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for Piano
2020

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This work was jointly commissioned by Ohio Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association in 2020 and was scheduled to be premiered in June 2020 at the OhioMTA Conference at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Concert cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic. Premiere occurred by video upload to OhioMTA website in November 2020.

I am deeply grateful to MTNA and OMTA for the opportunity to write this work for solo piano that was scheduled to be premiered at the June 2020 conference before COVID-19 wreaked havoc on the entire world. I hope that our continued involvement in the arts will help lift our spirits in these perilous times. We are weary, and we need to have a space where we can find peace within ourselves.

The Time Between consists of three movements: two lyrical, atmospheric outer movements framing a dynamic, somewhat kaleidoscopic one. Their titles reflect the colors and moods one might find in the time between day and night, whether at dawn or dusk. This time is a time of change, or transition, much like our present situation in which we find ourselves between our former and our future lives. This does not mean that we are static, just between and searching for new ways to be.

Each movement hovers around G minor, although the third movement vacillates a bit between D and G minor. In each of the three, however, a foreign element briefly unsettles the harmonic foundation before returning to more familiar territory.

I have dedicated this piece to two dear friends, Jessica Madsen and Elaine Leung-Wolf, both extraordinary pianists, who were among the first friends I made when I moved to Cincinnati. Jessica will give the premiere of the work written in memory of Elaine, who passed away earlier this year. This piece is a celebration of our friendship.

Duration: circa 14 minutes
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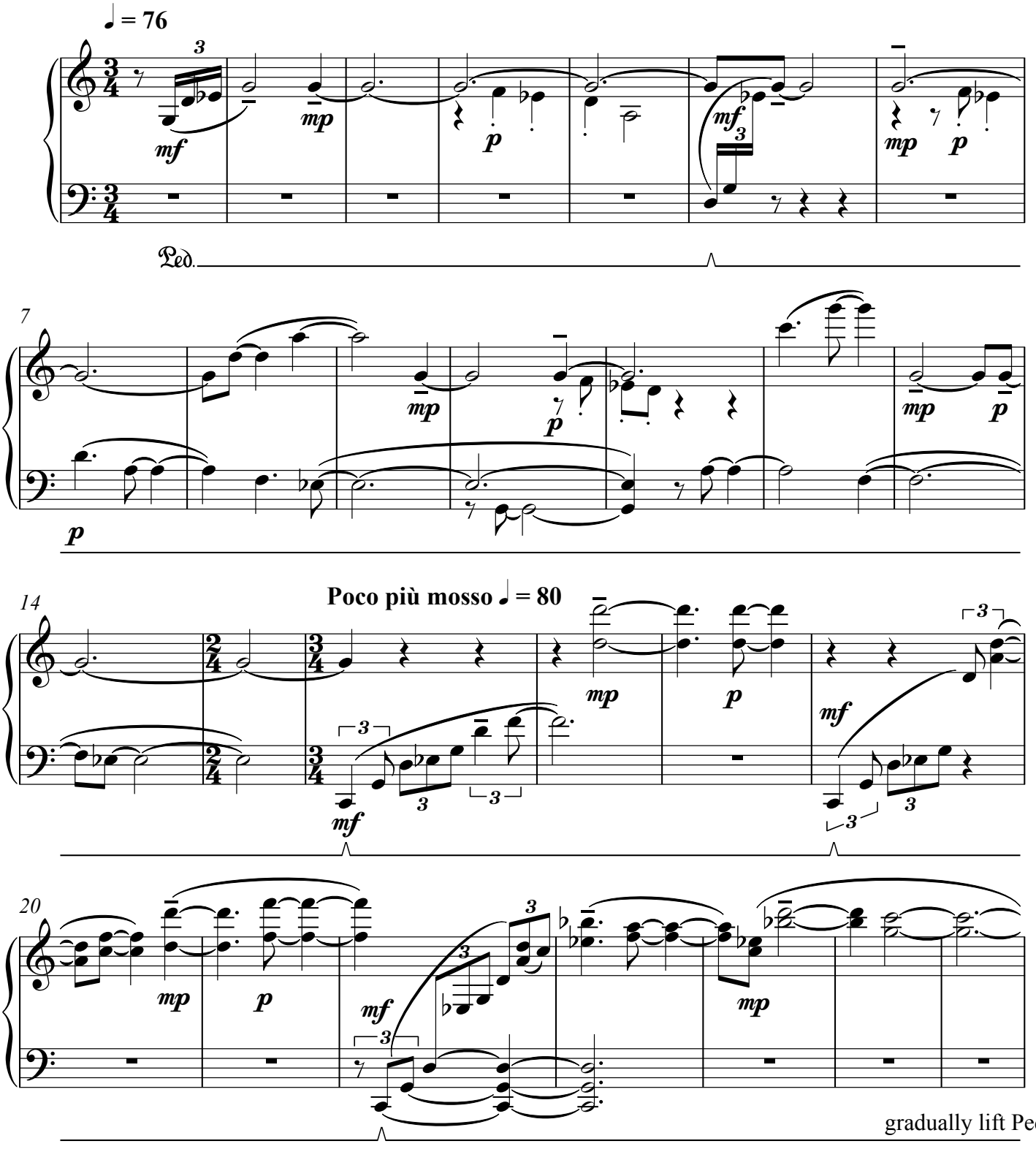

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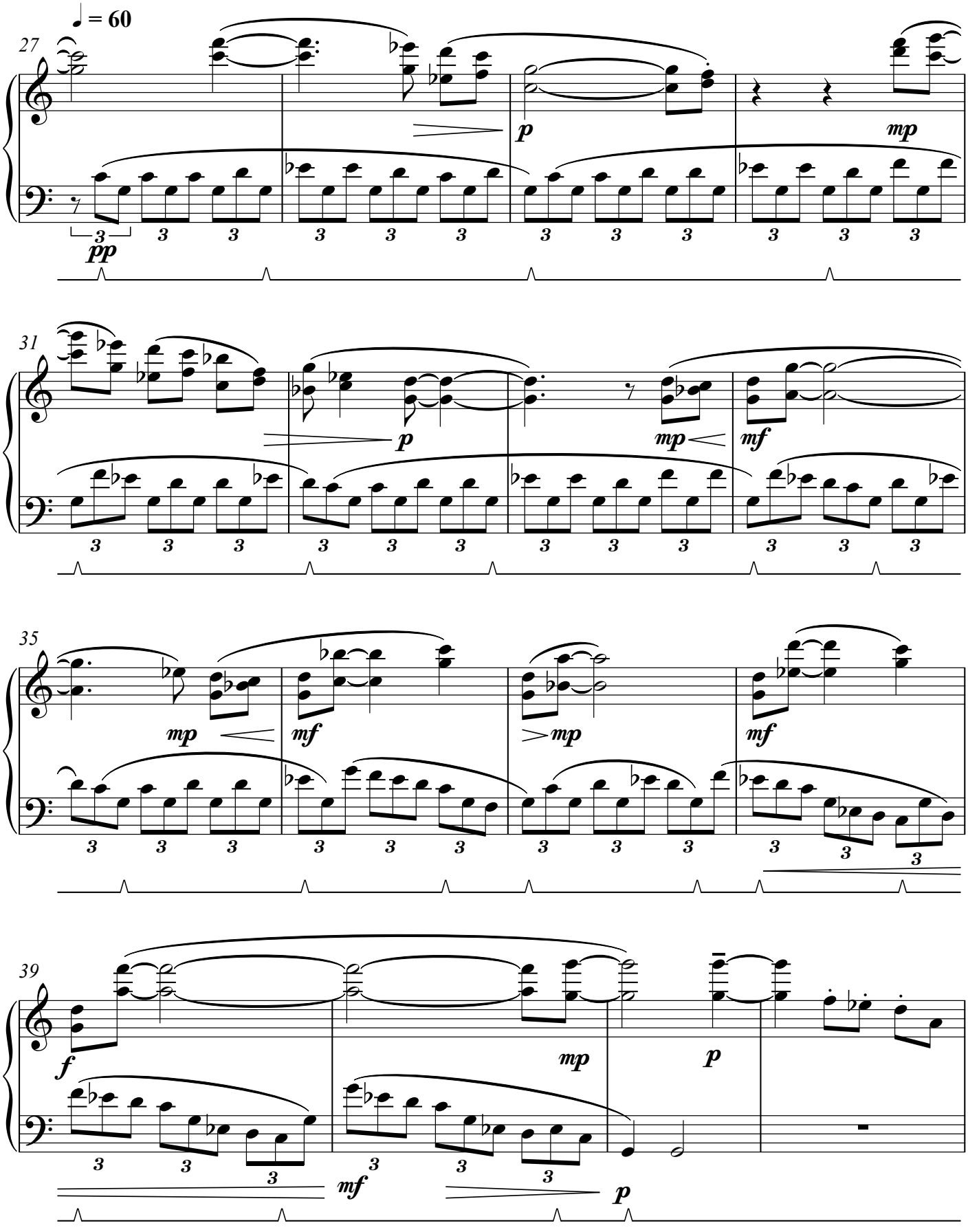
