# *CRYSTAL SERIES*

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*Crystal Series* was sprung from contemporaneous work on *Mice and Men*, Op. 45, and grew from movement to movement as predictably and unpredictably as a child. Each was composed at the request of Carolyn for early celebrations in Crystal's life -- baptism, first Christmas, first birthday -- and were intended to be accessible and short enough to perform as offertories. The duets were premiered by oboist Carolyn and the composer-pianist; the trios featured the duetists on oboes, with pianistic assistance elsewhere. The series ended when the young child developed a speaking voice of her own.

The genetic mix includes cross-fertilizations of postminimalism, Vaughan Williams, French-Celtic folk song, Bela Bartok, Lowell Mason, ragtime, Philip Glass, Lukas Foss, Johannes Brahms, Erik Satie, and Steve Reich.

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Oboe and Piano

*for Crystal Elizabeth*

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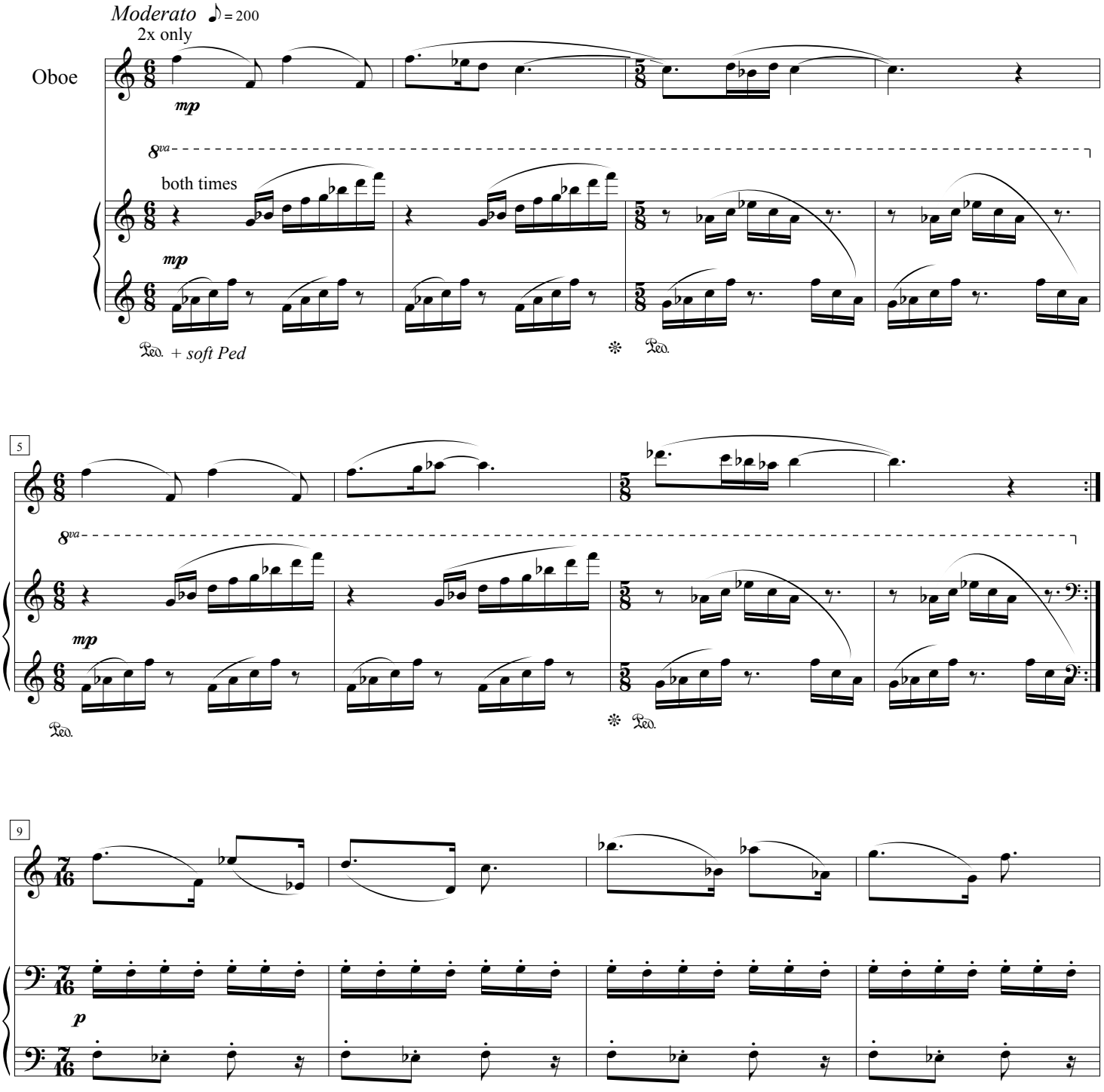
## I. CRYSTAL BELLS

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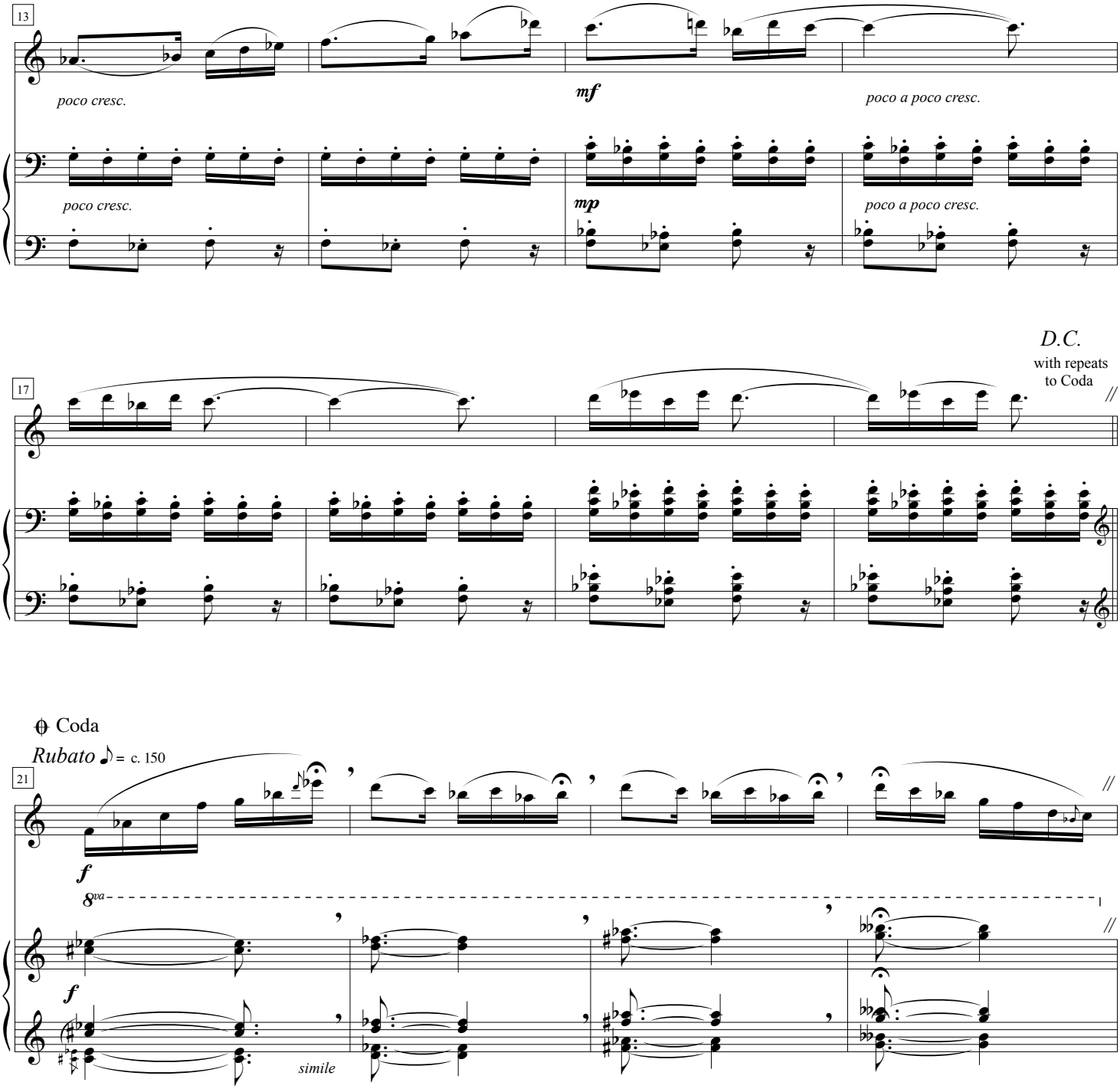
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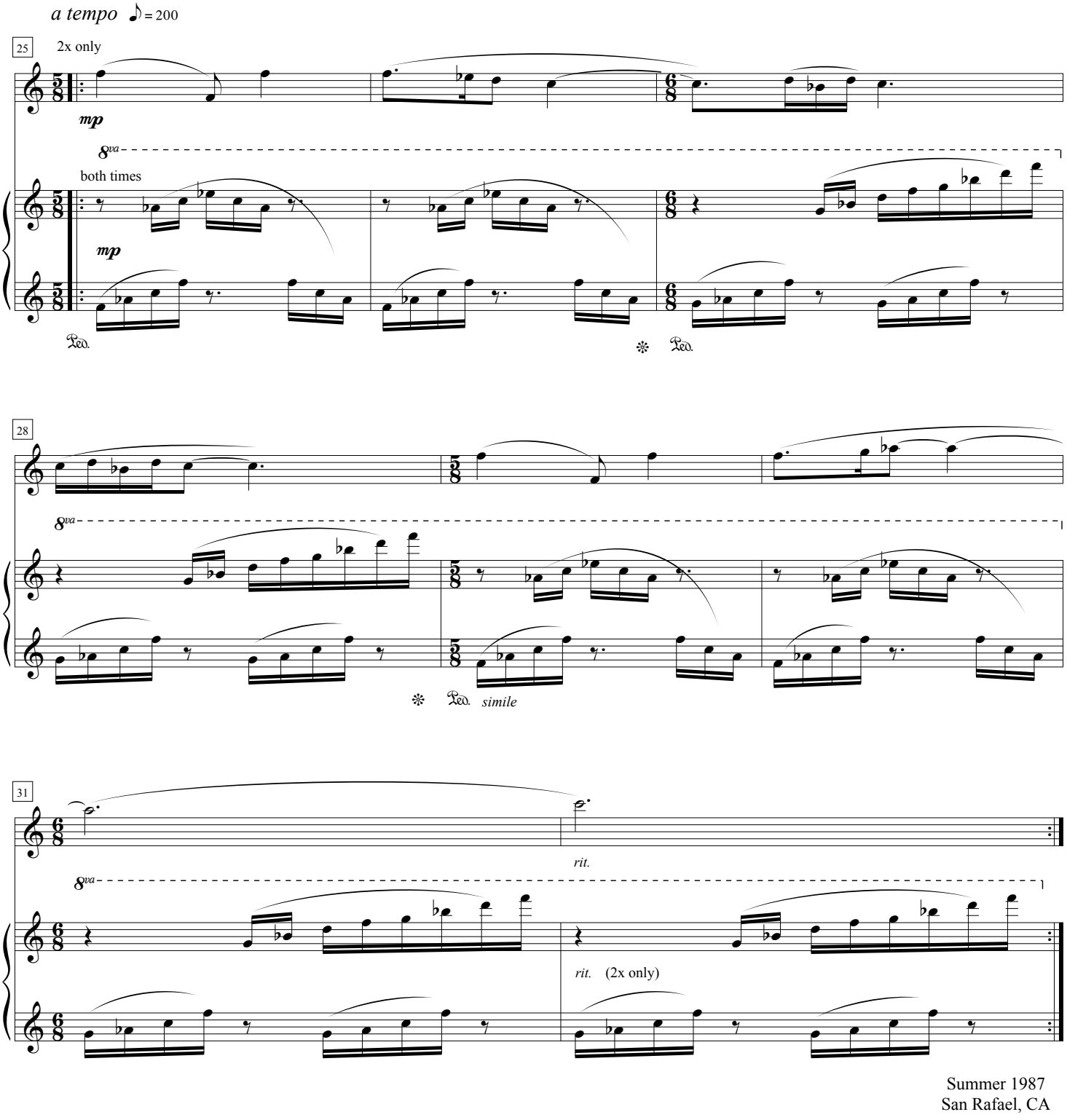
poco cresc.
mf
poco a poco cresc.
poco cresc.
mp
poco a poco cresc.
D.C.
with repeats
to Coda
17
Coda
Rubato ♪ = c. 150
21
f
8va
f
simile

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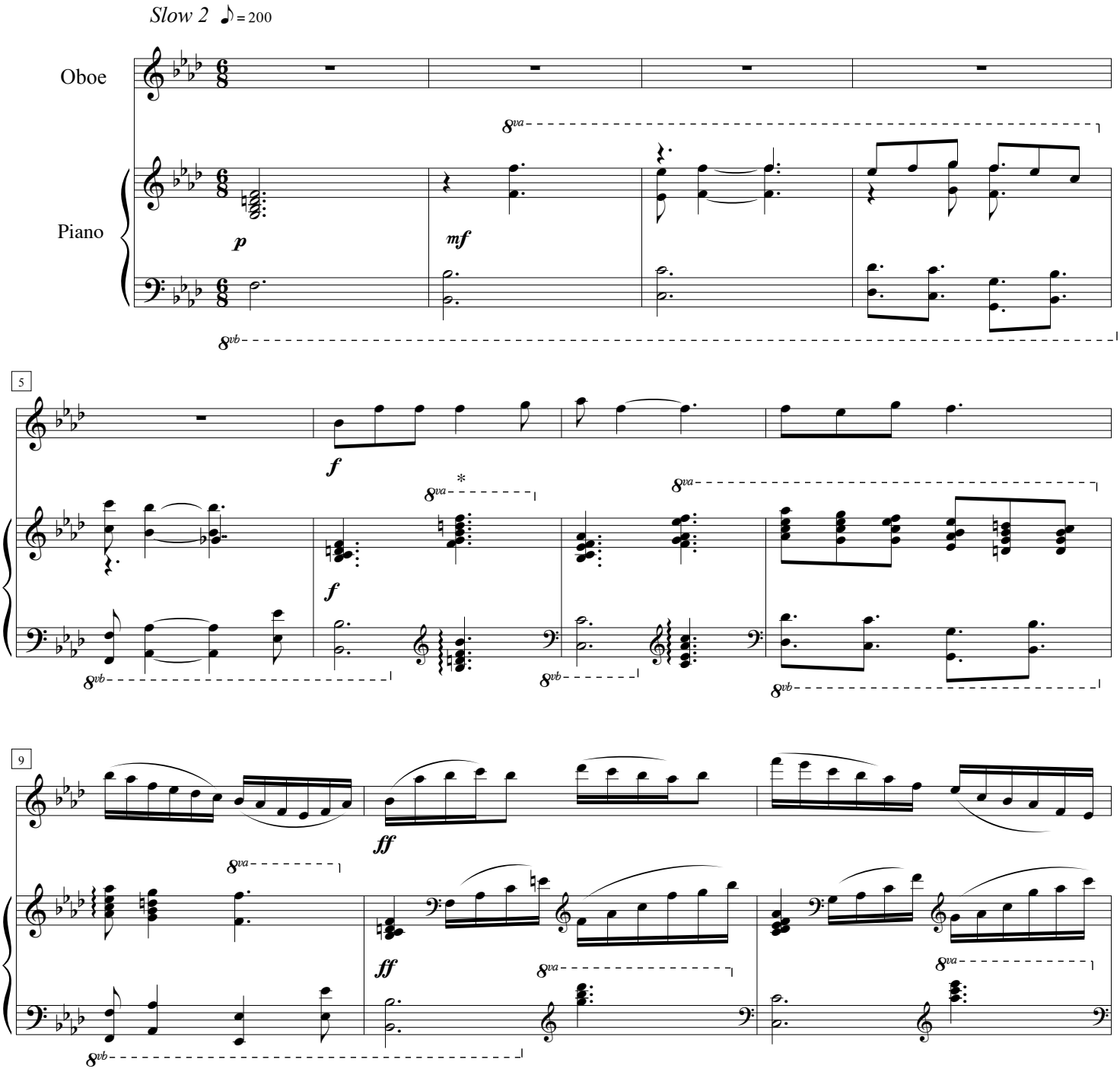


