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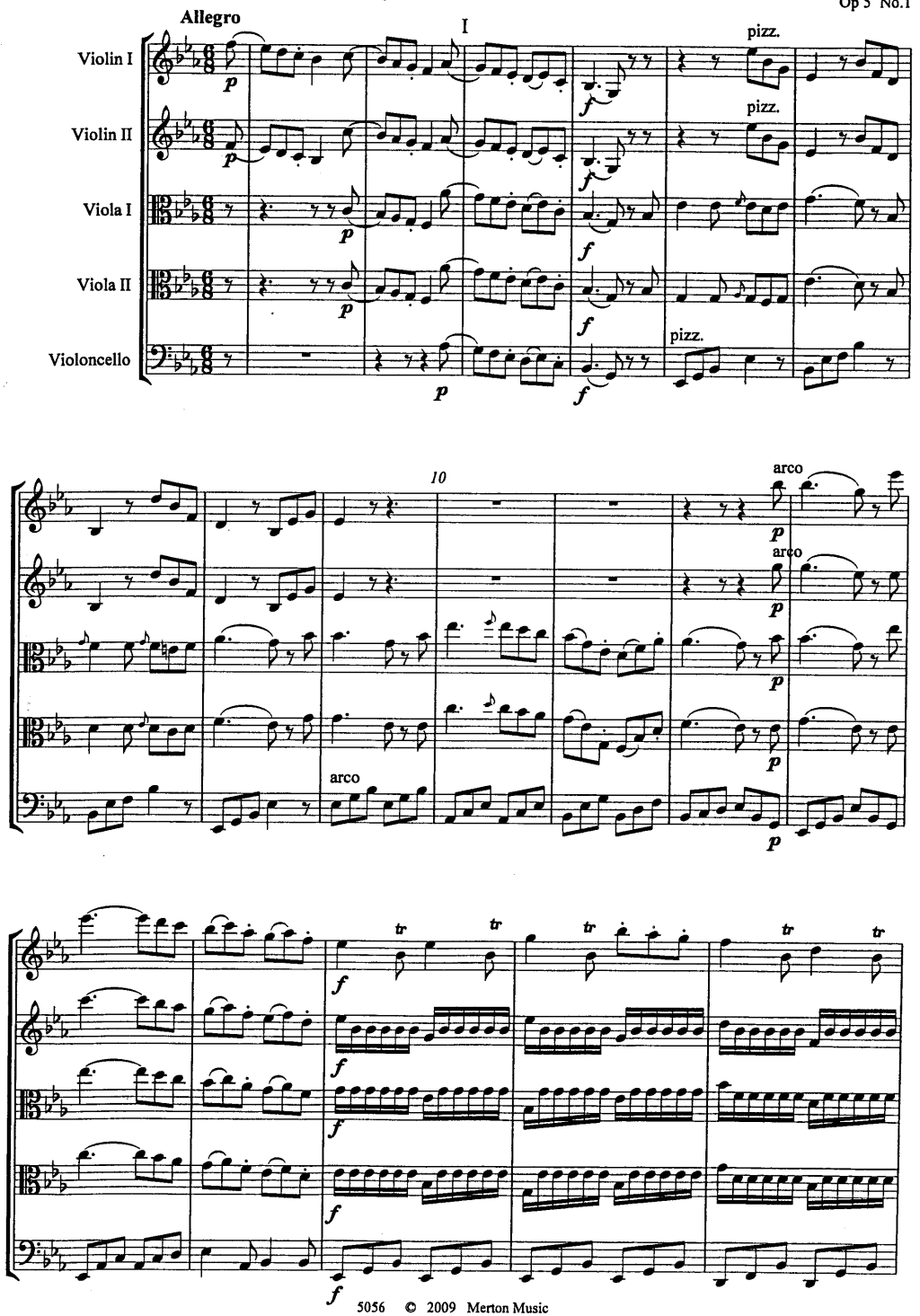

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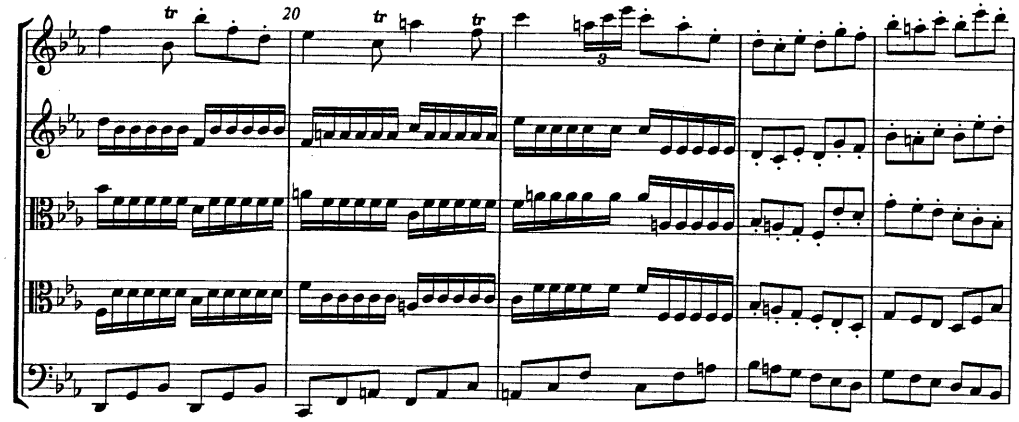
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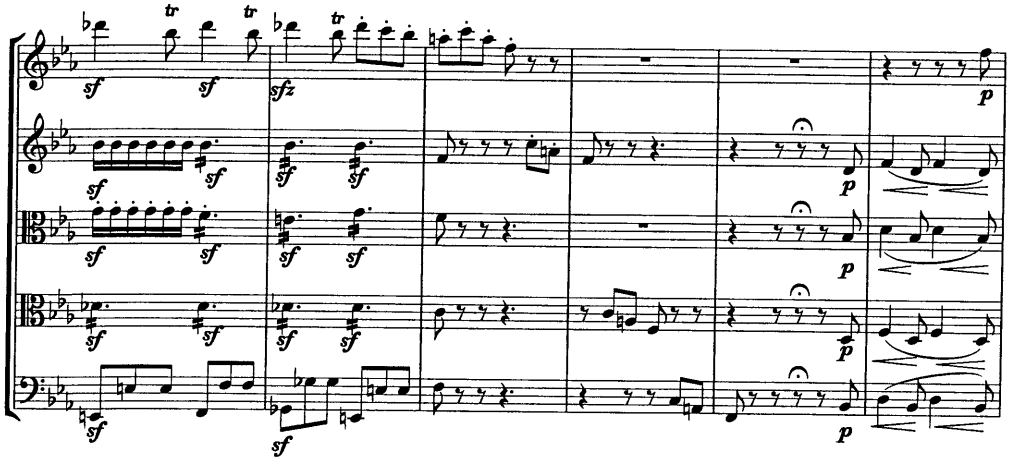
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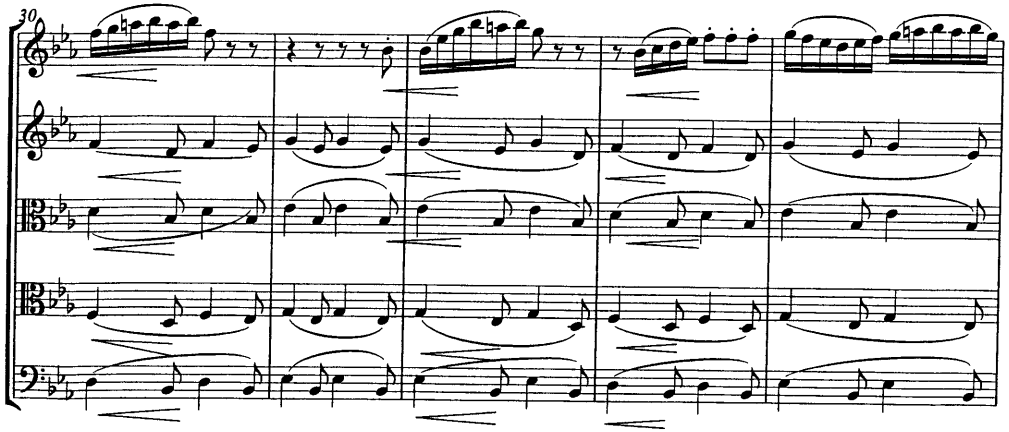
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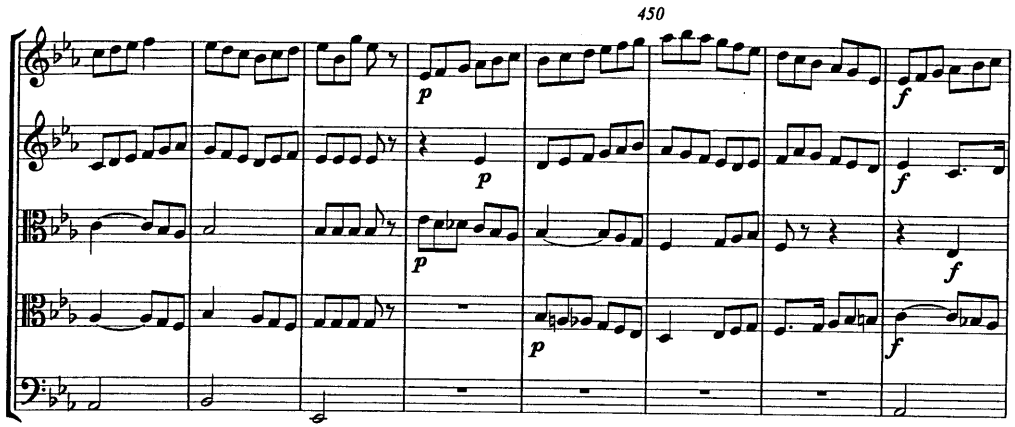

