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Part One

PERCUSSION MUSIC for FIVE PLAYERS
(with conductor)
1976

In three movements:
1) Movement 1
2) Axis
3) Rondo

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PERCUSSION MUSIC for 5 PLAYERS

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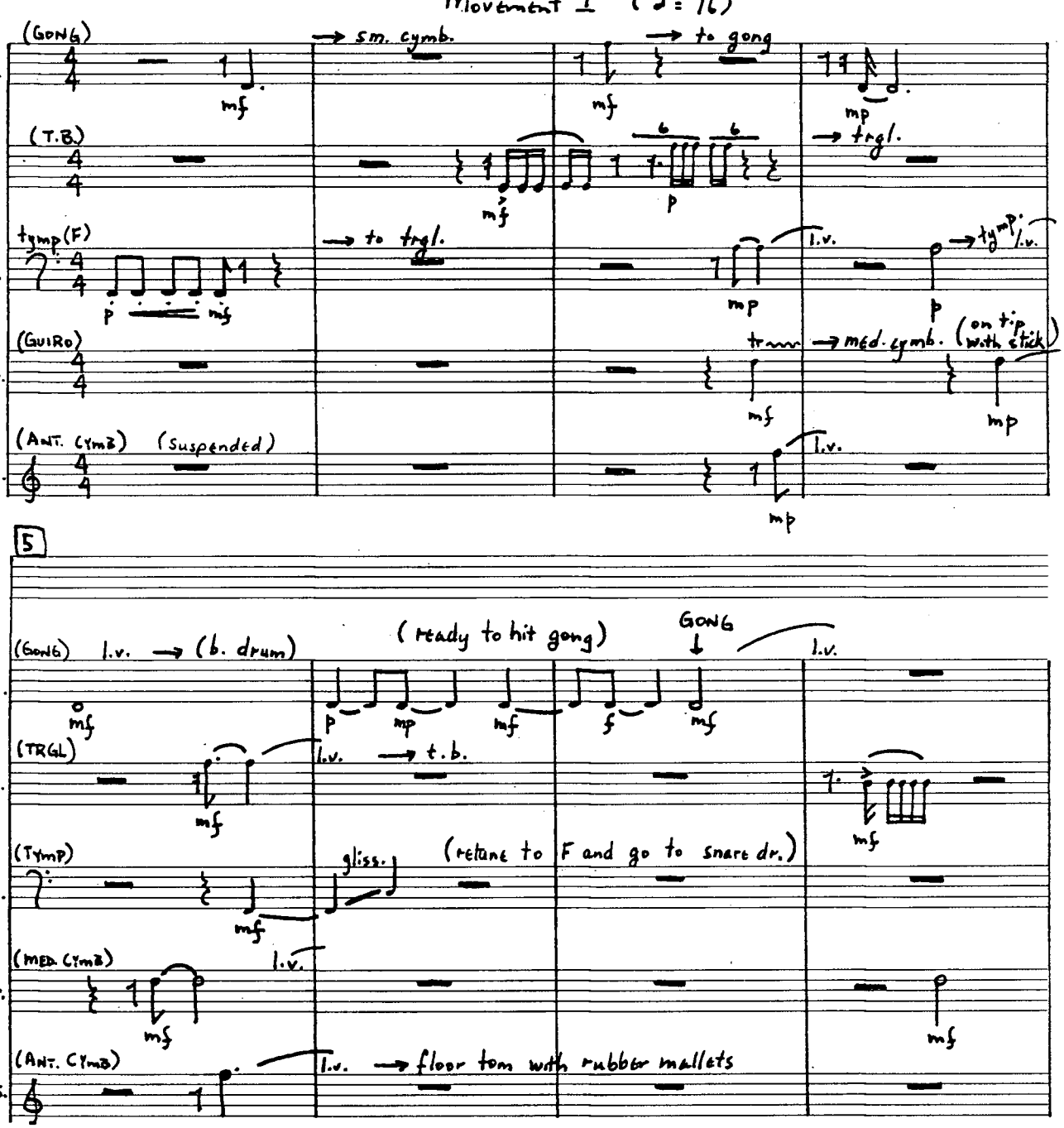
1976

I	II	III	IV	V
Gong	Temple blocks	tympany (F)	guiro	Antique cymbal
* triangle stick	triangle	triangle	medium cymbal (thin with stick and felt mallets)	floor tom (rubber mallets
Small cymbal	tympany (d)	snare drum		temple blocks
bass drum.	high hat (brushes)			
medium cymbal (thick)				



PLAYER I * gong and bass drum must be placed together

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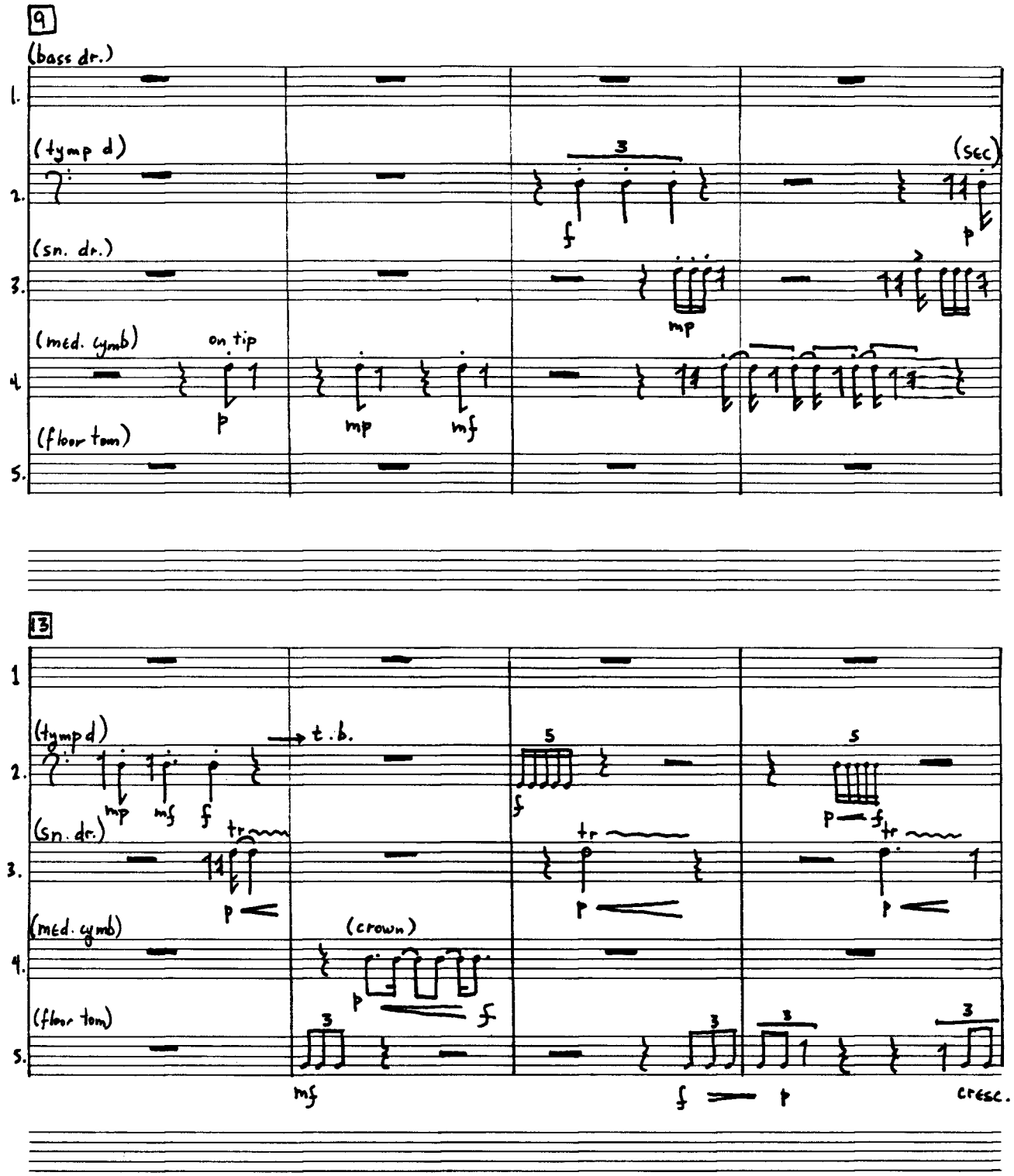
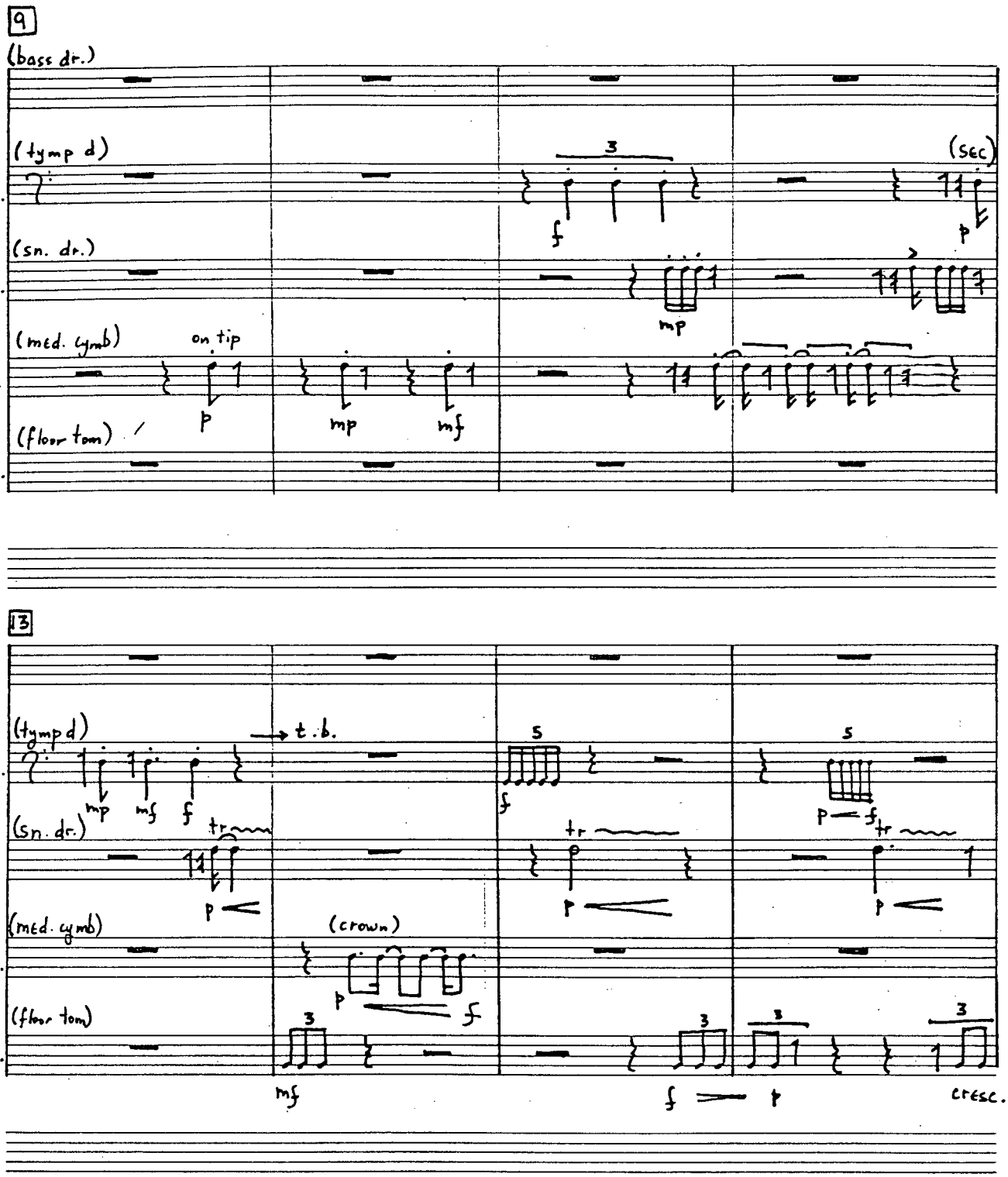

9
(bass dr.)
1.
(tymp d)
2.
(sn. dr.)
3.
(med. cymb)
on tip
4.
(floor tom)
5.
3
f
(sec)
p
mp
p
mp
mf
13
1
(tymp d)
t.b.
2.
mp
mf
f
tr
(sn. dr.)
3.
p
(med. cymb)
(crown)
4.
p
f
(floor tom)
5.
mf
5
f
tr
p
5
p
f
tr
p
3
3
3
3
f
p
cresc.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5.
3
f
(sec)
p
mp
p
mp
mf
13
1
(tymp d)
t.b.
2.
(sn. dr.)
3.
(med. cymb)
4.
(floor tom)
5.
mp
mf
f
tr
p
(crown)
p
f
3
mf
5
f
tr
p
5
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tr
p
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f
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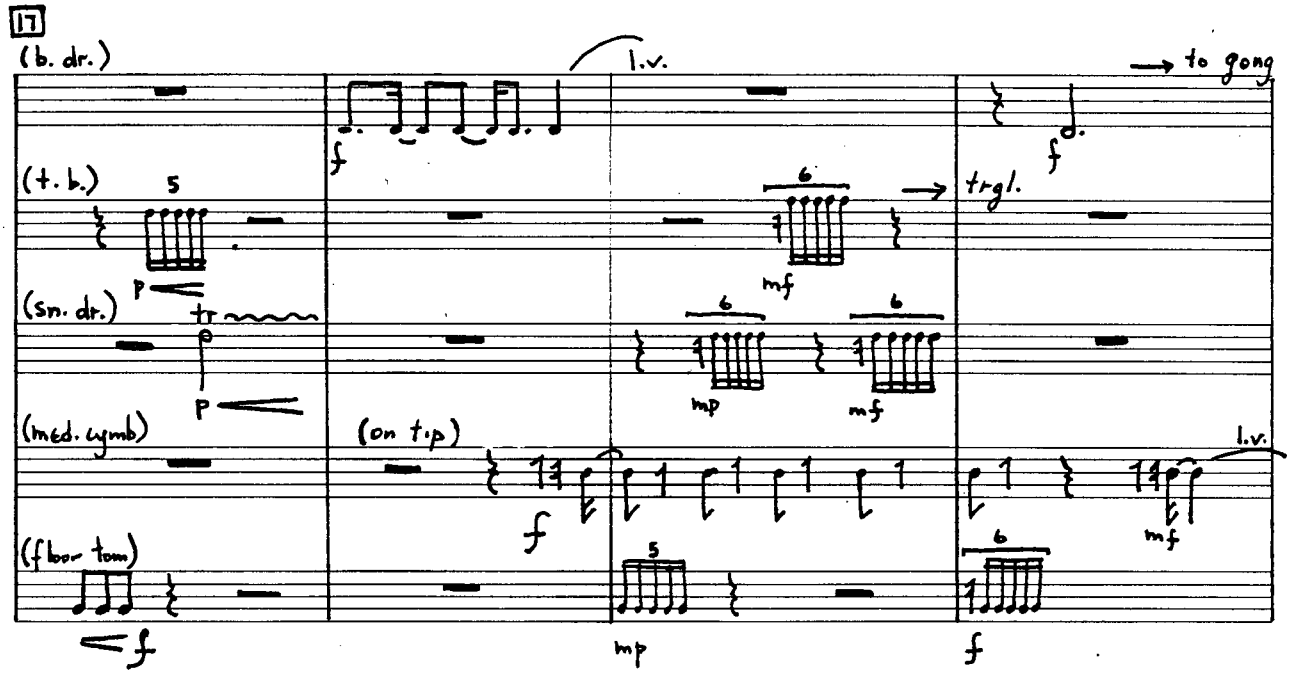
f
p
3
3
cresc.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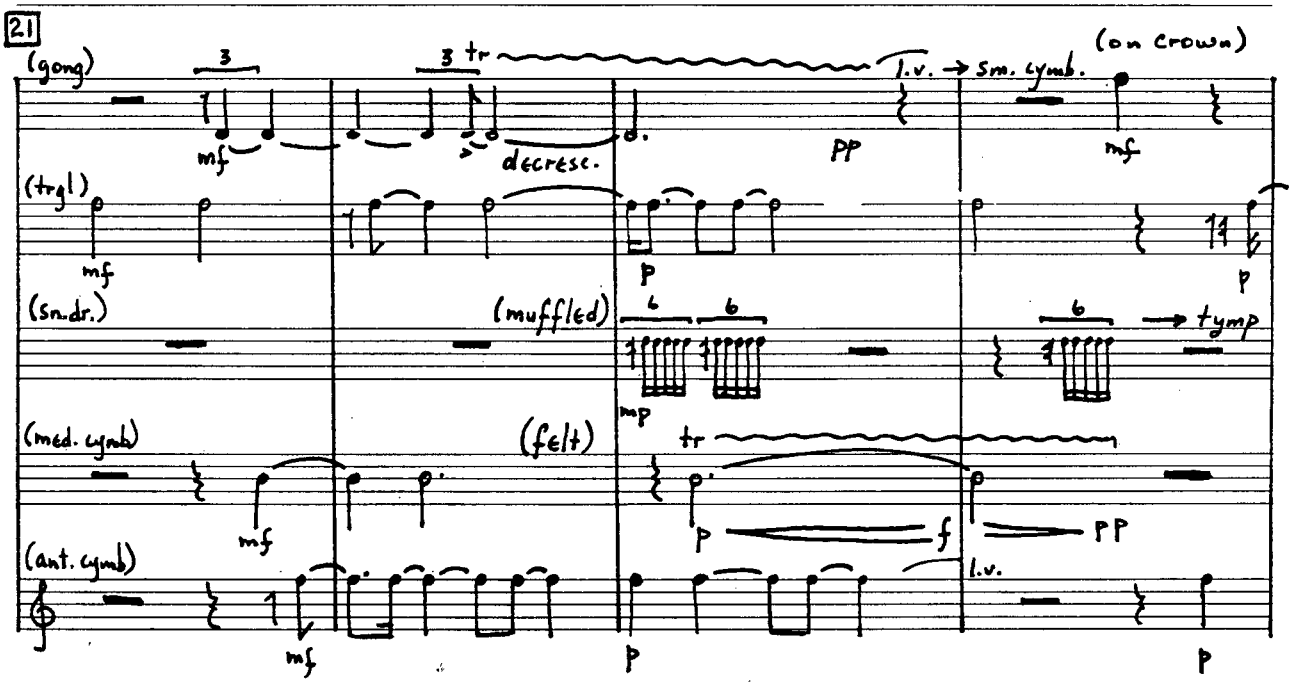
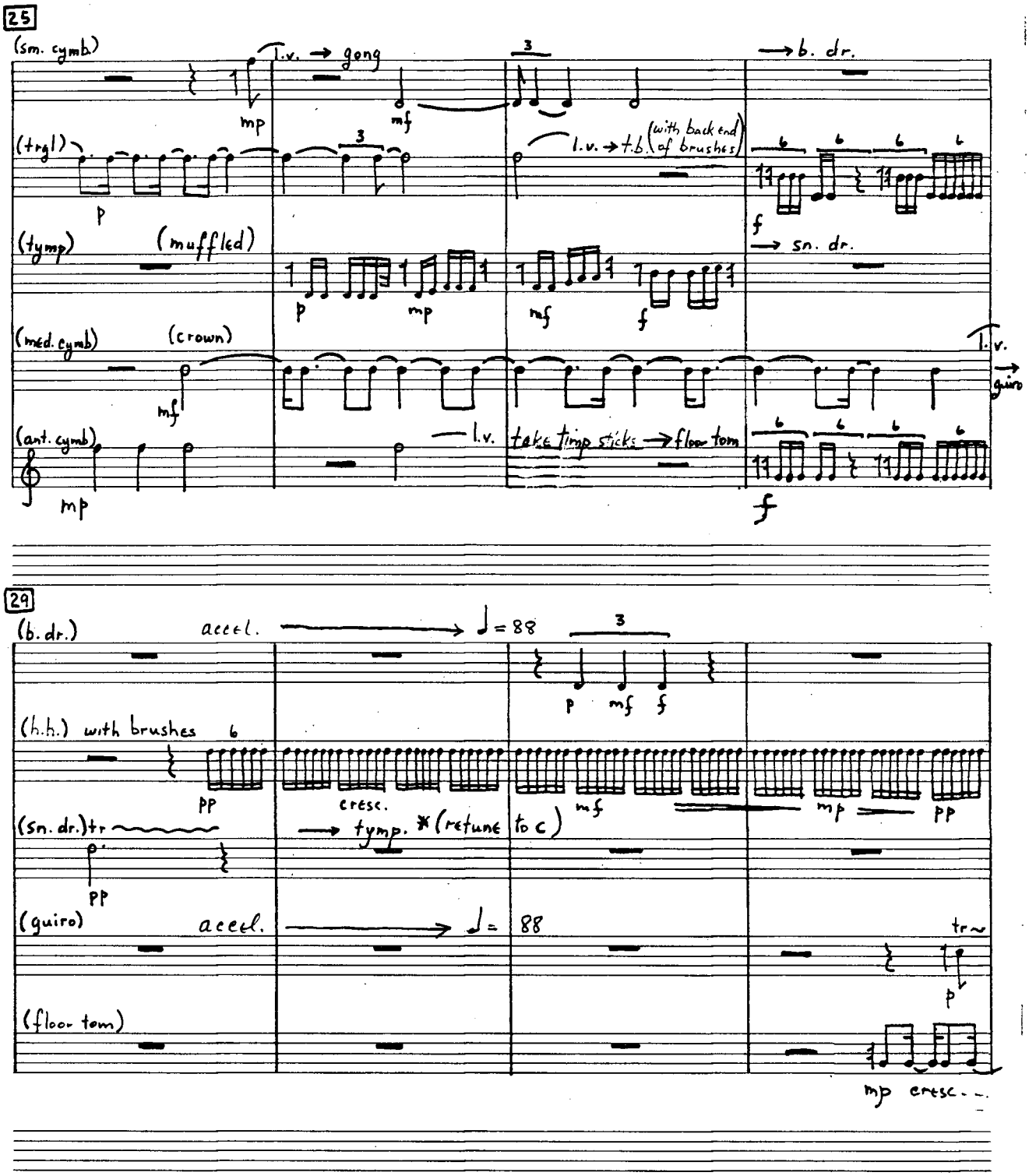
(b. dr.)
l.v.
→ to gong
(t. b.)
5
trgl.
(sn. dr.)
tr
(med. cymb)
(on tip)
l.v.
(floor tom)


21
(gong)
3
3 tr
l.v.
→ sm. cymb.
(on crown)
decrese.
PP
(trgl)
(sn. dr.)
(muffled)
→ tymp
(med. cymb)
(felt)
tr
(ant. cymb)
l.v.



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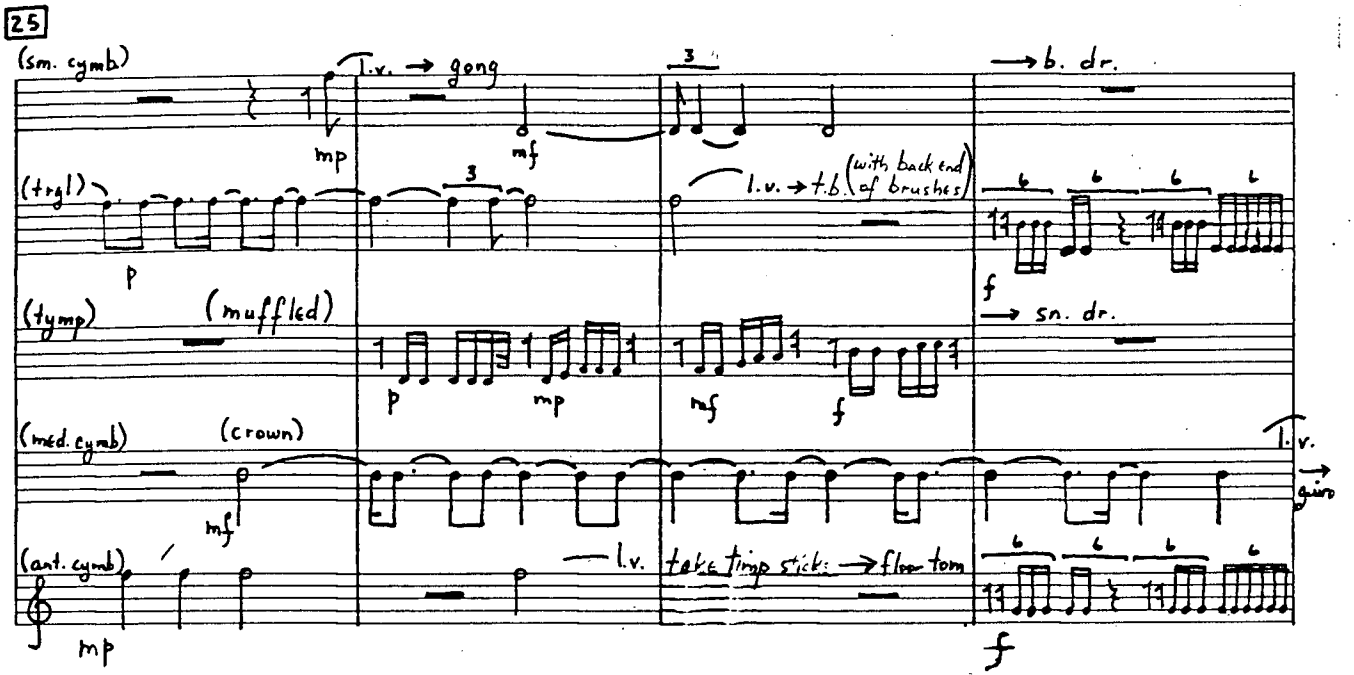

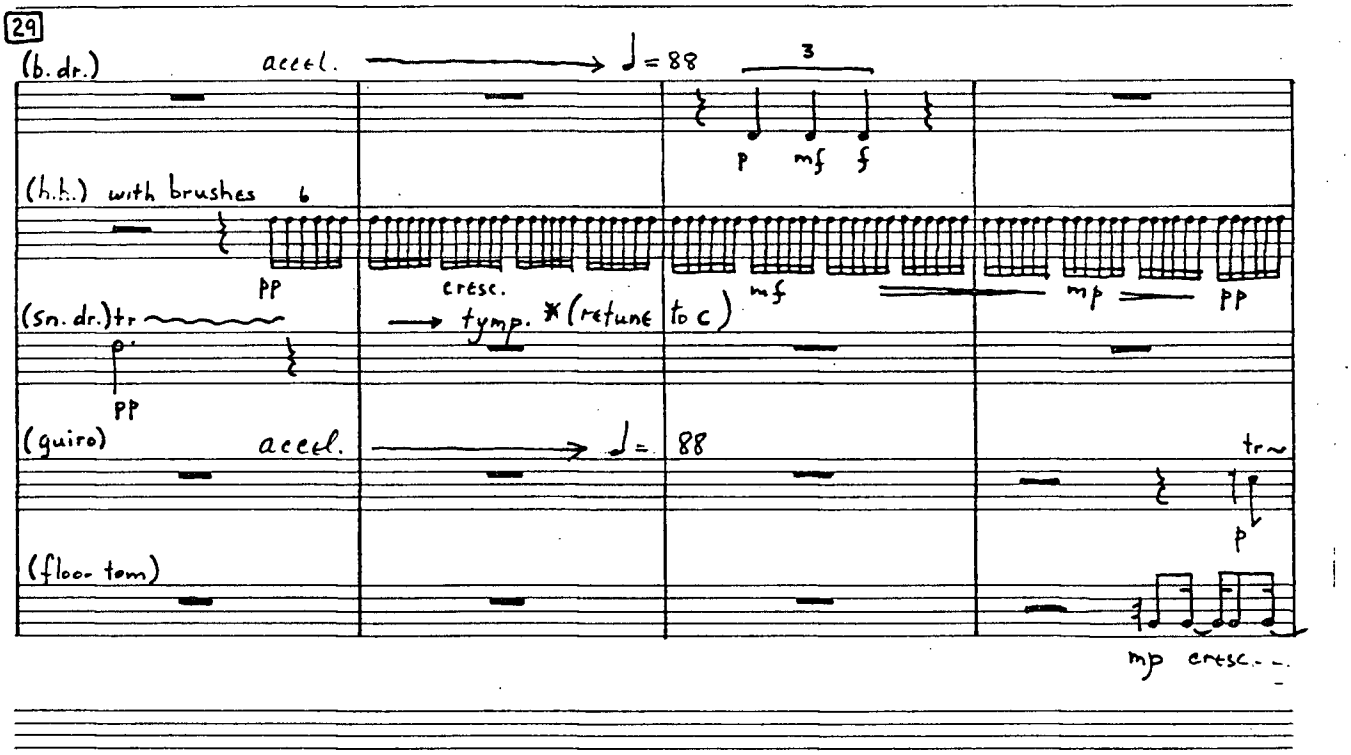

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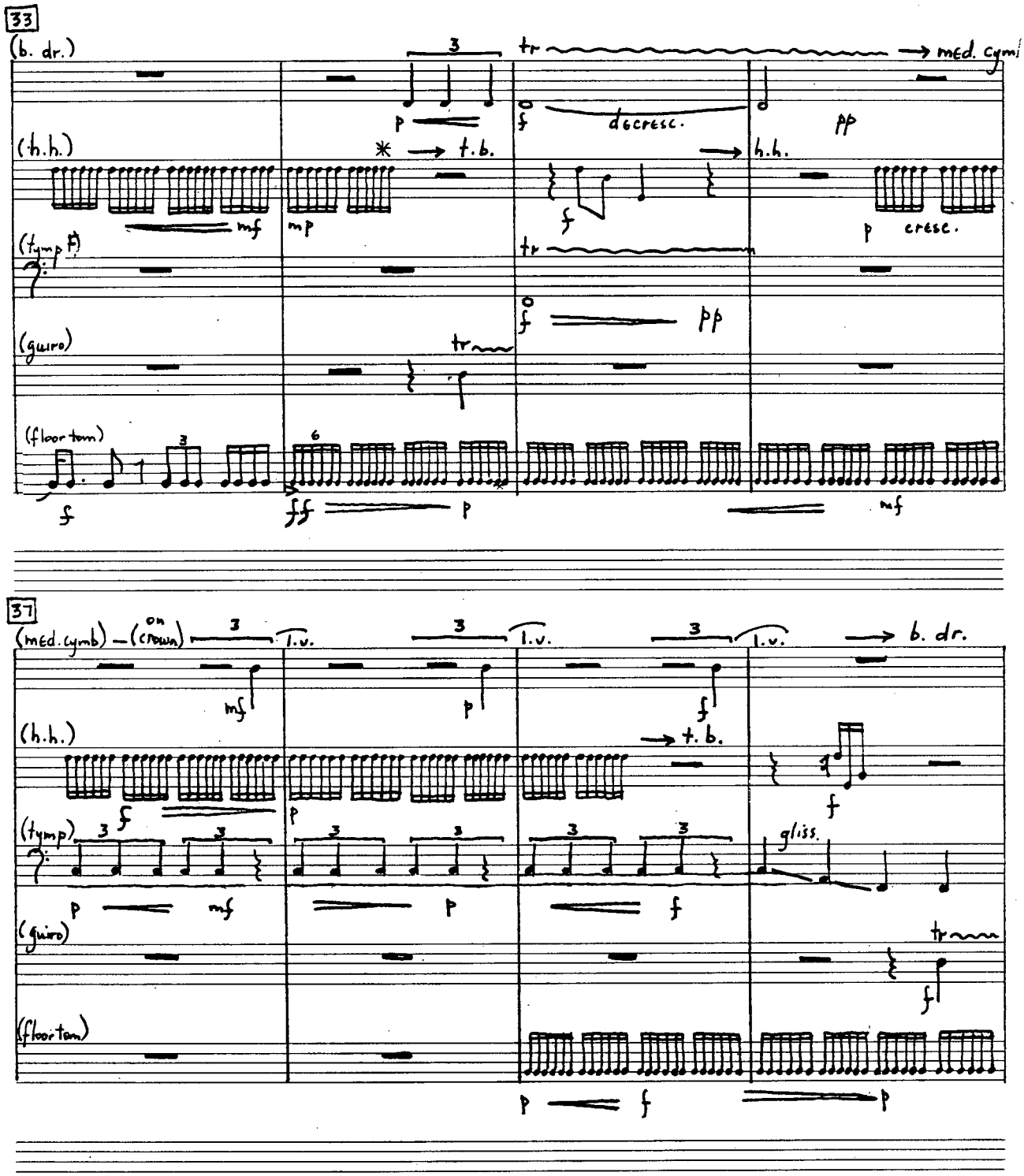

* use back end of brushes on temple blocks.

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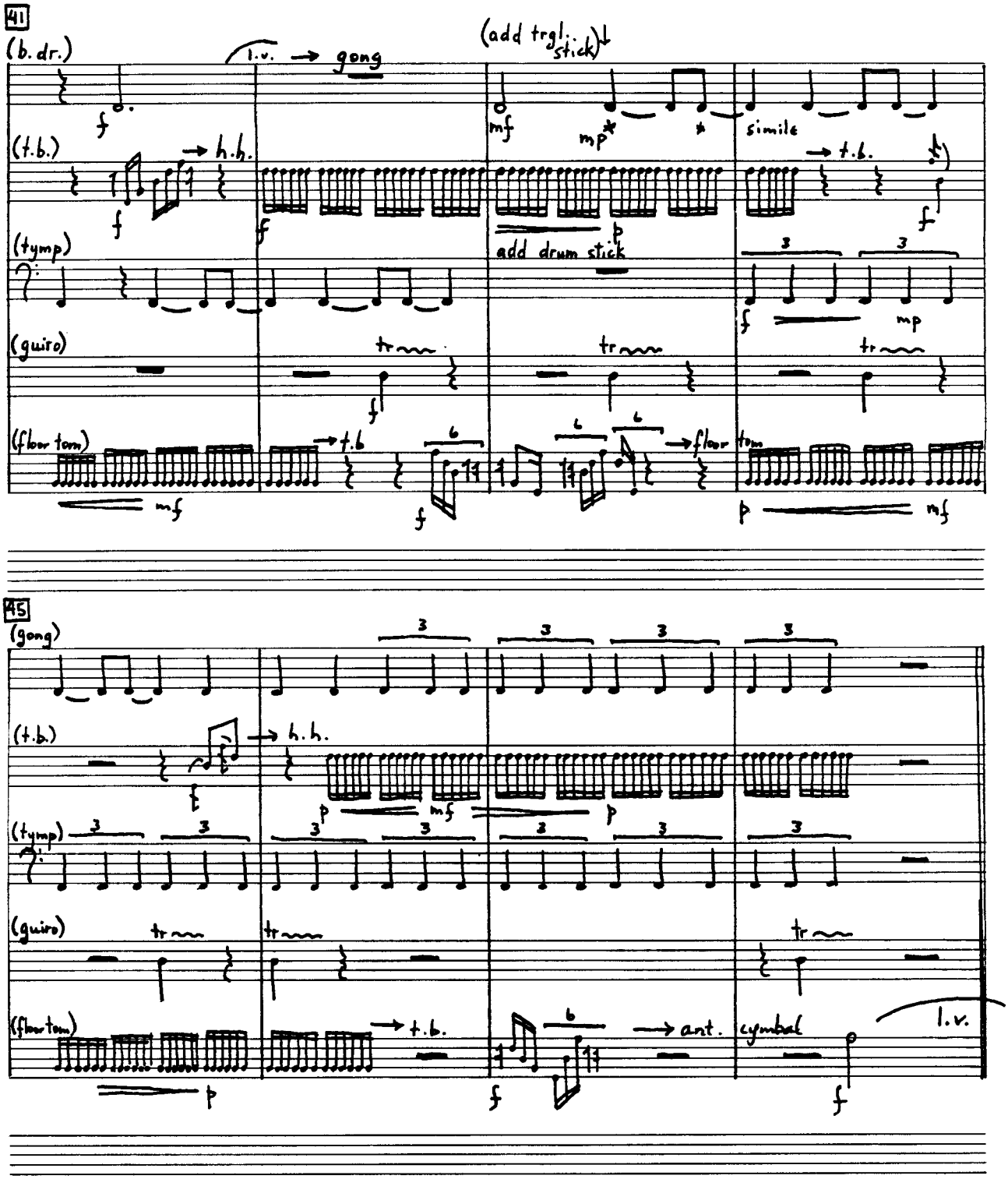
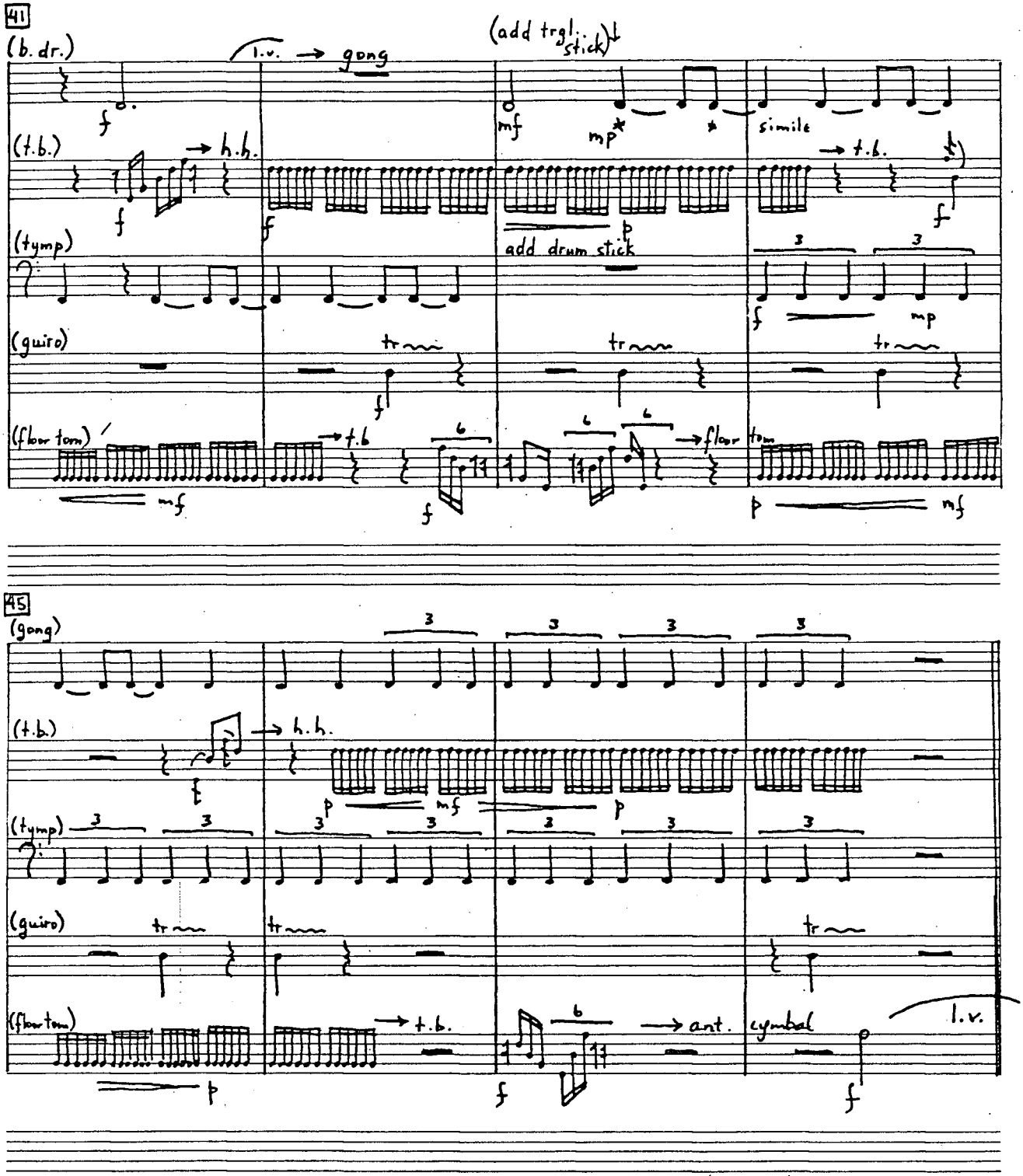

41
(b. dr.)
l.v.
gong
(add trgl. stick)
simile
(t.b.)
h.h.
t.b.
(tymp)
add drum stick
(guiro)
(floor tom)
floor
45
(gong)
(t.b.)
h.h.
(tymp)
(guiro)
(floor tom)
t.b.
ant.
cymbal
l.v.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(gong)
(t.b.)
→ h.h.
(tymp)
(guiro)
(floor tom)
→ t.b.
→ ant.
cymbal
l.v.

Axis (Movement II)

I: trgl. sm. med. large } cymbals (stick)

II: d D } tymps

III: B♭ F } tymps

IV: bells F# antique

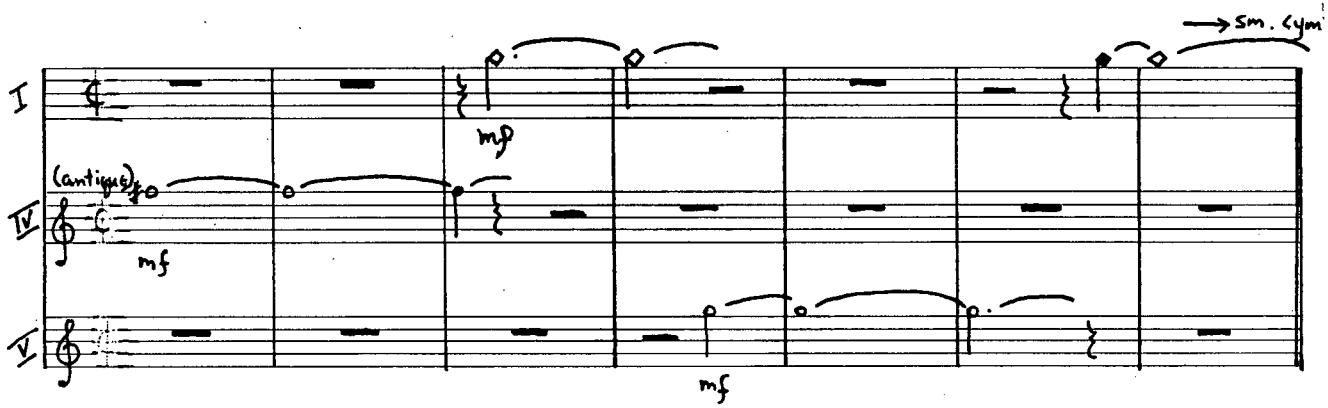
V: glock

I: notation of Cymbals (from lowest up)

Triangle: ◇

If sound quality is bad, substitute a suspended antique cymbal other than f#

♩ = 60



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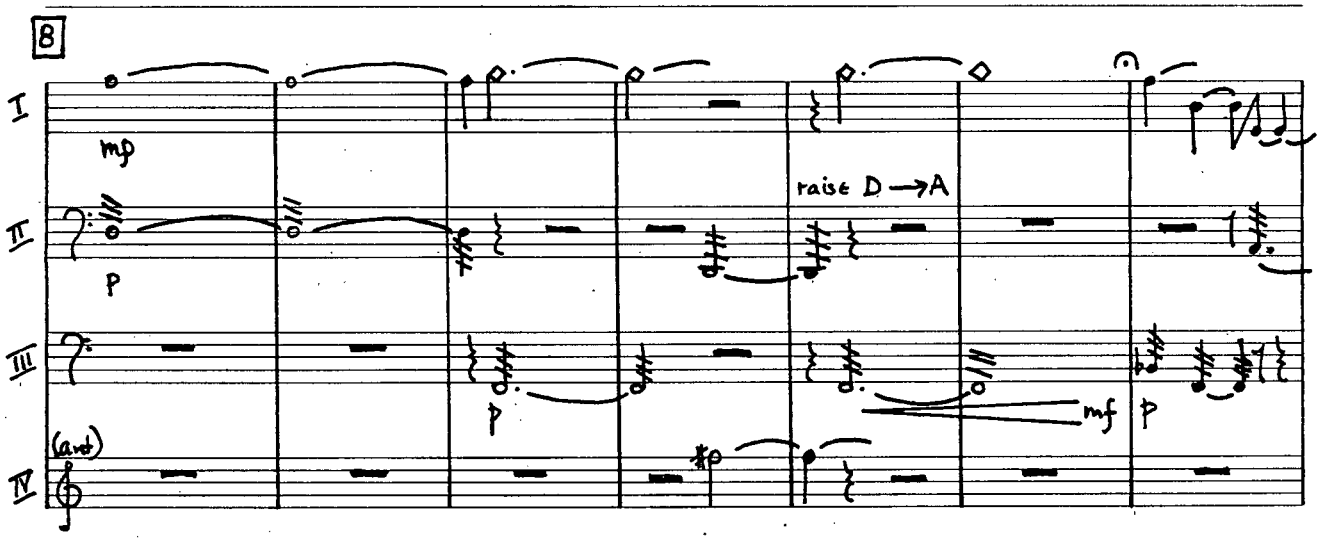

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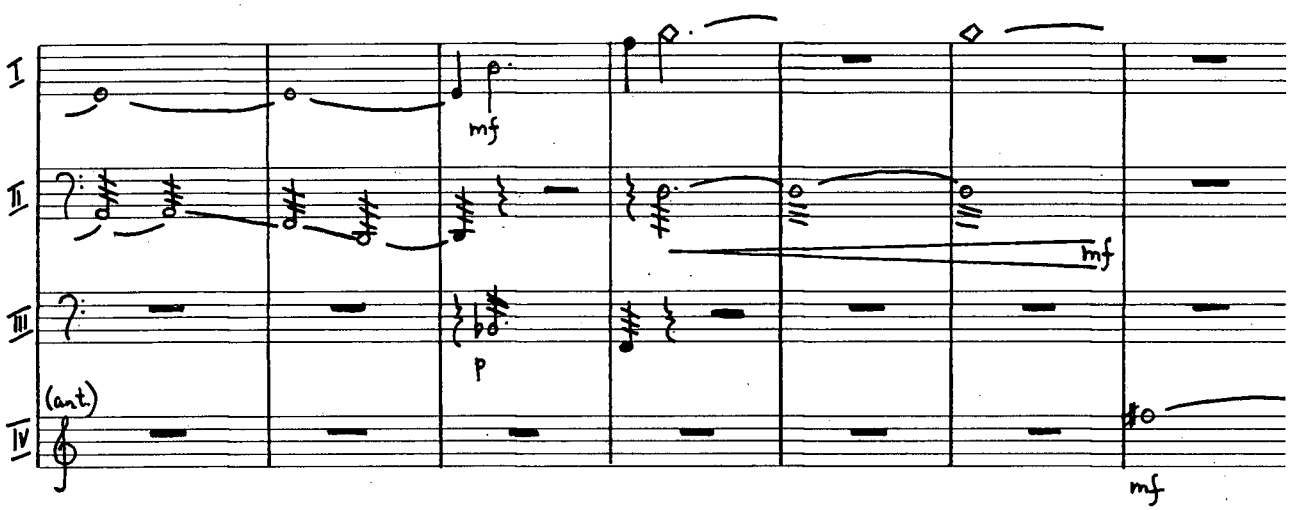
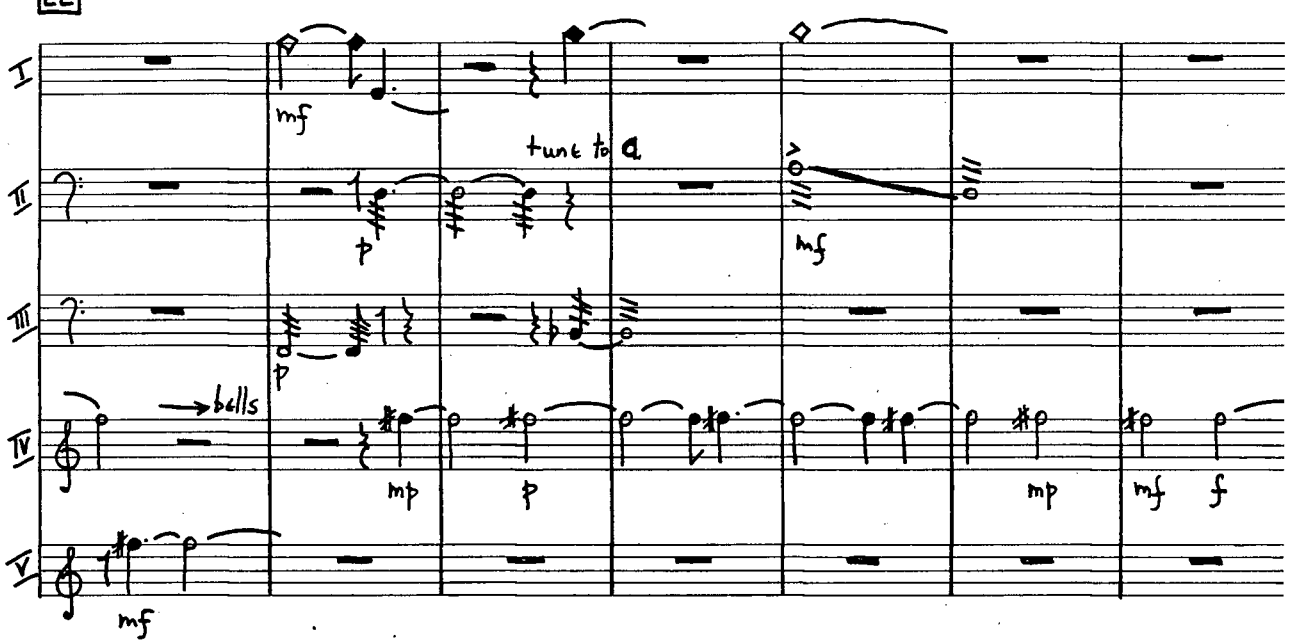

