BABEL Op. 47

Mark Alburger

New Music

MARK ALBURGER (b. 1957)

Op. 47 BABEL (December 1, 1992)

For Chorus (SATB) and Orchestra
(3333 3321 hp timp strings)
I. And the whole earth
II. Behold, they are one
III. And the Lord scattered them

Performances:

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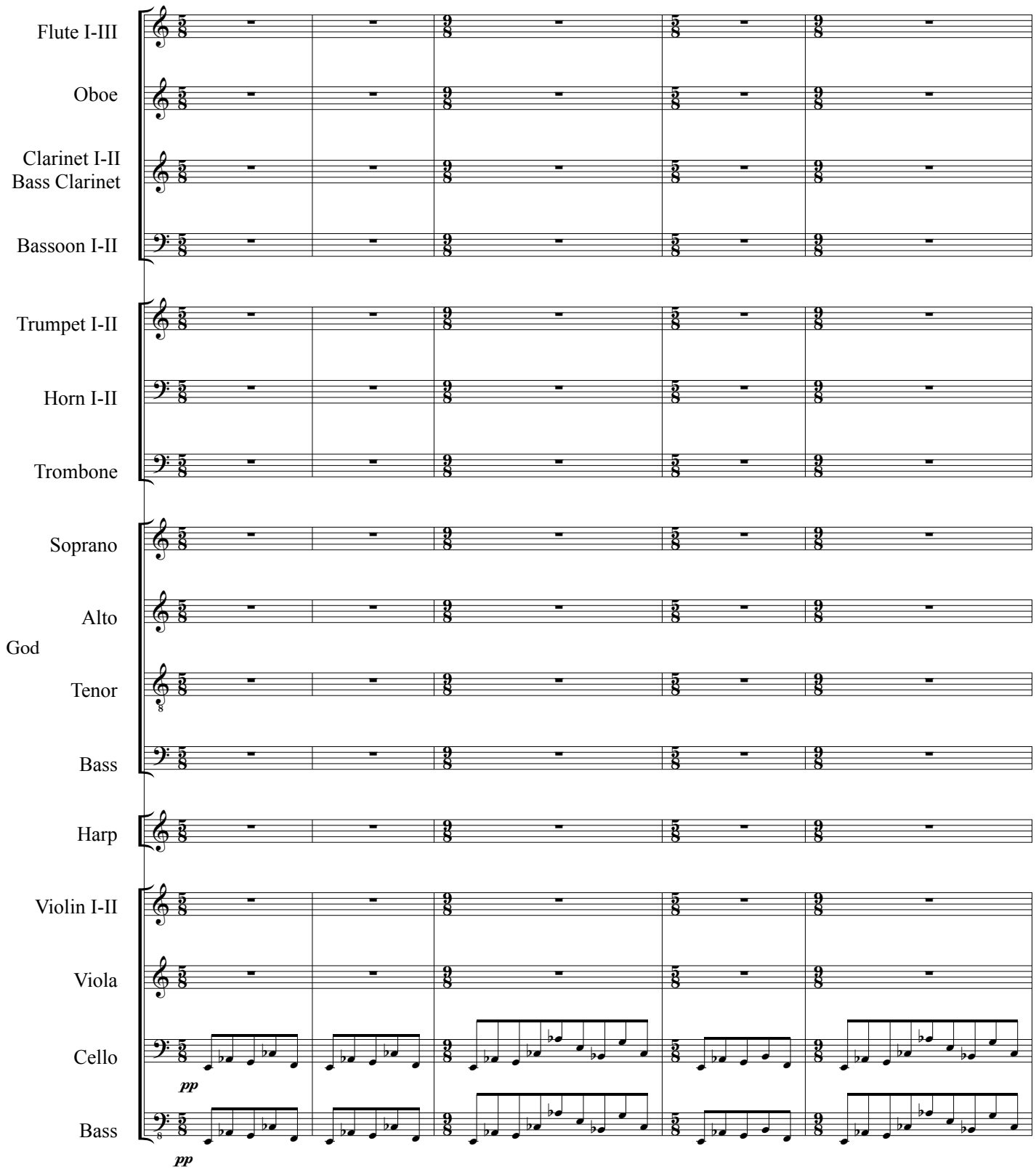
I. And the whole earth

Allegro ♪ = 350



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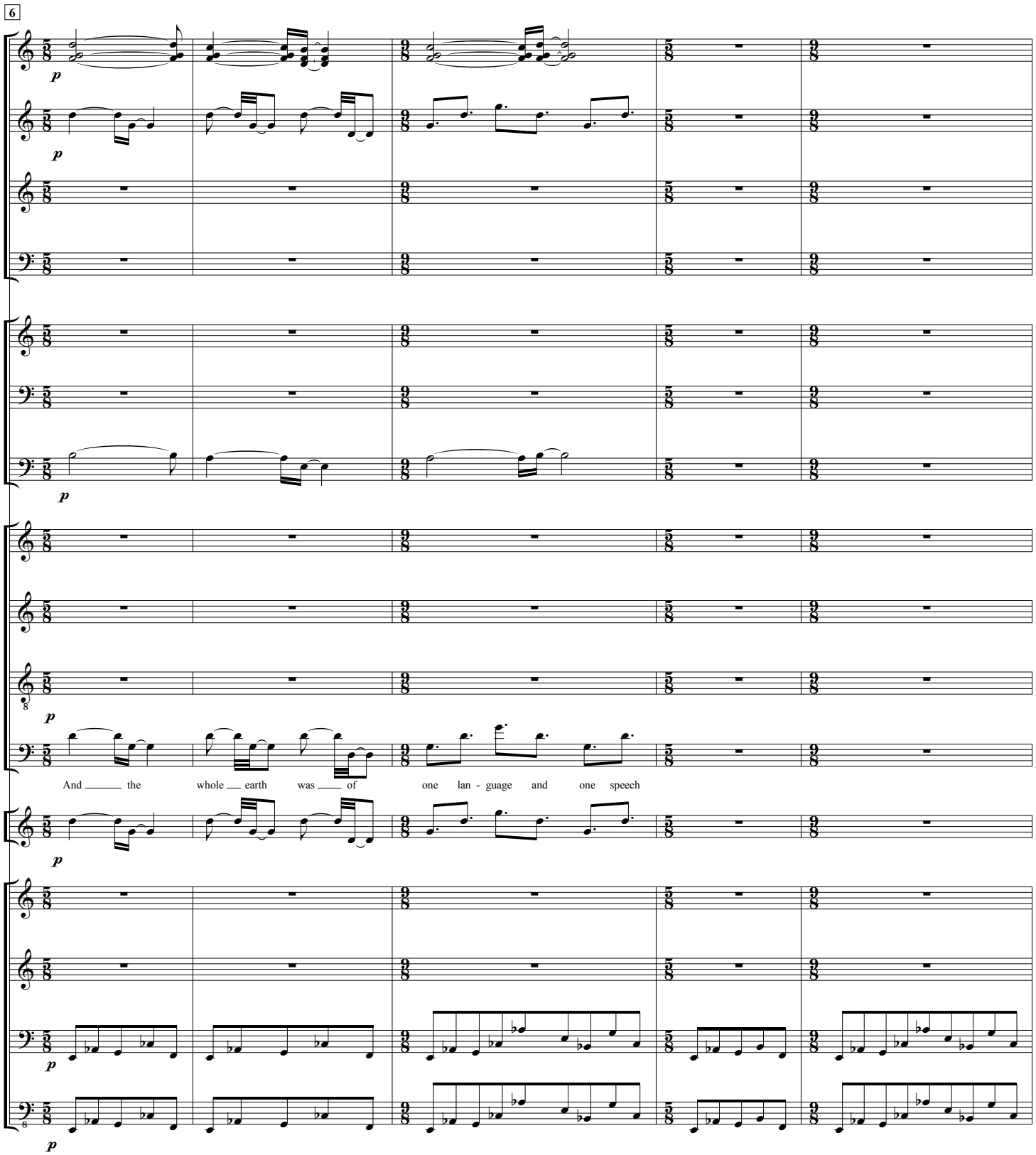
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And the whole earth was of one lan - guage and one speech
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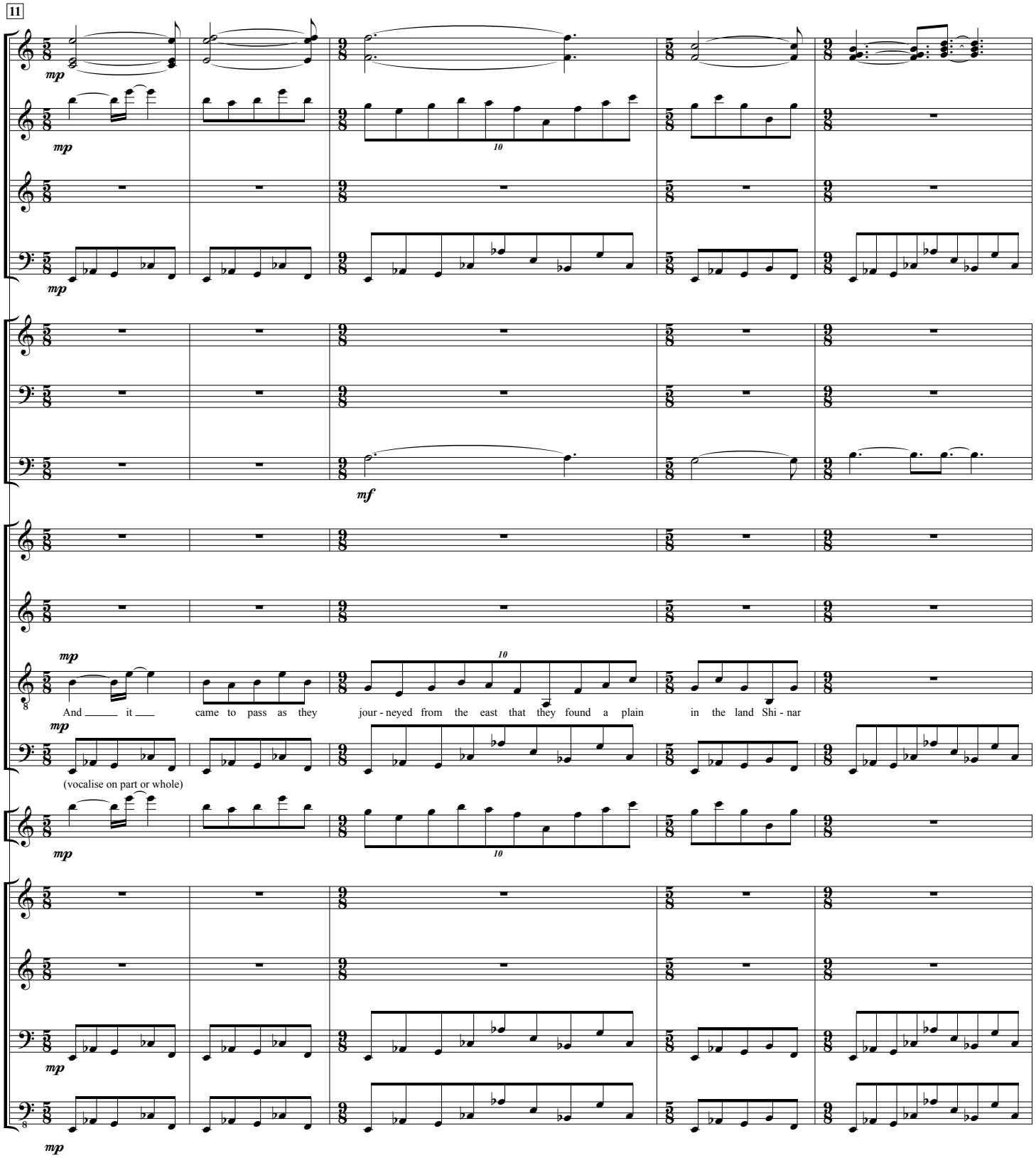
