*à Prince Eugen von Sayn-Wittgenstein*

# La mort d'Ophélie

Ballade d'après Shakespeare

Poésie d'Ernest Legouvé

## Hector Berlioz

(1803—1869)

Œuvre 18 »Tristia«, Nº 2

Composed 1842, orchestrated 4 July 1848 in London

**Instrumentation**: Flutes (2), Cor anglais, Clarinets (2 in B♭), French Horns (1 in high A♭, 2 in E♭), Female chorus, Strings (2,1,1,1)

**Duration**: 6'

**Source**: *Hector Berlioz Werke*, edited by Charles Malherbe and Felix Weingartner, published by Breitkopf & Härtel, *c*. 1900–07; now generally referred to as the *Old Berlioz Edition* (OBE).

**Editor's notes**: The composer's metronome marking results in a very languid tempo which seems to be neither *Andante con moto* nor *quasi Allegretto*; and which may be difficult to make convincing. With a competent string section the river will be able to flow somewhat faster, and probably more successfully.[1]

The rehearsal marks do not derive from Berlioz, but from the editors of the *Old Berlioz Edition*; for convenience, these have been retained whereas the extraneous German and English translations also provided by the OBE have been dispensed with. To assist horn players the French horn parts are provided in F as well as the original transpositions used by Berlioz.

Please send comments, suggestions, or emendations by electonic mail to phi1ip@mac.com (*n.b.*, in "phi1ip", the expected letter L is in fact the number 1).

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[1] Roger Norrington (famous for his slow tempi in the *Symphonie fantastique*) has found this slow tempo marking unworkable: "She was floating down the river. Very nice; and then she sank."

… qui viderit illas
De lacrymis factas sentiet esse meas.
(Ovid)

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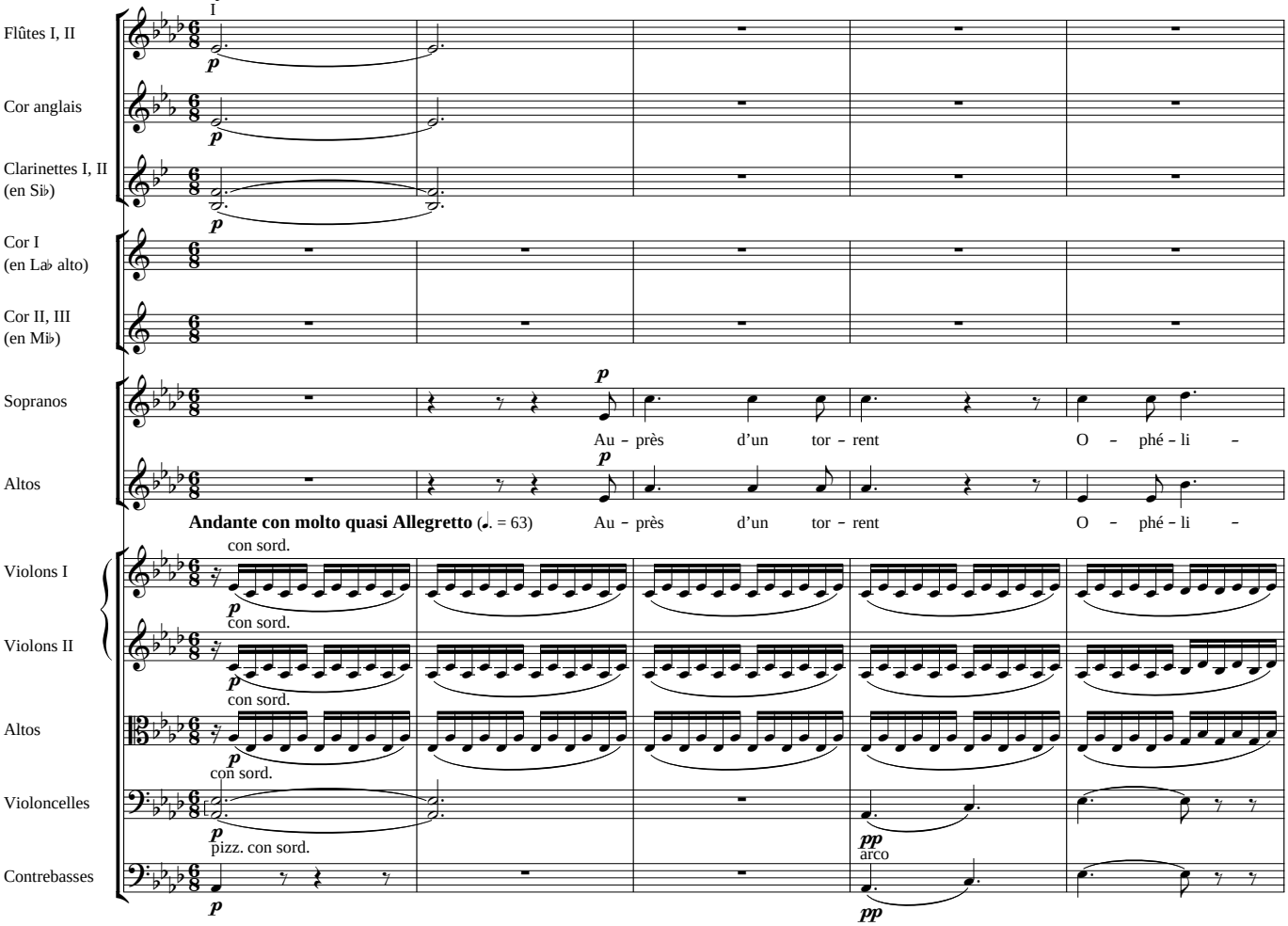
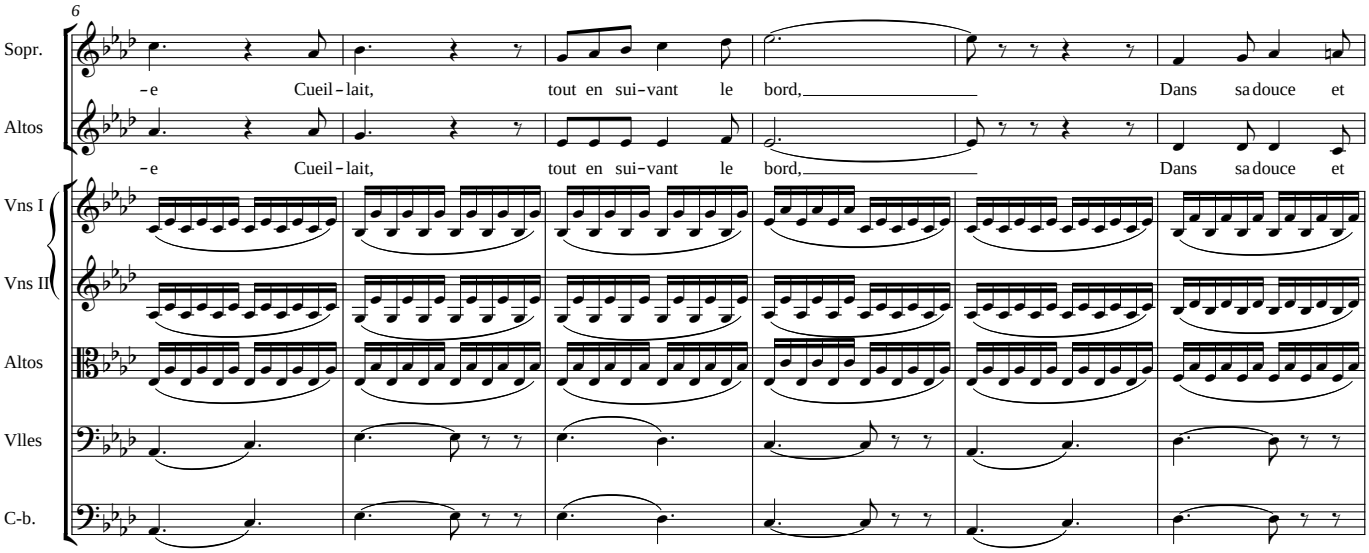
*Sempre a mezza voce.*

