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for violin, cello, and piano

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The title refers to point source pollution, when pollution comes from a single identifiable source (e.g., water pollution from a sewage outlet, light pollution from a streetlight). This concept is central to the piece, with each of the 12 pitches in the chromatic scale acting as a new point source. The piece builds slowly from purity (1 pitch) to contamination (12 pitches). Starting with D4, pitches are added outward by fifths until all 12 pitches are in play. Each addition is marked by a rehearsal letter. The additions are not necessarily bad, but cumulatively they overwhelm the piece as the final pitches are added. Following the addition of the final pitch, the structure breaks down and there is a return to earlier material.

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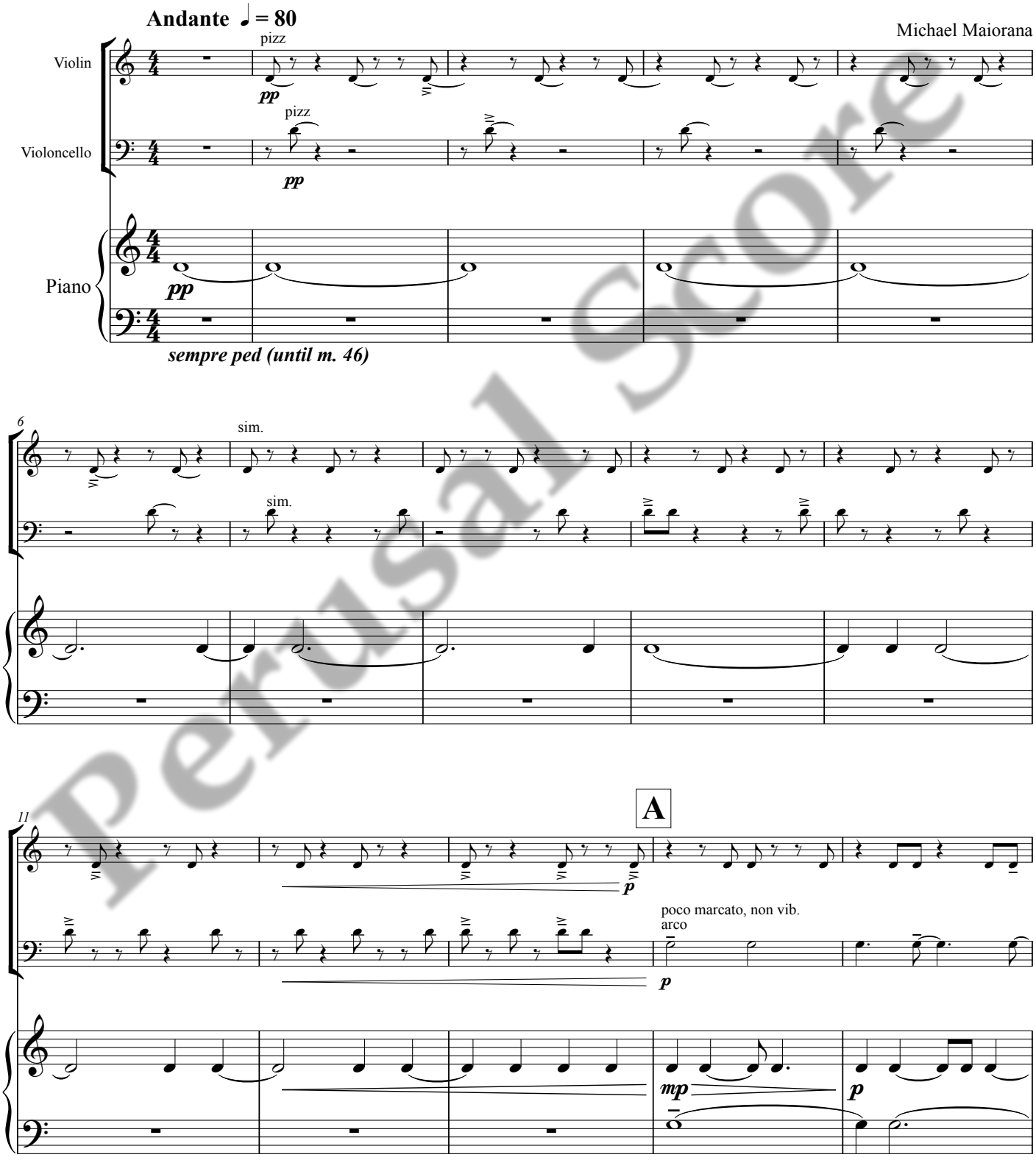

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16

21

B

arco
poco marcato, non vib.

