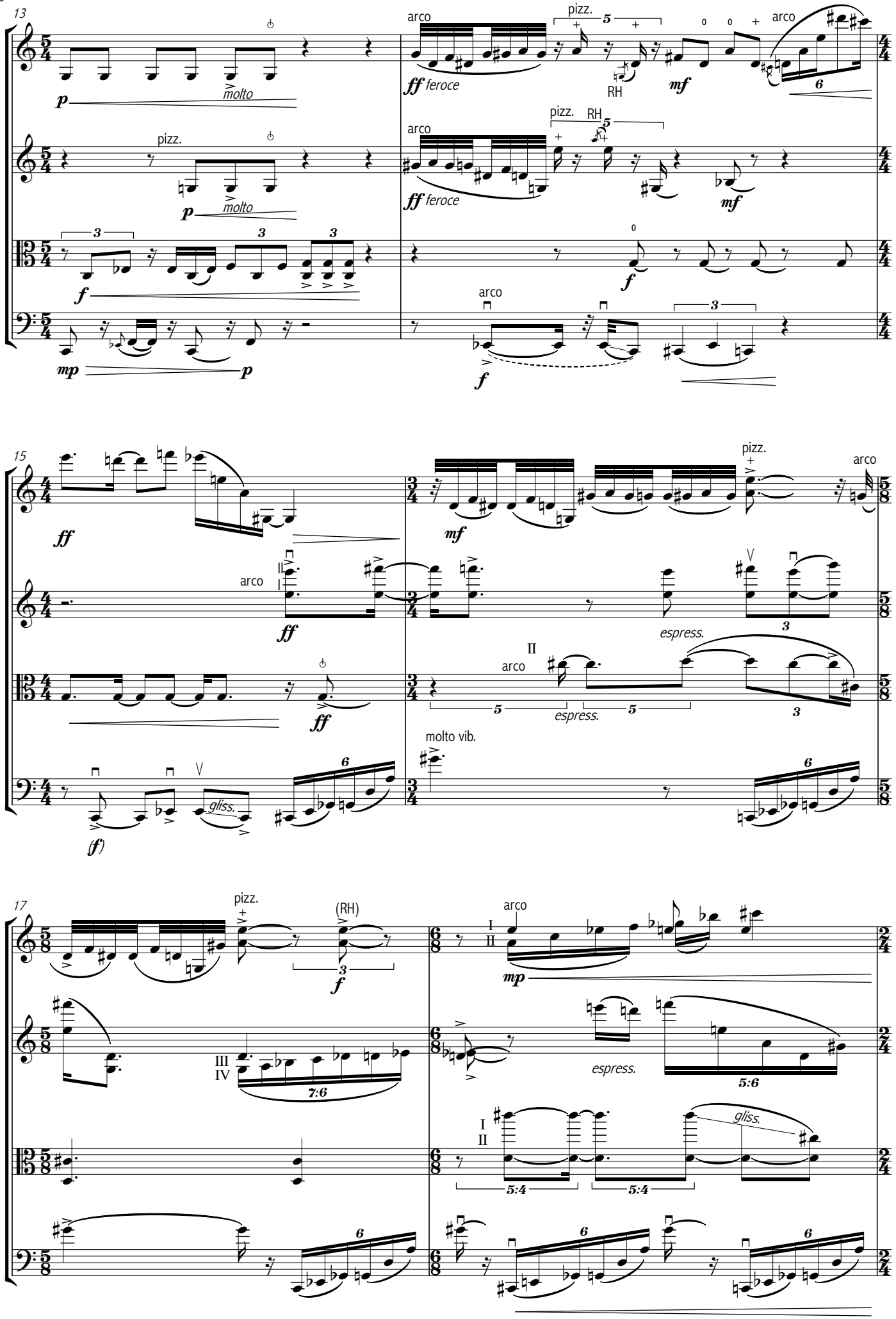
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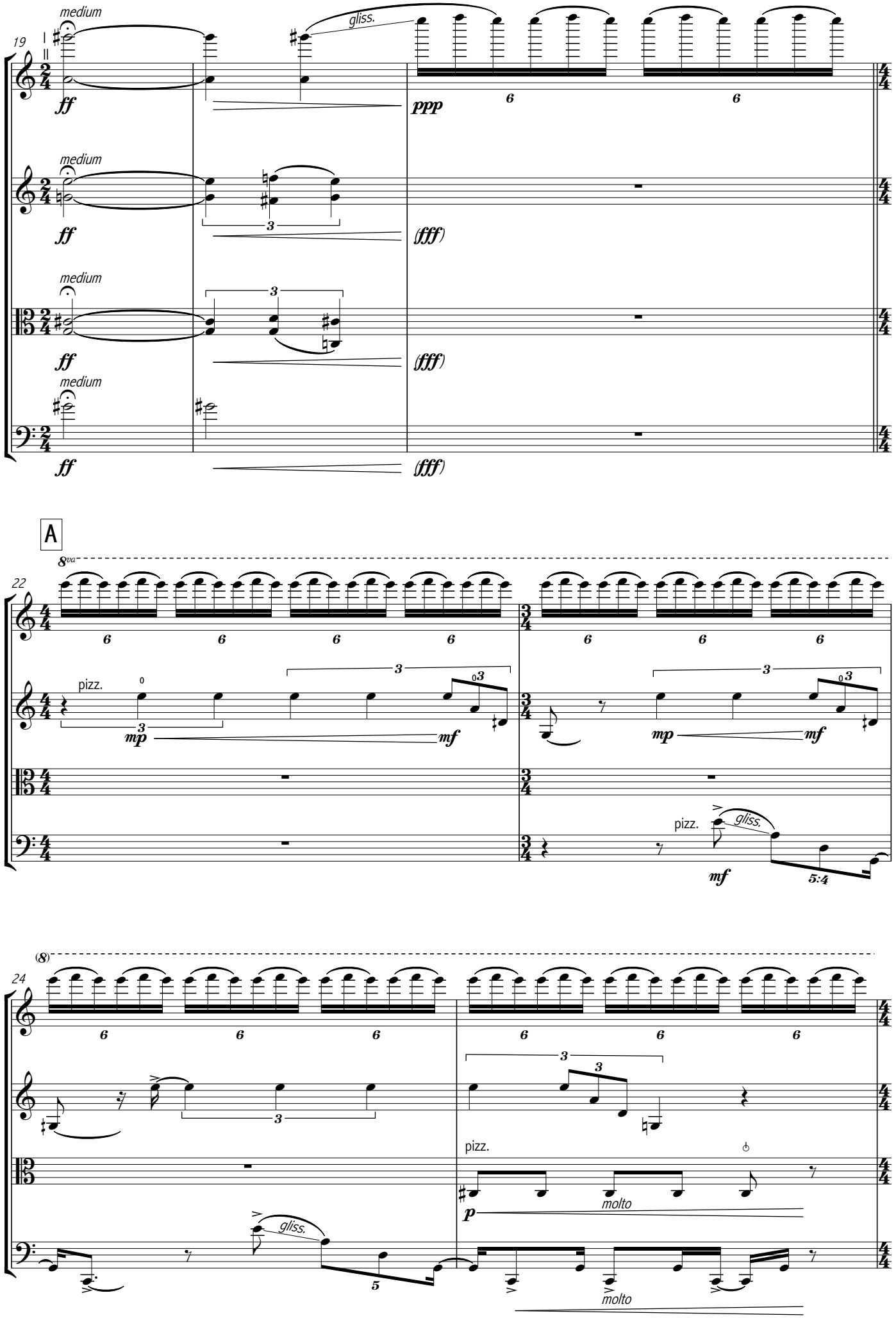
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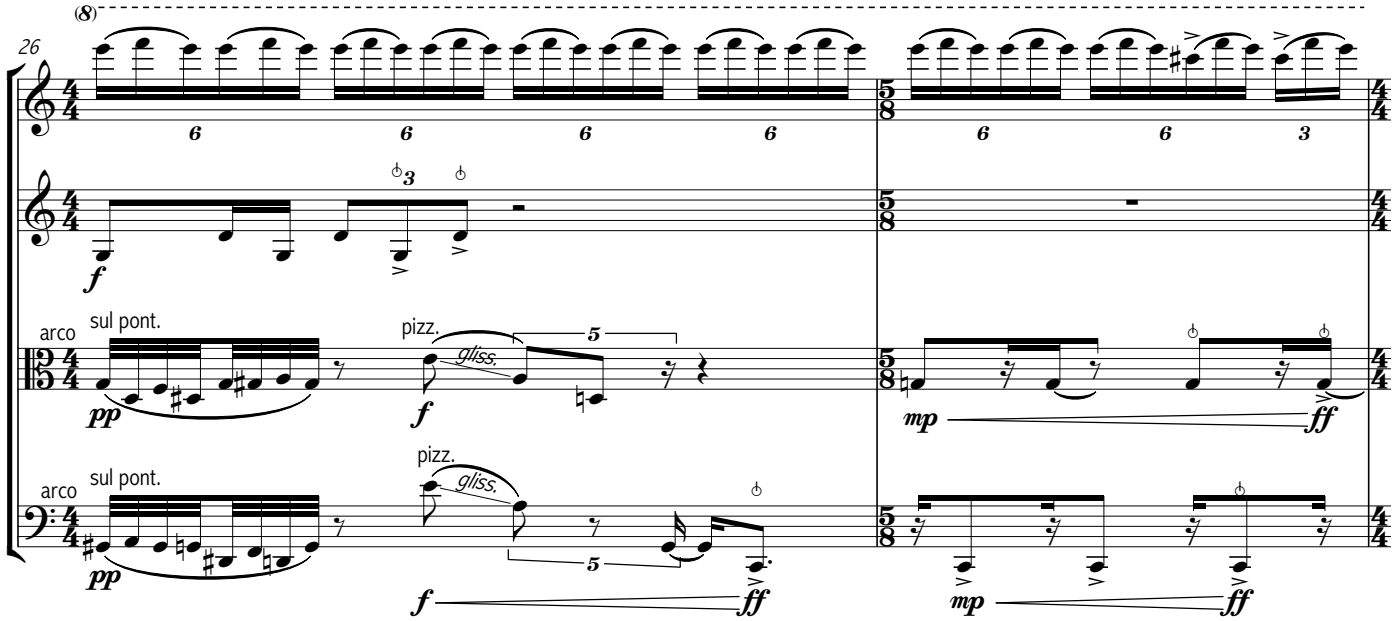
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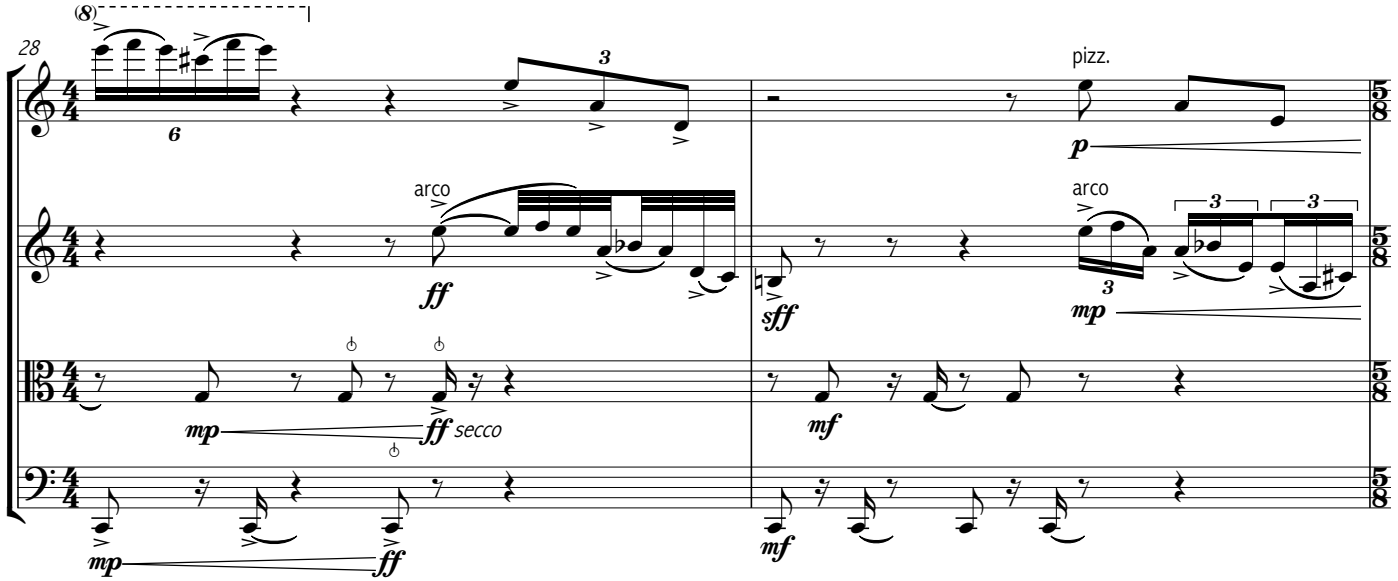
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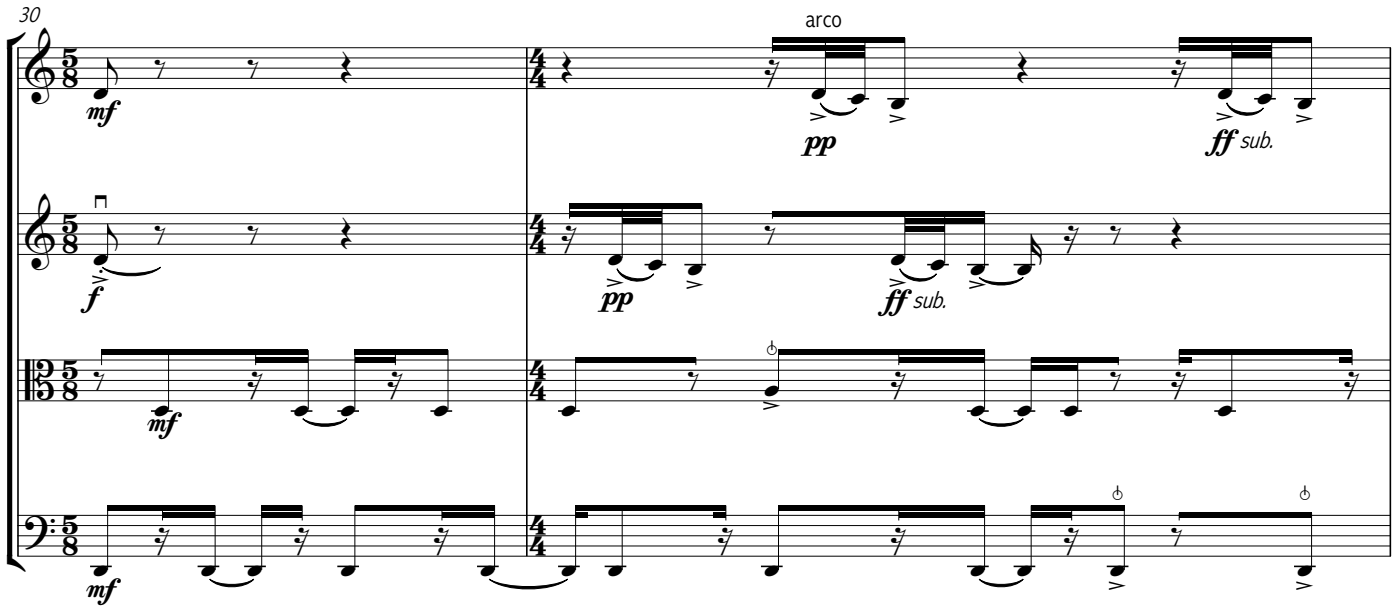
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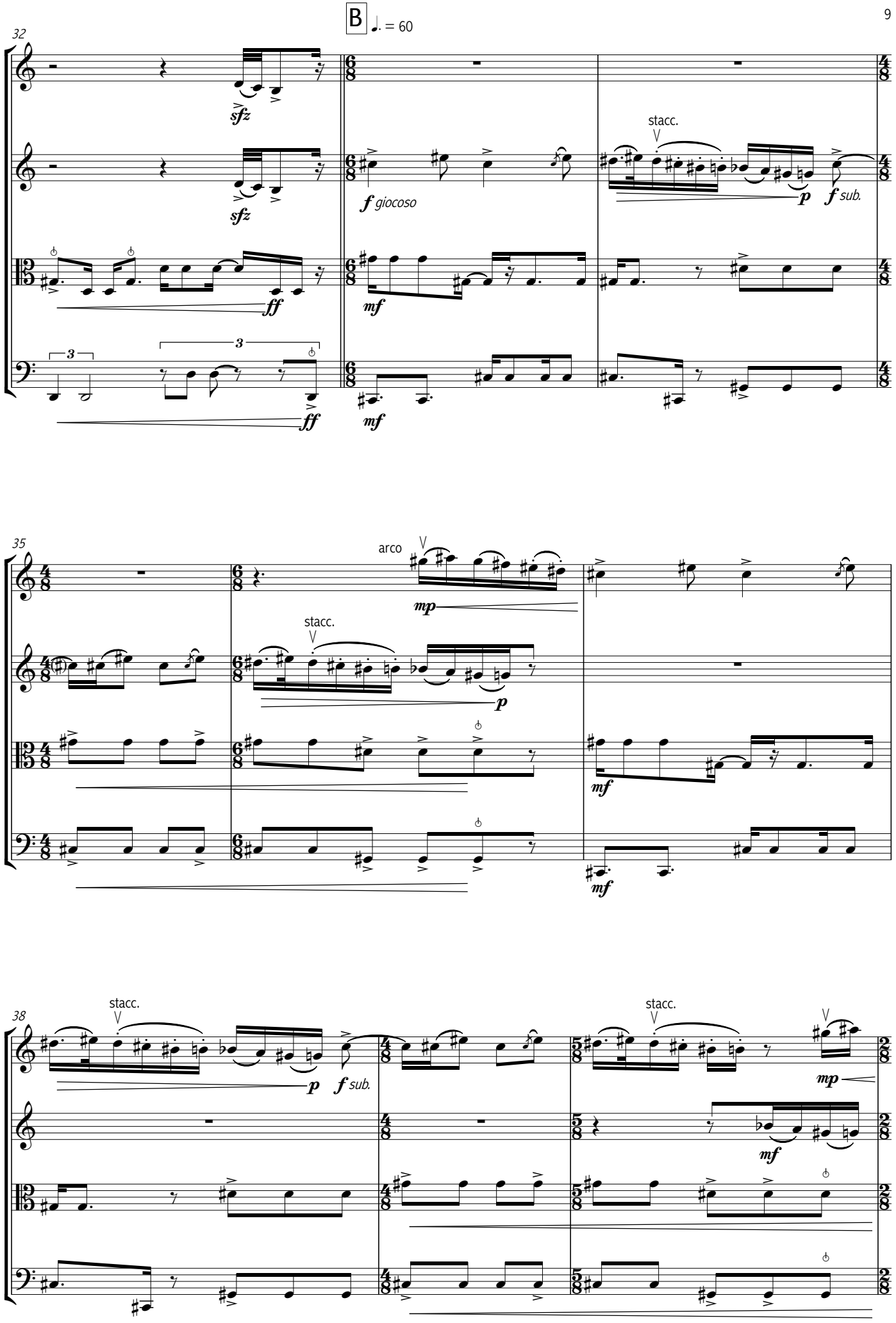
sub.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sfz
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ff
mf
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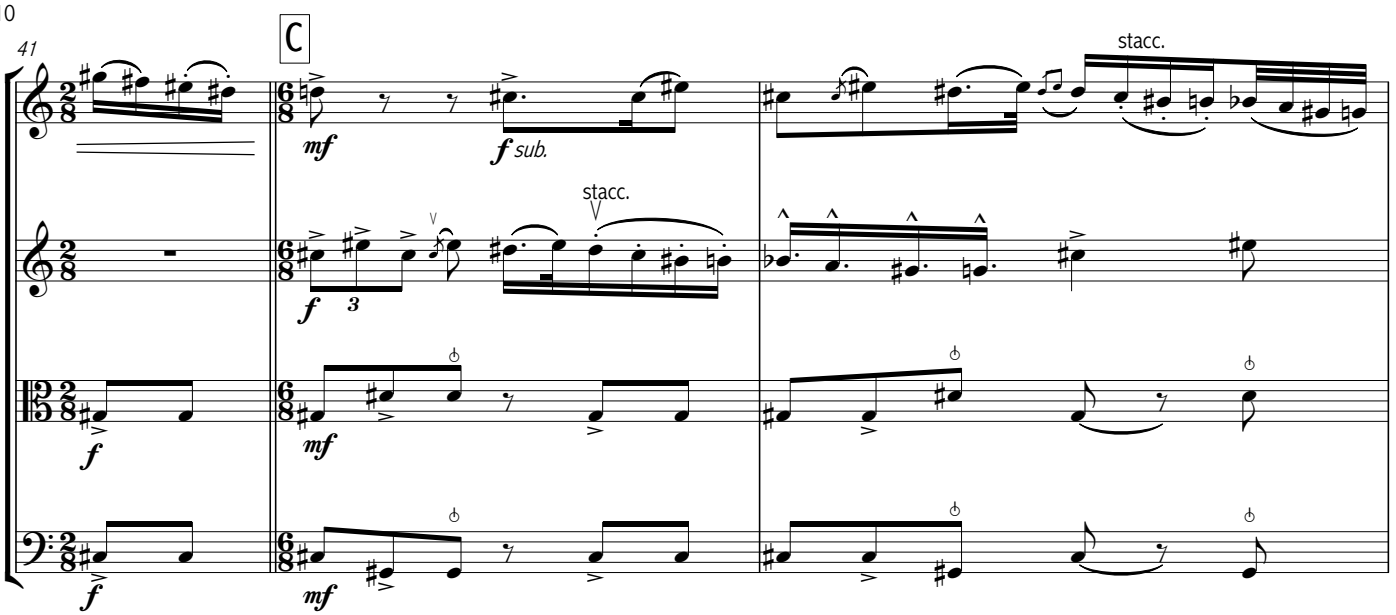
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f sub.
stacc.
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mf
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stacc.
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pizz.
