Serenade

The piano *Serenade,* a keyboard variant of the "evening song" sung beneath a lady's casement window, must not be confused with the free-form orchestral serenade, in five or six movements, midway between suite and symphony, nor with the *serenata,* a dramatic cantata in vogue during the 18th century. This melodious little "song without words," like the *Nocturne,* has no strict formal character; but its music makes a personal, human appeal rather than one impersonally poetic. Note the *pizzicato* effect in the *secondo,* as though a singer accompanied his melody with the plucking of lute or guitar strings.

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Serenade

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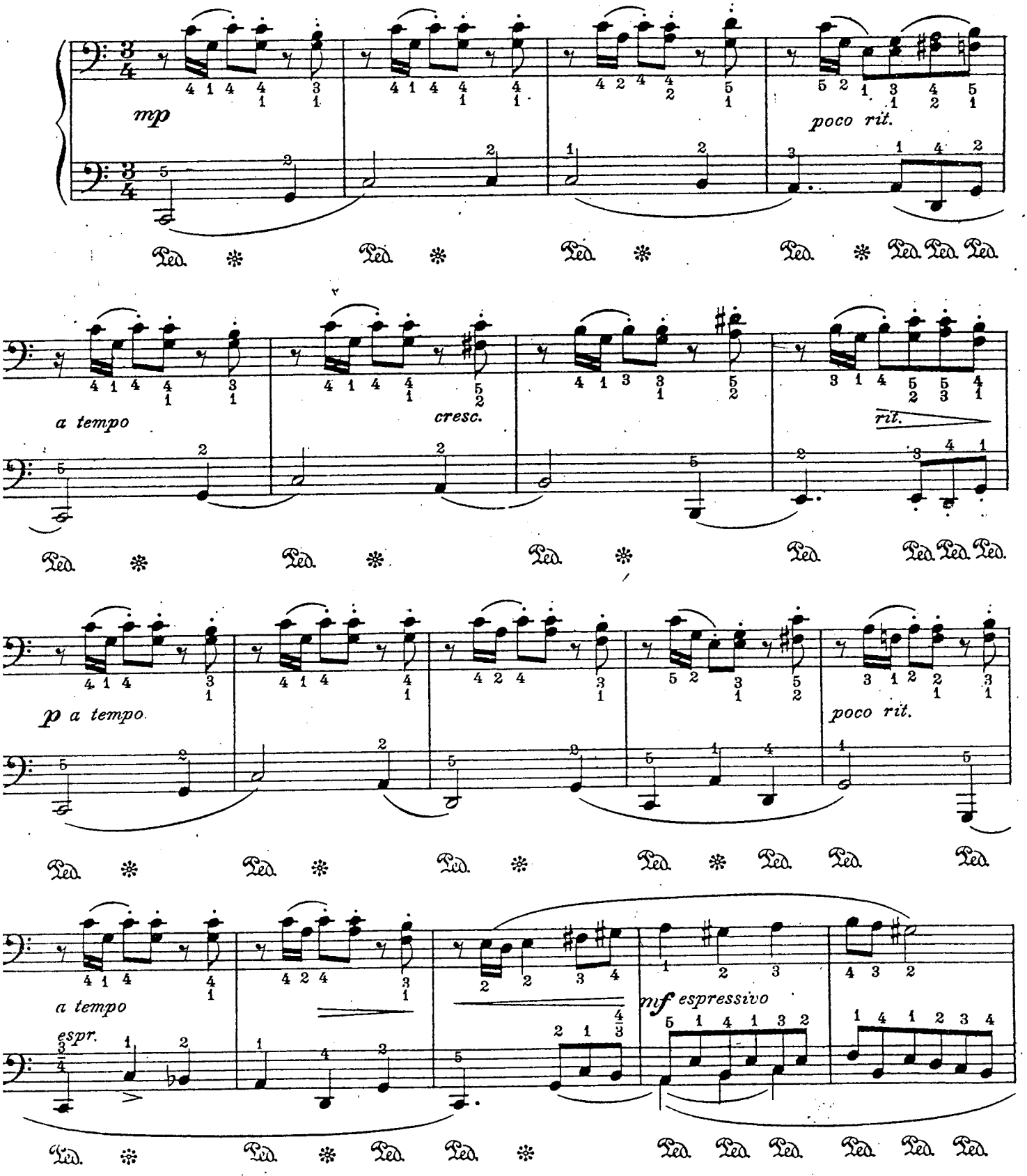
Allegretto (♩ = 100-108)



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Serenade

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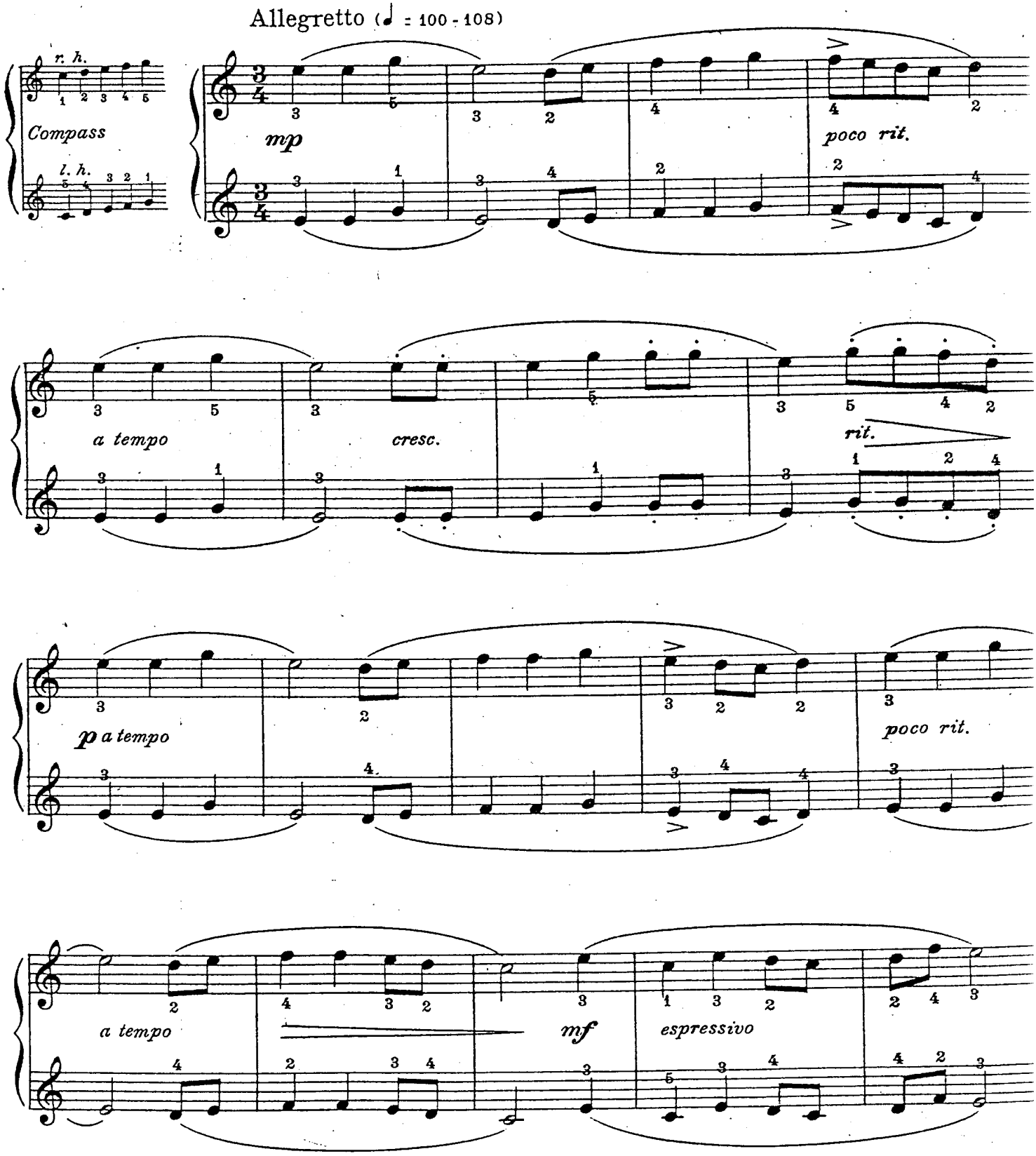

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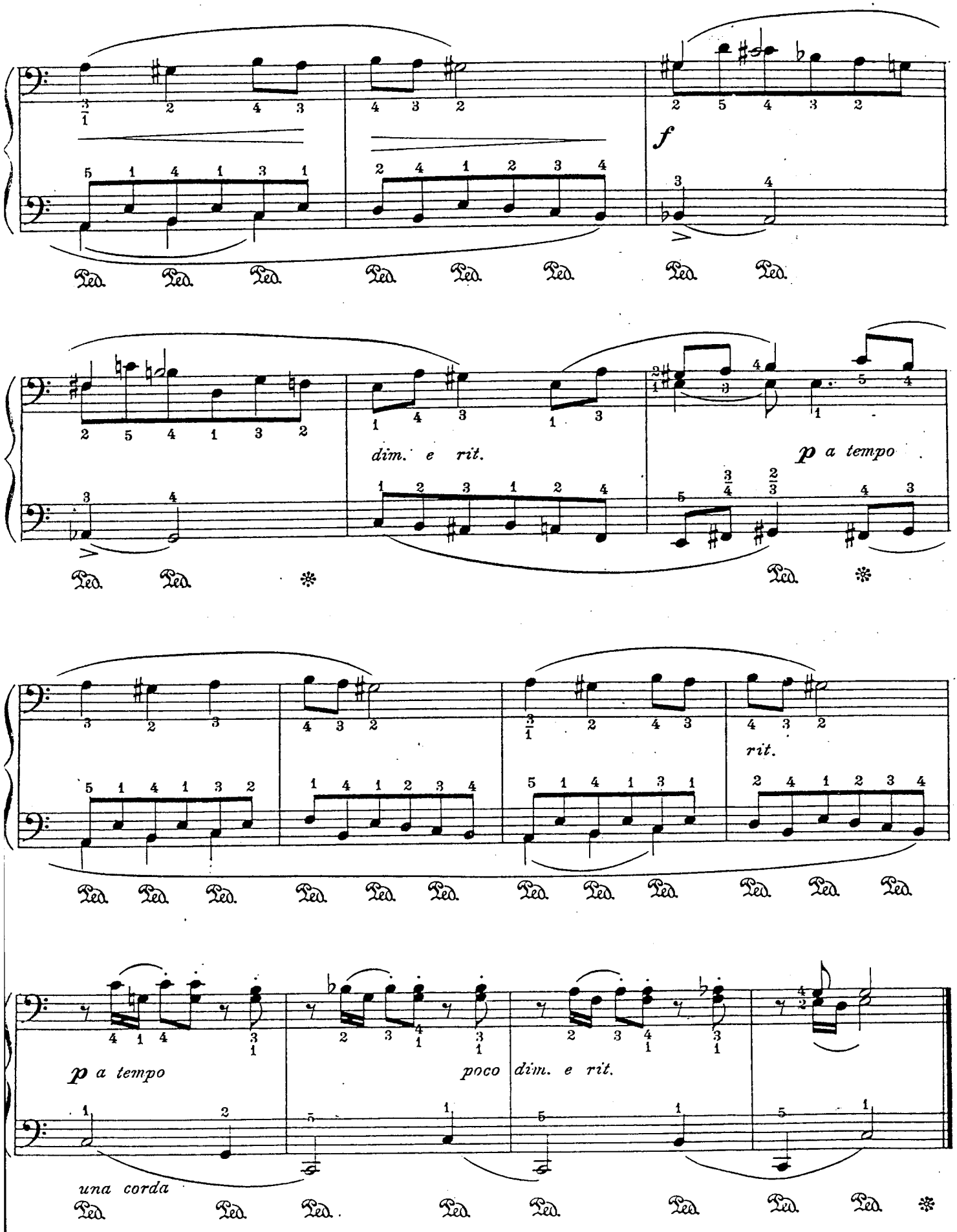

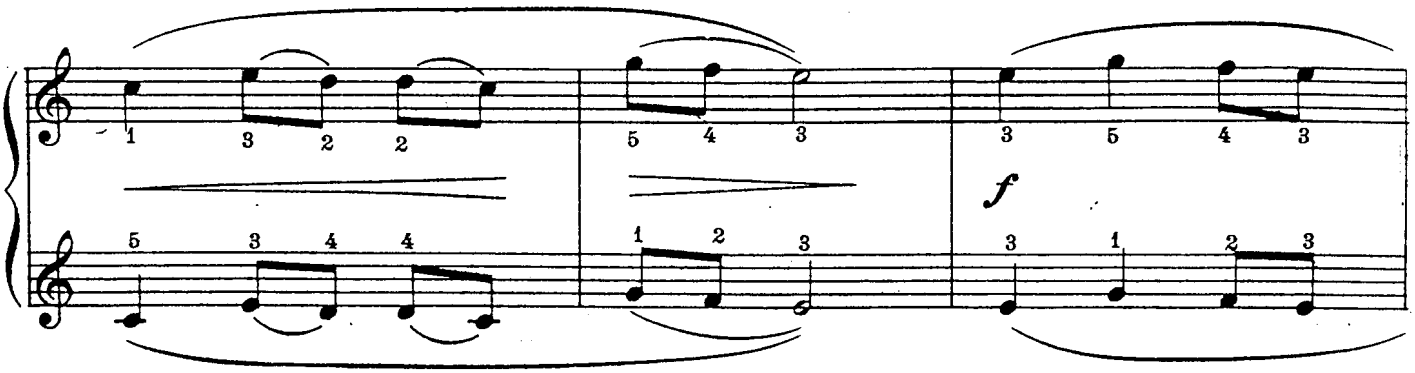
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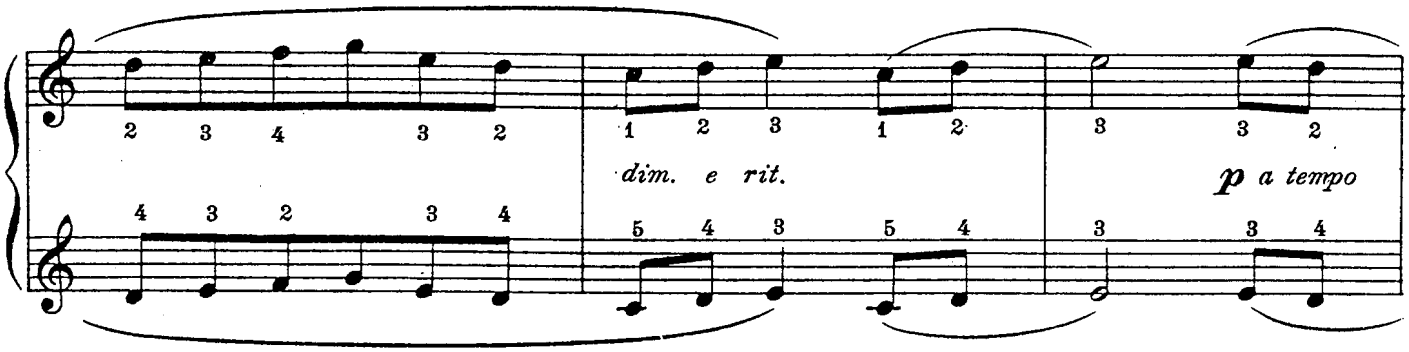
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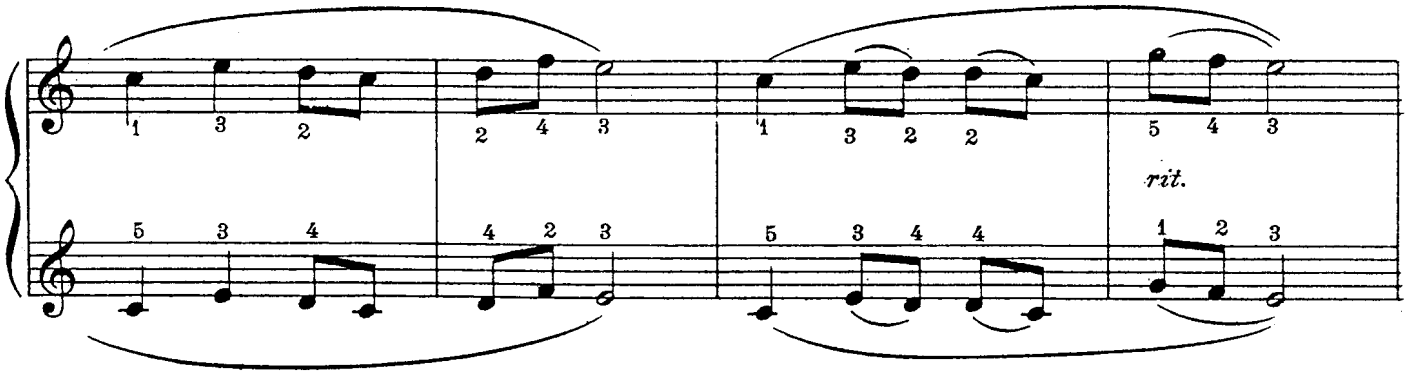
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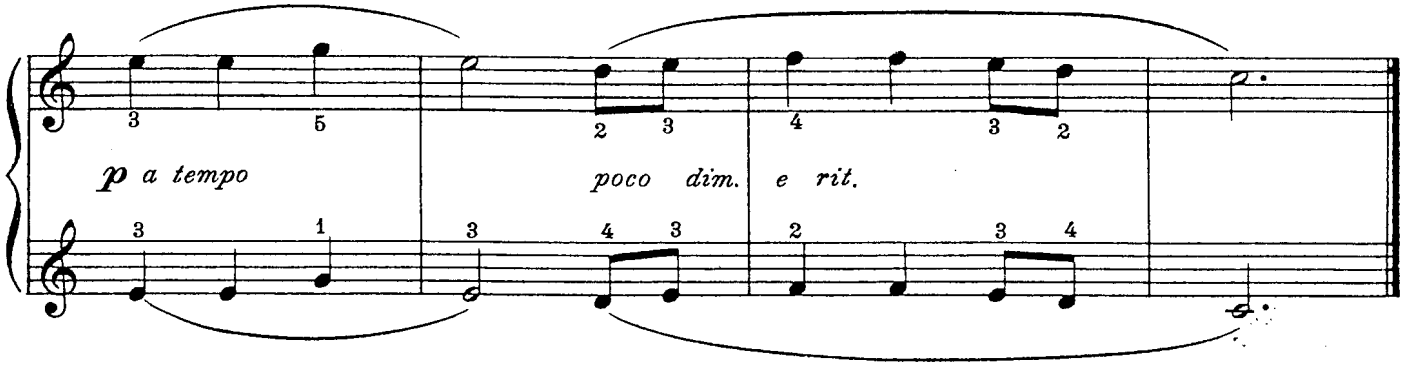
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The Miller's Song

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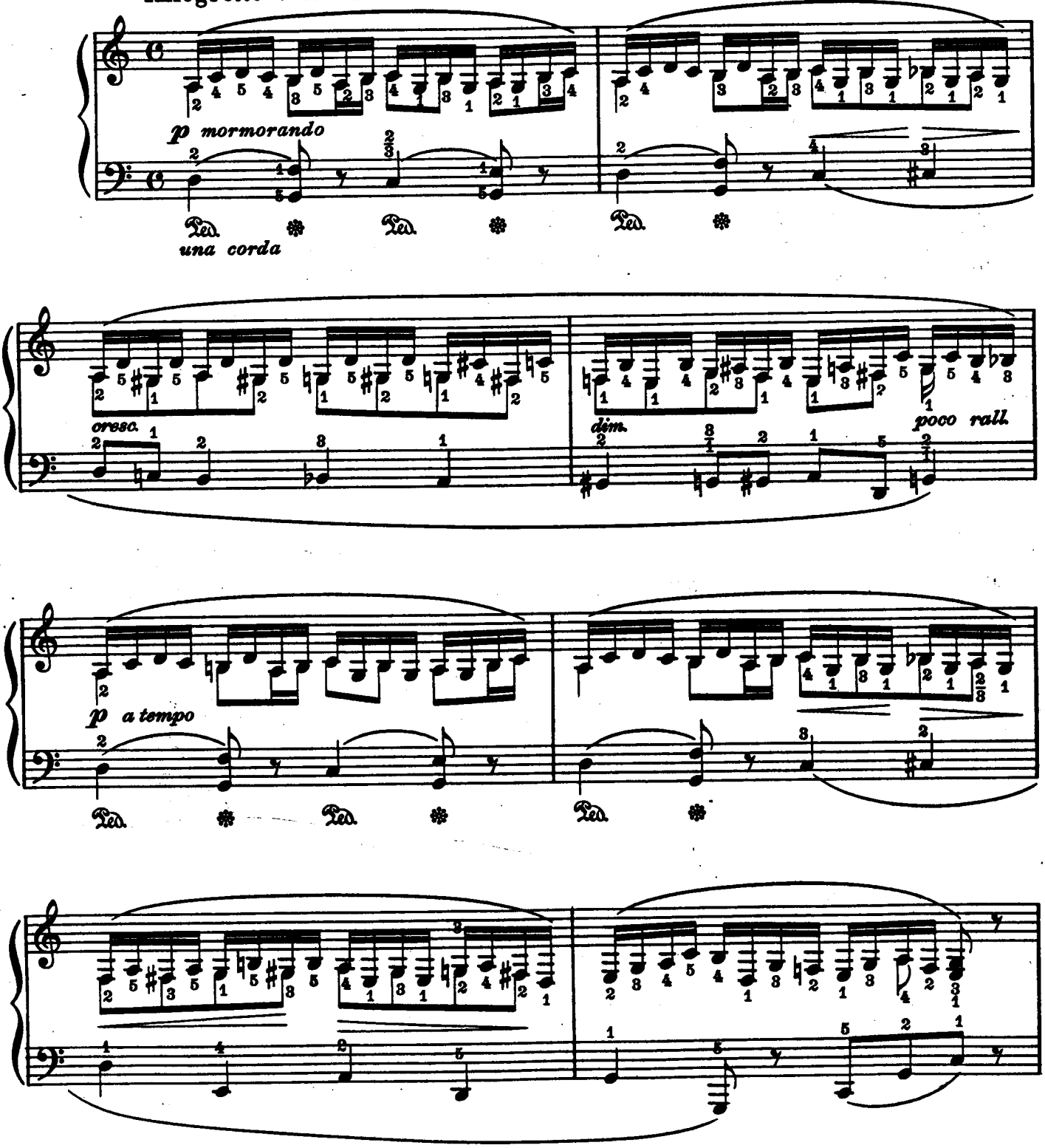
Allegretto (♩=96-112)



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The Miller's Song

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Allegretto (♩= 96-112)

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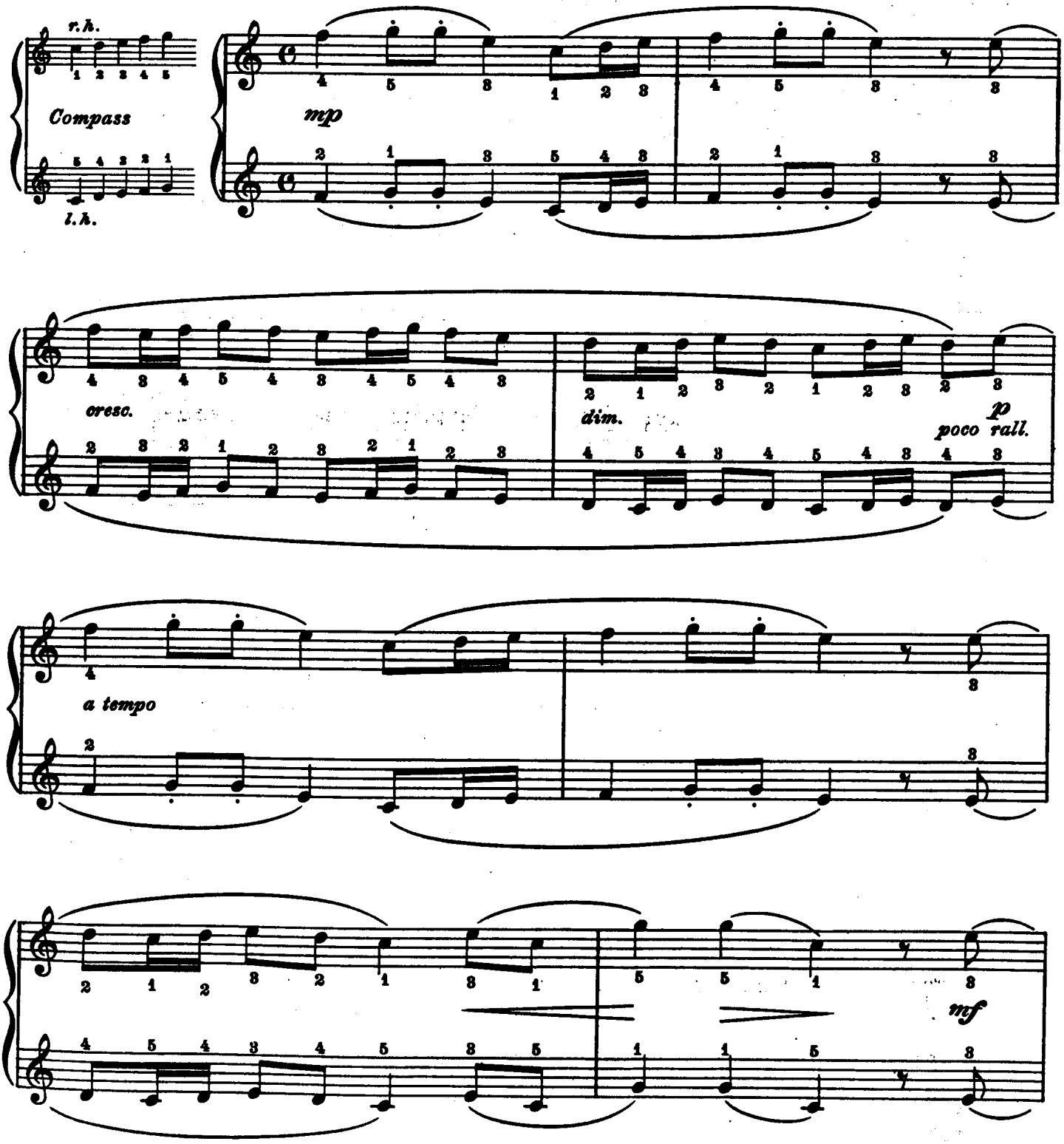

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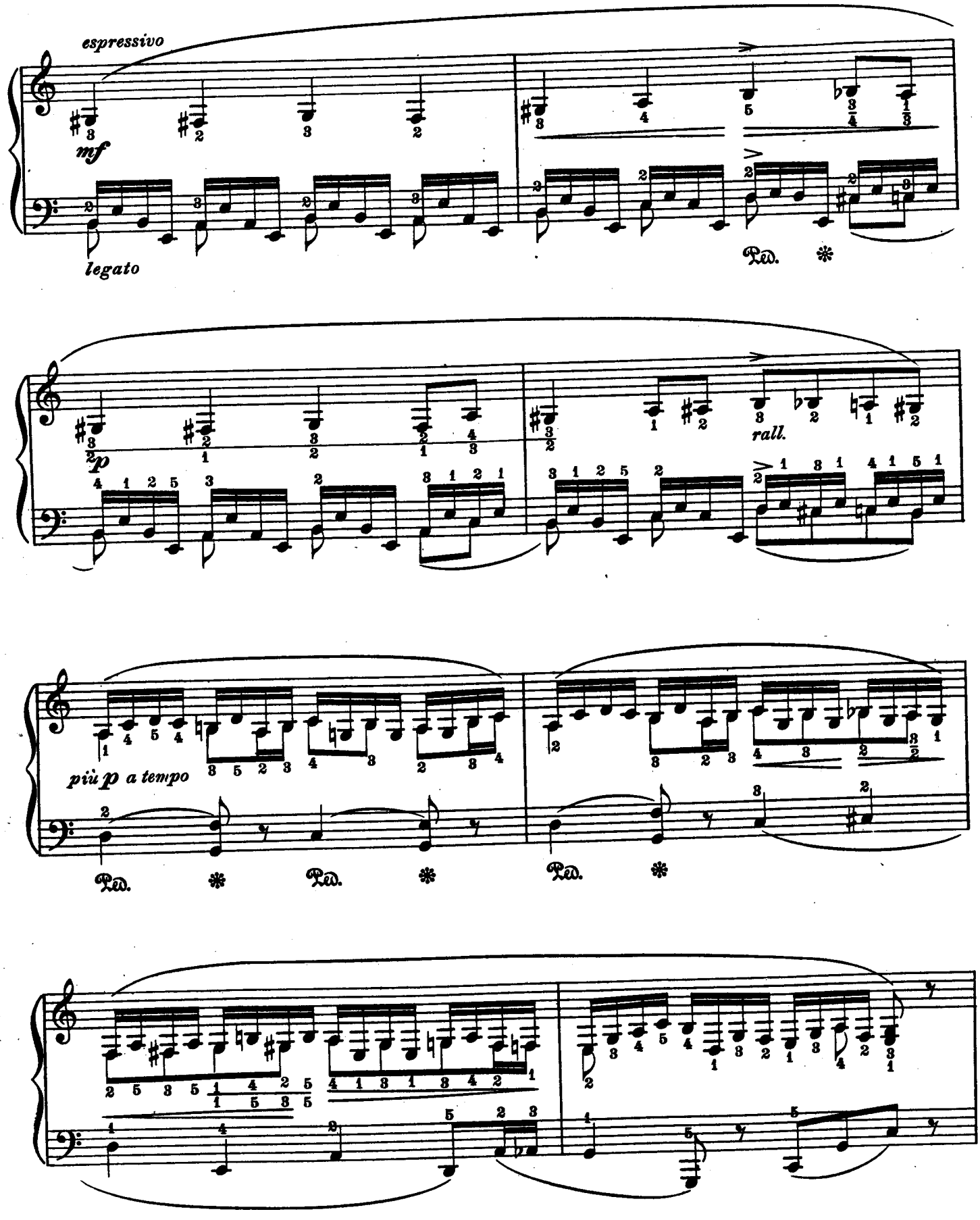
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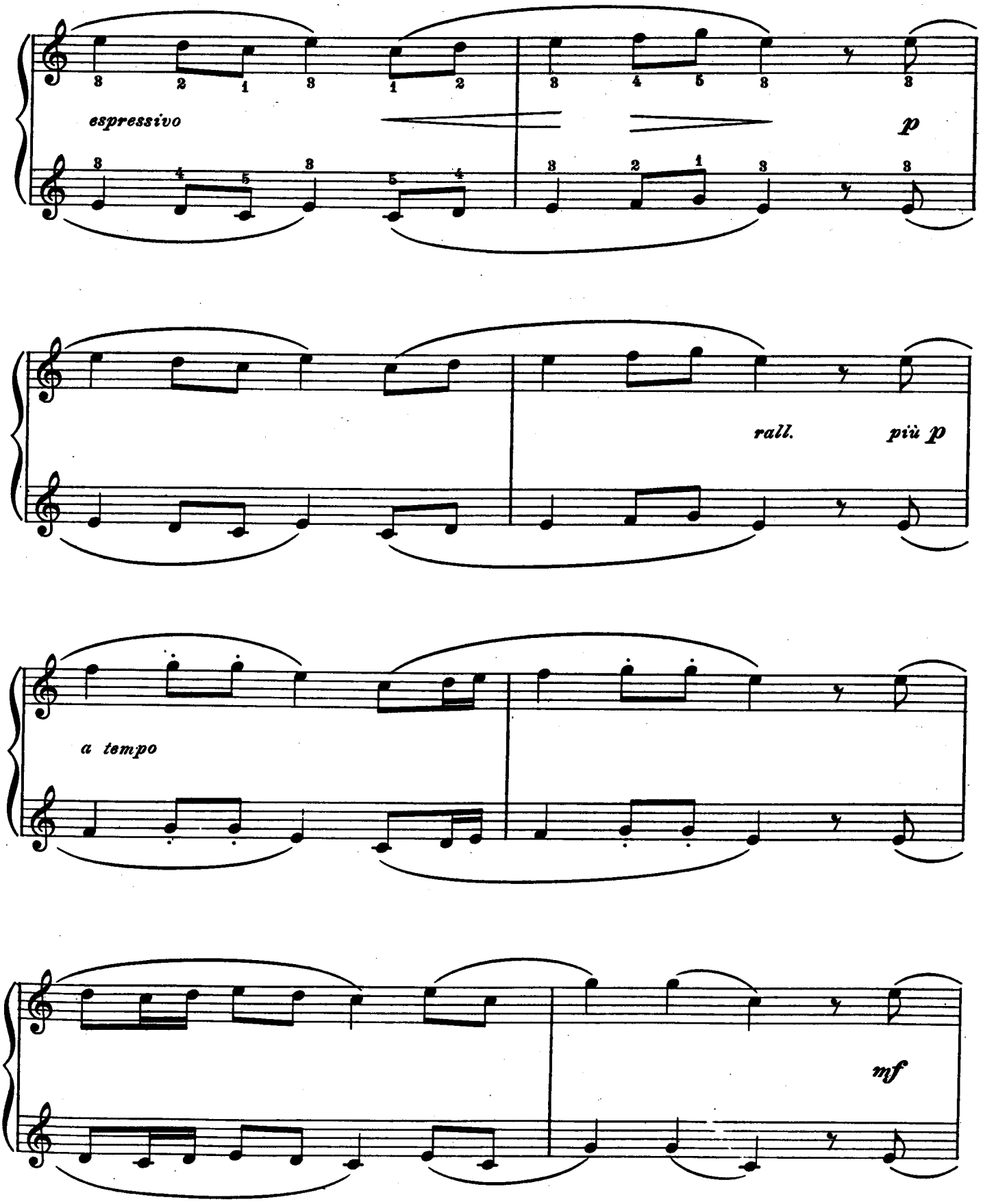
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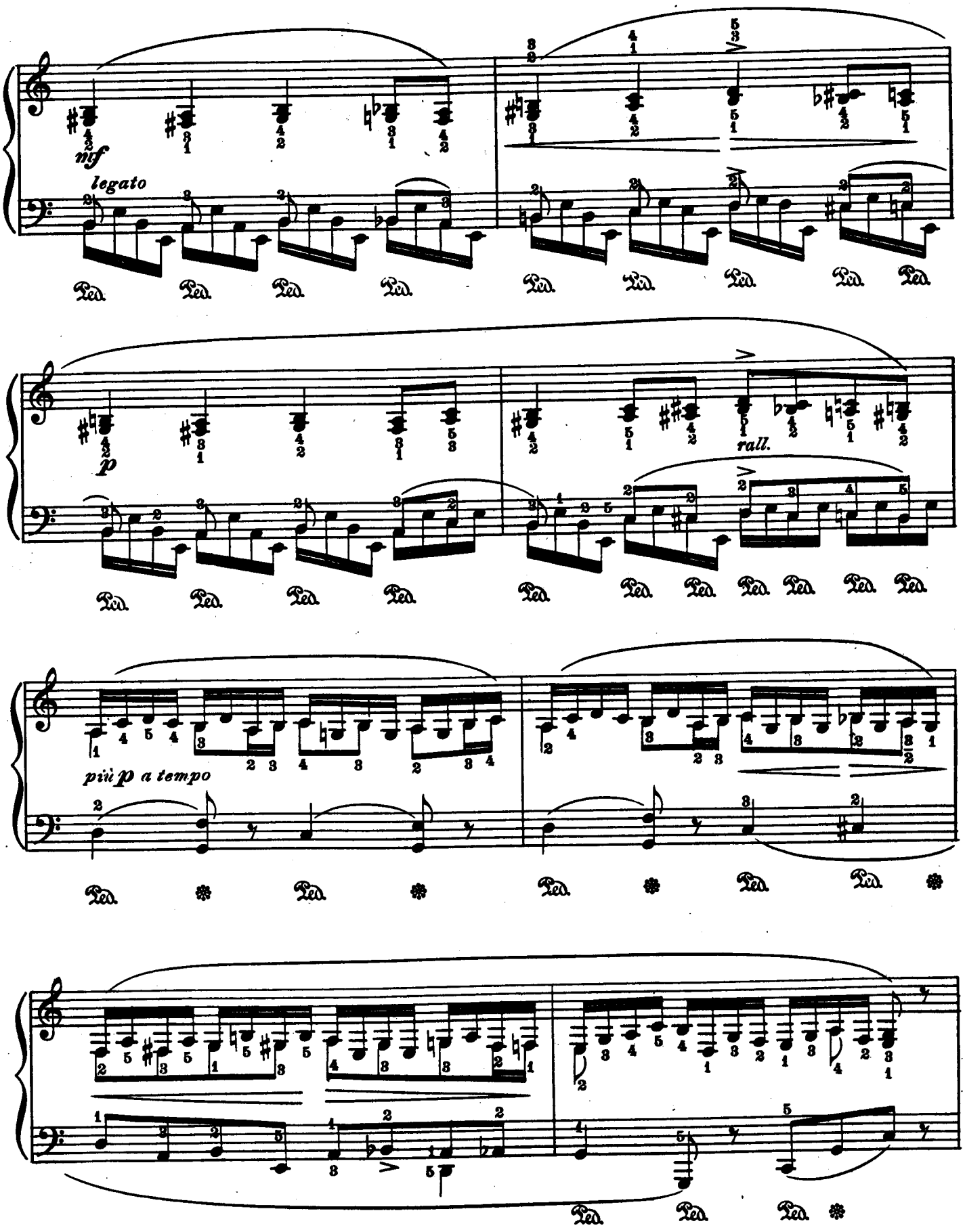
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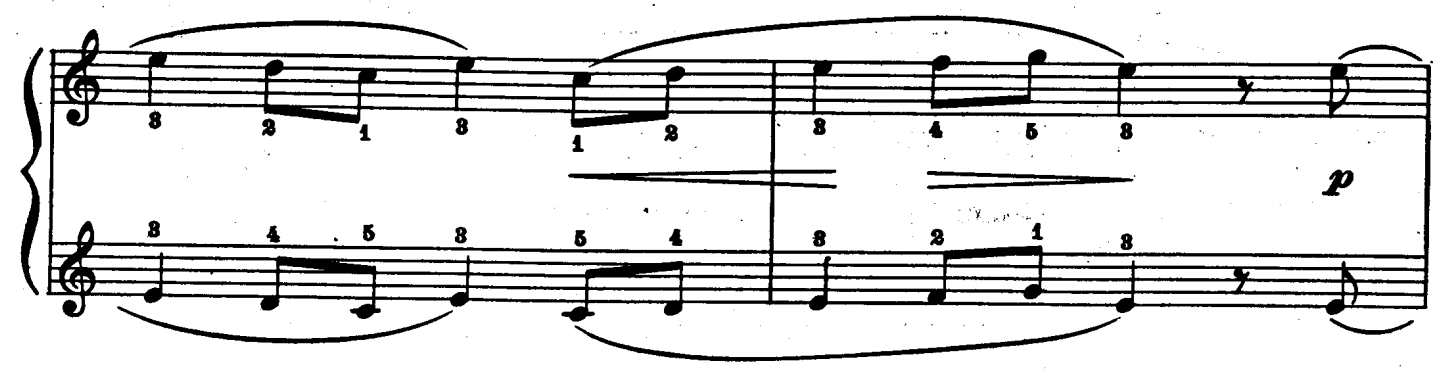
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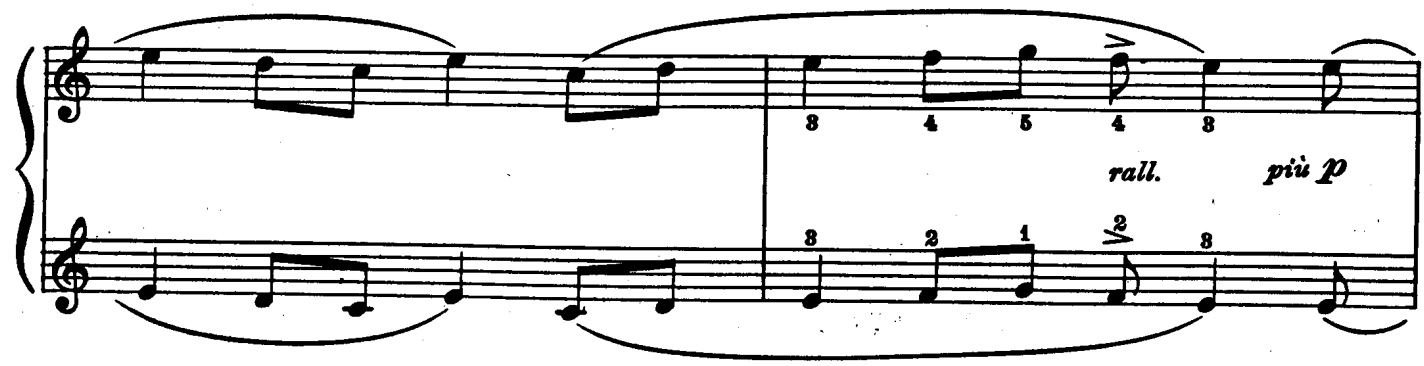
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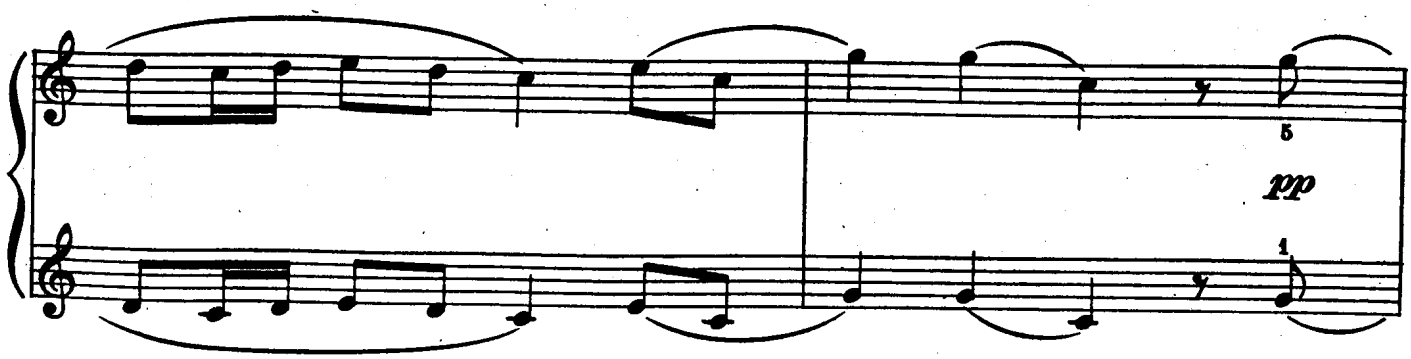
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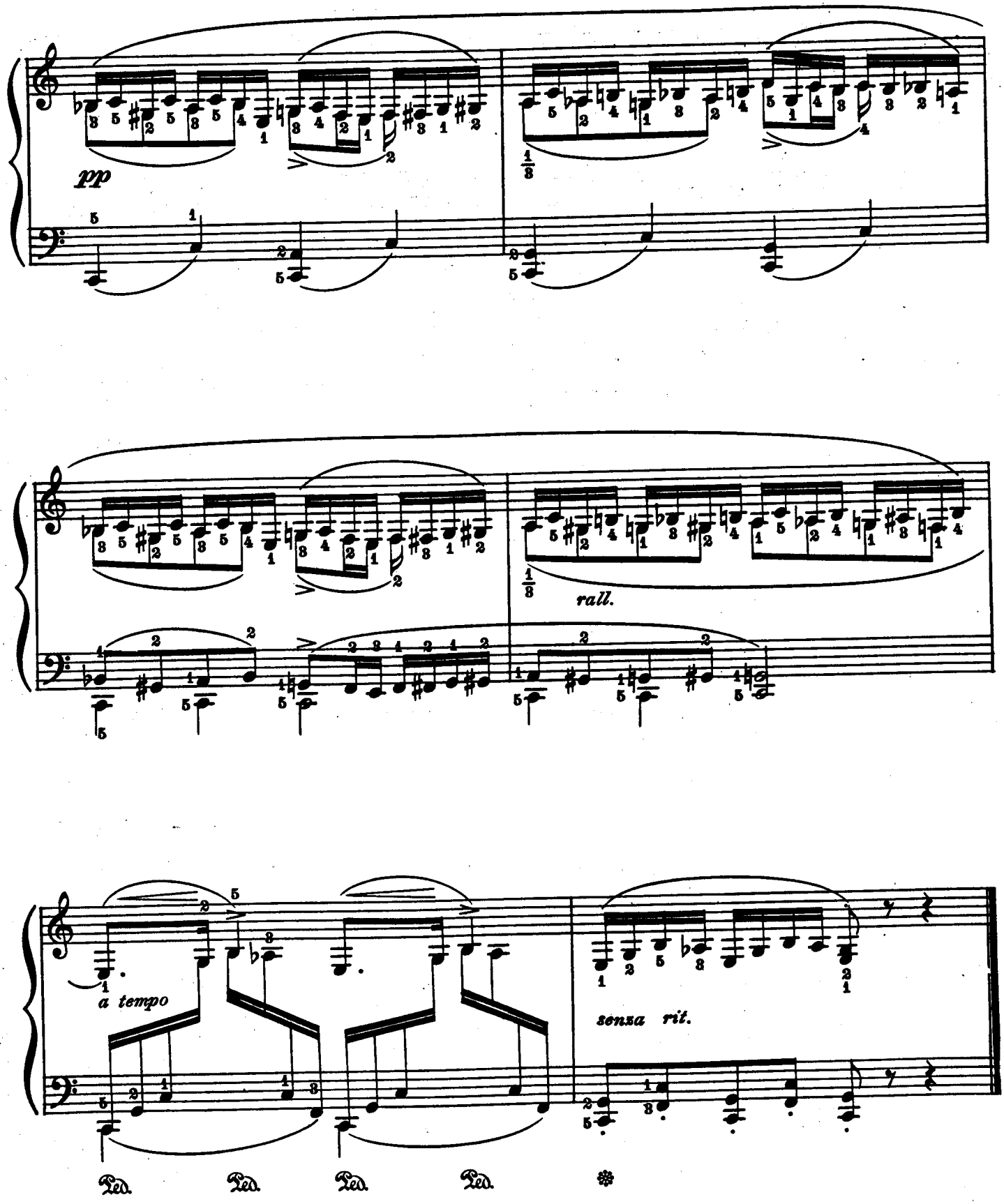
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senza rit.
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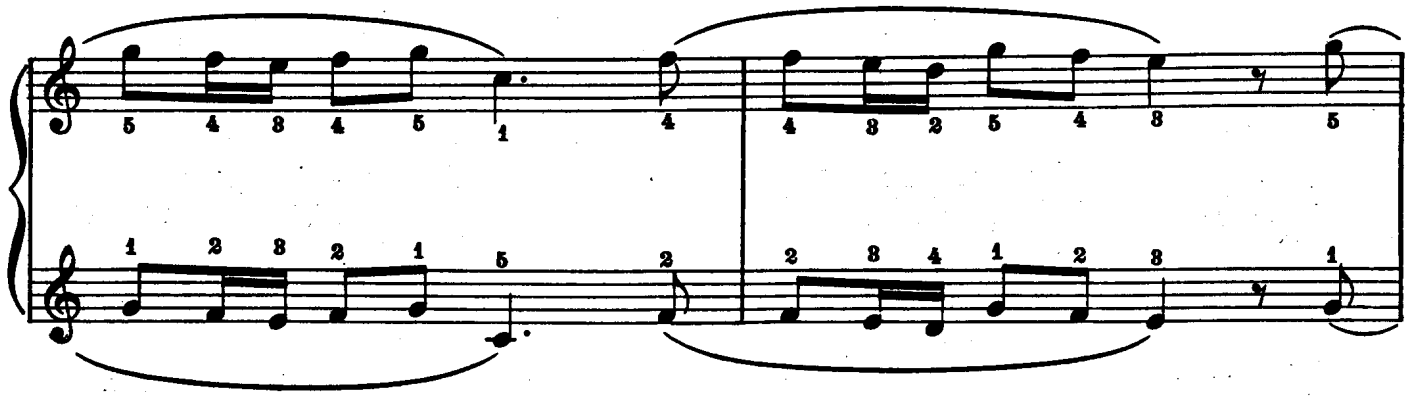

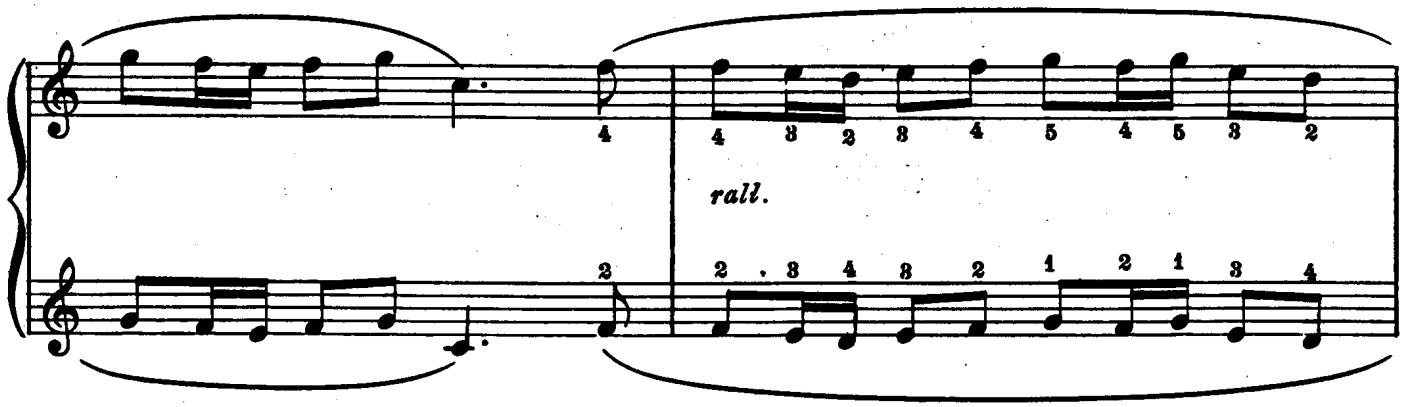
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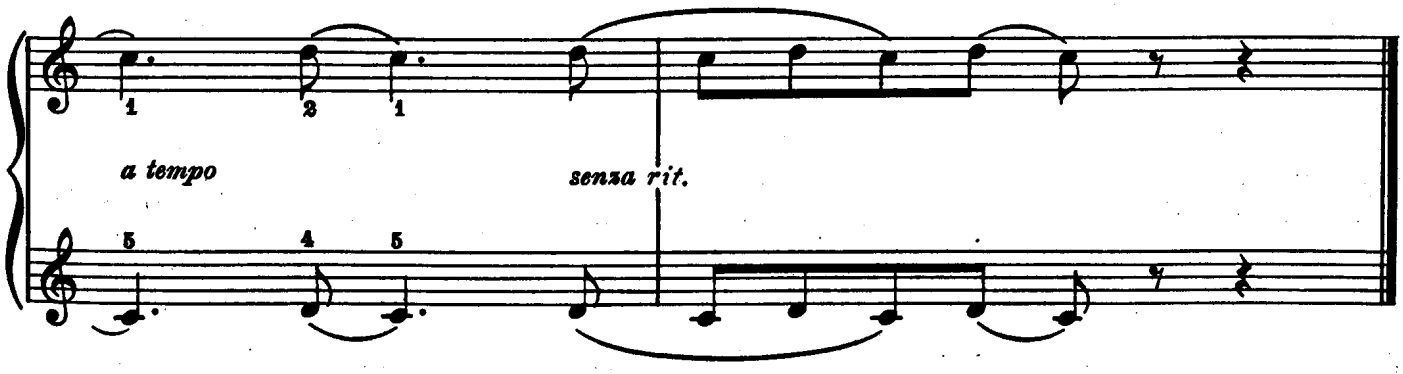
a tempo
senza rit.

Méditation

The *Méditation,* like the *Rêverie* and *Songe poètique,* is a composition of a dreamy introspective nature, usually, as in the case of this example, in song form. Here the composer has given the *primo* player a tender, pleading melody of great purity and distinction of outline, thrown into relief by a figurated accompaniment in the *secondo,* one richly chromatic in texture, whose passionately insistent climax approaches veritable exaltation.

