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# ODE TO MUSIC

**SET TO MUSIC FOR**

Soprano, Contralto, Tenor & Bass soli, Chorus and Orchestra

by

**C. Hubert H. Parry**

## Cello

Composed for the opening of the new Concert Hall at the Royal College of Music - June 13, 1901

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Changes in the International copyright laws in the mid-1970's played a pivotal role in creating this void, opening a significant number of musical compositions to public access. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. Performance score inventories of these works were eliminated. In addition, for many compositions, the only published material were vocal scores - full scores and orchestra parts were hand notated for the premiere of a work and then were 'recycled' for future performances. While full score autograph manuscripts are now accessible through the major music libraries in the UK, the hand-notated parts have long since been lost. These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of the published vocal scores are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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## Source Information

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| *Vocal Score:* | Novello Octavo Edition No. 11230 |
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## Reference Material and Software

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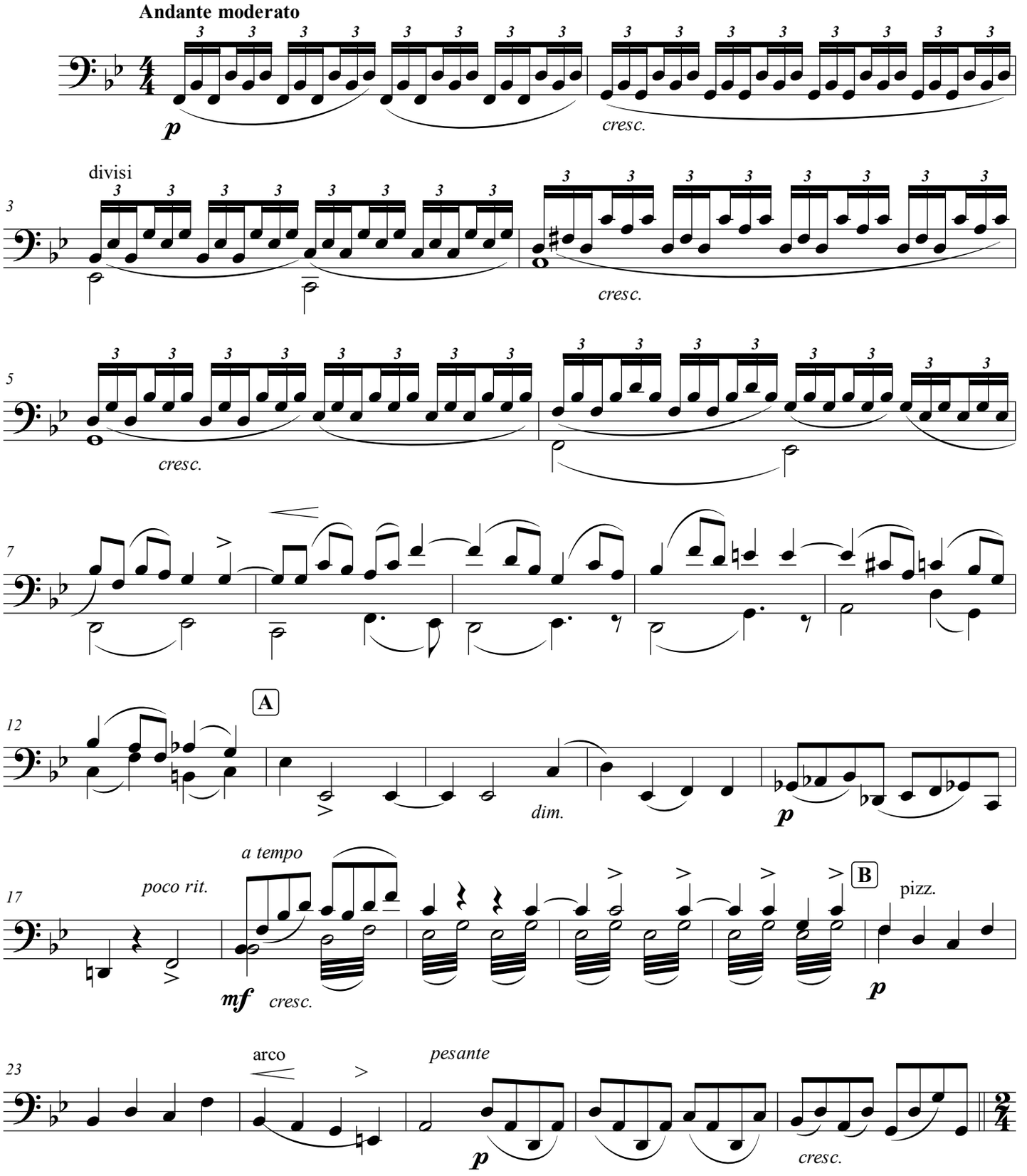