I
II
III
IV
(ant.)
mf
p
mf
mf

22


I
II
III
IV
V
mf
tune to a
p
mf
p
→bells
mf
p
mp
mf
f
mf

II
(2)

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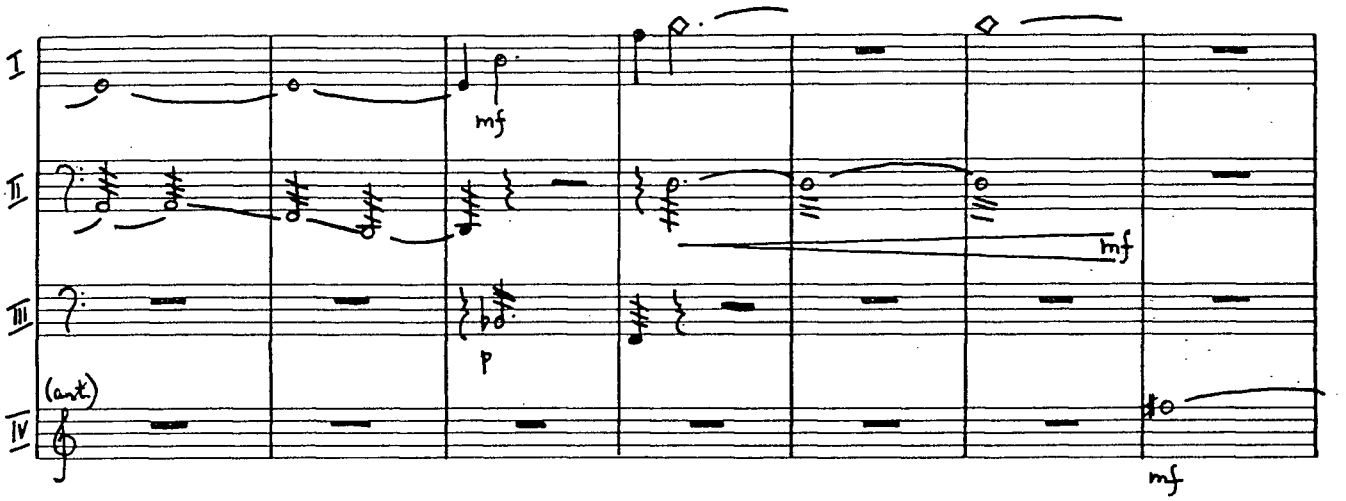
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II
III
IV
(ant.)
mf
mf
p
mf
mf

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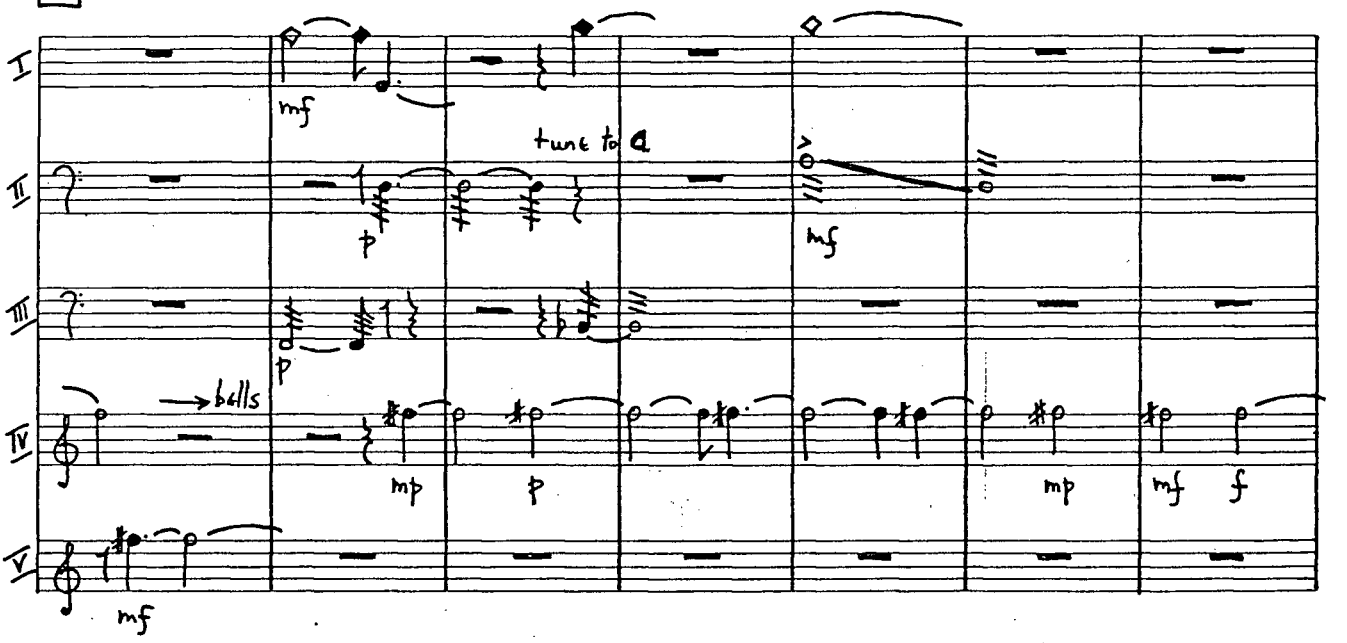
I
II
III
IV
V
mf
tune to a
p
mf
p
→ bells
mp
p
mp
mf
f
mf

II

(3)

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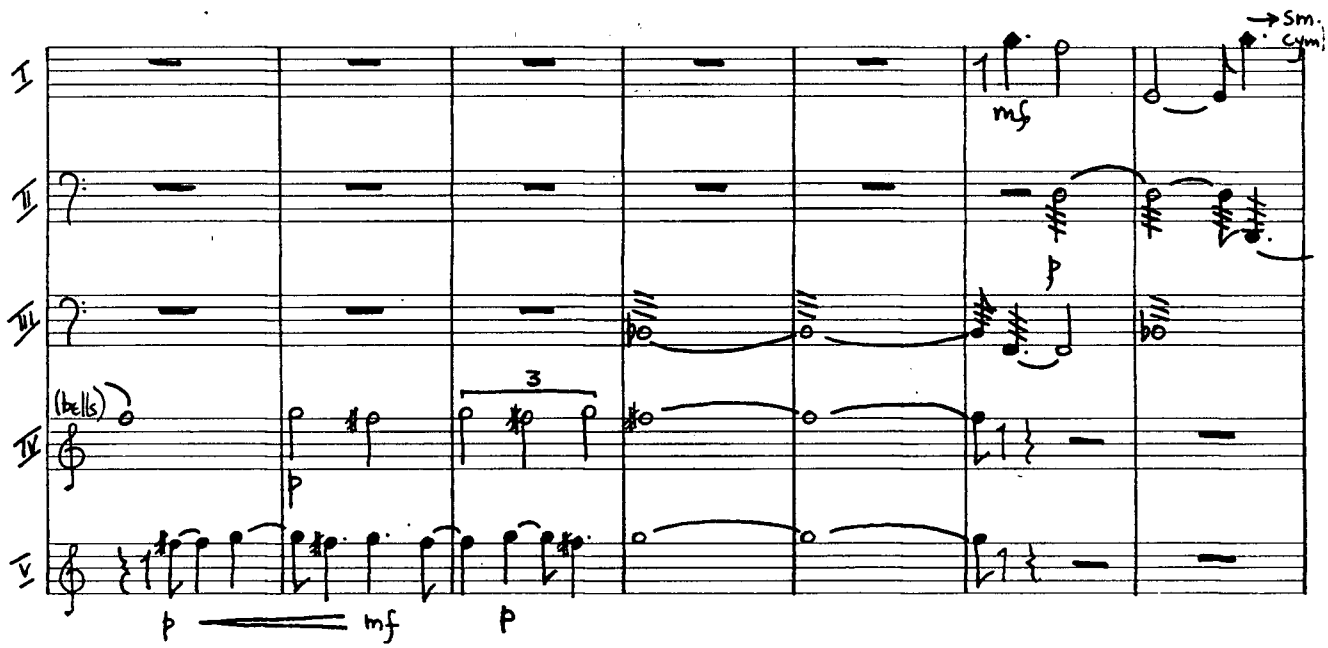
I
II
III
IV
V
(bells)
3
mf
p
mf
p
→ Sm. Cym.

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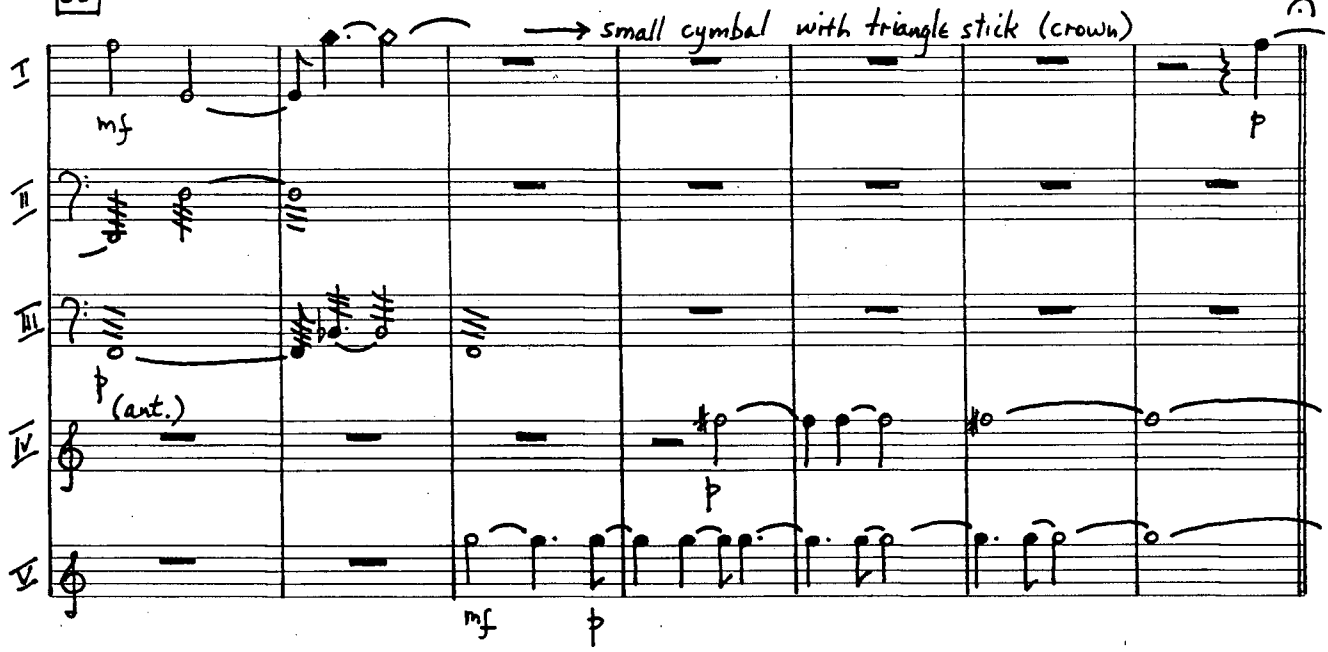
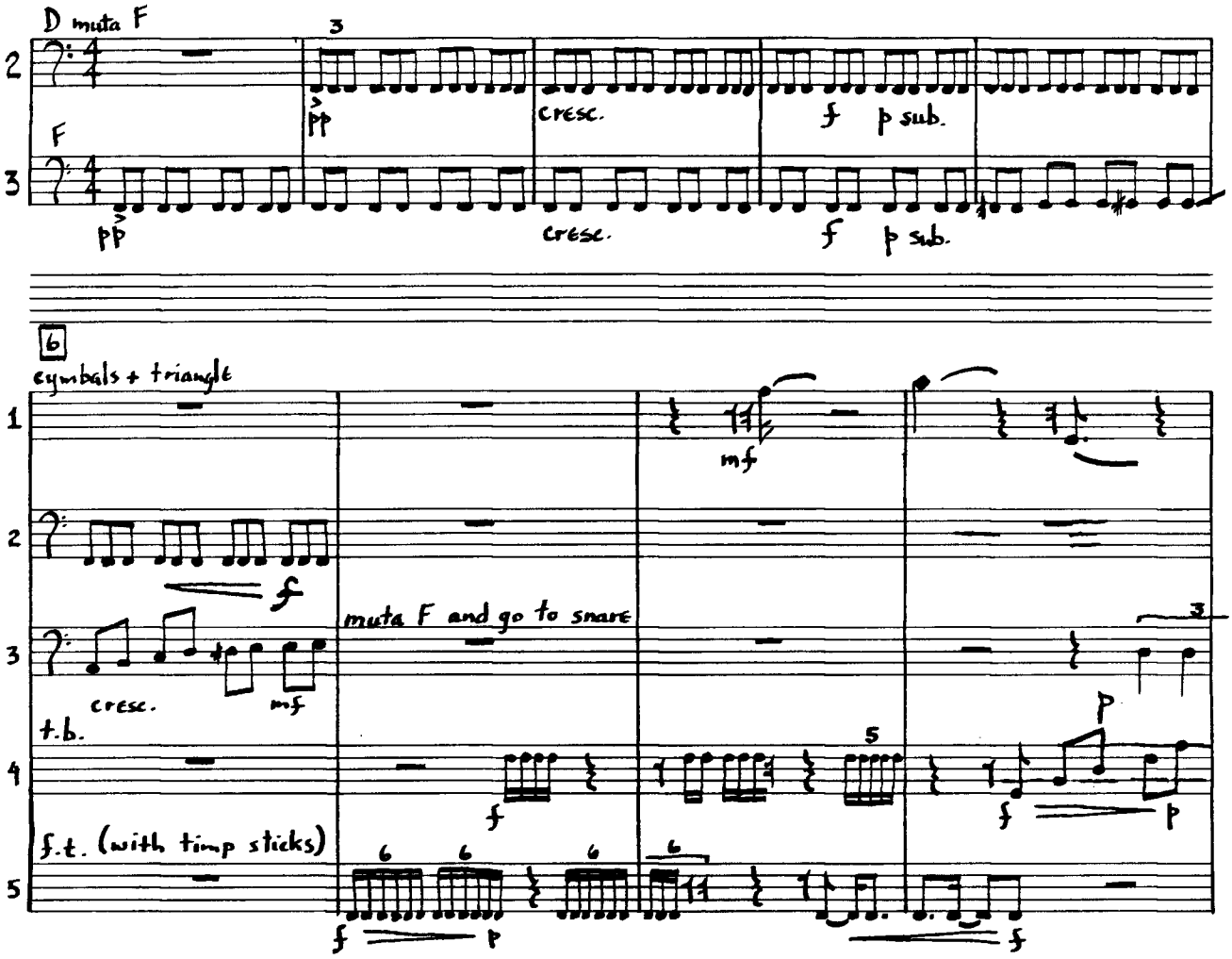

→ small cymbal with triangle stick (crown)
I
II
III
IV
V
mf
p
(ant.)
p
mf
p

III (Rondo)

1. sm. lg. } cymb. triangle F# antique (sus) claves
2. D d } timp
3. F timp snare trgl. t.b.
4. t.b. med cymb. Bb timp chimes timp. sticks
5. floor tom (timp sticks) ~~tubs~~ } share with Bb } player 4 G antique (sus.) slide flute glockenspiel

share

All players see additional notes below



1. same notation used for cymbals + triangle as in movement 2. triangle must be small one
2. immediately tune both timps to F and f
3. prefer small trgl.
4. Must share Bb timp but you must have own sticks also share t.b. but have own sticks
5. tune Bb timp to f.

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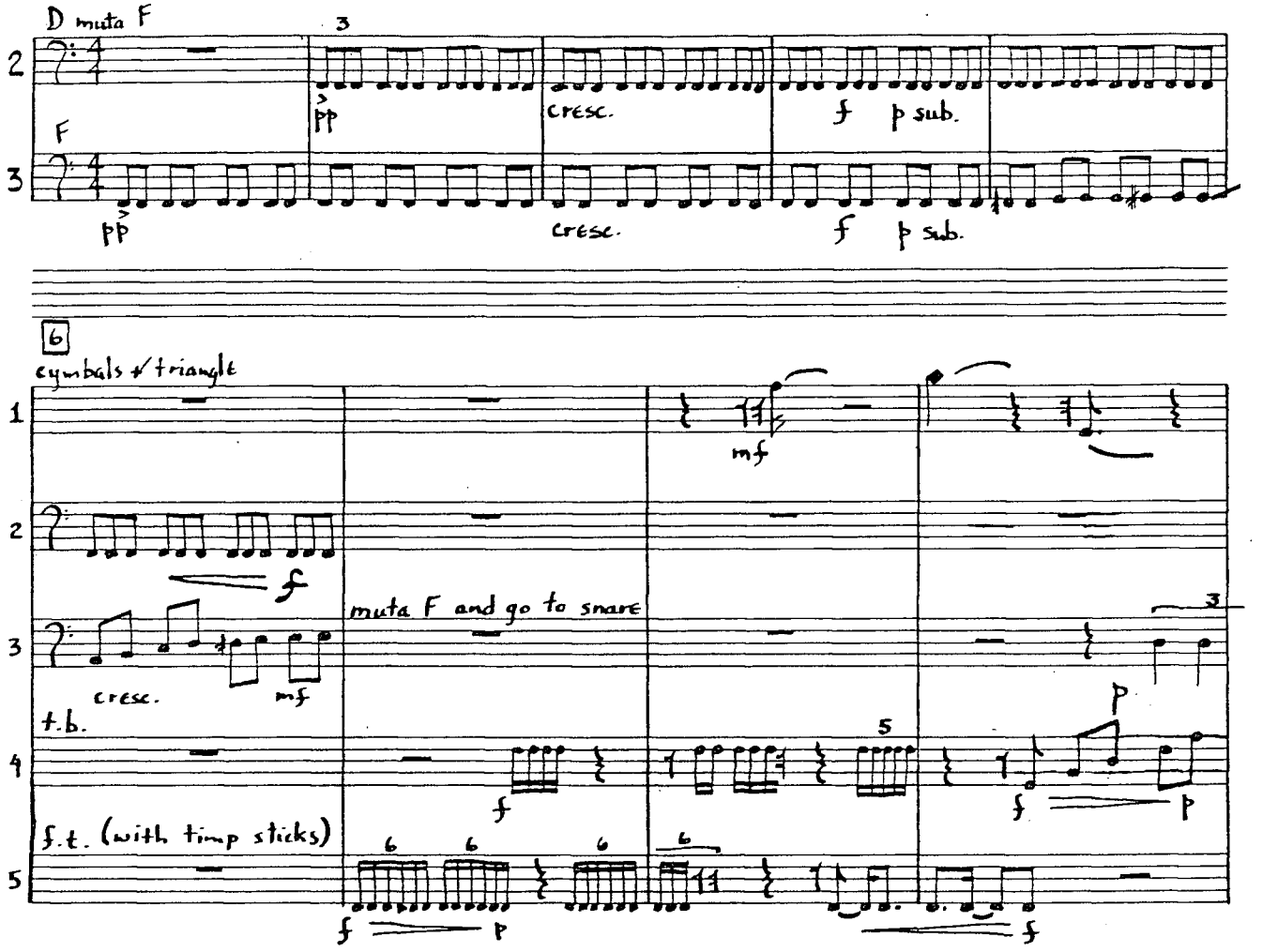

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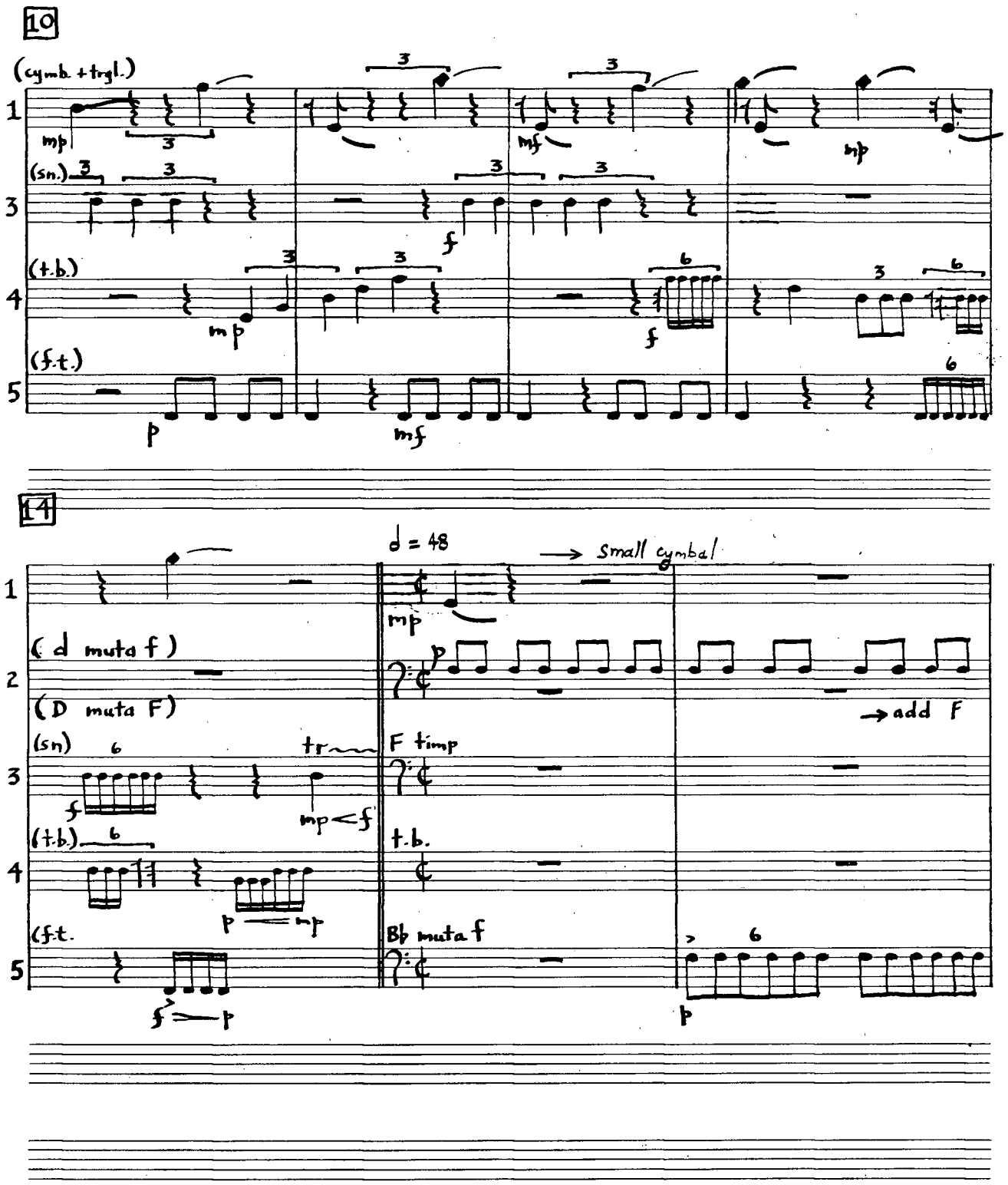

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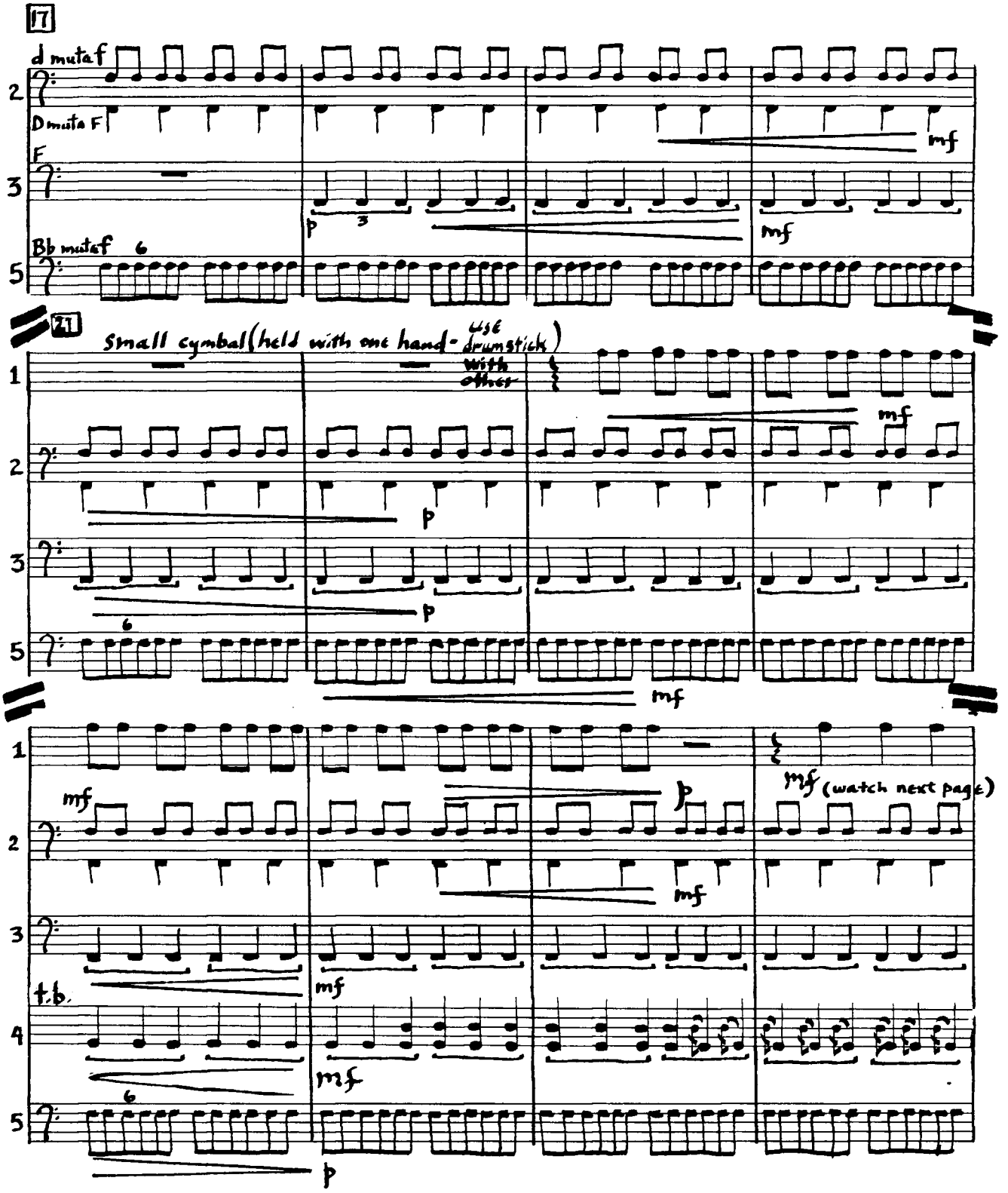
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d muta f
2
D muta F
F
3
Bb muta f
6
5
mf
p
3
mf
21
Small cymbal (held with one hand - use drumstick with other)
1
2
3
5
mf
p
6
mf
1
mf
2
p
mf
mf (watch next page)
3
t.b.
4
mf
mf
6
5
p

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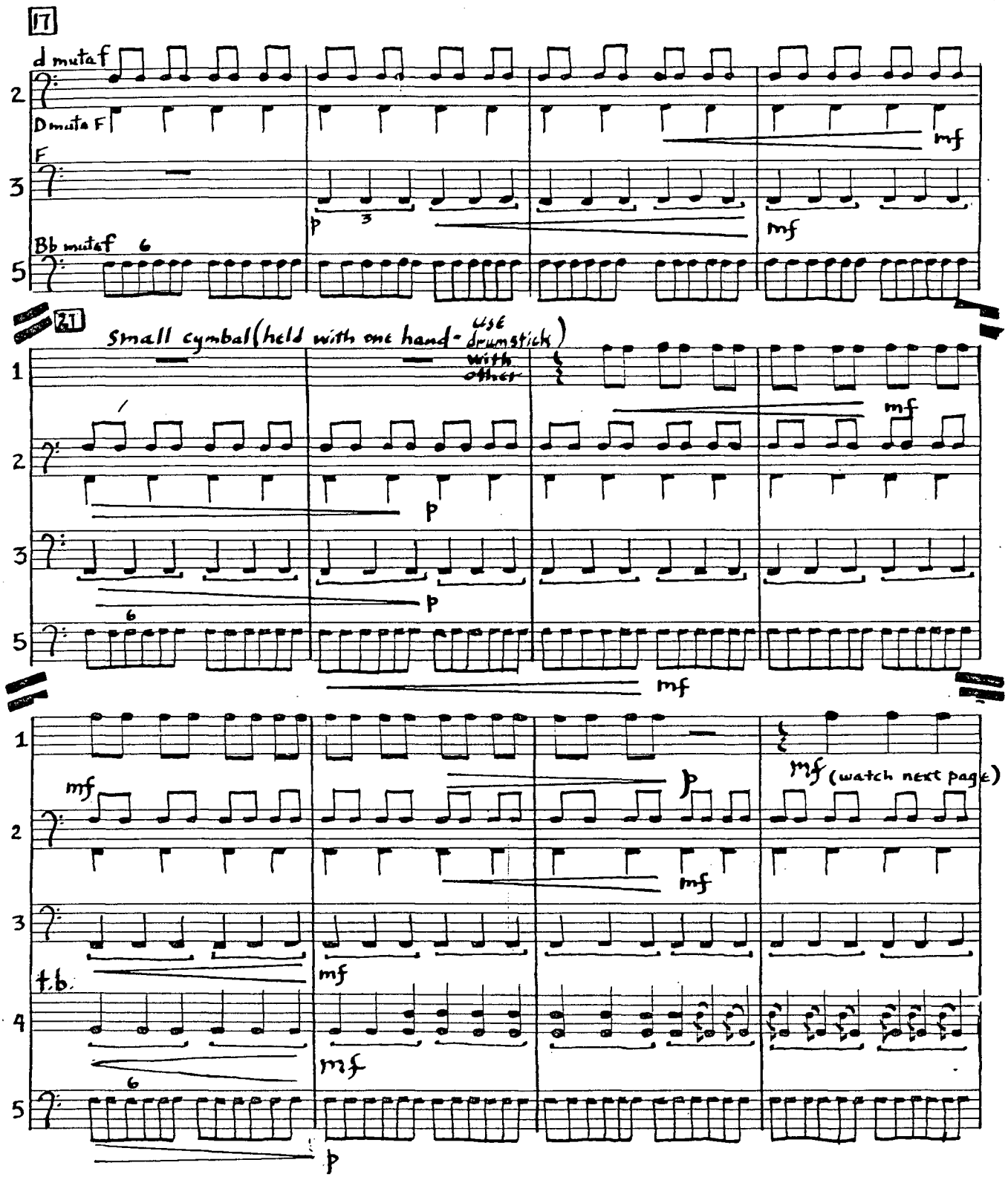
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Dmuta F
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Bb muta f
6
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mf
p
3
mf
21
Small cymbal (held with one hand - use drumstick with other)
1
2
3
5
mf
p
6
mf
1
mf
p
mf (watch next page)
2
mf
3
mf
t.b.
4
mf
6
5
p

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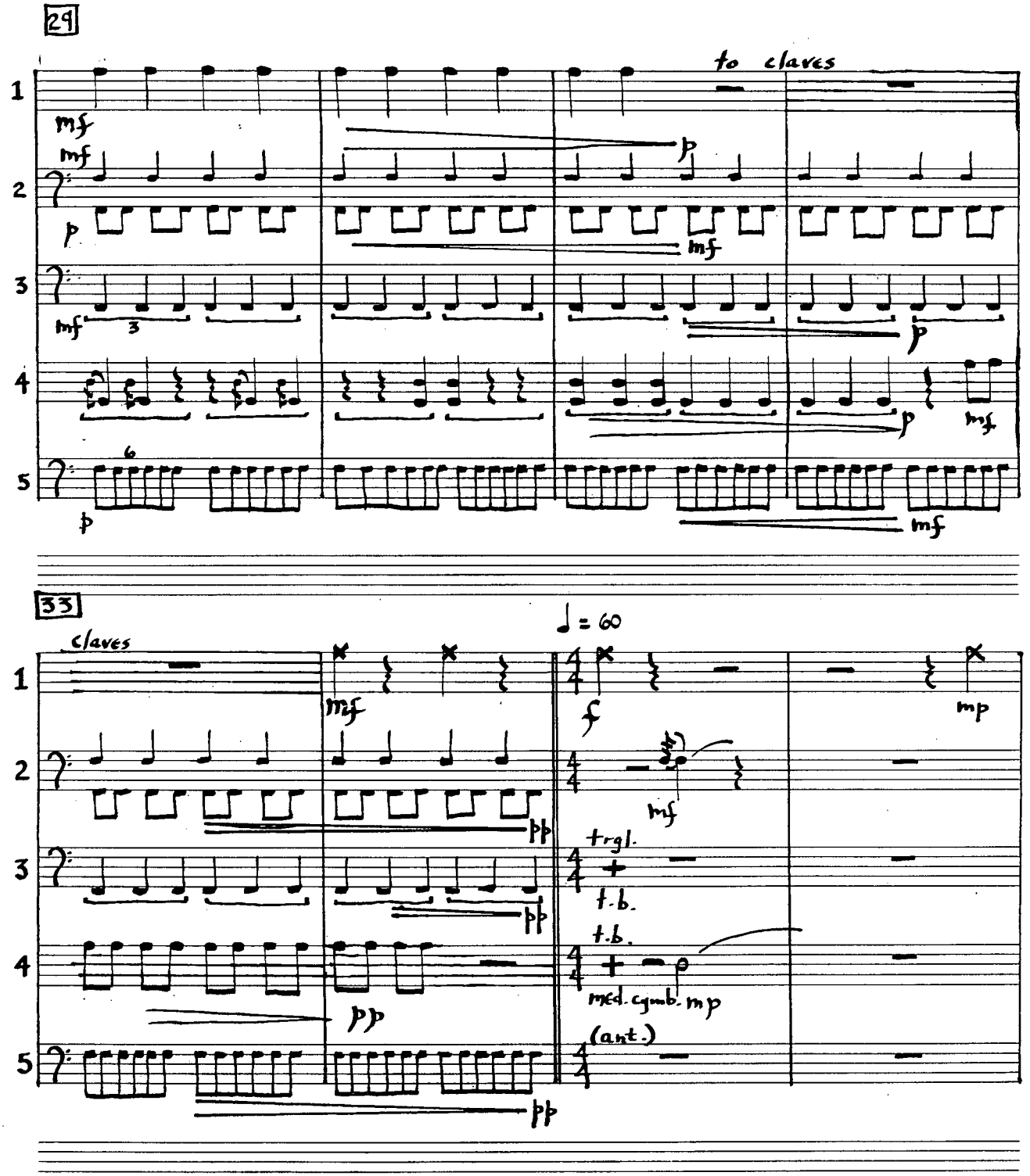
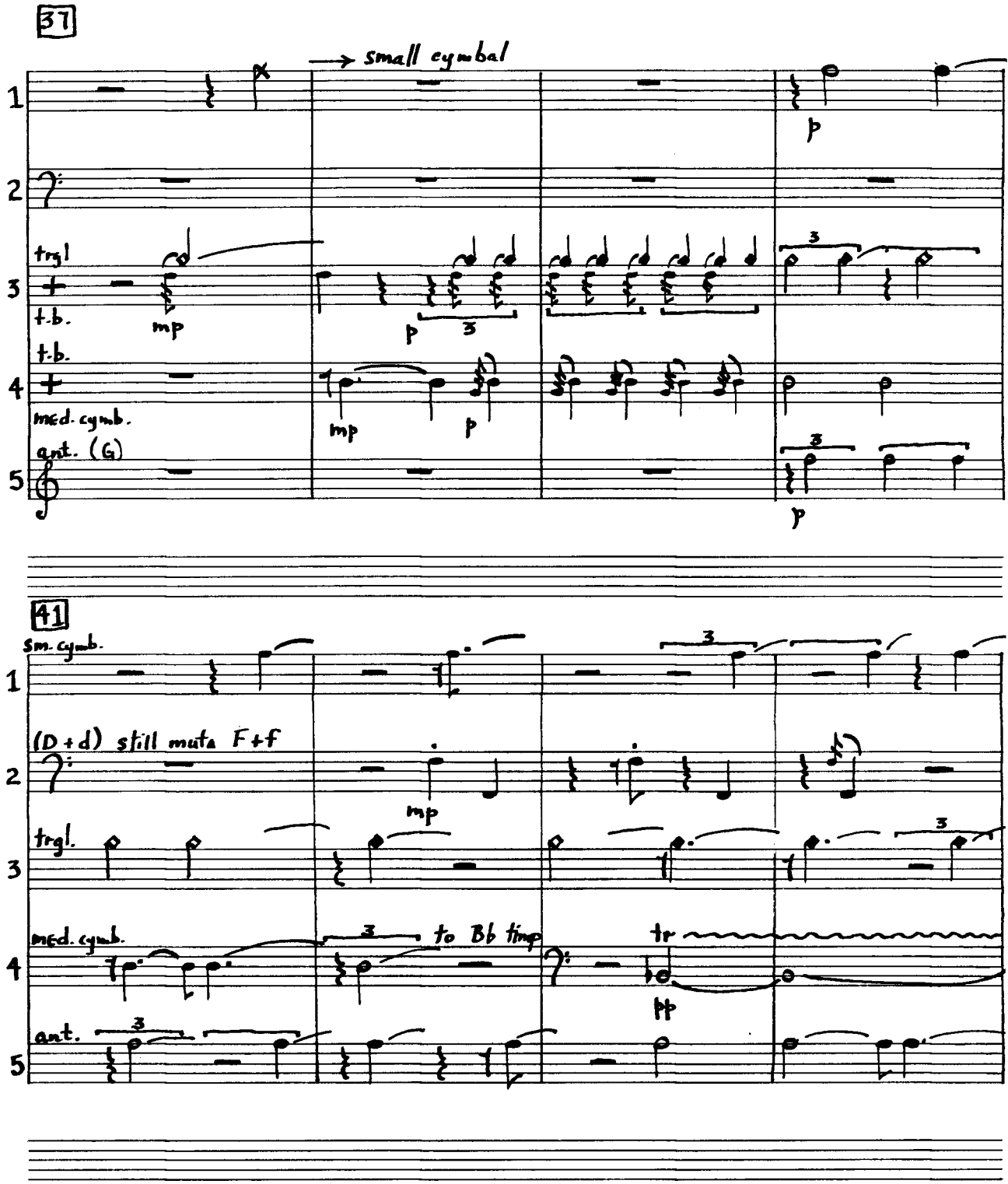

29
to claves
mf
mf
p
mf
mf
3
p
p
mf
6
p
mf
33
claves
mf
♩ = 60
f
mp
mf
trgl.
t.b.
t.b.
med. cymb. mp
(ant.)
pp
pp
pp

(5)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→ small cymbal
1
2
trgl
3
t.b.
mp
p
3
t.b.
4
med. cymb.
ant. (G)
mp
p
5
p
3
41
Sm. cymb.
1
(D + d) still mute F + f
2
mp
trgl.
3
3
med. cymb.
4
3
to Bb timp
tr
pp
ant.
3
5

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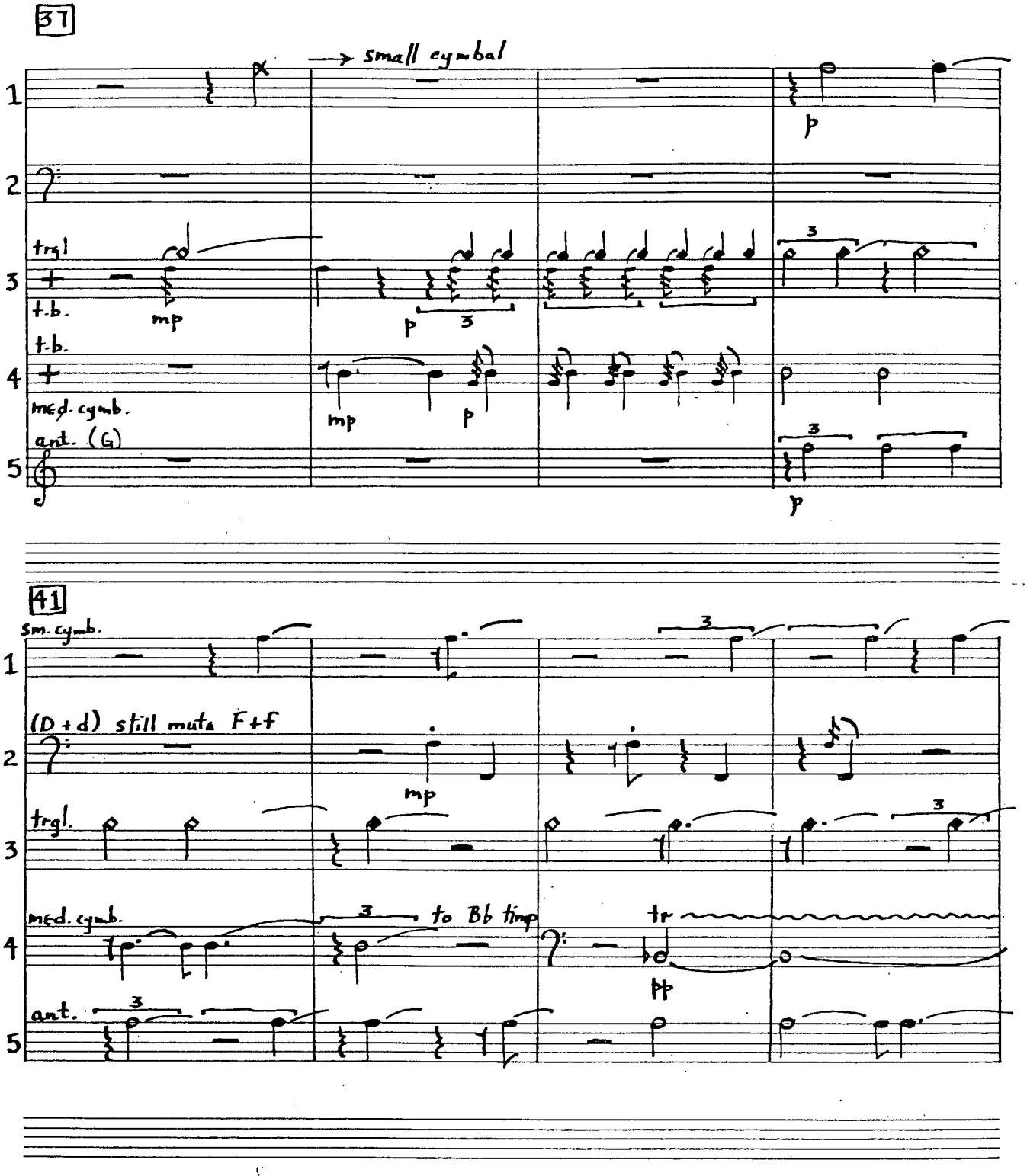
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small cymbal
trgl
t.b.
mp
p
3
t.b.
mp
p
med. cymb.
ant. (G)
p
41
sm. cymb.
(D + d) still muta F+f
mp
trgl.
med. cymb.
3
to Bb timp
tr
ant.