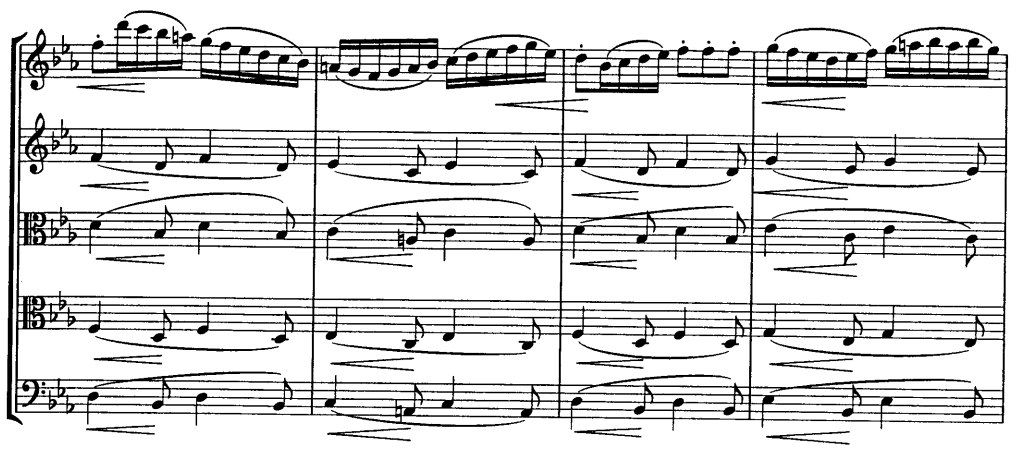

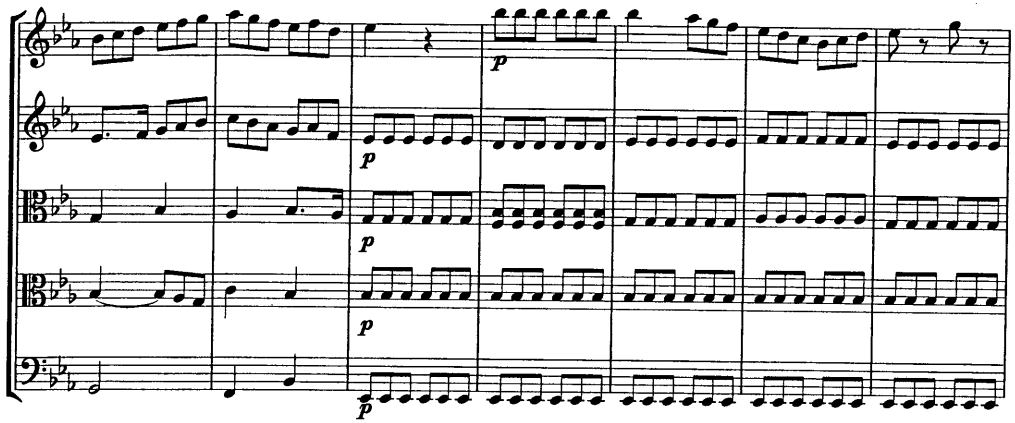

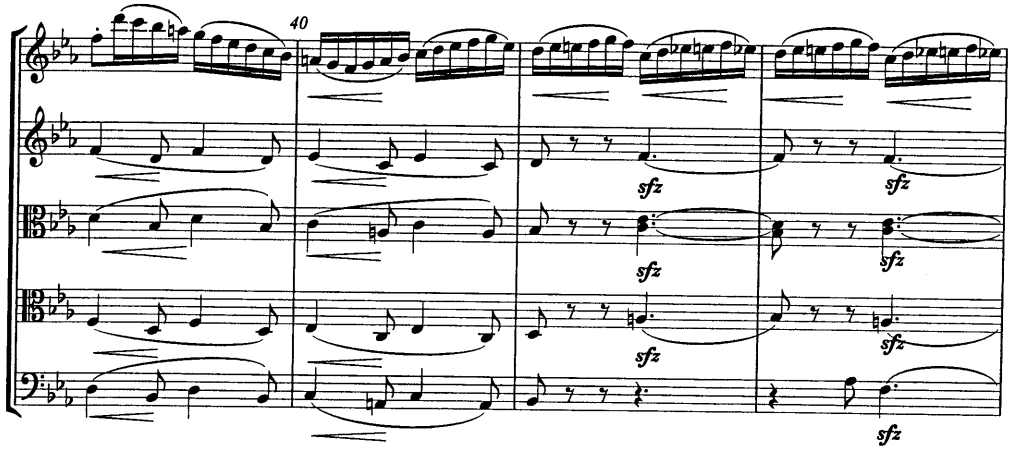

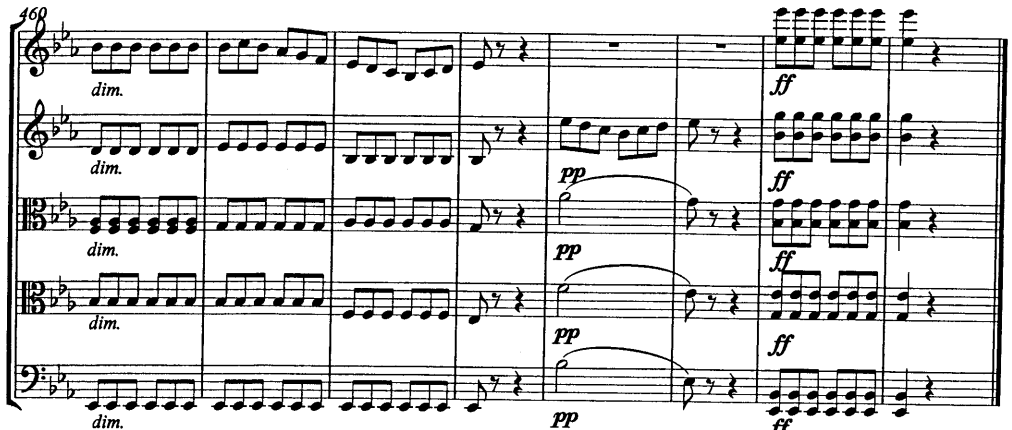

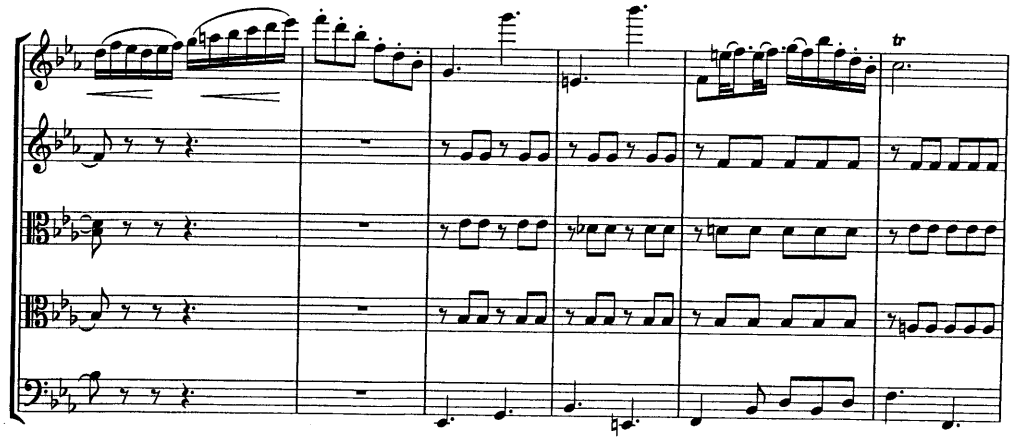

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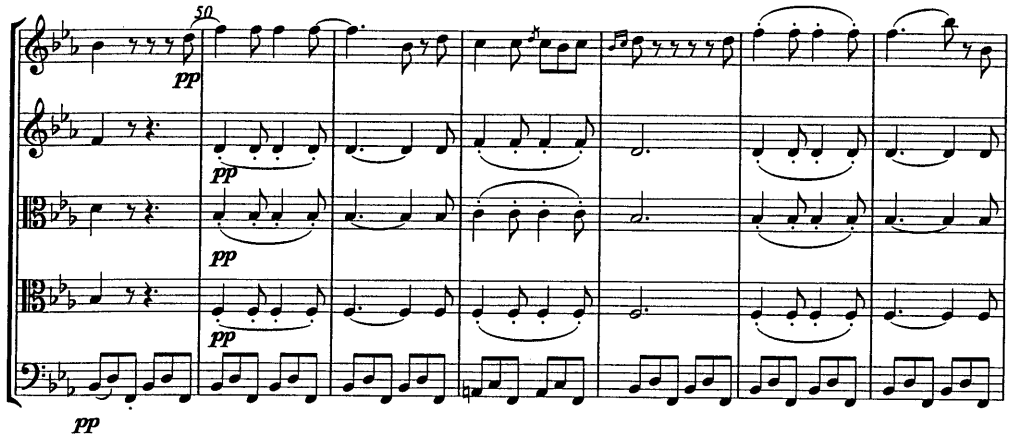
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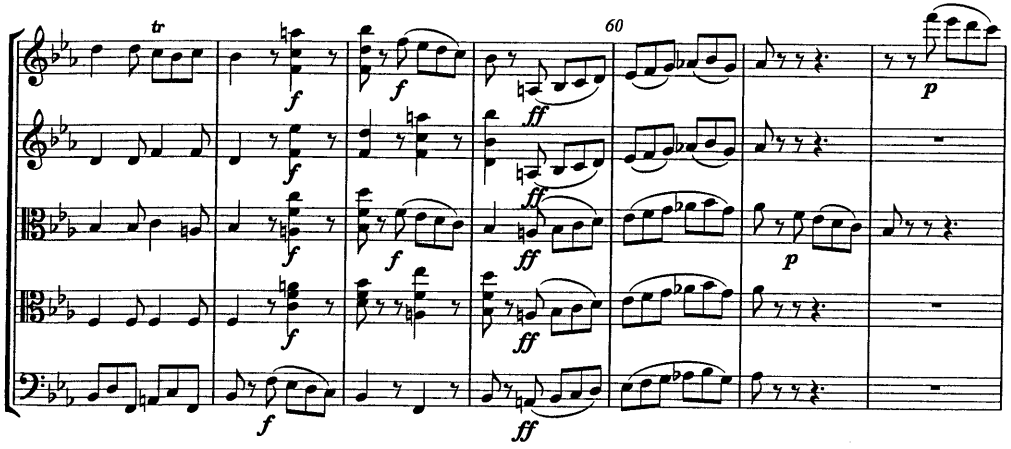
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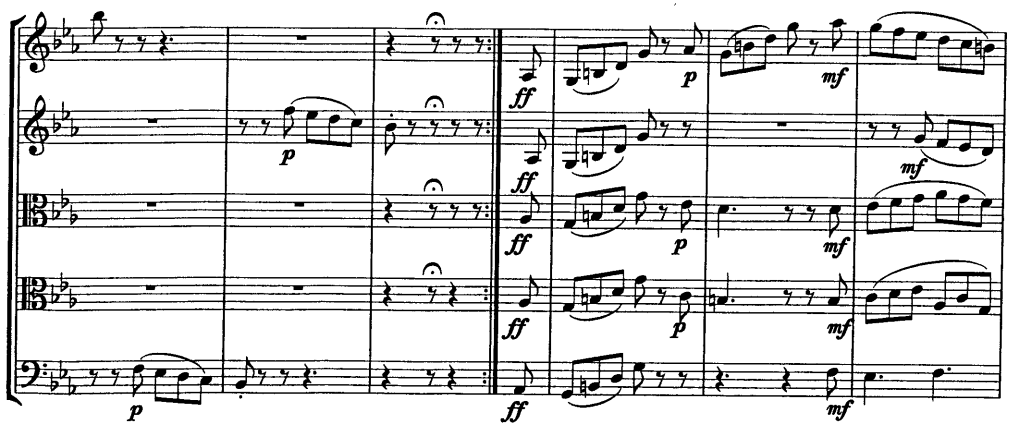
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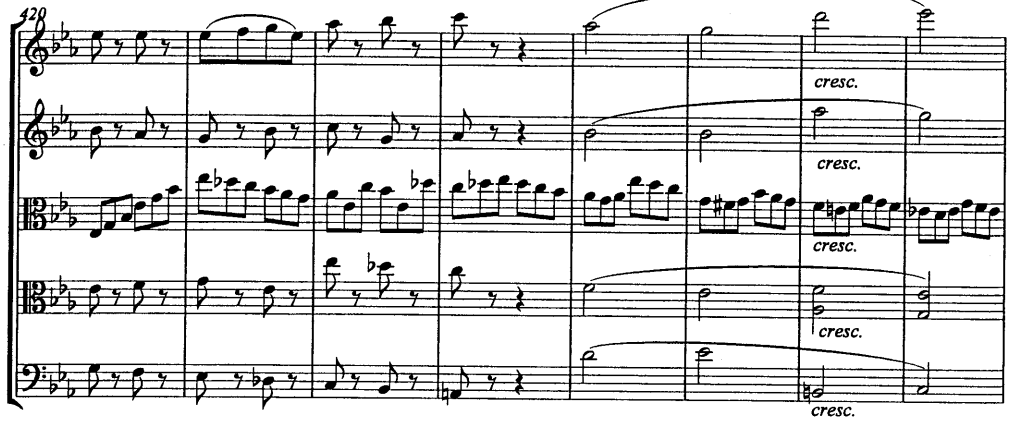
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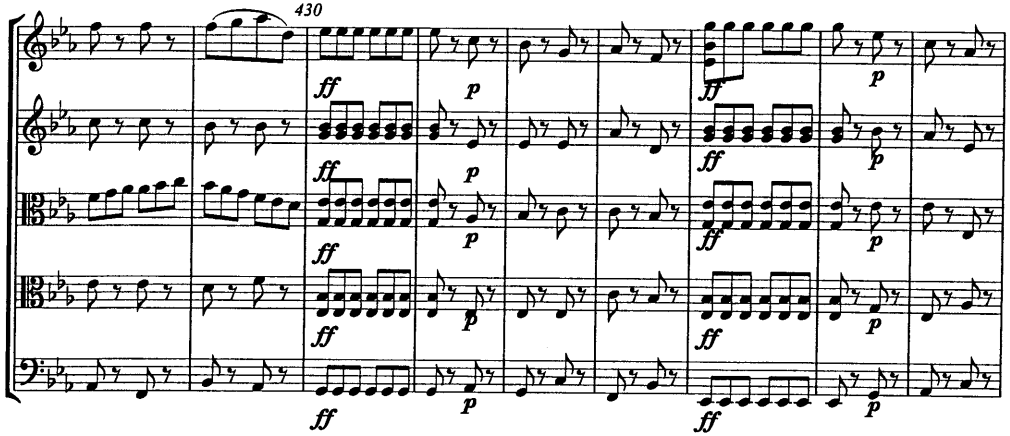
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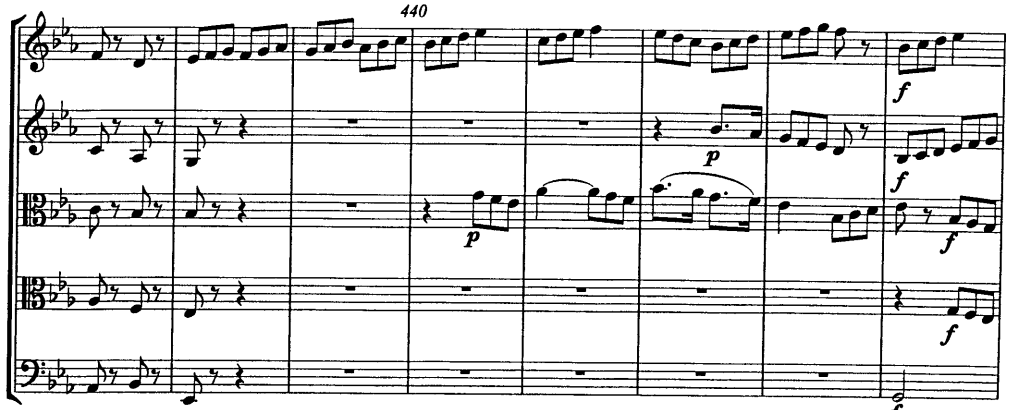
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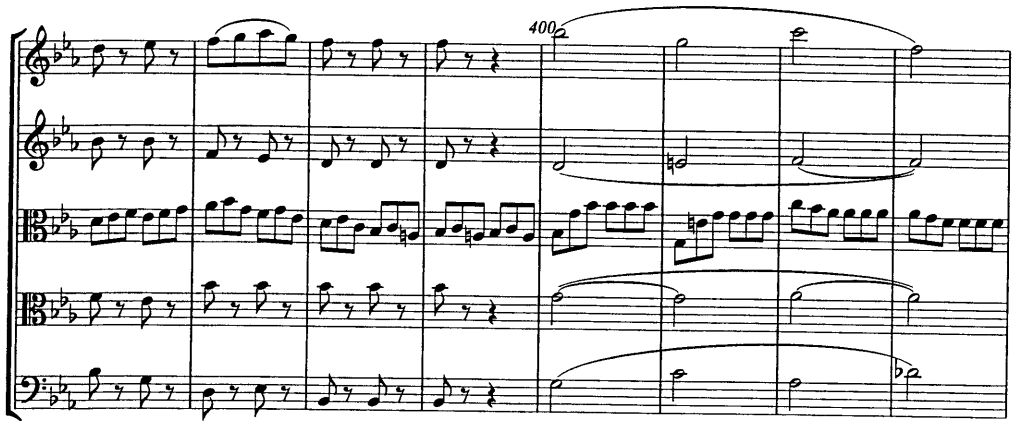
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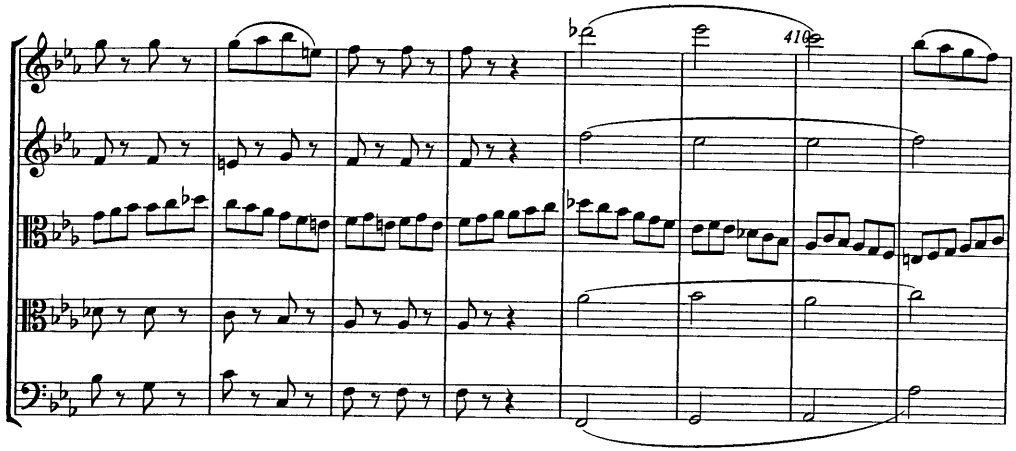
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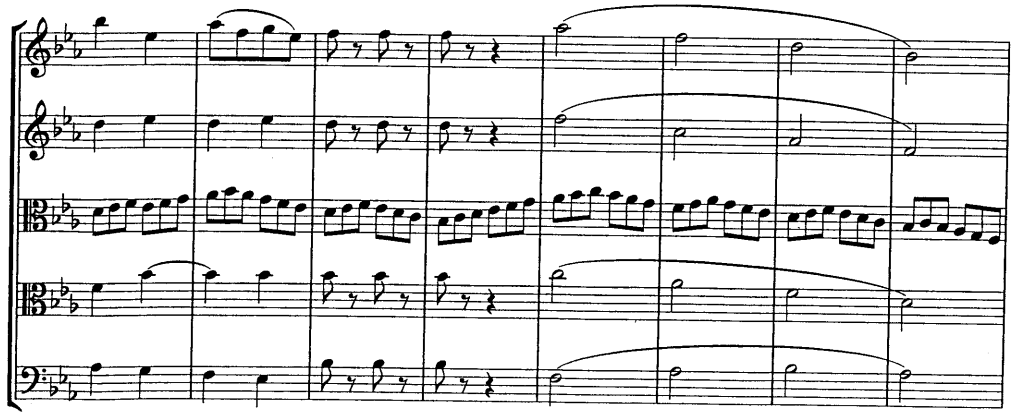

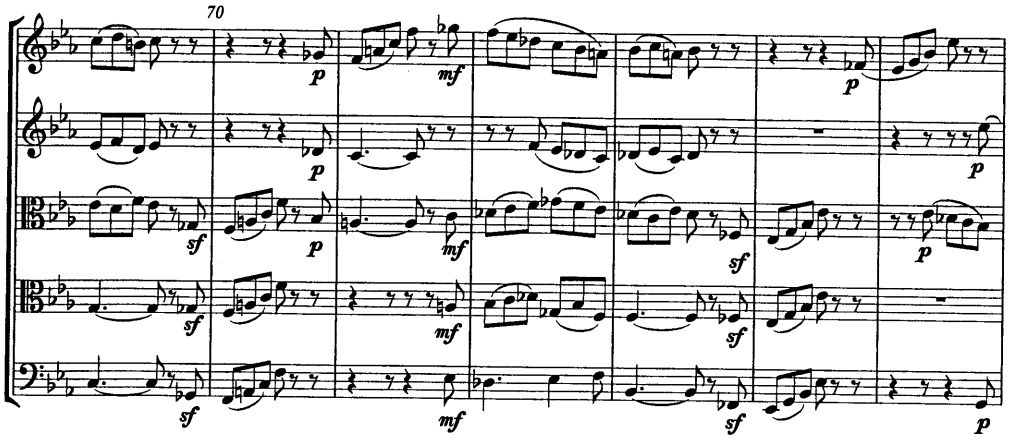
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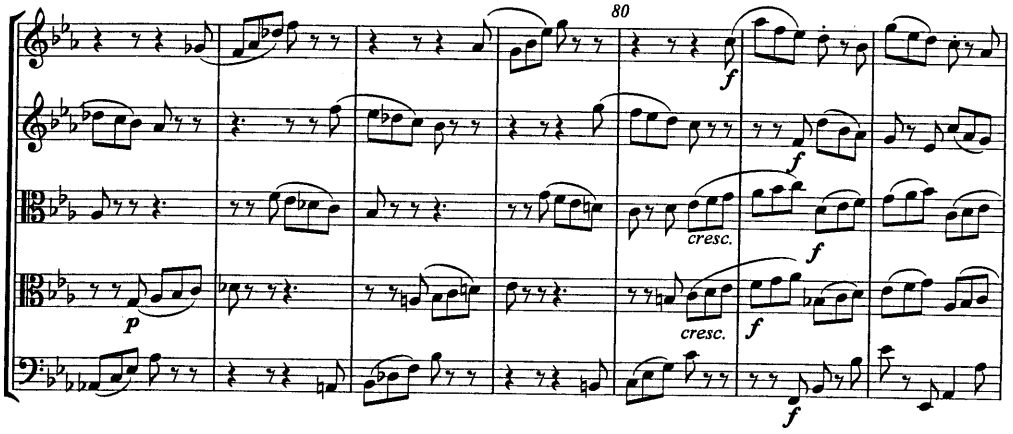
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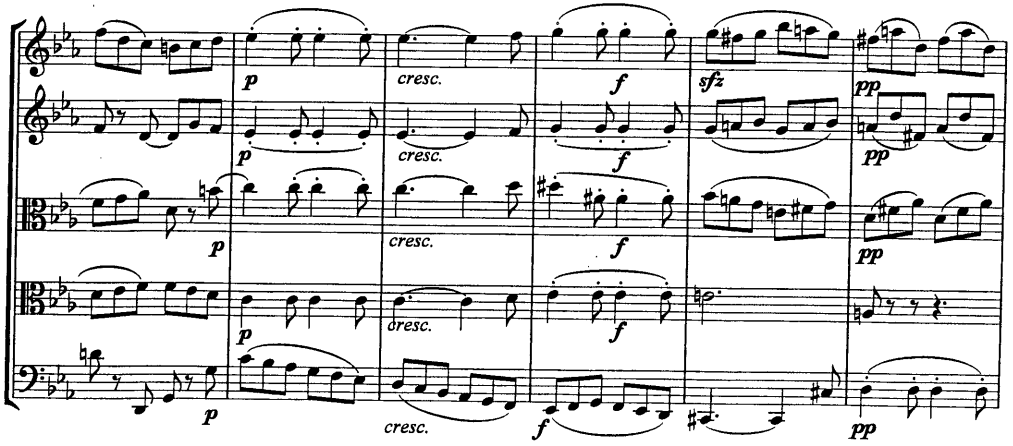
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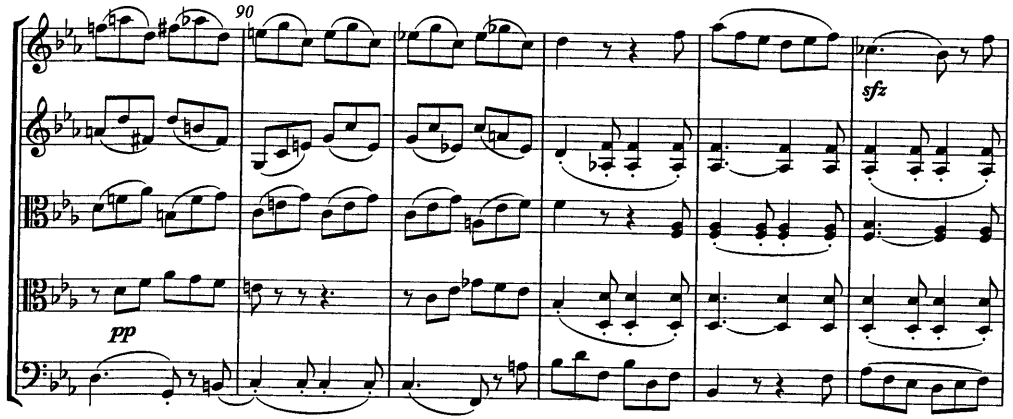
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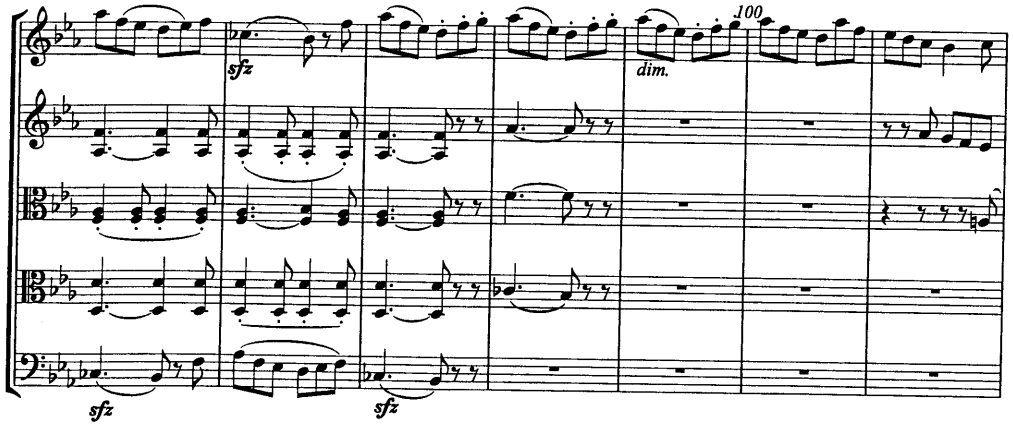
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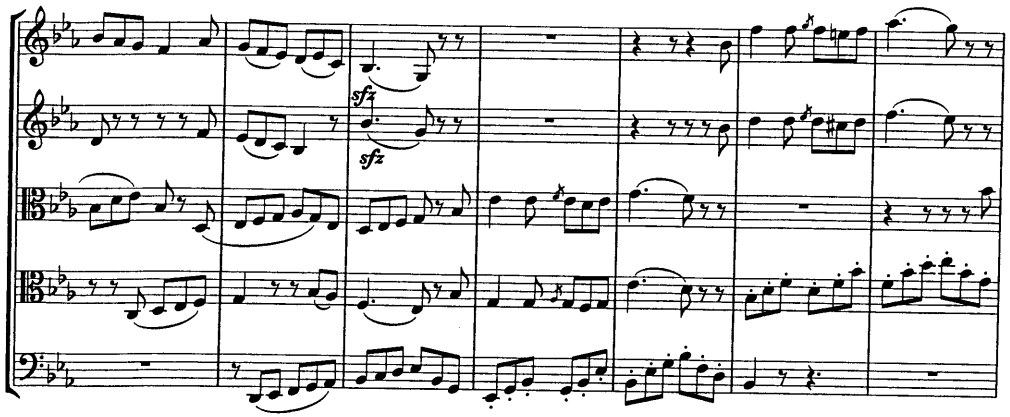
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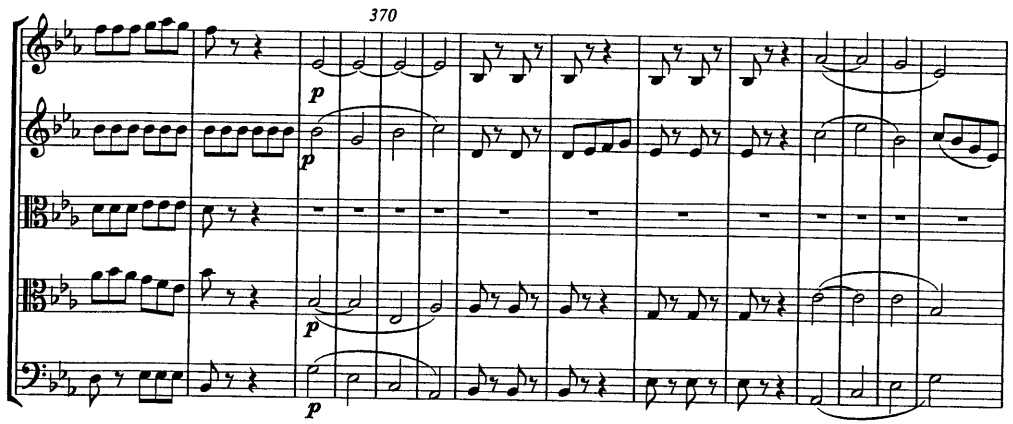
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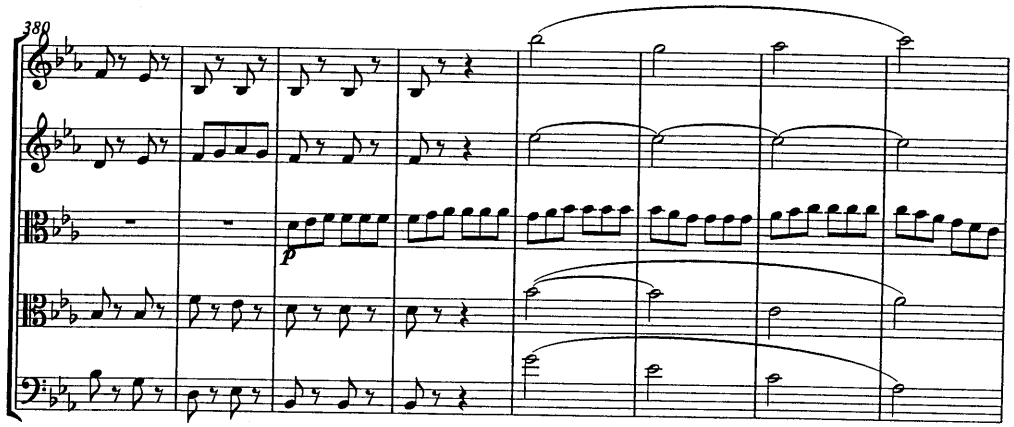
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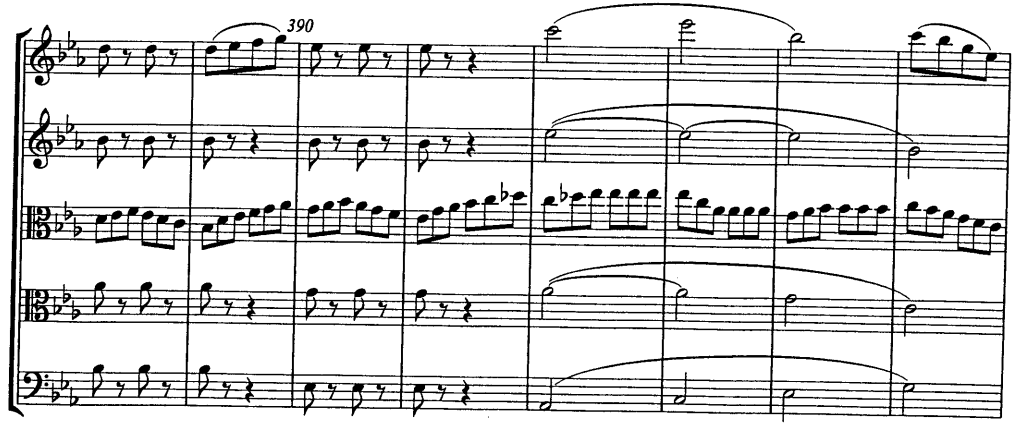
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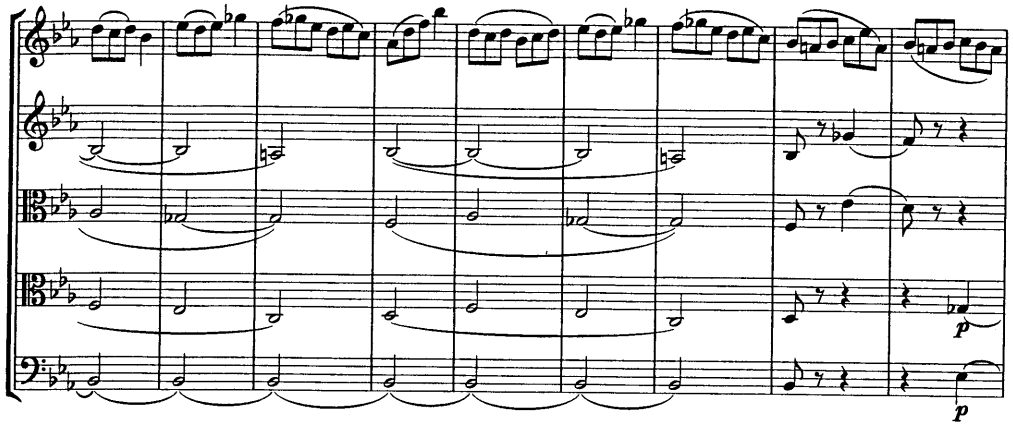
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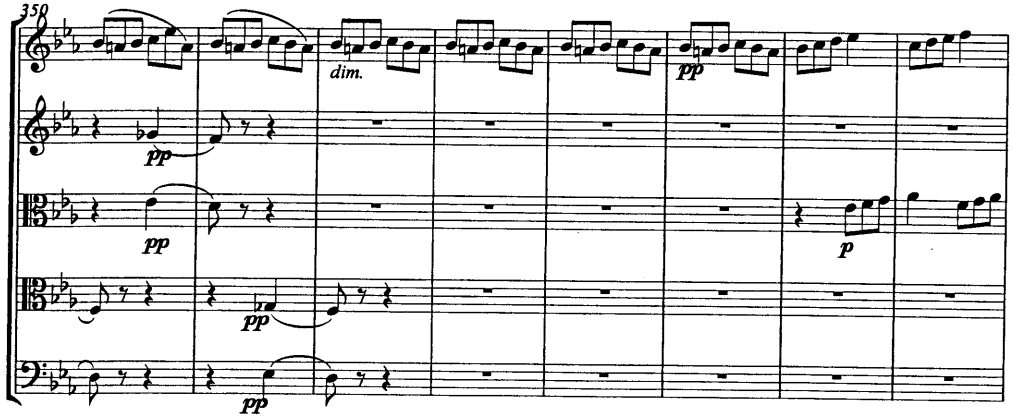
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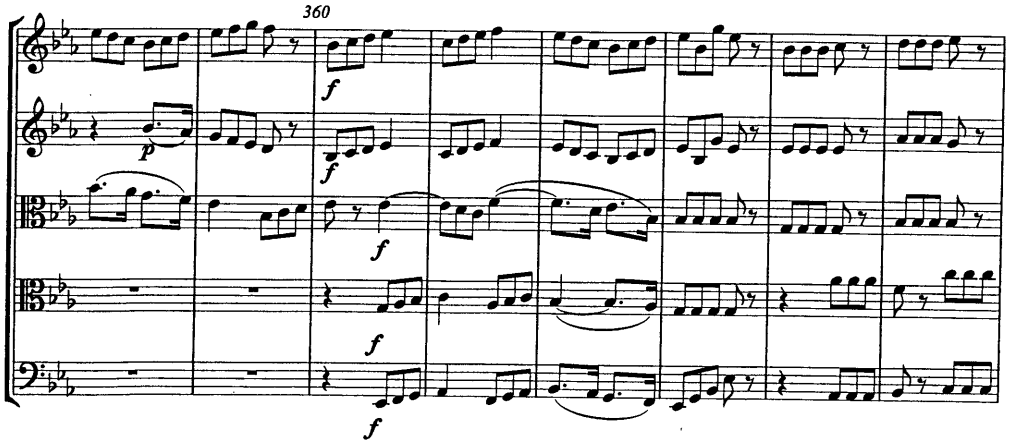
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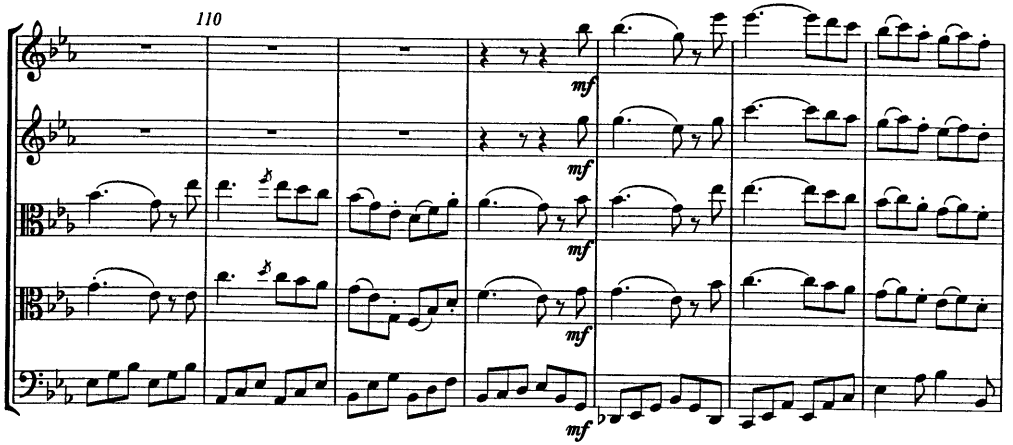
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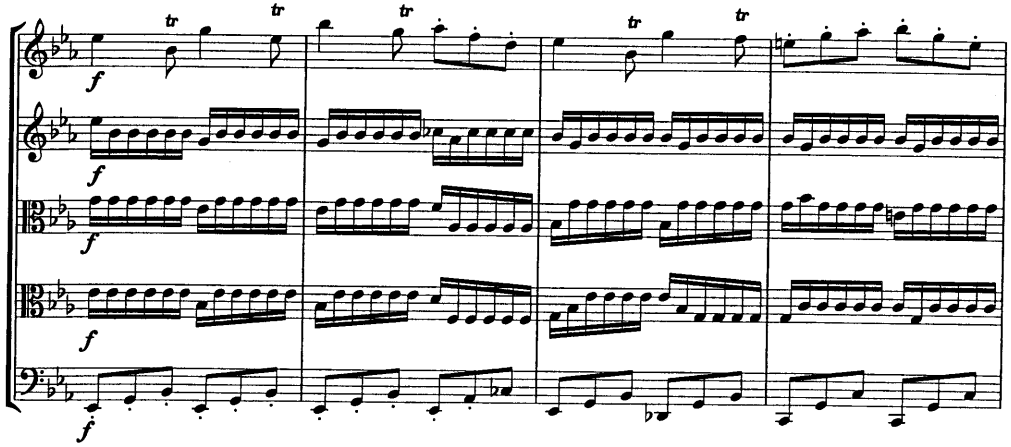
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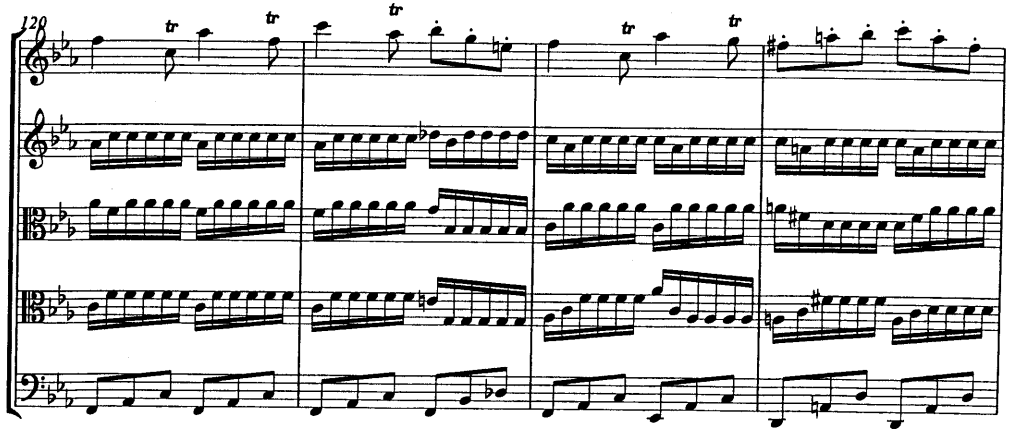
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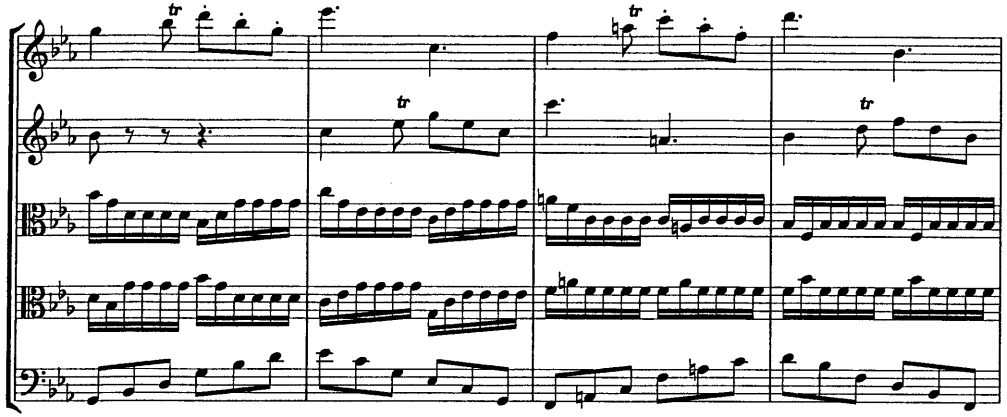

