# CONCERTS OF HYMNS

Hymn Settings for
Solo Piano

VOLUME IV

# A C O N C E R T O F H Y M N S

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# P E N T E C O S T

Richard Hudson

# PREFACE

This volume includes nine piano pieces based on hymns for the Holy Spirit and the time of Pentecost. At the end are indexes for first lines and tunes.

The pieces may be played in the home, in a piano recital, in Sunday School, or church. As part of a worship service they may be used separately or in groups of two, three, or more, as a prelude before the service, a postlude at the end, or as music for the Offertory or Communion. They may precede the singing of the hymn or alternate with its verses.

In addition, the volume has been designed so that the entire collection can be performed as a concert for piano alone or a concert for piano and narrator. In the latter case, the quotations preceding each piece could be read by one or more narrators before each piece is played. If singing is incorporated into the performance, each of the two main sections could conclude with the choir or congregation singing the hymn on which the preceding setting is based (thus following Nos. 5 and 8); or the concert could commence with the singing of the Invocation hymn and conclude with the singing of the Benediction hymn, followed perhaps by a repetition of the last 21 bars or more of the final piano setting.

Markings for the sustaining or damper pedal should be followed very carefully. Tempos should generally be flexible and expressive. Rhythm should be flowing and intensely alive. Moods range from gentle and meditative to intense and joyful.

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# THE INVOCATION

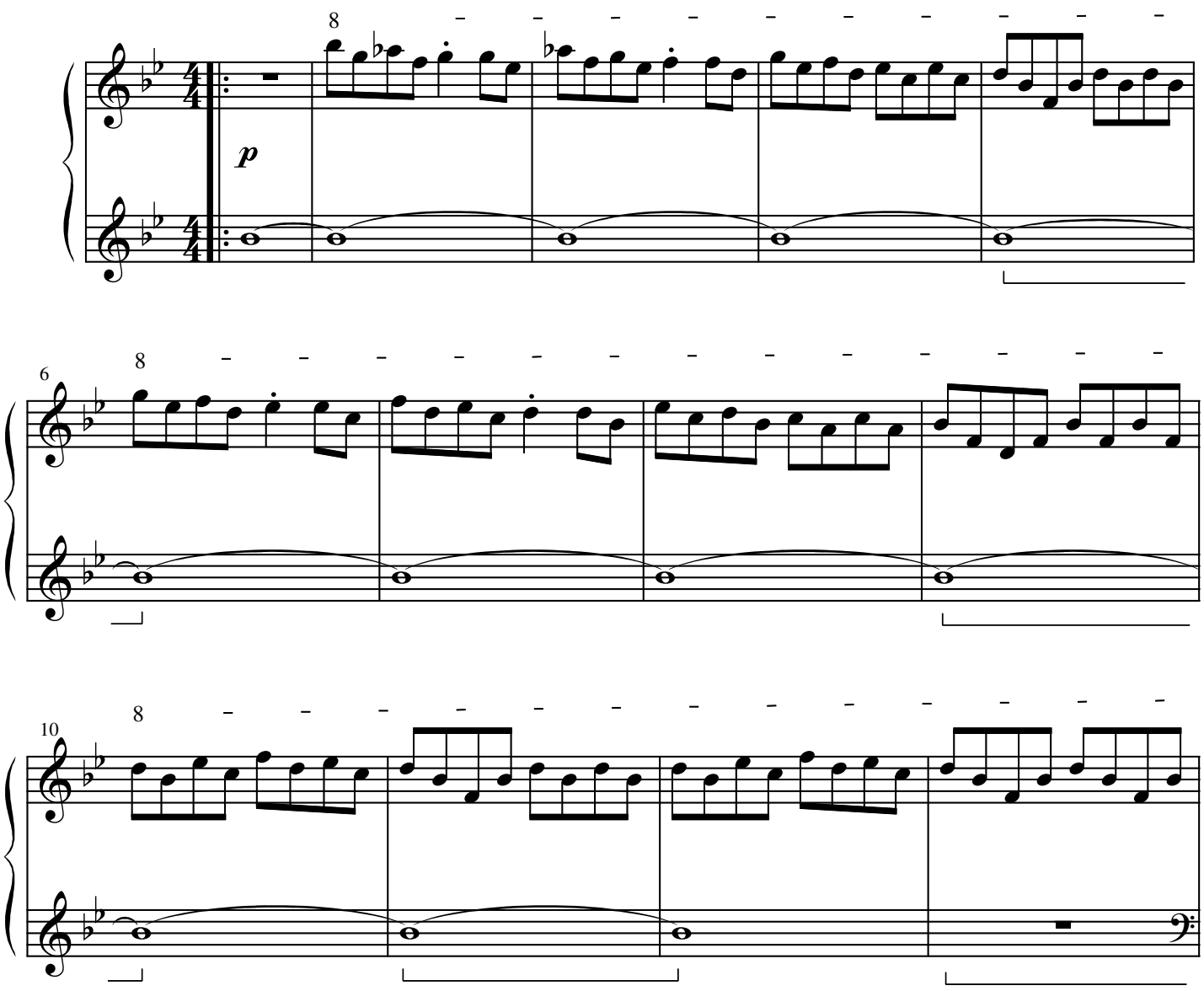
## 1. Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

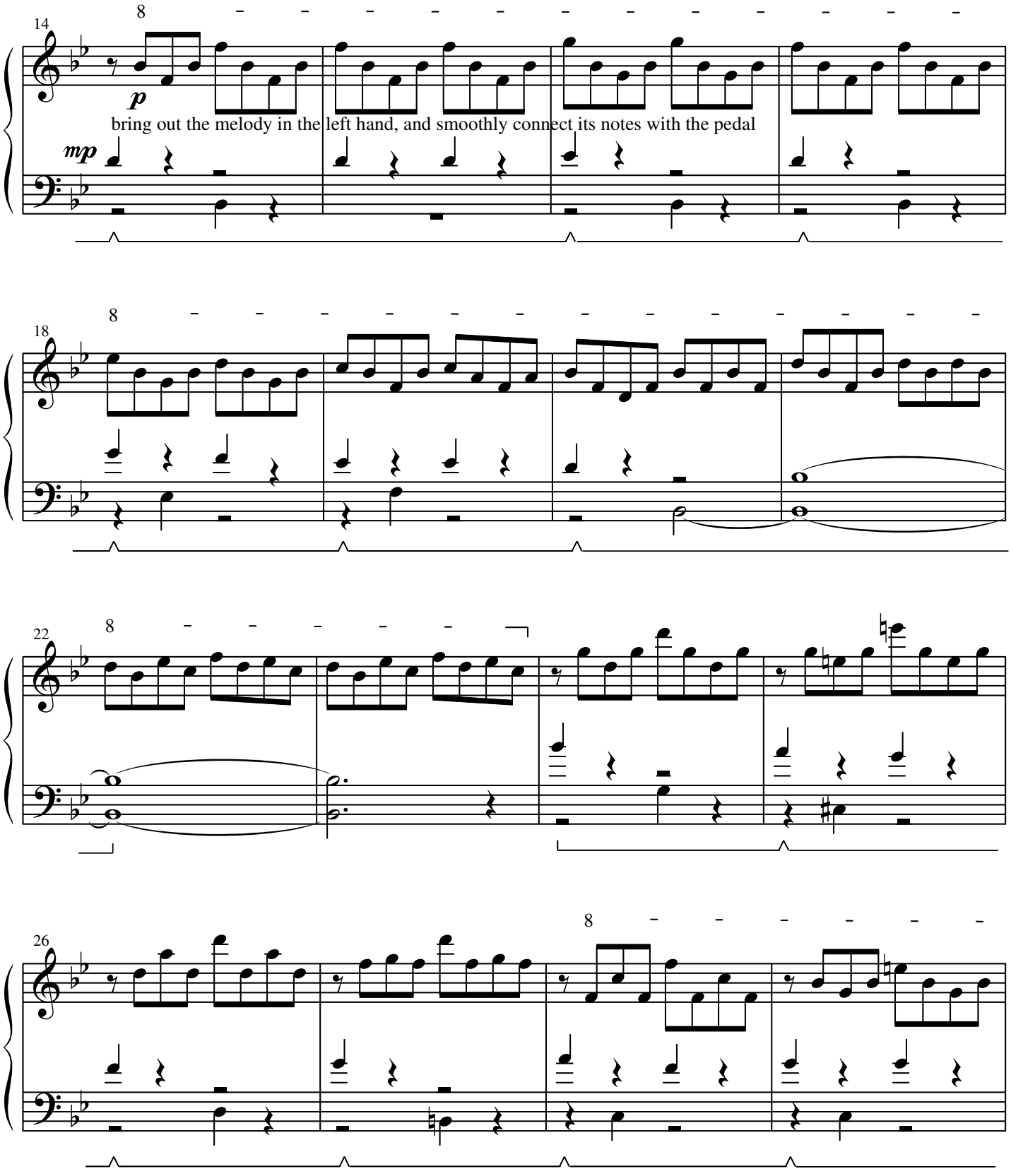
(Morecambe)

**Richard Hudson**

*God is a Spirit:*
*and they that worship him*
*must worship him*
*in spirit and in truth.*
John 4:24

**Peaceful, but intense and expectant (𝅗𝅥 = 58 )**

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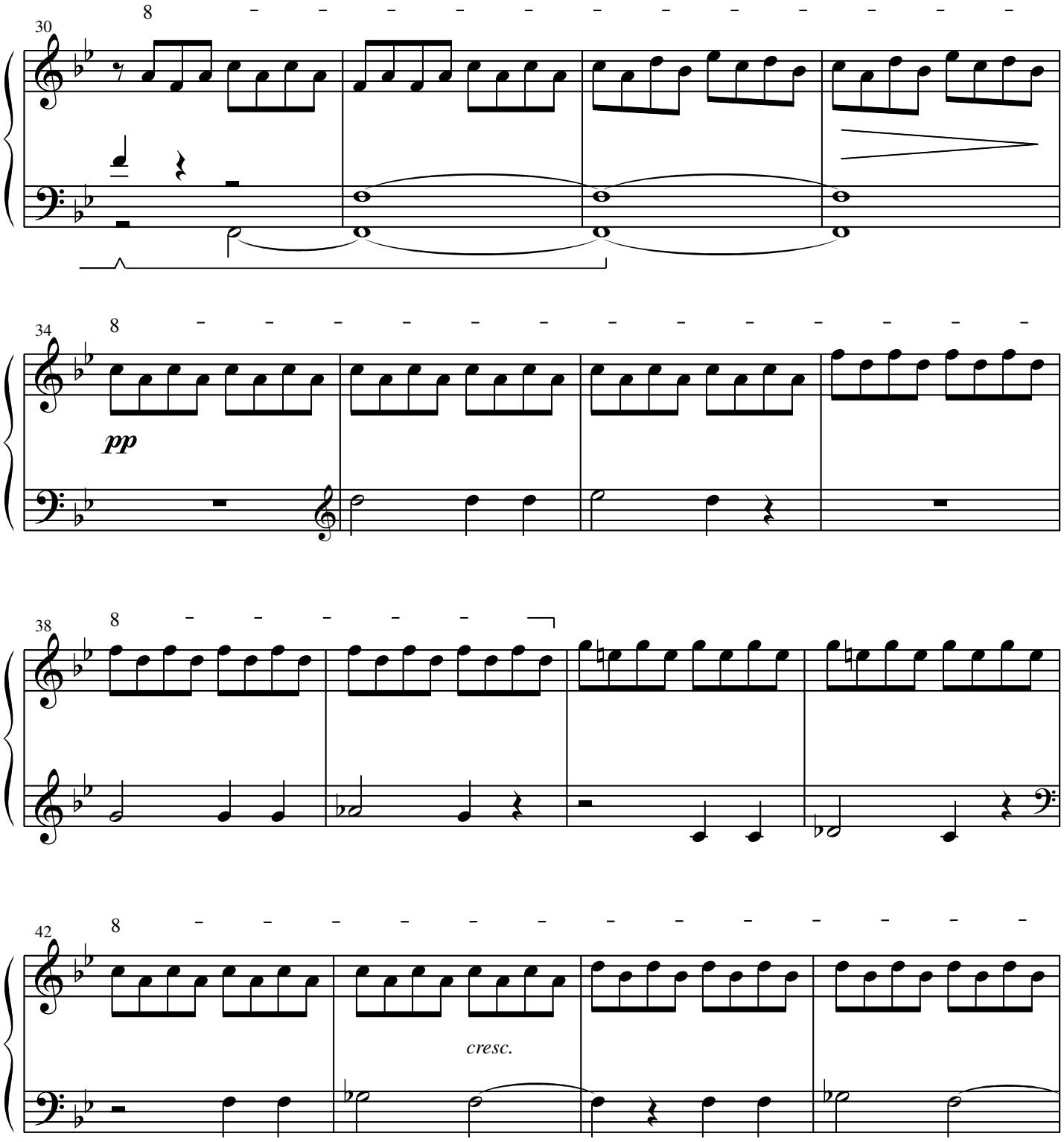
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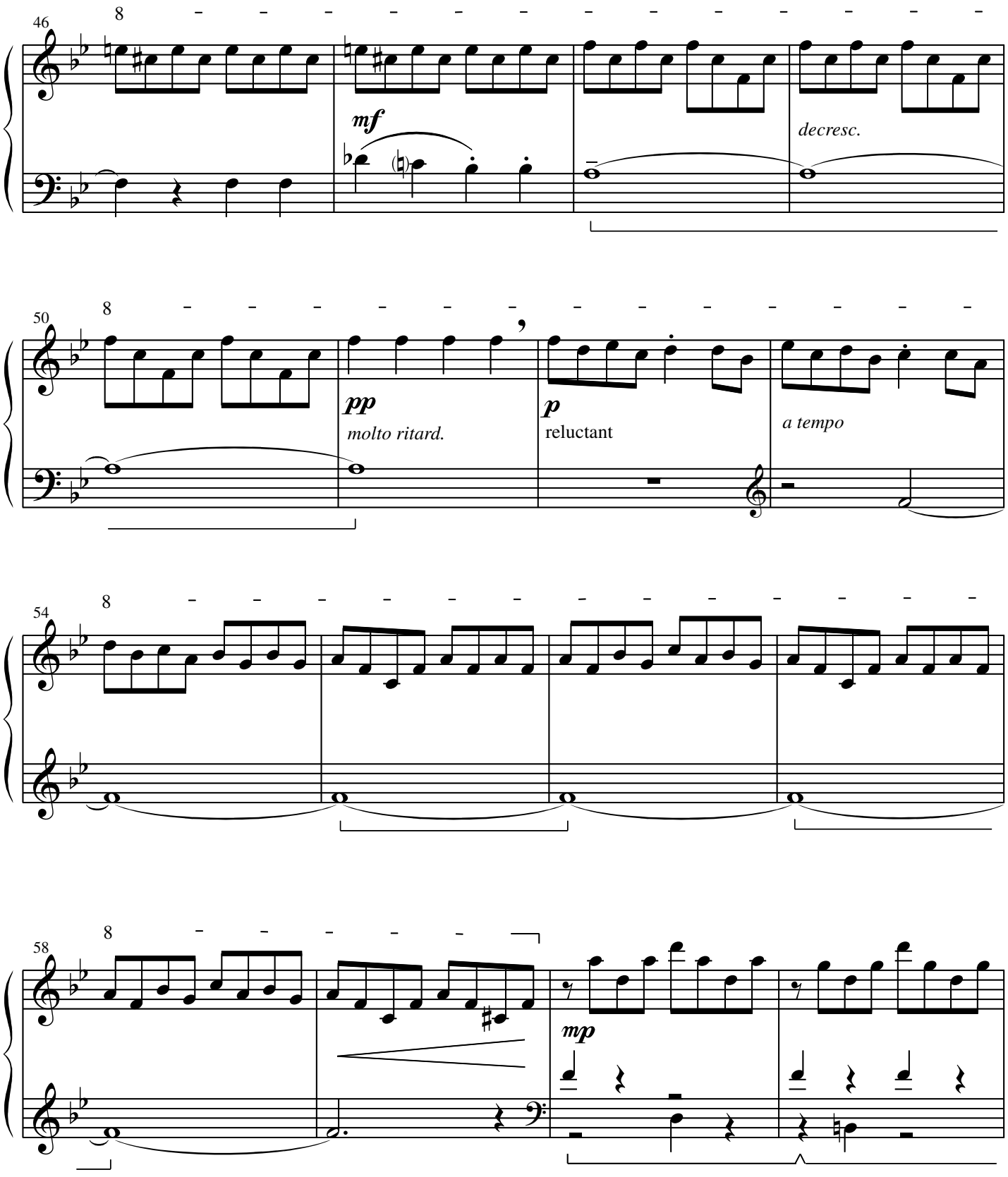
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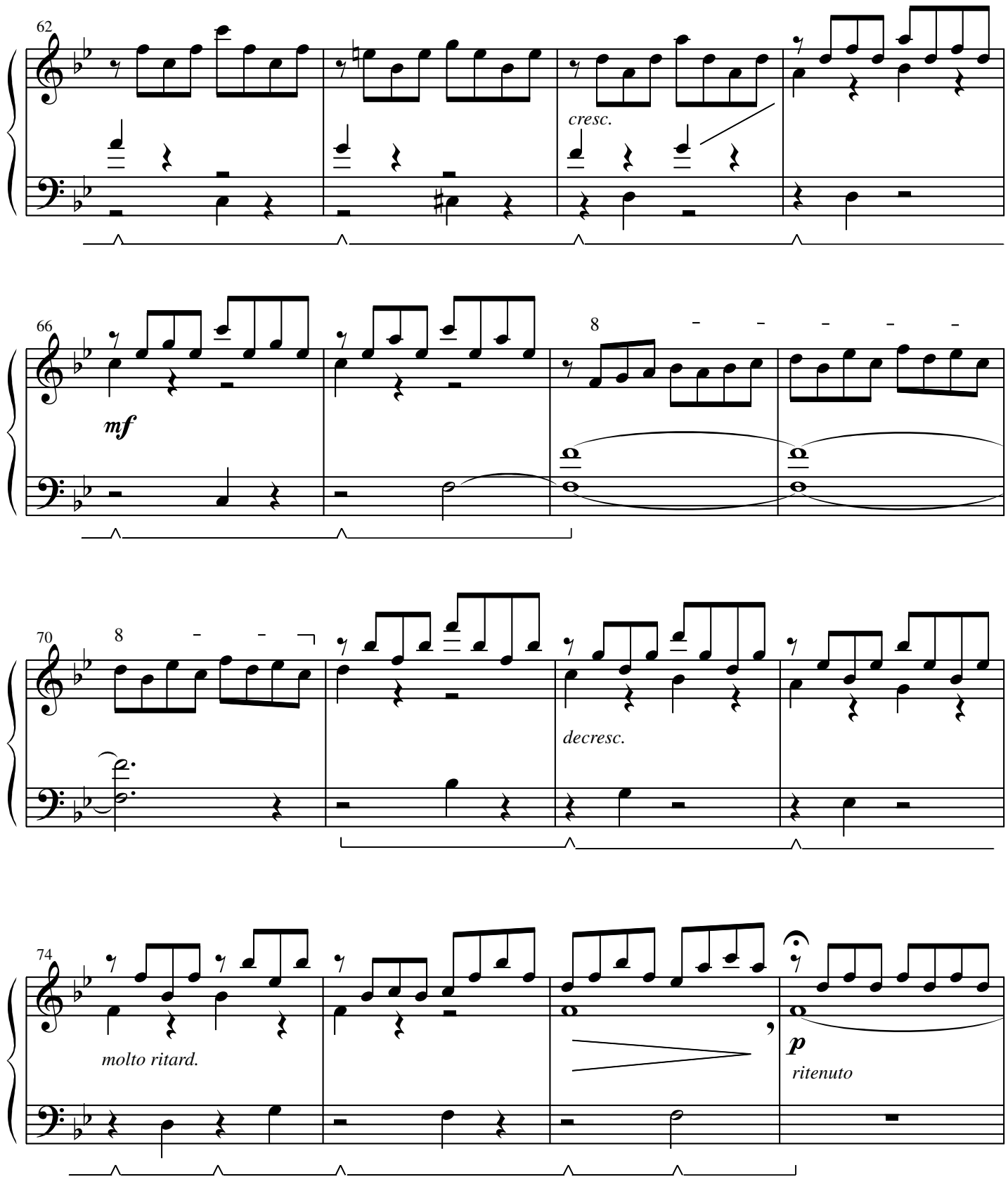
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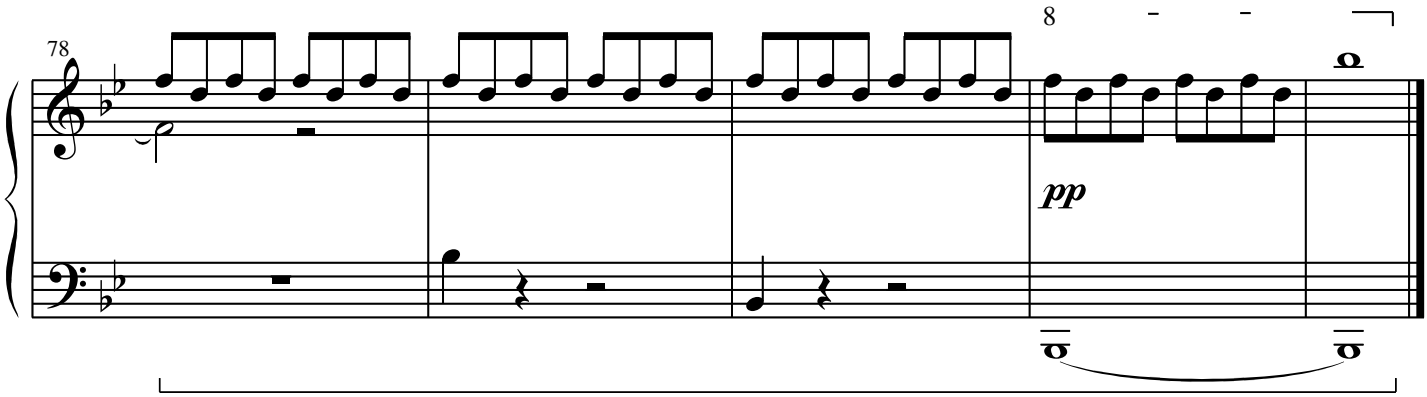
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# THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE APOSTLES

