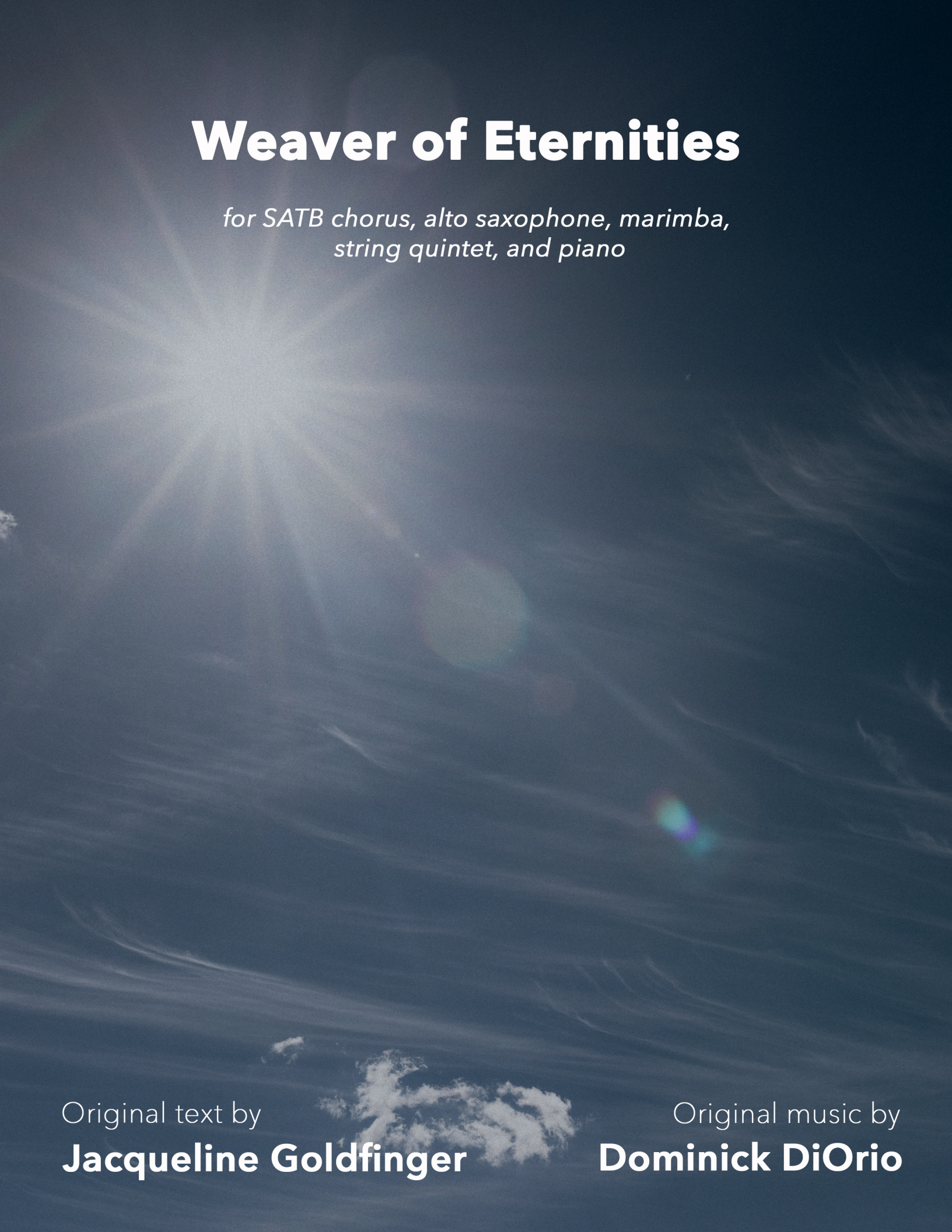
Weaver of Eternities

for SATB chorus, alto saxophone, marimba,
string quintet, and piano



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Original music by
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Program Note

Weaver of Eternities is commissioned by NOTUS, Indiana University Contemporary Vocal Ensembles, and dedicated to saxophonist Otis