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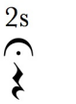
For string quartet

Ignition (2020) is modeled after the striking and life of a match. In constrasting lively, flickering textures alternate with heavier, more sustained lines, I sought to imitate the unpredictable nature of a flame. I found that there was no end to this imagery, from the dance of the flame itself to smoke and shadows. The material is generated from the initial striking gesture and is transformed and repurposed over the course of the work.

Performance notes



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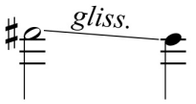
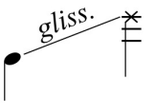


Glissandi are to be played with an acceleration towards the end of the note duration.



Glissando rapidly to end of the fingerboard (exact pitch is not important).

s.t.	sul tasto; play close to the fingerboard.
s.p.	sul ponticello; play close to the bridge.
m.s.p.	molto sul ponticello; play as close to the bridge as possible while maintaining pitch.
flaut.	flautando; play lightly and airily, imitating harmonics.

All technique markings remain in effect until ord. is presented.

Duration

c. 6' 30"

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♩ = 164; not too heavy, airy

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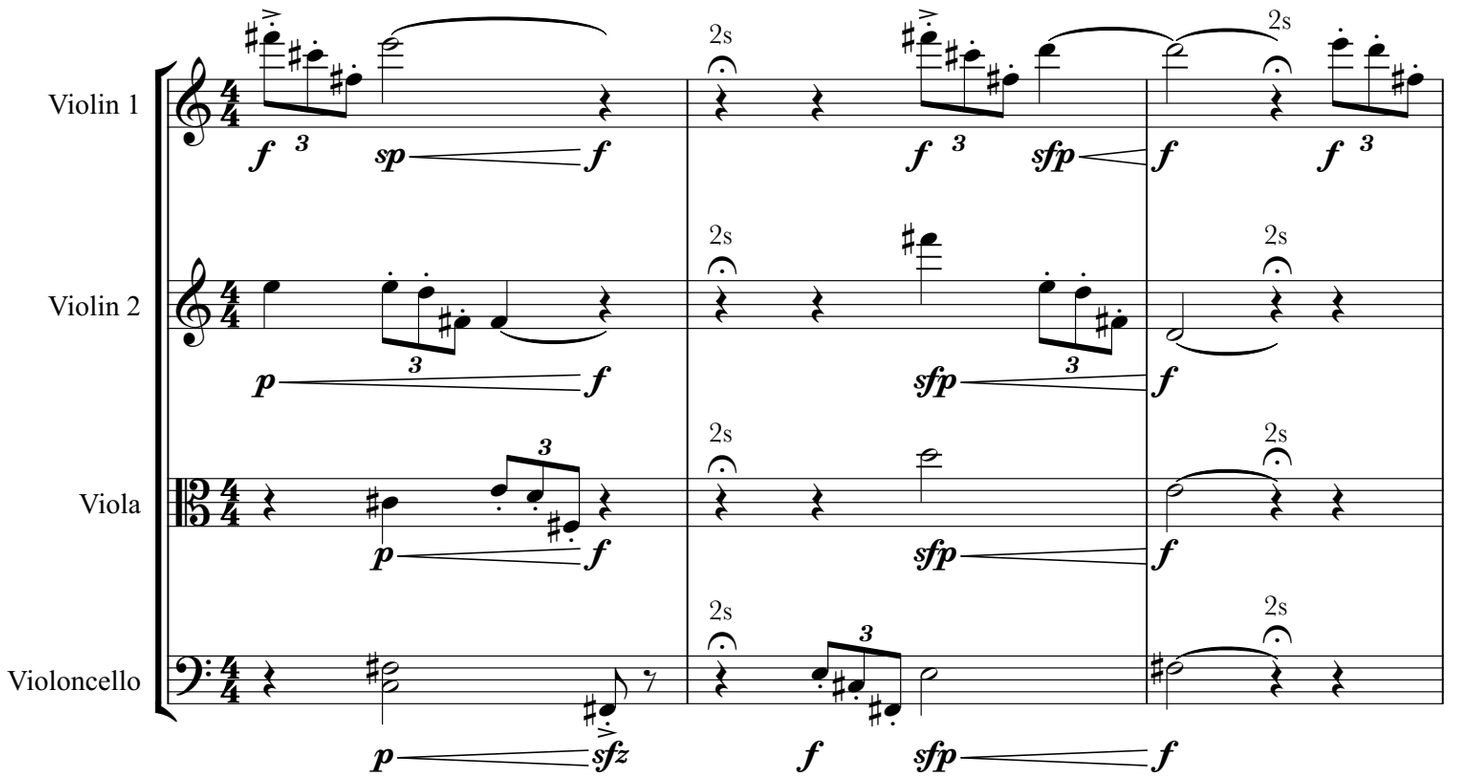

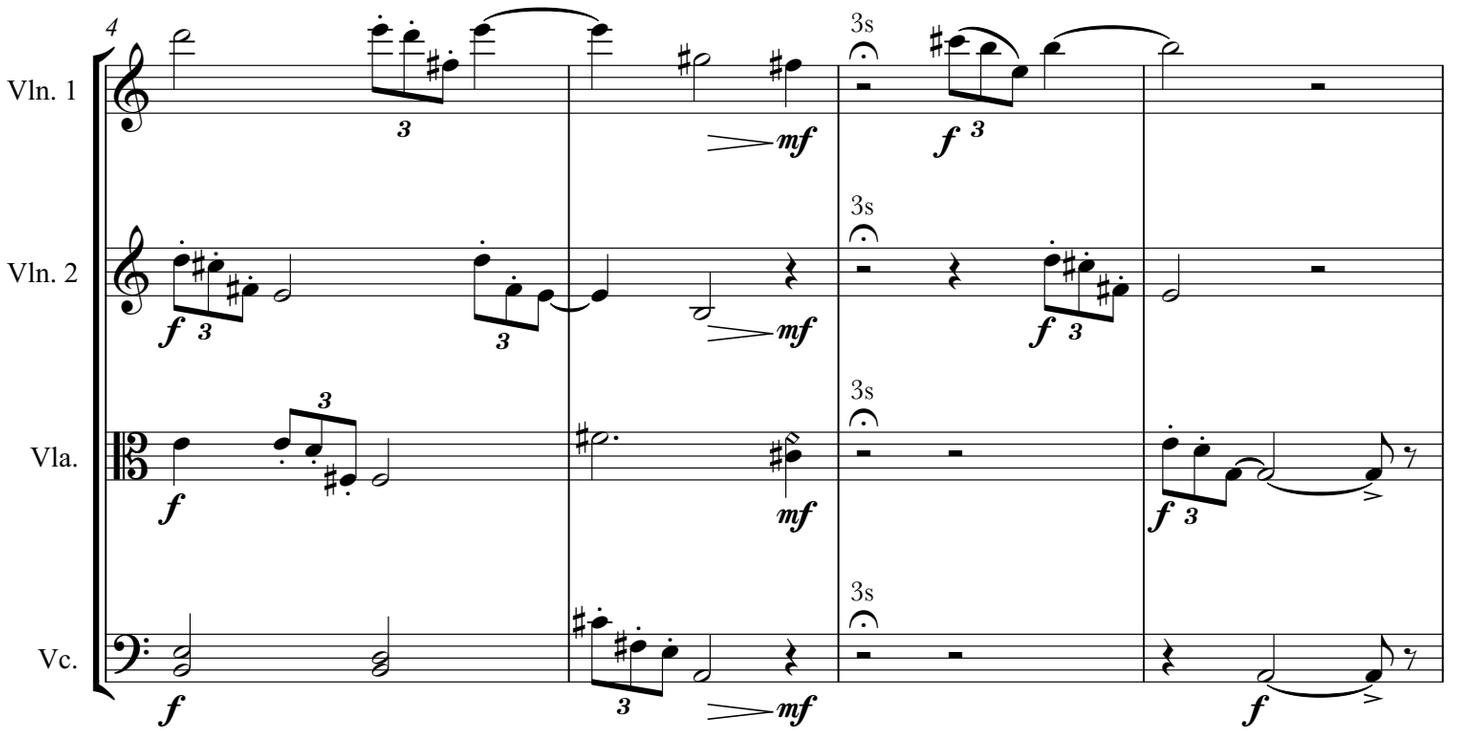

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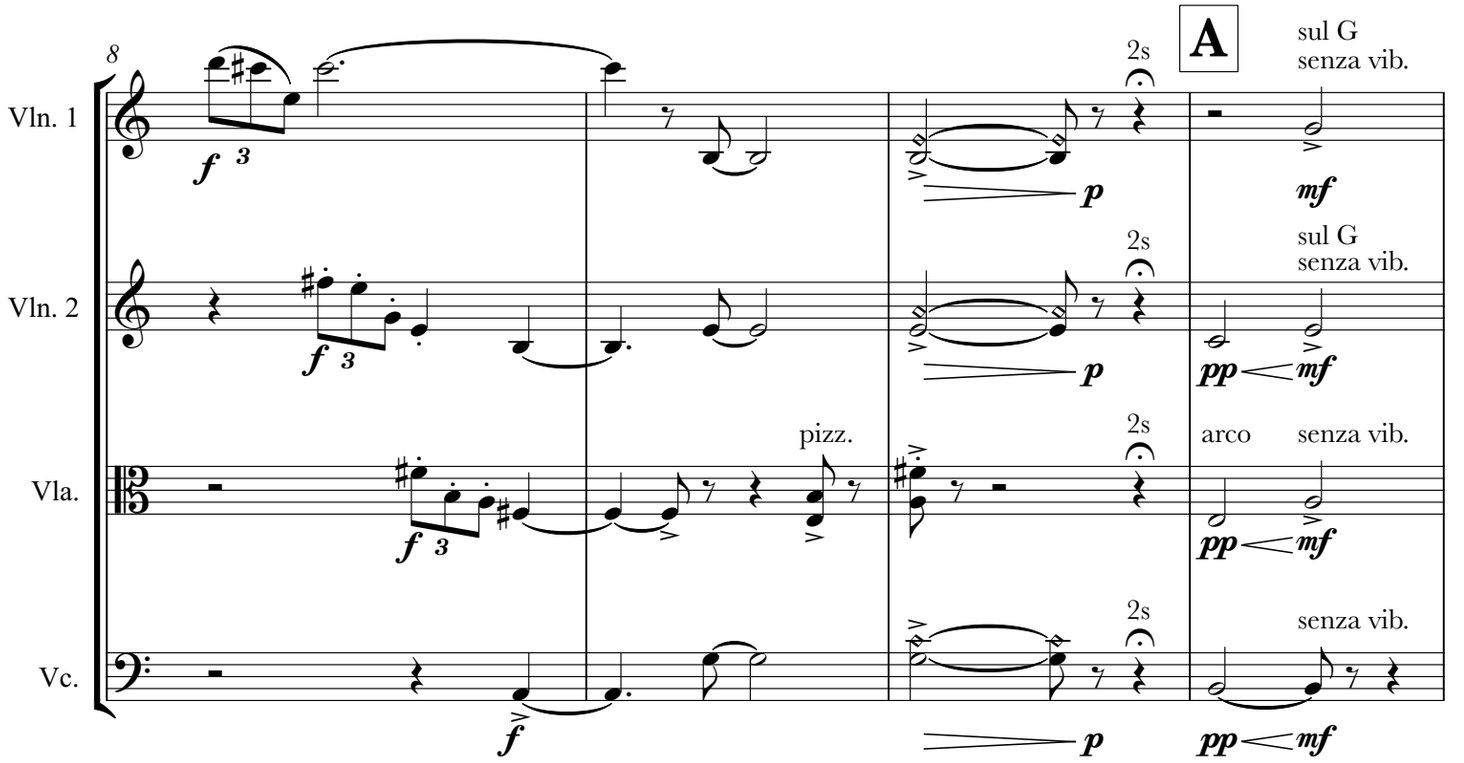
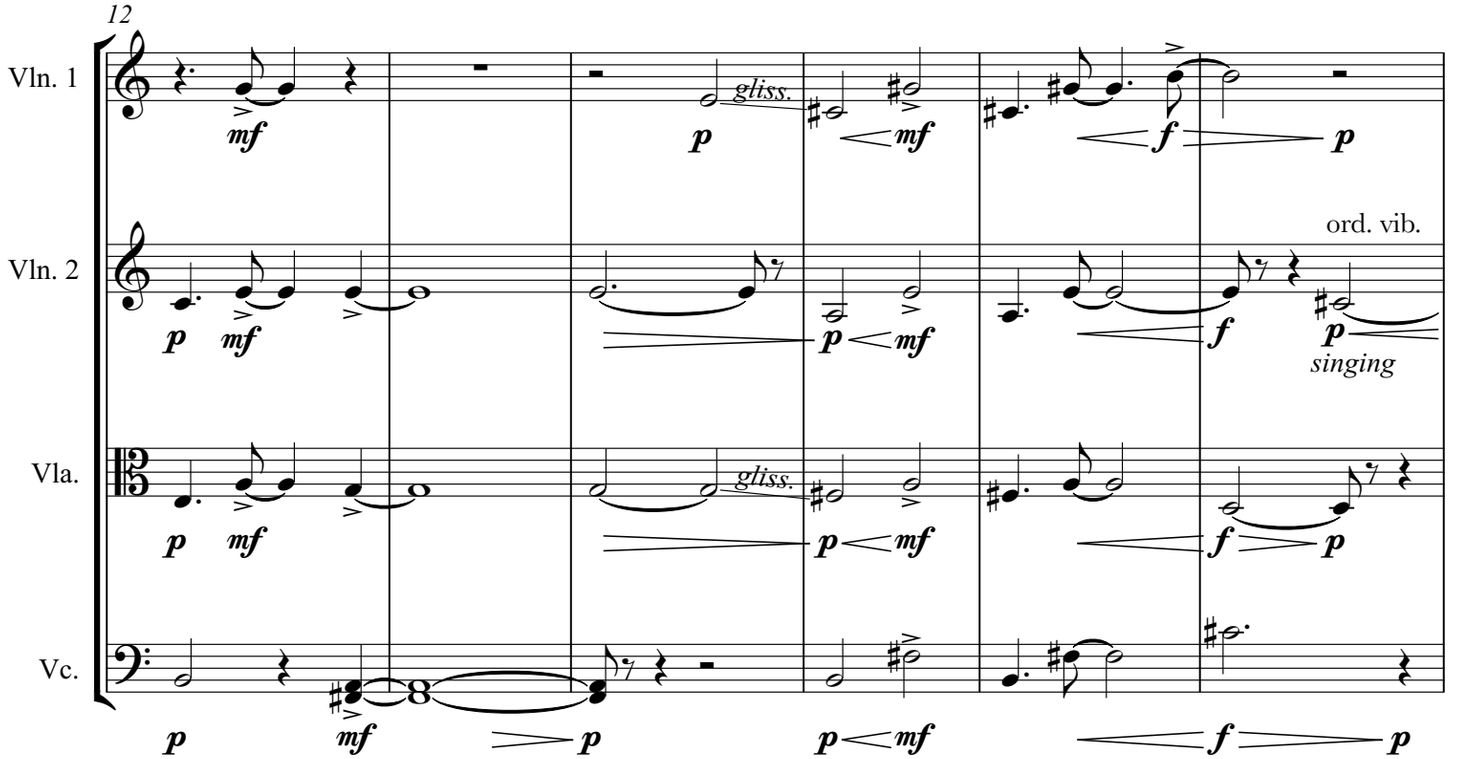

8
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
A
2s
sul G
senza vib.
pizz.
arco
senza vib.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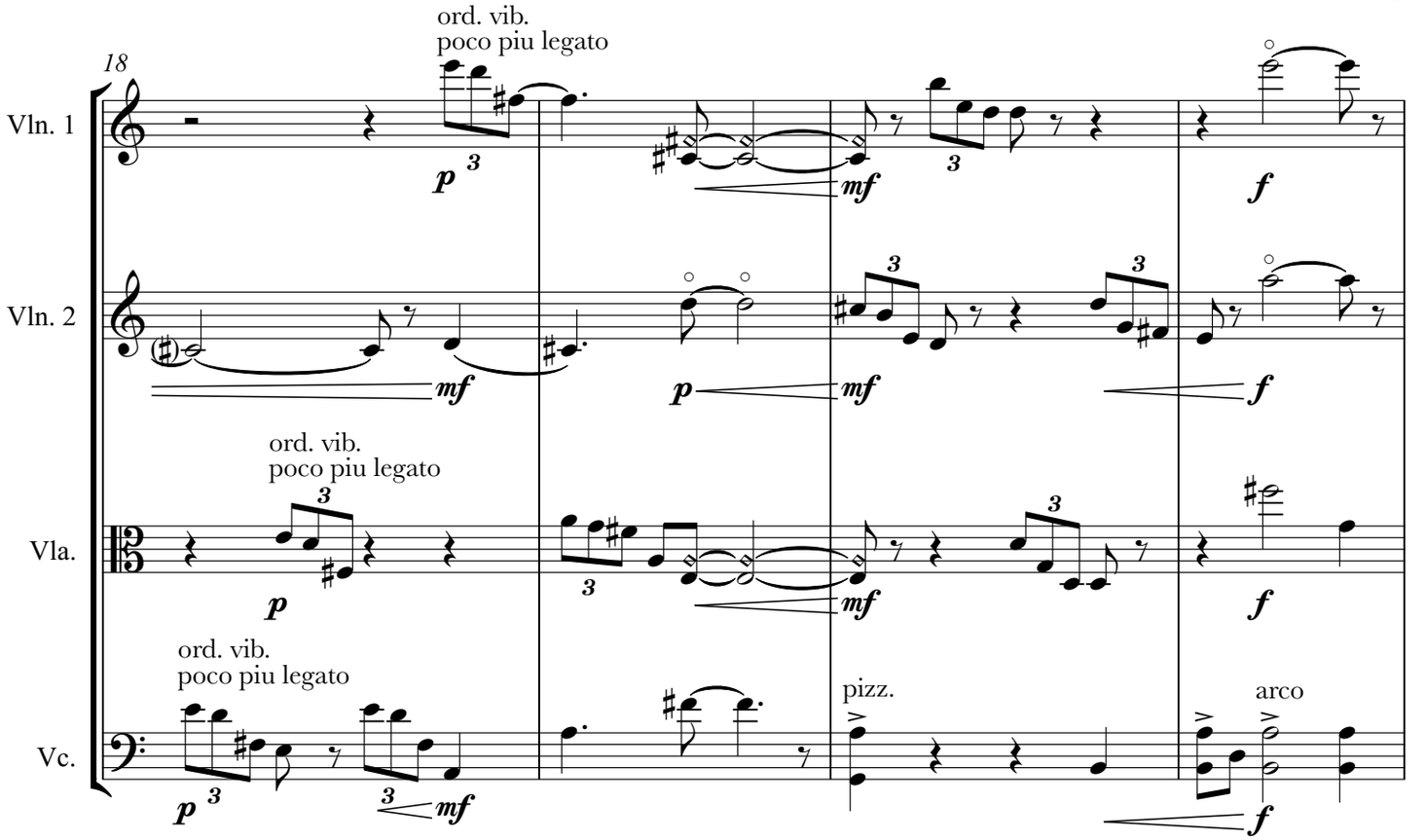
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
gliss.
ord. vib.
singing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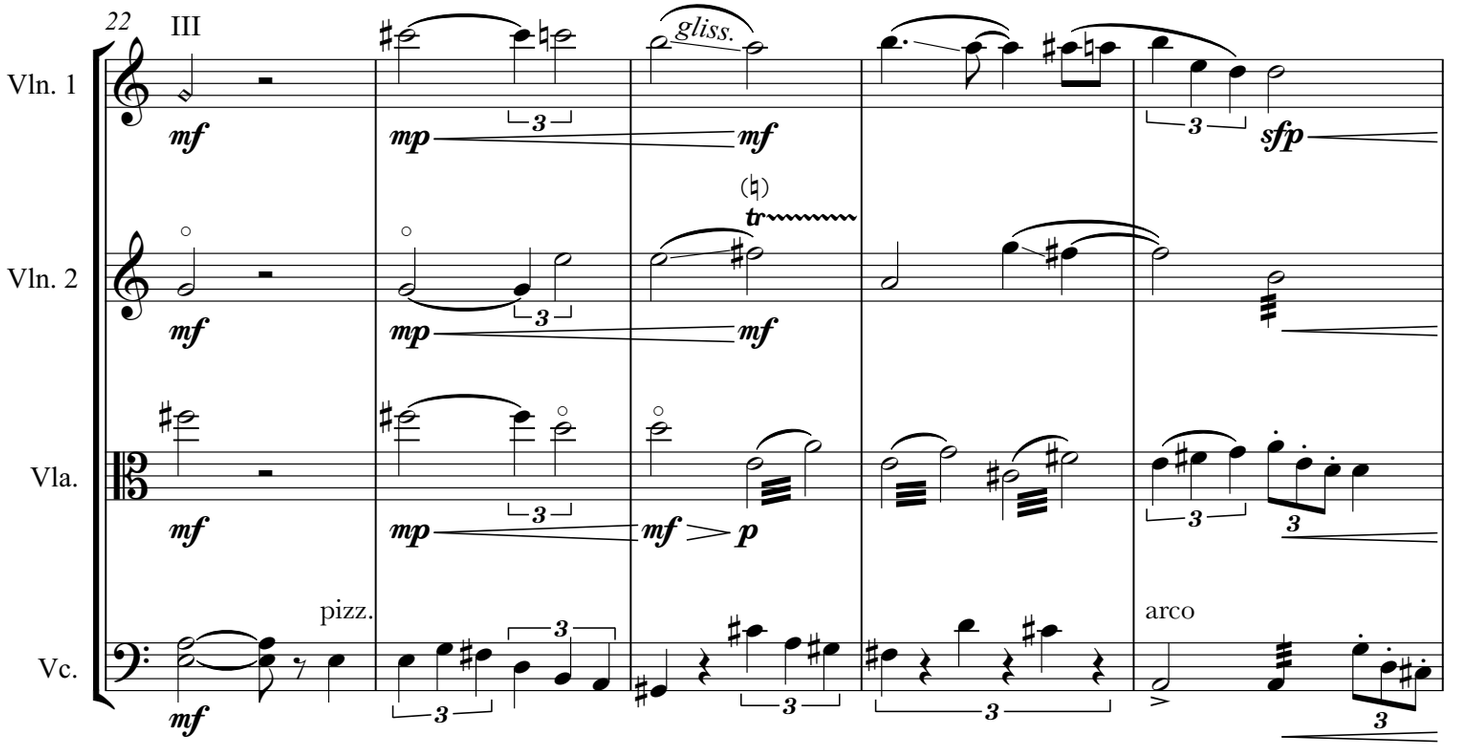
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
ord. vib.
poco piu legato
ord. vib.
poco piu legato
ord. vib.
poco piu legato
pizz.
arco
p
mf
f
3