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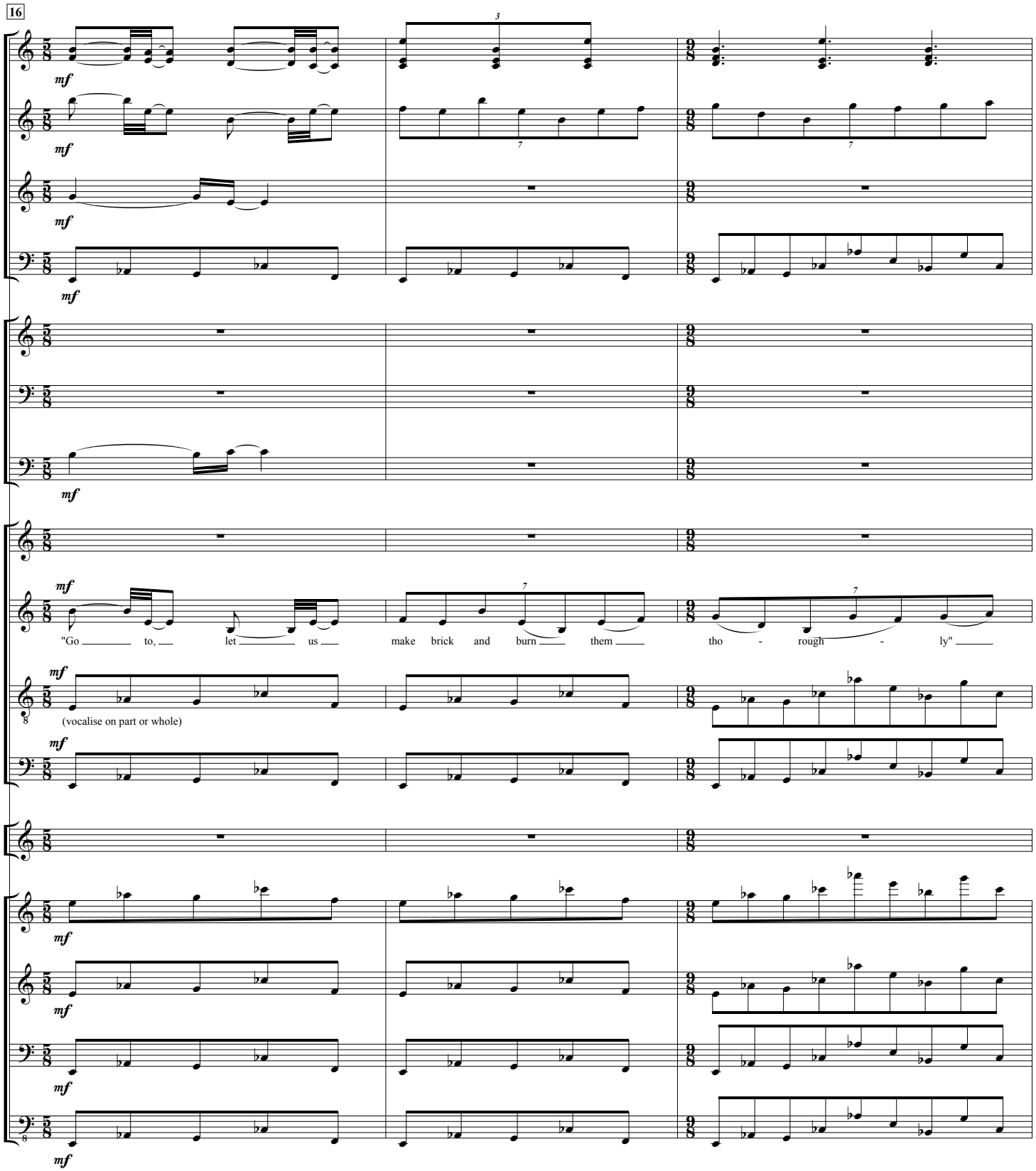
And ___ it ___ came to pass as they jour - neyed from the east that they found a plain in the land Shi - nar
(vocalise on part or whole)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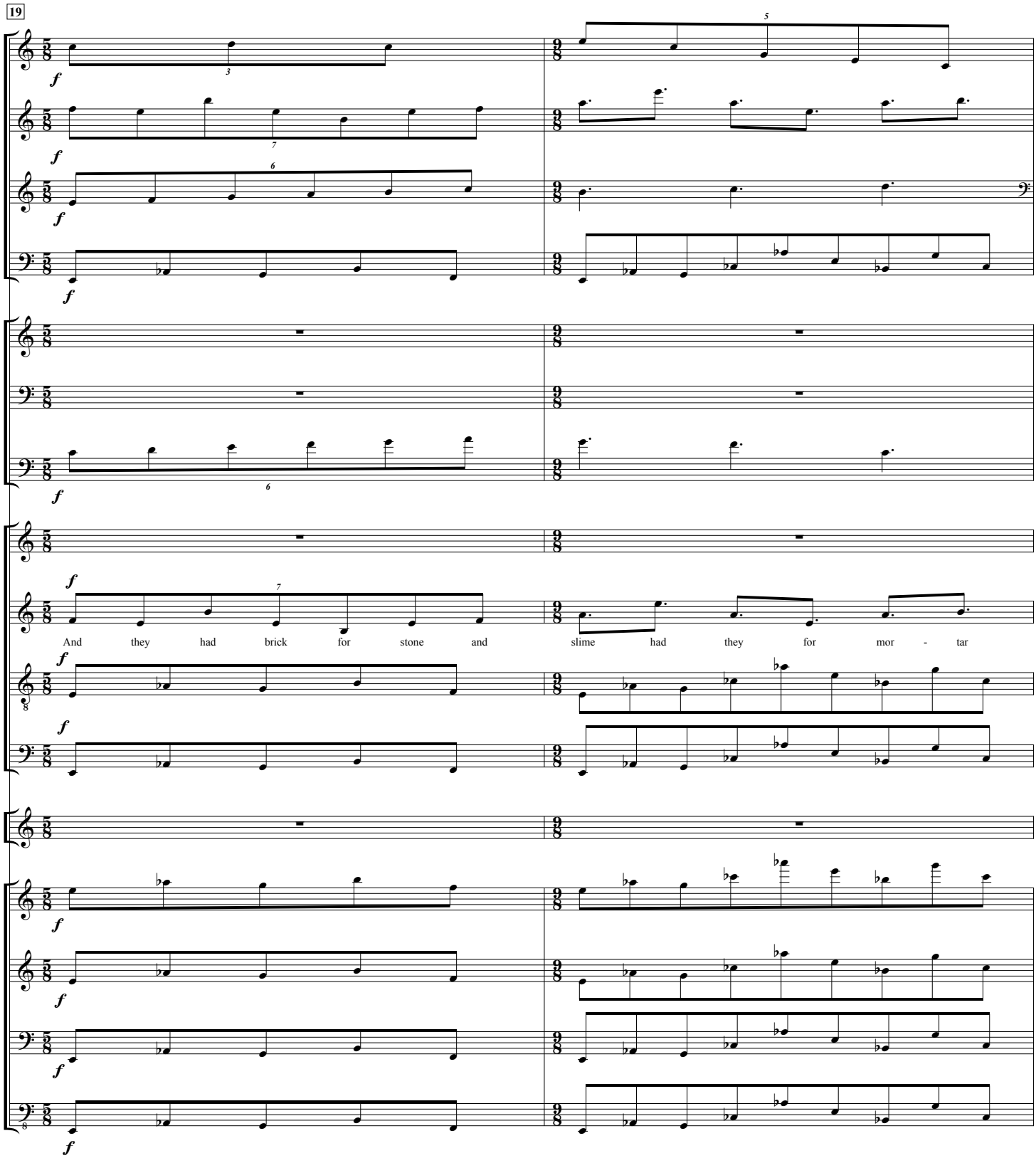
"Go to, let us make brick and burn them tho - rough - ly"
(vocalise on part or whole)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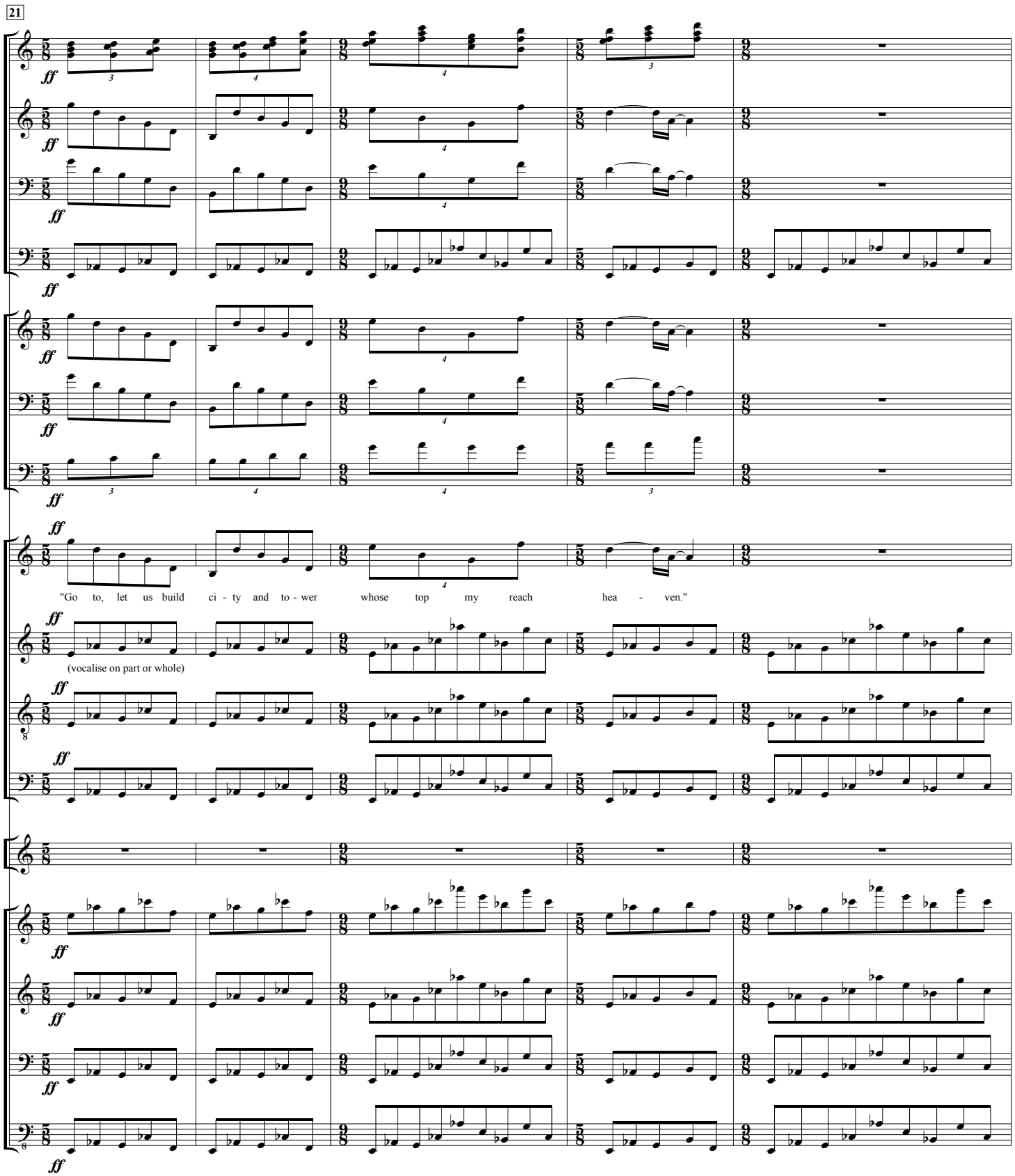
And they had brick for stone and slime had they for mor - tar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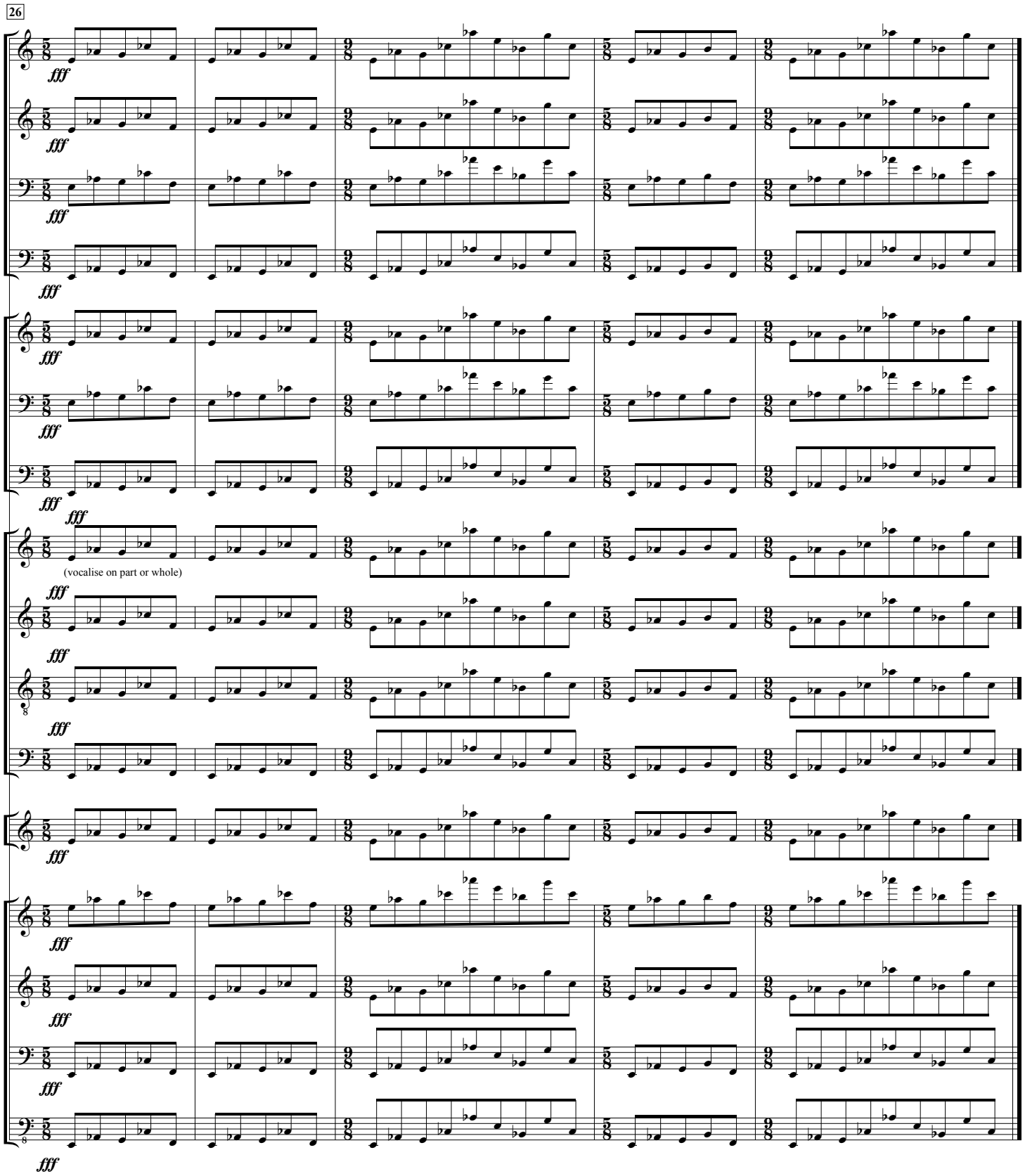
"Go to, let us build ci - ty and to - wer whose top my reach hea - ven."