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Meditation

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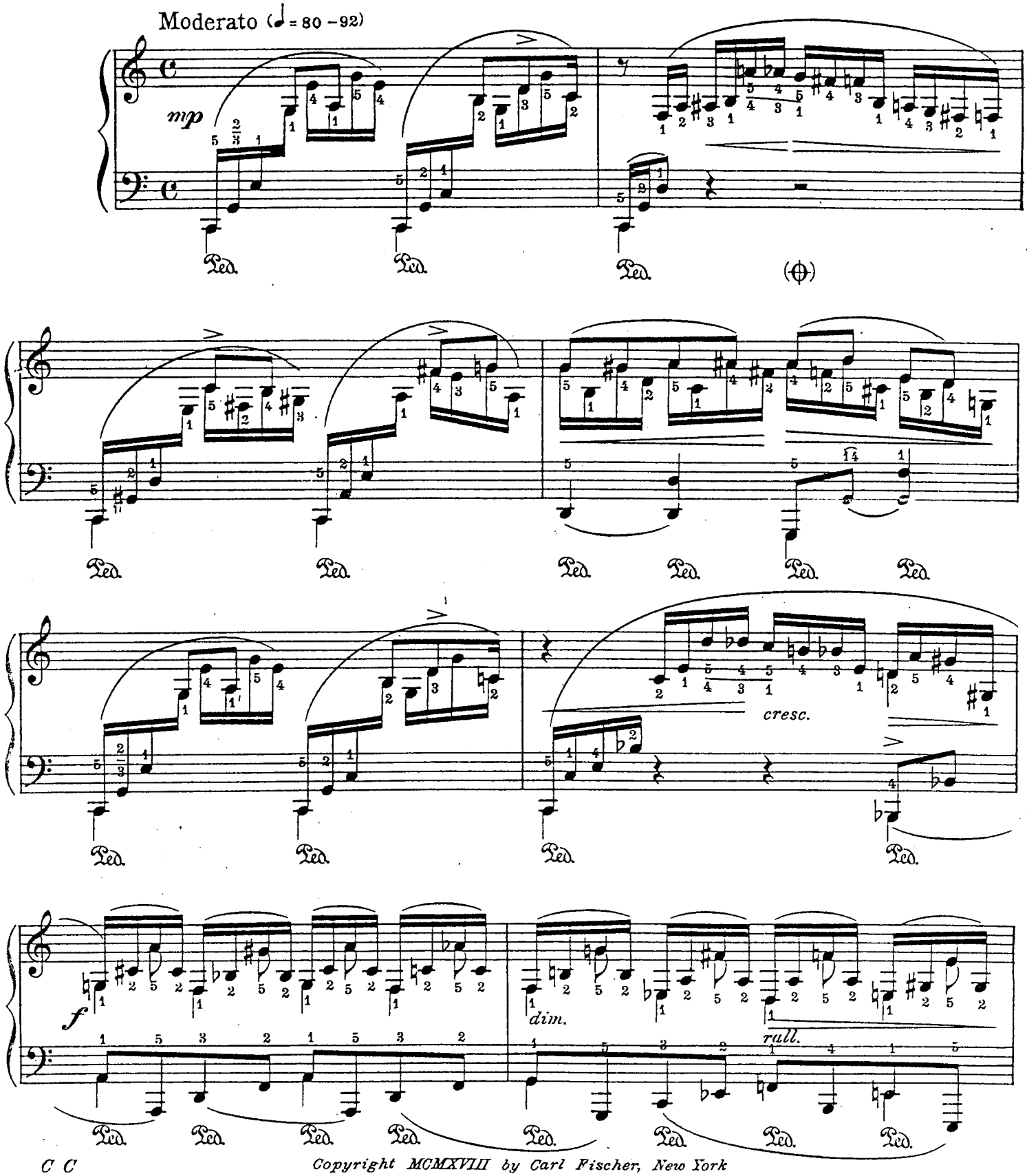

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Meditation

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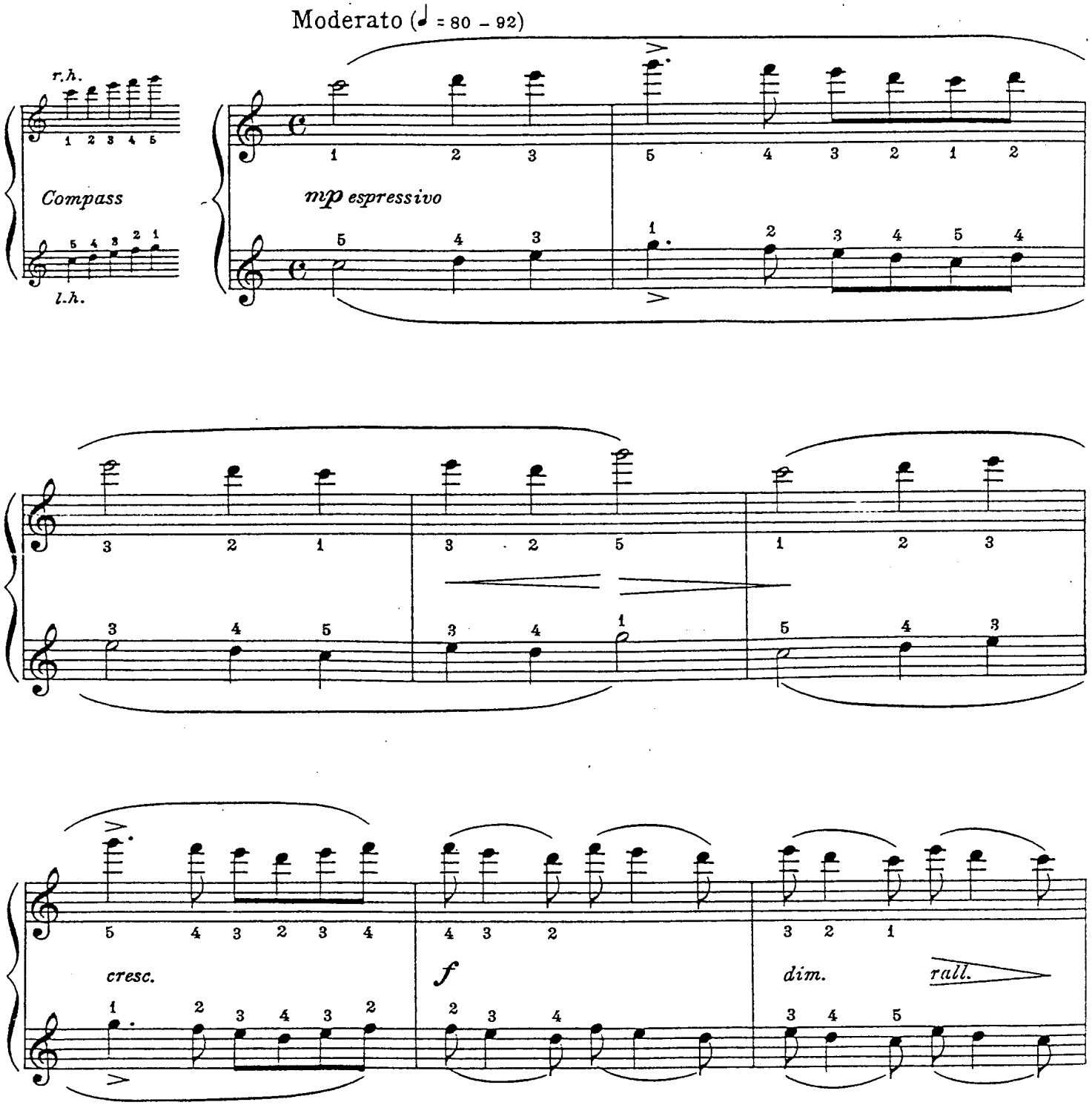

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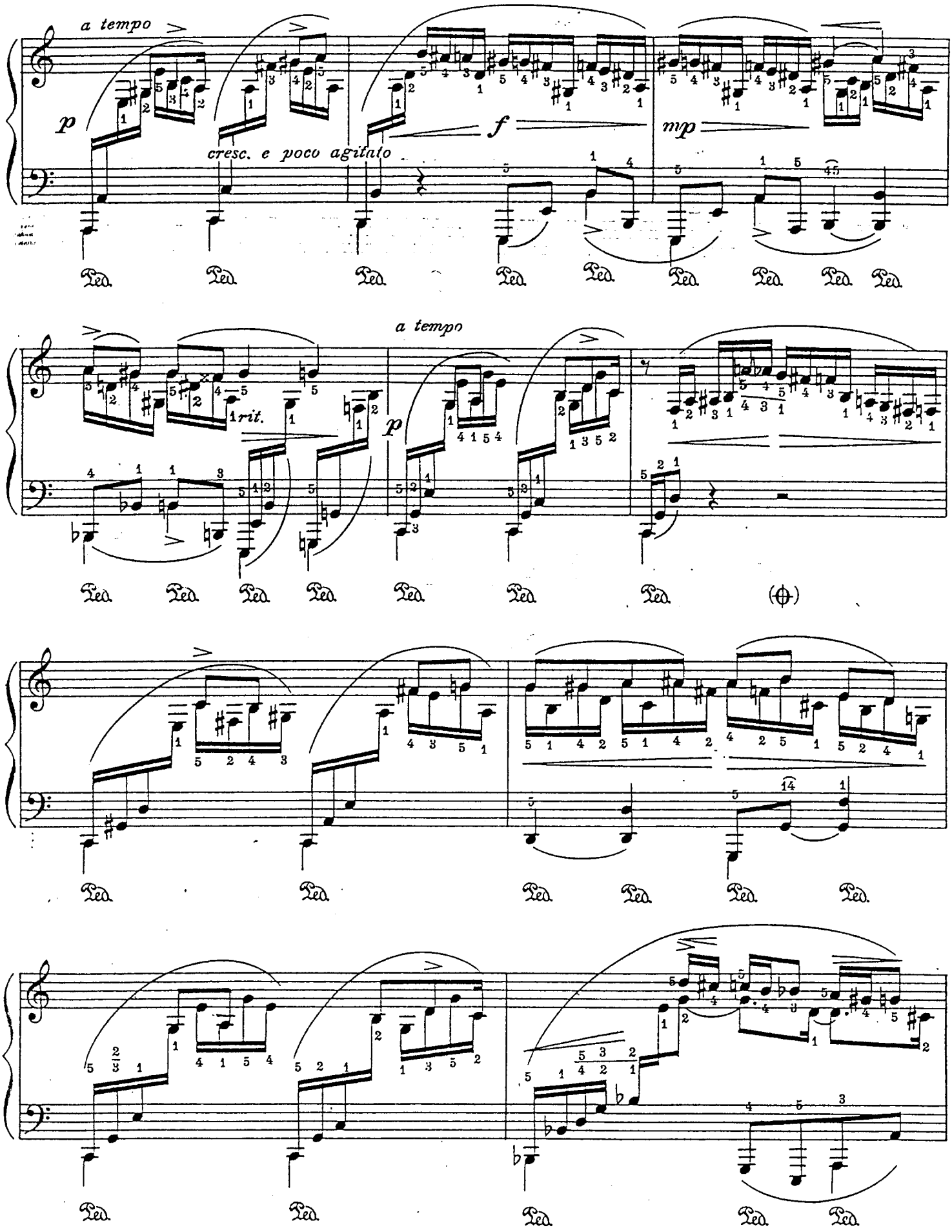
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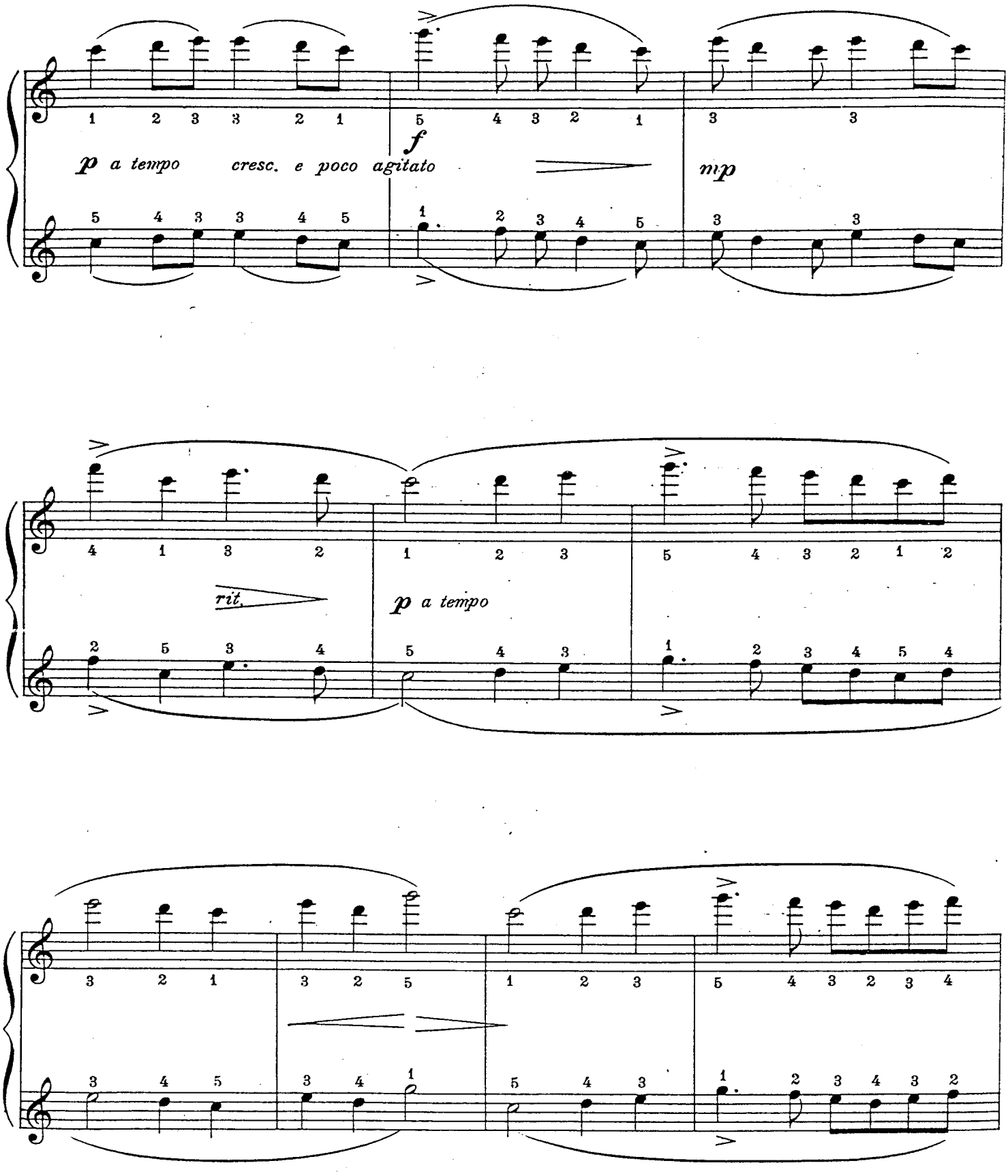
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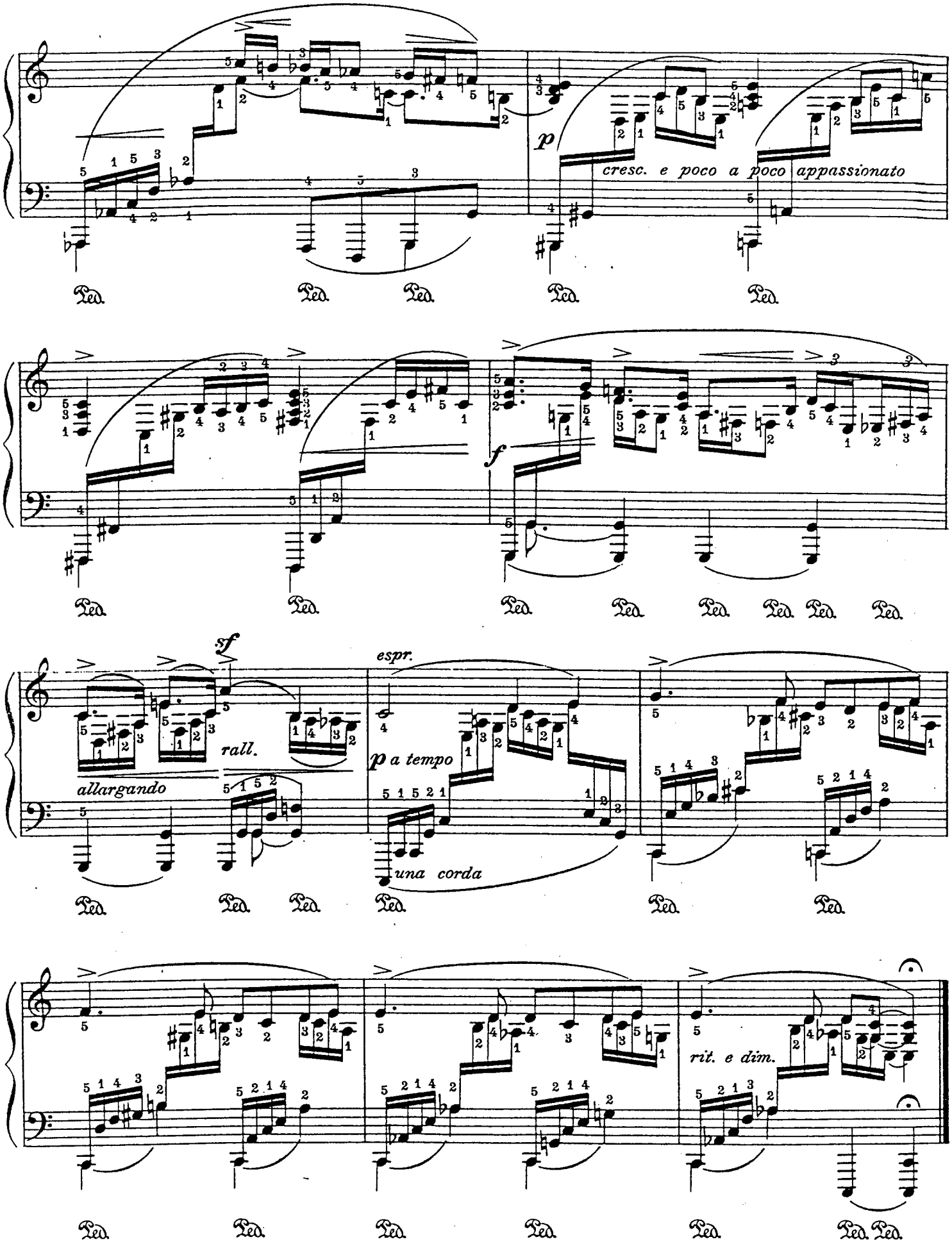
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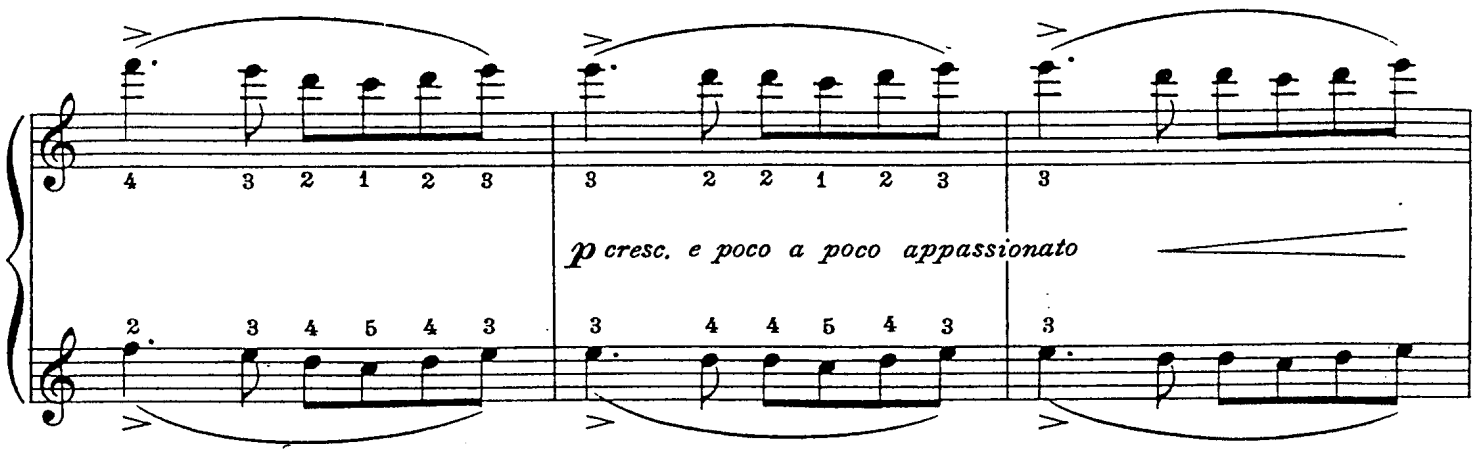
espr.
p a tempo
una corda
rit. e dim.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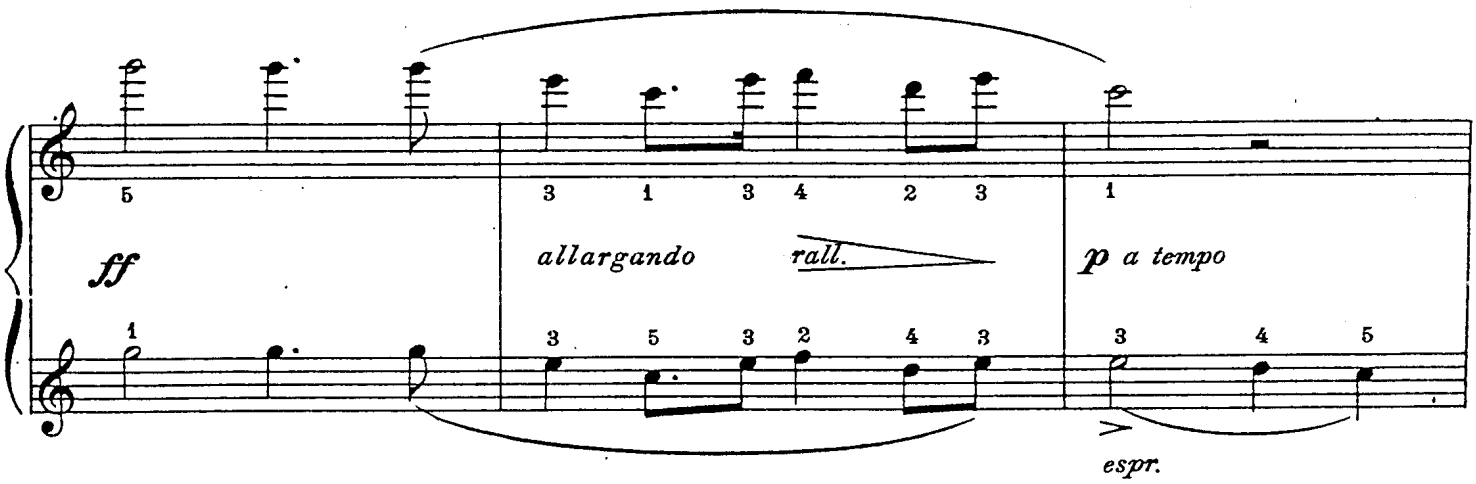
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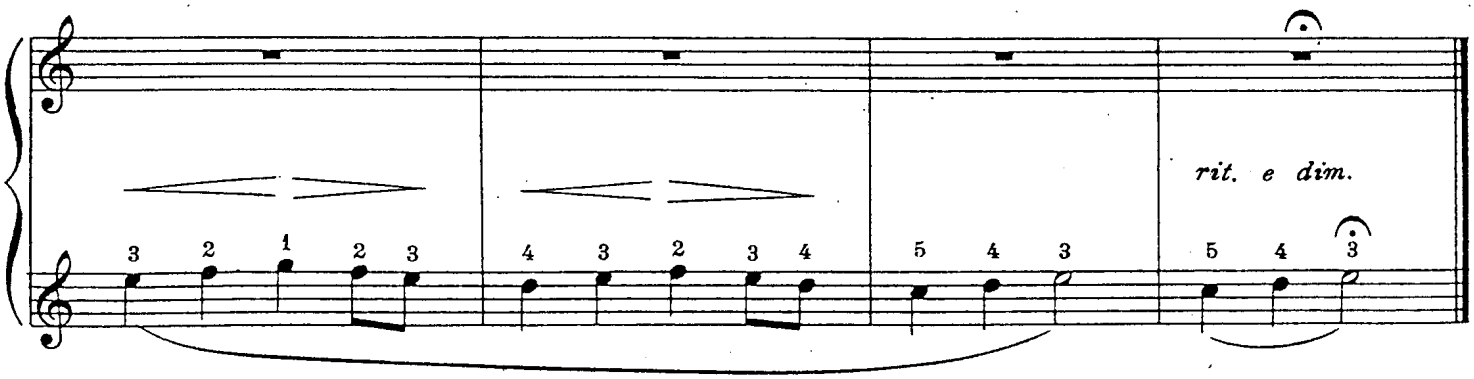
rit. e dim.

Pastorale

(Angelus)

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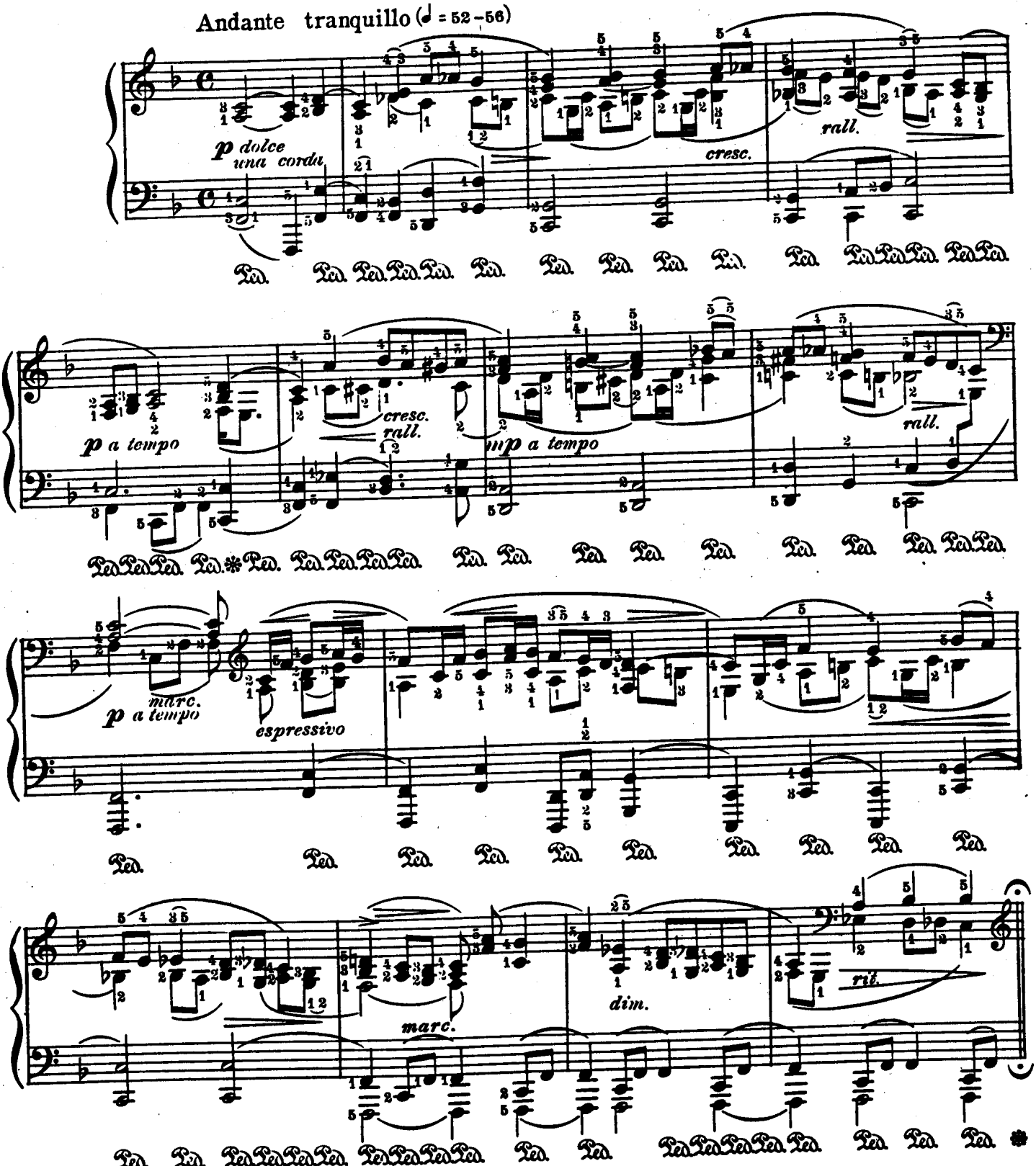

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Pastorale

(Angelus)

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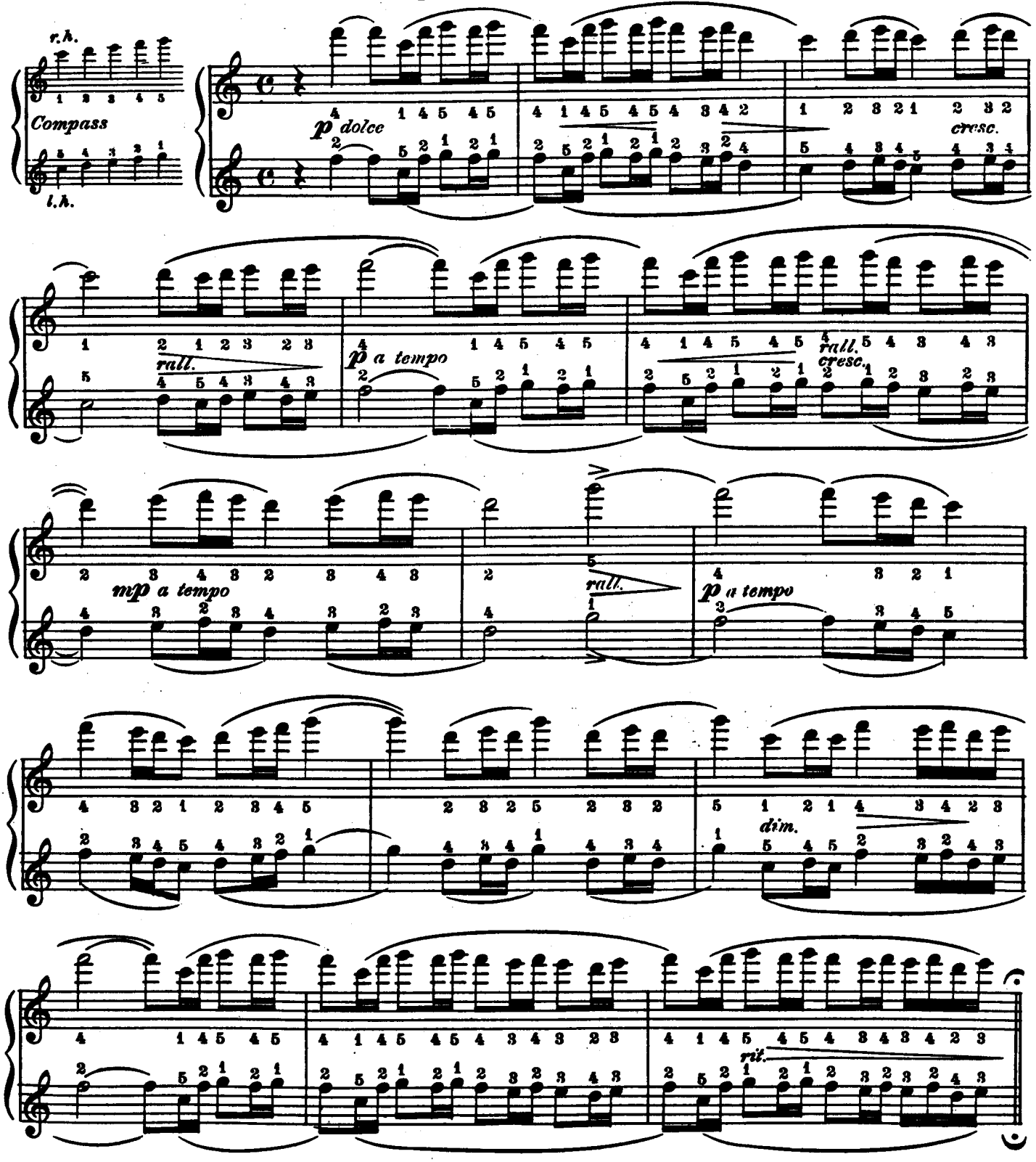
Andante tranquillo (♩ = 52 - 56)



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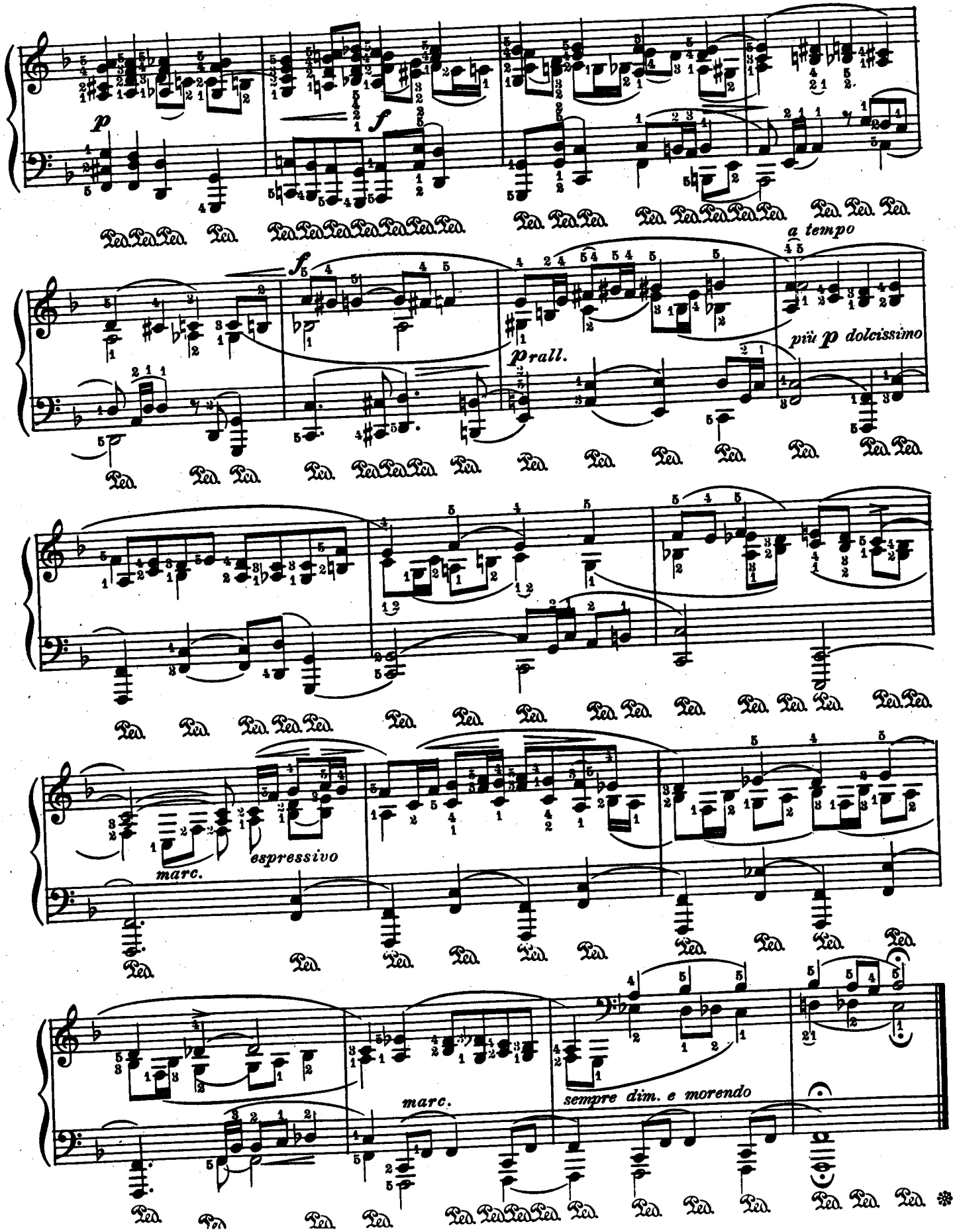
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a tempo
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più p dolcissimo
marc.
espressivo
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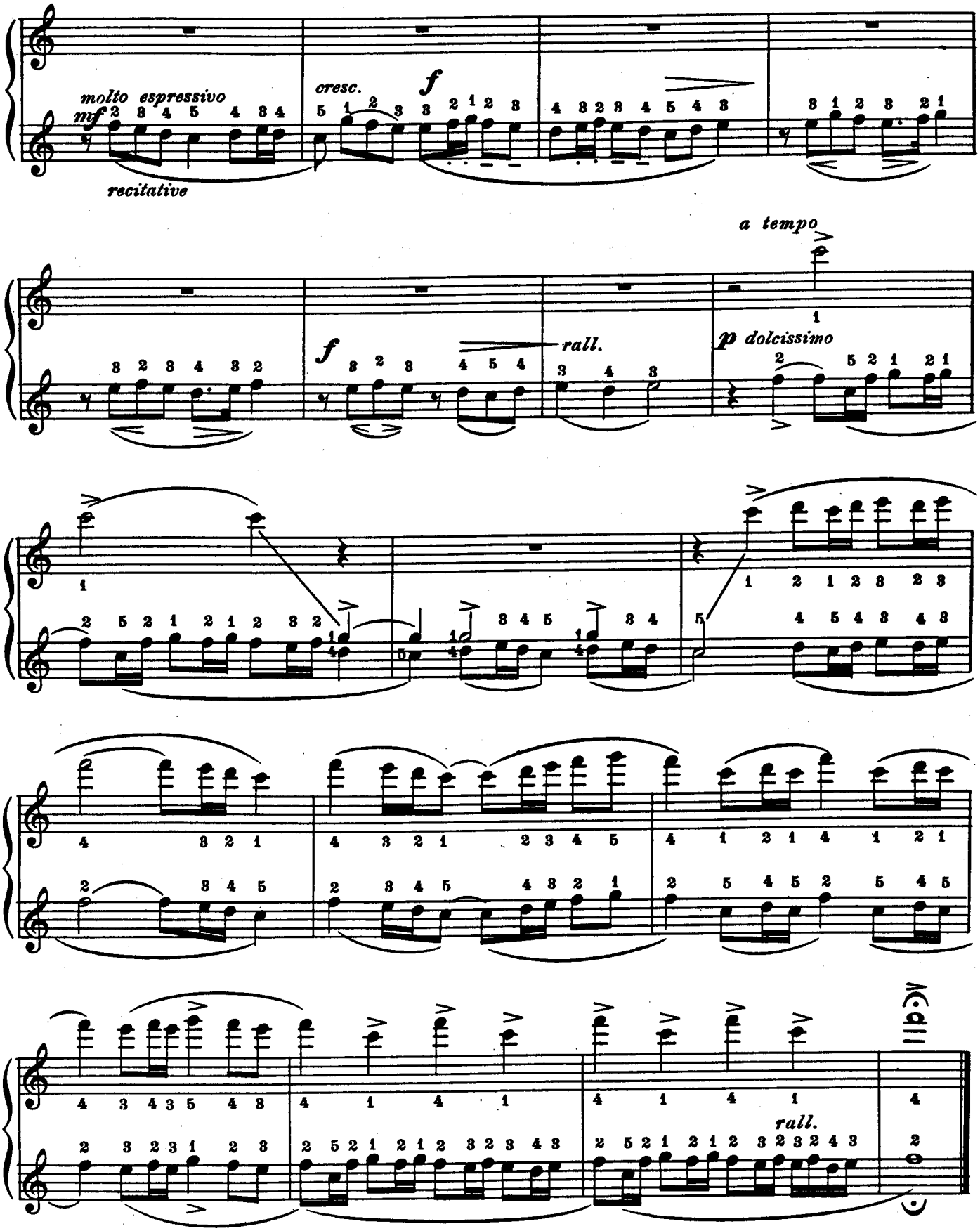
sempre dim. e morendo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rall.

The Exercise

The exercise is a bit of musical humor carried out in five four-measure sections; the droll, harmonic idea of the accompaniment sugar-coating the practical purpose of the *primo* part. The indications for playing suggest the composer's vein of humor. An earnest pupil who attacks the keyboard in a manner *ben articulato ed energico* is balanced by a no less earnest teacher who plays *staccato e deciso.* But try as the pupil may, we hear in the teacher's part a dissatisfaction expressed by strong emphasis on the initial tonic note of the pupil's *primo;* a general tendency to bolster up his weaker partner, an occasional self-conscious trill, to stress the superiority of the pedagog, etc. The general effect is most entertaining; the idea is carried out with musical good taste as well as humor; and the technical value of the little study is absolute.

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The Exercise

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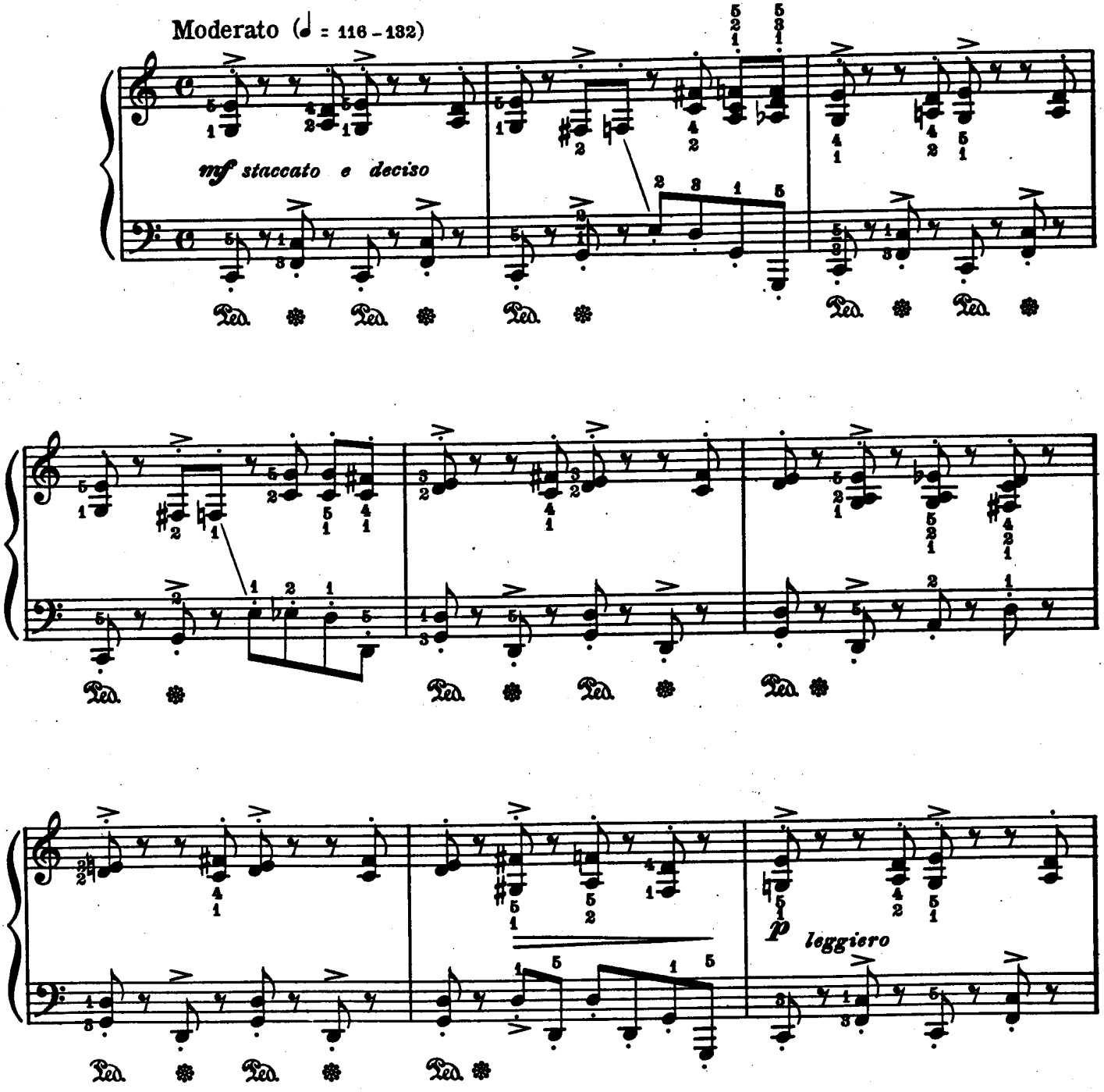

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The Exercise

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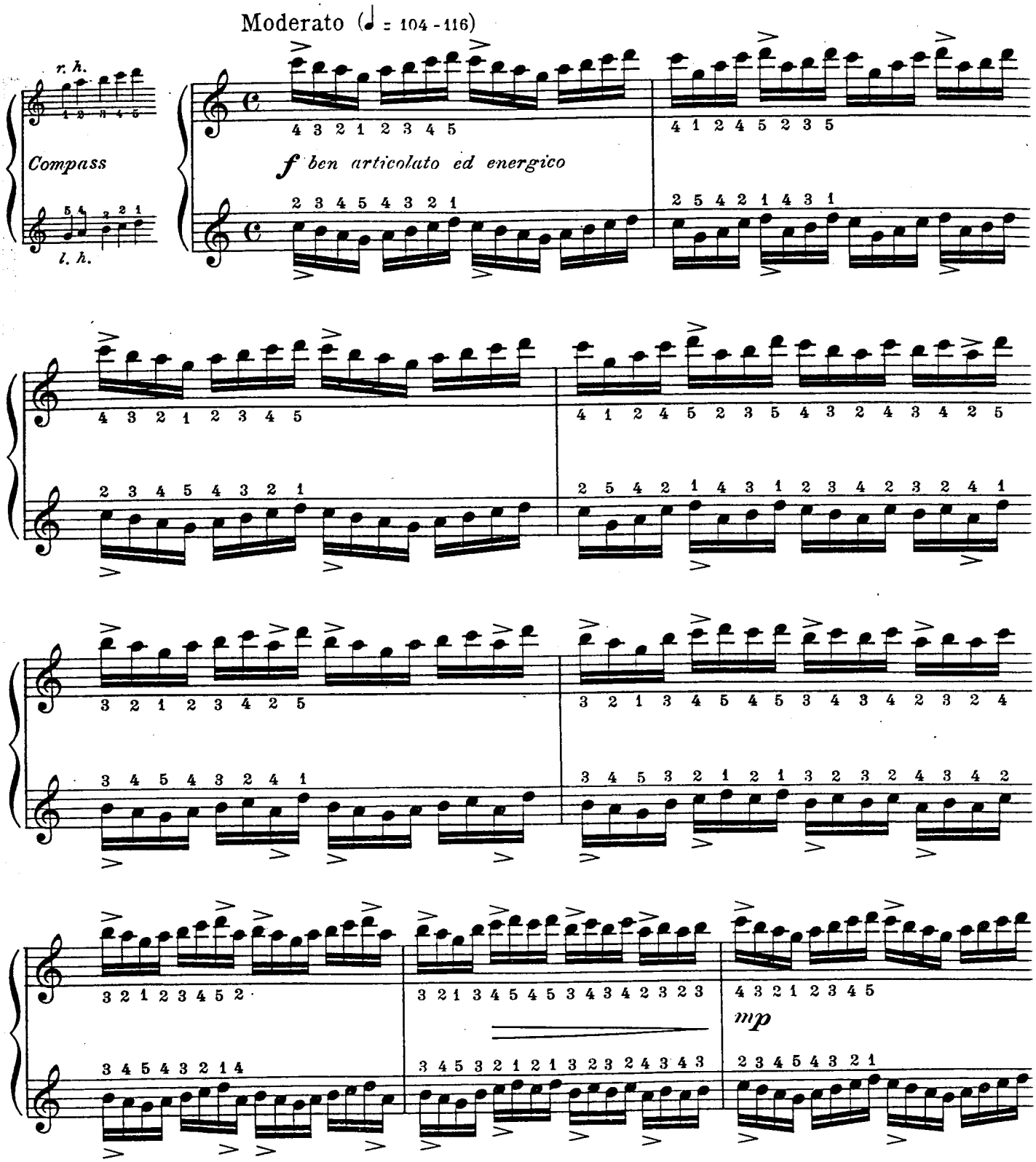

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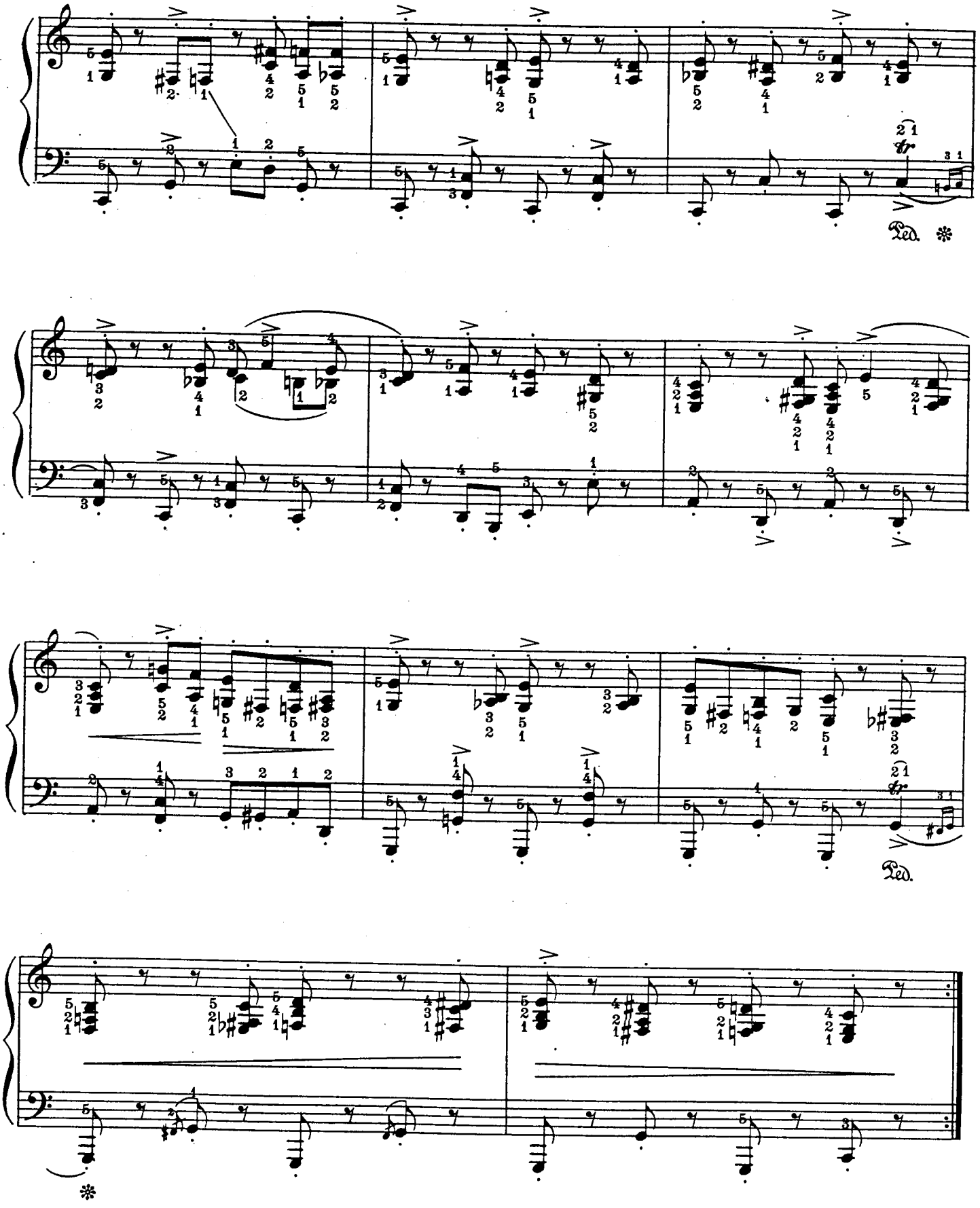

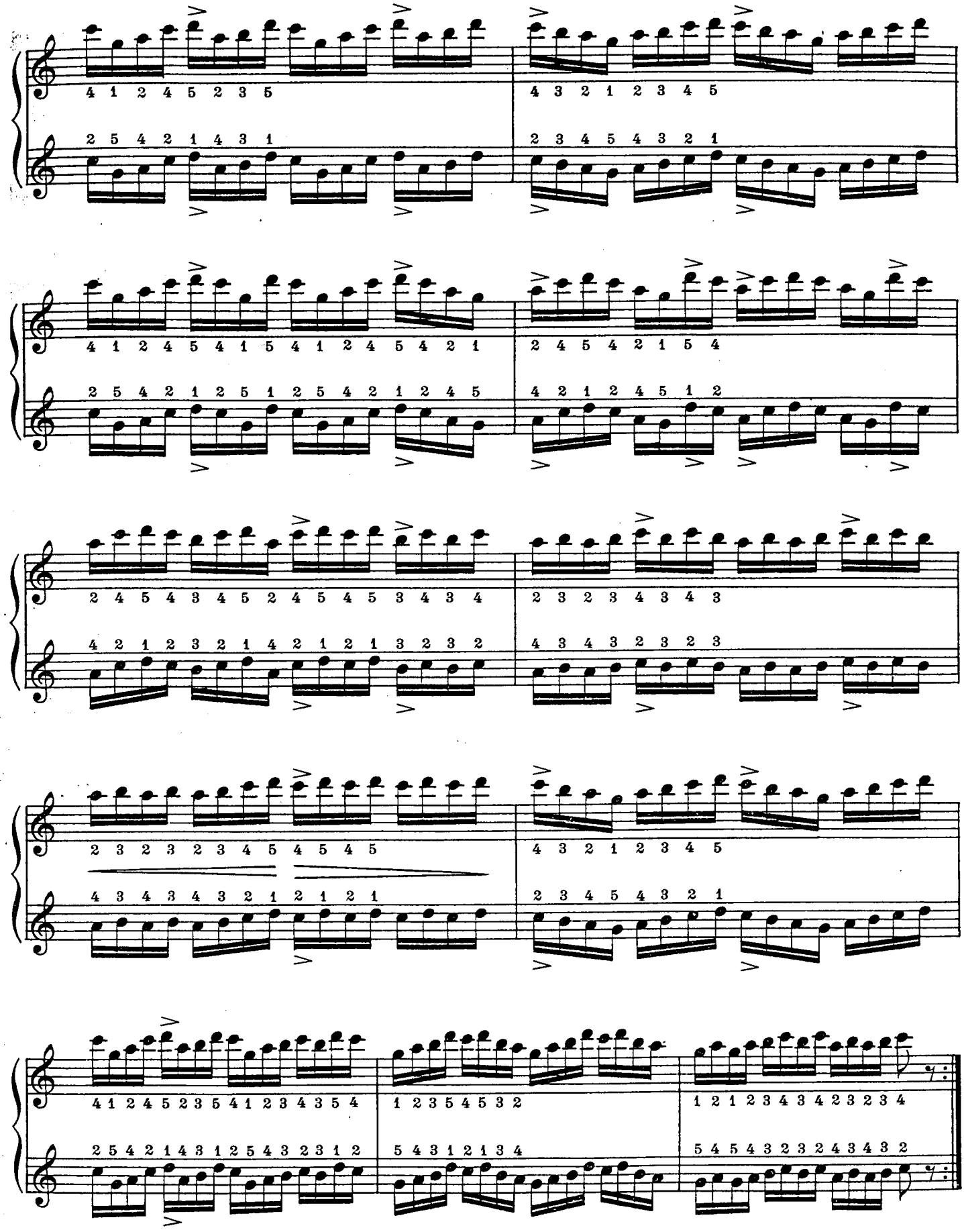

Processional March

The *March,* since it is originally intended to regulate the movement of many people, is a form akin to the dance, and serves both artistic and utilitarian purposes. There are military, religious, funeral and other marches. The noble, dignified character of the theme of this example, as well as the indication *maestoso* ranges it among the ceremonial or festival marches, whose music moves in a lofty style and stately tempo, the direct opposite of the *Pas de charge* which sends a forlorn hope to the attack. This sonorous ceremonial *March* is in $^{4}/_{4}$ time, modern in form, with four reprises of four measures each, while the older opera - and clavier - marches consist of only two reprises of 8, 12, or 16 measures.

