VARIATIONS ON AN IRISH FOLK TUNE

for

String Quartet

MUSIC BY

Charles Wood

FULL SCORE

COVER IMAGE

"A Cavatina" by Briton Riviére, 1888

IN THE UNITED STATES

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Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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SOURCE INFORMATION

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Andante

Cantabile

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

f *p*

pizz.

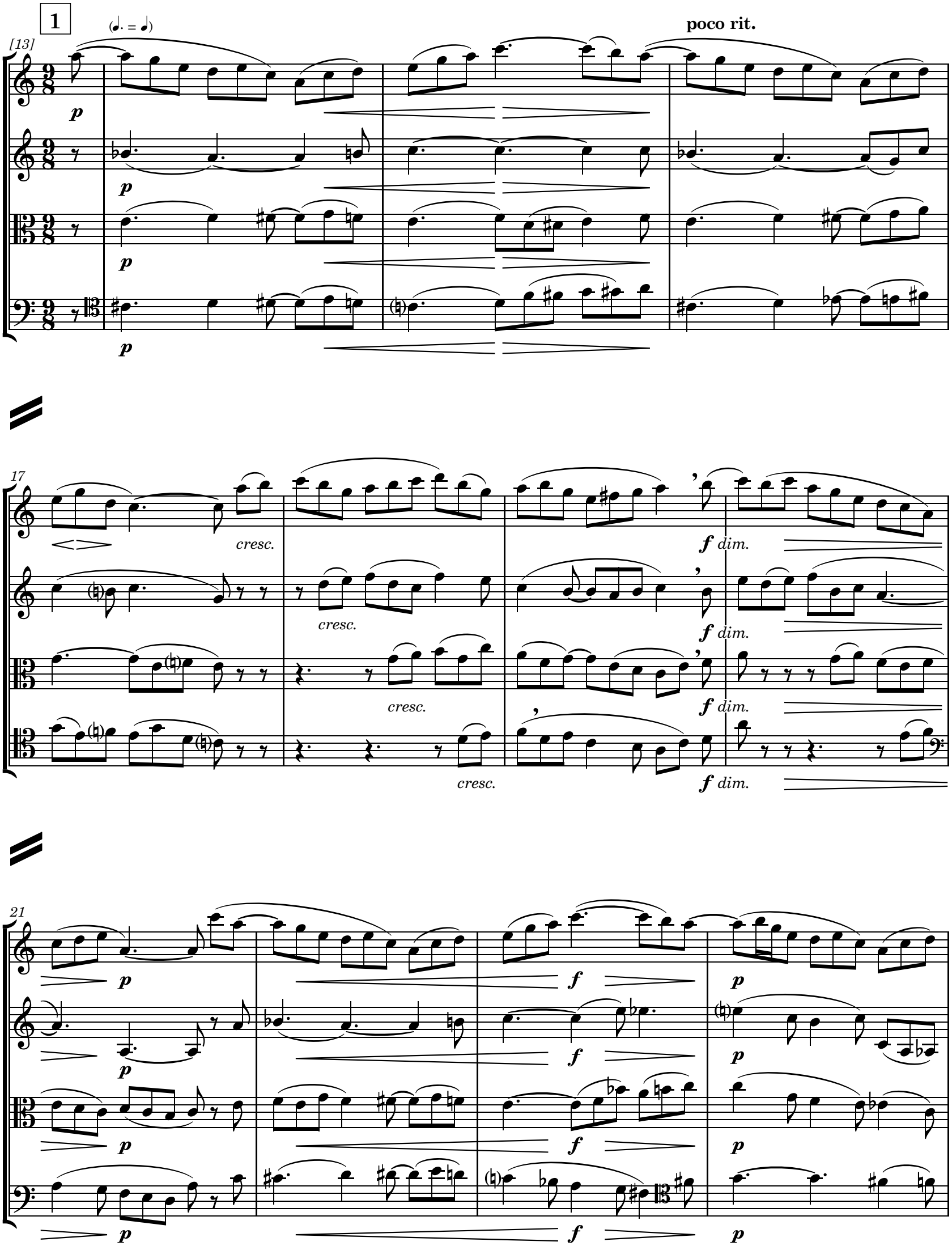
arco

5

espress.

ten.

10


1
(♩. = ♩)
poco rit.
[13]
p
17
cresc.
f dim.
21
f

25

poco rit.

2

Poco più mosso

29

33

37

poco rit.

3

animato

pizz.

40

43

46

4

Allegro con fuoco

49

53

57

61

cresc.

cresc.

65

5

70

75

79

6

sempre f

sempre f e marcato

83

staccato

p

p

p

fp

87

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

ff *sf*

ff *sf*

ff *sf*

91

sf

fz

7

Poco allegretto.

dolce

p

97

dolce

p

102

pp

pizz.