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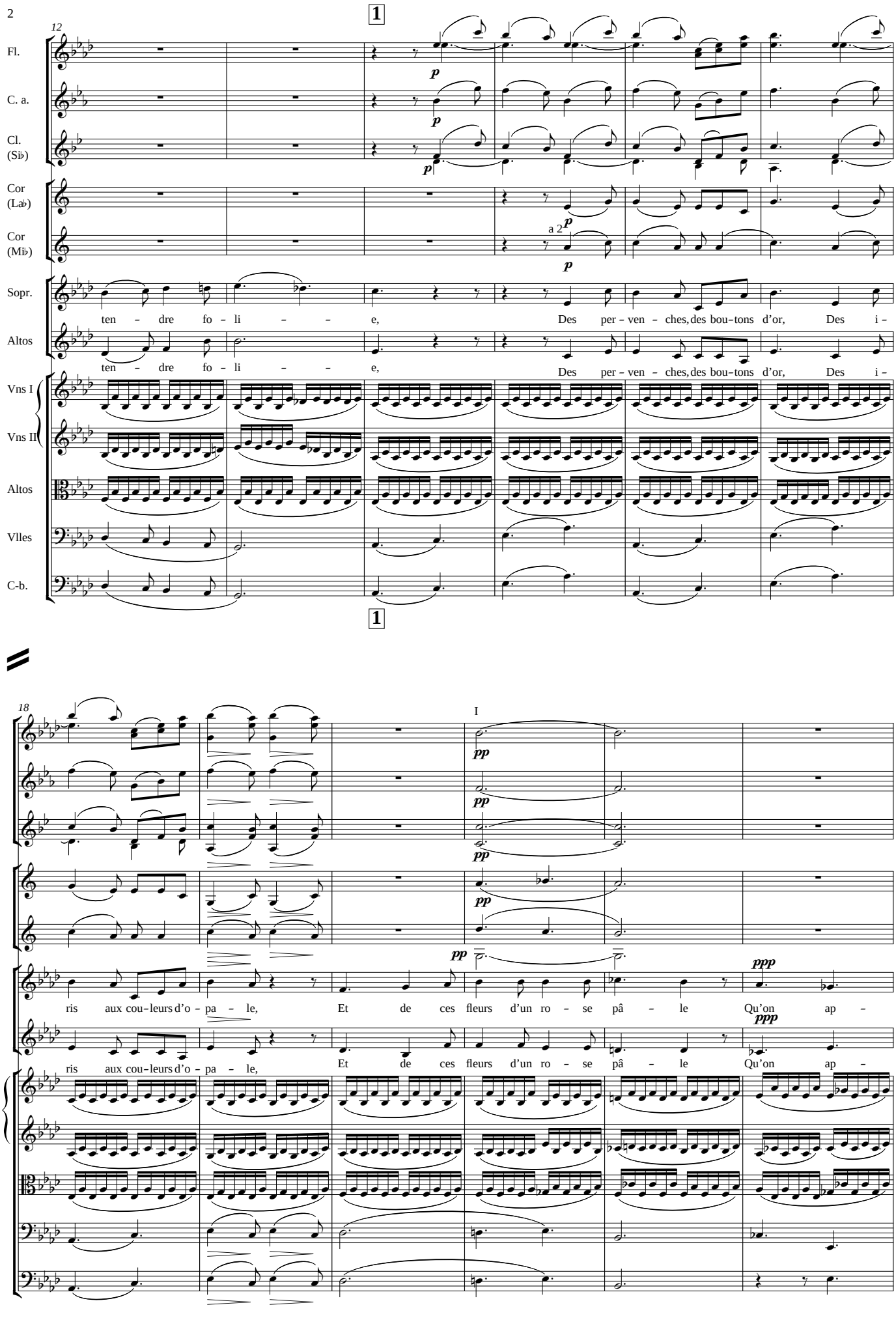
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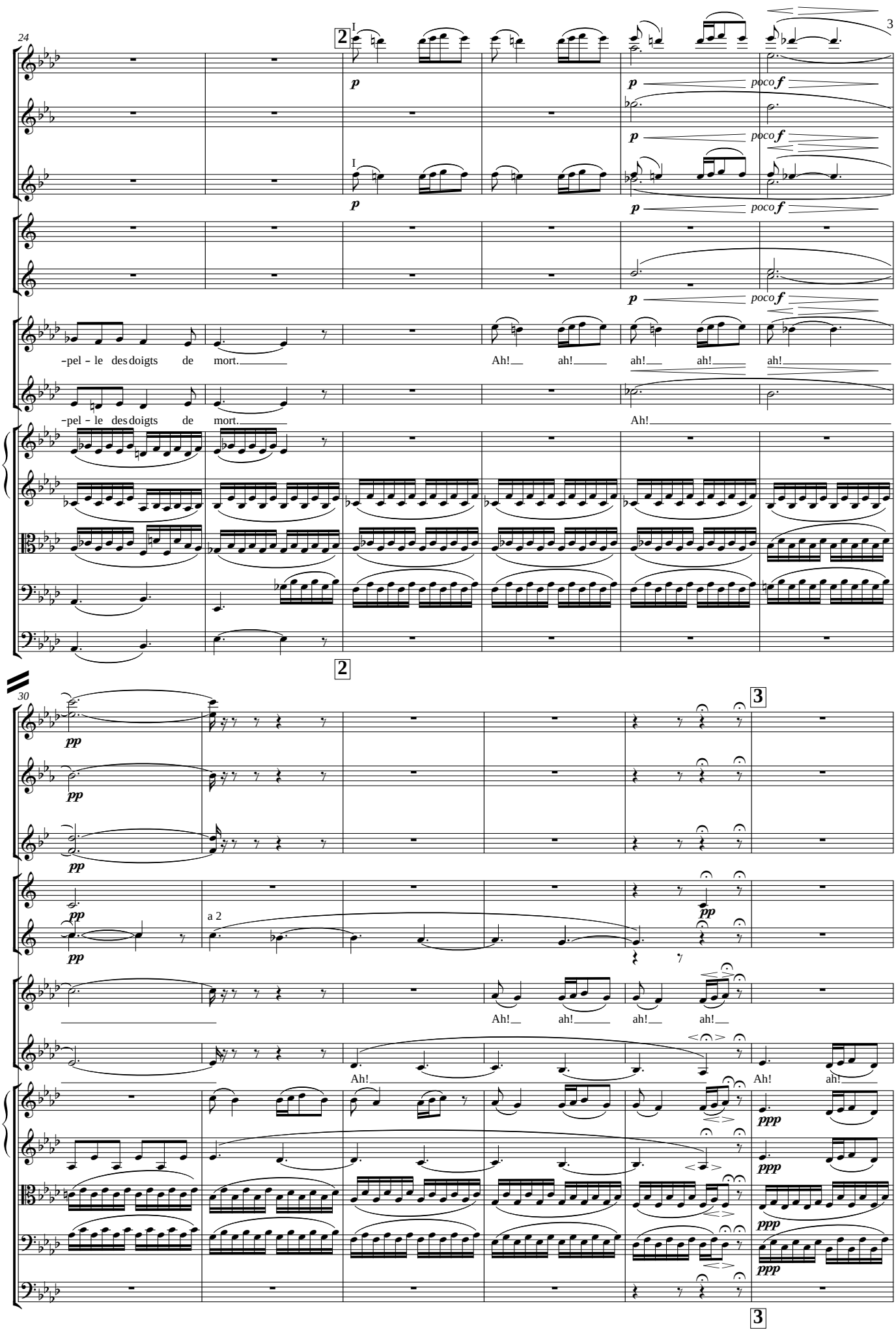
1
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
Cor (La♭)
Cor (Mi♭)
a 2
Sopr.
ten – dre fo – li – – e, Des per – ven – ches, des bou–tons d'or, Des i –
Altos
ten – dre fo – li – – e, Des per – ven – ches, des bou–tons d'or, Des i –
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles
C-b.
1
18
I
ris aux cou–leurs d'o – pa – le, Et de ces fleurs d'un ro – se pâ – le Qu'on ap –
ris aux cou–leurs d'o – pa – le, Et de ces fleurs d'un ro – se pâ – le Qu'on ap –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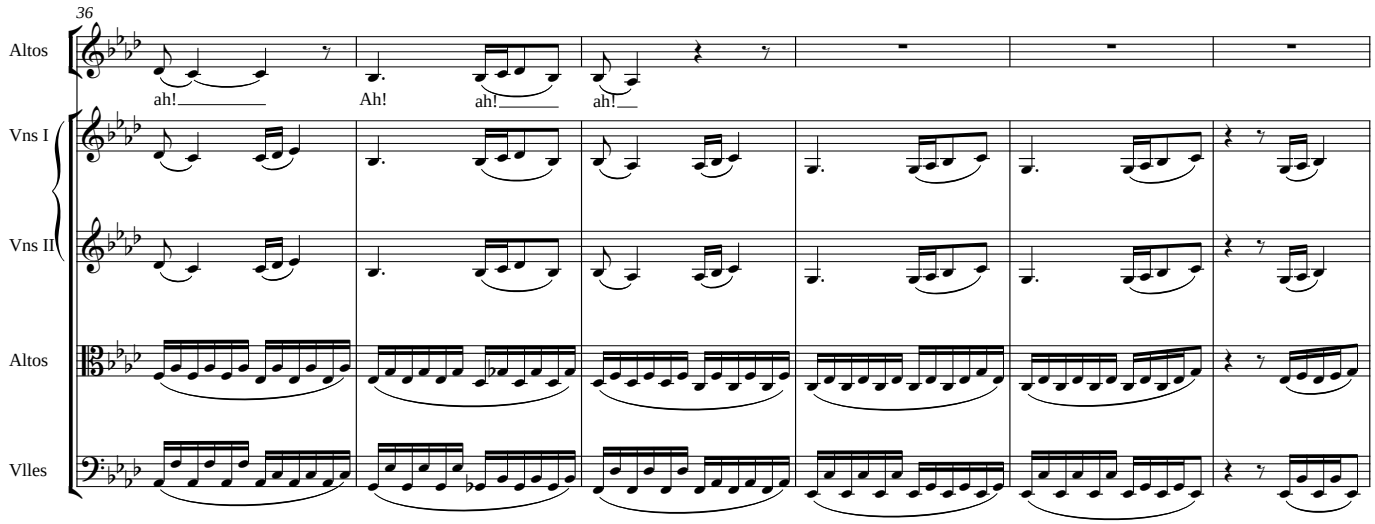
2
I
p
poco f
-pel - le des doigts de mort.
Ah! ah! ah! ah! ah!
Ah!
3
30
pp
a 2
ppp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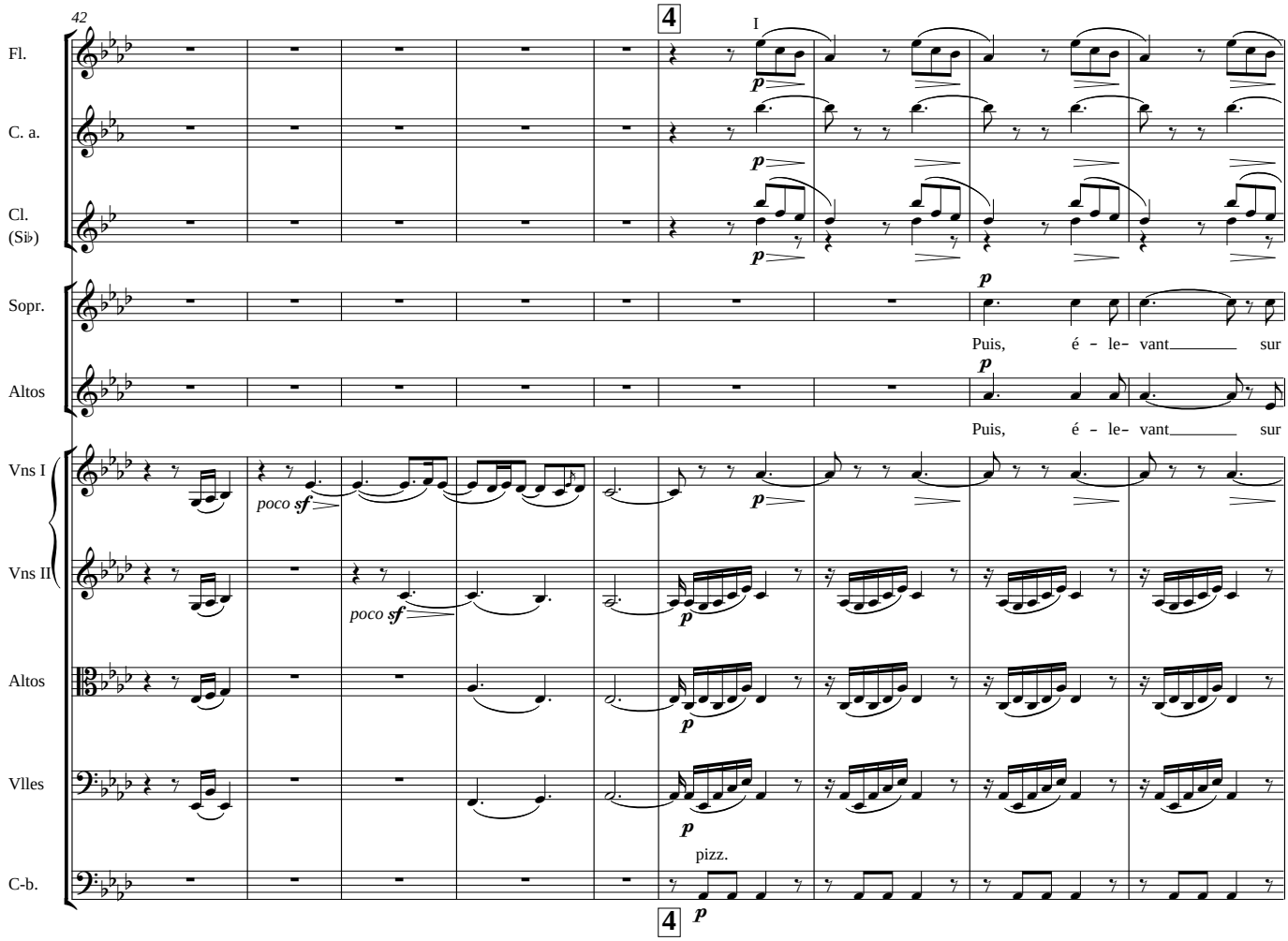
Altos
ah!
Ah!
ah!
ah!
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles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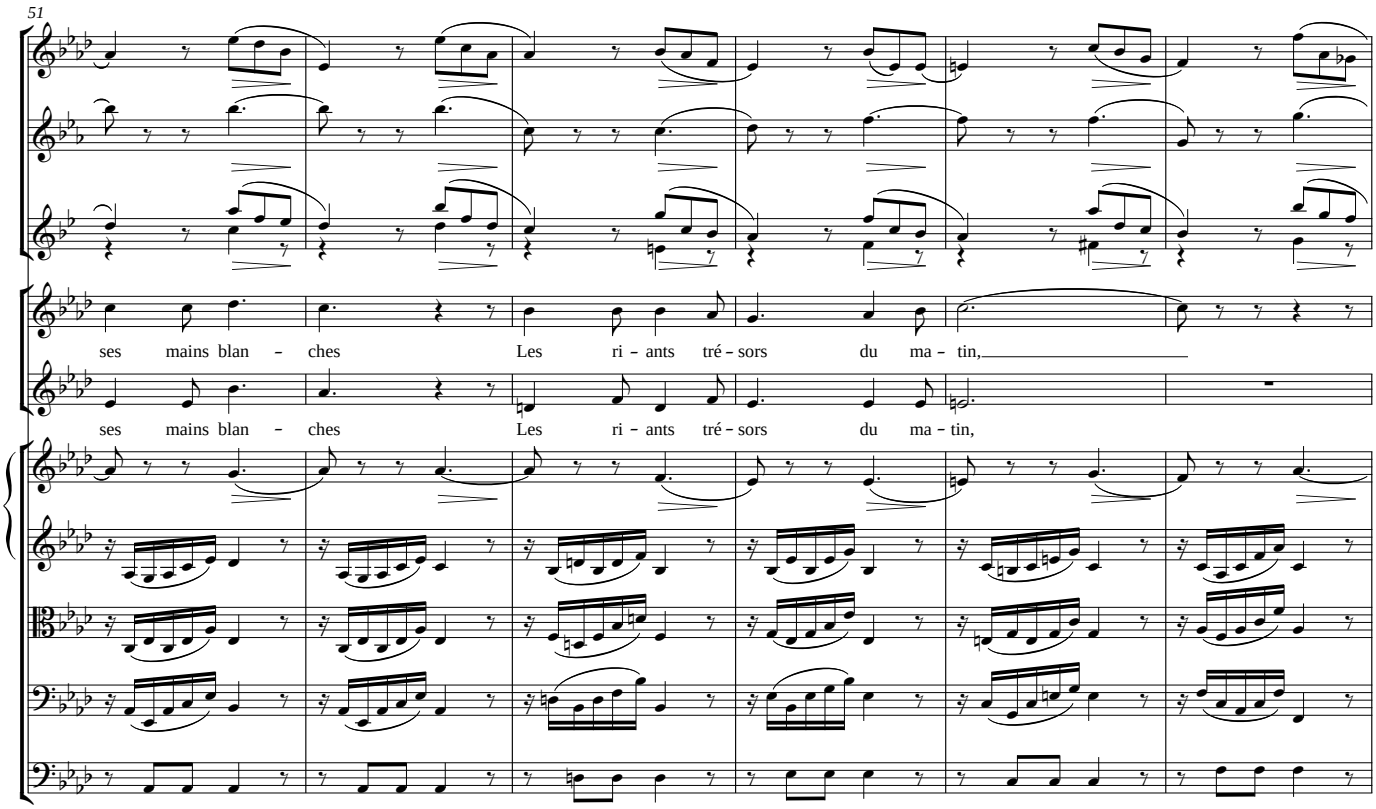
4
I
Fl.
C. a.
Cl.
(Si♭)
Sopr.
Puis, é - le- vant sur
Altos
Puis, é - le- vant sur
Vns I
poco sf
Vns II
poco sf
Altos
Vlles
pizz.
C-b.
4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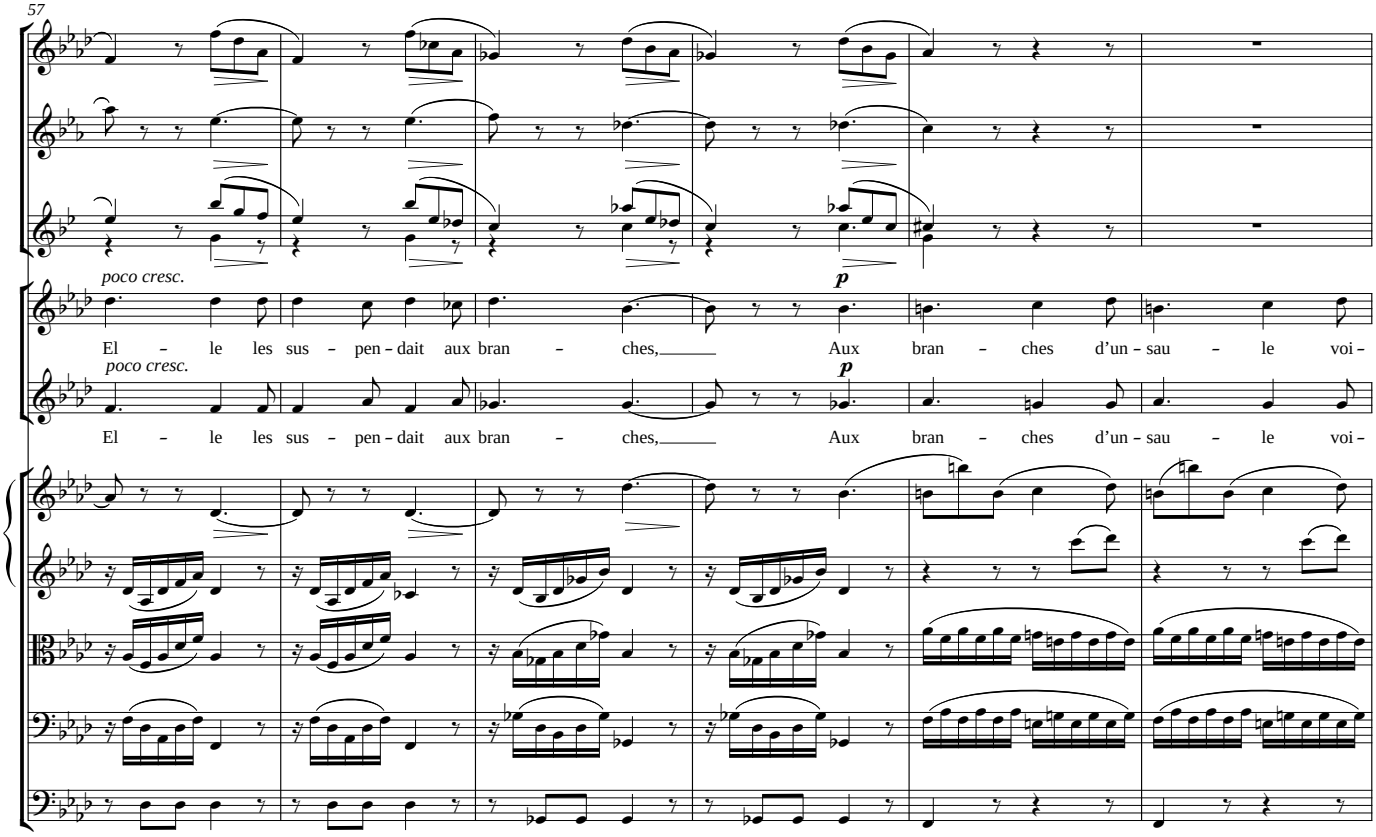
ses mains blan – ches Les ri – ants tré – sors du ma – tin,
ses mains blan – ches Les ri – ants tré – sors du ma – tin,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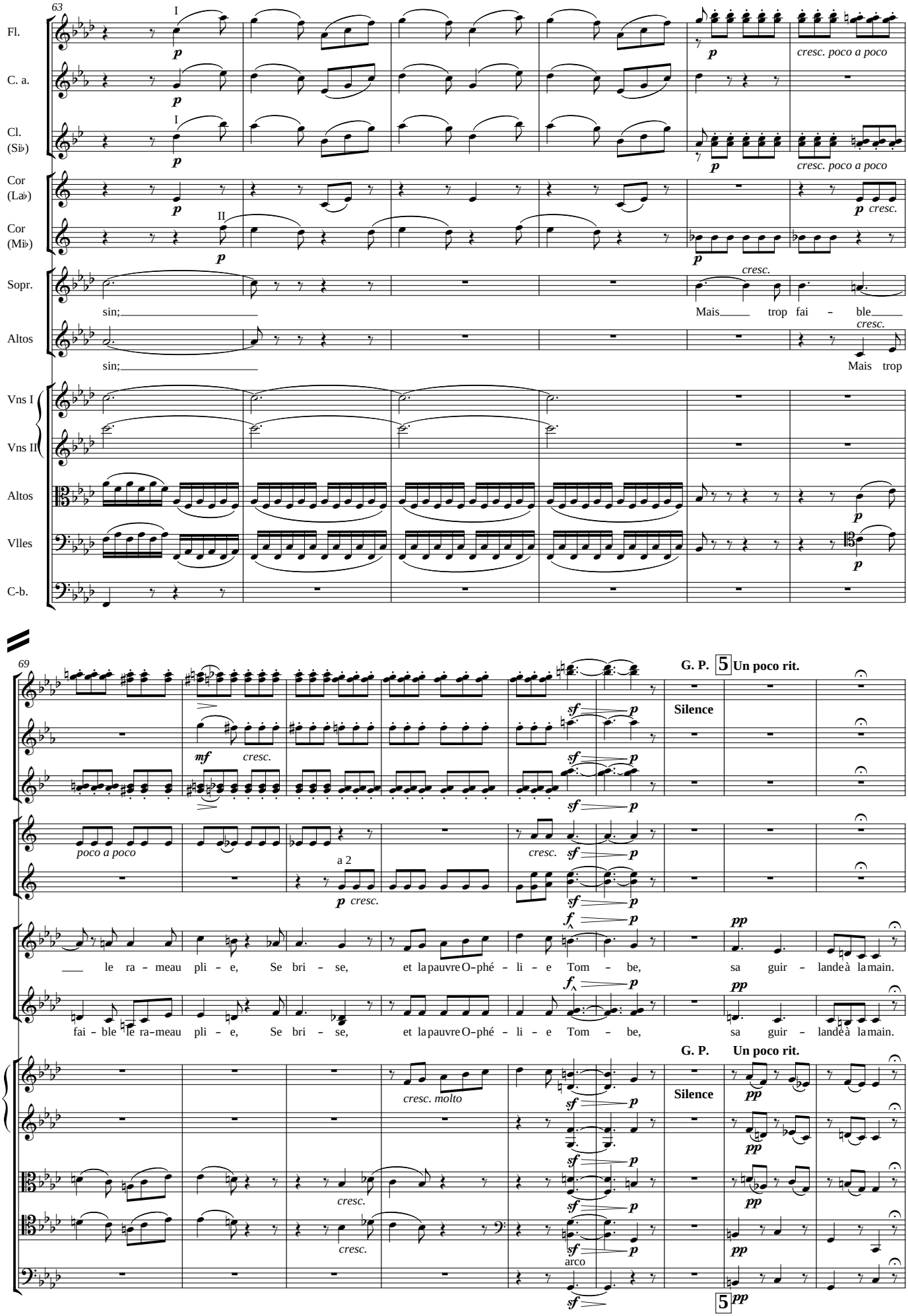
poco cresc.
p
El – le les sus – pen – dait aux bran – ches, Aux bran – ches d'un – sau – le voi –
poco cresc.
p
El – le les sus – pen – dait aux bran – ches, Aux bran – ches d'un – sau – le voi –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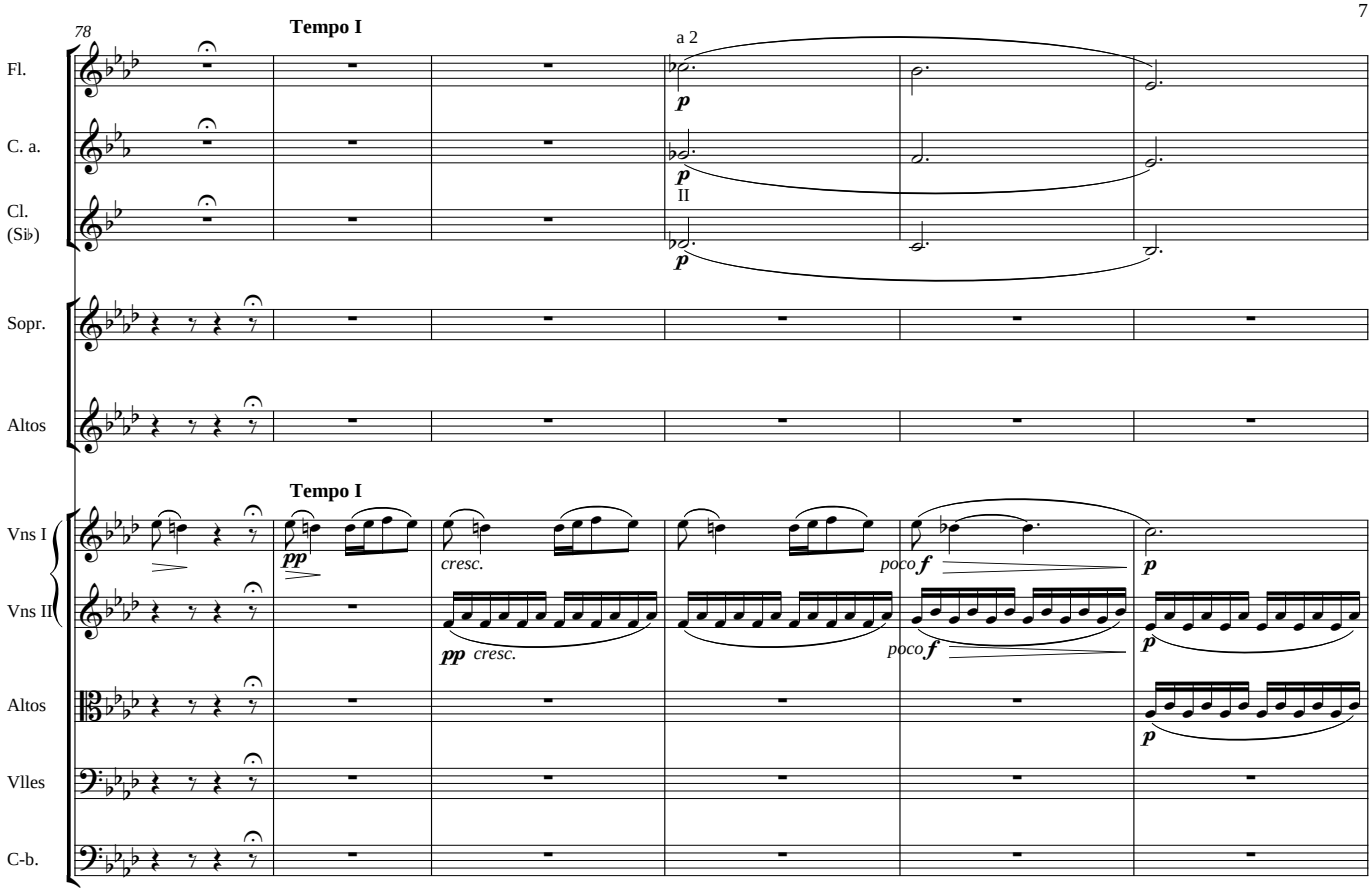
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
Cor (La♭)
Cor (Mi♭)
Sopr.
Altos
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles
C-b.
I
II
p
cresc. poco a poco
p cresc.
cresc.
sin;
Mais trop fai - ble
Mais trop
69
G. P.
5
Un poco rit.
Silence
mf
cresc.
sf
p
poco a poco
a 2
p cresc.
f
pp
le ra - meau pli - e, Se bri - se, et la pauvre O-phé - li - e Tom - be, sa guir - lande à la main.
fai - ble le ra-meau pli - e, Se bri - se, et la pauvre O-phé - li - e Tom - be, sa guir - lande à la main.
cresc. molto
arco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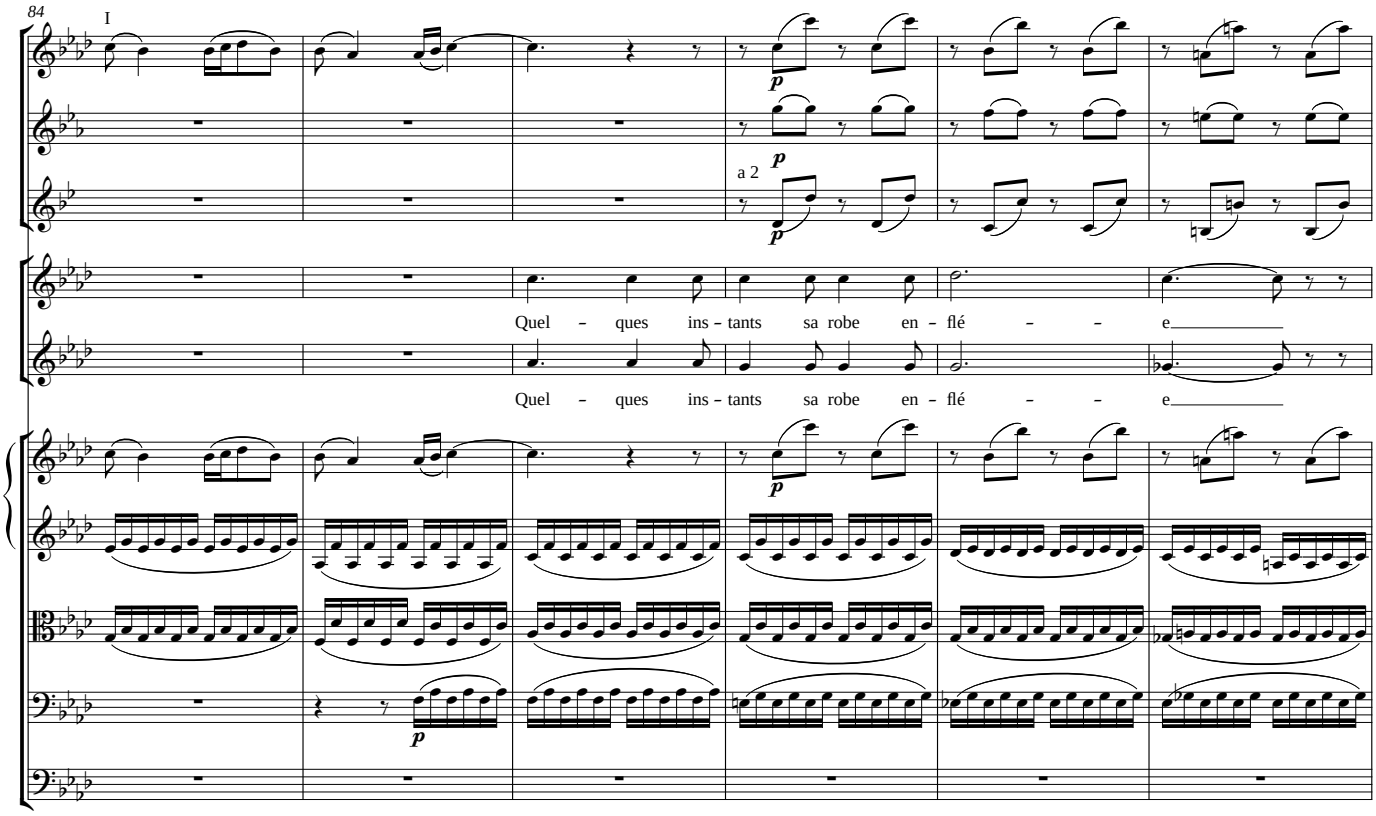
Tempo I
a 2
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
II
Sopr.
Altos
Tempo I
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles
C-b.
pp
cresc.
poco f
p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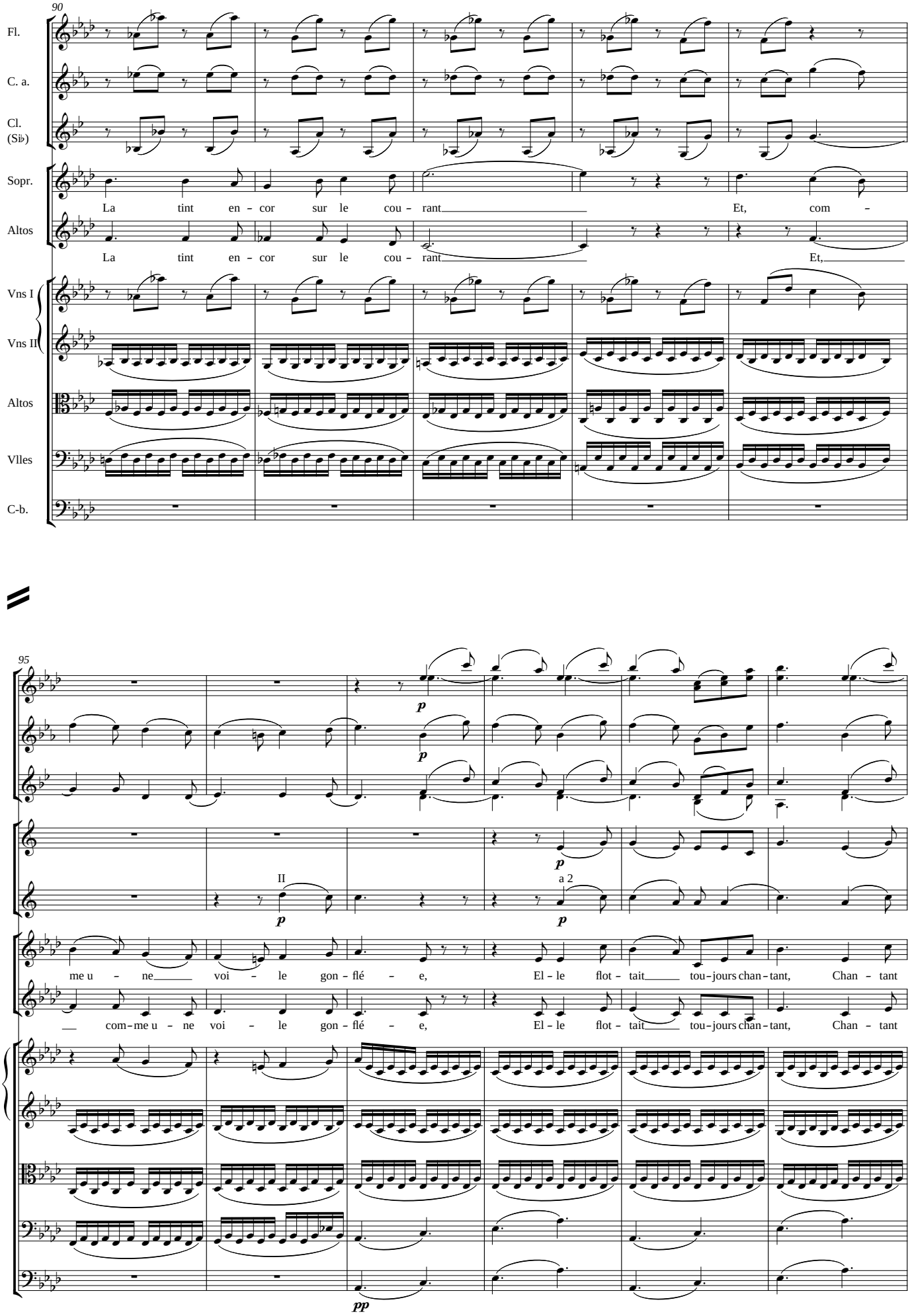
I
a 2
Quel – ques ins – tants sa robe en – flé – – e
Quel – ques ins – tants sa robe en – flé – – e
p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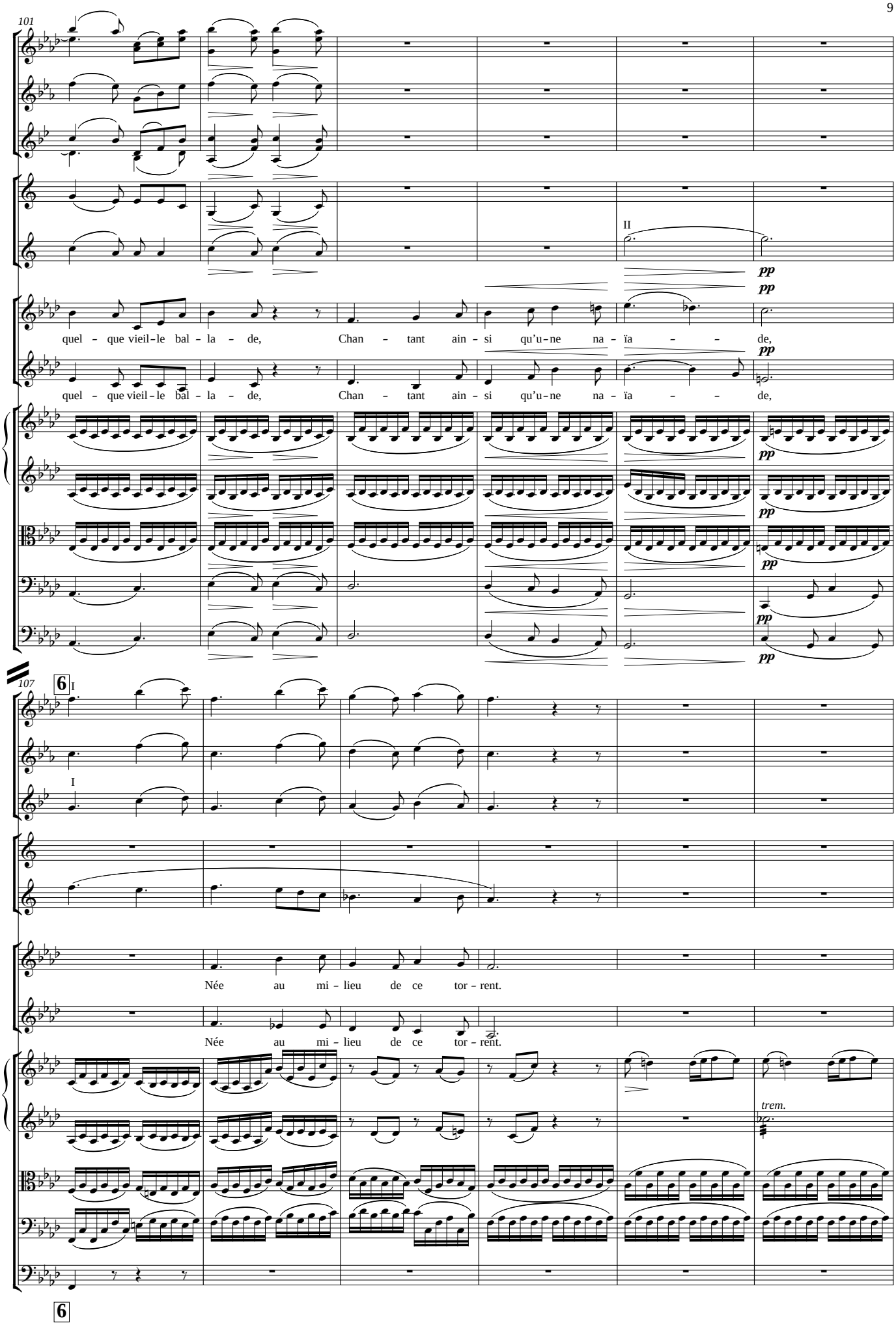
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
Sopr.
La tint en – cor sur le cou – rant Et, com –
Altos
La tint en – cor sur le cou – rant Et,
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles
C-b.
95
p
II
a 2
me u – ne voi – le gon – flé – e, El – le flot – tait tou – jours chan – tant, Chan – tant
com – me u – ne voi – le gon – flé – e, El – le flot – tait tou – jours chan – tant, Chan – tant
pp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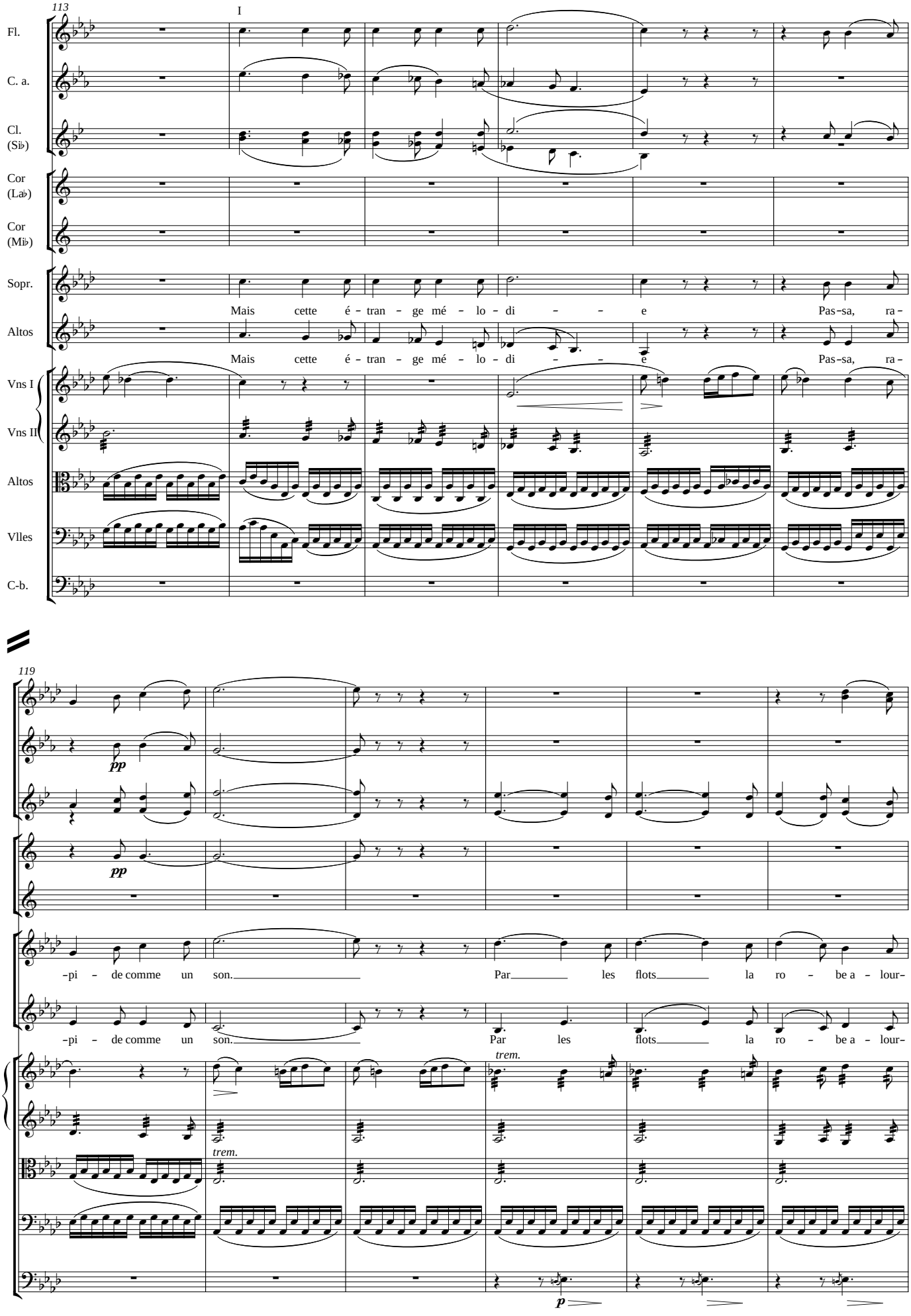
II
pp
quel - que vieil - le bal - la - de, Chan - tant ain - si qu'u - ne na - ïa - - de,
quel - que vieil - le bal - la - de, Chan - tant ain - si qu'u - ne na - ïa - - de,
107
6
I
I
Née au mi - lieu de ce tor - rent.
Née au mi - lieu de ce tor - rent.
trem.
6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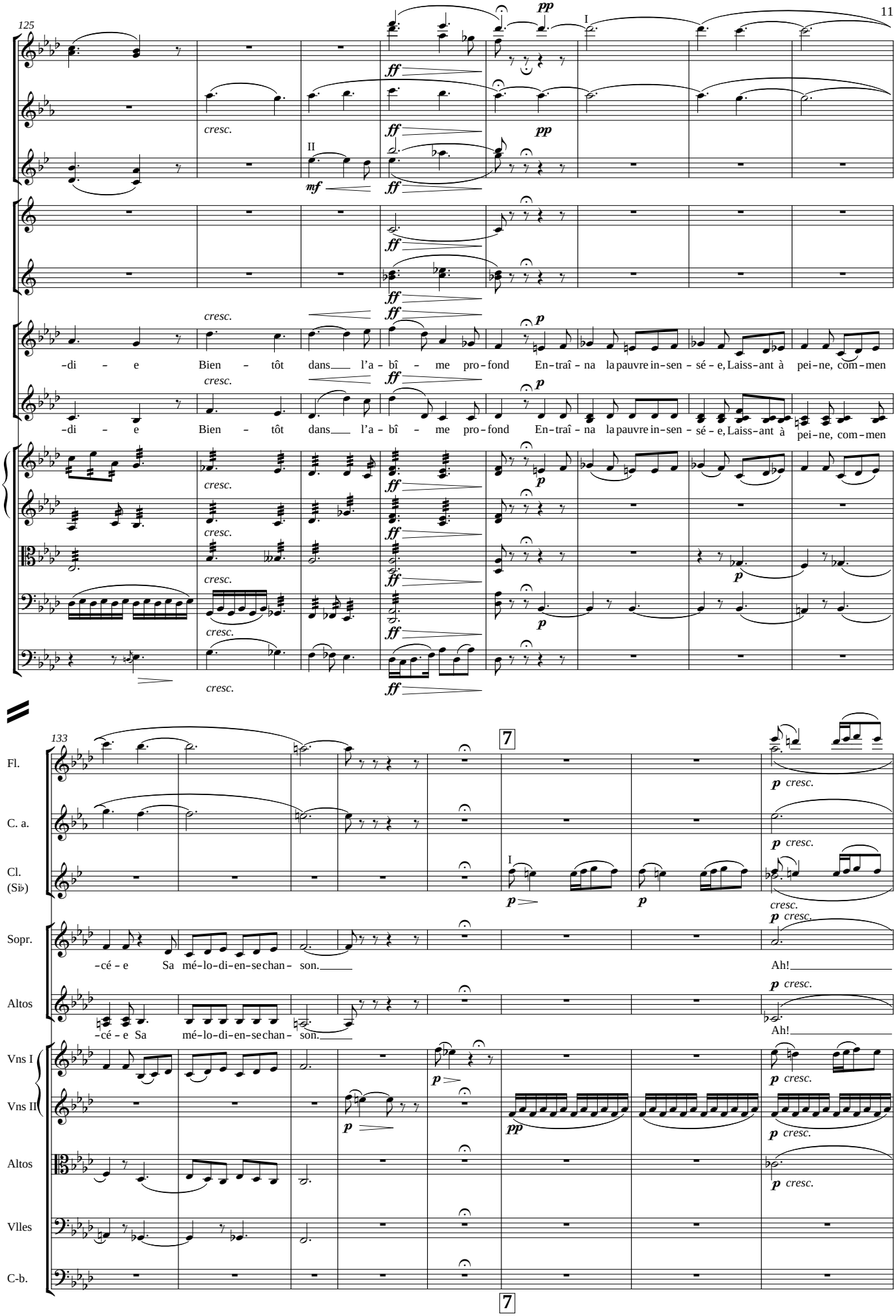
I
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
Cor (La♭)
Cor (Mi♭)
Sopr.
Mais cette é - tran - ge mé - lo - di - - e Pas-sa, ra -
Altos
Mais cette é - tran - ge mé - lo - di - - e Pas-sa, ra -
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles
C-b.
119
pp
pp
-pi - de comme un son. Par les flots la ro - be a - lour-
-pi - de comme un son. Par les flots la ro - be a - lour-
trem.
trem.
p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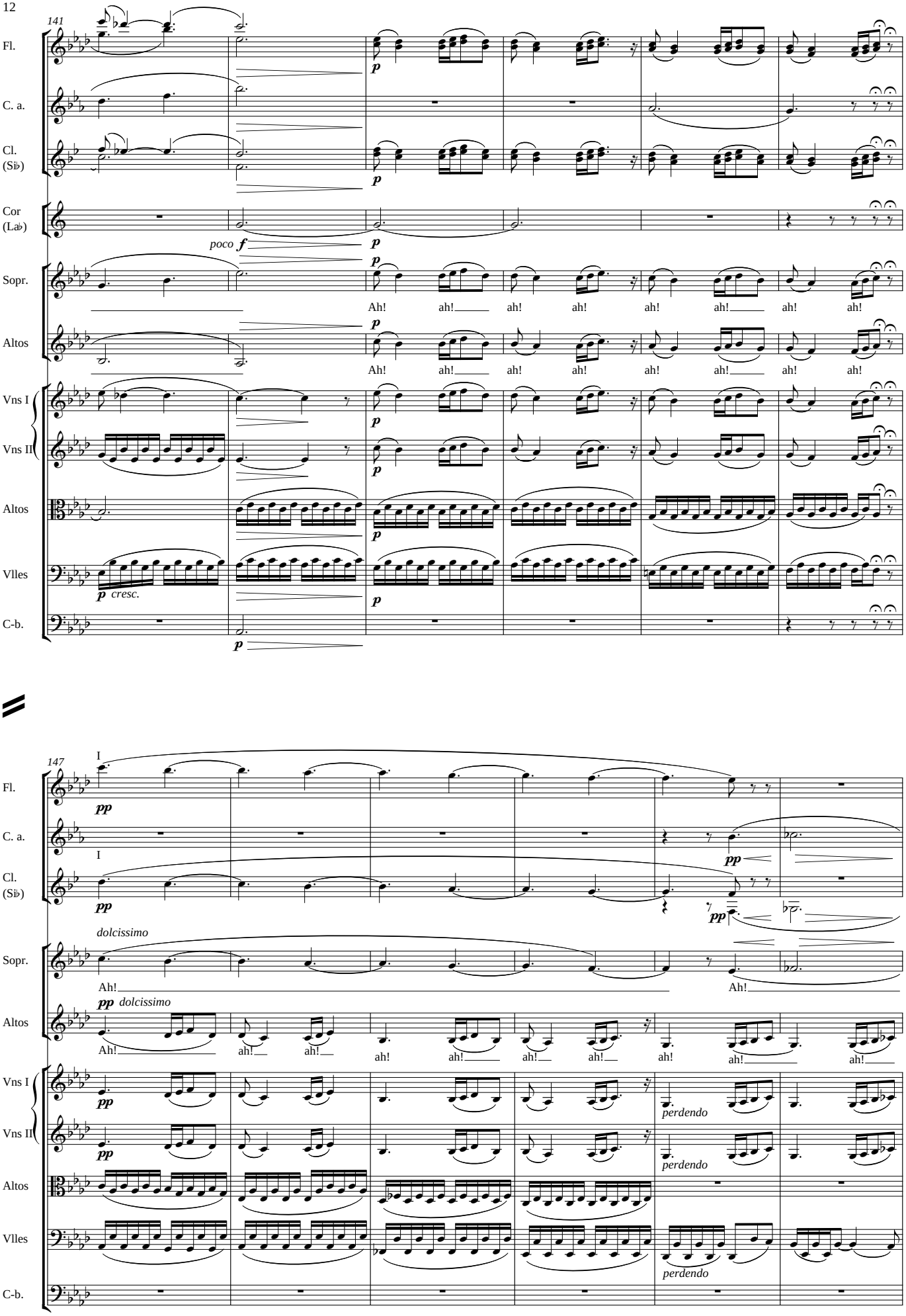
pp
I
ff
cresc.
II
mf
-di - e Bien - tôt dans l'a - bî - me pro - fond En - traî - na la pauvre in - sen - sé - e, Laiss - ant à pei - ne, com - men
133
7
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
Sopr.
-cé - e Sa mé - lo - di - en - se chan - son.
Ah!
Altos
Vns I
Vns II
Vlles
C-b.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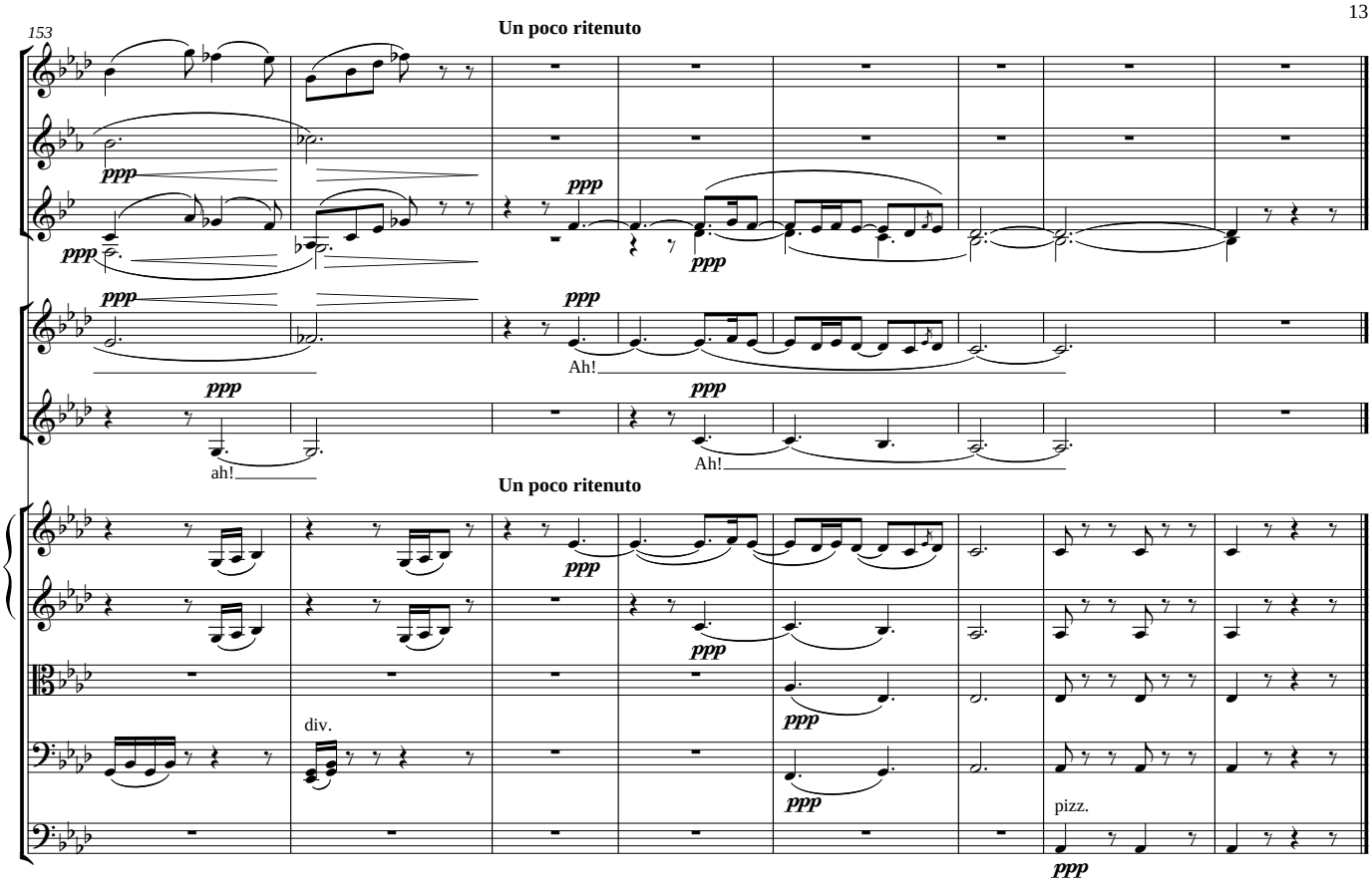
Fl.
C. a.
Cl. (Si♭)
Cor (La♭)
poco f
p
Sopr.
Ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah! ah!
Altos
Vns I
Vns II
Altos
Vlles
p cresc.
C-b.
147
I
pp
dolcissimo
Ah!
perdendo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Un poco ritenuto
ppp
Ah!
ah!
Un poco ritenuto
div.
pizz.