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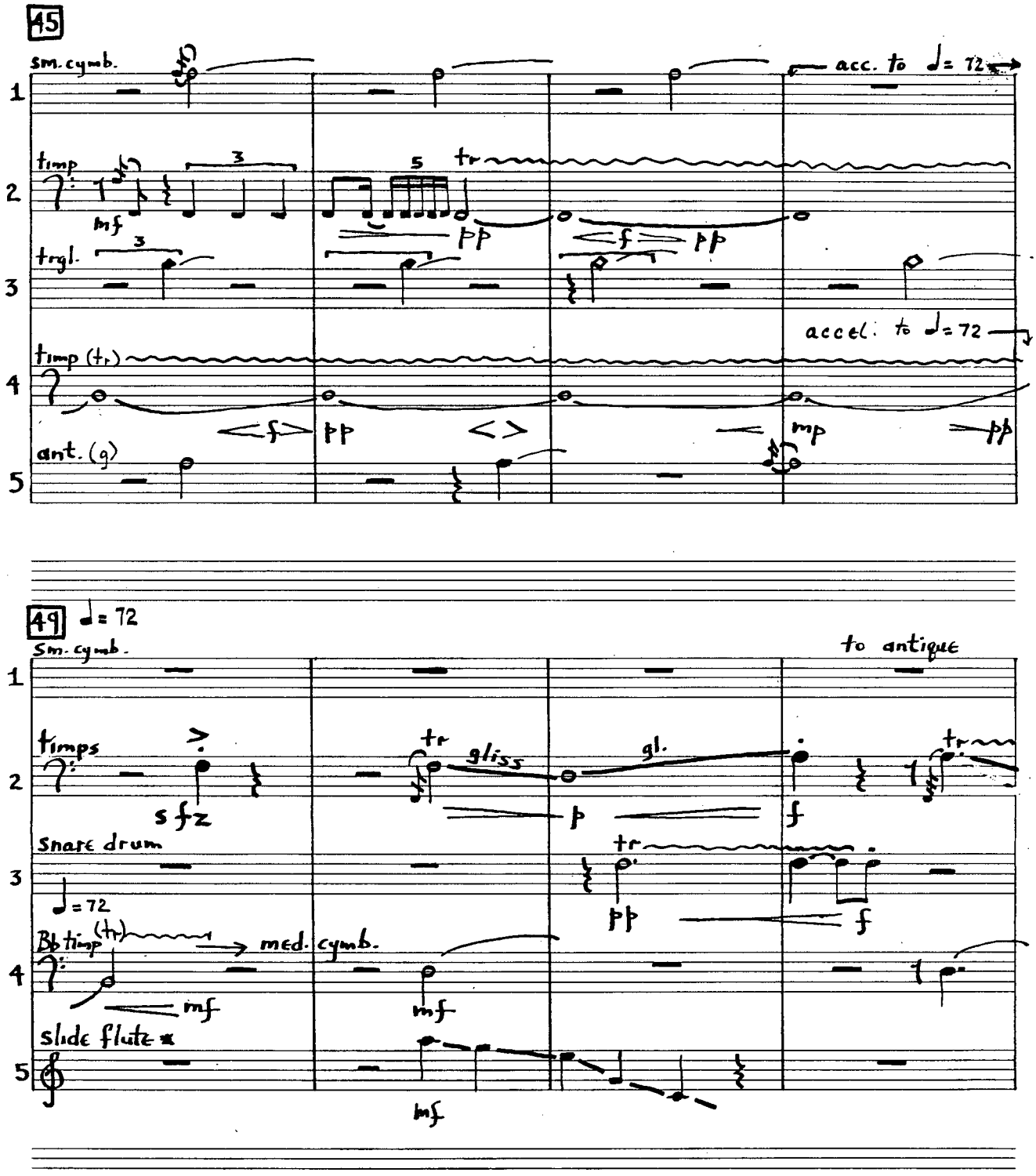

* use pitch indications as general distance guide (first instance is an example) of very large range

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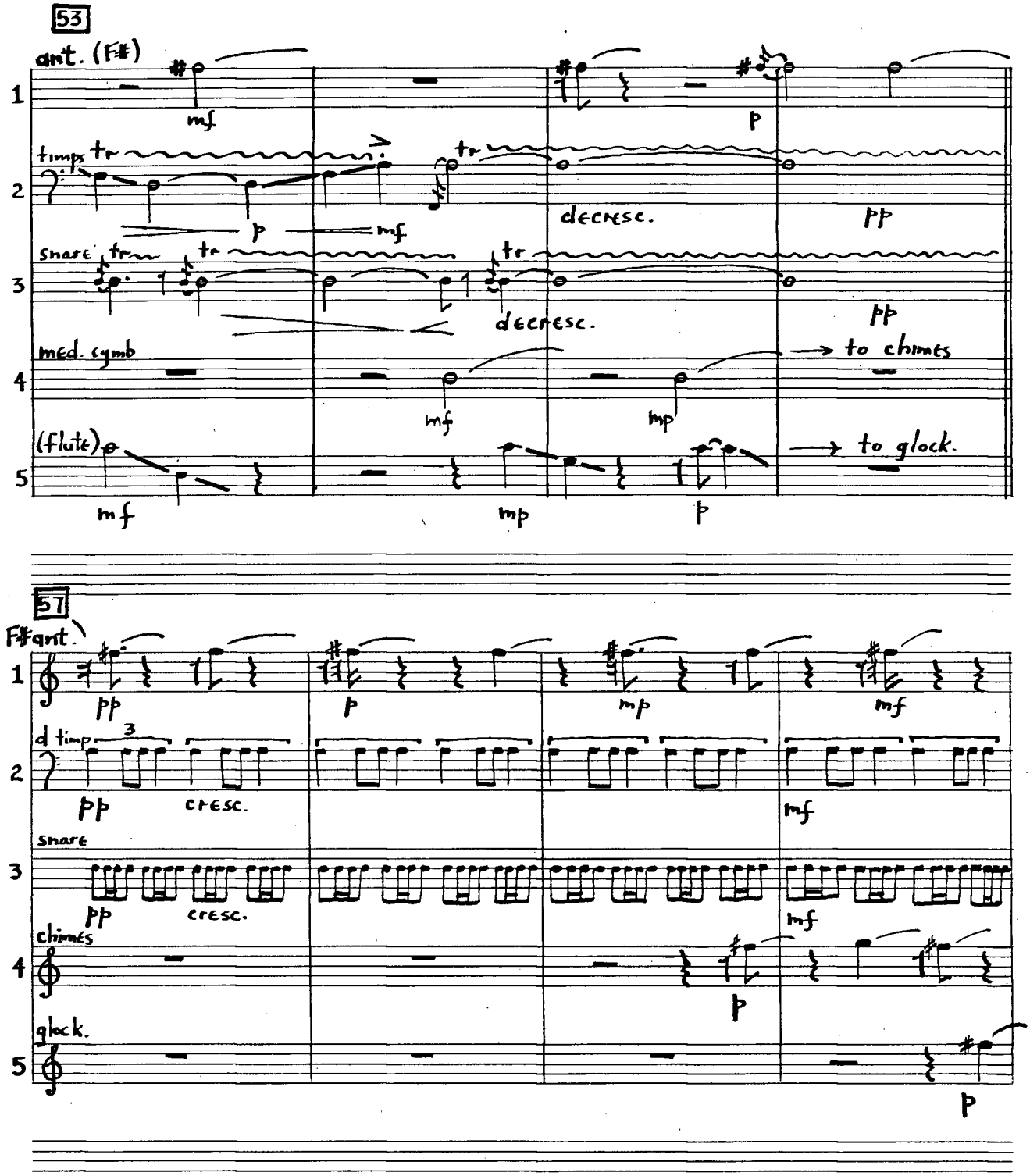
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ant. (F♯)
mf
p
timps
tr
p
mf
decresc.
pp
snare
decresc.
pp
med. cymb
→ to chimes
mf
mp
p
(flute)
→ to glock.
mf
mp
p
57
F♯ant.
pp
p
mp
mf
d timp
3
pp
cresc.
mf
snare
pp
cresc.
mf
chimes
p
glock.
p

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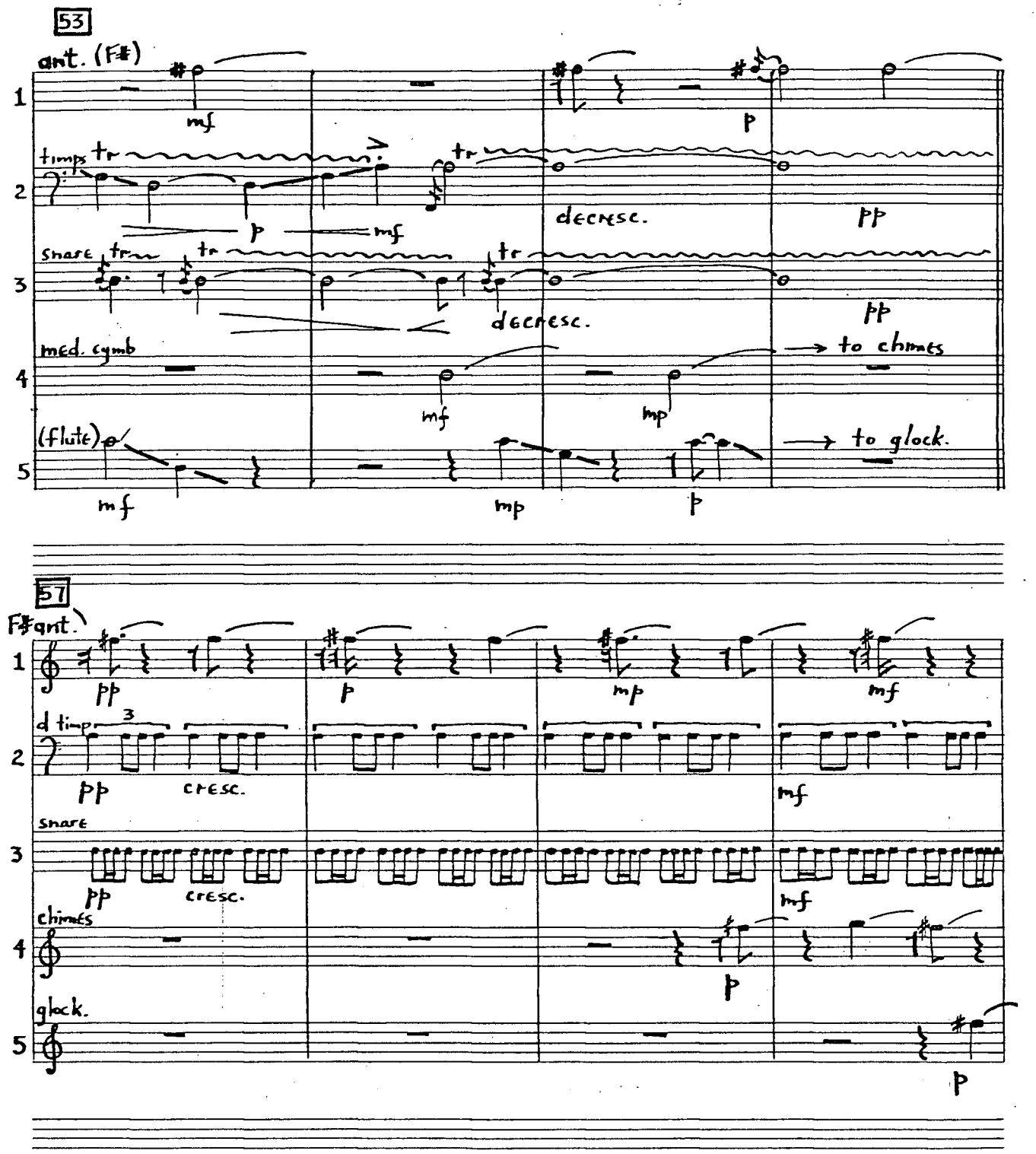
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pp
p
mp
mf
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cresc.
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snare
pp
cresc.
mf
chimes
p
glock.
p

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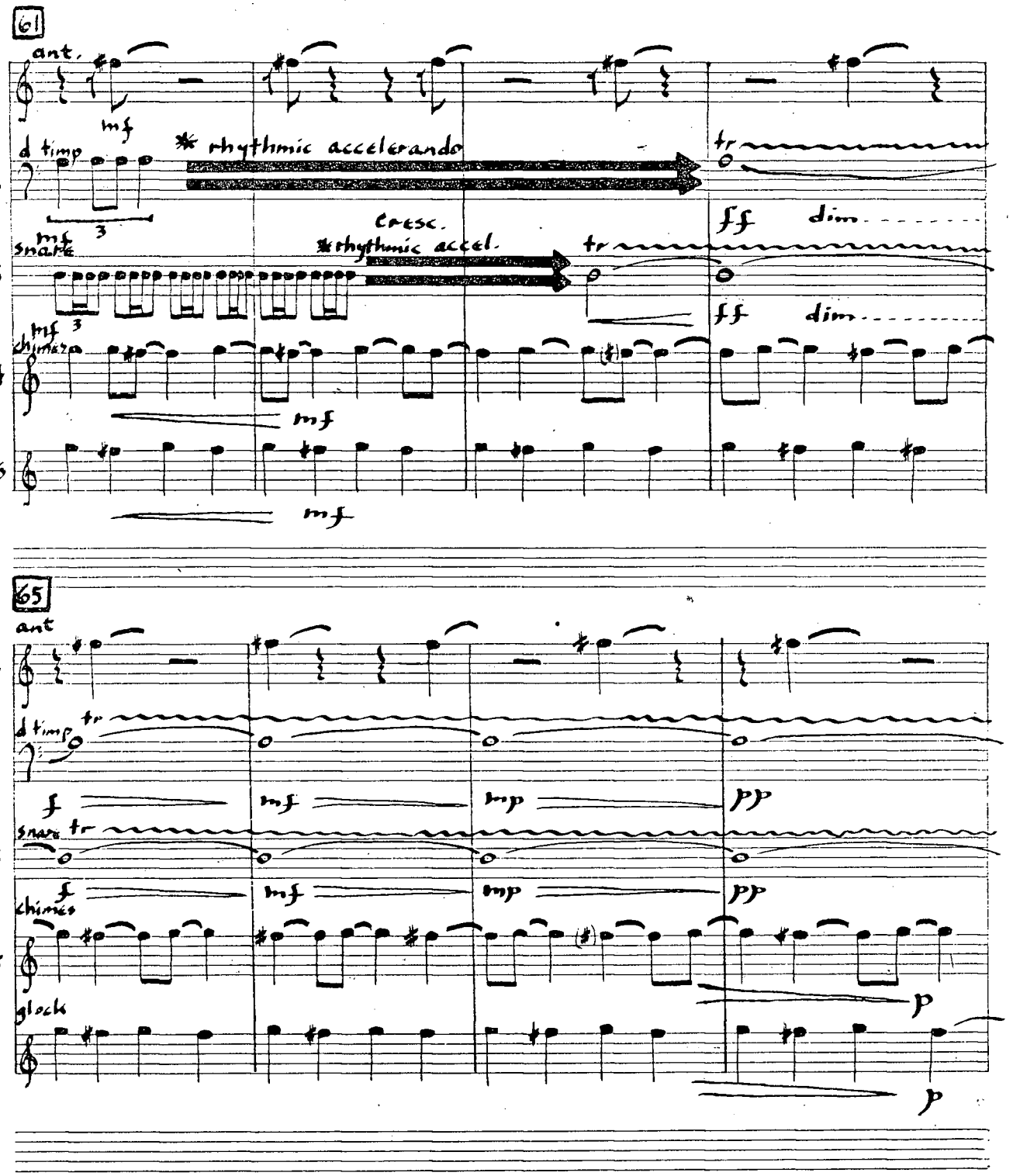

* accel of whole rhythmic unit retaining its structural identity as much as possible, to trill.

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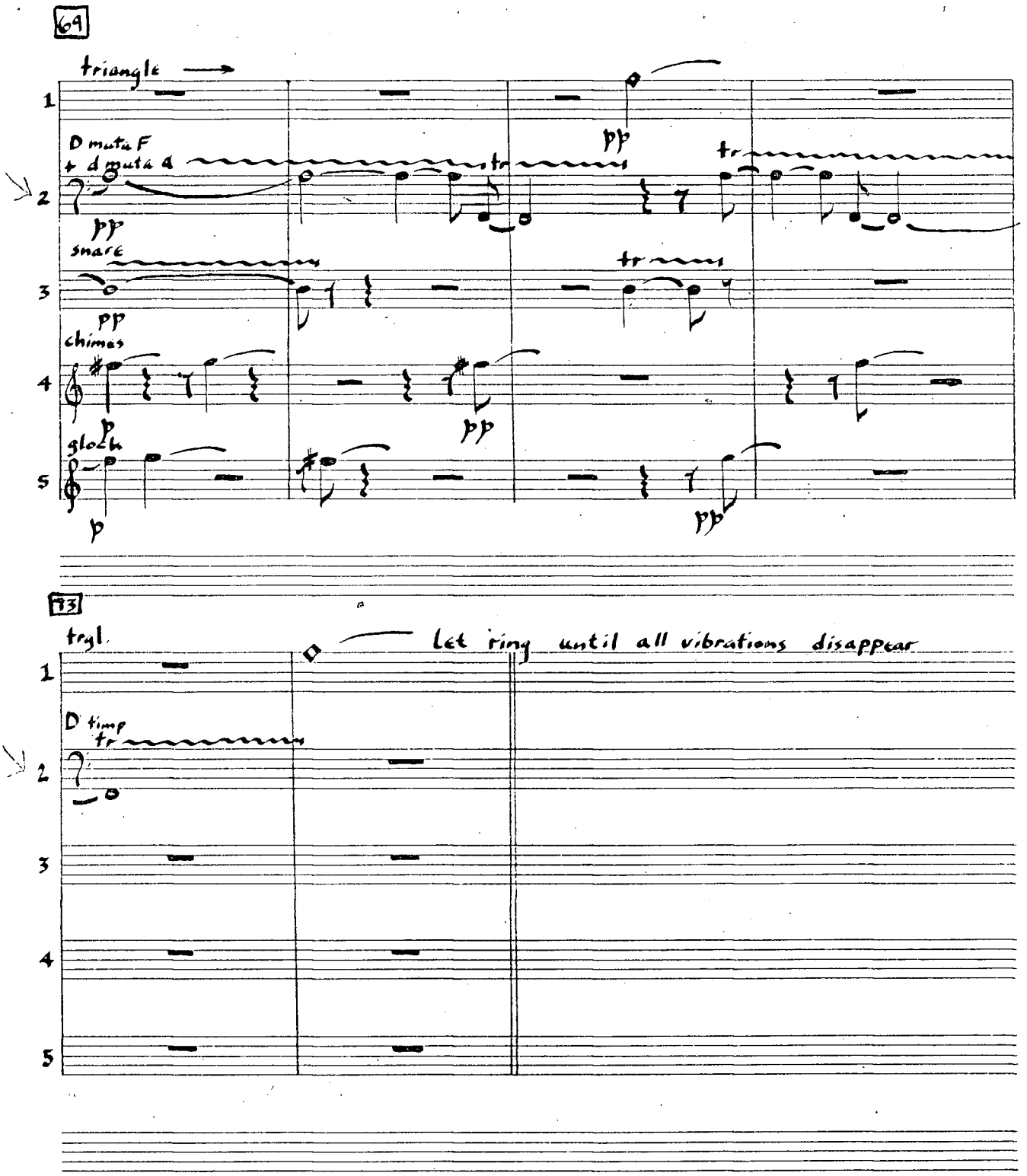
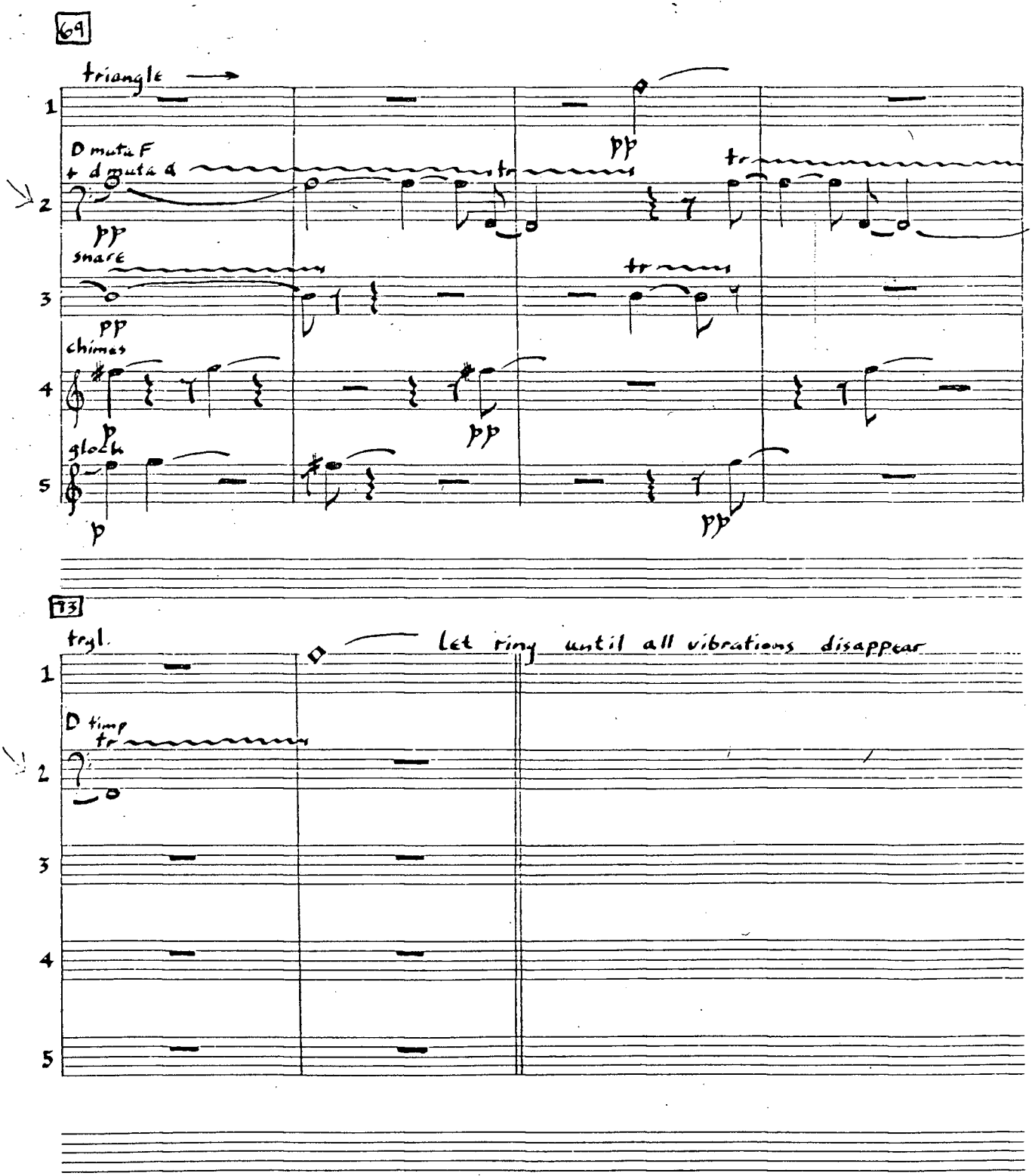

69
triangle
1
D muta F
+ d muta a
tr
pp
2
pp
snare
3
pp
chimes
4
p
pp
glock
5
p
pp
93
trgl.
let ring until all vibrations disappear
1
D timp
tr
2
3
4
5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Part Two

UNITIES, for WIND QUINTET
1977

In five movements:

1) Isolation
2) Lion's Gate
3) Ostinato
4) Patullo
5) Unity

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UNITIES for Wind Quintet

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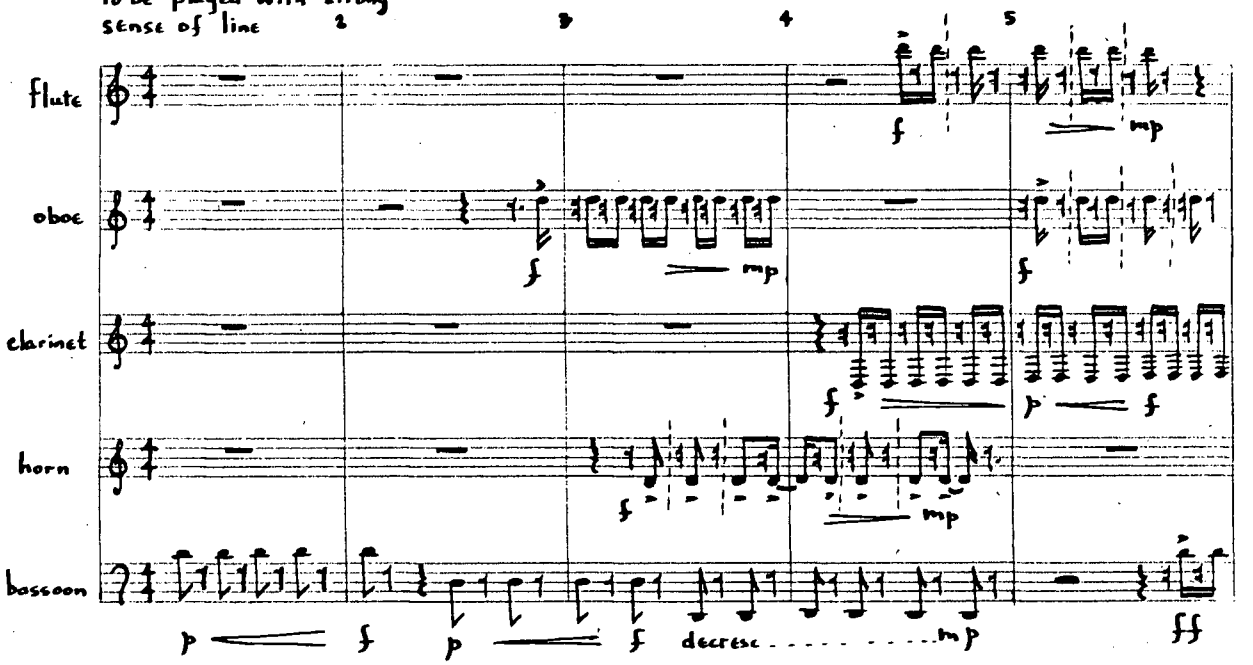
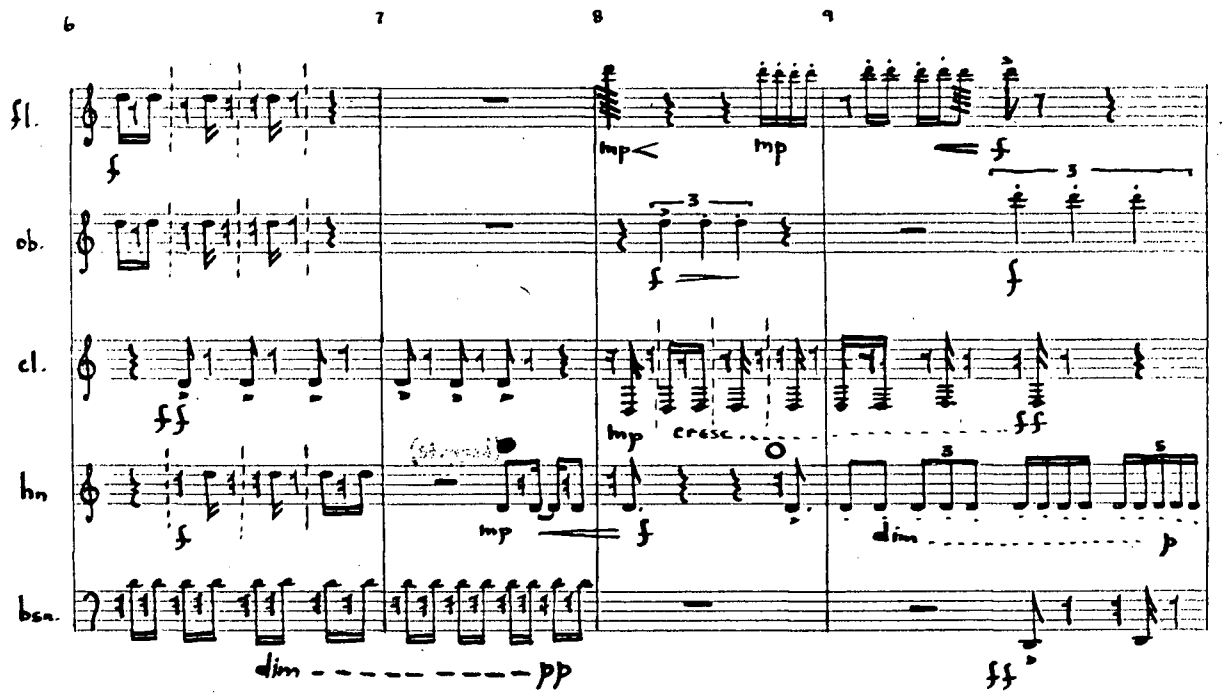
I ISOLATION

♩=60
to be played with strong sense of line





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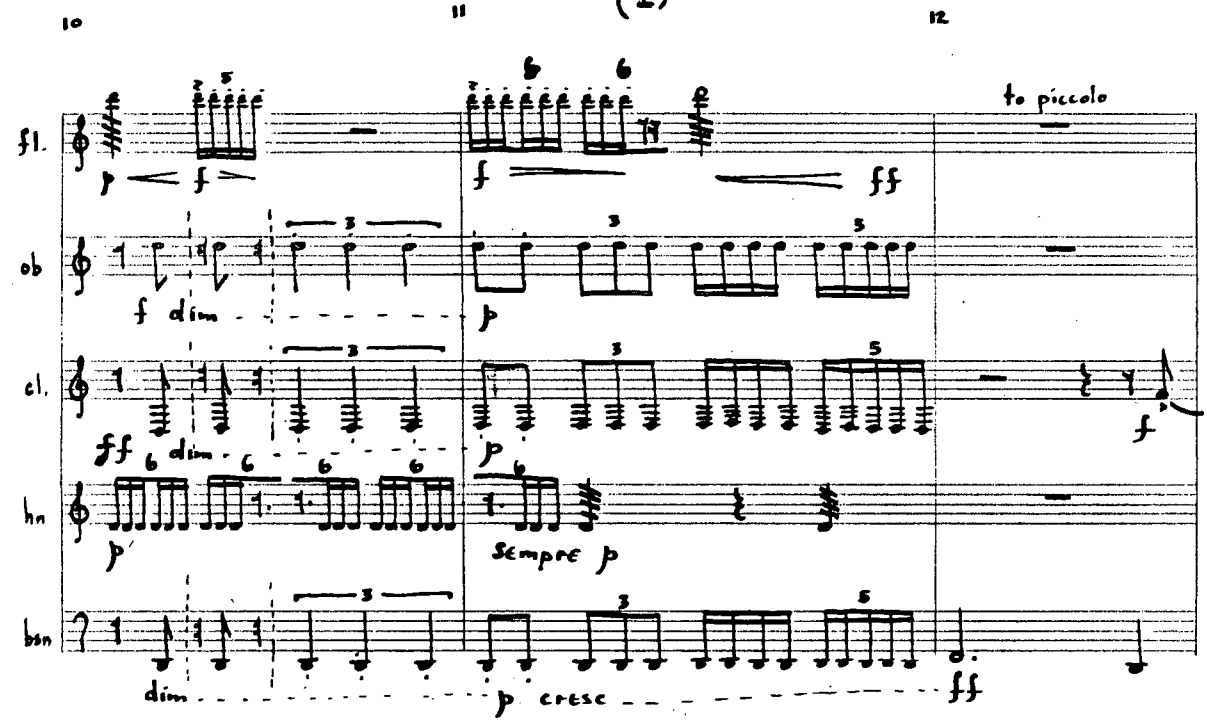
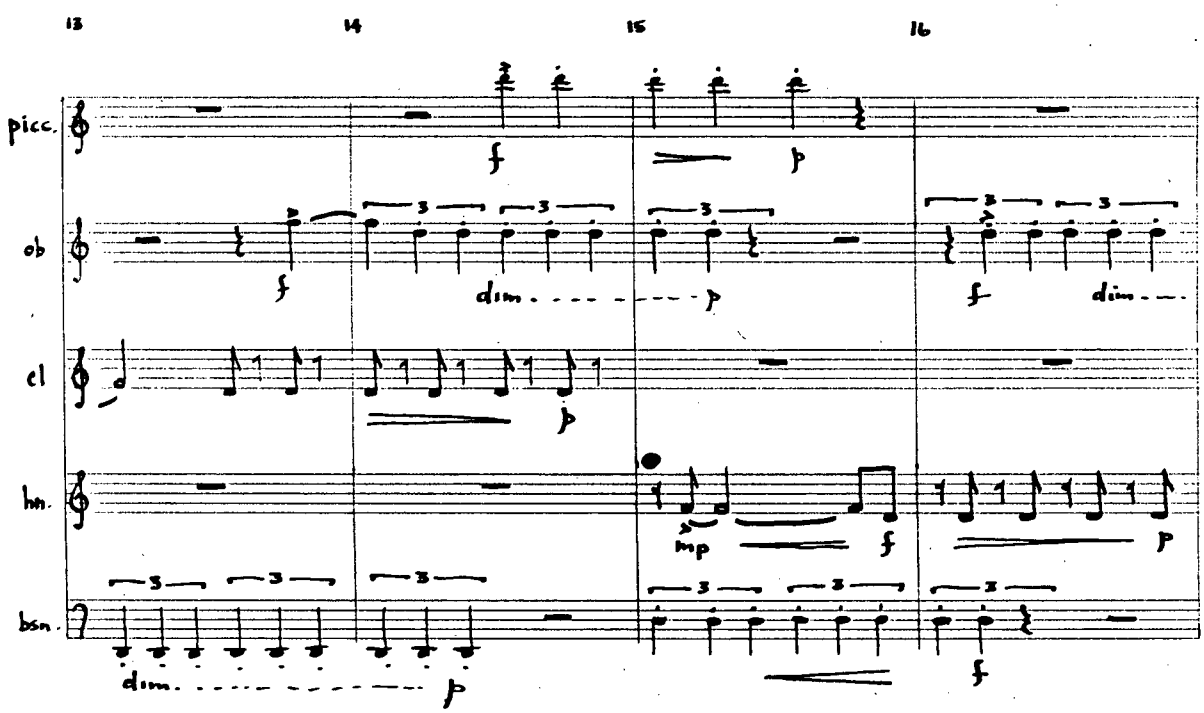
○ normal





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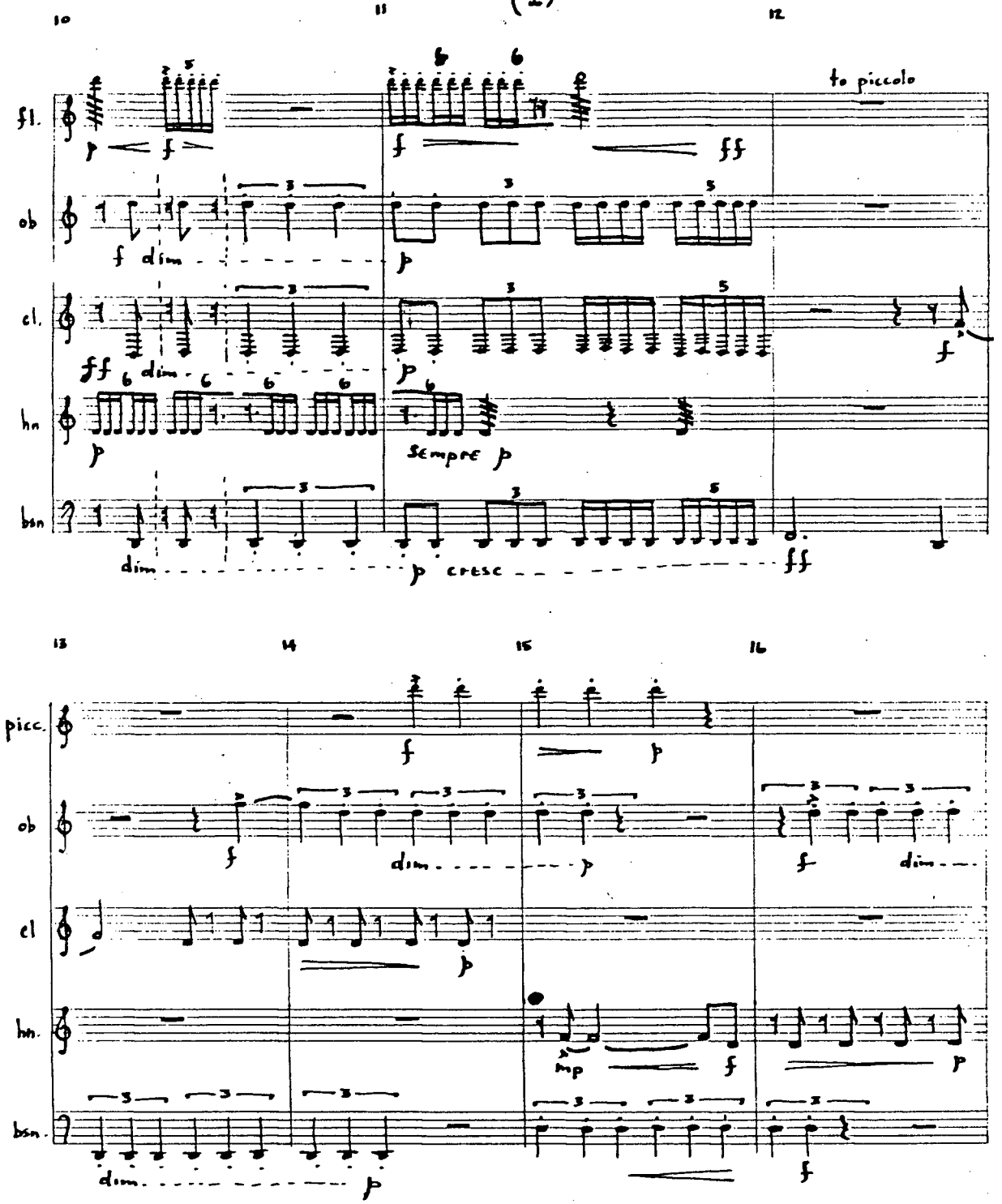
● ⟶ ○ begin stopped and gradually slide to normal, letting pitch rise semi-tone



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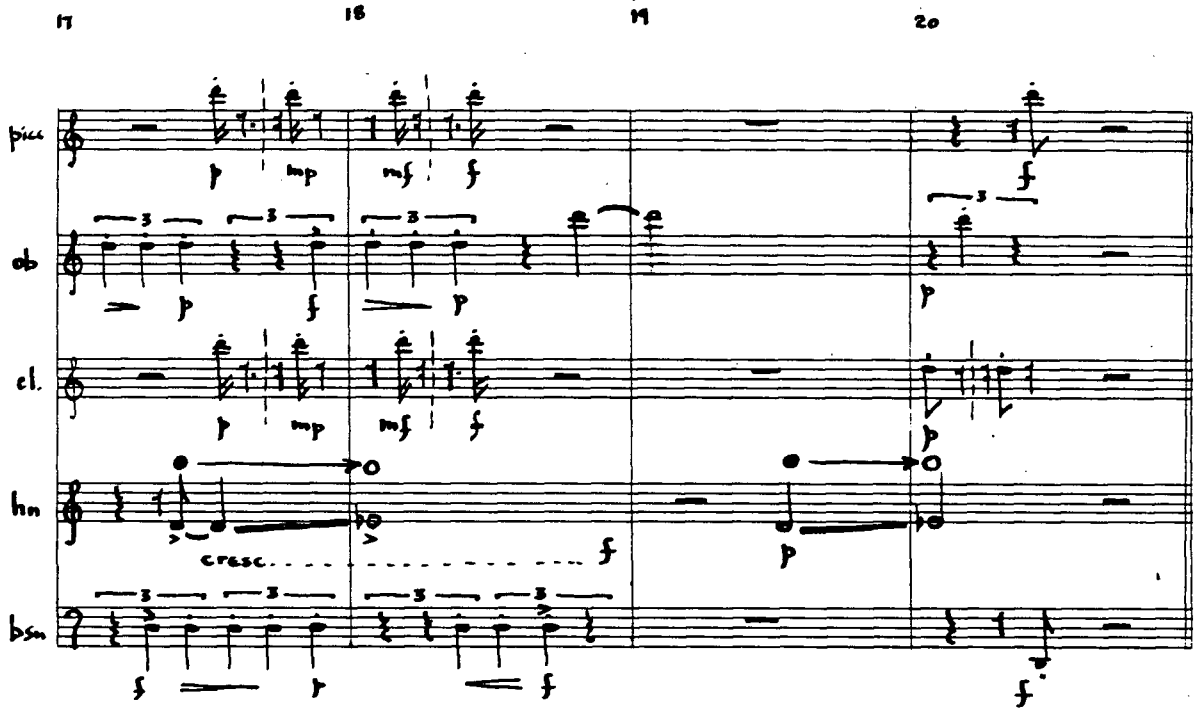

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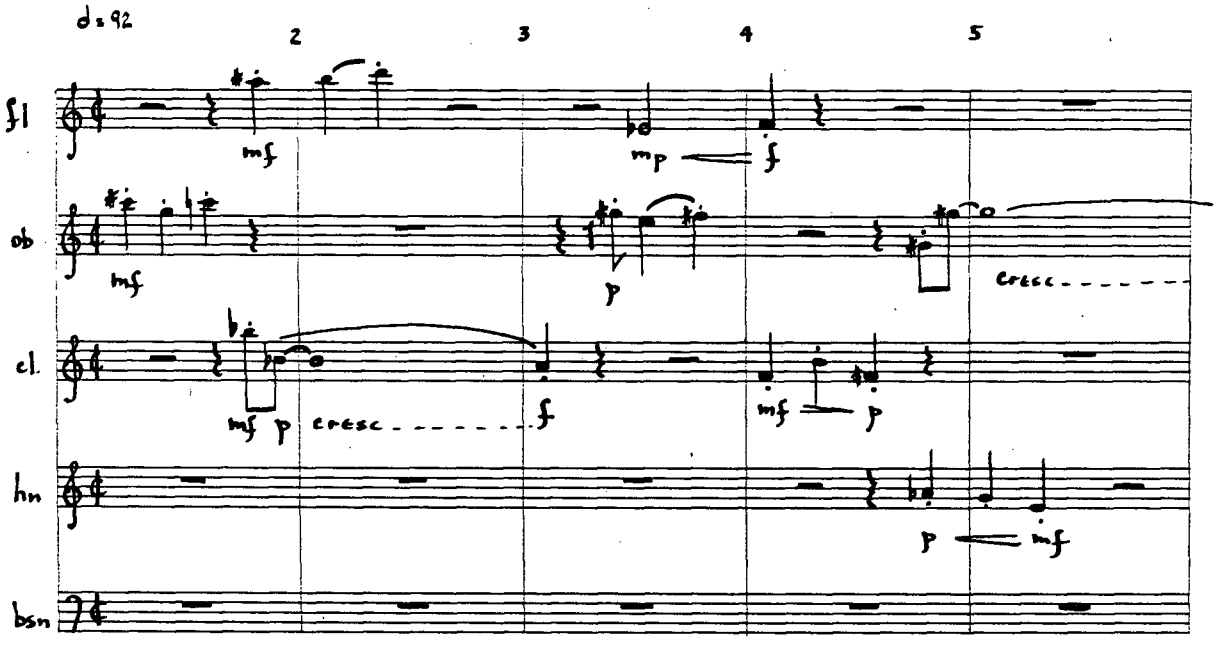

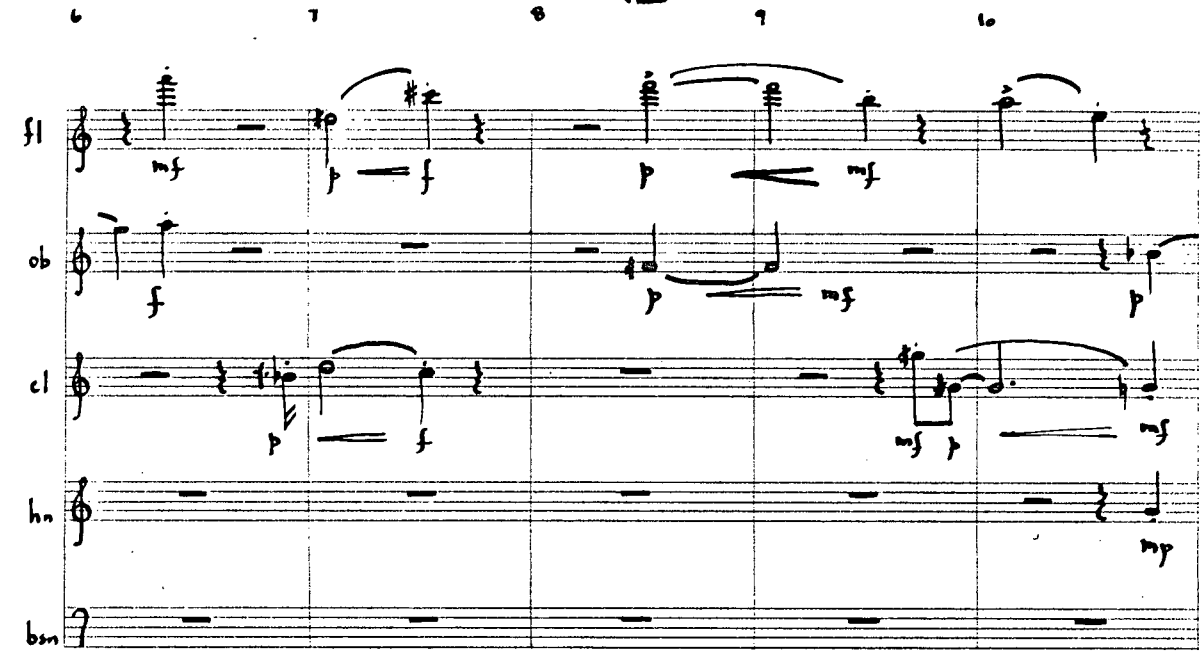

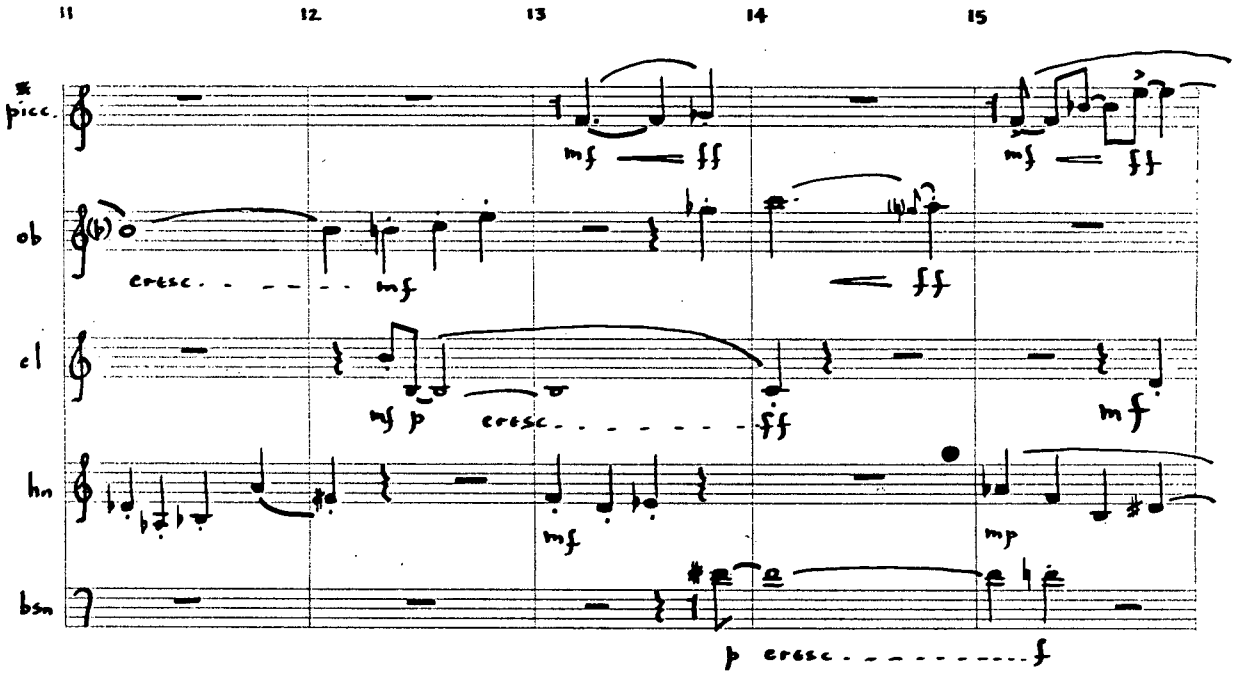

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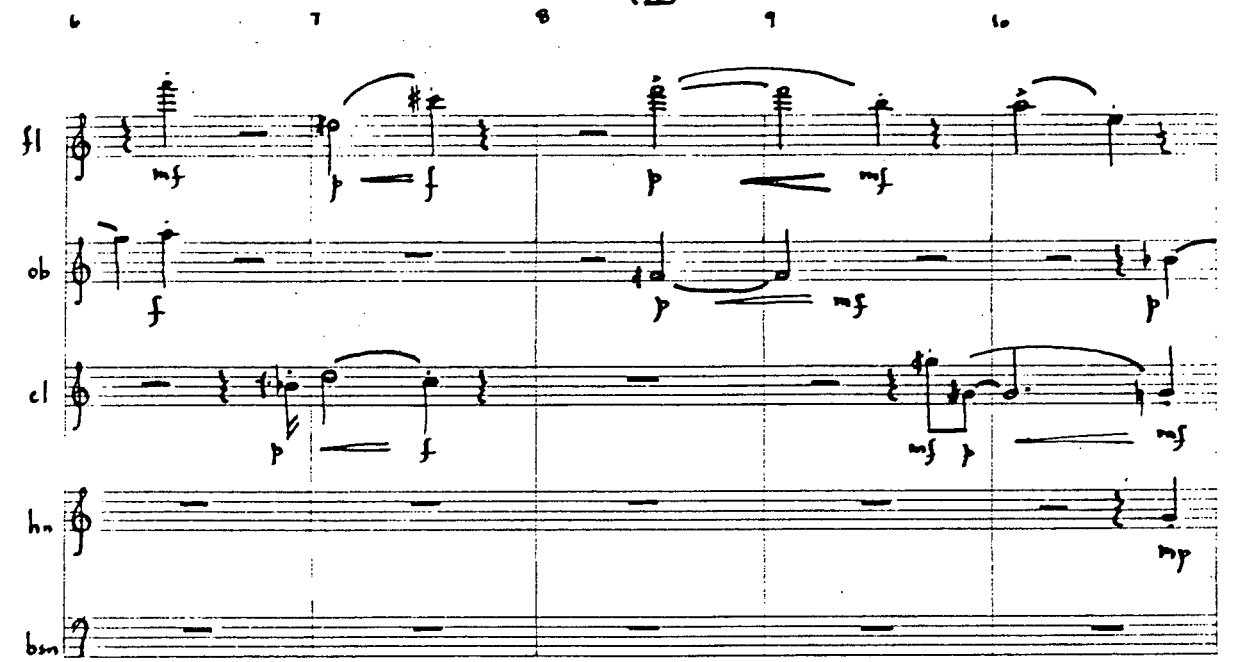

