Battle Hymn of the Reformation

for piano trio

ca. 5 1/2 minutes

Nathan Baulch
2026

Program Note

"Battle Hymn of the Reformation" is a nickname given to Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God." Growing up Lutheran, I remember singing this nearly every Reformation Sunday, and it is now widely considered one of Martin Luther's most famous hymns.

This piece originated as a style study of Alberto Ginastera, who has quickly become one of my favorite composers. His influence can be seen in the driving rhythms that envelop this piece, as well as some of the piano writing taking direct influence from him as well.

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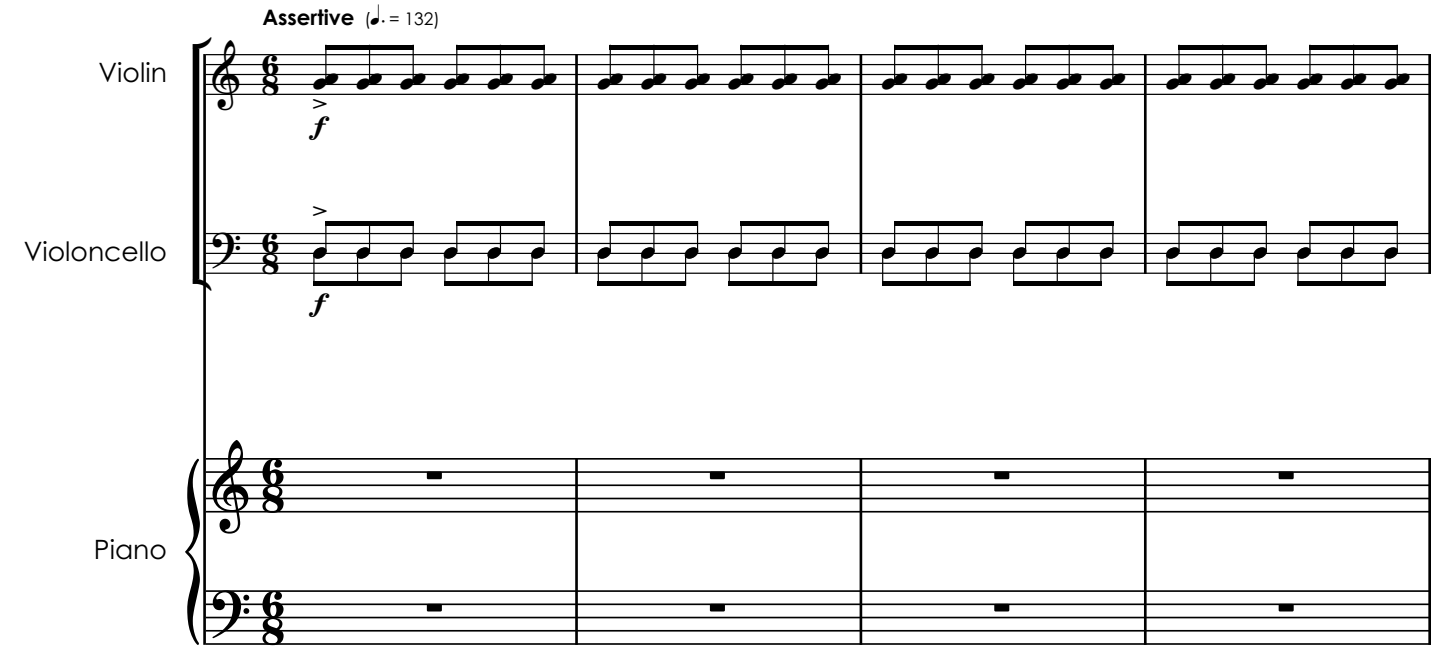

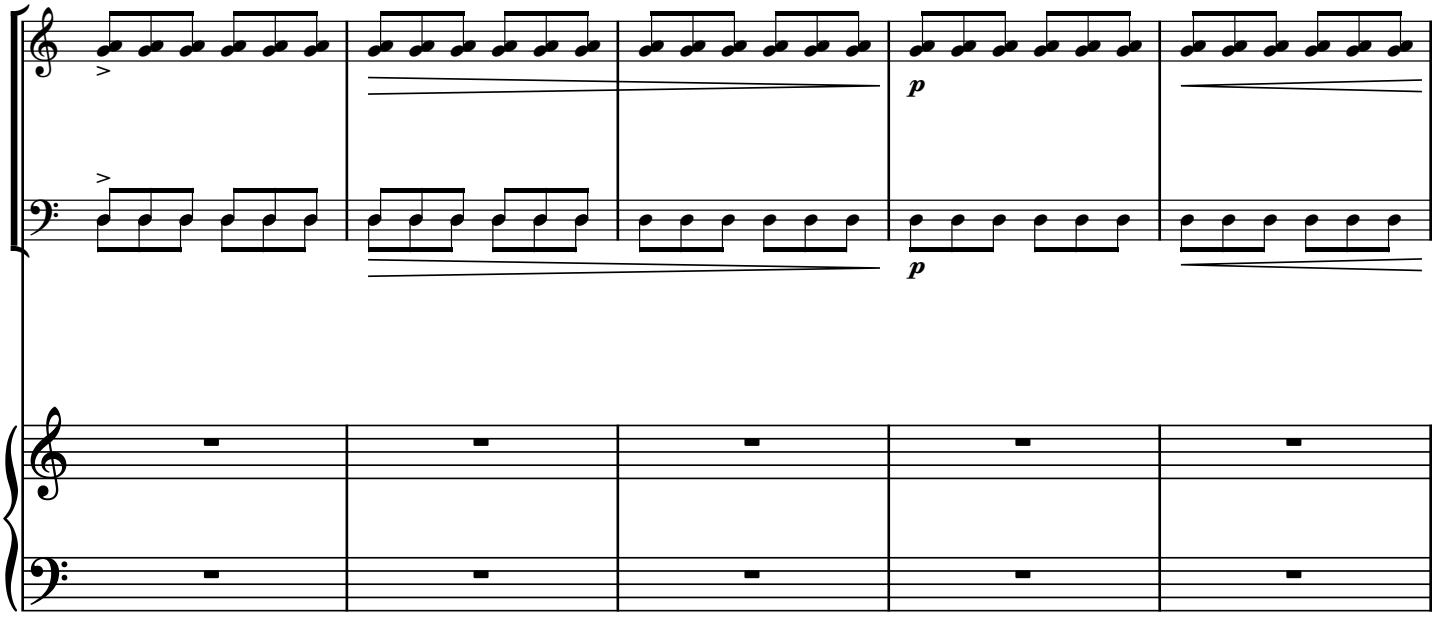

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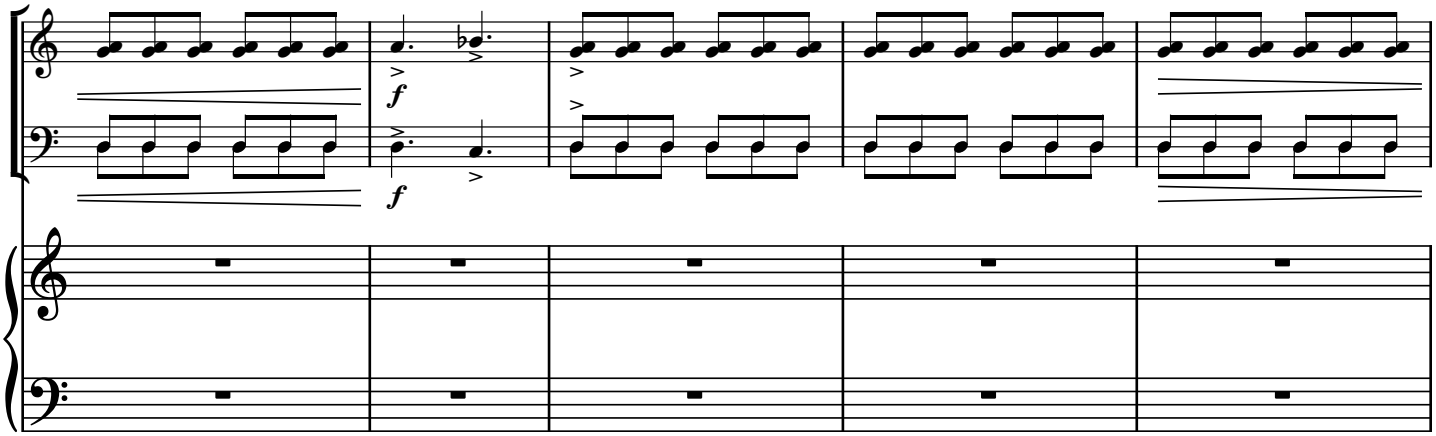

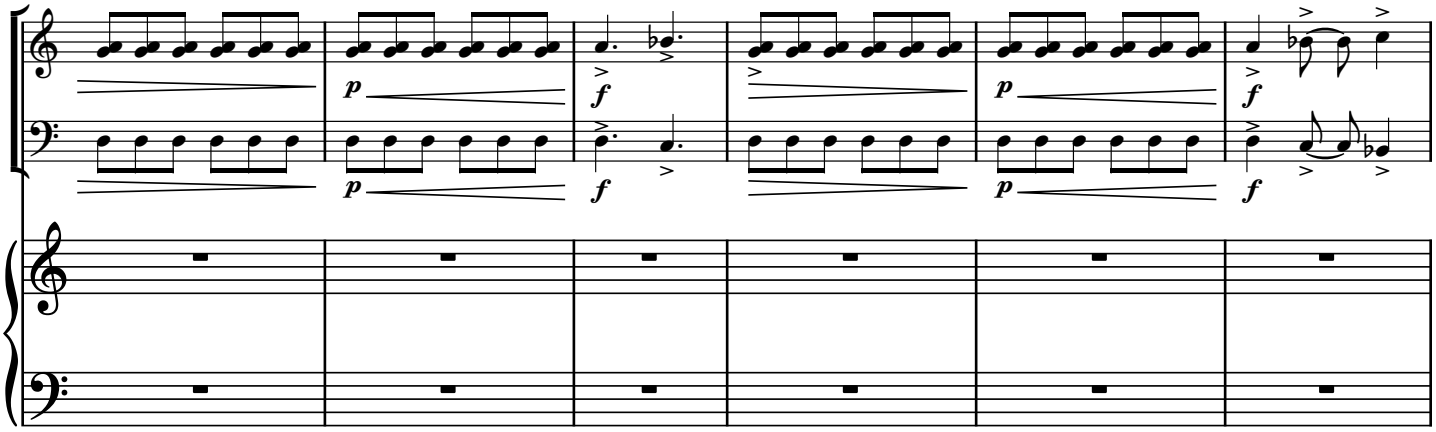

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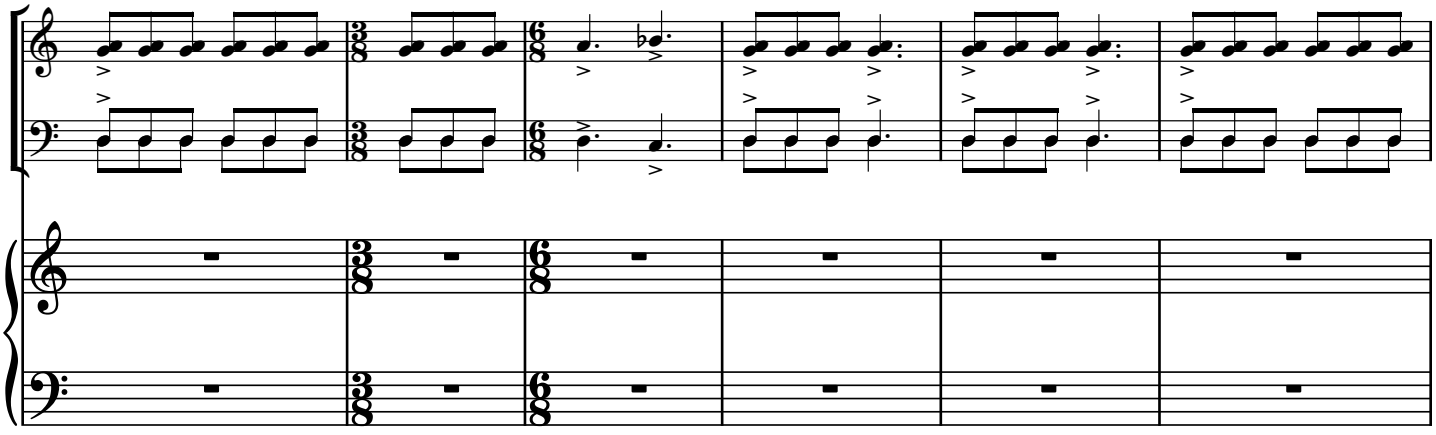