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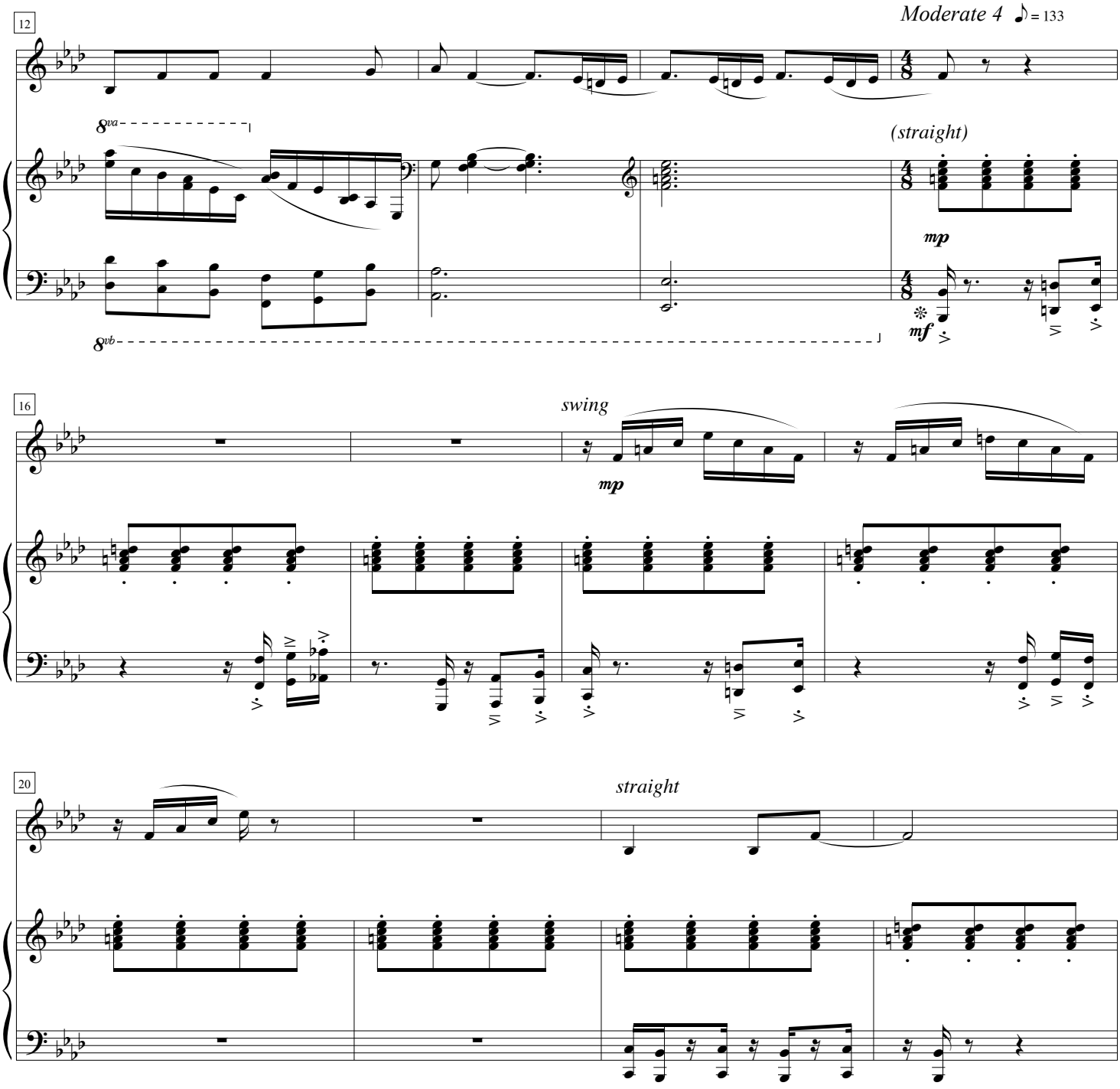
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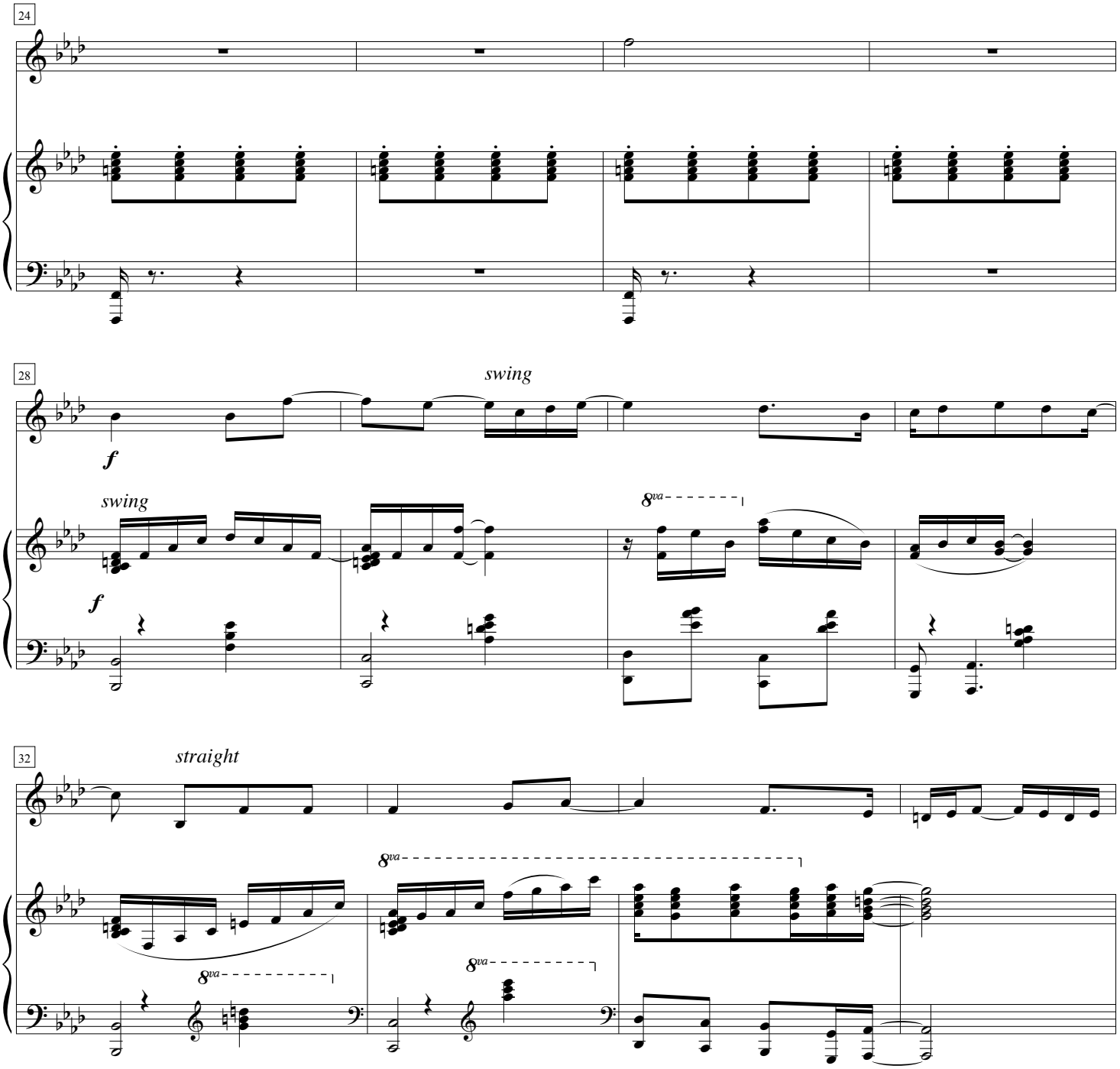
Moderate 4 ♪ = 133
8va
8vb
(straight)
mp
mf
16
swing
mp
20
straight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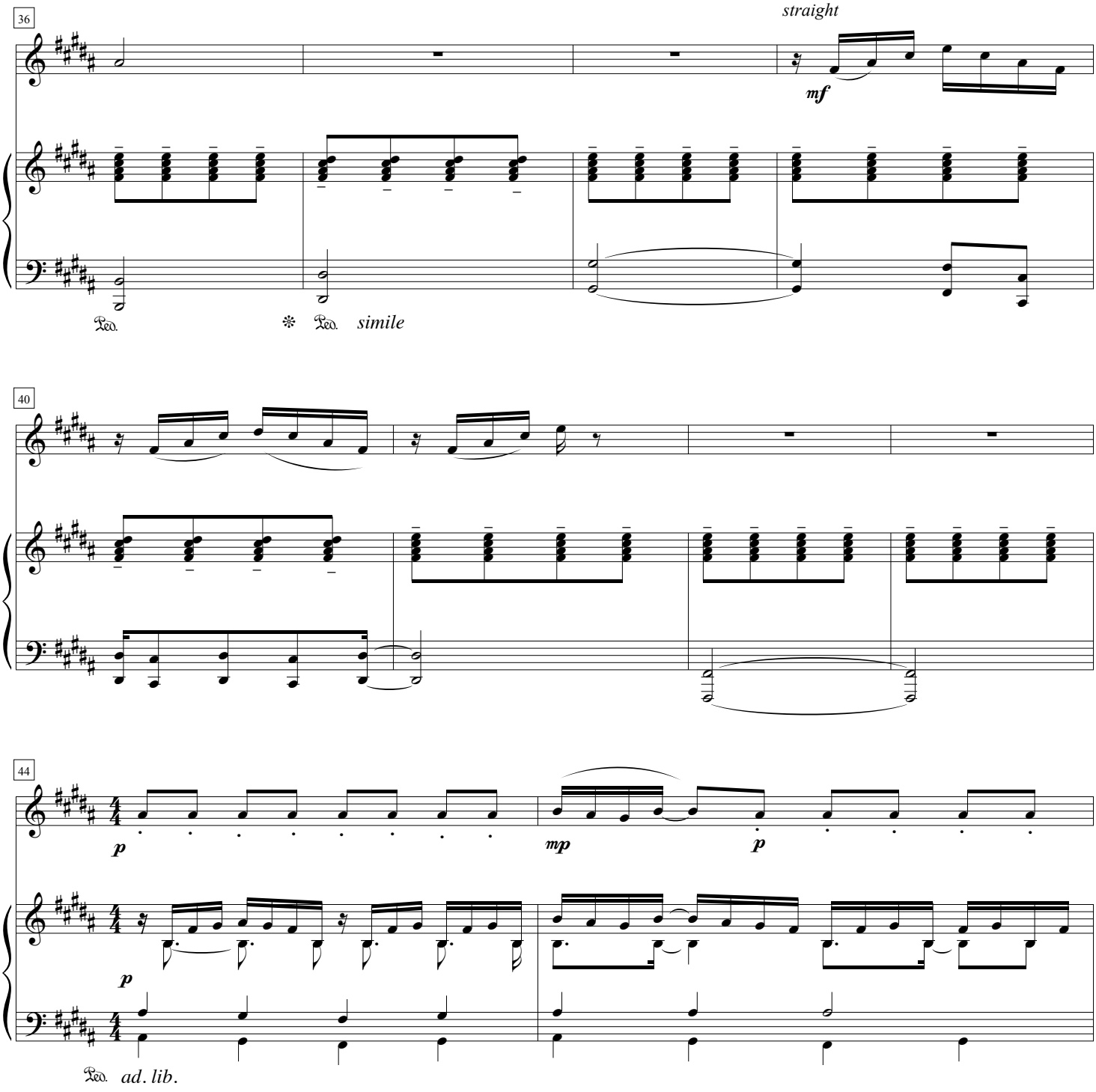
28
swing
f
swing
f
8va
32
straight
8va
8va
8va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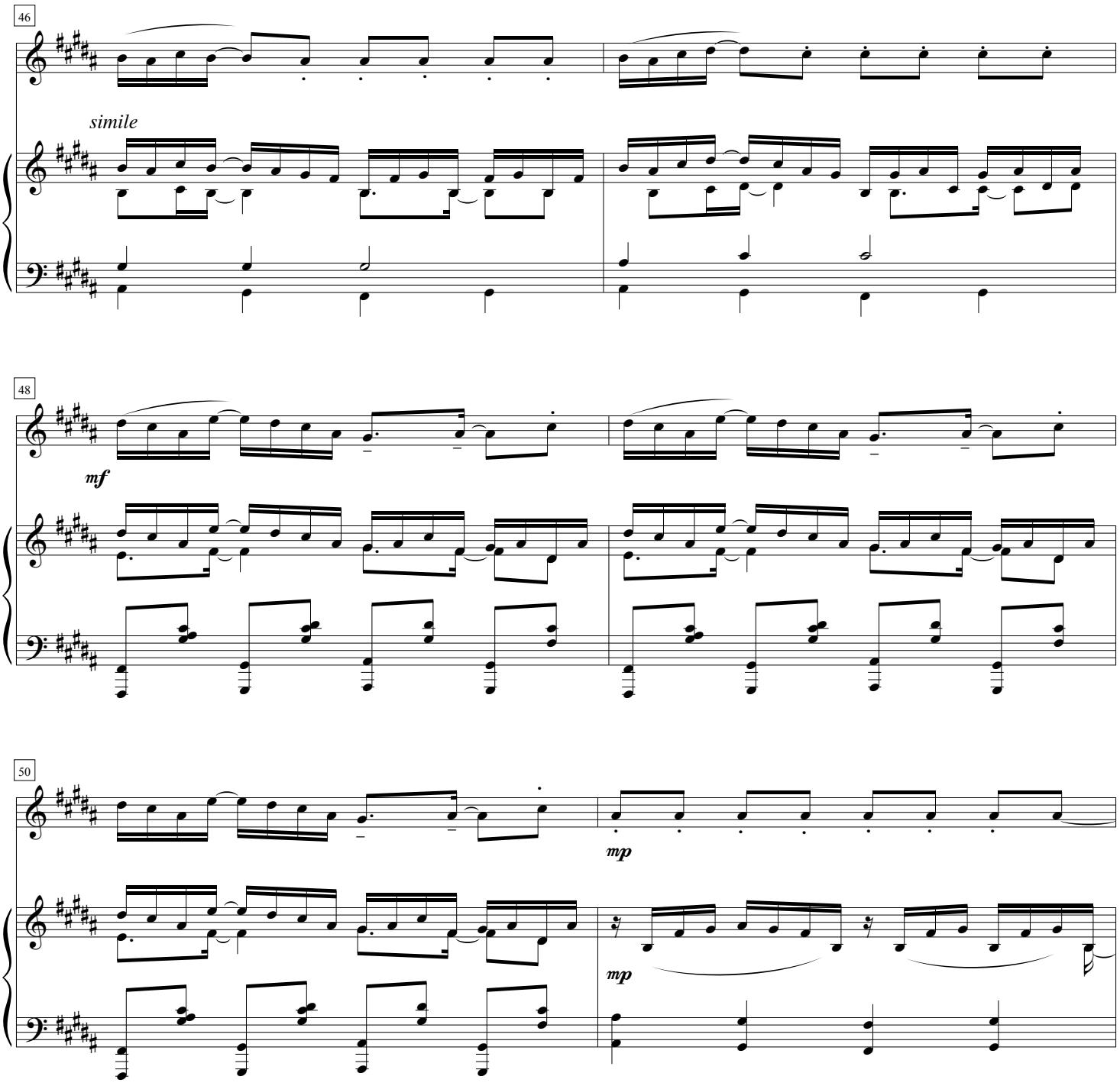
straight
mf
Ped.
simile
40
44
p
mp
p
p
Ped. ad. lib.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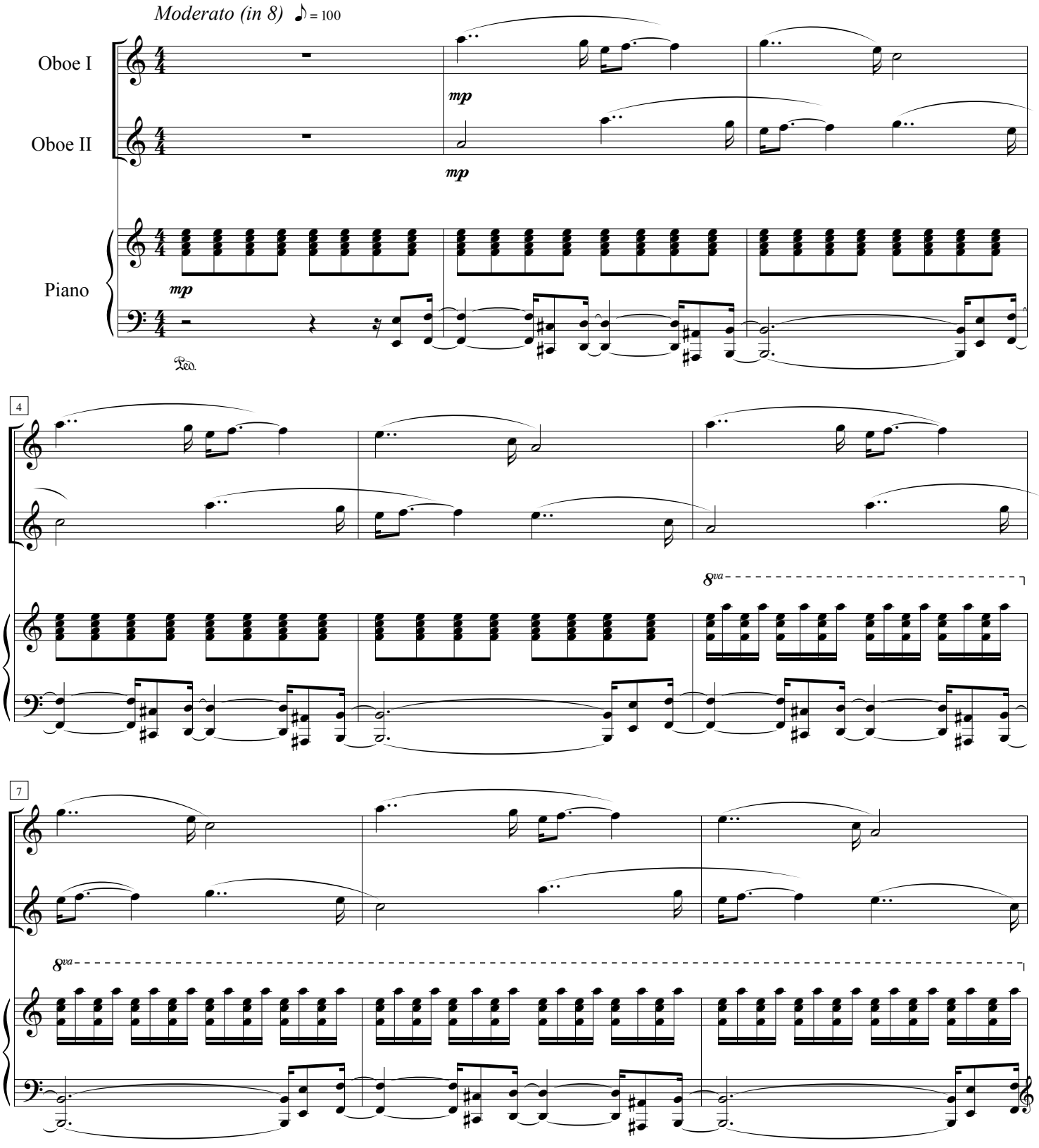

