ODE TO THE SEA

Soprano Solo, Chorus, and Orchestra

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The "renaissance" in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

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.

The English Heritage Music Series has been created to ensure that these compositions are preserved, are accessible for scholarly research and, most importantly, are available for performance by future generations. Its mission is to:

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In preparing the English Heritage Music Series editions, every effort has been made to adhere strictly to the notation contained in the manuscripts. Because of the passage of time and its effect on the condition of the manuscript, the absence of clear information often times by the composer in notating divided instruments, and with emendations in the composer and other hands resulting from use of the manuscript in performance, there were numerous circumstances which required interpretation and decisions for notes, accidentals, dynamics, articulations and tempi. Should questions arise in the use of these editions, the composers' autograph manuscripts and the Novello vocal scores should be consulted for clarification.

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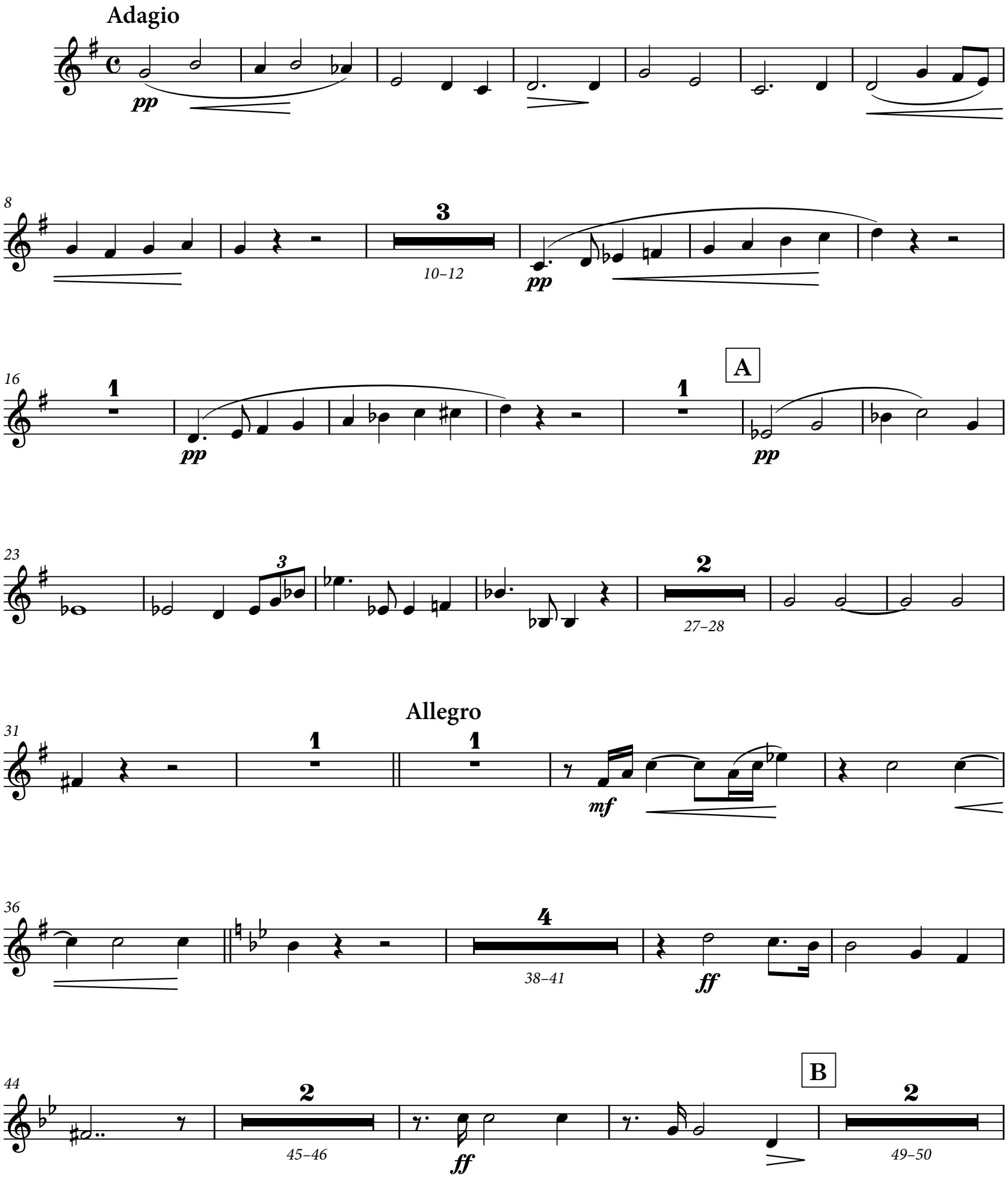