Murphy, Professor of Music (Saxophone) at the IU Jacobs School of Music. The work is a positive and joyous musical expression of poet Jacqueline Goldfinger's evocation of family: a value centered and most dear to Otis, Jackie, and myself. It's propulsive outer sections are matched by the intensity of feeling in the contrasting middle section, where the saxophone is featured as a concerto soloist, complete with a cadenza flourish of warmth and virtuosity.

- Dominick DiOrio
July 2023

Text

Consecration
by Jacqueline Goldfinger

On their first day of days,
the newborn at mother's breast
listens close, father whispers:
"You shall love the Lord our God
with all your heart and soul and might;
in teaching and in binding,
in lying down and in rising up,
in Jerusalem's perpetual light."

Wails from tender lips curl through time
to worlds both vanished and to come.
Today she is consecrated, the summoner.
Receiver of wisdom. Measure of our hearts.
Tomorrow, gone, a weaver of eternities,
a hymn to generations.

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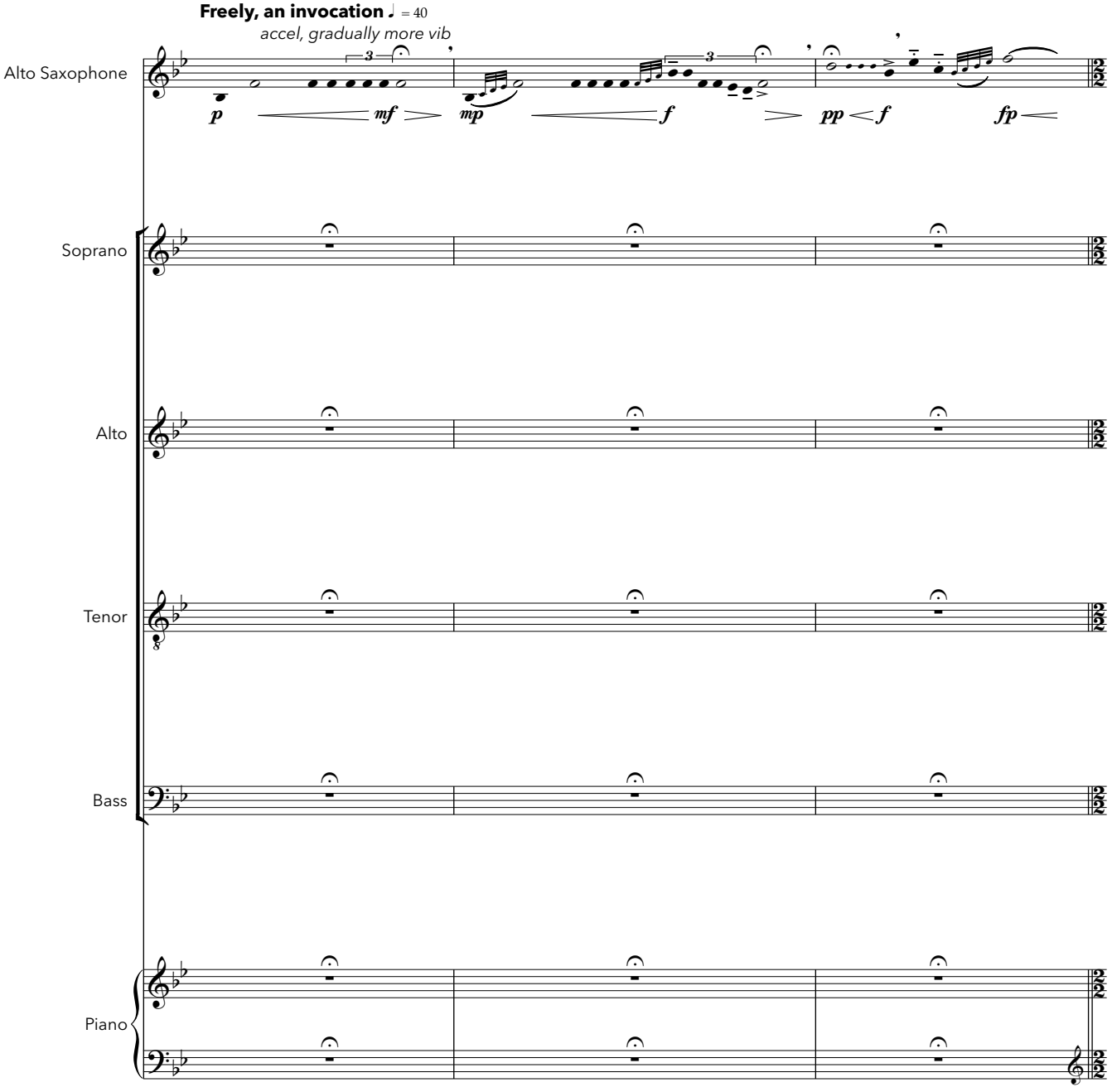

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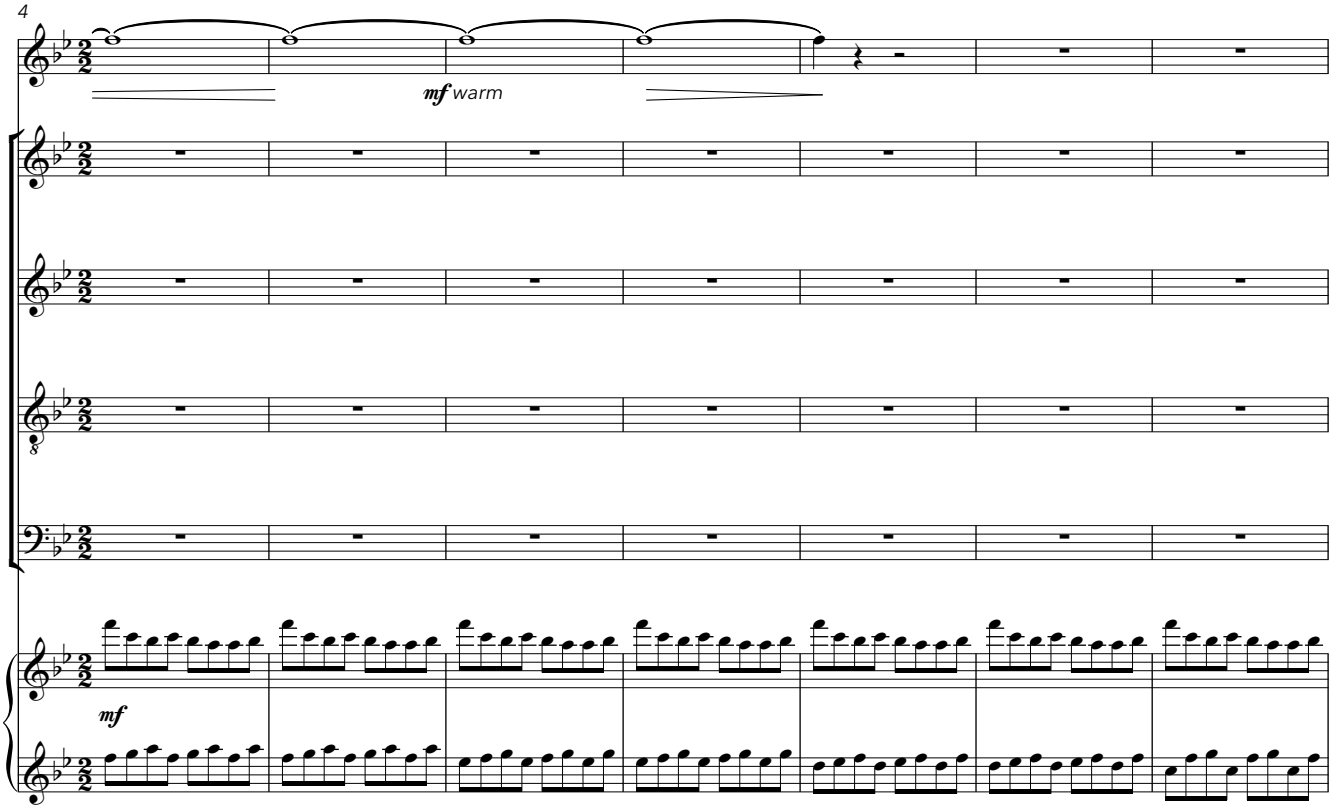