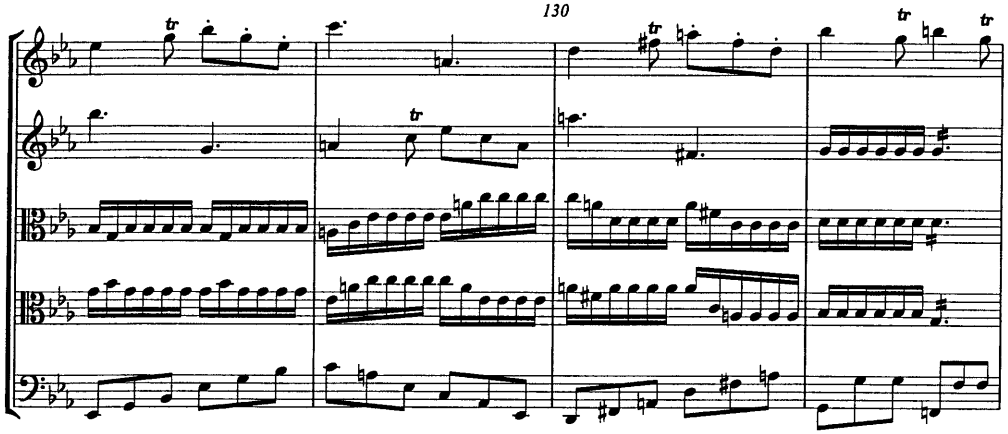
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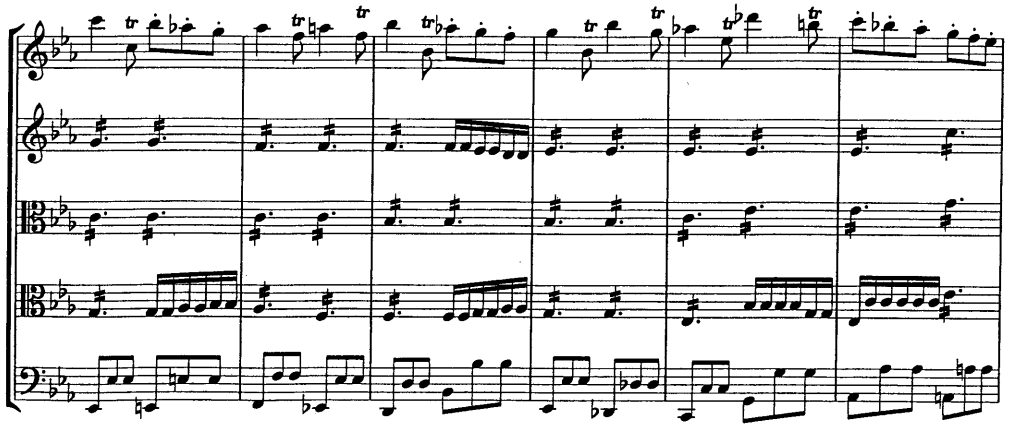

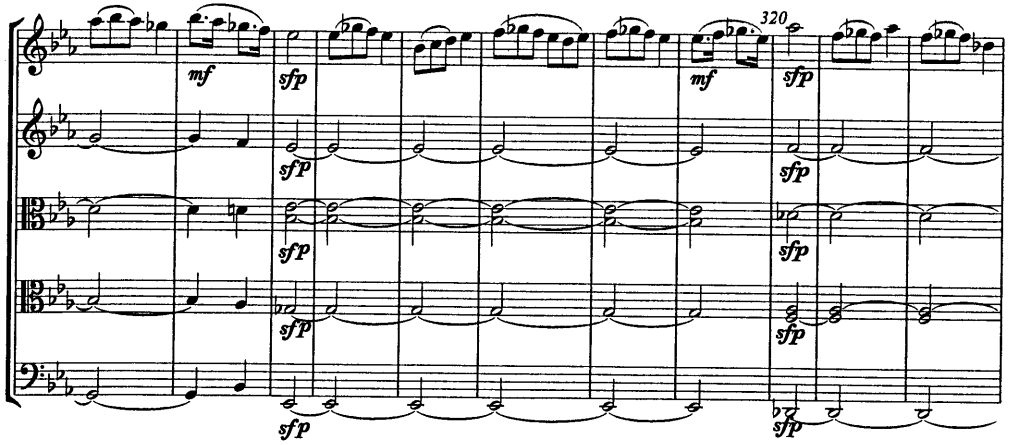
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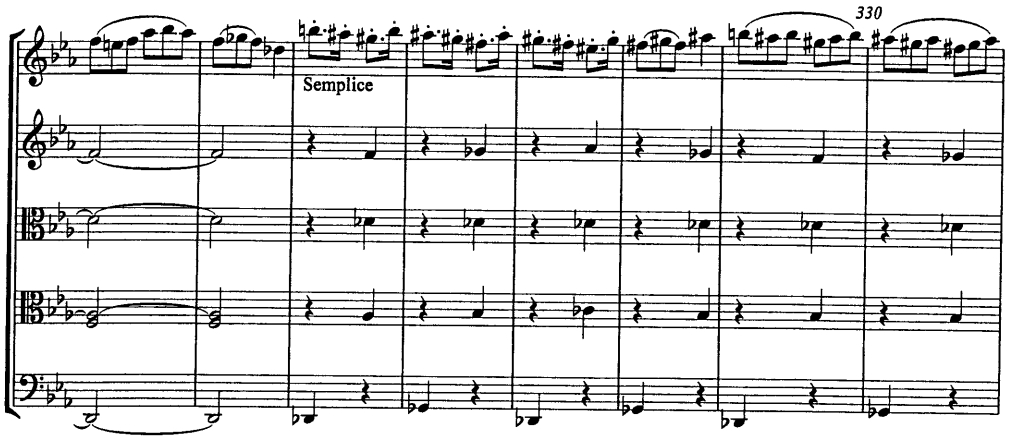
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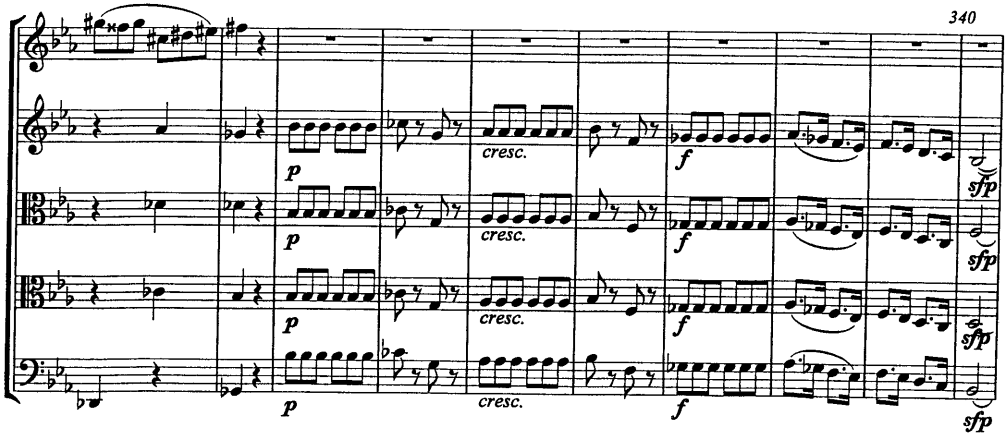
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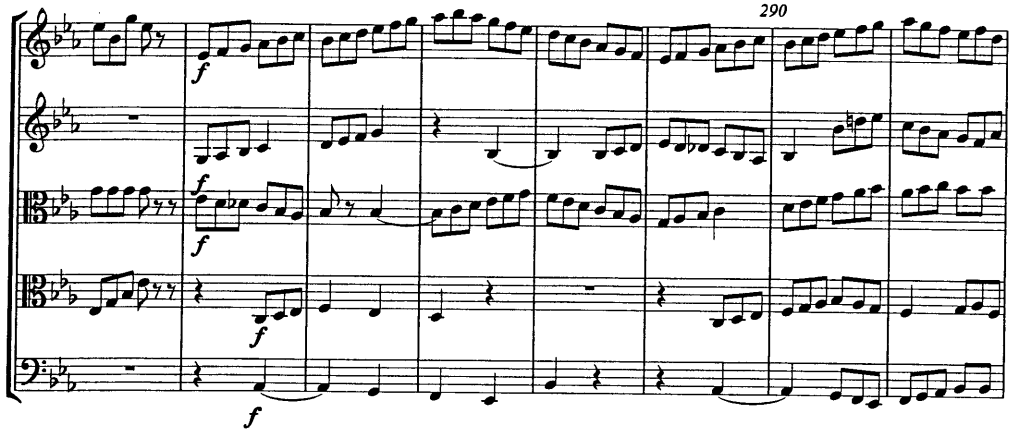
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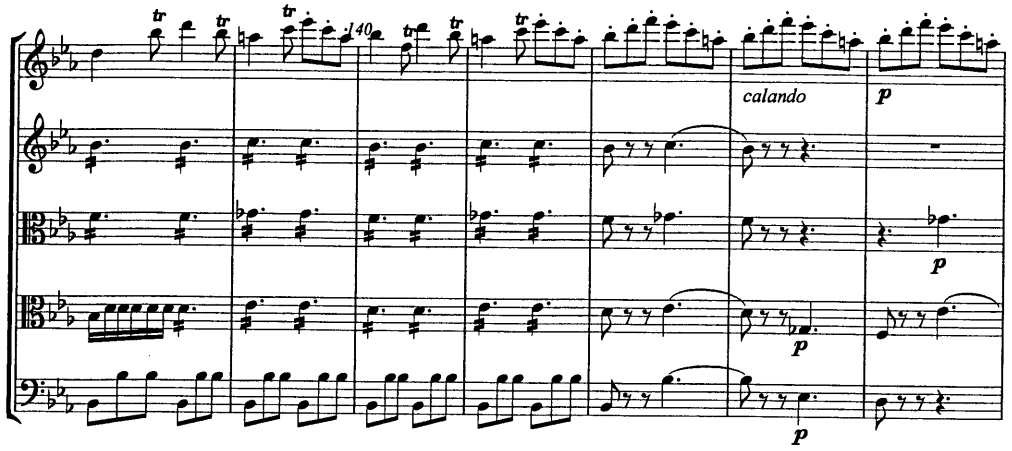
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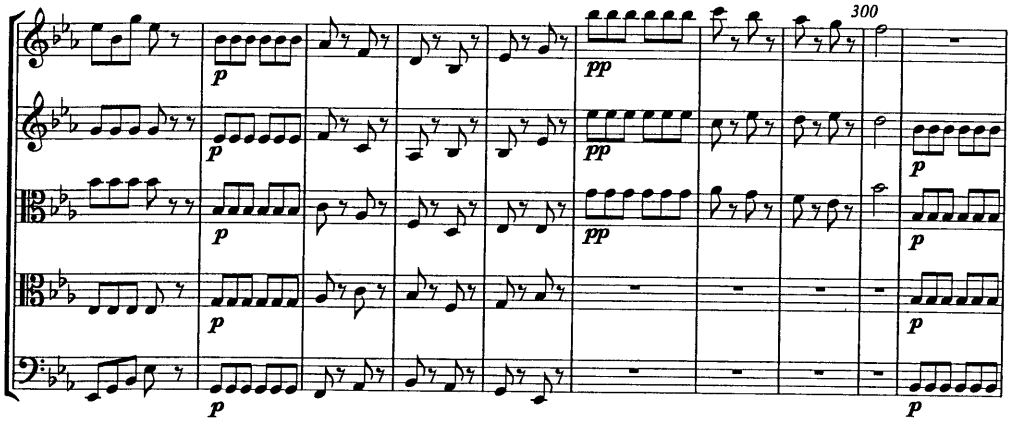
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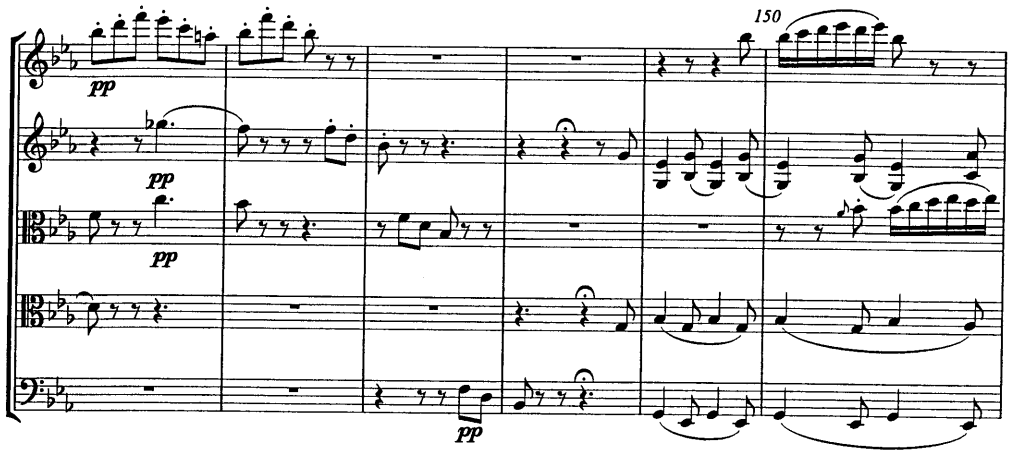
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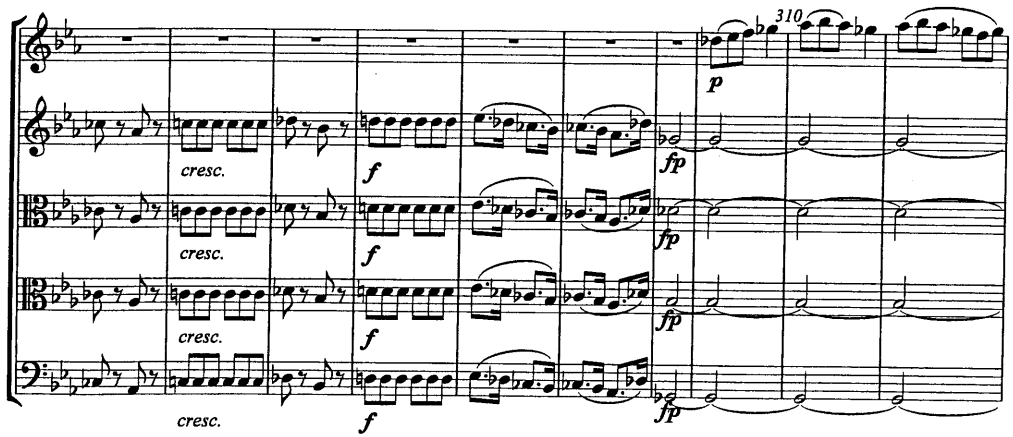
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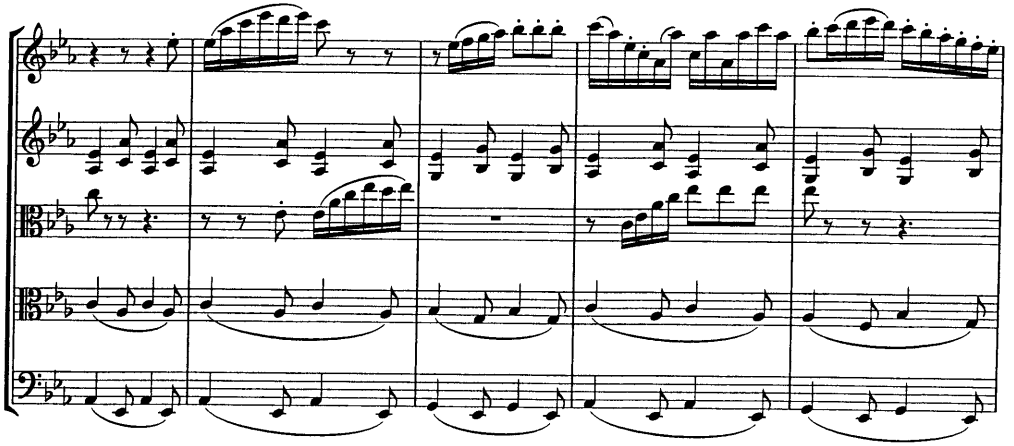