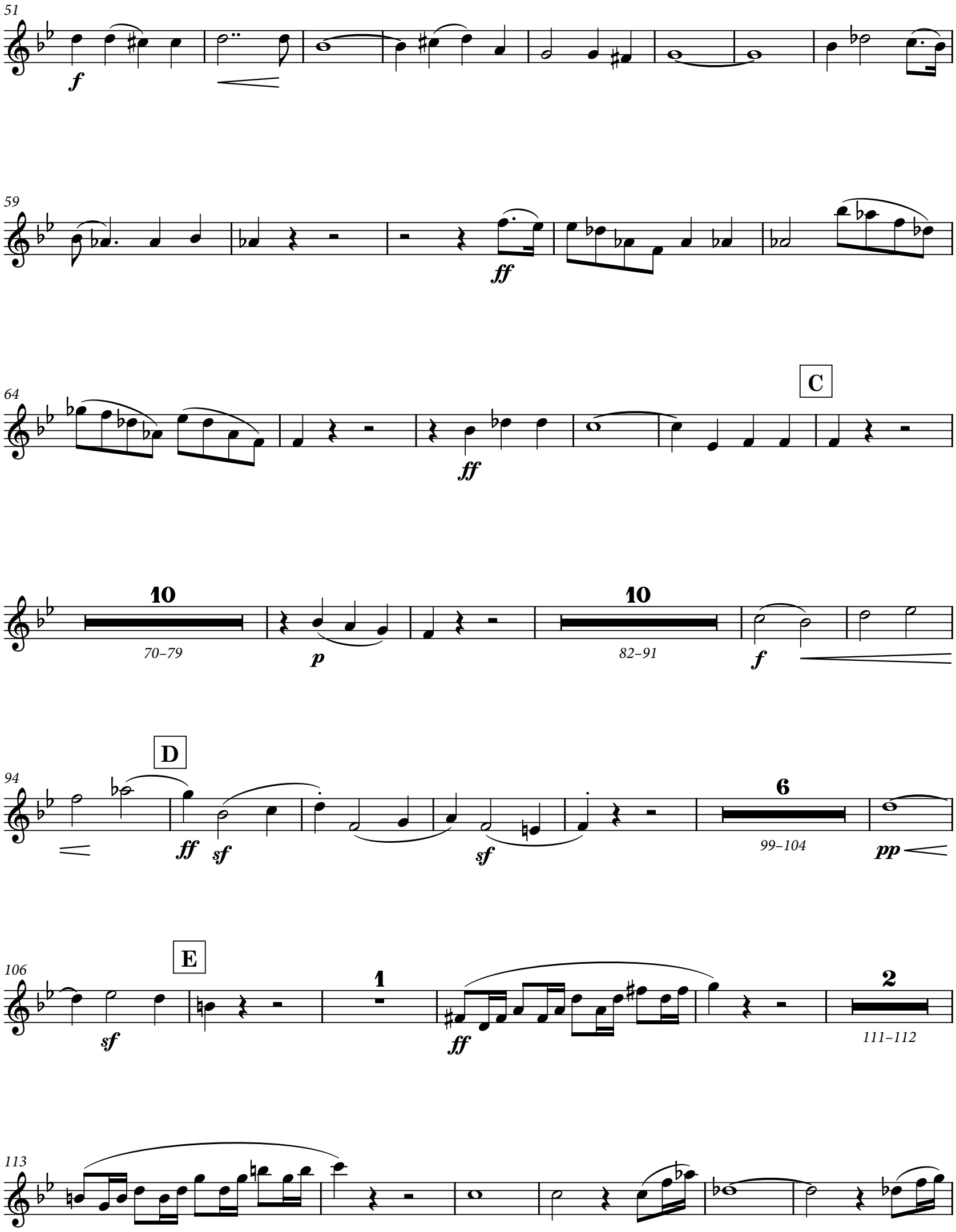
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2
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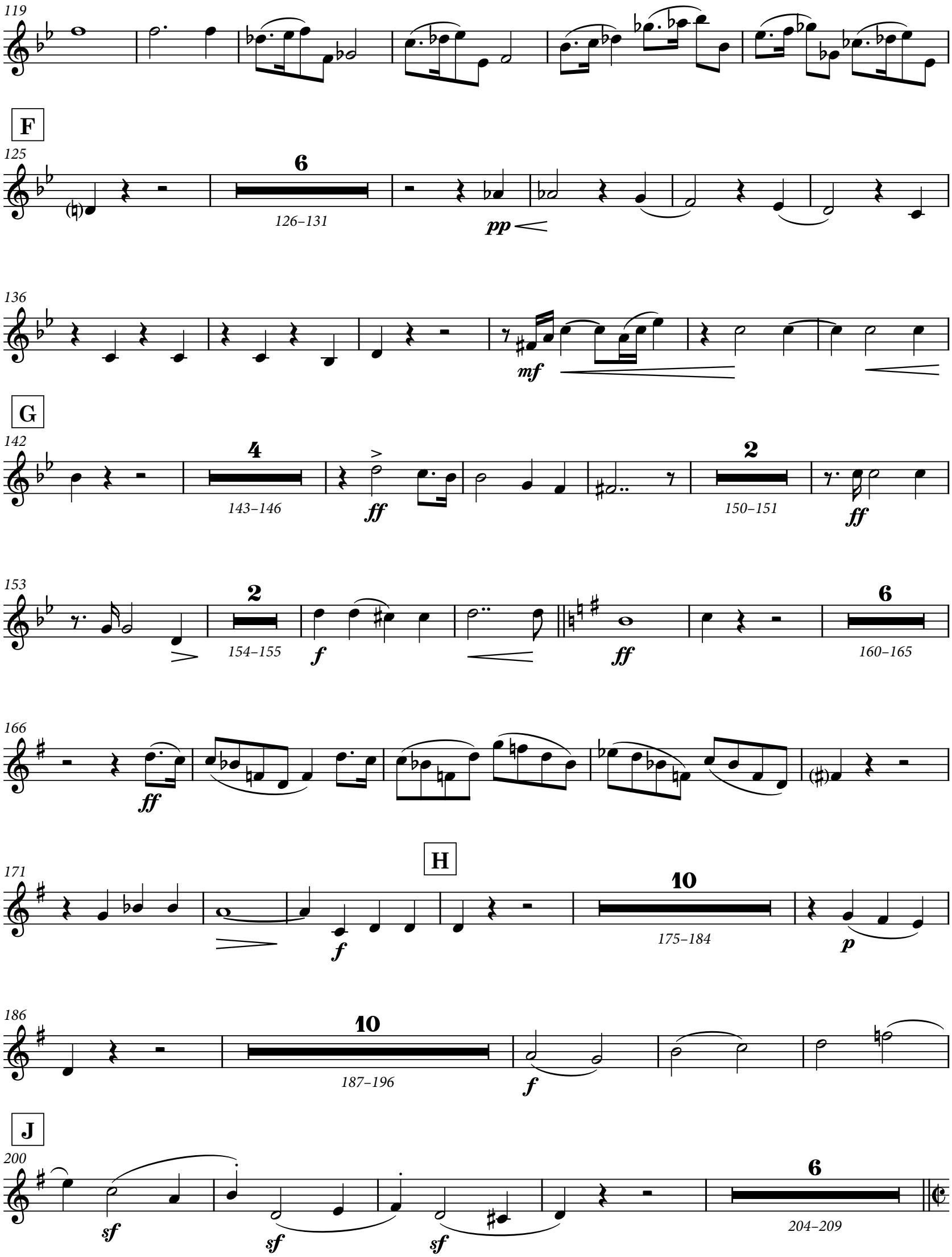
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F
125
6
126–131
pp
136
mf
G
142
4
143–146
ff
2
150–151
ff
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2
154–155
f
ff
6
160–165
166
ff
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10
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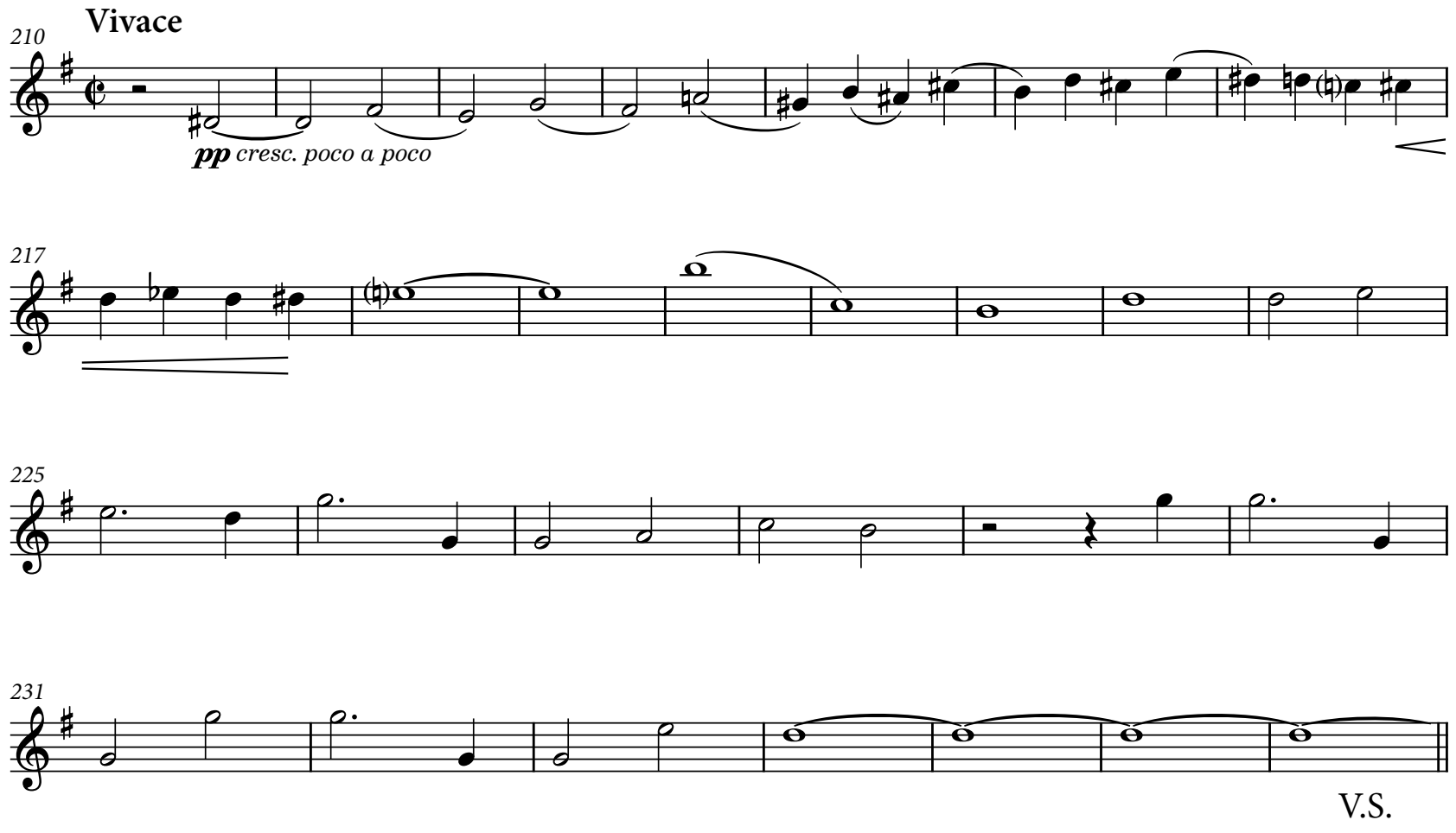
f
J
200
sf
sf
sf
6
204–209


Vivace
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pp cresc. poco a poco
217
225
231
V.S.

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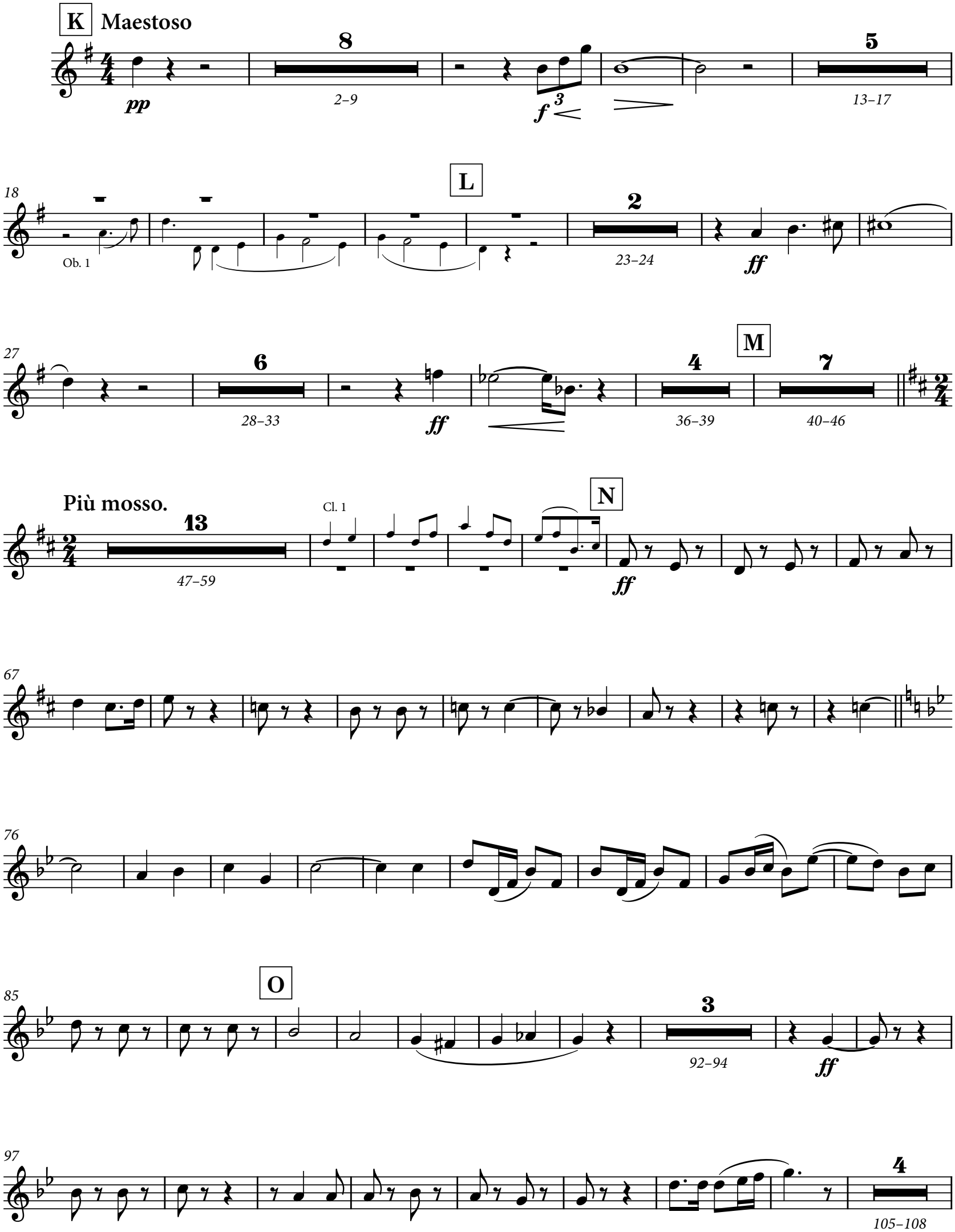

