FULL SCORE

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String Quartet No. 8

Insect Dances

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PROGRAM NOTES

I. Spider Swing
The insect family is having a party. Spider is the rather controlling butler who runs around getting the house ready.

II. Dragonfly Flit
Dragonfly owns the house and is getting ready: putting on make up, fluffing hair, and arranging things in the house. Spider follows and fixes things back. Grasshopper, who is Dragonfly's partner, is congenially helping out.

III. Wasp Stomp
Wasp is an uninvited guest who arrives at the house. Dragonfly and Grasshopper and Spider try to get Wasp to leave, but just as Wasp exits Wasp turns around and comes back. After some effort from Dragonfly, Spider and Grasshopper, Wasp flies away.

IV. Bumblebee Boogie
Lady Bug and Bumblebee arrive at the party. They are effortlessly cool. Champagne is served.

V. Lady Bug Waltz
Lady Bug sings a song and everyone joins in.

VI. Grasshopper Polka
Grasshopper leads a fast dance with Dragonfly, Lady Bug and Bumblebee, with Spider hovering in the background. Wasp makes a brief appearance. At the end, they all fall down from exhaustion.

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Duration: ca. 15 minutes

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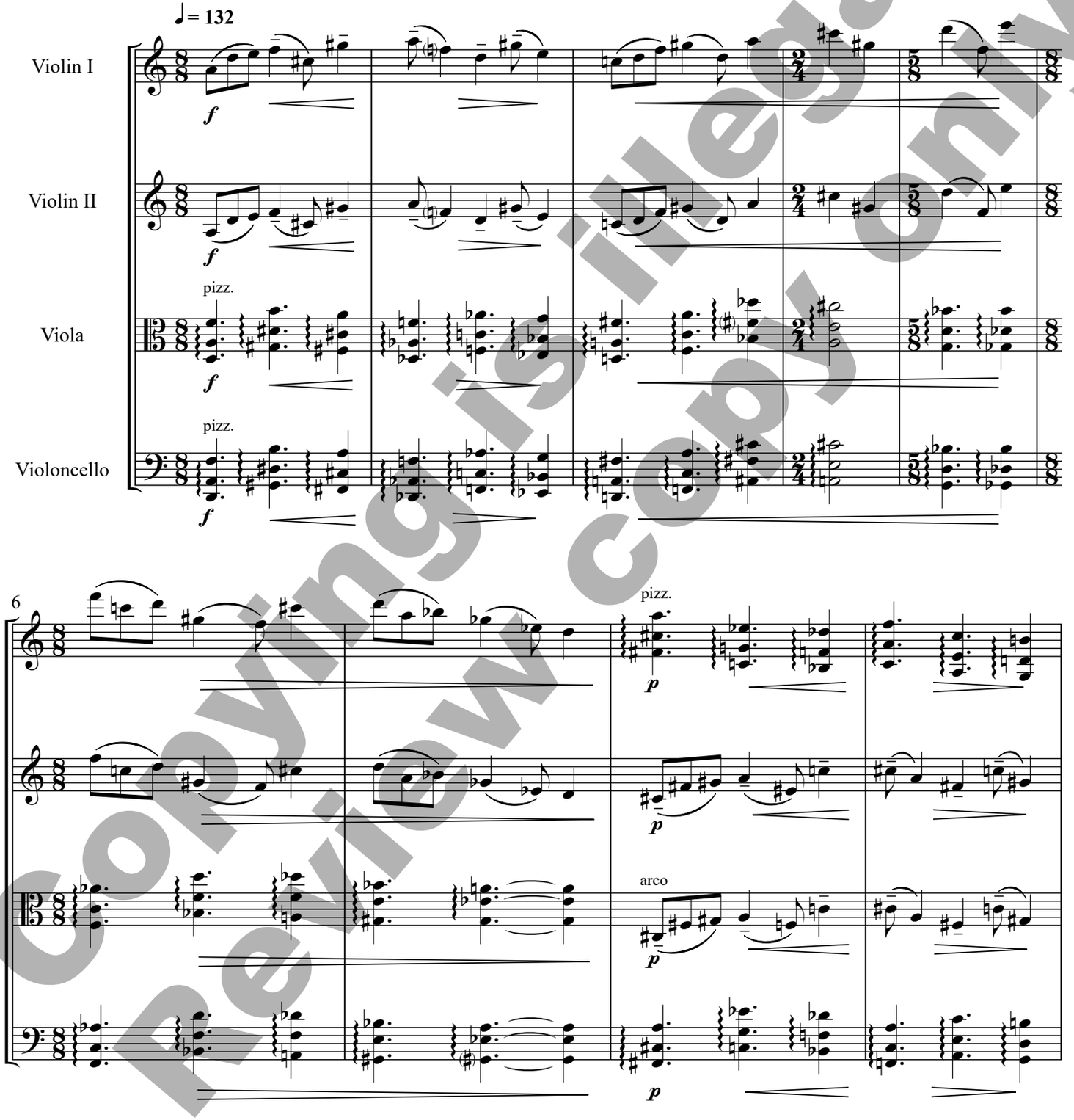

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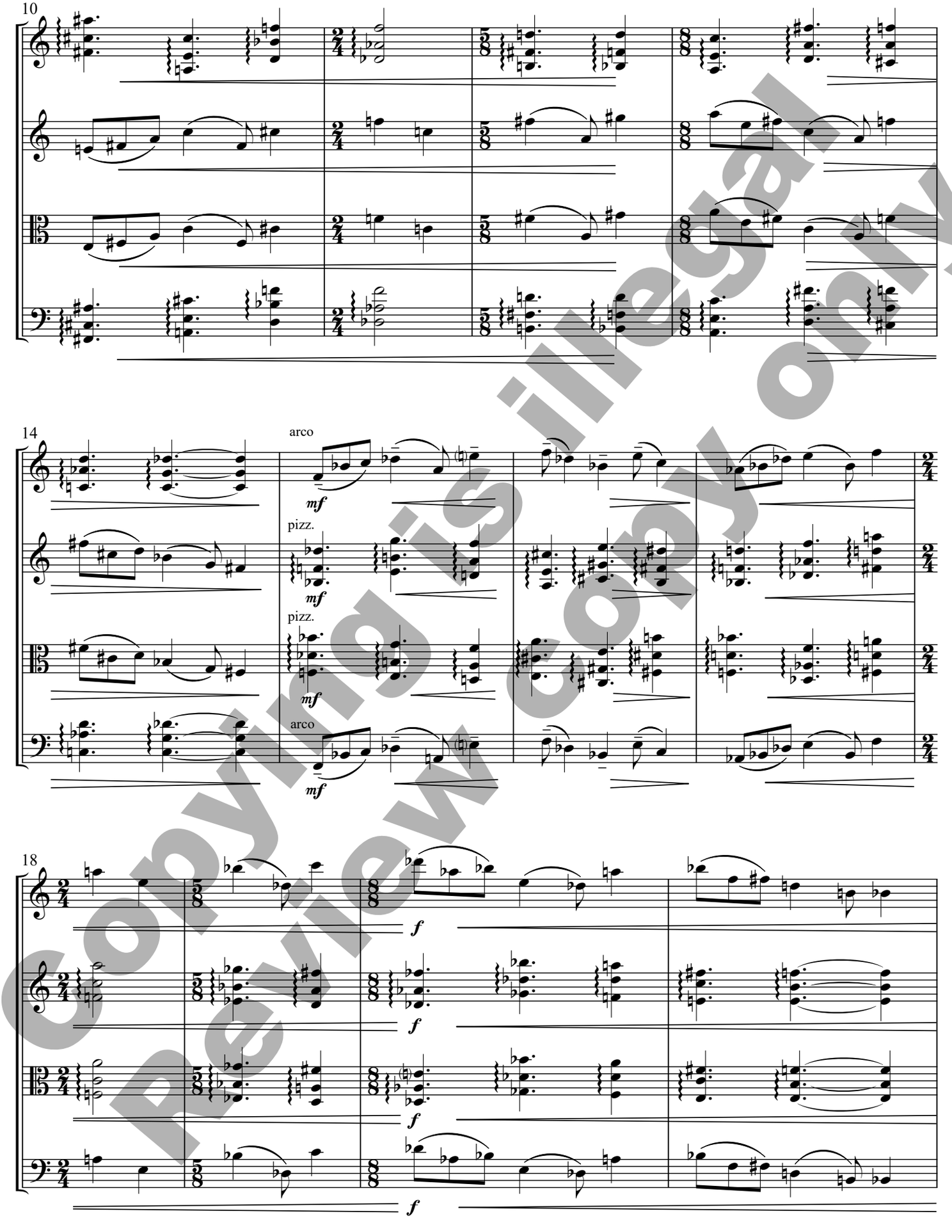

