John Webber

FOUR POEMS

for clarinet, violin, cello, piano and narrator

clarinet in A

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NARRATOR *(before bar 1)*
In the beginning
Was a spider without head.
She came with a glyph
Of sword through heart.
She climbed the wall
And disappeared in the firepit.

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I
CERRIDWEN

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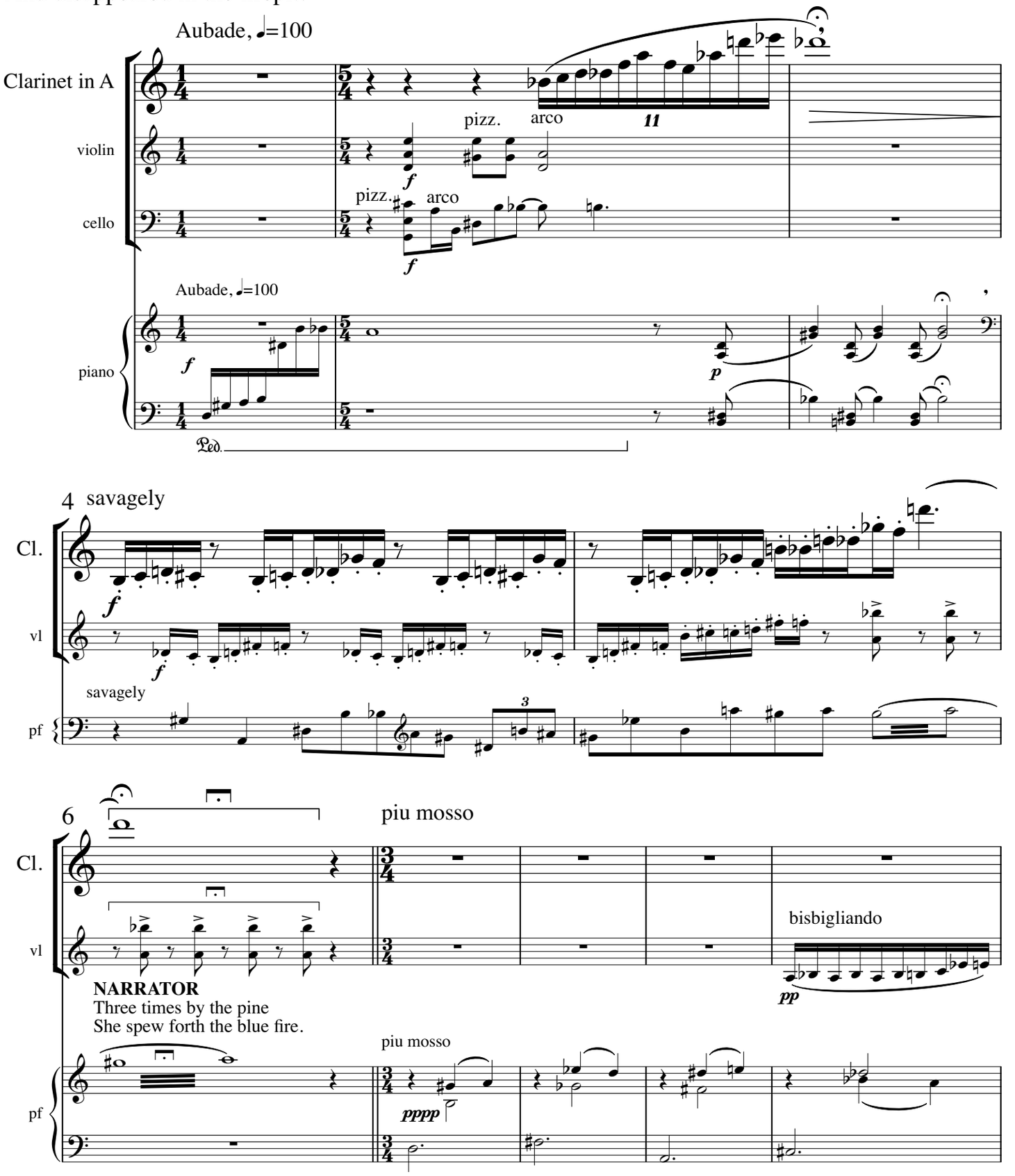
Marcia Cunningham poems



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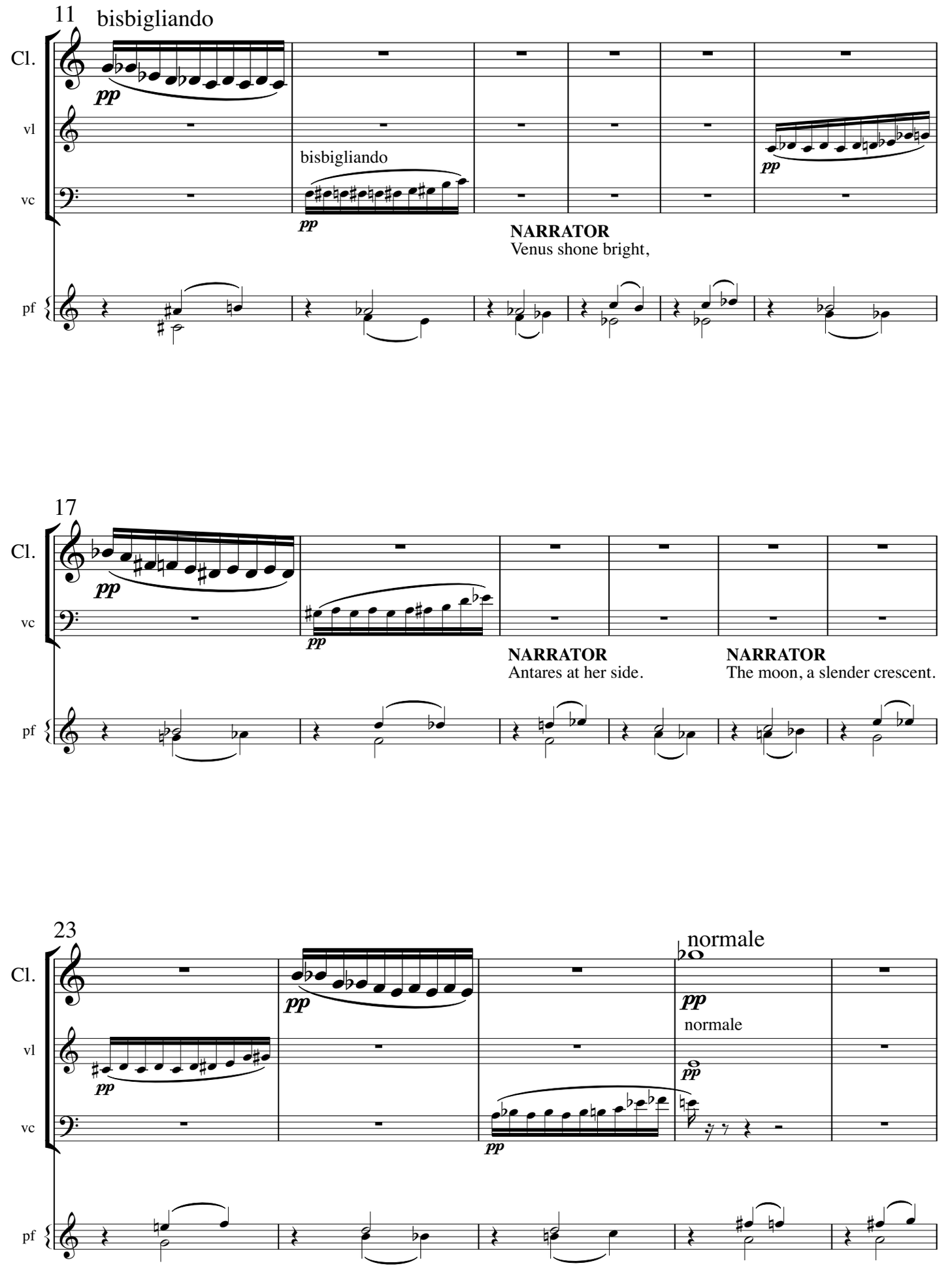
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Cl.
vl
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NARRATOR
Venus shone bright,
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vc
pf
pp
pp
NARRATOR
Antares at her side.
NARRATOR
The moon, a slender crescent.
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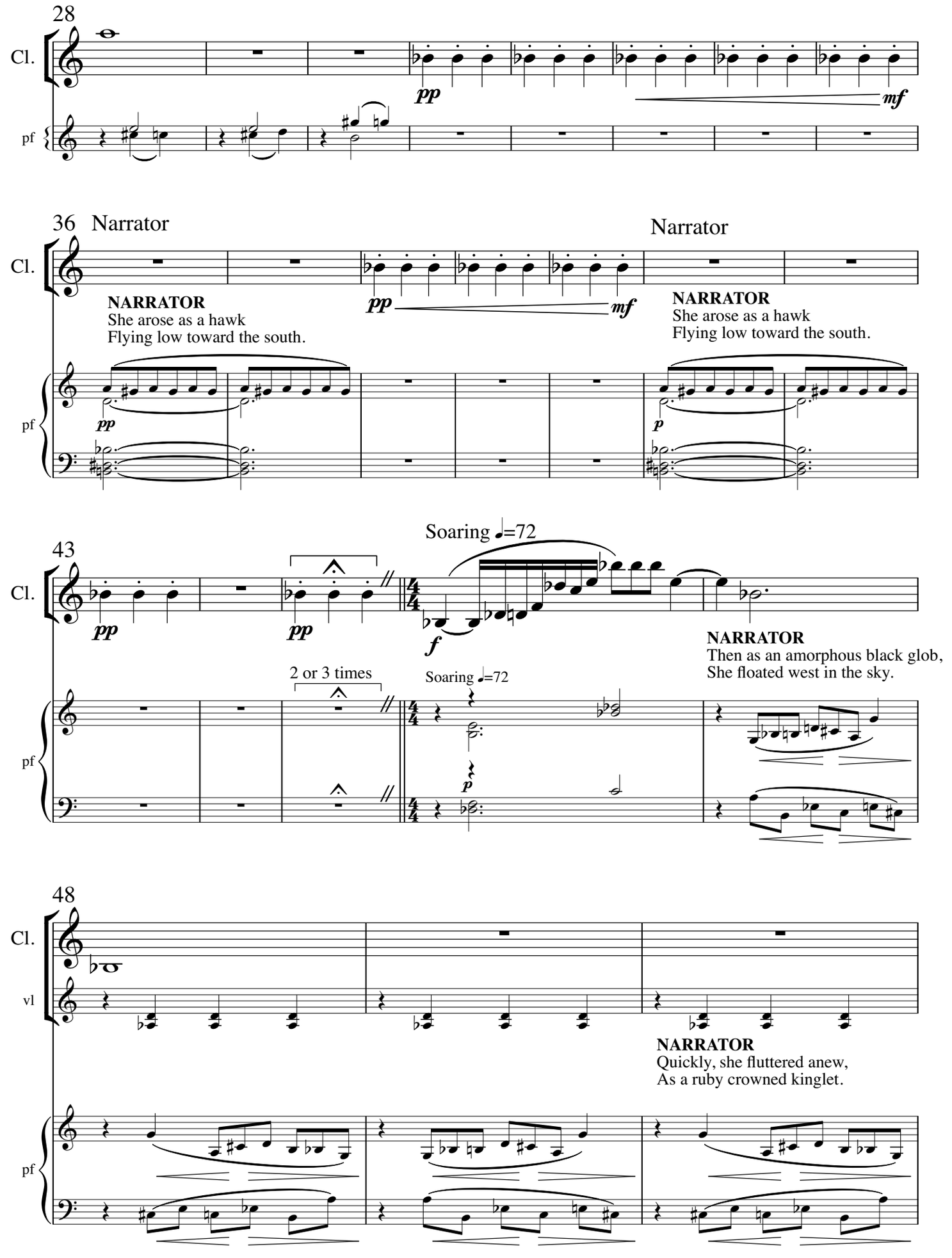
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Flying low toward the south.
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p
43
Soaring ♩=72
pp
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NARRATOR
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Quickly, she fluttered anew,
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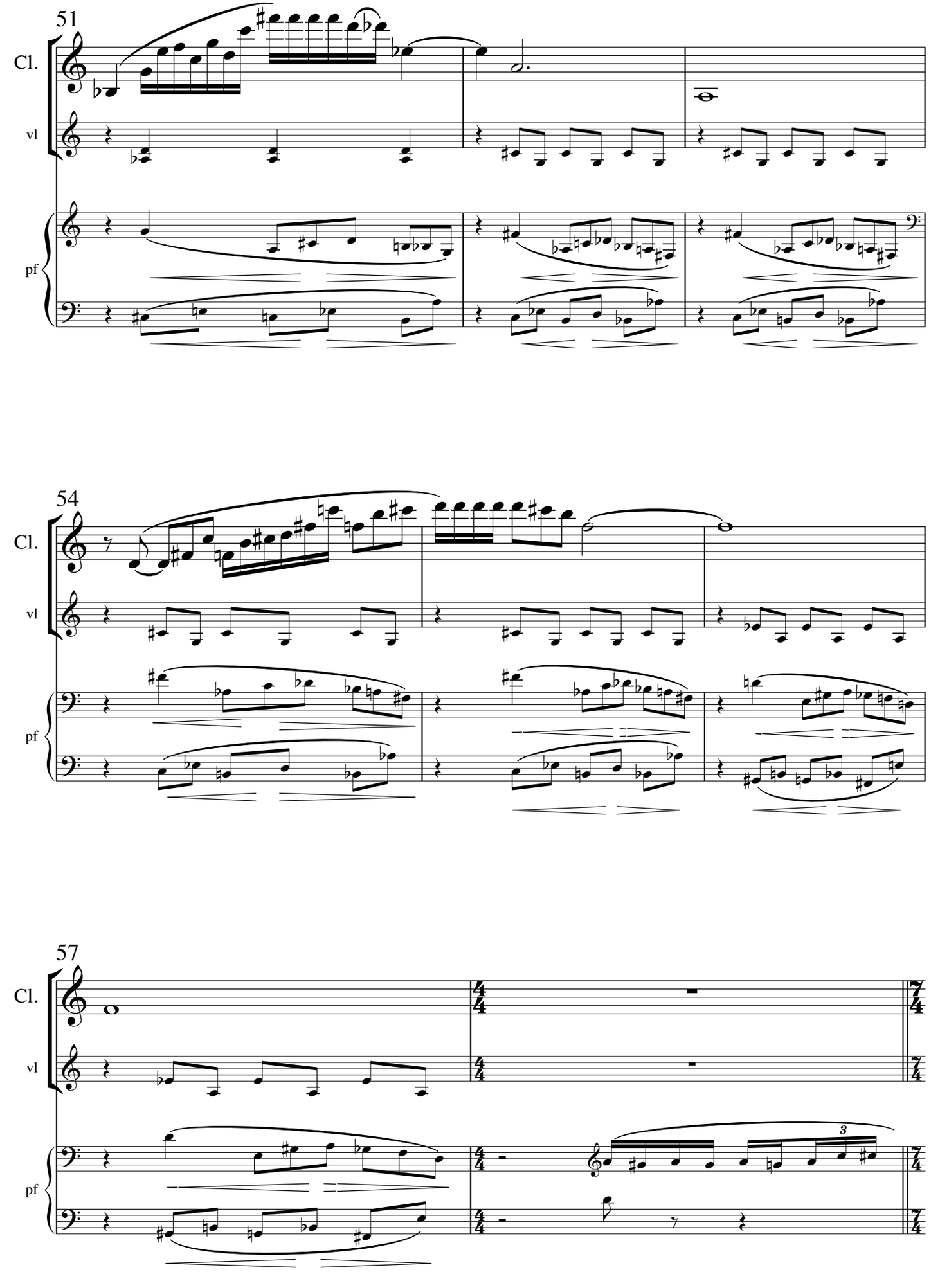
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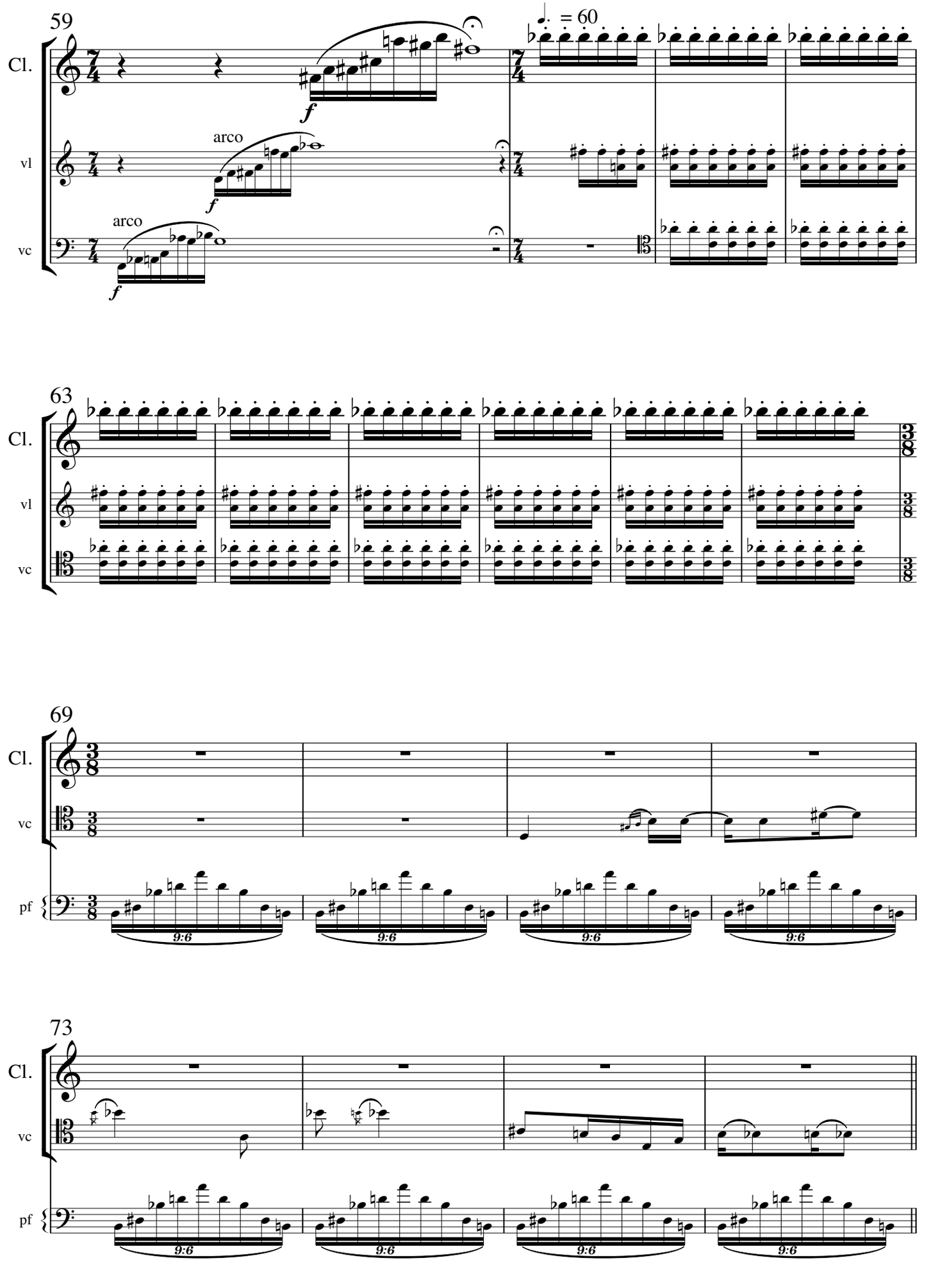
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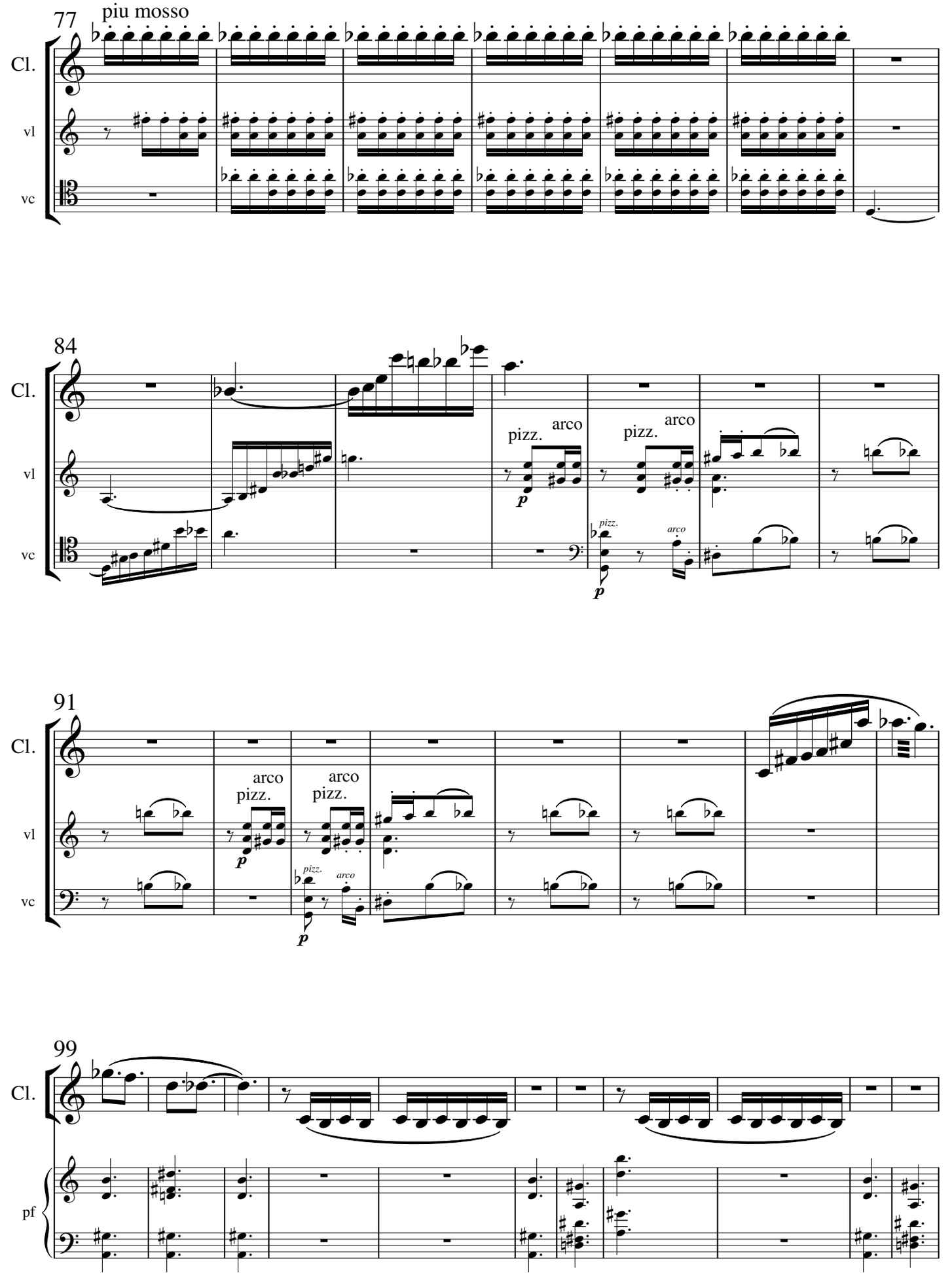
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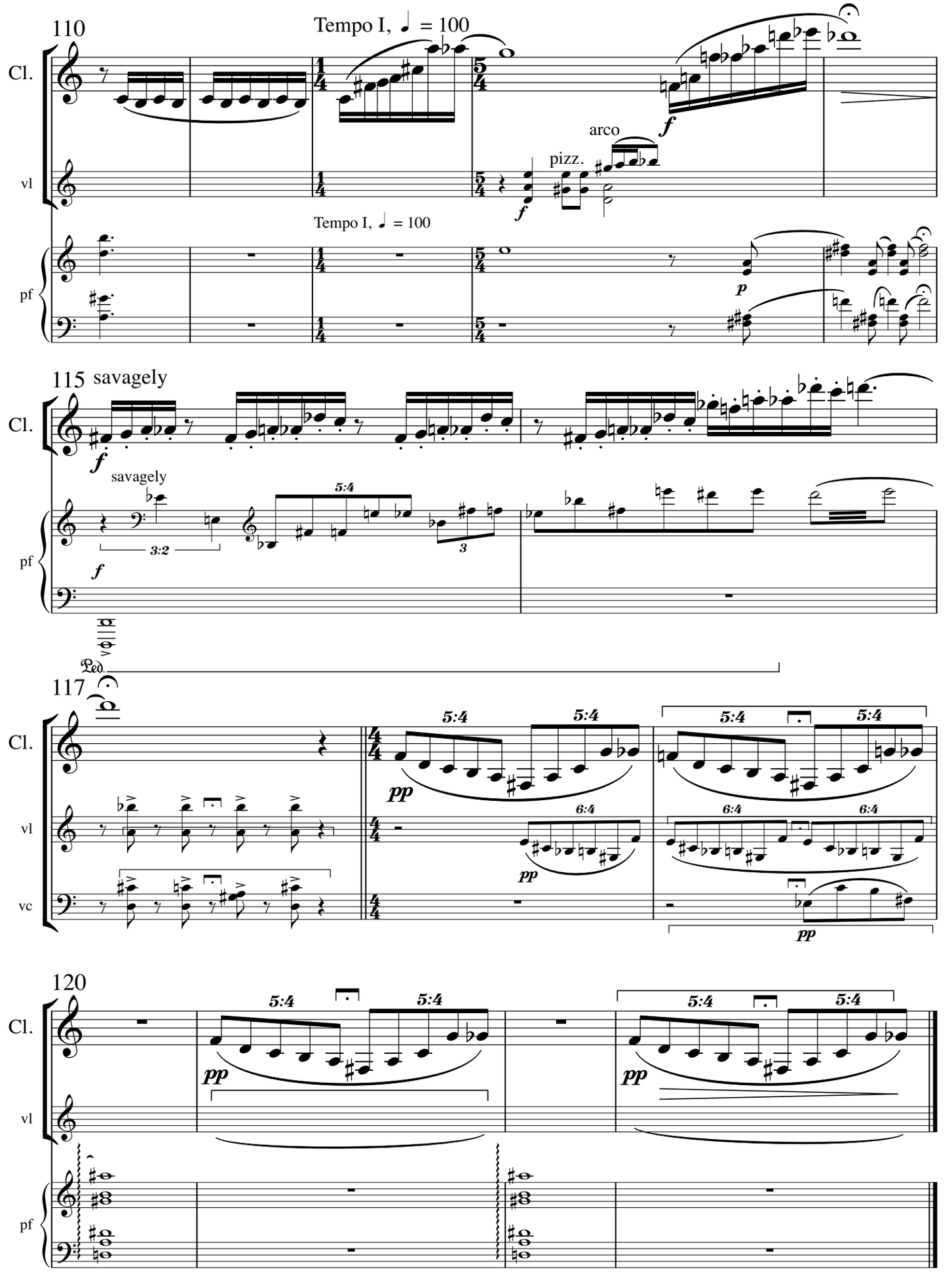
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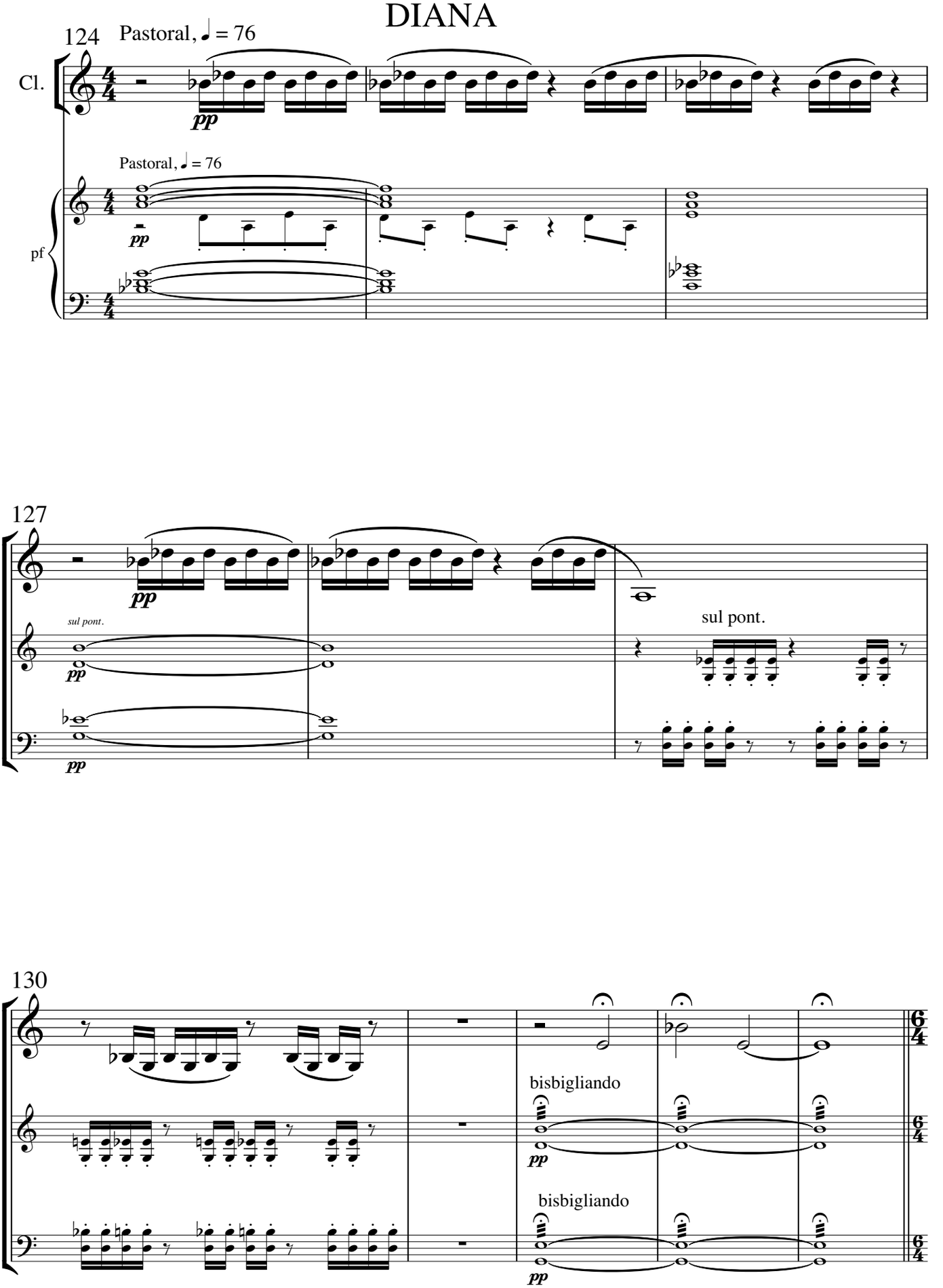
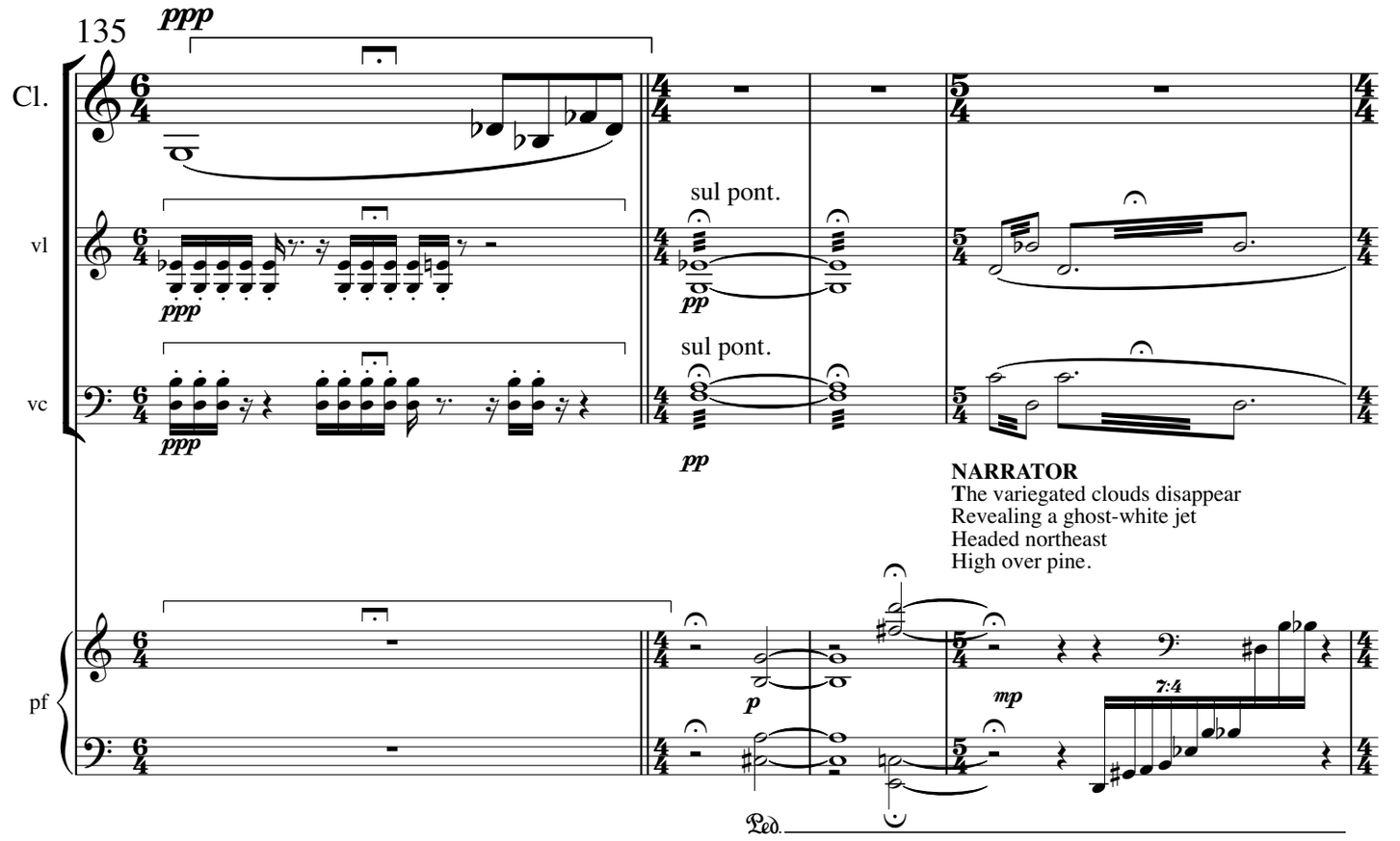
clarinet in A

II
DIANA

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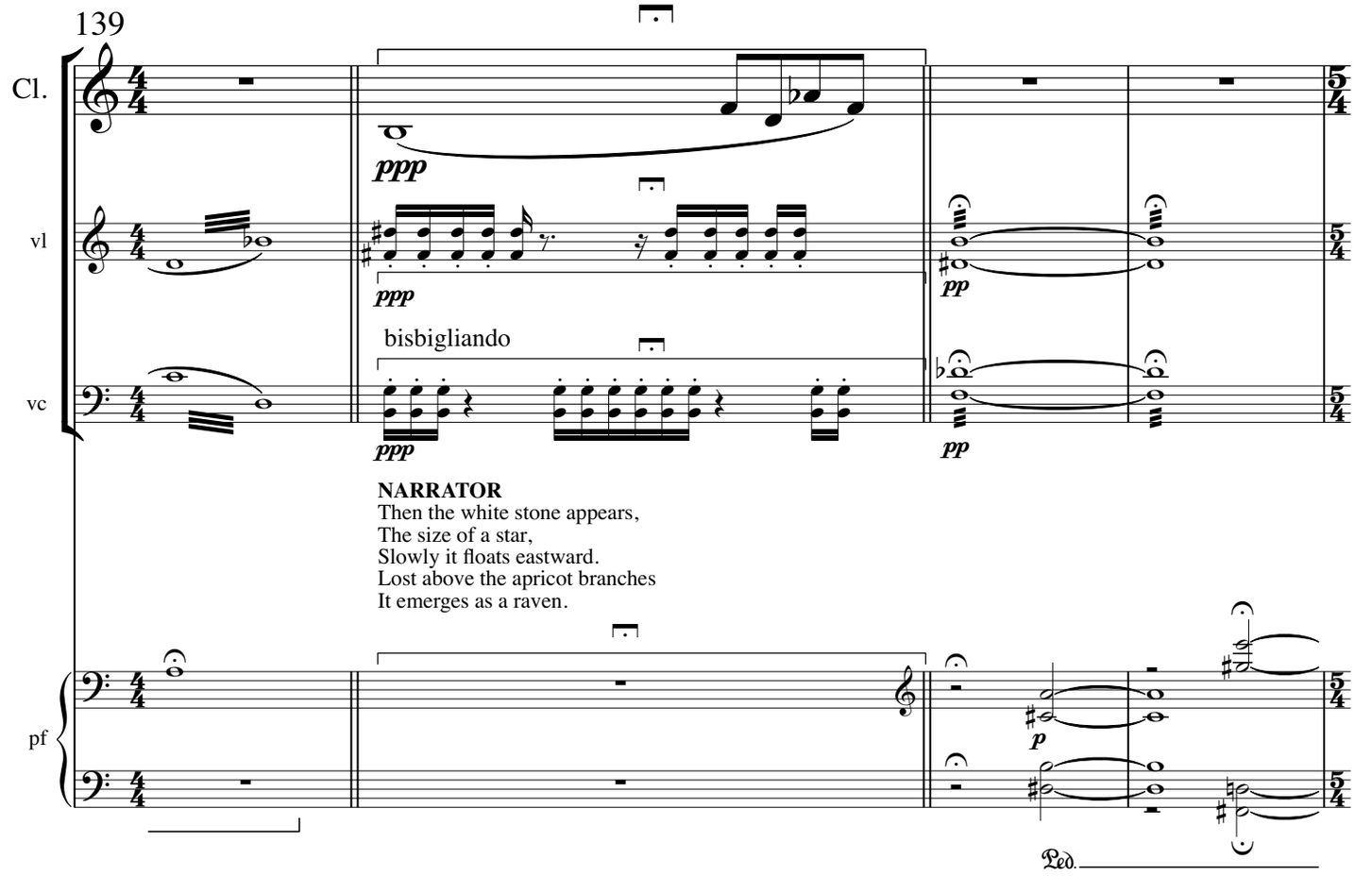
The variegated clouds disappear
Revealing a ghost-white jet
Headed northeast
High over pine.
p
mp
7:4
Ped.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NARRATOR
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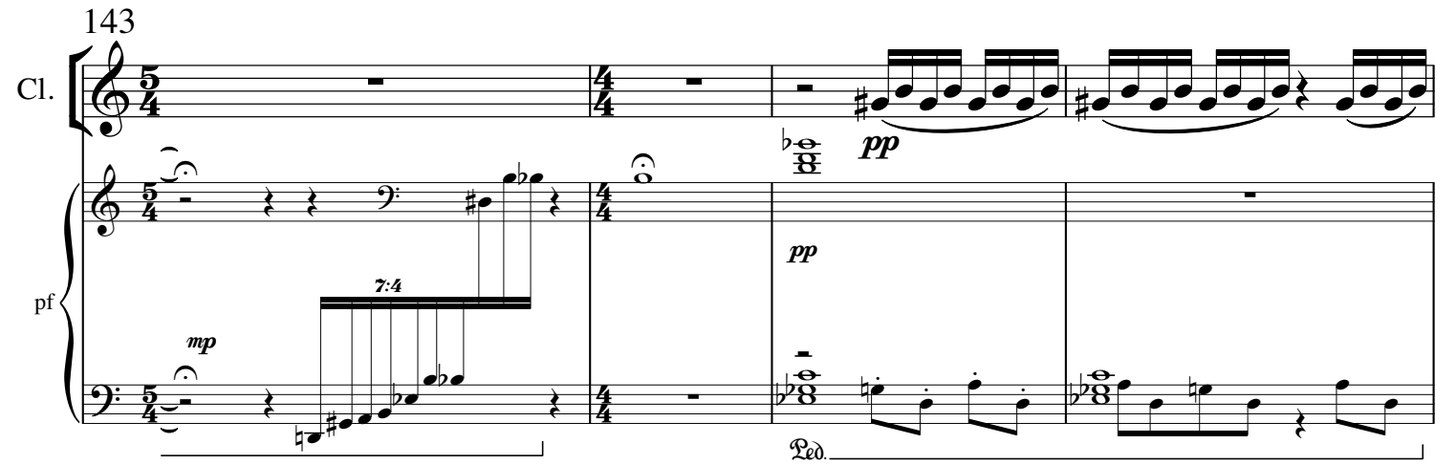
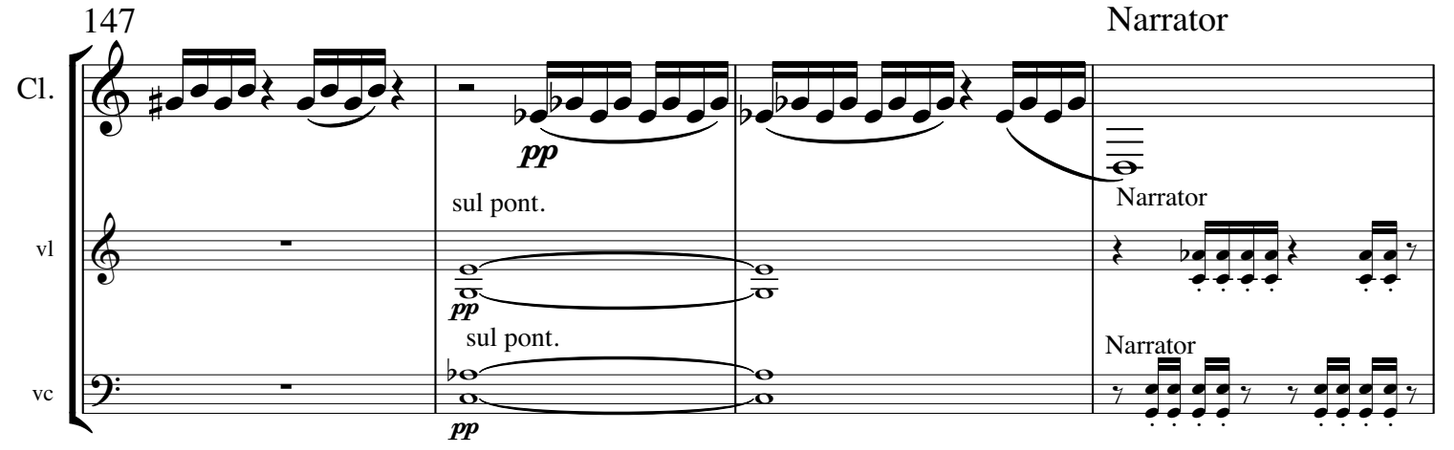
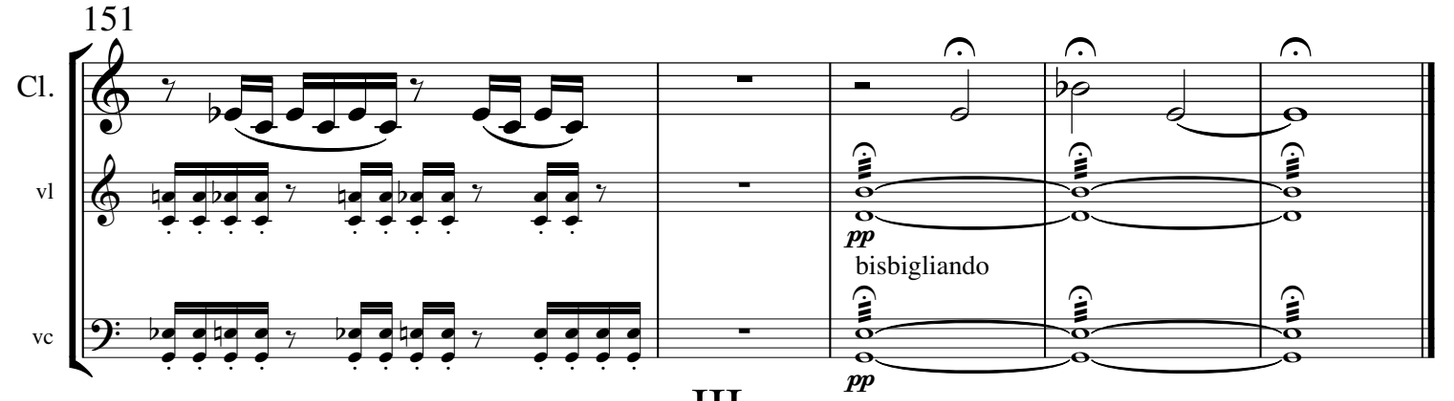
The size of a star,
Slowly it floats eastward.
Lost above the apricot branches
It emerges as a raven.
p
Ped.