22
III
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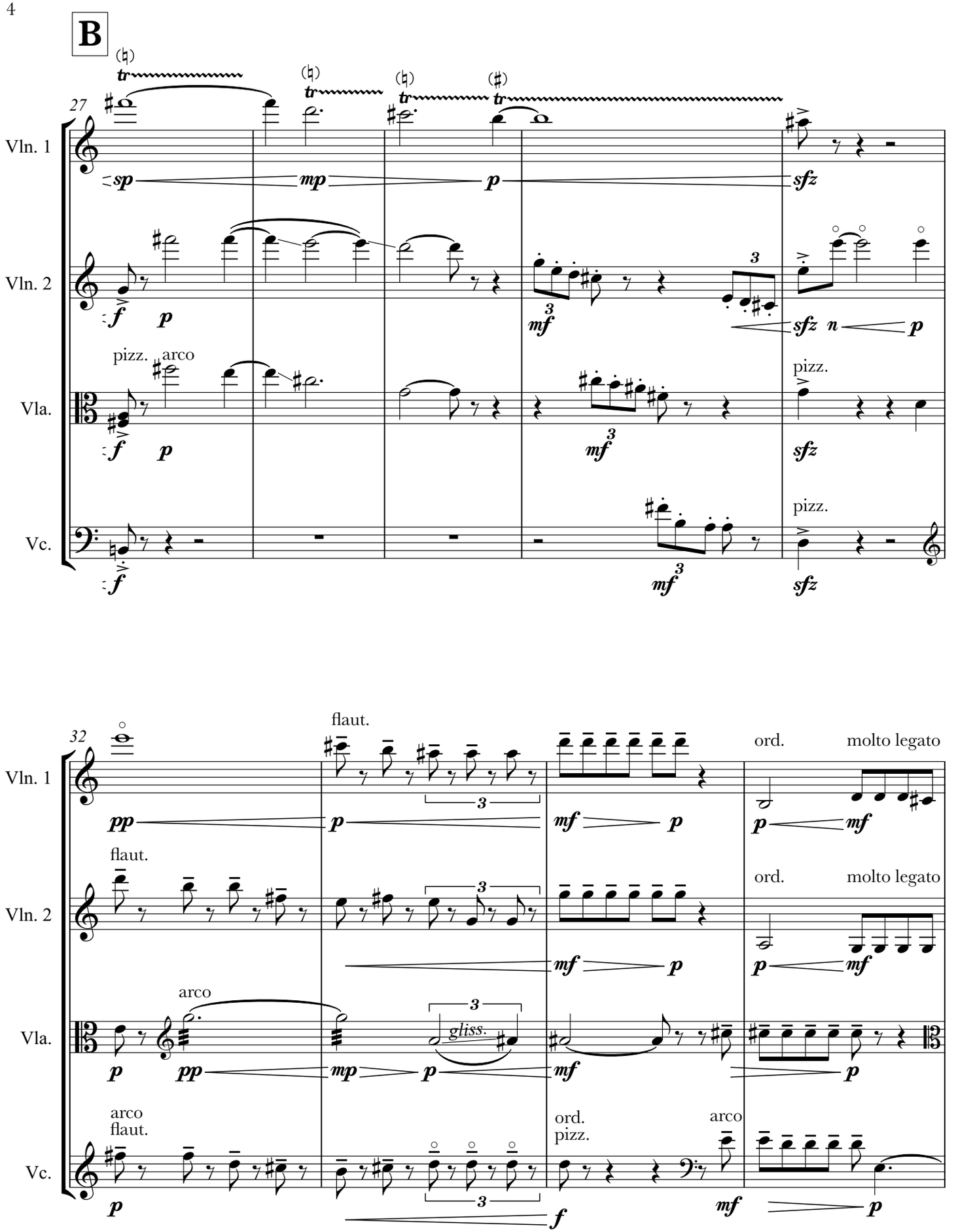
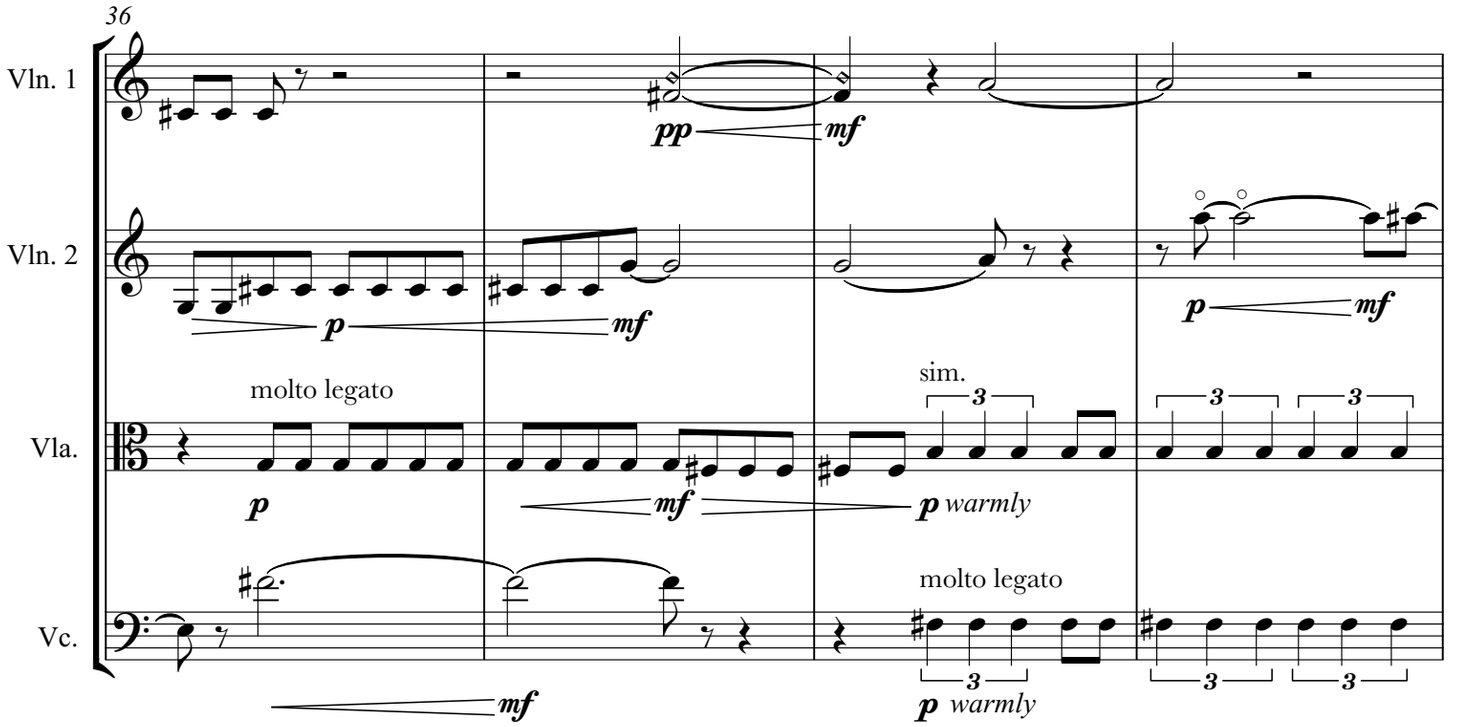
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
gliss.
tr
pizz.
arco
mf
mp
p
sfp
3


B
27
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
sp
mp
p
sfz
f
mf
sfz n
pizz.
arco
32
flaut.
ord.
molto legato
pp
gliss.
ord.
pizz.
arco
flaut.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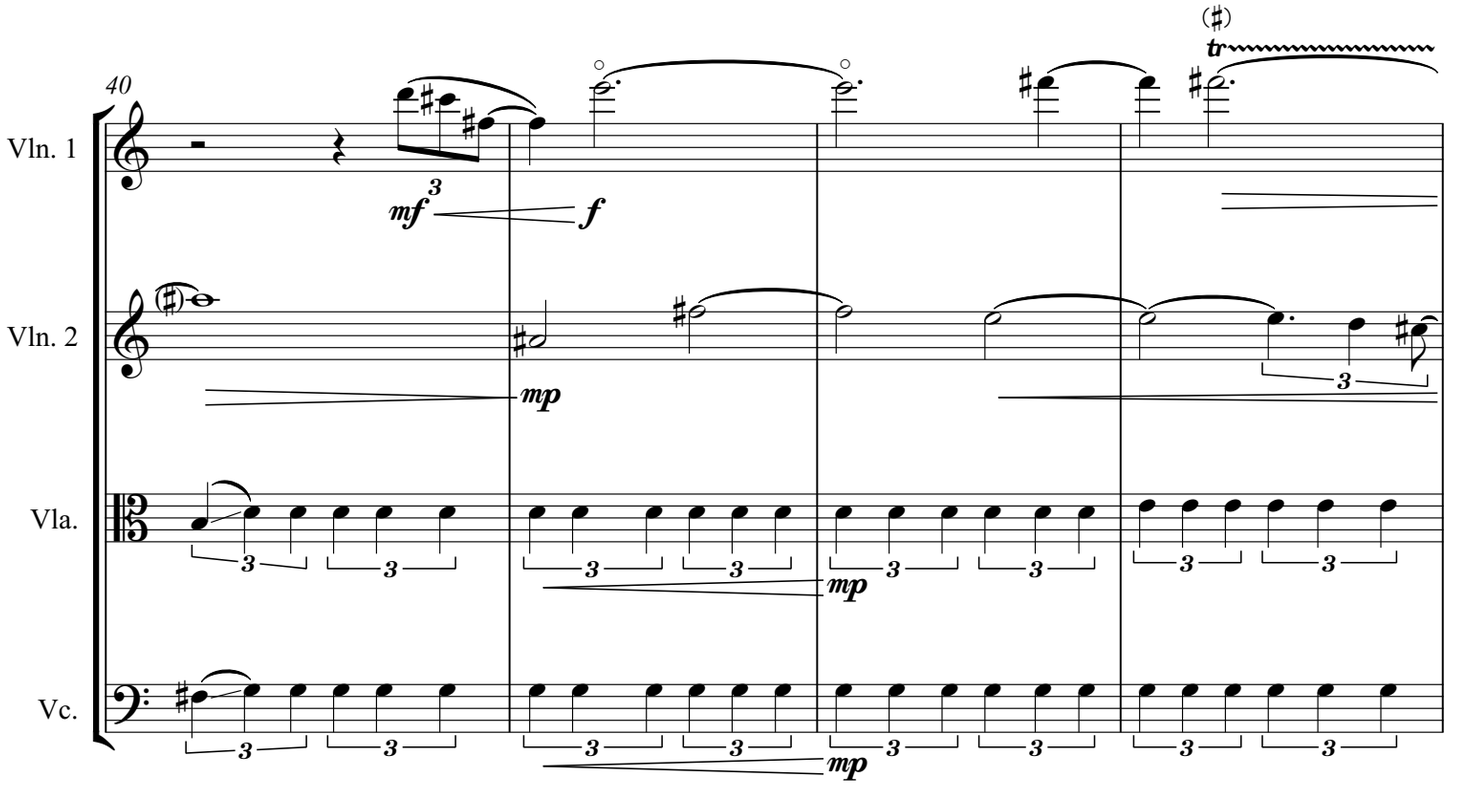
Vc.
molto legato
sim.
warmly
molto legato
warmly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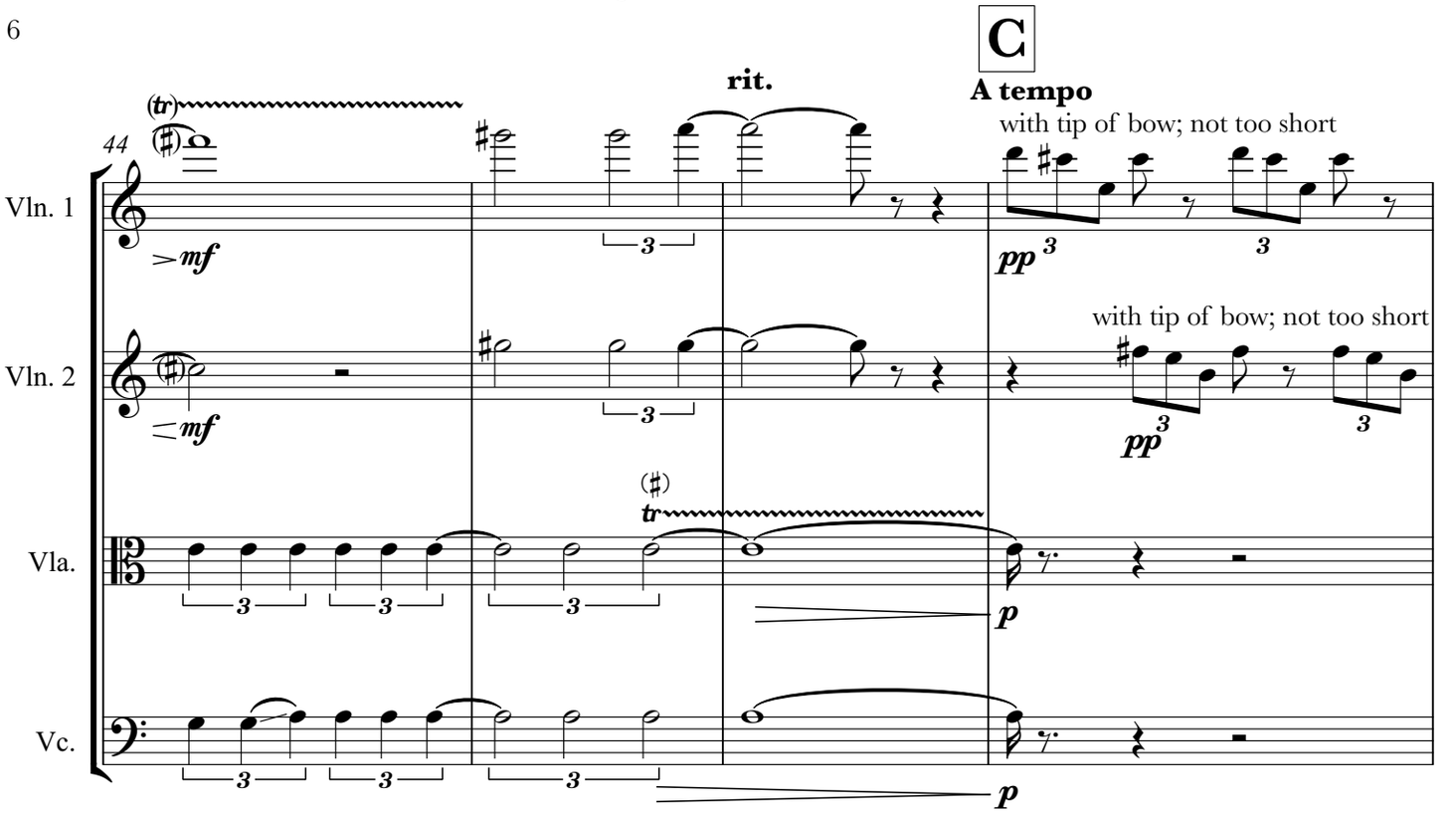
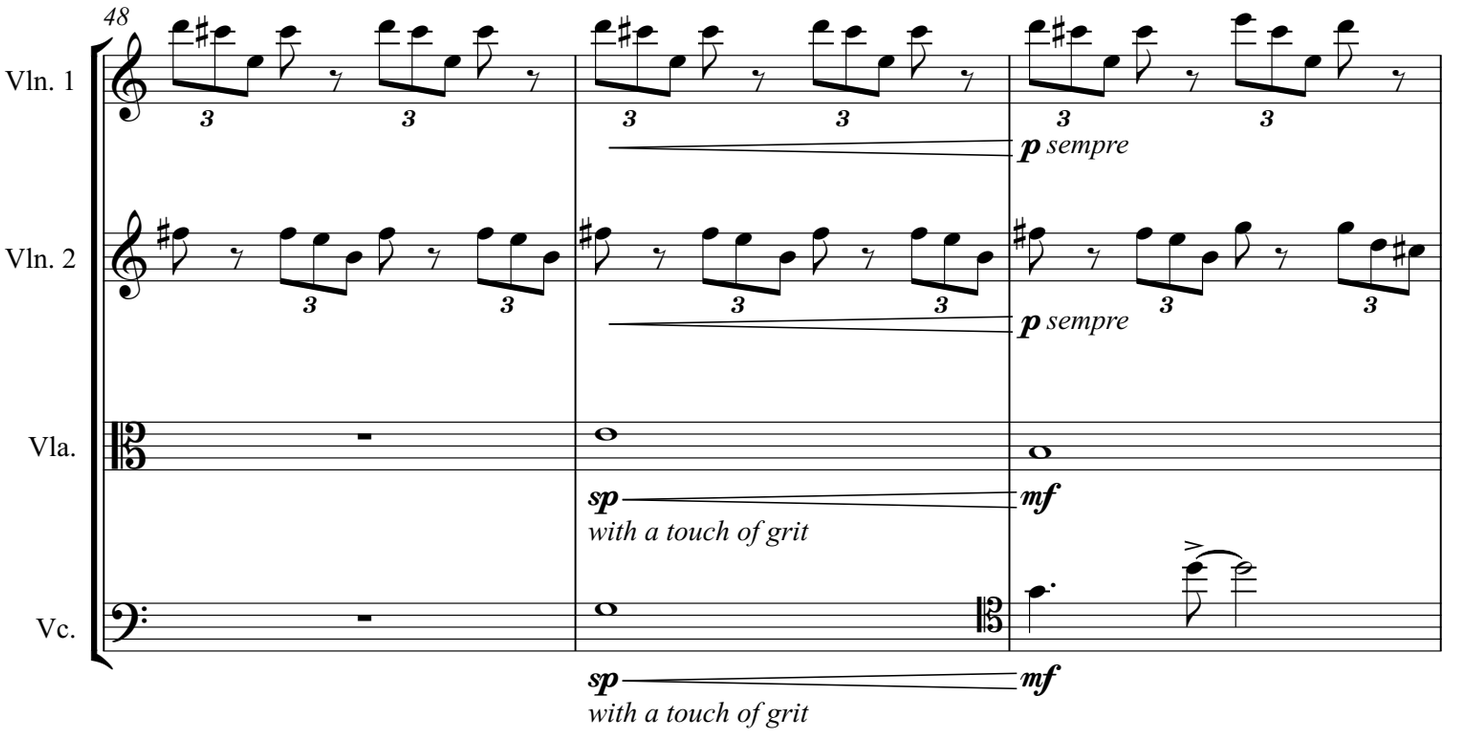
Vla.
Vc.


C
rit.
A tempo
with tip of bow; not too short
44
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
pp
p
with tip of bow; not too short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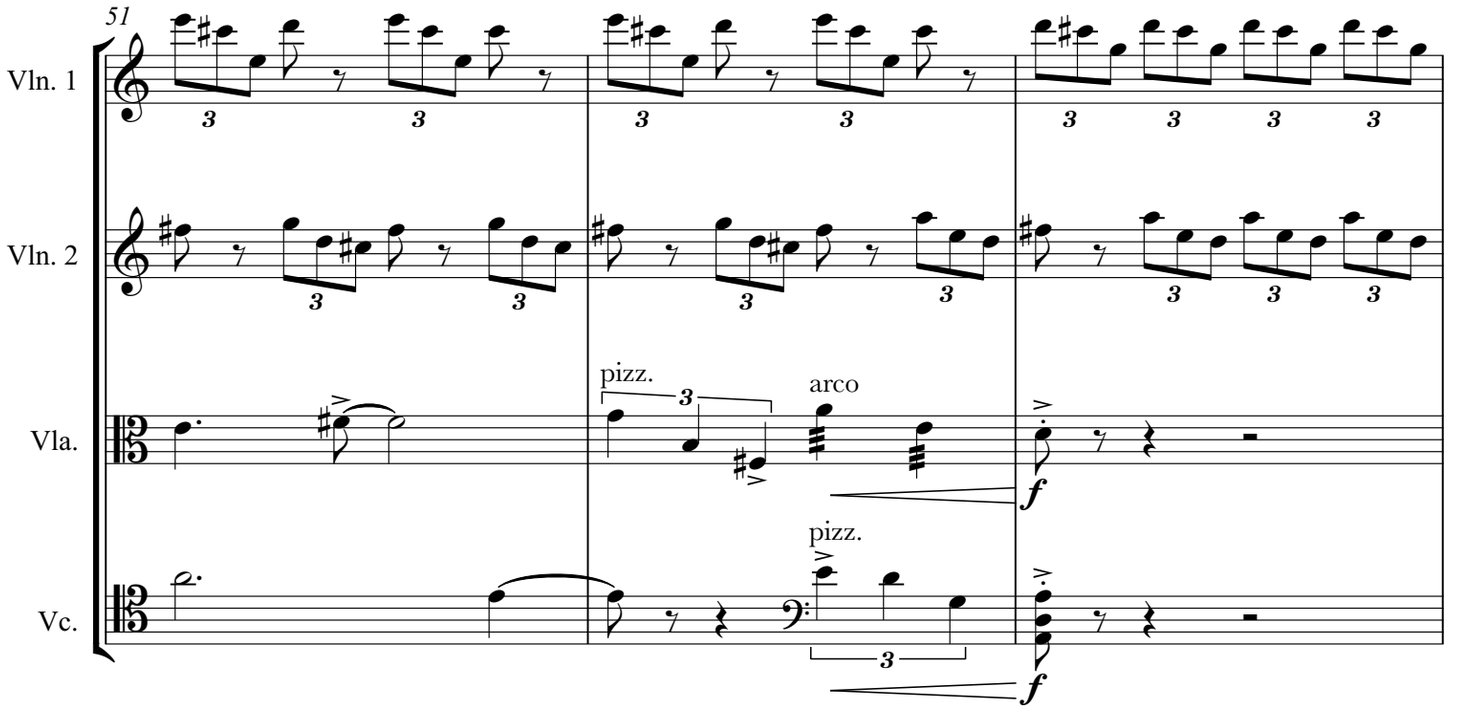
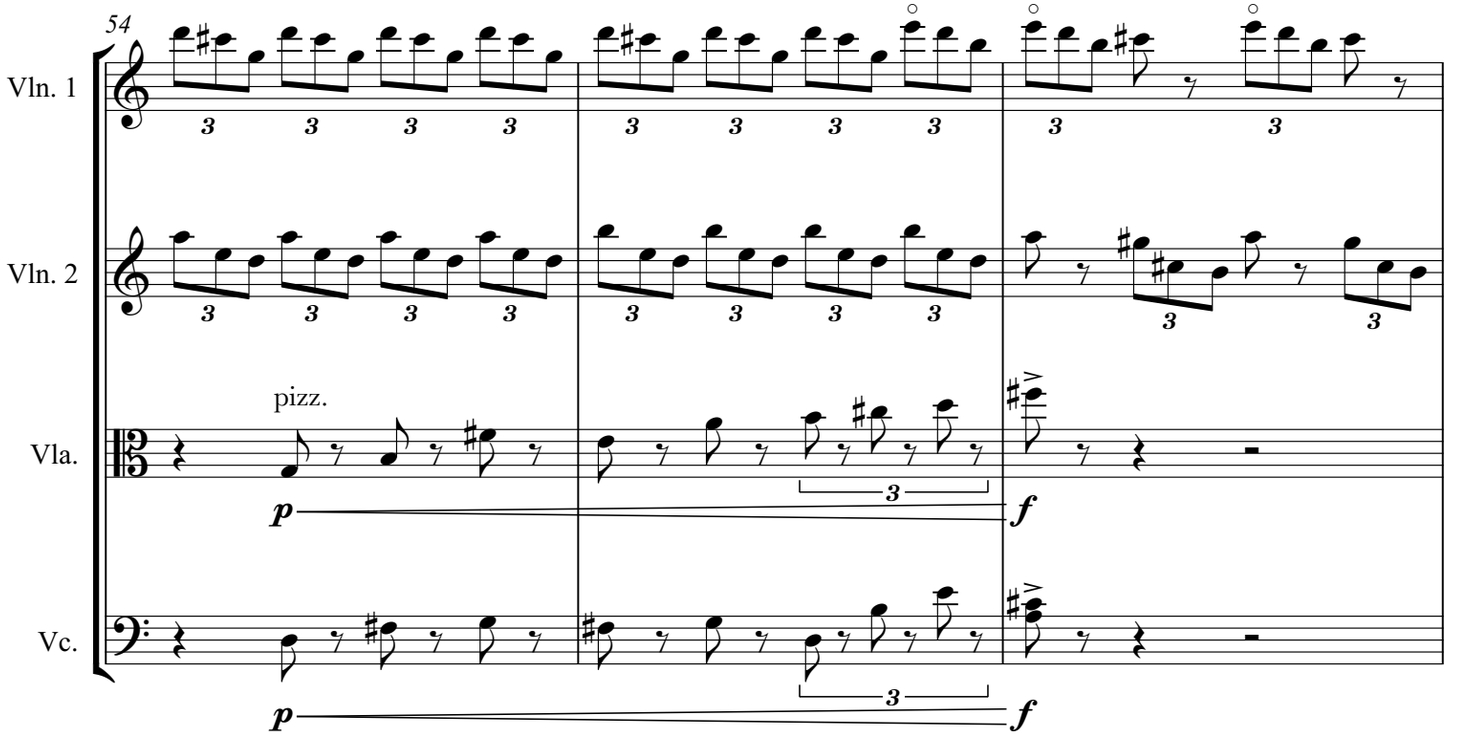
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
p sempre
sp
mf
with a touch of grit