## 2. Blow, Winds of God, Awake and Blow

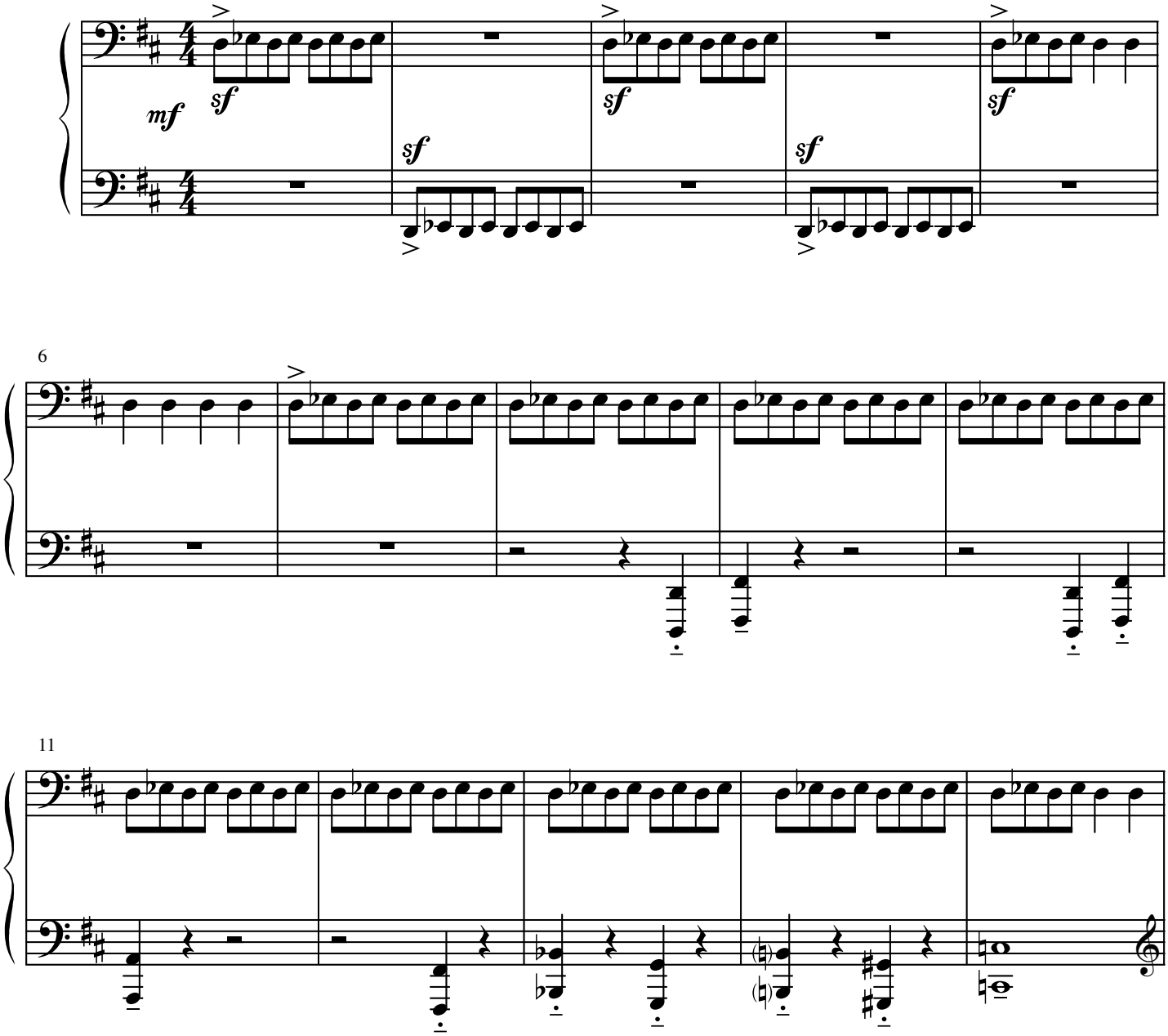
(York)

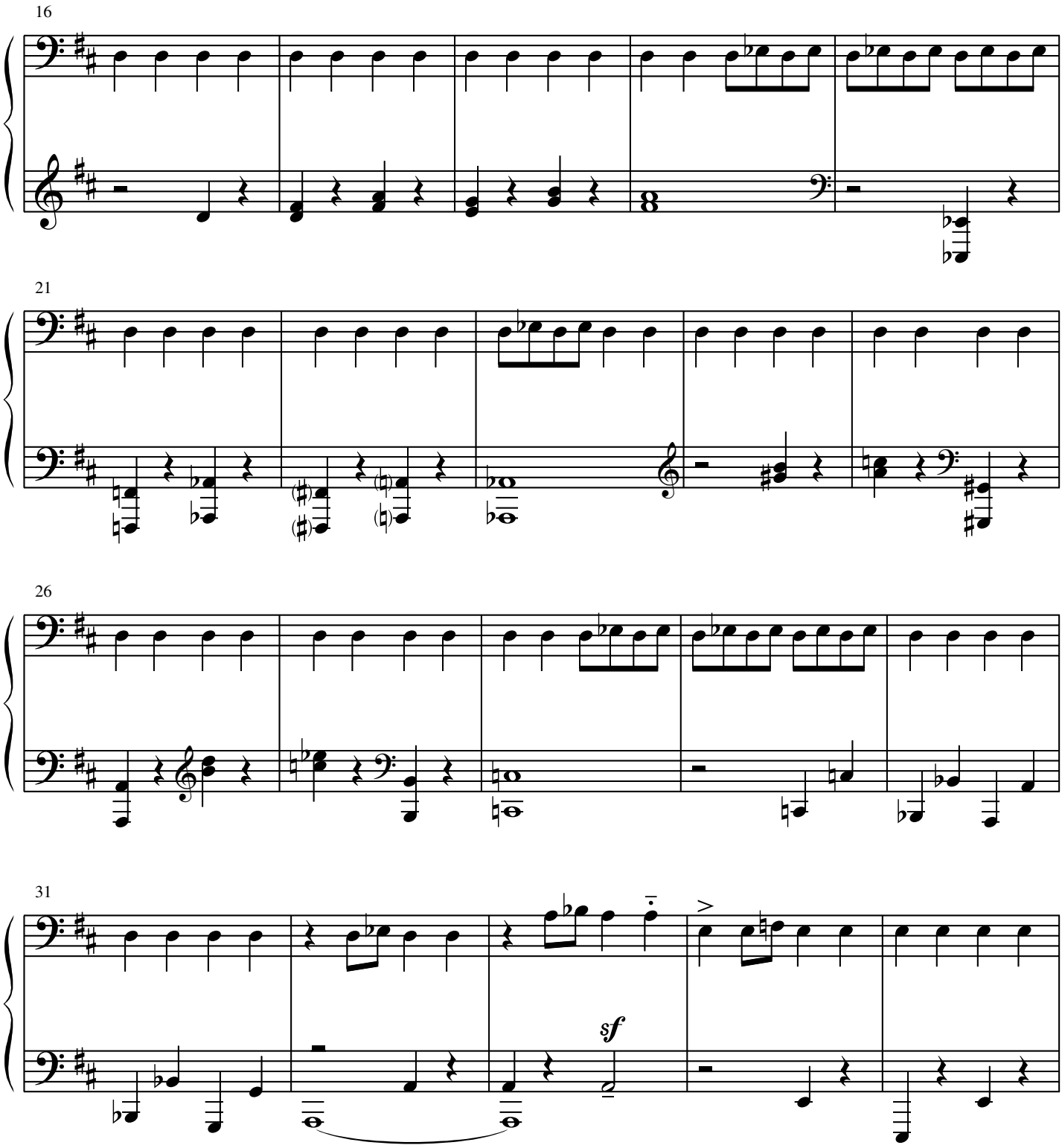
Richard Hudson

*When the day of Pentecost was come,*
*the Apostles were all together in one place.*
*And suddenly there came from heaven*
*a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind,*
*and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

The Acts 2:1-2

**Furious ( 𝅗𝅥 = 108 )**

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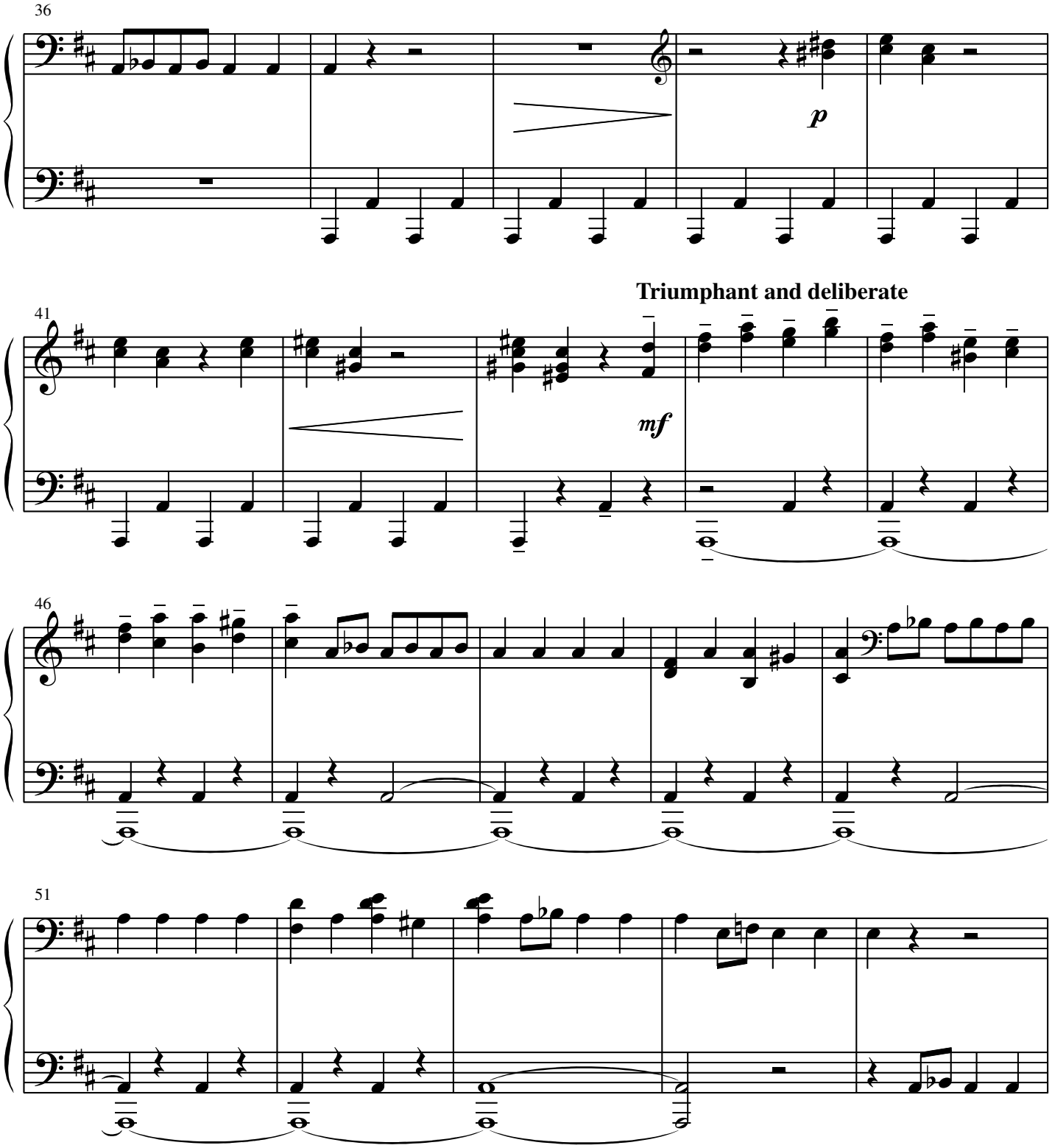
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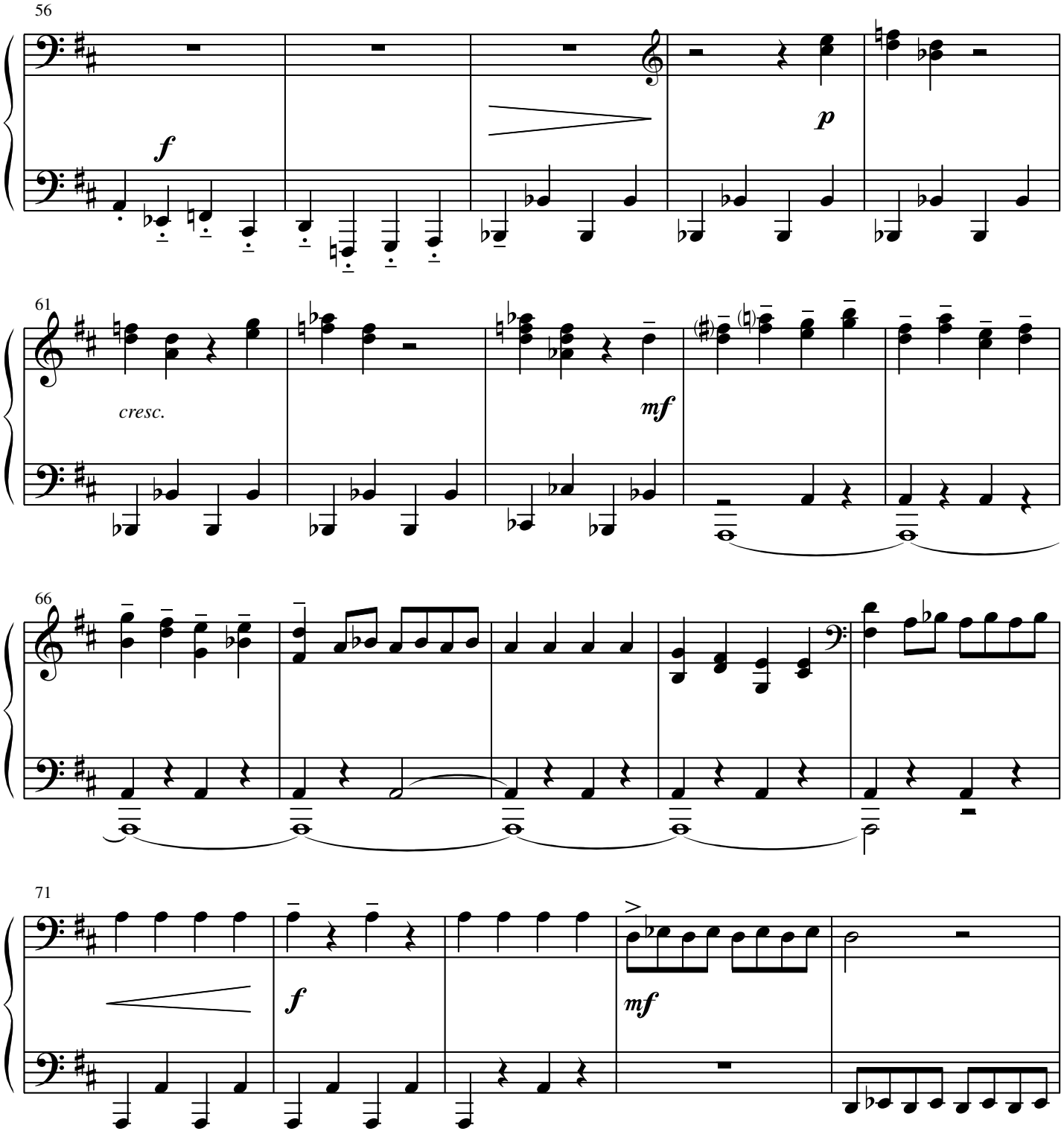
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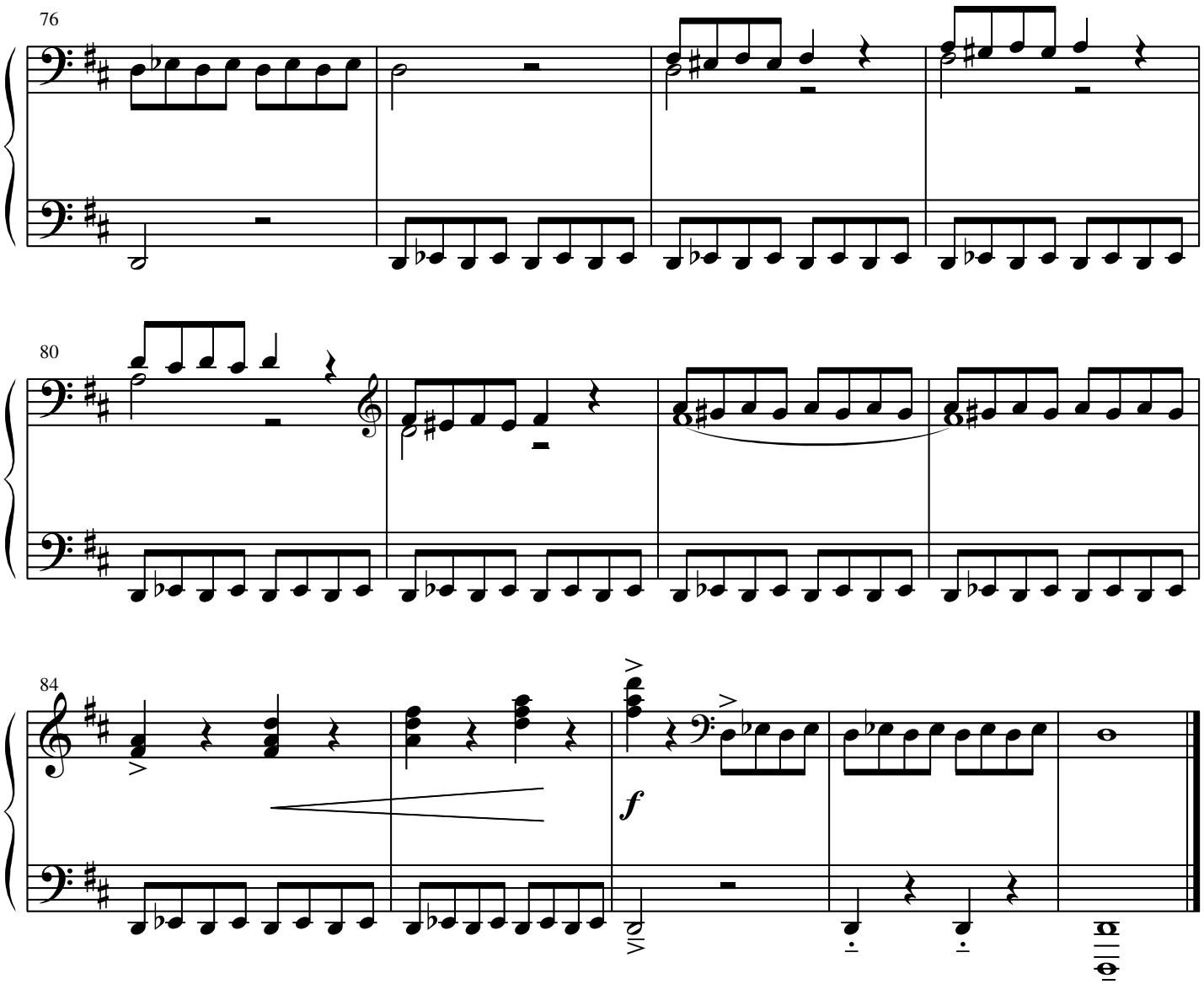
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# 3. See How Great a Flame Aspires