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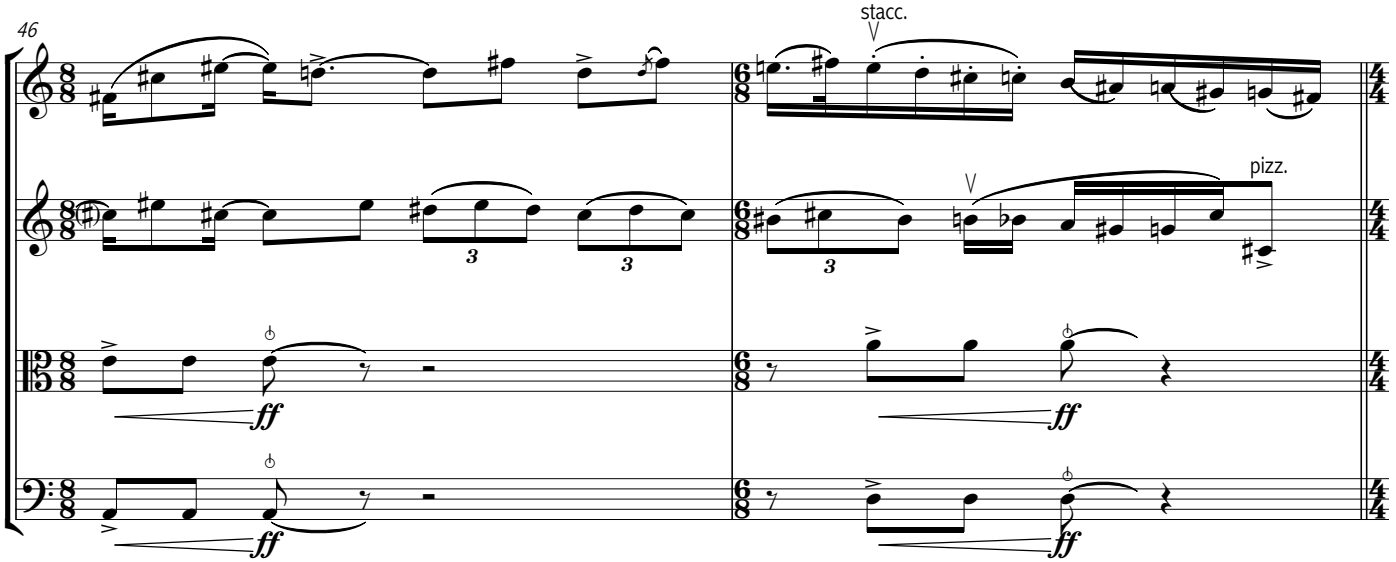
gliss.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stacc.
3
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3
pizz.
ff
ff
ff
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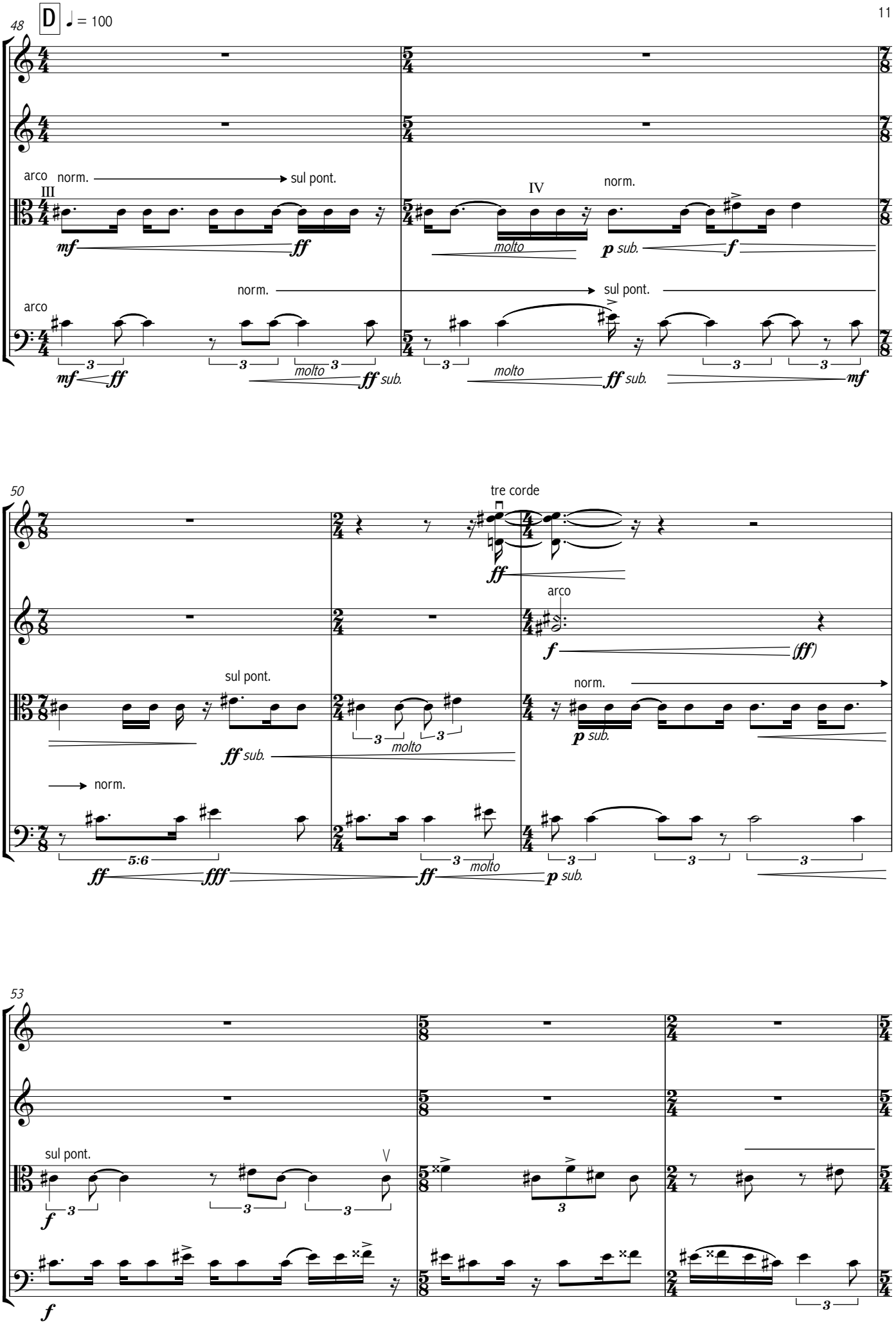
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sul pont.
III
IV
norm.
mf
ff
molto
p sub.
f
norm.
sul pont.
arco
mf
ff
molto
ff sub.
molto
ff sub.
mf
50
tre corde
ff
arco
f
(ff)
sul pont.
norm.
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molto
p sub.
norm.
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fff
ff
molto
p sub.
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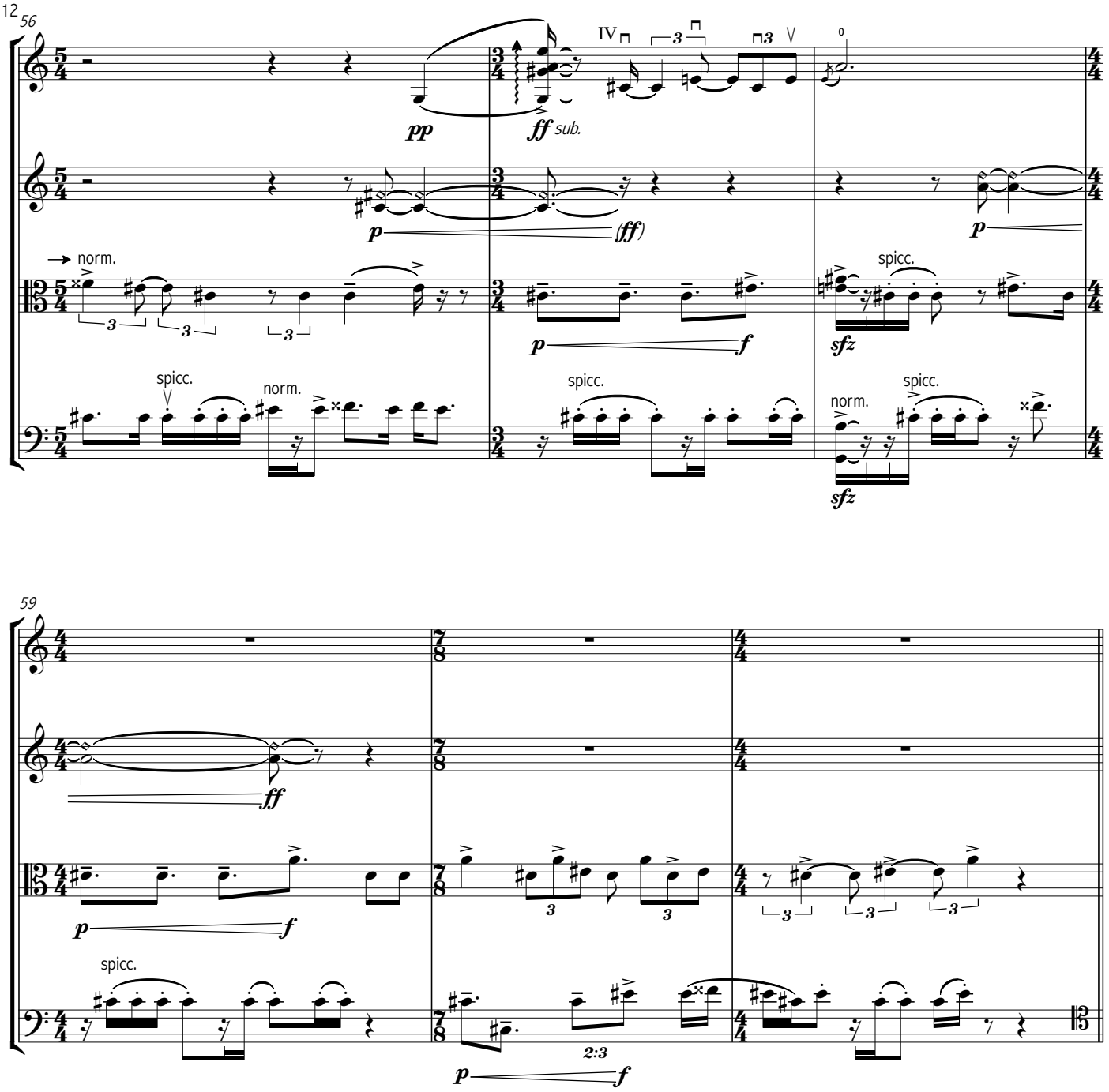
sul pont.
f
f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ff sub.
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(ff)
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p
f
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spicc.
