The Italian Book of Bells

Compositions & arrangements for bells
by Mathieu Daniël Polak and Mattia Malzani

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This volume collects Mathieu Daniël Polak's compositions for Italian bells. These pieces were composed for the bell ringer Mattia Malzani starting from 2021.

Italian keyboard bells have a range of 5 or 8 and rarely 10 or more bells. The sound field is exclusively diatonic and in the past allowed the performance of popular or religious music, music on which the Italian bell tradition is still based today. With these compositions Polak expresses new ideas and new compositional styles fully revealing the potential of the instrument.

- Mattia Malzani, 14 July 2024 -

Questo volume raccoglie le composizioni di Mathieu Daniël Polak per campane italiane. Questi brani sono stati composti per il campanaro Mattia Malzani a partire dal 2021.

Le campane a tastiera in Italia hanno un'estensione di 5 o 8 e raramente 10 o più campane. L'ambito sonoro è esclusivamente diatonico e consentiva in passato l'esecuzione di musica popolare o religiosa, musica su cui si basa ancora oggi la tradizione campanaria italiana. Con queste composizioni Polak esprime nuove idee e nuovi stili compositivi rivelando appieno le potenzialità dello strumento.

- Mattia Malzani, 14 Luglio 2024 -

To be premiered by Mattia Malzani

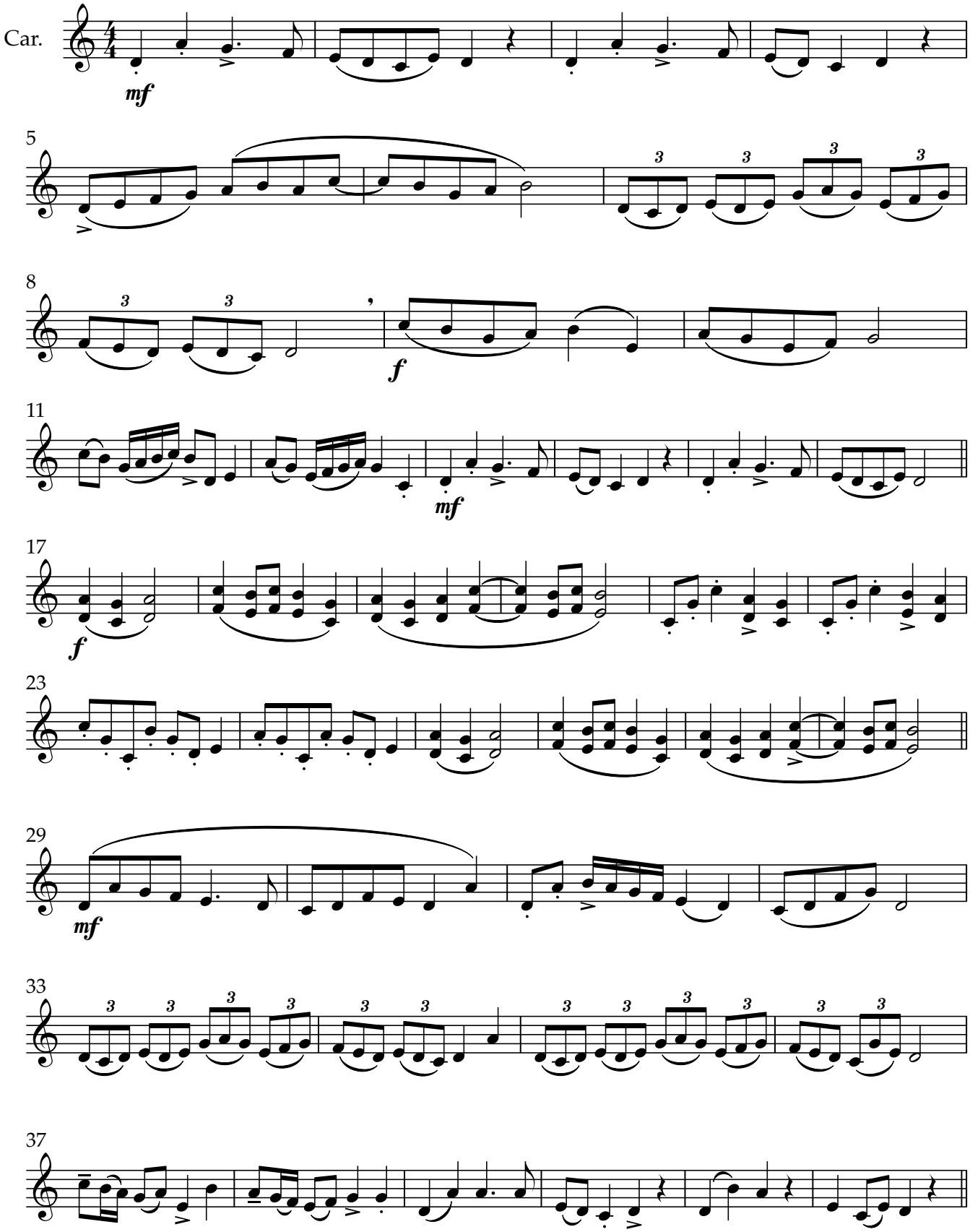
Phantasy for Italian Carillon

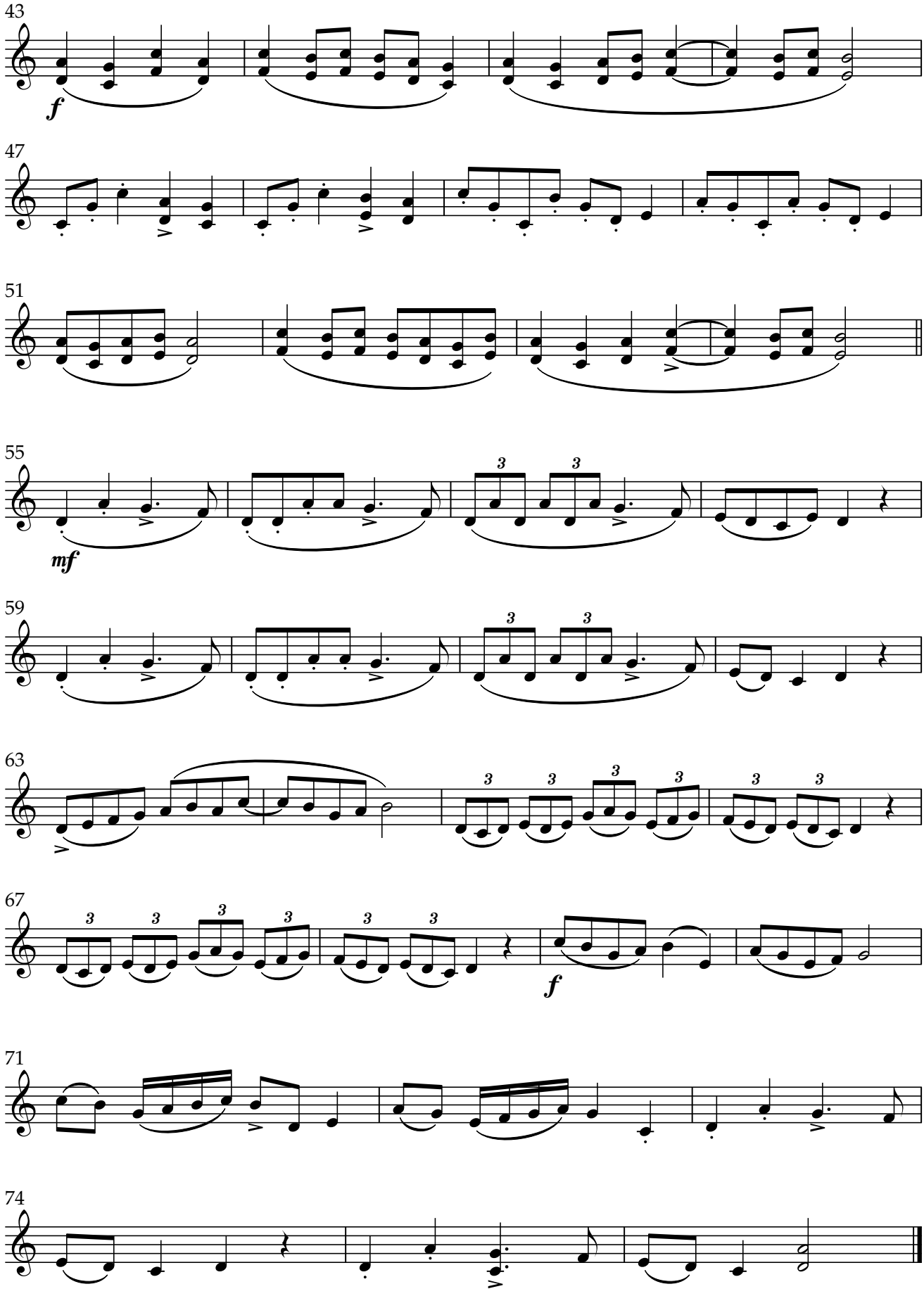
2021

Mathieu Daniël Polak

Con bravura (♩ = c. 116)

Car.