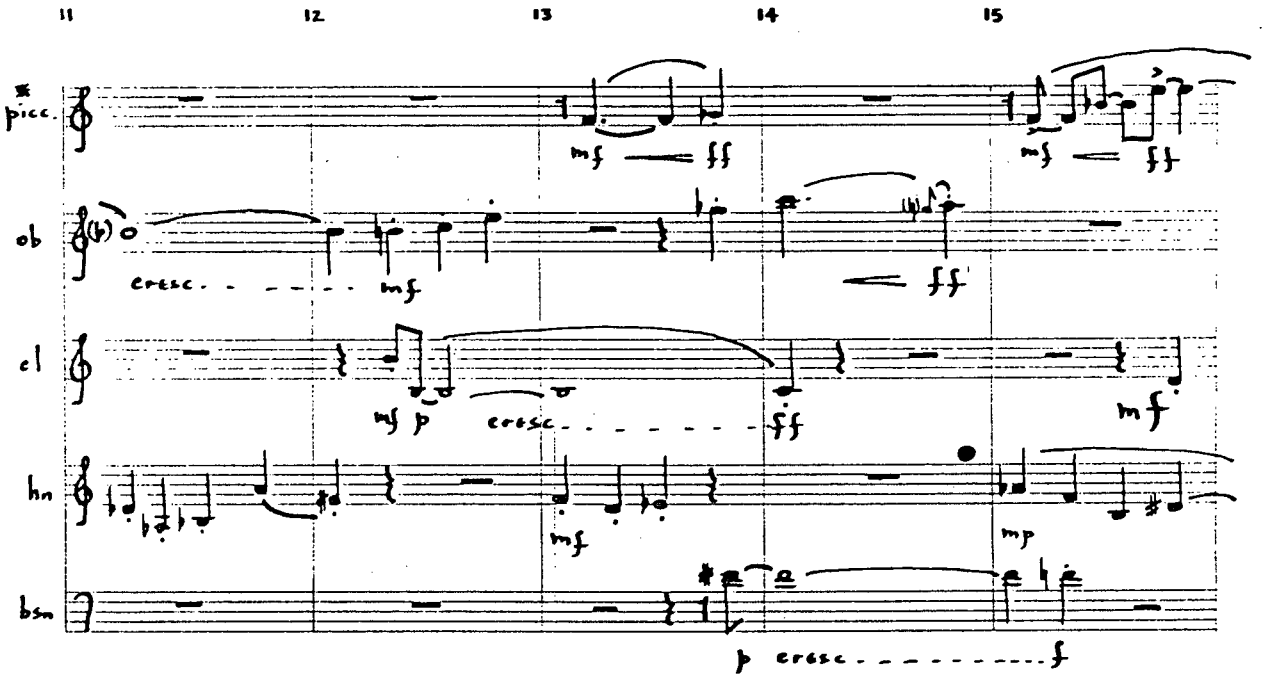

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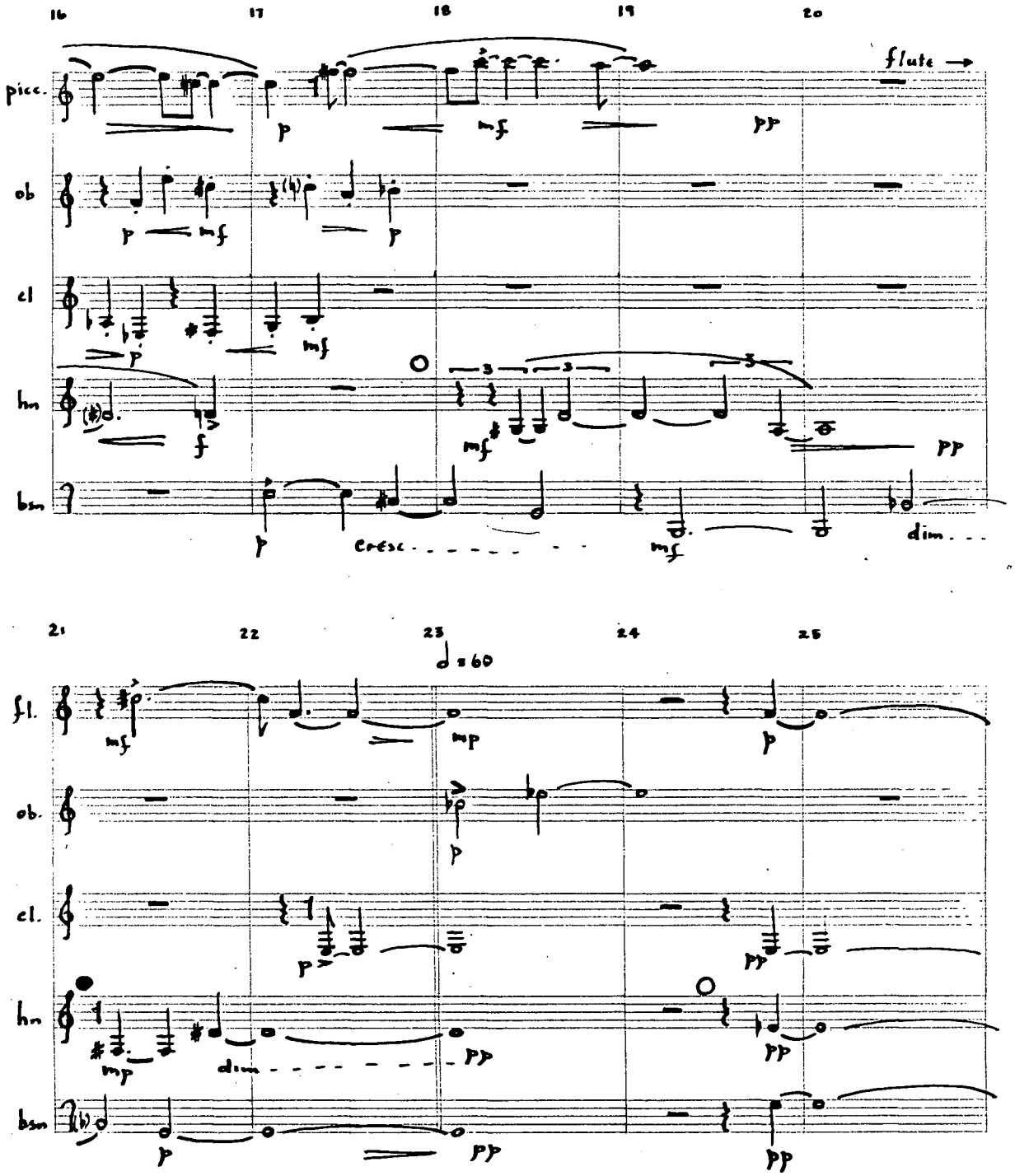
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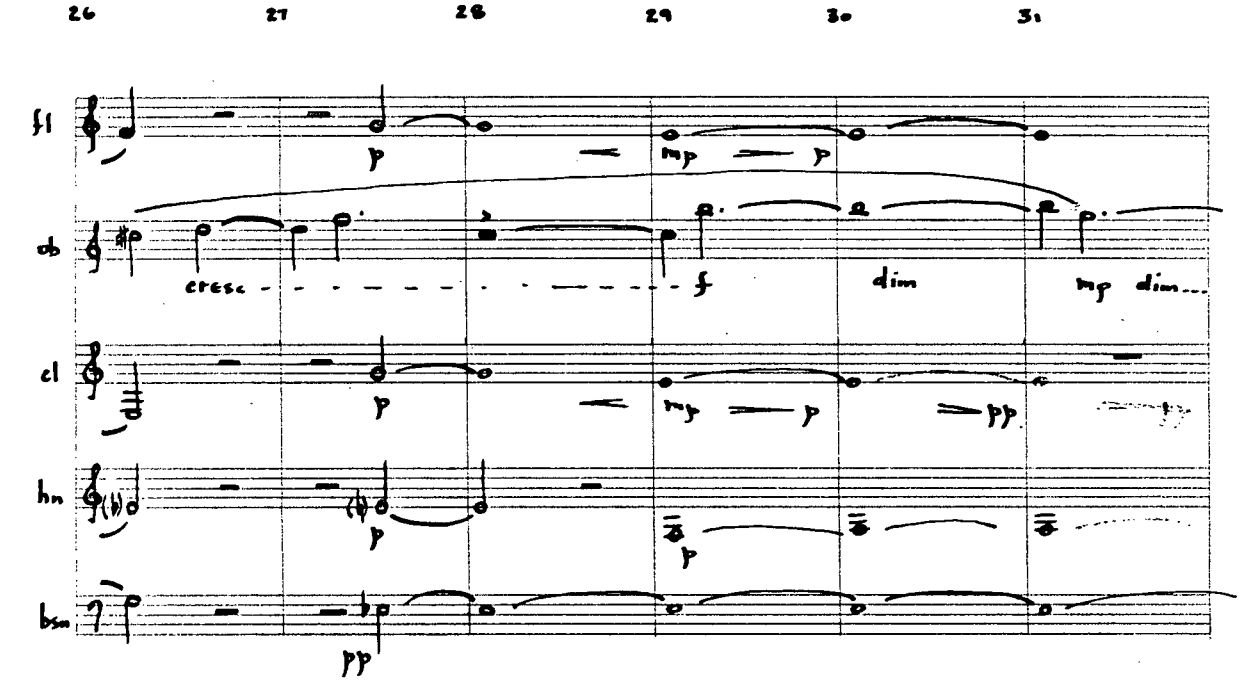
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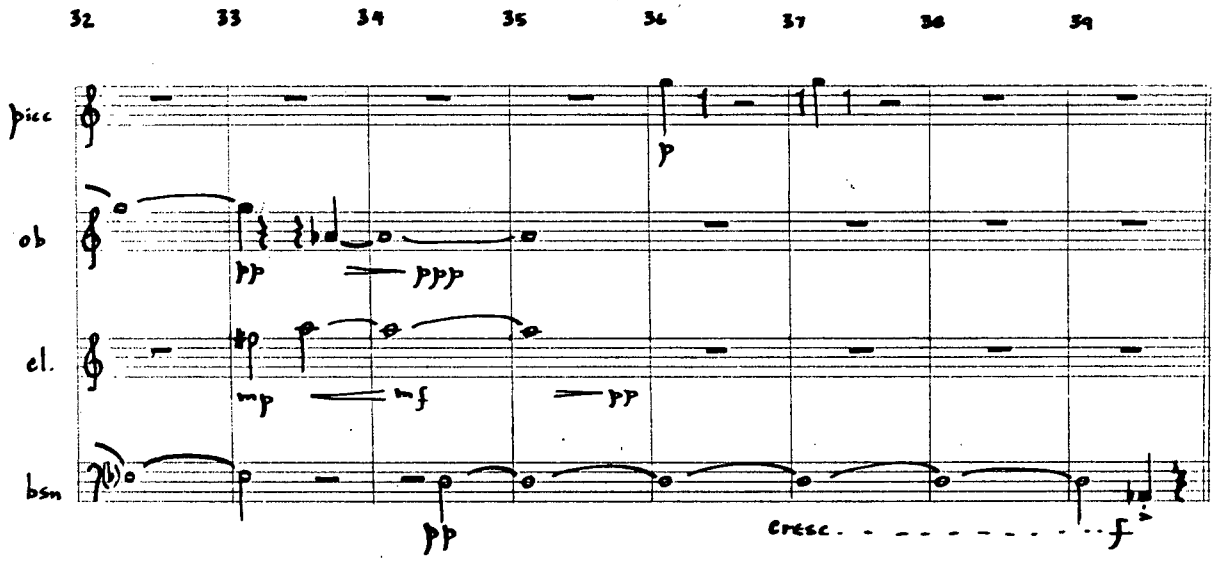
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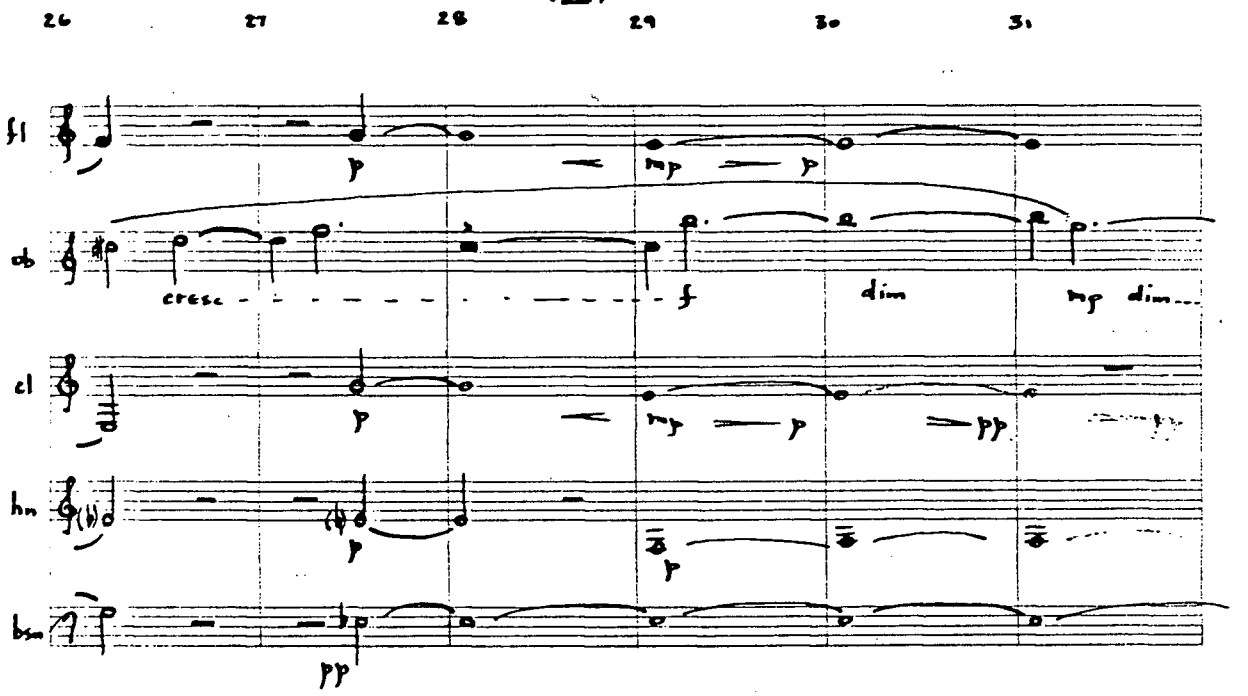
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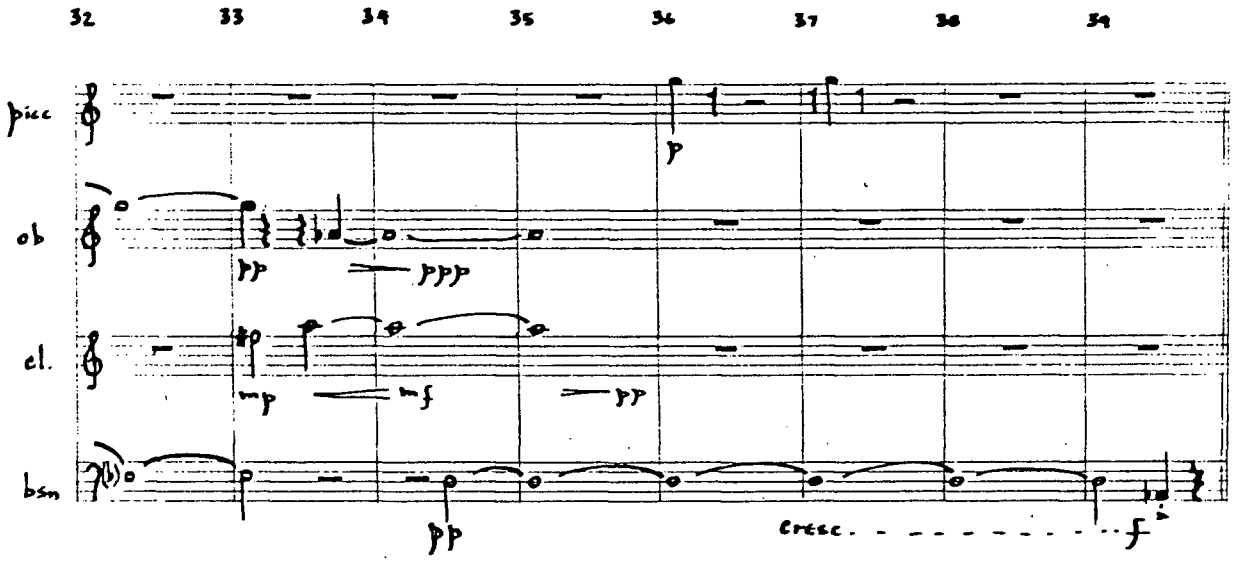
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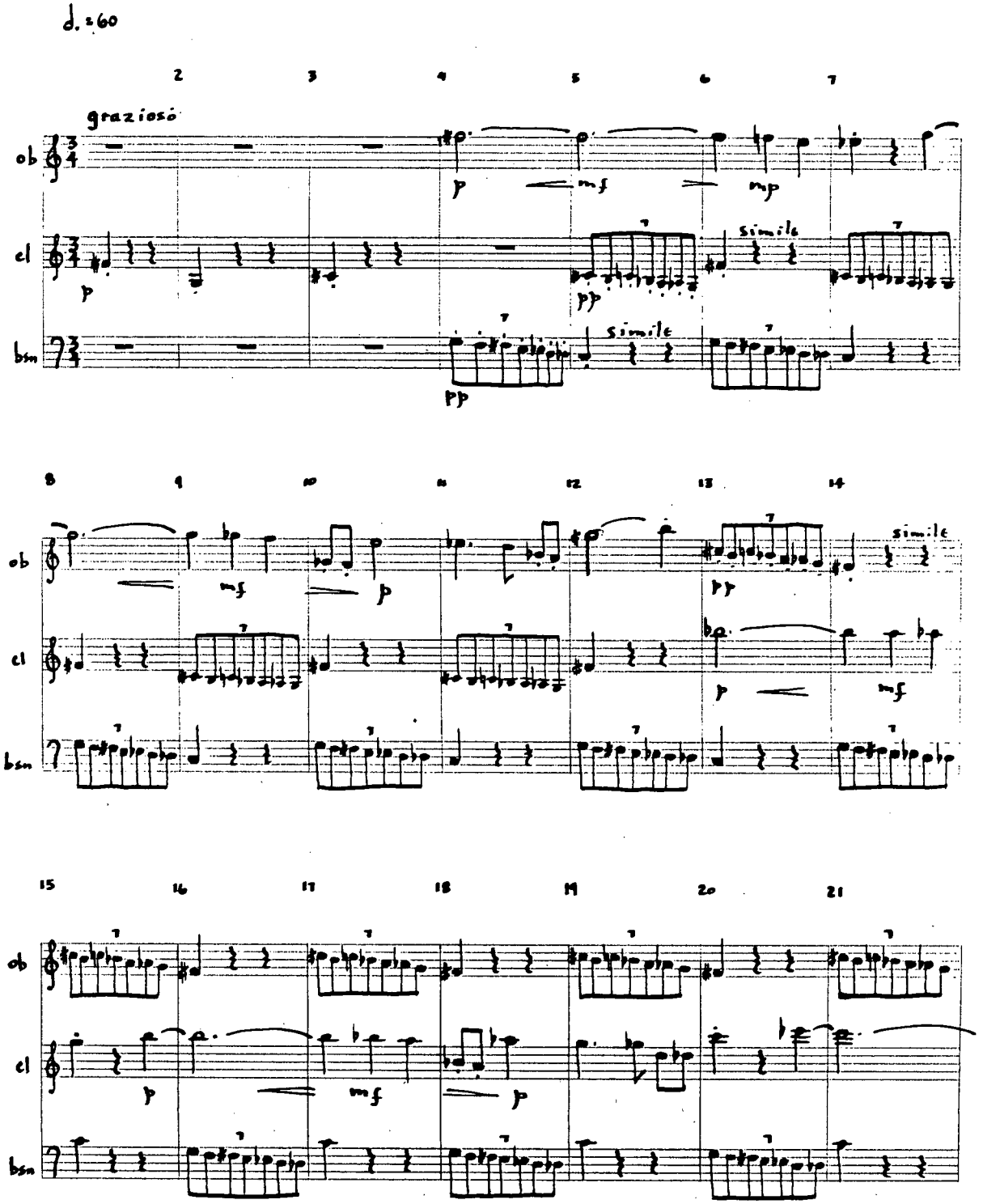

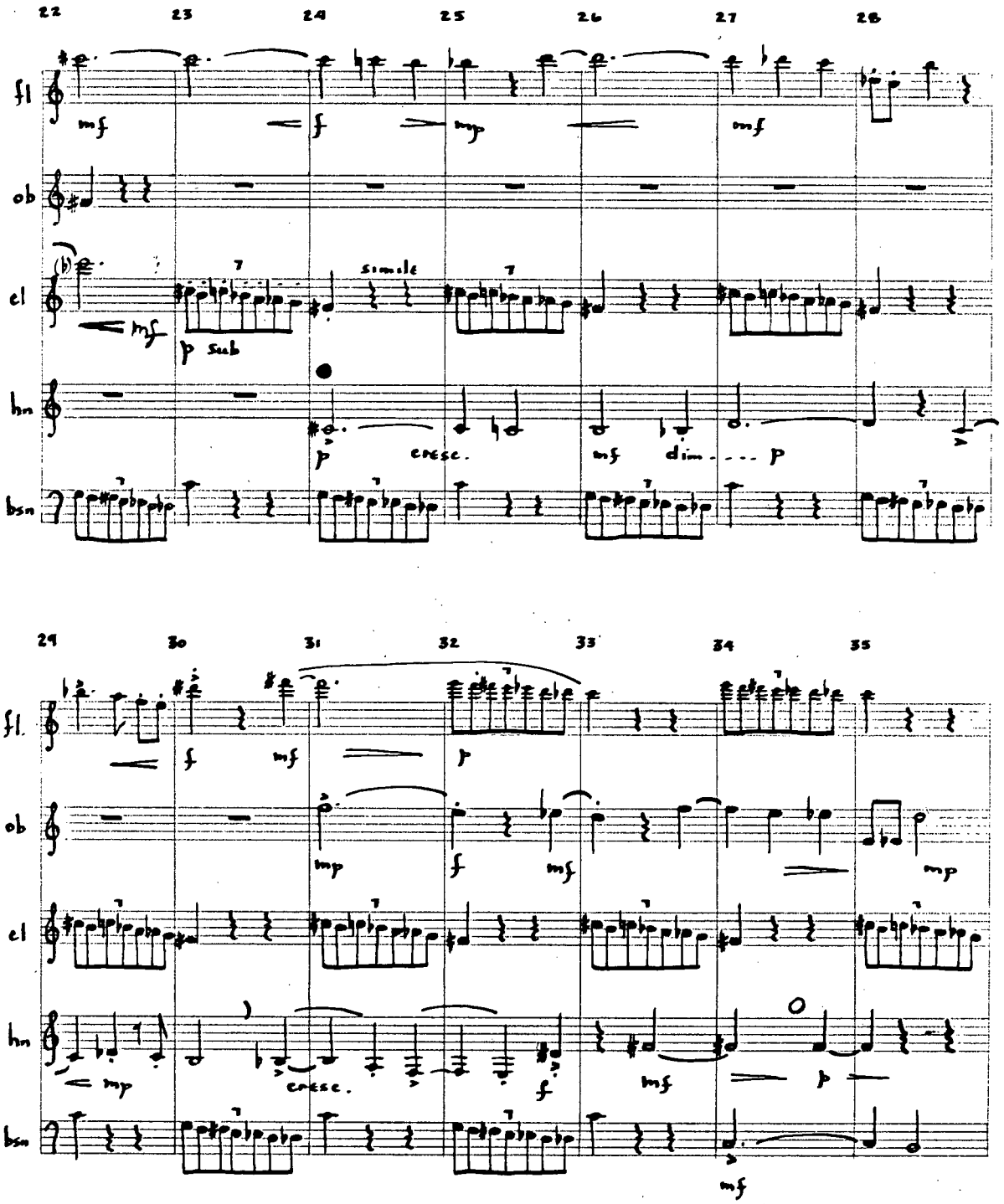
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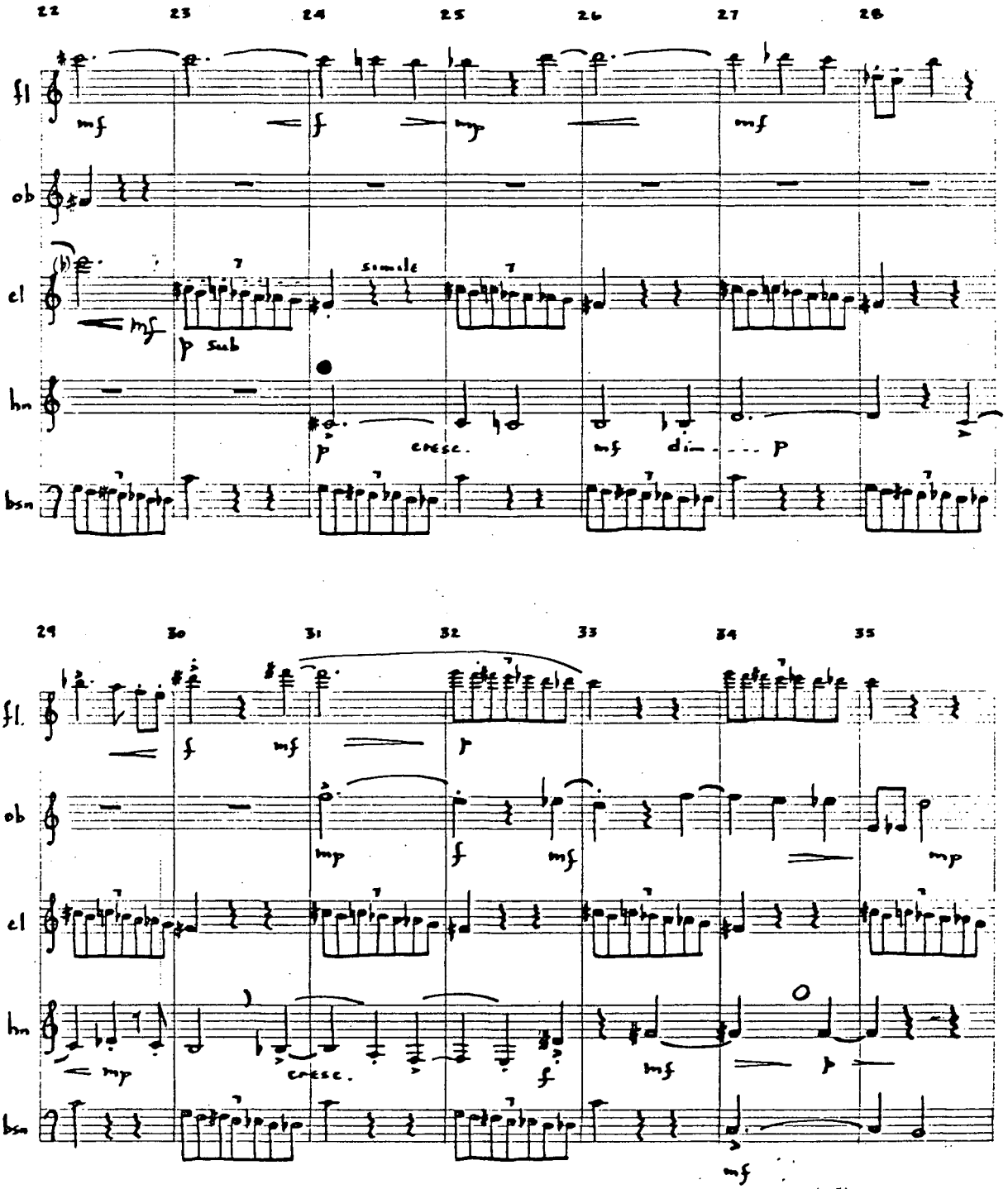
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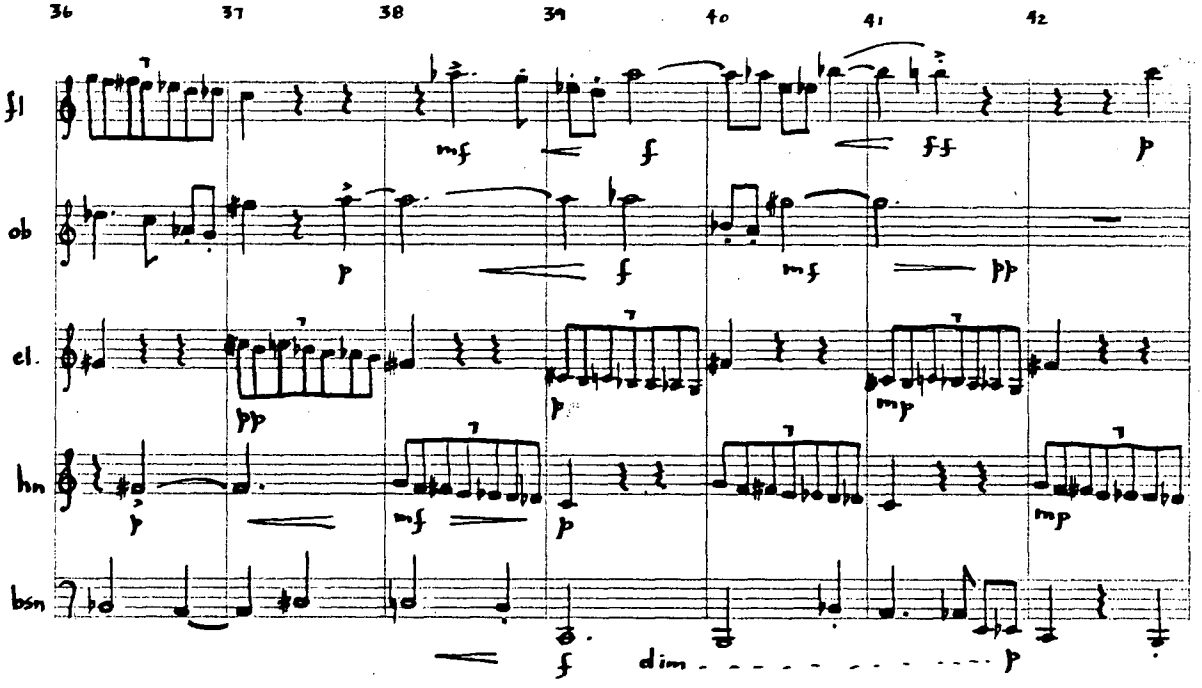

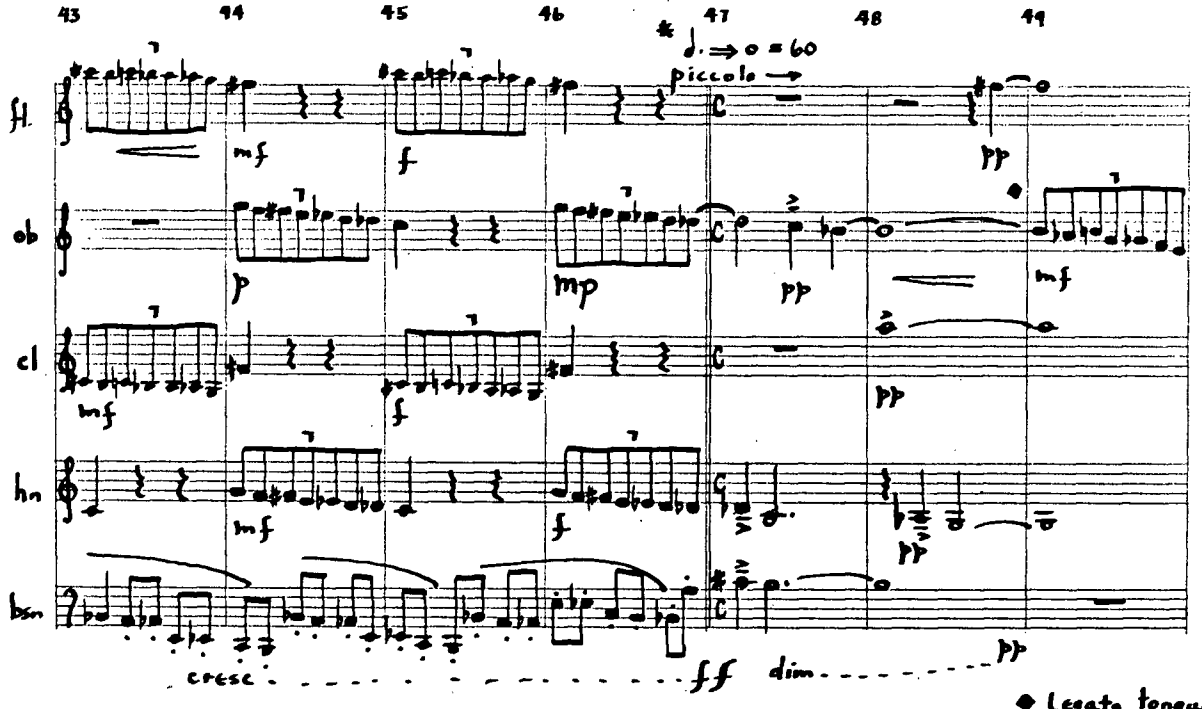

● Legato tonguing

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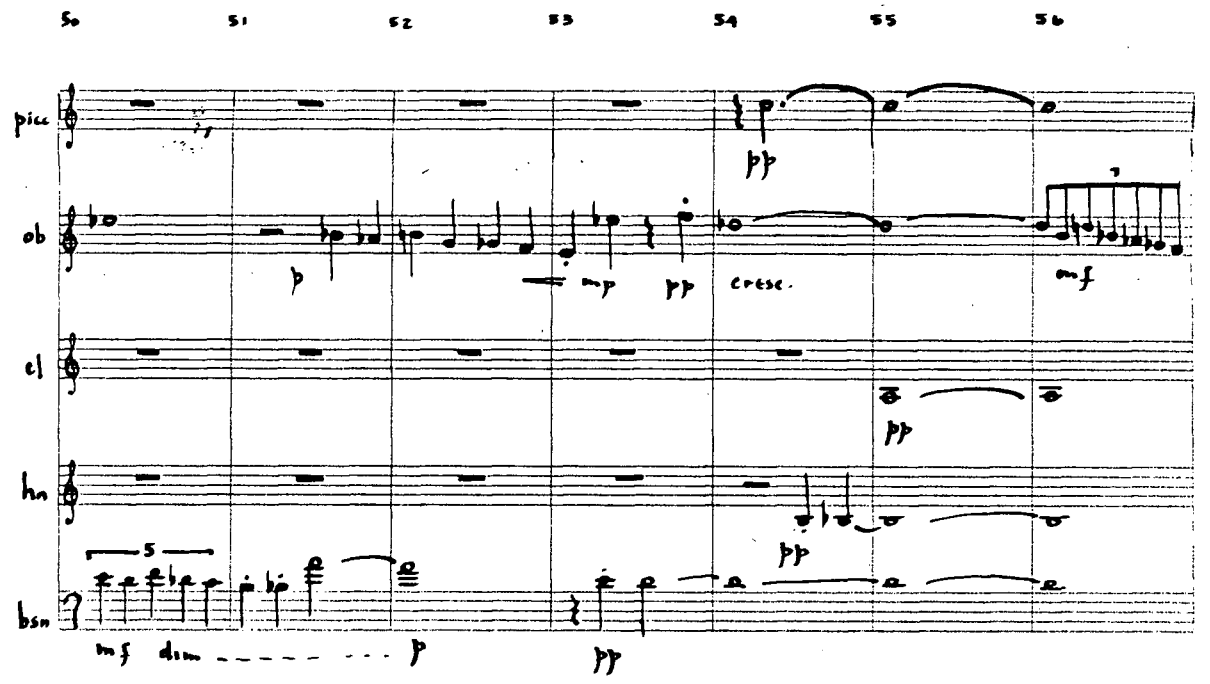
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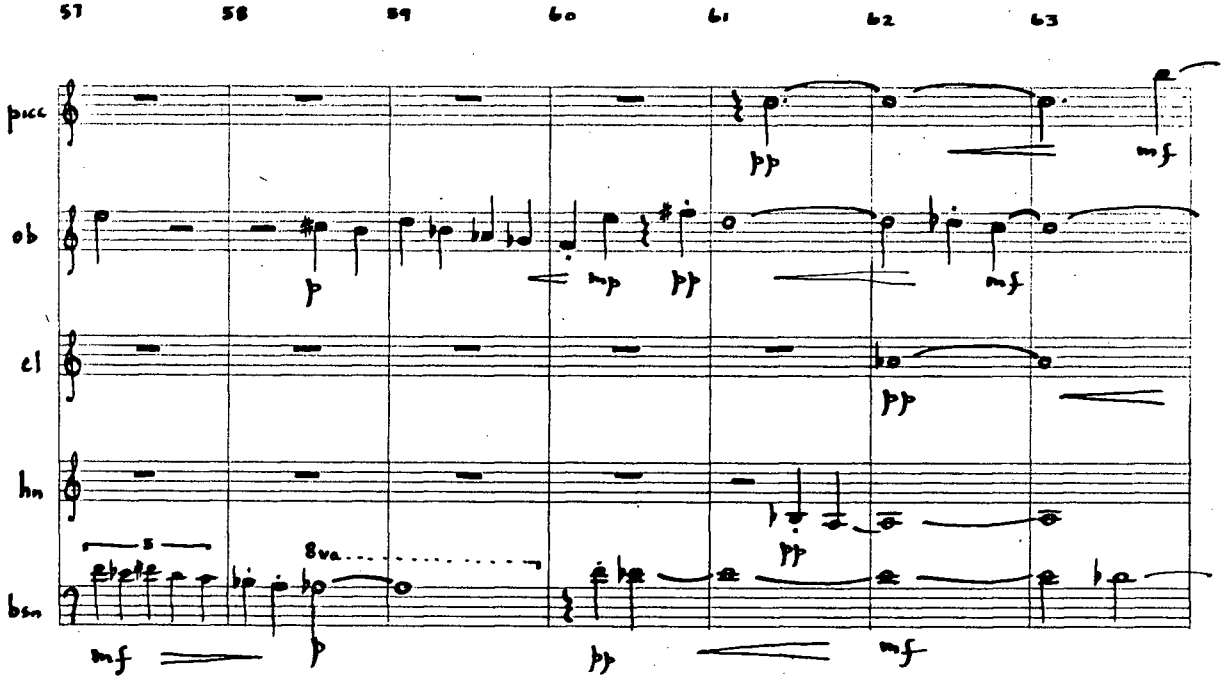
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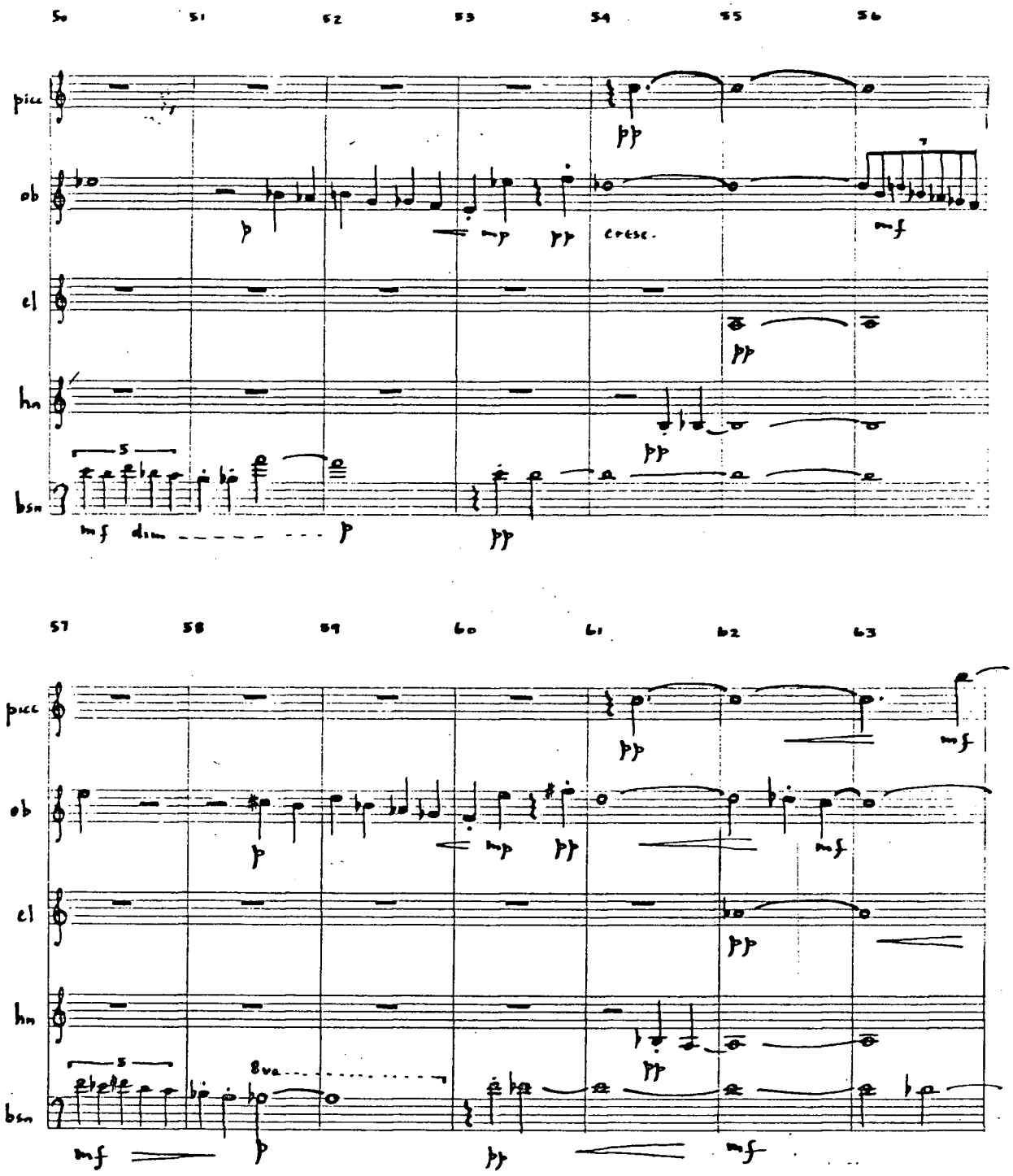
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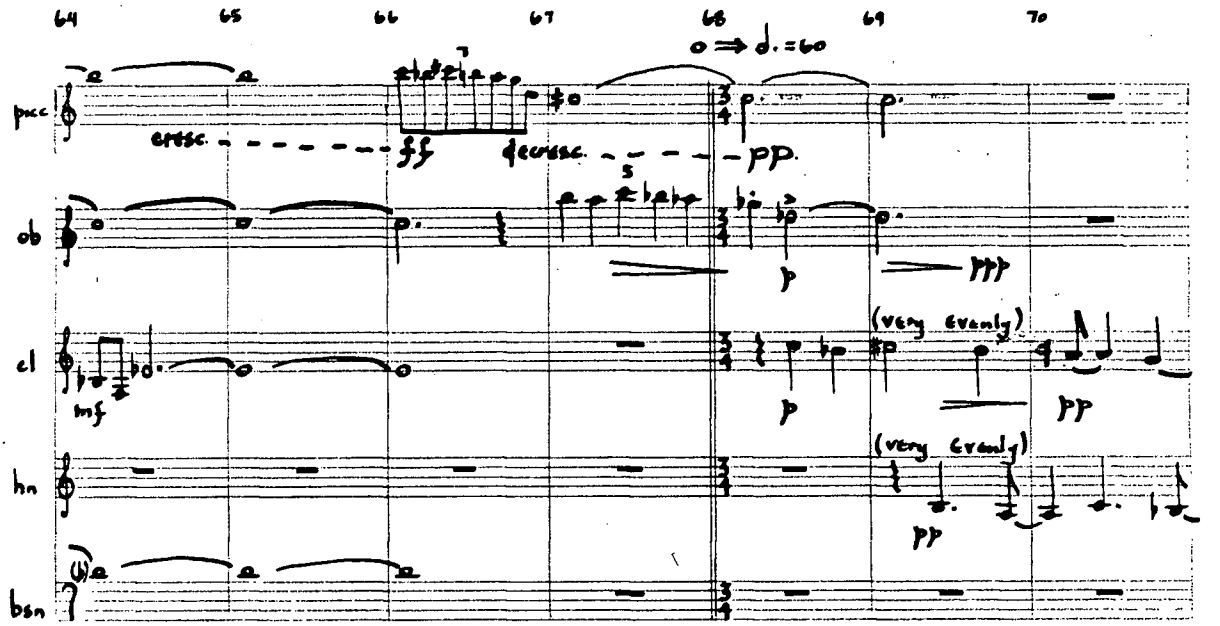
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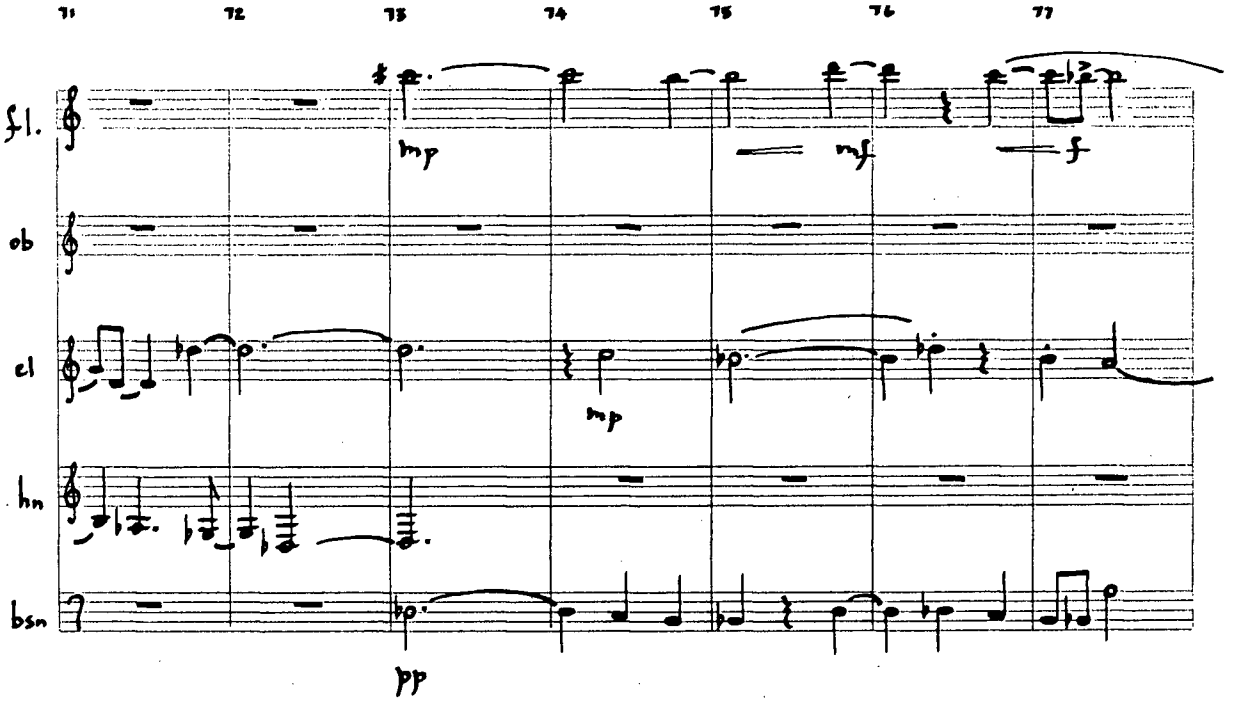
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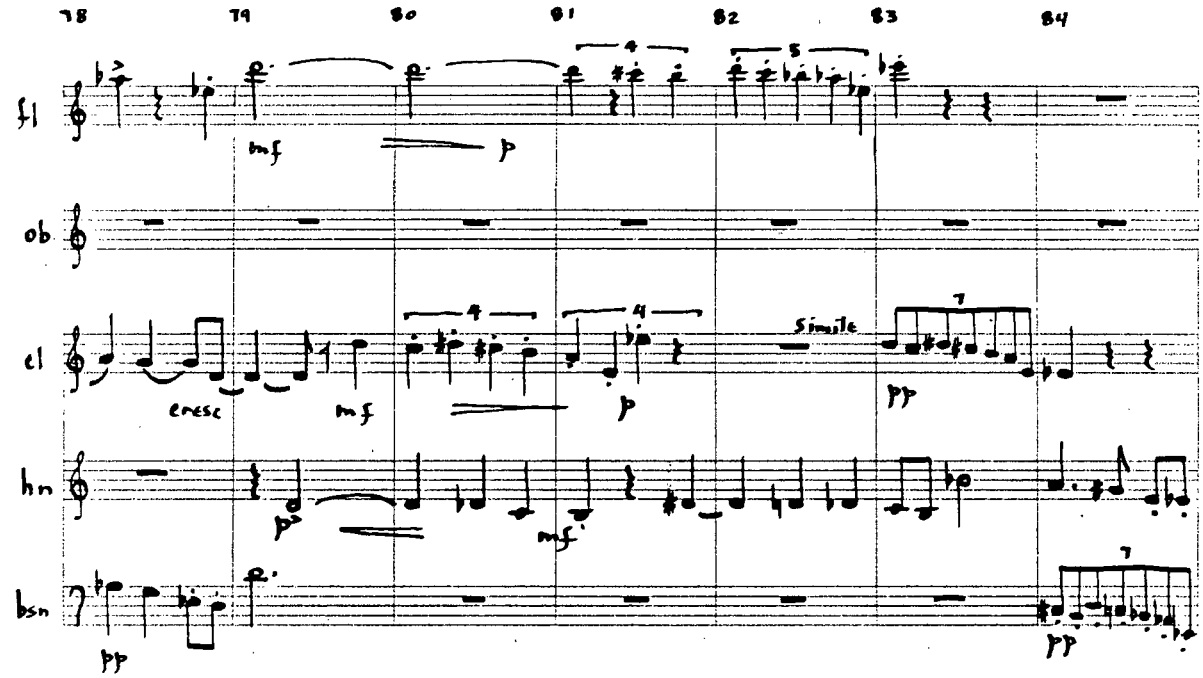
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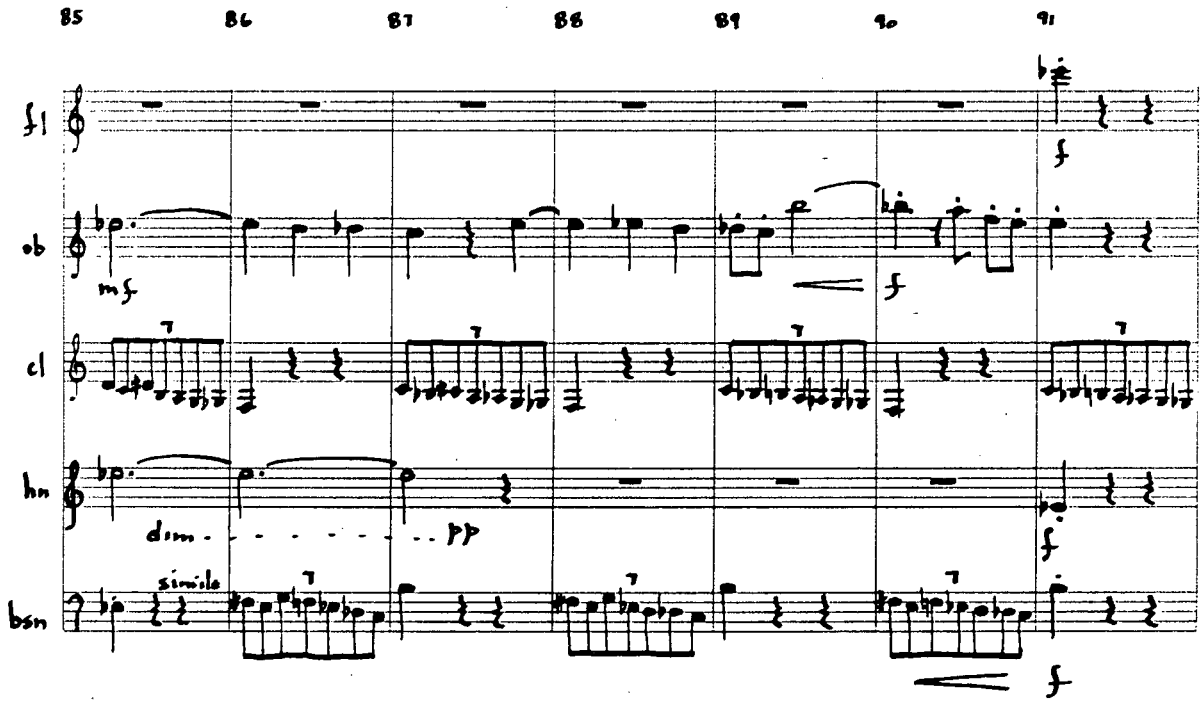
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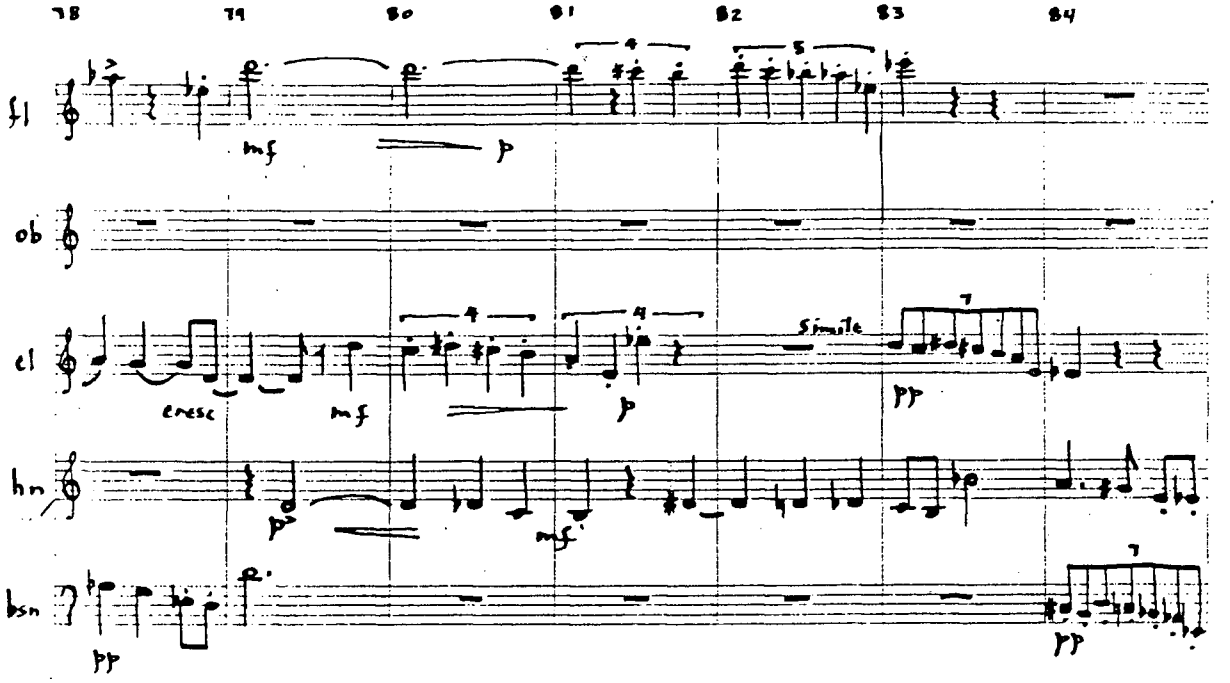
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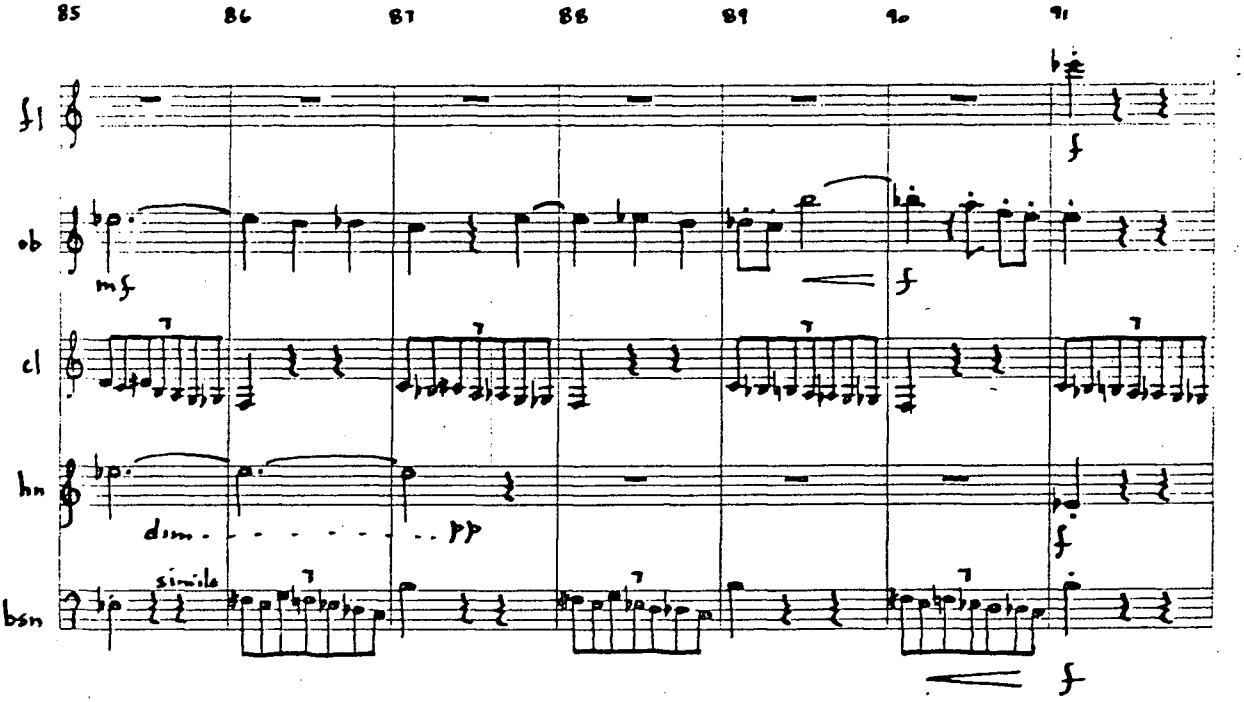
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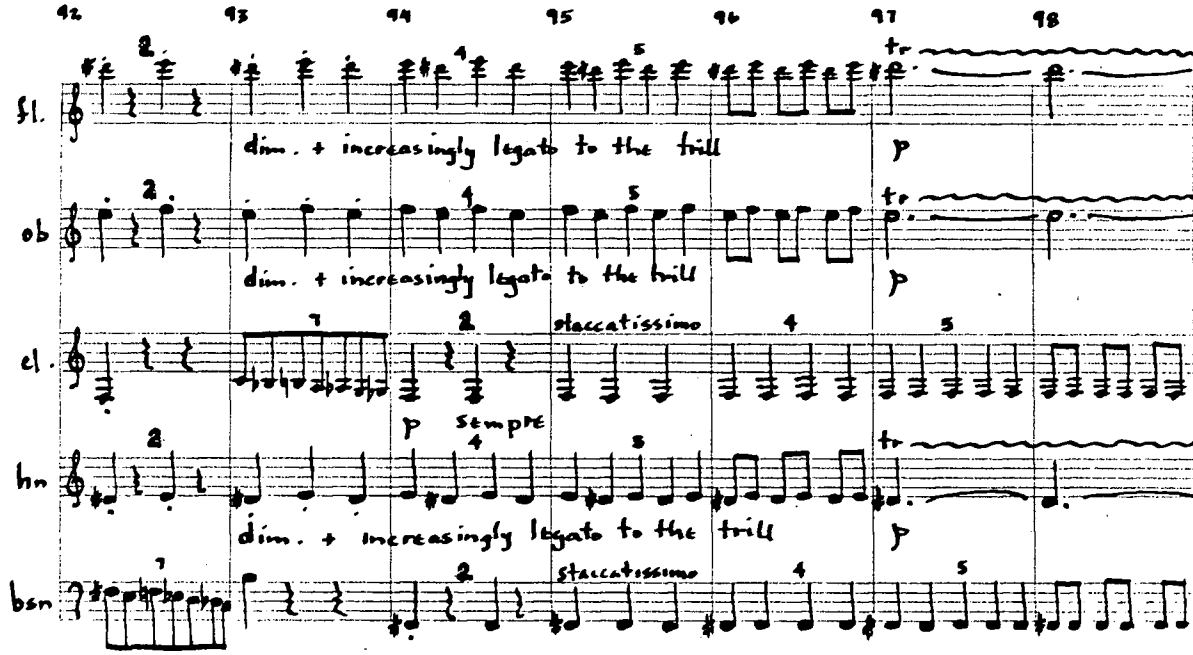
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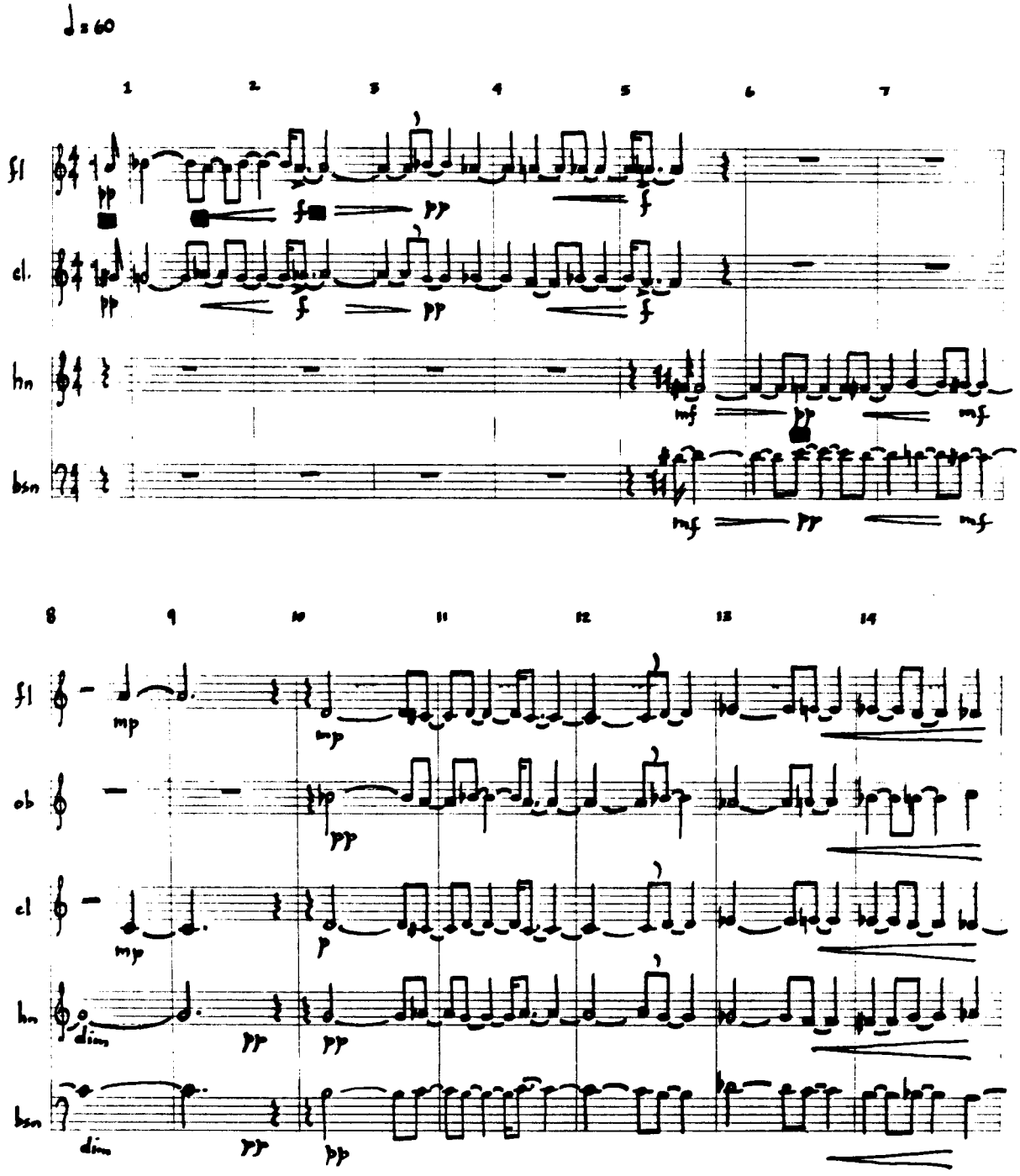
IV PATULLO



