Short pieces for young pianists

by

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Simple tunes

1) *The Drummer's March*
2) *Playful Duo*
3) *A Bad Dream*
4) *Ballad*
5) *Hymn*
6) *Abbots Bromley Horn Dance*

Sonata

Notes:

"Abbots Bromley Horn Dance" is an English folk dance dating back to the Middle Ages. The author added the harmony to this tune. All the other pieces in this collection were written by the author from scratch and – to the best of his knowledge – all the melodies are originals.

The tunes were written in different keys to develop the reading skills of the young pianists. The left and right hands are treated on an equal footing (no pun intended) to promote the technical skills of both hands. Humor and emotions are used as part of the development of the musical skills. Children – and parents – will be delighted to show off their skills by playing one of these short pieces in front of a family audience.

The Sonata – as its name implies – is a more demanding work for the students, both in the range of expressions and techniques. However, it is a short piece (4:30 minutes long) and a student completing this task would have learnt a bit about that exceptional period in history that gave us the music of Beethoven. Its second slow movement is typical Bach.

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The Drummer's March

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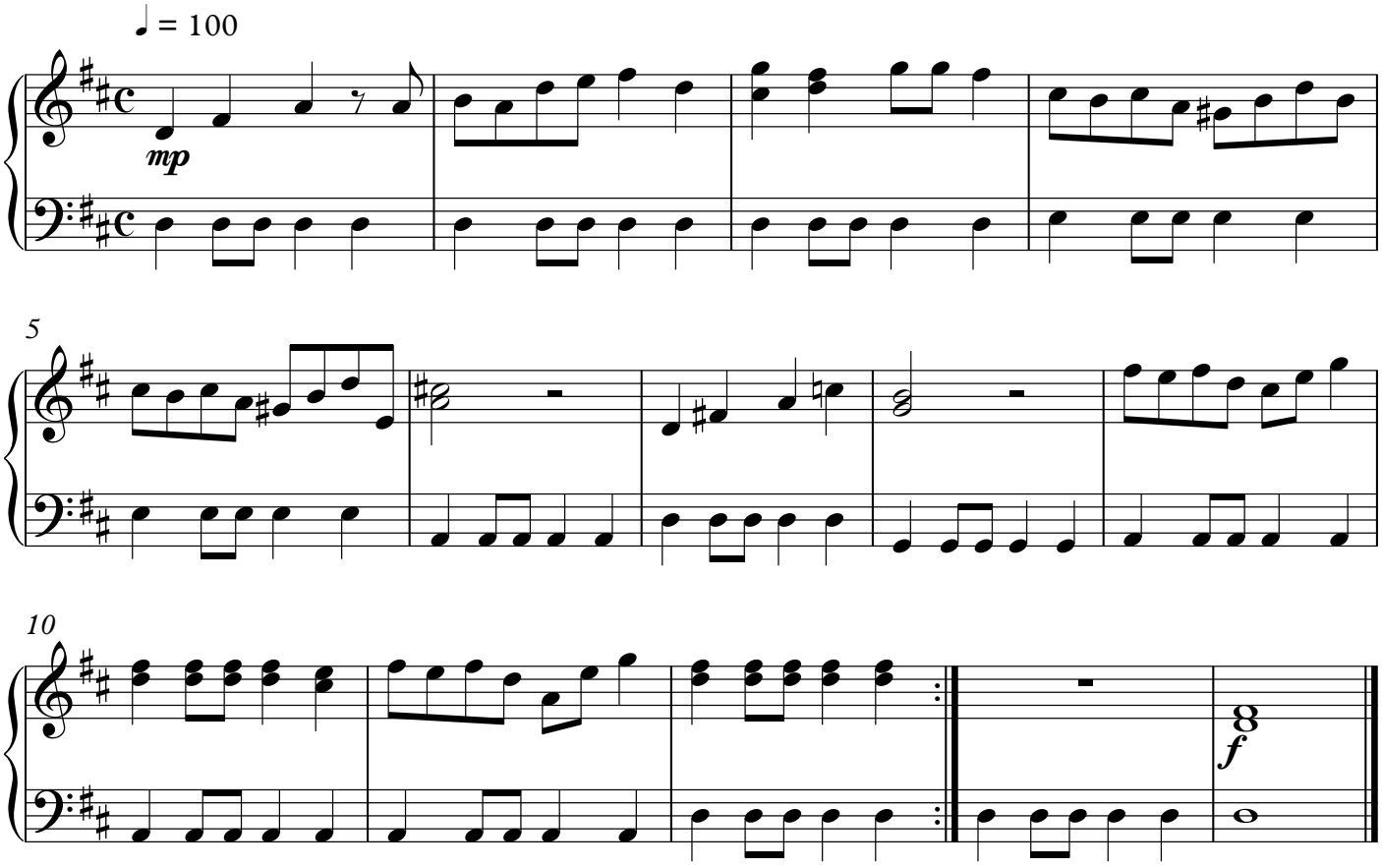

The enthusiastic drummer got carried away and wanted to repeat the tune once more, but the conductor said 'no' with a resounding chord that finished the piece.