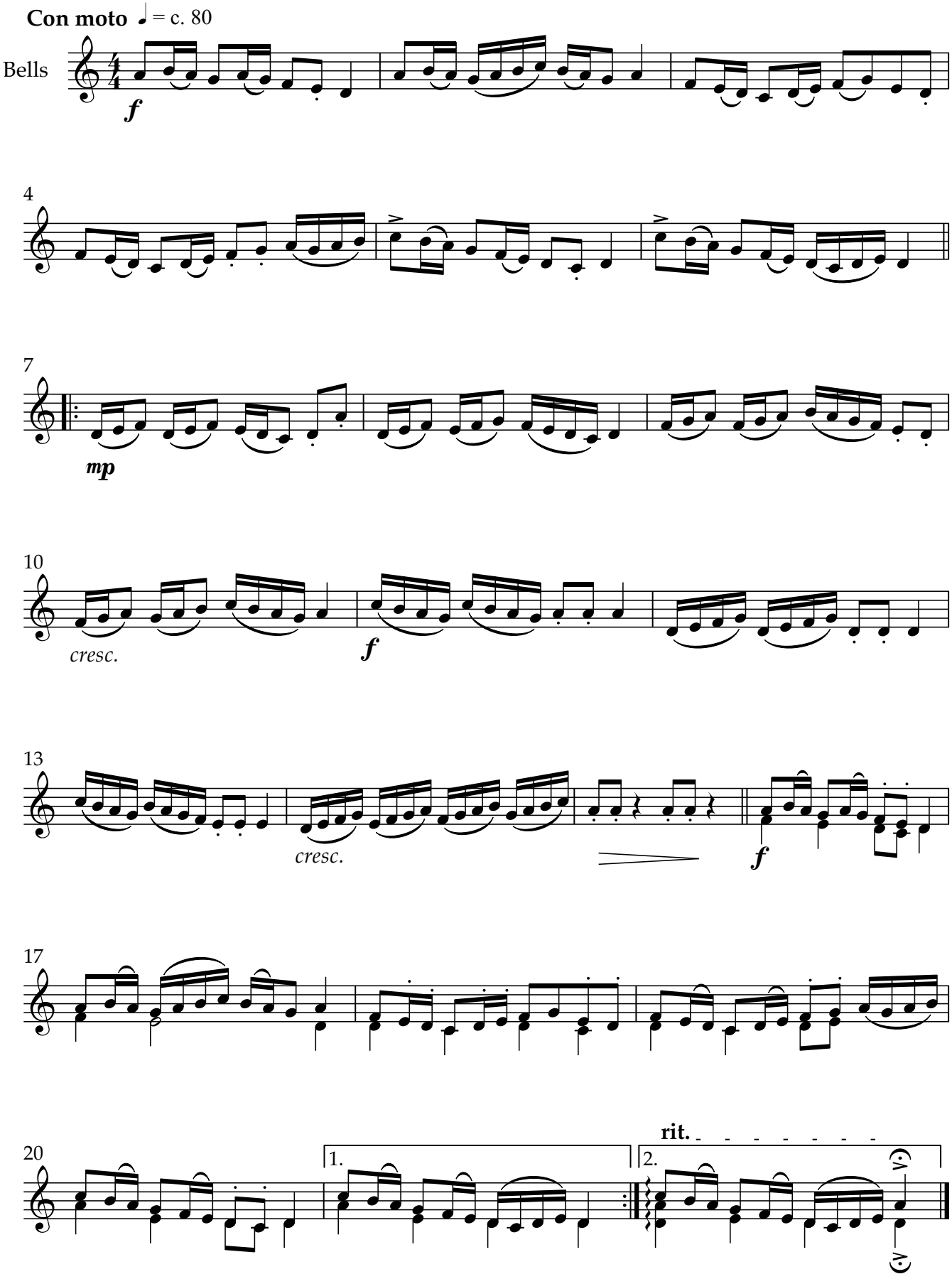



43
f
47
51
55
mf
59
63
67
f
71
74

Ballata per Campane

Premiered at the Festa Patronale by Mattia Malzani
Pompiano, Italy, November 2022