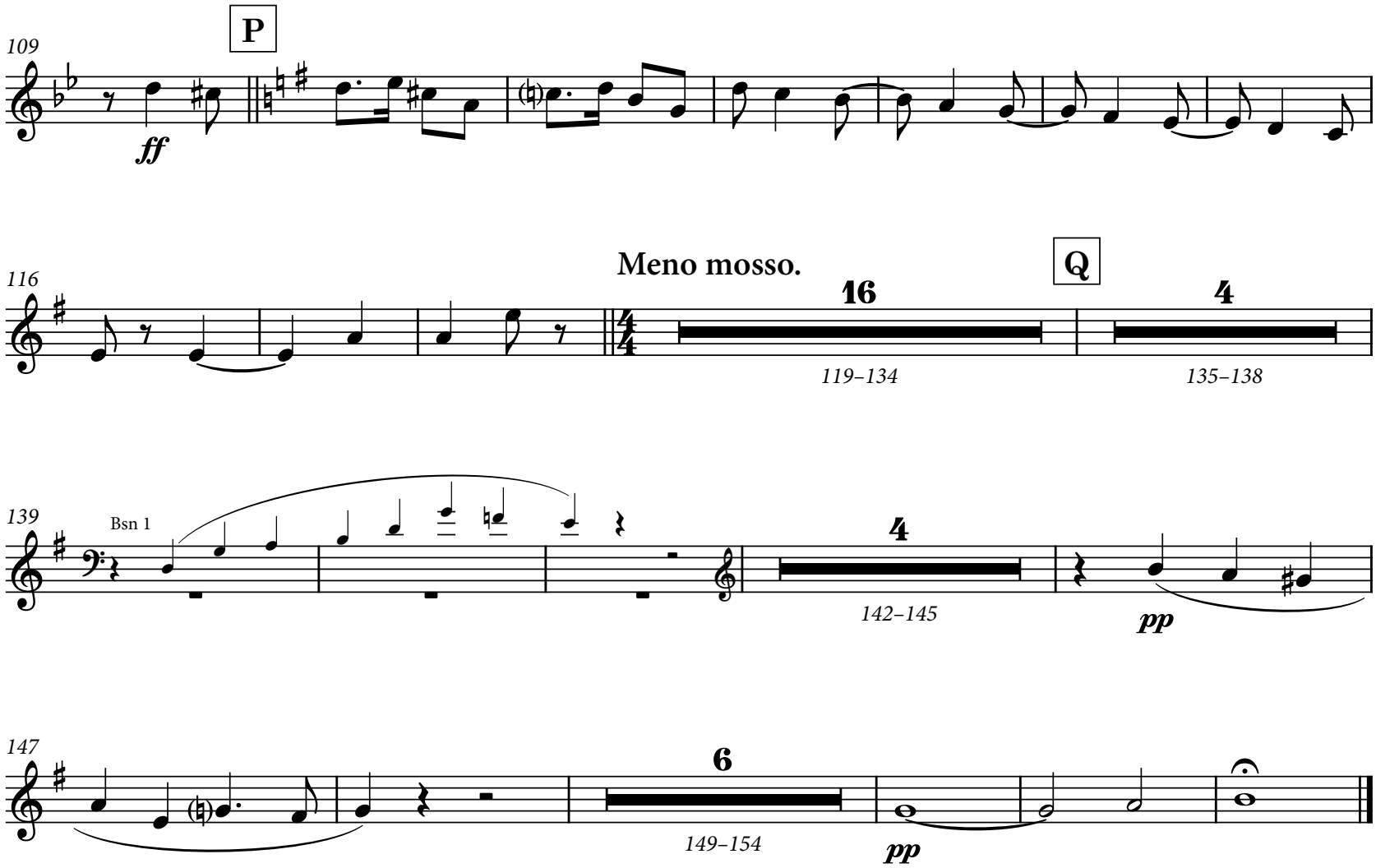
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P
ff
116
Meno mosso.
16
119–134
Q
4
135–138
139
Bsn 1
4
142–145
pp
147
6
149–154
pp

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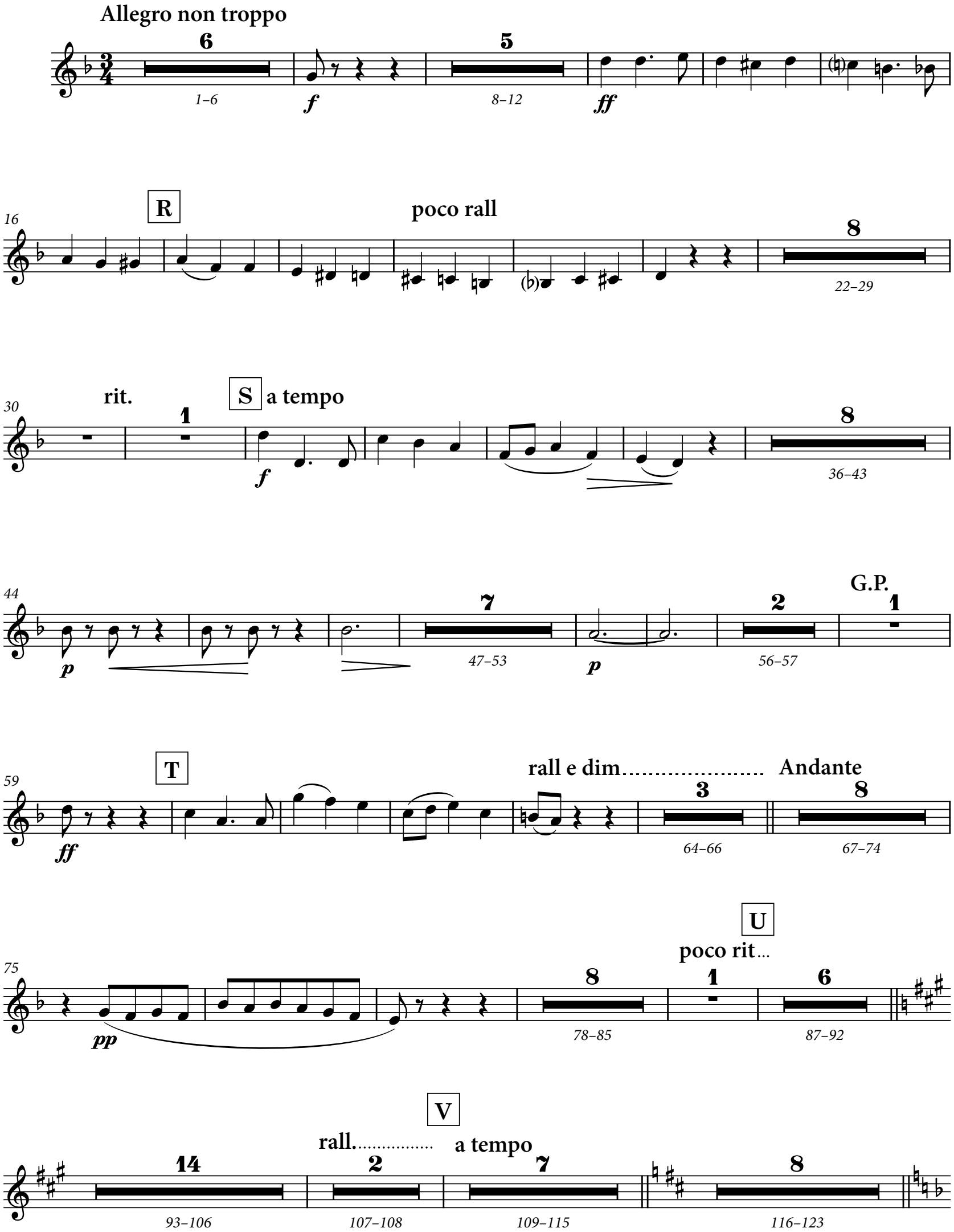

