CONCERTS OF HYMNS

Hymn Settings for
Solo Piano

VOLUME III

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

F O R

L E N T, H O L Y W E E K,

A N D

E A S T E R

Richard Hudson

PREFACE

This volume includes nine piano pieces based on hymns for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. 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 a single person or divided among several. One reader could read the narration, another the words of Jesus, and still another the words of the angel in No. 8. The choir, the congregation, or all the readers together might read the Creed in No. 7 and the words of the multitude in No. 4

If singing is incorporated into the performance, each of the three sections could conclude with the choir or congregation singing the hymn on which the preceding setting is based (thus following Nos. 3, 6, and 9), with the concert ending perhaps with a repetition of the last twelve bars or more of No. 9.

A performance of the entire volume presents the complete drama of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter in a single unified event. Moods range from solemn and meditative to joyful and exuberant. Rhythm should be flowing, flexible, and intensely alive.

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HYMNS FOR LENT

1. Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

(Kyrie, Gott Vater
from plainchant Kyrie Fons bonitatus)

Richard Hudson

Jesus began to show unto his disciples,
that he must suffer many things:
If any man would come after me,
let him deny himself, and take up his cross,
and follow me.

Matthew 16:21, 24

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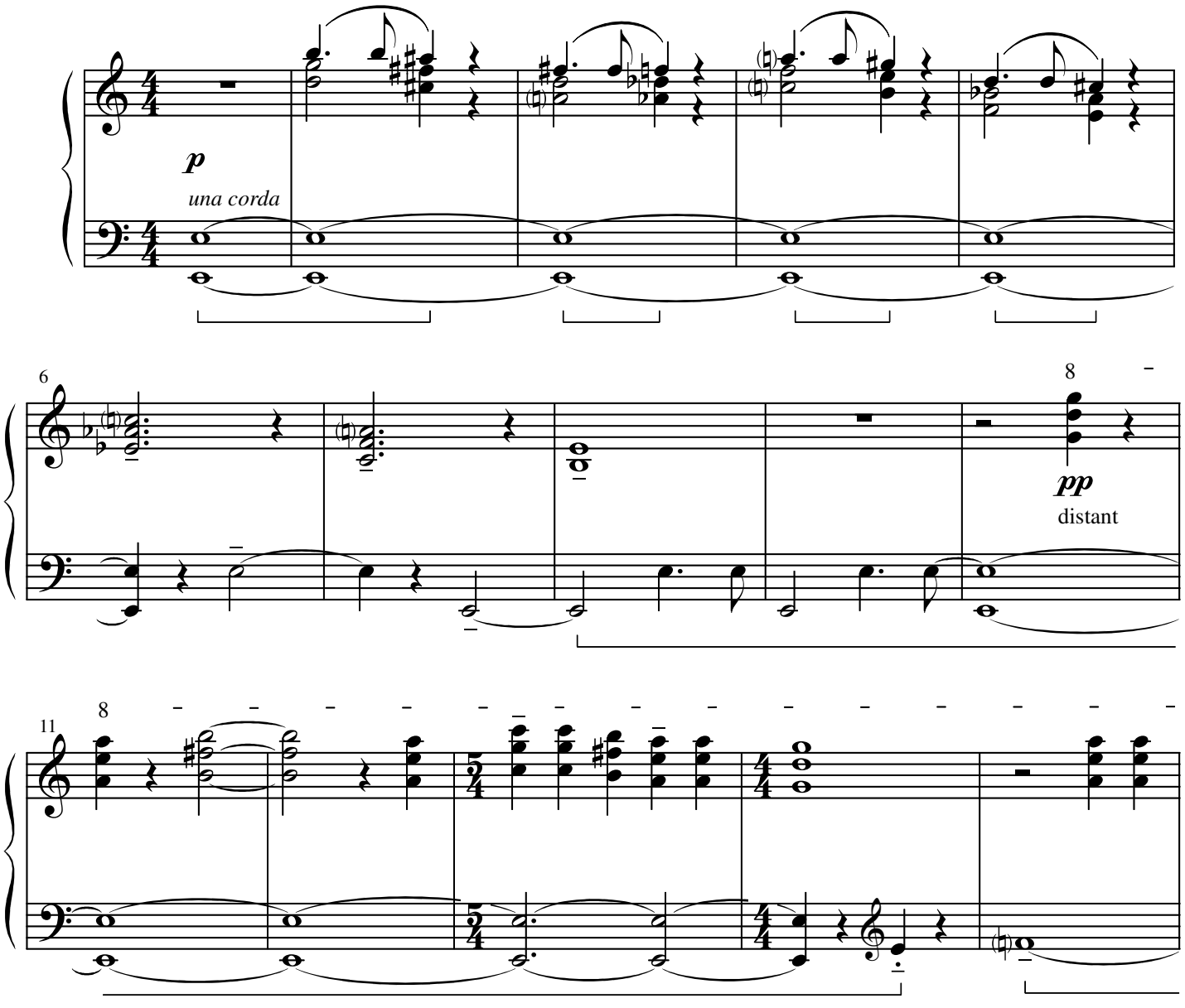

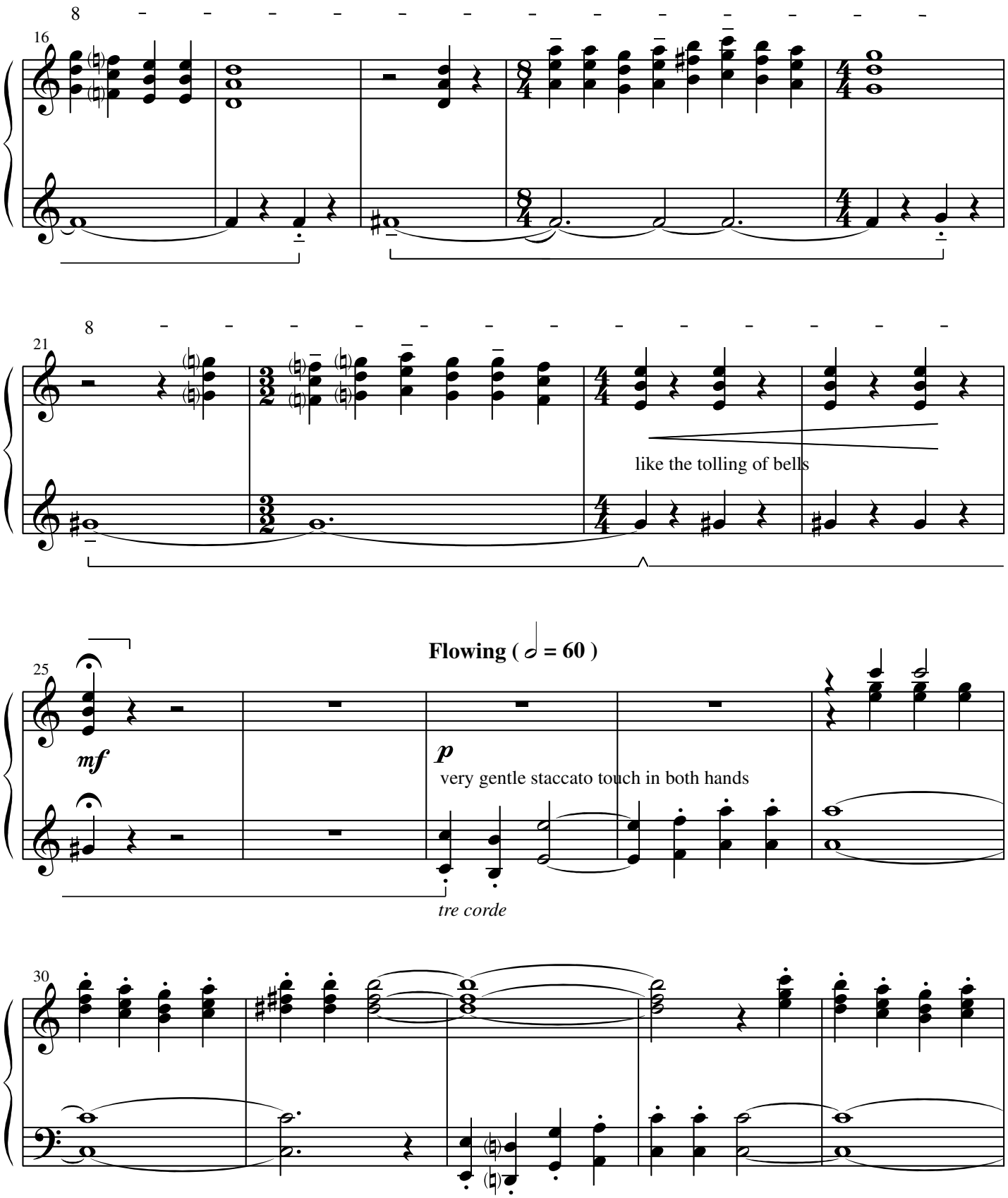
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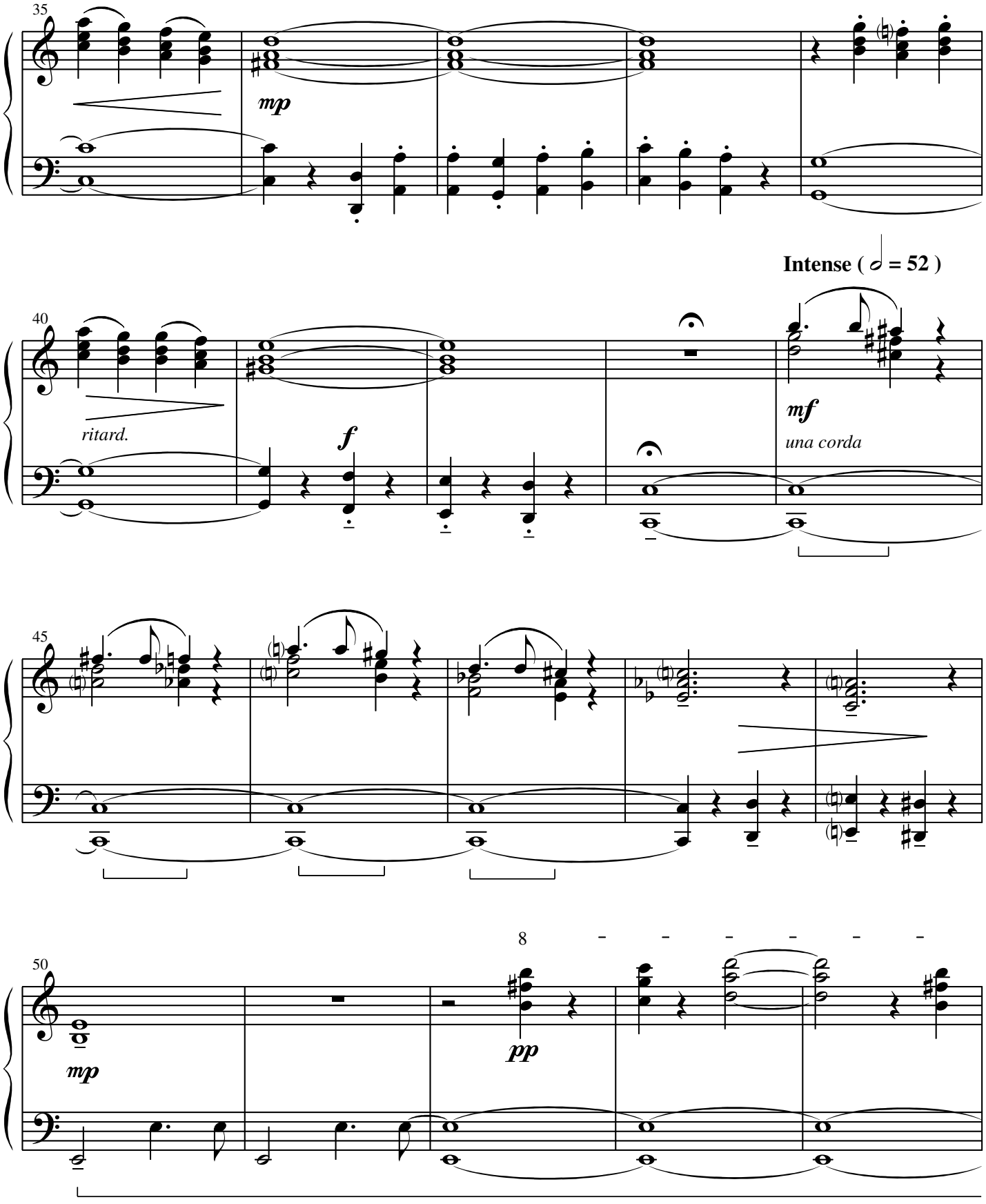
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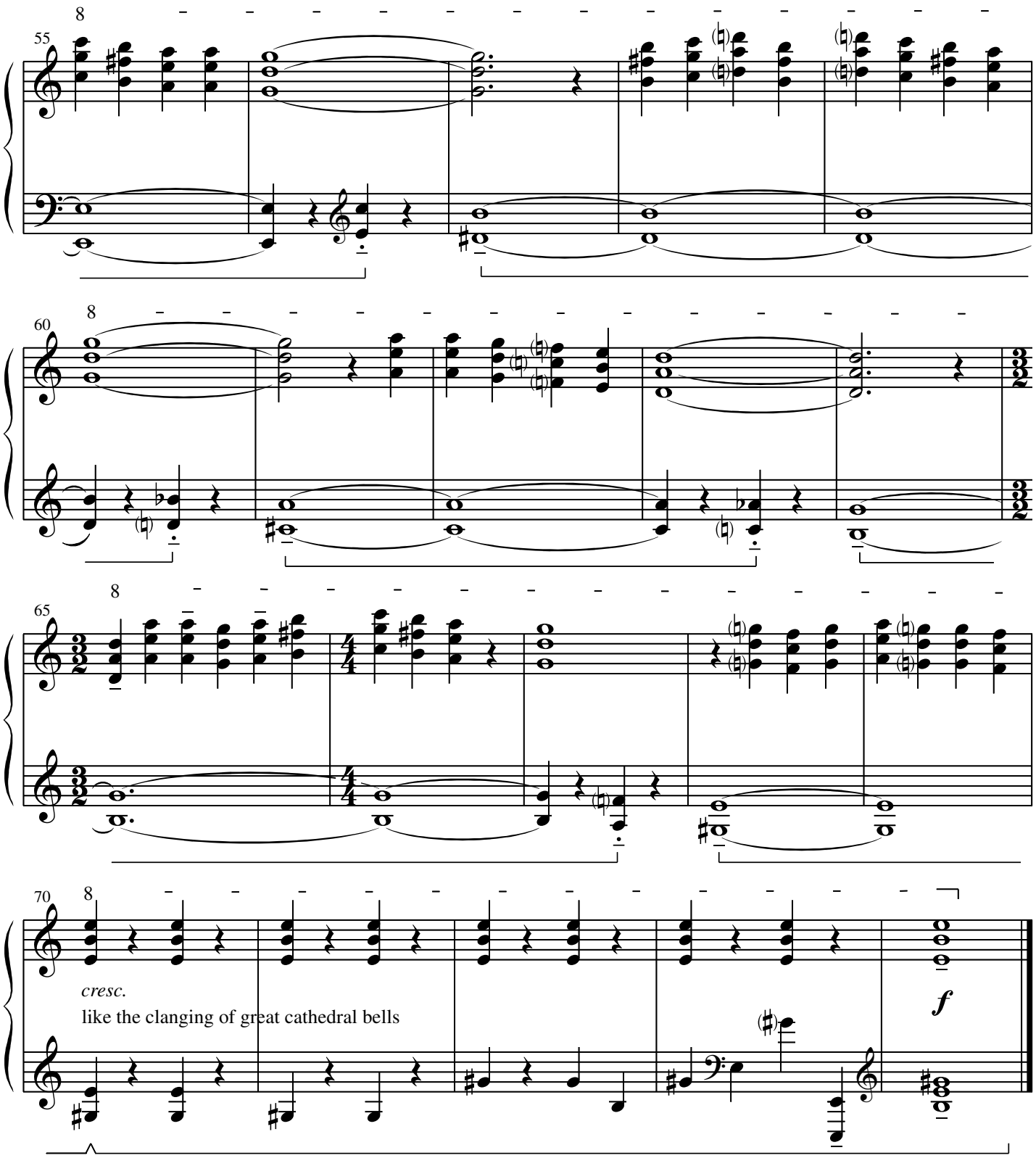
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cresc.
like the clanging of great cathedral bells
f

2. O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

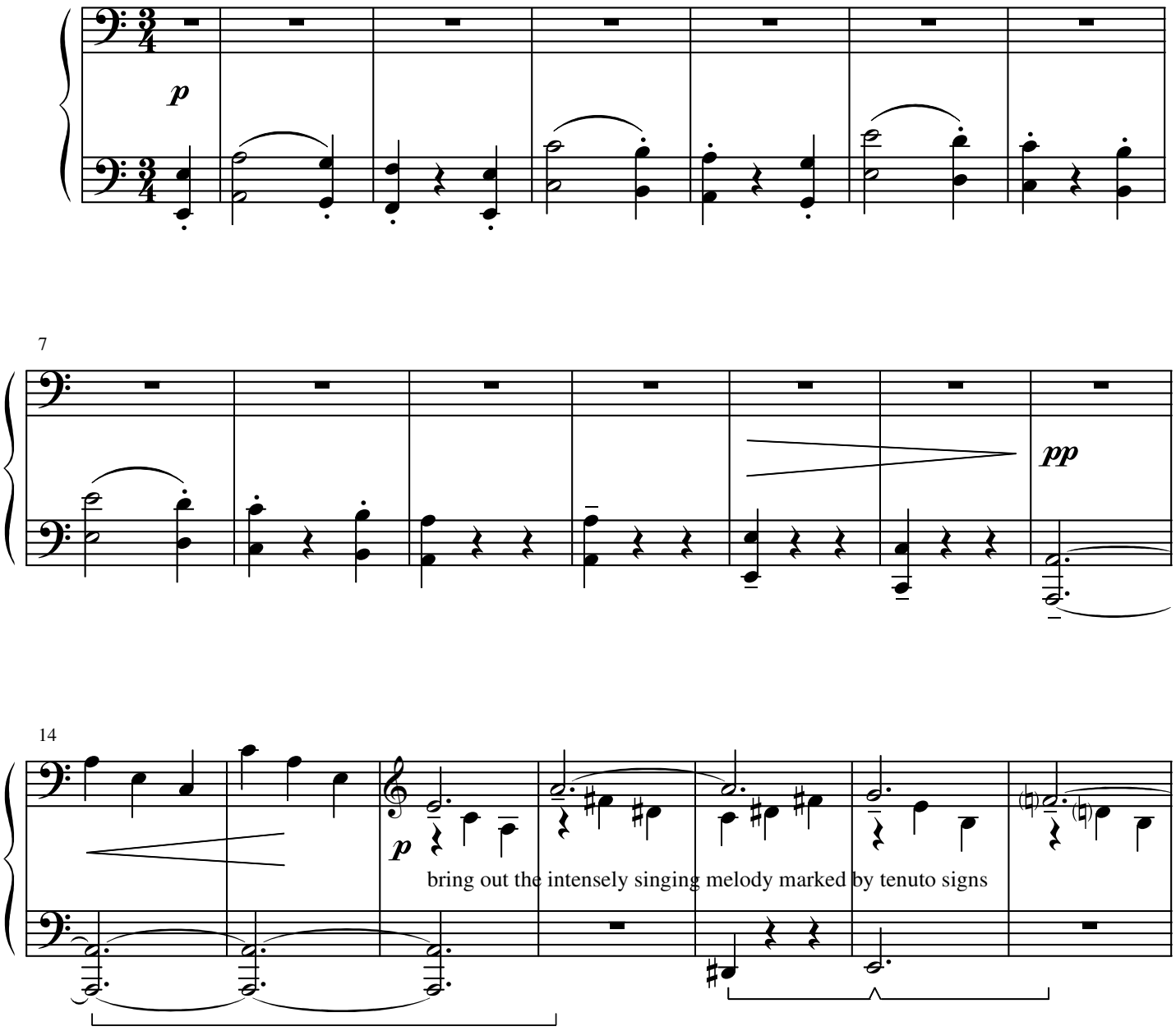
(Herzlich tut mich verlangen)