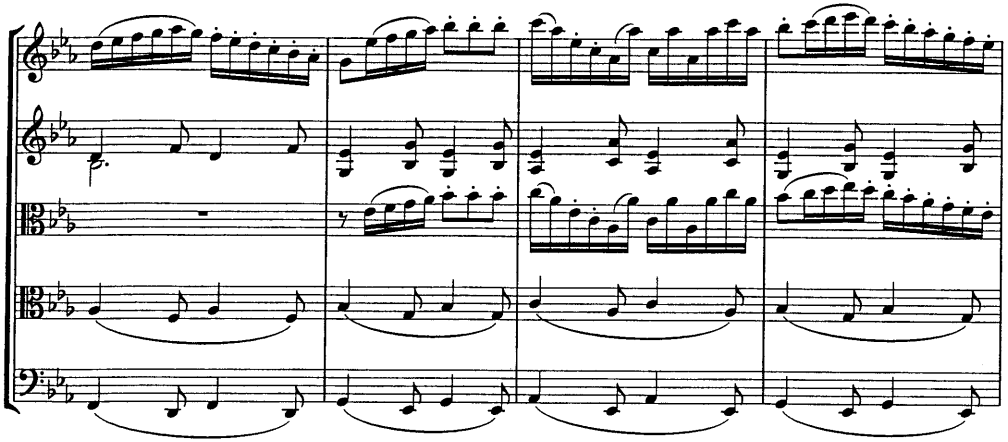

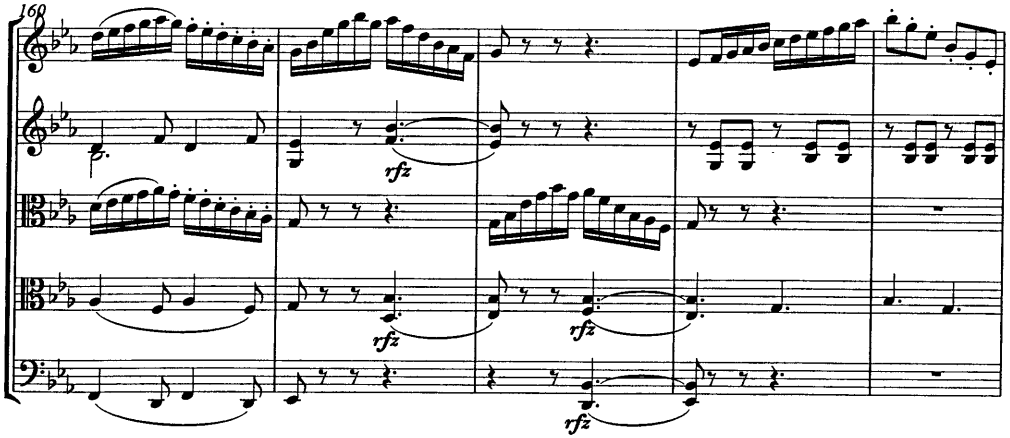
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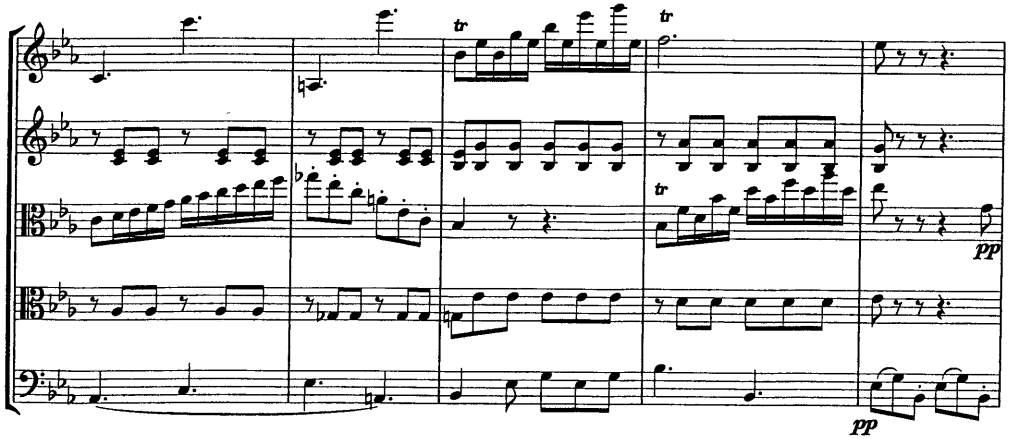
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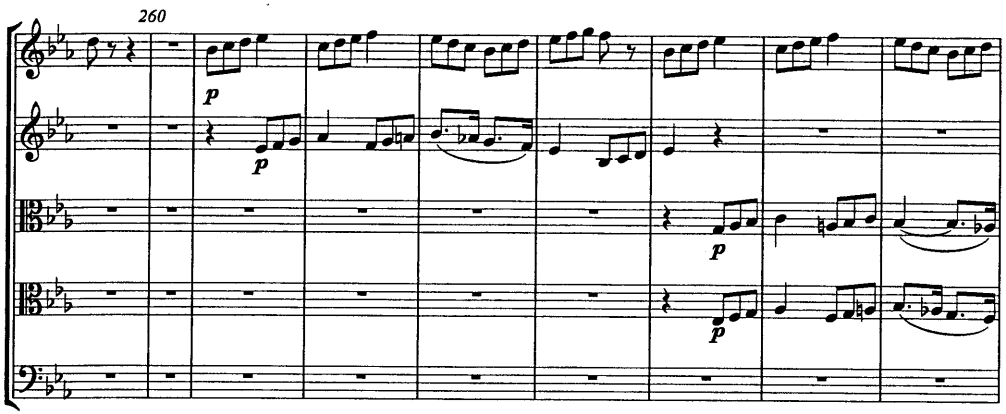
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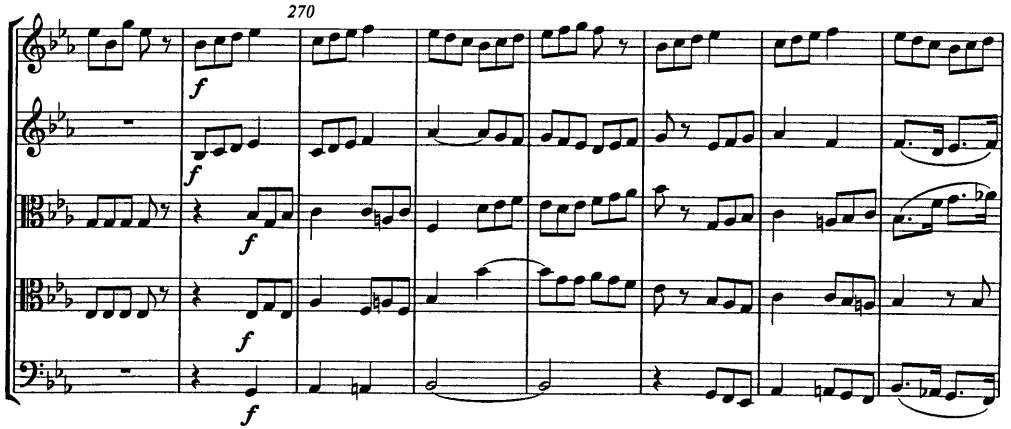
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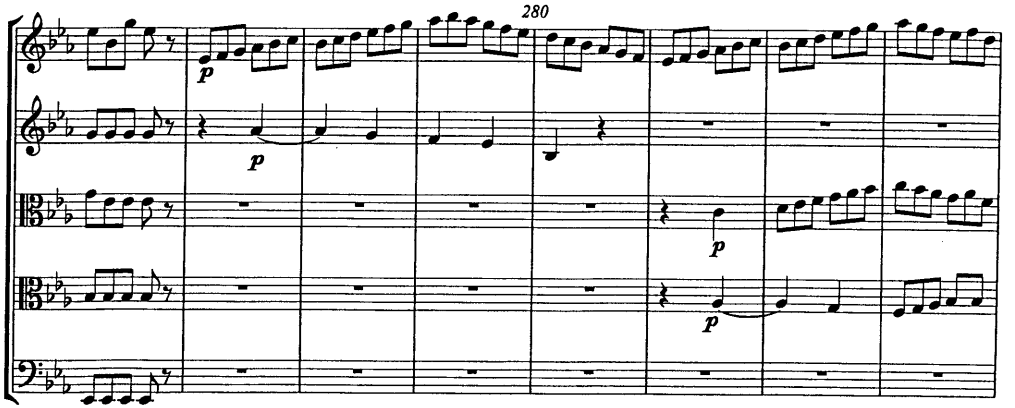
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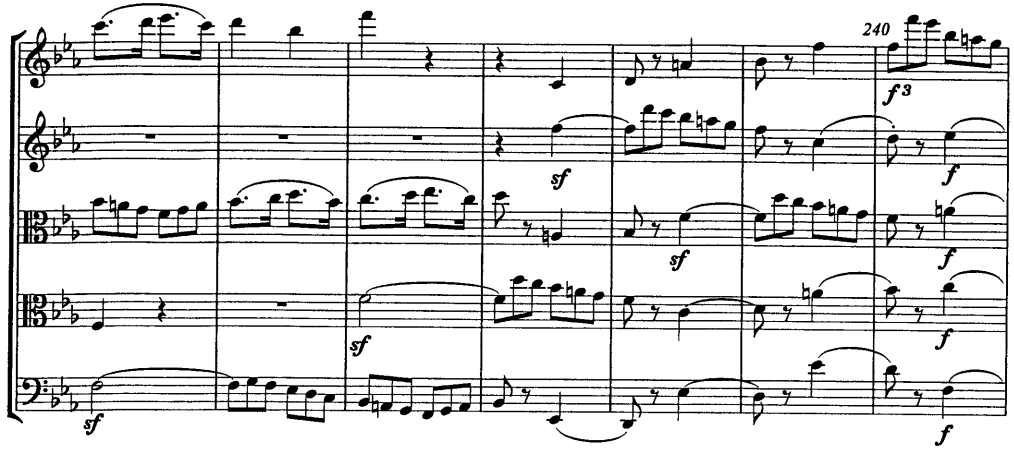
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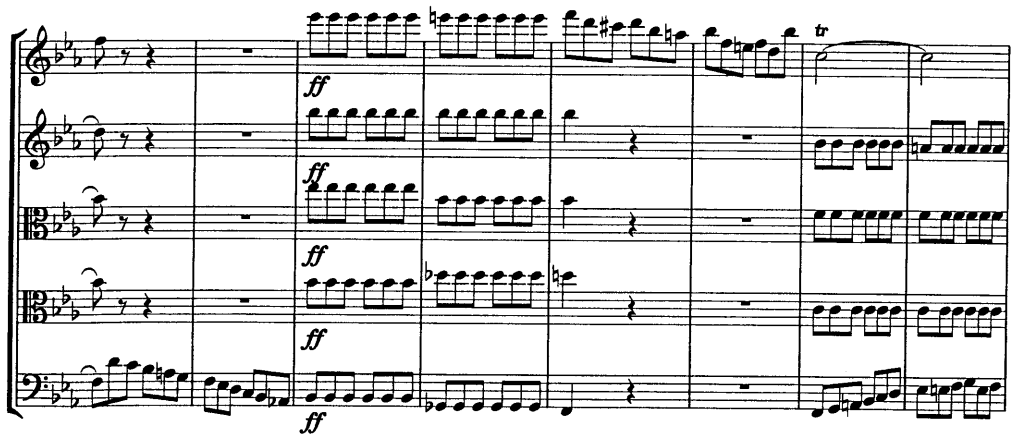
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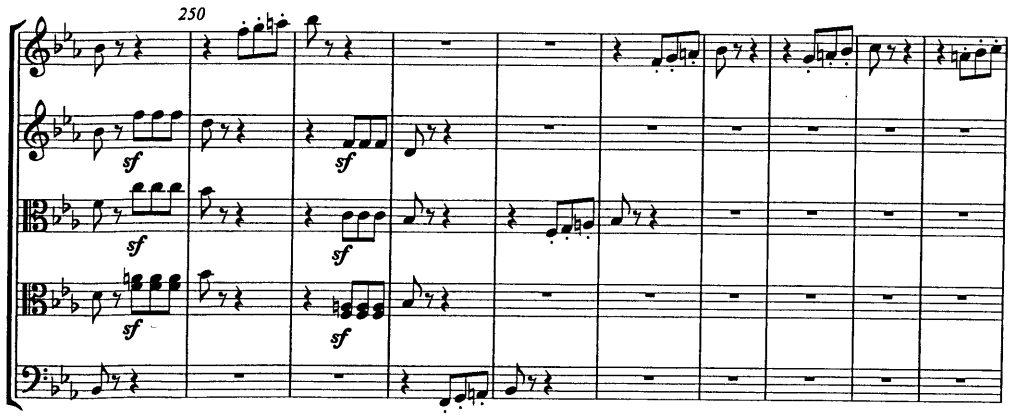
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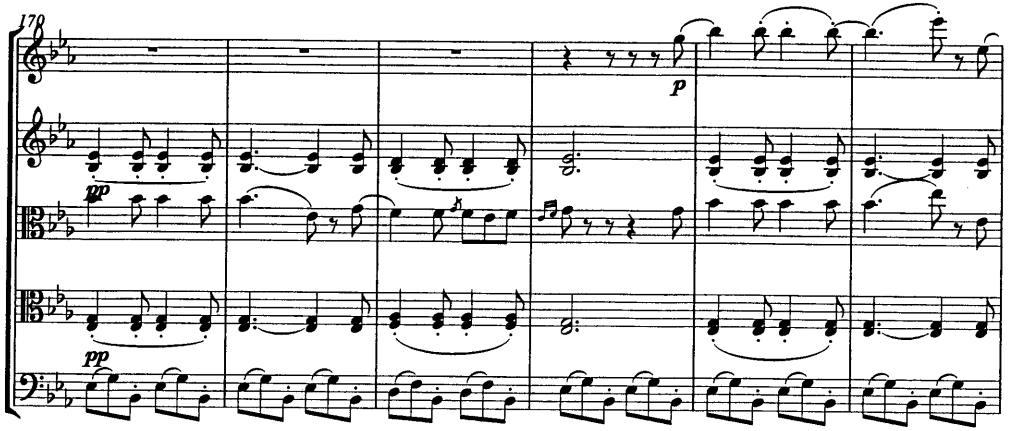
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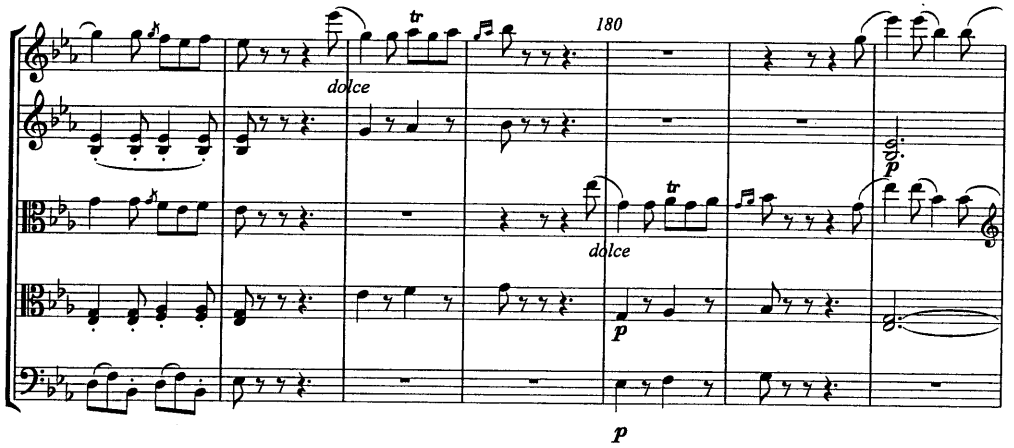
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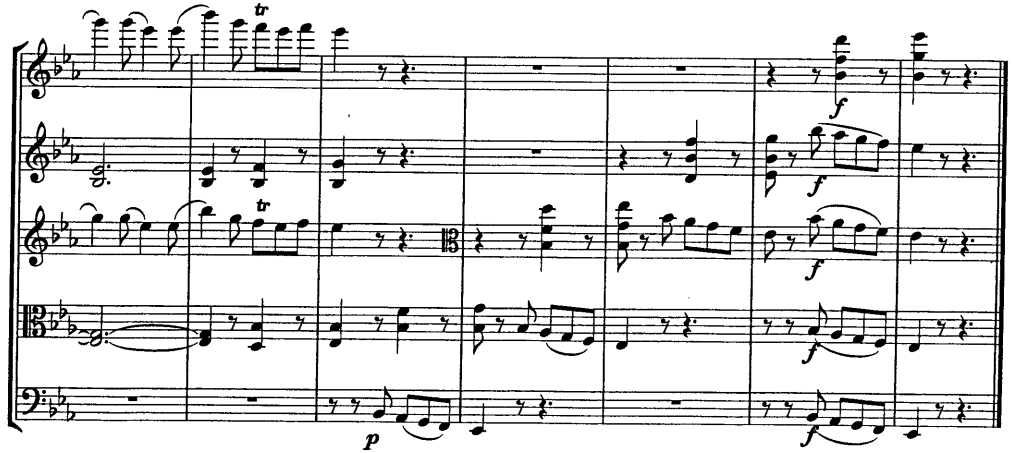
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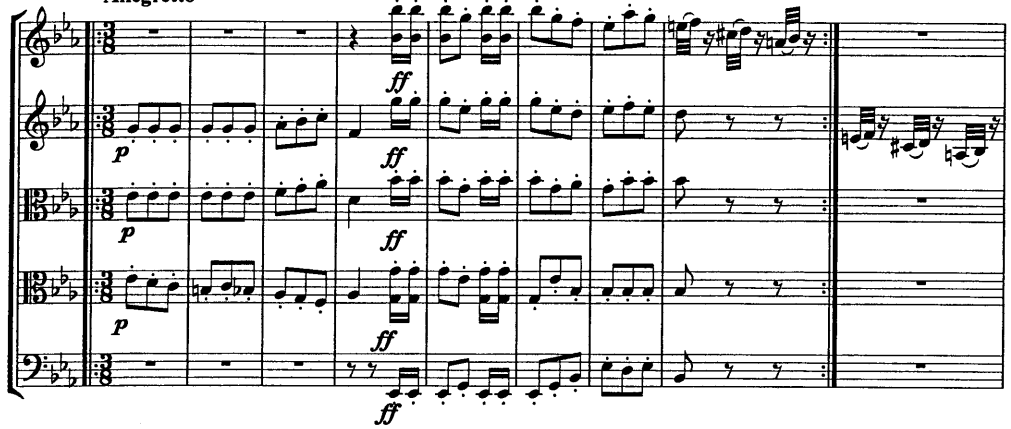

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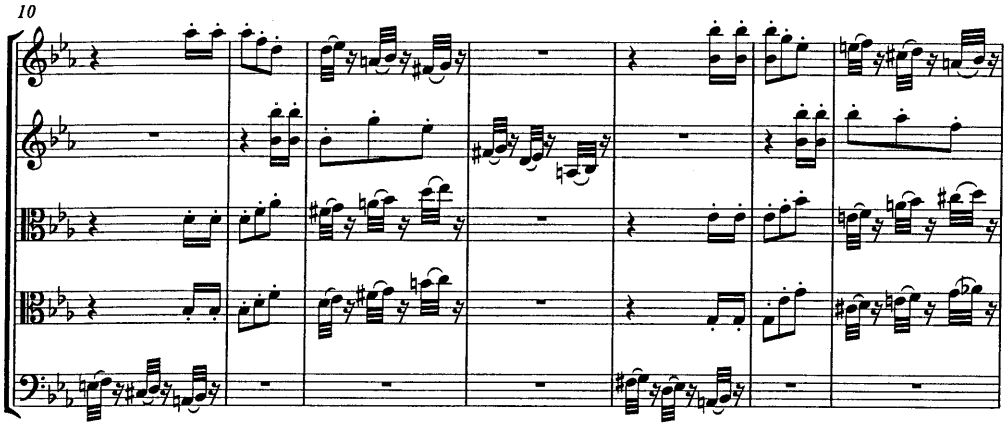

