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G.51

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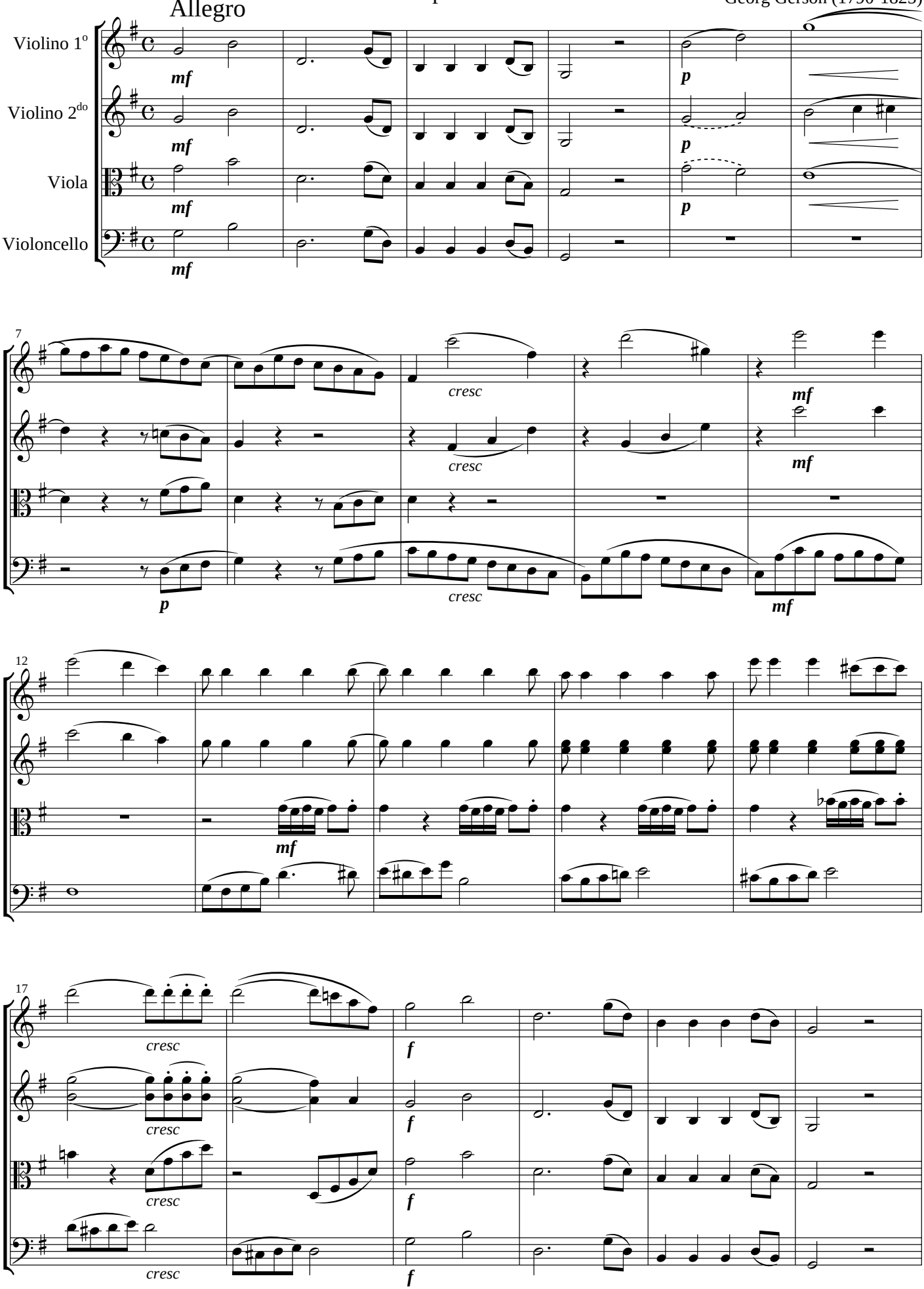