51
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
pizz.
arco
pizz.
f
f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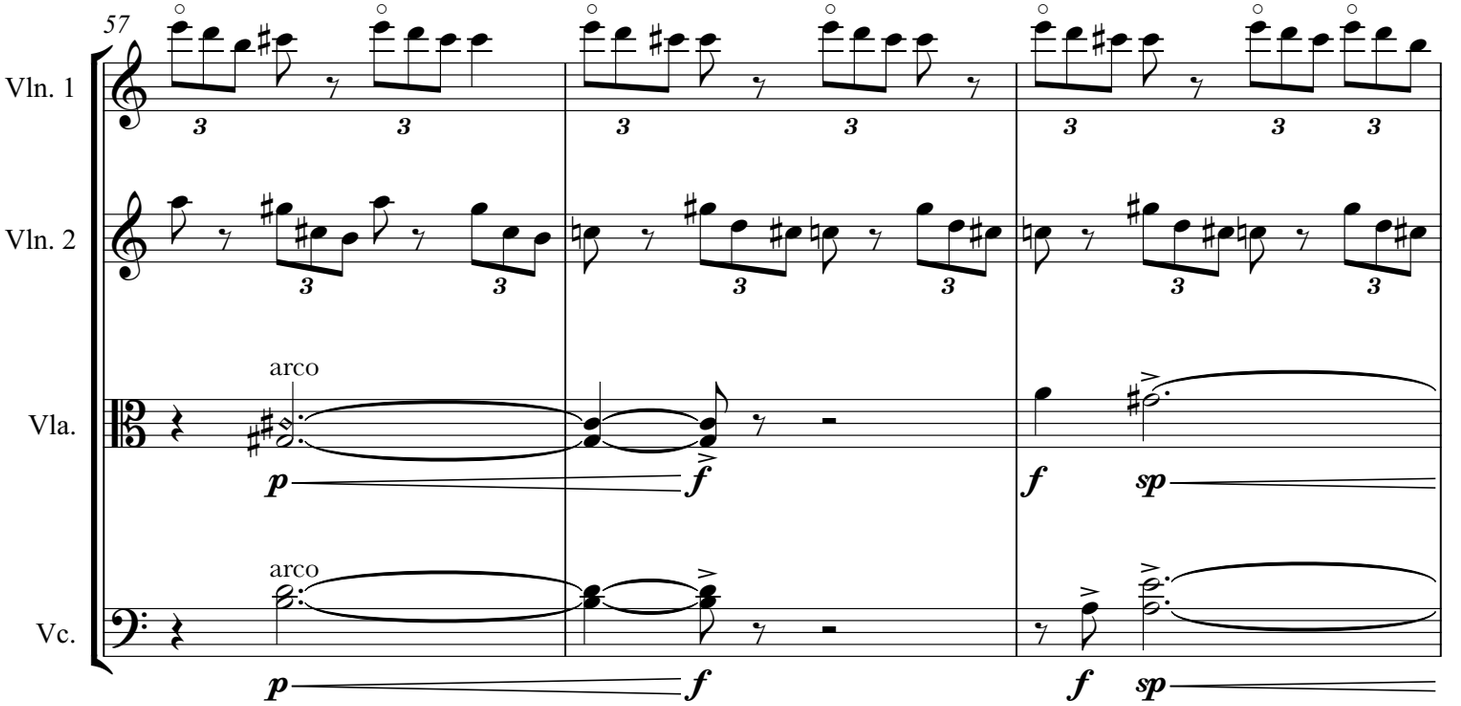
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
pizz.
p
f
p
f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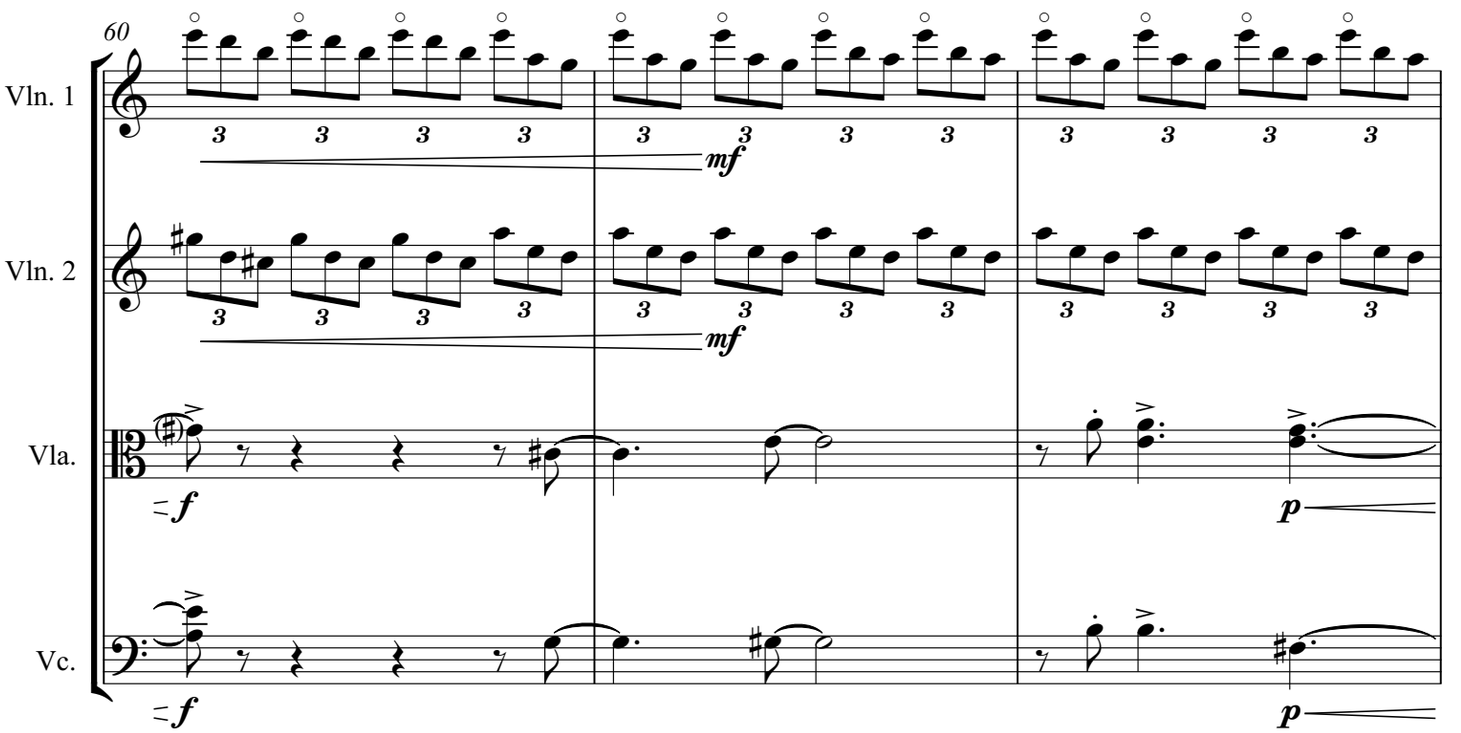
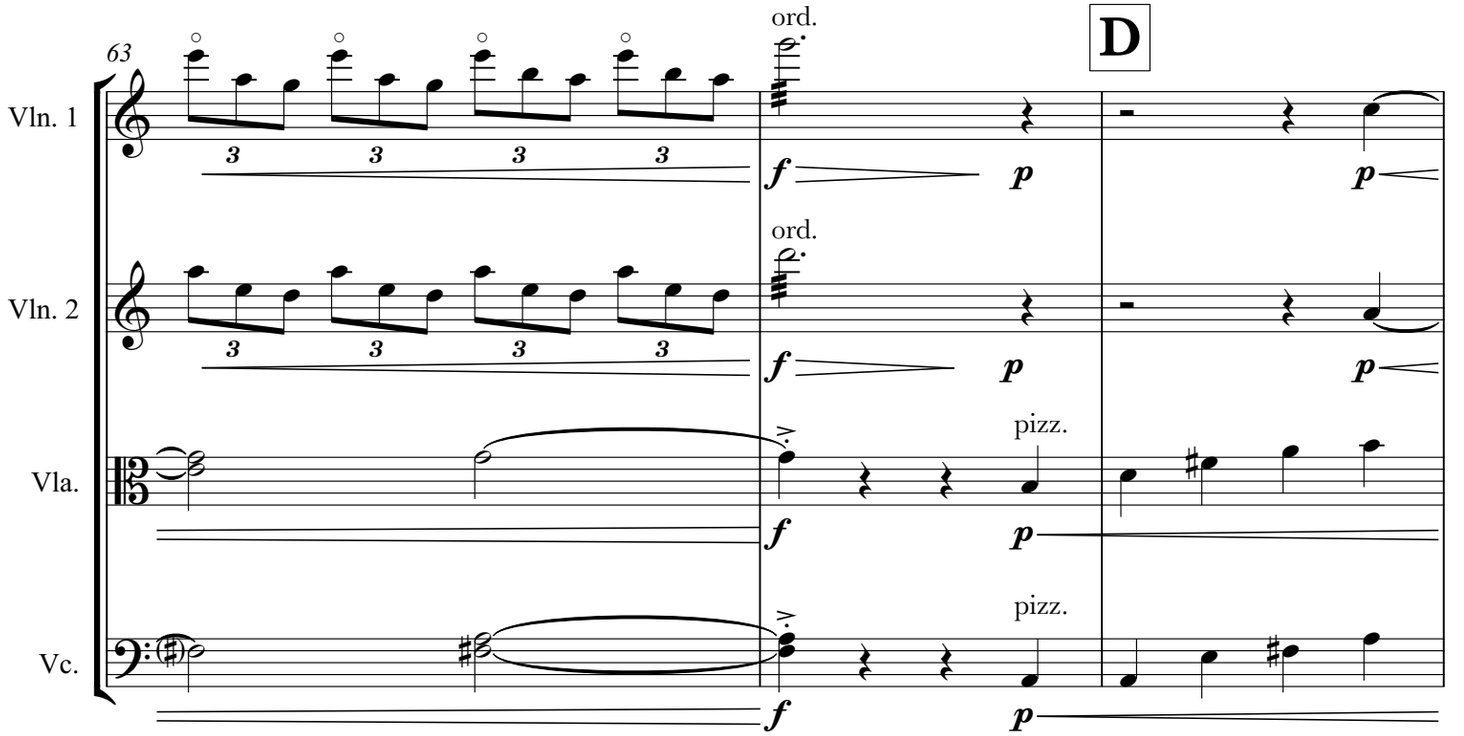
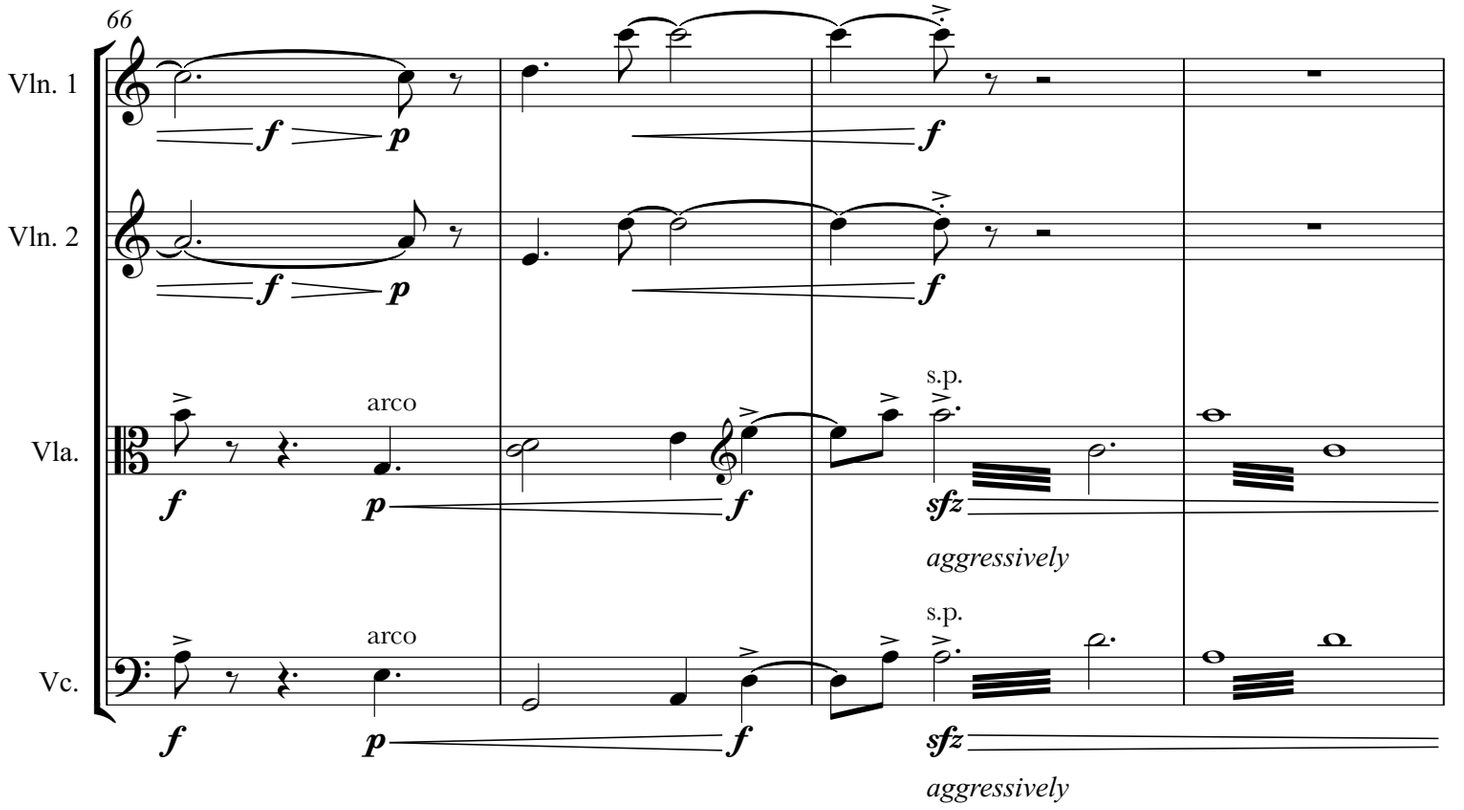
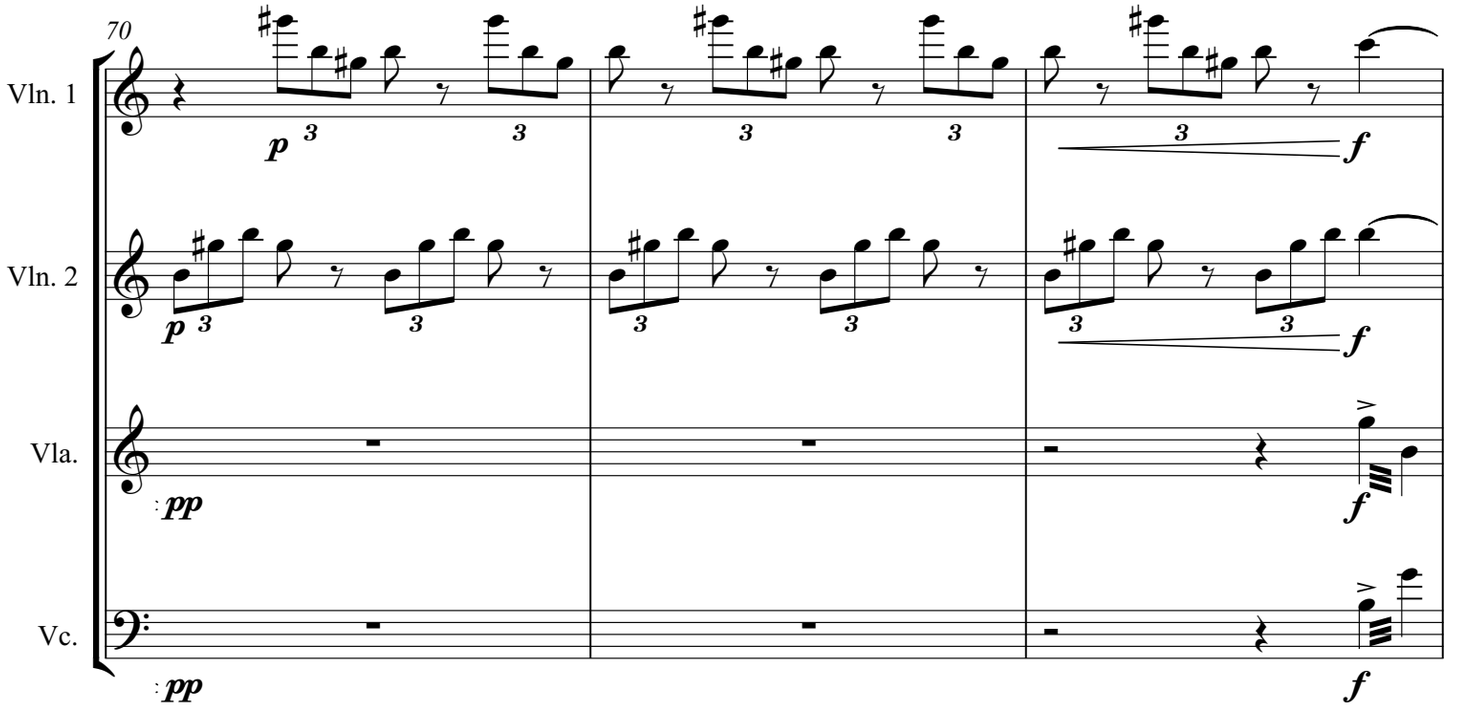
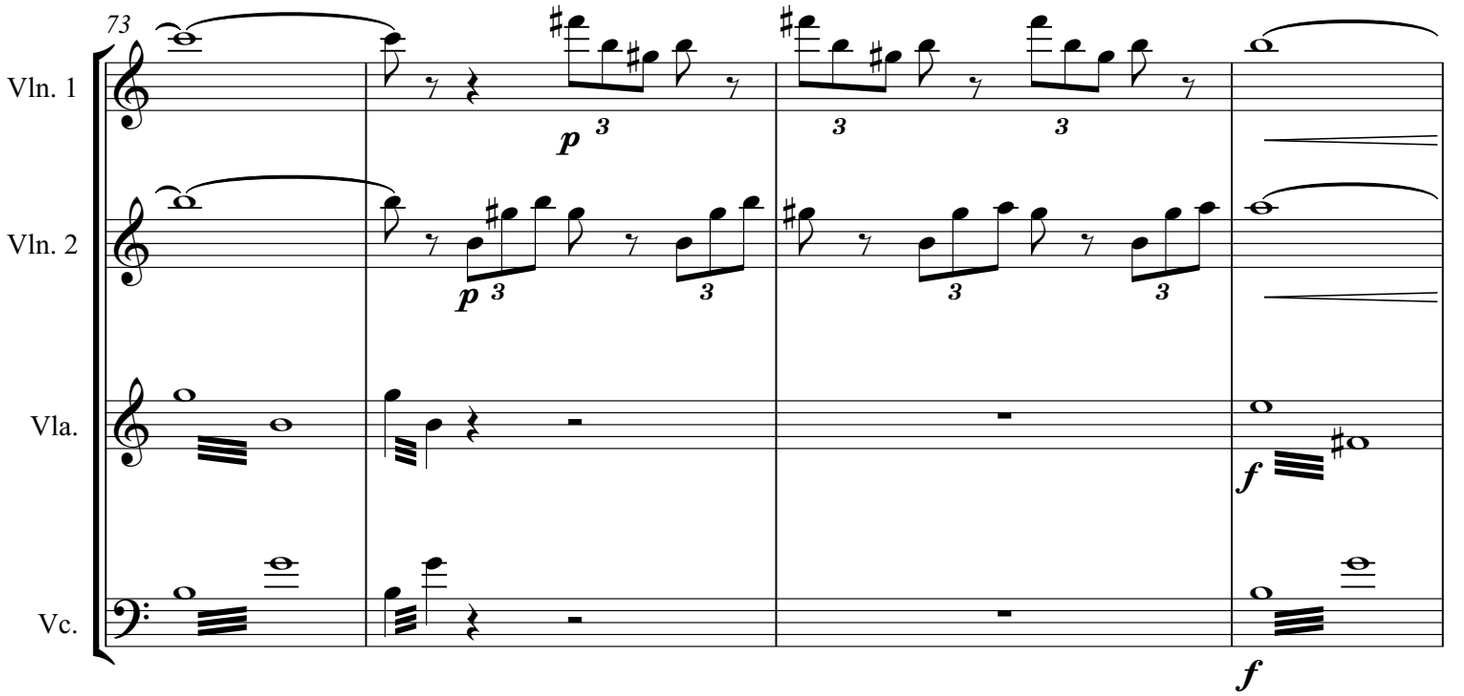
Vln. 2
Vla.
arco
Vc.
arco
p
f
f
sp
p
f
f
sp


60
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
mf
f
f
p
p


63
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
ord.
ord.
D
pizz.
pizz.


66
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
arco
arco
s.p.
s.p.
aggressively
aggressively