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Playful duo

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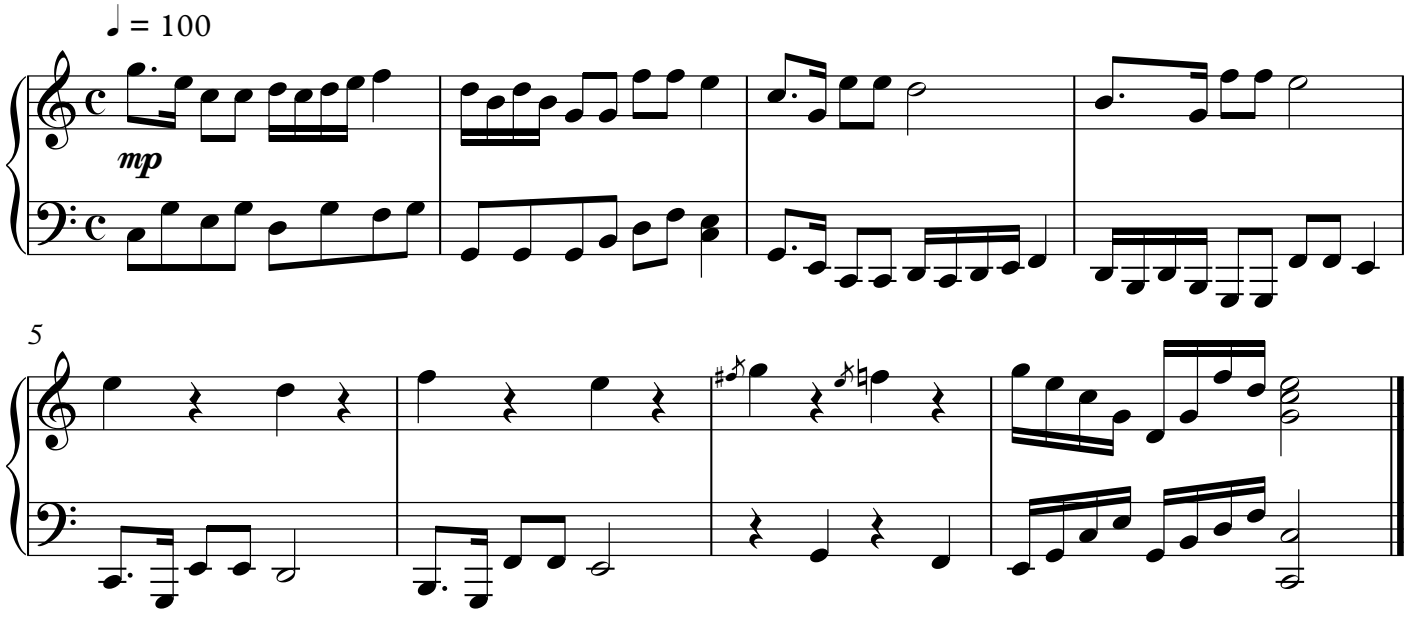

A playful dialog between two children called "Treble" and "Bass". Bass decides to mock Treble by repeating every word it says. Treble notices that something funny is going on and begins making short pauses followed by isolated tones, to check if indeed his playmate is imitating it. In the last measure, having both realized what is going on, they finish this time playing together and making peace.

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A bad dream

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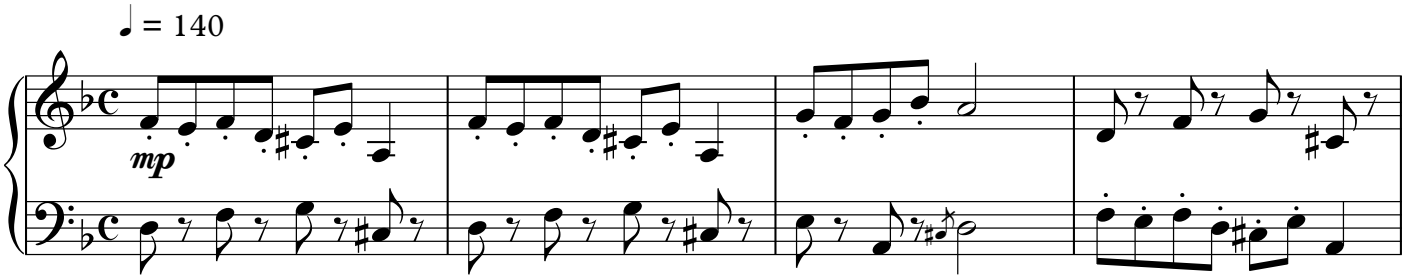
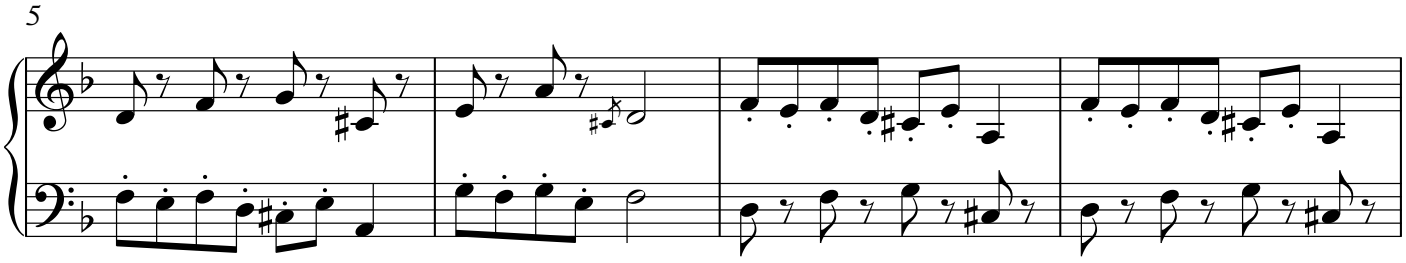
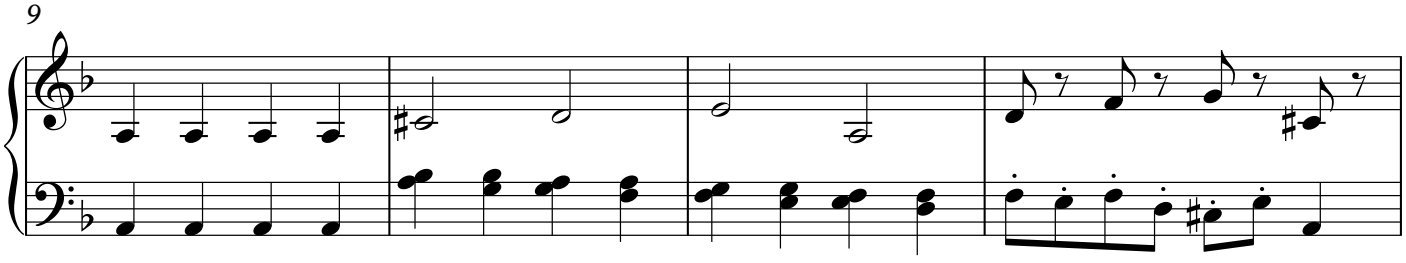
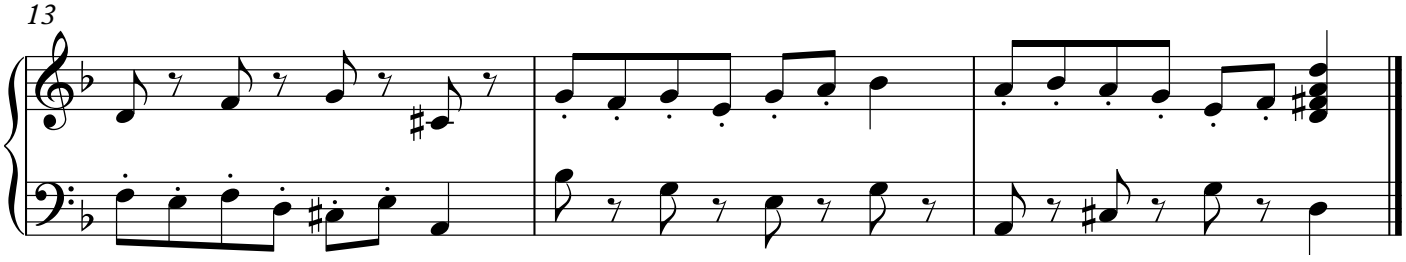


