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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC OF JOHN F. PAUL

Aurora Colony

for string quartet

John Frederick Paul

"from each according to his ability, to each according to his need."
--- Dr. William Keil, founder of the utopian community at Aurora, Oregon.

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This string quartet was inspired by the utopian community Aurora Colony established in Oregon's Willamette Valley in 1857. The piece is very much about the process of a simple perhaps old-fashioned idea (the founder's motto: "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need") being transformed into something modern, a seed growing into an flourishing plant, quietness developing into exuberance. It is a celebration of life; one lived within a community of equals.

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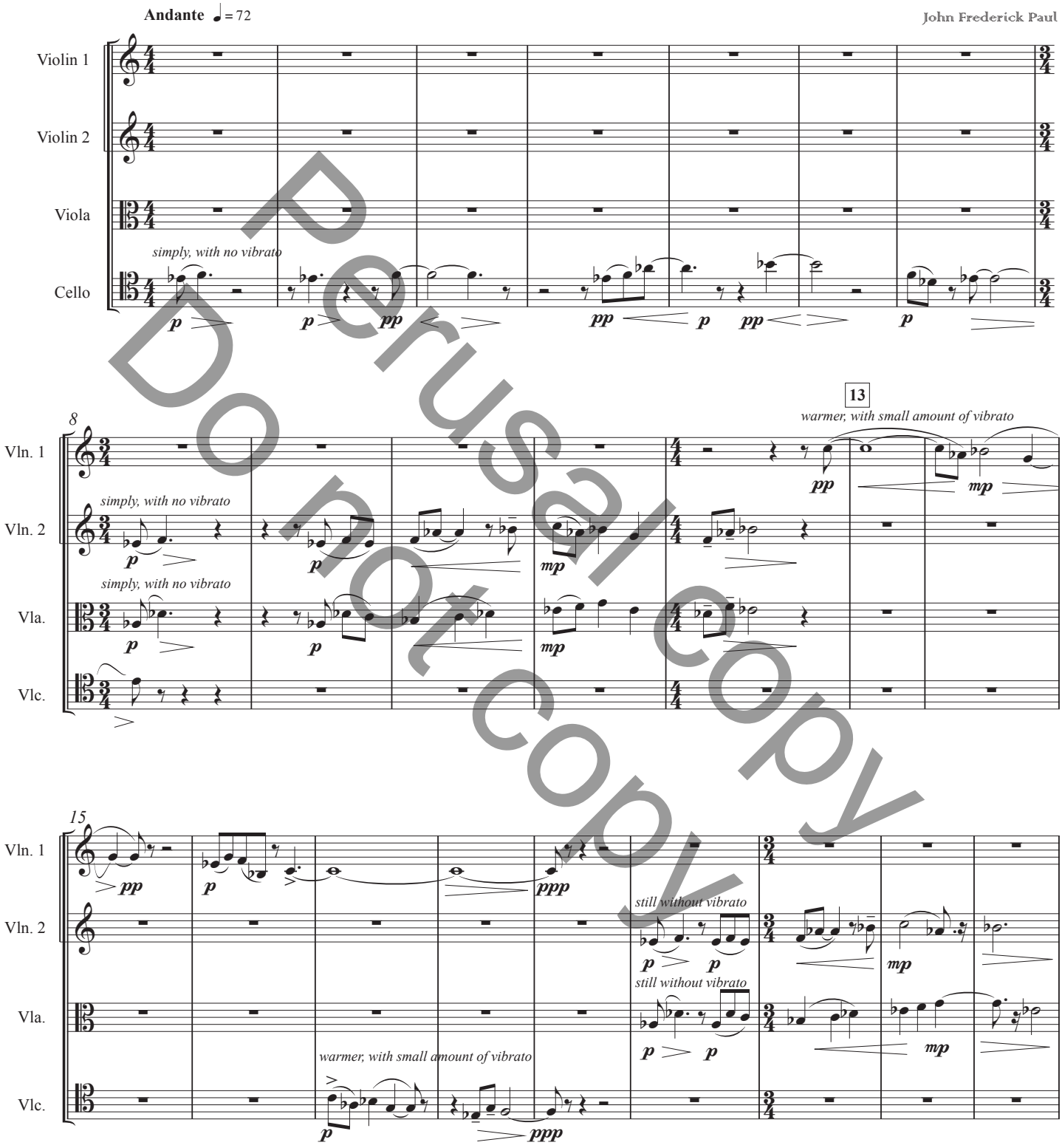

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Duration: 10'30"

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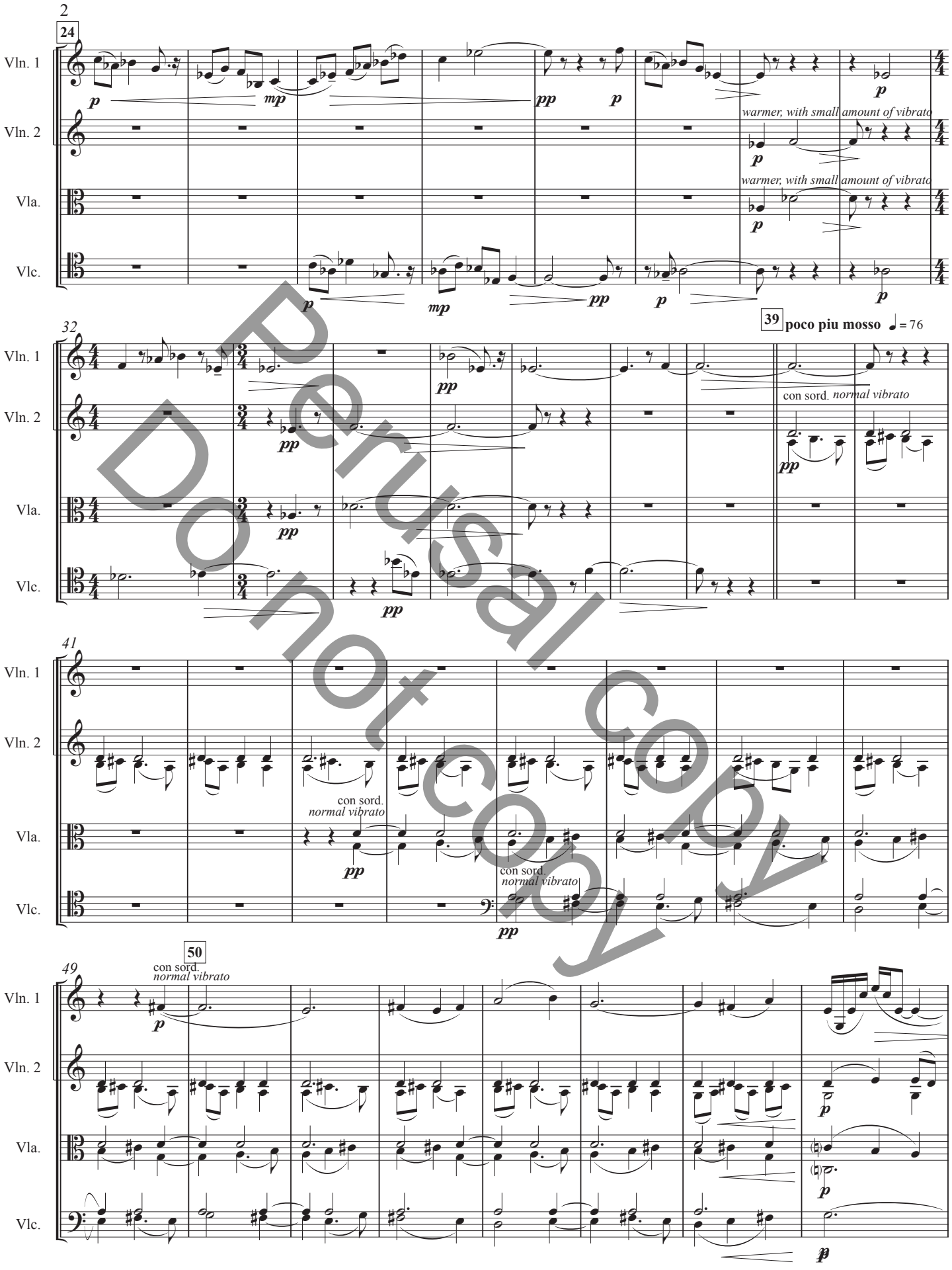