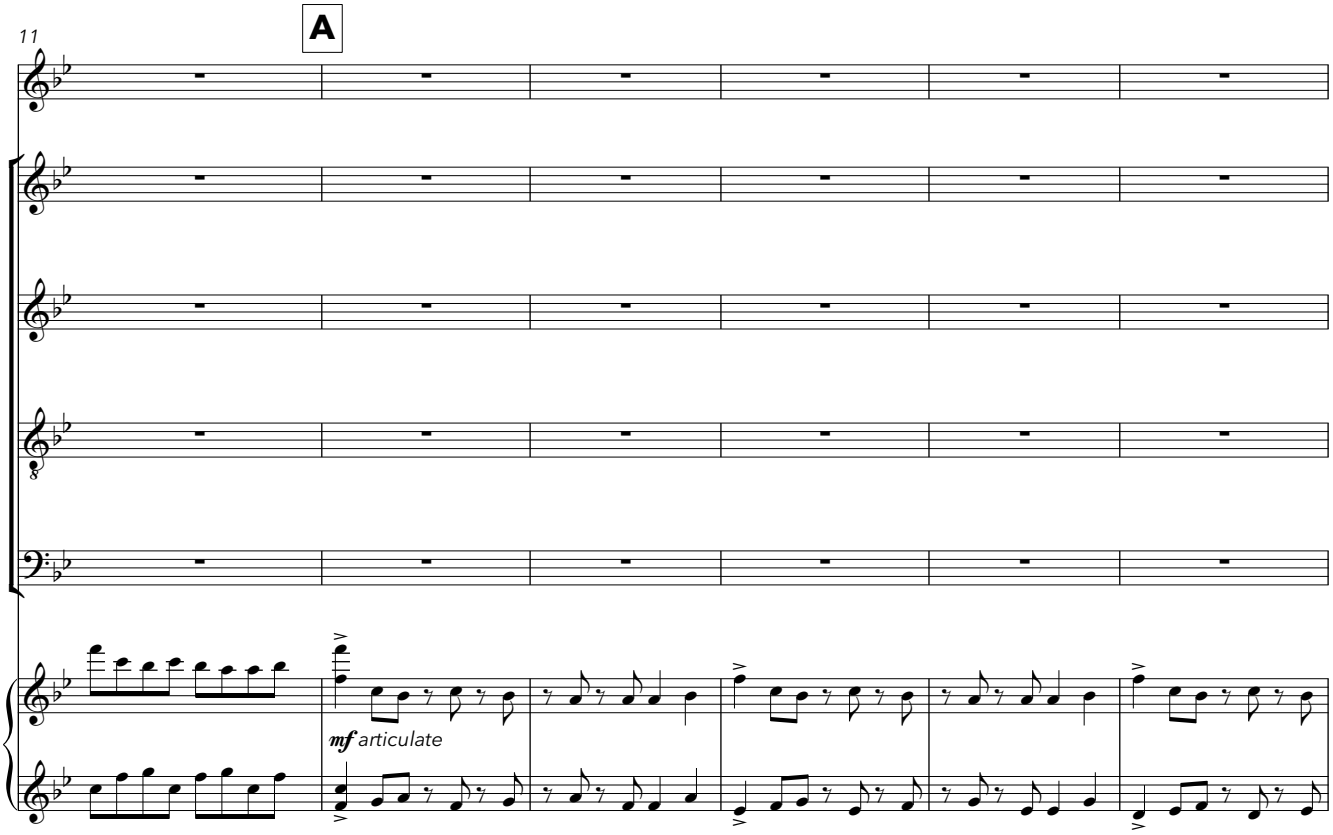

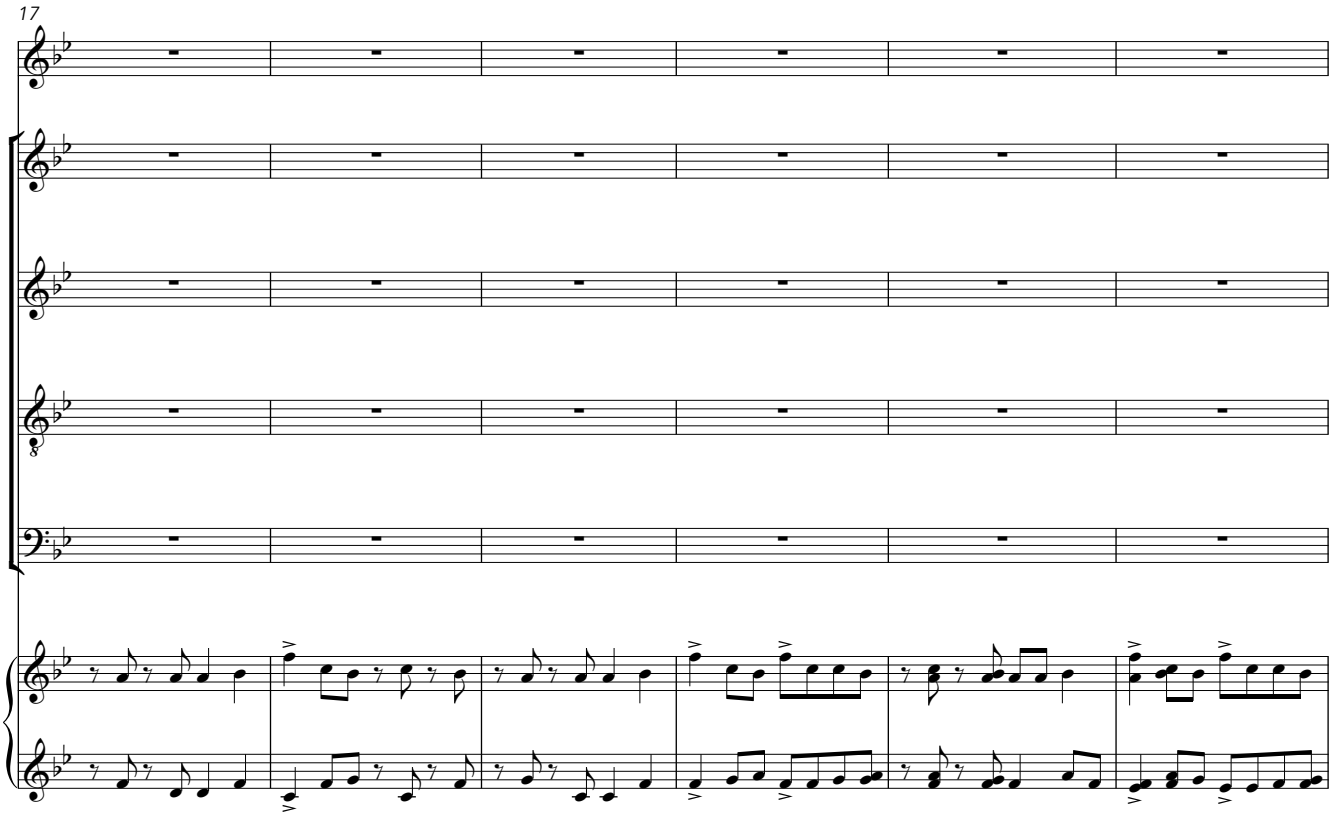
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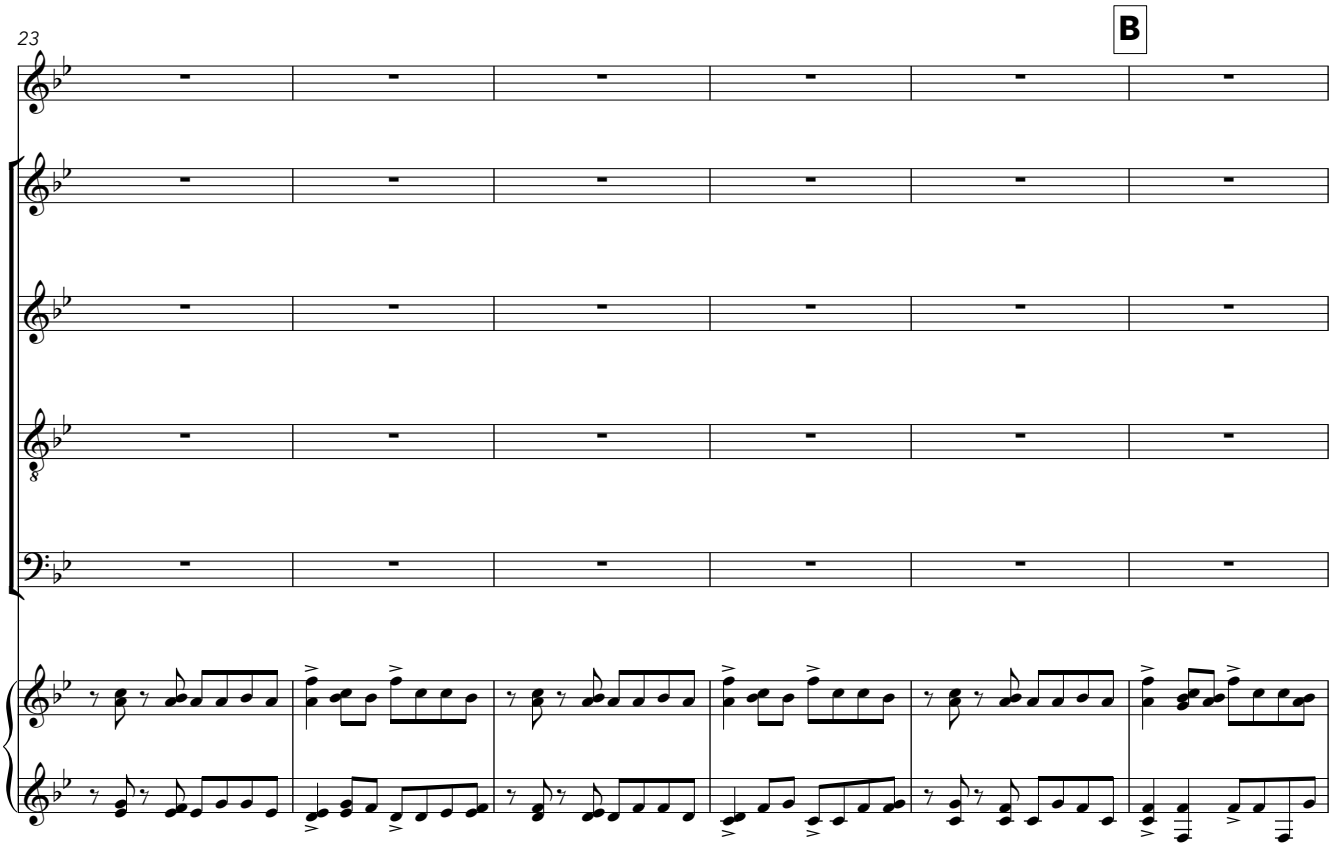
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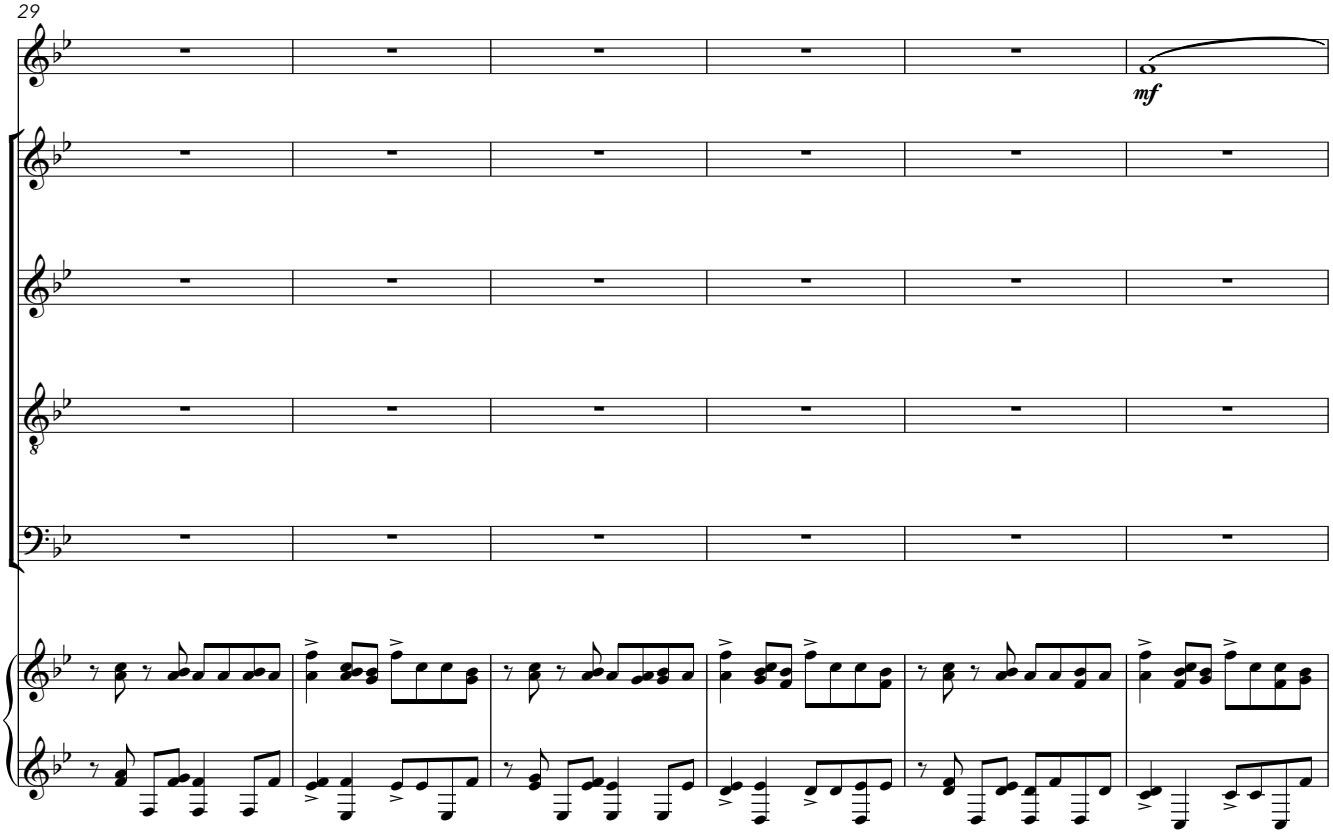
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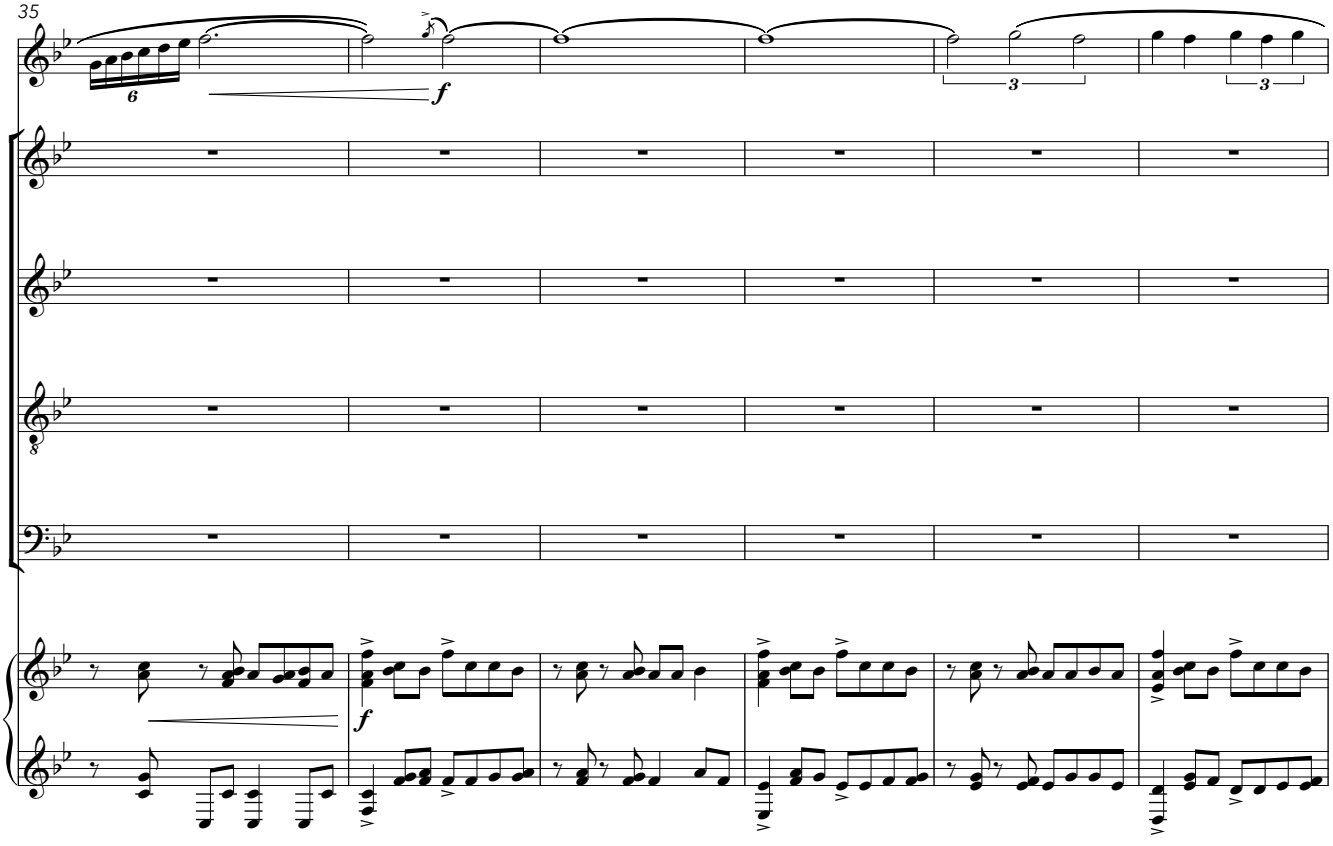