Running nervously back and forth - always late to school ...





Disaster strikes !! I forgot that book ... Running back home



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Wake up !! Says mom.
You are late to school !

Ballad

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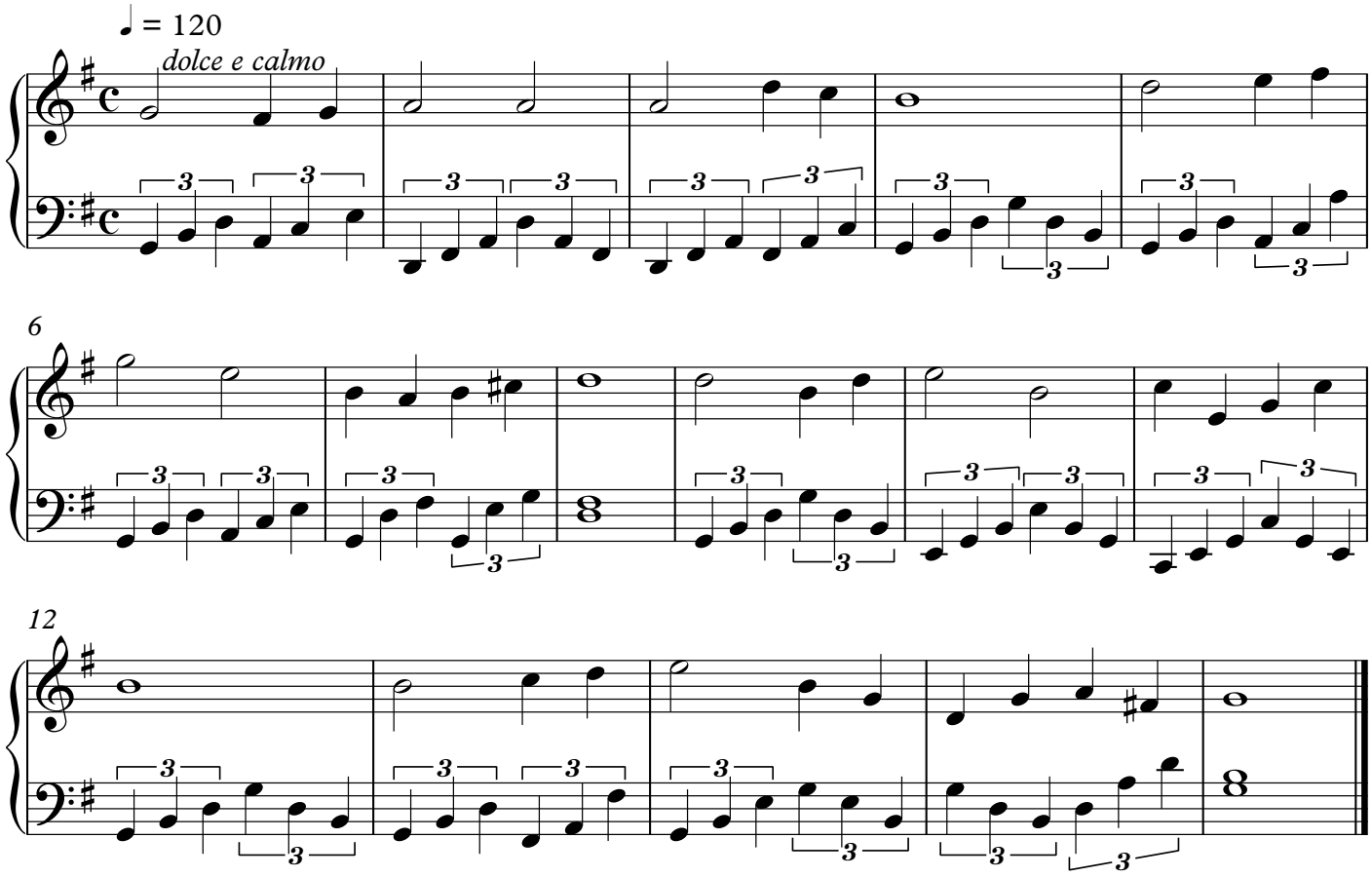

From the dictionary:

