Skye BoatFantasie

for violin, viola, and piano

by Elaine Fine

This is a fantasie on the Skye Boat Song, a song with a traditional Scottish melody that tells of the escape of the Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) to the island of Skye after his defeat at Culloden in 1746. The melody, which Annie MacLeod first encountered the melody as a Gaelic rowing song called "Cuachag nan Craobh" ("The Cuckoo in the Grove"), became popular in 1884 when Sir Harold Boulton and Annie MacLeod published it with these lyrics by Boulton.

(Chorus)
Speed, bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing,
Onward! the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be King
Over the sea to Skye.

(Verses)
Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar,
Thunderclaps rend the air;
Baffled, our foes stand by the shore,
Follow they will not dare.

Though the waves leap, soft shall ye sleep,
Ocean's a royal bed.
Rocked in the deep, Flora will keep
Watch by your weary head.

Many's the lad fought on that day,
Well the Claymore could wield,
When the night came, silently lay
Dead in Culloden's field.

Burned are their homes, exile and death
Scatter the loyal men;
Yet ere the sword cool in the sheath
Charlie will come again.

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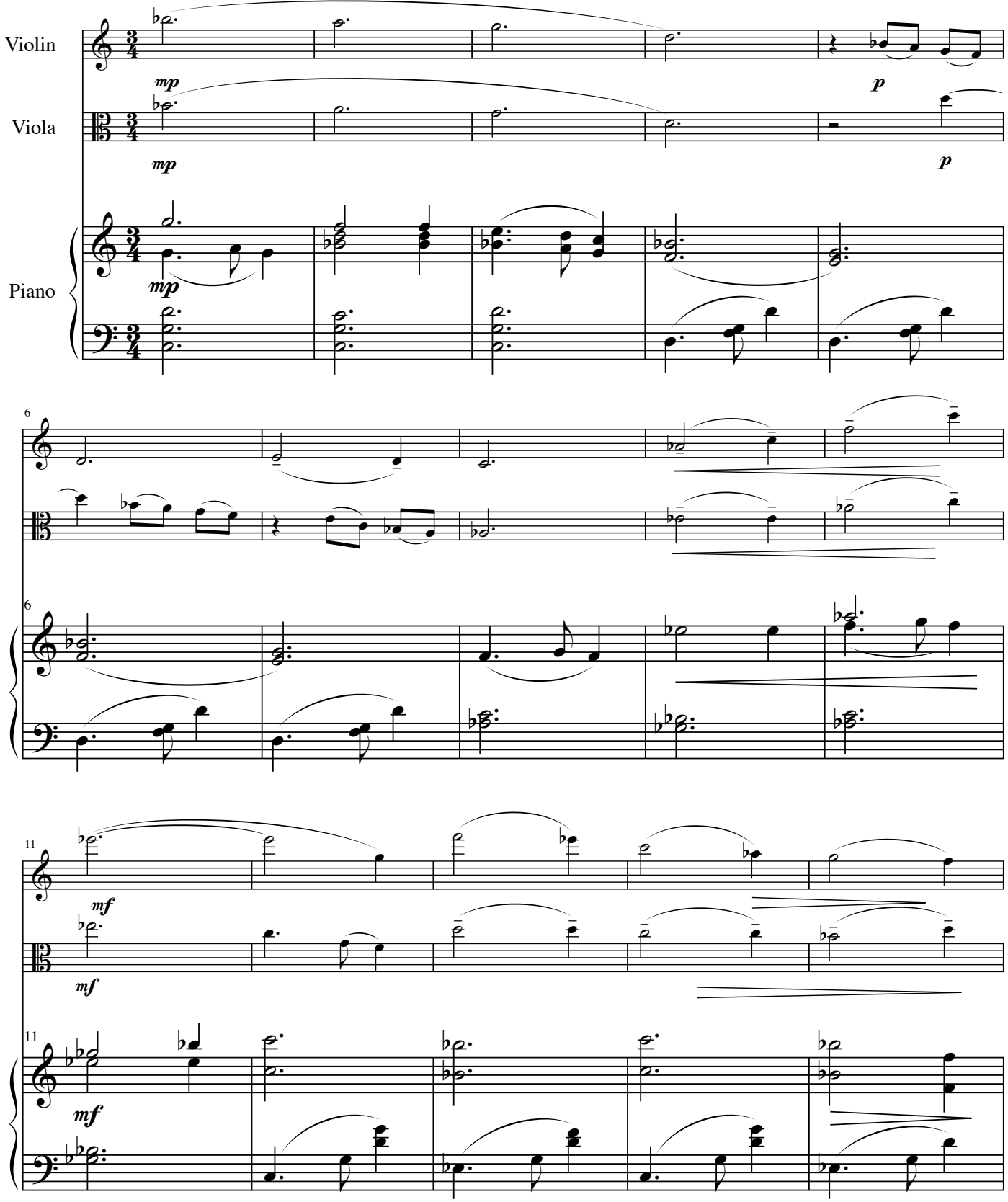

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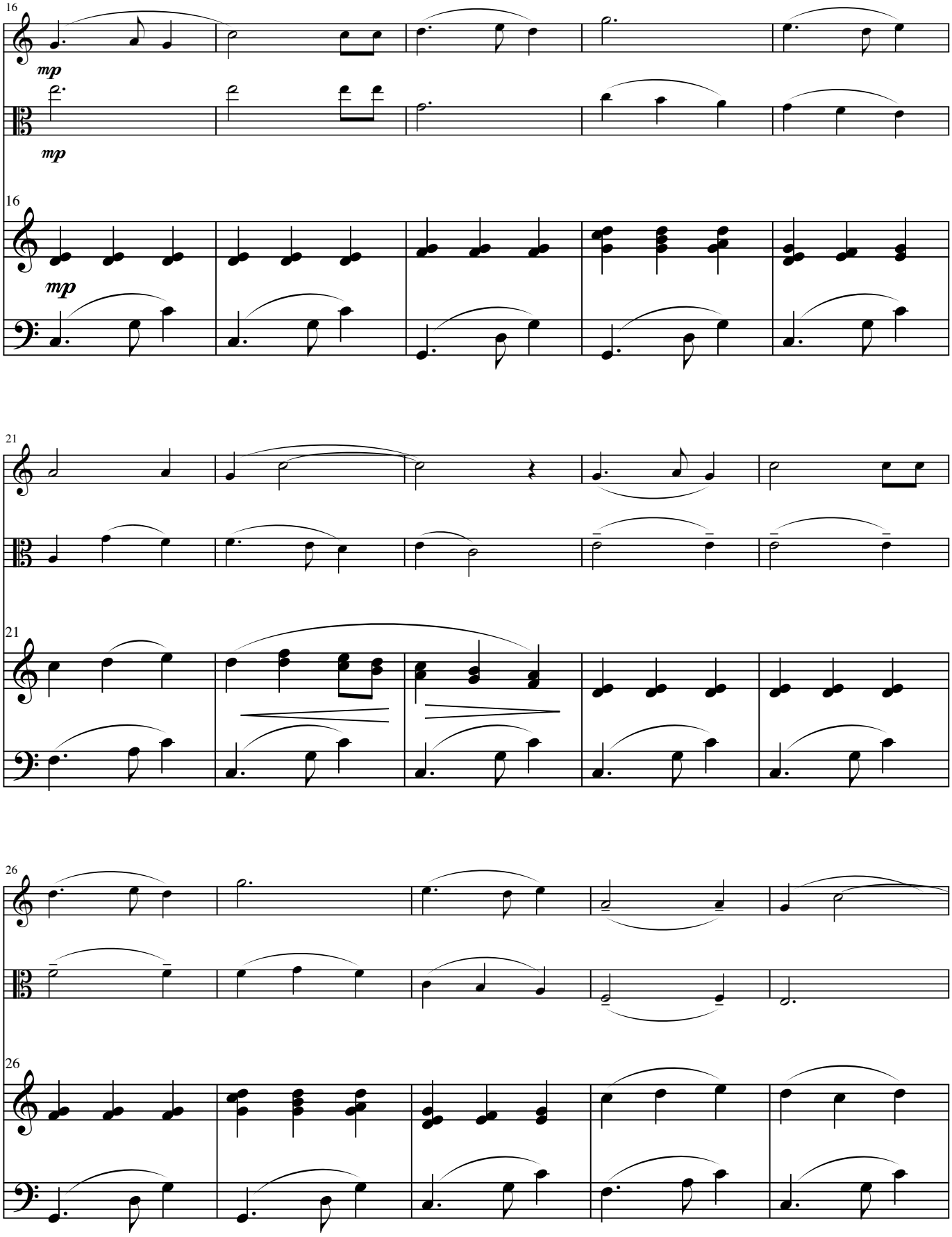
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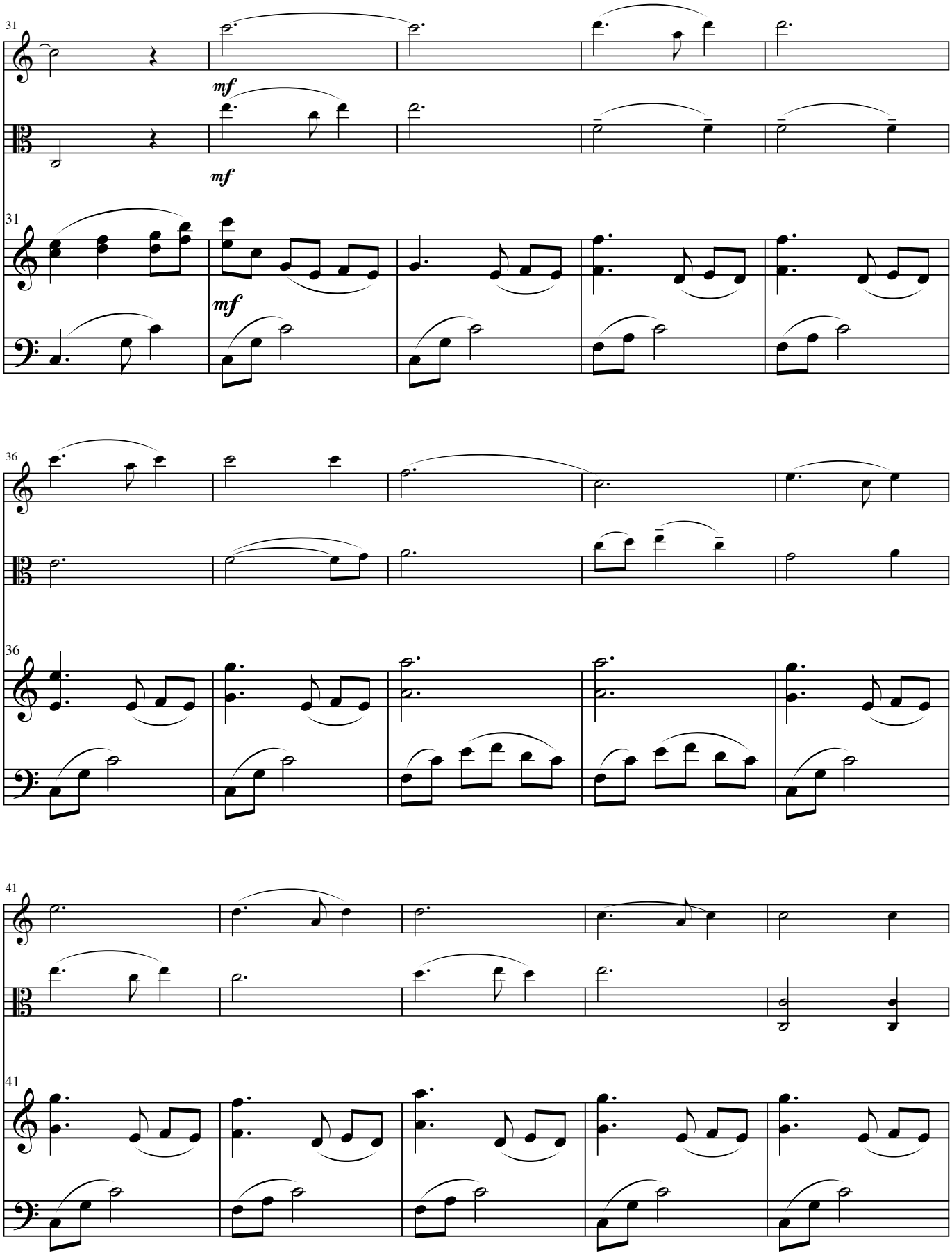