70
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
p
pp
f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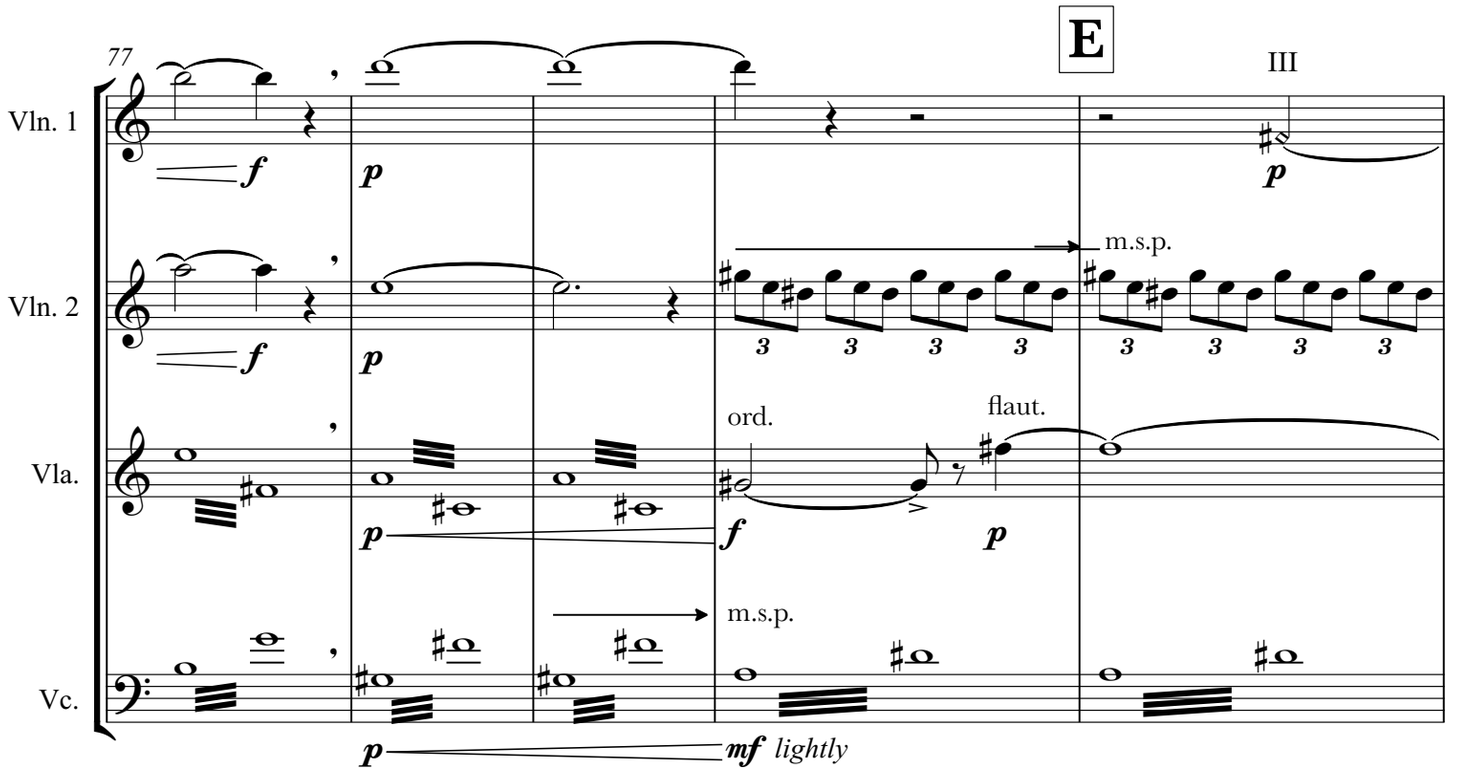
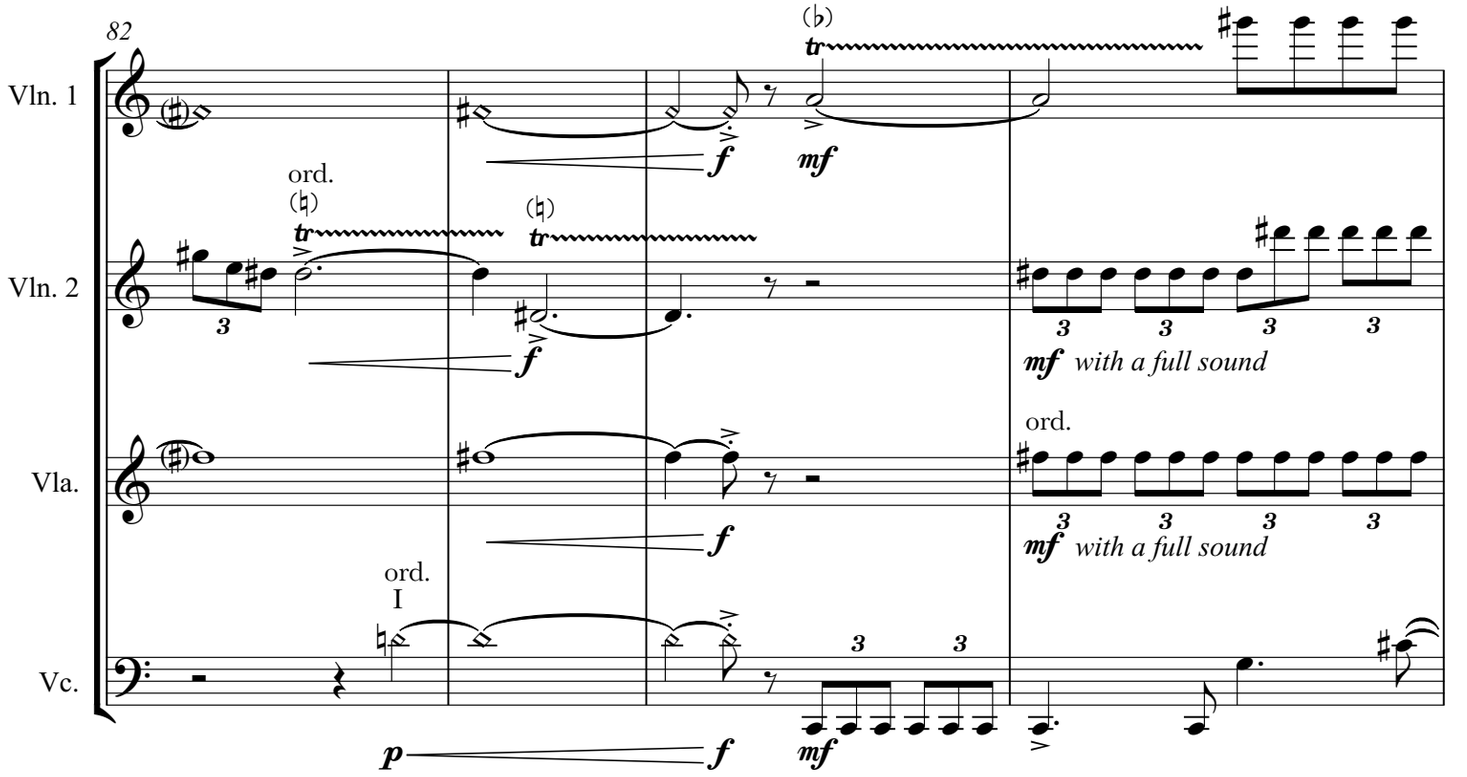
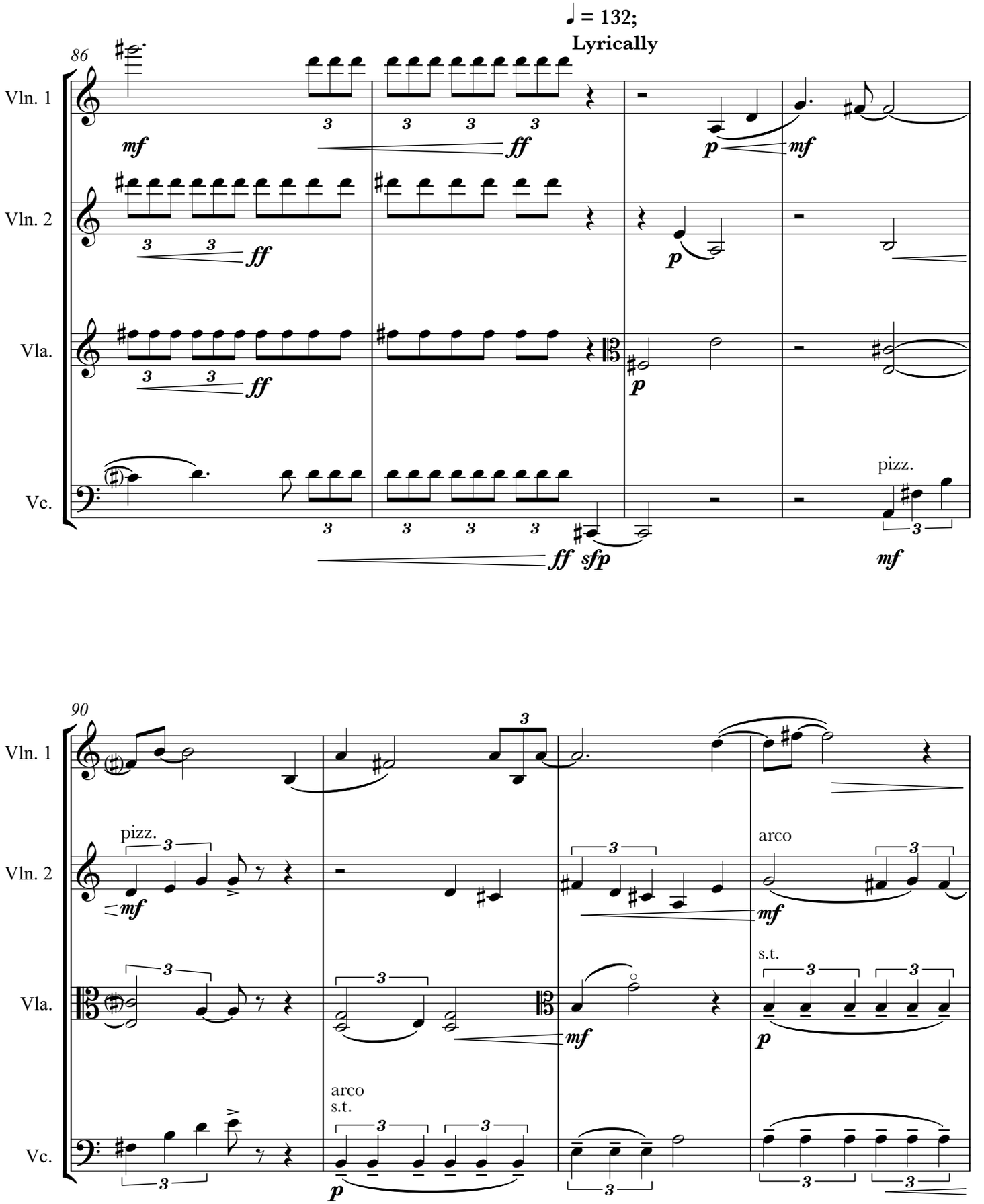
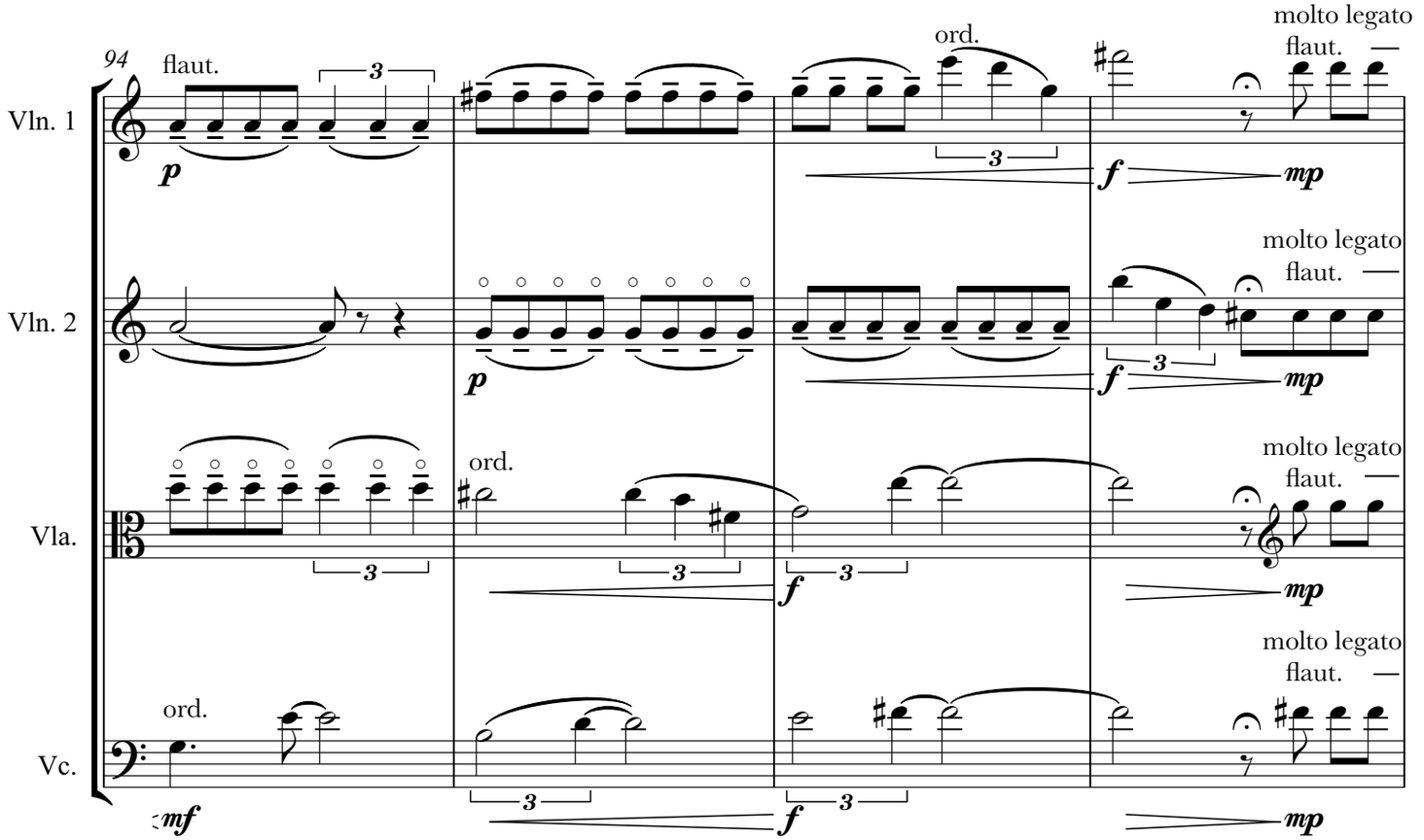
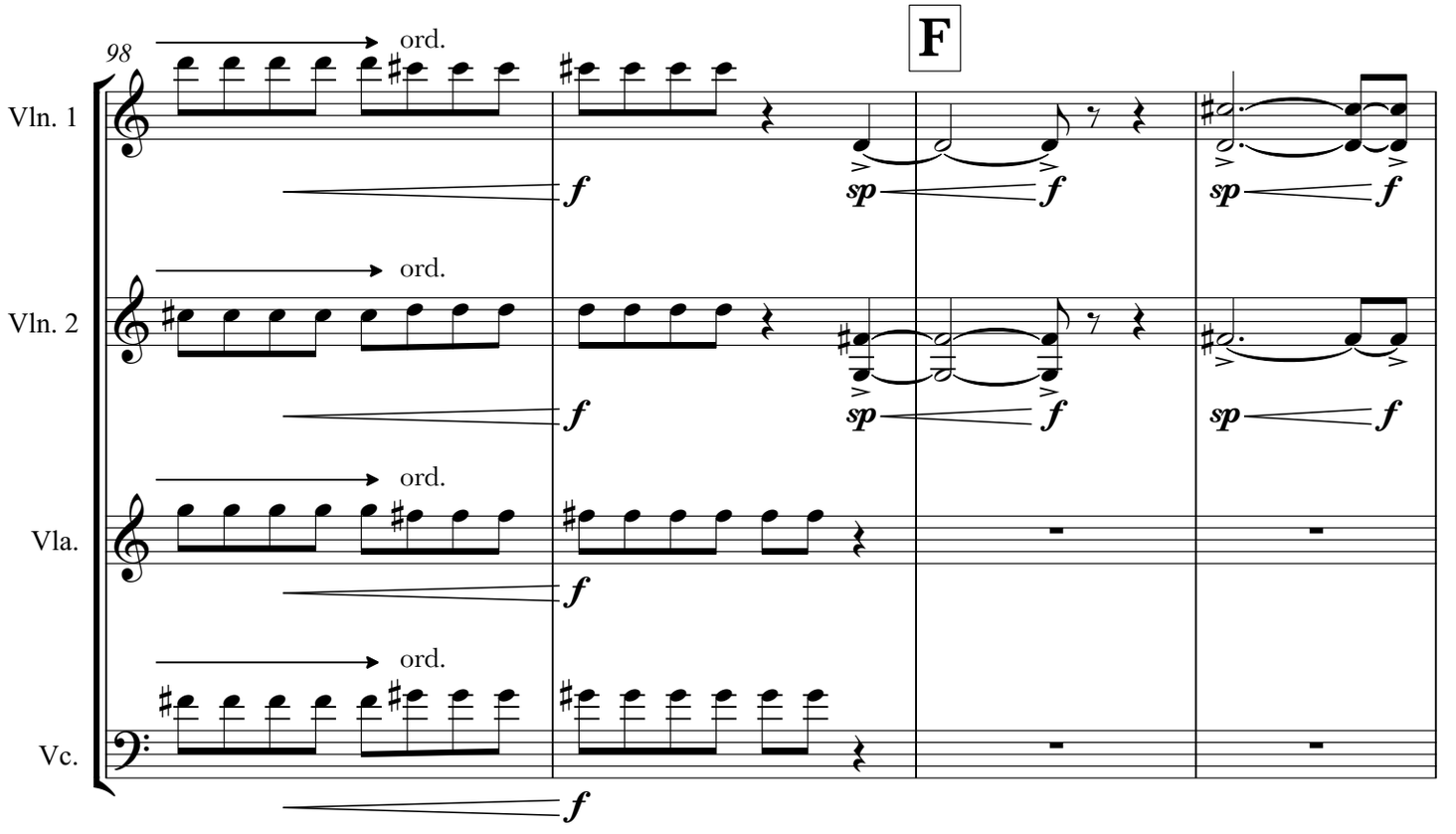
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
p
f


77
E
III
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
m.s.p.
ord.
flaut.
m.s.p.
lightly


82
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
ord.
with a full sound
ord.
with a full sound
ord.
I


♩ = 132;
Lyrically
86
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mf
ff
p
mf
ff
p
ff
p
pizz.
ff sfp
mf
90
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
pizz.
mf
arco
mf
mf
s.t.
p
arco
s.t.
p


94
flaut.
ord.
molto legato
flaut.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
p
f
mp
mf
3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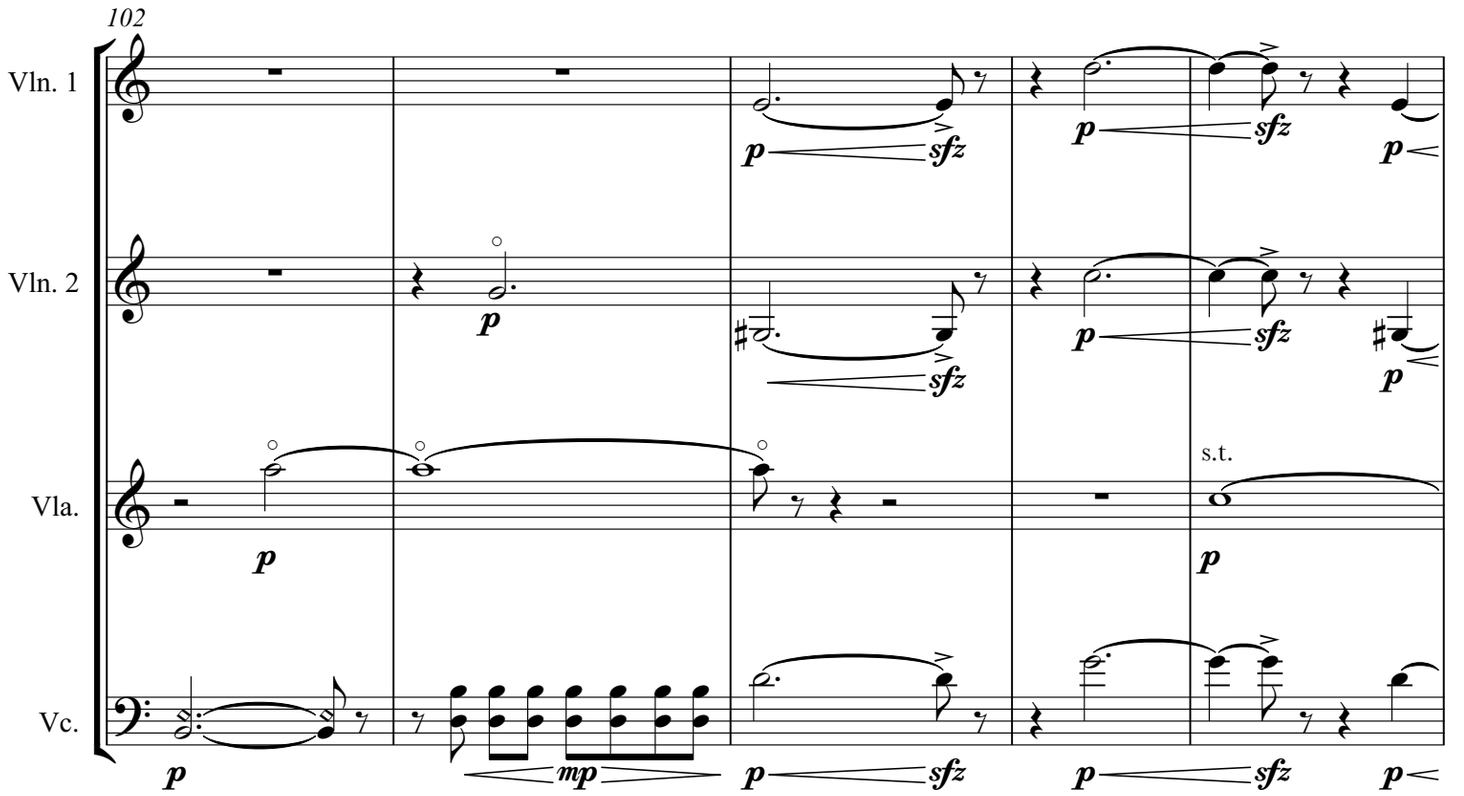
F
ord.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
f
sp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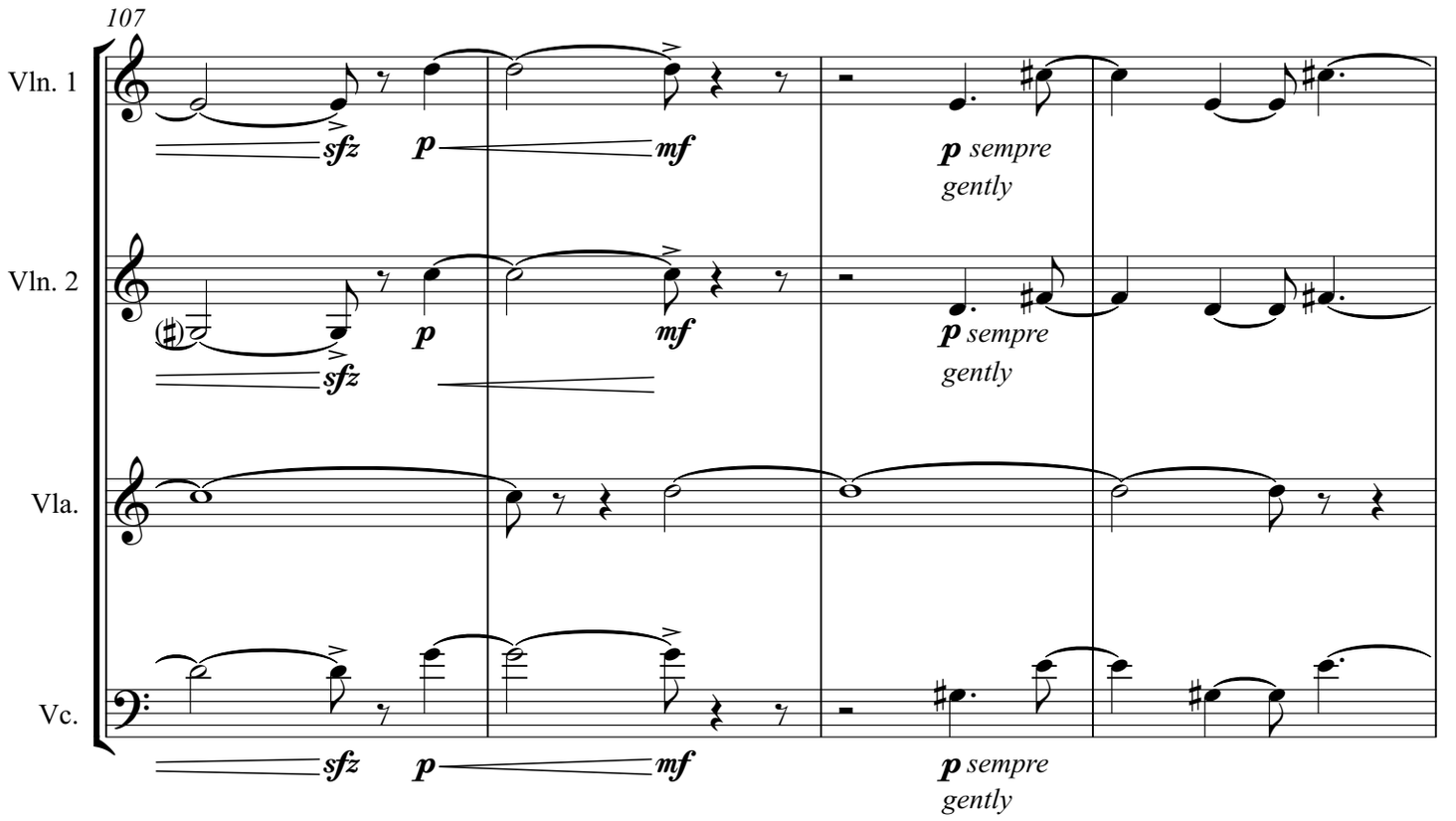
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
s.t.


107
Vln. 1
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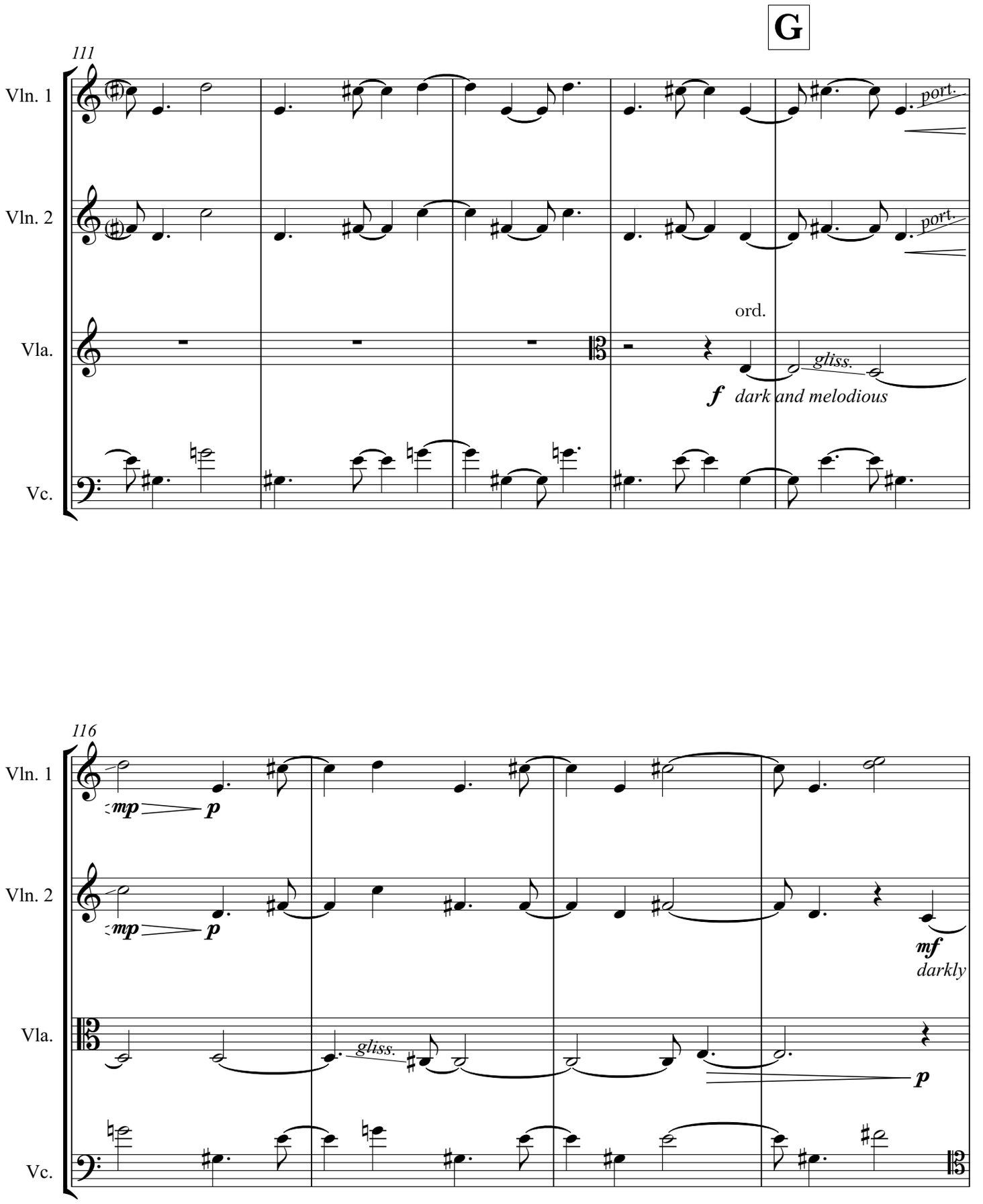
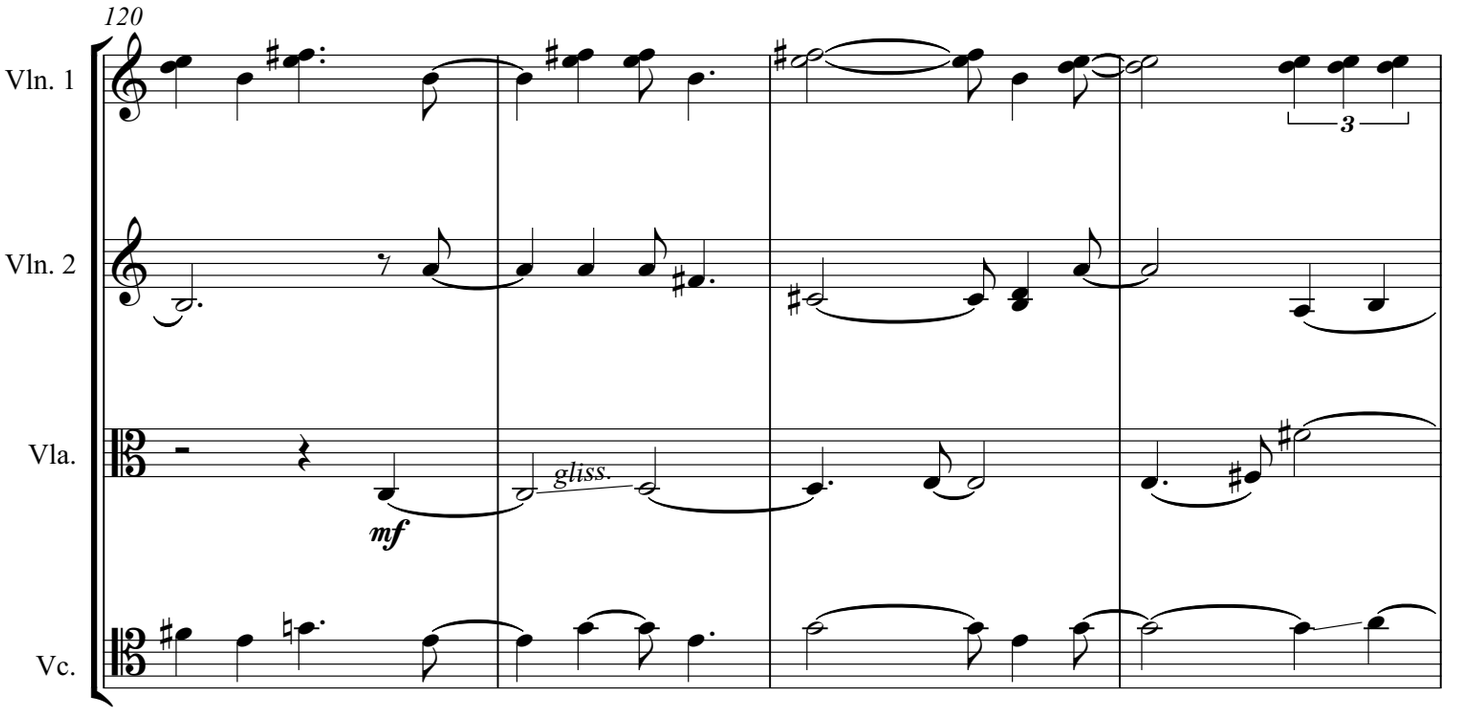
Vla.
Vc.
p sempre
gently