Flûte I

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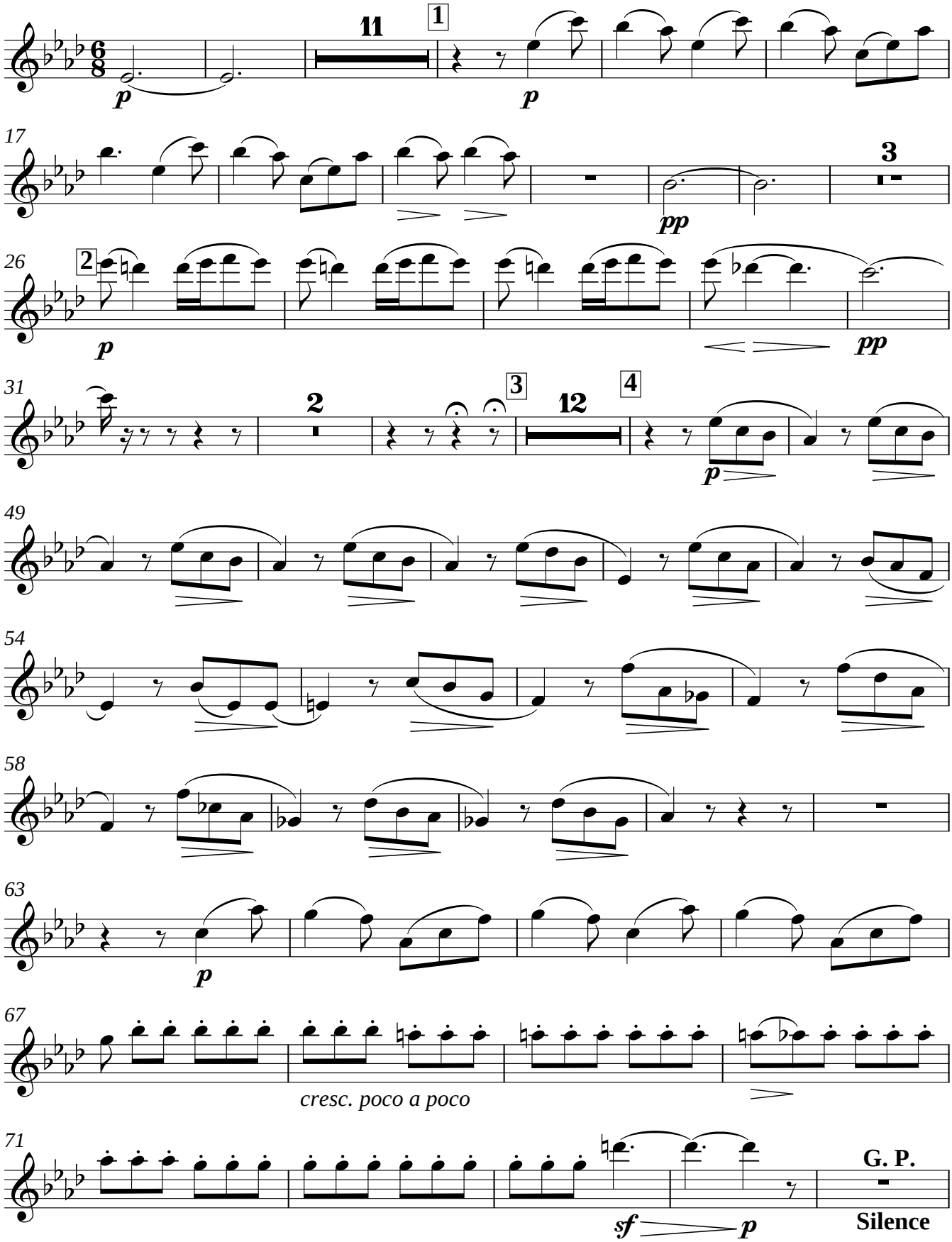
Ballade d'après Shakespeare

Hector Berlioz

**Andante con molto quasi Allegretto** (♩. = 63)

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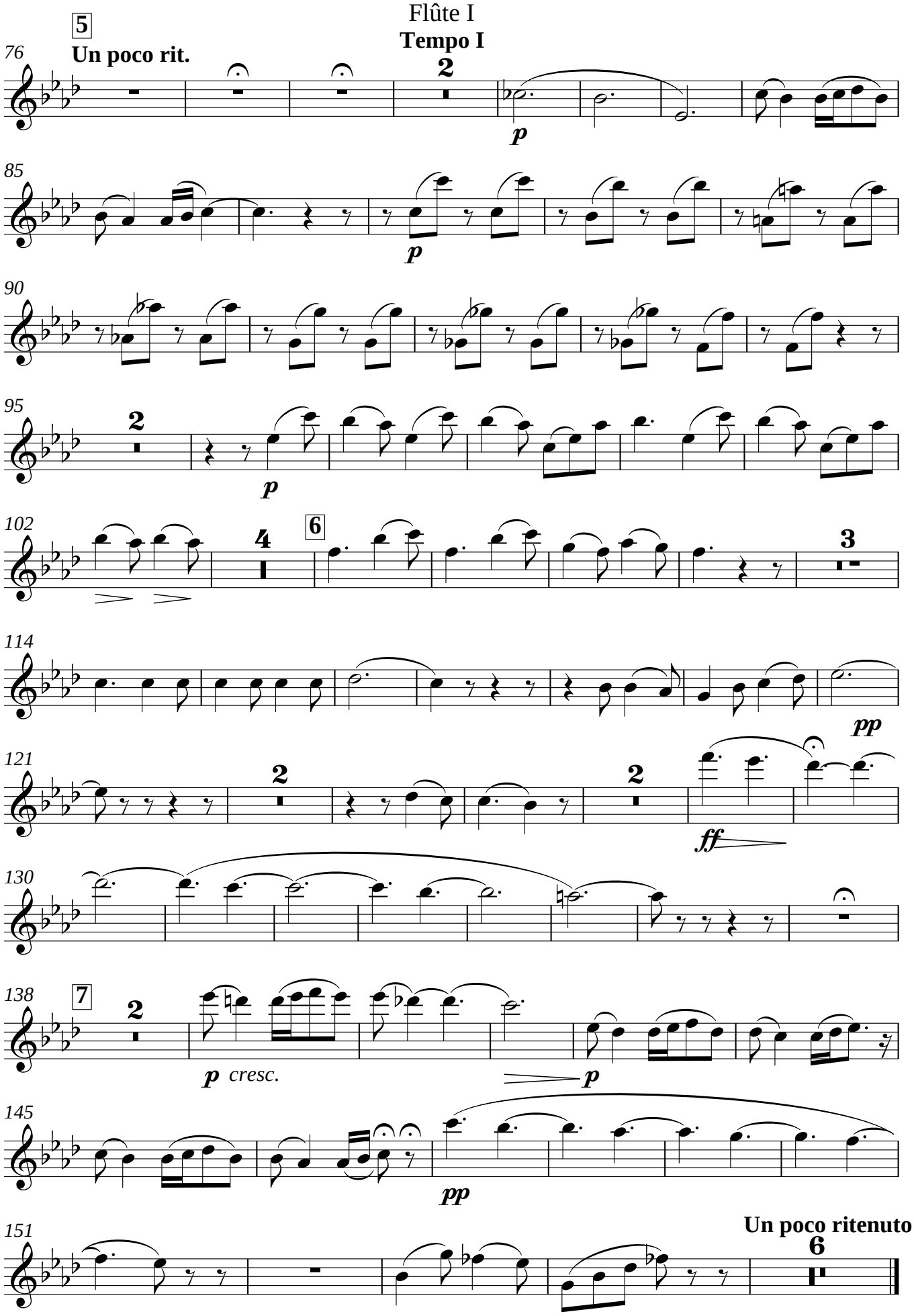
5
Un poco rit.
Tempo I
p
p
p
6
pp
ff
7
p cresc.
p
pp
Un poco ritenuto