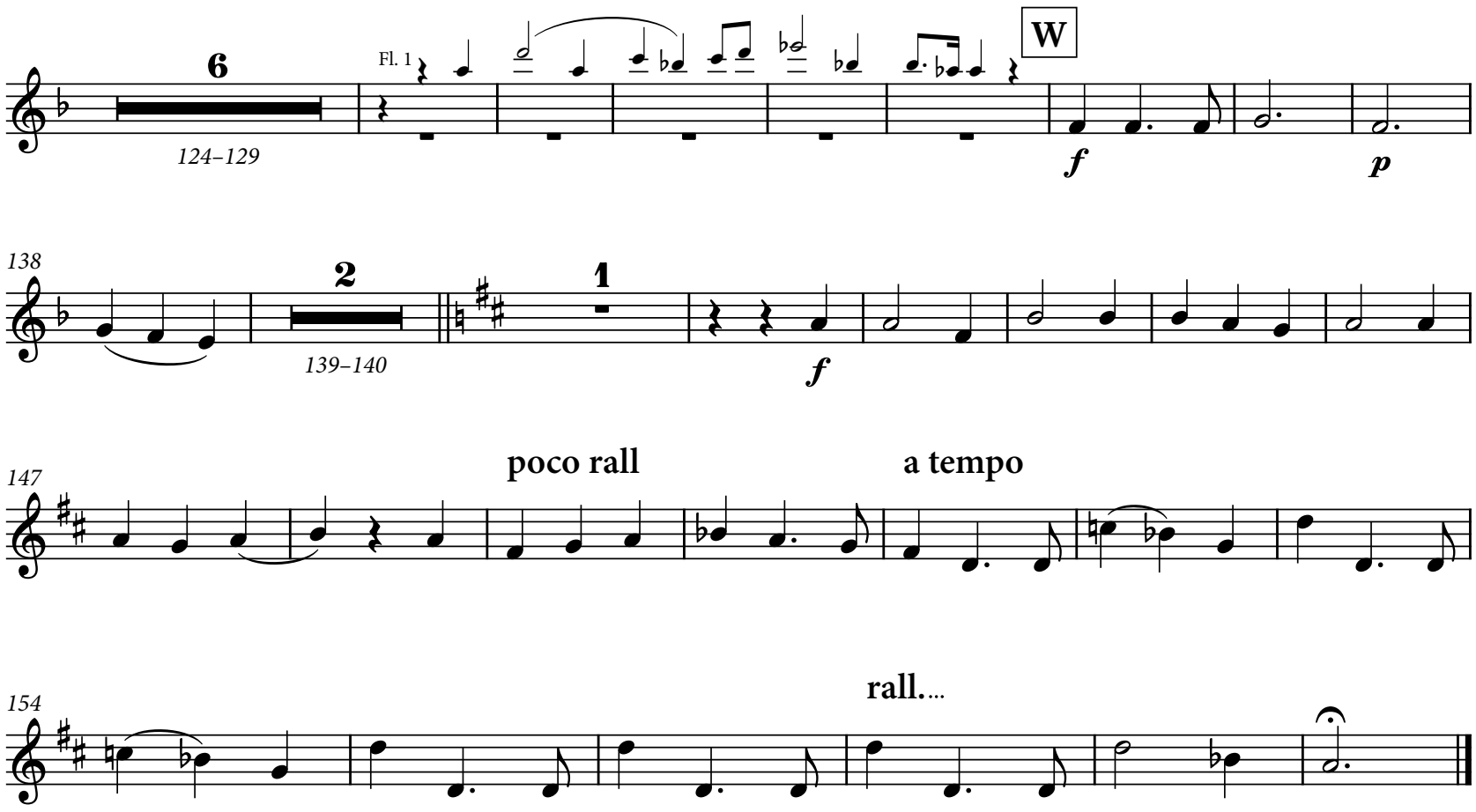
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124–129
Fl. 1
W
f
p
138
2
139–140
1
f
147
poco rall
a tempo
154
rall....

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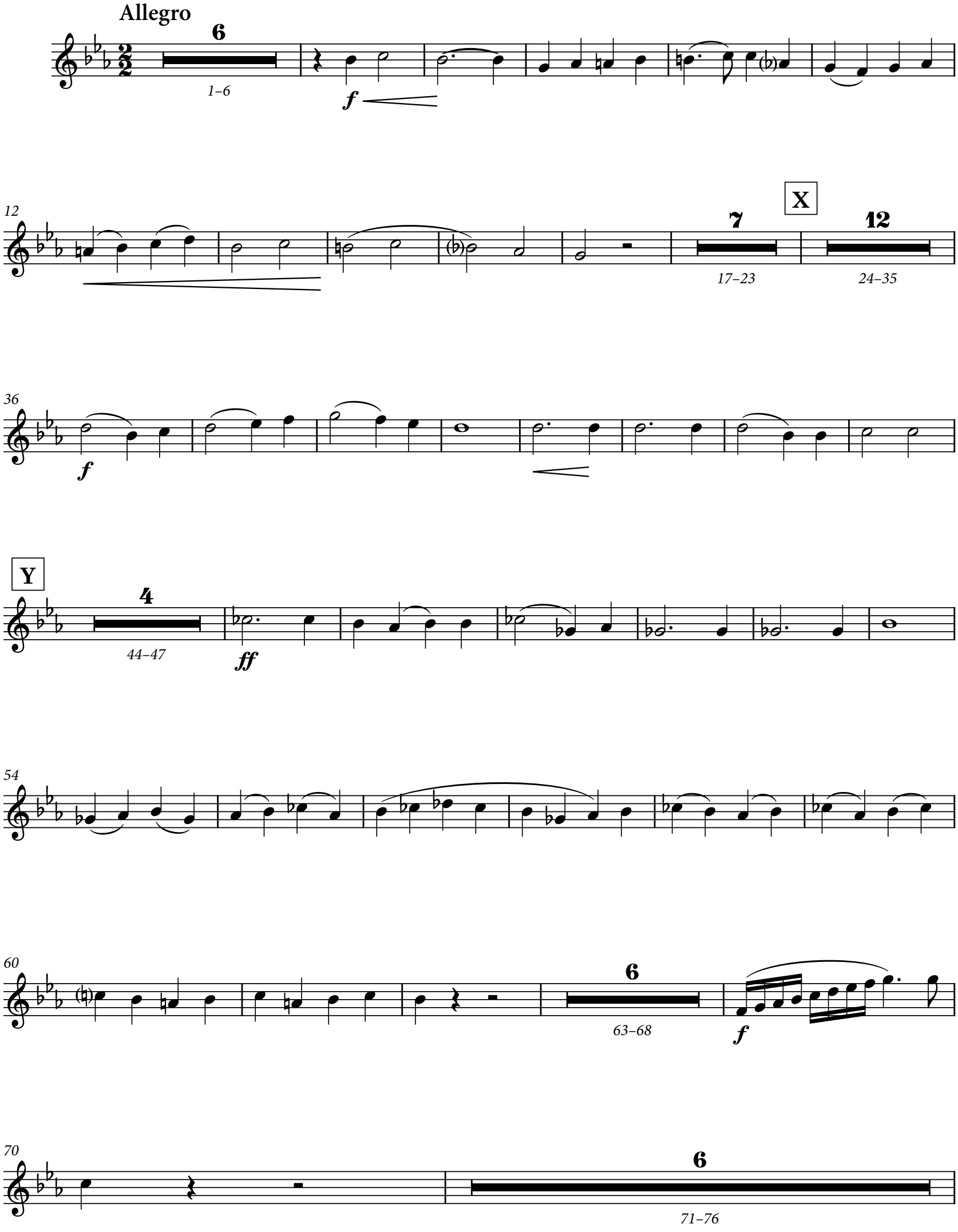