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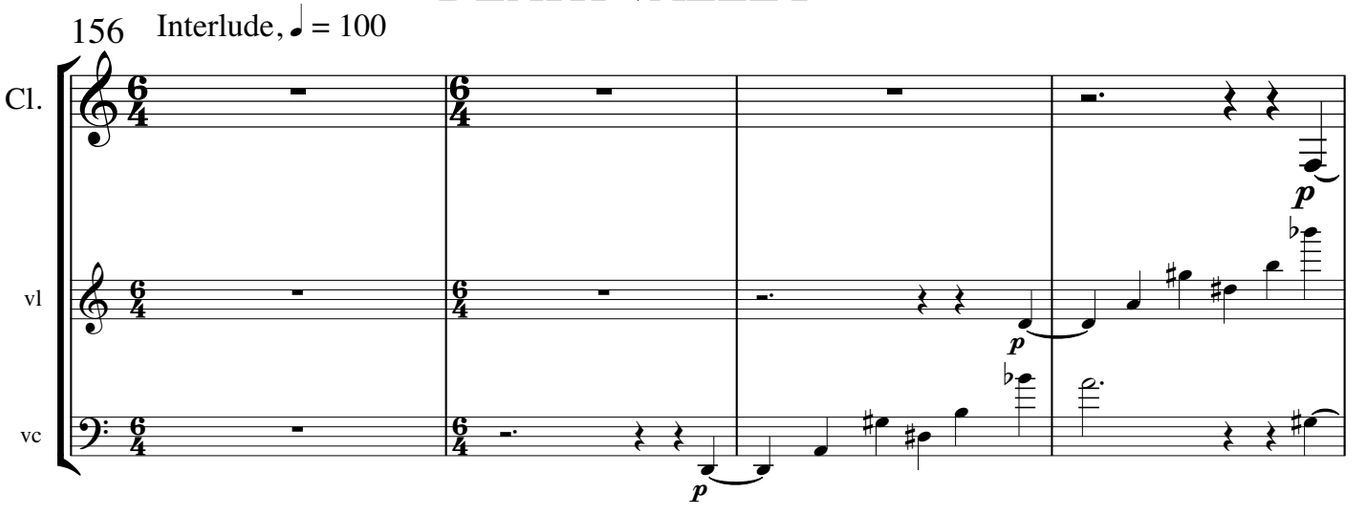
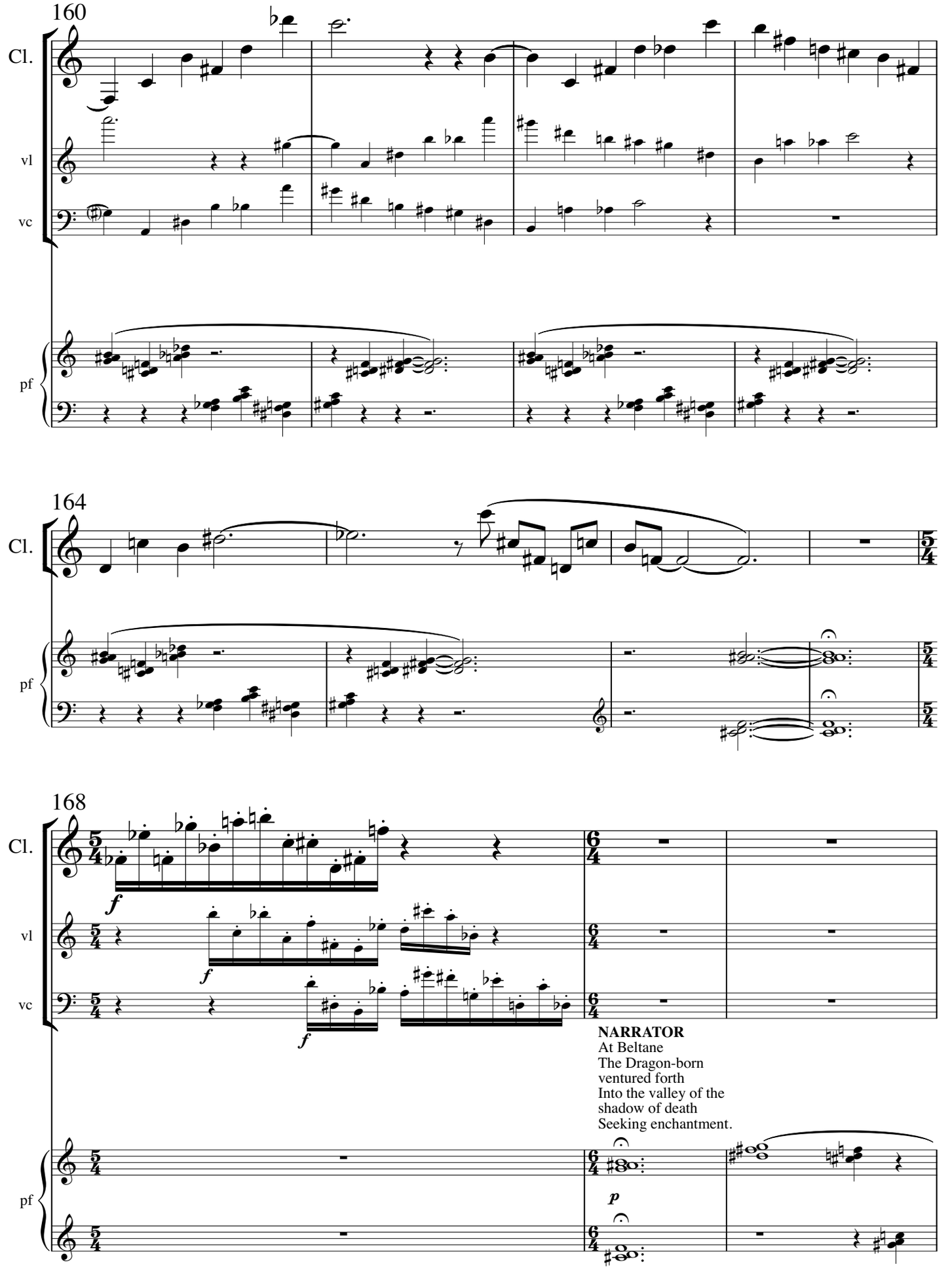
DEATH VALLEY

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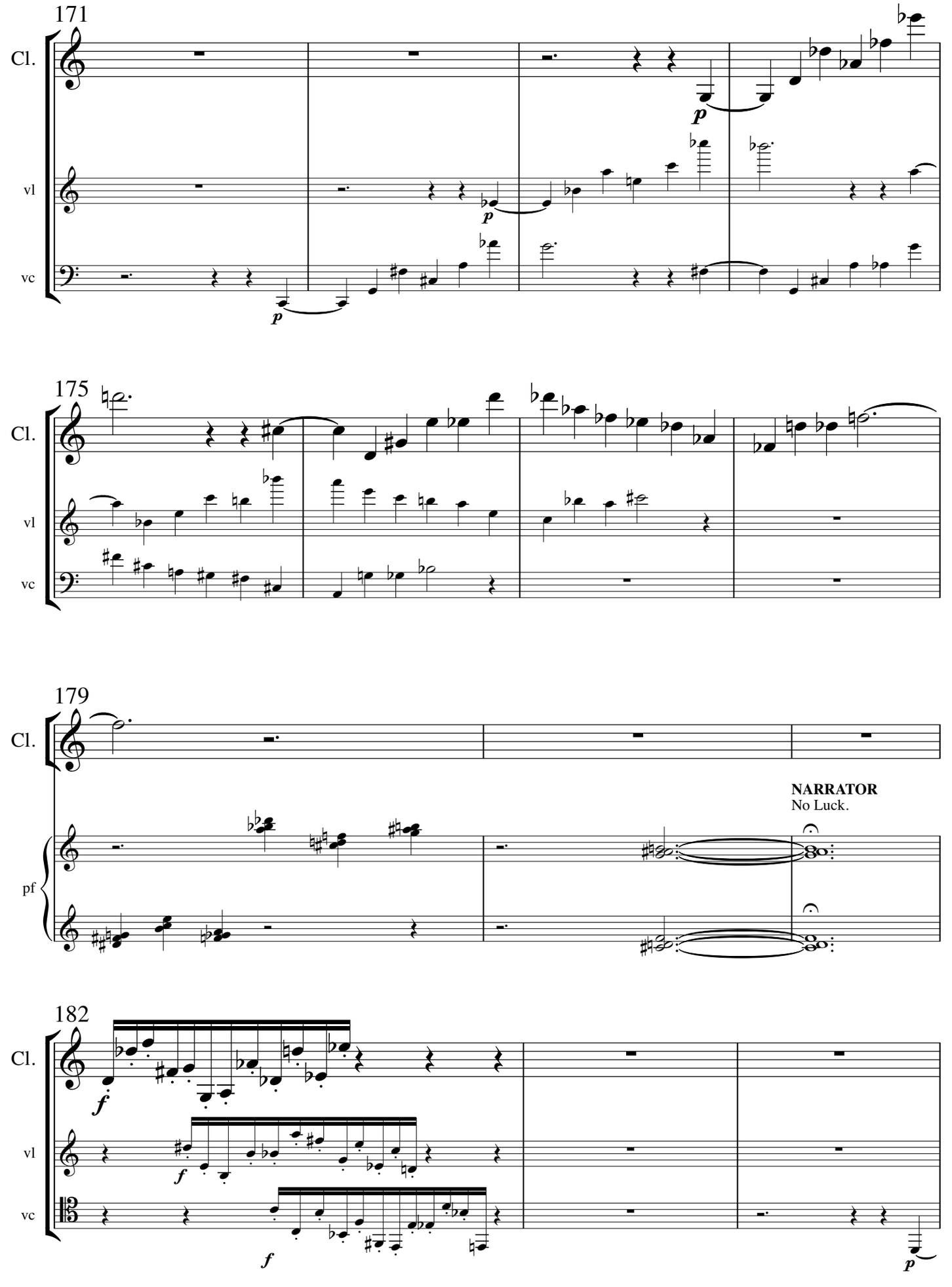
NARRATOR
At Beltane
The Dragon-born
ventured forth
Into the valley of the
shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.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No Luck.
182
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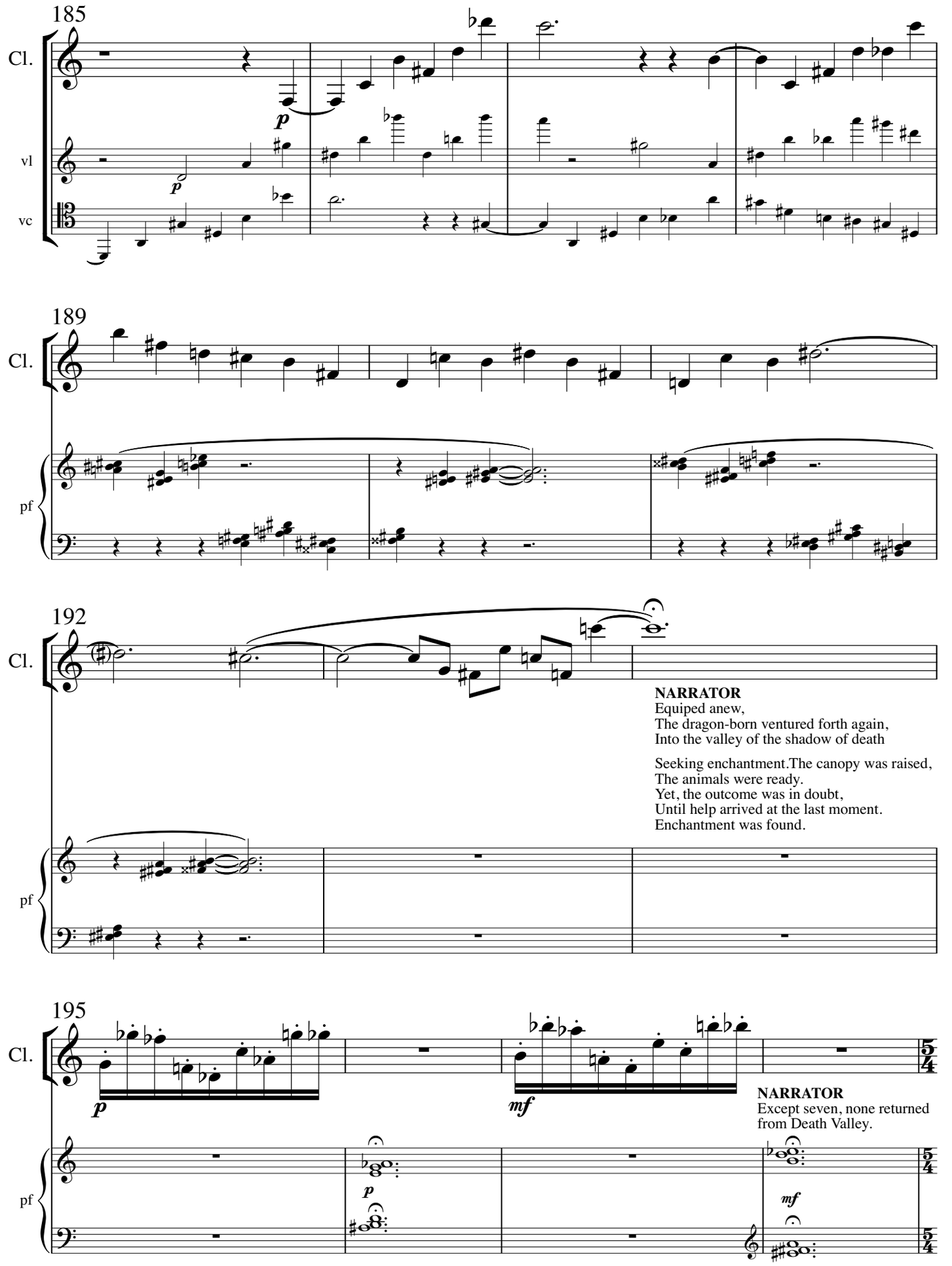
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Cl.
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Cl.
pf
NARRATOR
Equiped anew,
The dragon-born ventured forth again,
Into the valley of the shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.The canopy was raised,
The animals were ready.
Yet, the outcome was in doubt,
Until help arrived at the last moment.
Enchantment was found.
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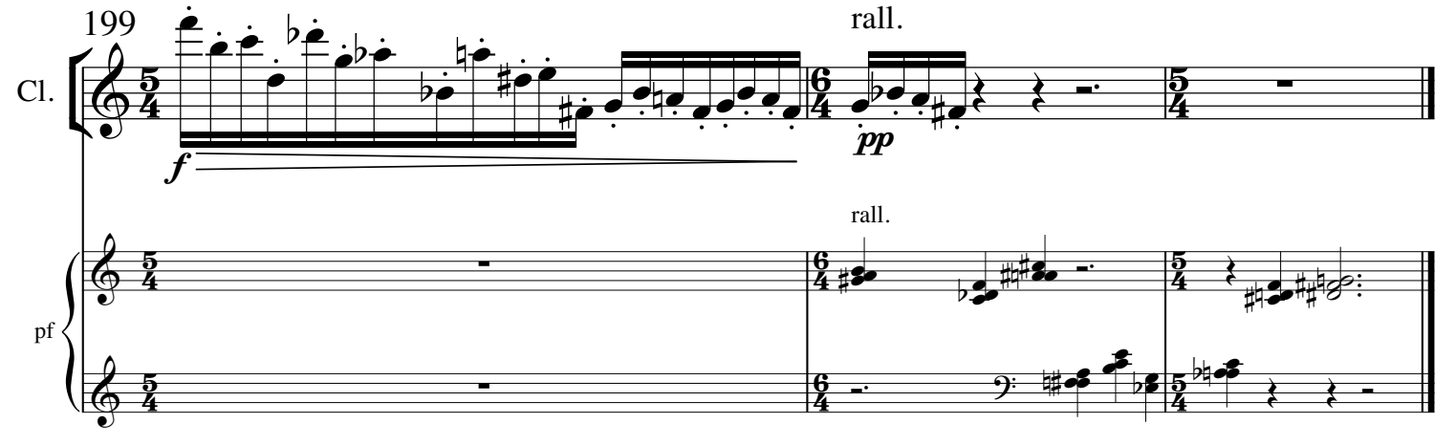
mf
NARRATOR
Except seven, none returned
from Death Valley.
pf
p
mf



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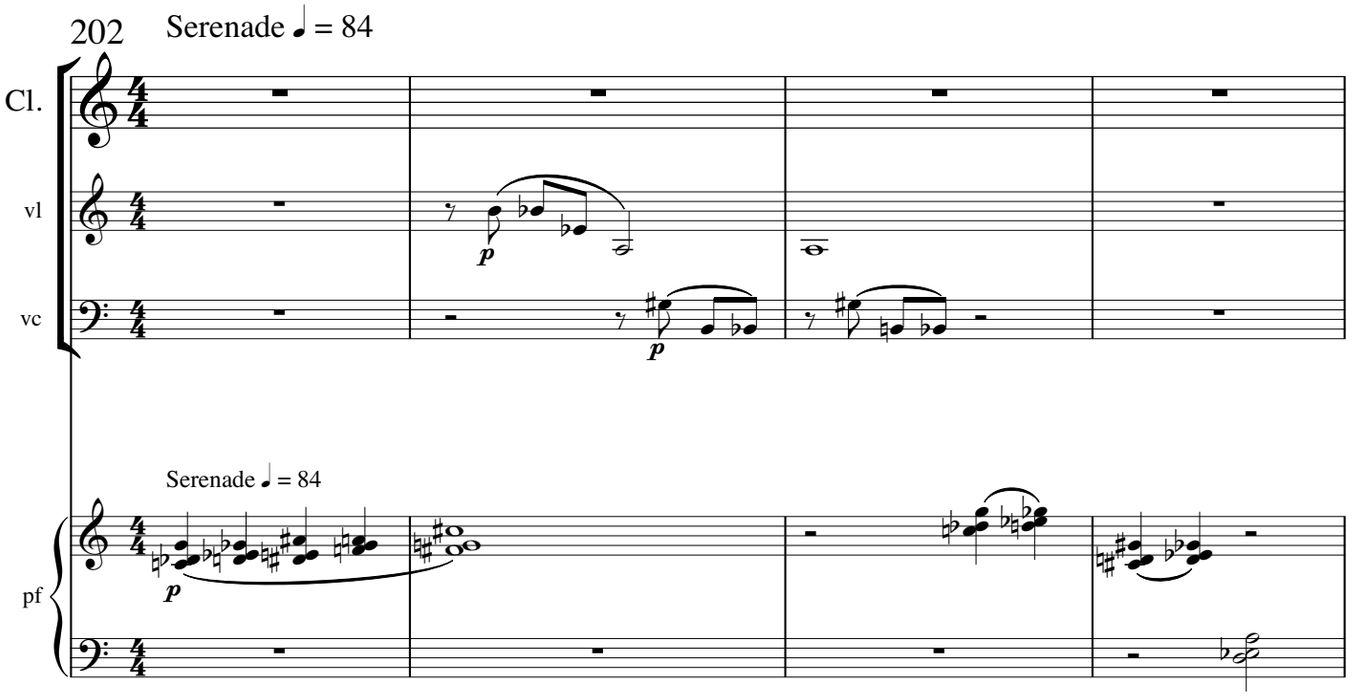

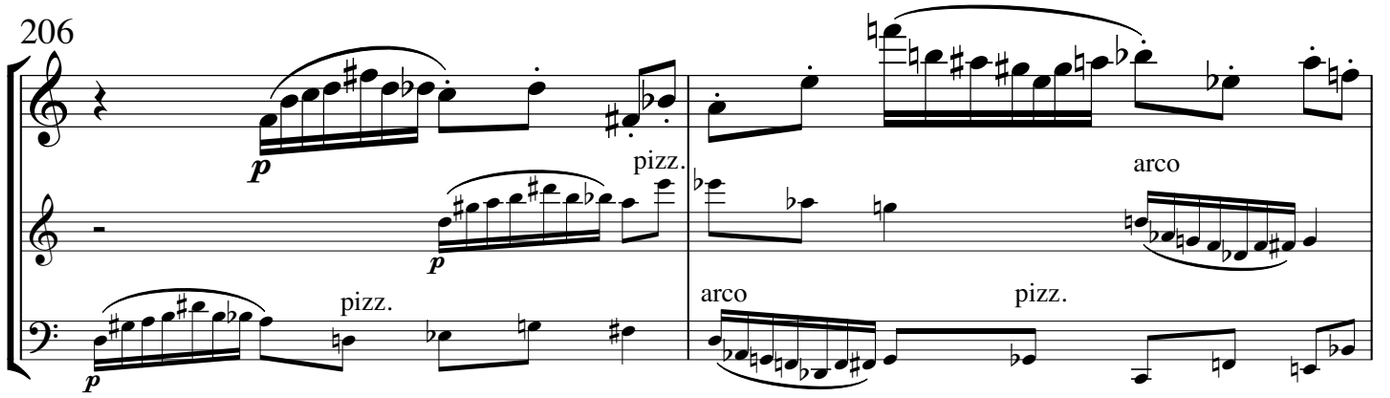

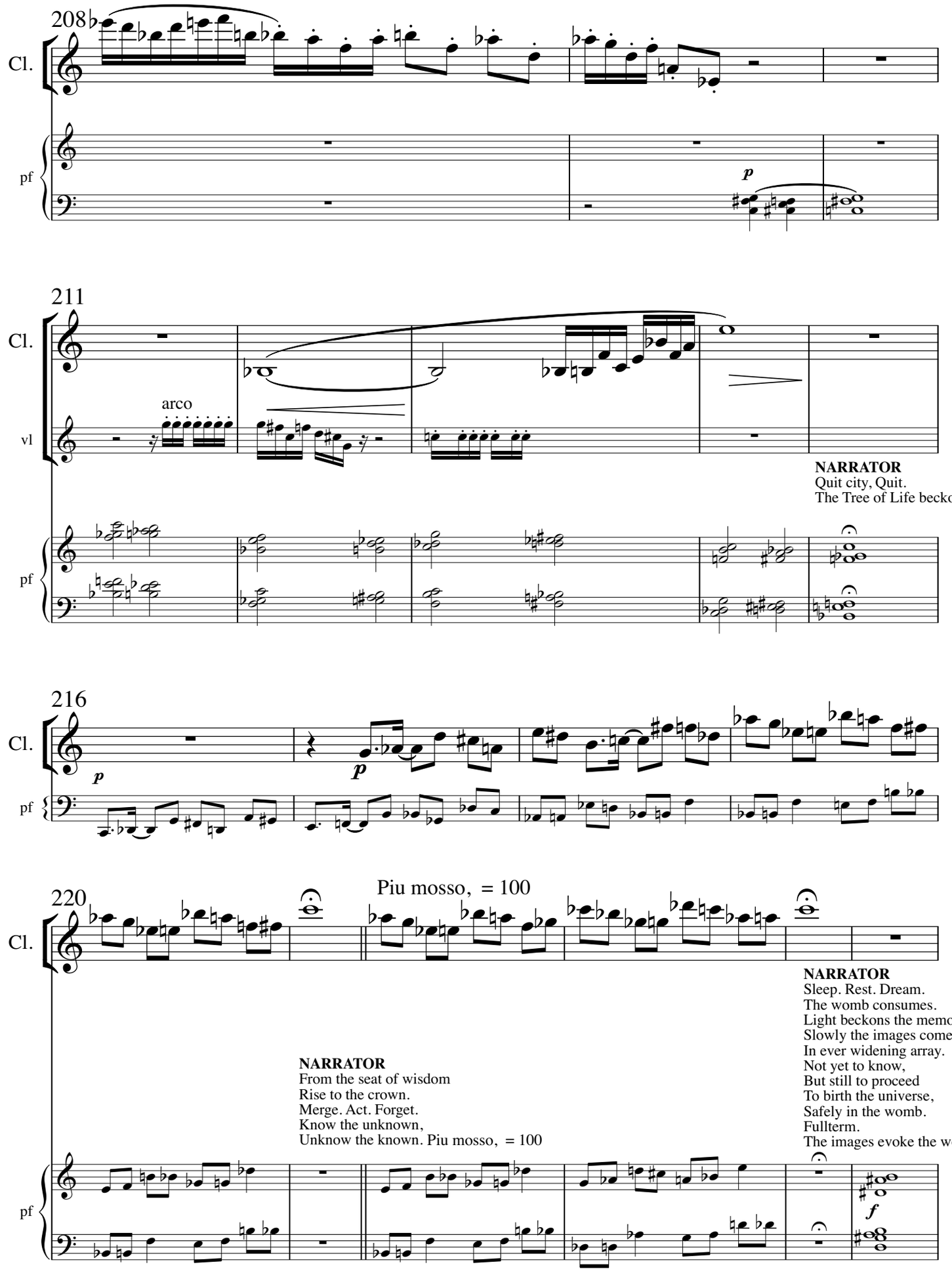
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NARRATOR
Quit city, Quit.
The Tree of Life beckons.
216
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p
p
pf
220
Cl.
Piu mosso, = 100
NARRATOR
From the seat of wisdom
Rise to the crown.
Merge. Act. Forget.
Know the unknown,
Unknow the known. Piu mosso, = 100
NARRATOR
Sleep. Rest. Dream.
The womb consumes.
Light beckons the memory.
Slowly the images come forth
In ever widening array.
Not yet to know,
But still to proceed
To birth the universe,
Safely in the womb.
Fullterm.
The images evoke the words.
pf
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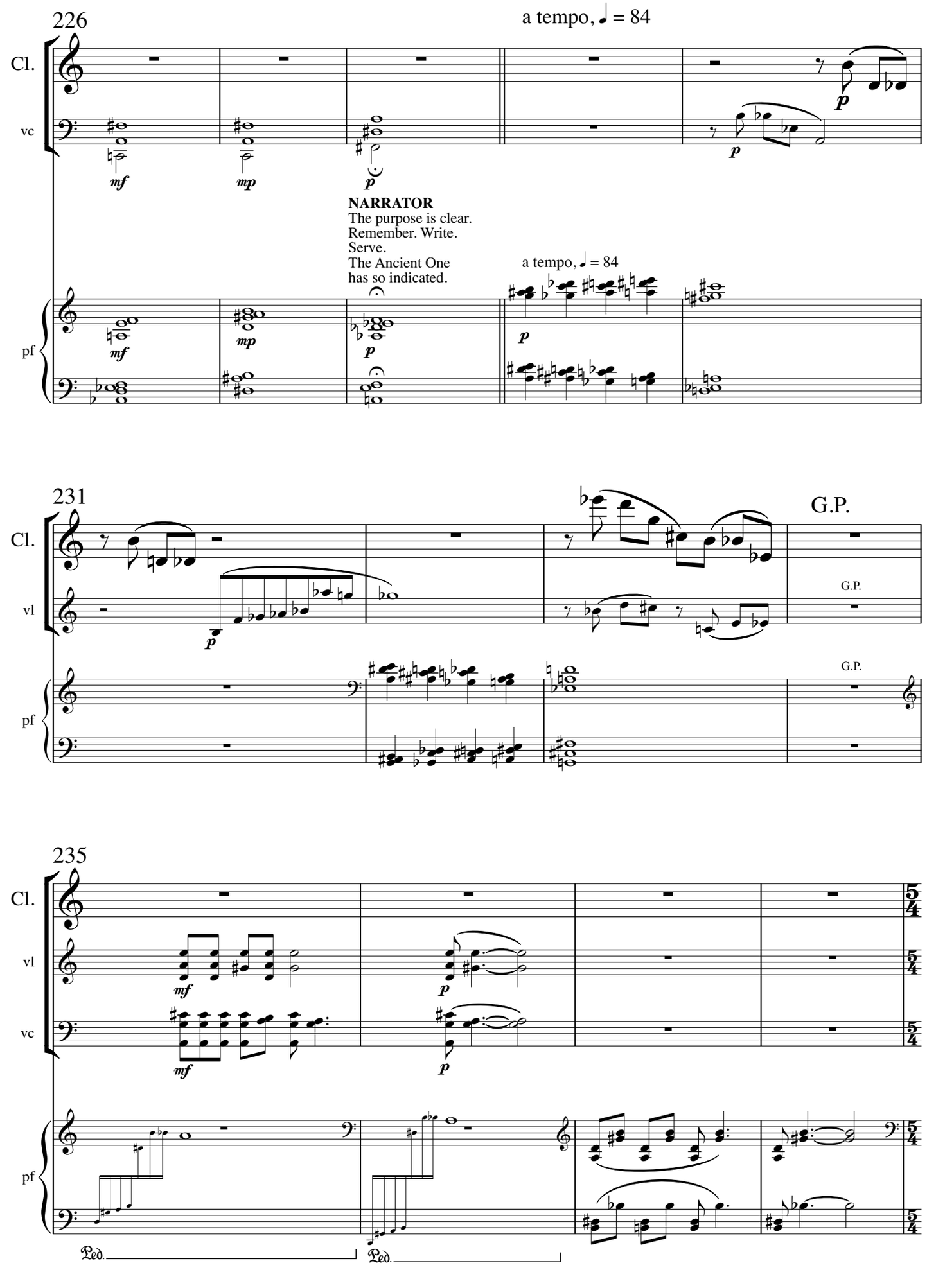
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NARRATOR
The purpose is clear.
Remember. Write.
Serve.
The Ancient One
has so indicated.
pf
mf
mp
p
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G.P.
Cl.
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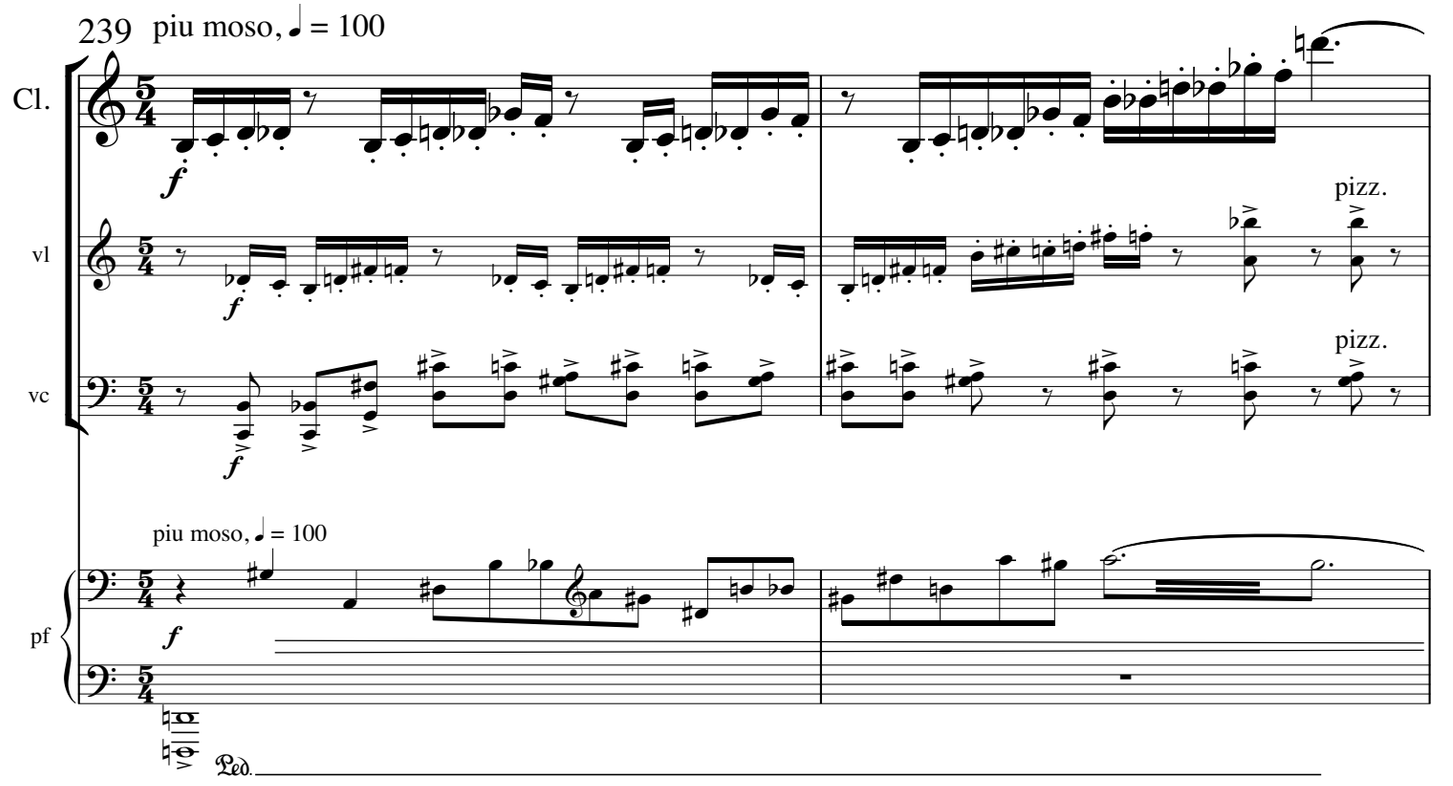
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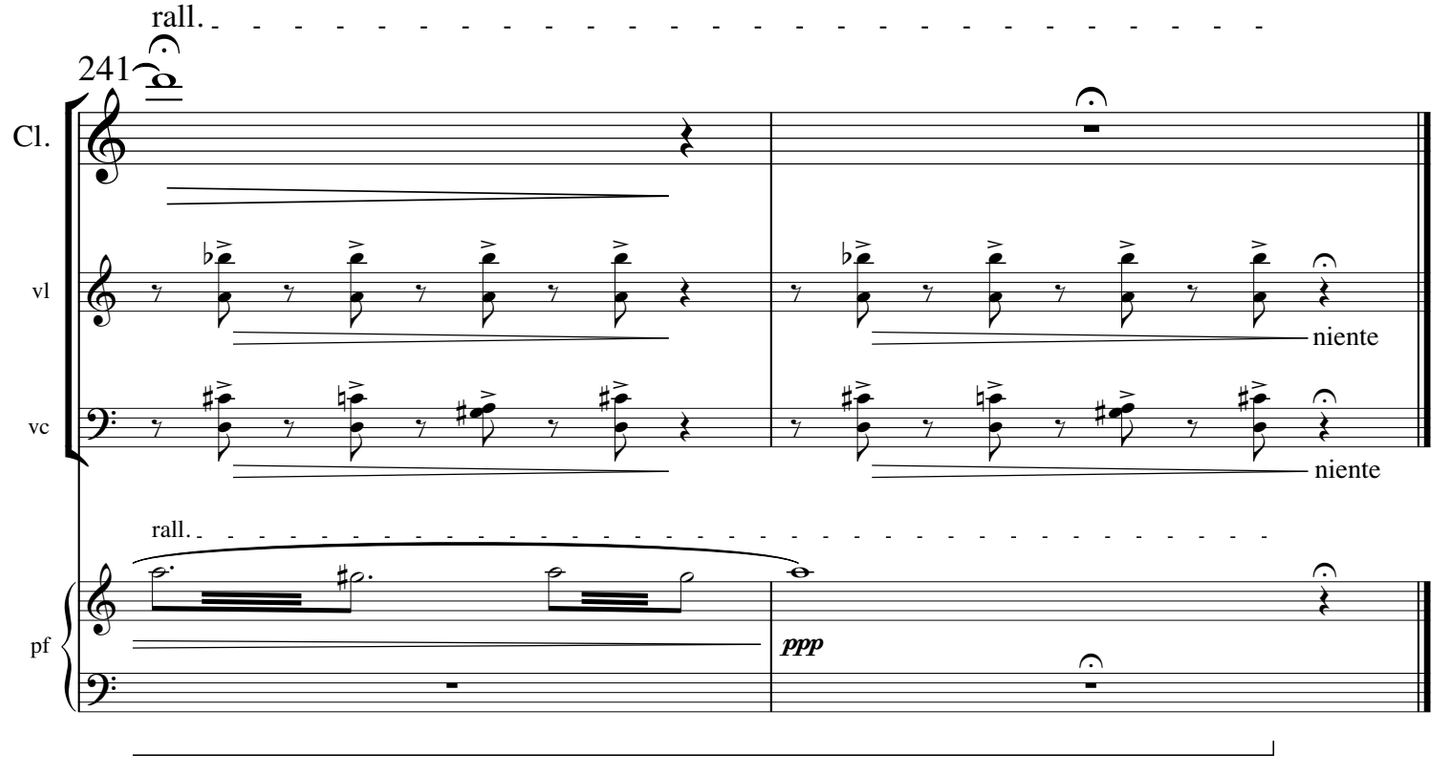
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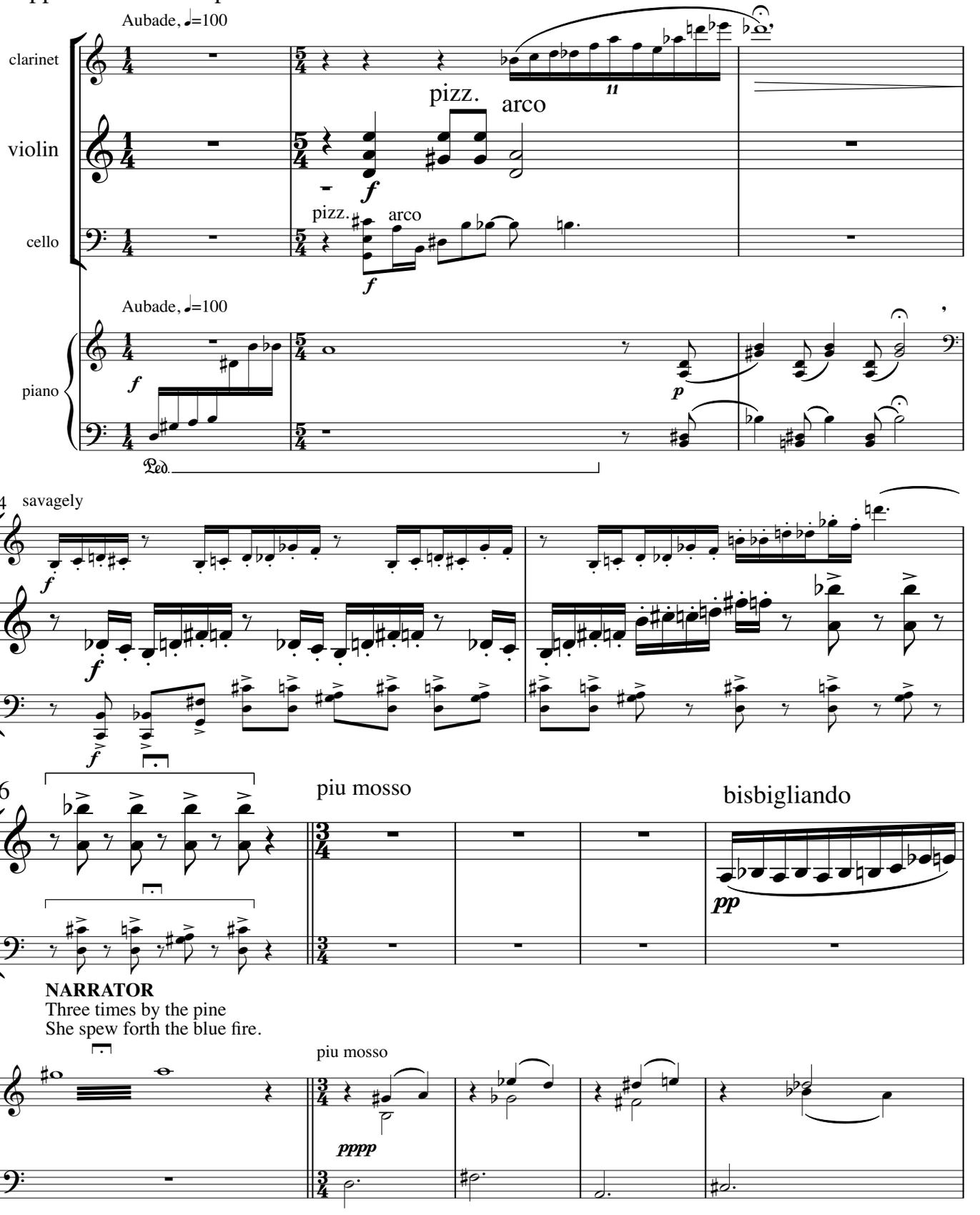