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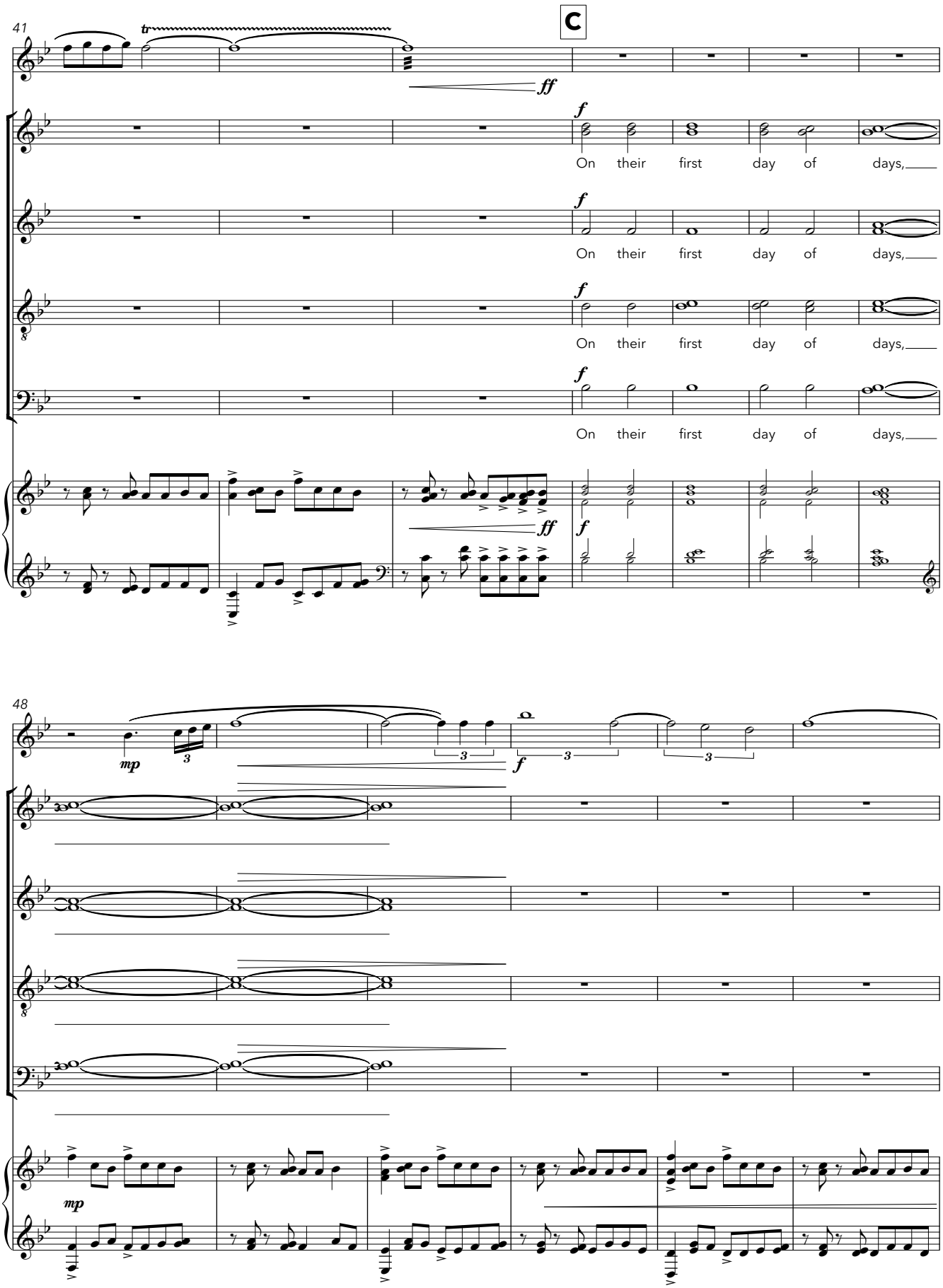
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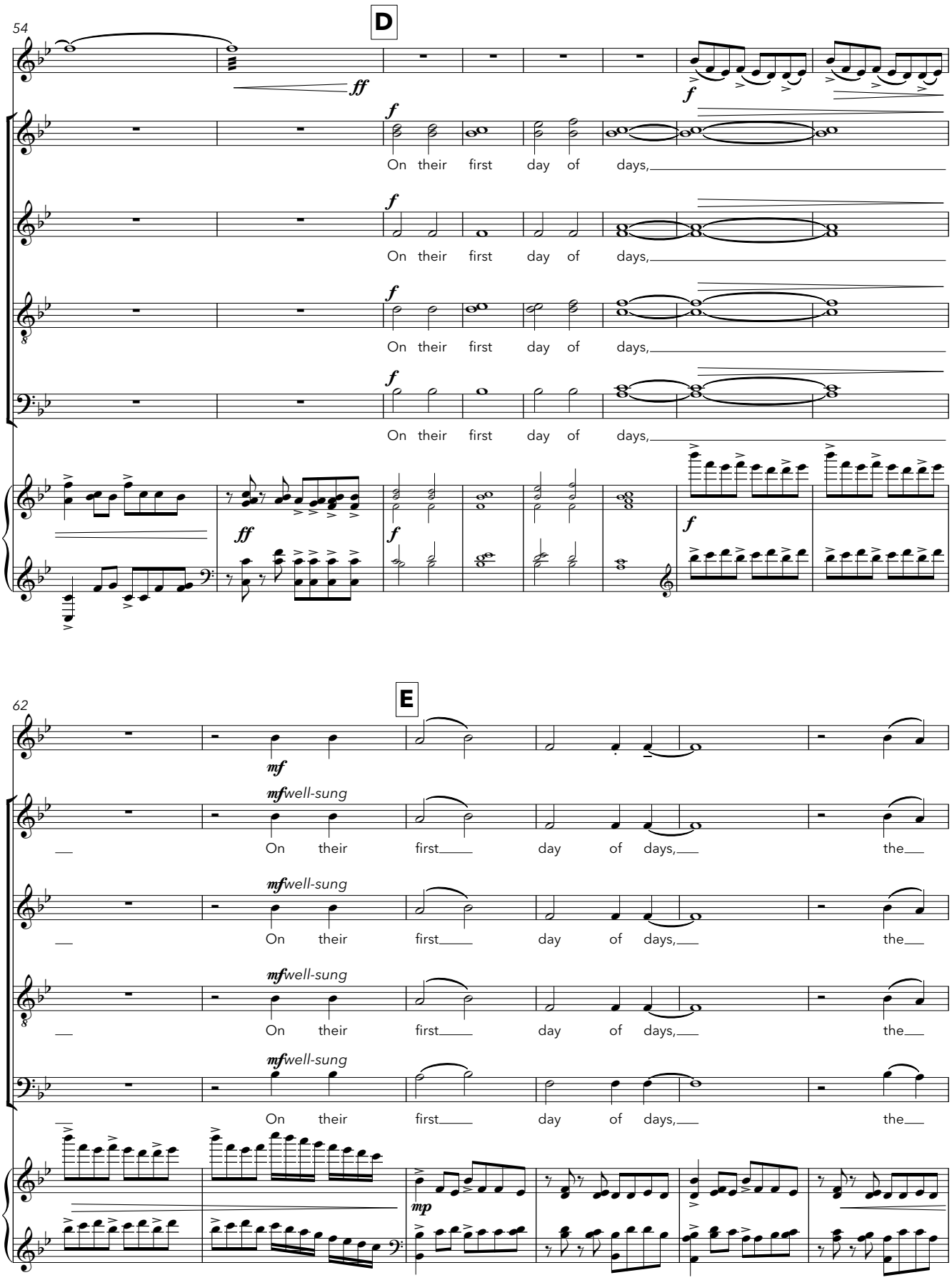
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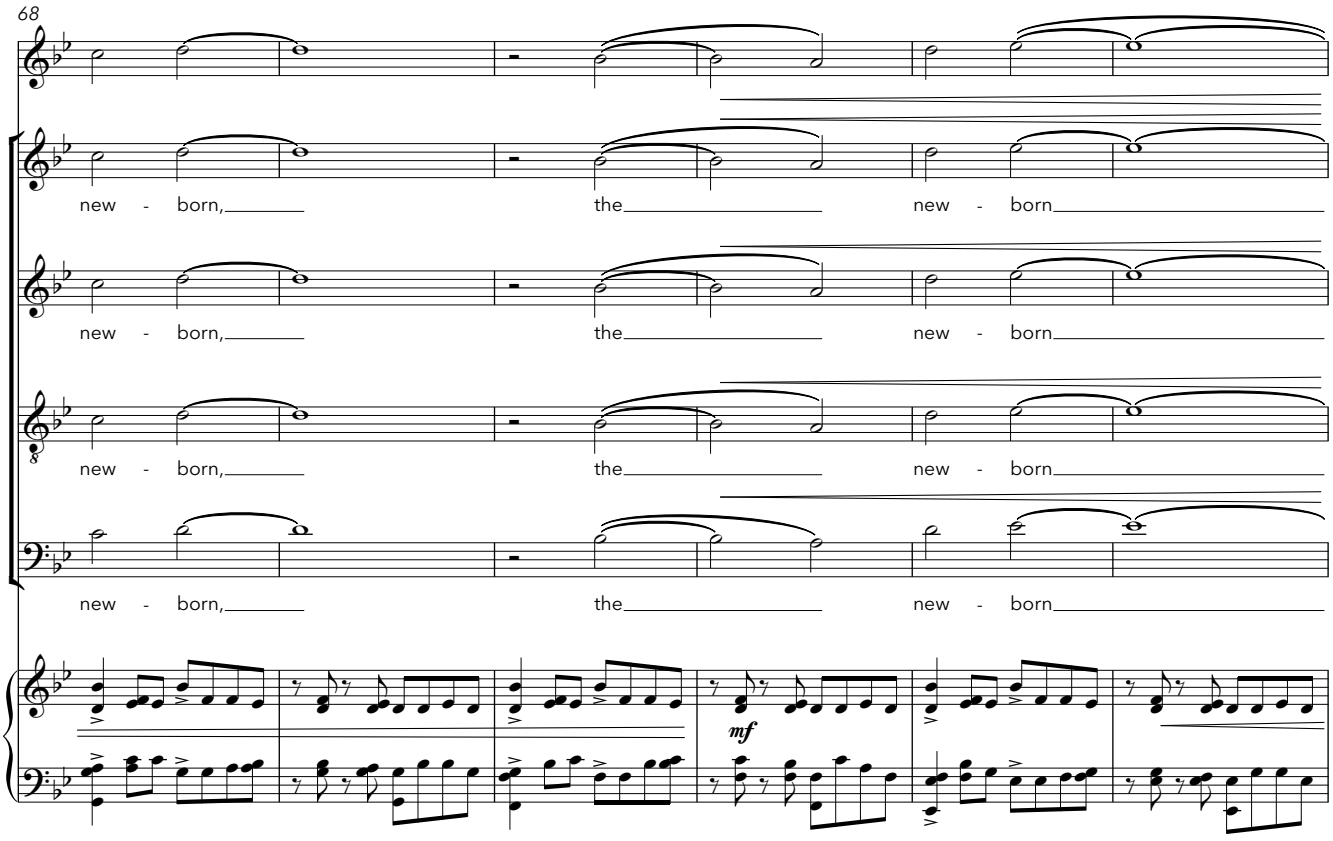
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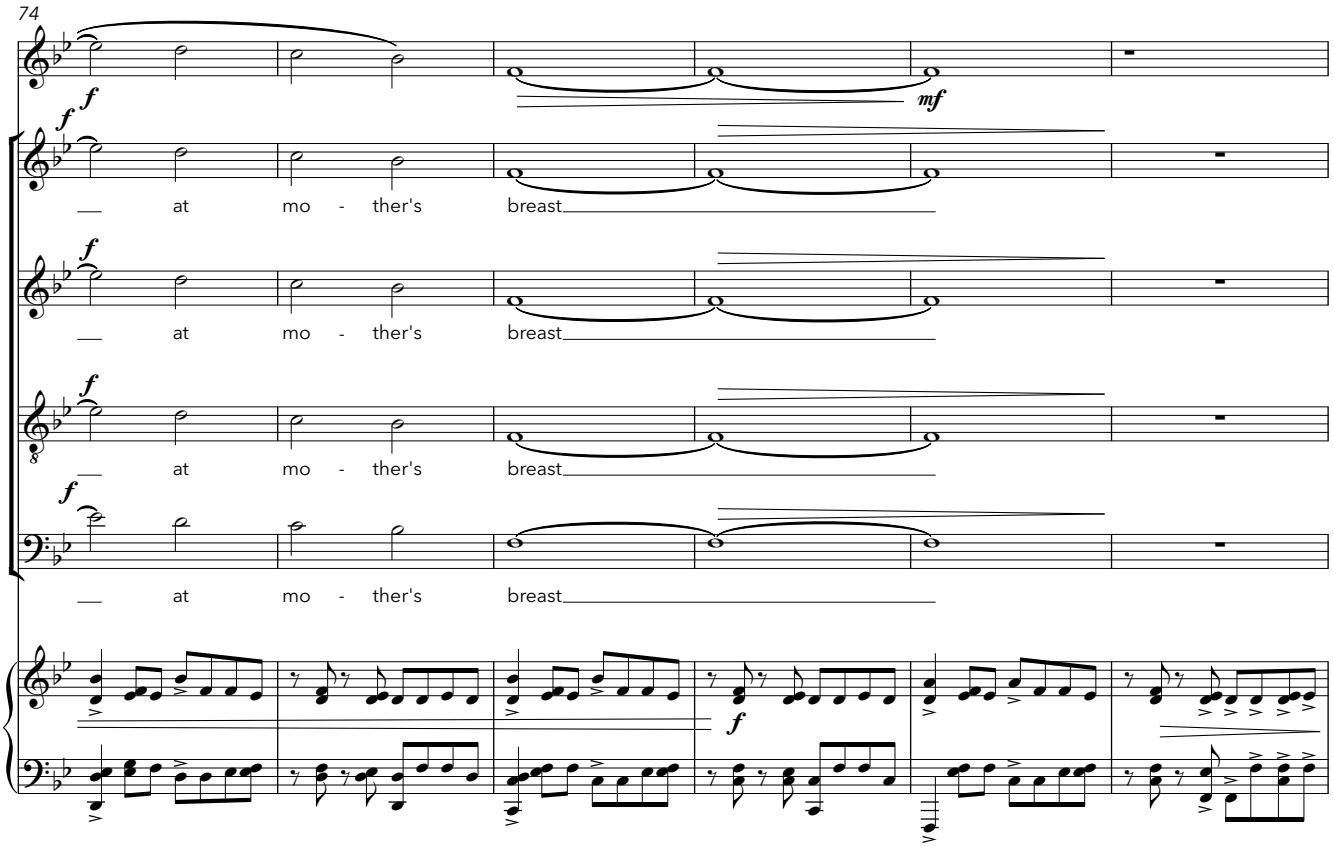
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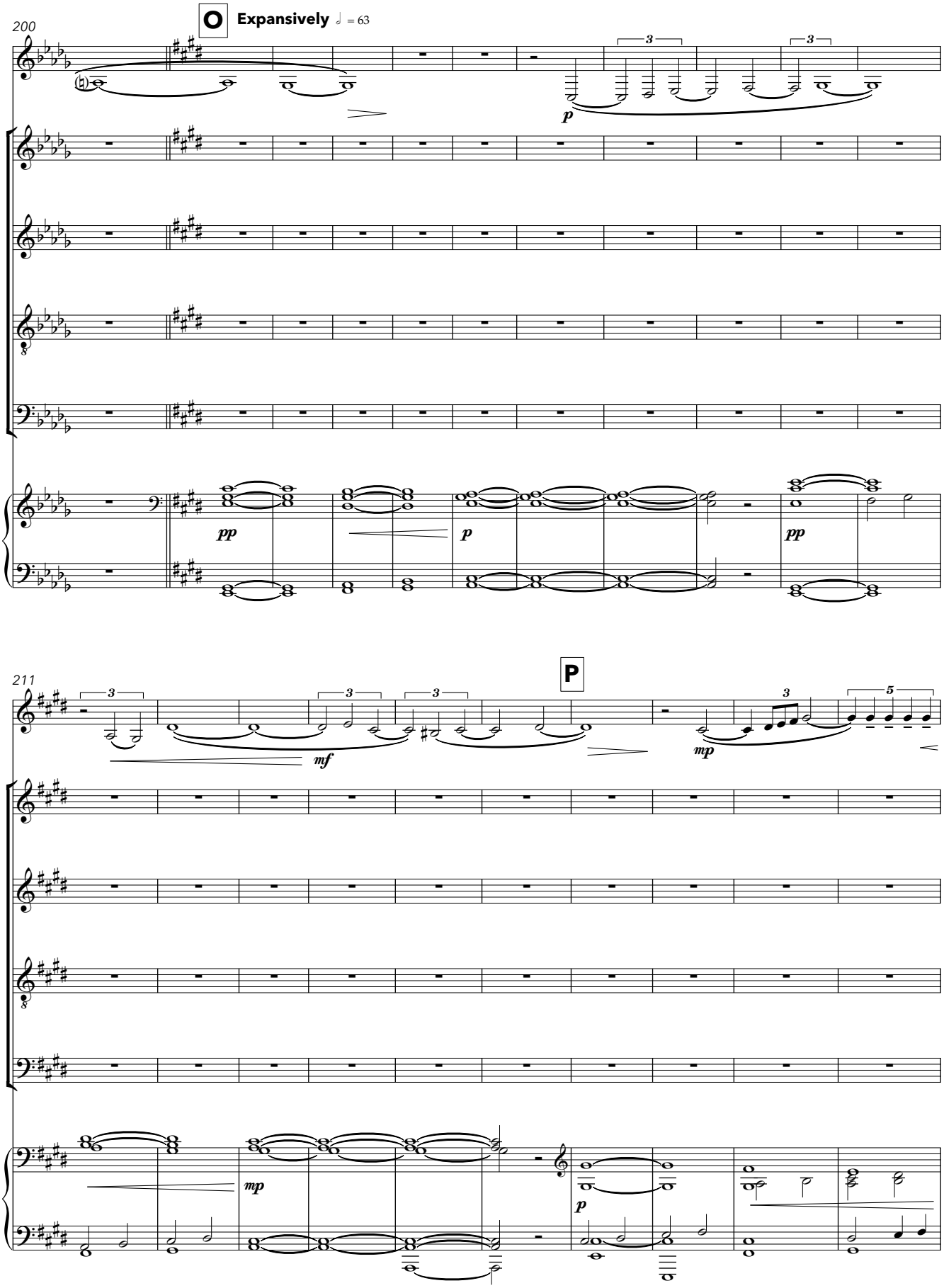