mp

mp

mp

26

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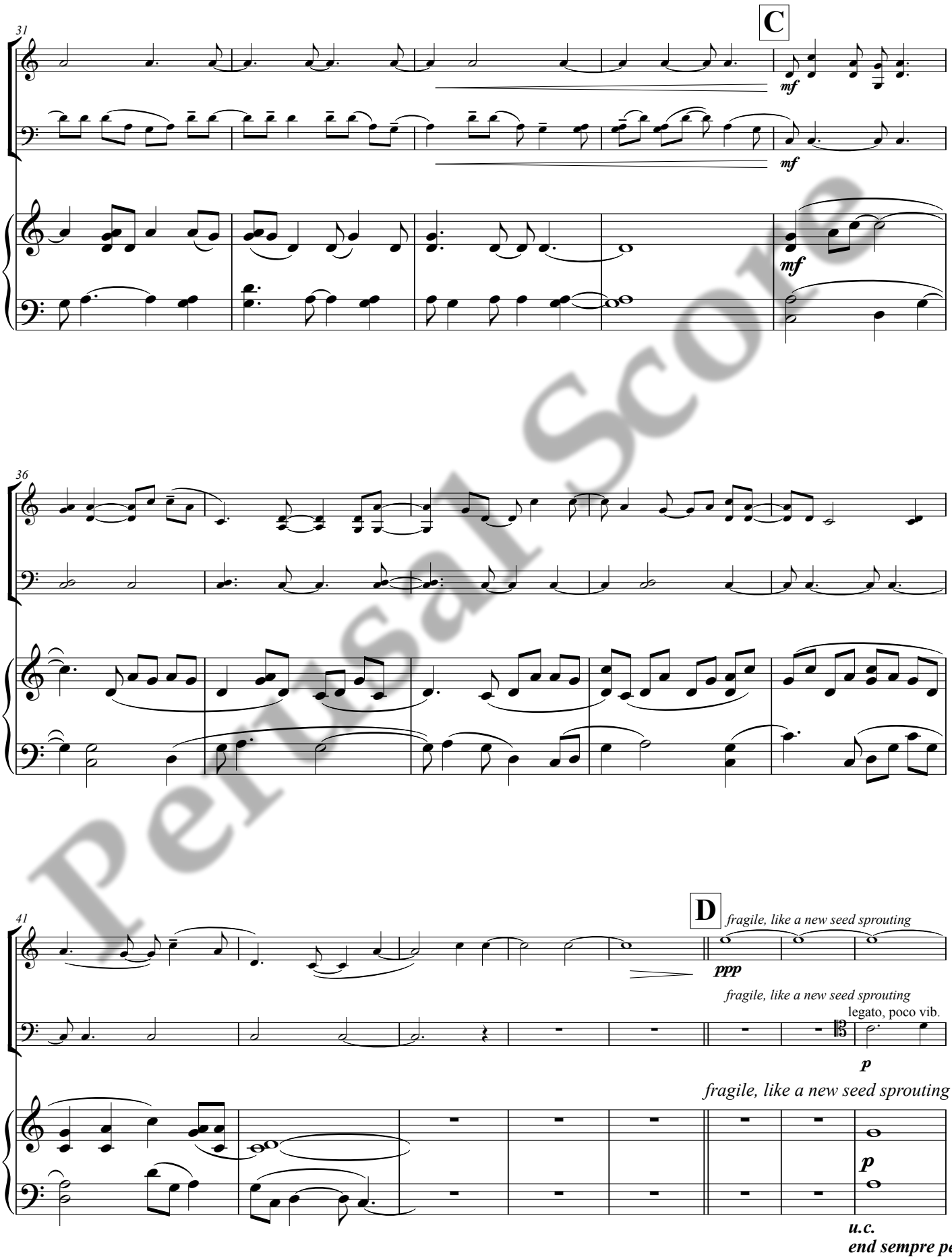

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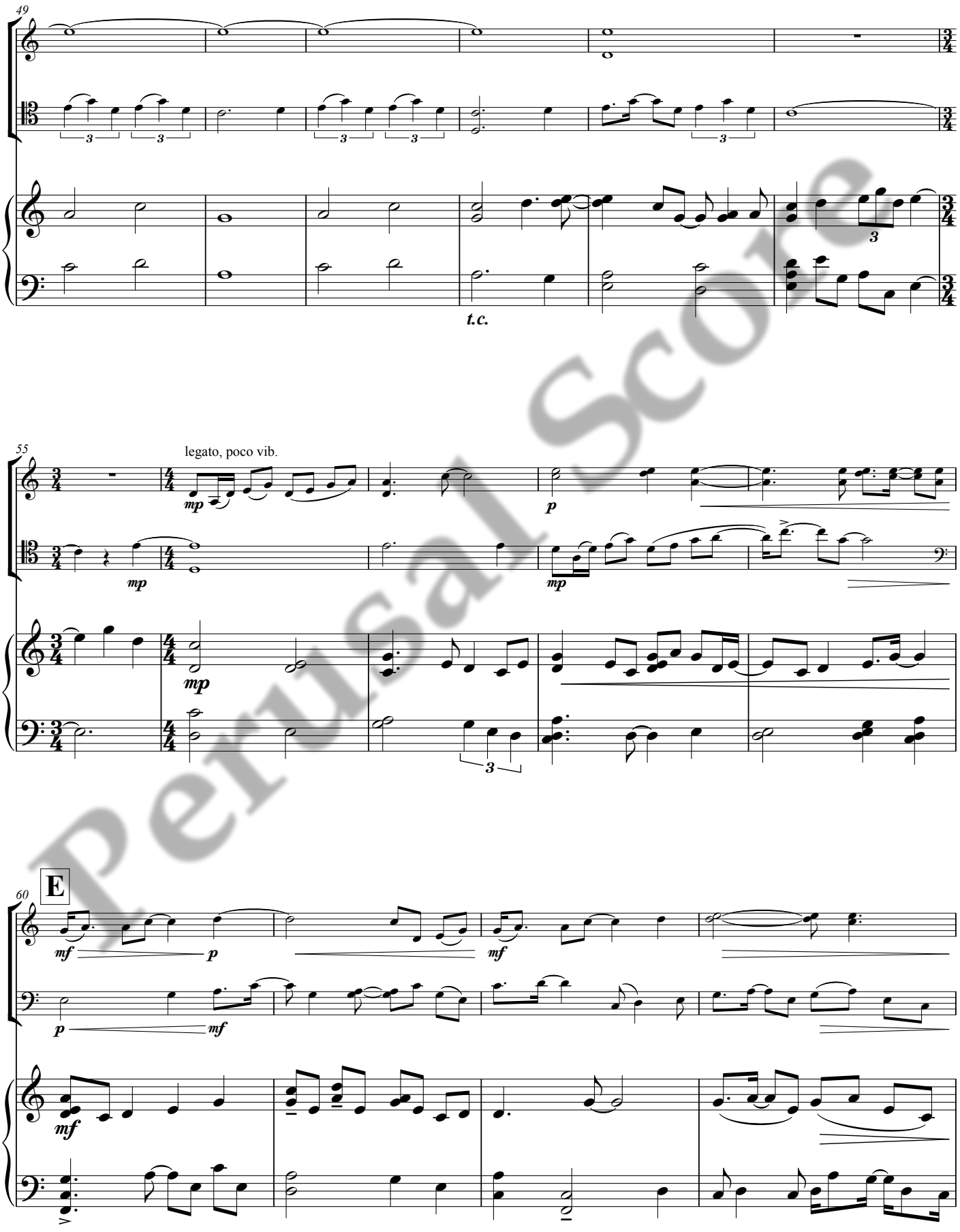