Flûte II

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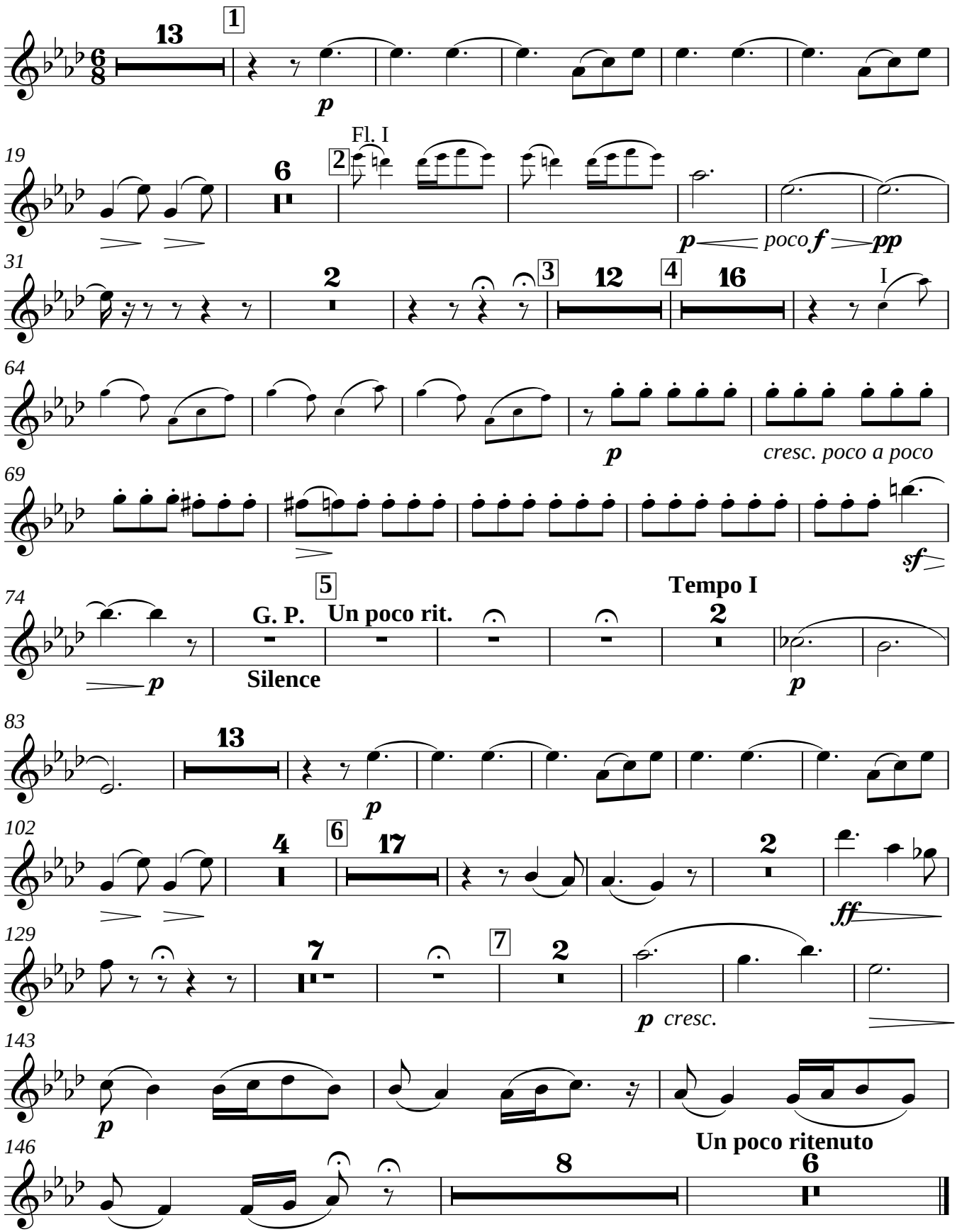


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Cor anglais

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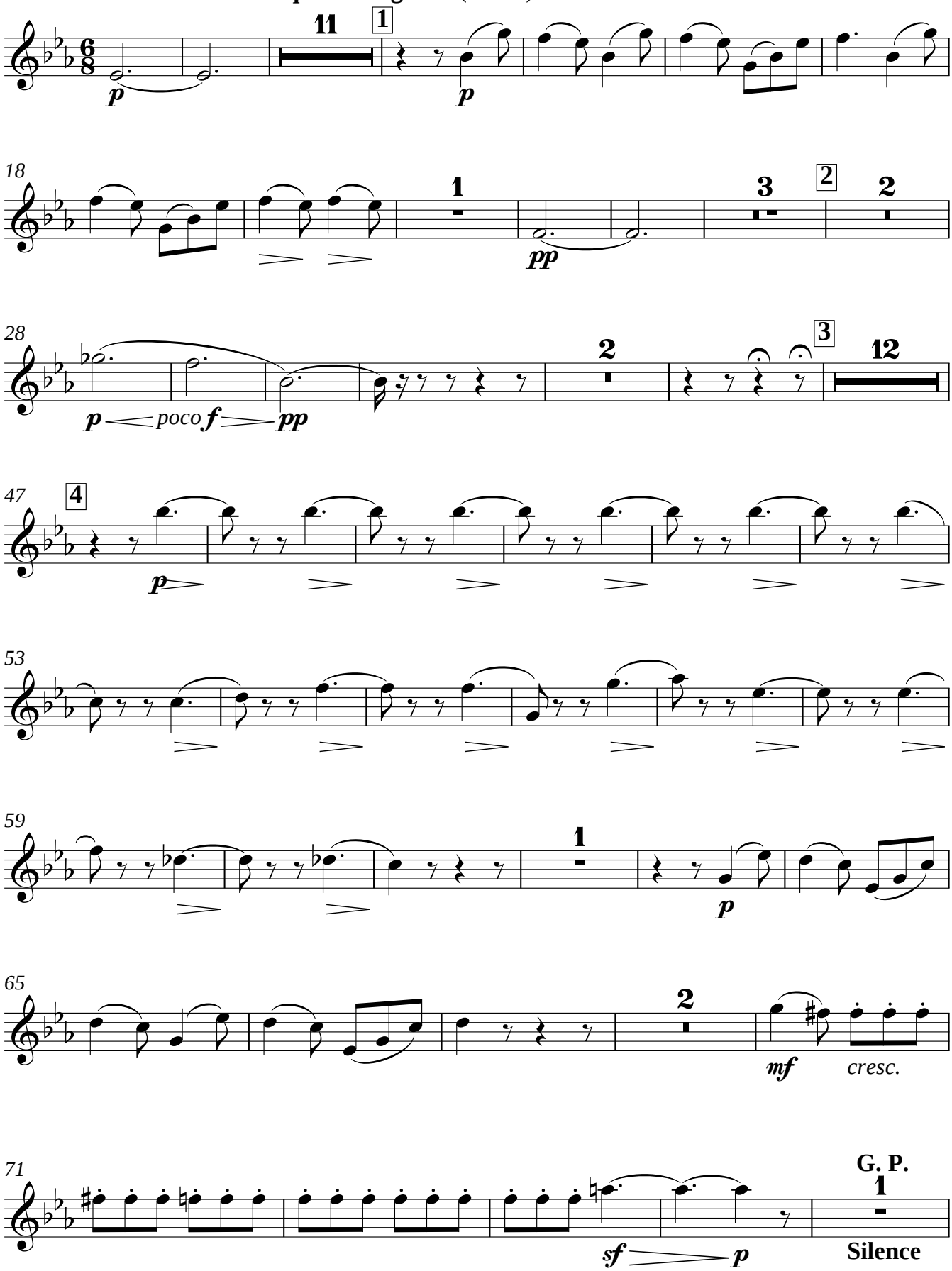


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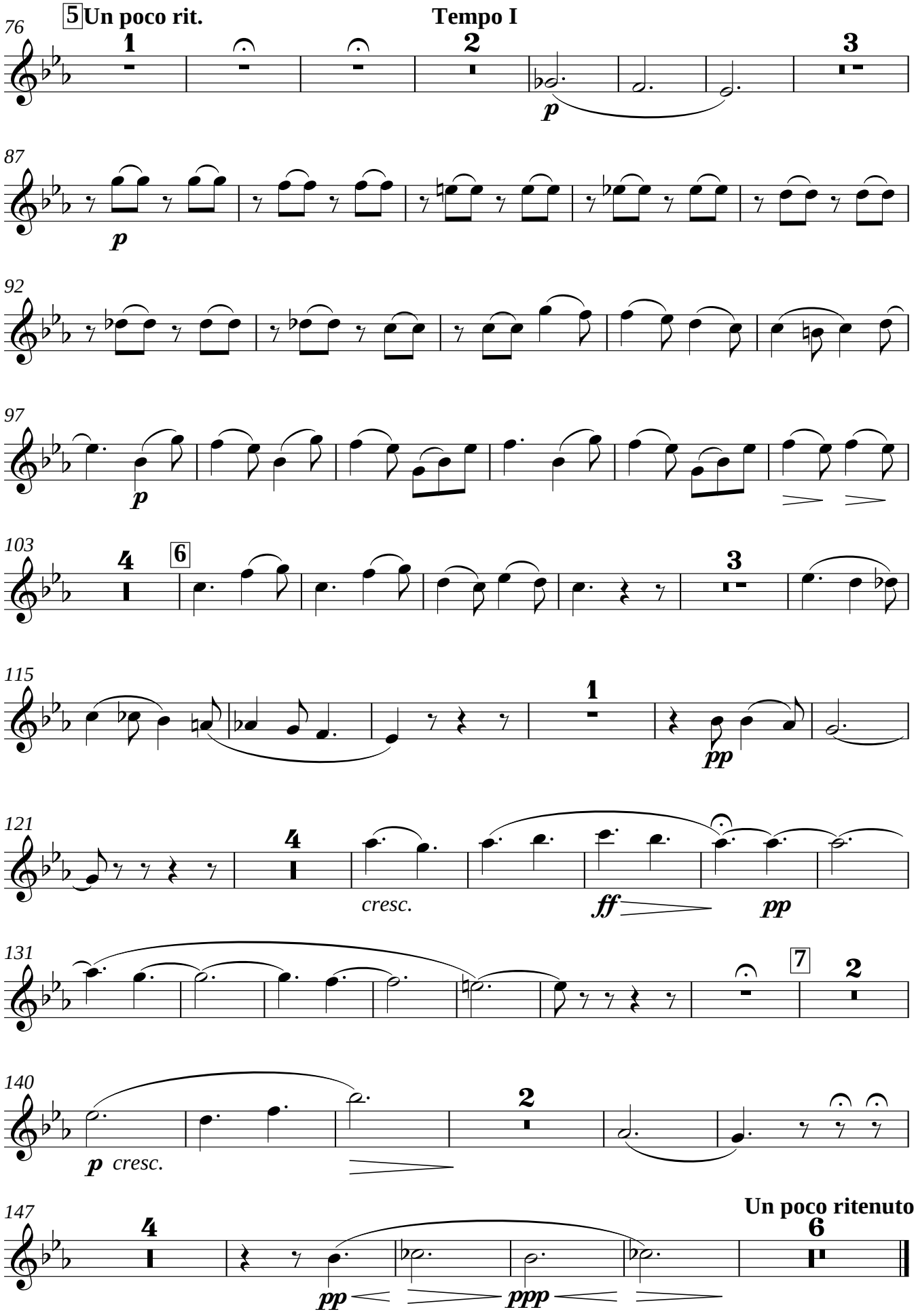
5 Un poco rit.
Tempo I
76
87
92
97
103
115
121
131
140
147
p
cresc.
ff
pp
ppp
Un poco ritenuto

Clarinette I (en Si♭)

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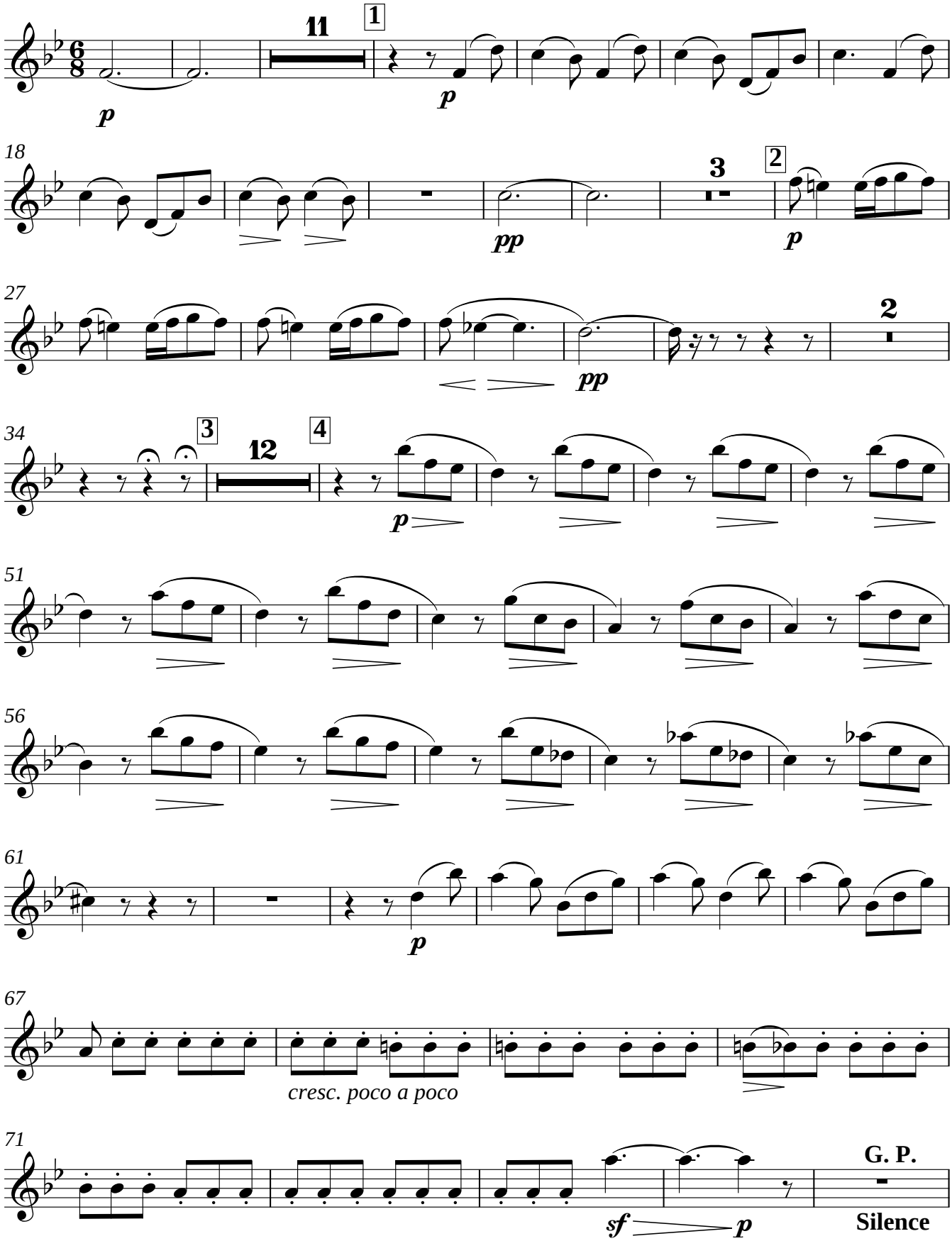


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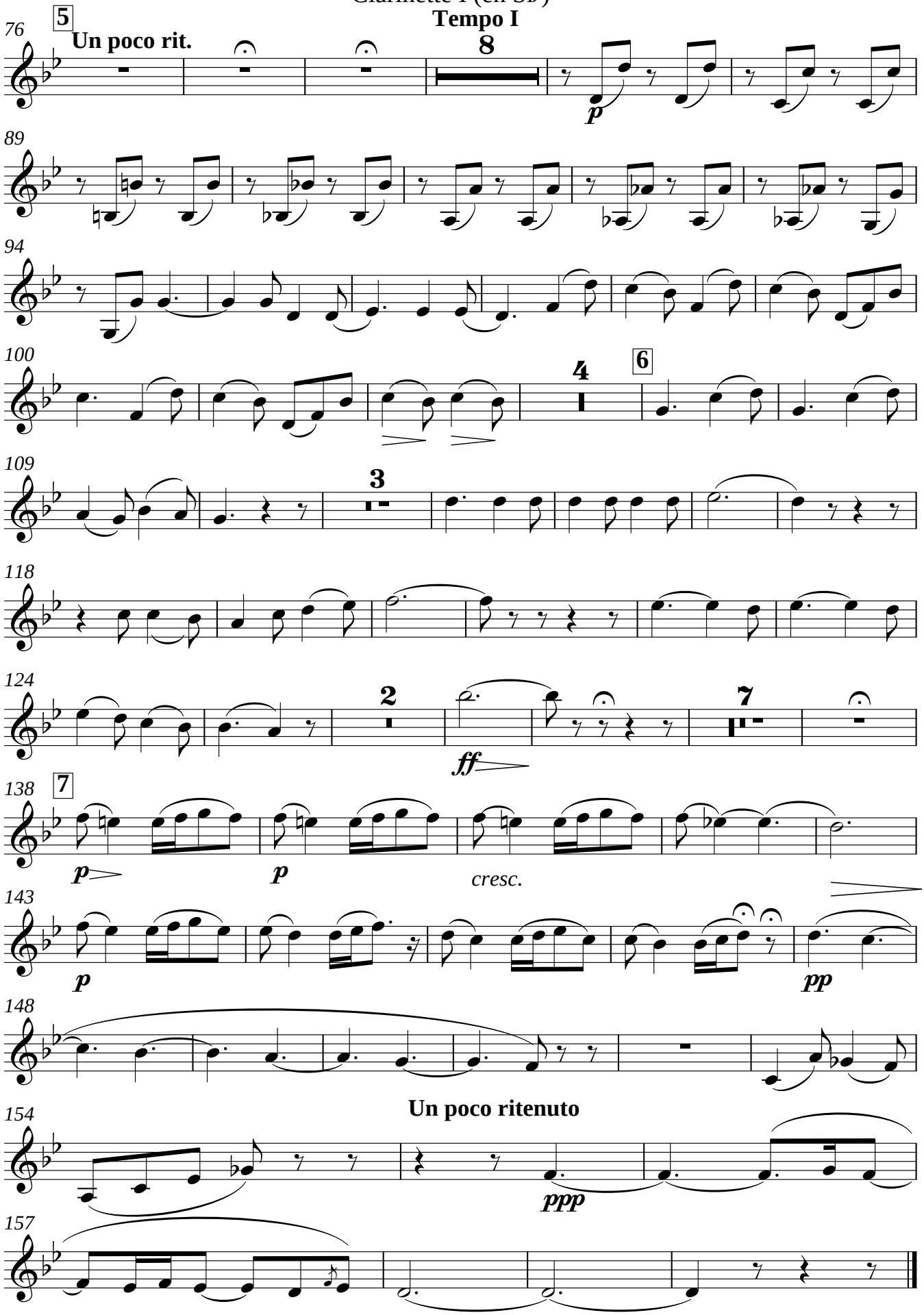
Clarinette I (en Si♭)



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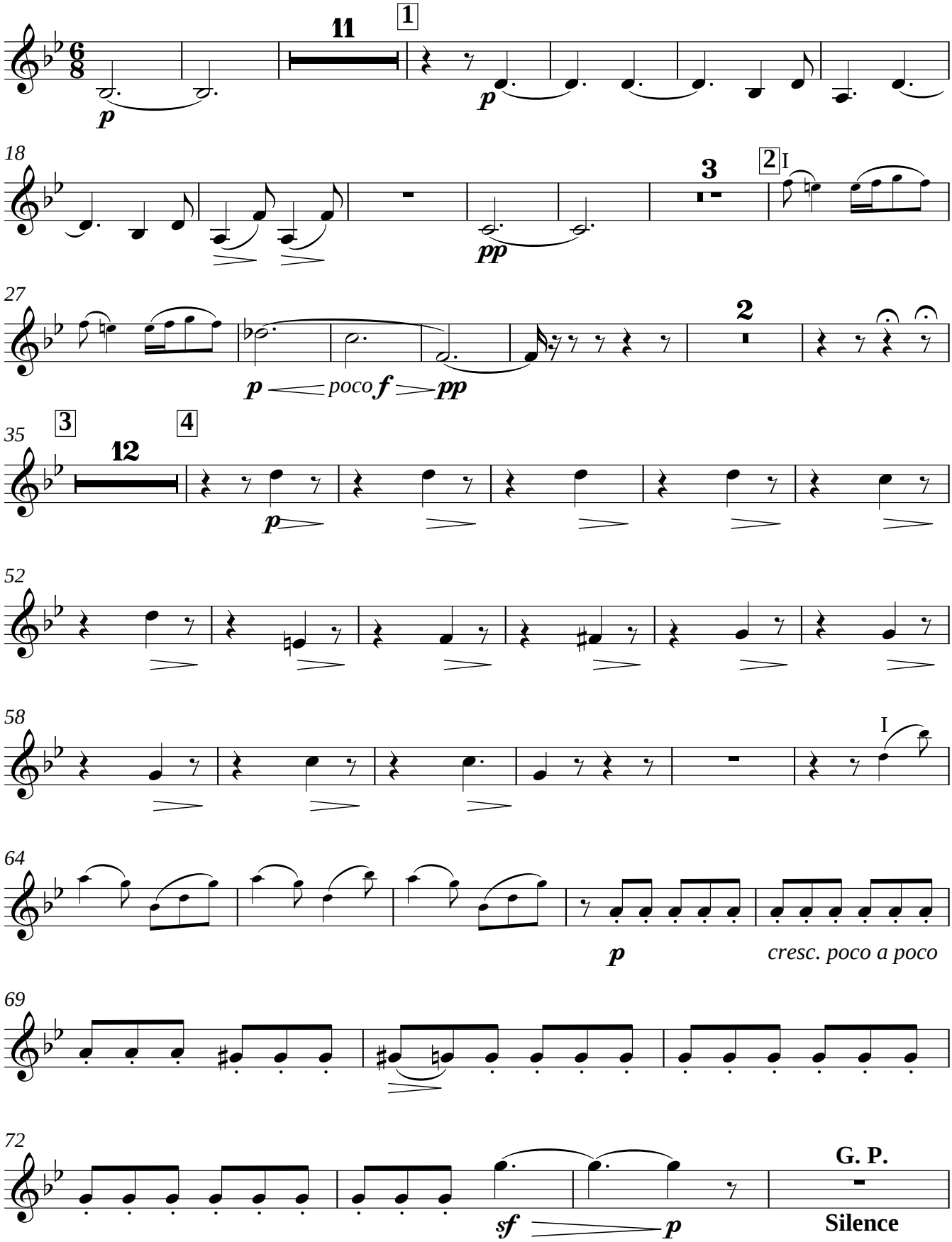