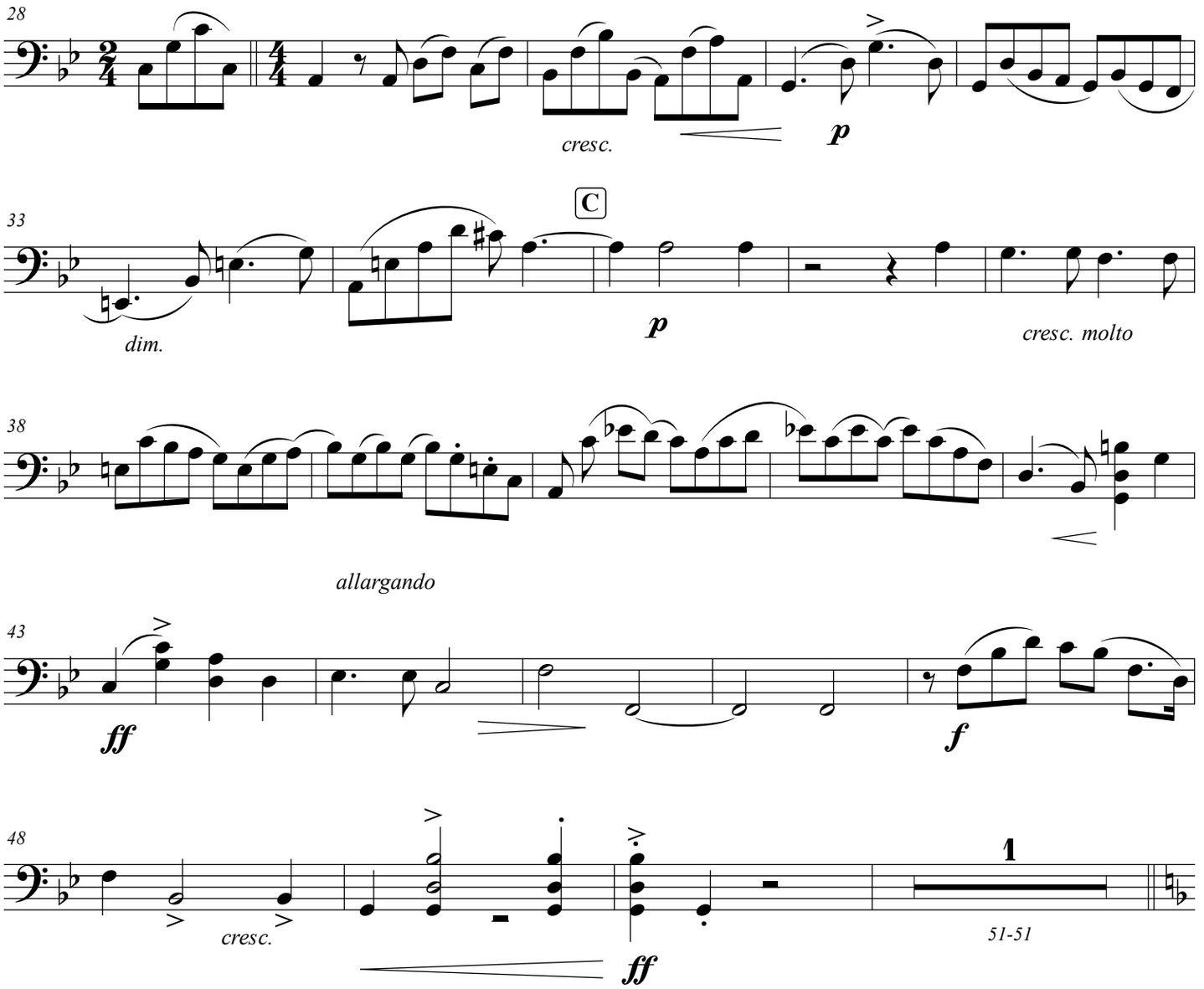
28
cresc.
p
33
C
dim.
