Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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2 Cadenzas

to Double Concerto in E-flat major K. 365

for 2 pianos

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Preliminary Note

These cadenzas, based on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's originals, were adaptated for performance purposes and are equally suited for period and modern instruments. With regard to notation, some modern elements are in evidence, e. g. changing metres (instead of *non-mesuré* sections) and multifarious (instead of few) dynamic indications. Please bear in mind that even where the score looks un-Mozartian it is not meant to sound un-Mozartian.

To be convincing, a cadenza must be 'trivial' and 'special' at the same time. While the overall course of action and every tiny detail must be commonplace, there is need for some distinctiveness in the configuration of these details – an undertaking that takes knowledge and courage. As Mozart obviously thought it our task to provide his concertos with our own cadenzas, we should face this challenge. Even where his private drafts have survived, we aren't out of the woods. There are always some blanks to fill in, and there is always a chance for a worthwhile side trip.

For an example, look at bars 20–27 of the first-movement cadenza. In bar 20, not the expected tonic is delivered but the dominant repeated. Here, an experienced listener has to cope with further challenges: the sparse setting; the change of dynamics; the new figuration; and an early scale representing a belated tonic. With bars 20/21, a sequence with overlong segments takes shape. In the days of Mozart, overlong segments were written down without switching metre – instead, each limb of the sequence took one-and-a-half bars. But regardless of notation, this sort of joke is more or less 'trivial'. Things turn 'special' in bars 22/23 (where the sequence goes way too far) and 24/25 (where the metre gets in serious trouble). Just in time, or so I hope, bars 26/27 lead back to normality. In order to stay comprehensible, take care of proper tempo relations (♩ = ♩) and emphasise consistency.

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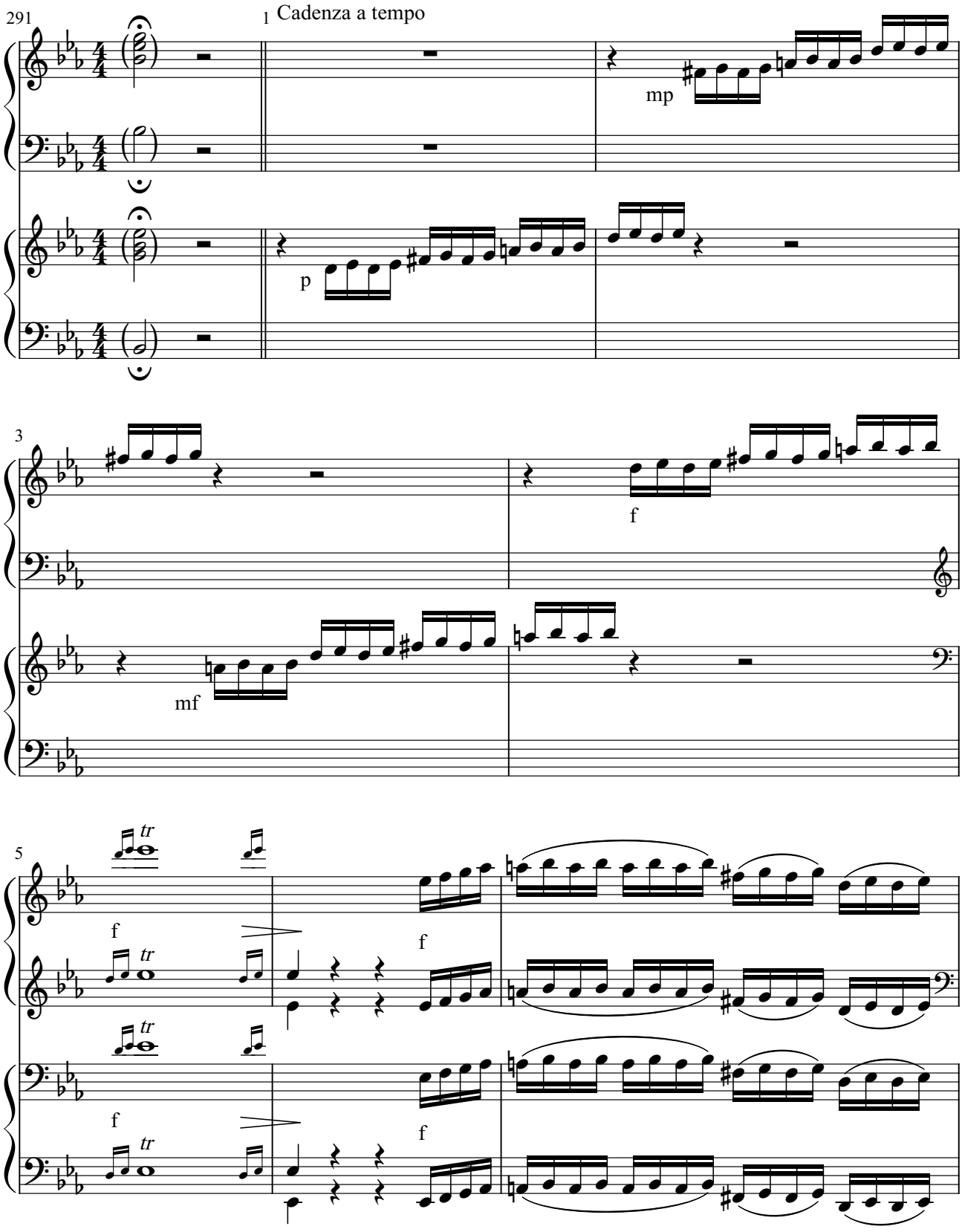

