*for Roger Bobo*

# John STEVENS

(*1951)

# The Liberation of Sisyphus

(2000)

## for solo tuba and 8 part tuba/euphonium ensemble
pour tuba solo et octuor d'euphonium / tuba
für Solo-Tuba und Euphonium-Tuba-Oktett

*Durée/ Dauer/ Duration: ca 10'50"'*

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# John Stevens

***Français:***
John Stevens est né en 1951 à Buffalo, New York (USA) et a obtenu ses licences d'interprète (tuba) à l'Eastman School of Music (1973) et à l'Université de Yale (1975). Il a joué de nombreuses années à New York comme musicien indépendant avant d'être appelé, de 1981 à 1985, à enseigner à l'école de musique de l'Université de Miami en Floride. De 1985 à 2014 il a été professeur de tuba et d'euphonium à l'Ecole de musique de l'Université de Wisconsin-Madison, membre du Wisconsin Brass Quintet et directeur de l'école.
John Stevens arrange et compose dès ses débuts dans la carrière musicale, particulièrement dans le domaine des cuivres. Bon nombre de ses oeuvres figurent aujourd'hui dans le répertoire standard international.

***English:***
John Stevens was born in Buffalo, New York (USA) in 1951. He holds degrees in Music Performance (tuba) from the Eastman School of Music (1973) and Yale University (1975). For many years John Stevens was a free-lance performer in New York City. From 1981 to 1985 he was on the faculty of the University of Miami (FL) School of Music. From 1985 to 2014 he was on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music, where he was Professor of tuba/euphonium, a member of the Wisconsin Brass Quintet and Director of the School.
John Stevens has long been active as a composer and arranger, particularly for brass. Many of his compositions have become standard repertoire for performers all over the world.

***Deutsch:***
John Stevens ist 1951 in Buffalo, ew York (USA) geboren und machte seine Interpreten- Diplome für Tuba an der Eastman School of Music (1973) und der Yale University (1975). Er war mehrere Jahre als freistehender Musiker in New York City tätig, unterrichtete dann von 1981 bis 1985 an der Musikschule der University of Miami und ab 1985 bis 2014 an der Musikschule der Wisconsin-Madison Universität wo er als Professor für Tuba und Euphonium, als Mitglied des Wisconsin Brass Quintet und Direktor der Musikschule wirkte.
John Stevens ist seit langem als Komponist und Arrangeur tätig, insbesondere im Bereich der Blechblasinstrumente. Viele seiner Werke sind weltweit im Standard-Repertoire namhafter Interpreten.

## L'Oeuvre

Commandée par Roger Bobo et spécialement écrite pour lui, la «Liberation of Sisyphus» a été composée au printemps 1990 et la première a eu lieu à Sapporo, au Japon, en août 1990, à l'occasion de la Conférence internationale du Tuba et de l'Euphonium, avec le dédicataire comme soliste et le Tokyo Bari-Tuba Ensemble dirigé par le compositeur.
La mythologie nous apprend que Sisyphe avait été condamné pour l'éternité par Zeus à pousser une énorme pierre au sommet d'une montagne. Son hypothétique «libération» est illustrée ici musicalement par un tuba virtuose et un octuor de tubas/euphoniums.

*John Stevens*

## Das Werk

"Liberation of Sisyphus" wurde im Frühling 1990 komponiert. Das Werk wurde von Roger Bobo bestellt und auch speziell für ihn geschrieben. Die Uraufführung fand im August 1990 in Sapporo, Japan, während der Internationalen Tuba/Euphonium Konferenz statt. Ausführende waren Roger Bobo, das Tokyo Bari-Tuba Ensemble unter der Leitung des Komponisten.
Die Mythologie erzählt uns, dass Sisyphus für alle Ewigkeit von Zeuss verurteilt wurde, einen riesigen Stein auf einen steilen Hügel hinauf zu rollen. Seine hypothetische "Befreiung" wird hier in diesem virtuosen Stück für solo Tuba und Tuba-Oktett musikalisch geschildert.

*John Stevens*

## The work

"Liberation of Sisyphus"was composed in the spring of 1990. It was commissioned by and written especially for Roger Bobo. The work was premiered, with Roger Bobo as soloist and the Tokyo Bari-Tuba Ensemble conducted by the composer, at the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference in Sapporo, Japan in August, 1990. Mythology tells us that Sisyphus was condemned by Zeus to spend all eternity pushing a heavy stone up a hill. His hypothetical "liberation" is depicted in this virtuoso work for solo tuba and eight-part tuba/euphonium ensemble.

