Scenes from Shelley's

PROMETHEUS UNBOUND

SET TO MUSIC FOR

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

by

C. Hubert H. Parry

English Horn

Composed for the Three Choirs Festival (Gloucester) - September 7, 1880

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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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SCENE ONE

Act I - "A ravine of icy rocks in the Indian Caucasus. Prometheus is discovered bound to the precipice. Panthea and Ione are seated at this feet. Time, night. During the Scene, morning slowly breaks."

TACET

SCENE TWO

Act I (cont'd) and Act II Scene V - "Morning. A lovely vale in the Indian Caucasus. The Car pauses within a Cloud on the top of a snowy Mountain)"

TACET

SCENE THREE

Act III Scene I - "Heaven. Jupiter on is throne. Thetis and the other Deities assembled."

TACET

SCENE FOUR

Act III Scene IV - "A Forest. In the background a cave. Prometheus, Asia, Panthea, Ione, and the Spirit of the Earth"

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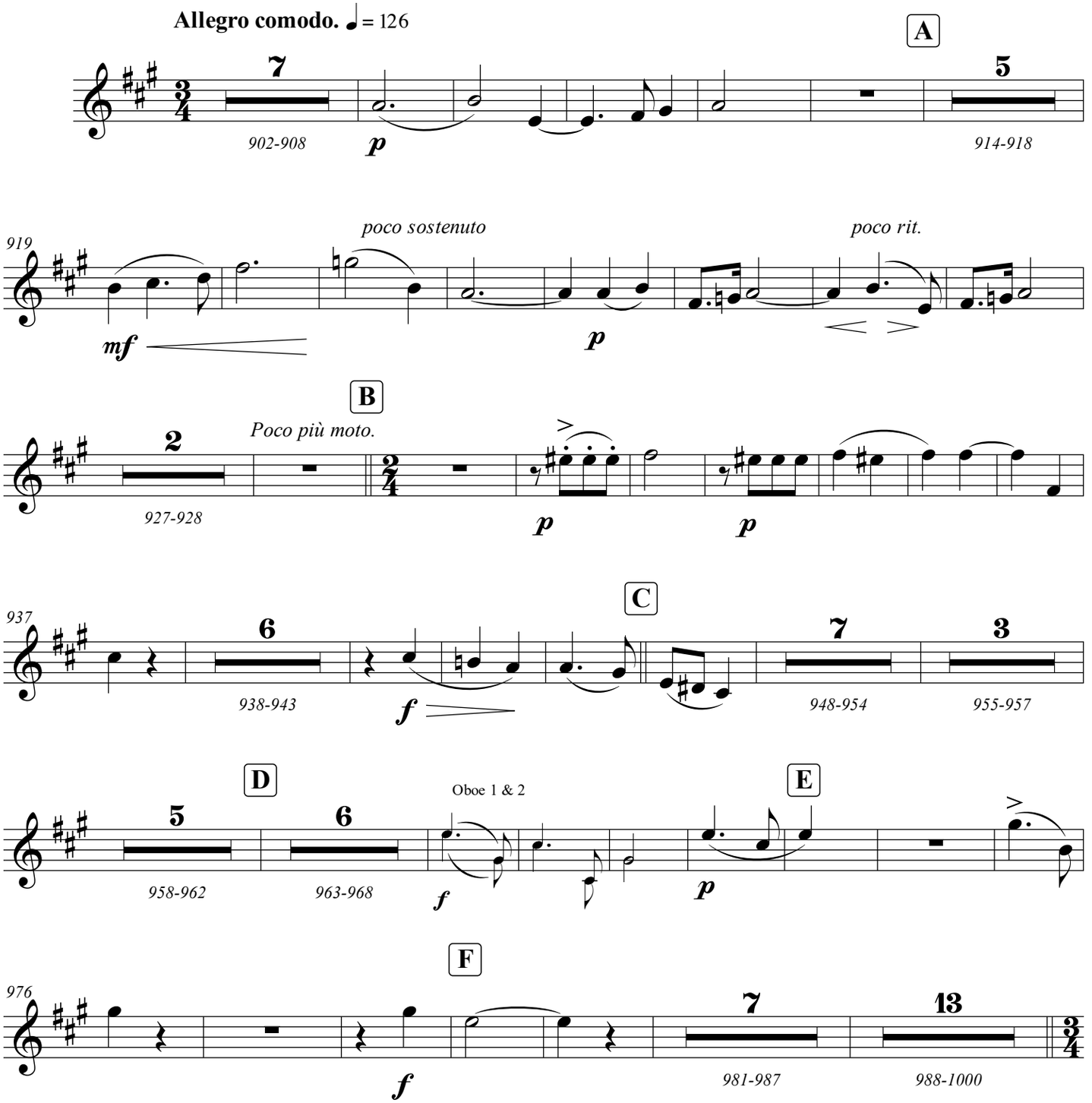
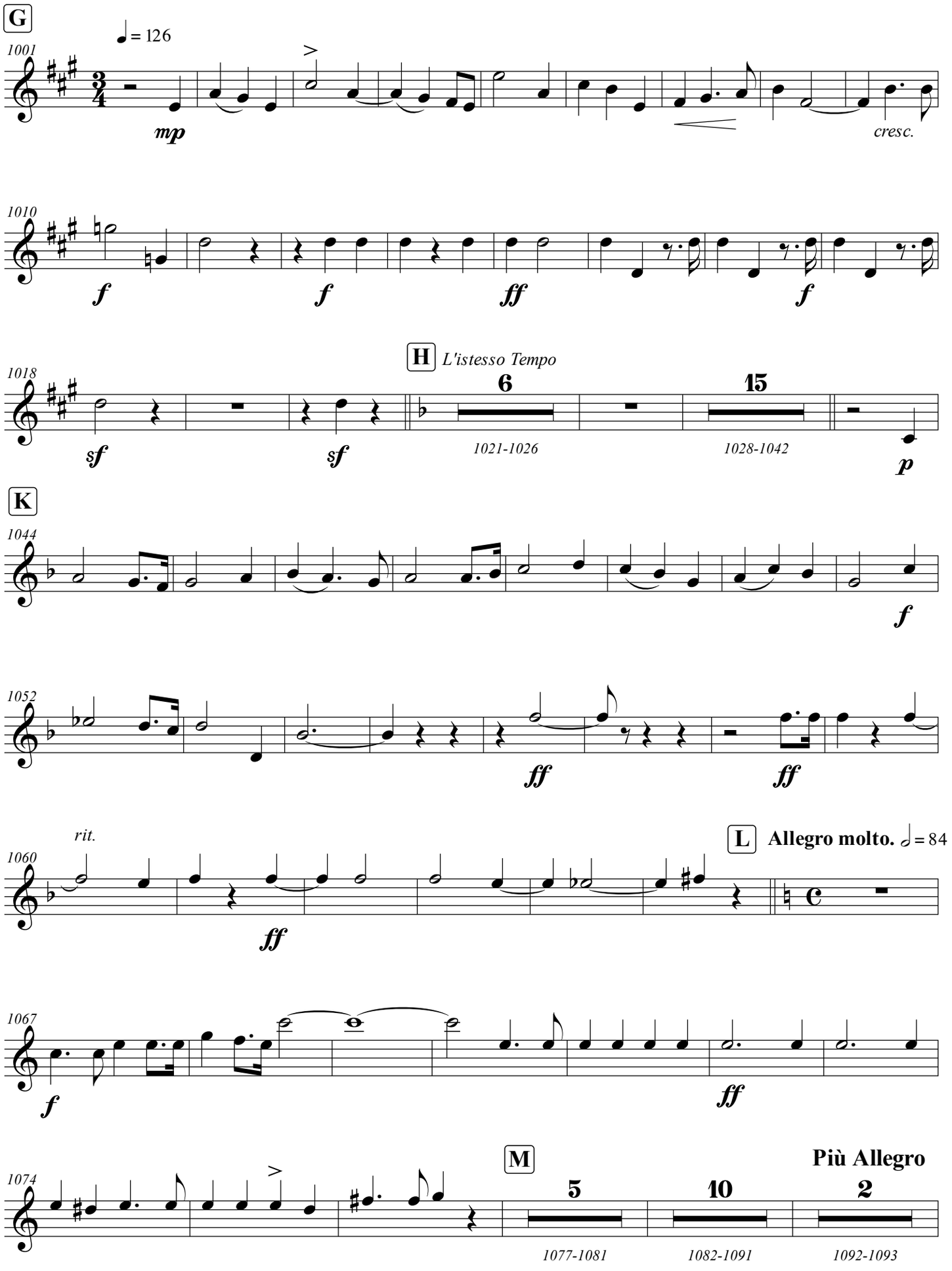
SCENE FIVE