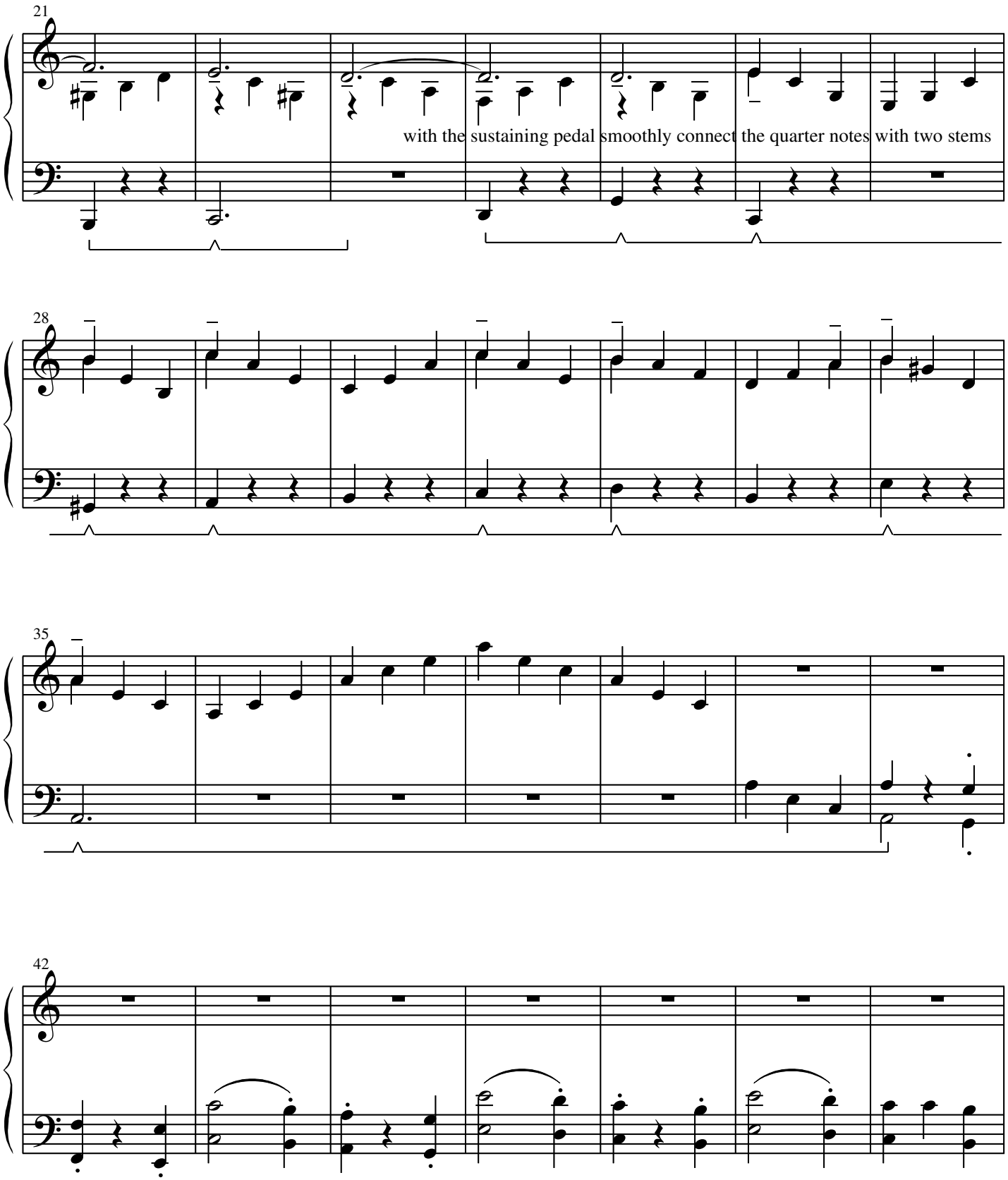
Richard Hudson

Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now;
but thou shalt follow afterwards.
In my Father's house are many mansions;
I go to prepare a place for you.

John 13:36; 14:2

Gentle and flowing (𝅗𝅥. = 66)

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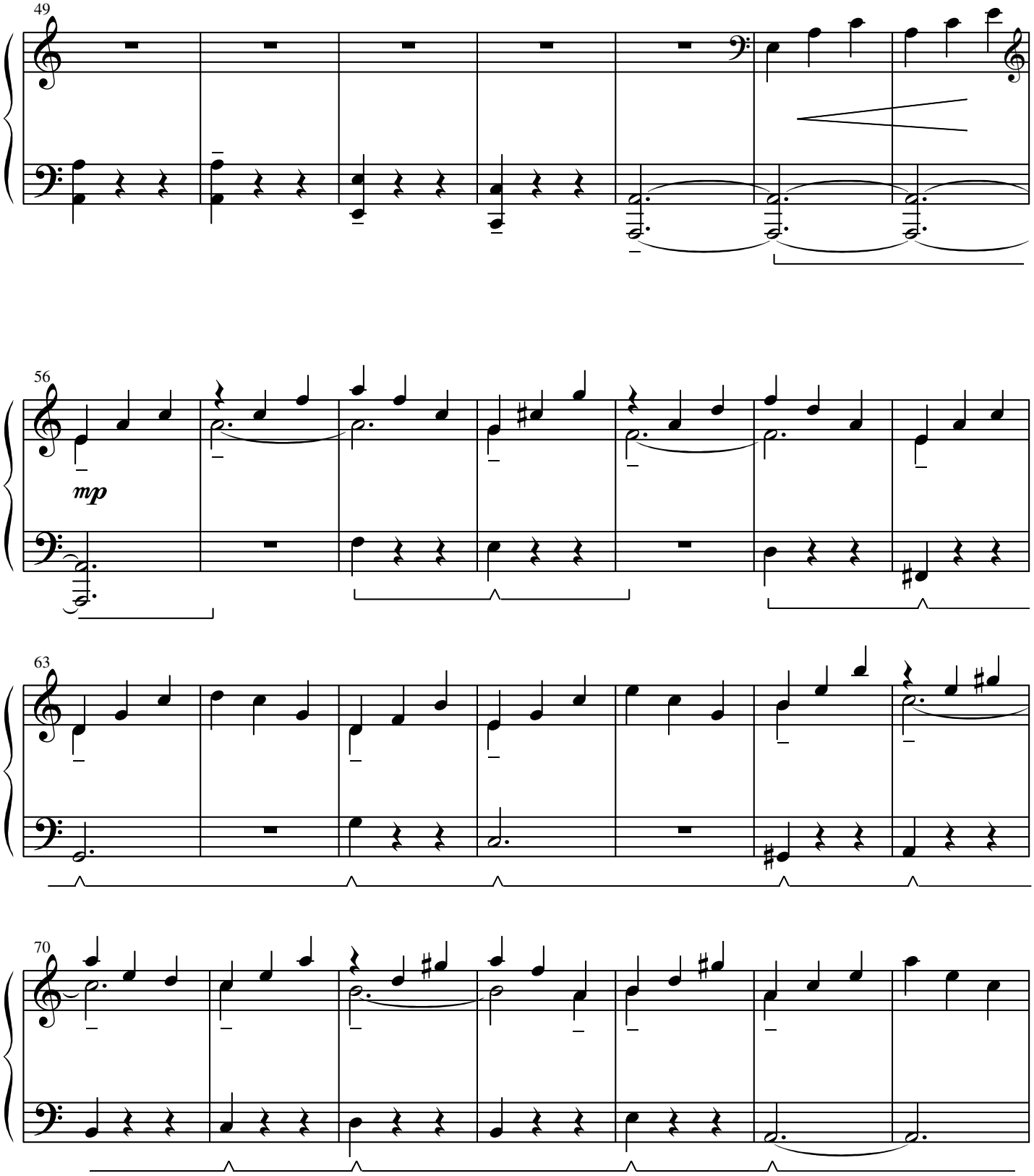
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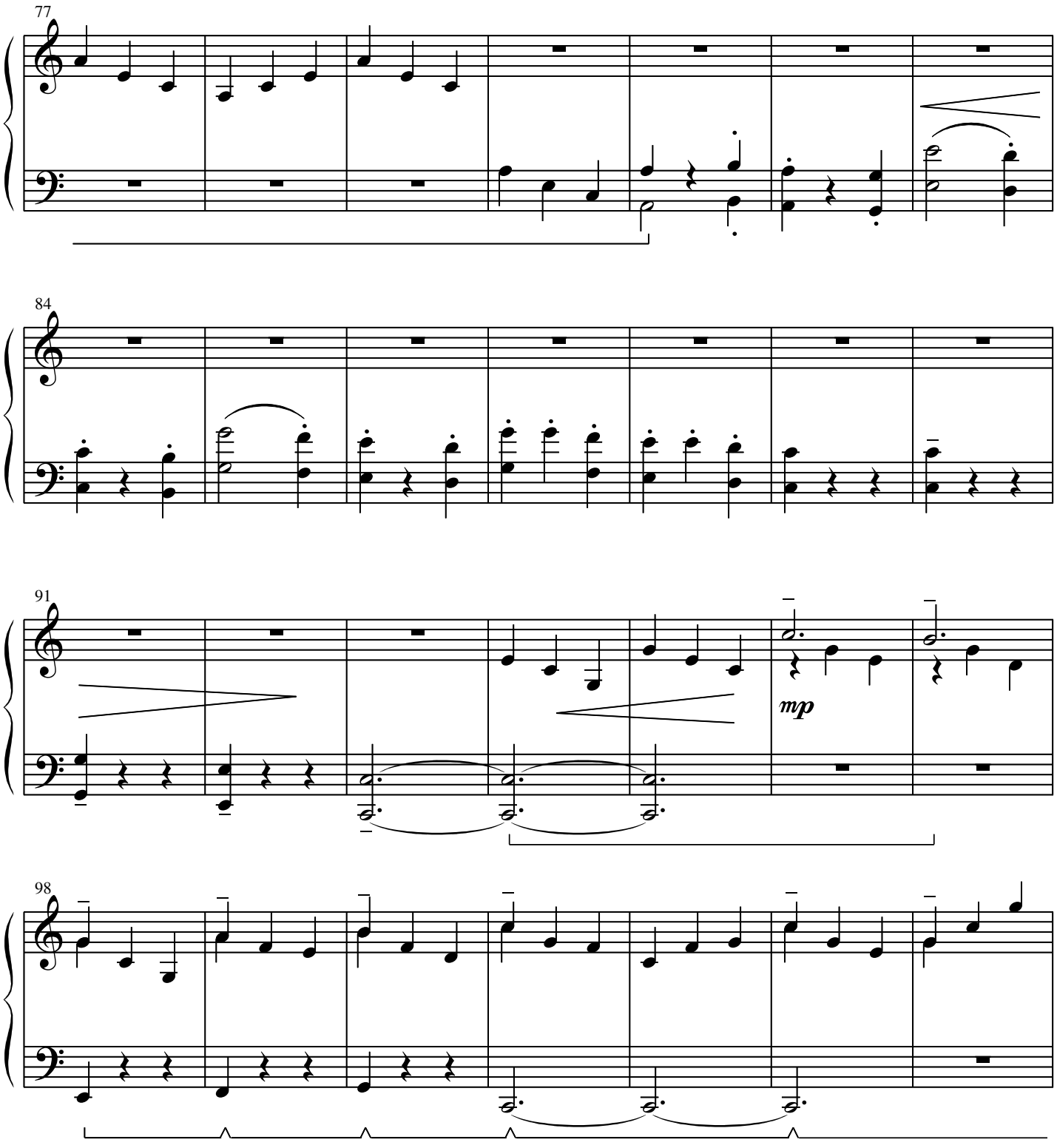
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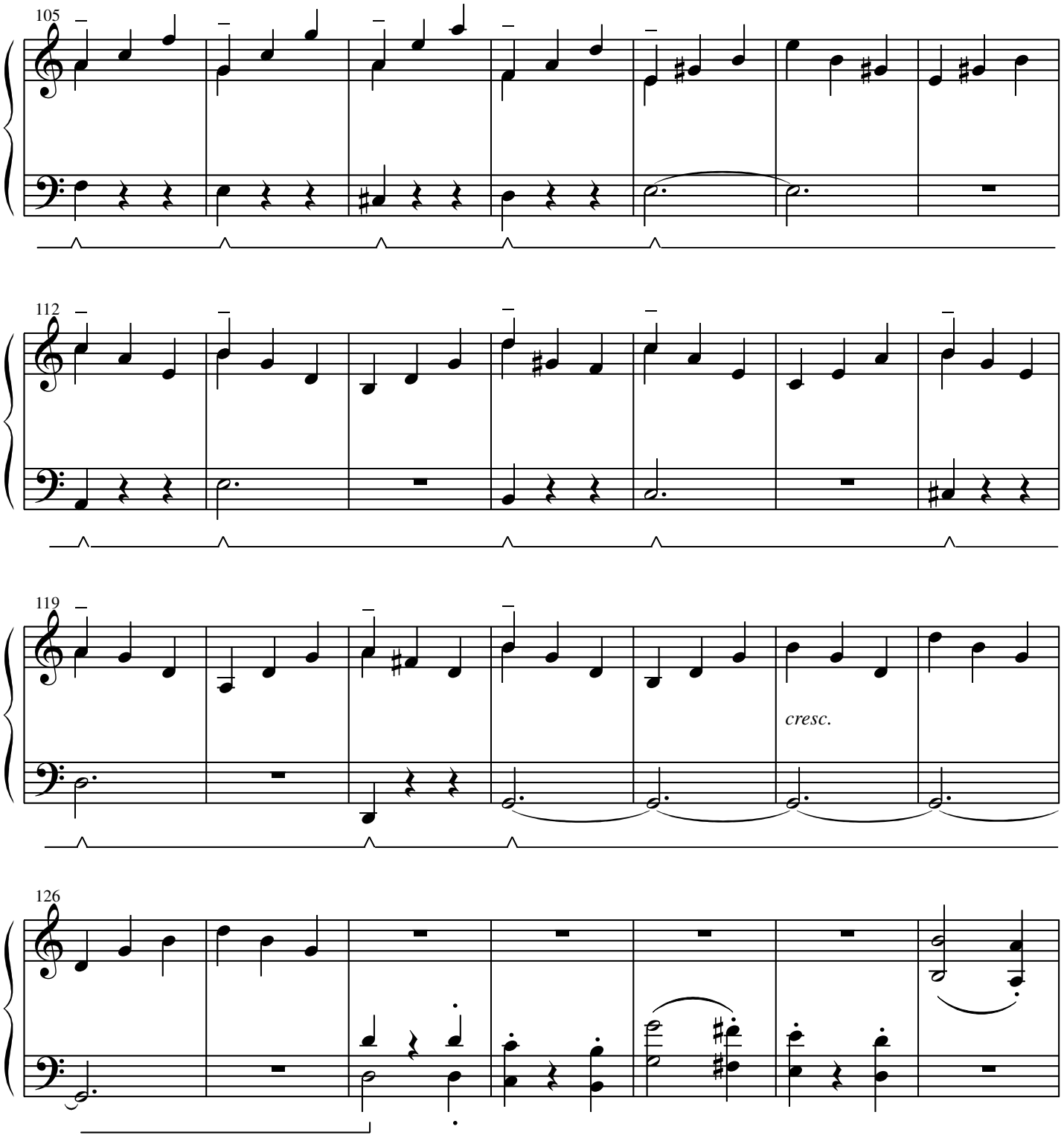
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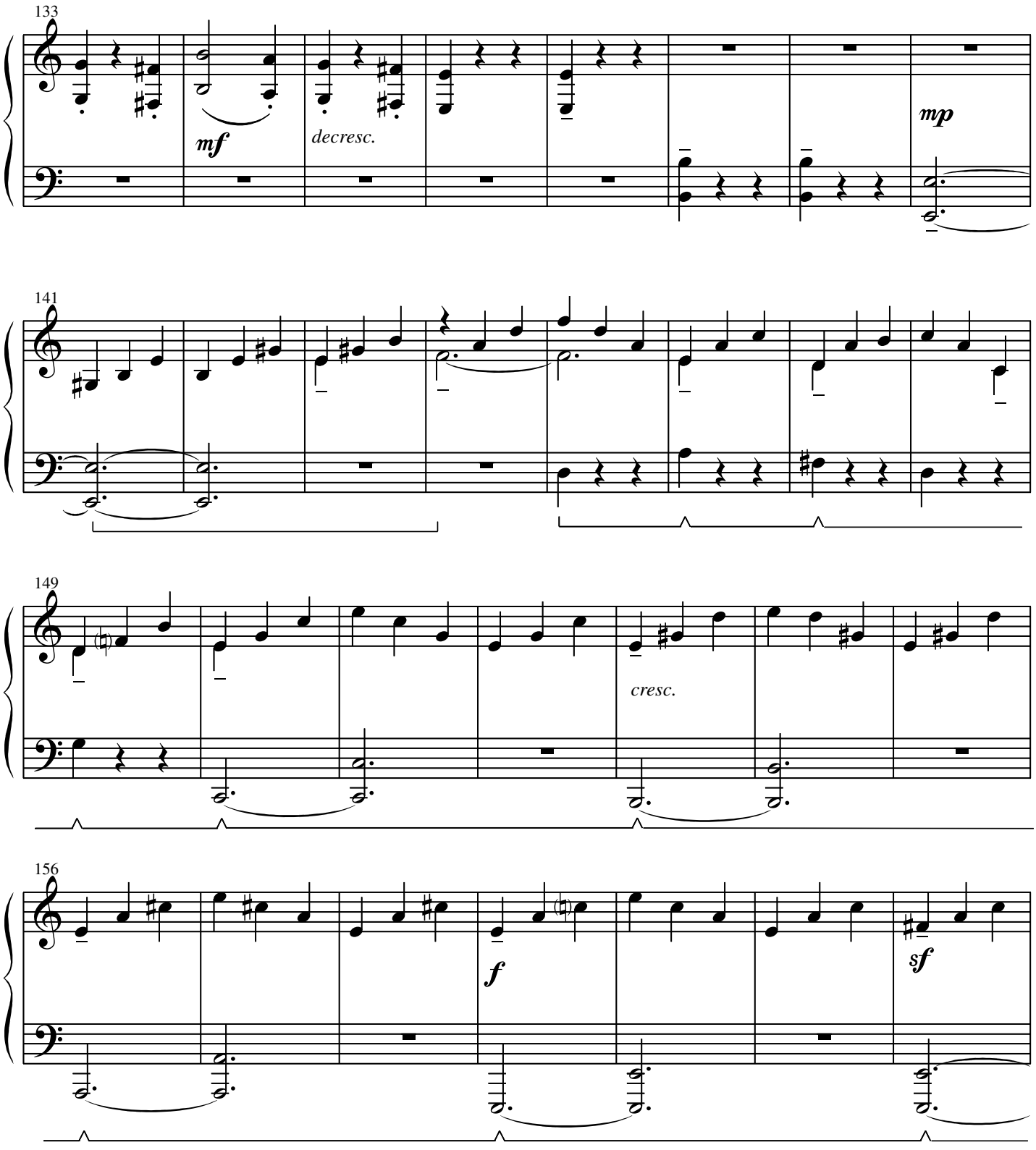
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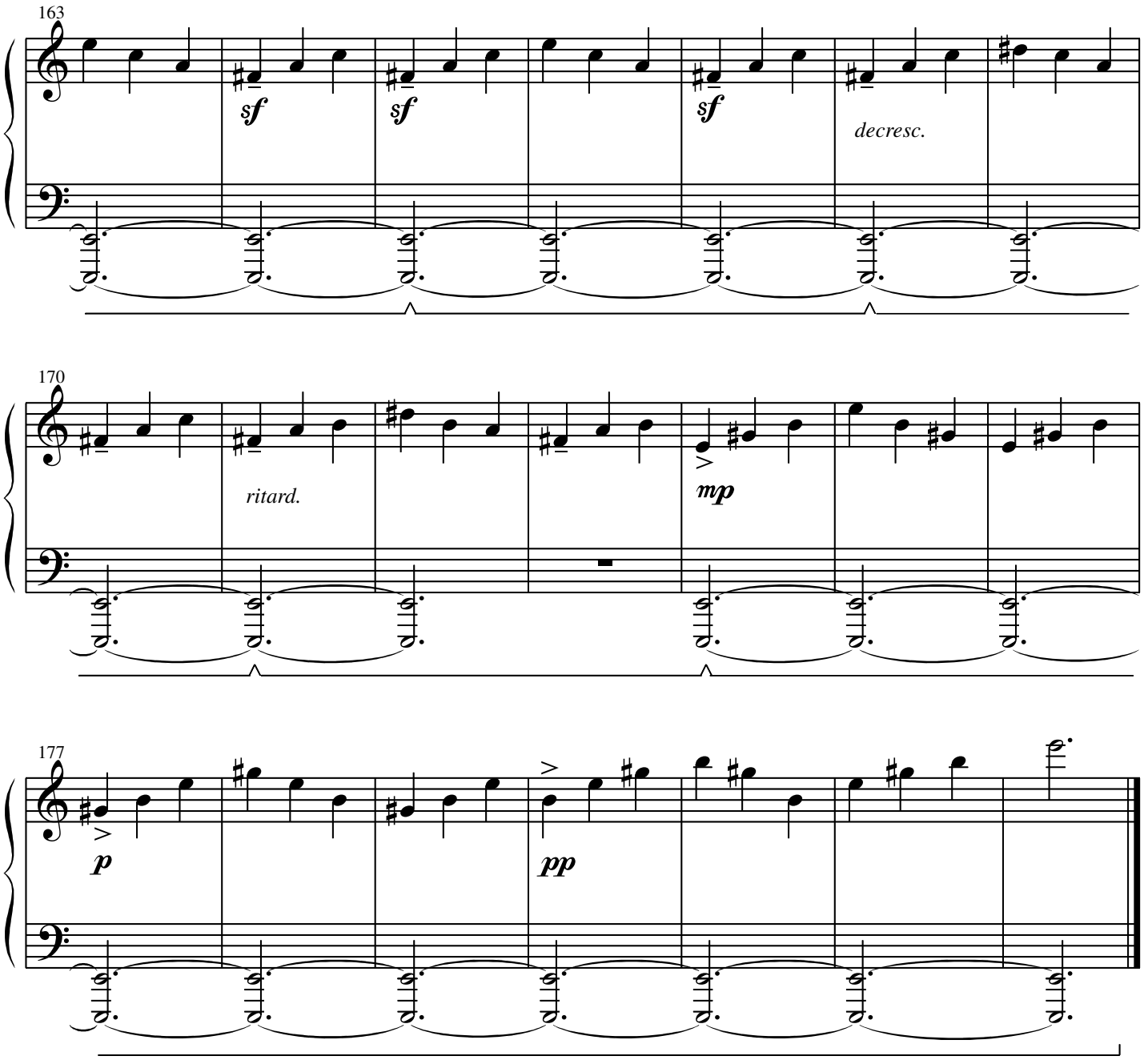
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ritard.
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177
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3. Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