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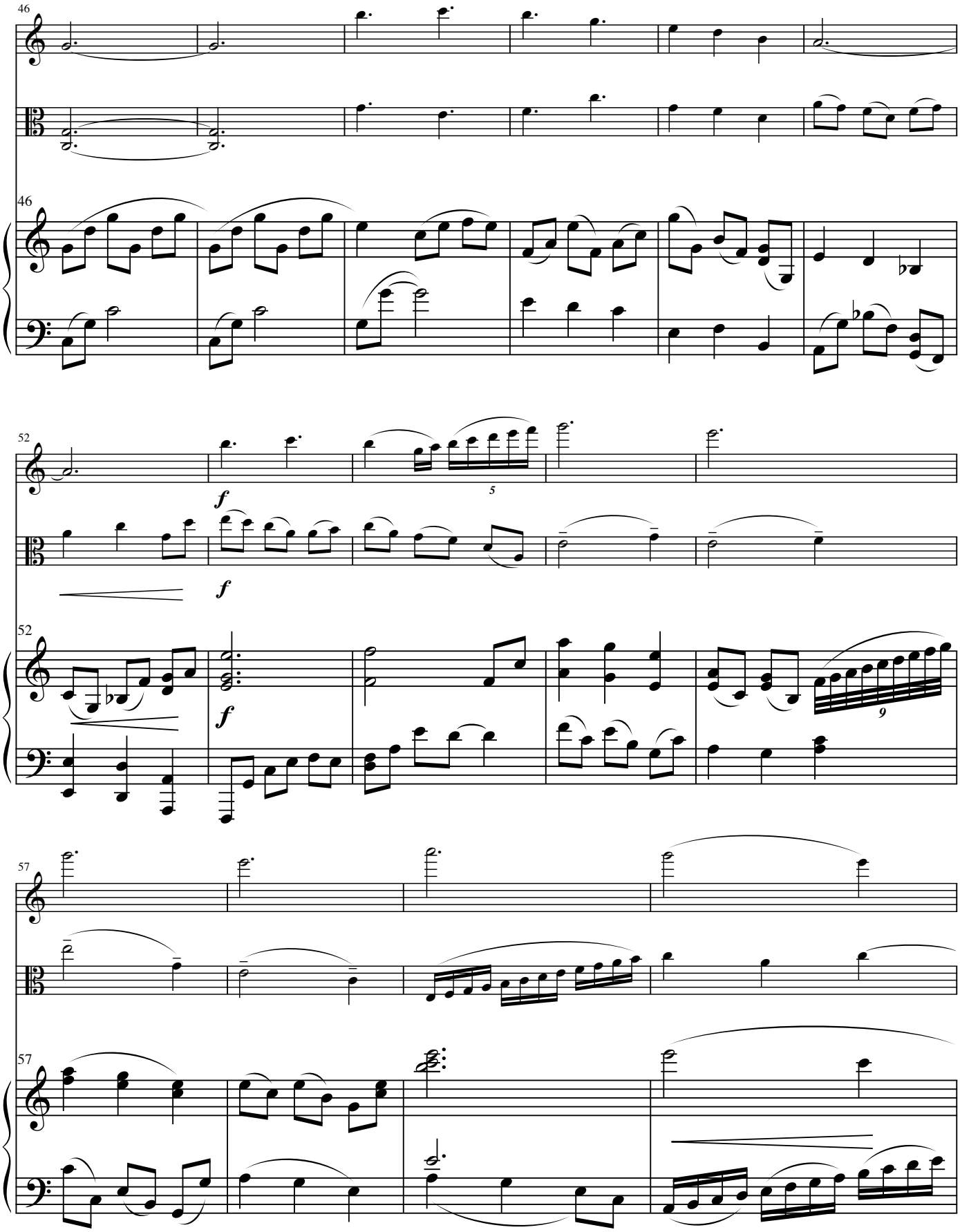
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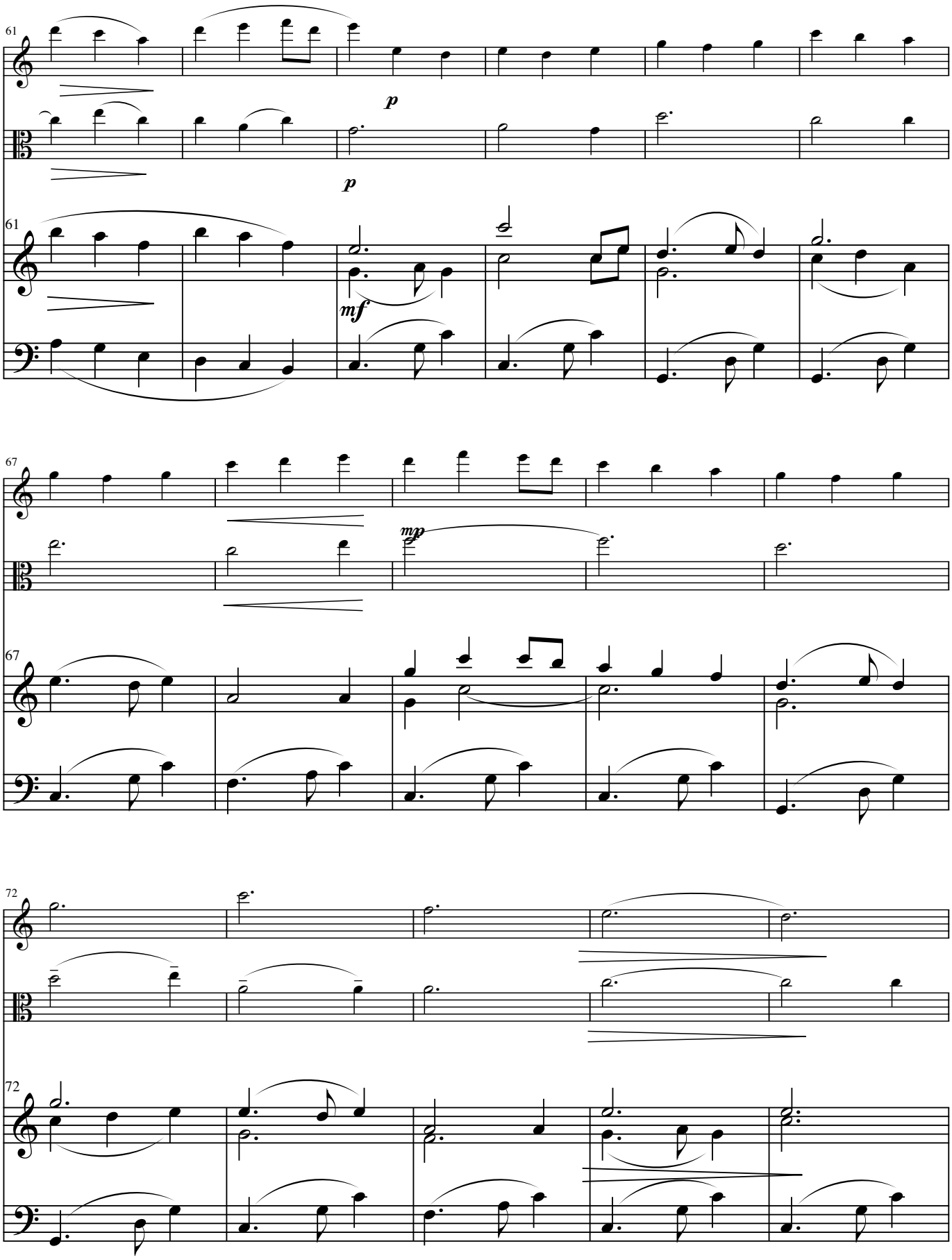
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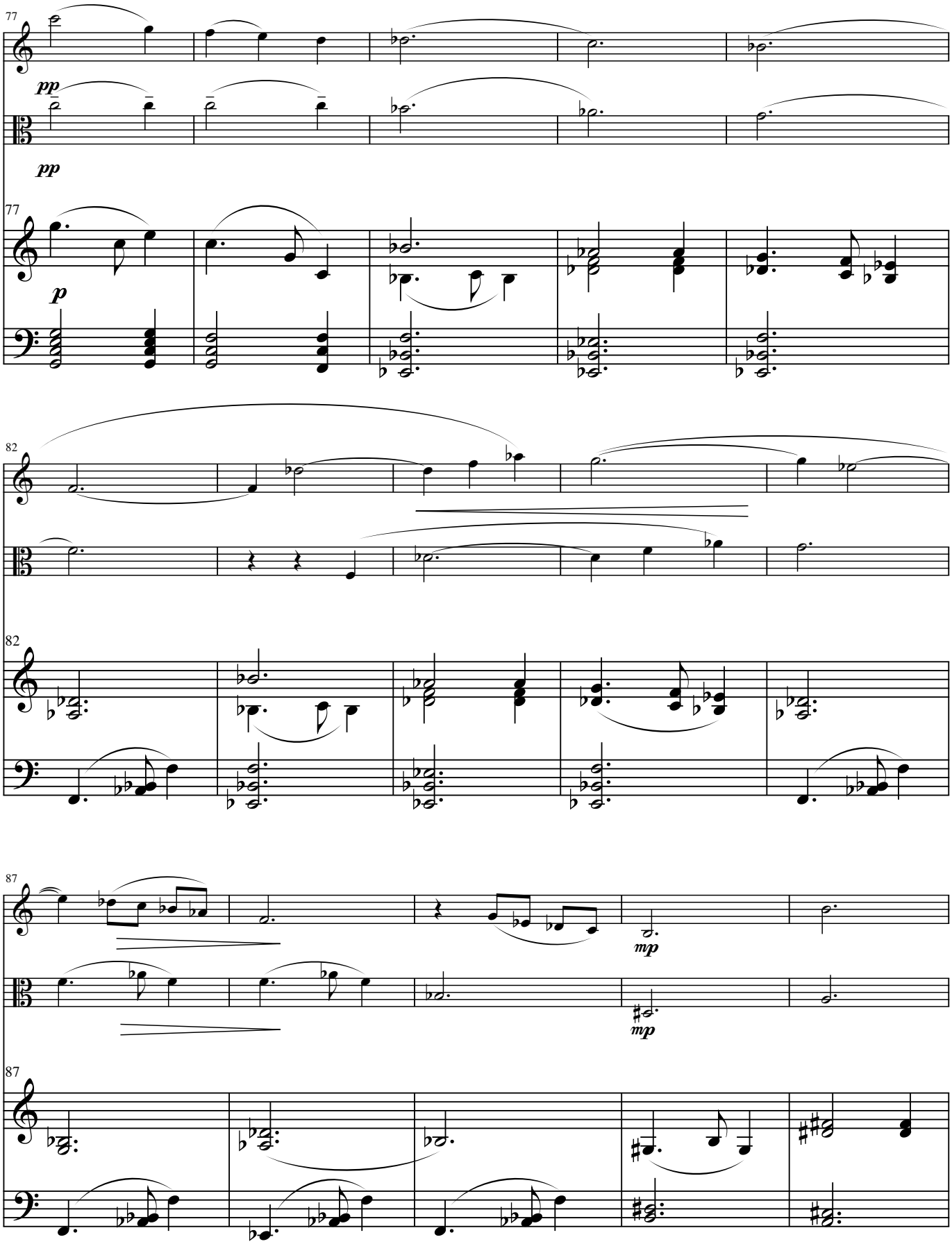
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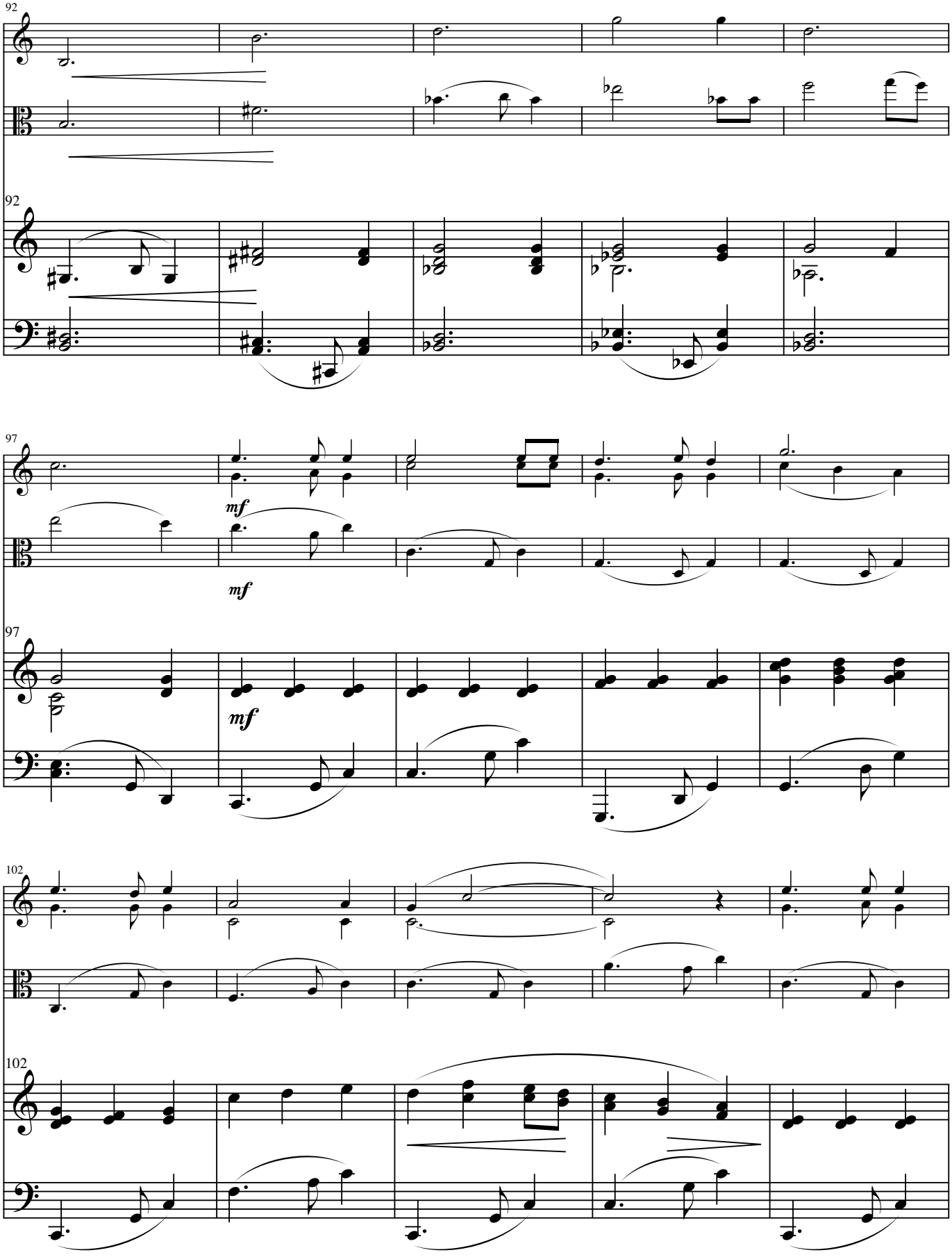