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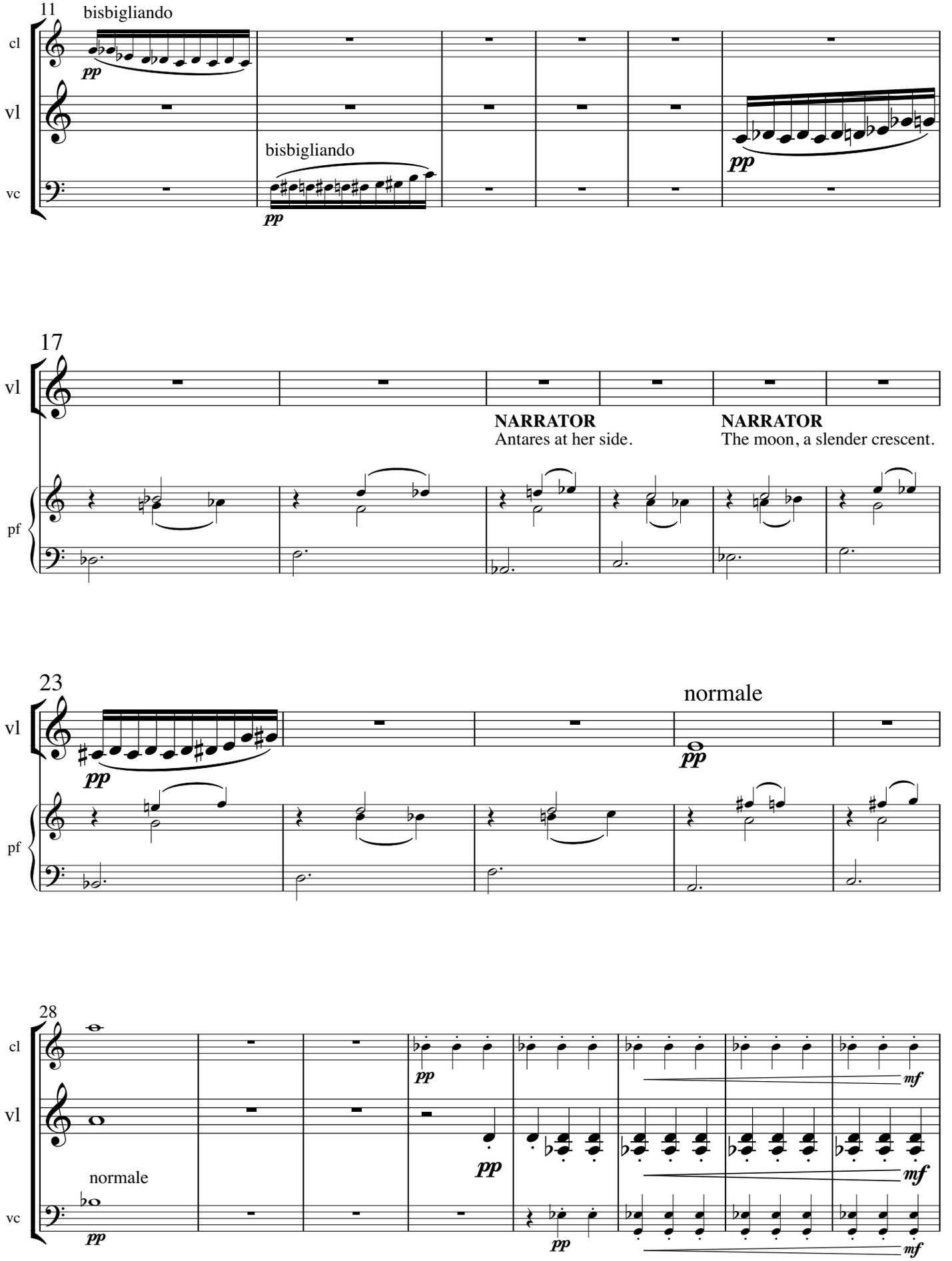
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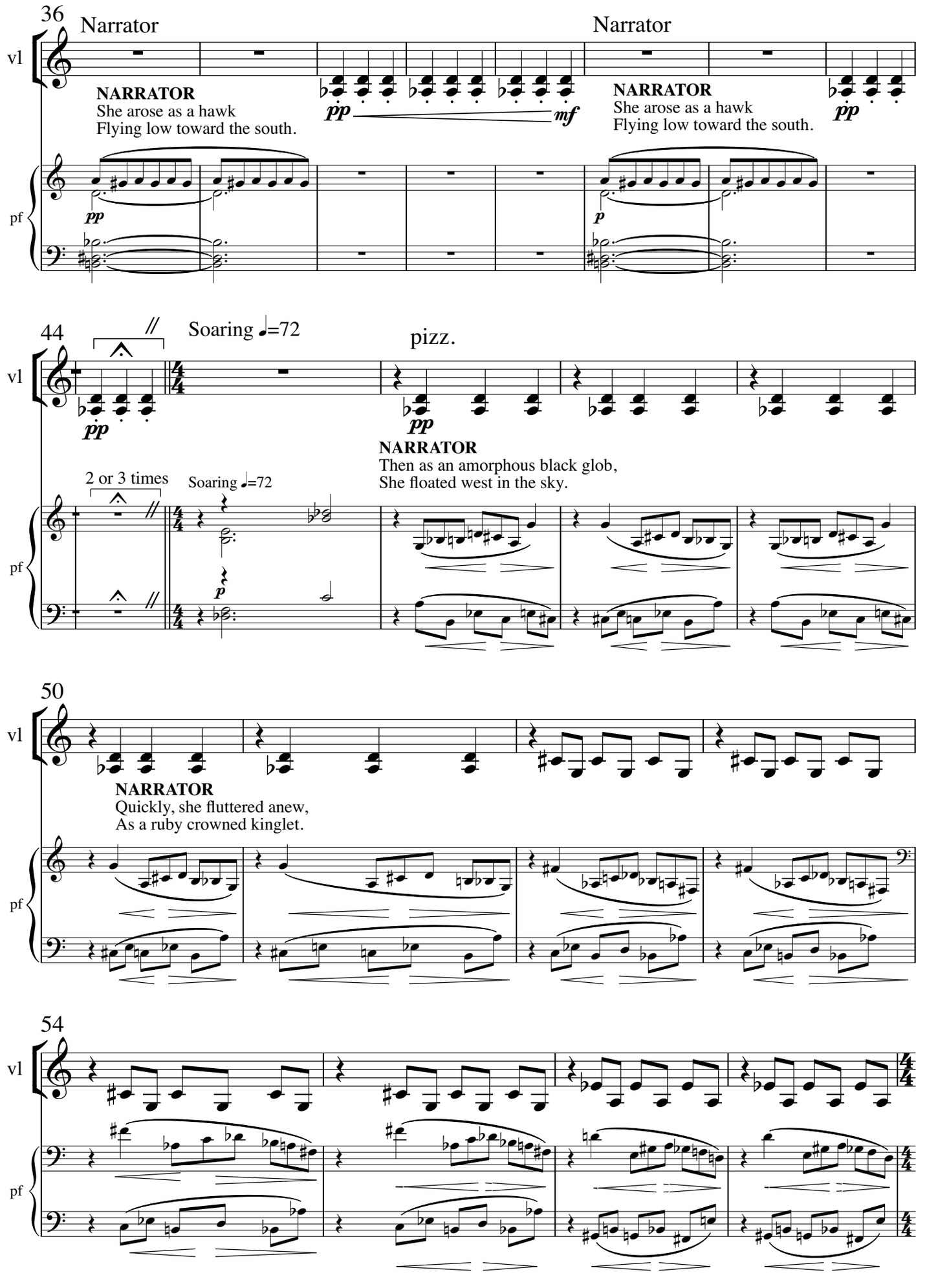
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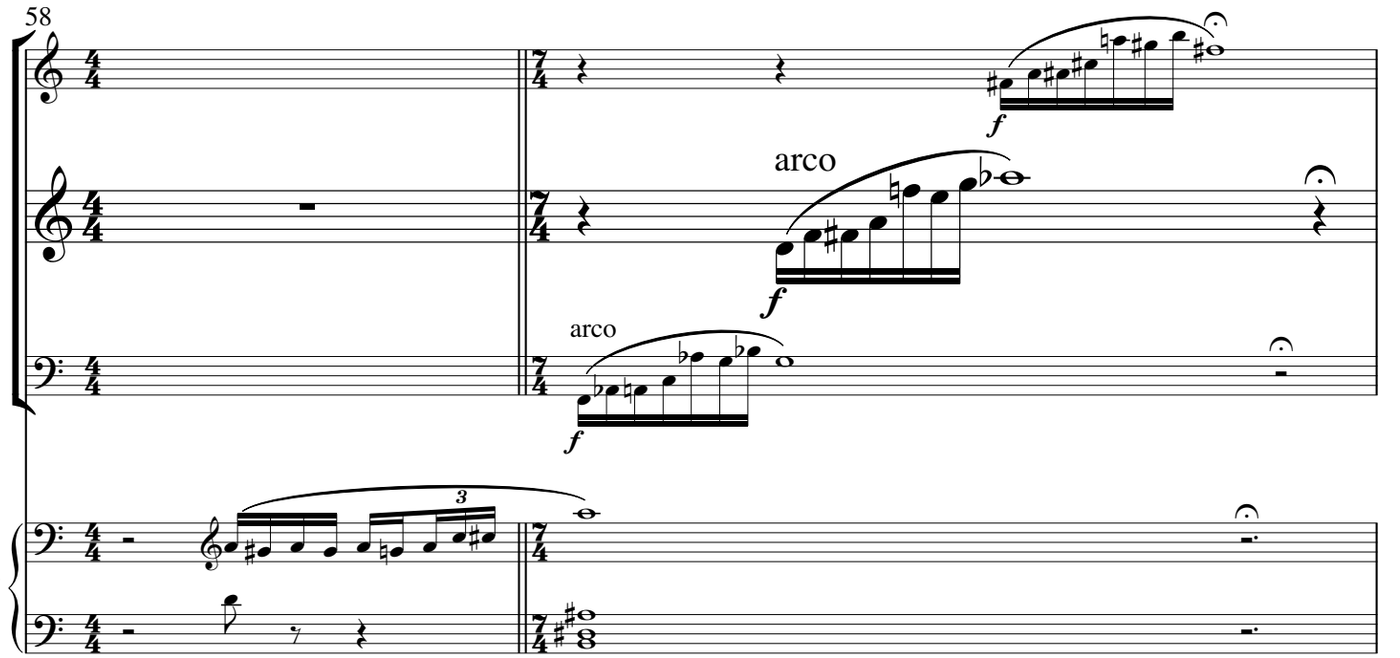
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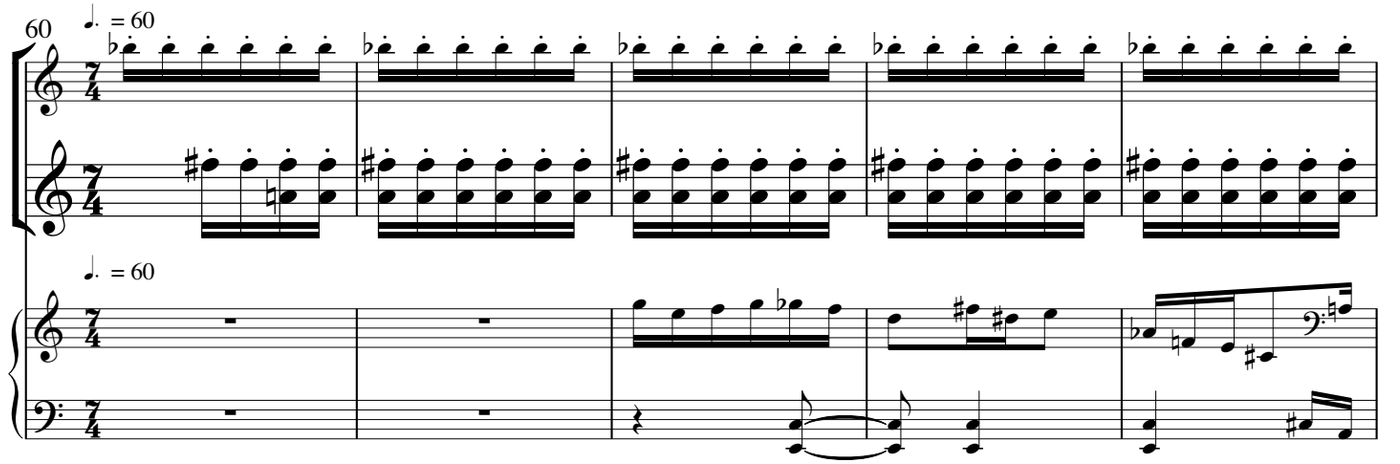
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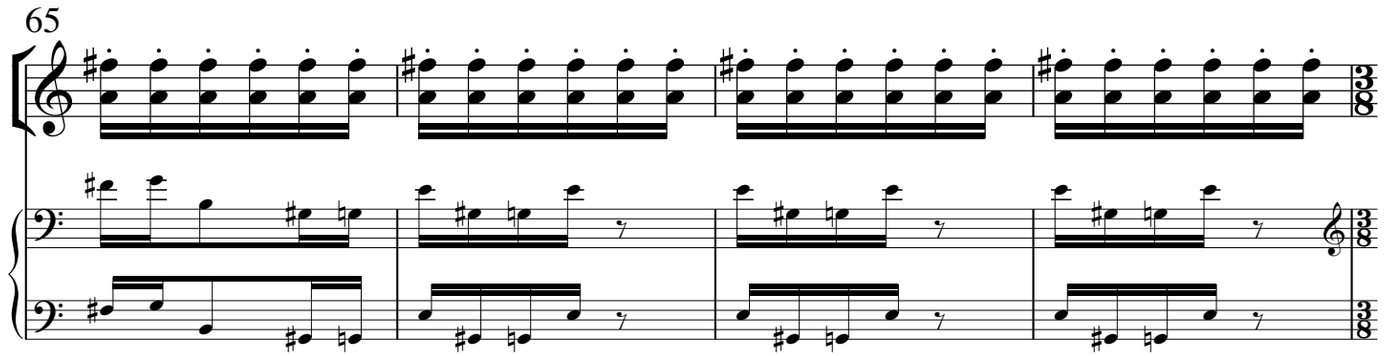
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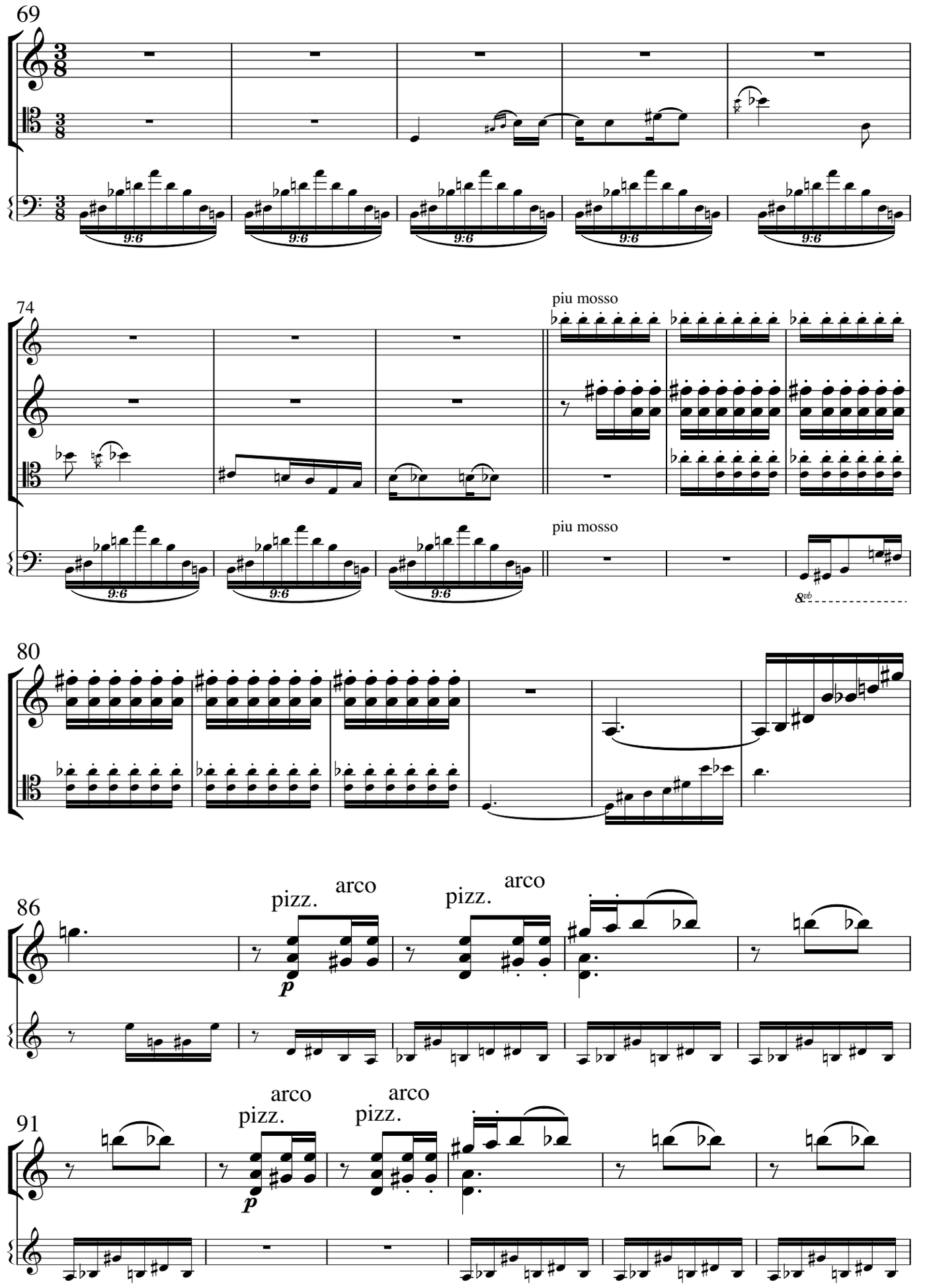
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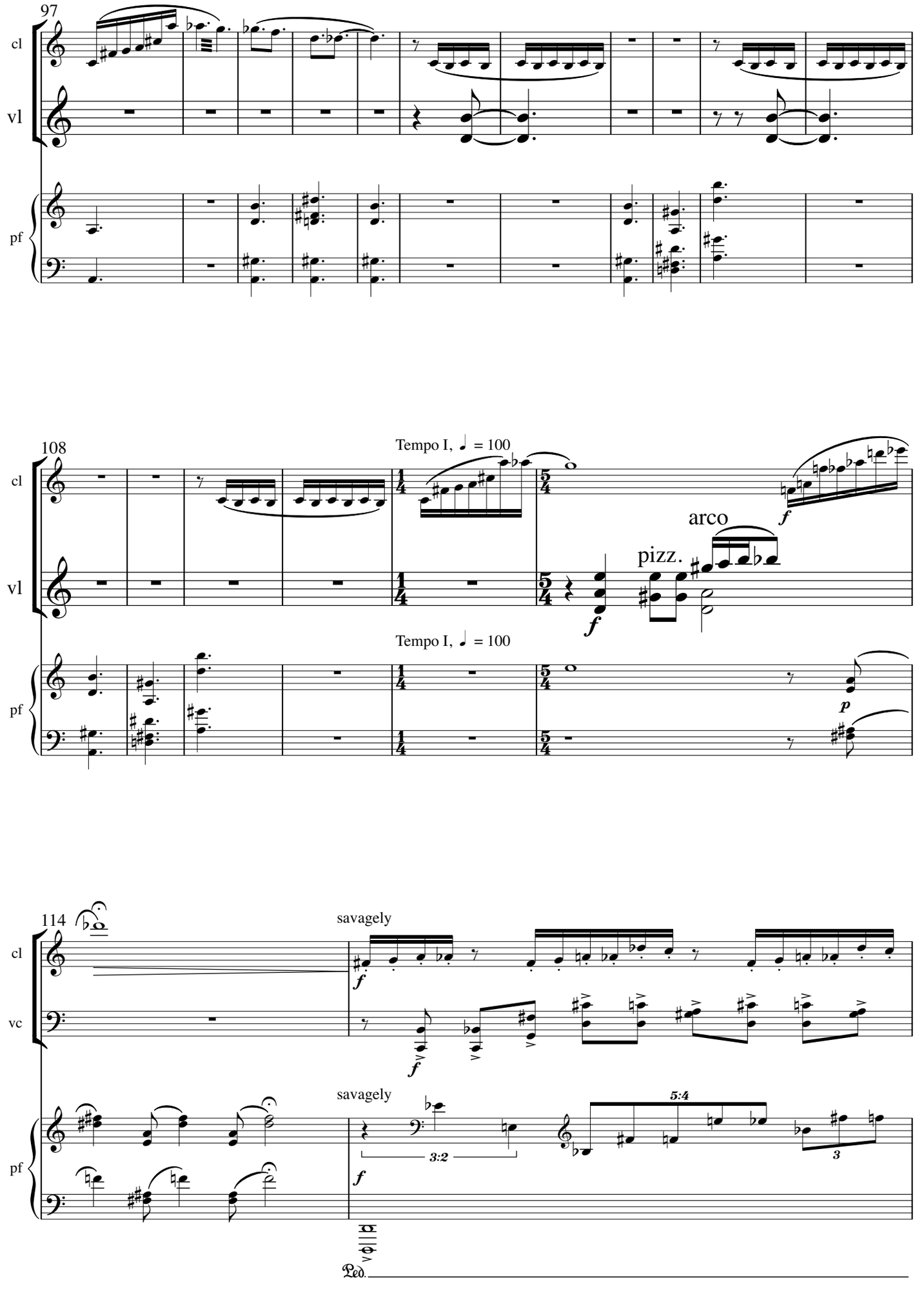
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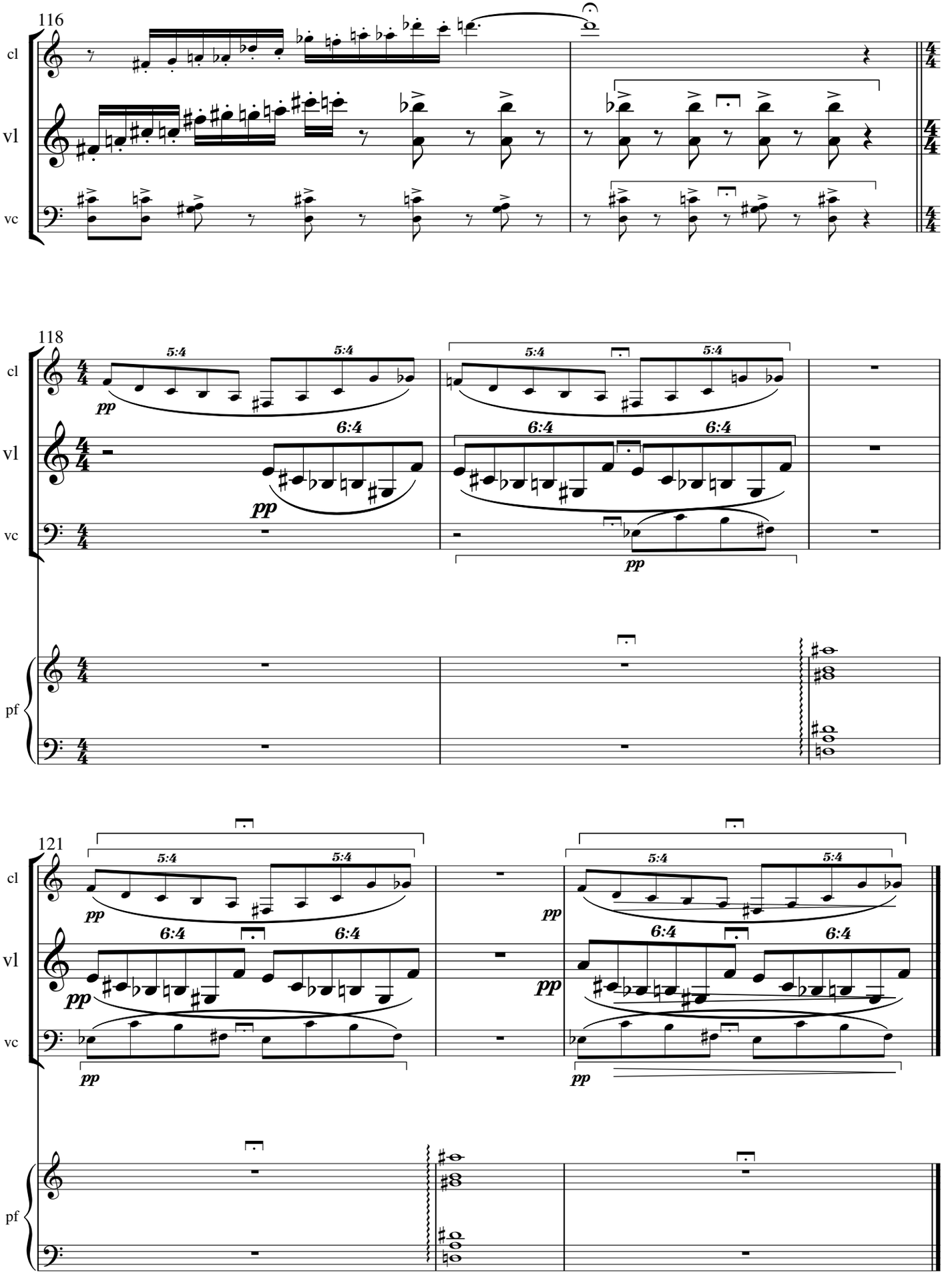
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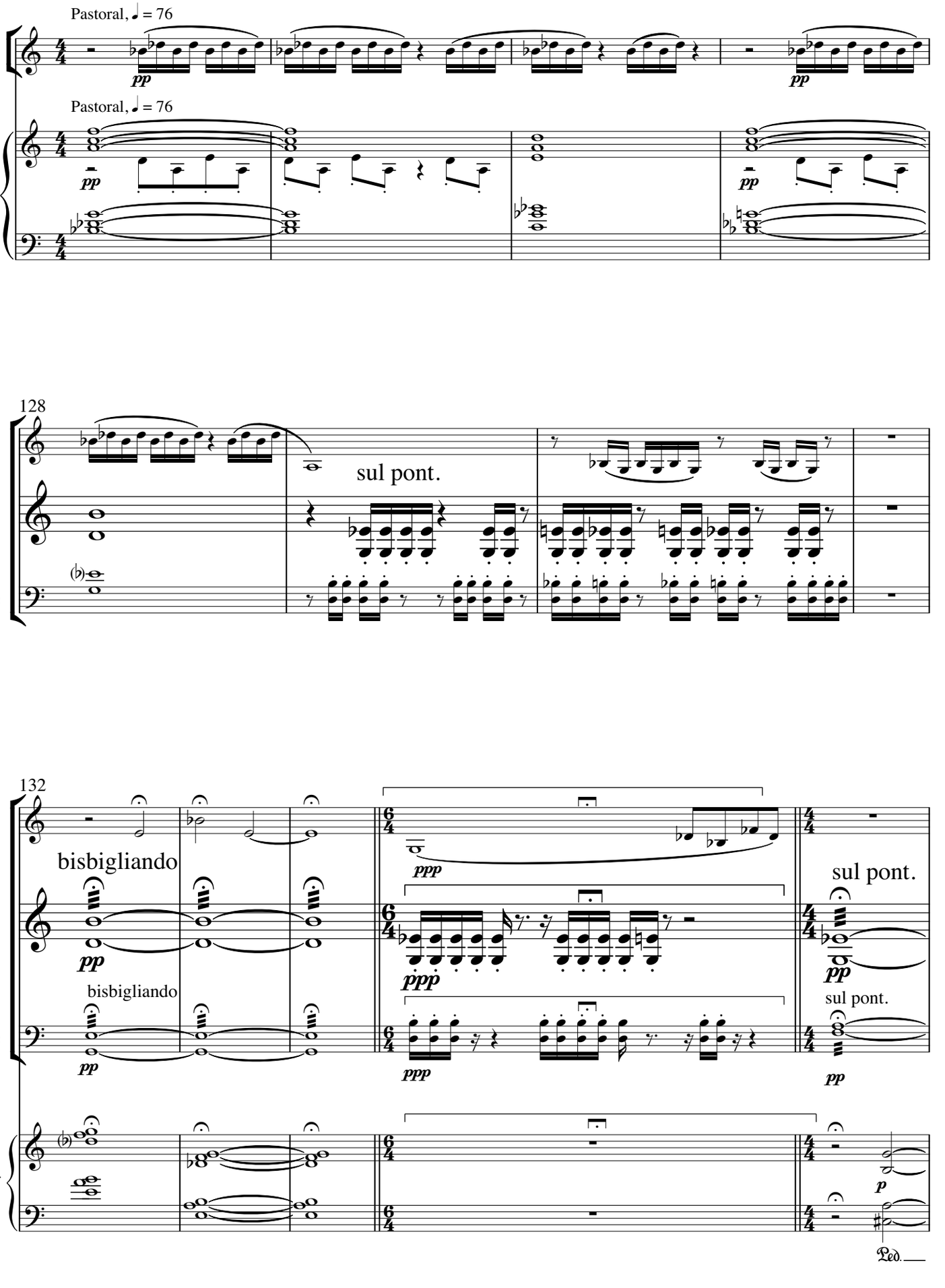

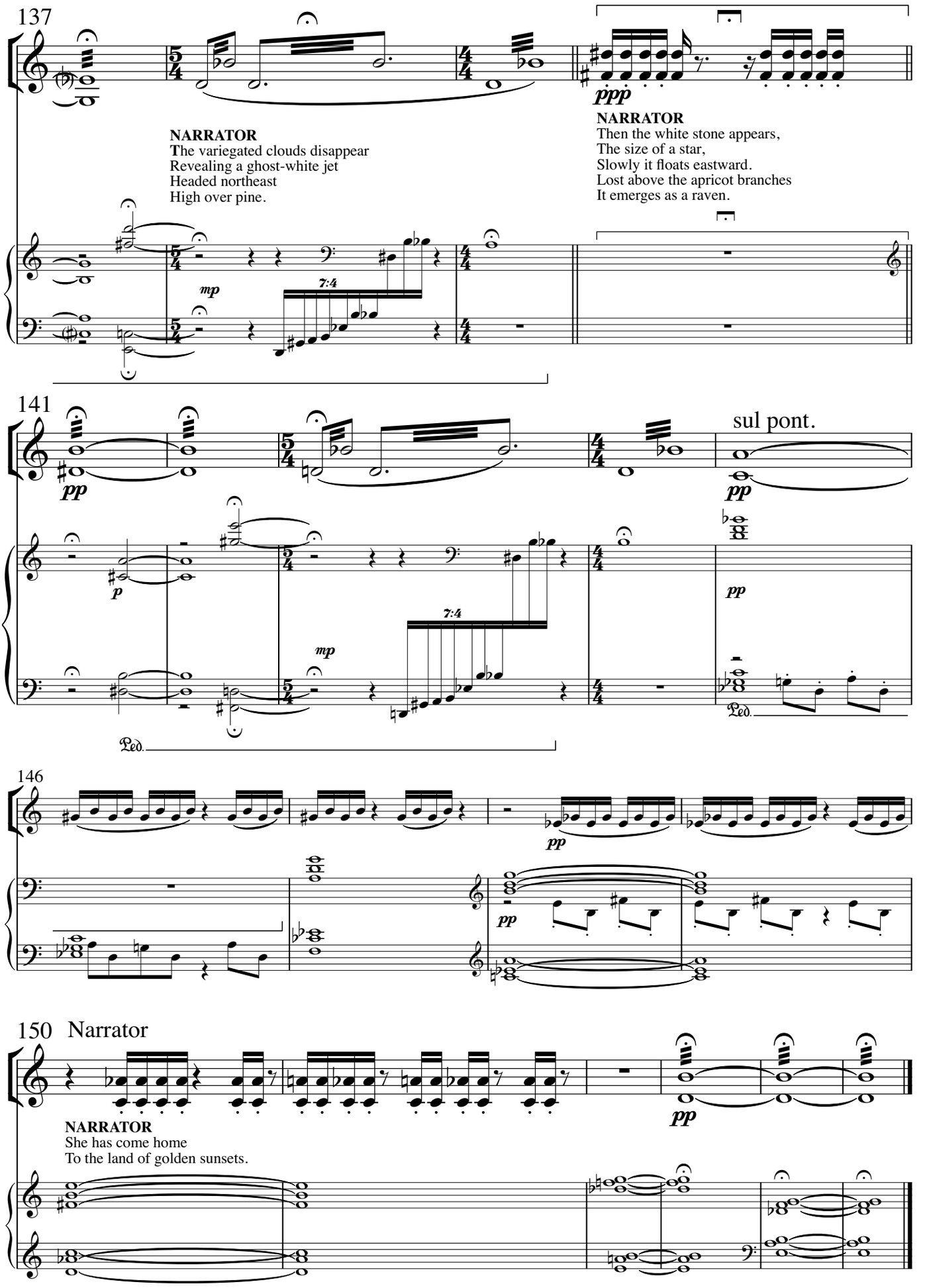
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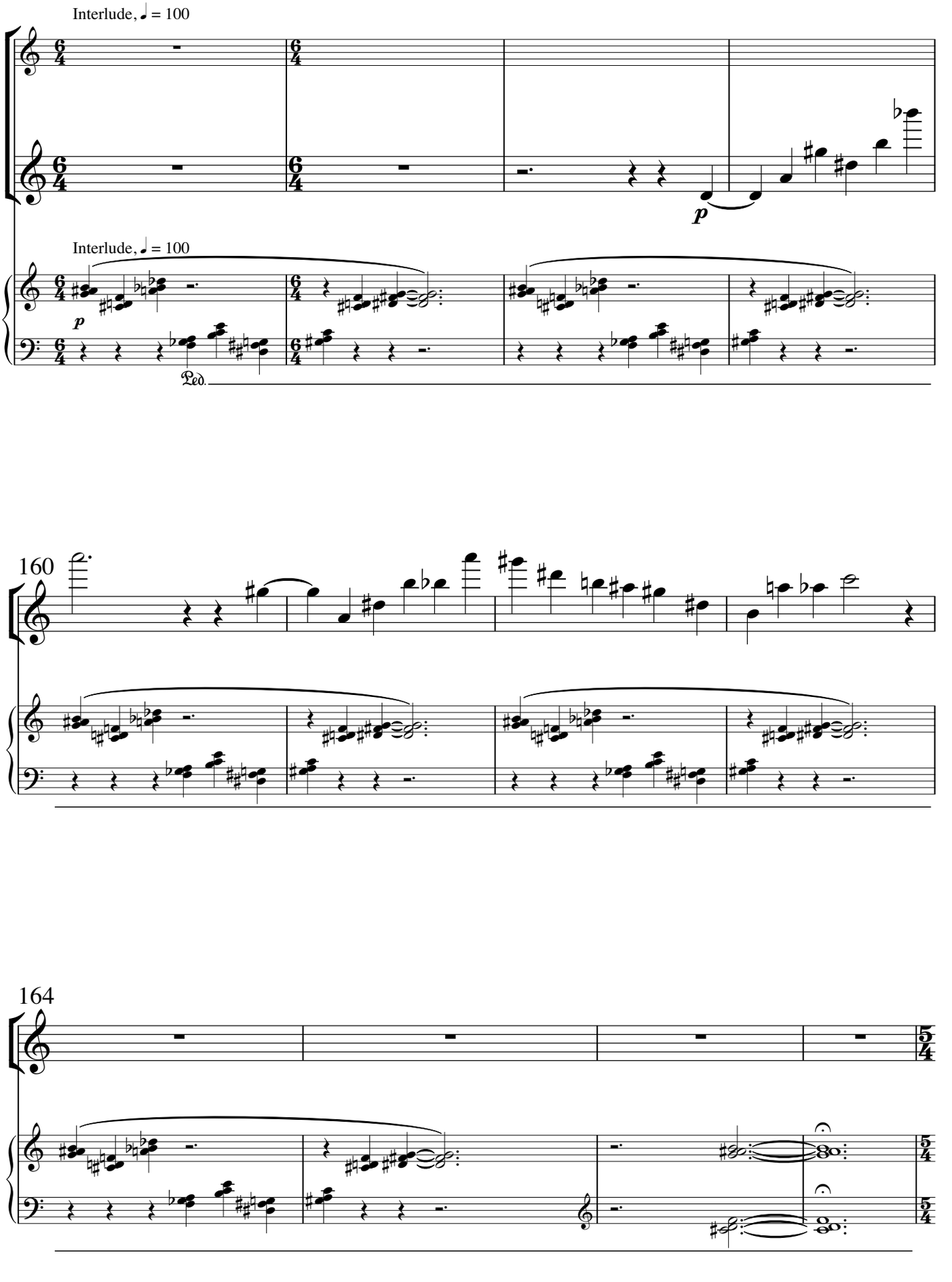
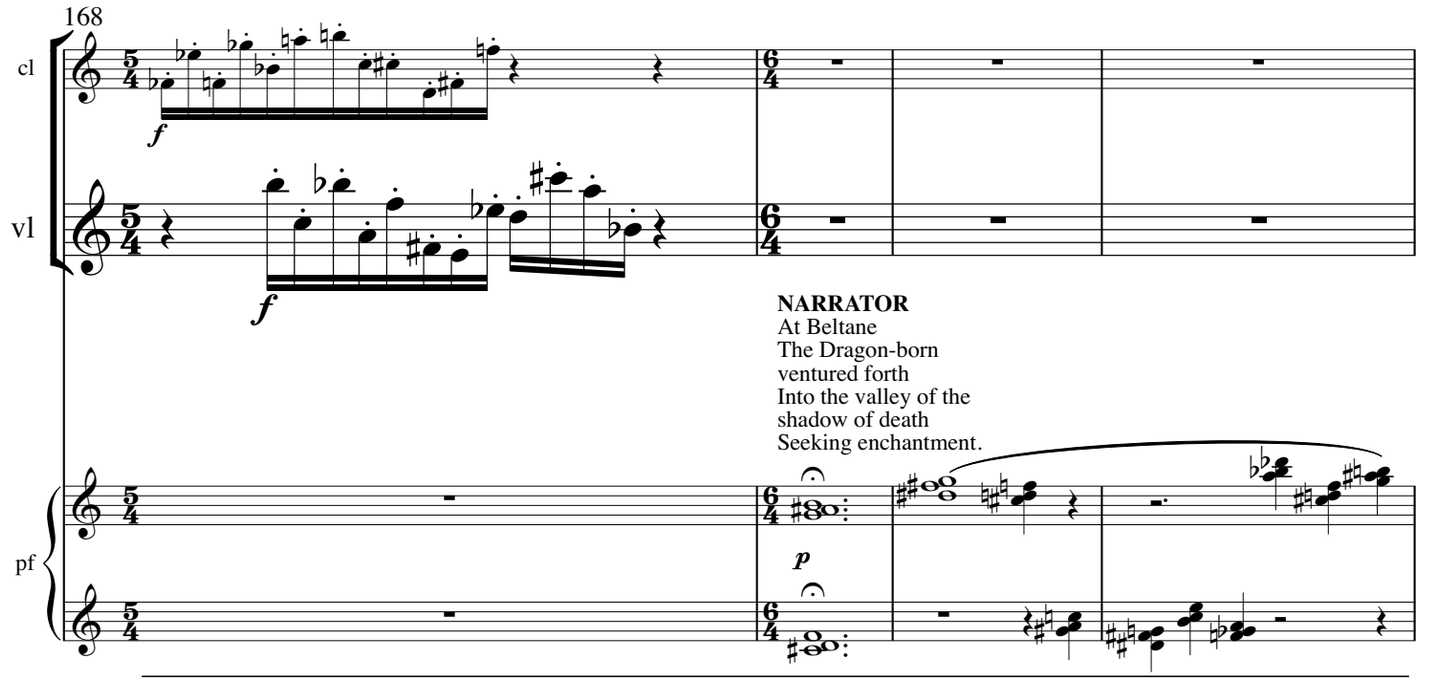
She has come home
To the land of golden sunsets.