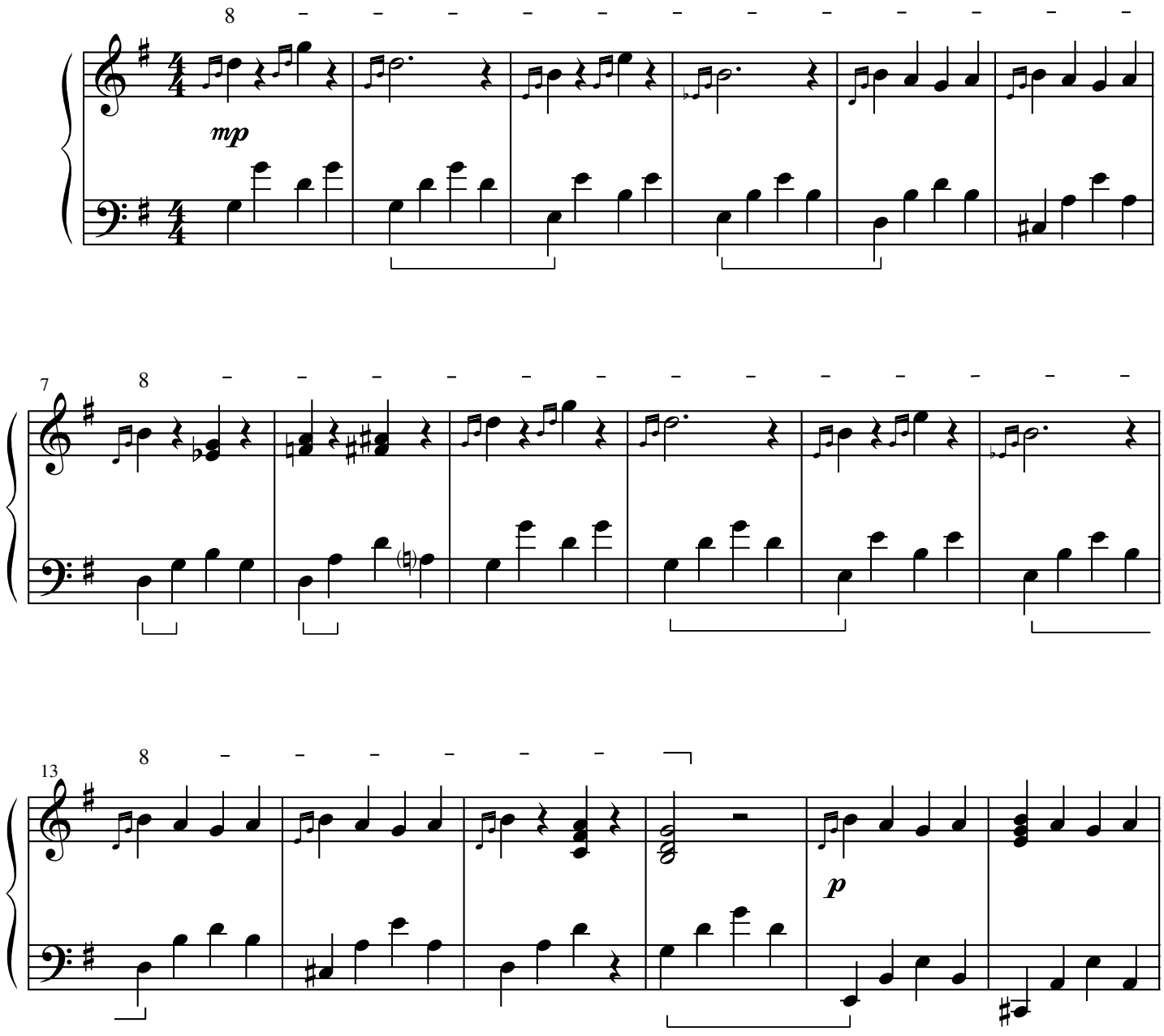
## (Arfon [Major])

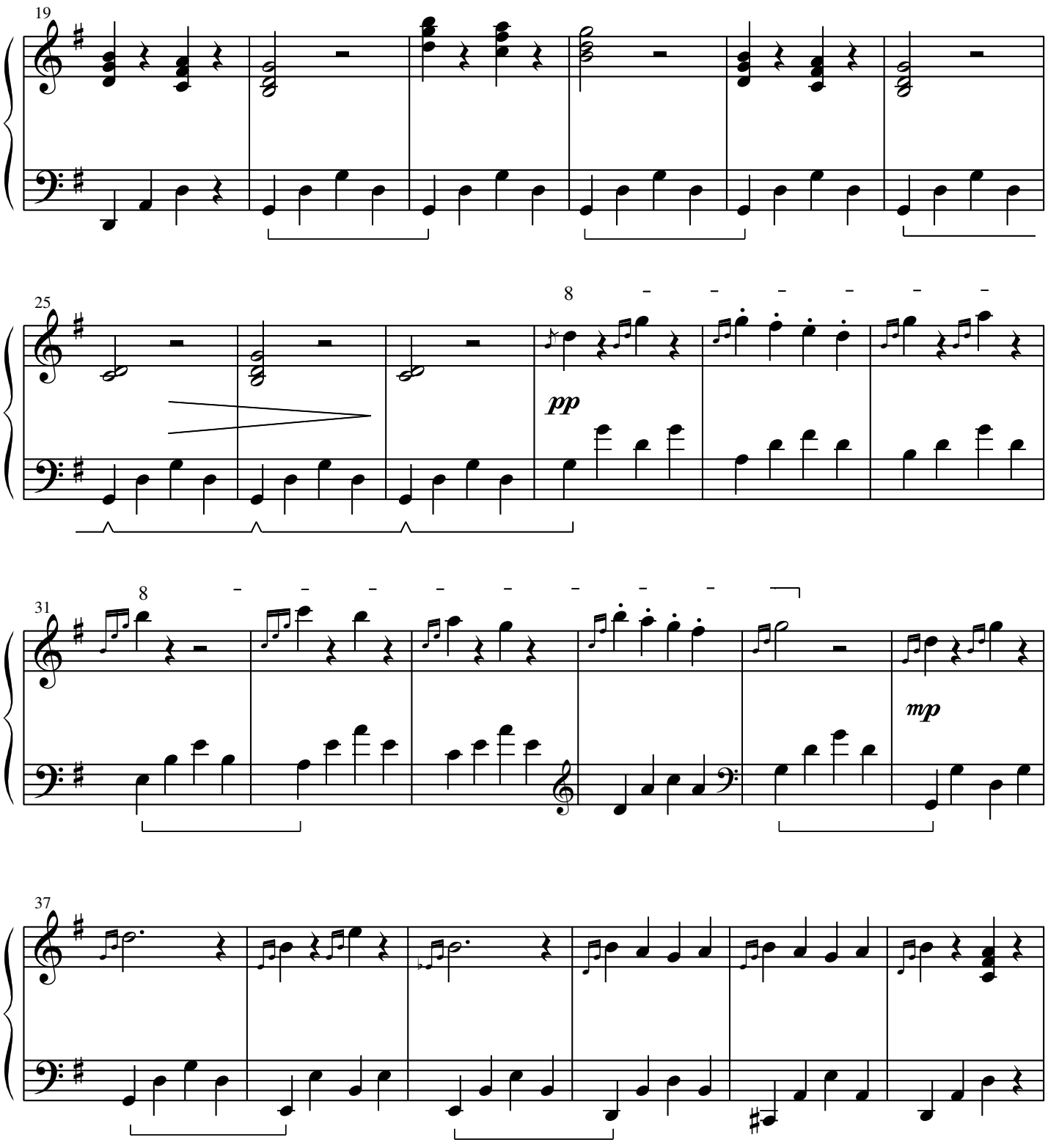
Richard Hudson

*And there appeared unto them tongues like flames*
*separating and settling one on the head of each of them.*
*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,*
*and began to speak with other tongues,*
*as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

The Acts 2:3-4

**Sparkling ( 𝅝 = 60 )**

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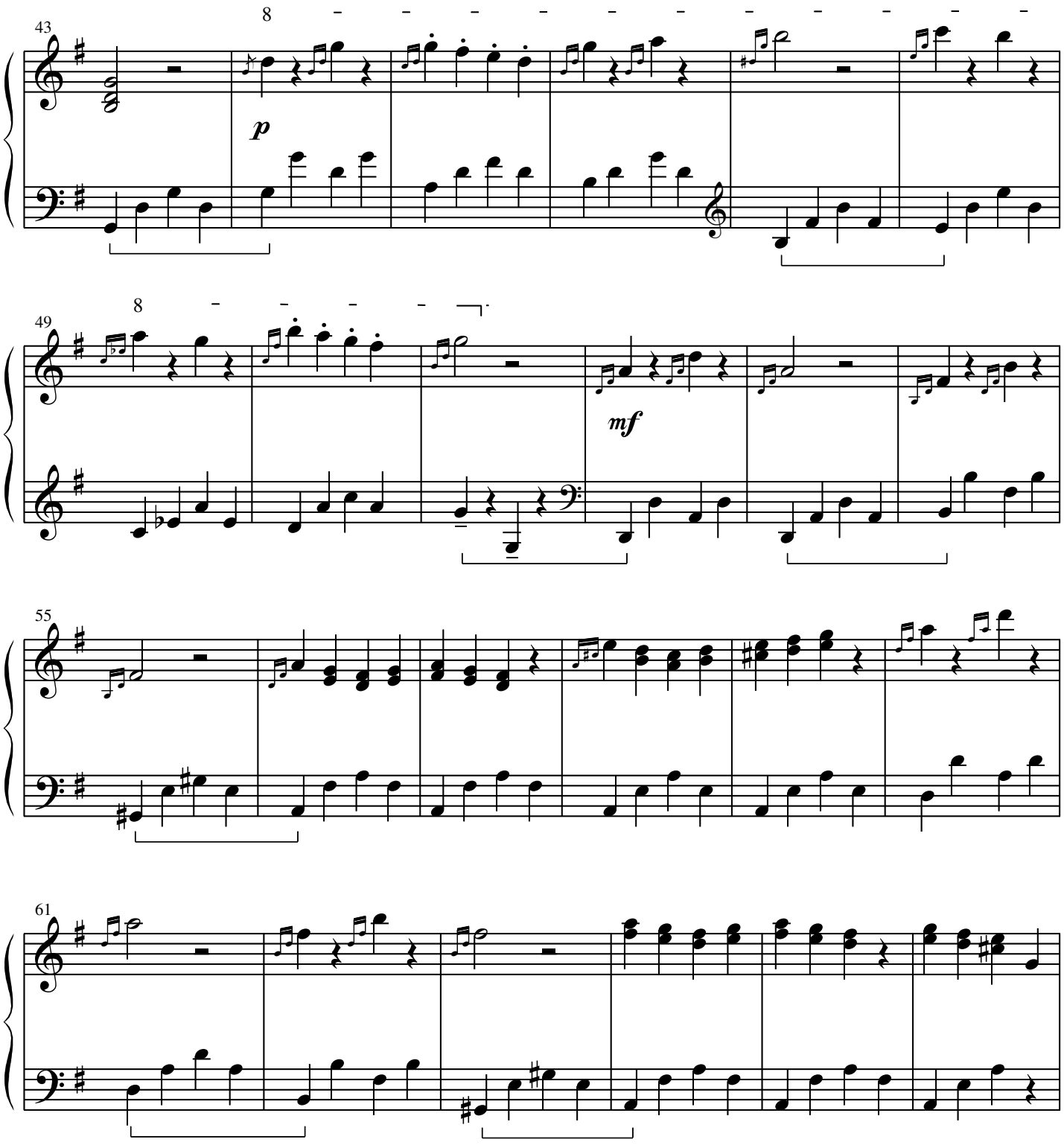
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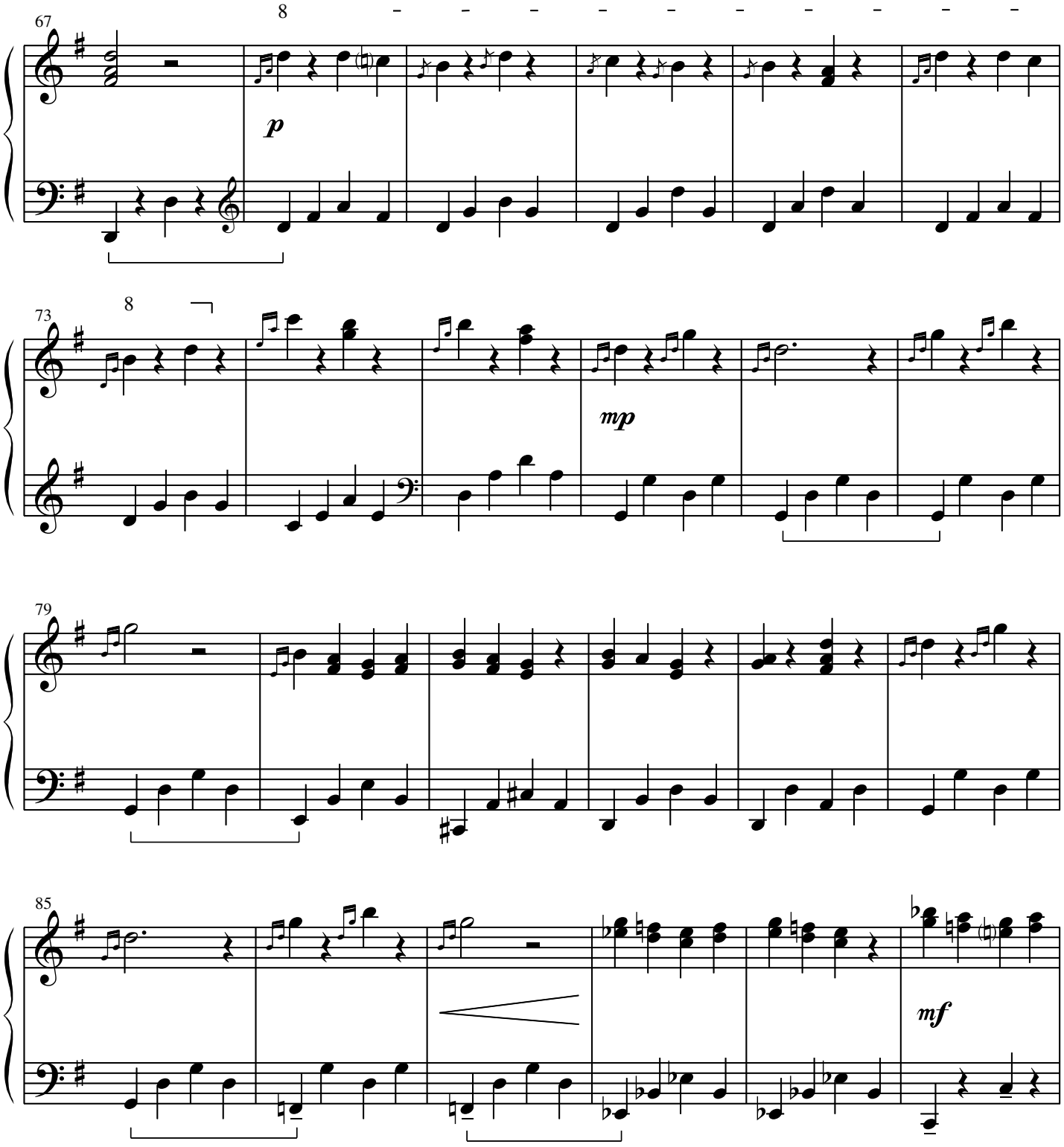
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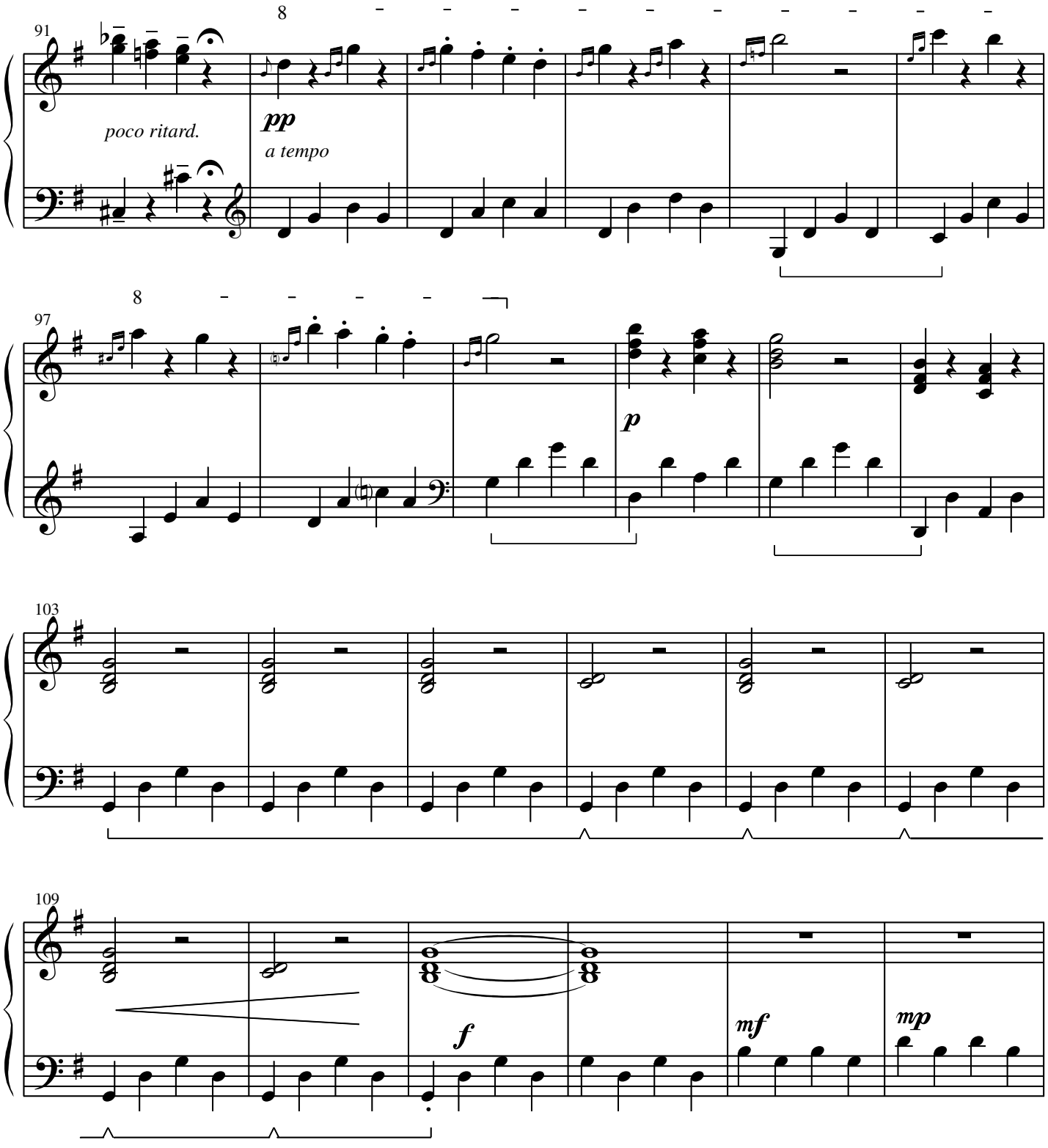
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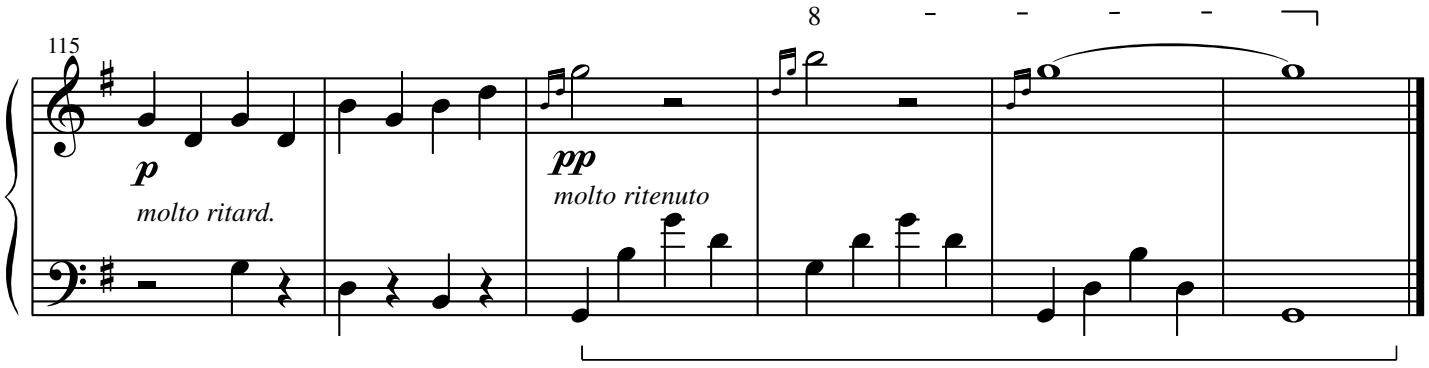
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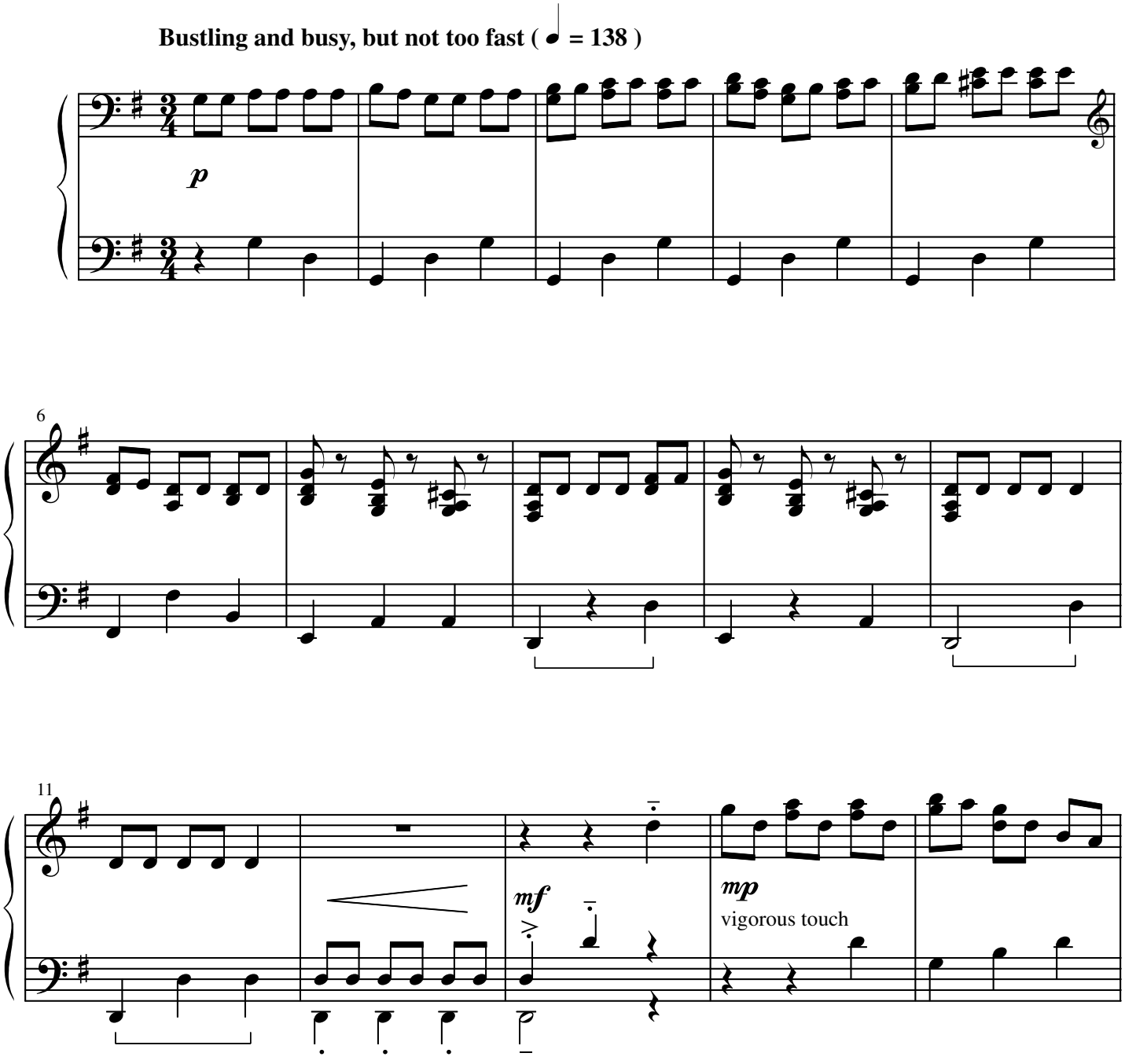
# 4. O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