(vocalise on part or whole)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(vocalise on part or whole)

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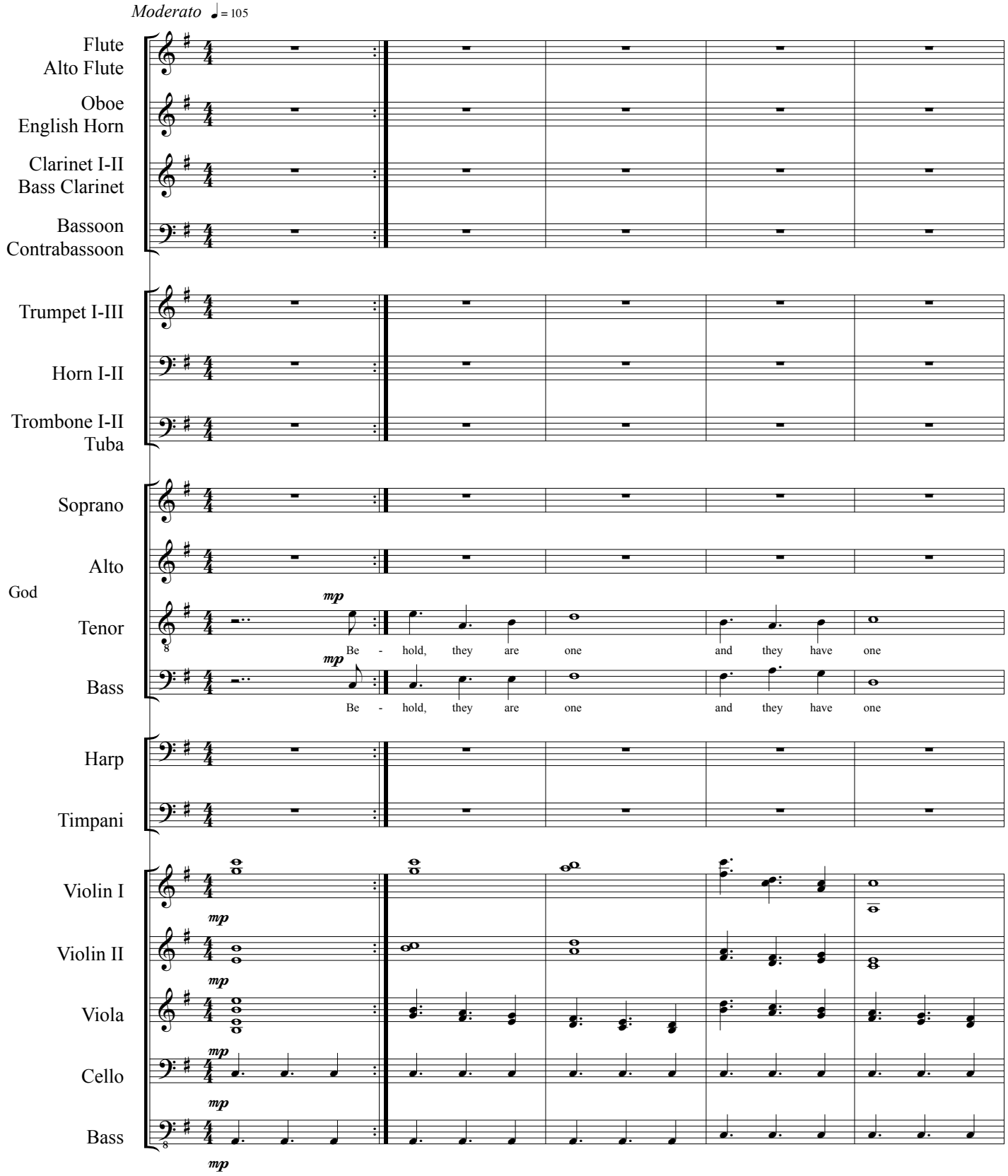
II. Behold, they are one



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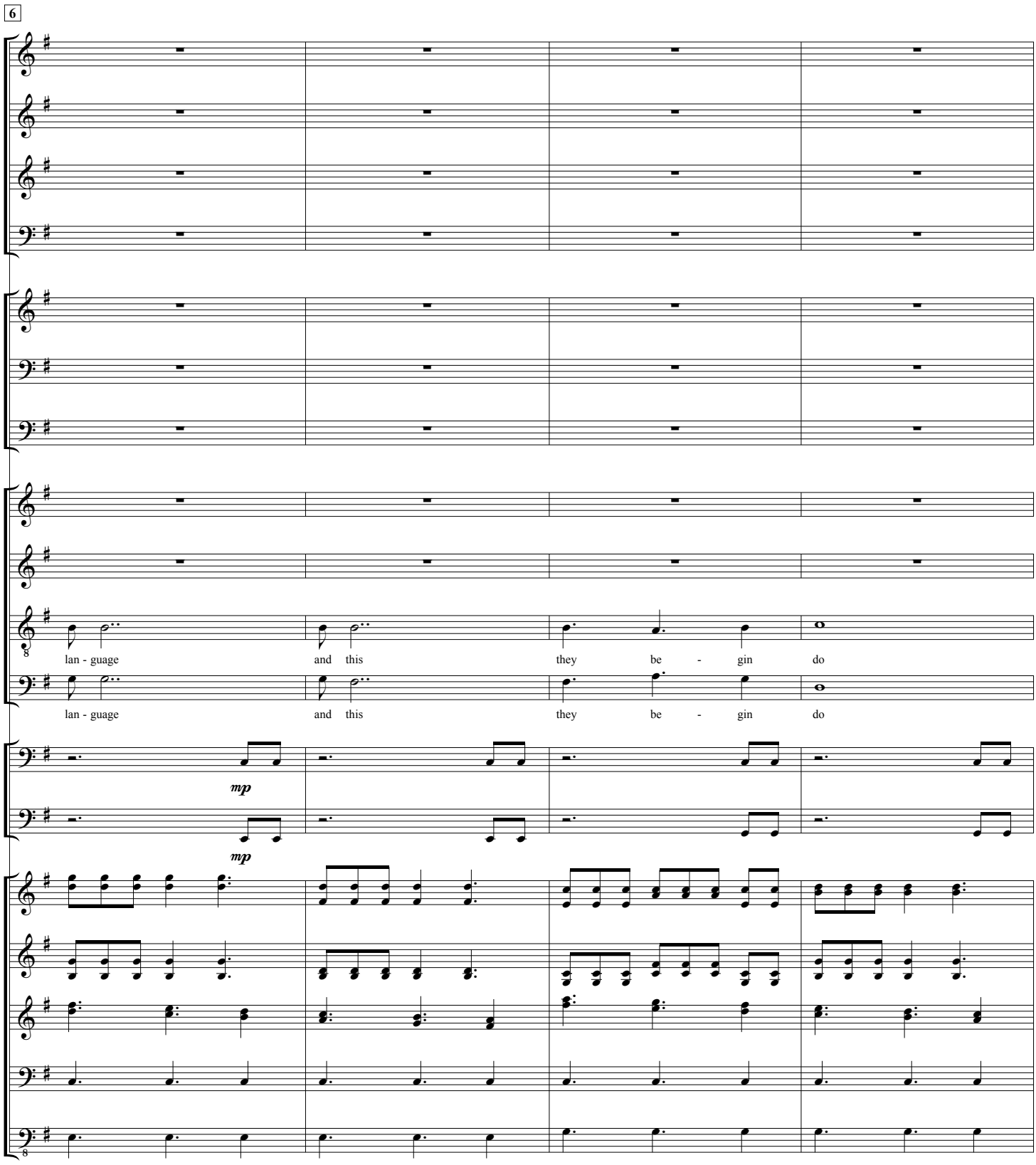
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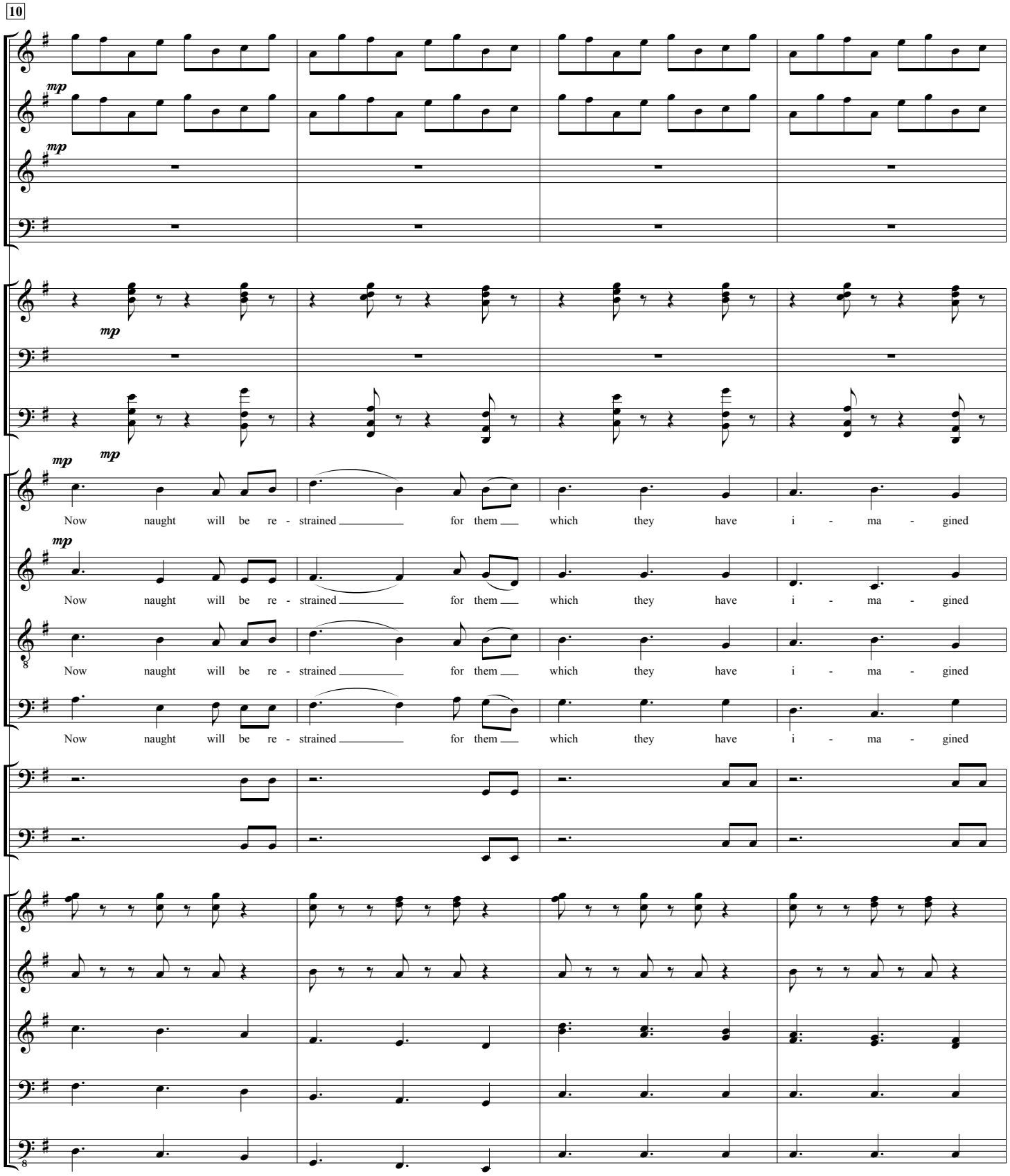
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Now naught will be re - strained for them which they have i - ma - gined