Mathieu Daniël Polak



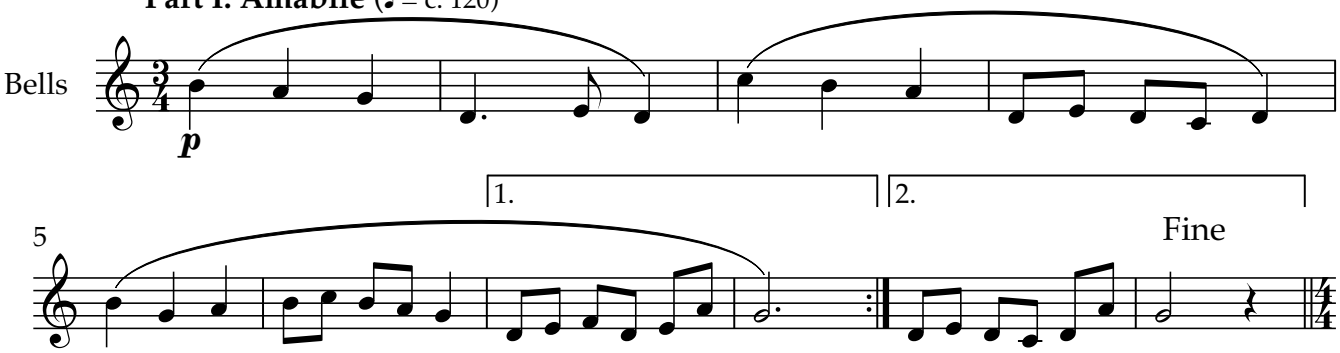
Sonata di San Andrea

Premiered by Mattia Malzani
Pompiano, 2022

Mathieu Daniël Polak

Part I: Amabile (♩. = c. 120)

Bells



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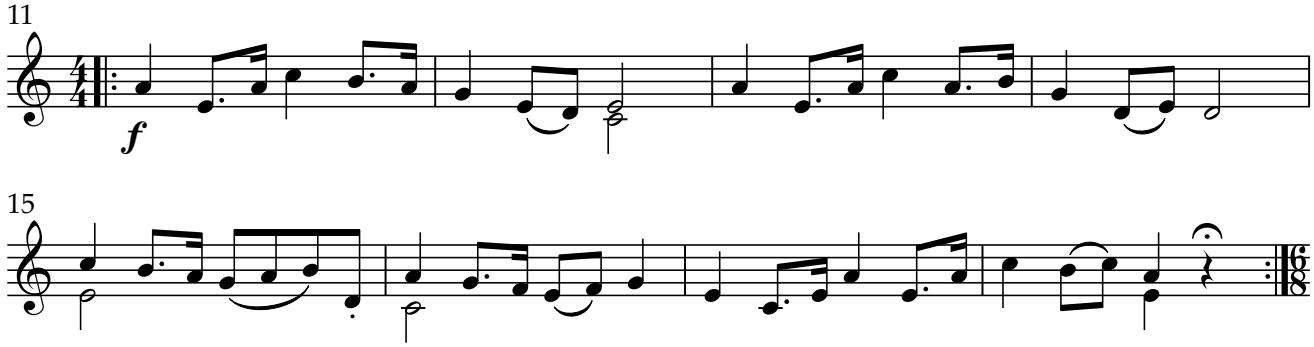
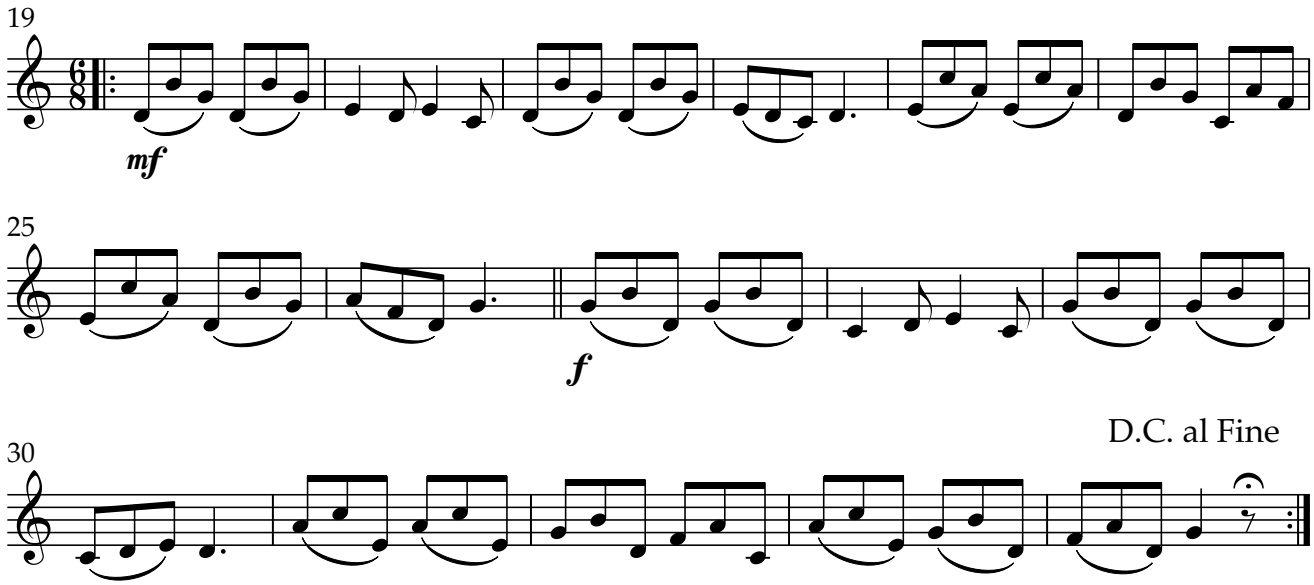