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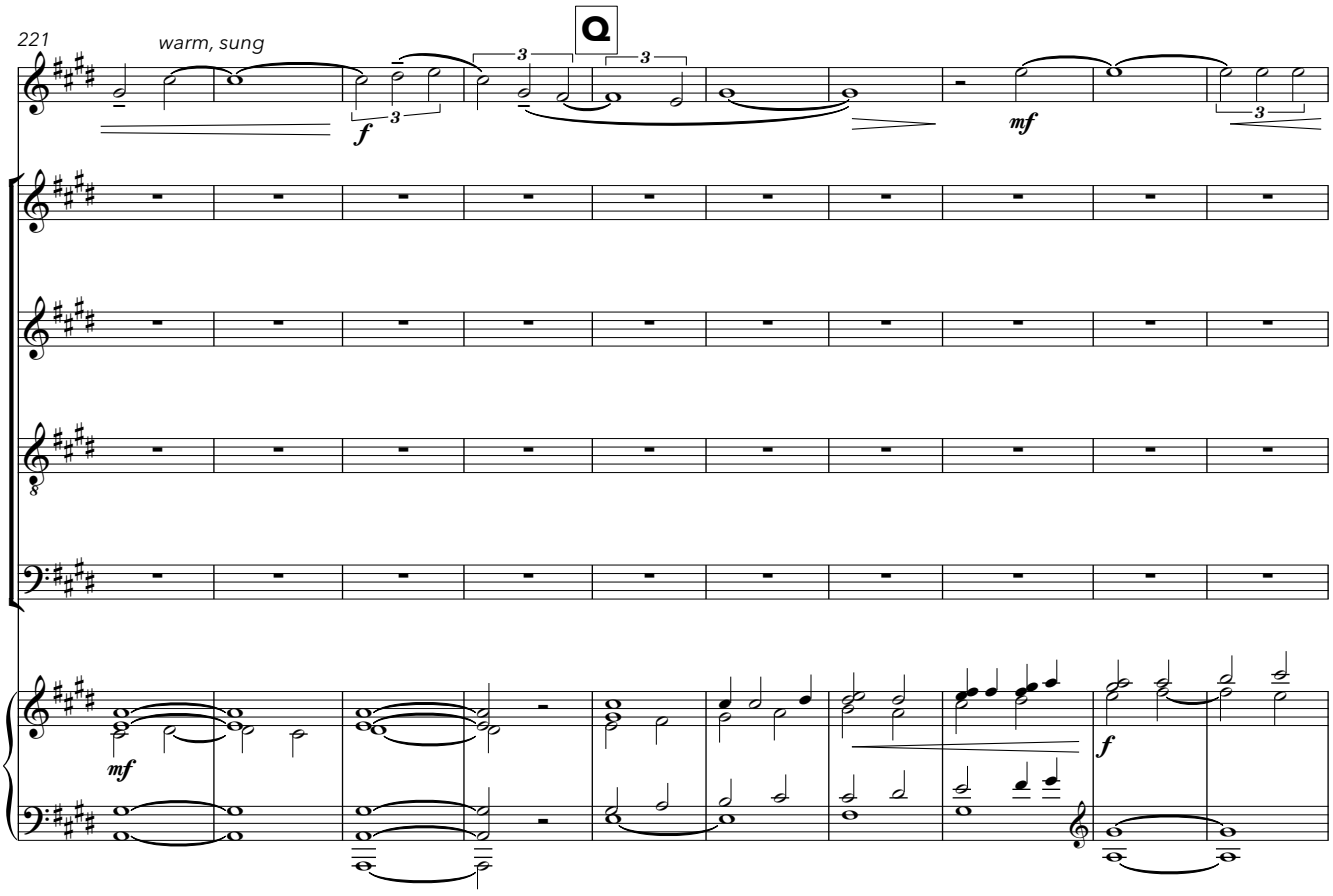
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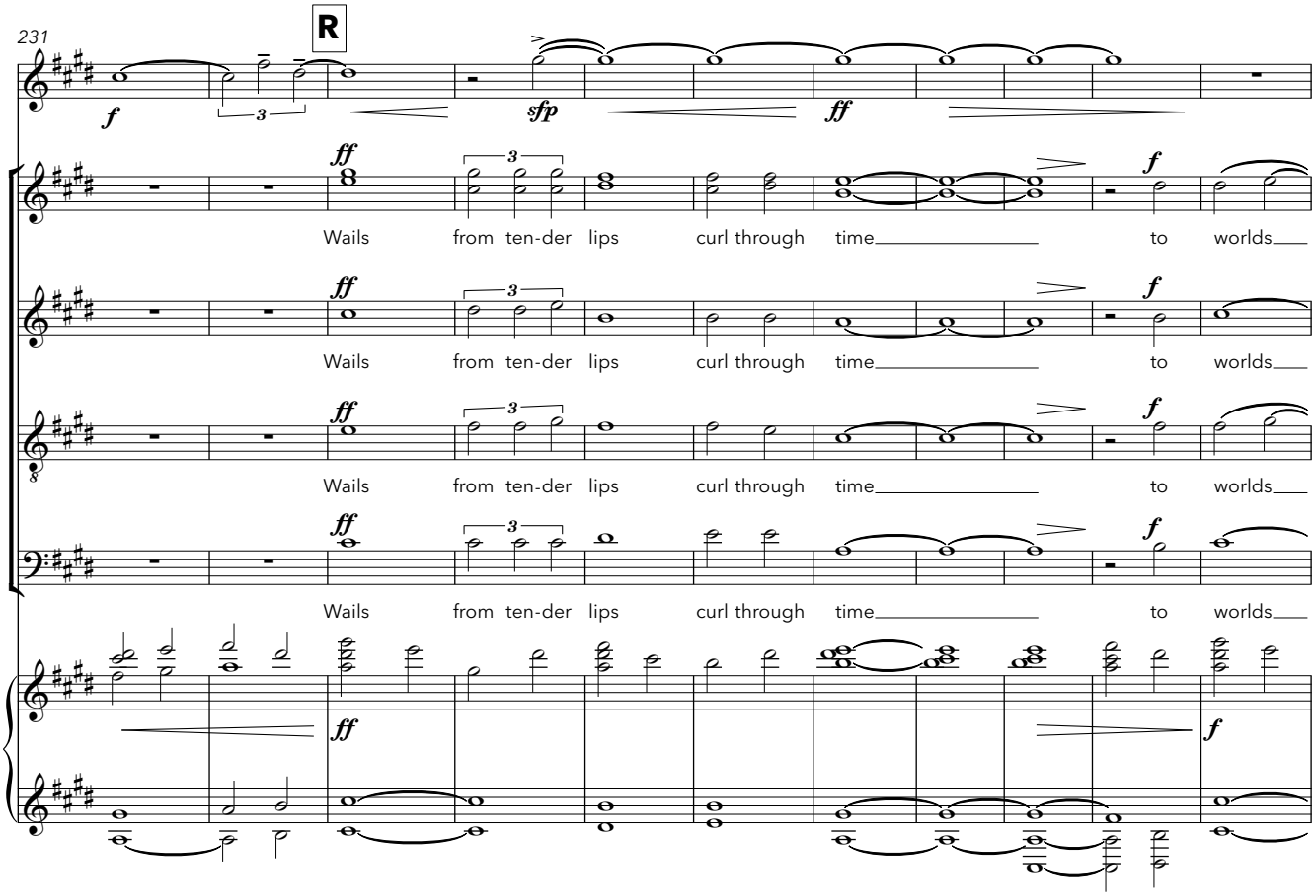
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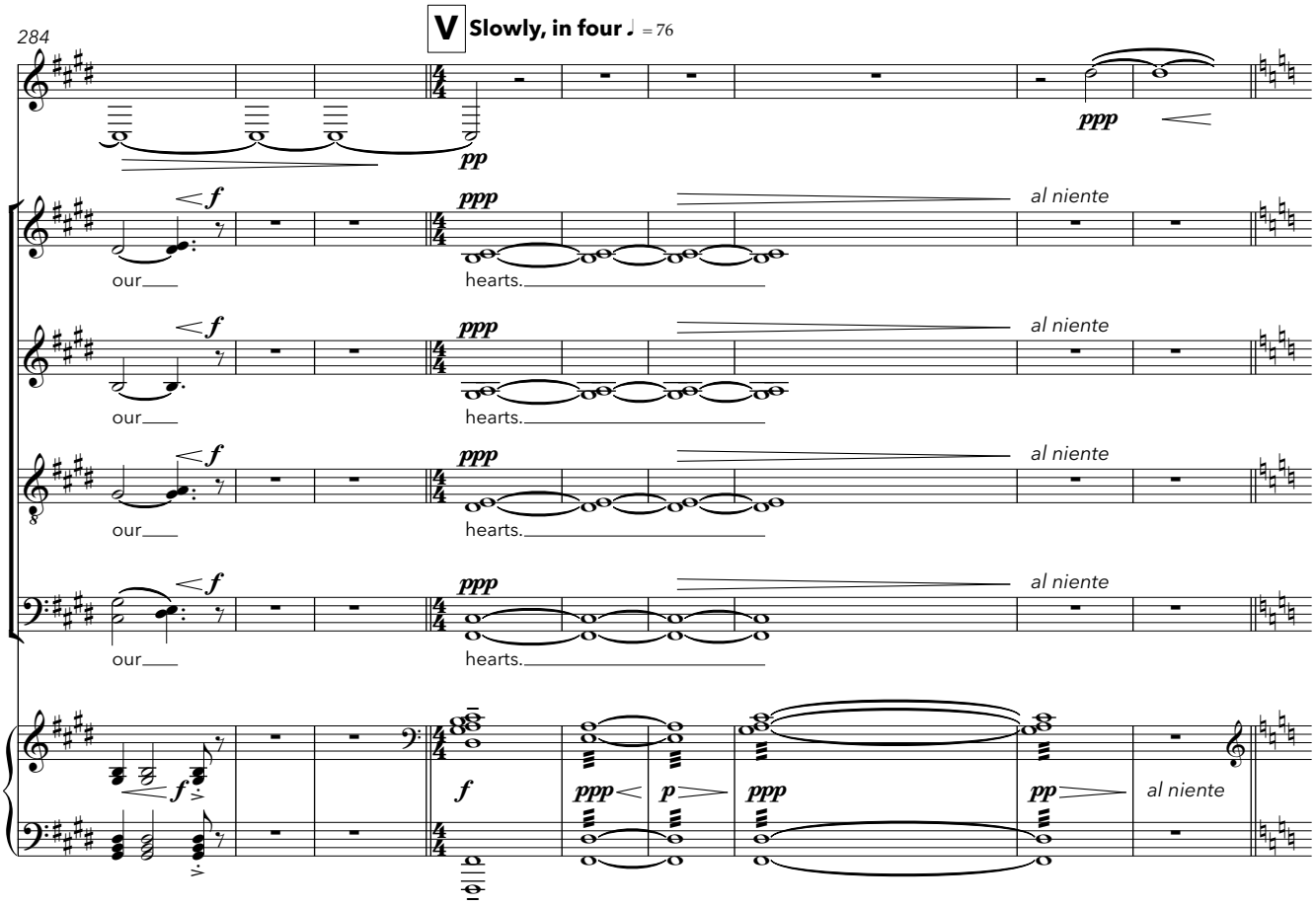
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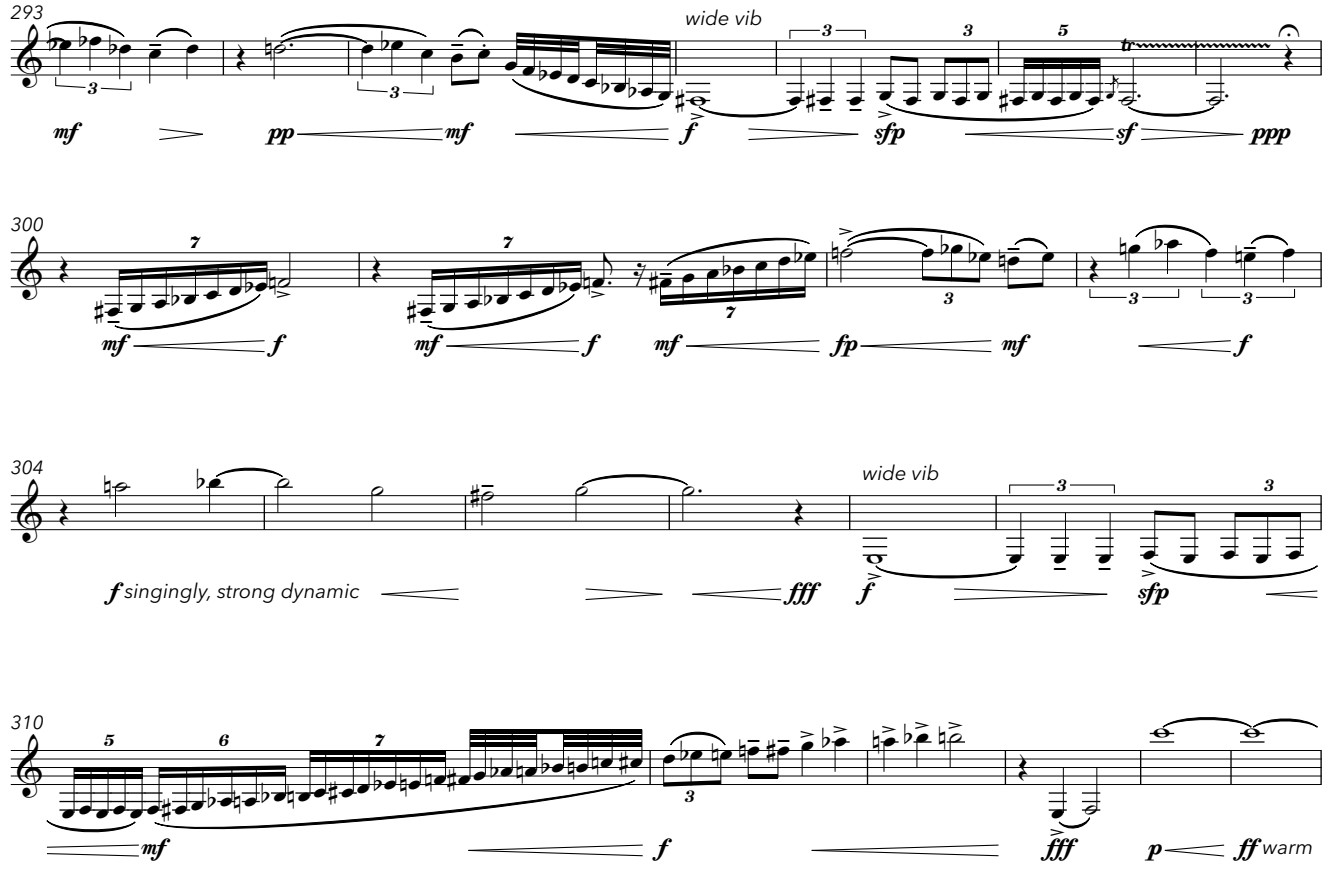