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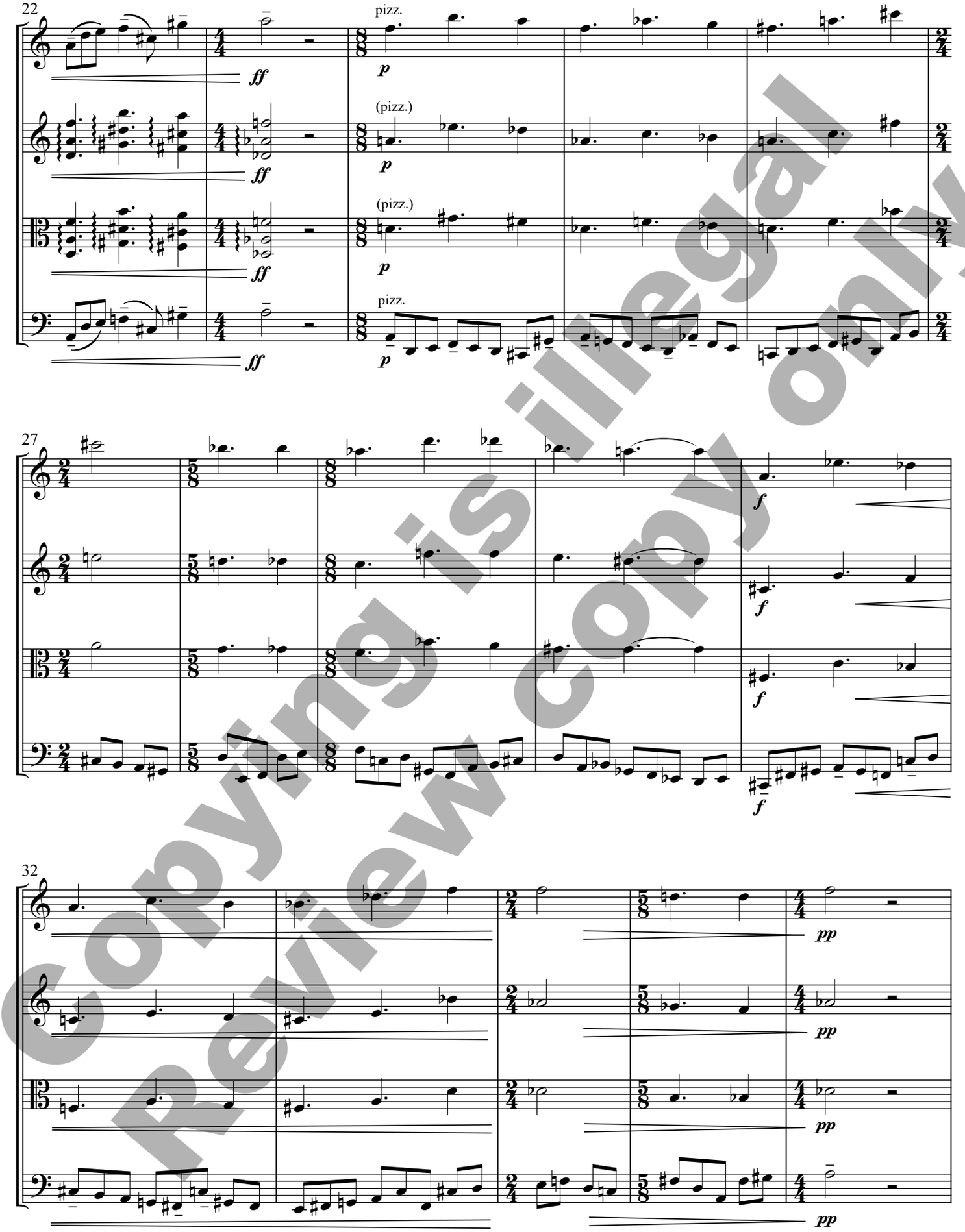

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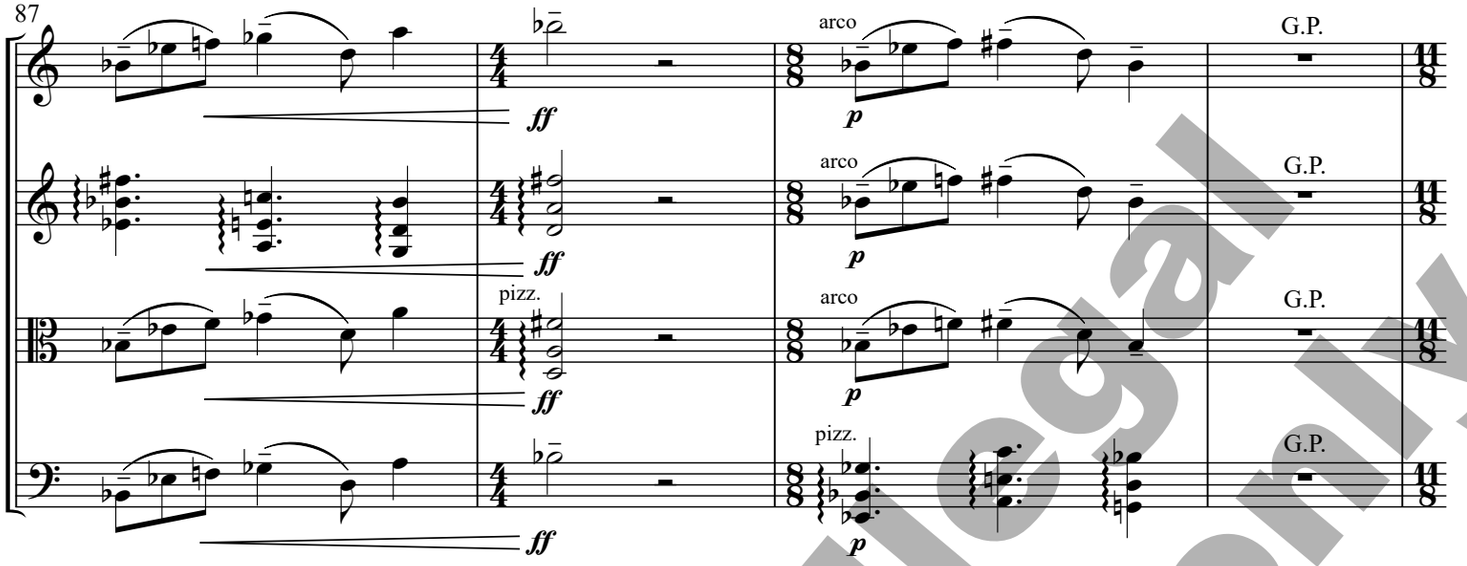

