*to Joan Bauerly*

# Tango nuyoricano

for flute and guitar, op. 74

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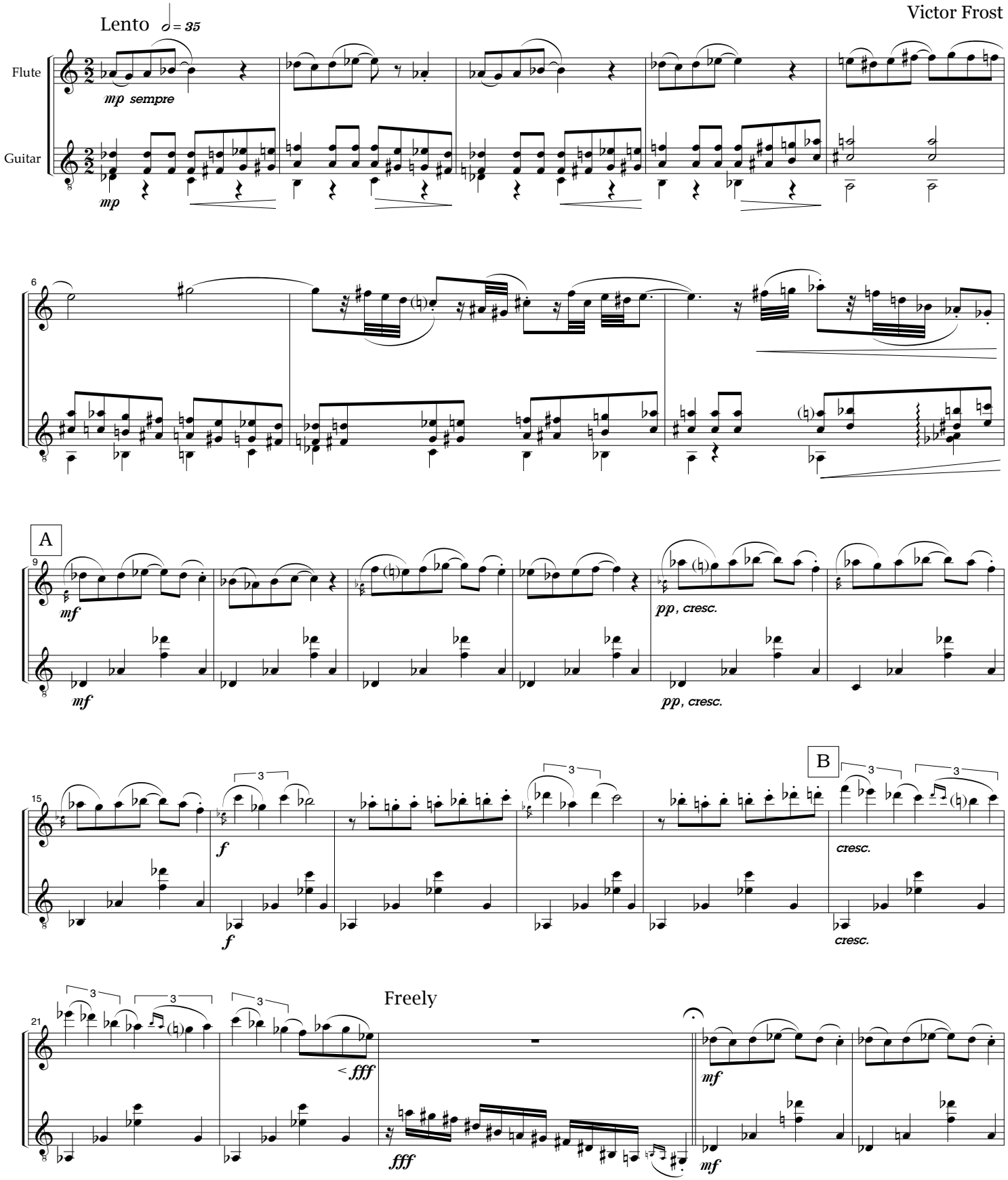