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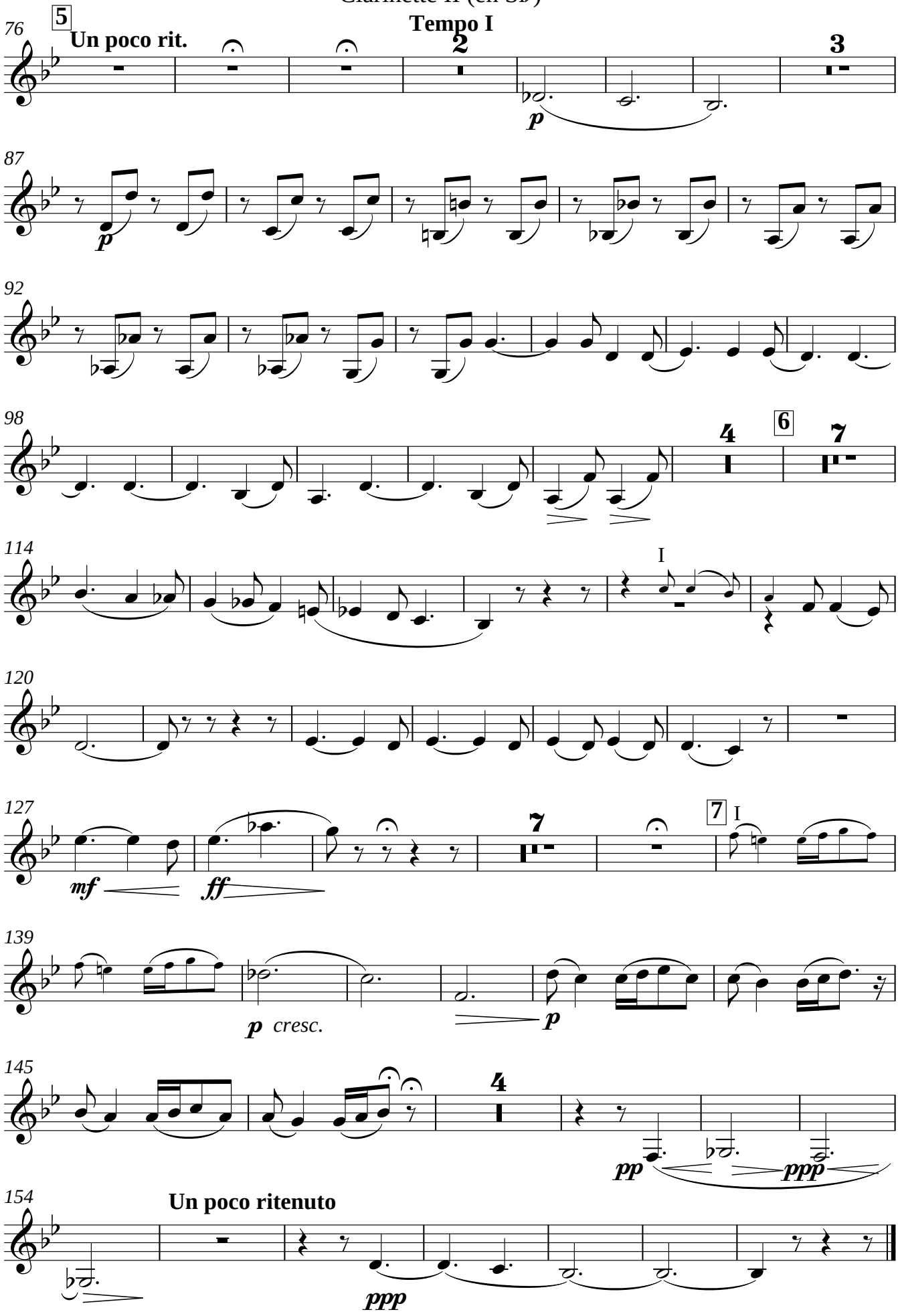
Clarinette II (en Si♭)



Cor I (en La♭ alto)

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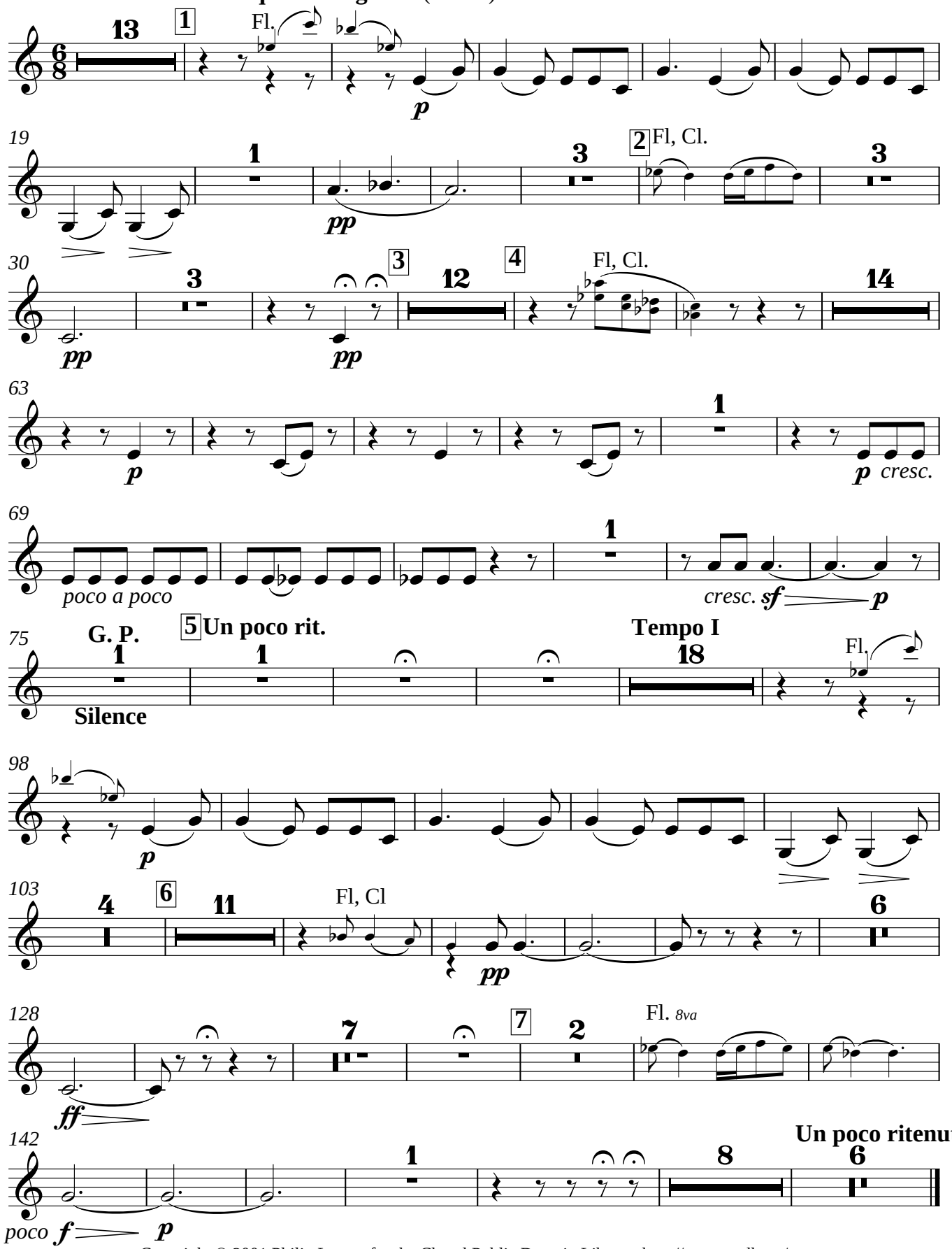


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Cor I (en Fa)

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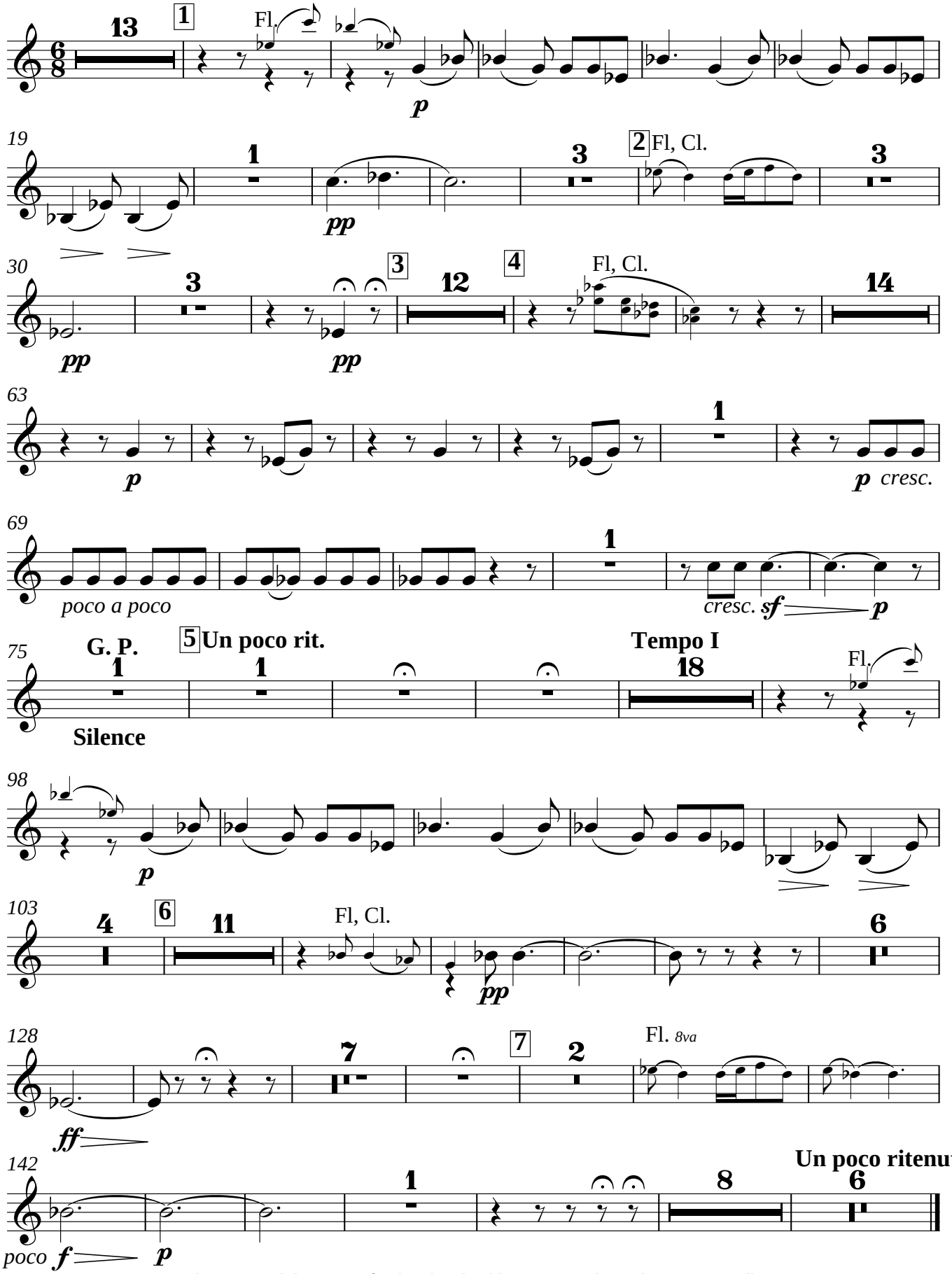


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Cor II (en Mi♭)

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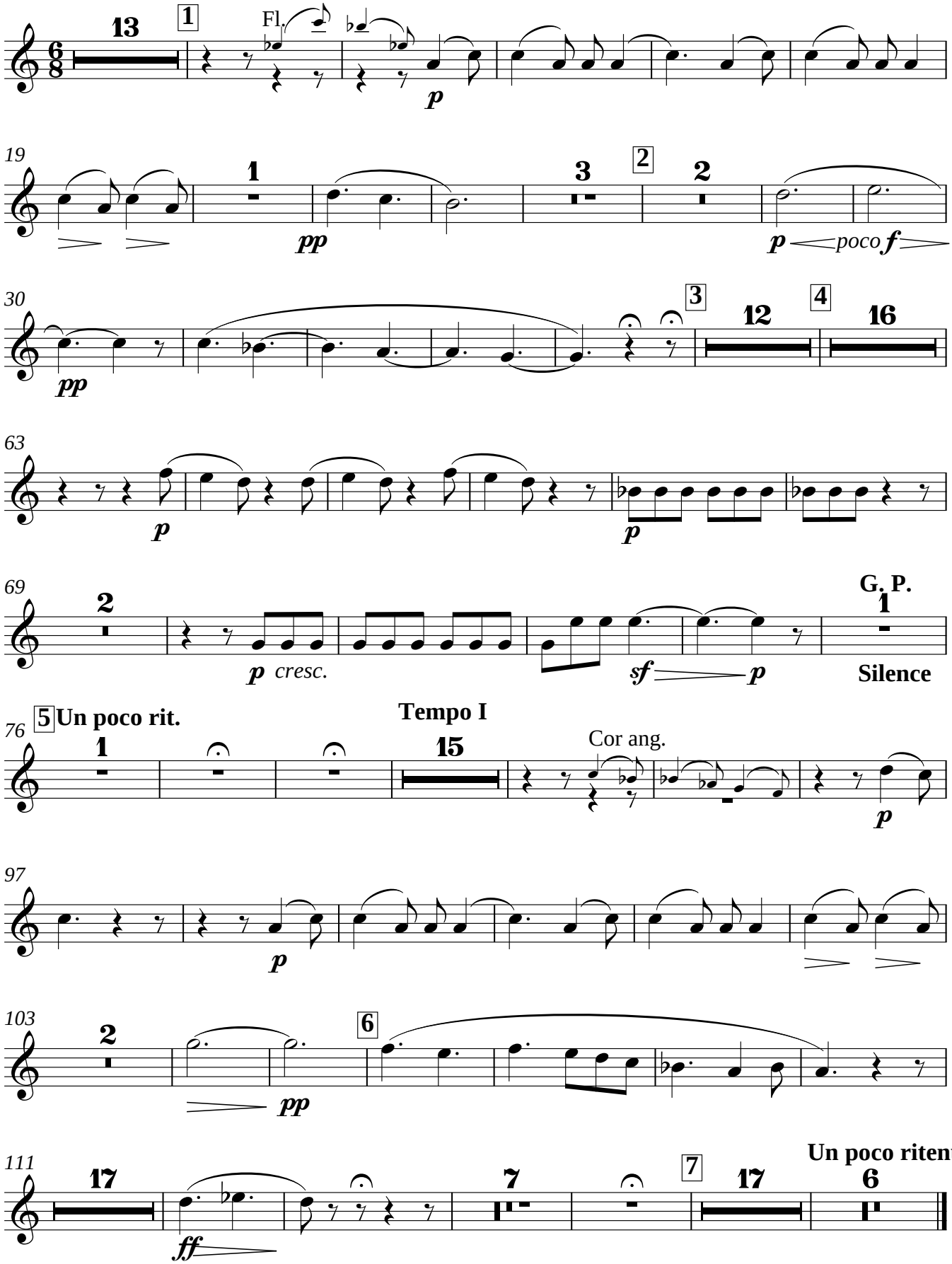


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Cor II (en Fa)

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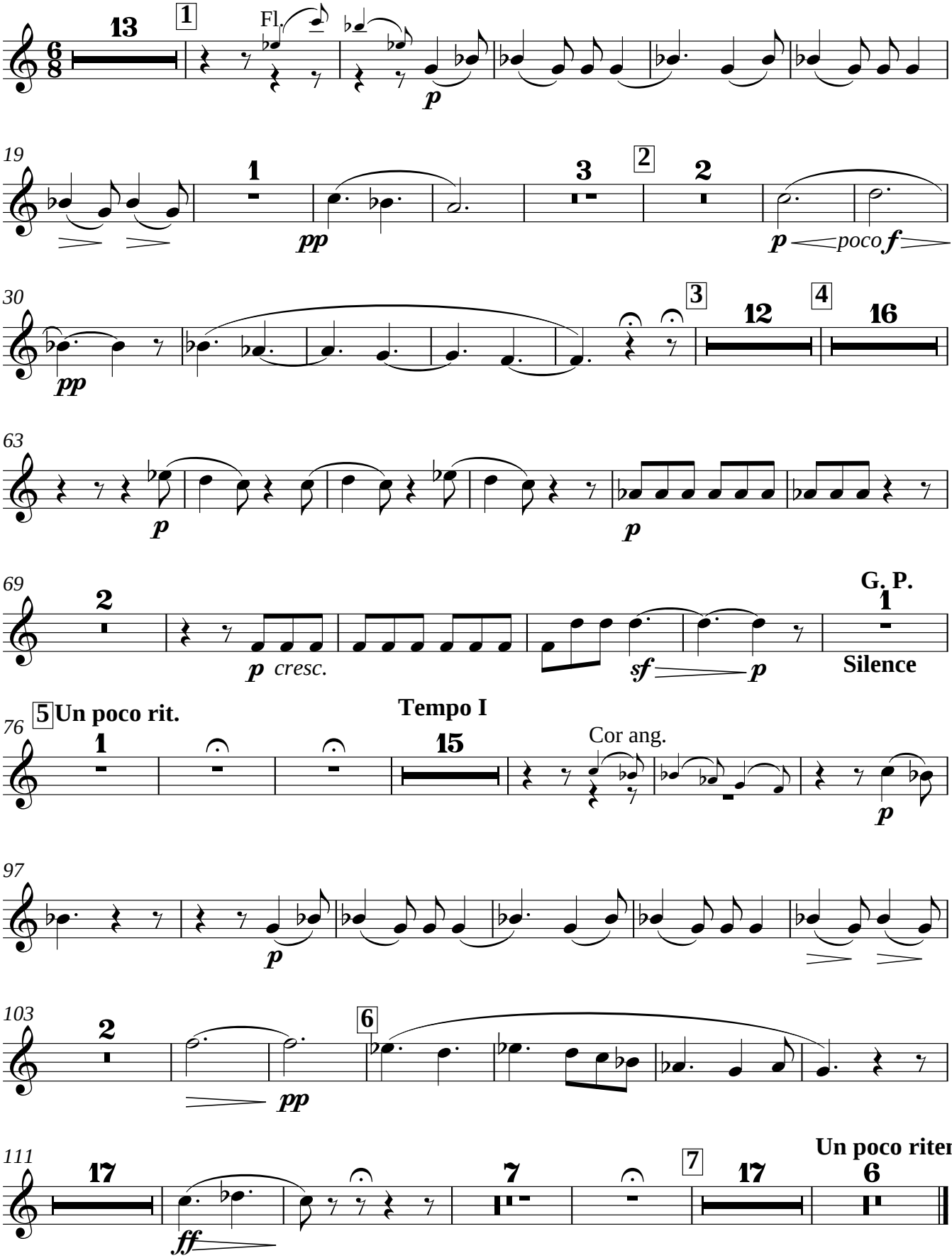


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Cor III (en Mi♭)

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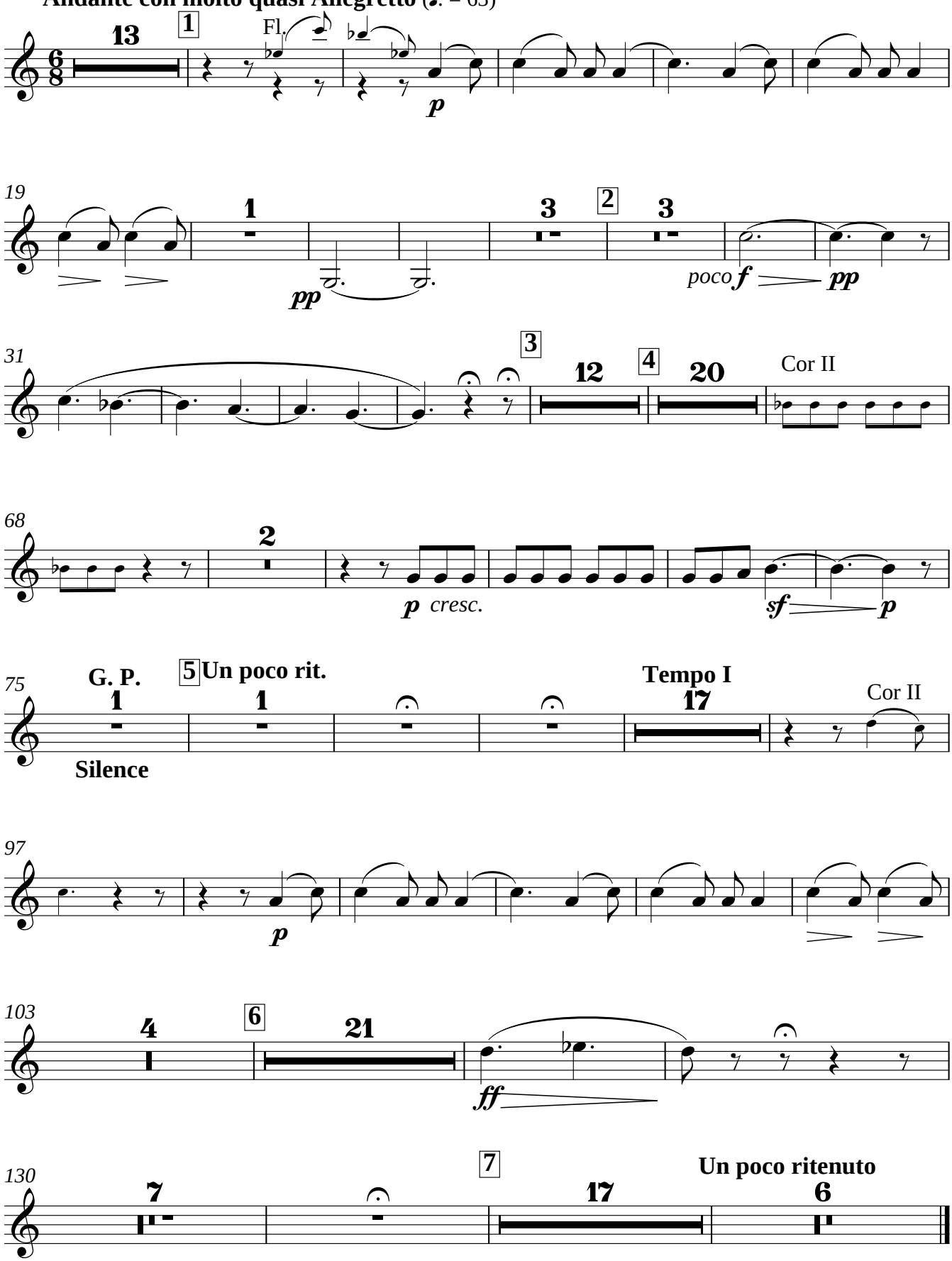


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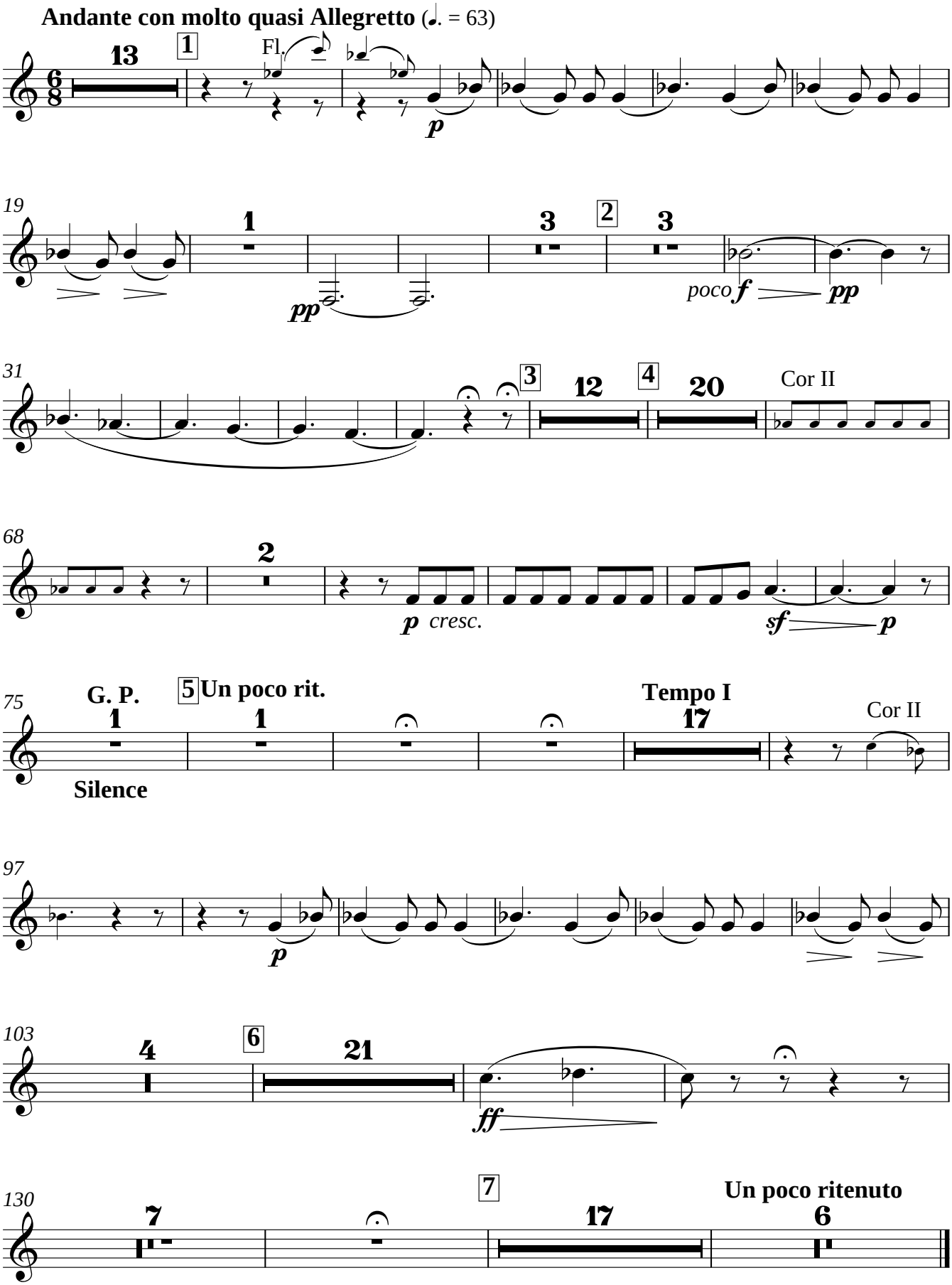