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Processional March

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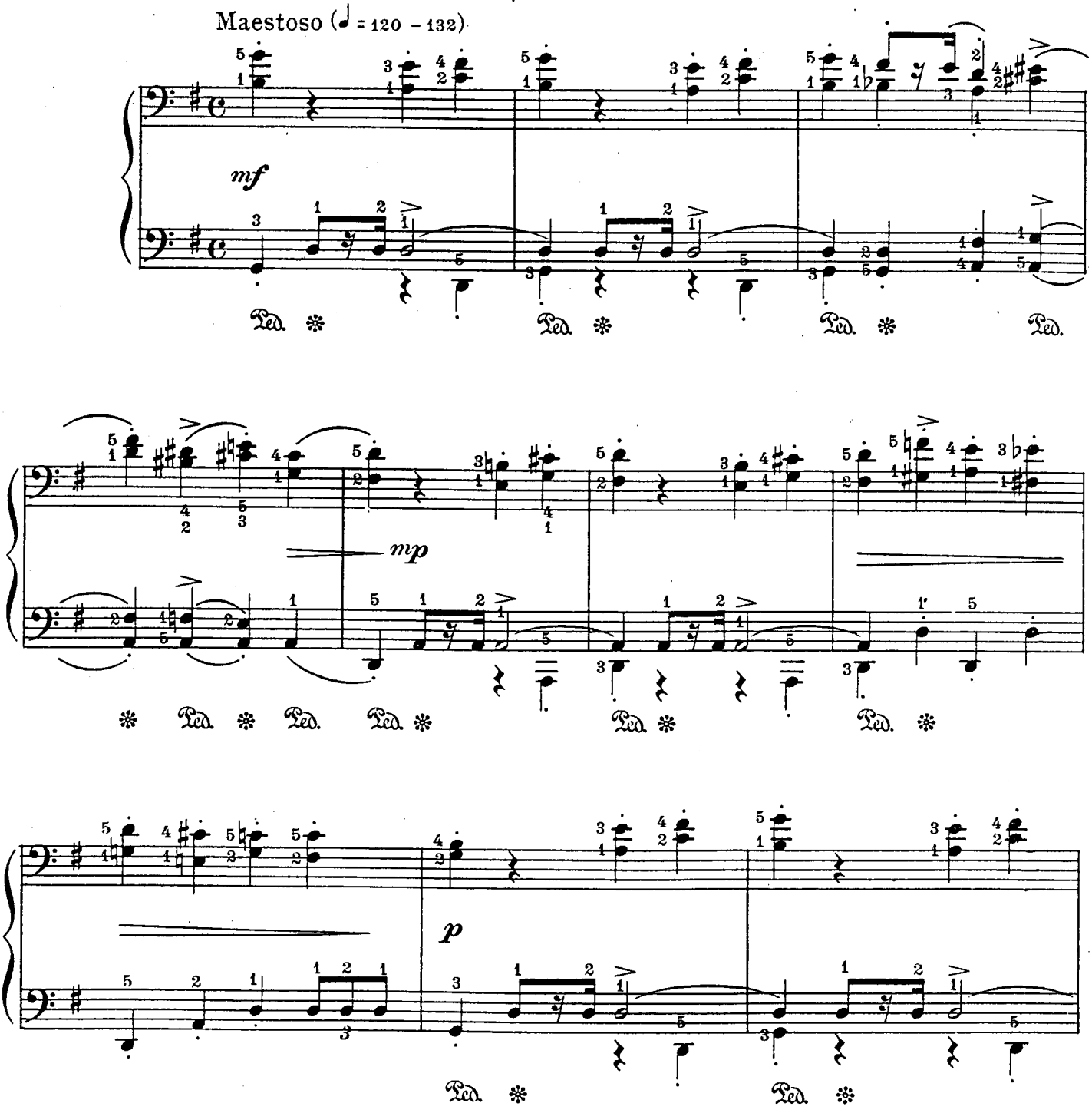

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Processional March

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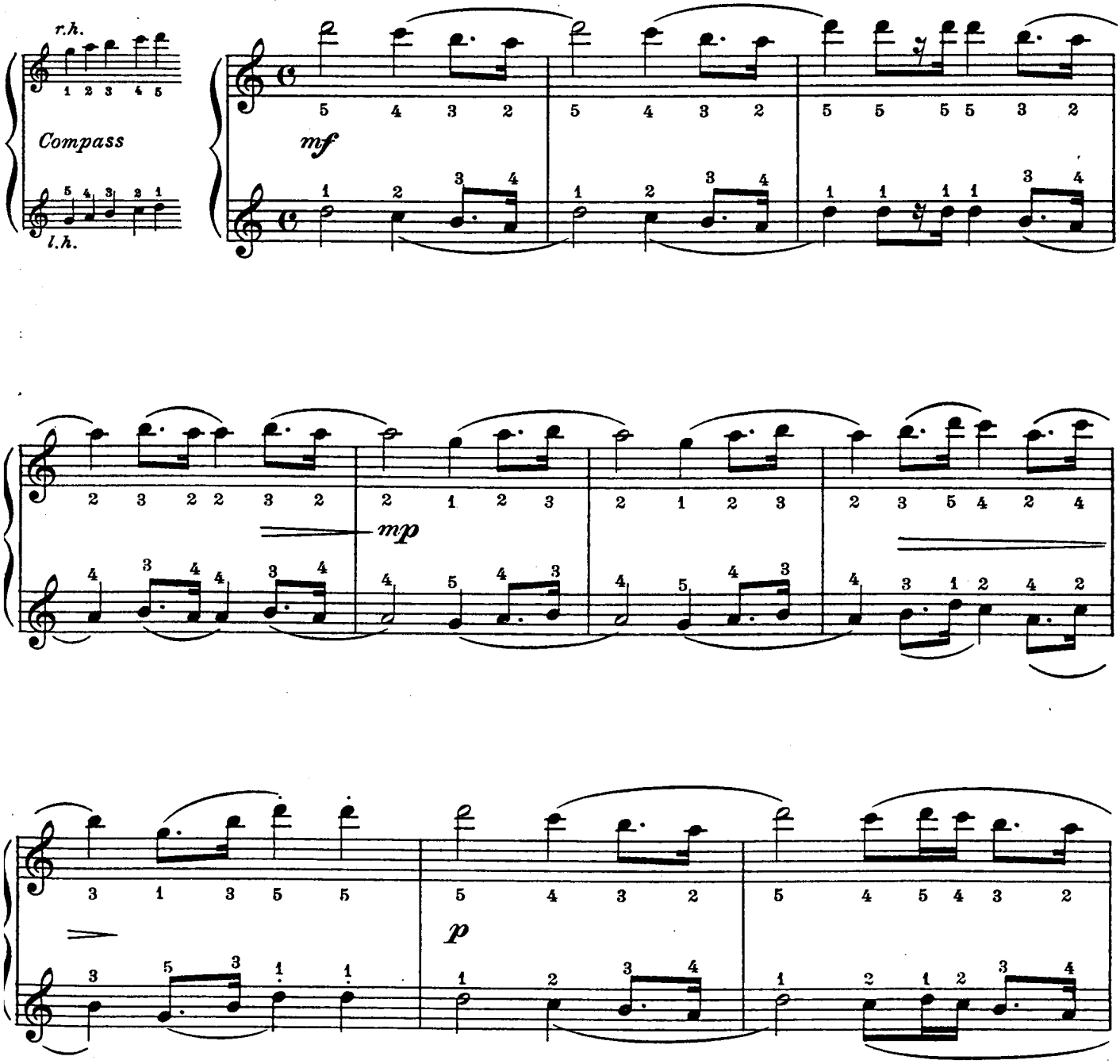
Maestoso (♩=120 - 132)



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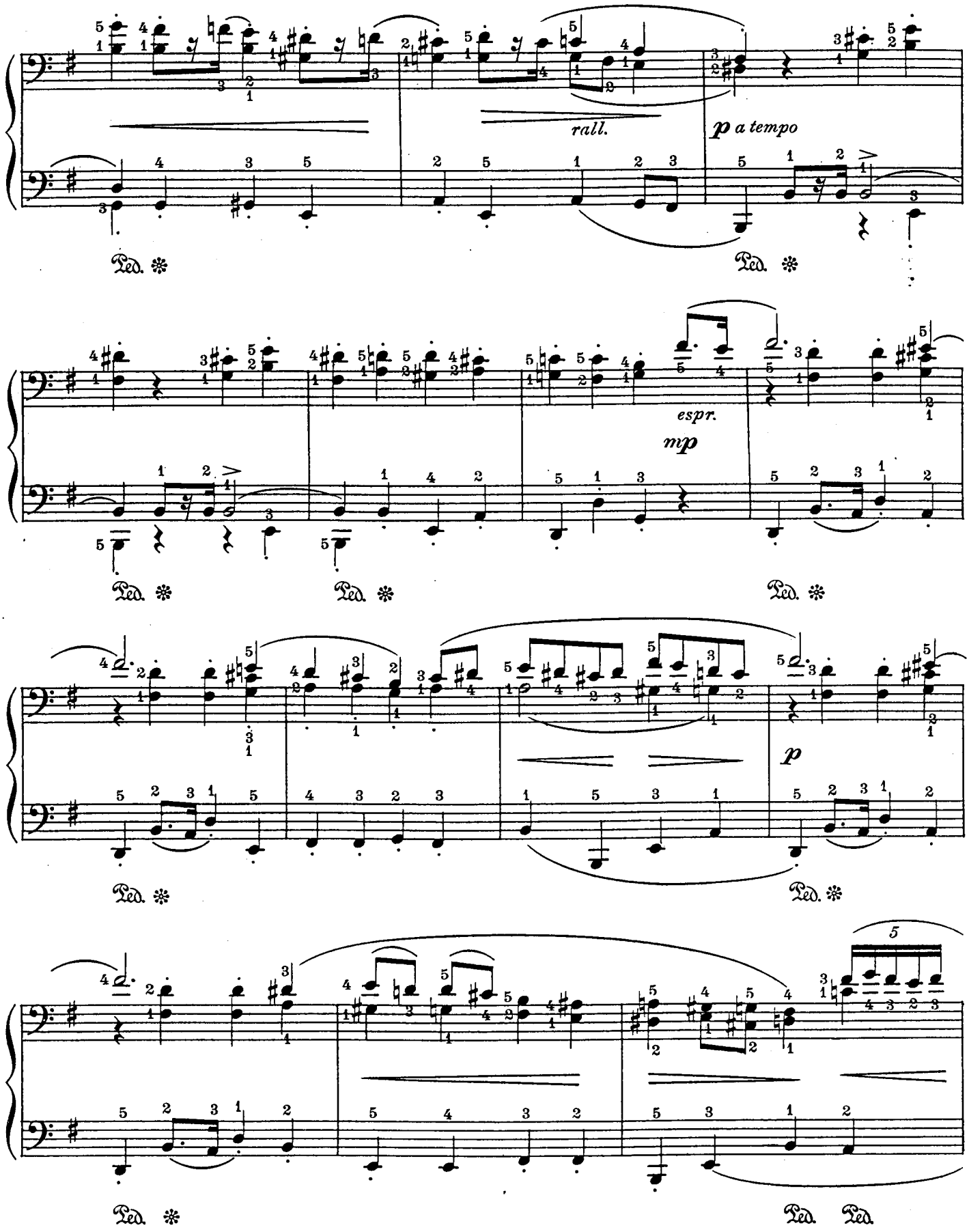

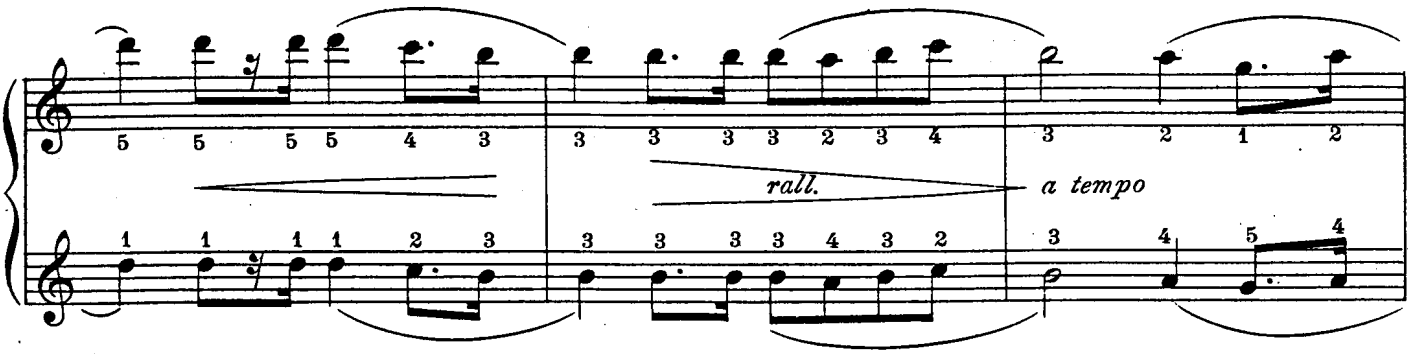
rall.
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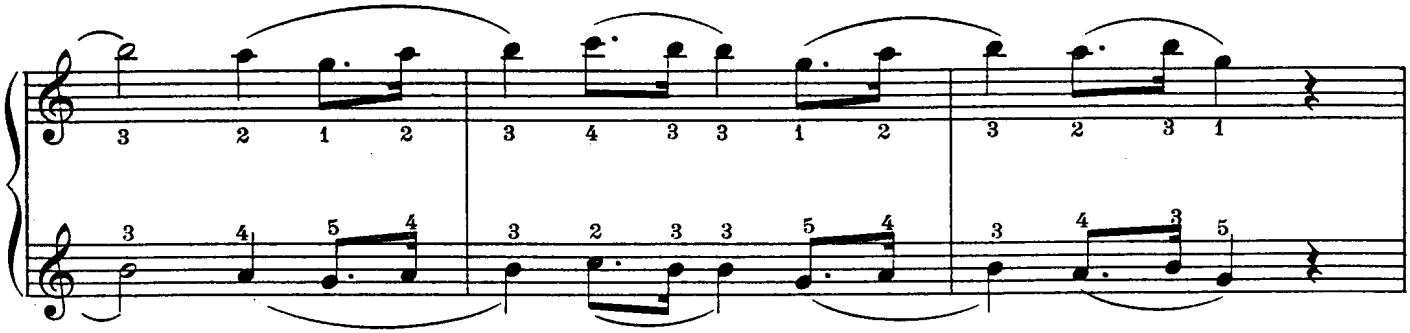

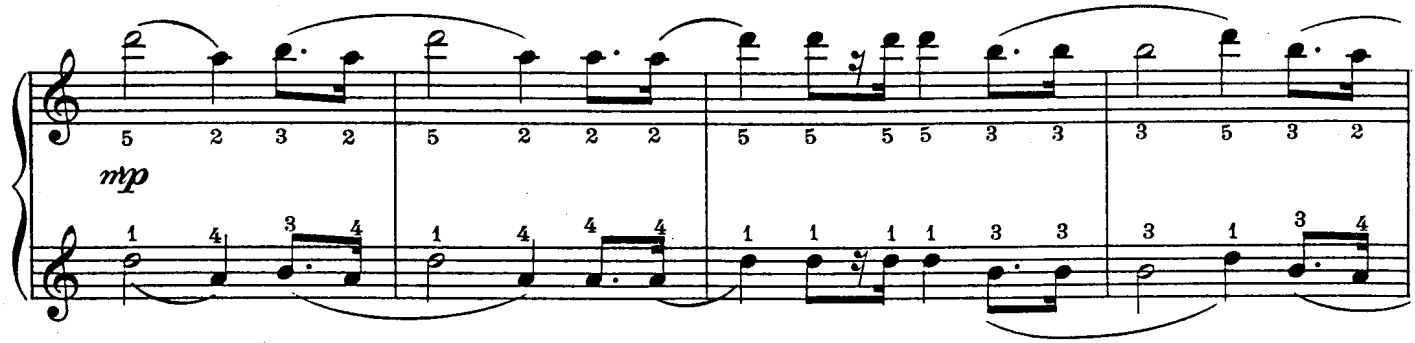
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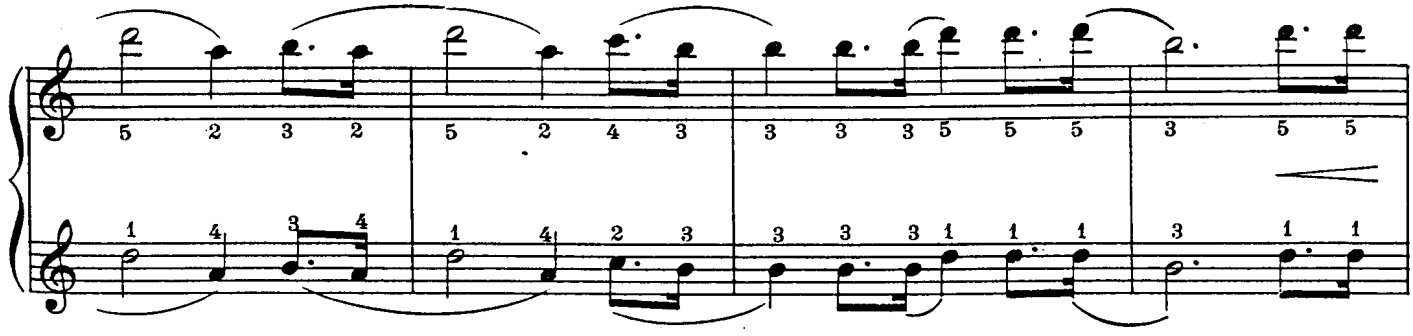

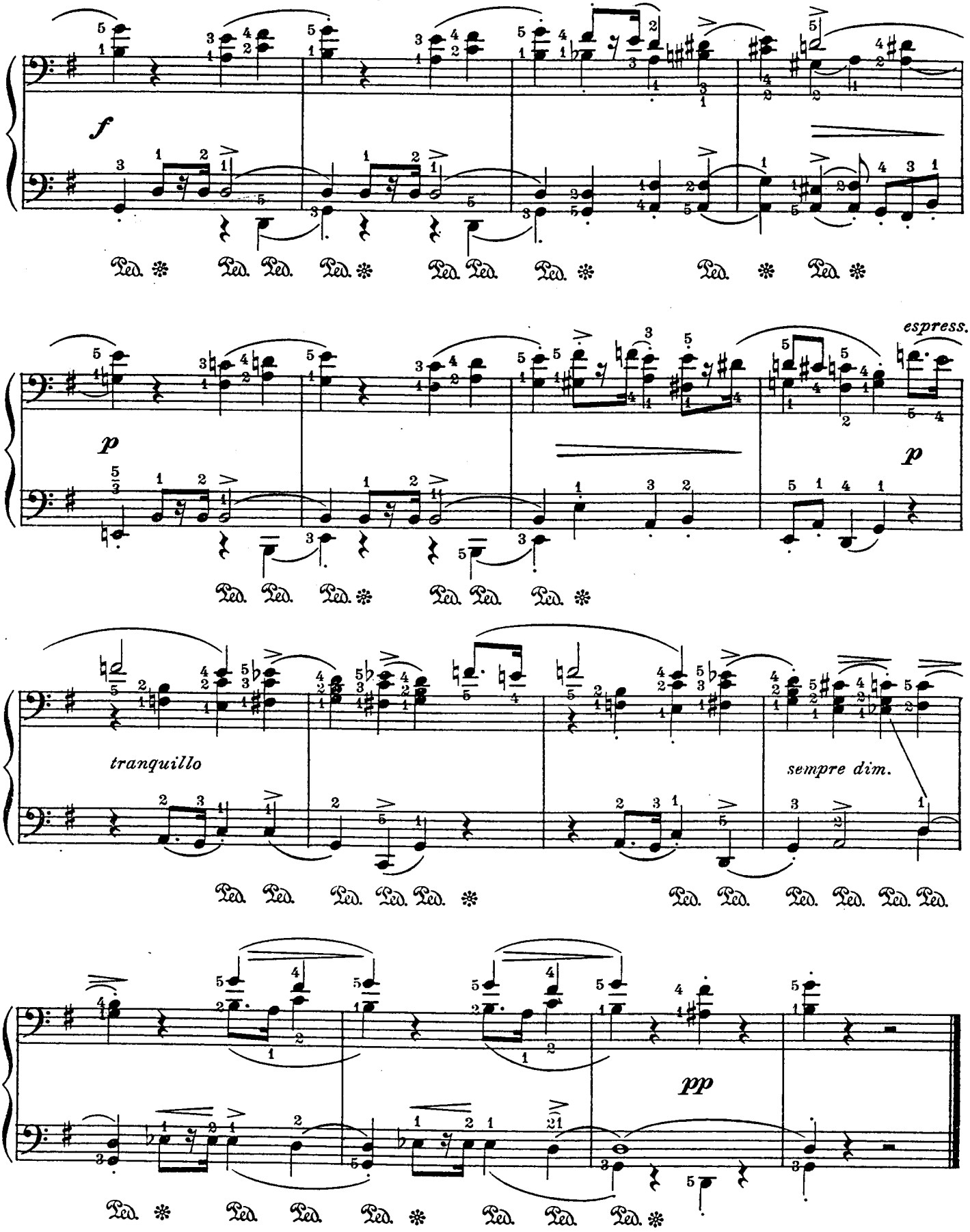
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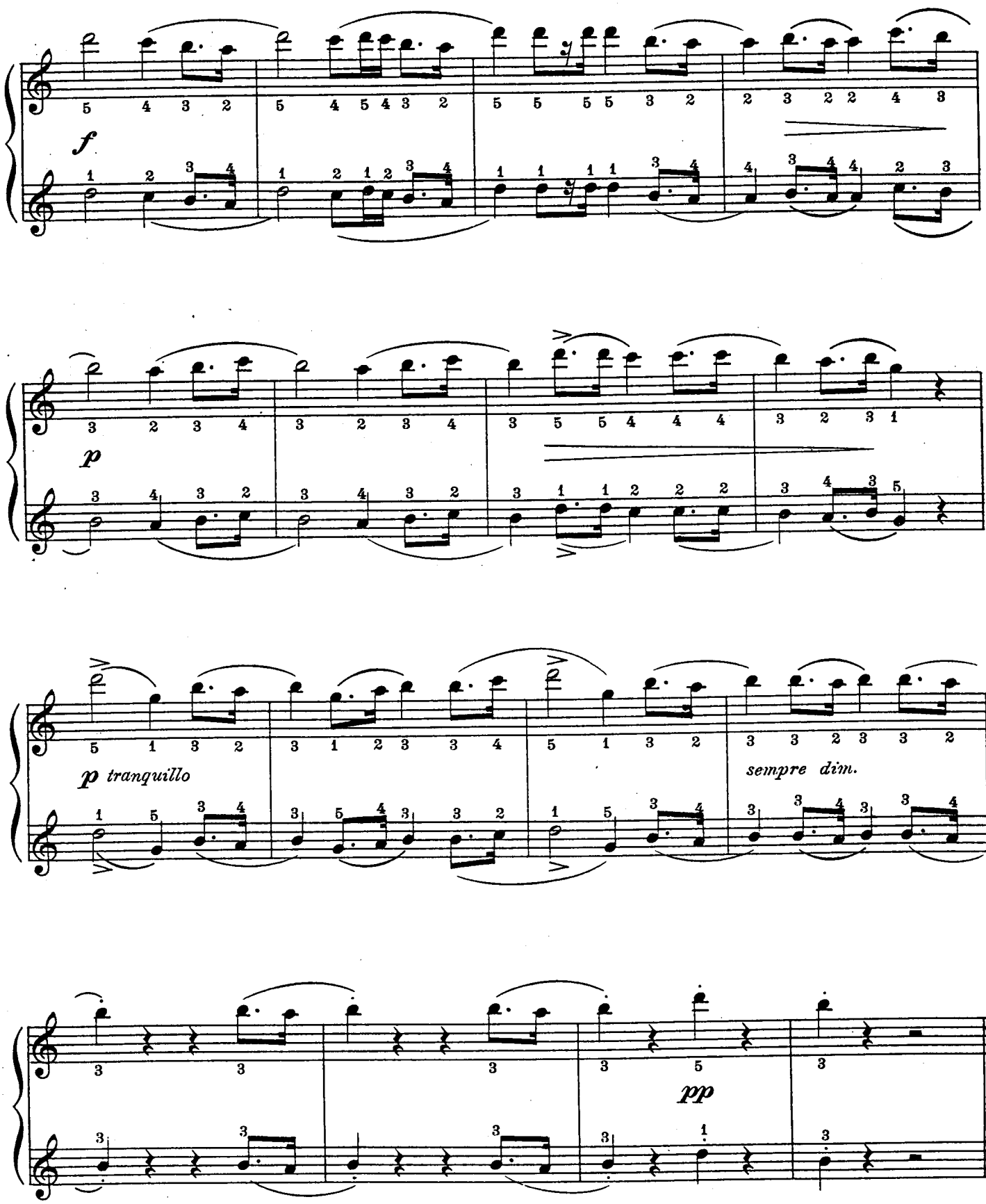
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Symphonic Scherzo

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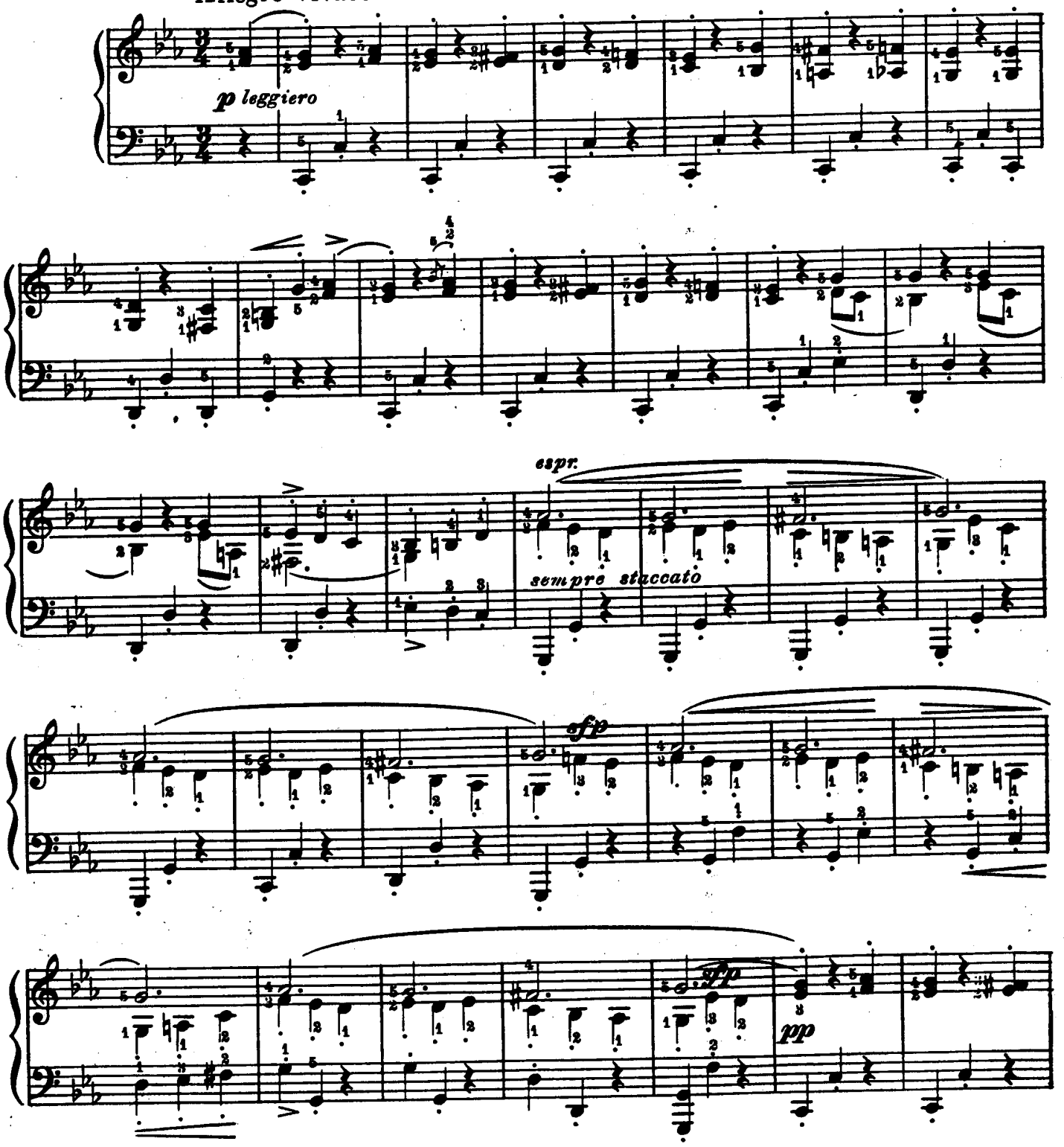

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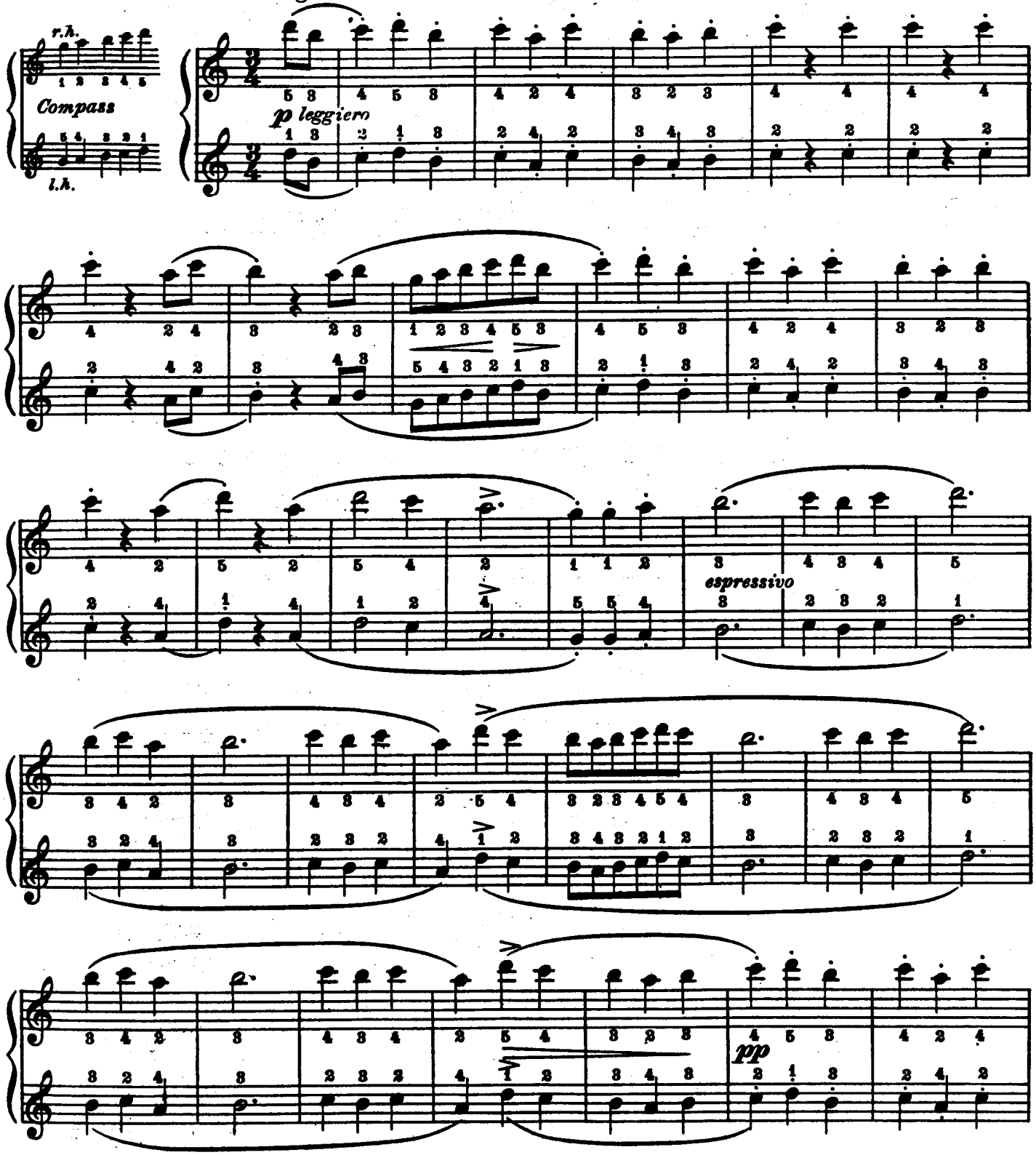

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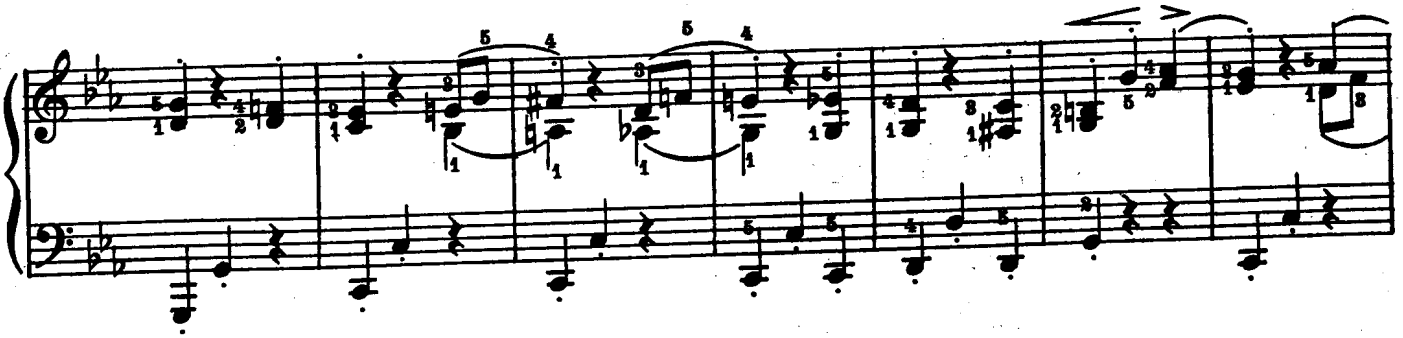

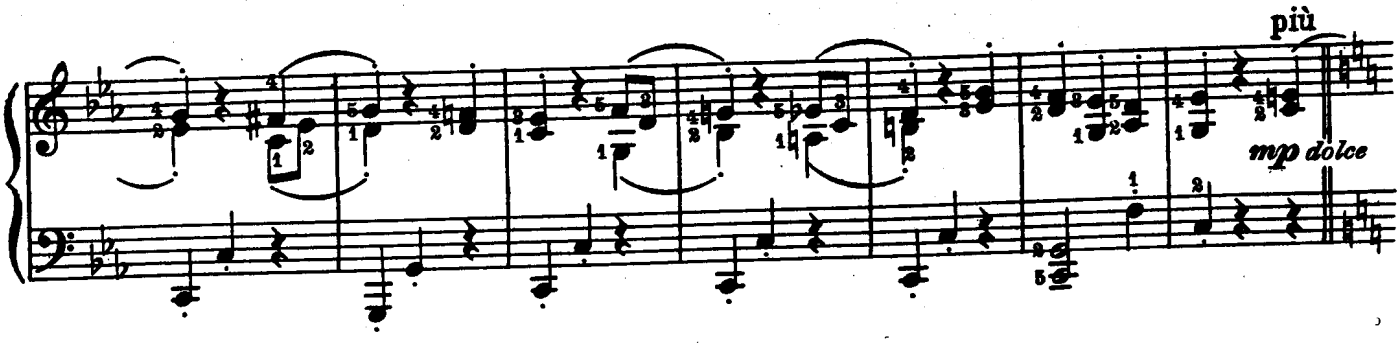

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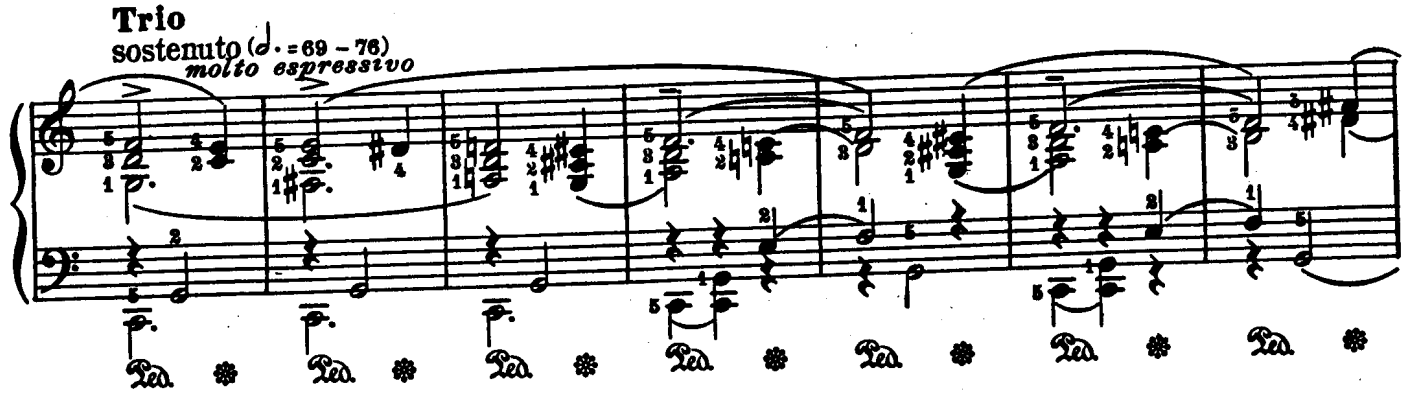

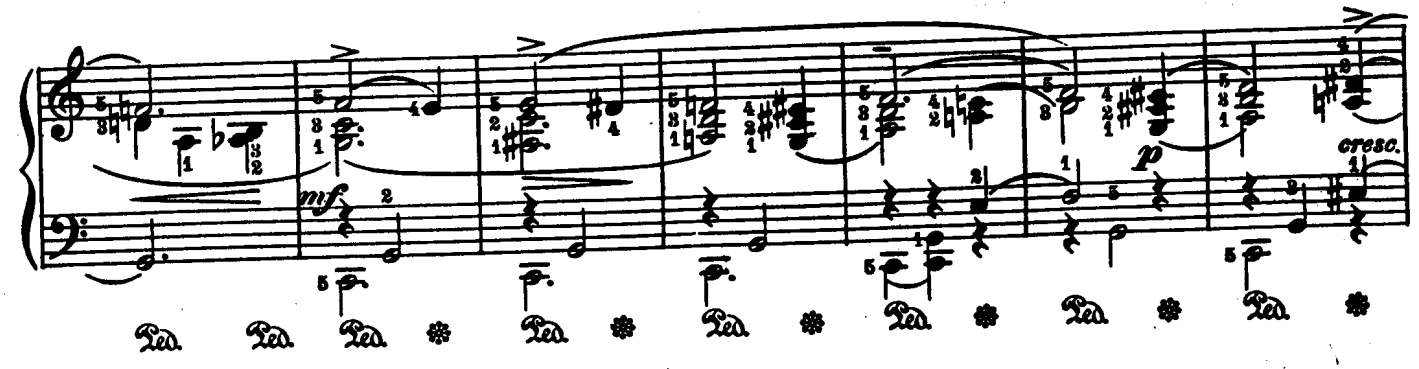

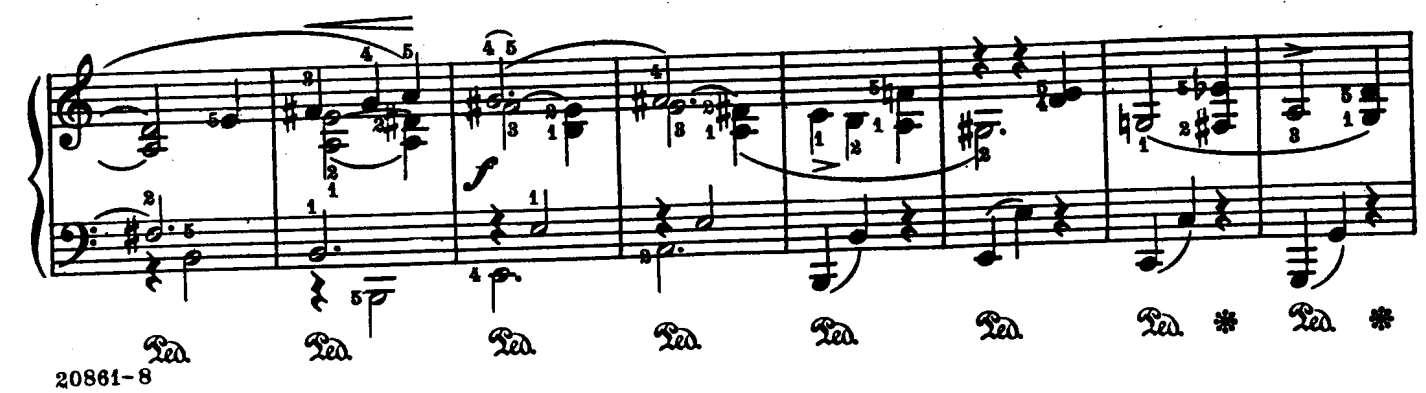

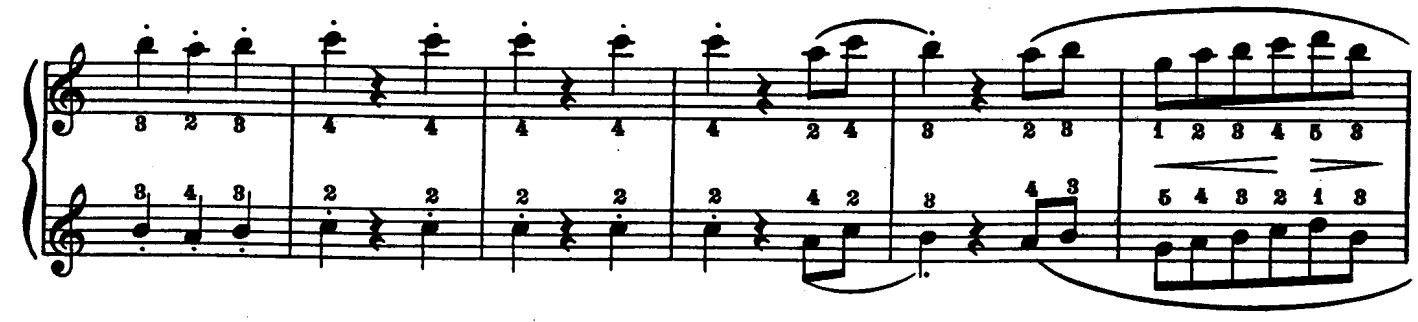

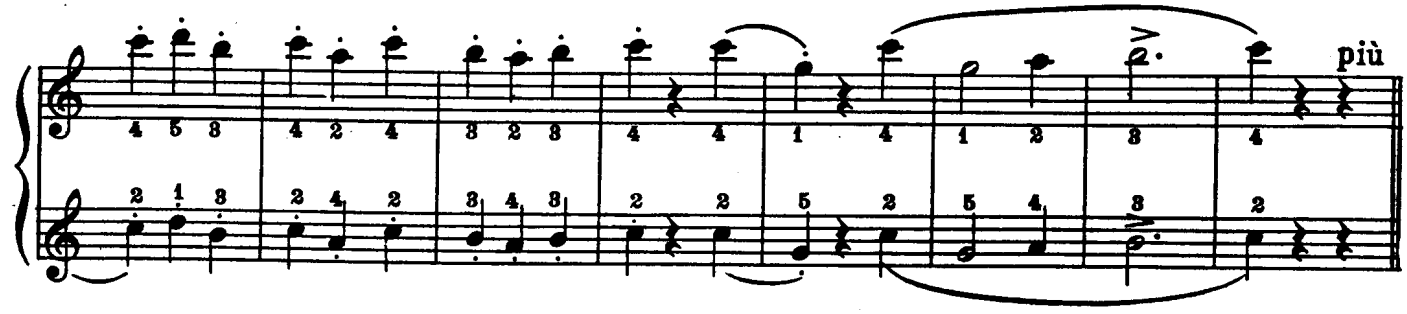

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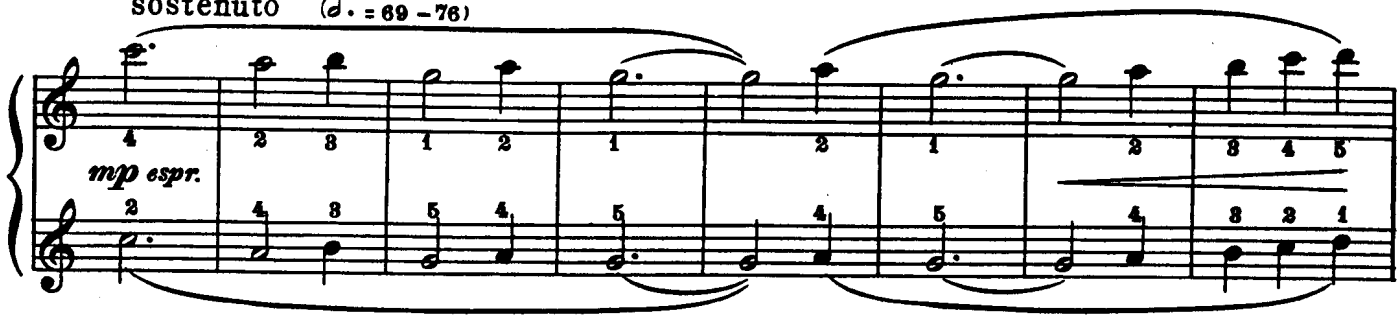

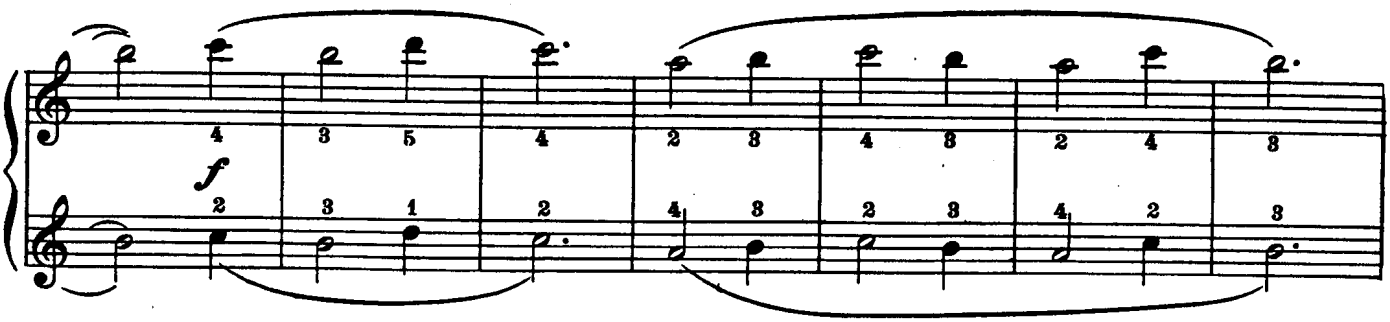

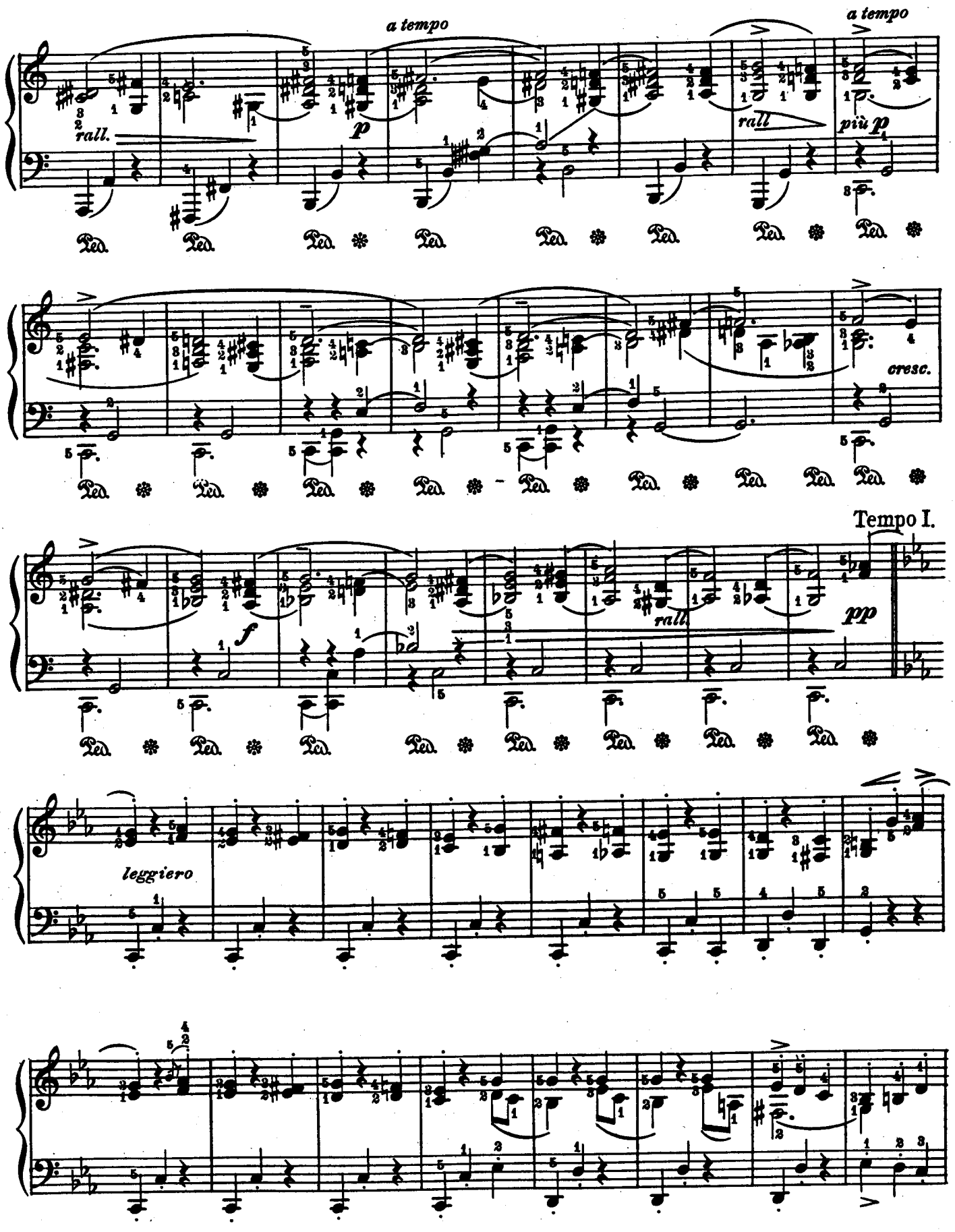
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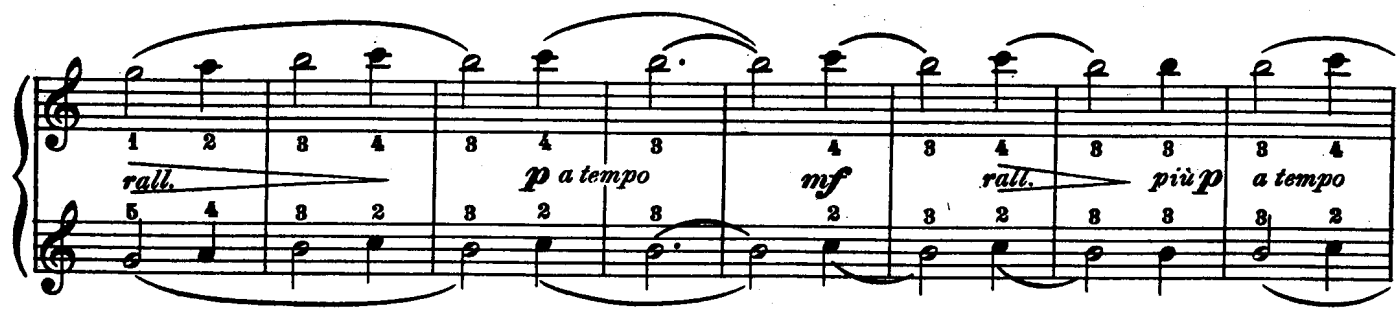
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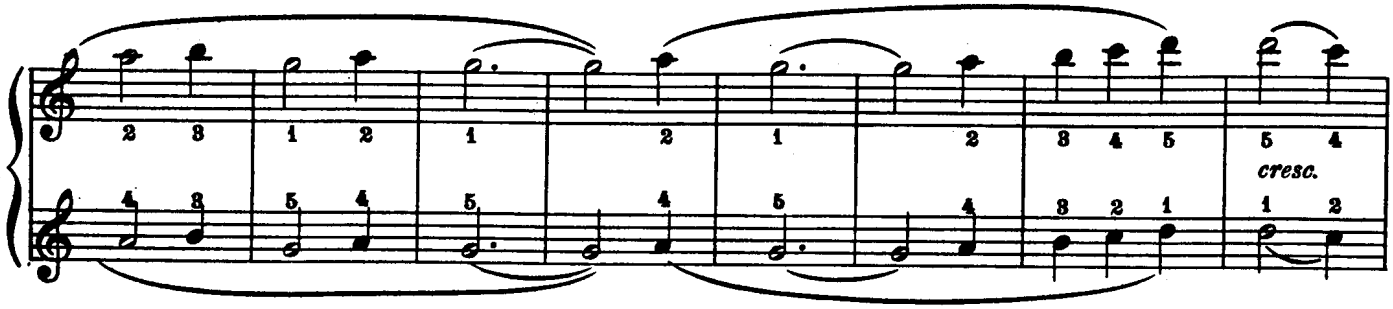
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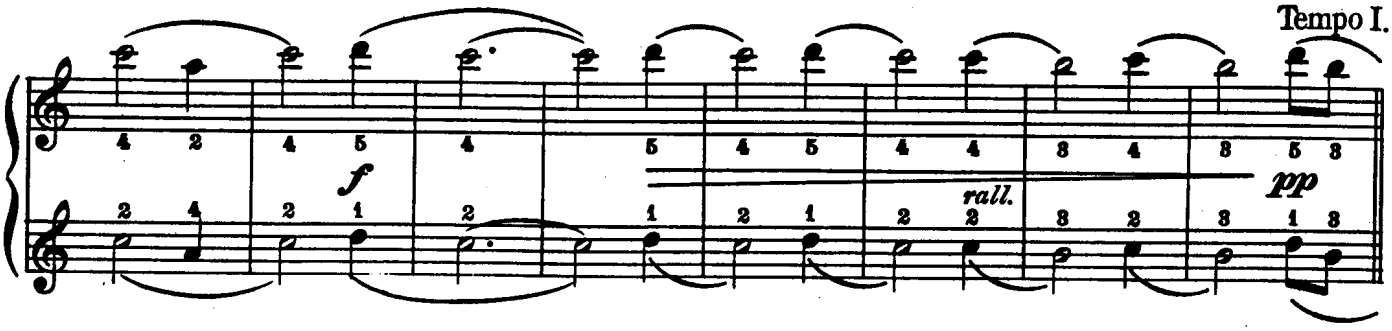
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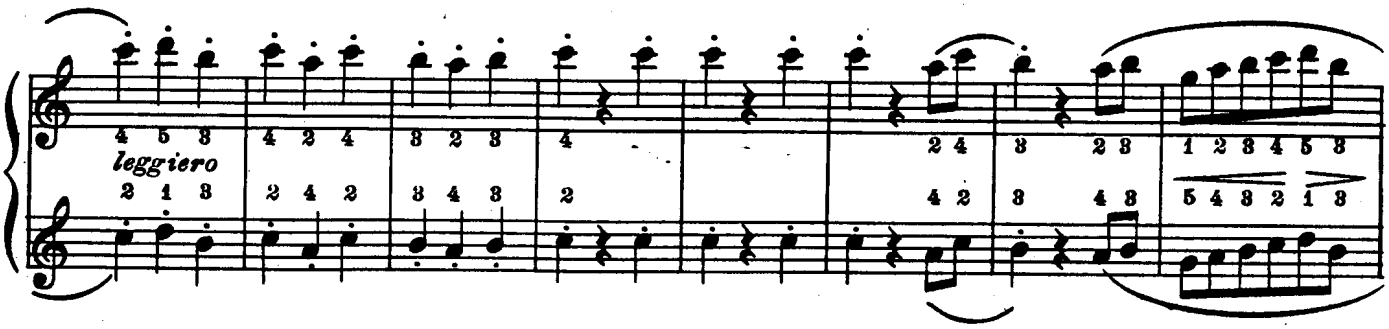
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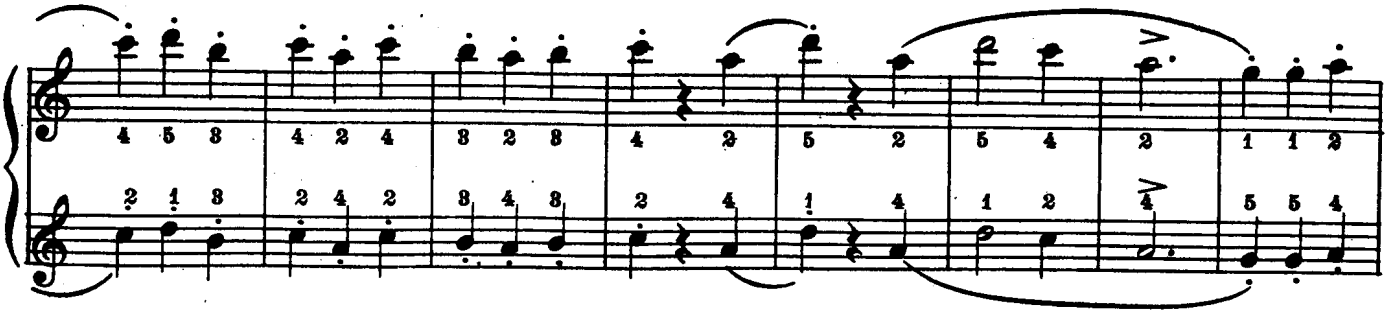