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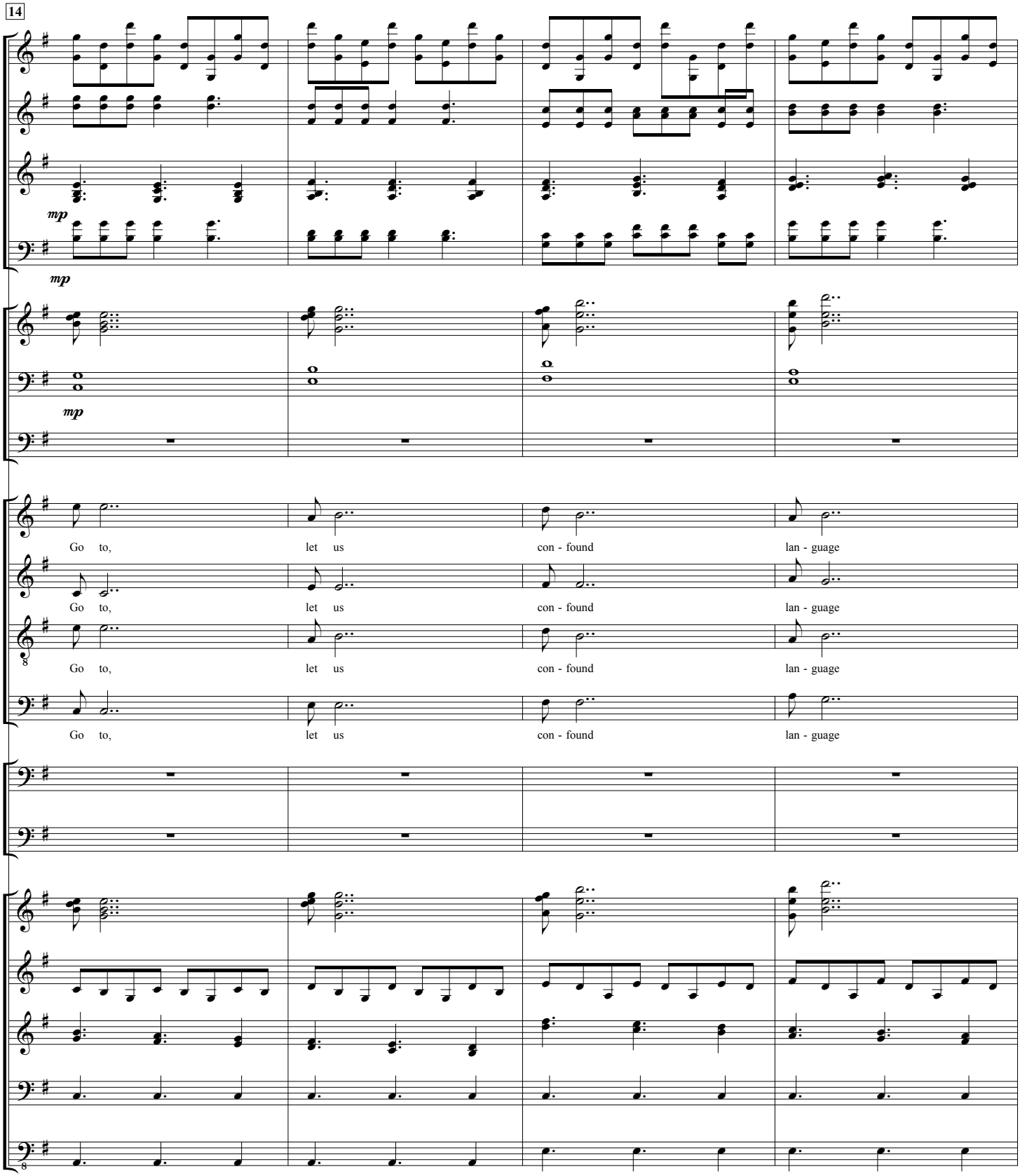
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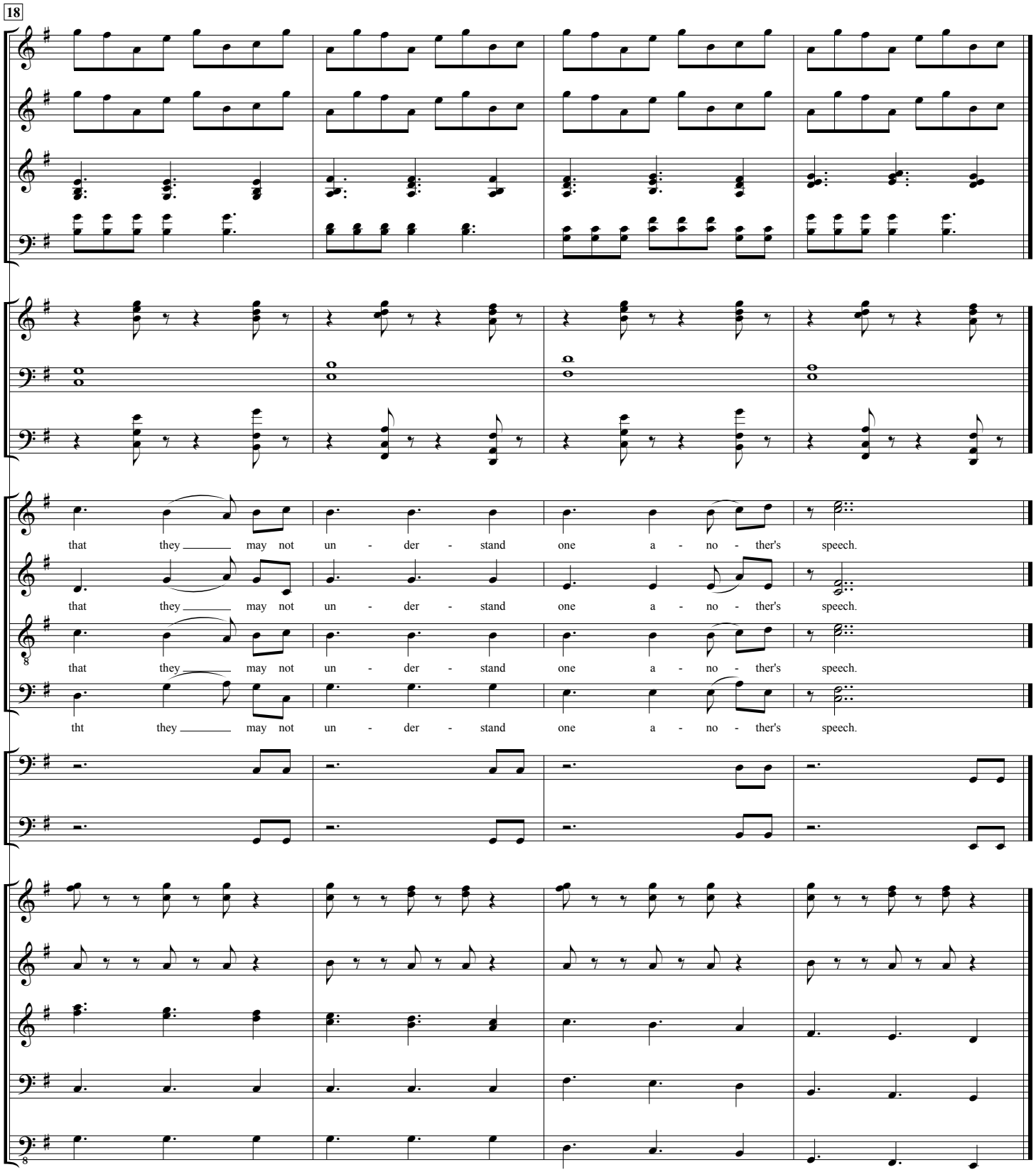
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that they may not un - der - stand one a - no - ther's speech.
that they may not un - der - stand one a - no - ther's speech.
that they may not un - der - stand one a - no - ther's speech.