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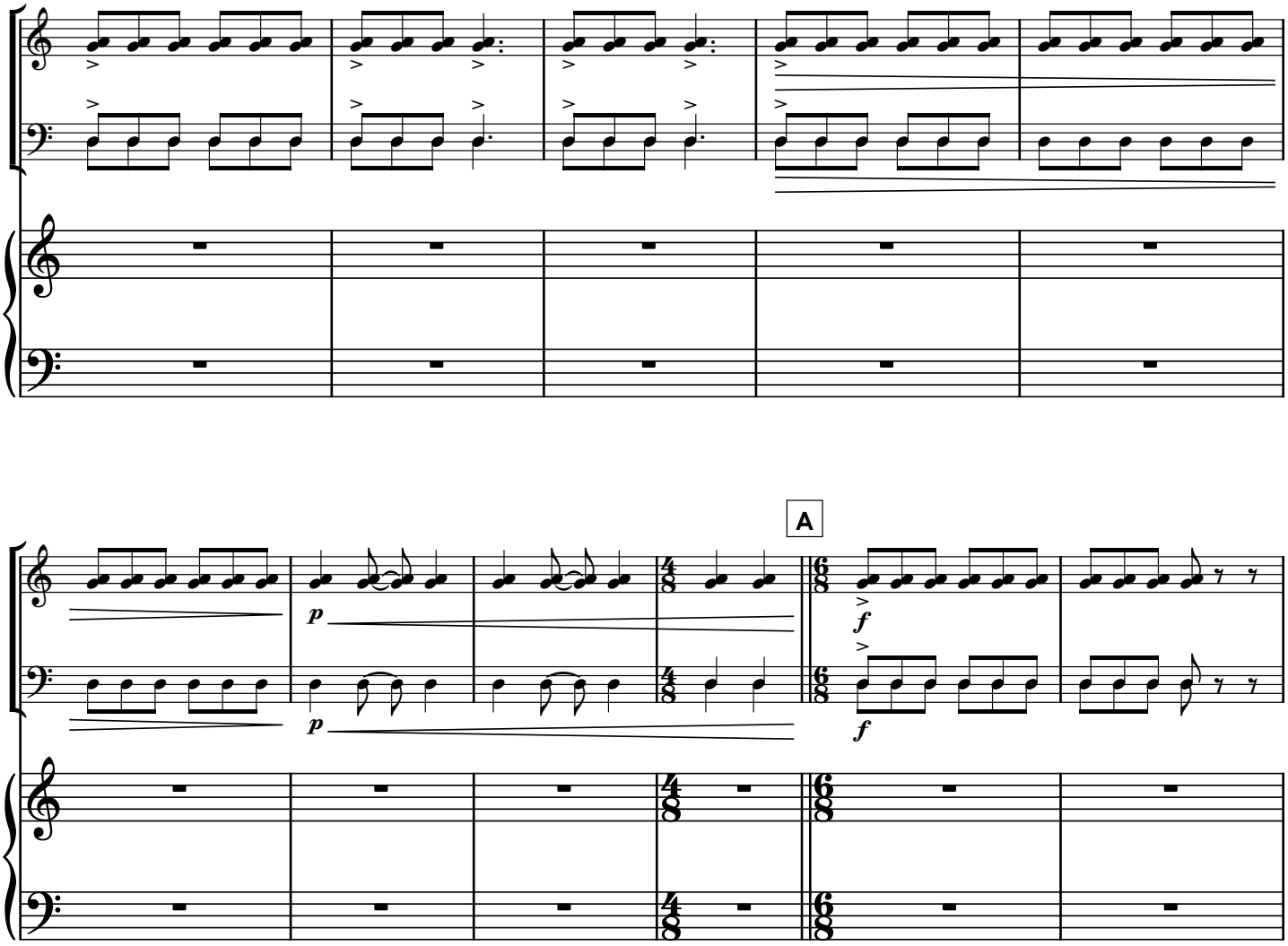
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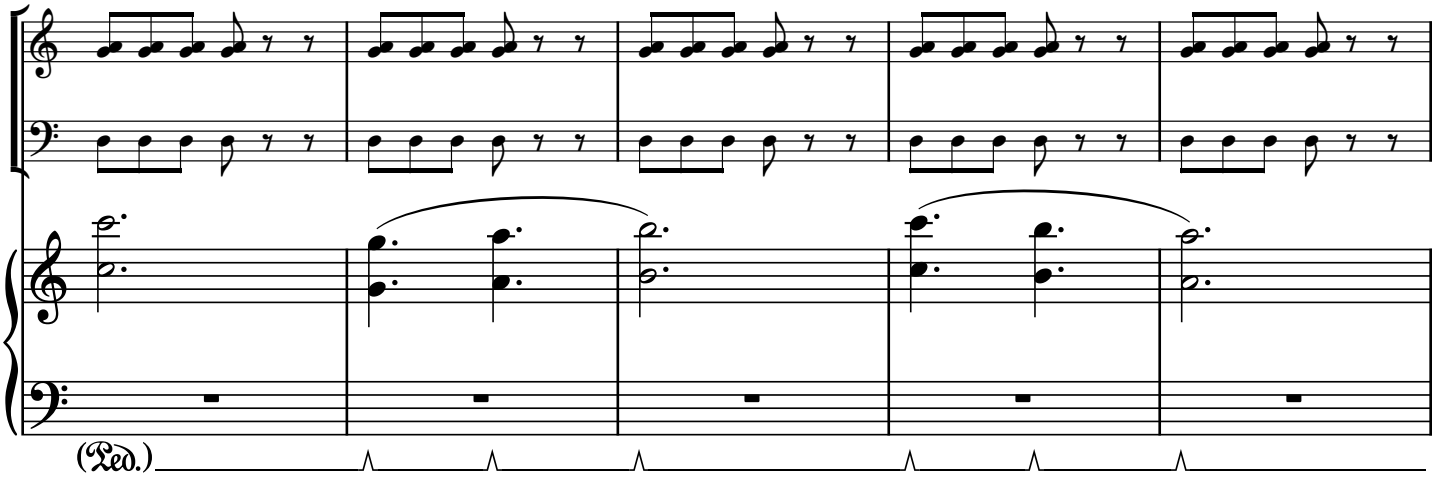
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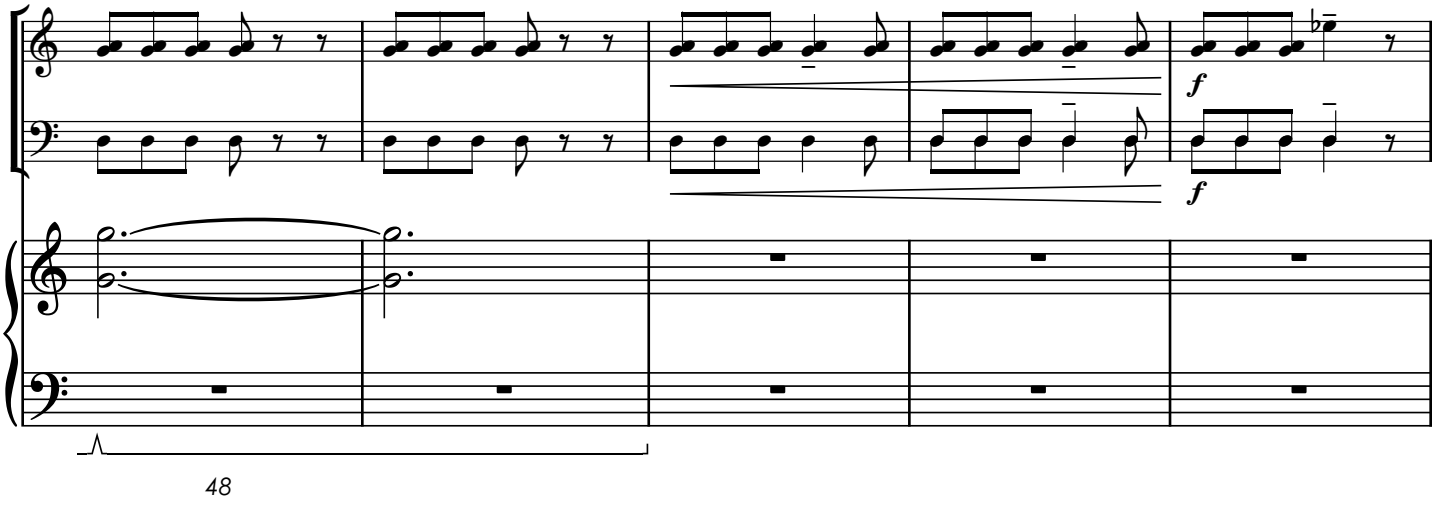
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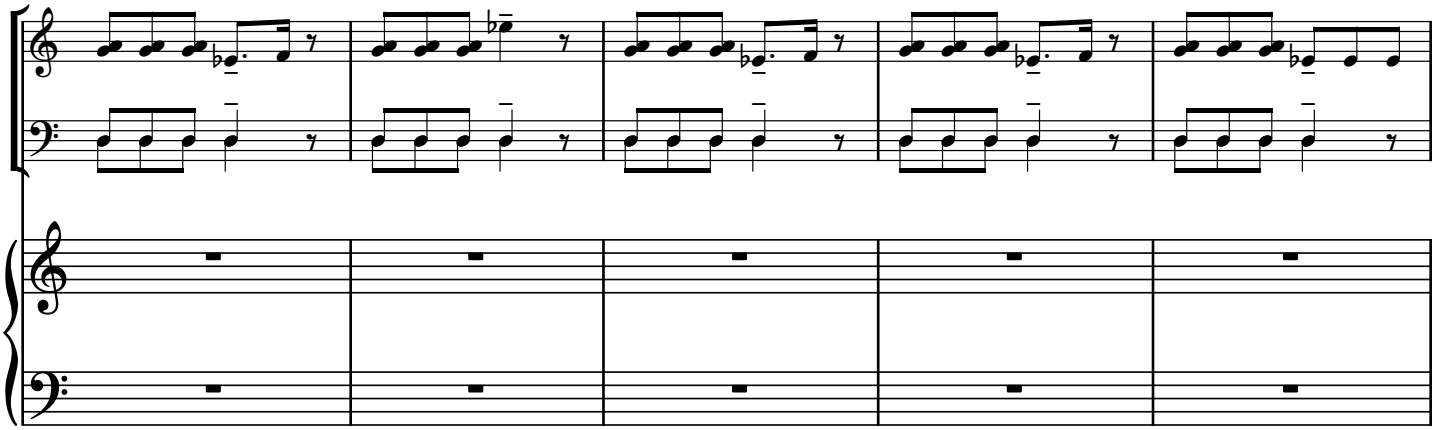

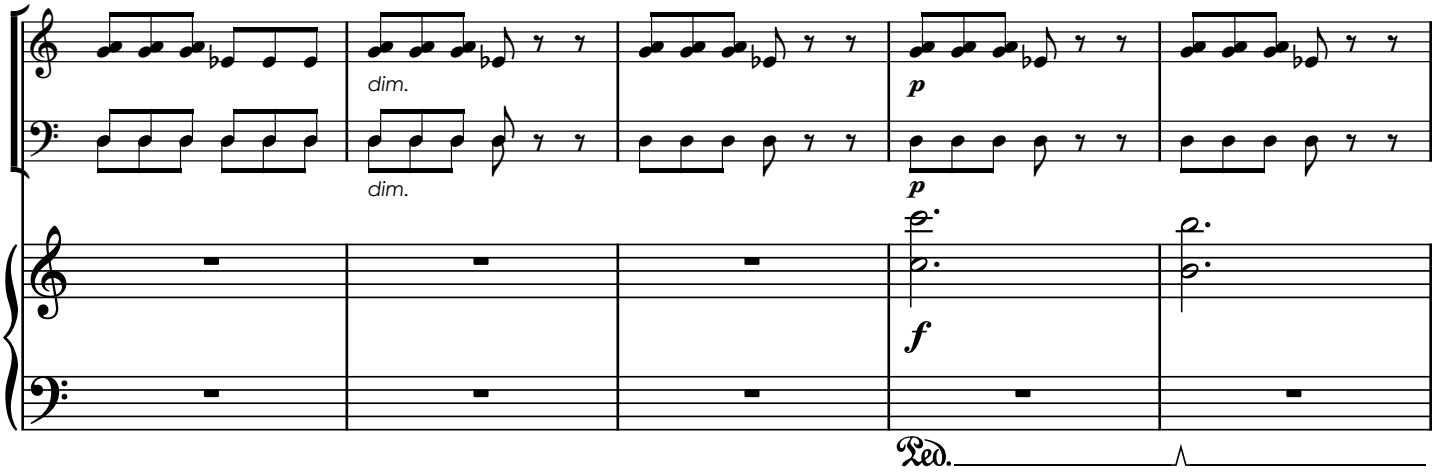

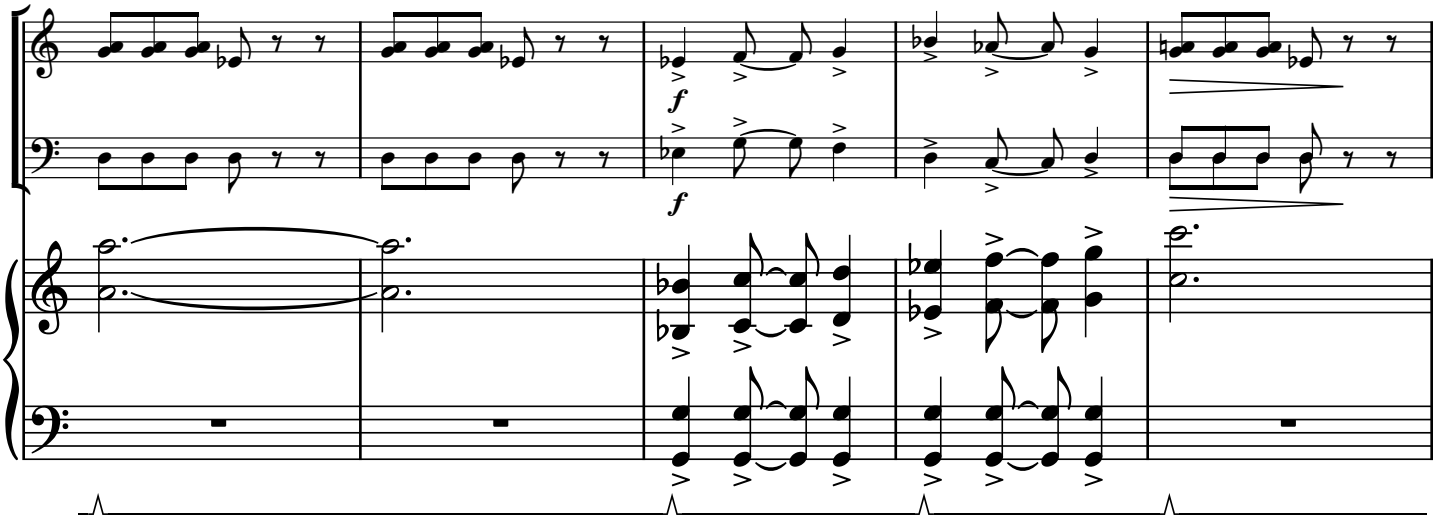

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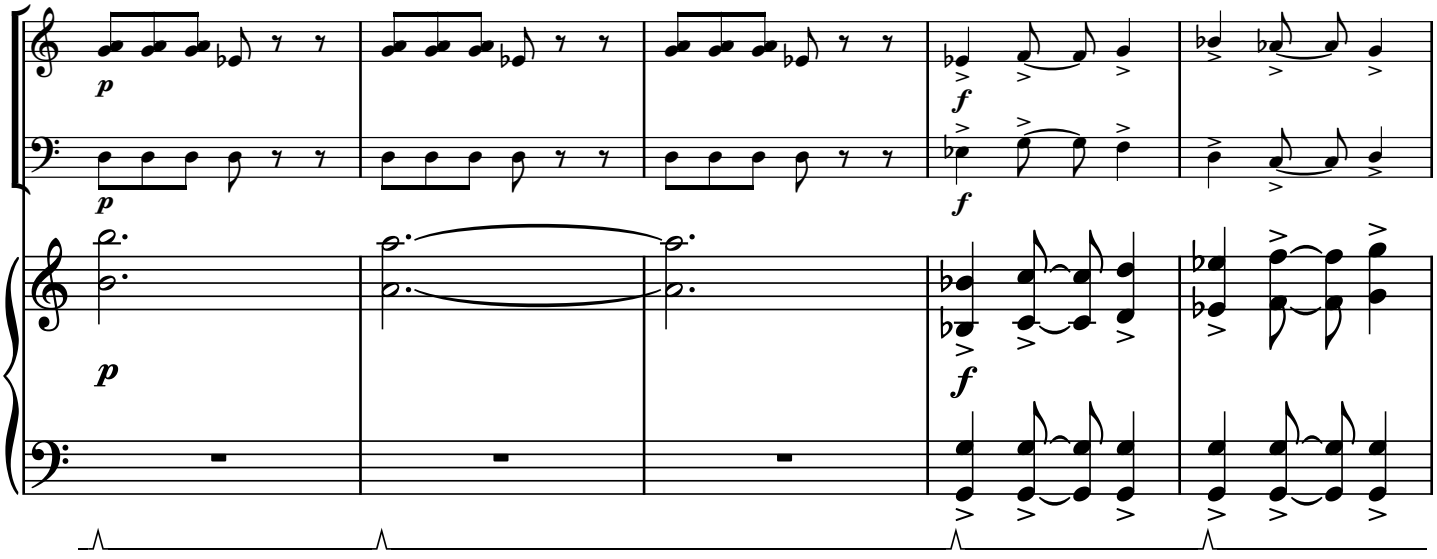