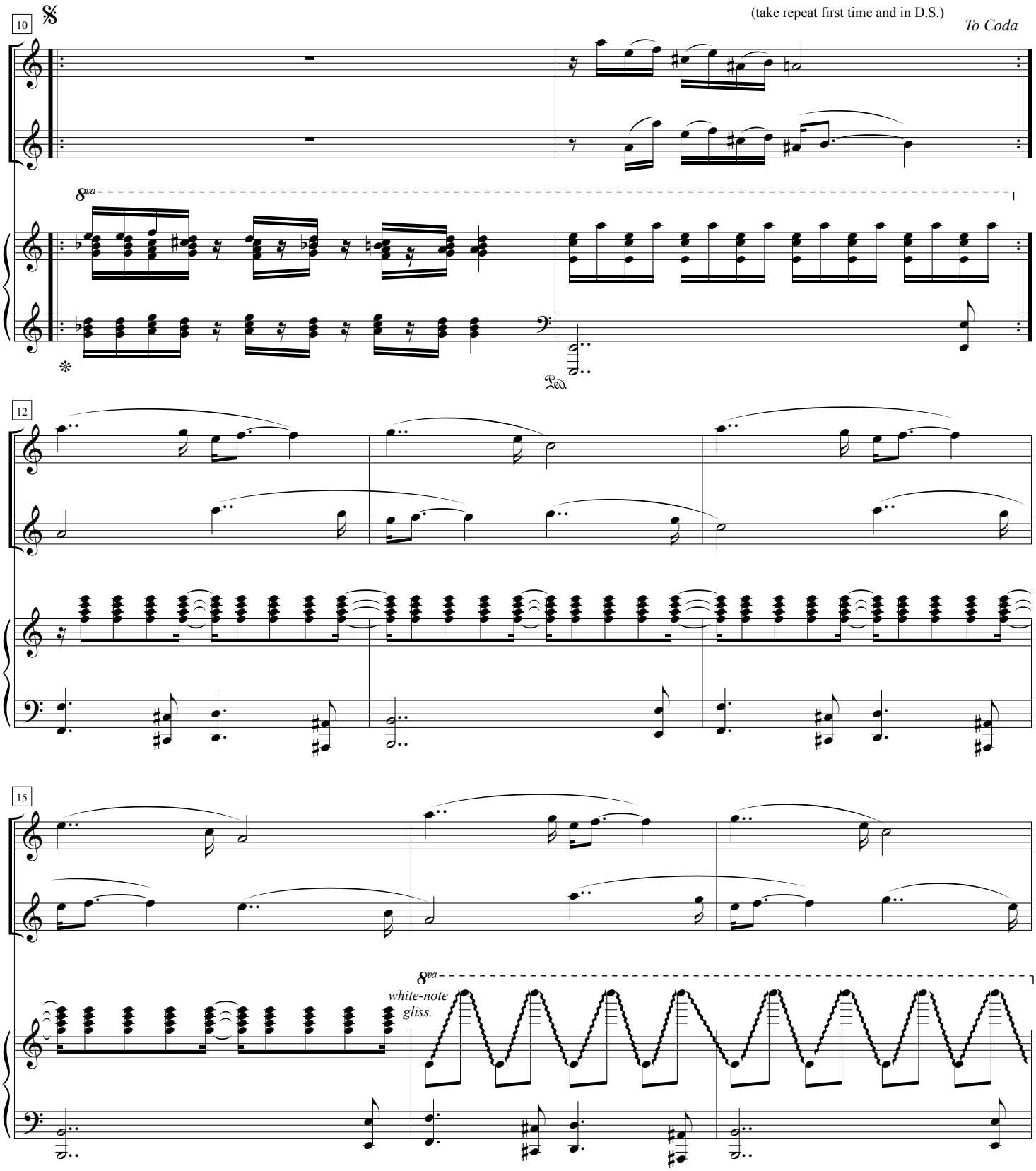
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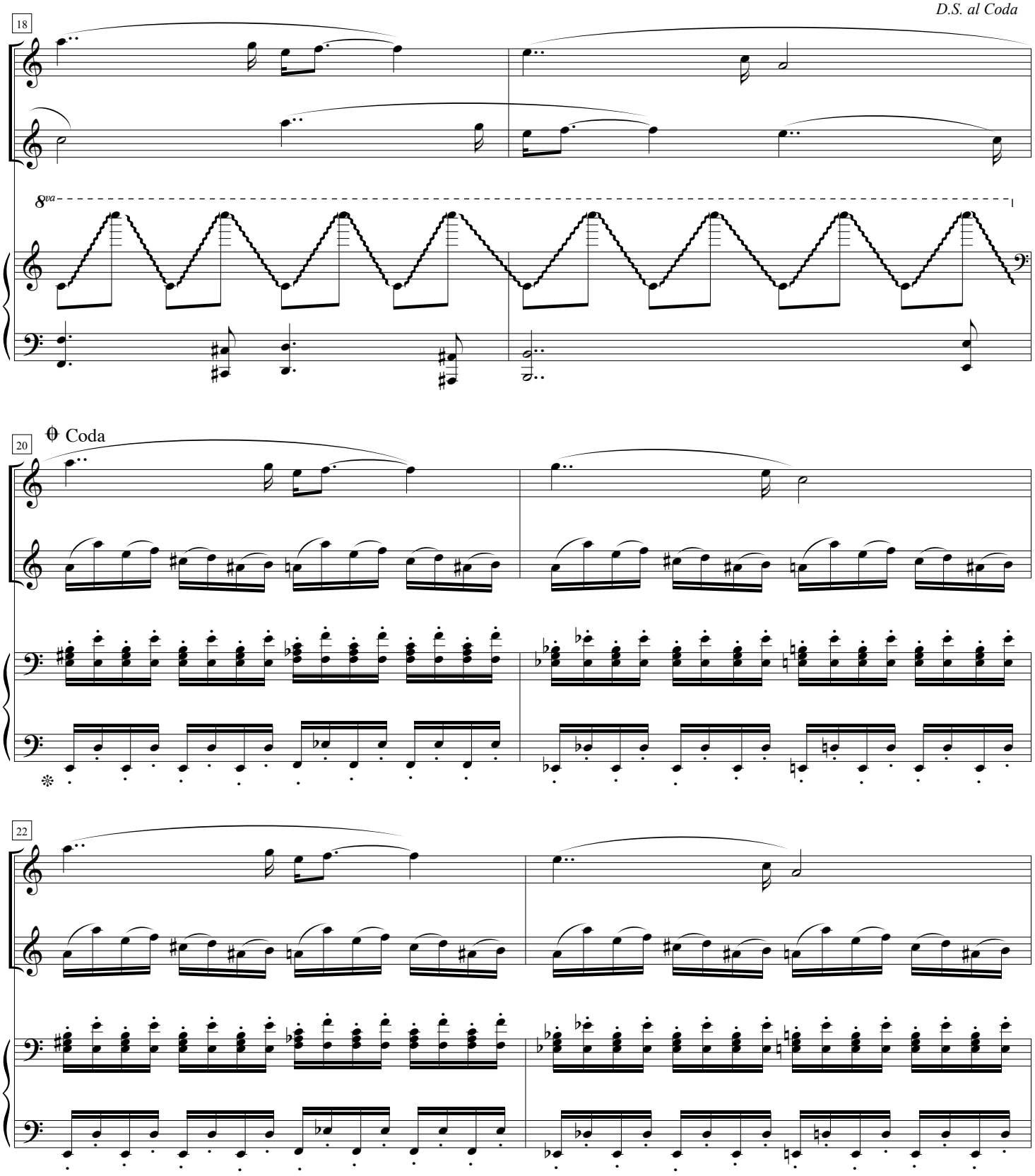
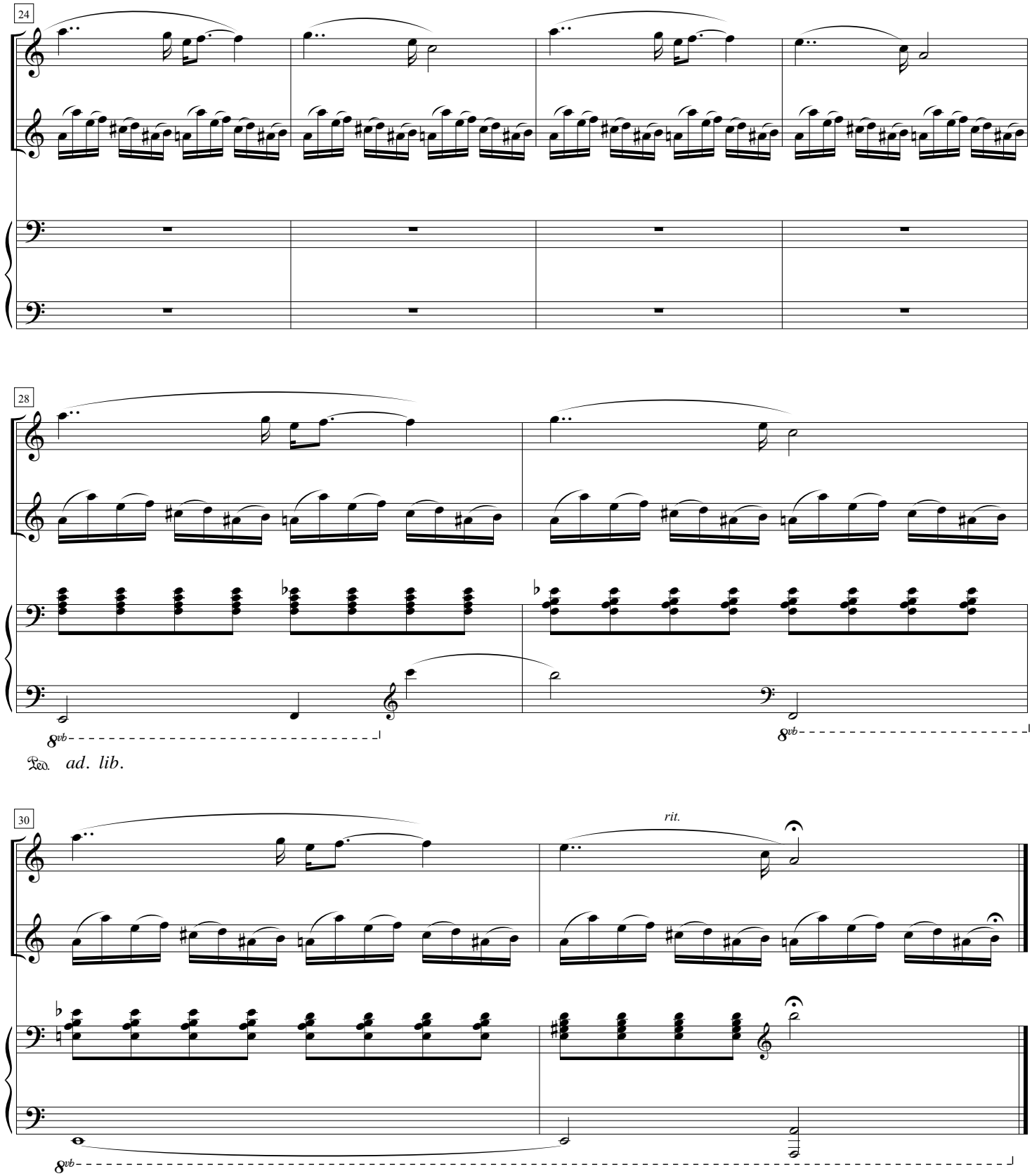
(take repeat first time and in D.S.)
To Coda
8va
Ped.
12
15
8va
white-note gliss.