*John Stevens*
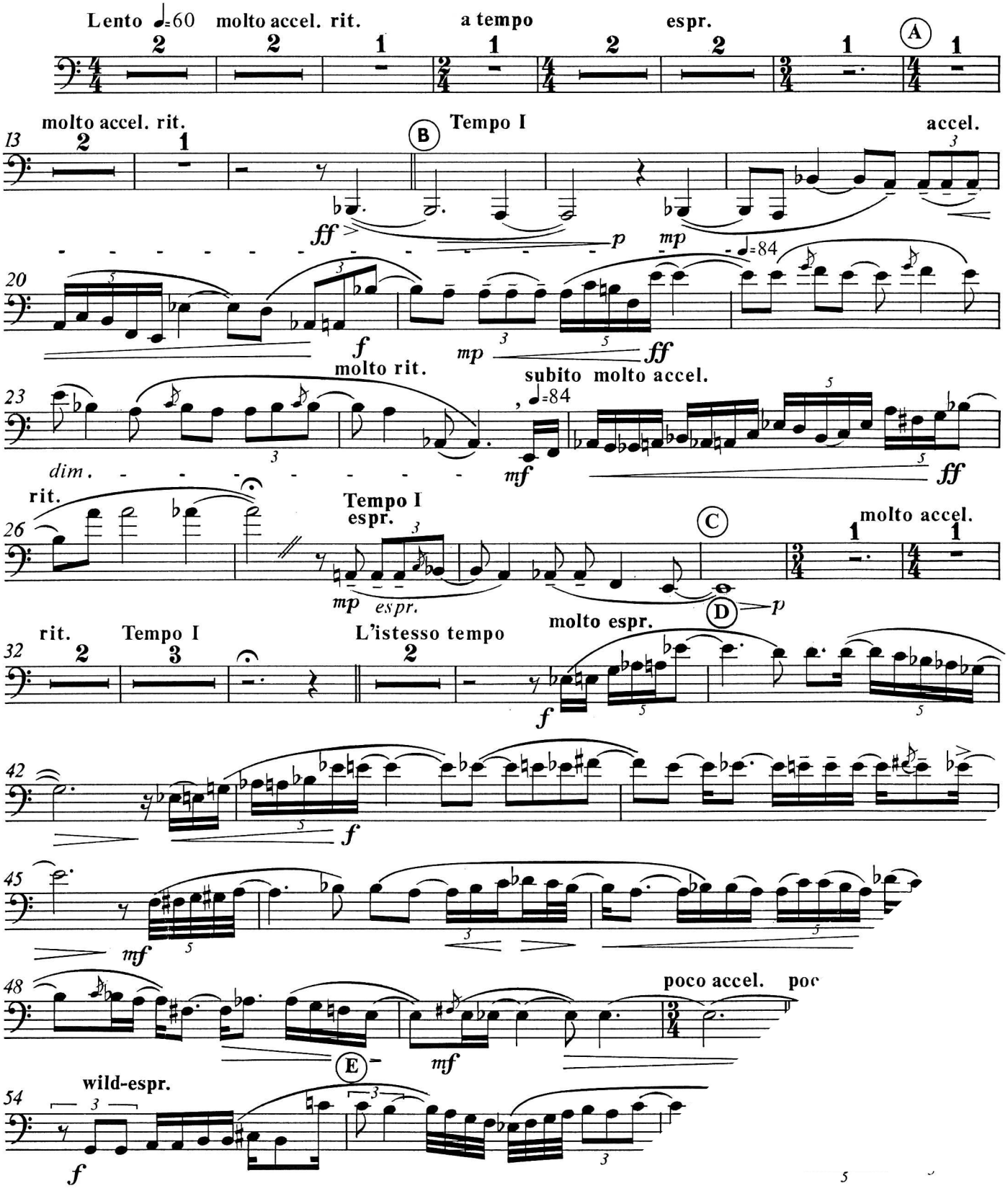
SOLO TUBA

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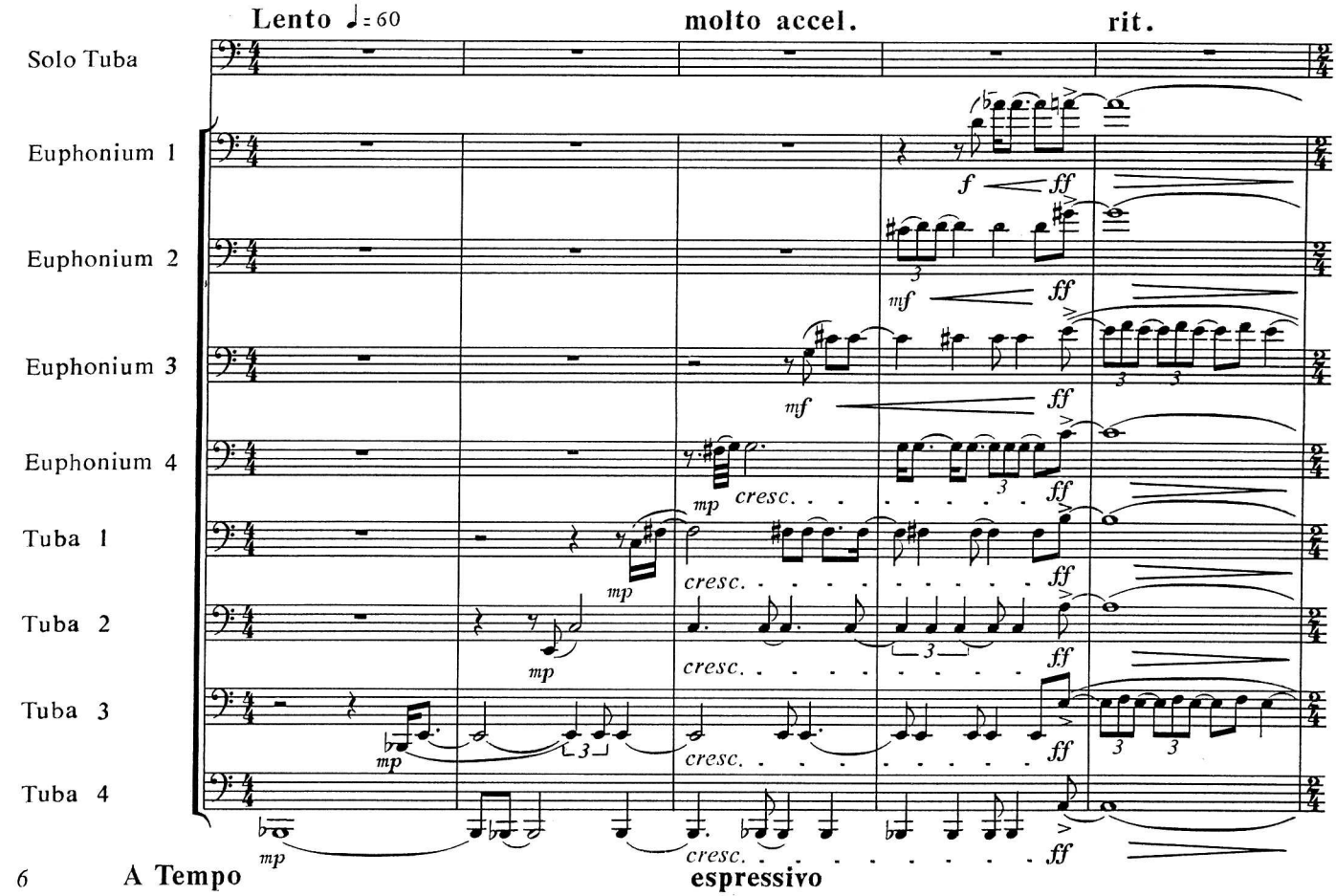
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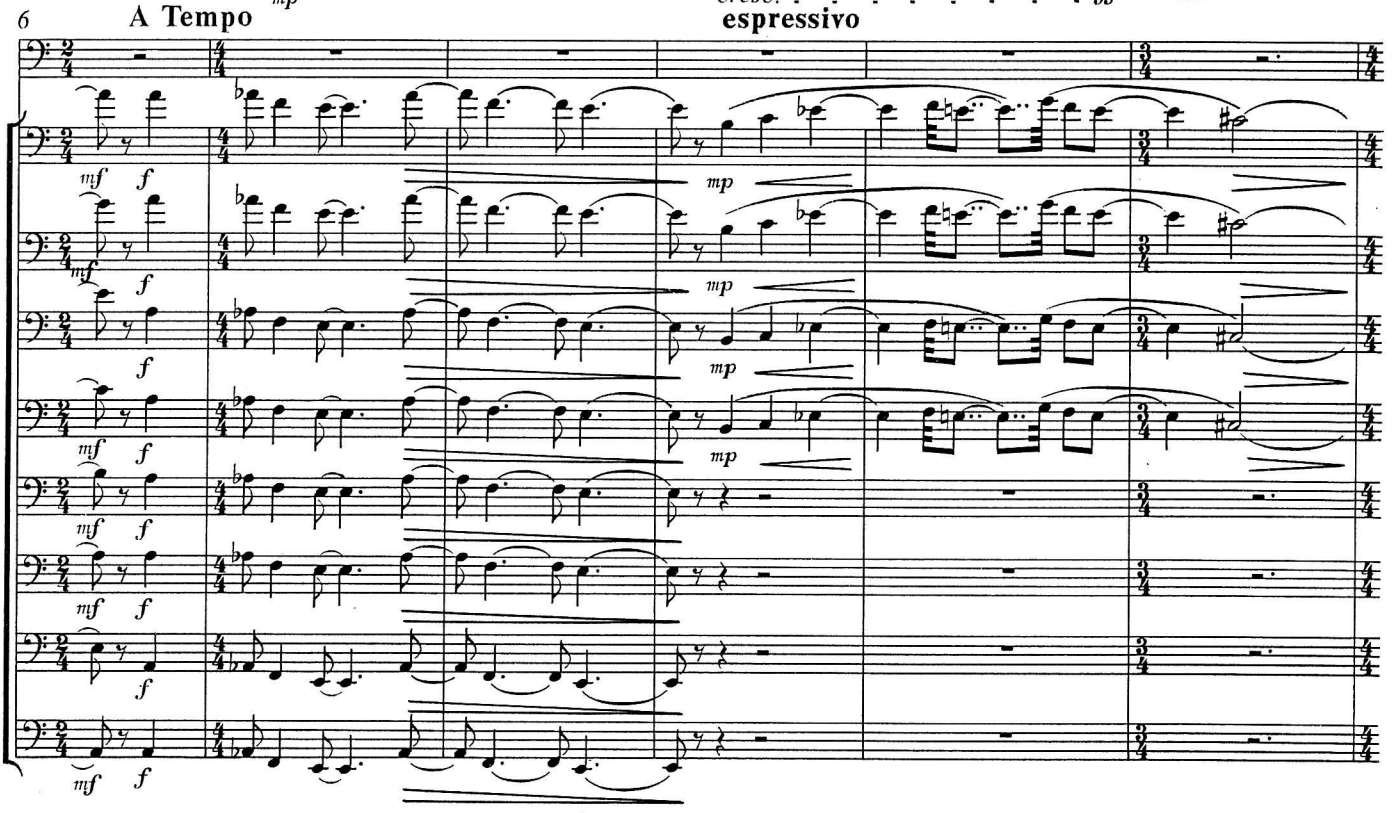