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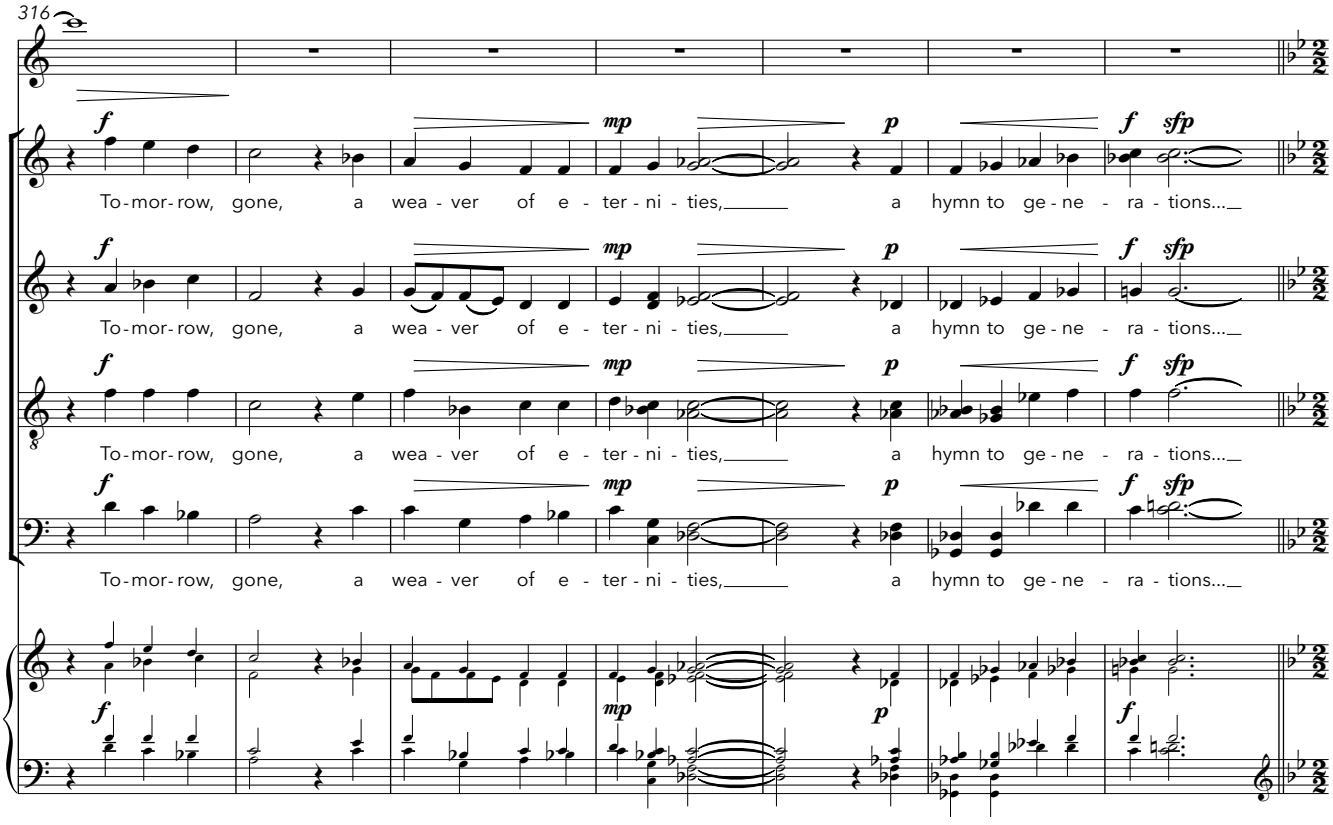

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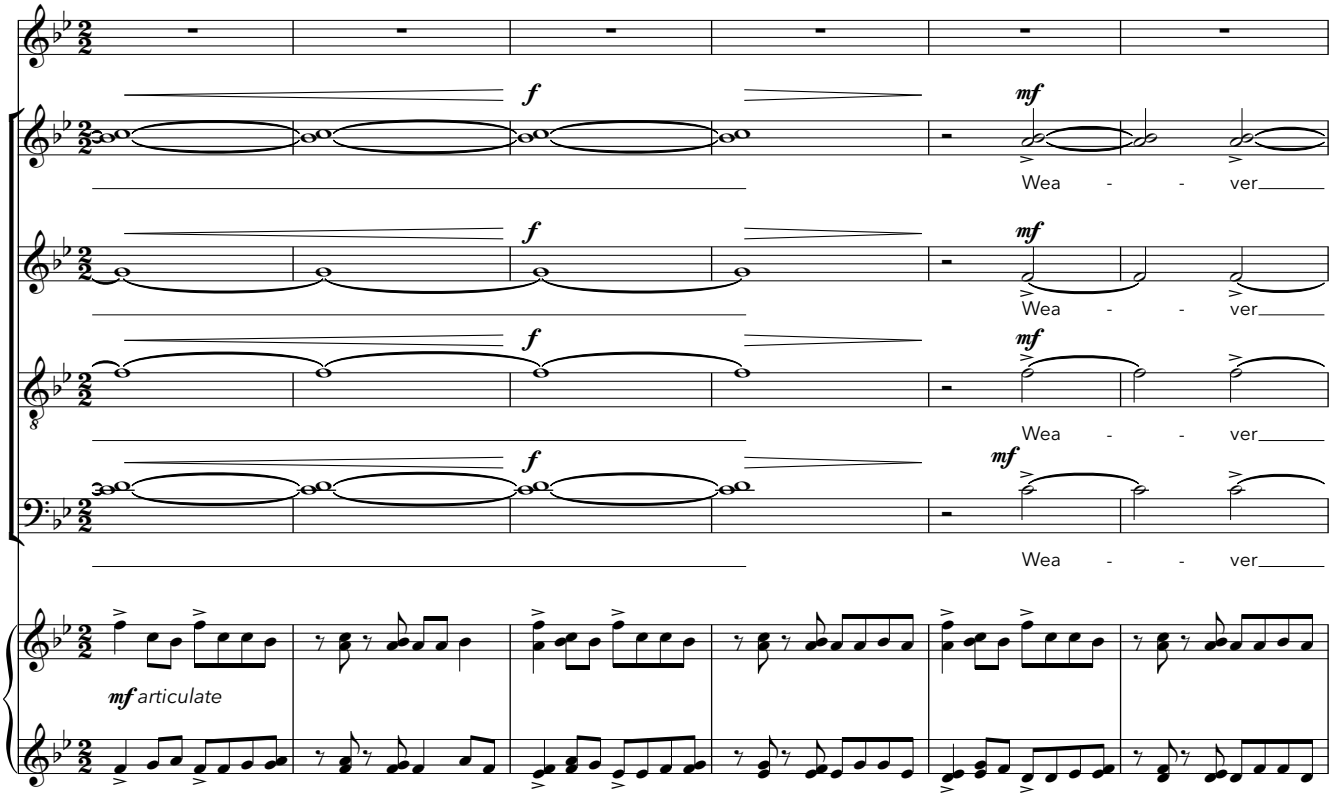

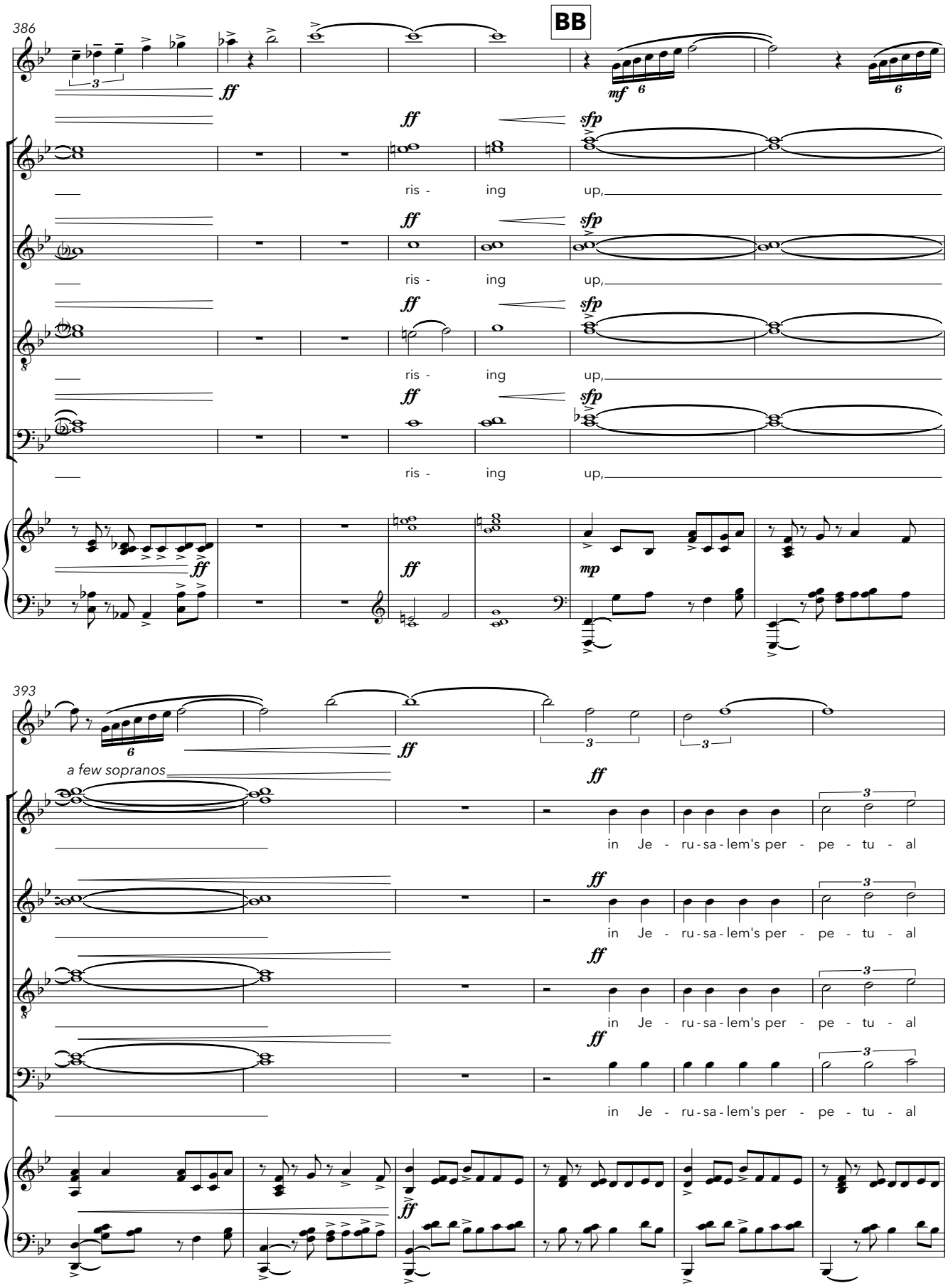
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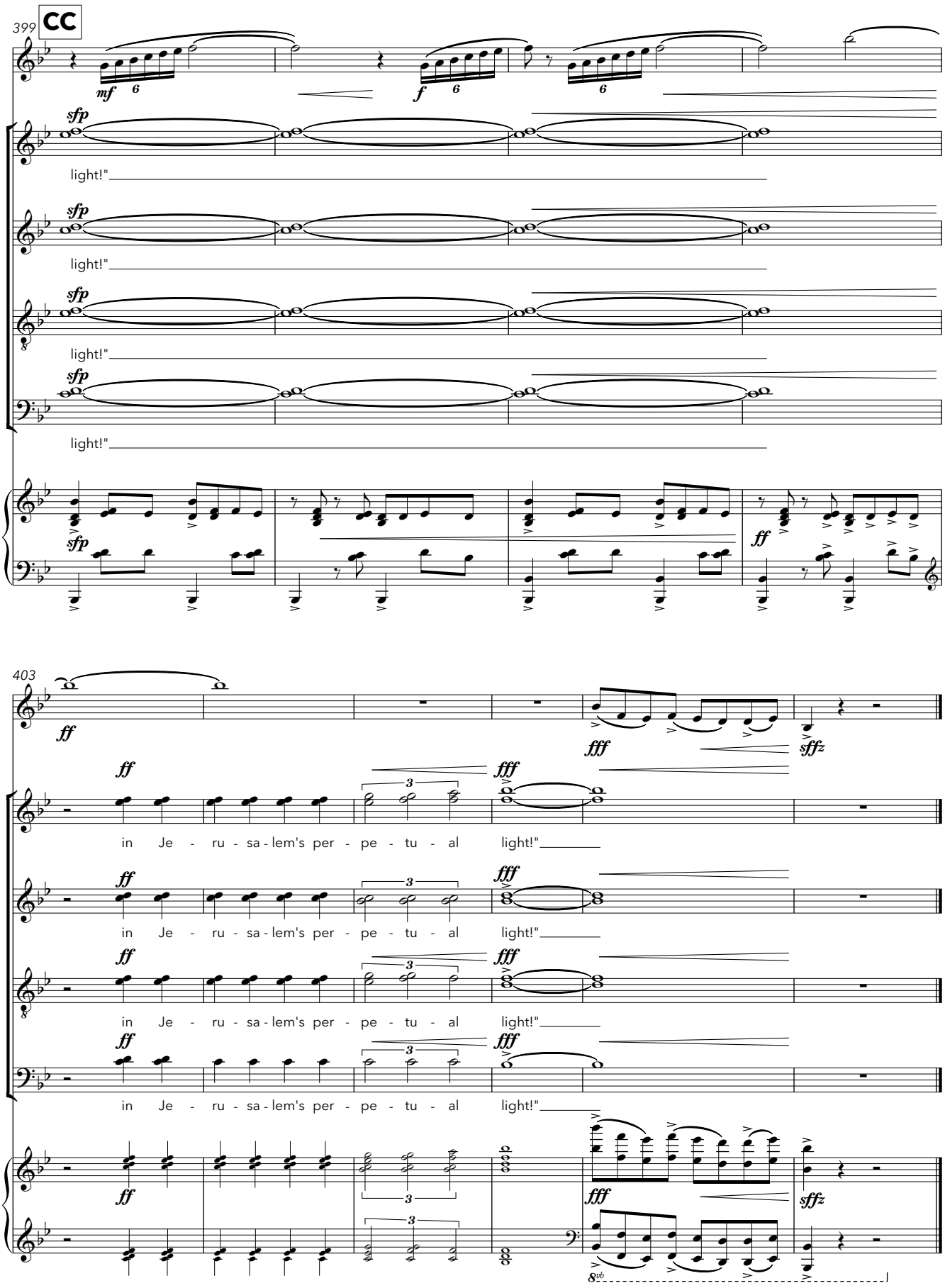
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