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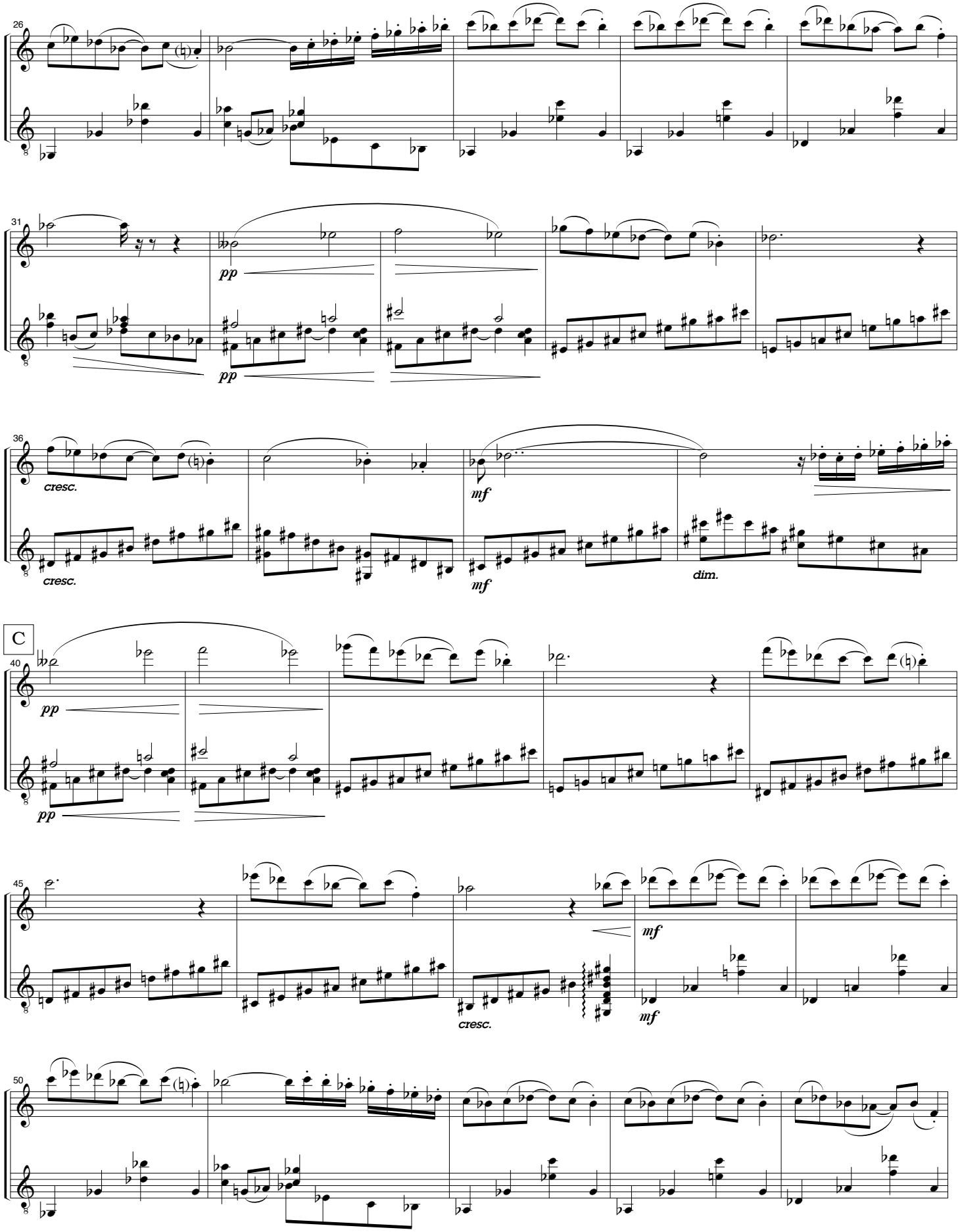