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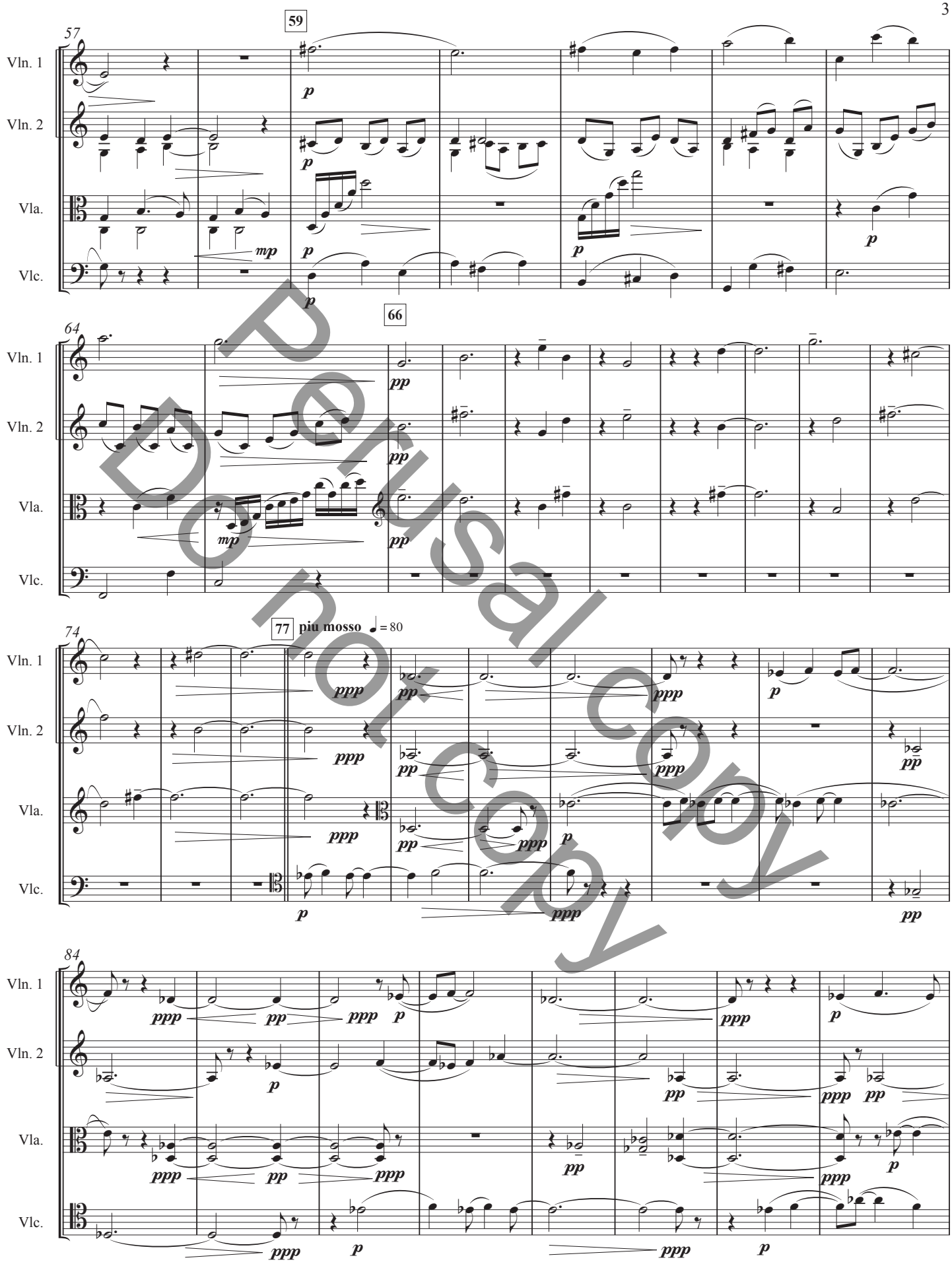

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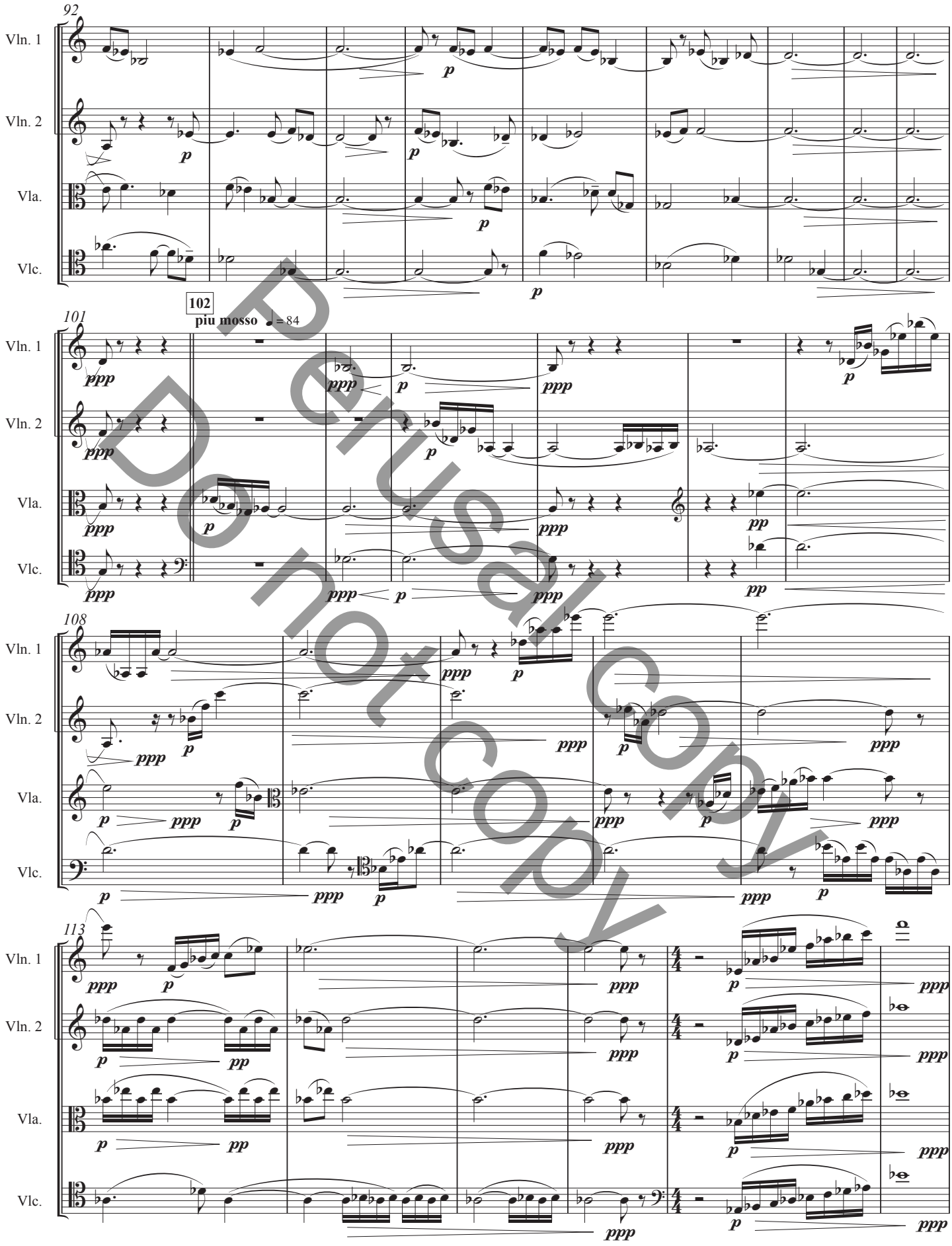