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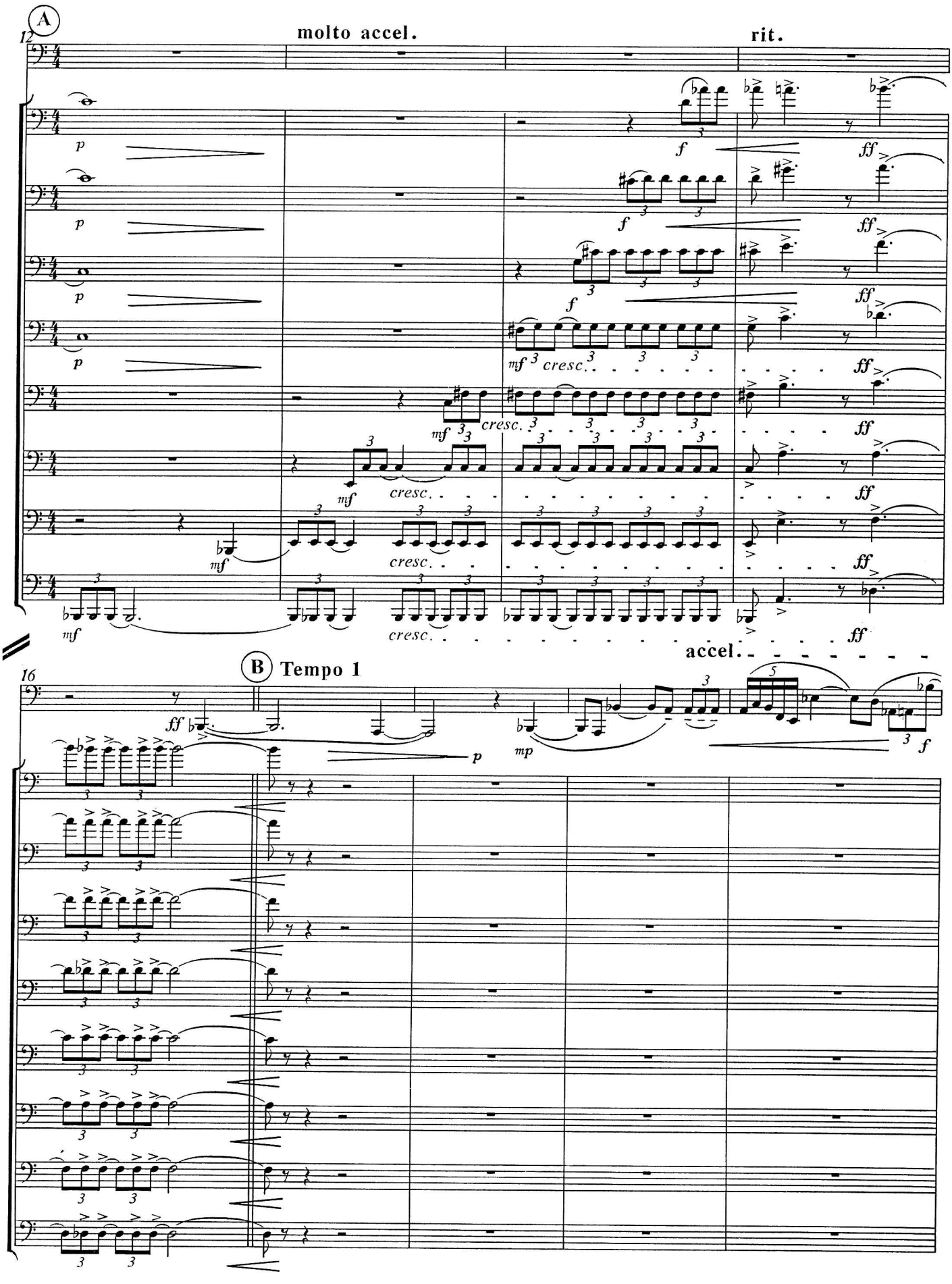
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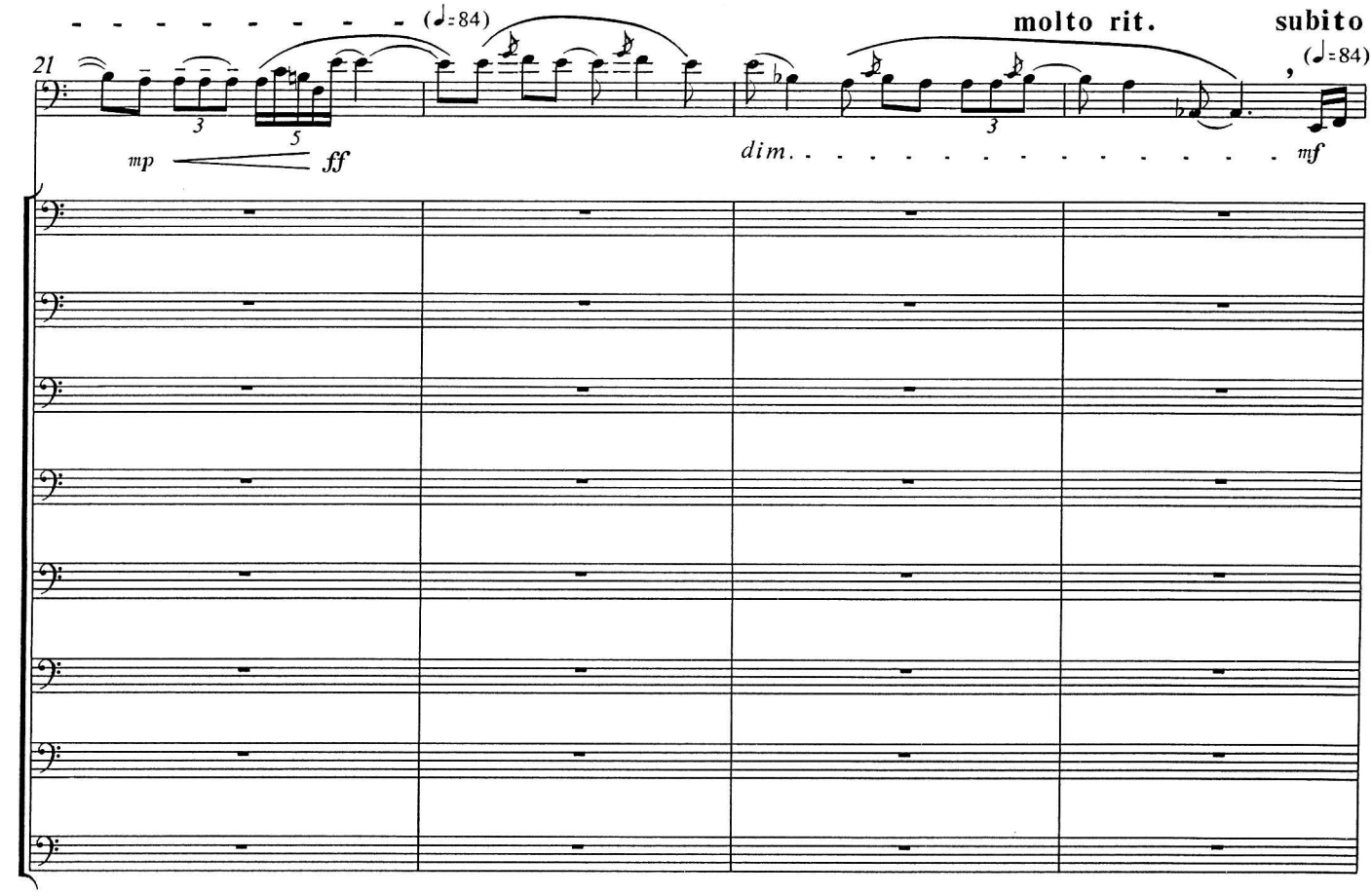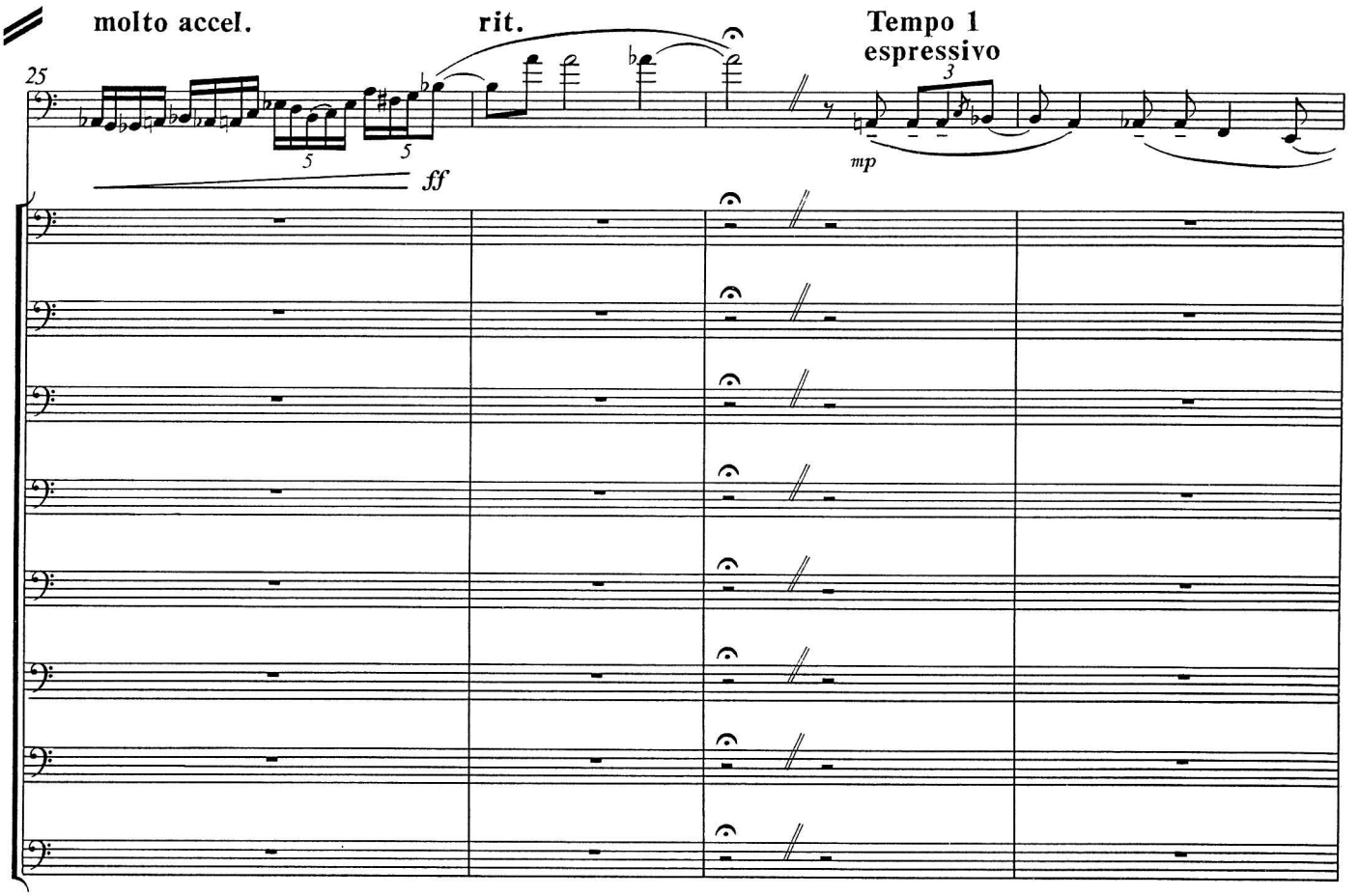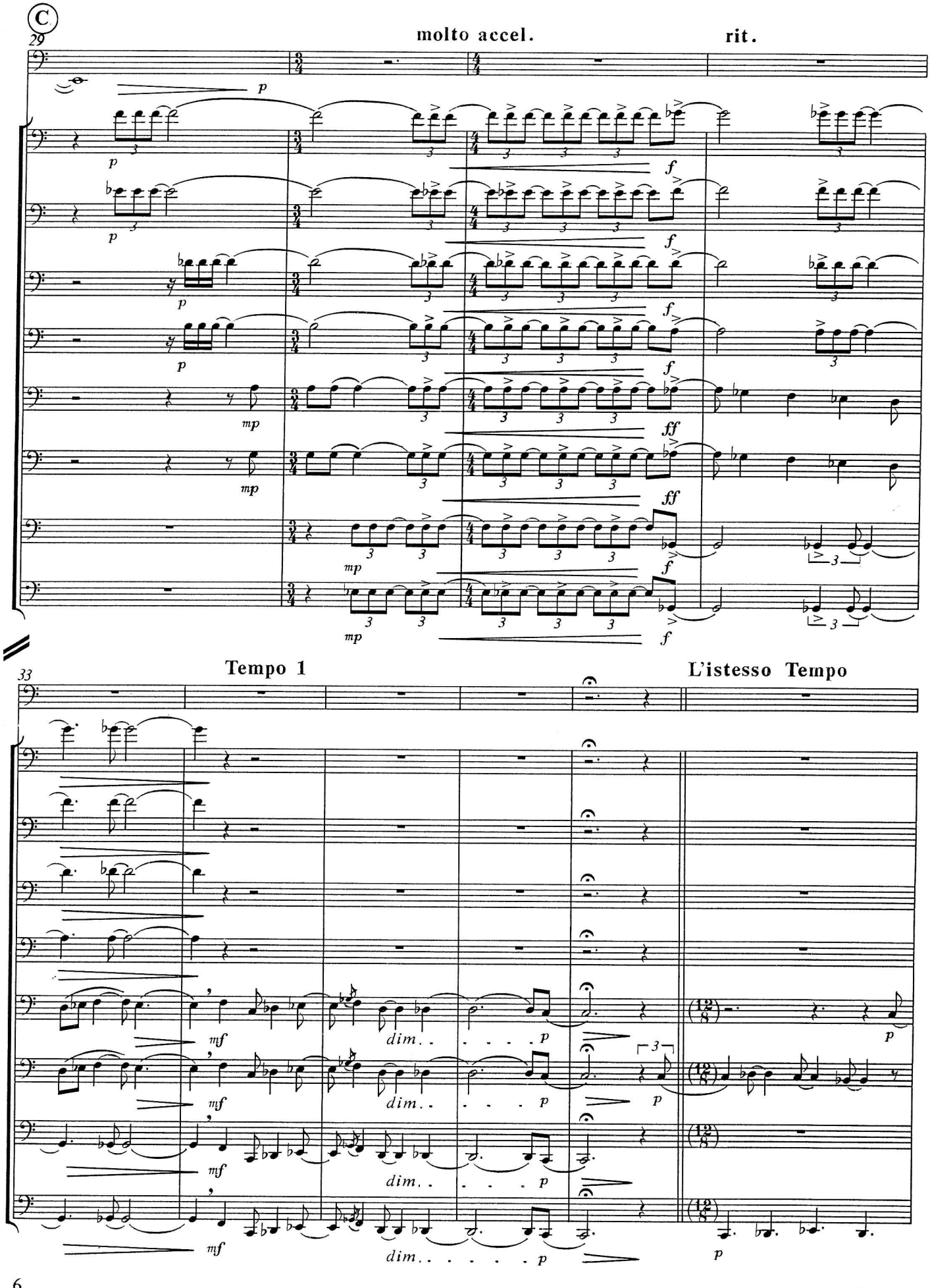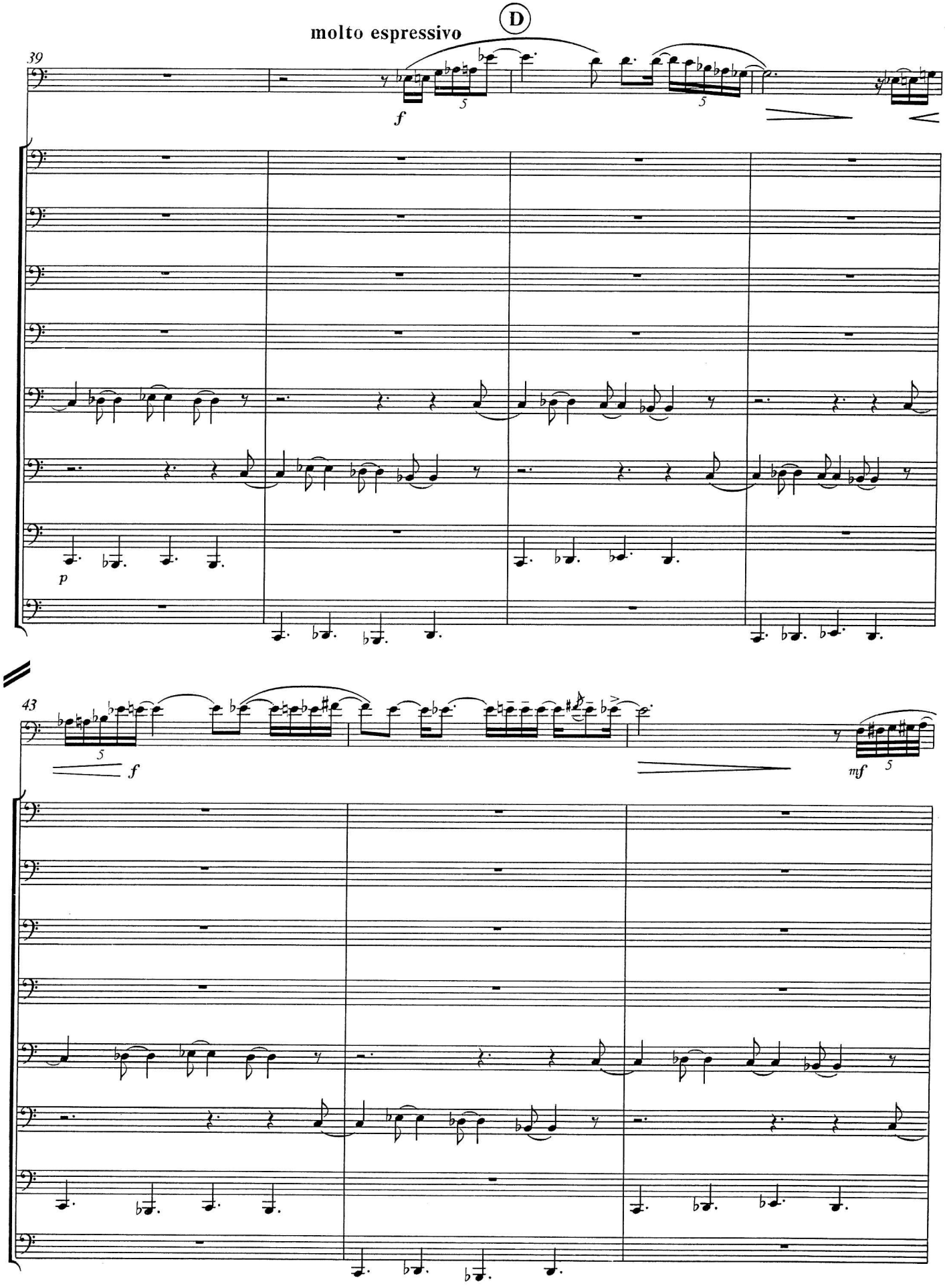