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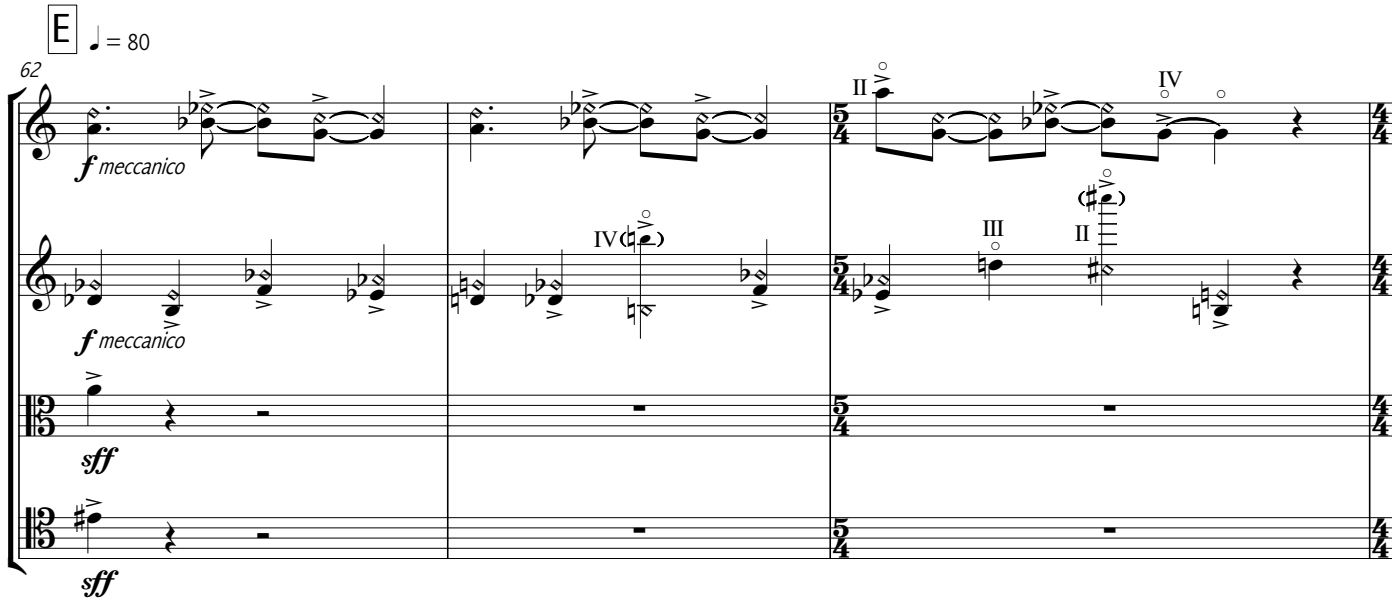
spicc.
norm.
sfz

59
ff
p
f
spicc.
2:3
p
f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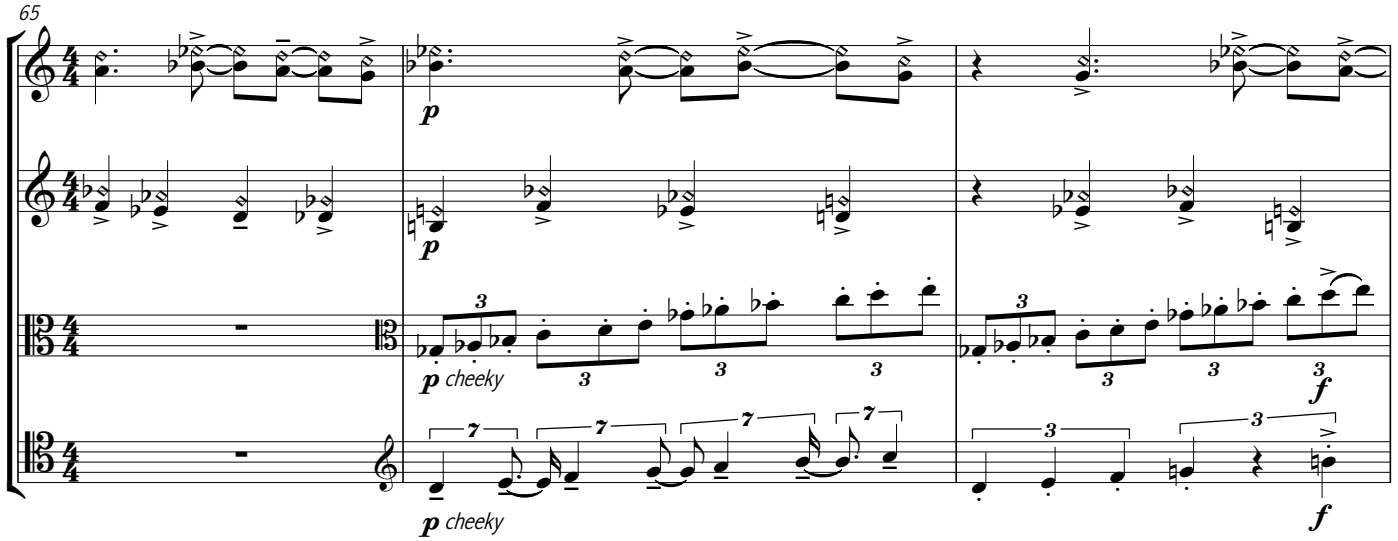
f meccanico
sff
sff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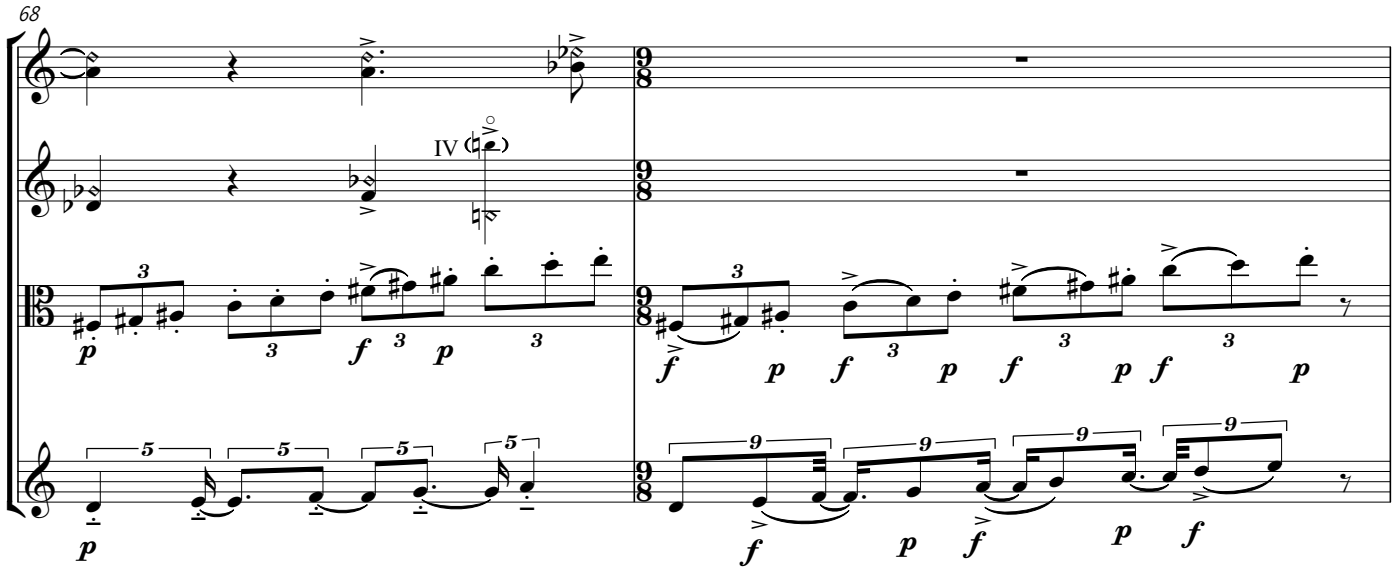
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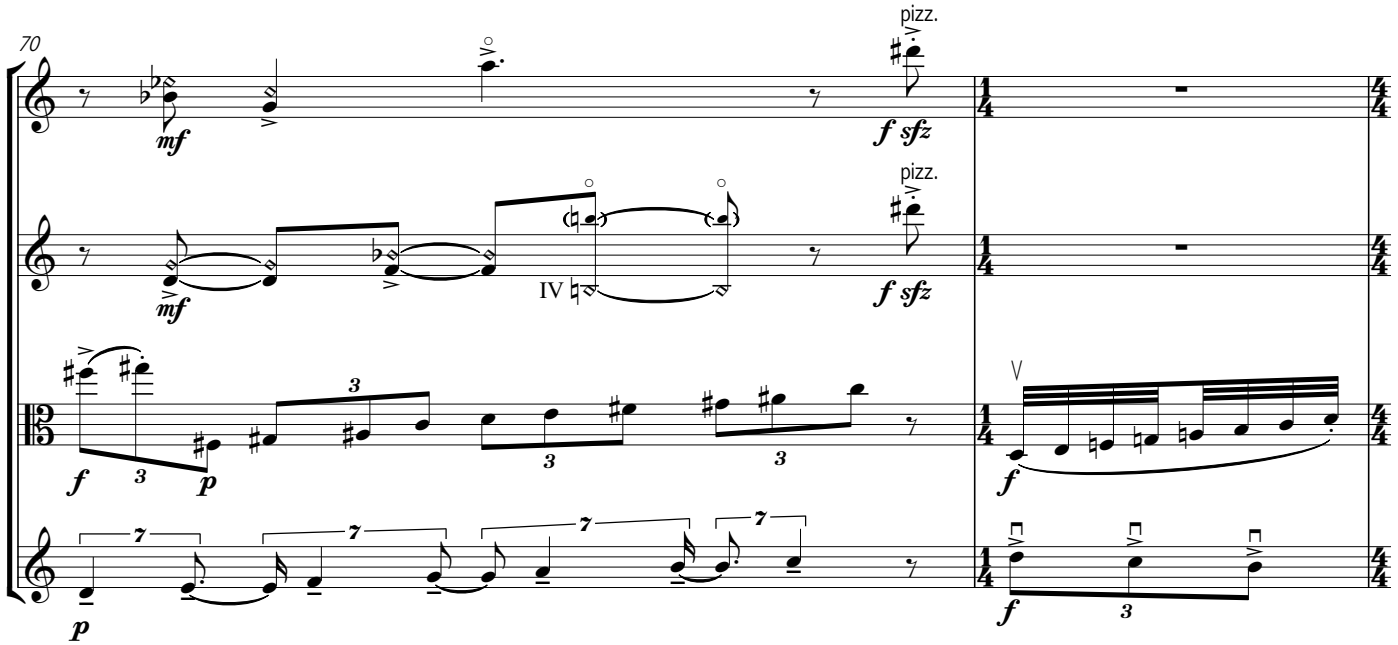
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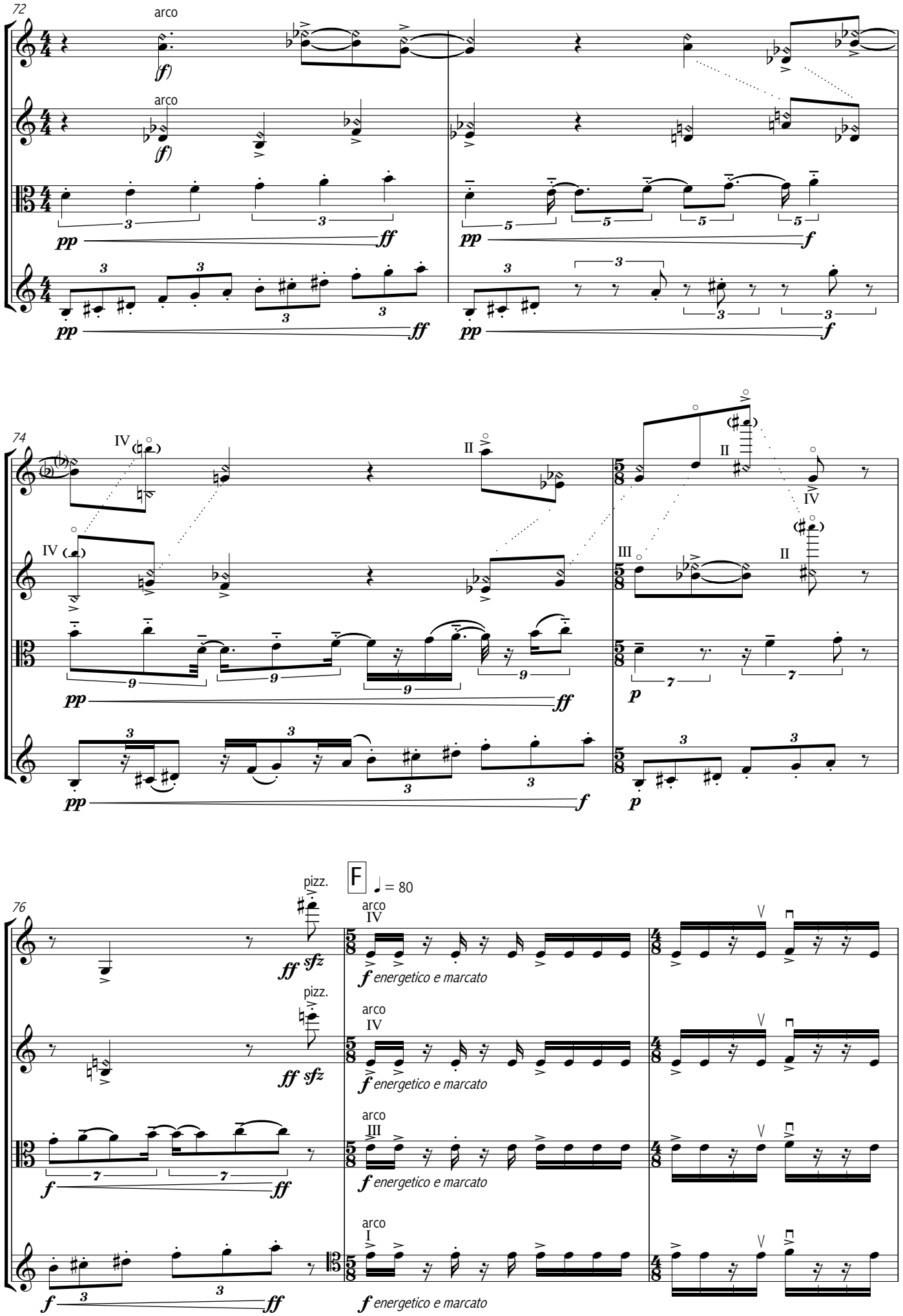
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(f)
arco
(f)
pp
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ff
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74
IV
II
IV
II
III
II
IV
pp
ff
p
pp
f
p
76
pizz.
ff sfz
F
♩ = 80
arco
IV
f energetico e marcato
pizz.