Ballad: a romantic song or poem

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Hymn

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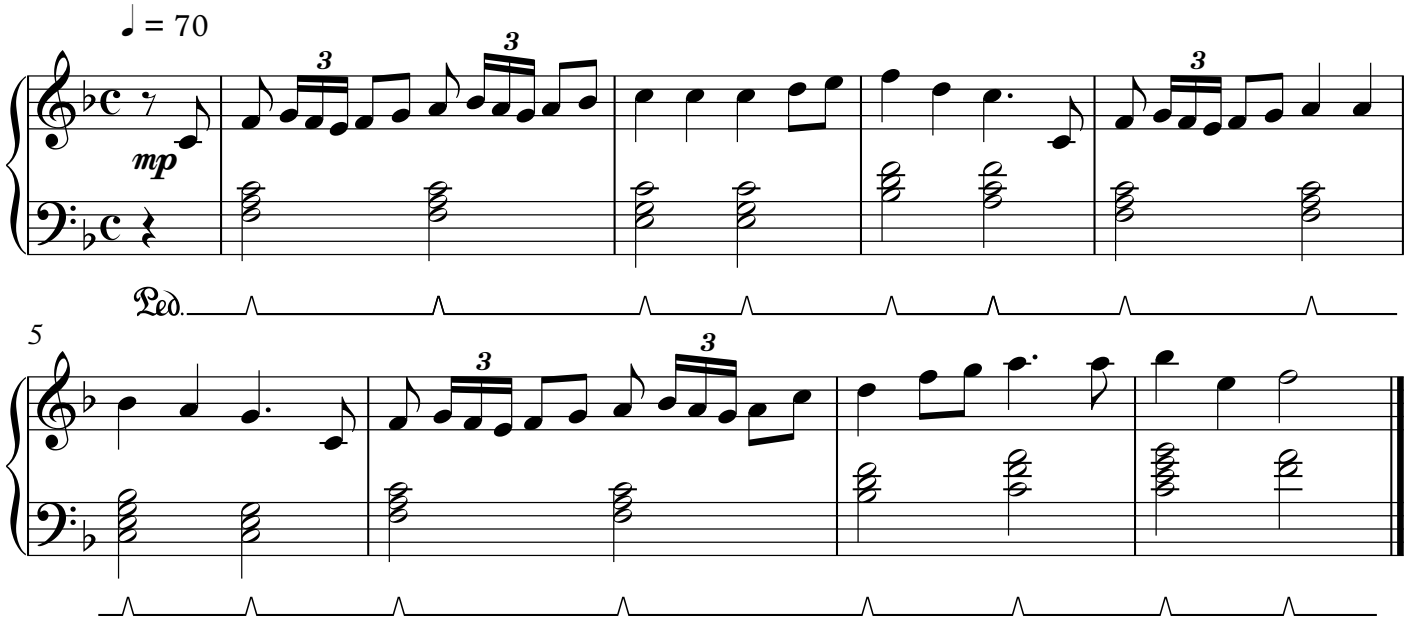

Let us say thanks and celebrate !

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Abbots Bromley Horn Dance

Traditional English folk dance
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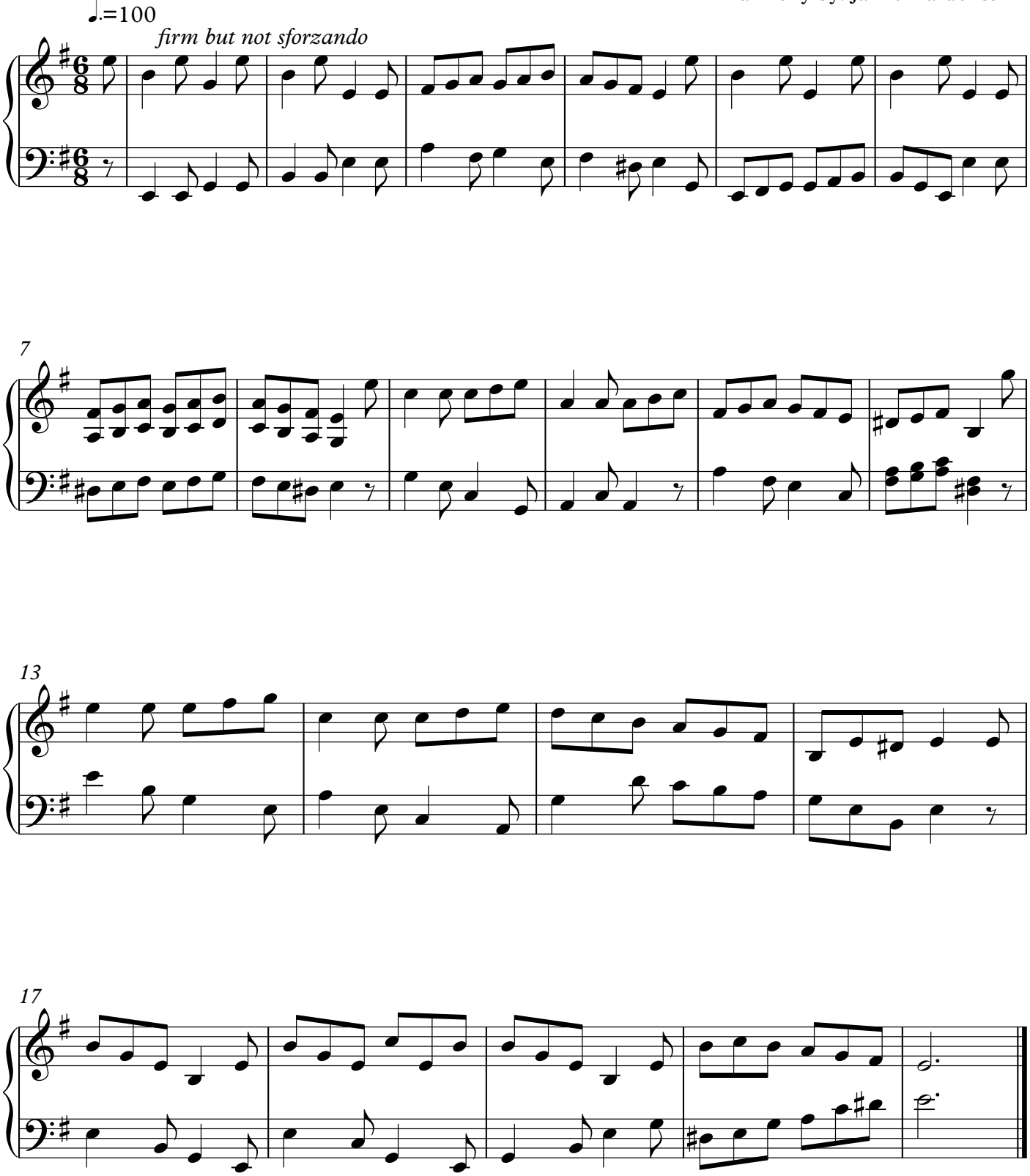