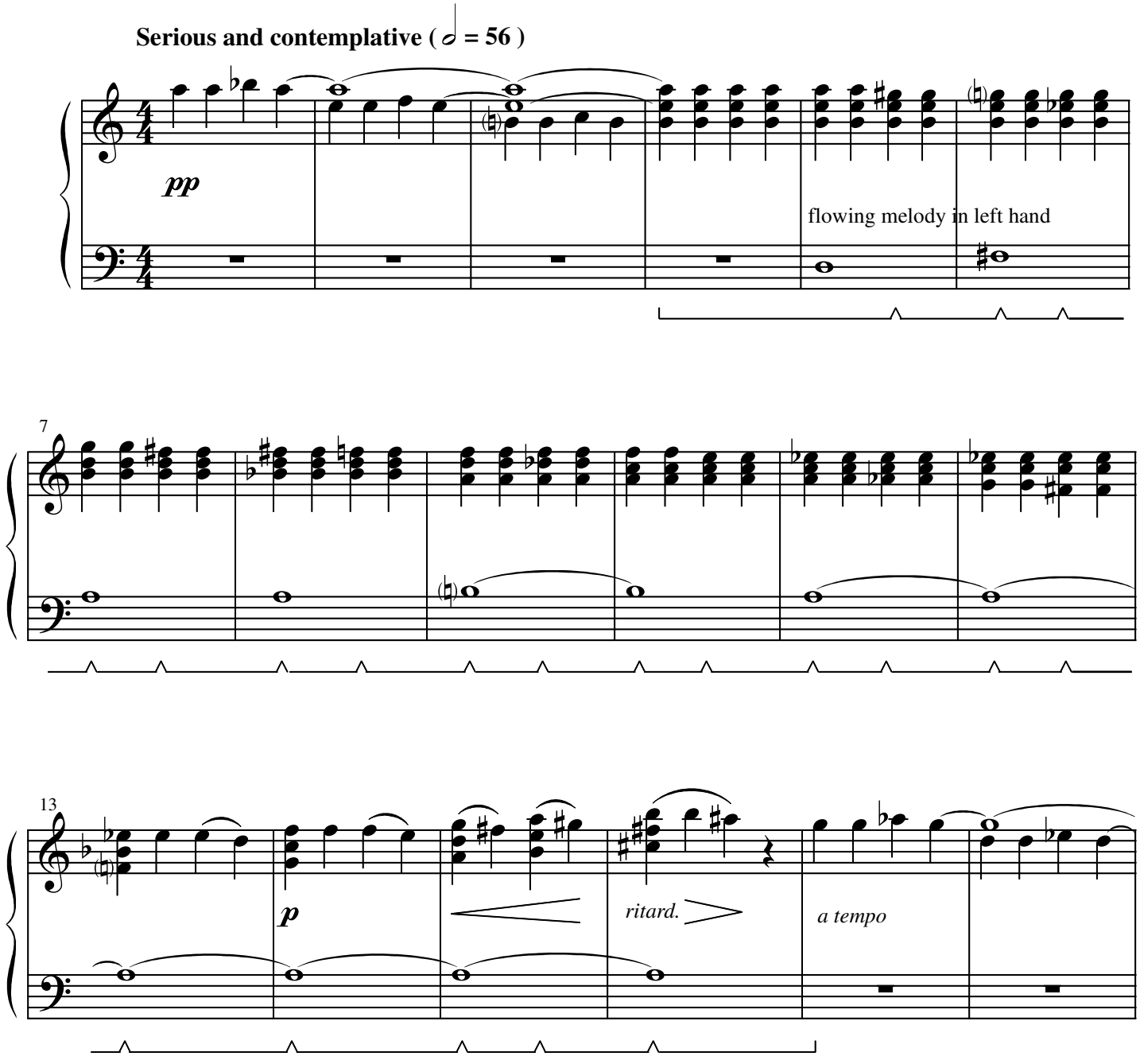
(O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig)

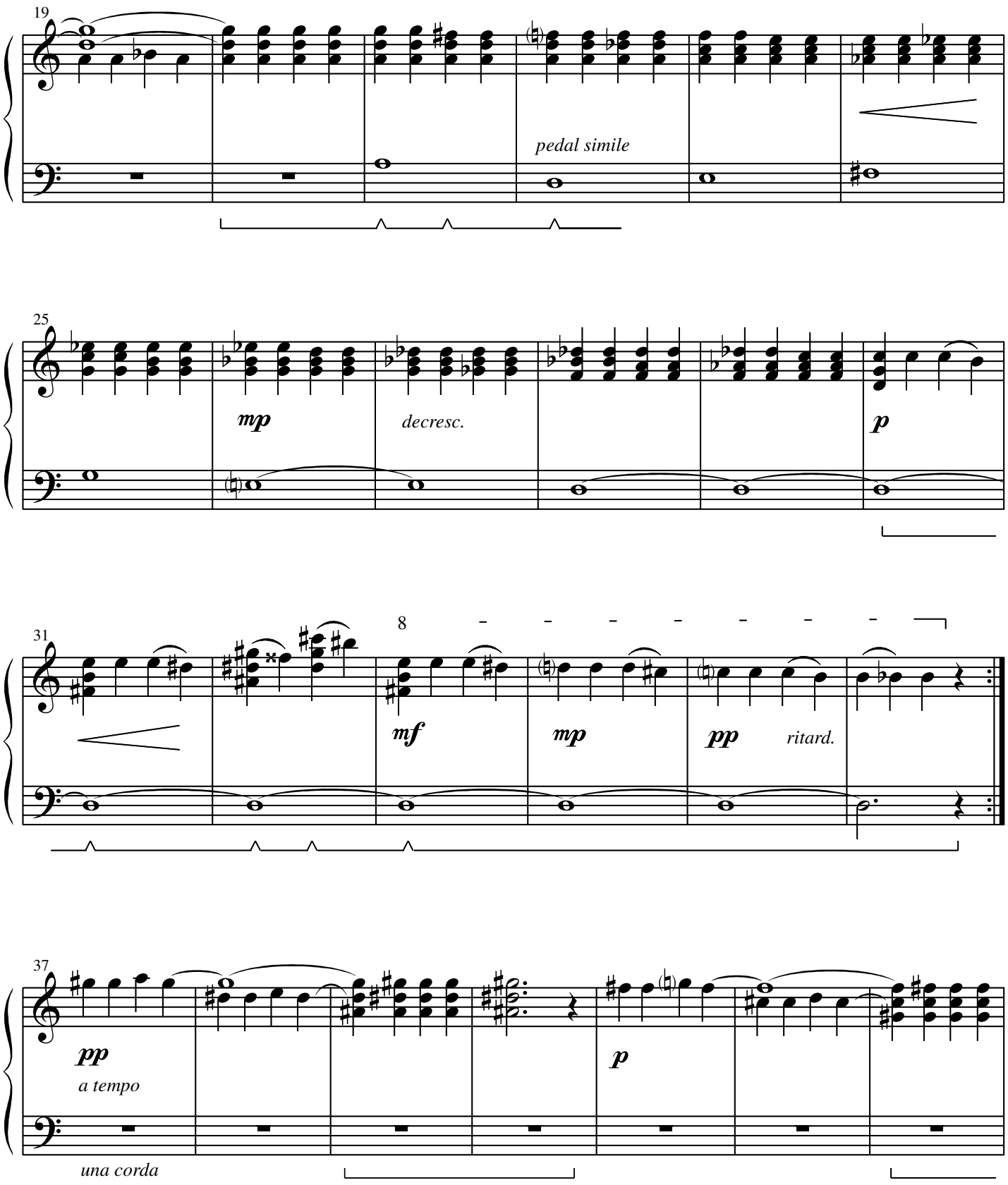
Richard Hudson

A little while, and ye behold me no more;
and again a little while, and ye shall see me.
Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall
be turned into joy.
Behold, we go up to Jerusalem,
and all the things that are written
through the prophets shall be accomplished.

John l6:16, 20; Luke 10:31

Serious and contemplative (𝅗𝅥 = 56)

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a tempo
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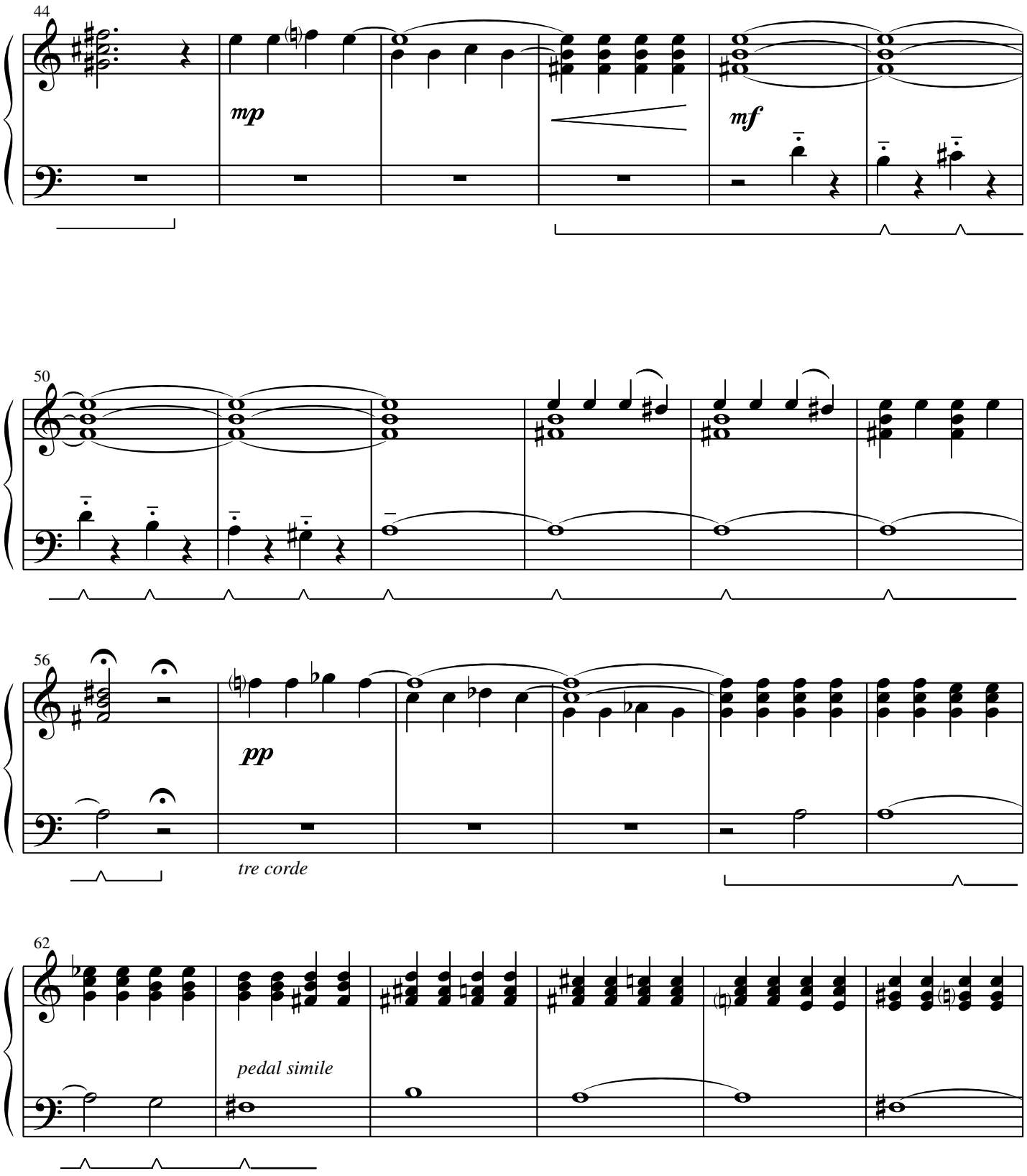
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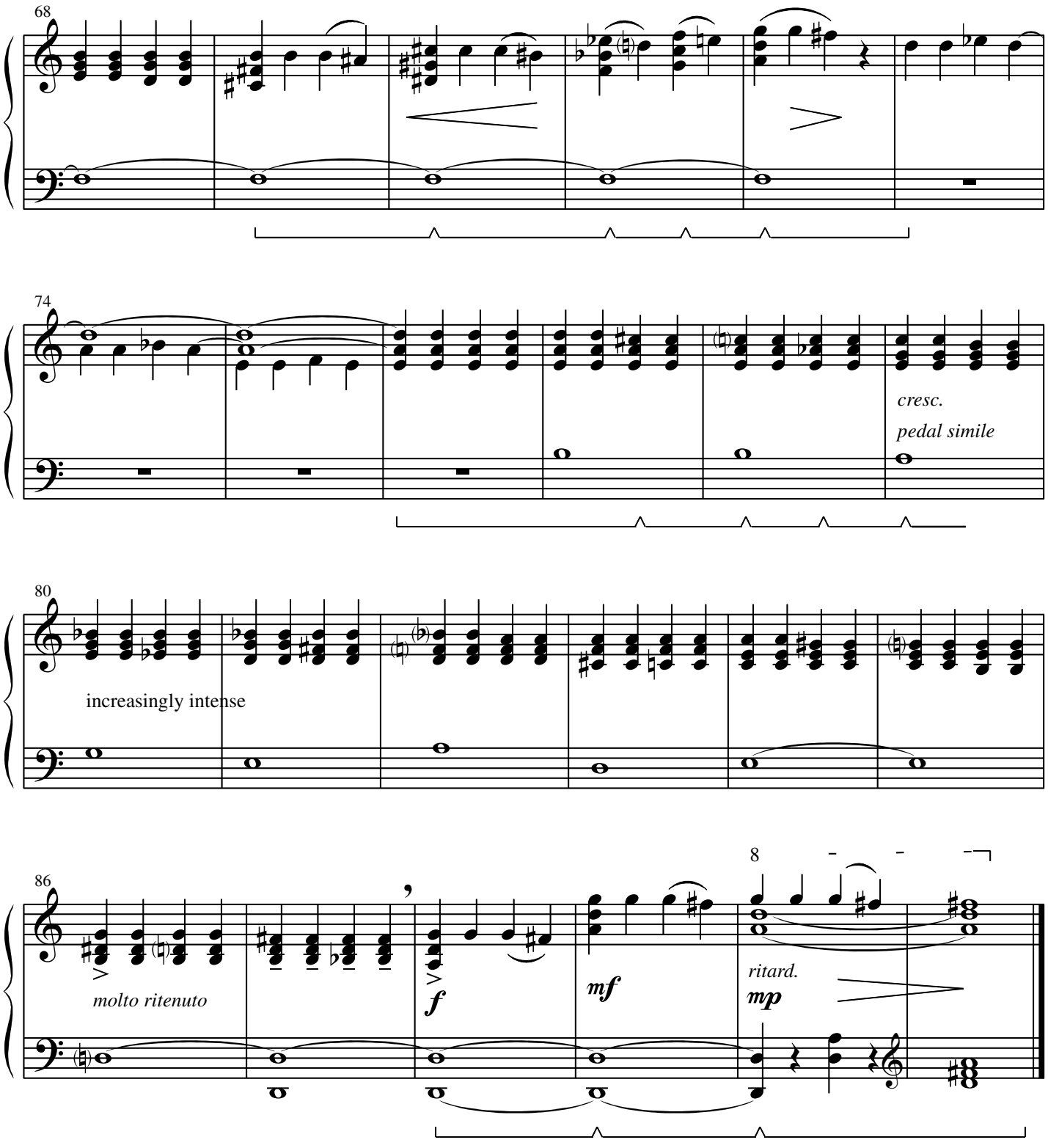
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74
cresc.
pedal simile
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increasingly intense
86
molto ritenuto
f
mf
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ritard.
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HYMNS FOR HOLY WEEK