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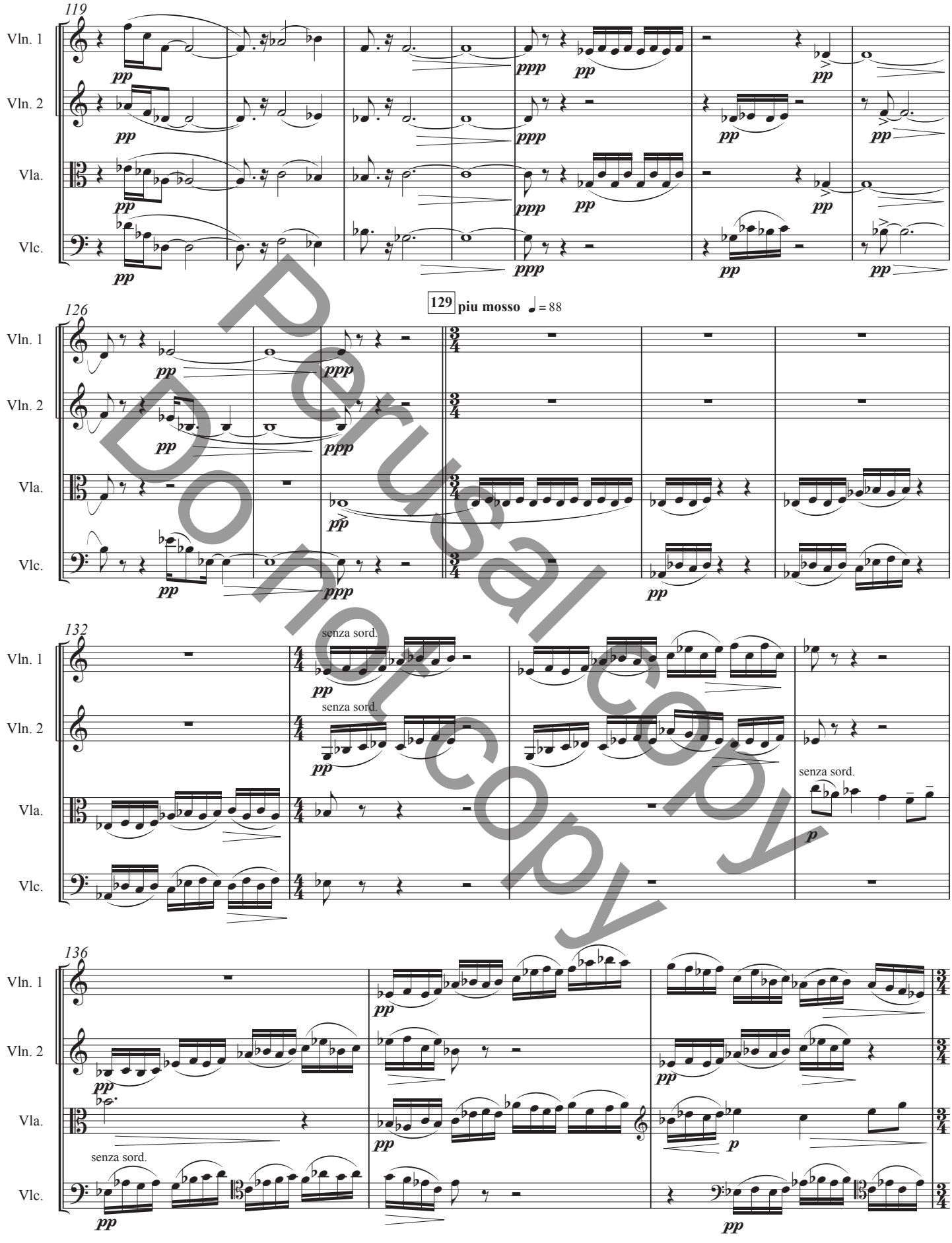

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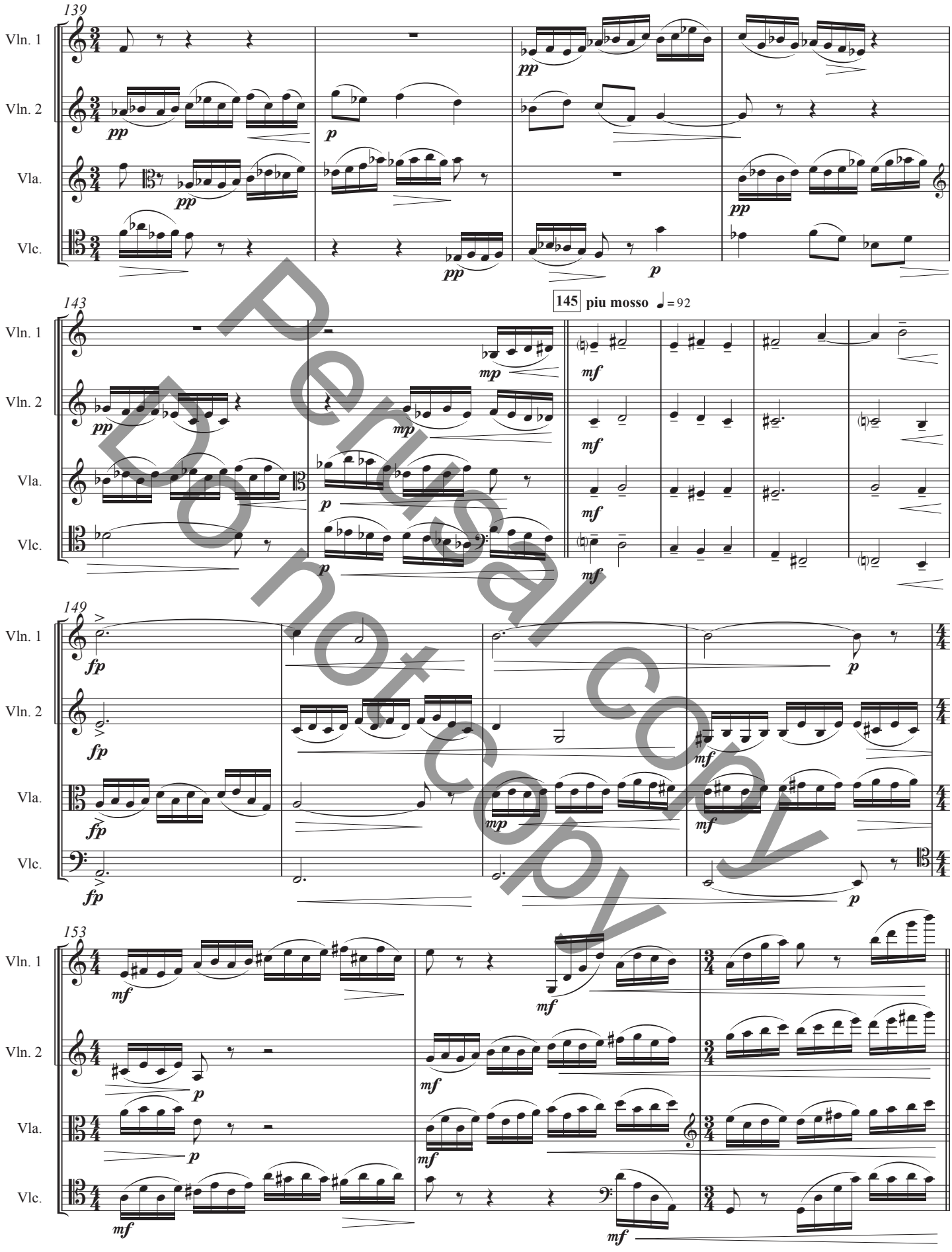

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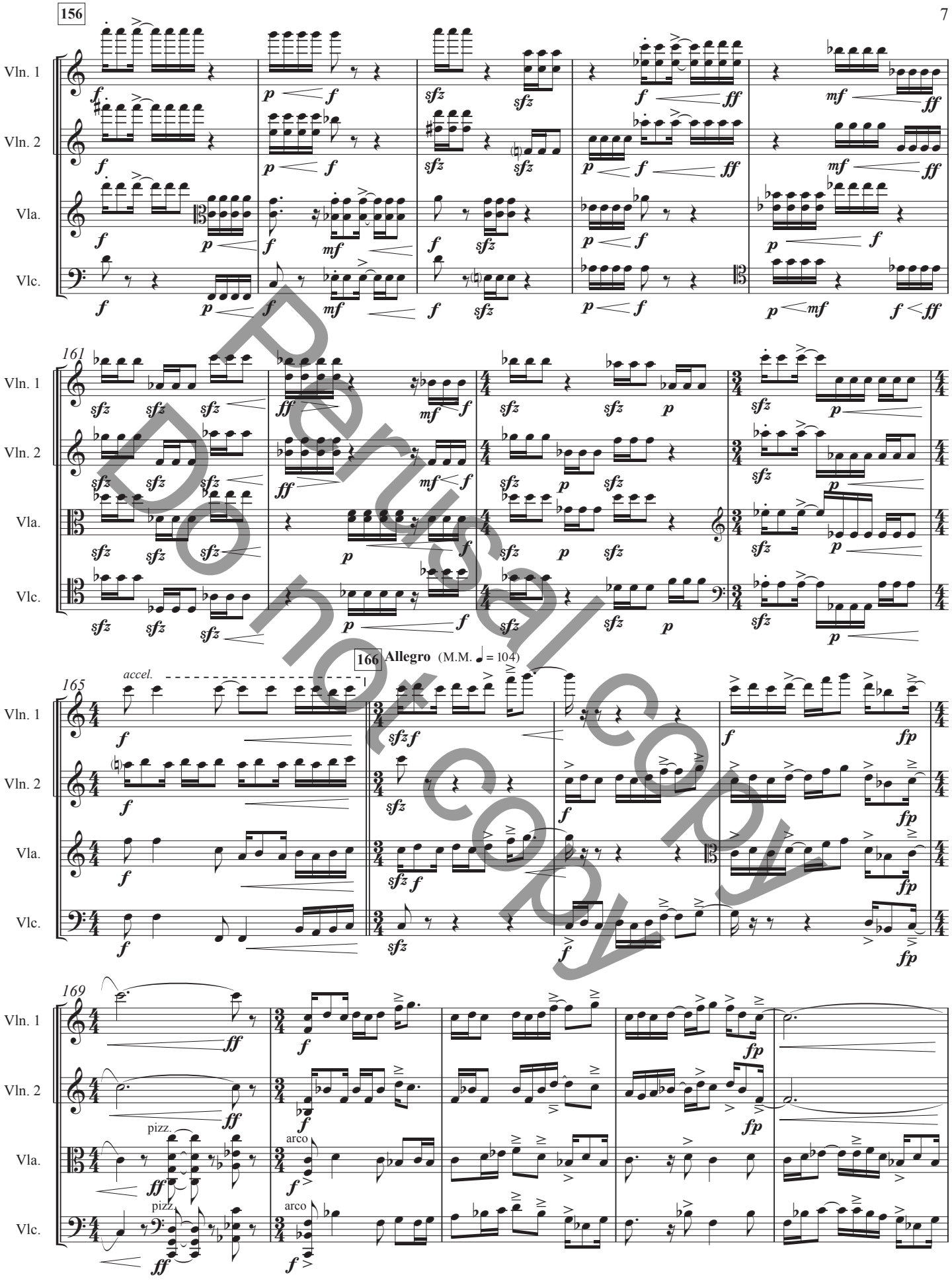