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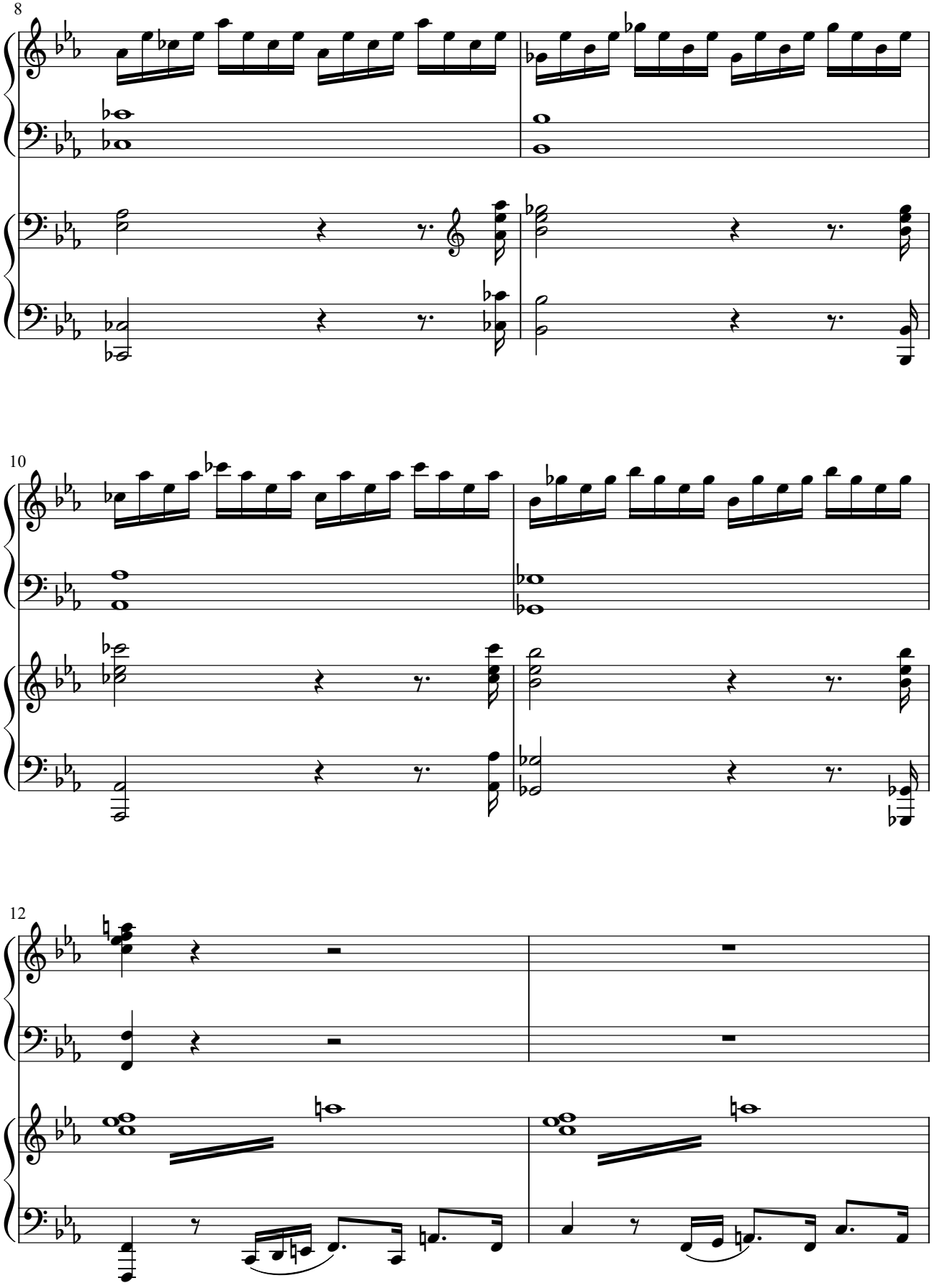