106

espress.

110

poco rall.

a tempo

p

p

pp

arco

p

114

p

p

p

118

poco rall.

a tempo

dolce

p

p

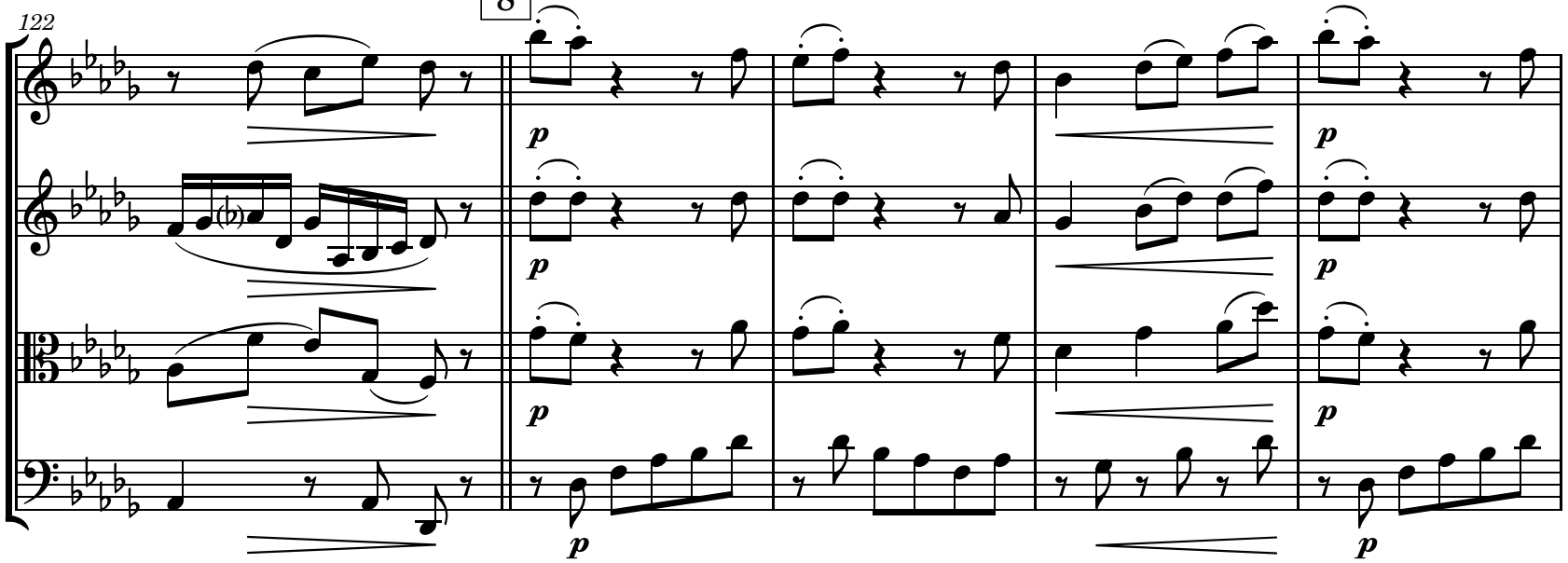
p

pizz.

p

8 **Grazioso**

122



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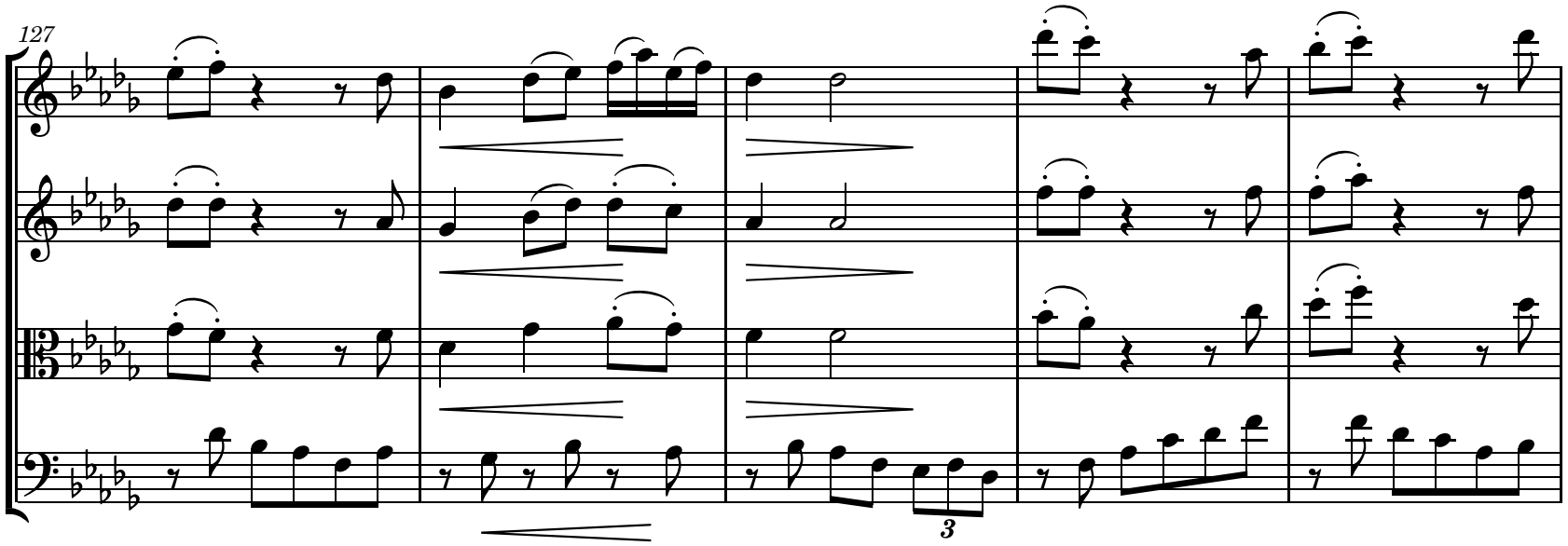