III
DEATH VALLEY

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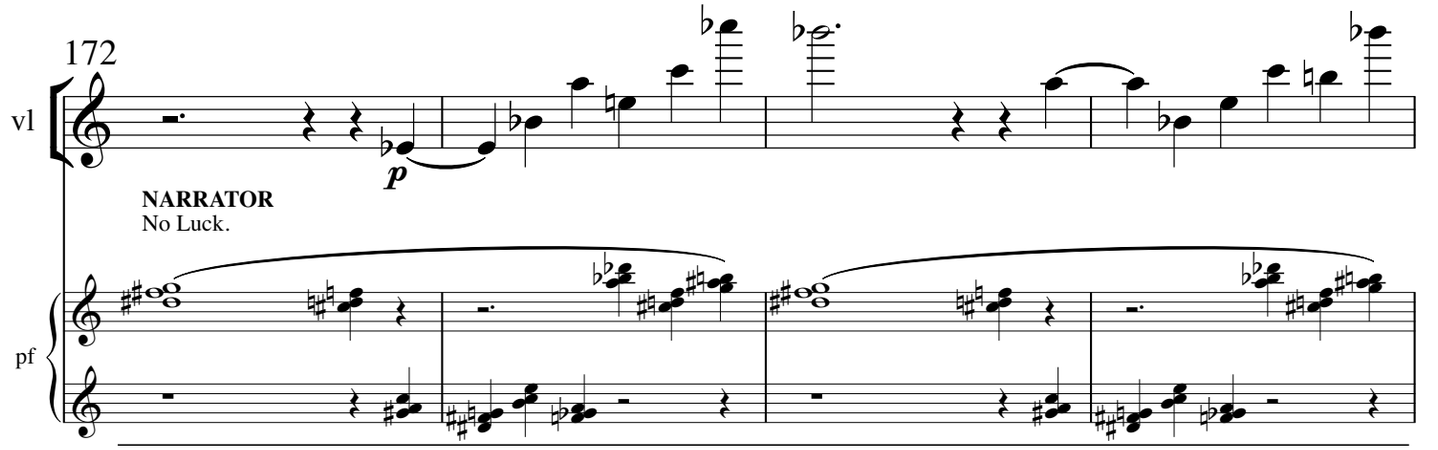
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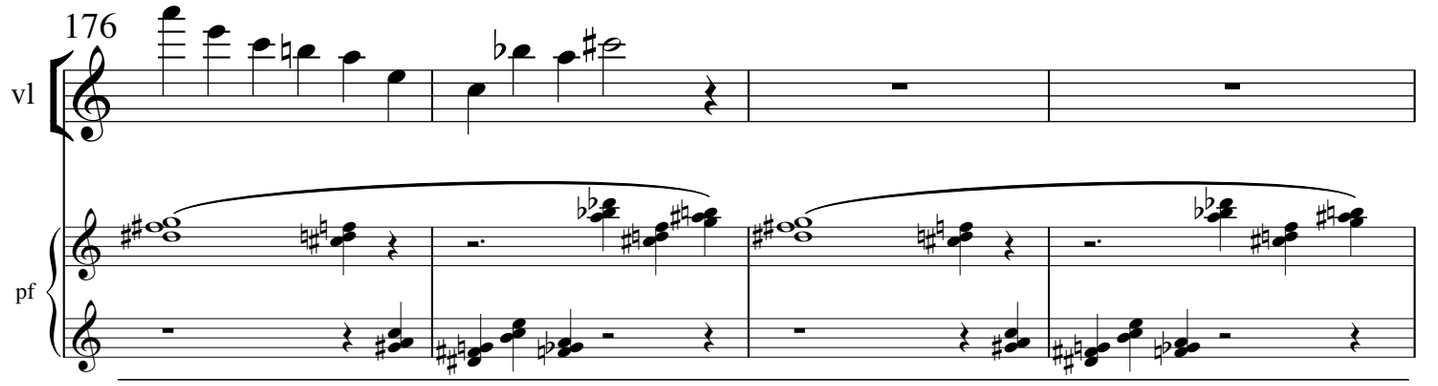
No Luck.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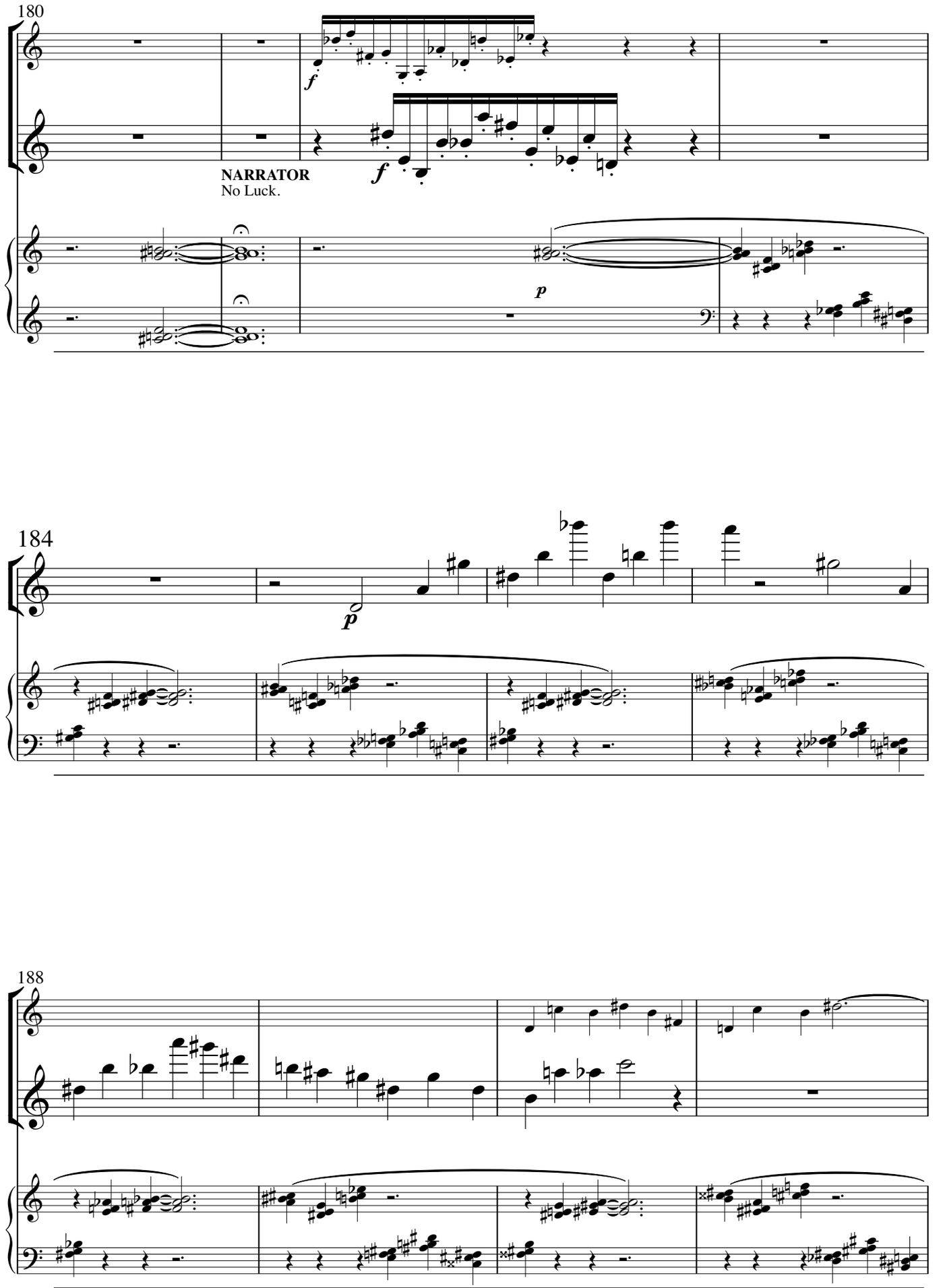
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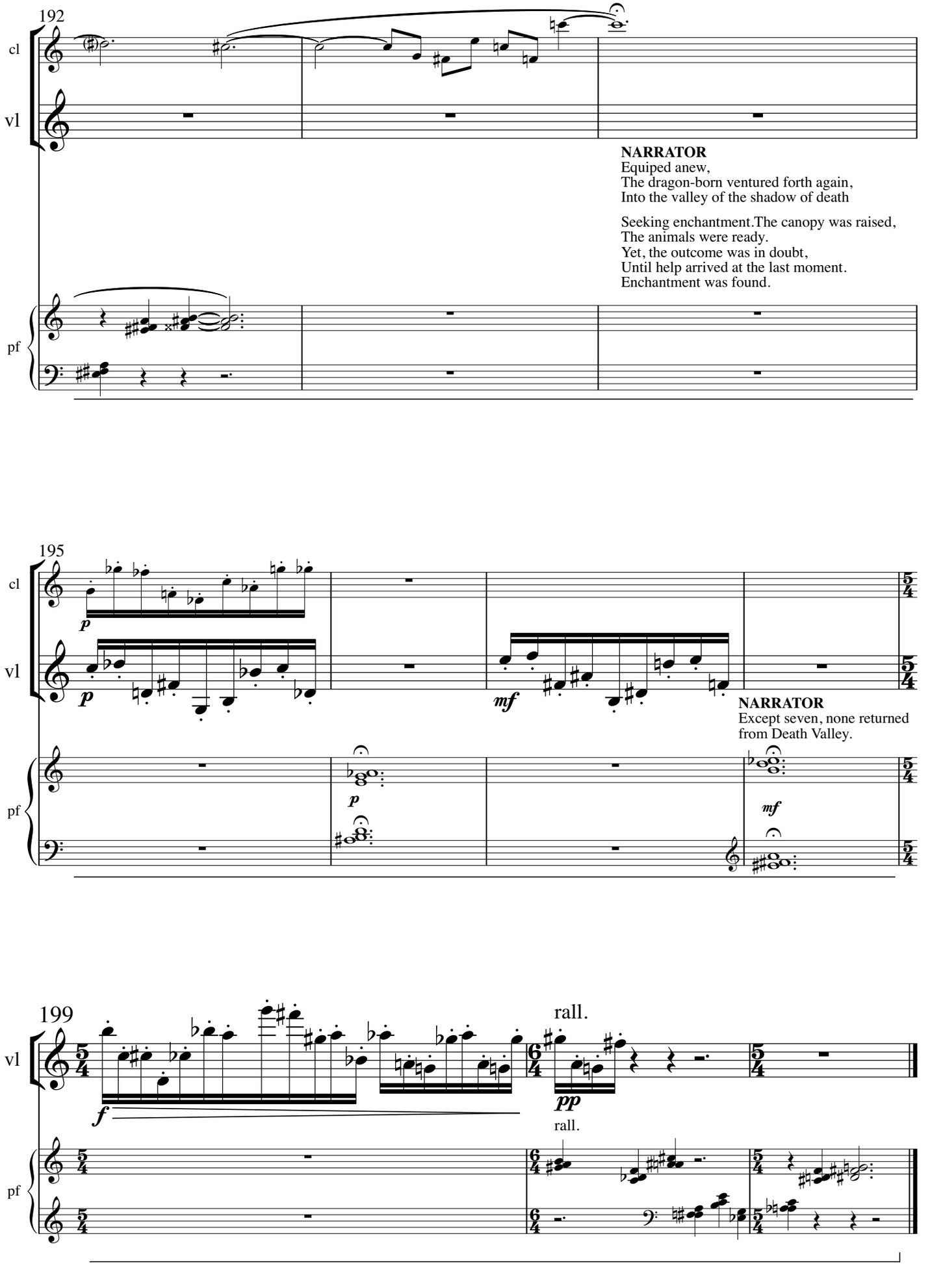
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Equiped anew,
The dragon-born ventured forth again,
Into the valley of the shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.The canopy was raised,
The animals were ready.
Yet, the outcome was in doubt,
Until help arrived at the last moment.
Enchantment was found.
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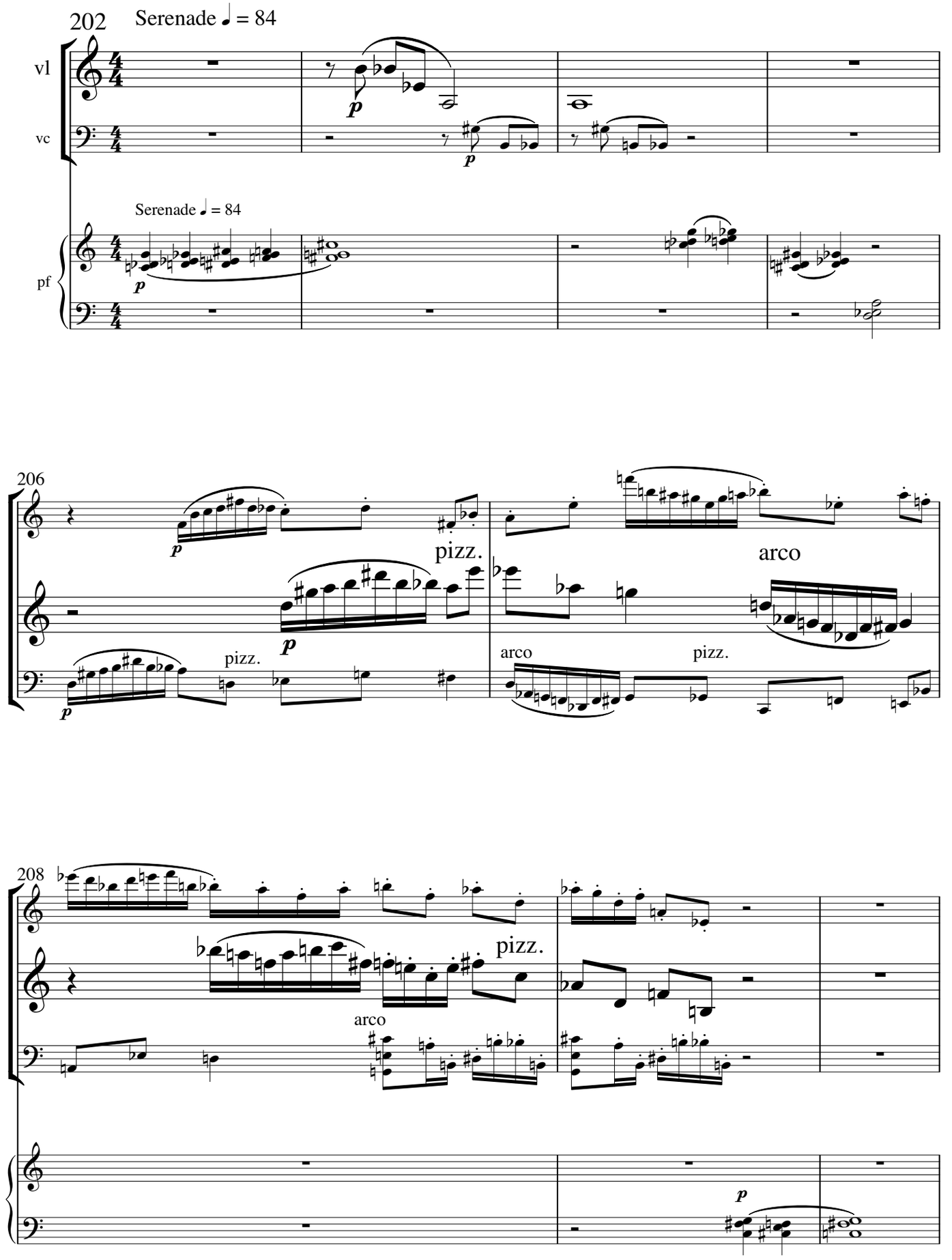
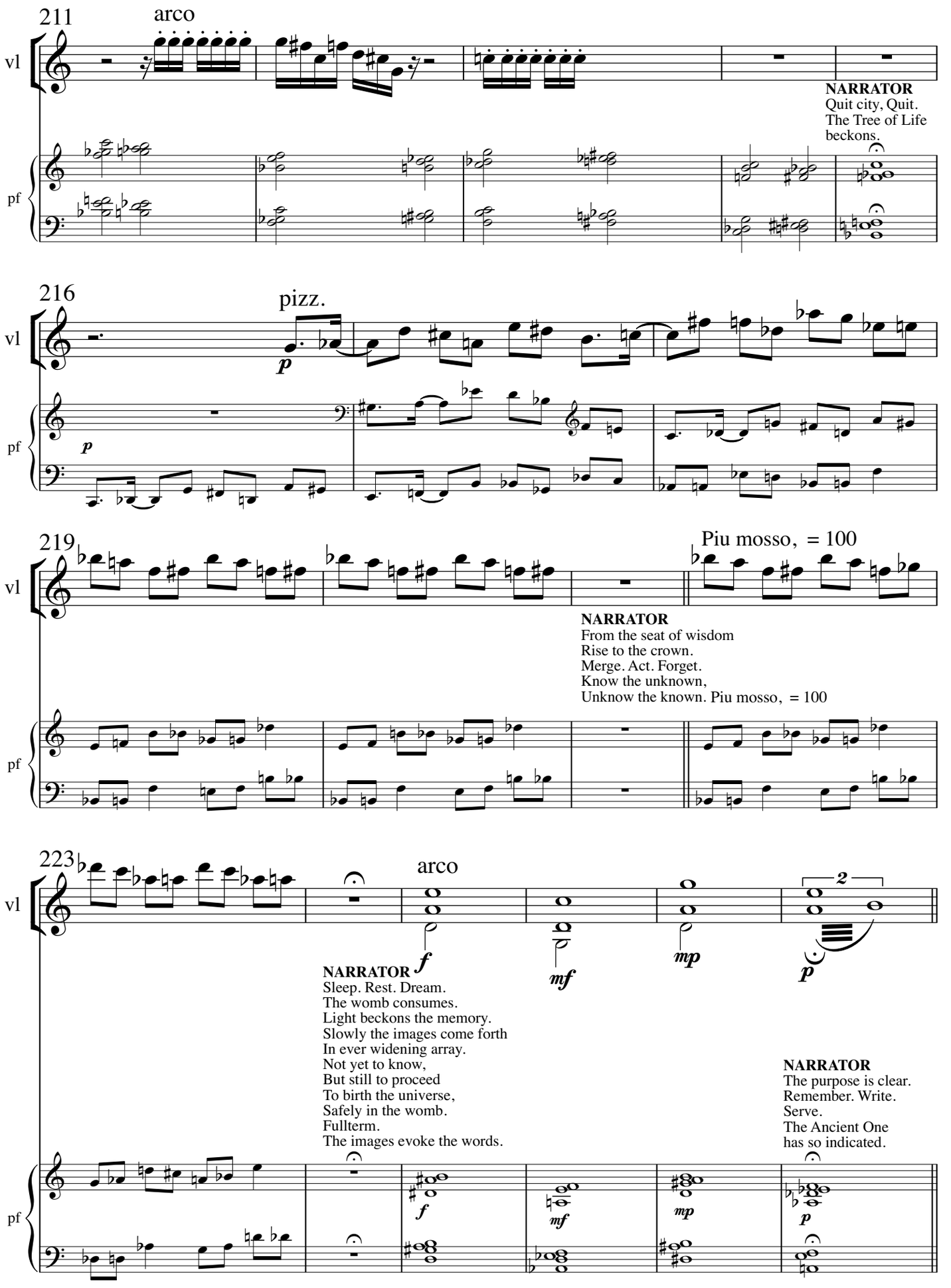
NARRATOR
Except seven, none returned
from Death Valley.
199
f
pp
rall.
rall.

IV
THE JOURNEY

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NARRATOR
Quit city, Quit.
The Tree of Life
beckons.
216
pizz.
p
vl
pf
p
219
Piu mosso, = 100
vl
pf
NARRATOR
From the seat of wisdom
Rise to the crown.
Merge. Act. Forget.
Know the unknown,
Unknow the known. Piu mosso, = 100
223
arco
vl
pf
f
mf
mp
p
2
NARRATOR
Sleep. Rest. Dream.
The womb consumes.
Light beckons the memory.
Slowly the images come forth
In ever widening array.
Not yet to know,
But still to proceed
To birth the universe,
Safely in the womb.
Fullterm.
The images evoke the words.
NARRATOR
The purpose is clear.
Remember. Write.
Serve.
The Ancient One
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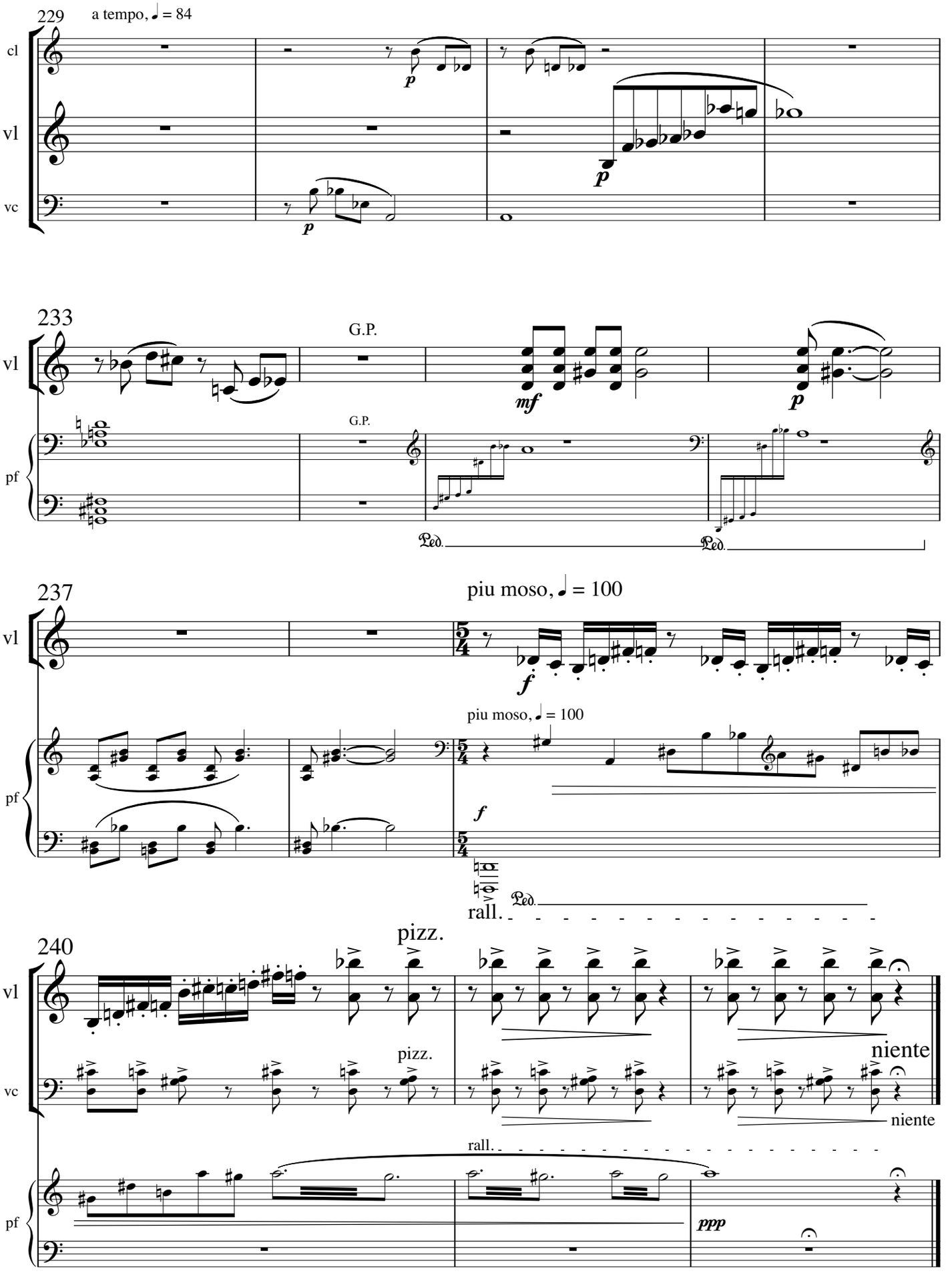
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Ped.
Ped.
237
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vl
pf
f
piu moso, ♩ = 100
f
Ped.
rall.
240
pizz.
vl
vc
pf
pizz.
niente
niente
rall.
ppp

John Webber

FOUR POEMS

*for clarinet, violin, cello, piano and narrator*score

cello

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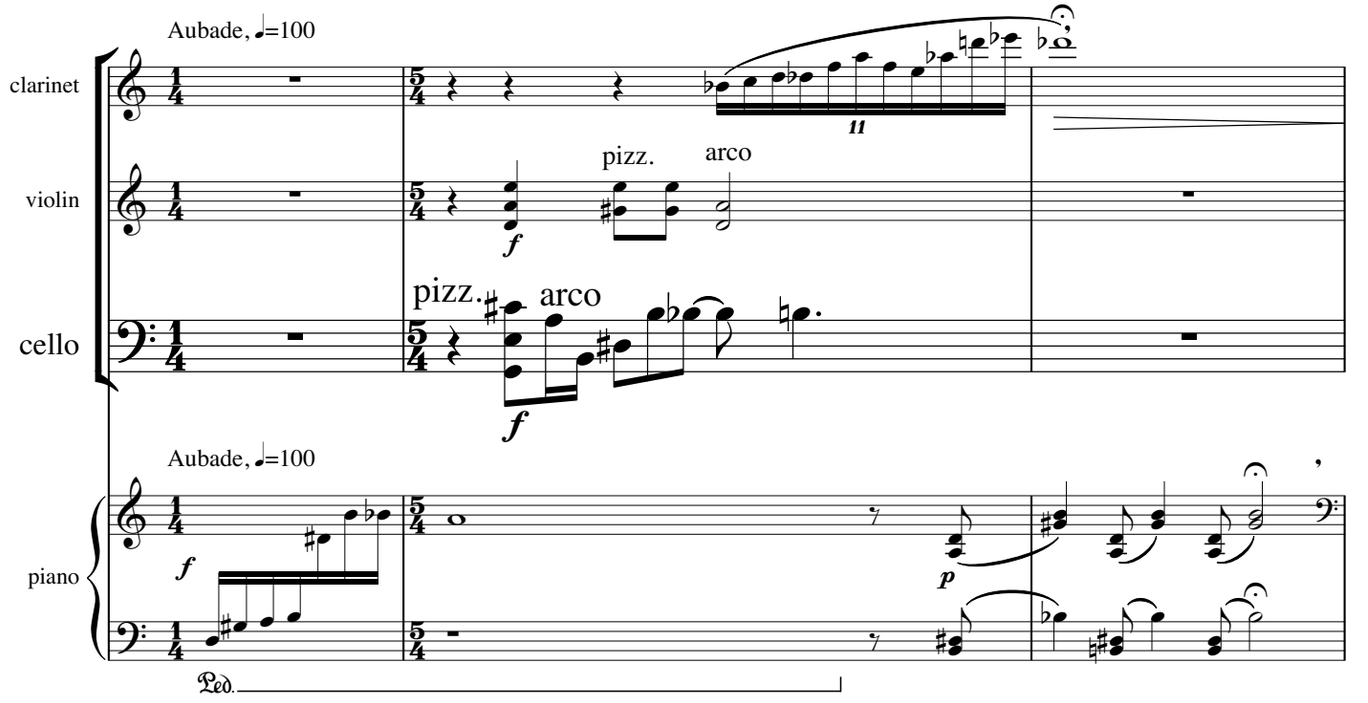
NARRATOR *(before bar 1)*
In the beginning
Was a spider without head.
She came with a glyph
Of sword through heart.
She climbed the wall
And disappeared in the firepit.

