Distractions

As I entered the public park,
In search of a furtive fling,
Rather than the nature thing,
Non humans proved a lark.
Nature distracts.

Long ears scampered, all alert,
Fowls scratched and pecked,
Swans glided without object,
Squirrels hopped, hoping to divert.
Nature abstracts.

Peacocks strutted with swirling
Feathers whilst deep in the hedge
Birds fought for the right ledge.
Unleashed, endlessly circling,
Nature diffracts.

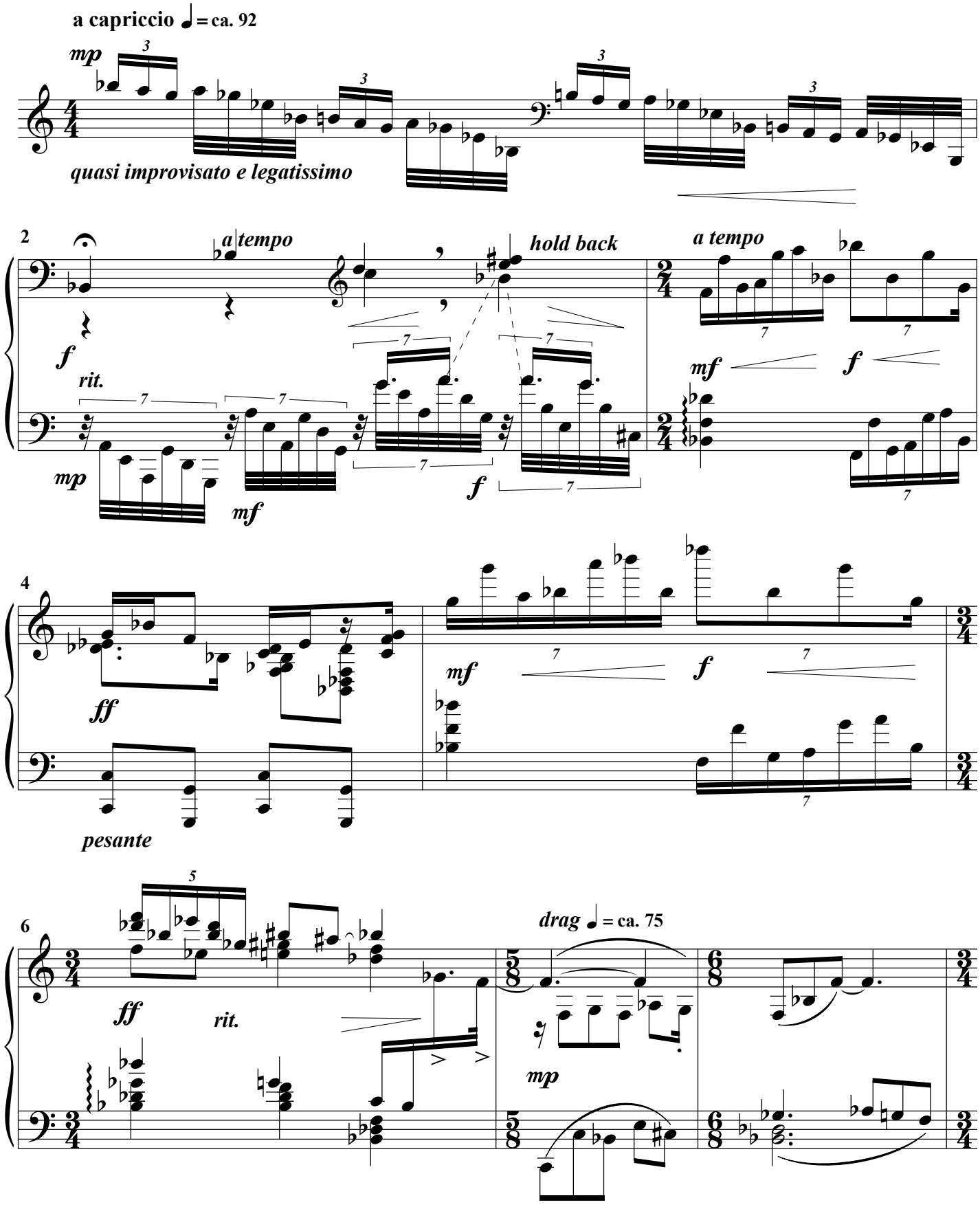
The four-legged grounded animal,
Walking its master look-alike,
Taunting him who looks so doglike,
The dissemblance so infinitesimal...
Nature refracts.

Those featheries and furries,
Who flock in flurries,
While humanity scurries,
Are undeniably species
Whom Nature attracts.

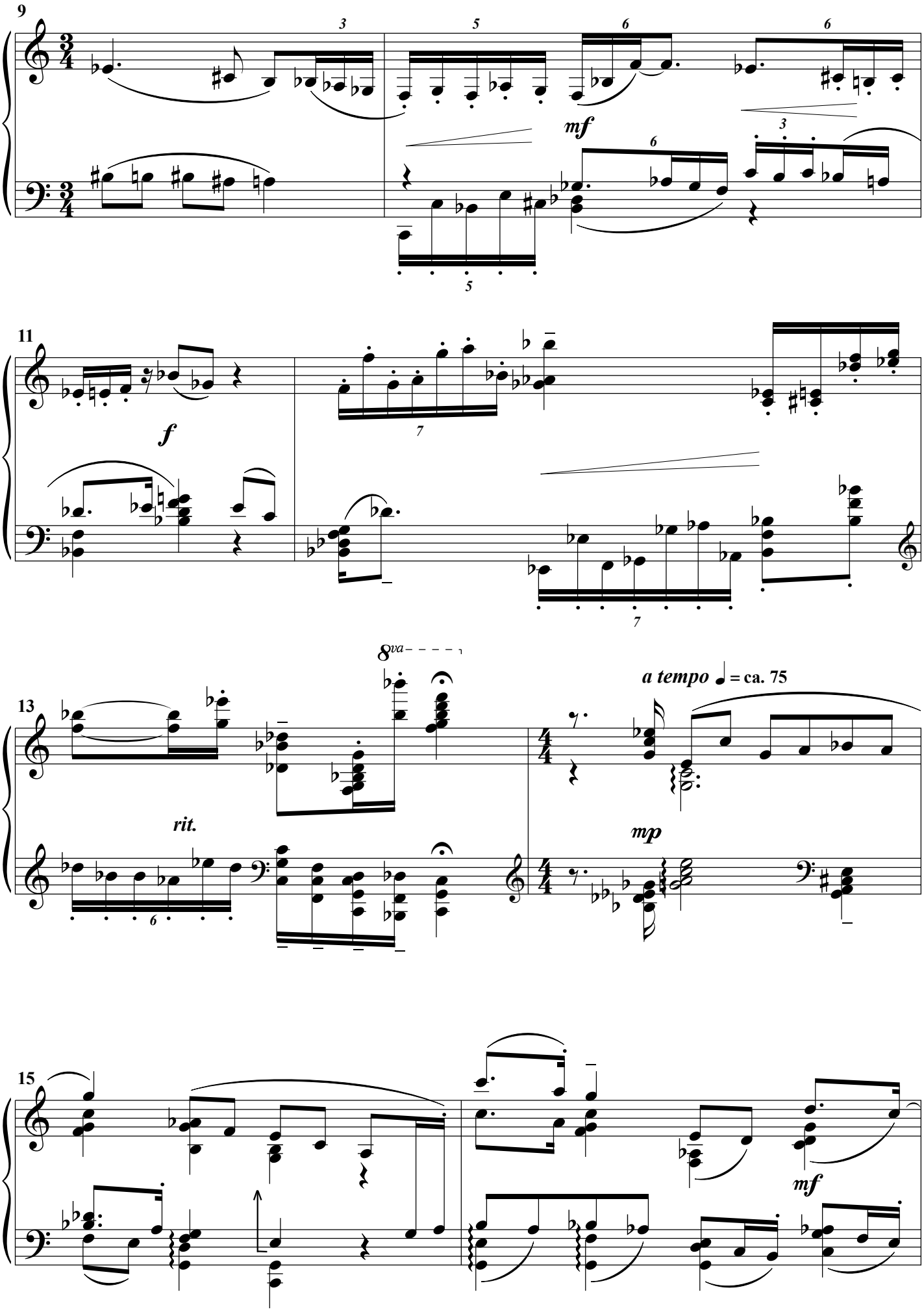
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1. Burrowing Rabbits / Lapins fouisseurs

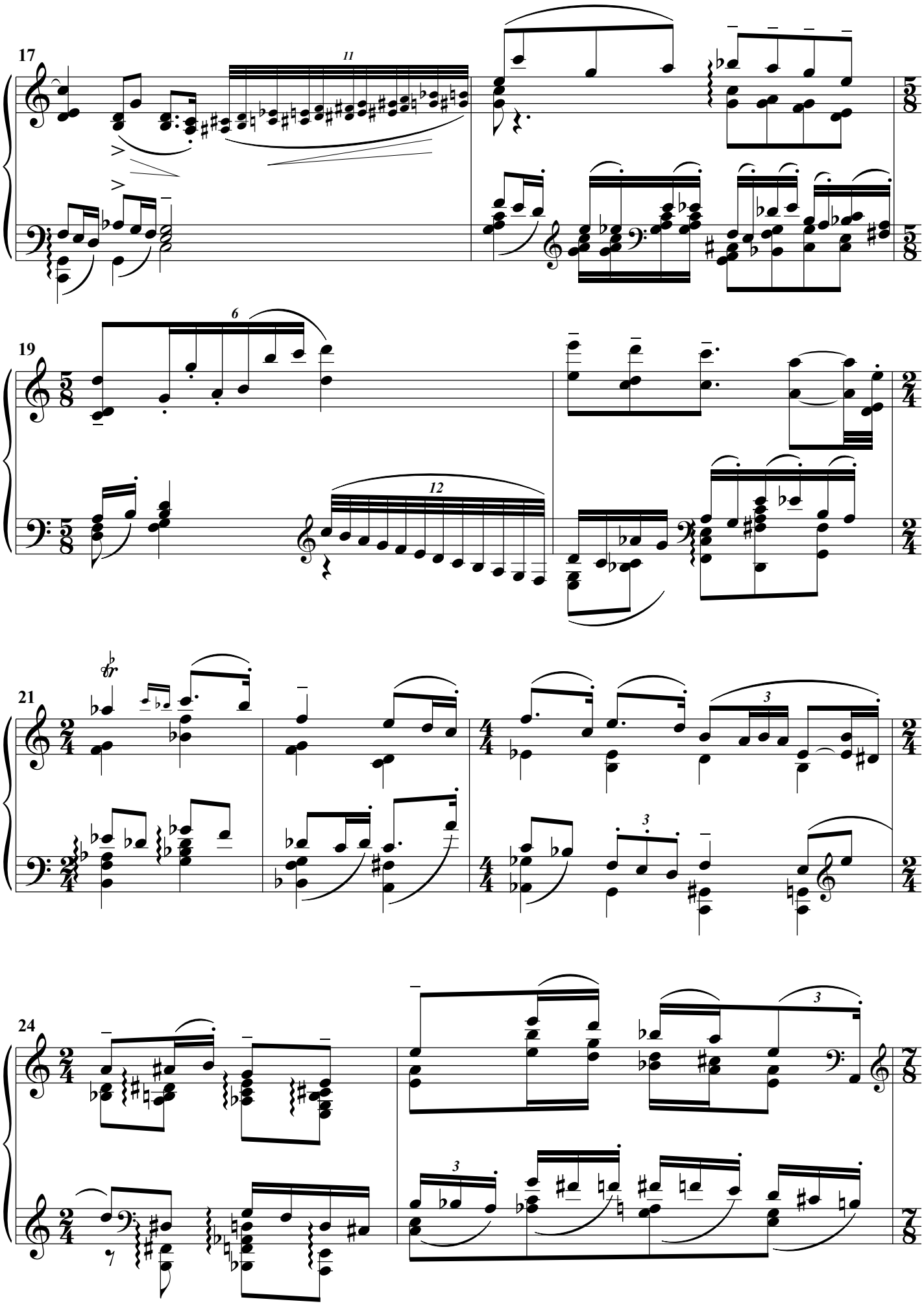
Hustle bustle, helter skelter,
The Long Ears scamper for shelter...