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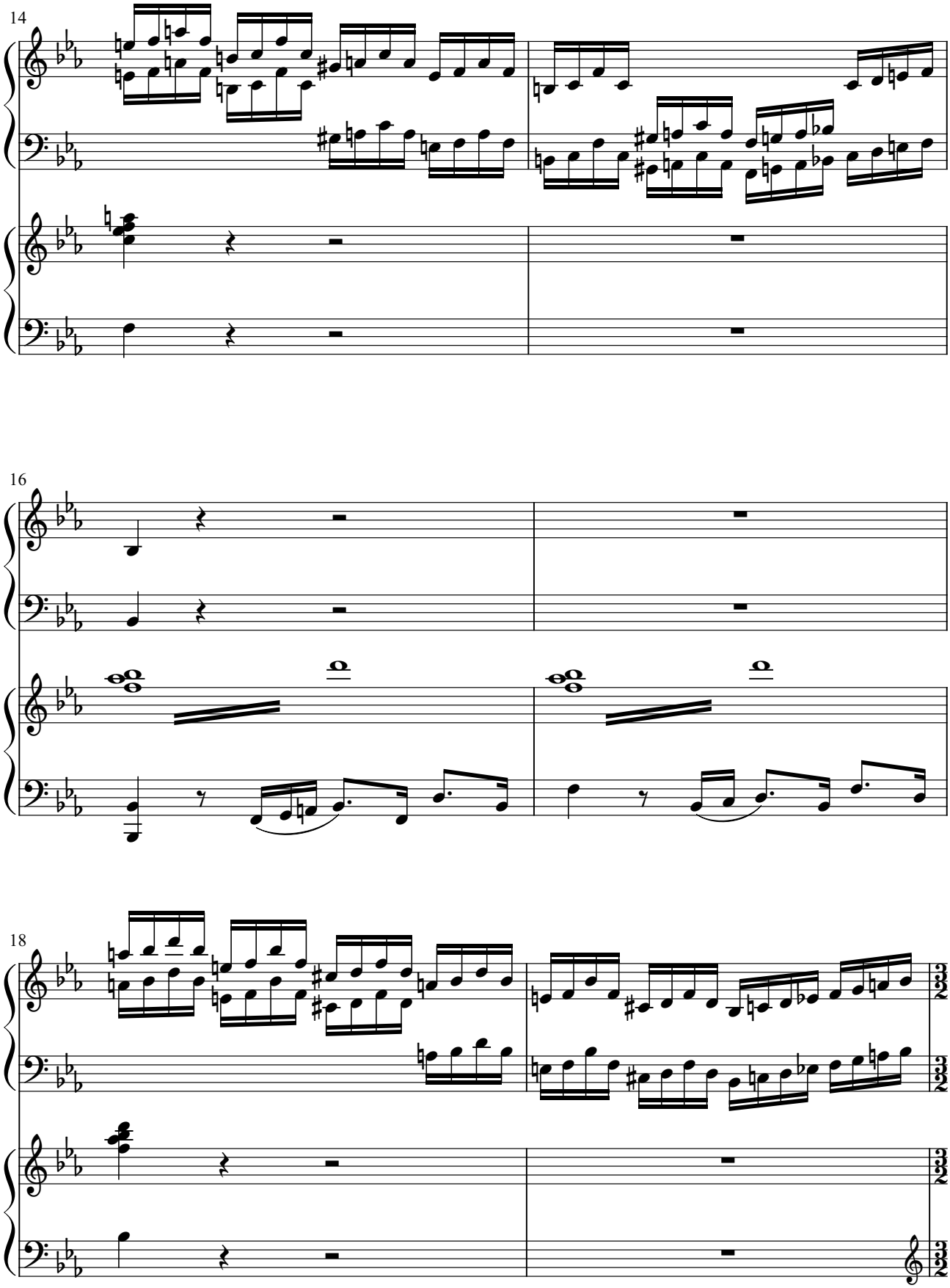
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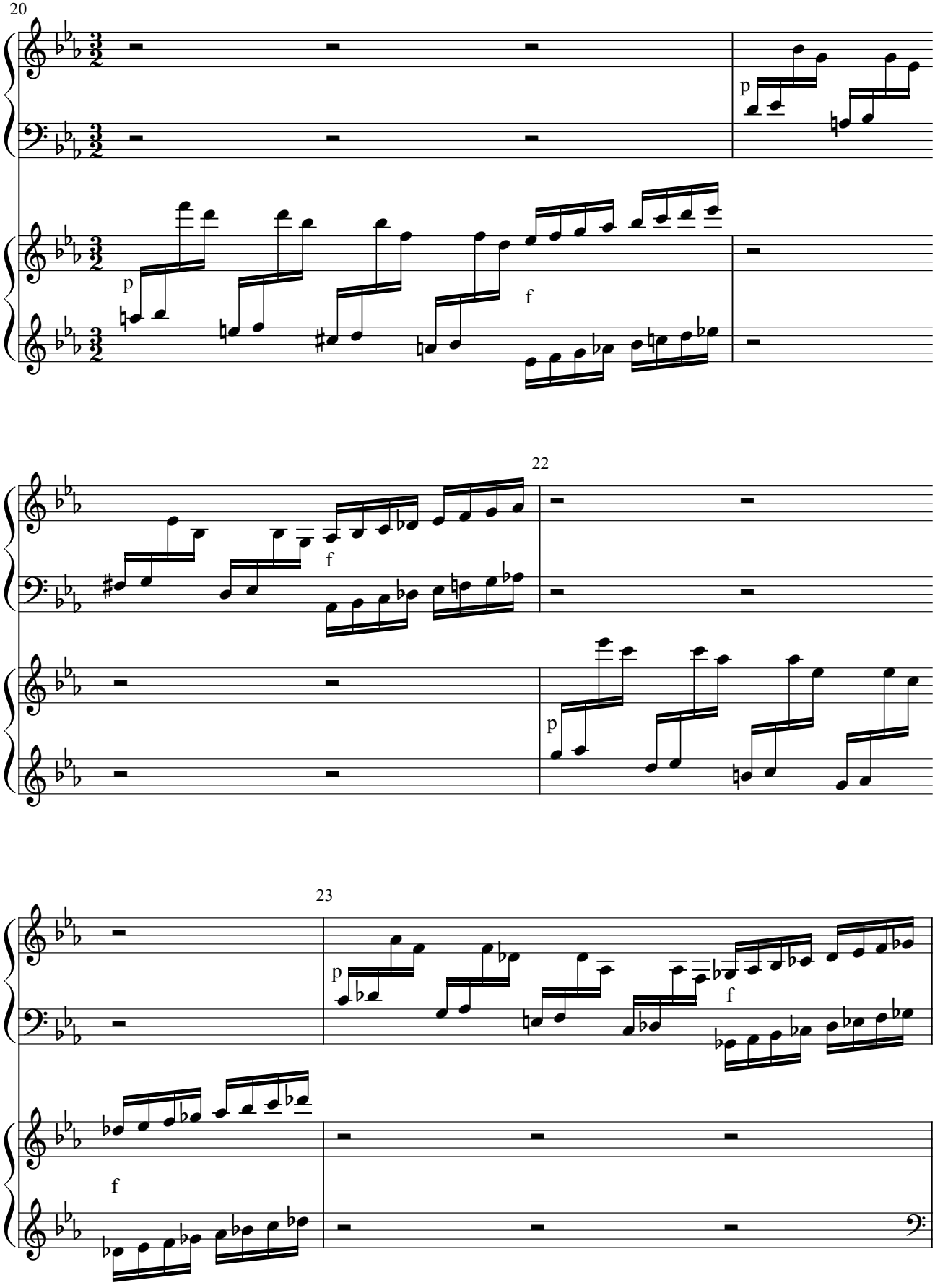