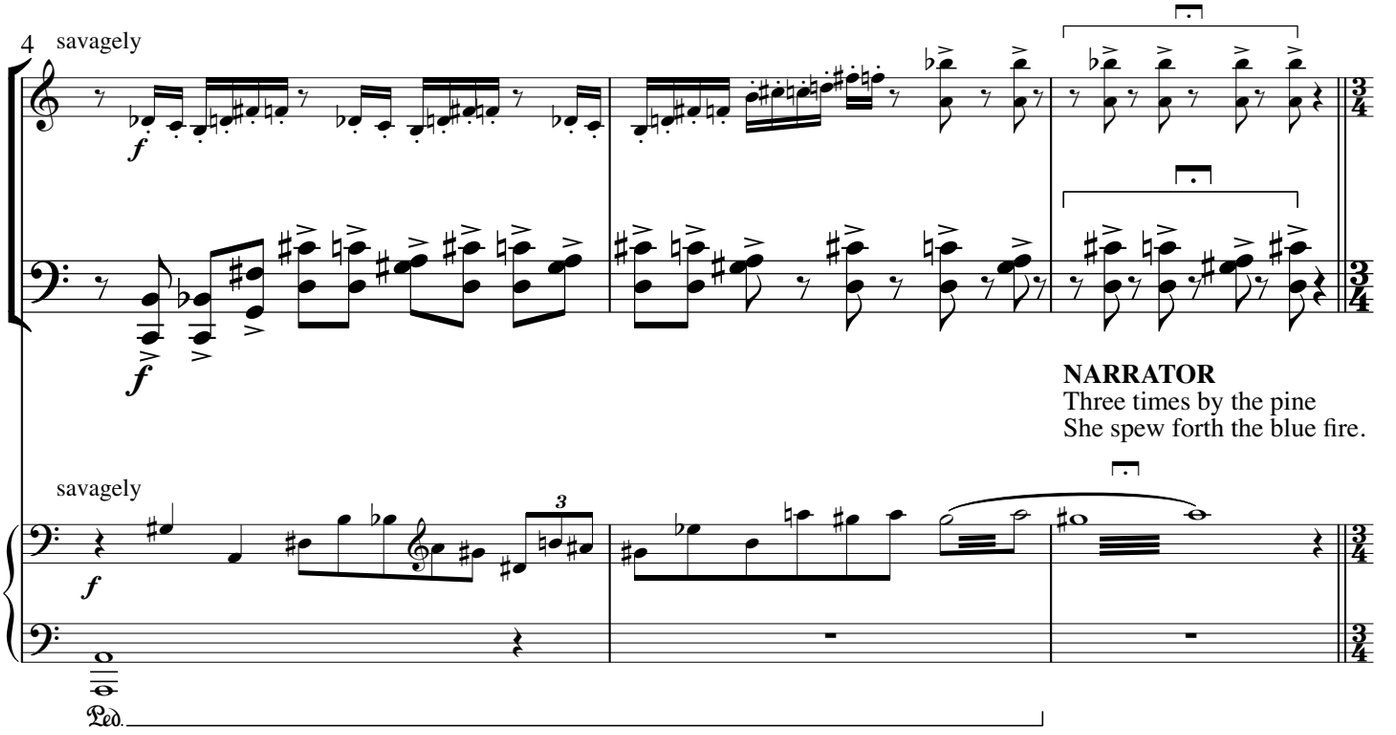
FOUR POEMS

I

CERRIDWEN

John Webber music
Marcia Cunningham poems





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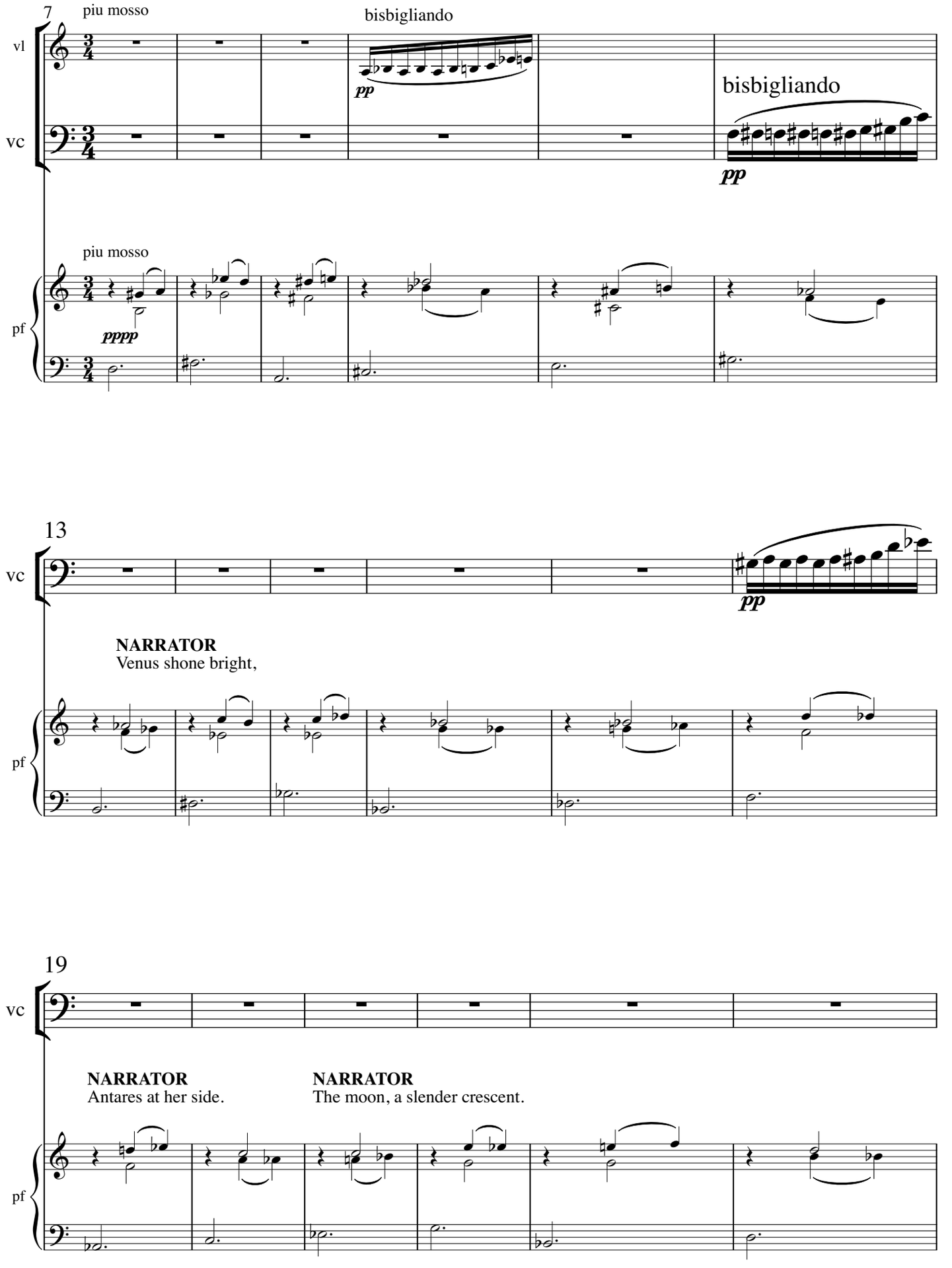
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pppp
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Venus shone bright,
pf
19
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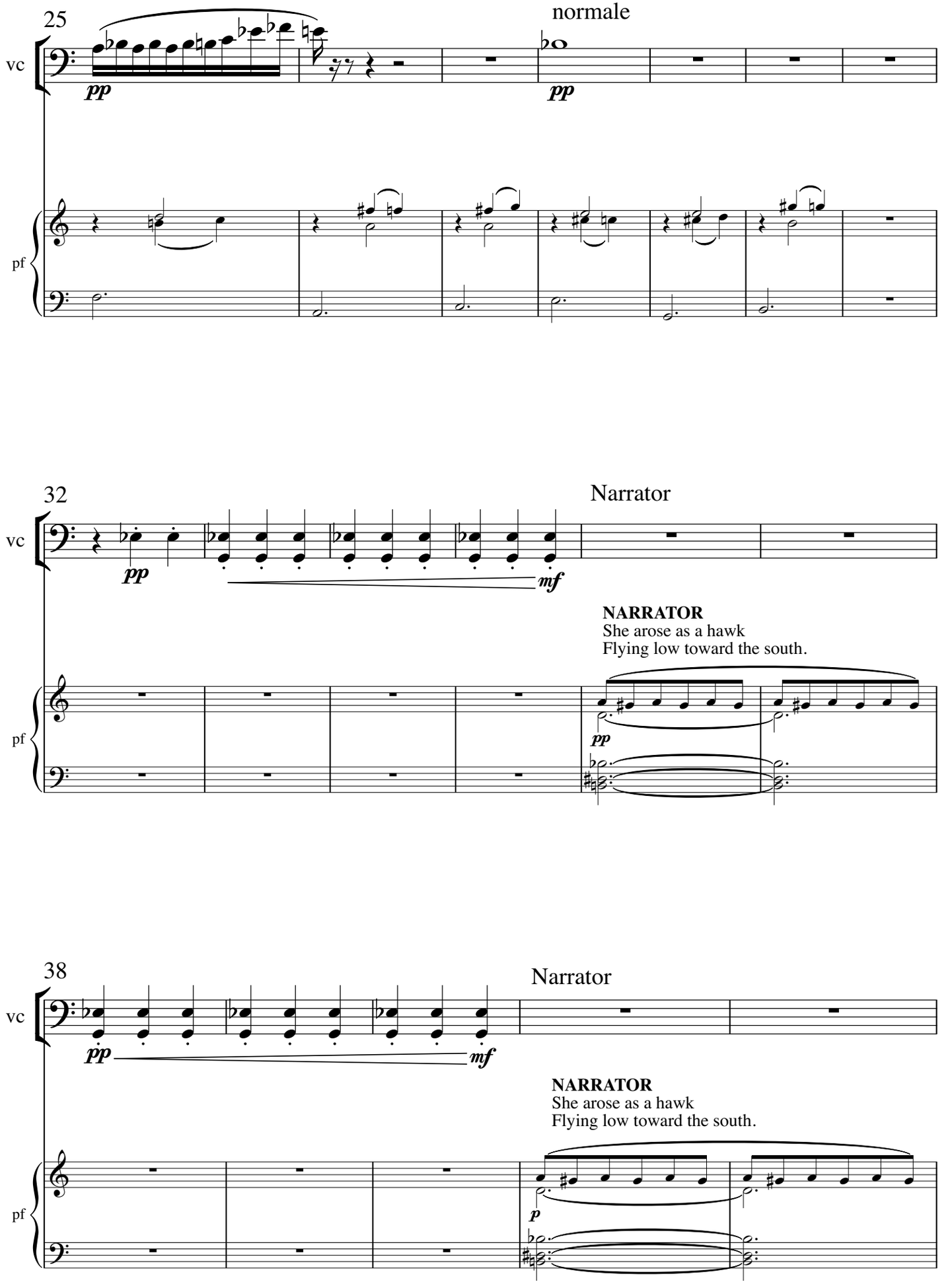
NARRATOR
Antares at her side.
NARRATOR
The moon, a slender crescent.
pf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pf
32
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vc
pp
mf
NARRATOR
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Flying low toward the south.
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pp
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vc
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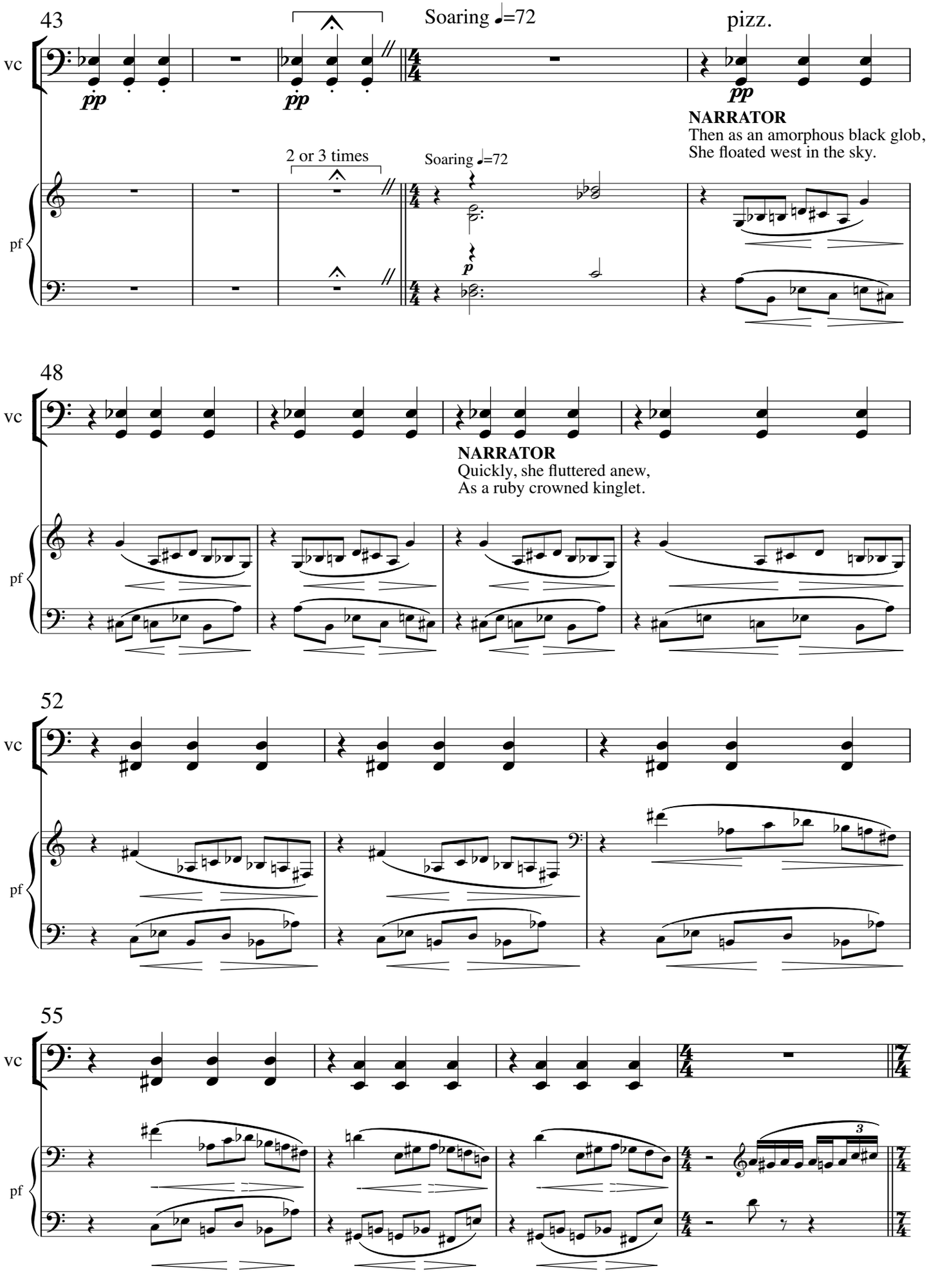
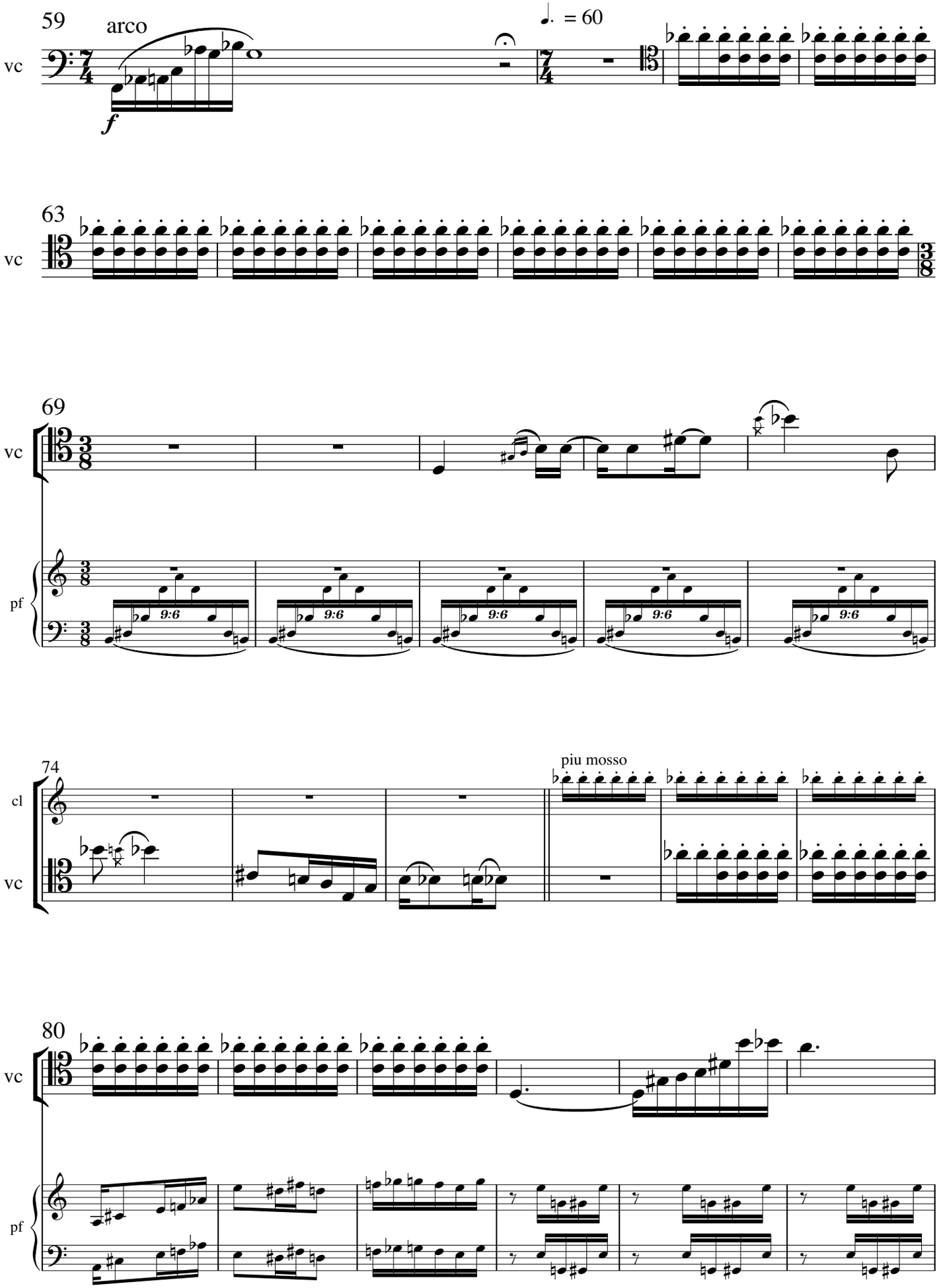
She arose as a hawk
Flying low toward the south.
pf
p


43
Soaring ♩=72
pizz.
vc
pp
pp
pp
NARRATOR
Then as an amorphous black glob,
She floated west in the sky.
2 or 3 times
Soaring ♩=72
pf
p
48
vc
NARRATOR
Quickly, she fluttered anew,
As a ruby crowned kinglet.
pf
52
vc
pf
55
vc
pf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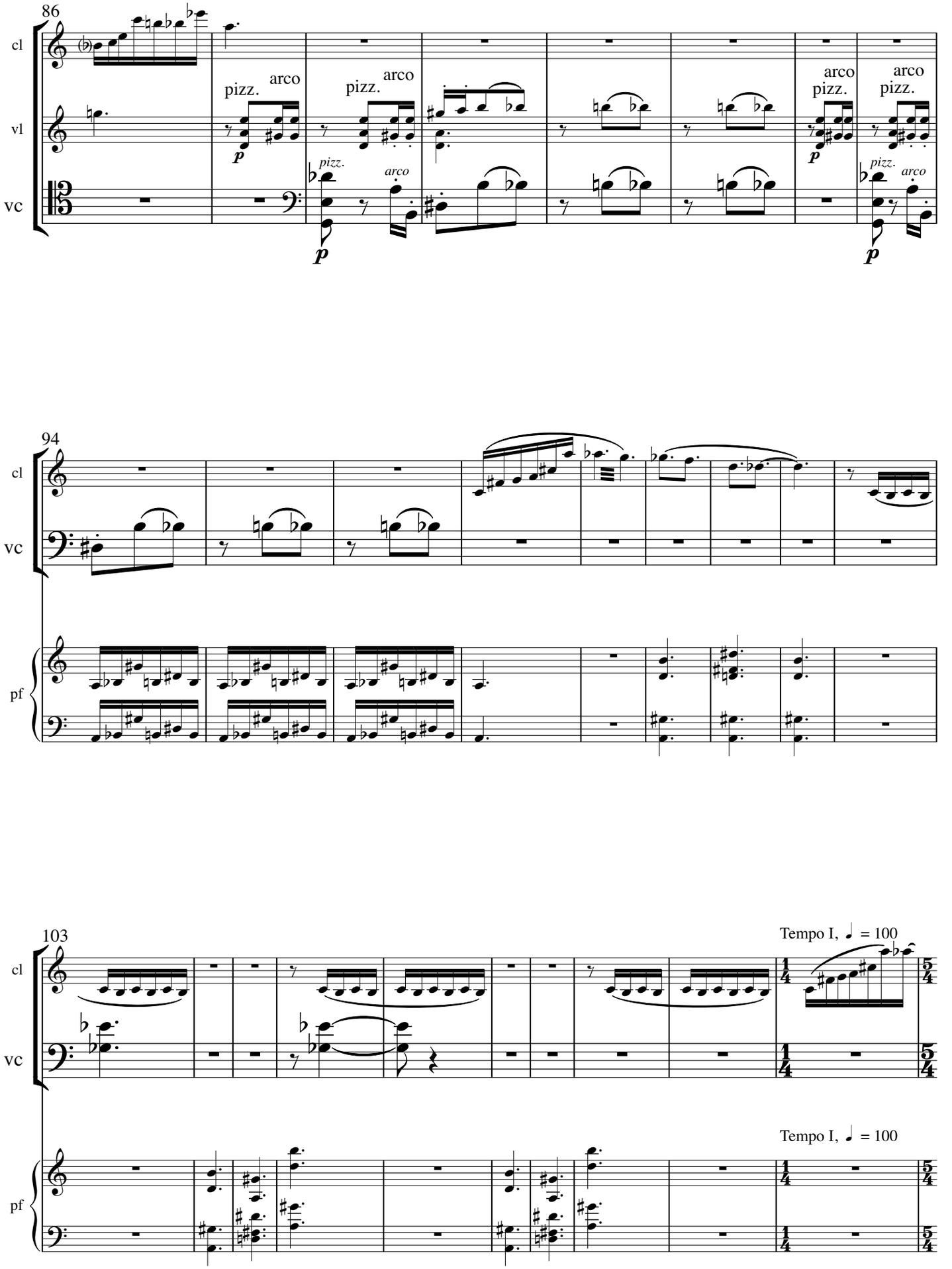
pf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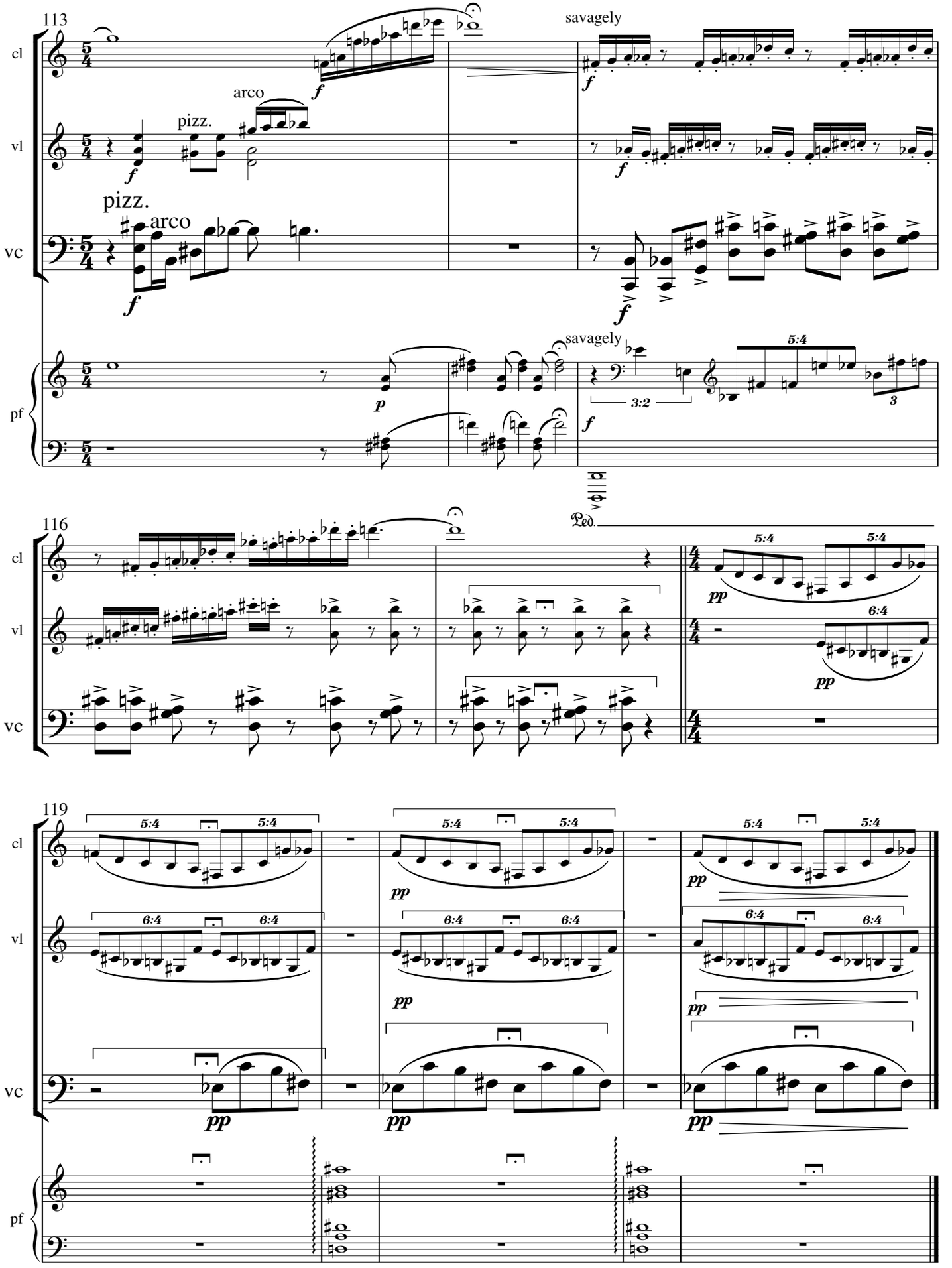
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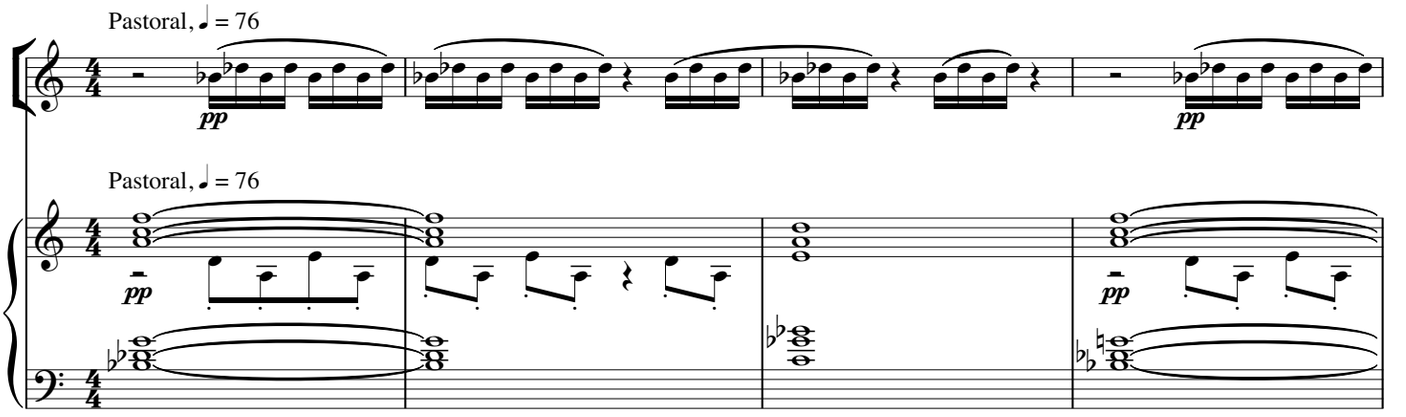
II
DIANA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Pastoral, ♩ = 76
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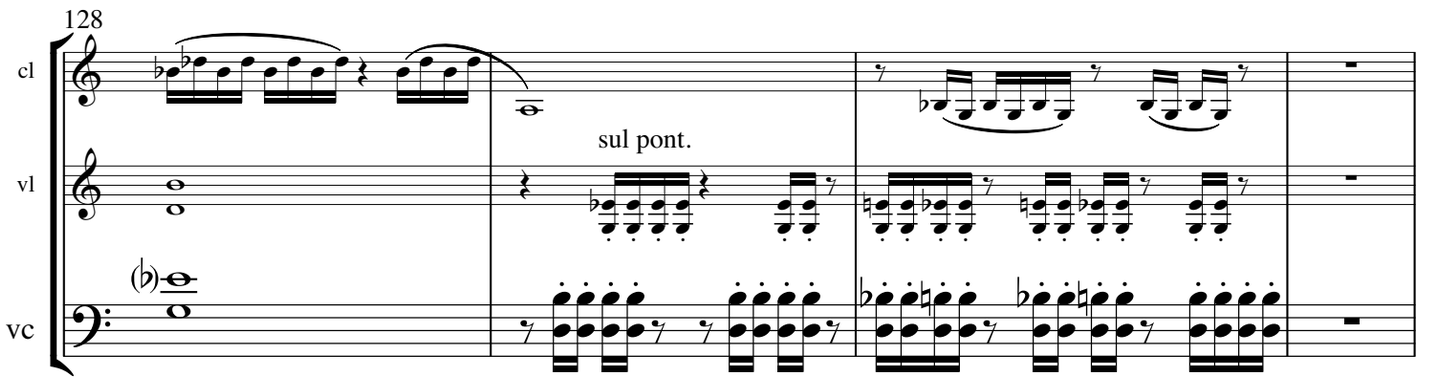
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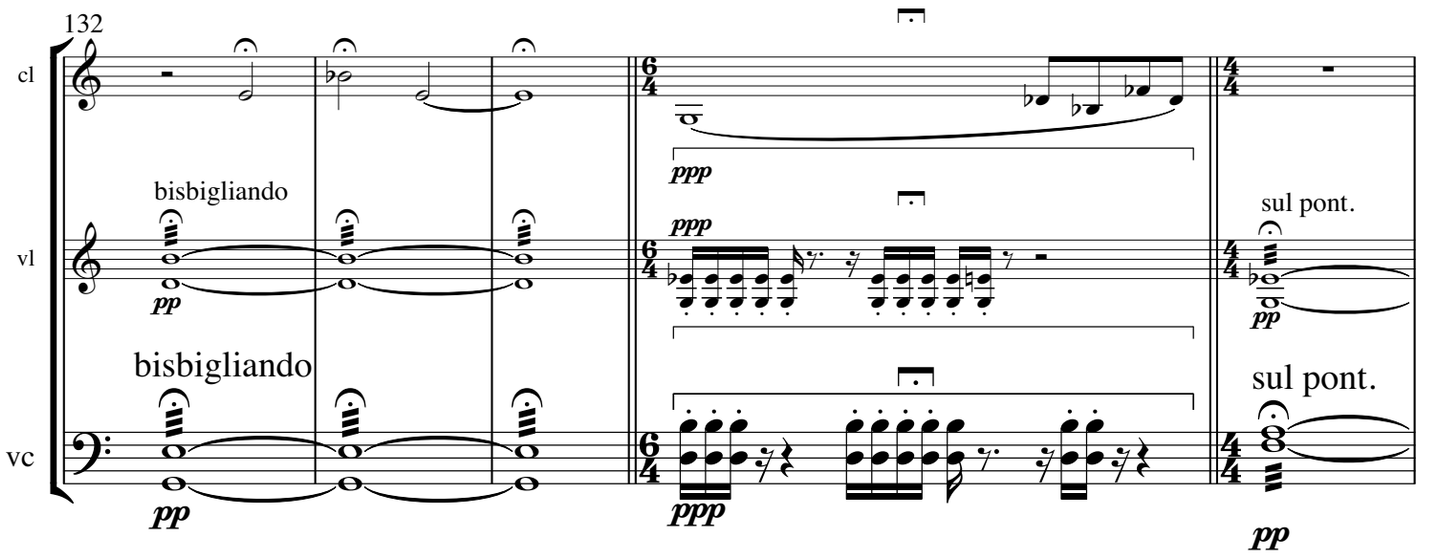
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ppp
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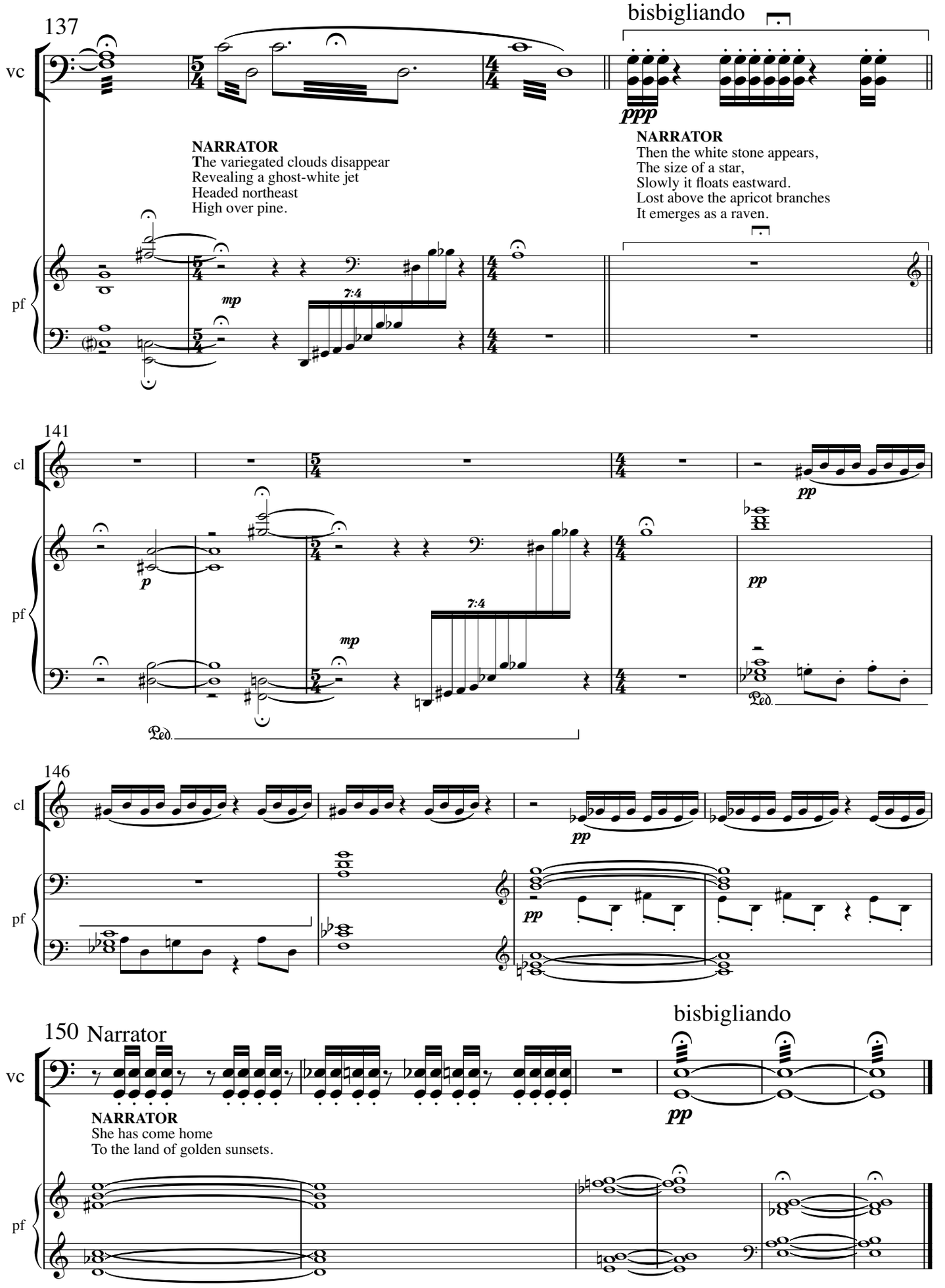
pp
sul pont.
pp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NARRATOR
The variegated clouds disappear
Revealing a ghost-white jet
Headed northeast
High over pine.
NARRATOR
Then the white stone appears,
The size of a star,
Slowly it floats eastward.
Lost above the apricot branches
It emerges as a raven.
pf
mp
7:4
141
cl
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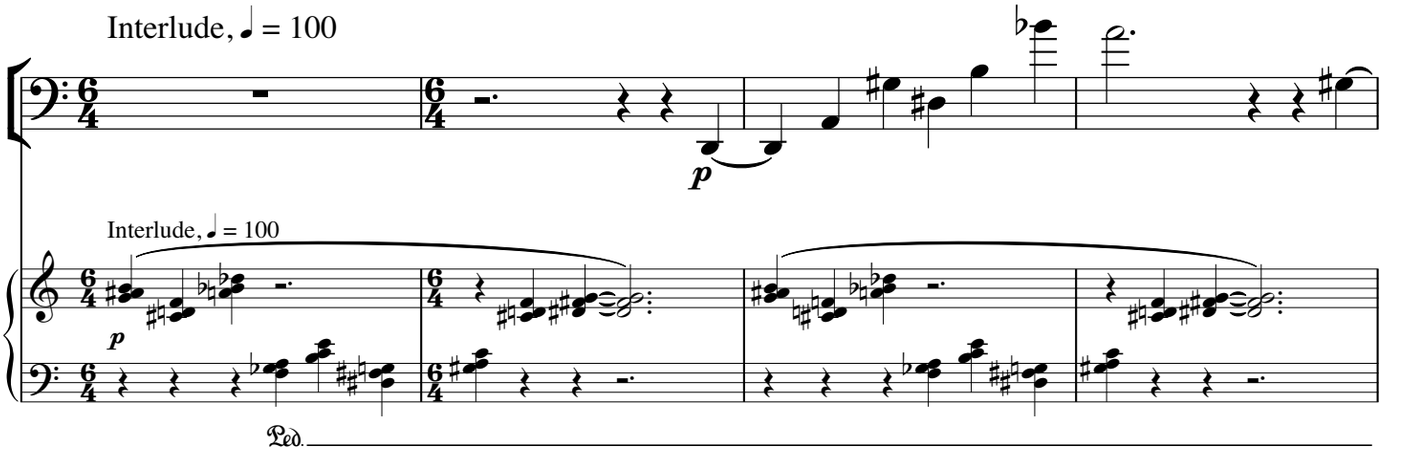
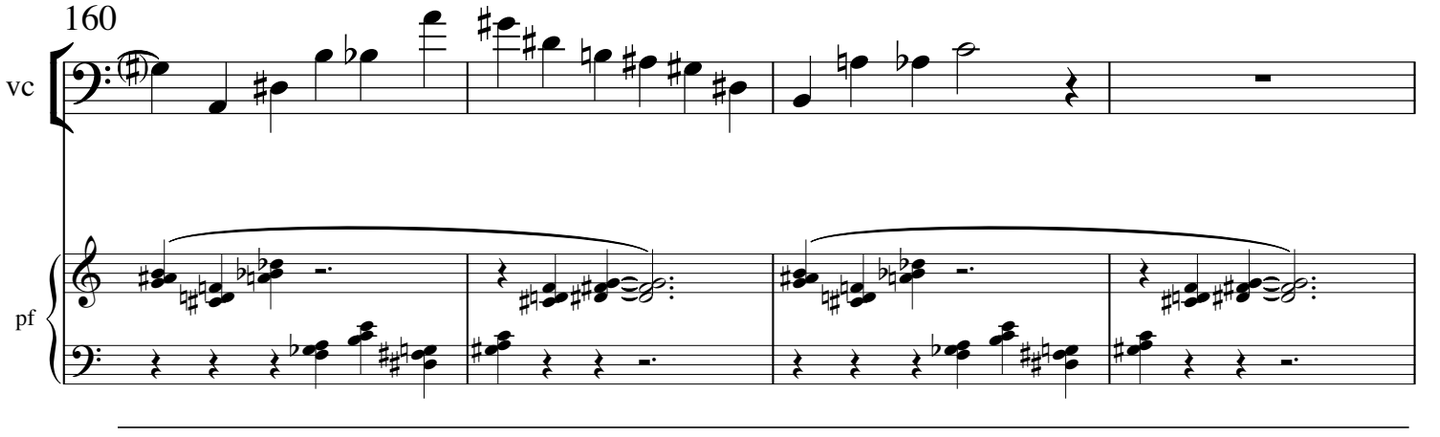
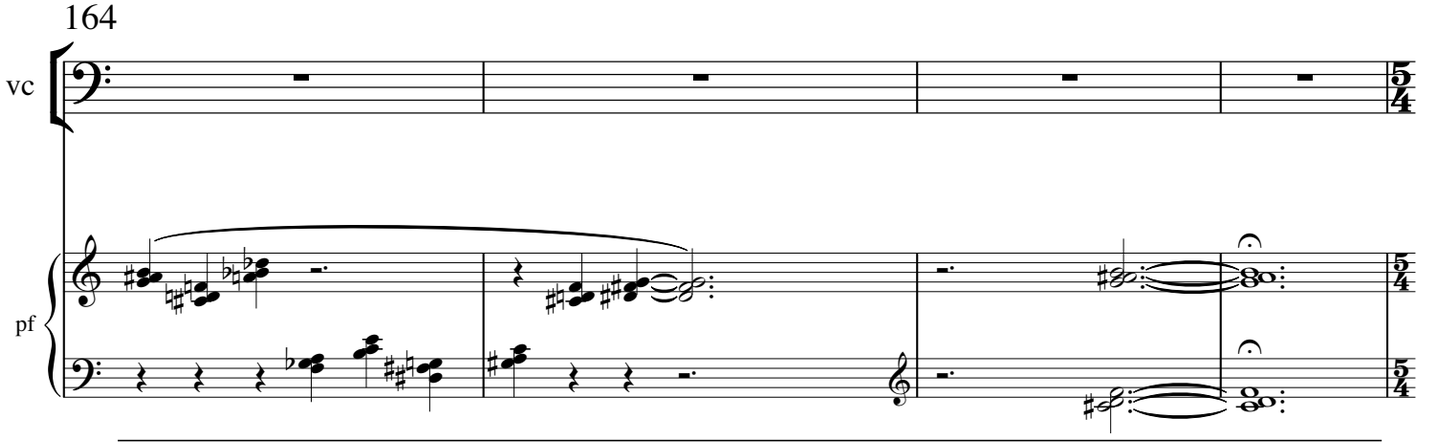
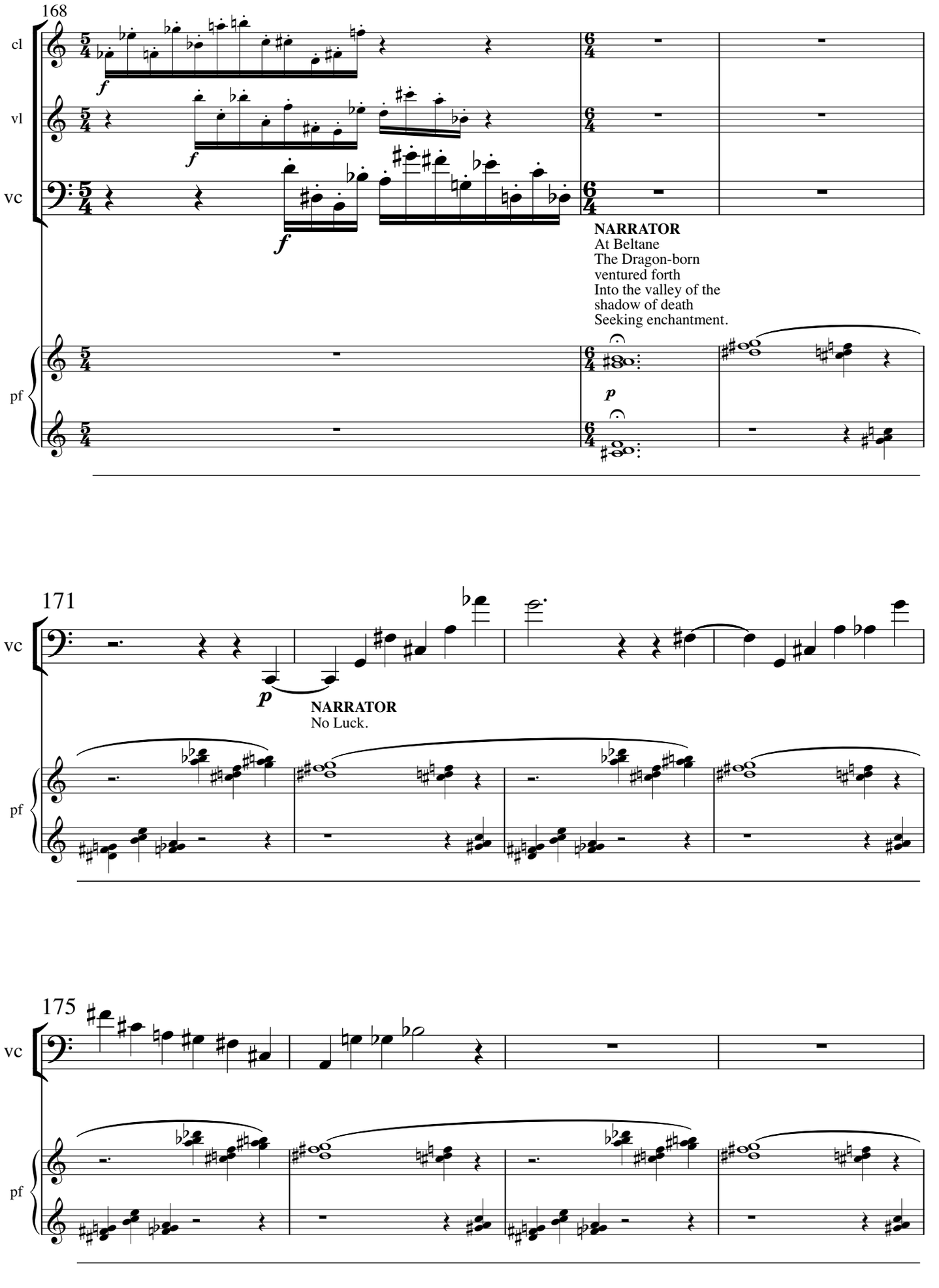
Ped.
146
150 Narrator
bisbigliando
NARRATOR
She has come home
To the land of golden sunsets.