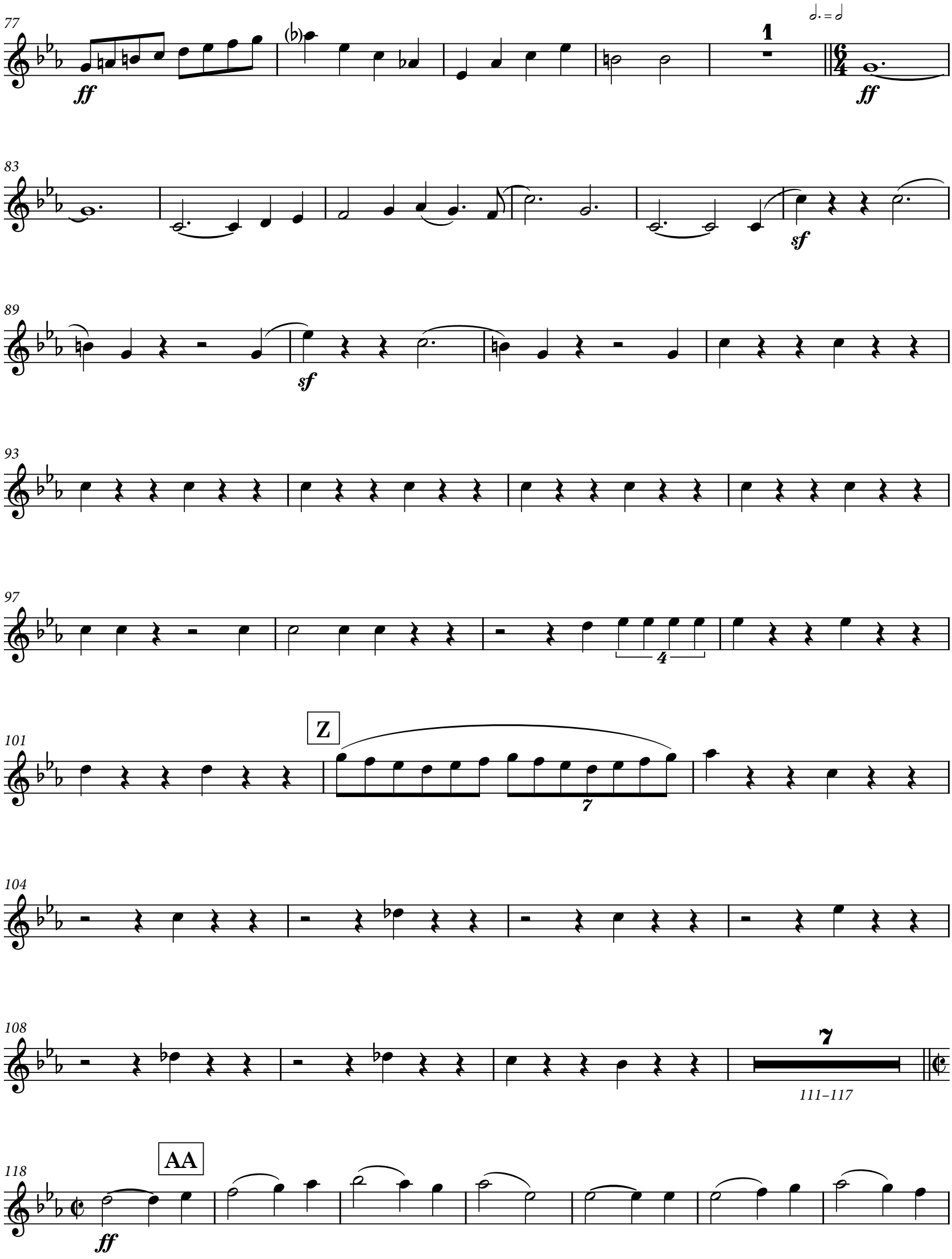
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ff
(♭)
1
♩. = ♩
ff
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sf
89
sf
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97
4
101
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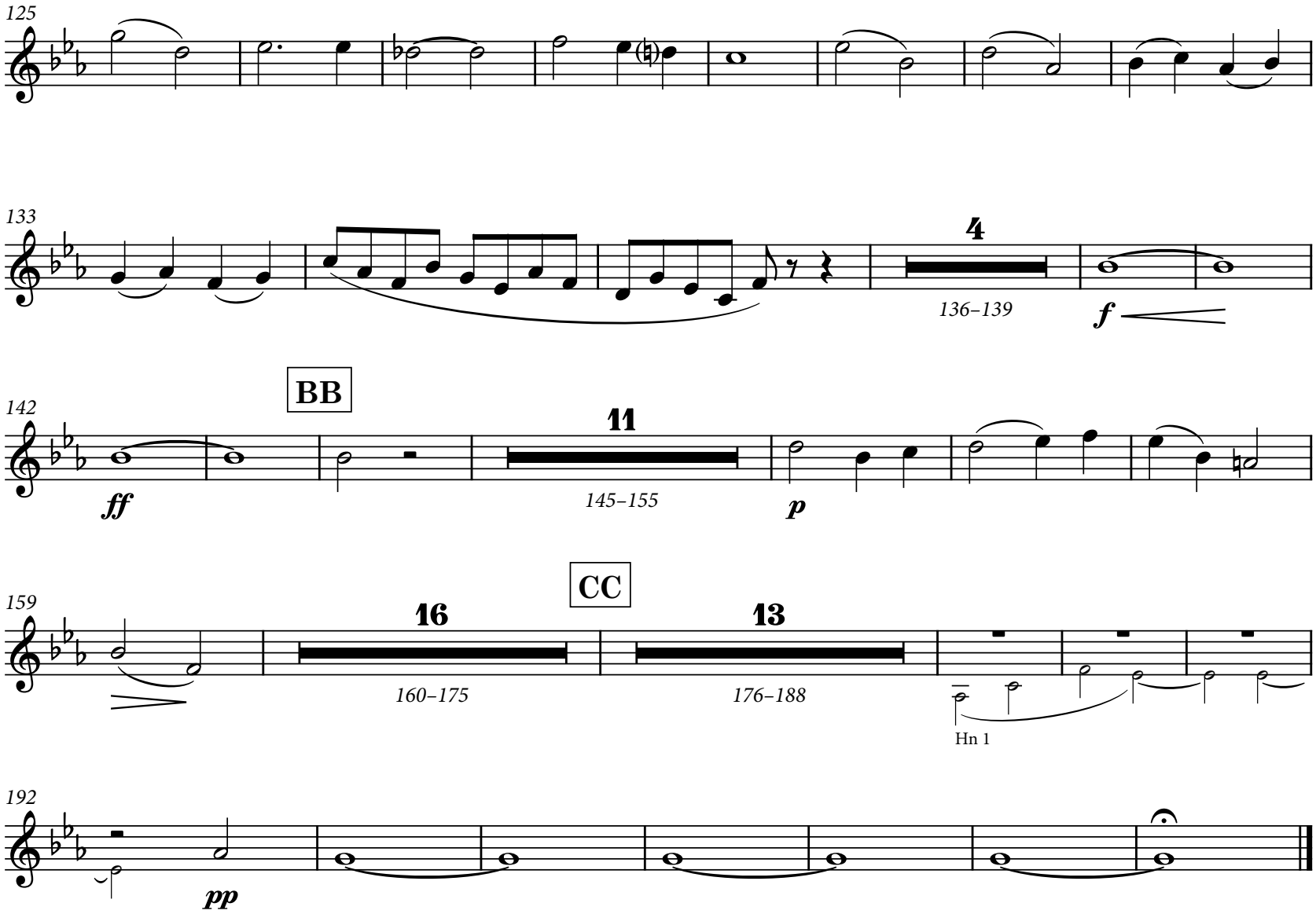
7
104
108
7
111–117
118
AA
ff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133
4
136–139
f
142
BB
ff
11
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p
159
CC
16
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13
176–188
Hn 1
192
pp

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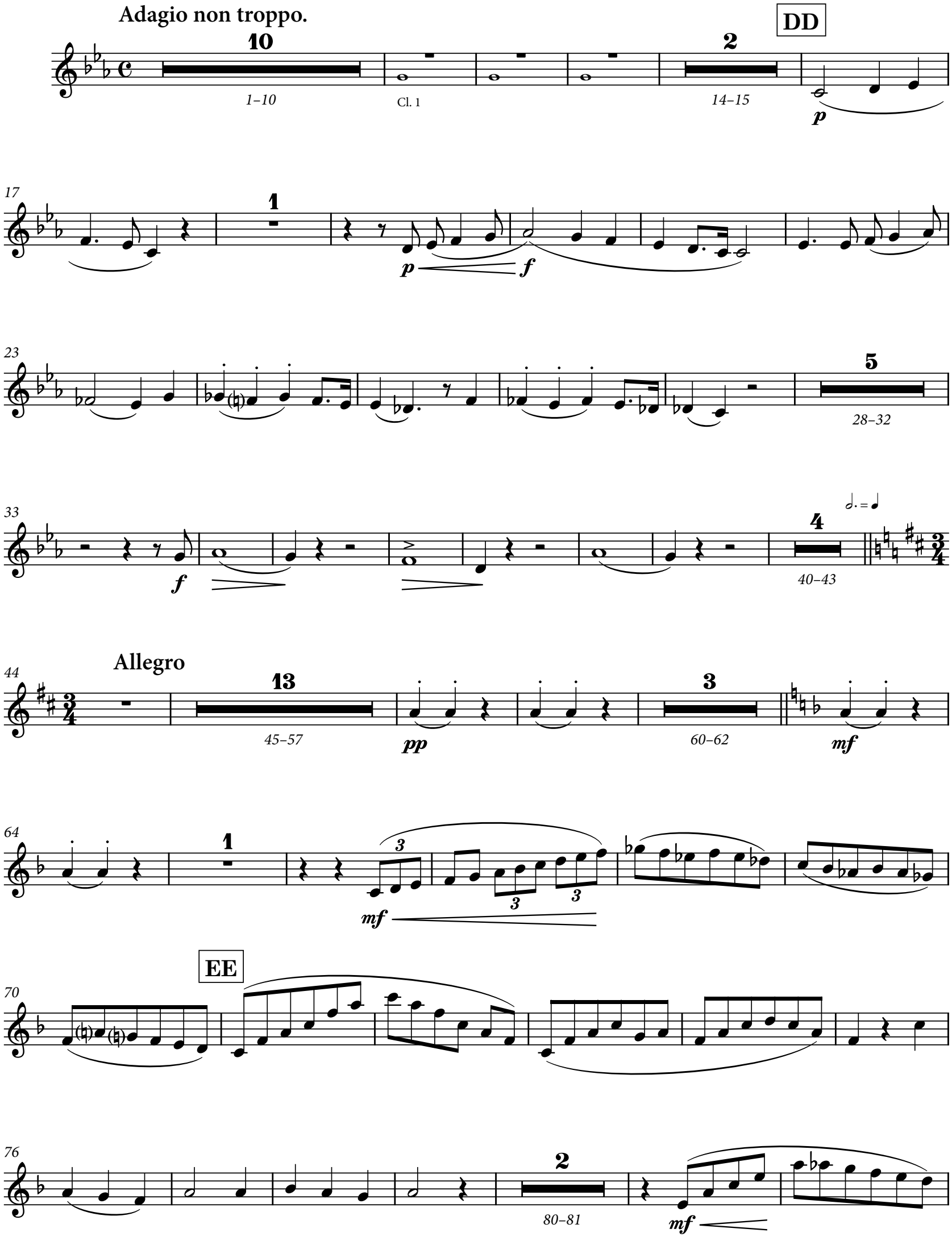