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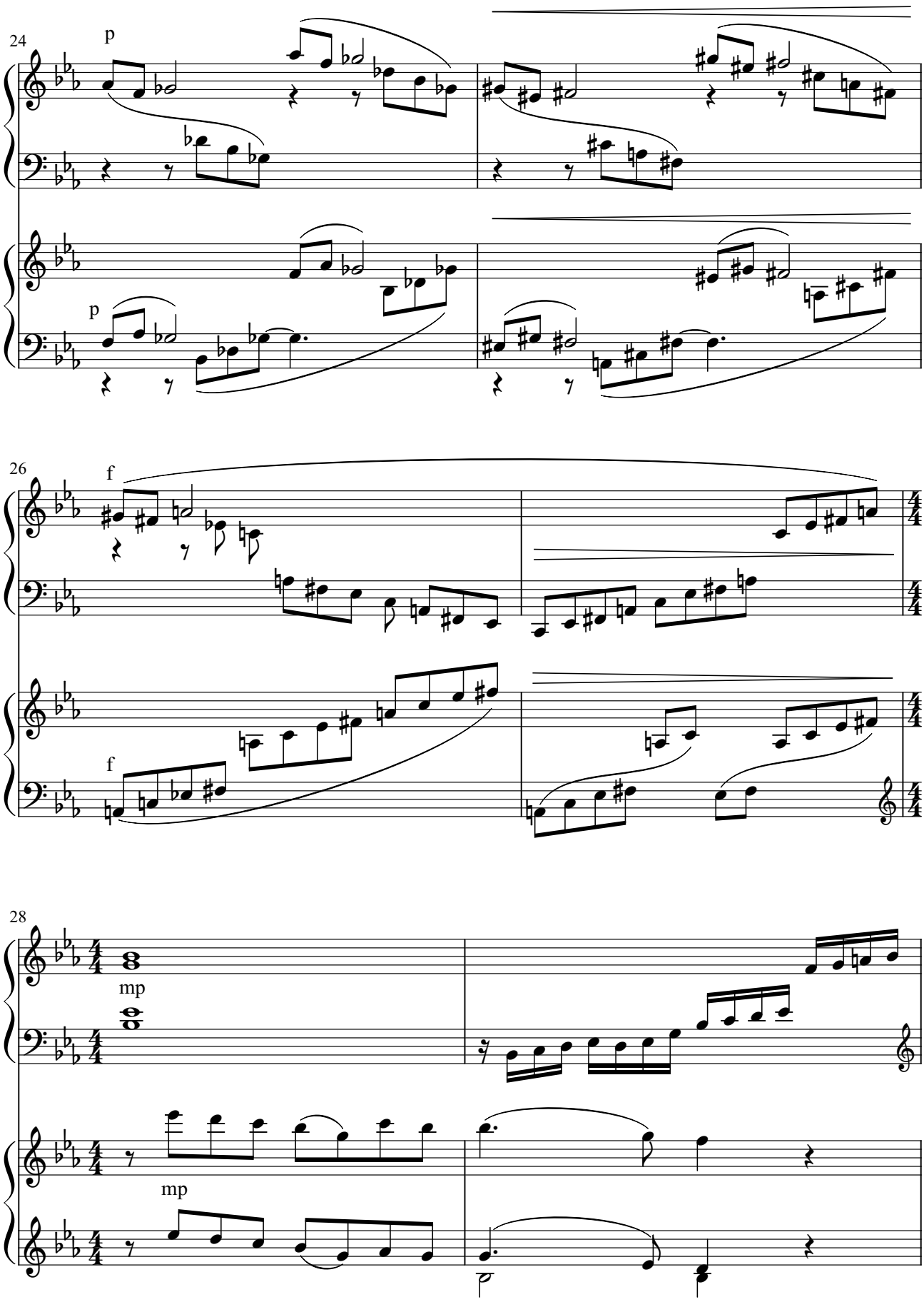

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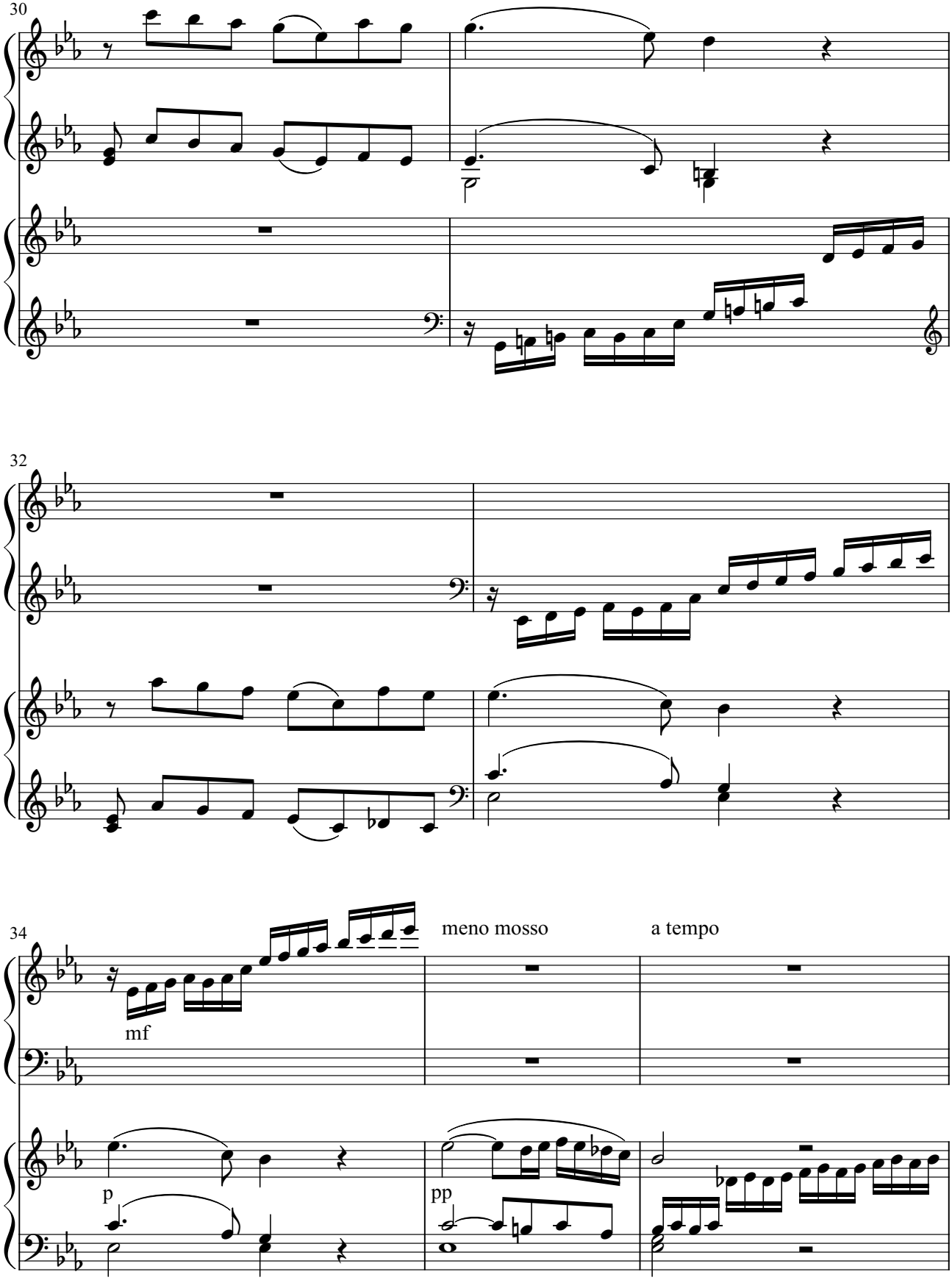