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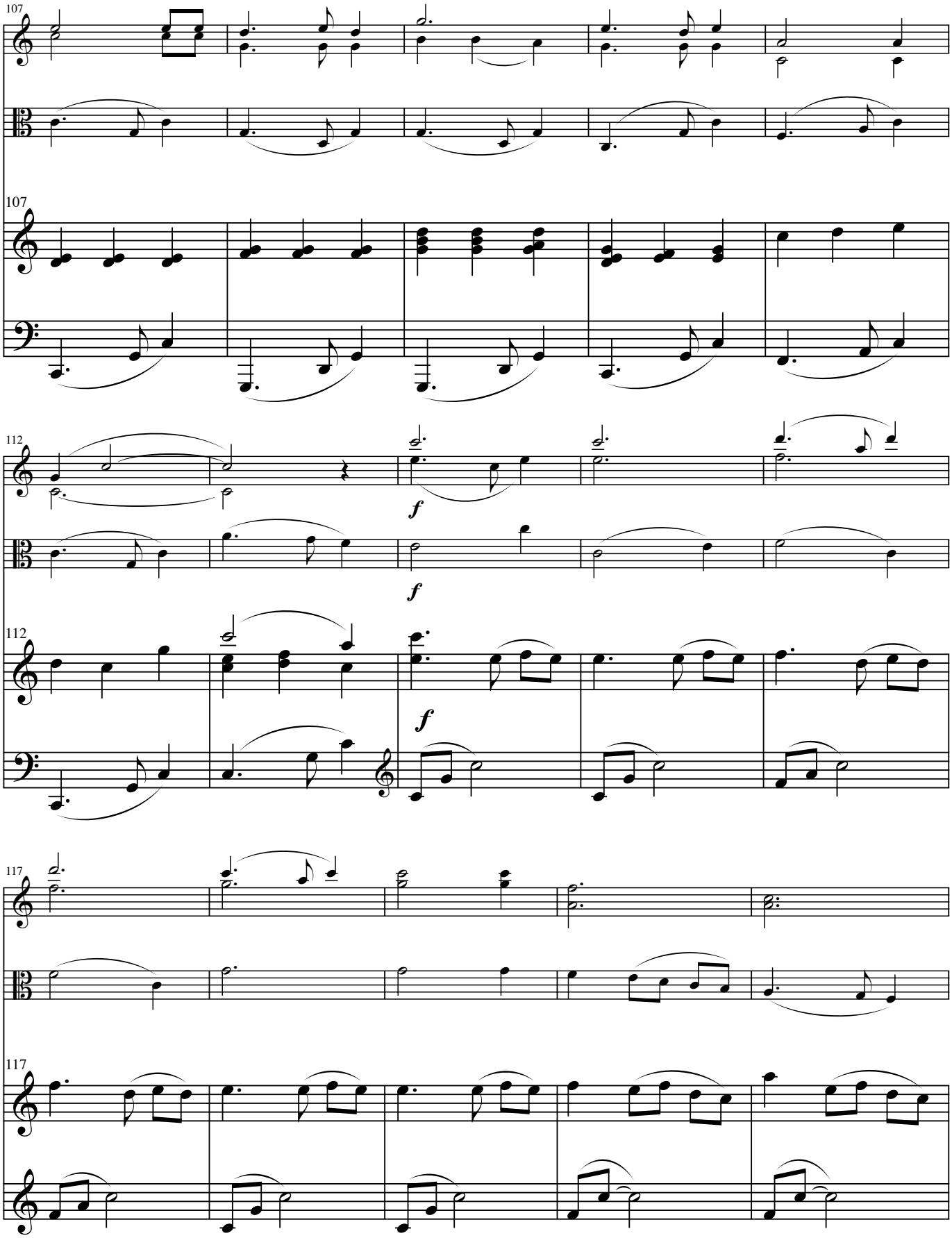
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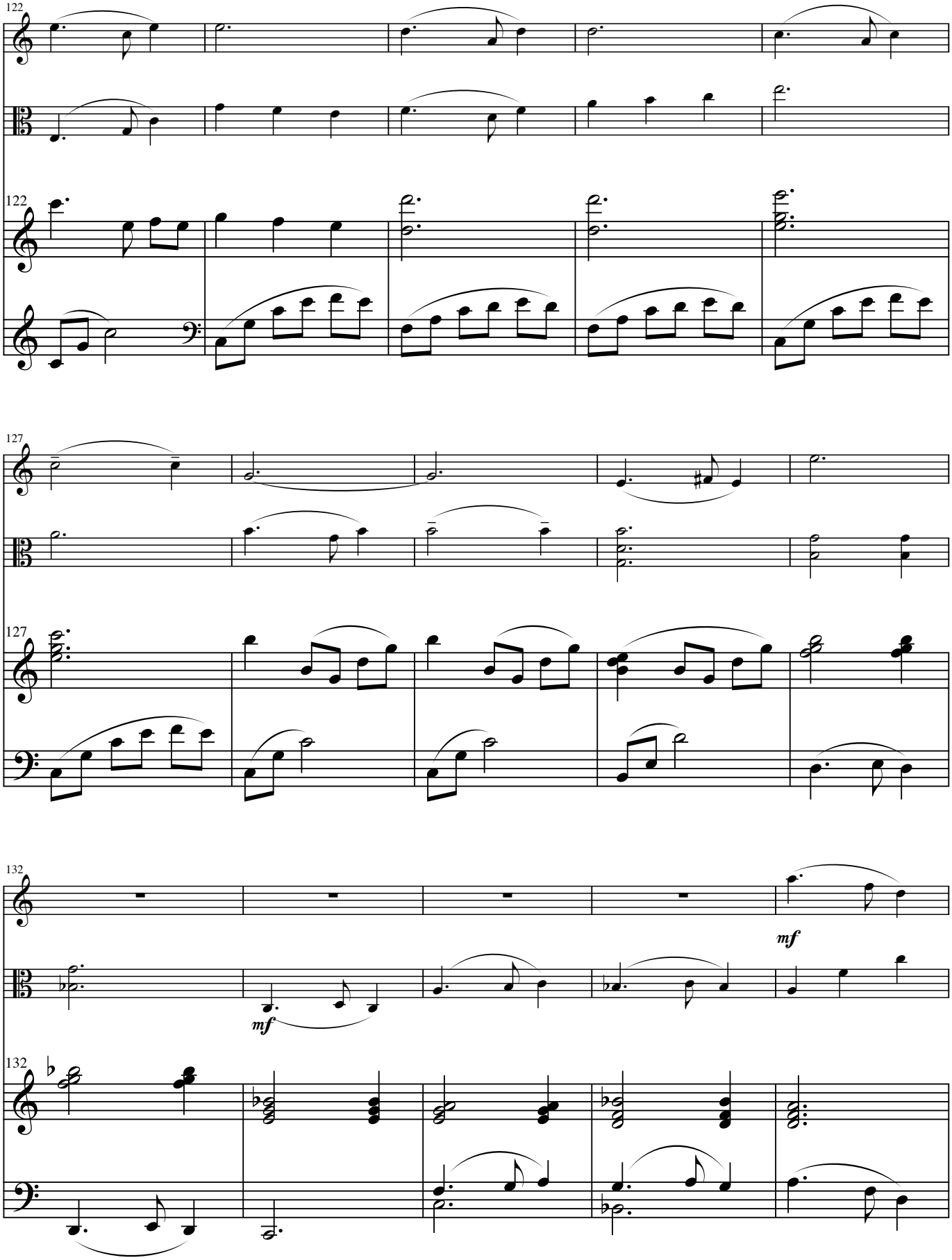
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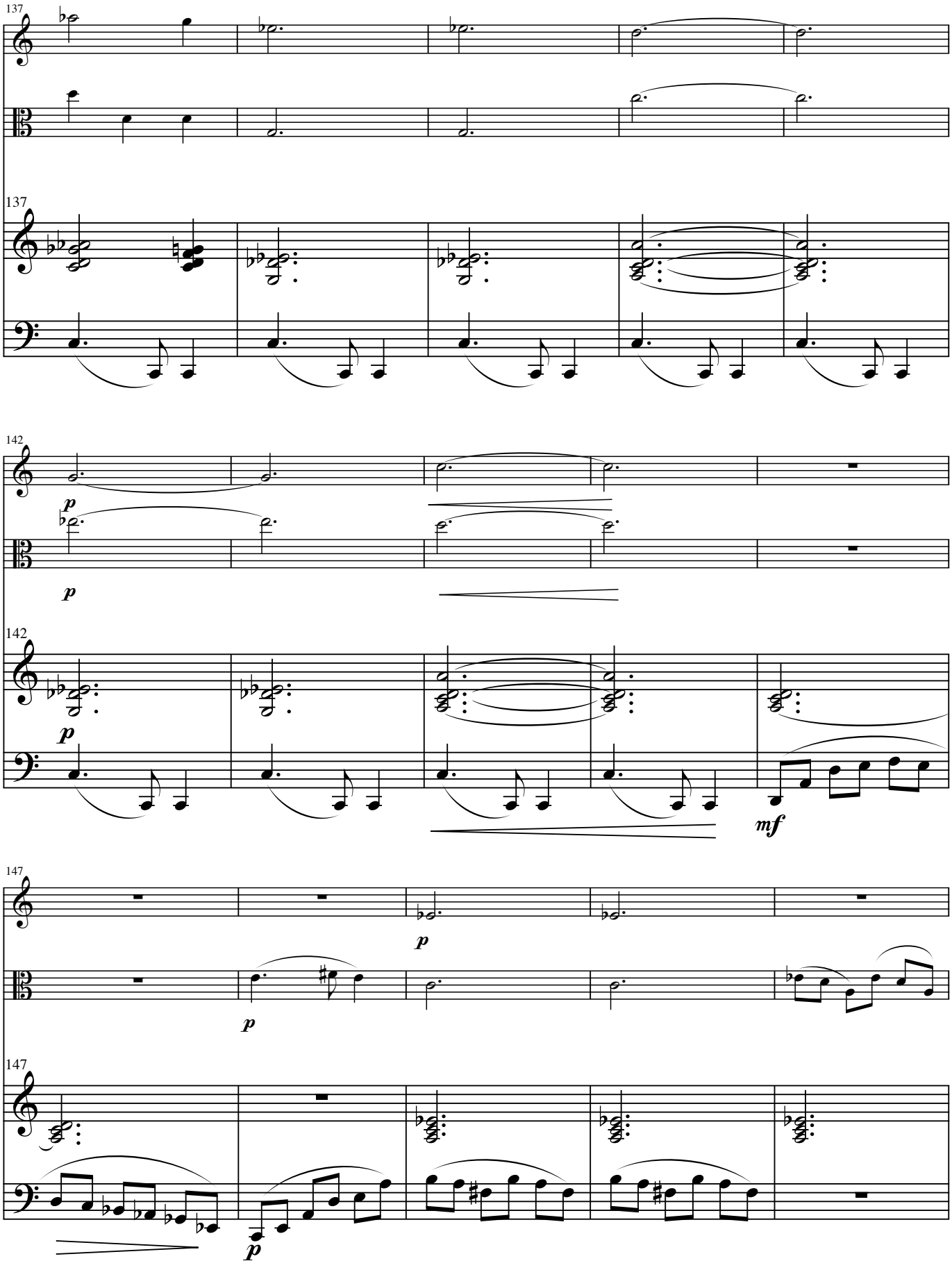
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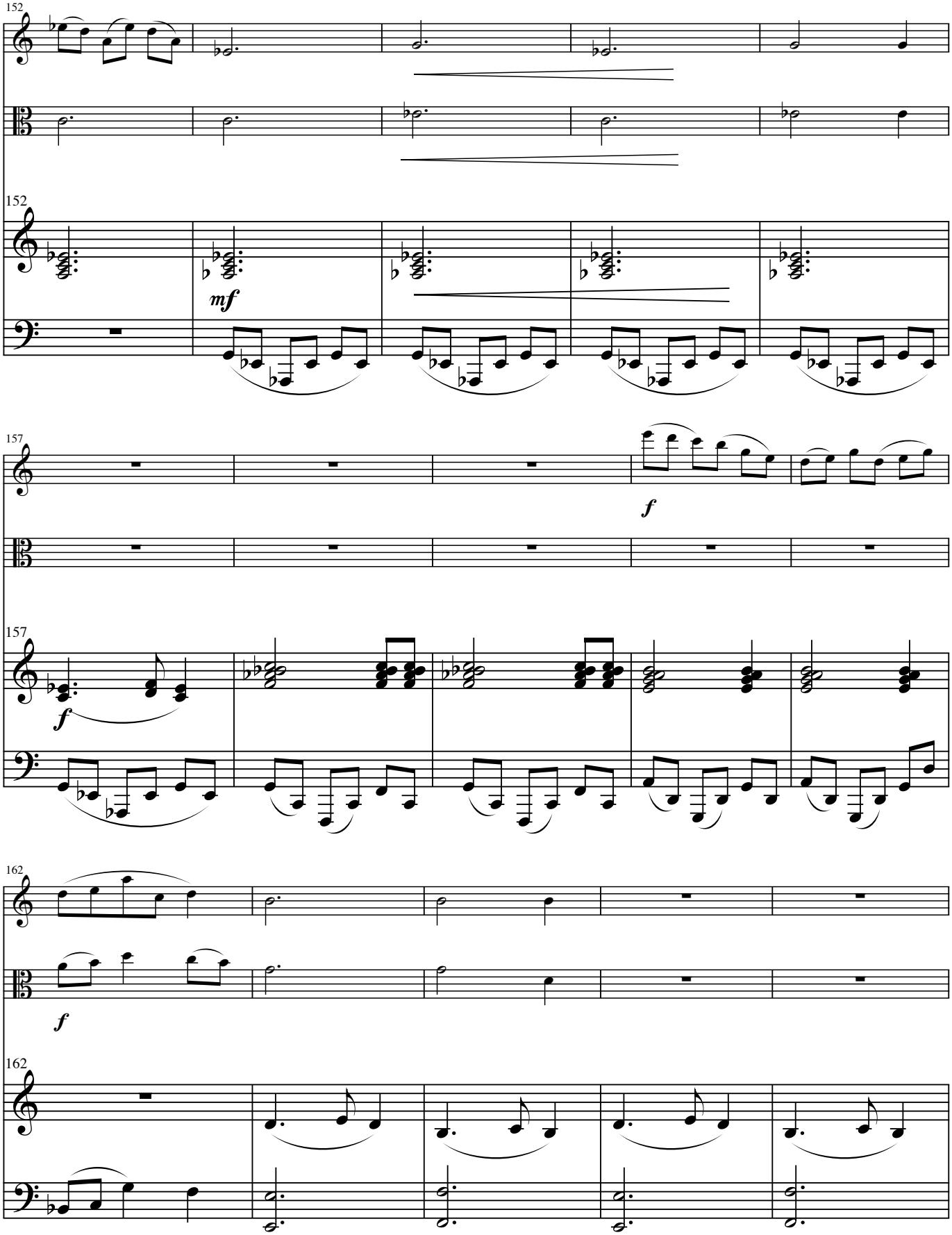