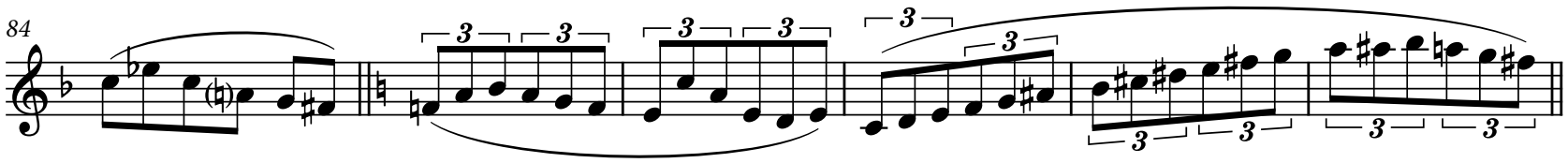
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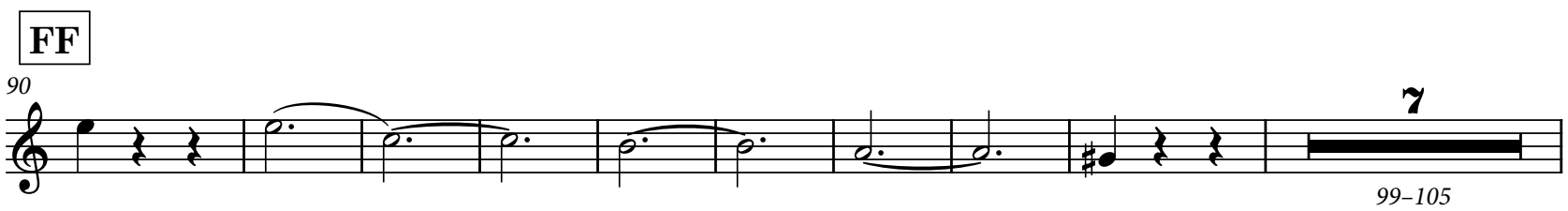
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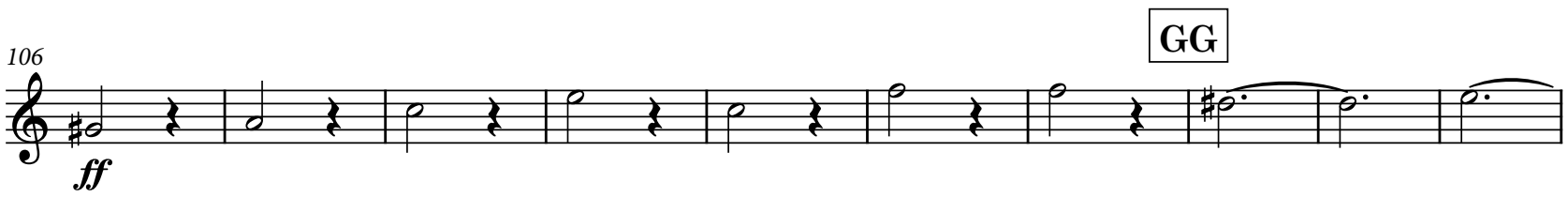
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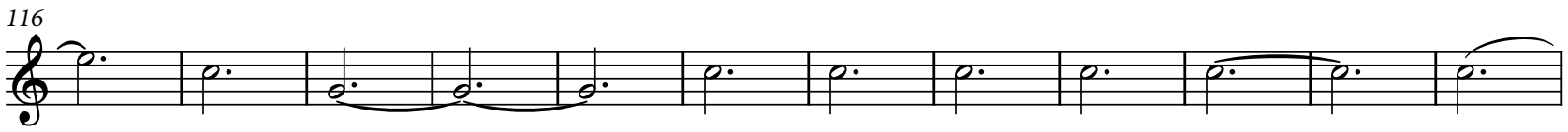
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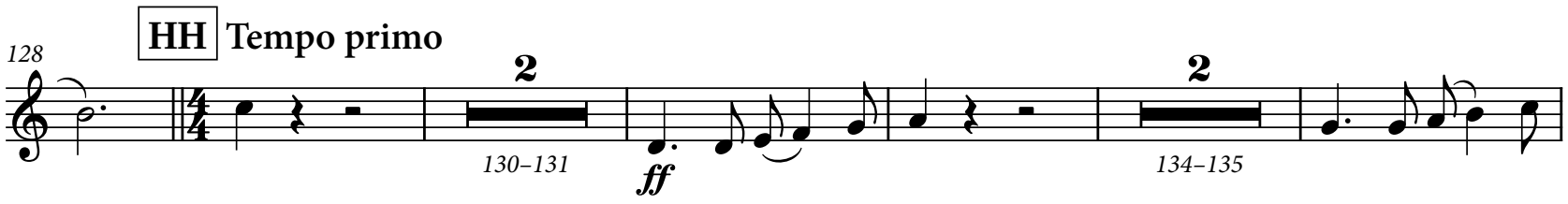
HH Tempo primo
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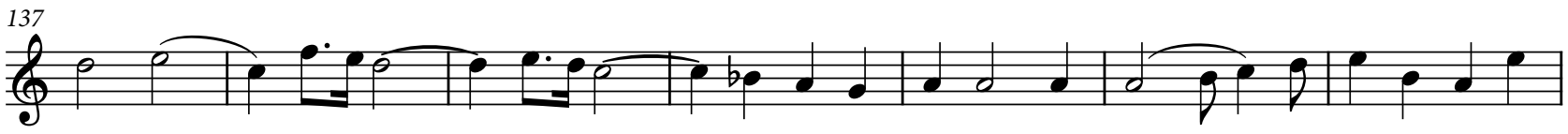
2
130–131
ff
2
134–135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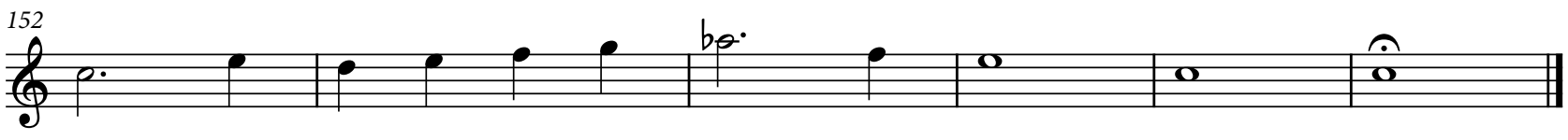
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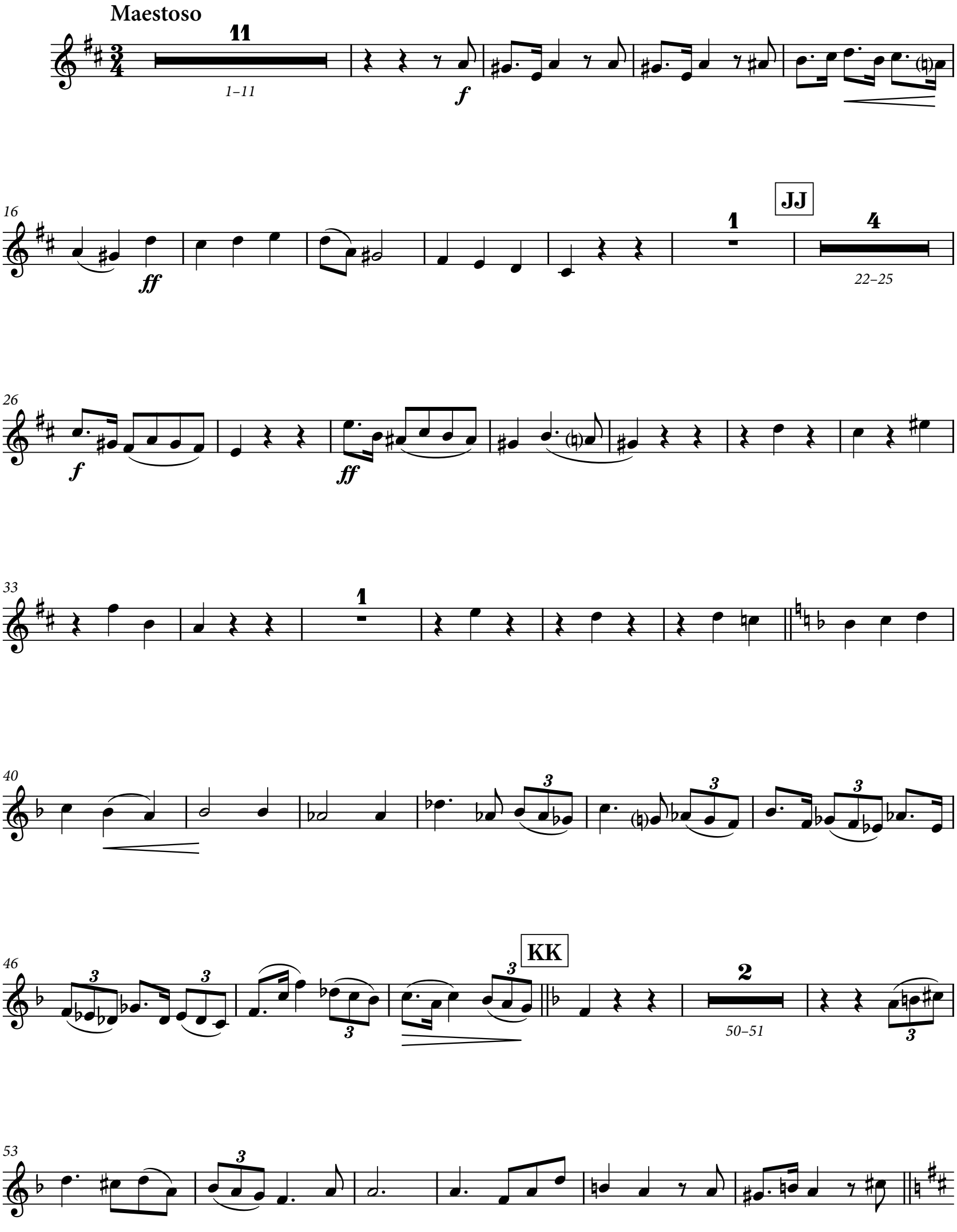