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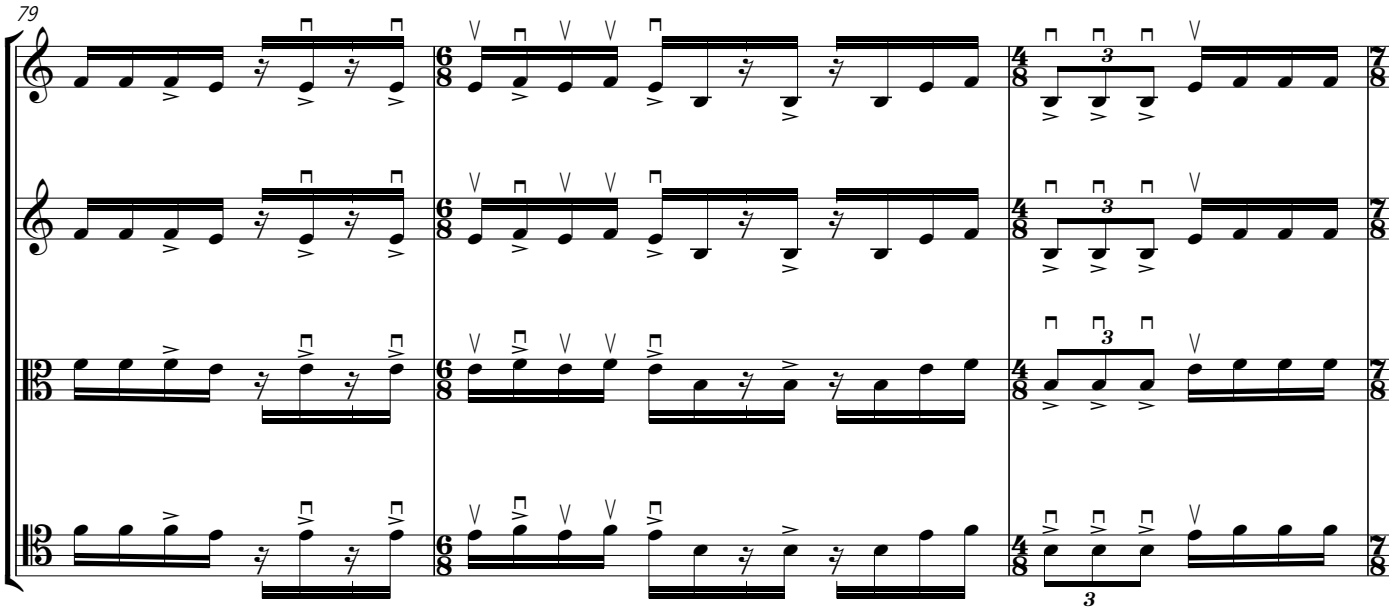
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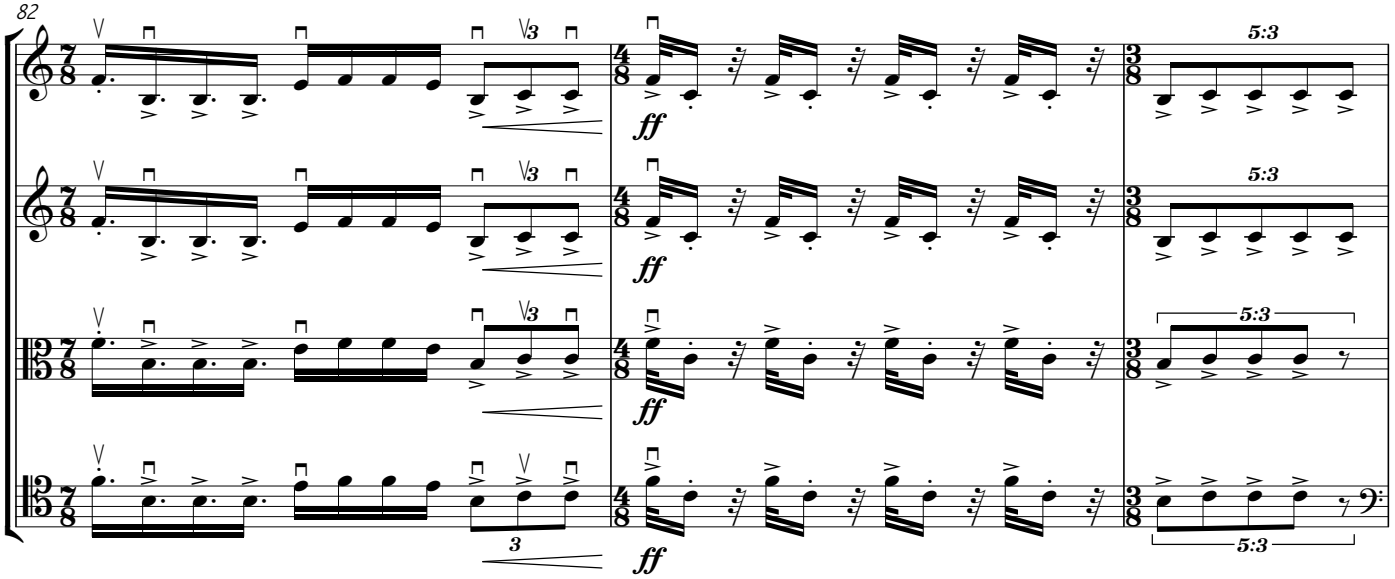
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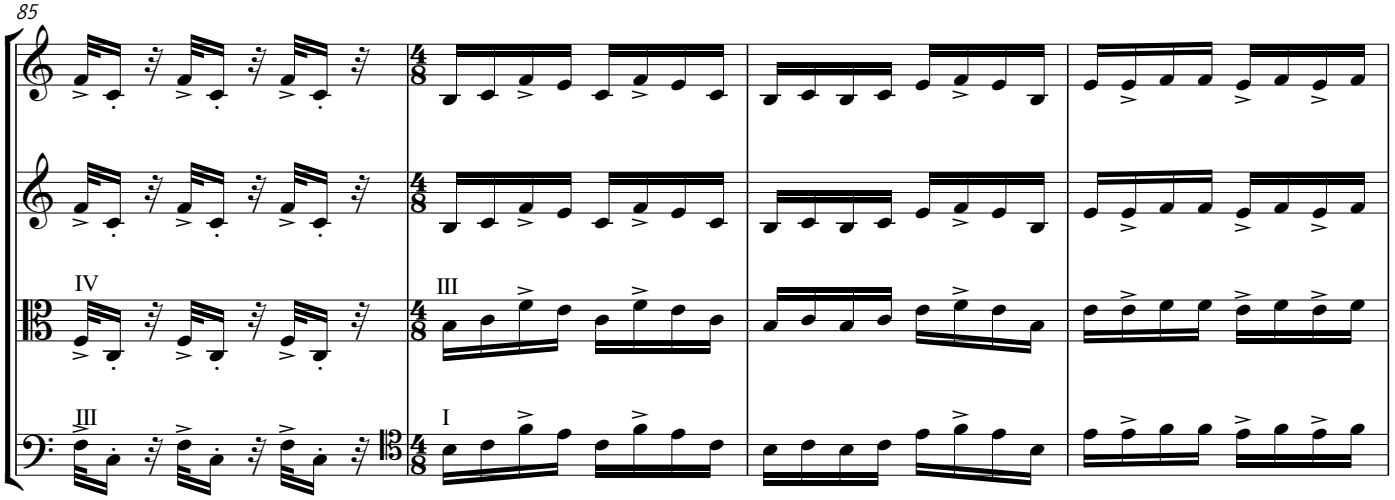
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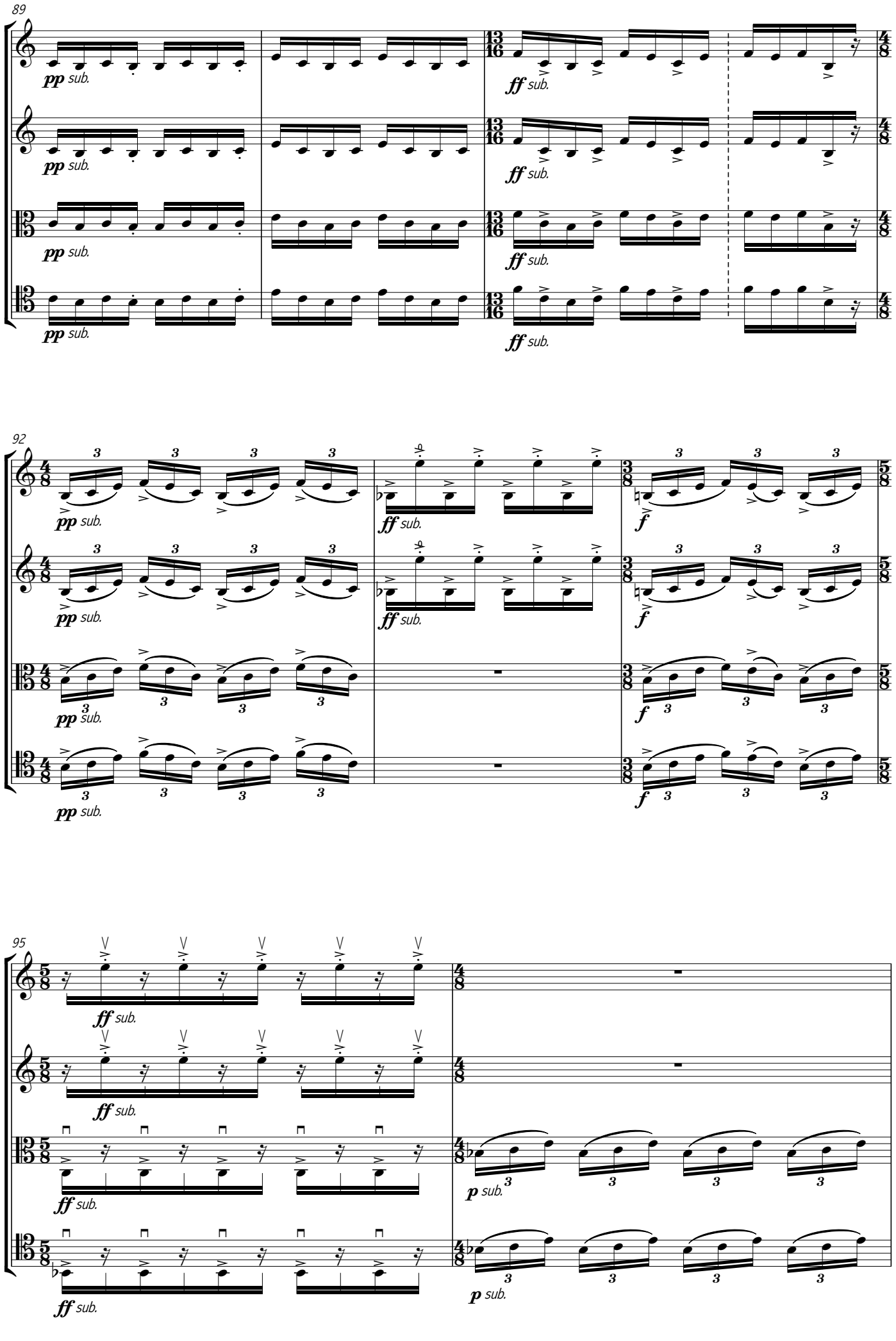
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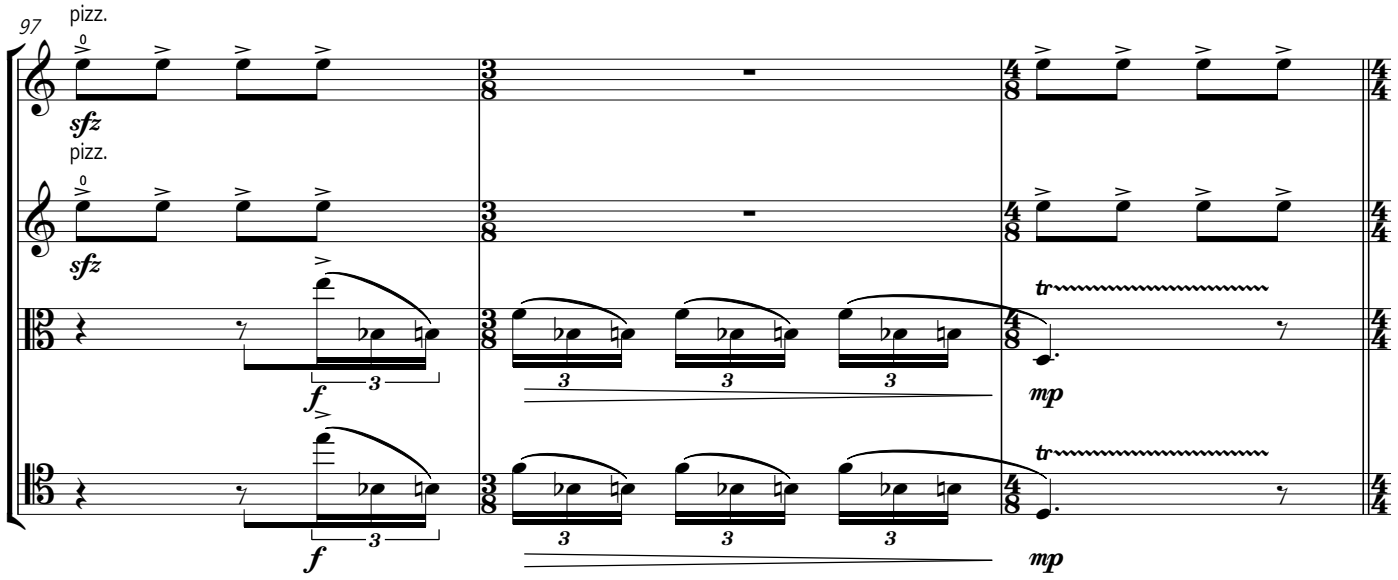