Part III: Giocoso (♩. = c. 132)

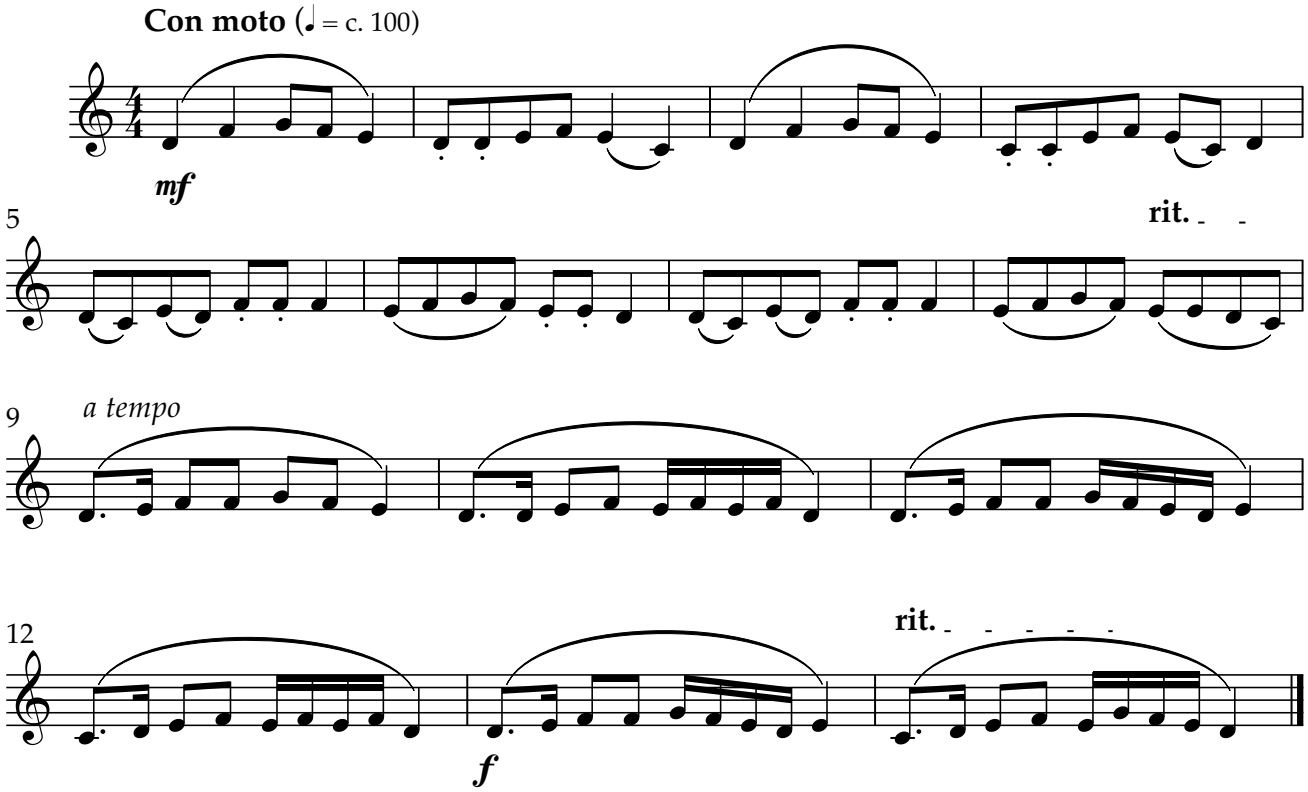


Bagatella all'italiana

For Five Bells

Premiered by Mattia Malzani
Azzano Mella - Brescia 2023

Mathieu Daniël Polak