D.S. al Coda
18
8va
Coda
20
22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8vb
8vb
Ped. ad. lib.
30
rit.
8vb

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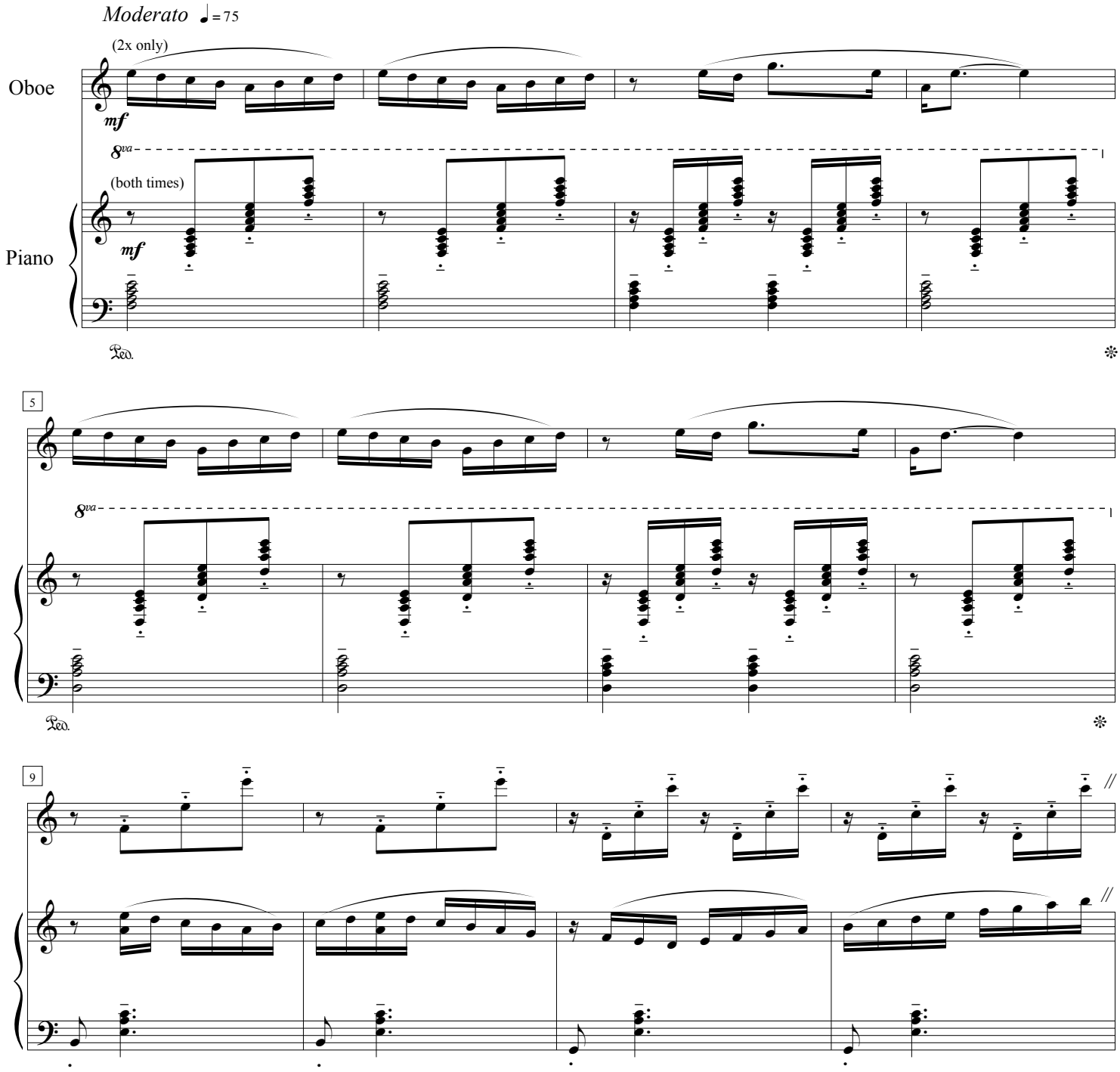