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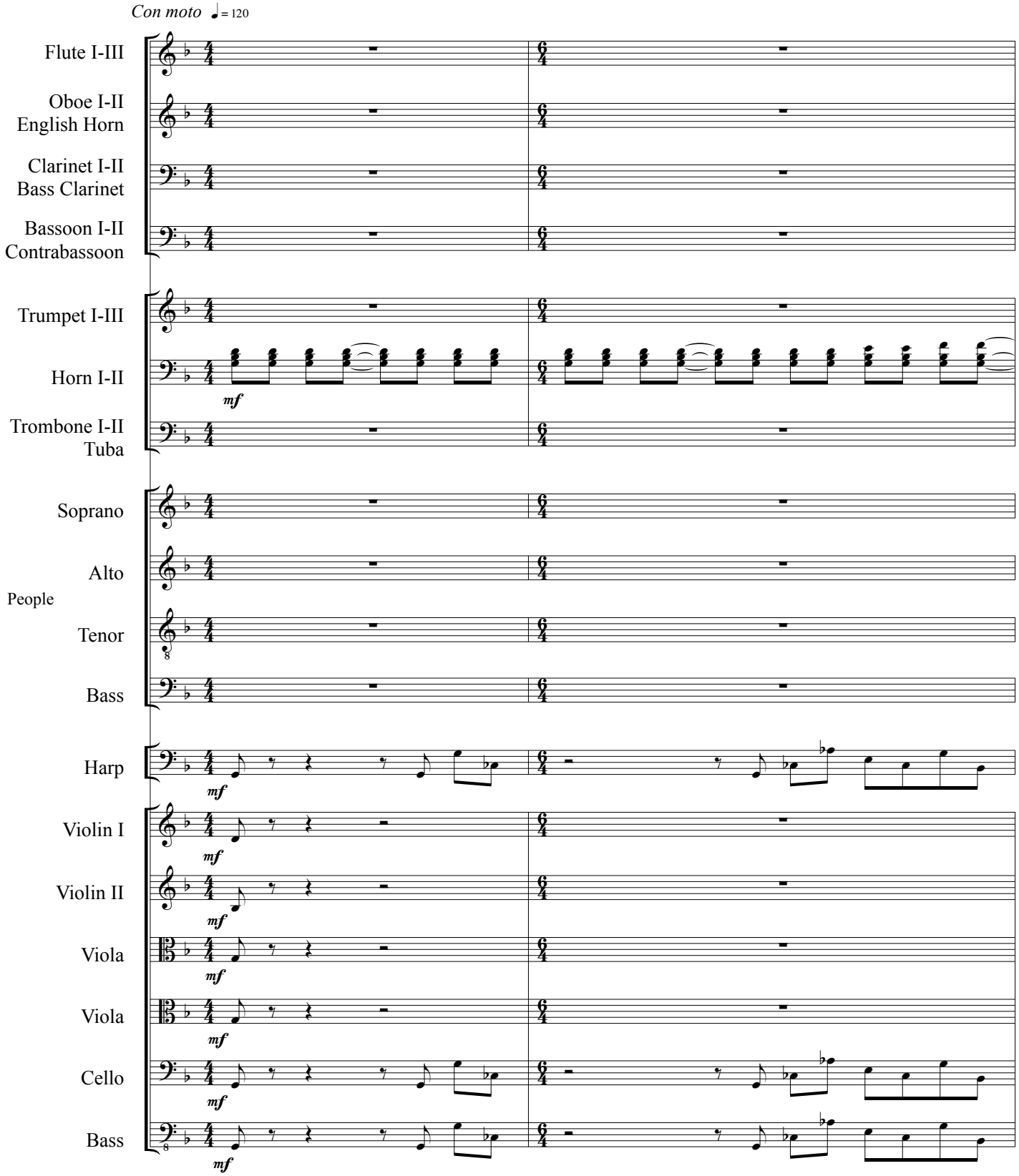
III. And so the Lord scattered them



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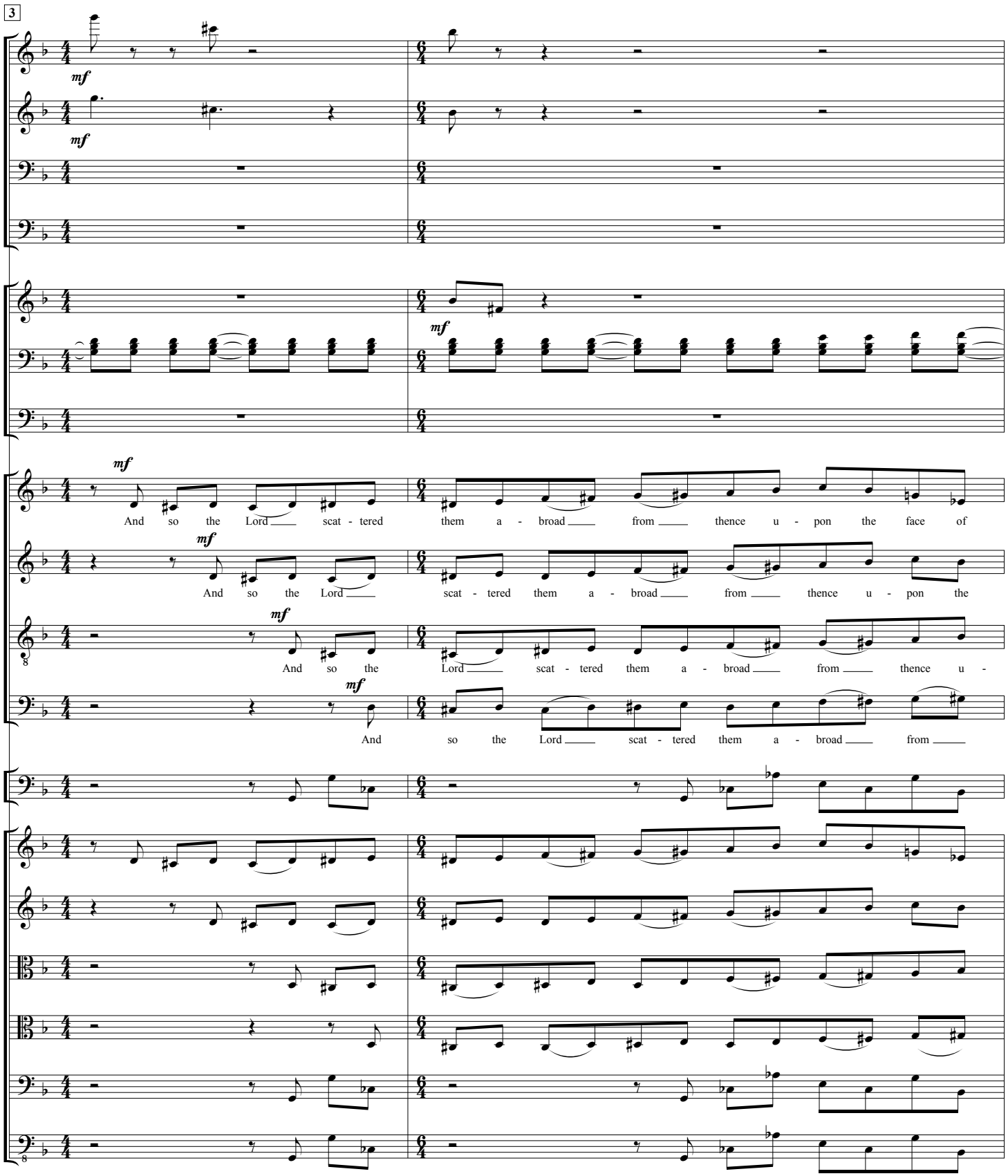
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And so the Lord scat - tered them a - broad from thence u - pon the face of
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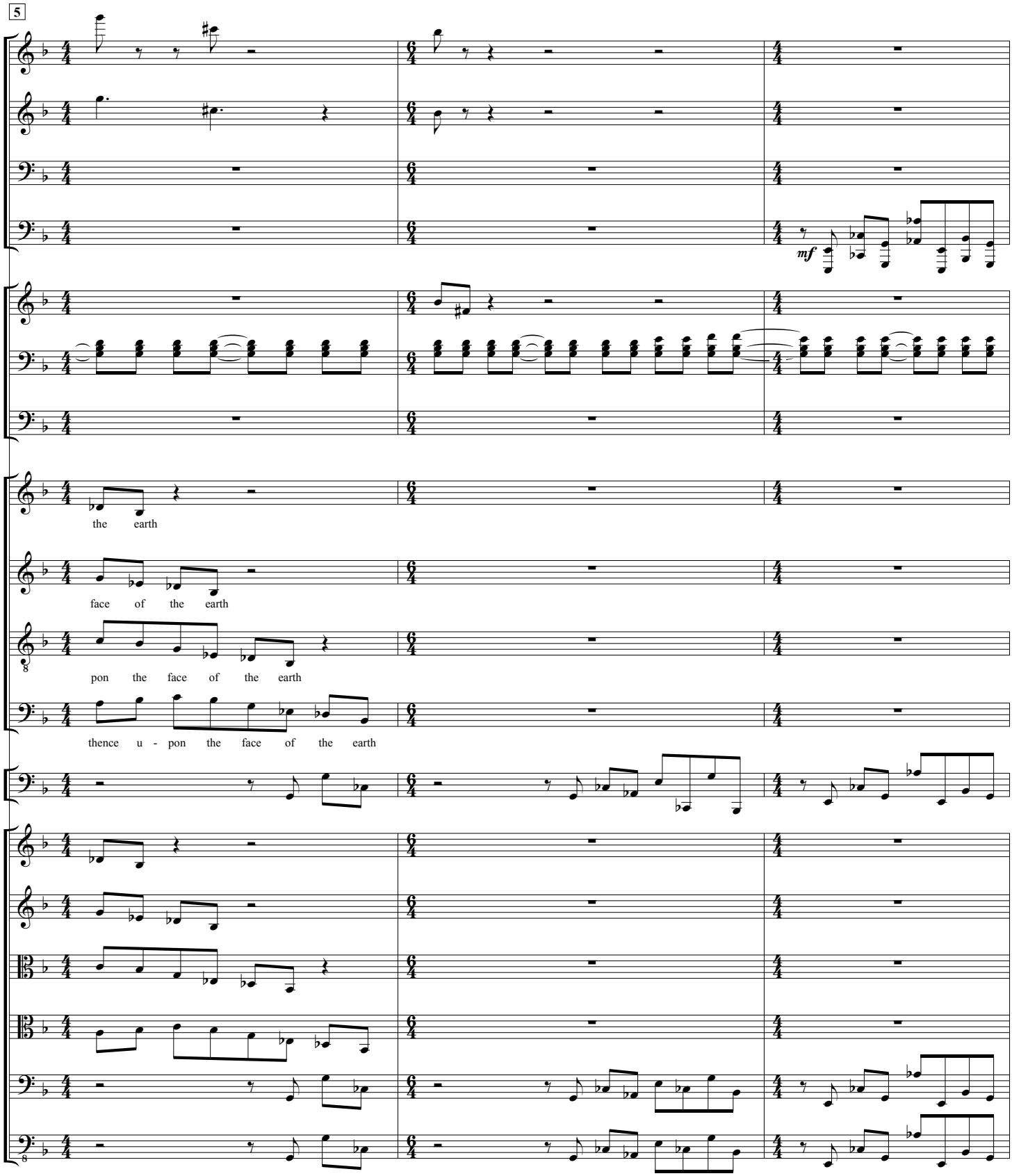
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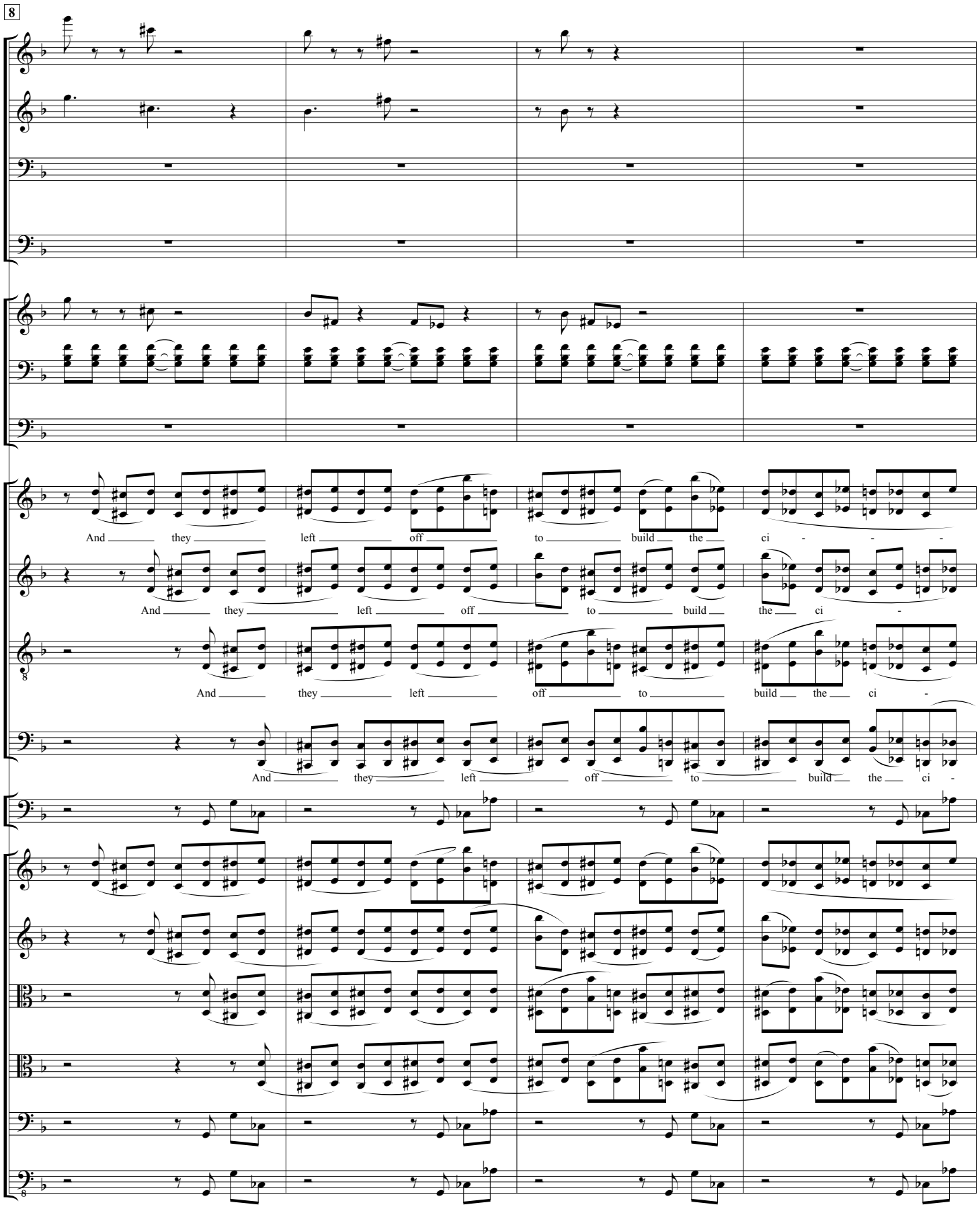