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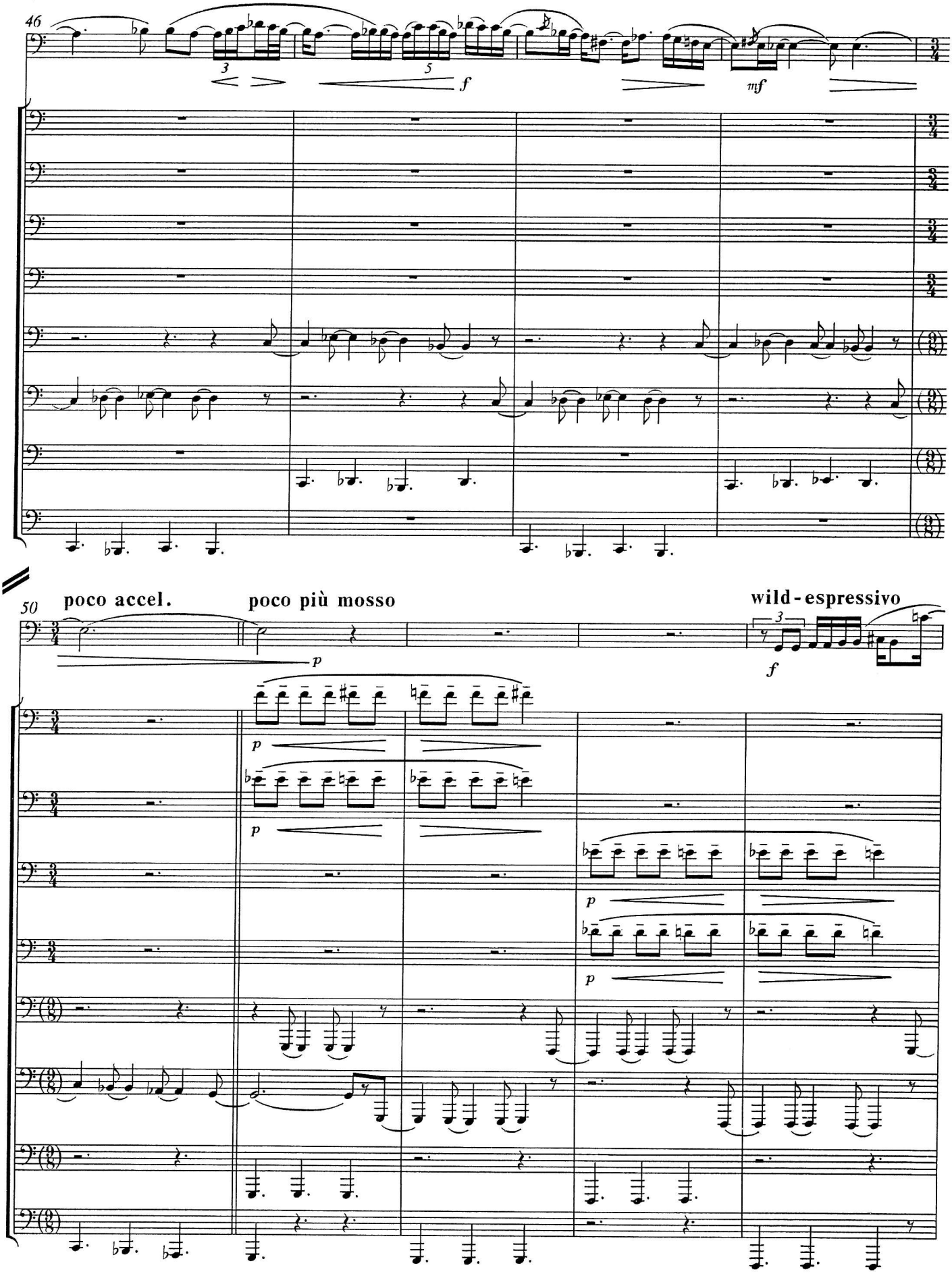