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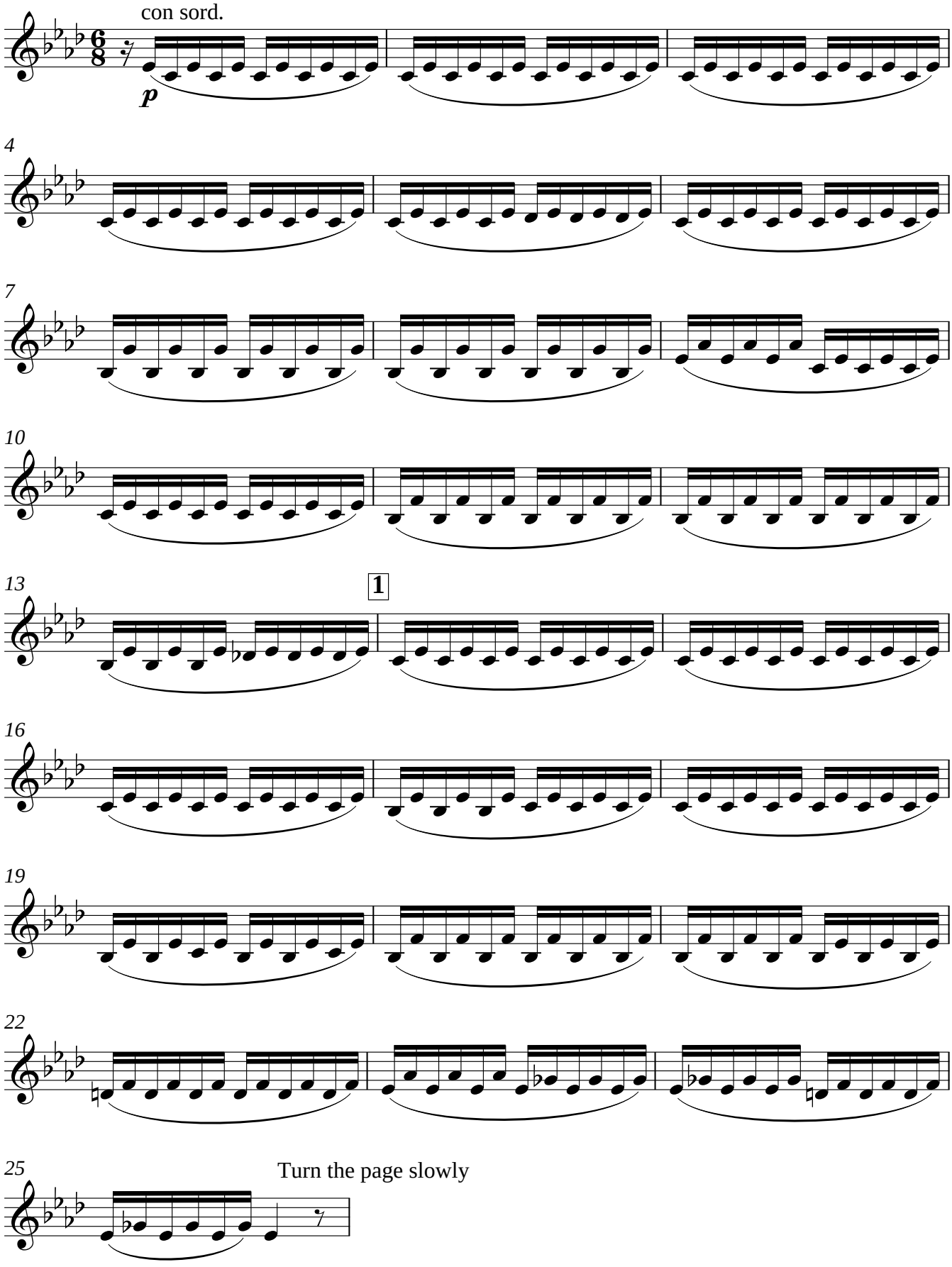


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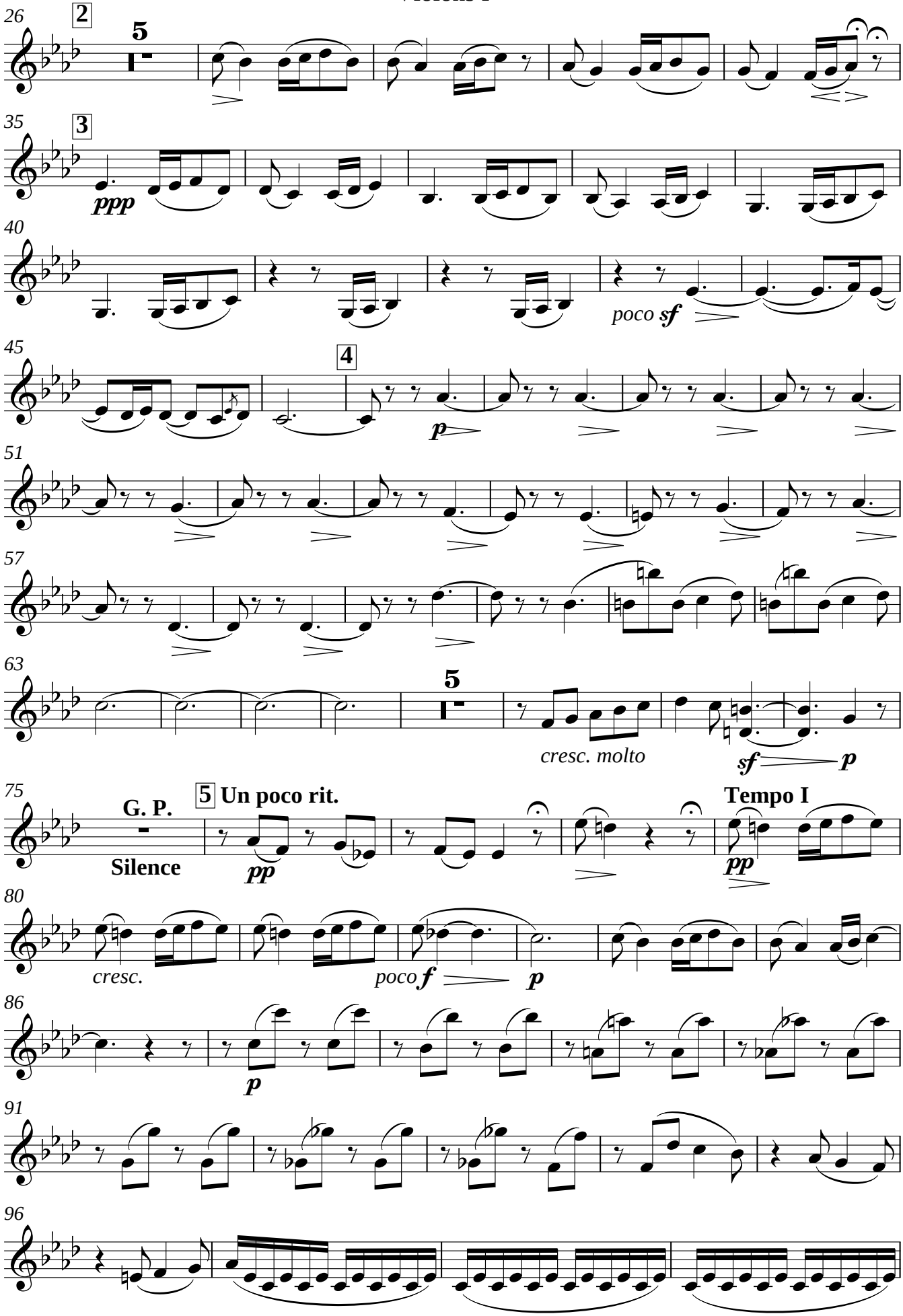
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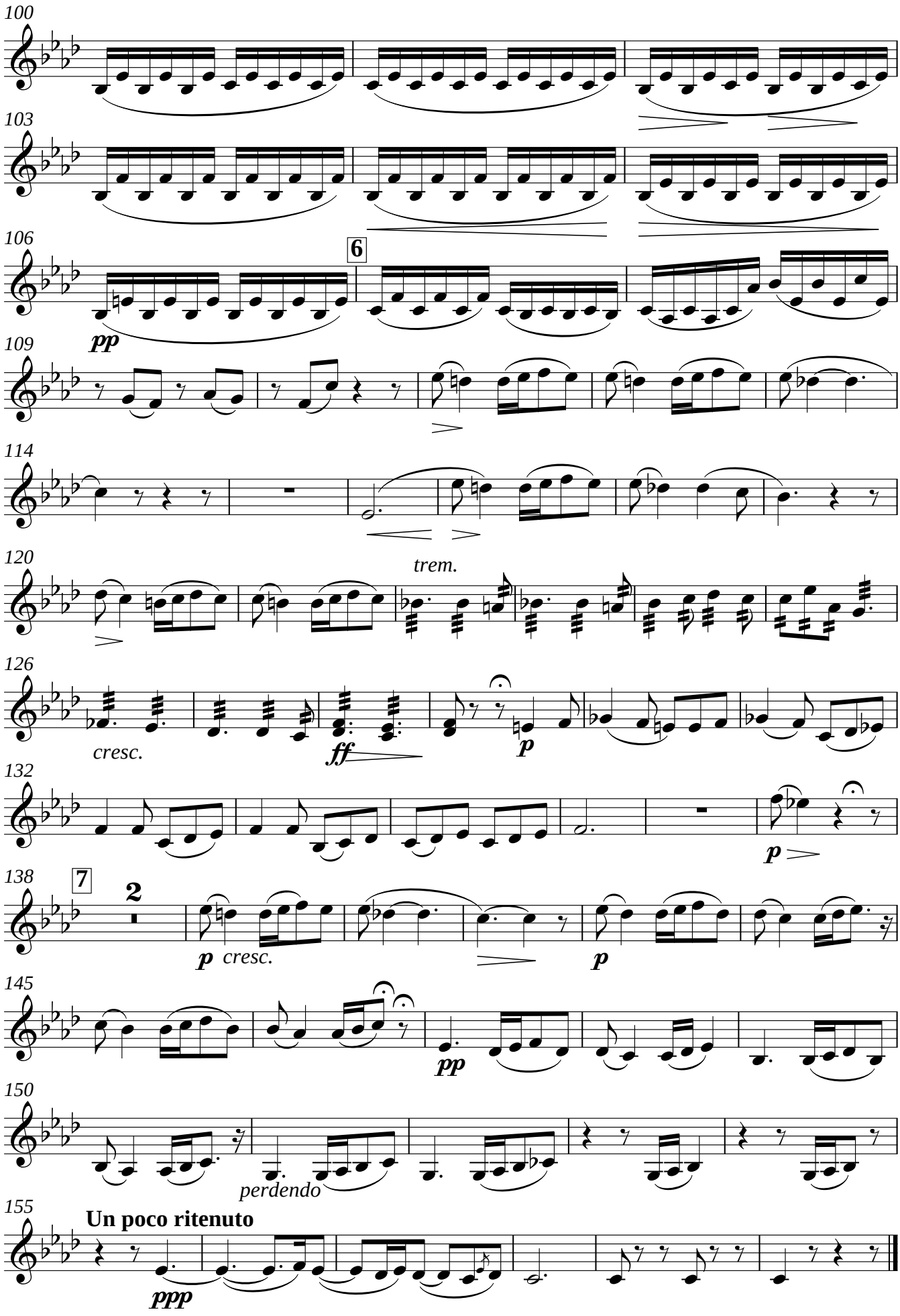
2
5
35
3
ppp
40
poco sf
45
4
p
51
57
63
5
cresc. molto
sf
p
75
G. P.
Silence
5 Un poco rit.
pp
Tempo I
pp
80
cresc.
poco f
p
86
p
91
96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103
106
6
pp
109
114
120
trem.
126
cresc.
ff
p
132
p
138
7
2
p cresc.
p
145
pp
150
perdendo
155
Un poco ritenuto
ppp

Violons II

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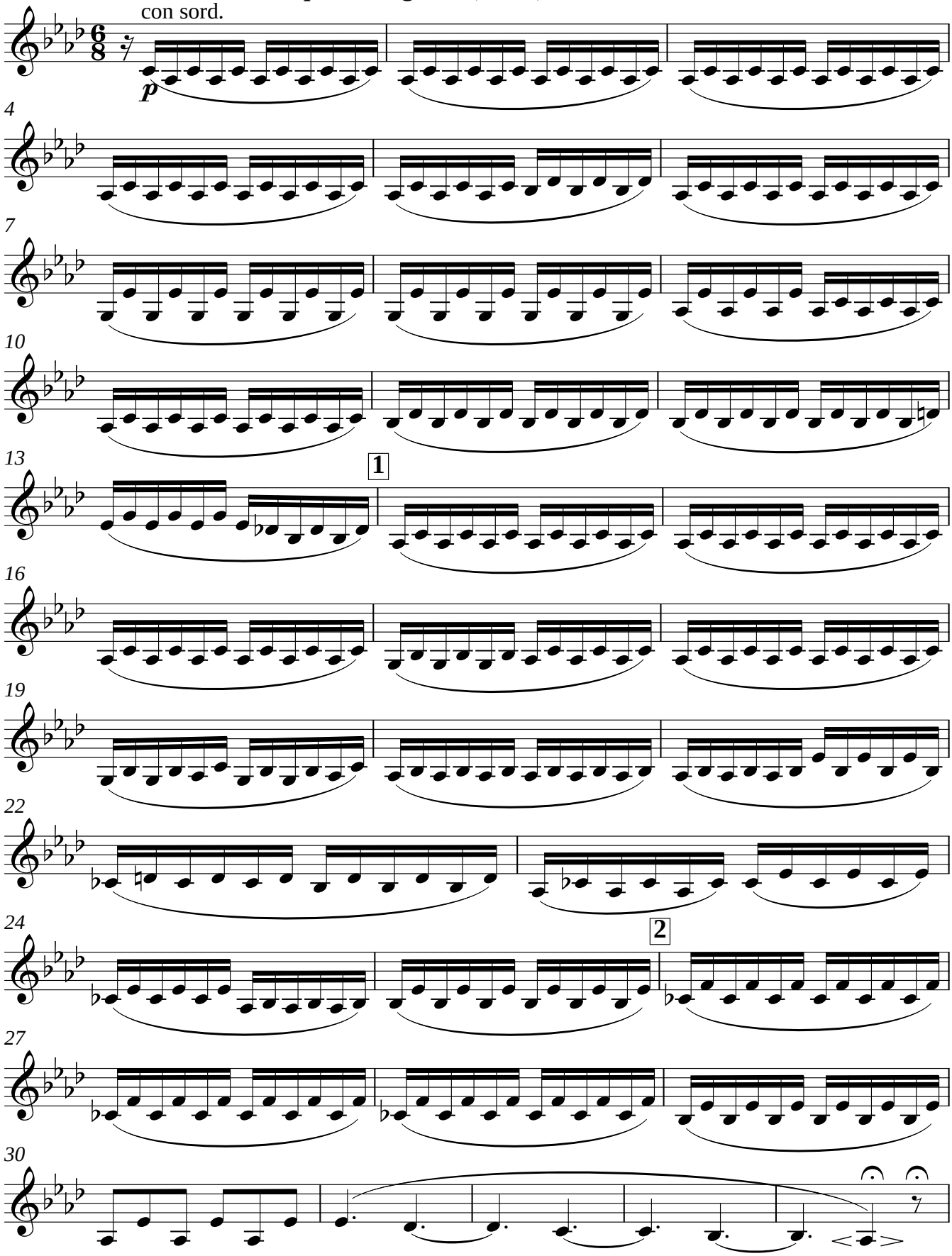
con sord.

*p*

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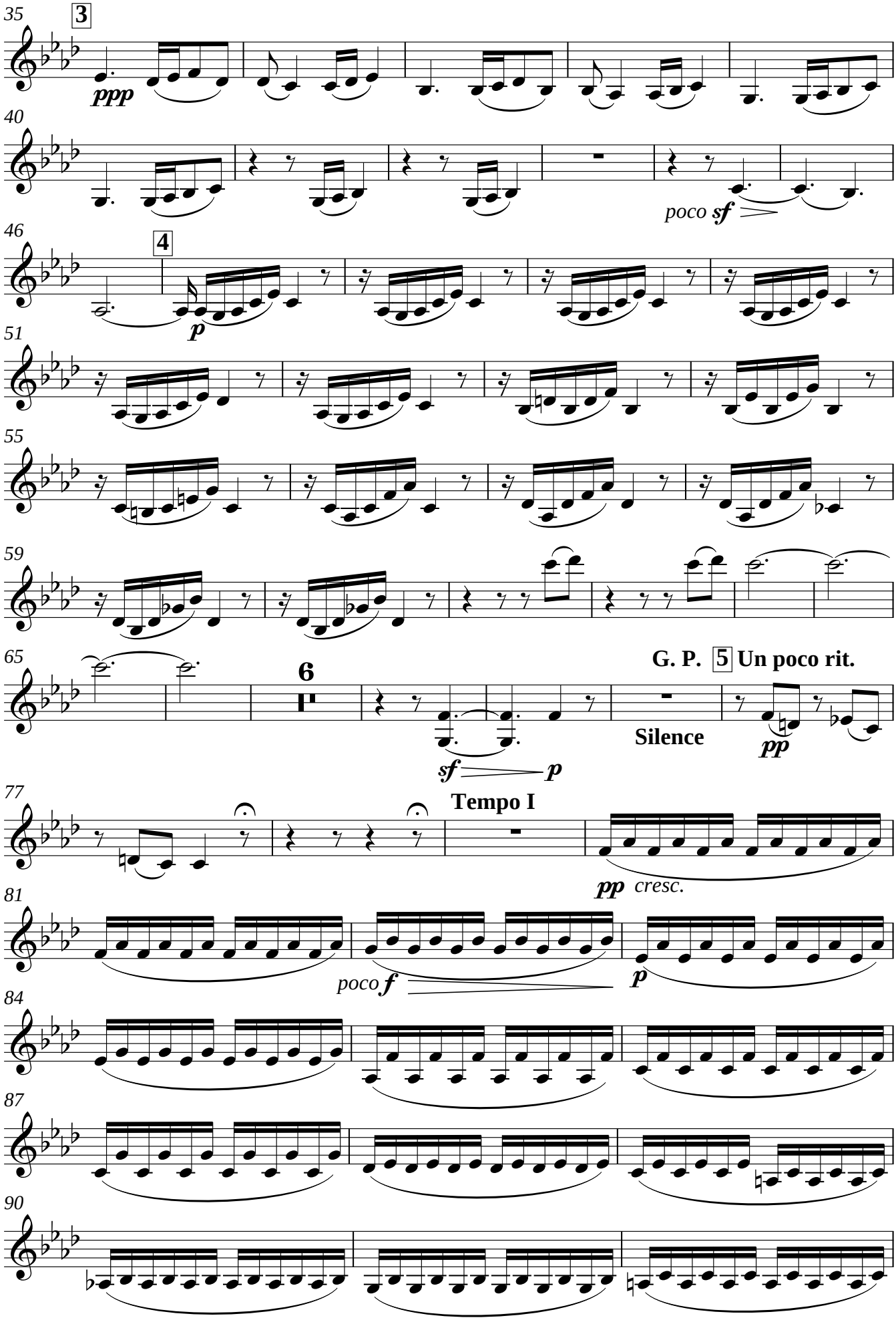
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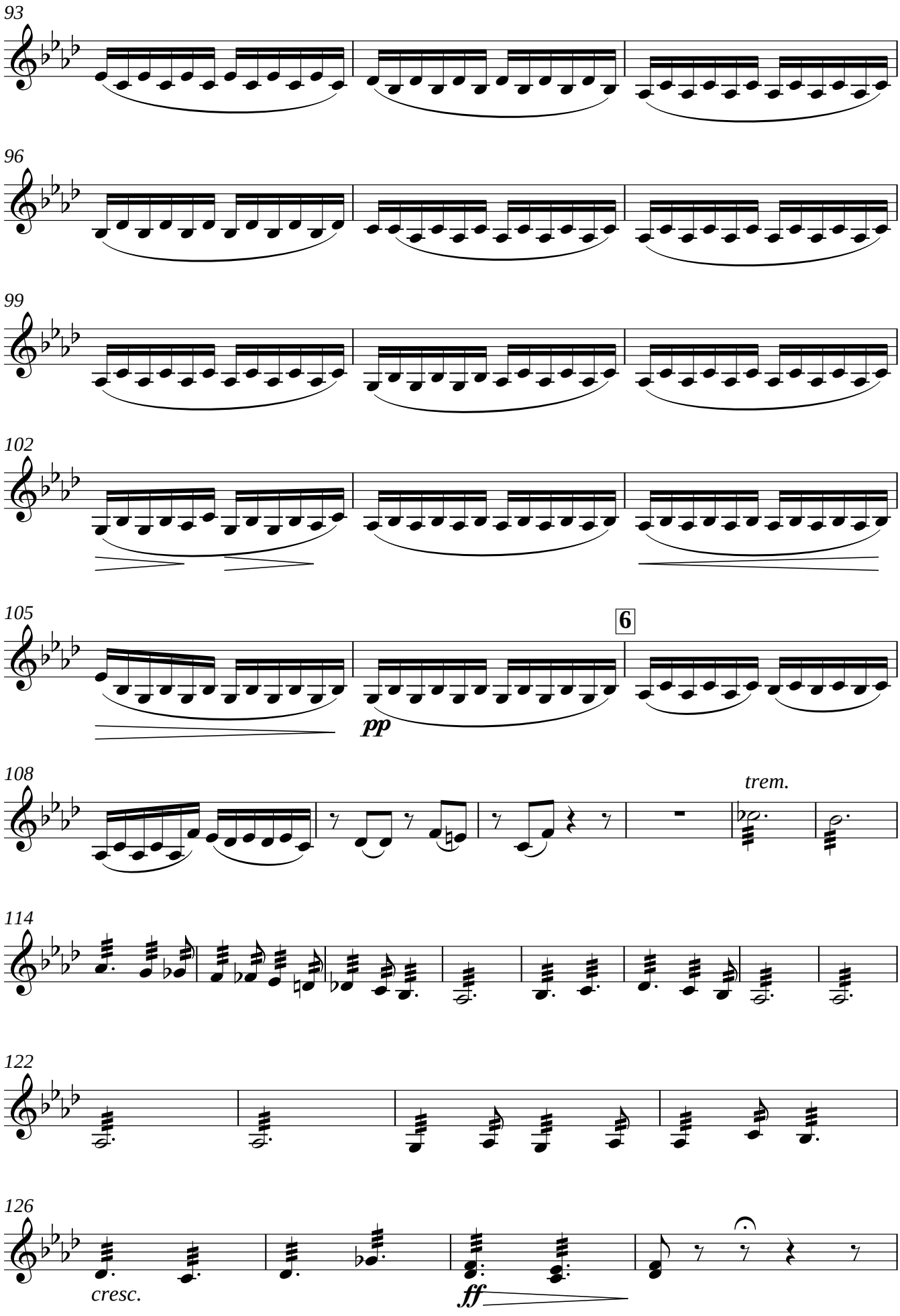
3
ppp
40
poco sf
46
4
p
51
55
59
65
6
G. P.
5
Un poco rit.
Silence
pp
sf
p
77
Tempo I
pp cresc.
81
poco f
p
84
87
90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6
pp
108
trem.
114
122
126
cresc.
ff