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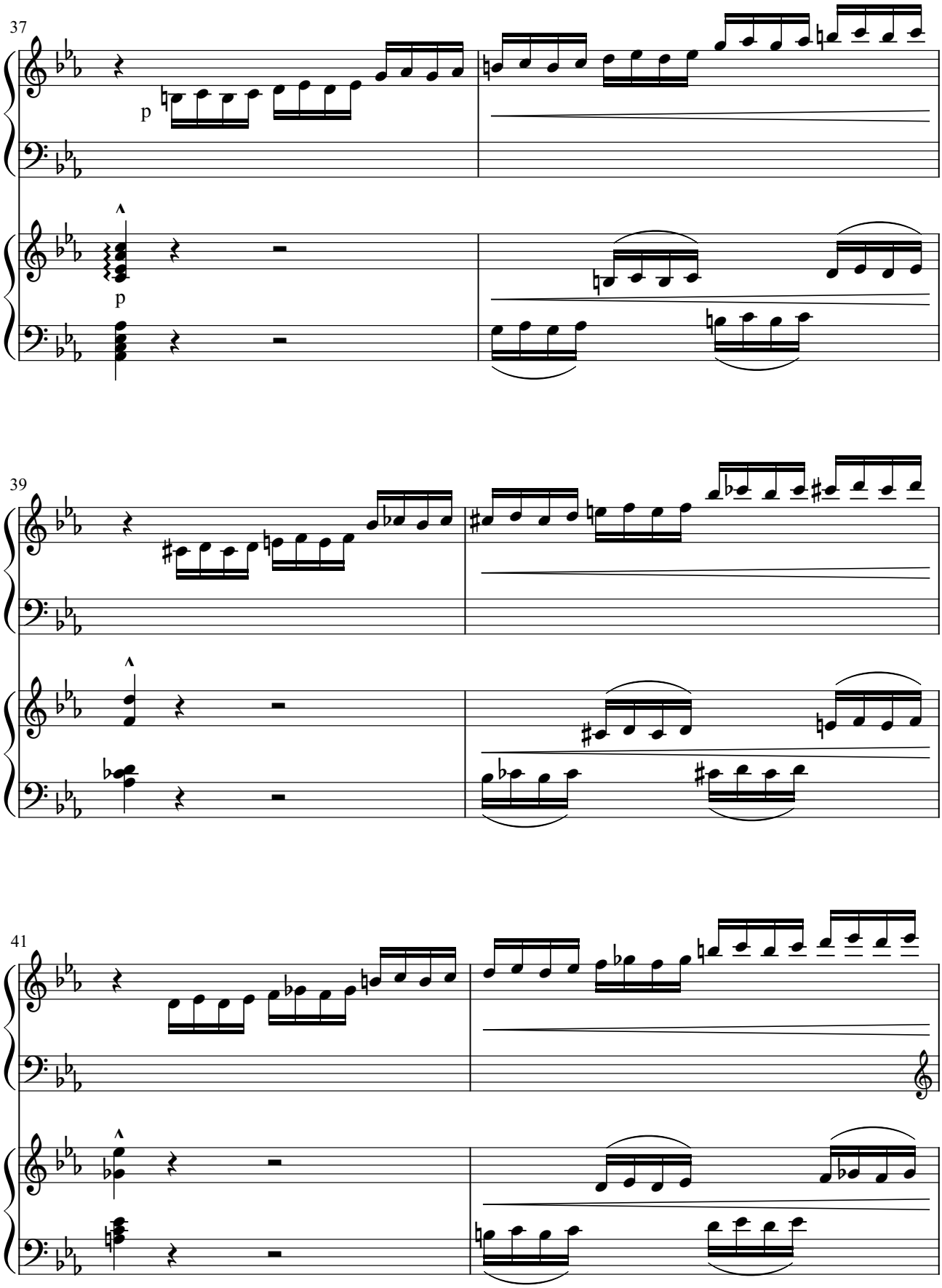