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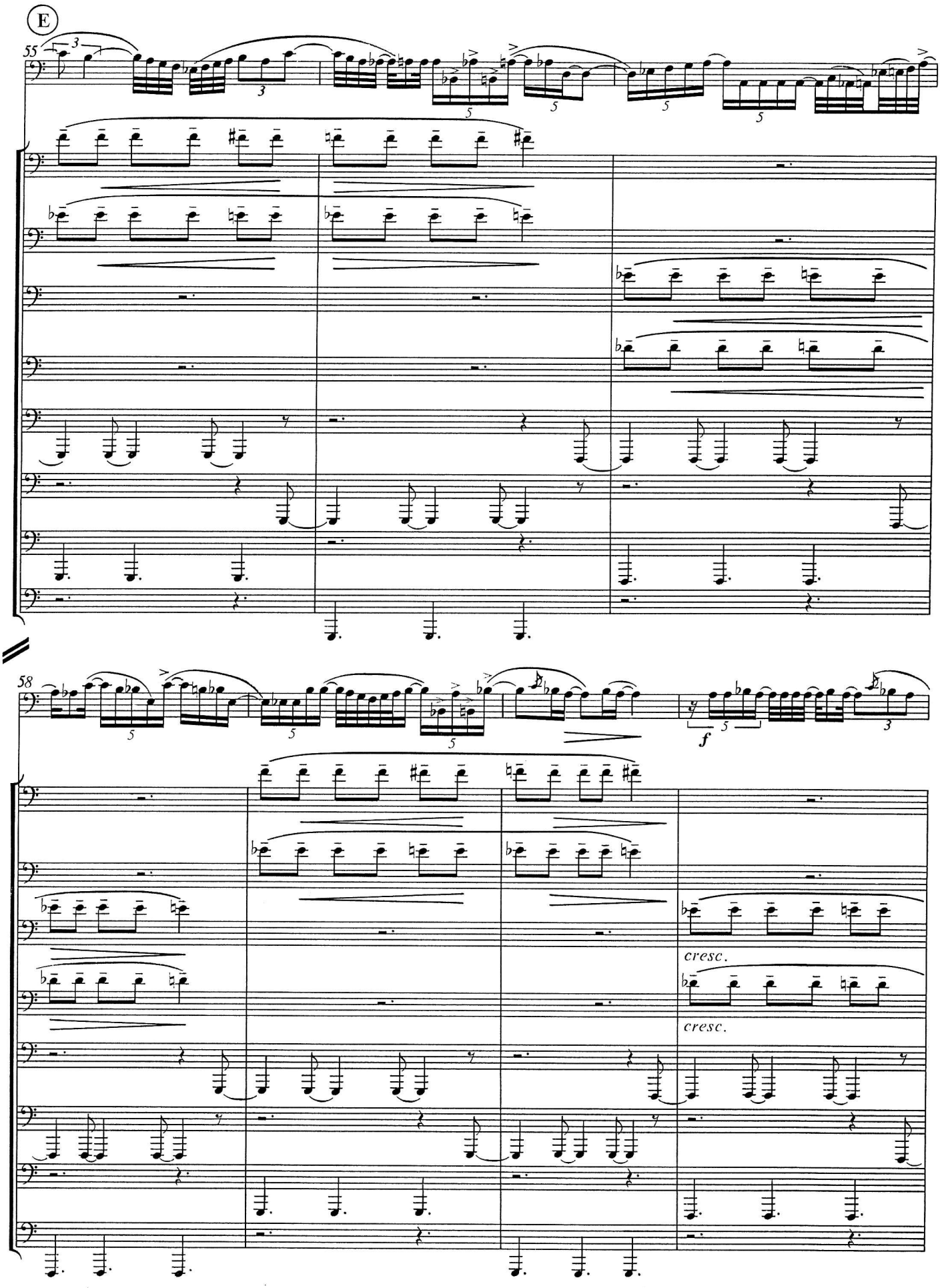