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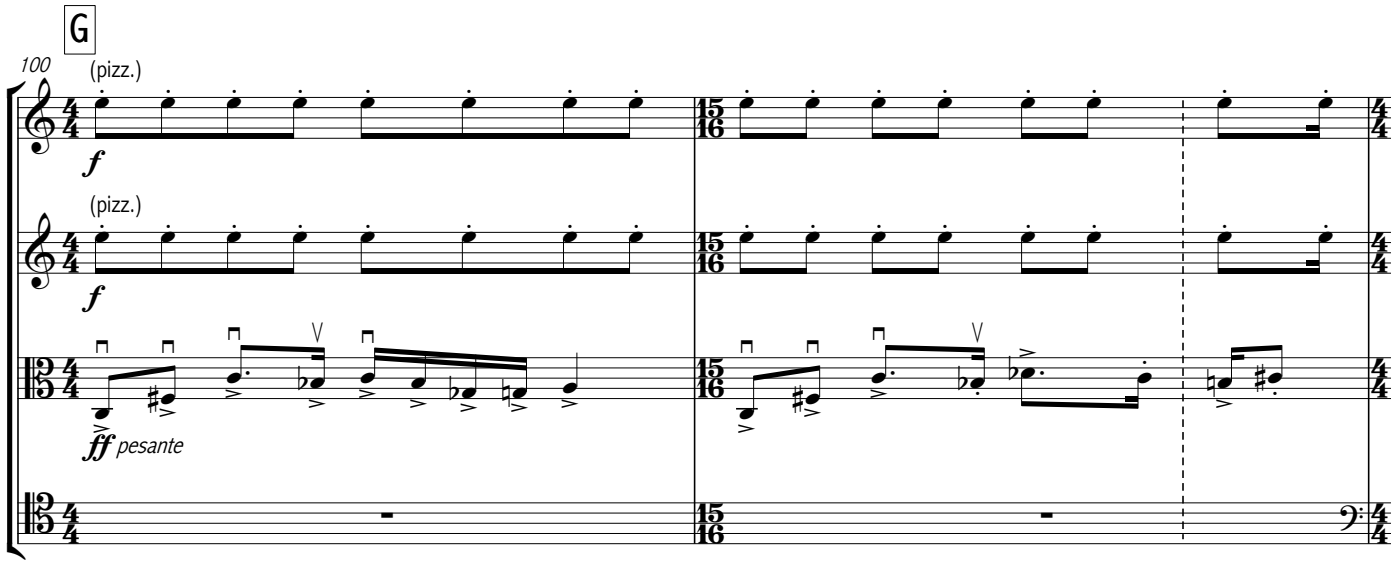
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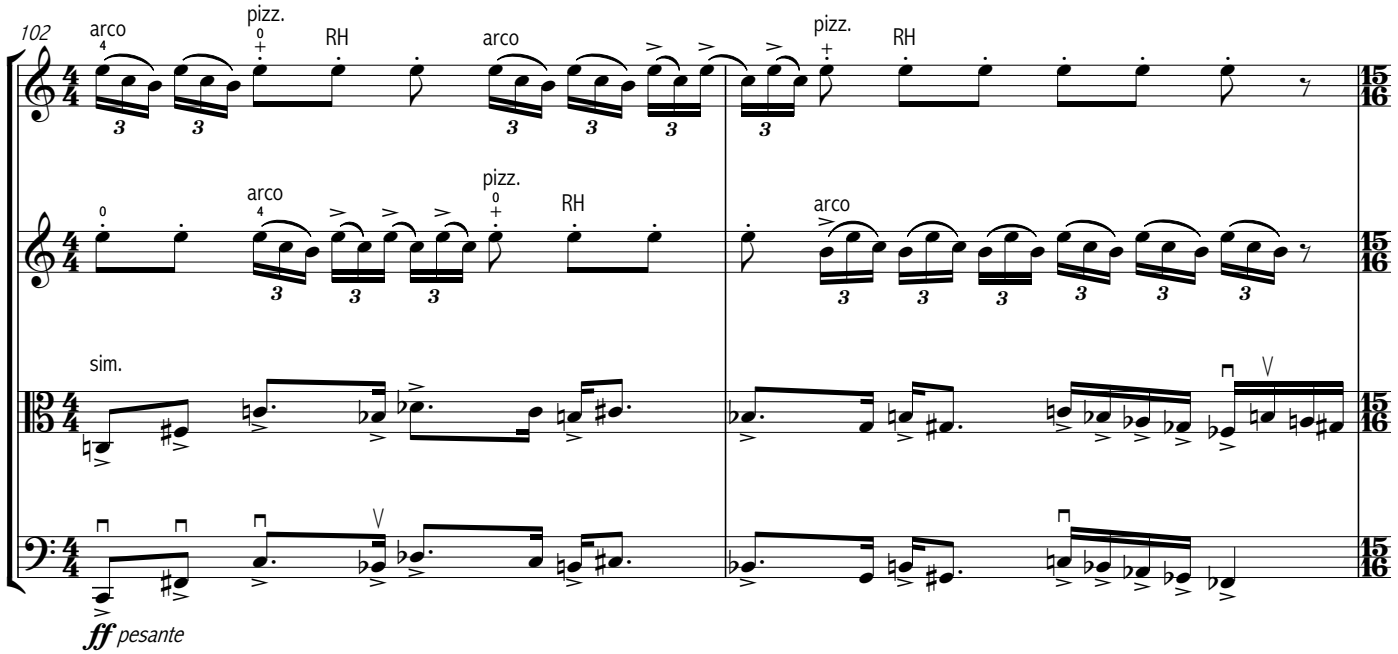
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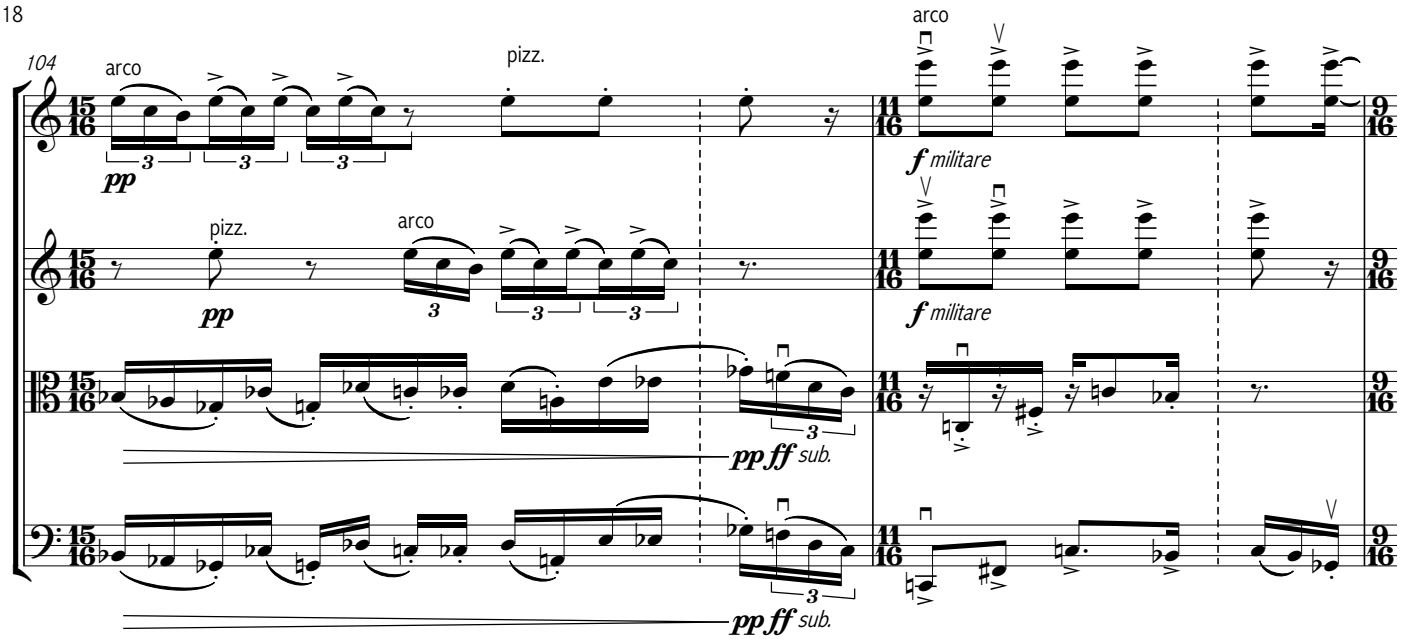
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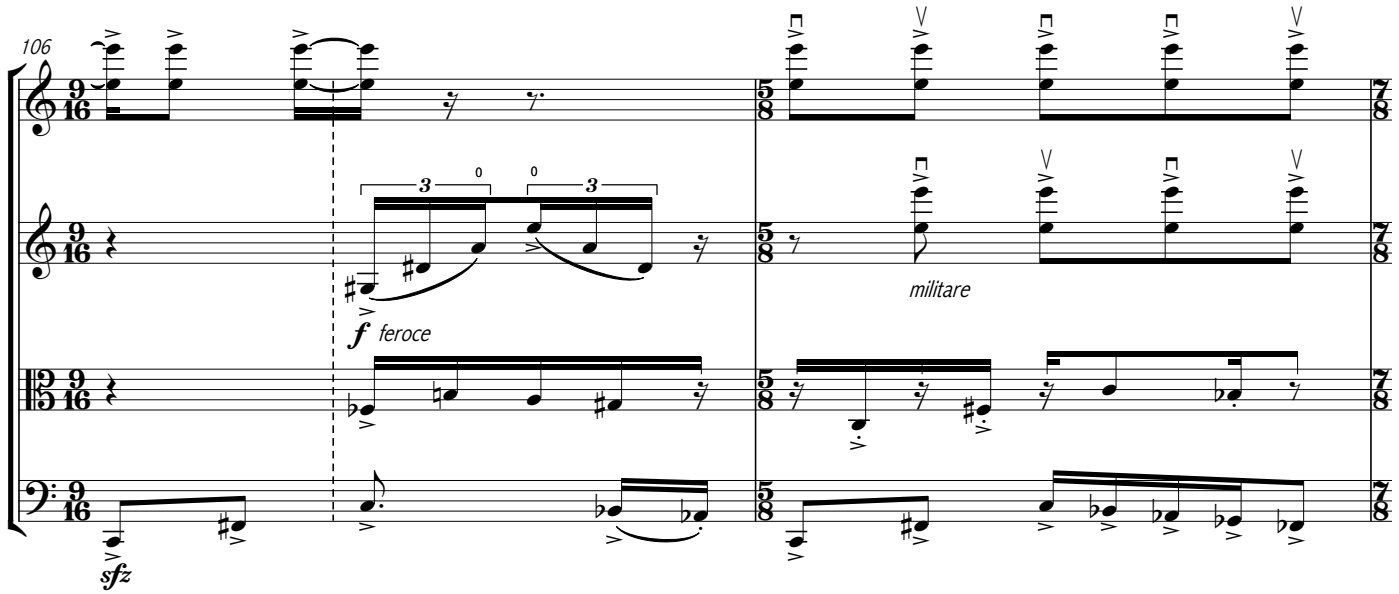
pp ff sub.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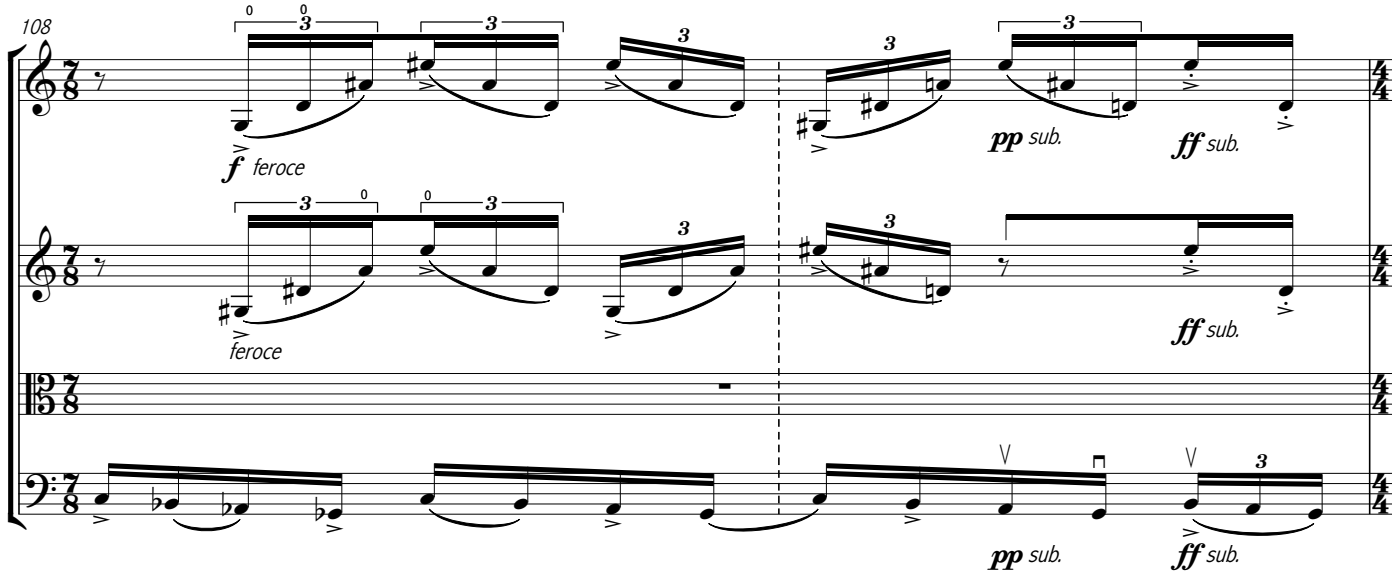
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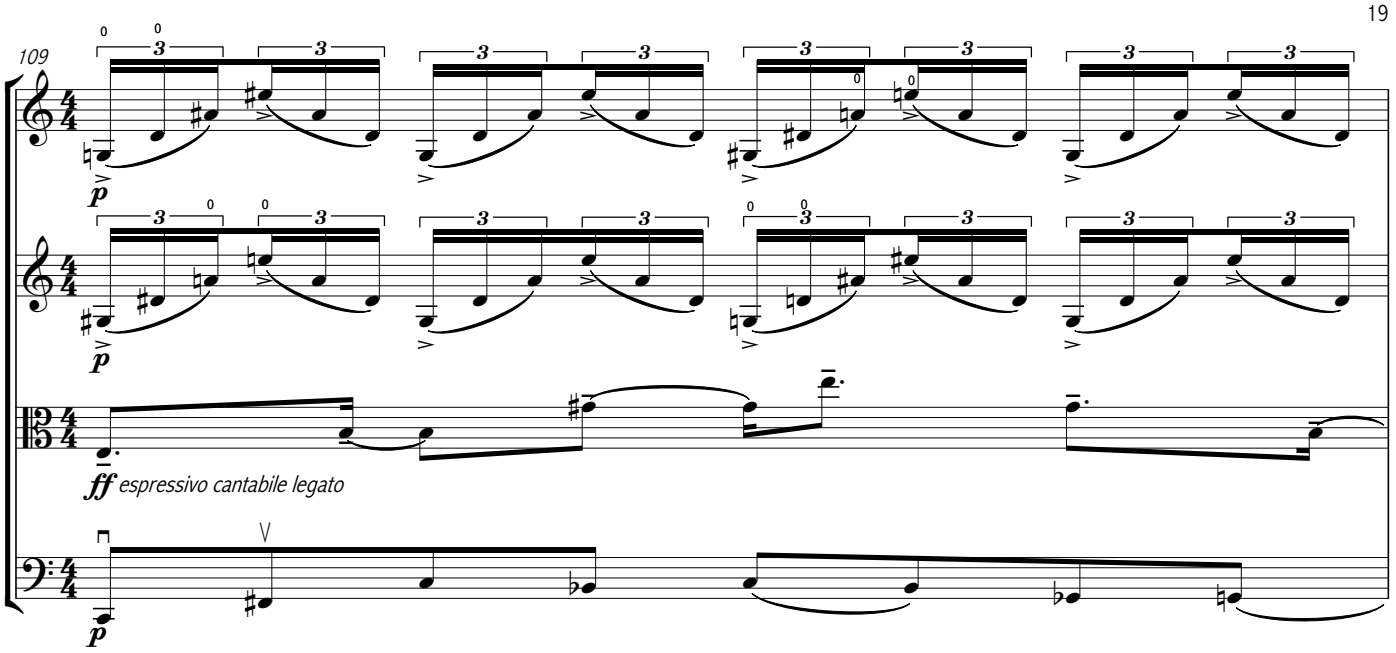