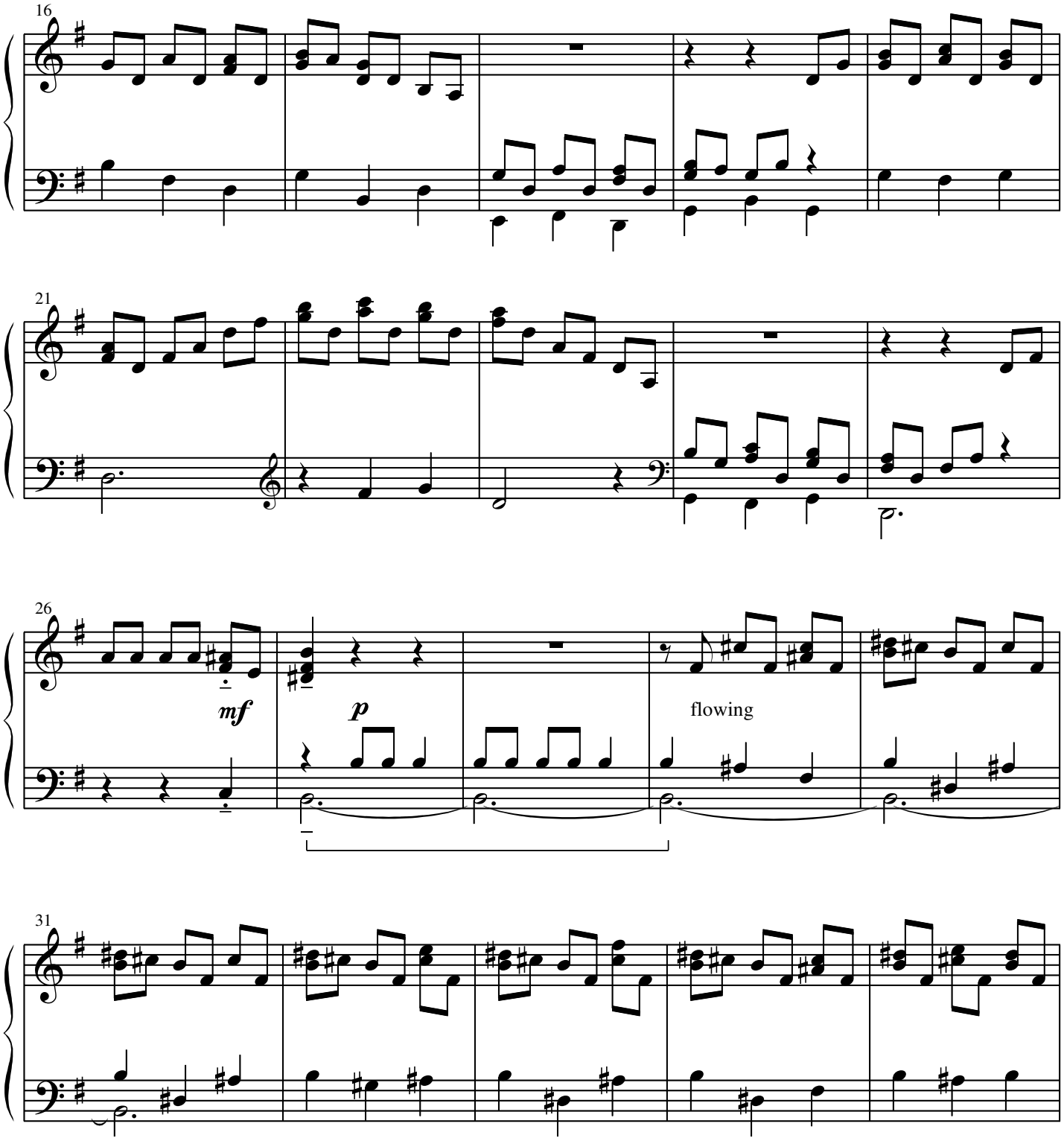
(Azmon)

Richard Hudson

*Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews,*
*devout men, from every nation under heaven.*
*And when this sound was heard,*
*the multitude came together, and were confounded,*
*because every man heard them speaking in his own*
*language about the mighty works of God.*

The Acts 2:5-6, 11

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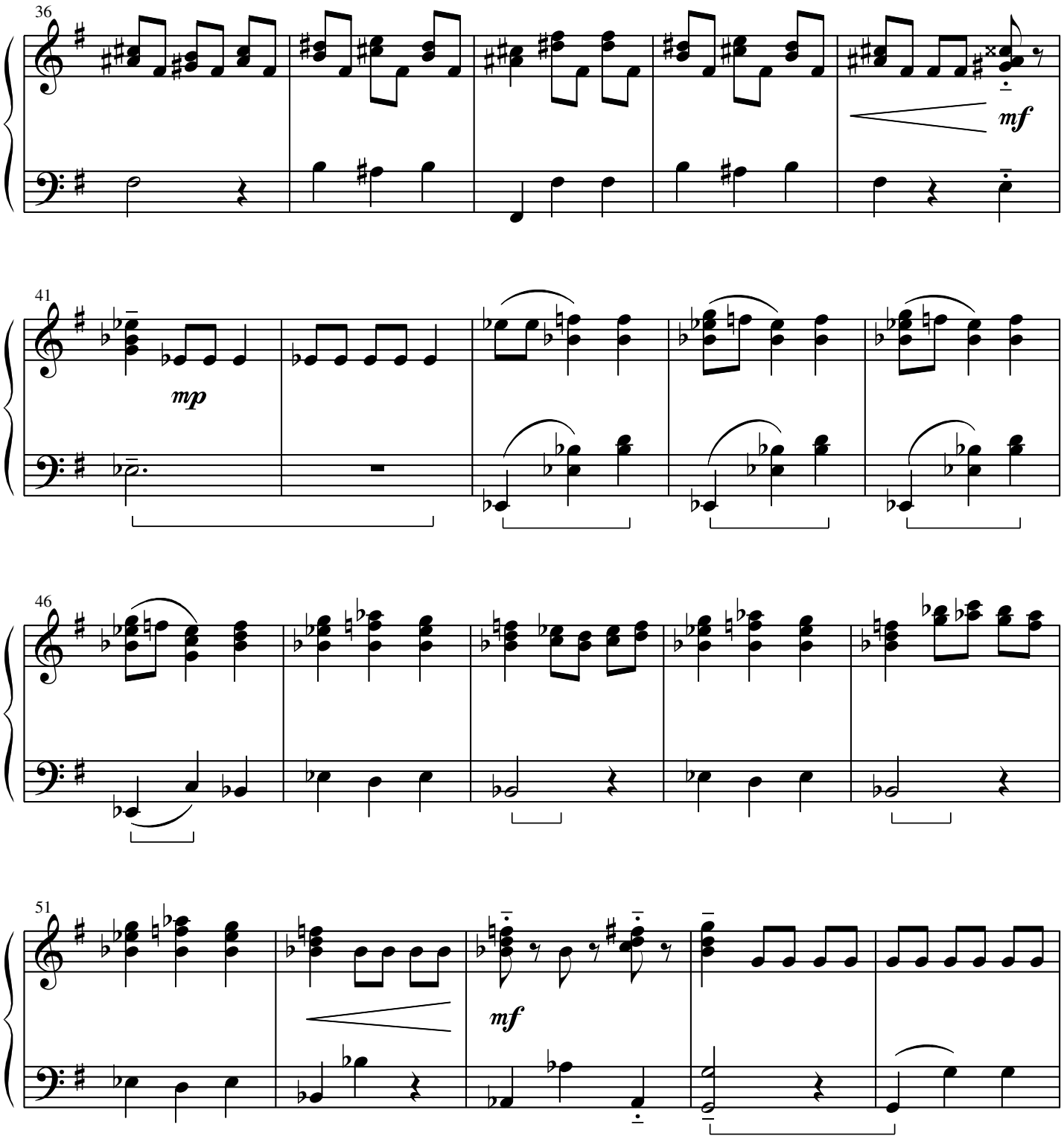
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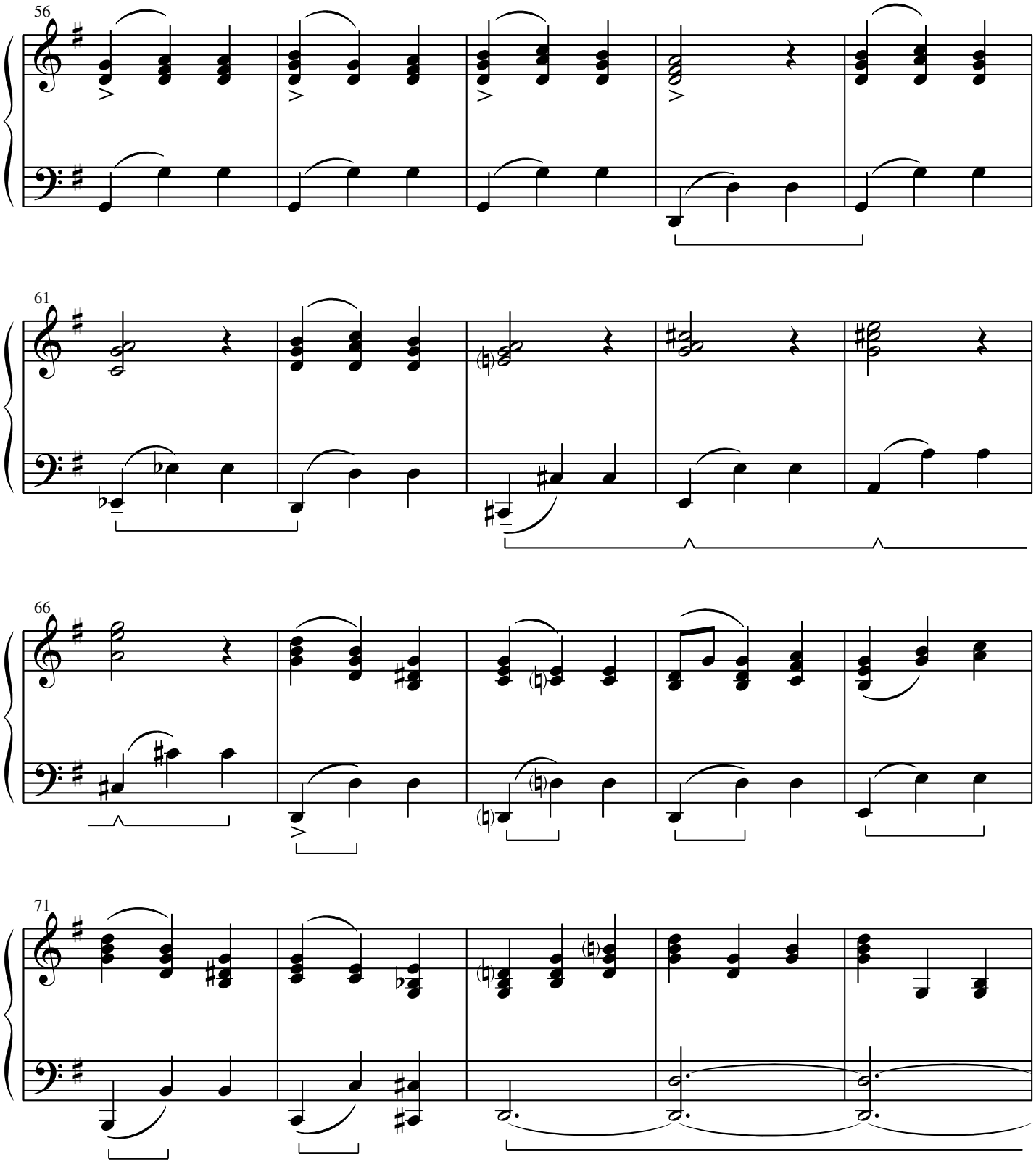
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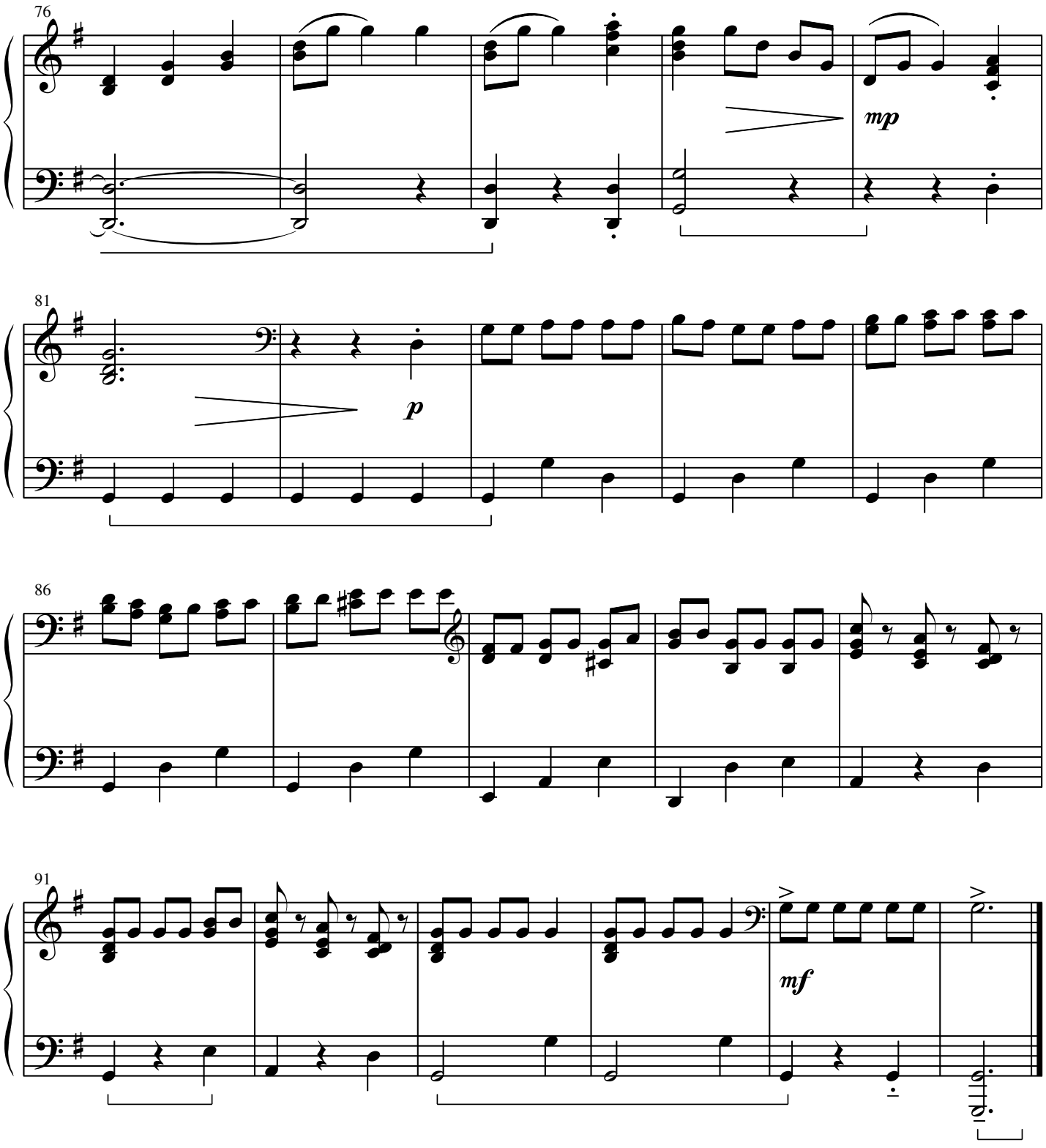
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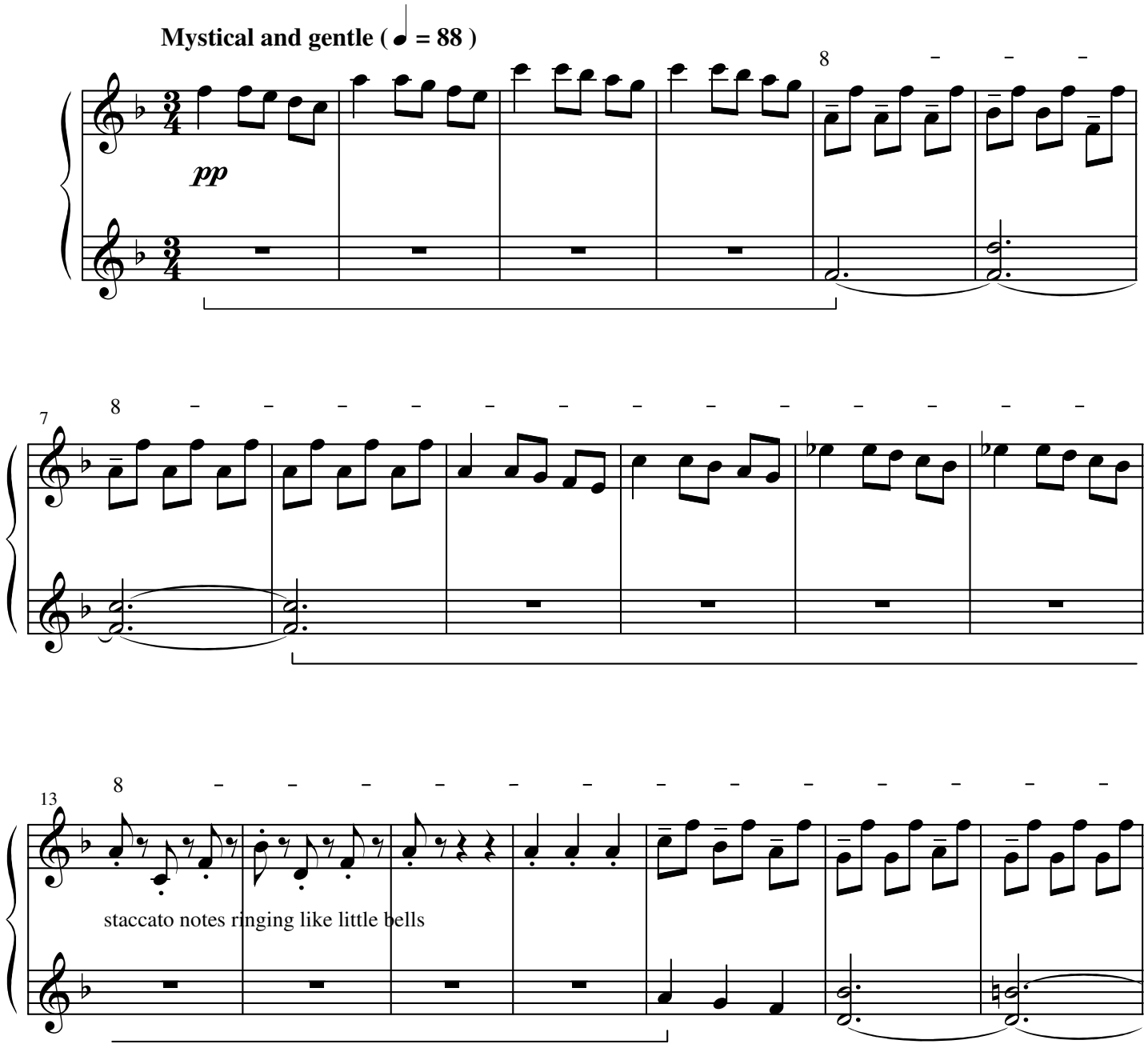
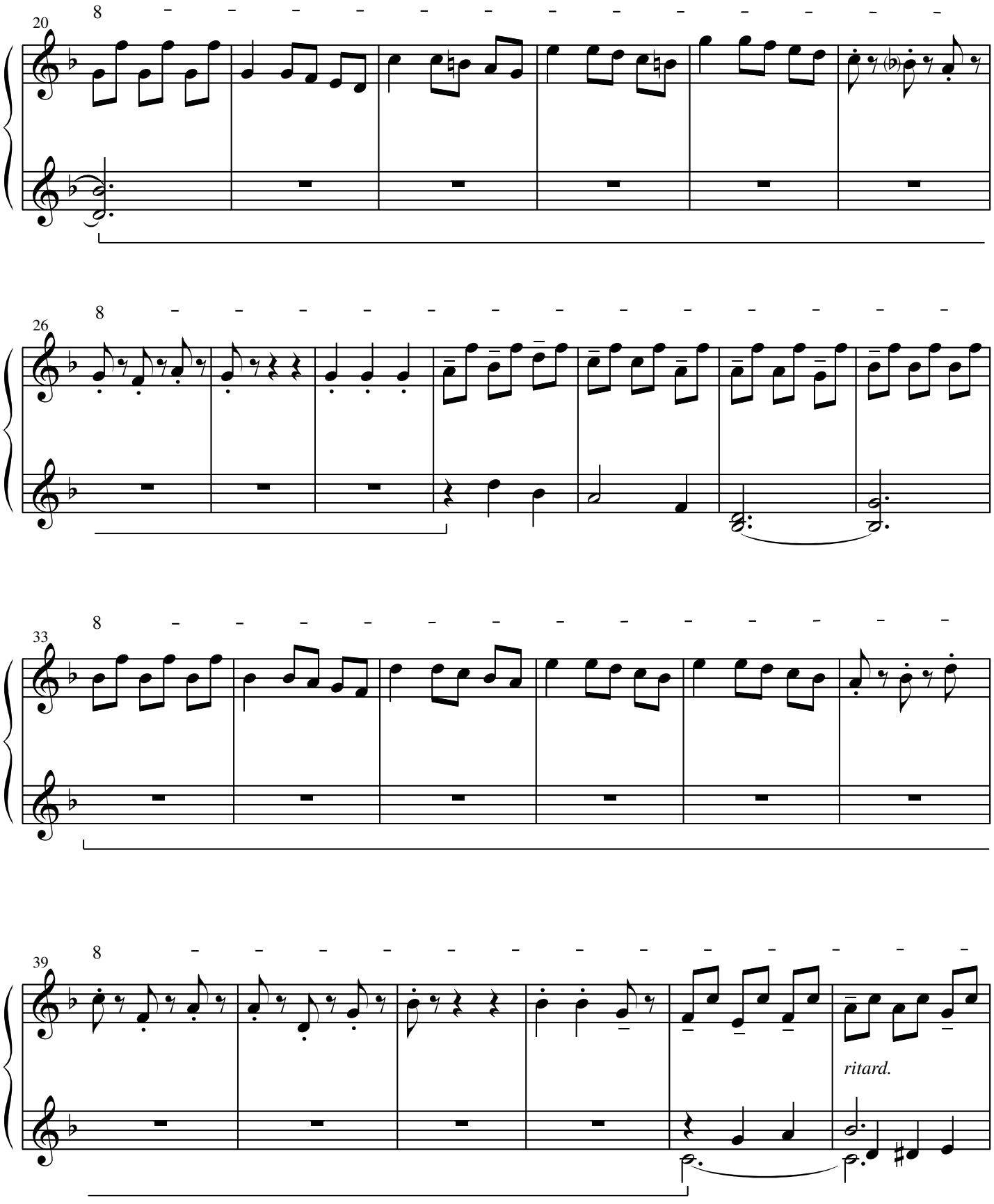
# 5. Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(Trentham)