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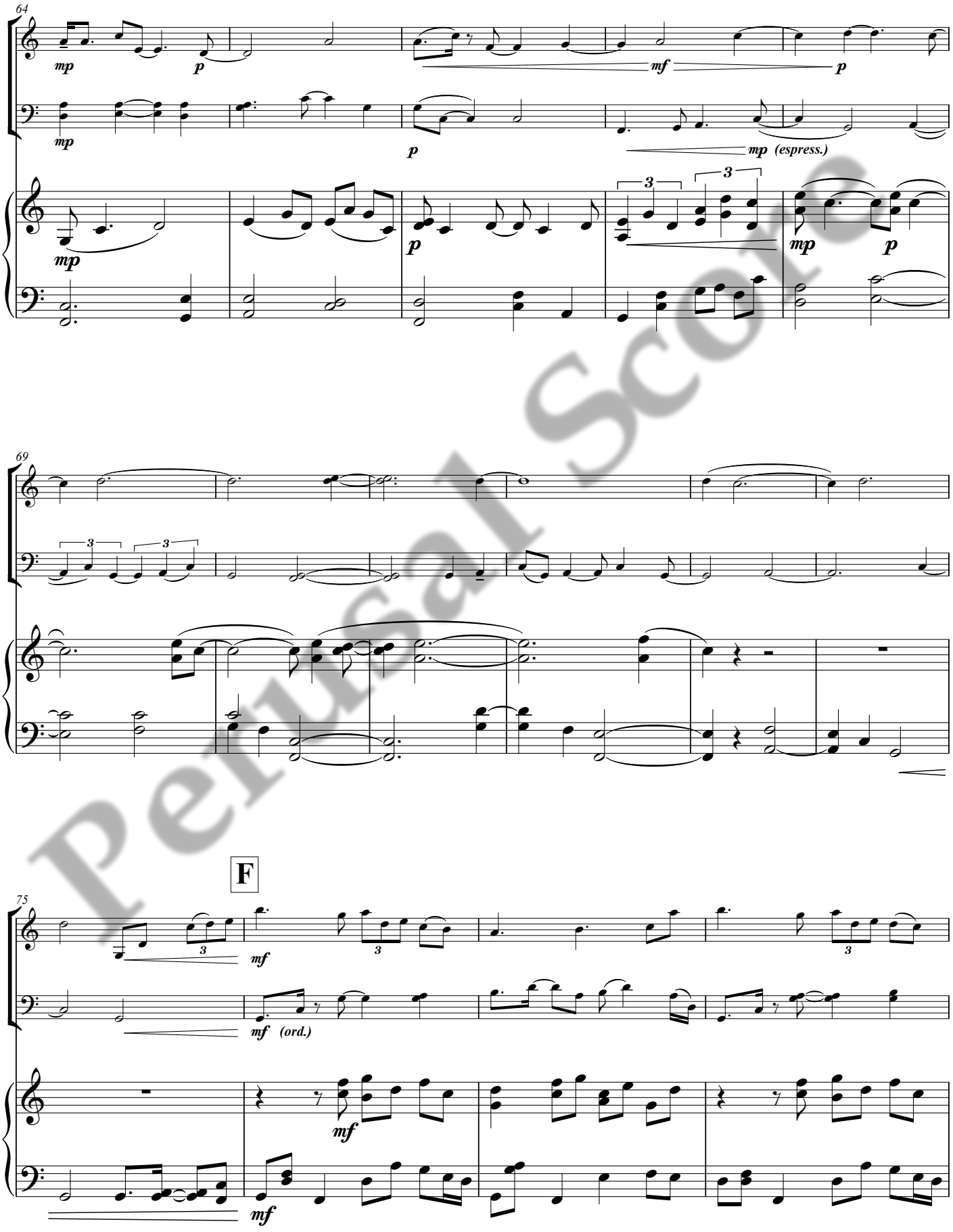