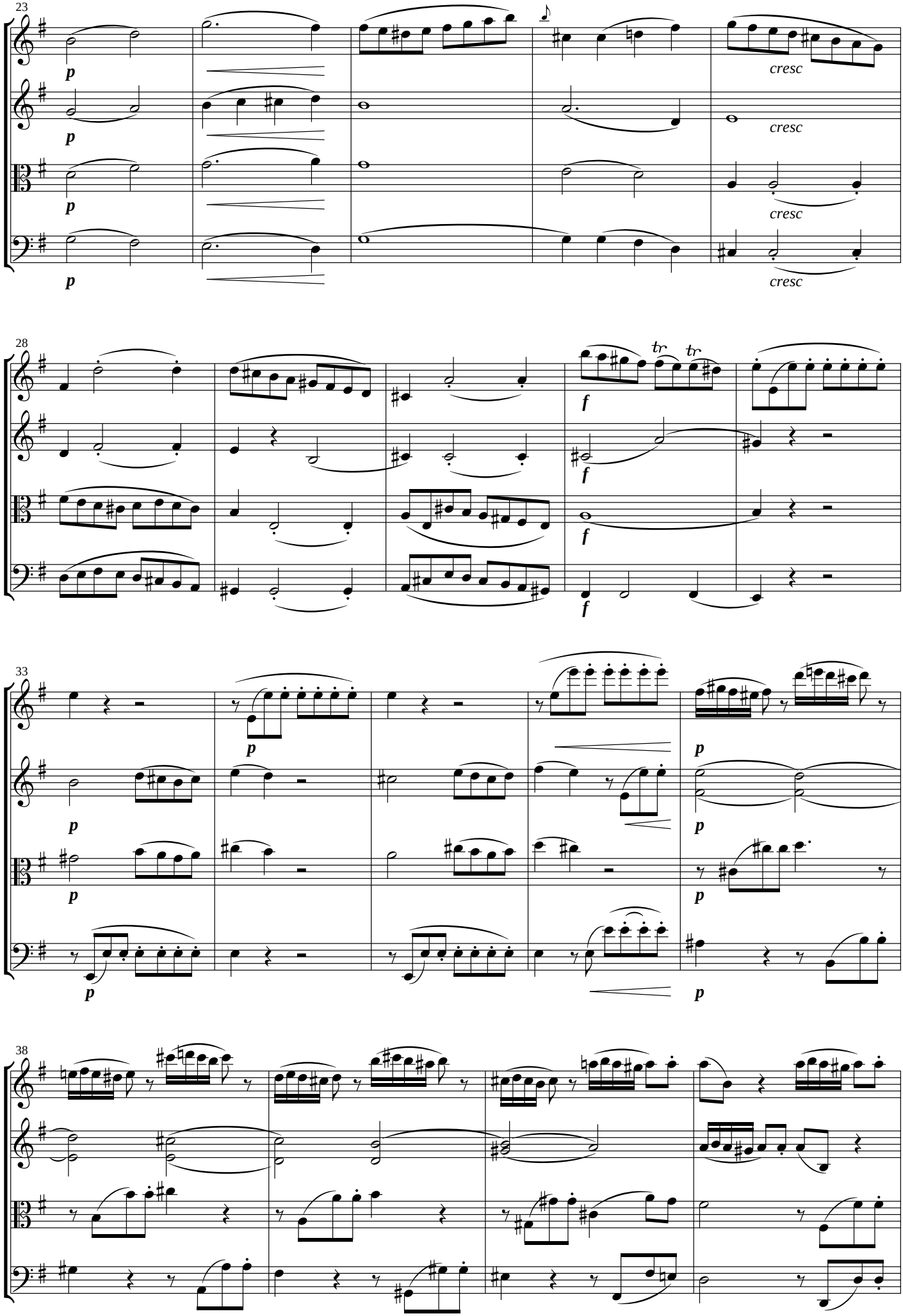
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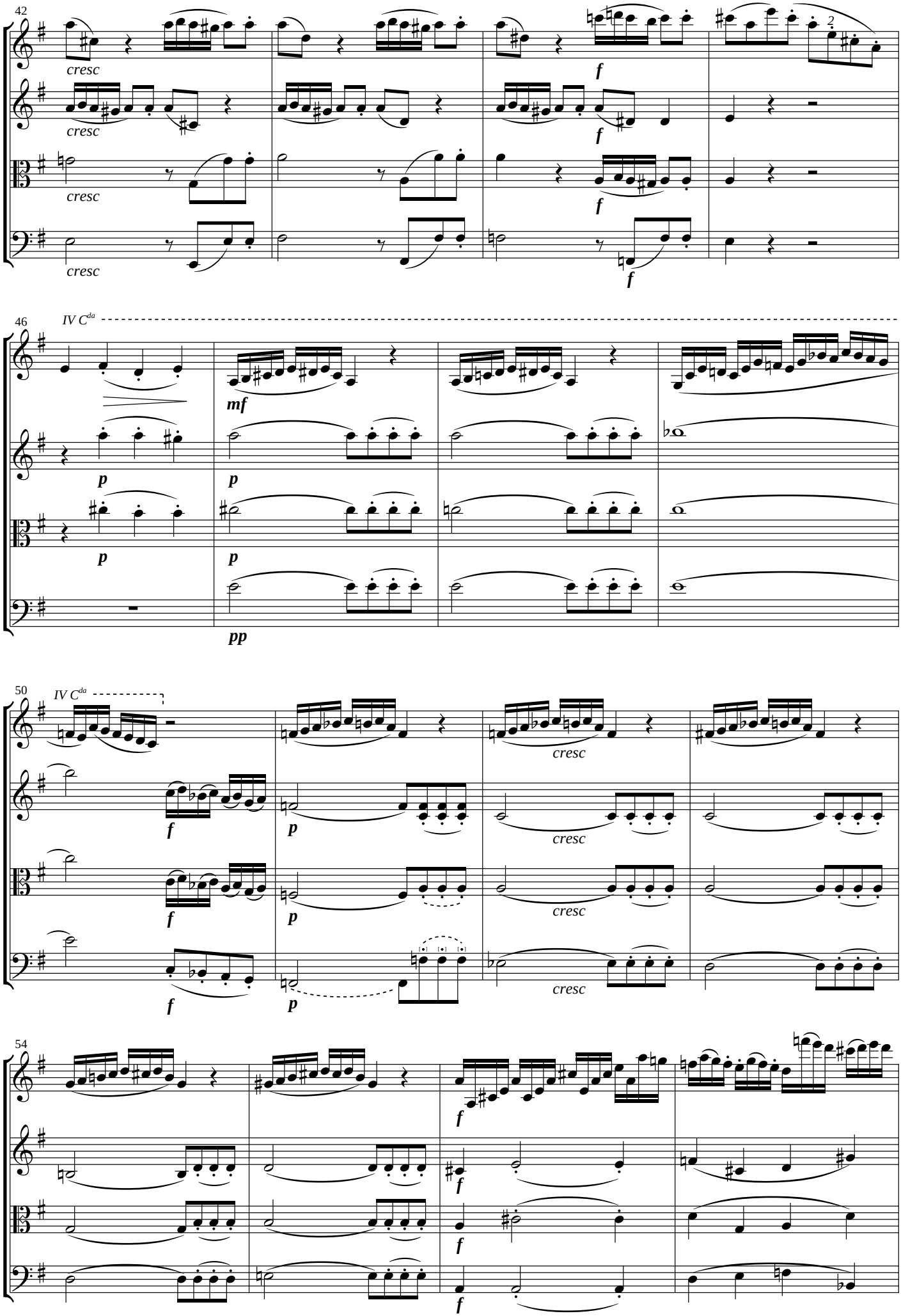
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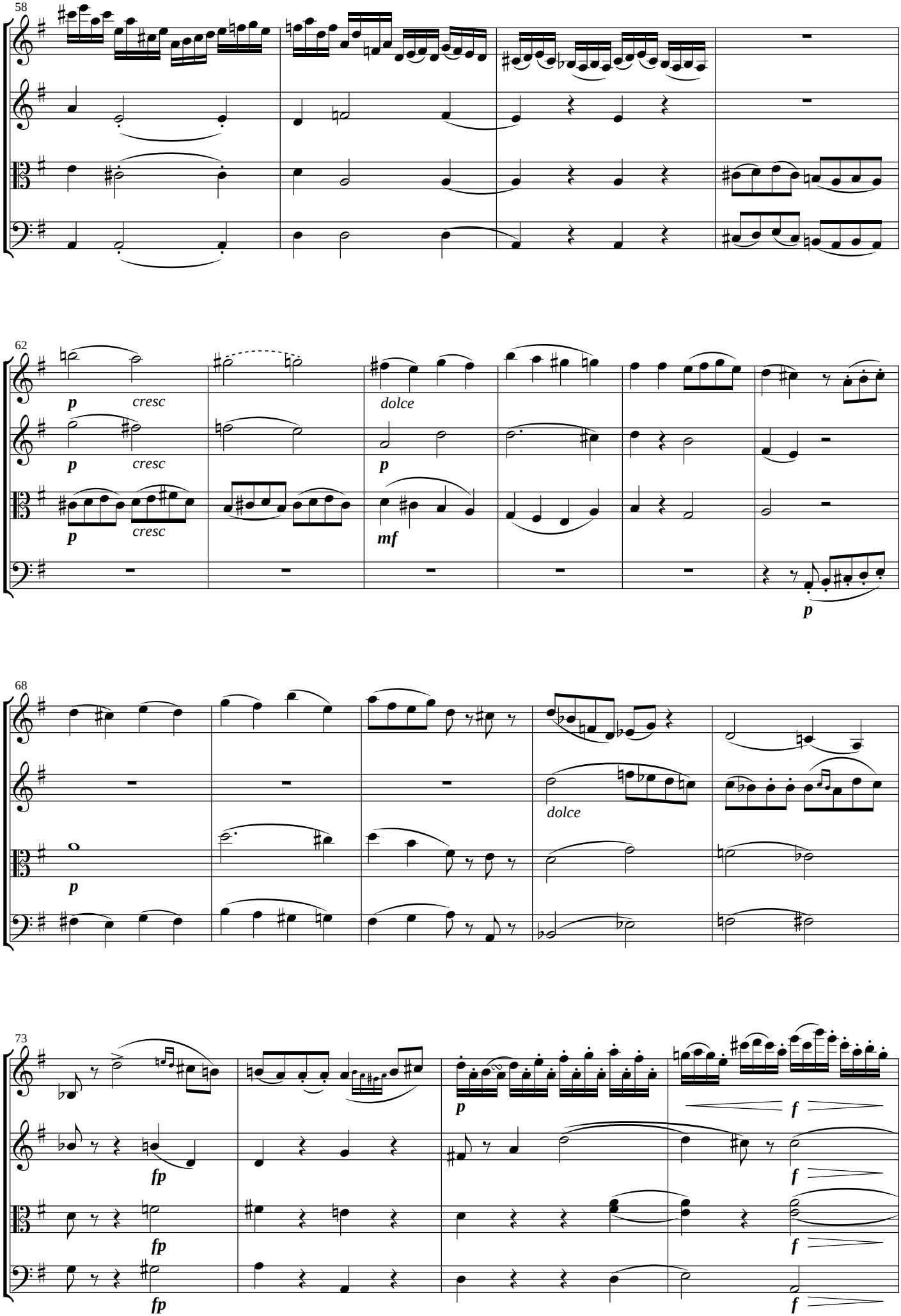
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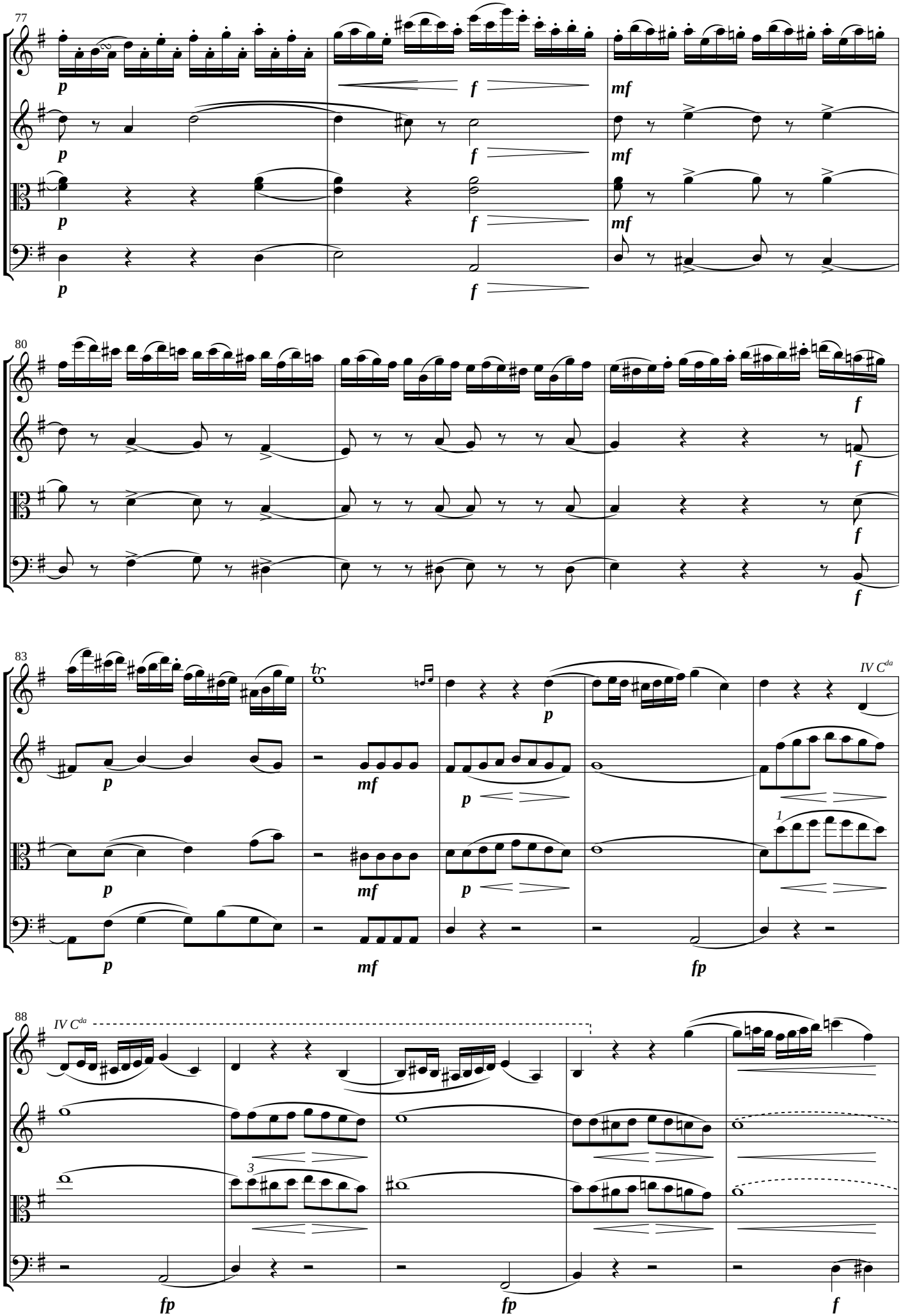
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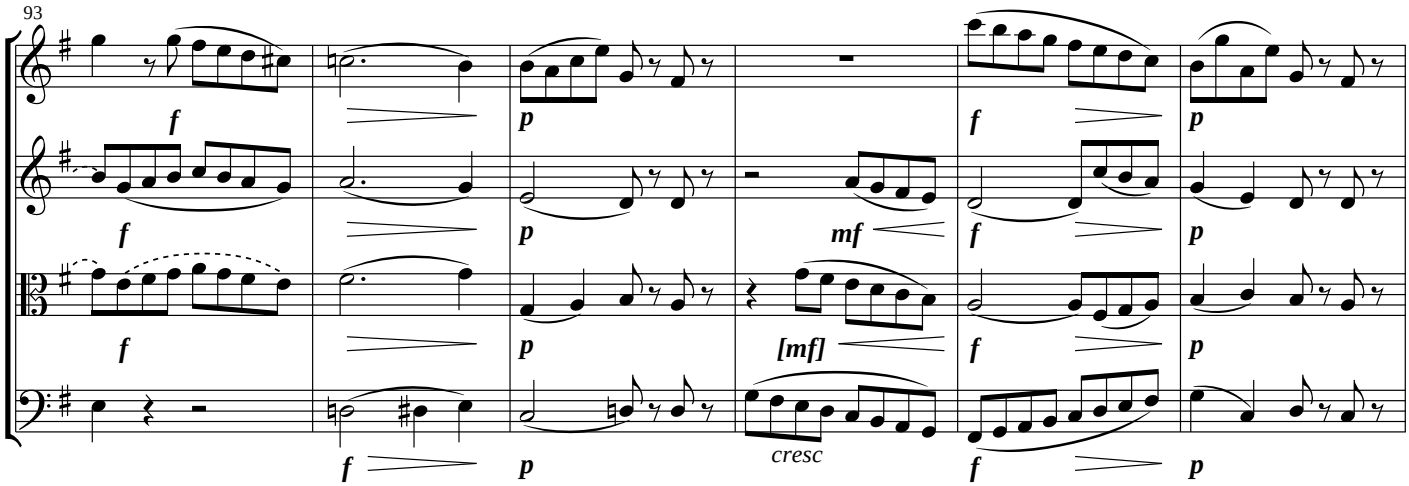
IV C^da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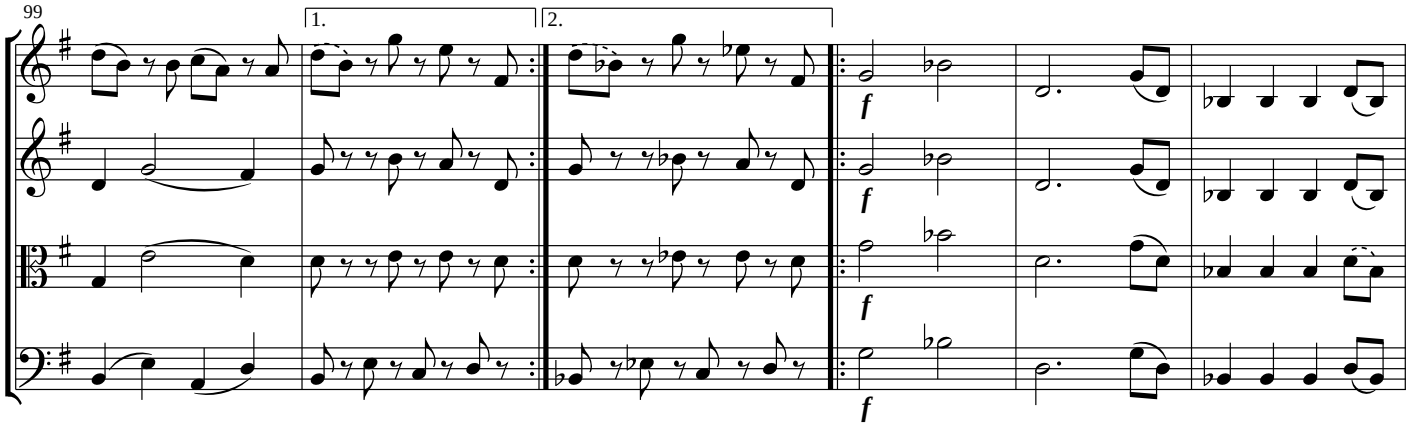
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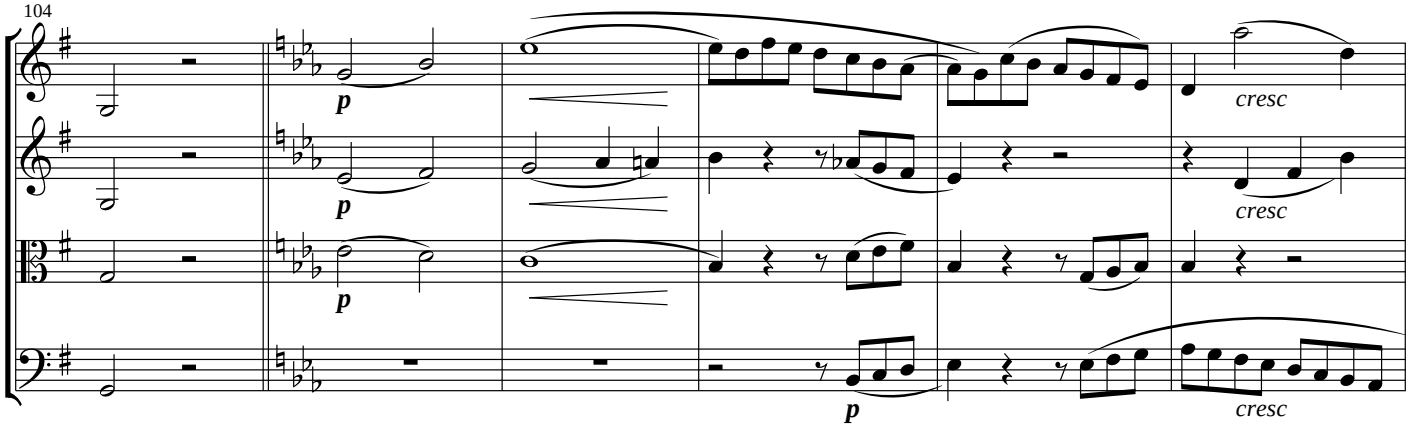
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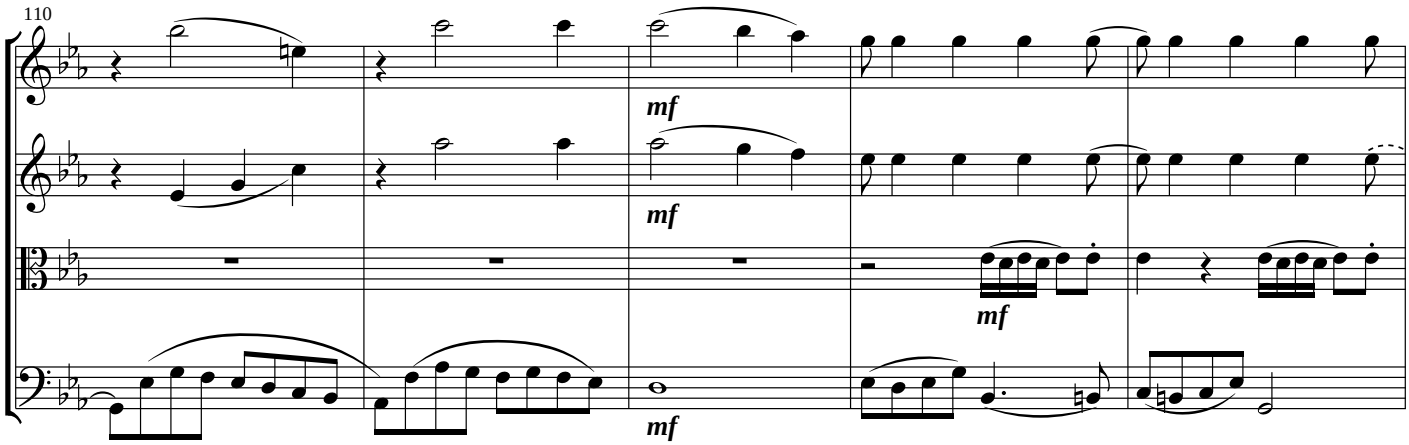
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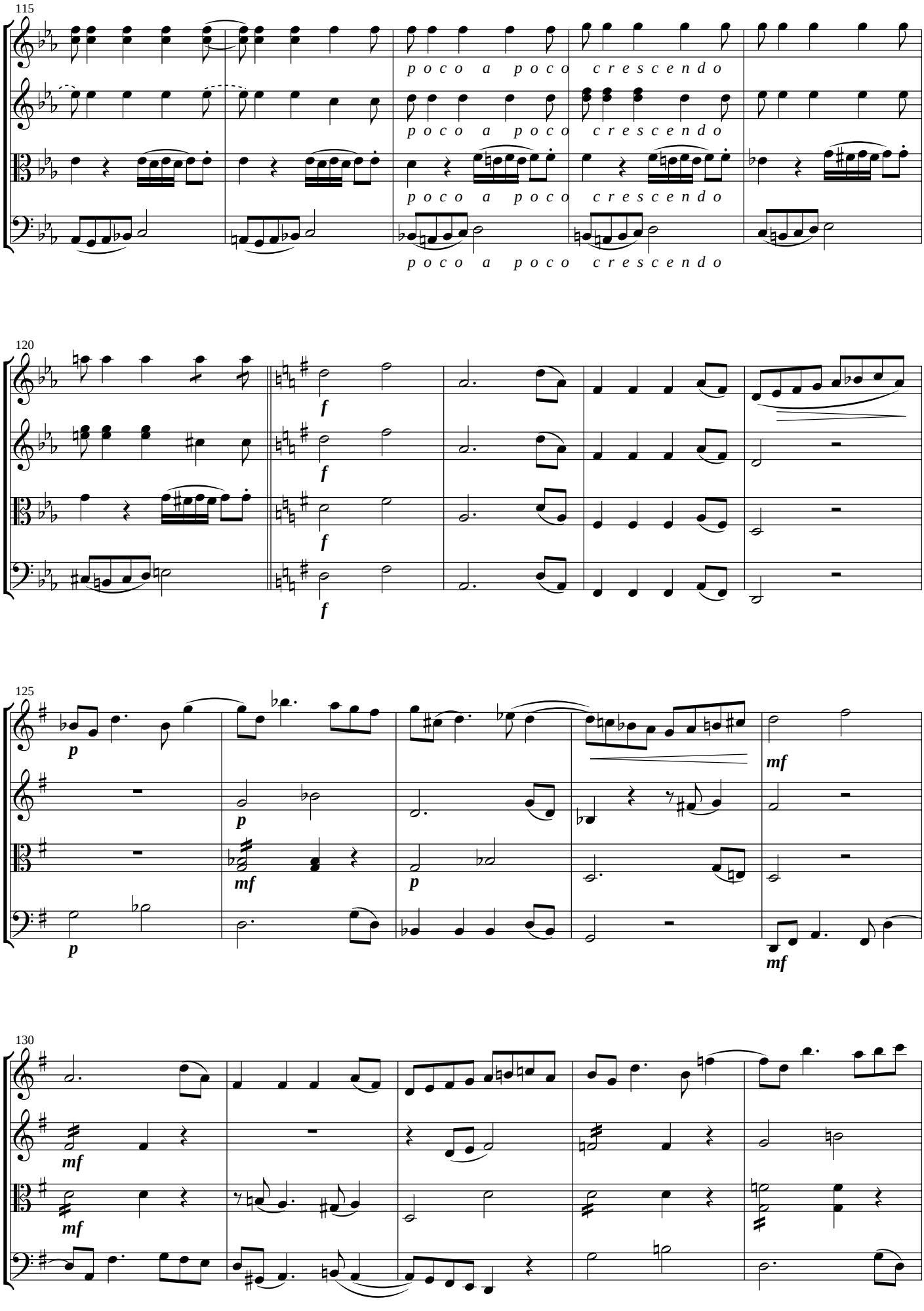