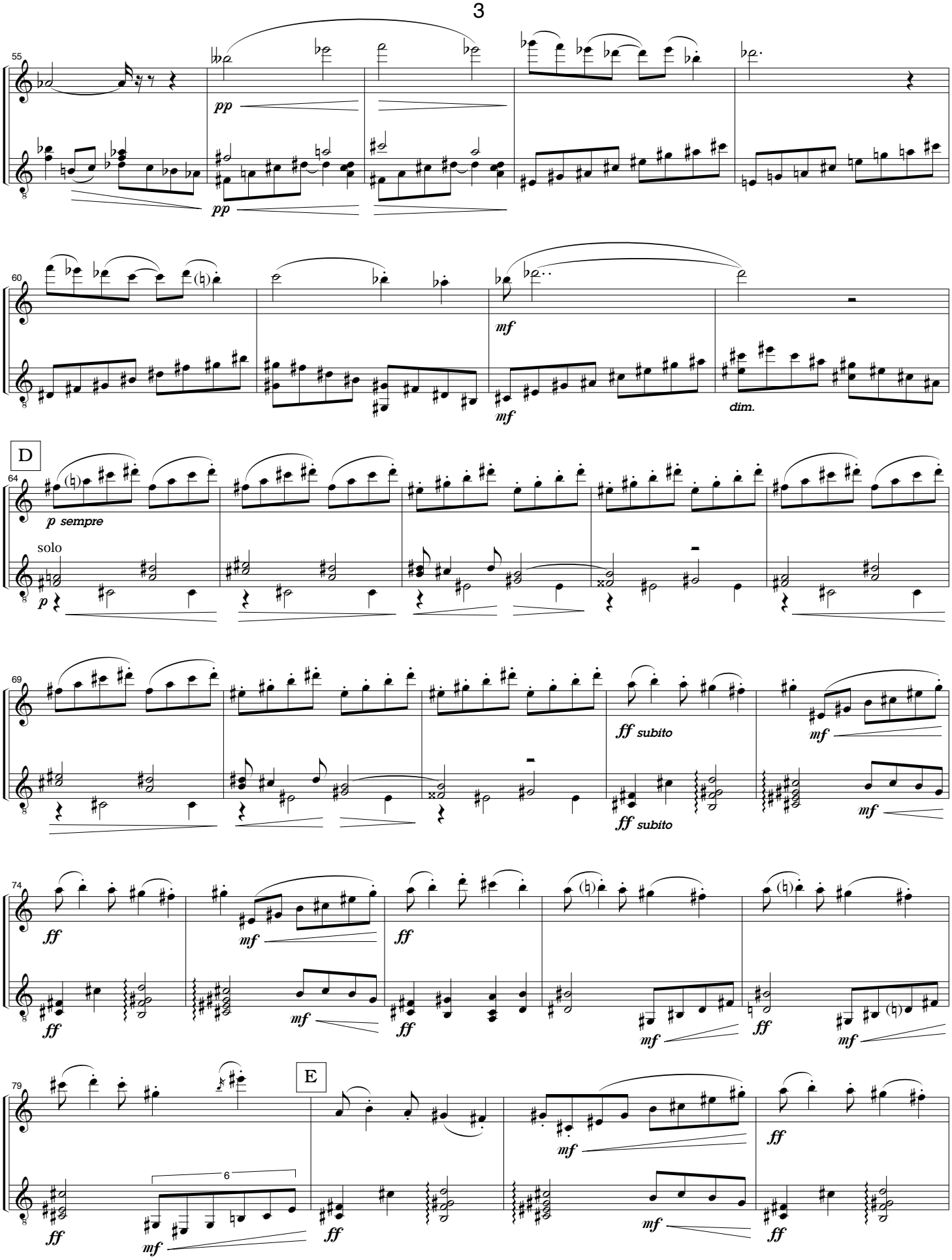
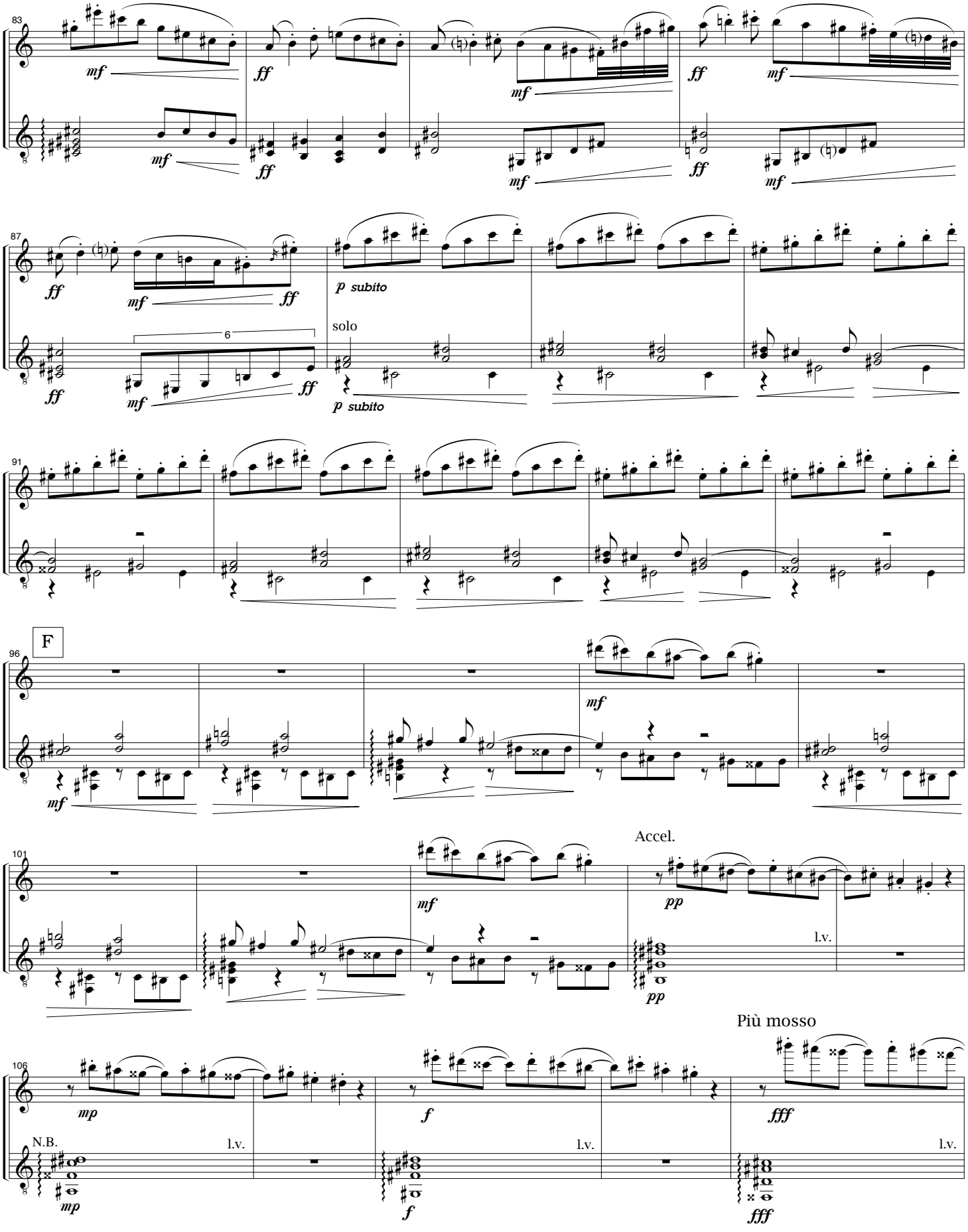