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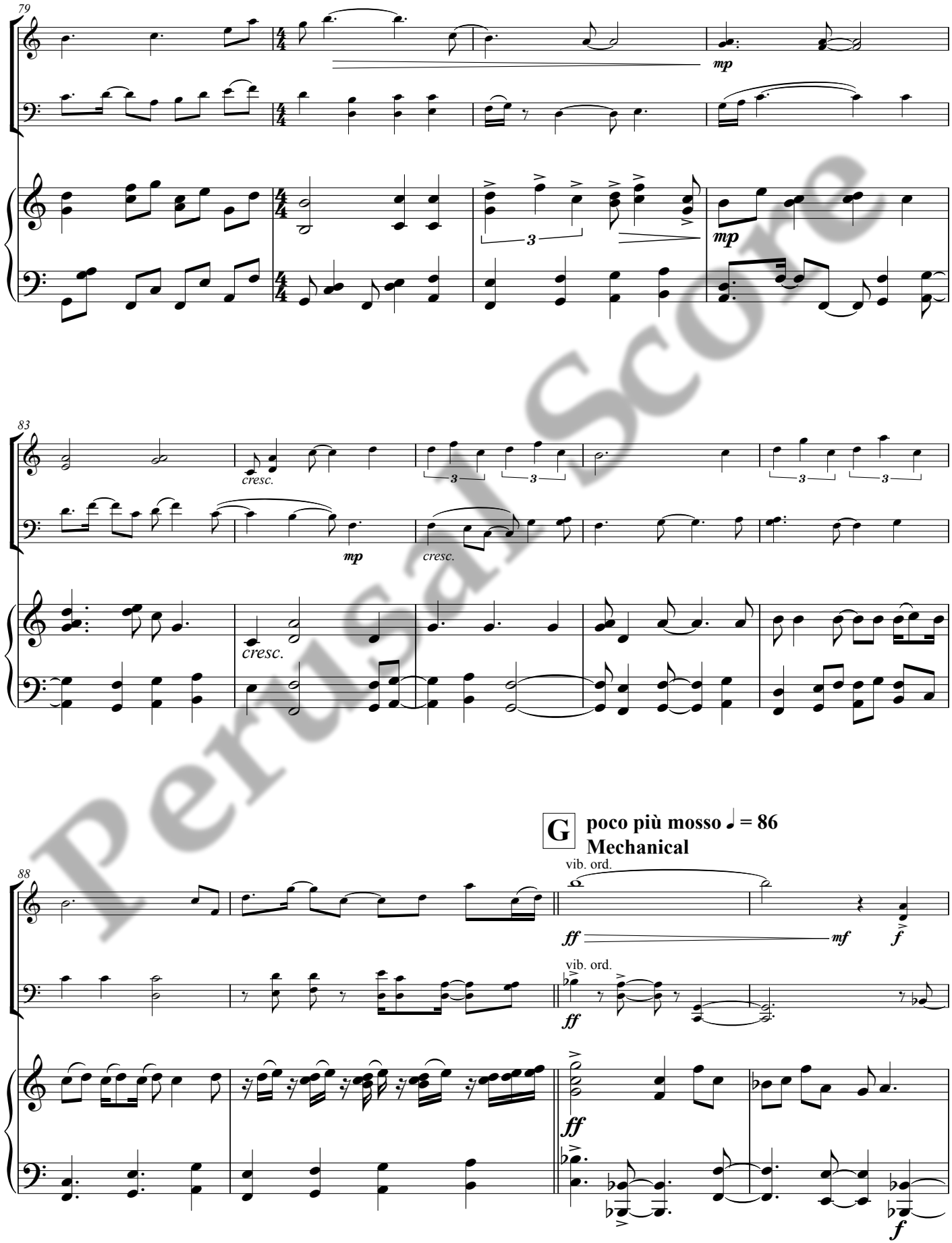