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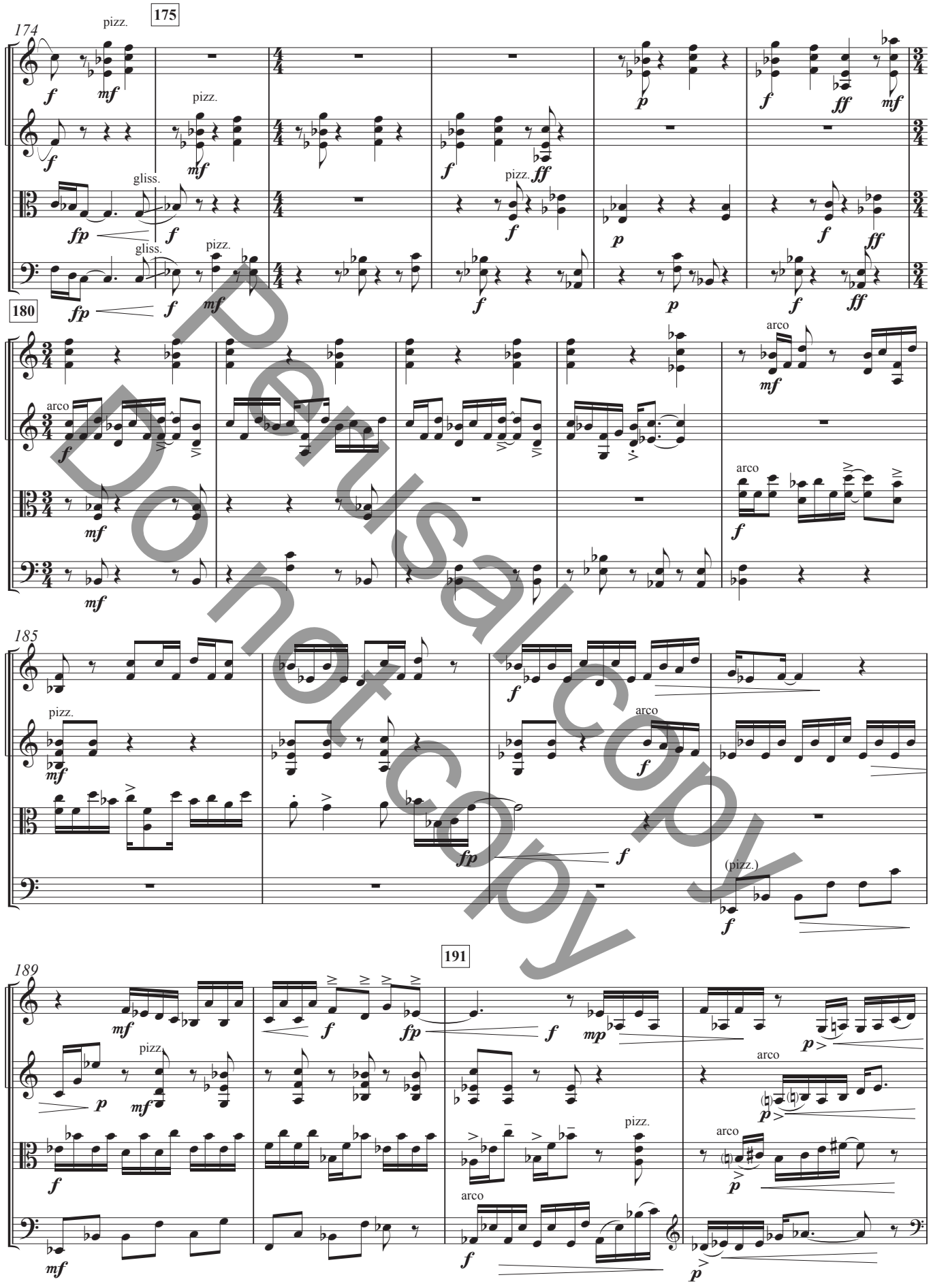

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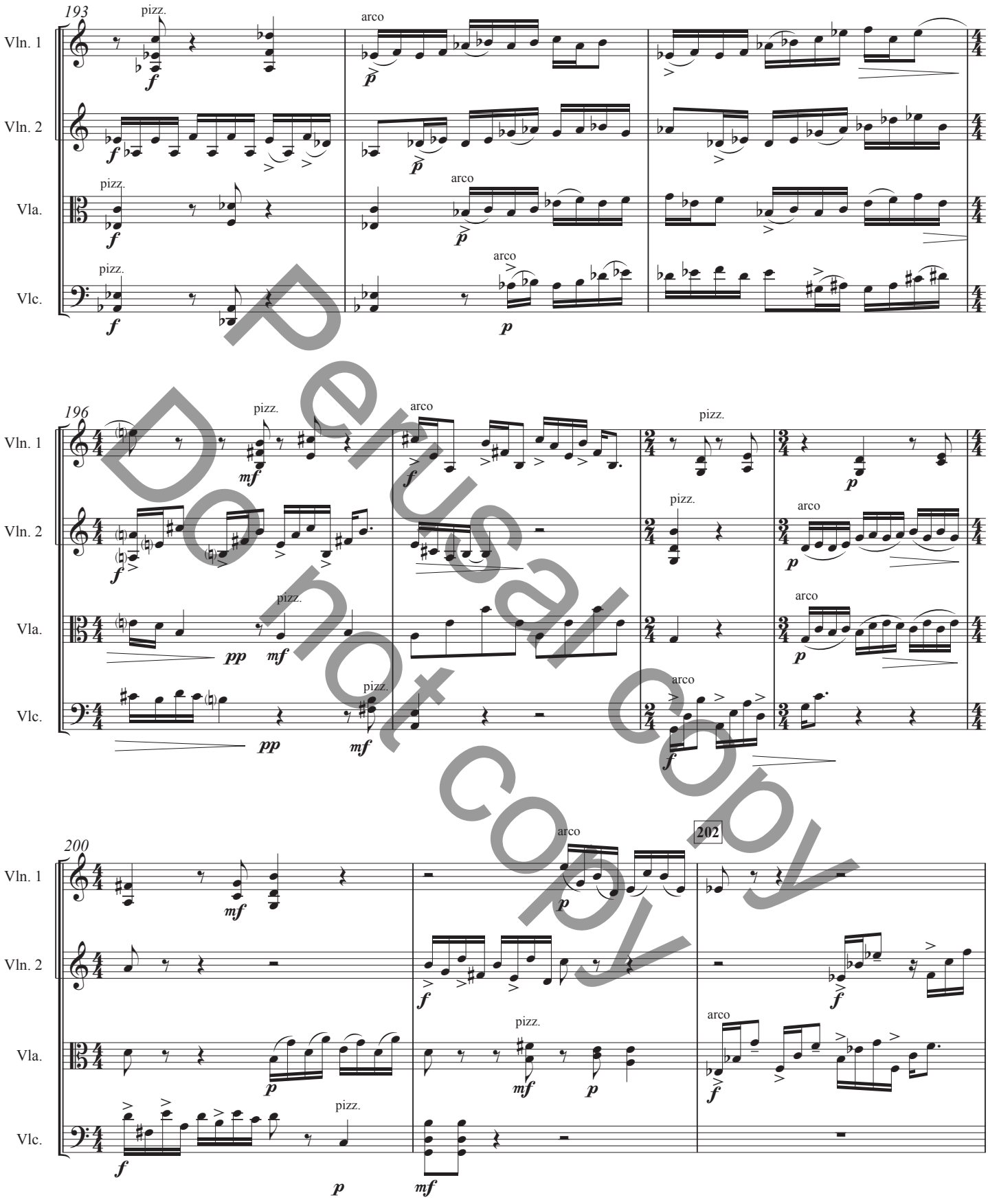