G
111
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
port.
port.
ord.
gliss.
f dark and melodious
116
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mp
p
mp
p
gliss.
mf
darkly
p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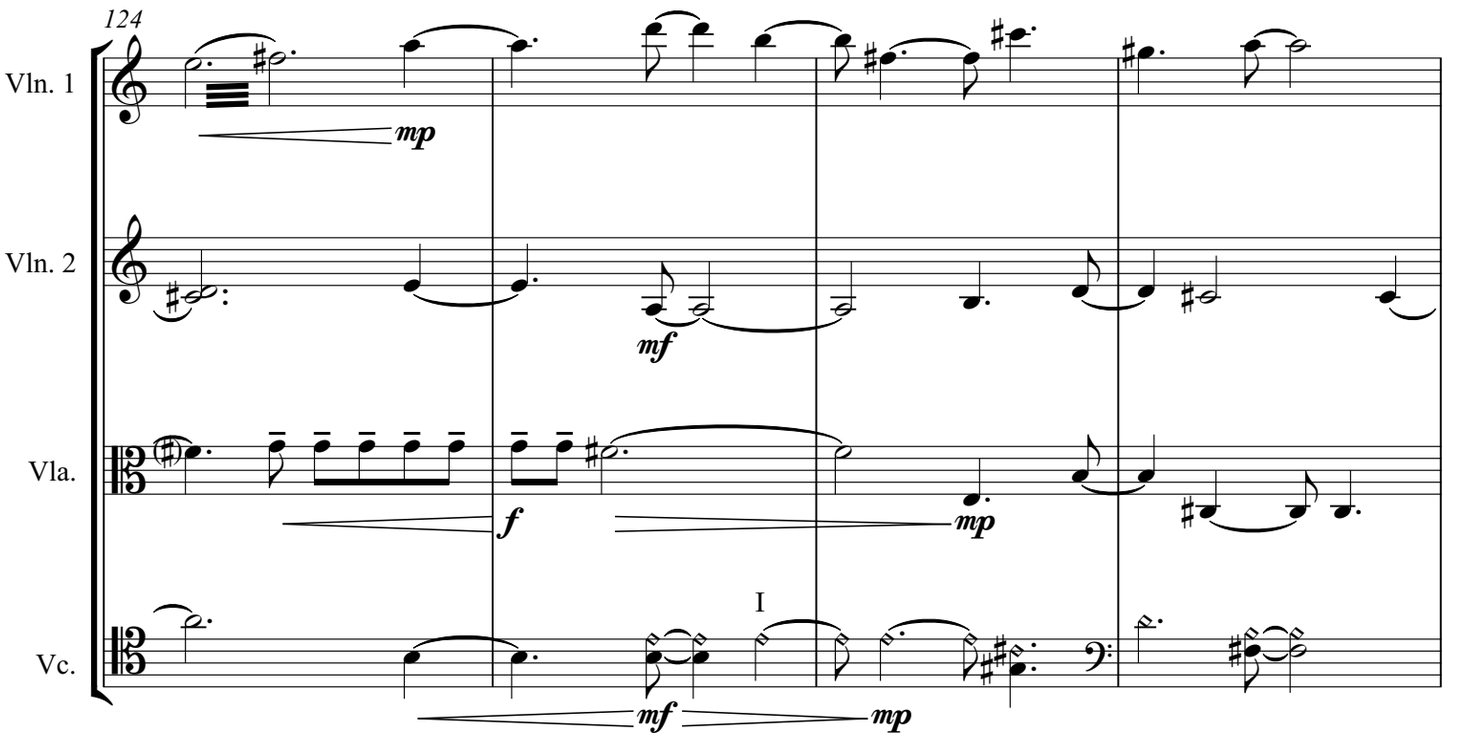
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
3
gliss.
mf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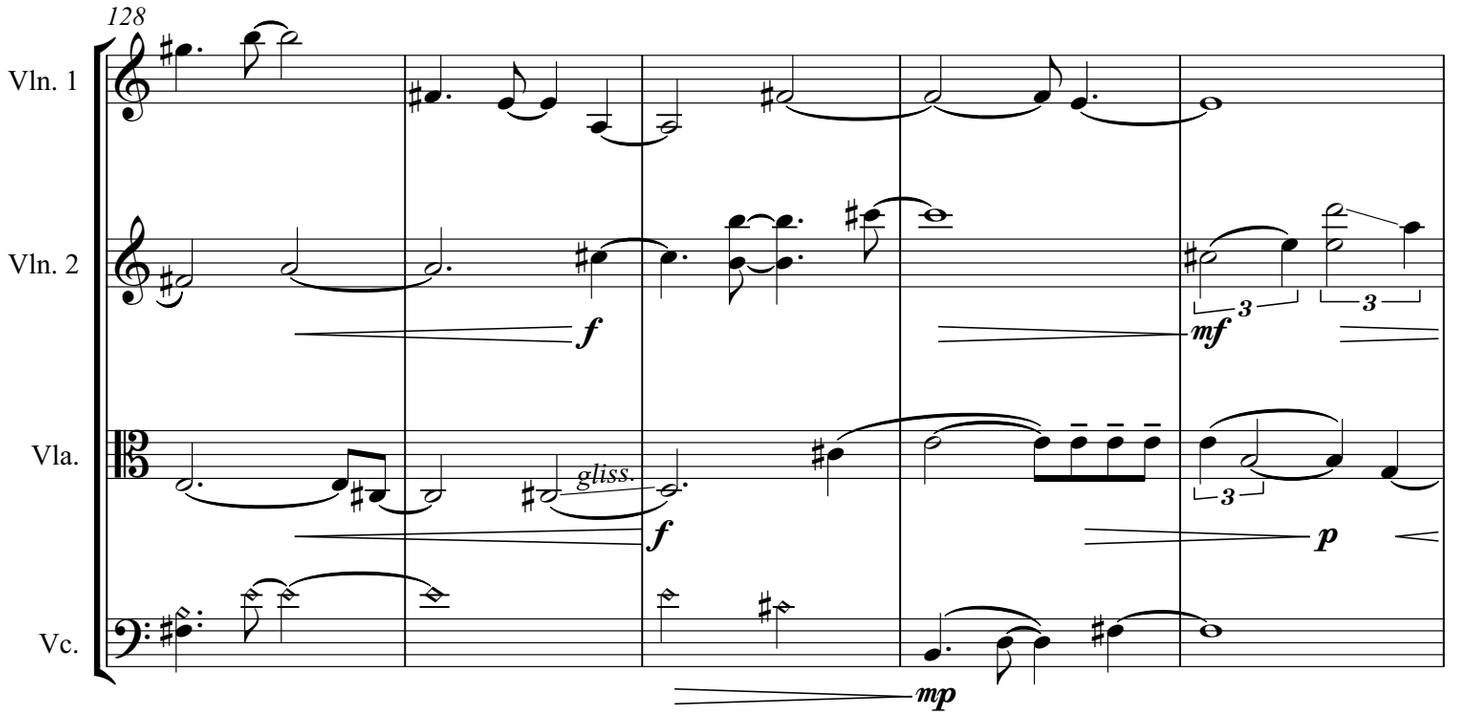
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
mp
mf
f
mp
I
mf
mp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f
mf
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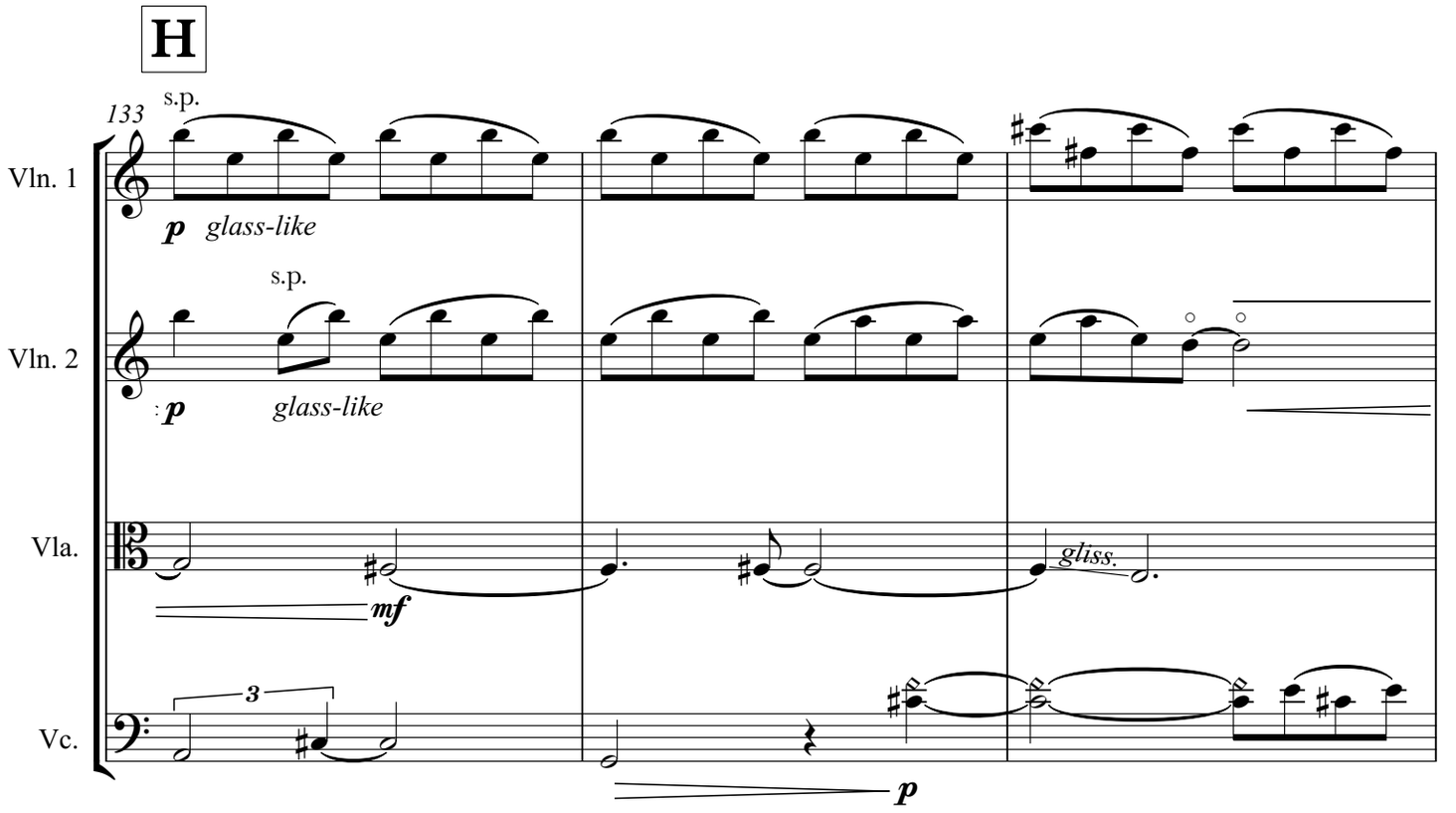
3
3
p
mp


H
133
s.p.
Vln. 1
p glass-like
s.p.
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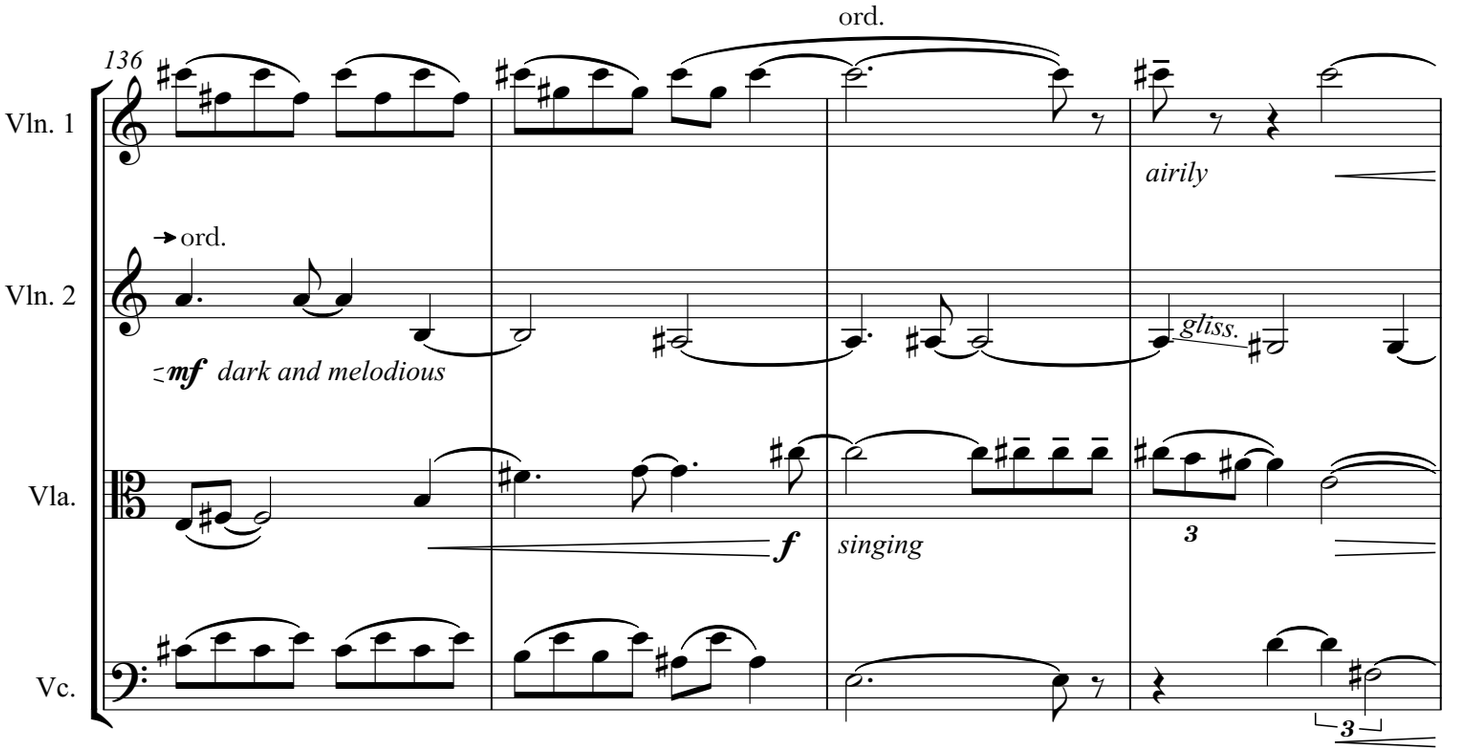
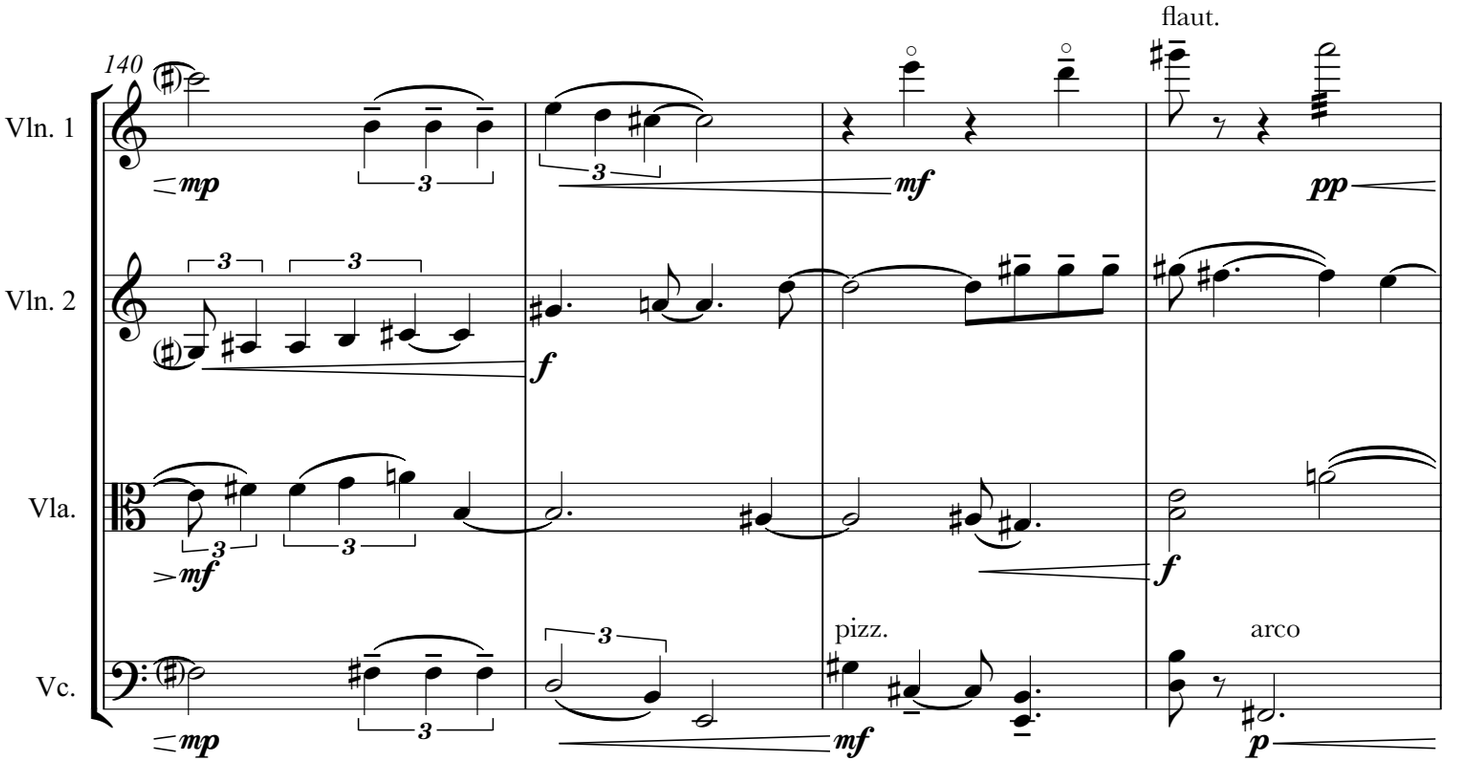
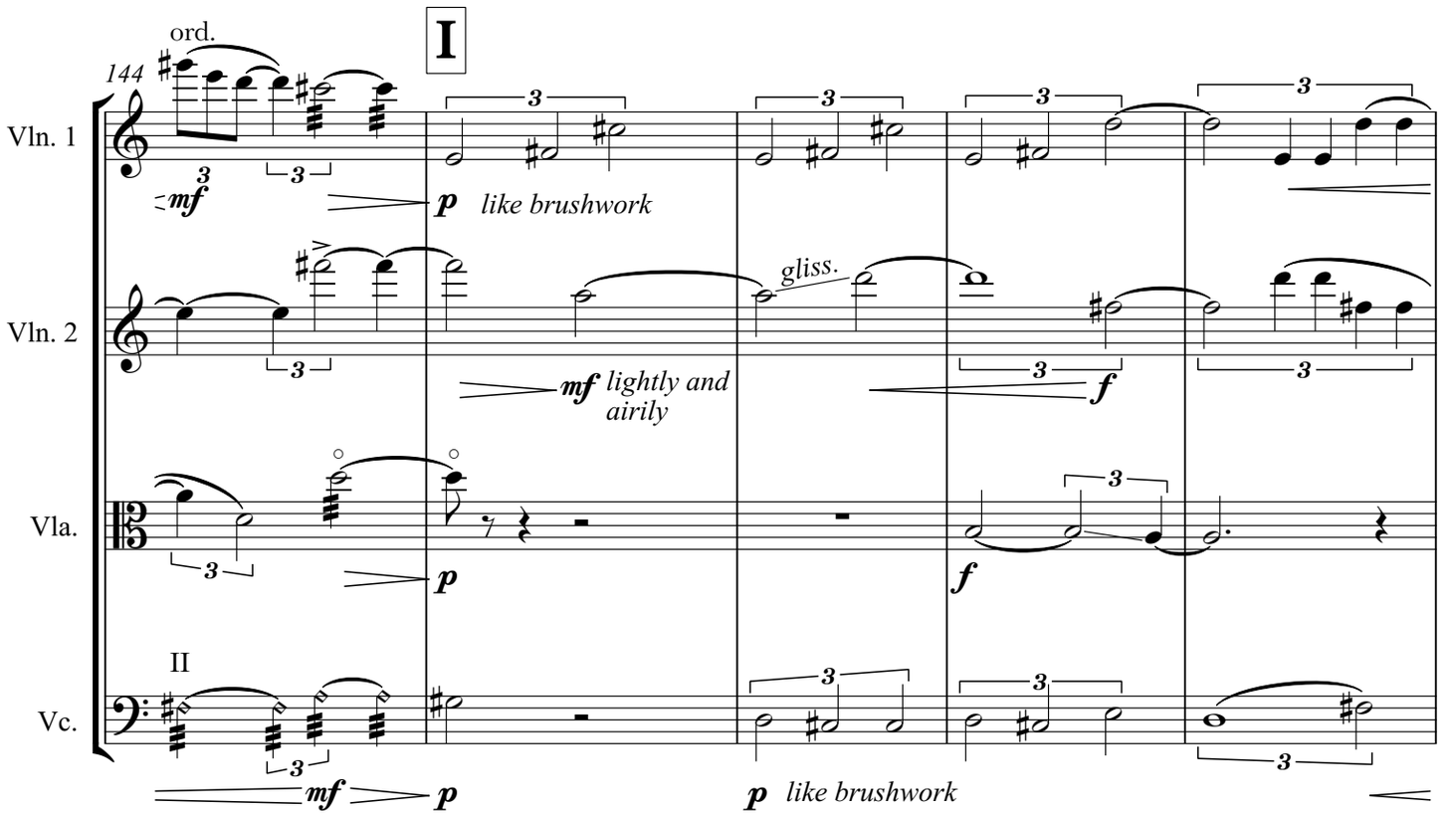
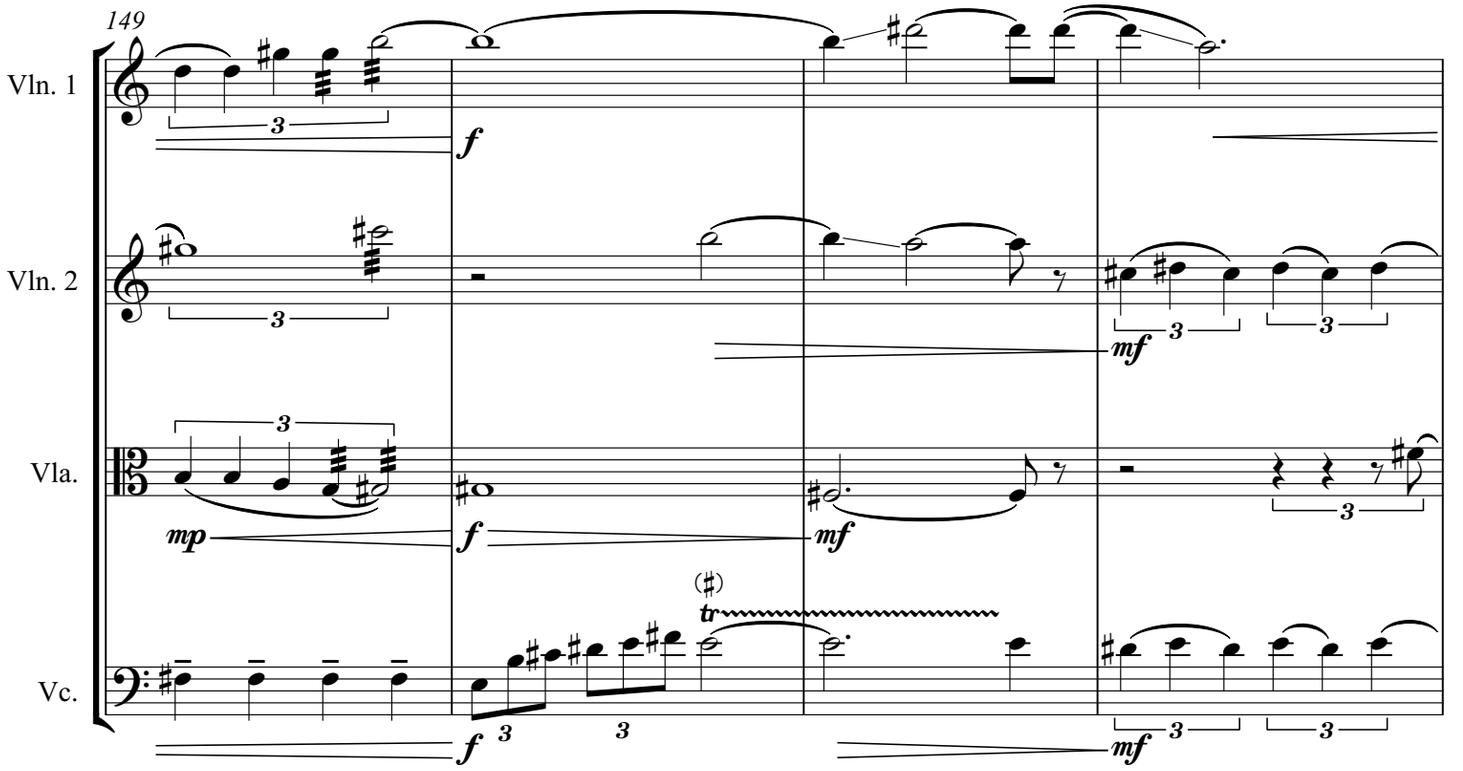
3
p