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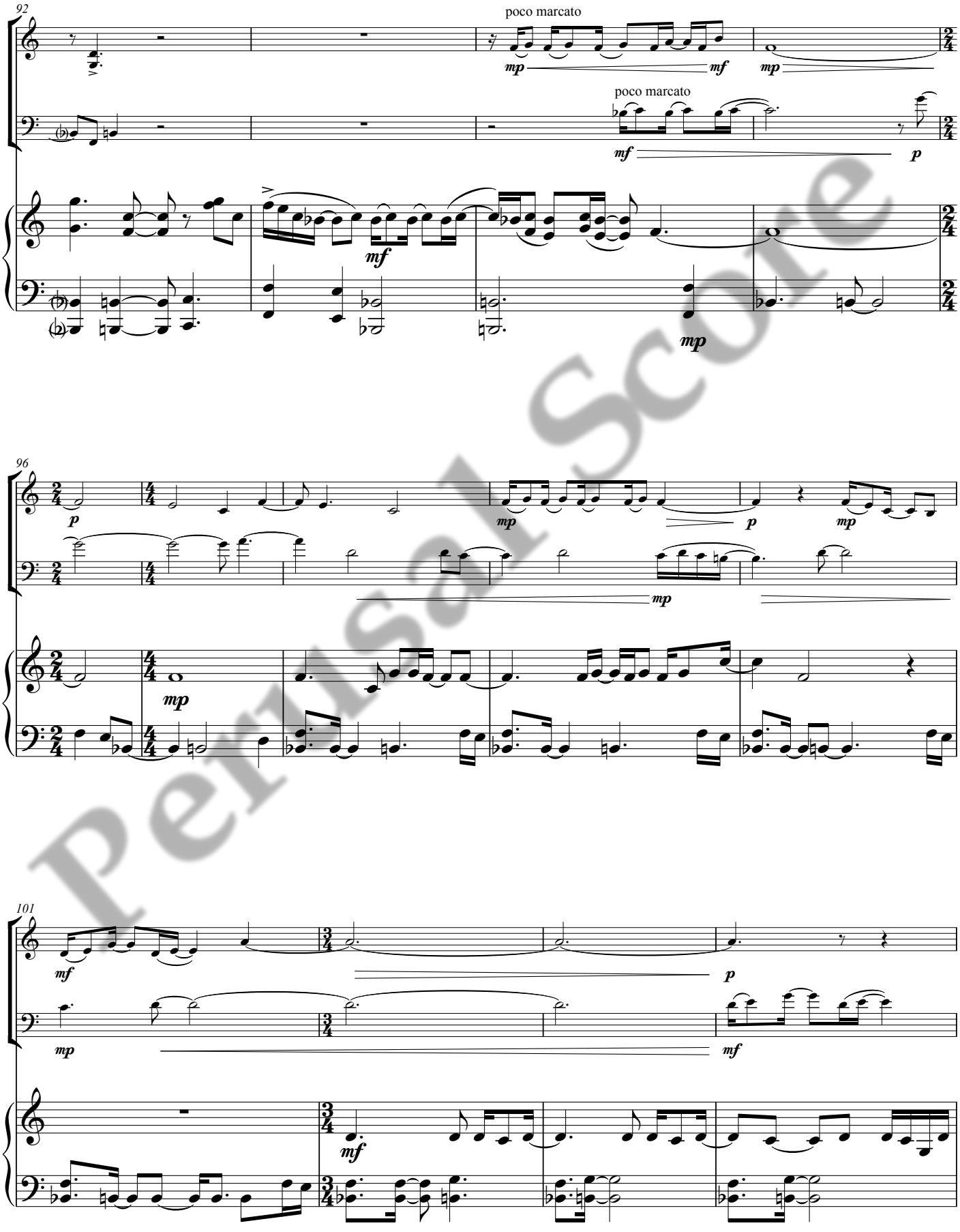

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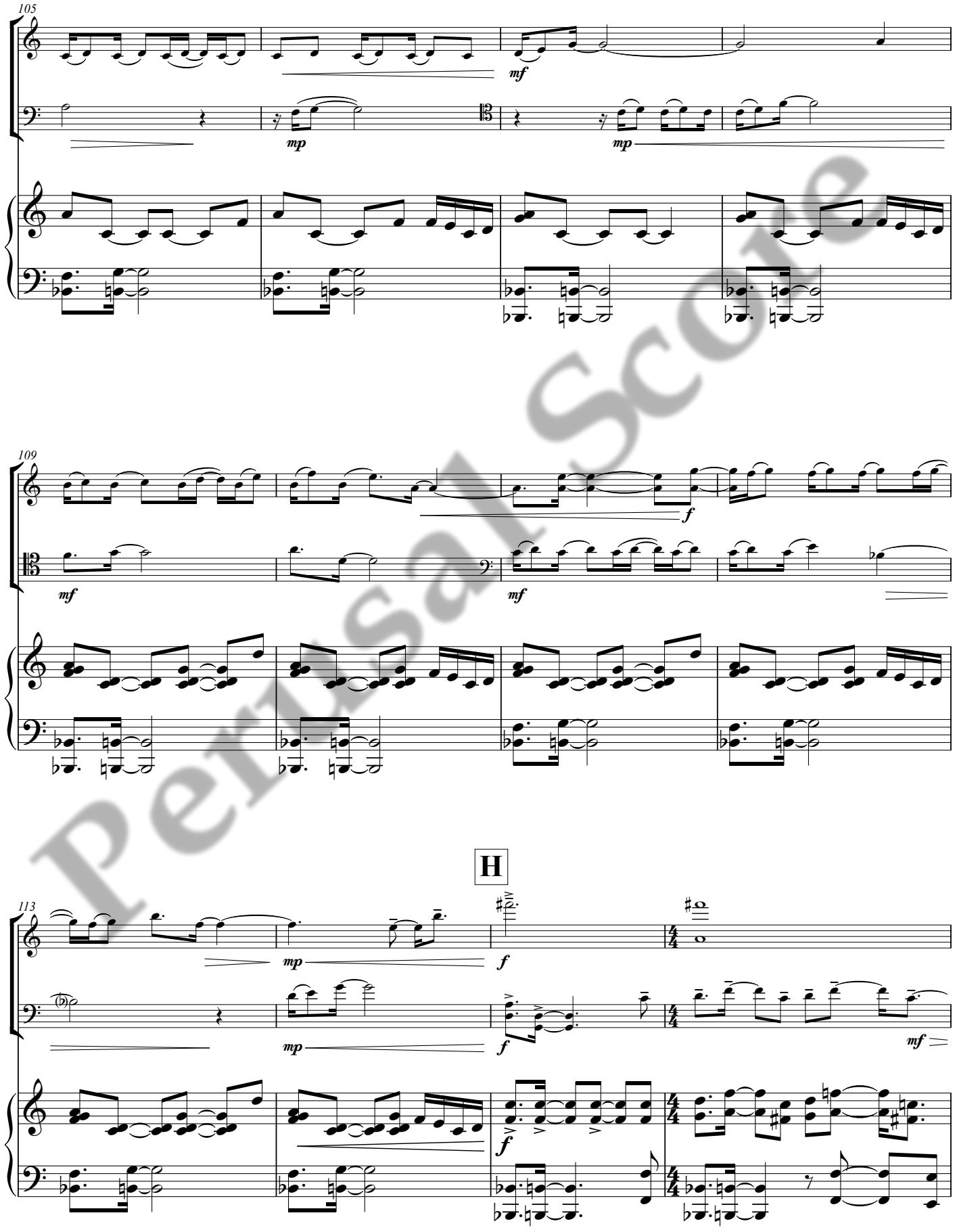

