DAVID BIEDENBENDER

walking on the ceiling

for soprano saxophone and piano

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BENT SPACE MUSIC

Commissioned by the Mikula Family for Connor James Mikula.

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PROGRAM NOTE

Walking on the Ceiling was commissioned by the Mikula Family as a college graduation present for Connor James Mikula. I remember approaching graduation myself, and though my family and friends were very supportive, it was the first time I felt like my decisions had important, real-life consequences. I felt pressure to do something great with my life—to get a job, to figure things out, and to finally apply the things I learned during my education. I remember feeling overwhelmed. I wanted to strike out on my own and to defy everyone's expectations—to do something with my life that even I wasn't sure I could do—to defy gravity. I had this image in my mind of doing the impossible, of walking on the ceiling. The three movements are titled *heavy; float, breathing;* and *stumble: run*. The first movement is groovy and funky, a quirky kind of swagger; the second is slow and reflective, a lullaby to my 18-month old son, Izaak, who is doing amazing new things everyday; and the last movement is divided into two sections, starting slowly and freely, then churning and bubbling until it suddenly takes off and is blazing and vibrant.

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Score in C

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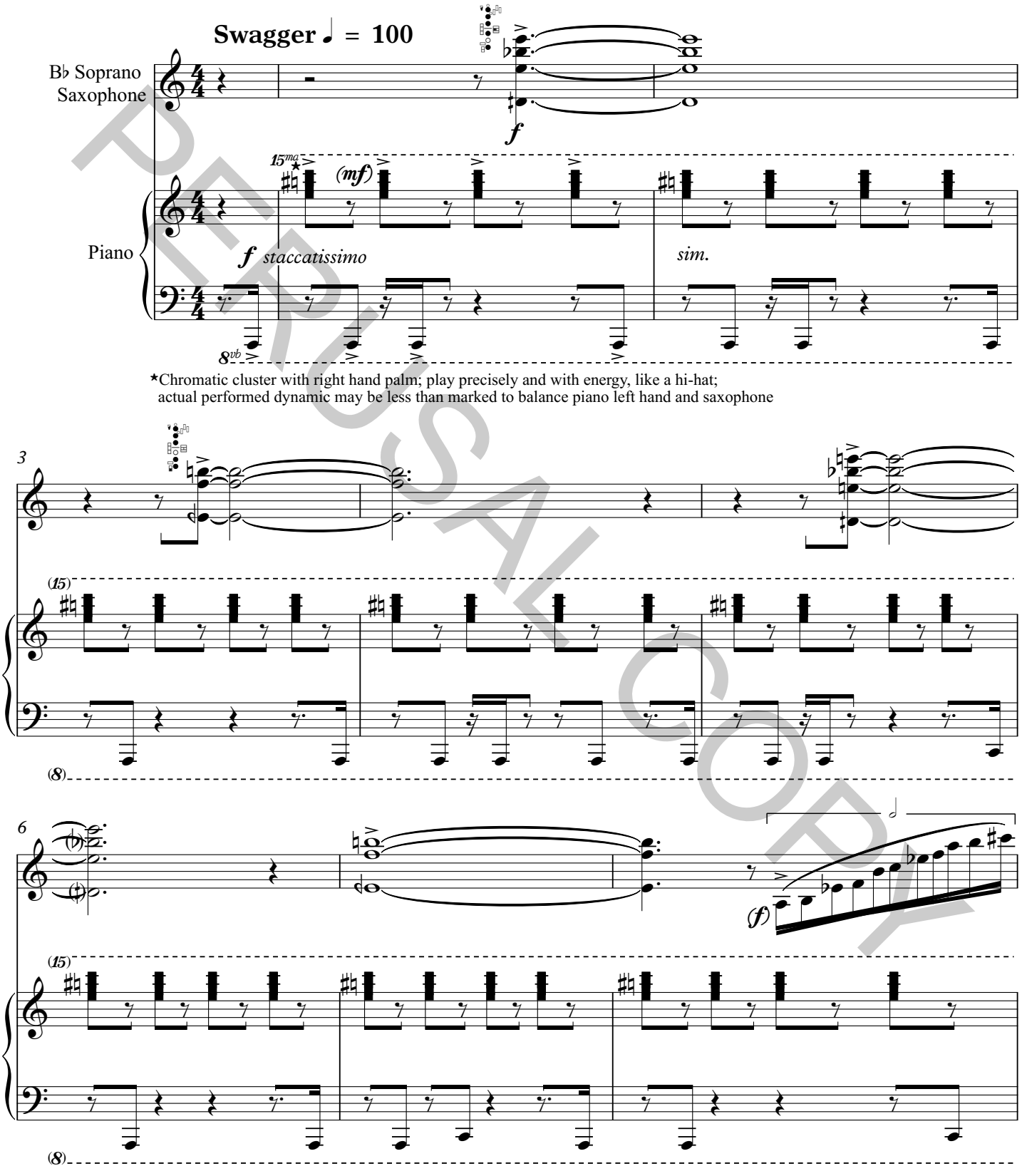
I. heavy



★Chromatic cluster with right hand palm; play precisely and with energy, like a hi-hat; actual performed dynamic may be less than marked to balance piano left hand and saxophone

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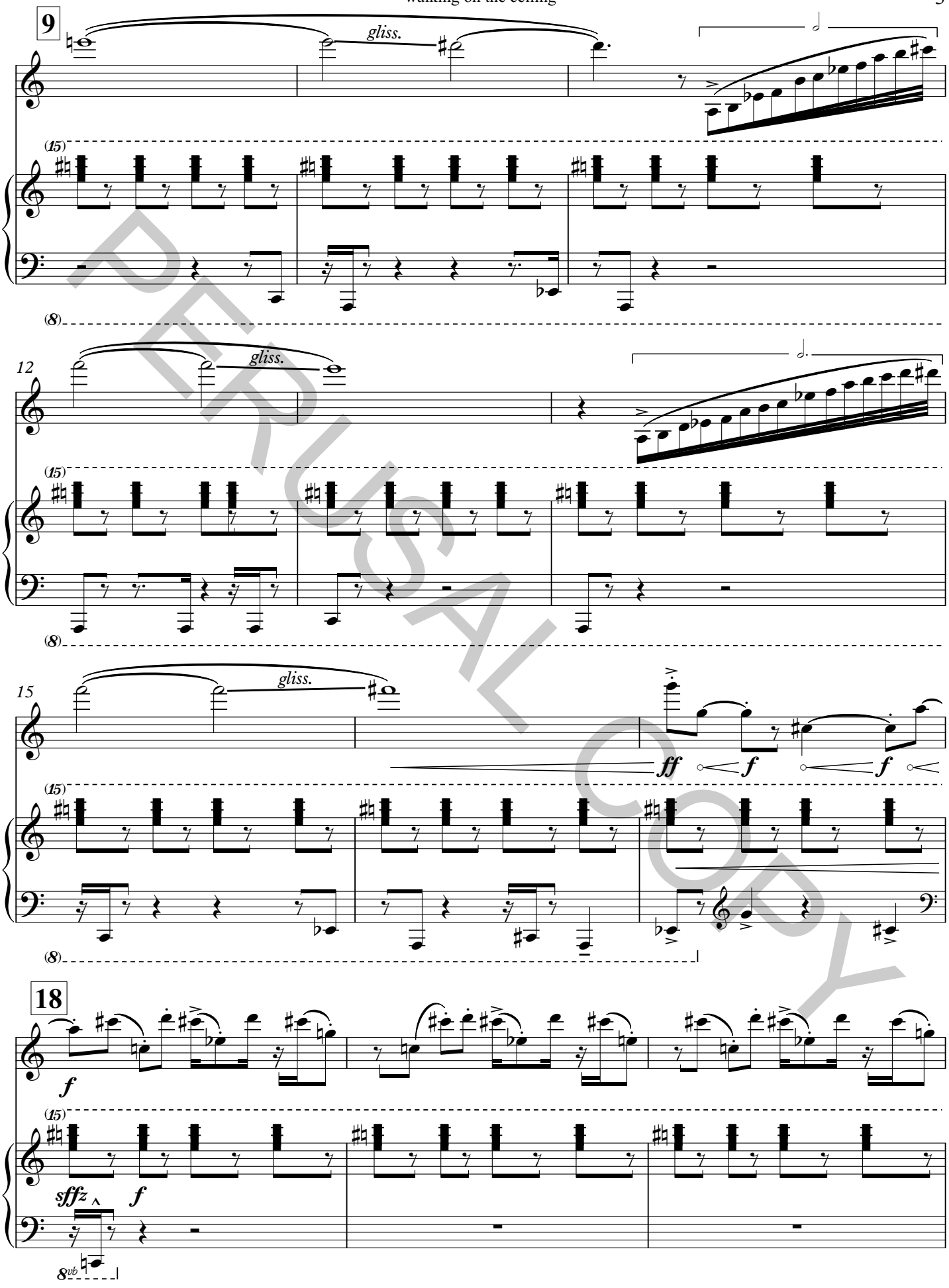