Act IV – "A part of the forest near the cave of Prometheus.
Panthea and Ione are sleeping; they awaken gradually during the chorus singing"

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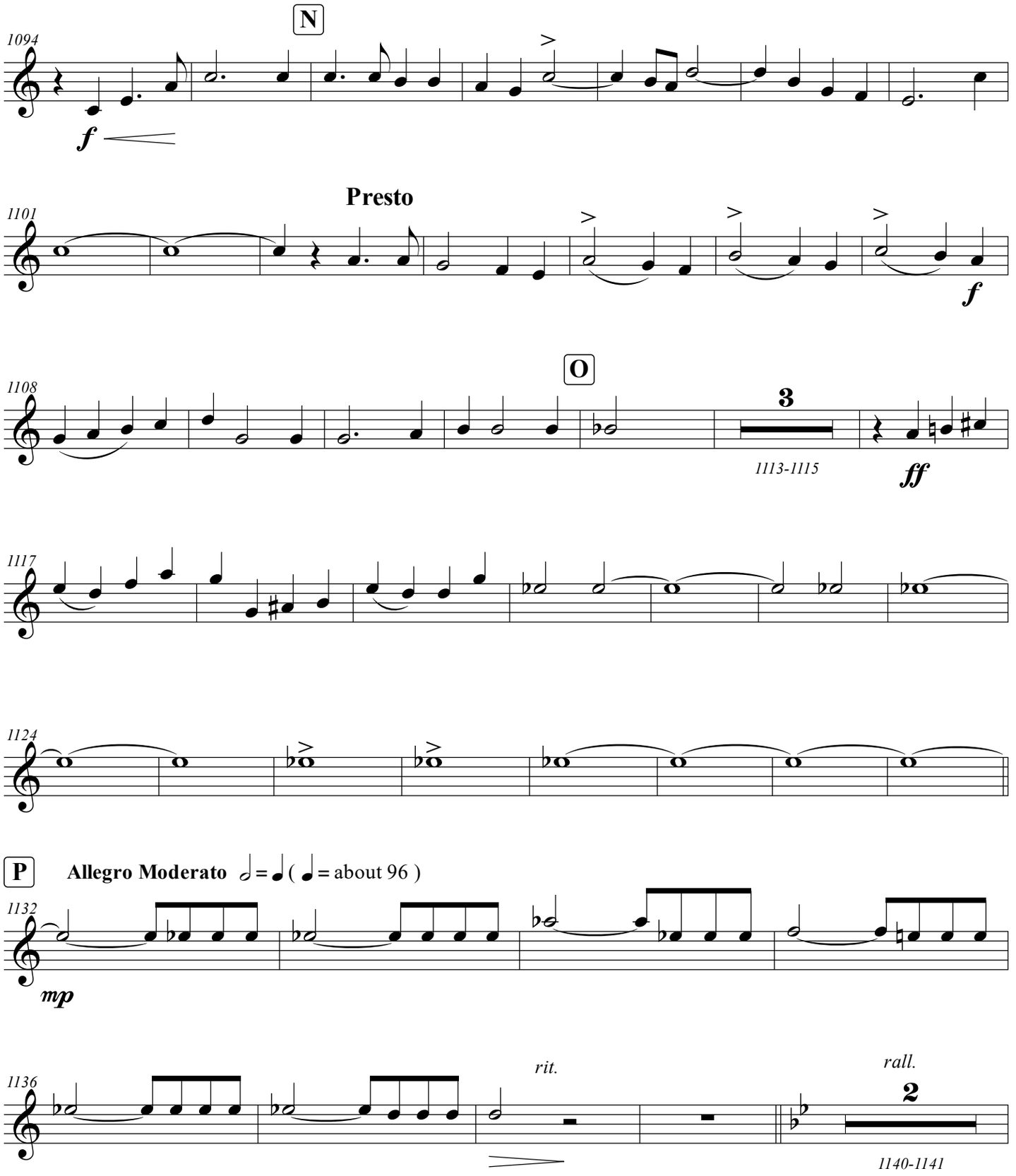
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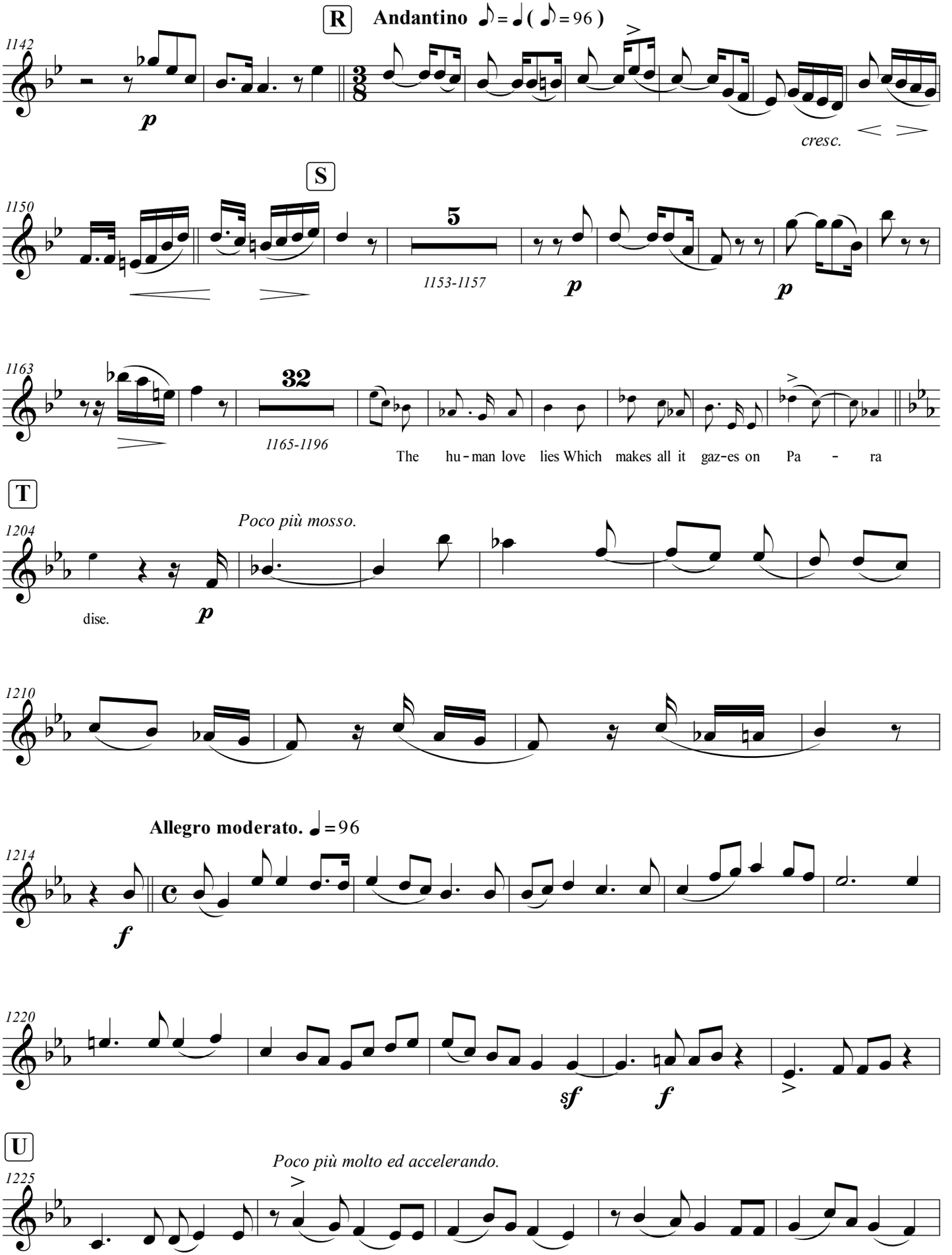