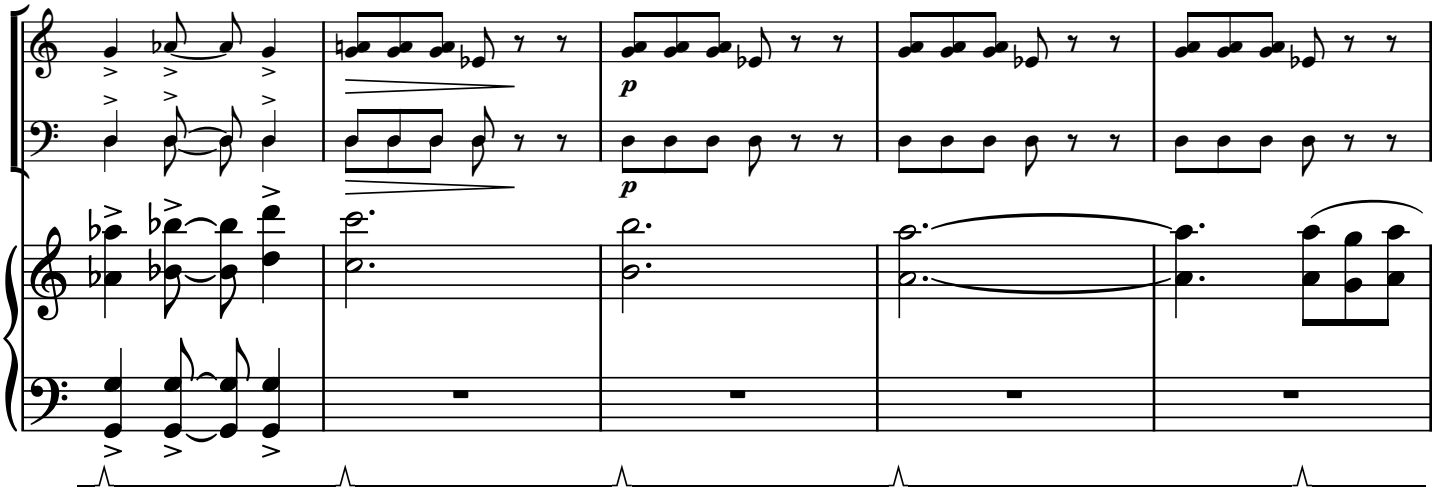

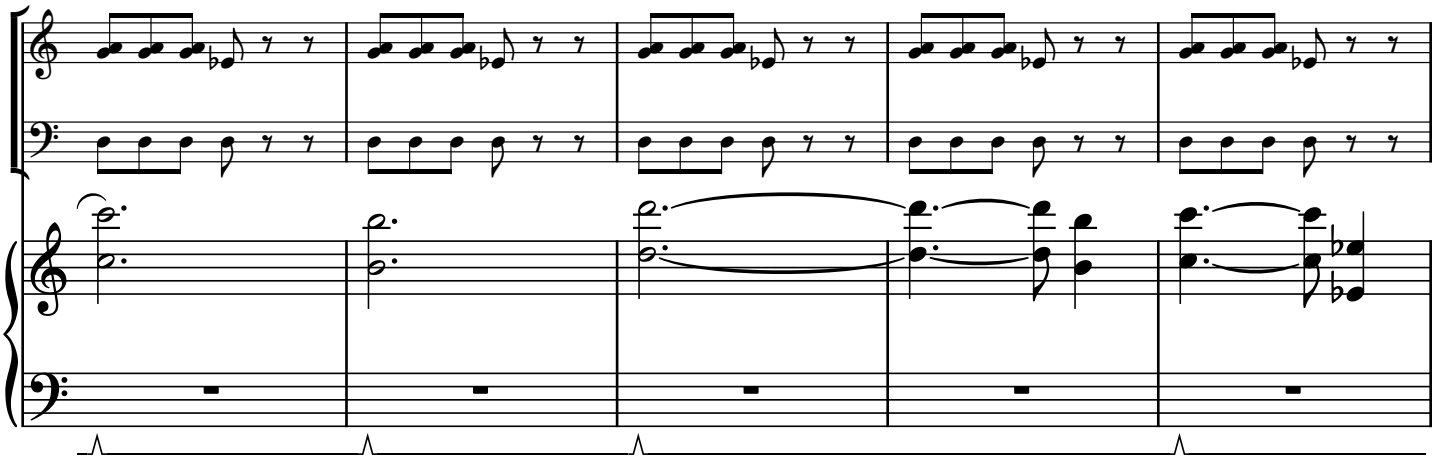

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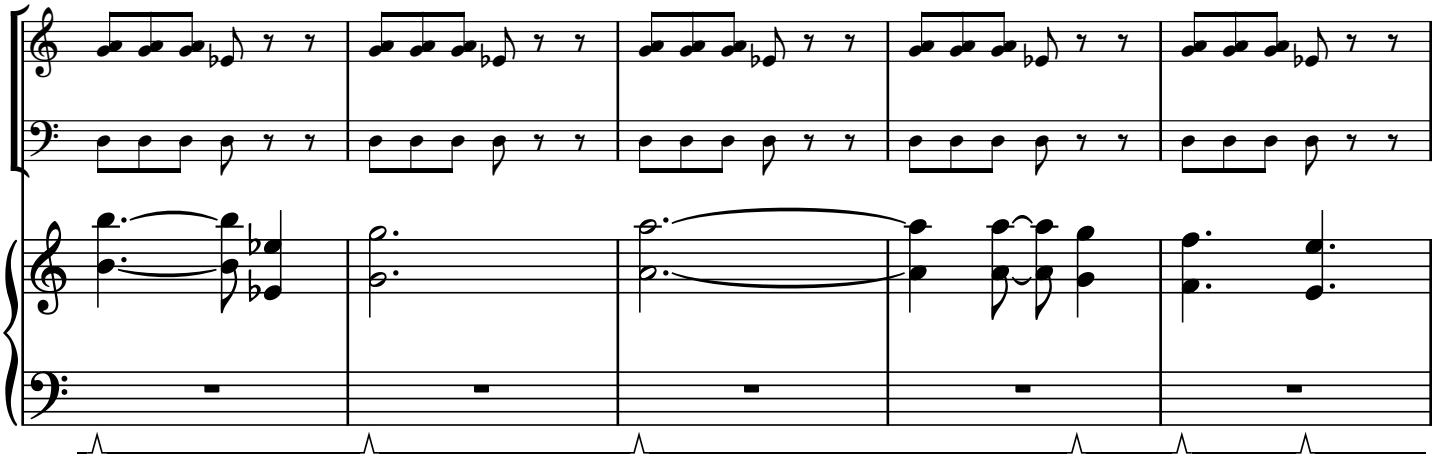

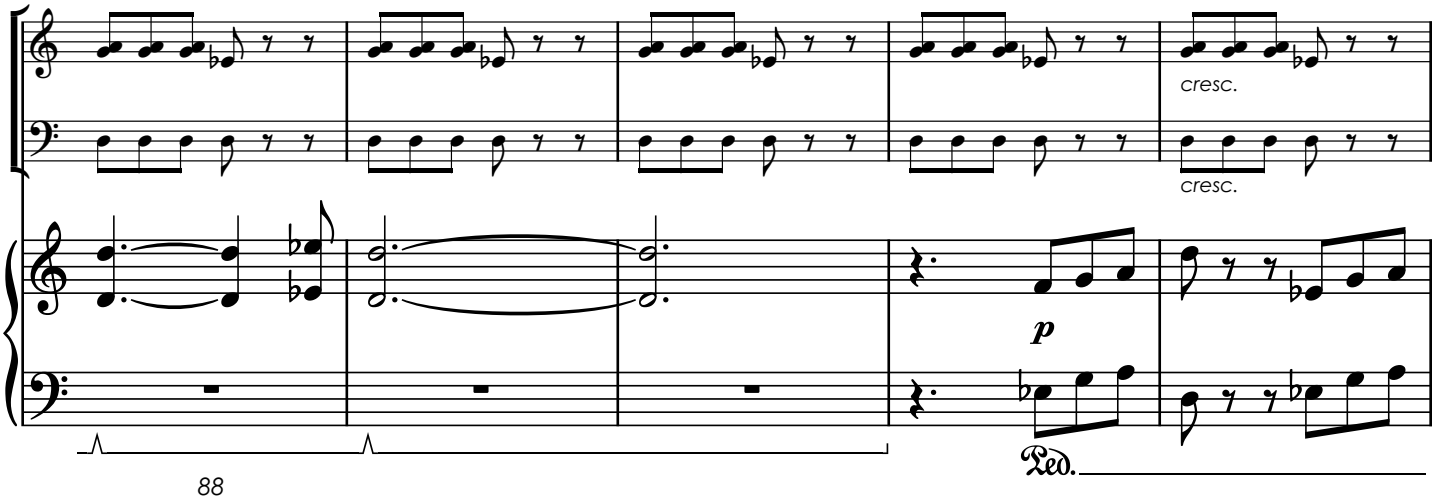
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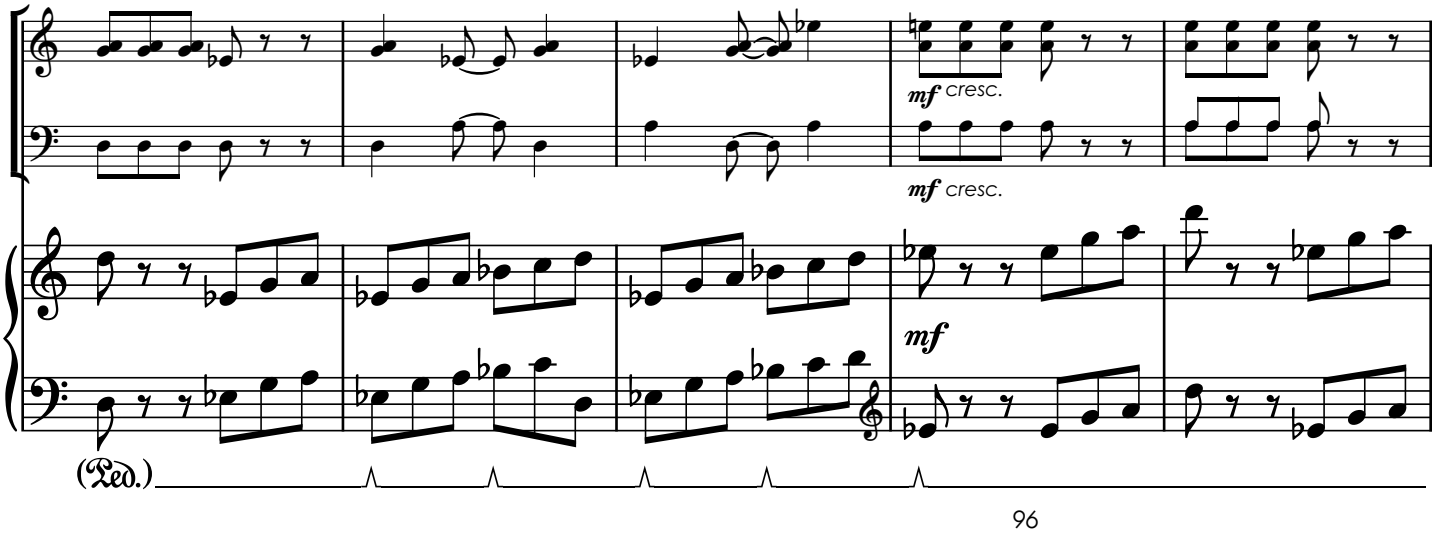
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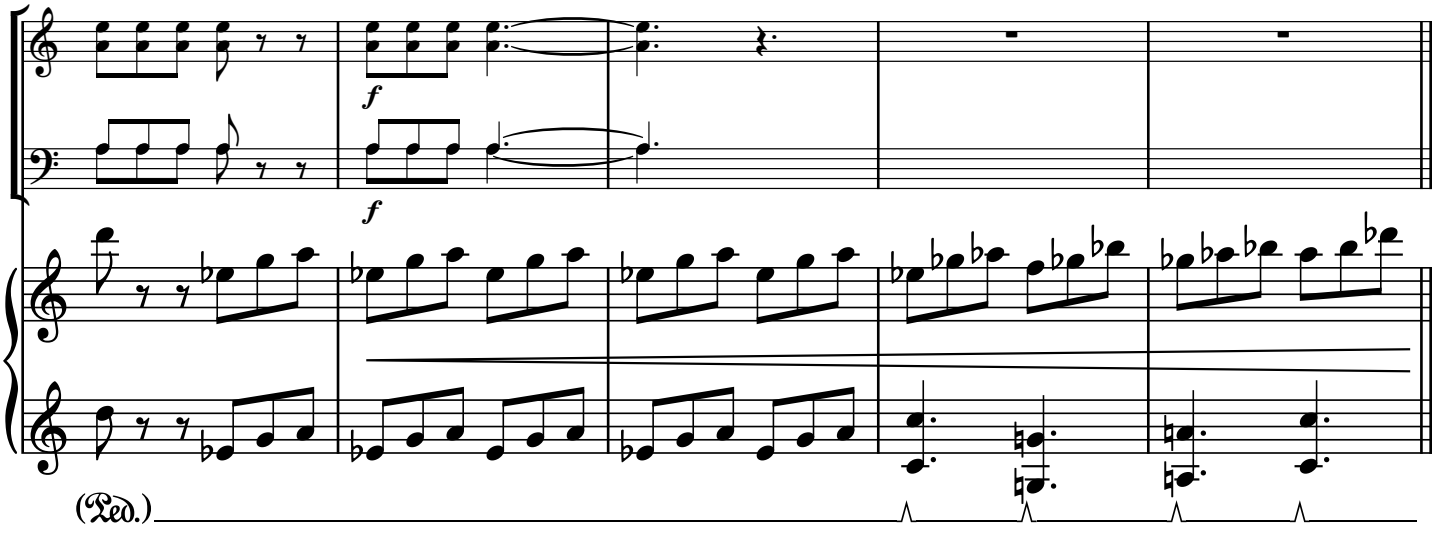
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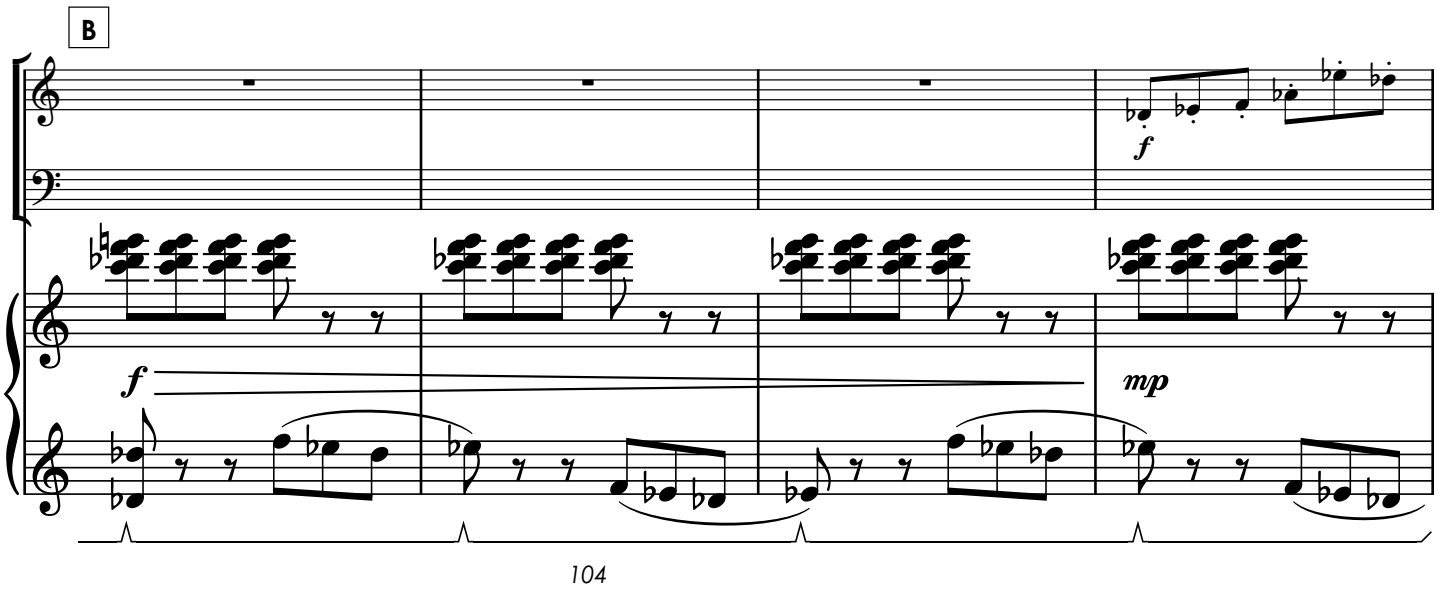