136
ord.
Vln. 1
airily
ord.
Vln. 2
mf dark and melodious
gliss.
Vla.
f
singing
3
Vc.
3


140
flaut.
Vln. 1
mp
3
mf
pp
Vln. 2
3
f
Vla.
mf
f
pizz.
arco
Vc.
mp
mf
p


144
ord.
I
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
II
mf
p
like brushwork
gliss.
mf lightly and airily
f
p like brushwork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Vln. 1
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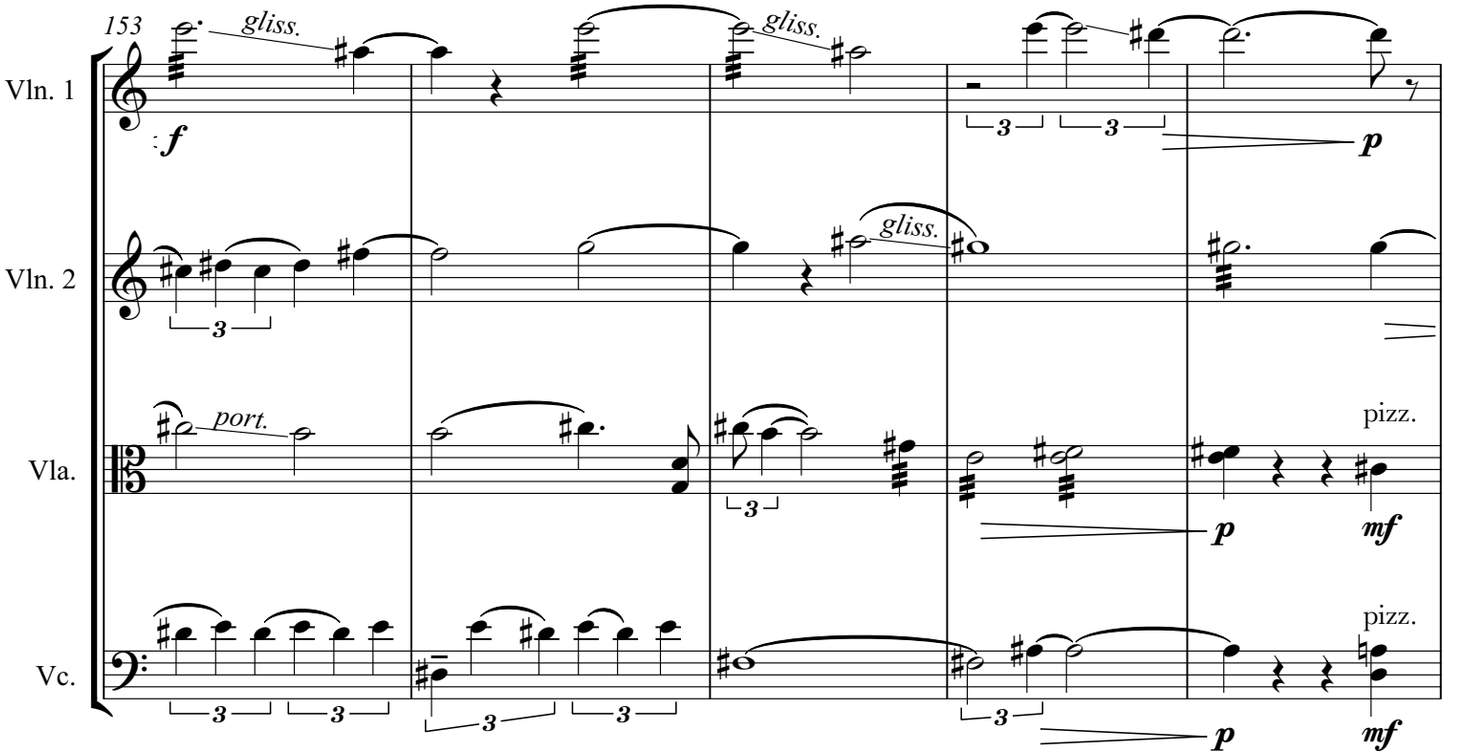
Vla.
Vc.
f
mf
mp
(♯)
tr


153
gliss.
gliss.
gliss.
Vln. 1
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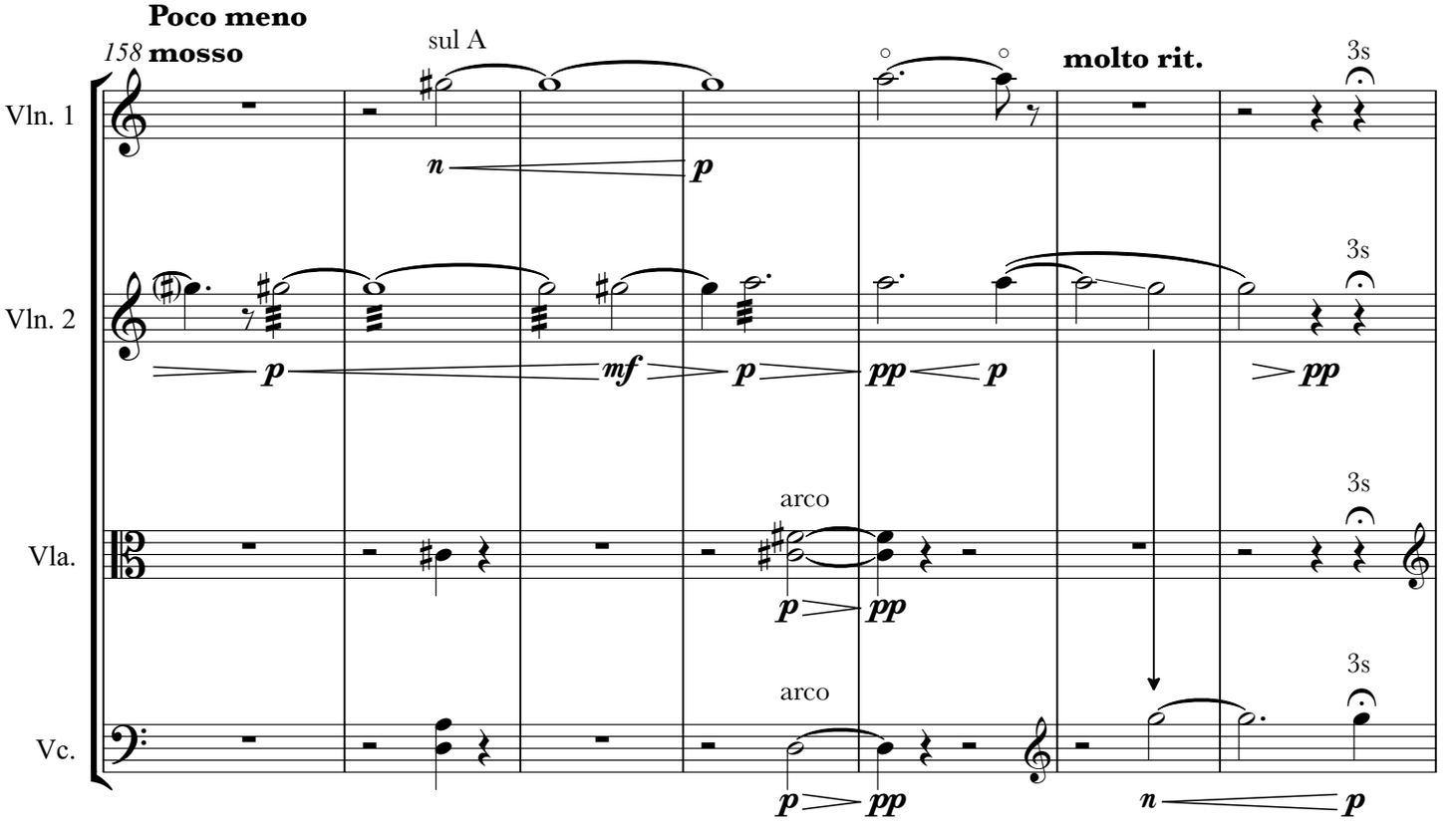
Vla.
Vc.
port.
pizz.
pizz.
f
p
mf


Poco meno
158 mosso
sul A
molto rit.
3s
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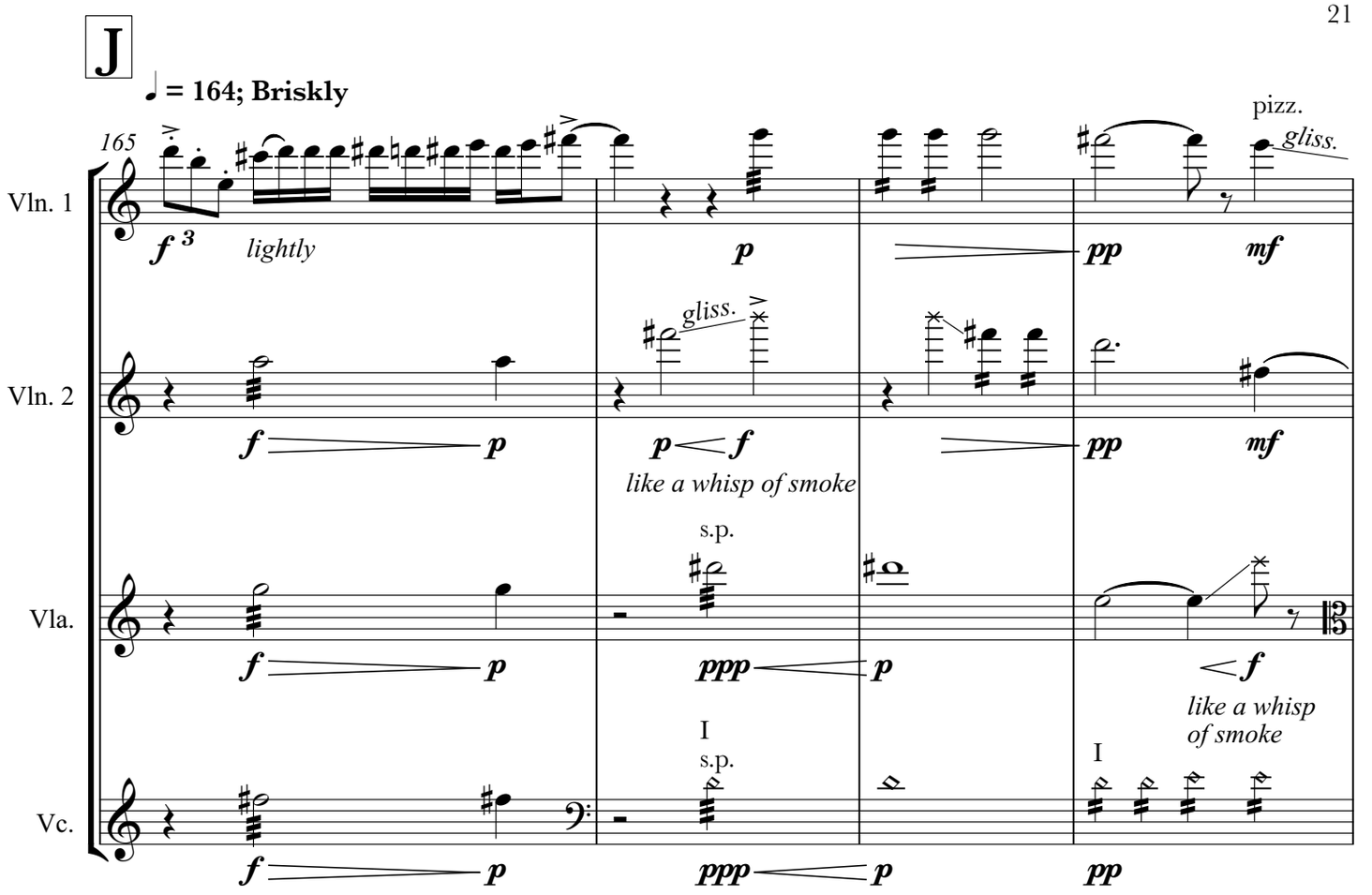
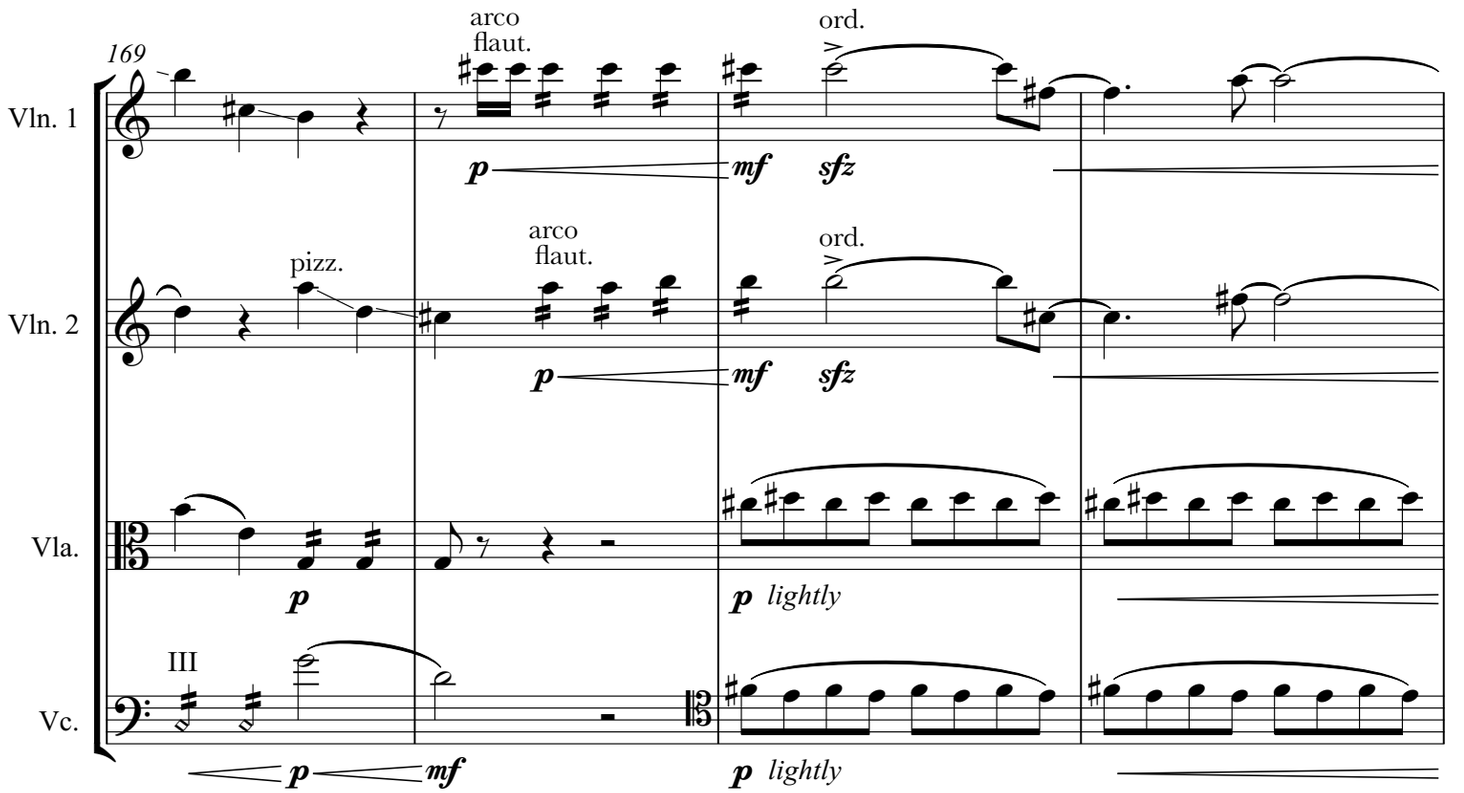
Vla.
Vc.
arco
arco
n
p
mf
pp


J
♩ = 164; Briskly
165
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
f 3
lightly
p
pp
mf
pizz.
gliss.
f
p
like a whisp of smoke
s.p.
ppp
I
like a whisp
of smoke


169
Vln. 1
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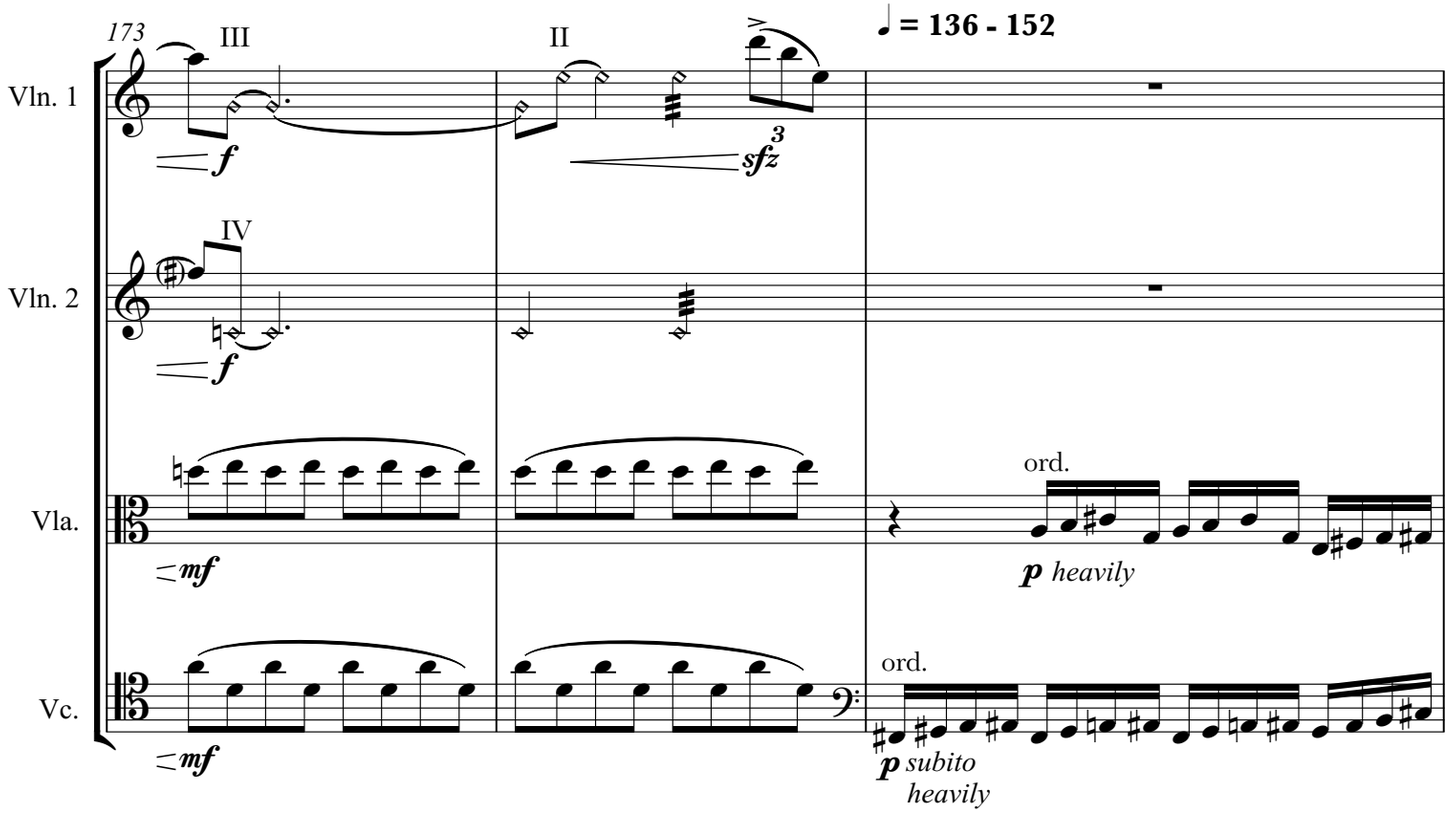
Vla.
Vc.
arco
flaut.
ord.
pizz.
p
mf
sfz
lightly
III