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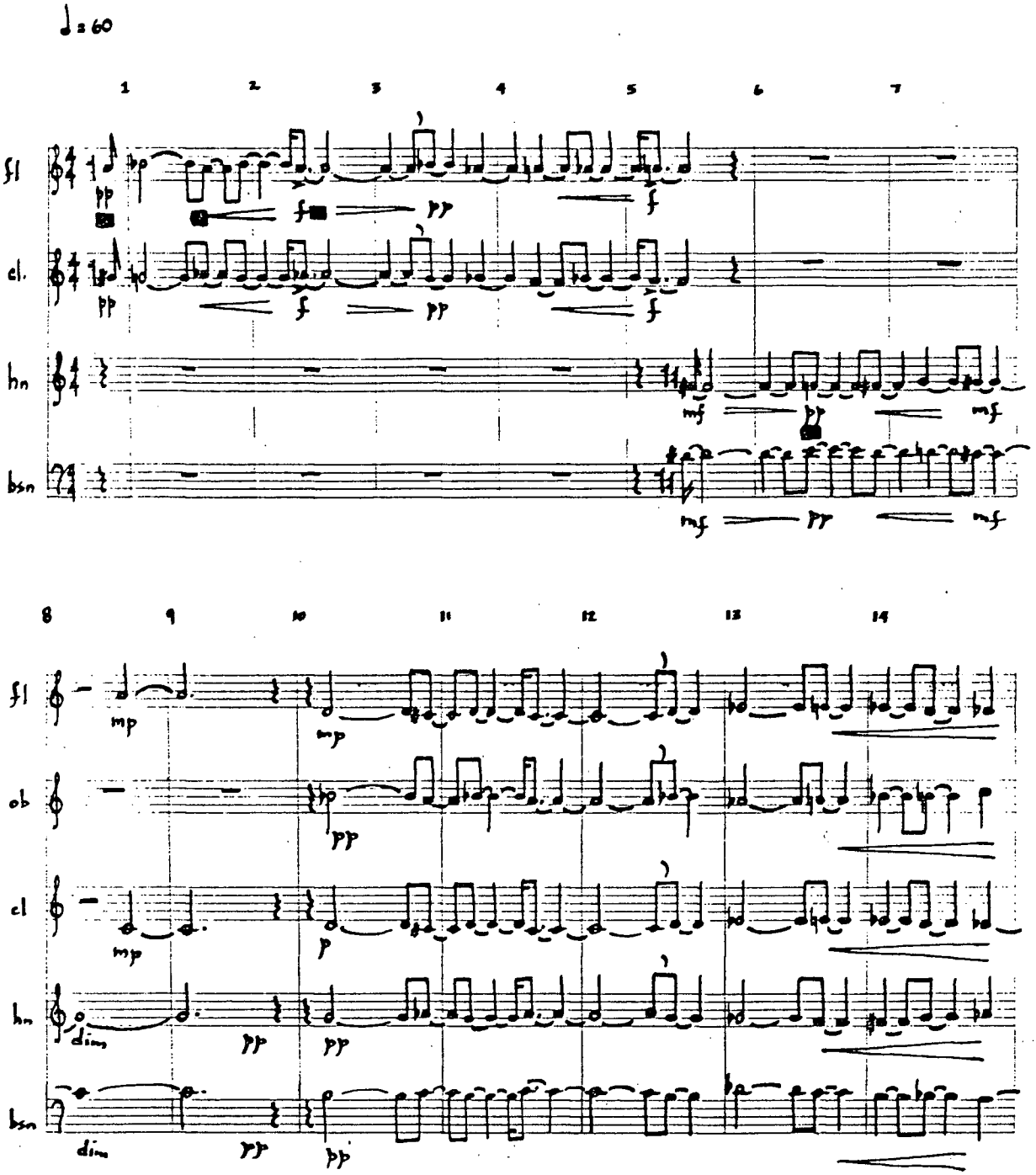

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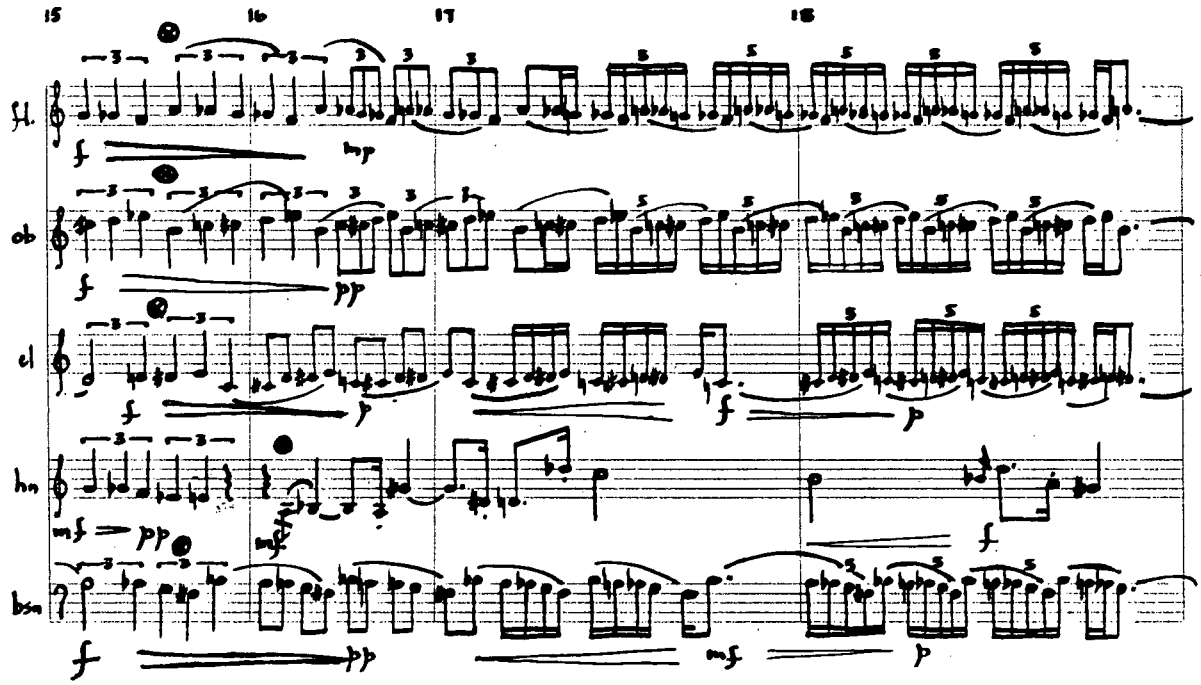

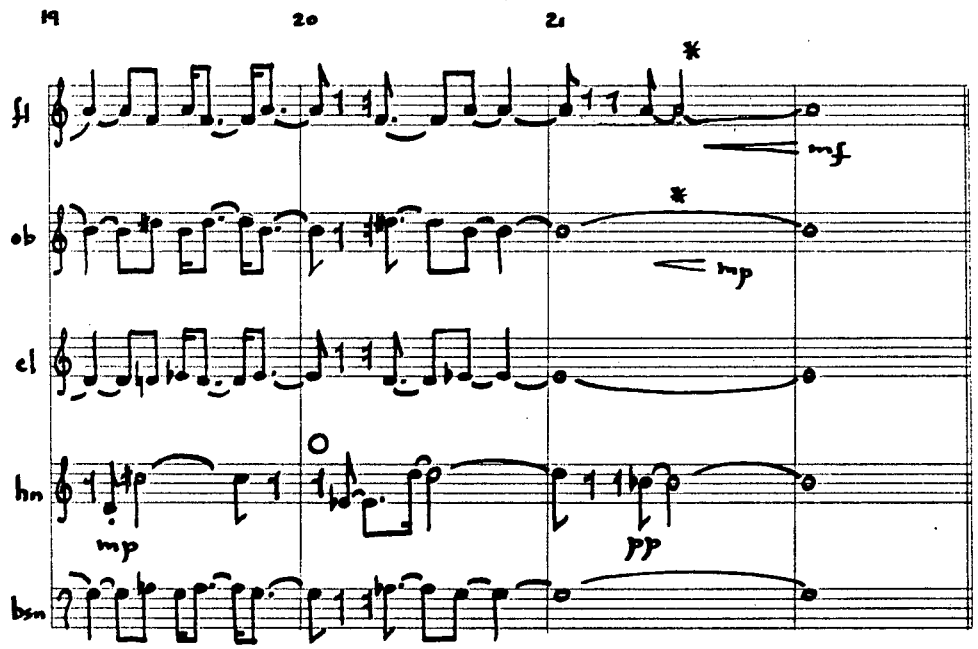

⊗ tongue only first note of each group

✱ Dynamics up, to create (strengthen) the semitone 'beats'

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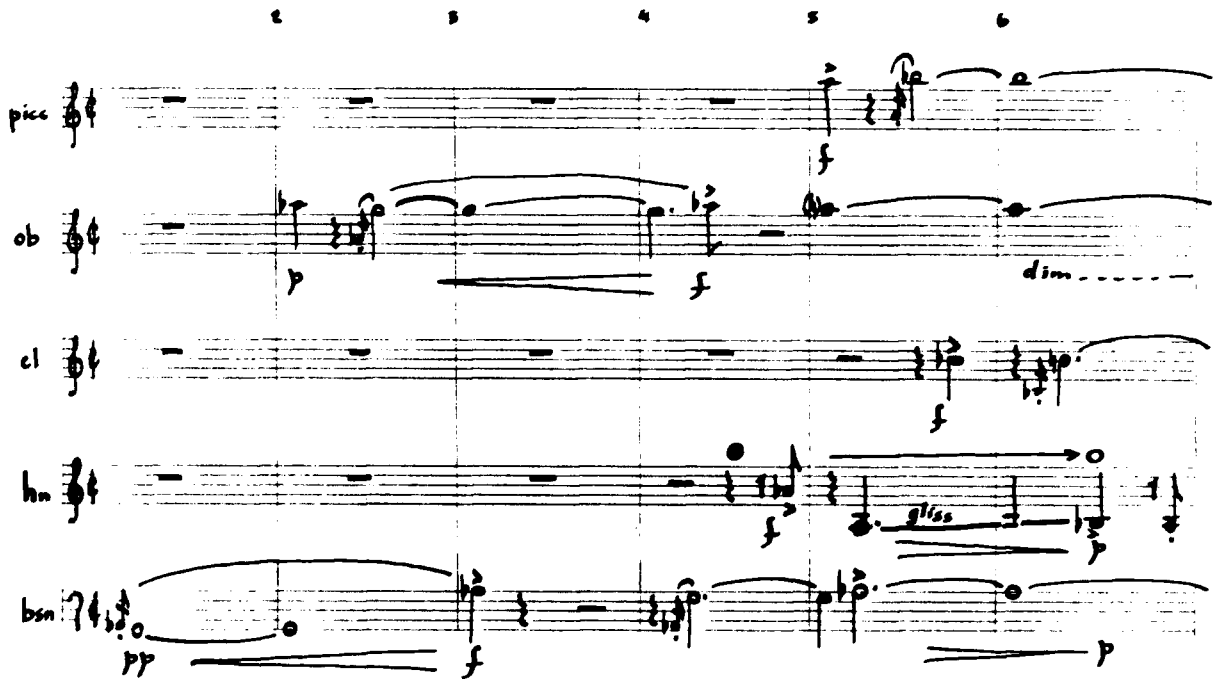

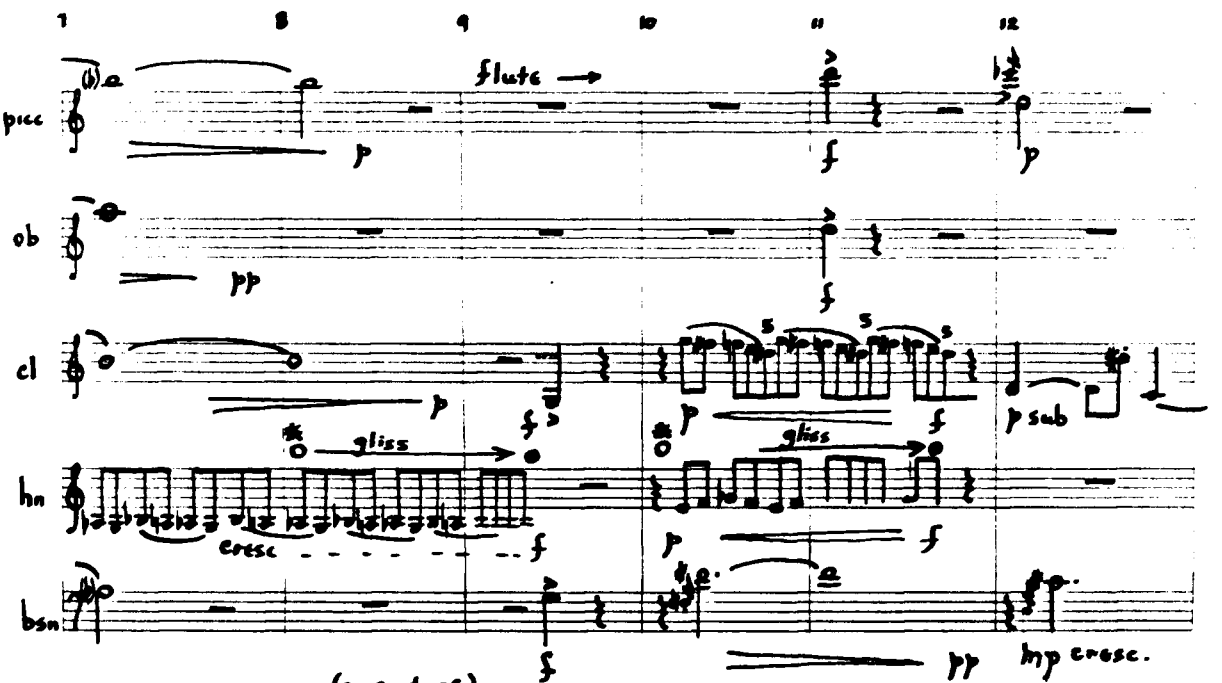

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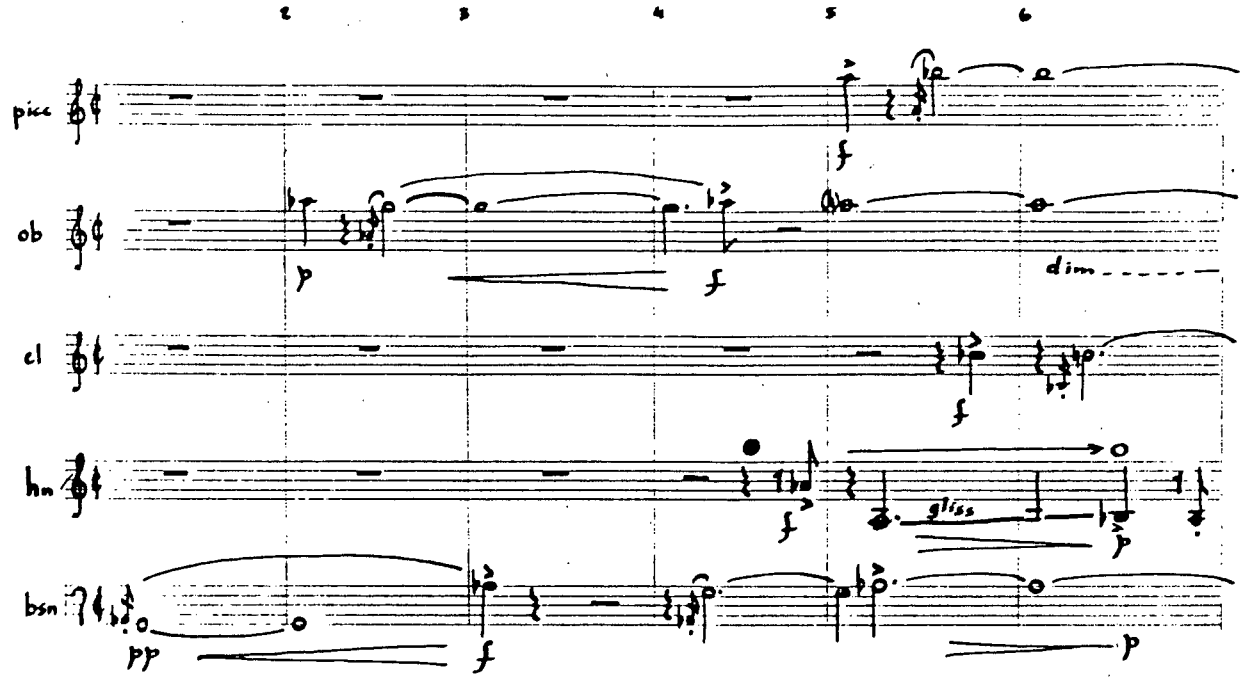

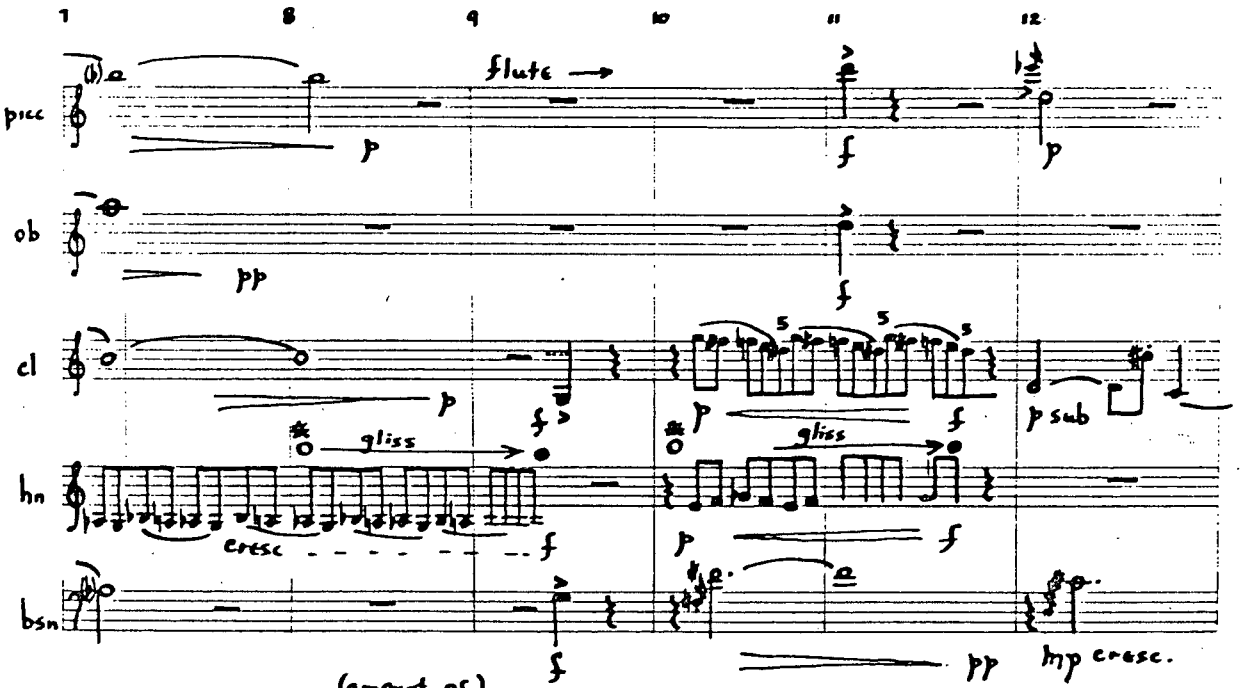

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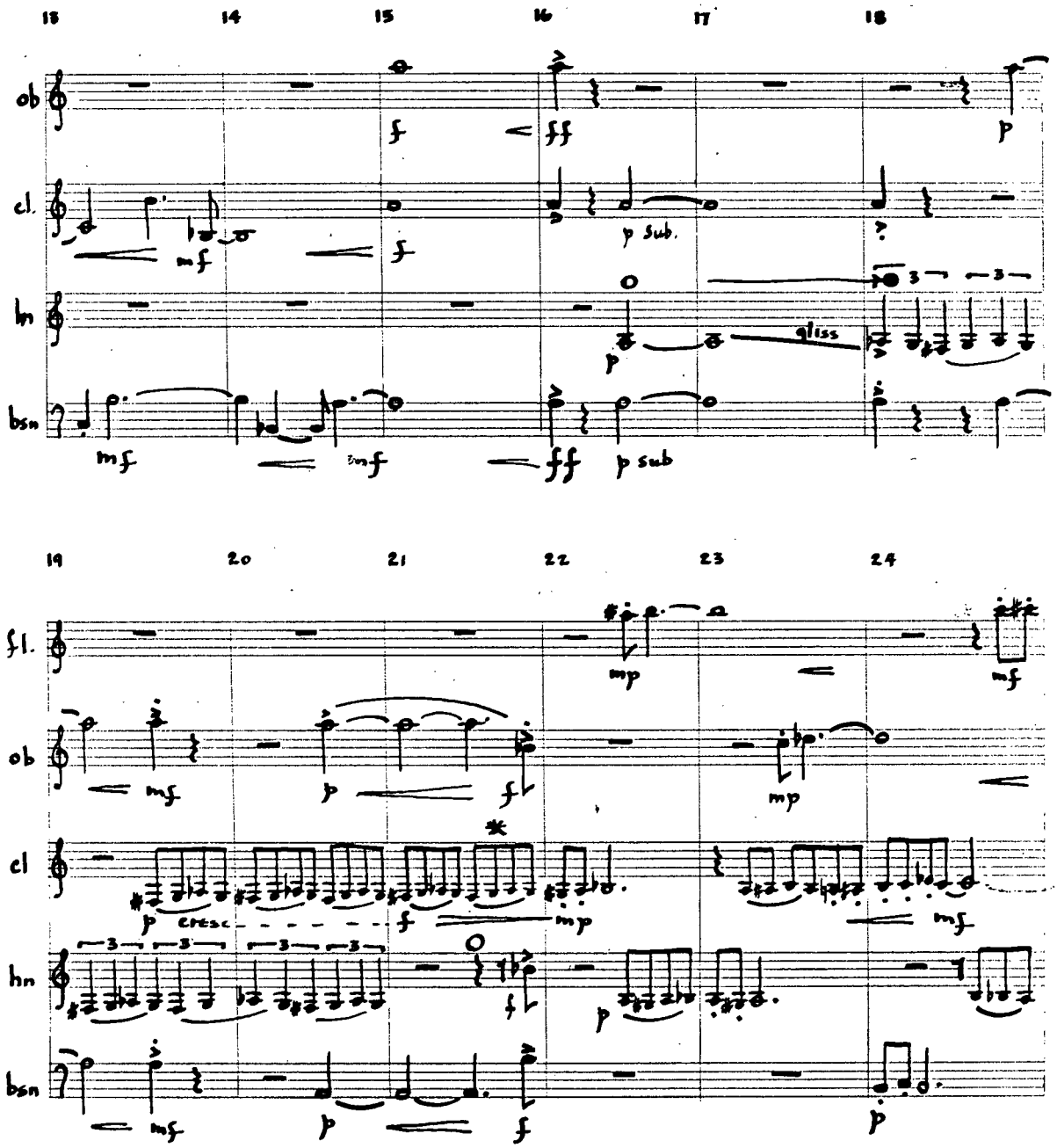

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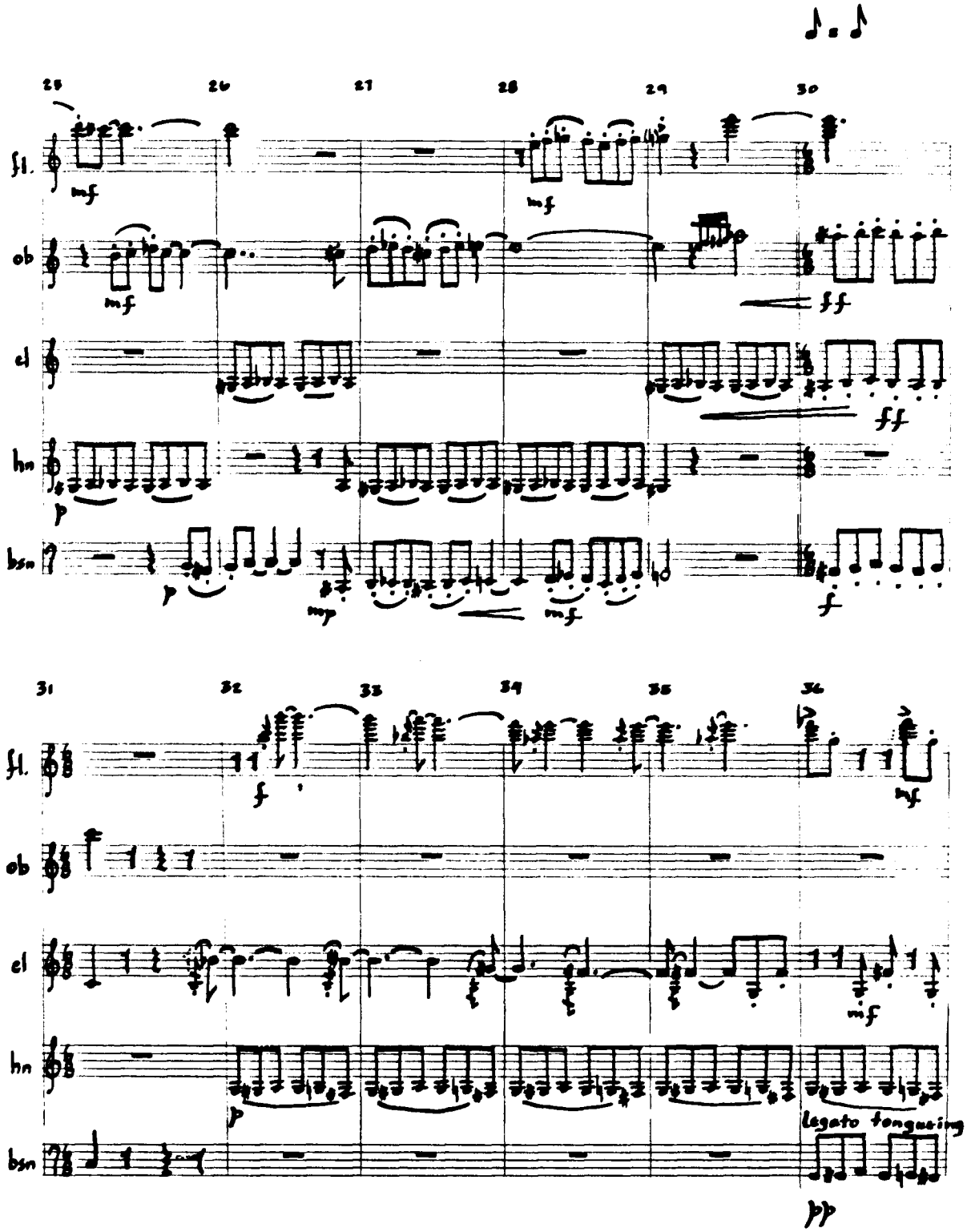
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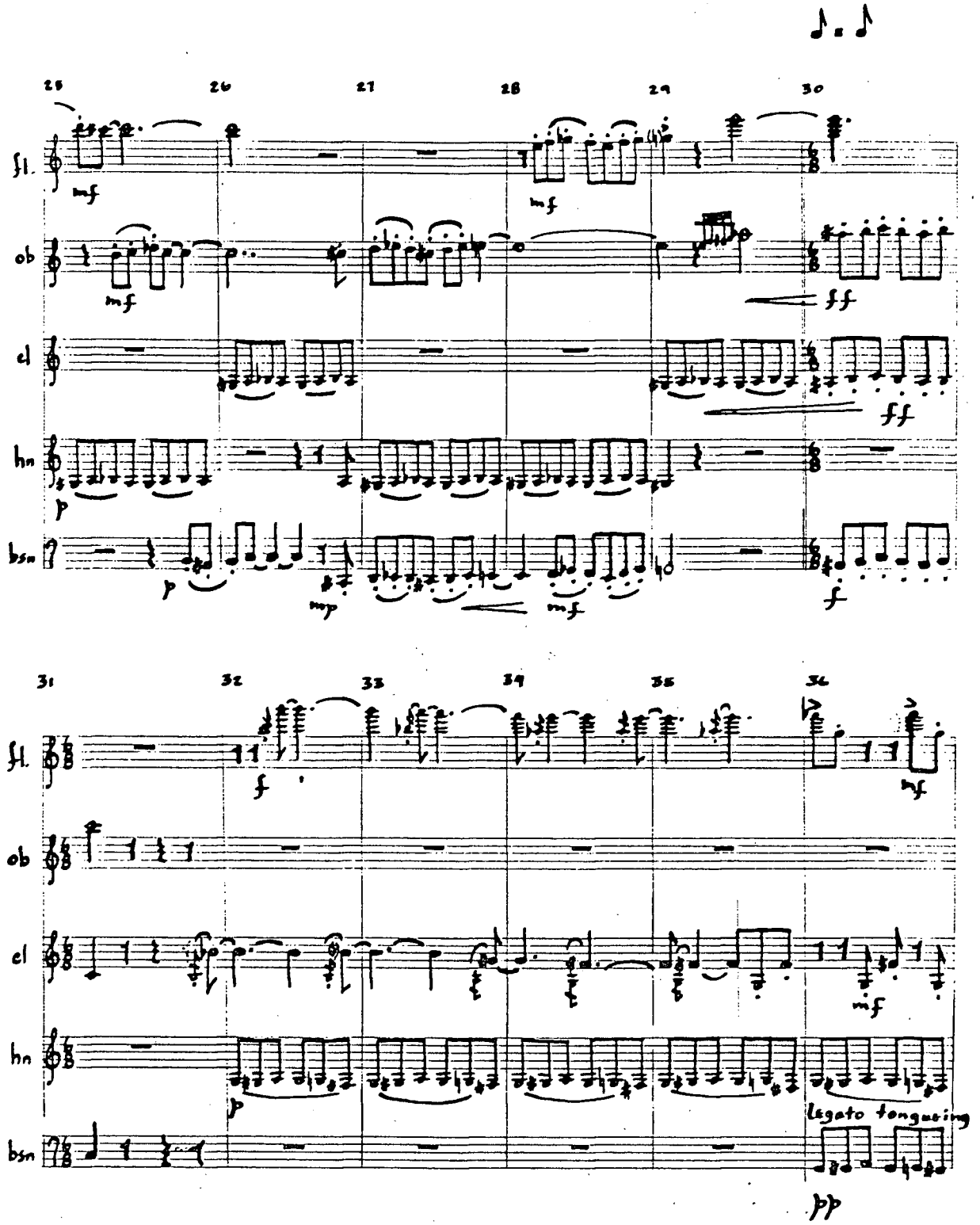
♩. ♪
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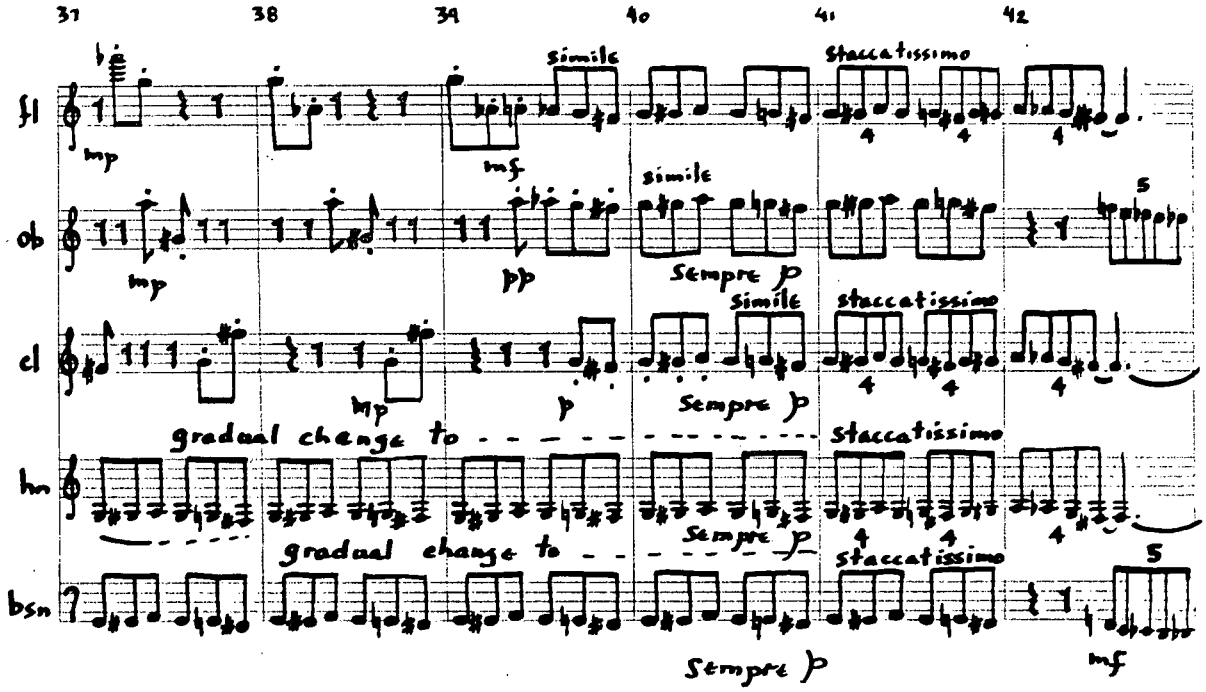
-19-

(V)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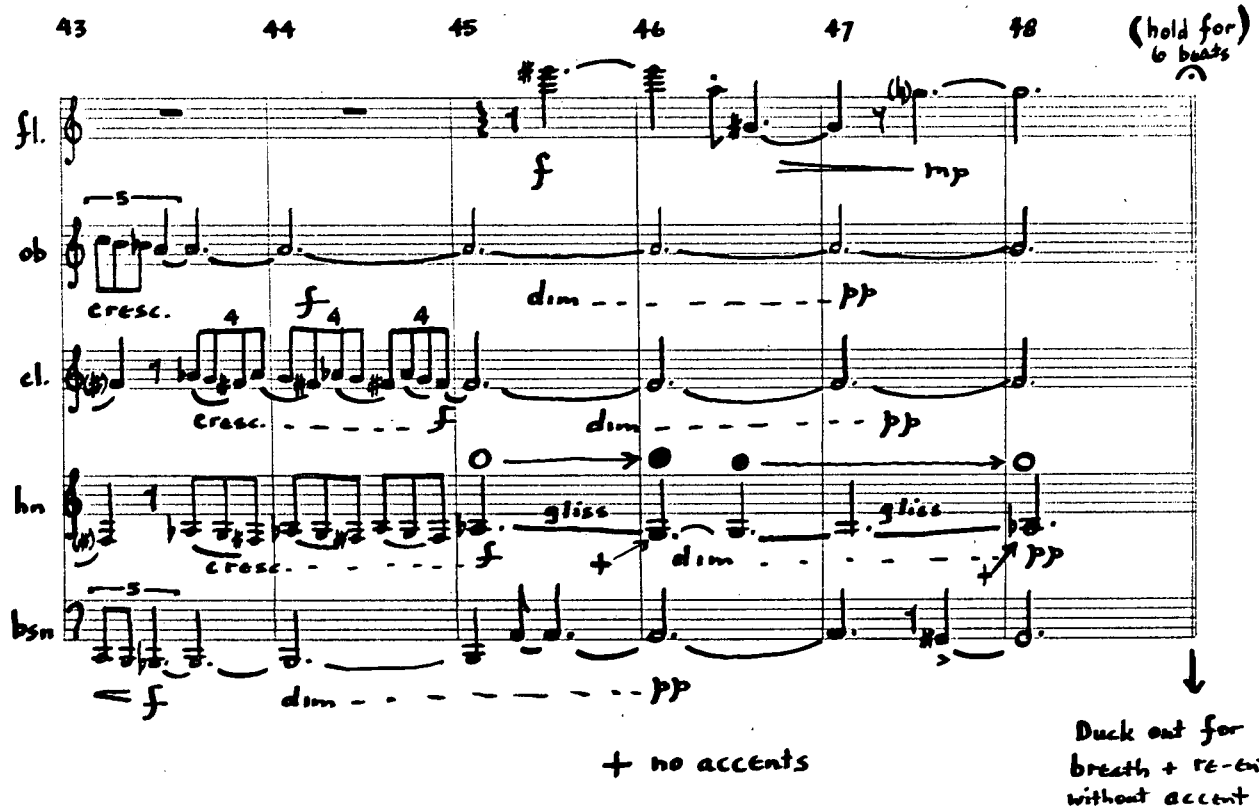
simile
staccatissimo
Sempre p
gradual change to
5
4


43
44
45
46
47
48
(hold for 6 beats)
fl.
ob
cl.
hn
bsn
f
mp
pp
cresc.
dim
gliss
+
5
4
Duck out for breath + re-enter without accent
+ no accents

Part Three

YAROSLAVNA'S LAMENT, for
contralto and piano
1978

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THE TEXT

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SPECIAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT FOR SOLOIST

The soloist is to alter her tone quality between pure (●), and breathy (○), as indicated above her staff. (See first entrance for an example.)