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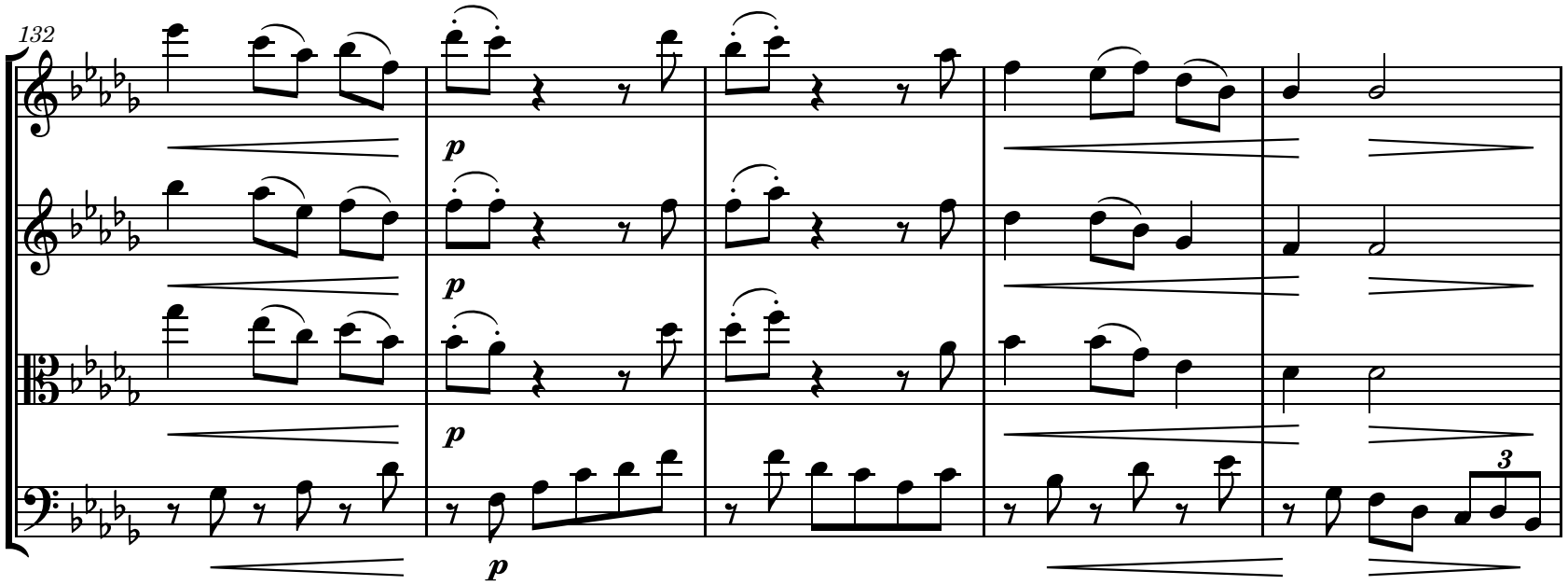


137

142

147

arco

153

9 **Adagio**

espress.

158

mp
espress.

163

espress.