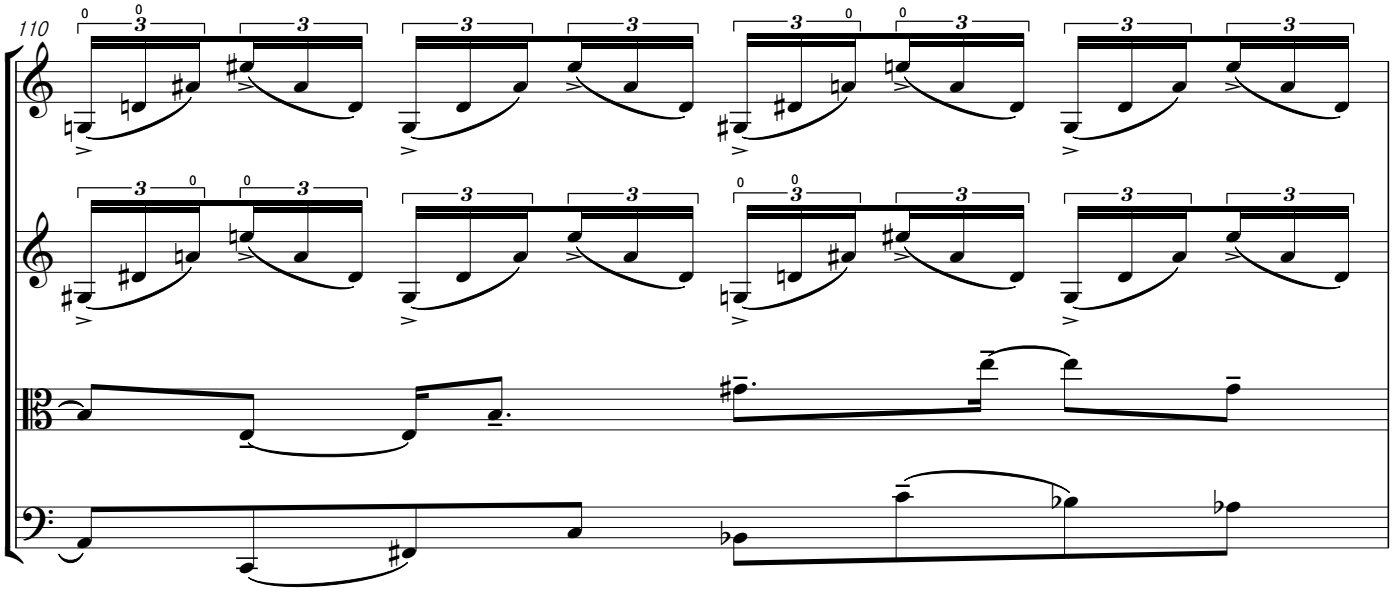
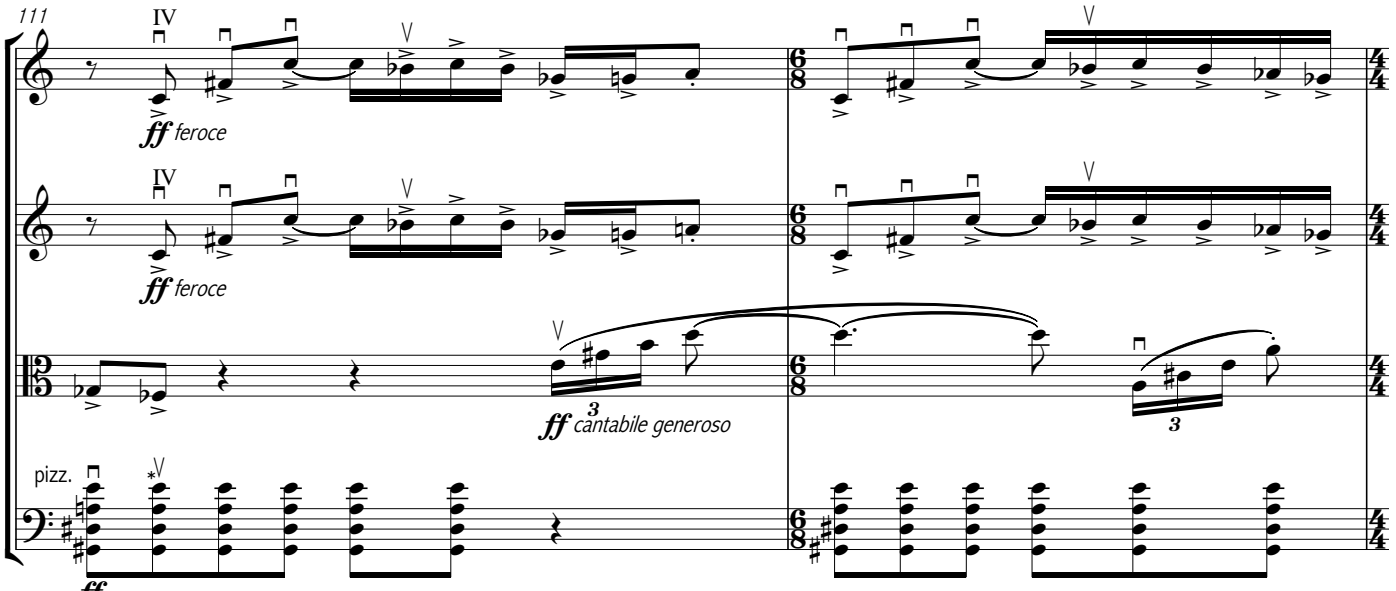
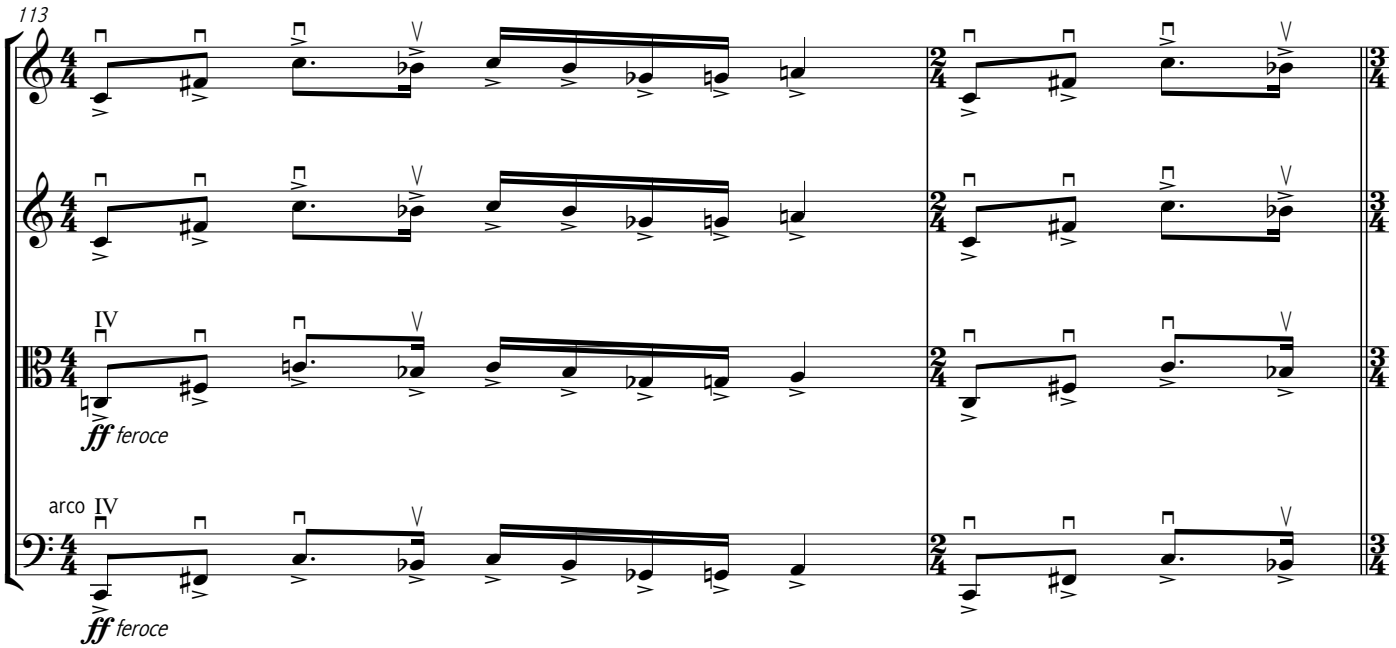






* 'up-bow' pizz should be played with the finger nail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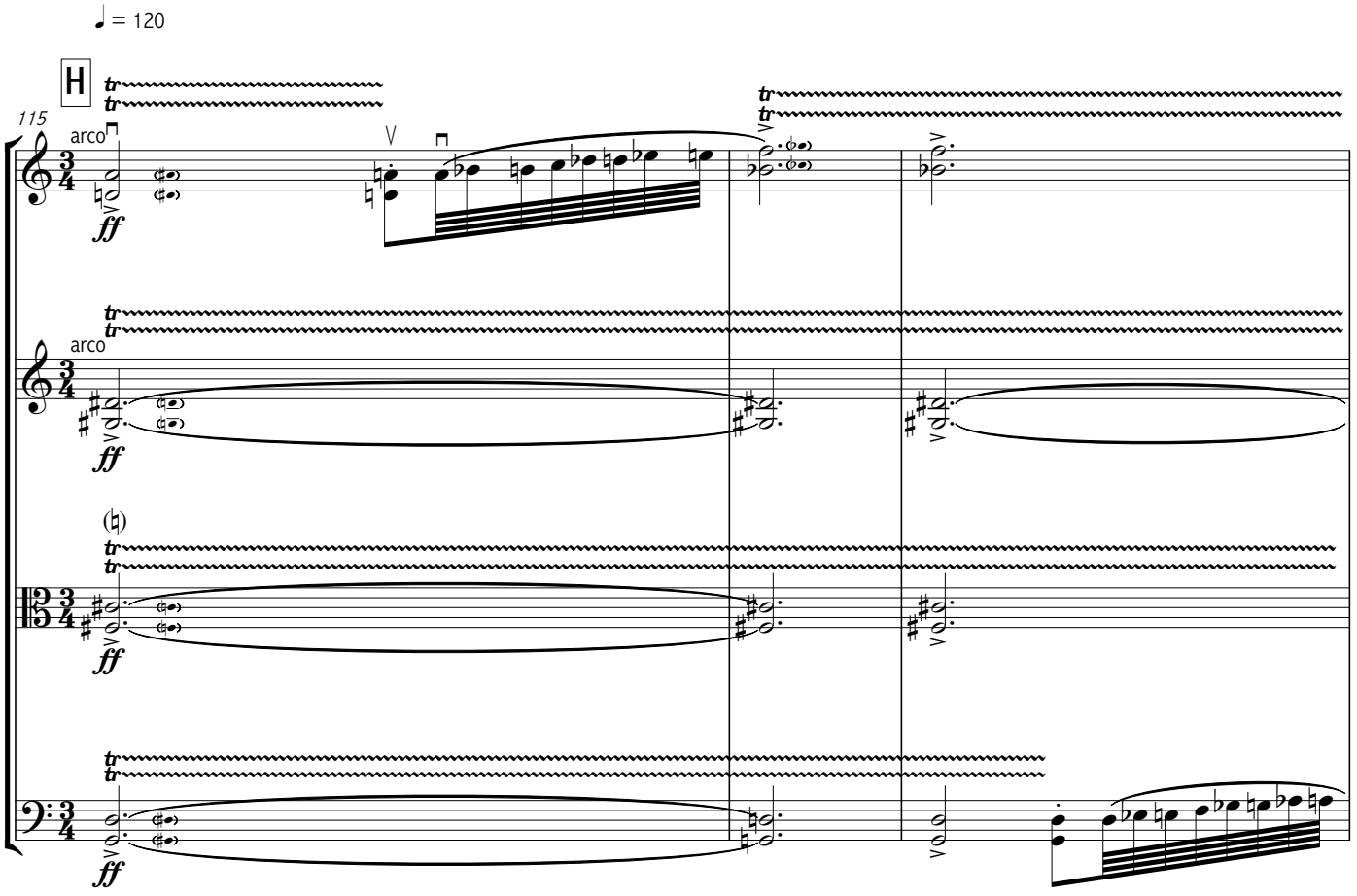
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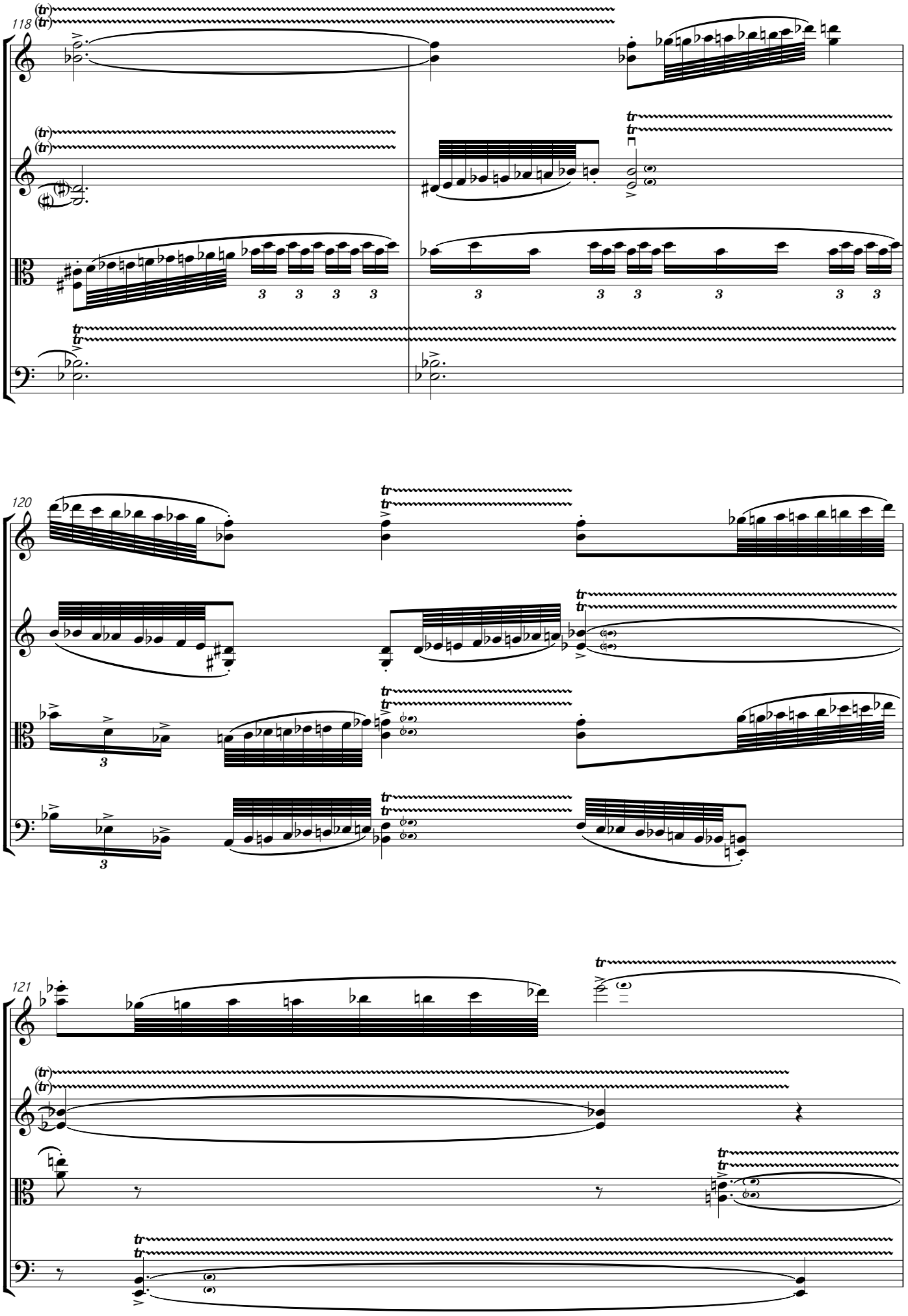
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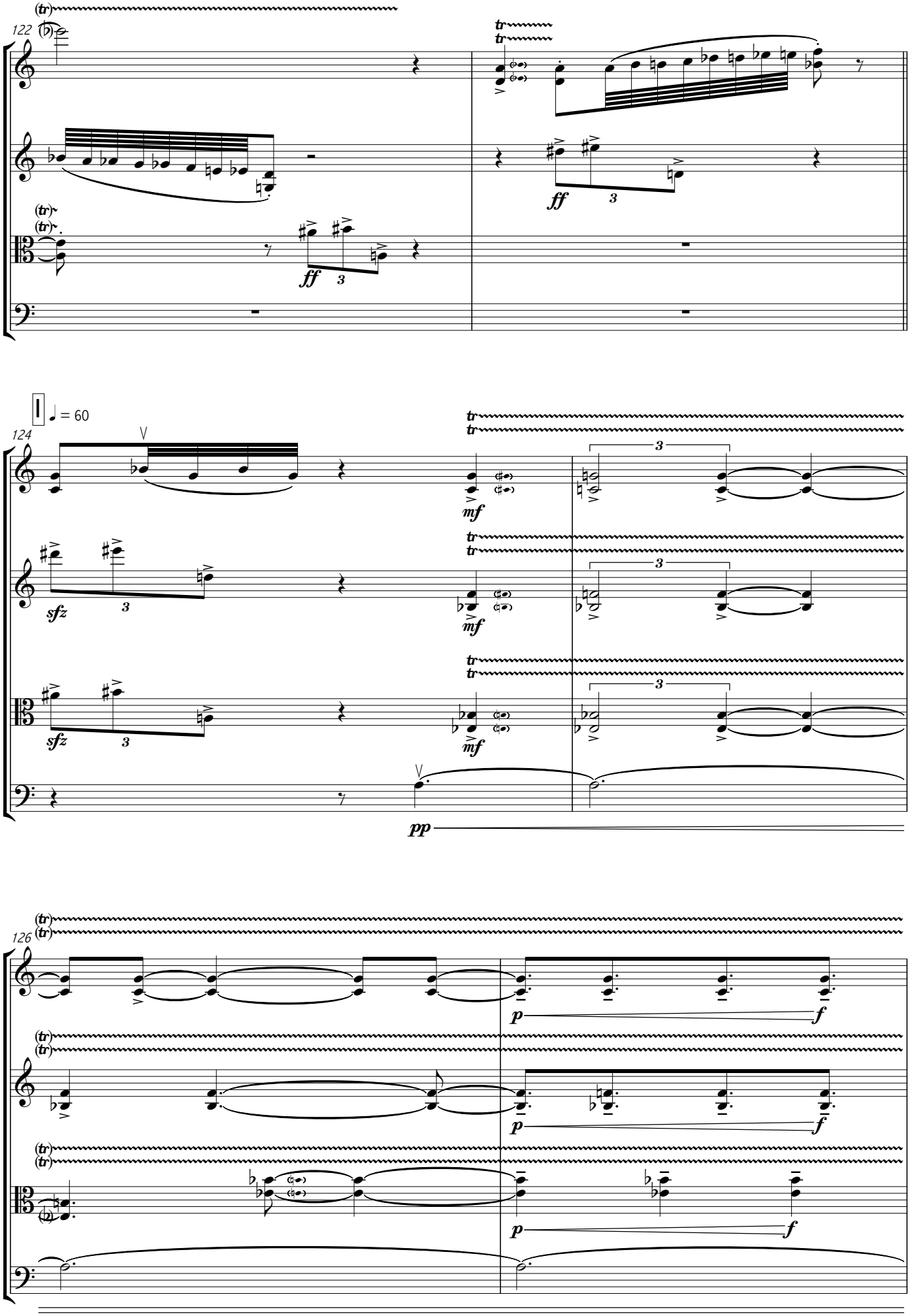