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poco a poco crescendo
poco a poco crescendo
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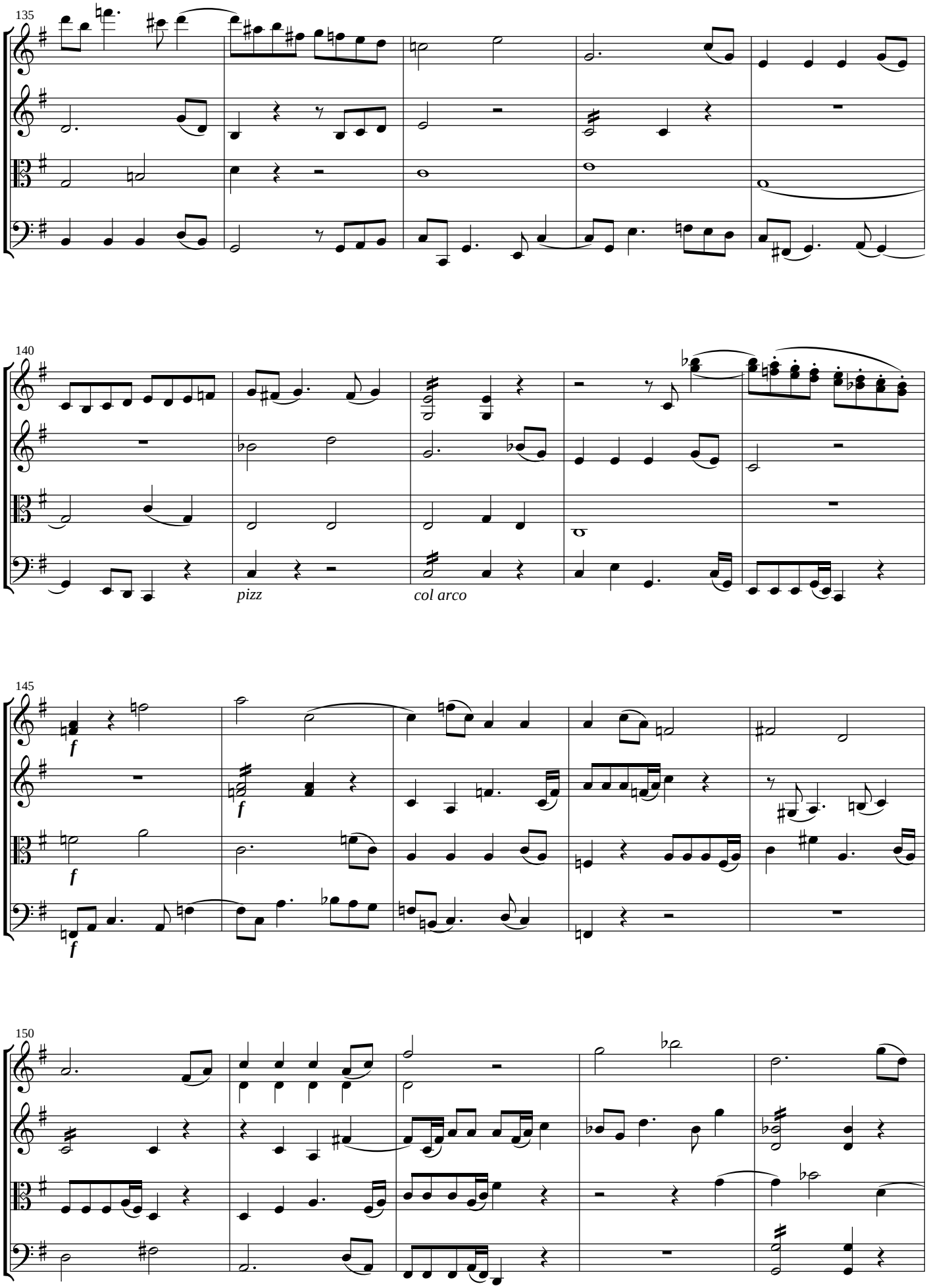
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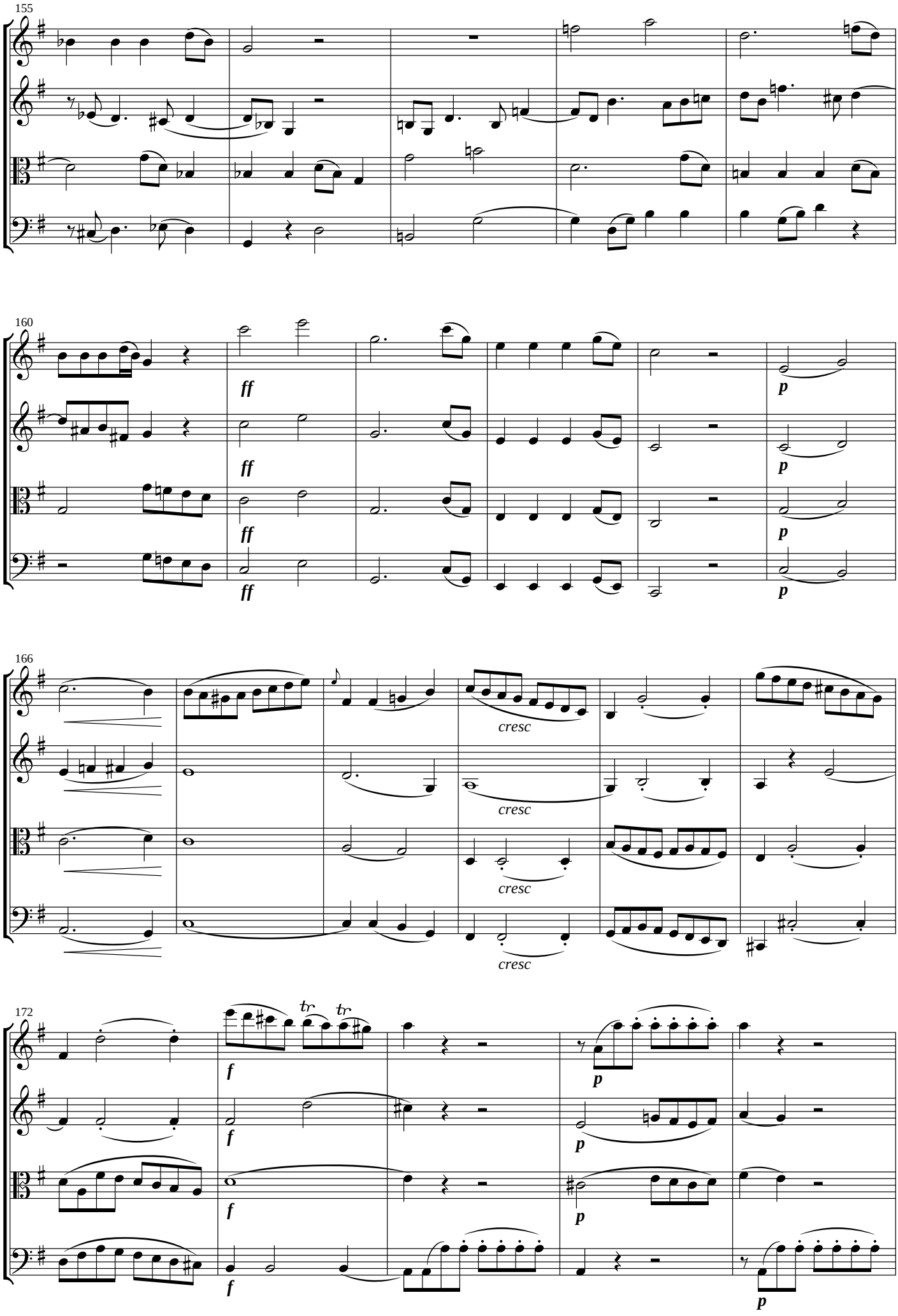
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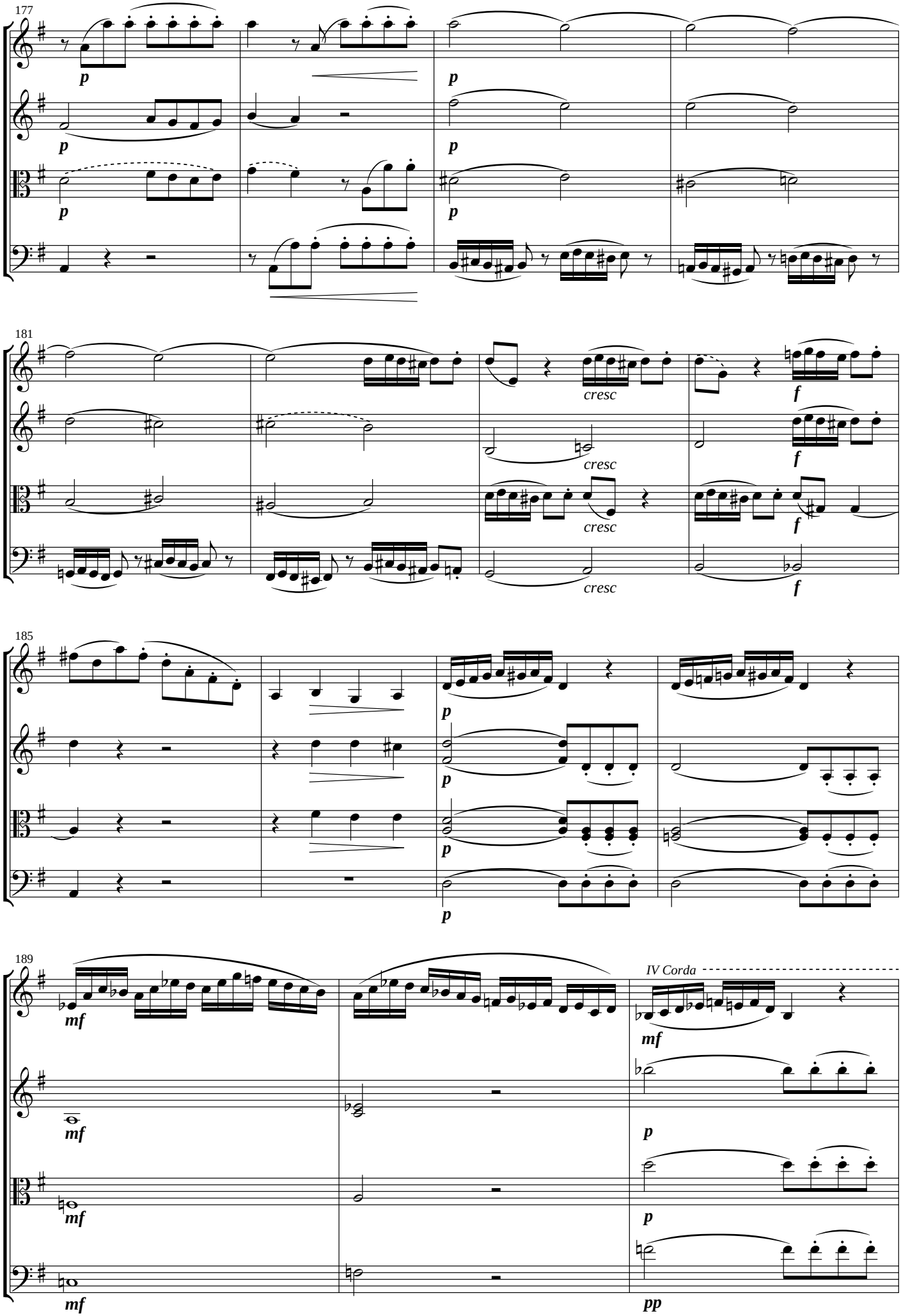
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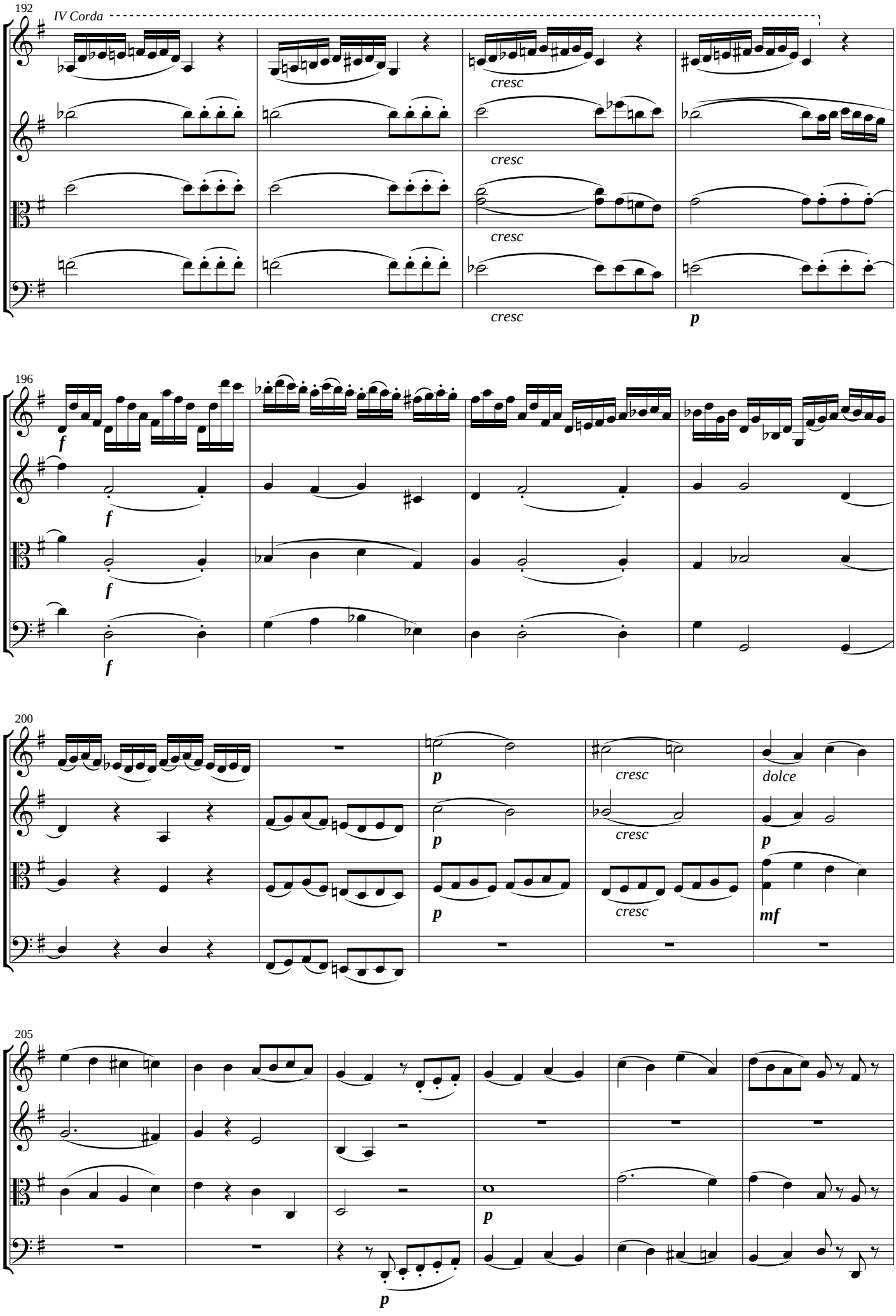
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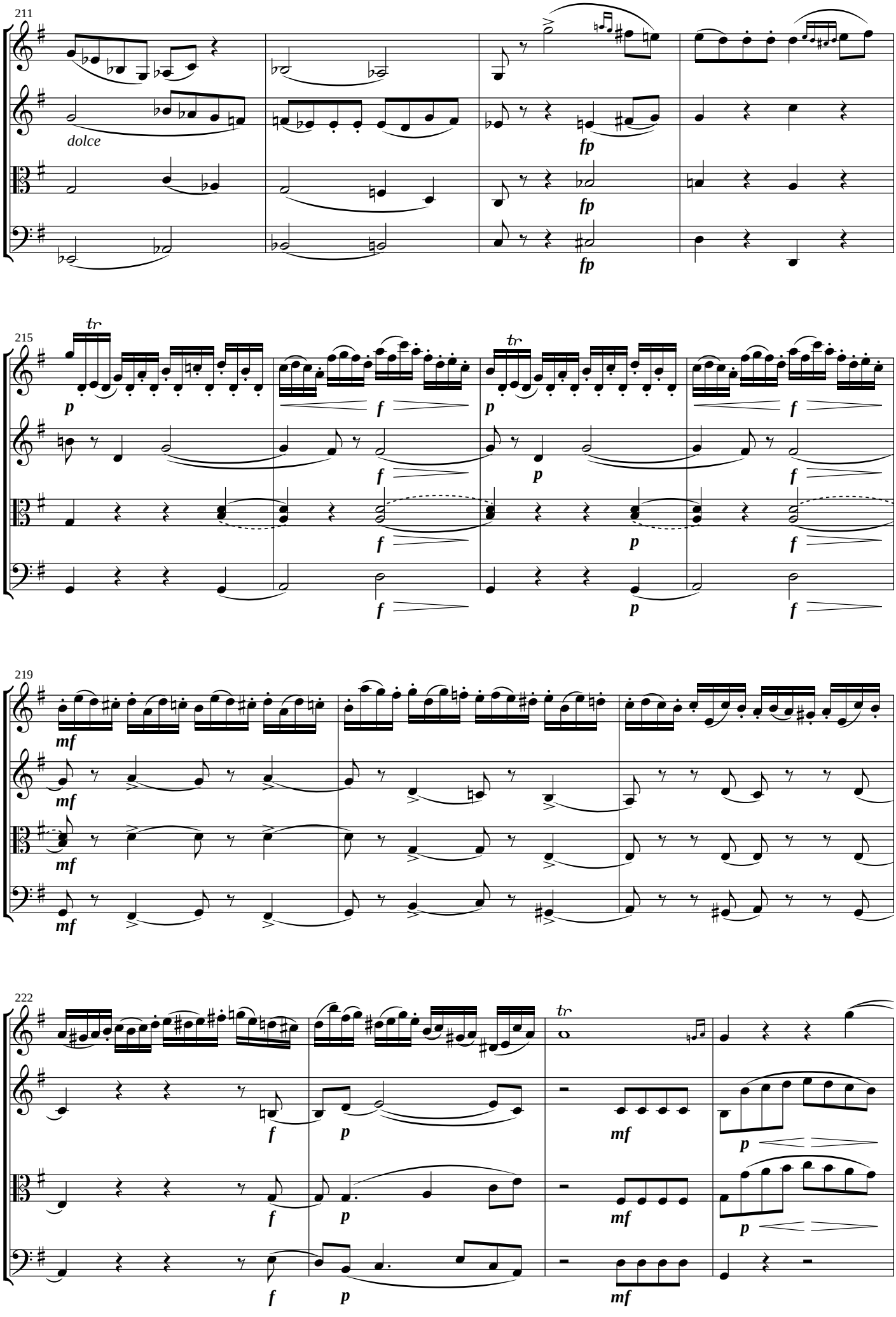
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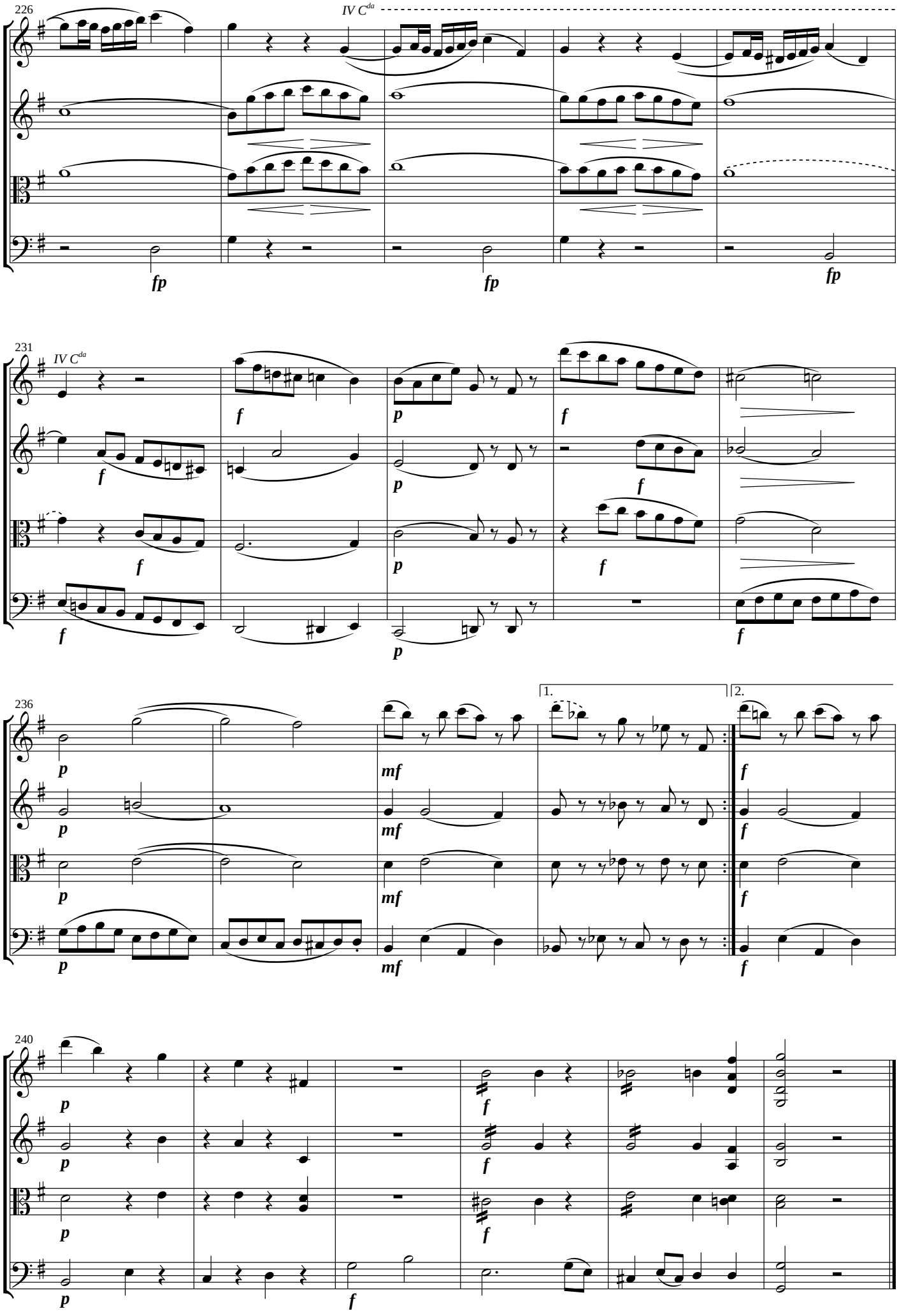
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1.
2.
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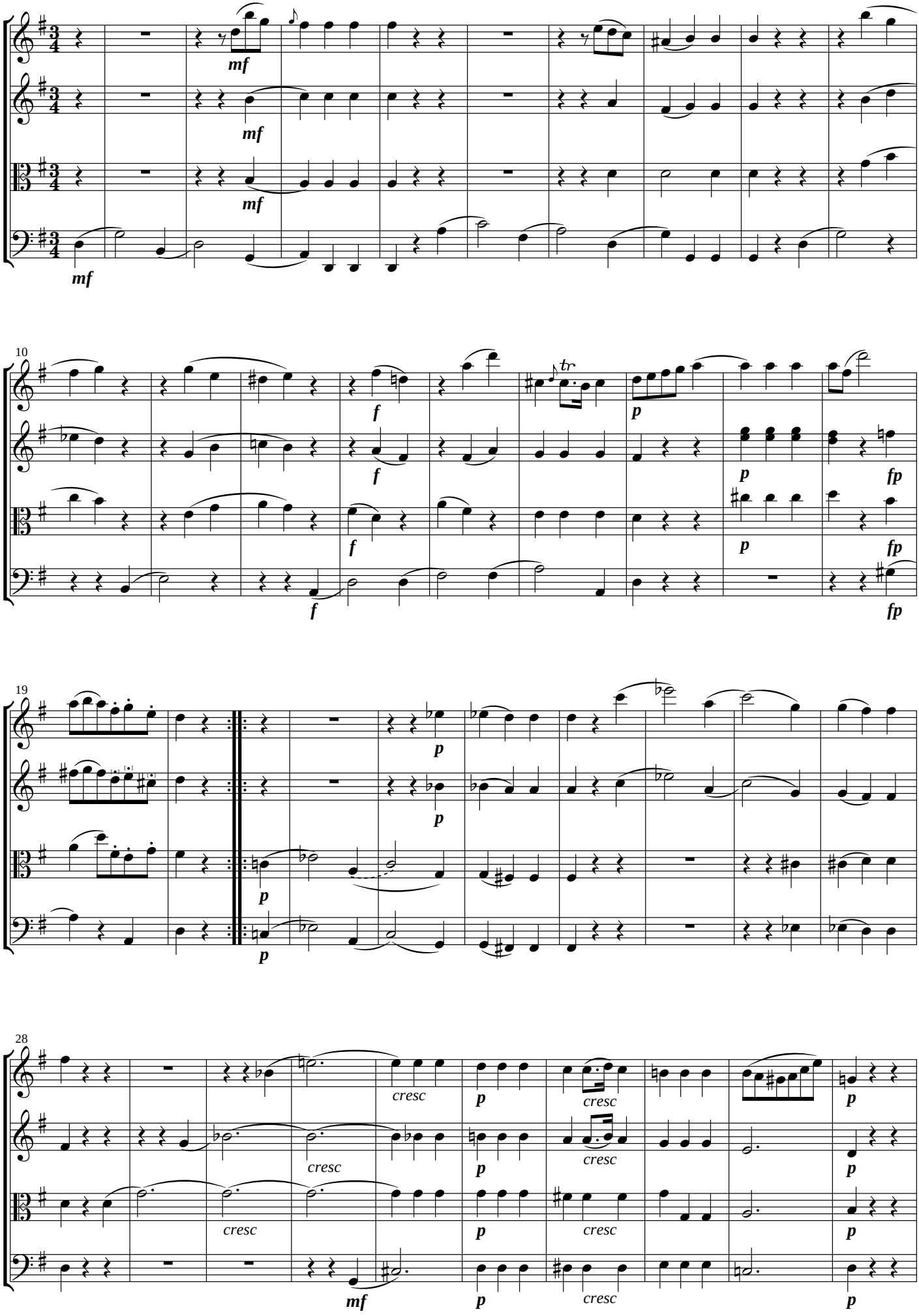
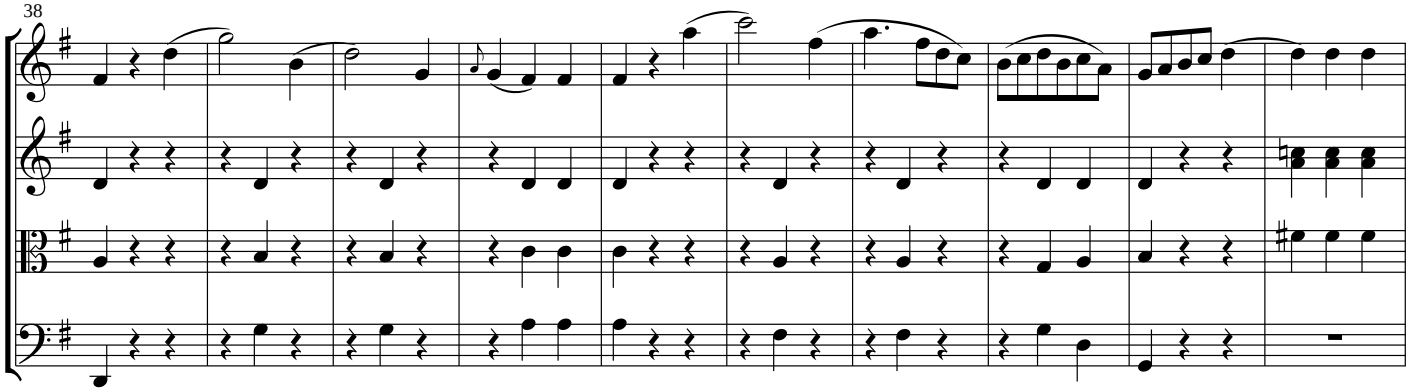
Menuetto Allegro