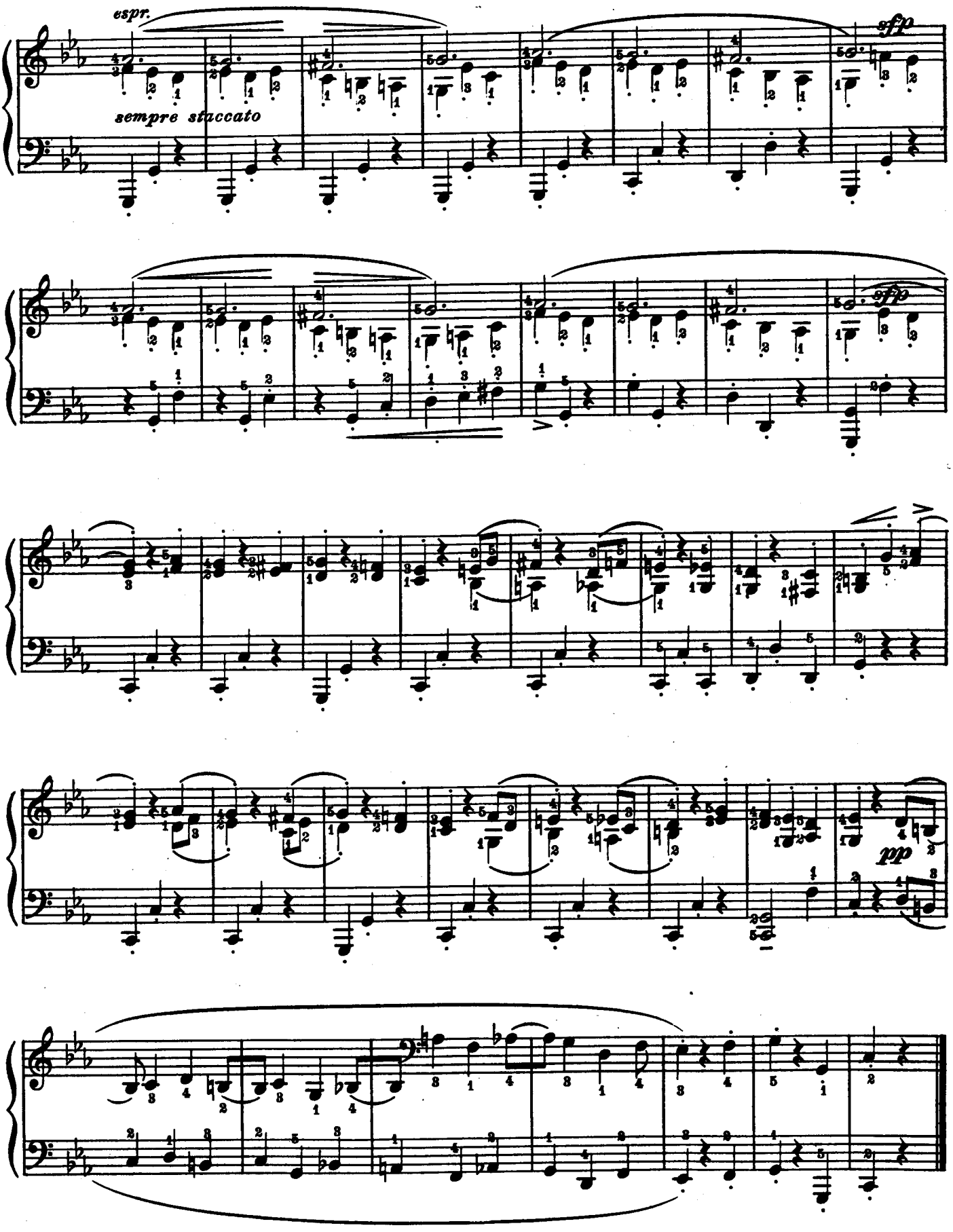
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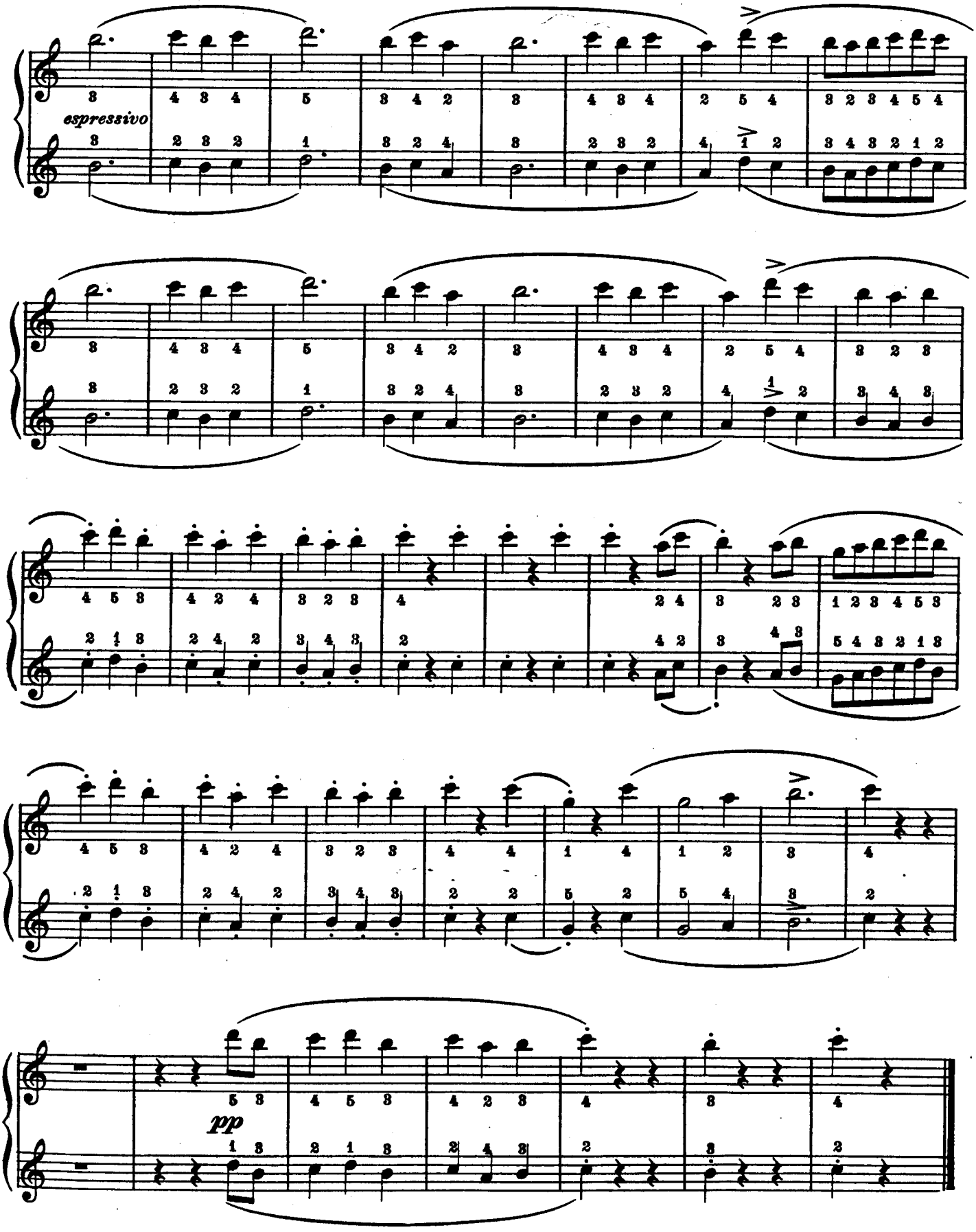
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The *Nocturne* is a piano composition of dreamy character reflecting musical emotions aroused by poetic aspects of evening or night; it is akin to the earlier *Serenade* and has no definite formal character. Its name is derived from *Nocturn*, one of the three divisions of an office in the Roman Church corresponding to the vigils, a service held at some time during the night. To John Field (1782-1837), belongs the credit of being the first to give the nocturne a place in pianoforte literature, though Chopin's development of its possibilities soon cast his efforts into the shade. Nearly every modern composer of distinction has contributed to the *genre*. Logical preference is shown in this *Nocturne* miniature by the use of the key of G flat for effects of veiled and tender poesy, which the *secondo* is ideally planned to stress.

Miscellaneous [Nos. 8 to 14]

No. 14. BARCAROLLE

A graceful example of the two-period song-form in the swinging 6-8 rhythm peculiar to its type. Its melody is sweet and tender; a song of love and moonlight. The *Barcarolle* (Italian *barcarola*, "a boatman's song") represents this kind of nautical music in a more general way, while the *Gondoliera* is specifically an imitation of the song of the Venetian gondoliers and has a more definite local color. The Barcarolle character is well brought out by the swaying, rocking movement of the *secondo* part. F.H.M.

Arabian Chant

(Orientale)

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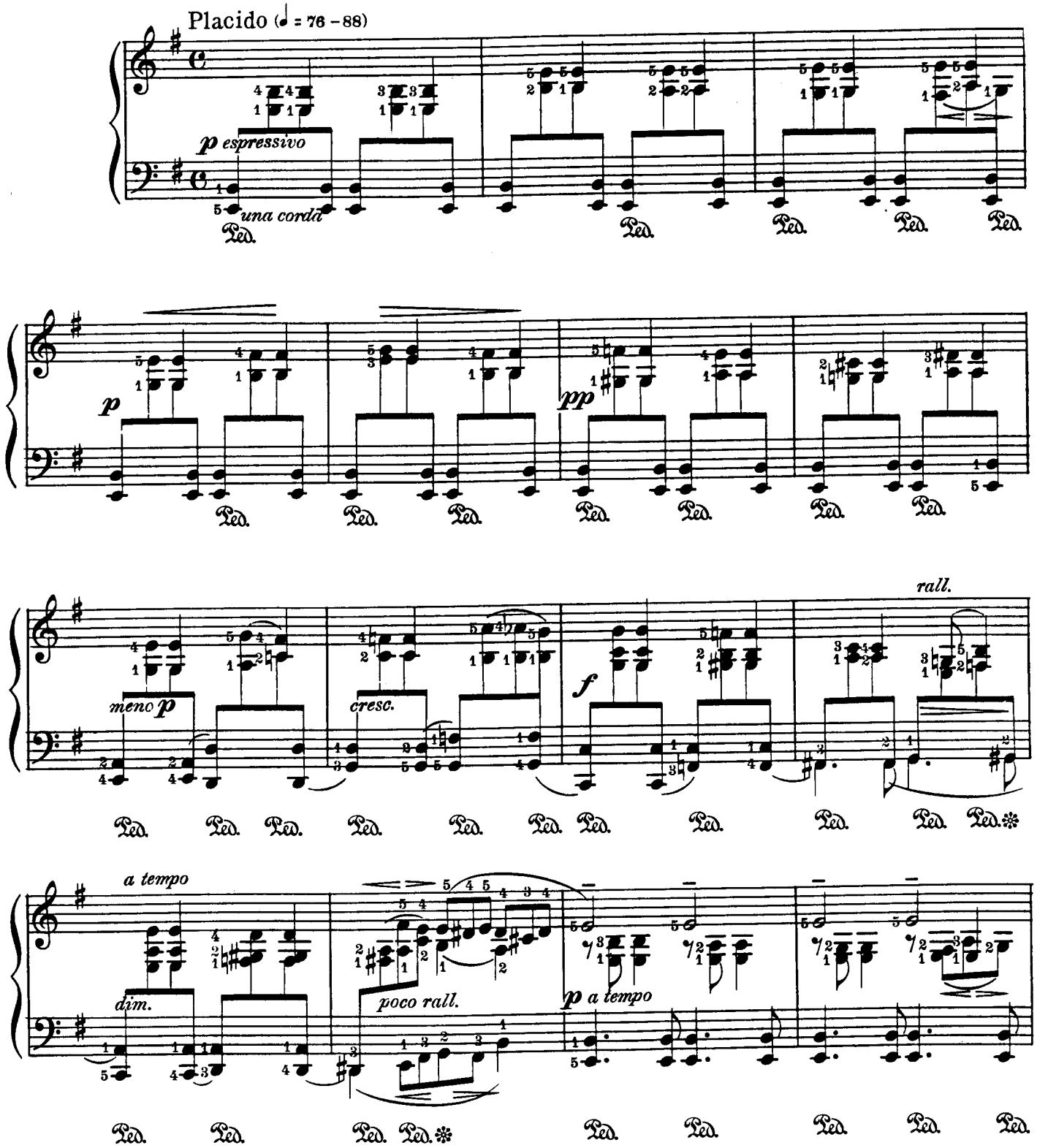

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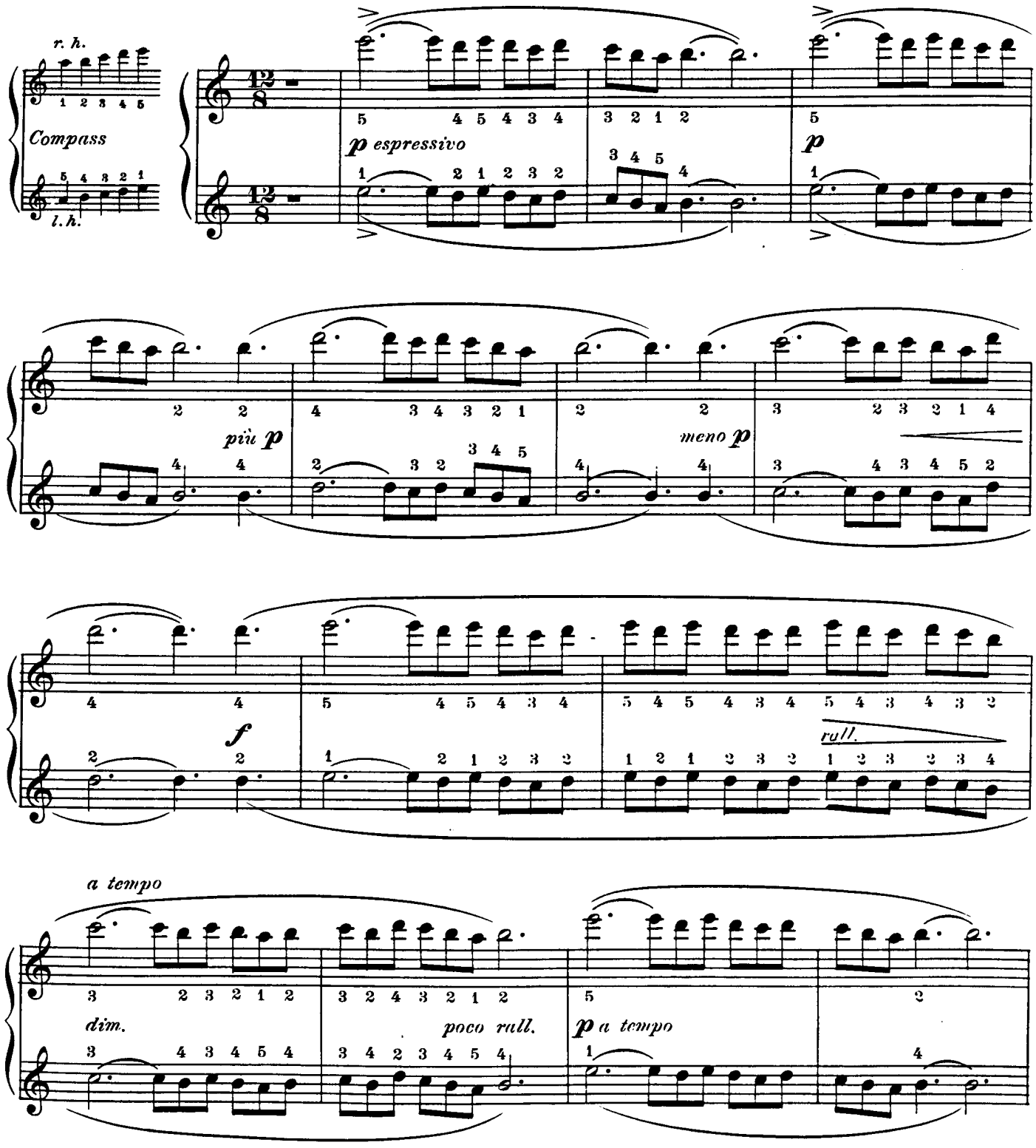

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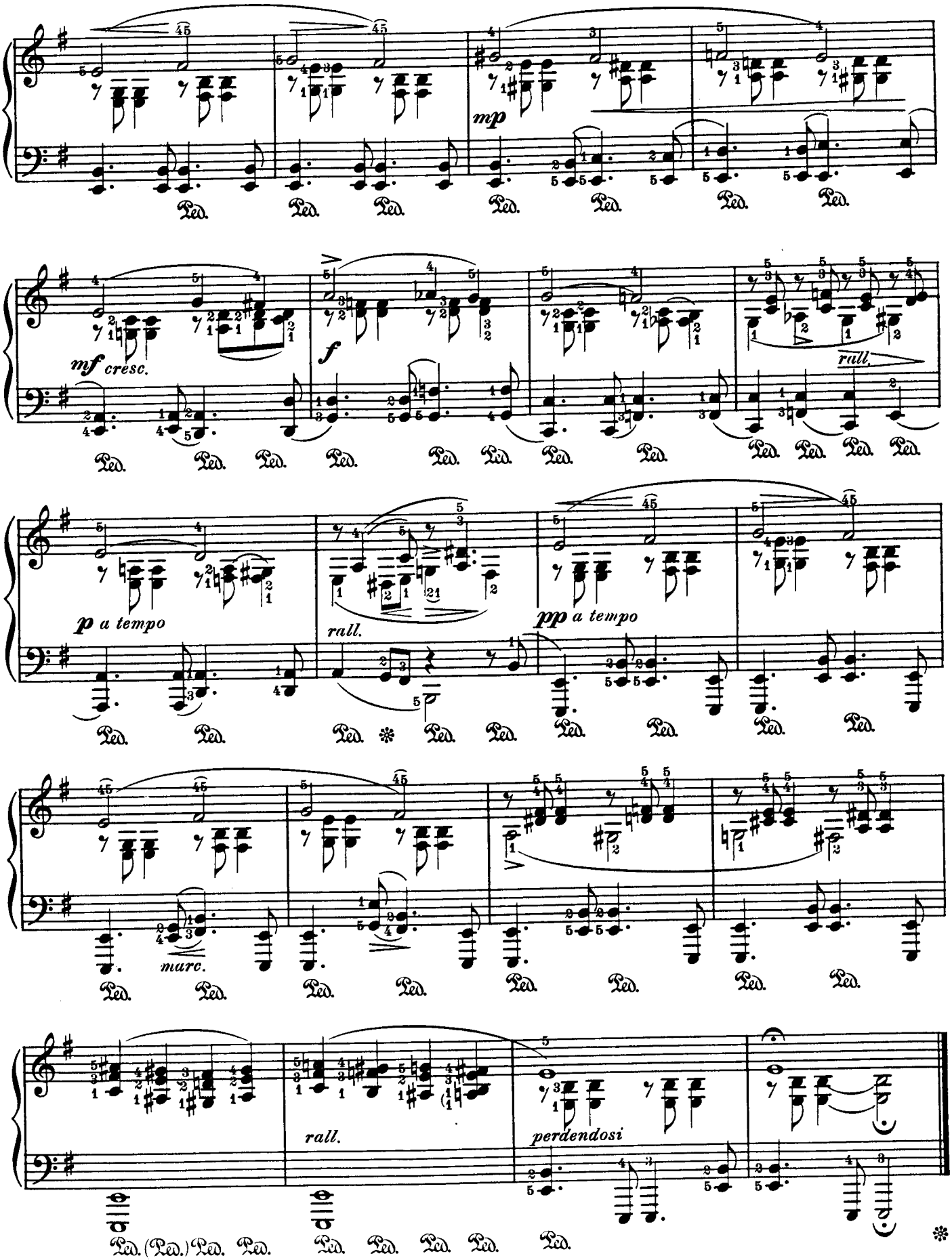
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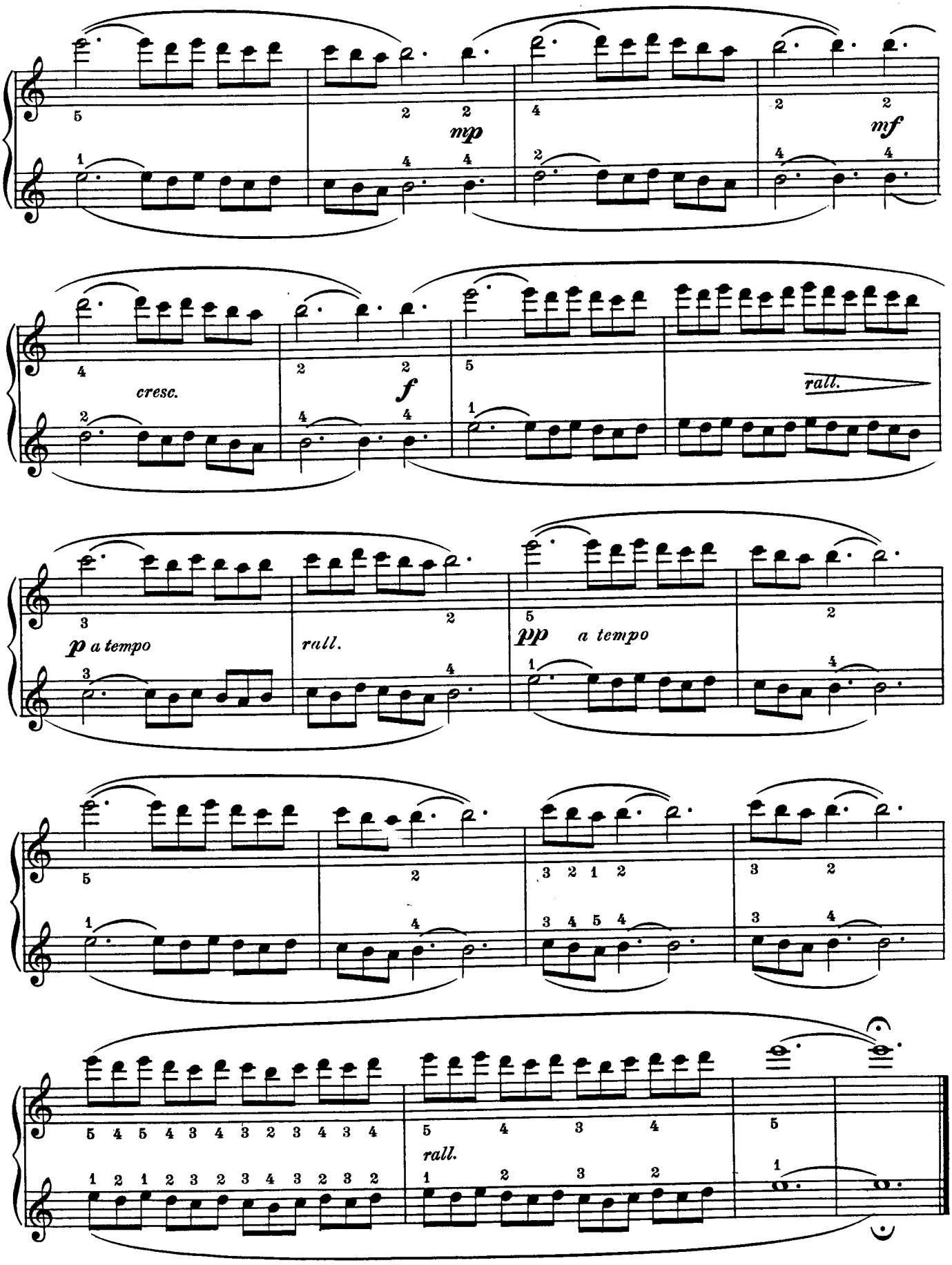
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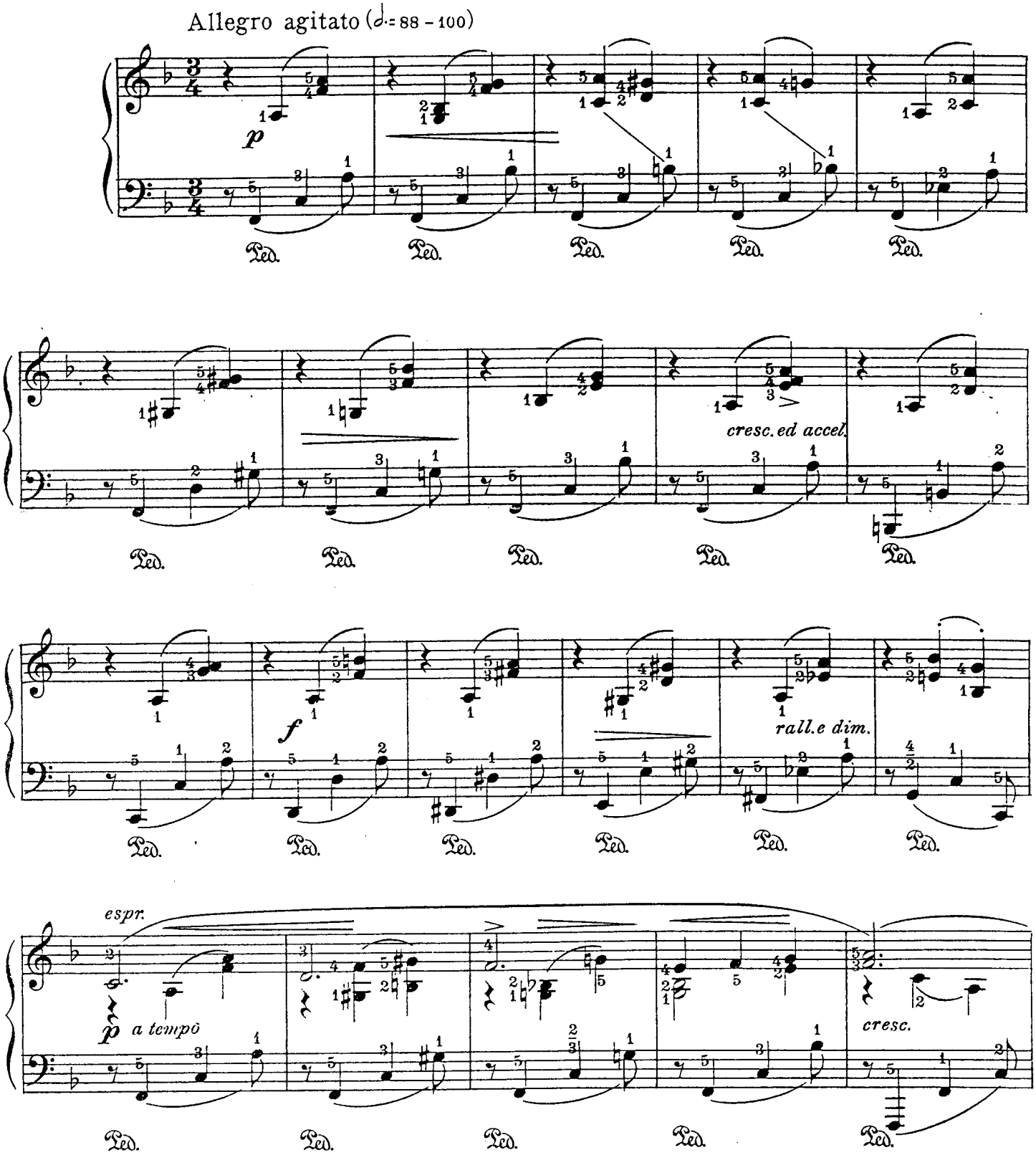

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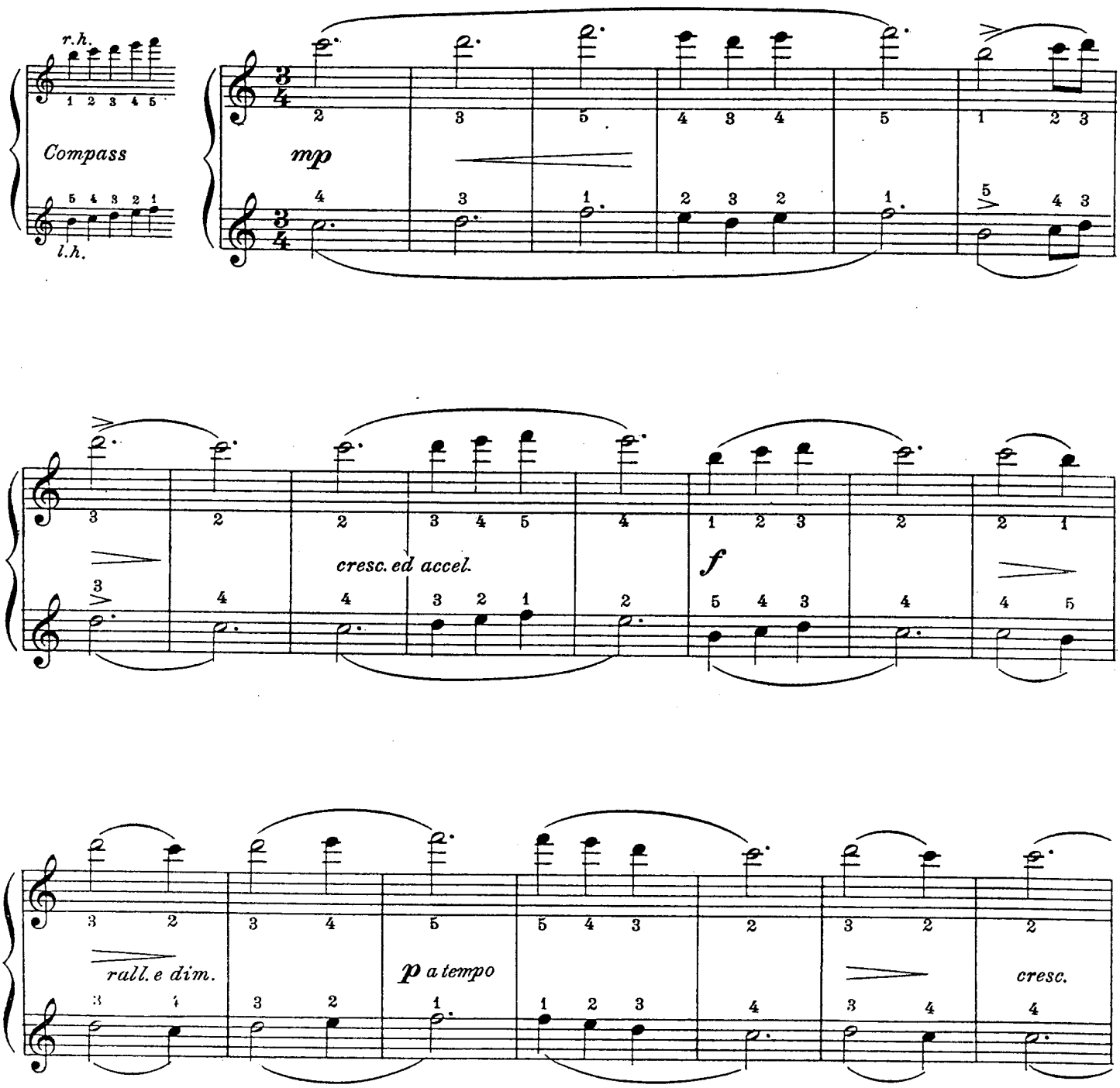

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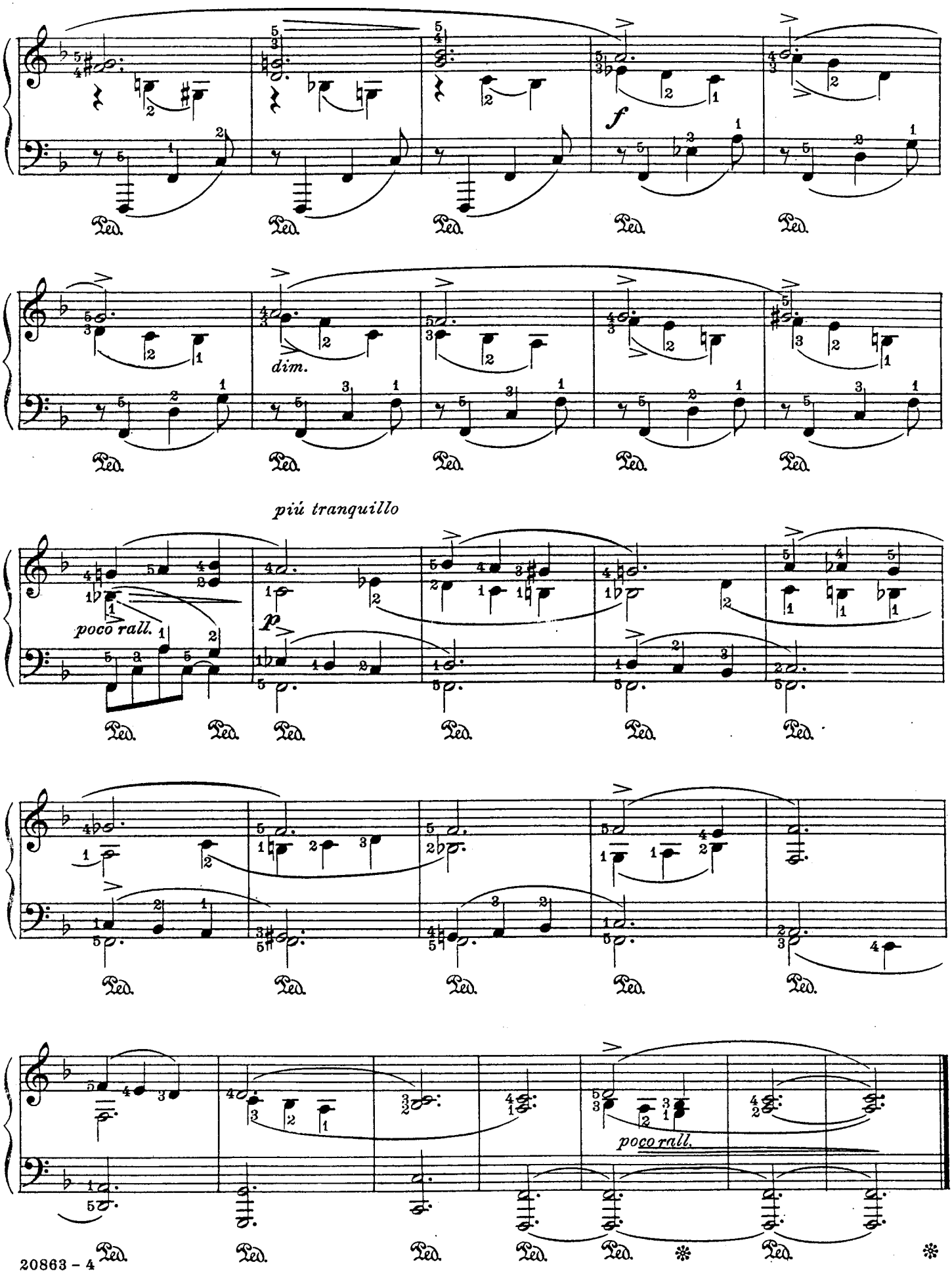
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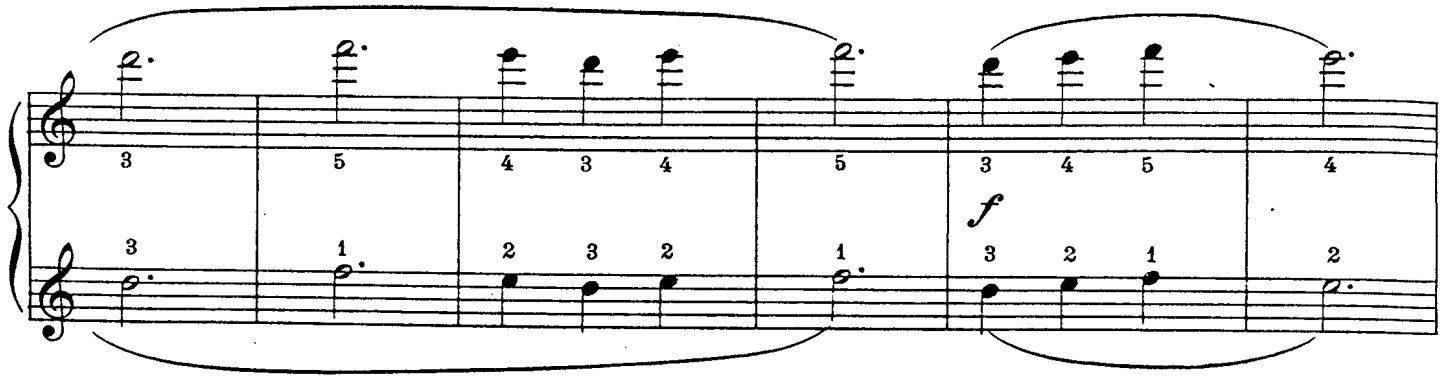
p
poco rall.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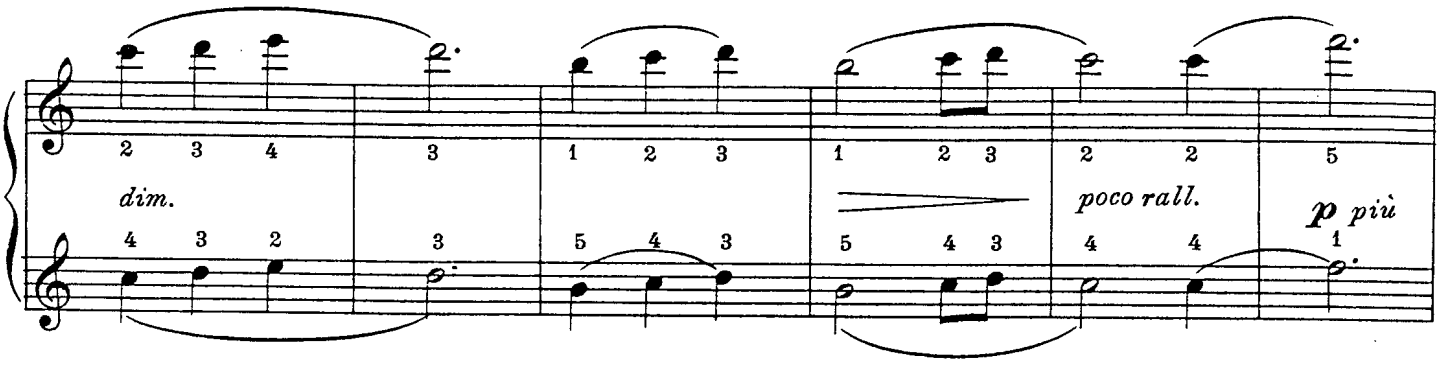
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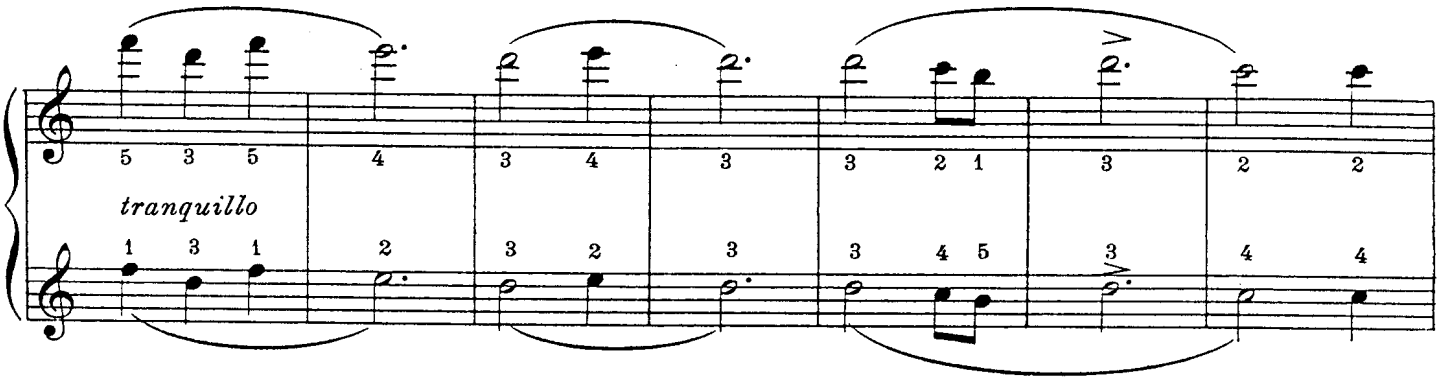
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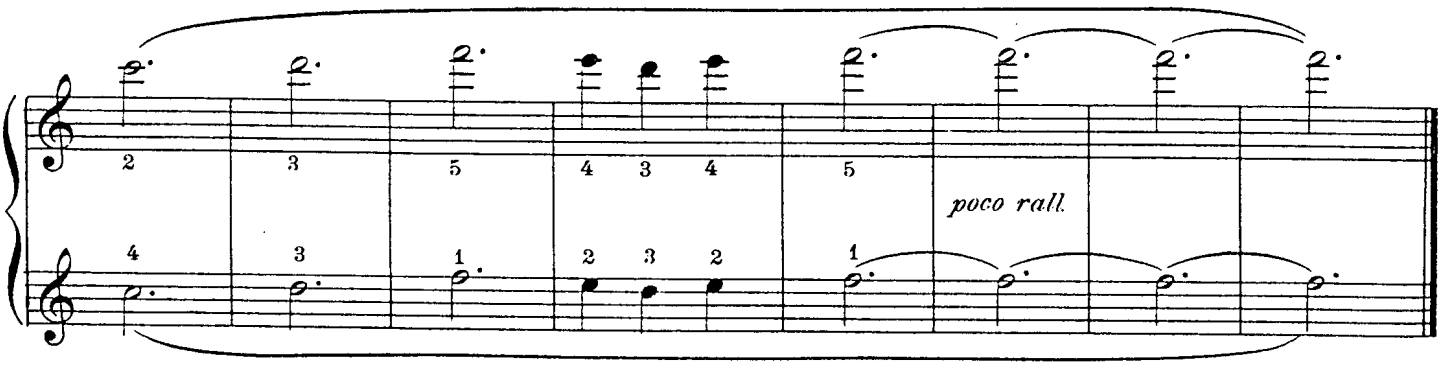
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Maestoso e mesto (♩ = 69 - 76)

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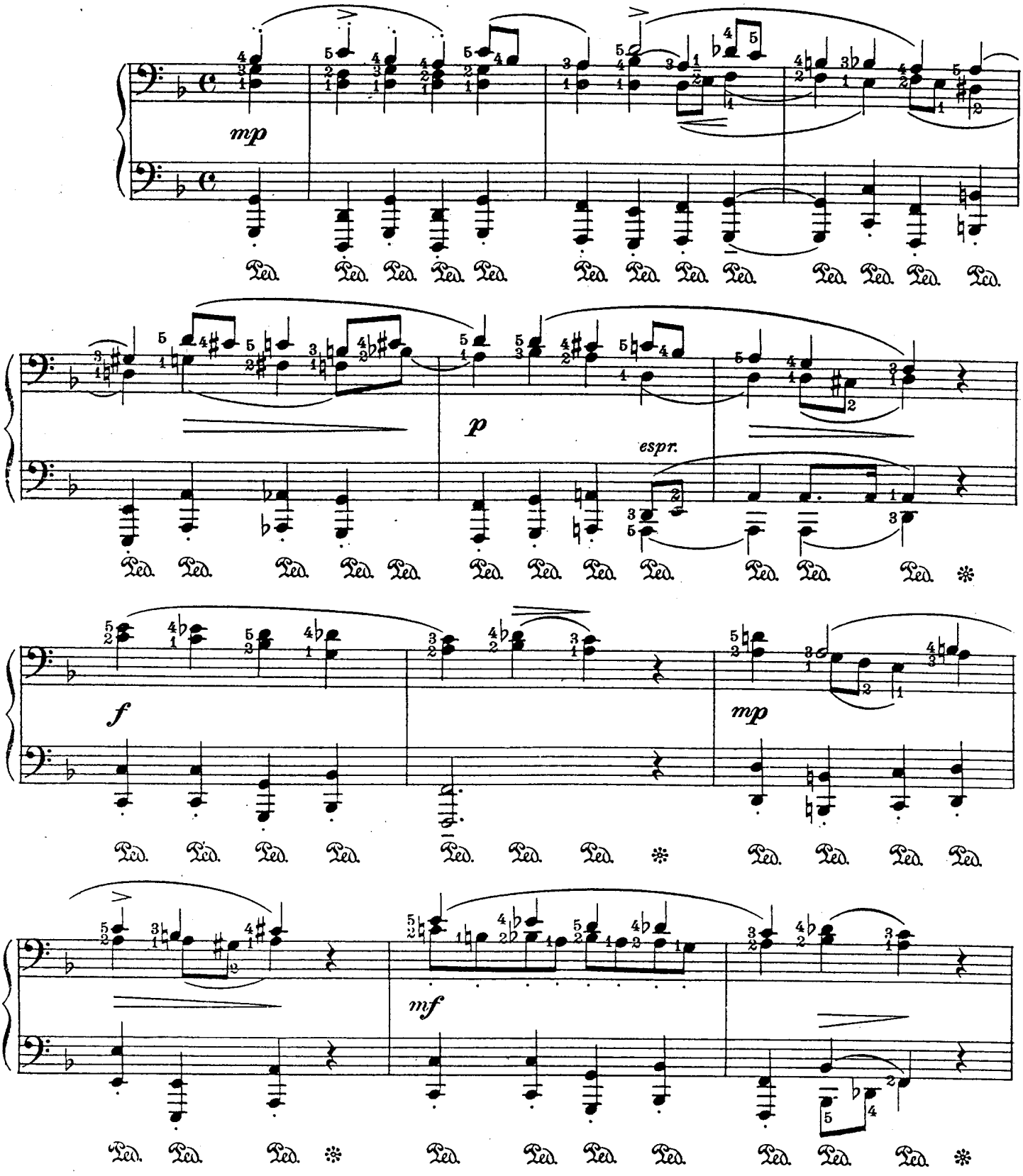

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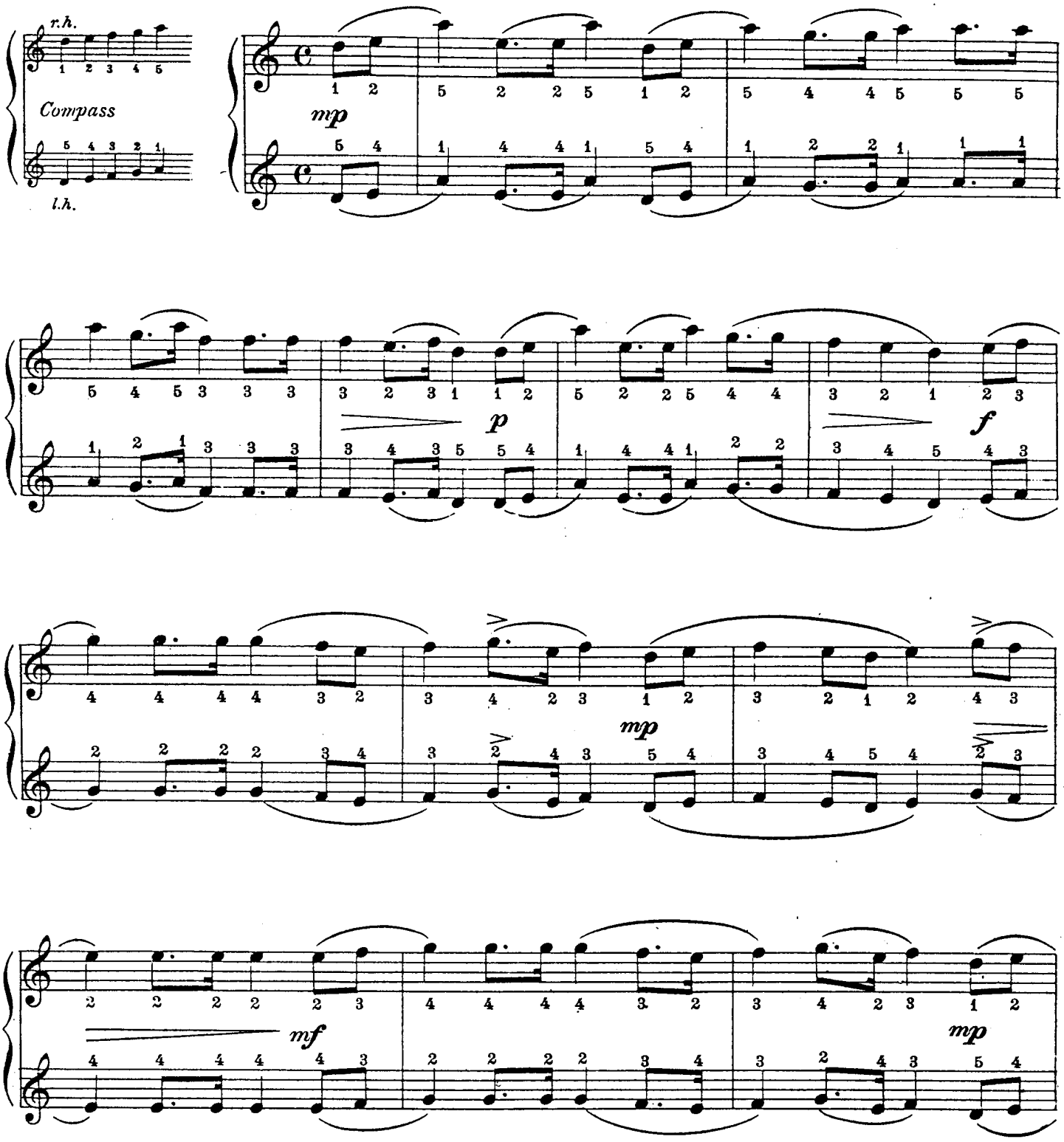