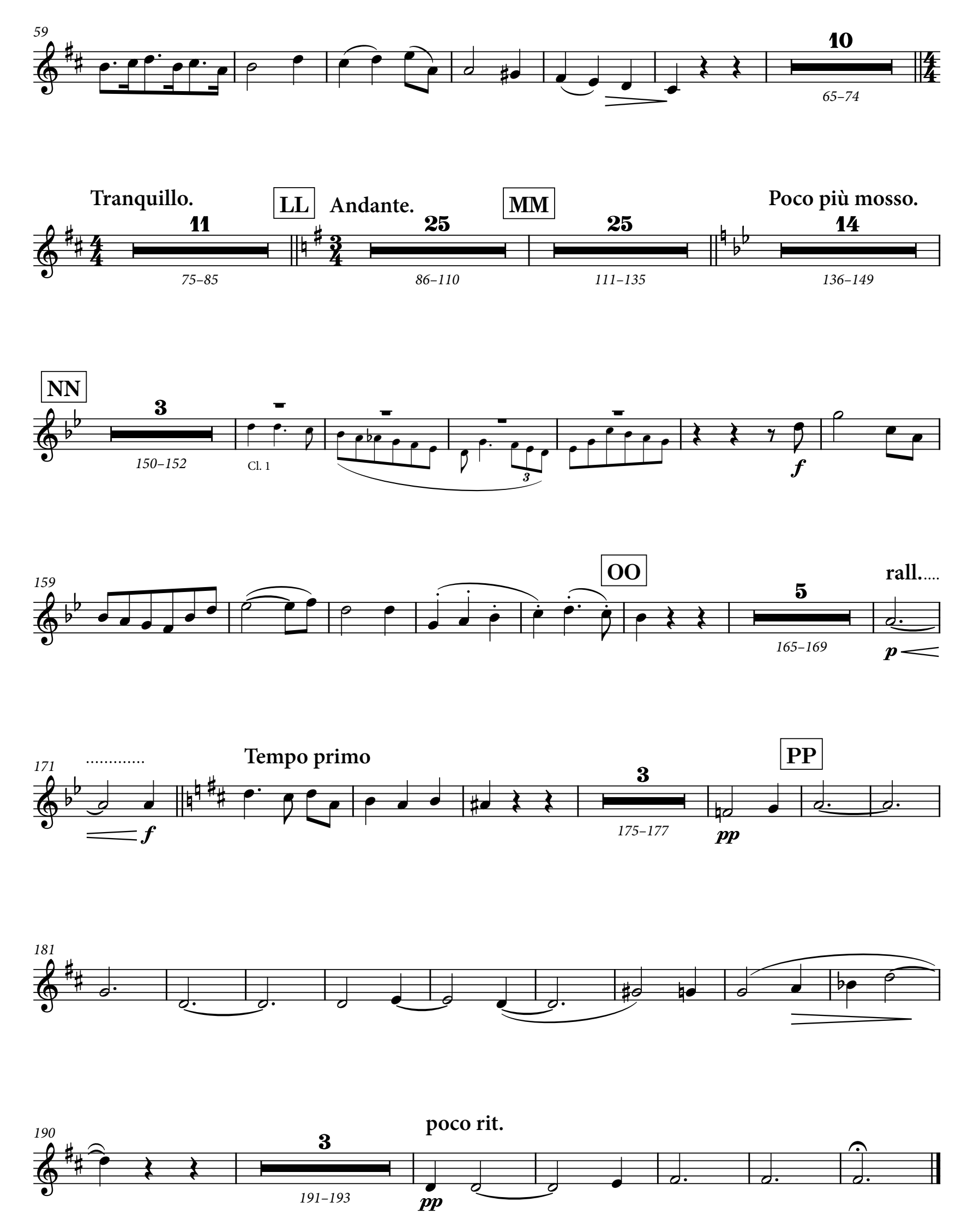
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10
65–74
Tranquillo.
11
75–85
LL
Andante.
25
86–110
MM
25
111–135
Poco più mosso.
14
136–149
NN
3
150–152
Cl. 1
f
159
OO
5
165–169
rall.....
p
171
f
Tempo primo
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190
3
191–193
poco rit.
pp

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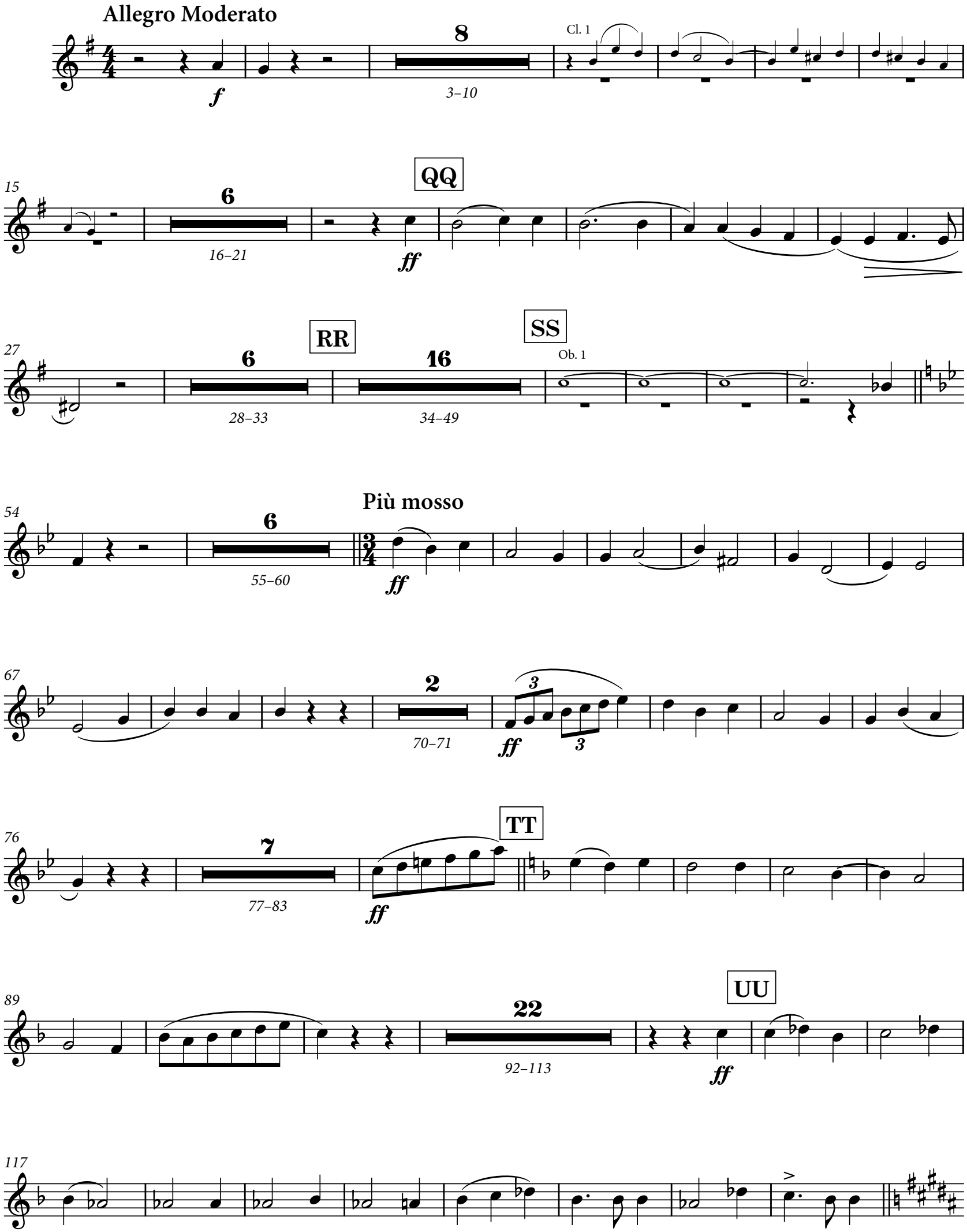