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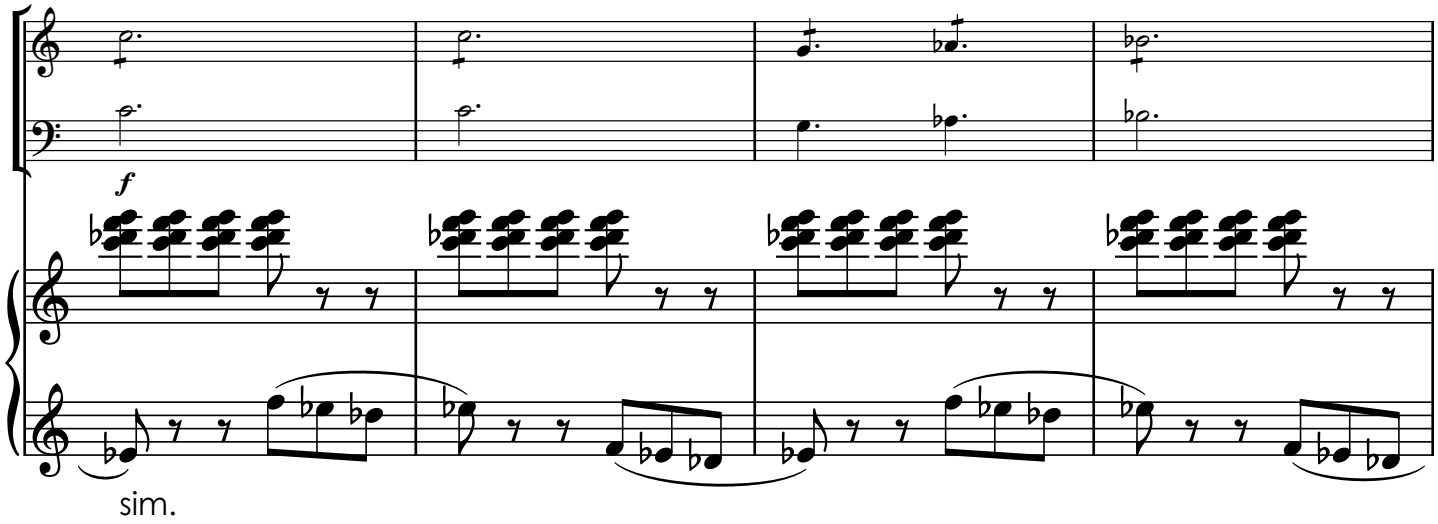

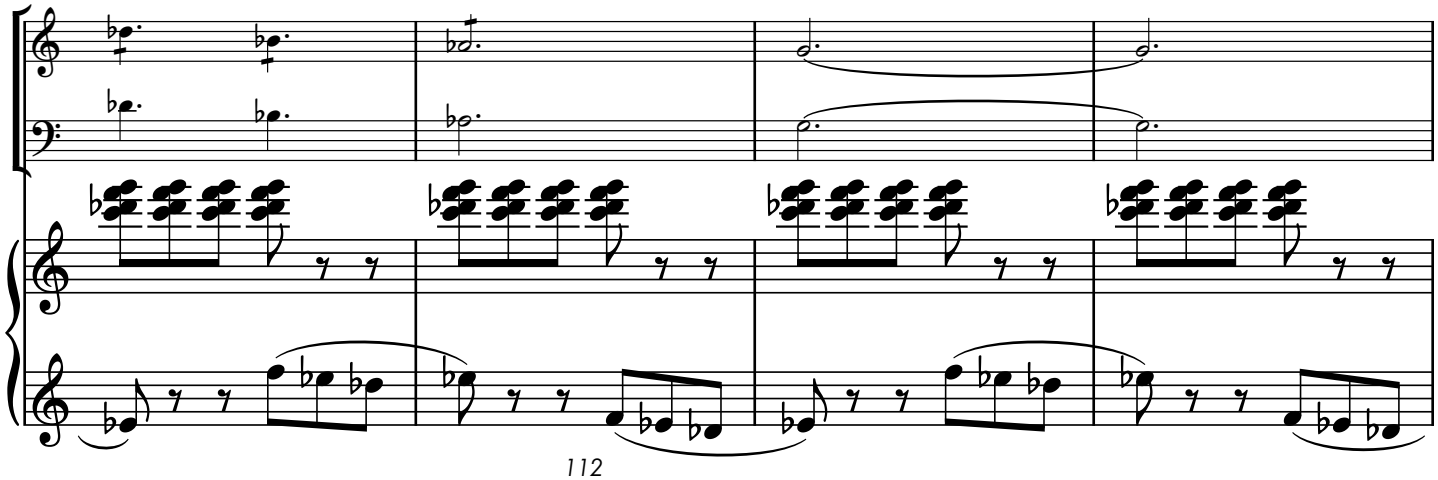

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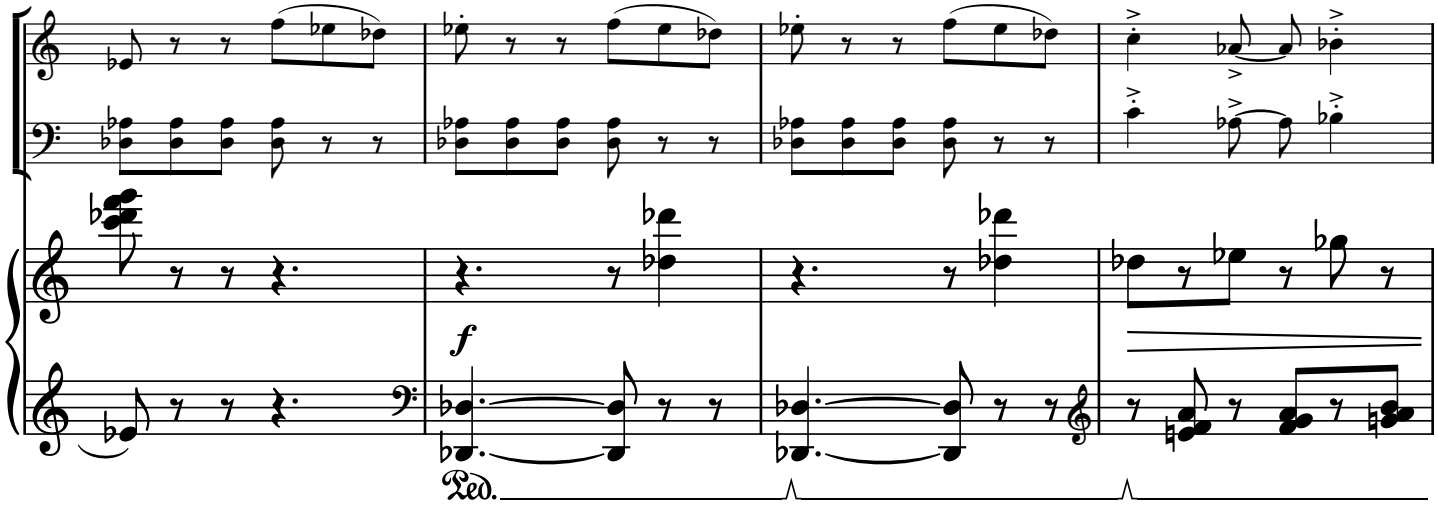

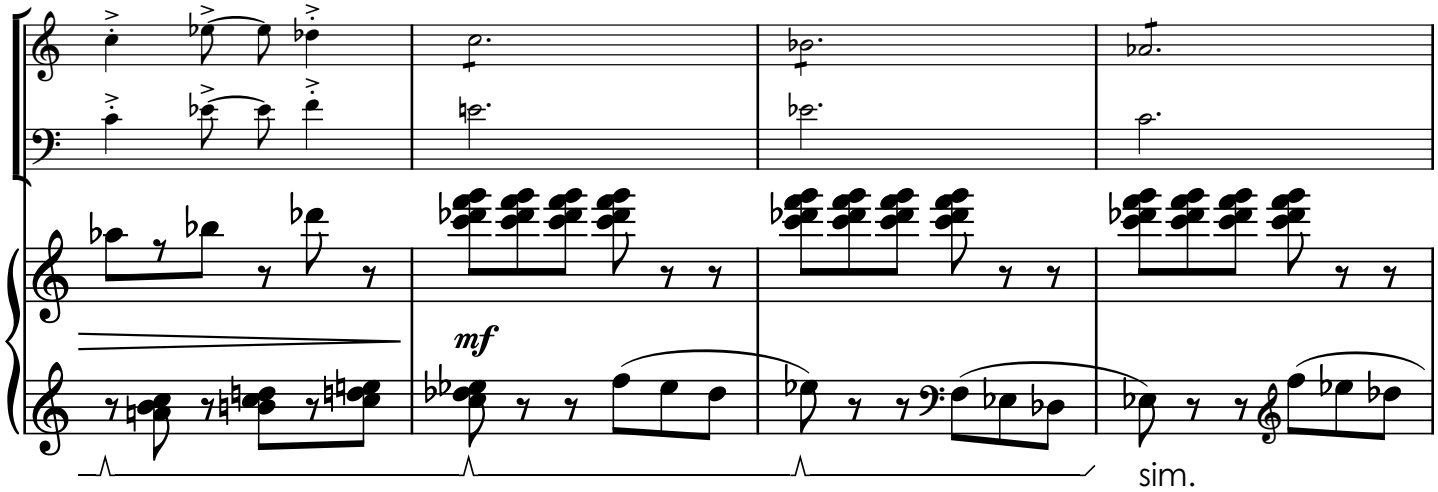

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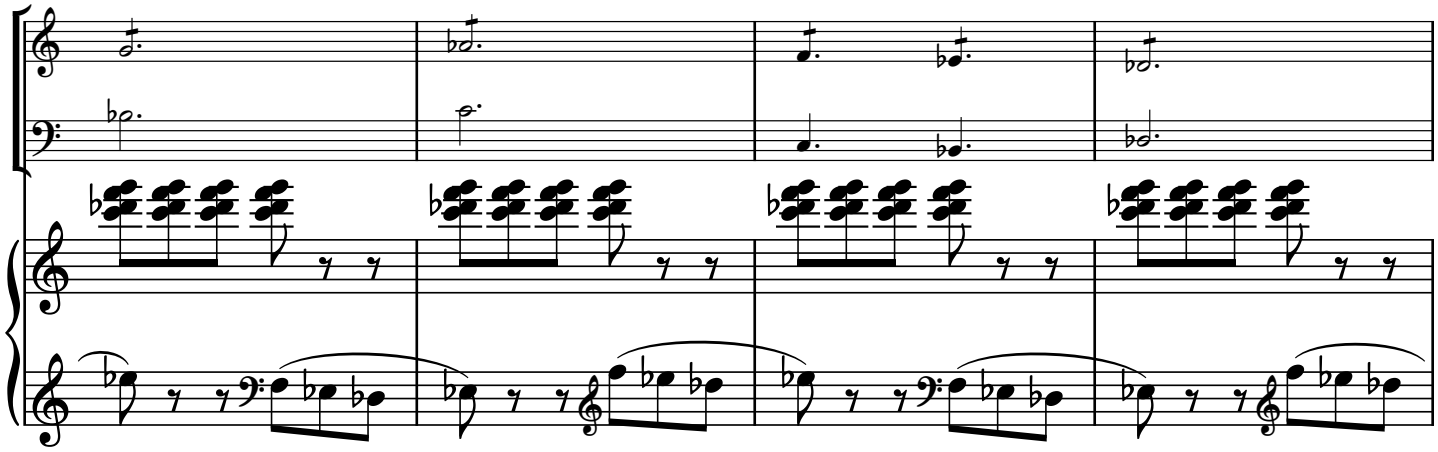