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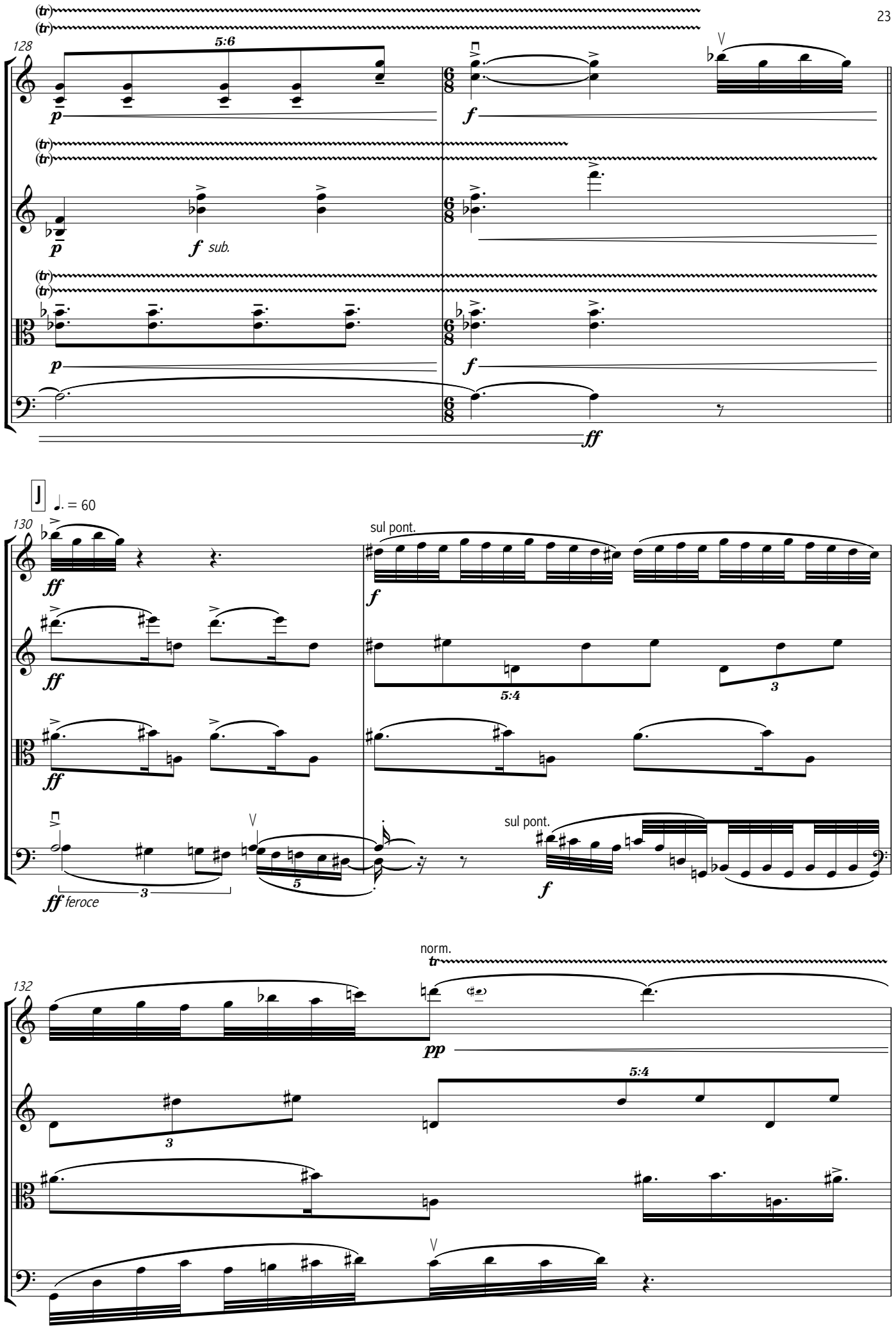
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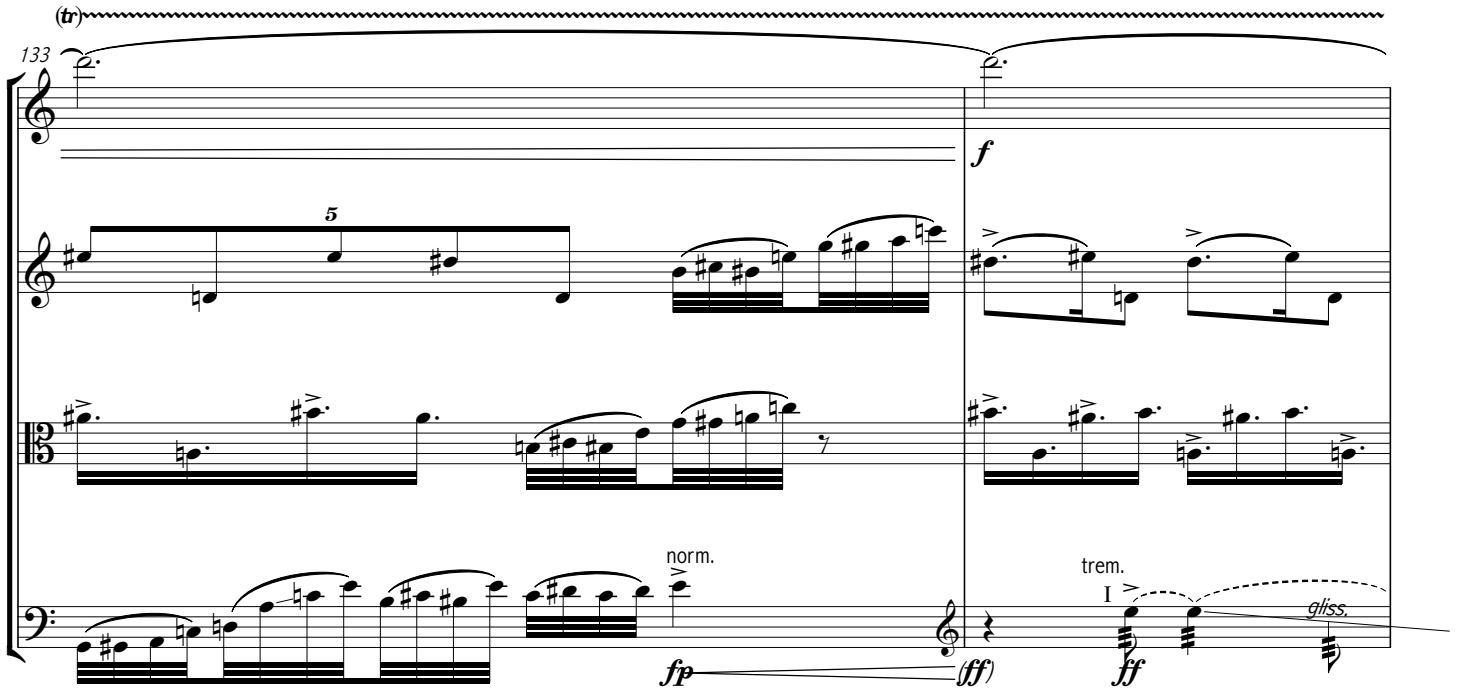
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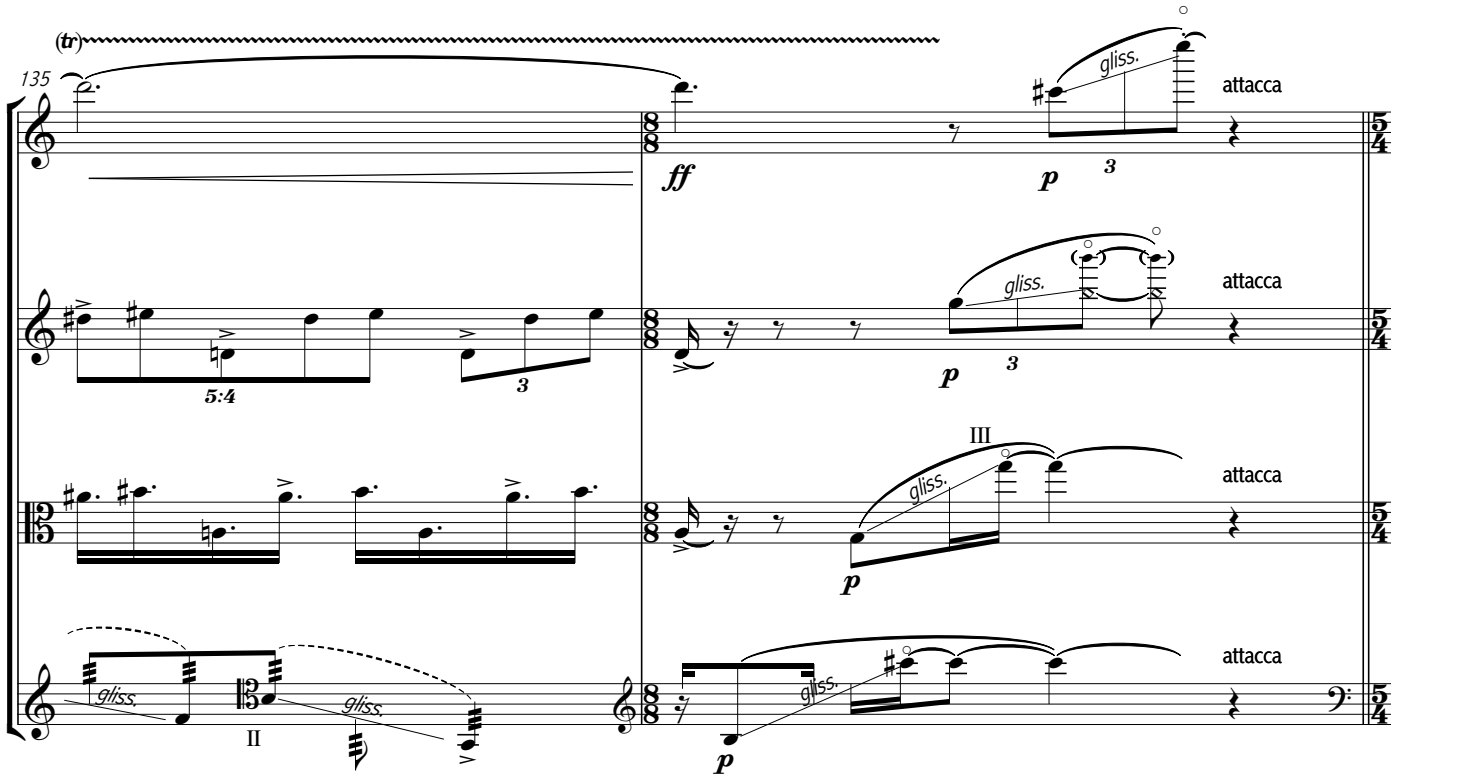
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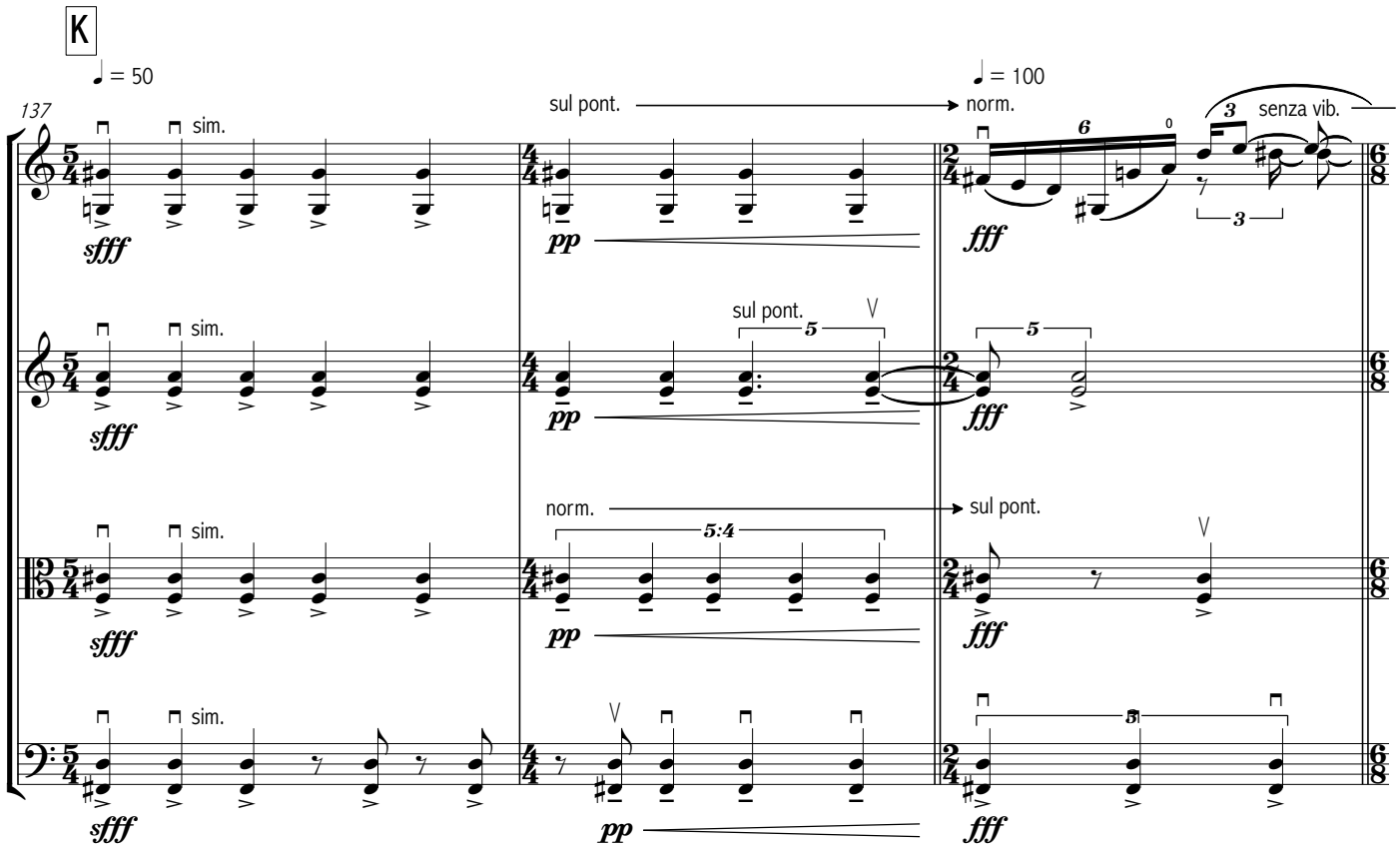
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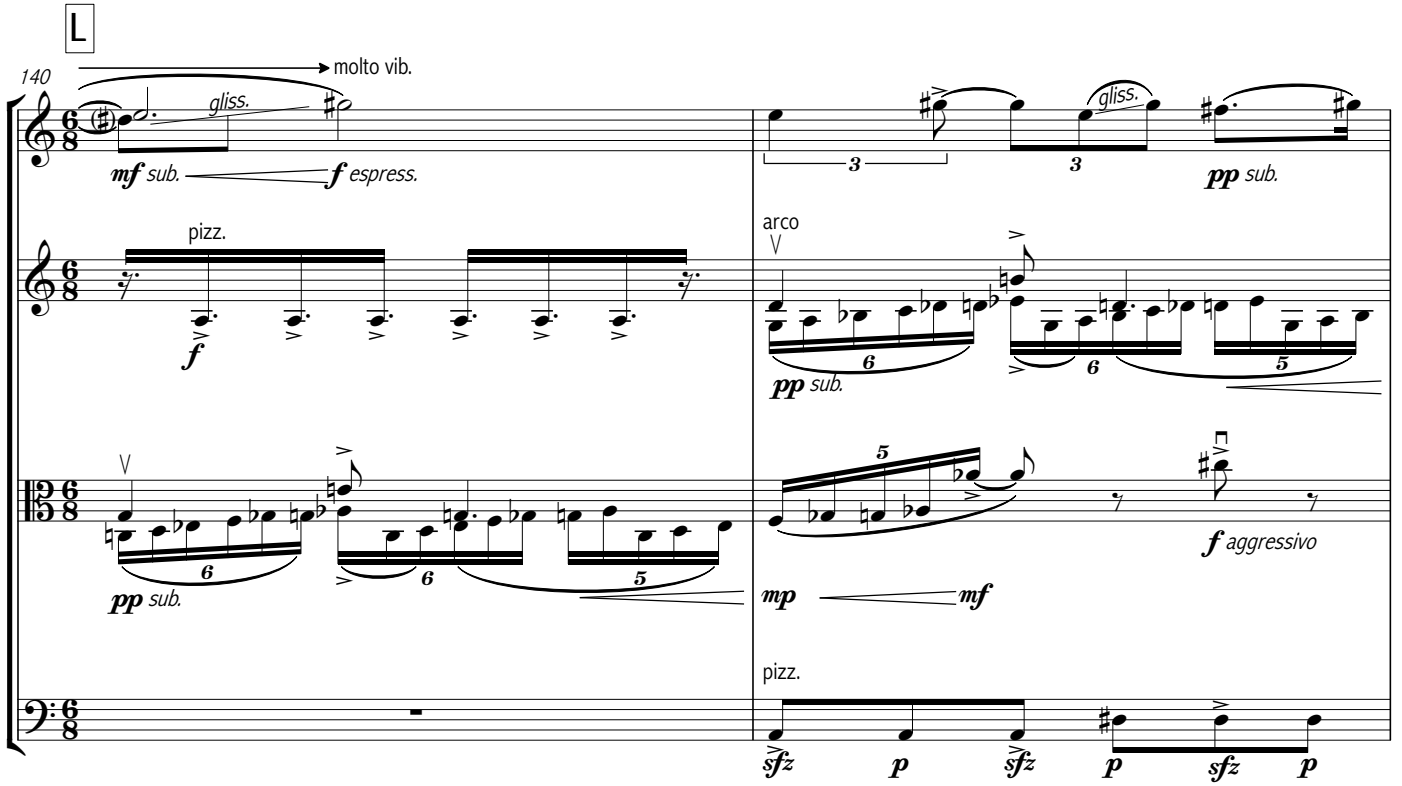