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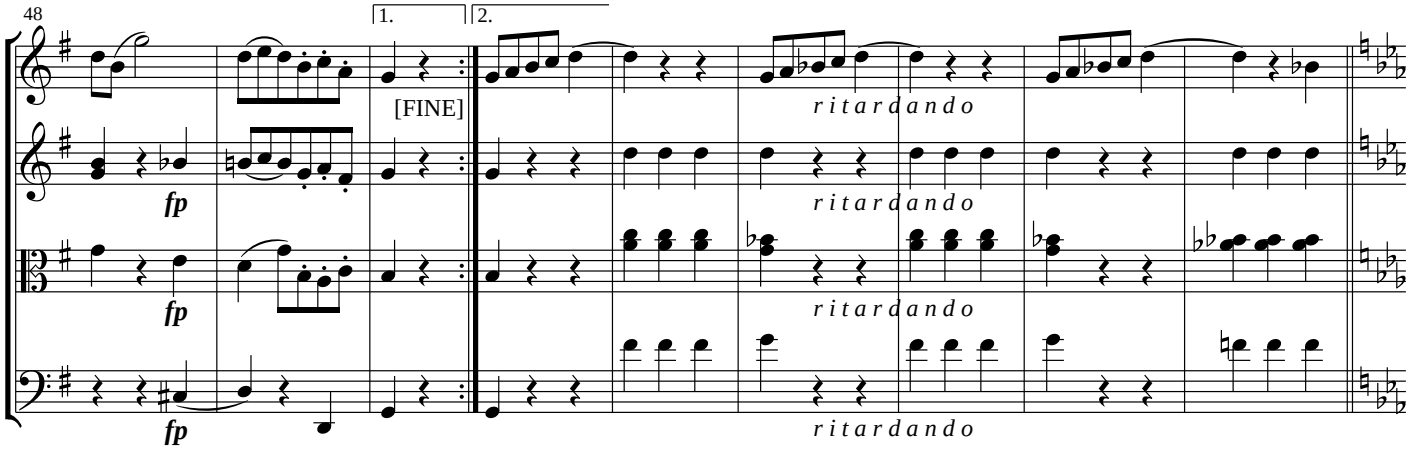
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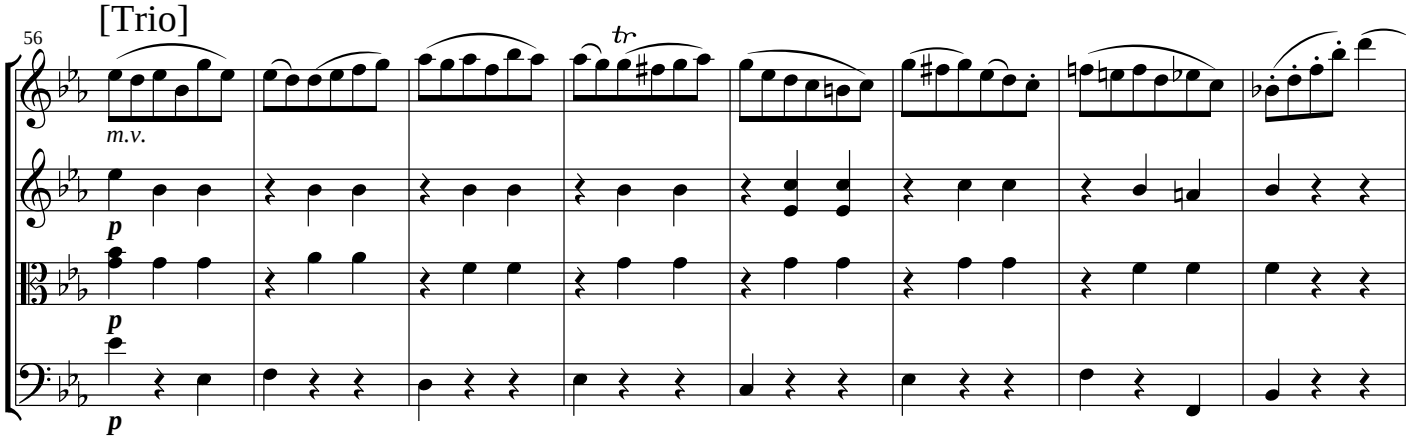
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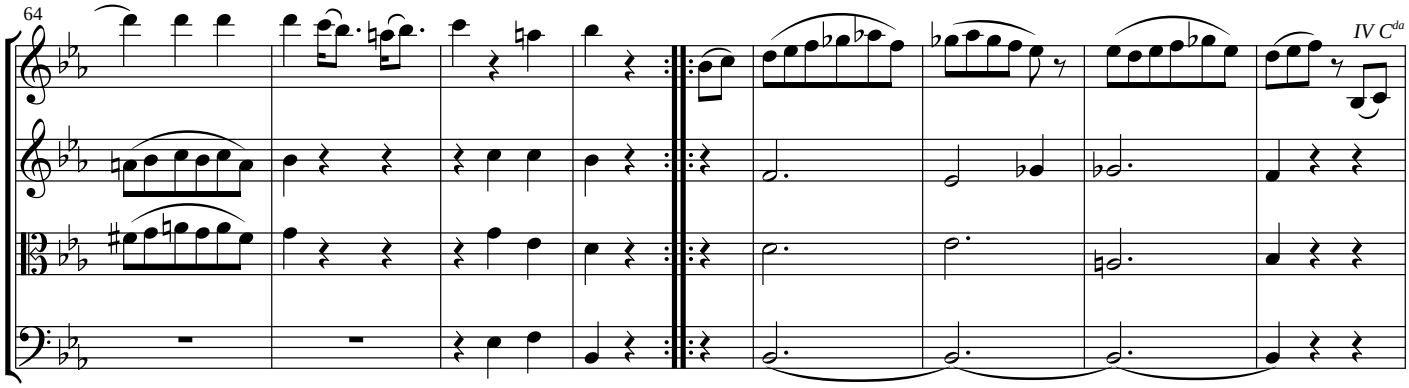
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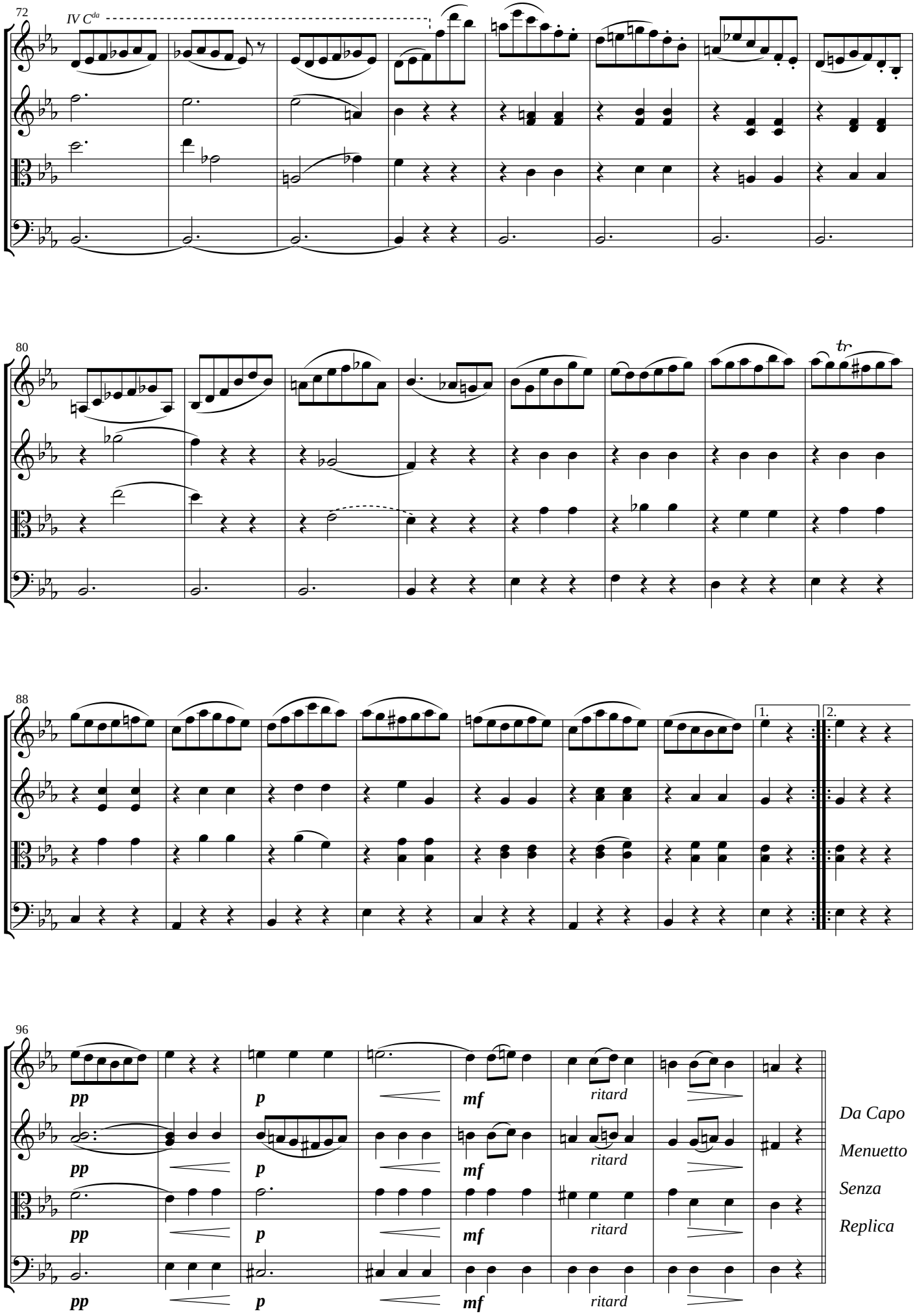
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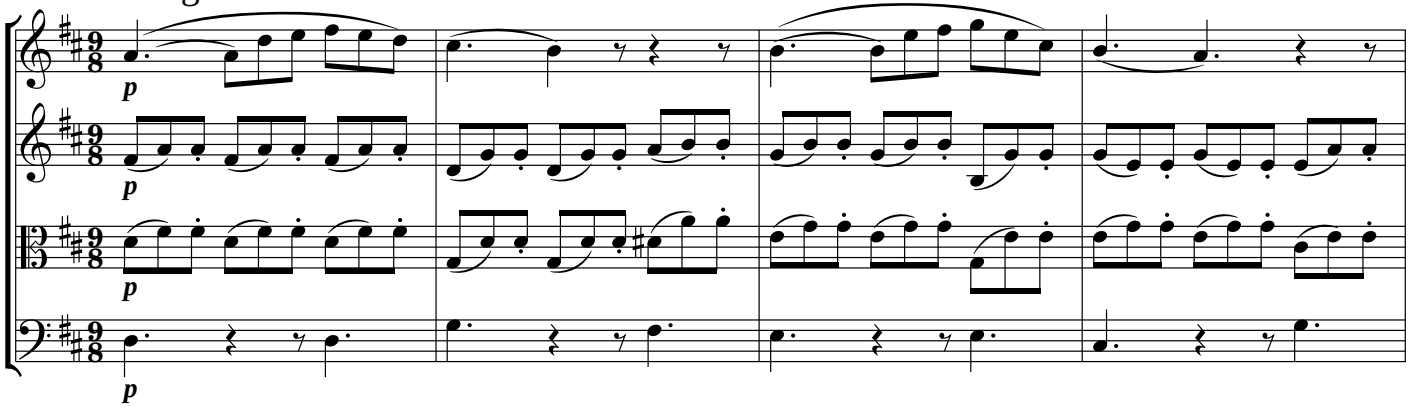
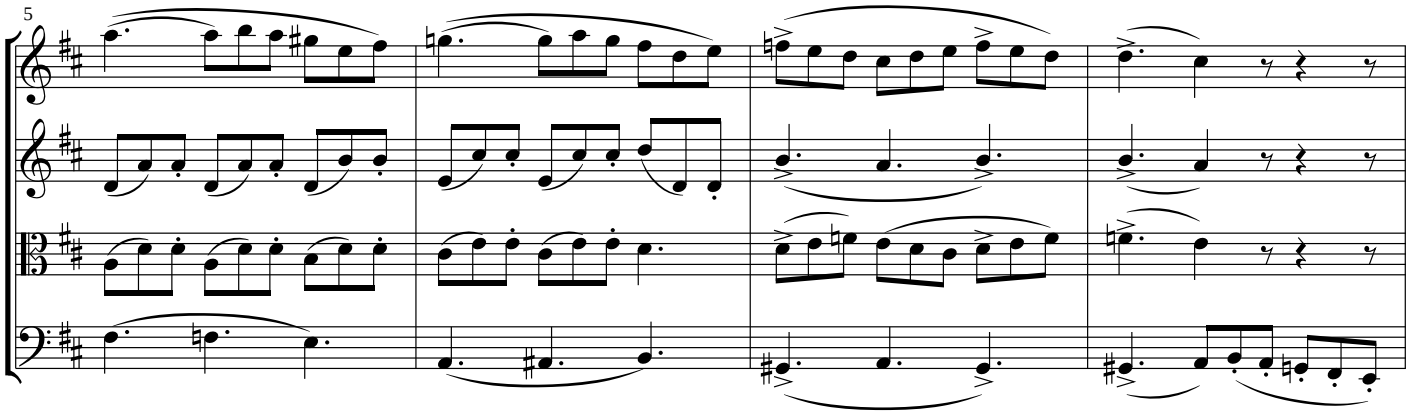
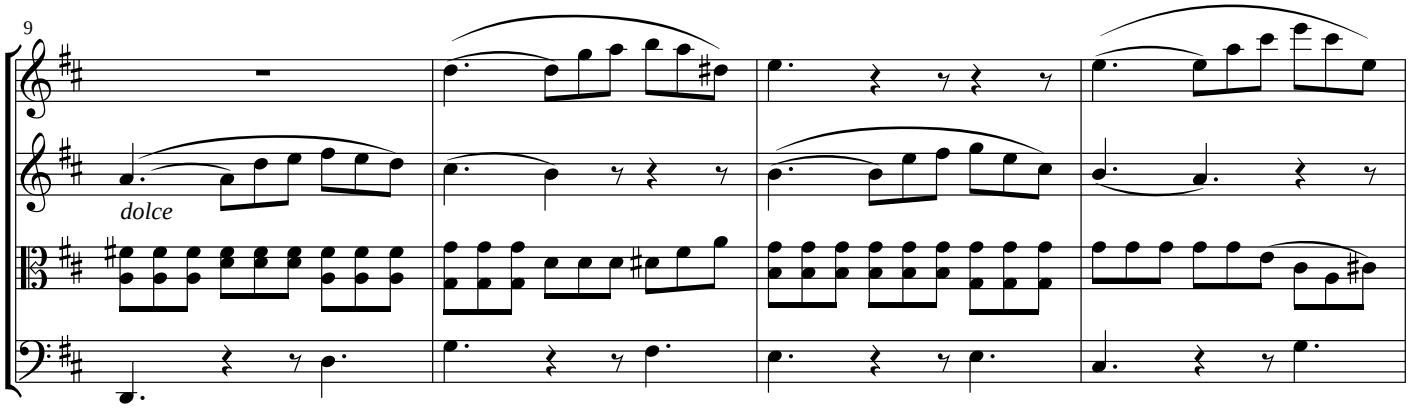
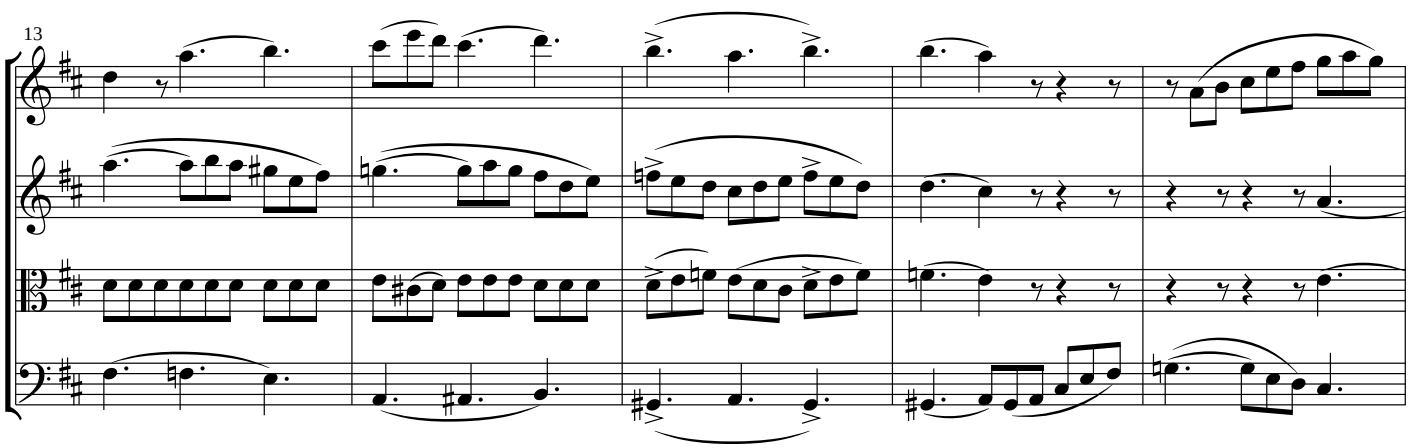
Da Capo
Menuetto
Senza
Replica