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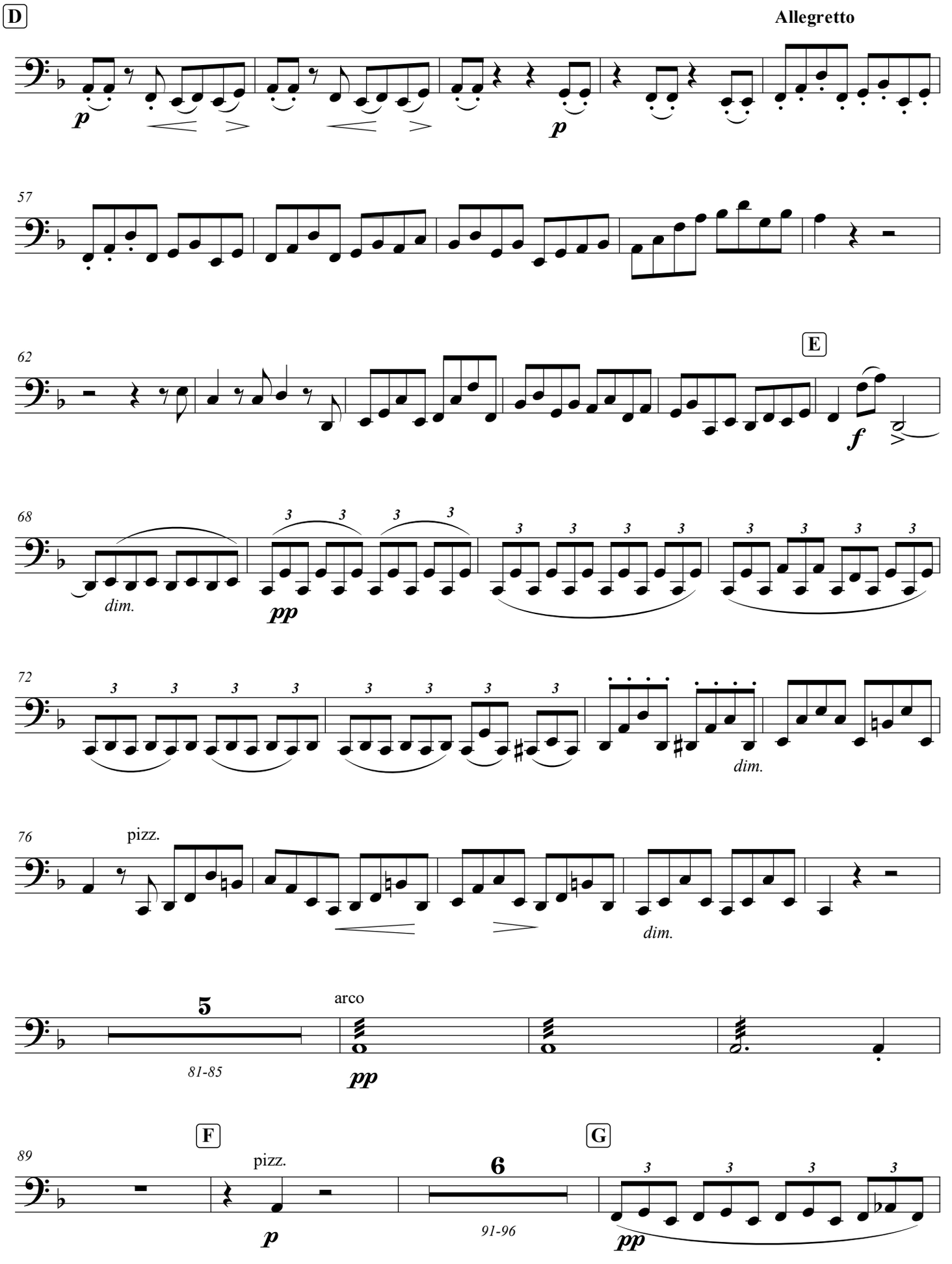
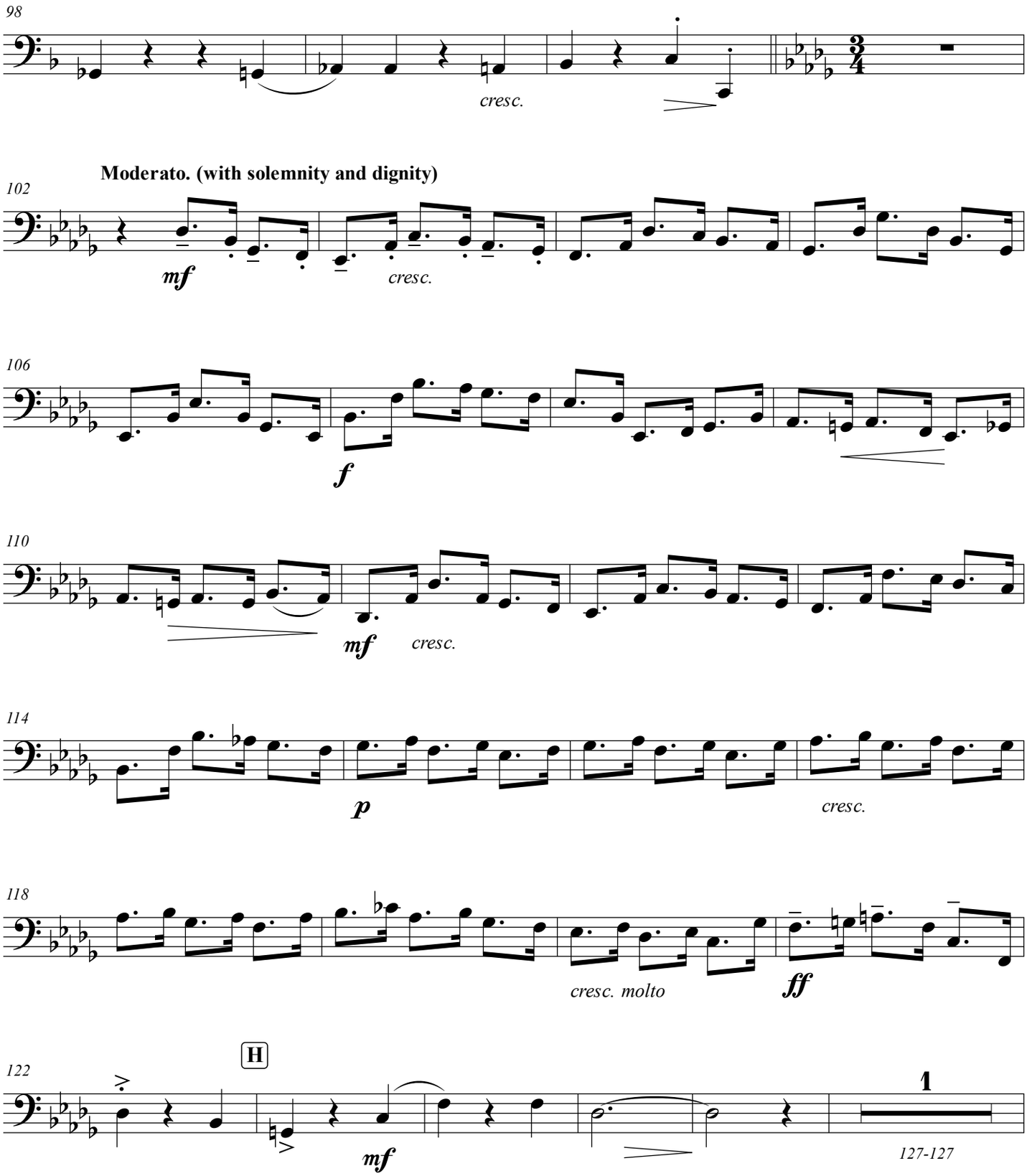