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Sonata

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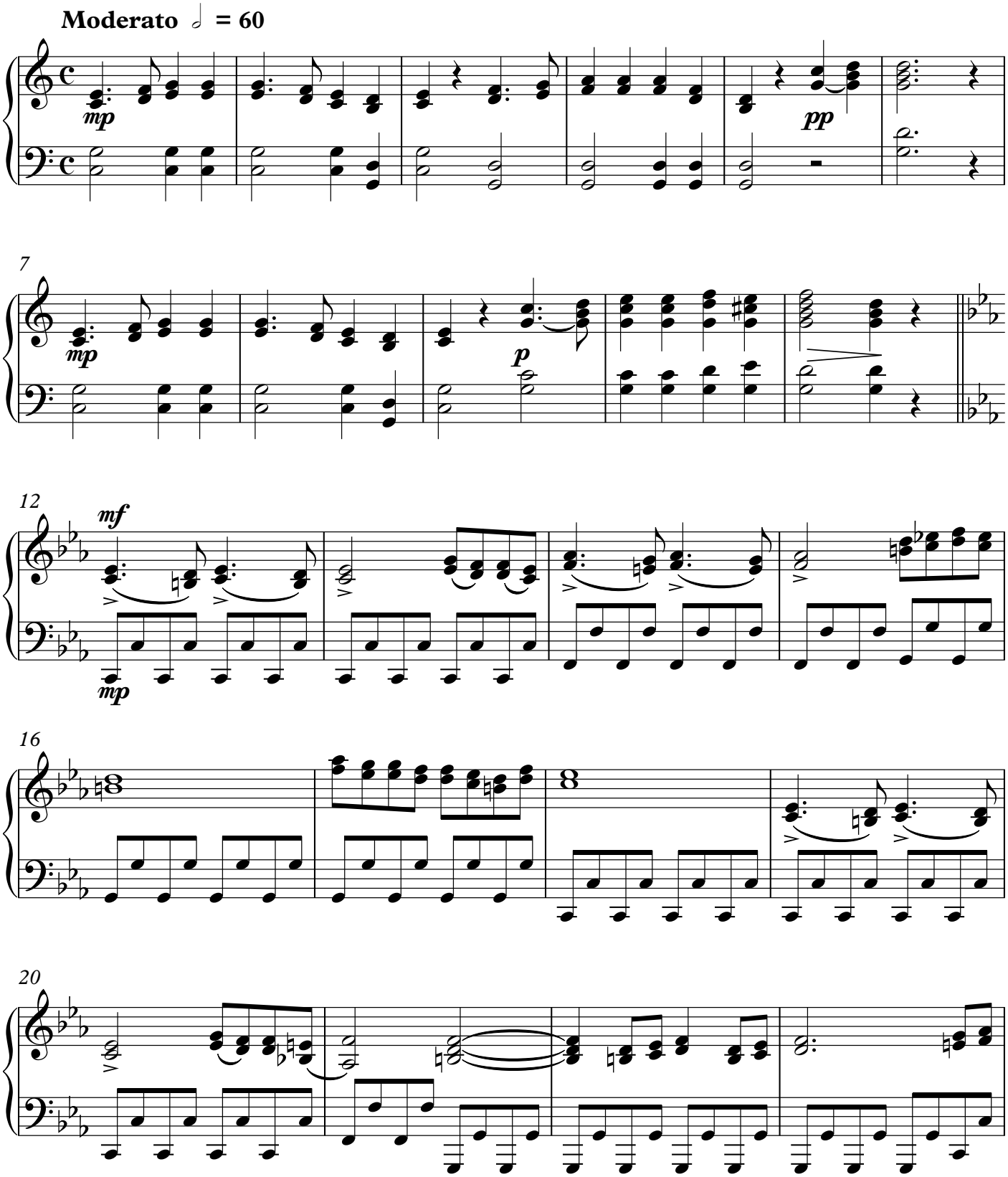