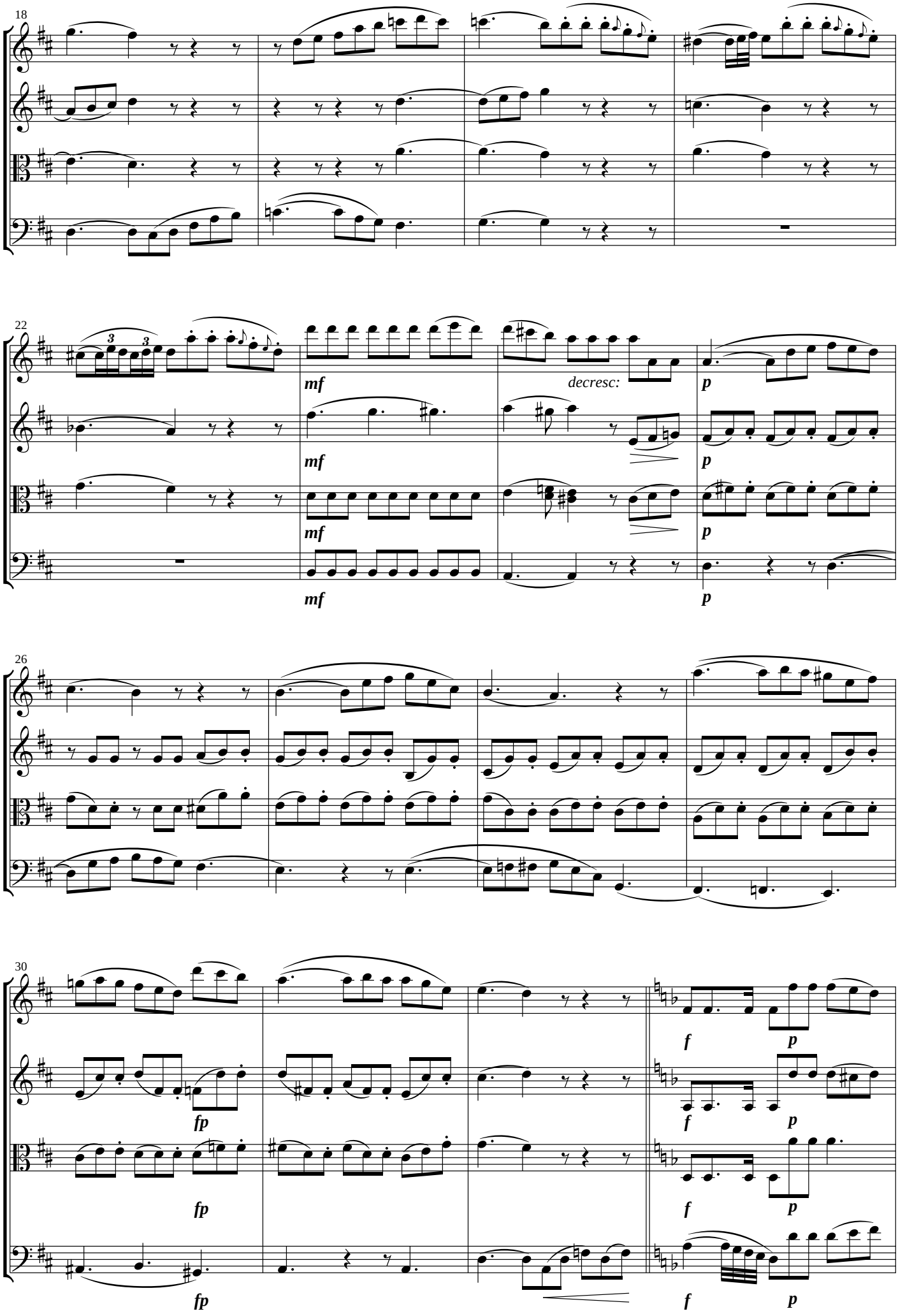
Adagio Cantabile







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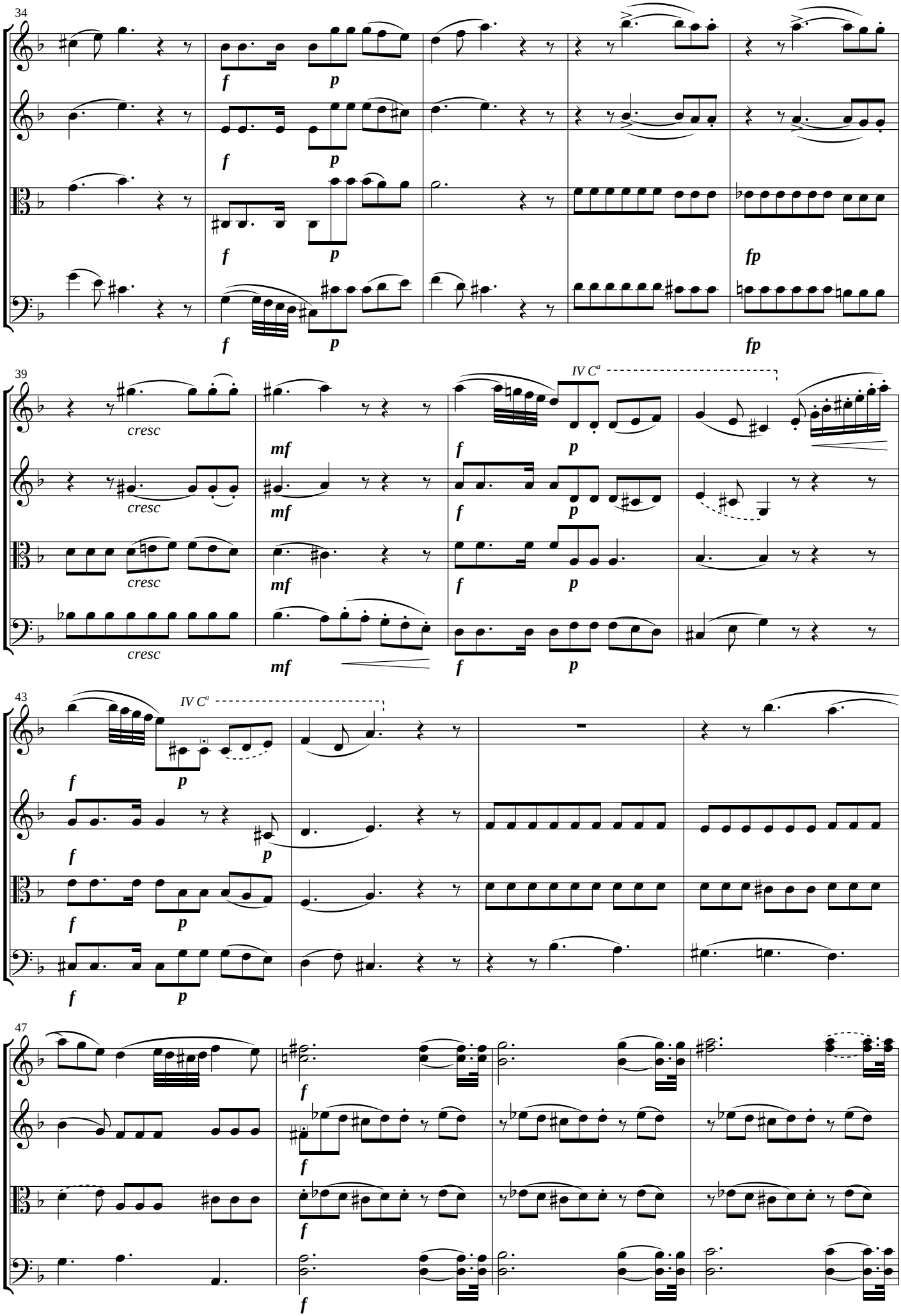
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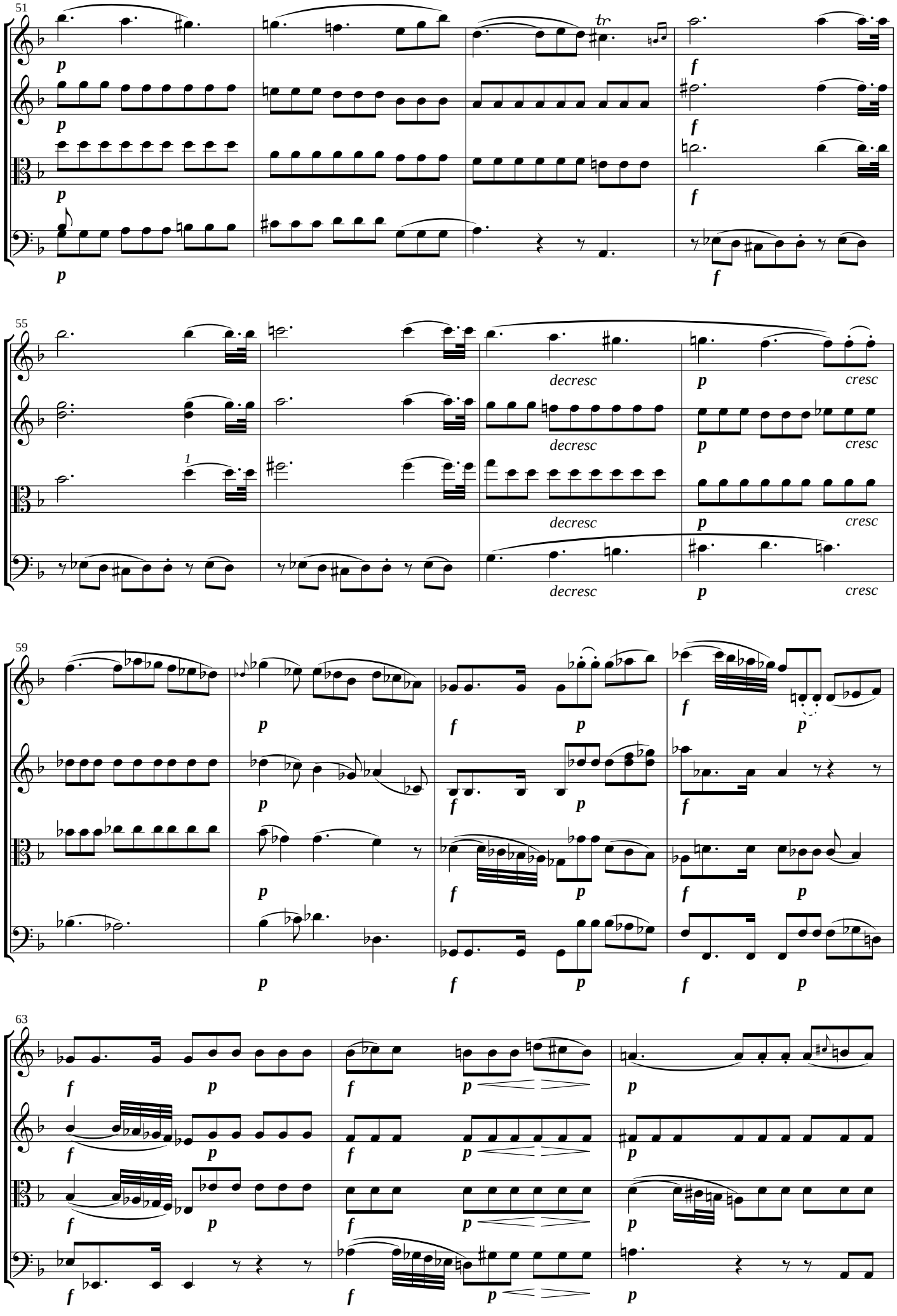
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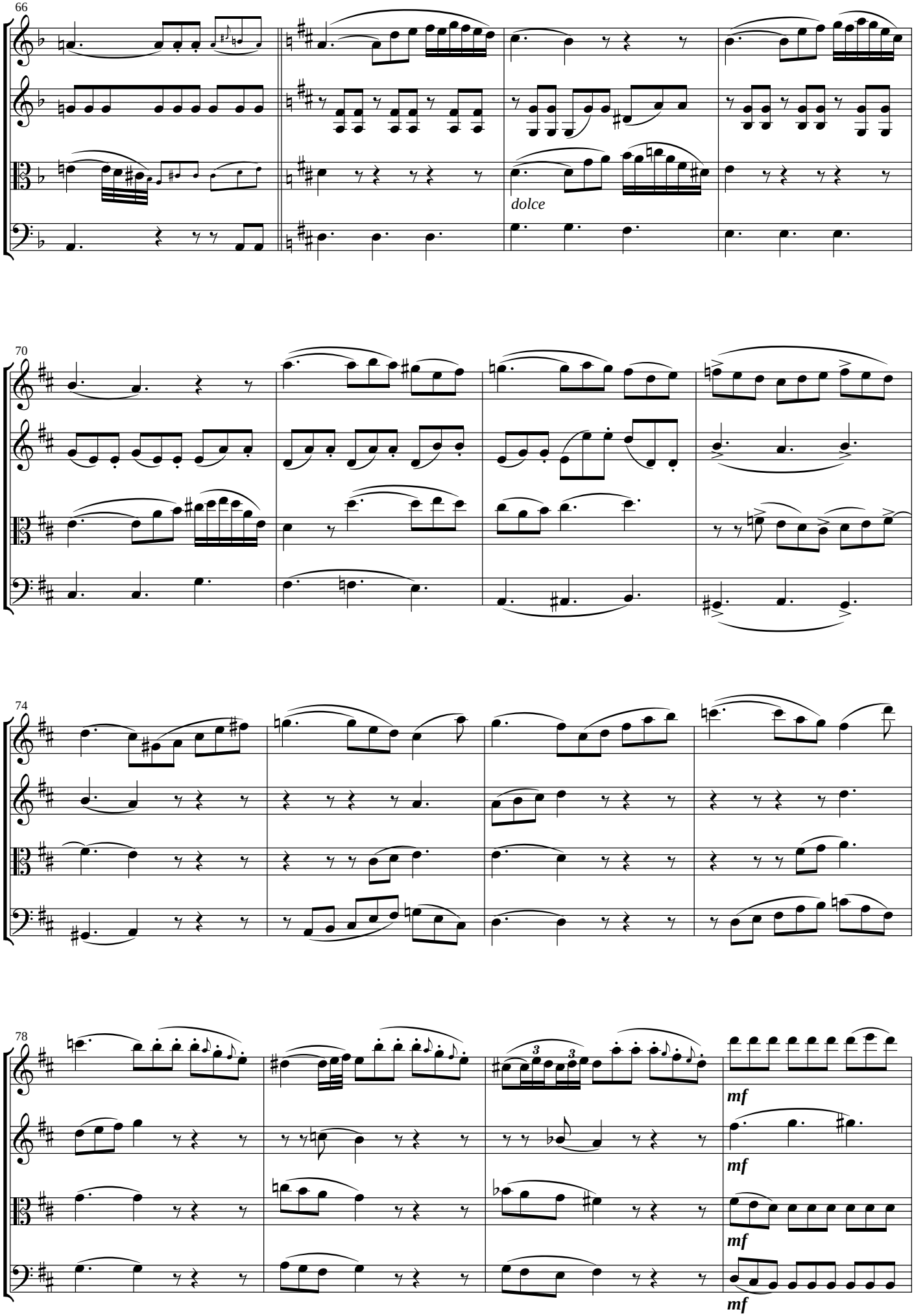
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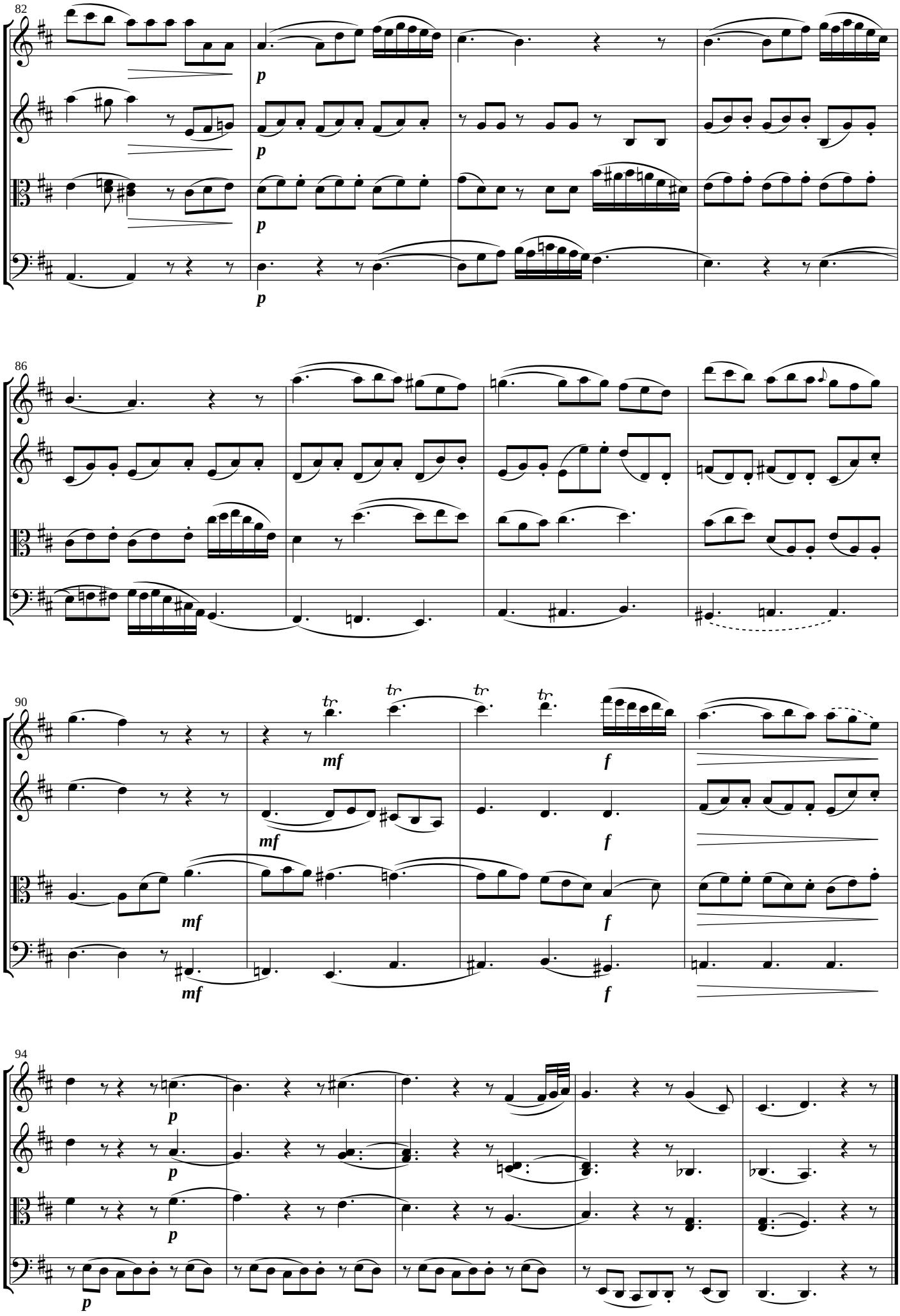
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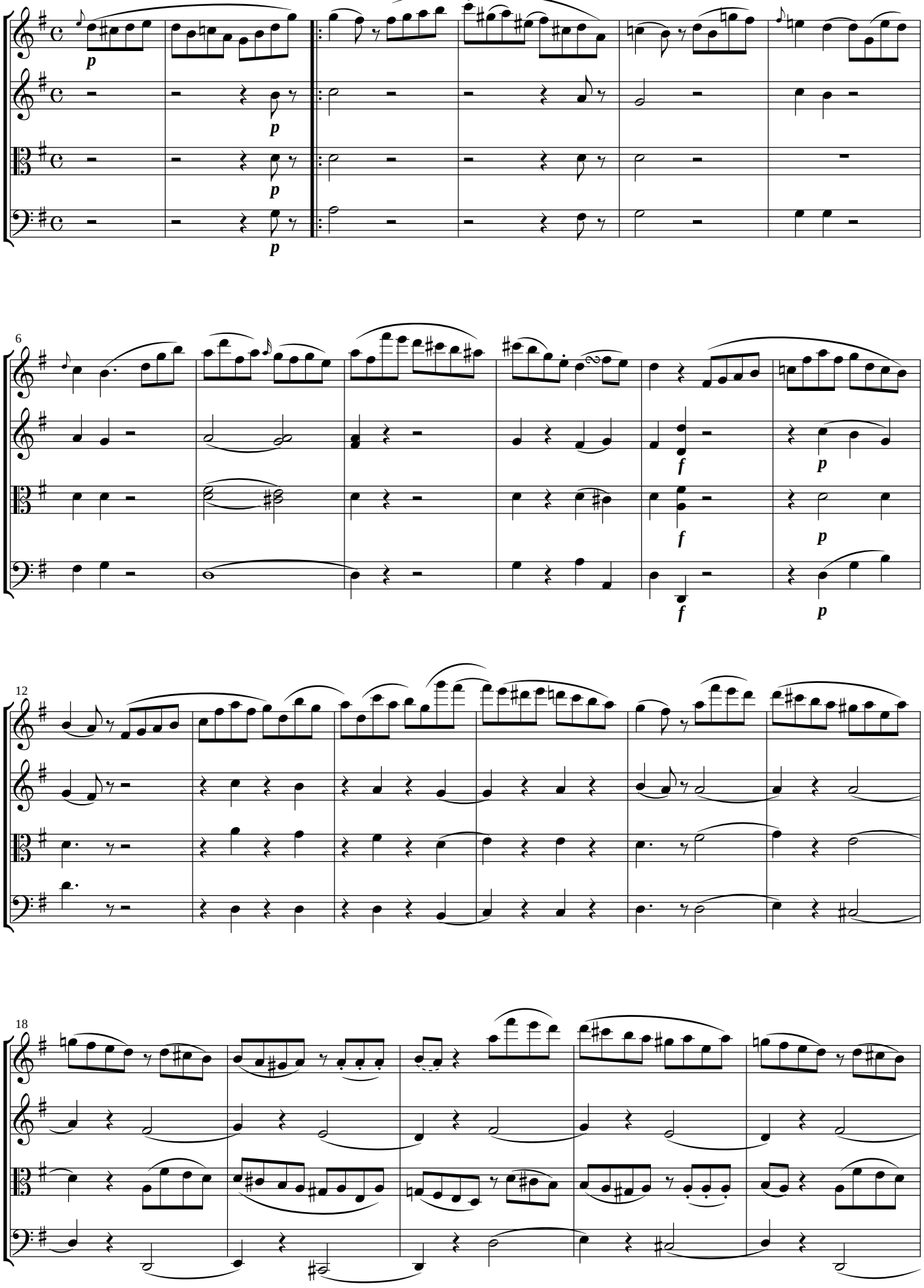