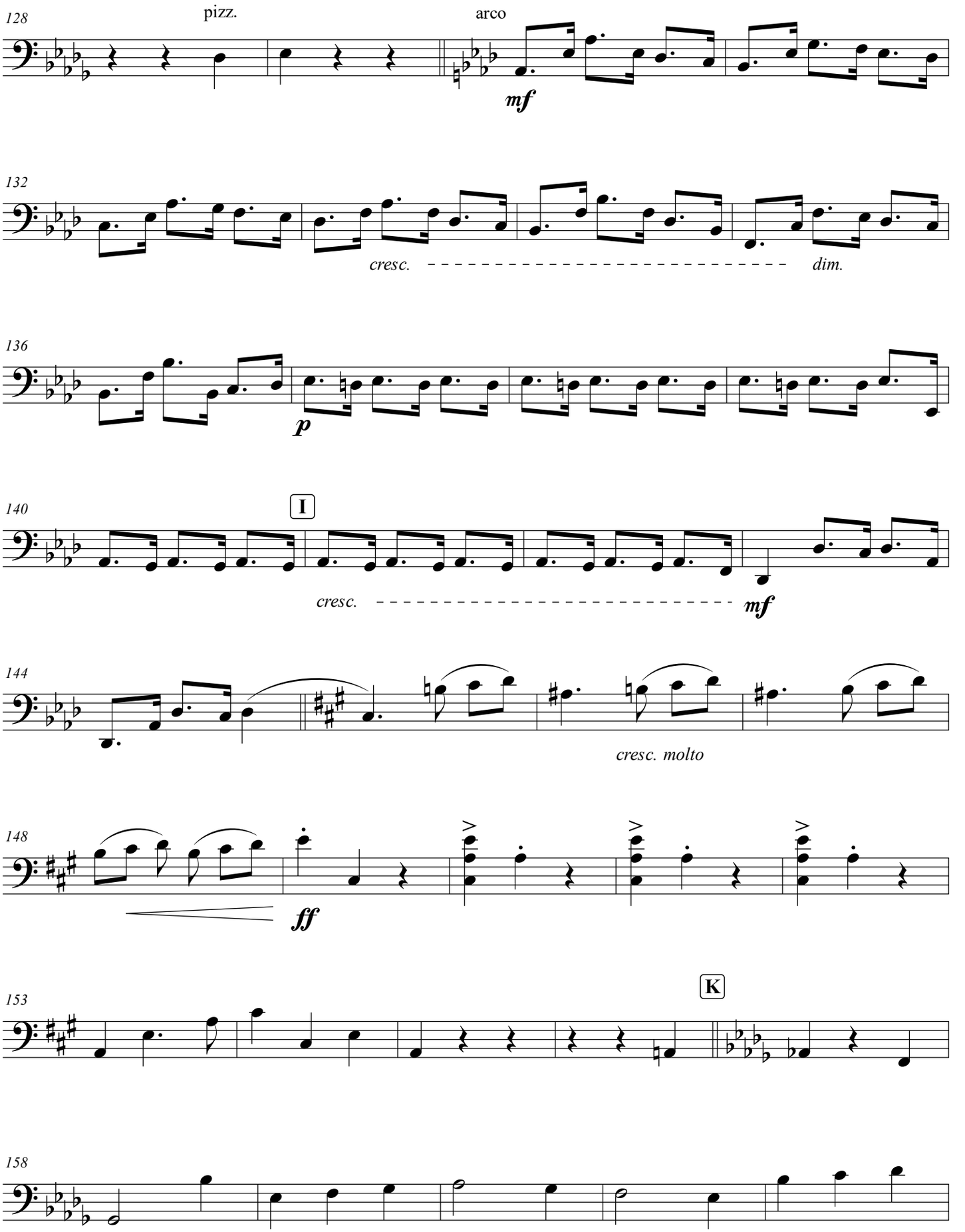
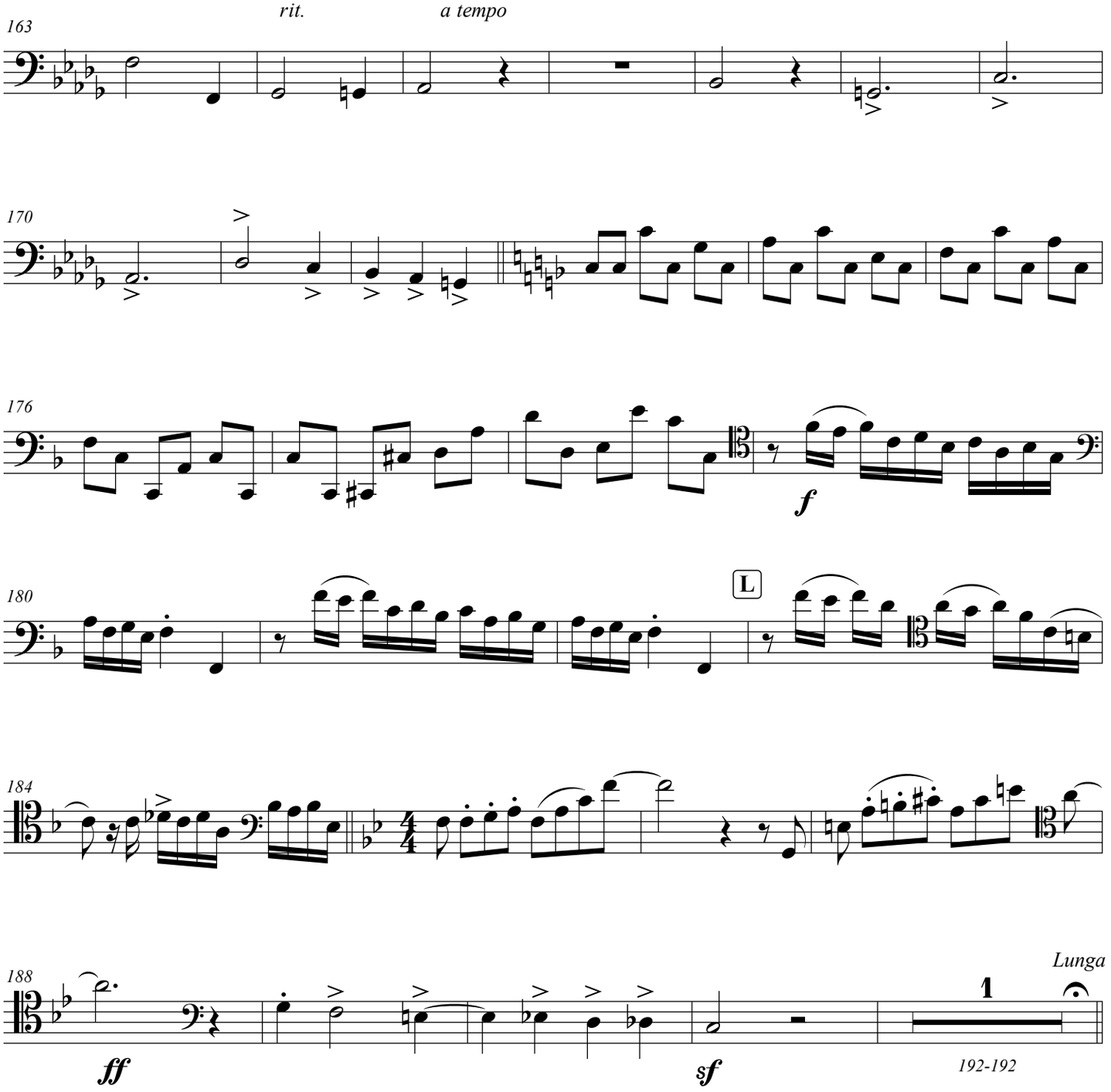
38
allargando
43
ff
f
48
cresc.
ff
1
51-51