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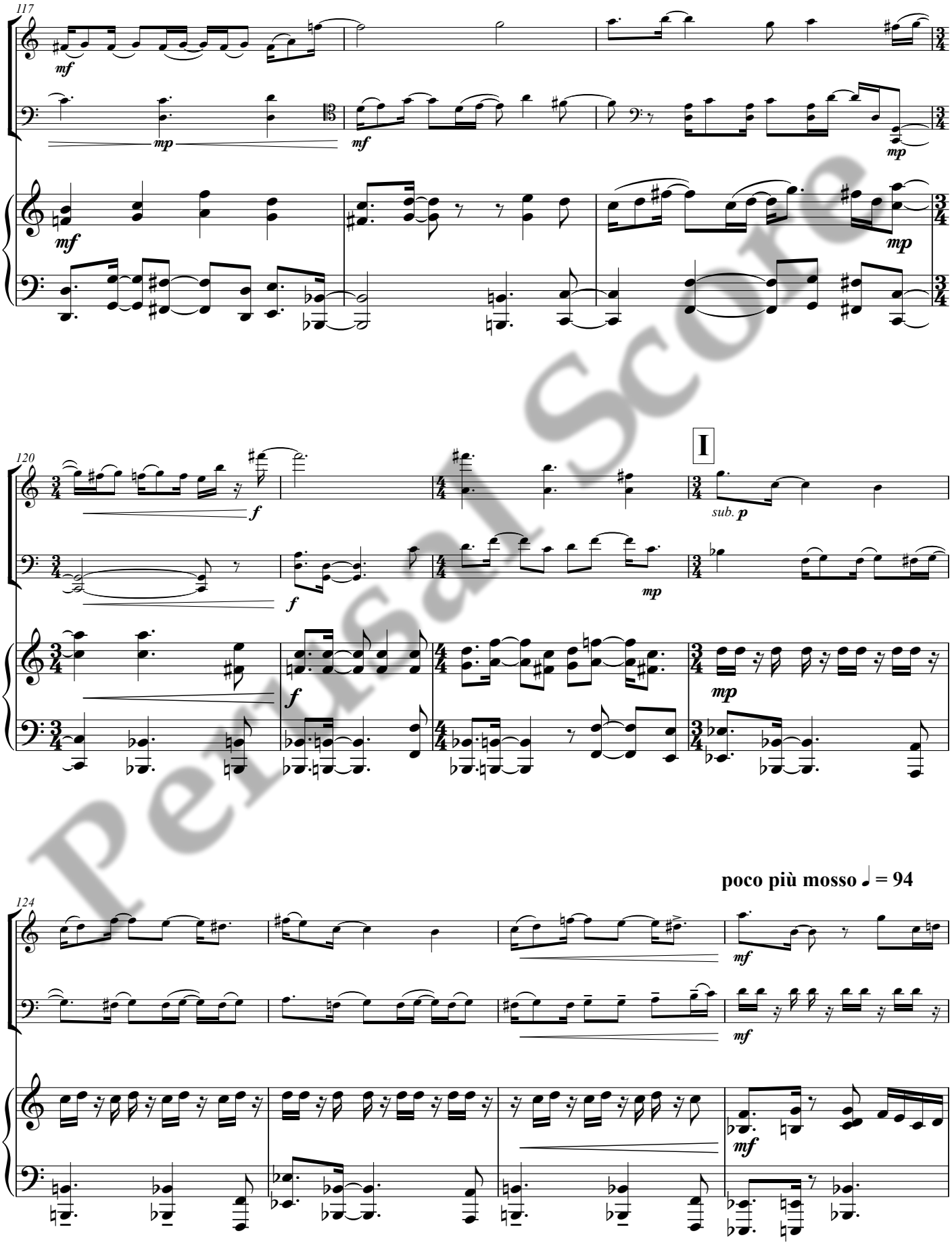