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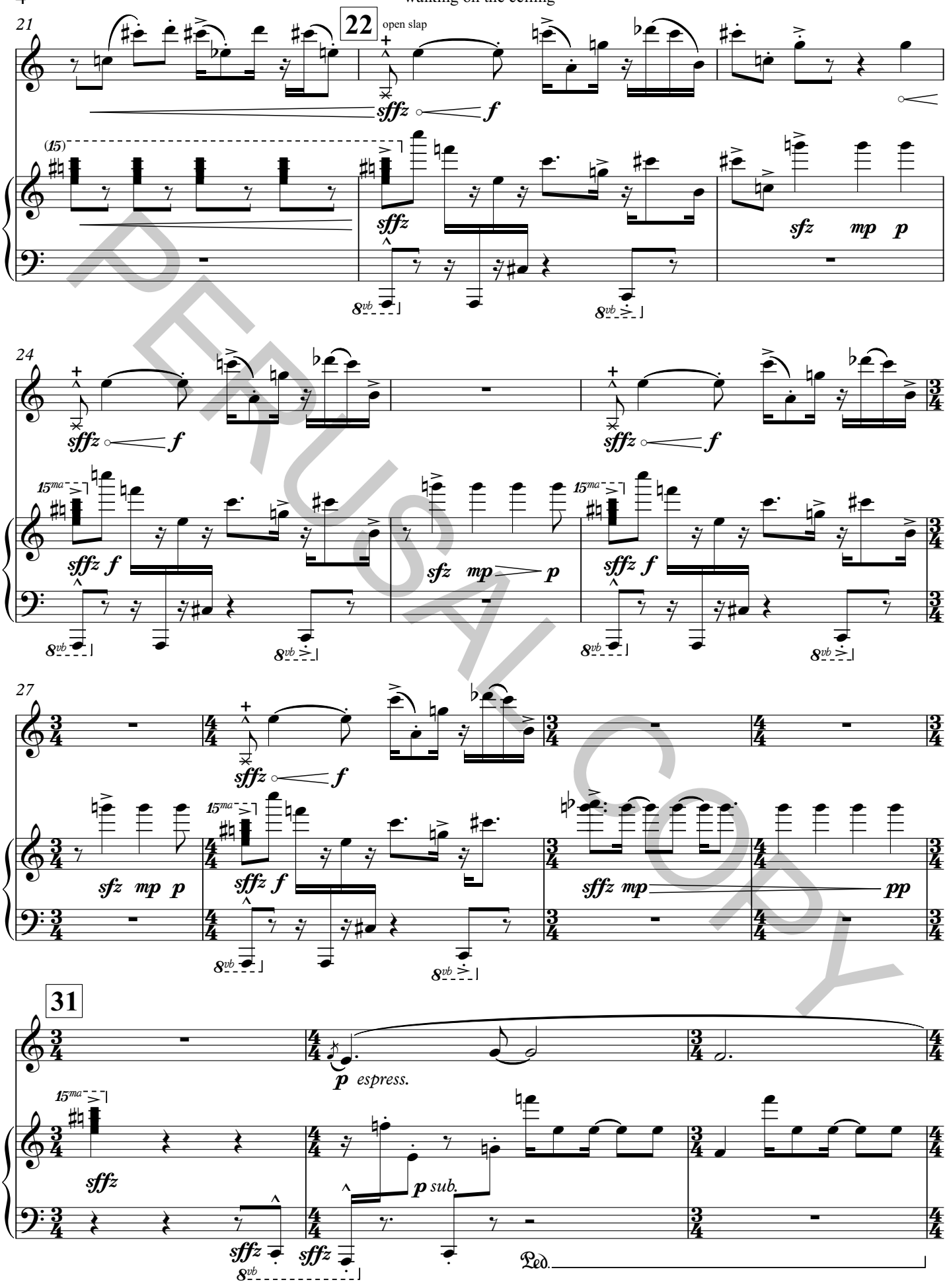

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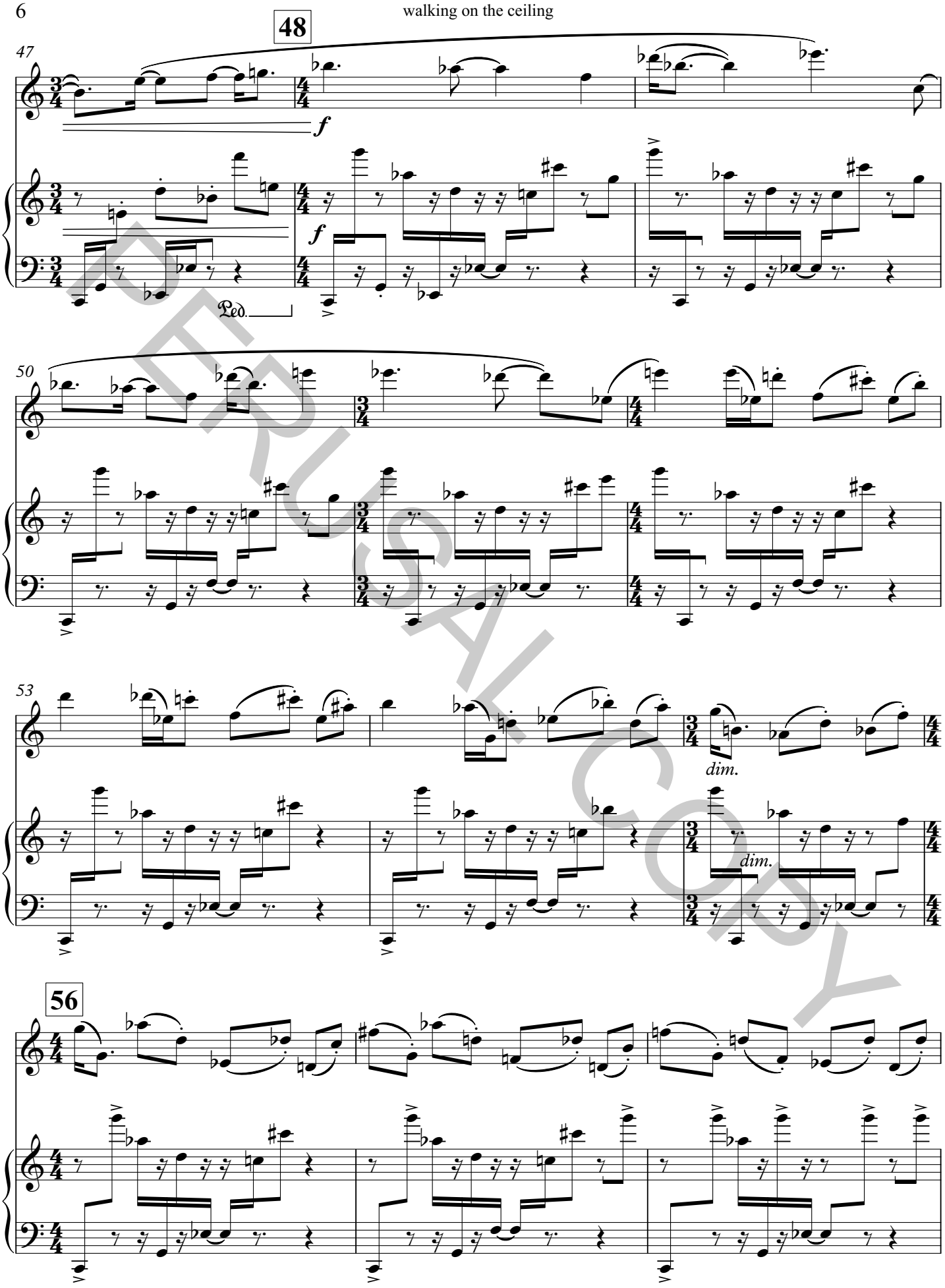

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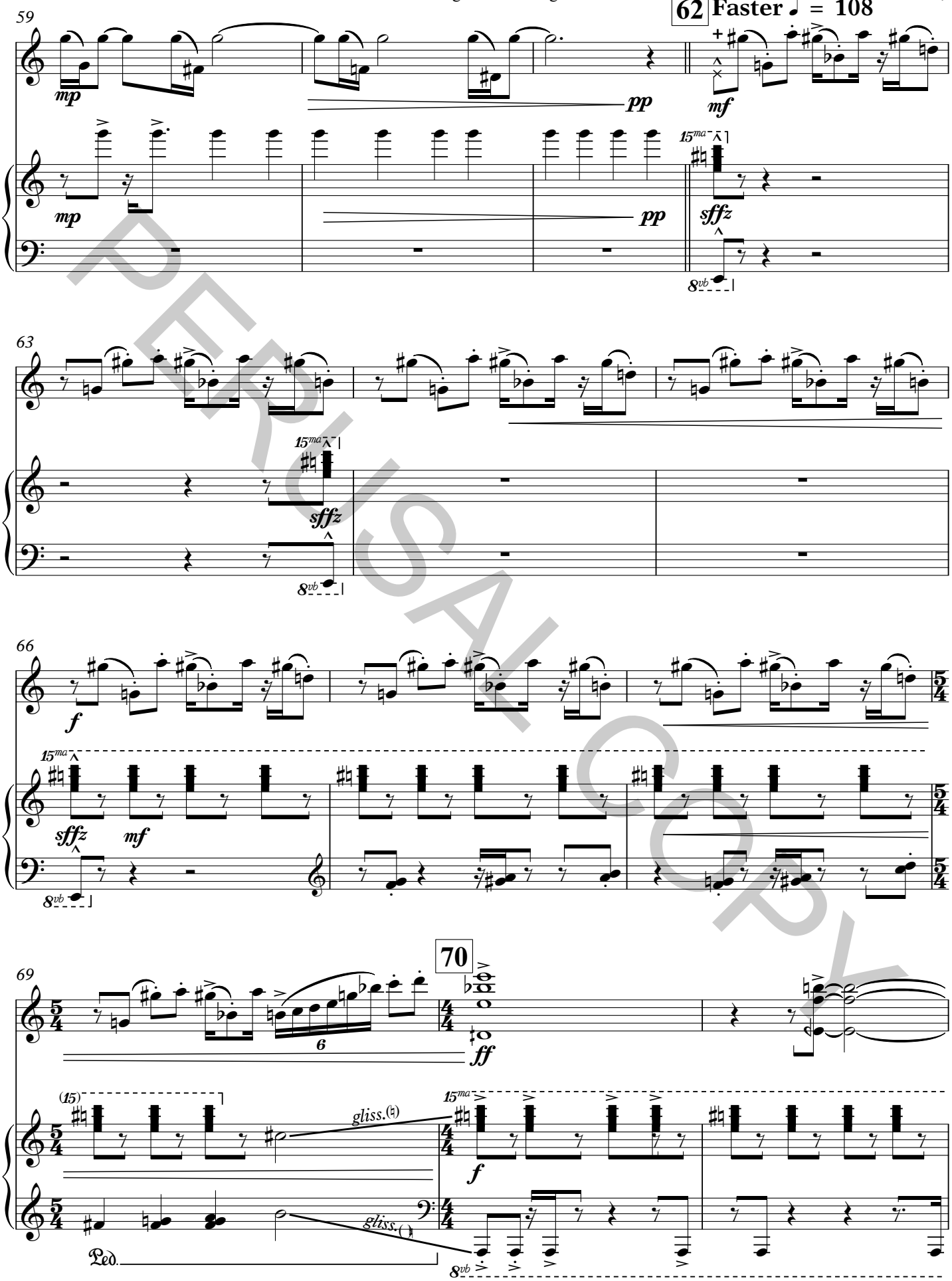