26
31
pp
pp
36
cresc.
cresc.
mf
mf
dim.
C
40
pp
pp
45
cresc.
mf
mf
50


55
pp
pp
60
mf
mf
dim.
D
64
p sempre
solo
p
69
ff subito
mf
ff subito
mf
74
ff
mf
ff
ff
mf
ff
mf
79
E
6
ff
mf
ff
mf
ff
mf
ff

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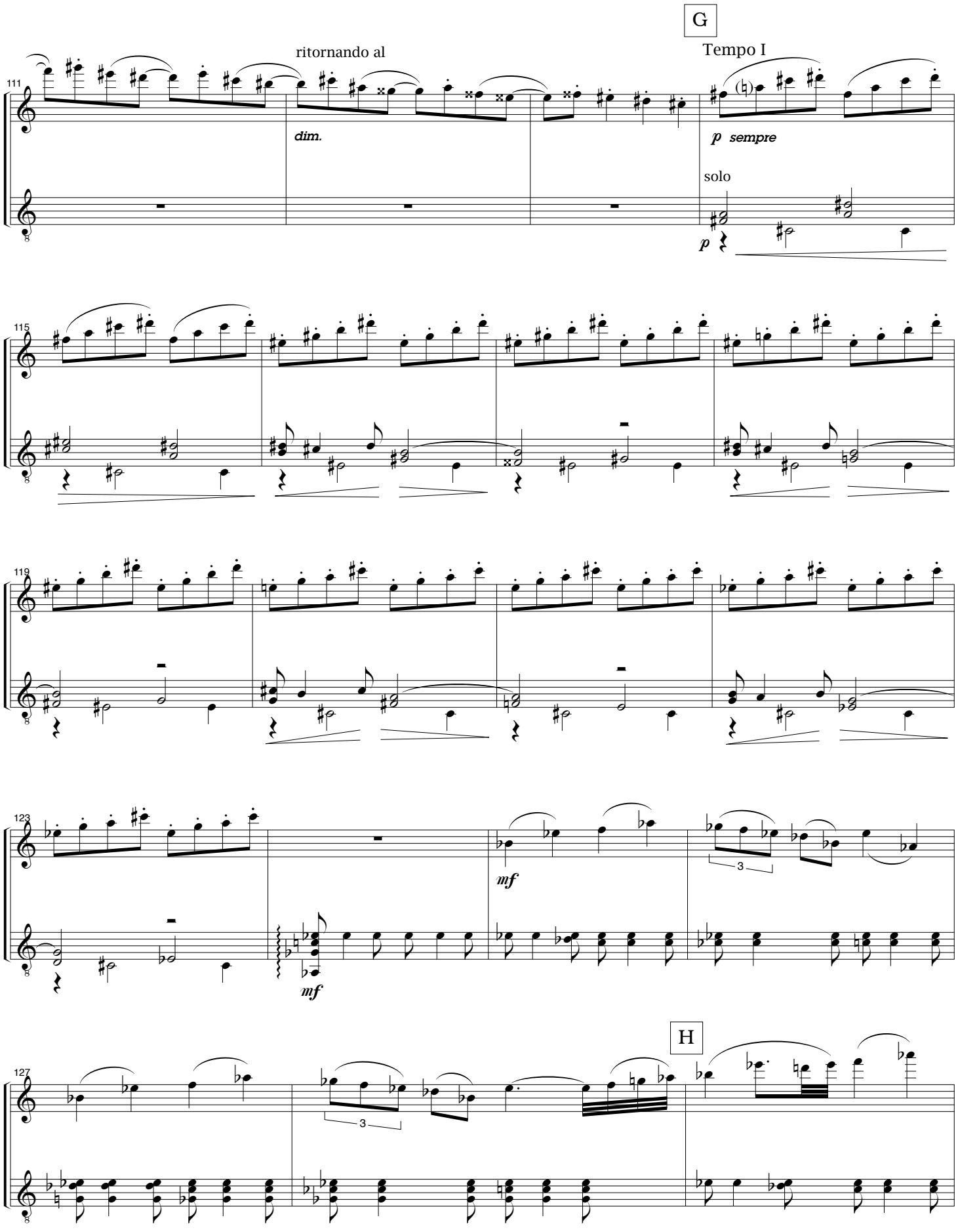
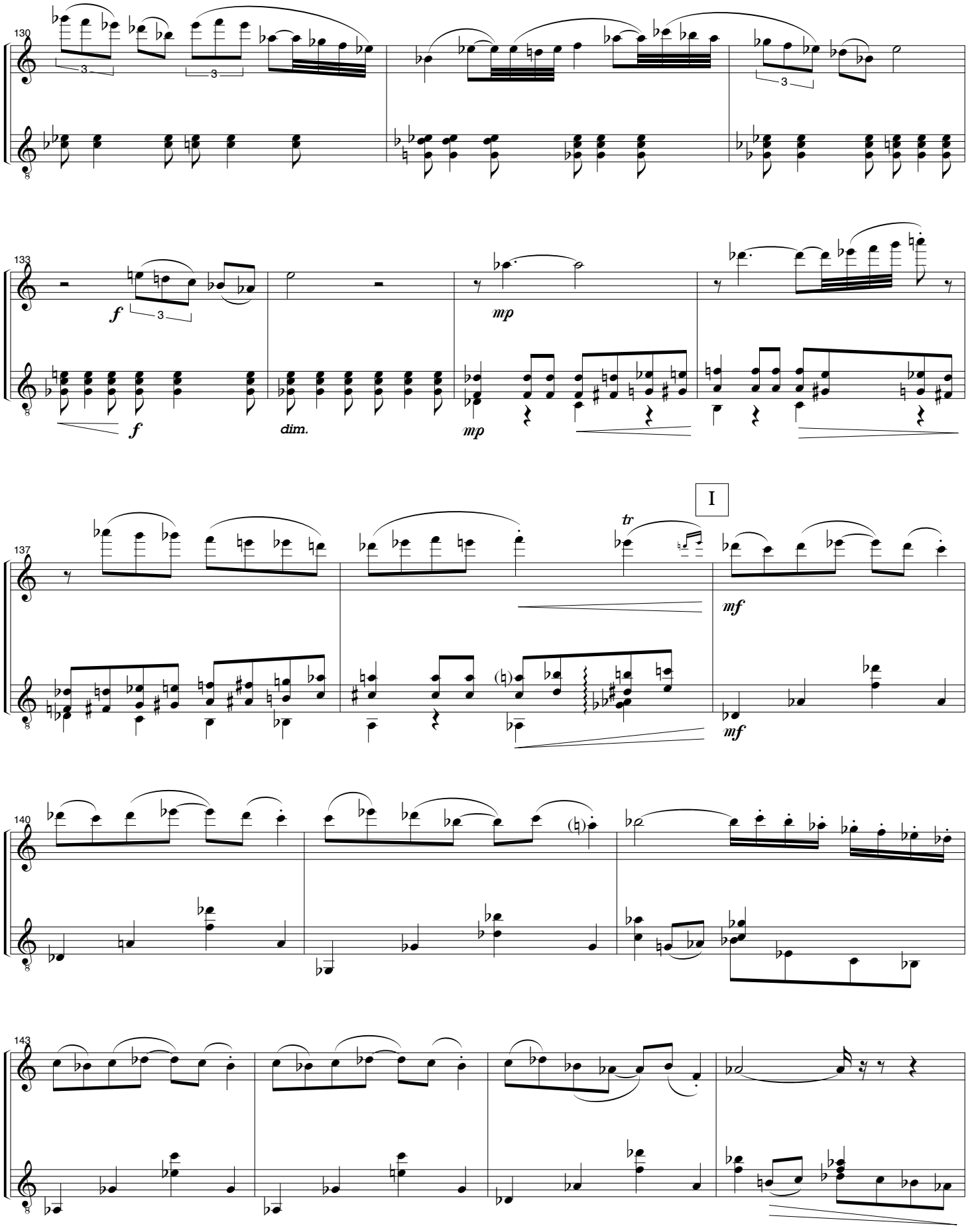