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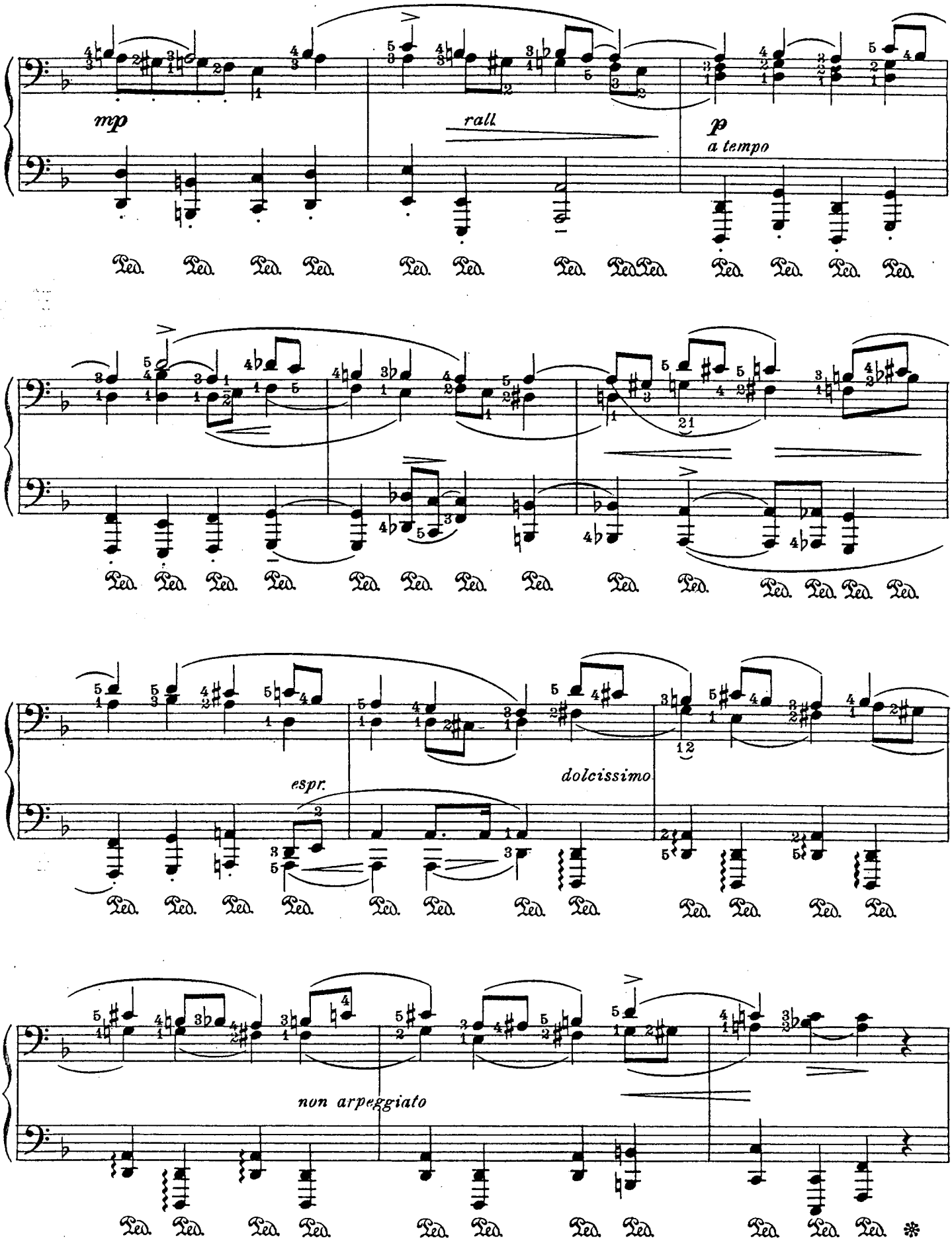
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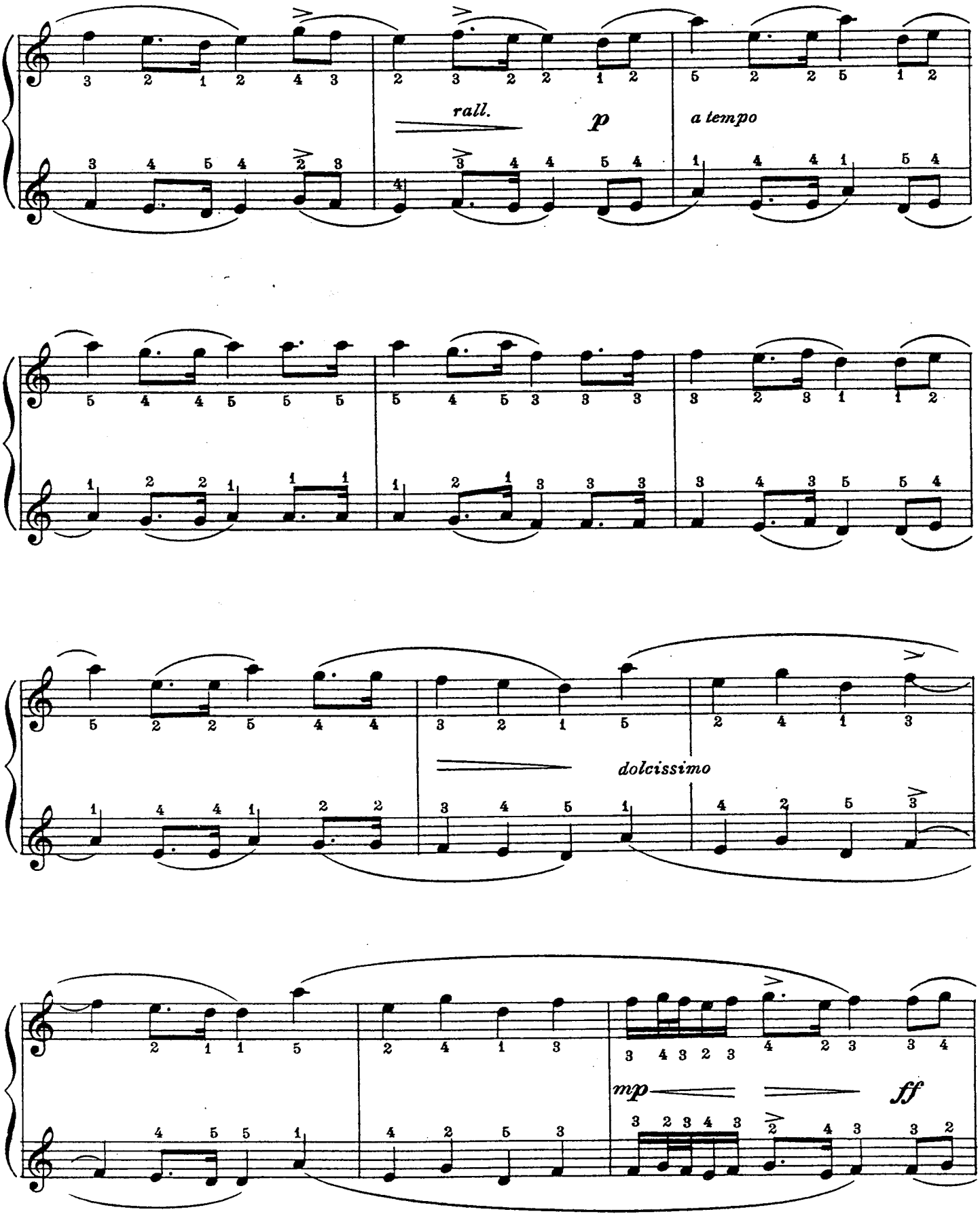
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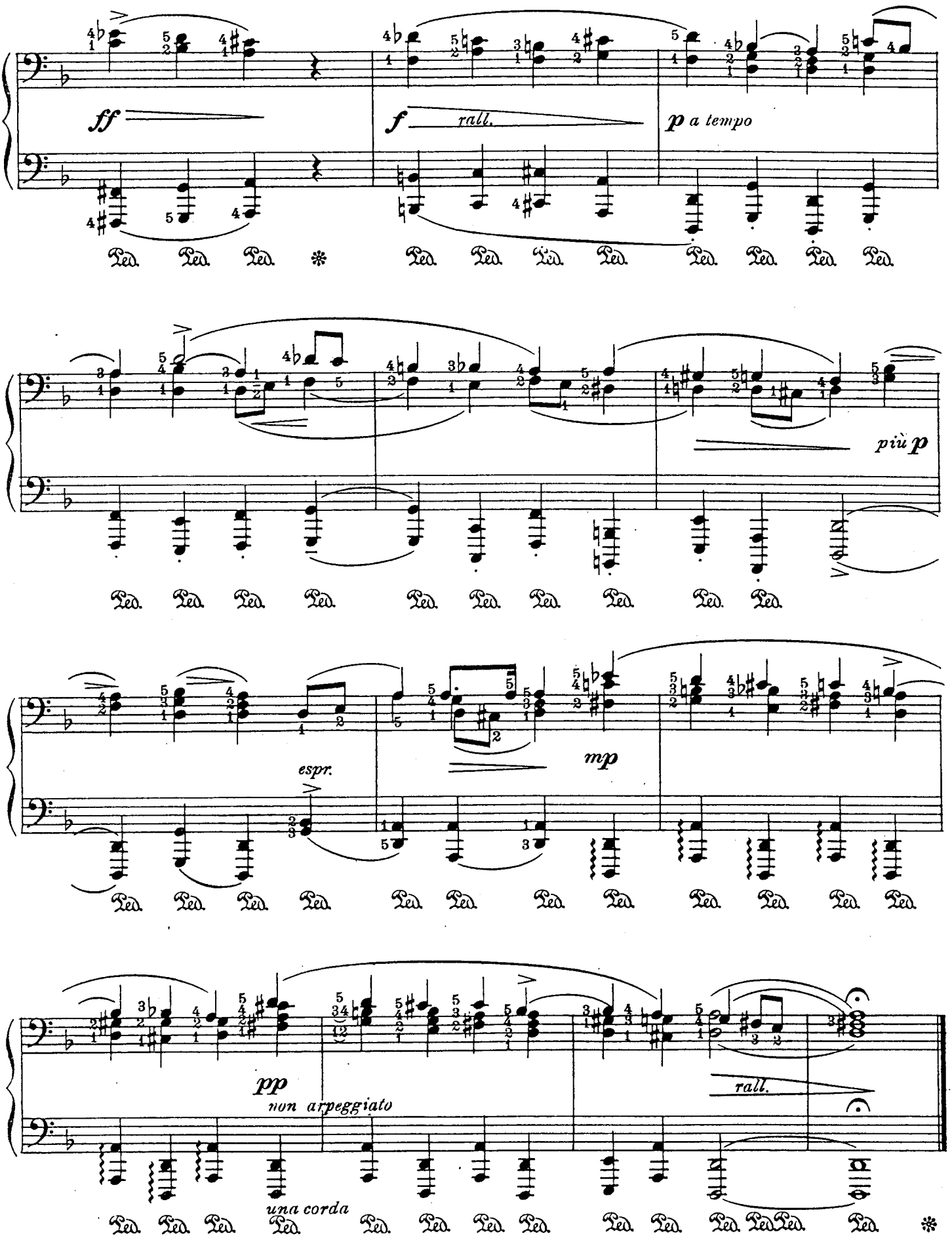
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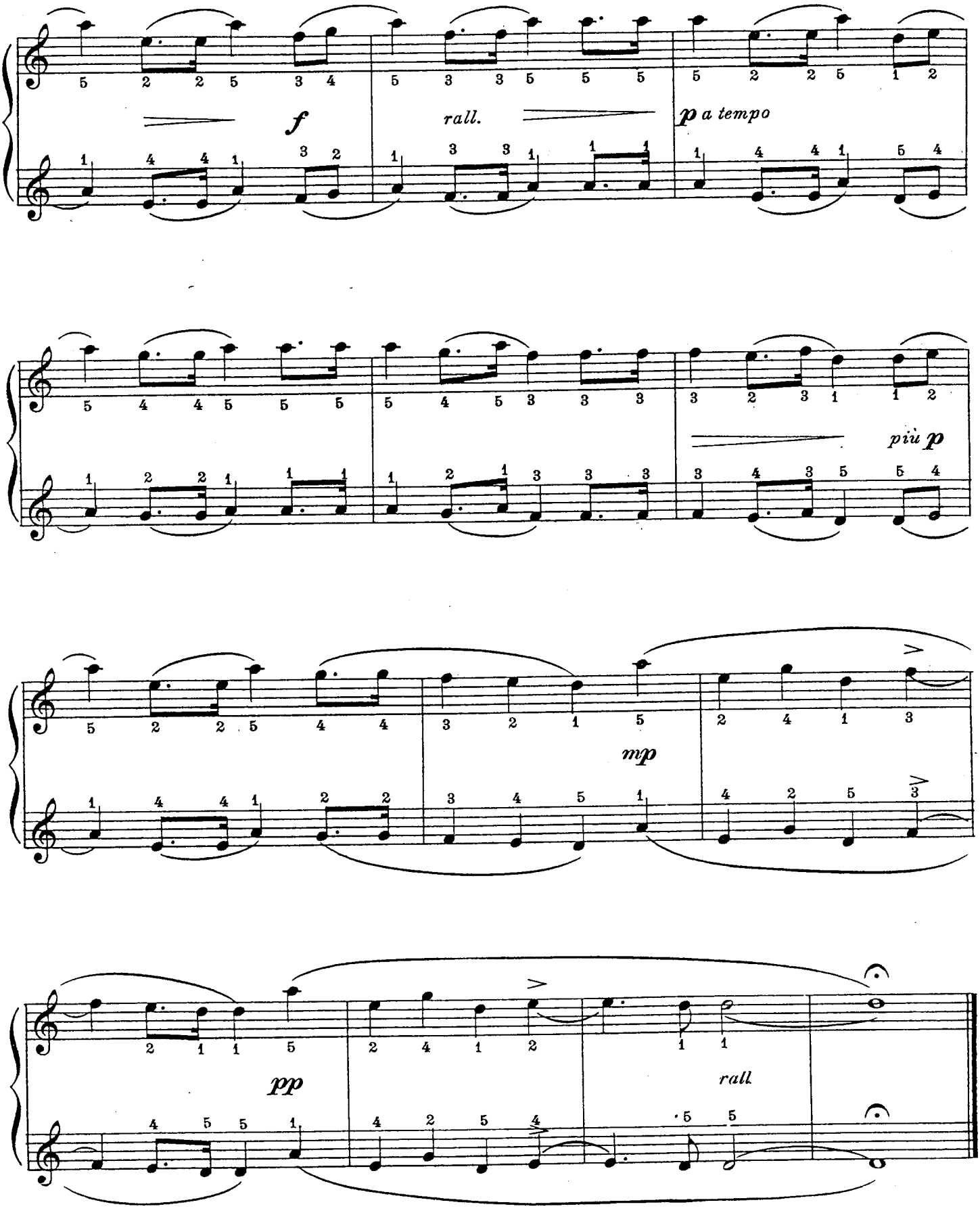
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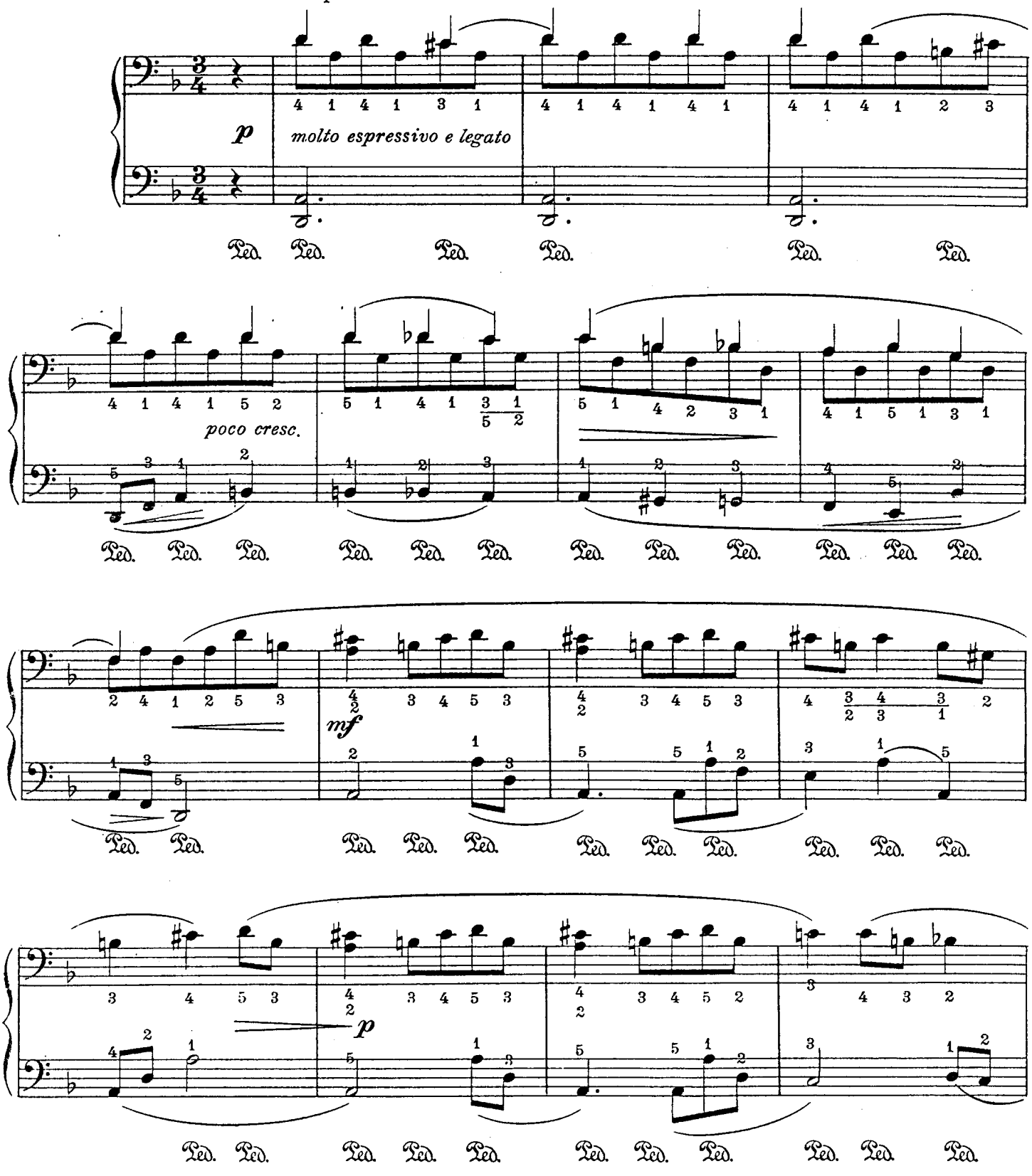
Andante espressivo (♩ = 63 - 76)



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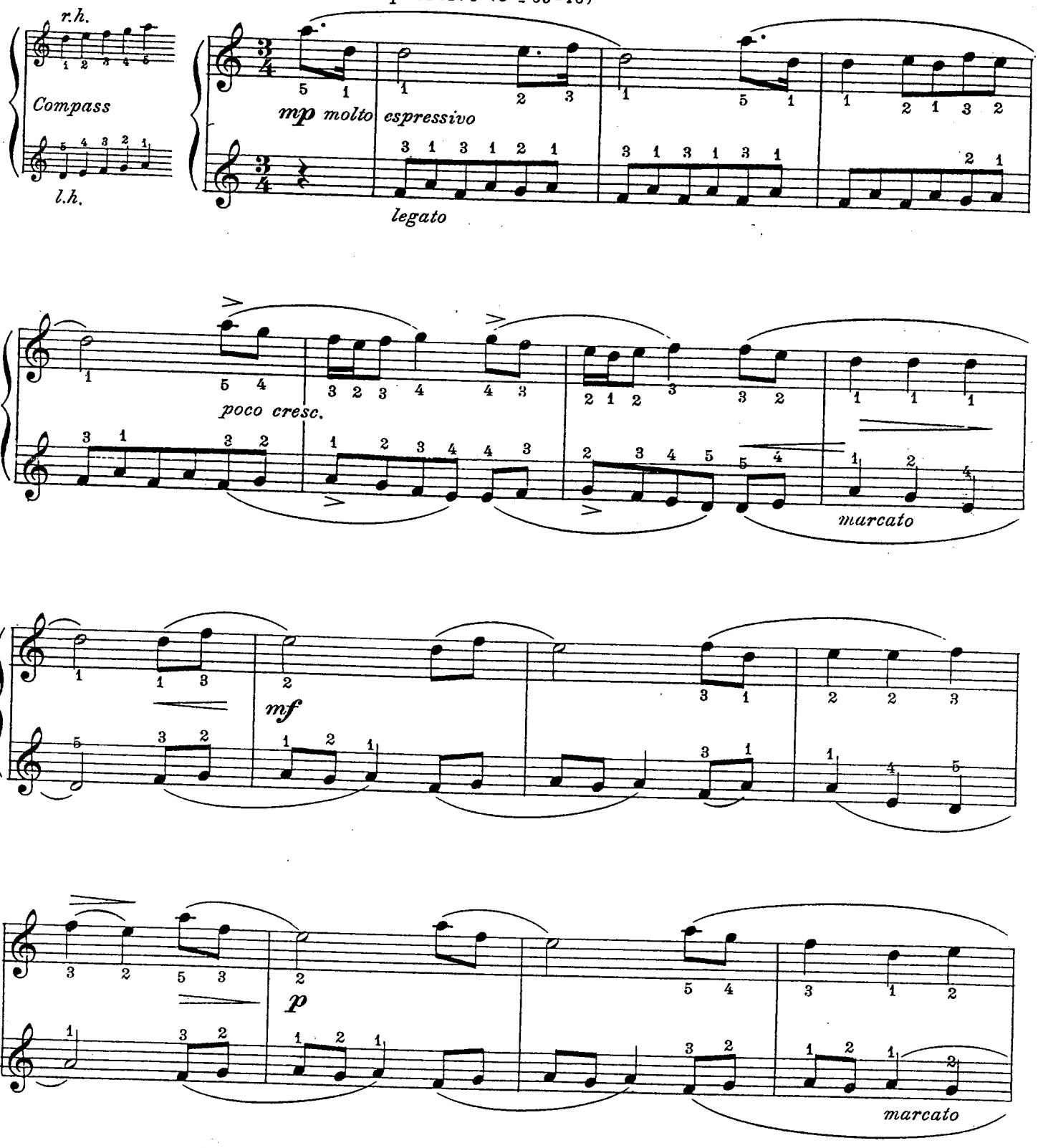

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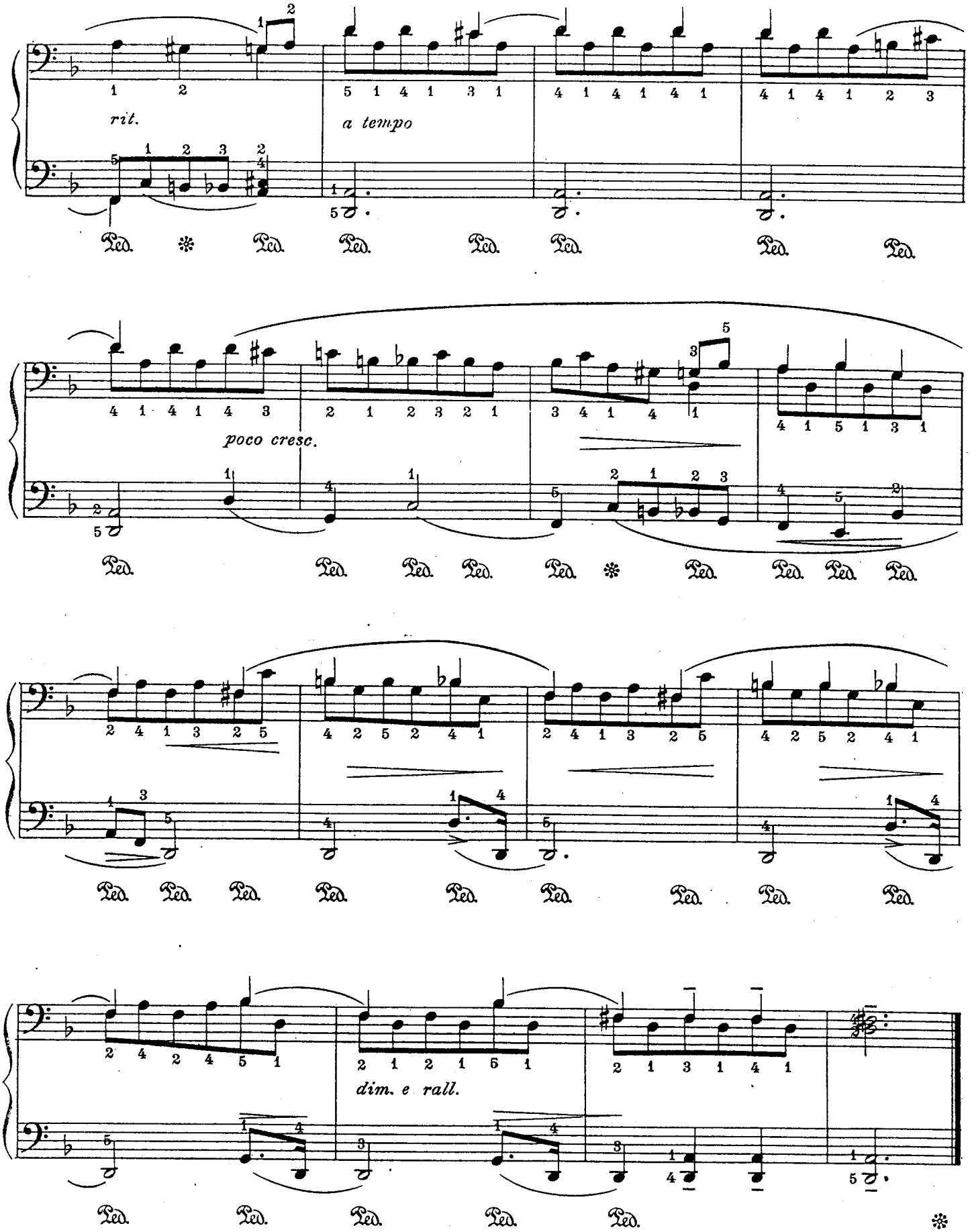

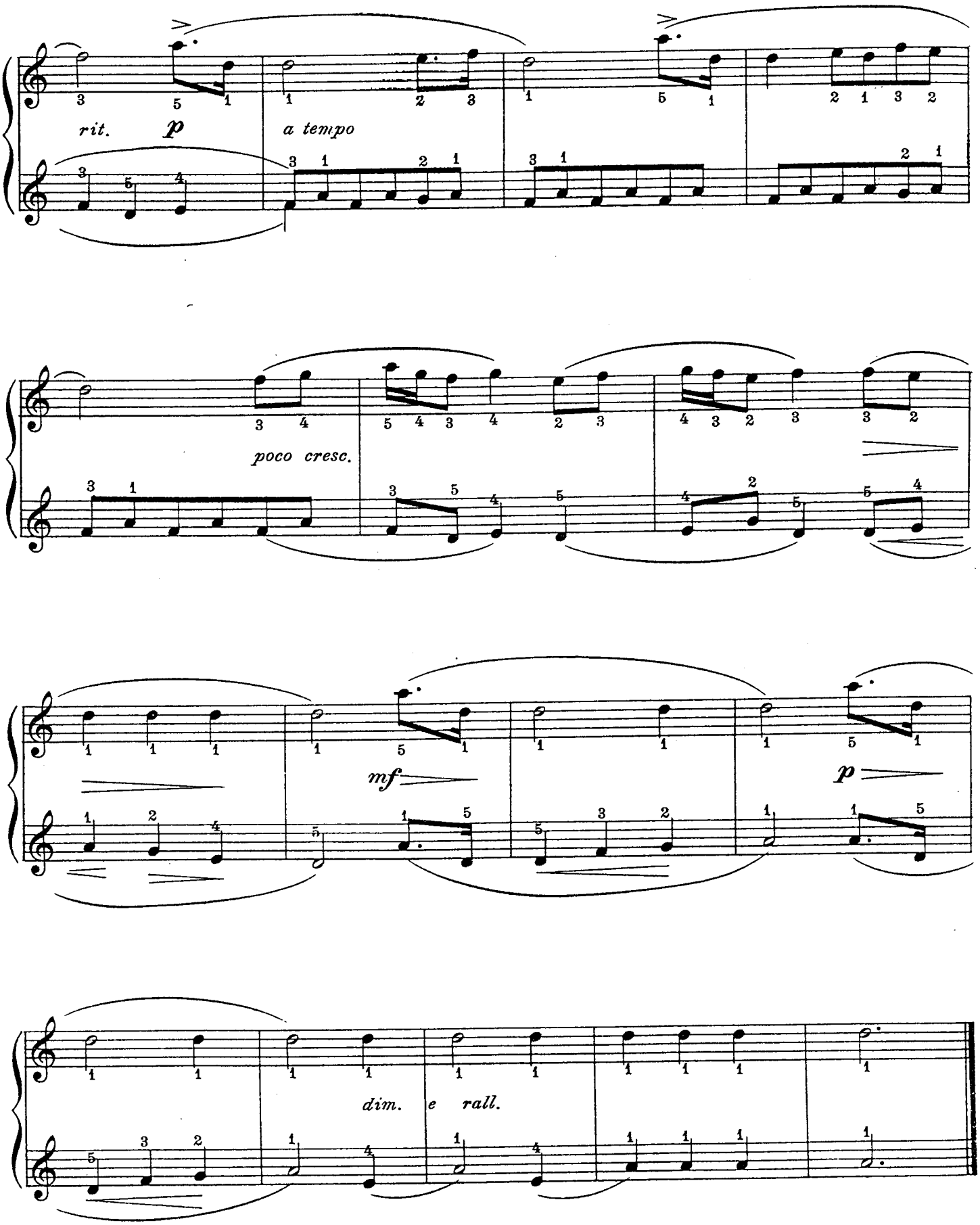
rit.
p
a tempo
poco cresc.
mf
p
dim. e rall.

Ballade

The *Ballade* is one of those original vocal forms which has experienced new development as a keyboard composition. Originally a simple song melody, with a slight instrumental accompaniment, it has grown, in transfer, into elaborate pieces such as the Chopin, Liszt and Brahms piano *Ballades*. This less extended *Ballade* is true to the essential requirements of its kind: with expressive charm it employs the narrative style to tell a plaintive story, a fancy from the realm of legend or fairyland.

Ballade

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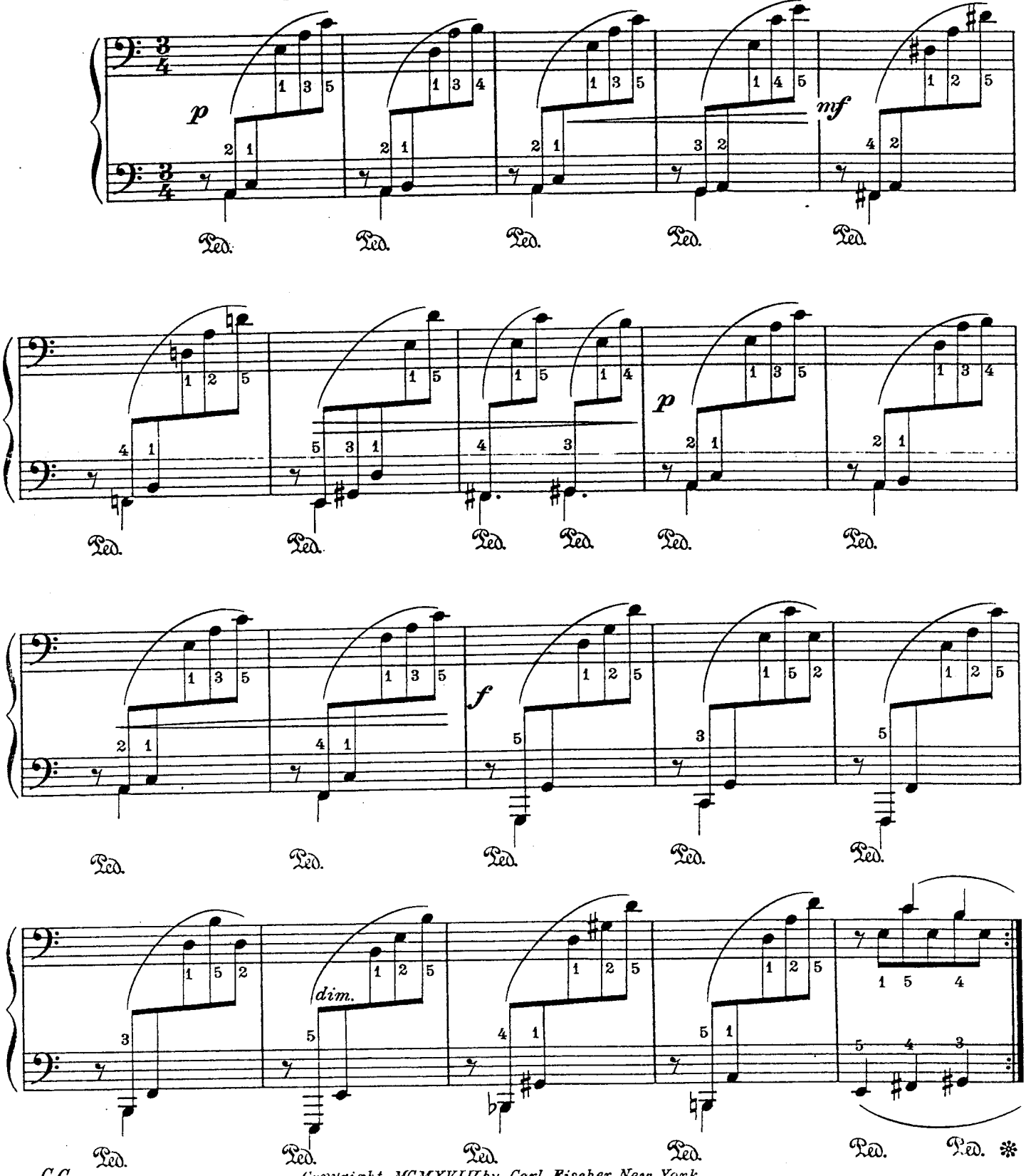
Andante espressivo (♩. = 46 - 54)



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Ballade

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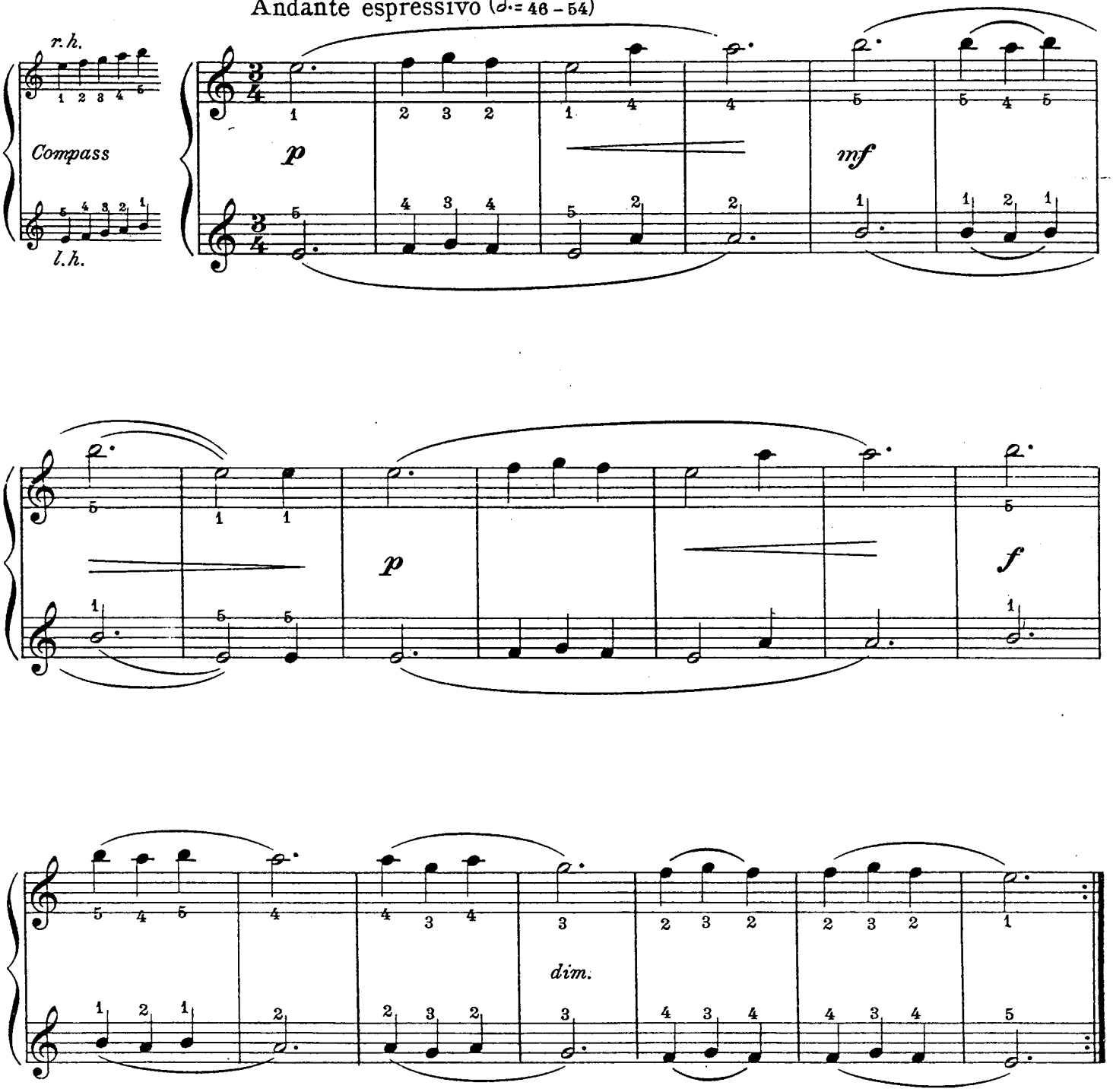
Andante espressivo (♩.= 46 - 54)



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SECONDO

poco più mosso (♩.= 60 – 69)

mp energico

f

dim.

p

espr.

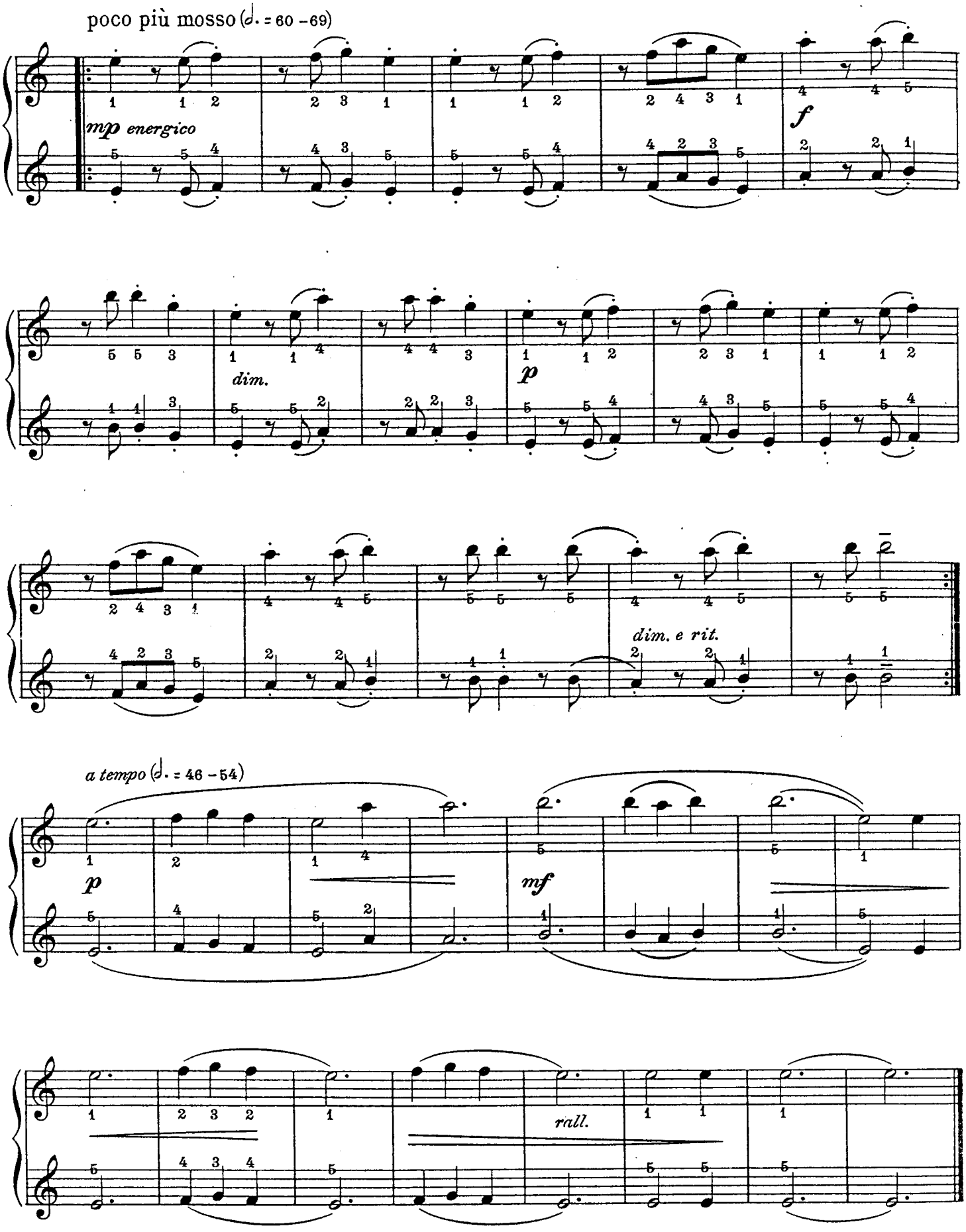
dim. e rit.

a tempo (♩.= 46 – 54)

p

mf

rall.


poco più mosso (𝅗𝅥. = 60 – 69)
mp energico
f
dim.
p
dim. e rit.
a tempo (𝅗𝅥. = 46 – 54)
p
mf
rall.

Nocturne

The *Nocturne* is a piano composition of dreamy character reflecting musical emotions aroused by poetic aspects of evening or night; it is akin to the earlier *Serenade*, and has no definite formal character. Its name is derived from *Nocturn*, one of the three divisions of an office in the Roman Church corresponding to the vigils, a service held at some time during the night. To John Field (1782 - 1837), belongs the credit of being the first to give the nocturne a place in pianoforte literature, though Chopin's development of its possibilities soon cast his efforts into the shade. Nearly every modern composer of distinction has contributed to the *genre*. Logical preference is shown in this *Nocturne* miniature, by the use of the key of G flat, for effects of veiled and tender poesy, which the *secondo* is ideally planned to stress.

Nocturne

SECONDO

Andante espressivo (♩.=40 - 46)

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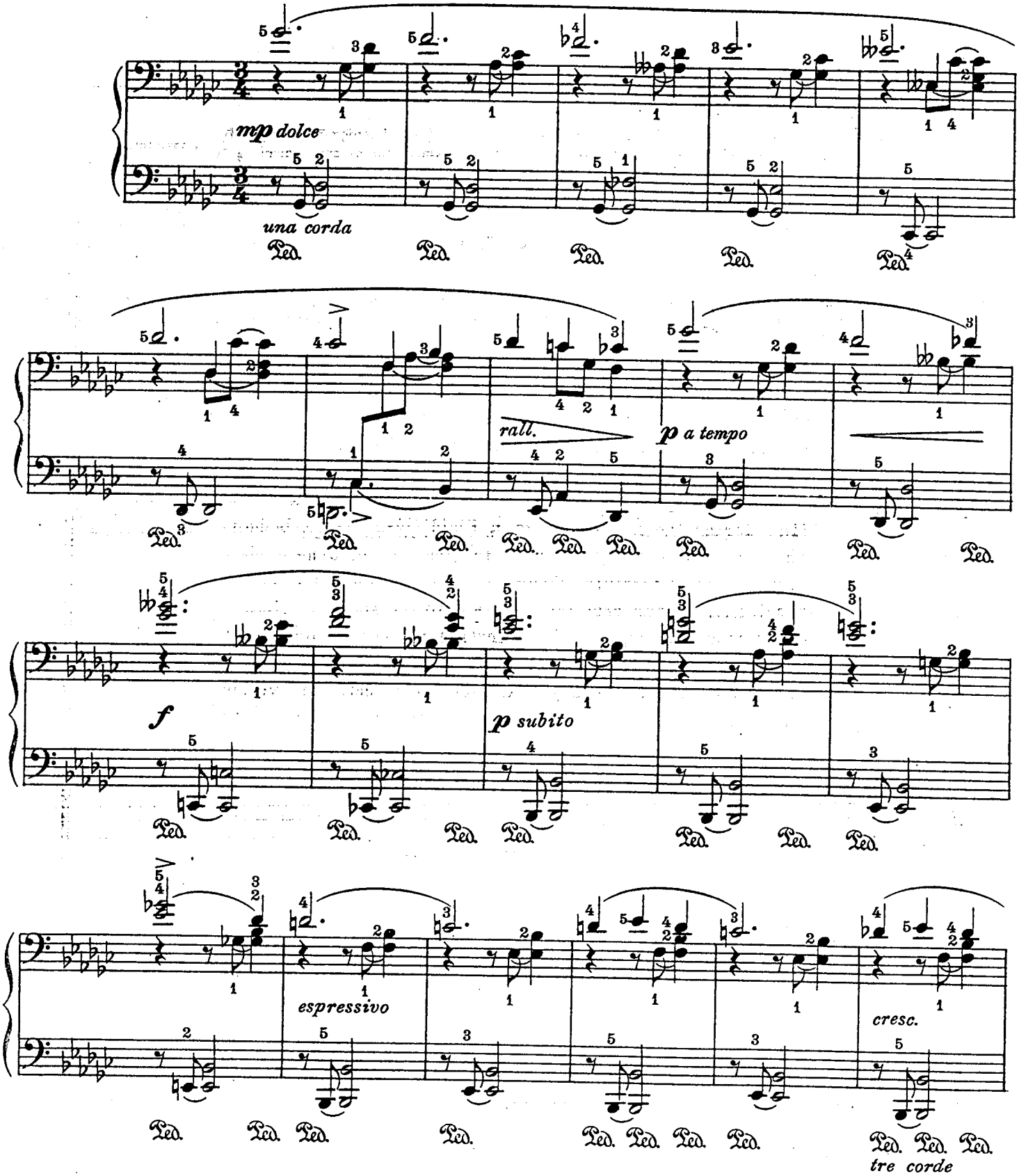

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Nocturne

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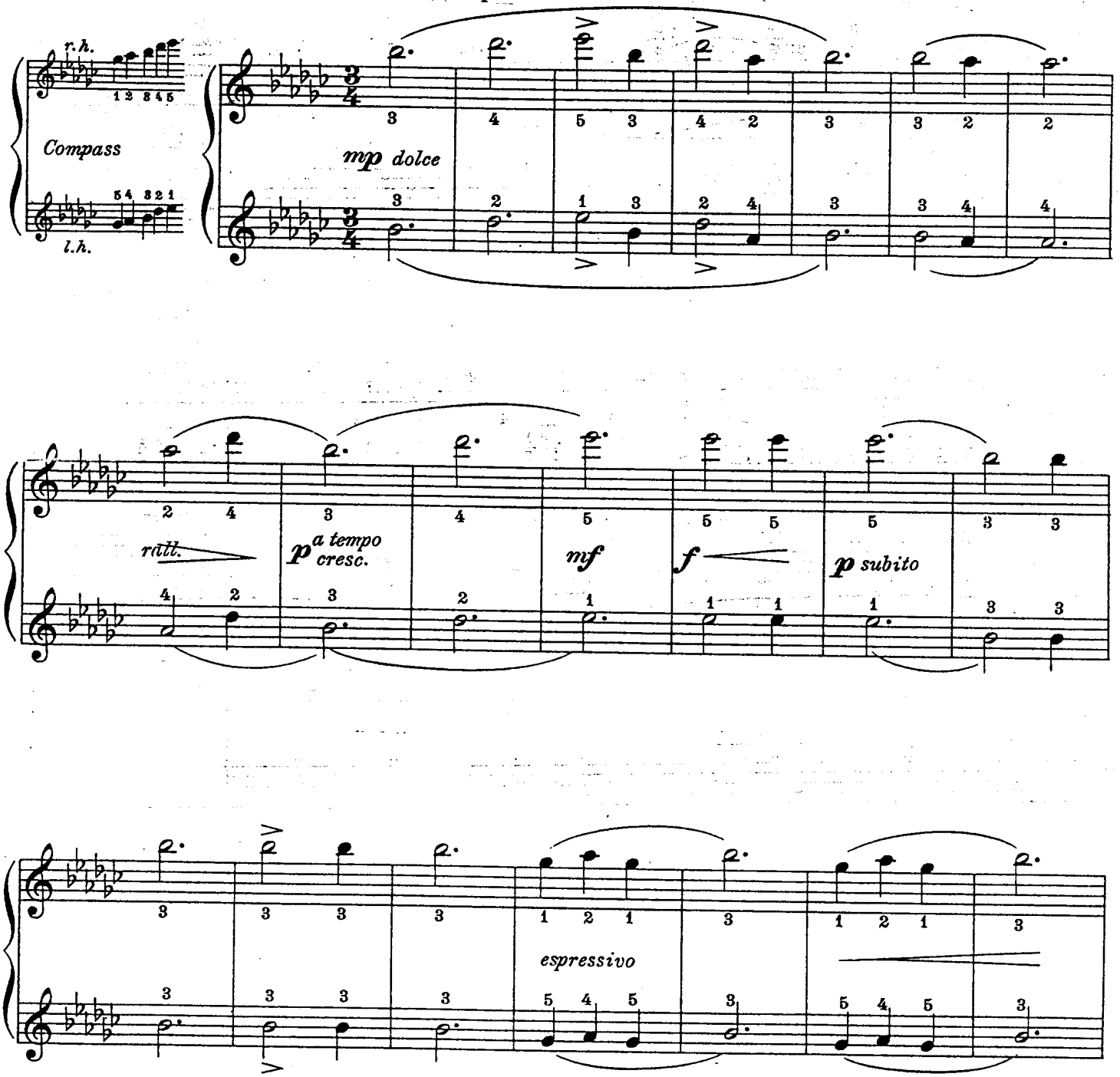
Andante espressivo (♩.= 40 – 46)