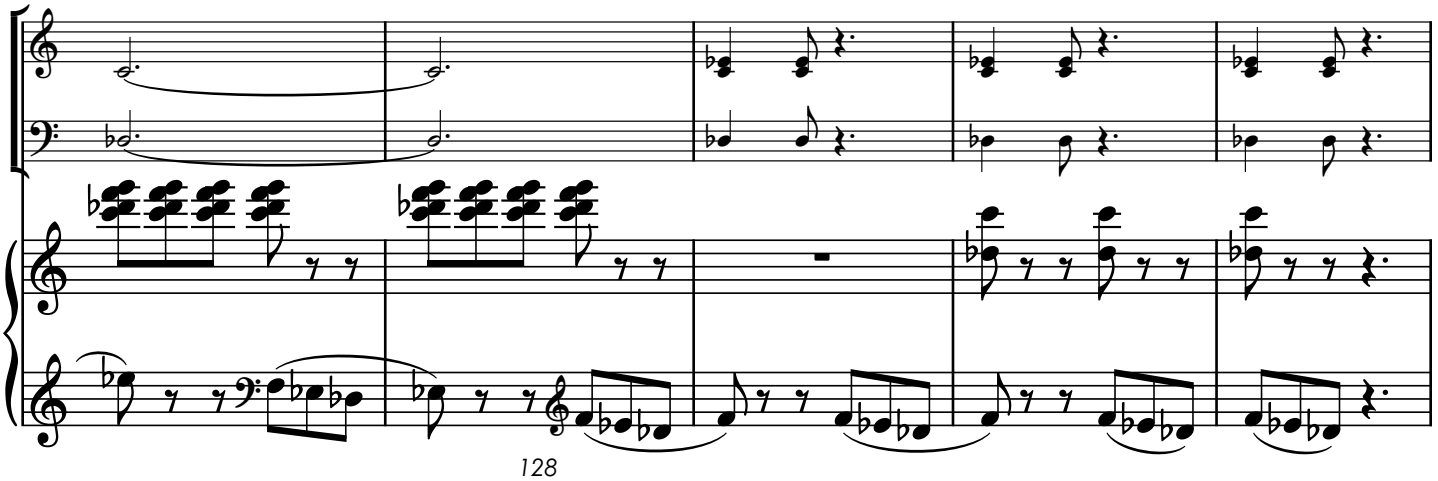

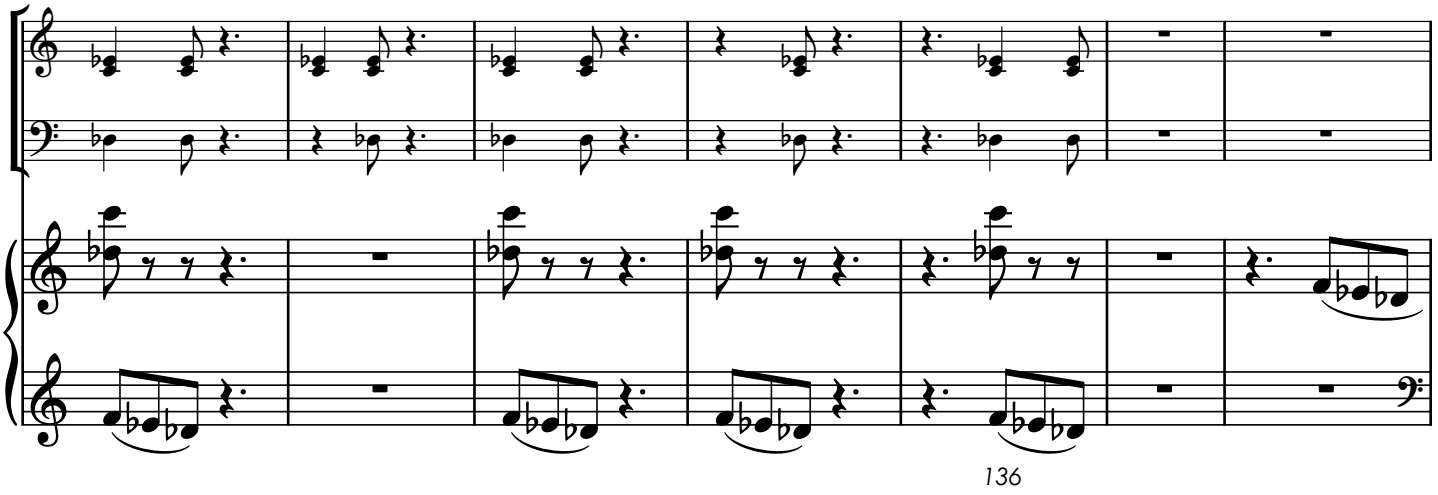

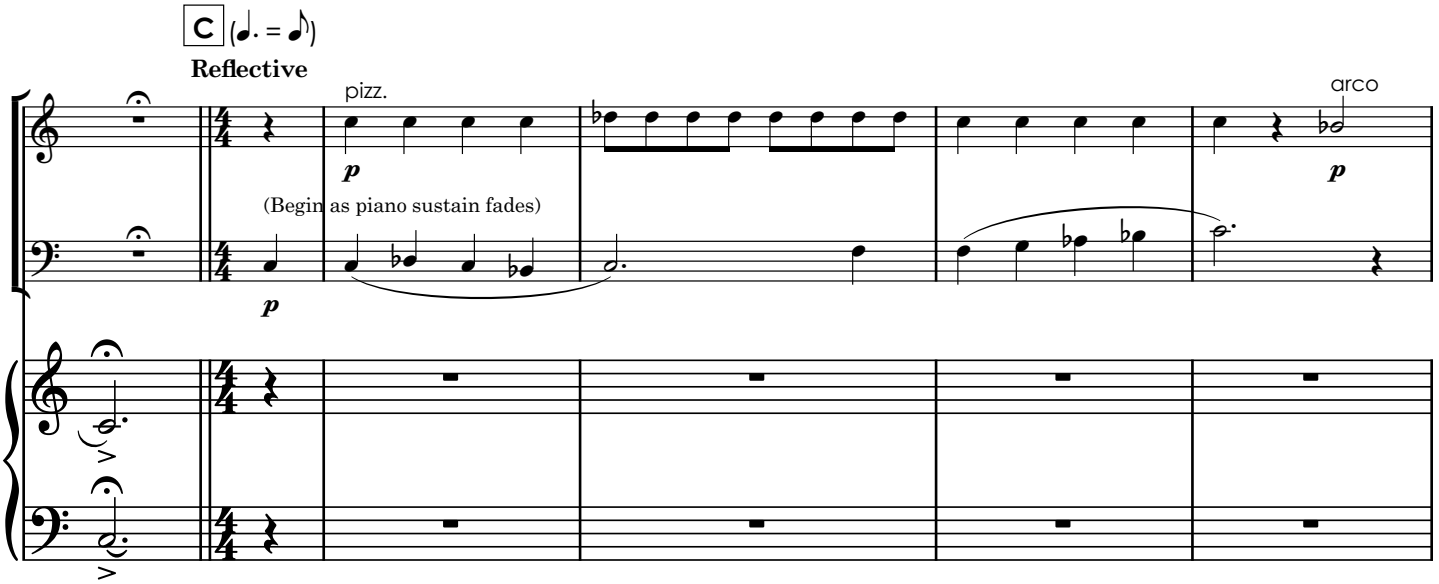

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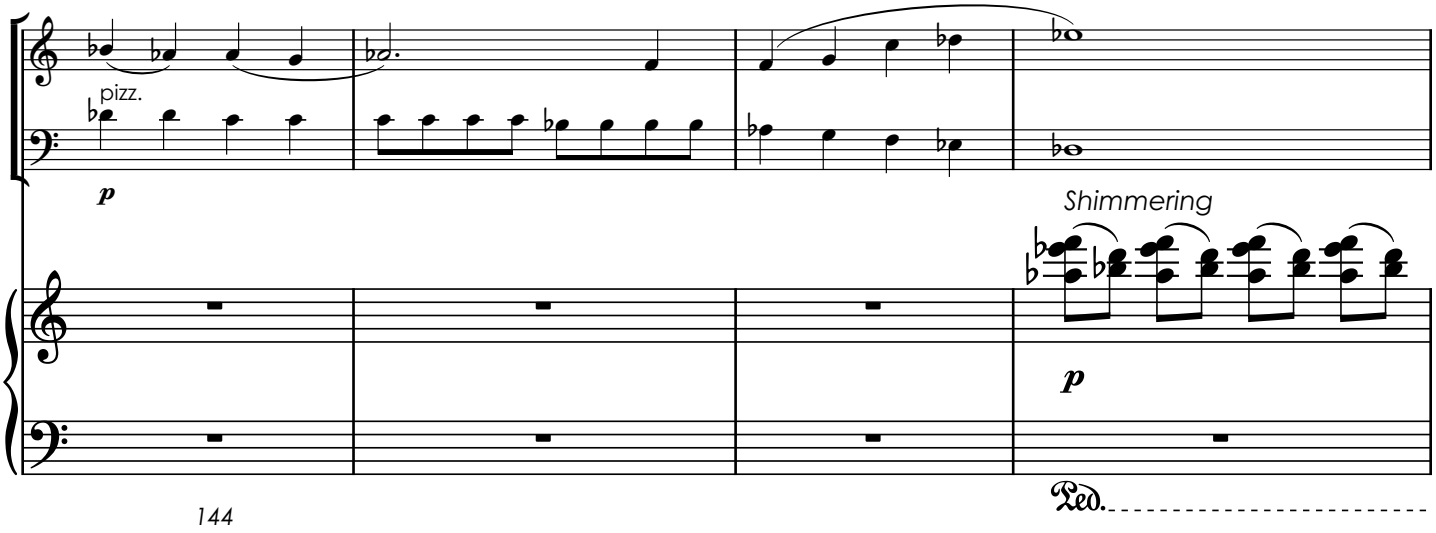

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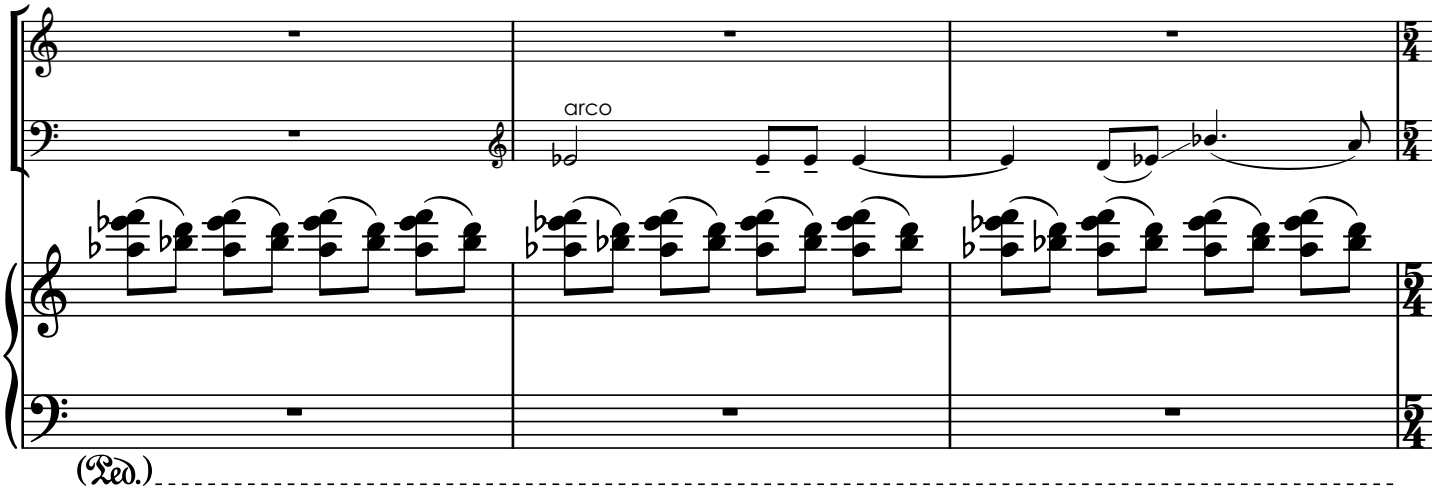