○ Should communicate as dreamy, weak, withdrawn.
● Should communicate as a strong emotional presence.

These effects are, of course, tempered by the dynamic marking at any given time.

H.K.

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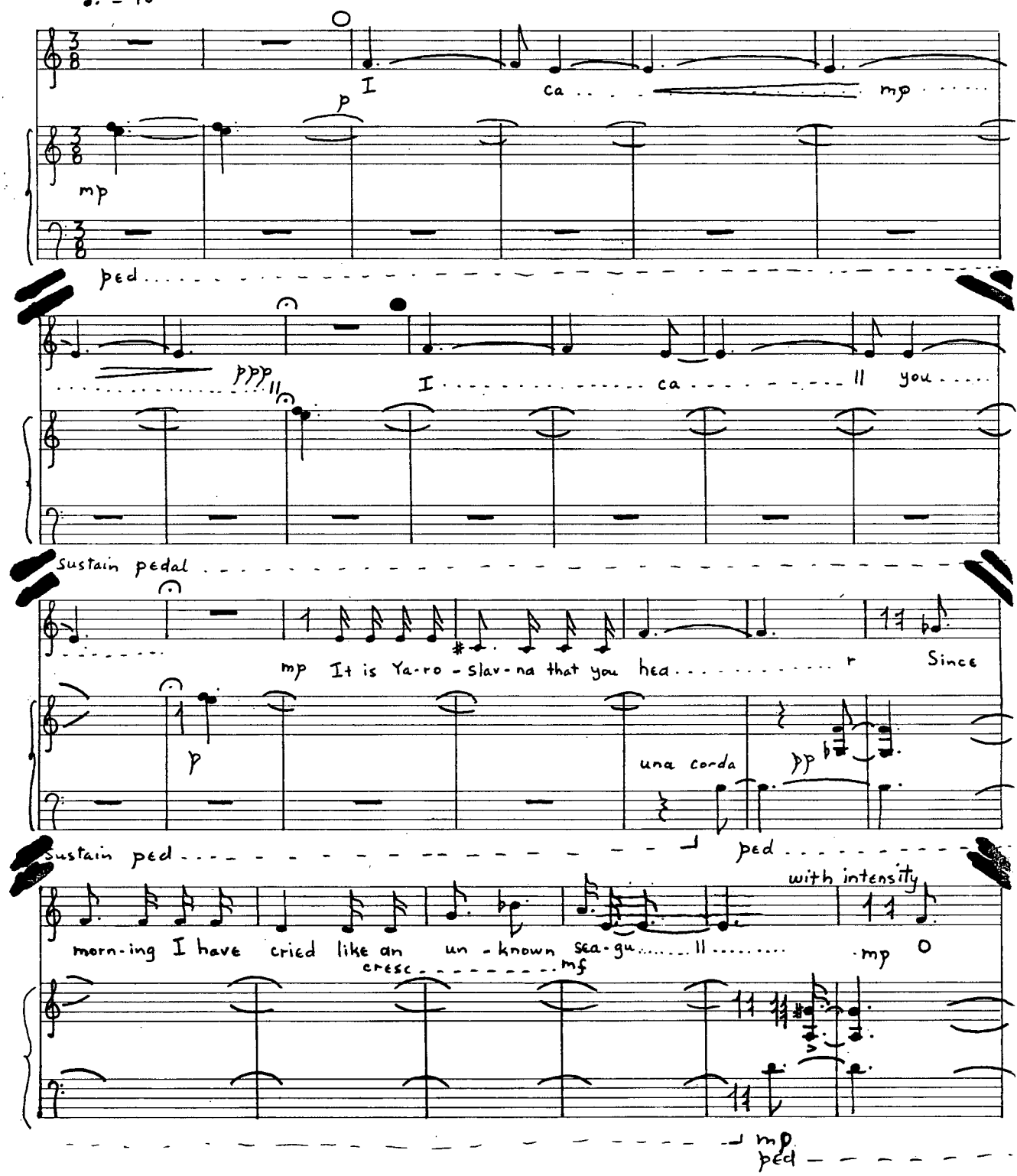
Jennifer Jestley

Yaroslavna's Lament
for
Contralto and Piano

Music: Harry Kirschne

1978
revised 1979

♩. = 40



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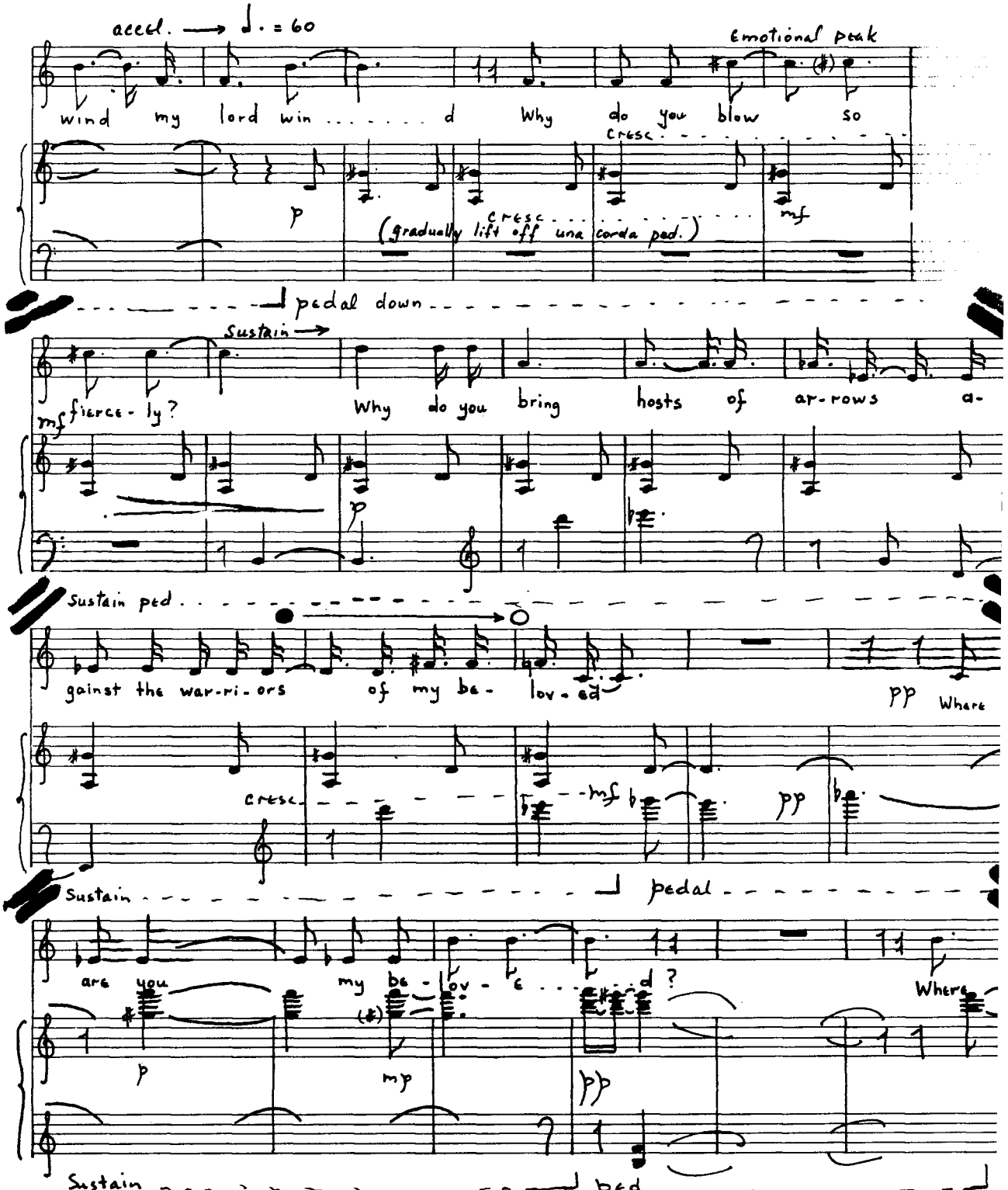
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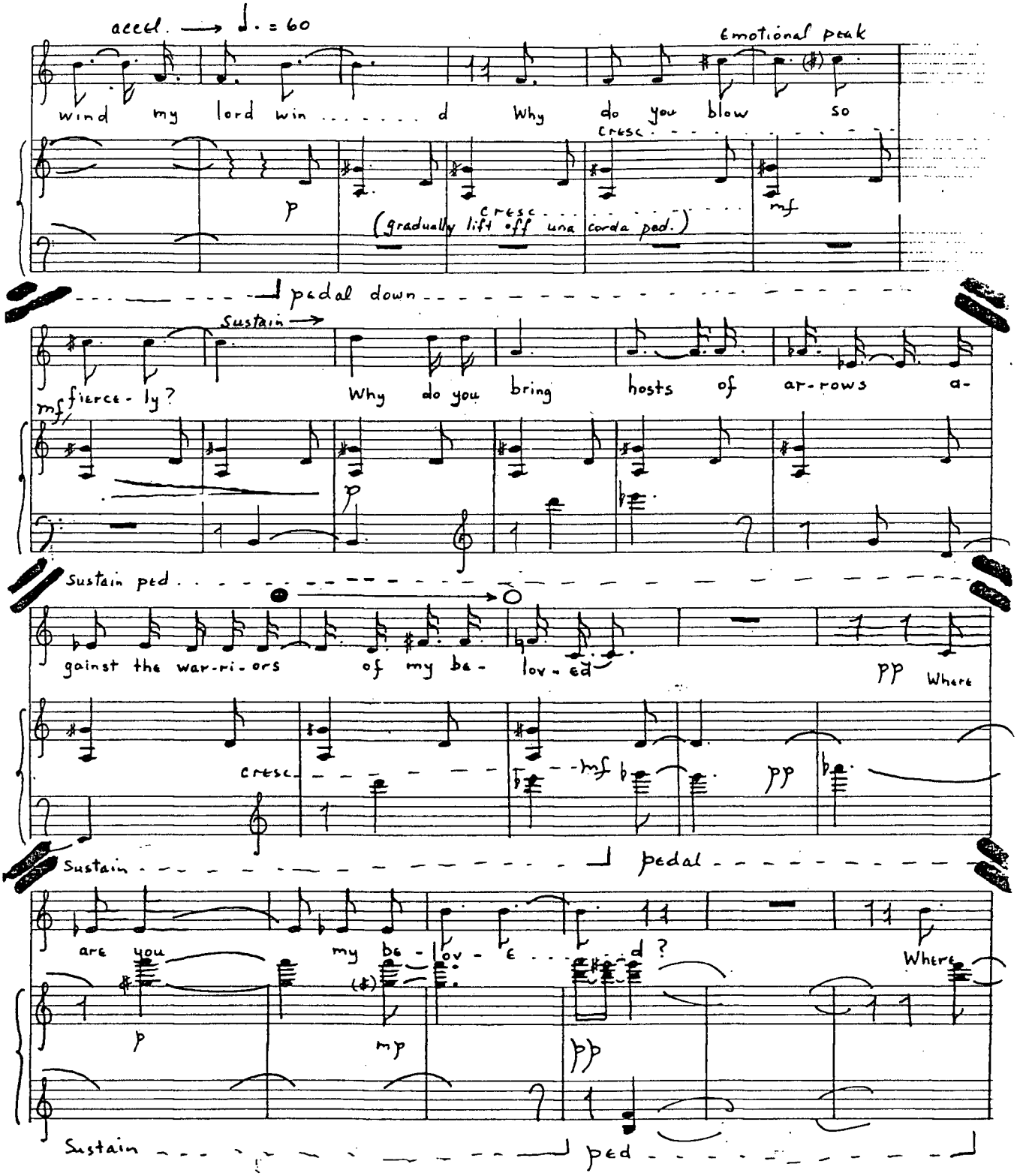
Emotional peak
wind my lord win . . . . . d Why do you blow so
cresc
p
cresc
(gradually lift off una corda ped.)
mf
pedal down
Sustain →
mf fierce - ly?
Why do you bring hosts of ar - rows a -
p
Sustain ped
gainst the war - ri - ors of my be - lov - ed
pp Where
cresc
mf
pp
Sustain
pedal
are you my be - lov - e . . . d ?
Where
p
mp
pp
Sustain
ped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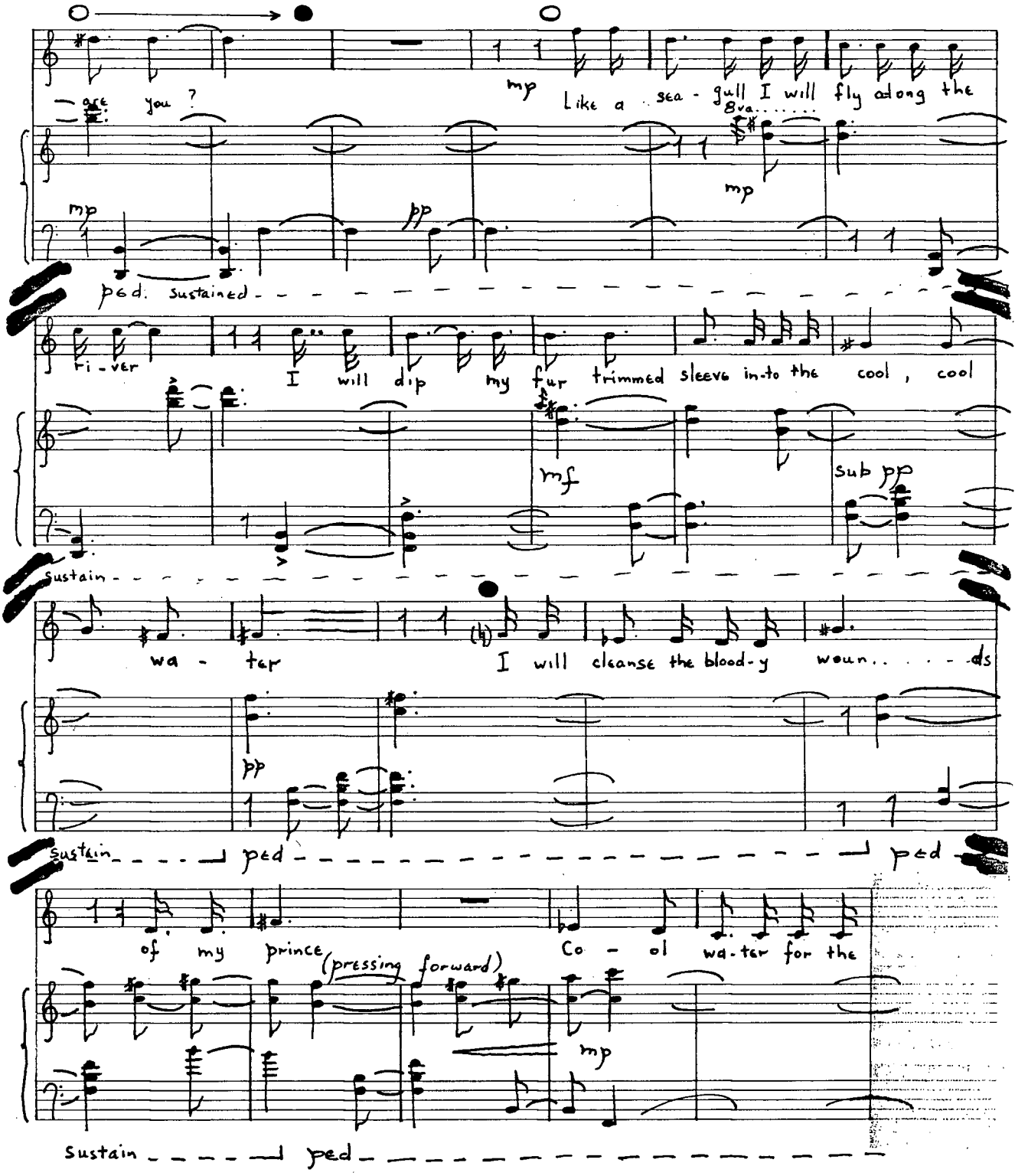
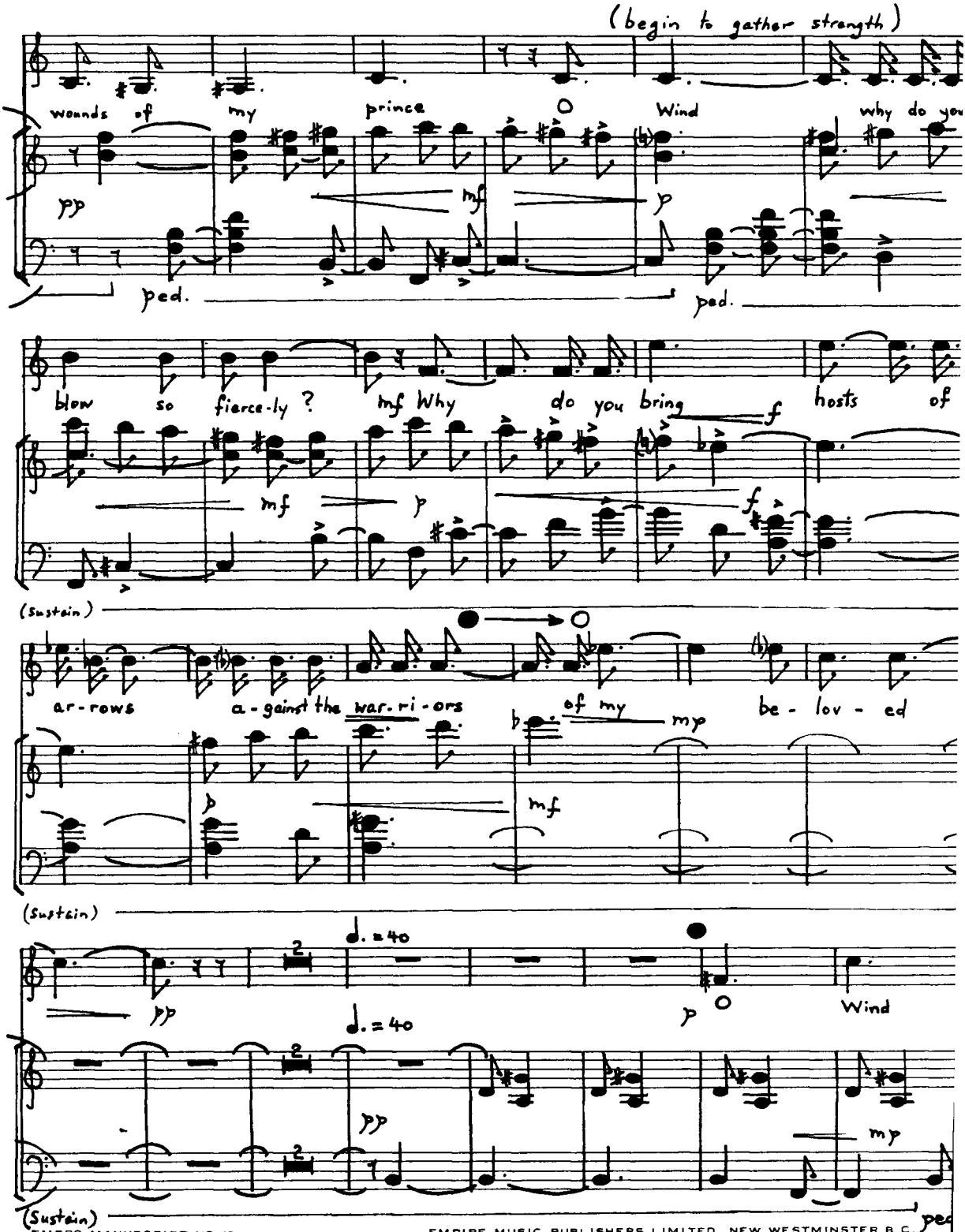

are you ?
mp
Like a sea - gull I will fly along the
8va
mp
mp
pp
ped. sustained
ri - ver
I will dip my fur trimmed sleeve in-to the cool , cool
mf
Sub pp
Sustain
wa - ter
I will cleanse the blood-y woun.. . . . -ds
pp
Sustain
ped
ped
of my prince (pressing forward)
Co - ol wa-ter for the
mp
Sustain
ped



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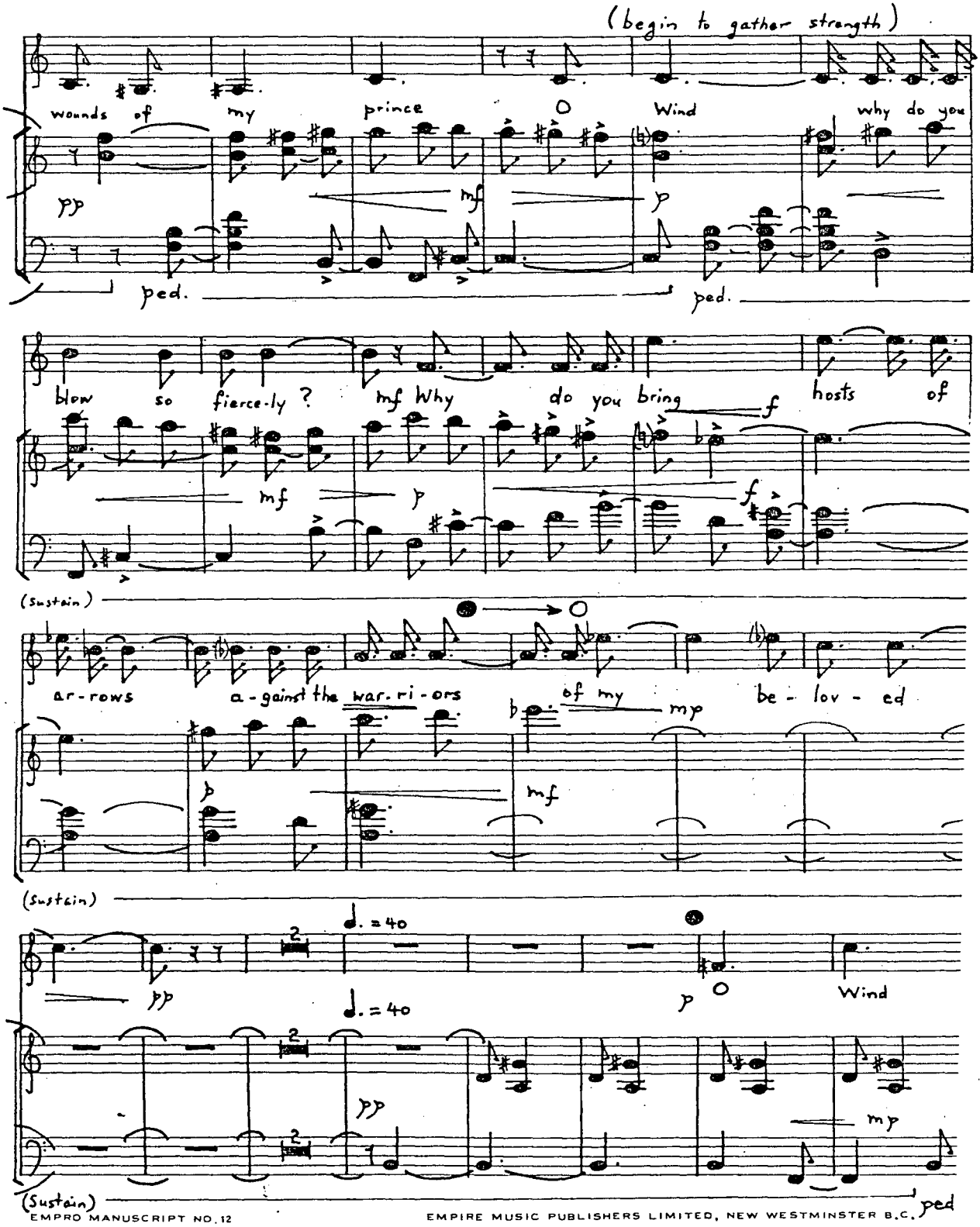

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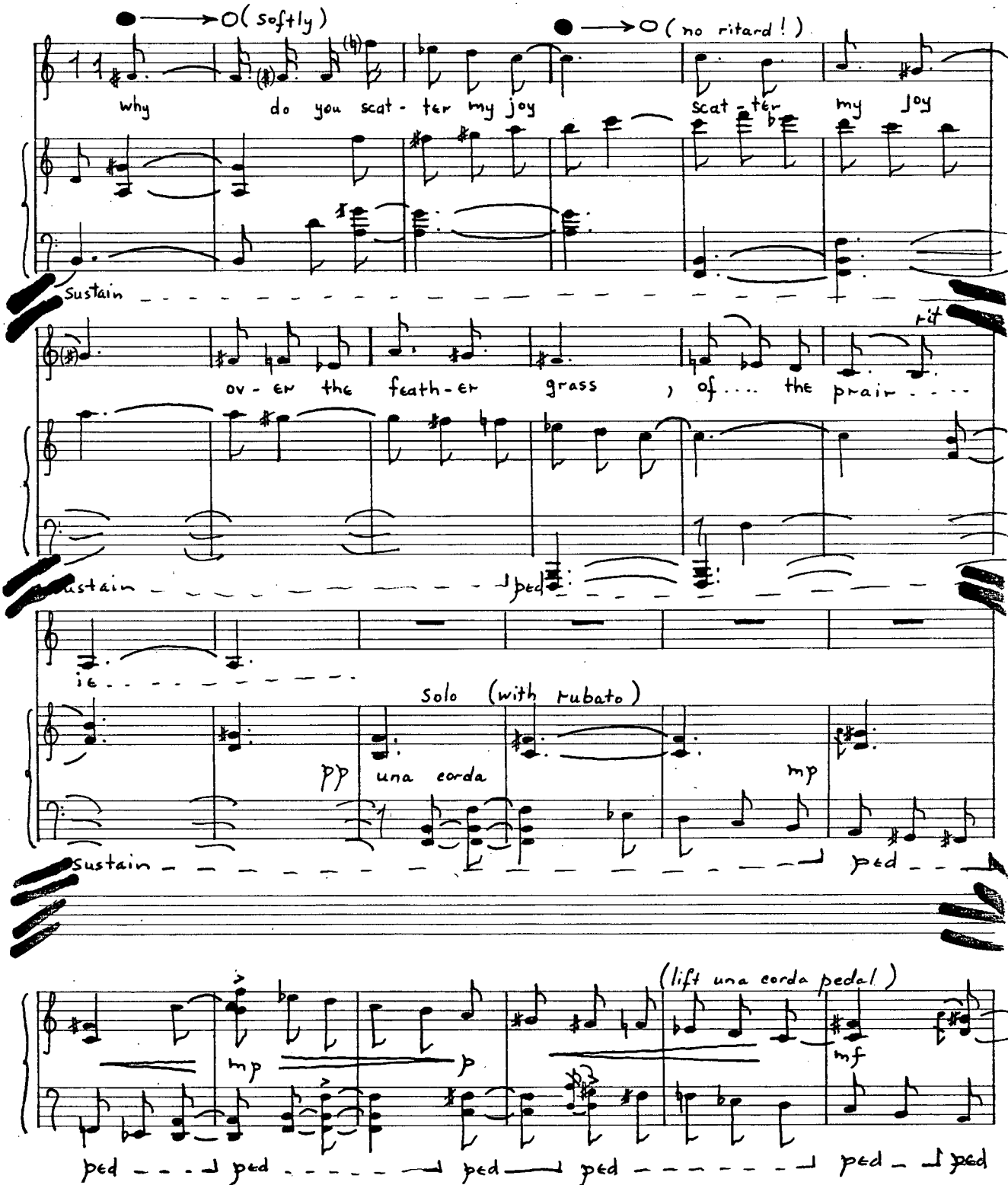

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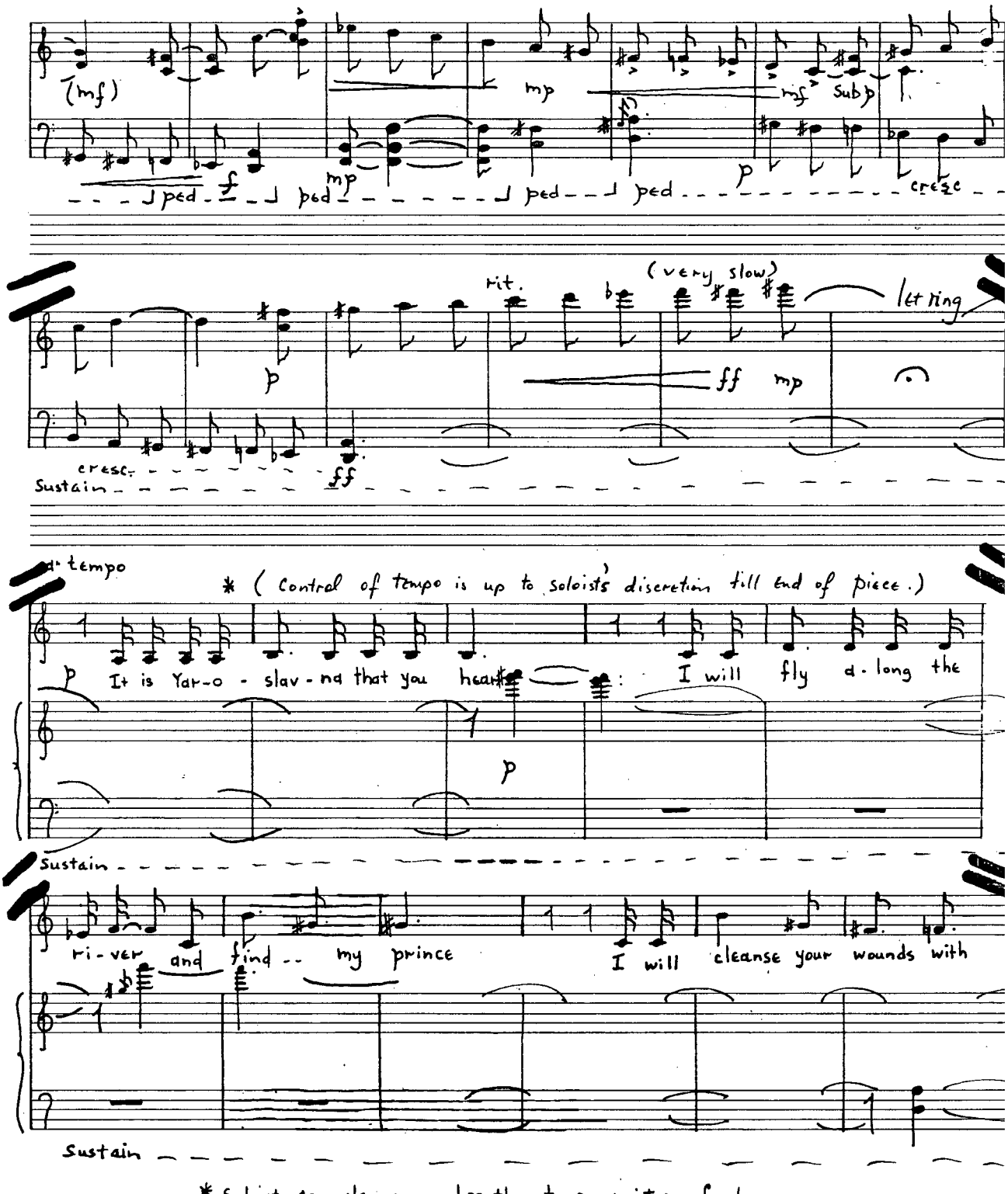

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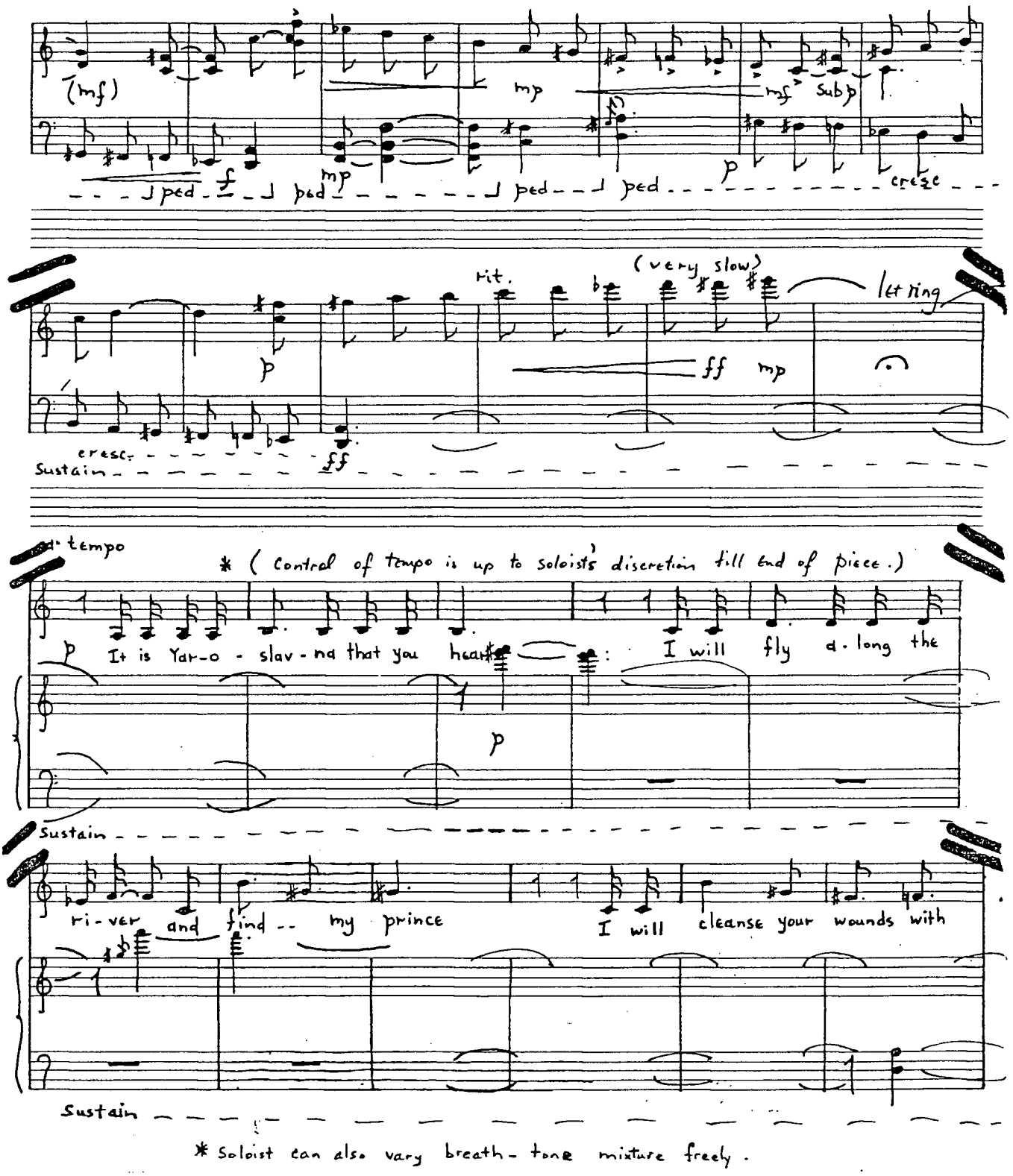

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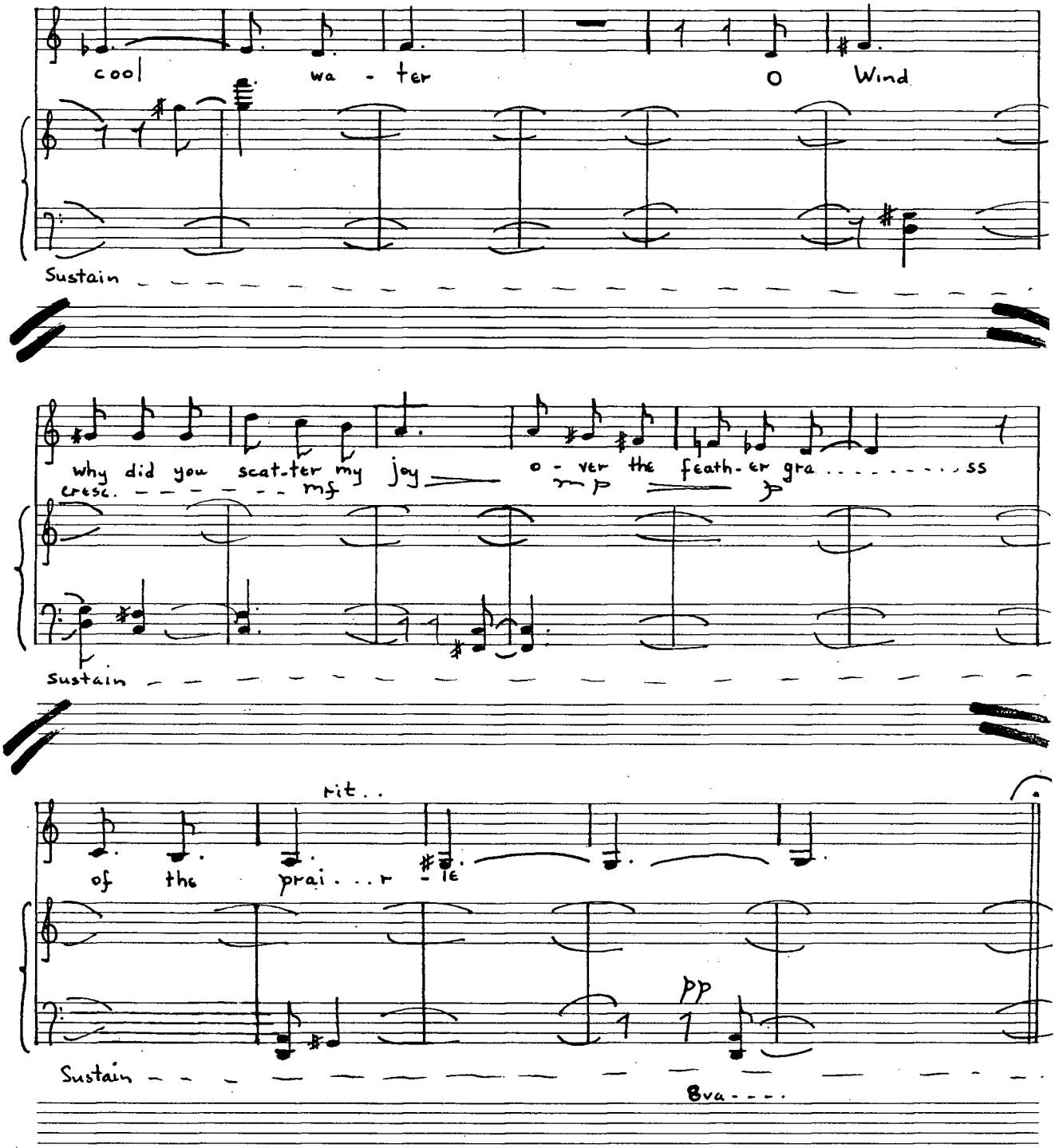

for piano only → 𝄐 Wait until last vibration dies. If more than 5-8 sec., discreetly lift foot off pedal.

Part Four

SONGS of MOURNING
for twelve-voice choir
(a capella)
1978

1) RINGING BELL

2) FLAMETIP

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SONGS of MOURNING

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1978

(1) RINGING BELL

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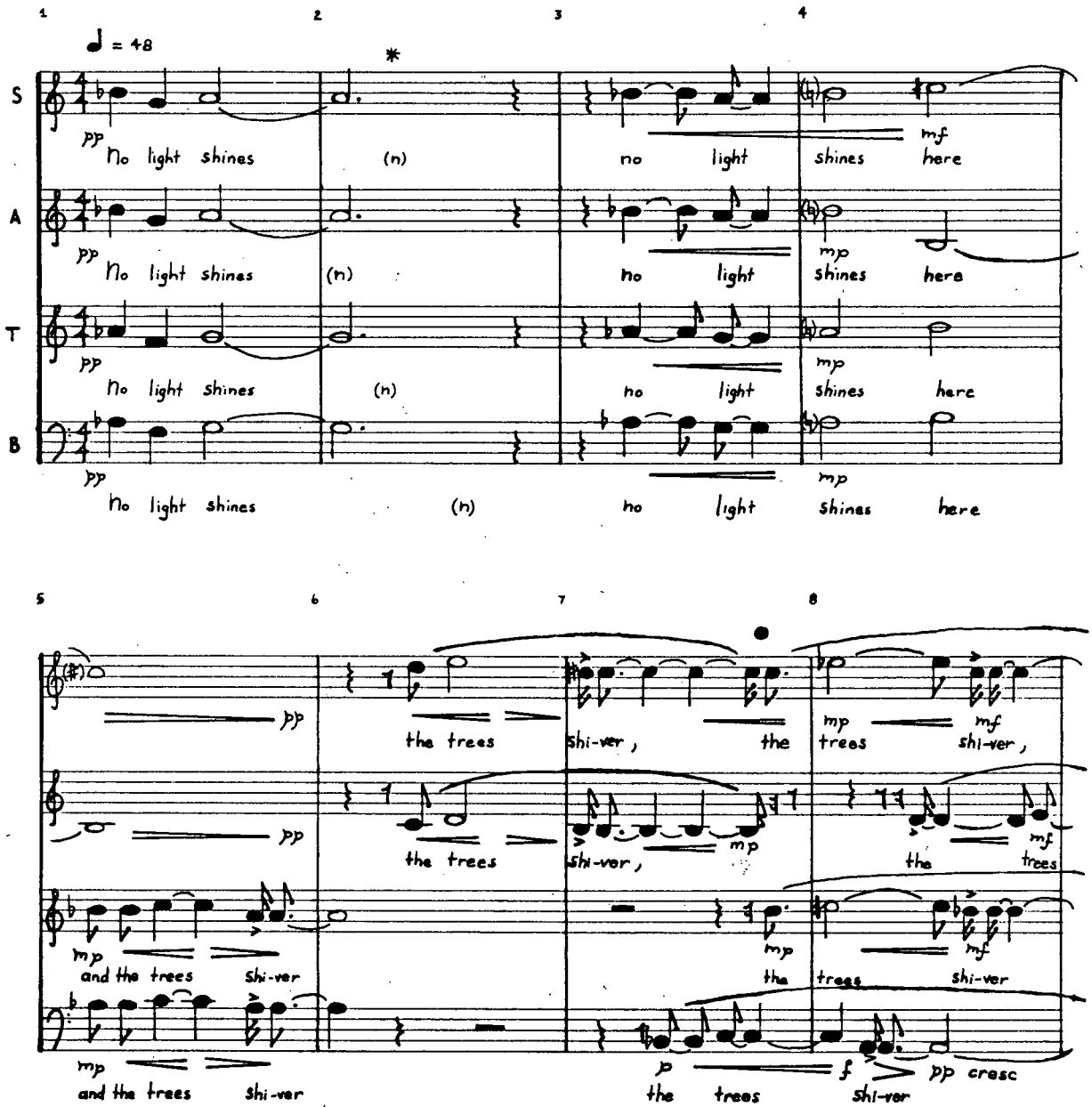

* (n) indicates approximate time when each singer should close the word 'shines' to the 'n'. A randomness is here preferred.

● breath at phrase endings but sustain dynamic change through the breath.