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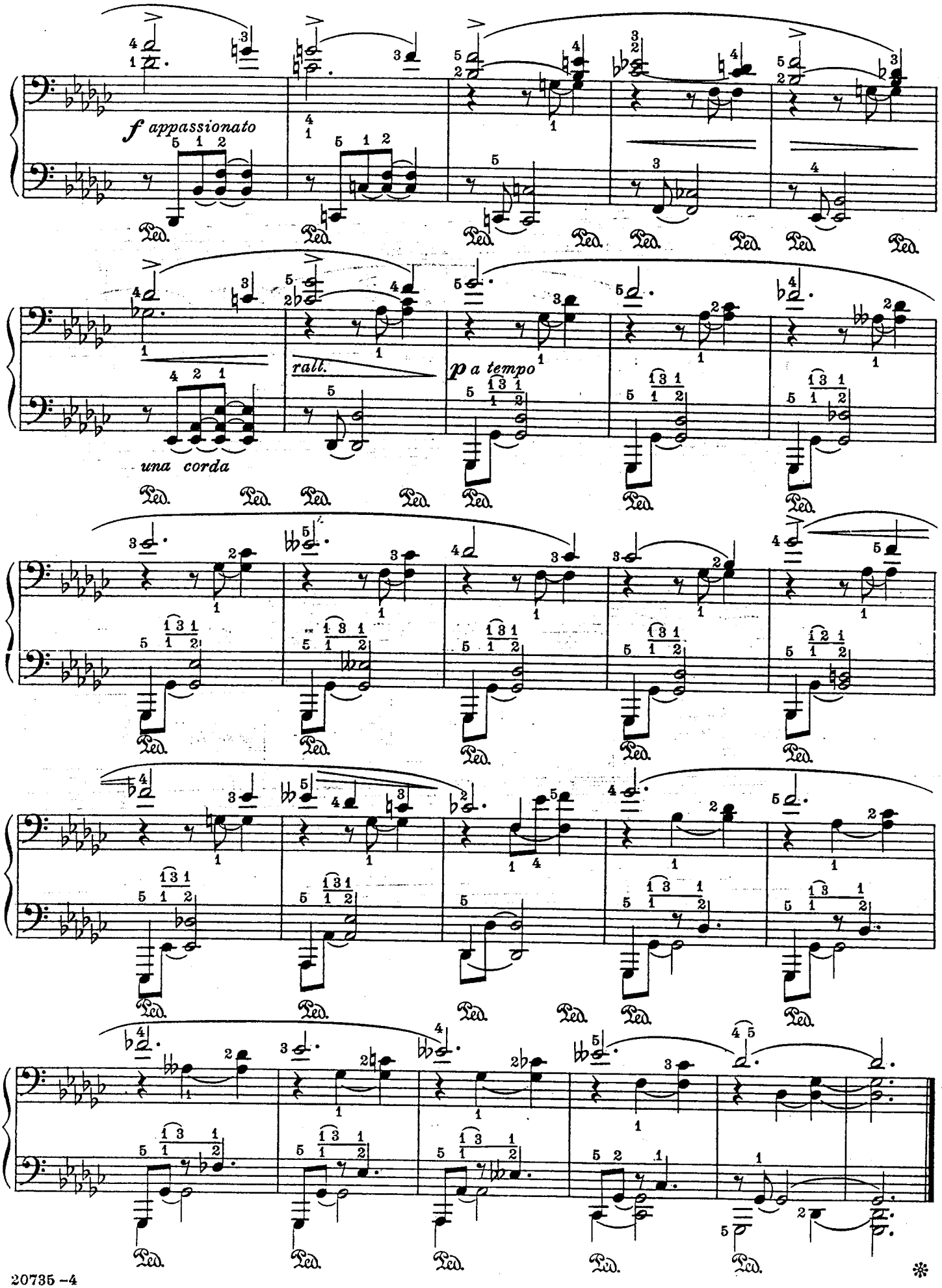
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una corda
rall.
p a tempo
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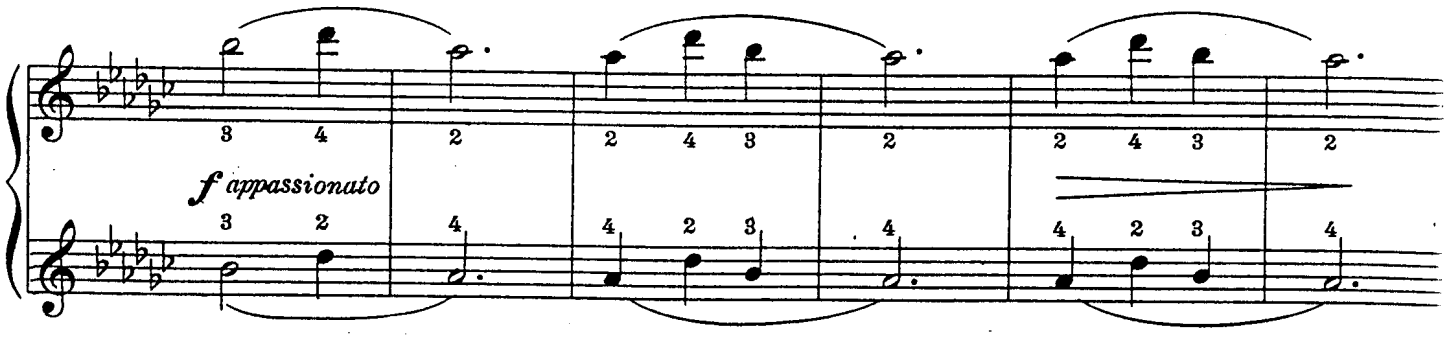
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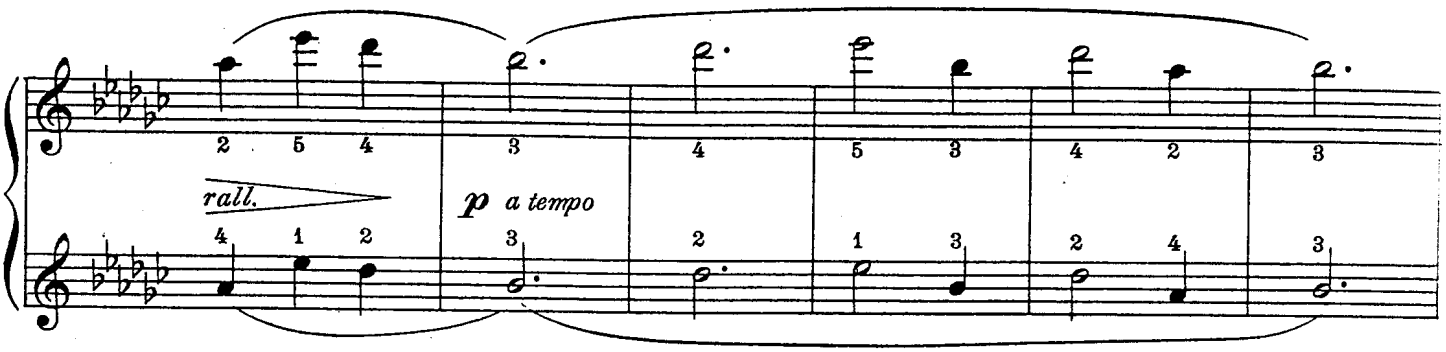
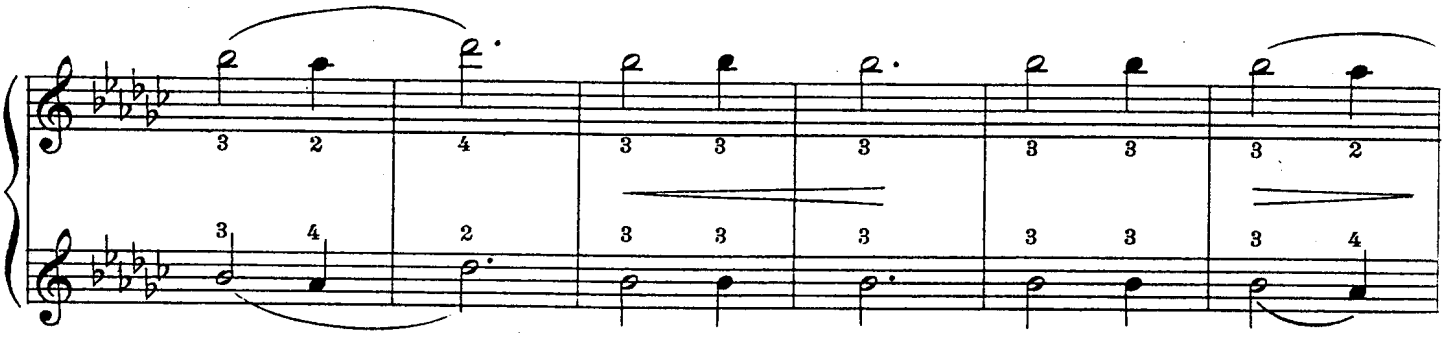
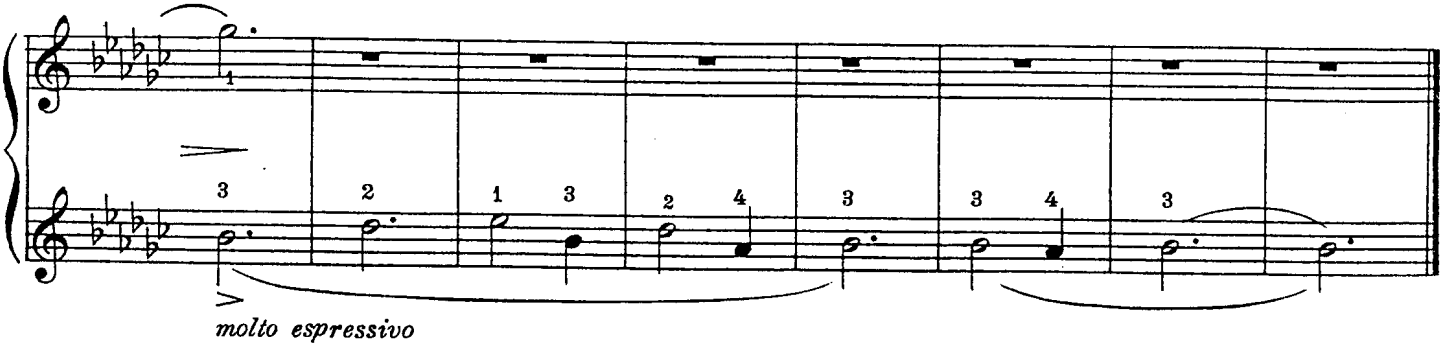

rall.
p a tempo




molto espressivo

Barcarolle

A graceful example of the two-period song-form, in the swinging 6/8 rhythm peculiar to its type. Its melody is sweet and tender; a song of love and moonlight. The *Barcarolle* (Italian *barcarola*, "a boatman's song") represents this kind of nautical music in a more general way; while the *Gondoliera* is specifically an imitation of the song of the Venetian gondoliers and has a more definite local color. The Barcarolle character is well brought out by the swaying, rocking movement of the *secondo* part.

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Barcarolle

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Andantino espressivo (♩. = 48-54)

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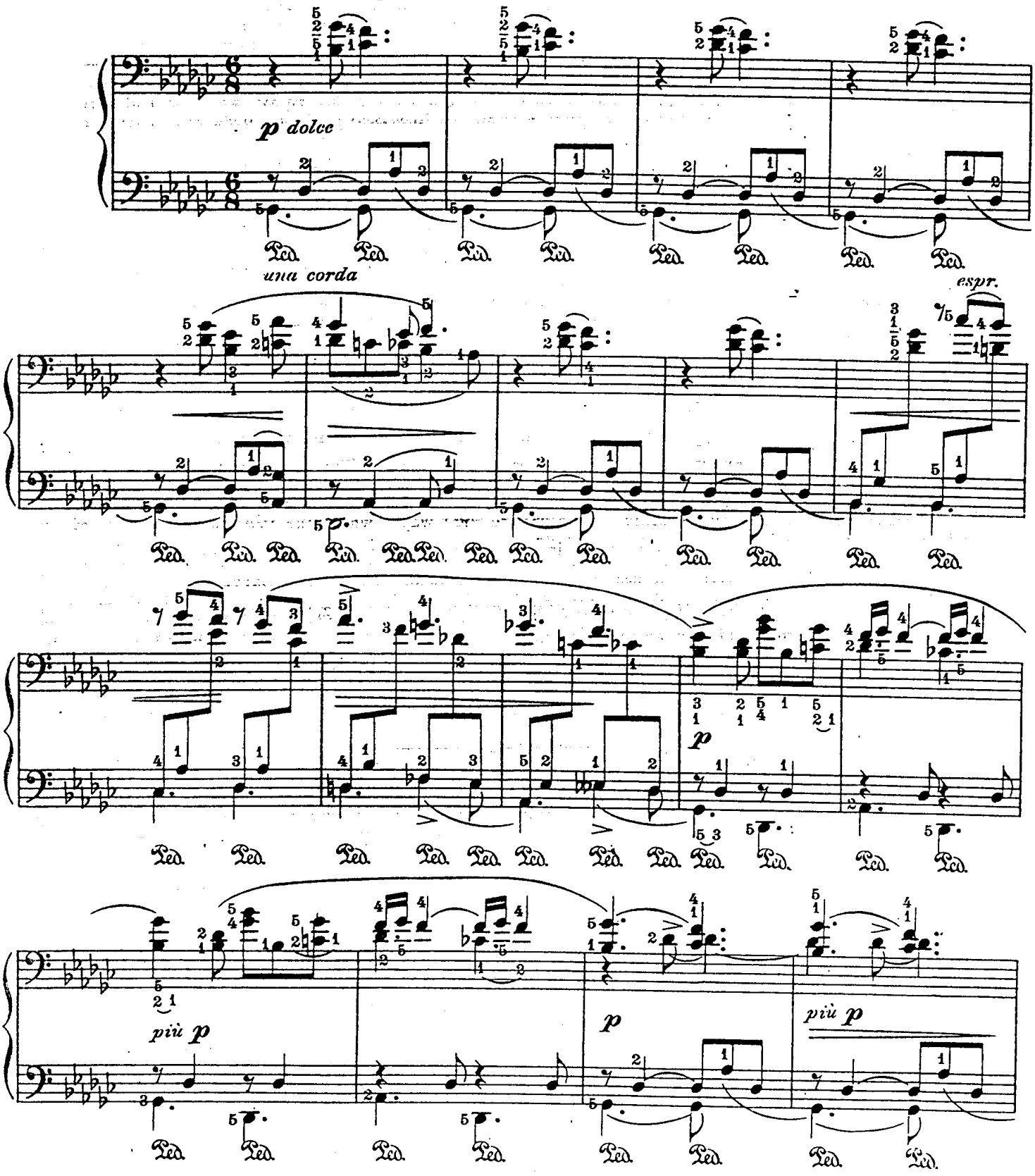

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Barcarolle

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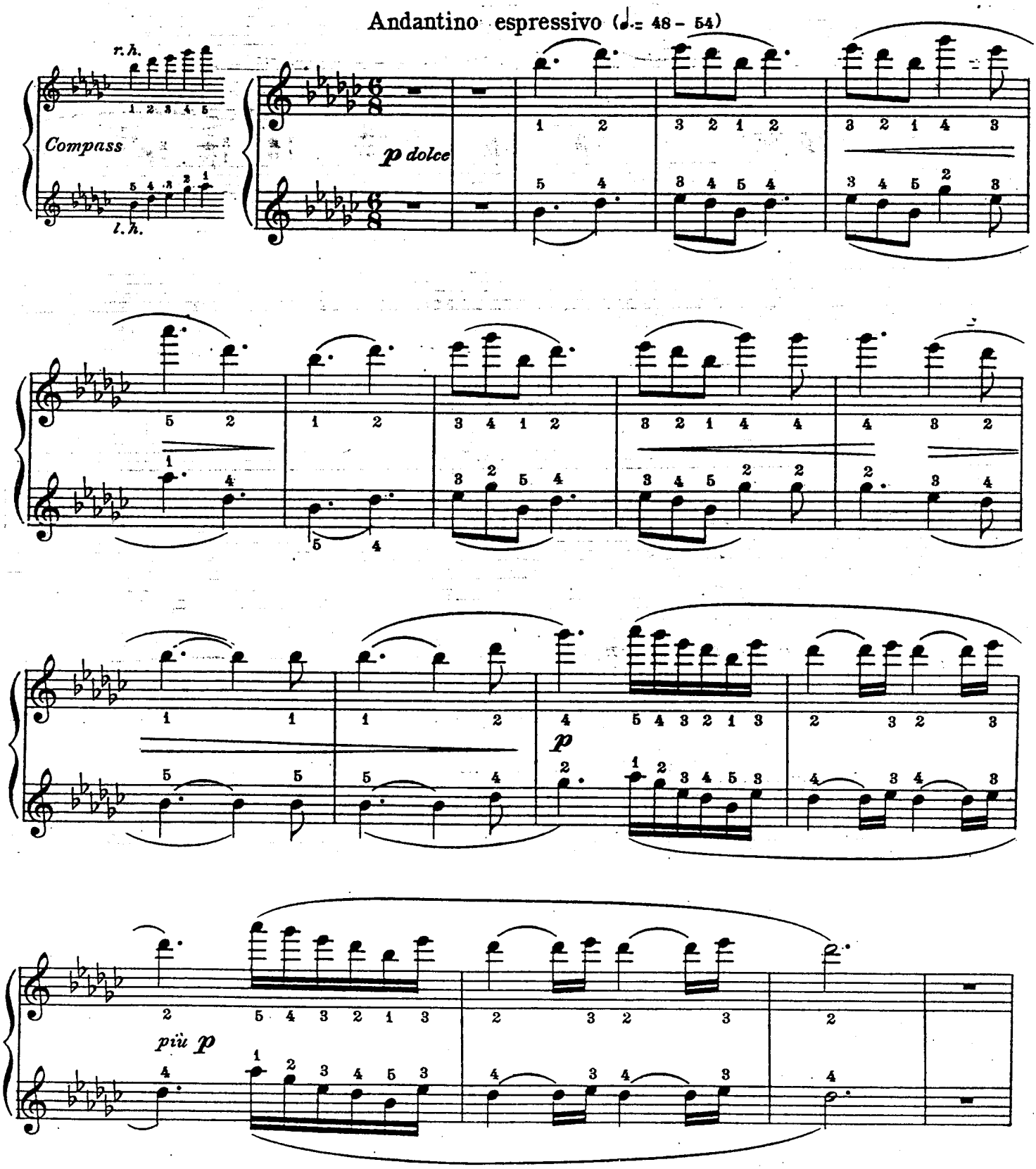
Andantino espressivo (♩.= 48 - 54)



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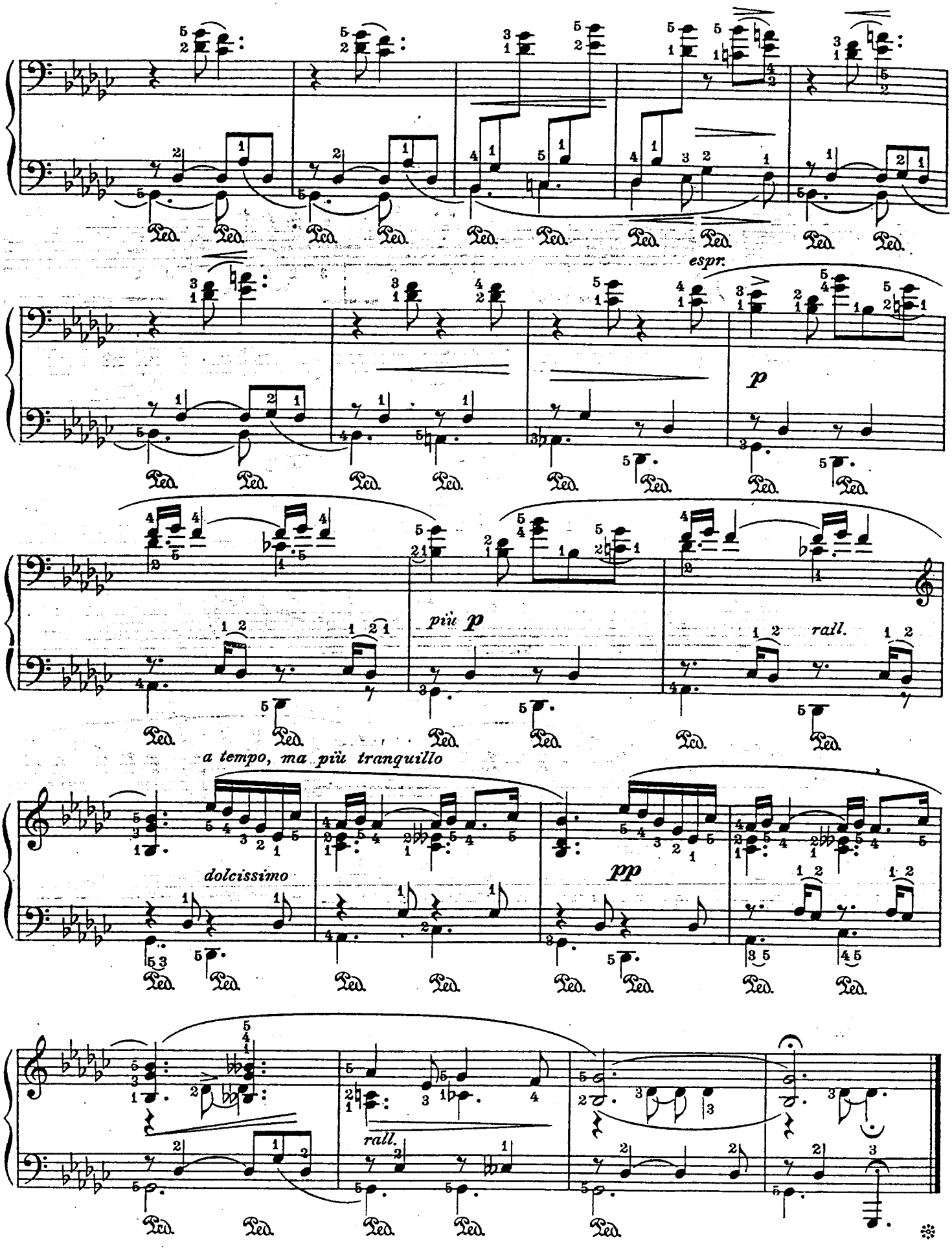
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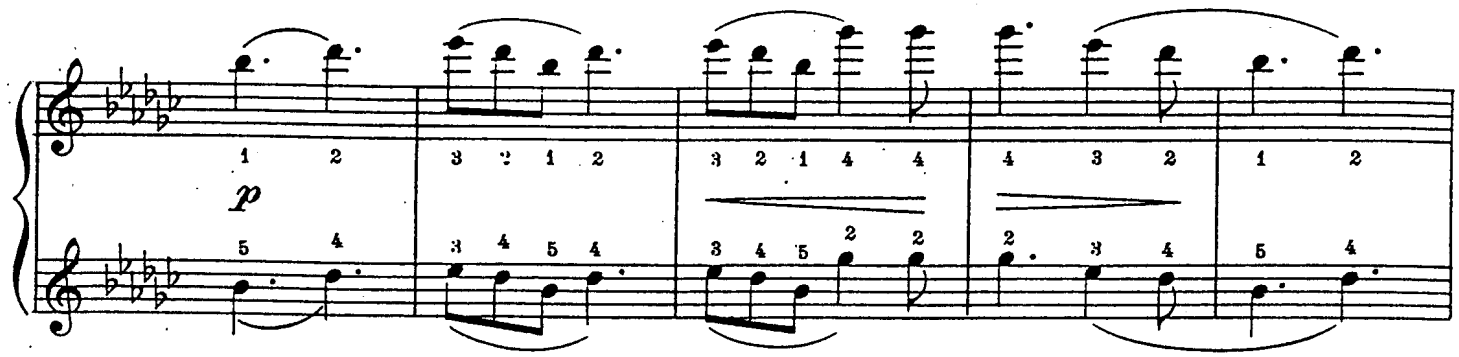
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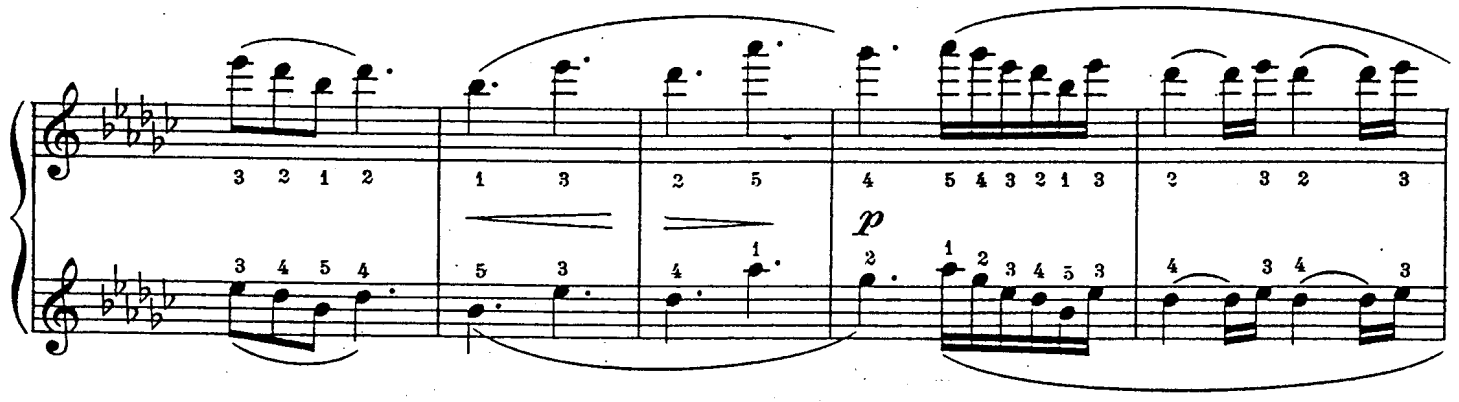
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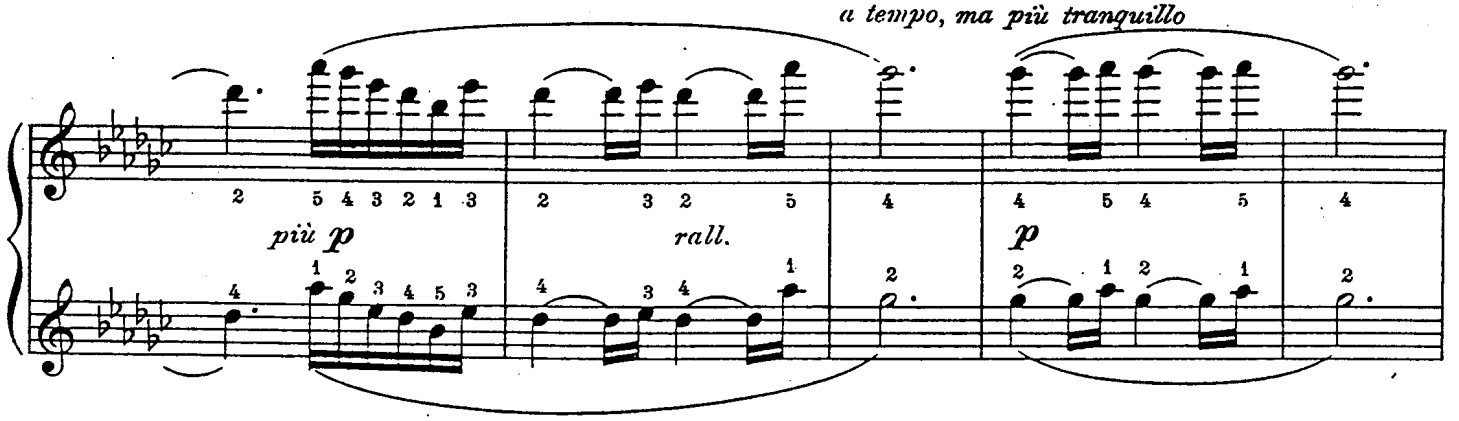
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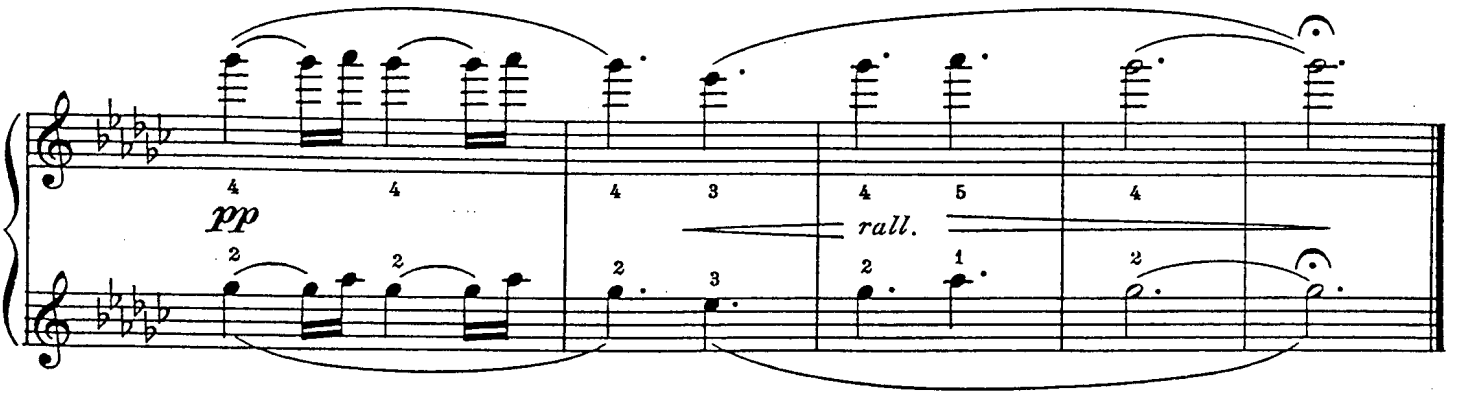
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Humoresque

SECONDO

Allegretto grazioso (♩ = 88 – 100)

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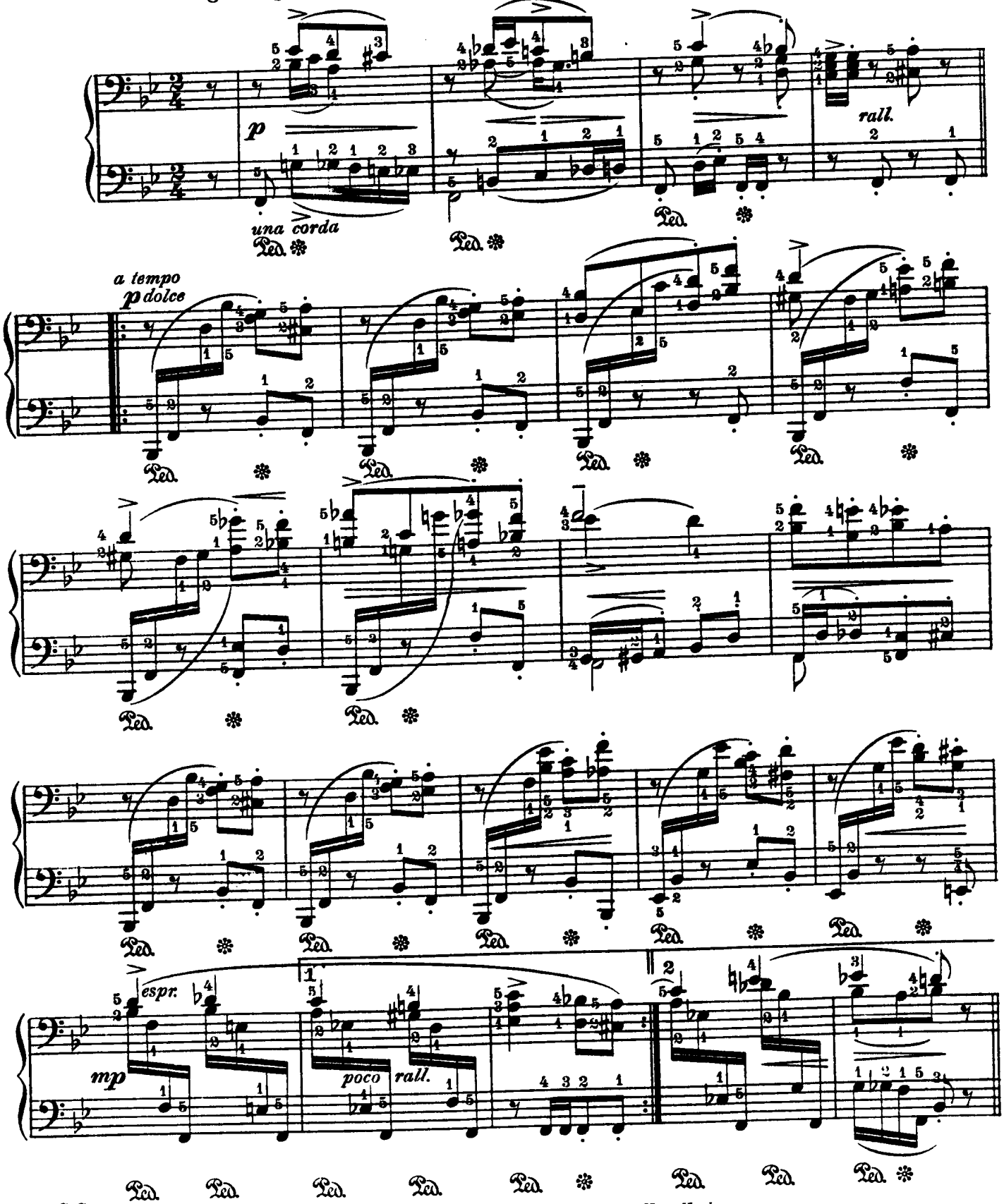

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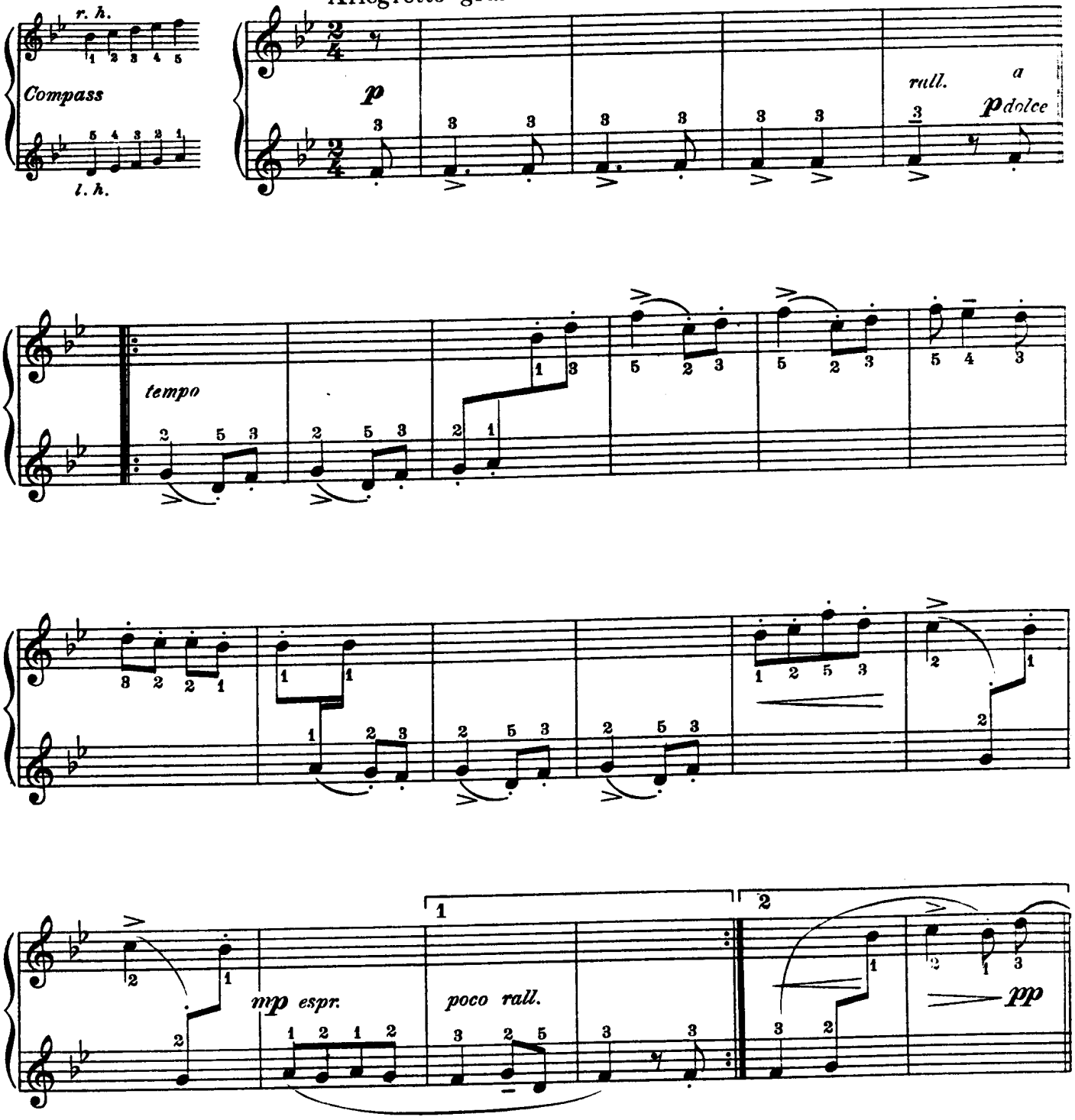

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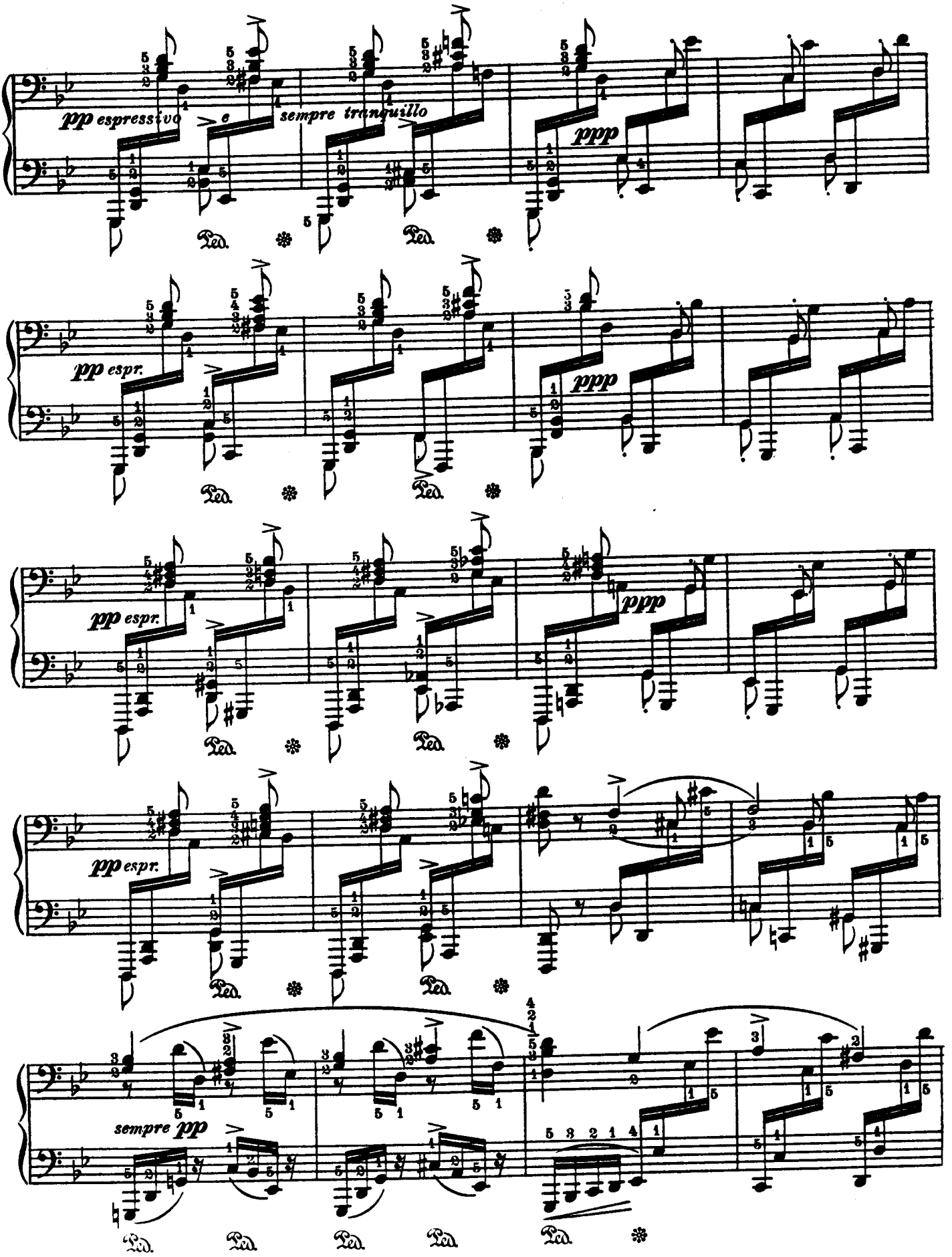
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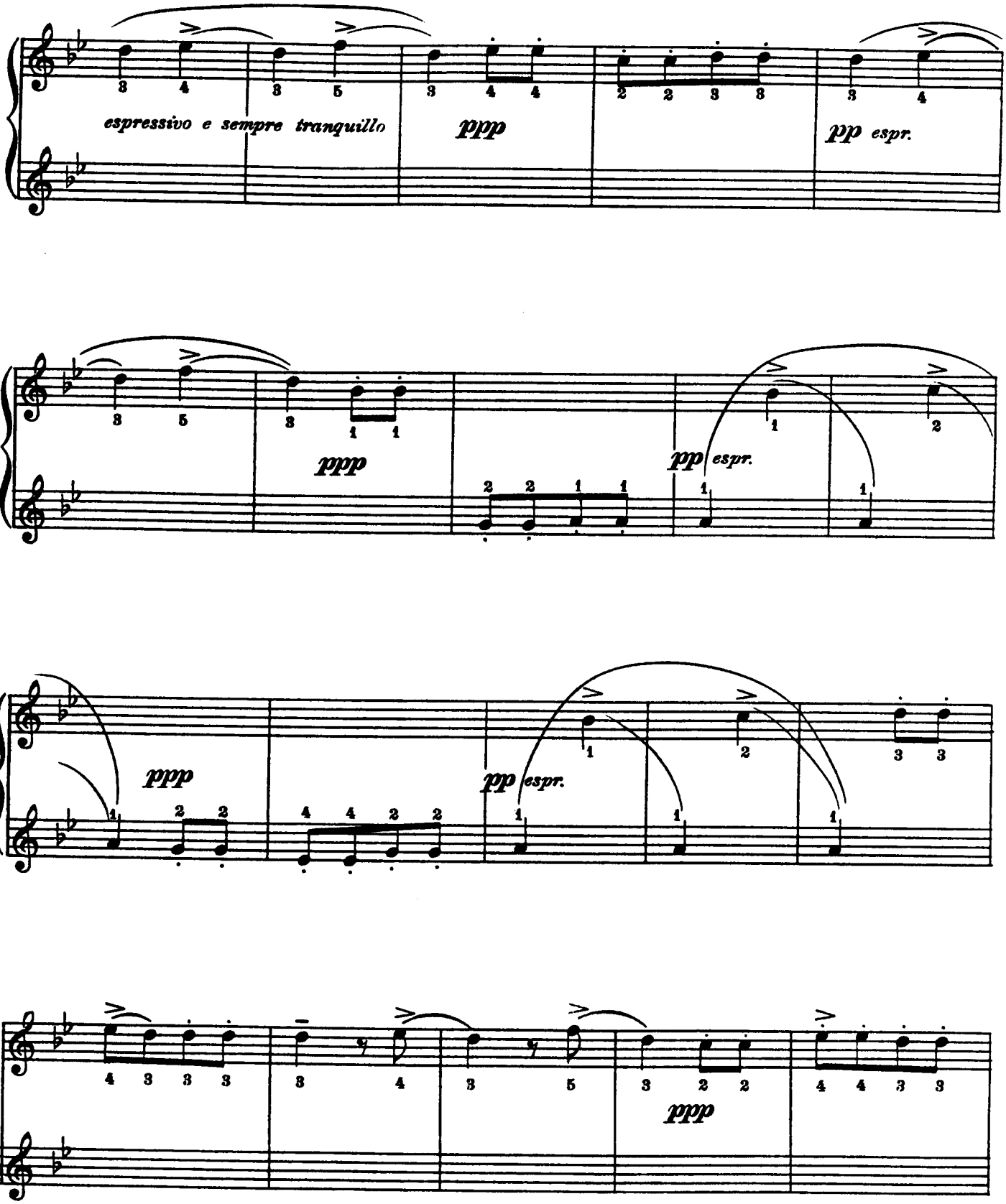
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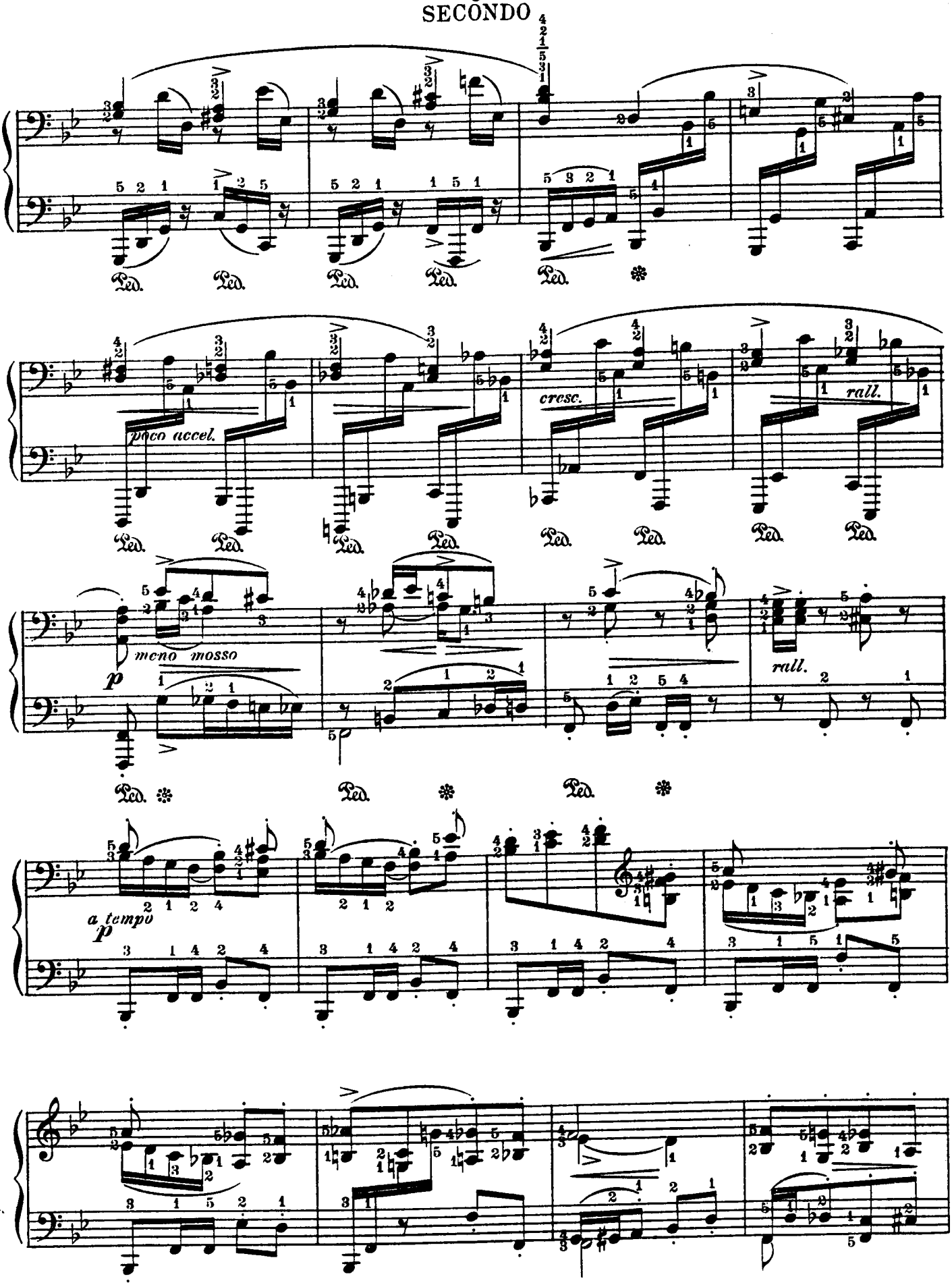
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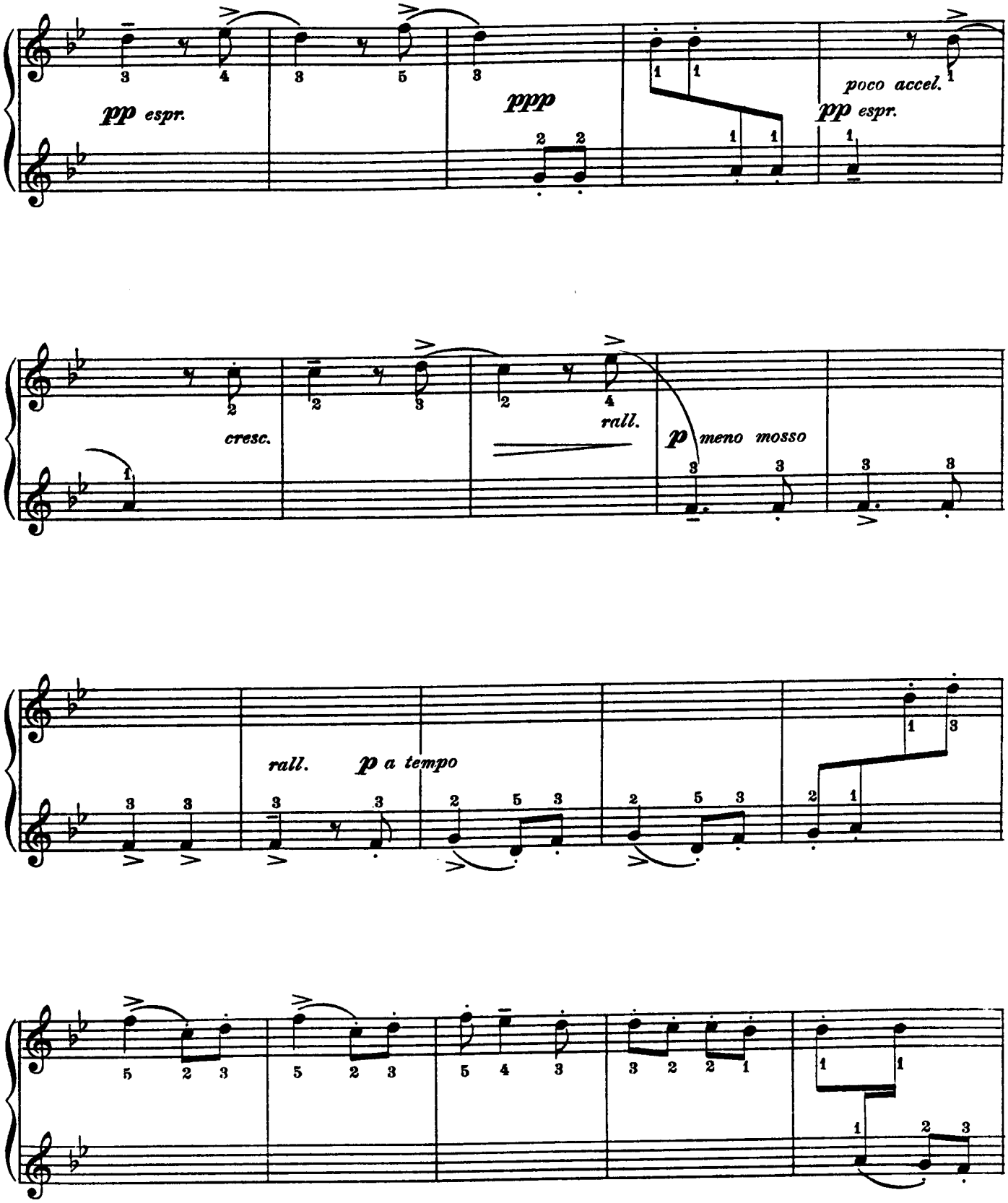
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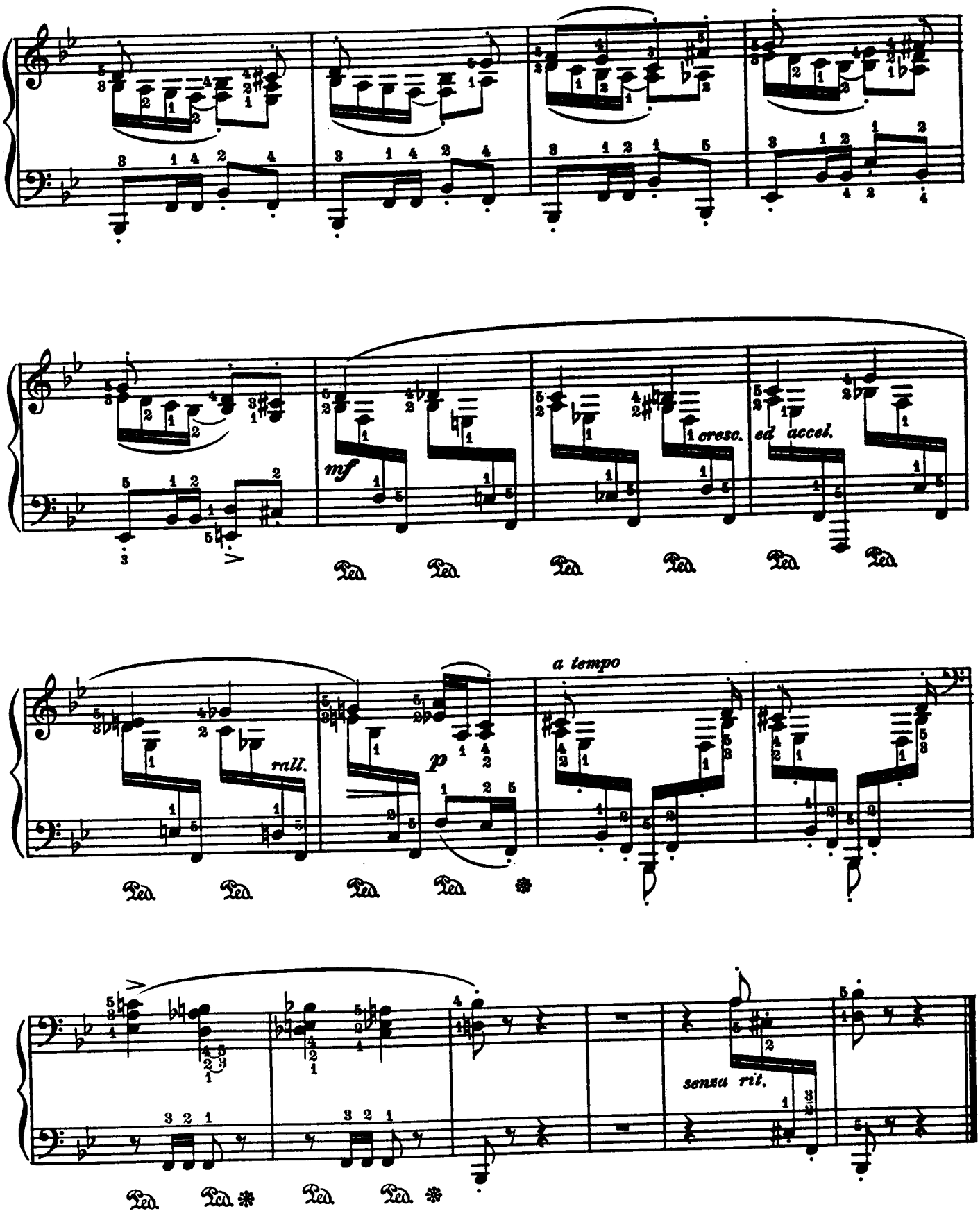
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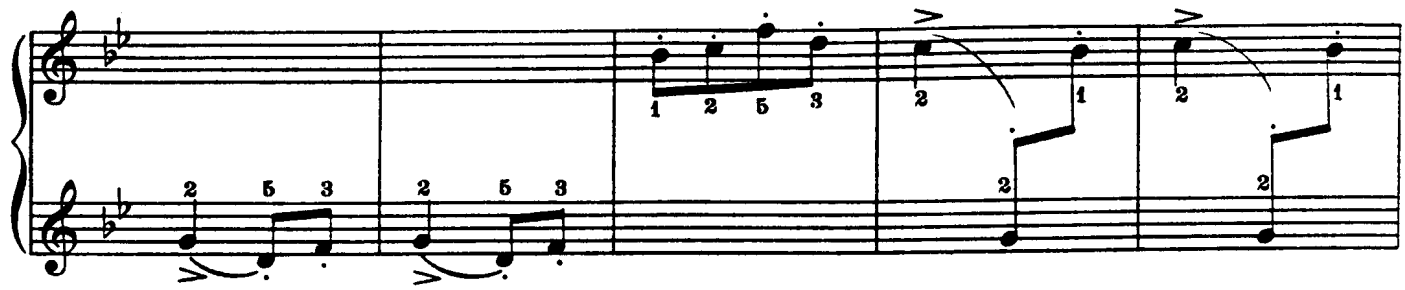