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Poco più mosso.
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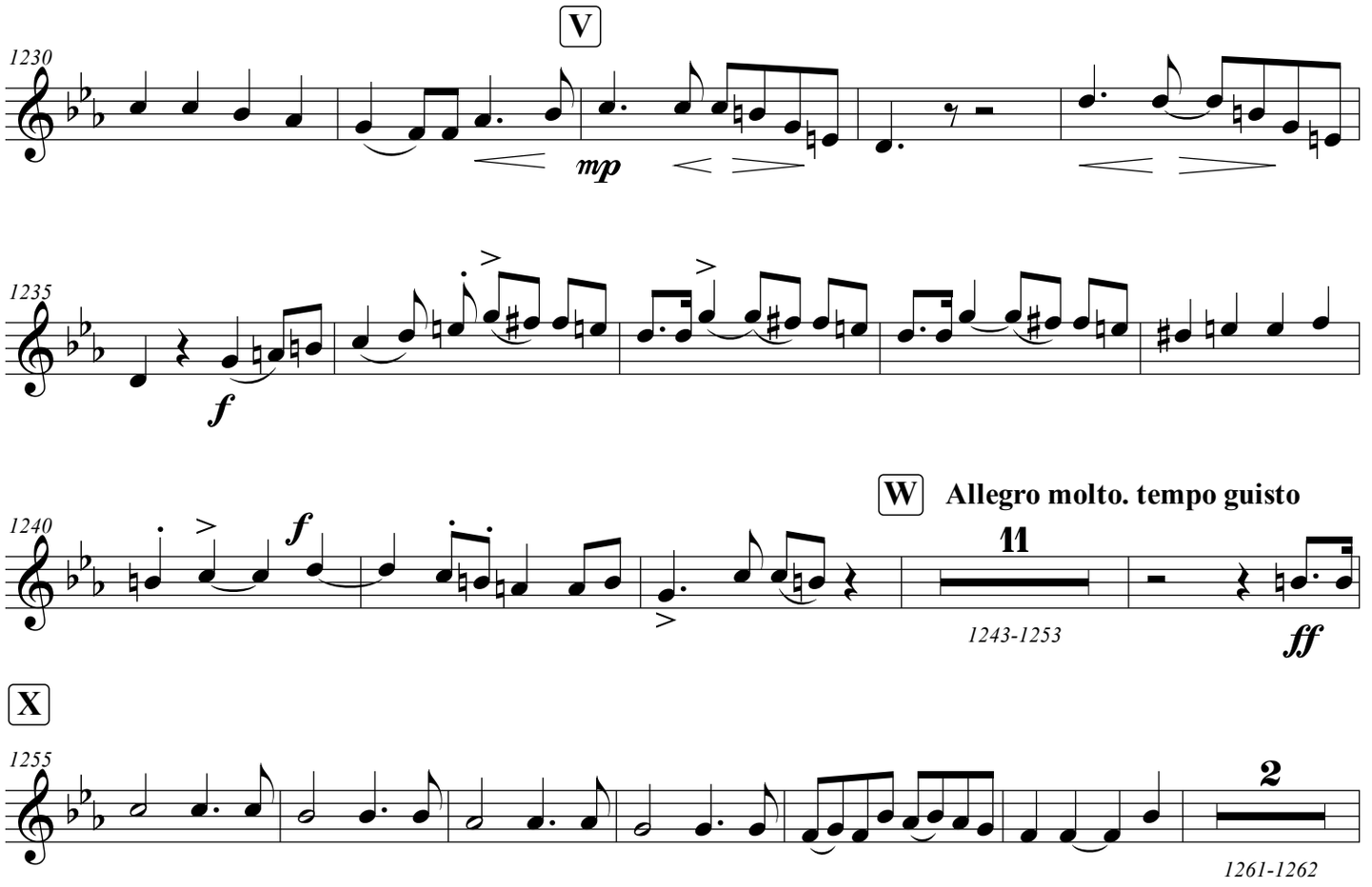