173
III
II
♩ = 136 - 152
Vln. 1
f
sfz
3
IV
Vln. 2
f
Vla.
mf
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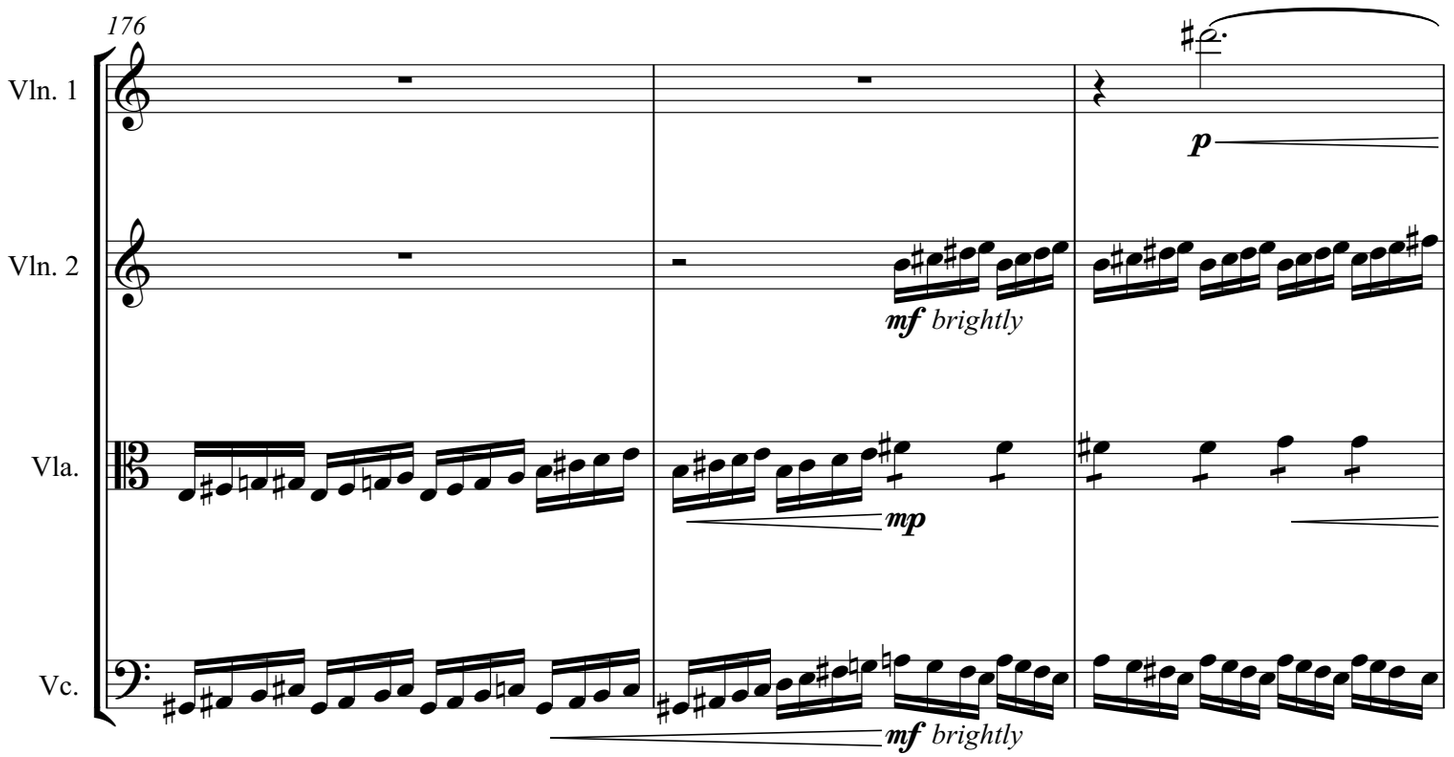
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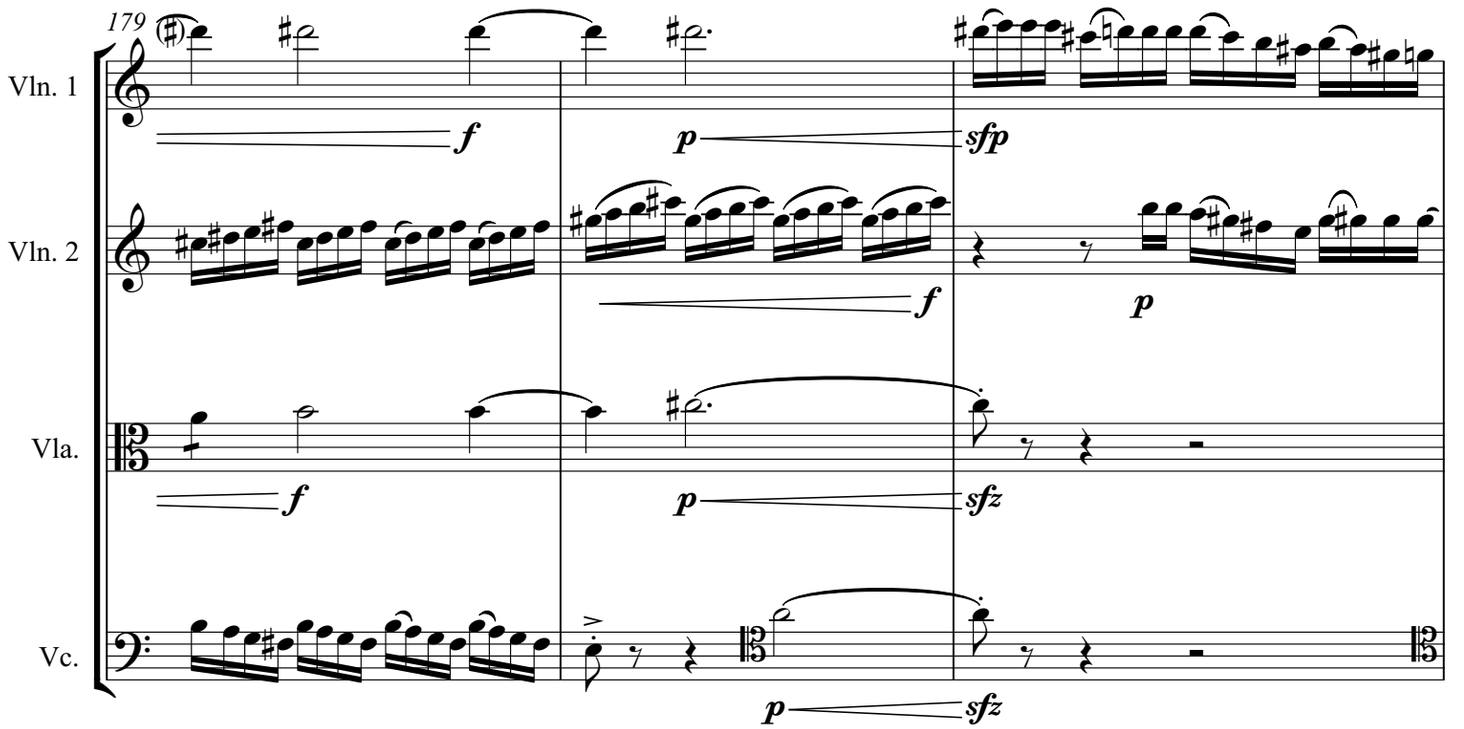
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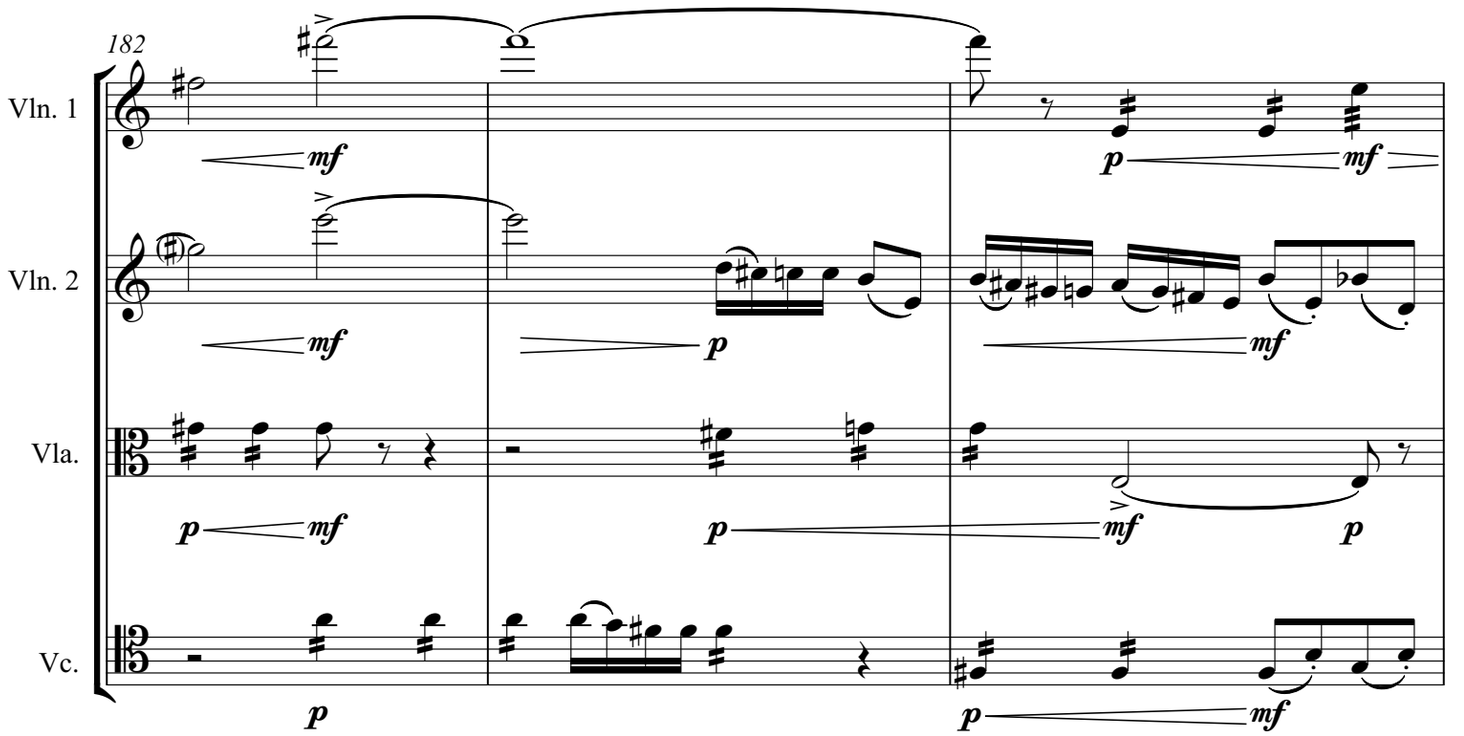
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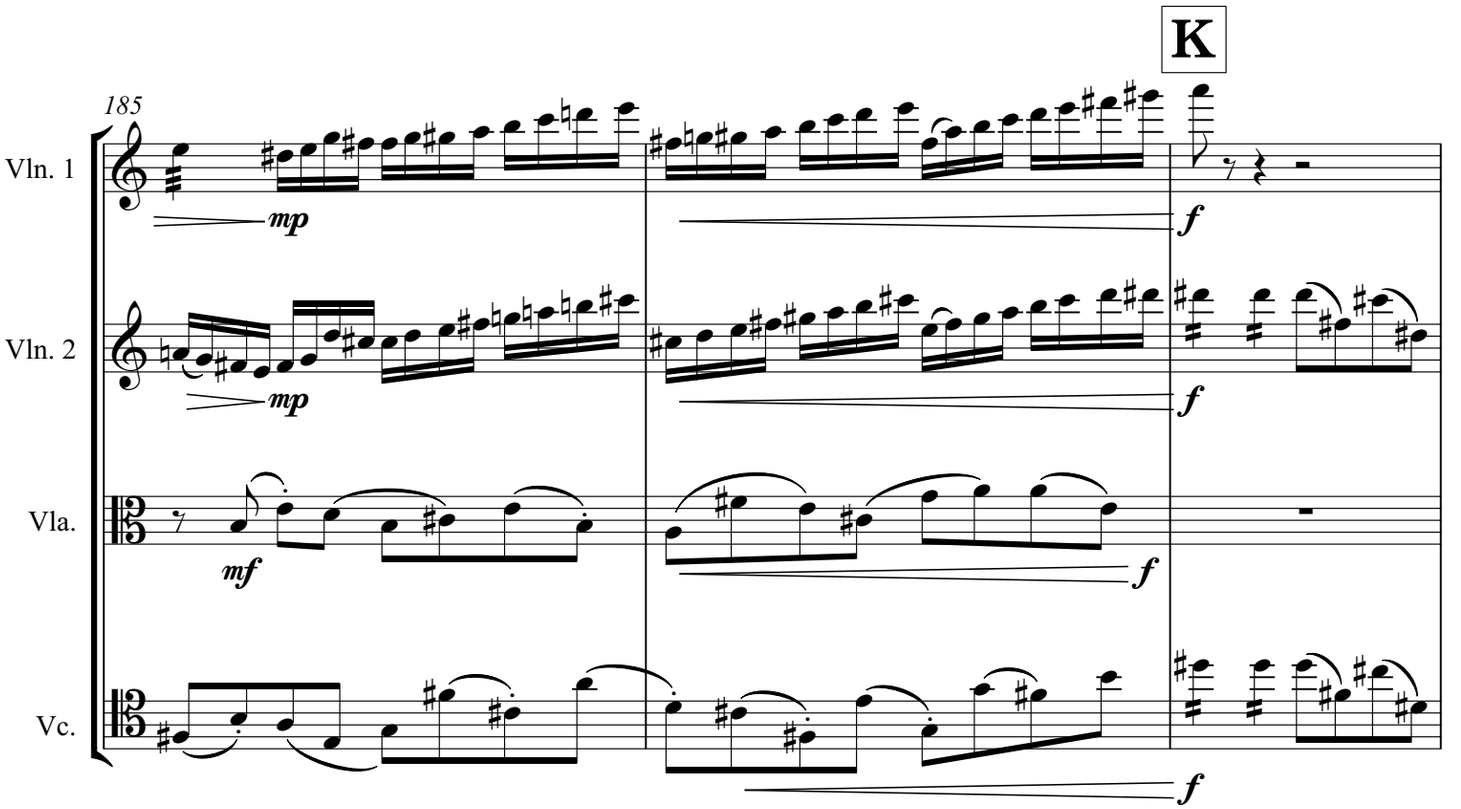
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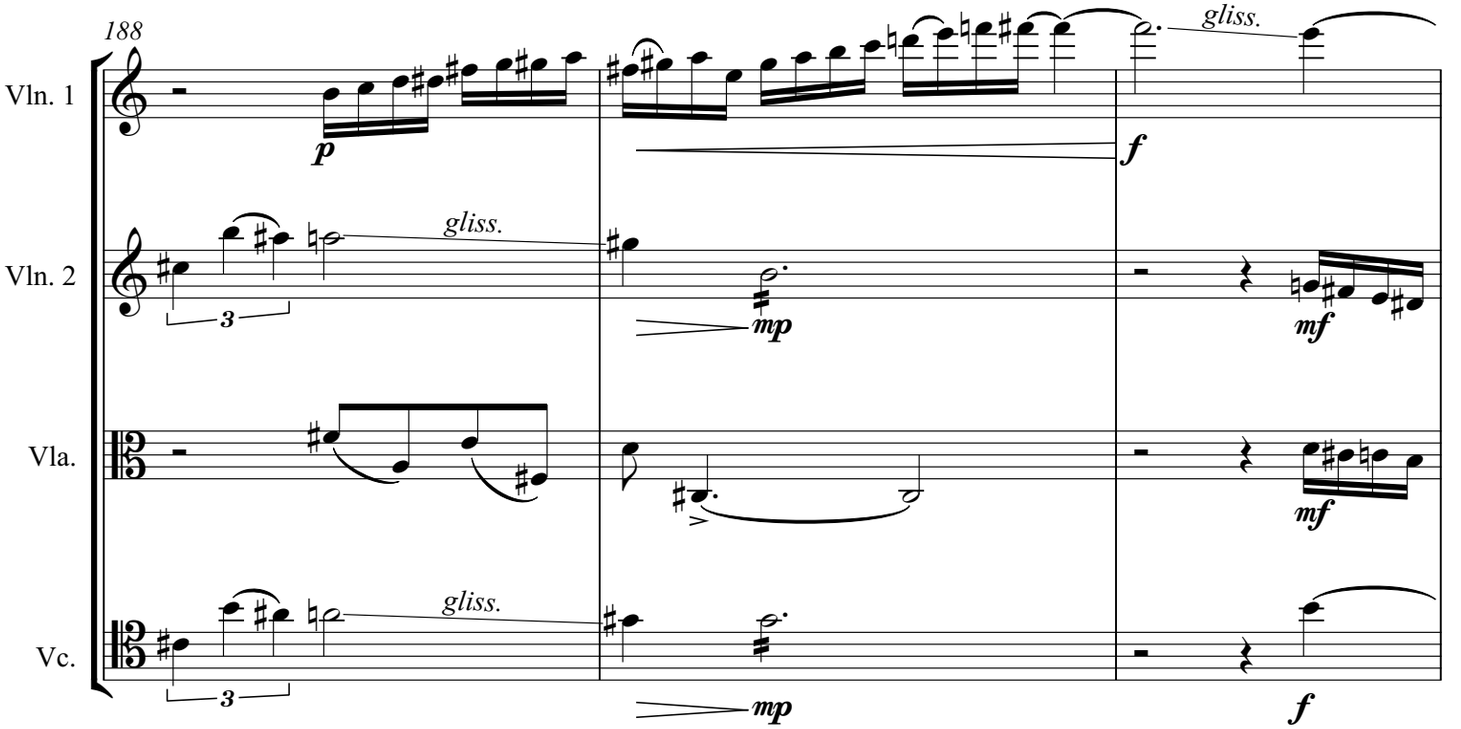
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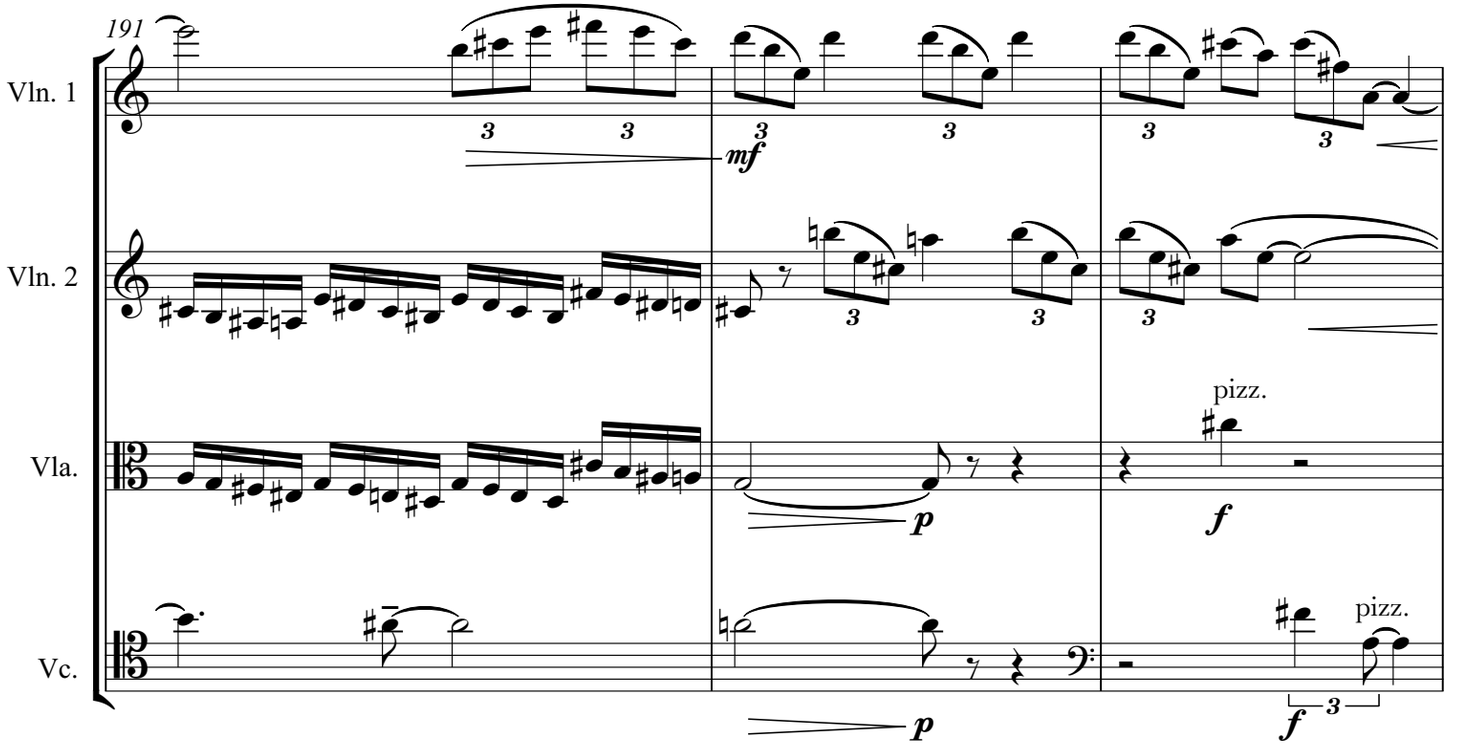
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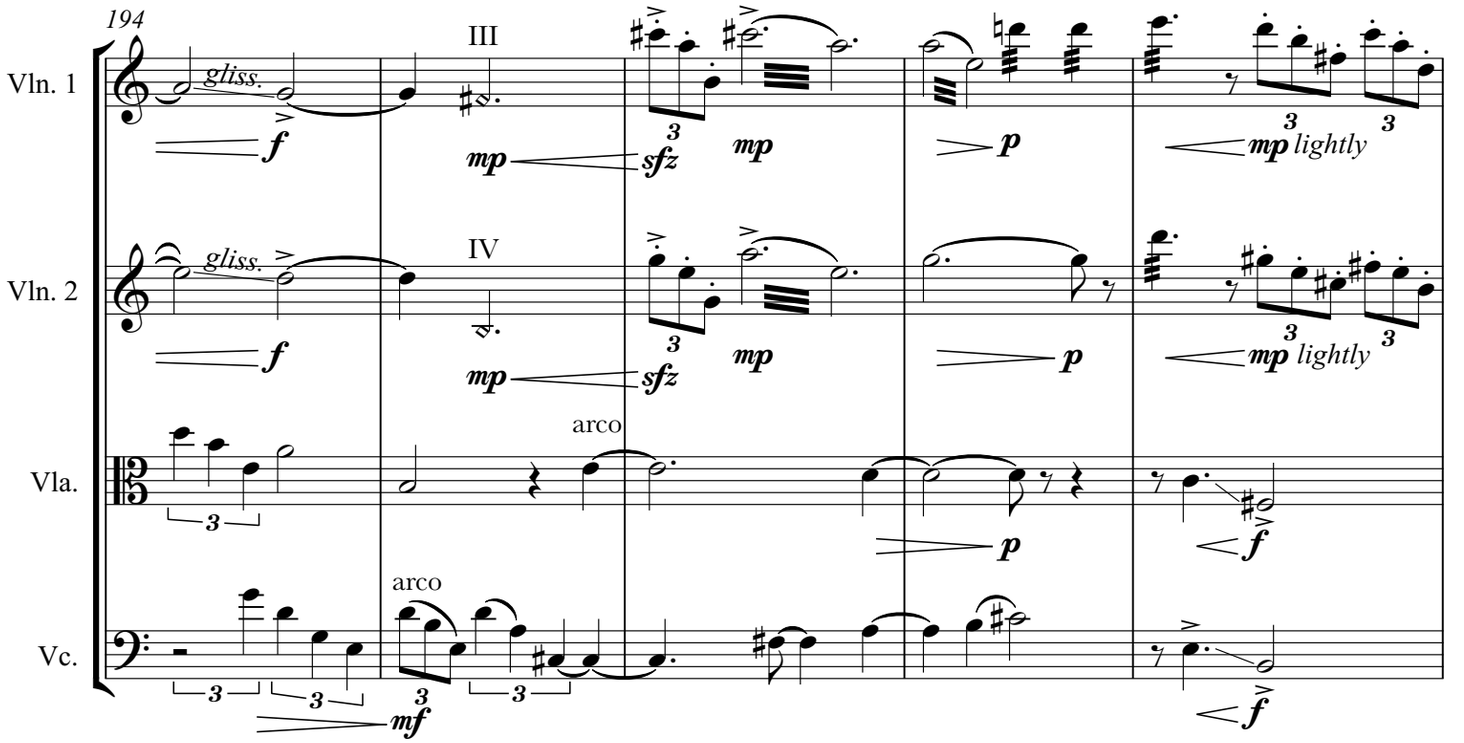