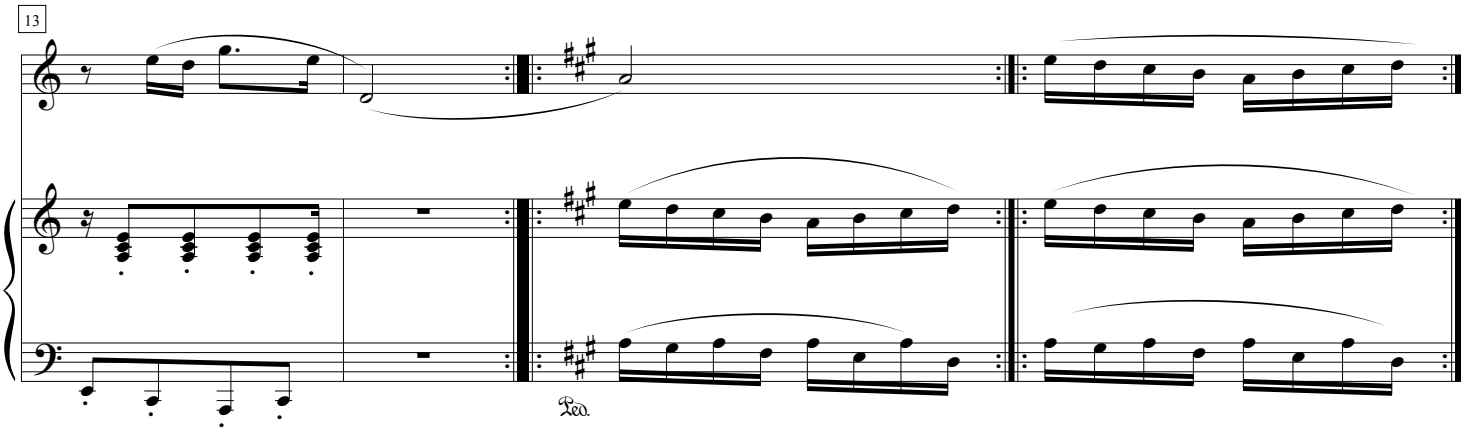
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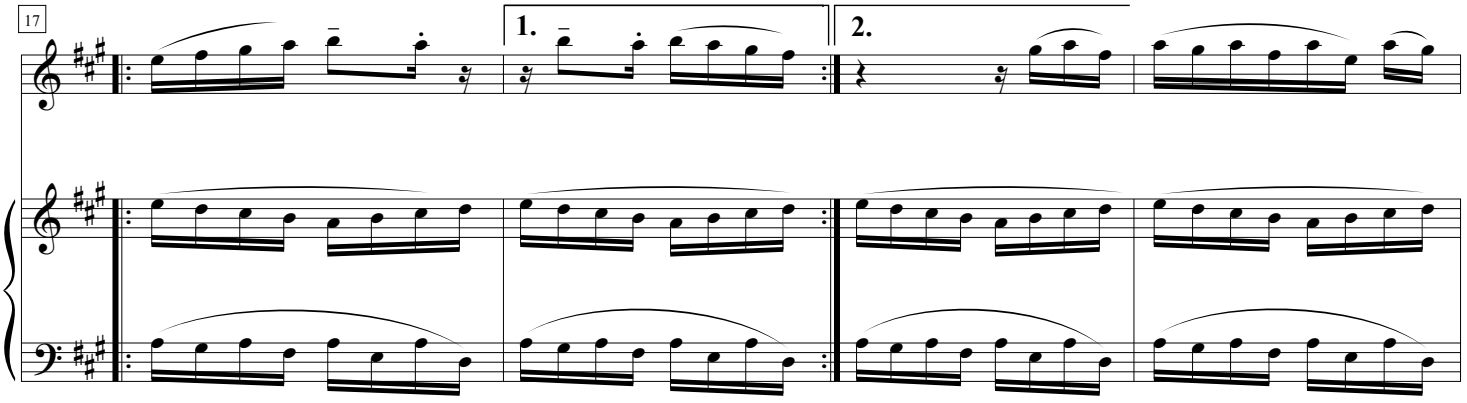
Ped.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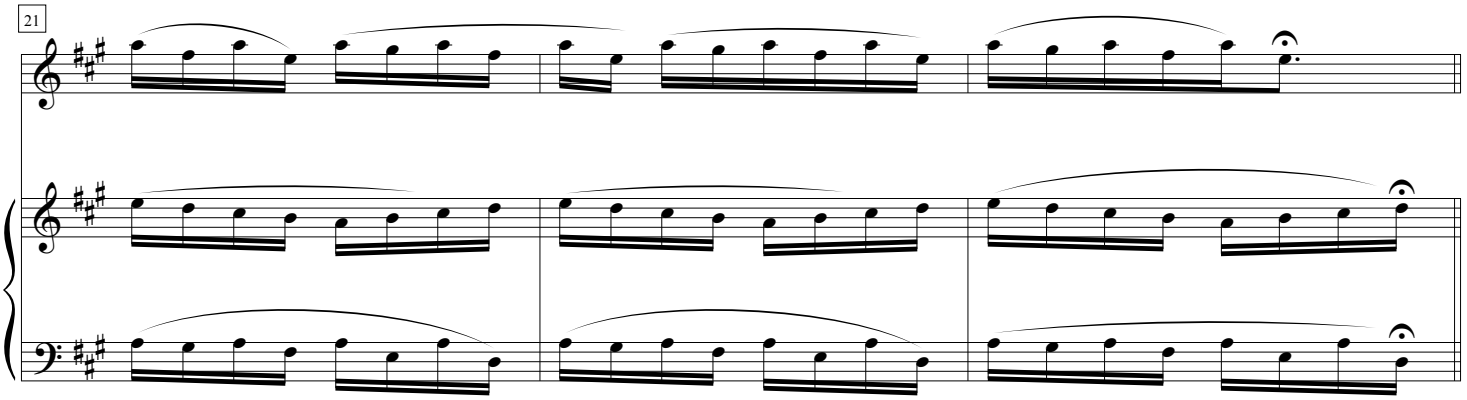
2.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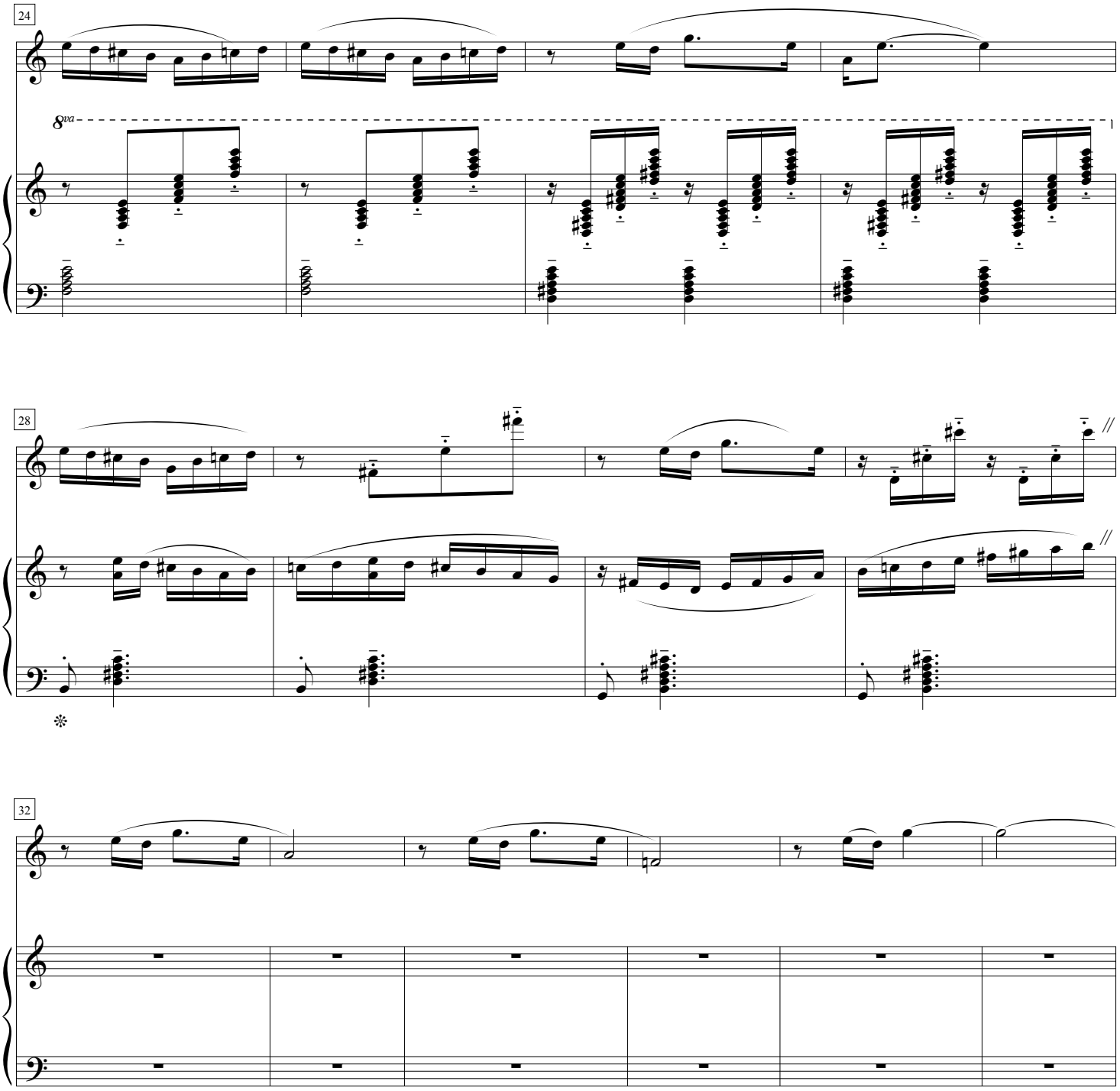
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28
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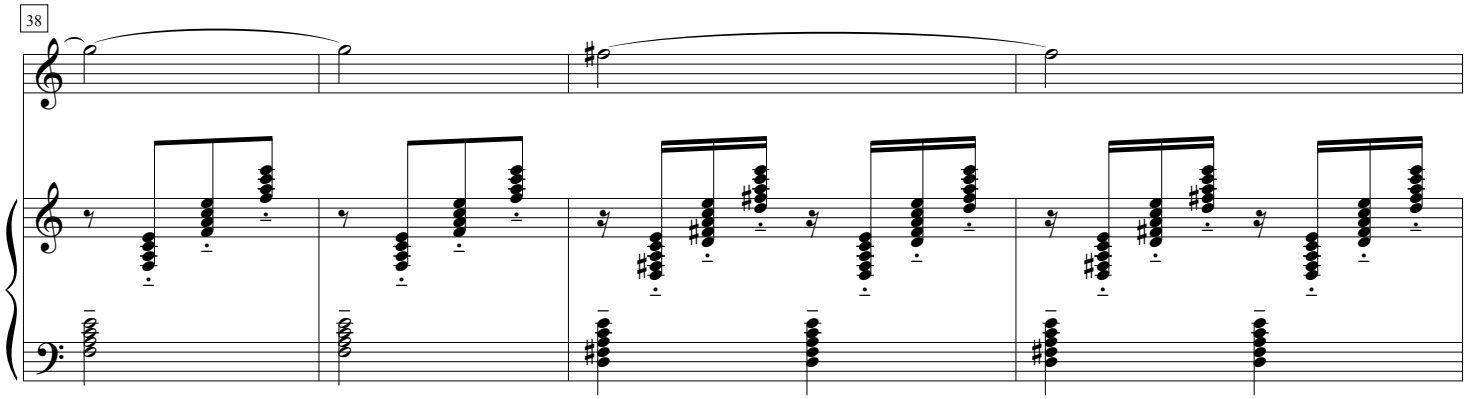
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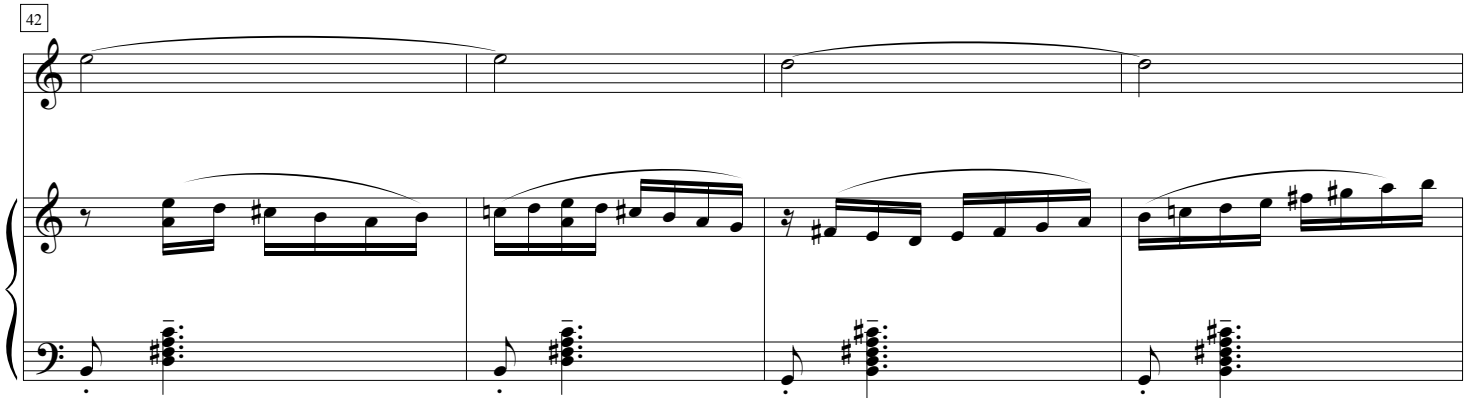
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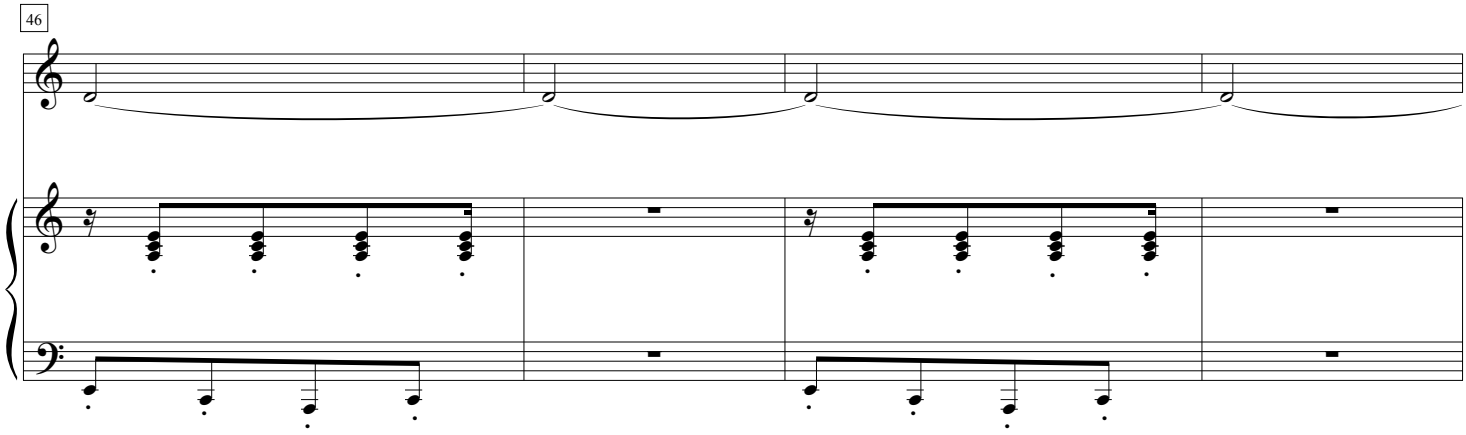
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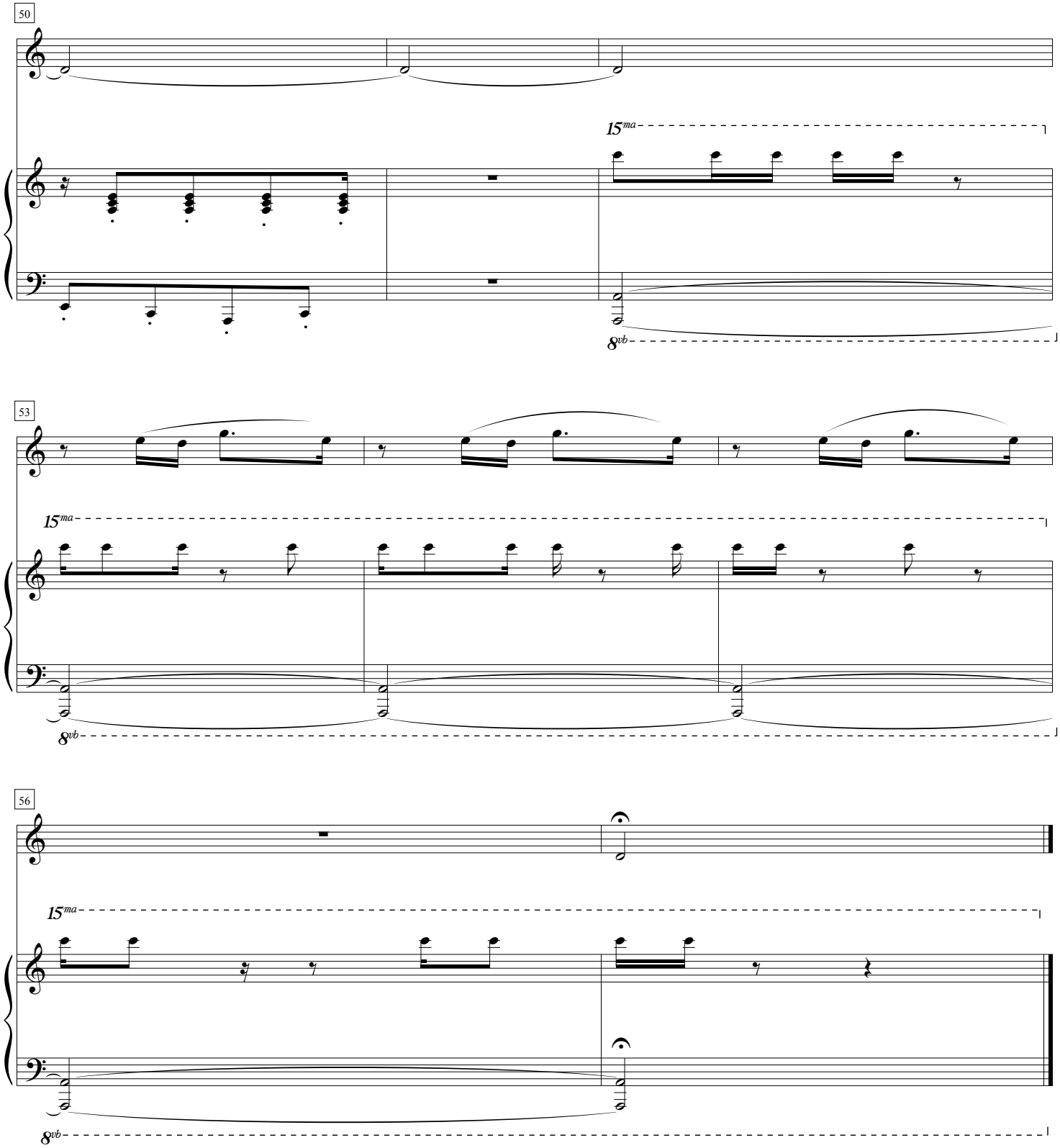
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15ma
8vb
53
15ma
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8vb