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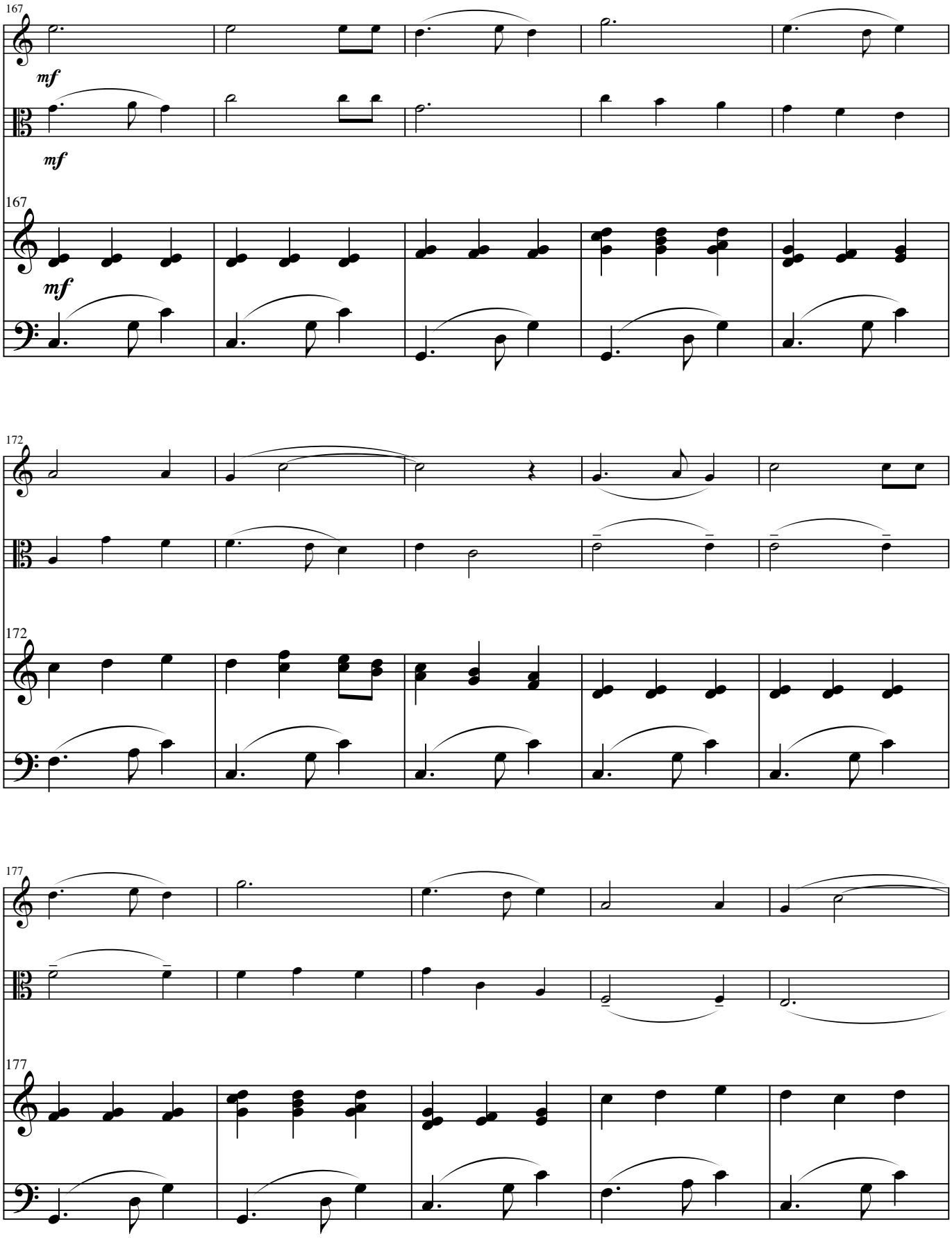
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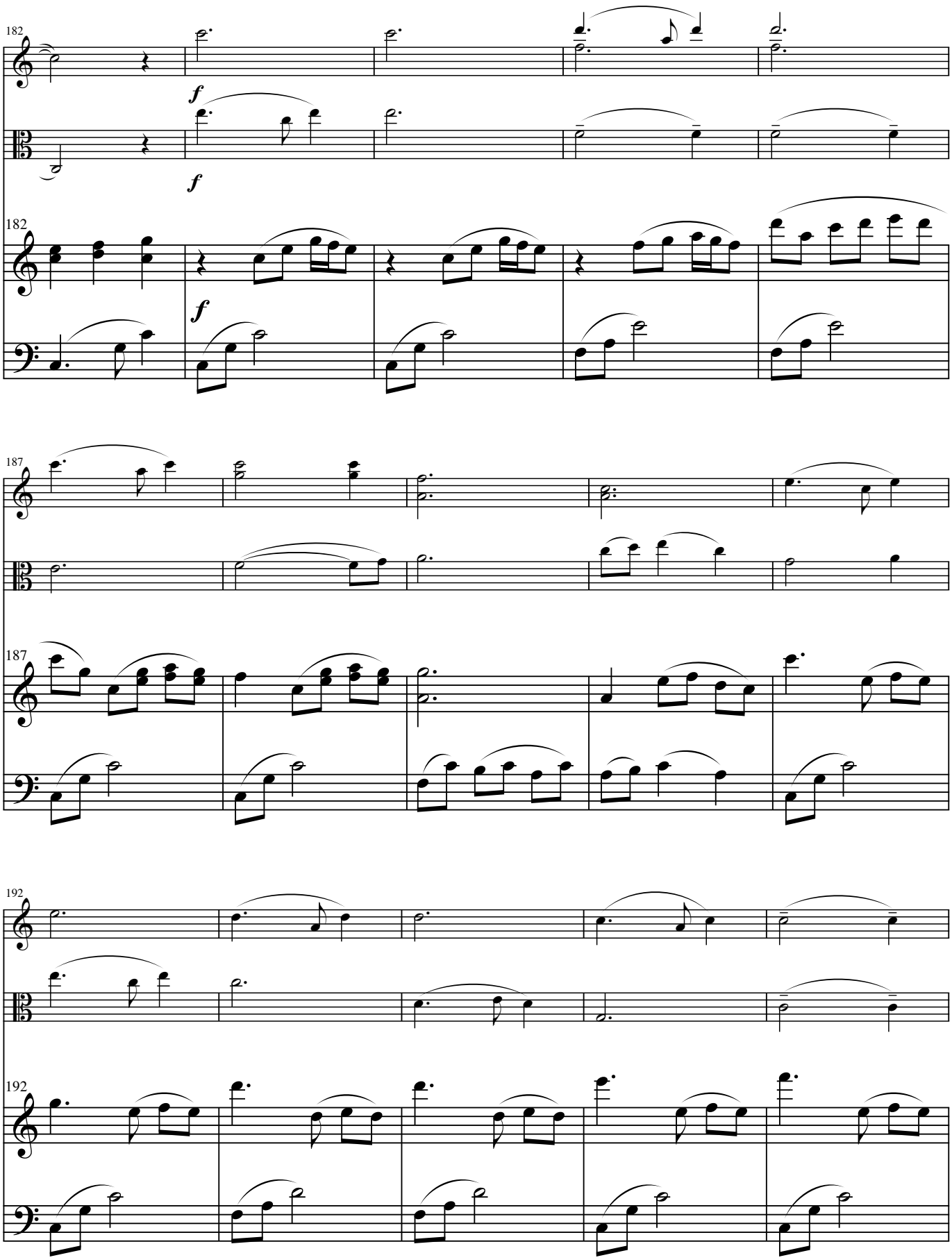
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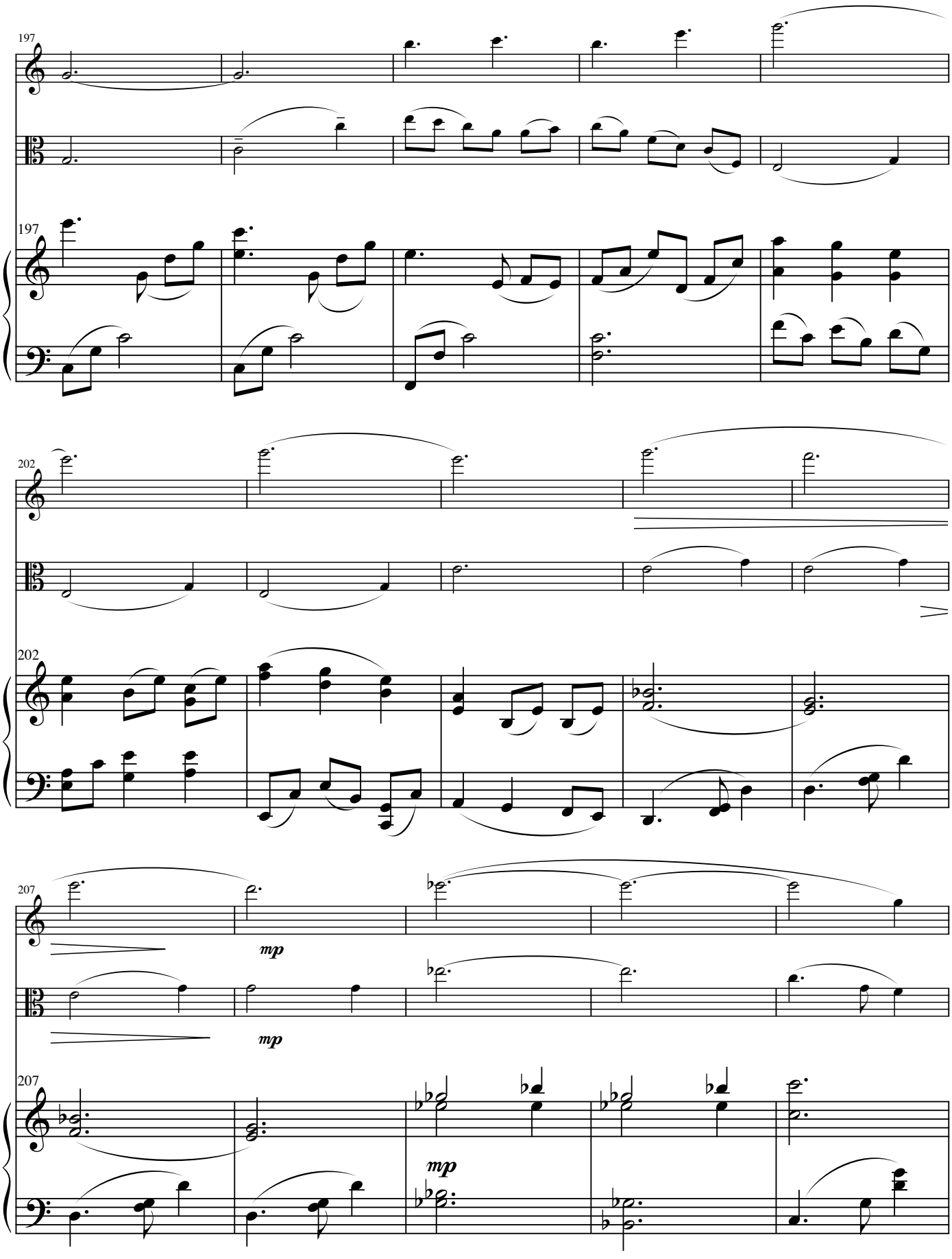
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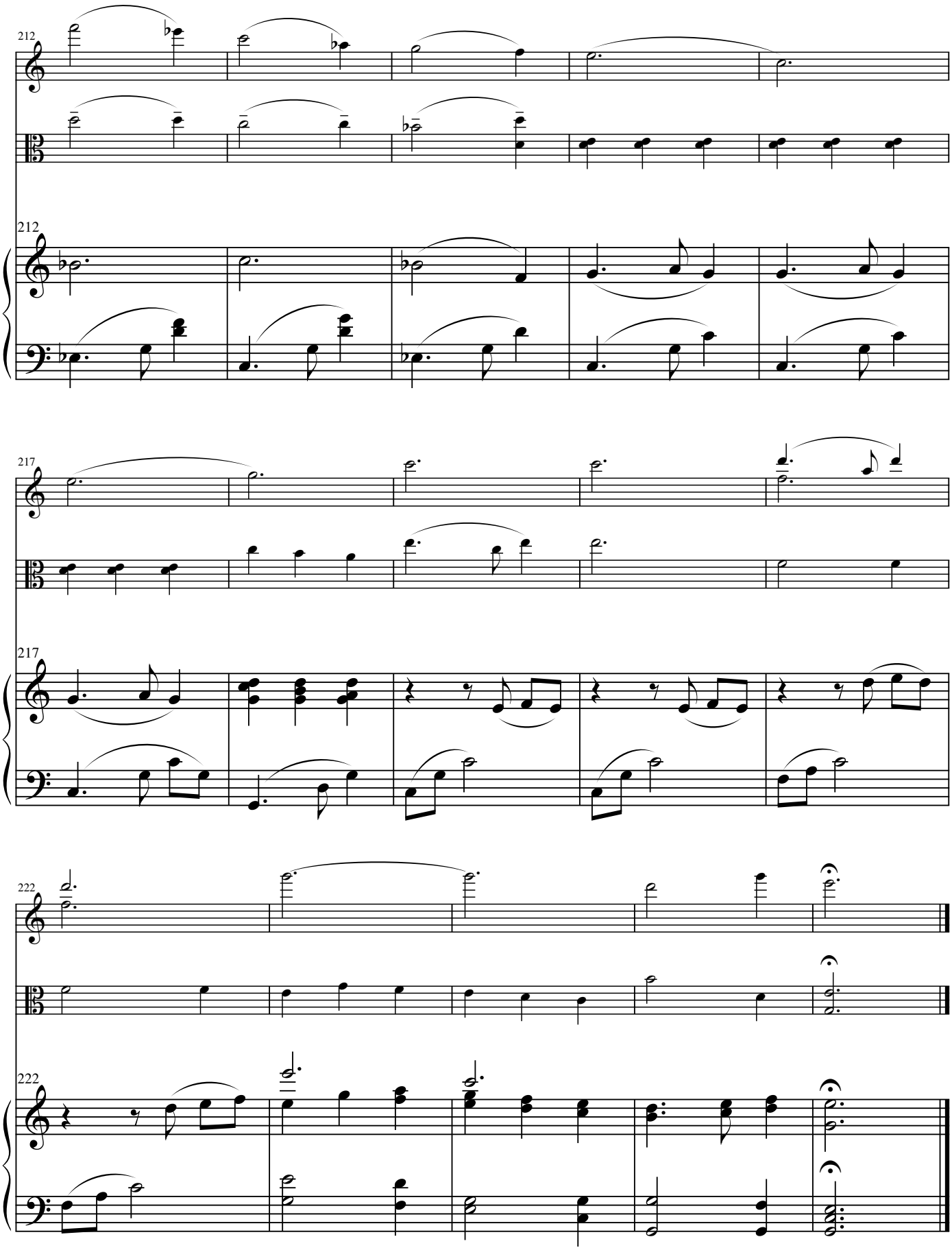