III
DEATH VALLEY





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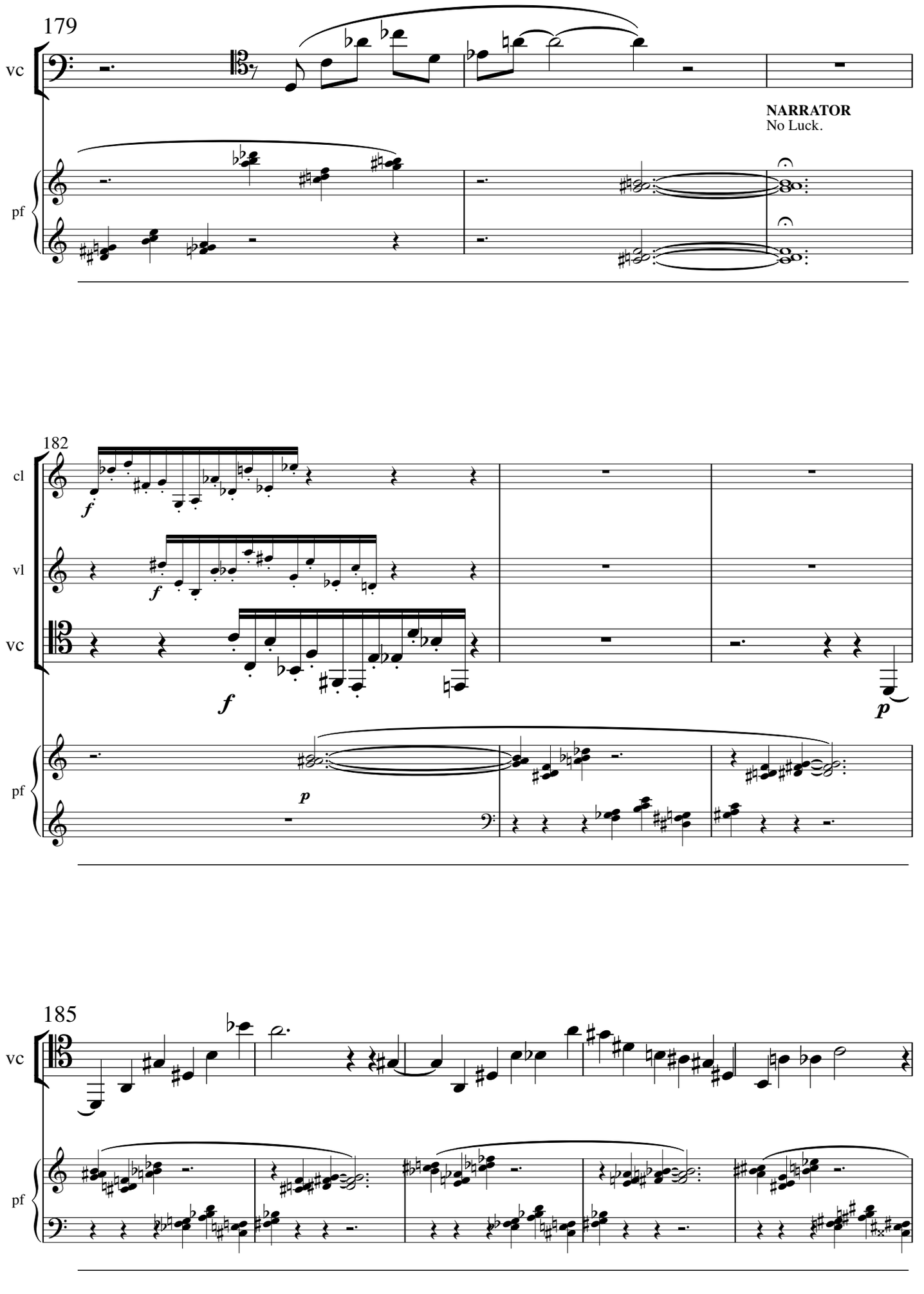
At Beltane
The Dragon-born
ventured forth
Into the valley of the
shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.
p
171
NARRATOR
No Luck.
175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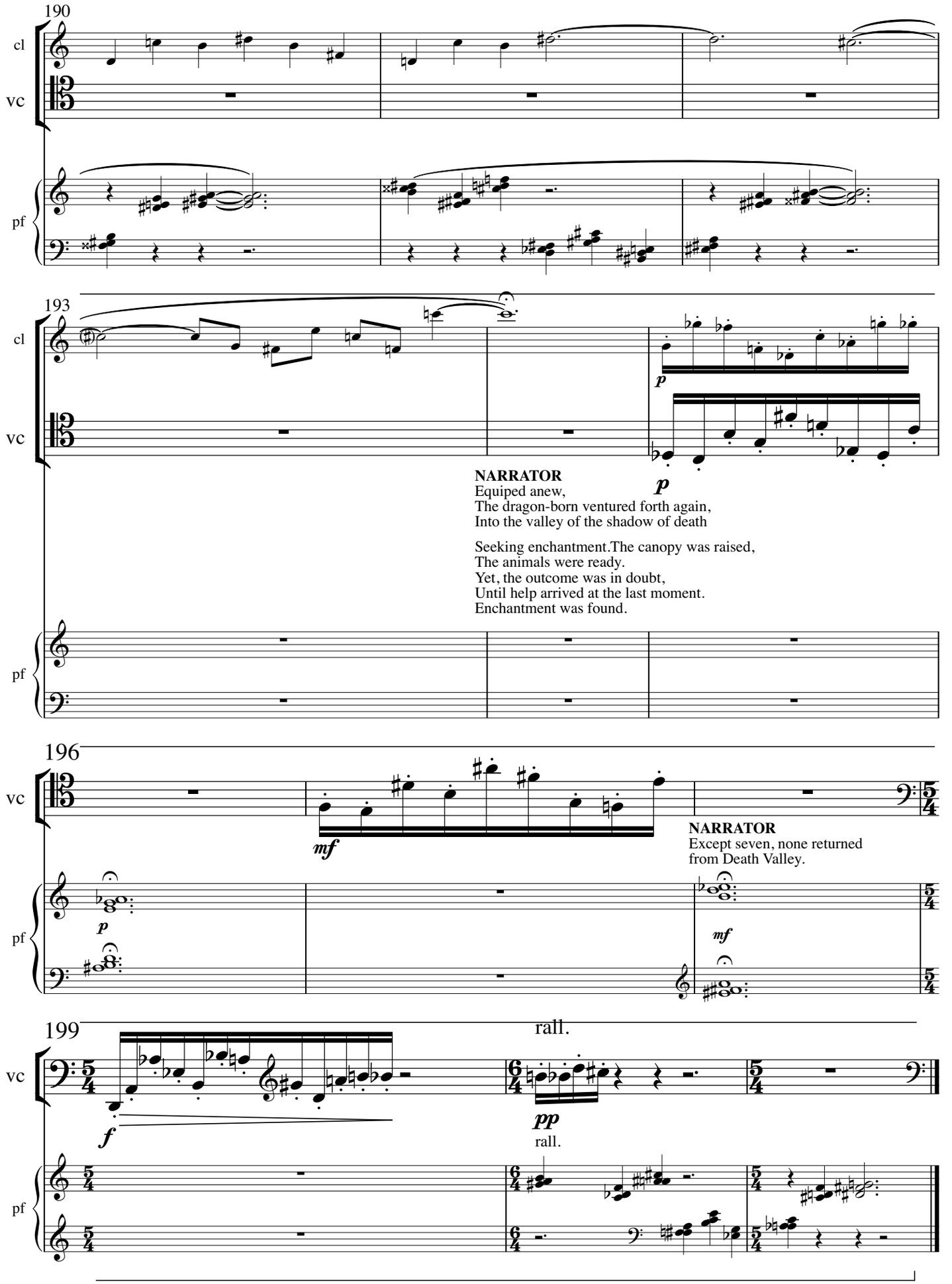
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NARRATOR
Equiped anew,
The dragon-born ventured forth again,
Into the valley of the shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.The canopy was raised,
The animals were ready.
Yet, the outcome was in doubt,
Until help arrived at the last moment.
Enchantment was found.
pf
196
vc
mf
NARRATOR
Except seven, none returned
from Death Valley.
p
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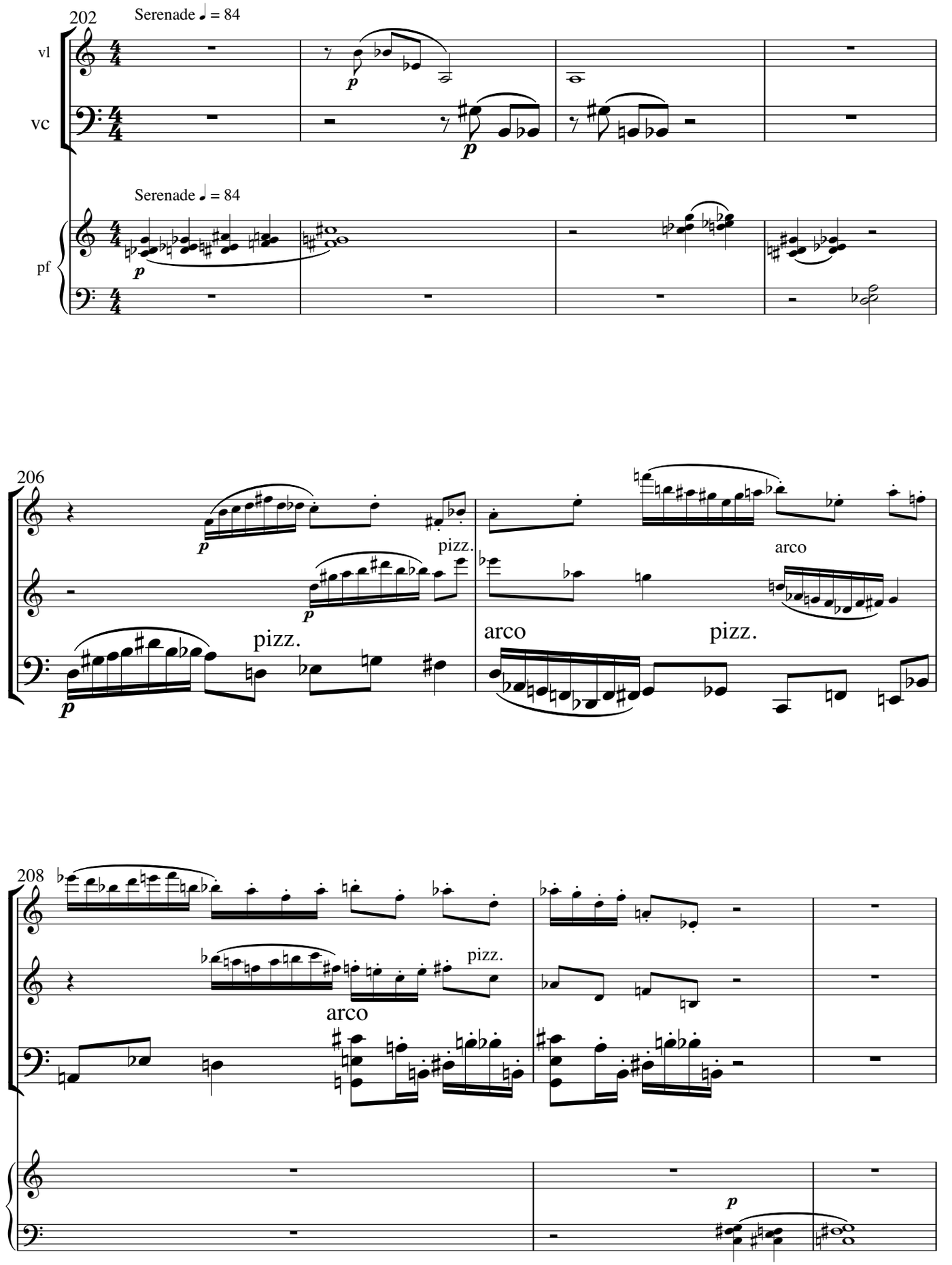
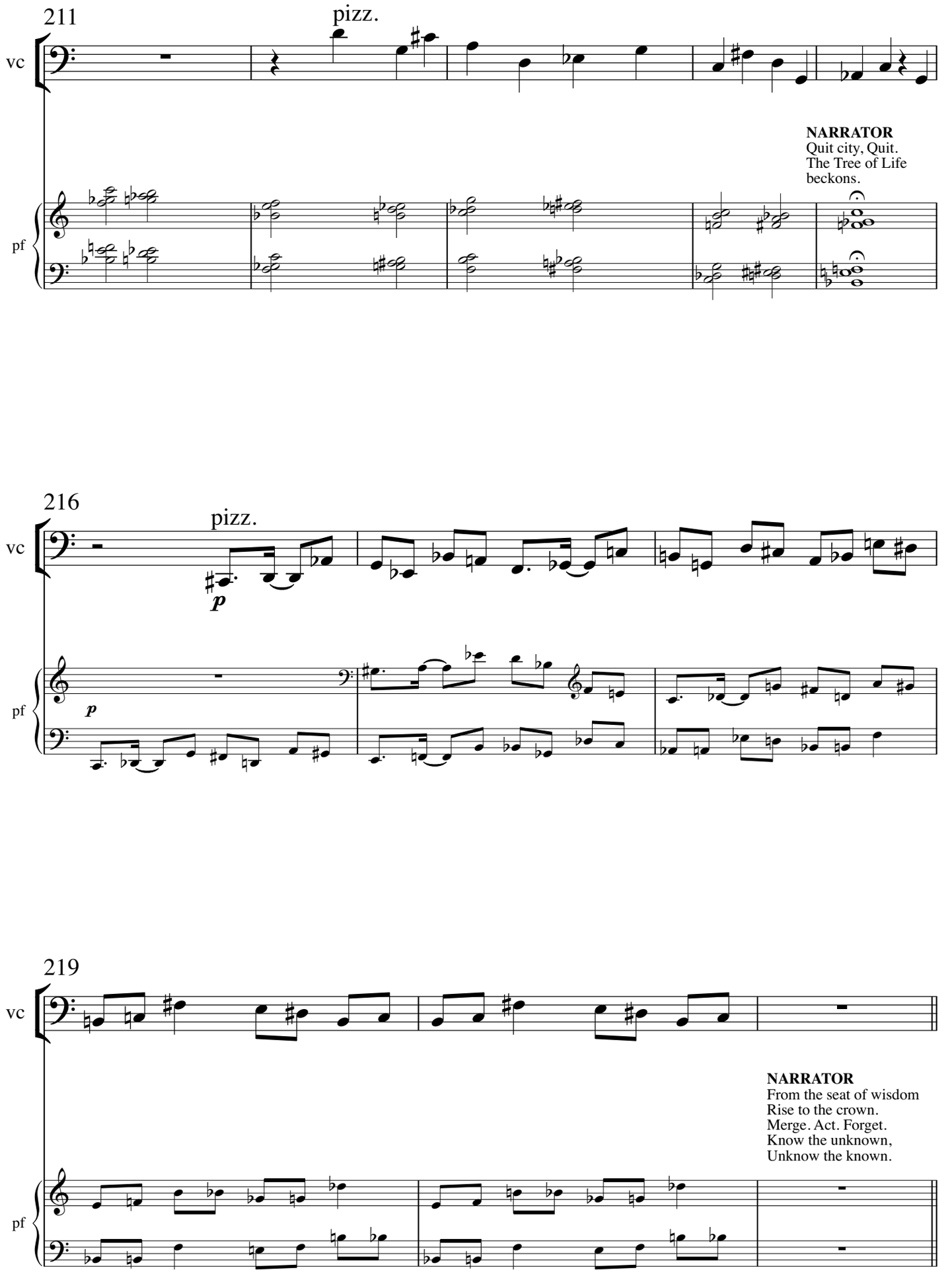
f
pp
rall.
pf

cello

IV
THE JOURNEY

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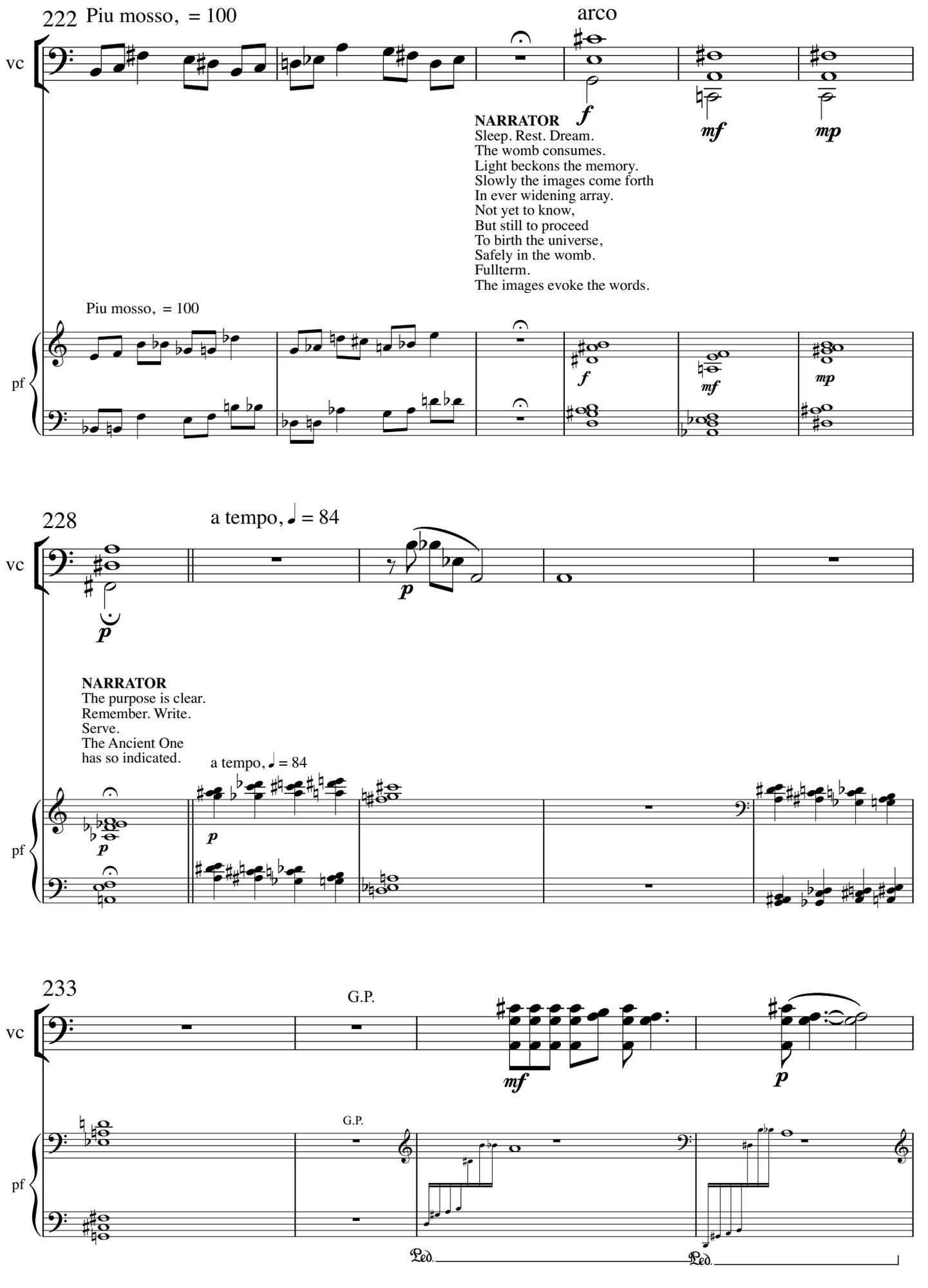
pf
NARRATOR
Quit city, Quit.
The Tree of Life
beckons.
216
pizz.
p
219
NARRATOR
From the seat of wisdom
Rise to the crown.
Merge. Act. Forget.
Know the unknown,
Unknow the known.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NARRATOR
Sleep. Rest. Dream.
The womb consumes.
Light beckons the memory.
Slowly the images come forth
In ever widening array.
Not yet to know,
But still to proceed
To birth the universe,
Safely in the womb.
Fullterm.
The images evoke the words.
Piu mosso, = 100
pf
228
a tempo, ♩ = 84
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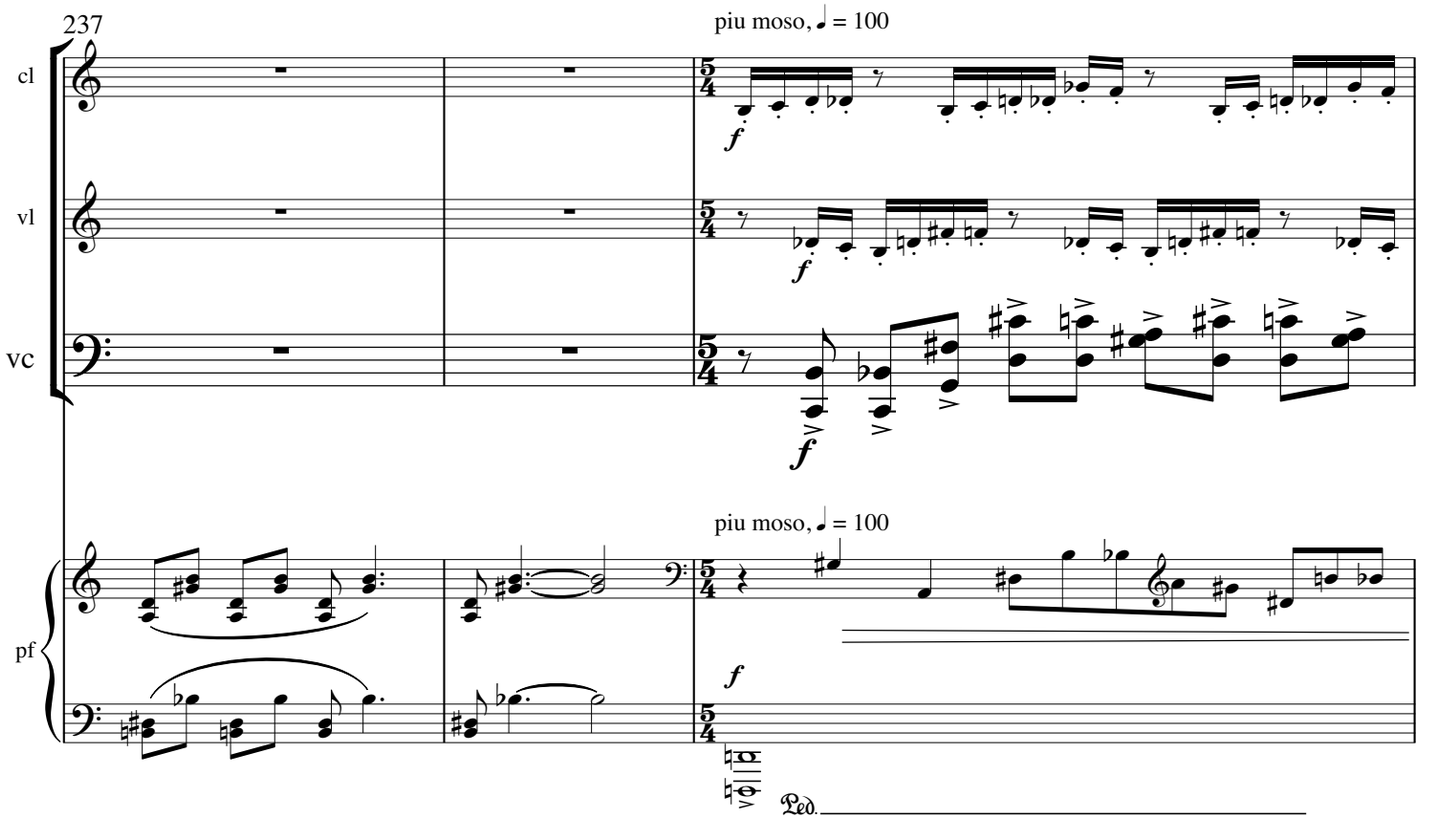
NARRATOR
The purpose is clear.
Remember. Write.
Serve.
The Ancient One
has so indicated.
233
G.P.
mf
Ped.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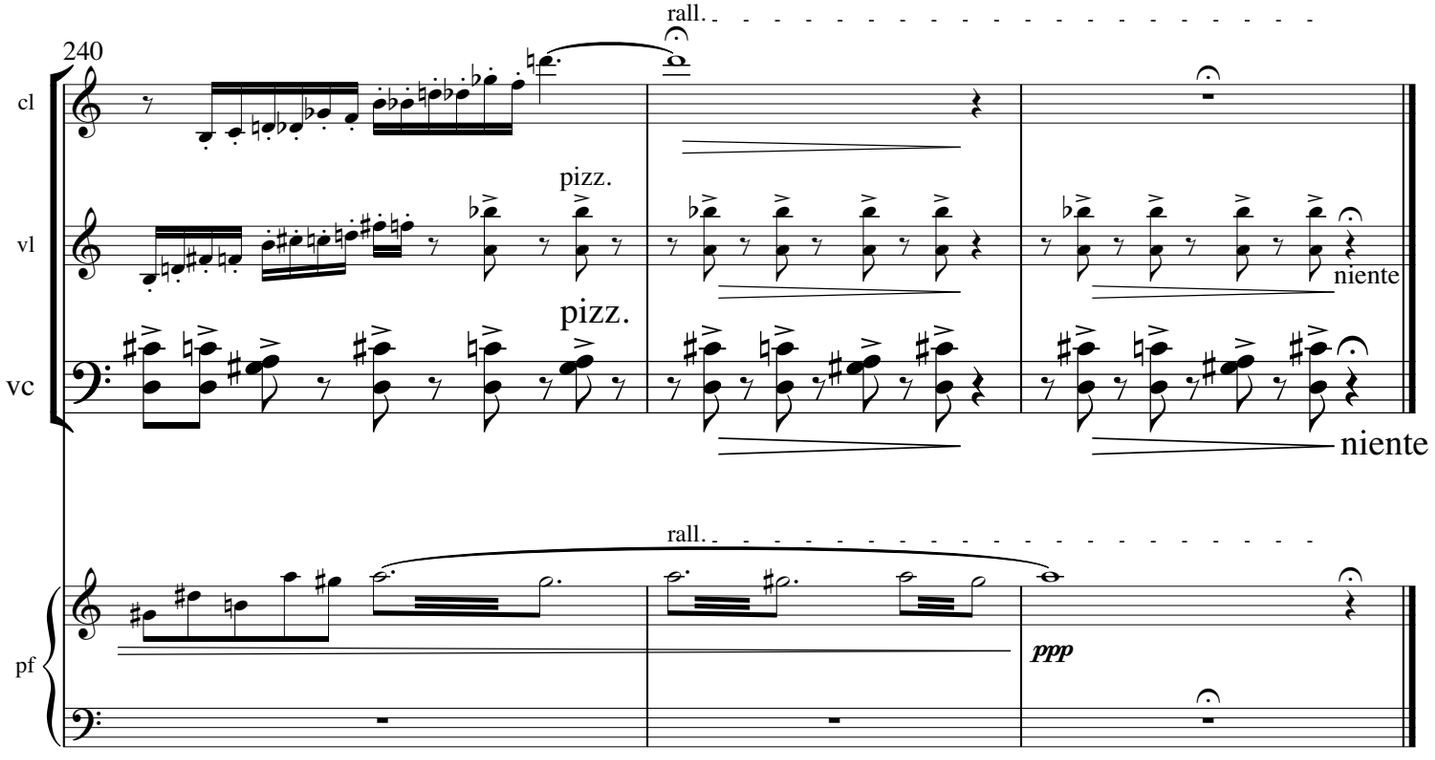
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John Webber

FOUR POEMS

*for clarinet, violin, cello, piano and narrator*score

Full Score

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CERRIDWEN

NIn the beginning
Was a spider without head.
She came with a glyph
Of sword through heart.
She climbed the wall
And disappeared in the firepit.

Three times by the pine
She spew forth the blue fire.
Venus shone bright,
Antares at her side.
The moon, a slender crescent.

She arose as a hawk
Flying low toward the south.
Then as an amorphous black glob,
She floated west in the sky.
Quickly, she fluttered anew,
As a ruby crowned kinglet.

A moth-seed was found in a book.
Then a brief, tuneful whistle
Reveals two butterflies moving northeast.
Strange, loud sounds presage geese
Flying north, then east.

Passage over the mountain complete,

A new time begins.

DIANA

The variegated clouds disappear
Revealing a ghost-white jet
Headed northeast
High over pine.

Then the white stone appears,
The size of a star,
Slowly it floats eastward.
Lost above the apricot branches
It emerges as a raven.

She has come home

To the land of golden sunsets.

DEATH VALLEY

The Dragon-born ventured forth
Into the valley of the shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.

No Luck.

Many seasons came and went.
Then at Samhain,
Equiped anew,
The dragon-born ventured forth again,
Into the valley of the shadow of death

Seeking enchantment.The canopy was raised,
The animals were ready.
Yet, the outcome was in doubt,
Until help arrived at the last moment.
Enchantment was found.

Except seven, none returned from Death

Valley.

THE JOURNEY

Quit city, Quit.
The Tree of Life beckons.

From the seat of wisdom
Rise to the crown.
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Know the unknown,
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Marcia Cunningham

FOUR POEMS

I
CERRIDWEN

NARRATOR *(before bar 1)*
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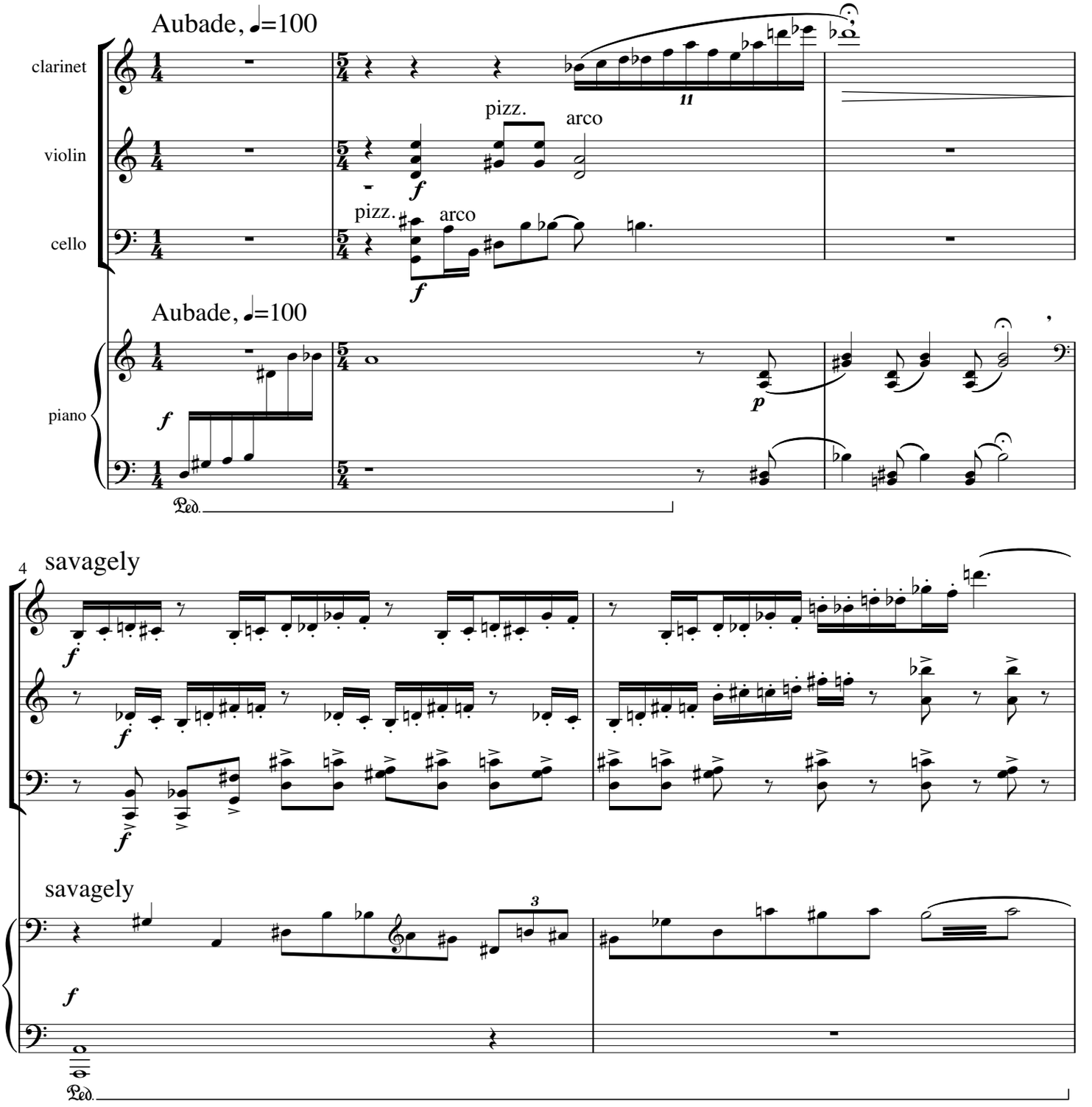

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6

piu mosso

bisbigliando

pp

NARRATOR
Three times by the pine
She spew forth the blue fire.

piu mosso

pppp

11

bisbigliando

pp

bisbigliando

pp

NARRATOR
Venus shone bright,

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NARRATOR
Antares at her side.

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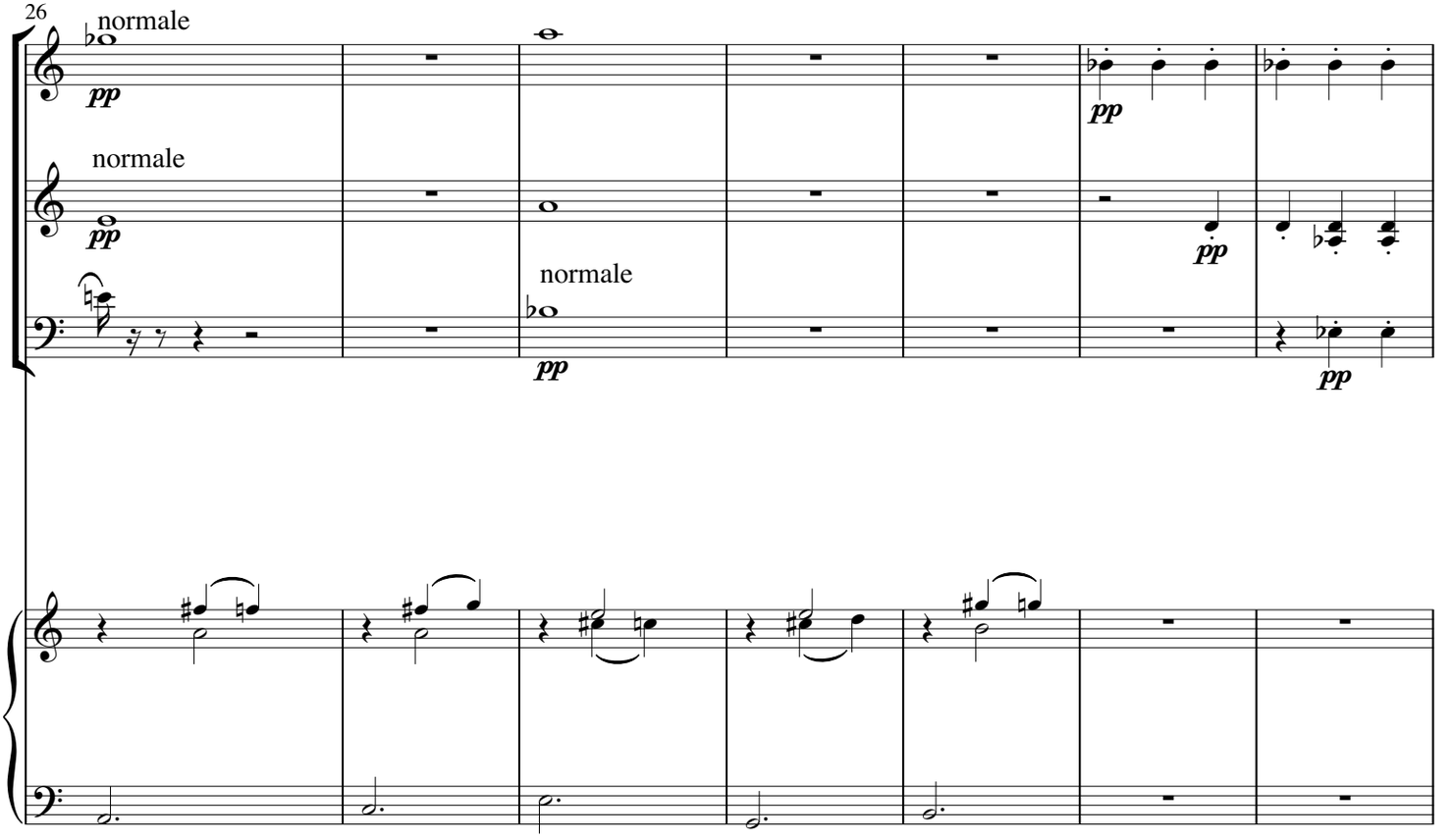
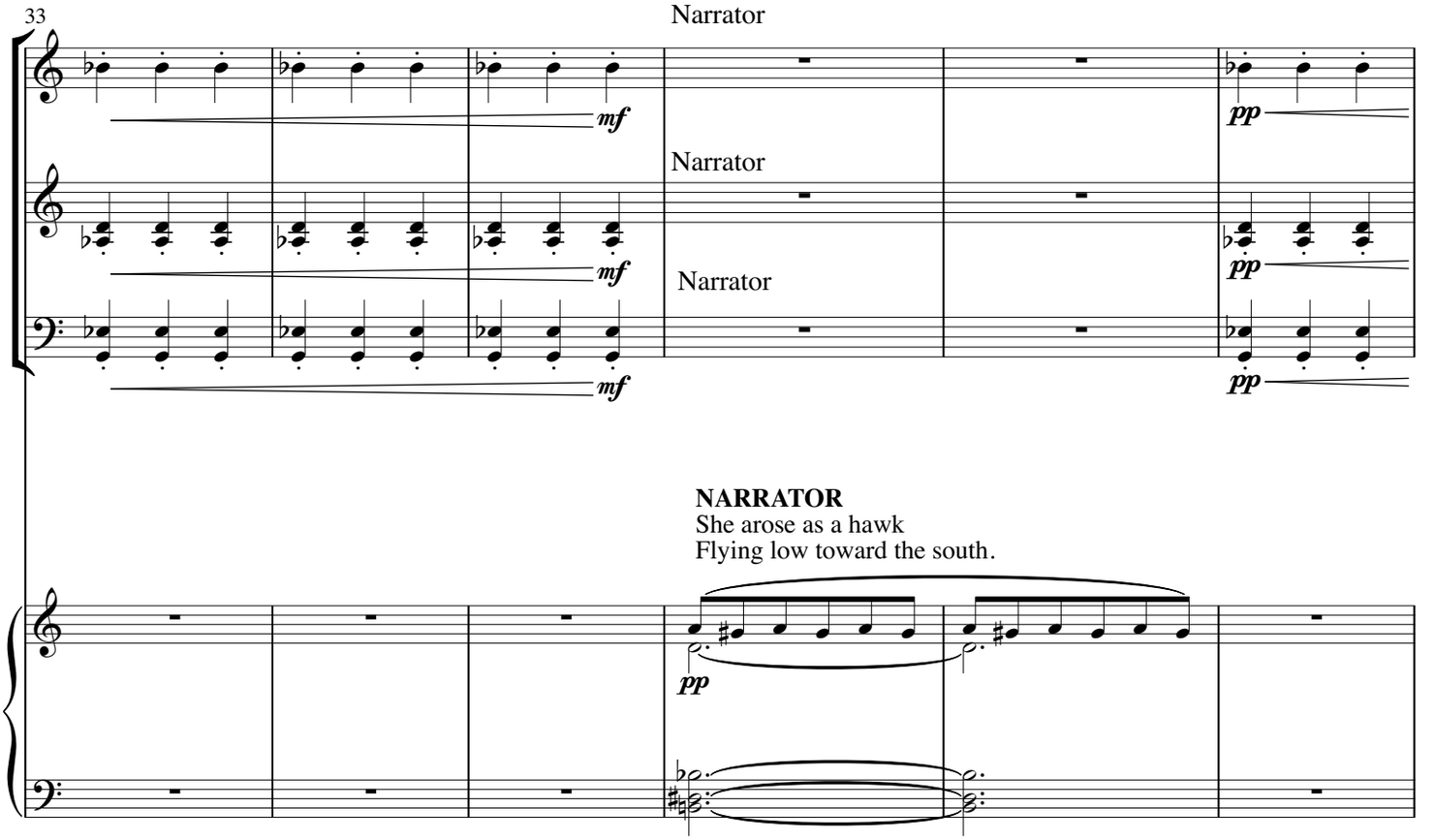
NARRATOR
The moon, a slender crescent.