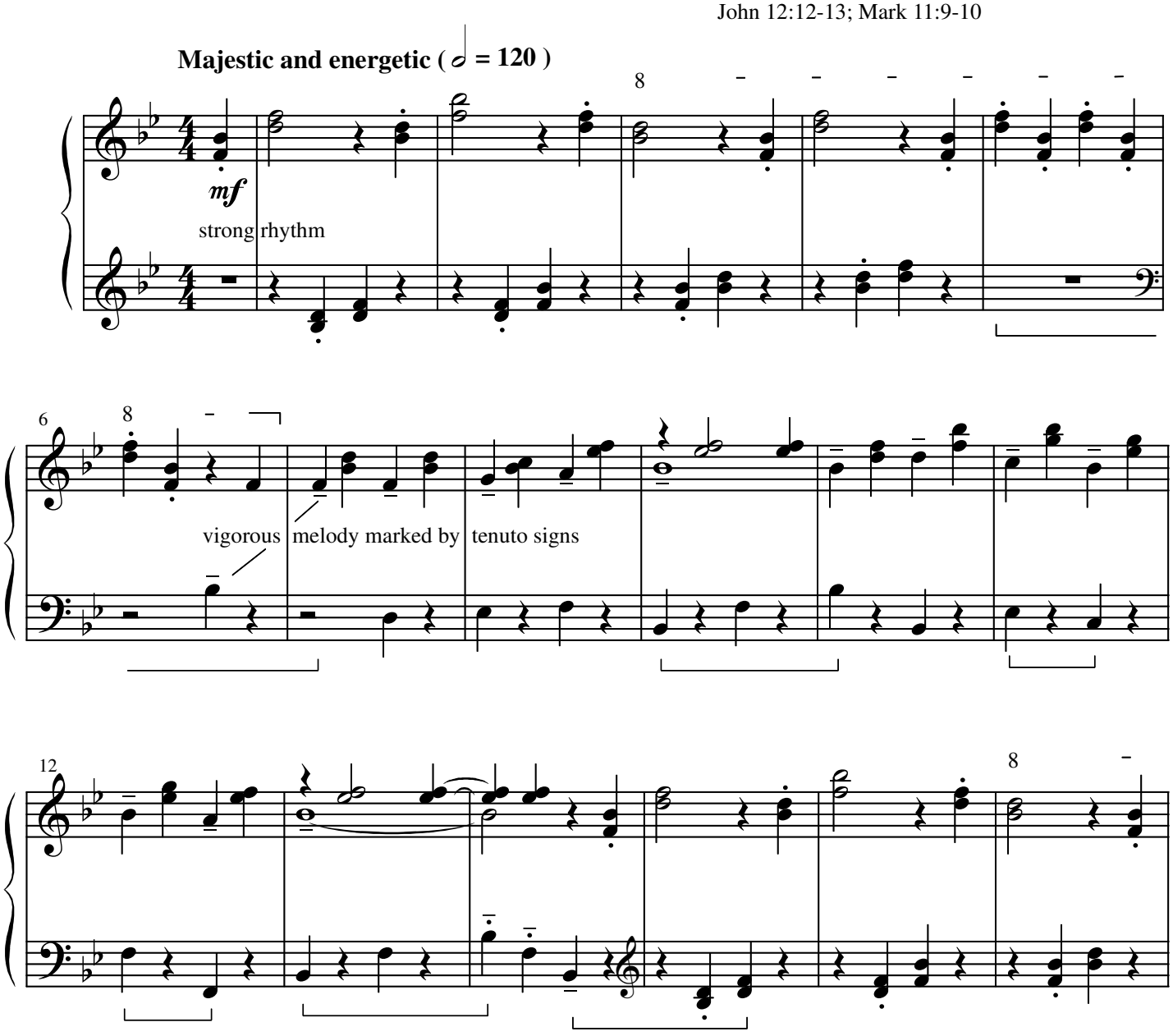
4. All Glory, Laud, and Honor

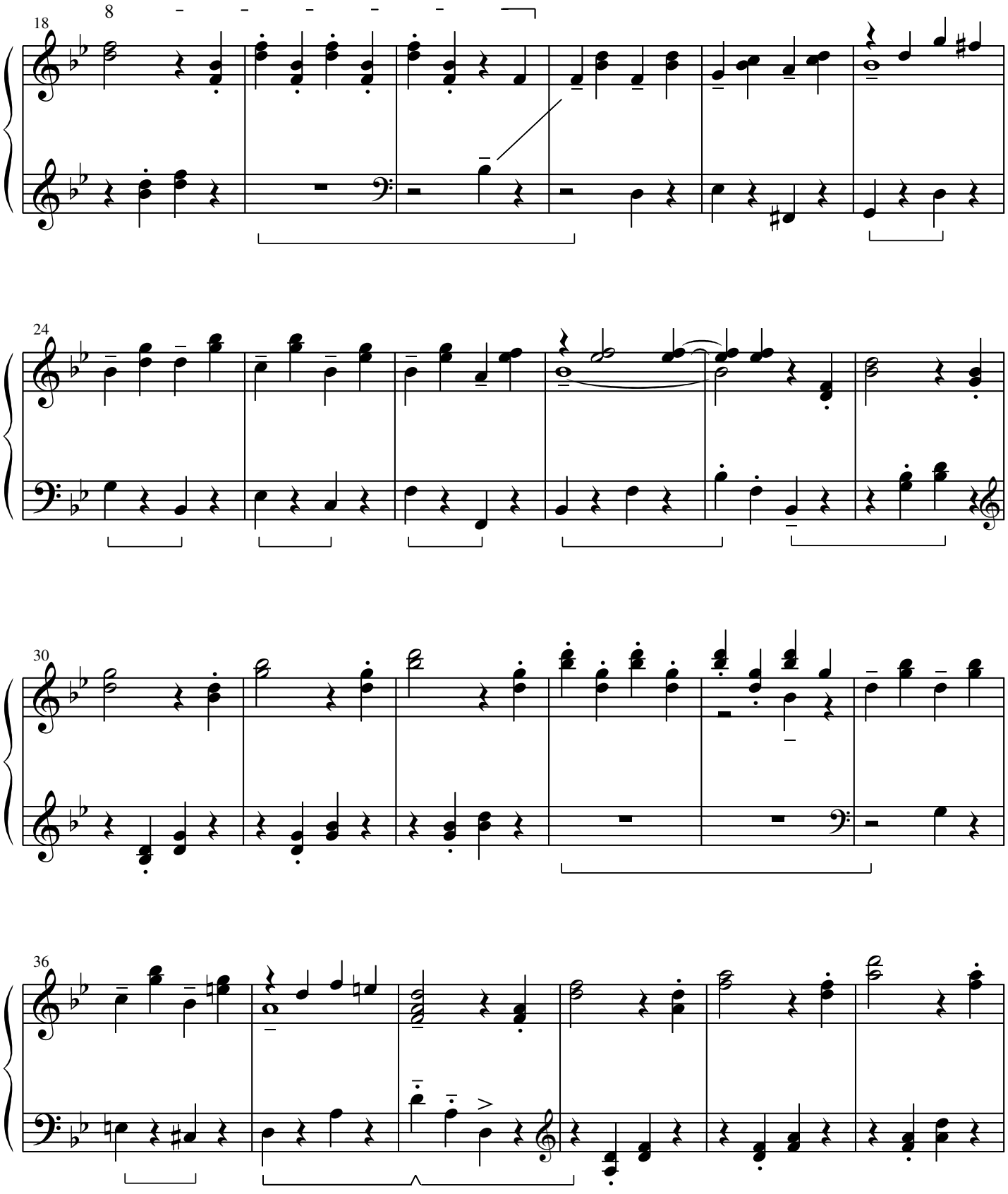
(Valet will ich dir geben)

Richard Hudson

When the great multitude heard that Jesus
was coming to Jerusalem, they took the
branches of the palm trees,
and went forth to meet him, saying,
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
blessed is the kingdom that cometh.

John 12:12-13; Mark 11:9-10

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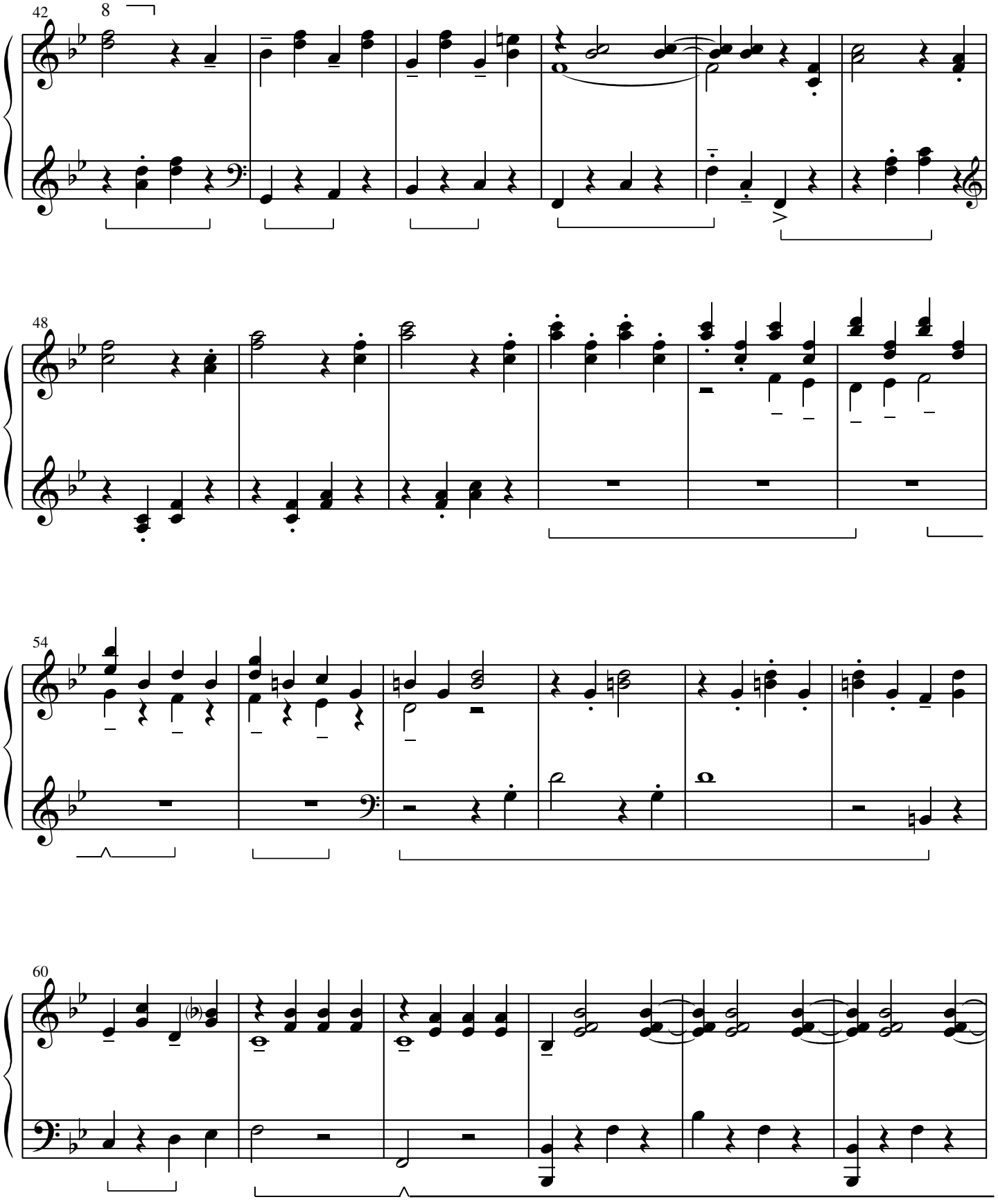
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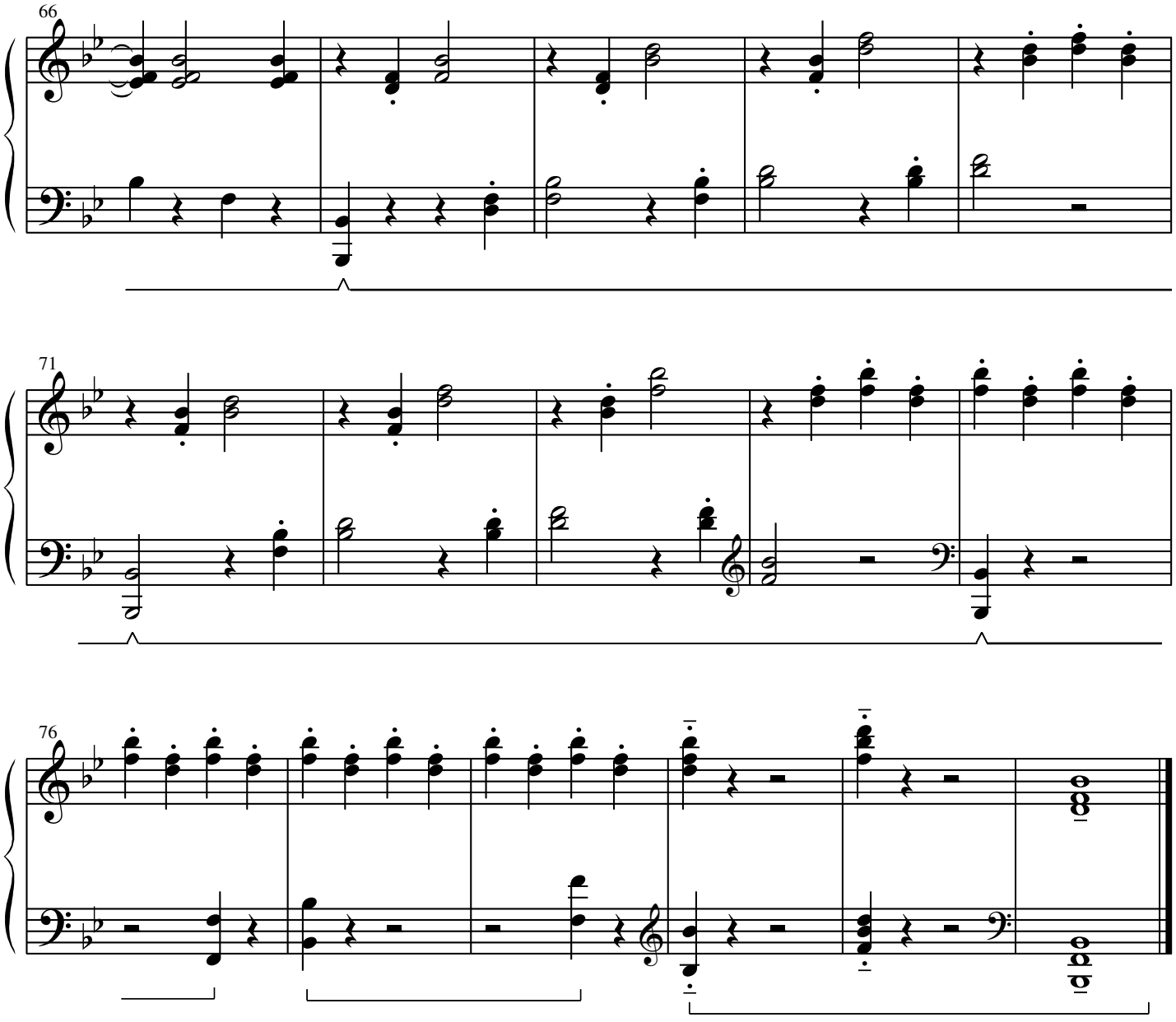
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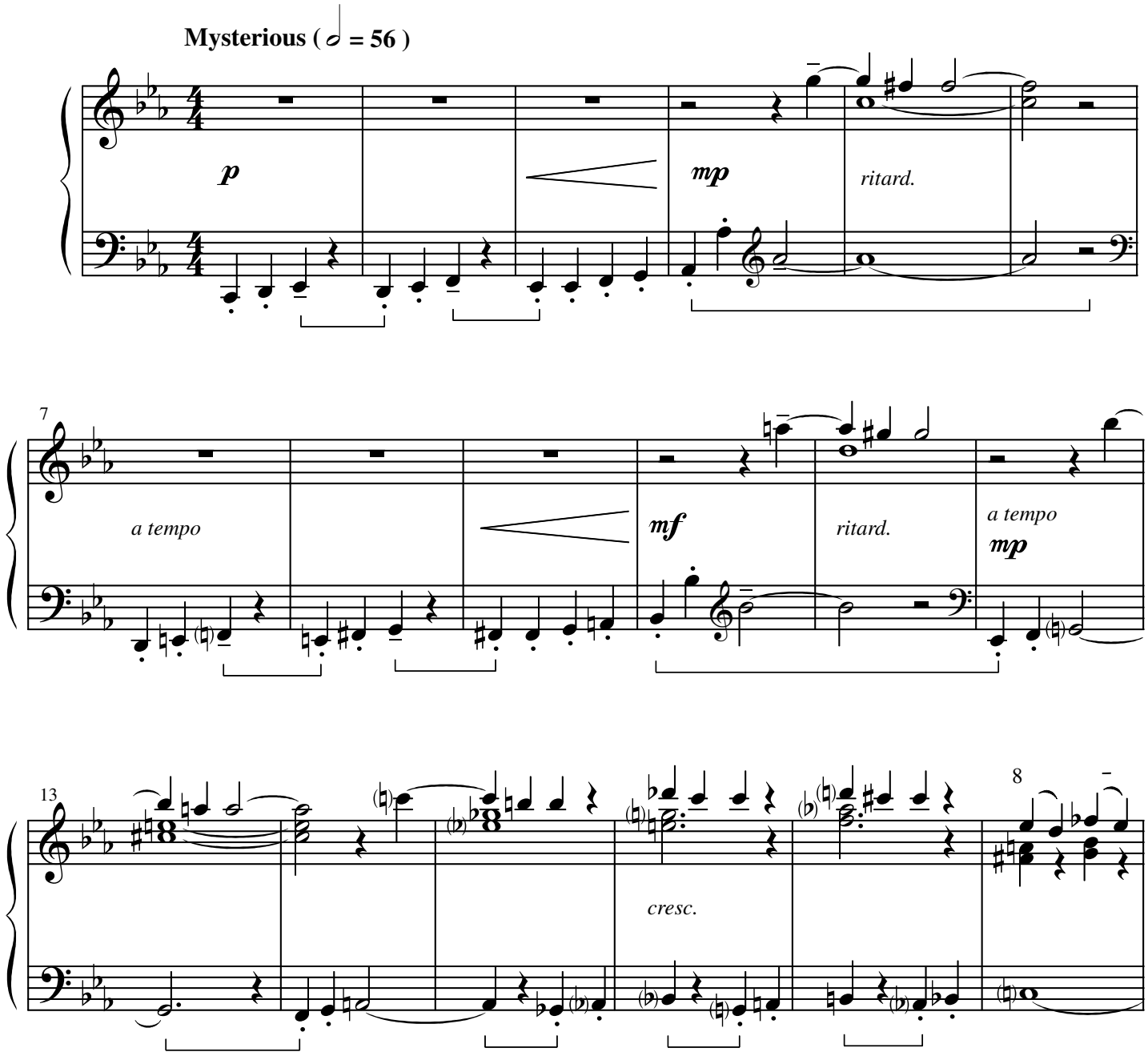
5. Go to Dark Gethsemane