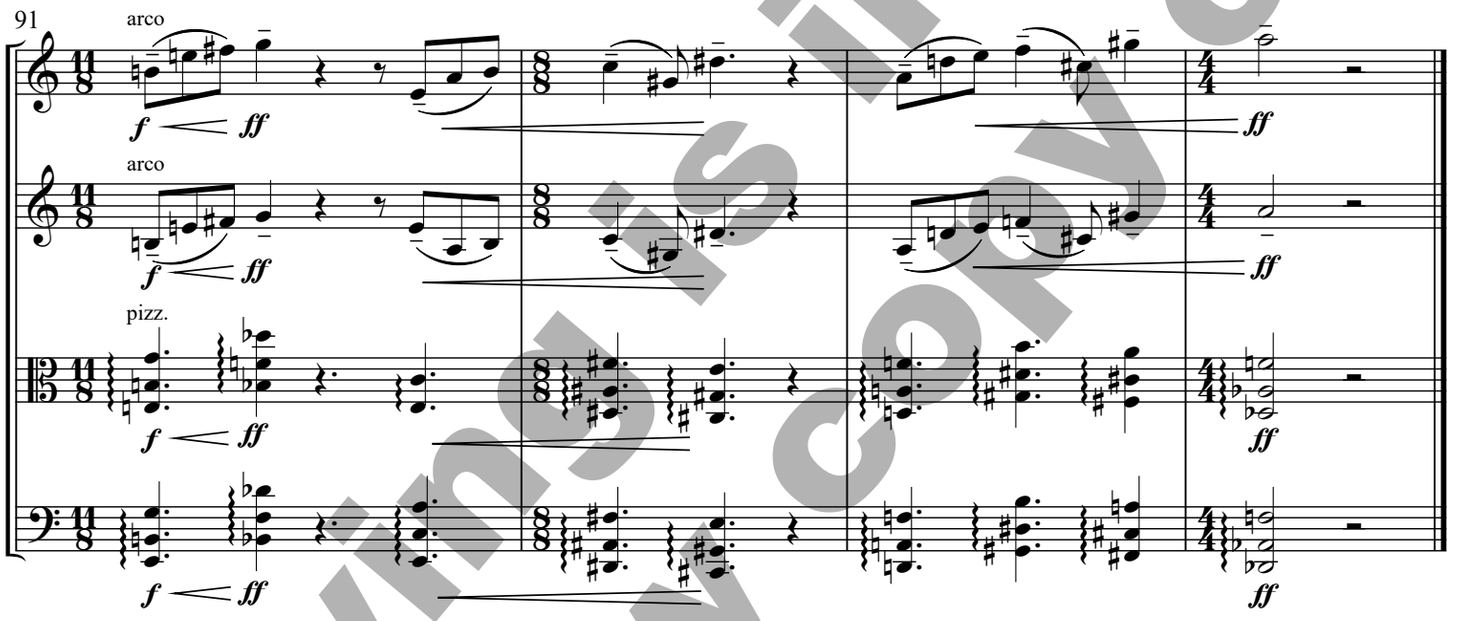

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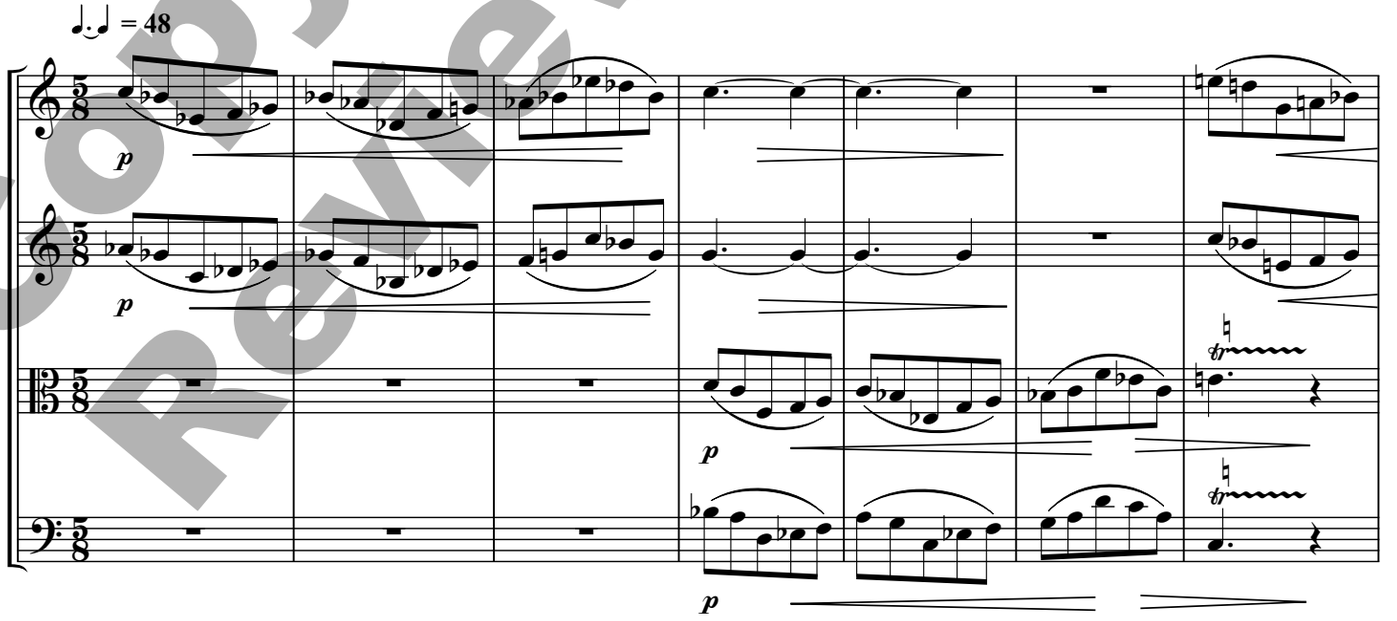

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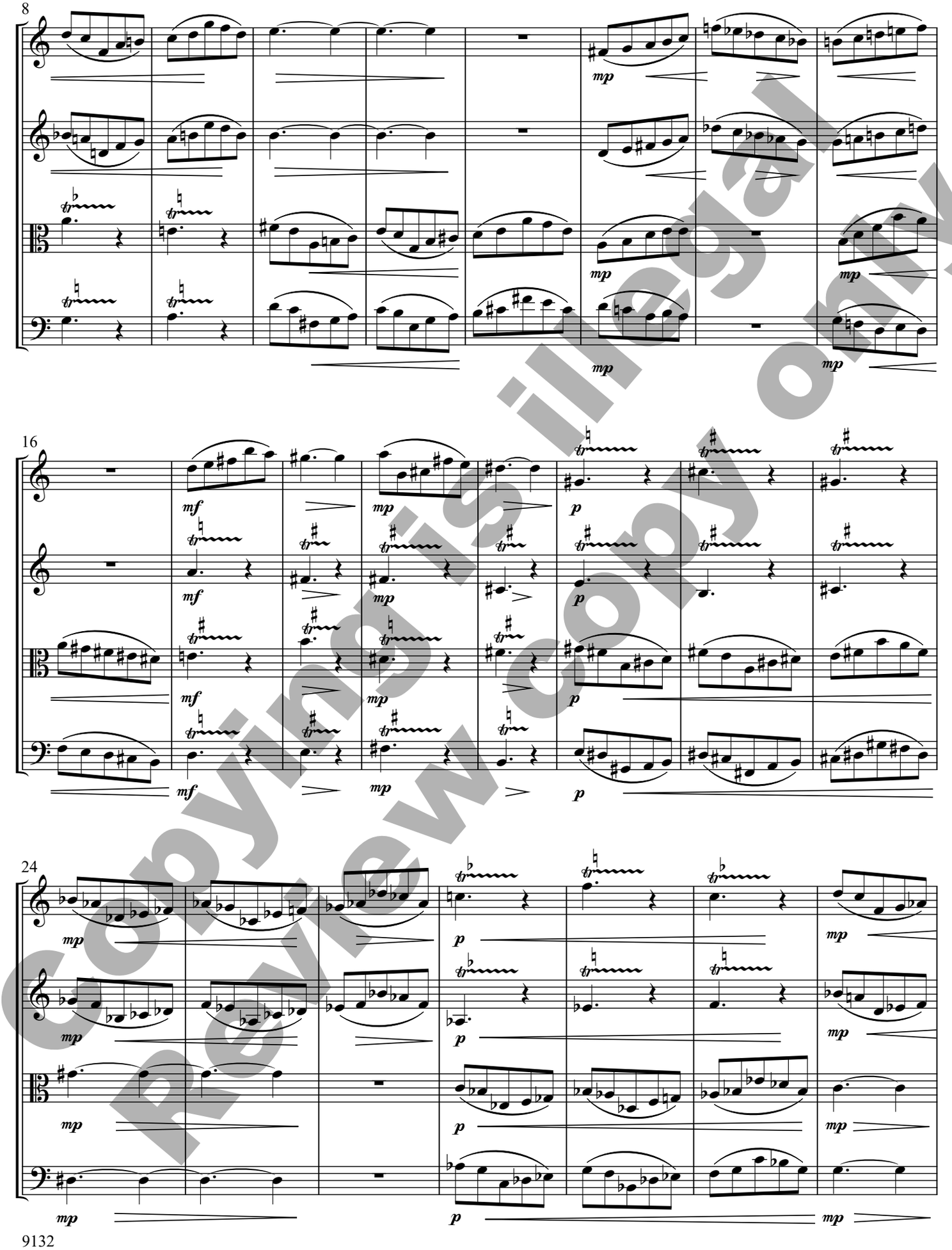

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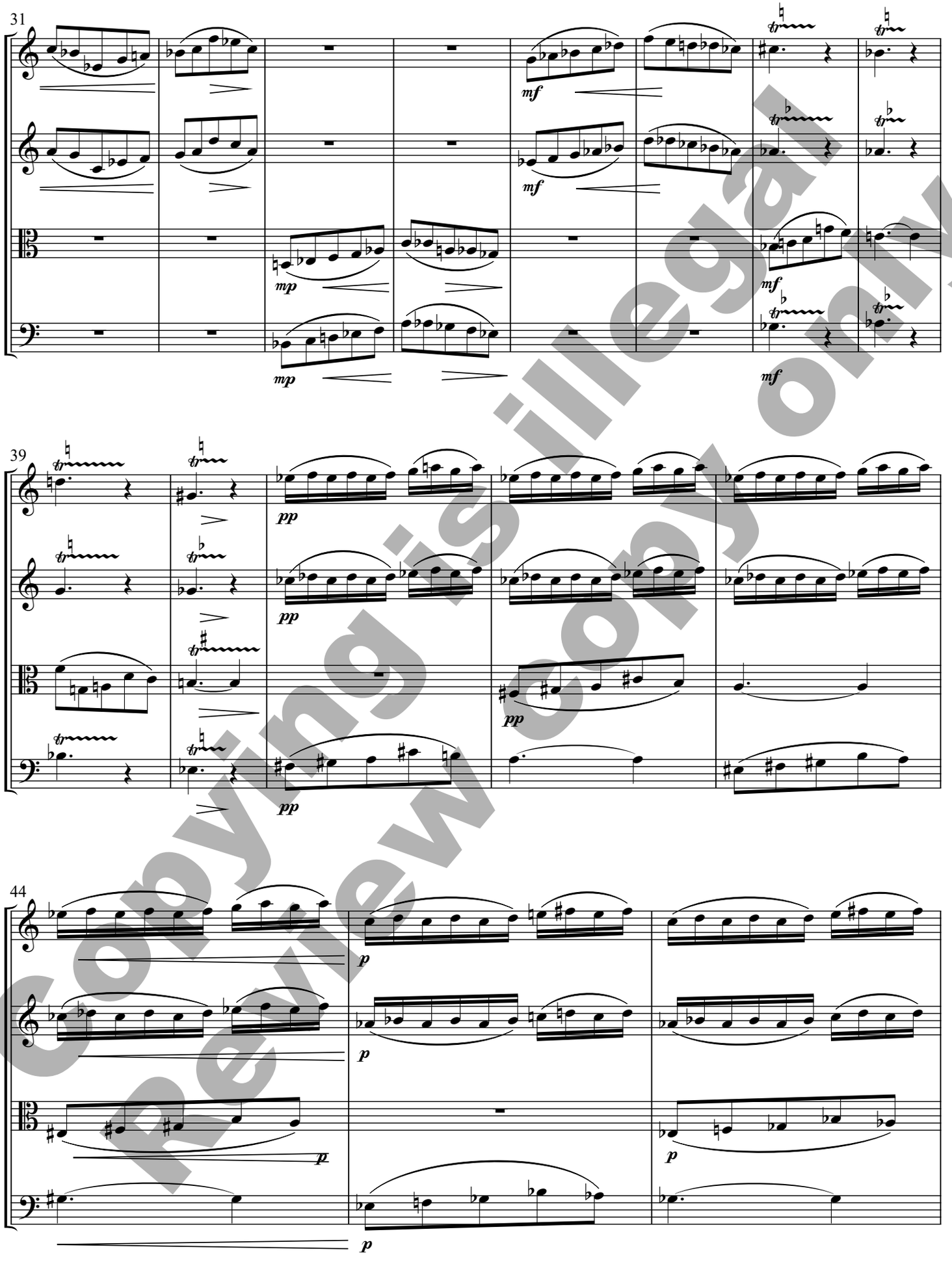