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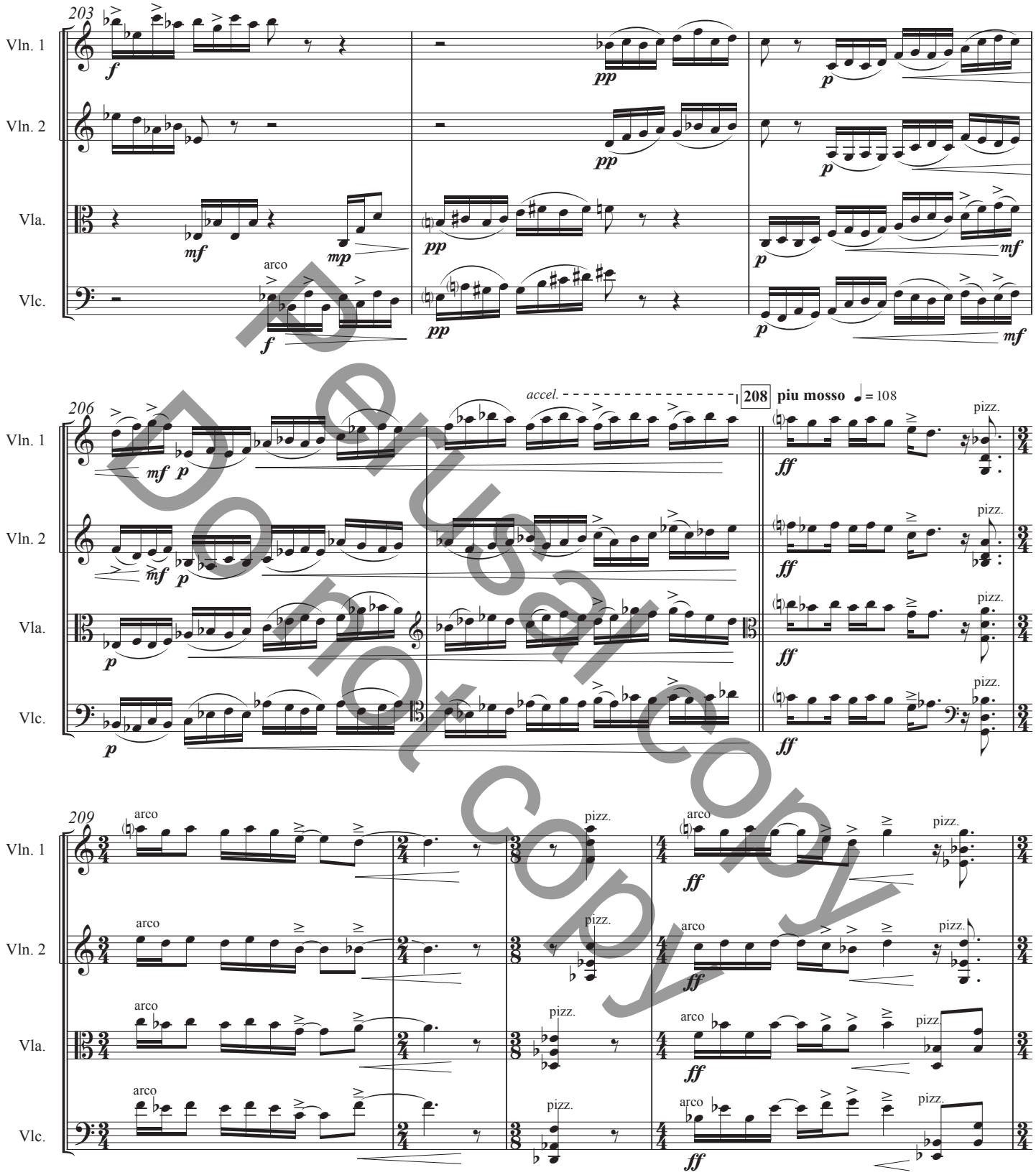

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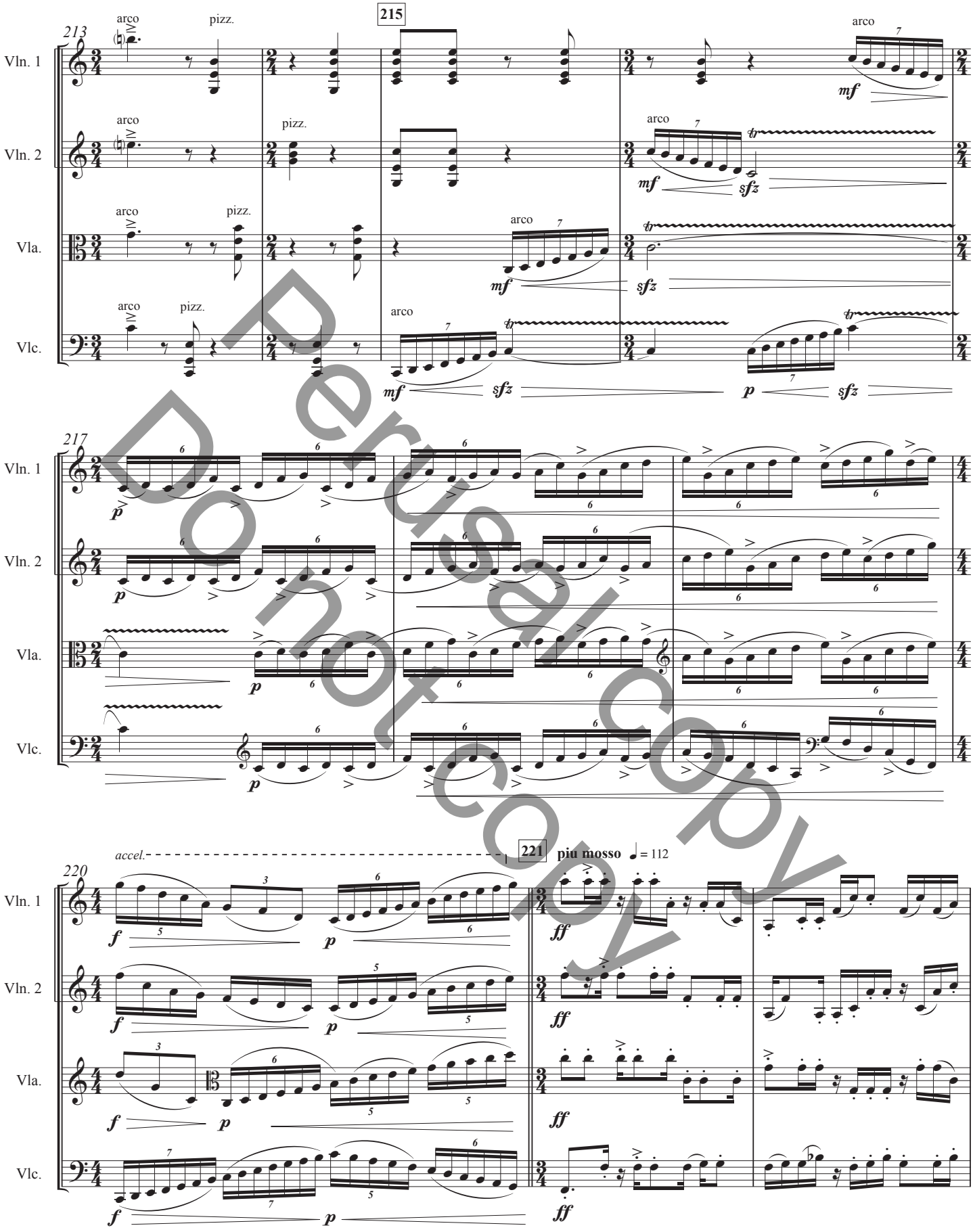