G
ritornando al
Tempo I
111
dim.
p sempre
solo
p
115
119
123
mf
mf
3
3
H
127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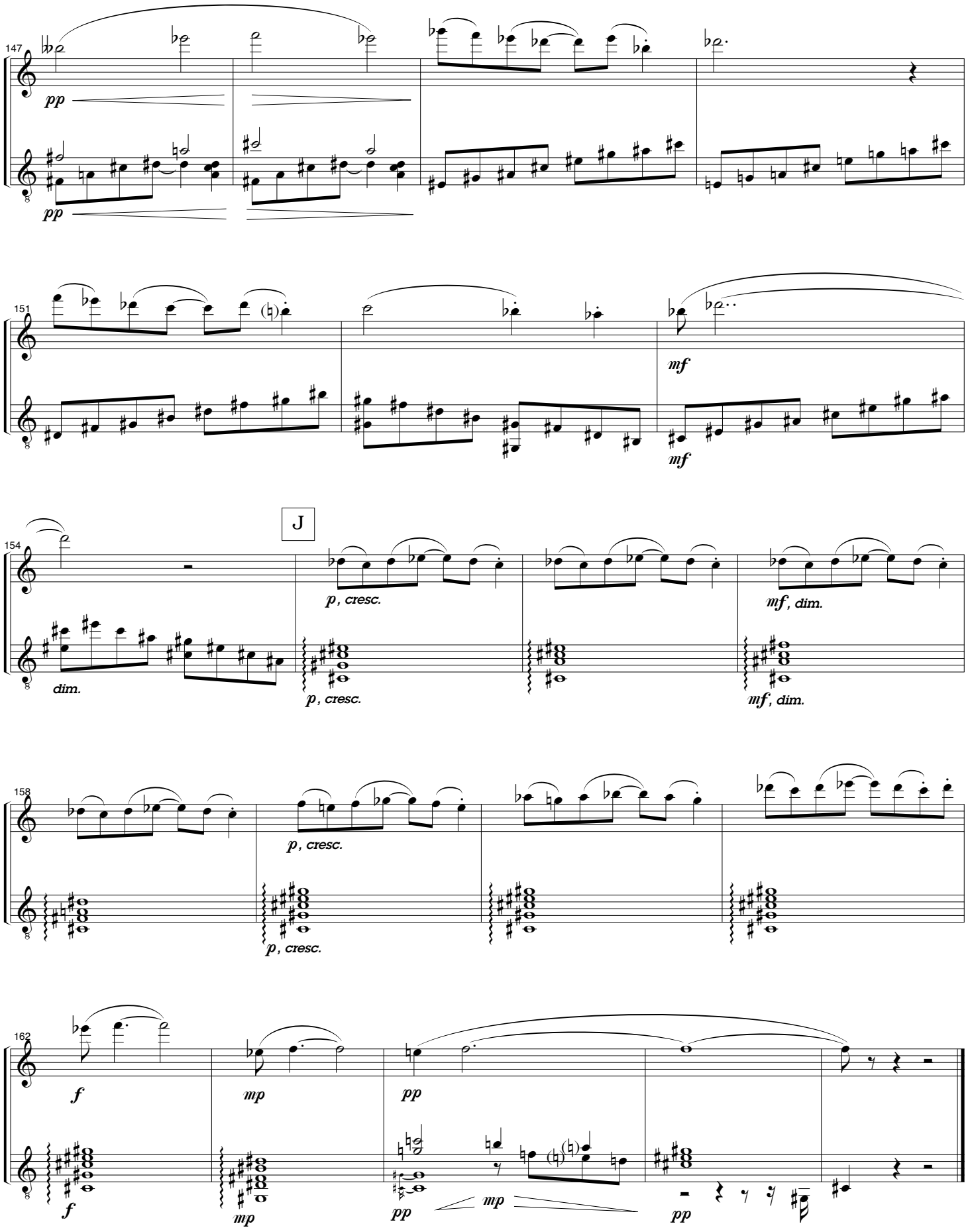
133
f
dim.
mp
137
I
tr
mf
140
143


147
pp
pp
151
mf
mf
J
154
dim.
p, cresc.
p, cresc.
mf, dim.
mf, dim.
158
p, cresc.
p, cresc.
162
f
mp
pp
f
mp
pp
mp
pp