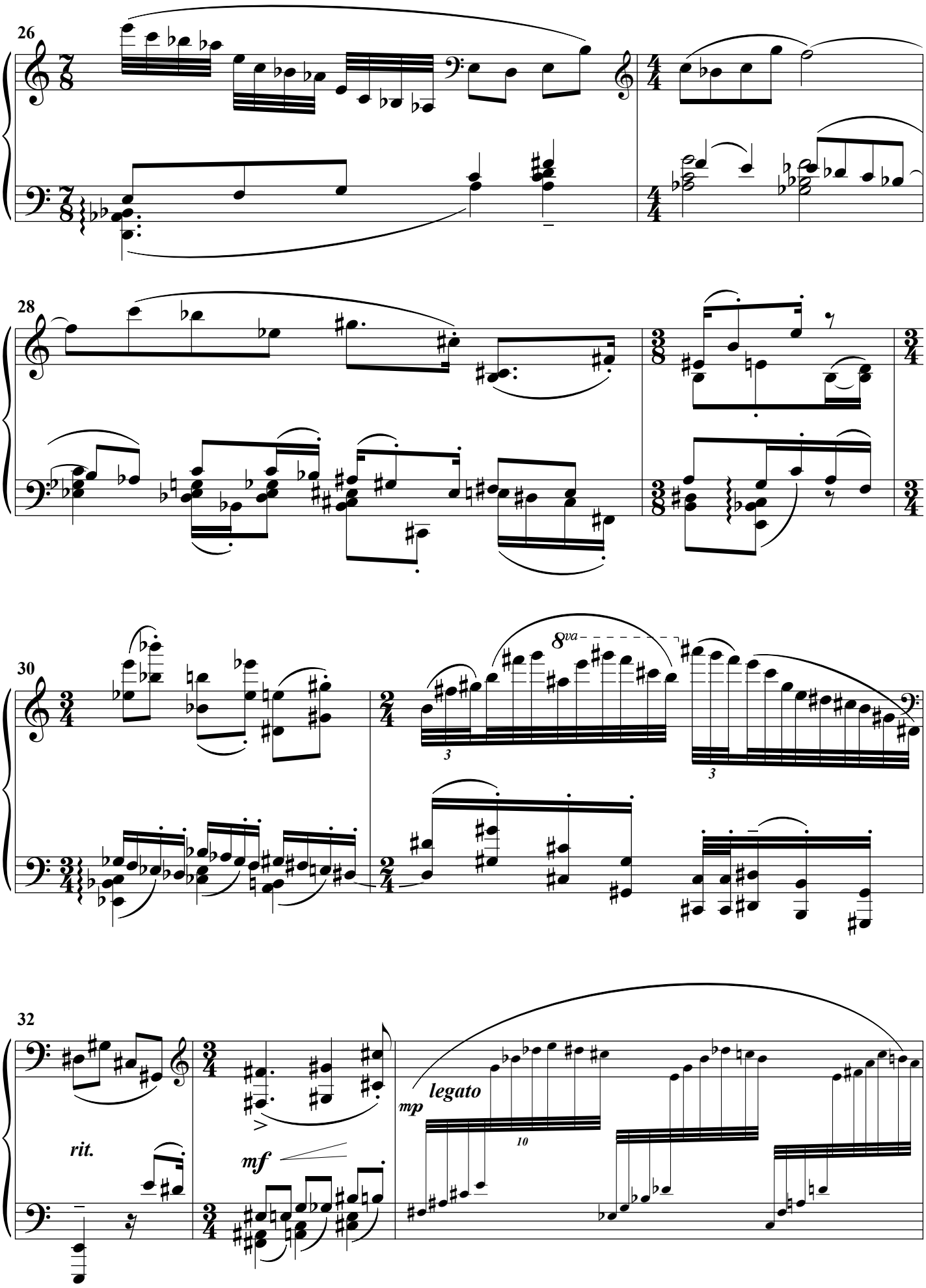
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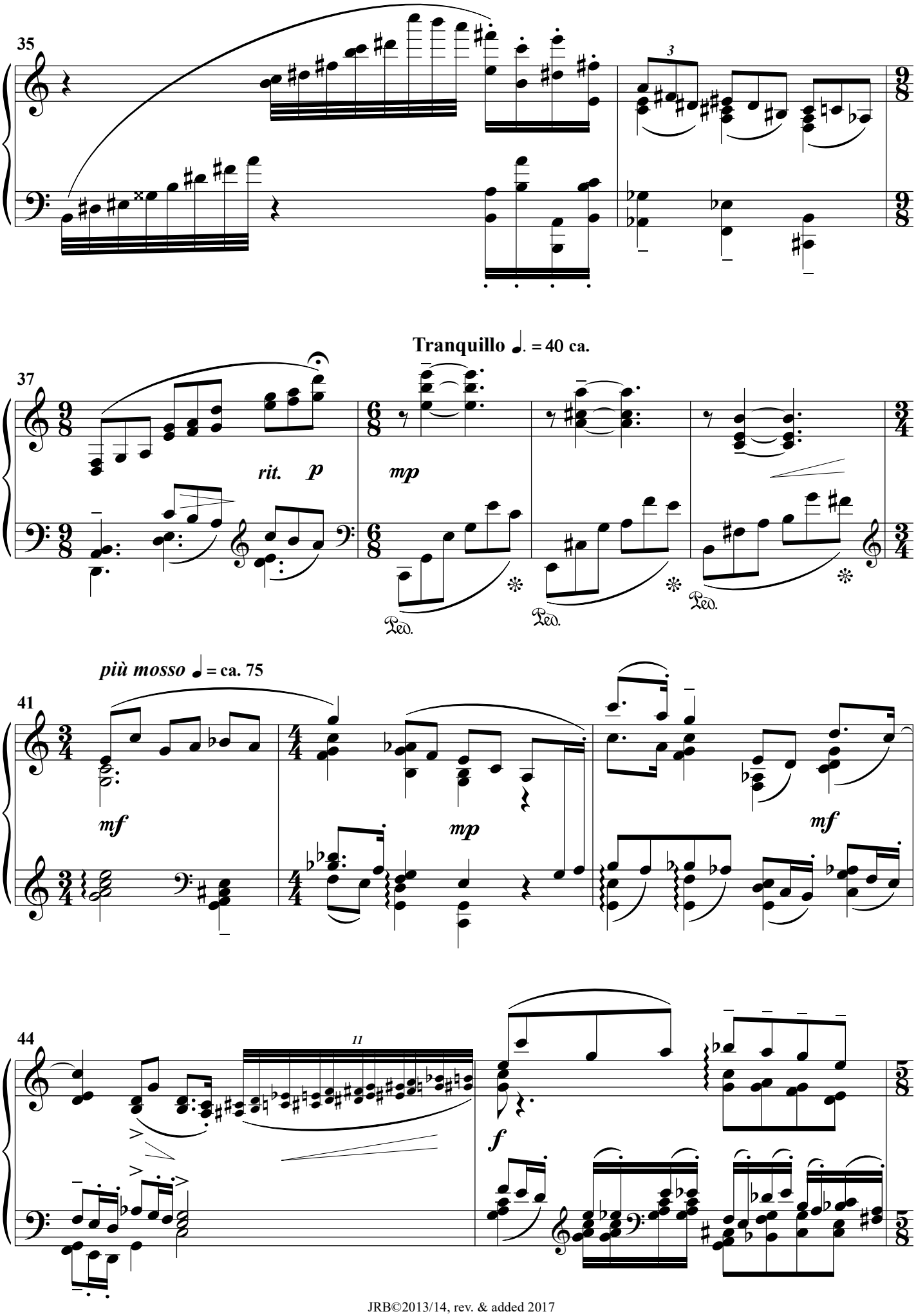
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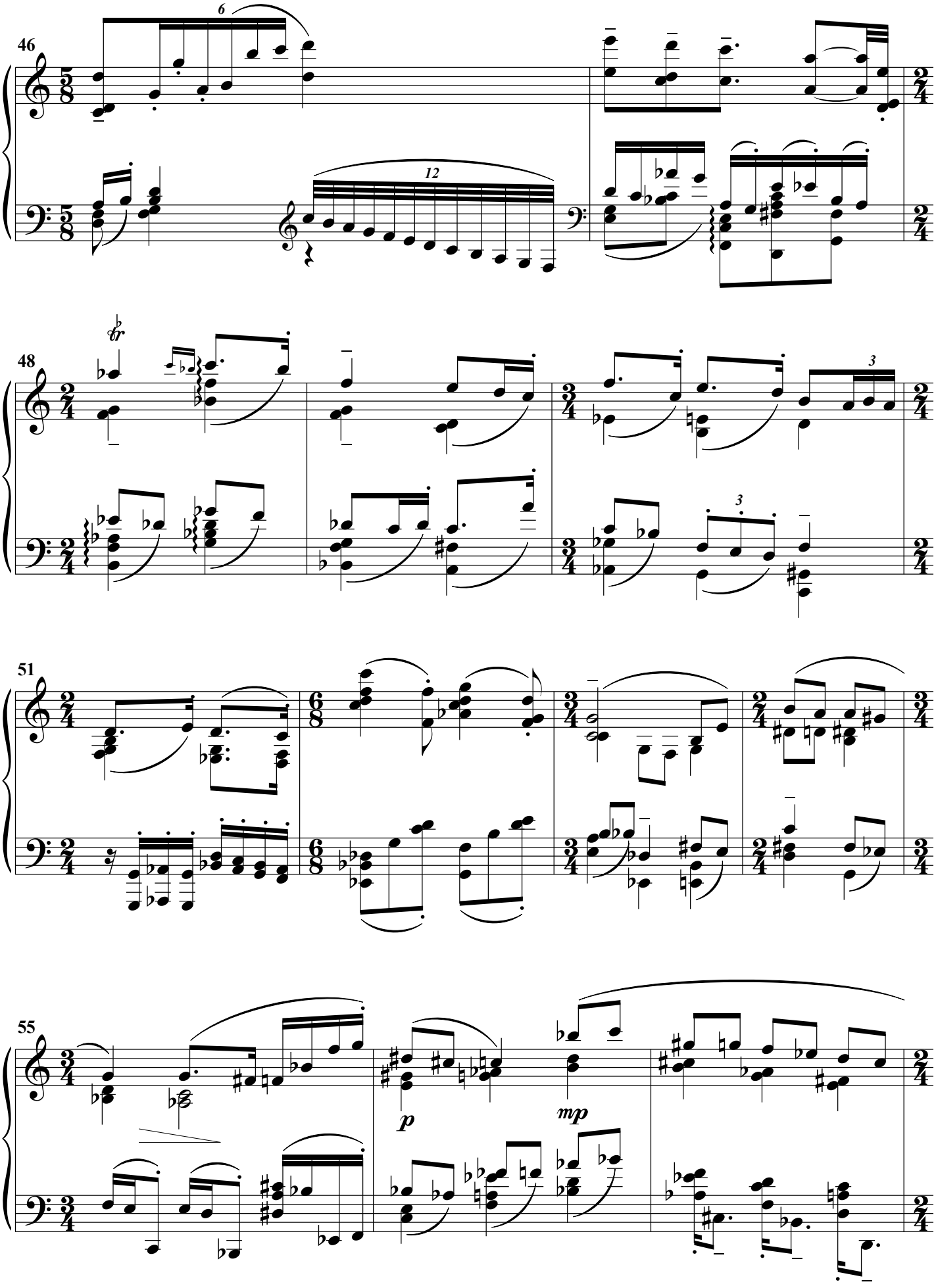
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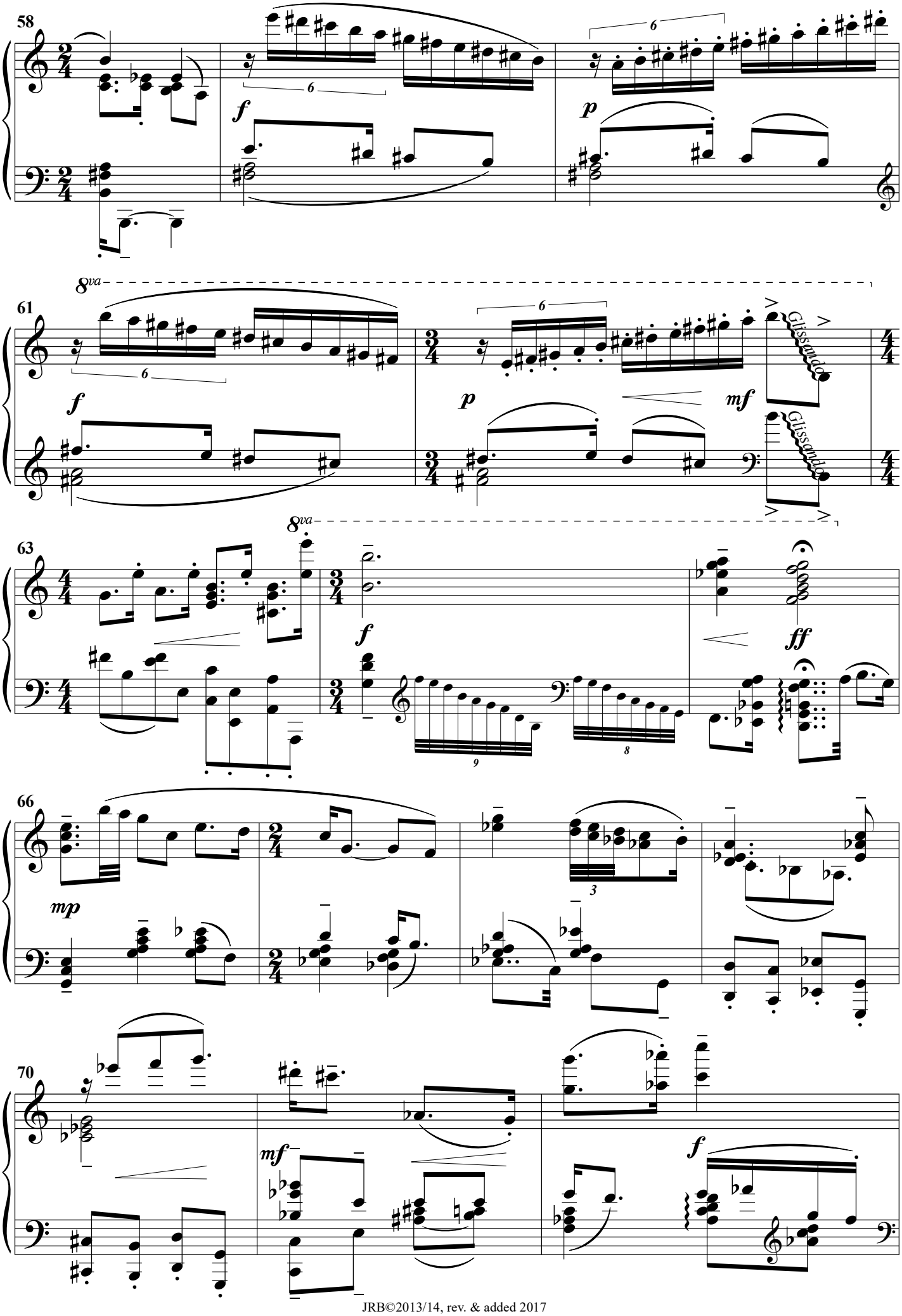
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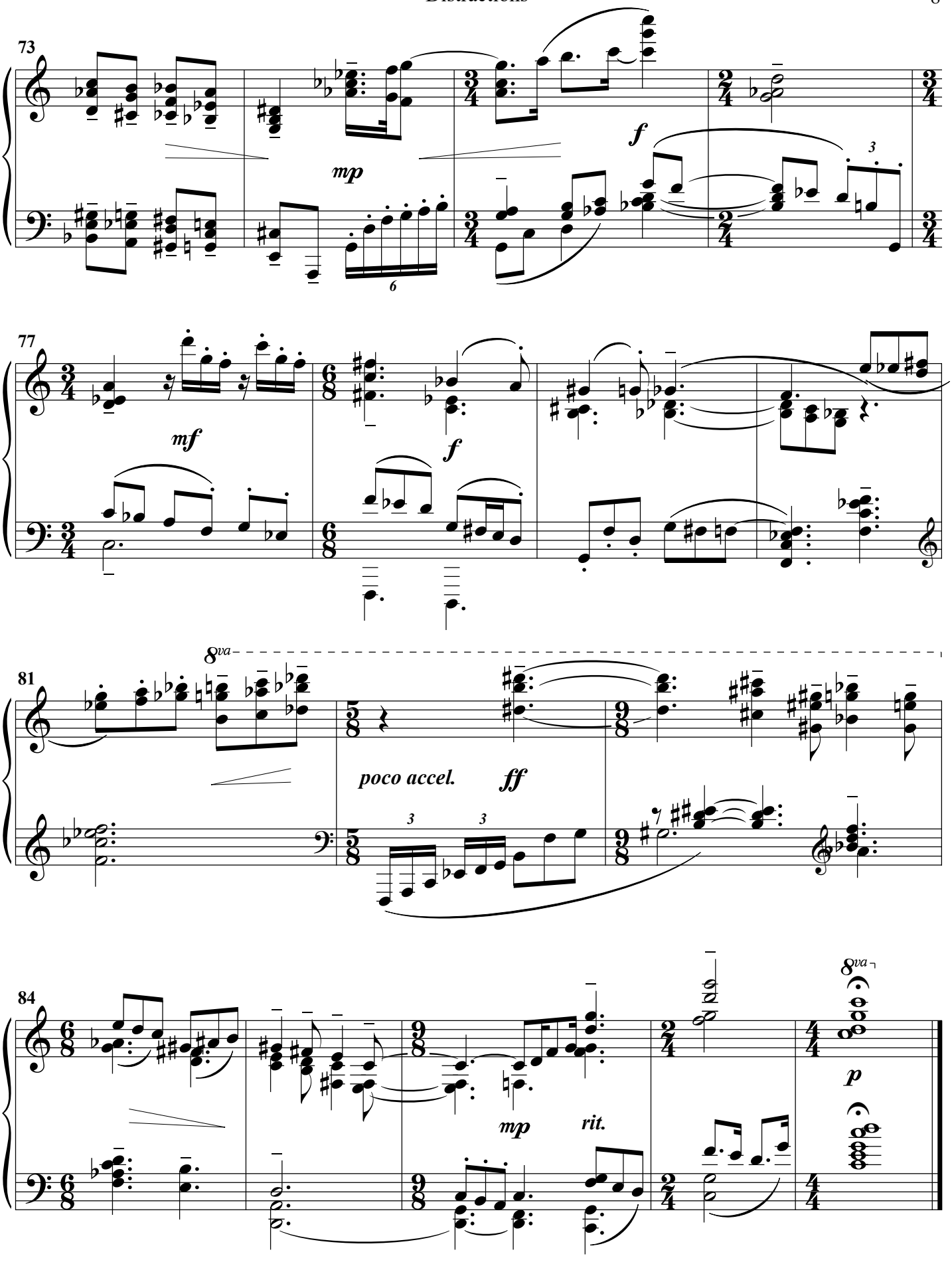
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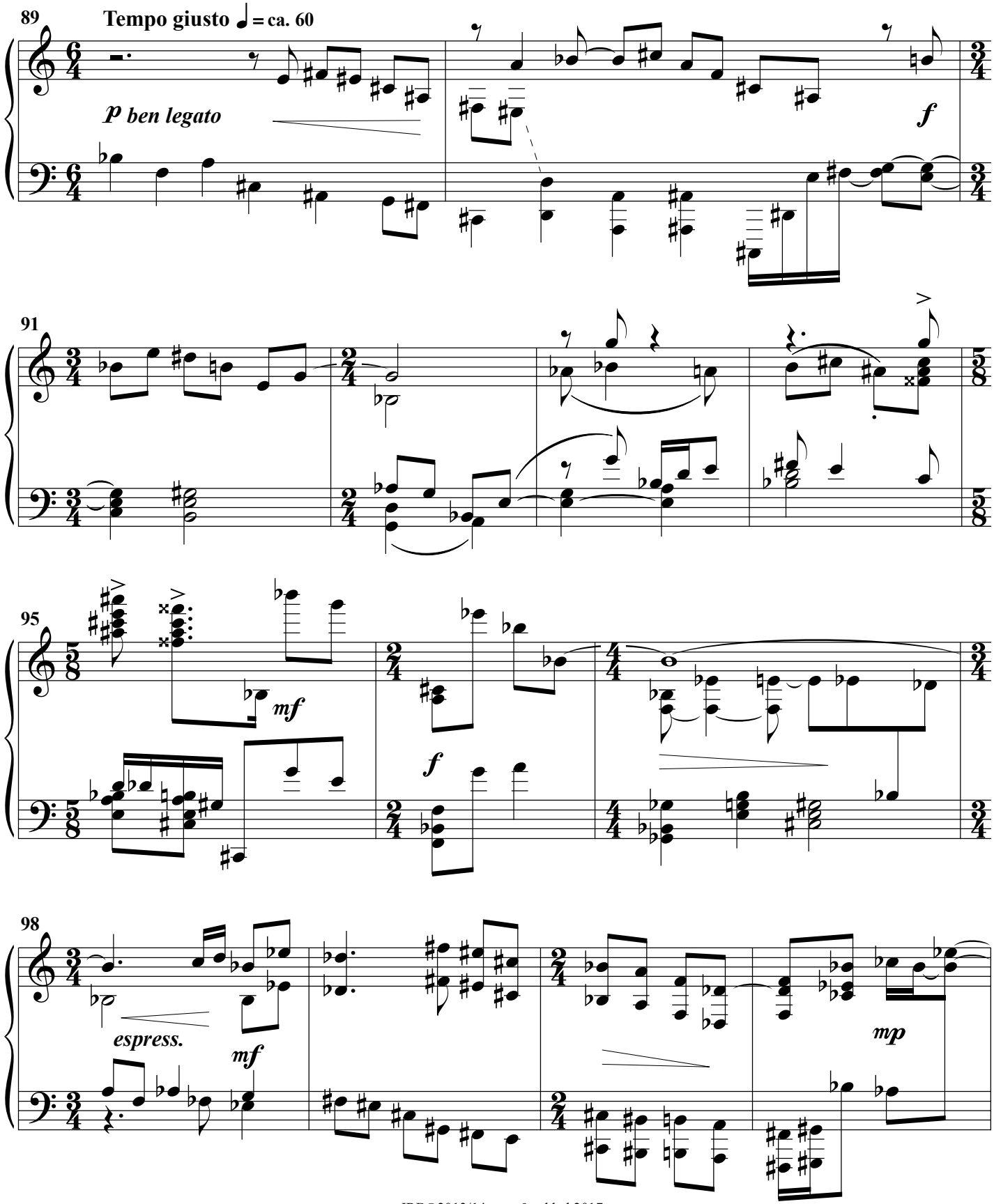
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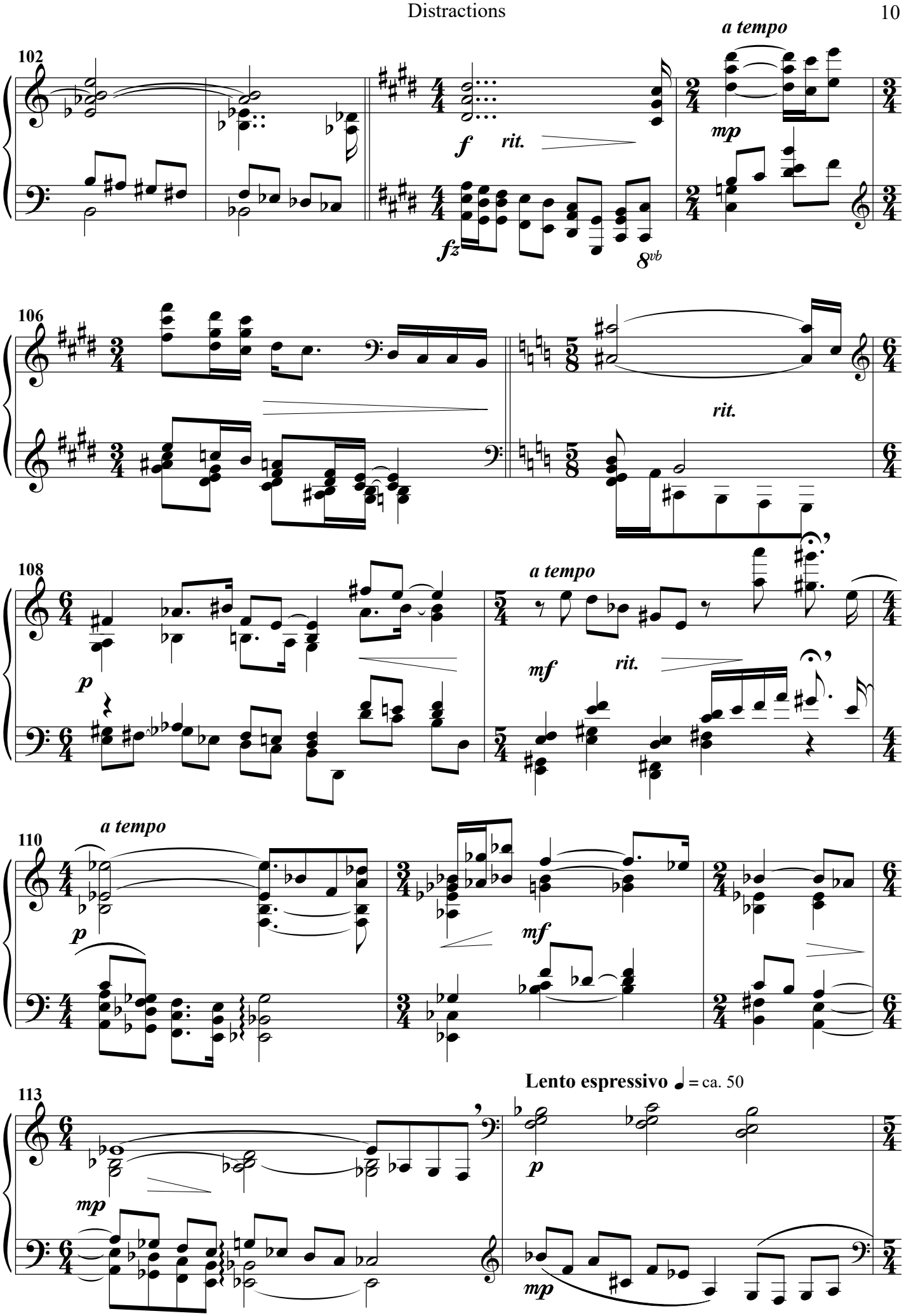
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2. Swooning Swans / Cygnes enlaçés

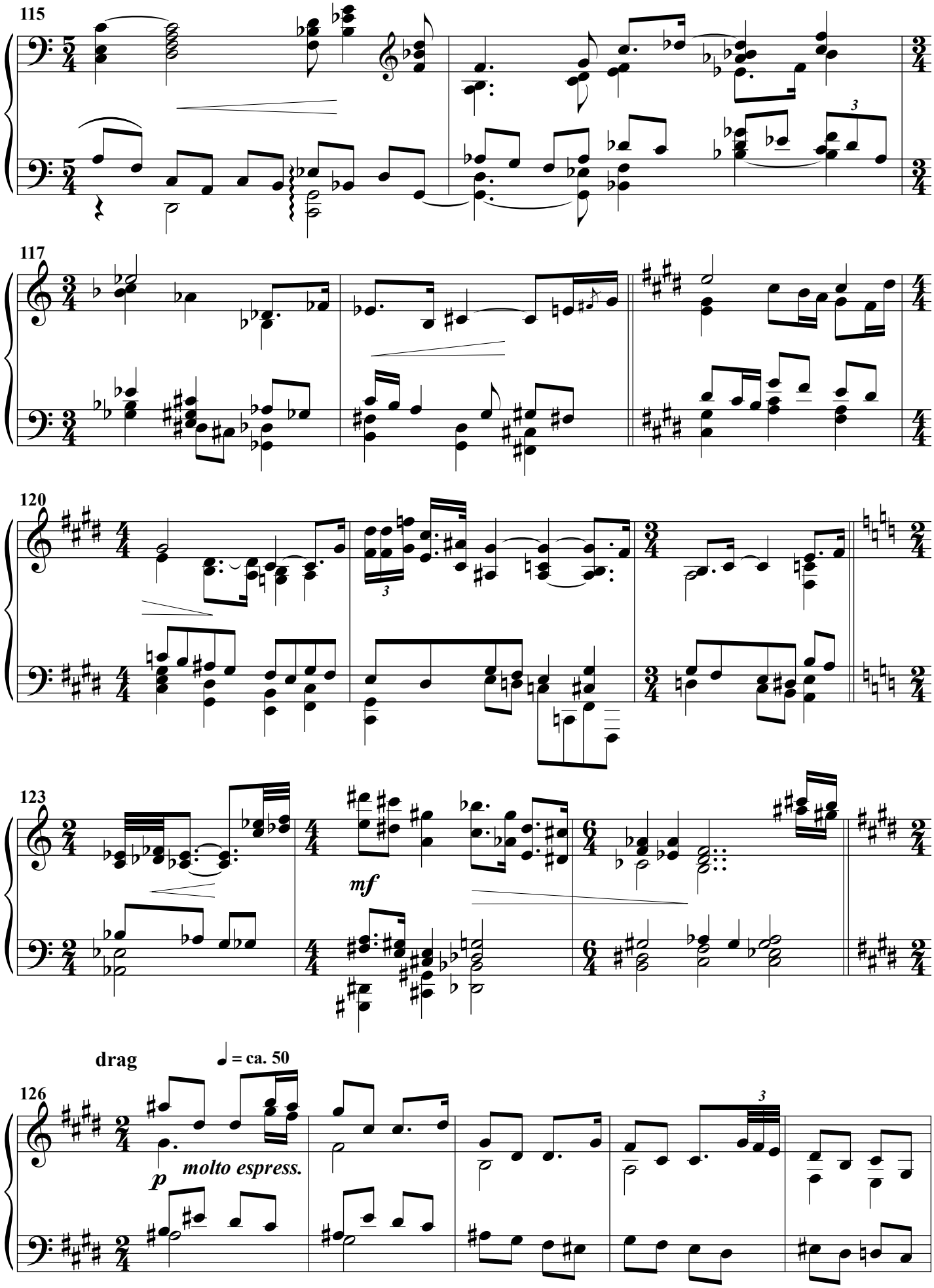
The swan's flapping, like its screech,
Can only be imagined as a figure of speech...