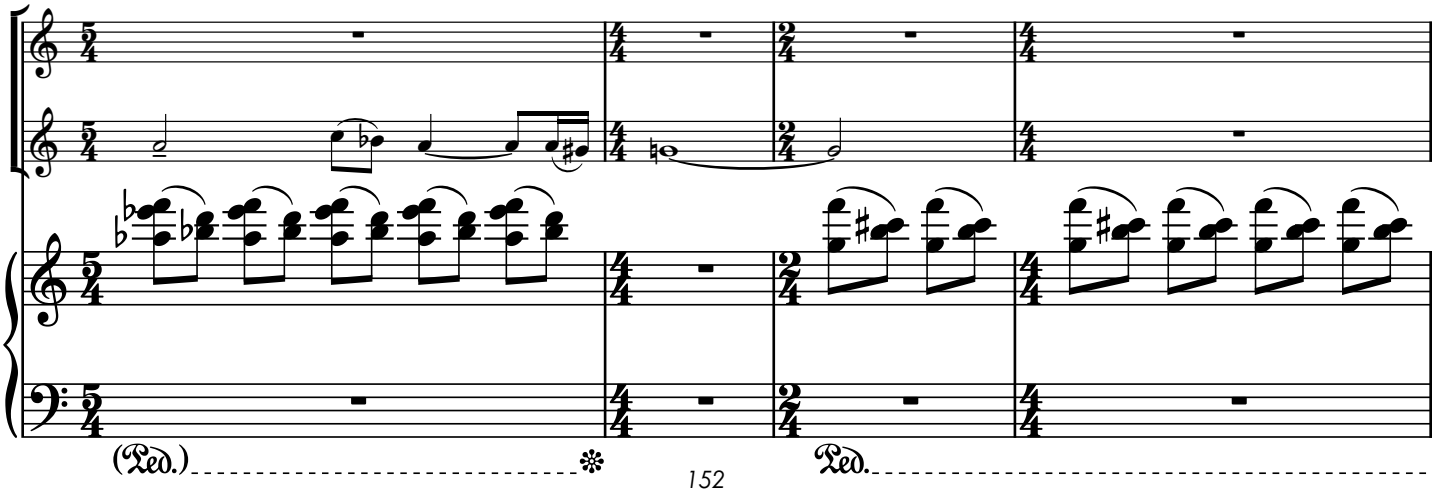

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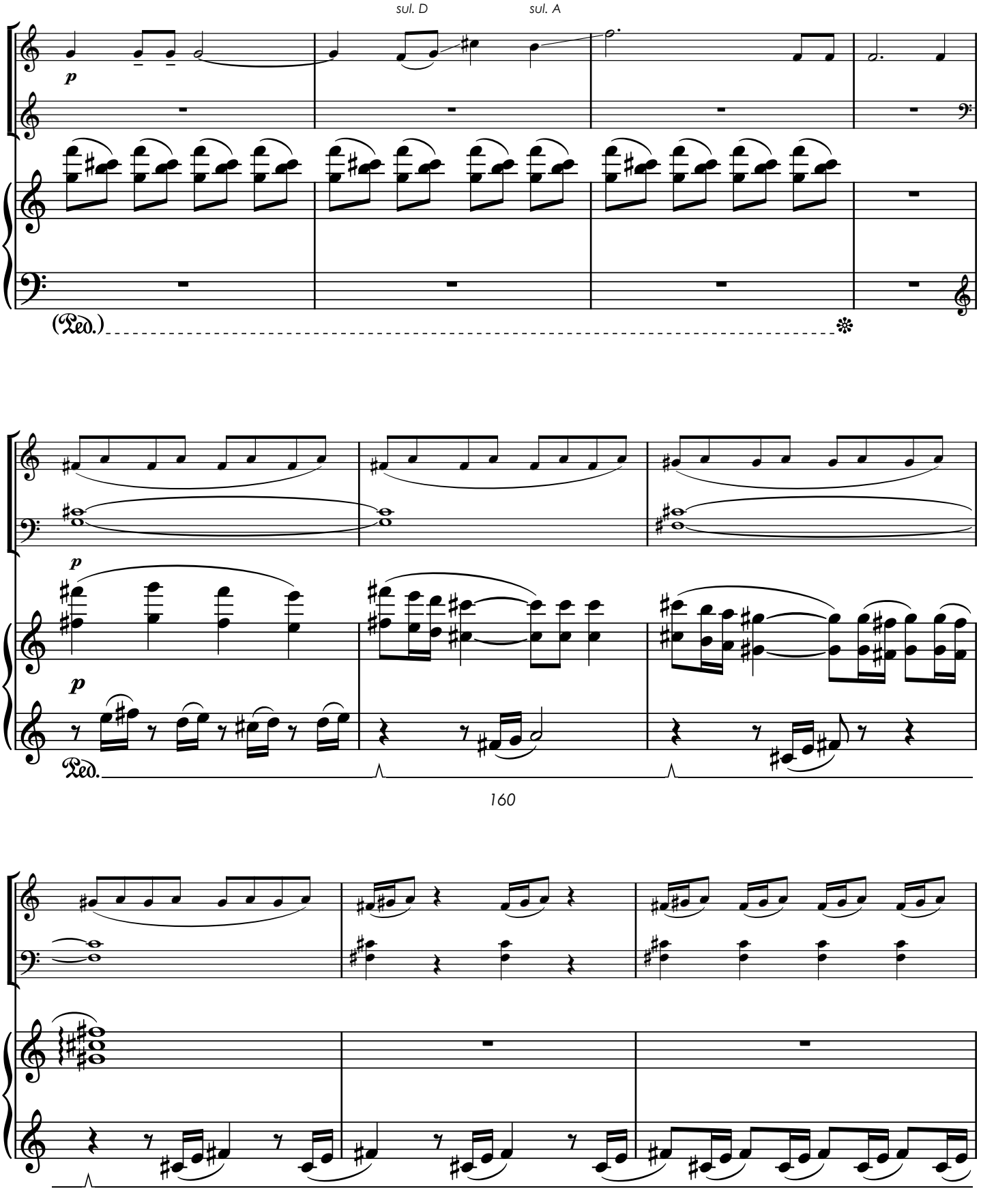
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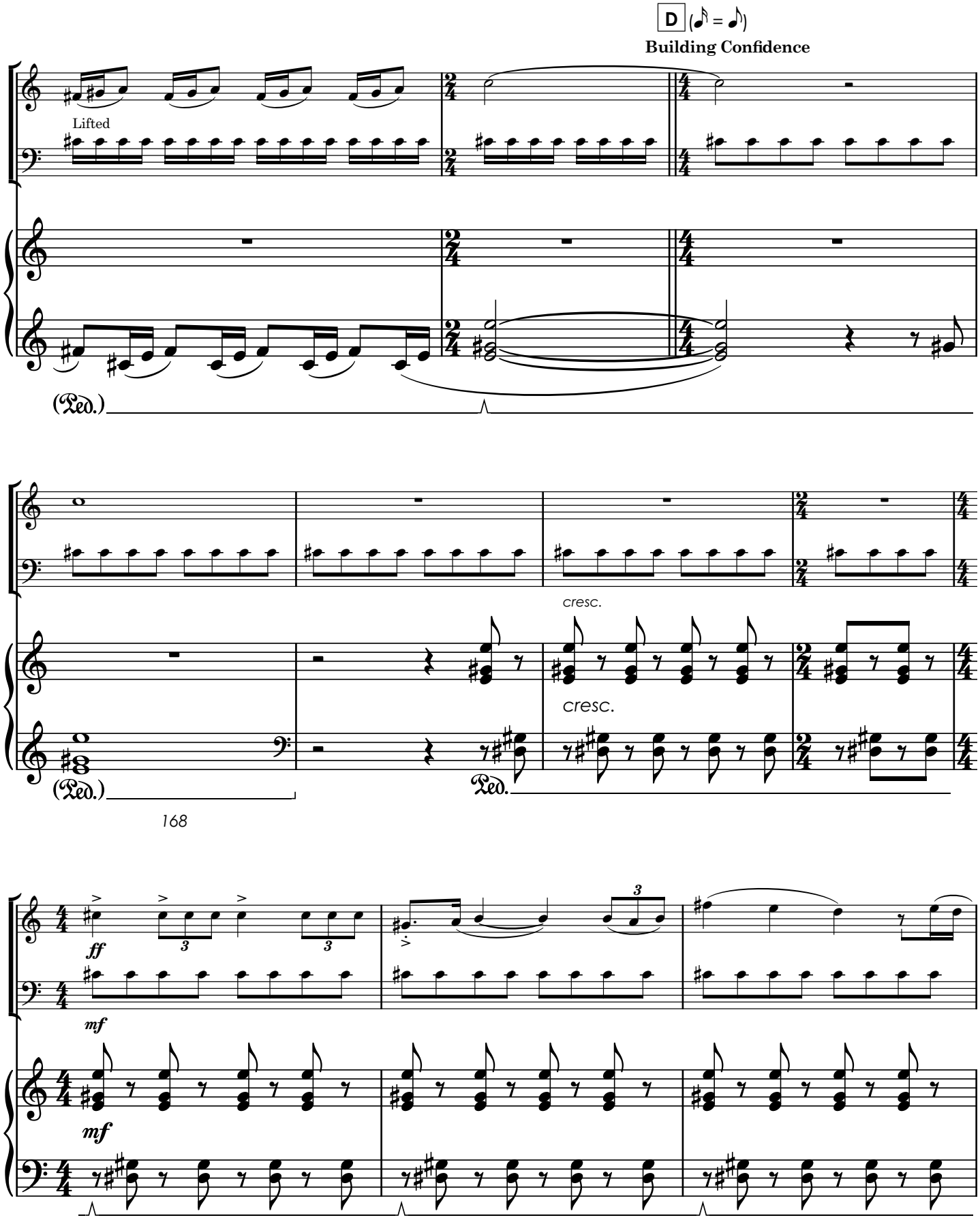
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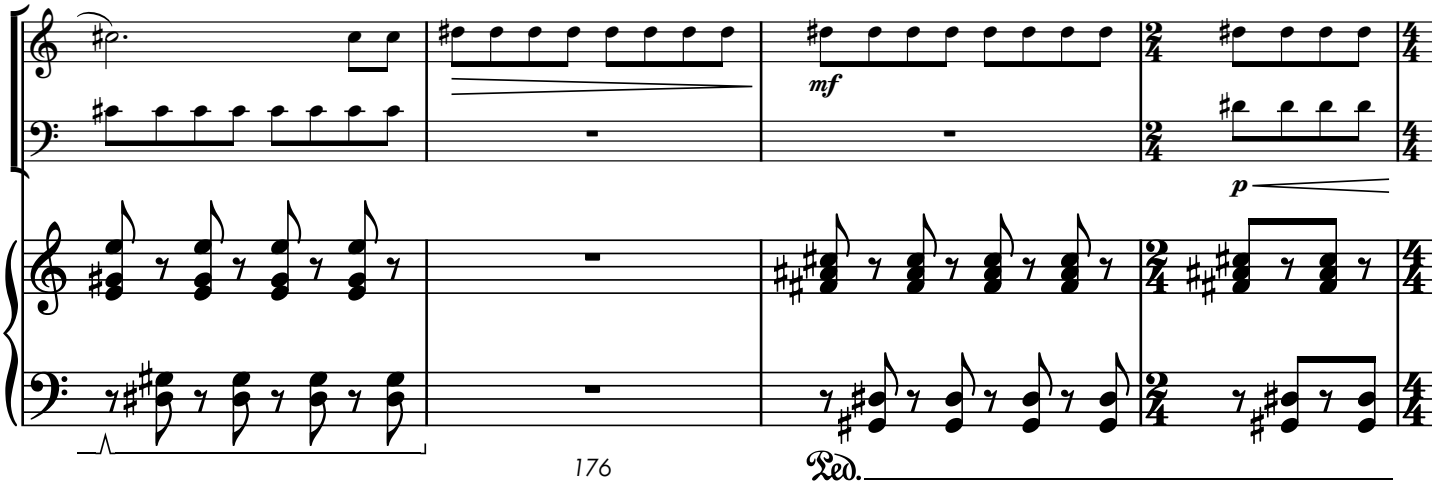
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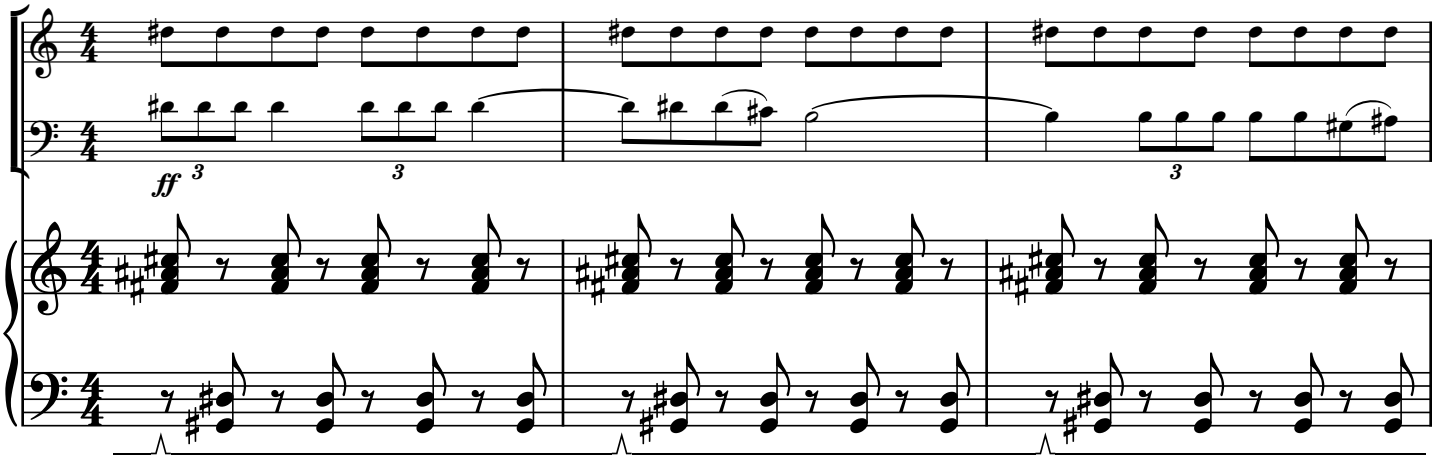
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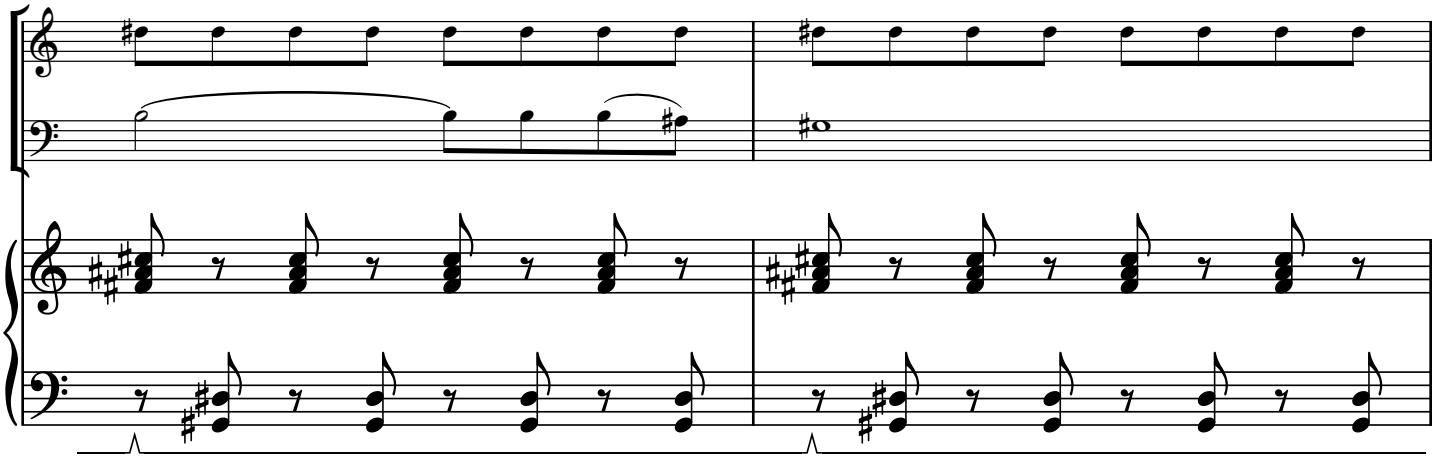