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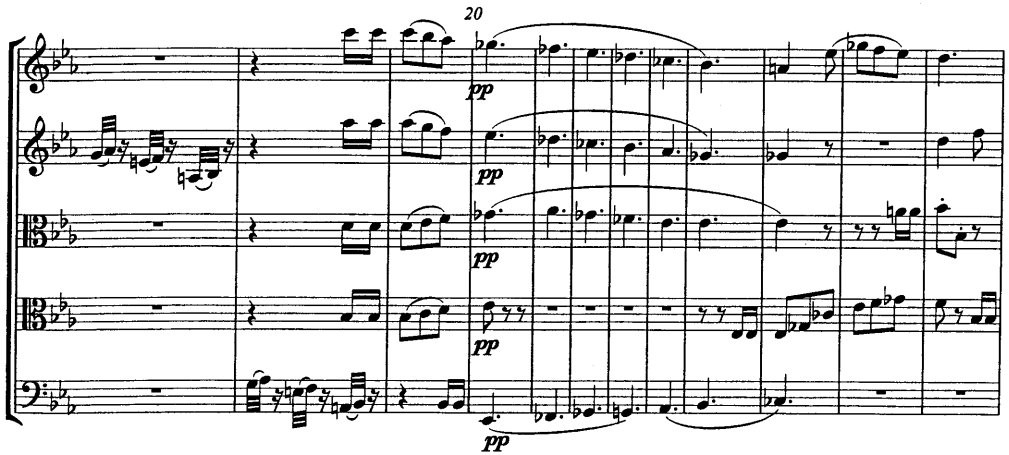

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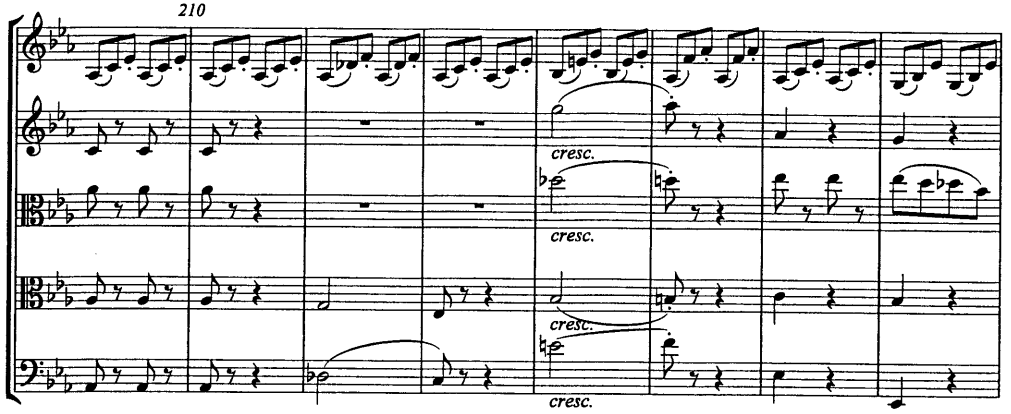

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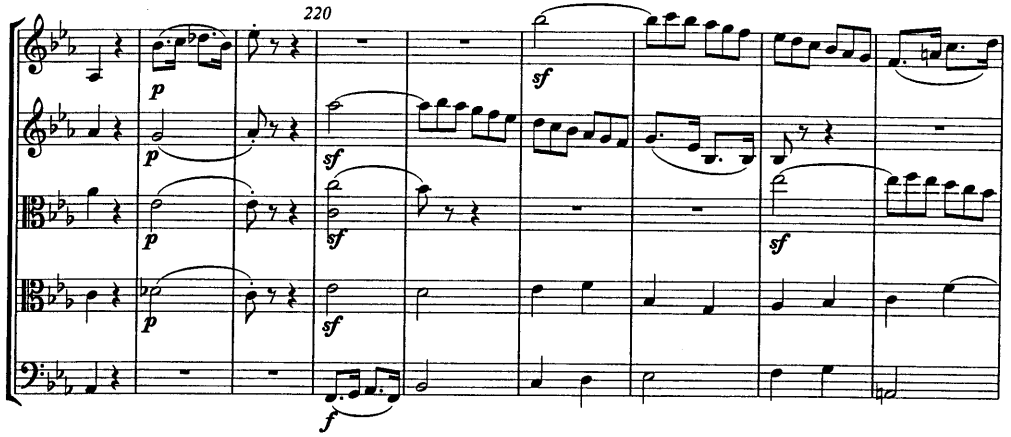

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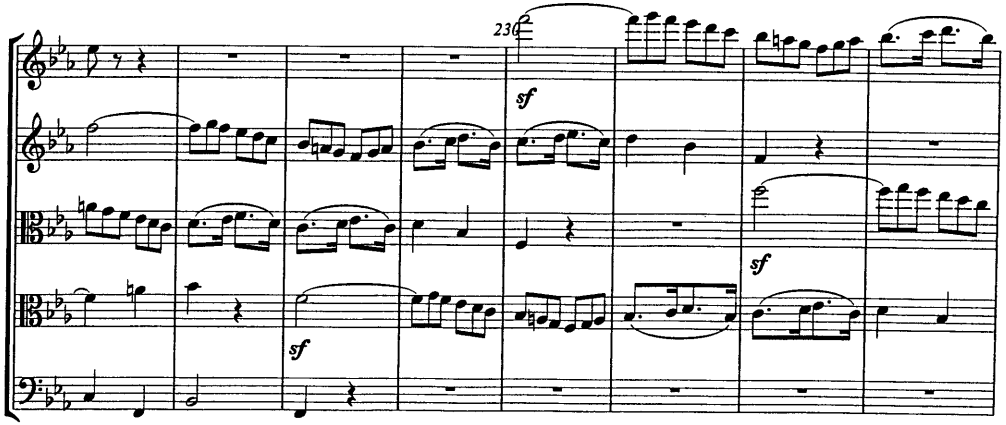

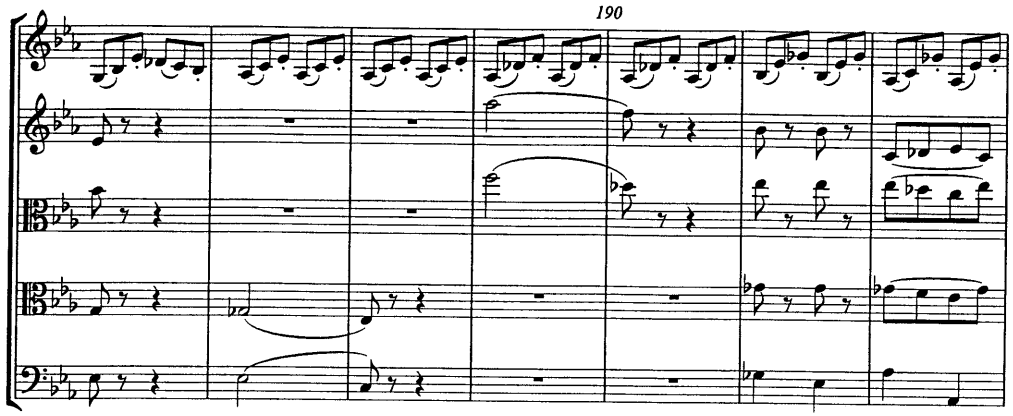
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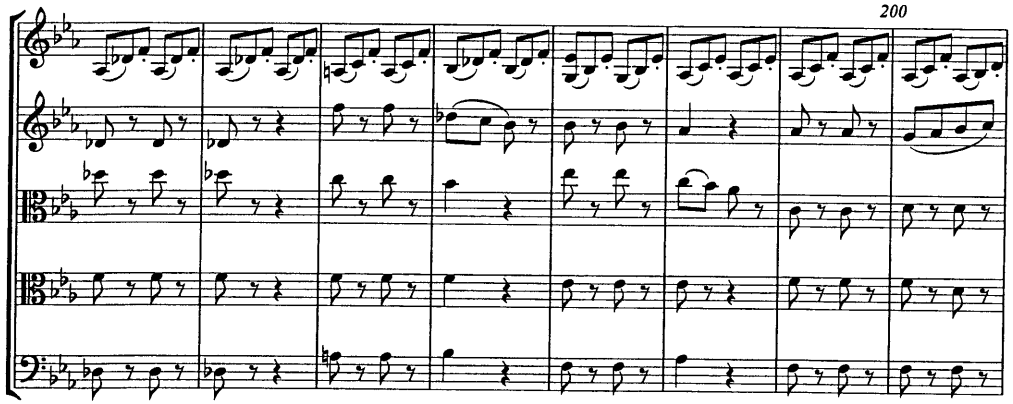
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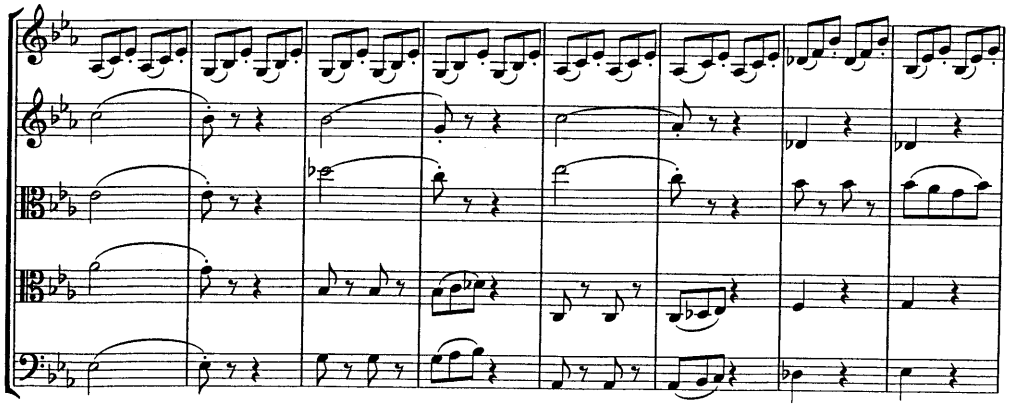