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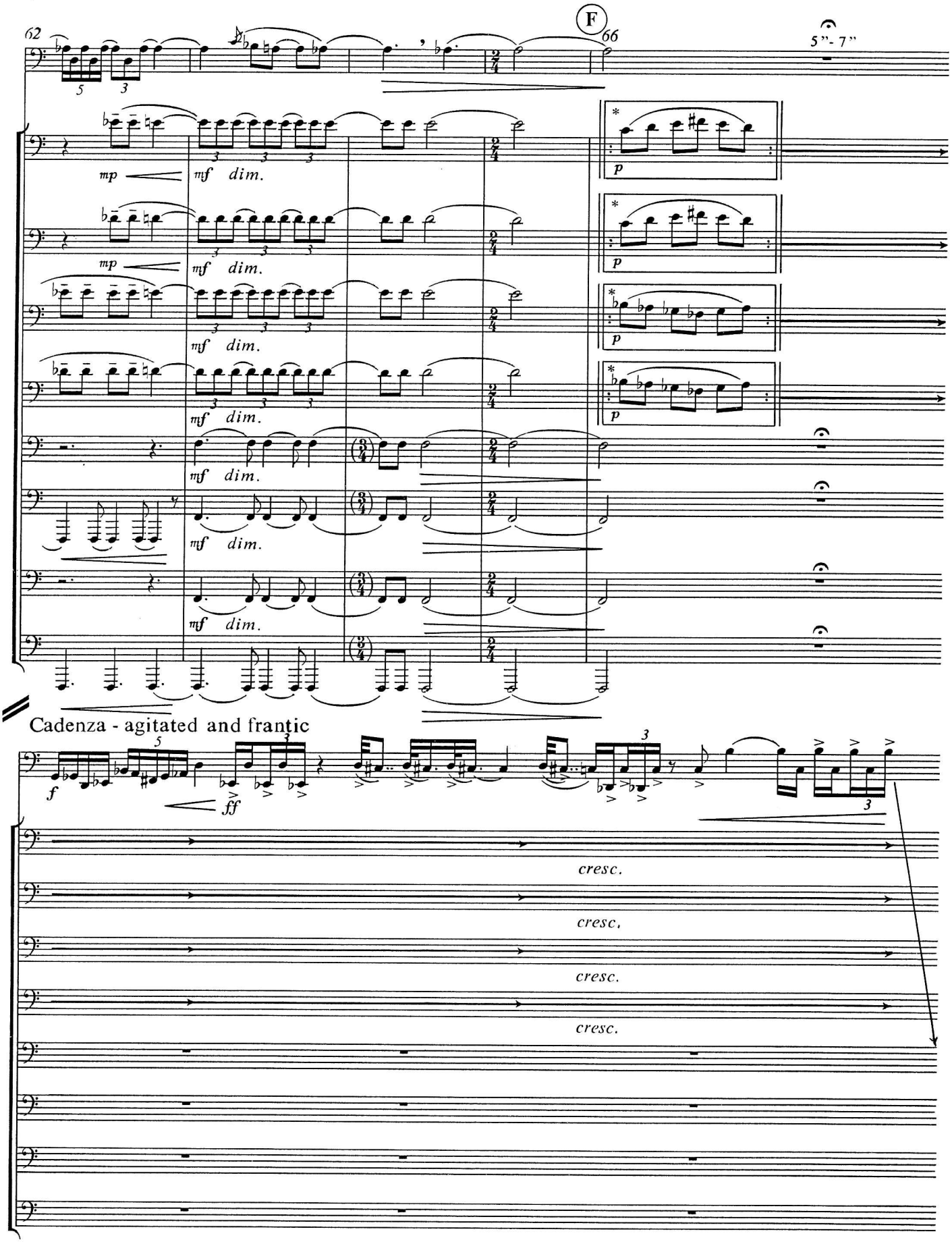

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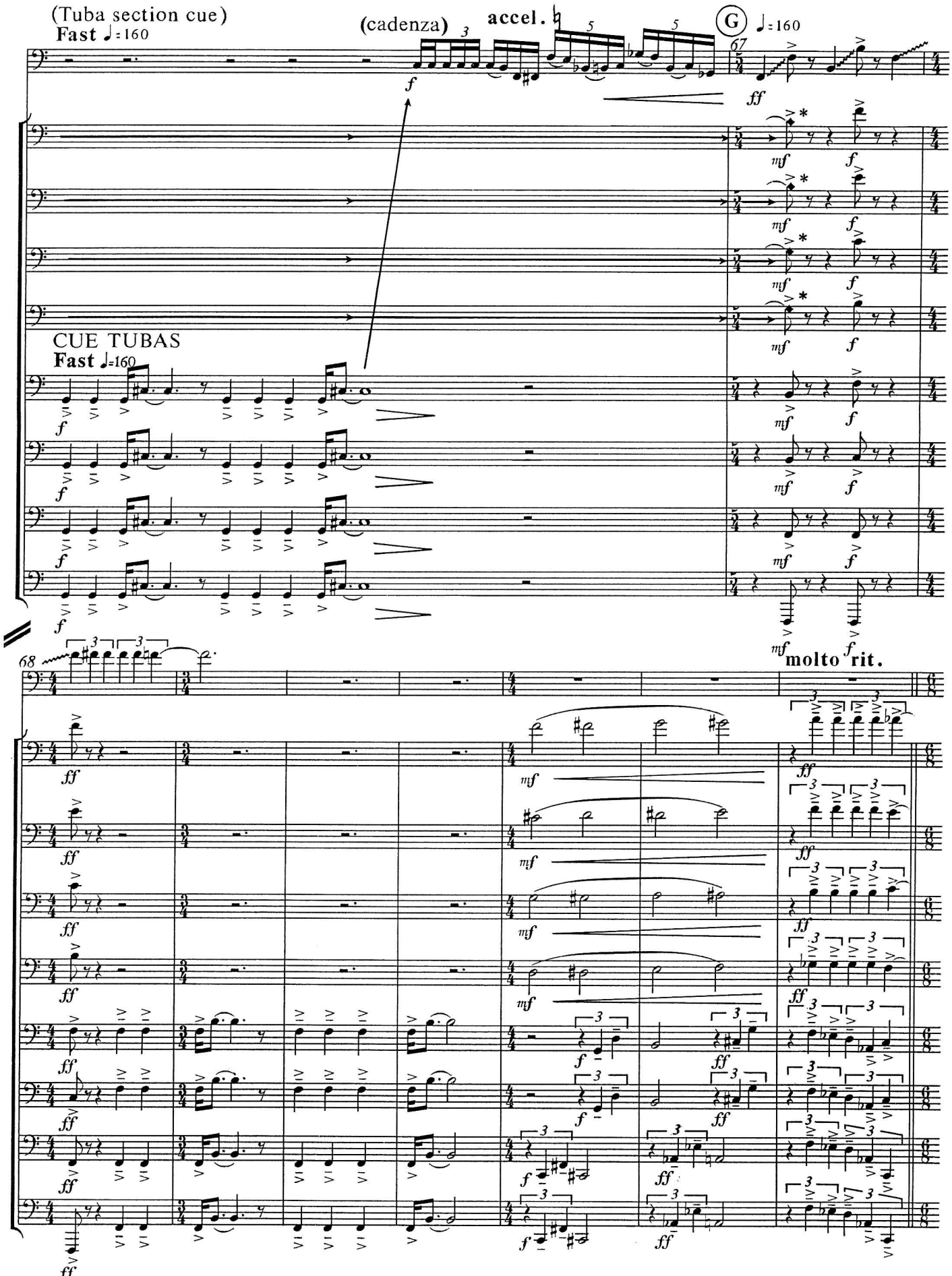