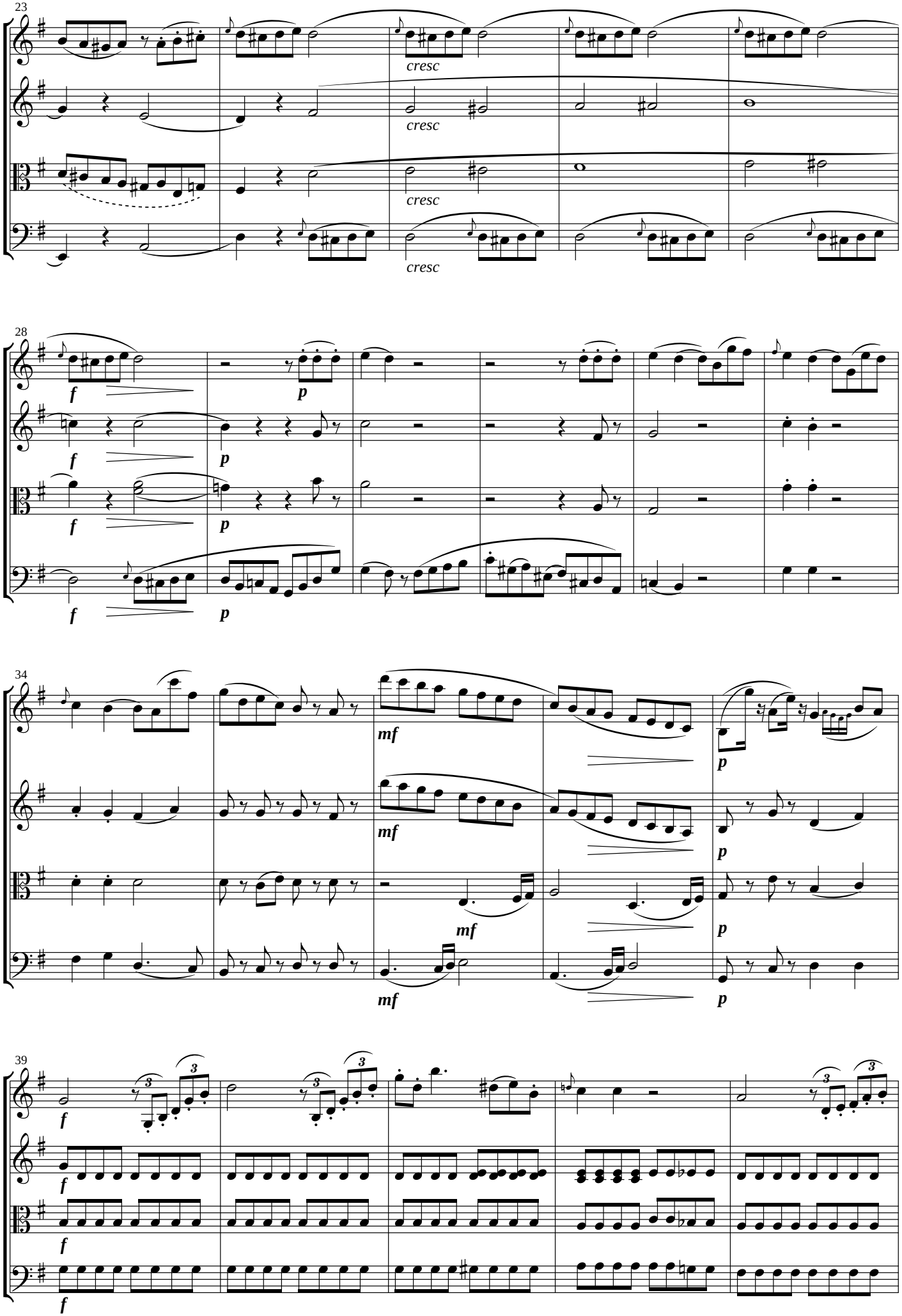
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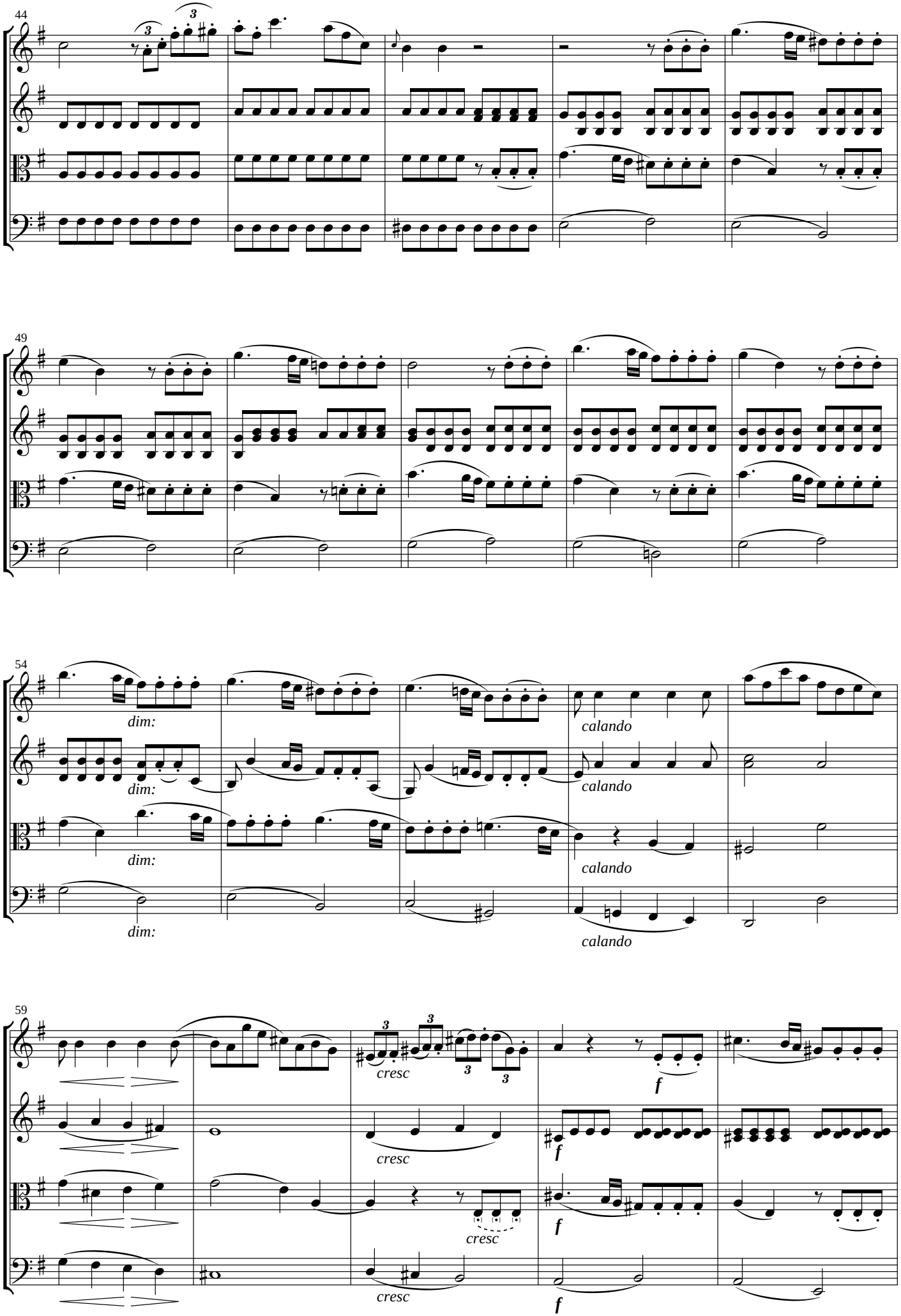
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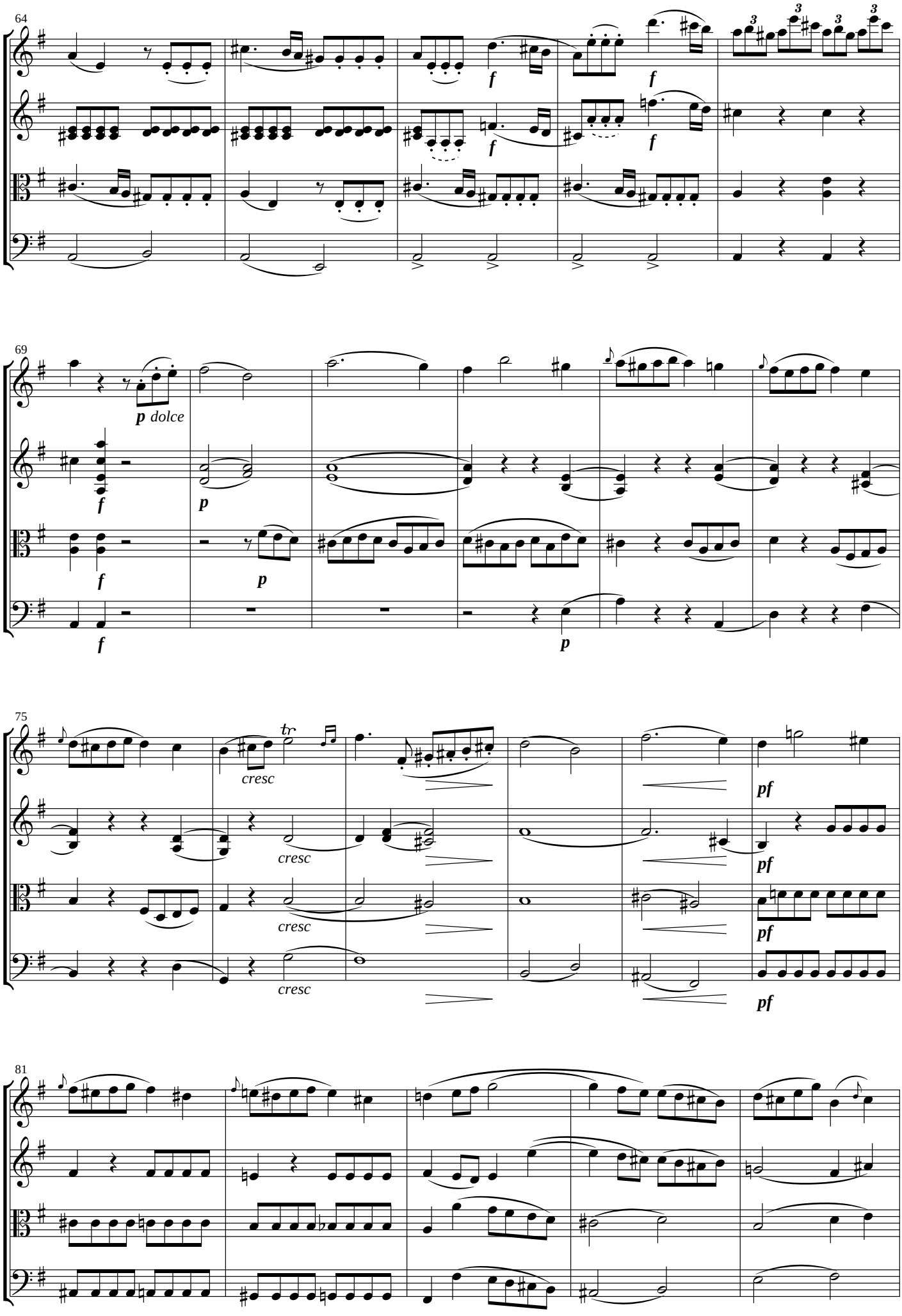
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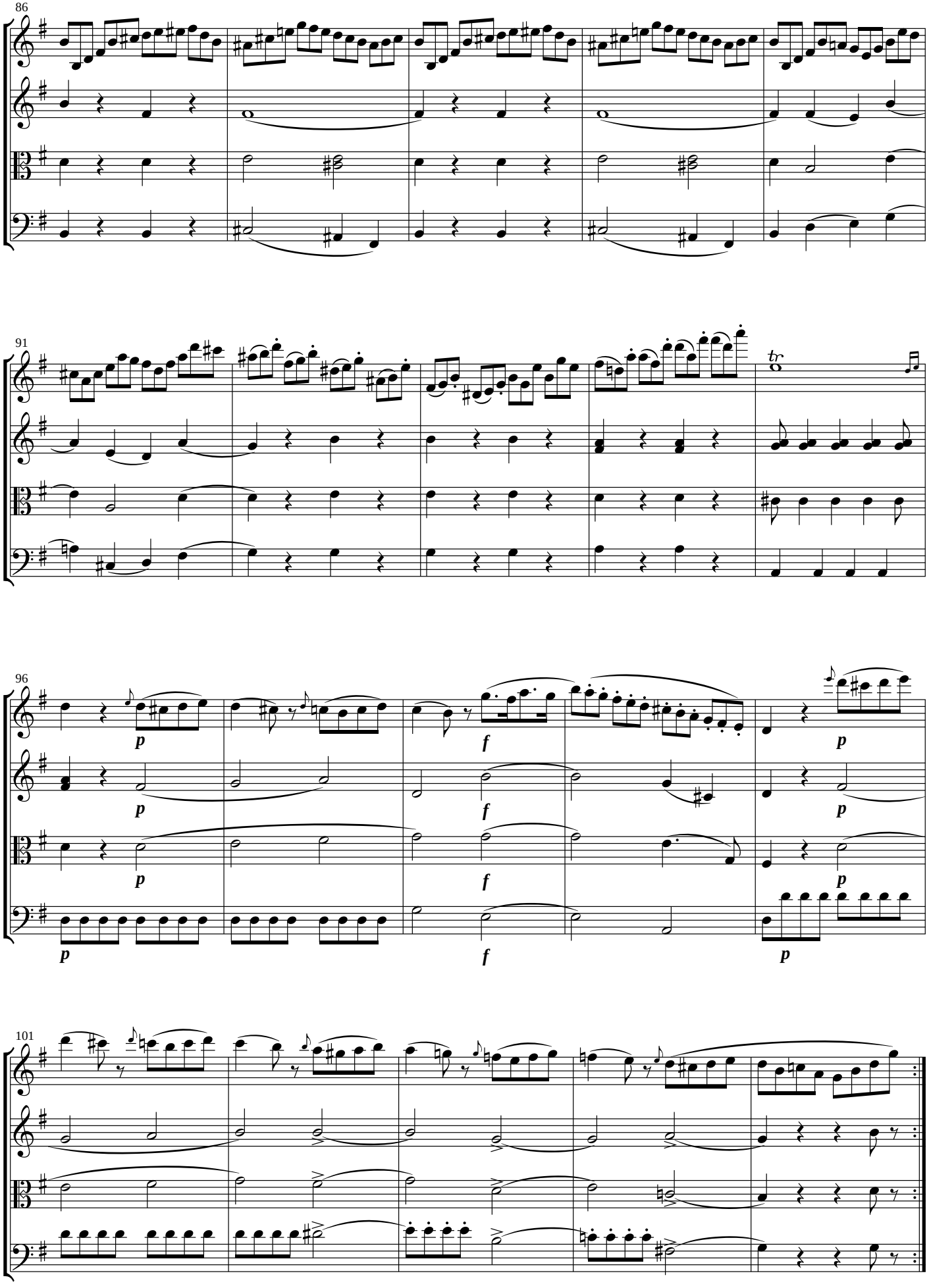
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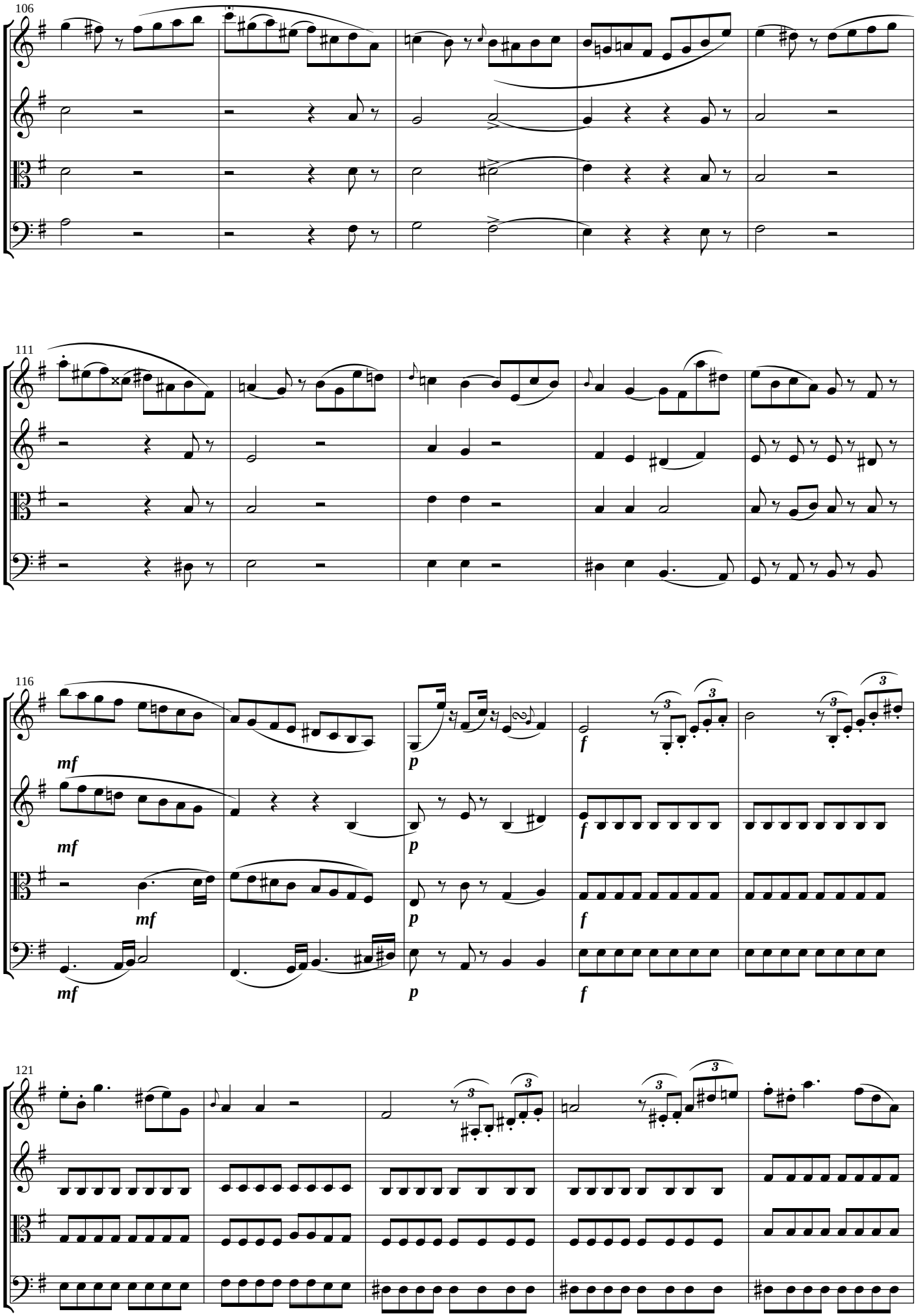
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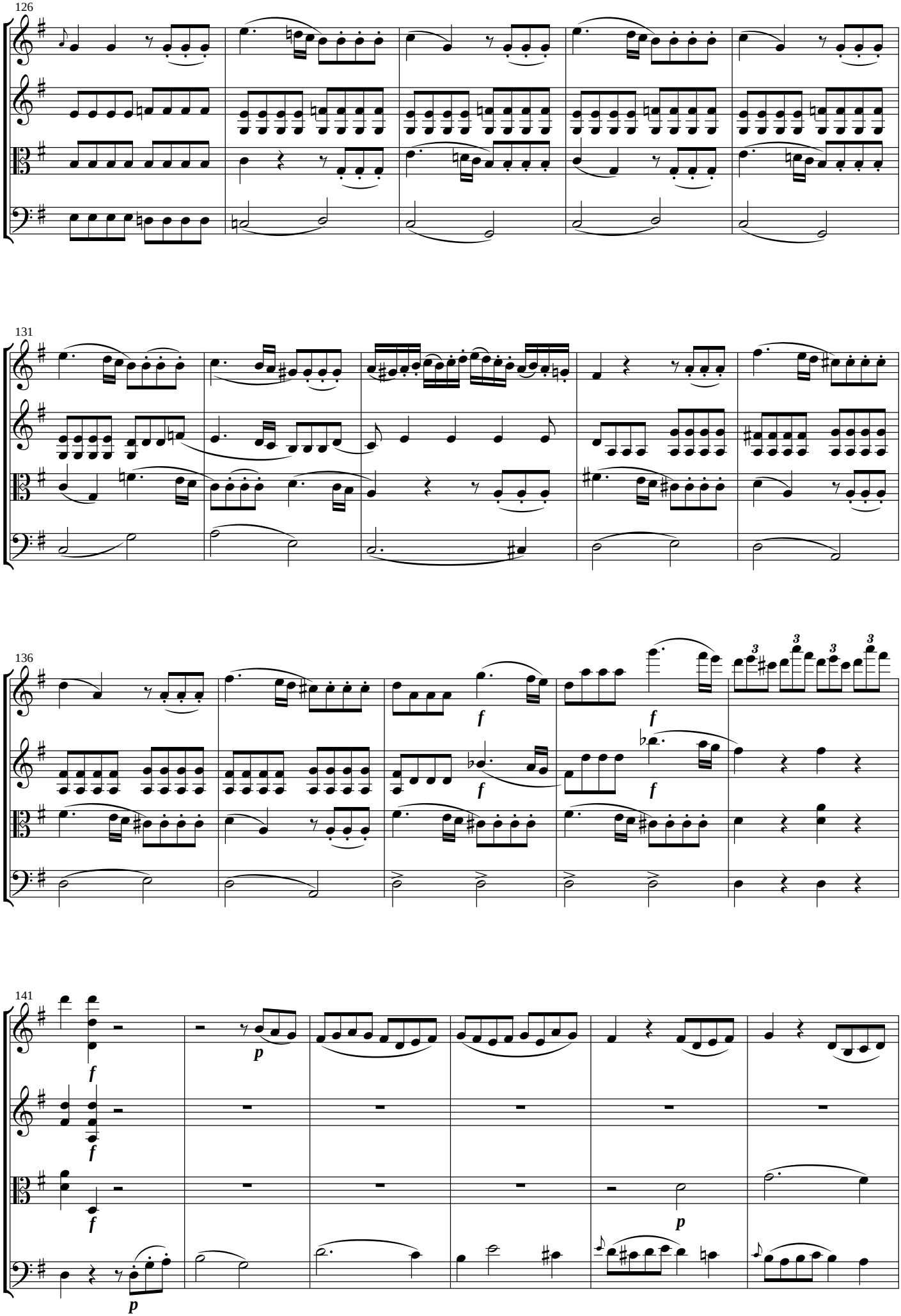