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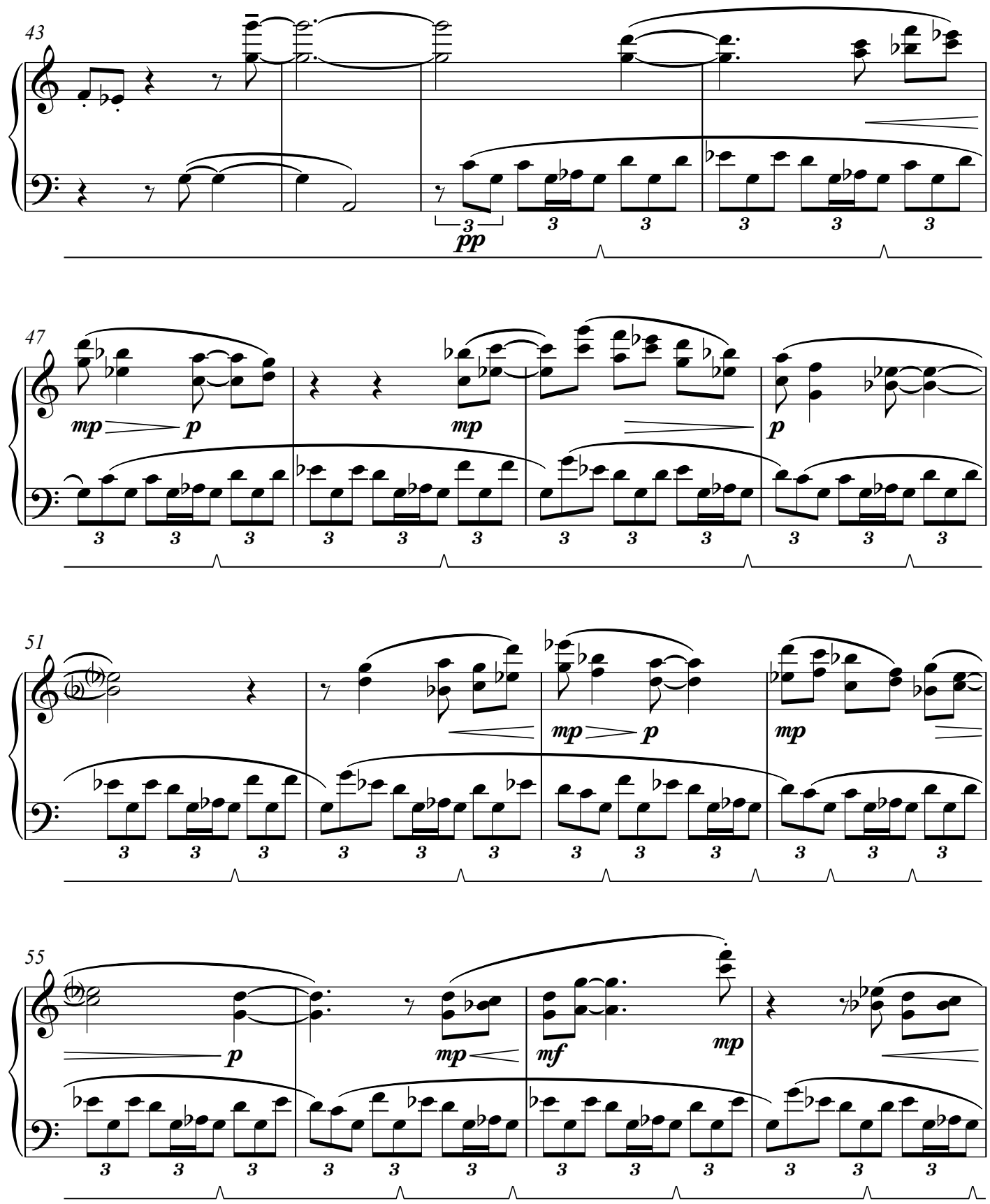
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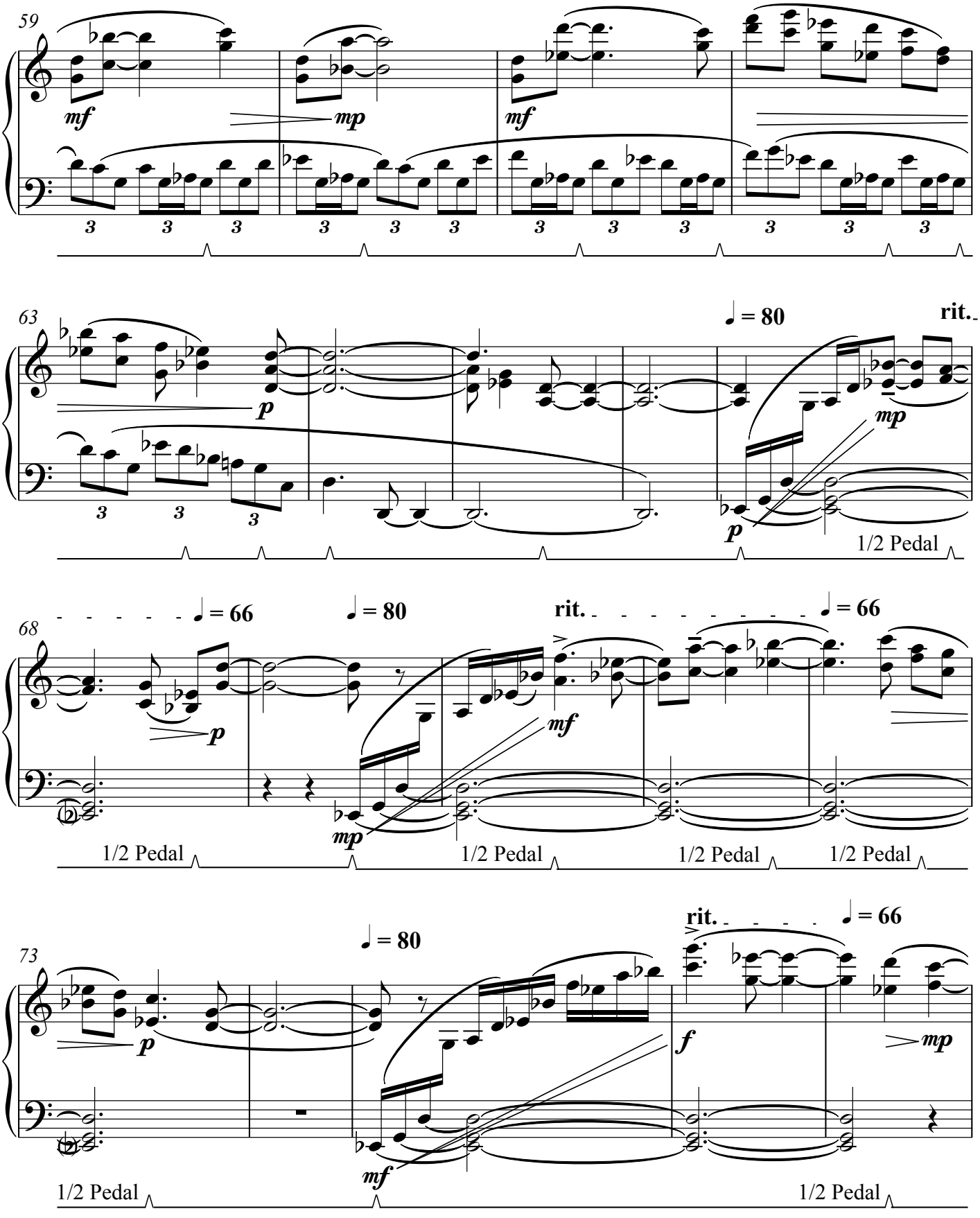
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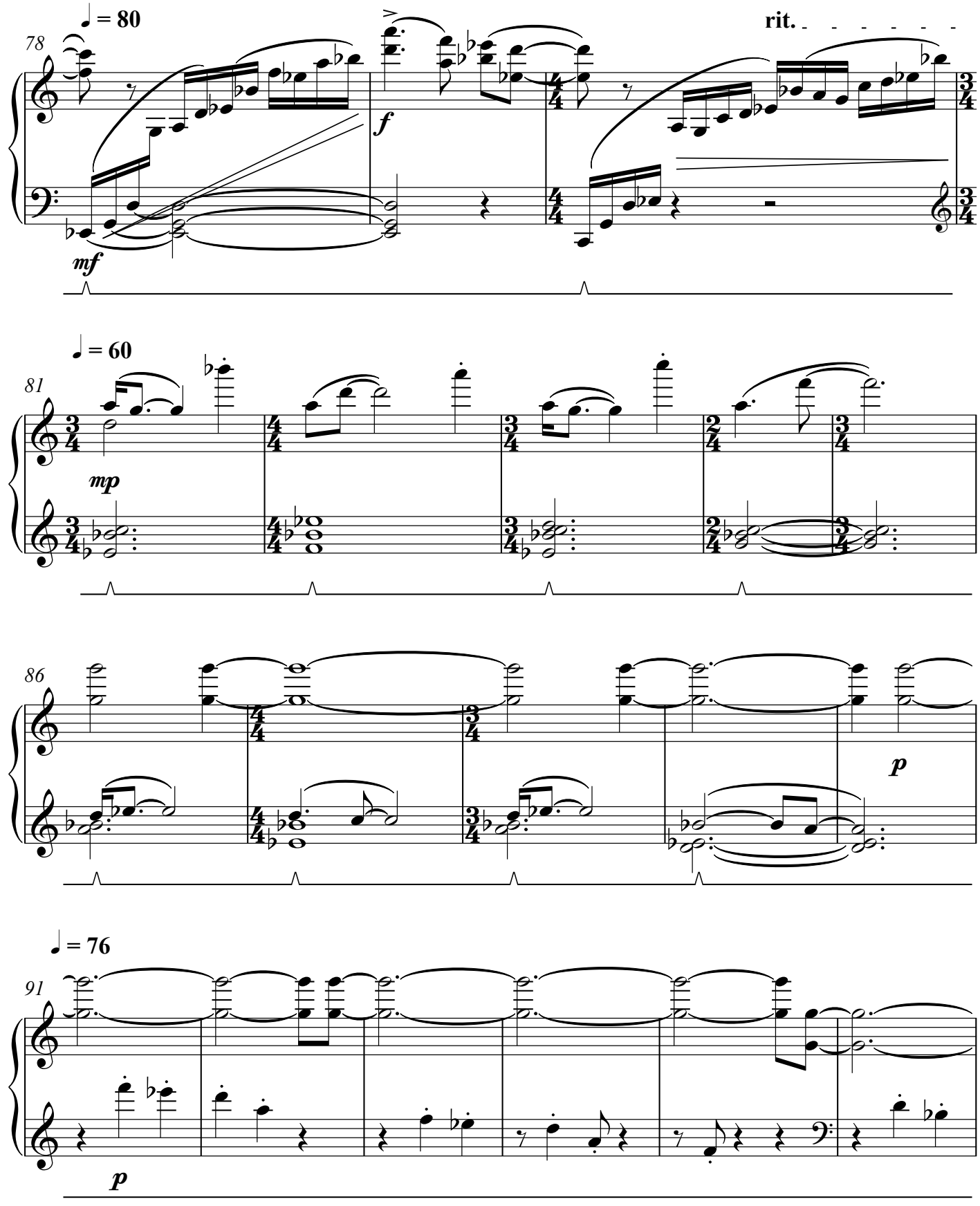
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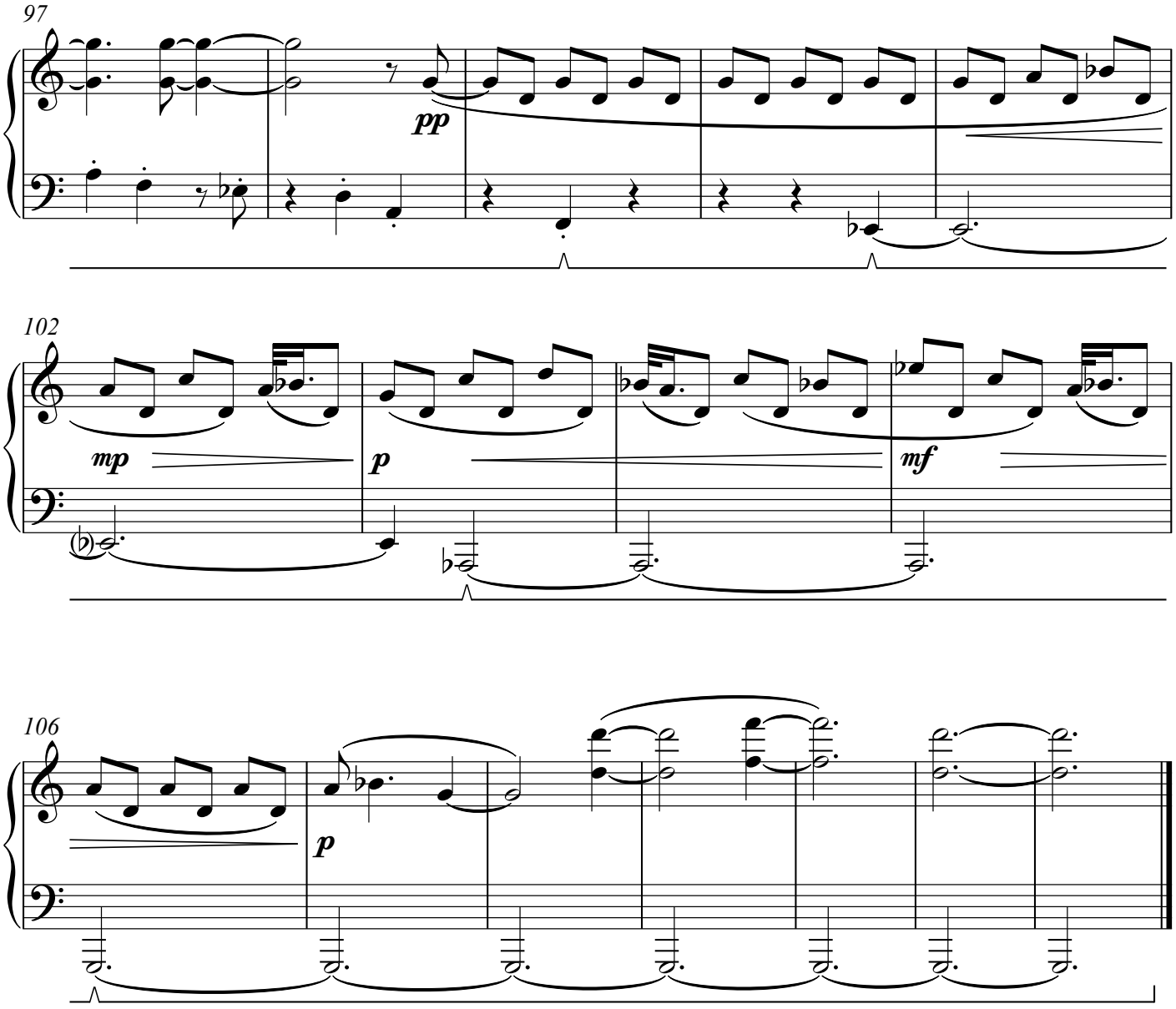