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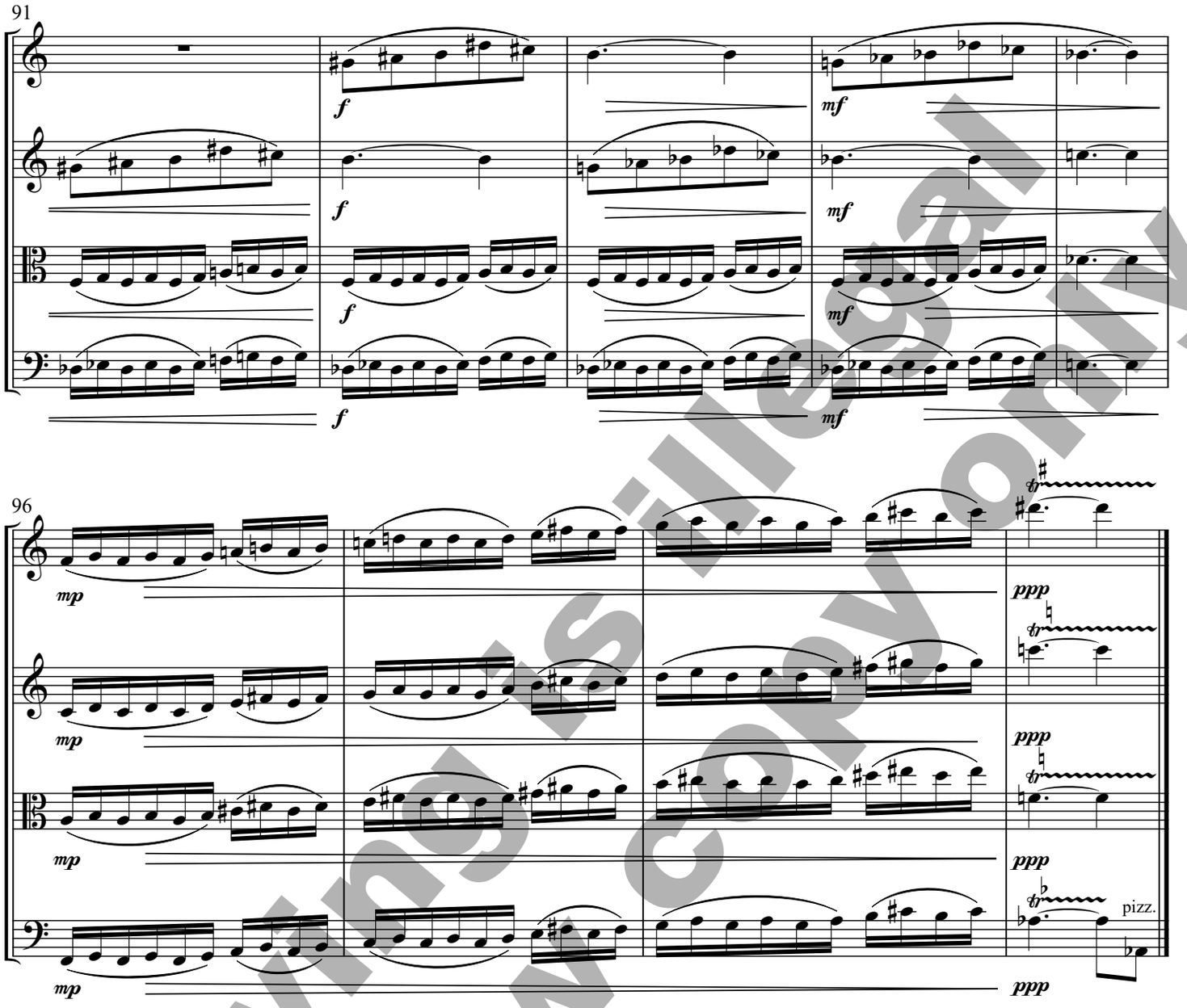

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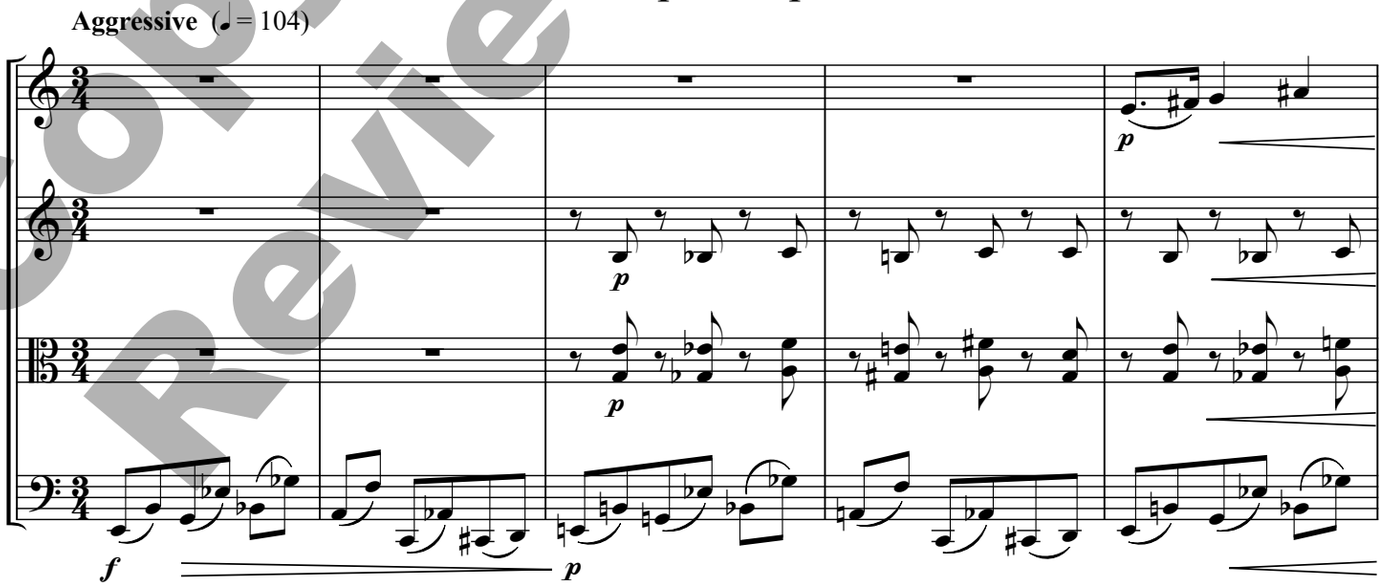

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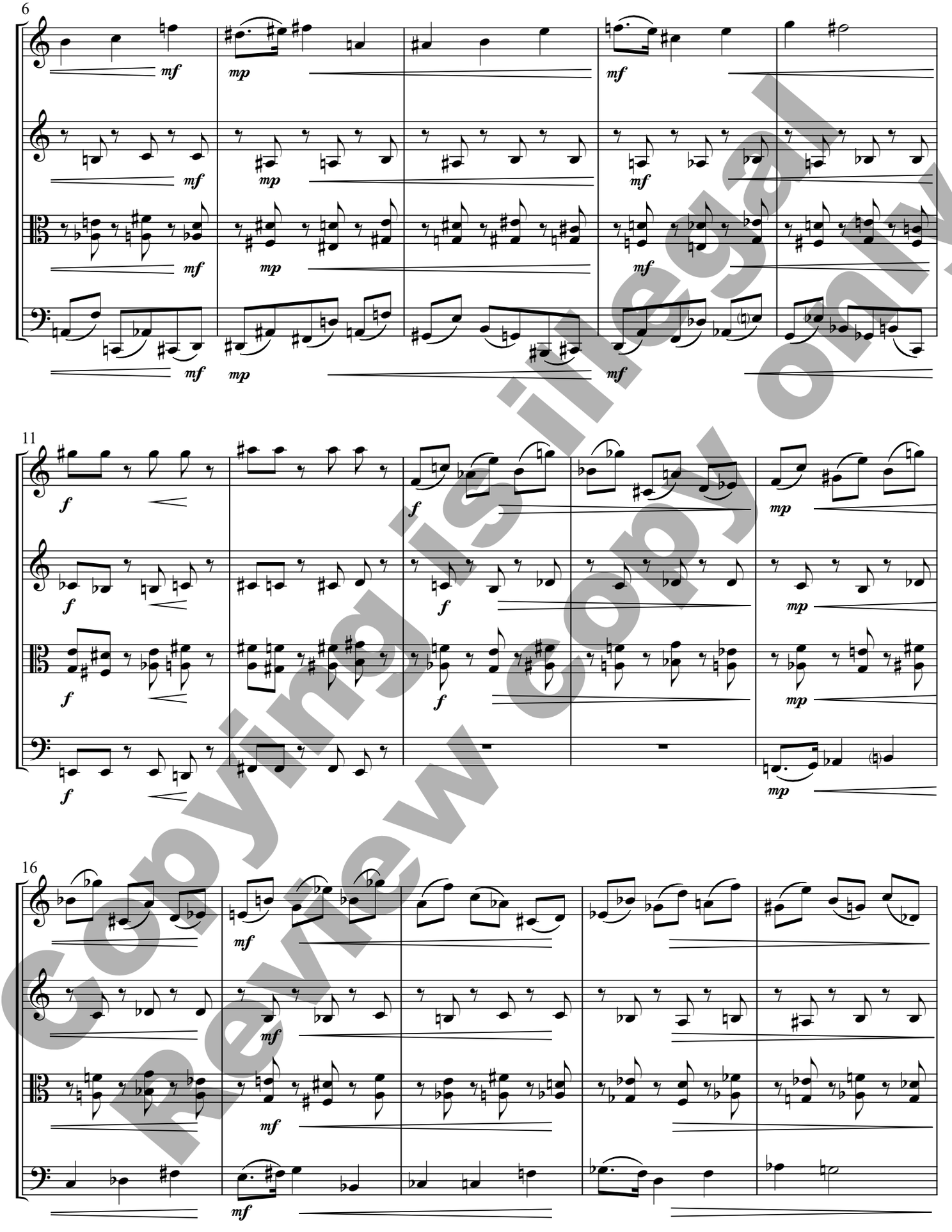