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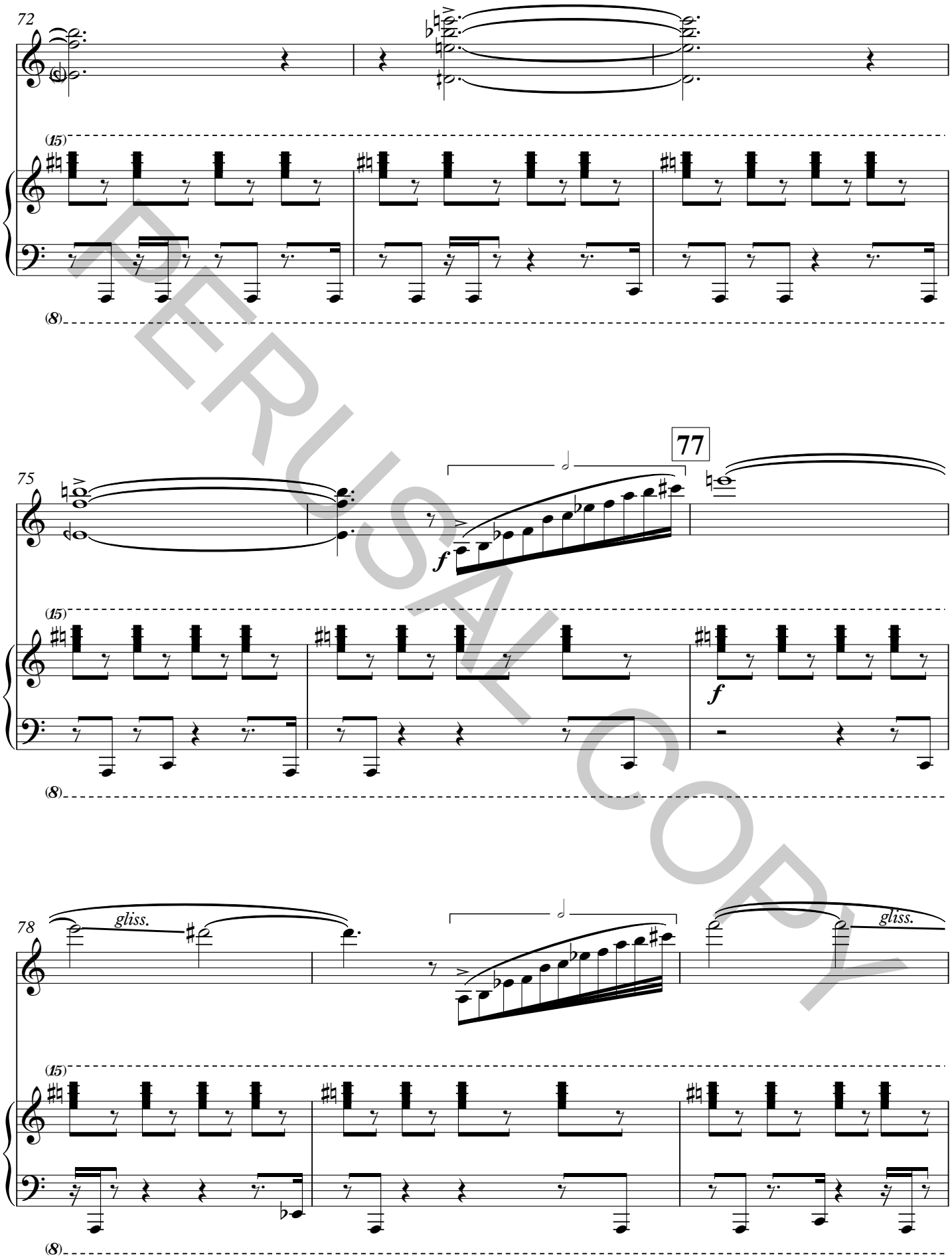

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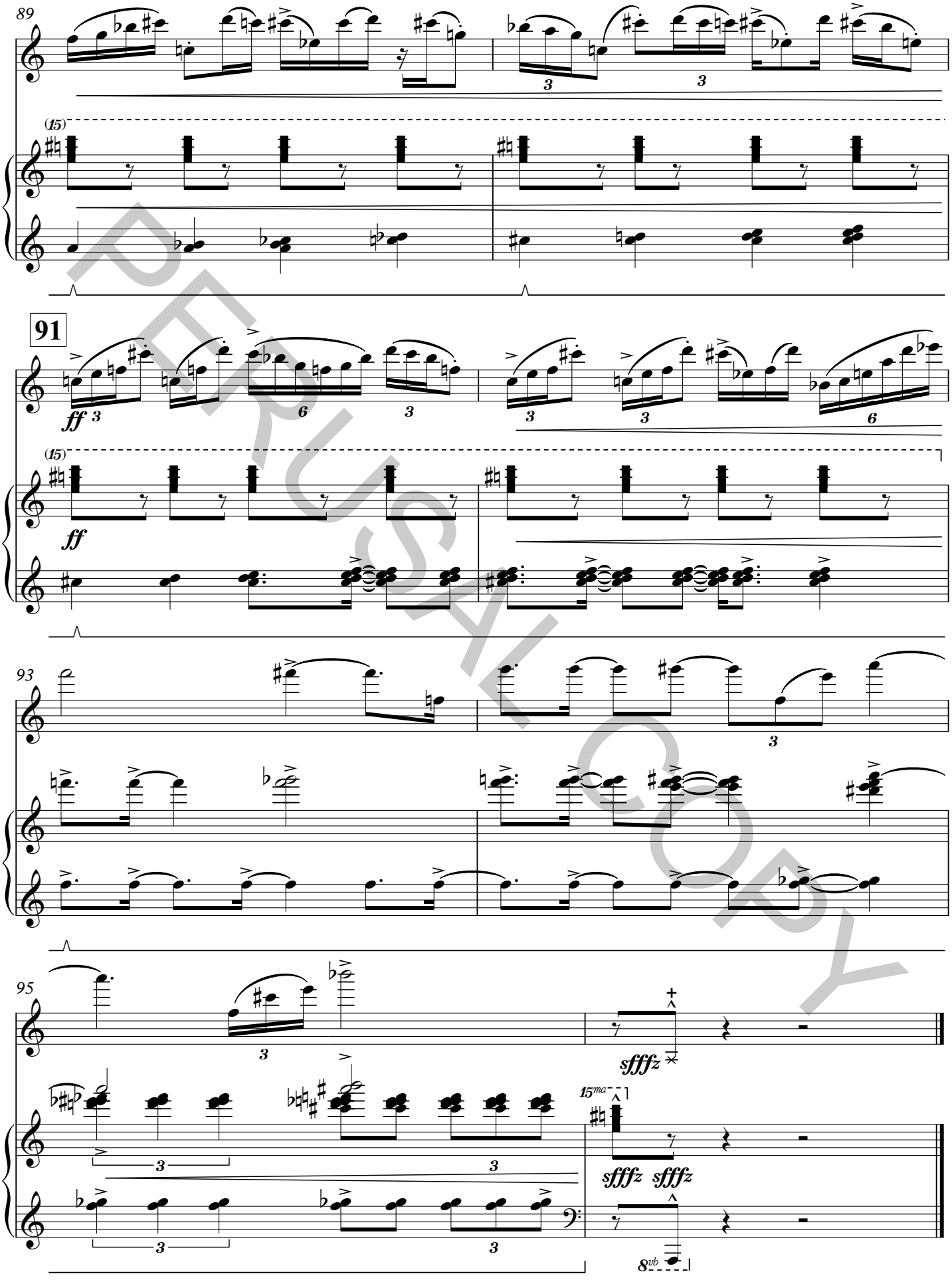