Richard Hudson

*Peter lifted up his voice, and said unto them,*
*This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel:*
*And it shall be in the last days, saith God,*
*I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh.*
The Acts 2:14, 16-17

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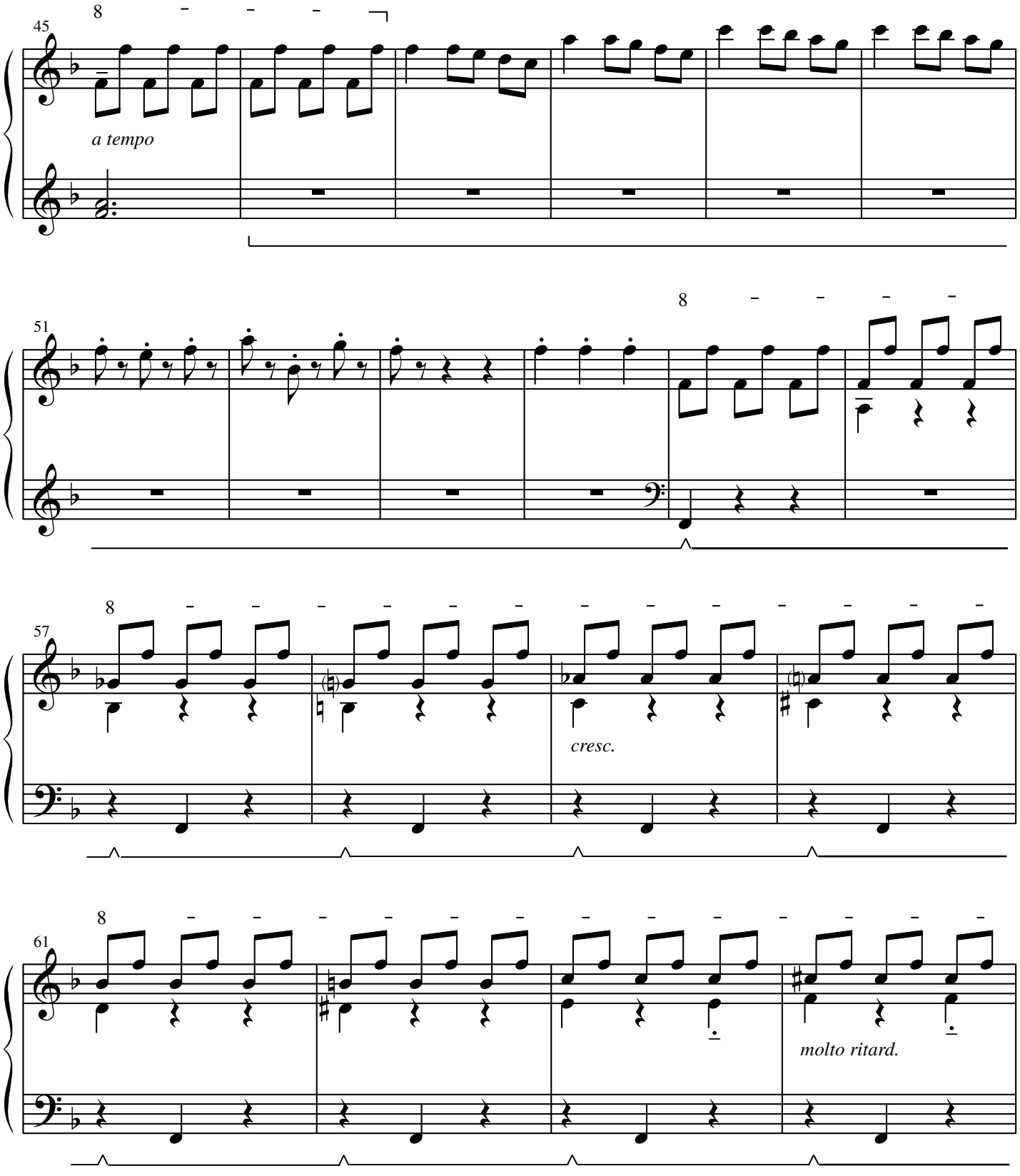
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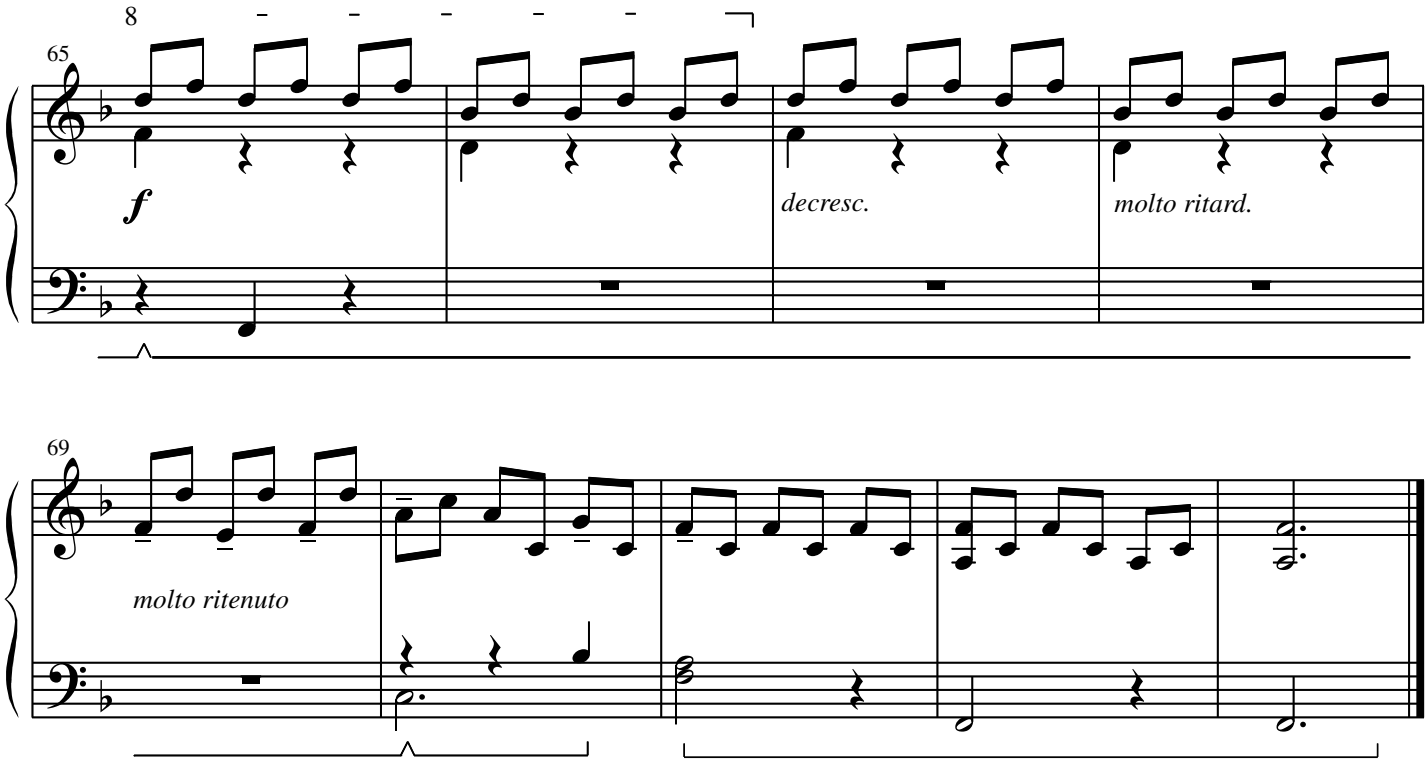
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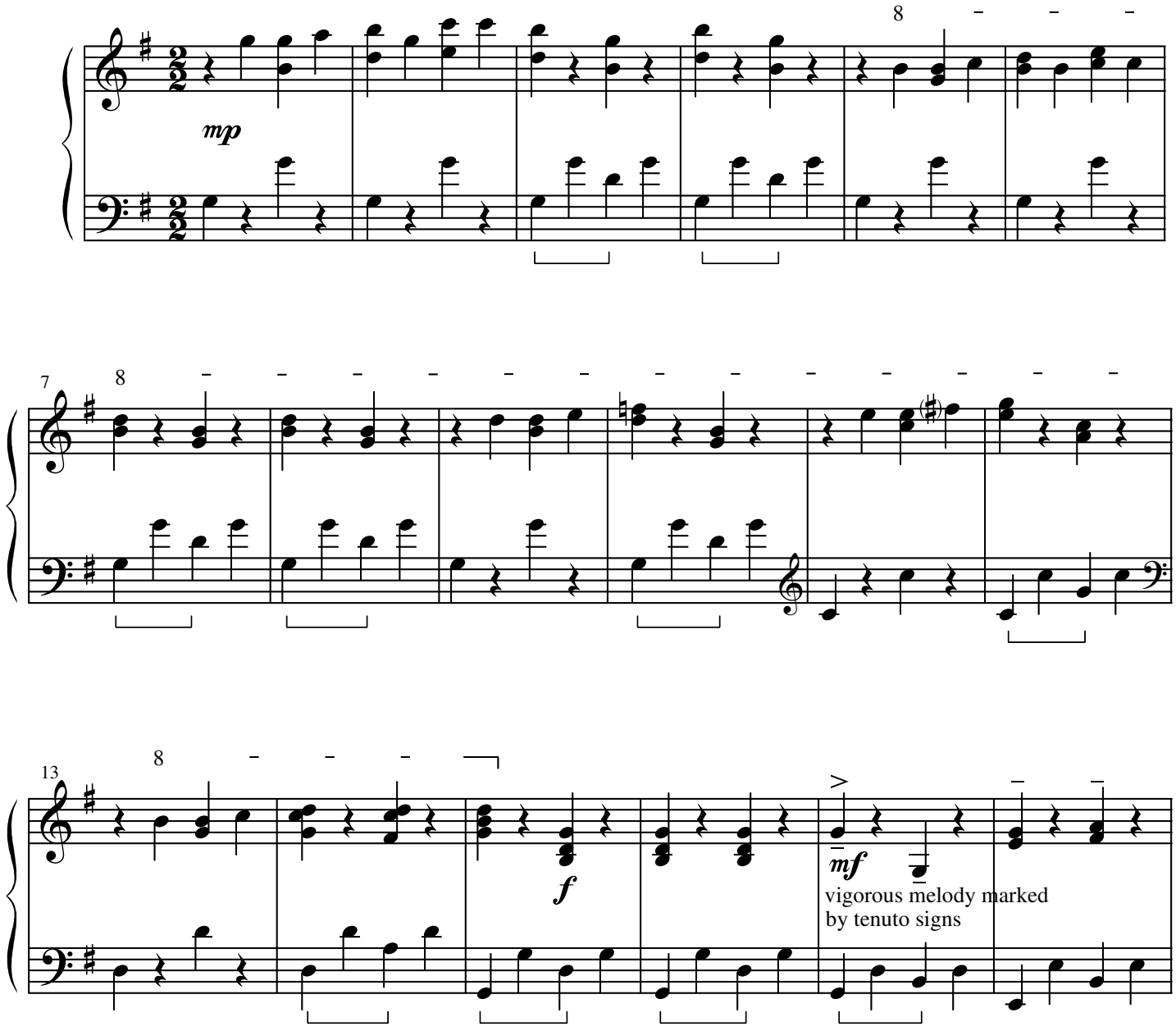
# THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