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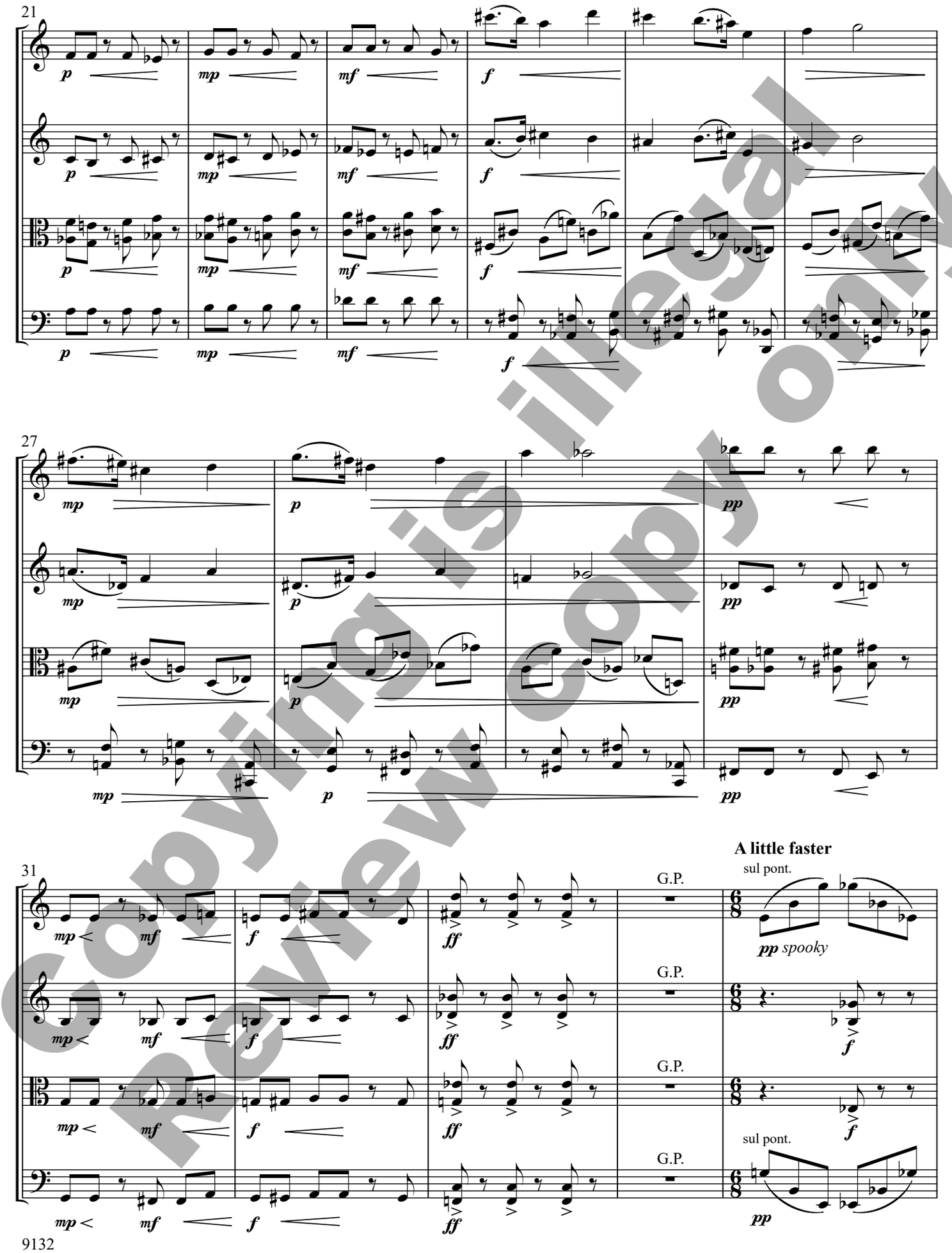

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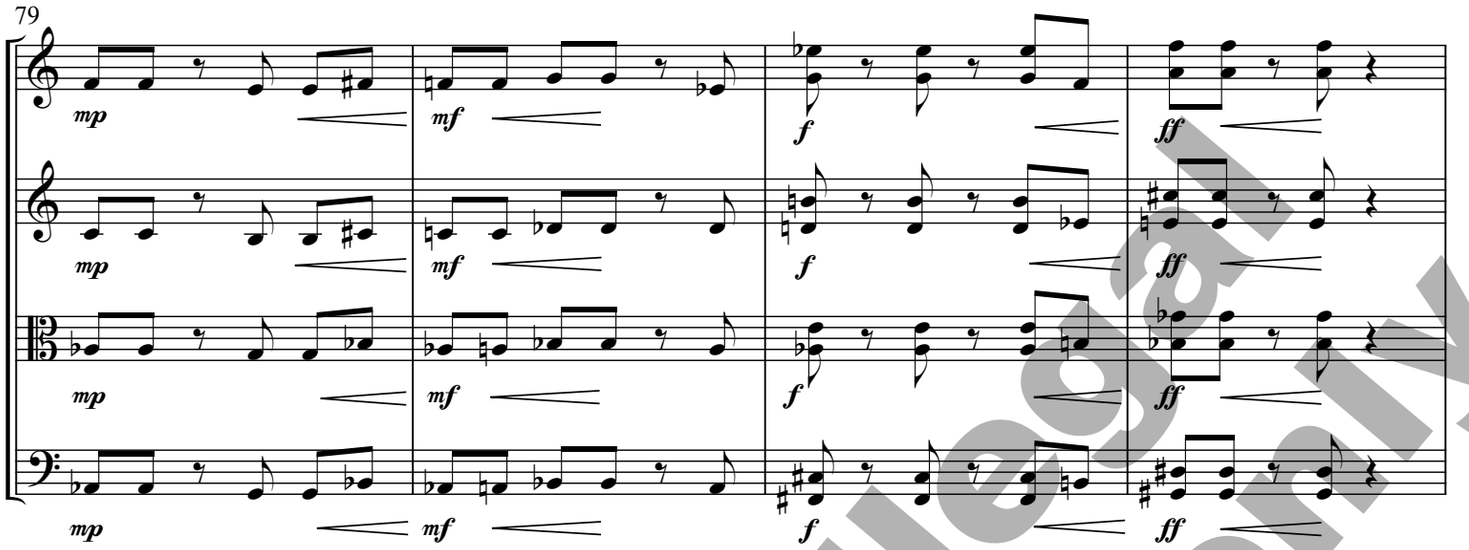