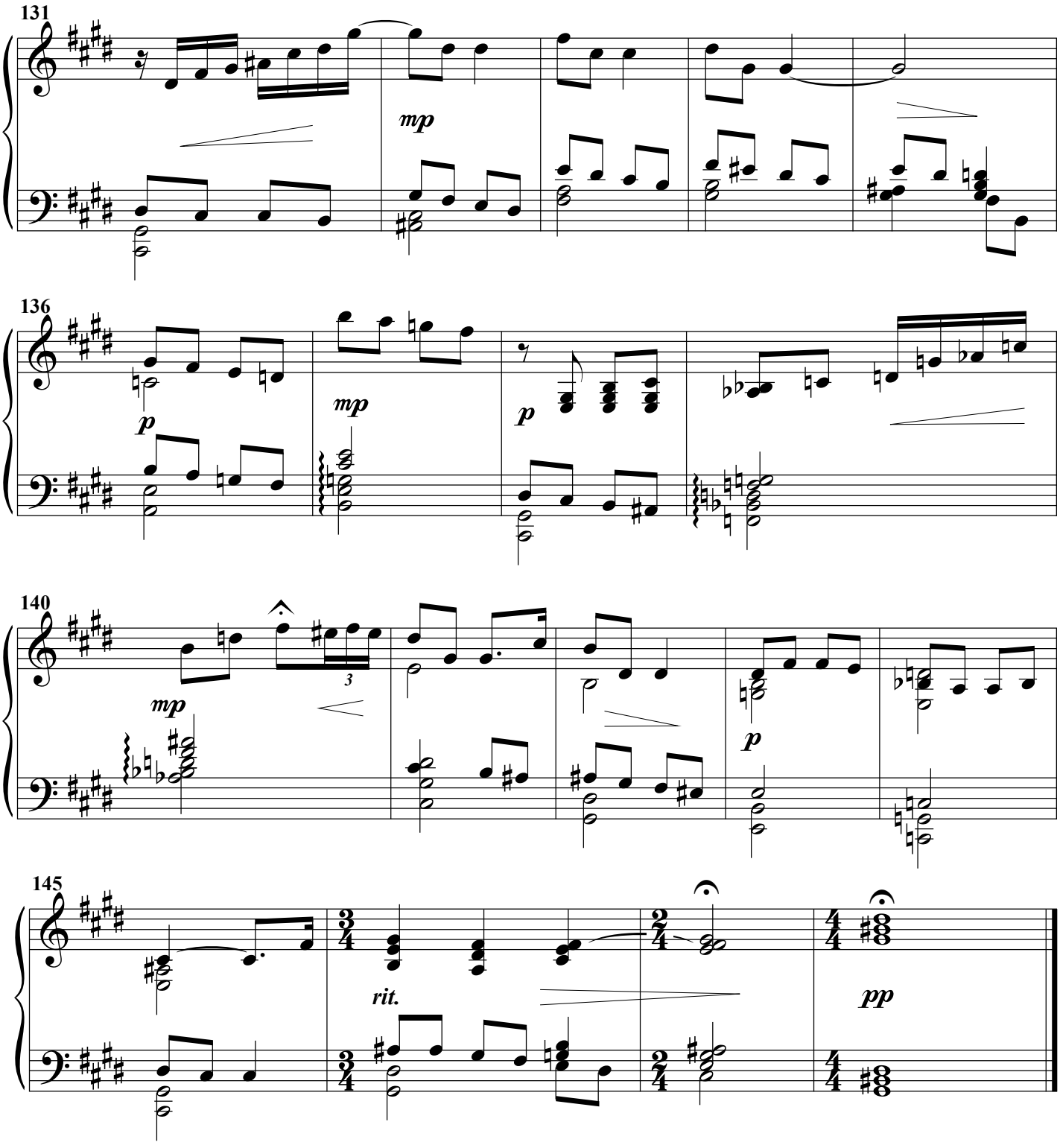
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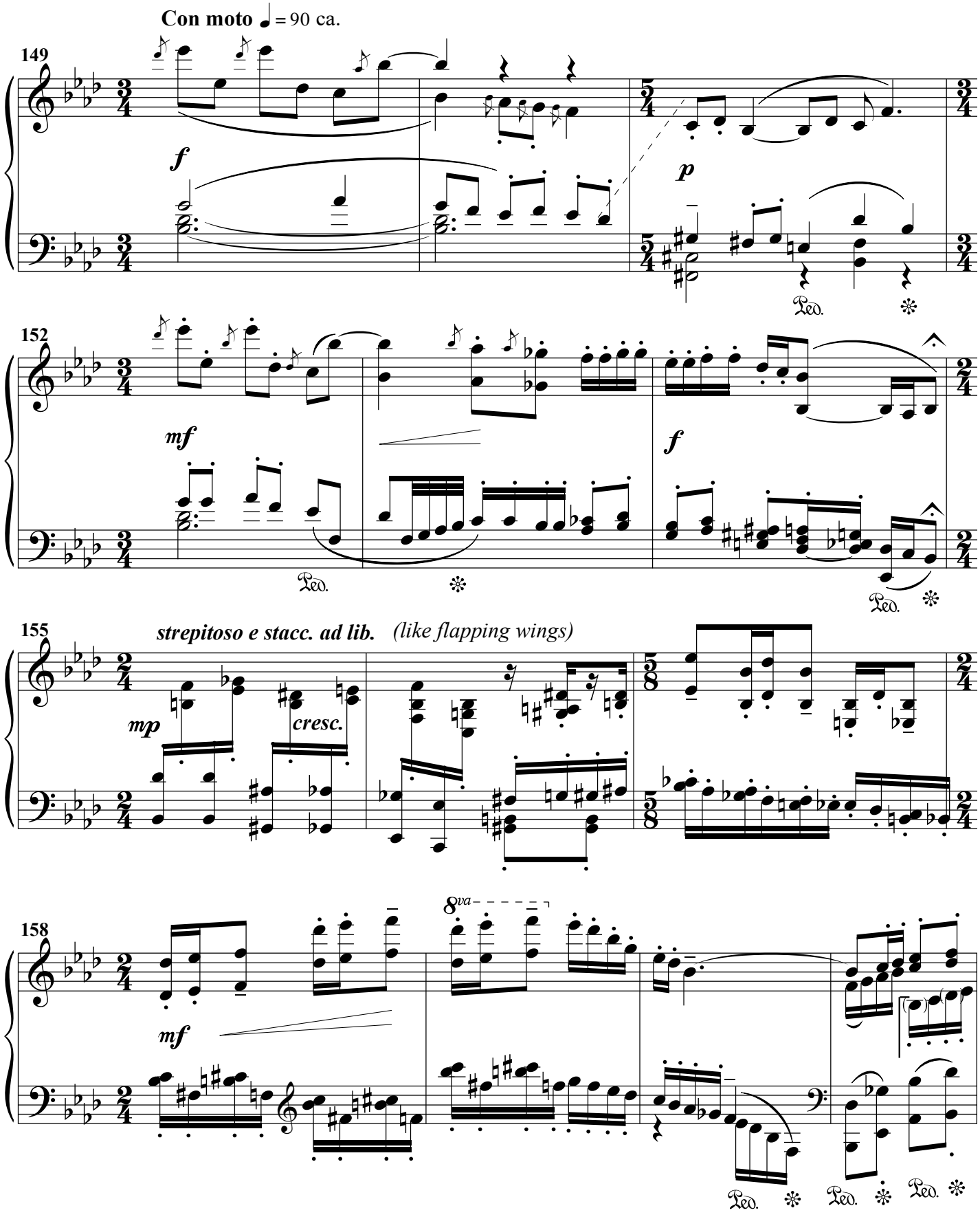
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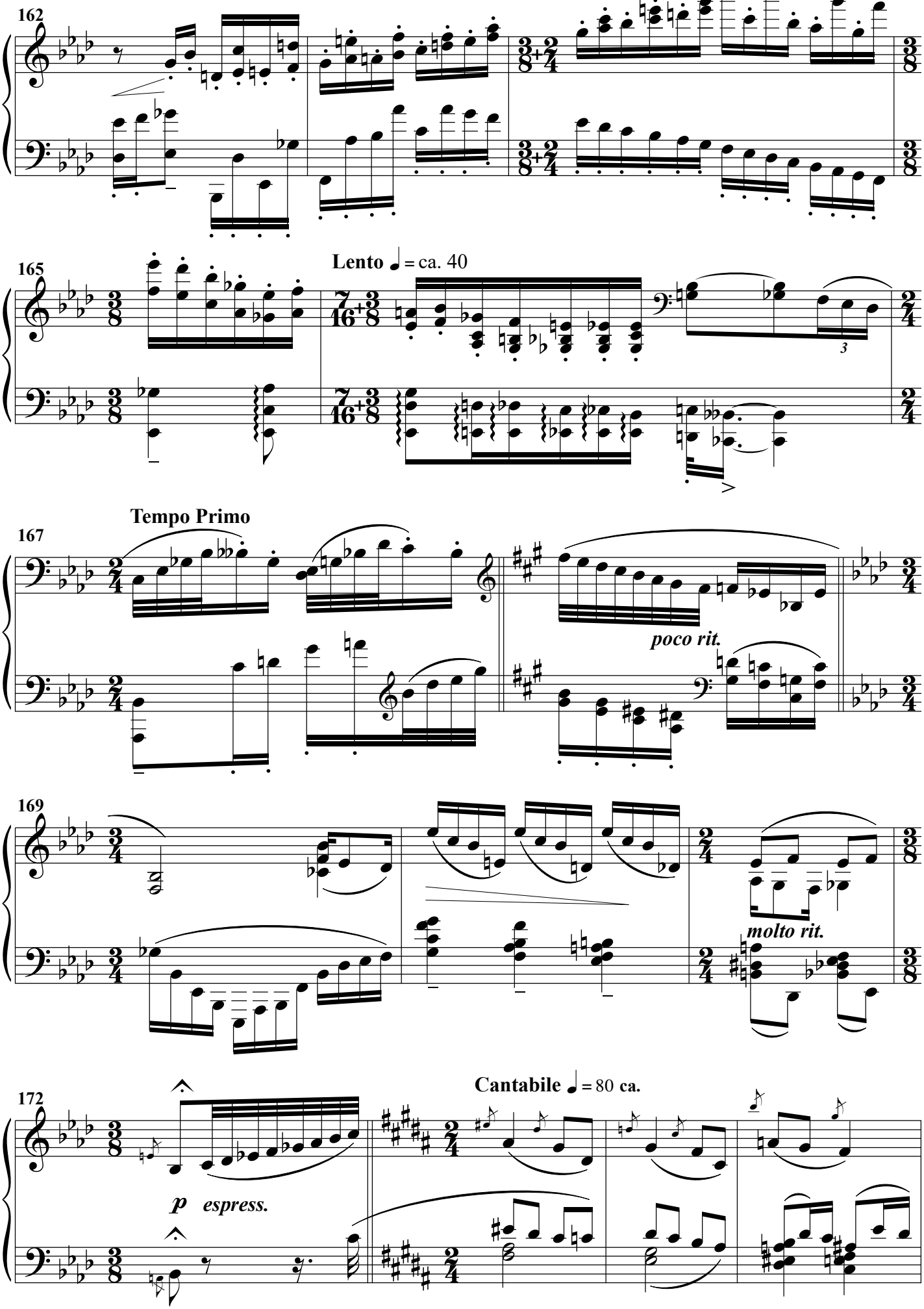
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3. Dustbathing Peckers / Baigneuses becquetant la poussière

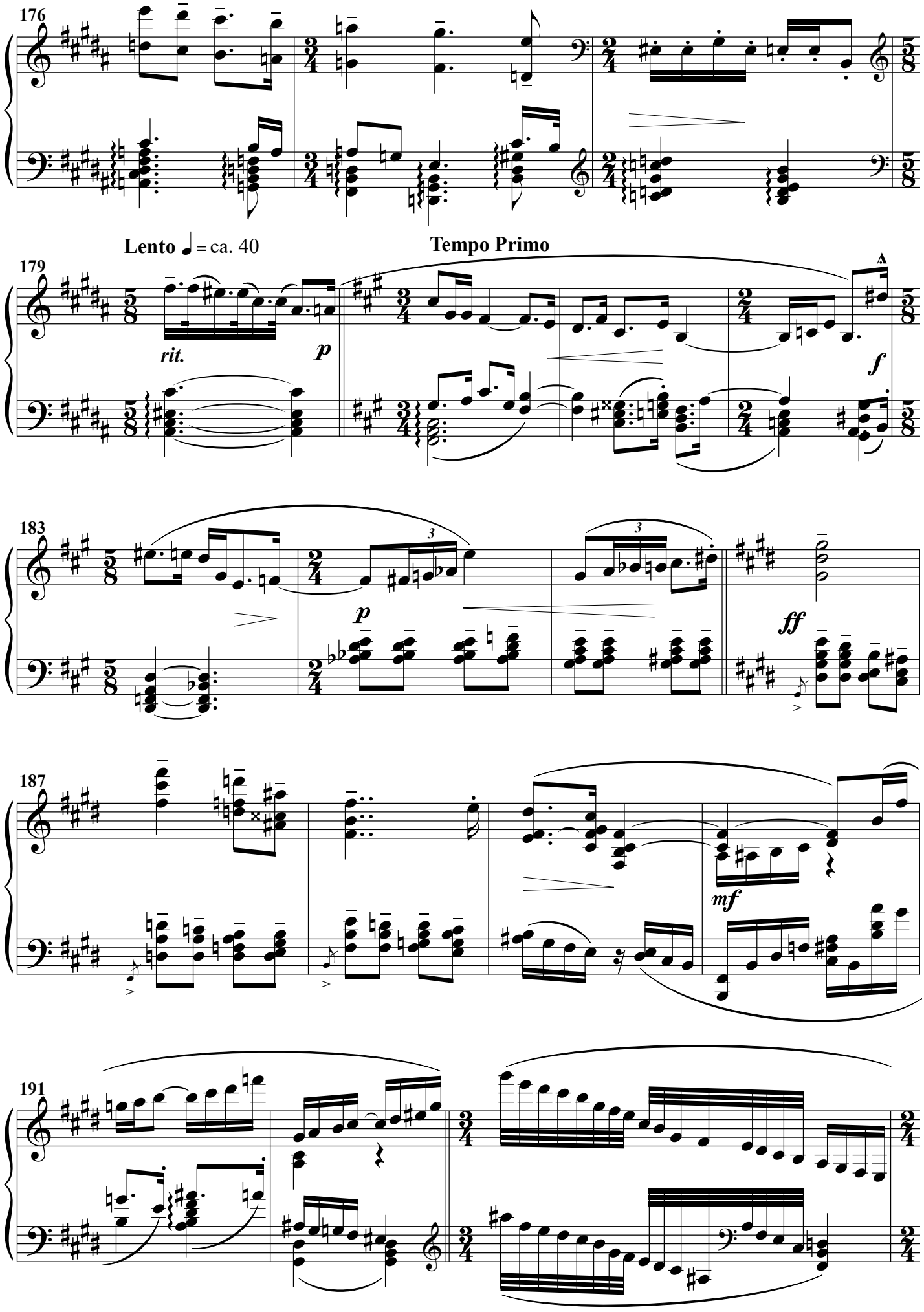
Pecking, pecking, like automats,
The Dust Kickers slap the earth like door mats...



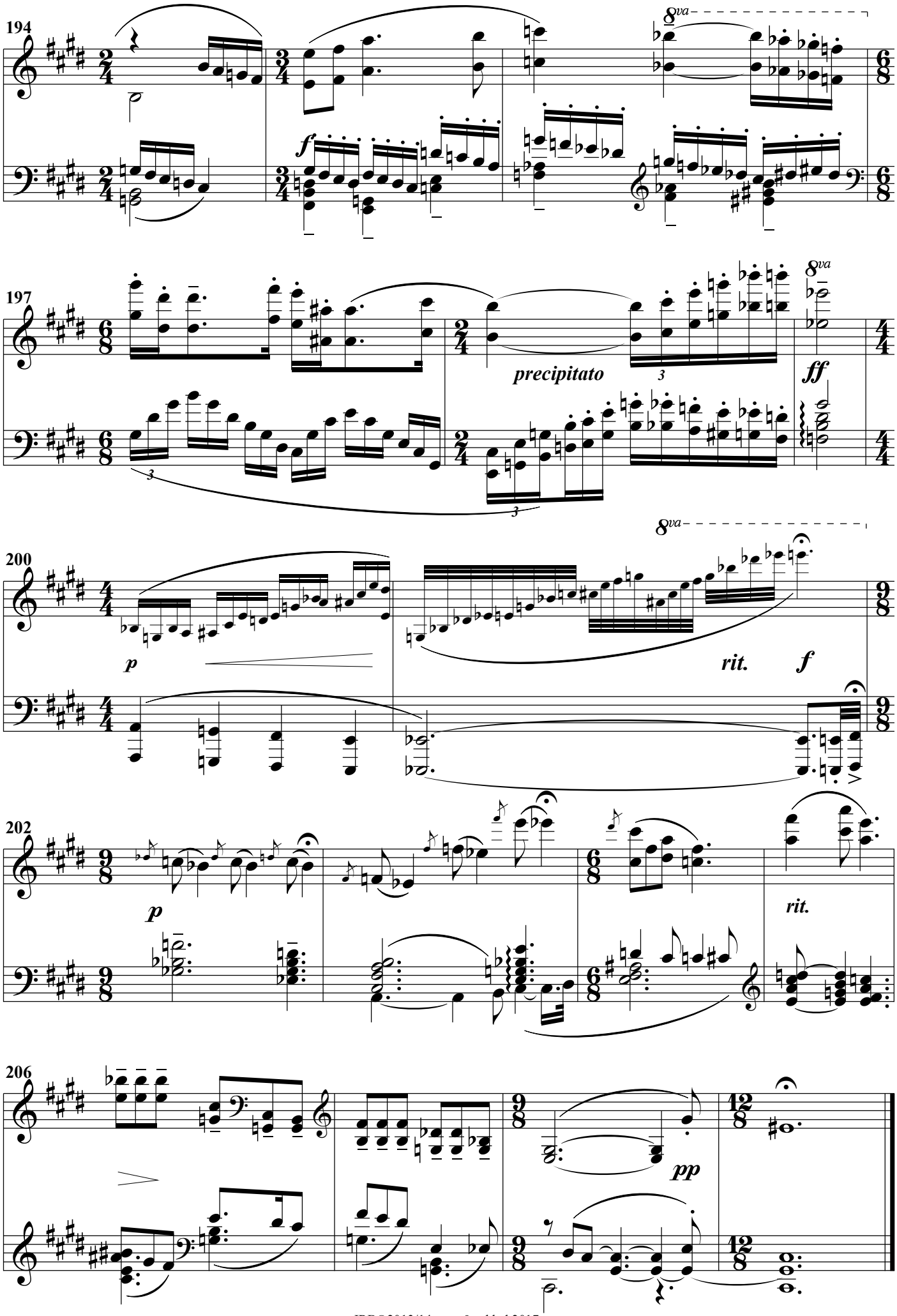
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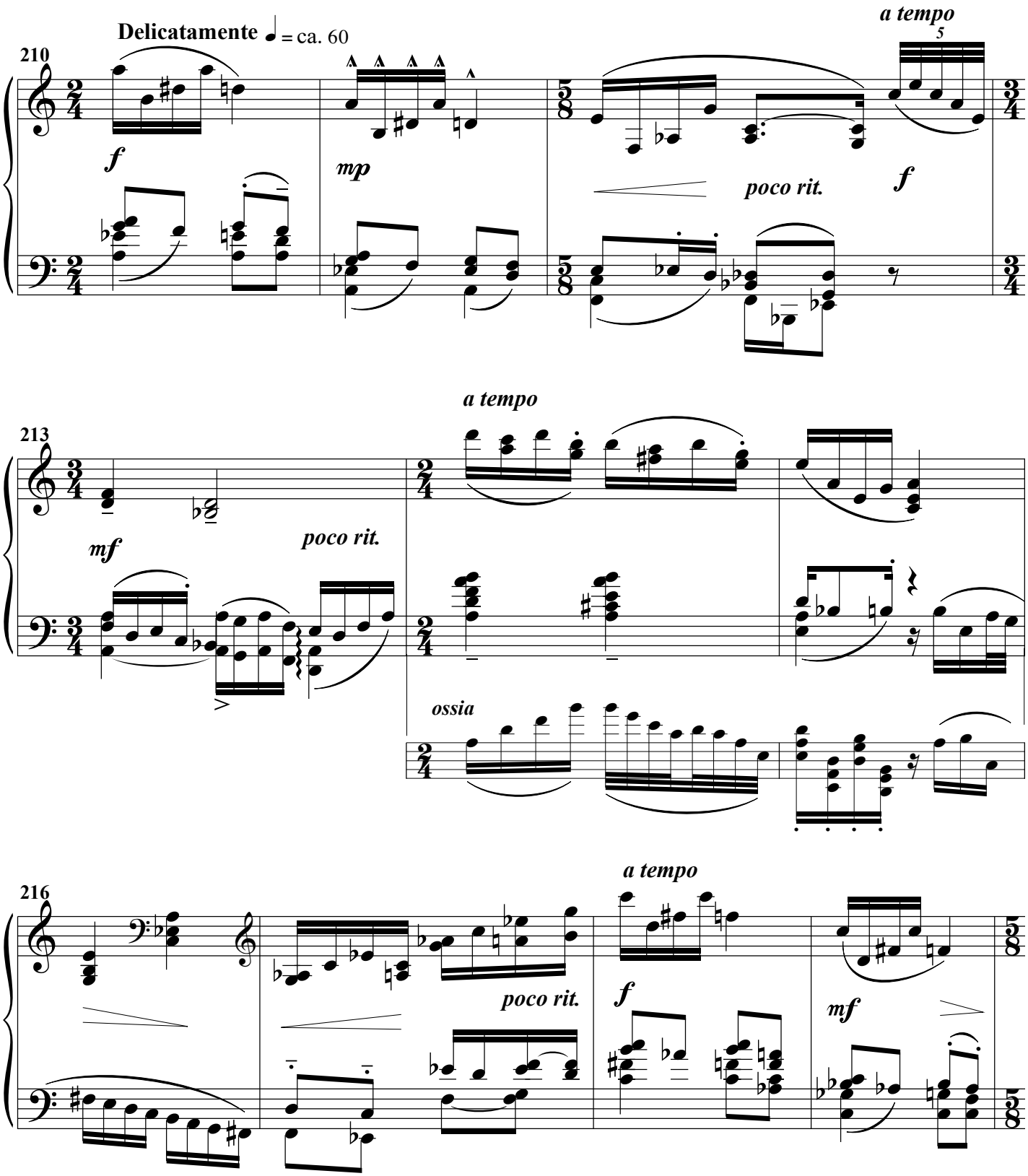
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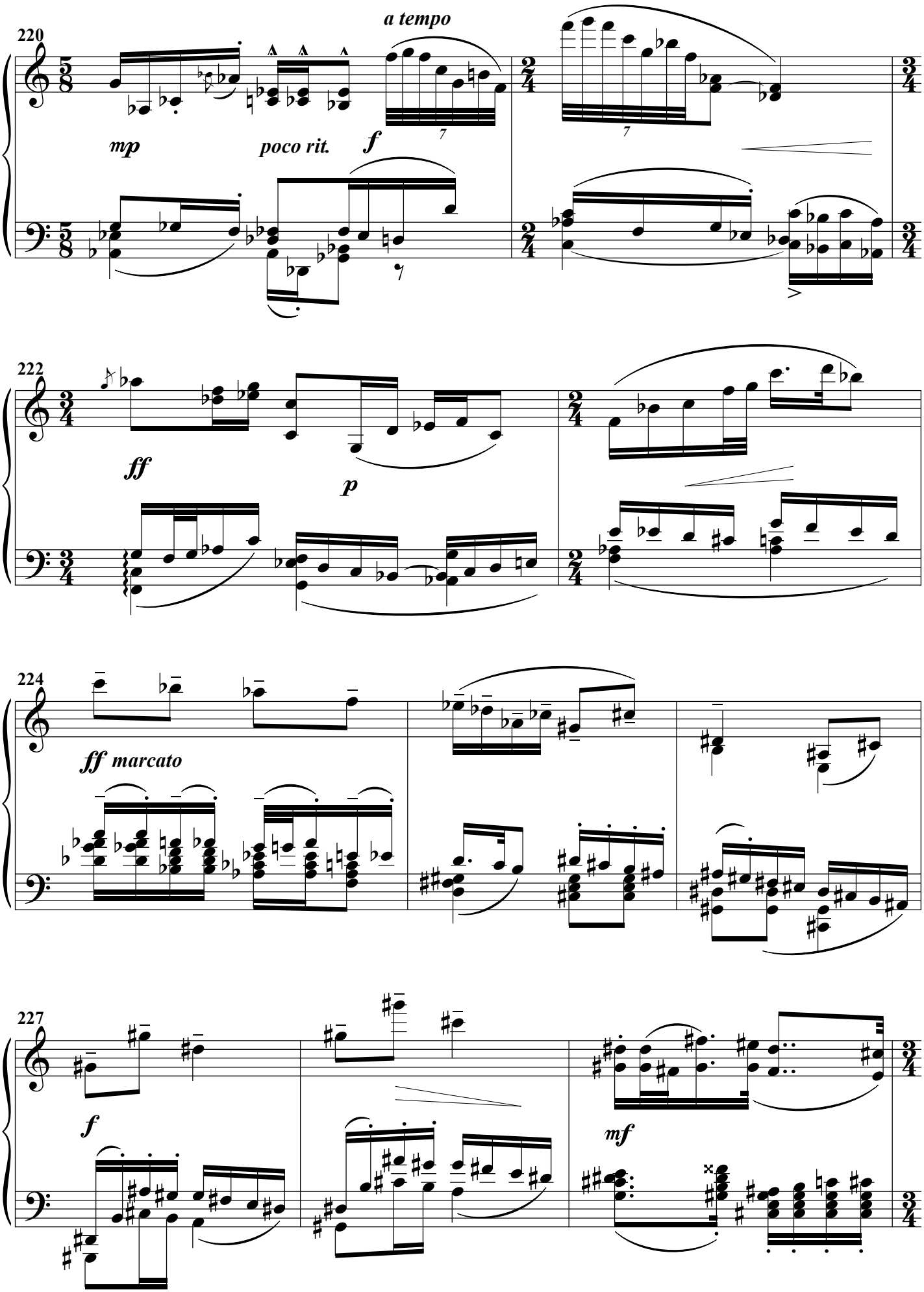
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4. Skittish Squirrels / Ecureuils fébriles