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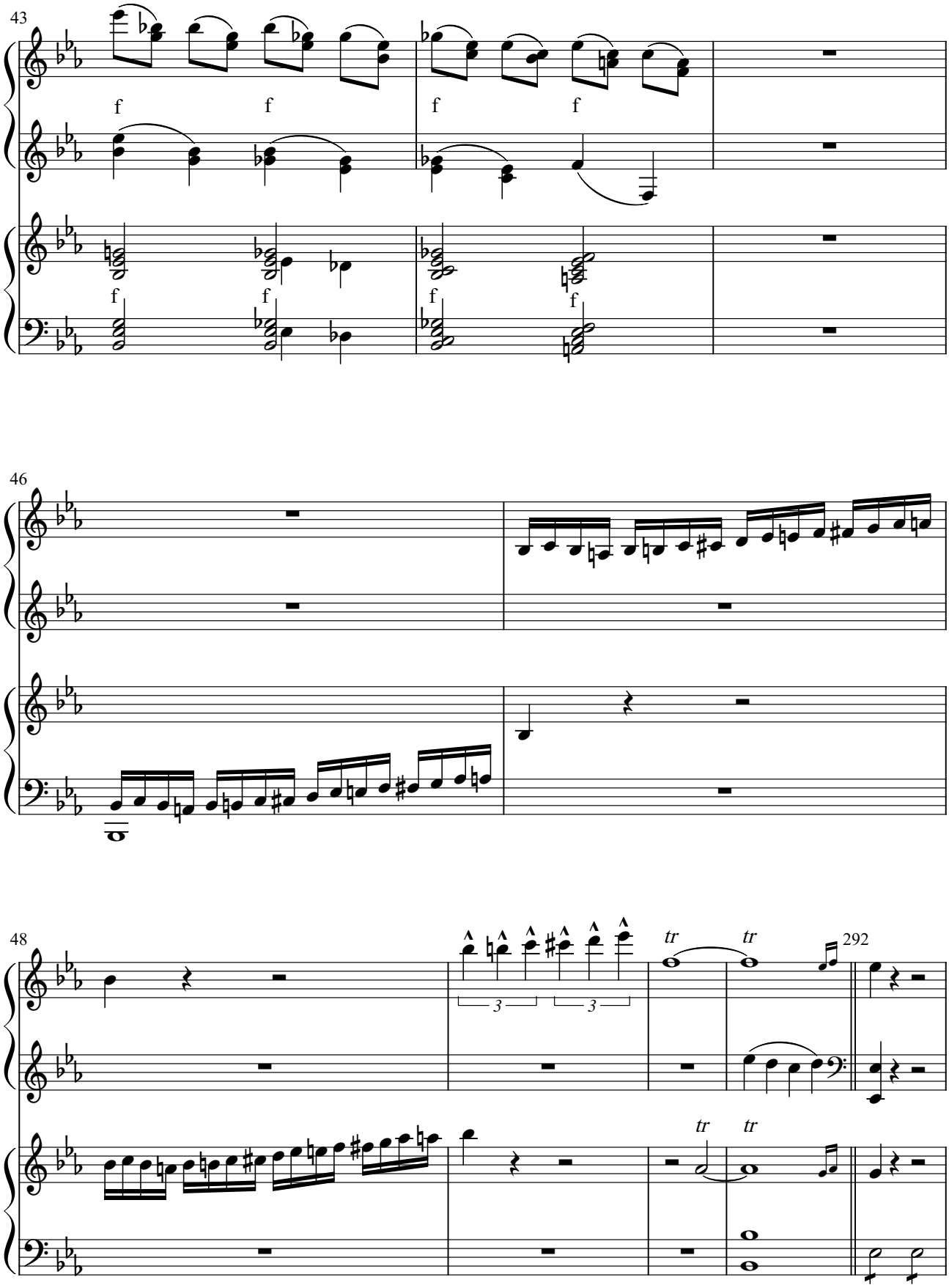

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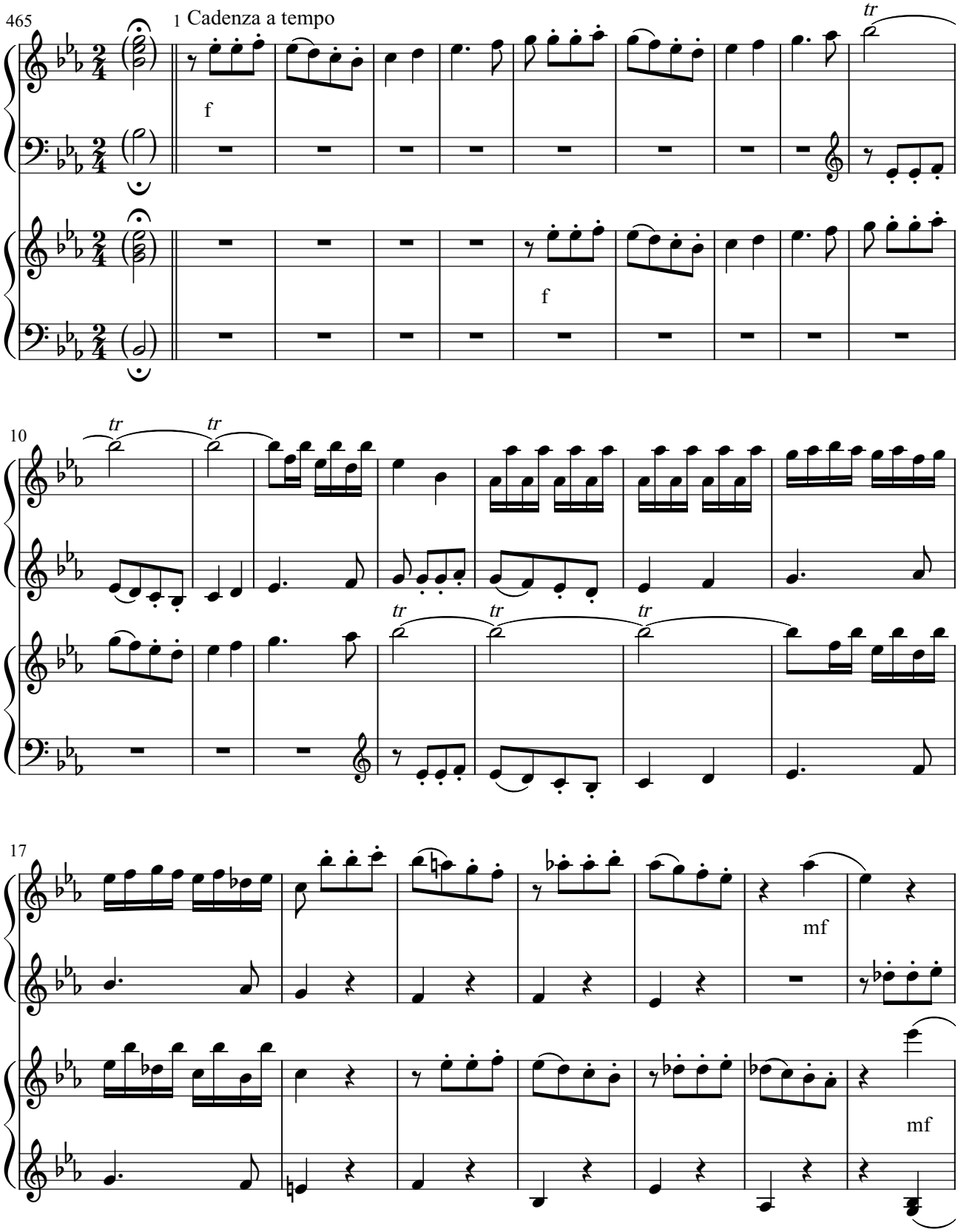