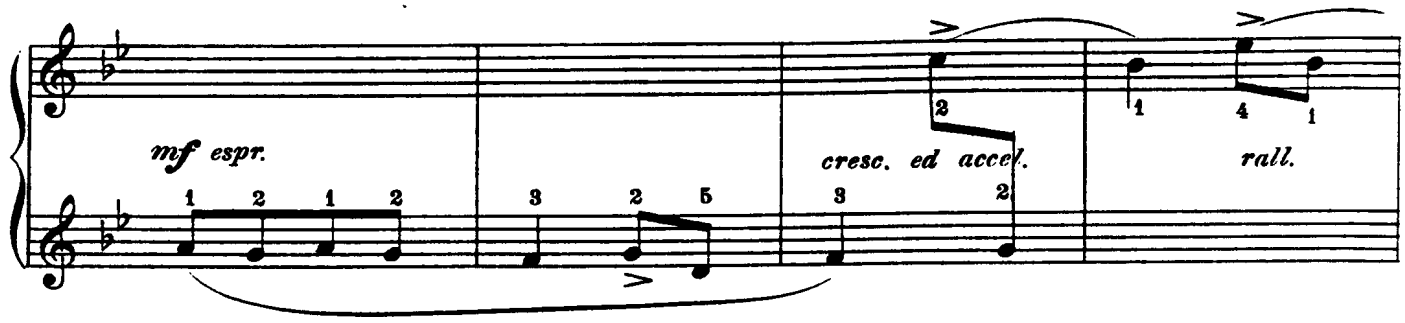
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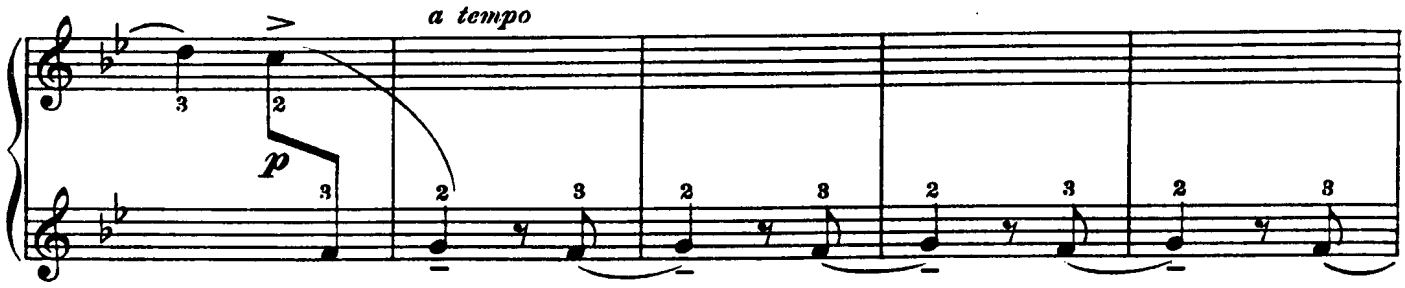
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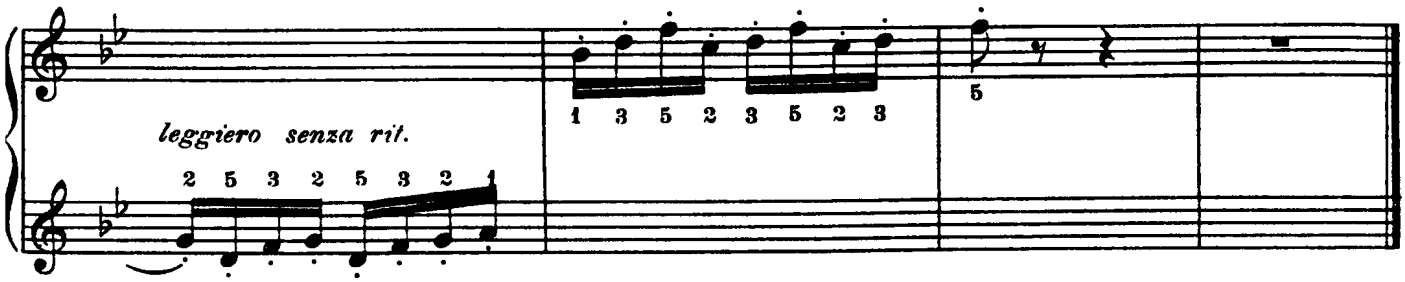
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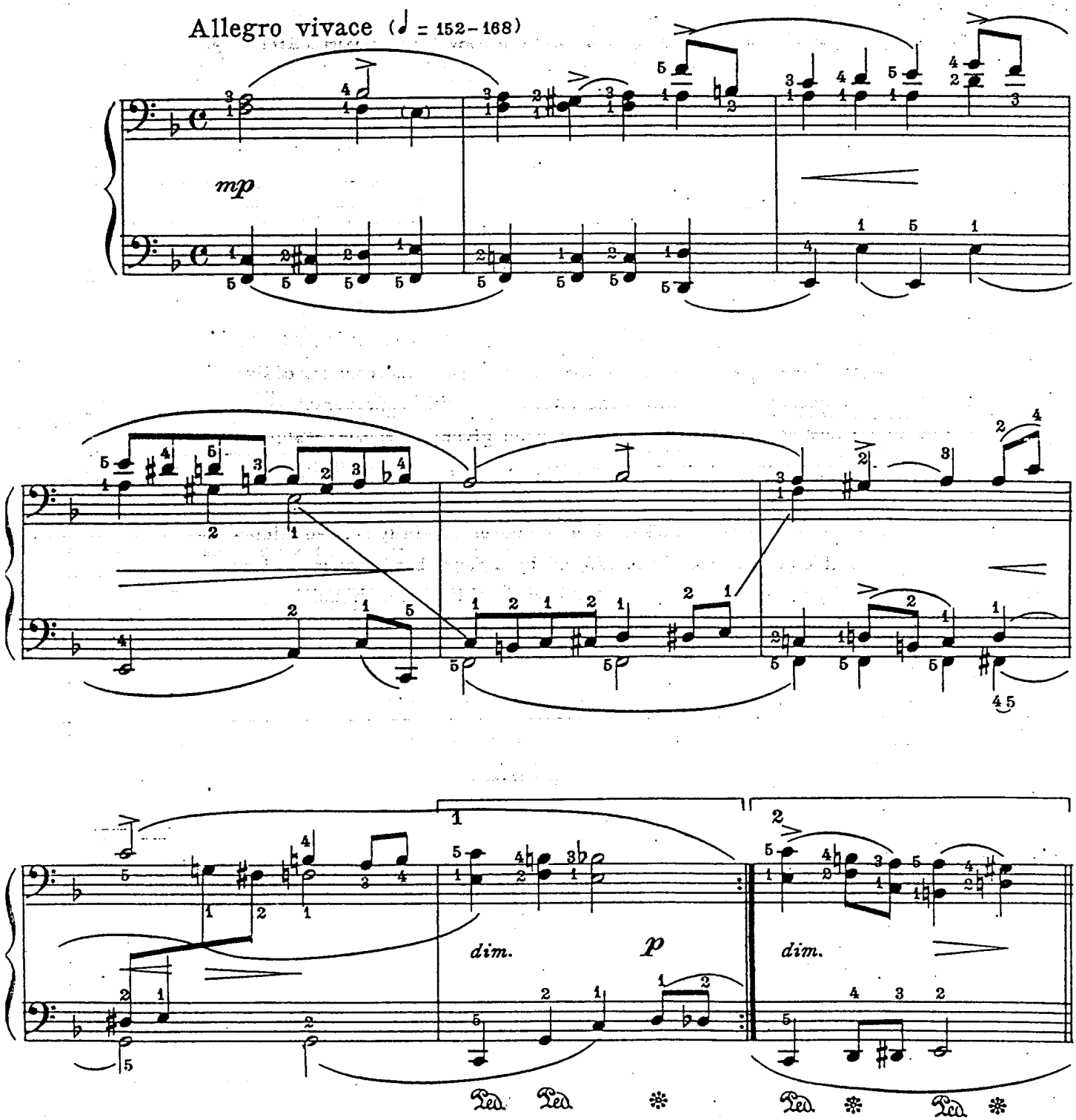
Toccatina

The *Toccatina*, or *Tocatella*, is the miniature version of one of the early types of keyboard composition originating in Italy toward the close of the sixteenth century. The *Toccata* was primarily meant for brilliant technical display, and like it, the *Toccatina* is free and improvisational, and consists of lively passage - work and runs alternating with contrapuntal sections. This fine example has been given the richer tonal treatment of more modern developments of the Toccata (Schumann, Saint-Saëns) something the best - known older *Toccatina* extant, by Paradis, lacks. The composer has fully availed himself of the possibilities offered by a four - hand treatment of his subject and the rapid finger - work of the primo is built up on a remarkably rich and full - toned harmonic foundation in the *secondo*.

Toccatina

SECONDO

LEOPOLD GODOWSKY



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Toccatina

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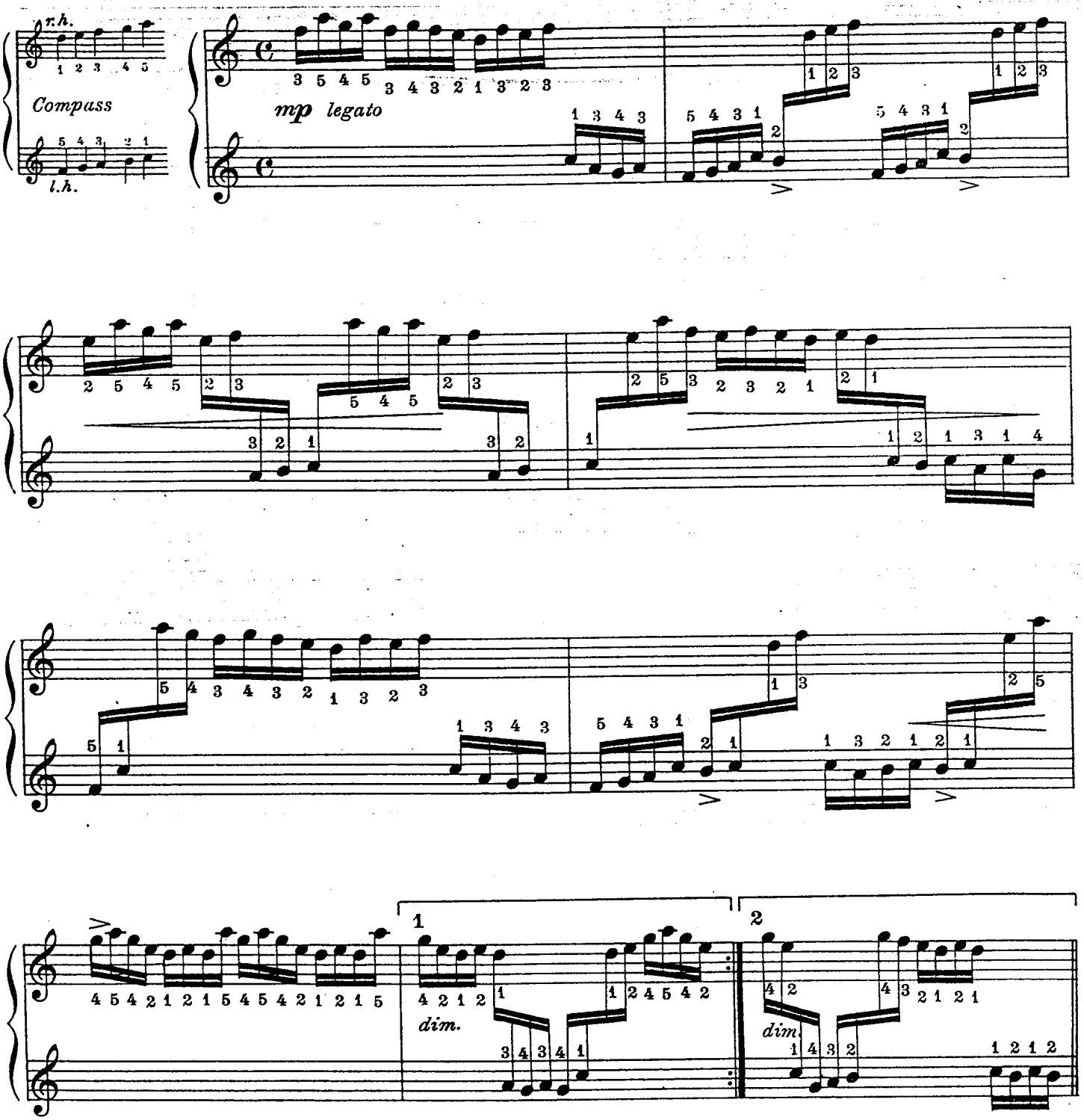
Allegro vivace (♩ = 152 - 168)



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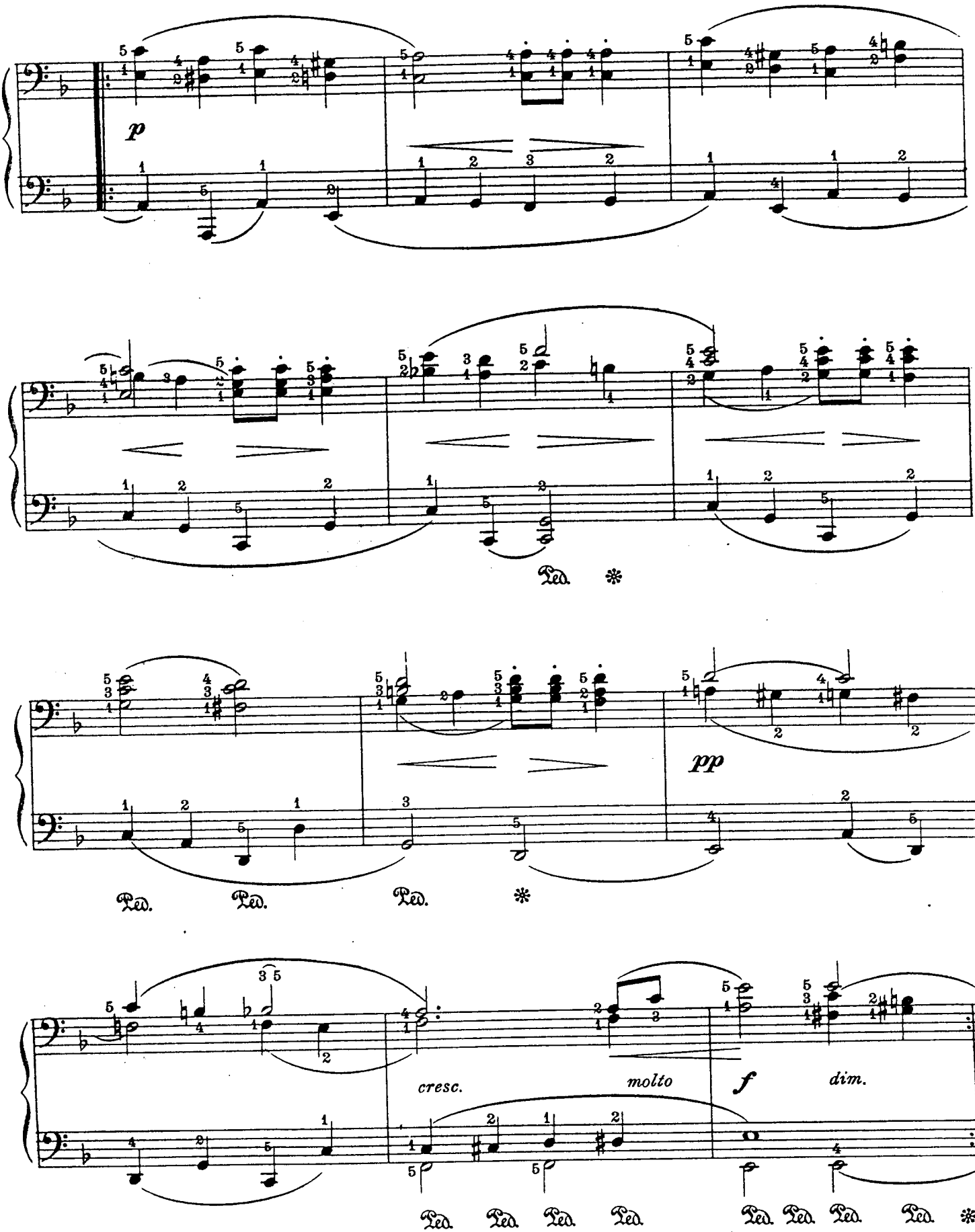
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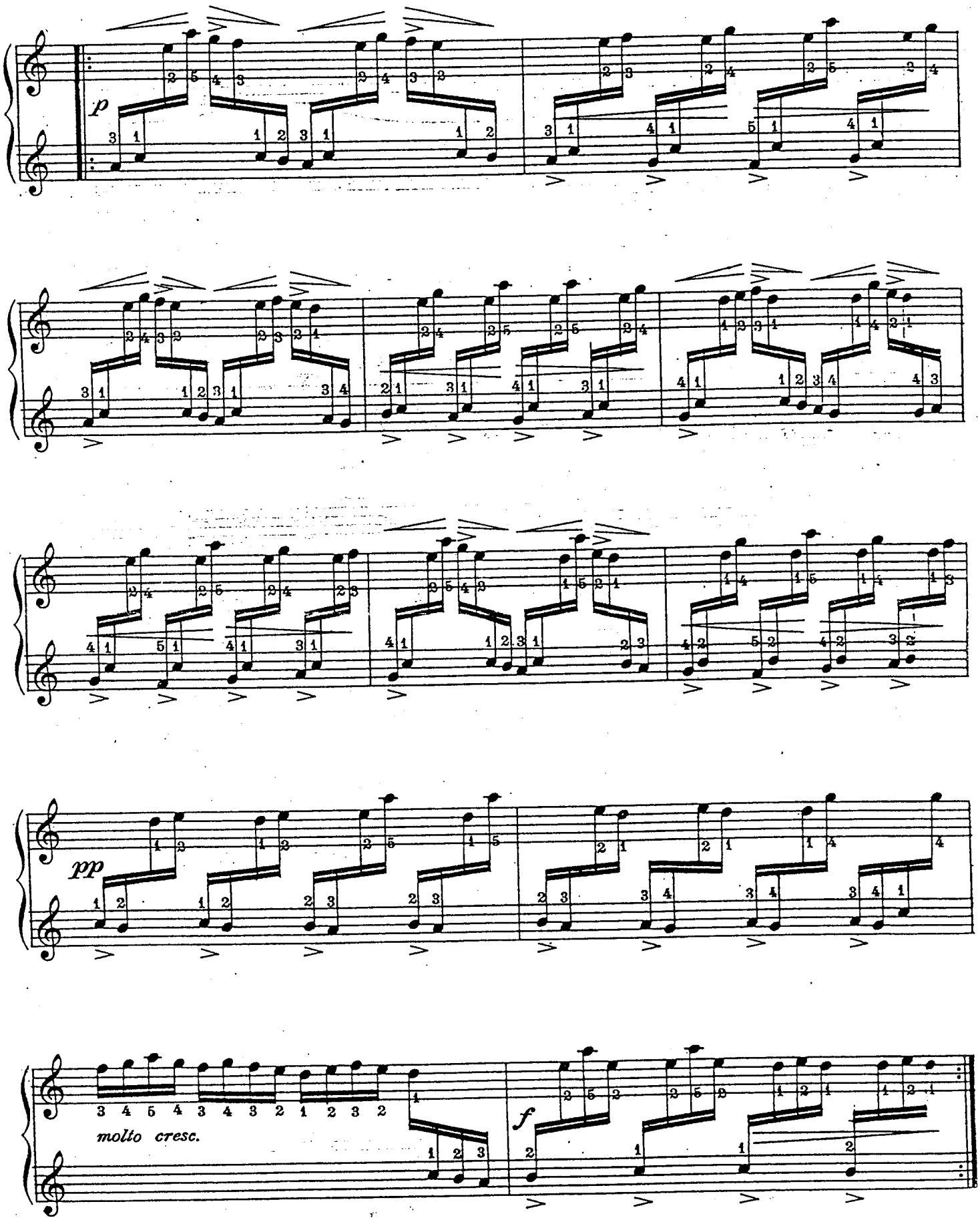
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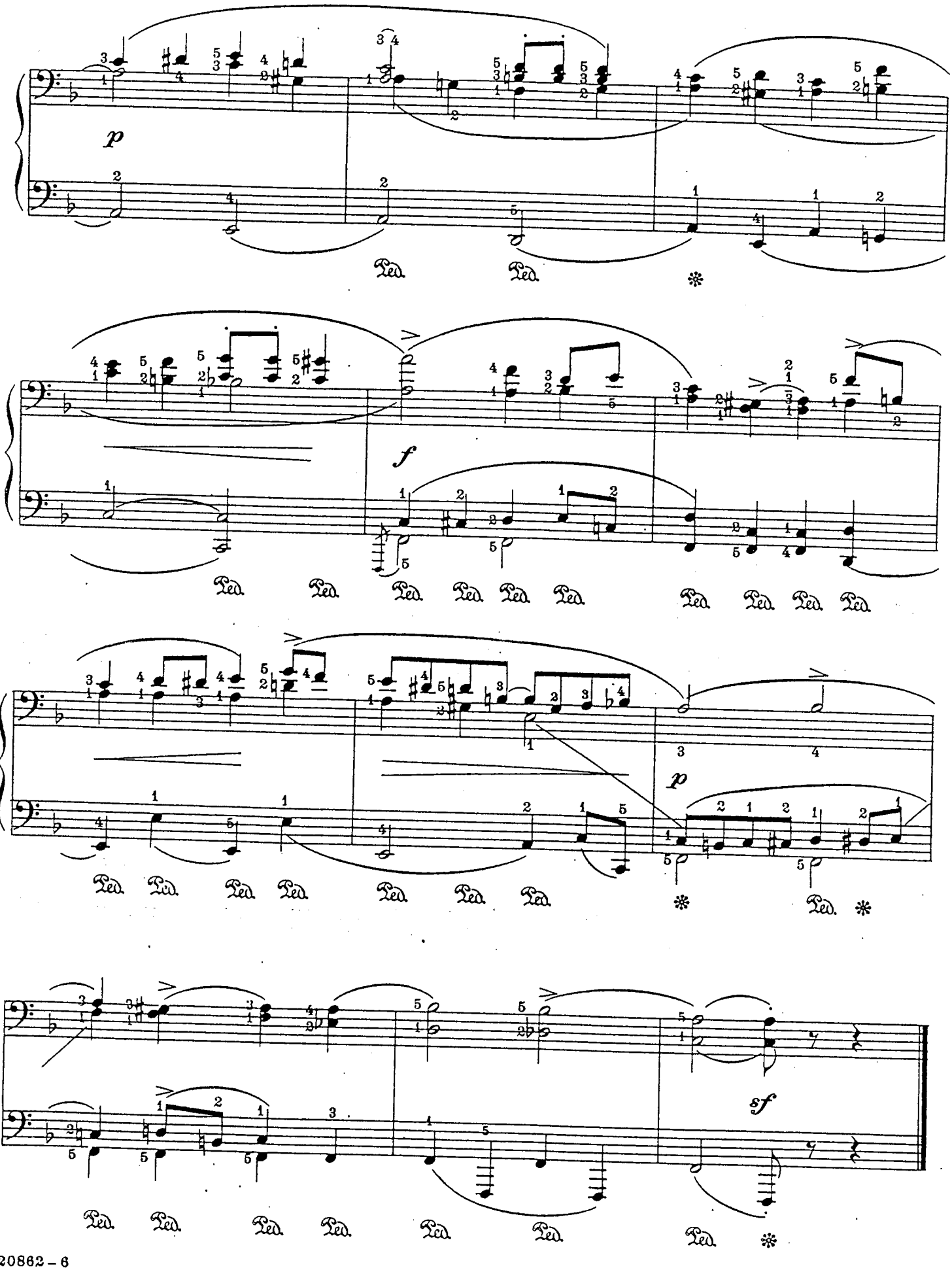

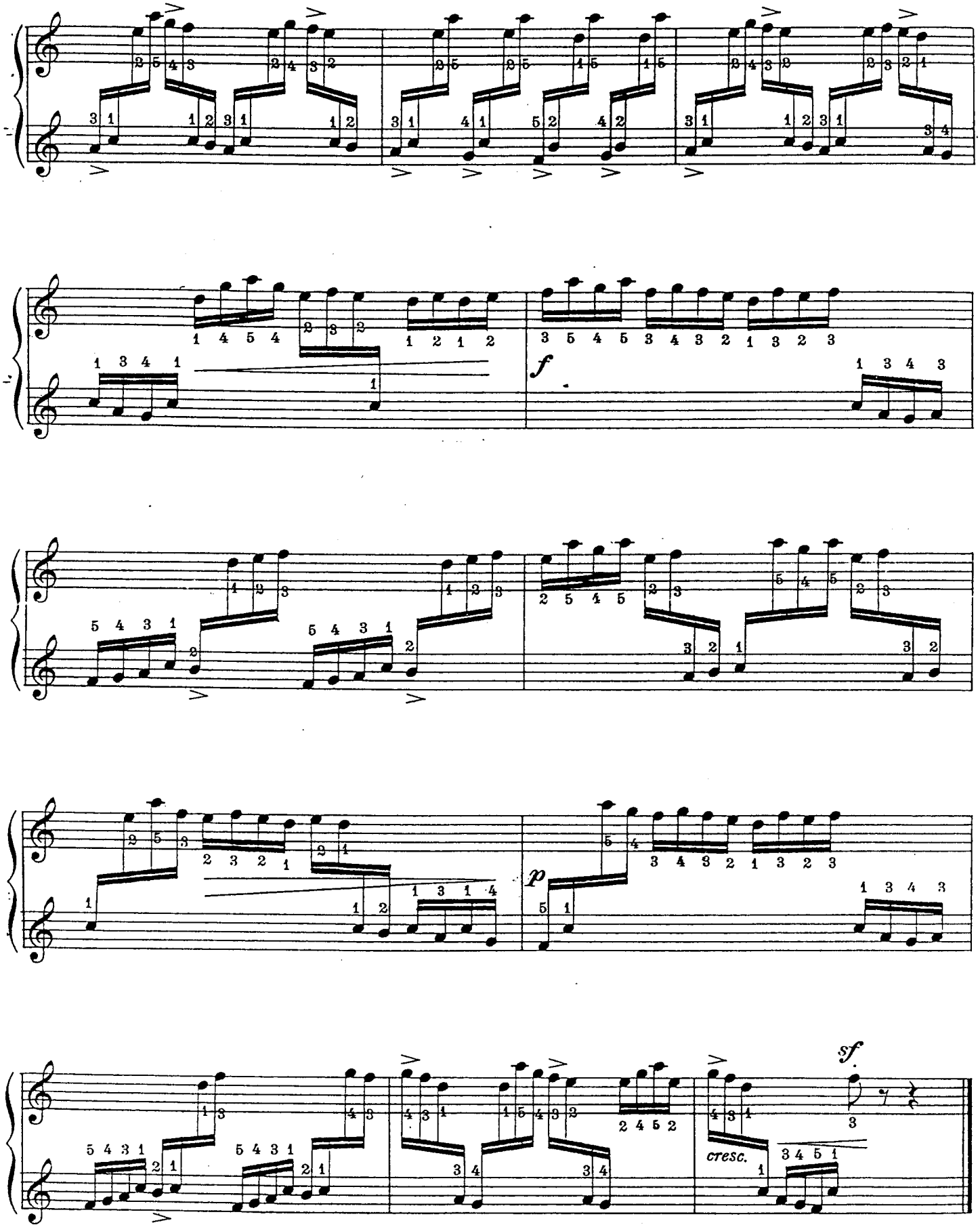
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Impromptu

(In Days of Yore)

Always conceived in a marked improvisational style, the themes or figures of the *Impromptu* are treated in a free, fanciful manner, and much of its charm lies in a spontaneous and unhampered melodic flow. In this *adagio cantabile* the *primo* themes move against an exceptionally expressive figurated accompaniment and its mood is one of subdued yearning and intimate feeling, conveying the impression of intense longing for the simple and tranquil days of the world's "golden age".

Impromptu

(In Days of Yore)

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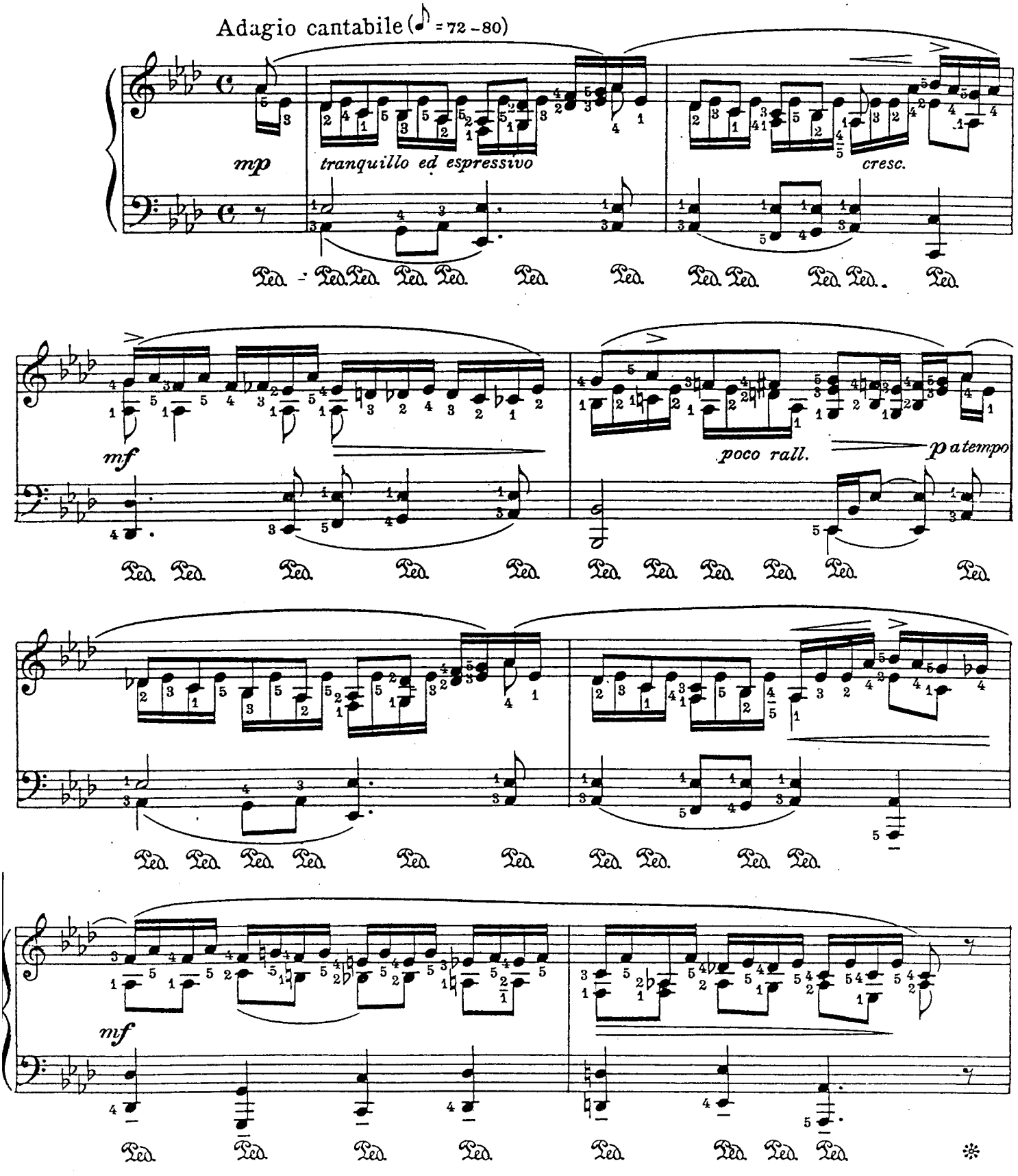

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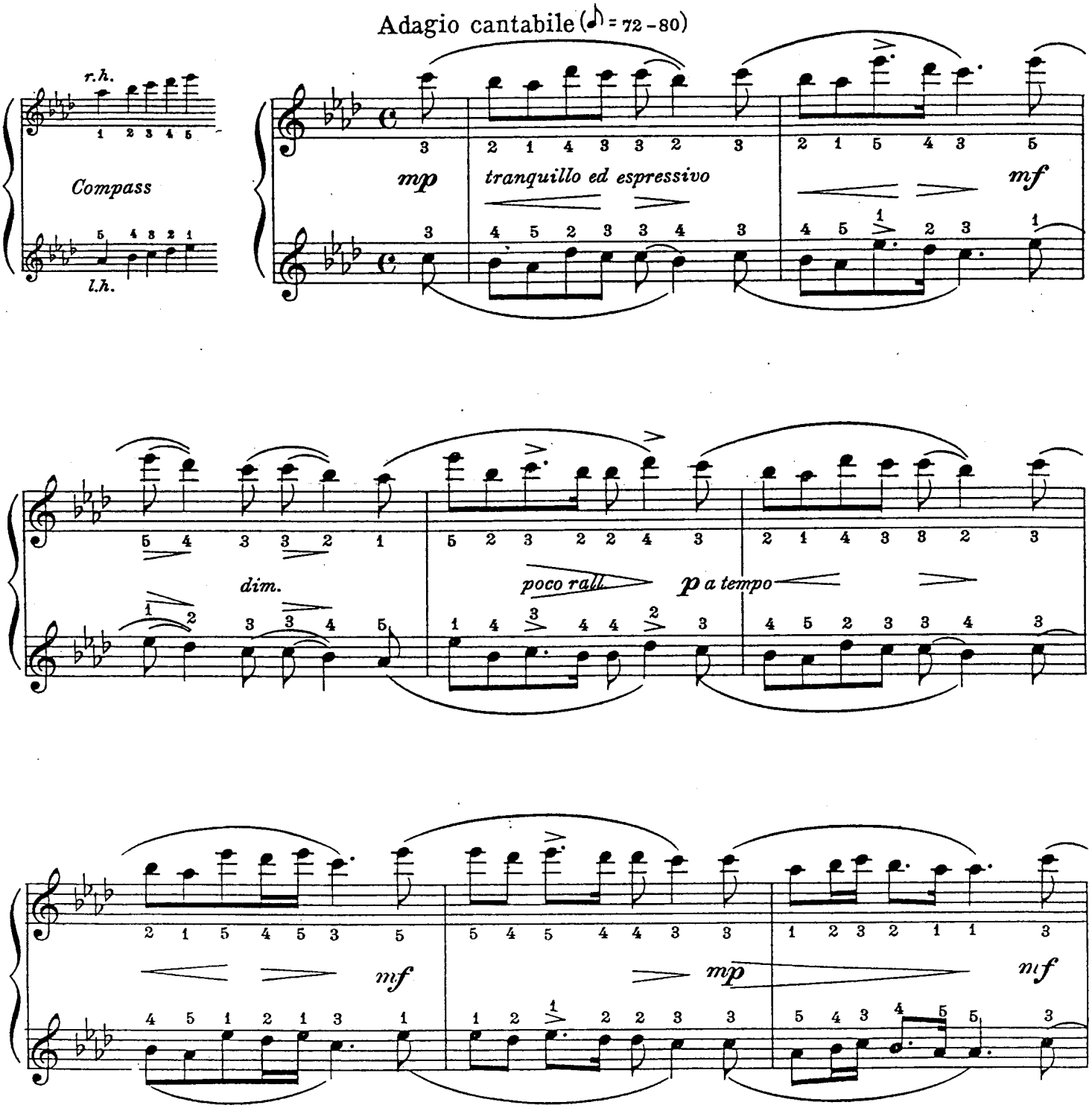

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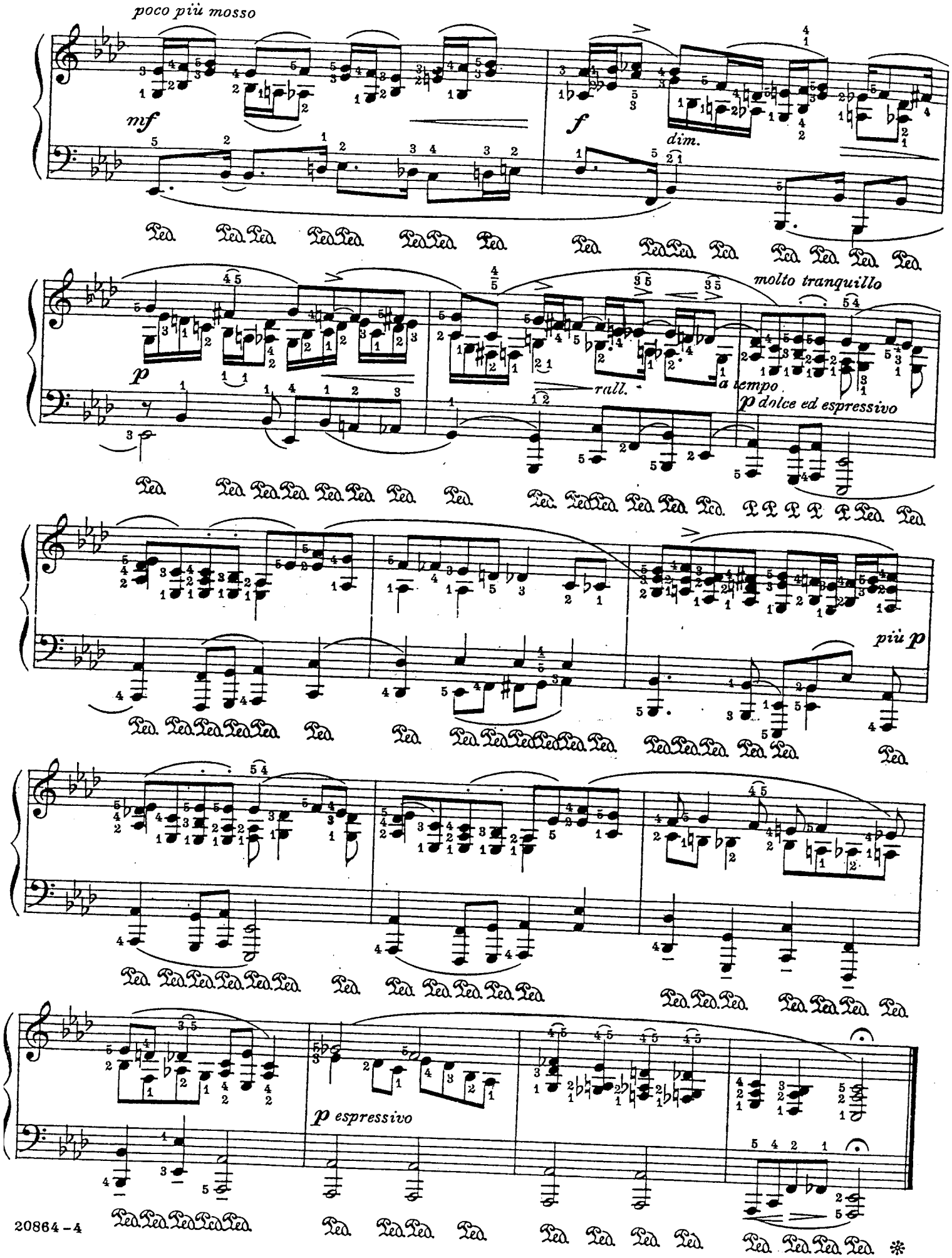
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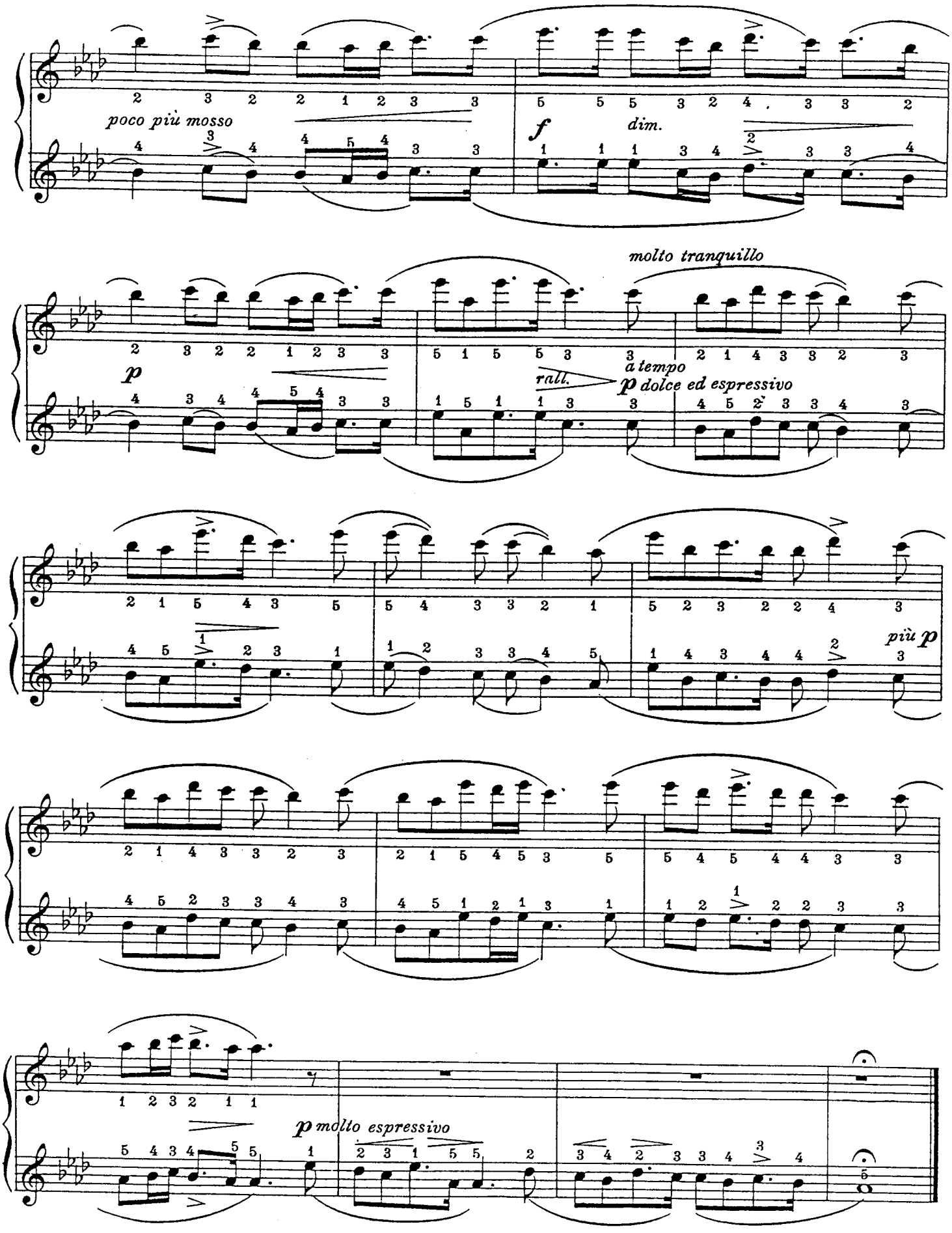
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The Scholar

(Fughetta)

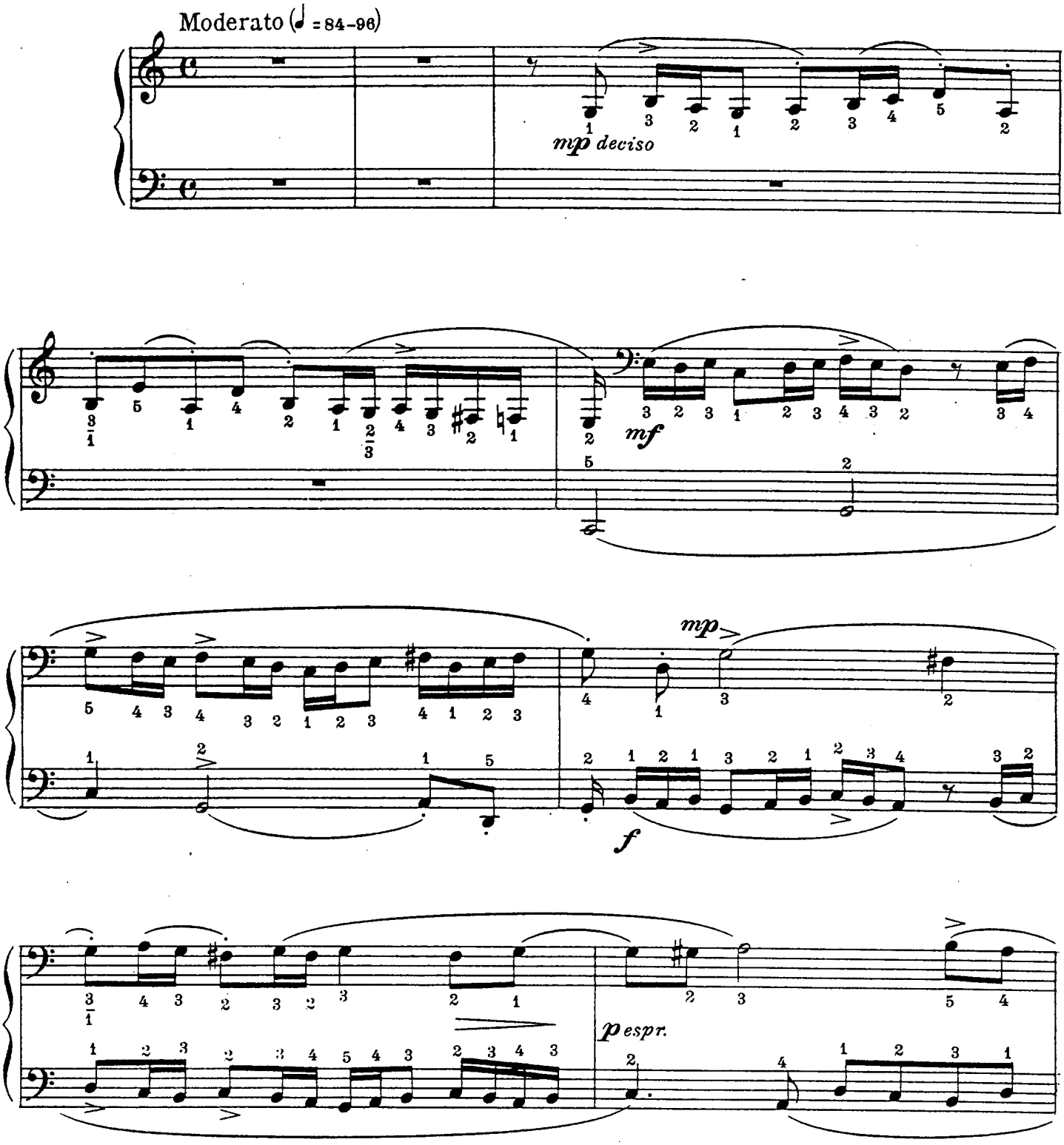
The "Scholar" is no longer the same pupil who had such hard work with *The Exercise*. He has progressed and can now undertake a *Fughetta*, a very short fugue consisting of an exposition (played by the scholar,) and a few episodes, digressions from the theme, developed by teacher and scholar together. The episodes are made up of material drawn from the subject or theme, and the teacher should indicate every appearance of the subject figure. No happier introduction to counterpoint, the science of combining melodies, or exposition of the contrapuntal style of playing than this *Fughetta* could be imagined.