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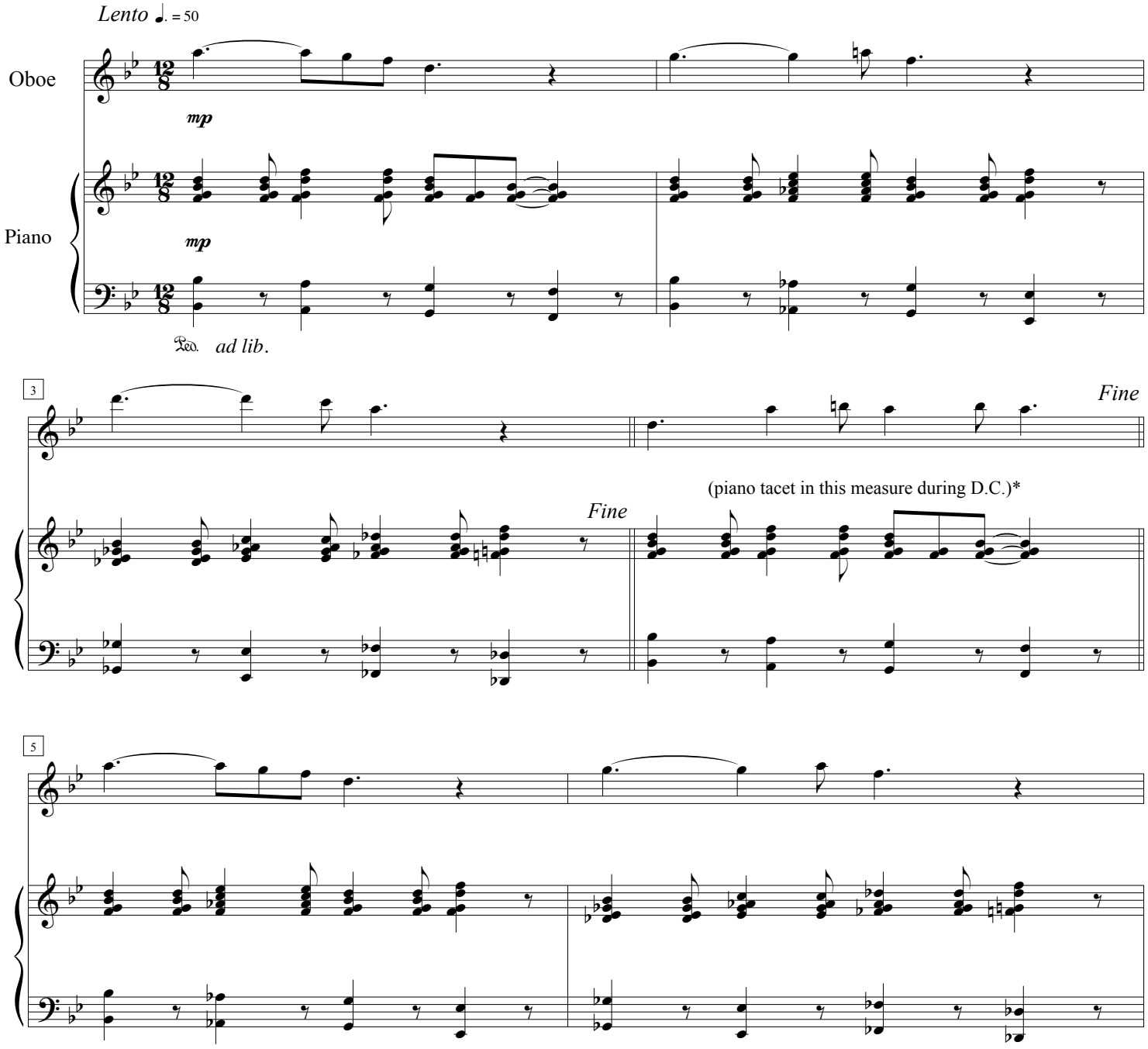
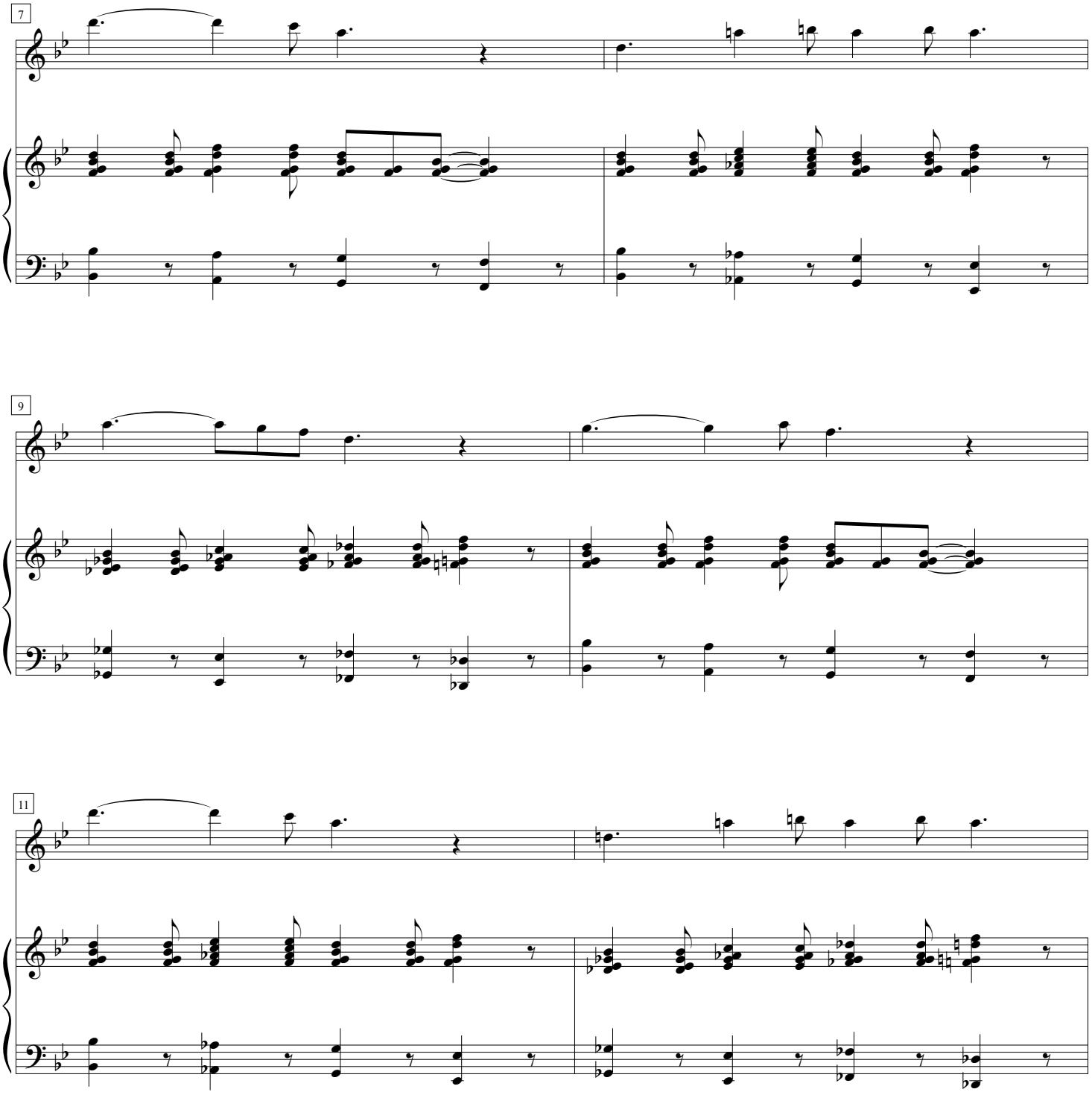
## MENUETTO




* Recapitulation of Menuetto is four measures of music for oboe,
but only three for piano followed by one measure tacet.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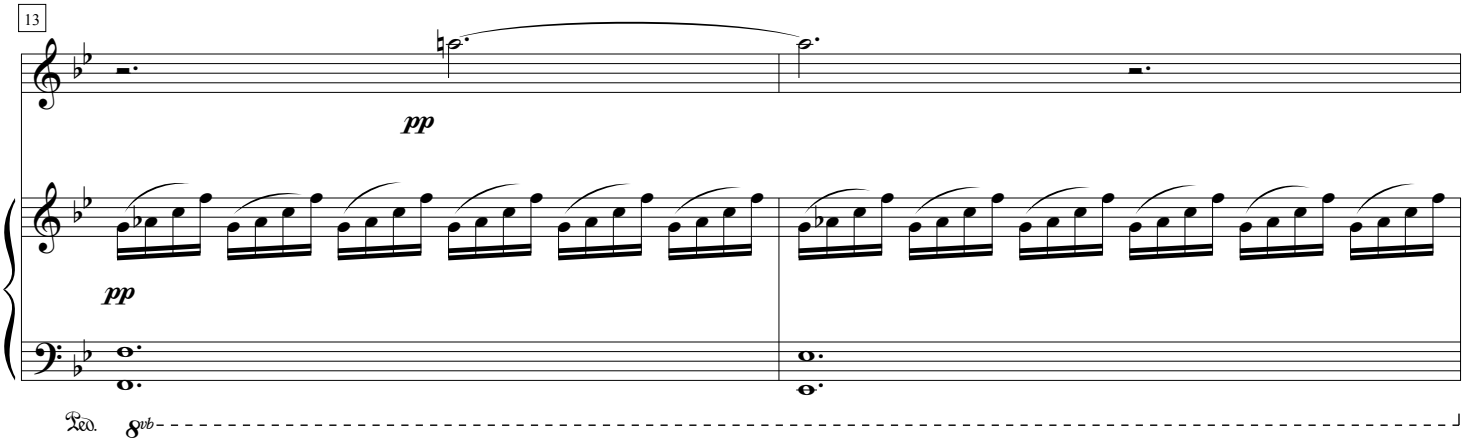
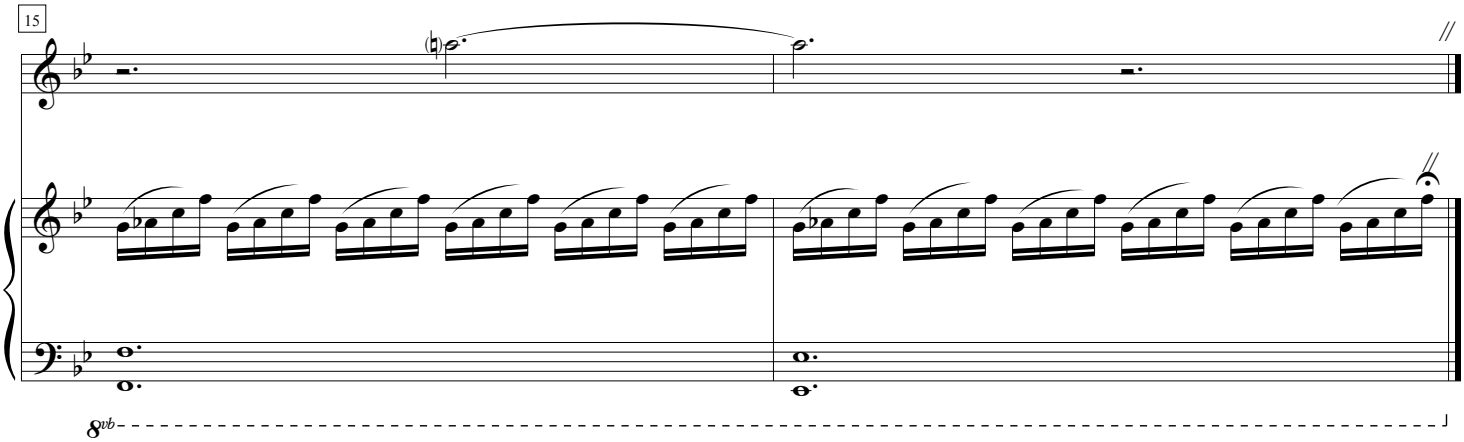

13
pp
pp
Ped.
8vb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8vb

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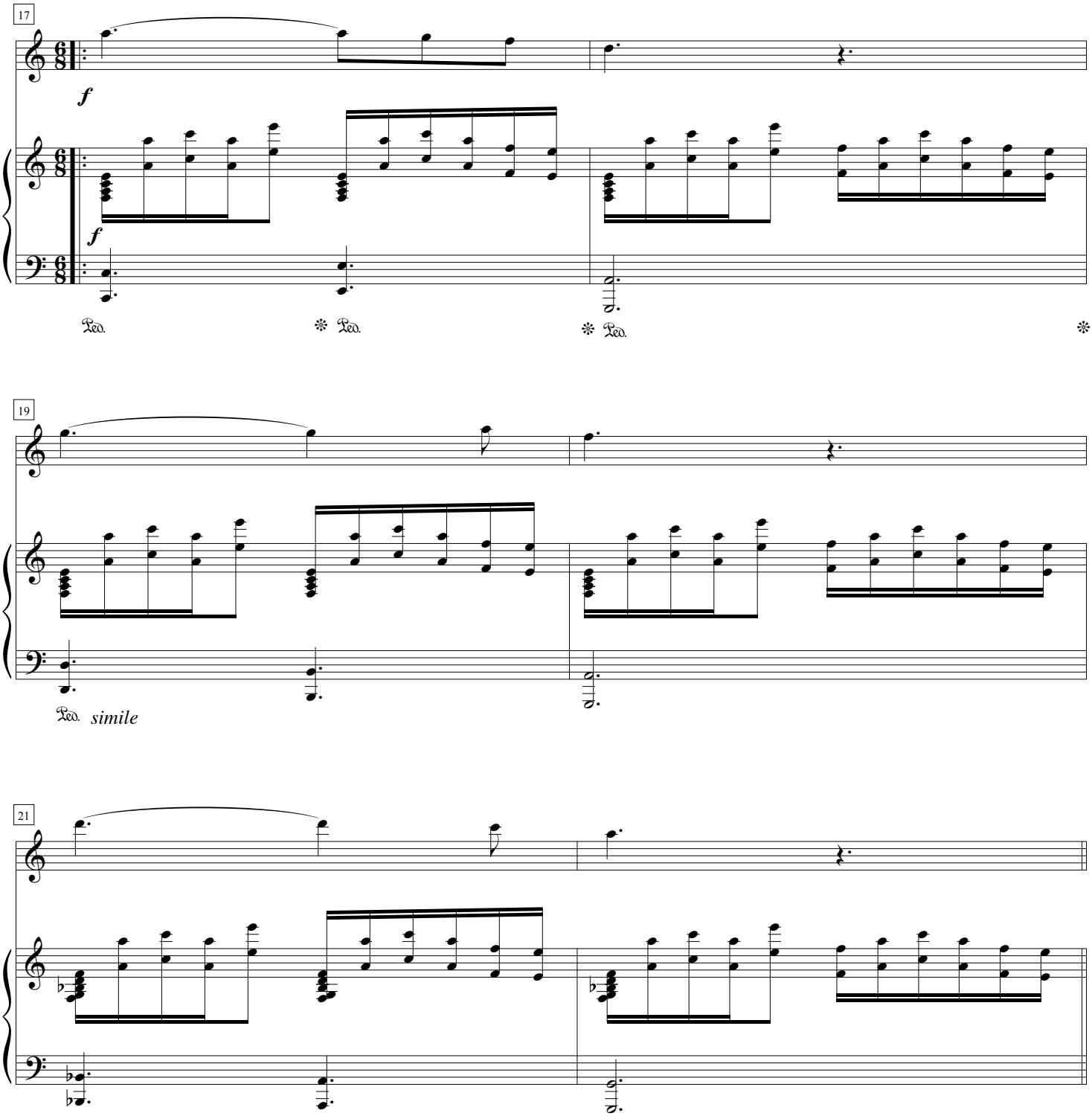