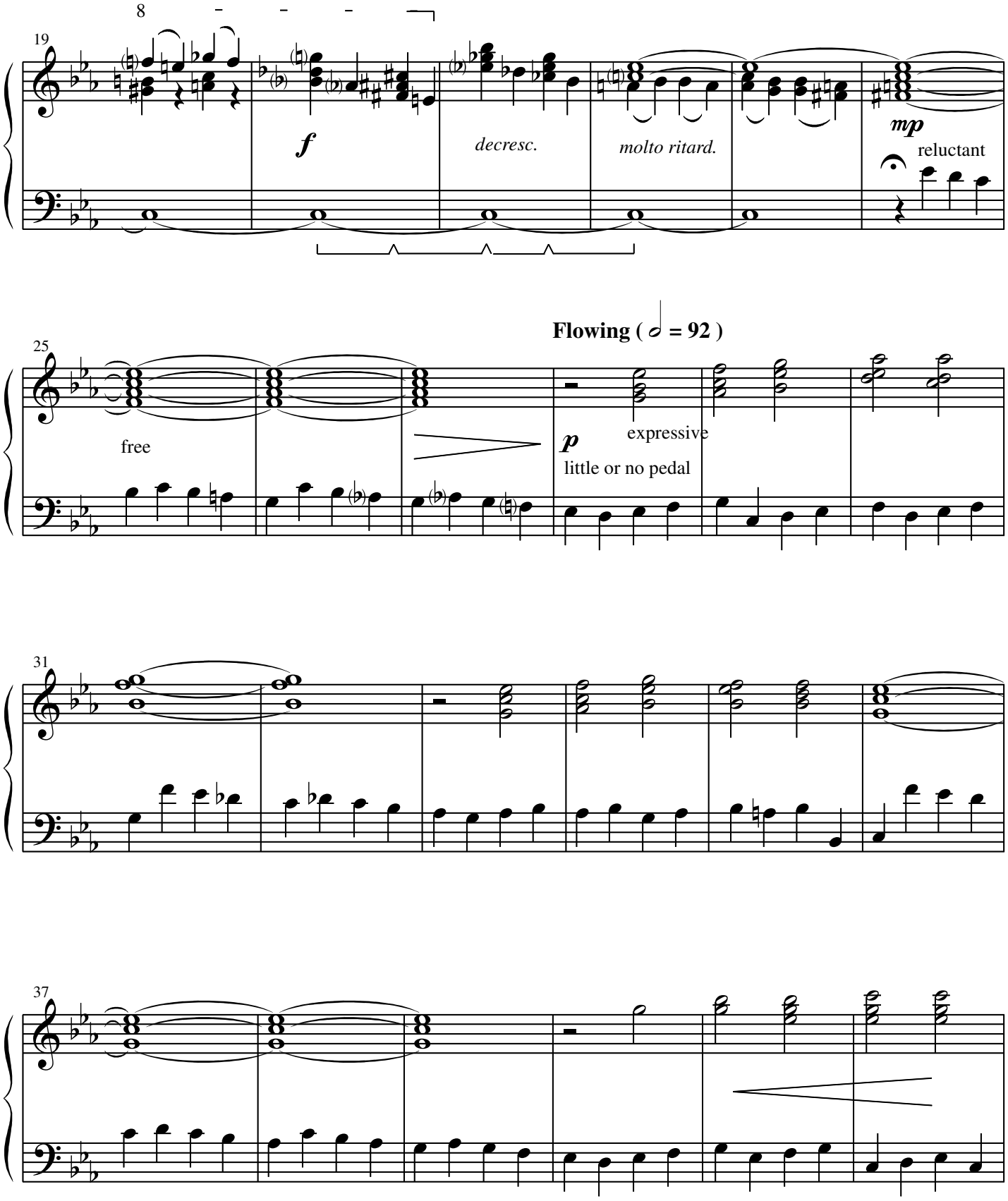
(Gethsemane)

Richard Hudson

Jesus cometh unto a place called Gethsemane,
and said, my soul is exceeding sorrowful,
even unto death. My Father, if thou be willing,
remove this cup from me. Nevertheless,
not my will, but thine be done.

Matthew 26:36-39; Luke 22:42

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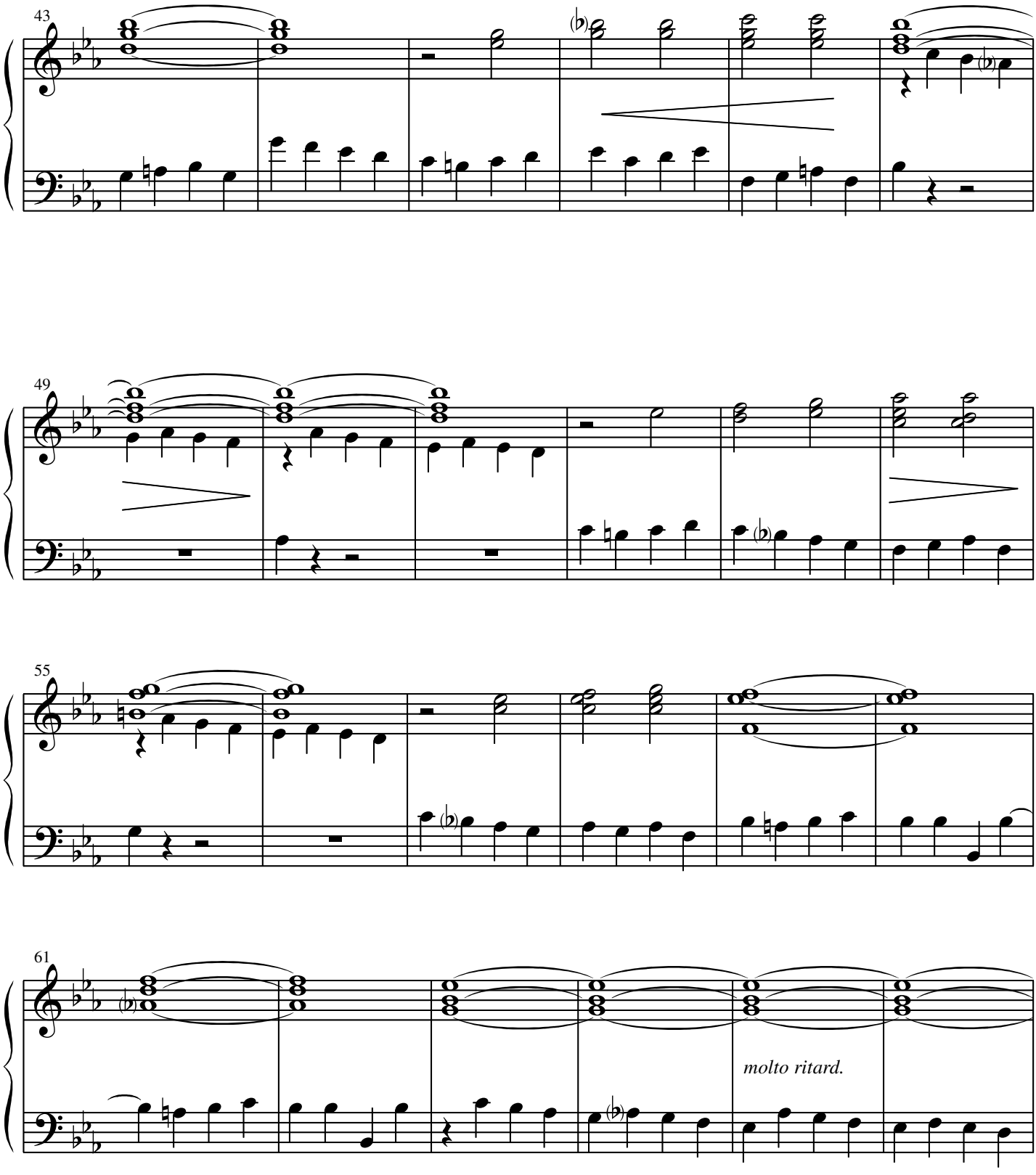
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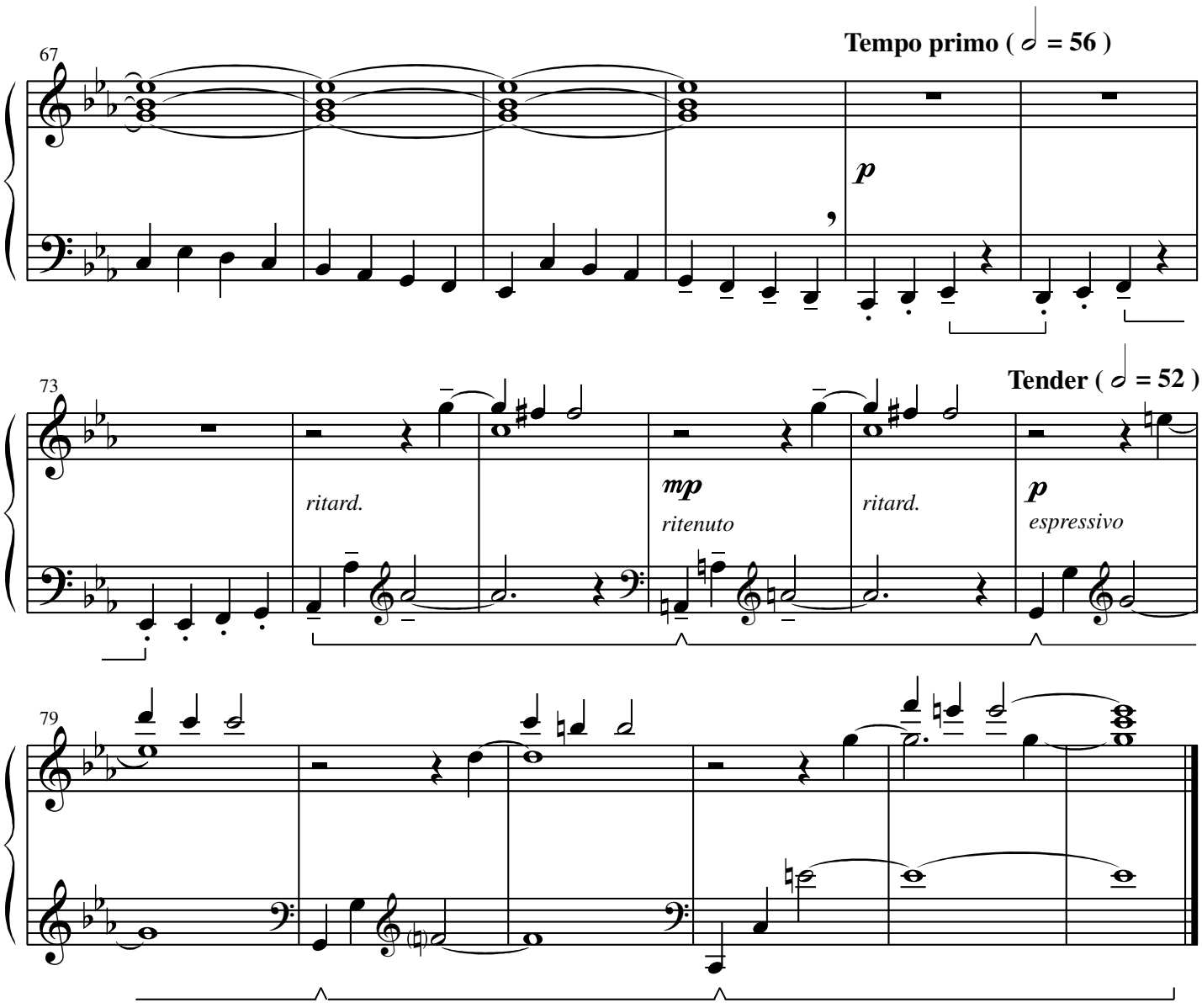
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Tempo primo (= 56)
p
73
Tender (= 52)
ritard.
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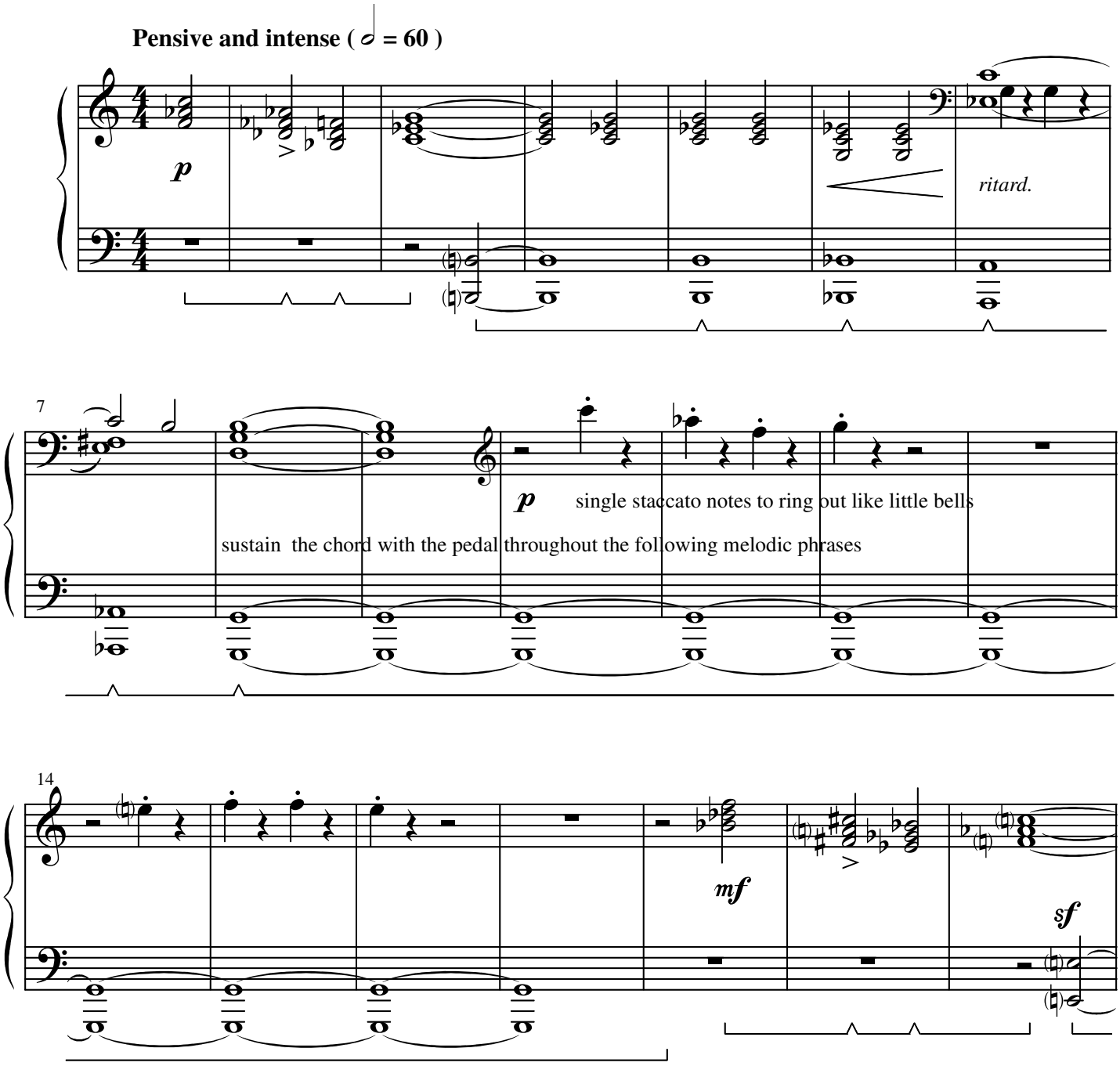
ritenuto
ritard.
p
espressivo
79