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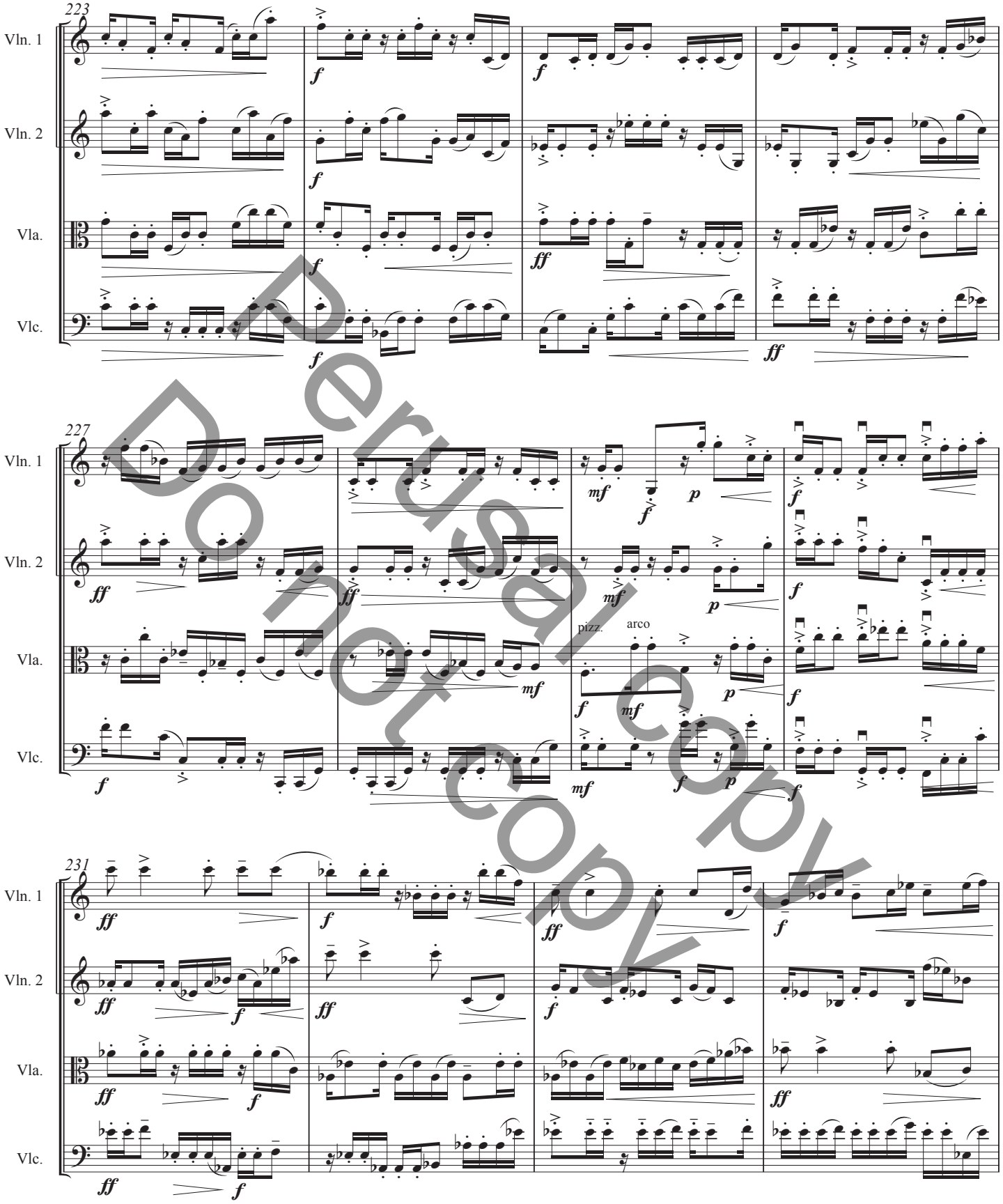

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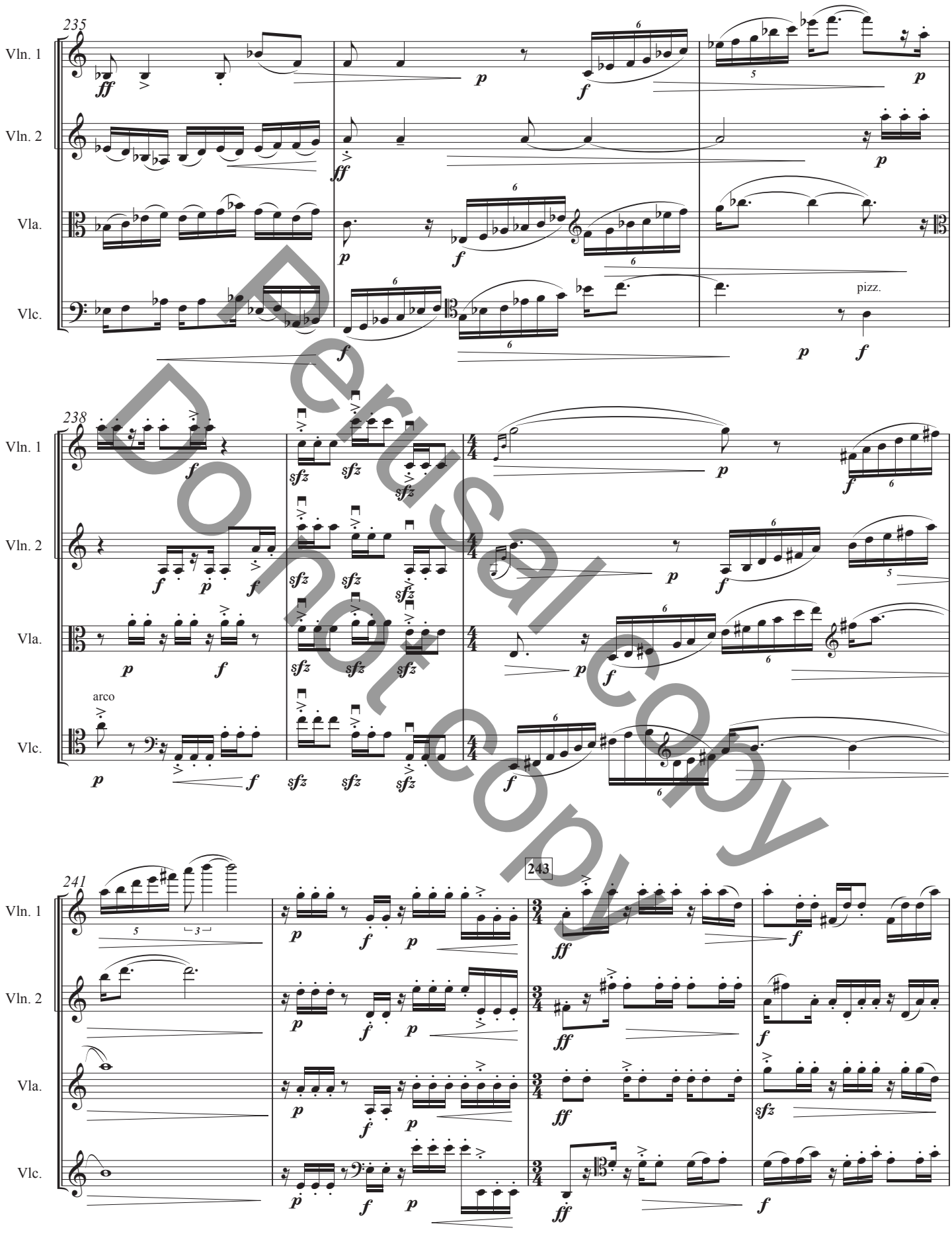