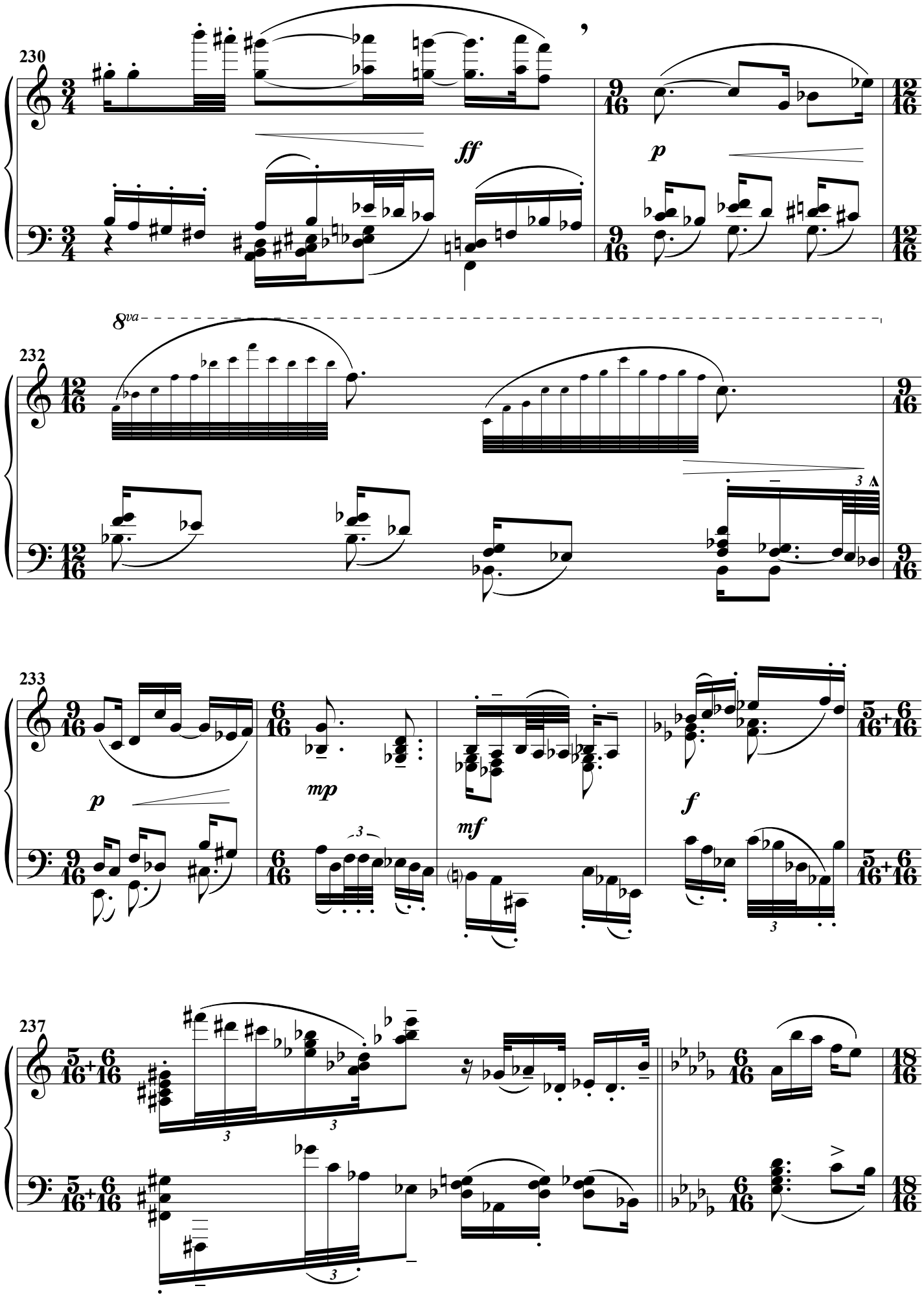
The squirrels' lopings, and sudden curvatures,
Would tie into knots an admirer of ligatures...



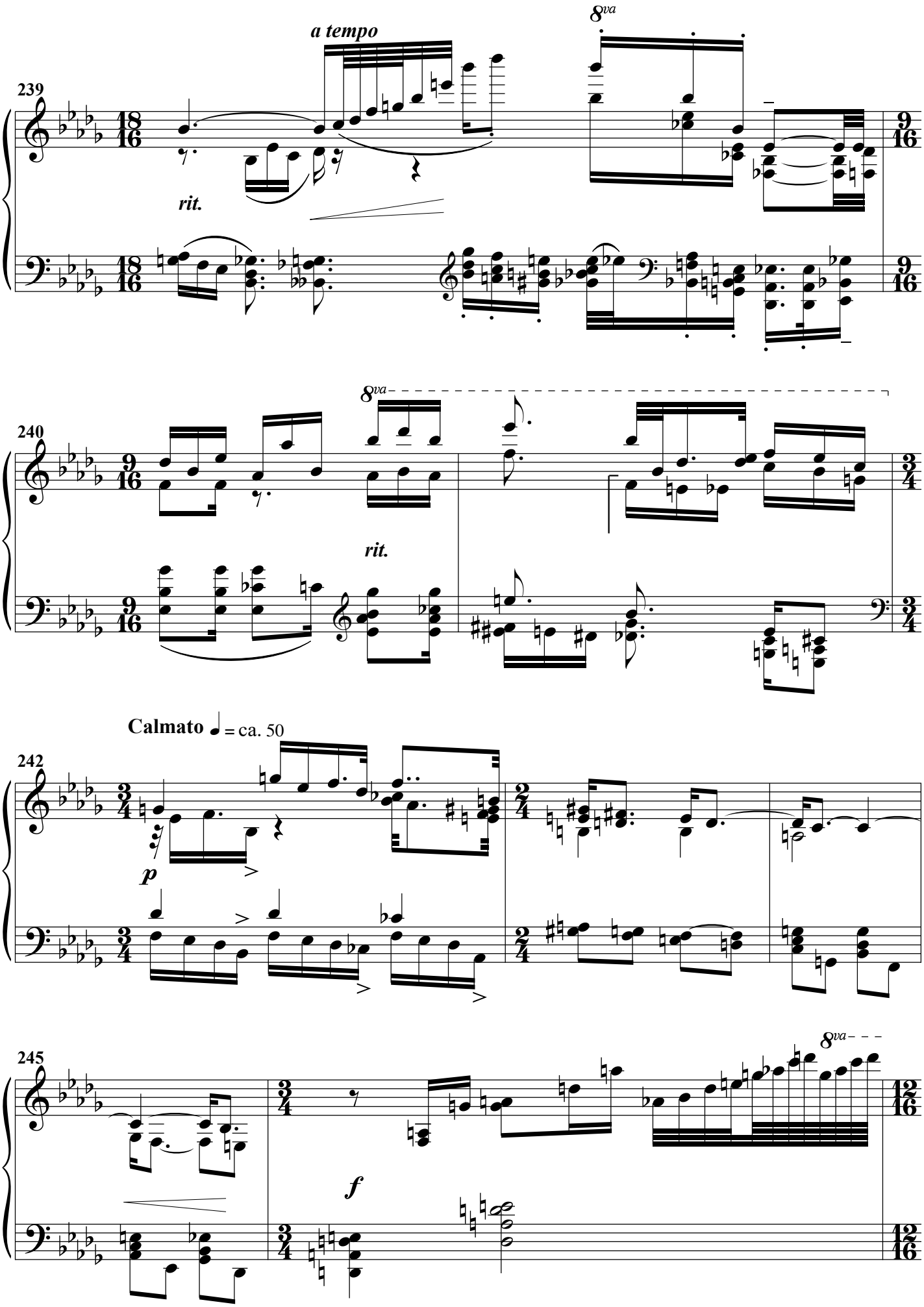
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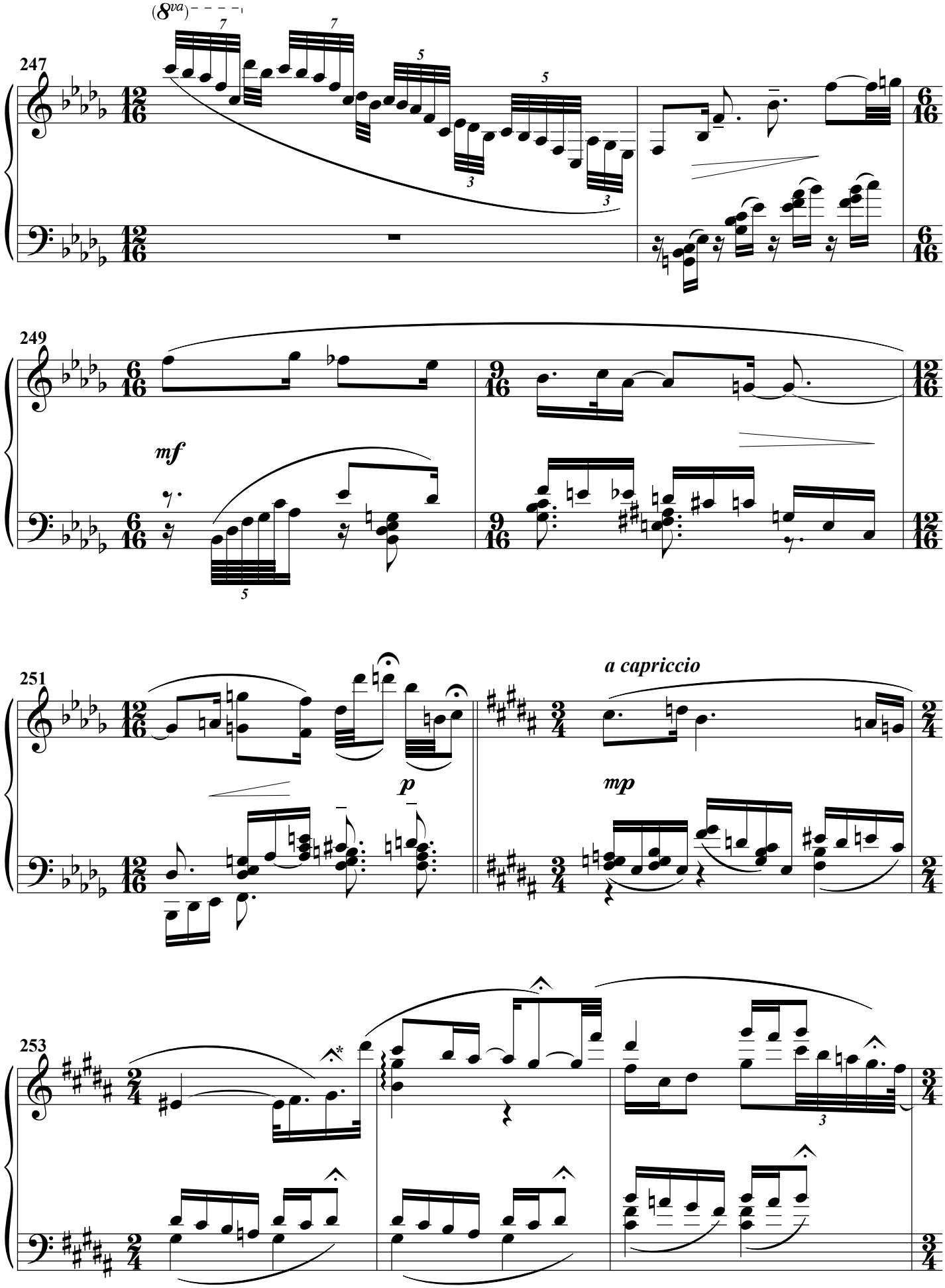
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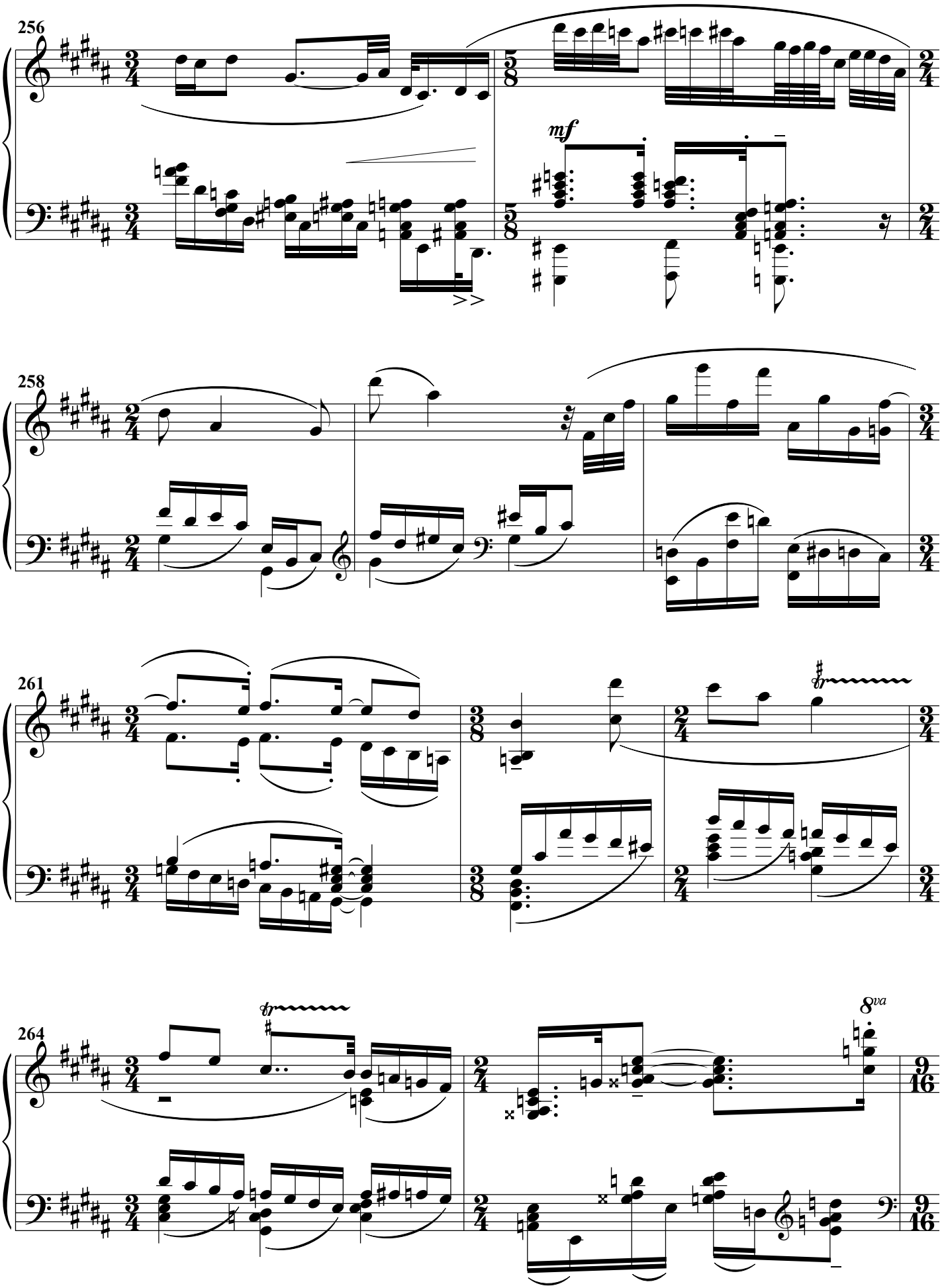


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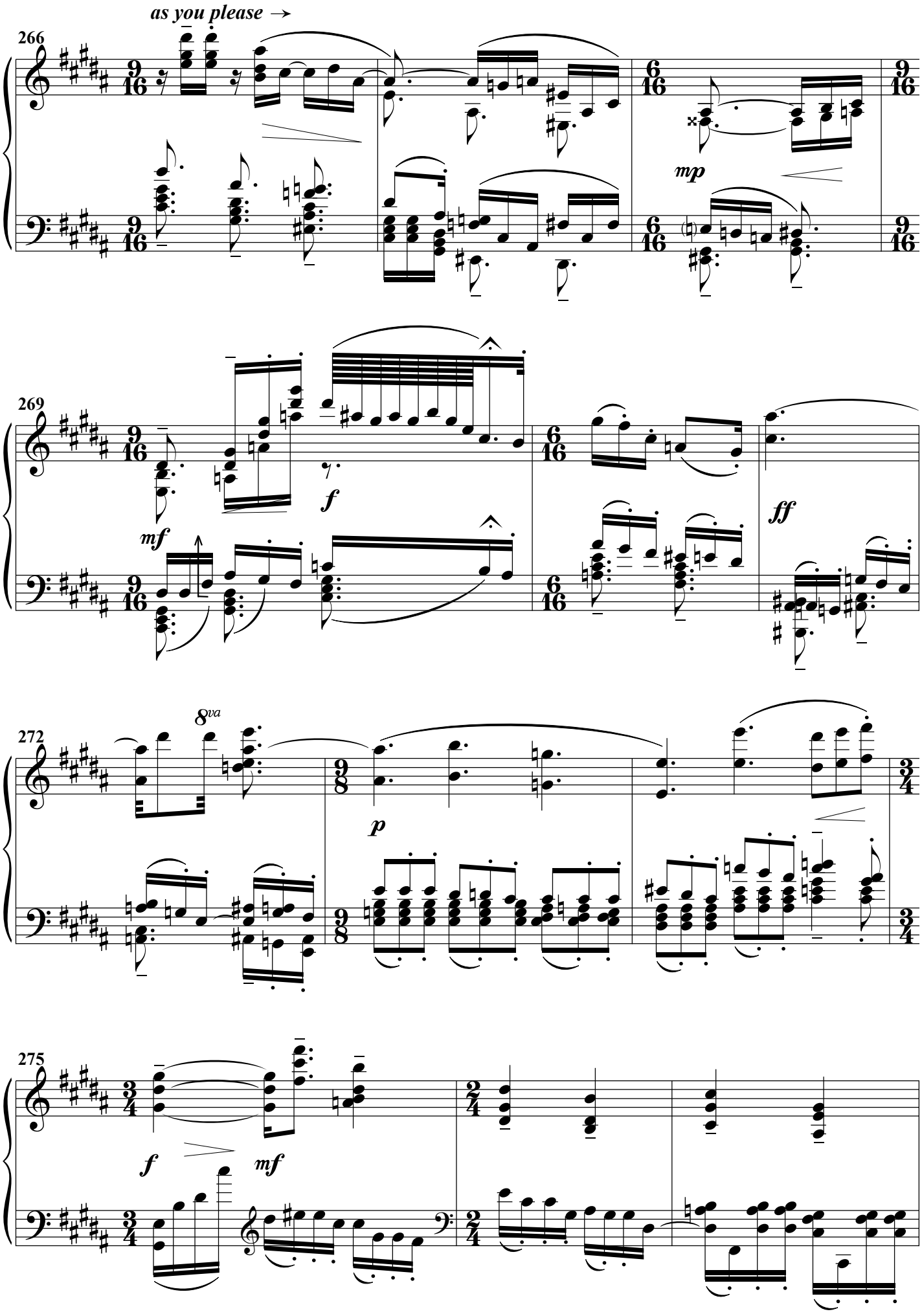