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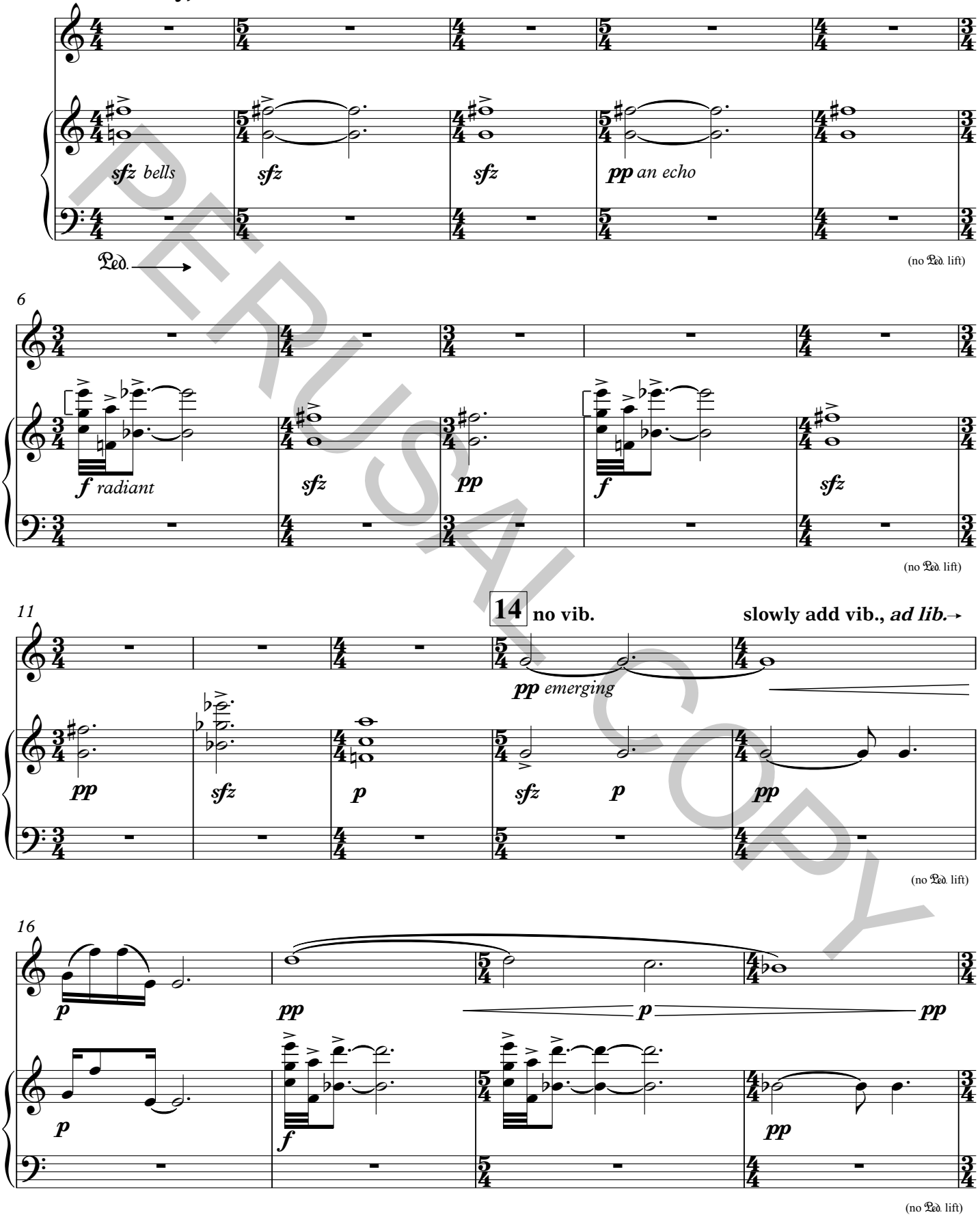
II. floating, breathing

Slowly, unhurried ♩ = 56



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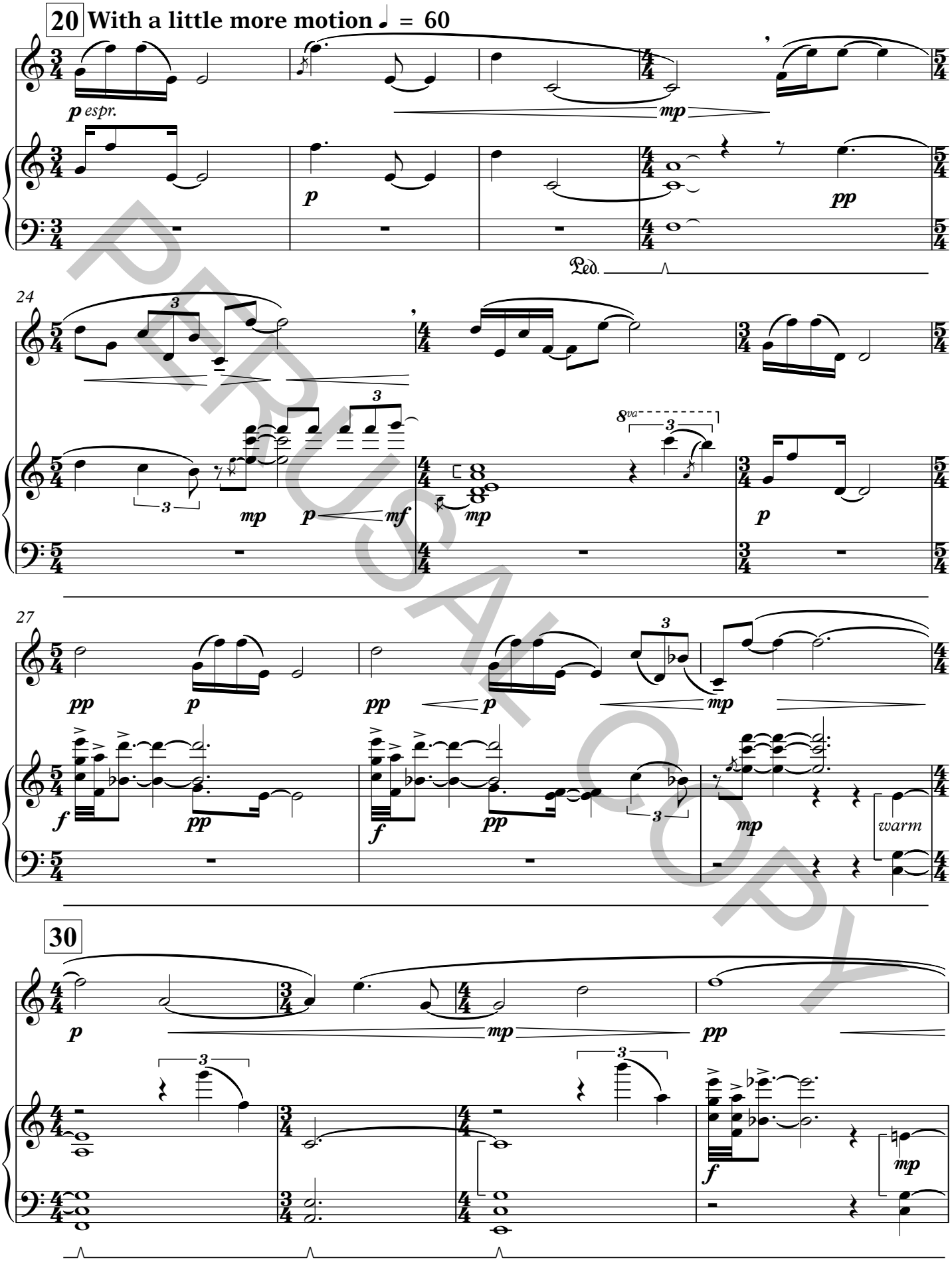