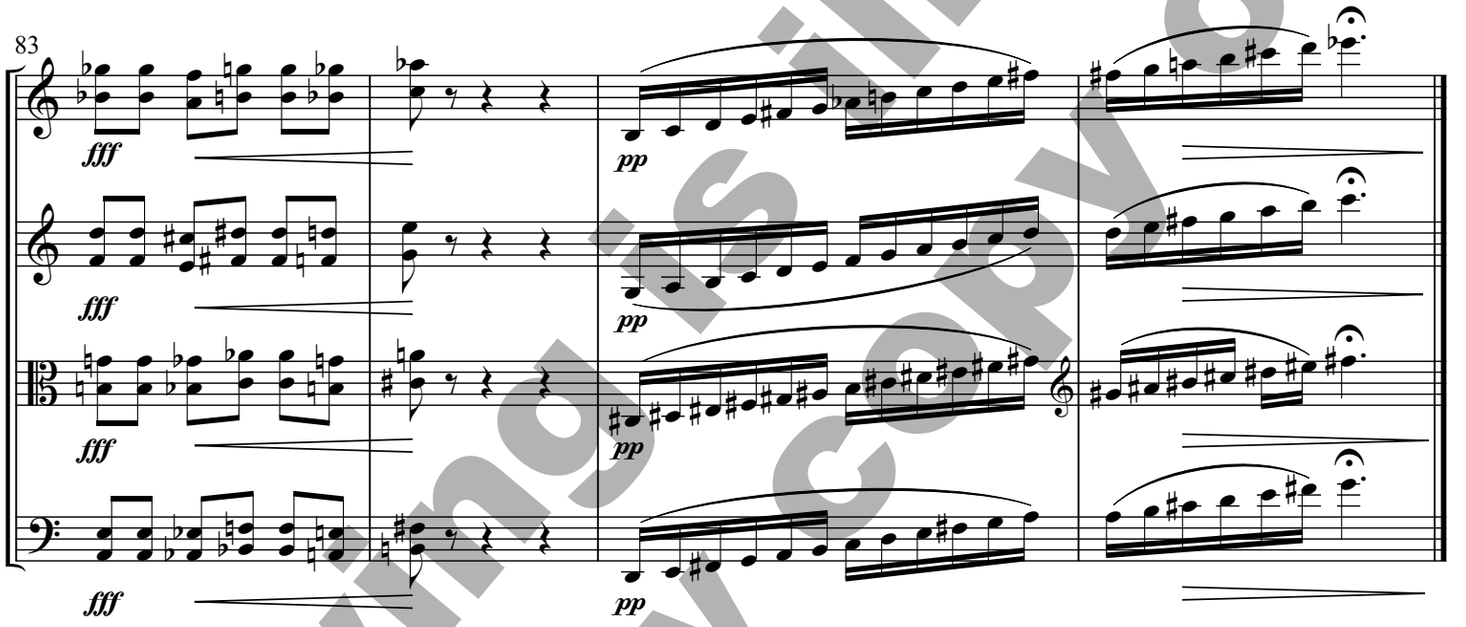

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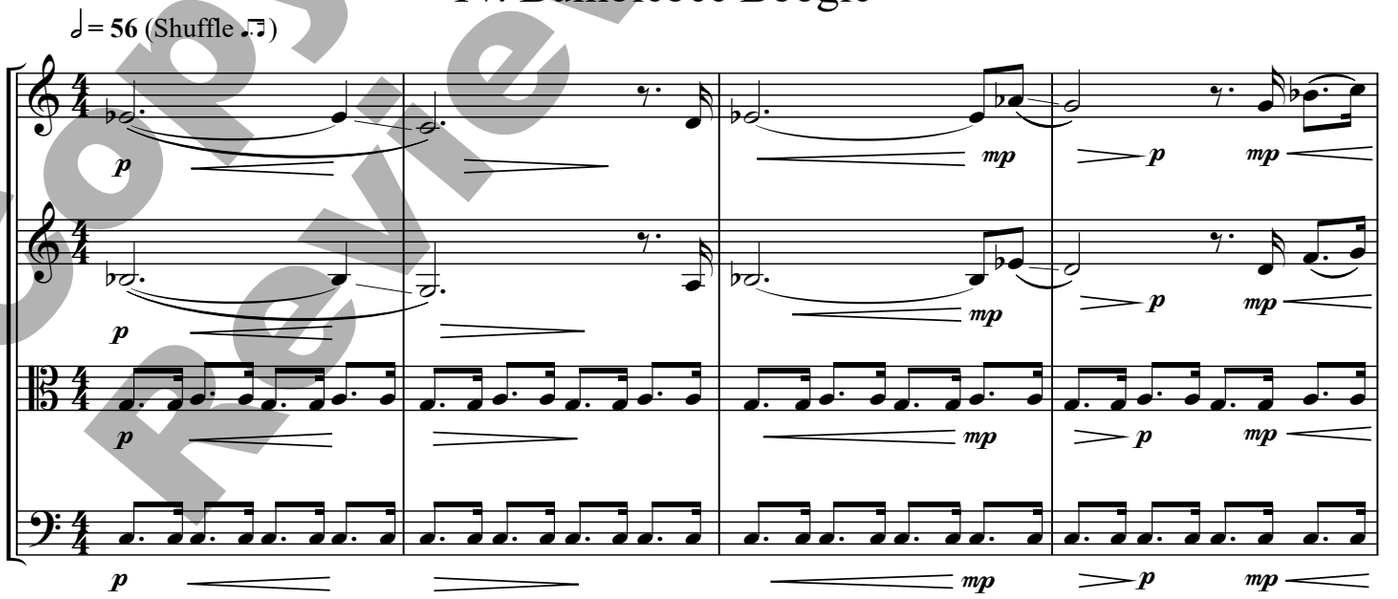

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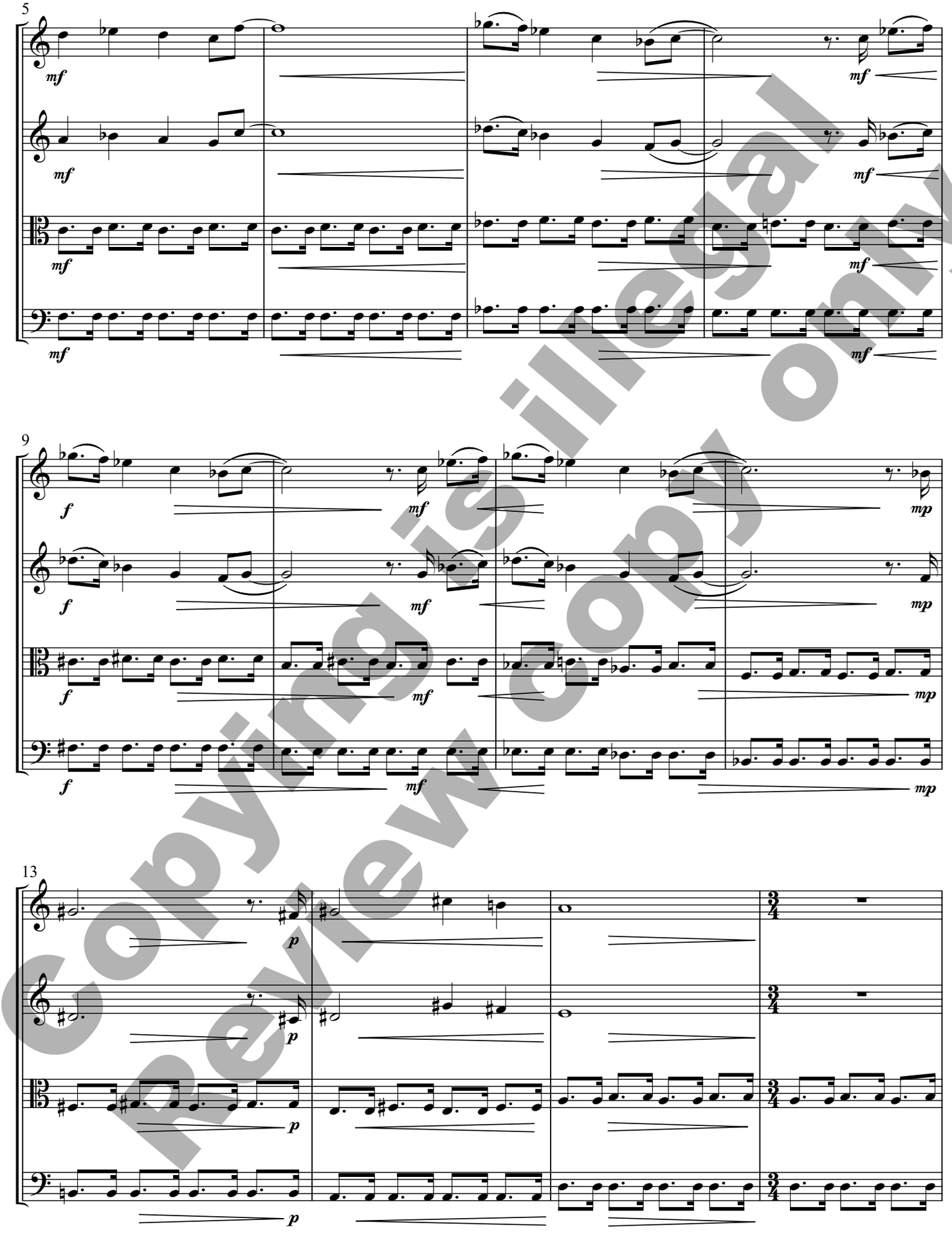

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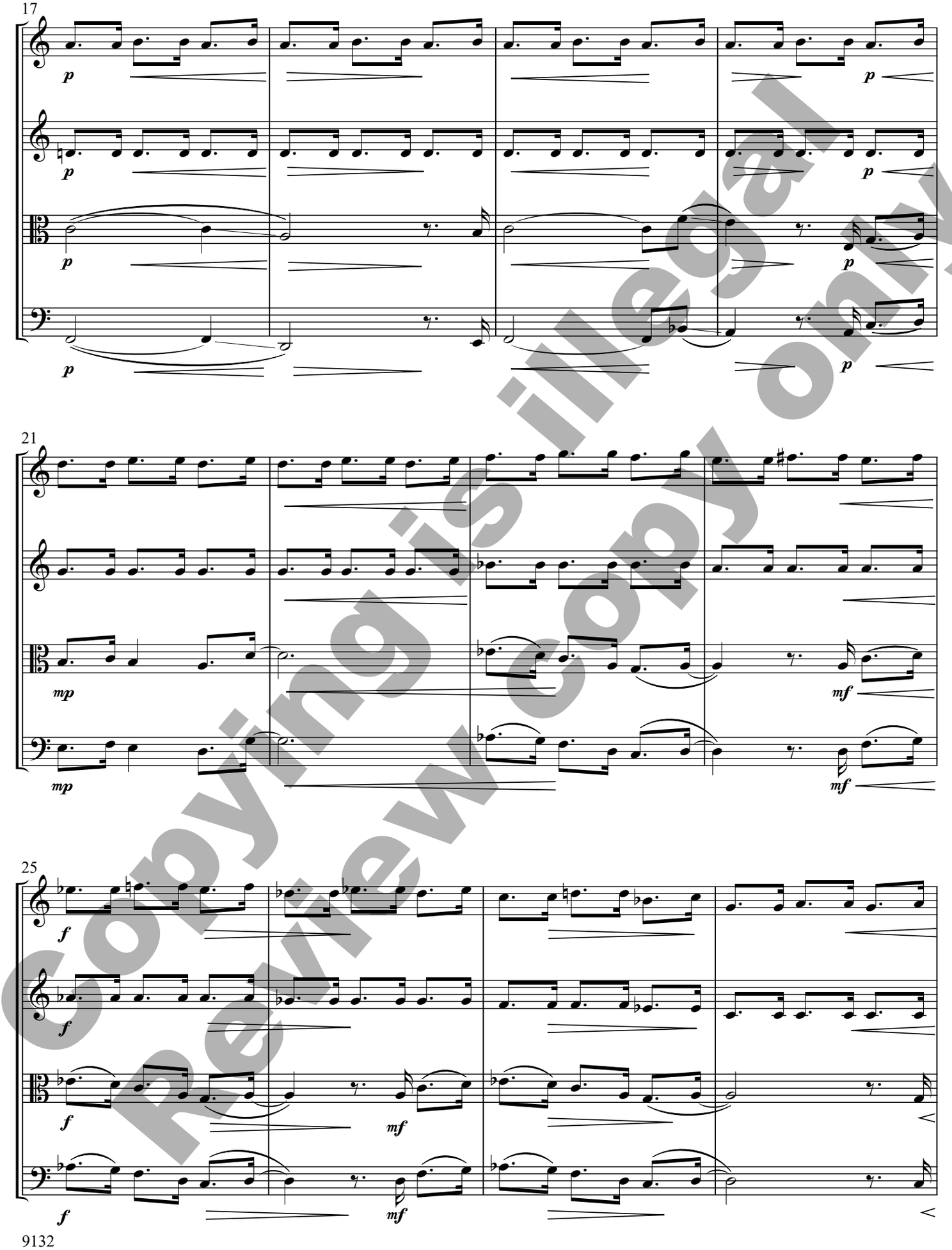