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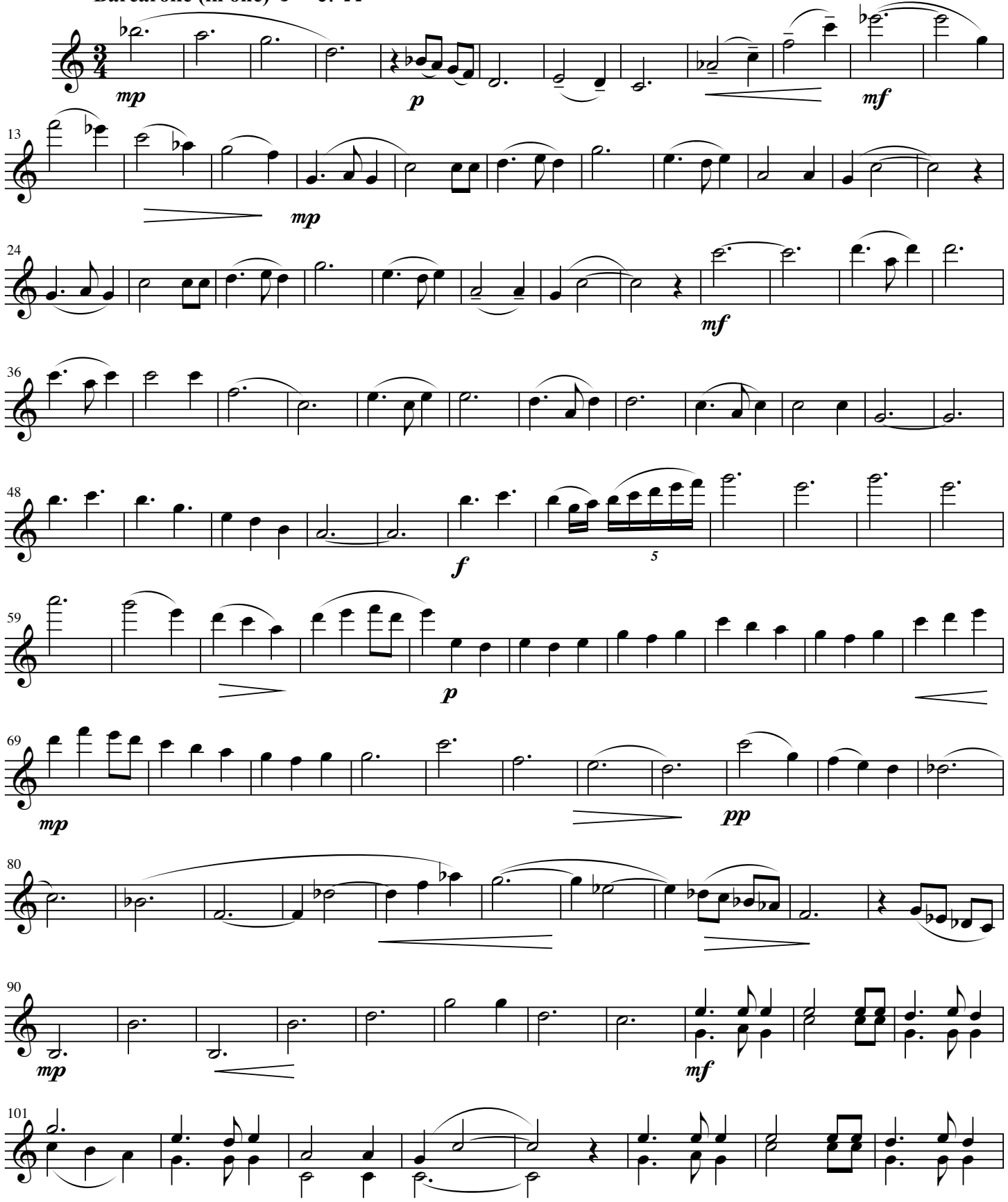

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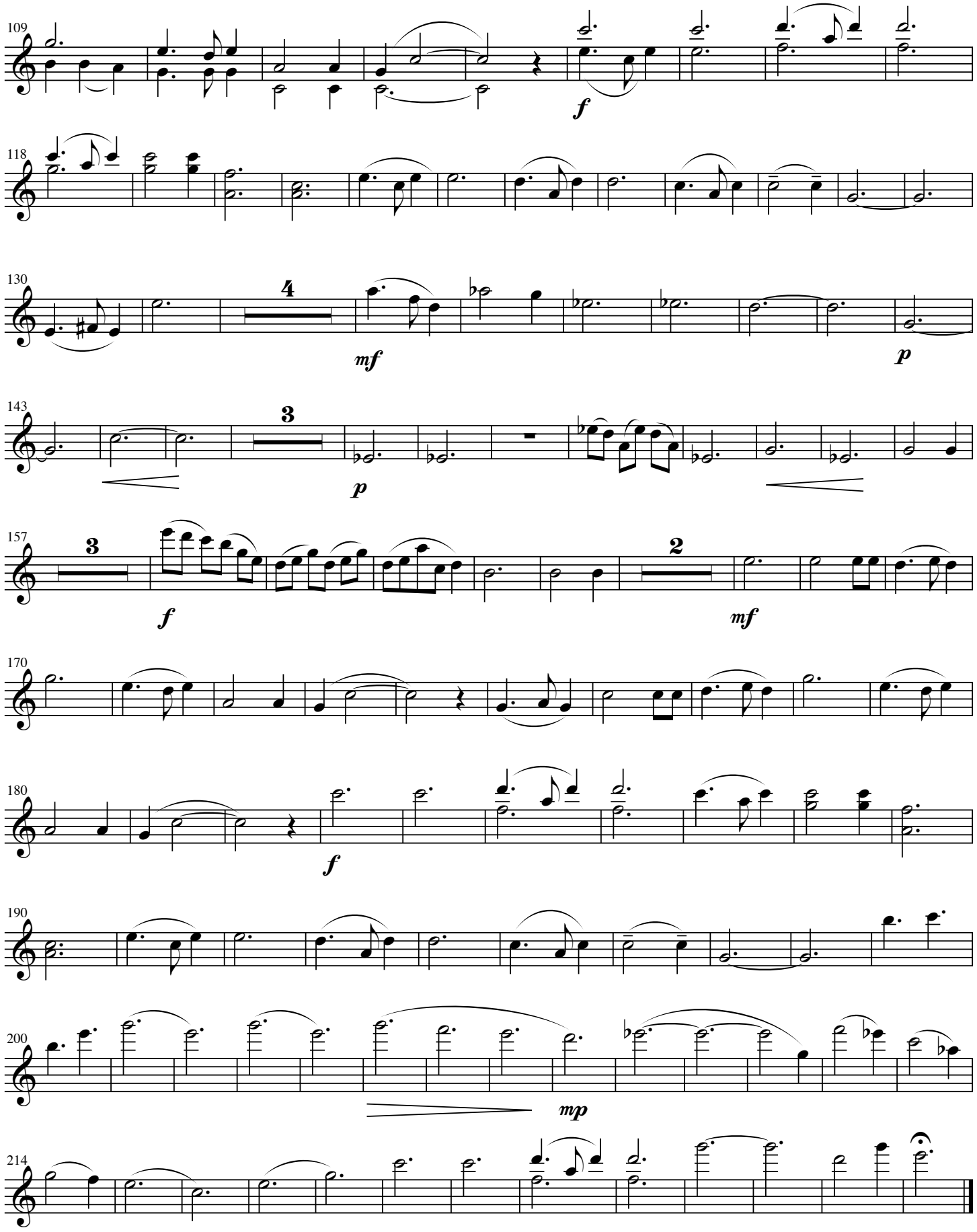
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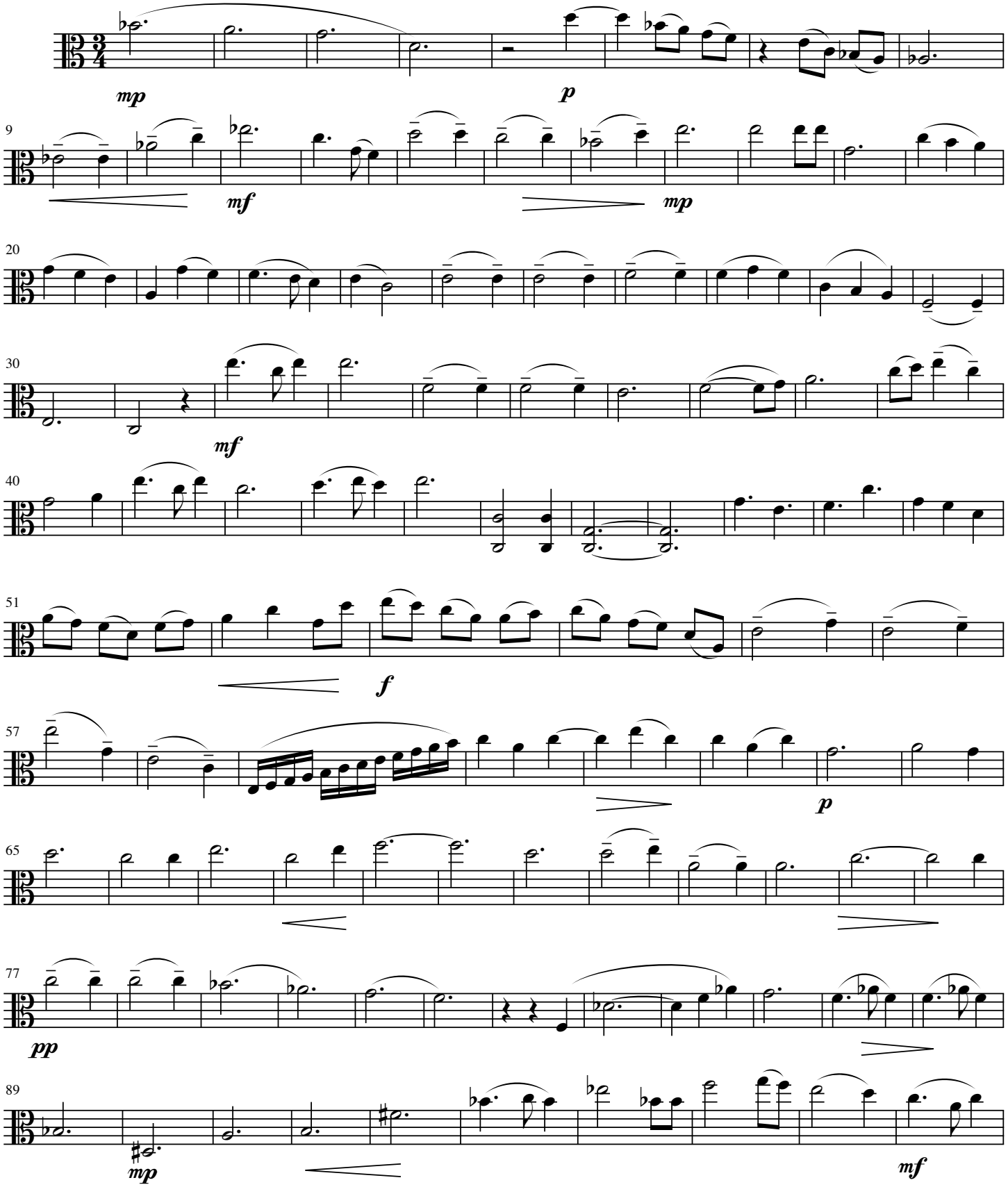

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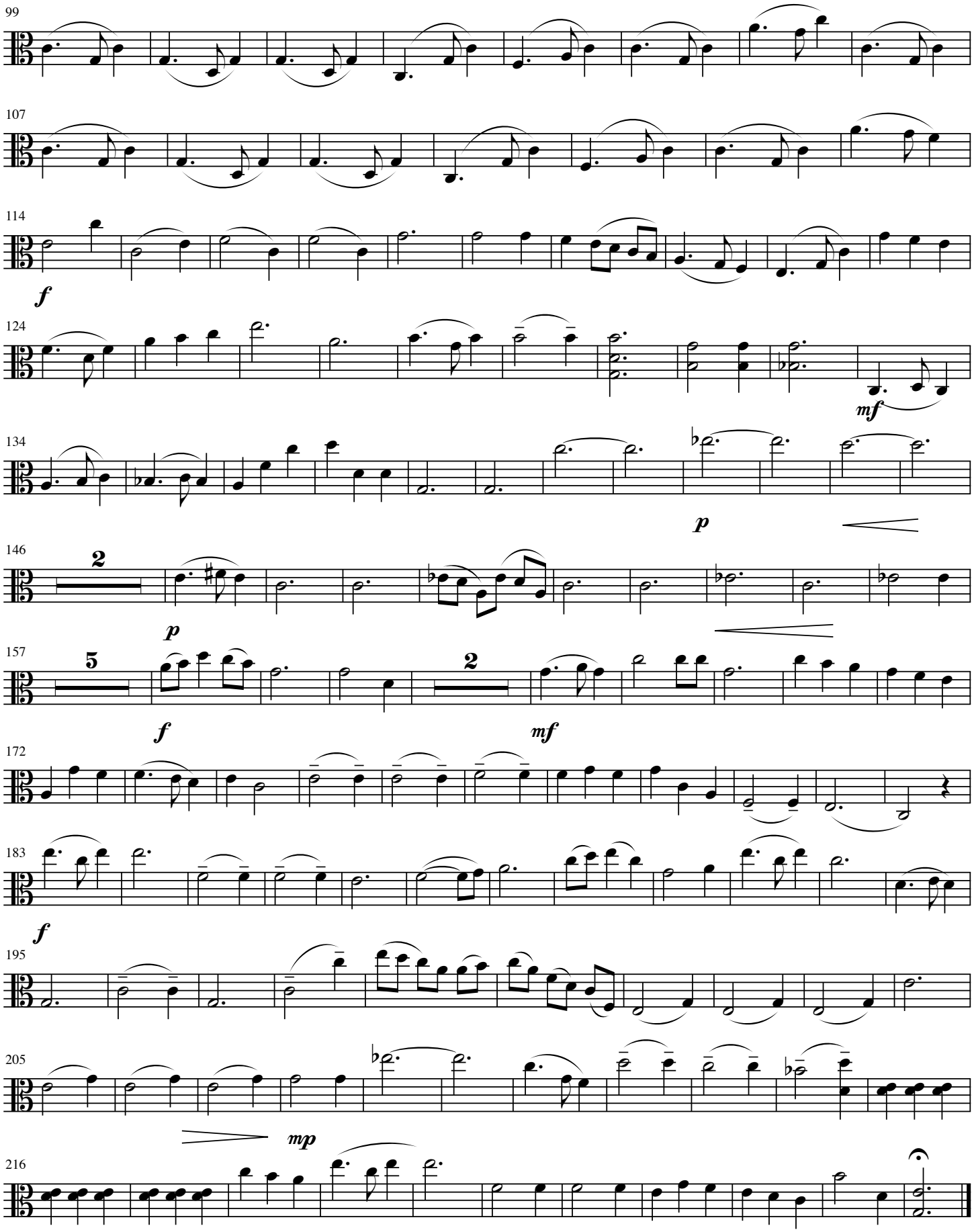
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