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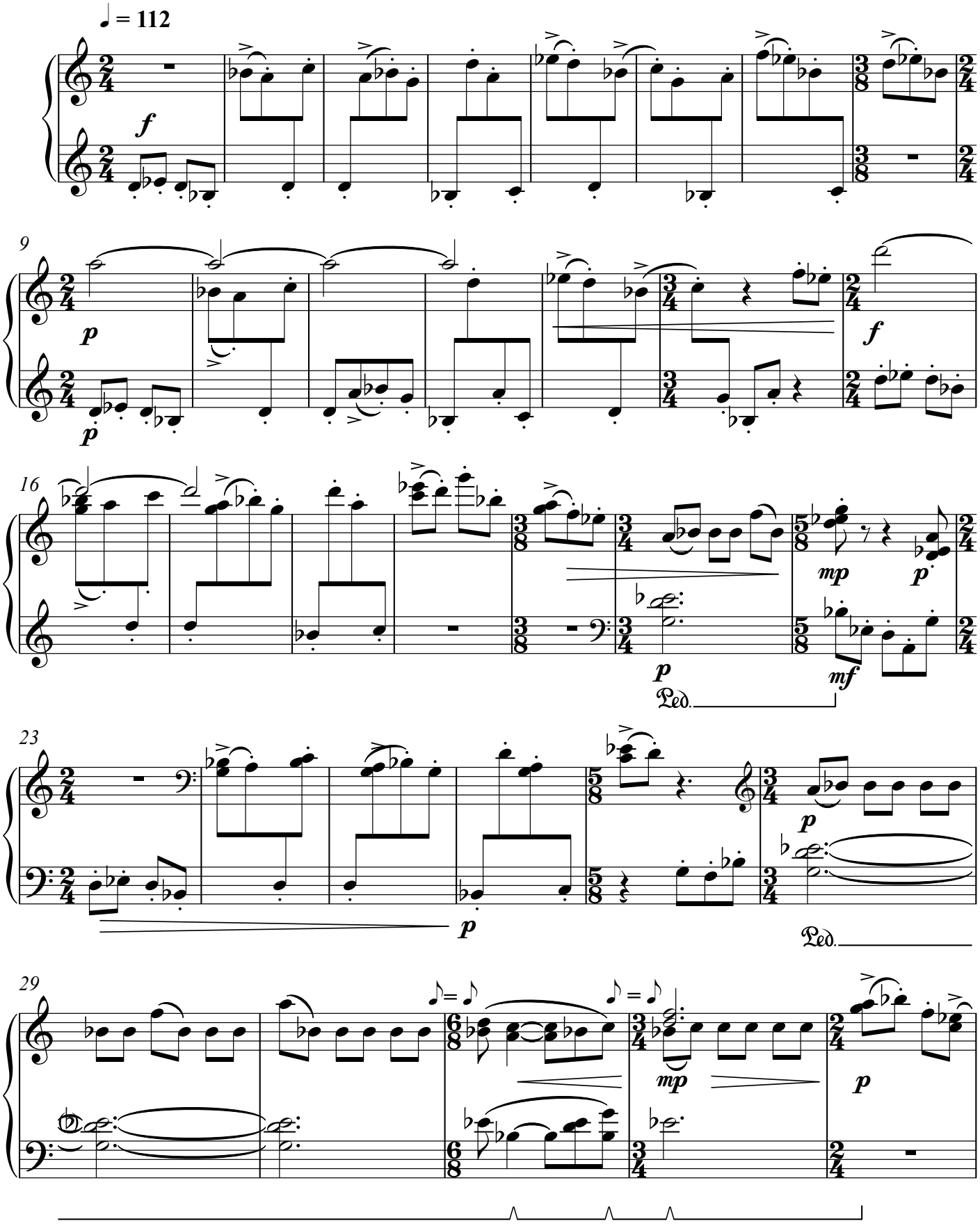

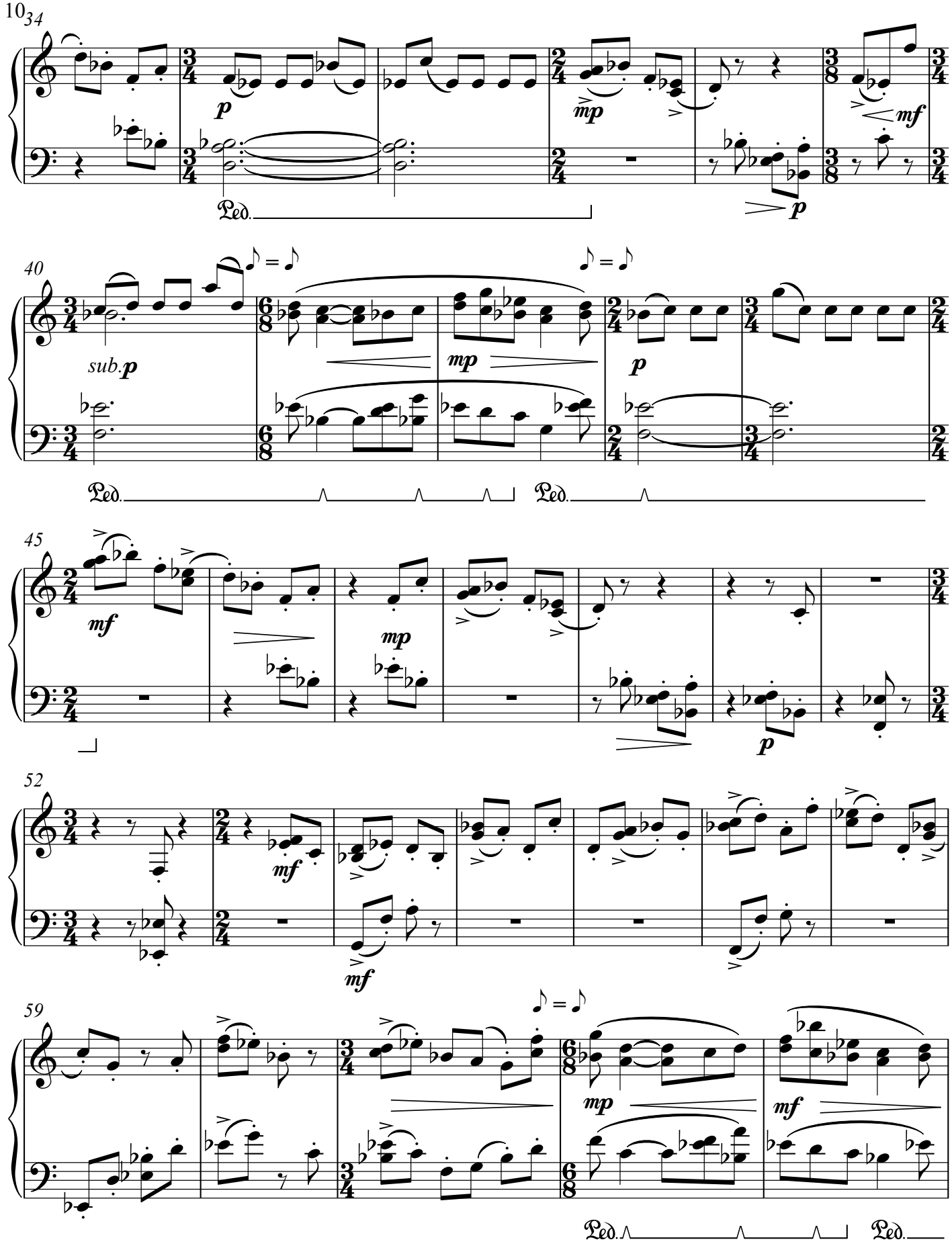
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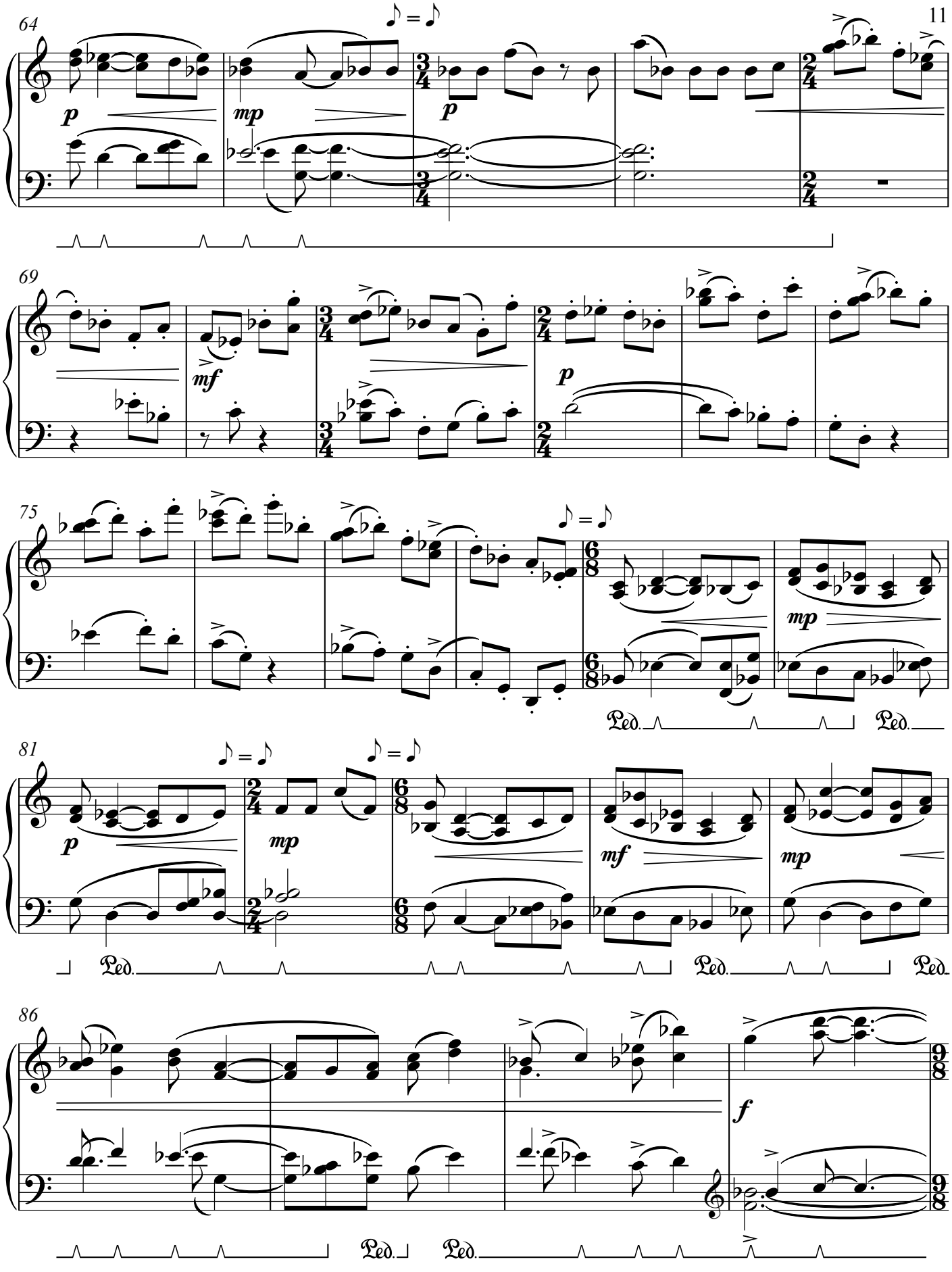
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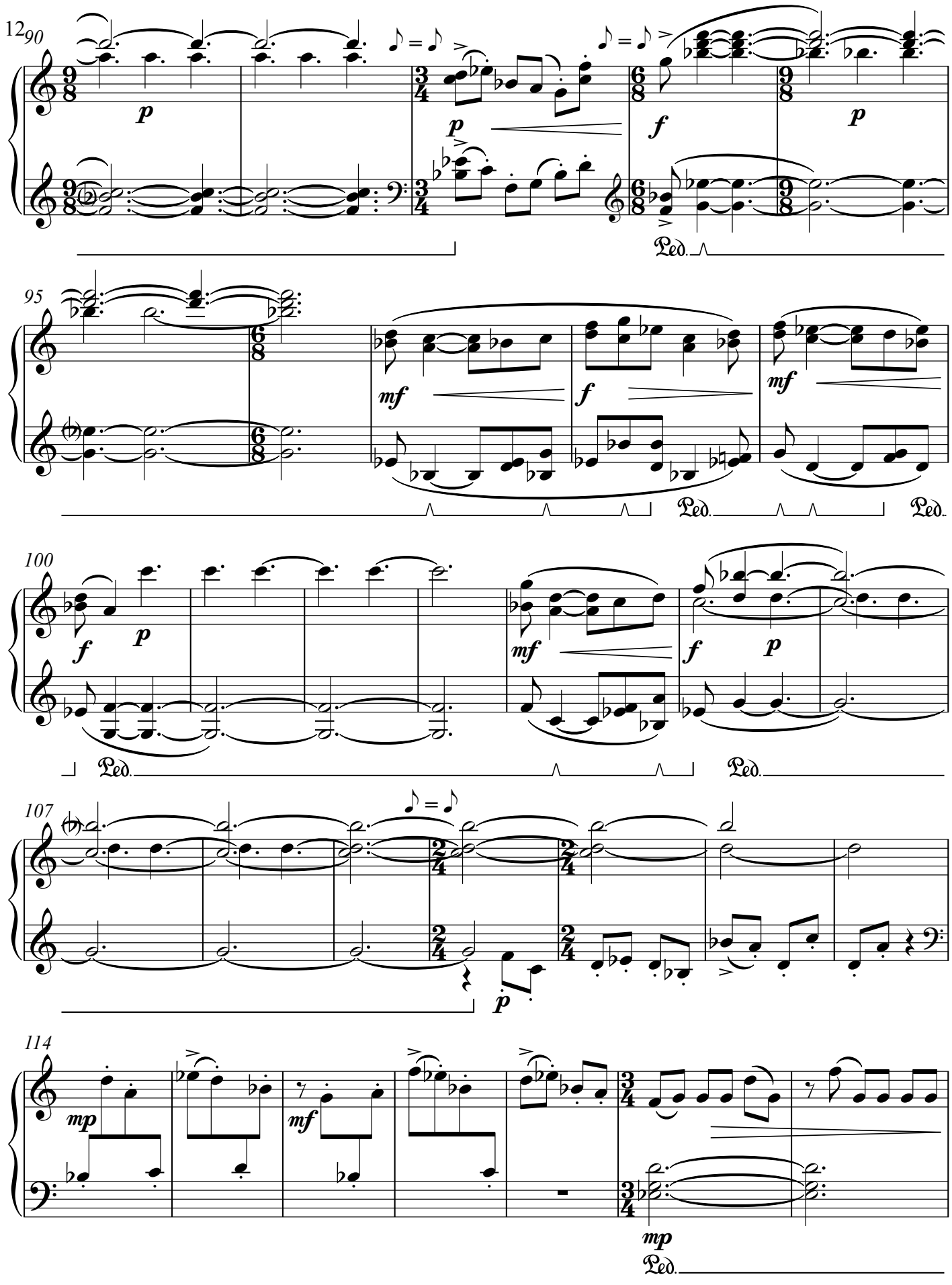
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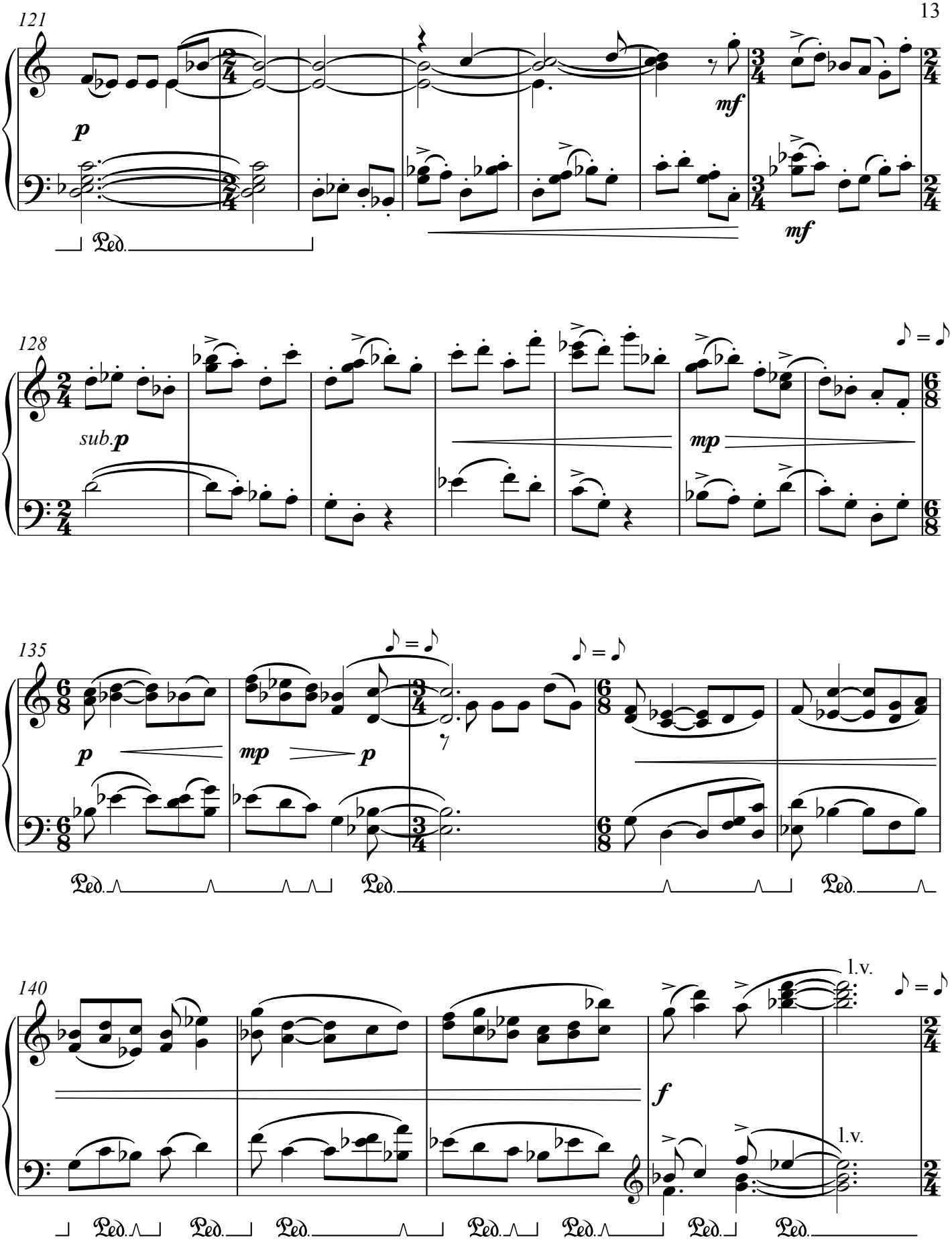
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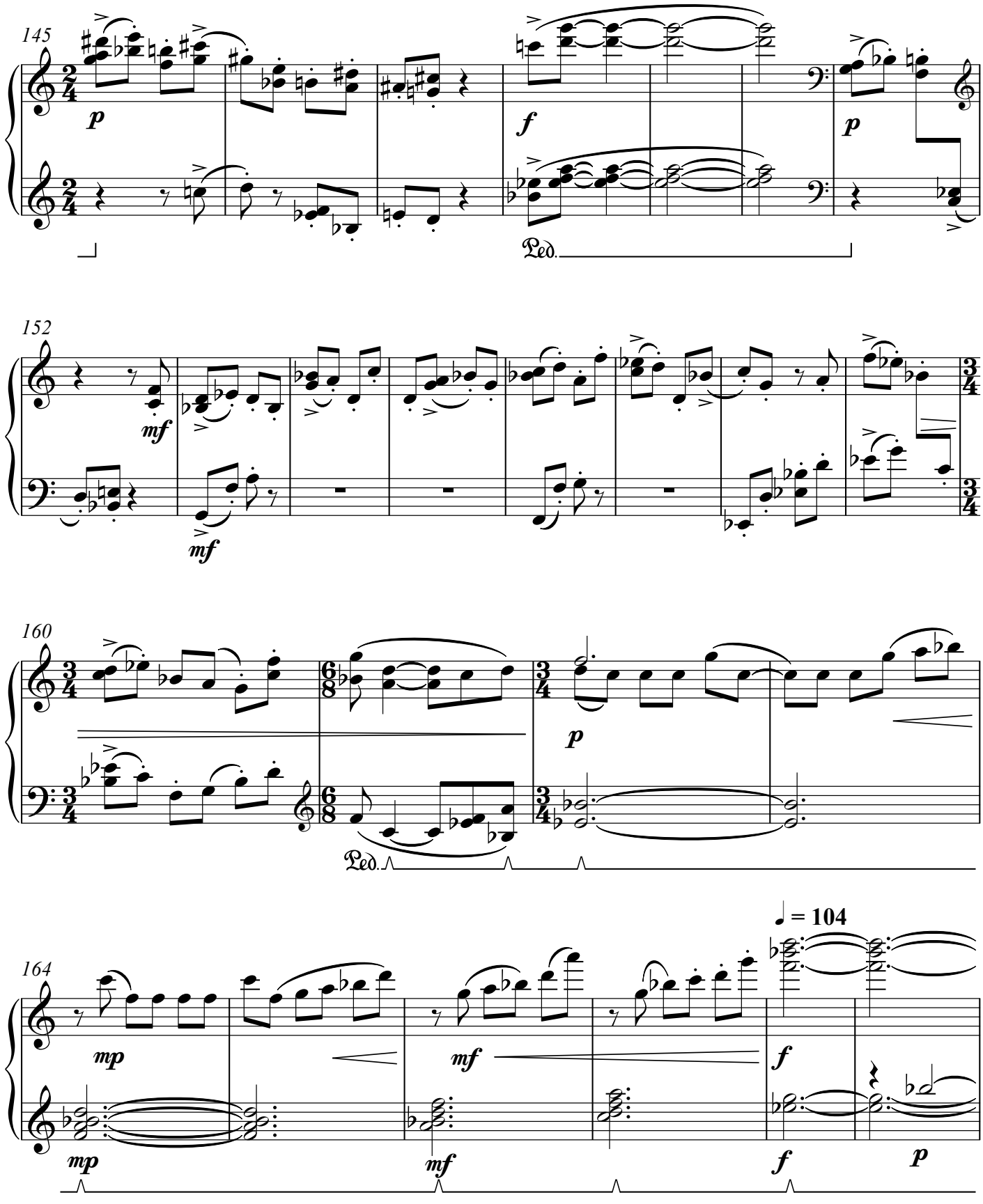