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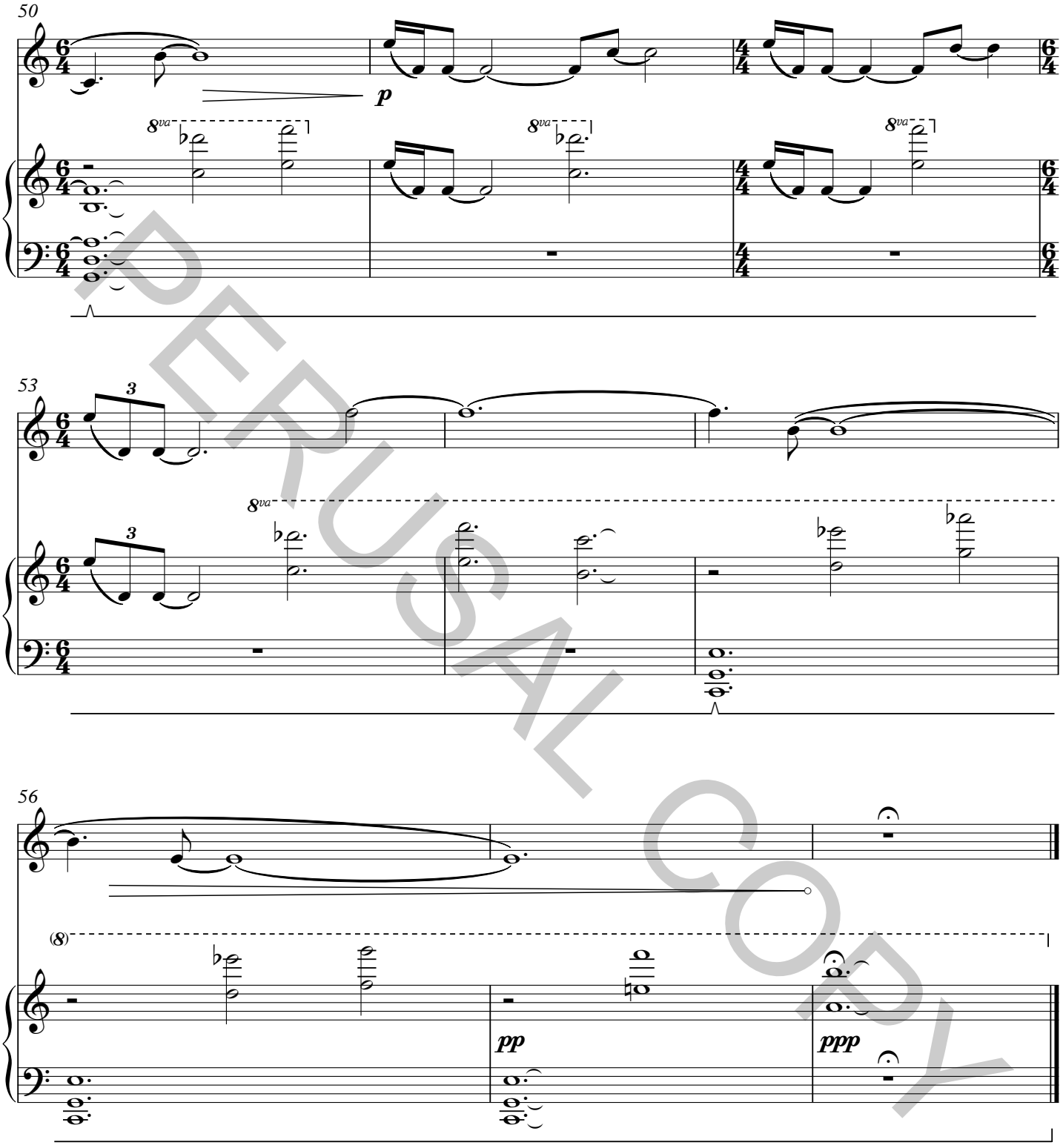

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III. stumble: run

Freely ♩ = 60-66

Cadenza: play facing inside piano

S. Sax.

mf *mf* *pp* *mf*

(no Ped. lift)

pno: Ped.→

pp *mf* *mf* *pp* *mf*

(no Ped. lift)

pp *mf* *mf* *mf* *pp*

(no Ped. lift)

S. Sax.

pp *mf* *pp*

Pno.

ppp *ppp*

2 Haunting, distant ♩ = 66

f *pp* *p* *mp*

pp veiled *ppp*

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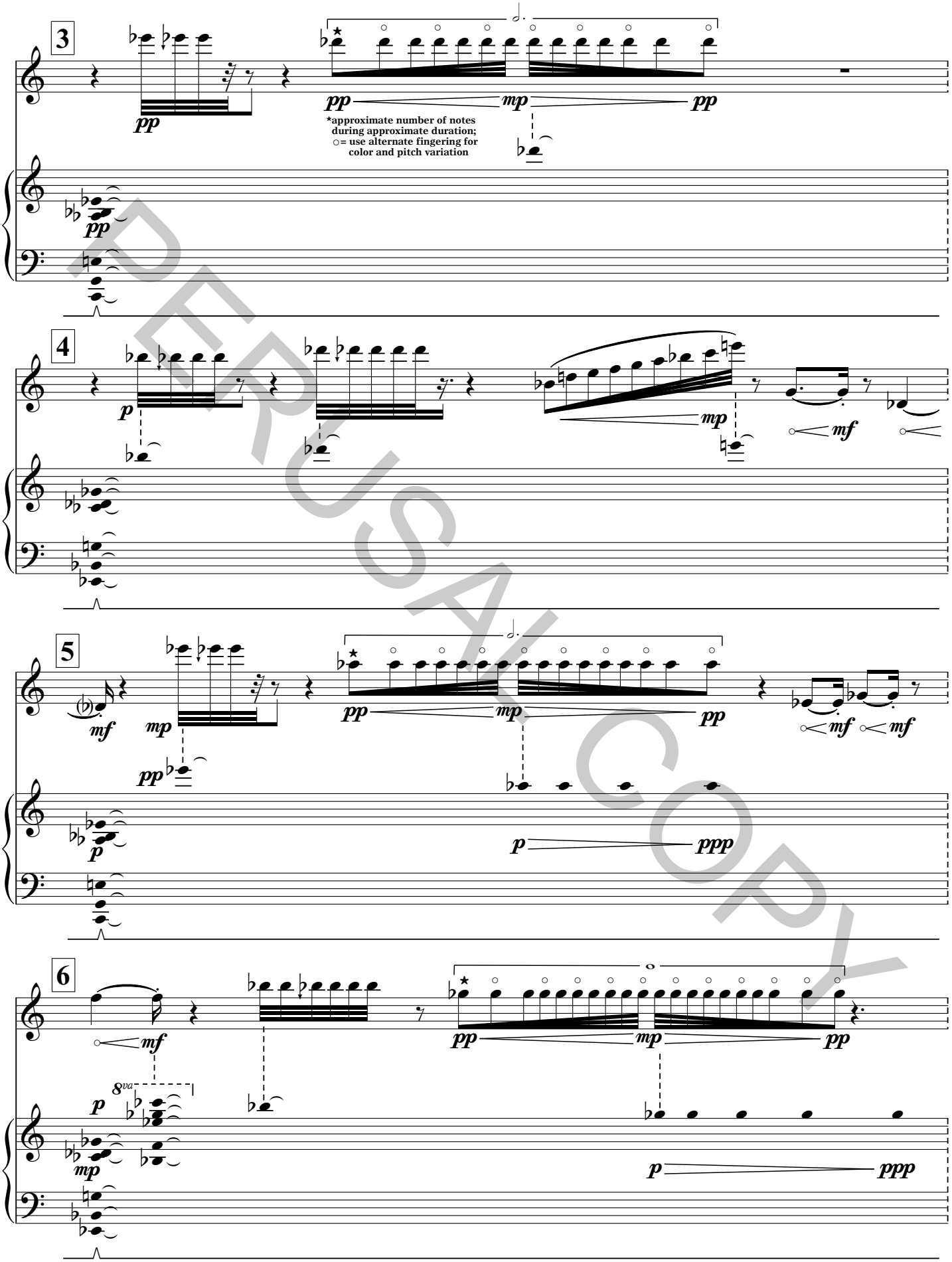

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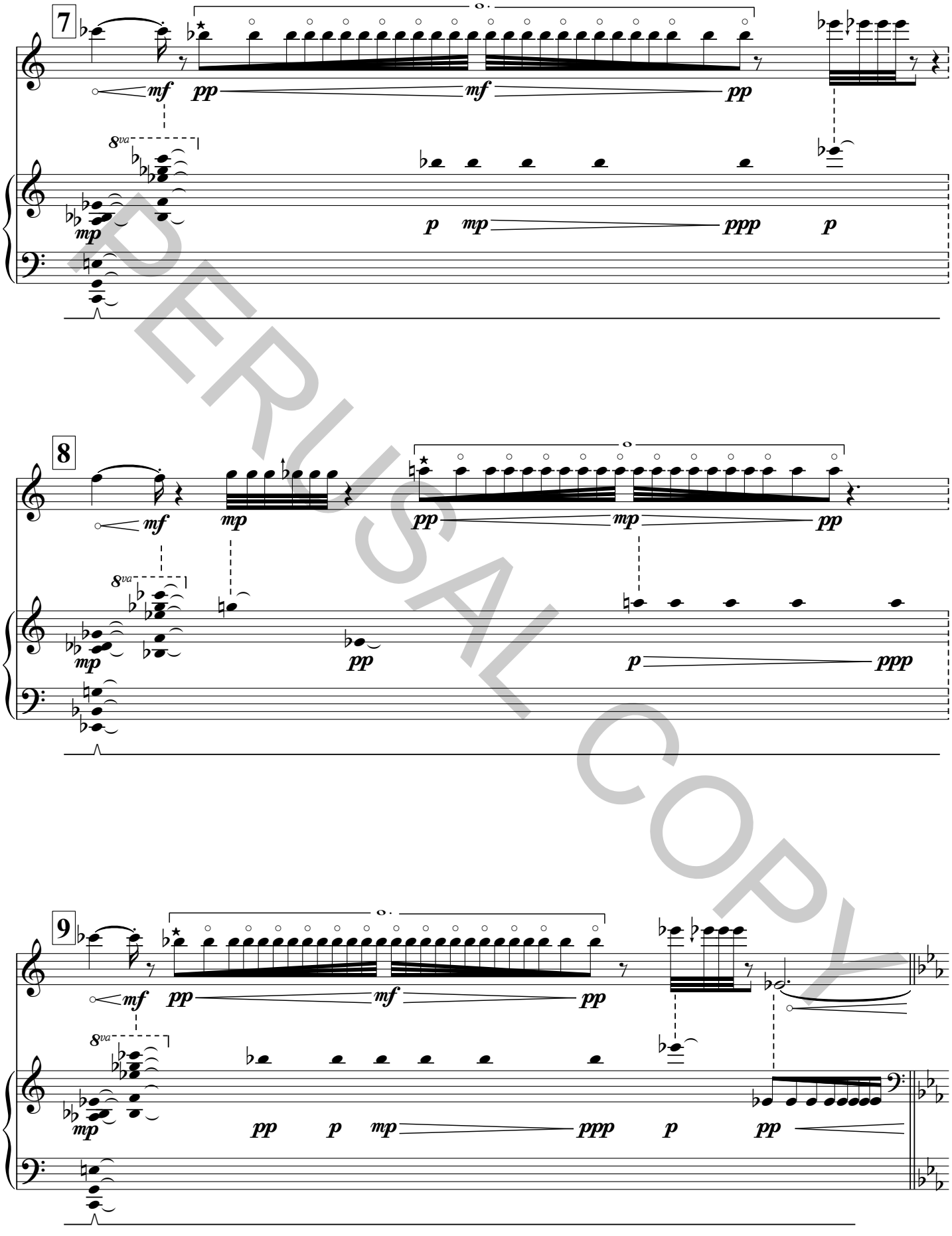