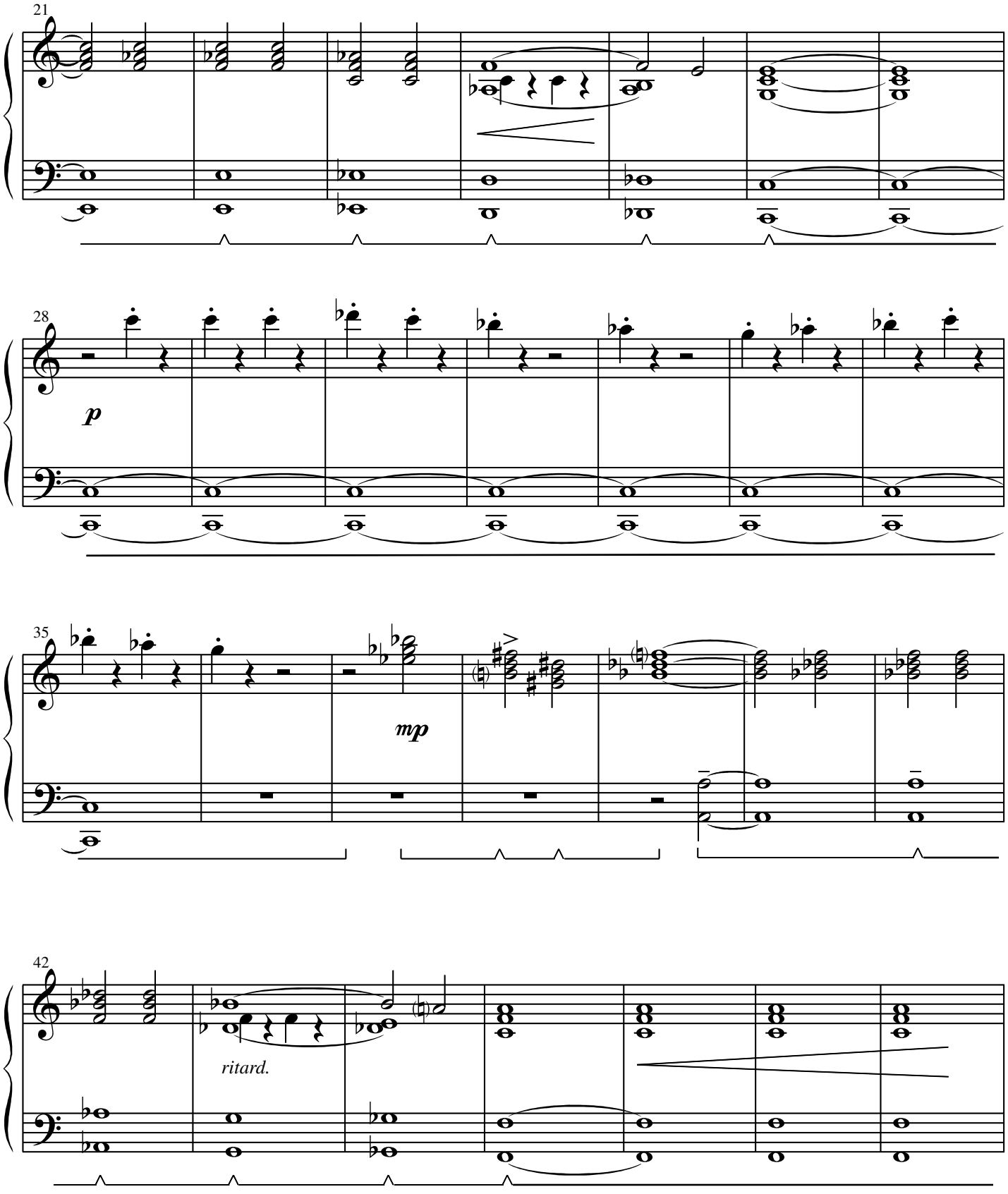
6. O Darkest Woe
(O Traurigkeit)

Richard Hudson

Judas betrayed Jesus, and the chief priests
and rulers delivered him up to be condemned
to death, and crucified him.
And Jesus said, Forgive them,
for they know not what they do.
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

Luke 22:47-48; 23:34,46; 24:20

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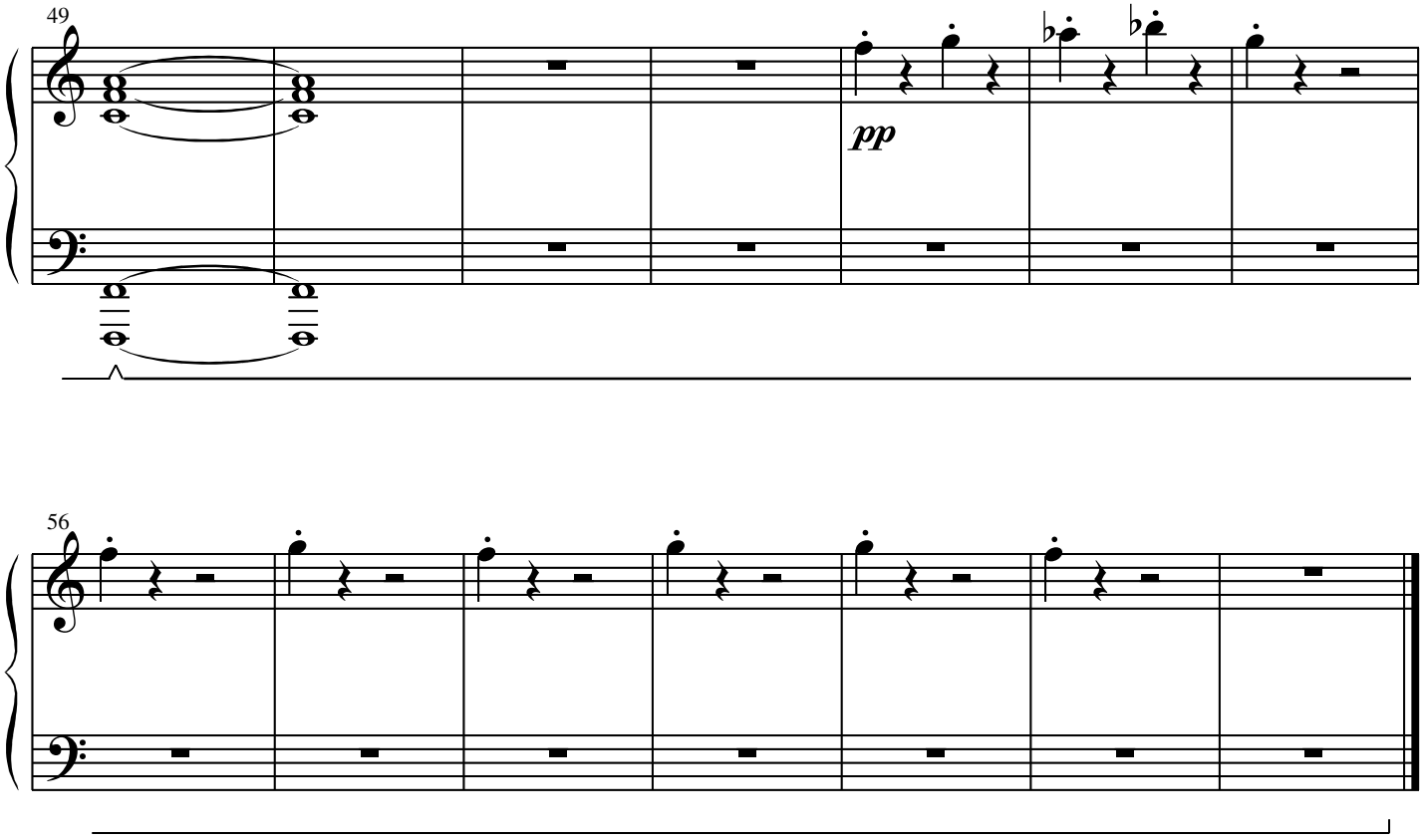
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HYMNS FOR EASTER

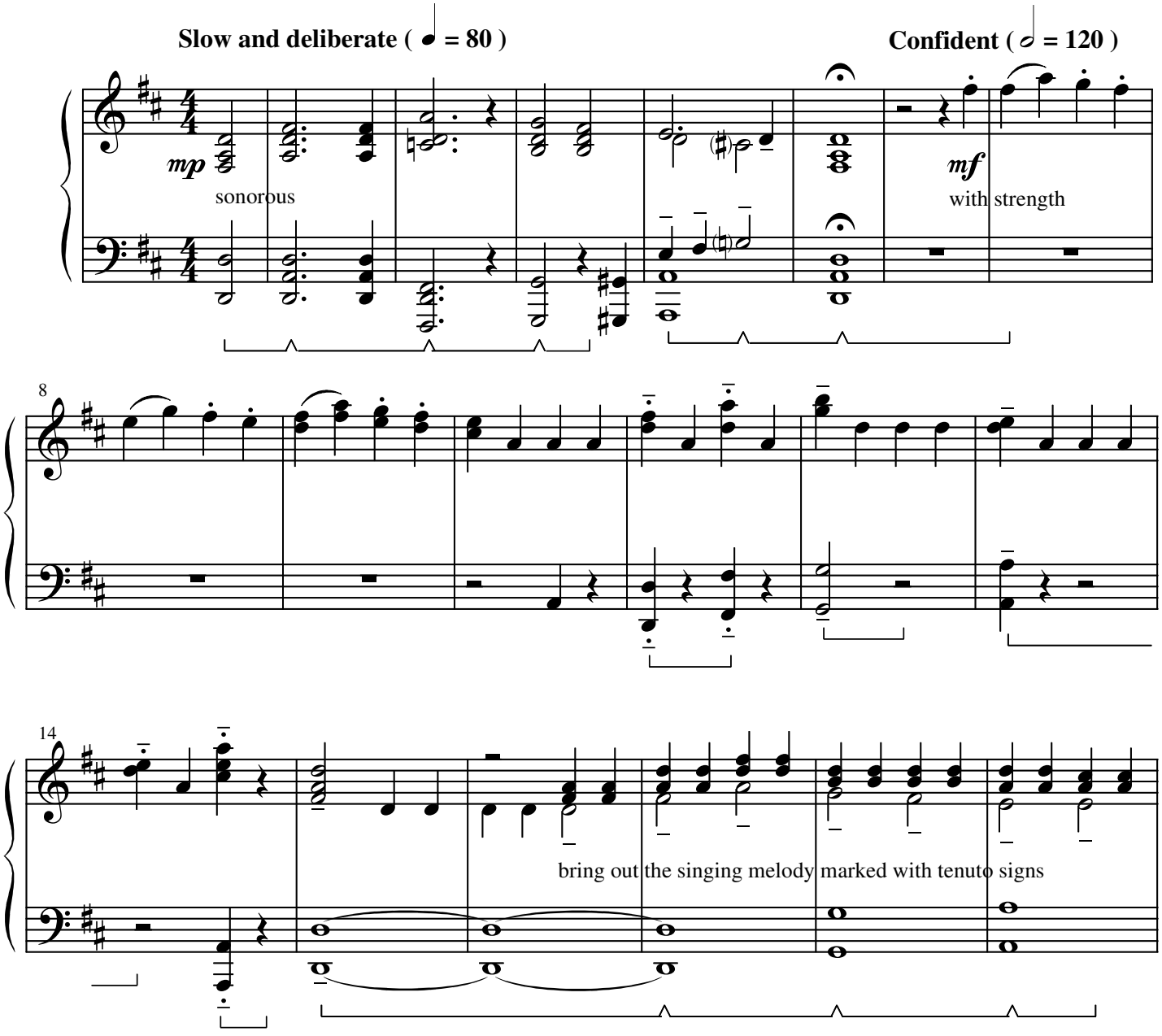
7. We All Believe in One True God

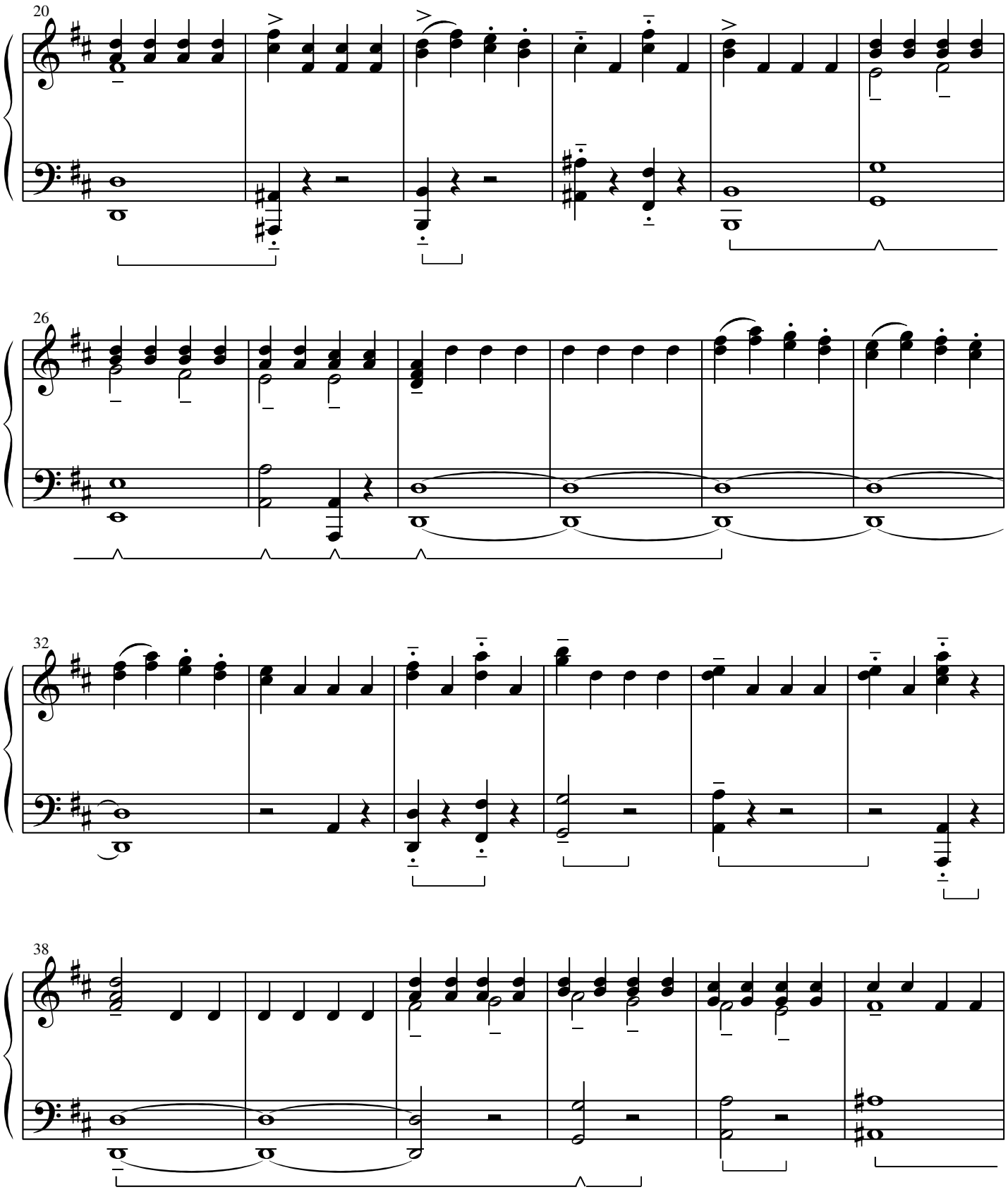
(Wir glauben all' an einen Gott)

Richard Hudson

I believe in one God, who for us men,
and for our salvation, came down from heaven
and was made man. He was crucified also for us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate and was buried.
And the third day he rose again,
according to the scriptures.