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And they left off to build the ci - - -
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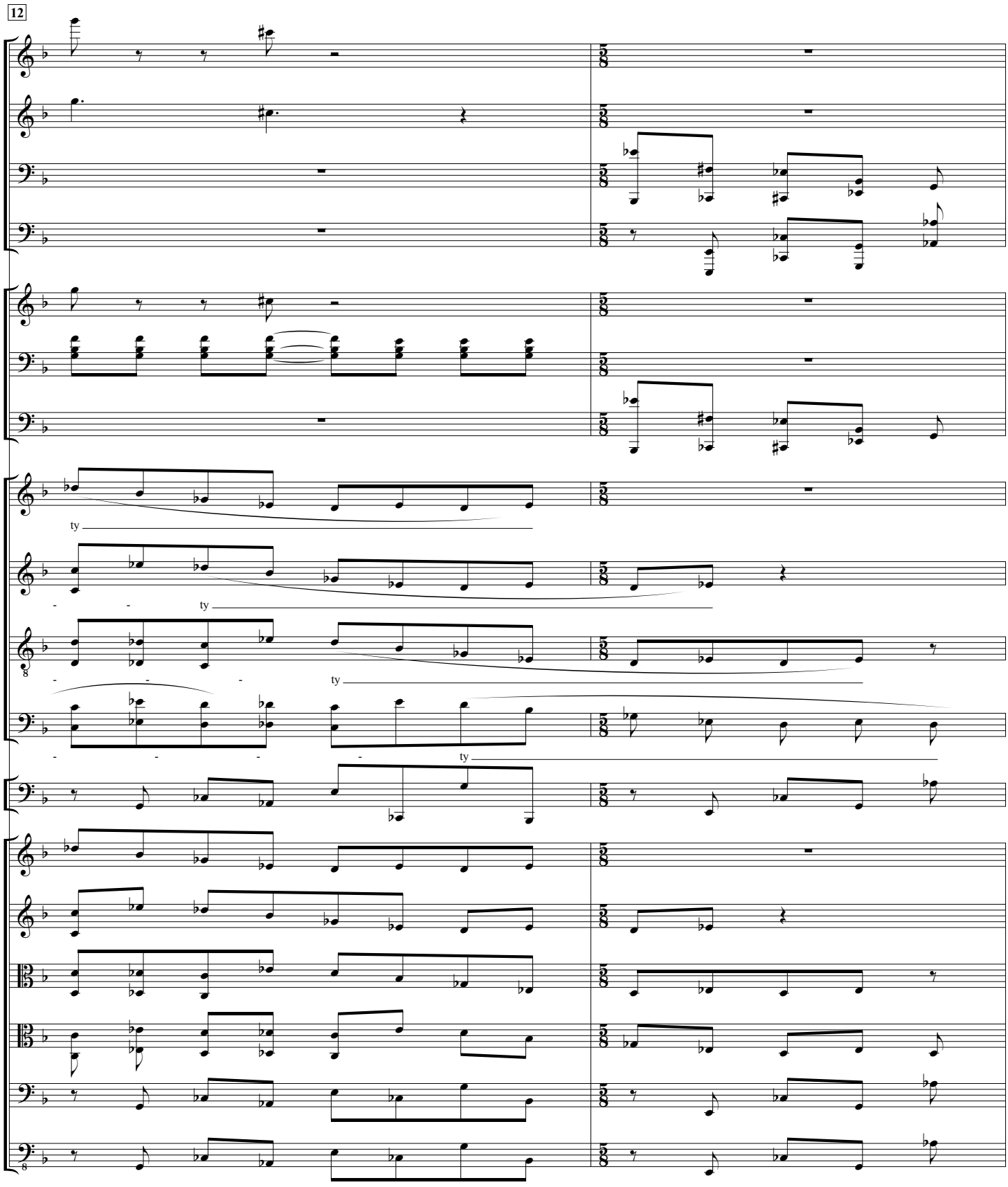
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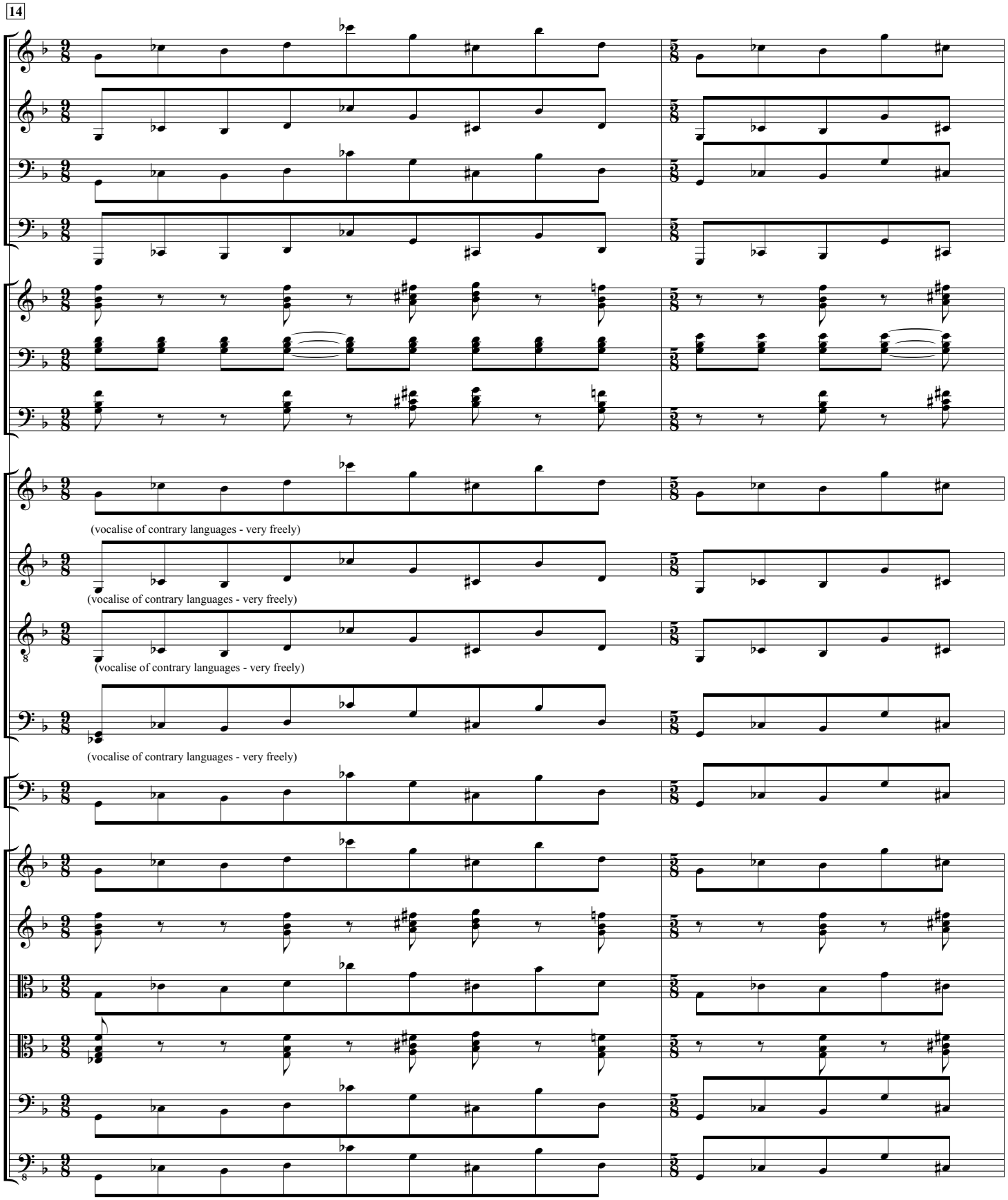
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(vocalise of contrary languages - very freely)
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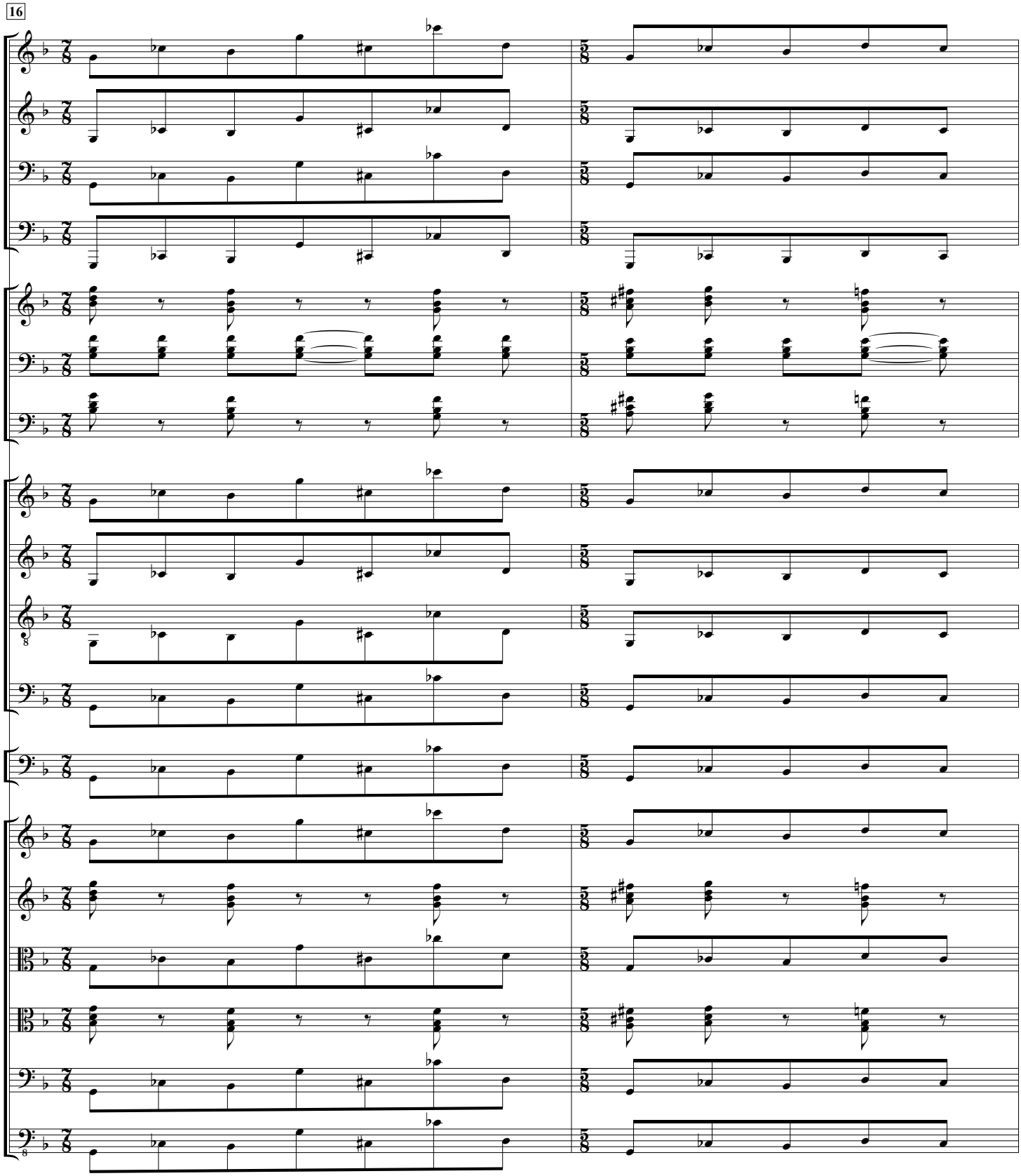