168

mf *dim.*

mf *dim.*

mf *dim.*

pp

pp

pp

174

10 **a tempo**

rit.

f

f

f

f

p

p

p

p

178

ff *sostenuto*

ff *sostenuto*

ff *sostenuto*

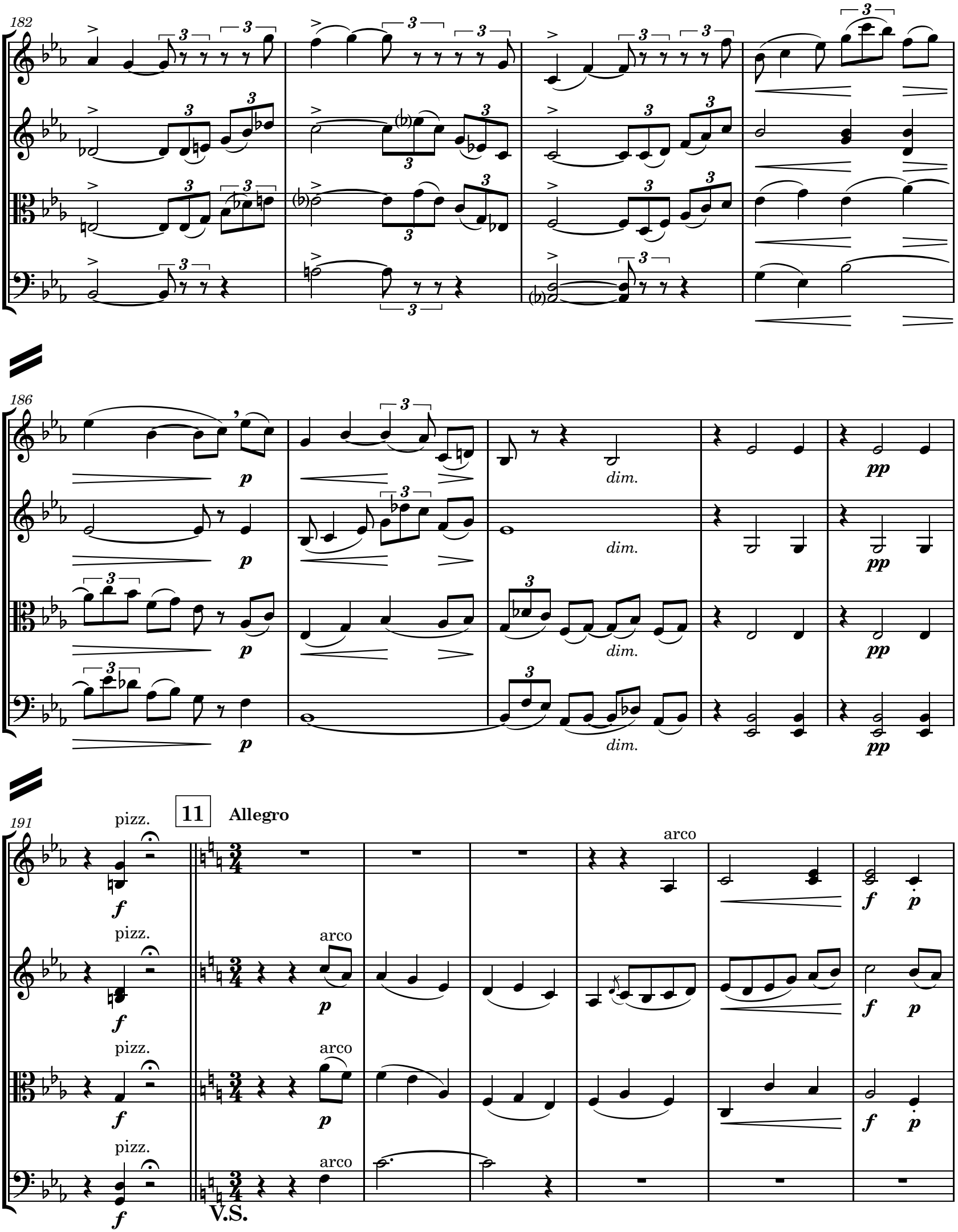
ff *sostenuto*

p

p

p

p


182
186
p
dim.
pp
191
pizz.
11
Allegro
arco
f
V.S.

198

mf

mf

mf

mf

204

f mp

f mp

f mp

p

p

211

p

p

p

218

225

232

12

238

f

f

sf

sf

245

sf

p

fz

sf

p

p

sf

p

f

251

sf

p

sf

p

sf

p

mp

258

mp mf

mf

mf

mp mf

264

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

f

mf

mf

mf

271

poco rall.

13 a tempo

p

p

p

p

p

p

278

f *p*

f *p*

f *p*

f *p*

284

p

p

p

tr

tr

290

mf

mf

mf

mf

f *p*

f *p*

f *p*

f *p*

296

14

marcato

ff

marcato

ff

marcato

ff

marcato

ff

302

sf

sf

sf

309

sf

3

sf

fz

fz

315

p

p

p

320

pizz.

325

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

arco

15

329

334

340

346

352

358

16 **Allegro molto.**

363

p

p

p

368

pizz.

p

373

f

f

f

arco

p

f

377

ff

ff

ff

381

385

fz

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