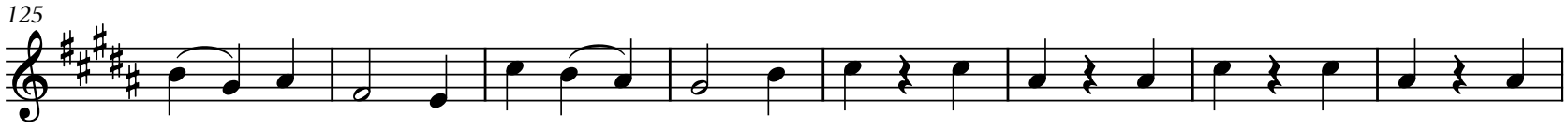
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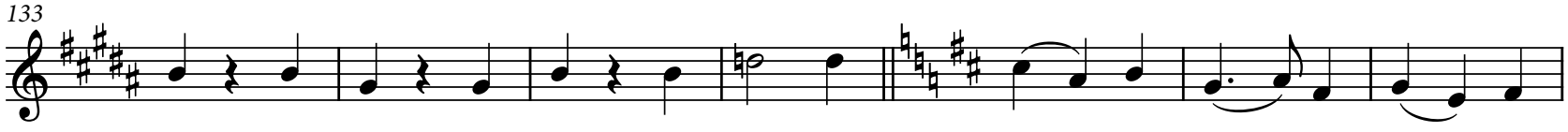
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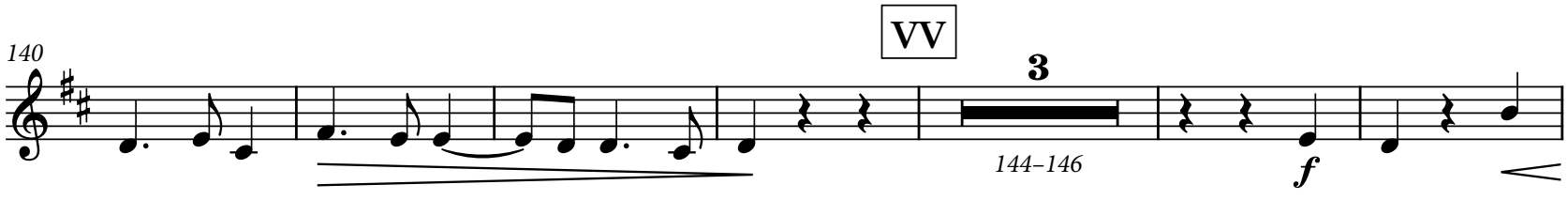
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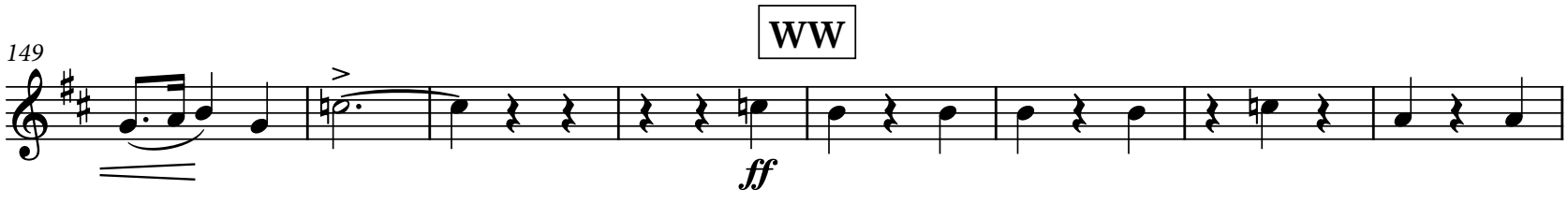
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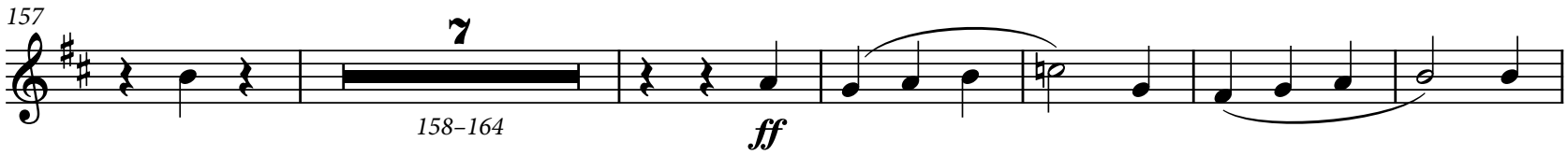
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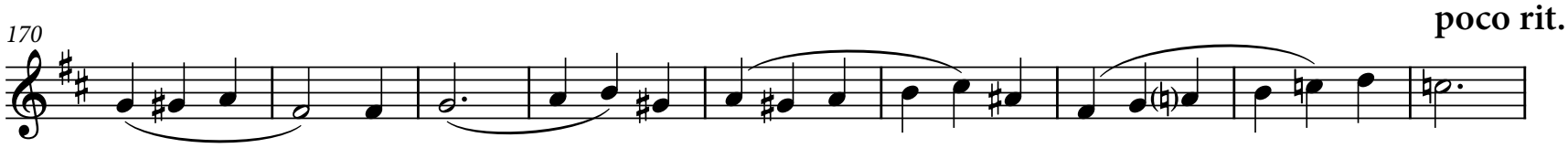
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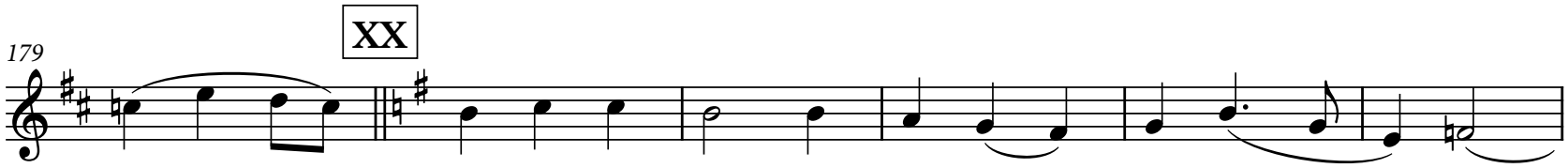
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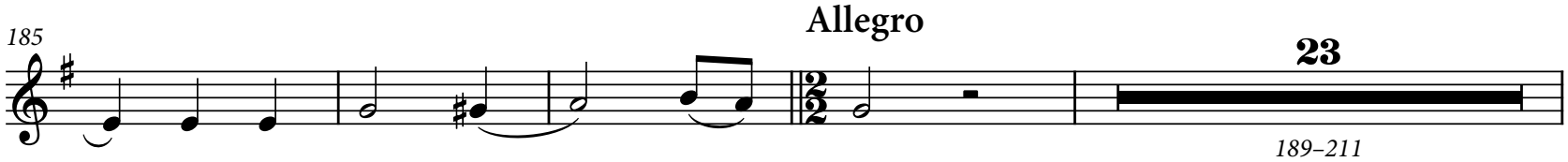
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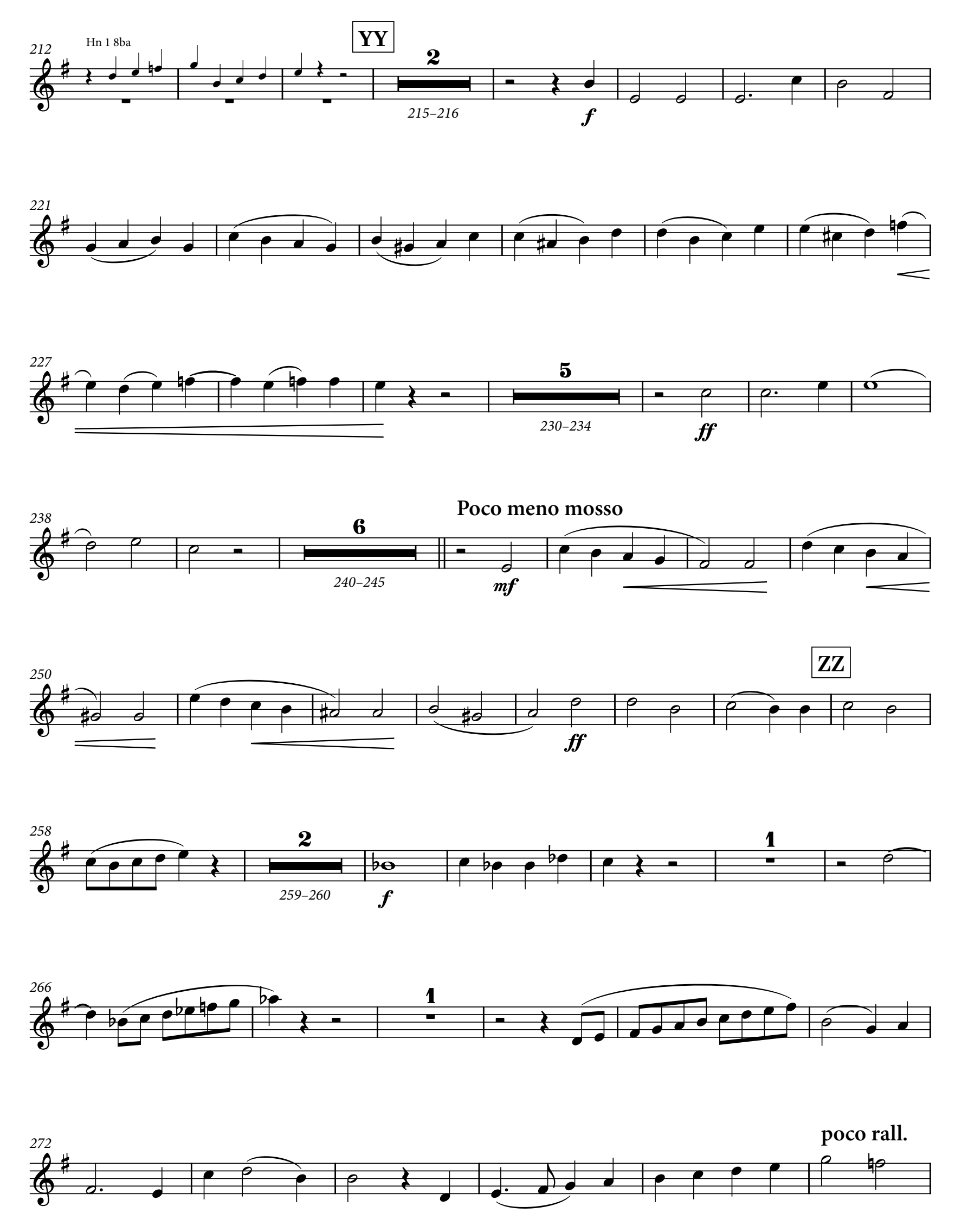
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f
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5
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6
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2
259–260
f
1
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1
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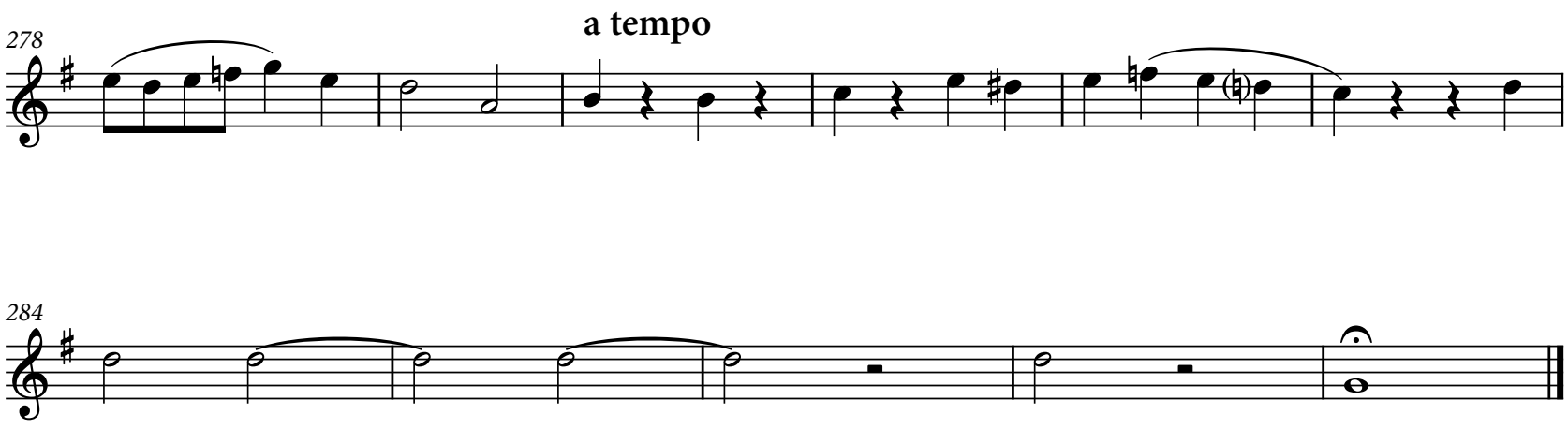
poco rall.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a tempo
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