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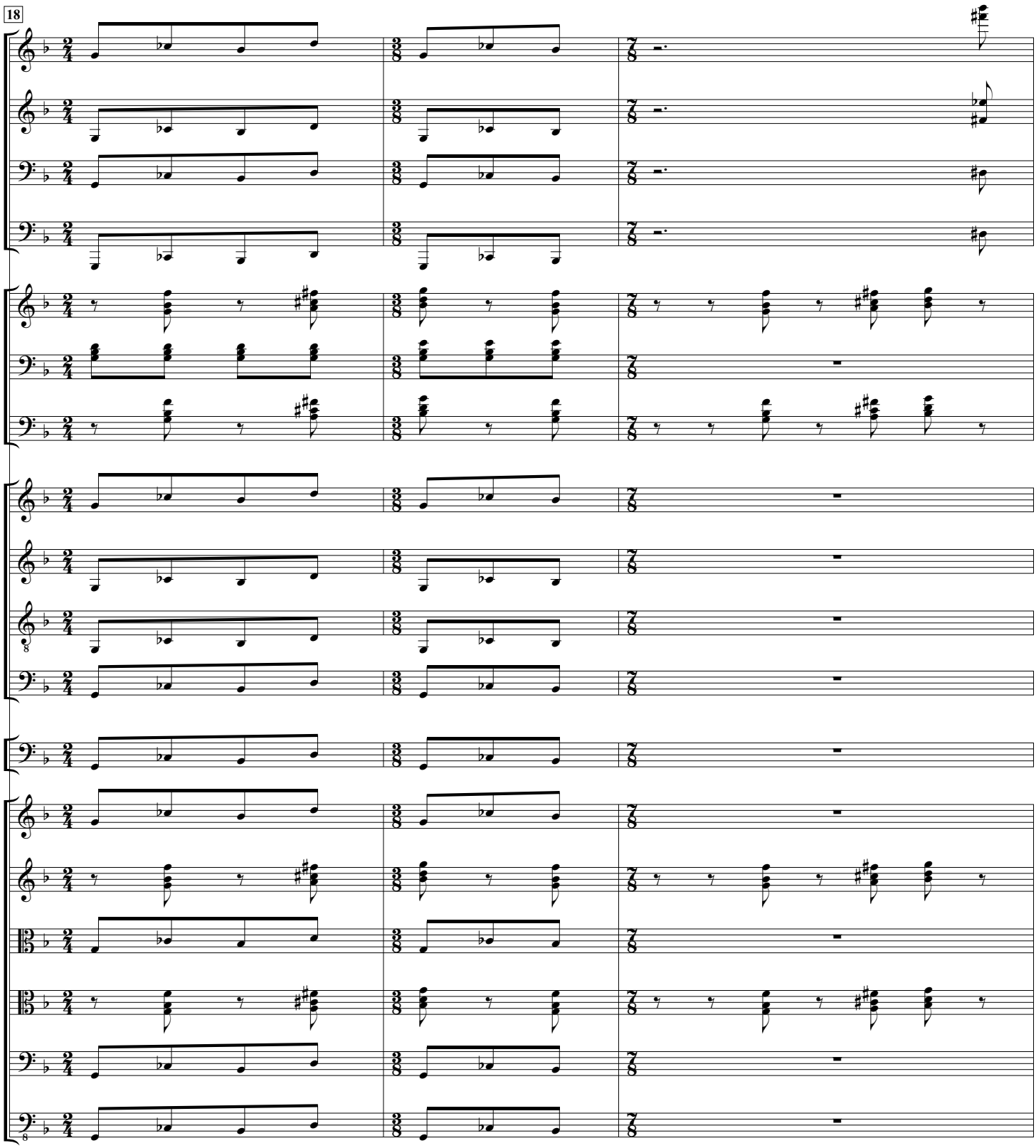
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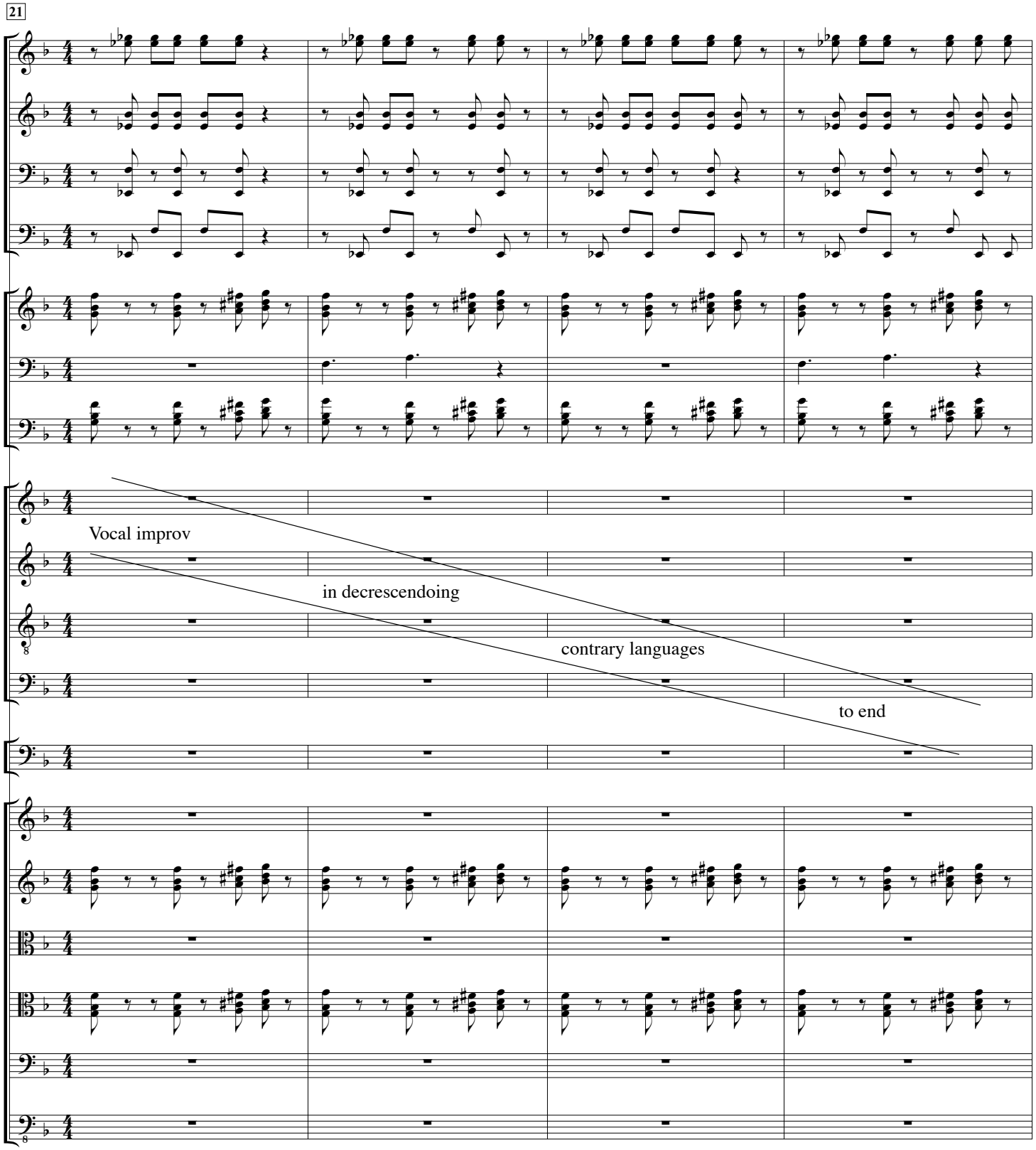
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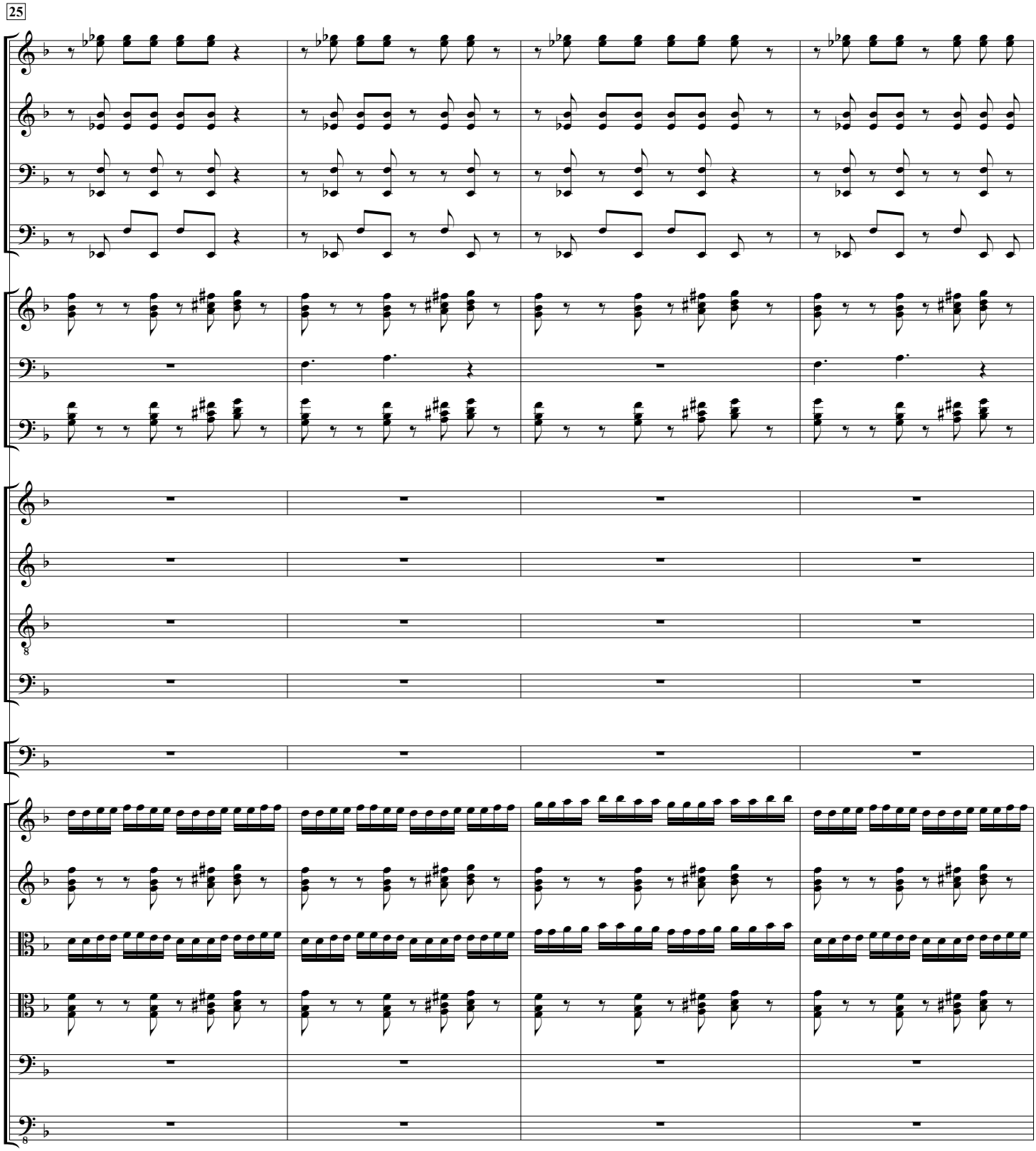
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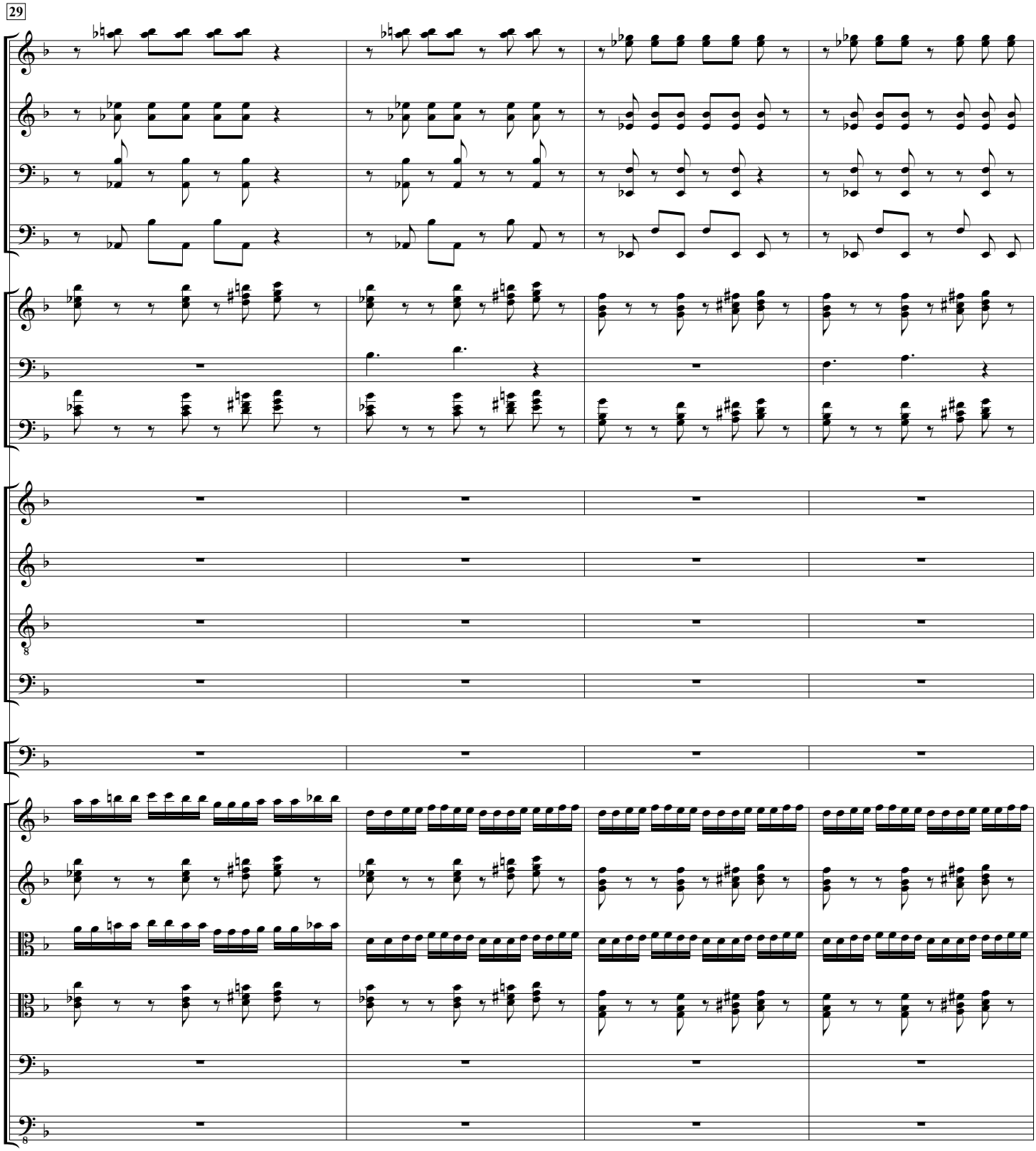
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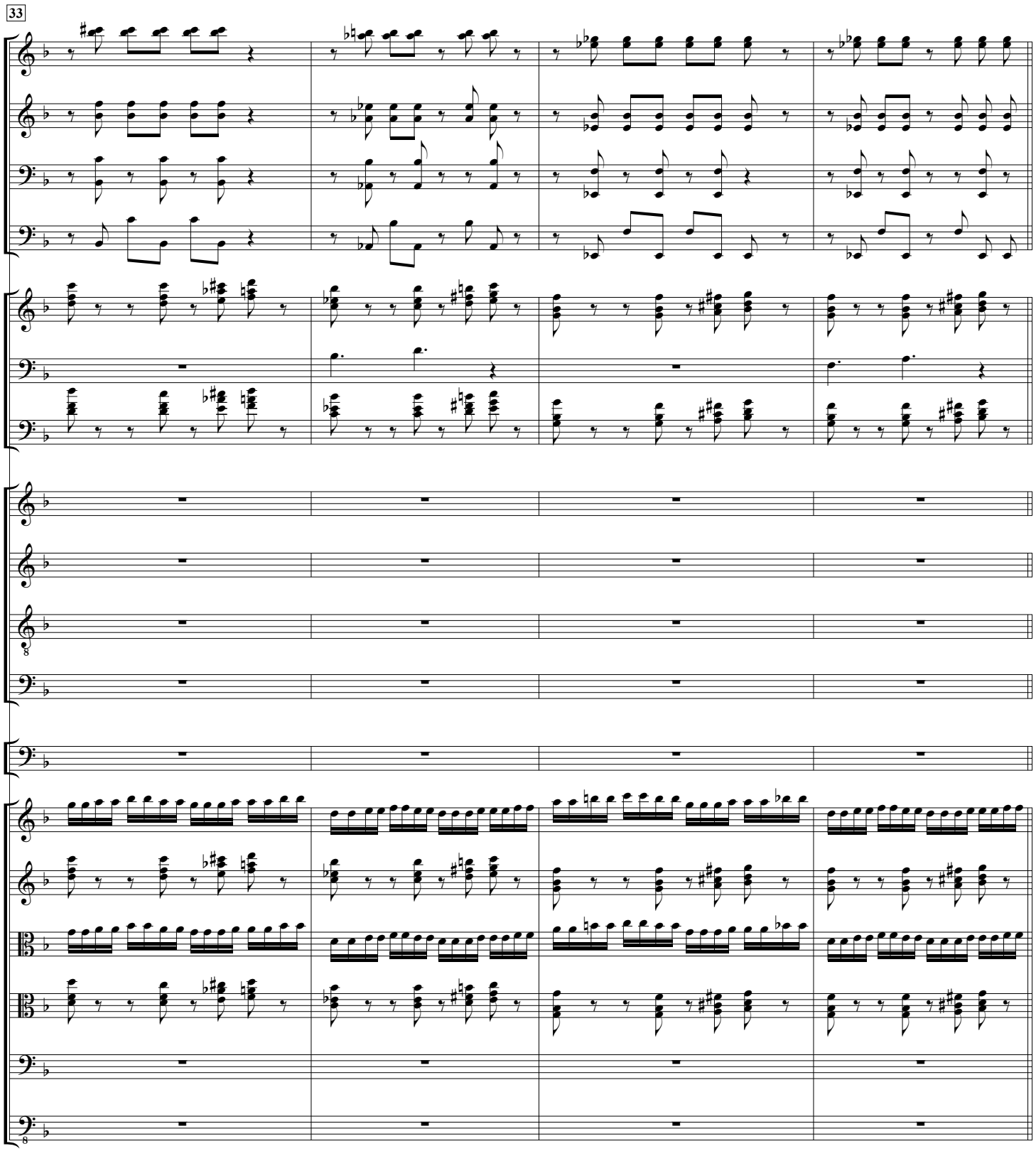