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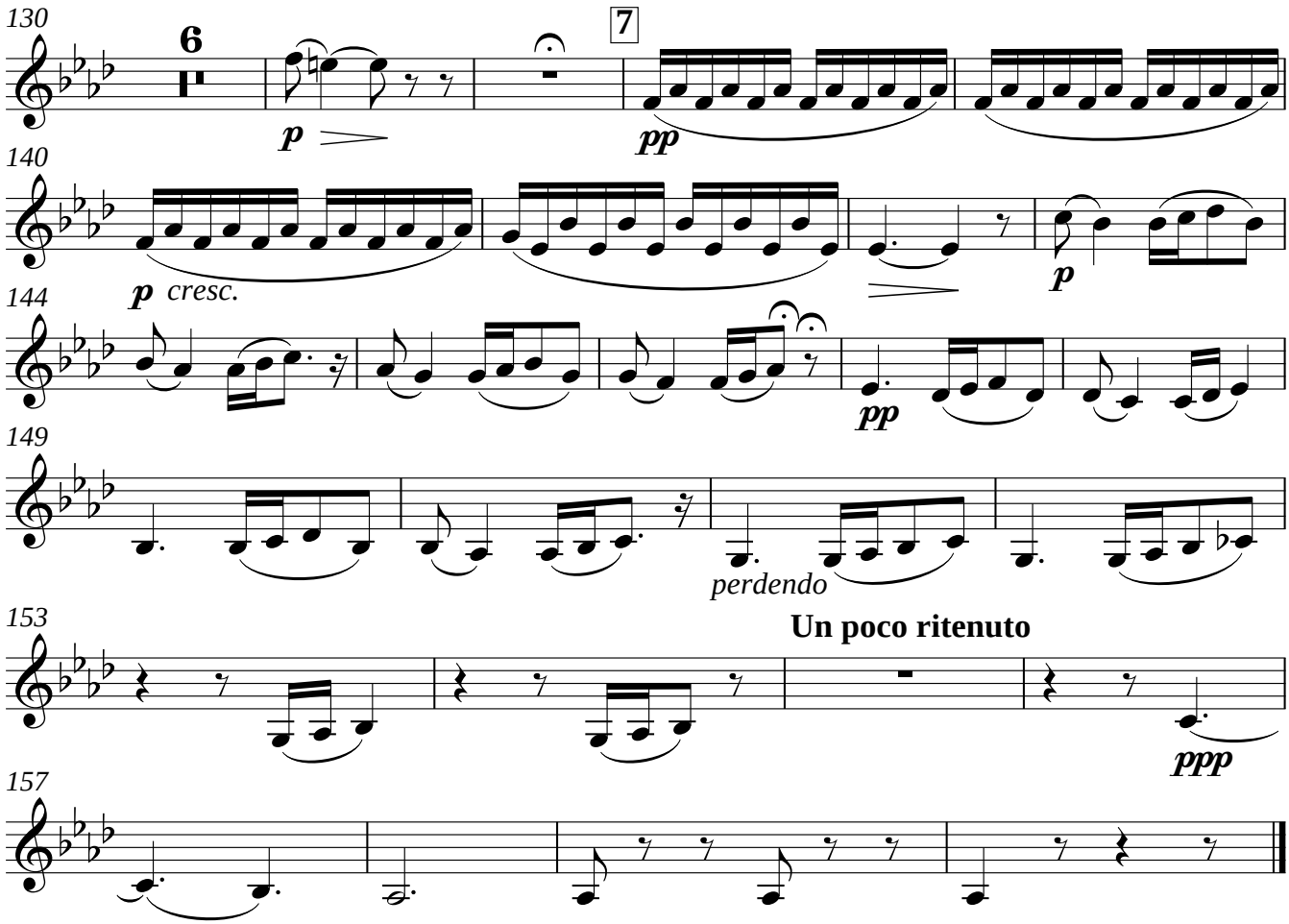
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6
p
7
pp
140
p cresc.
p
144
pp
149
perdendo
153
Un poco ritenuto
ppp
157

Altos

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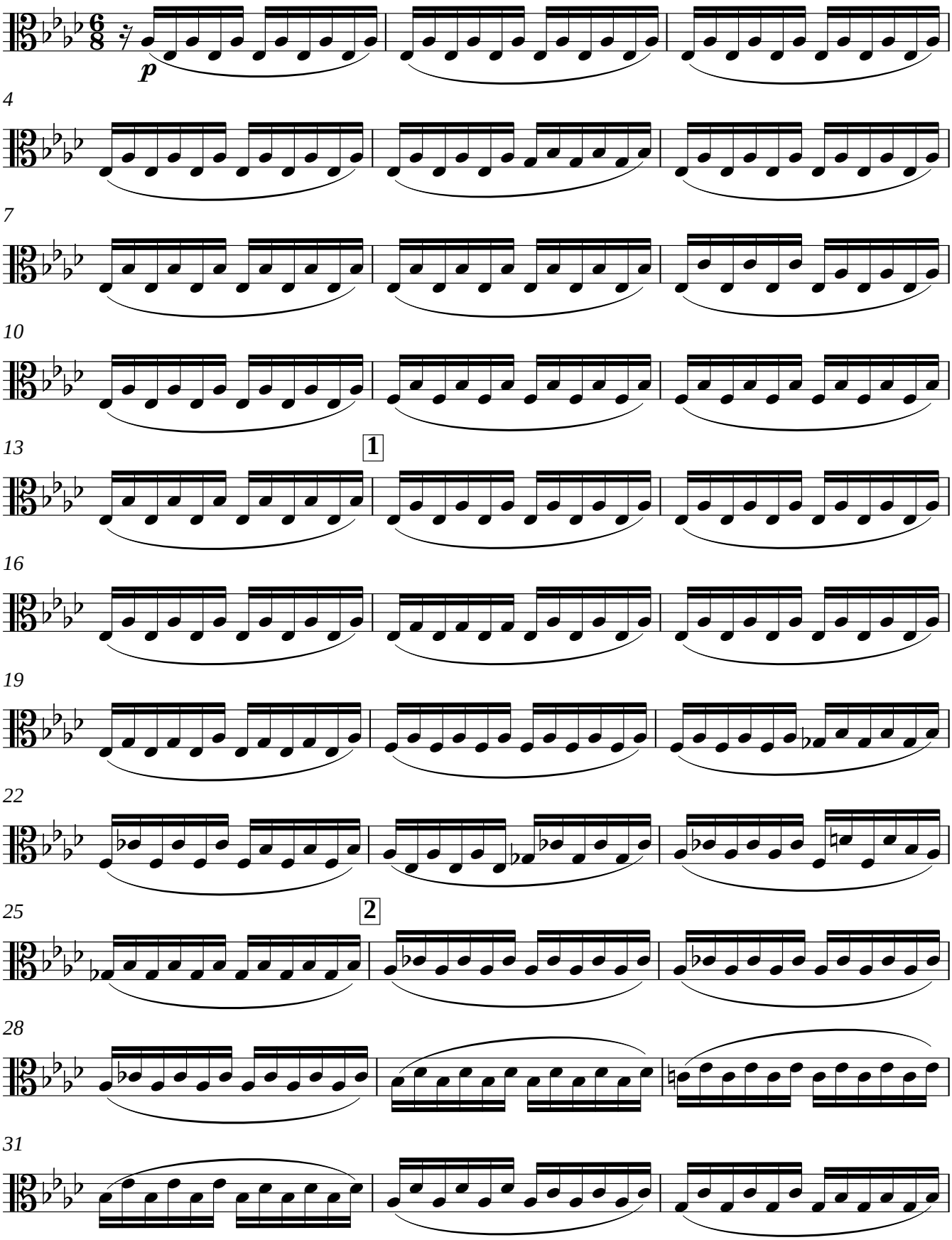
con sord.

*p*

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# Altos

34

3

*ppp*

37

40

2

47

4

*p*

51

55

59

62

65

*p*

69

*cresc.*

73

**G. P.**

5 **Un poco rit.**

*sf* *p*

**Silence**

*pp*

78

**Tempo I**

4

*p*

85

88

91

94

97

100

103

106

6

*pp*

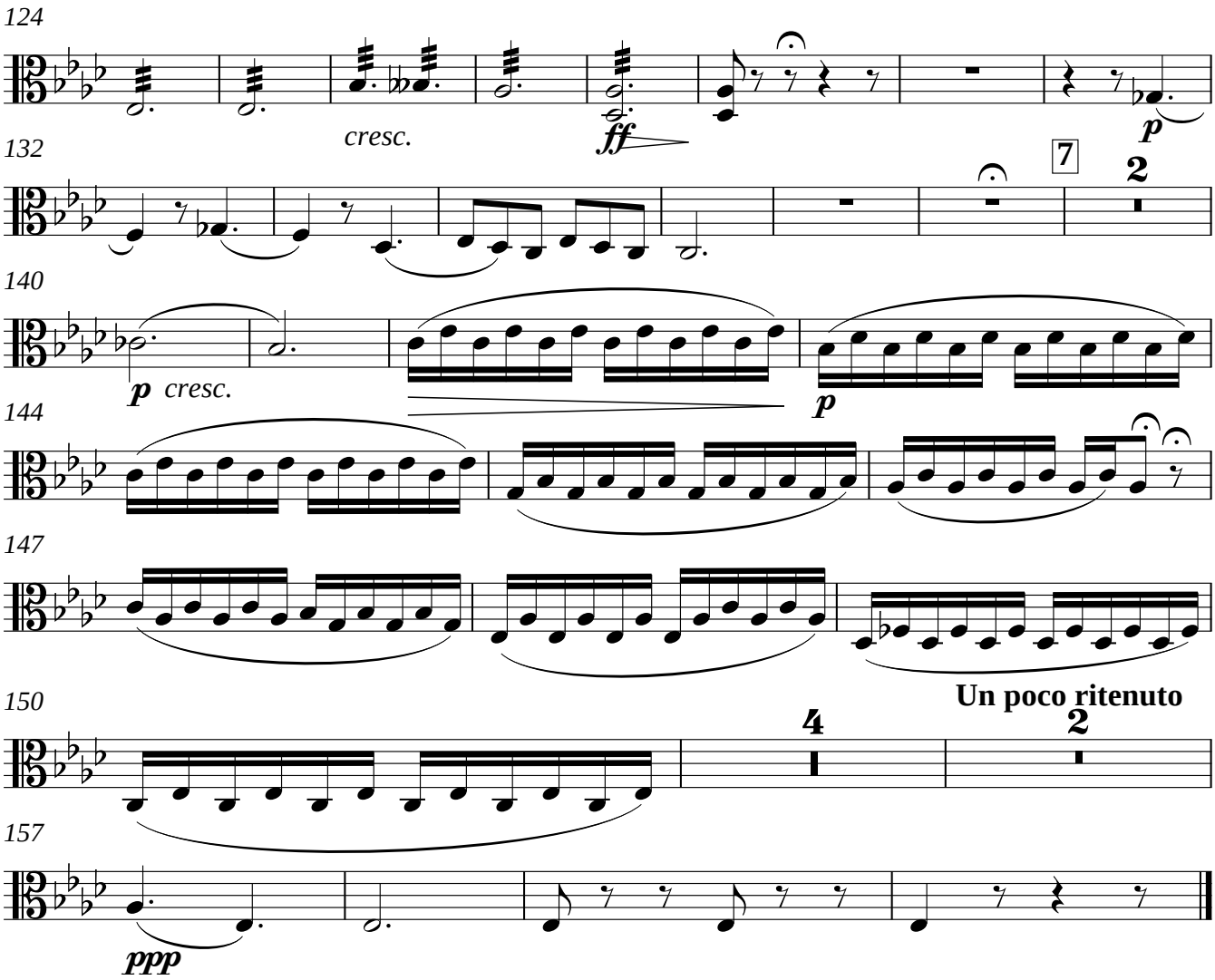
109

112

115

118

*trem.*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cresc.
ff
p
132
7
2
140
p cresc.
p
144
147
150
Un poco ritenuto
4
2
157
ppp

Violoncelles

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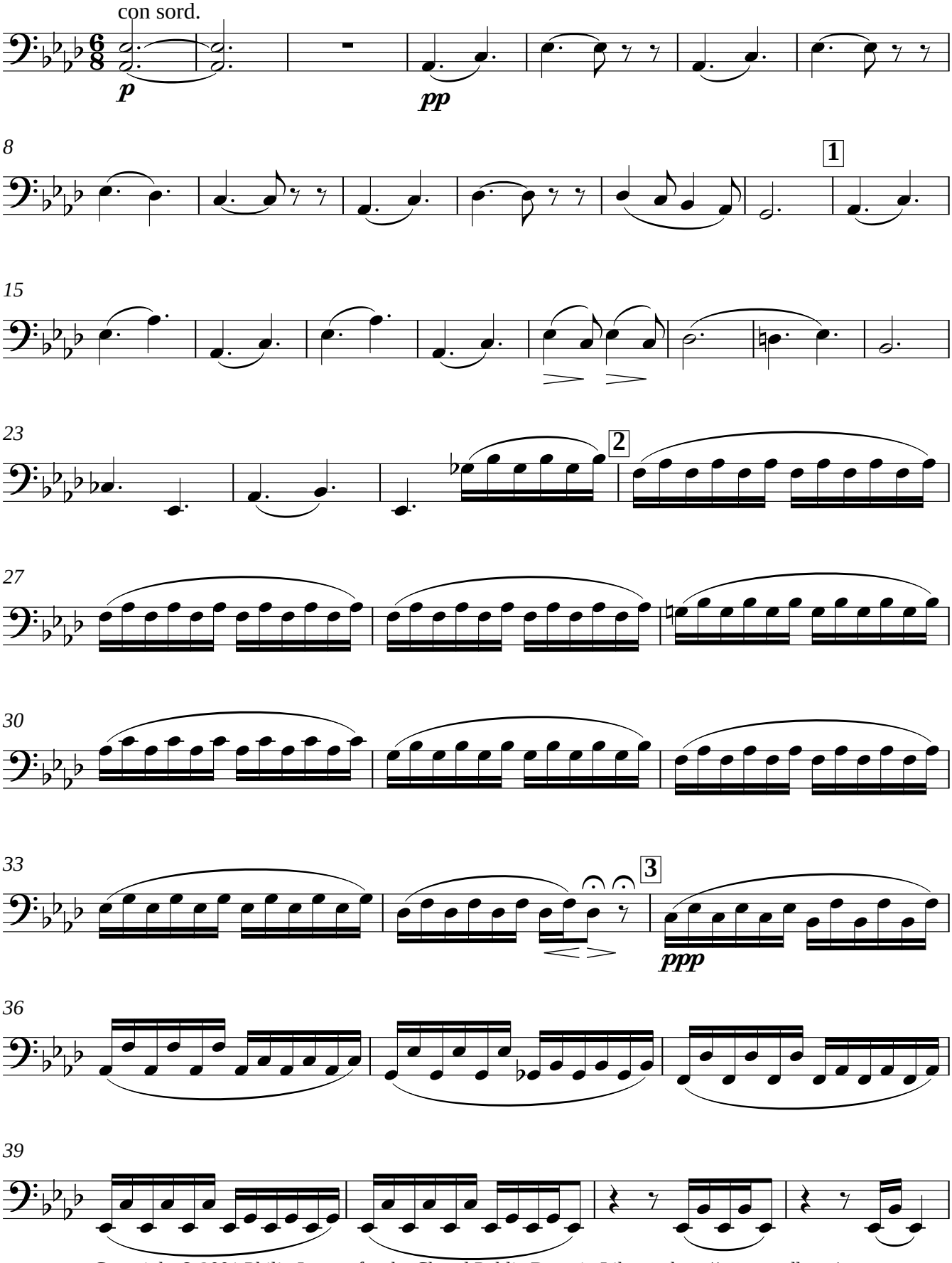


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# Violoncelles

43

2

4

*p*

50

54

58

62

65

*p*

69

*cresc.*

*sf* *p*

75

**G. P.** 5 **Un poco rit.**

**Silence**

*pp*

Tempo I

6

*p*

86

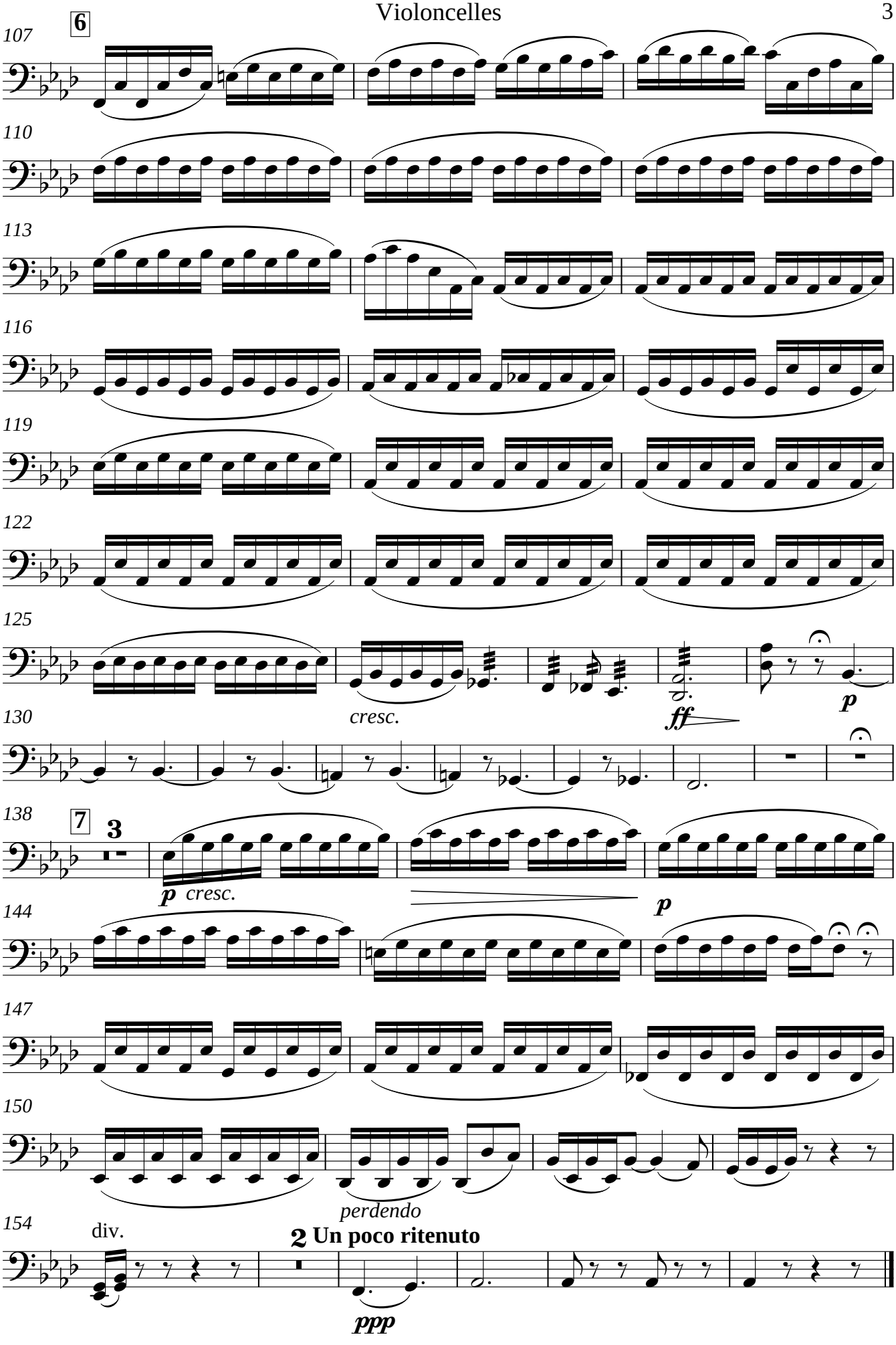
89

92

95

100

*pp*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110
113
116
119
122
125
cresc.
ff
p
130
7
3
138
p cresc.
p
144
147
150
perdendo
154
div.
2 Un poco ritenuto
ppp

Contrebasses

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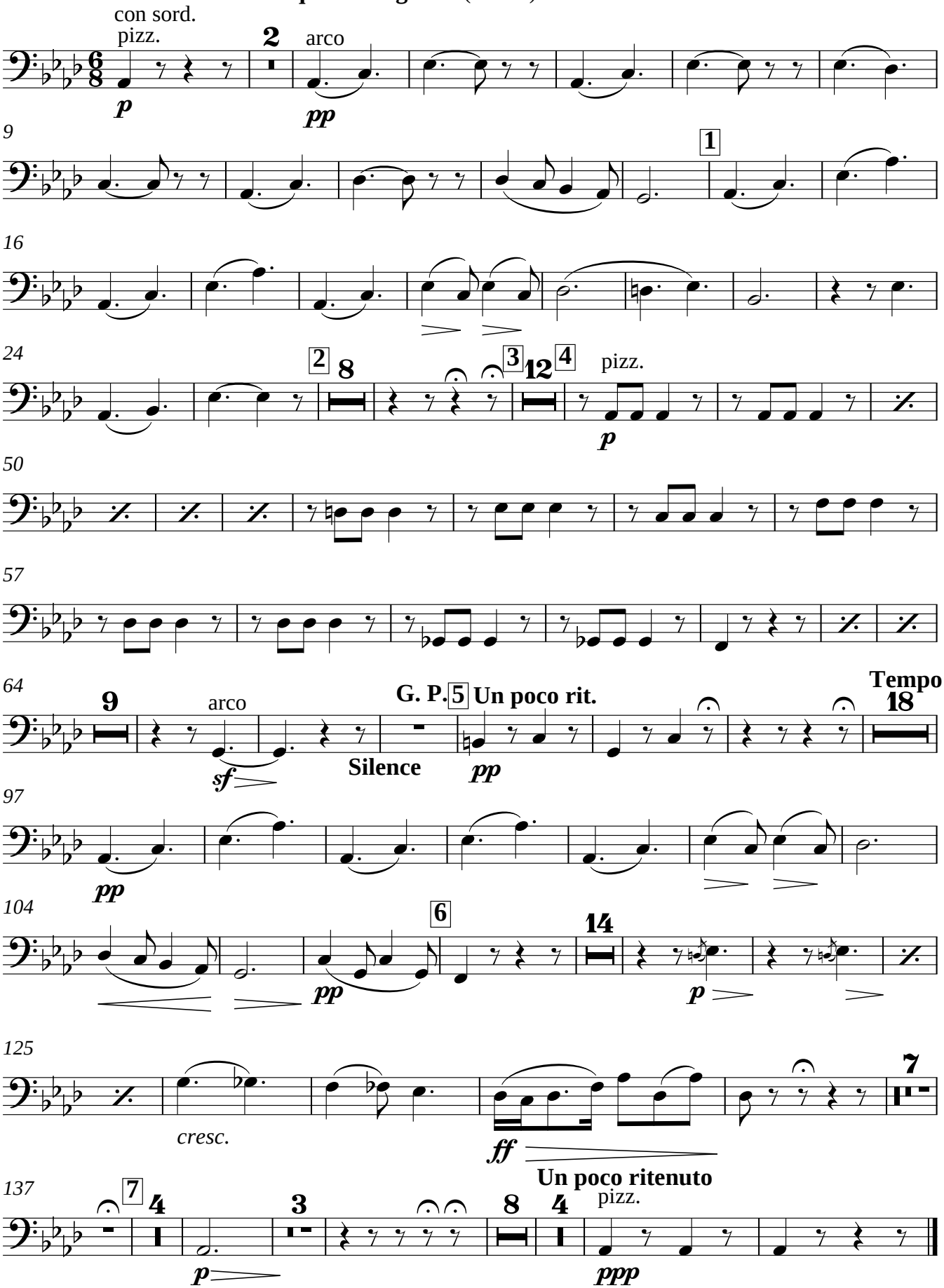


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… qui viderit illas
De lacrymis factas sentiet esse meas.
(Ovid)

# La mort d'Ophélie

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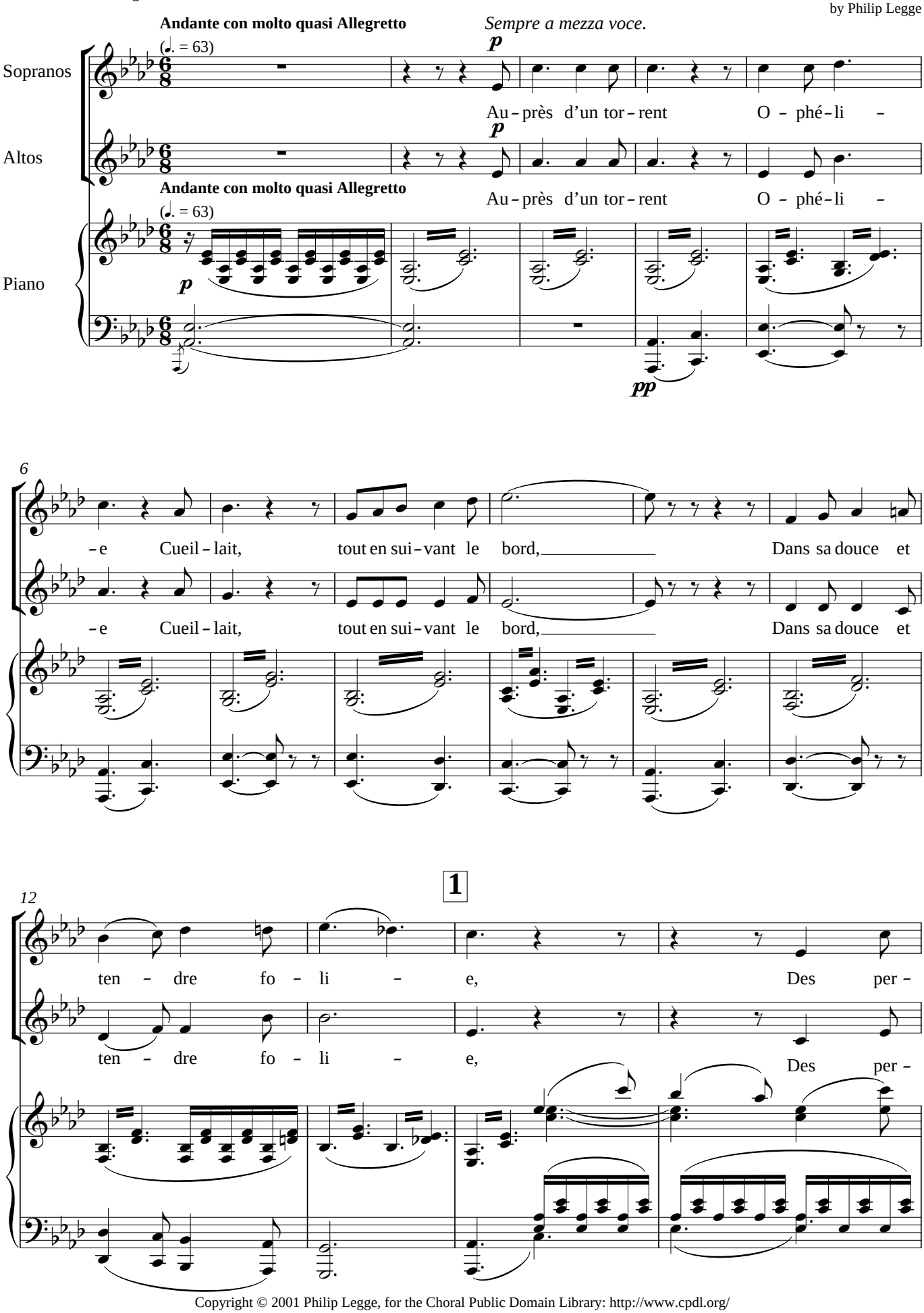


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16

ven – ches, des bou-tons d'or, Des i – ris aux cou-leurs d'o – pa – le,

ven – ches, des bou-tons d'or, Des i – ris aux cou-leurs d'o – pa – le,

20

*ppp*

Et de ces fleurs d'un ro – se pâ – le Qu'on ap – pel-le des doigts de mort.