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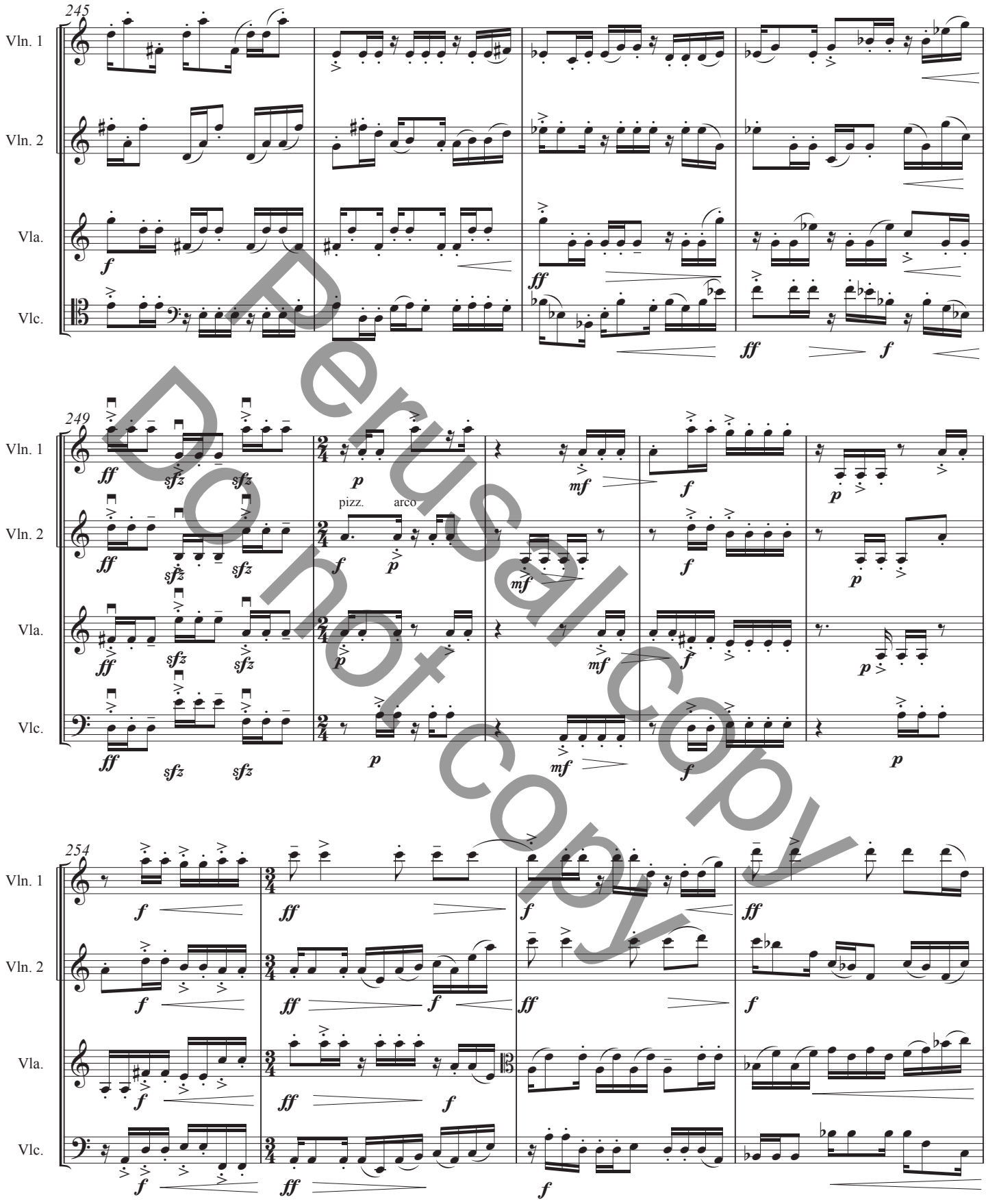

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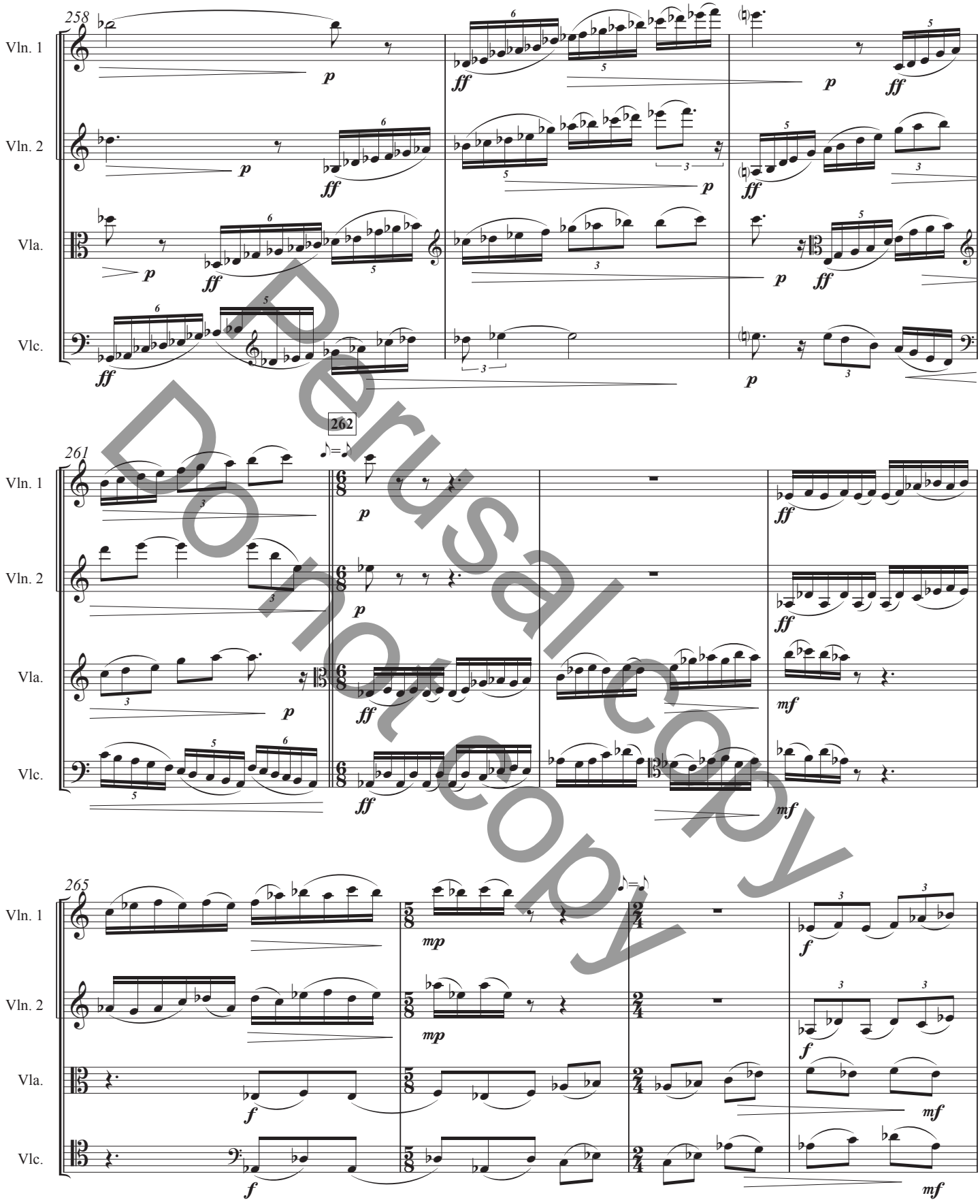

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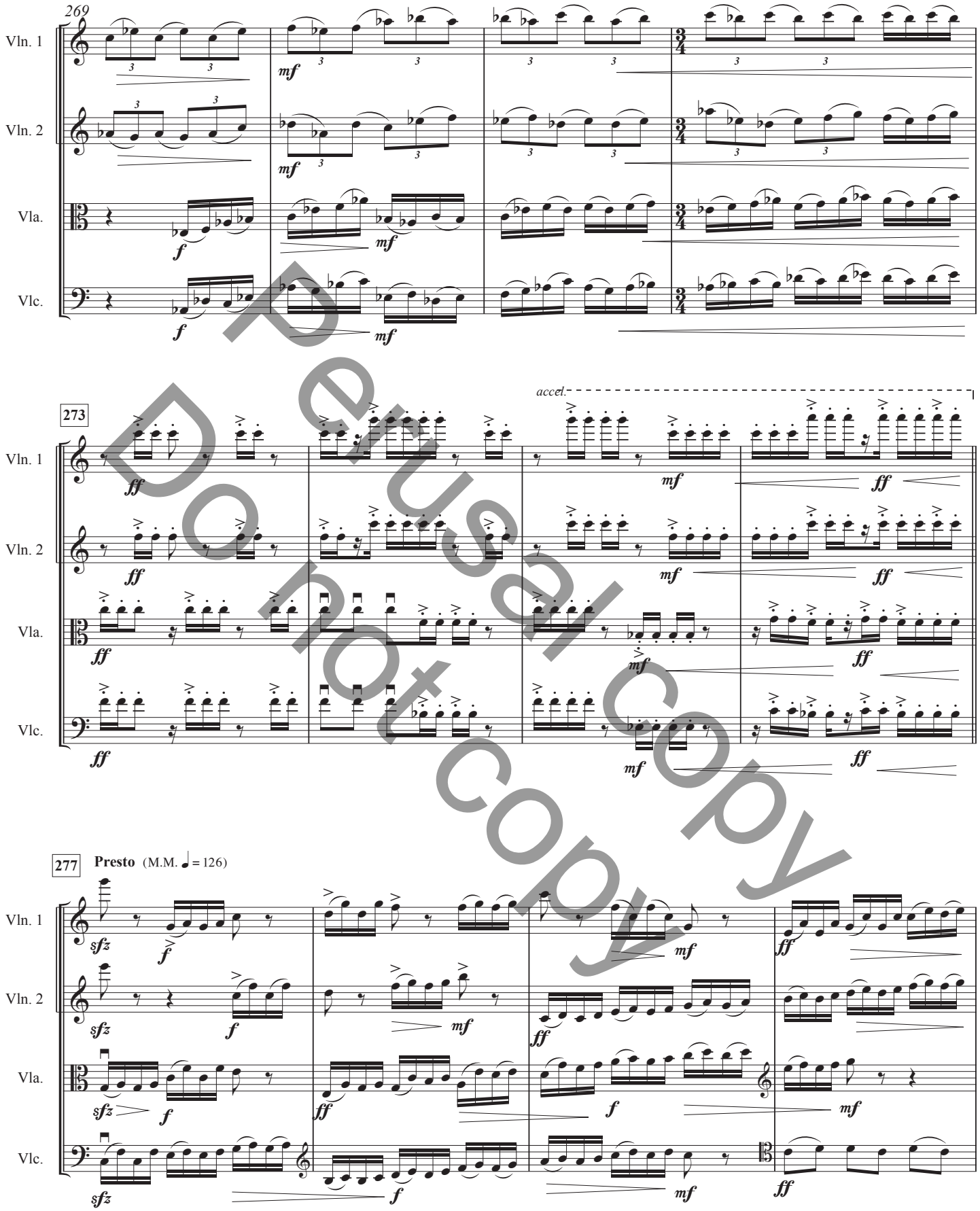