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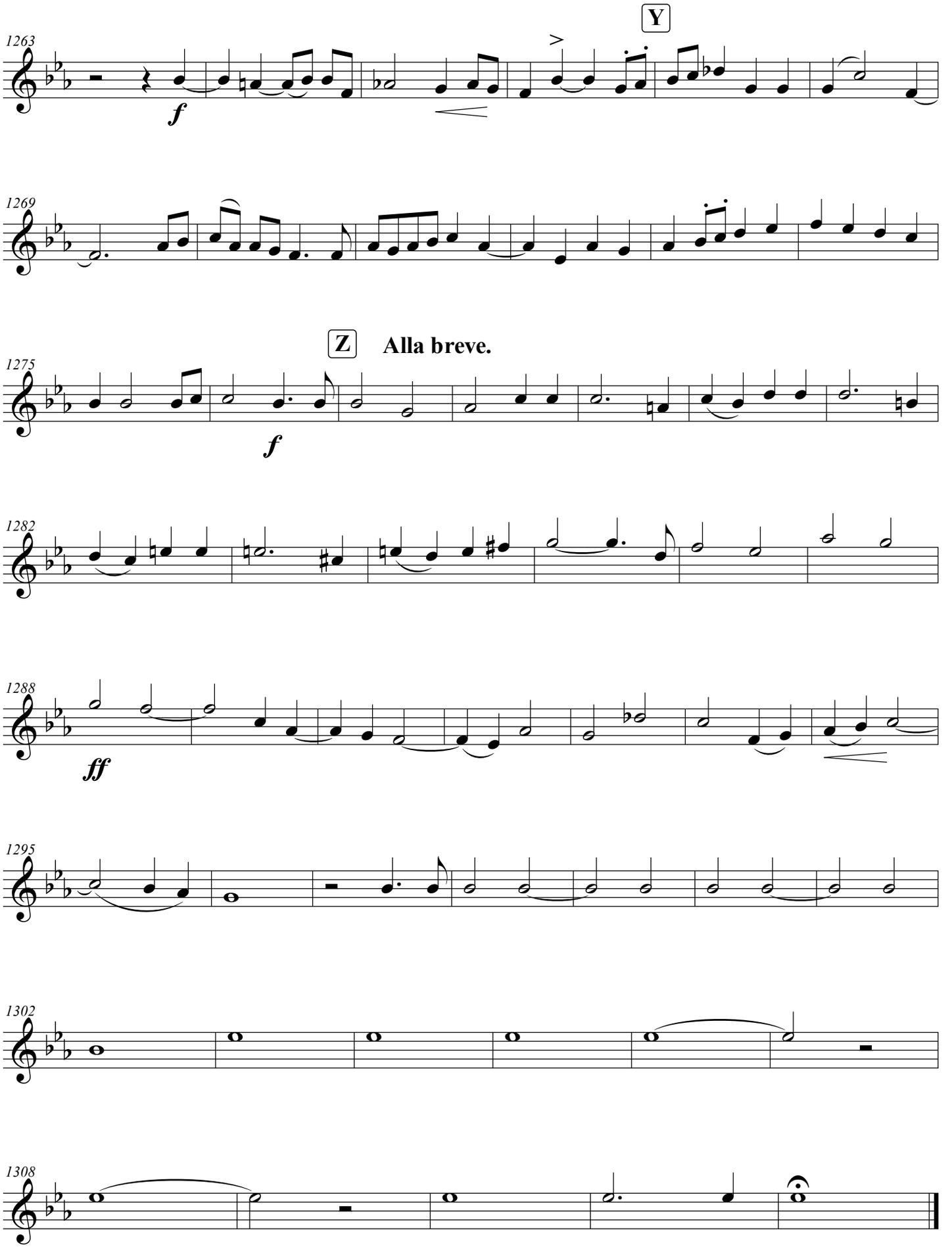
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