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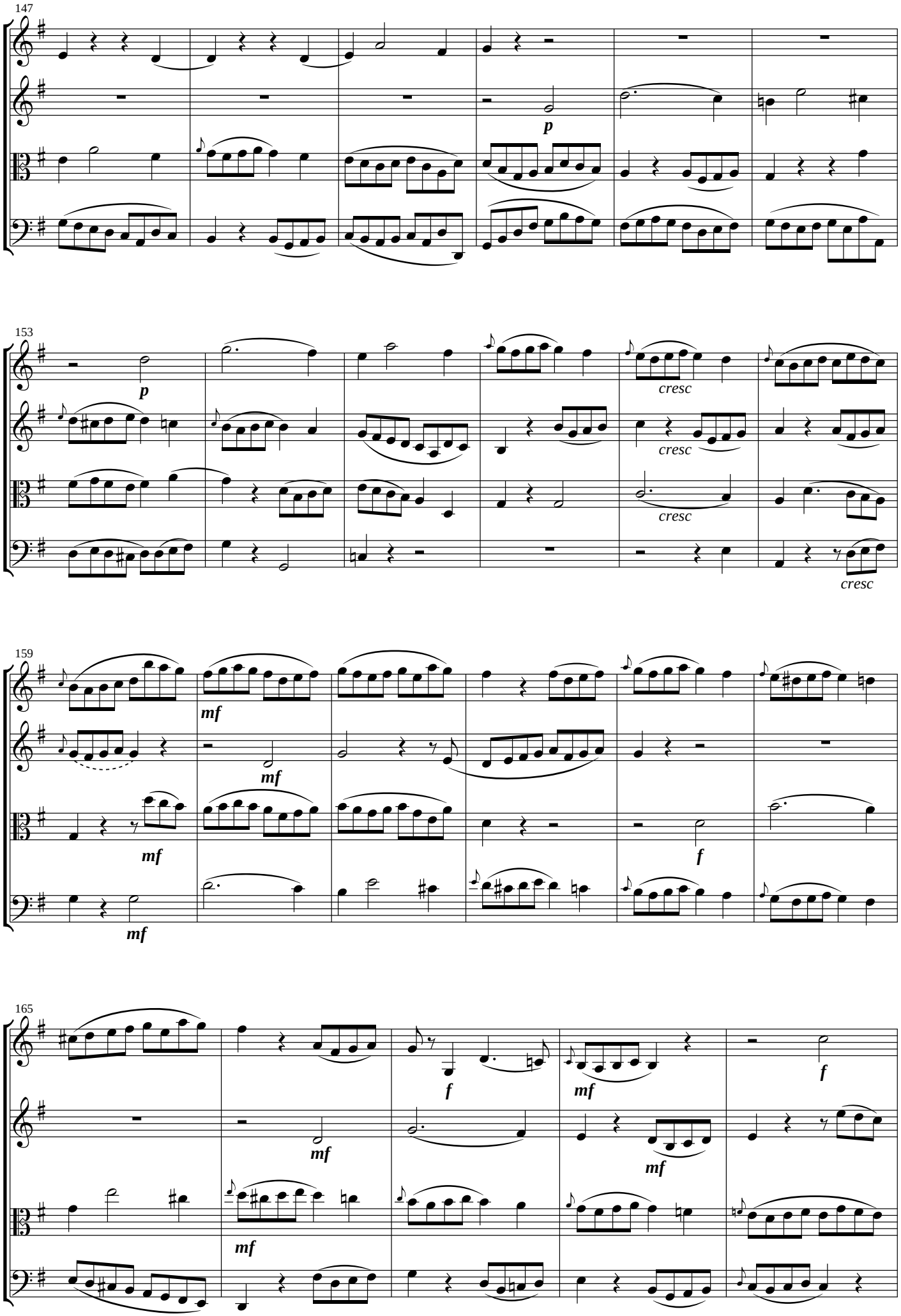
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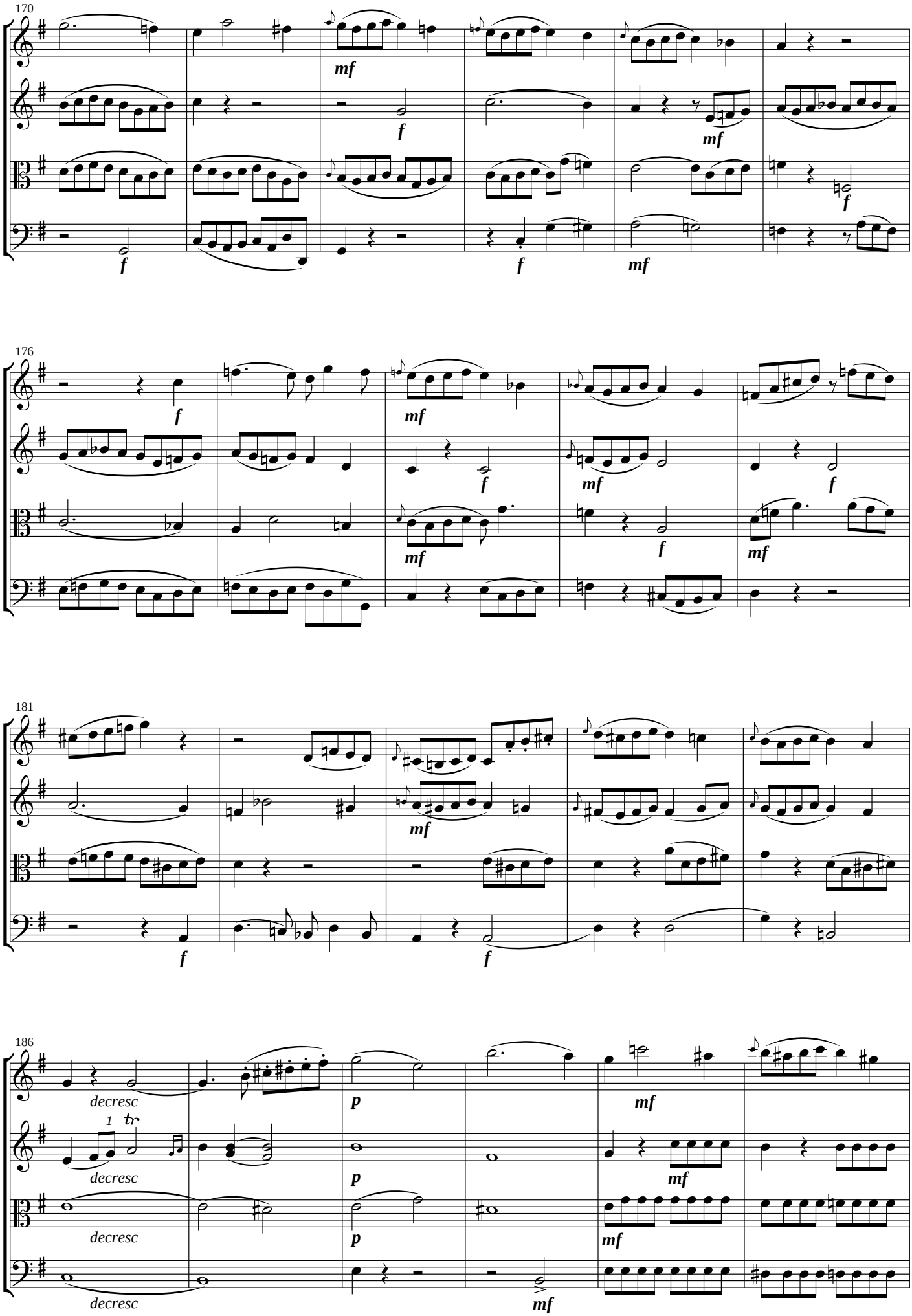
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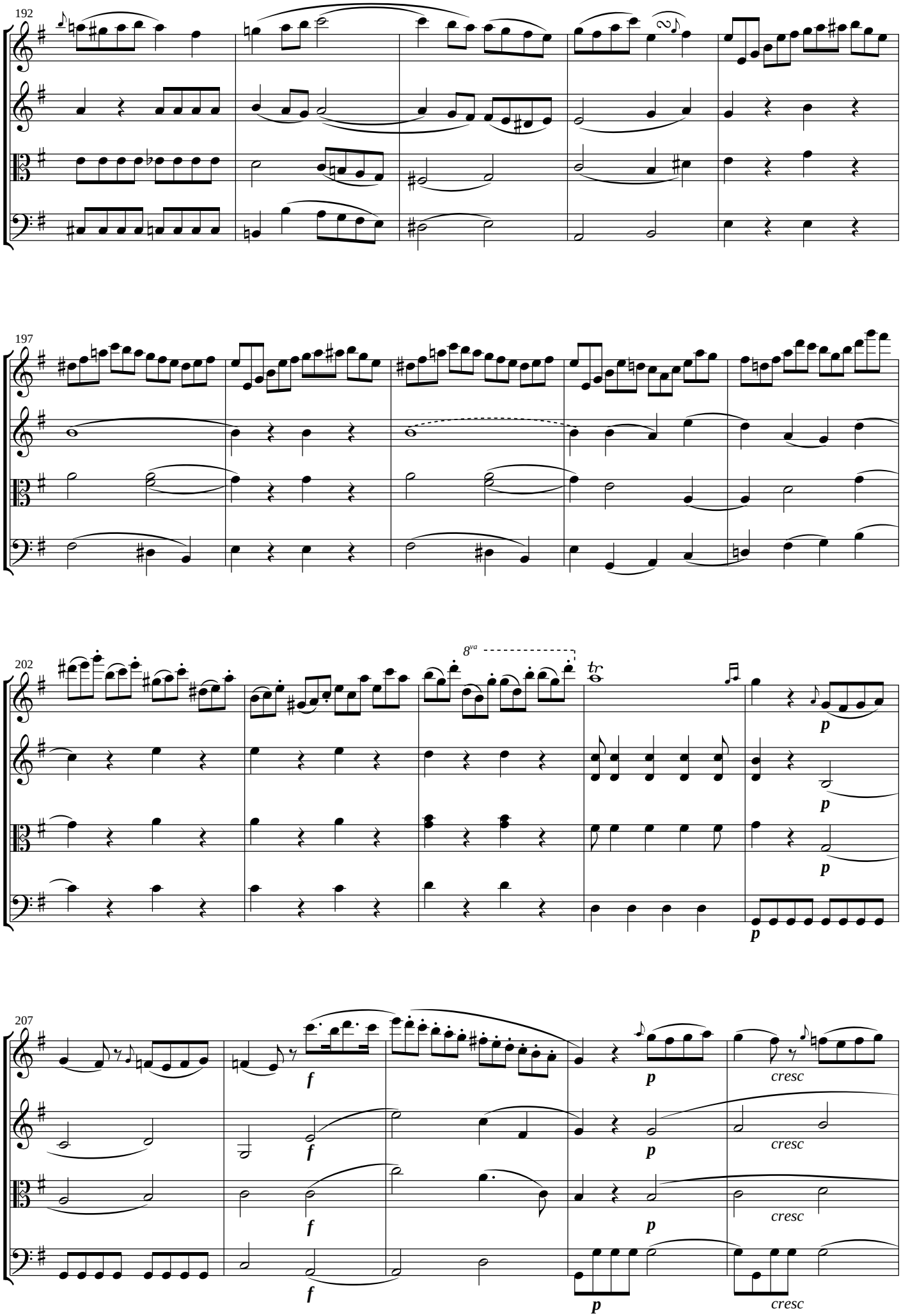
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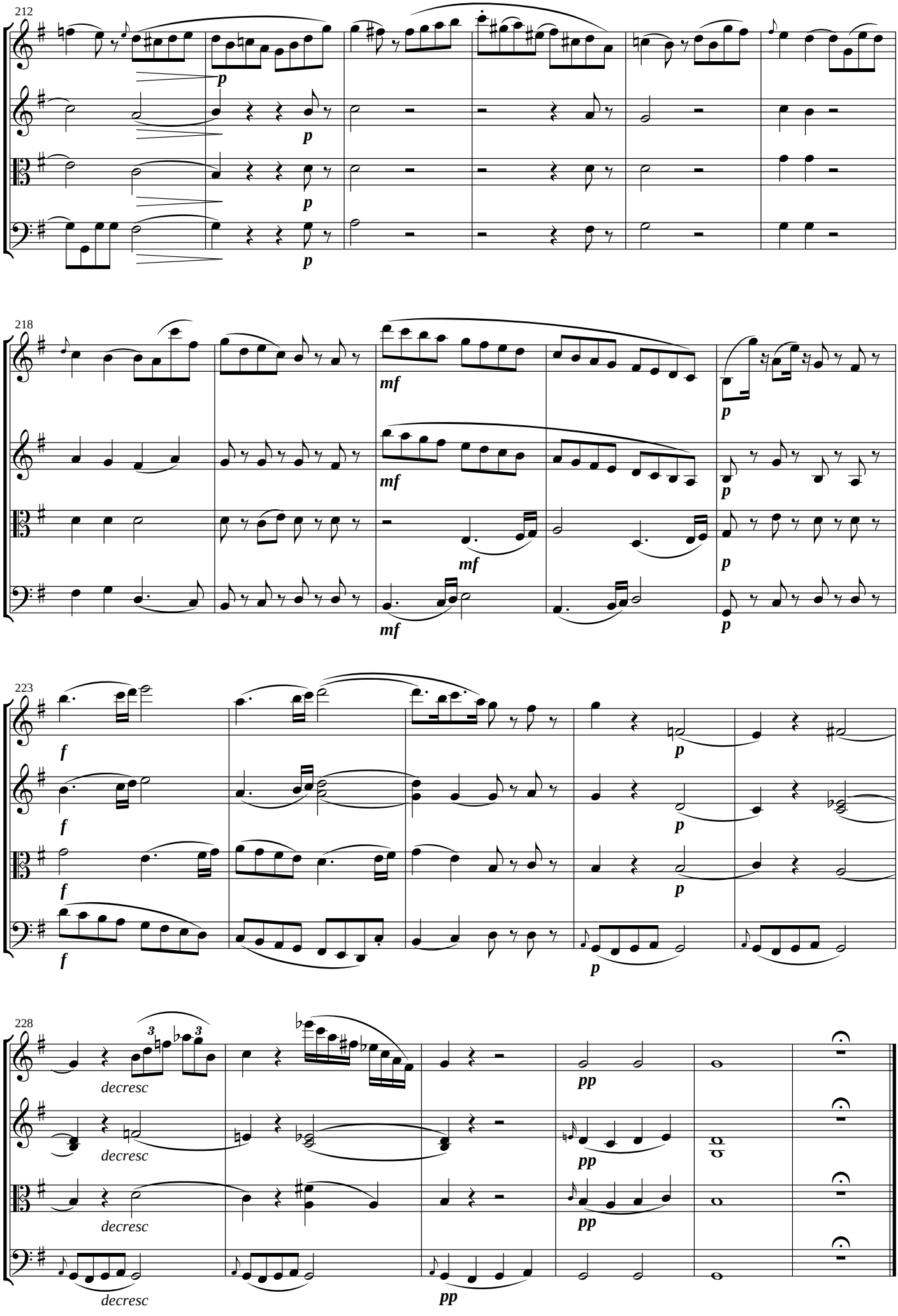
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3
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decresc
decresc
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pp
pp
pp