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10 **Stirring, churning, awakening** ♩ = 72

Return to normal playing position

f

f

p sub. *fluidly, molto legato*

12

14

16

pp *mp*

mp

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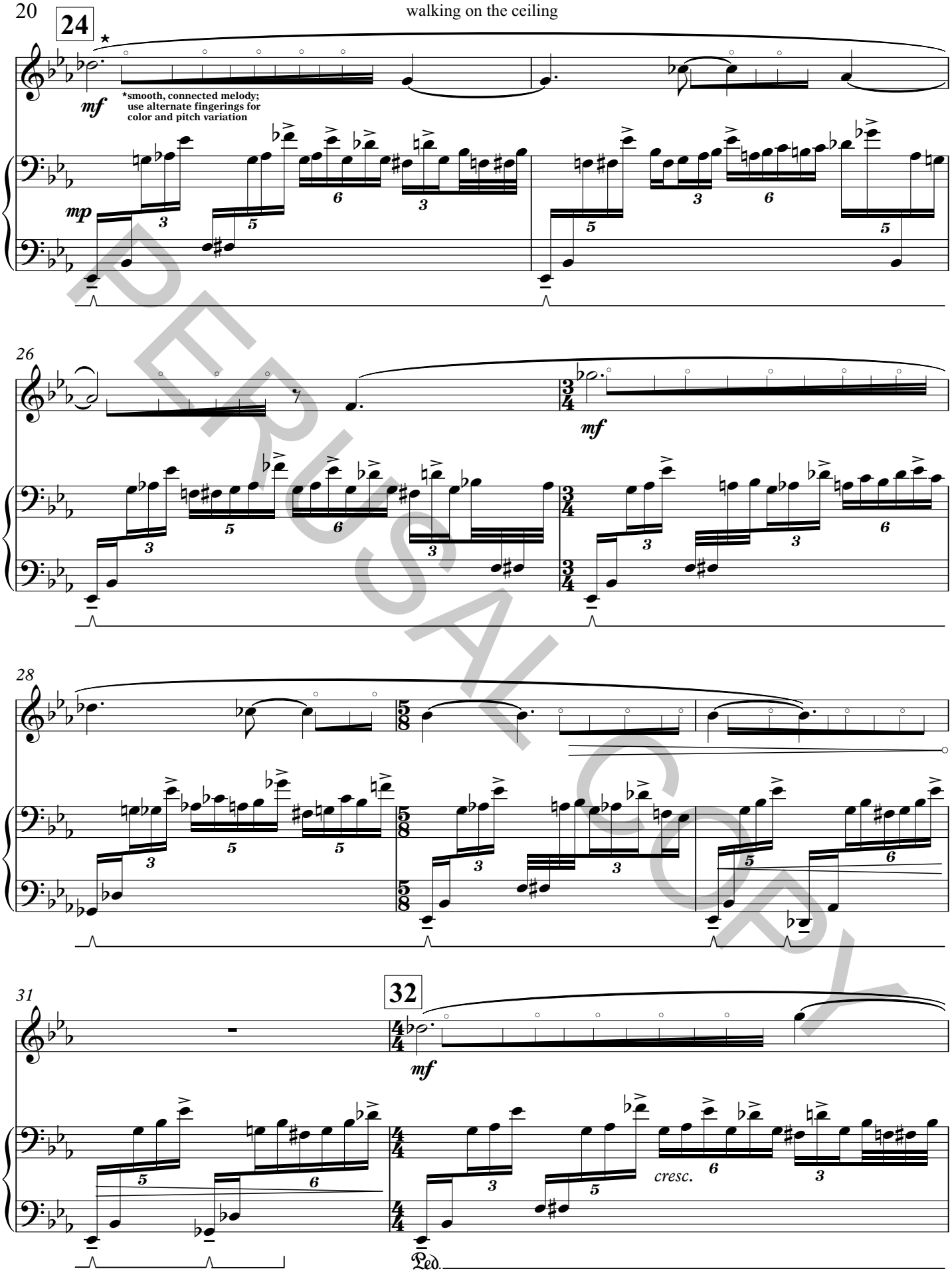

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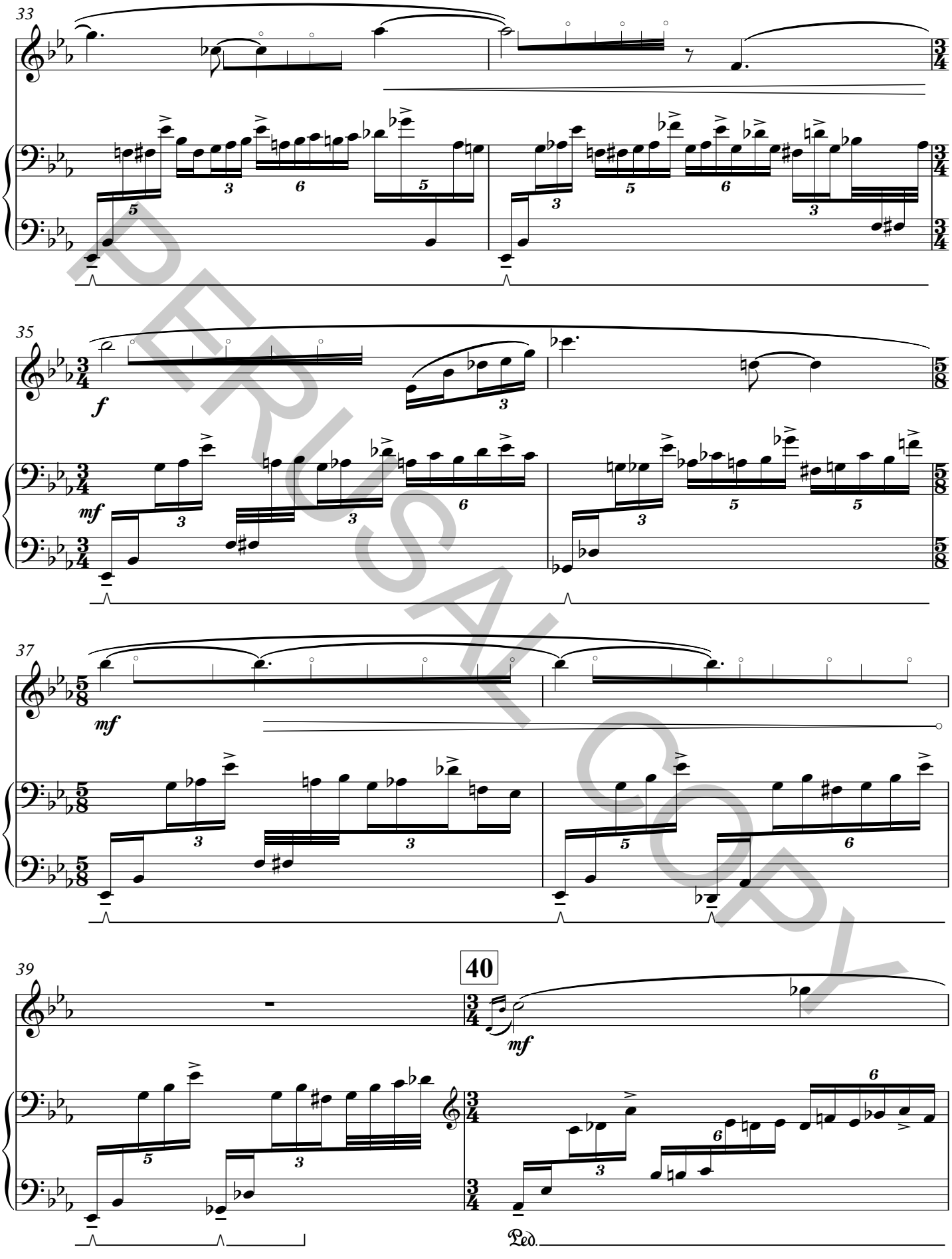