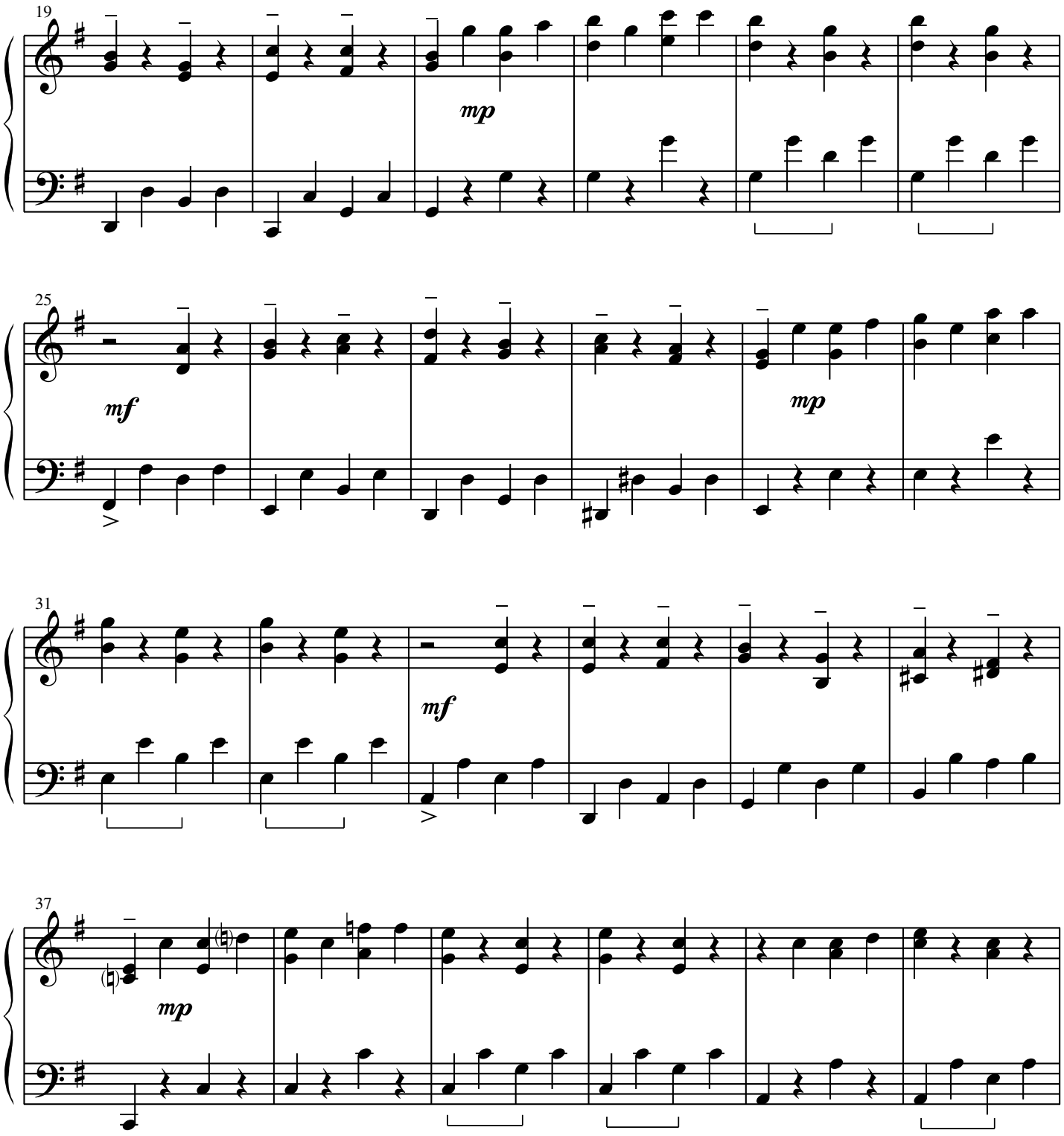
## 6. Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid
(All' Ehr' und Lob)

Richard Hudson

*The Spirit of God hath made me,*
*and the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.*
Job 33:4

**Grand and affirmative ( 𝅗𝅥 = 66 )**

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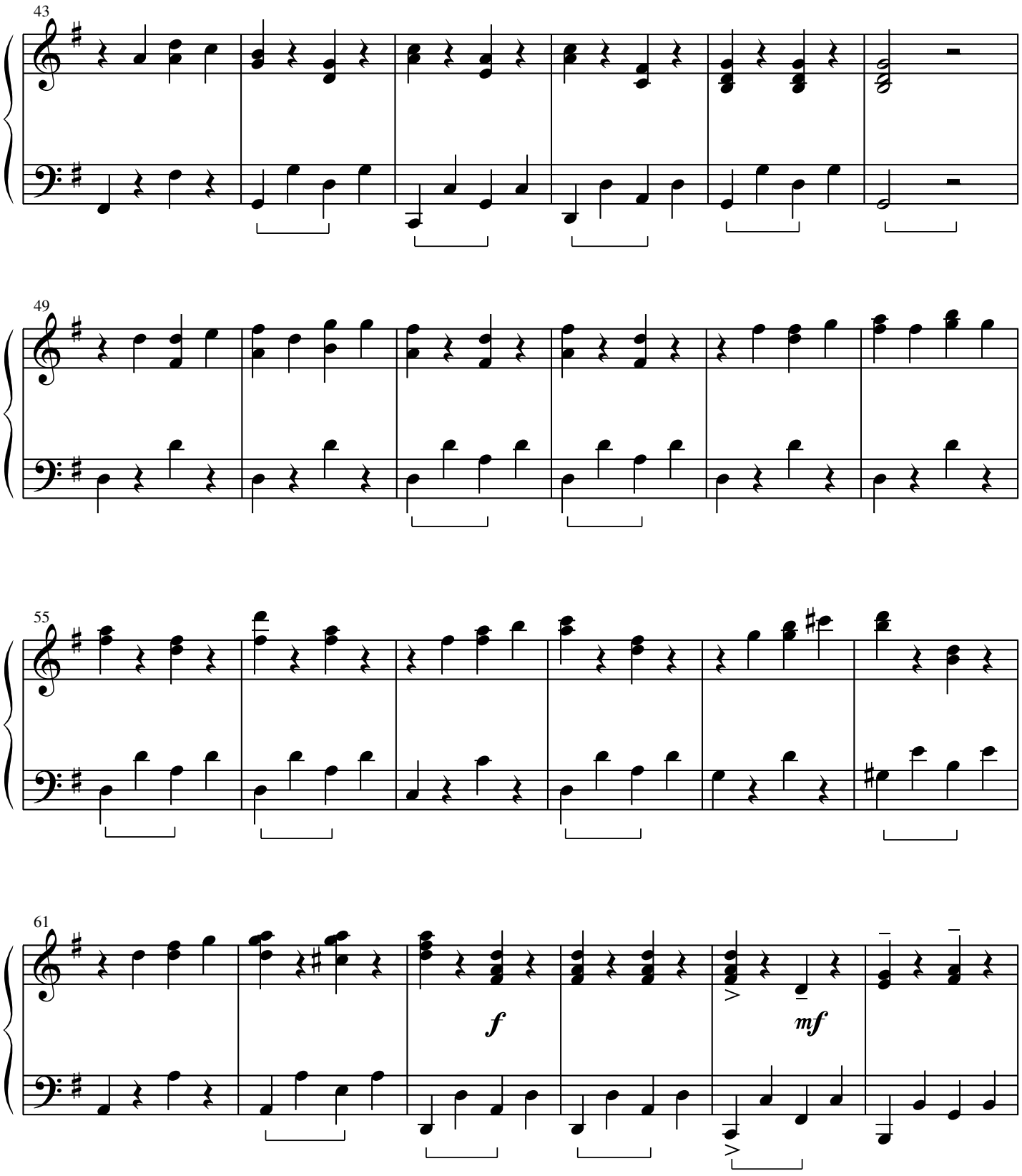
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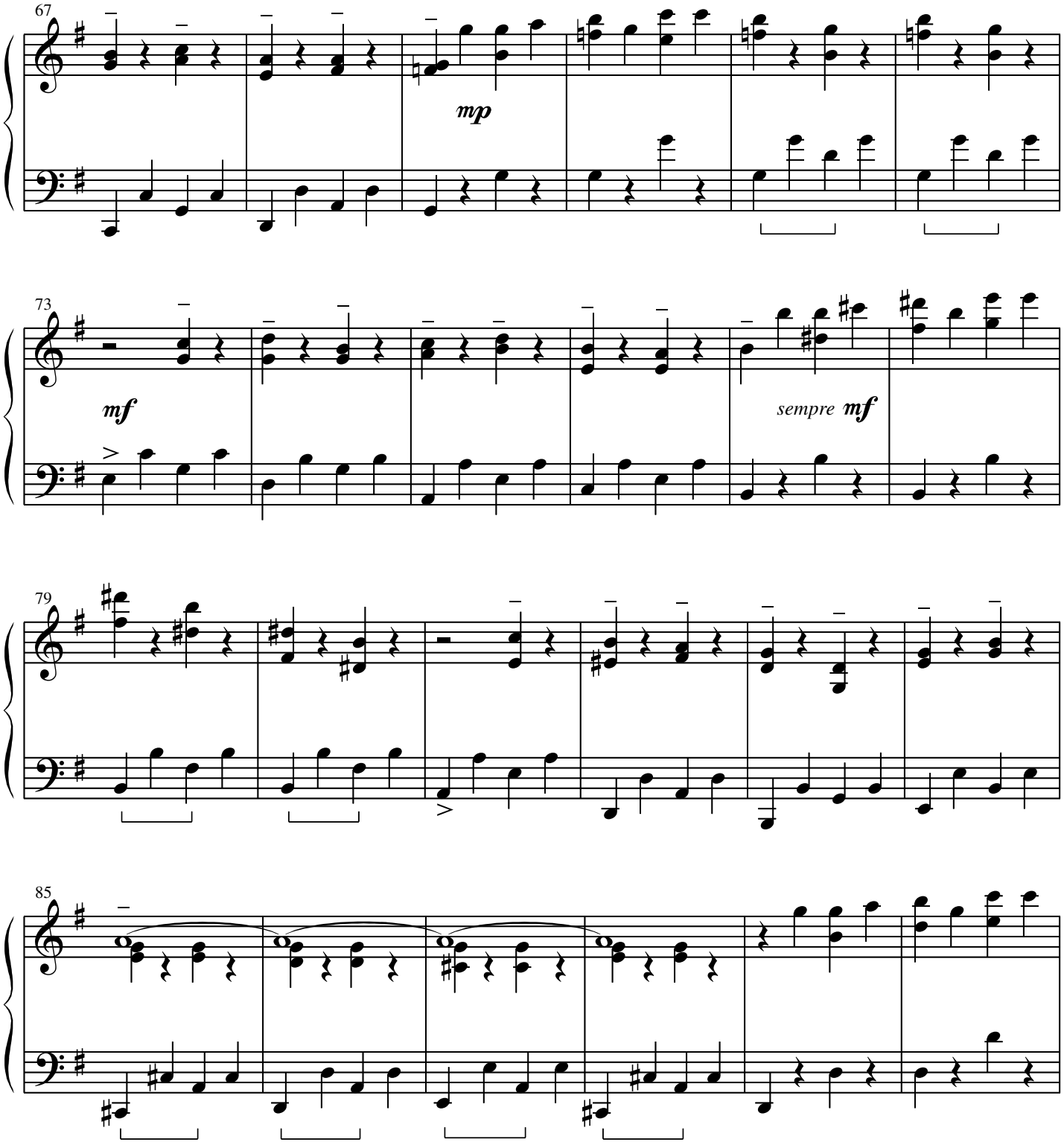
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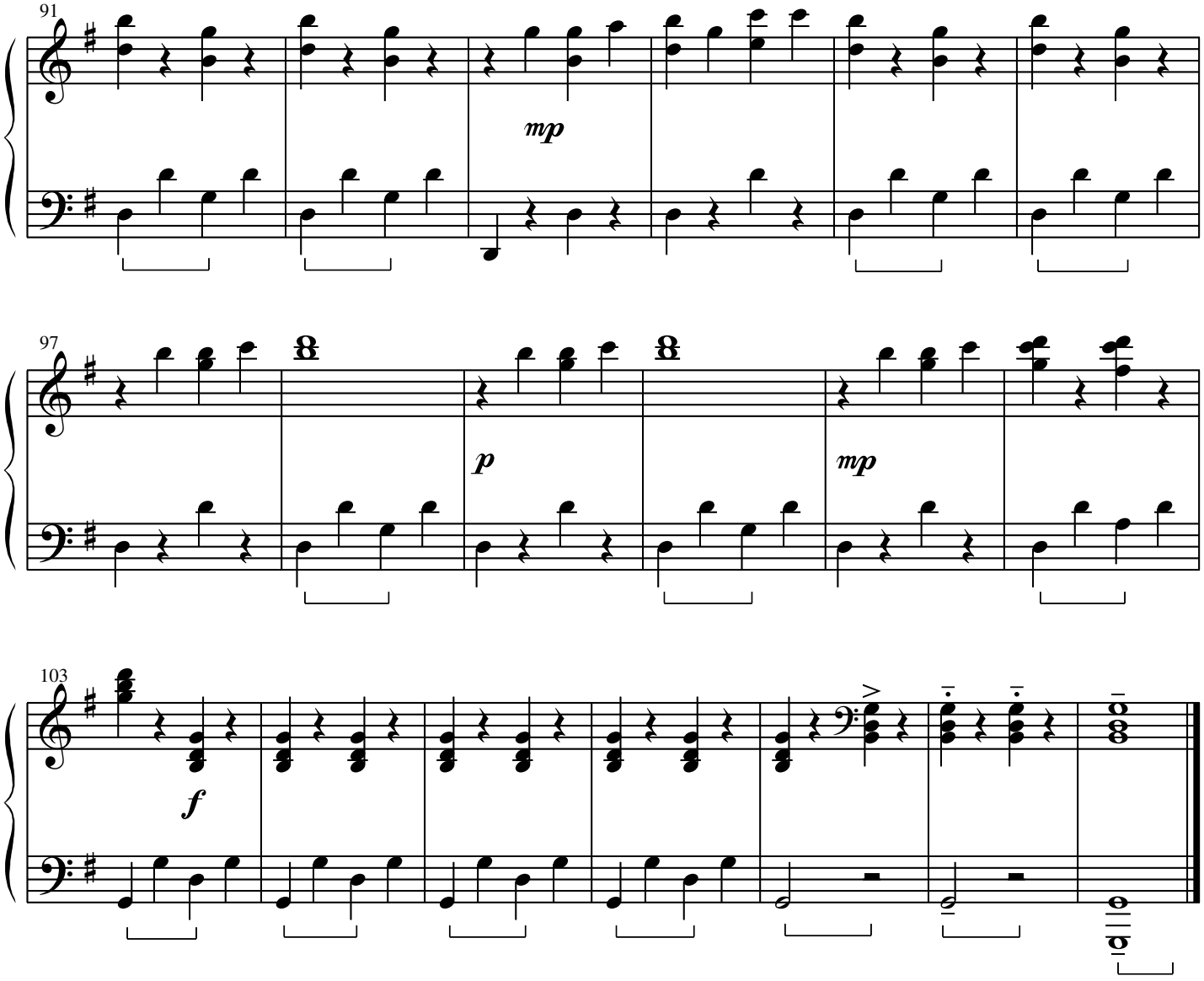
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# 7. Come, Thou Holy Spirit, Come

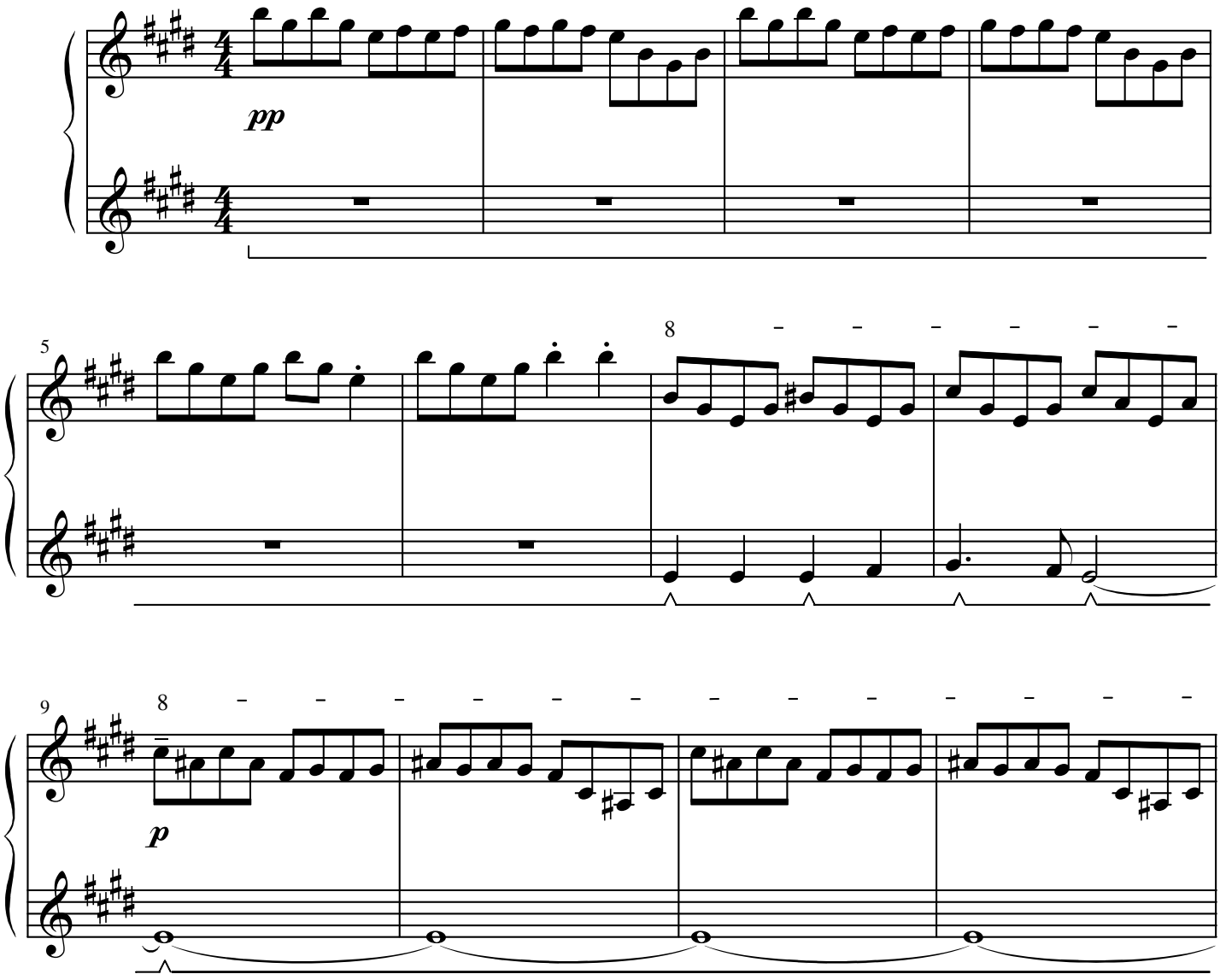
(Veni Sancte Spiritus)

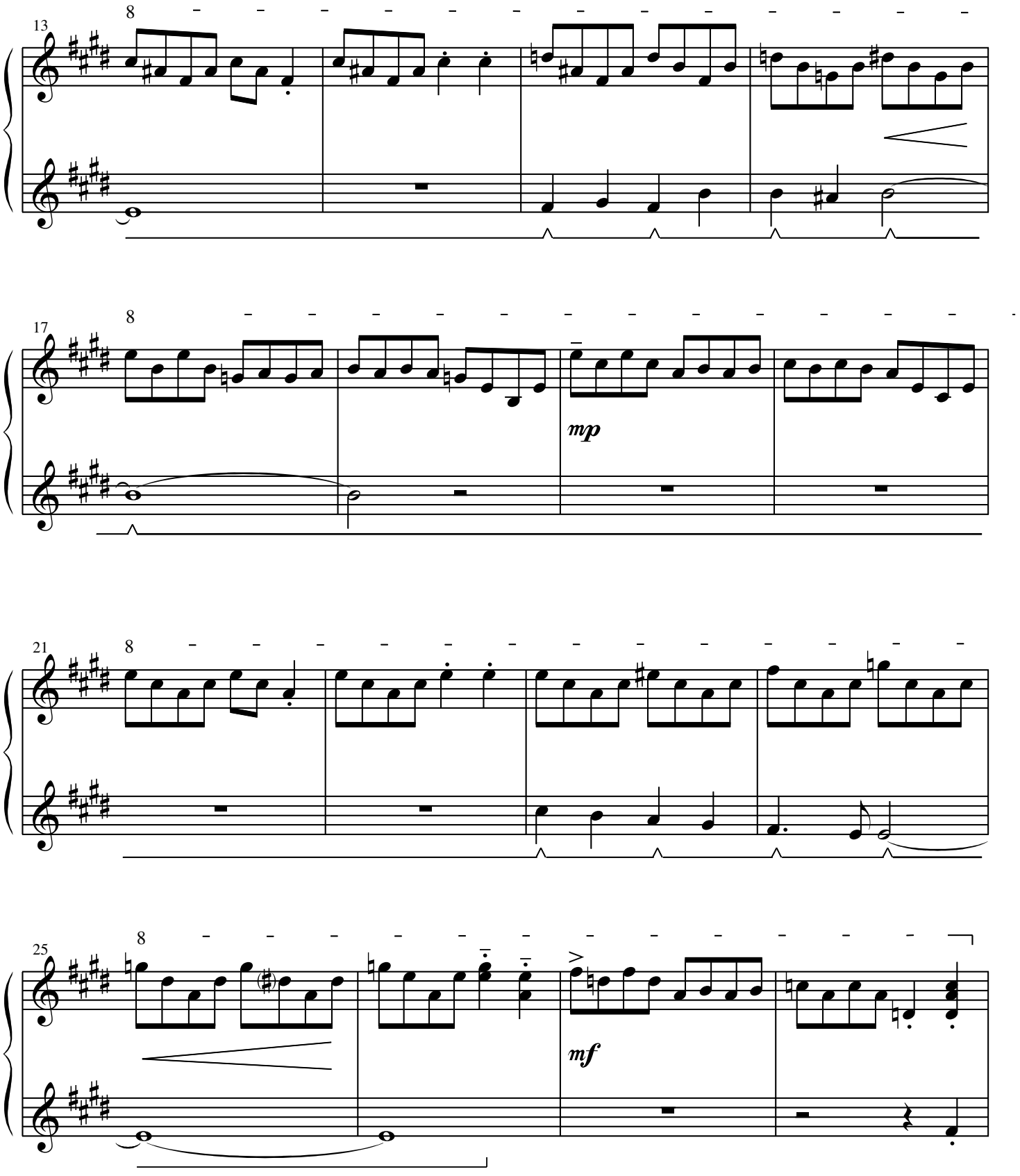
**Richard Hudson**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;*
*And renew a right spirit within me.*
*Cast me not away from thy presence;*
*And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