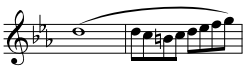
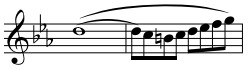
Critical notes

This score is the first modern edition of “Quartetto IV fr 2 Violinen, Viola & Violoncello”, G.51 by the Danish composer “Georg Gerson” (1790-1825). The composition is dated August 13, 1811.

The source is:

MS “Partiturer No. 2”, “George Gersons samling: mu 7105.0963 C II, 6b”, a collection of manuscript scores by Gerson preserved at the Royal Library of Copenhagen, Denmark. The string quartet is found on pp. 29–47.

In his manuscripts Gerson made use of various shorthand notations like slashed notes representing repeated notes. Such notation types are also found in music prints from that period like Gerson’s string quartet no. 5 (G.63) published as part books 1826. The full score of this modern edition comes in two versions: a score keeping as close as possible to the original notation and an alternative, ’contemporized’ score expanding the shorthand notations. In the contemporized scores the beaming of vocal staffs has been adapted to modern practices. Separate parts are contemporized as well.

When a slurred phrase obviously starts with tied notes the tie is often omitted: 
In the modern edition the tie has been added:  (G.41, String Quintet, movement 1, Vl1. bar 55–56.)

Performance indications within brackets and dashed ties and slurs have been added by the editor.

Allegro

Bar No.	*Part*	*Note No.*	*Comment*
1			Tempo indication only in Gerson’s thematic catalogue, “Verzeichniß über Zwei Hundert meiner Compositionen”[1]
49	Vl2	1	♩ note in *MS*.
90	Vla	1	♮ missing in *MS*.
120	Vl1	4–5	Ambigous tremoli in *MS*.
120	Vl1	5	𝅘𝅥𝅯 note in *MS*.
189	Vla	1	♮ missing in *MS*.
212	Vla	2	♮ missing in *MS*.

The development section (bar 101ff) includes a fugue based on the first subject from the exposition. As a counter subject Gerson applies a tremolo motif apparently a sound effect rather than just note repetitions in short hand notation as found elsewhere, for example in bar 84 and 224. Unlike my common practice I preserve the tremolo notation of the fugue counter subject also in the contemporized score and the contemporized separate parts of this movement.

Menuetto Allegro

Bar No.	*Part*	*Note No.*	*Comment*
6	Vl2	1	Lower voice $F\sharp_4$ added (later?) with pencil in *MS*.

Adagio Cantabile

There are numerous corrections and changes in *MS*.

Bar No.	*Part*	*Note No.*	*Comment*
2	Vl1		Ambigous ♩ note / 𝄽 rest in *MS*.
41	Vl1	1–6	Slur from note 1 to note 5 in *MS*.
53	Vl1	6	♮ missing in *MS*.
66			The small size notes are a reconstruction by the editor.
84	Vl2,Vla		The corrections in *MS* are difficult to read.
89	Vl1	7	grace note G_5 in *MS*.

[1] Royal Library, Copenhagen, *mu 7105.0962, C II, 6b.*

Rondo All[egro]

Bar No.	*Part*	*Note No.*	*Comment*
19	Vla		Curly slur in *MS*.
21	Vl1		Curly slur in *MS*.
131	Vla	2	𝄾 rest after the note in *MS*.
149	Vlc		Ambigous slur end in *MS*.
171	Vlc		Ambigous slur end in *MS*.
195	Vl2		Curly slur in *MS*.