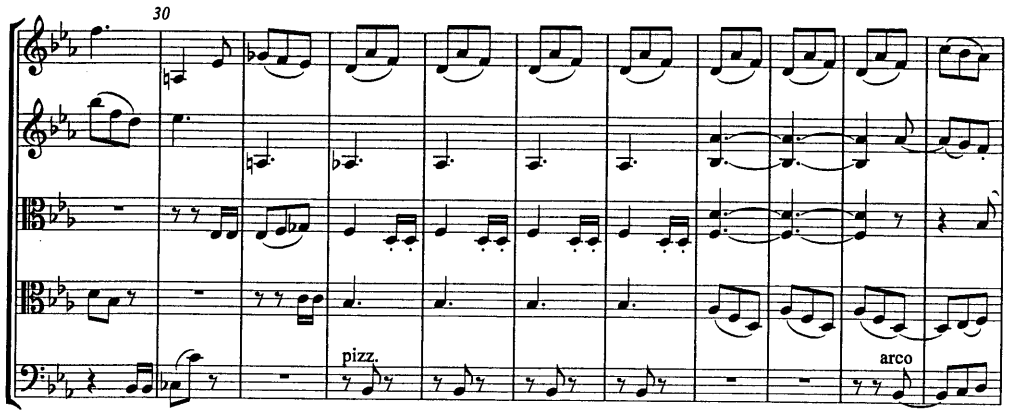
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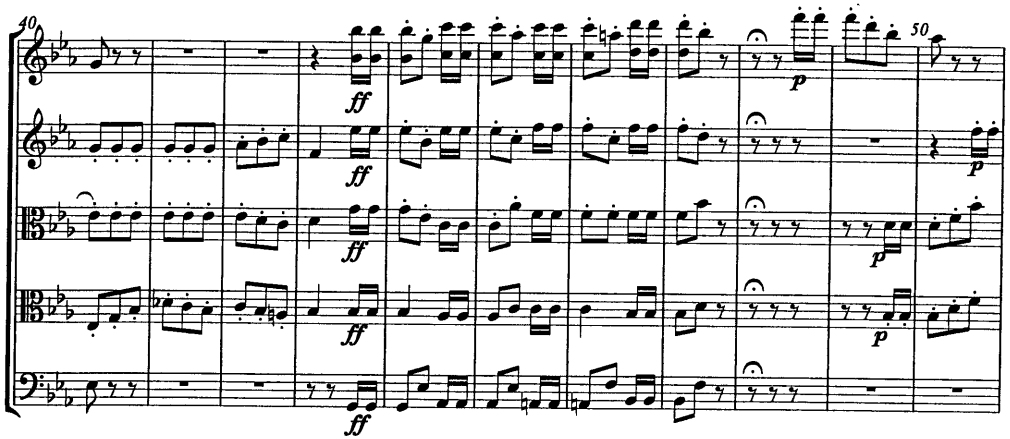
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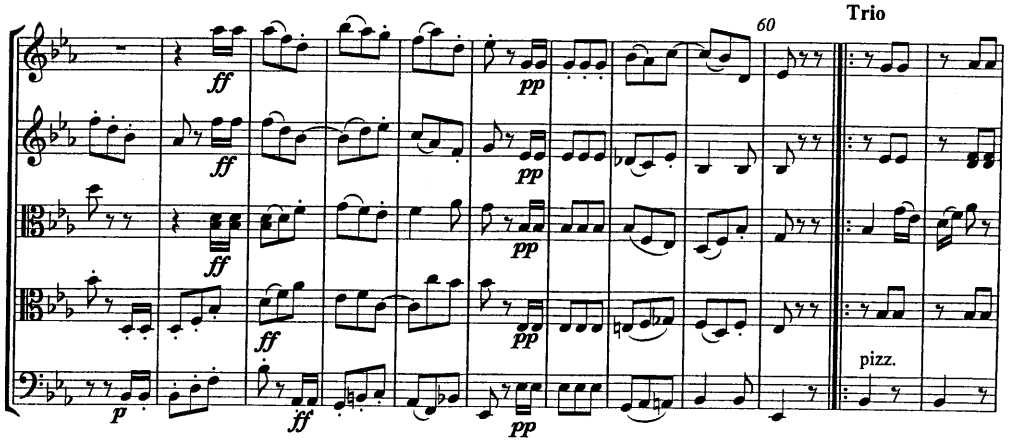
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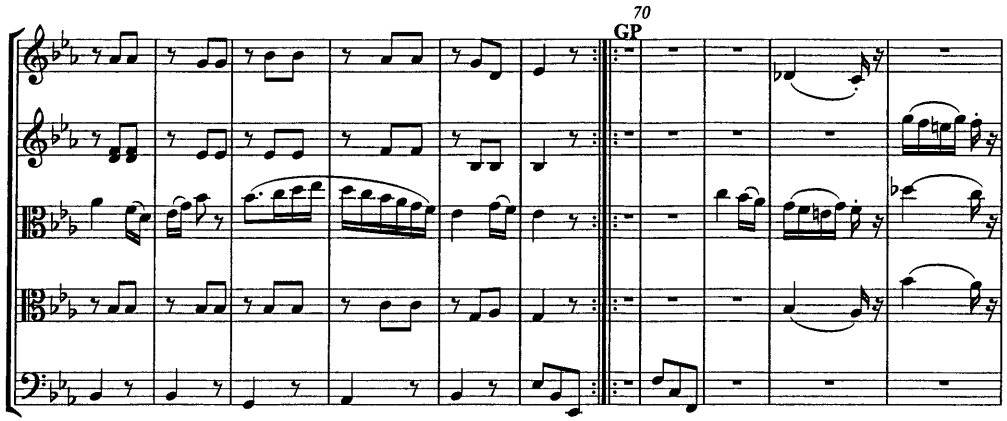
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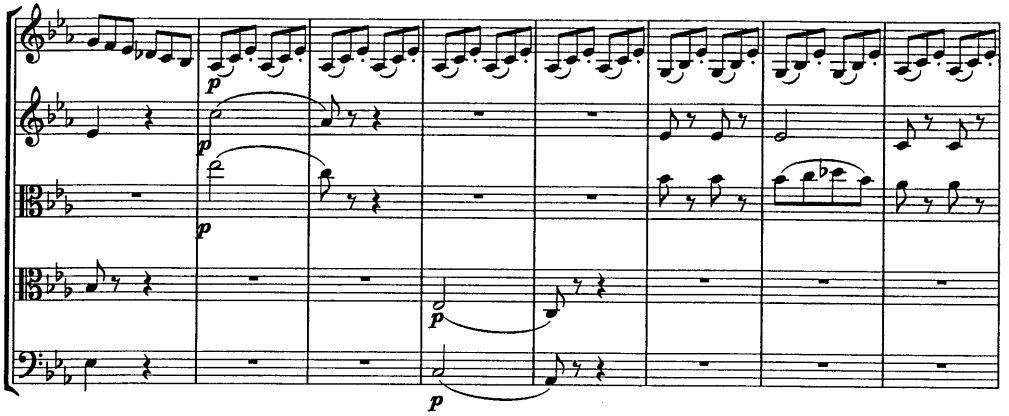
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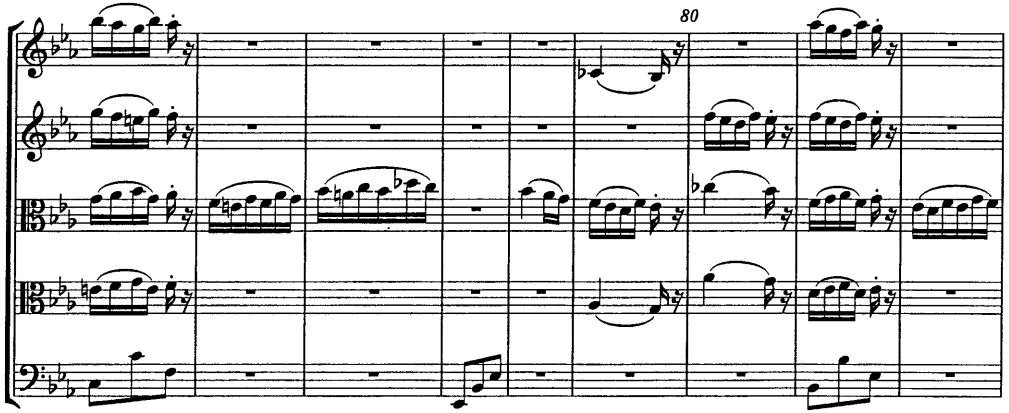
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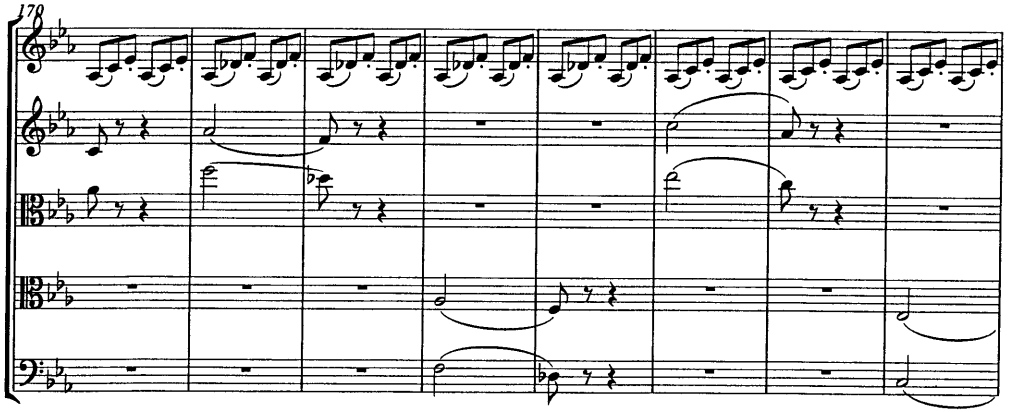
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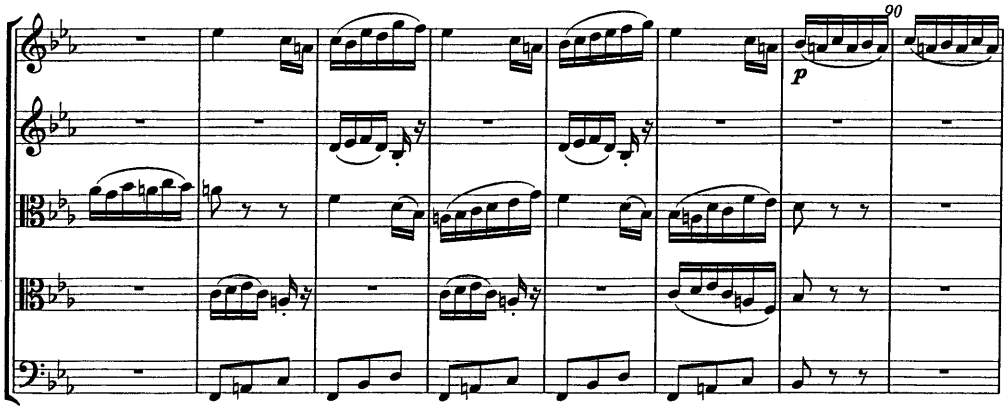
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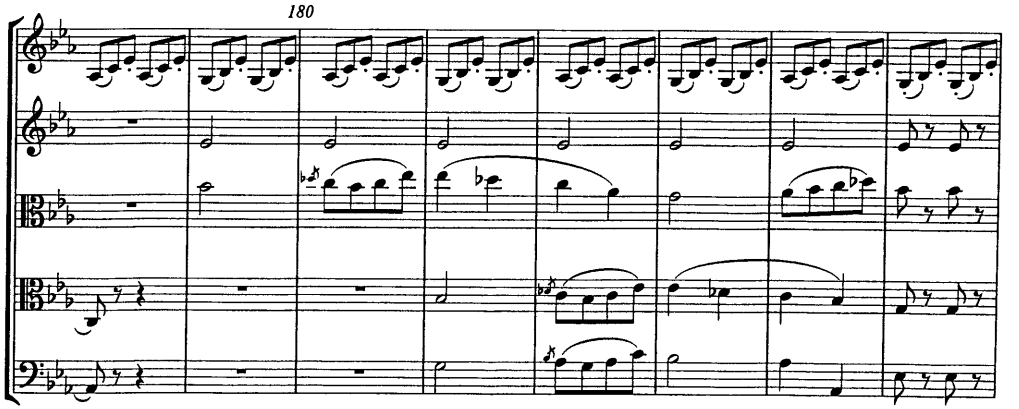
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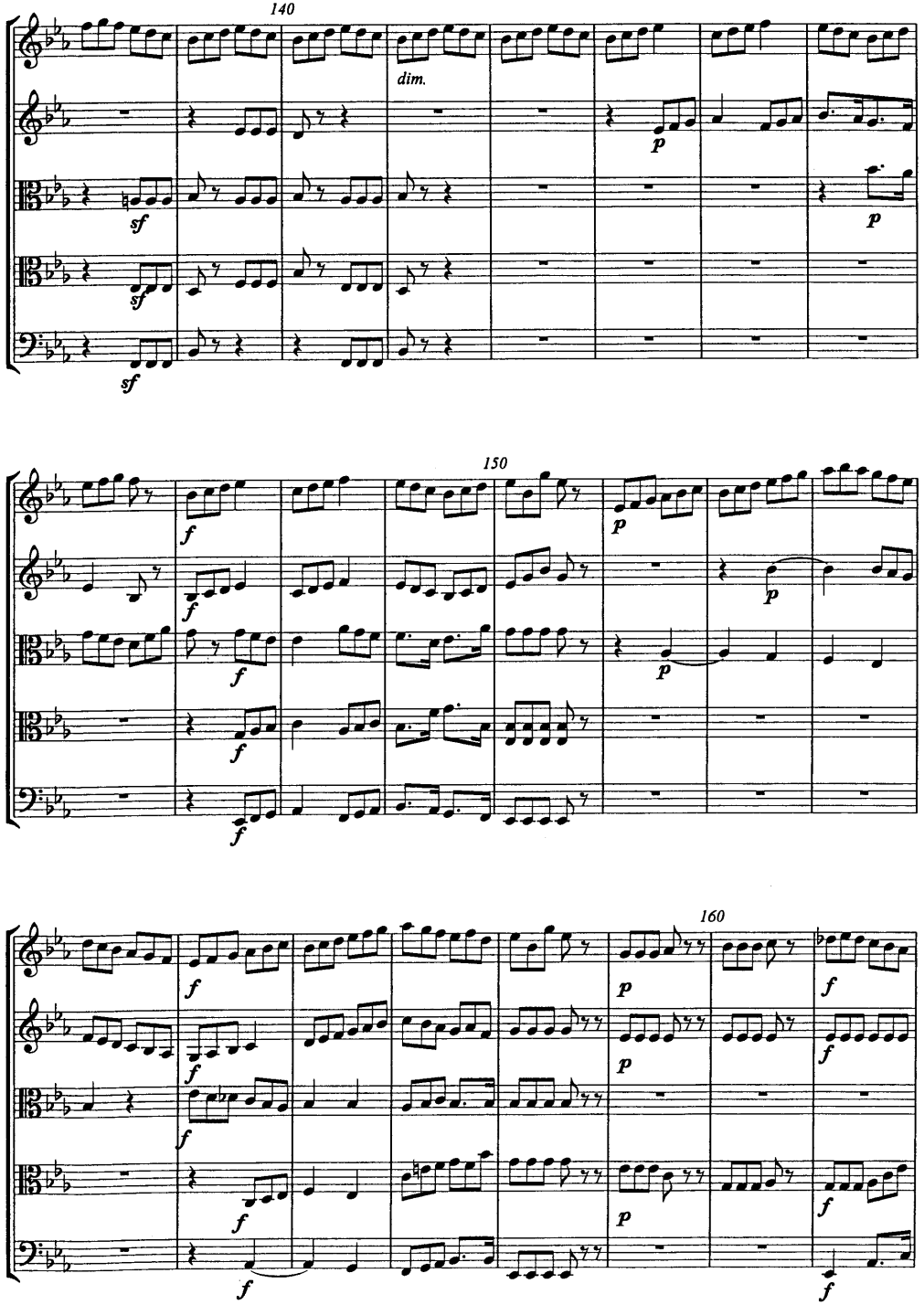
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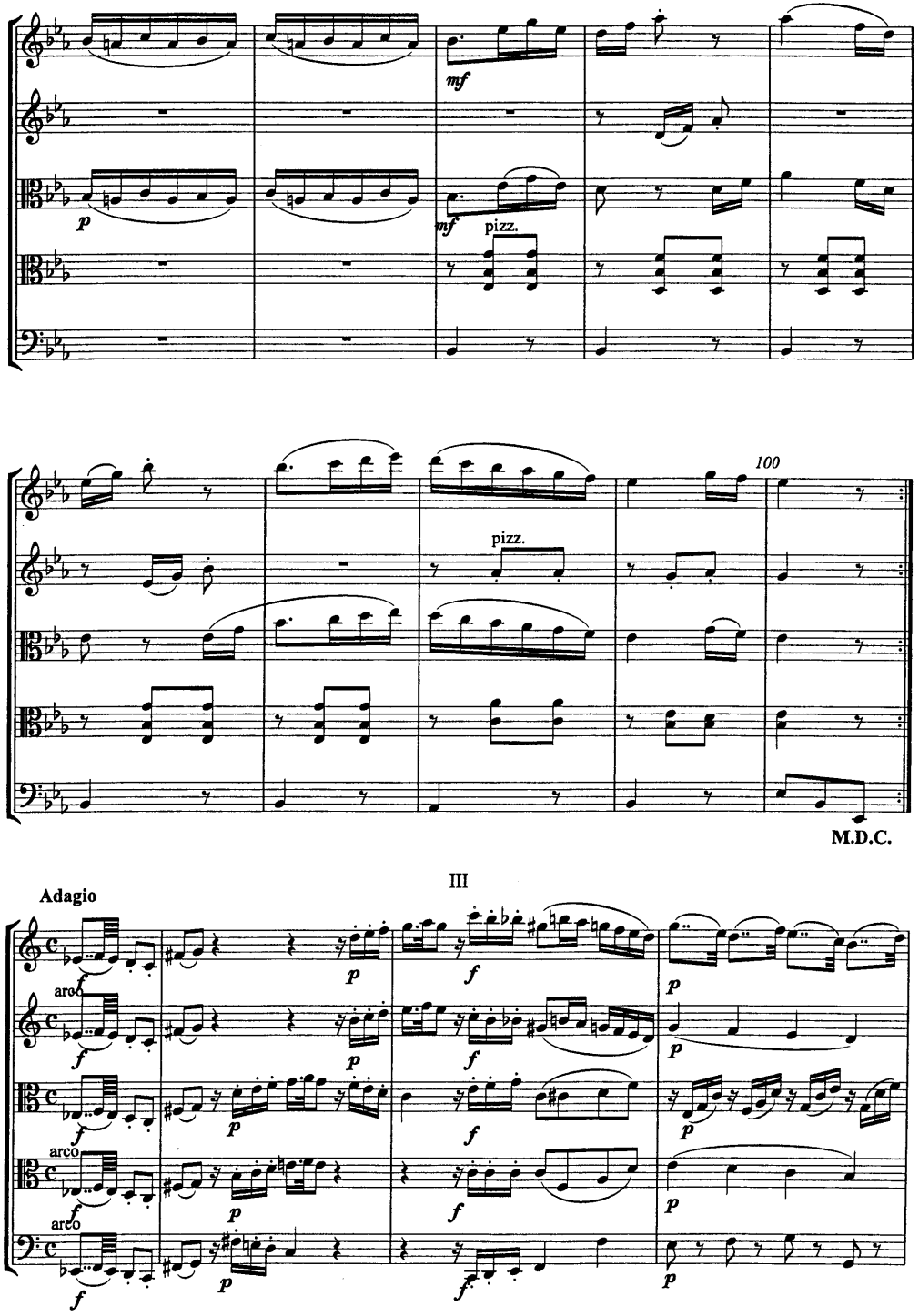
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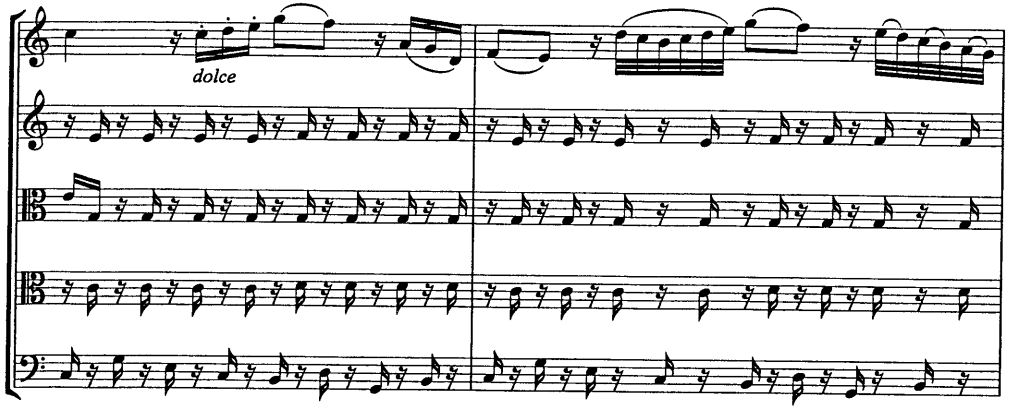
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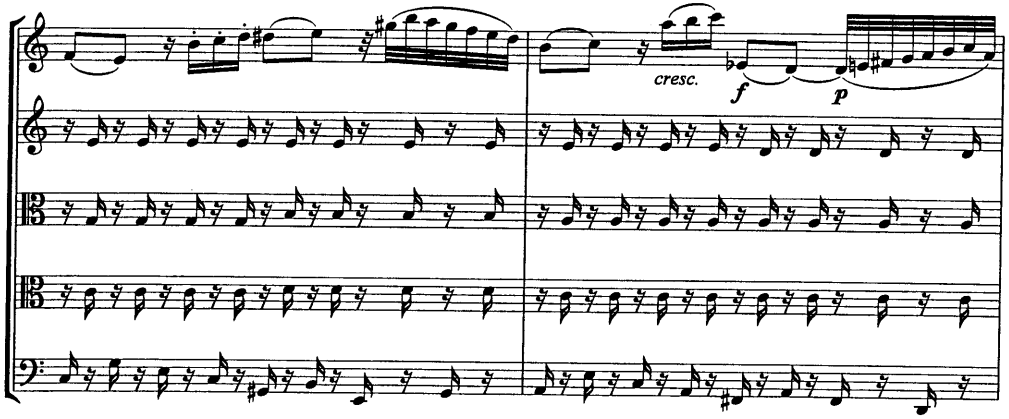
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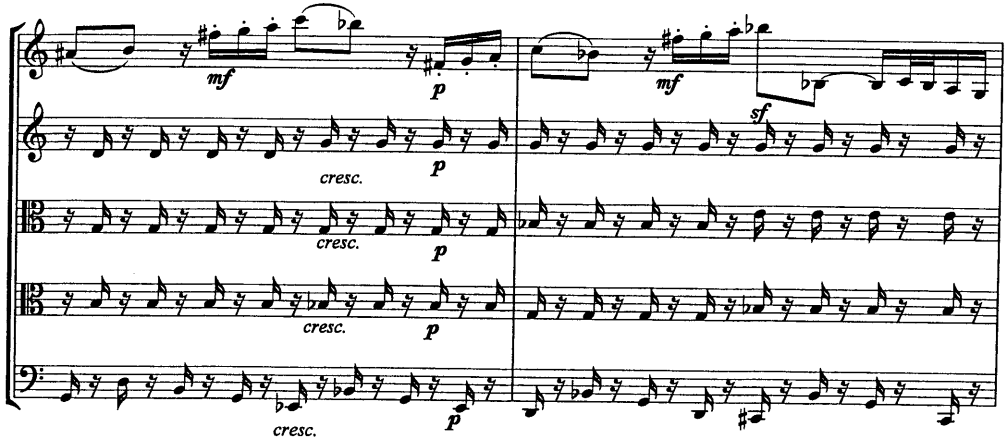
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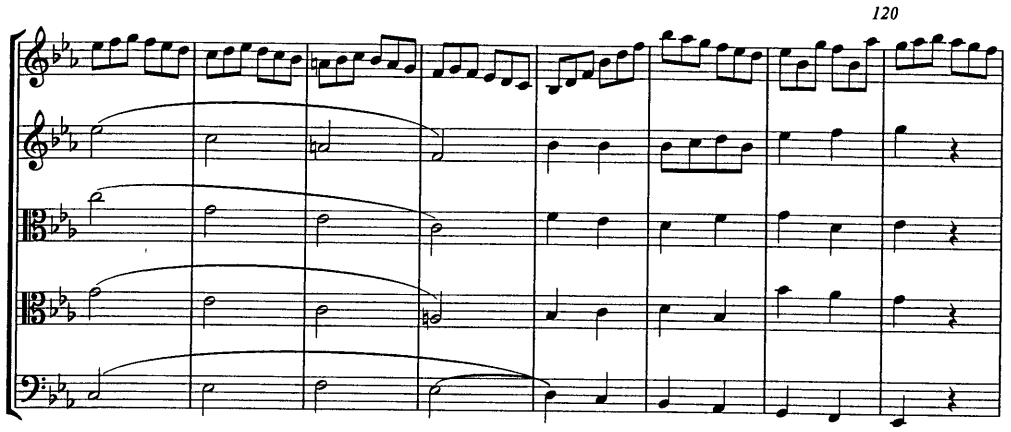
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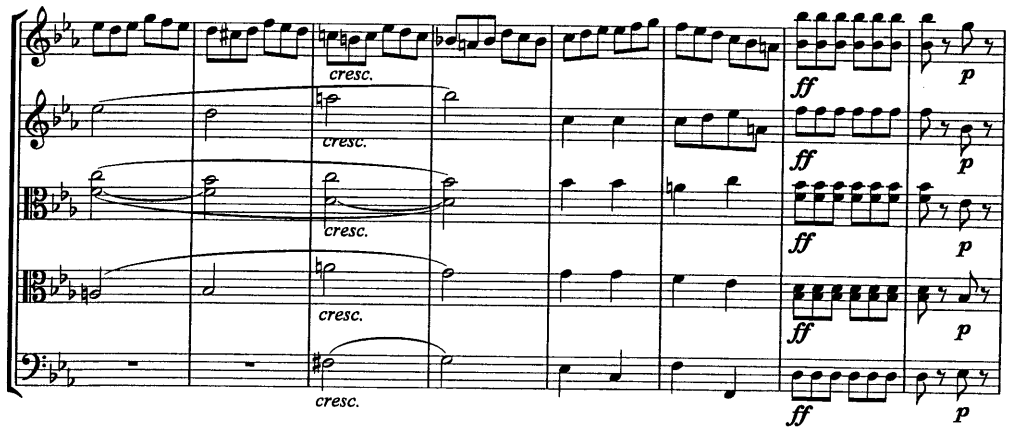
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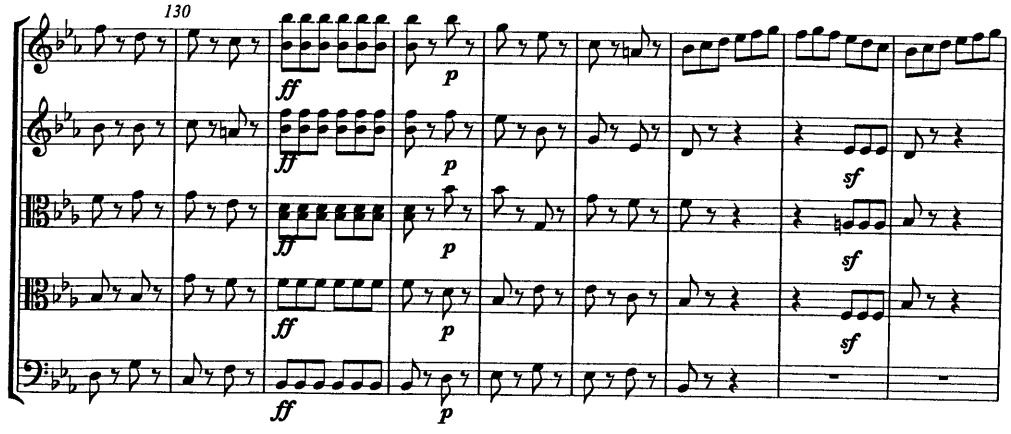
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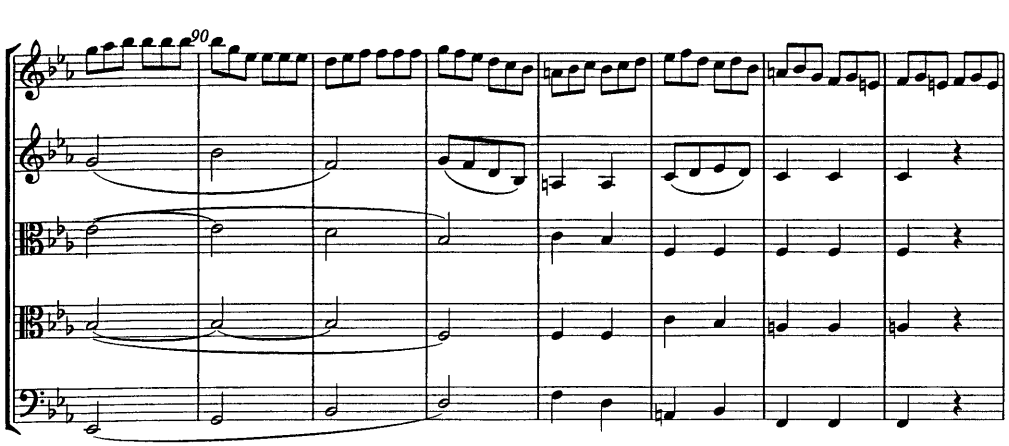
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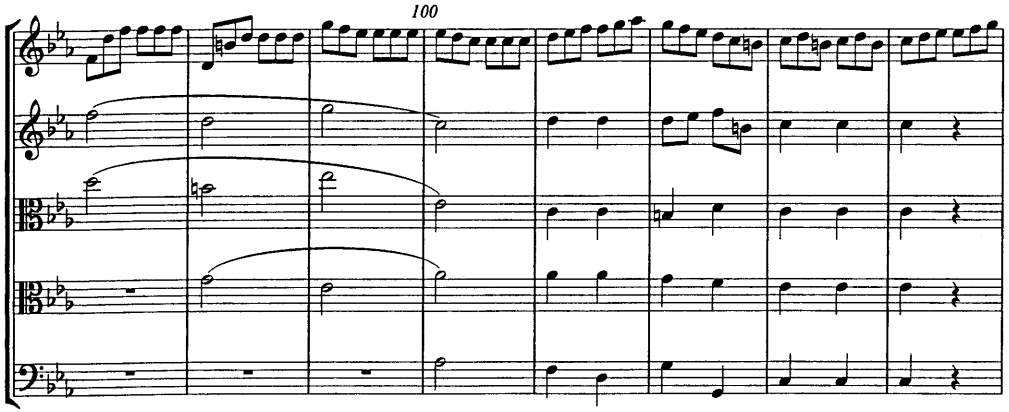
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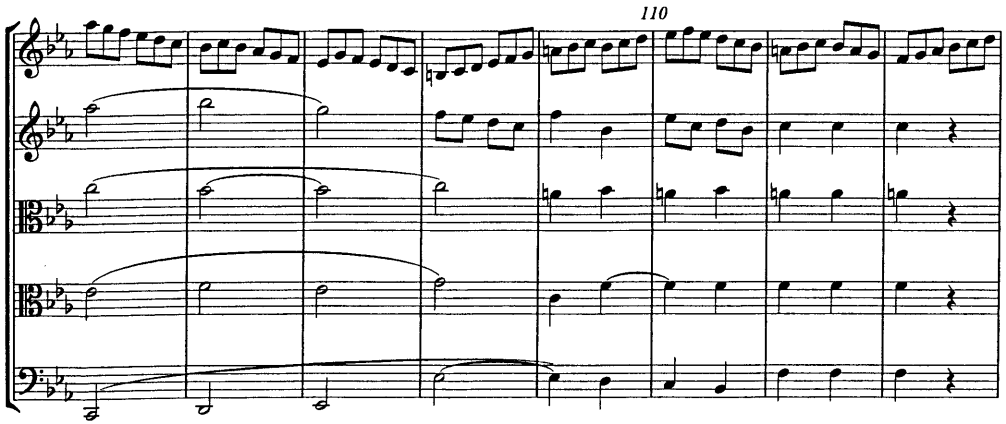
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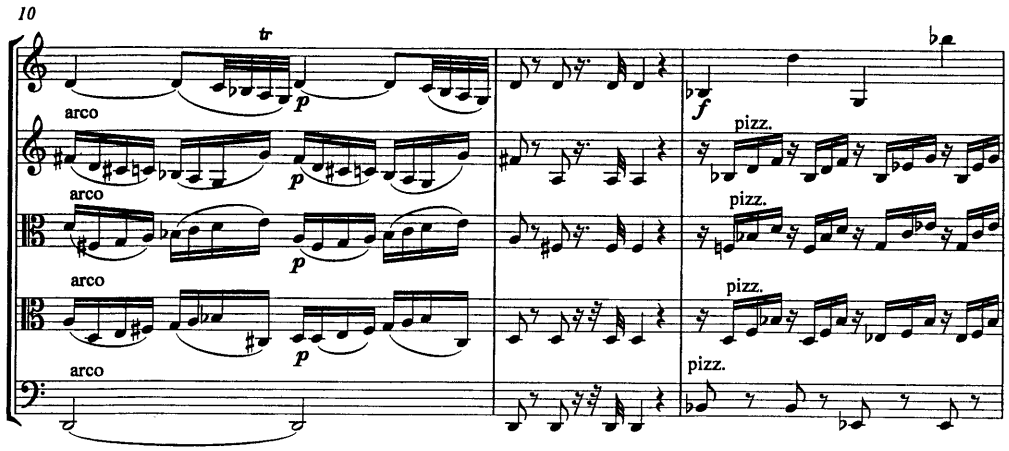
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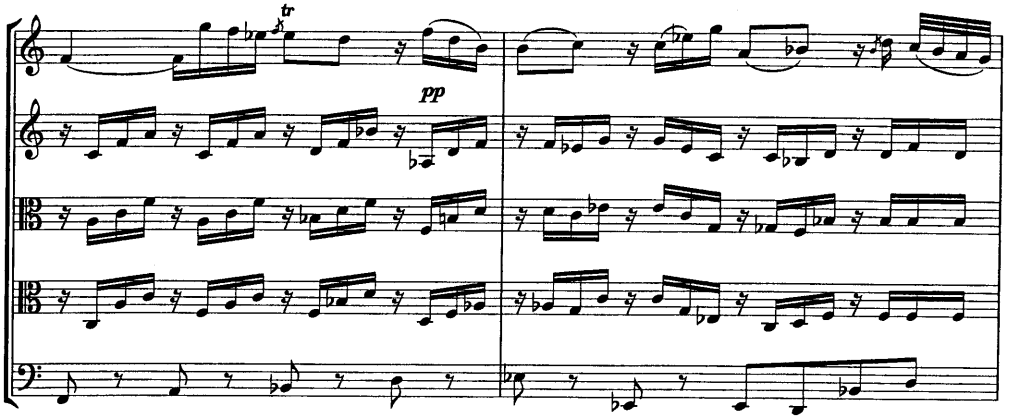
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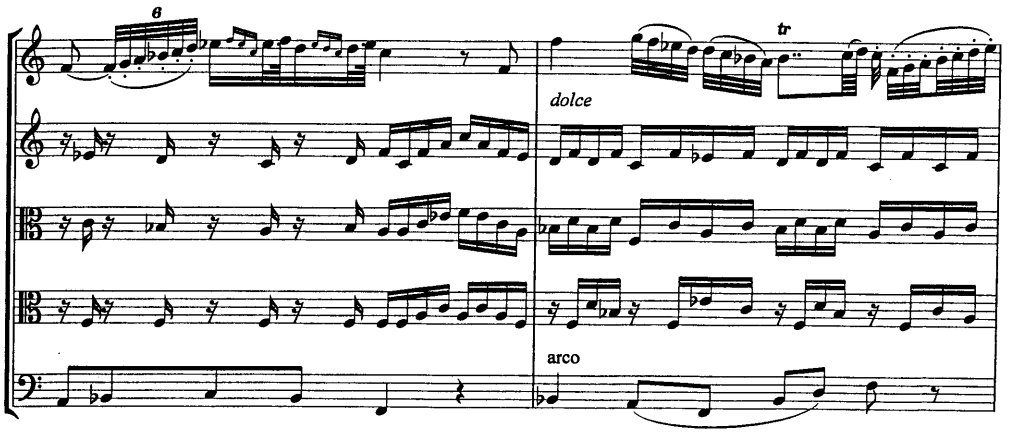
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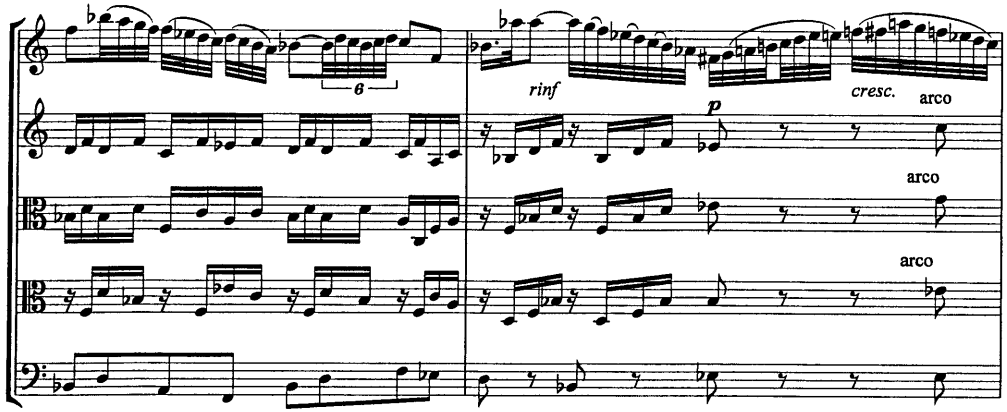
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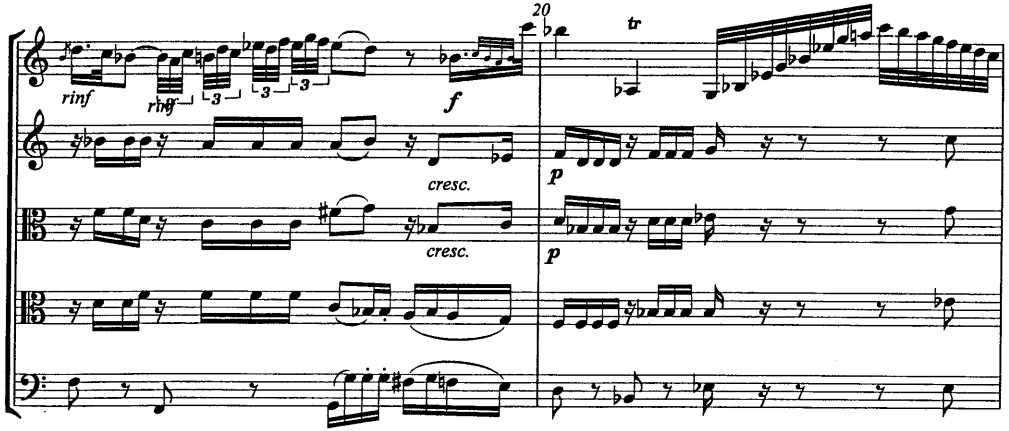
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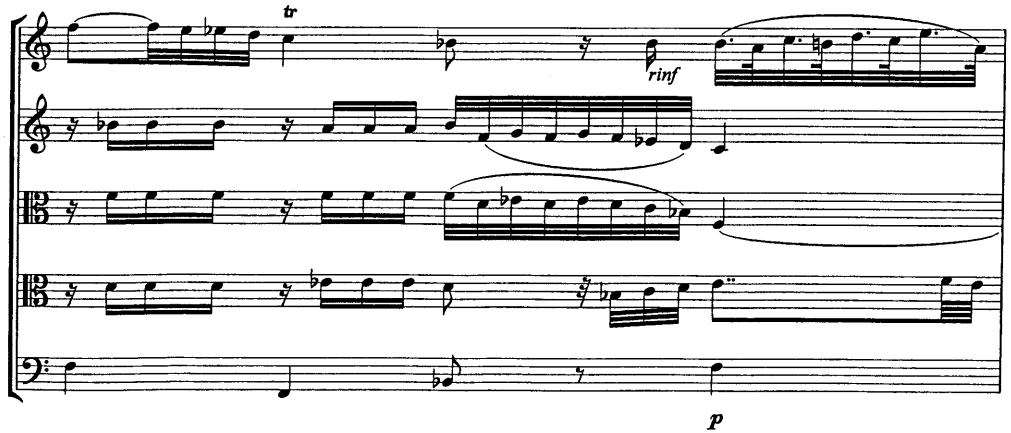
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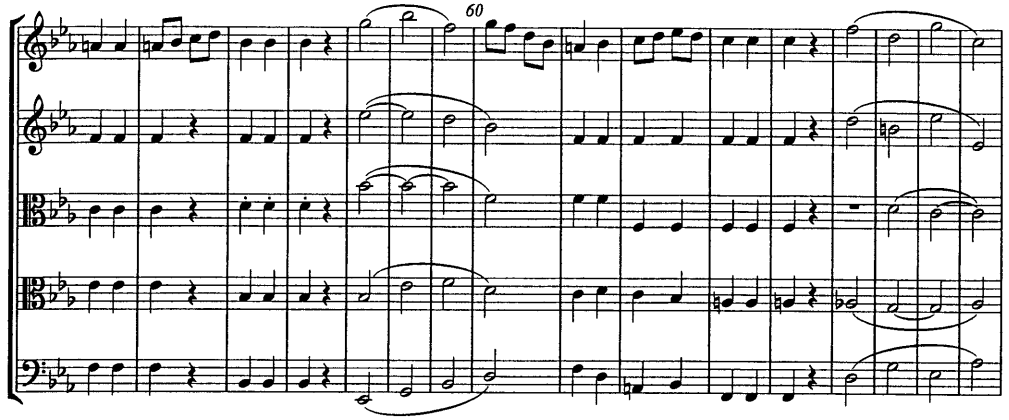
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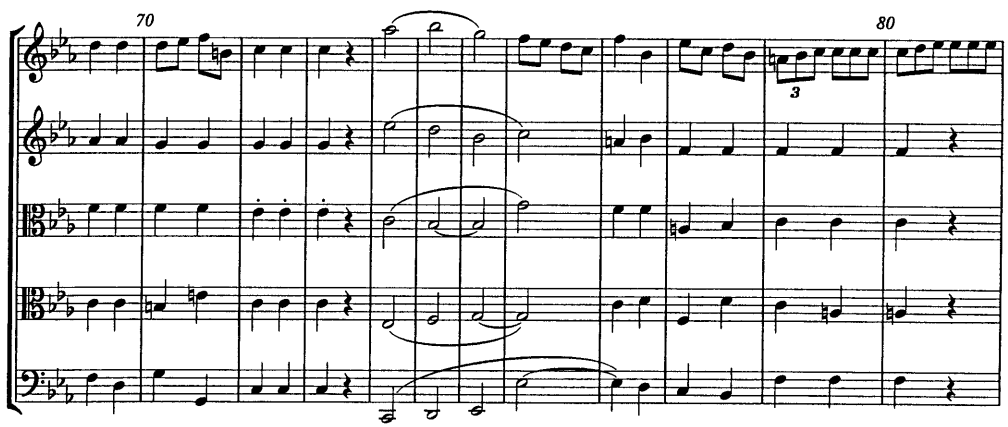
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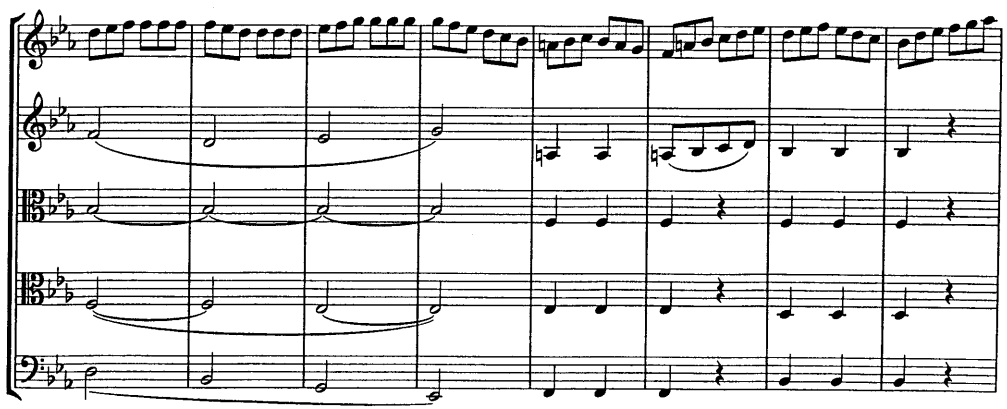