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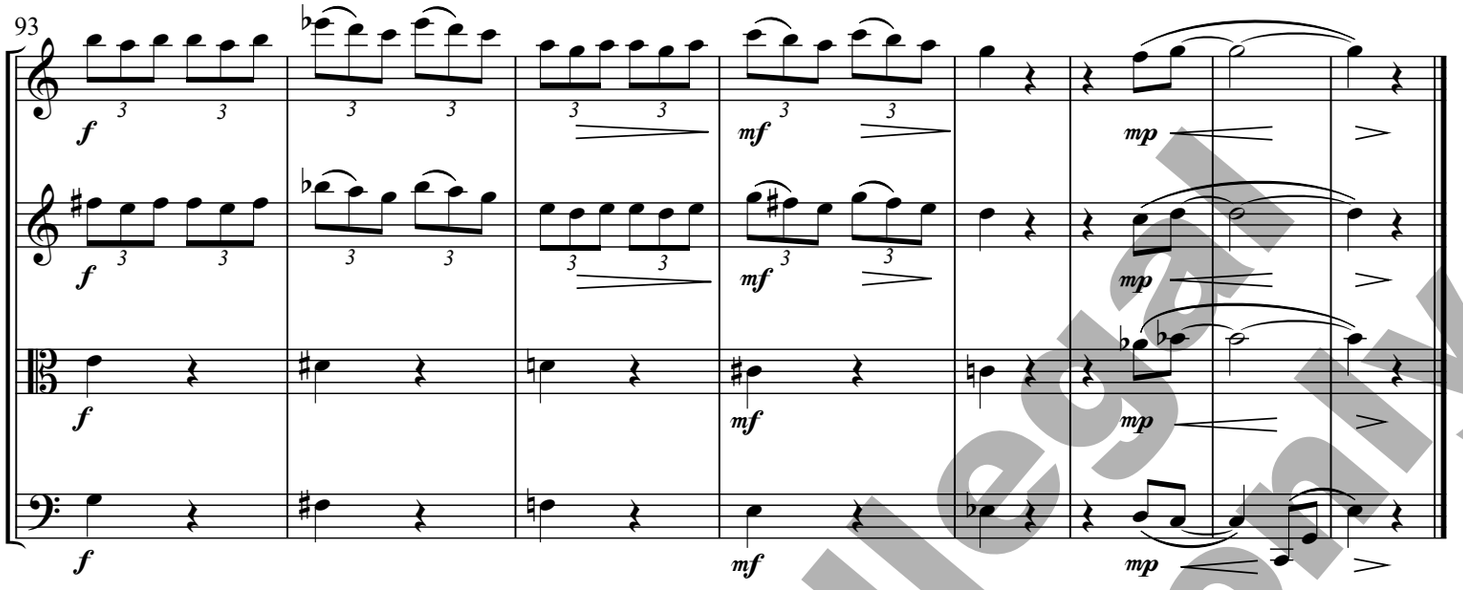

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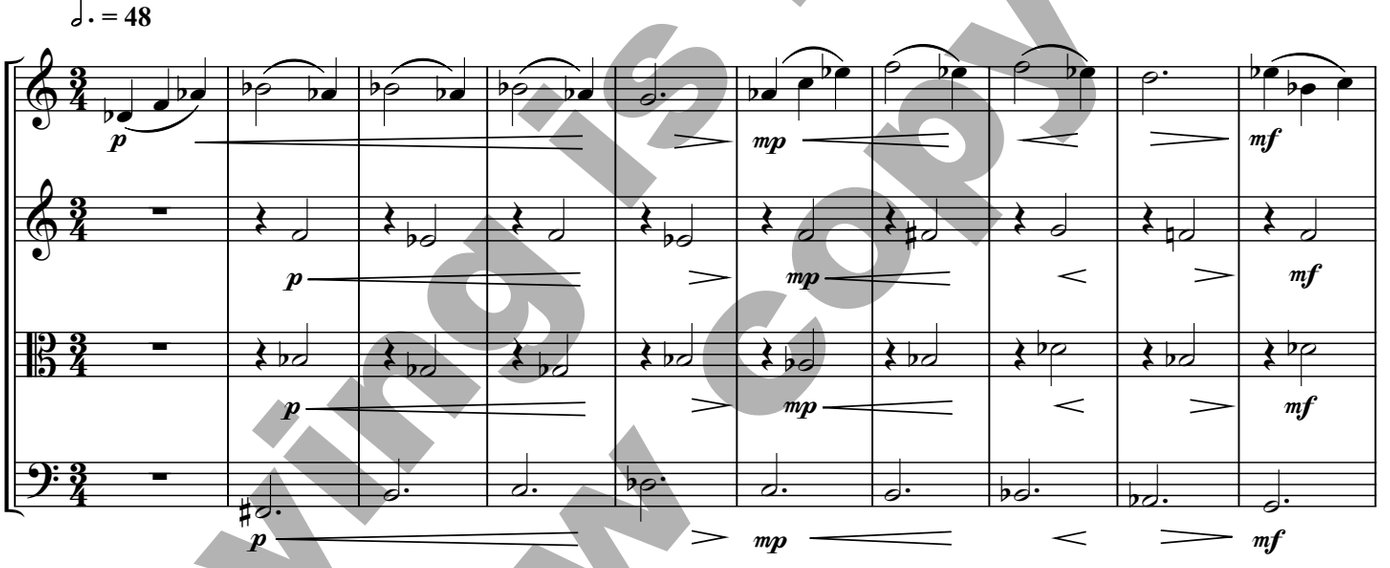