## **Tango nuyoricano** for flute and guitar, op. 74

I worked on this piece during the spring and summer of 1999. After finishing my Spanish Rhapsody for clarinet and piano (op. 65) in the summer of 1986, I wrote that "I offer it as a simple, tuneful evocation of the Spanish rhythms I have lived around most of my life, and have to a large extent internalized. Having also internalized certain 'foreign' elements, I do at times engage in formal development ...of this material." The main theme of the flute and guitar piece in fact undergoes extensive development before it is even heard fully; that is the best way to describe the function of the long intro. When the main melody has at last had its say, a guitar solo (with *obbligato* flute, at least at first) turns out to be derived from that melody, a consequent phrase shifting into antecedent position. In the course of the tango, two new melodies emerge, each of which is immediately varied idiomatically by the flute. The *coda* represents one last development/variation of the main tune.

Regarding the title, let me write for the sake of out-of-towners: quite a few members of New York City's Latino community refer to themselves as *nuyoricanos,* which usage is I believe somewhat tongue-in-cheek. It's still true that I live in a heavily Latino community (at this writing New York's East Village or, as the politically correct prefer to call it, Loisaida). I like to feel that the Hispanic flavor to the music in this pot is owing in part to spices supplied by some of my neighbors, who are very generous in sharing their music with the greater world (sometimes one could say, *too* generous)!

My *Tango nuyoricano* is dedicated to my dear friend Joan Bauerly.