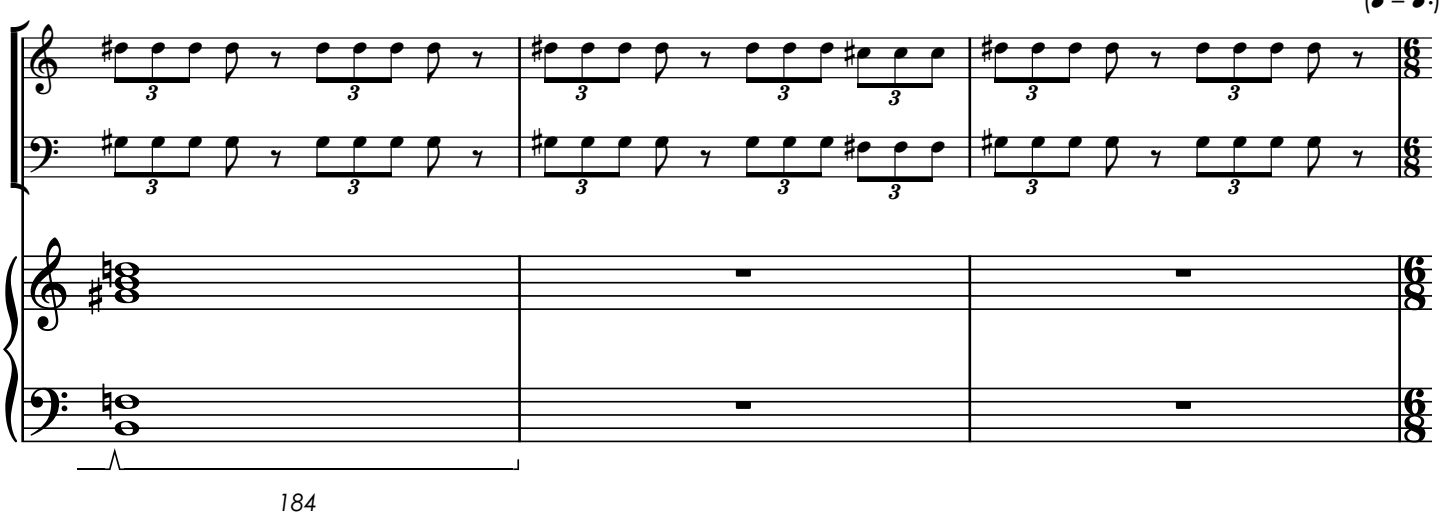
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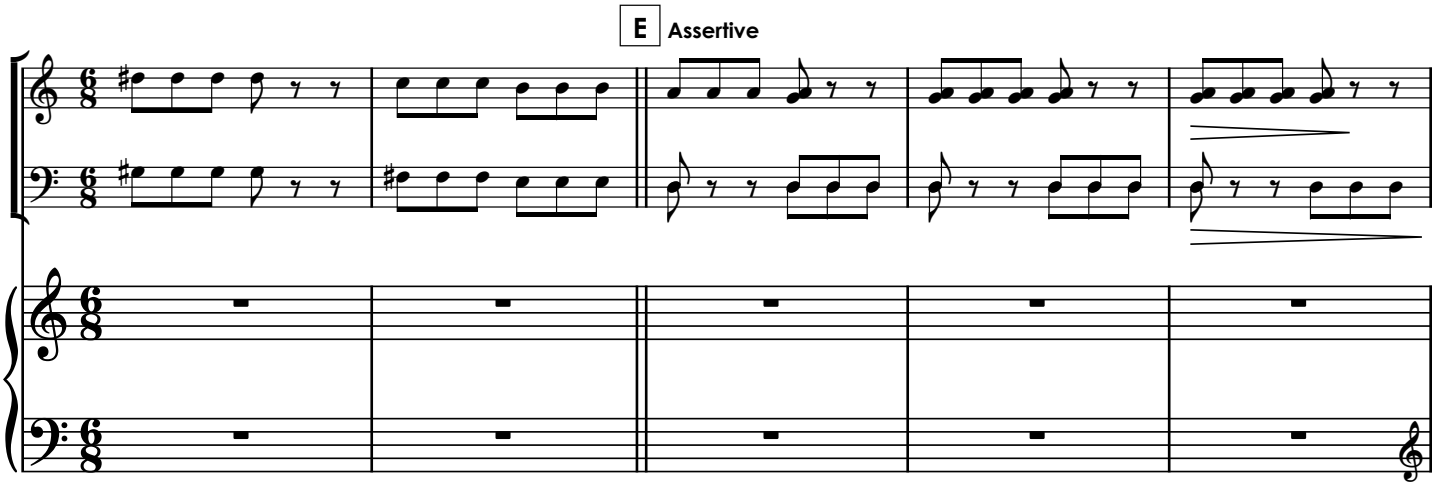
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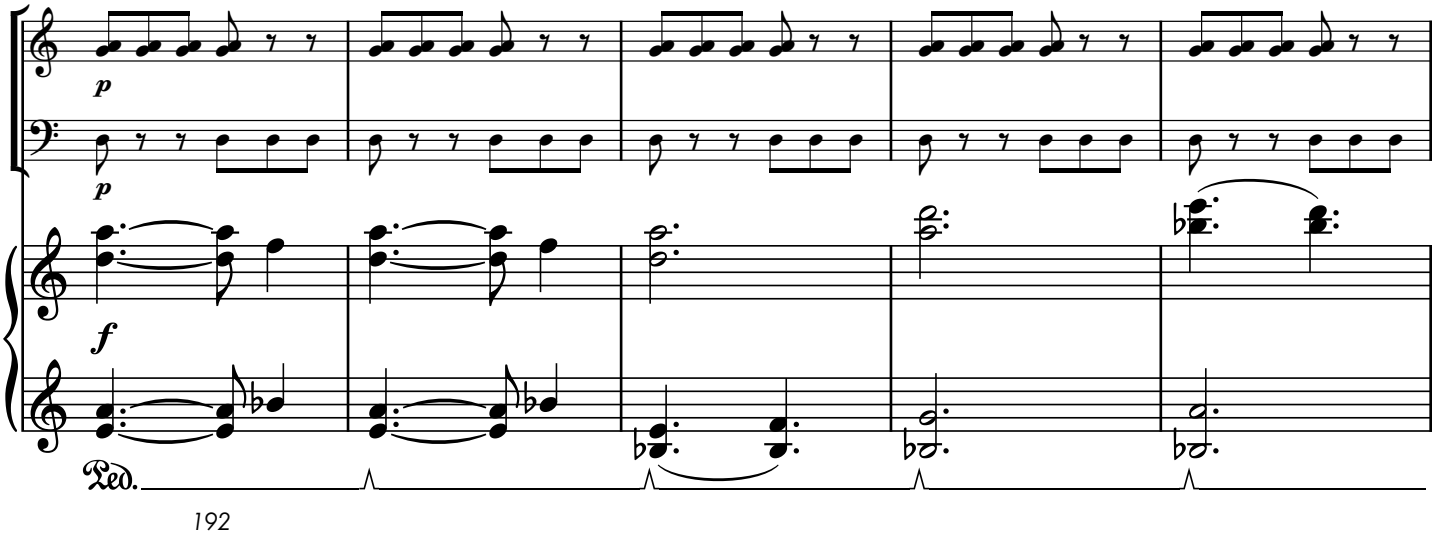
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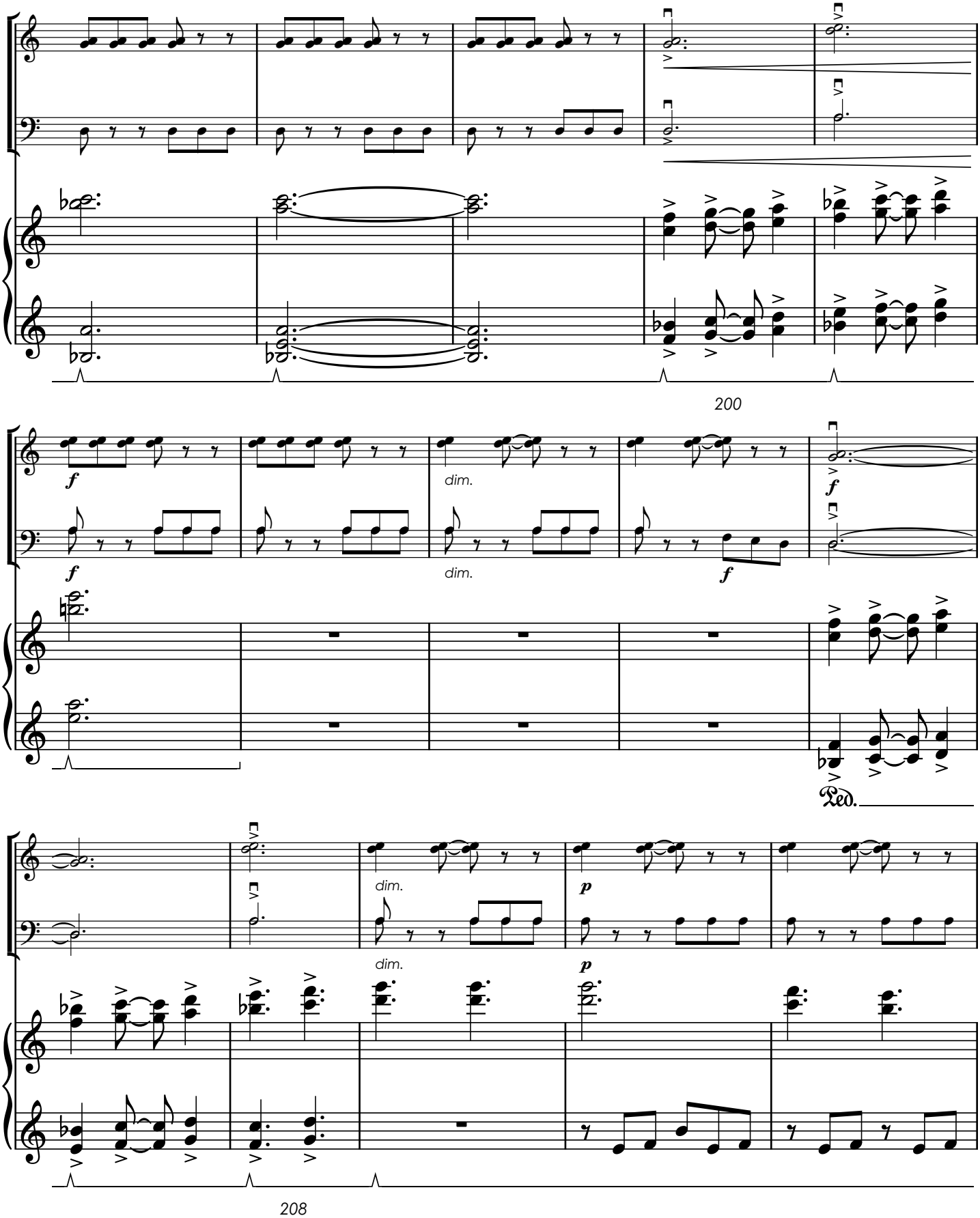
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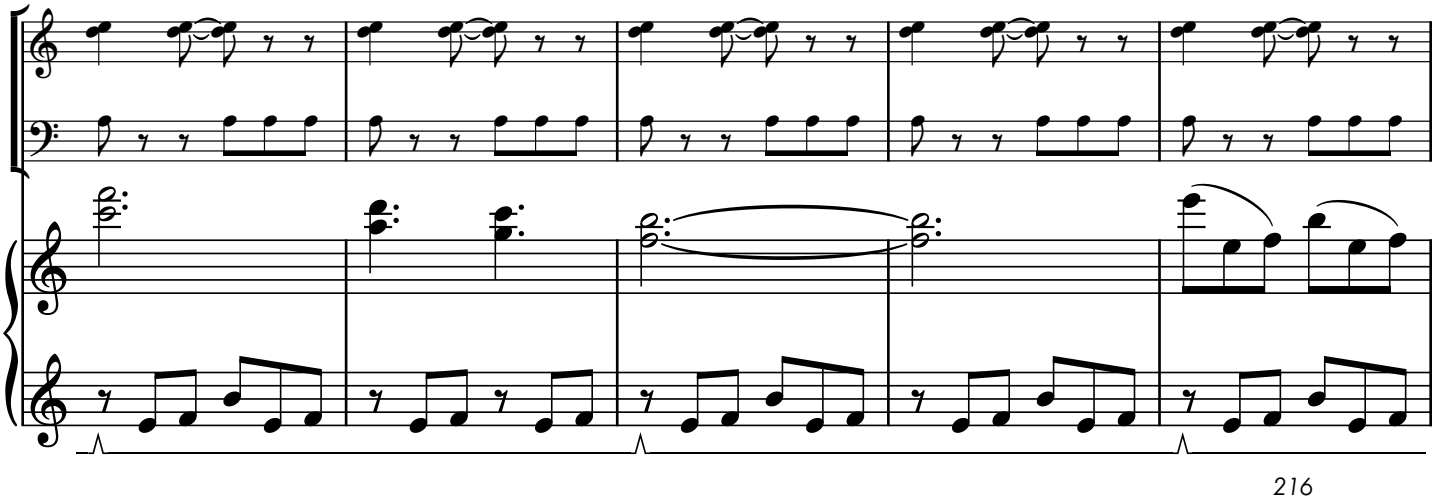

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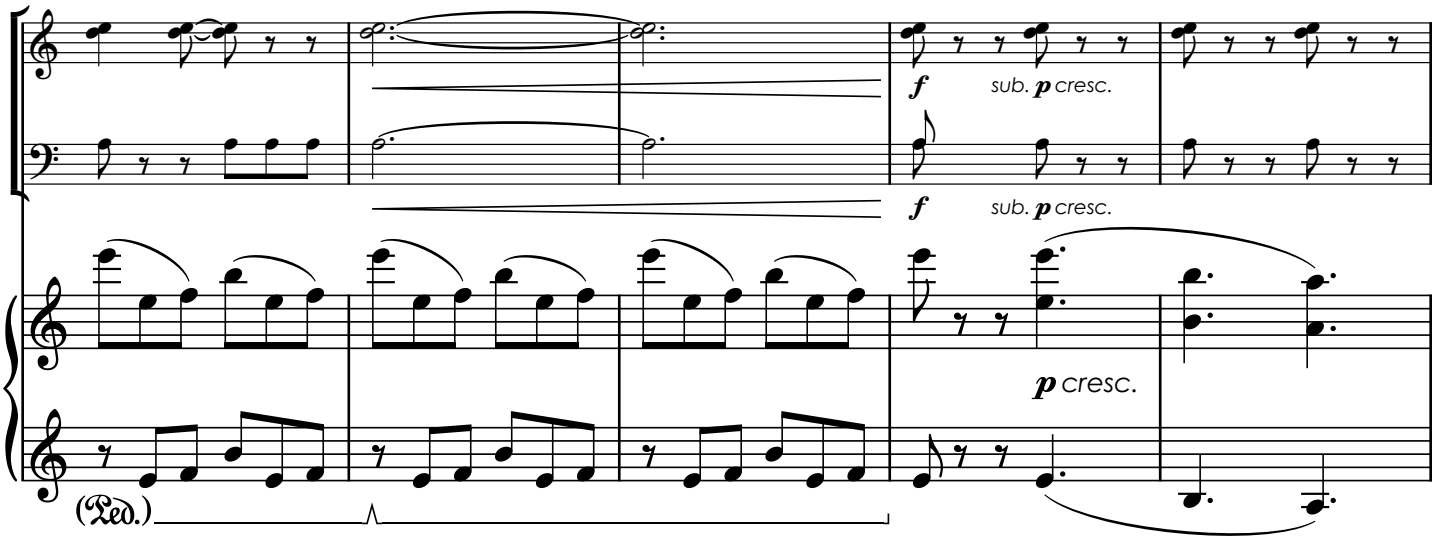

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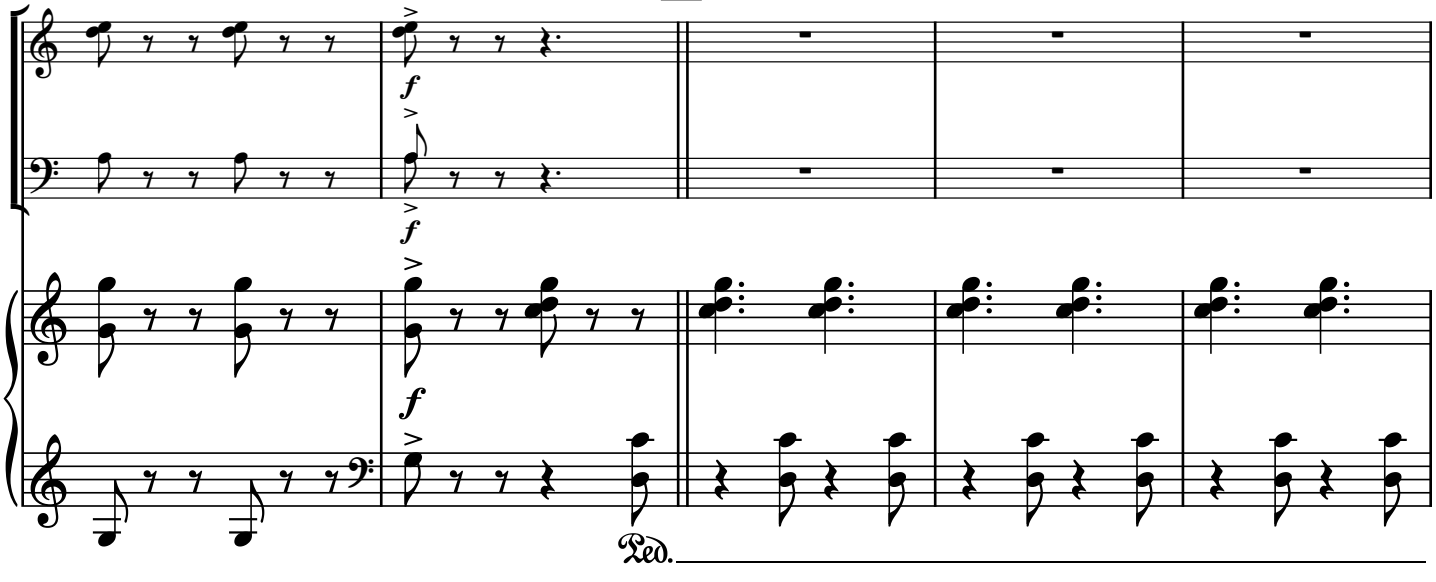