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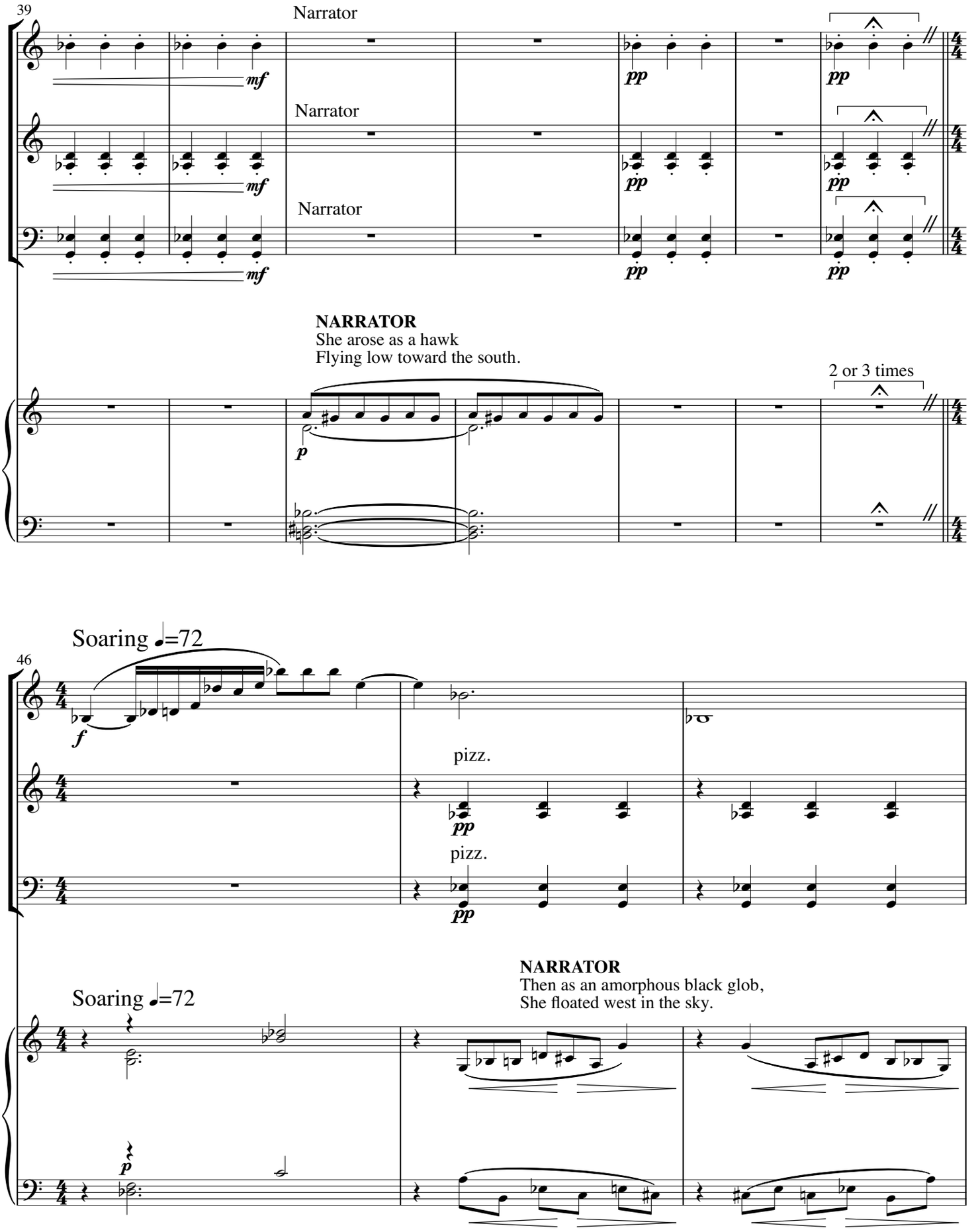
She arose as a hawk
Flying low toward the south.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Narrator
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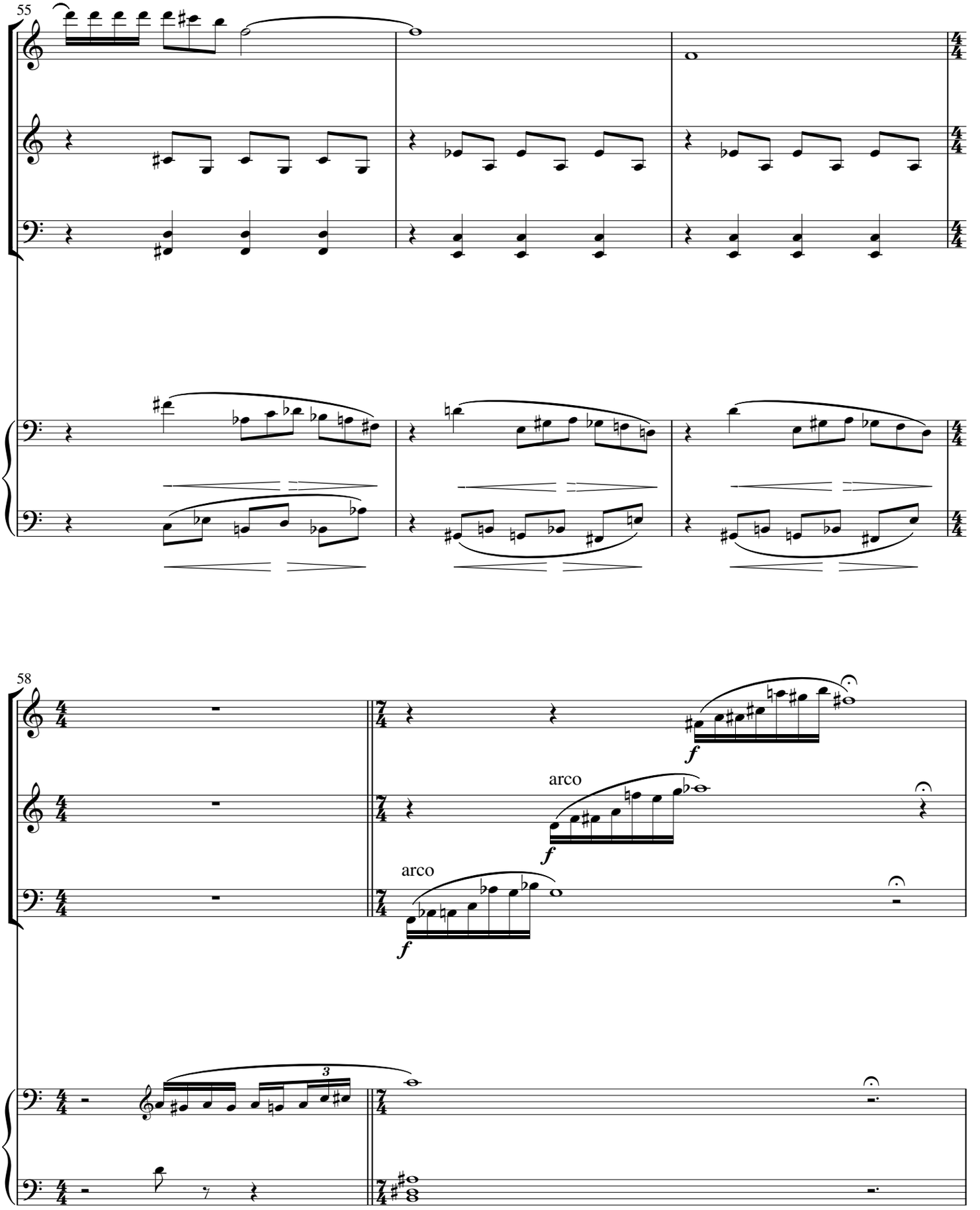
Flying low toward the south.
2 or 3 times
46
Soaring ♩=72
f
pizz.
pp
NARRATOR
Then as an amorphous black glob,
She floated west in the sky.
Soaring ♩=72
p

49

NARRATOR
Quickly, she fluttered anew,
As a ruby crowned kinglet.

52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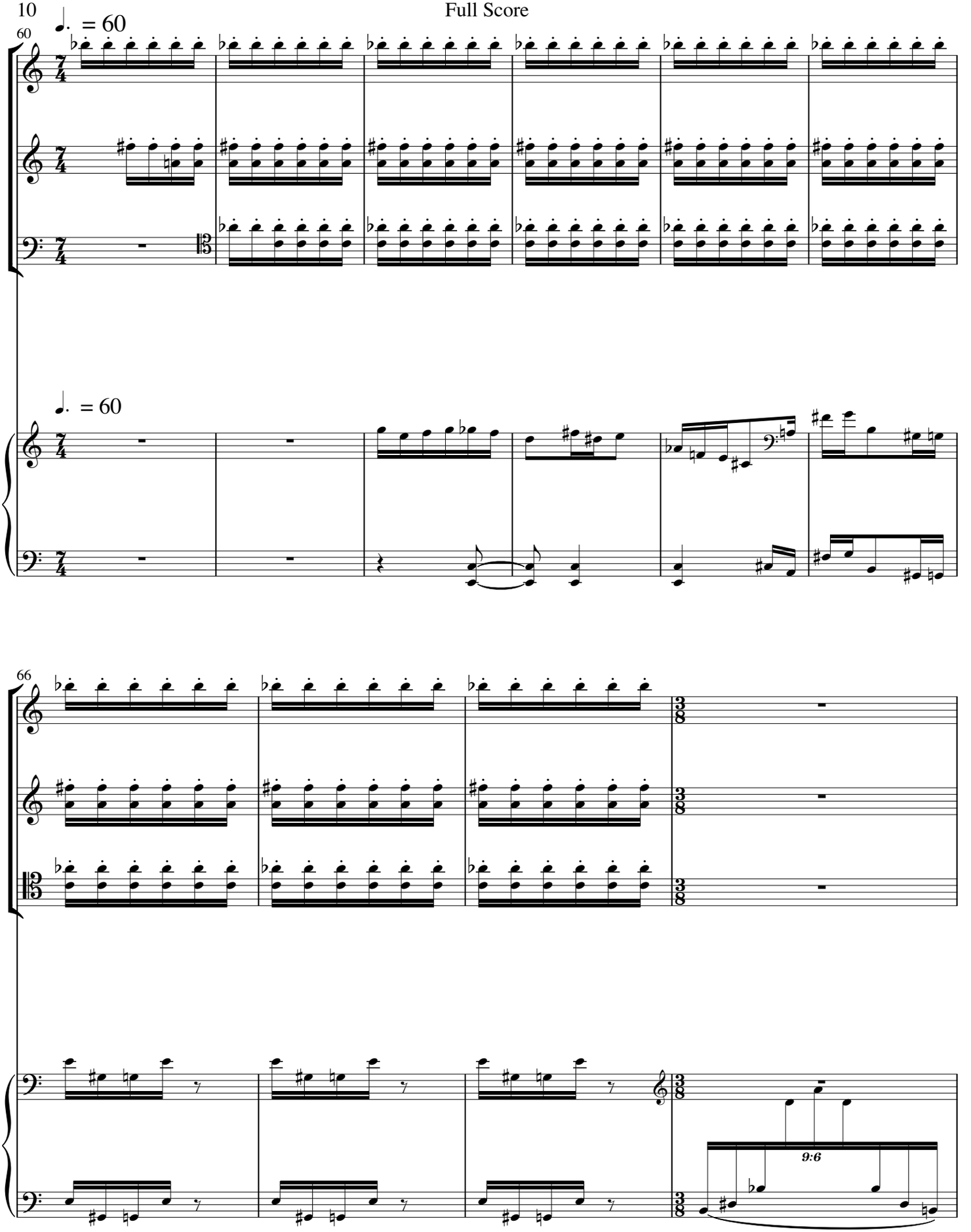
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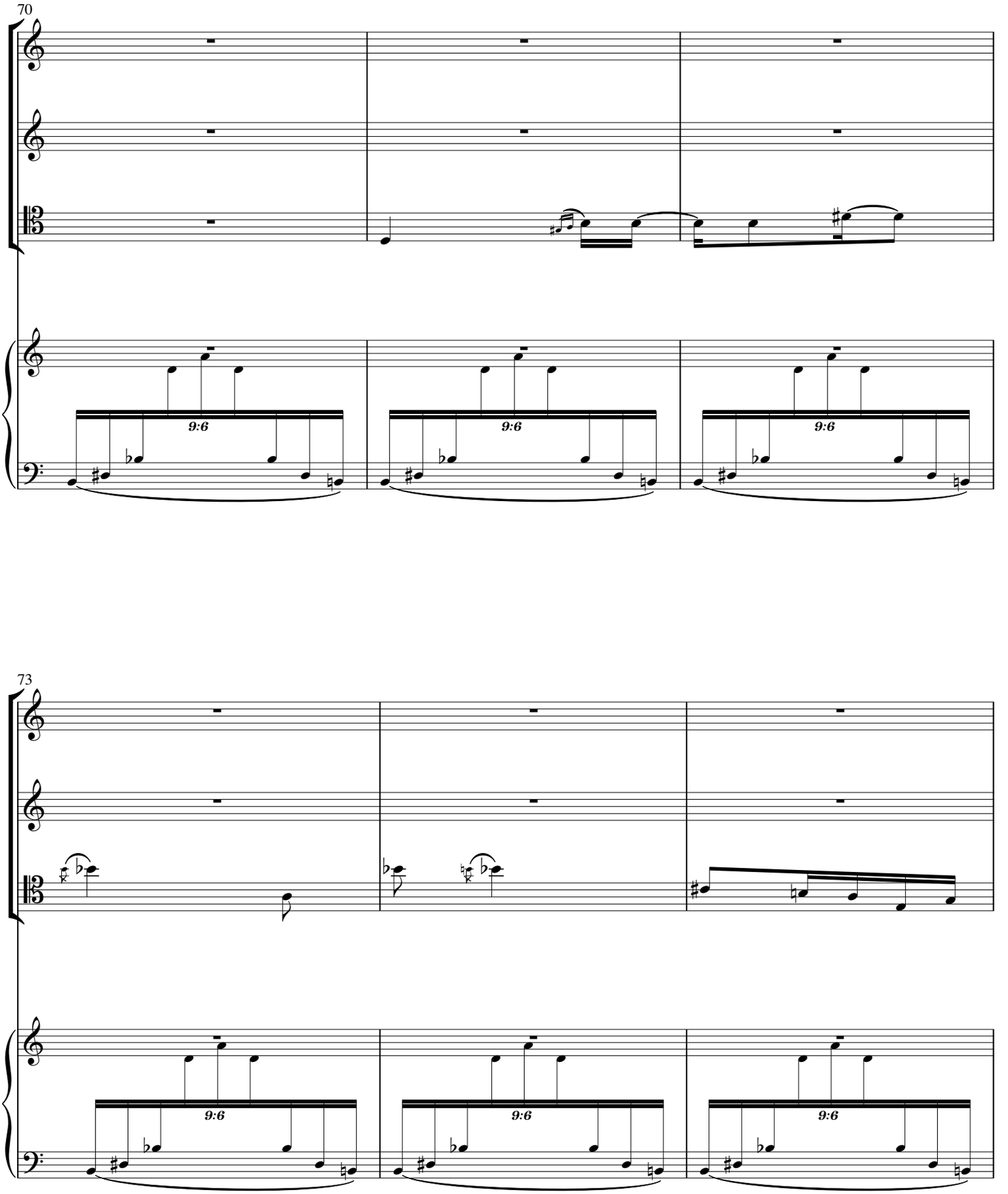
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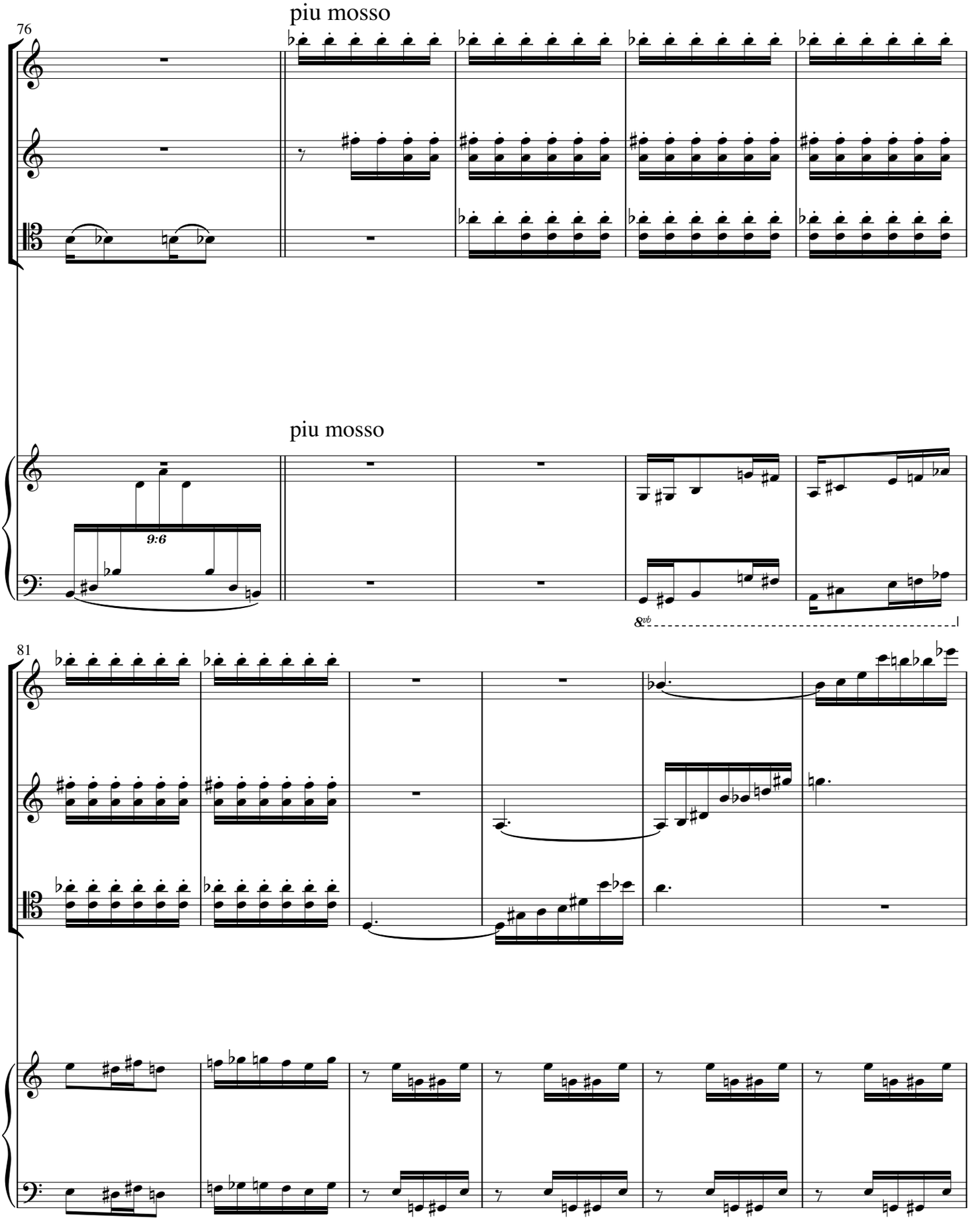
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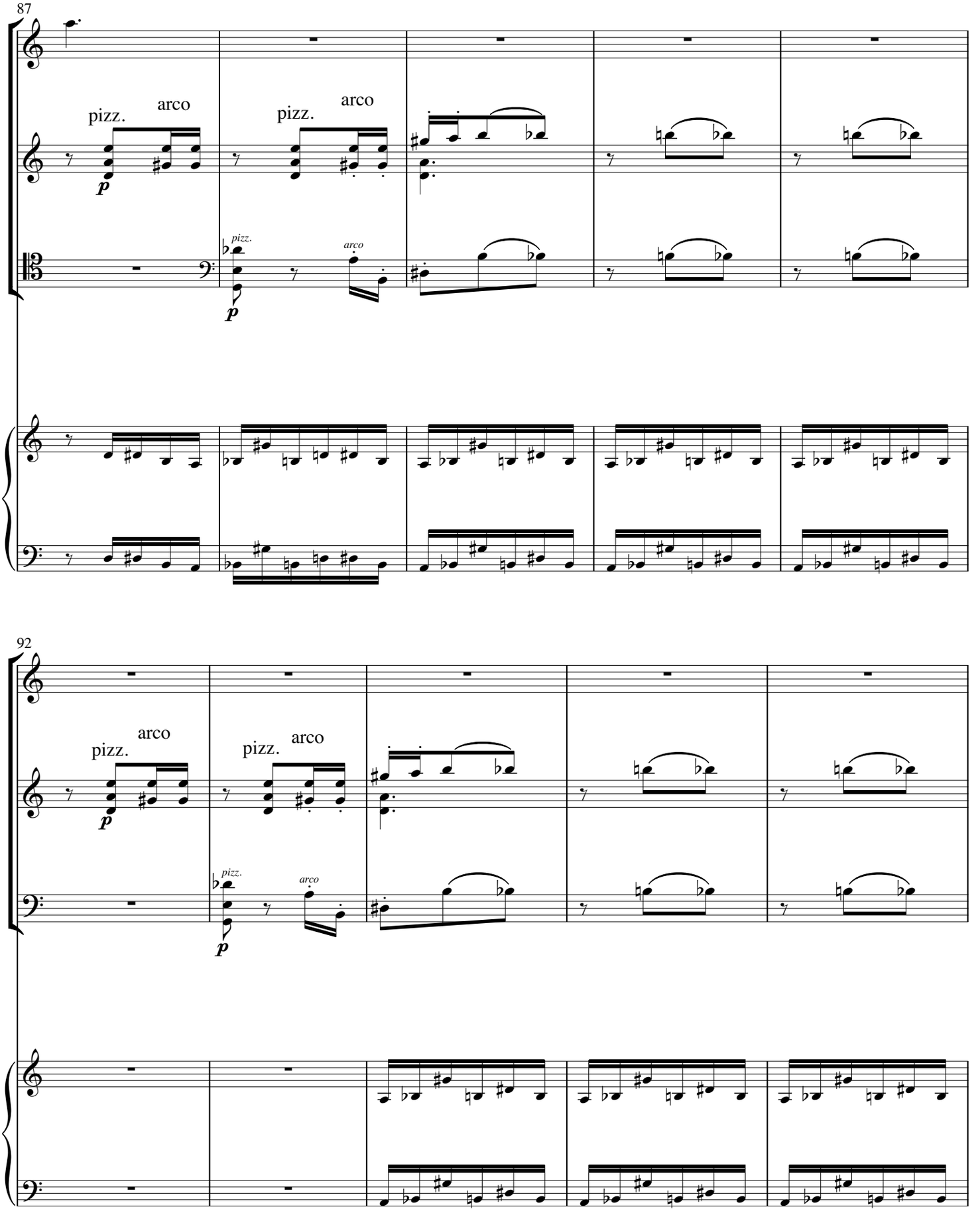
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arco
pizz.
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pizz.
arco
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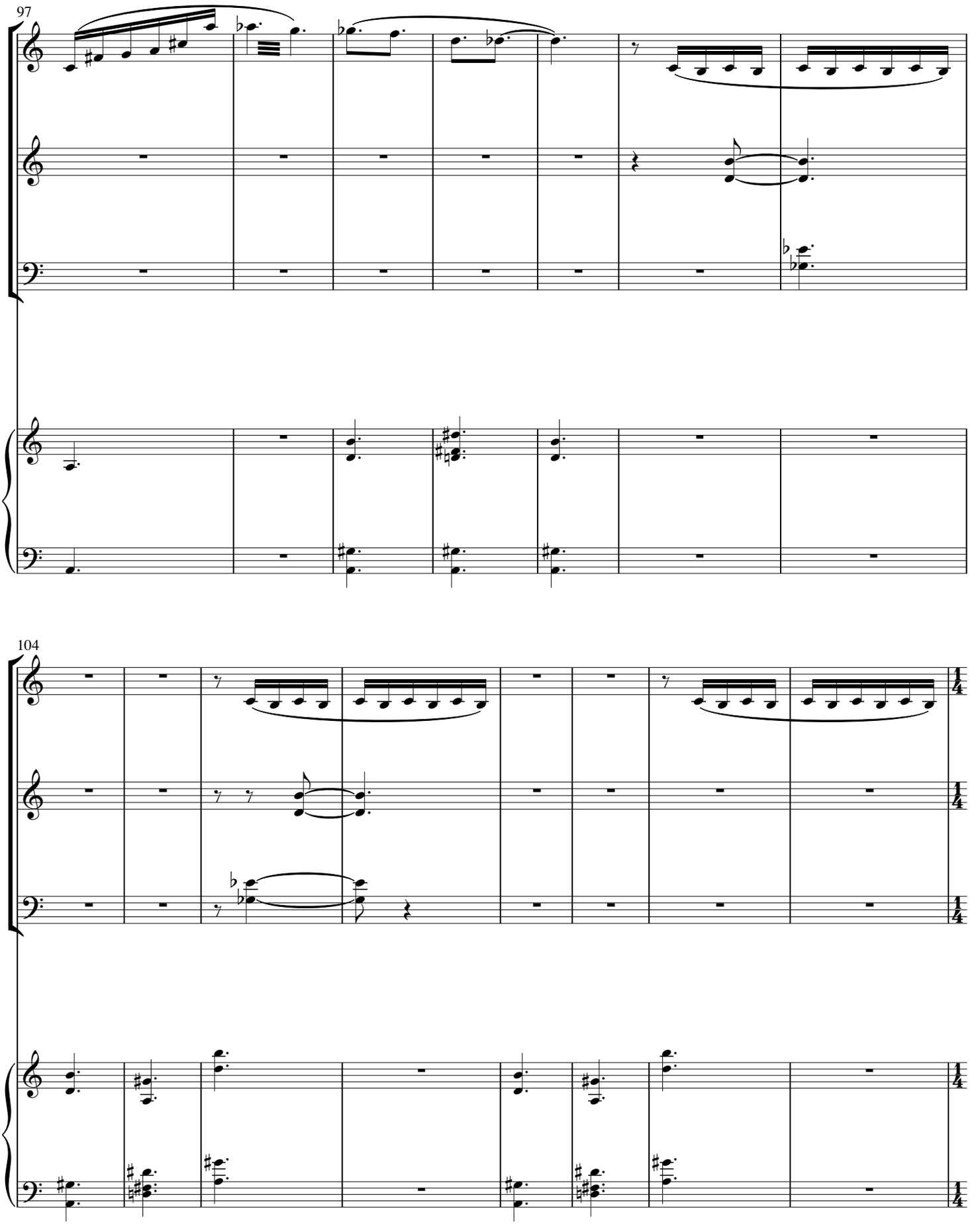
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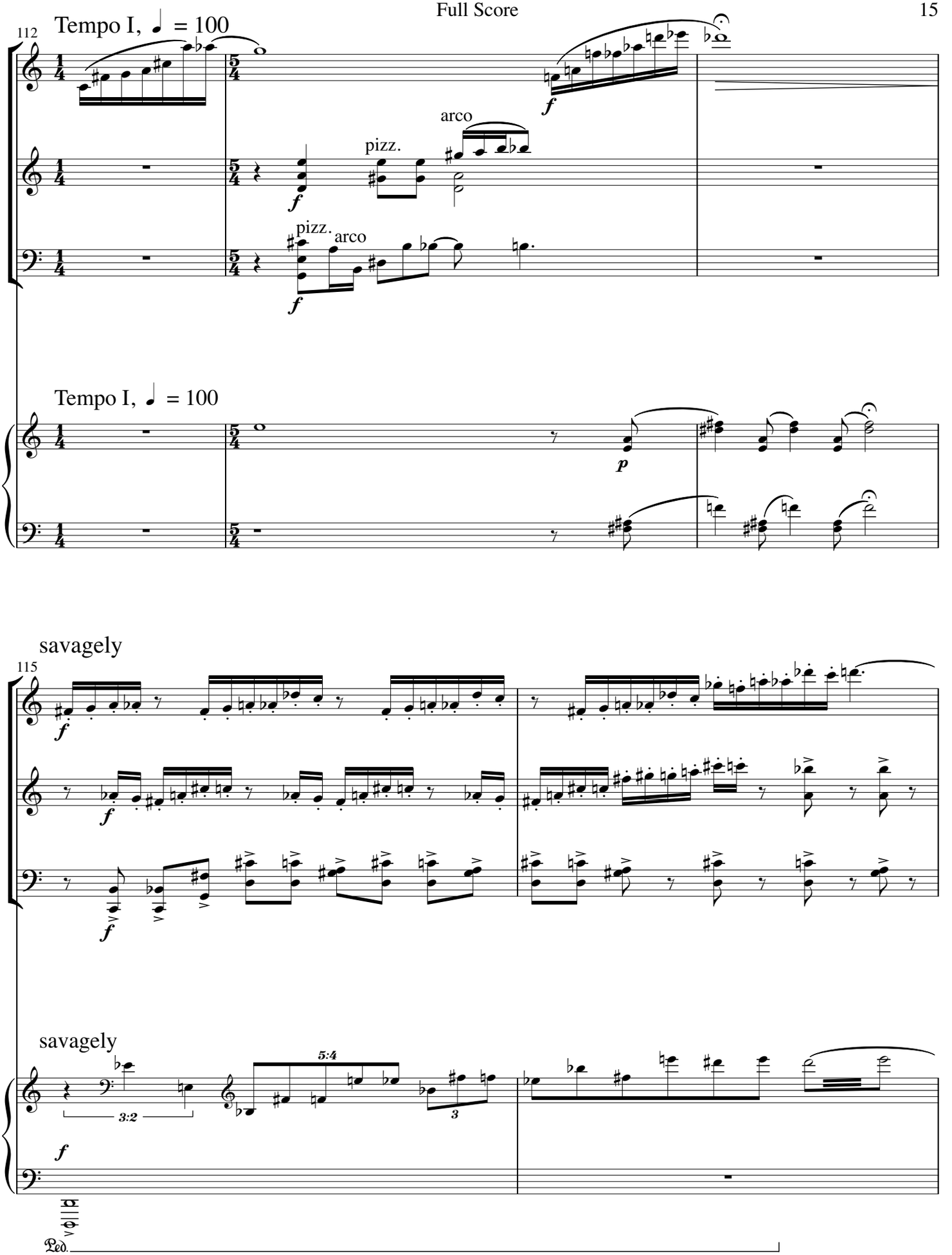
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pizz.
arco
Tempo I, ♩ = 100
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savagely
savagely
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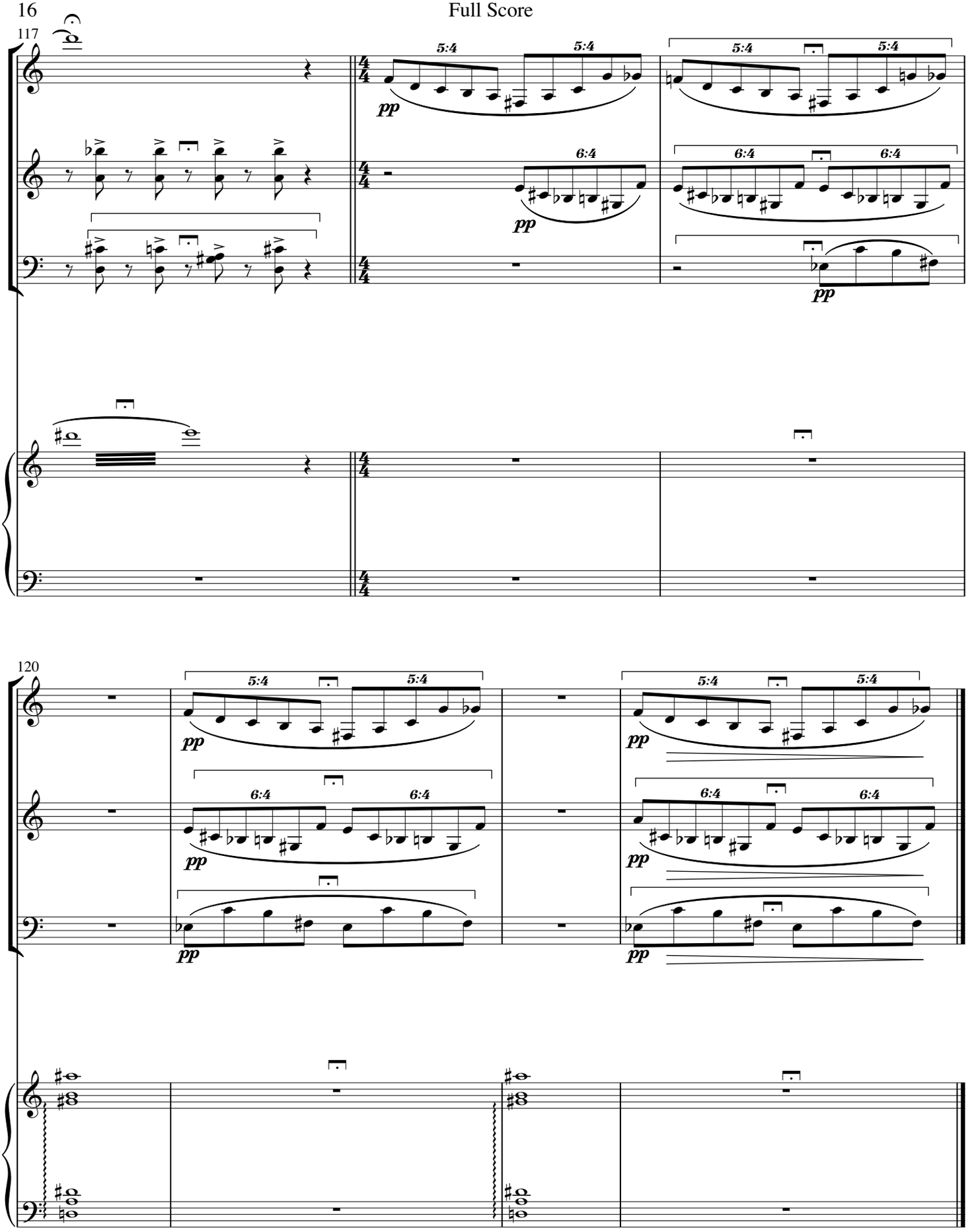
3:2
3
Ped.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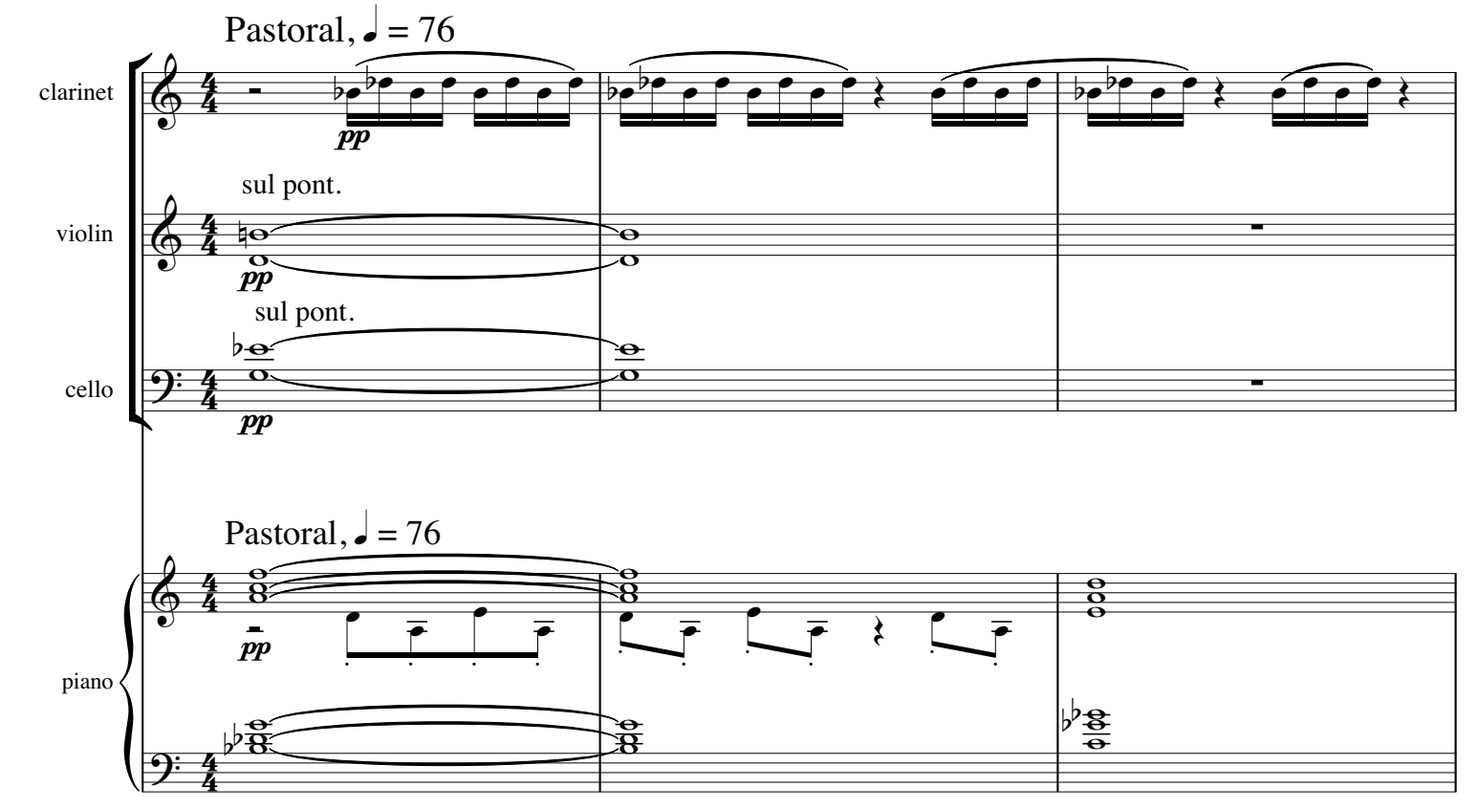
DIANA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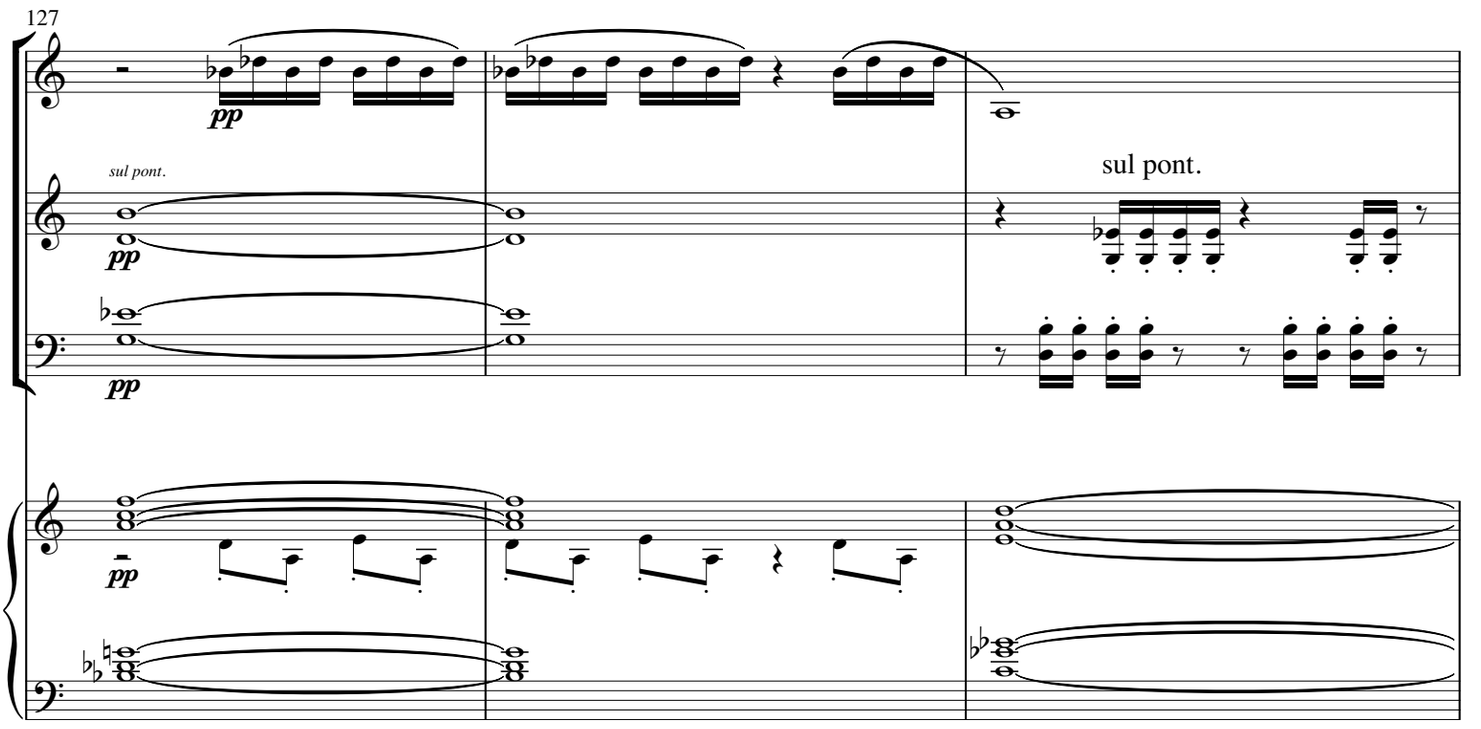
cello
piano
pp
sul pont.
sul pont.
Pastoral, ♩ = 76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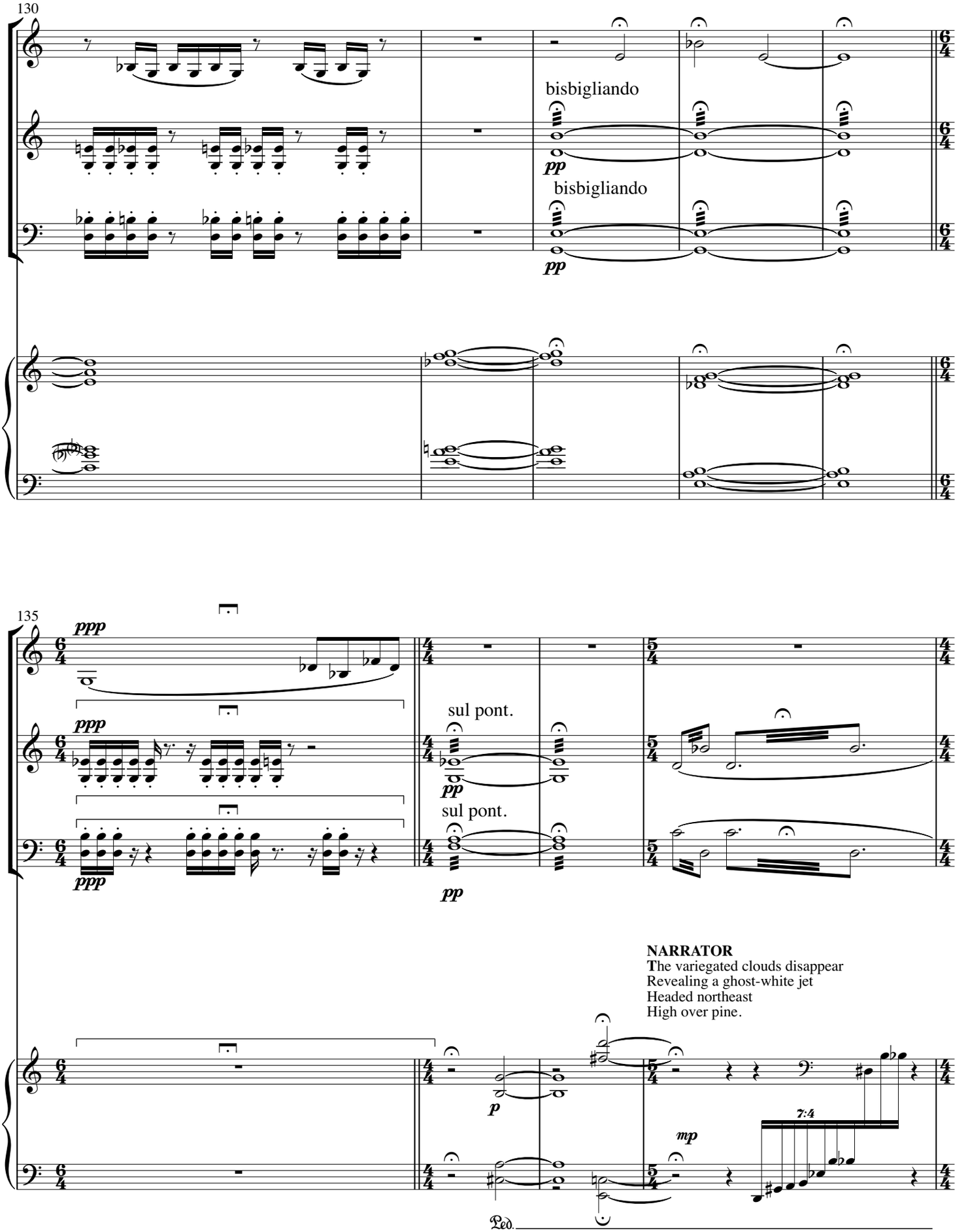
sul pont.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bisbigliando
pp
bisbigliando
pp
135
ppp
ppp
sul pont.
pp
sul pont.
pp
NARRATOR
The variegated clouds disappear
Revealing a ghost-white jet
Headed northeast
High over pine.
p
mp
7:4
Ped.