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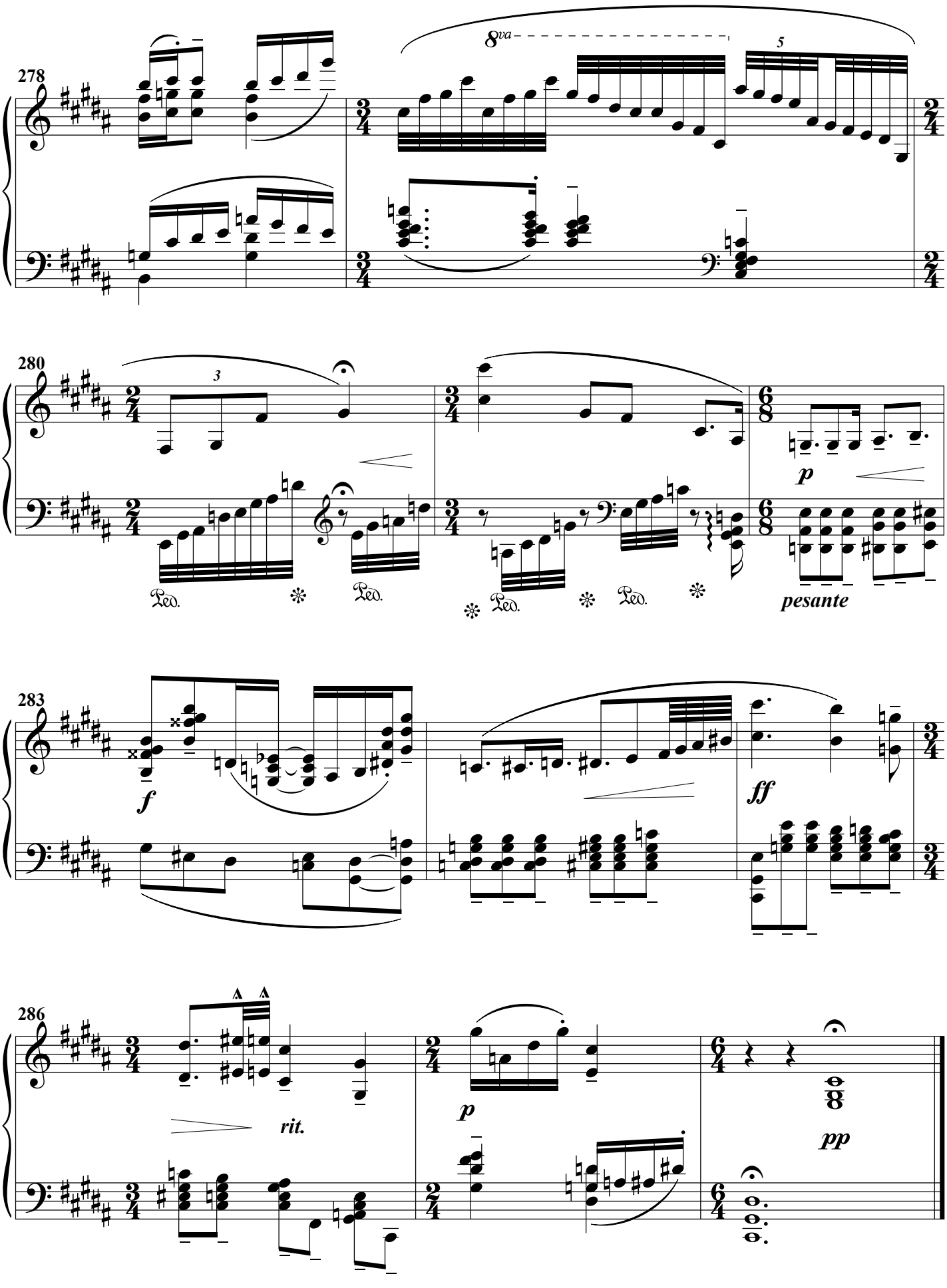
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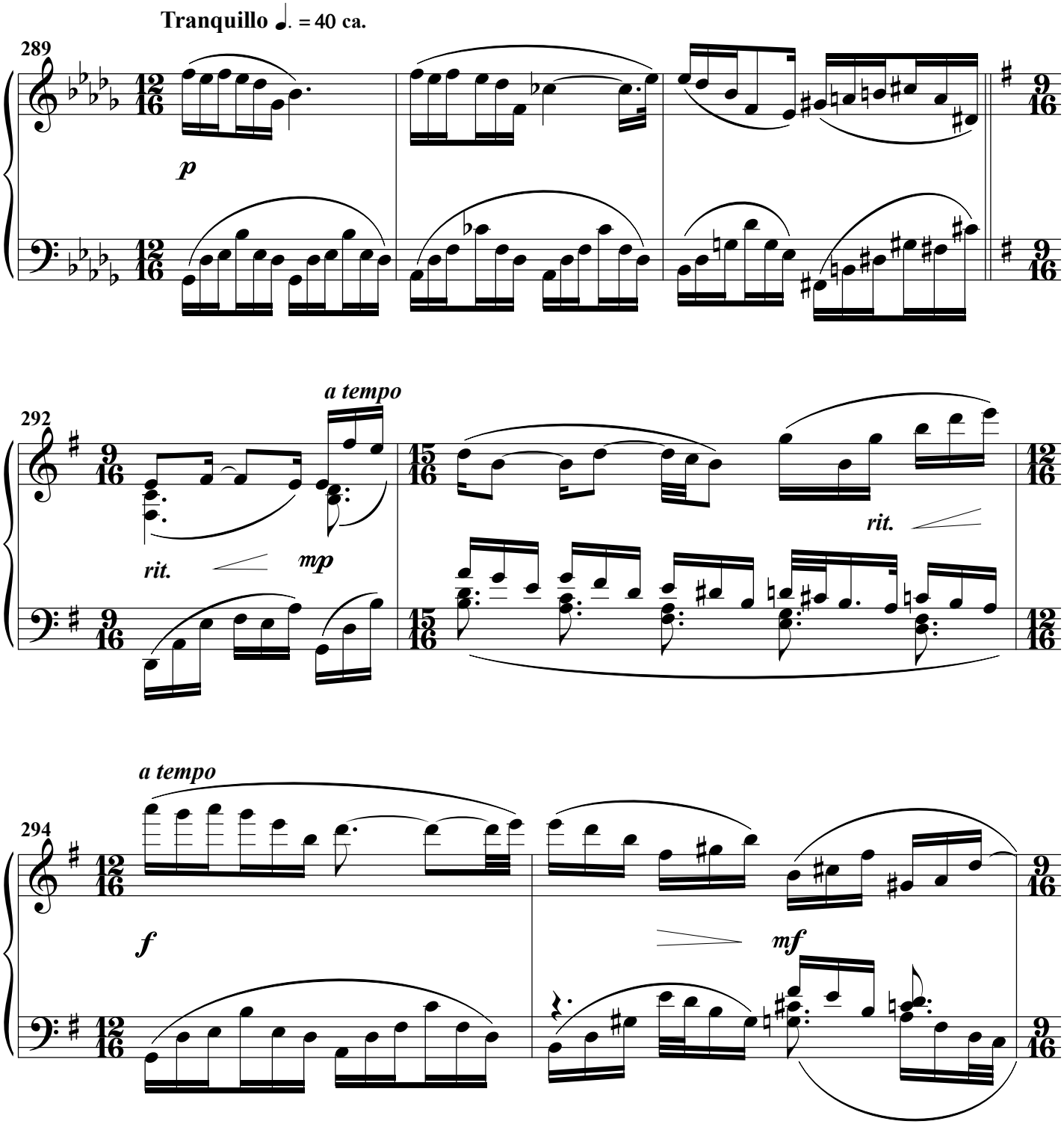
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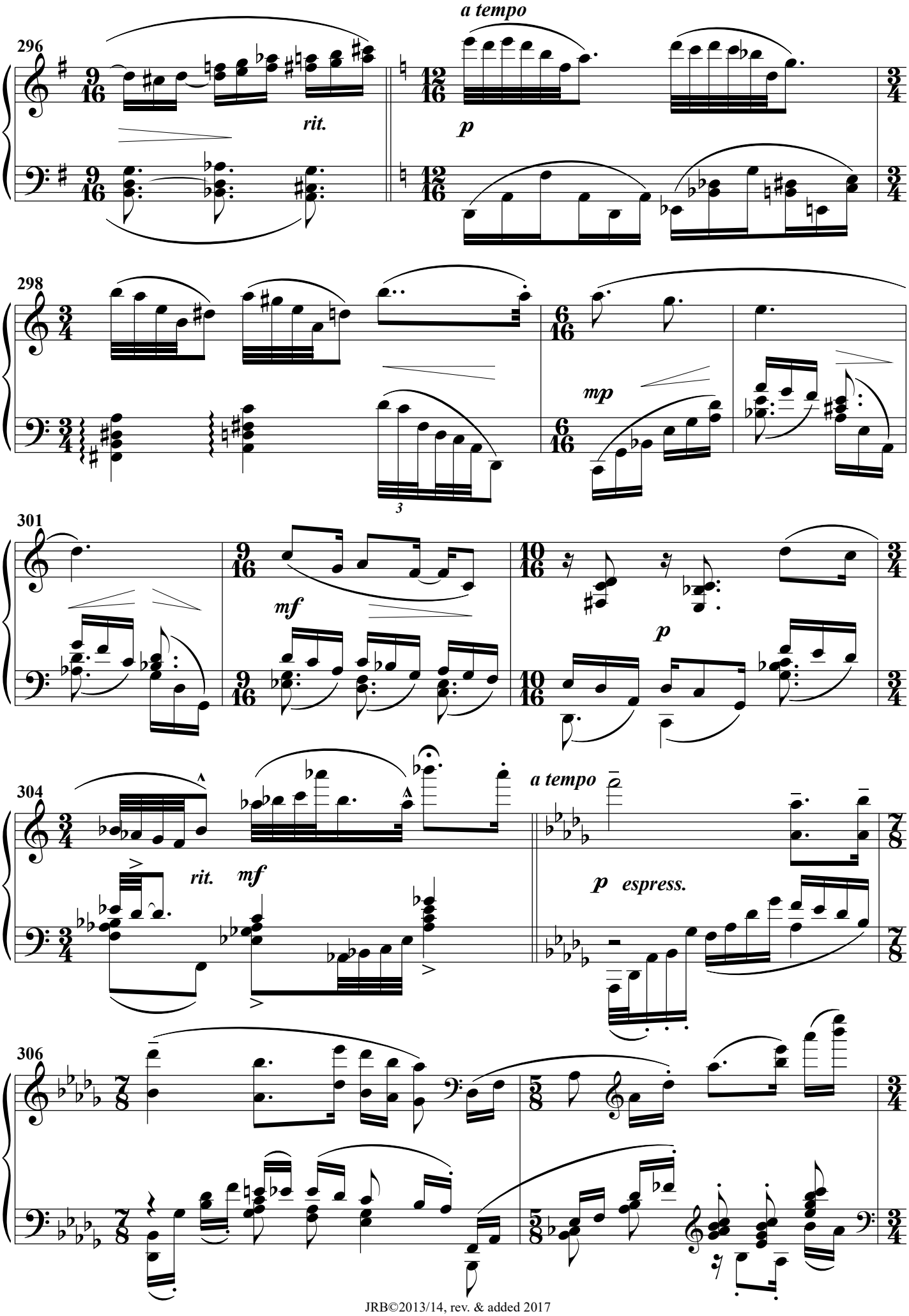
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5. The Peacock's Strut / La Pavane du Paon

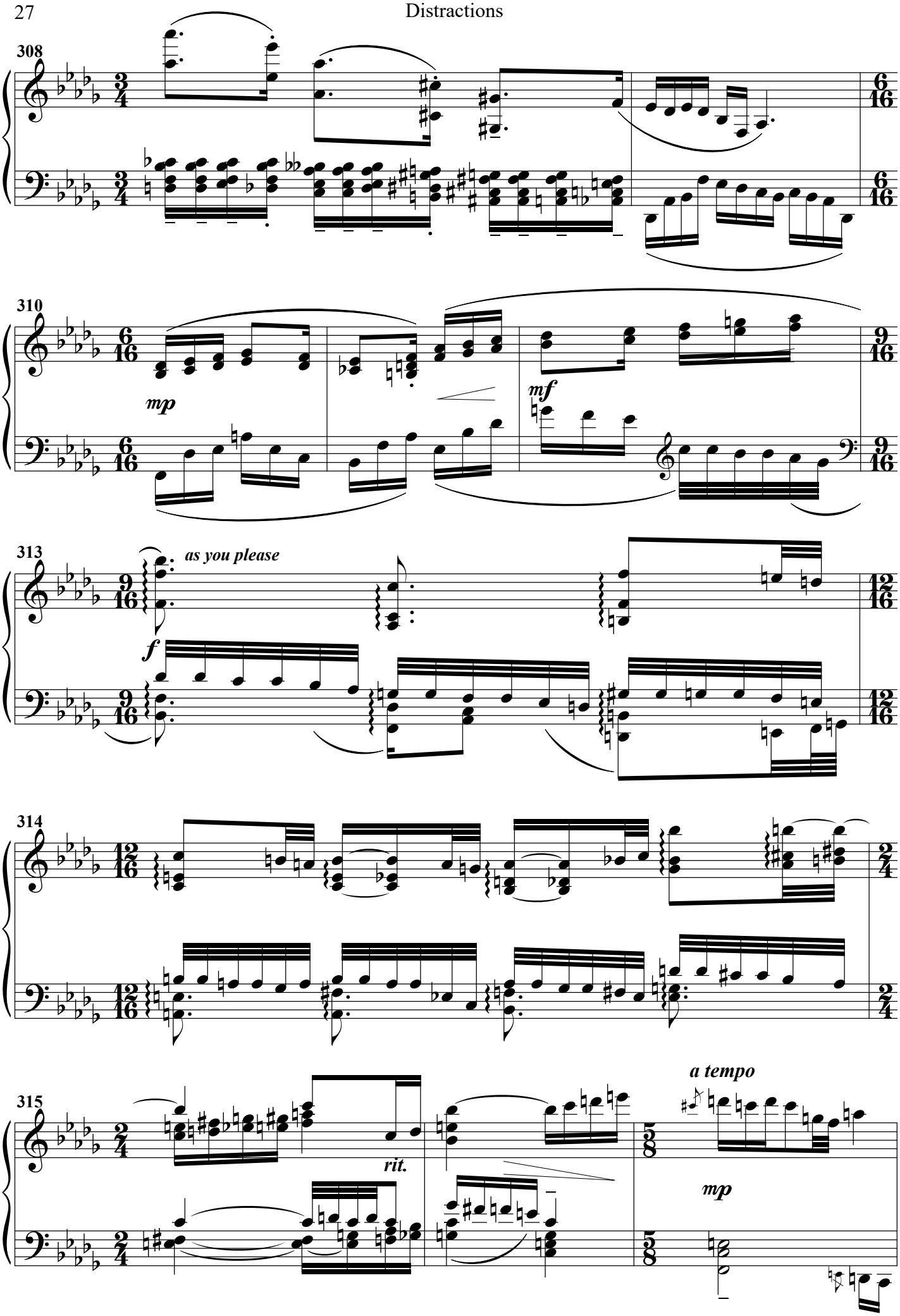
The peacock struts and juts his dovetailed semicircle
While the peahen indifferently ruffles her kirtle...



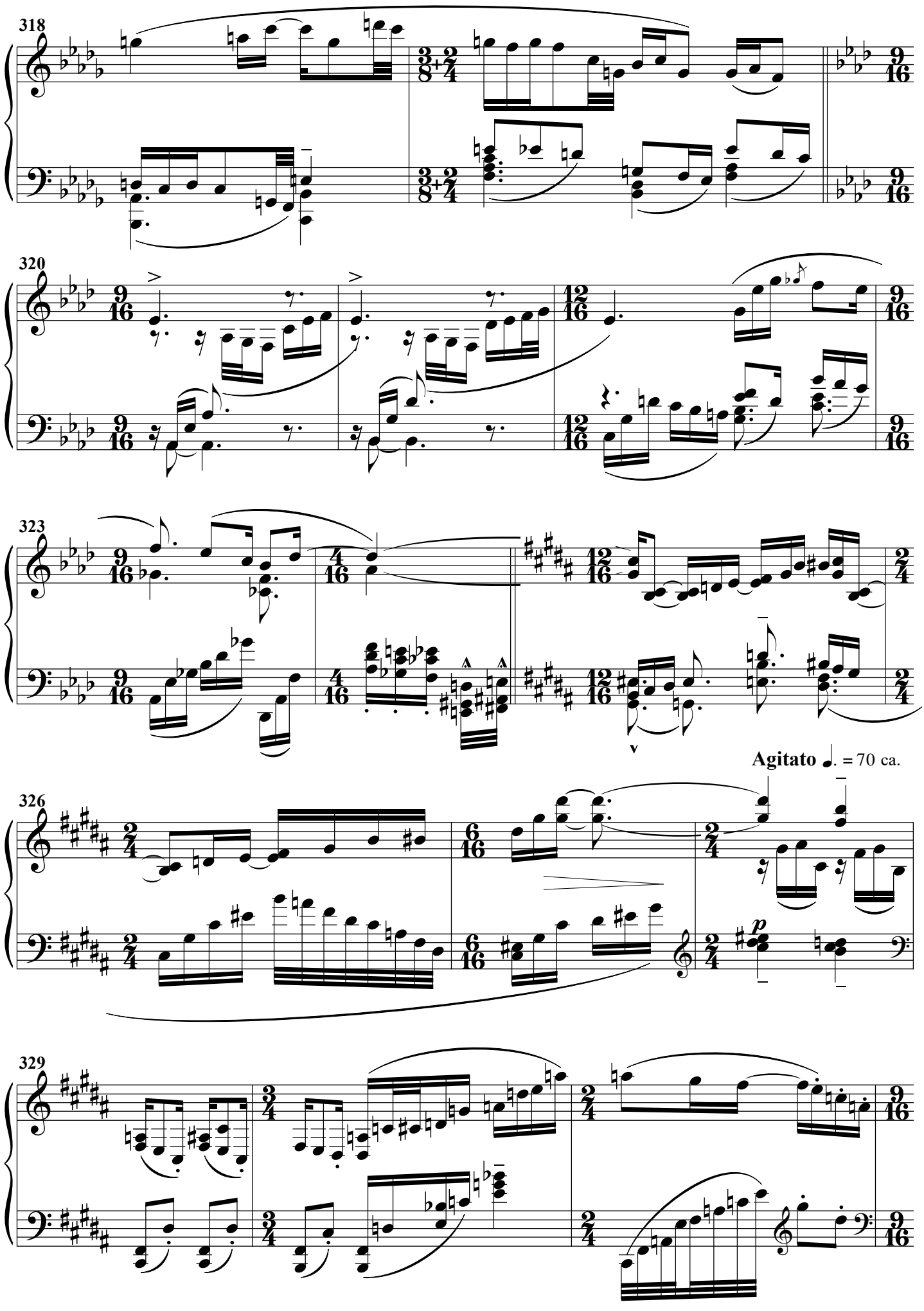
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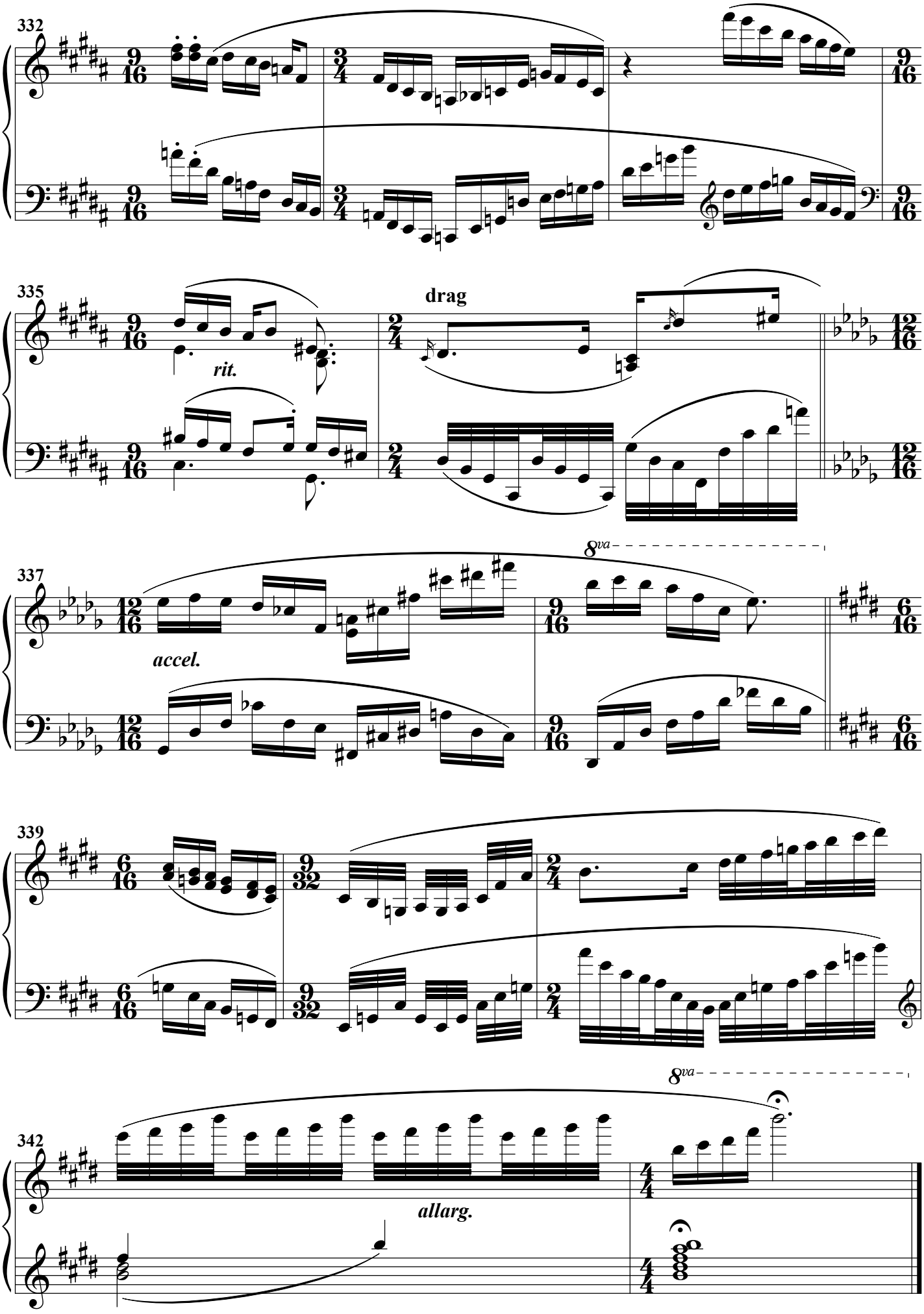
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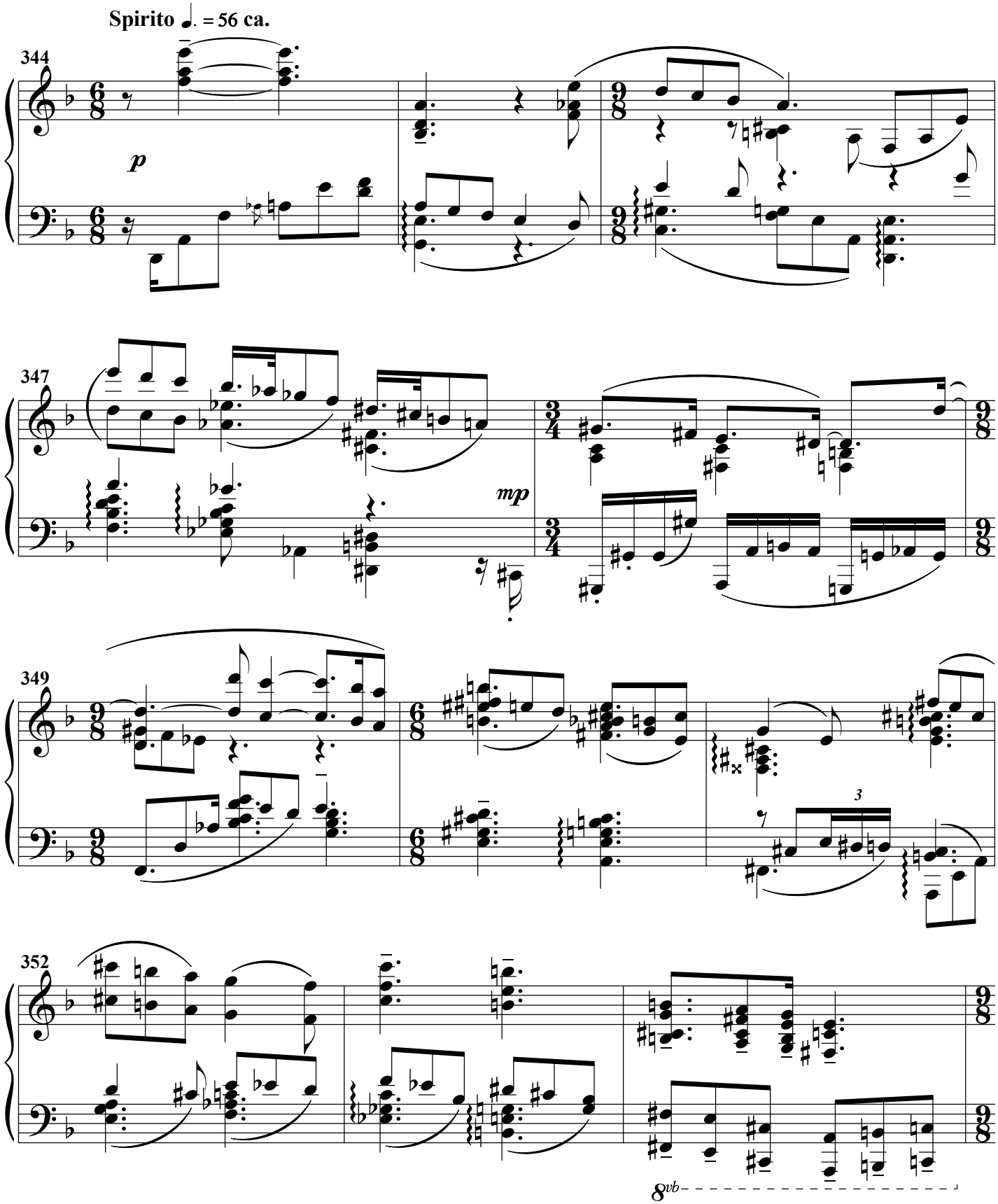
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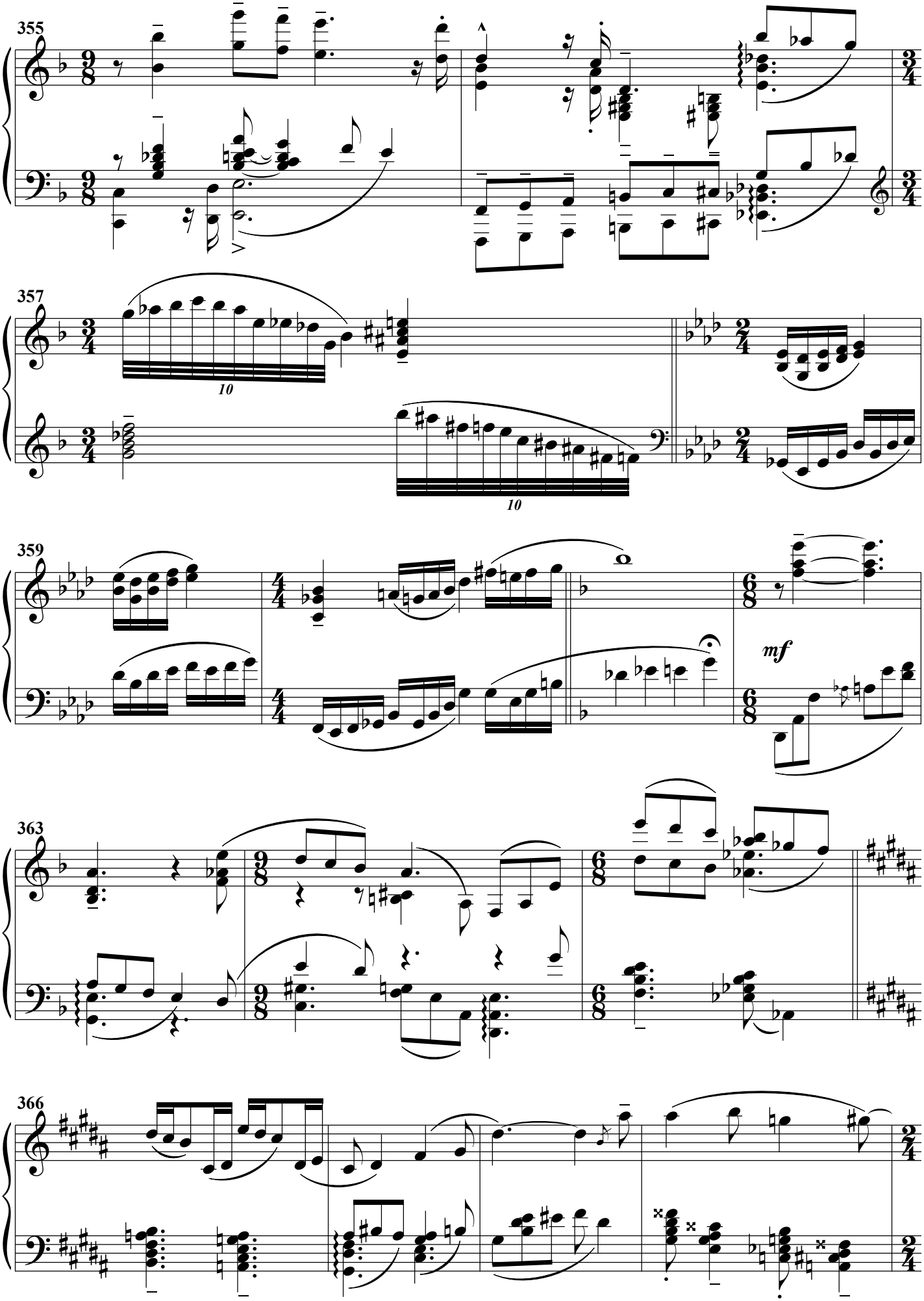
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6. Bickering Birds / Oiseaux chamailleurs