*ppp*

Et de ces fleurs d'un ro – se pâ – le Qu'on ap – pel-le des doigts de mort.

26

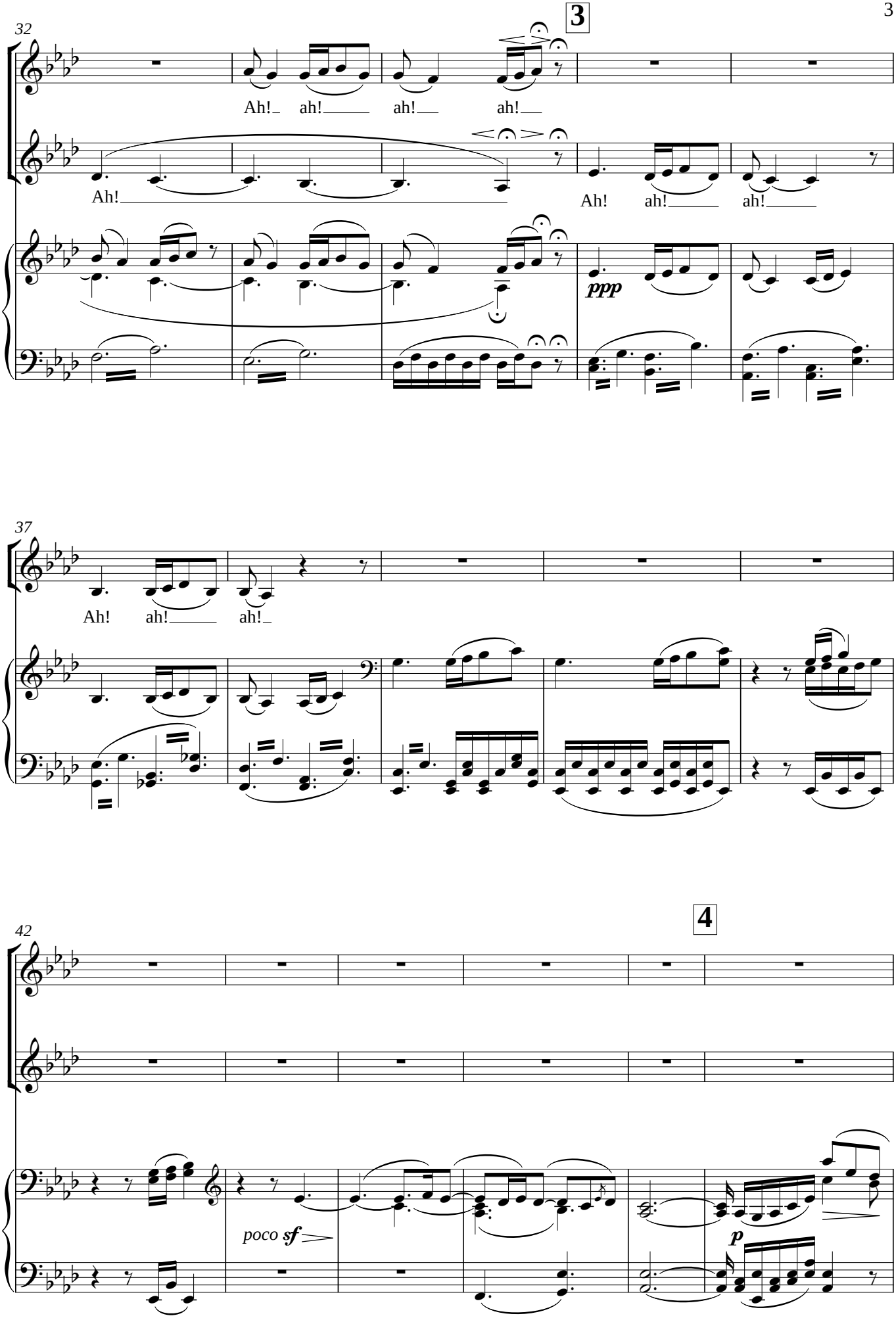
**2**

Ah! ah! ah! ah! ah!

Ah!

*poco* ***f***

***pp***


32
3
Ah! ah! ah! ah!
Ah!
Ah! ah! ah!
ppp
37
Ah! ah! ah!
42
4
poco sf
p

48

*p*

Puis, é – le – vant sur ses mains blan –

*p*

Puis, é – le – vant sur ses mains blan –

52

ches Les ri – ants tré – sors du ma – tin,

ches Les ri – ants tré – sors du ma – tin,

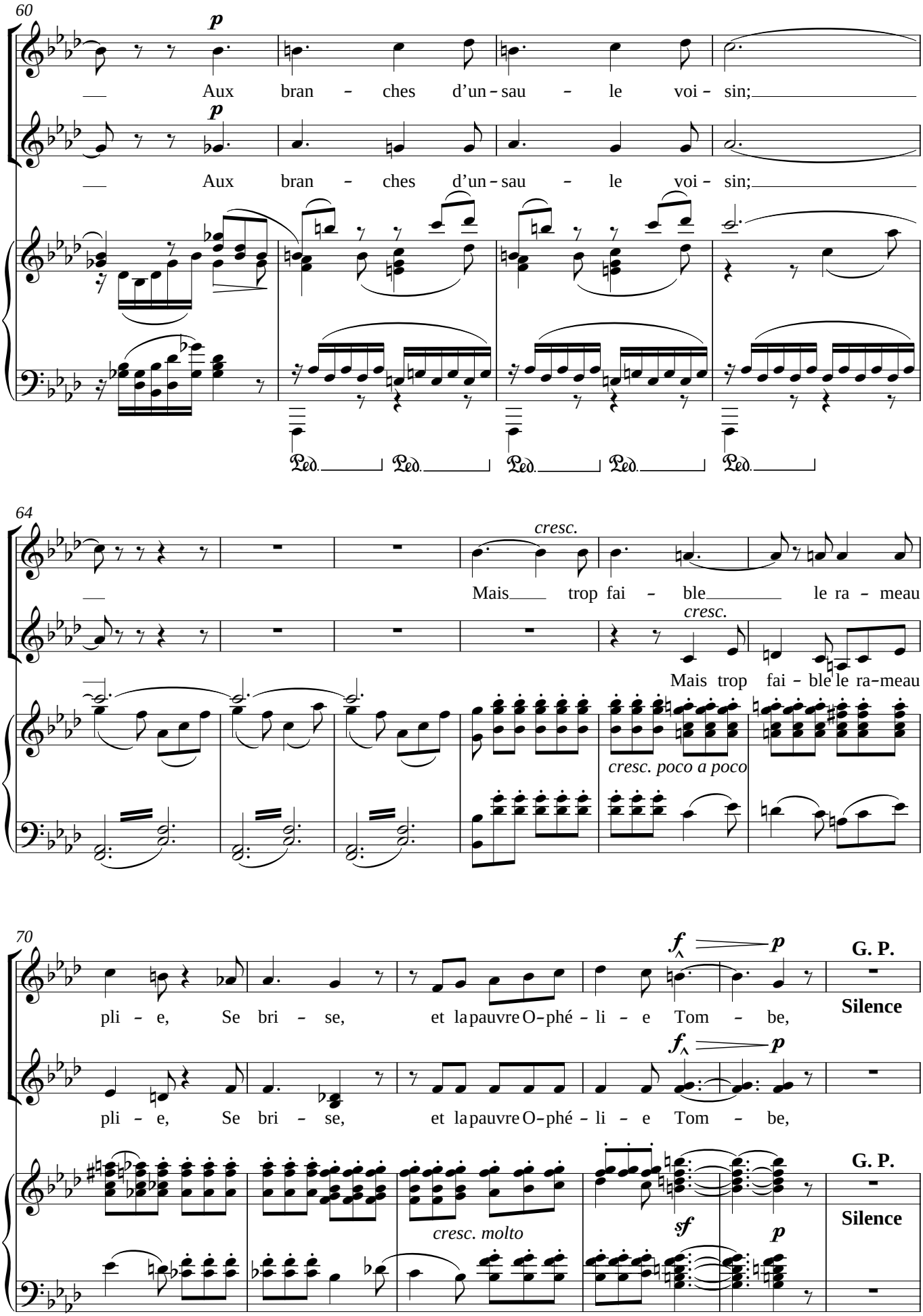
56

*poco cresc.*

El – le les sus – pen – dait aux bran – ches,

*poco cresc.*

El – le les sus – pen – dait aux bran – ches,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p
Aux bran – ches d'un – sau – le voi – sin;
p
Aux bran – ches d'un – sau – le voi – sin;
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
64
cresc.
Mais trop fai – ble le ra – meau
cresc.
Mais trop fai – ble le ra–meau
cresc. poco a poco
70
f p
G. P.
pli – e, Se bri – se, et la pauvre O–phé – li – e Tom – be,
Silence
f p
pli – e, Se bri – se, et la pauvre O–phé – li – e Tom – be,
G. P.
cresc. molto
sf p
Silence

76

5 **Un poco rit.** **Tempo I**

*pp*

sa guir – lande à la main.

*pp*

sa guir – lande à la main.

**Un poco rit.** **Tempo I**

*pp* *sf* *pp*

*cresc.*

81

*poco* ***f*** ***p***

***p***

86

Quel-ques ins-tants sa robe en – flé – e La tint en – cor sur le cou

Quel-ques ins-tants sa robe en – flé – e La tint en – cor sur le cou

92

rant Et, com - me u - ne voi - le gon -

rant Et, com - me u - ne voi - le gon -

97

flé - e, El - le flot - tait tou - jours chan - tant, Chan - tant

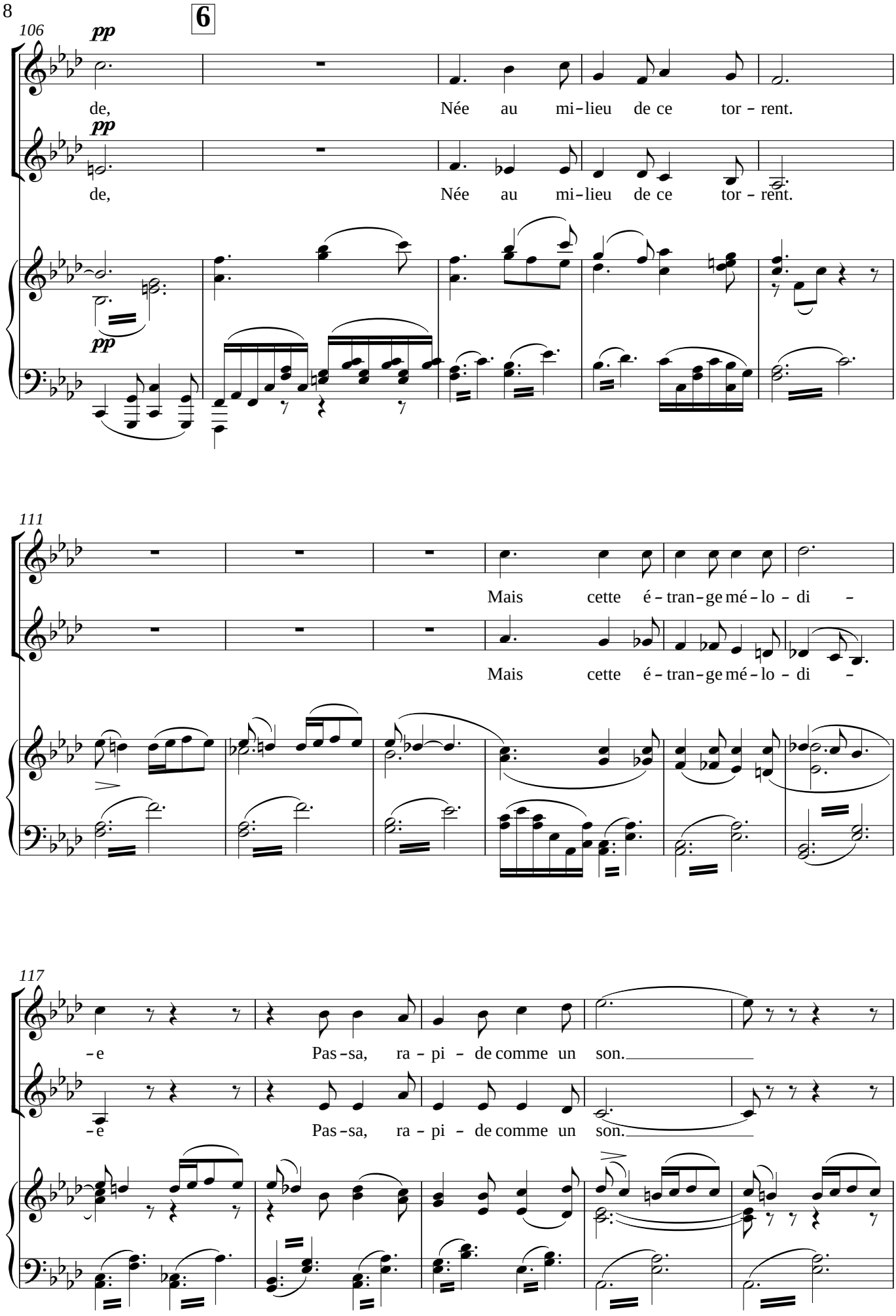
flé - e, El - le flot - tait tou - jours chan - tant, Chan - tant

*pp*

101

quel - que vieil - le bal - la - de, Chan - tant ain - si qu'u - ne na - ïa -

quel - que vieil - le bal - la - de, Chan - tant ain - si qu'u - ne na - ïa -


6
106
pp
de,
Née au mi-lieu de ce tor - rent.
pp
de,
Née au mi-lieu de ce tor - rent.
pp
111
Mais cette é - tran - ge mé - lo - di -
Mais cette é - tran - ge mé - lo - di -
117
-e
Pas-sa, ra - pi - de comme un son.
-e
Pas-sa, ra - pi - de comme un son.

122

cresc.

Par les flots la ro - be a - lour - di - e Bien - tôt dans l'a

cresc.

Par les flots la ro - be a - lour - di - e Bien - tôt dans l'a

cresc.

*p* *mf*

128

*ff* *p*

- bî - me pro - fond En - traî - na la pauvre in - sen - sé - e, Laiss - ant à pei - ne, com - men -

*ff* *p*

- bî - me pro - fond En - traî - na la pauvre in - sen - sé - e, Laiss - ant à pei - ne, com - men -

*ff* *pp*

133

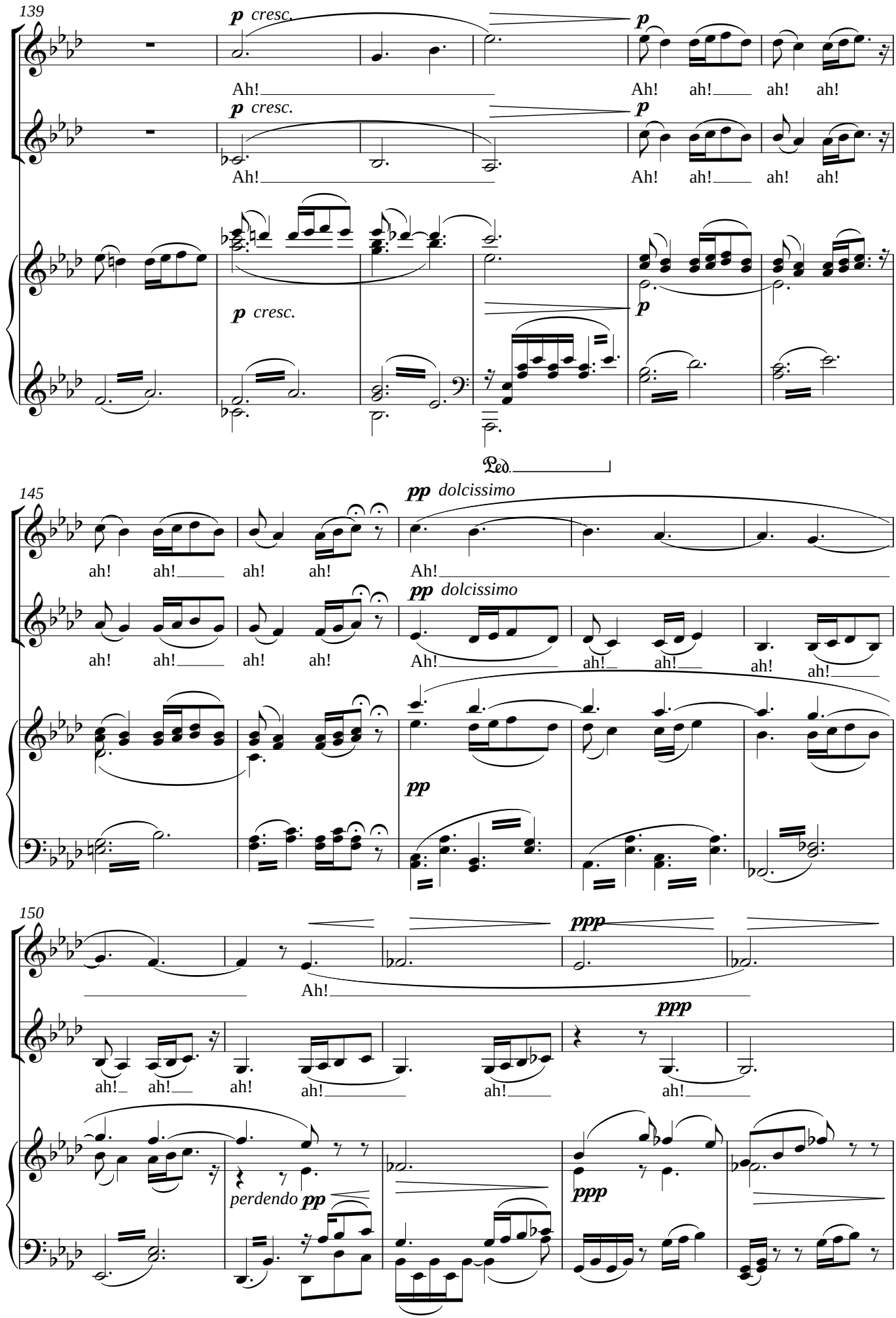
7

- cé - e Sa mé - lo - di - en - se chan - son.

- cé - e Sa mé - lo - di - en - se chan - son.

*p* *p* *p*

*pp*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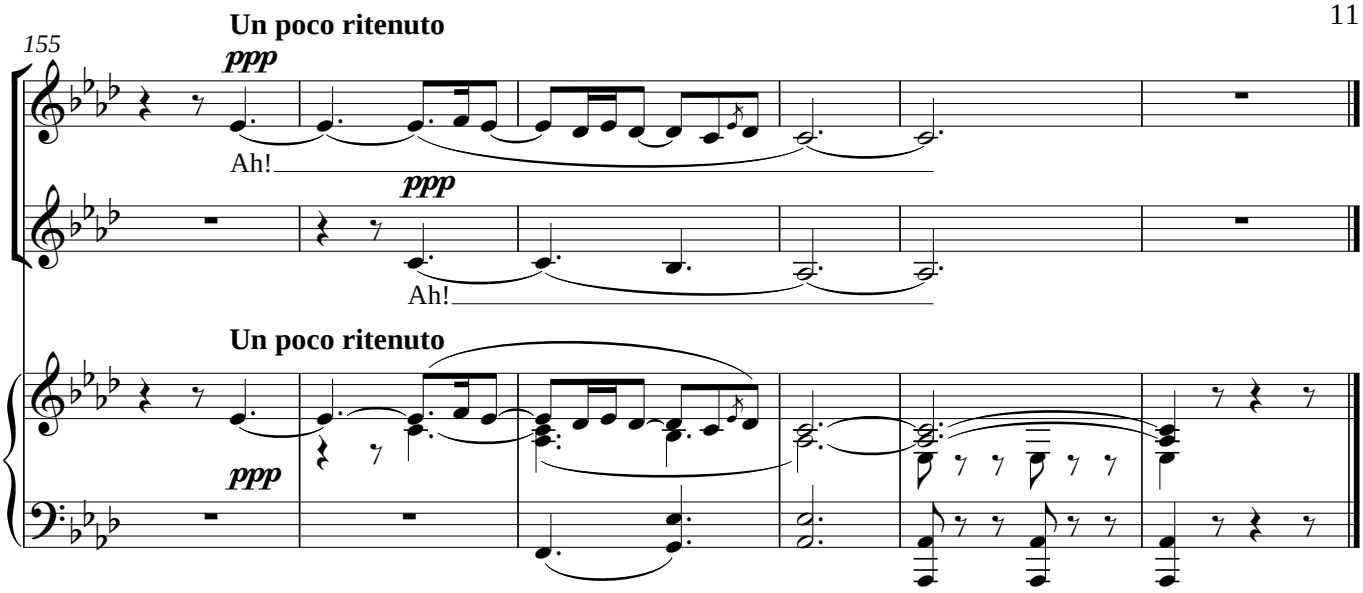
p cresc.
Ah!
p
Ah! ah! ah! ah!
145
pp dolcissimo
ah! ah! ah! ah!
Ah!
ah!
150
ppp
perdendo pp


155
Un poco ritenuto
ppp
Ah!
ppp
Ah!
Un poco ritenuto
ppp