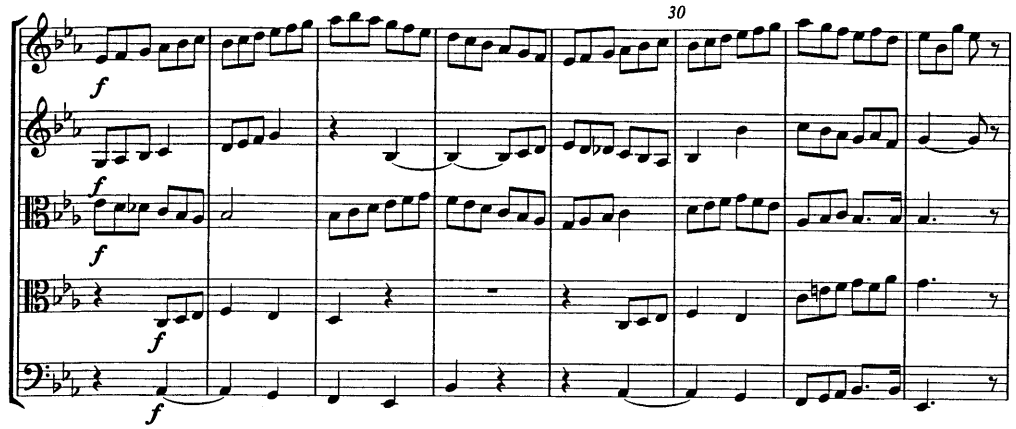
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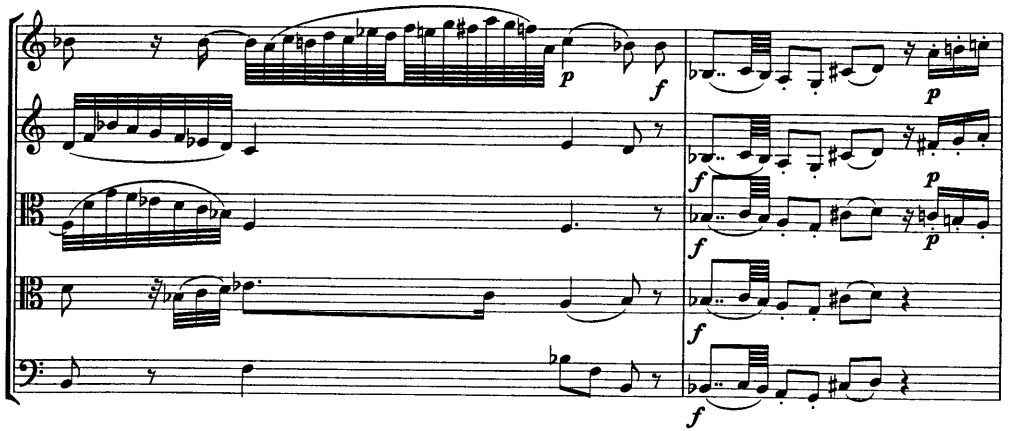

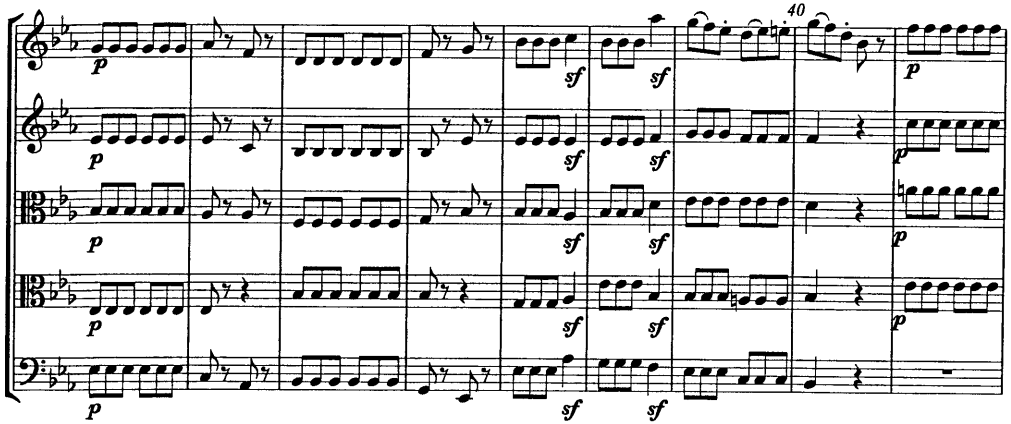
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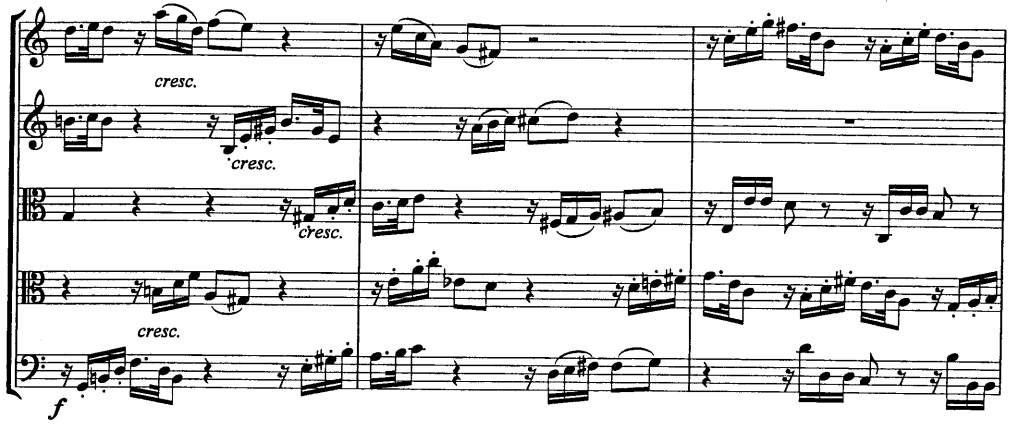
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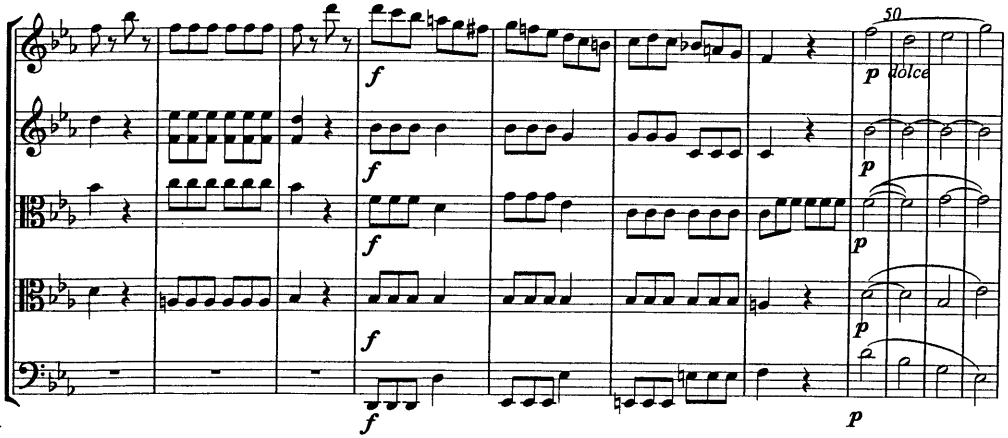
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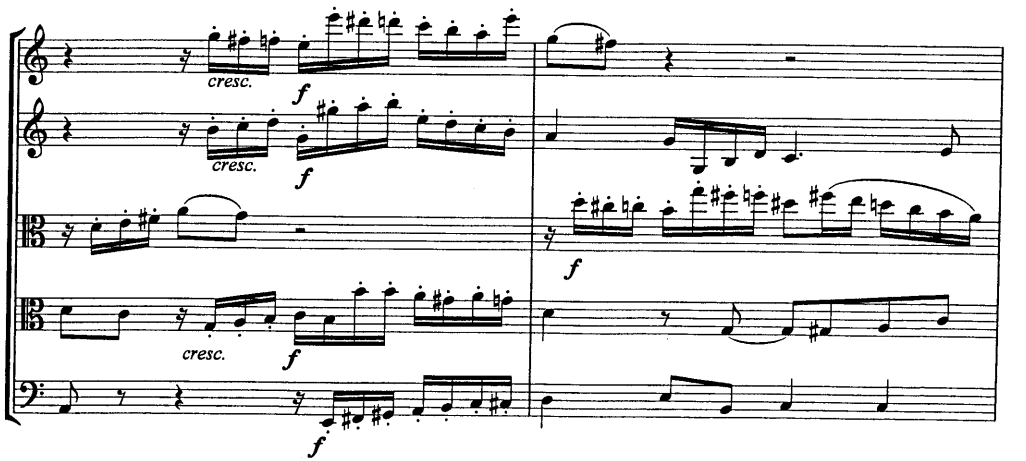
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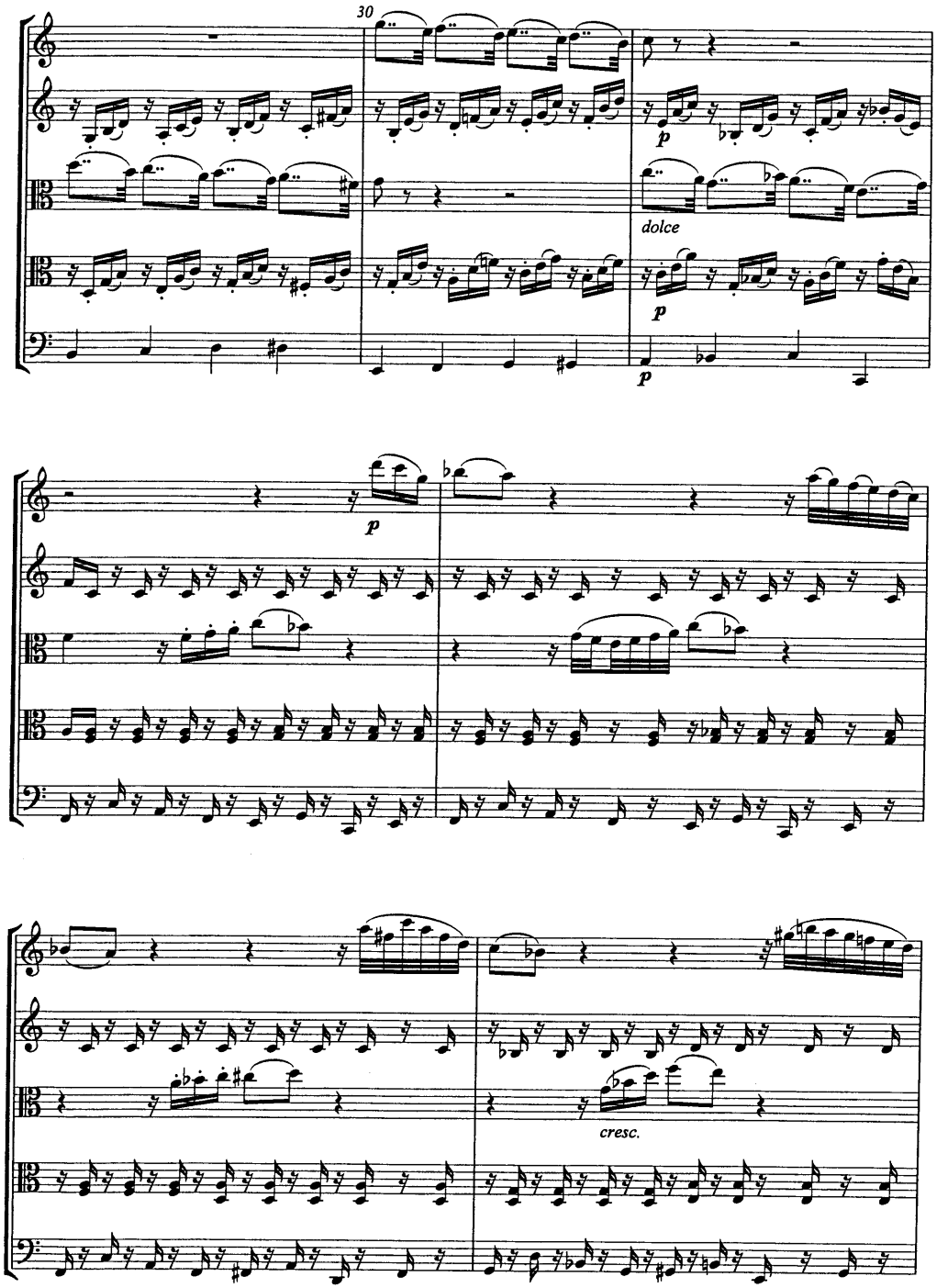