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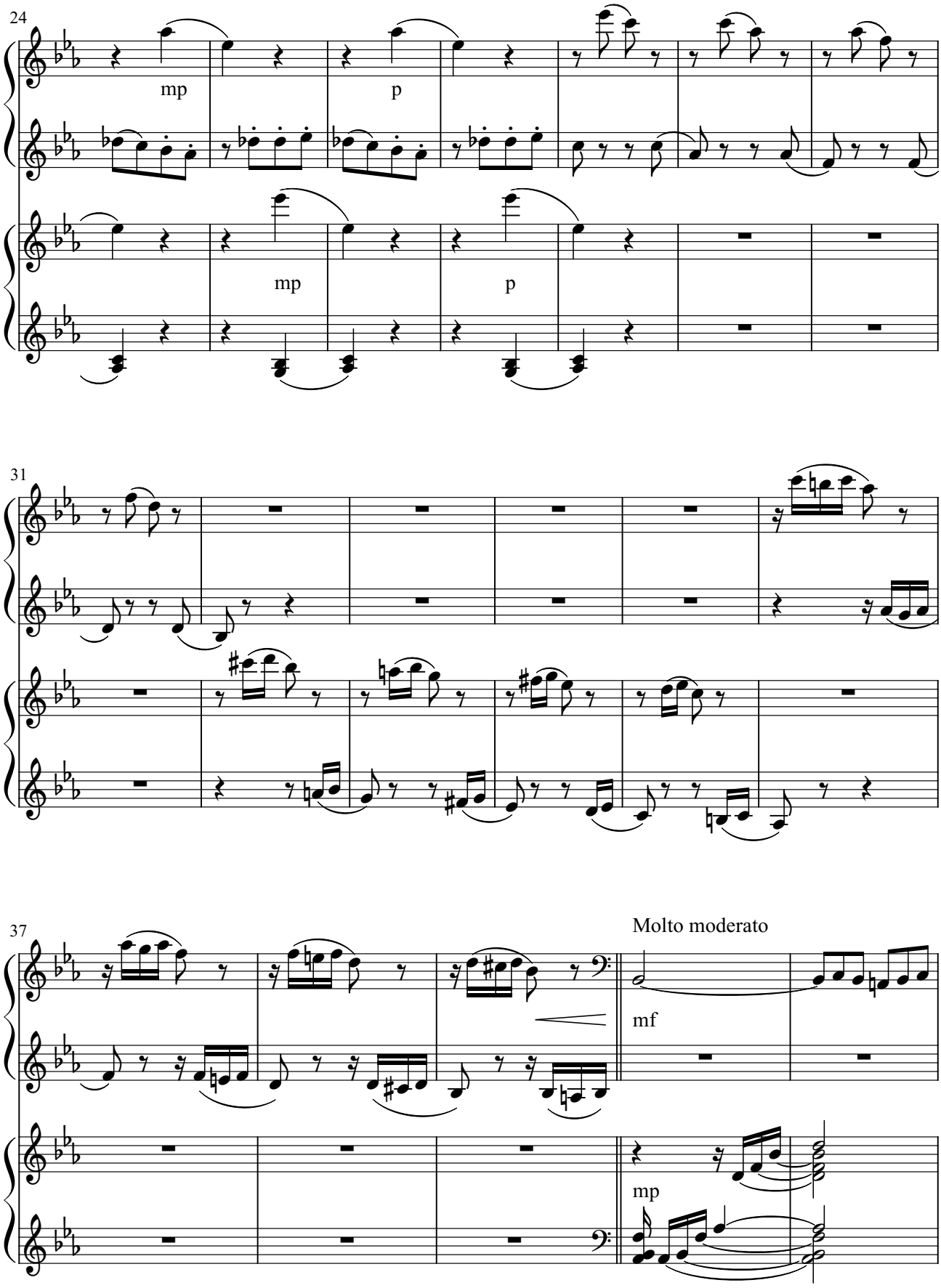
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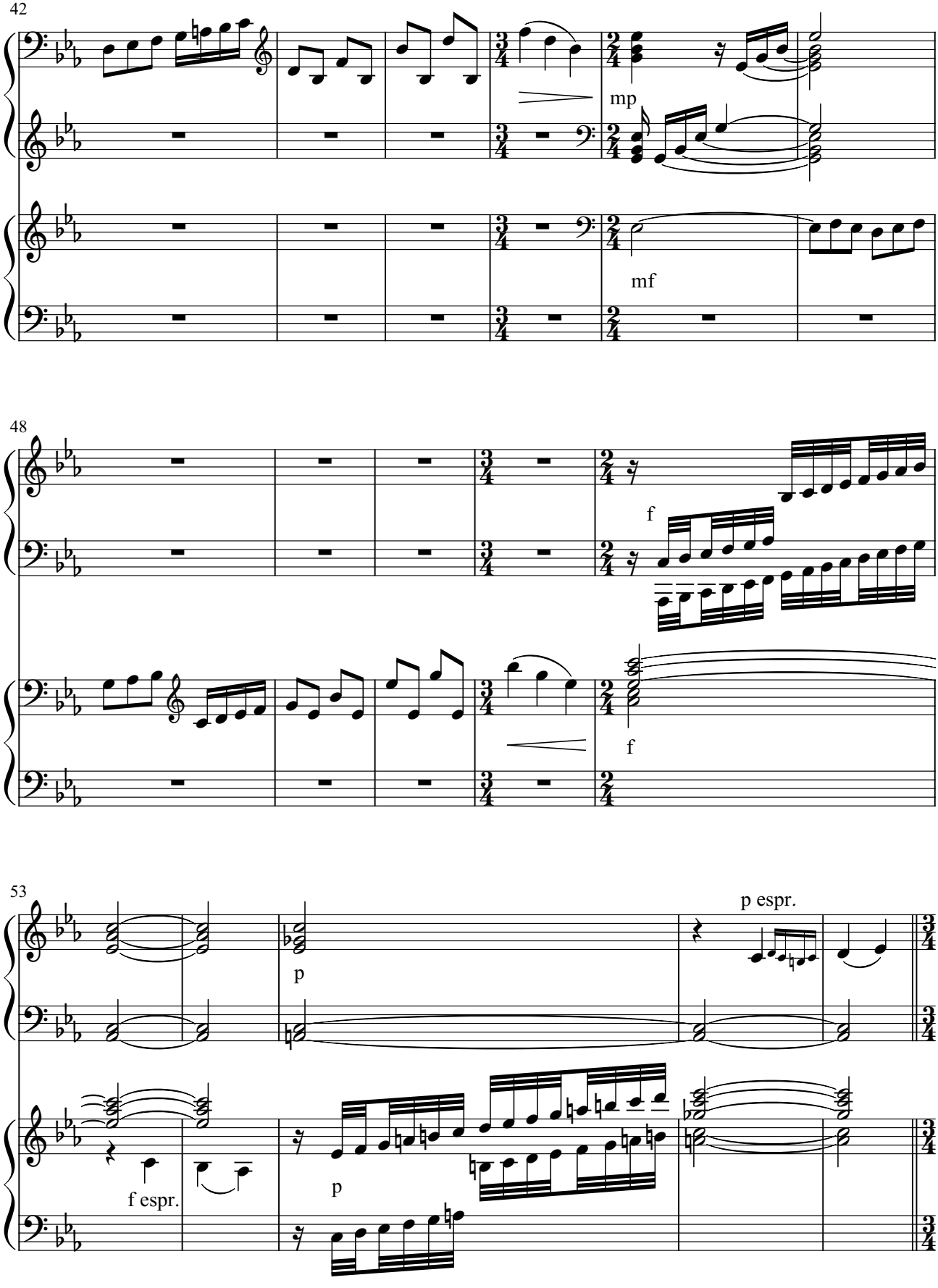