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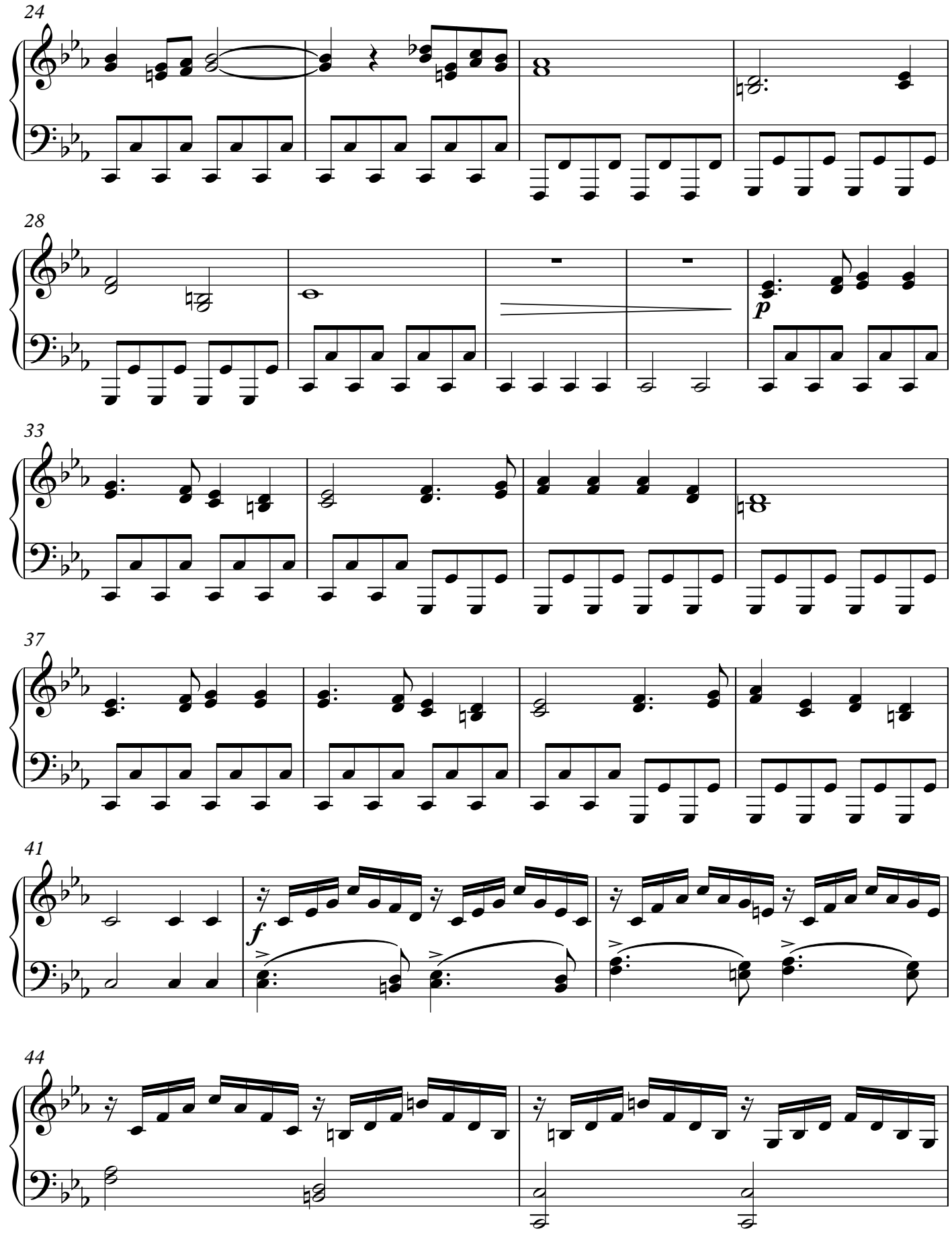
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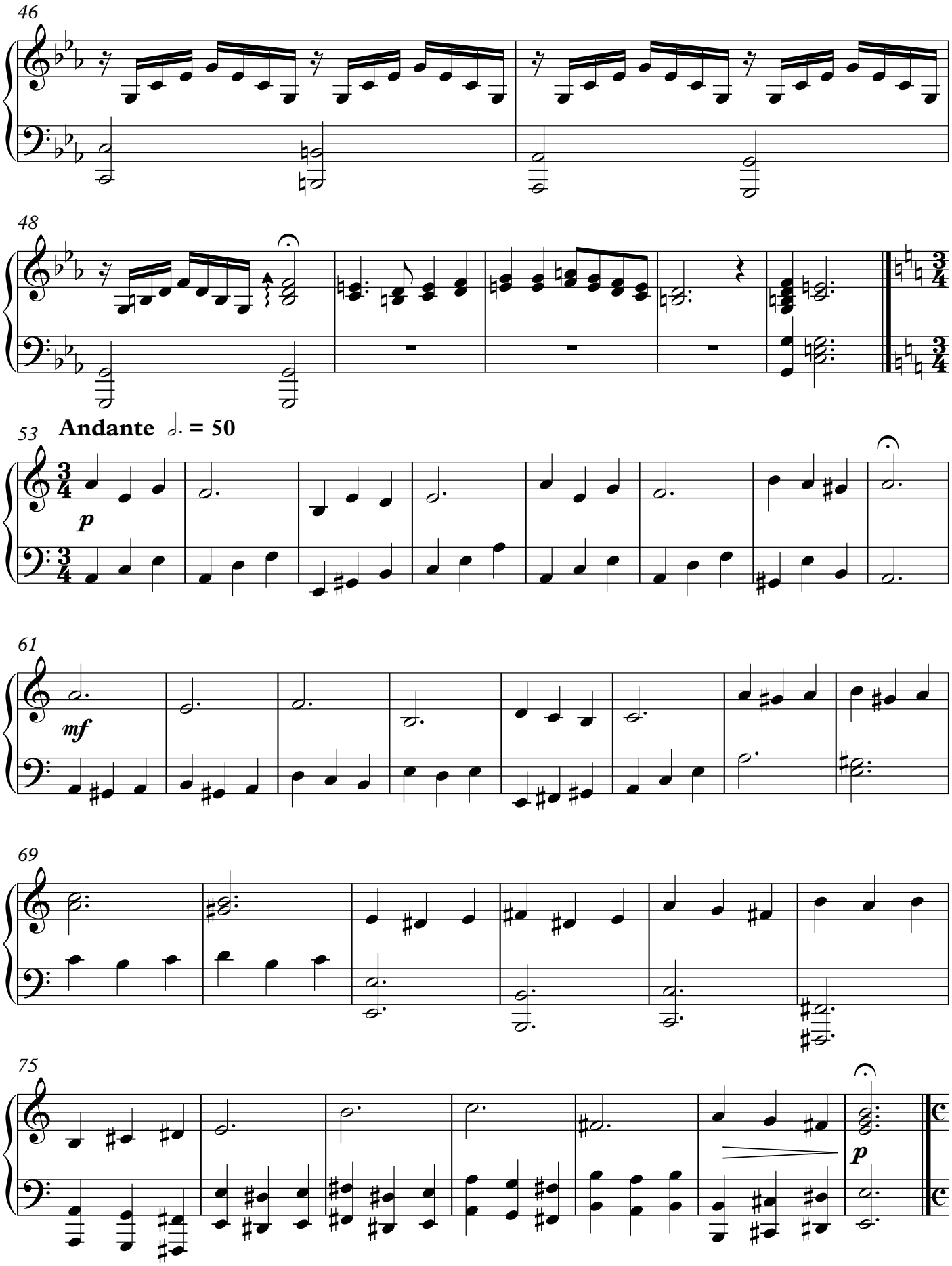
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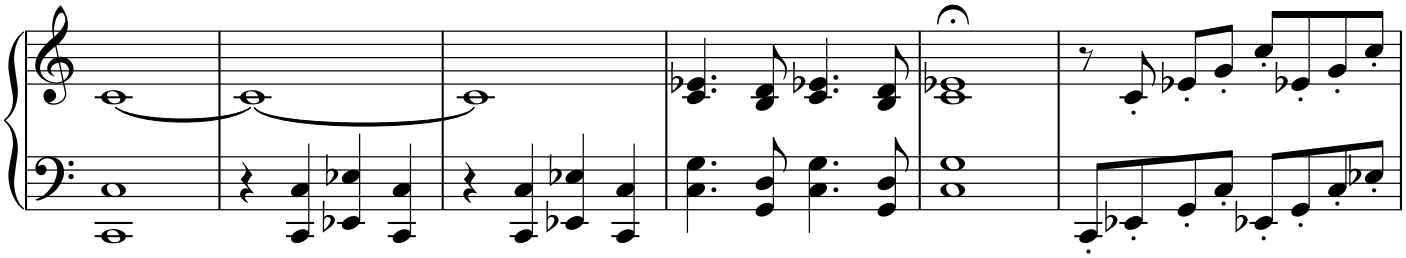