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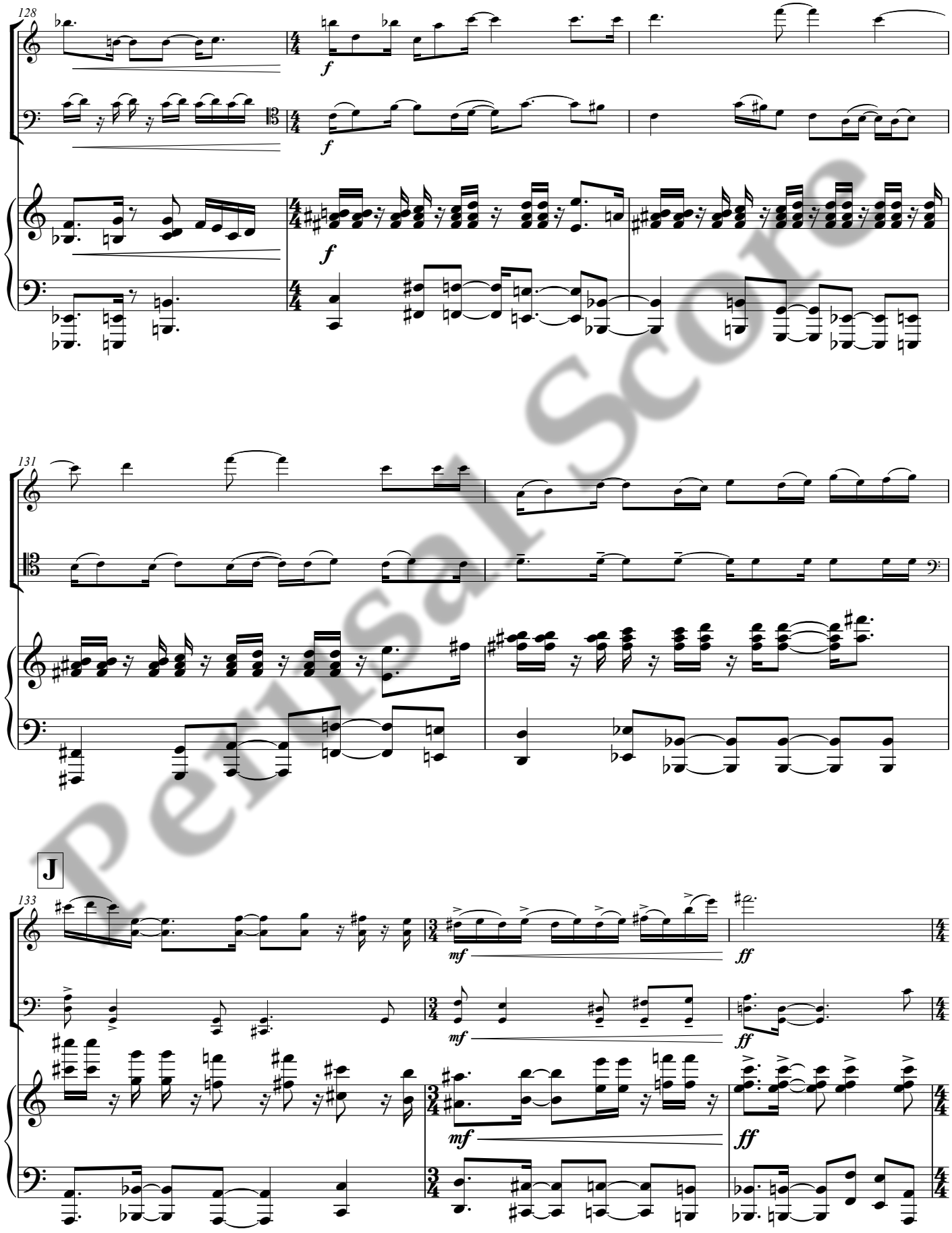

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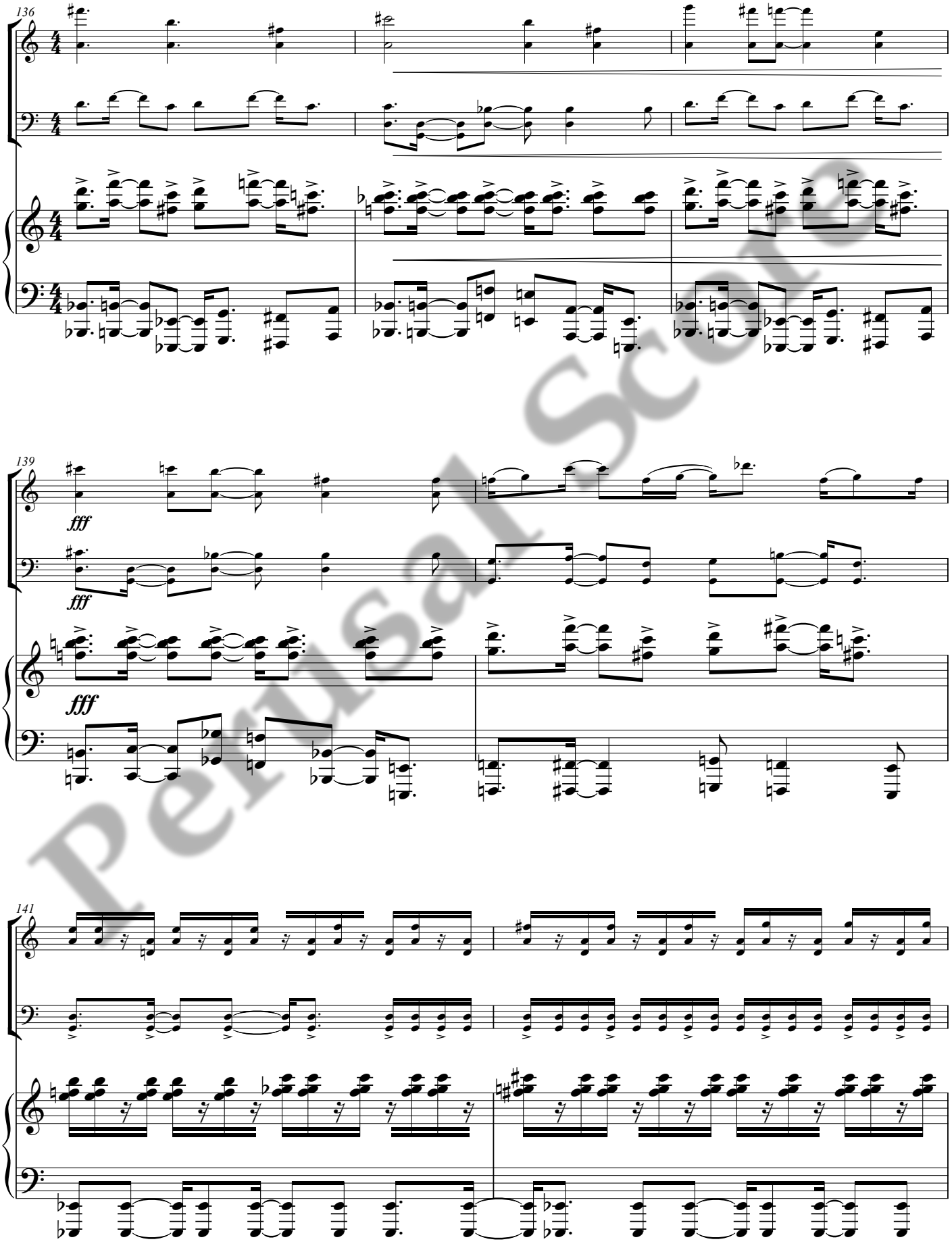