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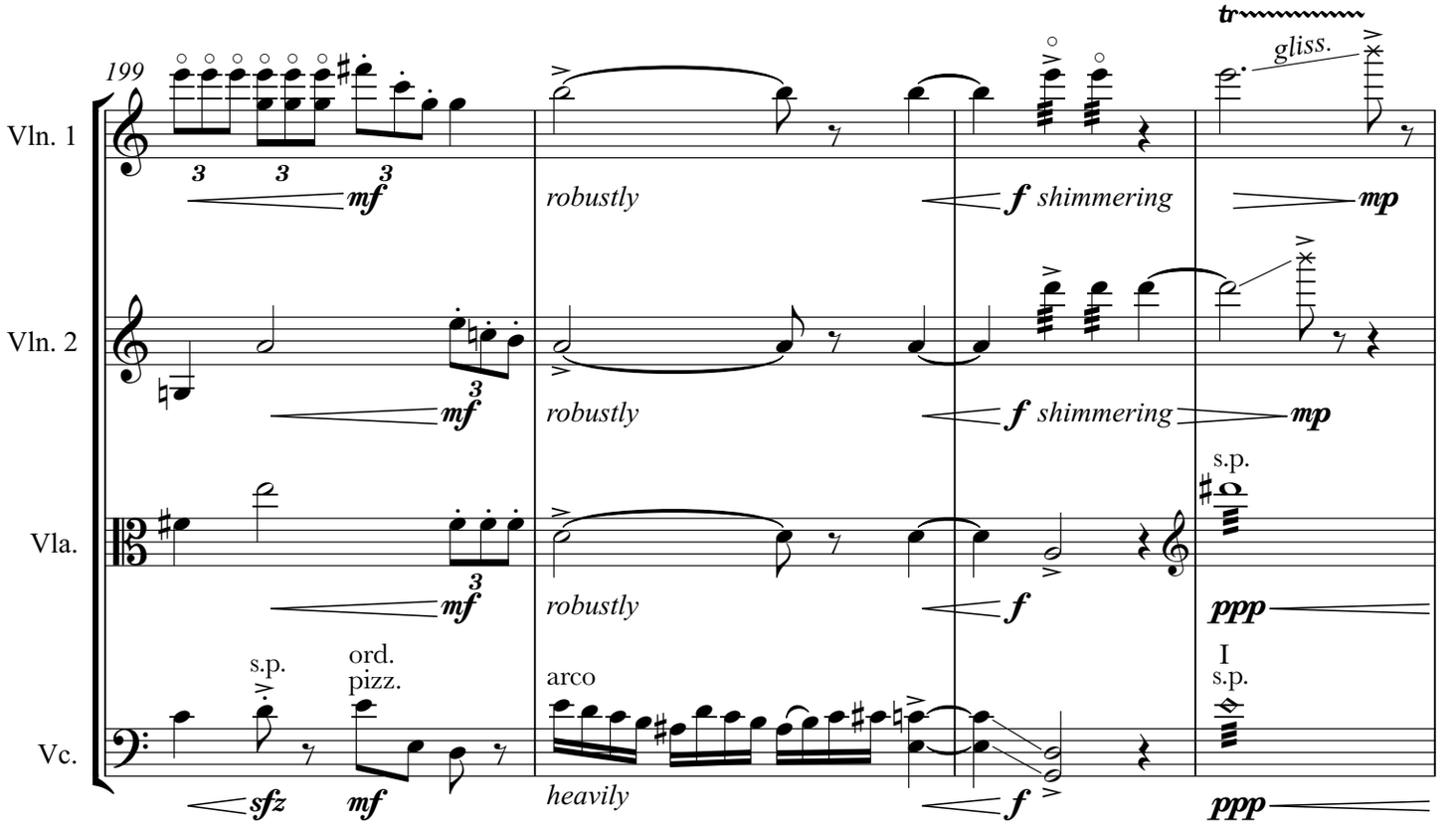
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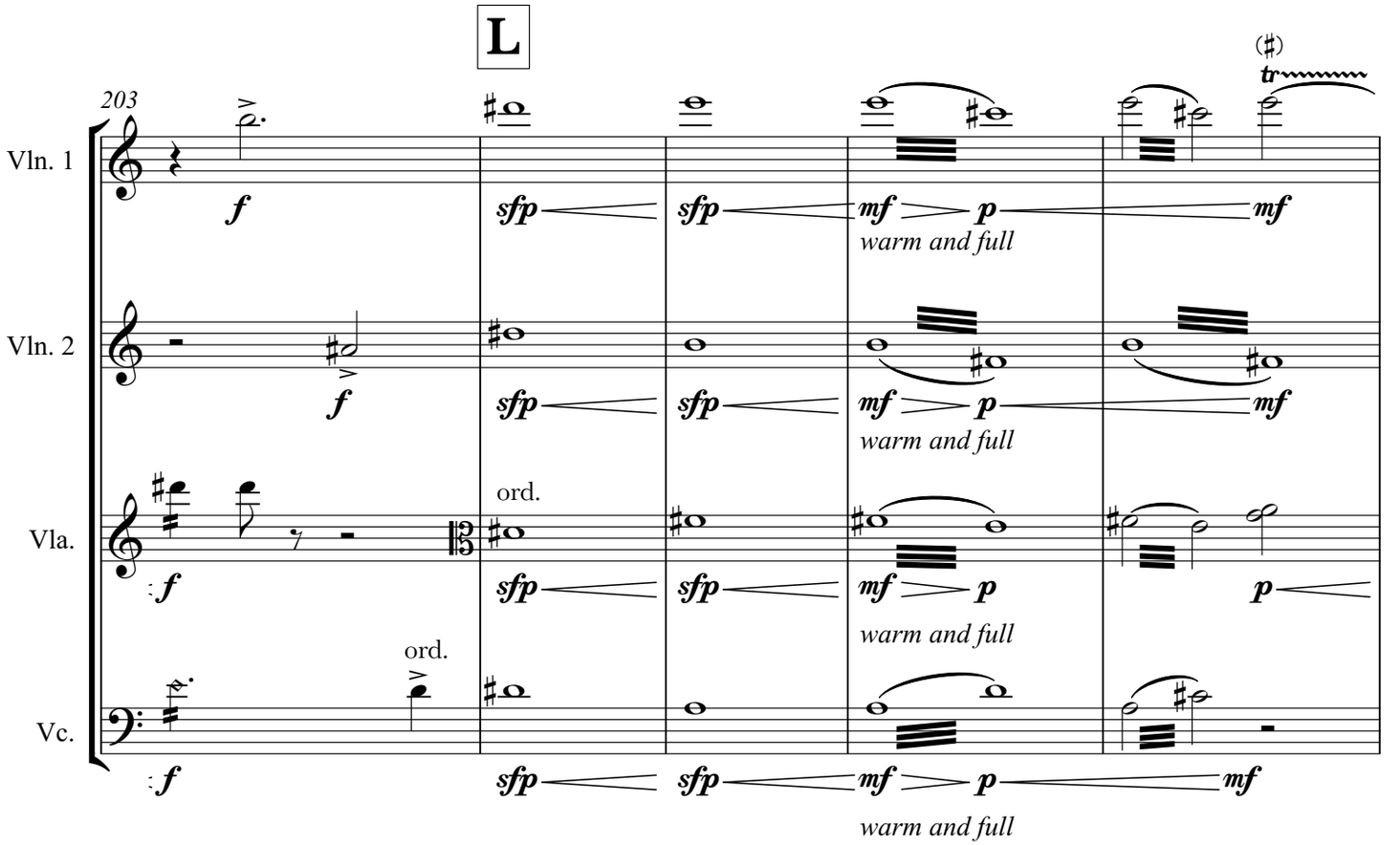
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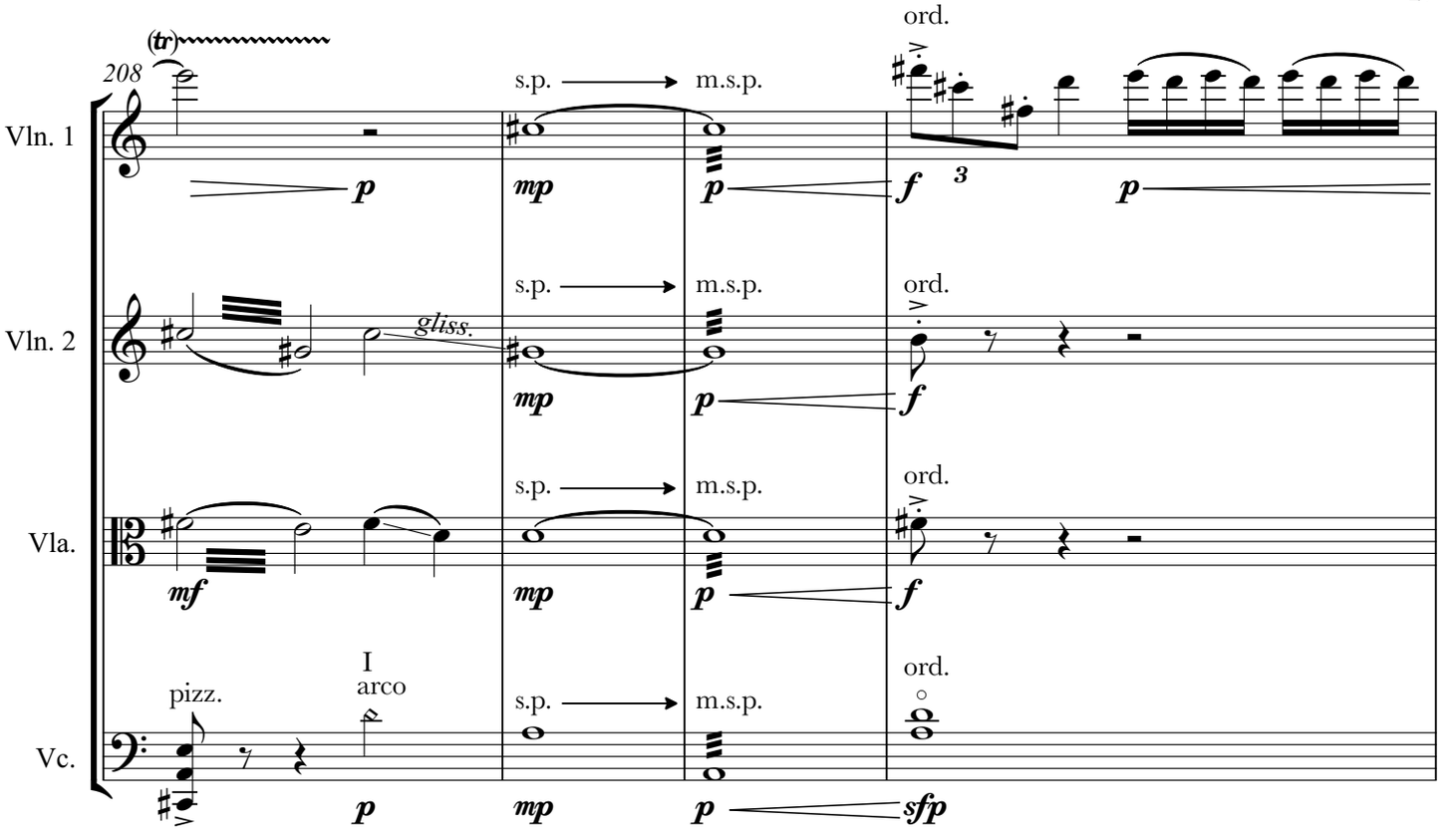
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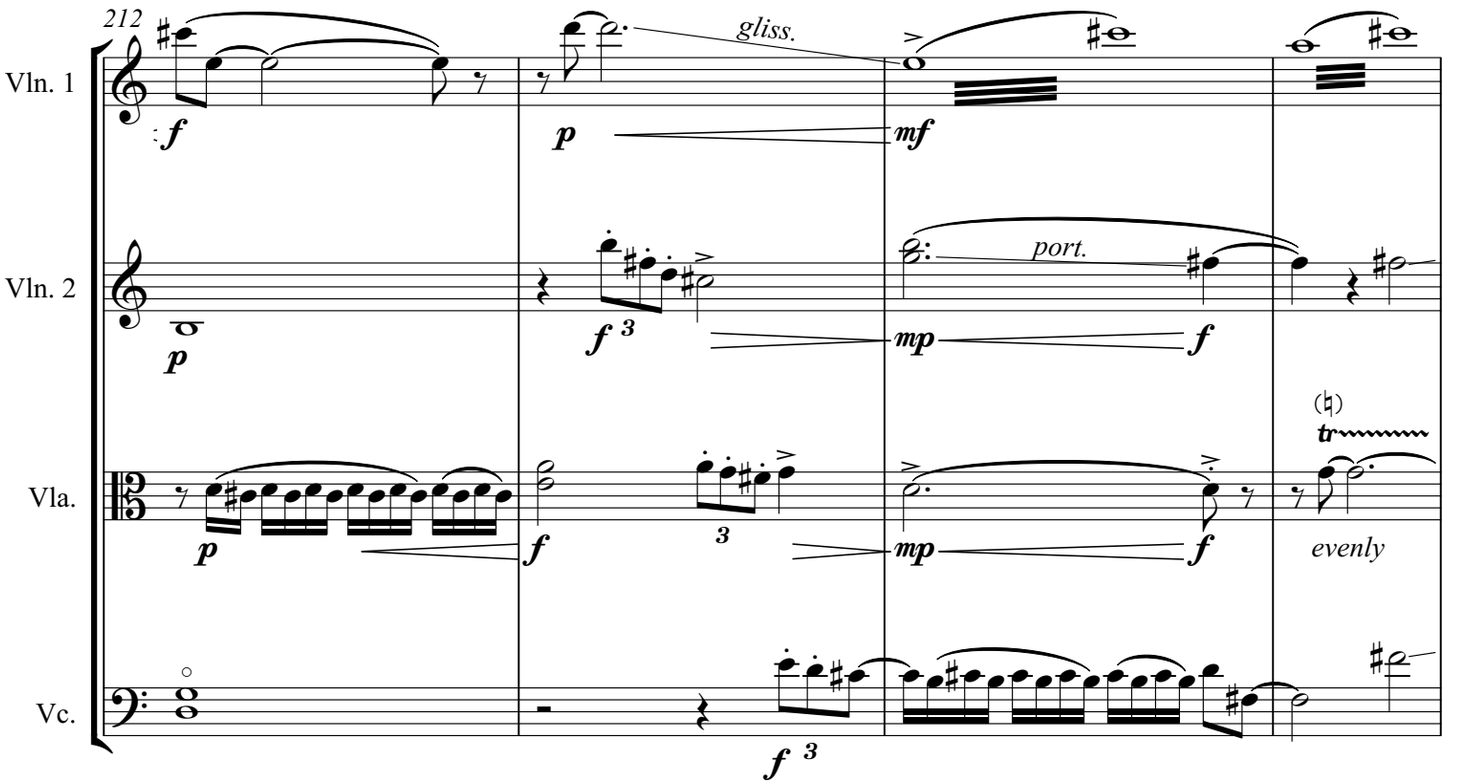
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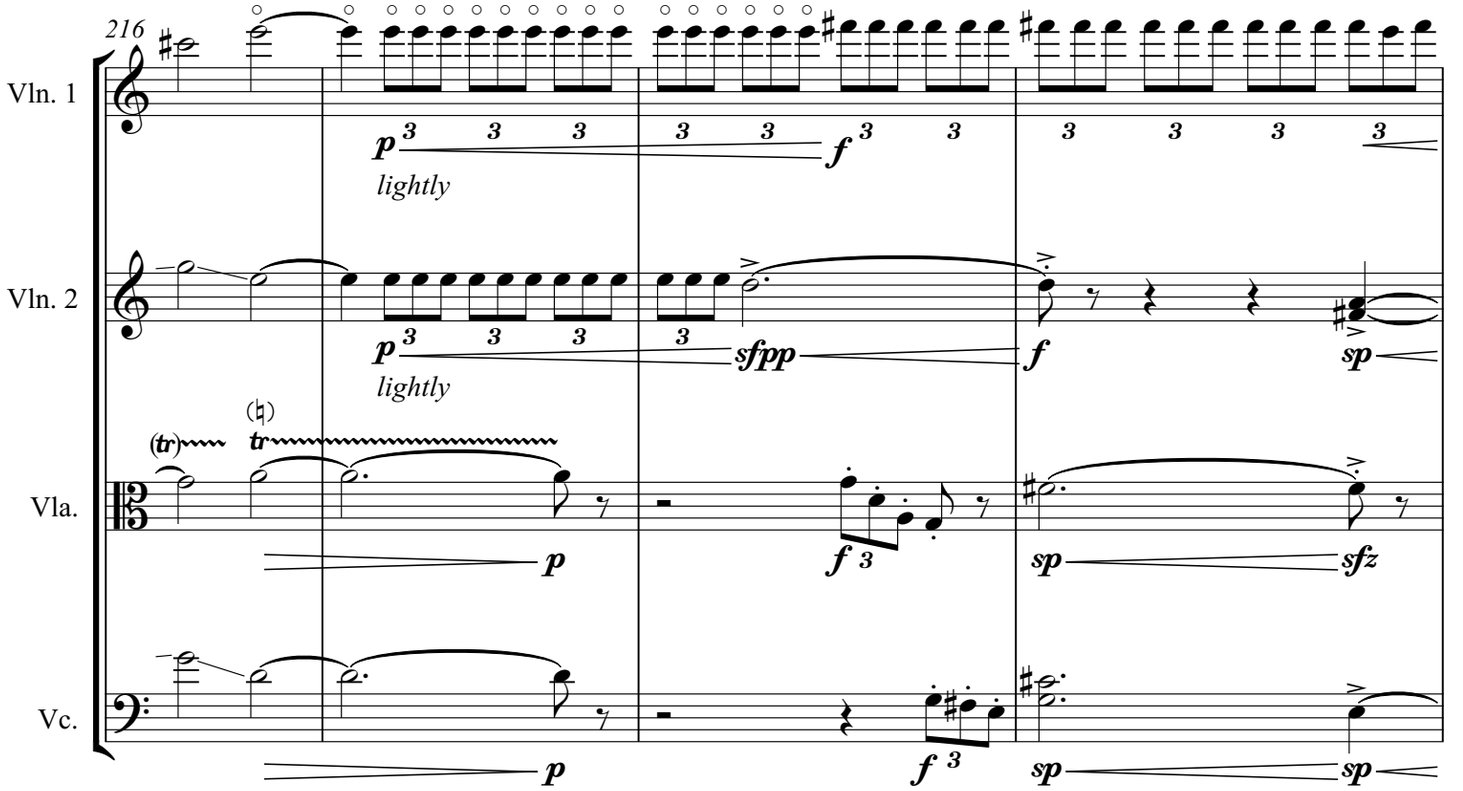
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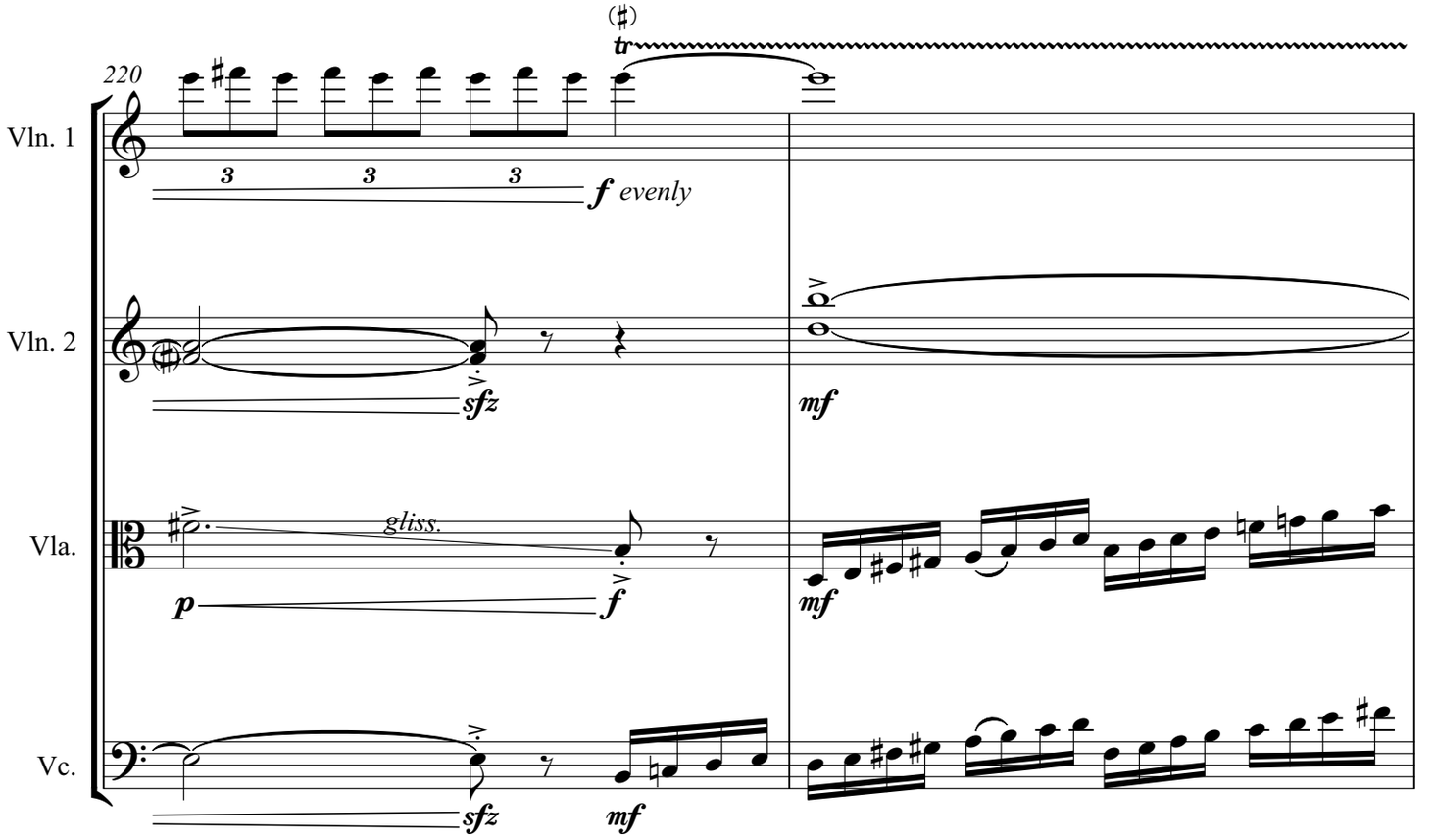
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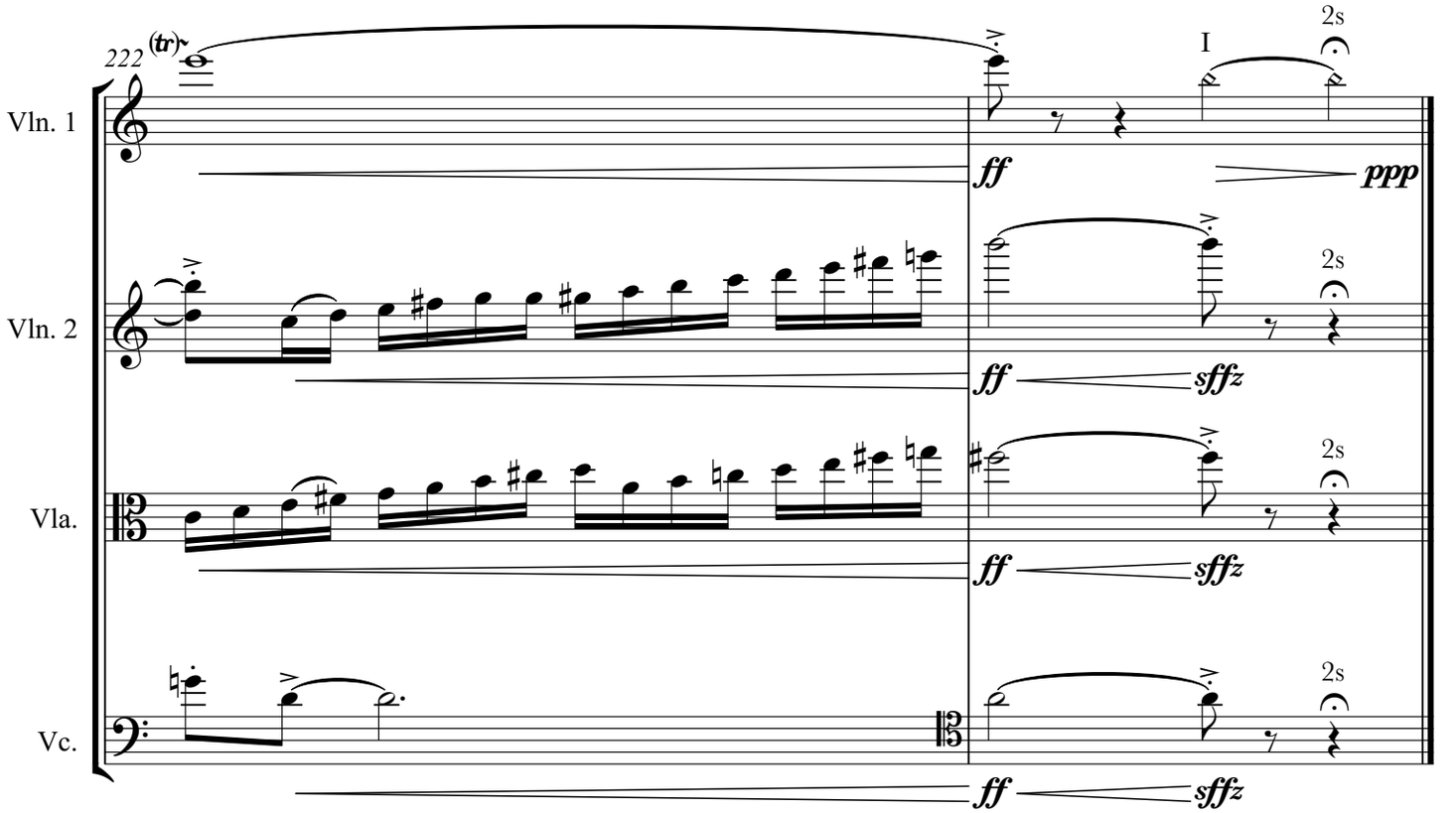
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