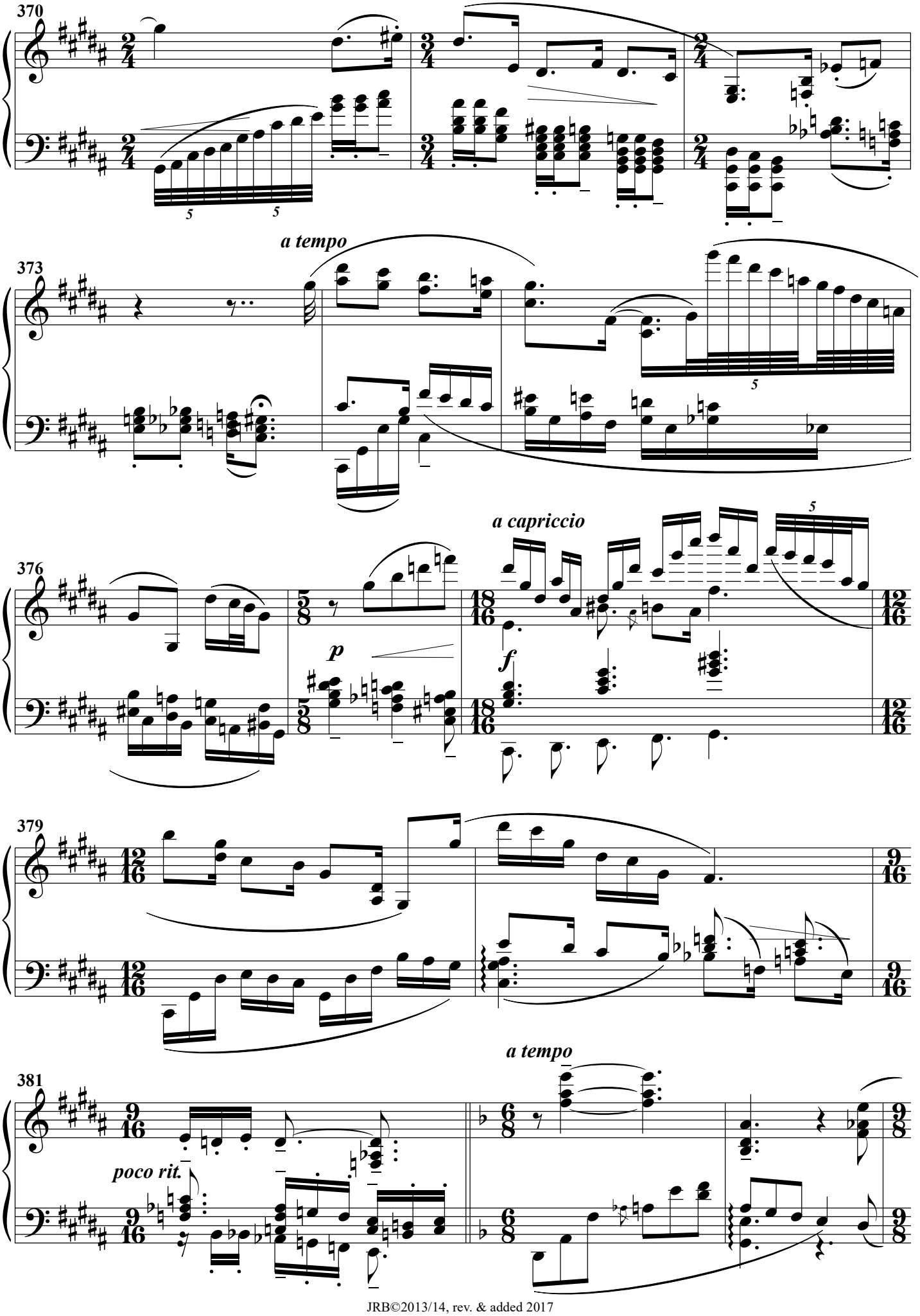
The quarrelsome birds that lose their perches
Cannot mind exchanging oaks against birches...



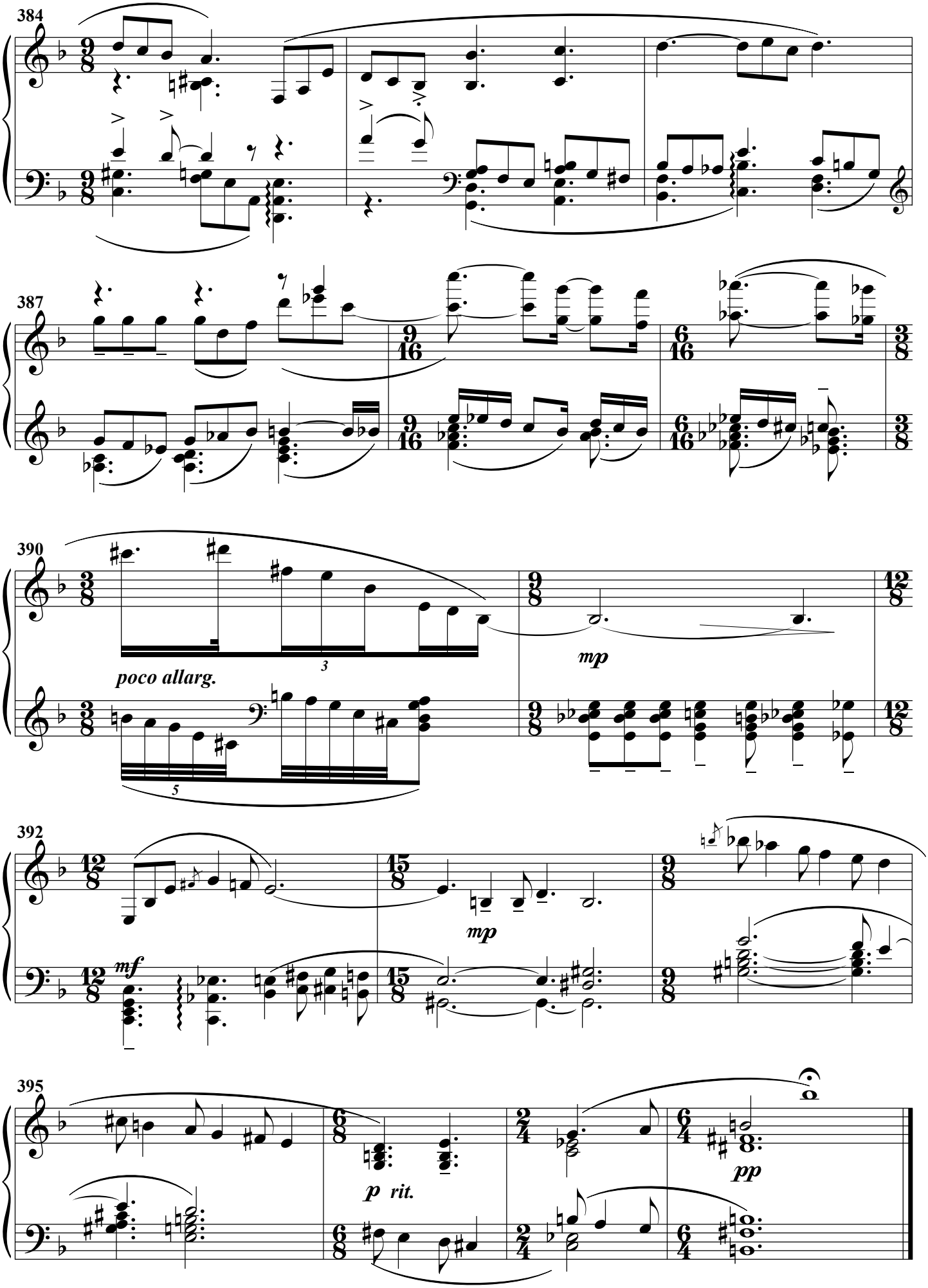
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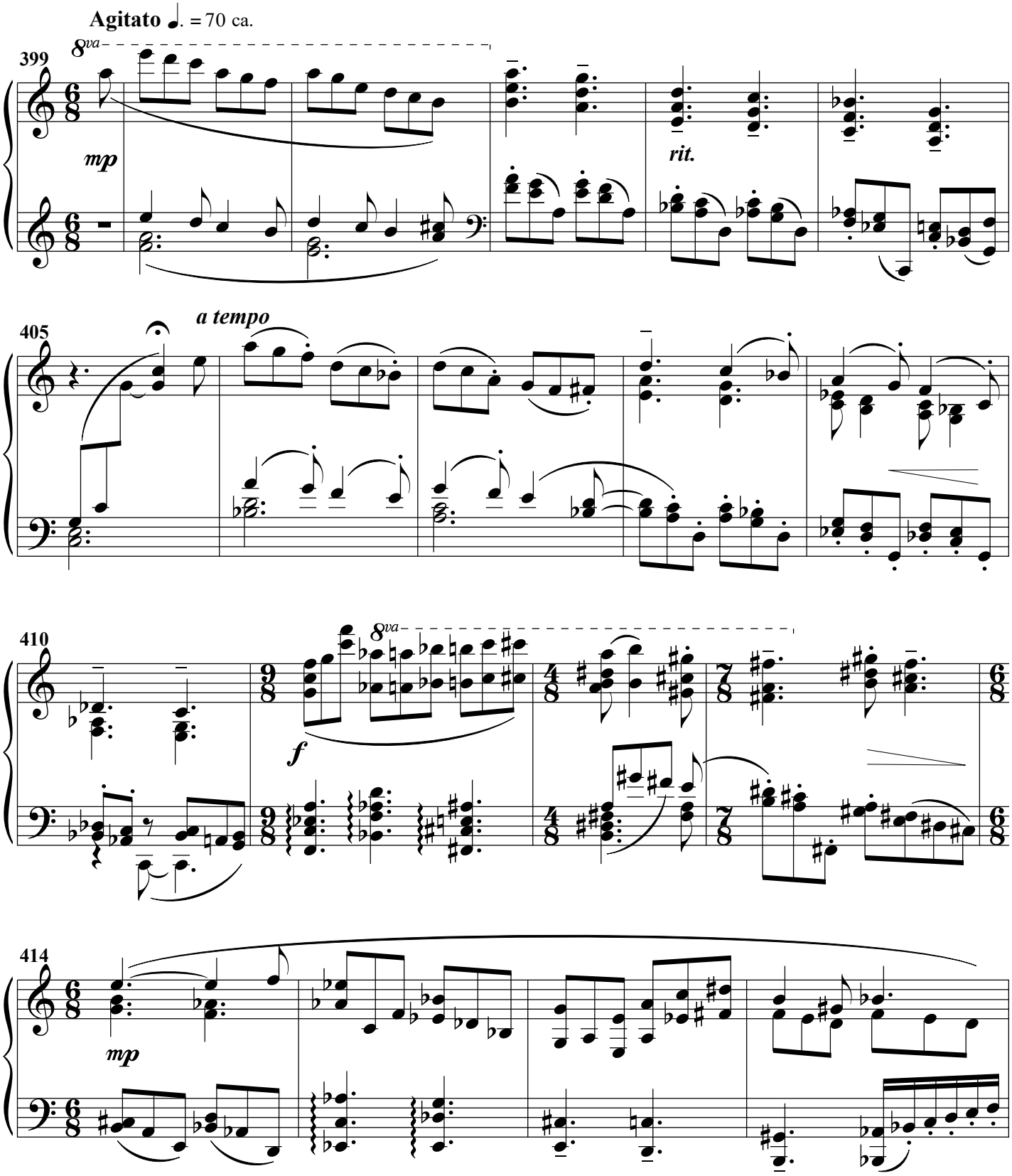


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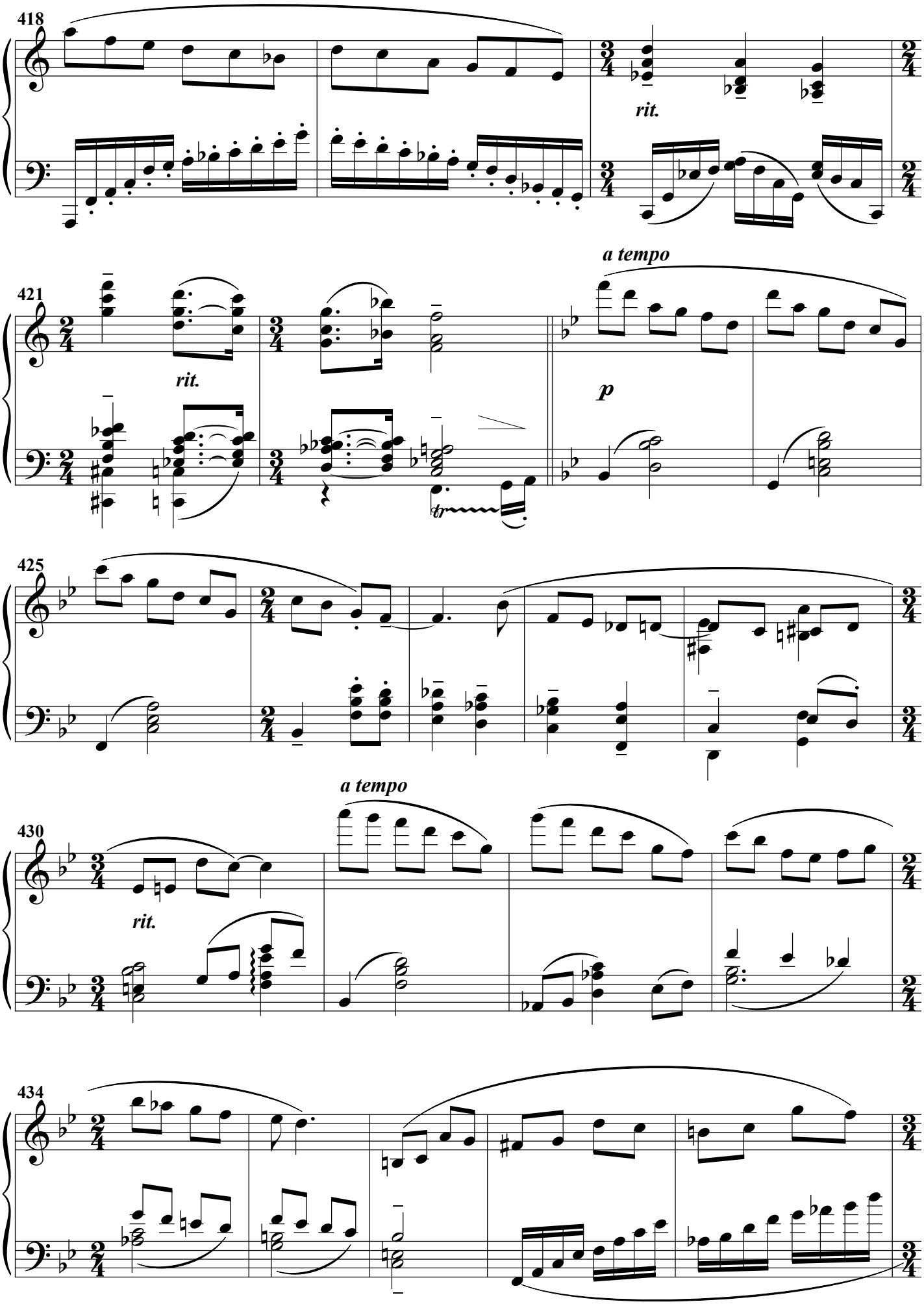
7. Oscillating Volpino / Pimpant Poméranien

The pompous volpino walks his master certainly :
He who follows cannot deal with him so arfully...