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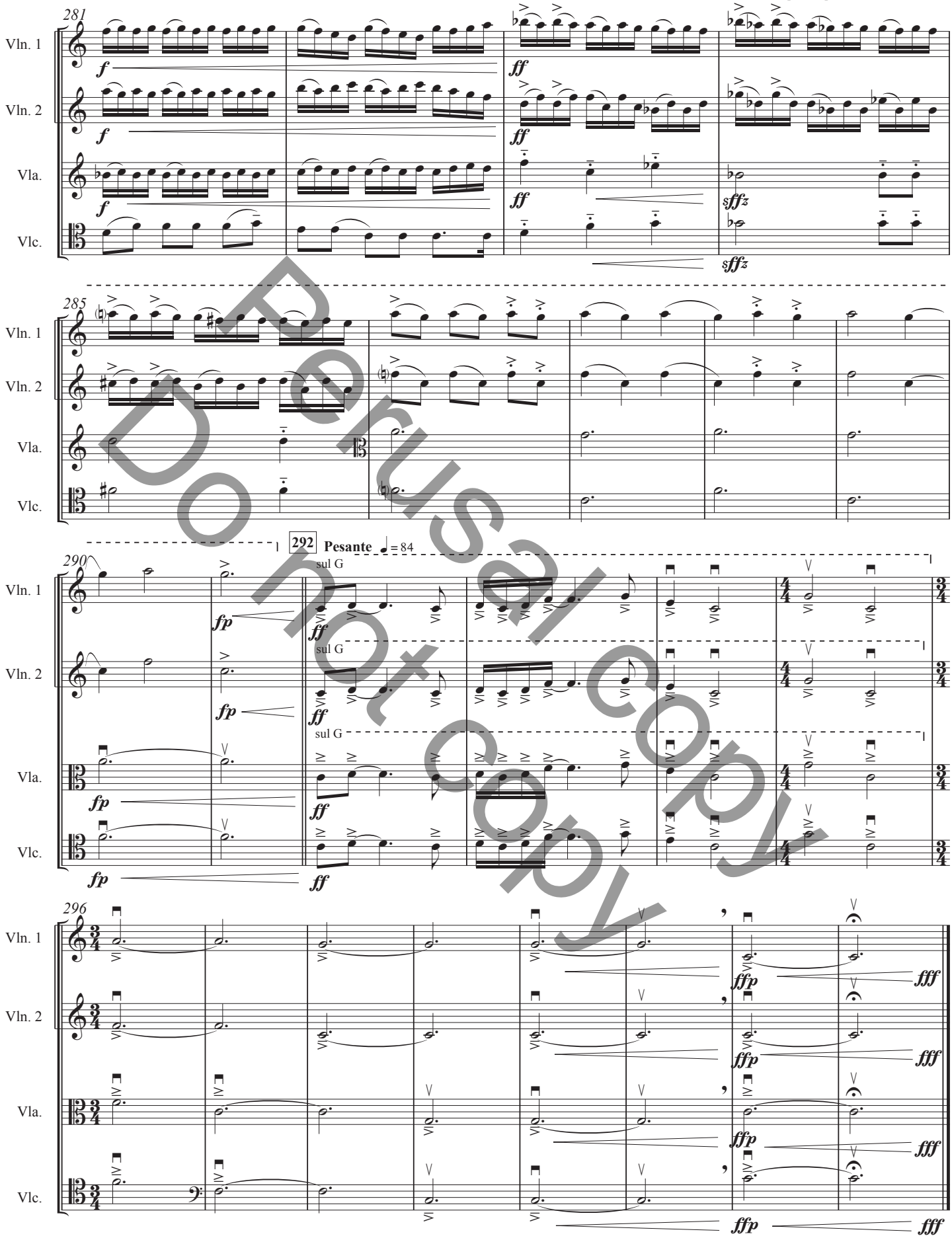

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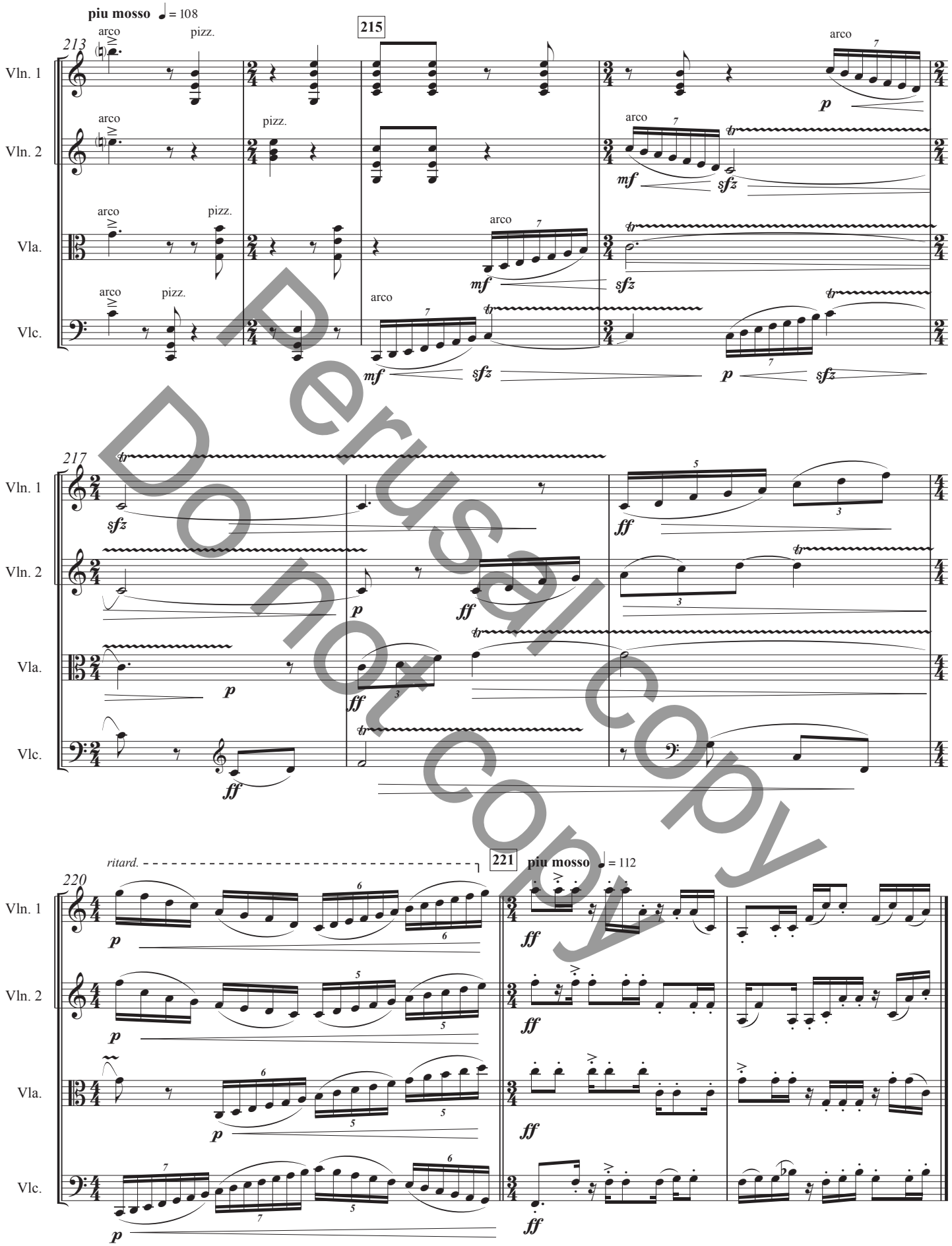

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