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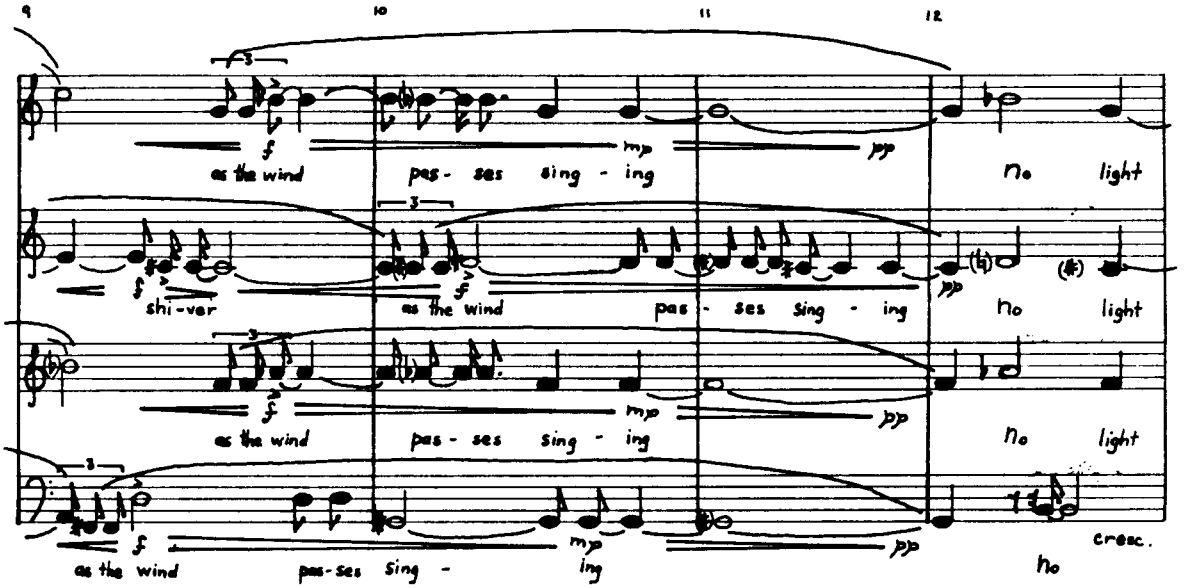
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10
11
12
as the wind
pas- ses sing - ing
No light
shi-ver
as the wind
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as the wind
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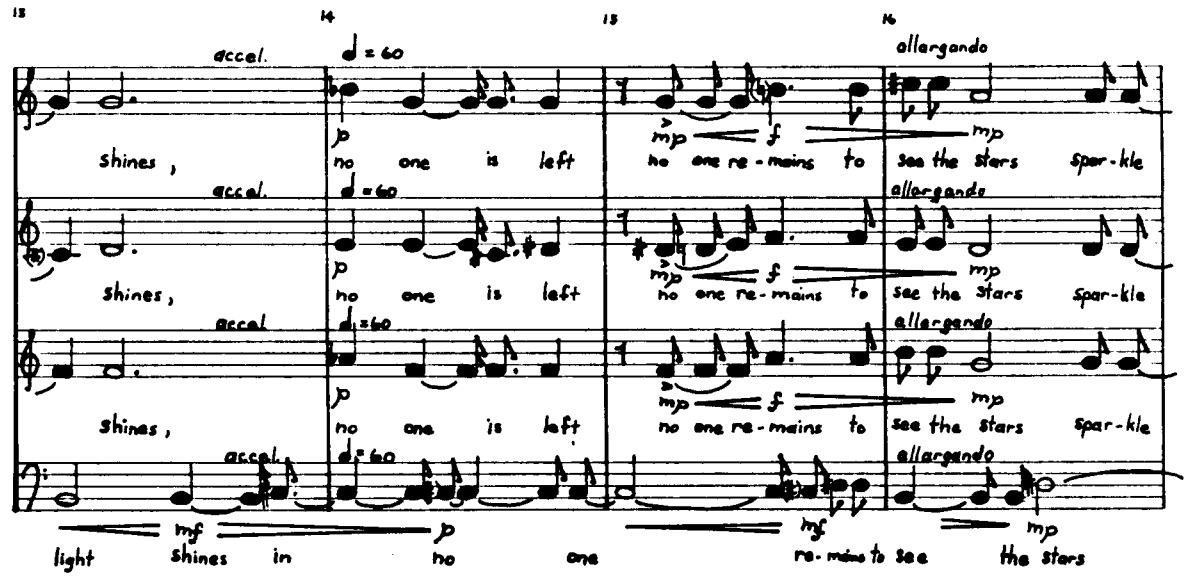
ing
No
cresc.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14
15
16
accel.
shines,
accel.
shines,
accel.
shines,
accel.
♩ = 60
no one is left
no one is left
no one is left
allargando
no one re-mains to see the stars spar-kle
no one re-mains to see the stars spar-kle
no one re-mains to see the stars spar-kle
allargando
allargando
allargando
light shines in no one
re-mains to see the stars

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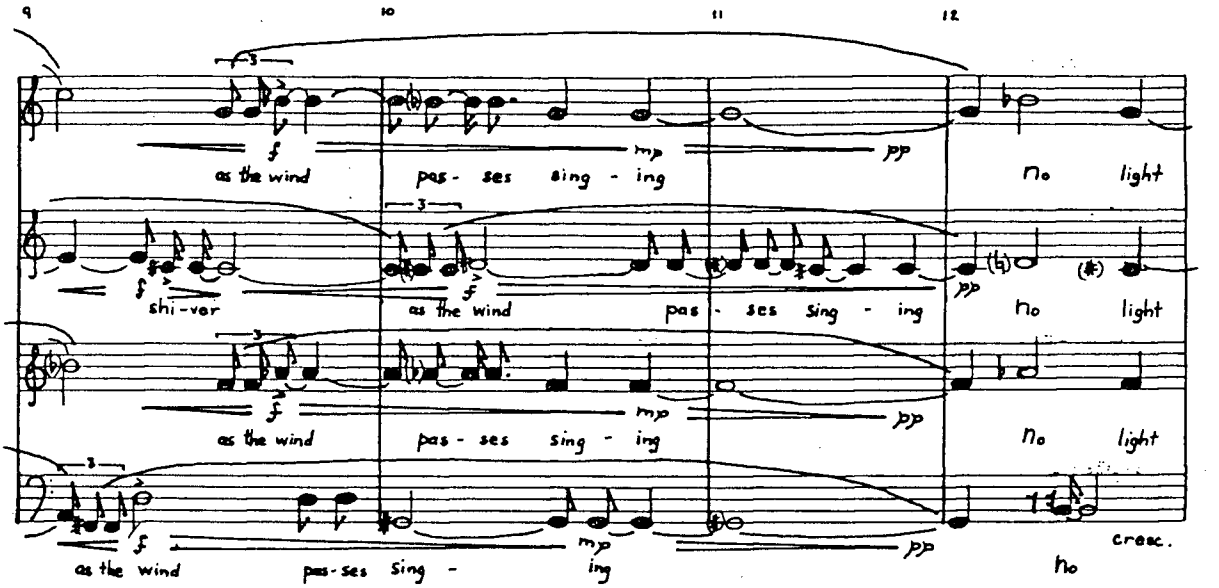
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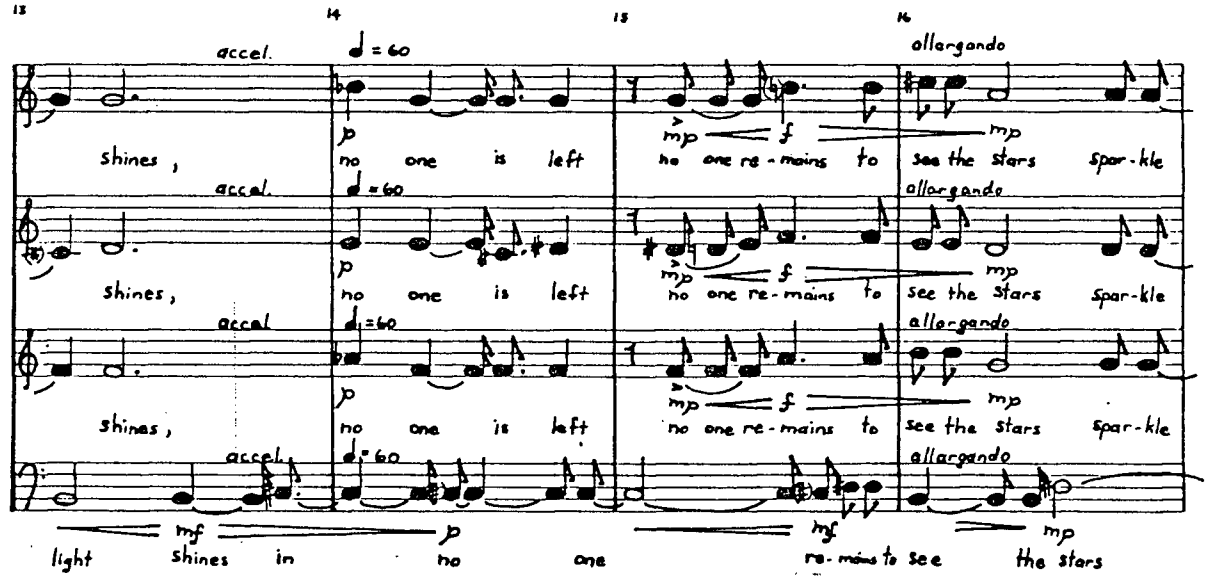
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allargando
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no one re-mains to see the stars spar-kle
allargando
re-mains to see the stars

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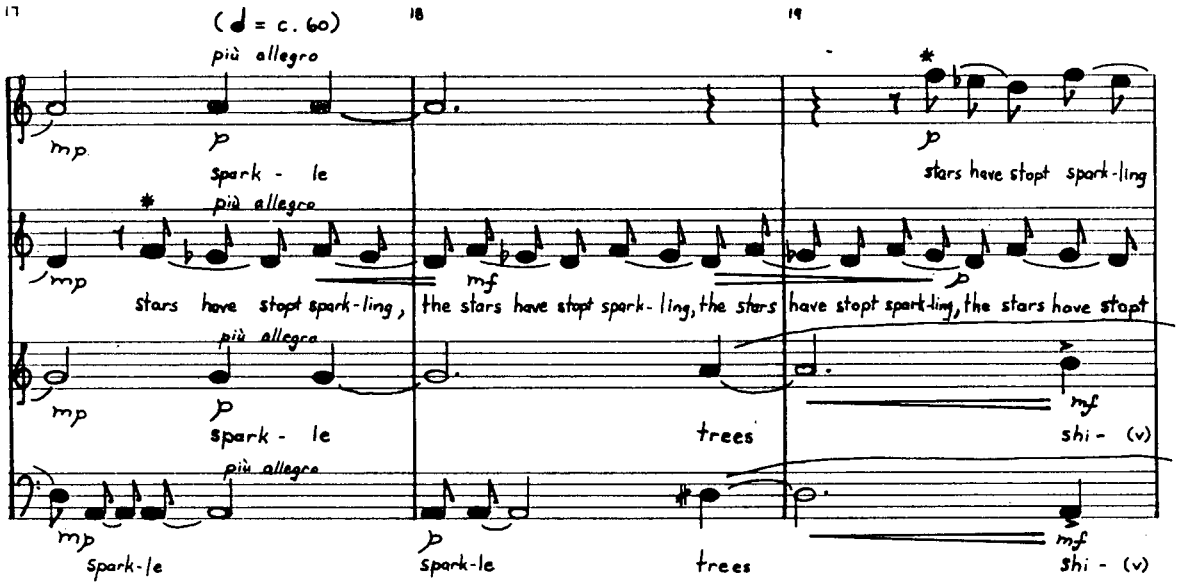

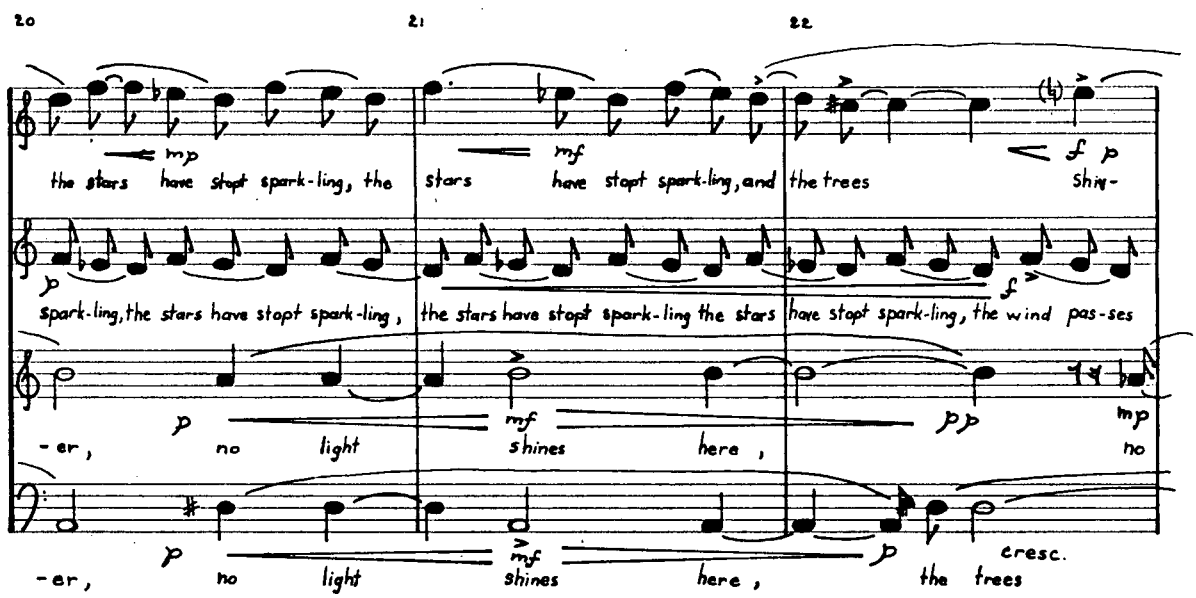

* to be sung as if in triple meter.
-all duple accentuation suspended.

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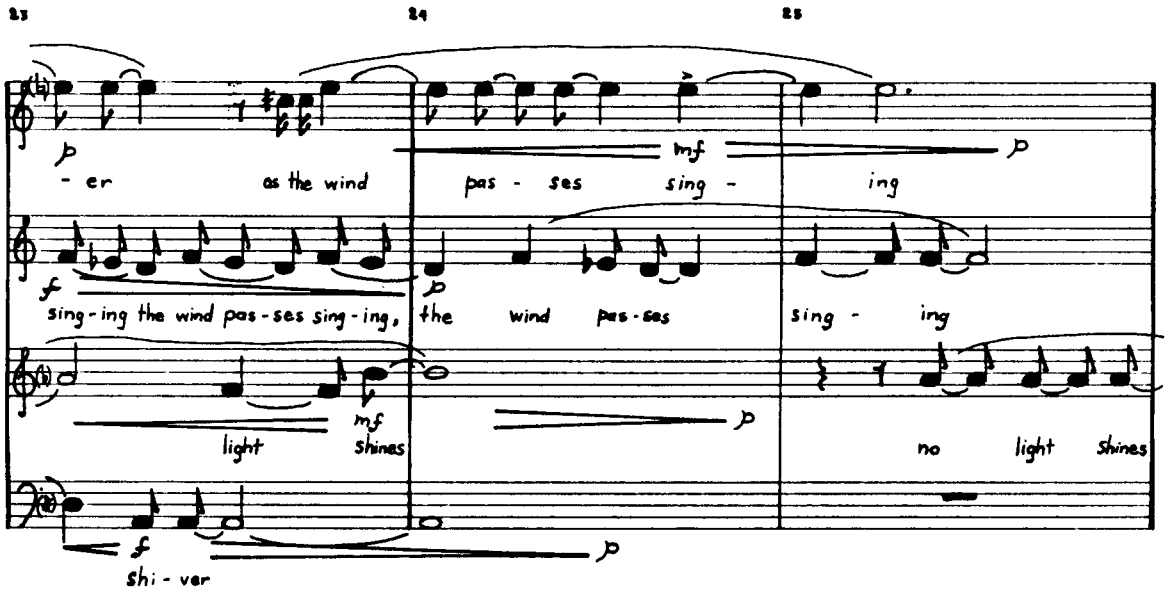

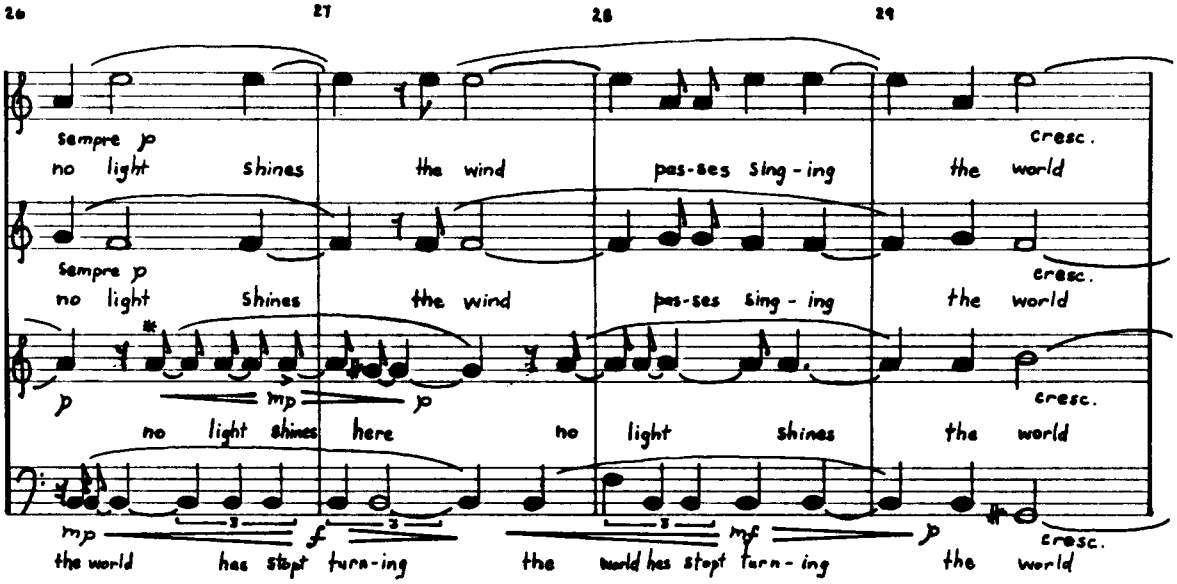

* dynamic shape indication for phrase shape, primarily.
The bass voice should clearly dominate.

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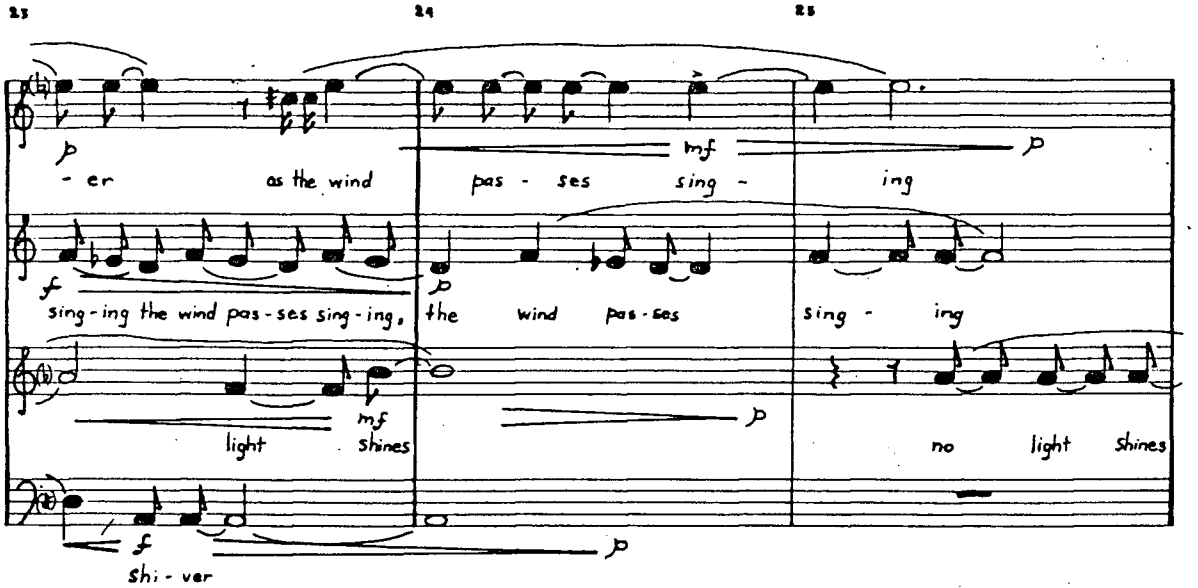

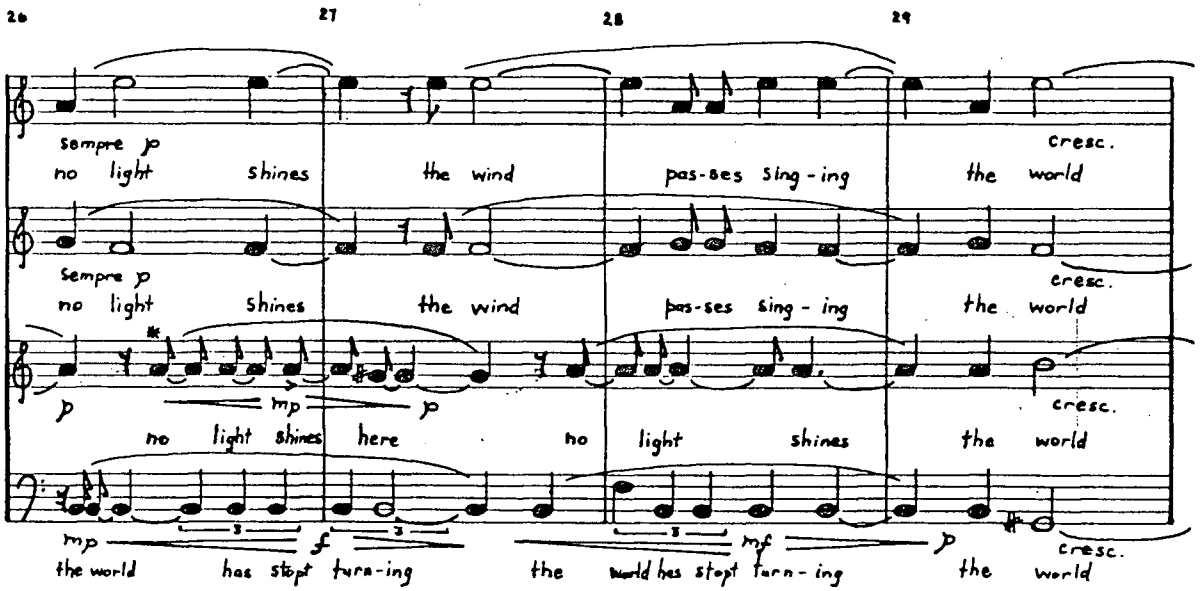

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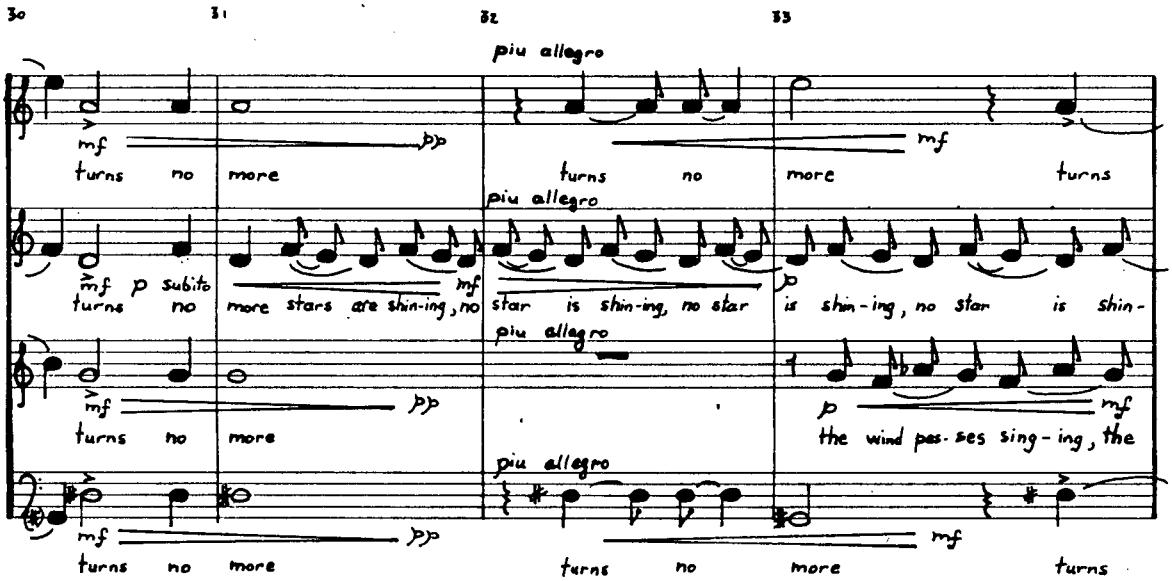
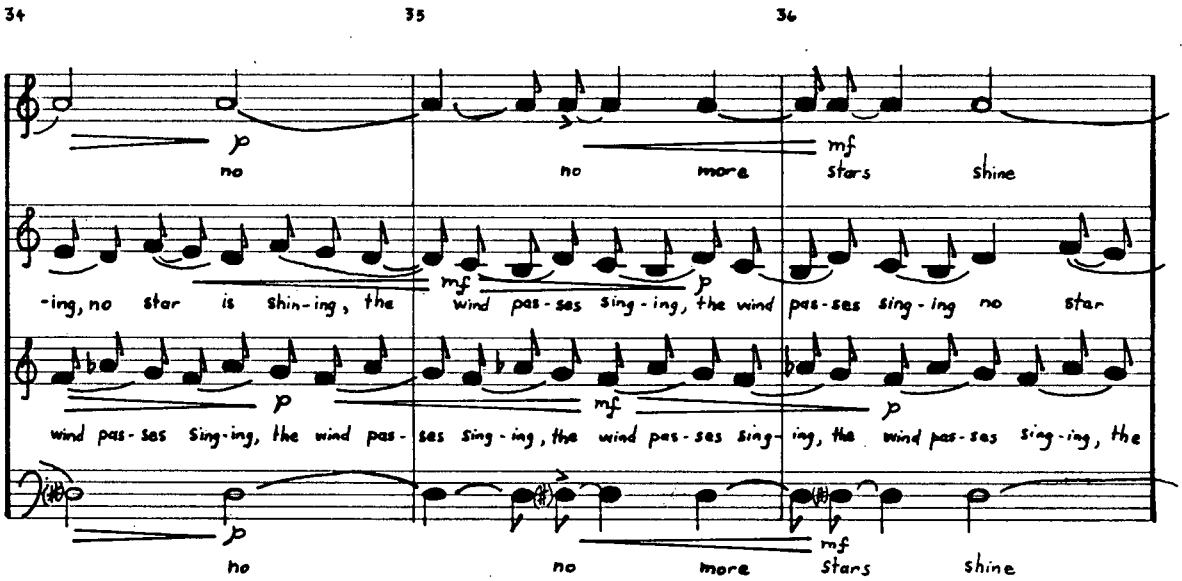
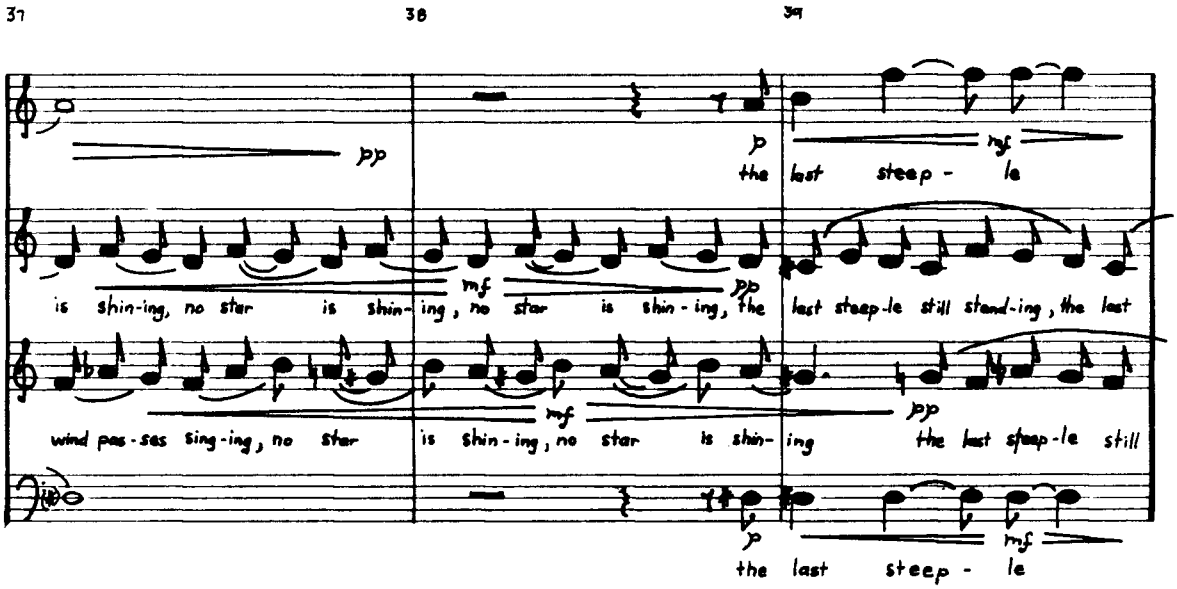
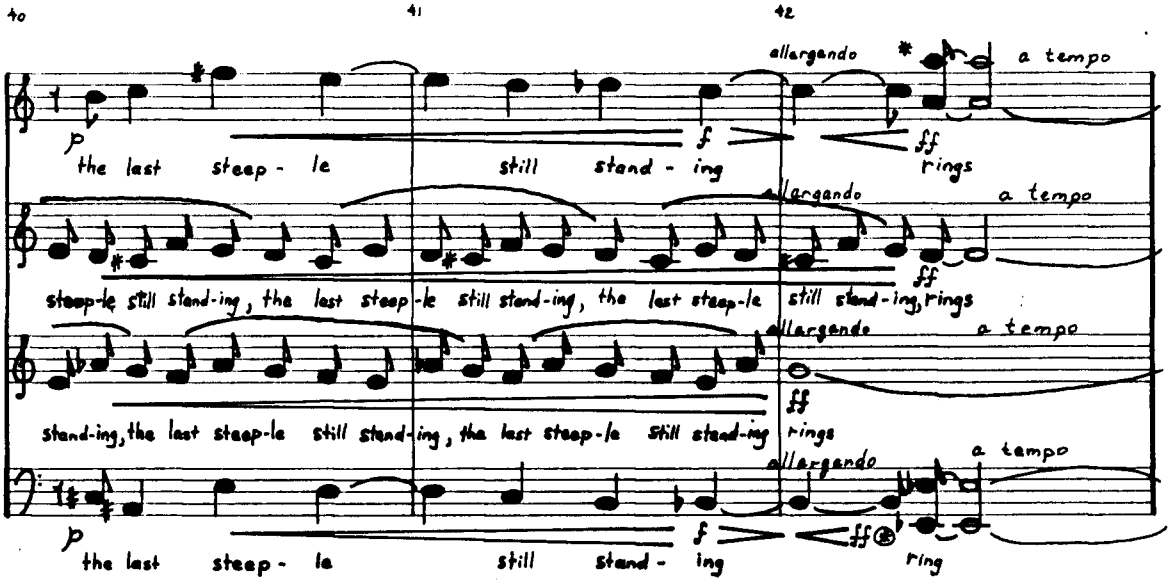

30
31
32
33
piu allegro
mf
turns no more
pp
turns no more turns
mf
mf p subito
turns no more stars are shin-ing, no
mf
star is shin-ing, no star is shin-ing, no star is shin-
p
piu allegro
mf
turns no more
pp
p
mf
the wind pas-ses sing-ing, the
piu allegro
mf
turns no more
pp
turns no more turns
mf


34
35
36
p
no
no more
mf
stars shine
-ing, no star is shin-ing, the
mf
wind pas-ses sing-ing, the wind
p
pas-ses sing-ing no star
wind pas-ses sing-ing, the wind pas-ses sing-ing, the wind pas-ses sing-ing, the wind pas-ses sing-ing, the
p
mf
p
no
no more
mf
stars shine

6





* one sop. on top

Ⓐ for those who can, preferably 2.

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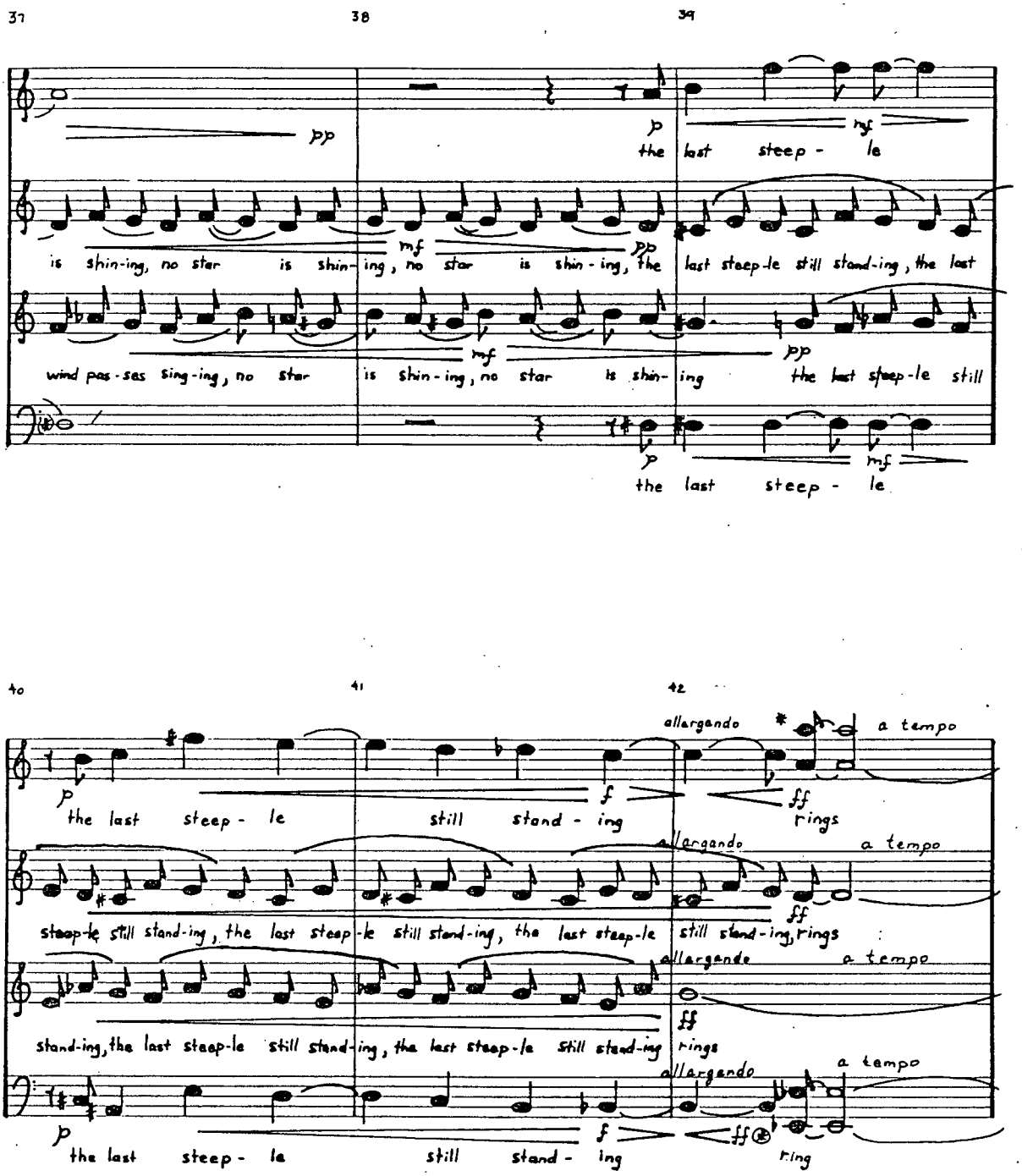

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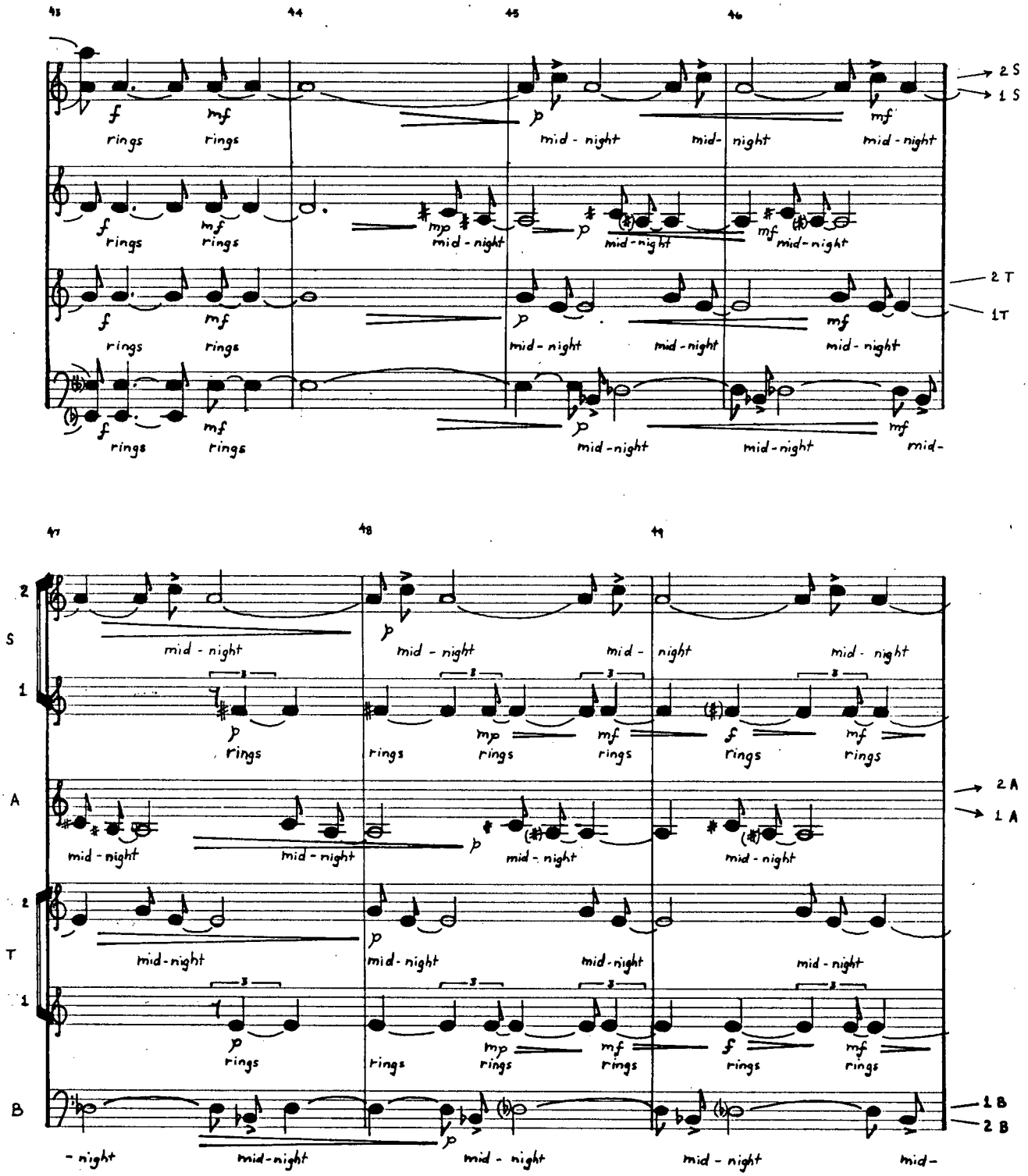
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1 T
rings
mid - night
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- night
mid-night
mid -

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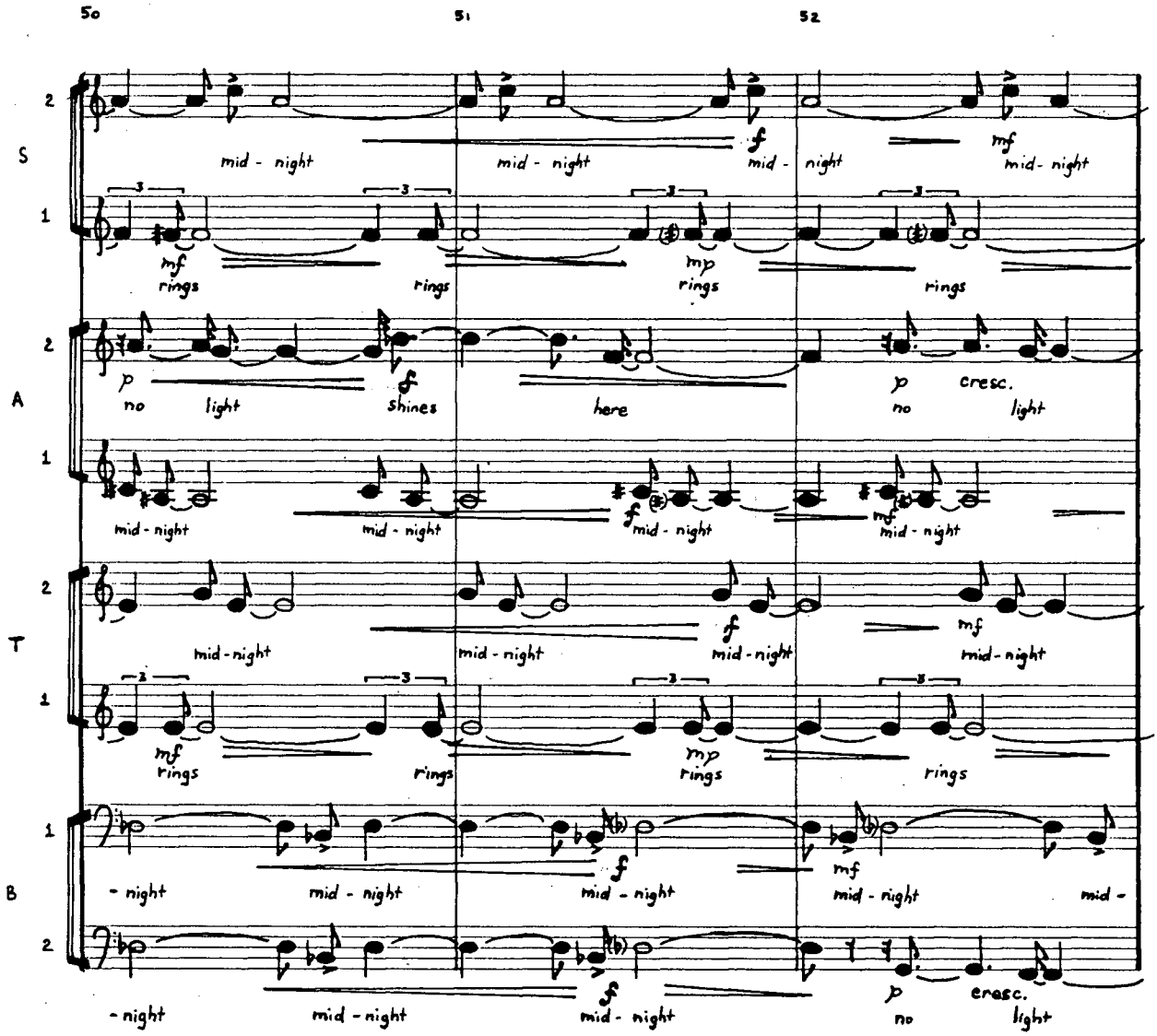

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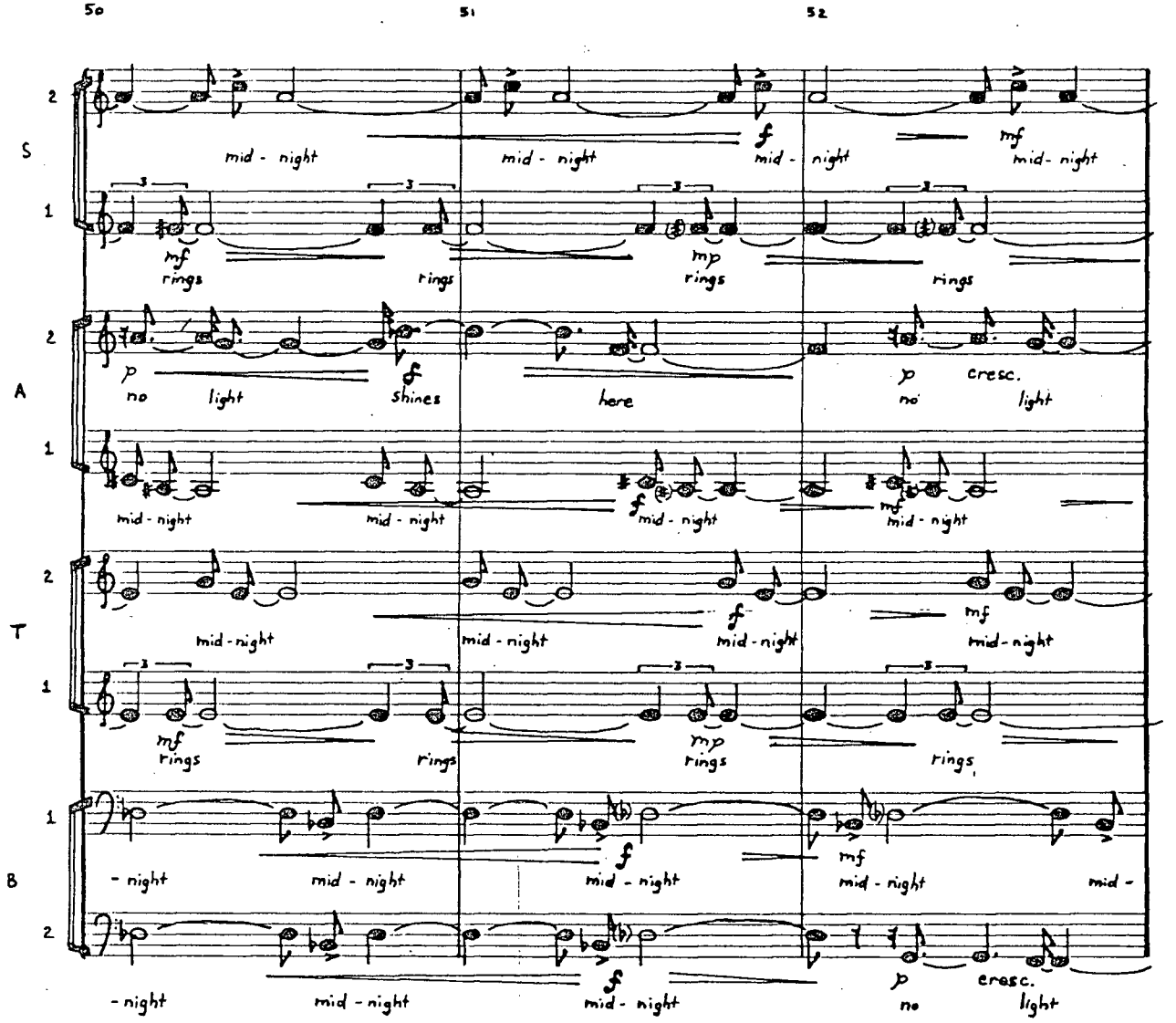
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rings
no light
shines
here
cresc.
- night

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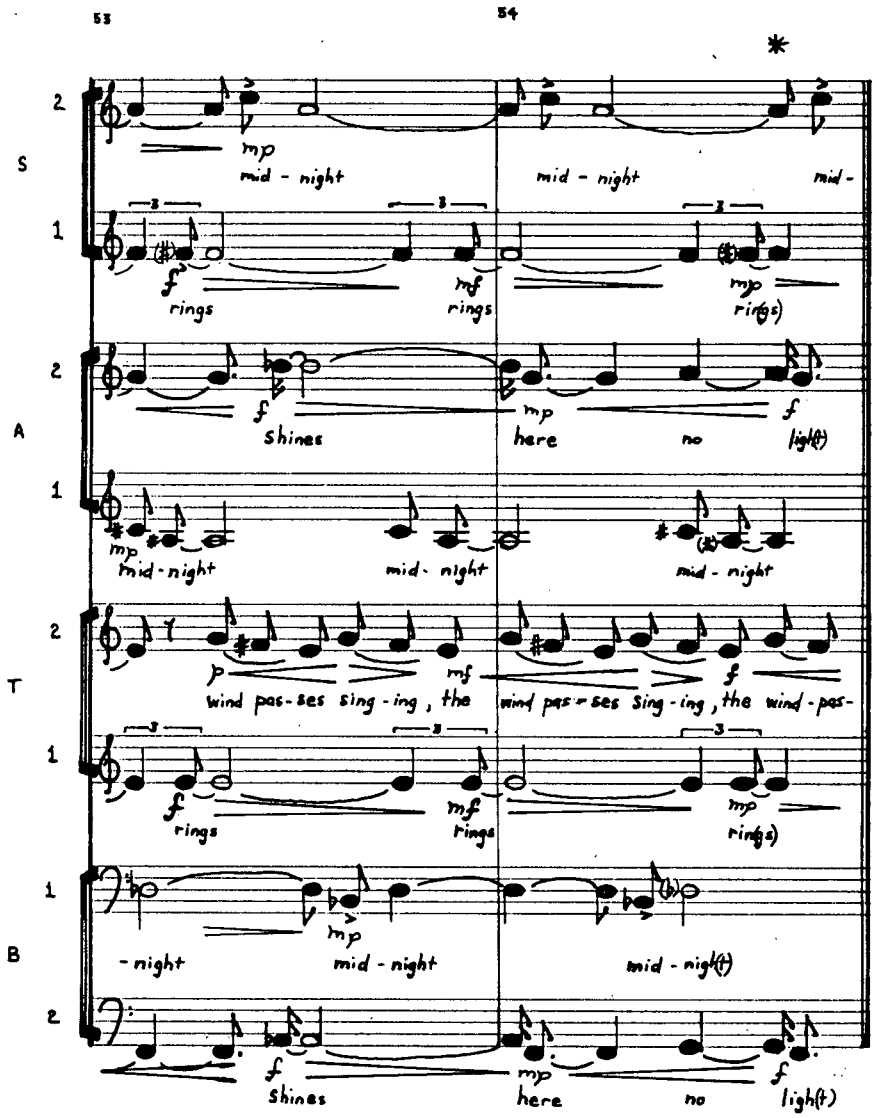

* bracketted consonants indicates that they are not to be sounded.