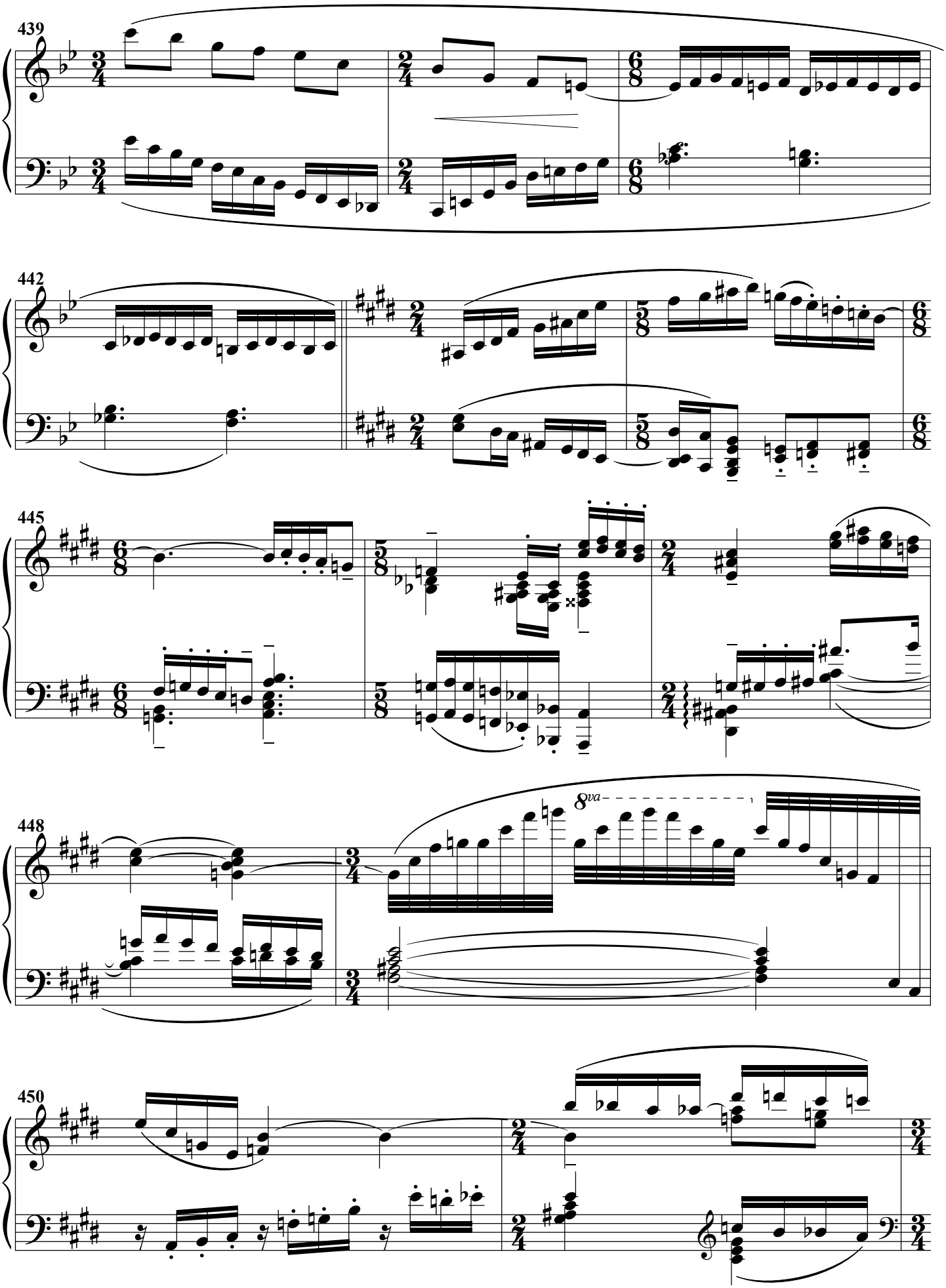
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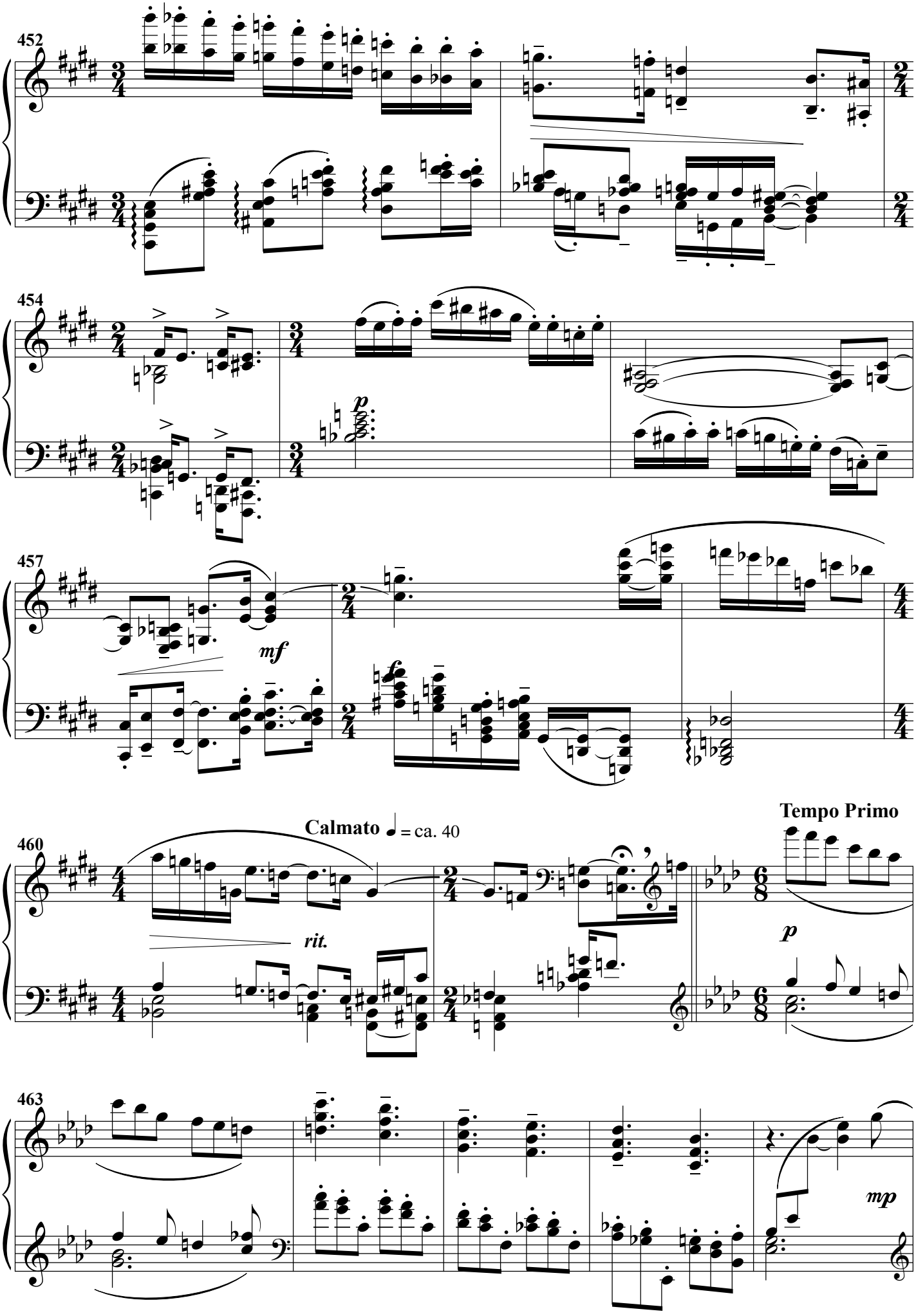
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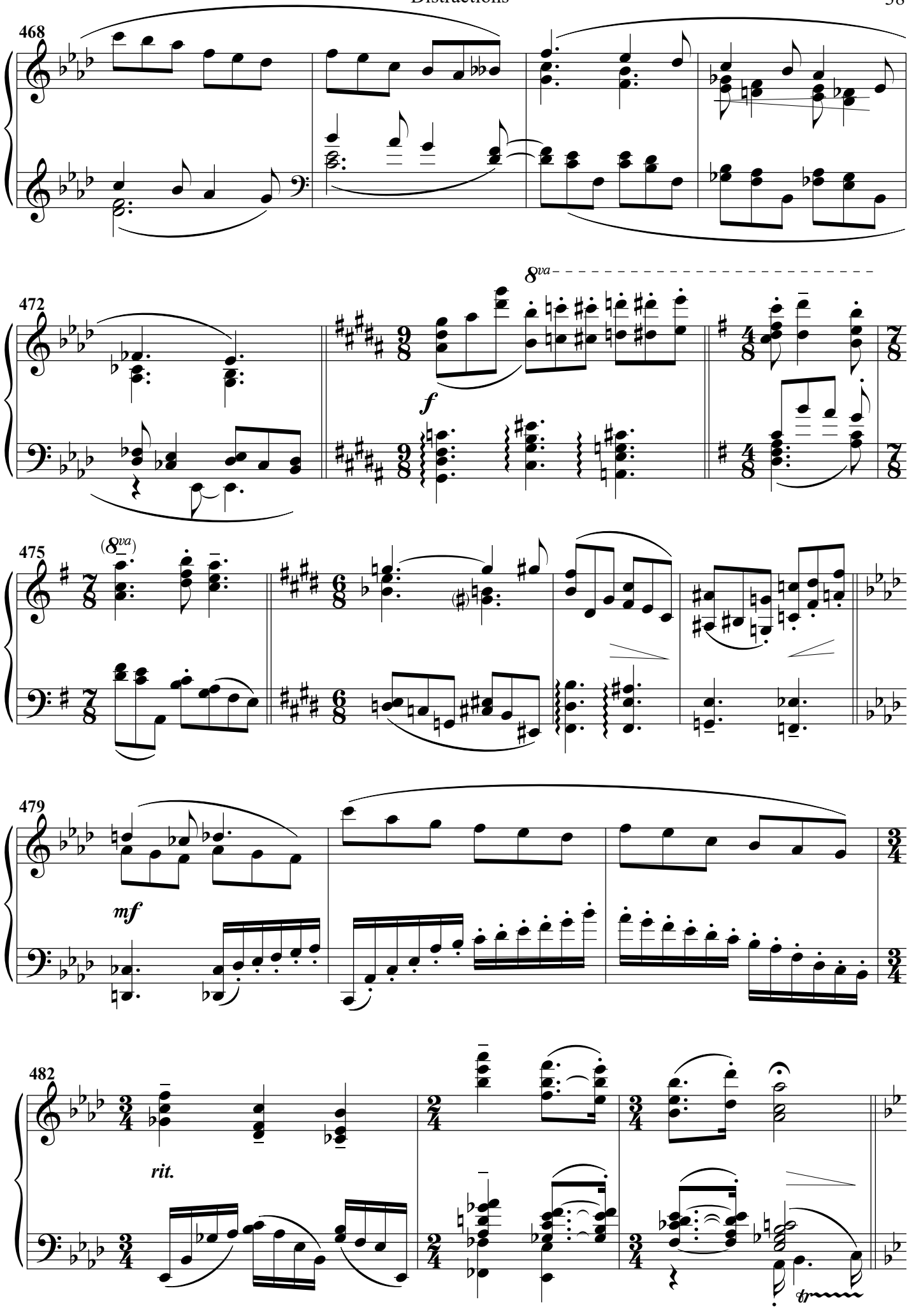
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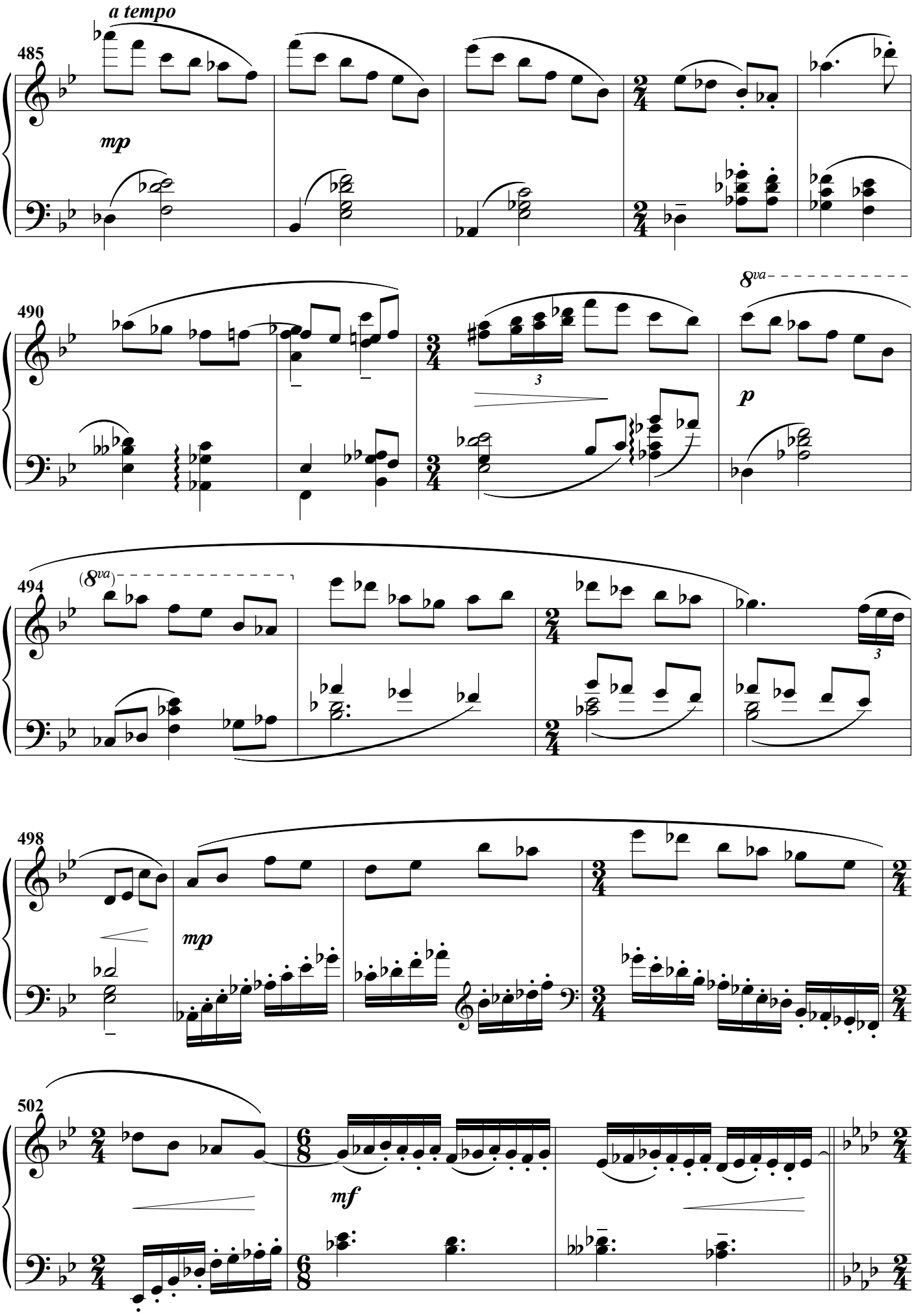
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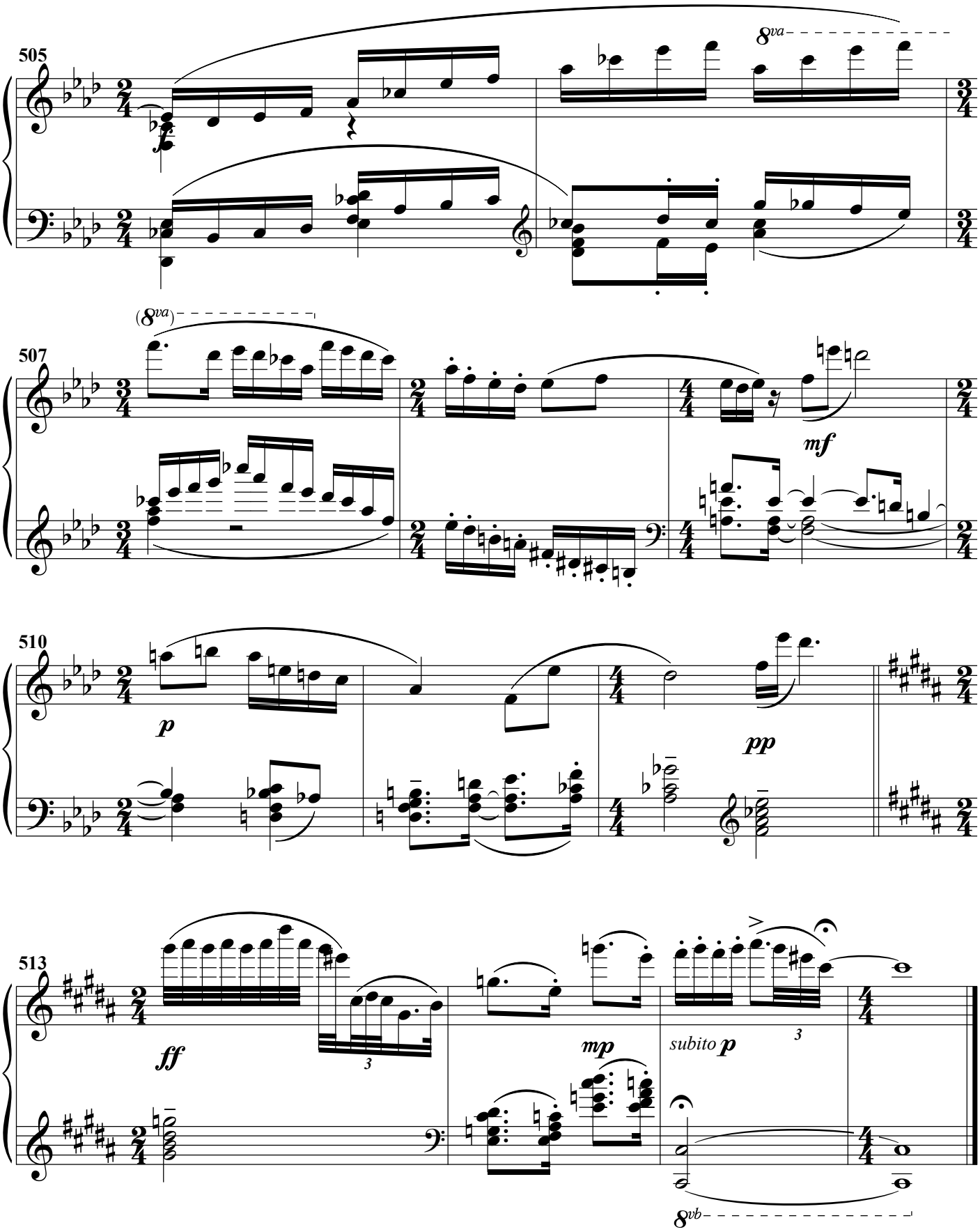
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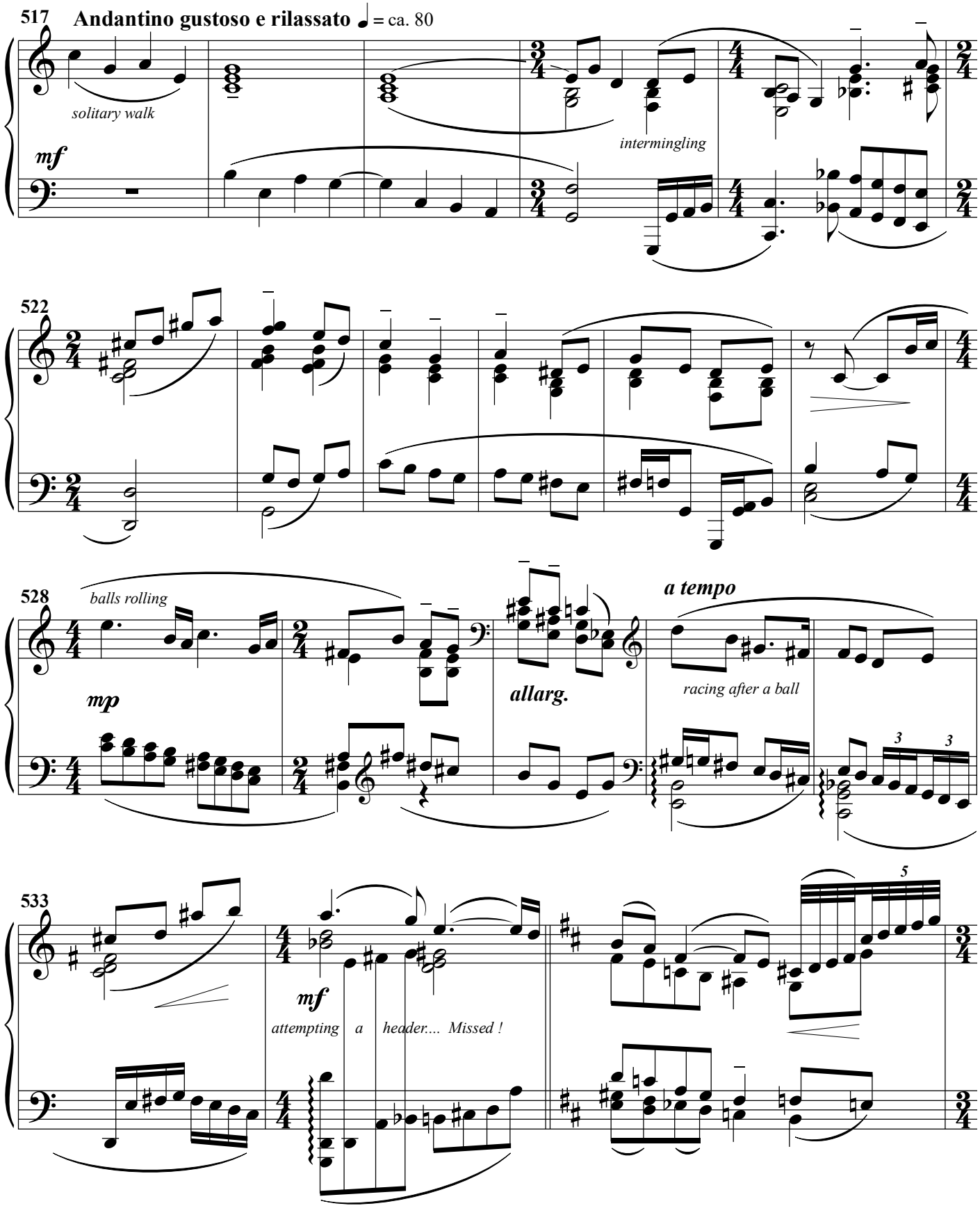
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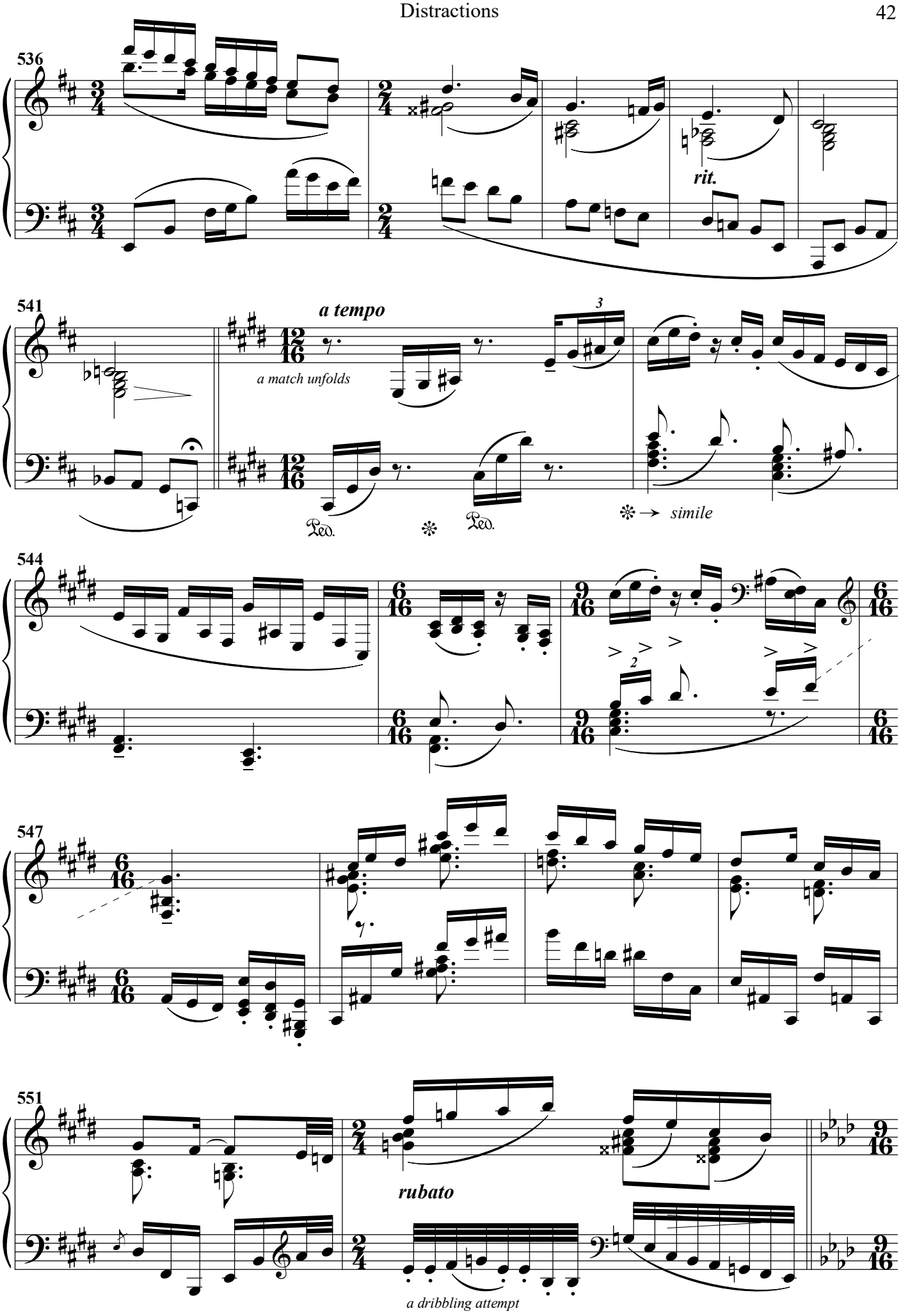
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8. Walker Encircled by Ball Games / Marcheur Circonscrit par des Jeux de Ballon