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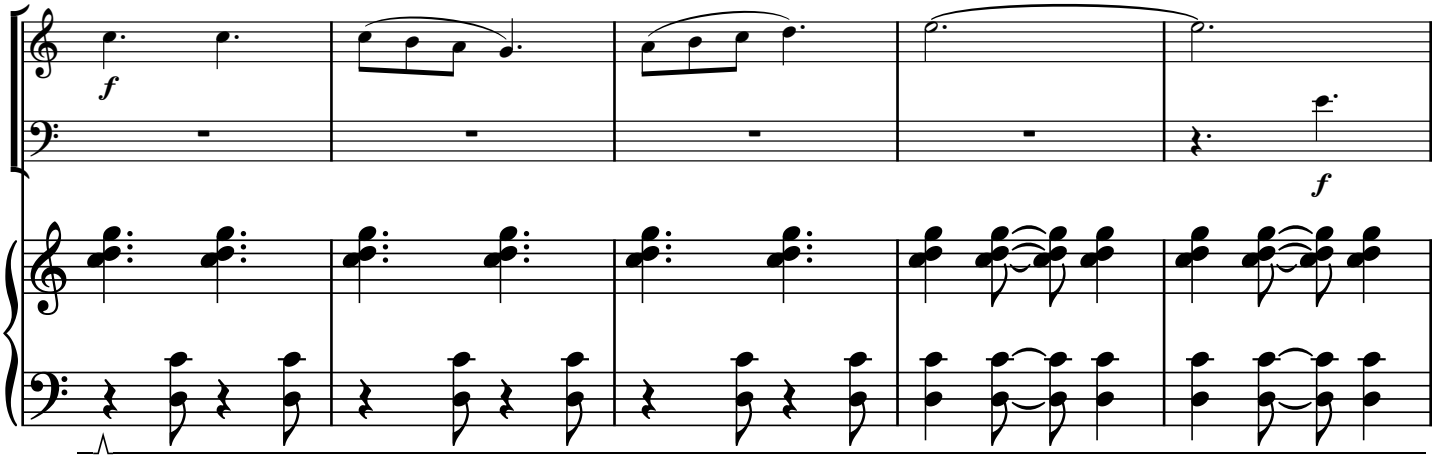

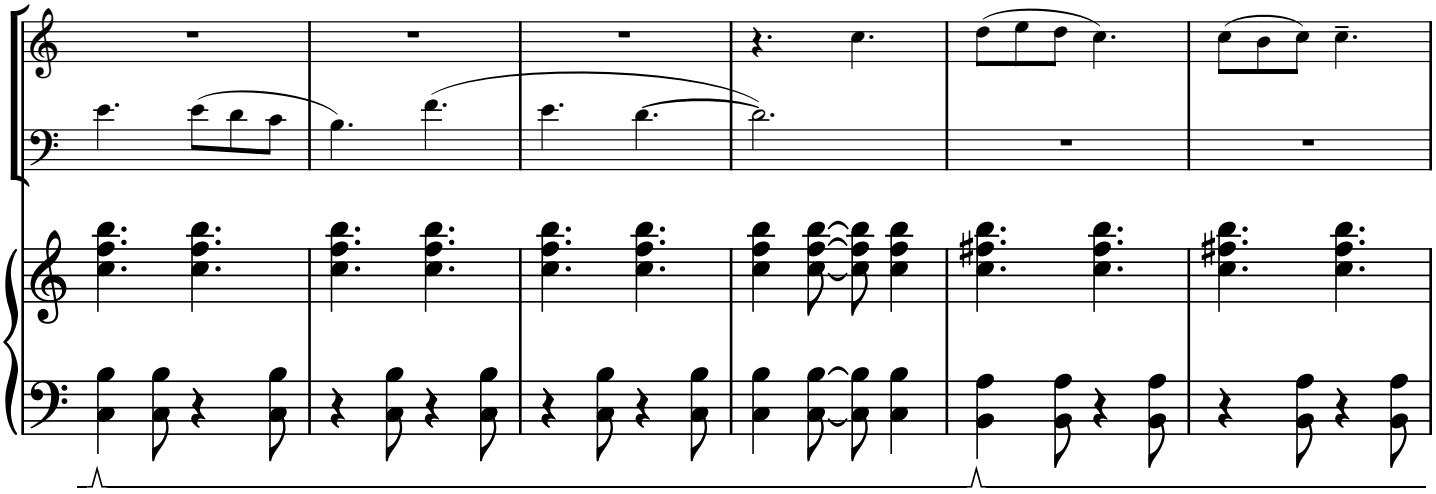

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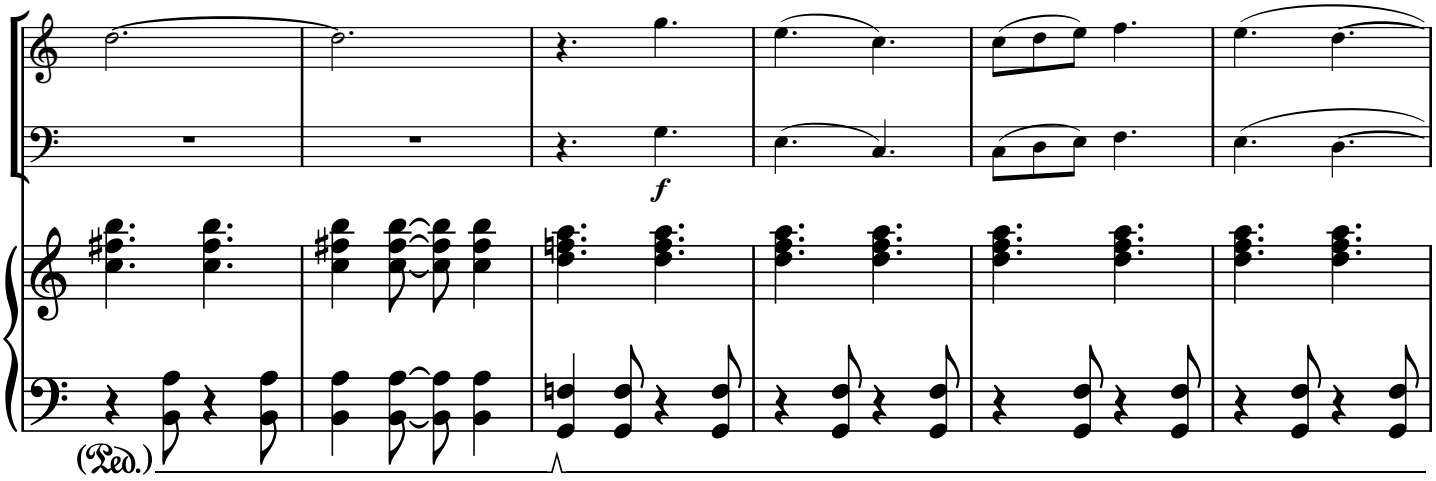

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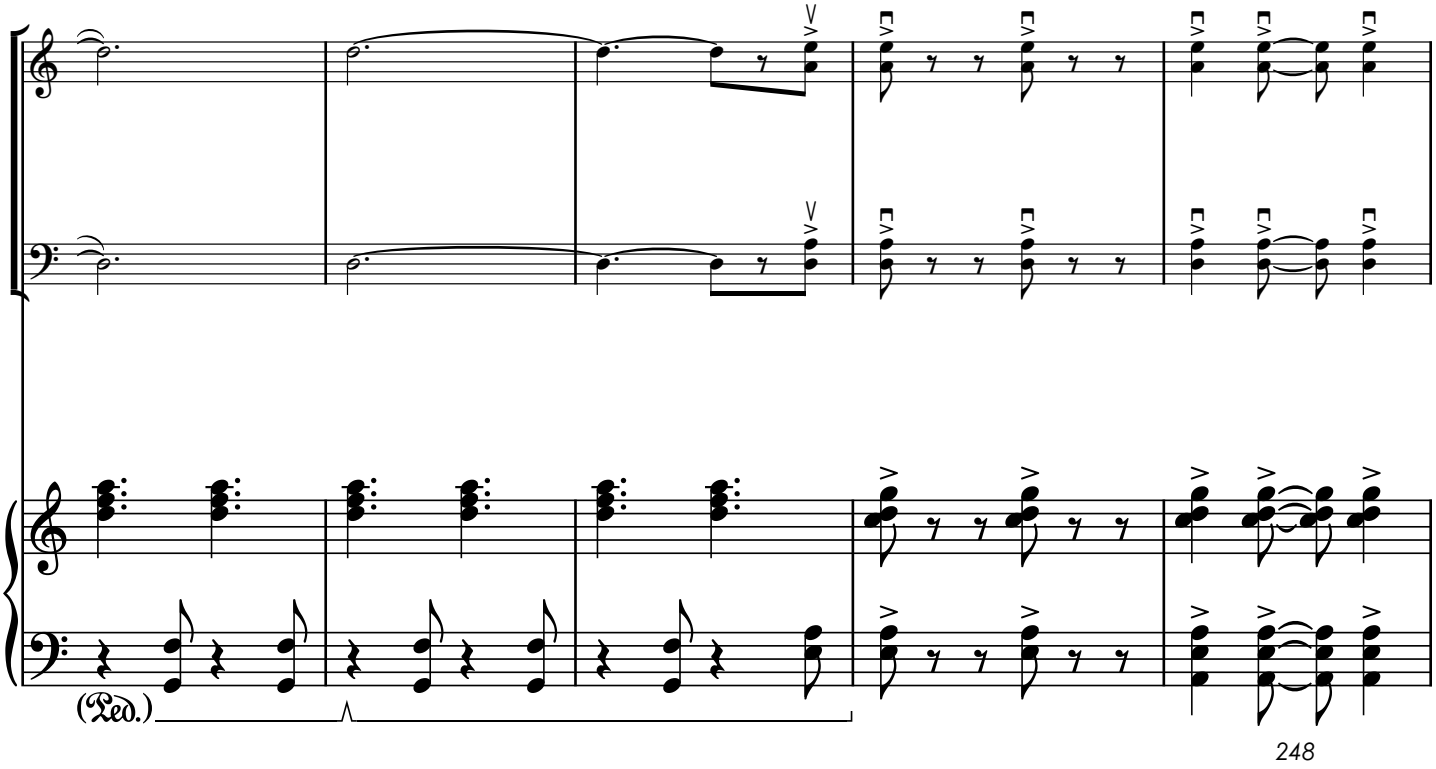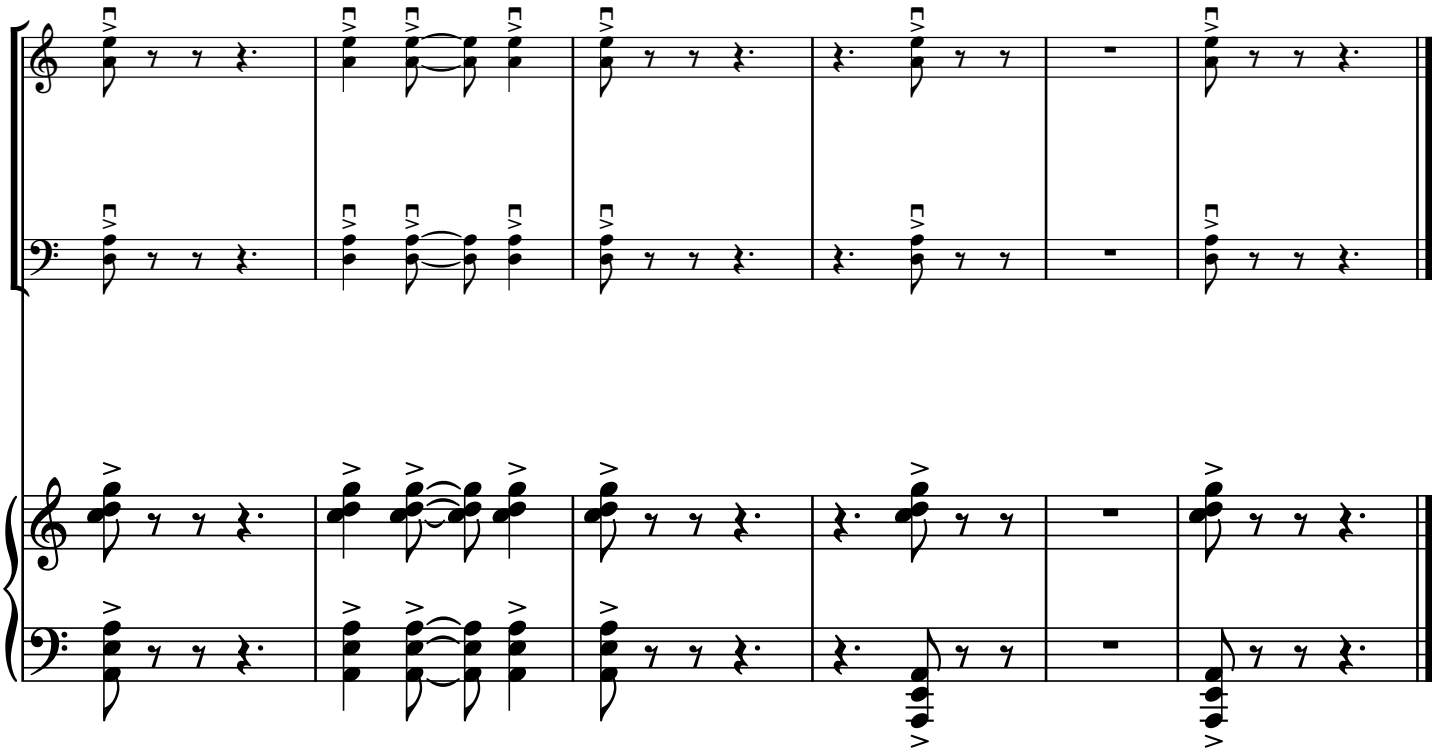
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