Nicene Creed

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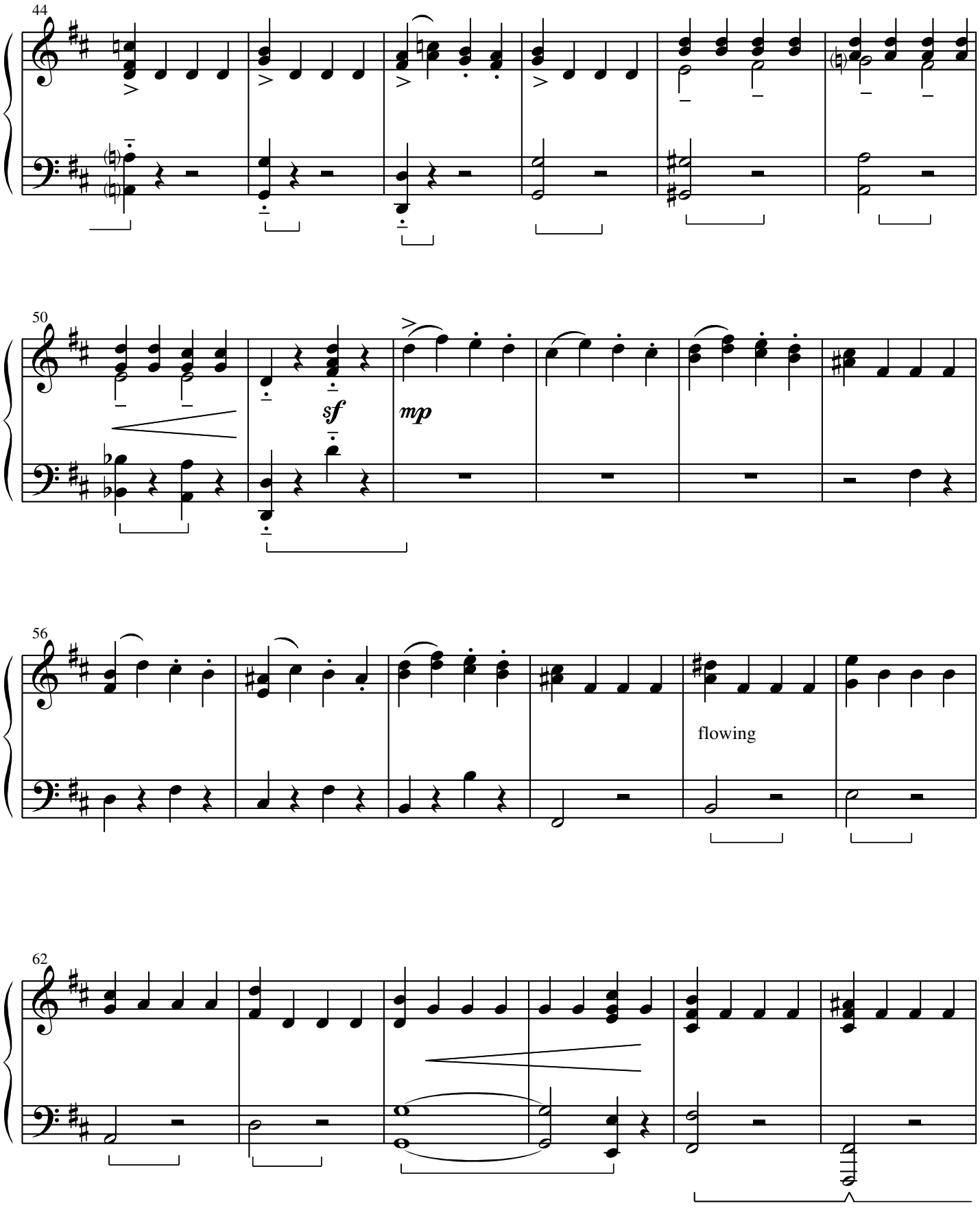
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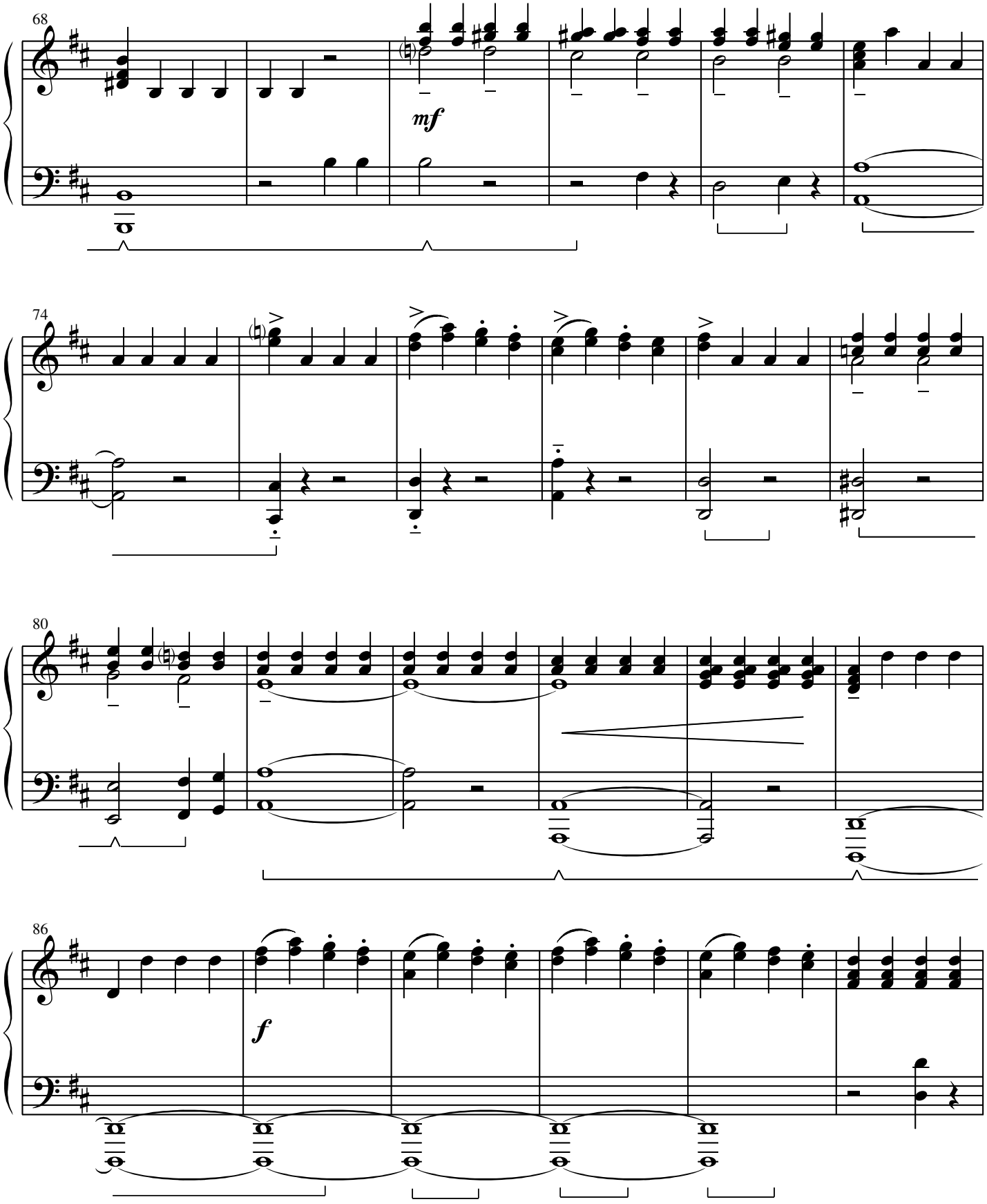
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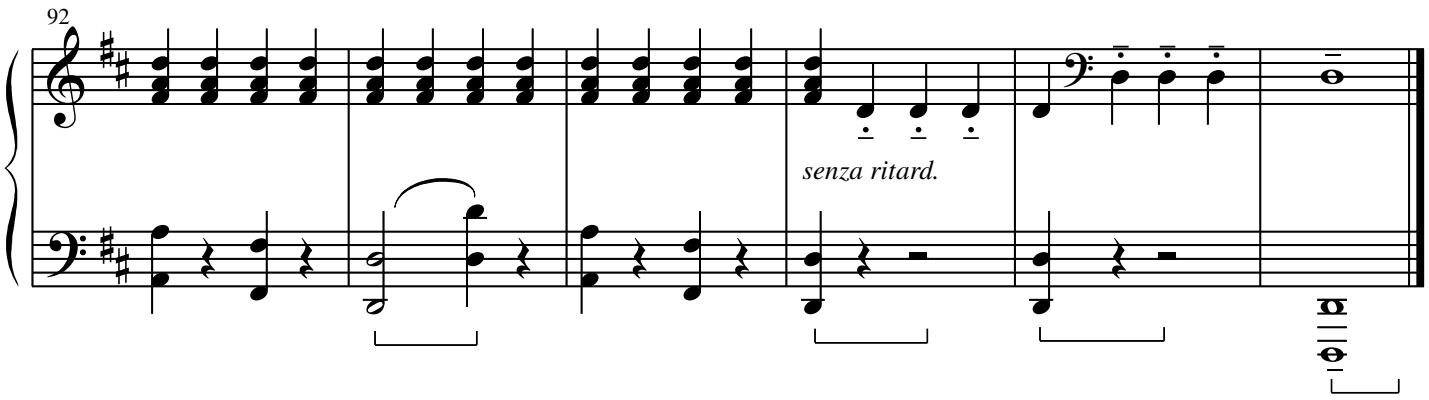
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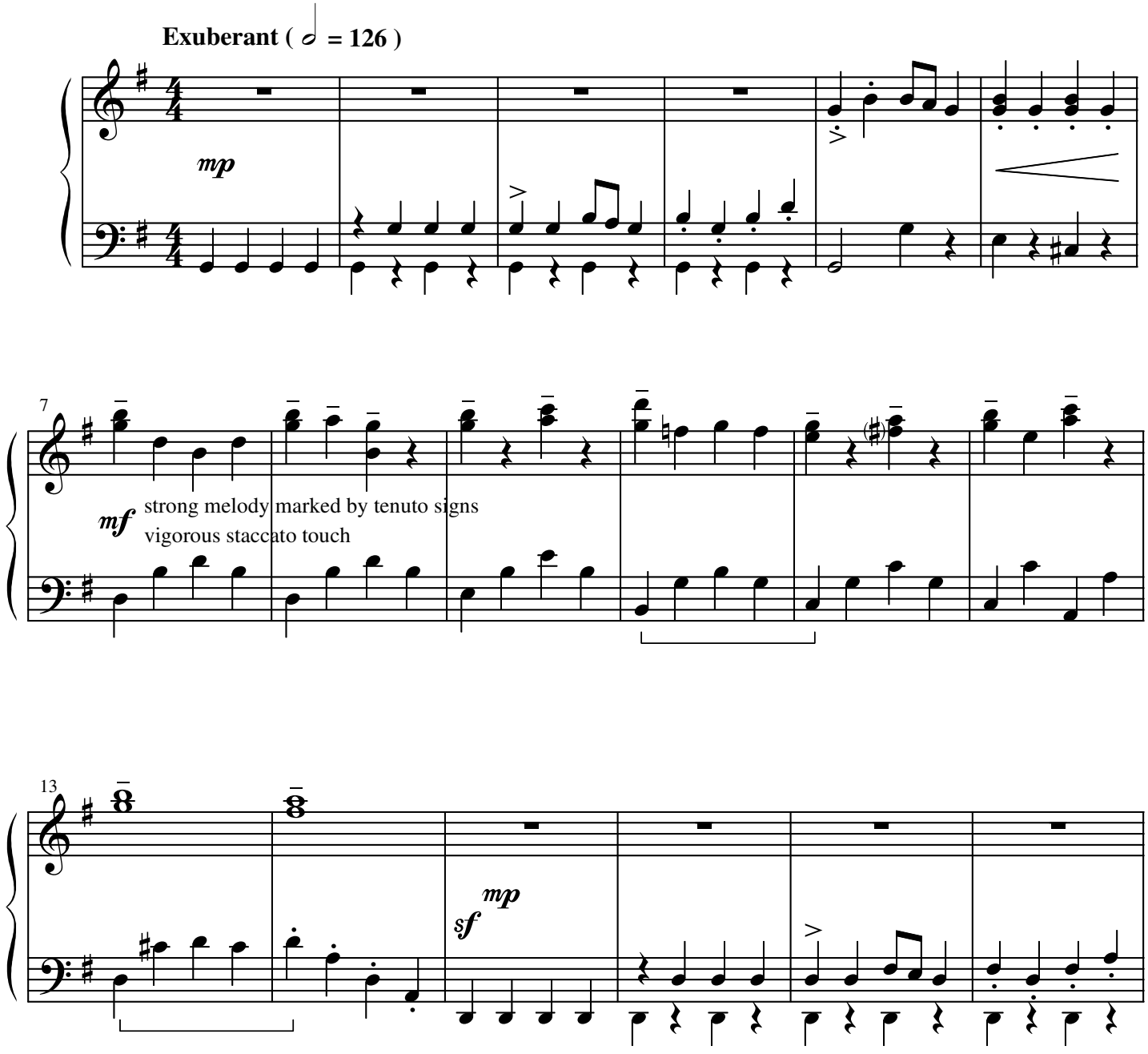
8. Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

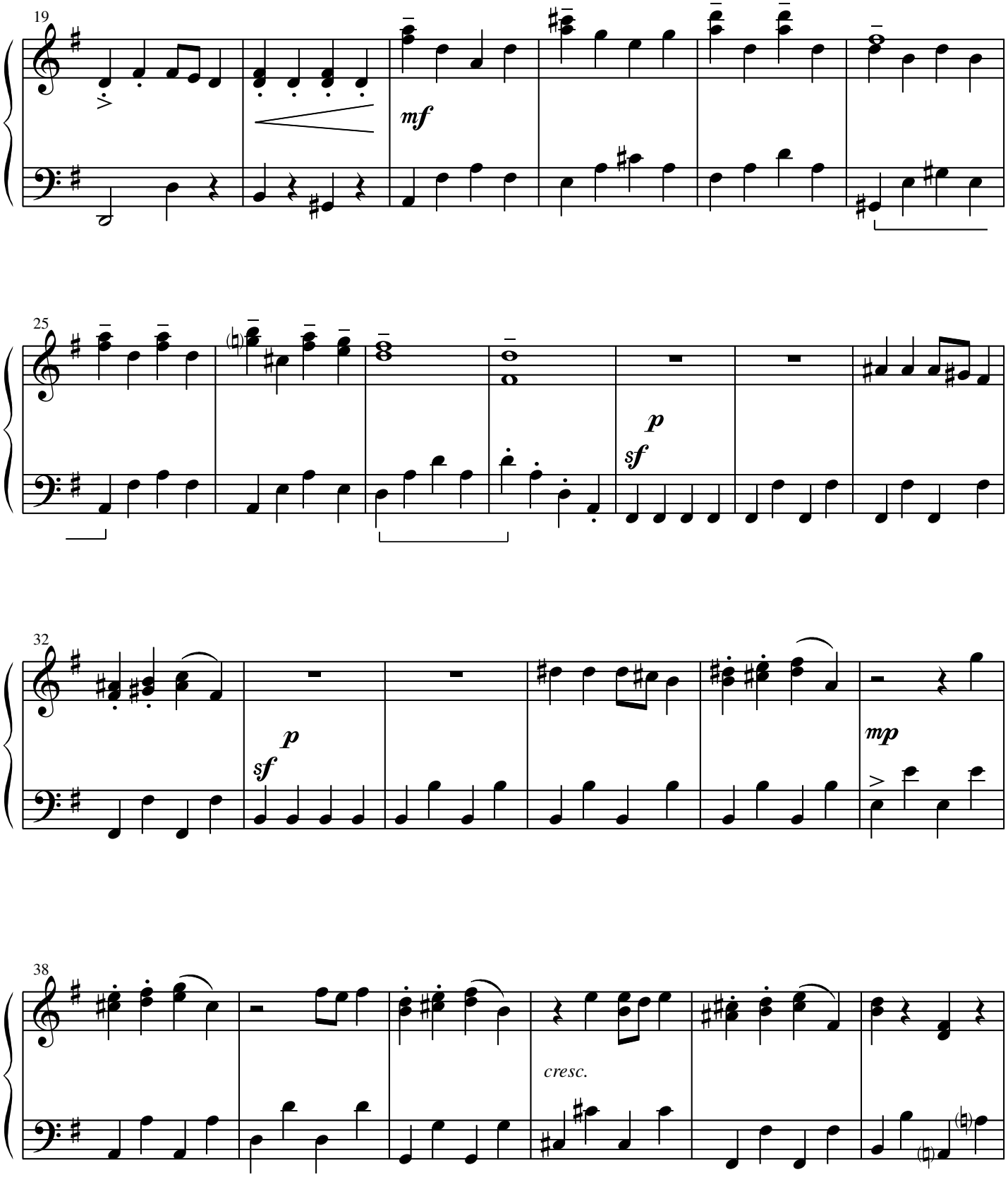
(St. Kevin)

Richard Hudson

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
came to the sepulchre and behold,
there was a great earthquake;
for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven
and rolled away the stone. And the angel said,
Fear not, for I know that ye seek Jesus.
He is not here, for he is risen from the dead.