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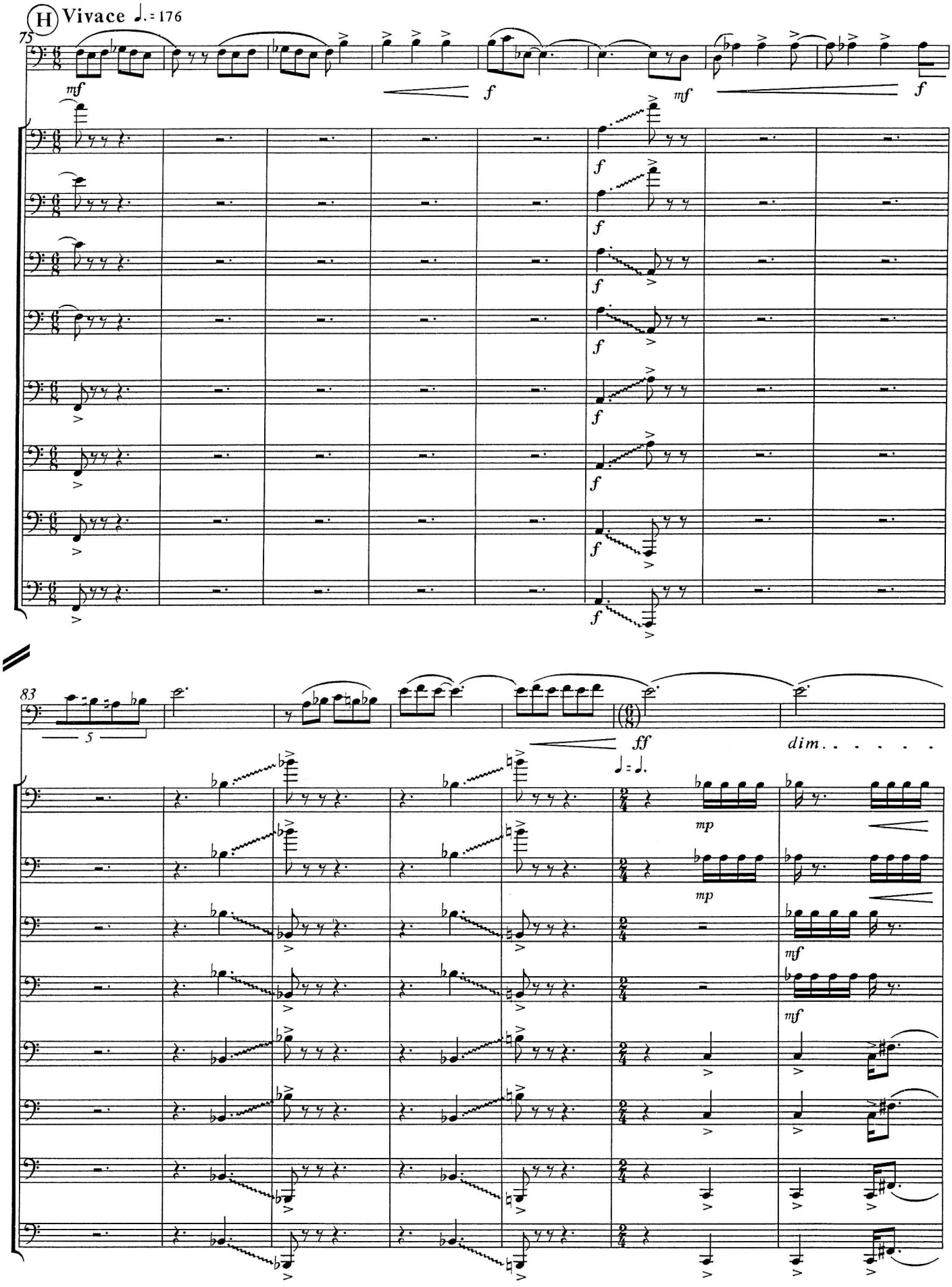

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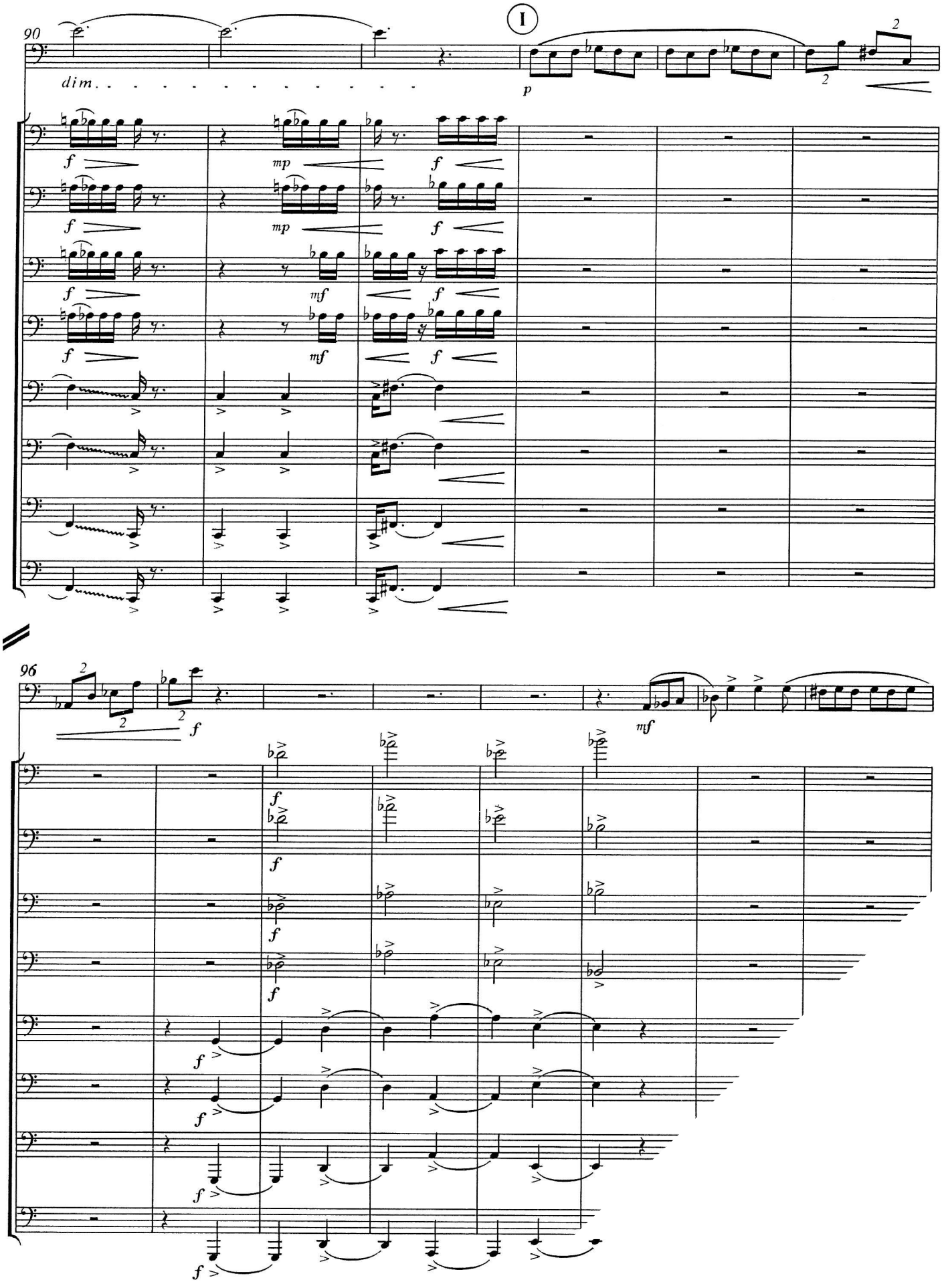



* - Euphs. at letter (F) - repeat ad lib. - always slurred; change tempos, breathe ad lib. - create a random effect - don't try to be with any other player.




* - Euphs. - 2ND beat of letter (G) - each player ends "box" figure on whichever note he or she is on at the time.