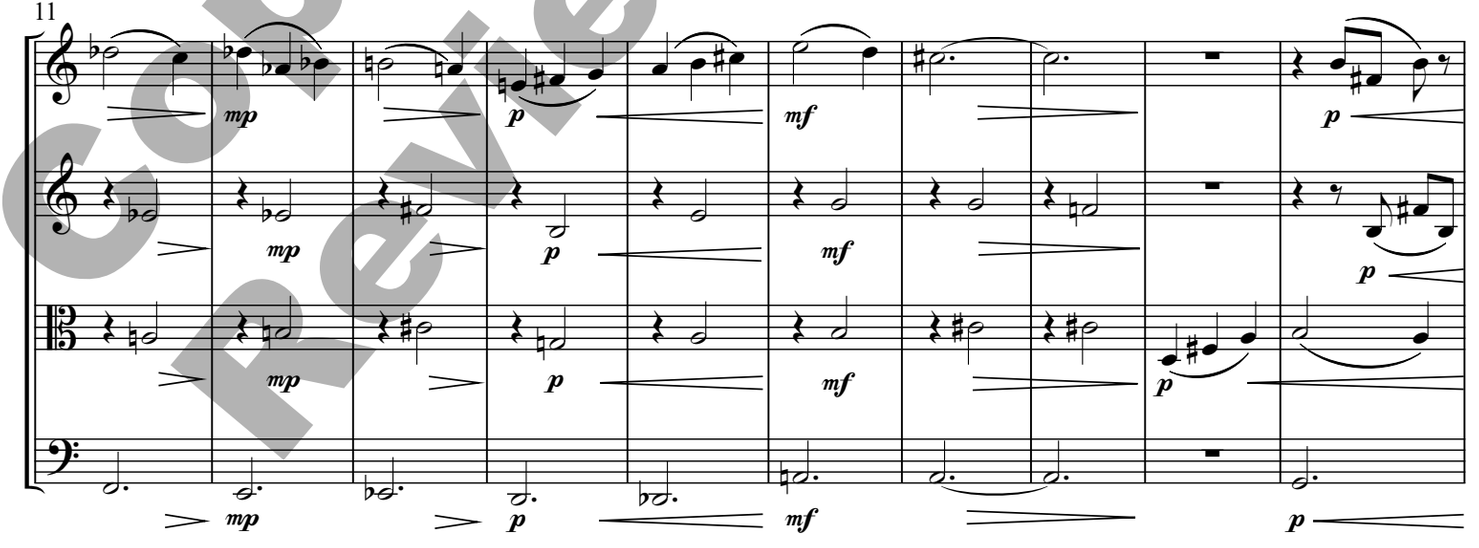

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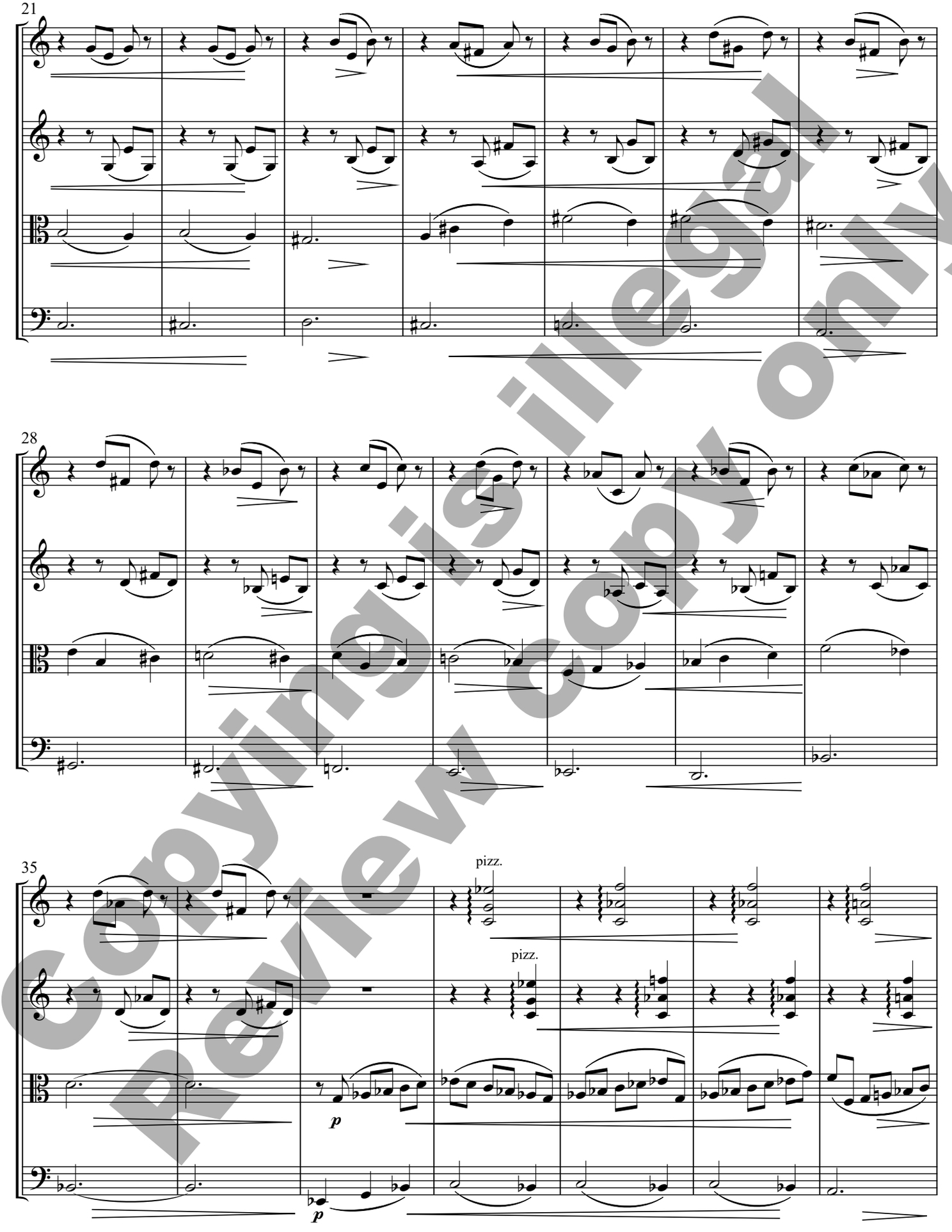

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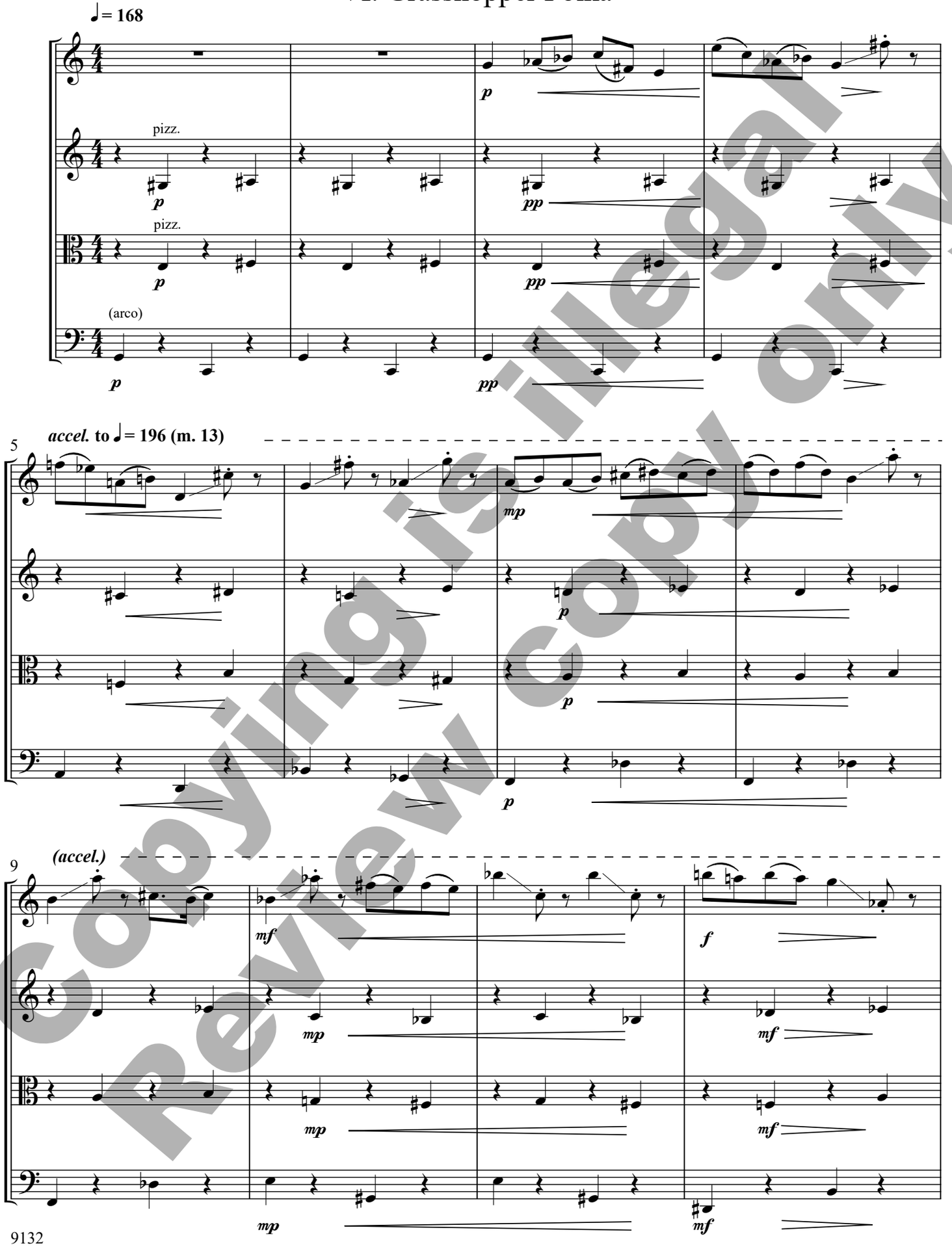

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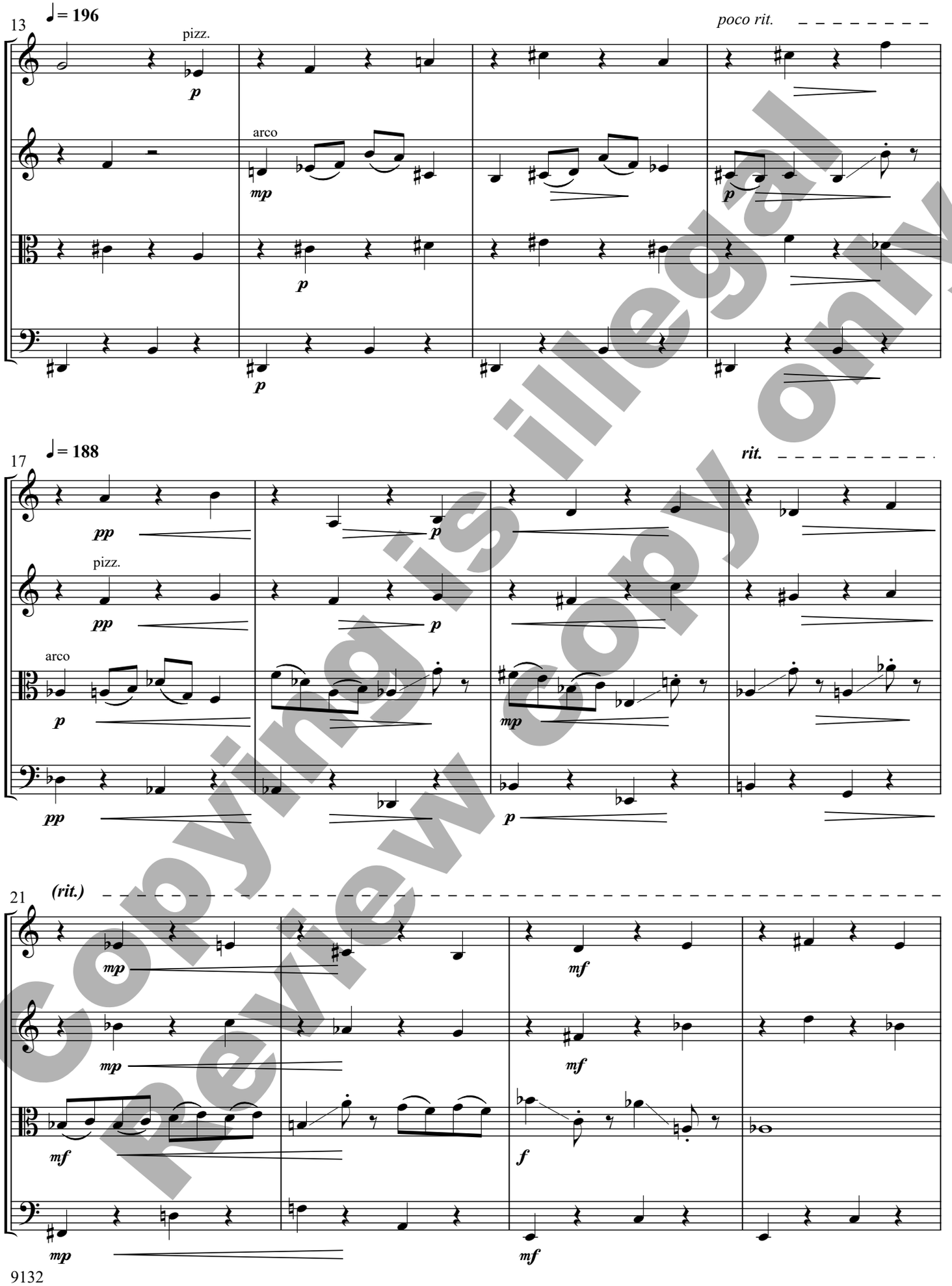

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