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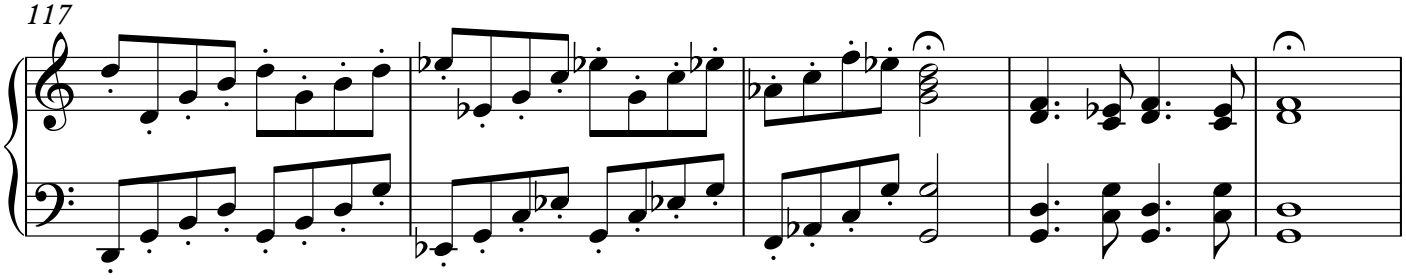

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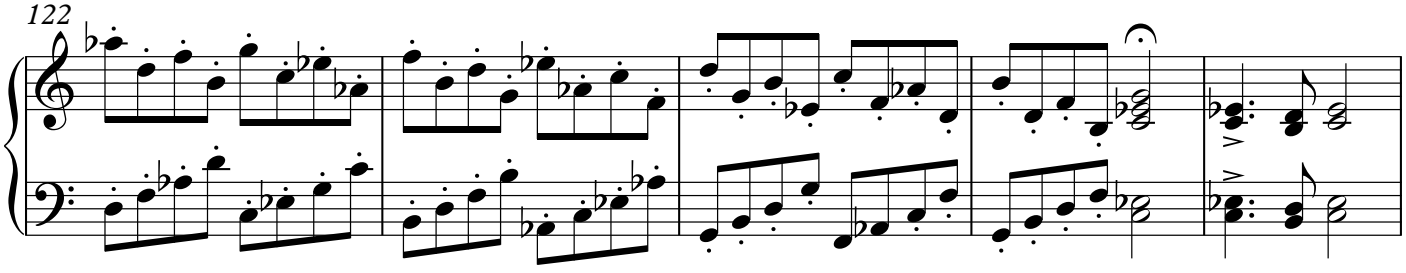

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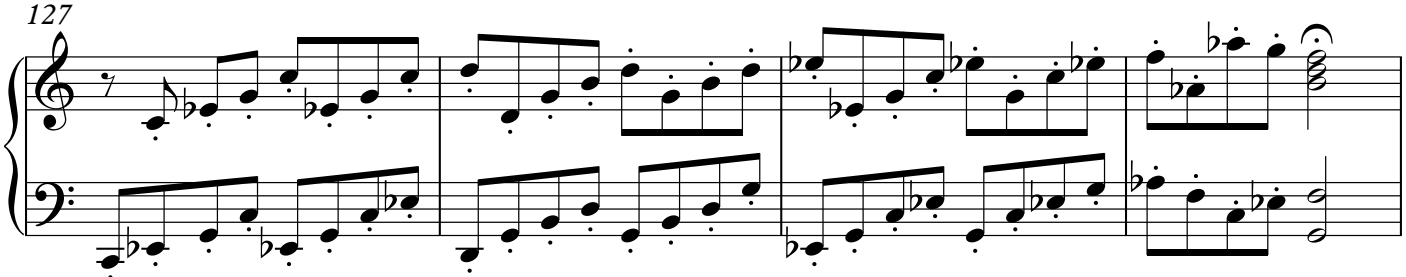