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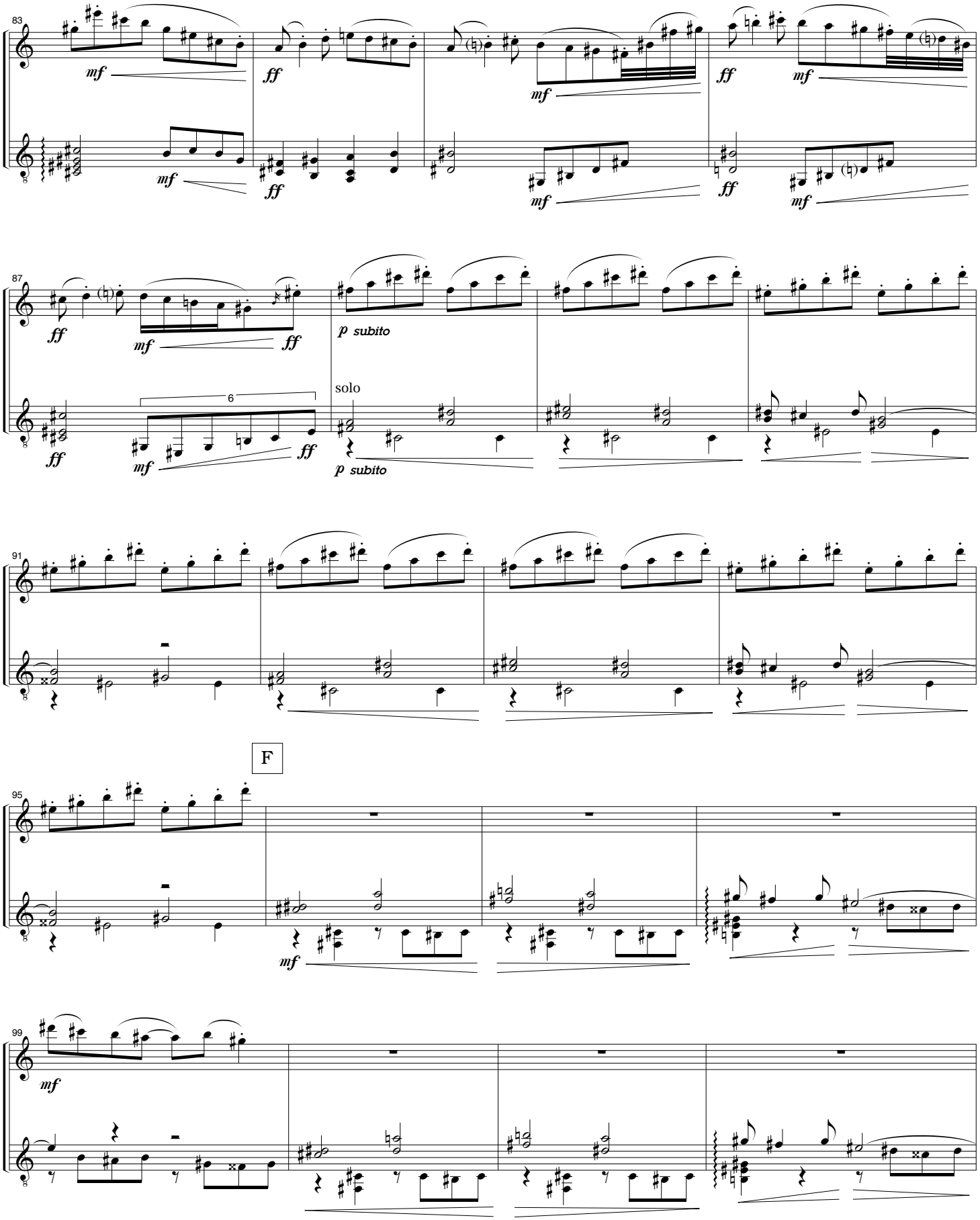
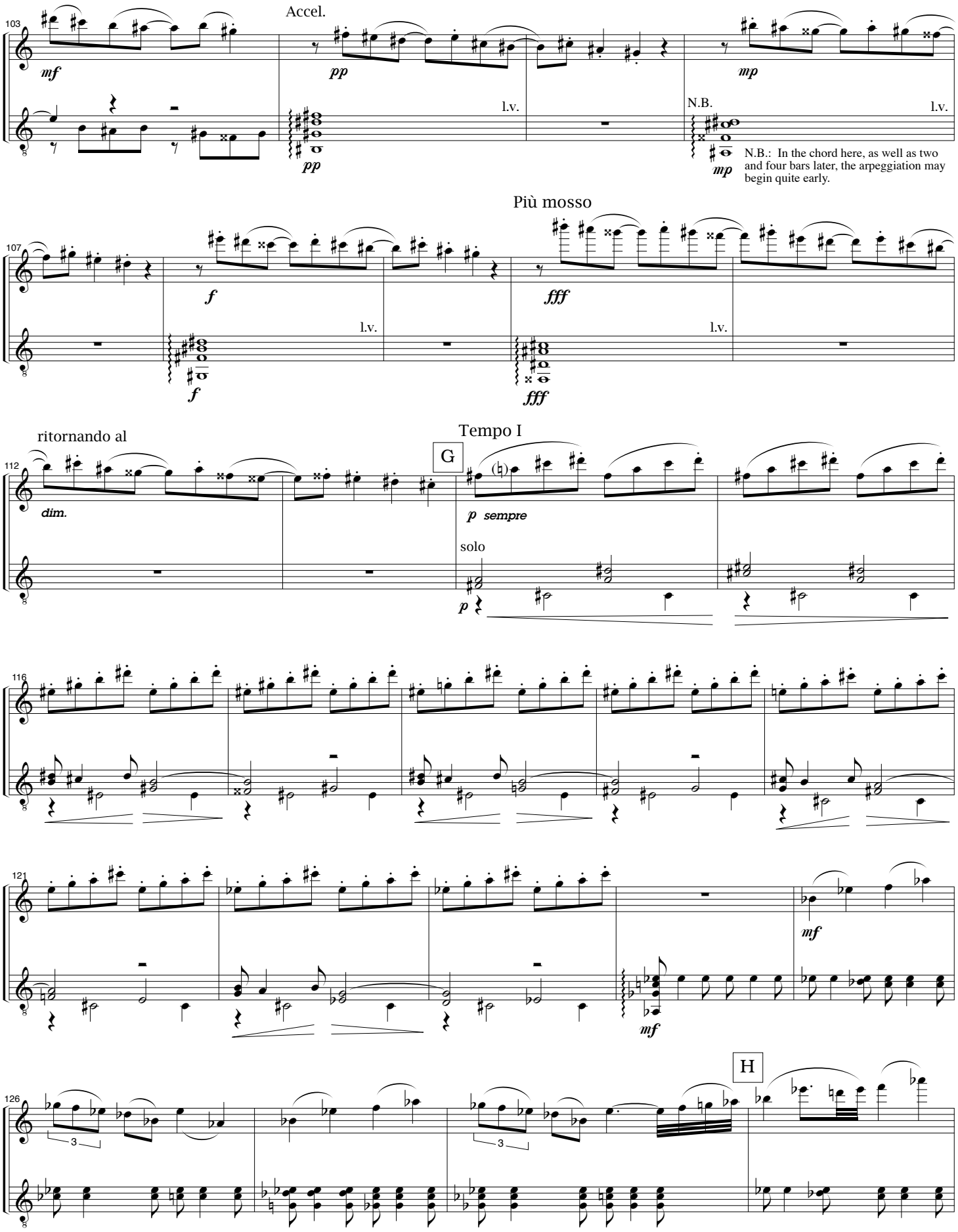

83
87
solo
91
F
95
99


103
Accel.
mf
pp
l.v.
mp
N.B.
l.v.
pp
mp
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Più mosso
107
f
l.v.
fff
l.v.
f
fff
ritornando al
Tempo I
112
G
dim.
p sempre
solo
p
116
121
mf
mf
H
126
3
3