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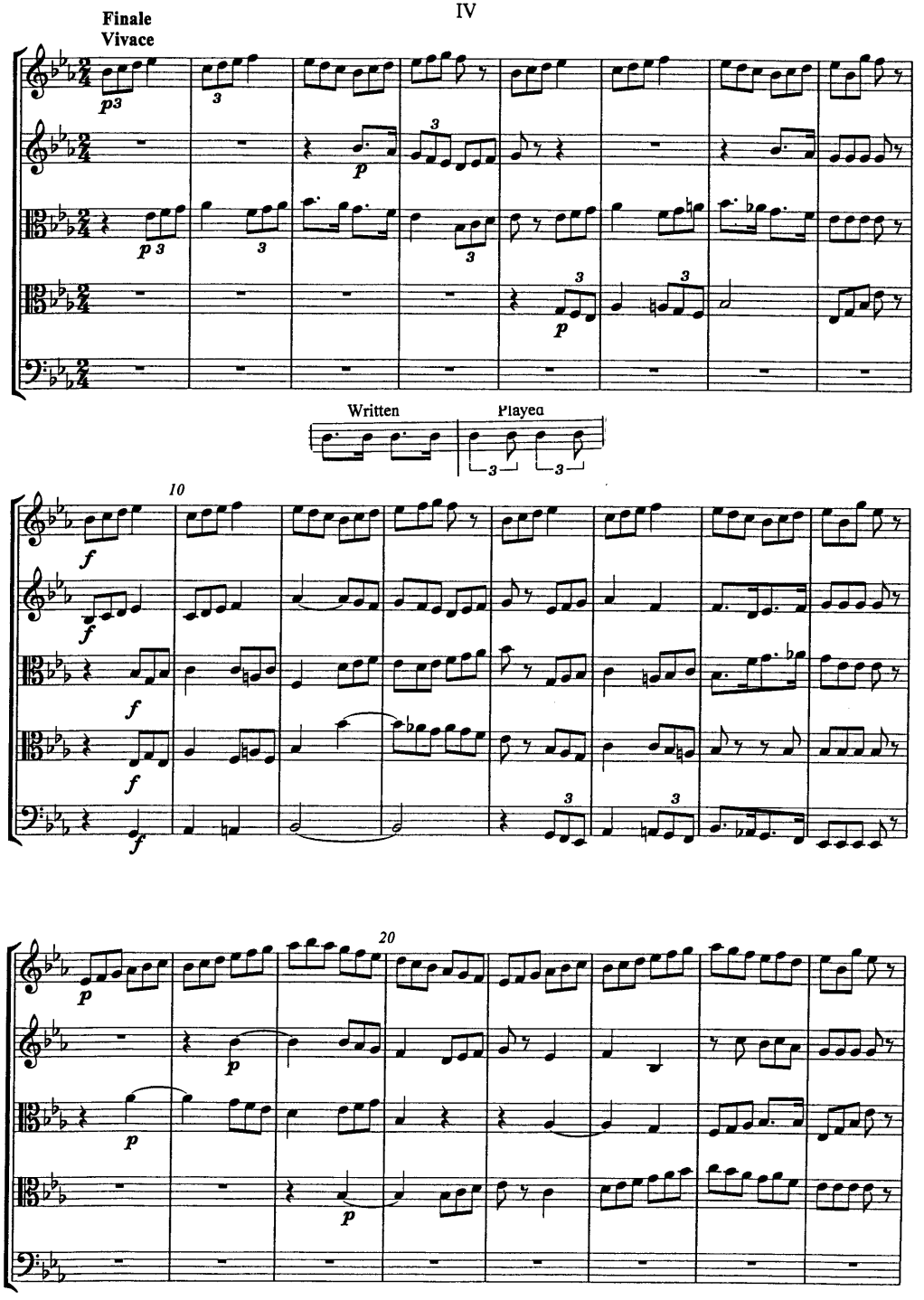

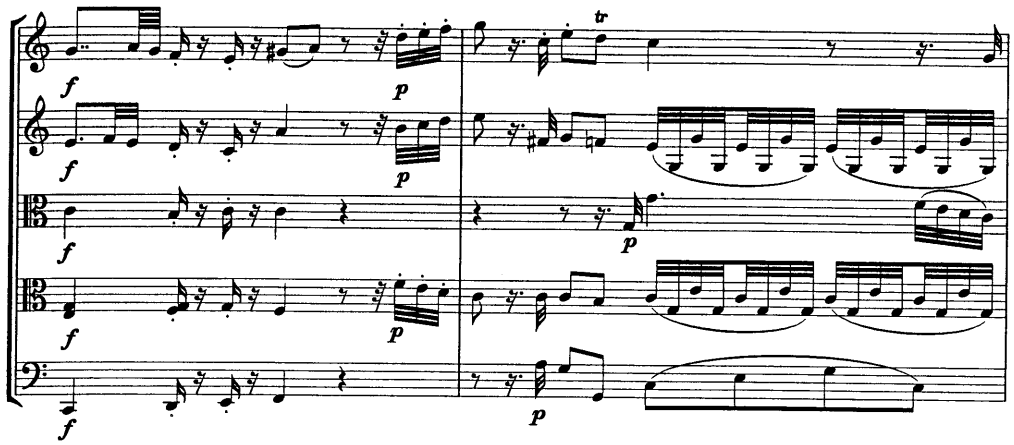
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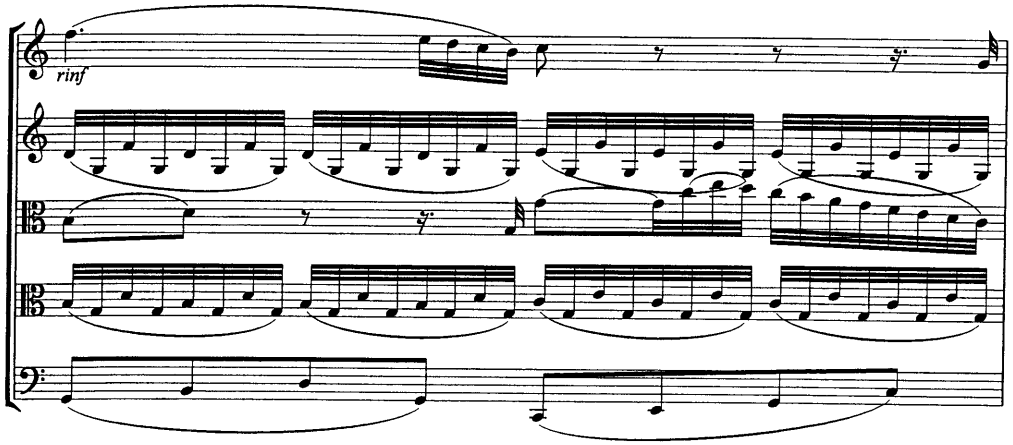
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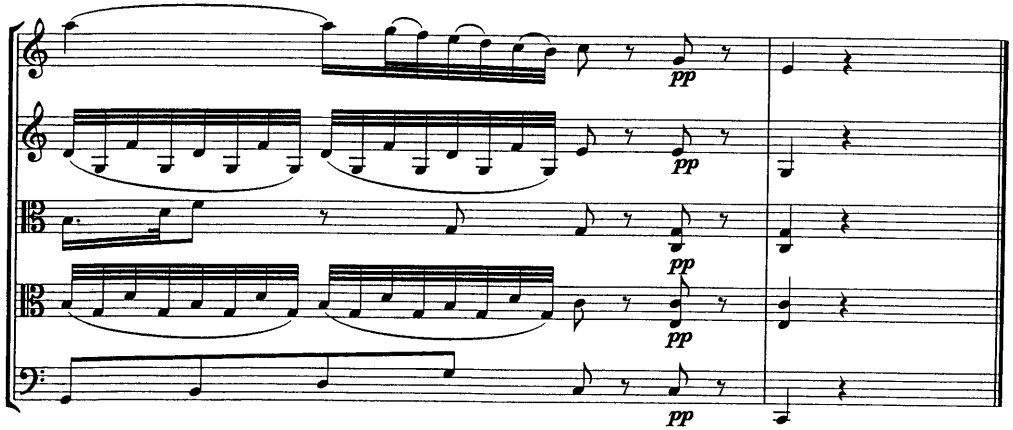
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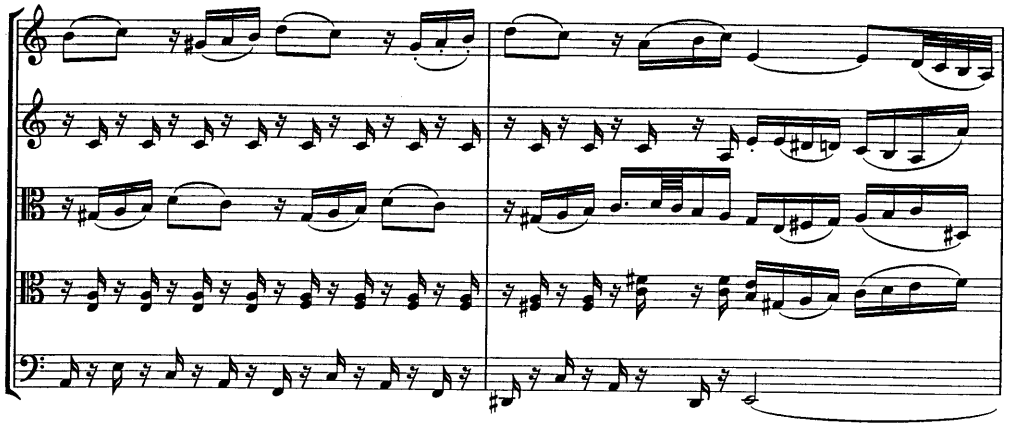

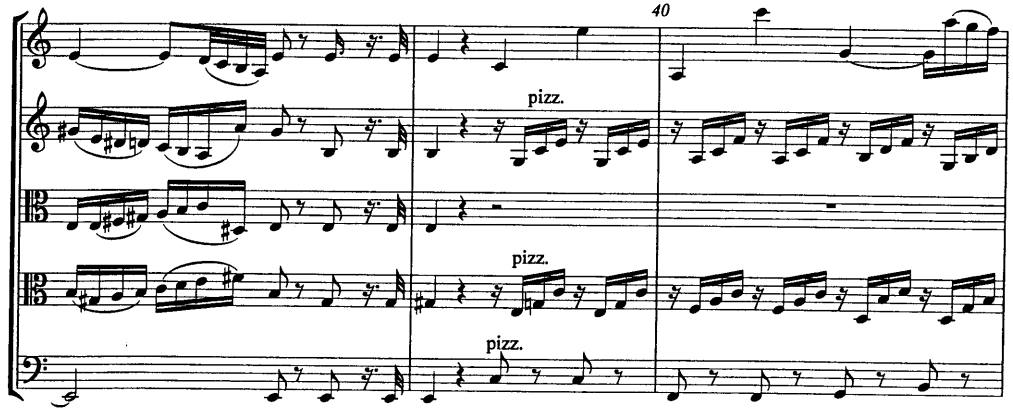
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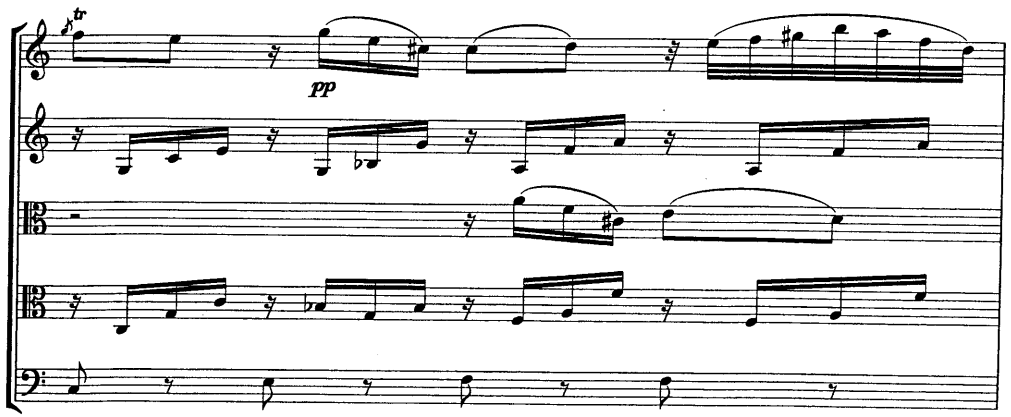
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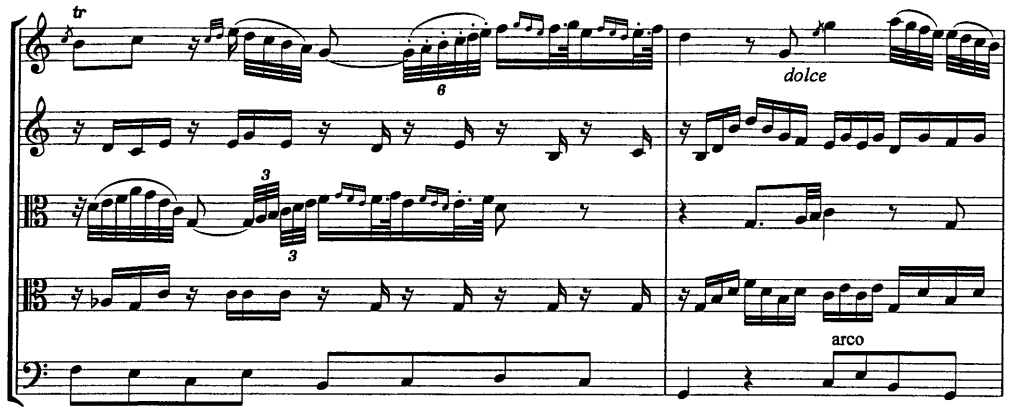
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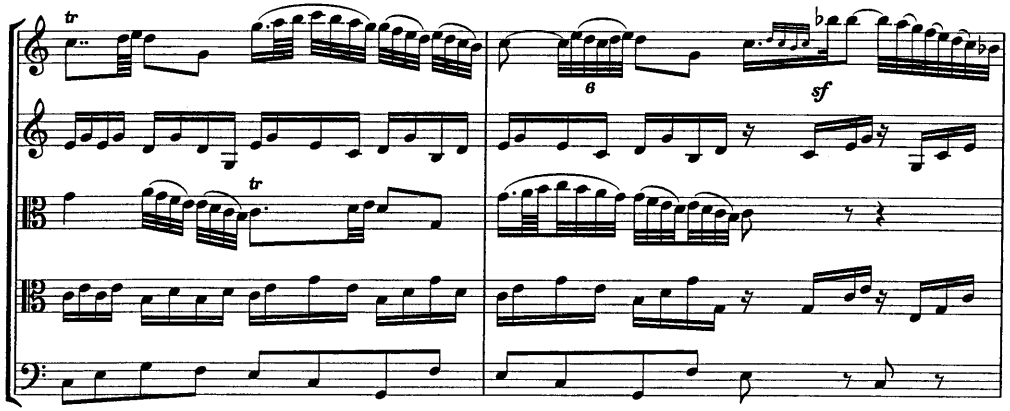
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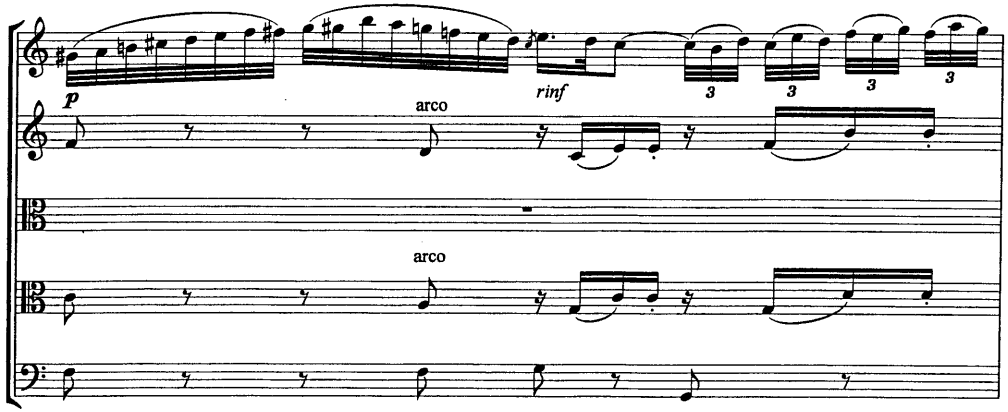
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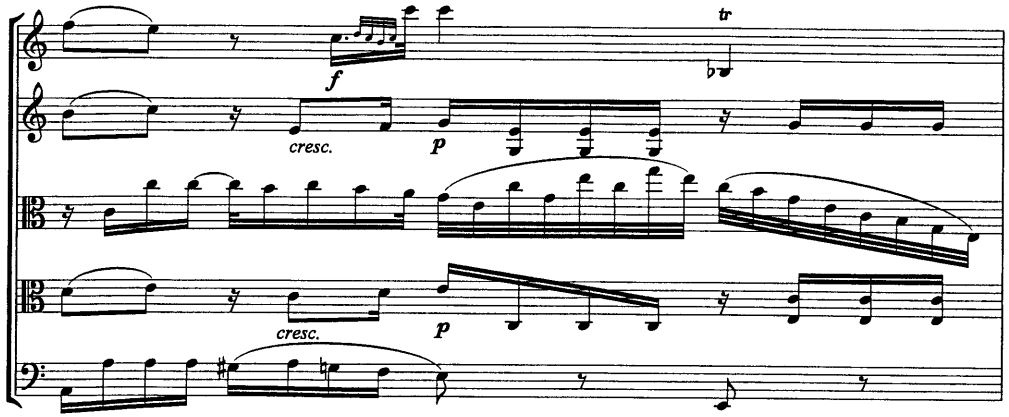
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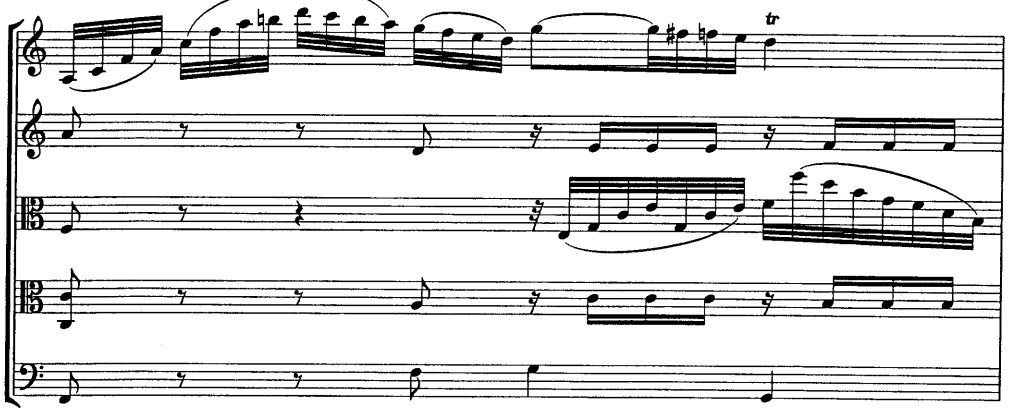
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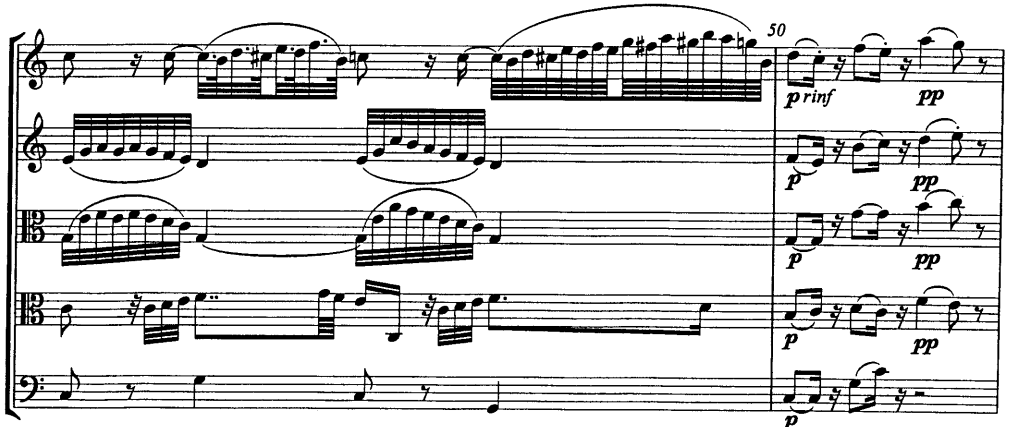
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Joseph Leopold Eybler (Edler von Eybler) (1765-1846), Austrian composer, received his first music lessons from his schoolteacher father. At the age of six he played a piano concerto to a visiting Viennese official who recommended him for musical training at St Stephen's choir school where his distantly related cousins Joseph and Michael Haydn had studied. The destruction by fire of the family home cut short his academic studies and forced him to earn a precarious living from music, during which period Haydn befriended and helped him by introducing his compositions to publishers. He became a trusted friend of Mozart and helped to nurse him in his last illness. He was commissioned by Mozart's widow to complete the Requiem but having started the task became overawed by the responsibility and it was handed to Süssmayer.

He held the post of choir director at the famous Schottenkloster in Vienna for 30 years from 1794 and was appointed court music teacher in 1801 in which capacity he shared with Salieri the duties of examiner at the Imperial Stadtkonvict where in 1808 Schubert was enrolled as a student. In 1824 Eybler succeeded Salieri as Hofkapellmeister. He played quartets regularly with the Emperor Joseph II who ennobled him in 1834.

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String Quintet in E flat
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