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# MUSIC FOR TUBA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

## TUBA SOLO

**AGRELL Jeffrey** — **Eccentric Dances** (1997 - 8')
TU78 — solo tuba

**FORBES Michael** — **The Grumpy Troll** (2013 - 6')
TU183 — tuba solo

**FORBES Michael** — **Polar Vortex** (2014 - 6')
TU192 — tuba solo

**GALLAGHER Jack** — **Sonata Breve** (1981 - 8')
TU70 — tuba solo

**HAJDUSEK Boris** — **Scherzino** (1999 - 5')
TU110 — tuba solo

**KHOUDOYAN Adam** — **Elégie**
TU2 — tuba solo

**KRAFT William** — **Encounters II** (1964 - 7')
TU17 — tuba solo

**MASSON Askell** — **Aeolus** (2003 - 3')
TU106 — tuba solo

**MASSON Askell** — **Boreas** (1999 - 5')
TU81 — tuba solo

**PERFEITO Paulo** — **Further Beyond** (2005 - 3'30)
TU118 — tuba solo

**PLOG Anthony** — **Postcards V** (2019 - 6')
TU210 — tuba solo

**POWELL Morgan** — **Midnight Realities**
TU75 — tuba solo

**SLAVICKY Milan** — **Echoes** (1981 - 11')
TU42 — tuba solo

**STEVENS John** — **Remembrance** (1995 - 7'20)
TU80 — tuba solo

**STEVENS John** — **Salve Venere, Salve Marte** (1989 - 8')
TU37 — tuba solo

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Caprices (No 1, 2, 3)** (1993-2003)
TU88 — for solo tuba

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Variations on a Hungarian Children Song** (1999 - 6'40)
TU89 — tuba solo

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Variations on Brahms** (2006 - 5')
TU121 — tuba solo

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Visions** (2010 - 10'30)
TU171 — tuba solo (and piano ad lib.)

**THUILLIER François** — **Groove in Tours** (2010 - 4'30)
TU158 — tuba solo

**ZBINDEN Julien-François** — **Solissimo V (op. 94)** (2009 - 7'20)
TU151 — tuba solo

## TUBA DUETS

**ADJEMIAN Vartan** — **Blues** (2010 - 7')
TU159 — 2 tubas, string quartet and piano

**ALBERT Thomas** — **Five**
TU56 — 2 tubas

**CHOLET Jean-Christophe** — **Complex**
ENS212 — tuba and euphonium

**FORBES Michael** — **6 Roundabouts (duets)** (2003 - 7')
TU103 — 2 tubas

**GARRETT James A.** — **Fantasia**
TU57 — 2 tubas

**HANMER Paul** — **Der blasende Holländer** (2008 - 5')
TU137 — 2 tubas and drums

**HANMER Paul** — **Kometgruppen [Minuet and Trio]** (2008 - 8')
TU138 — 2 tubas, drums, piano and string quintet

**KRUSH Jay** — **Largo and Allegro**
TU74 — 2 tubas

**PERFEITO Paulo** — **BTT** (2004 - 4'30)
TU120 — 2 tubas and drum set

**PINTO-CORREIA Andreia** — **Adamastor** (2009 - 12')
TU155 — 2 tubas & orchestra or 2 tubas, piano and percussion

**PINTO-CORREIA Andreia** — **Teatro de Marionetas** (2008 - 10')
TU139 — 2 tubas and percussion

**PLOG Anthony** (*1947) — **Dialogue** (2009 - 1'20)
TU144 — 2 tubas

**STAMITZ Carl** — **Duet** *(Long Newell H.)*
TU62 — 2 tubas

**STEPTOE Roger** — **Dourando as trevas** (2005 - 4'30)
TU136 — 2 tubas and vibraphone

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **3 Dances** (2007 - 22')
TU132b — 2 solo tubas and big band

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **K-1** (2010 - 6')
TU161 — 2 tubas and 6 trombones

**THIBAULT Thierry** — **Frères de la brume** (2004 - 8')
TU129 — saxhorn (euphonium), tuba and piano

## TUBA TRIO

**ANONYMOUS** — **Dona Nobis Pacem**
TU64 — 3 tubas *(arr. Isbell Thomas)*

**KERLL Johann Caspar von** — **Canzona** (3')
TU73 — 3 tubas (or large ensemble) *(arr. Long Newell H.)*

## TUBA QUARTET

**ANONYMOUS** — **Lute Dances** (ca 1550)
TU76 — 4 tubas *(arr. Baker John)*

**BACH J. S.** — **Fugue in G minor BWV 578** (1703-1707 - 2'30)
TU165 — tuba quartet *(arr. Forbes Michael)*

**BEADELL Robert** — **3 Sketches** (6')
TU67 — 4 tubas

**DE JONG Conrad** — **Grab Bag**
TU69 — 4 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **4 Miniatures** (2003 - 10'30)
TU102 — 2 euphonium / 2 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Auburn is the Colour...** (1995 - 5'40)
TU98 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Bass Is Loaded** (2007 - 4')
TU153 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Bridge** (2007 - 16')
TU154 — tuba quartet (2 euph, 2 tubas and opt. countertenor)

**FORBES Michael** — **Consequences** (1999 - 6')
TU97 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Cosmic Voyage** (2002 - 5'40)
TU99 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Day At Sea** (2017 - 8')
TU198 — 2 euphonium and 2 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Street-Beat** (2018 - 1'20)
TU206 — tuba quartet or 2 euphonium and 2 tubas

**HUTCHINSON Terry** — **Tuba Juba Duba** (1972)
TU58 — 4 tubas

**IONEL Dumitru** — **Quartet** (1968 - 2'30)
TU44 — 4 tubas

**LISJAK Vanja** — **Italian Suite** (2007 - 5'30)
TU134 — tuba quartet (2 euphoniums, 2 tubas)

**SOUSA John Philip** — **El Capitan**
TU61 — 4 tubas (*arr. Morris Winston R.*)

**STEFFE W.** — **Battle Hymn**
TU63 — 2 euphoniums and 2 tubas *(arr. Isbell Thomas)*

**STEVENS John** — **Diversions** (16')
TU30 — 4 tubas

**STEVENS John** — **Moondance**
TU10 — 4 tubas

**STEVENS Thomas** — **Four Little Pieces** (2005 - 8'50)
TU100 — 4 tubas

**STRUKOW Valery** — **Tuba Quartett** (1984 - 8')
TU14 — tuba quartet

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Birthday Quartet** (1995 - 7')
TU90 — 4 tubas

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Homework** (2012 - 18')
TU170 — for 4 tubas

**THIBAULT Thierry** — **Tuba-Bop** (2015 - 2'40)
TU190 — tuba quartet (2 euphoniums and 2 tubas)

**THIBAULT Thierry** — **Vagues à la Havane** (2015 - 8')
TU189 — tuba quartet (2 euphoniums and 2 tubas)

## TUBA QUINTET AND MORE

**BACH J.S.** — **Contrapunctus I** *(Morris Winston R.)*
TU65 — 5 tubas

**BOONE Daniel** — **3 Moods** (4')
TU68 — 6 tubas

**FORBES Michael** — **Textures** (1996 - 18')
TU164 — 6 euphoniums and 6 tubas

**GARRETT James A.** — **Fanfare**
TU71 — 6 tubas

**HOLST Gustav** — **Suite No. 2 in F op. 28, no. 2** (1911 - 9'10) *(arr. M. Forbes)*
TU166 — euphonium/tuba sextet with optional perc.

**KROL Bernhard** — **Feiertagsmusik (op.107b)** (1987 - 7'30)
TU20 — 5 tubas

**STEVENS John** — **Adagio** (8'30)
TU28 — 8 tubas

**STEVENS John** — **Higashi/Nishi** (13'30)
TU29 — 8 tubas - score and parts

**STEVENS John** — **Liberation of Sisyphus** (1999 - 10'50)
TU9b/c — tuba solo, 4 euphoniums, 4 tubas

**STEVENS John** — **Talisman** (1992 - 7')
TU54 — 4 euphoniums and 4 tubas

**SZENTPALI Roland** — **Earth Voices** (2000 - 9') Text: Levente Kövedi
TU85 — for solo tuba, 4 euph., 4 tubas and narrator

**THIBAULT Thierry** — **Gulf Stream** (2004 - 16'30)
TU130 — 4 euphoniums and 6 tubas

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