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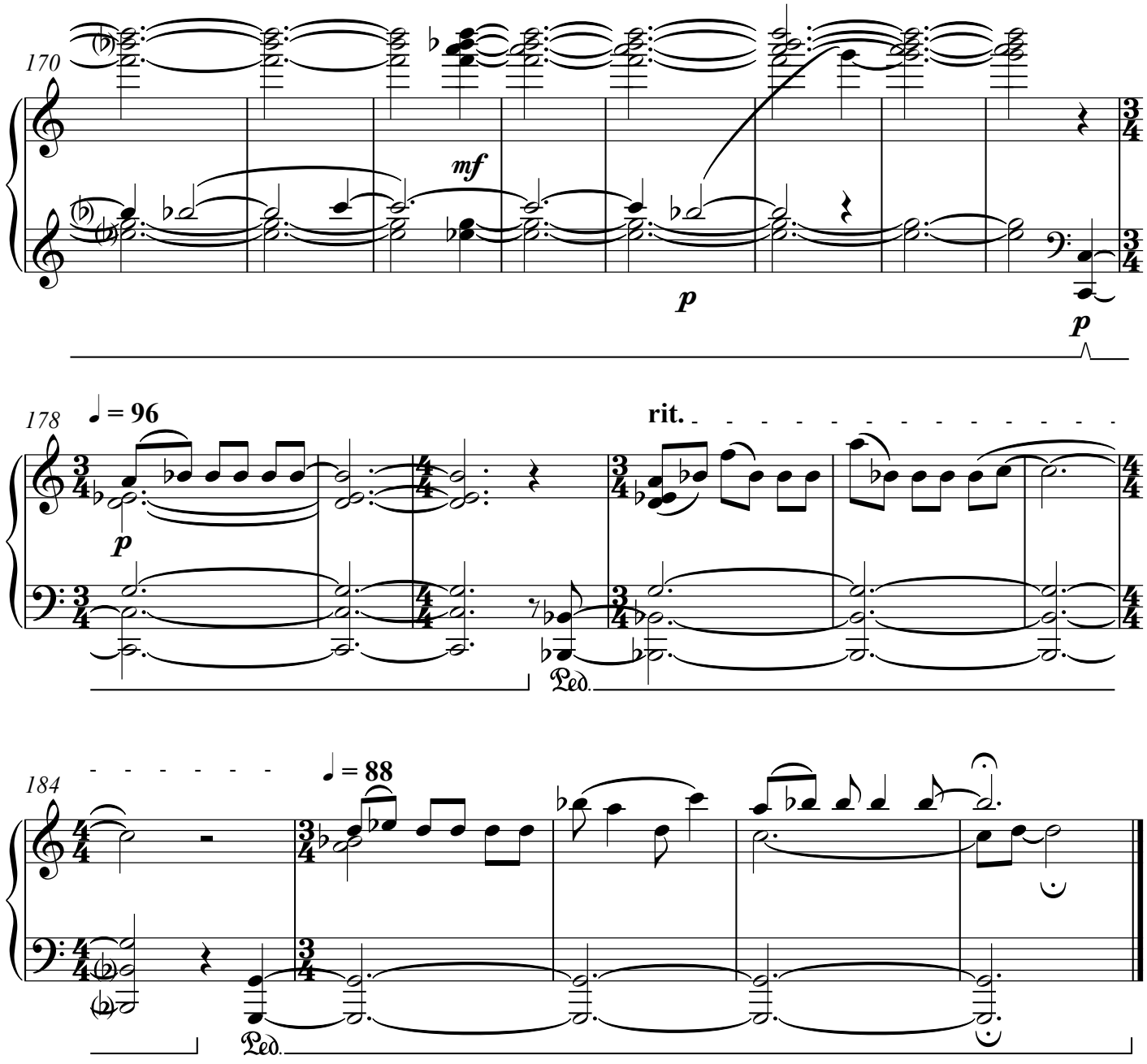
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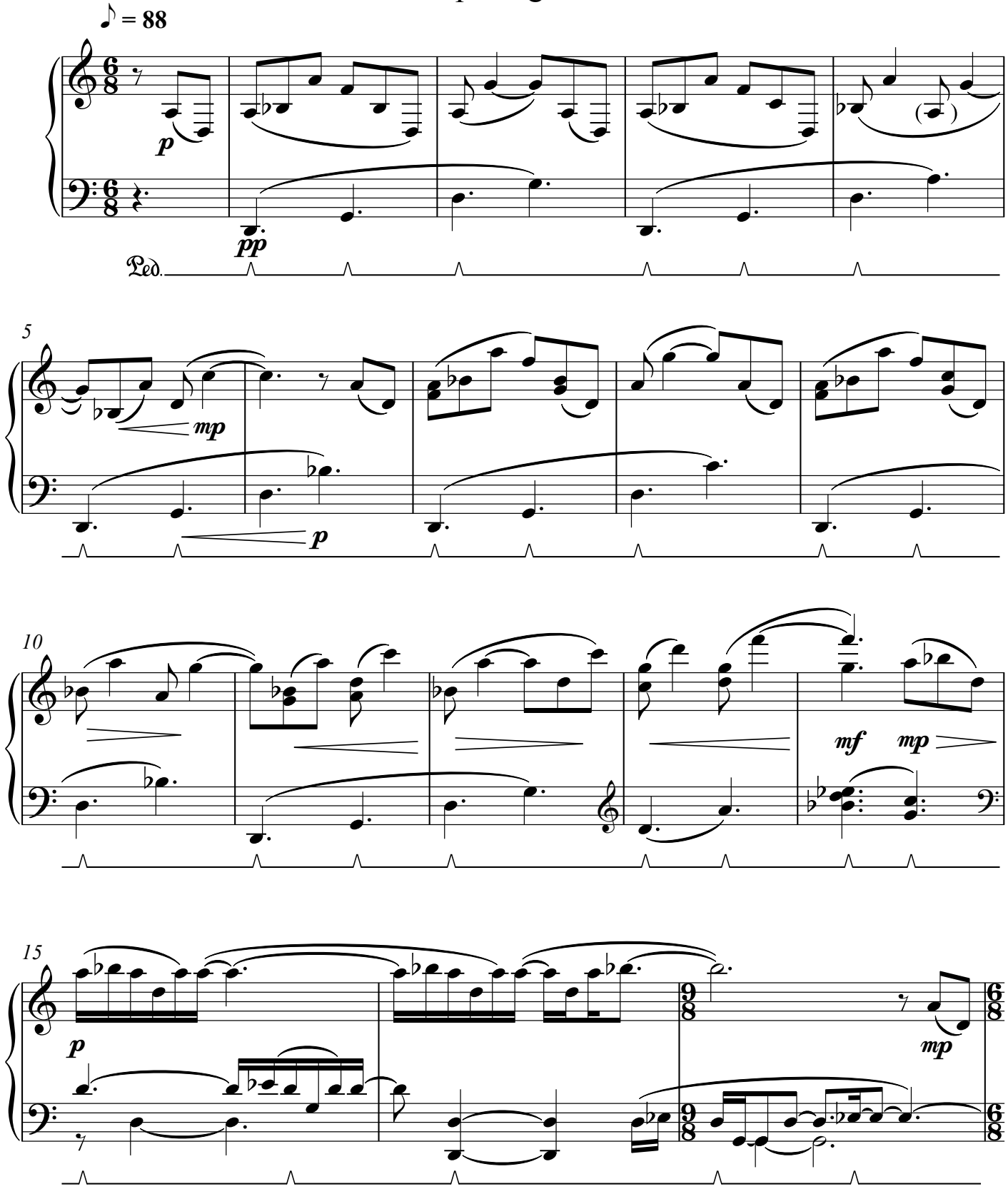
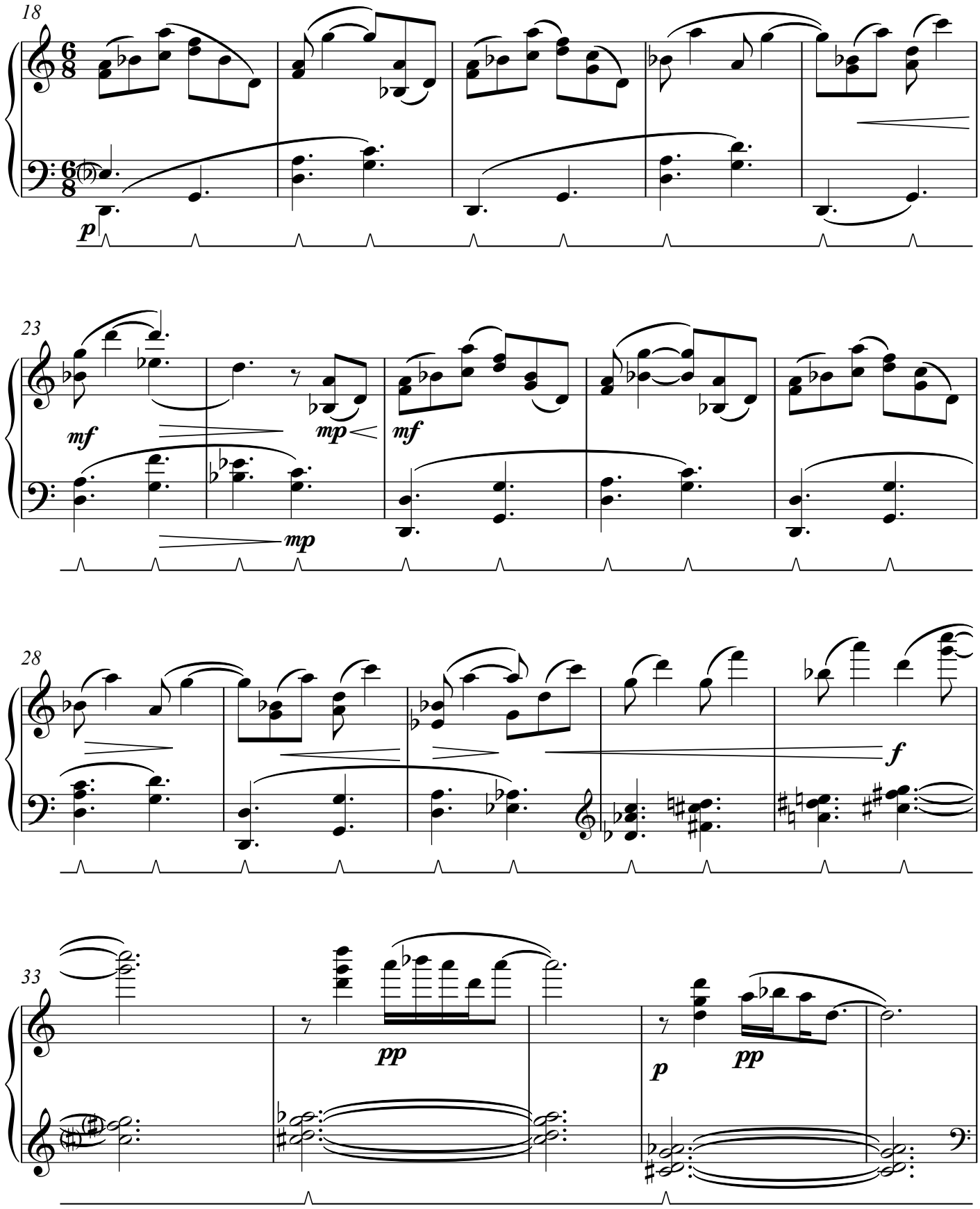
A Deepening Violet

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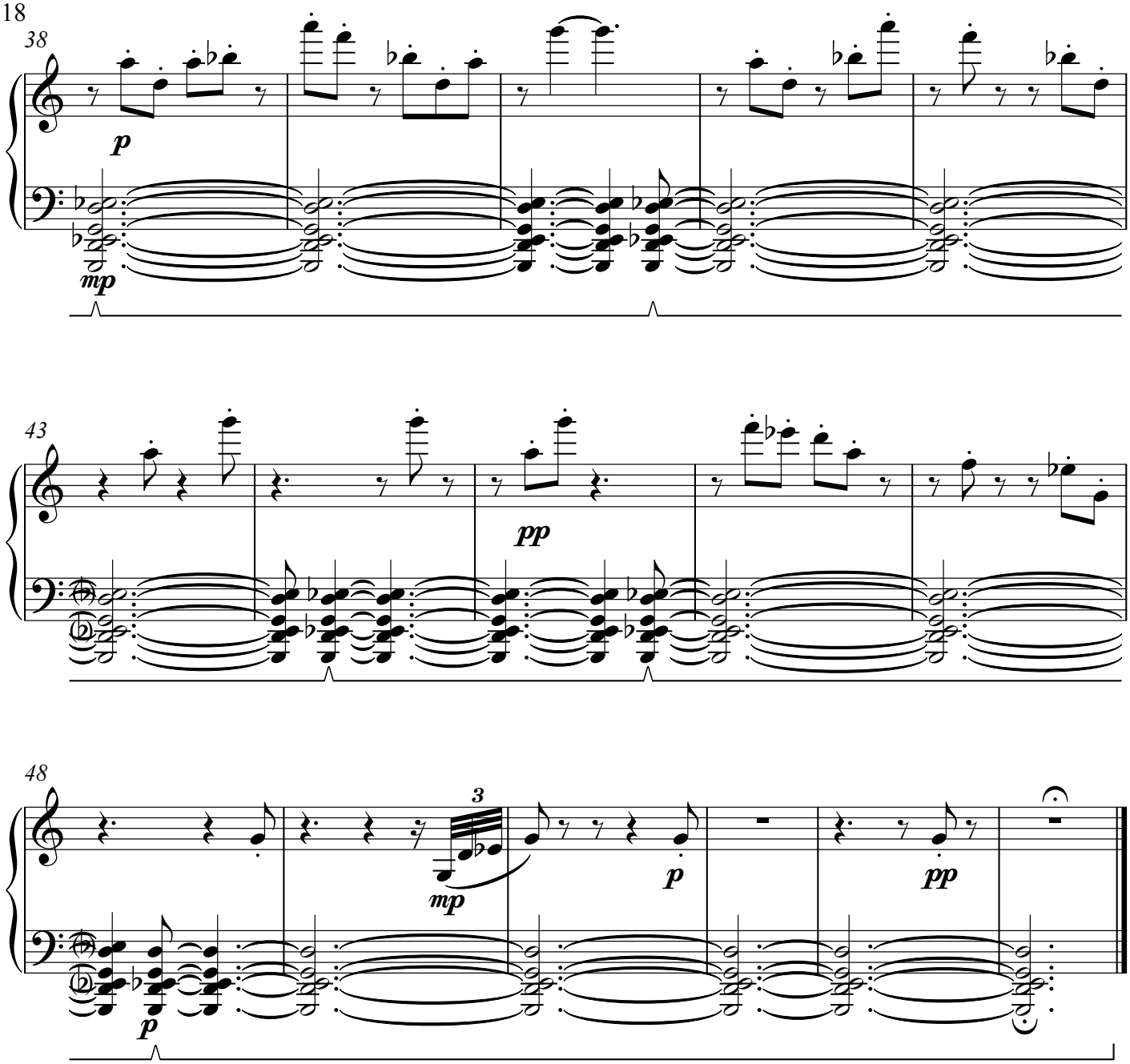
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