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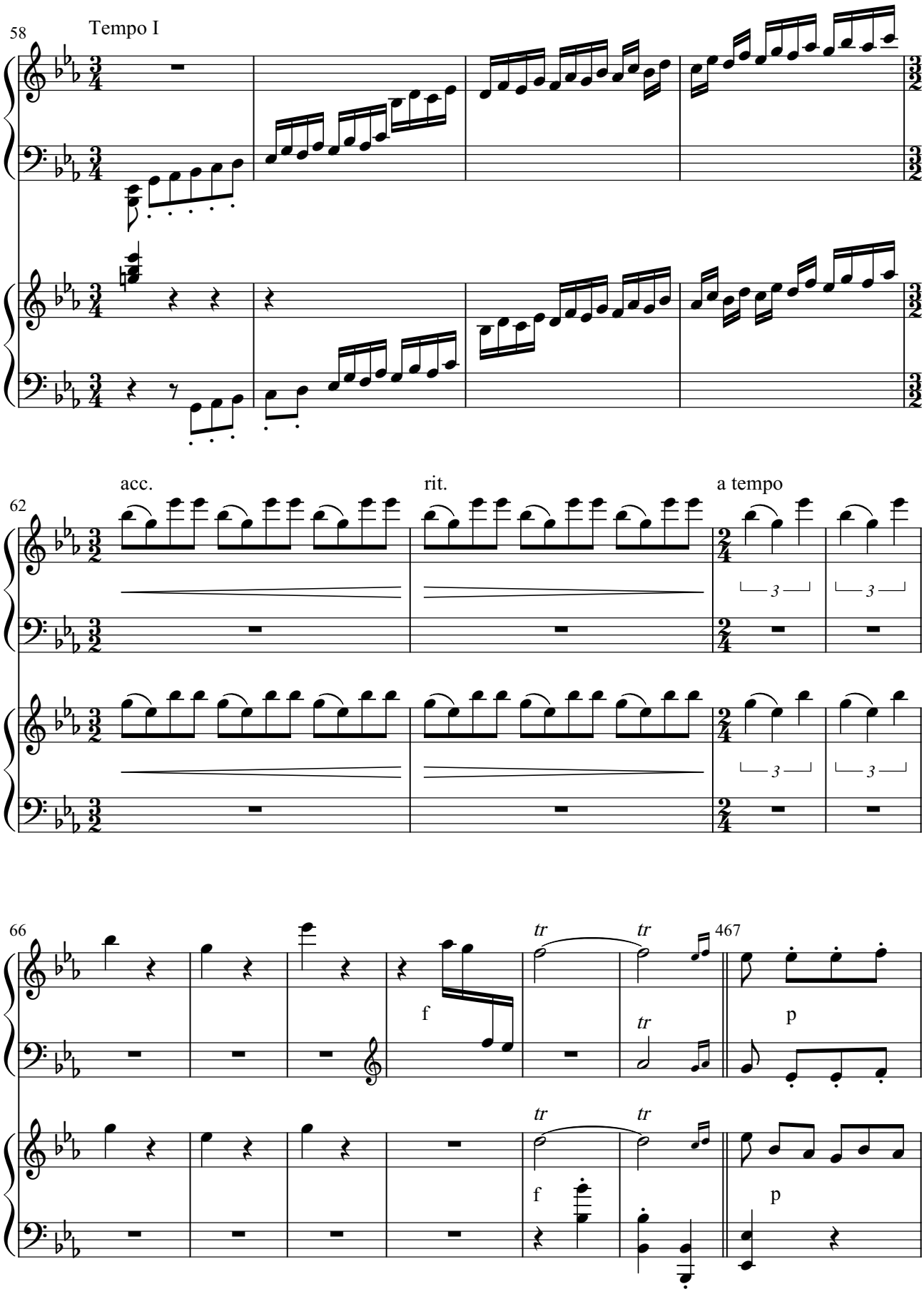

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