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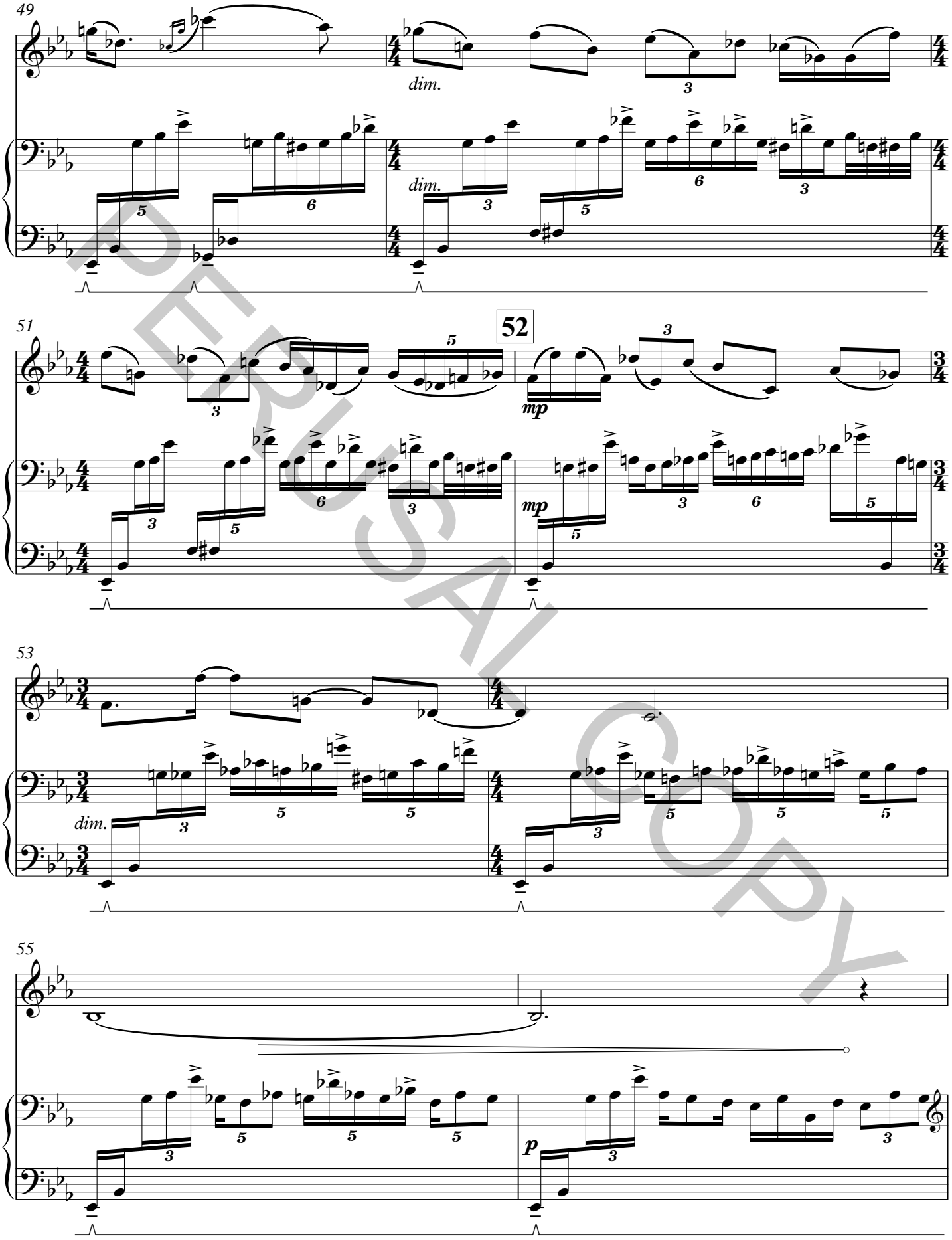

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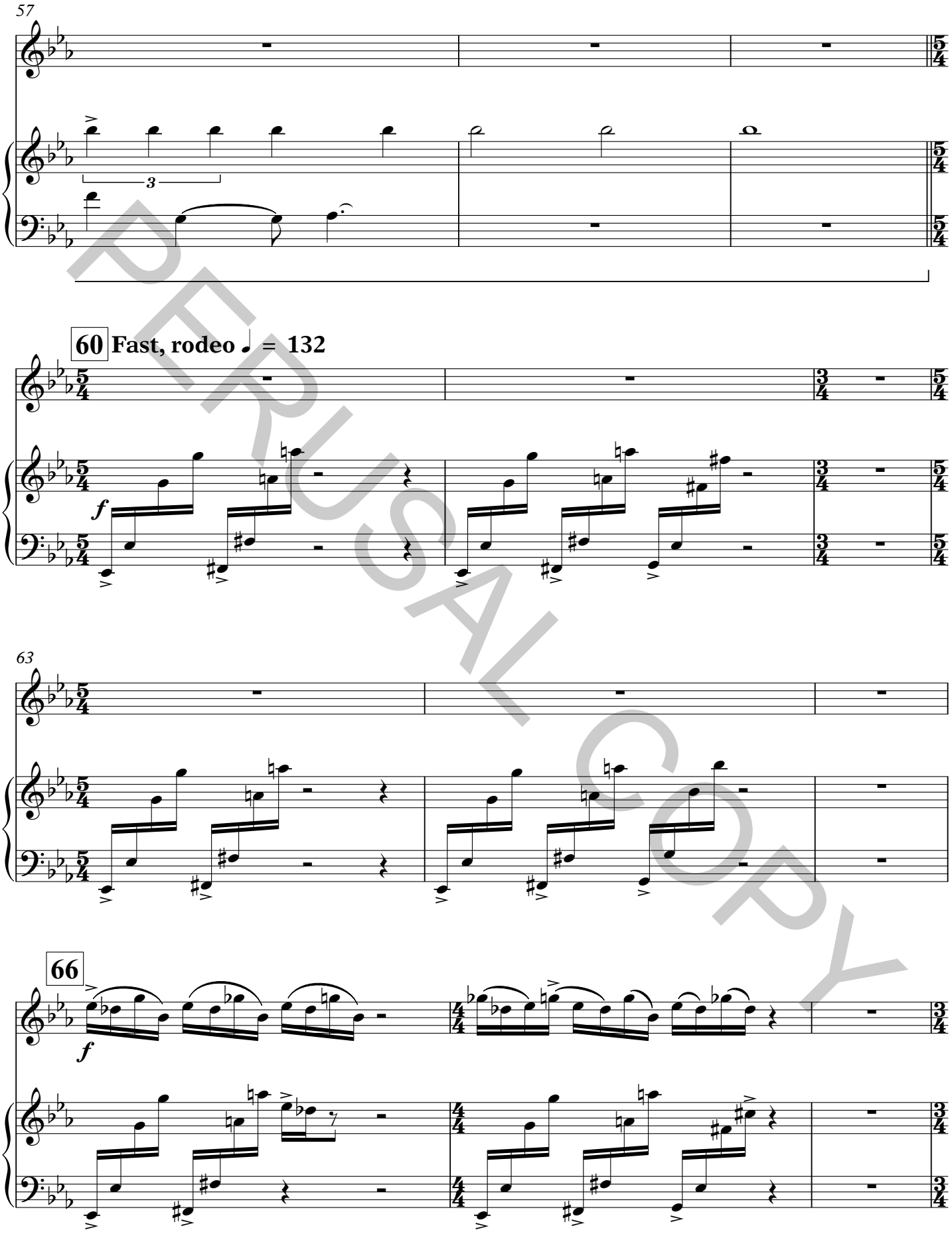

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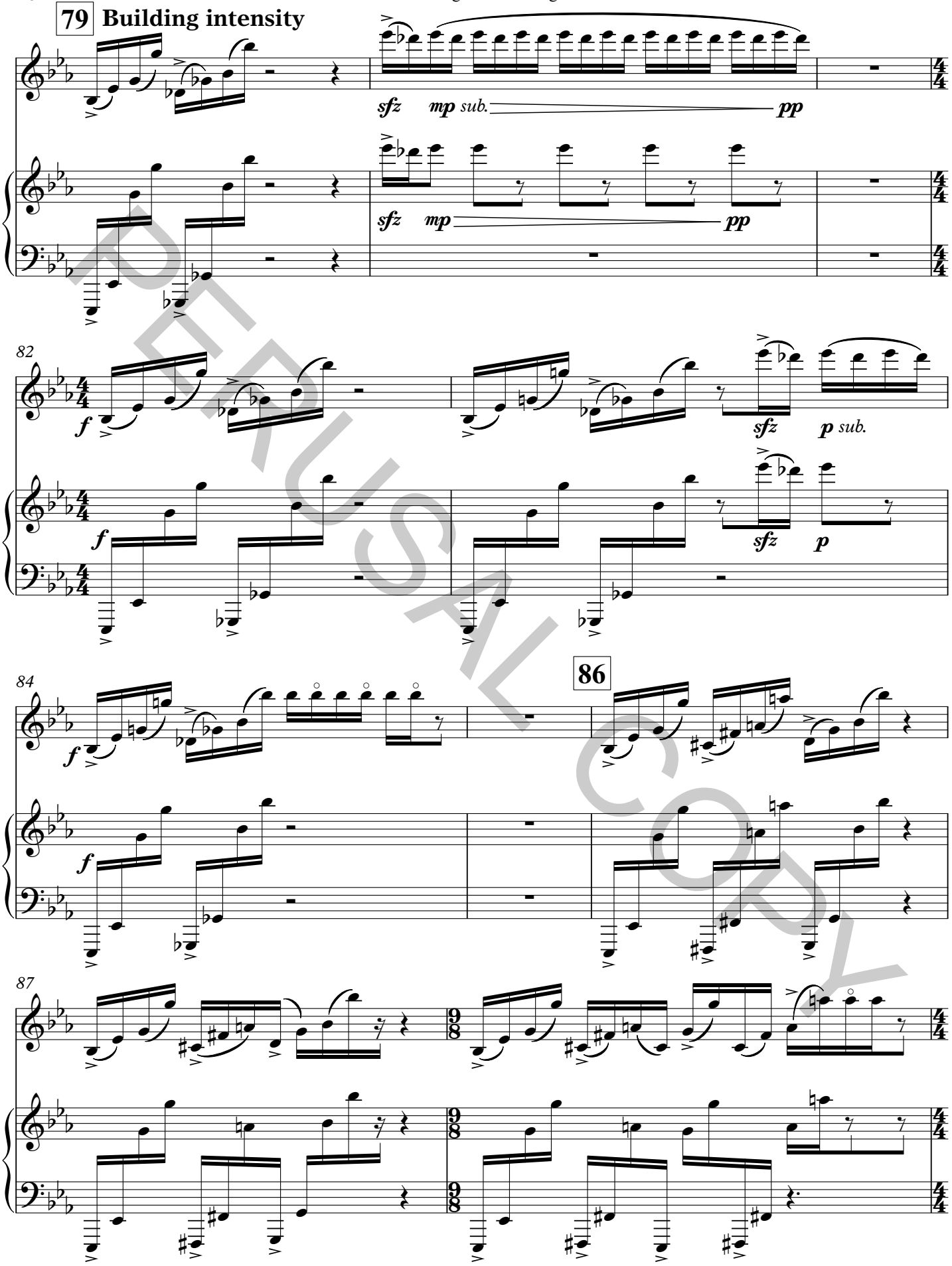