Psalm 51:10-11

**Wondrous and flowing ( 𝅗𝅥 = 60 )**

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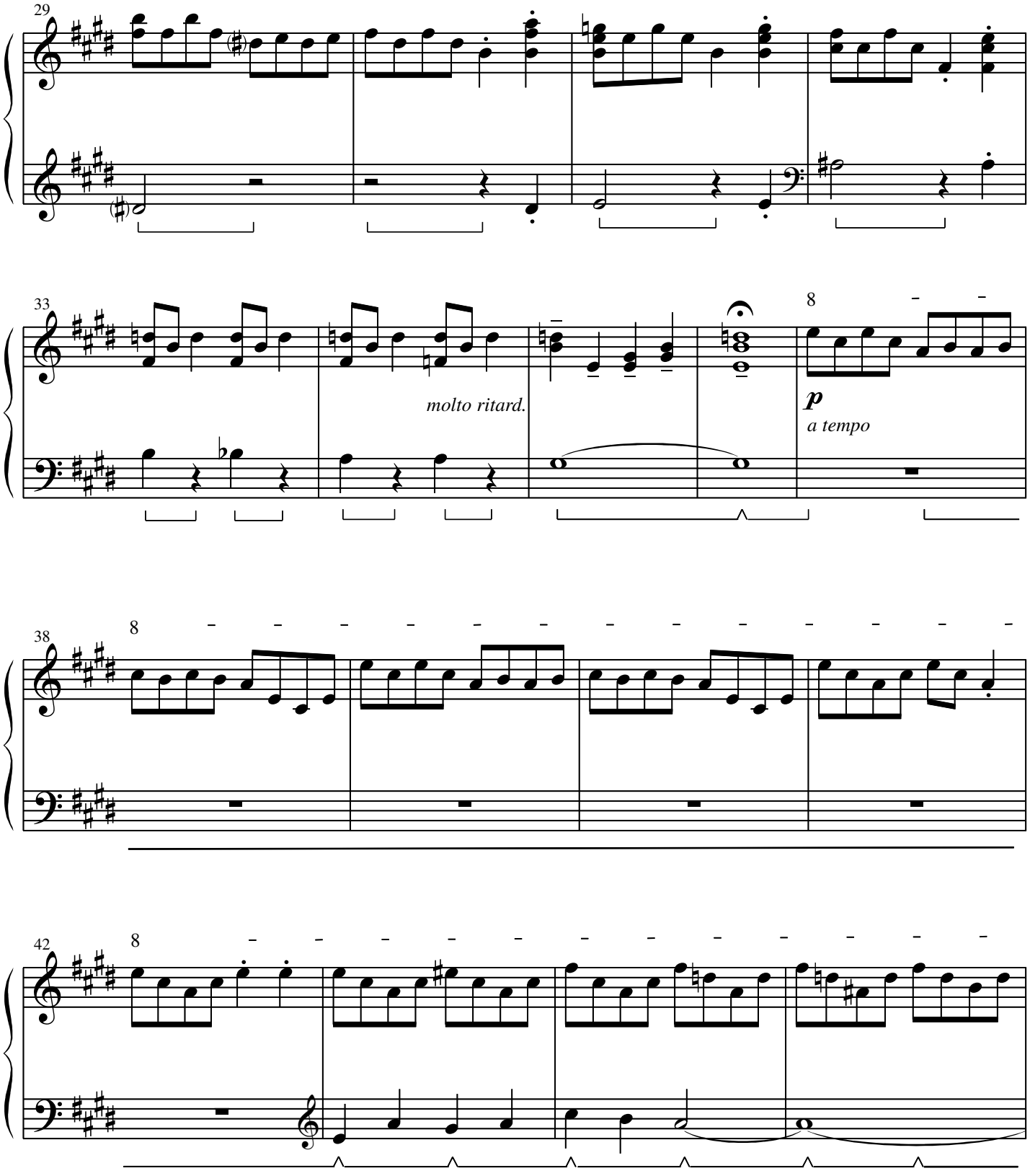
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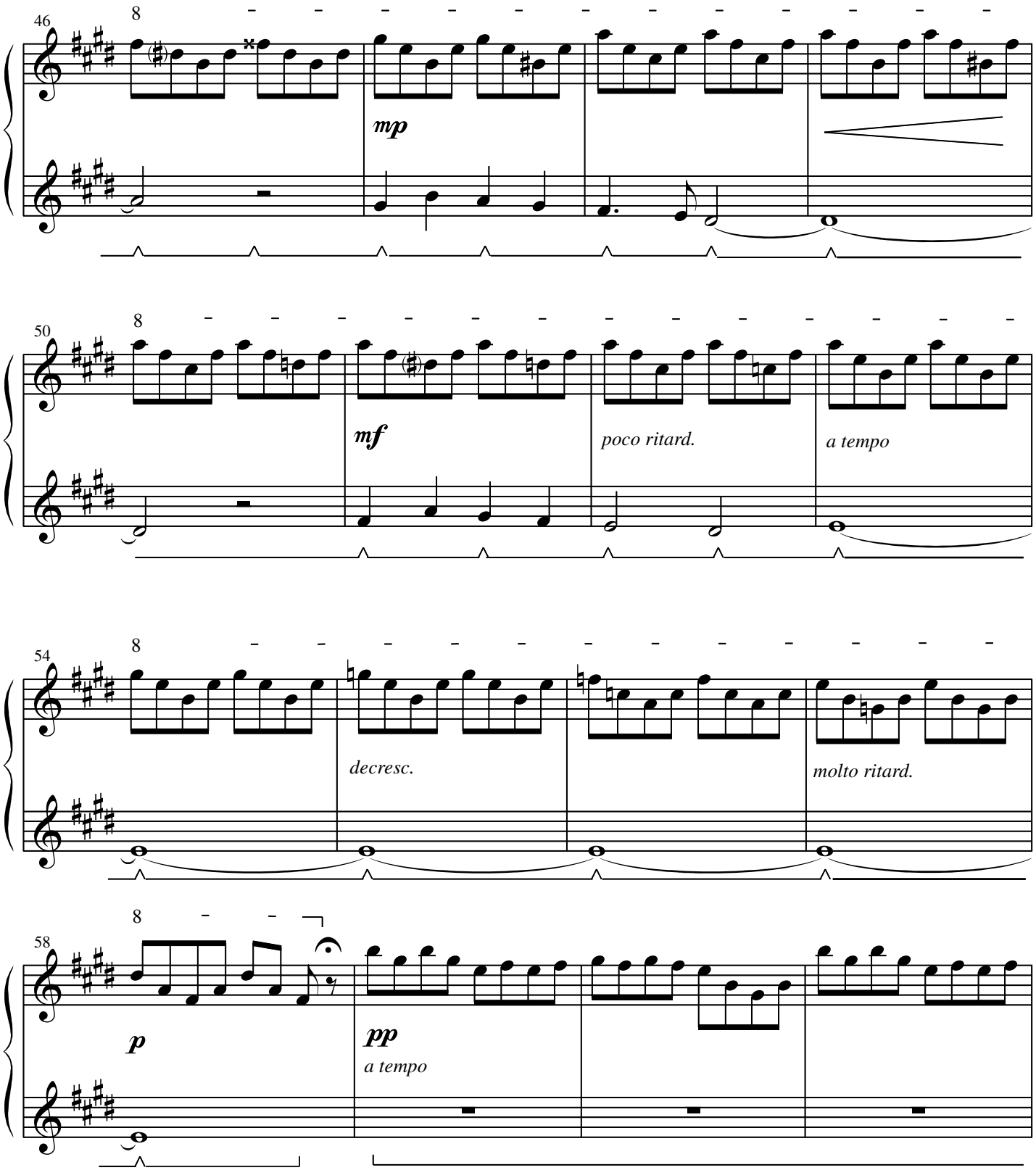
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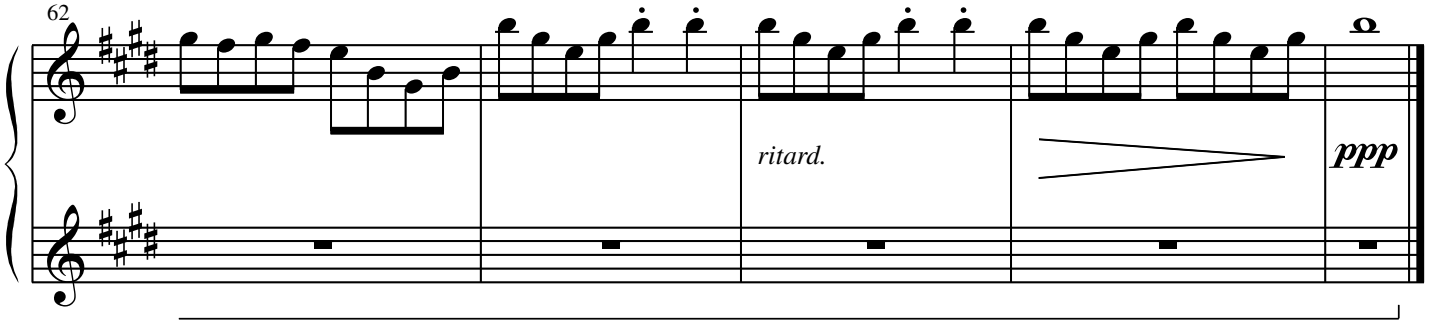
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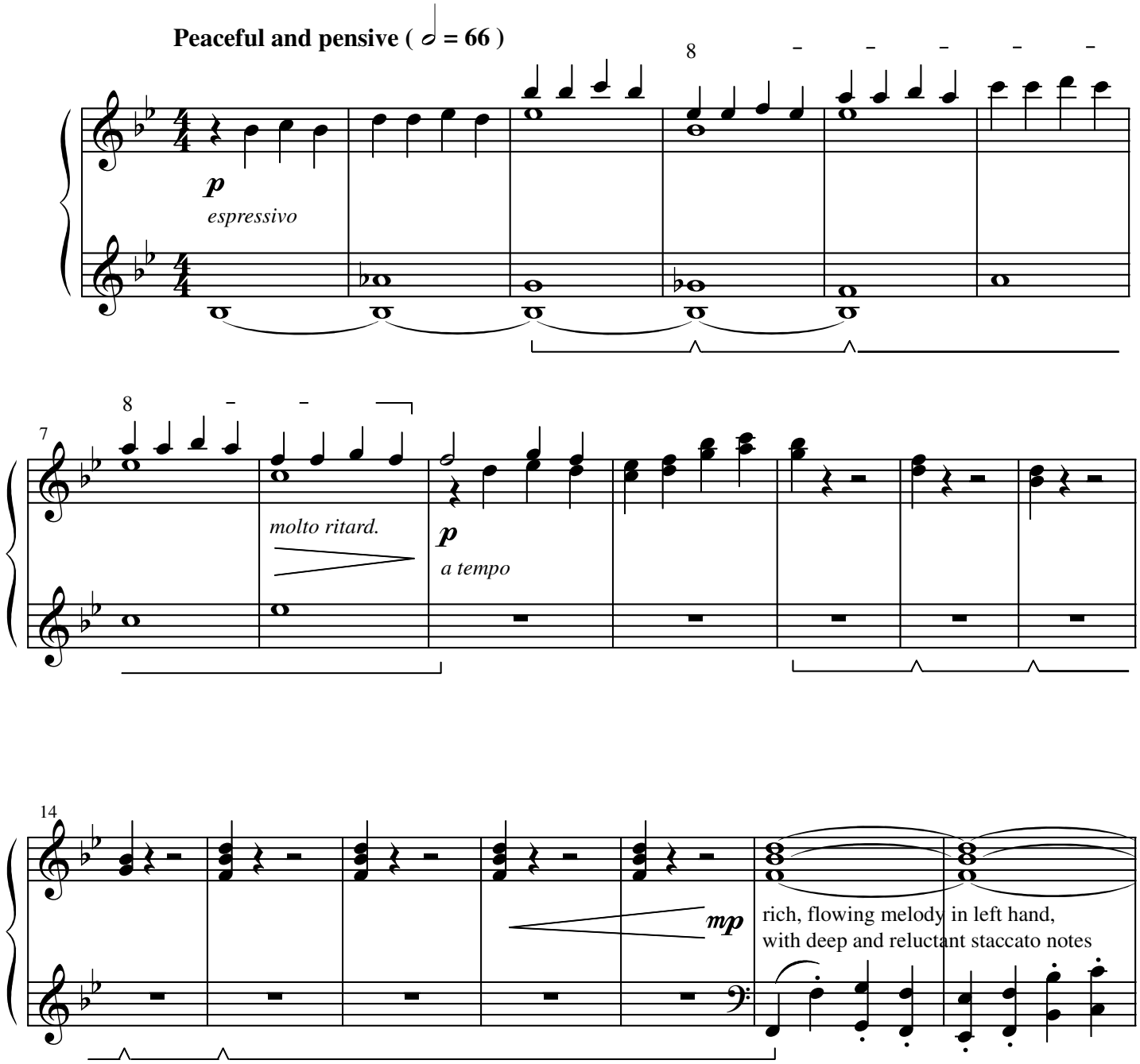
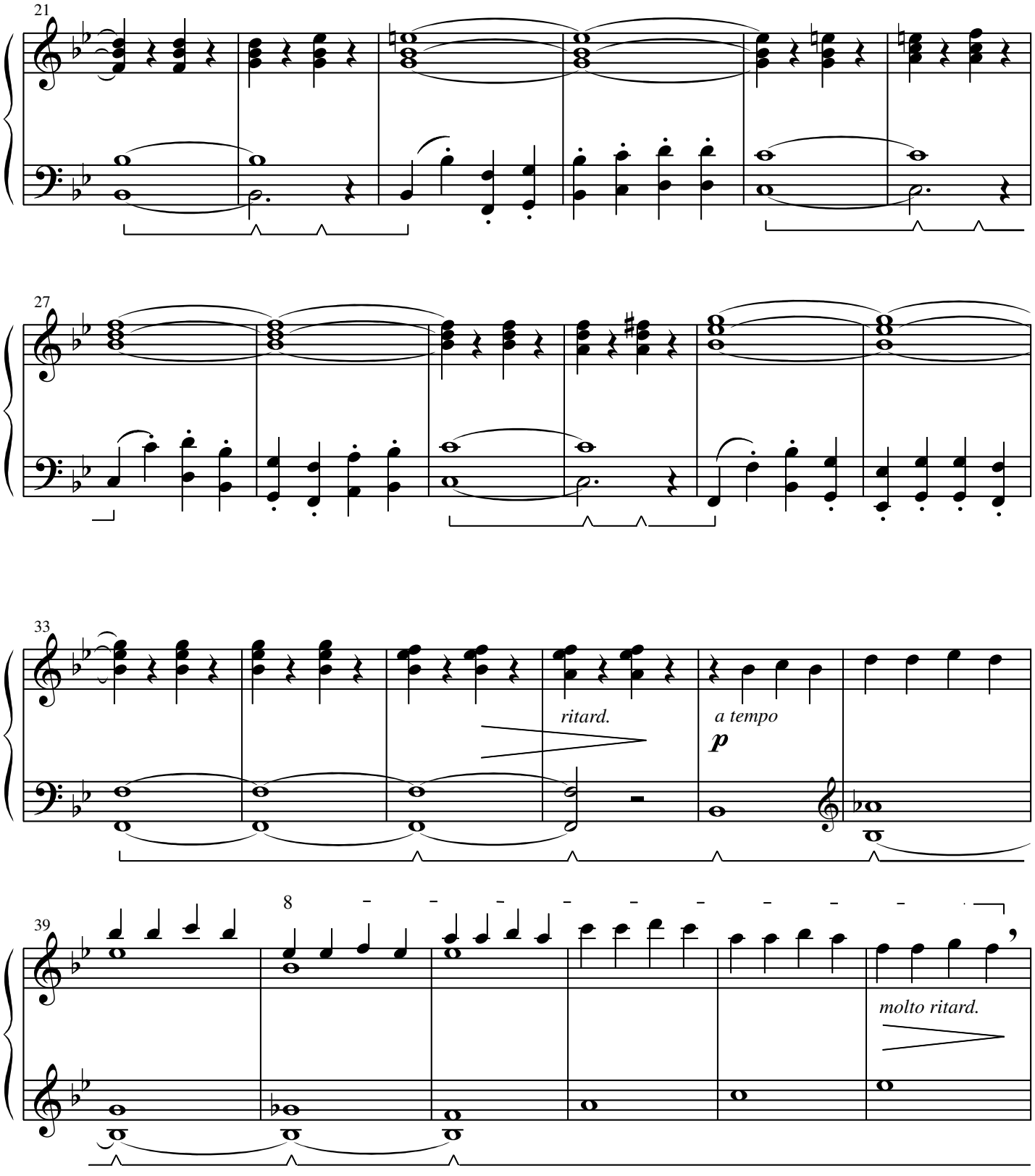
# 8. Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
## (Komm, Gott Schöpfer)

Richard Hudson

*If ye know how to give good gifts unto your children,*
*how much more shall your heavenly Father give*
*the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?*
Luke 11:13

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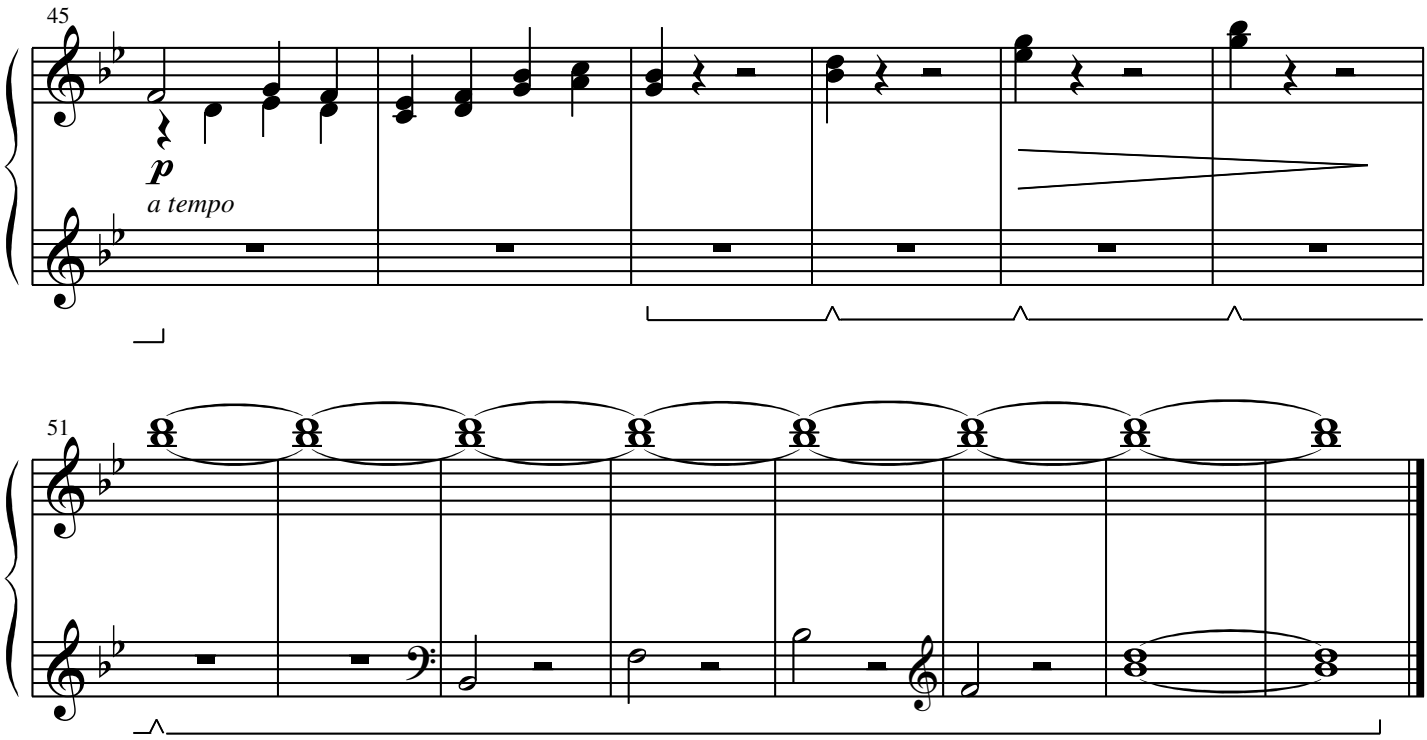
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# THE BENEDICTION