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13 **K**

Tranquil ♩ = 80

143

like swirling smoke
legato

ffff *ppp*

legato *like swirling smoke*

ffff *ppp*

ffff

8vb

Ped.

149

p *pp*

p *pp*

155

p

p

3 3

p

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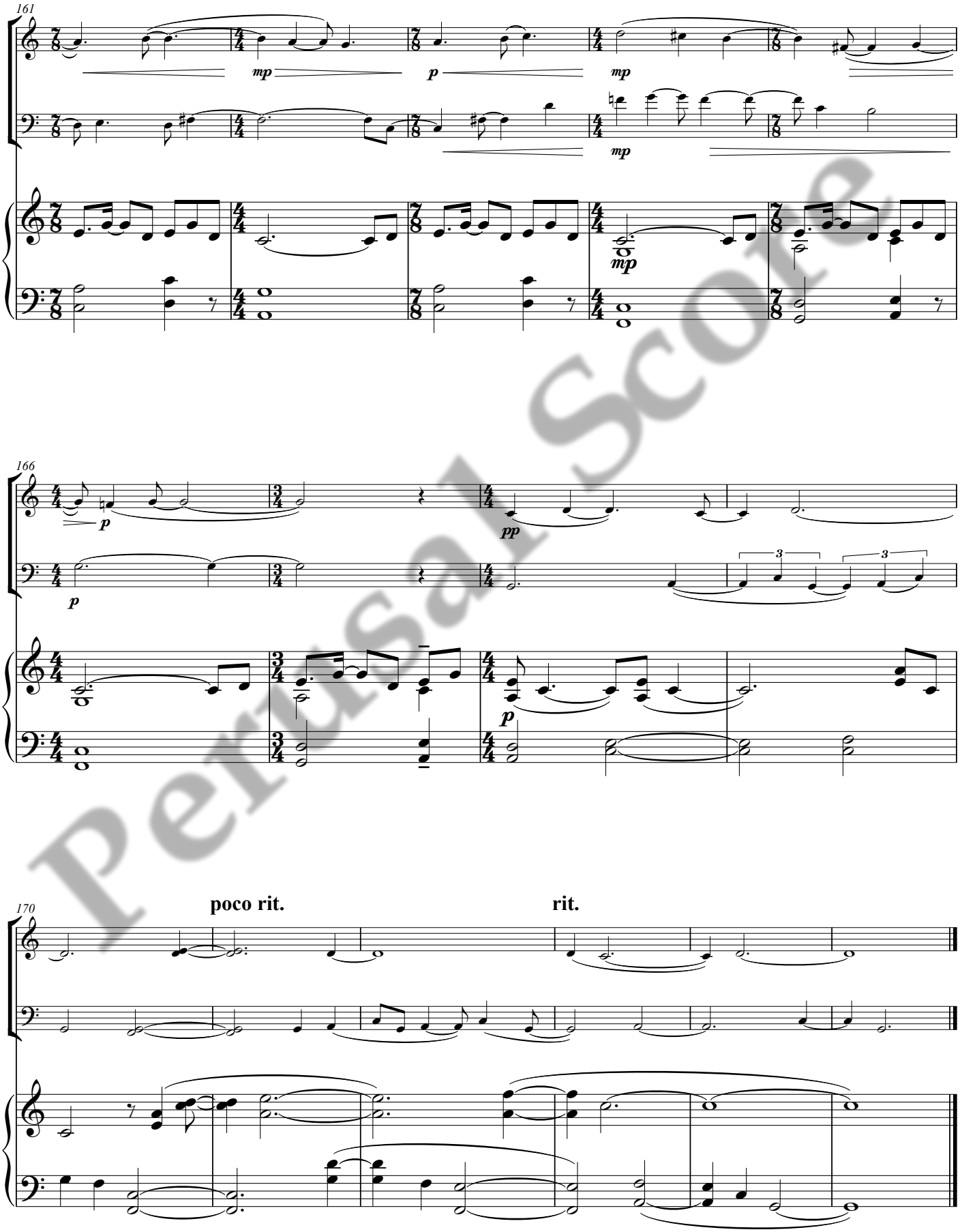

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