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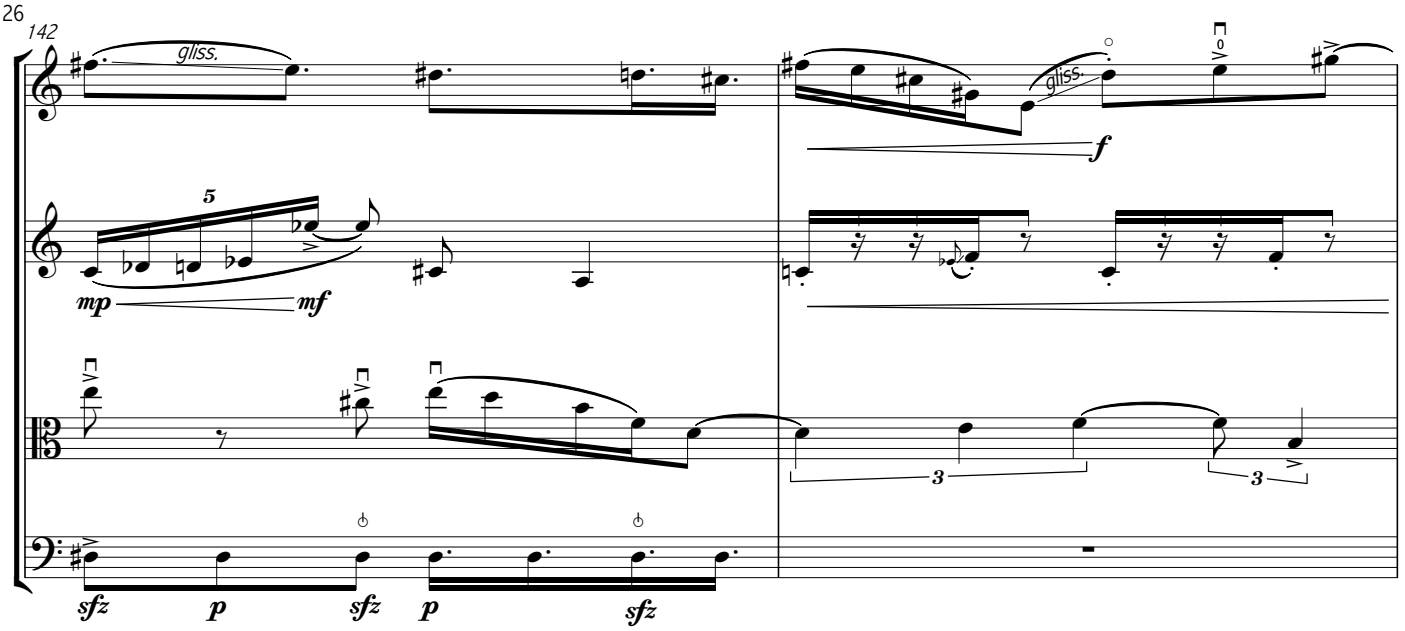
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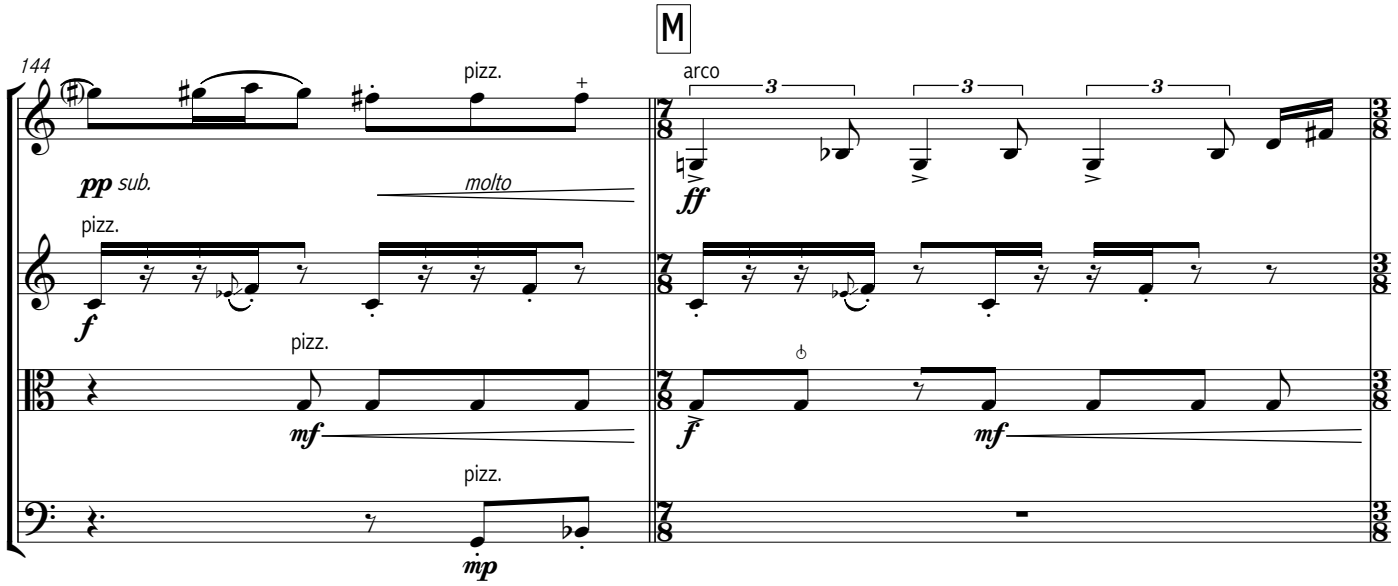
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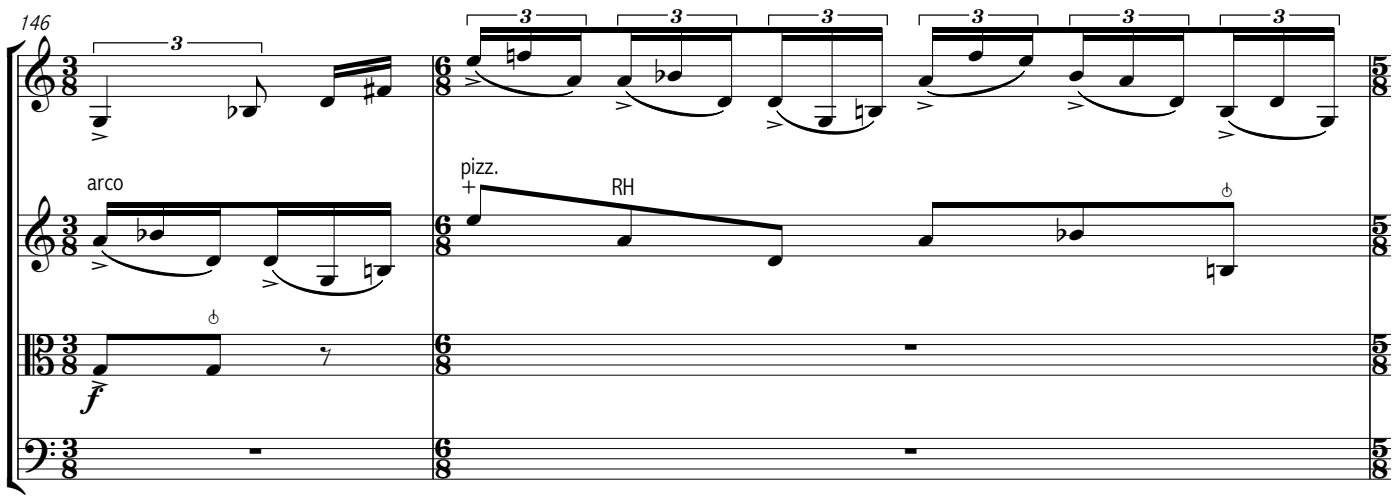
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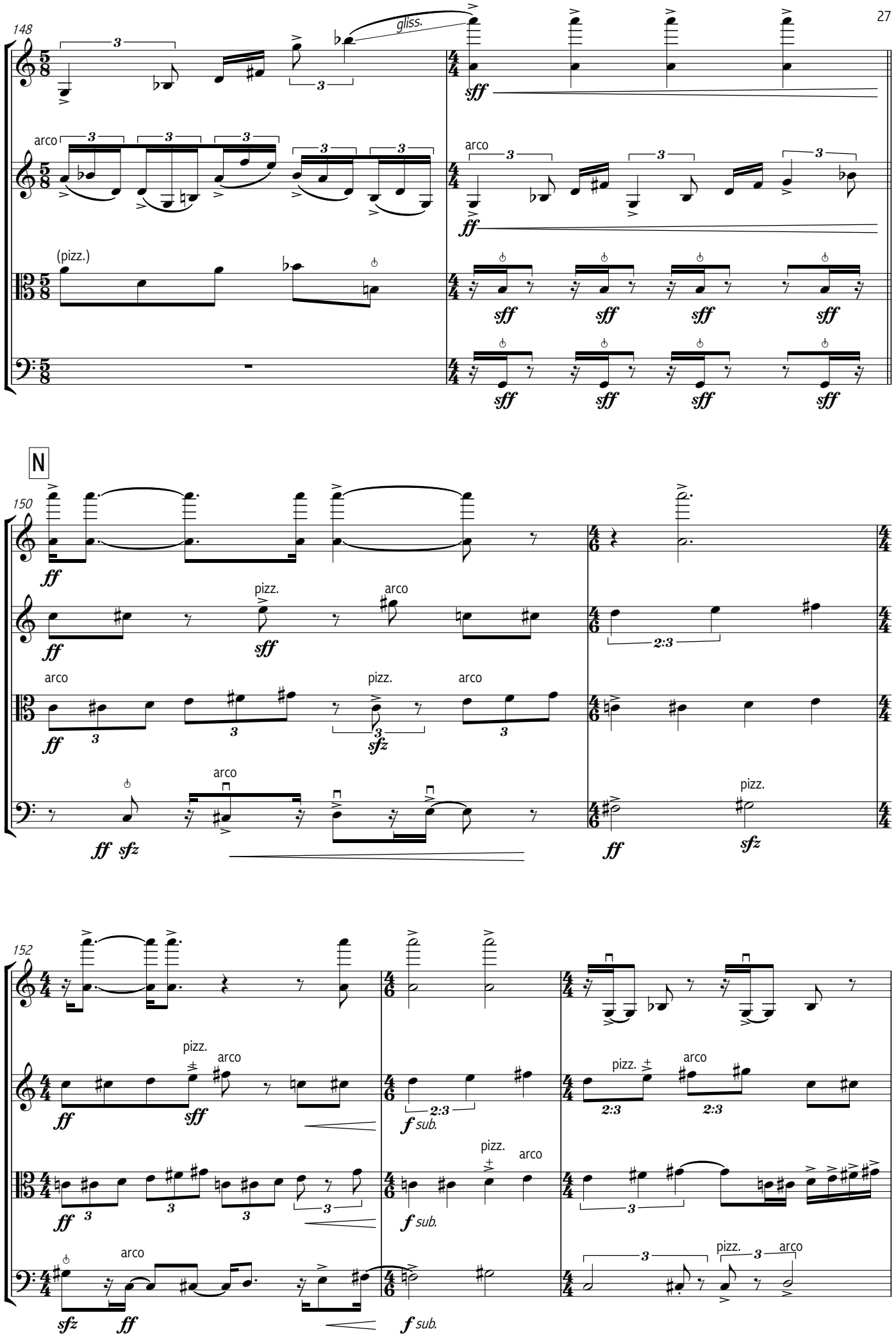
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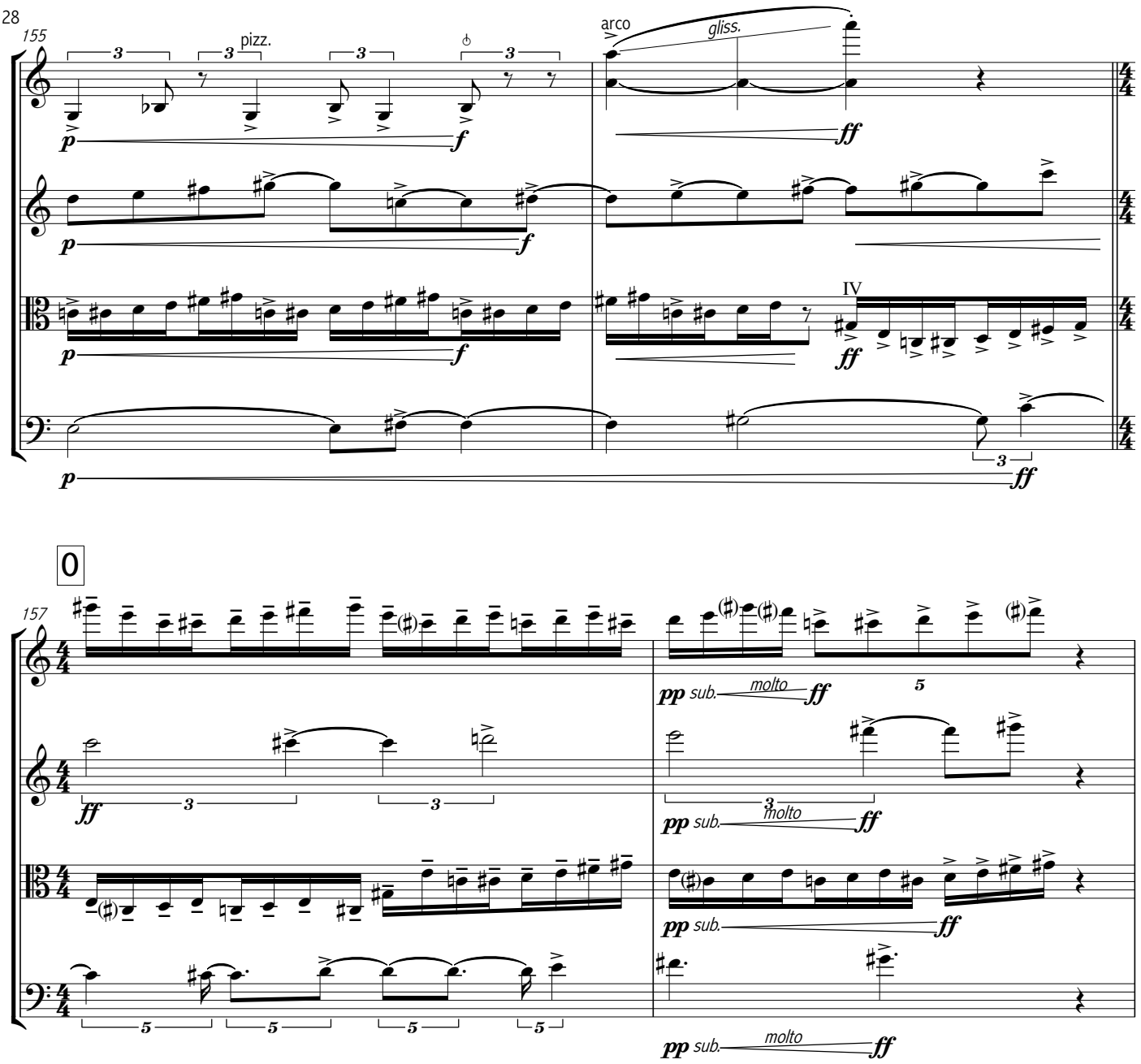

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