## 9. Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

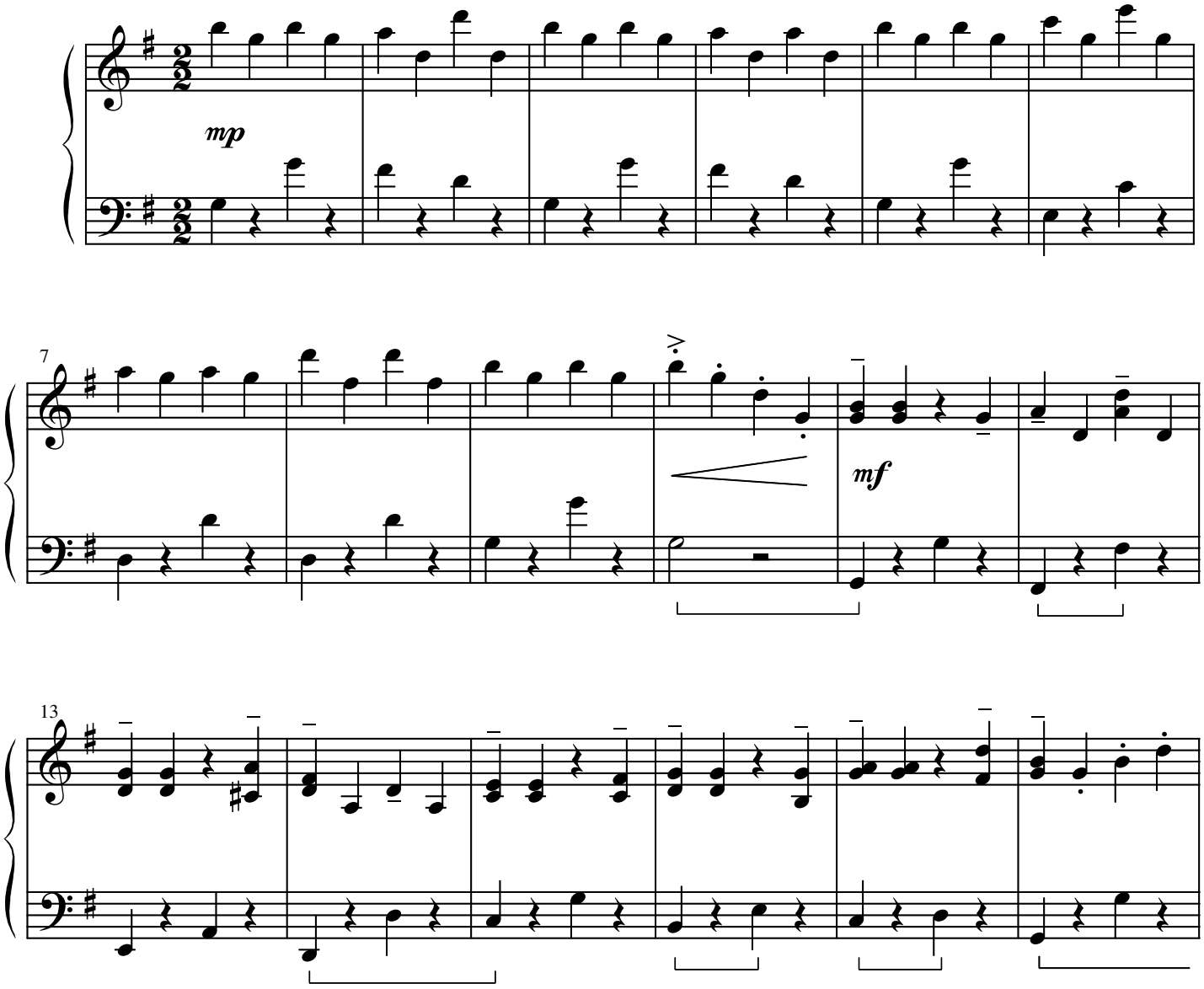
(Komm, o komm, du Geist)

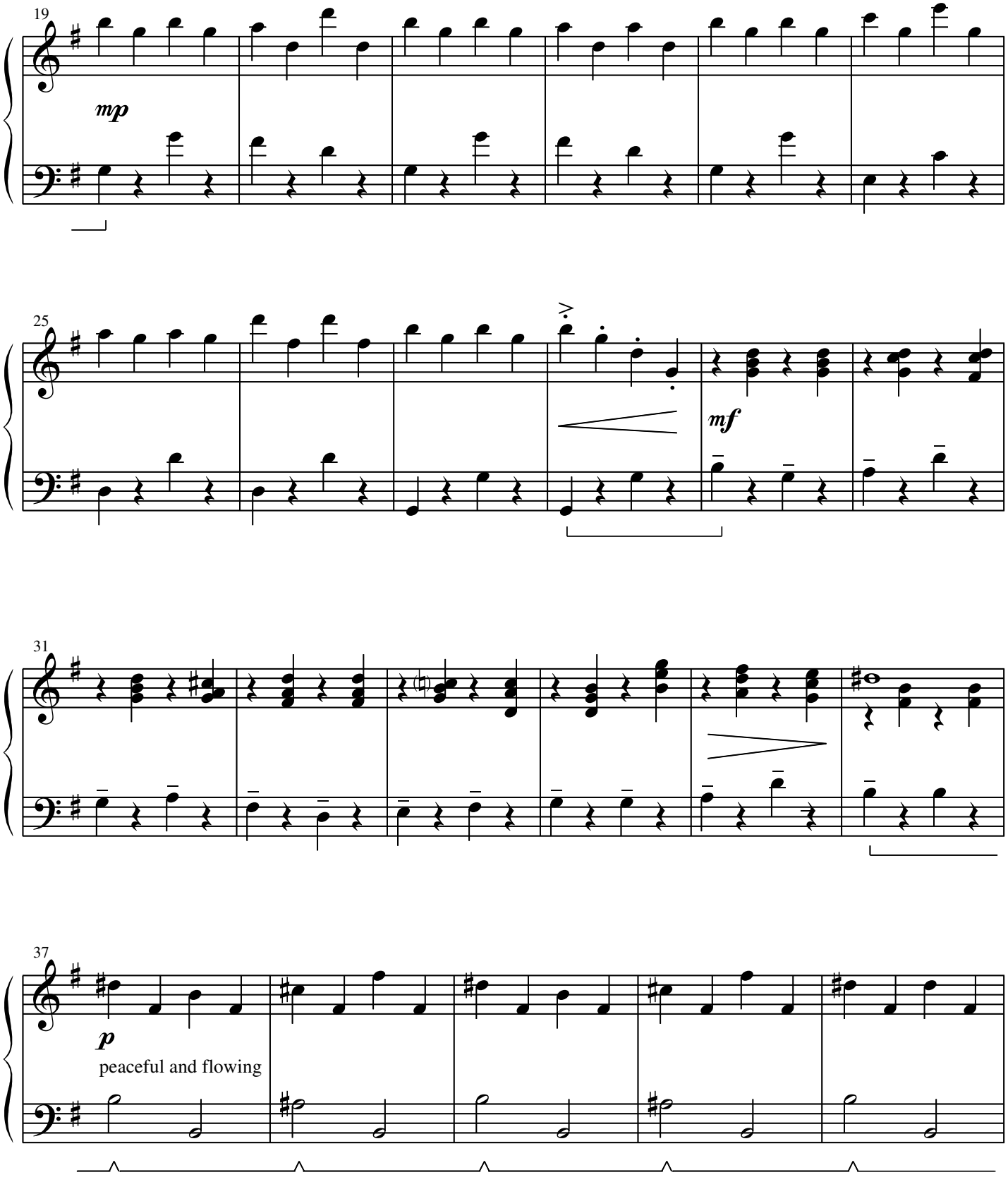
**Richard Hudson**

*And now, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,*
*and the love of God,*
*and the communion of the Holy Spirit,*
*be with you all. Amen.*

II Corinthians 13:14

**With gentle joy ( 𝅗𝅥 = 69 )**

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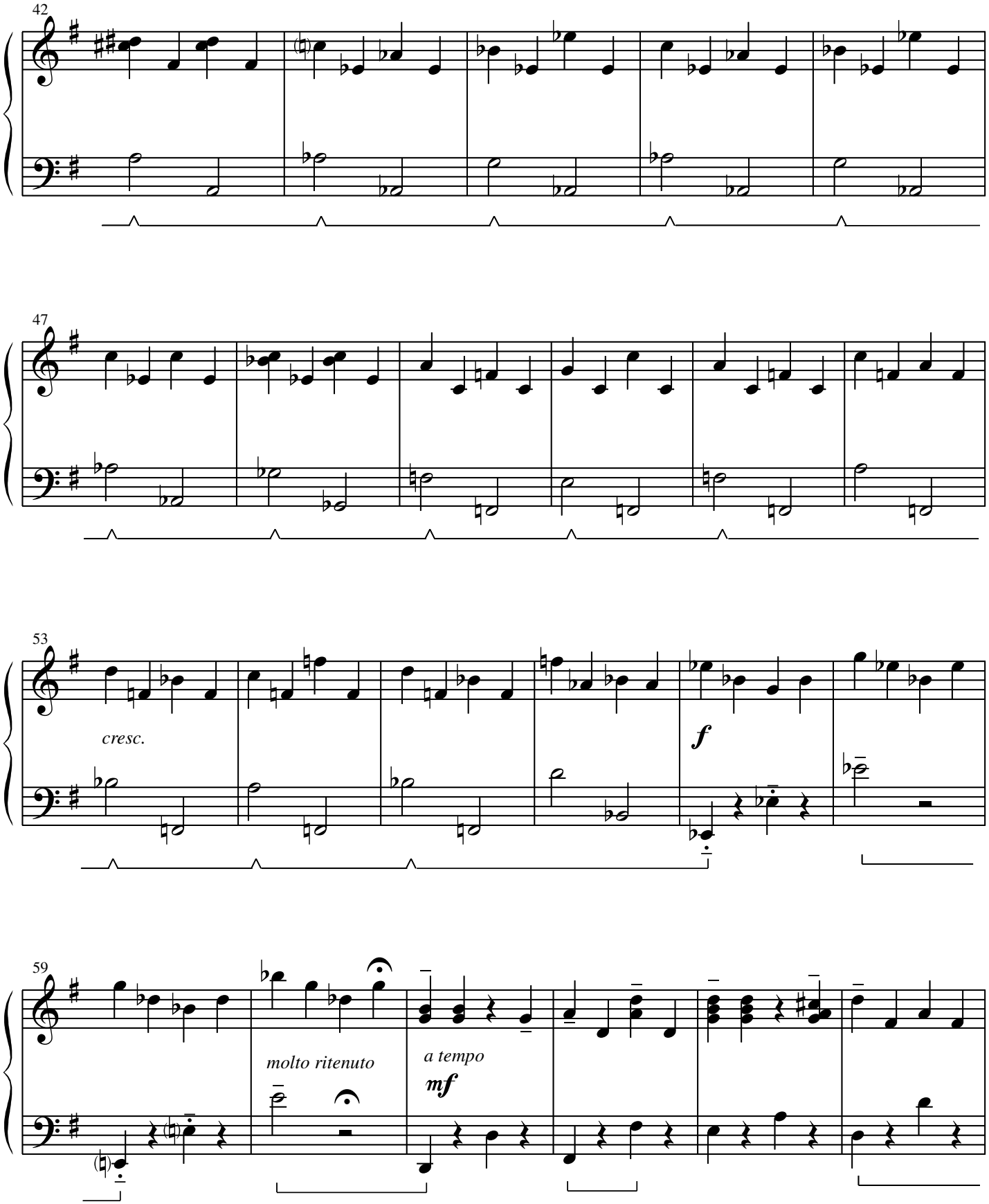
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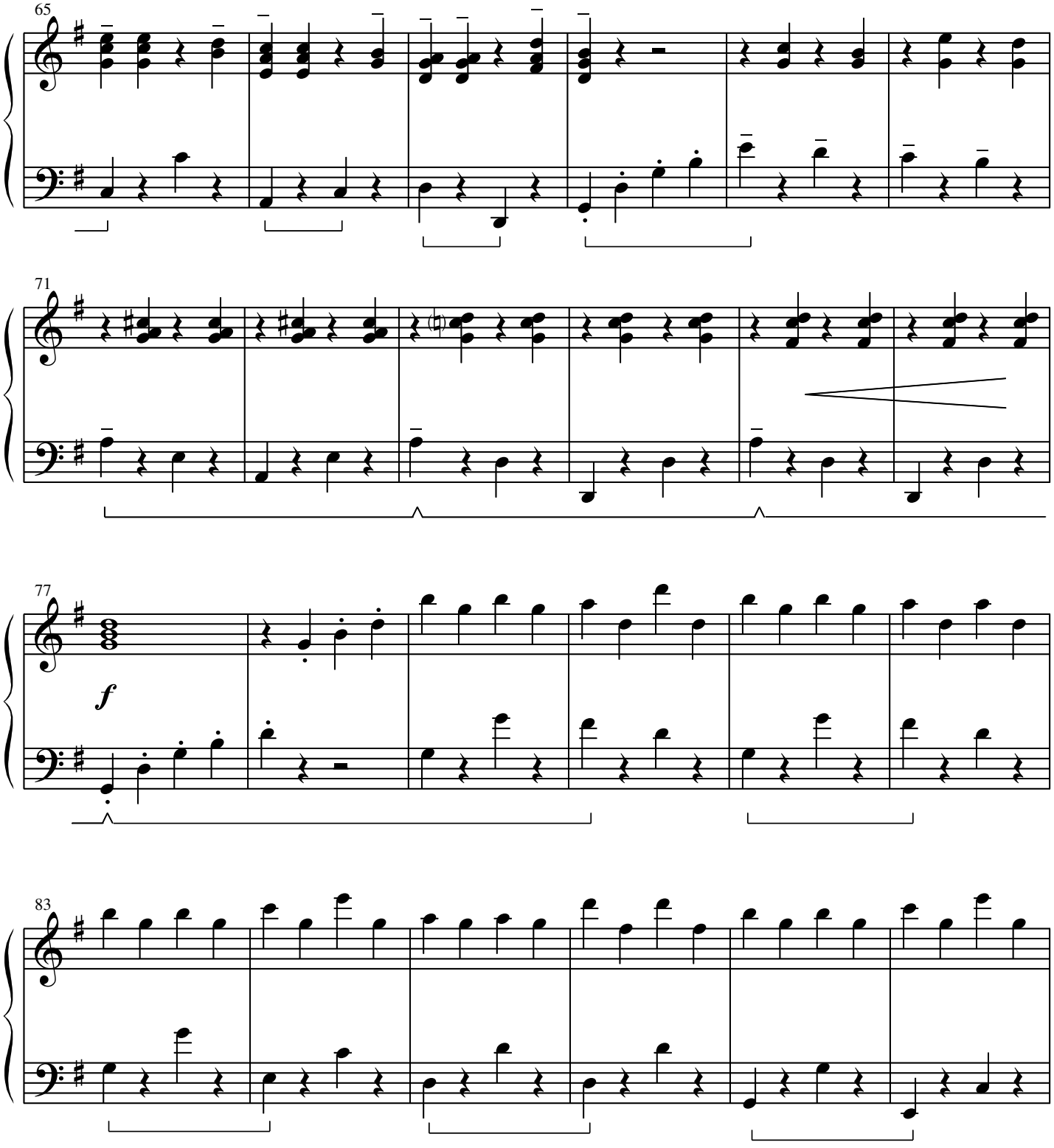
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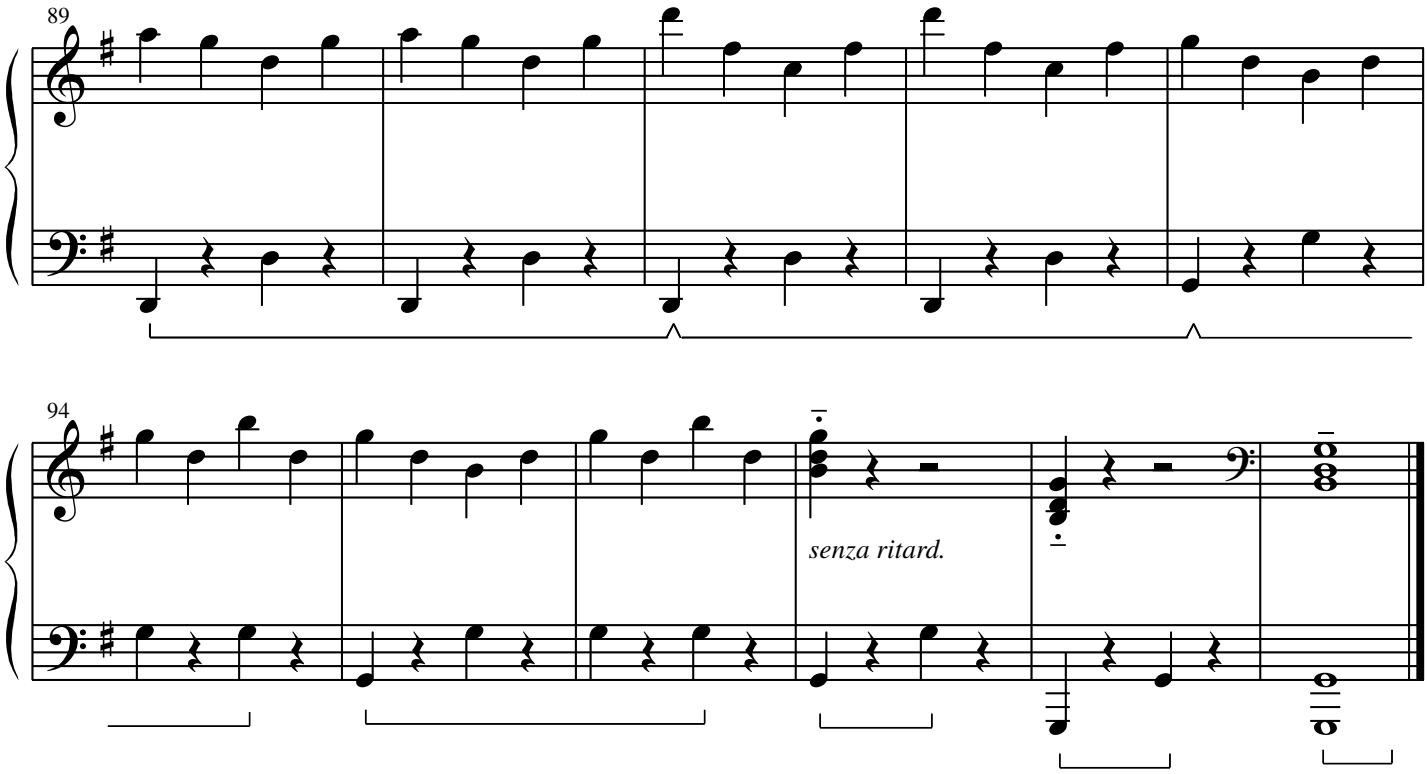
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