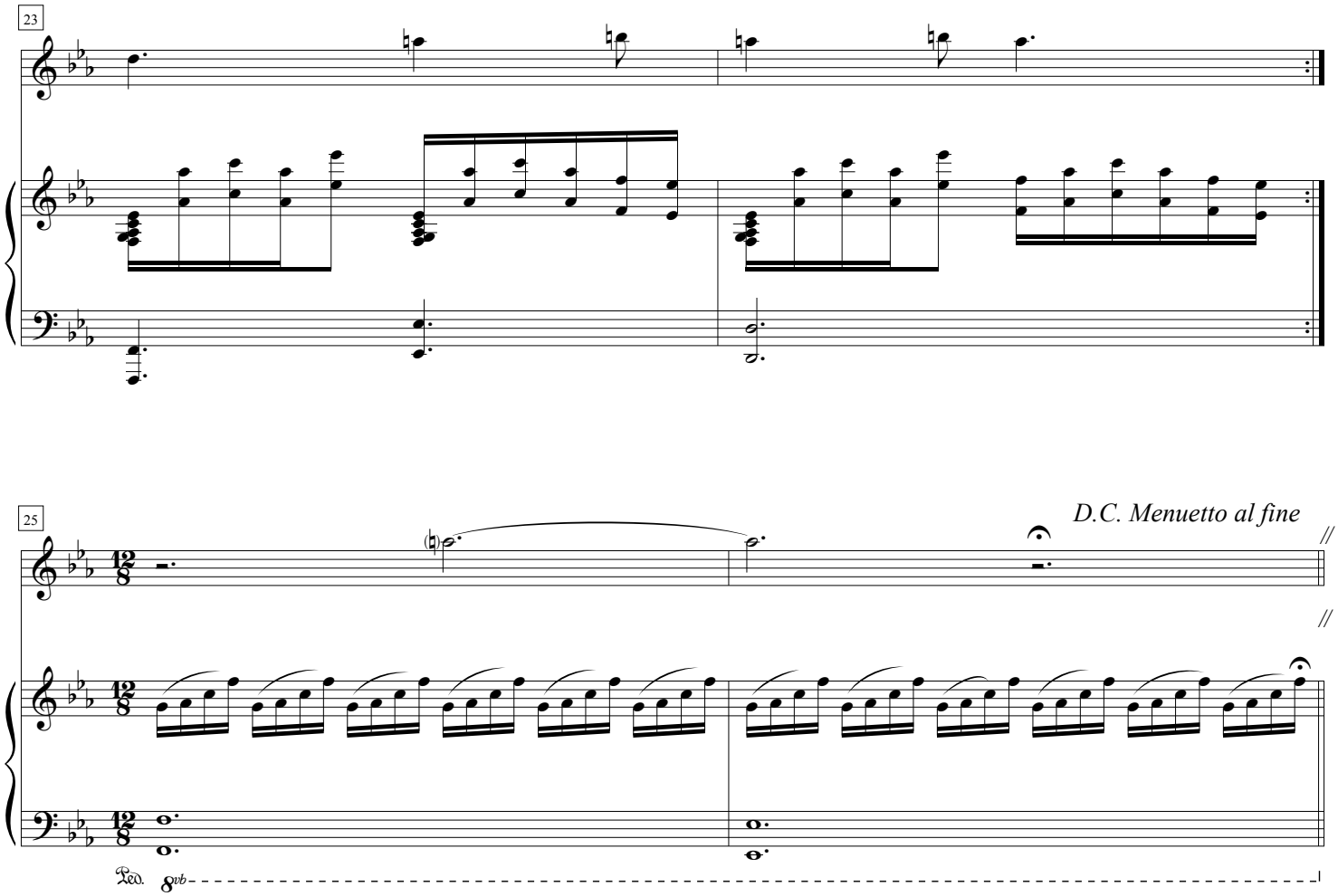
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25
D.C. Menuetto al fine
Ped.
8vb

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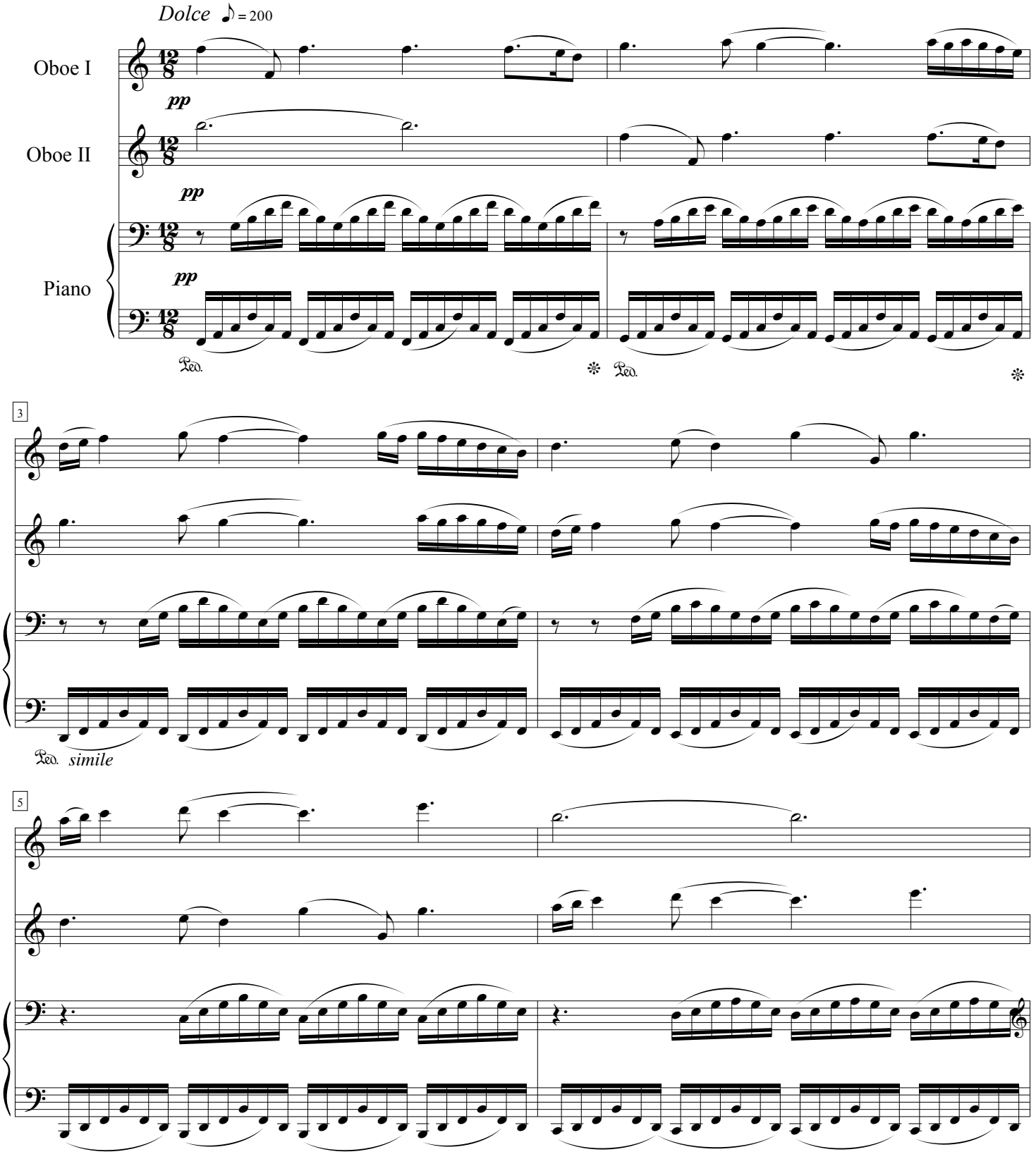