Matthew 28:1-7

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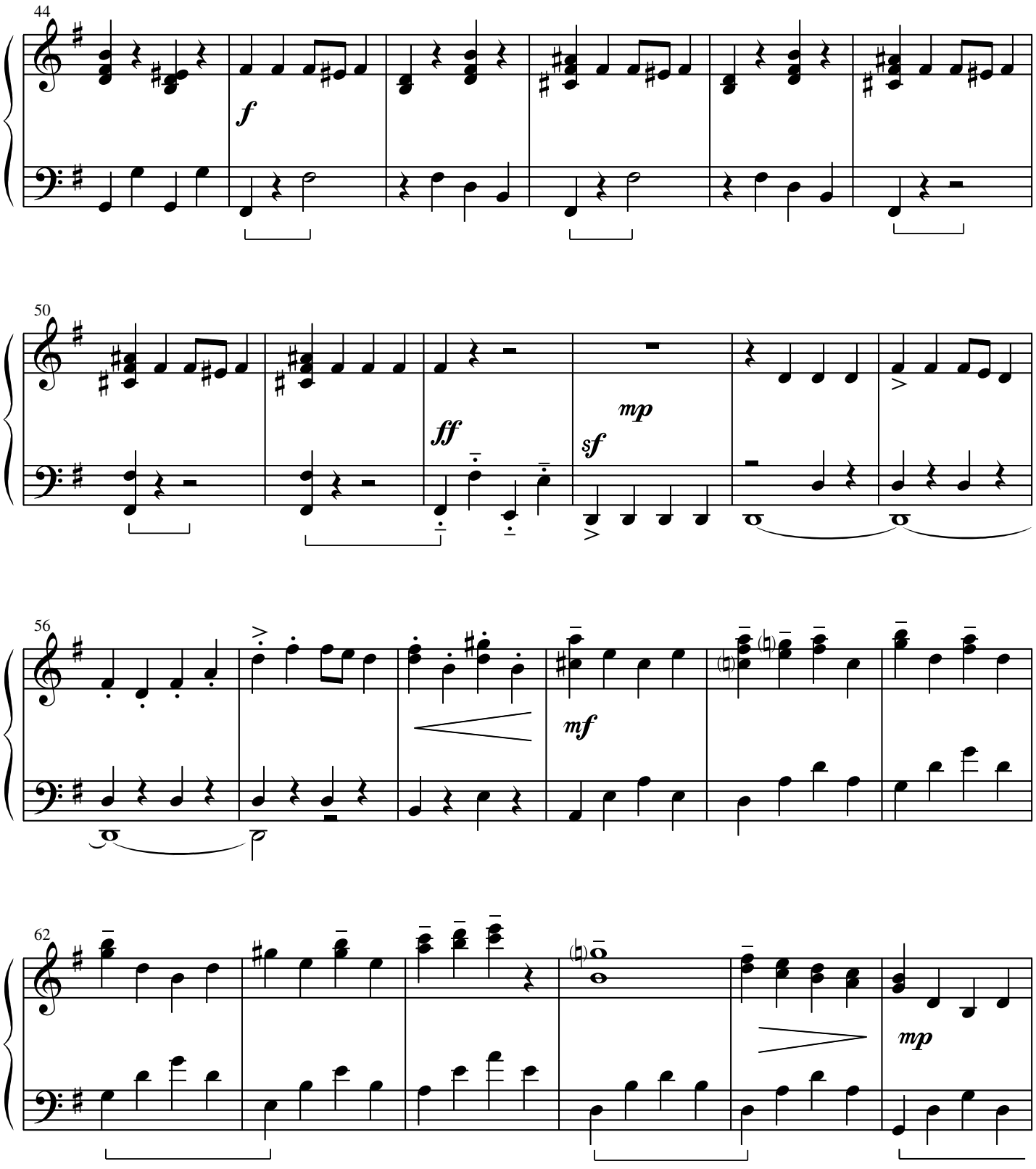
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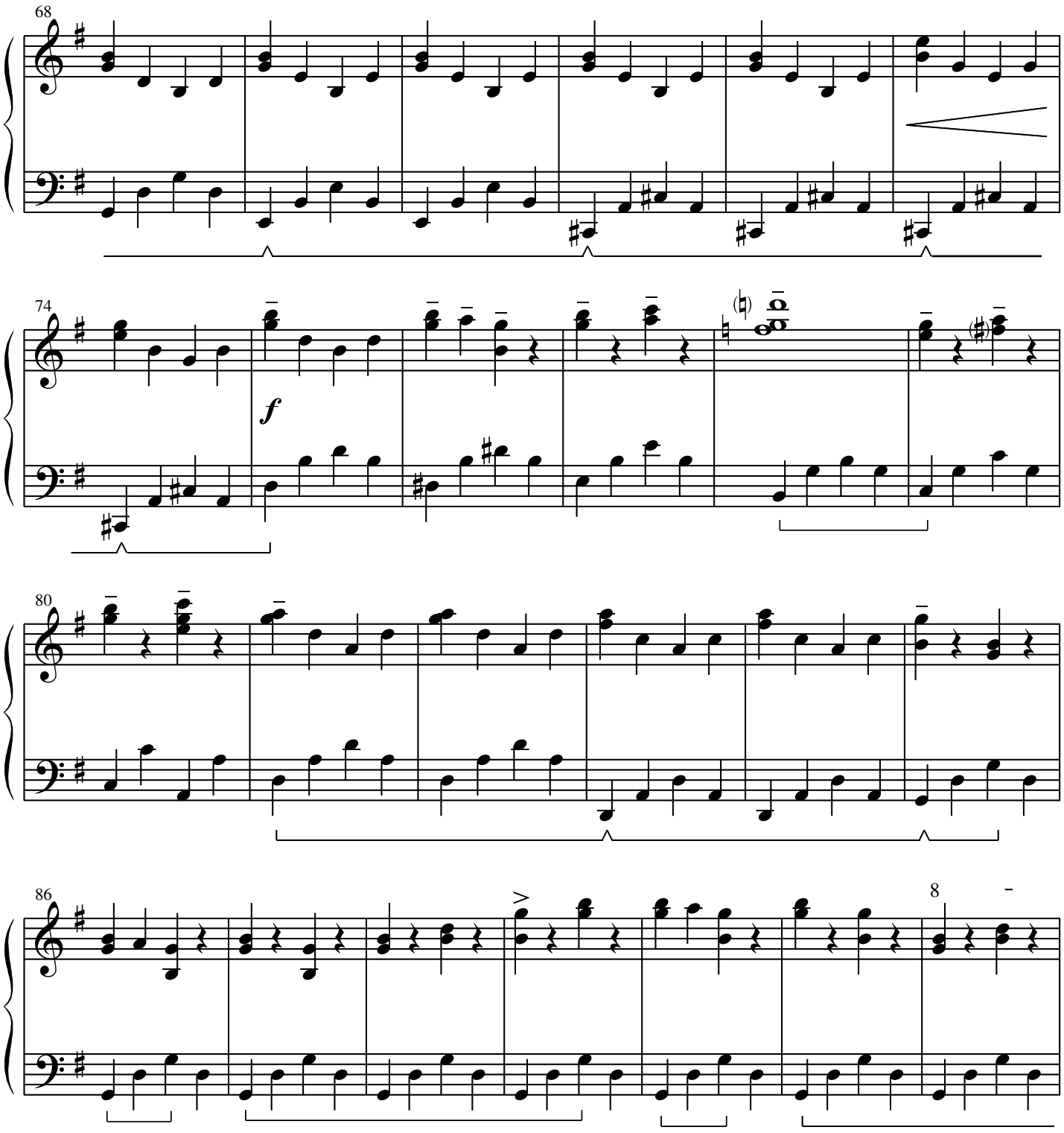
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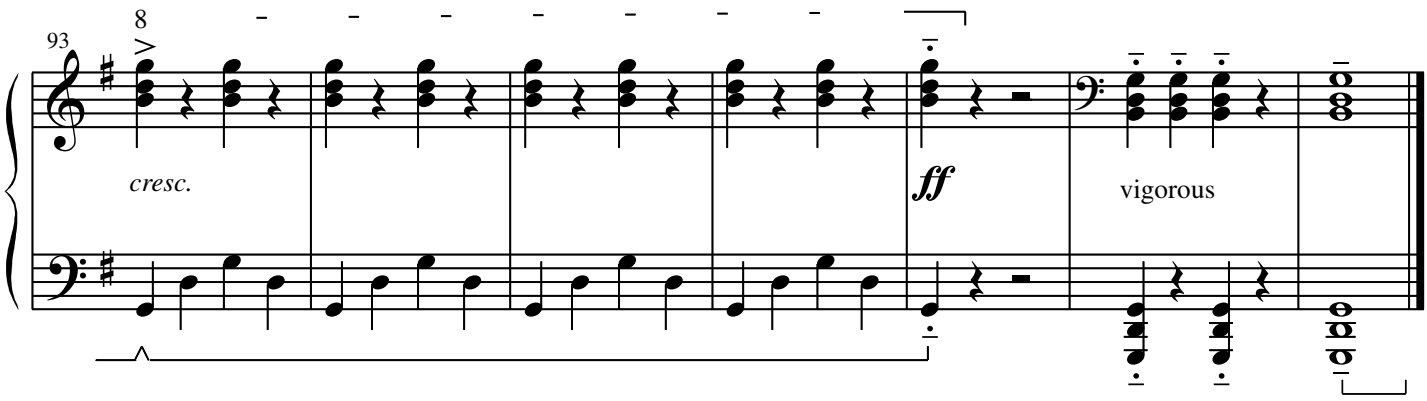
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8
cresc.
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vigorous

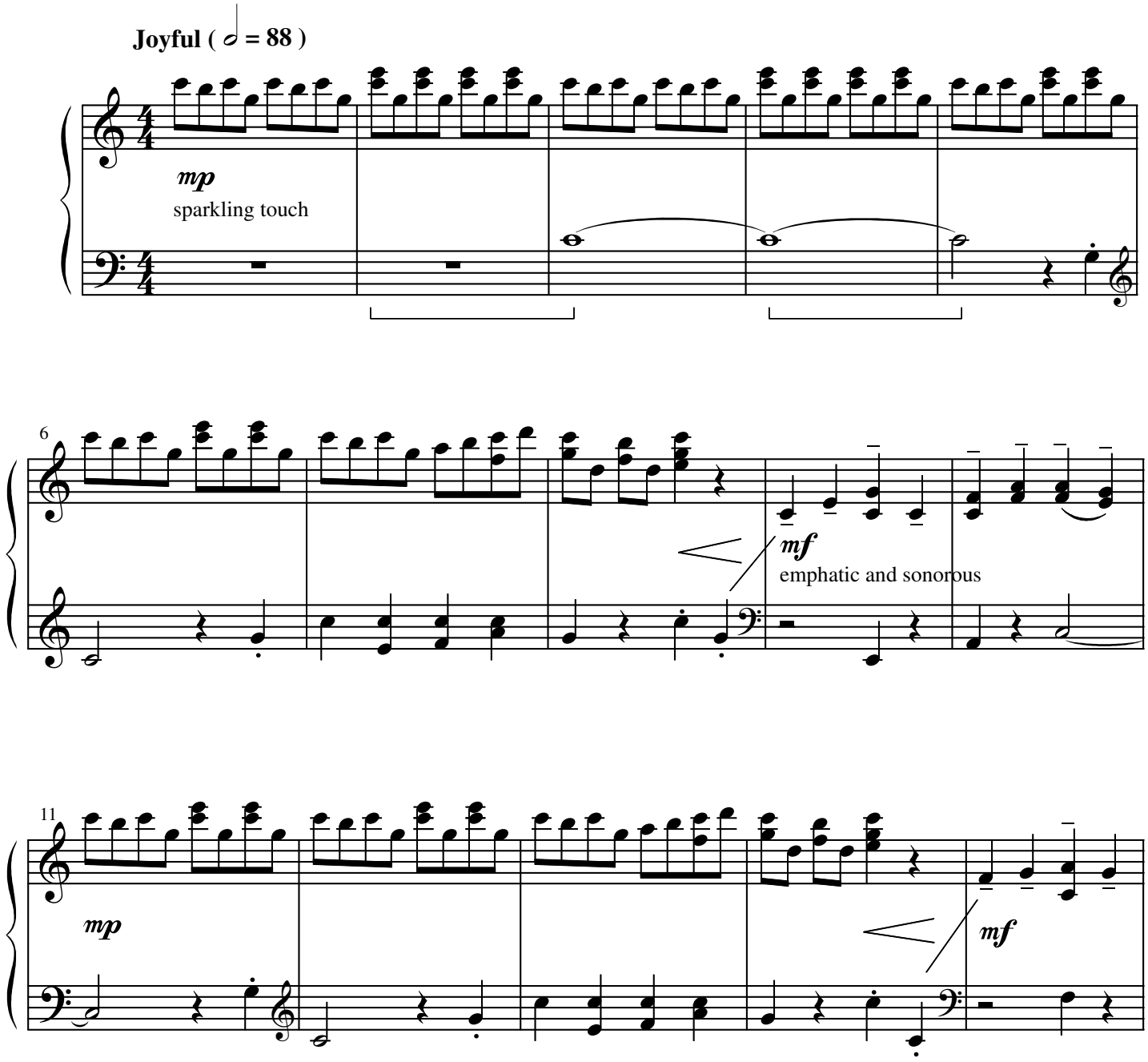
9. Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

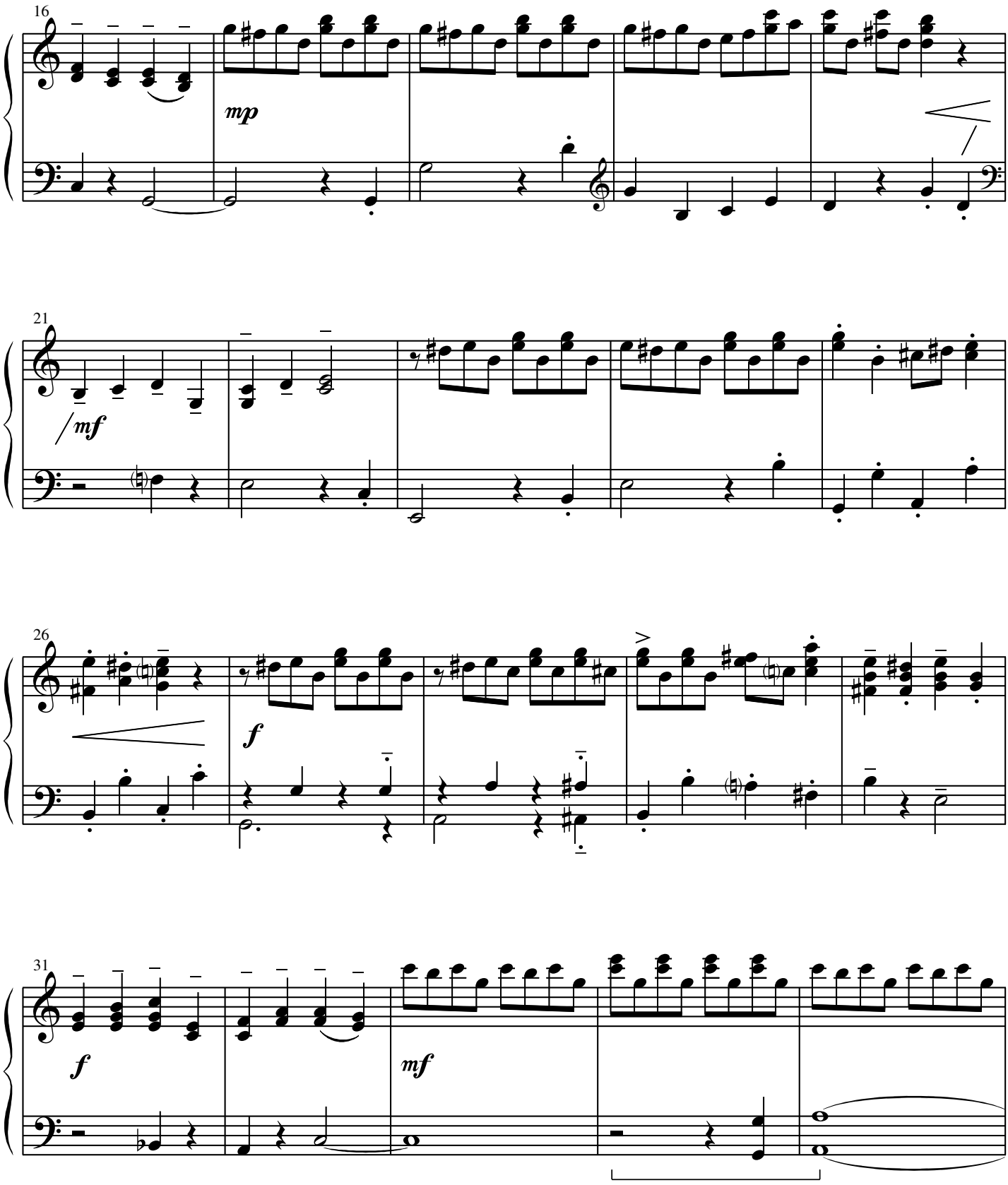
(Easter Hymn)

Richard Hudson

Now when he was risen, he appeared unto
the disciples, and said unto them,
Peace be unto you. Because thou hast seen me,
thou hast believed: Blessed are they that have
not seen, and yet have believed.
Lo, I am with you always,
even unto the end of the world.

Mark 16:9-14; John 20:26-29;
Matthew 28:20

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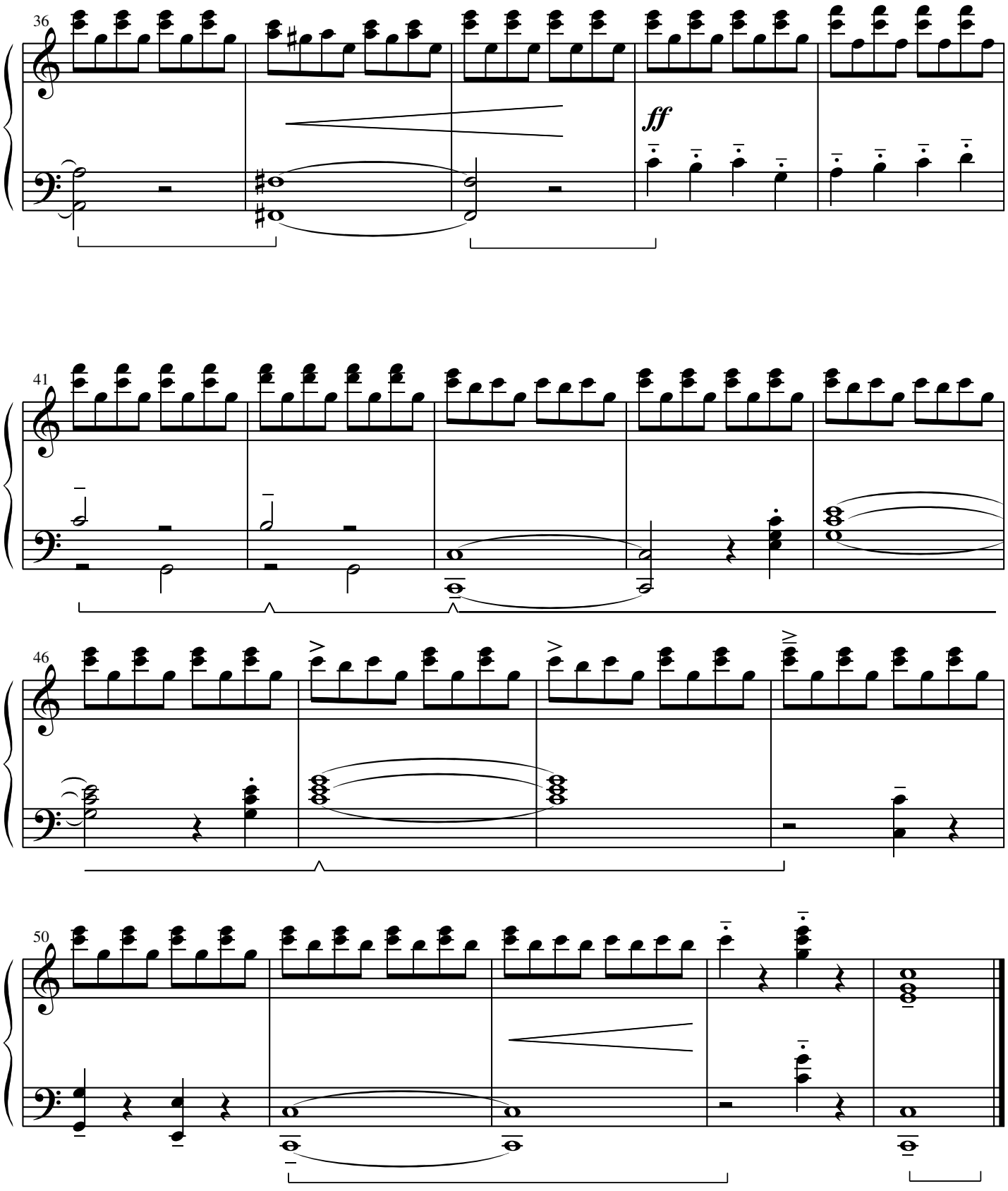
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2.	Herzlich tut mich verlangen	8
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