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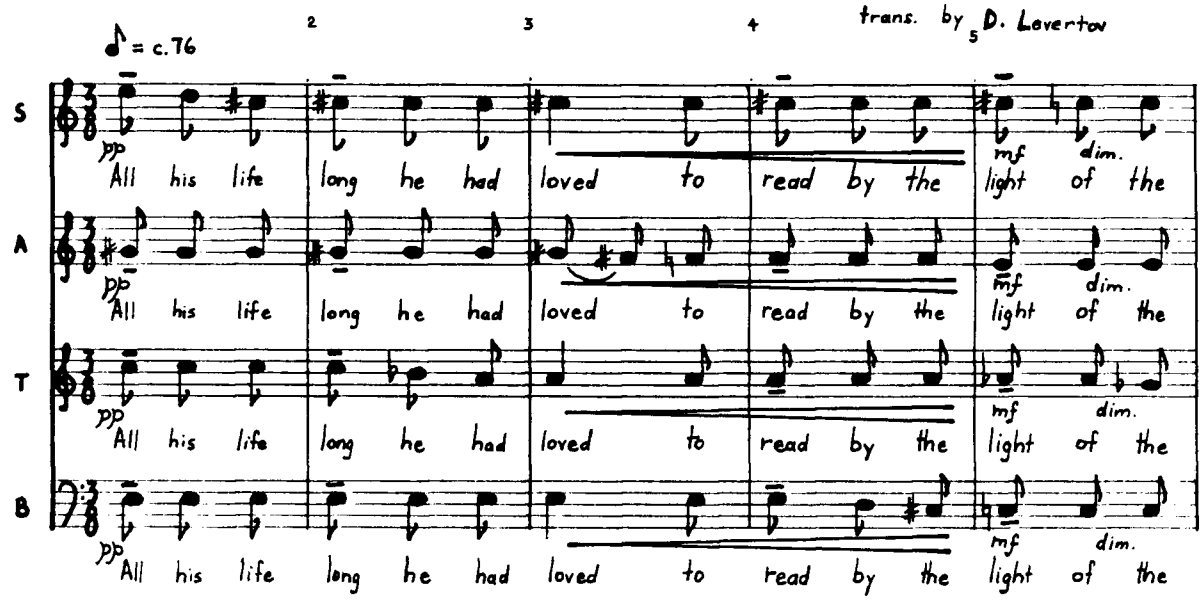

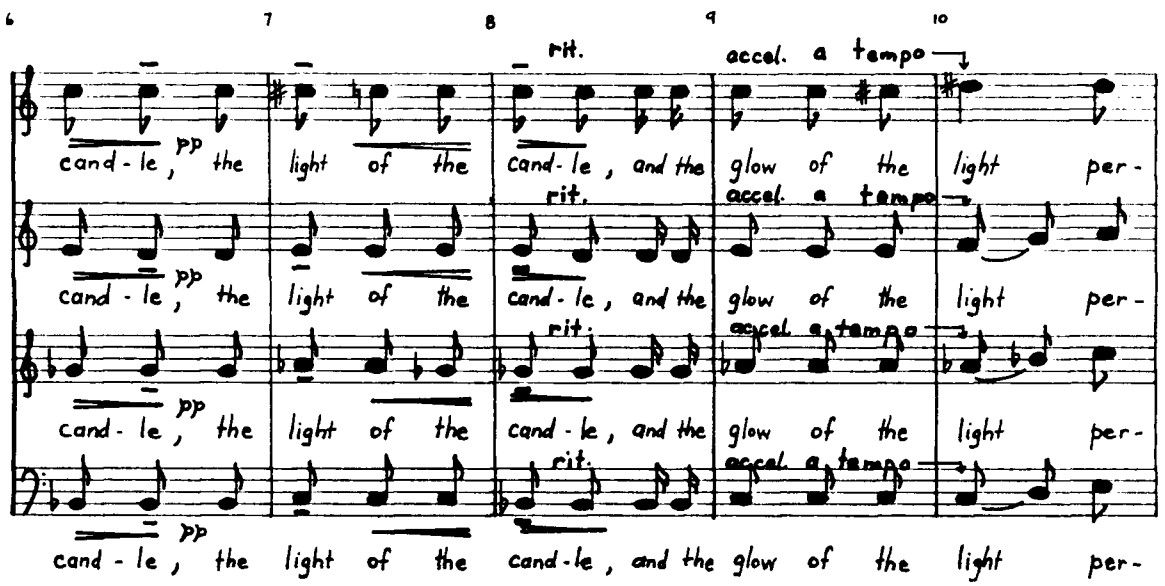

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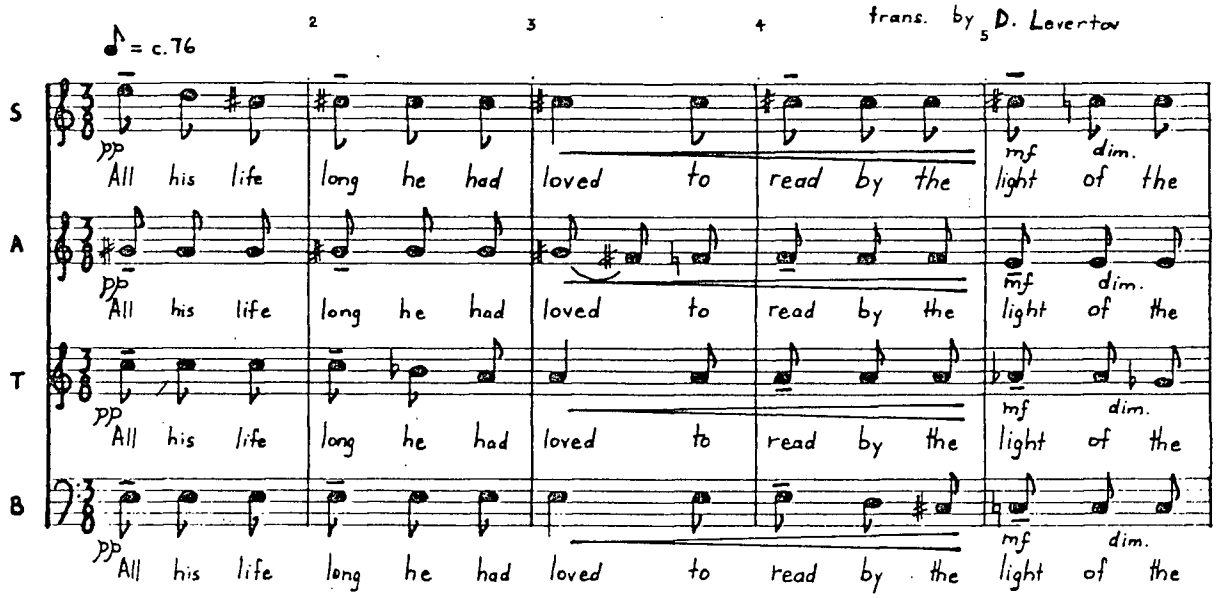

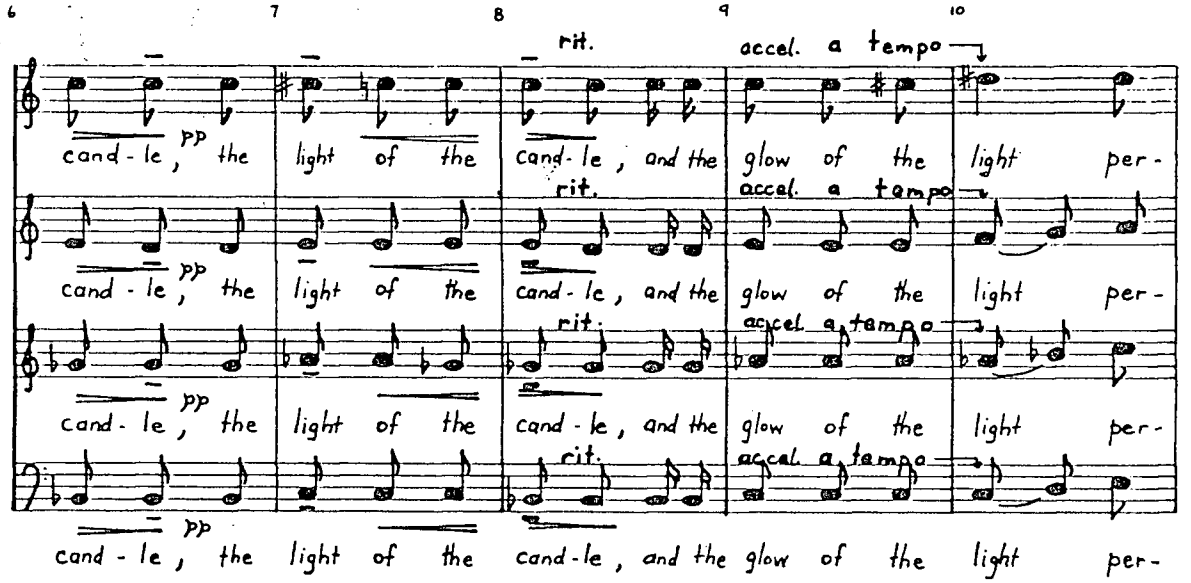

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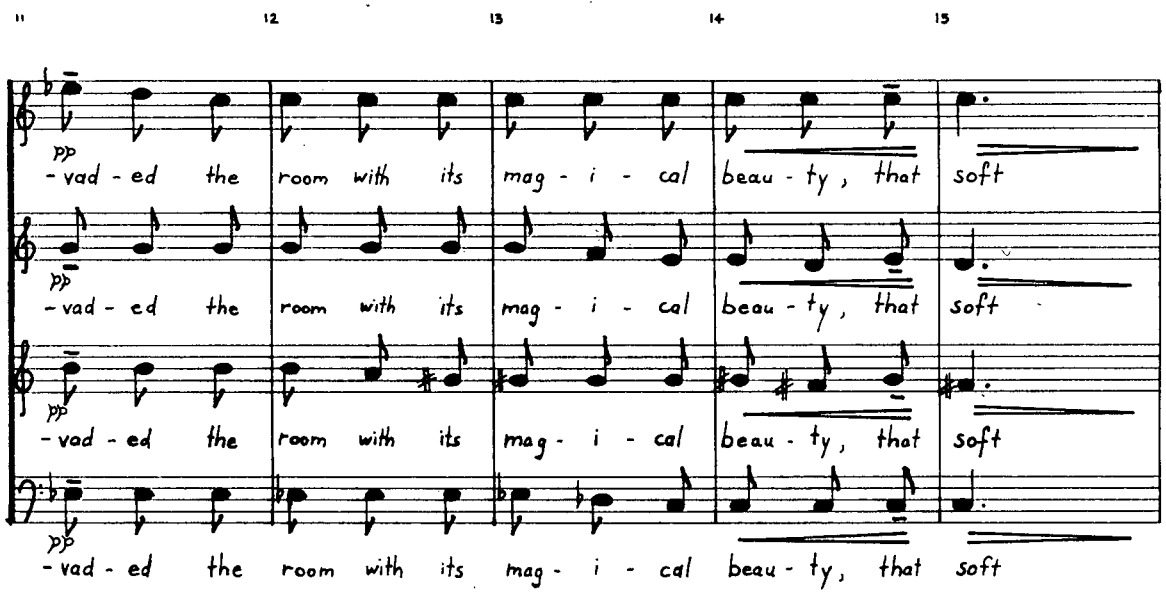
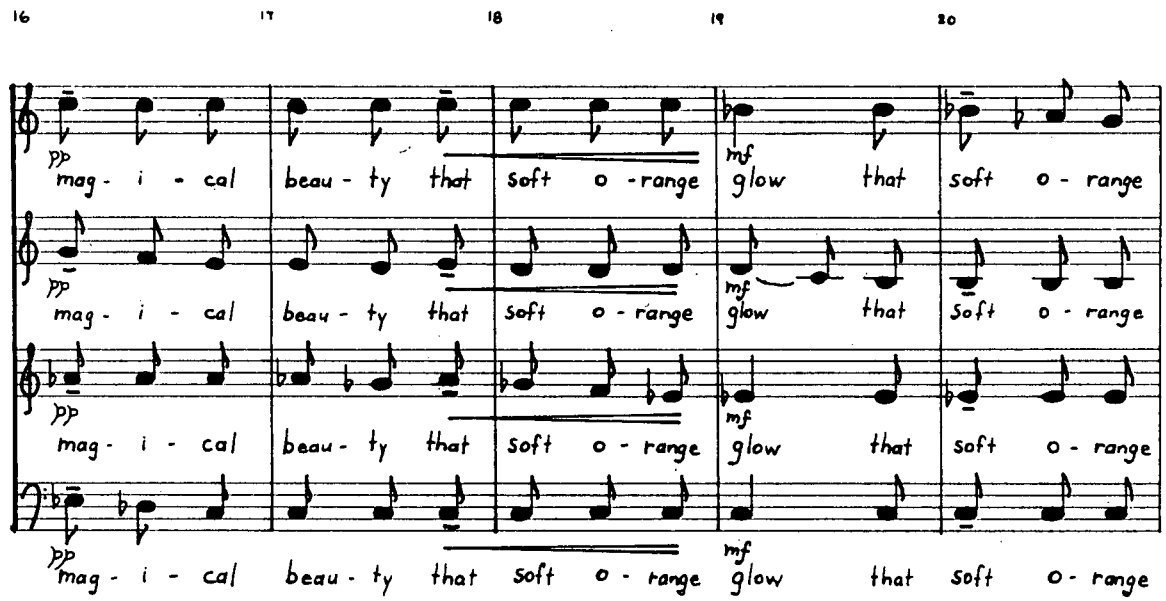

11 12 13 14 15
pp
- vad - ed the room with its mag - i - cal beau - ty, that soft
pp
- vad - ed the room with its mag - i - cal beau - ty, that soft
pp
- vad - ed the room with its mag - i - cal beau - ty, that soft
pp
- vad - ed the room with its mag - i - cal beau - ty, that soft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pp
mag - i - cal beau - ty that soft o - range
mf
glow that soft o - range
pp
mag - i - cal beau - ty that soft o - range
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glow that soft o - range
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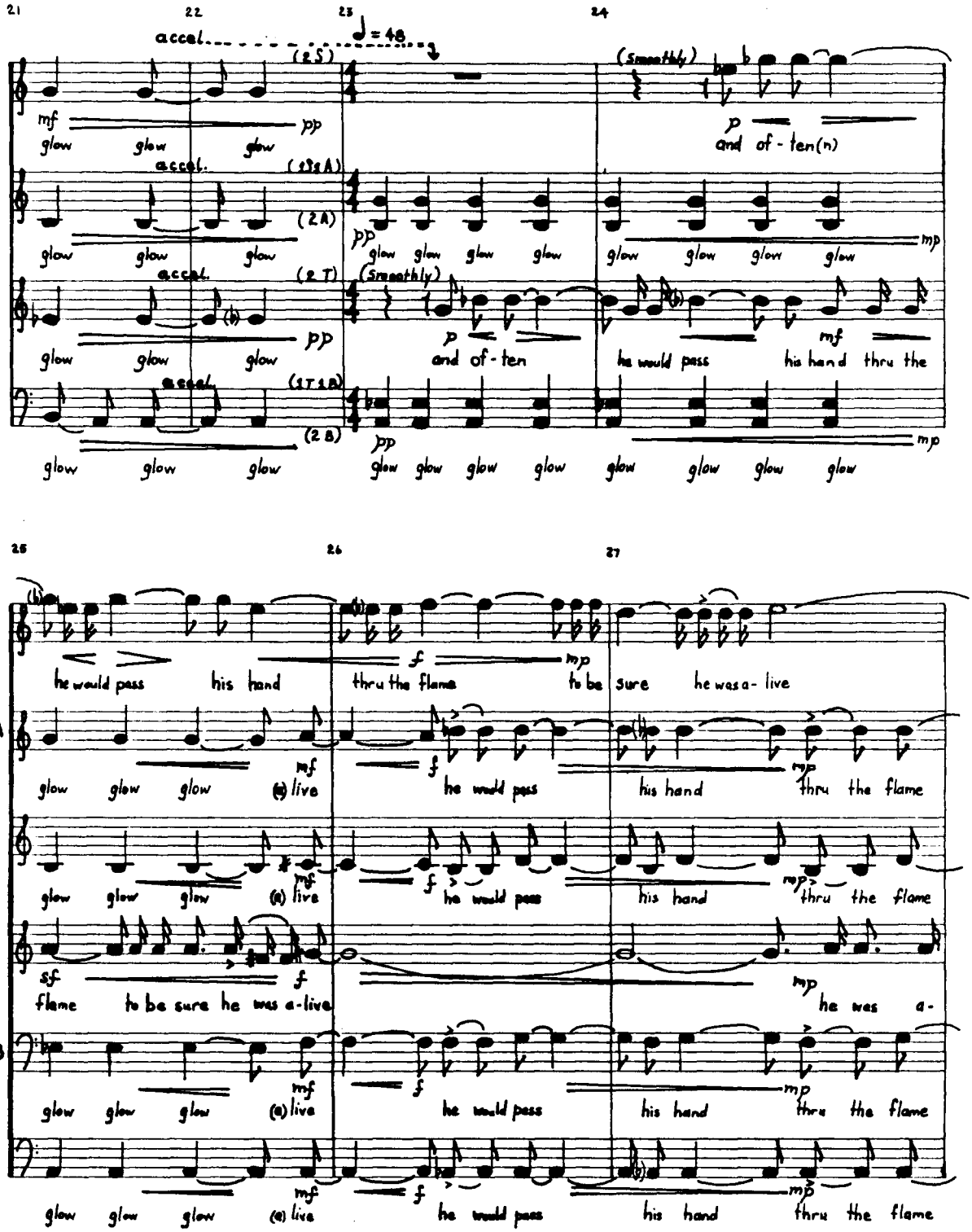
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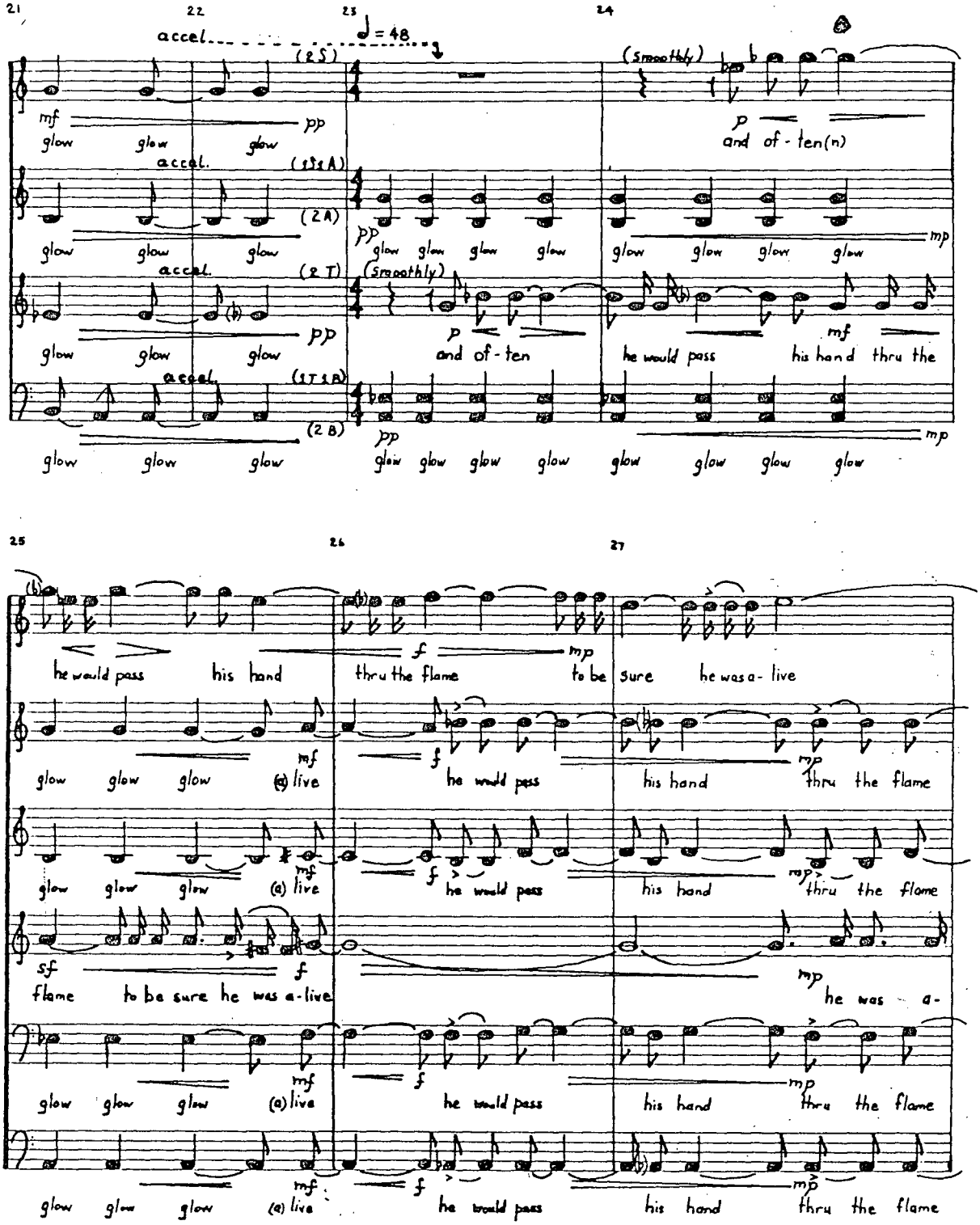
22
23
24
accel.
♩= 48
(2S)
(1S1A)
(2A)
(2T)
(1T1B)
(2B)
mf
pp
glow glow glow
(Smoothly)
p
and of - ten(n)
mp
and of - ten
he would pass his hand thru the
25
26
27
2S
1S1A
2A
2T
1T1B
2B
he would pass his hand
thru the flame
to be sure he was a- live
f
mp
(a) live
flame to be sure he was a-live
sf
he was a-

12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glow glow glow
mf
(a) live
f
he would pass
mp
his hand thru the flame
2 A
glow glow glow
mf
(a) live
f
he would pass
mp
his hand thru the flame
2 T
sf
flame to be sure he was a-live
f
mp
he was a-
1T1B
glow glow glow
mf
(a) live
f
he would pass
mp
his hand thru the flame
2 B
glow glow glow
mf
(a) live
f
he would pass
mp
his hand thru the flame

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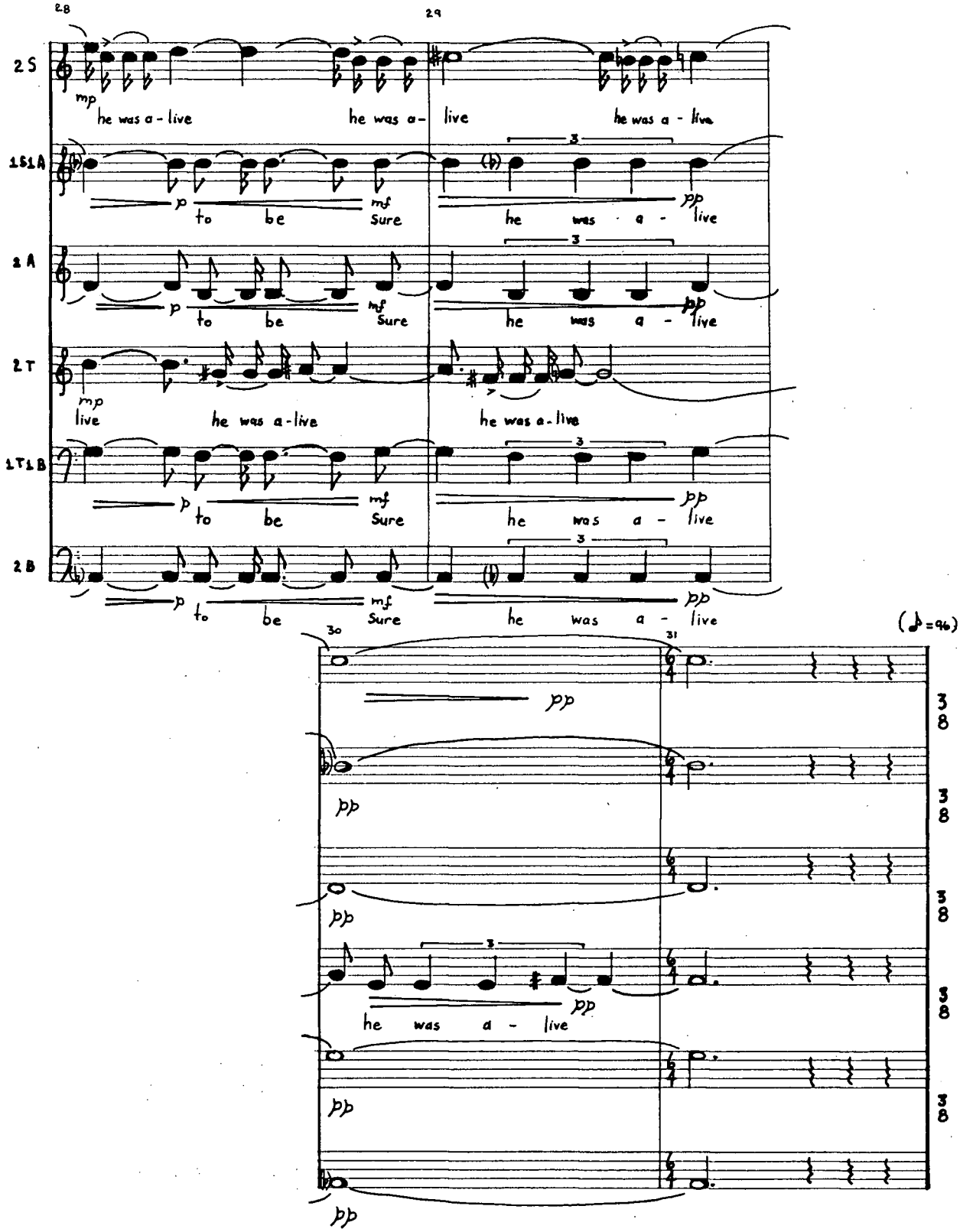
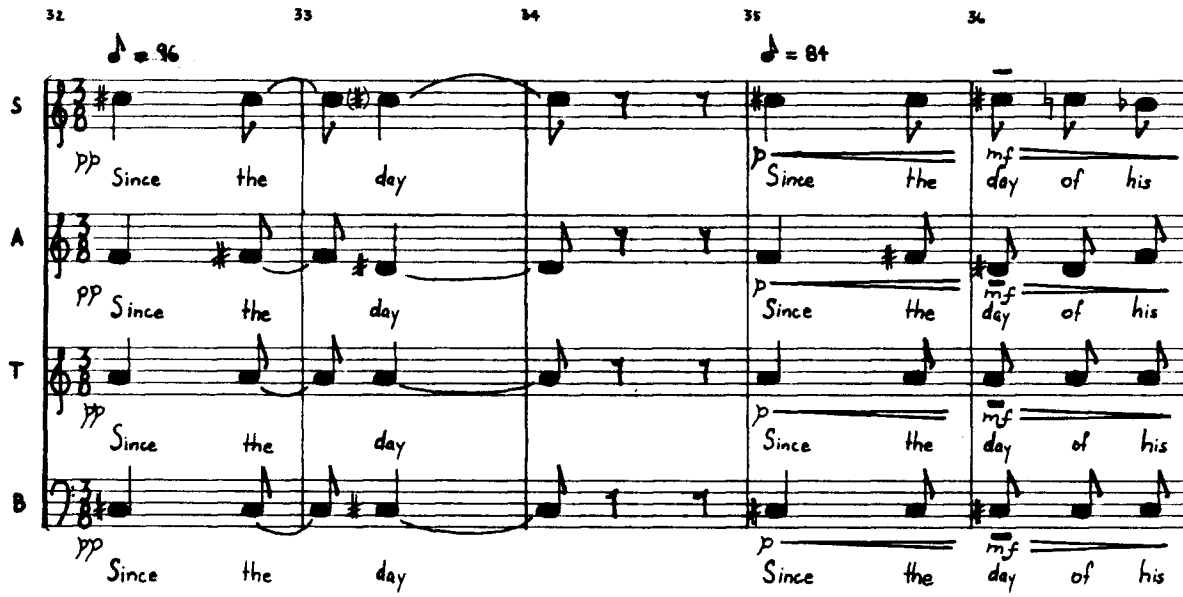

28
29
2 S
mp
he was a - live
he was a - live
he was a - live
1S1A
p
to be
mf
Sure
pp
he was a - live
2 A
p
to be
mf
Sure
pp
he was a - live
2 T
mp
live
he was a - live
he was a - live
1T1B
p
to be
mf
Sure
pp
he was a - live
2 B
p
to be
mf
Sure
pp
he was a - live
30
31
(♪=96)
pp
pp
pp
pp
he was a - live
pp
pp
3
8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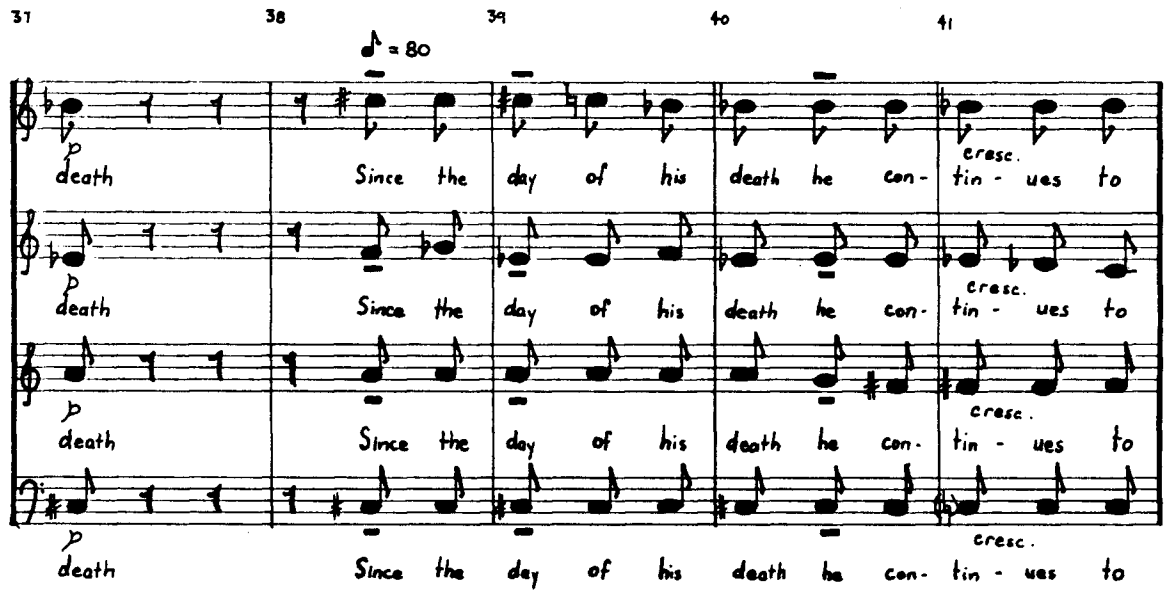
34
35
36
♪ = 96
♪ = 84
S
A
T
B
pp Since the day
p Since the day of his
mf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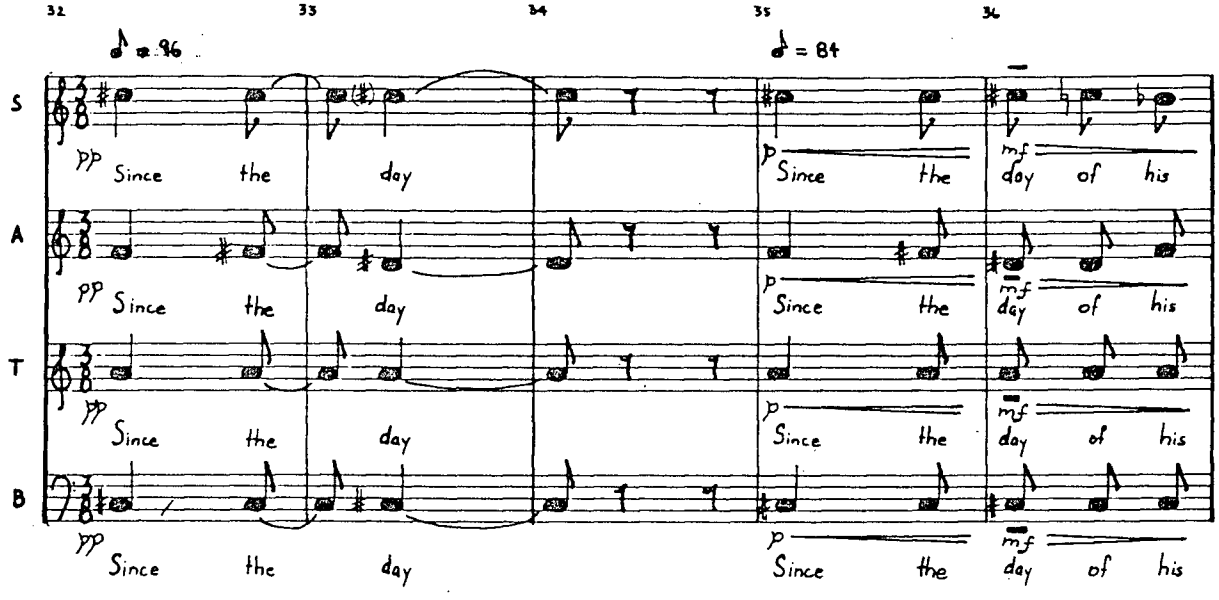
38
39
40
41
♪ = 80
p death Since the day of his death he con- tin - ues to
cresc.

14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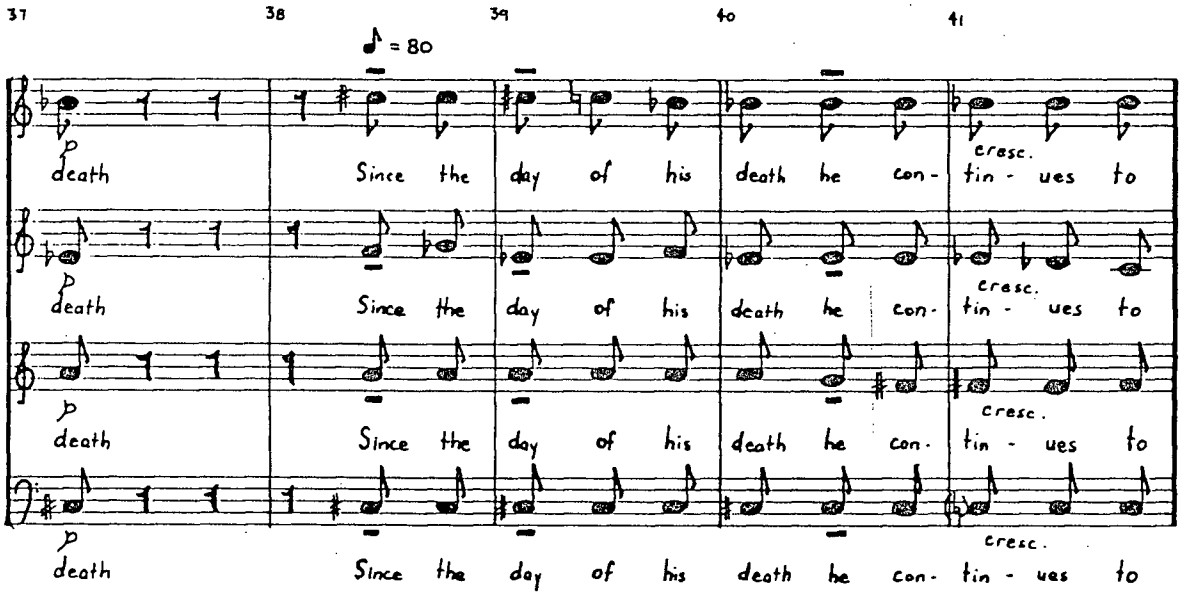
♩ = 96
♩ = 84
S
A
T
B
pp Since the day
p Since the day of his
mf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p death Since the day of his death he con- tin - ues to
cresc.

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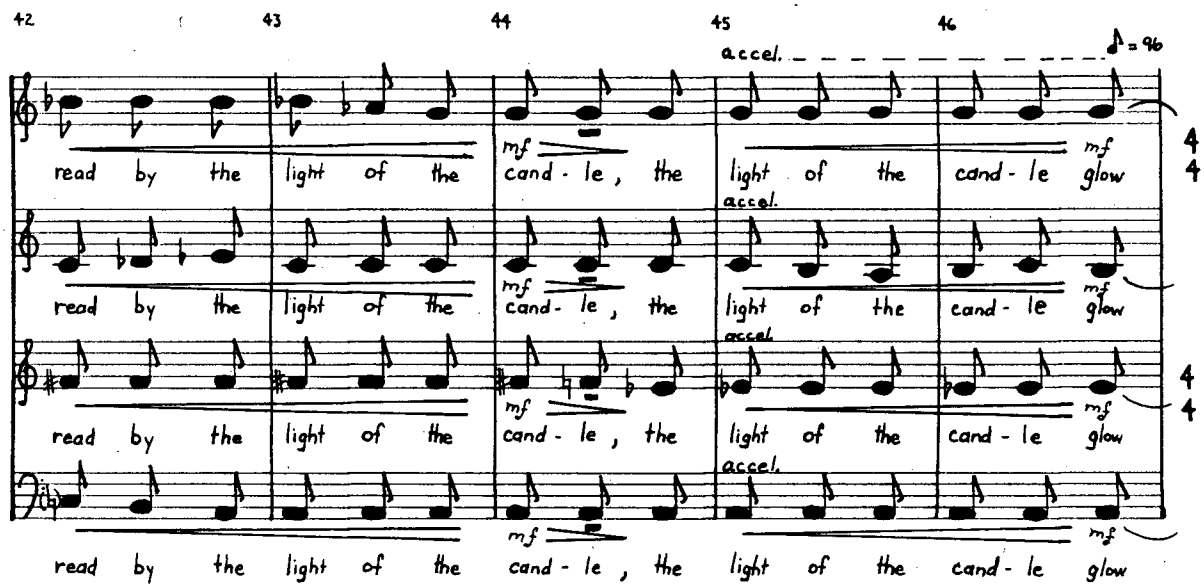
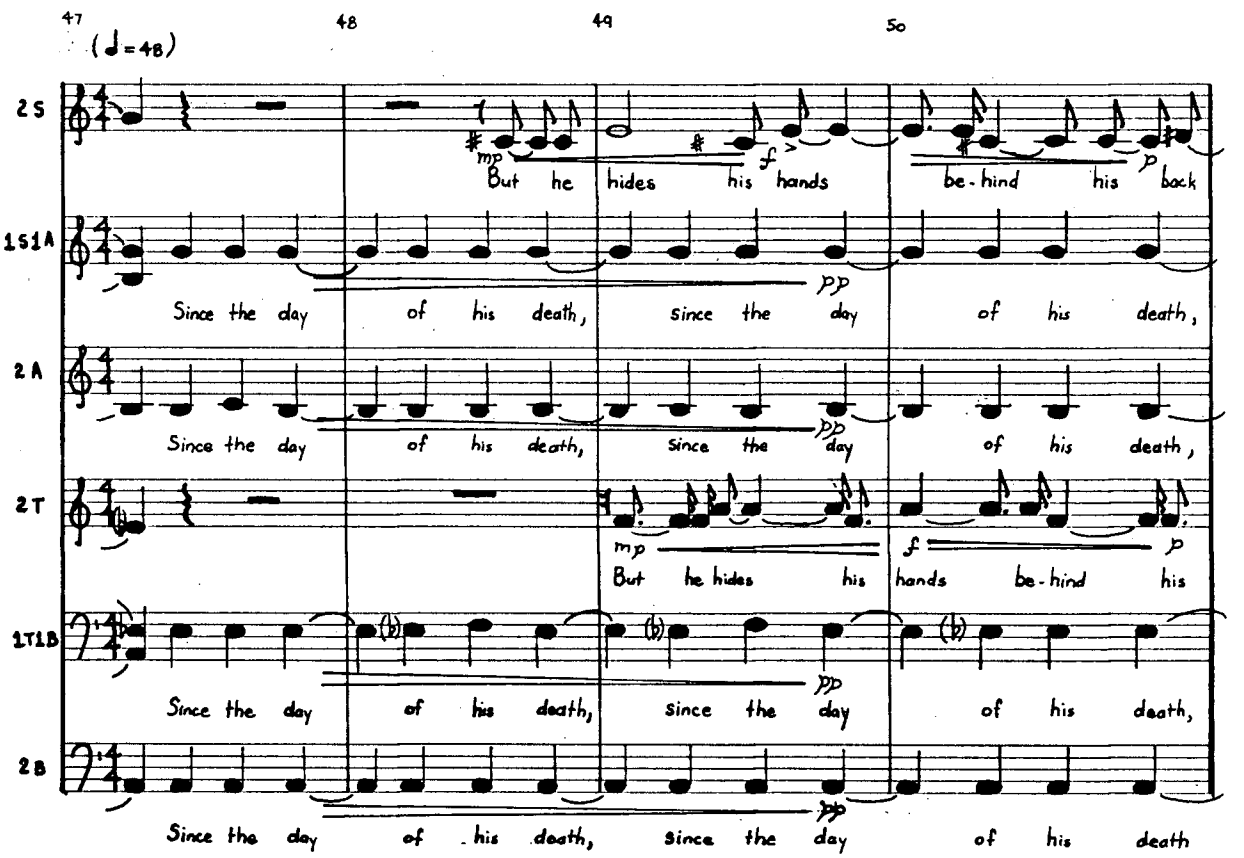
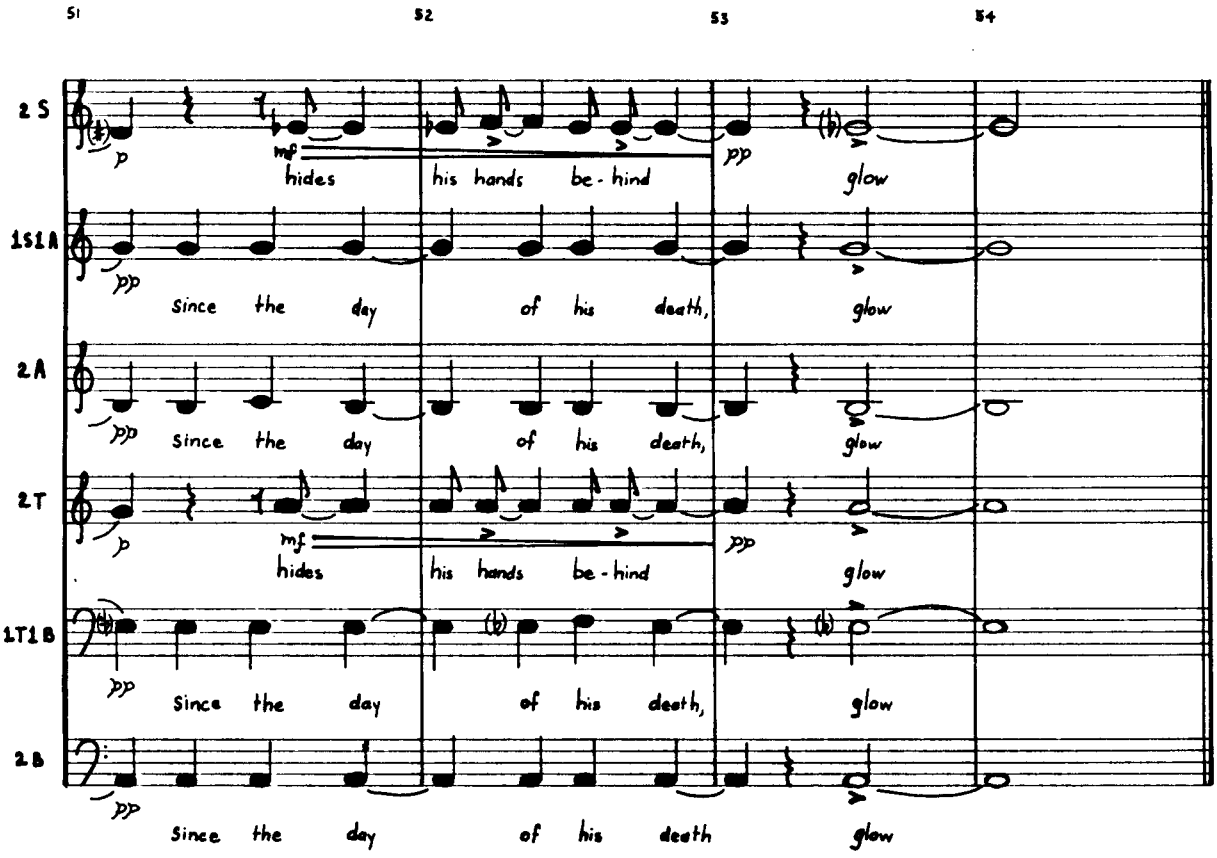
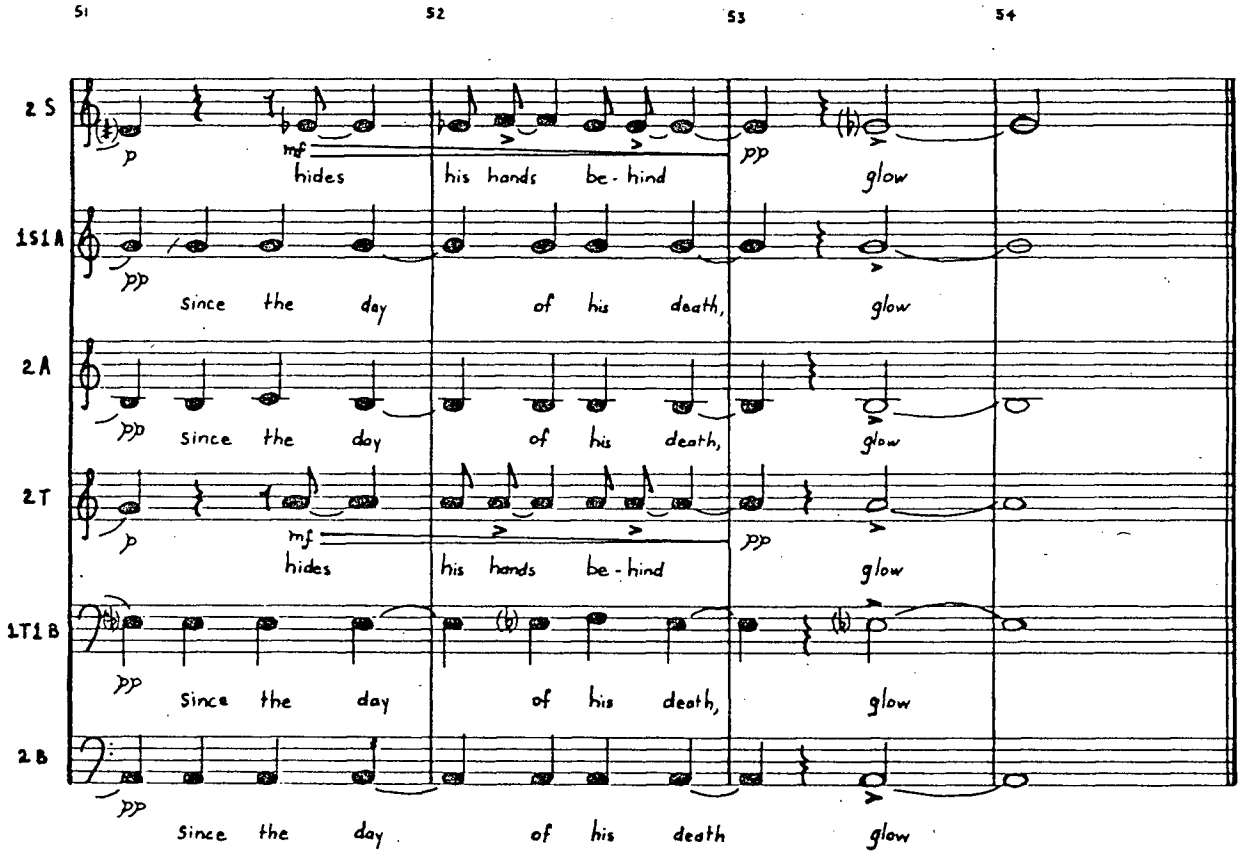

42
43
44
45
46
accel.
♪ = 96
mf
read by the light of the cand - le, the light of the cand - le glow
4
4


47
48
49
50
(♩ = 48)
2S
1S1A
2A
2T
1T1B
2B
mp
But he hides his hands be - hind his back
f
p
pp
Since the day of his death, since the day of his death,
But he hides his hands be - hind his
Since the day of his death, since the day of his death

16


51
52
53
54
2 S
1S1A
2 A
2 T
1T1B
2 B
p
mf
pp
hides his hands be - hind
since the day of his death, glow
since the day of his death,
since the day of his death glow

16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hides
his hands be-hind
glow
since the day
of his death,
of his death