The Scholar

(Fughetta)

SECONDO

LEOPOLD GODOWSKY



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The Scholar

(Fughetta)

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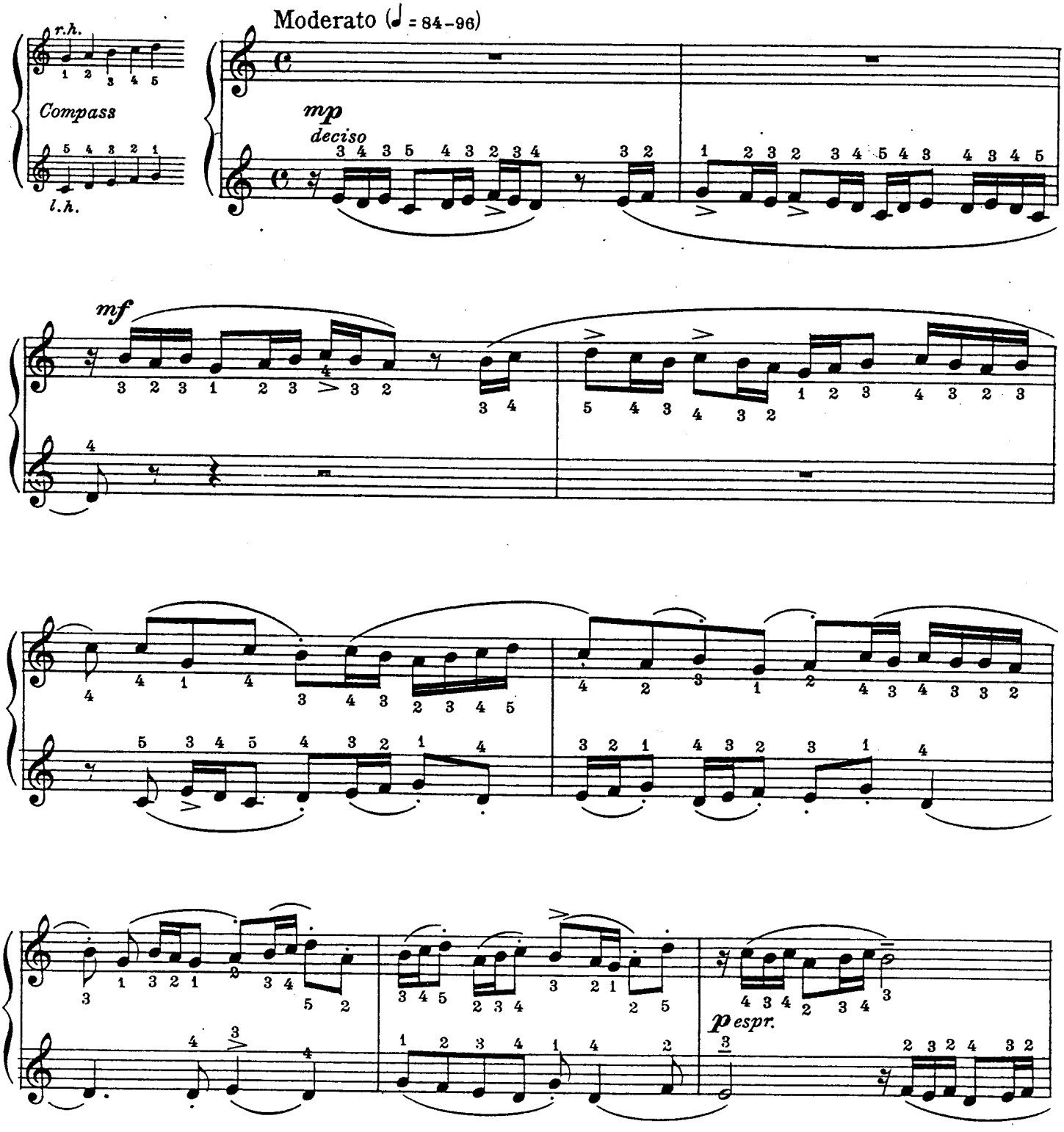

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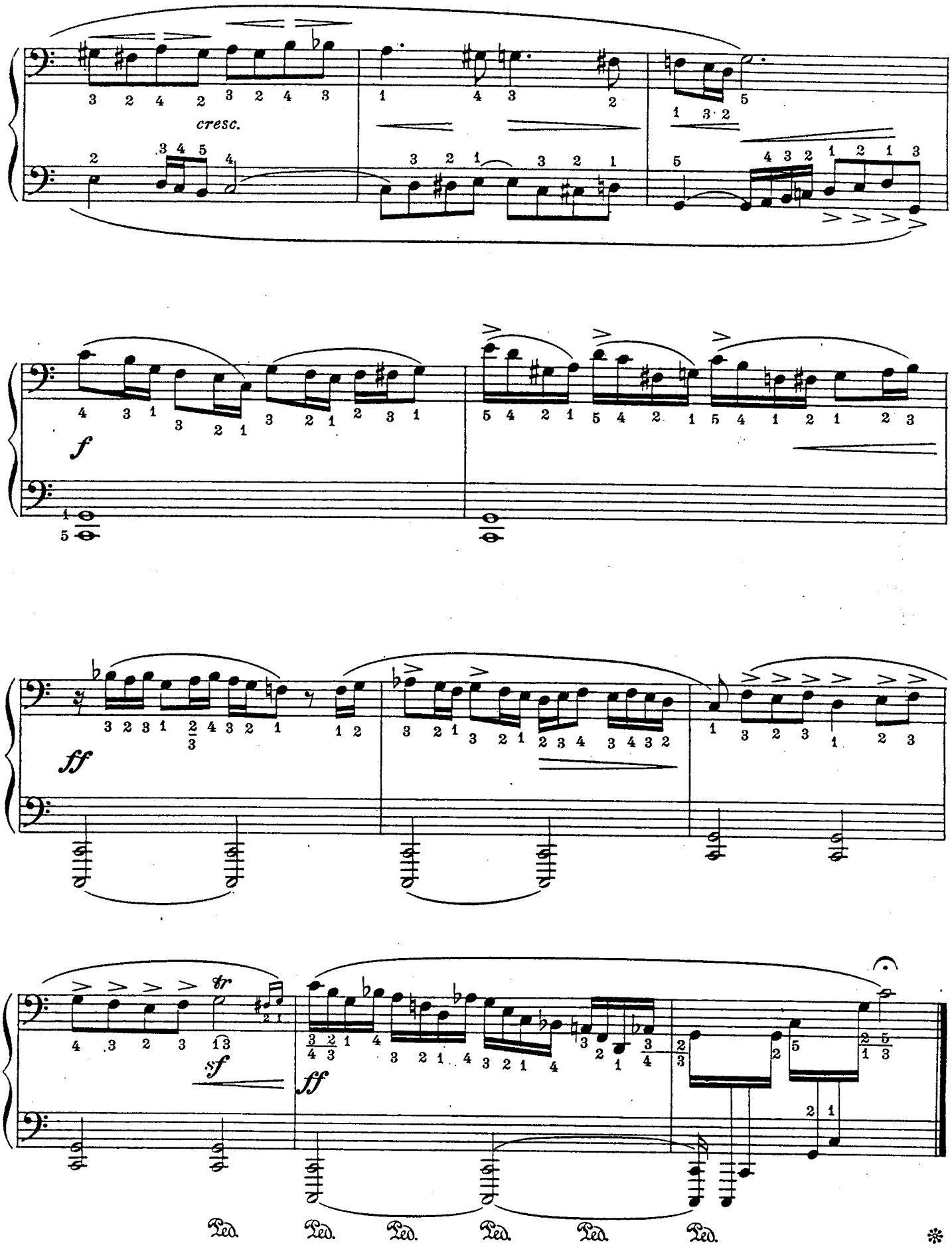

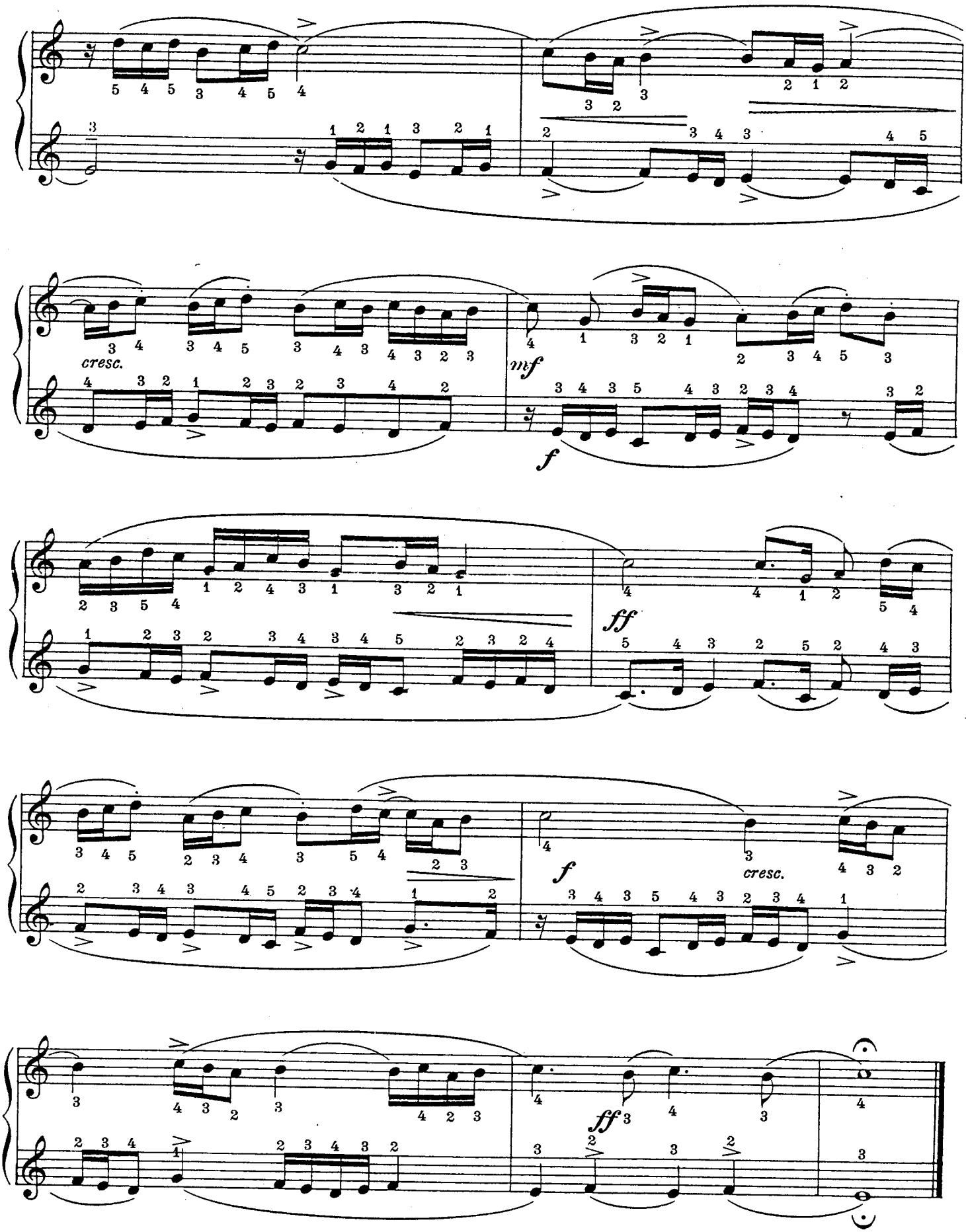
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The Hunter's Call

(Woodland Mood)

In this happy inspiration in two-period song form, the mellow tones of the hunting horn (with a much more tender inflection than in Mendelssohn's *Hunting Song*), usher in a forest mood picture of quiet, contemplative sentiment. Attention should be given to the delicate and contrasted echo effects that occur throughout this number and to the restatement of the introductory theme toward the end of the piece, which returns with an inflection more soft and delicate than at the beginning.

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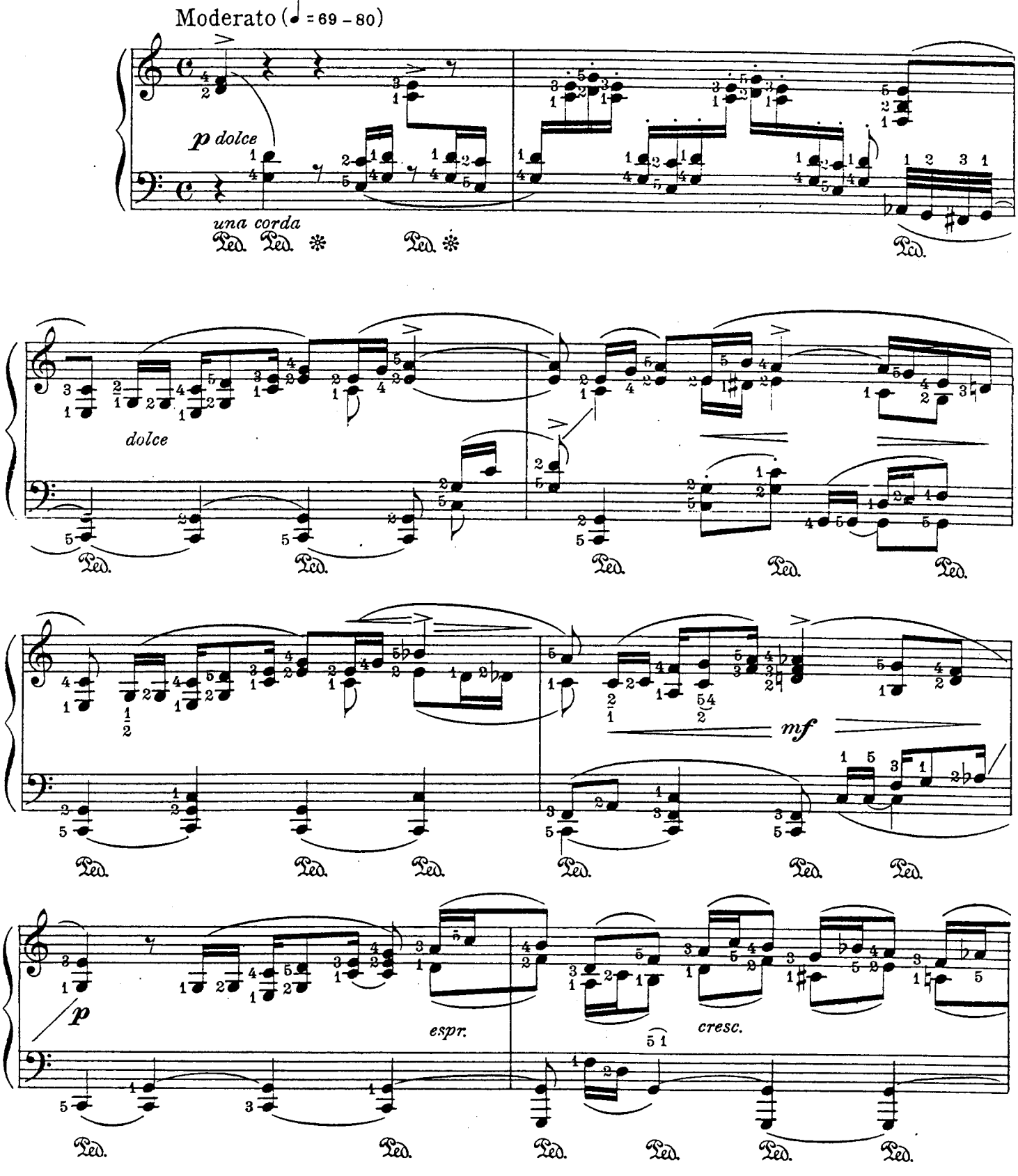

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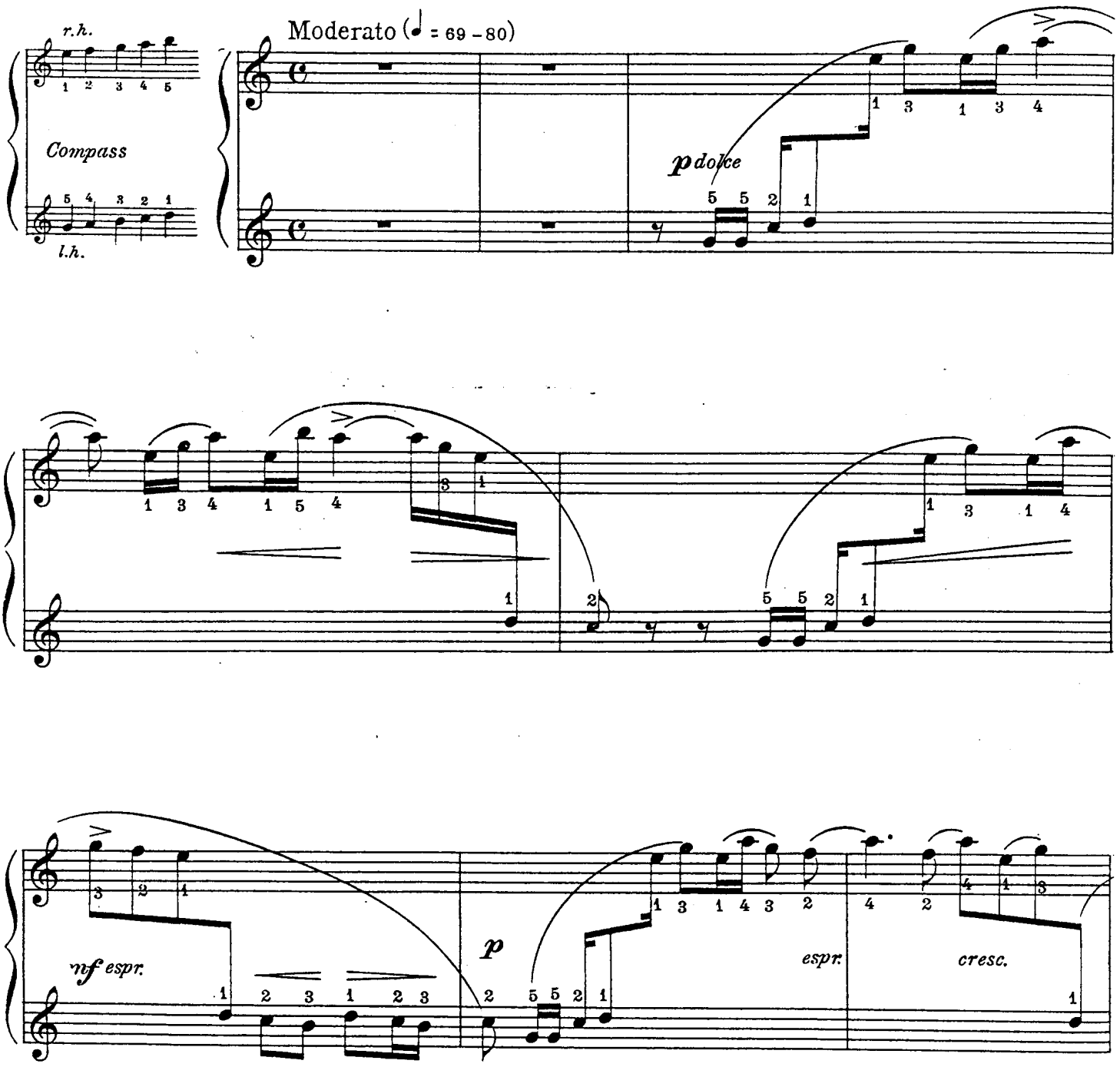

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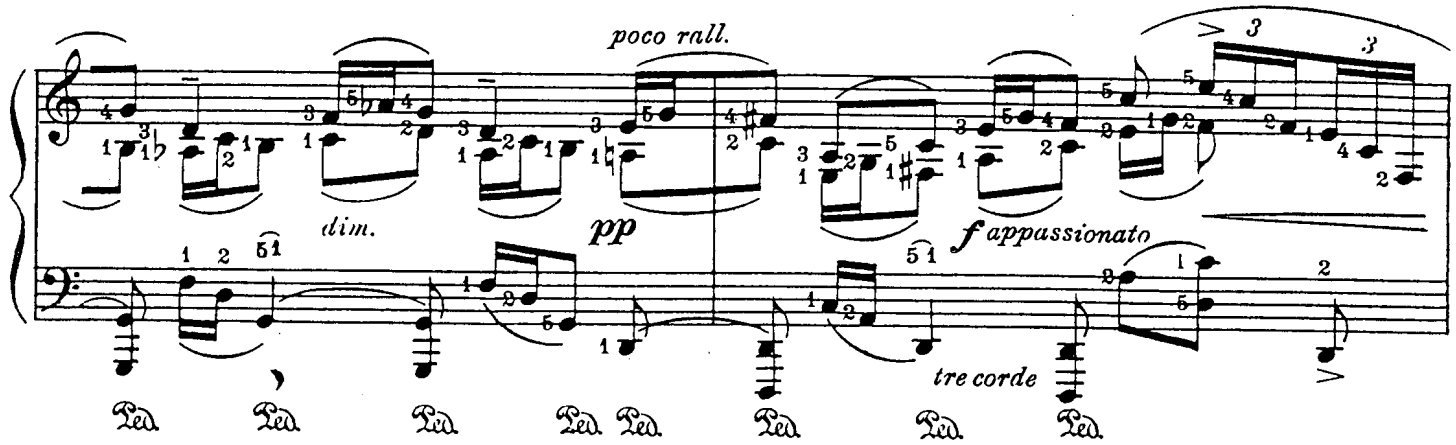
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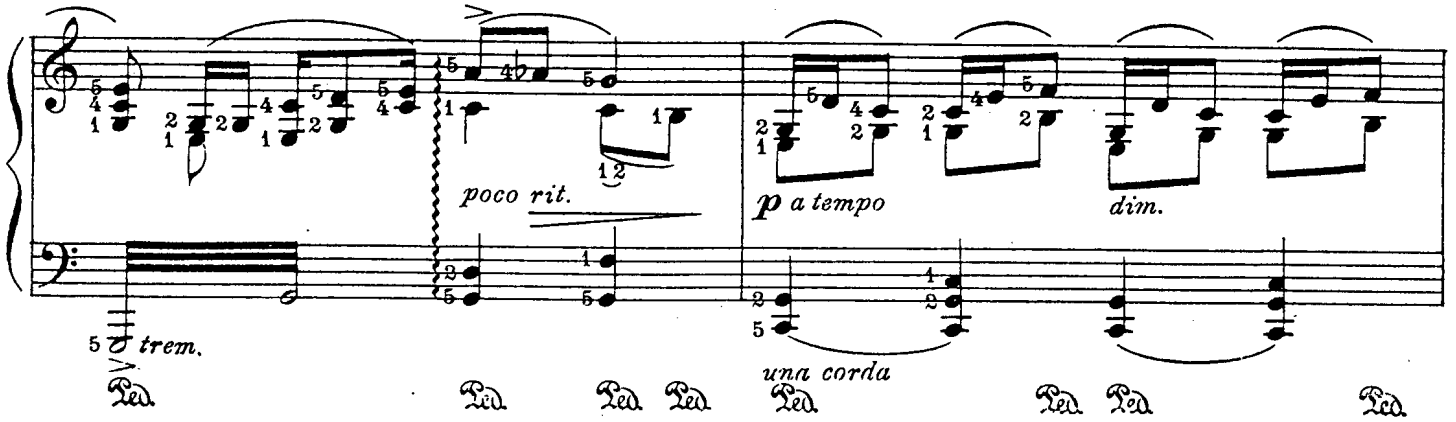
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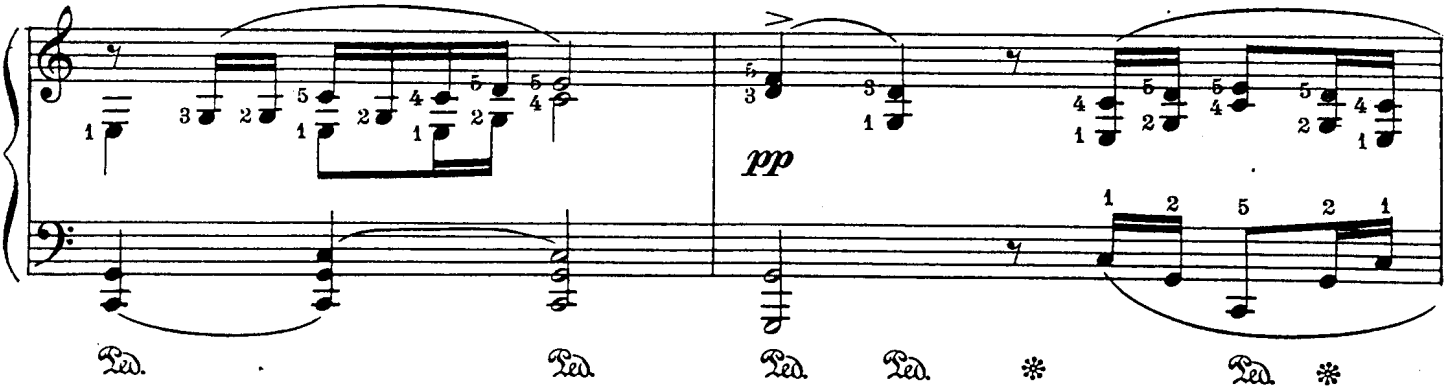
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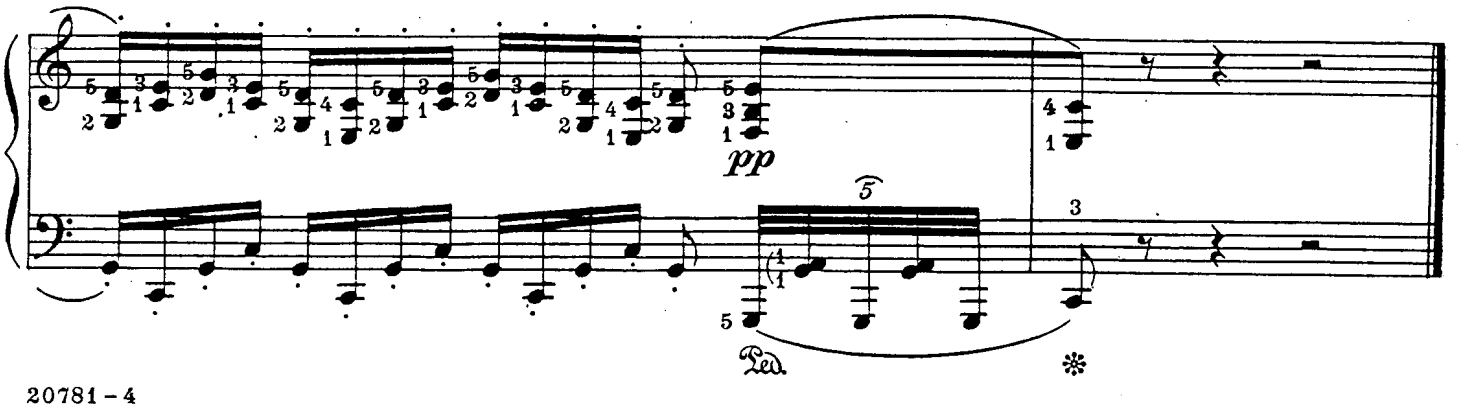
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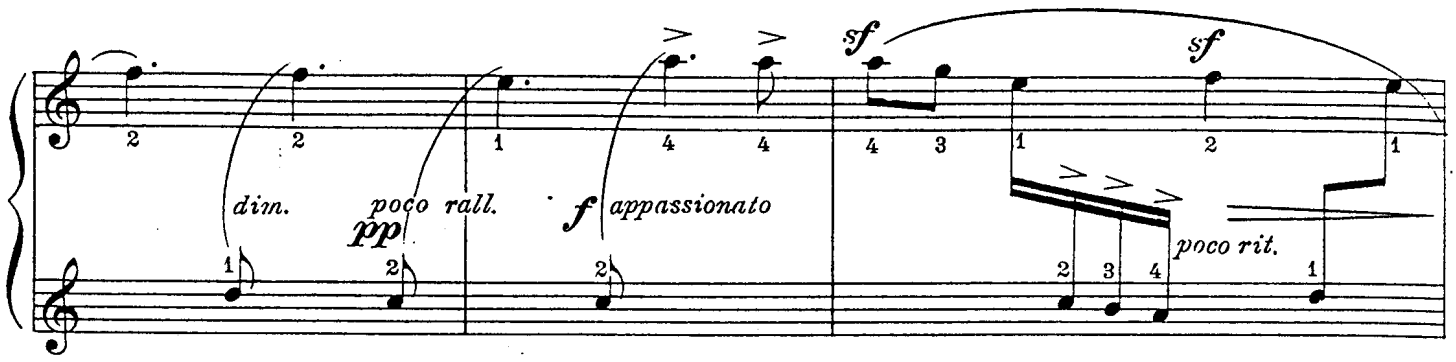
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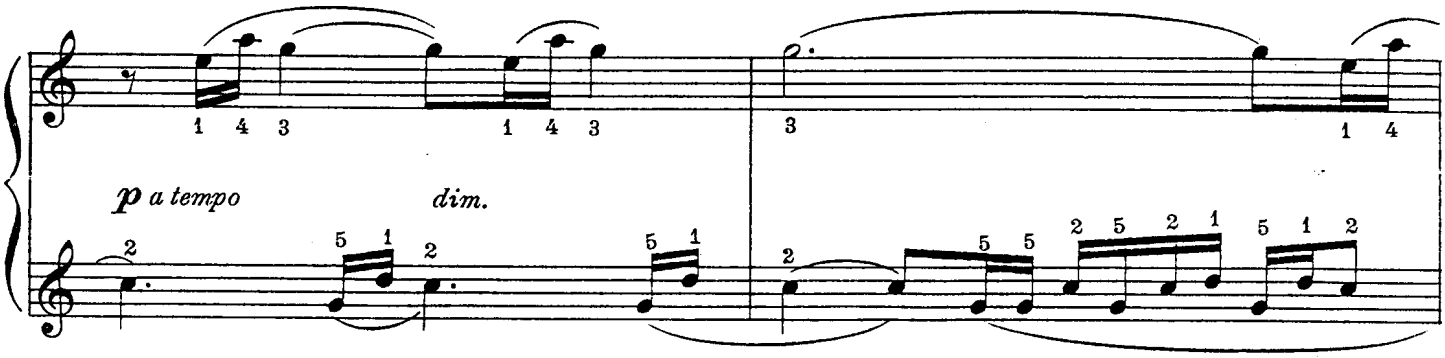
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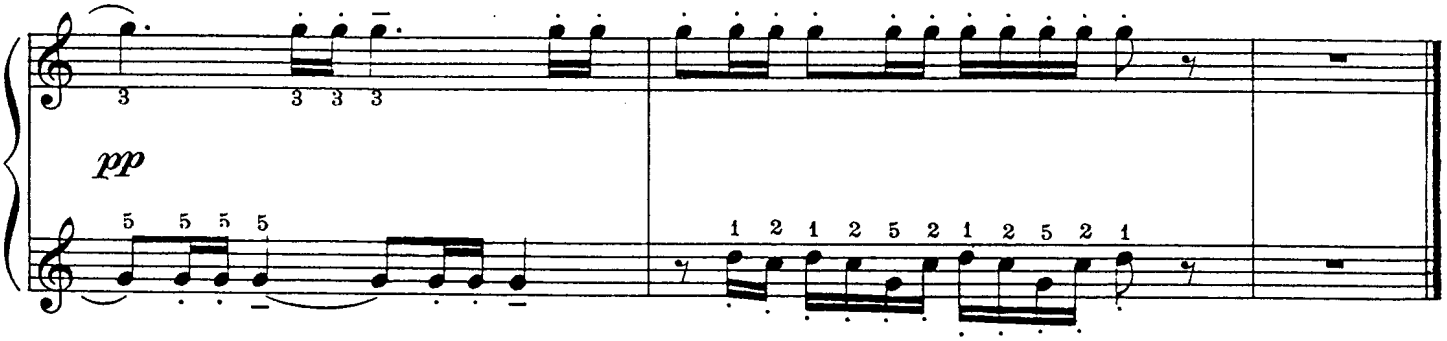
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Military March

This Military March of a bright and soldierly character, to be played strictly in time, is a spirited "parade" march, without the trio section which so often follows the reprises of the march sections proper. It is thoroughly modern in feeling, its music a most effective combination of simple, lively melody (one can hear the fife and piccolo in the *primo*) and well-marked accentuation of the drum (in the *secondo*); with but scant contrapuntal development. The swinging vigor of the "parade" march has tempted many distinguished composers, notably Saint-Saëns, in his *Suite Algerienne.*

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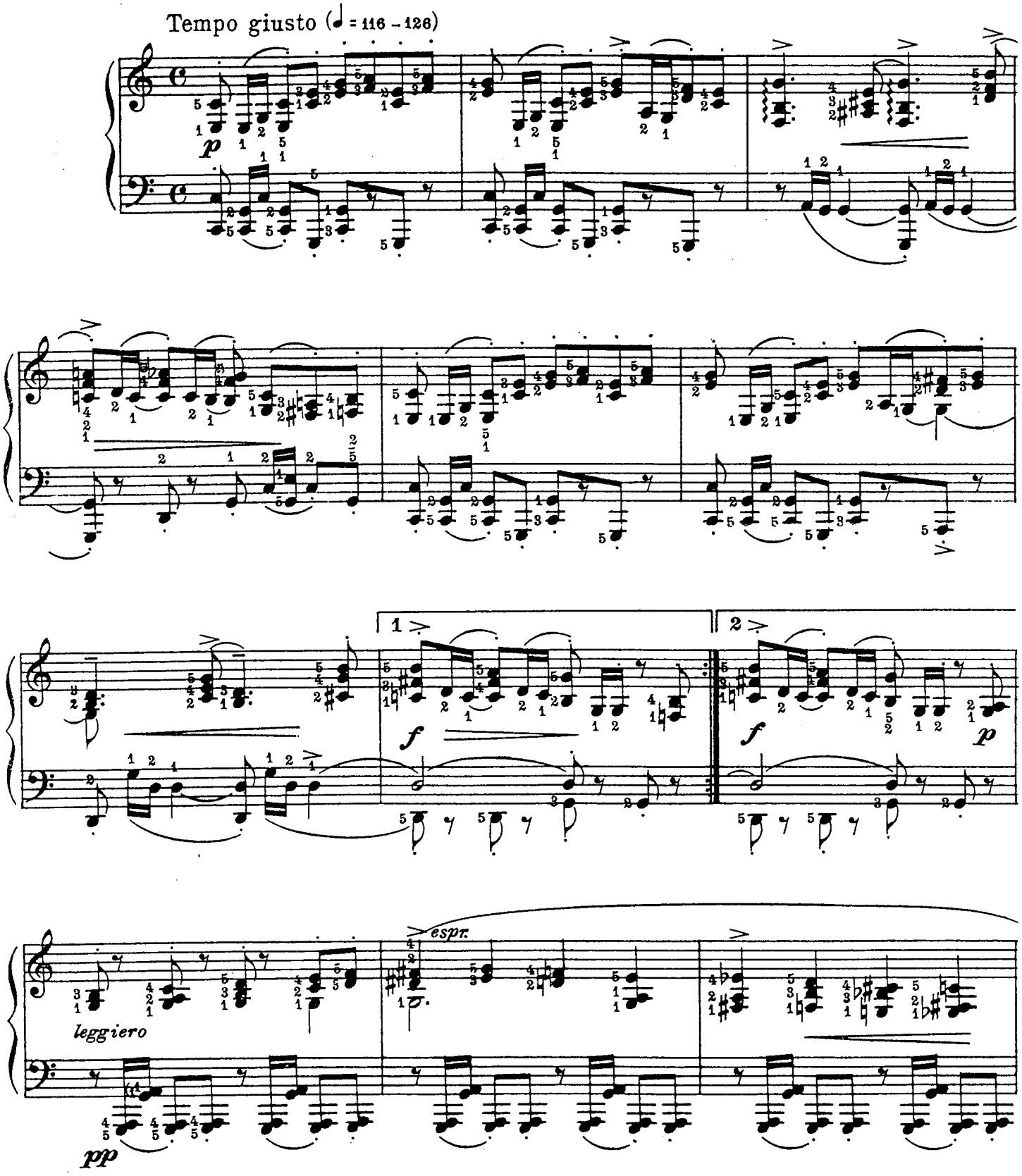

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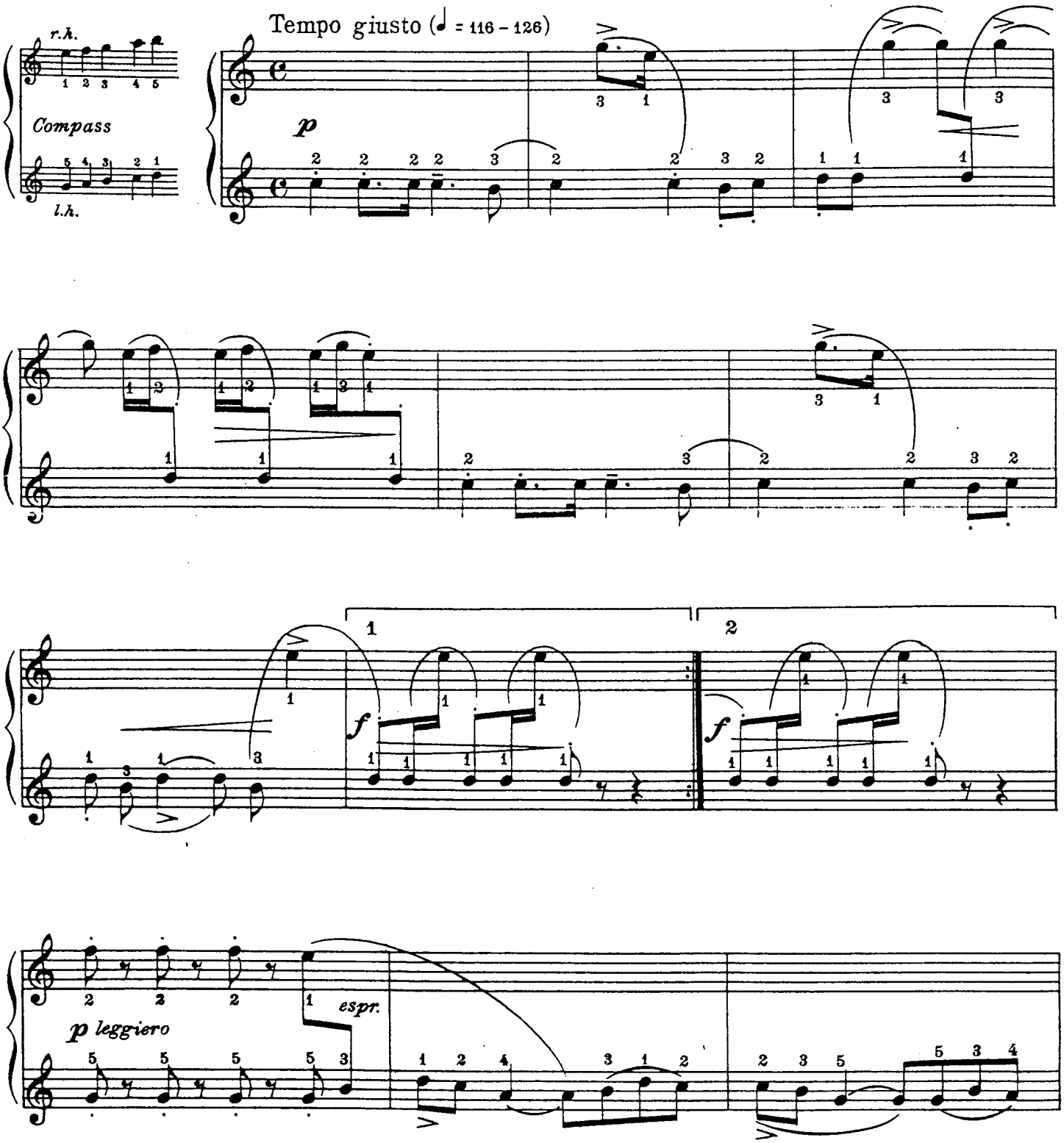

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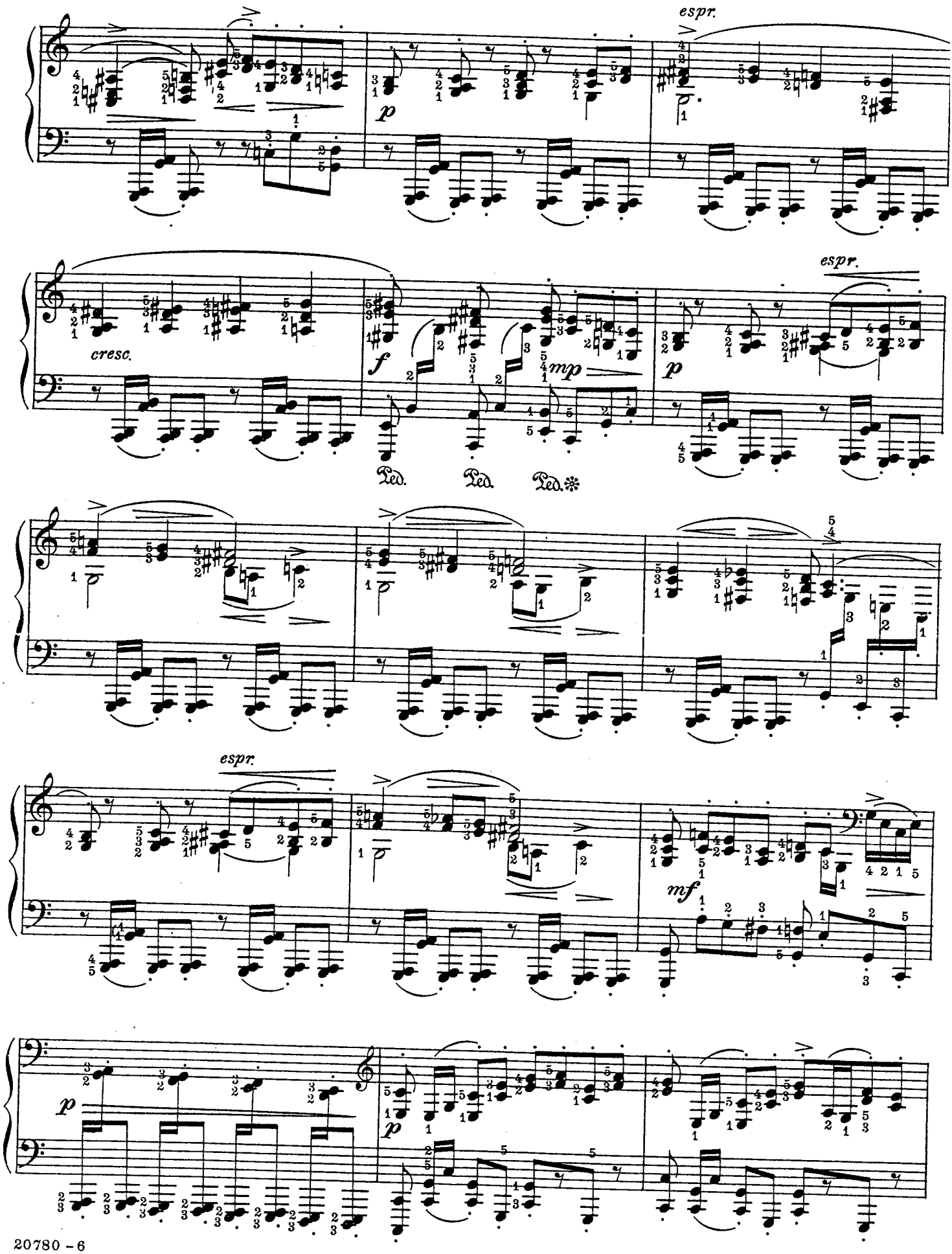

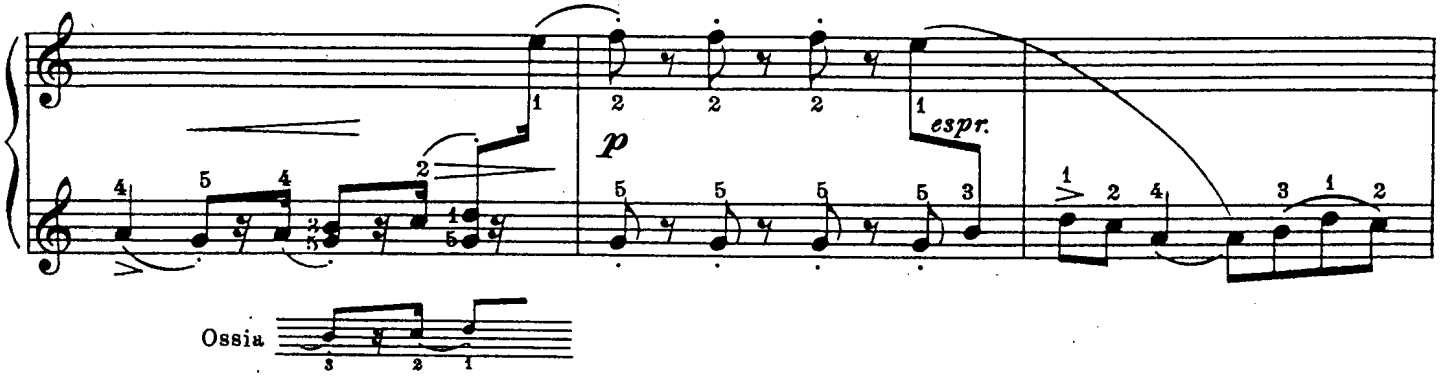
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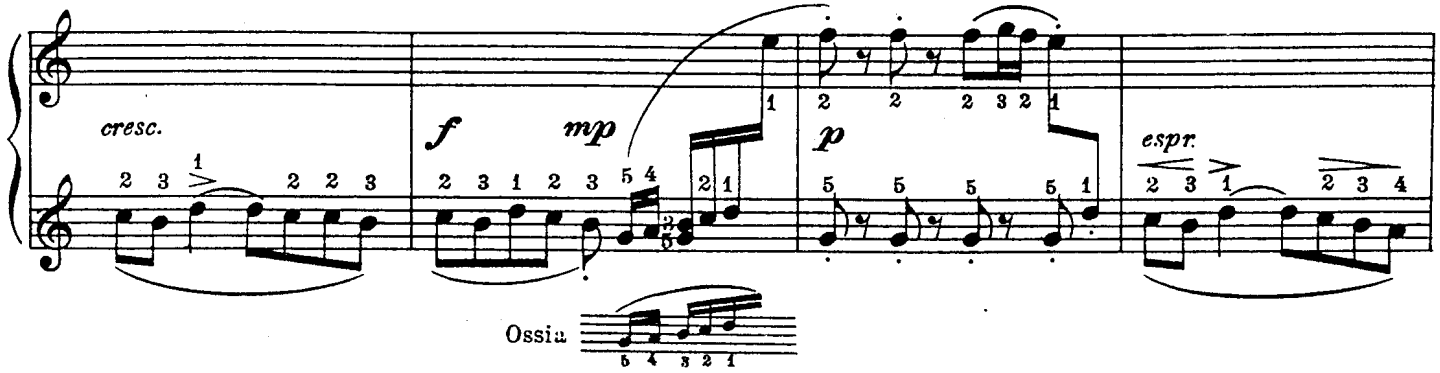
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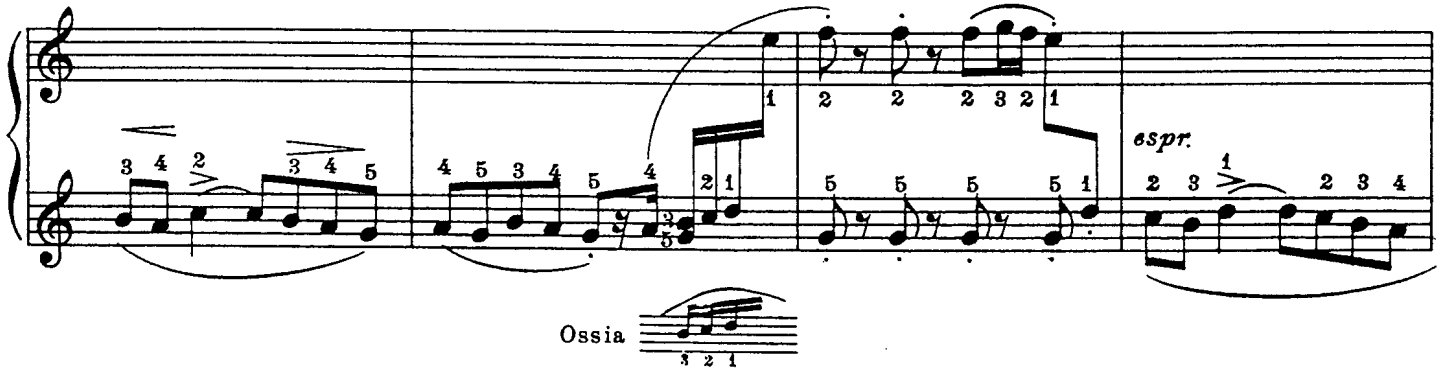
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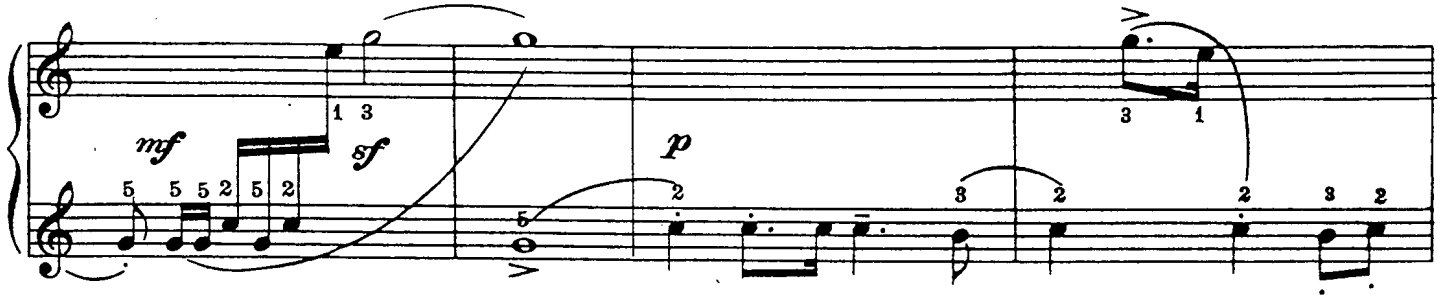
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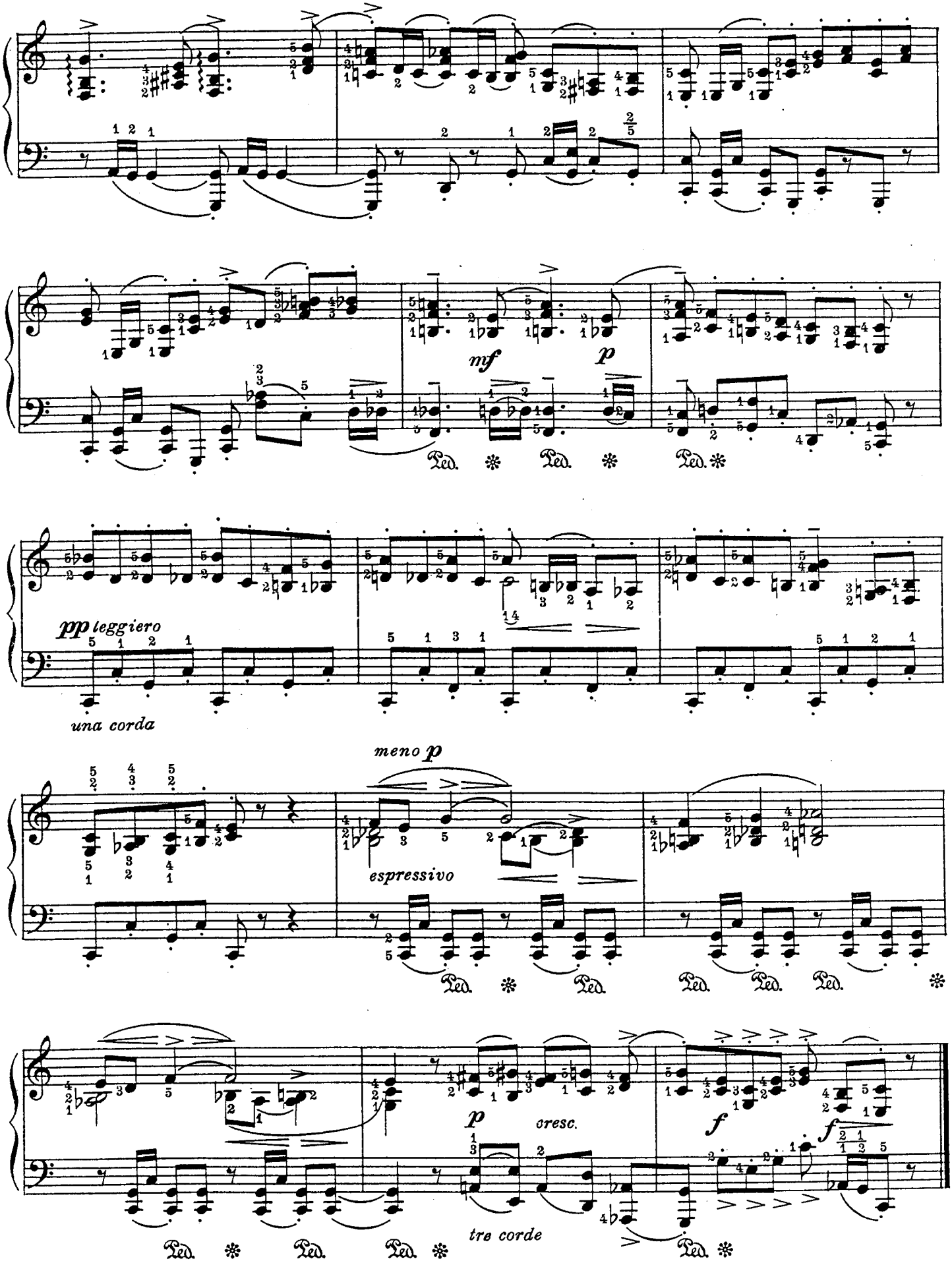
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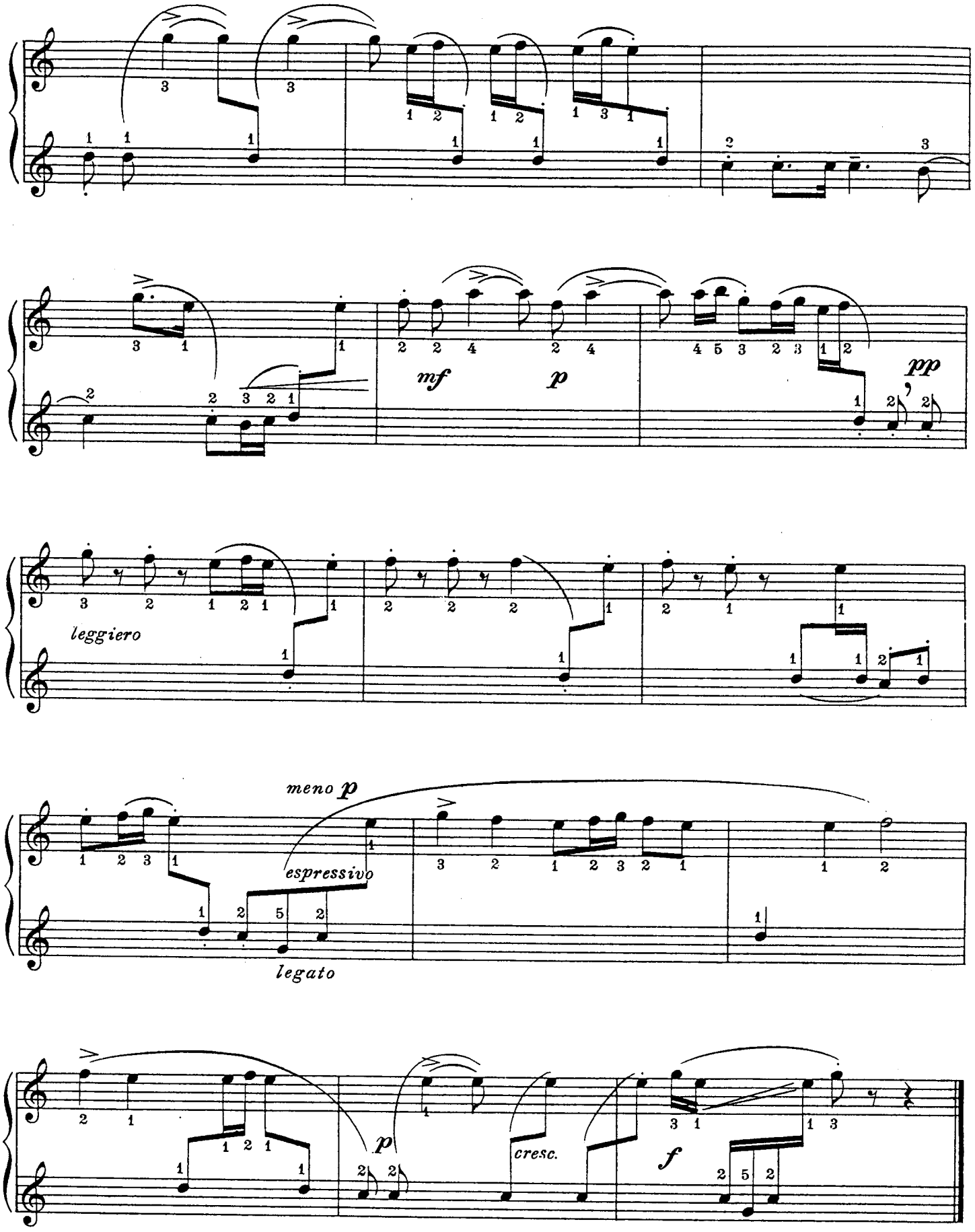
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