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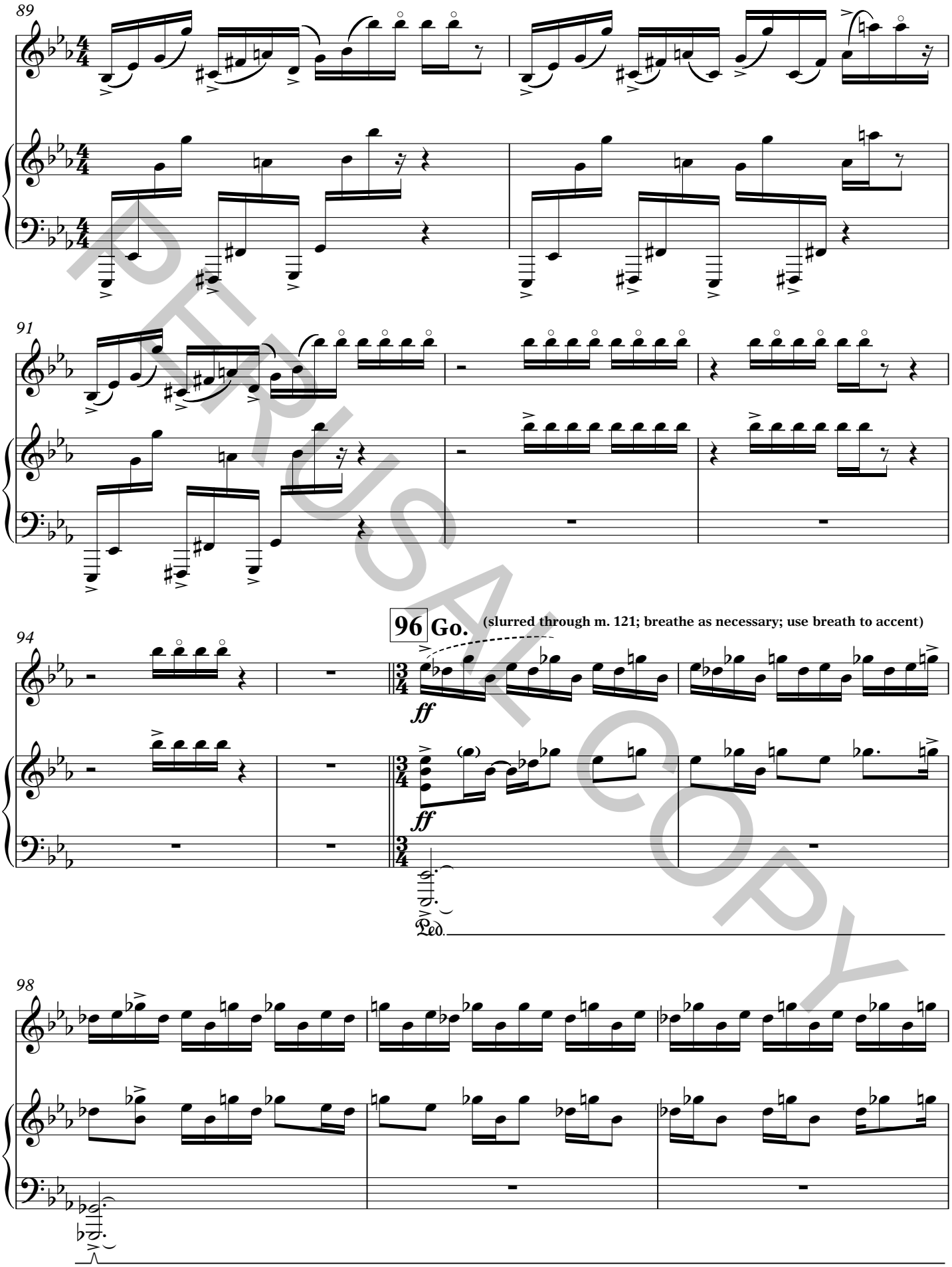

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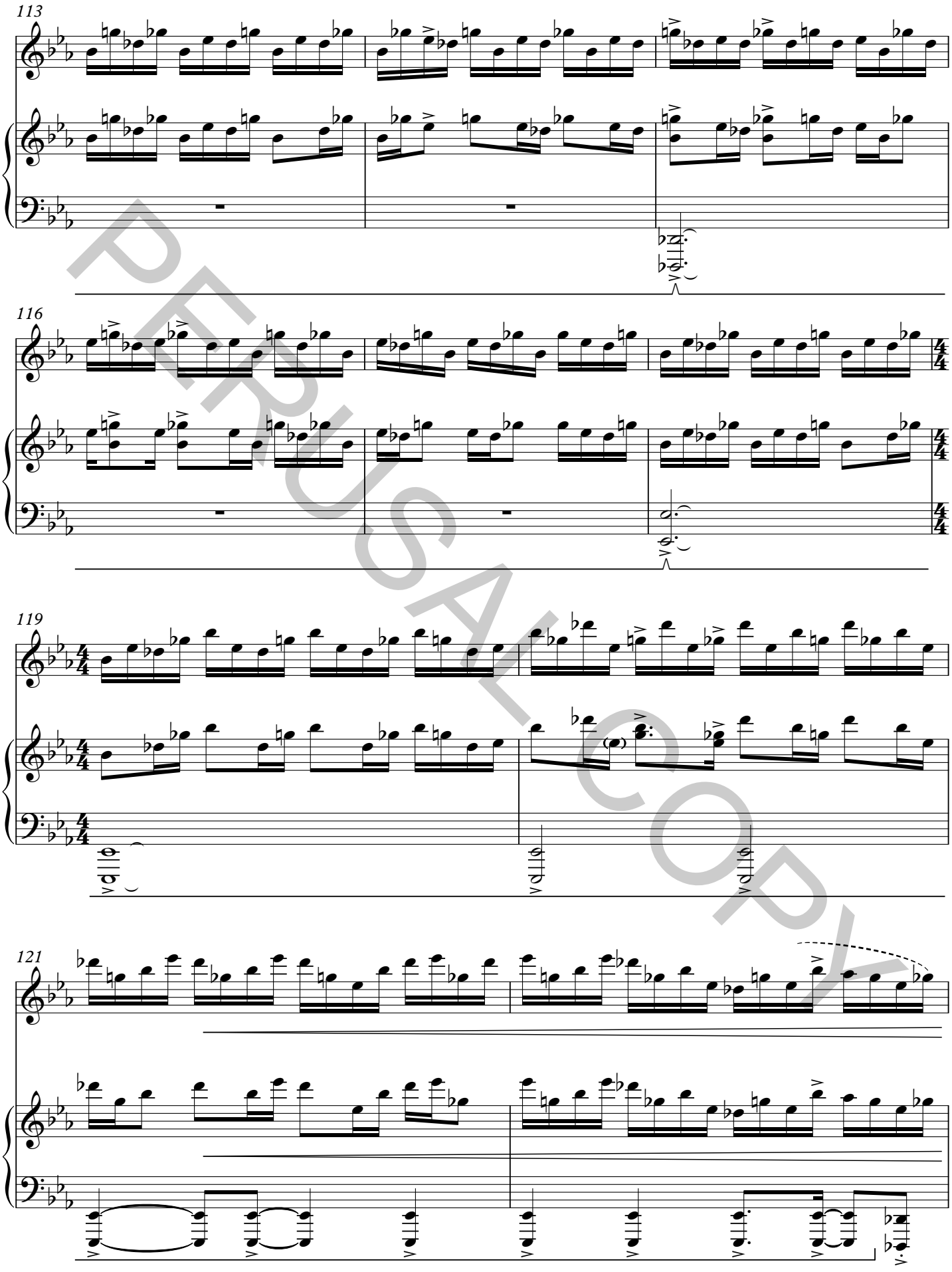

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