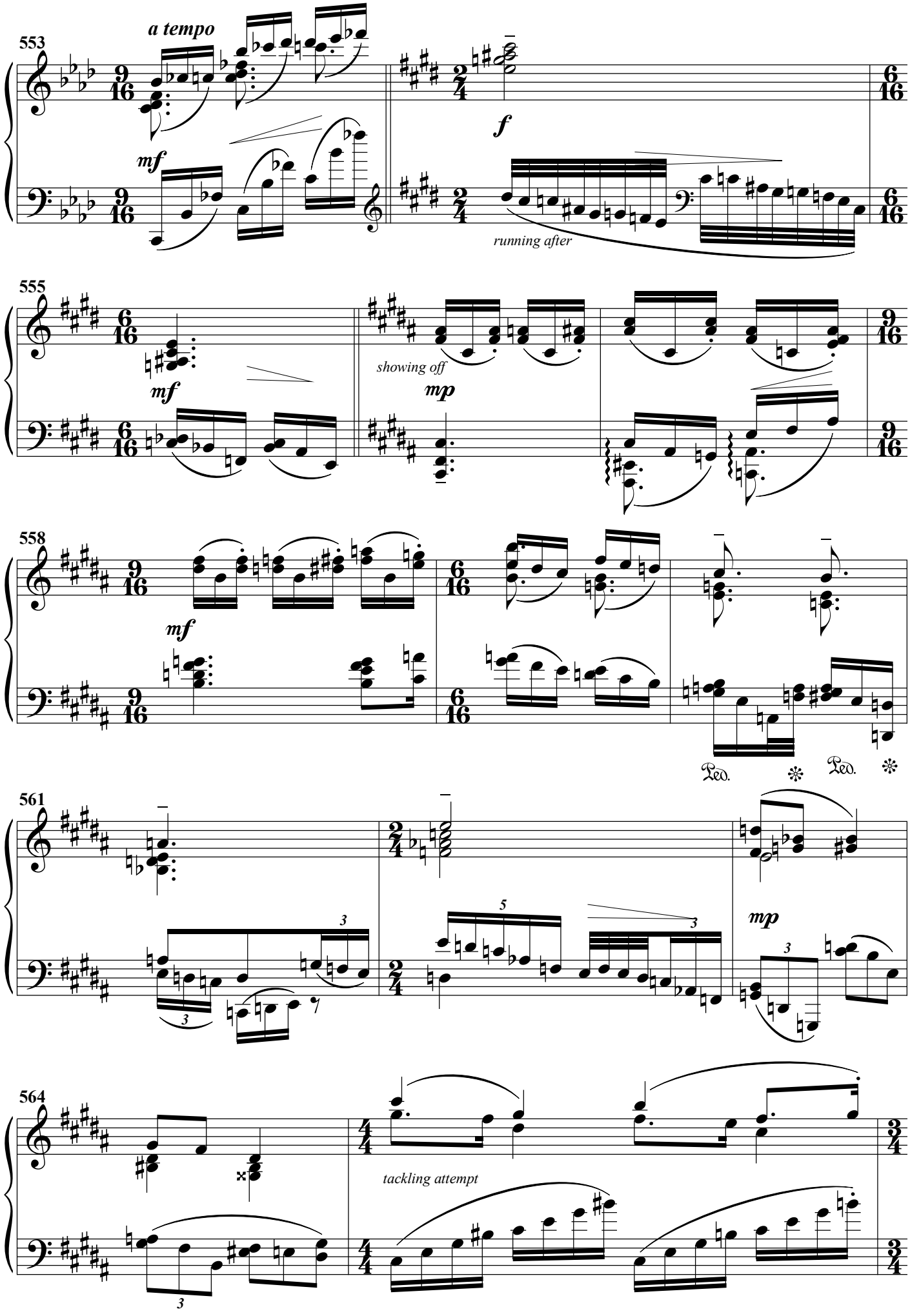
Le promeneur circonscrit / Au Parc Bordelais, / Passe par la géométrie /
D'un ancien palais / Qui aurait pu être / Si seulement on l'avait vu naître...



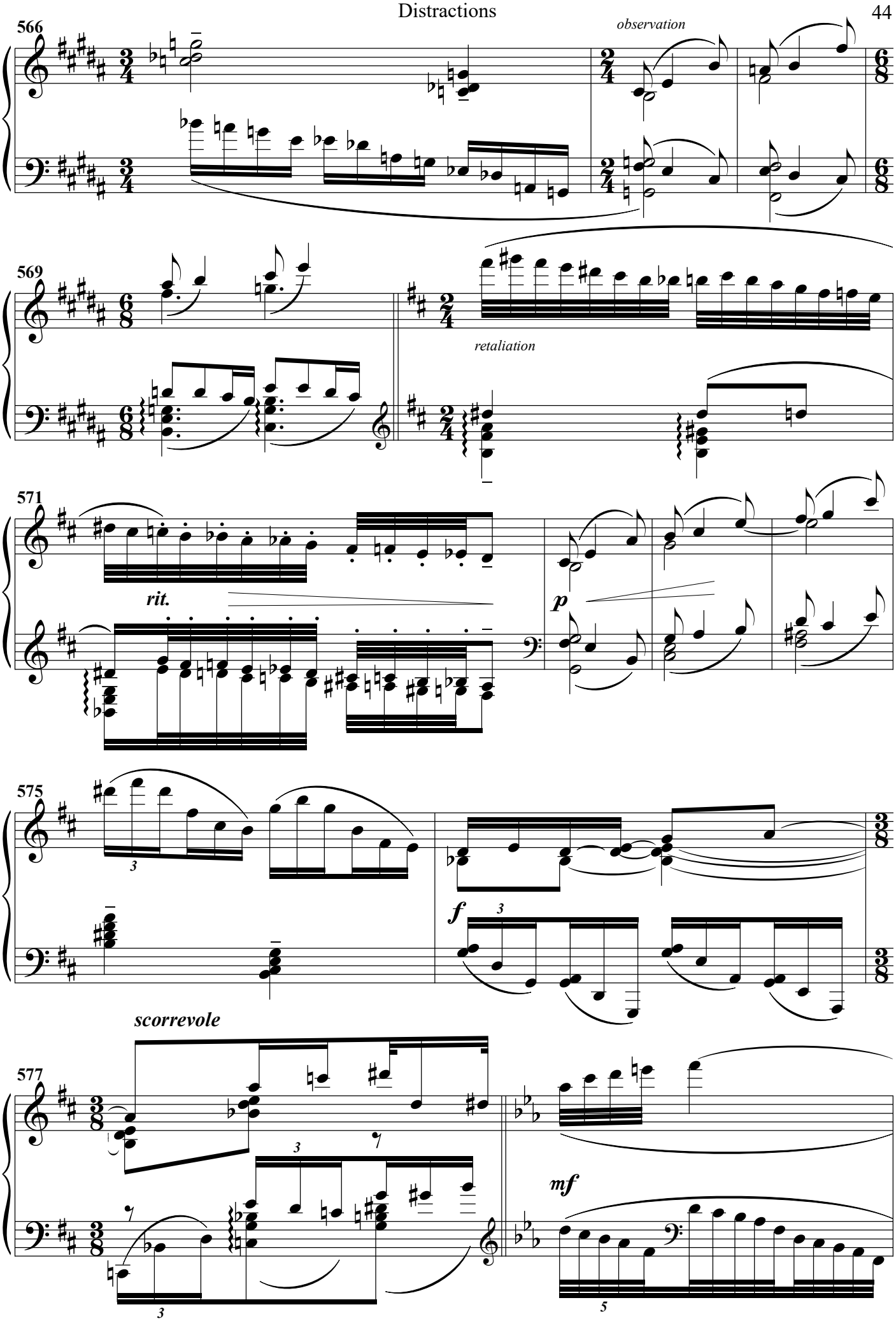
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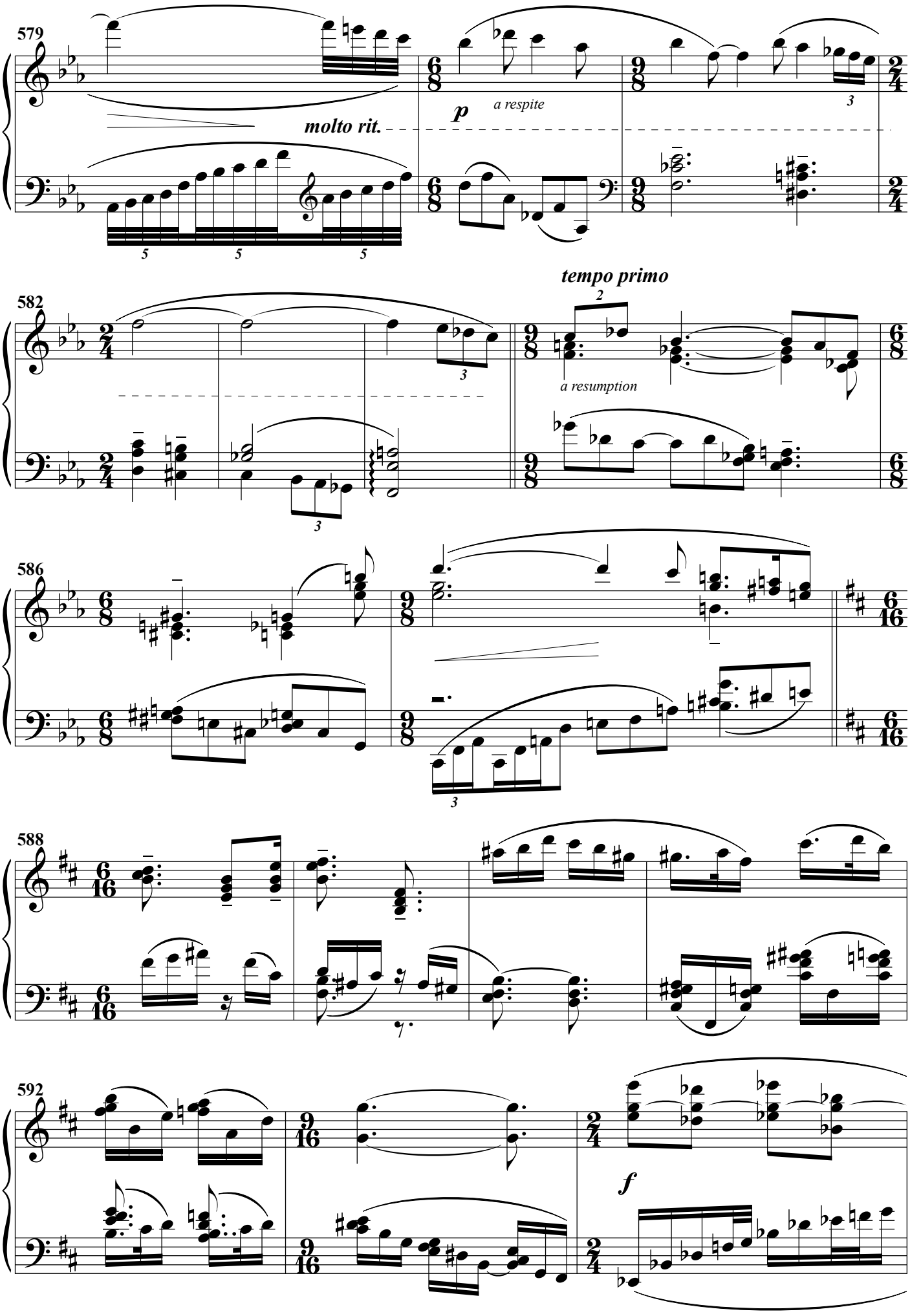
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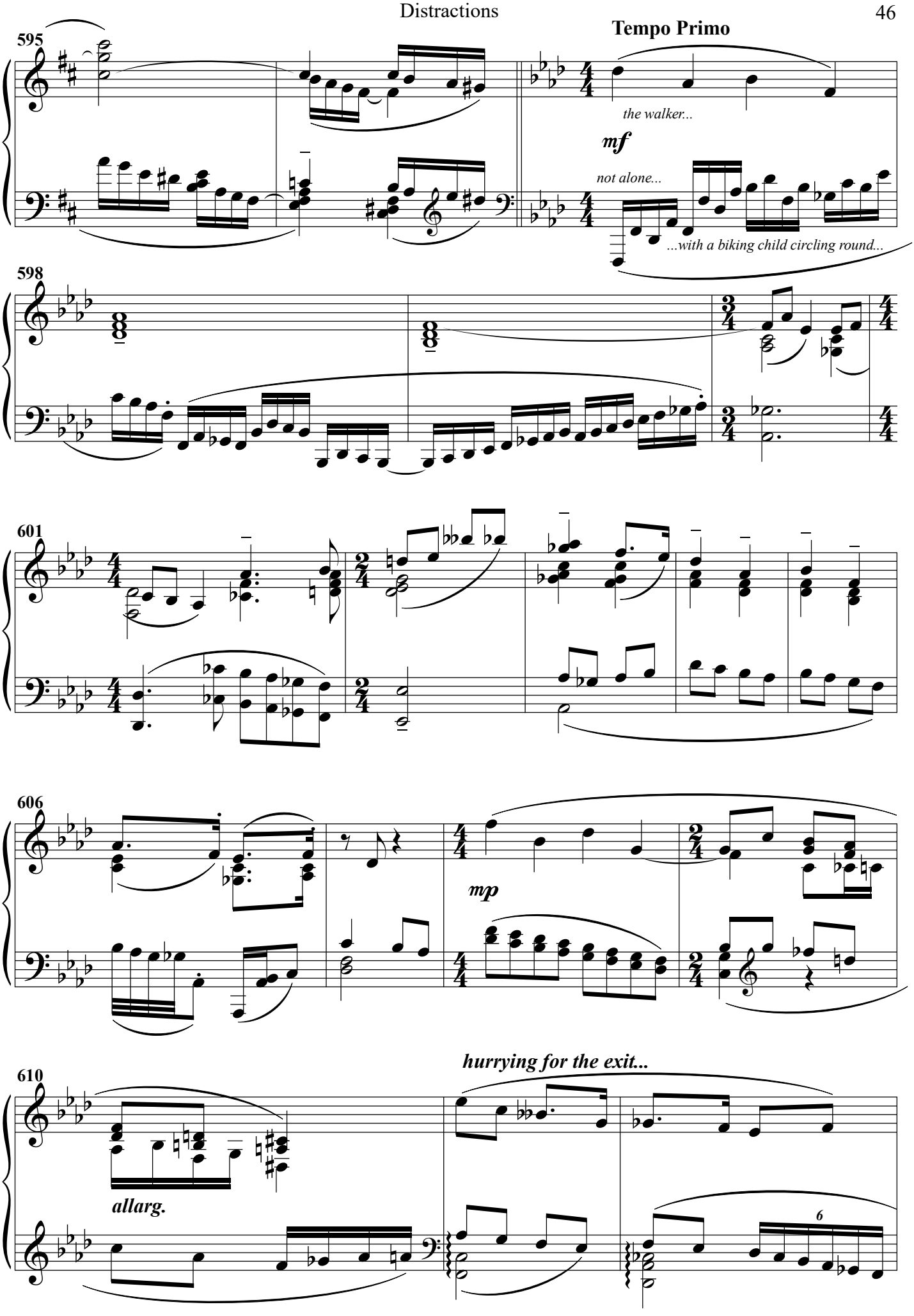
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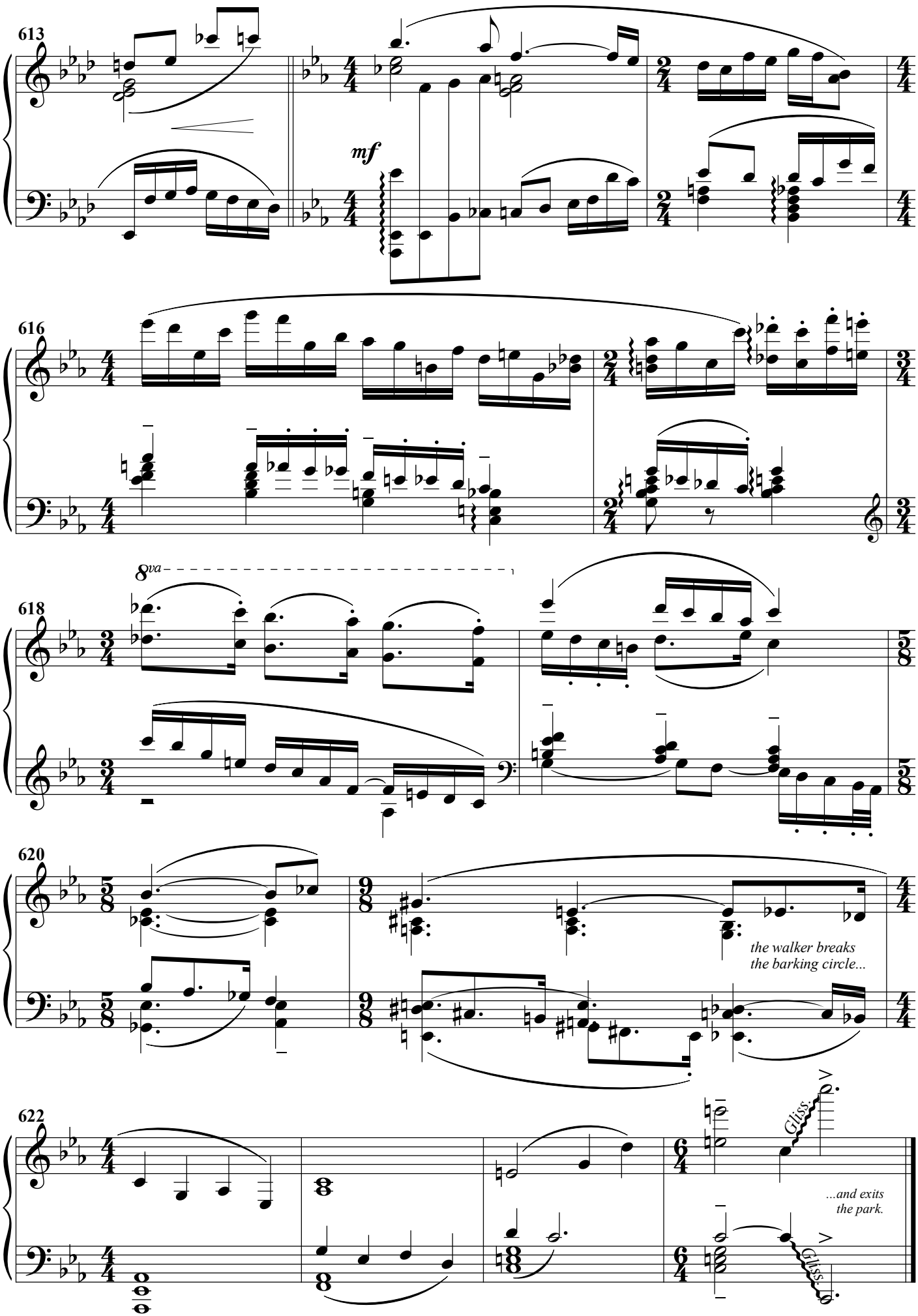
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