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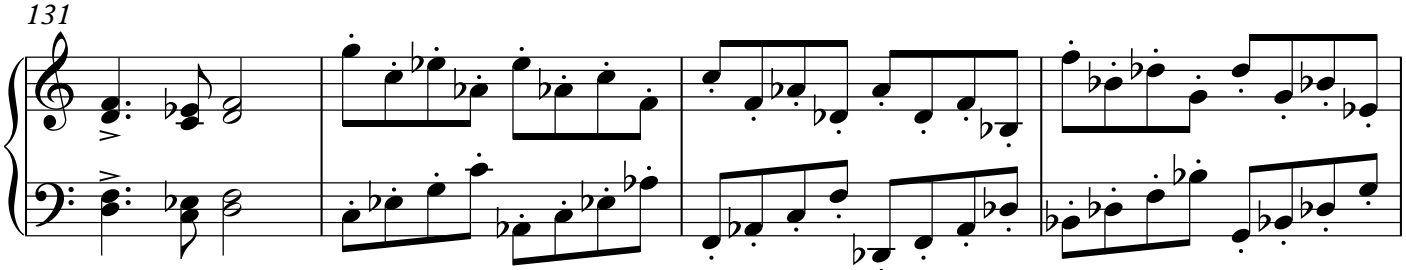

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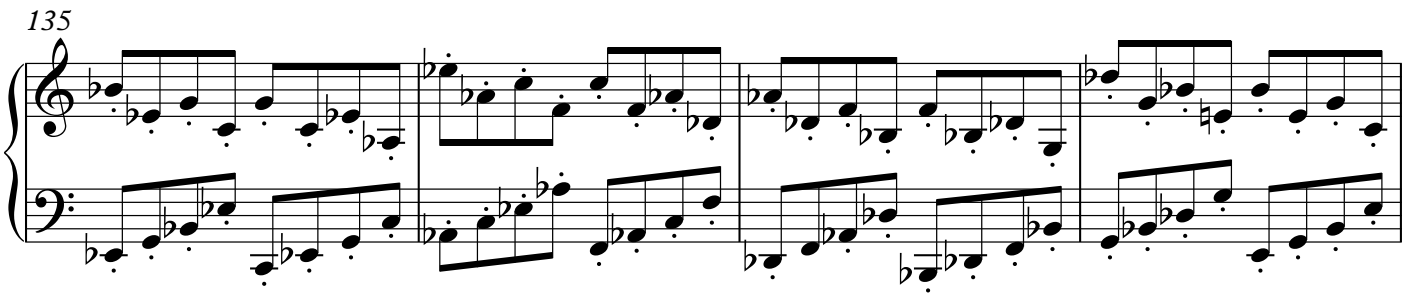

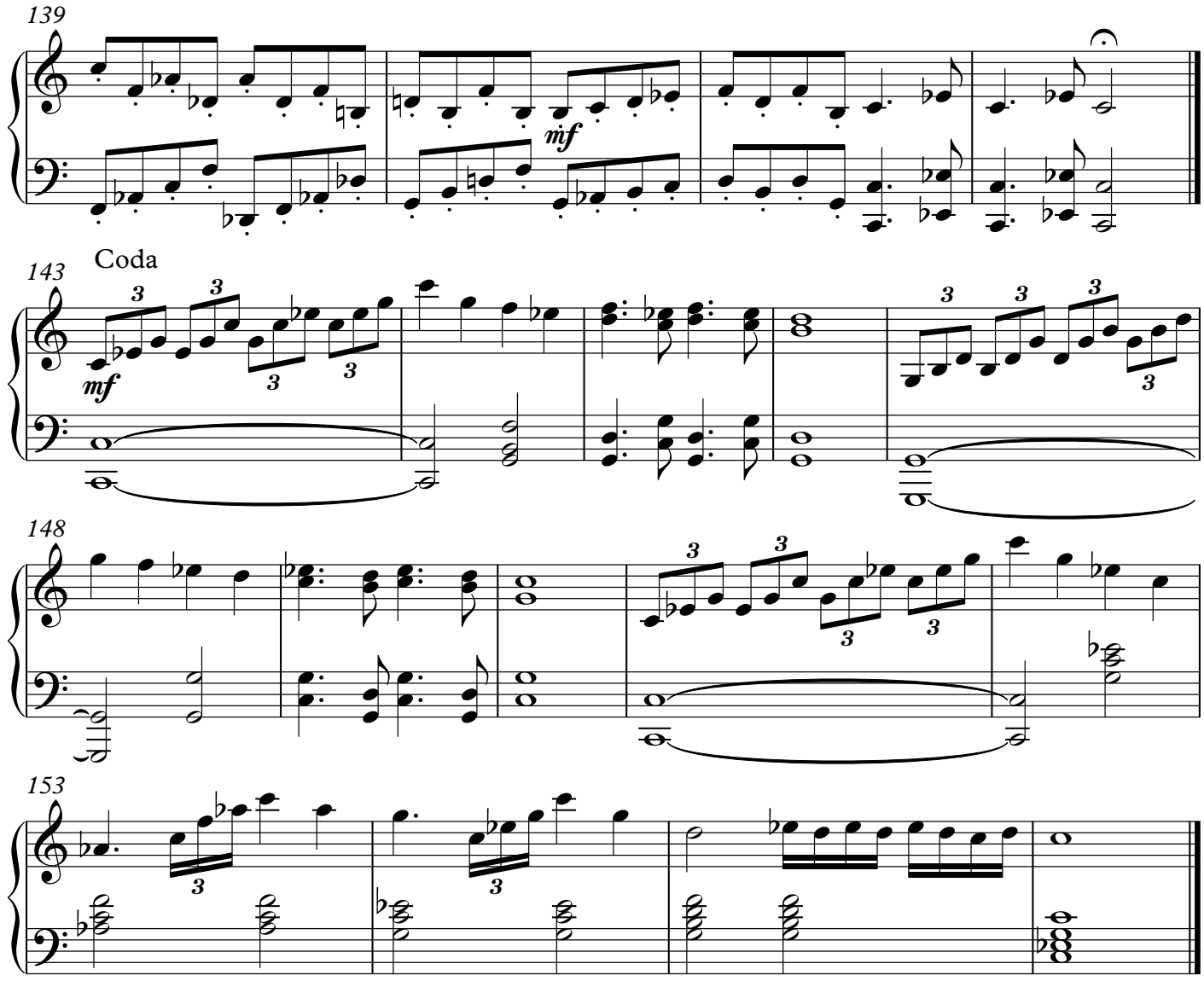
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