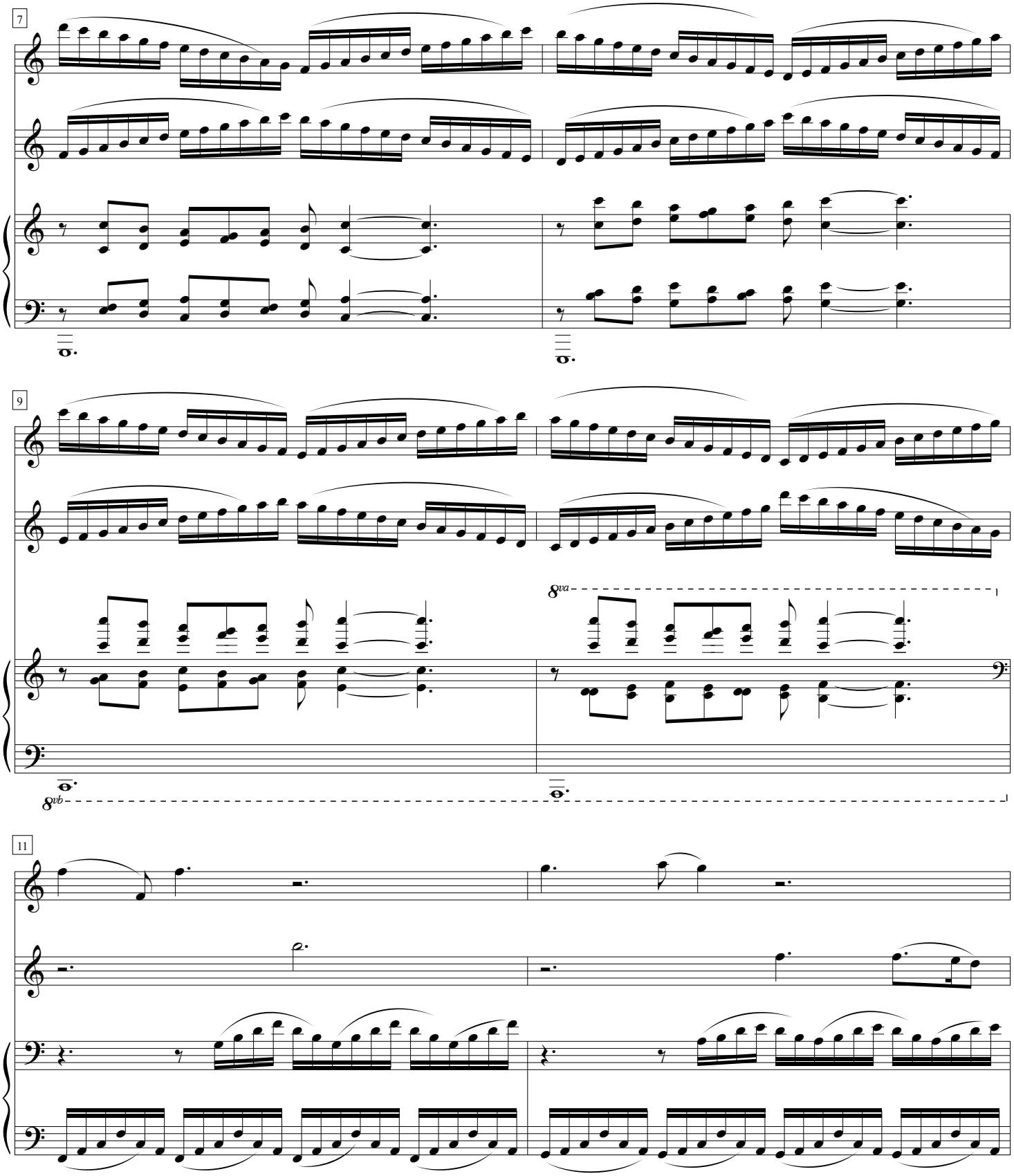
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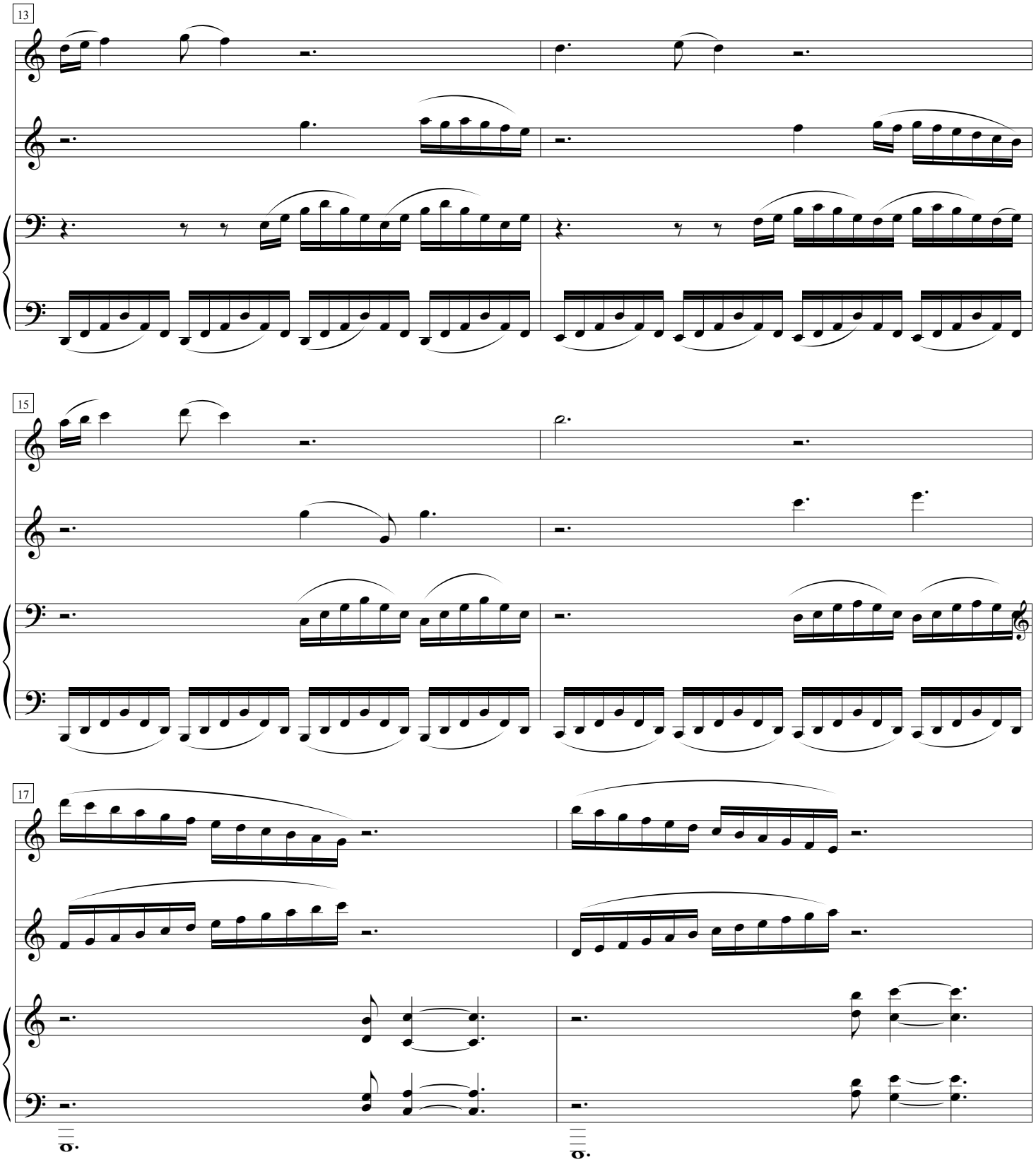
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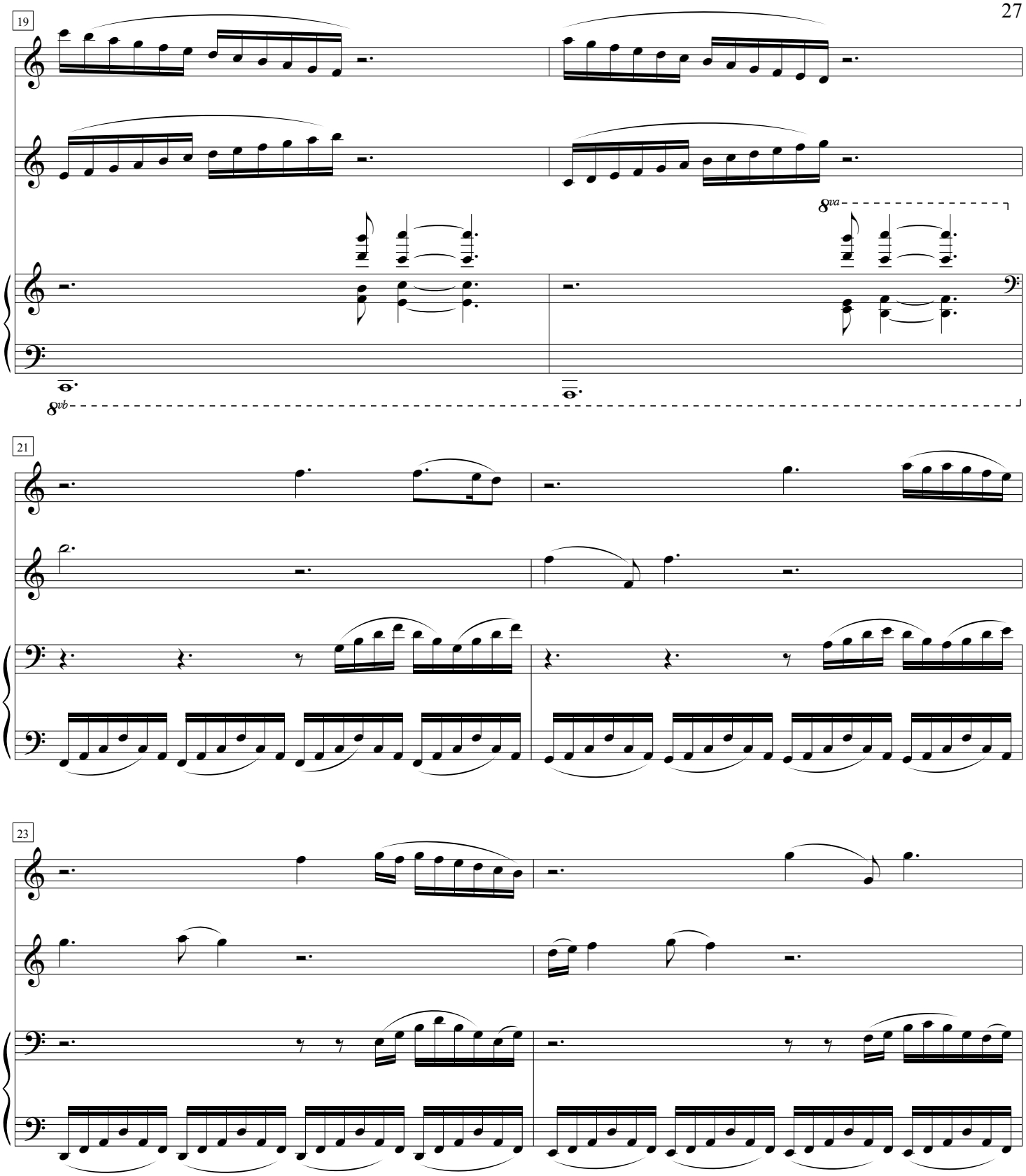
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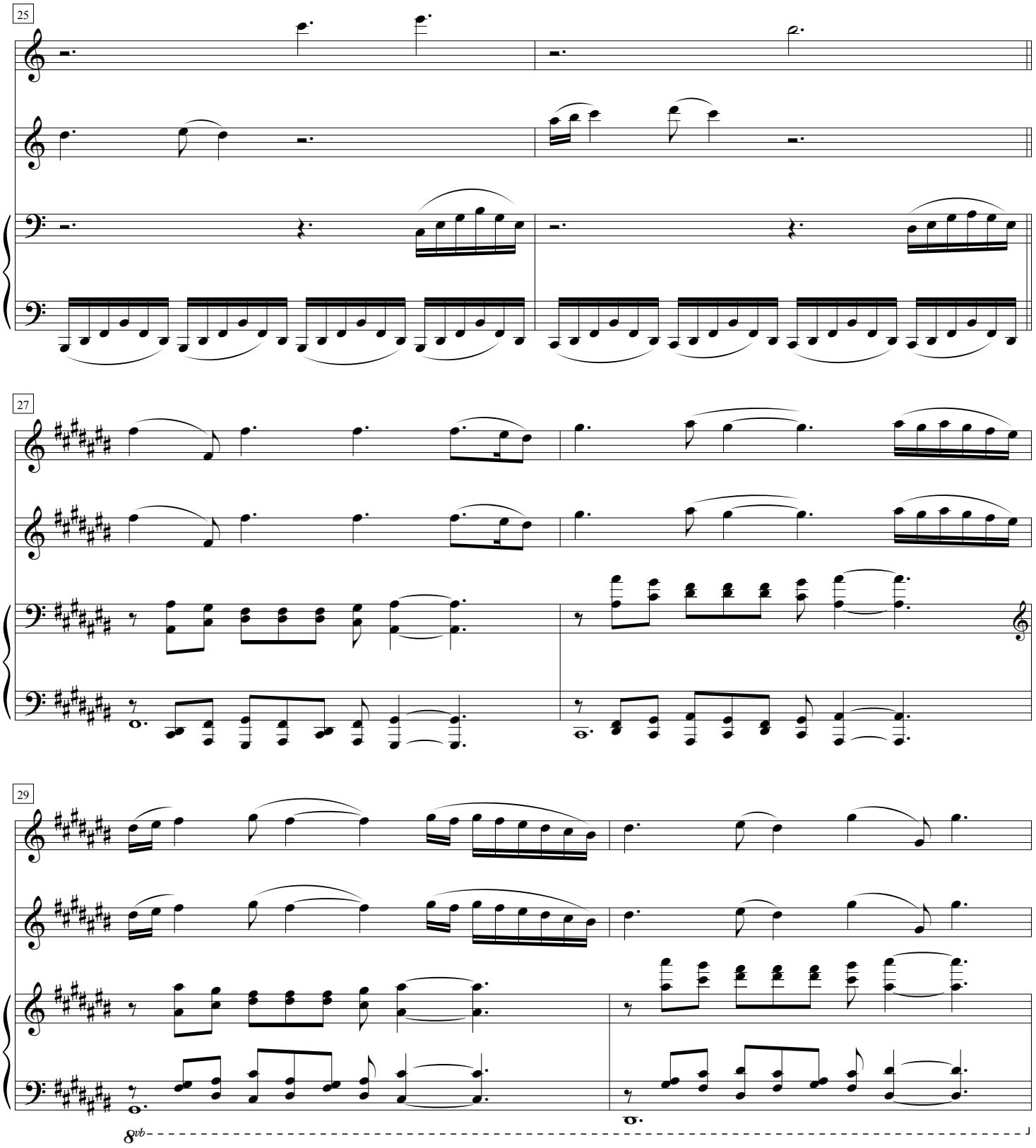
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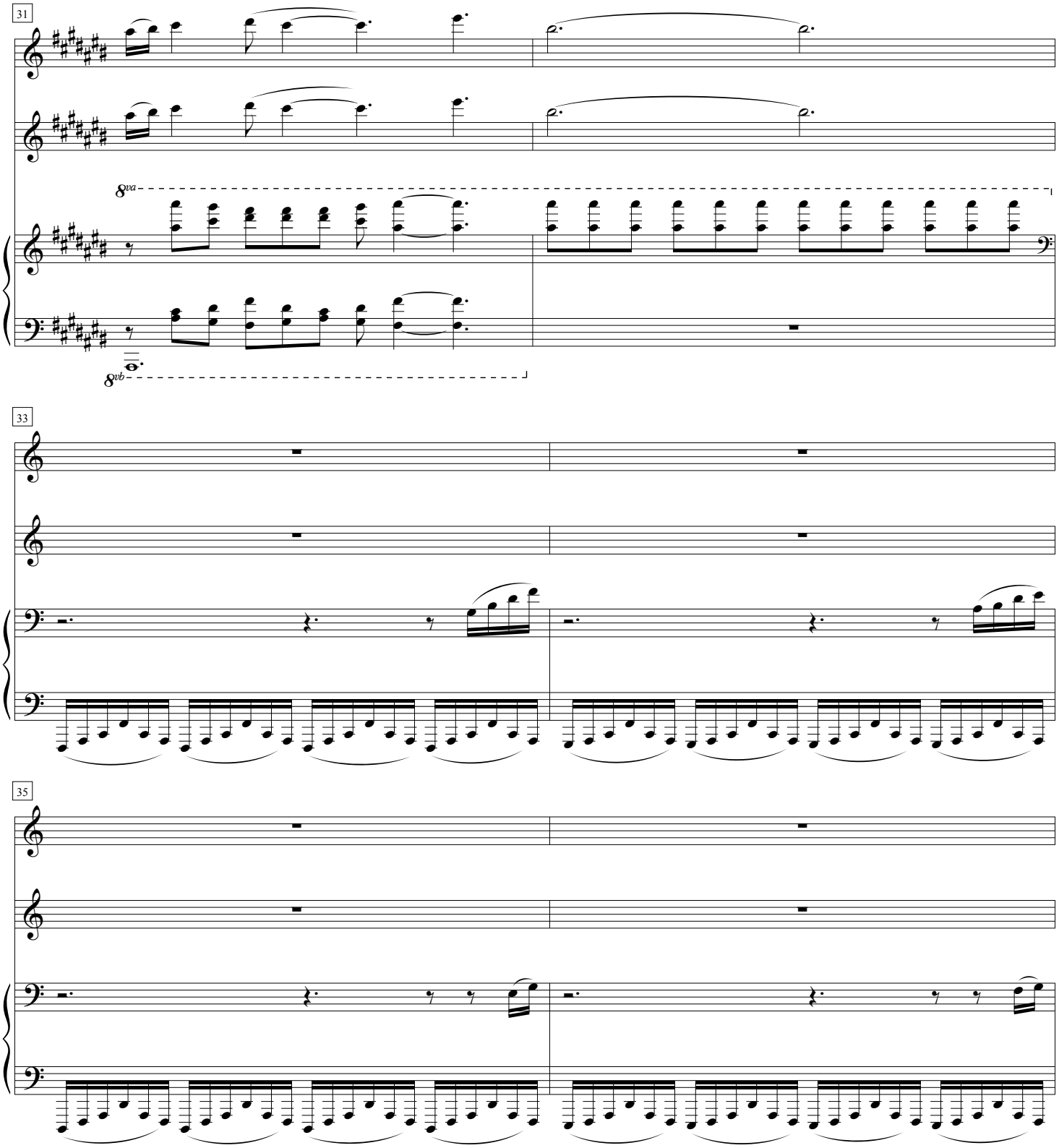
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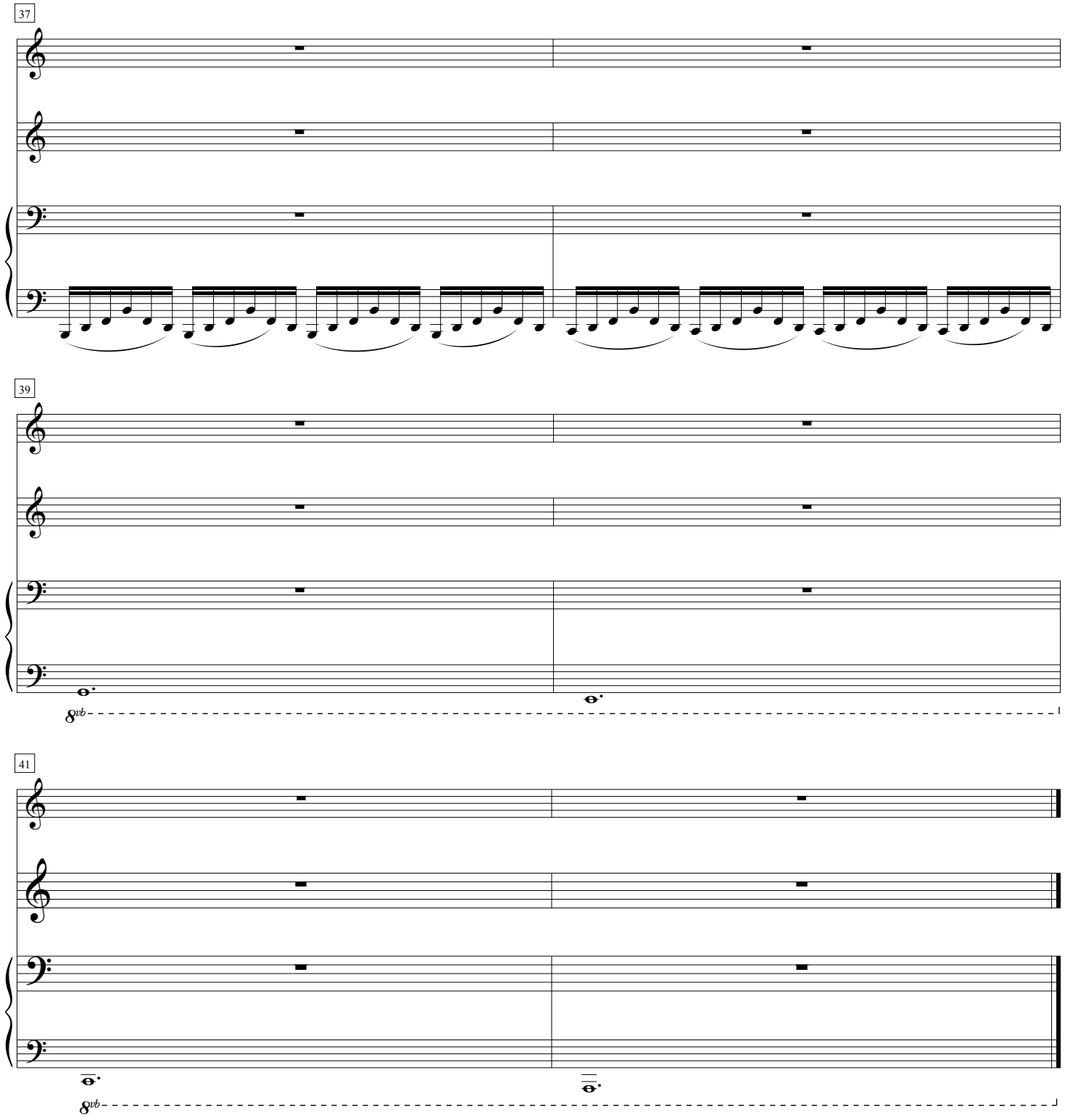
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