139

ppp

ppp

bisbigliando

ppp

pp

pp

NARRATOR
Then the white stone appears,
The size of a star,
Slowly it floats eastward.
Lost above the apricot branches
It emerges as a raven.

p

Ped.

143

pp

sul pont.

pp

sul pont.

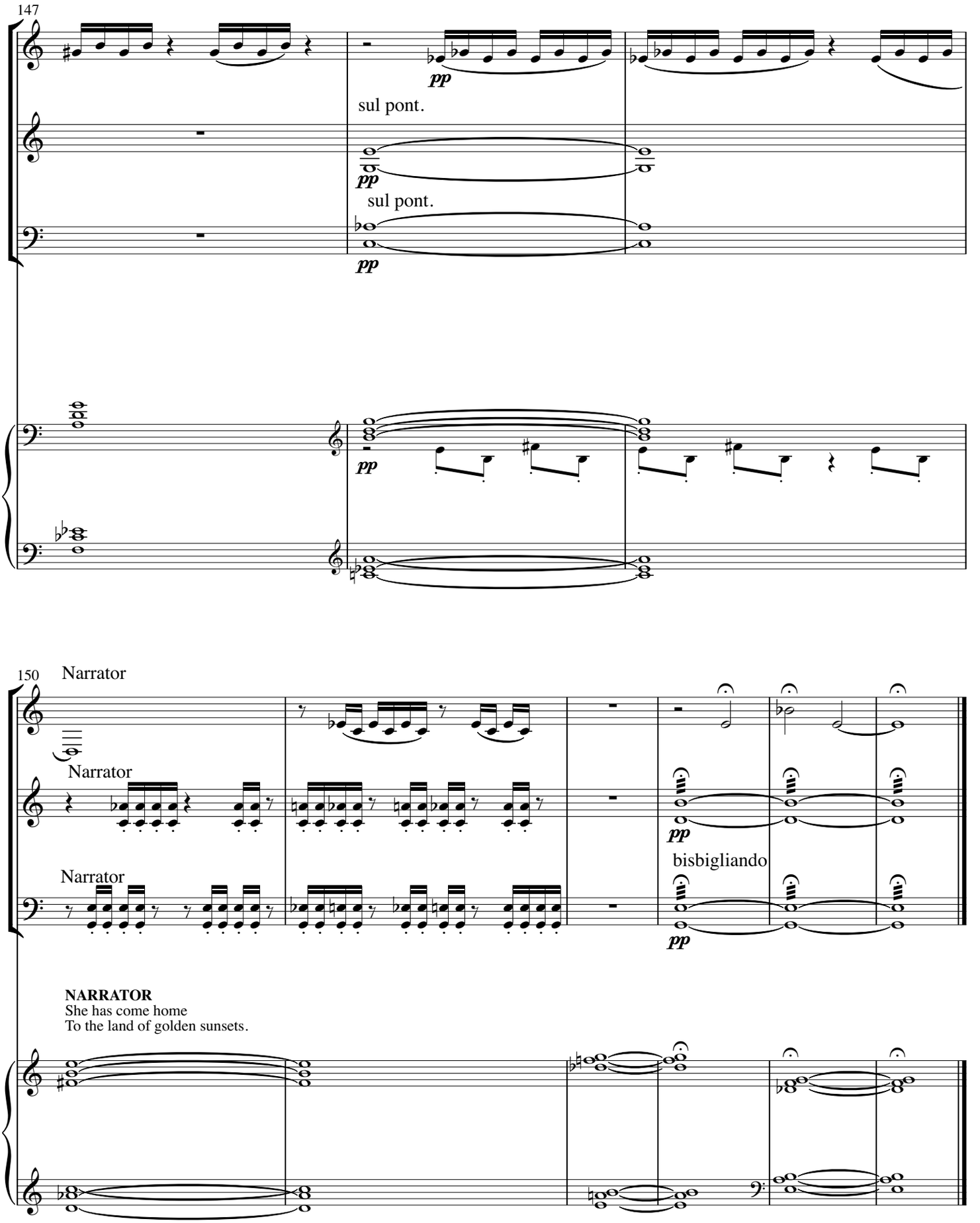
pp

mp

7:4

pp

Ped.


147
sul pont.
pp
sul pont.
pp
pp
150
Narrator
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bisbigliando
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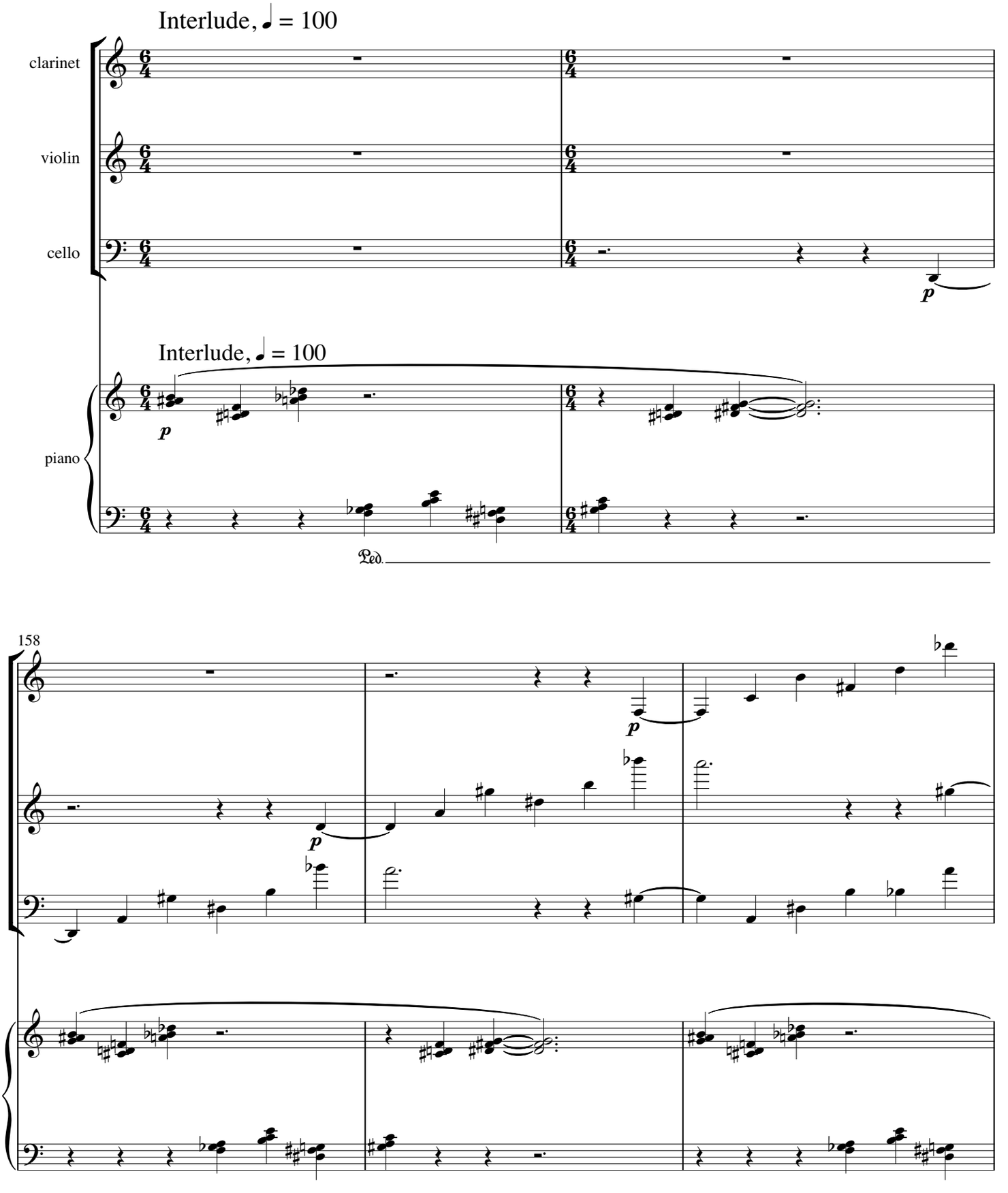
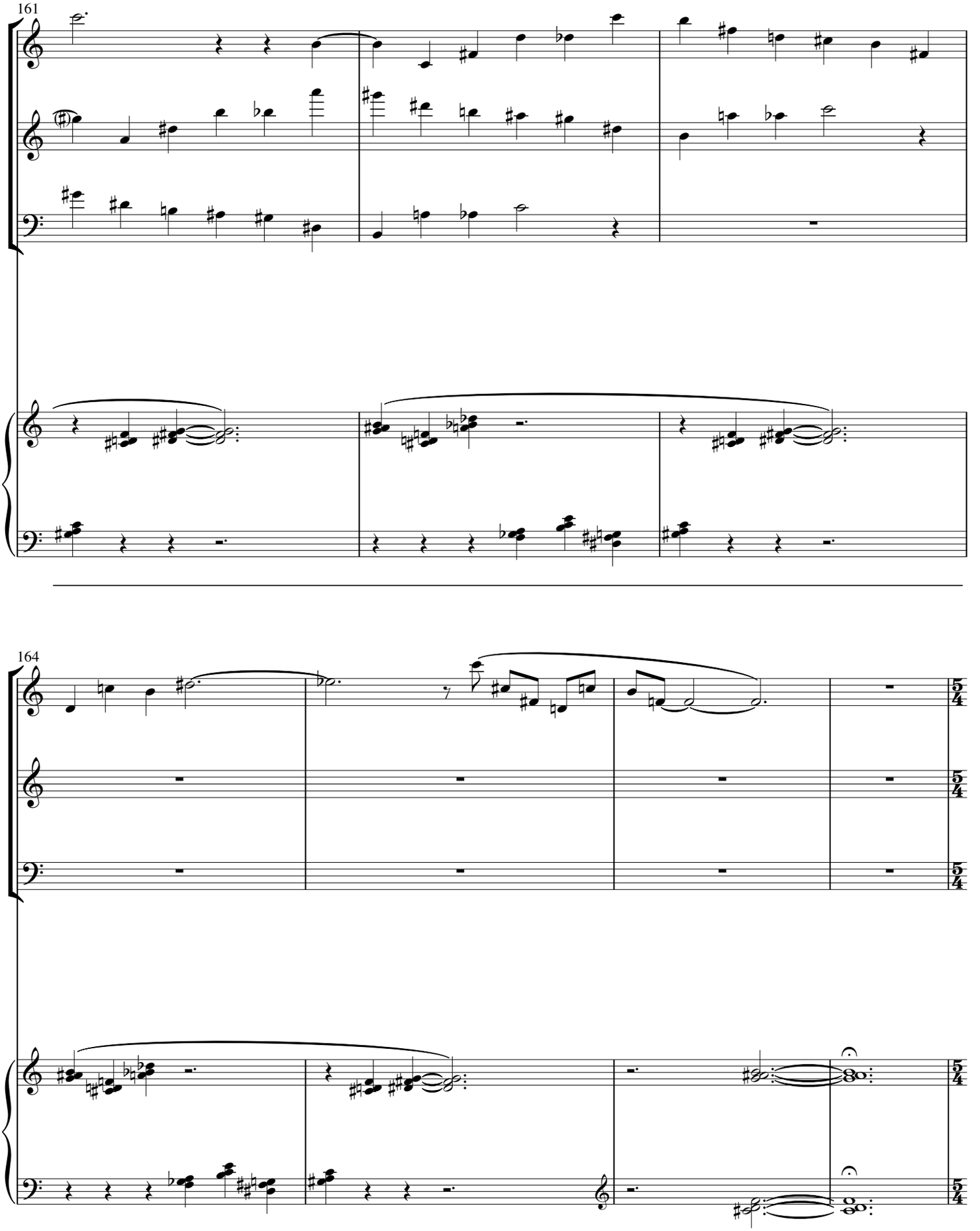
NARRATOR
She has come home
To the land of golden sunsets.

III
DEATH VALLEY

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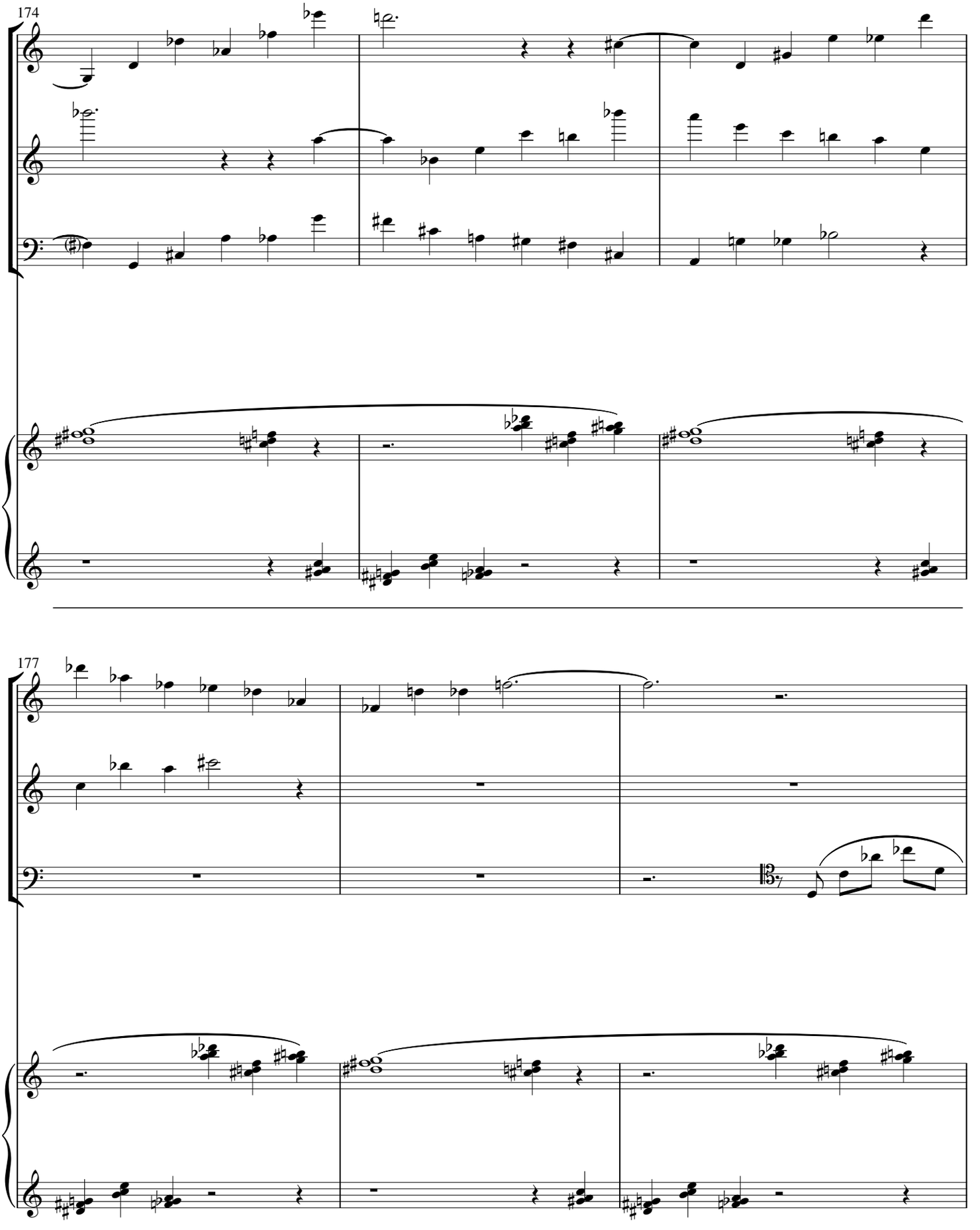
NARRATOR
At Beltane
The Dragon-born
ventured forth
Into the valley of the
shadow of death
Seeking enchantment.

171

NARRATOR
No Luck.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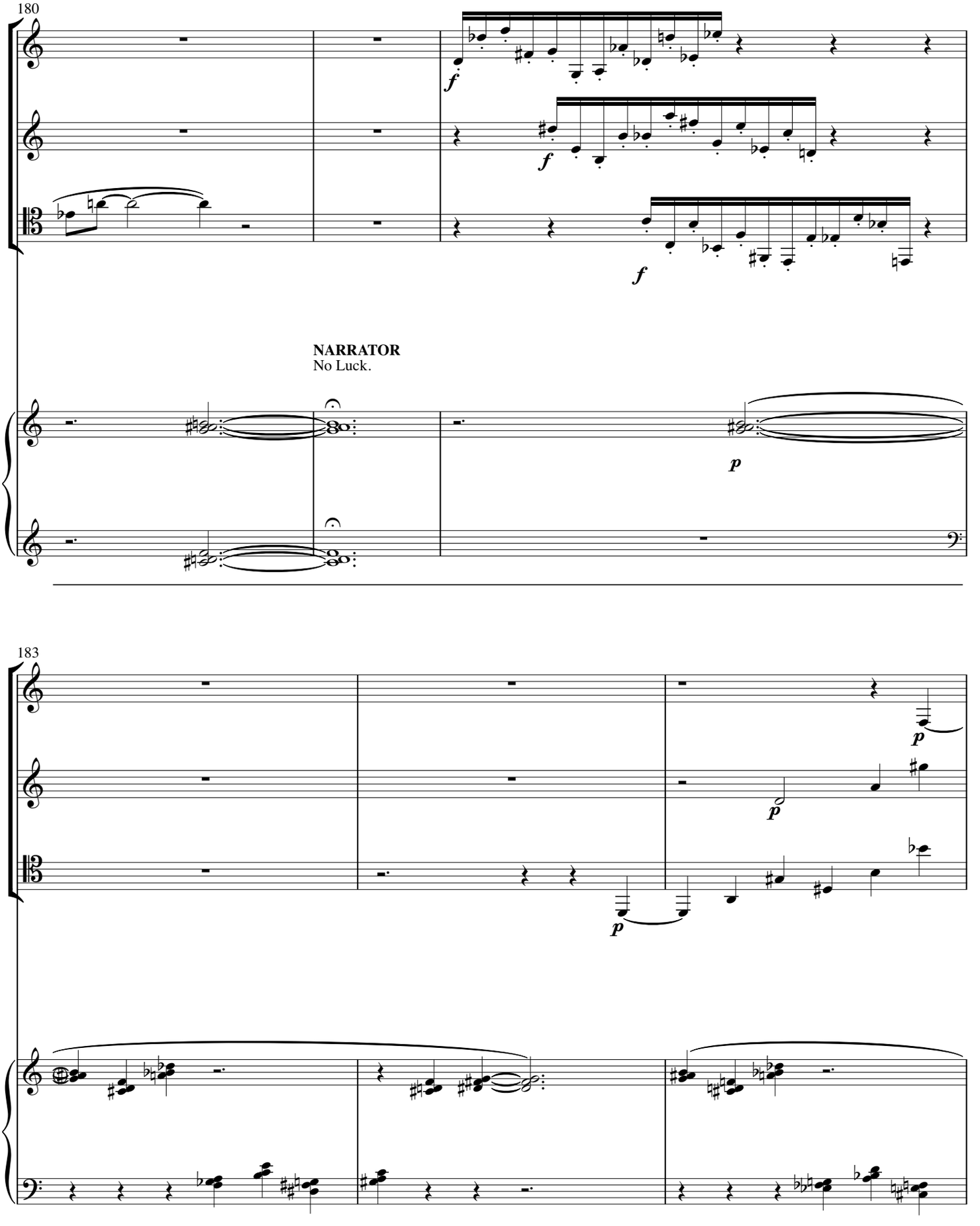
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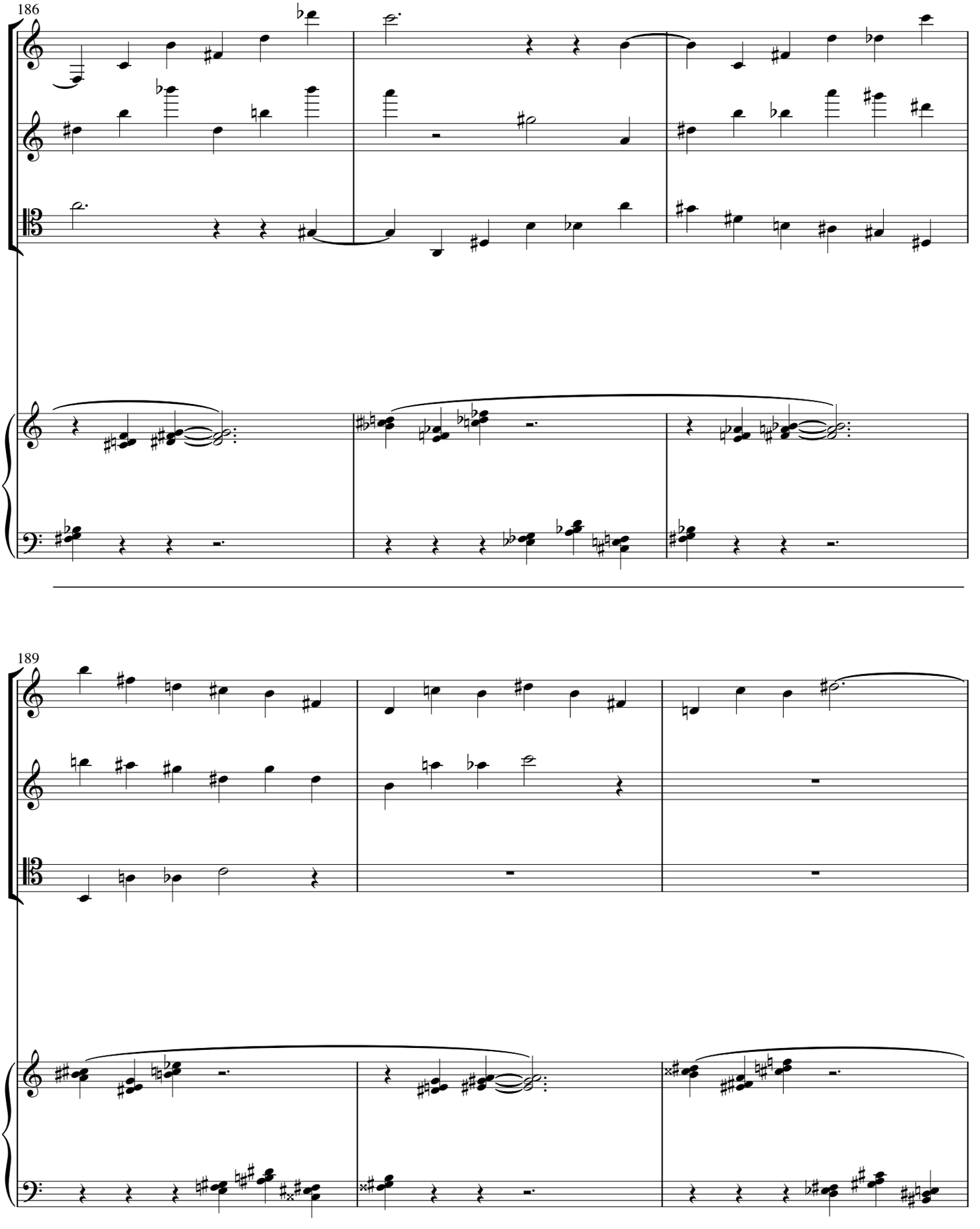
NARRATOR
No Luck.
p
183
p
p
p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NARRATOR
Equiped anew,
The dragon-born ventured forth again,
Into the valley of the shadow of death

Seeking enchantment.The canopy was raised,
The animals were ready.
Yet, the outcome was in doubt,
Until help arrived at the last moment.
Enchantment was found.

196

NARRATOR
Except seven, none returned
from Death Valley.

199

rall.

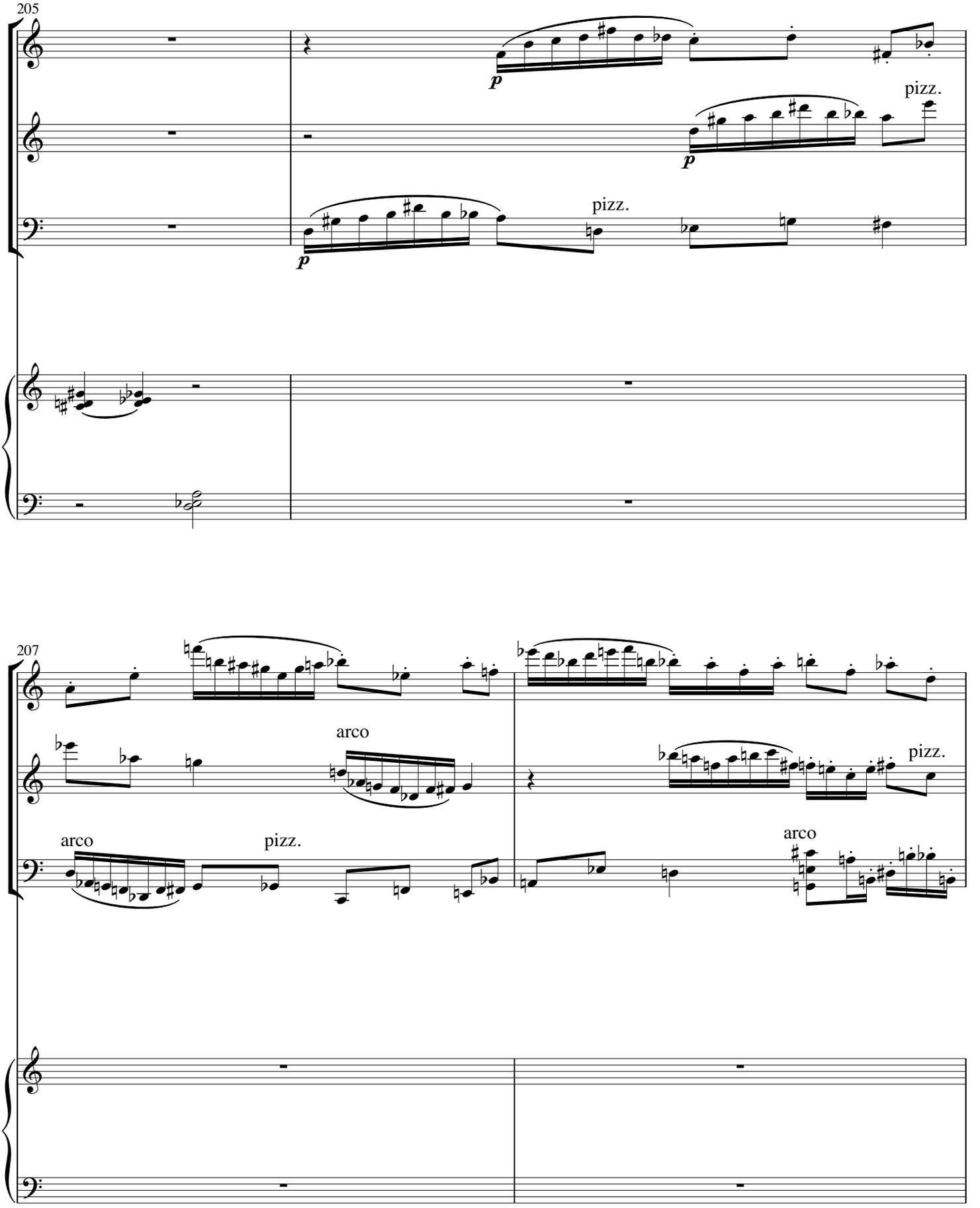
rall.

IV
THE JOURNEY

202

Serenade ♩ = 84

Serenade ♩ = 84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pizz.
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arco
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209

arco

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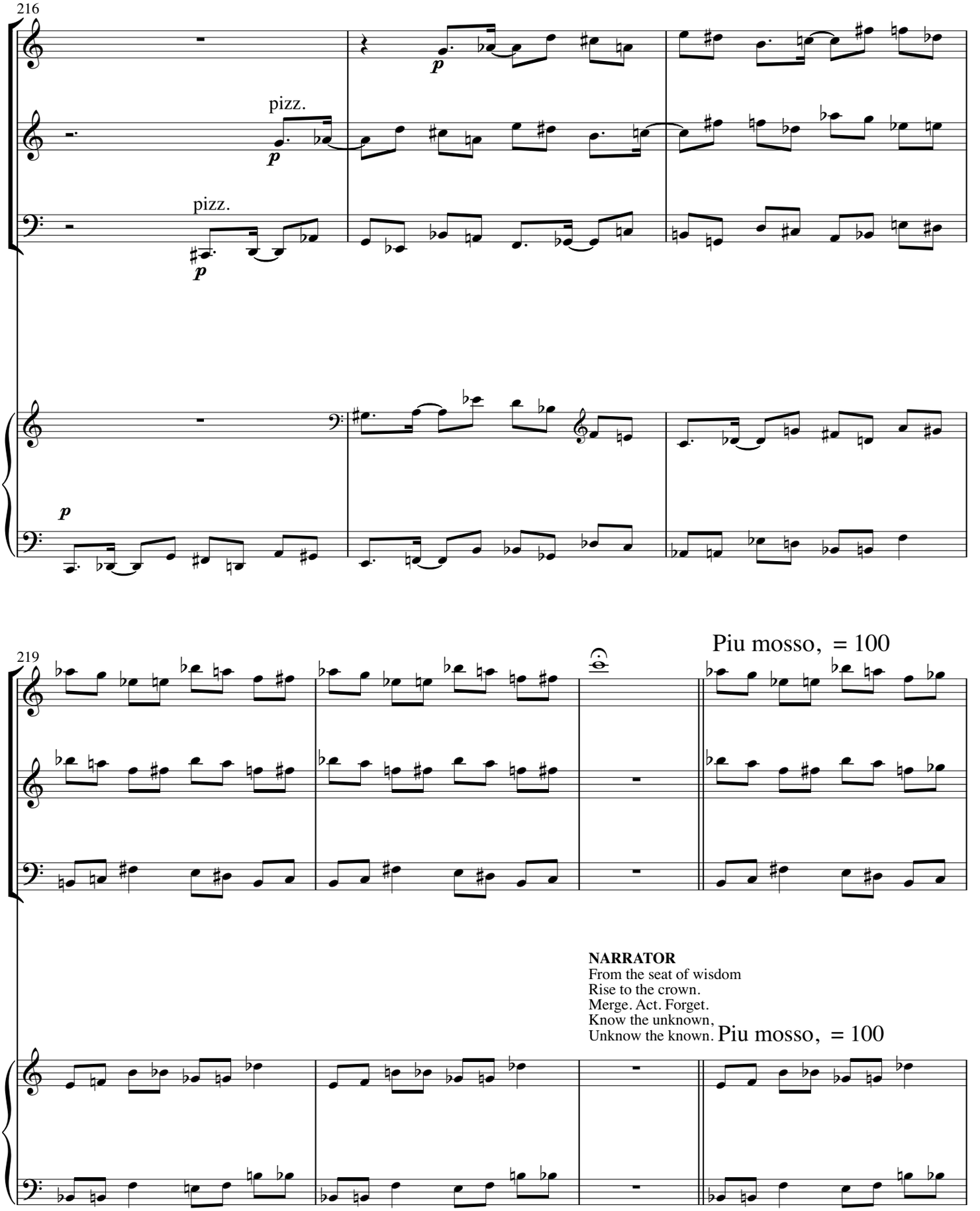
212

pizz.

NARRATOR
Quit city, Quit.
The Tree of Life
beckons.


216
pizz.
pizz.
p
219
Piu mosso, = 100
NARRATOR
From the seat of wisdom
Rise to the crown.
Merge. Act. Forget.
Know the unknown,
Unknow the known.
Piu mosso, = 100

223

arco

arco

NARRATOR
Sleep. Rest. Dream.
The womb consumes.
Light beckons the memory.
Slowly the images come forth
In ever widening array.
Not yet to know,
But still to proceed
To birth the universe,
Safely in the womb.
Fullterm.
The images evoke the words.

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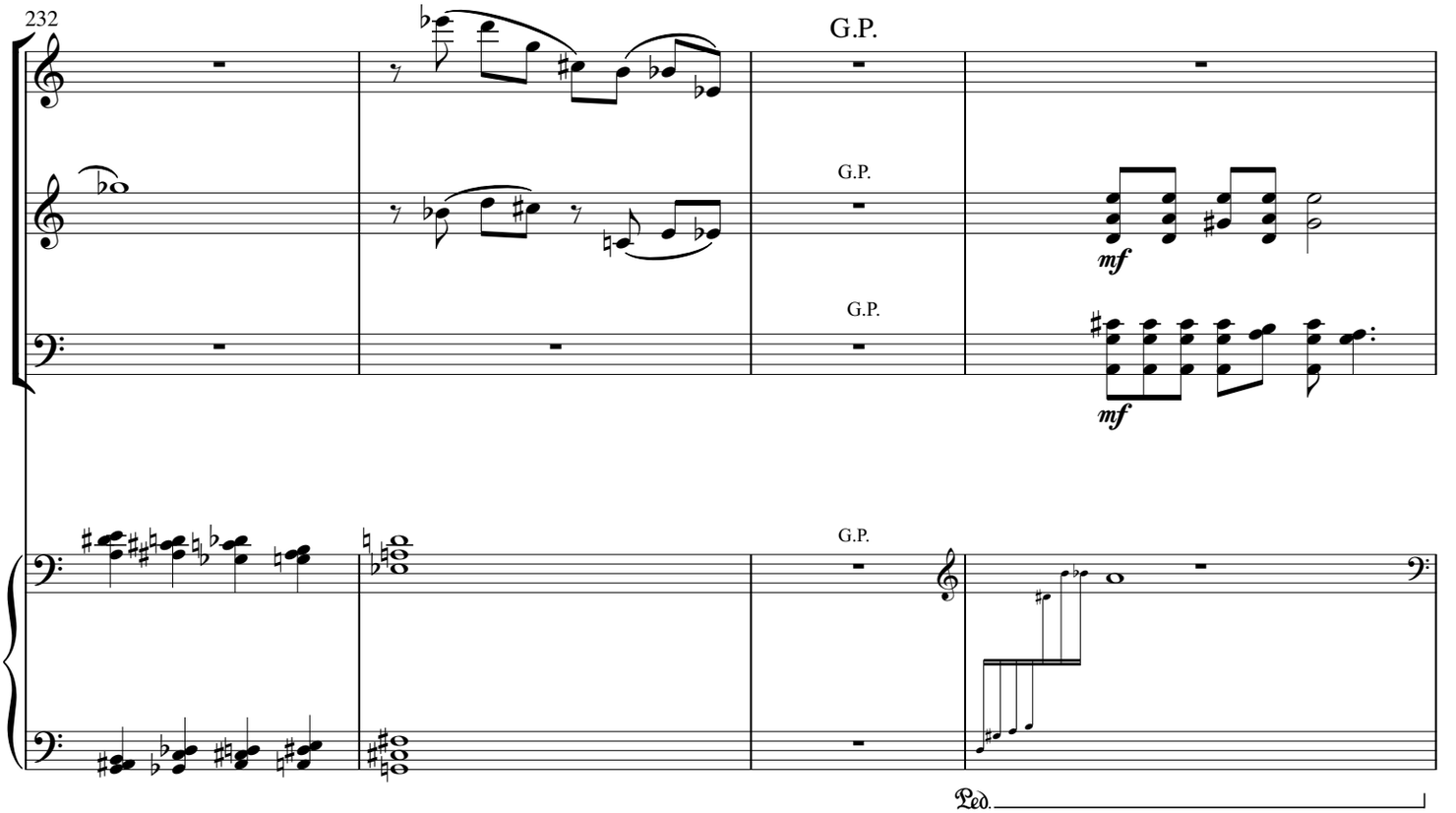
a tempo, ♩ = 84

NARRATOR
The purpose is clear.
Remember. Write.
Serve.
The Ancient One
has so indicated.

a tempo, ♩ = 84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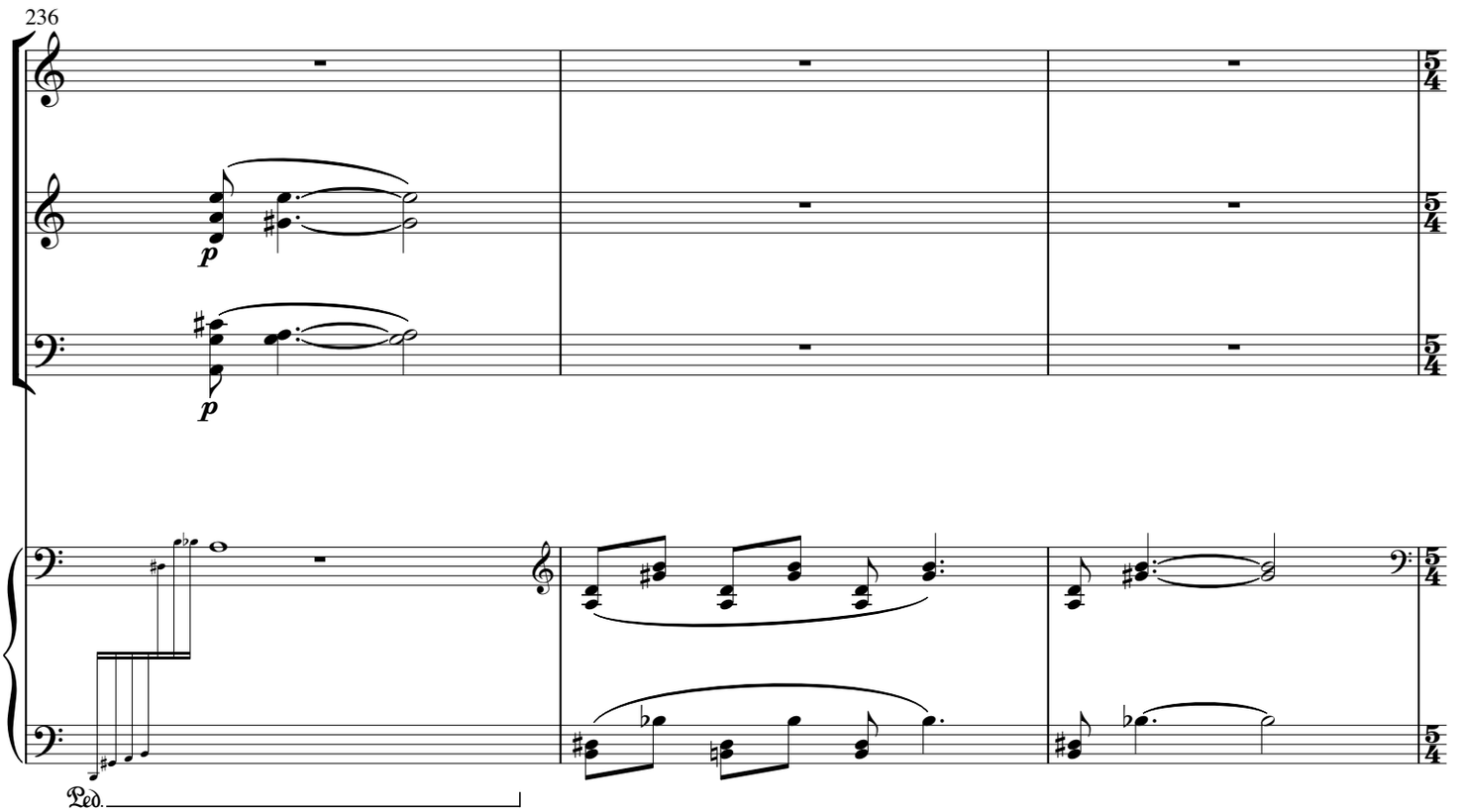
G.P.
G.P.
G.P.
mf
mf
Ped.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p
p
Ped.

239

piu moso, ♩ = 100

f

pizz.

pizz.

piu moso, ♩ = 100

f

Ped.

rall.

241

niente

niente

rall.

ppp