D
Allegretto
p
p
57
62
E
f
68
dim.
pp
72
dim.
76
pizz.
dim.
5
81-85
arco
pp
F
G
89
pizz.
p
6
91-96
pp


98
cresc.
Moderato. (with solemnity and dignity)
102
mf
cresc.
106
f
110
mf
cresc.
114
p
cresc.
118
cresc. molto
ff
122
H
mf
1
127-127


128
pizz.
arco
mf
132
cresc.
dim.
136
p
140
I
cresc.
mf
144
cresc. molto
148
ff
153
K
158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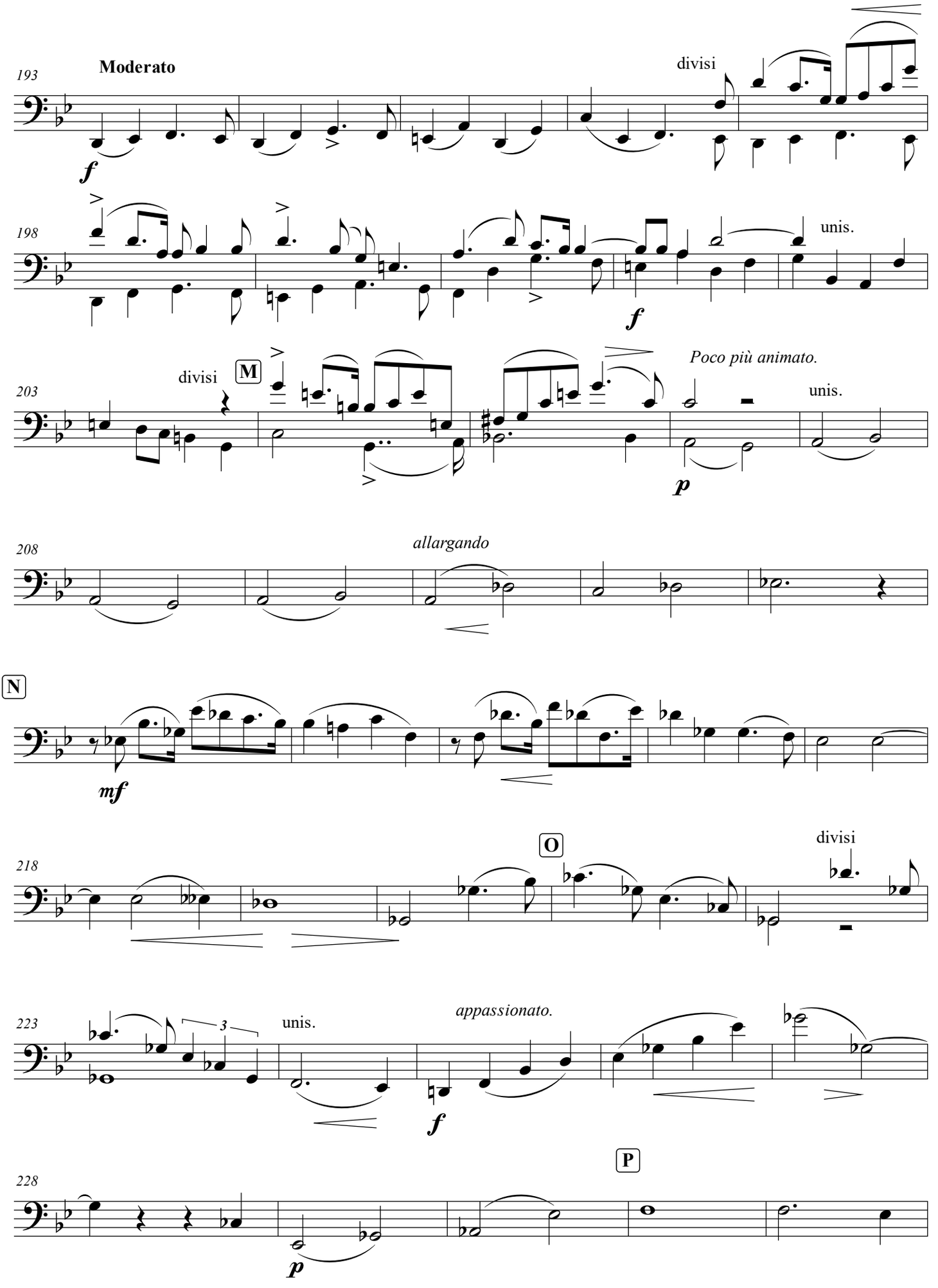
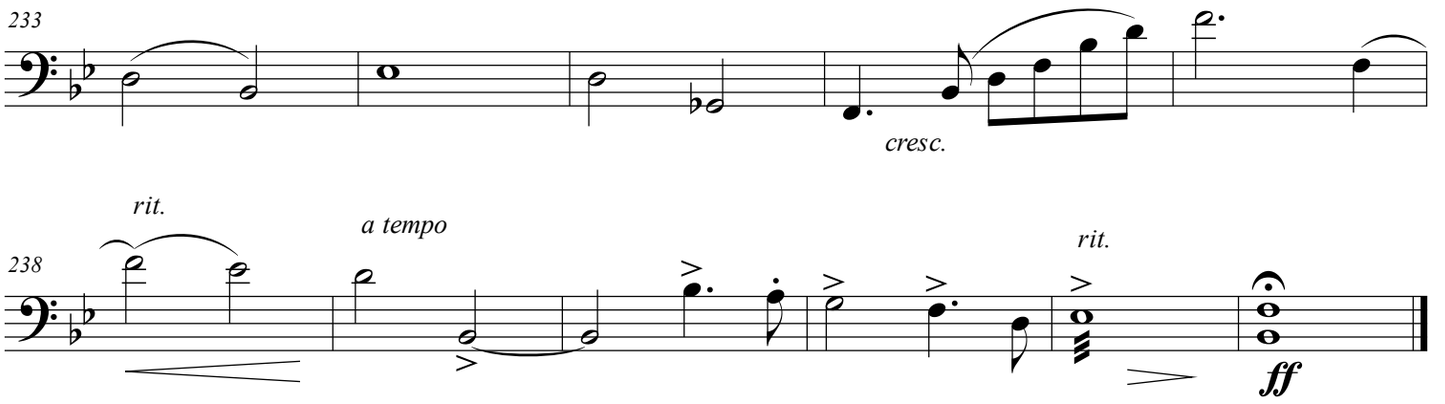
rit.
a tempo
170
176
f
180
L
184
188
ff
sf
Lunga
1
192-192


193
Moderato
divisi
198
unis.
203
divisi
M
Poco più animato.
unis.
208
allargando
N
218
O
divisi
223
unis.
appassionato.
228
P


233
cresc.
rit.
a tempo
238
rit.
ff

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