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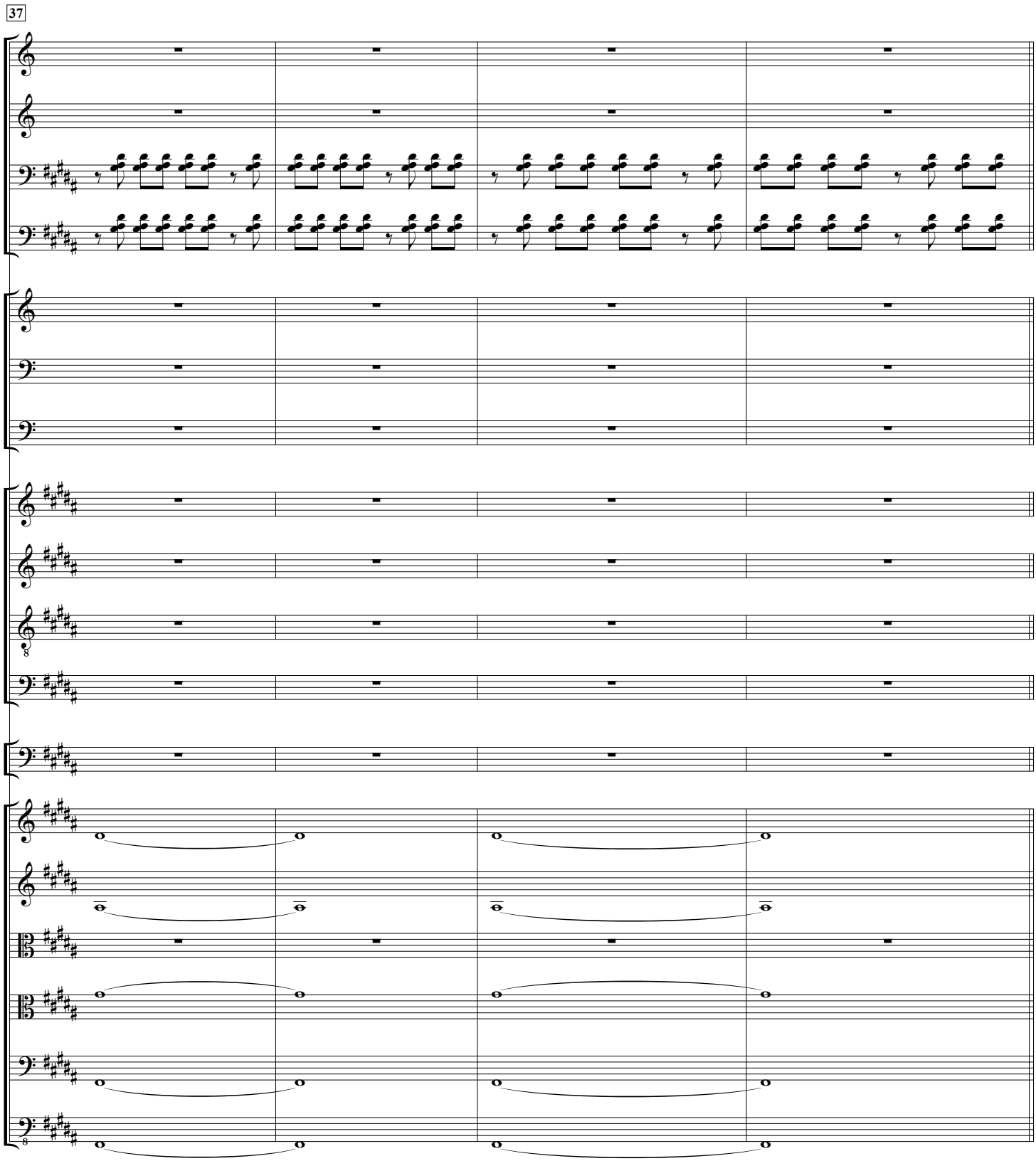
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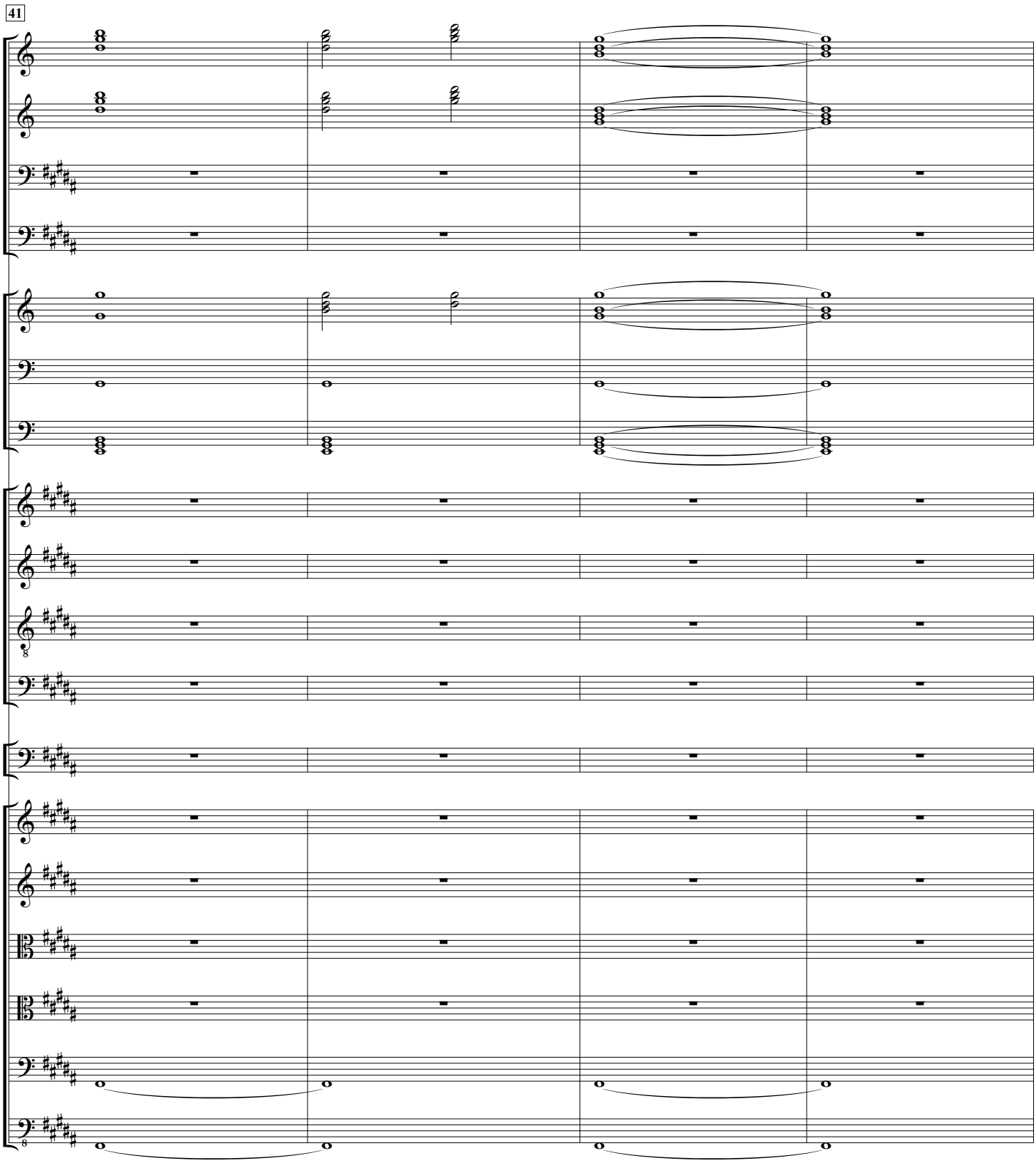
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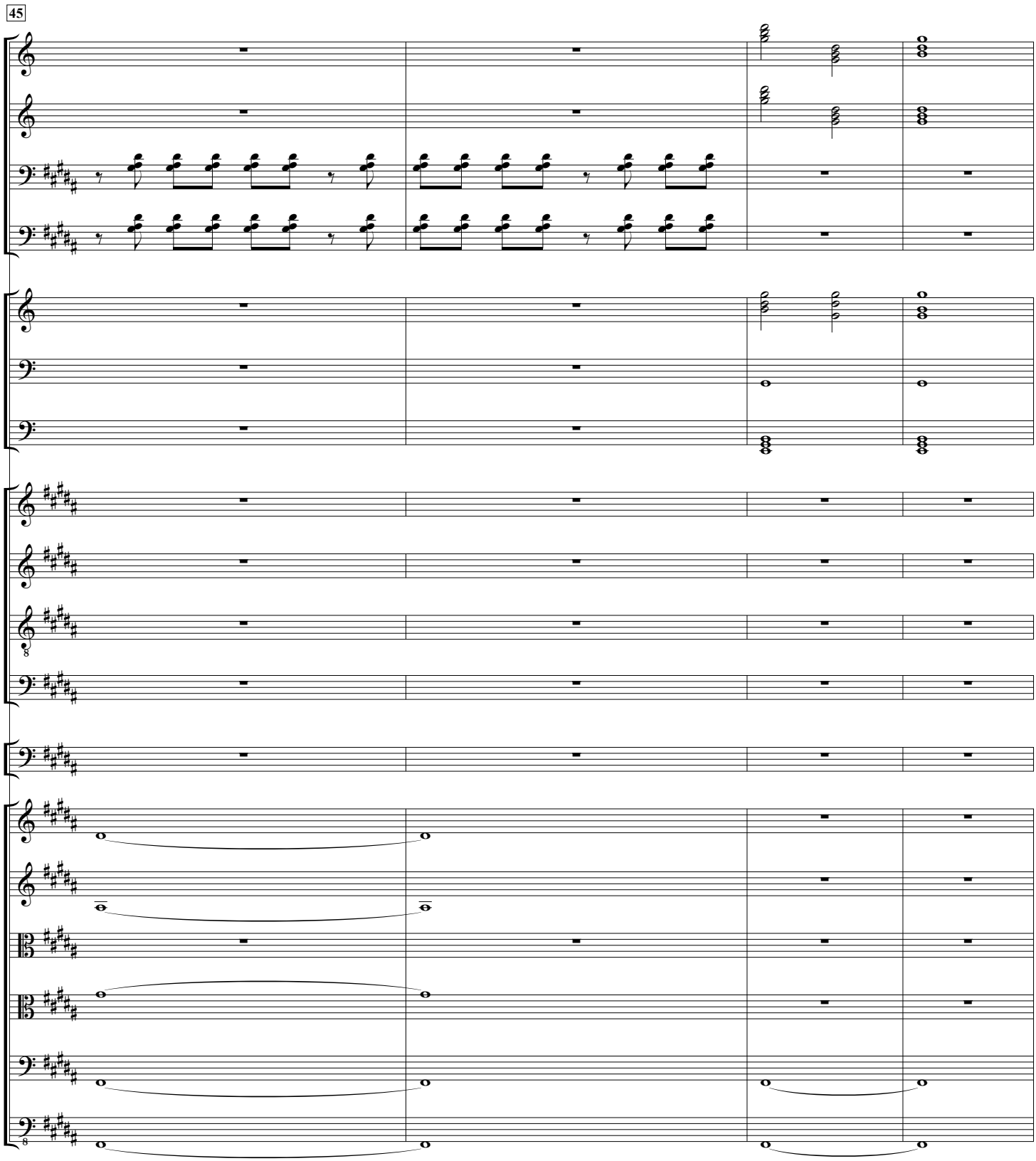
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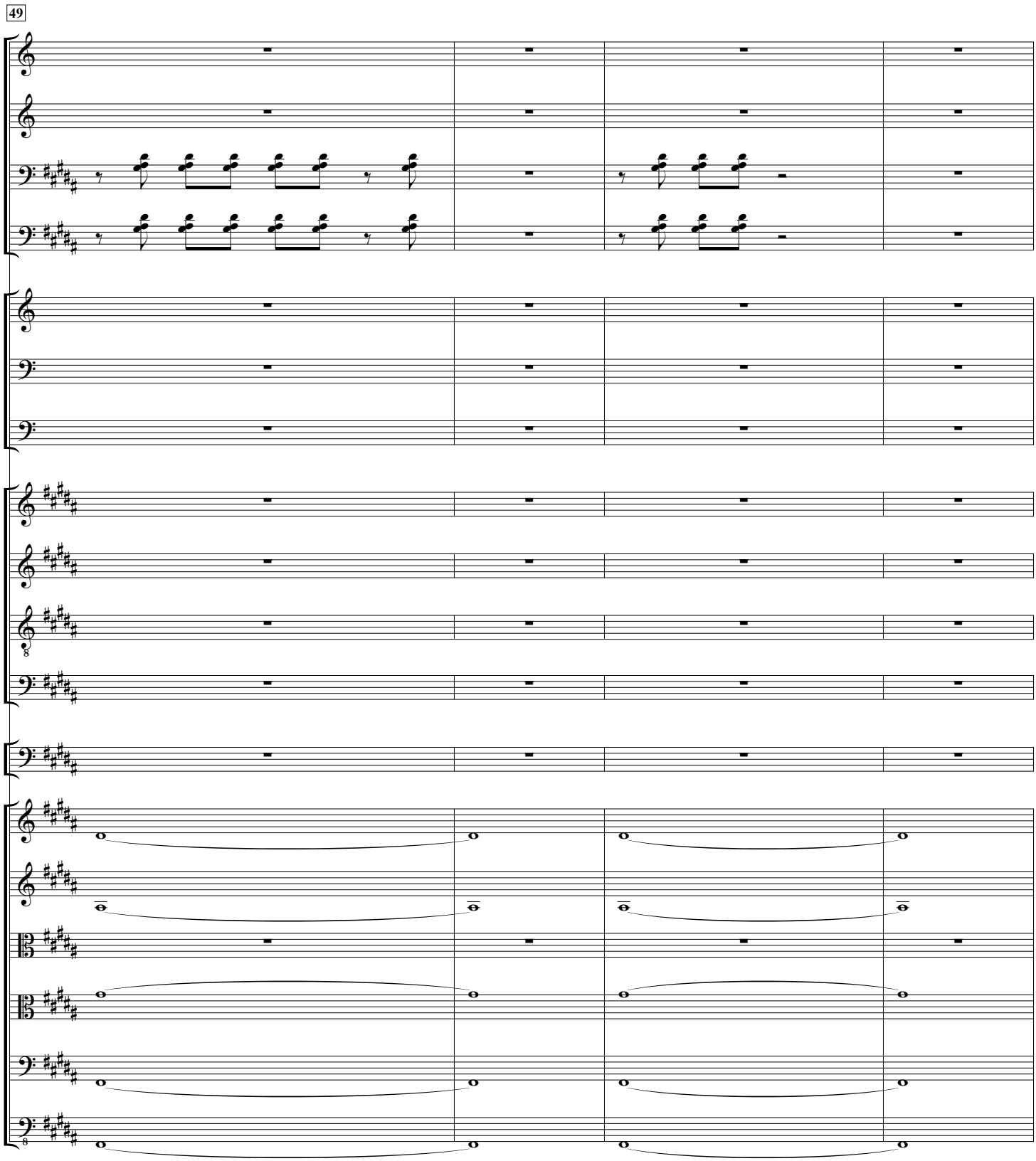
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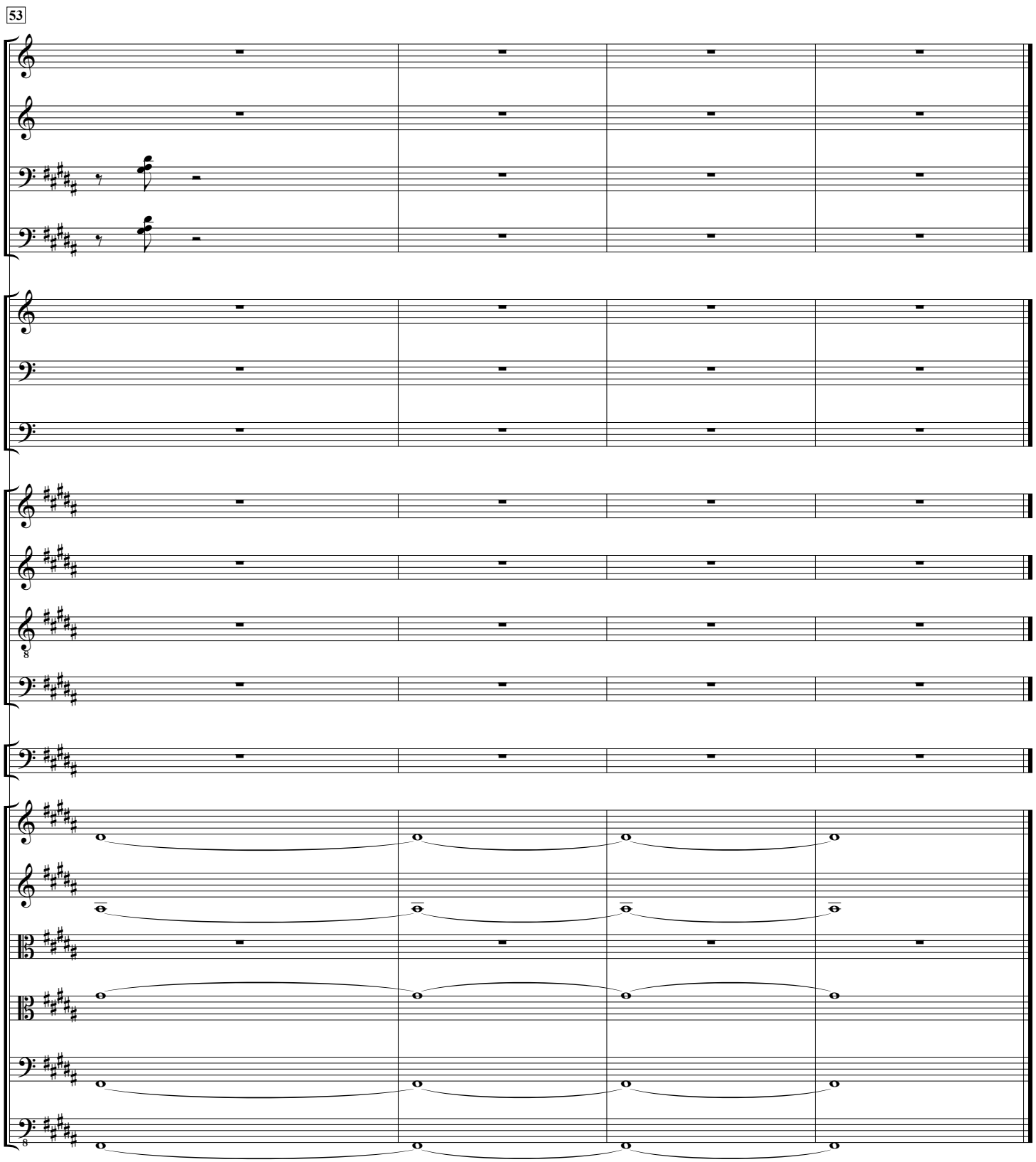
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