Piccolo Concerto

per 5 campane

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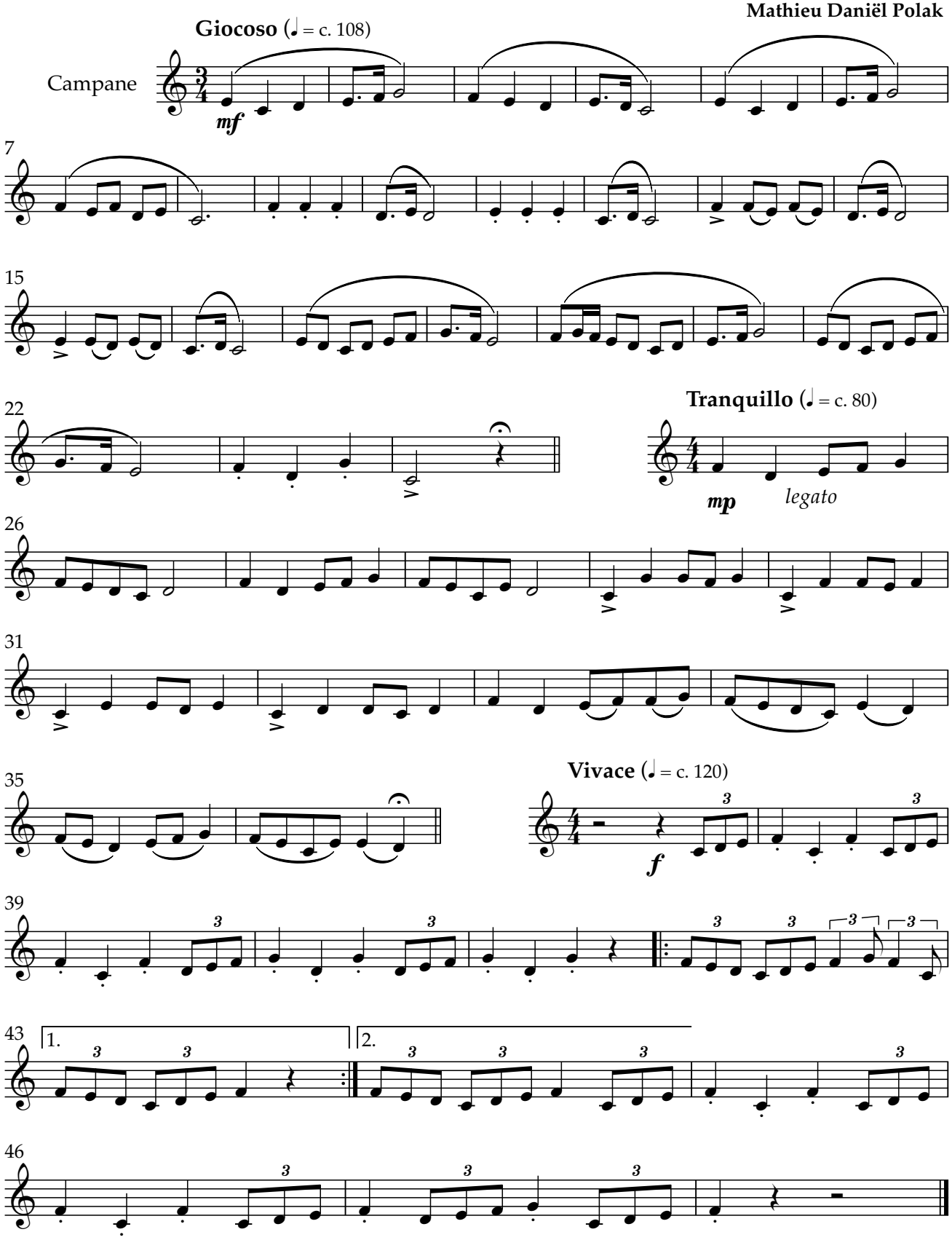
Gandino, September 2023

Mathieu Daniël Polak

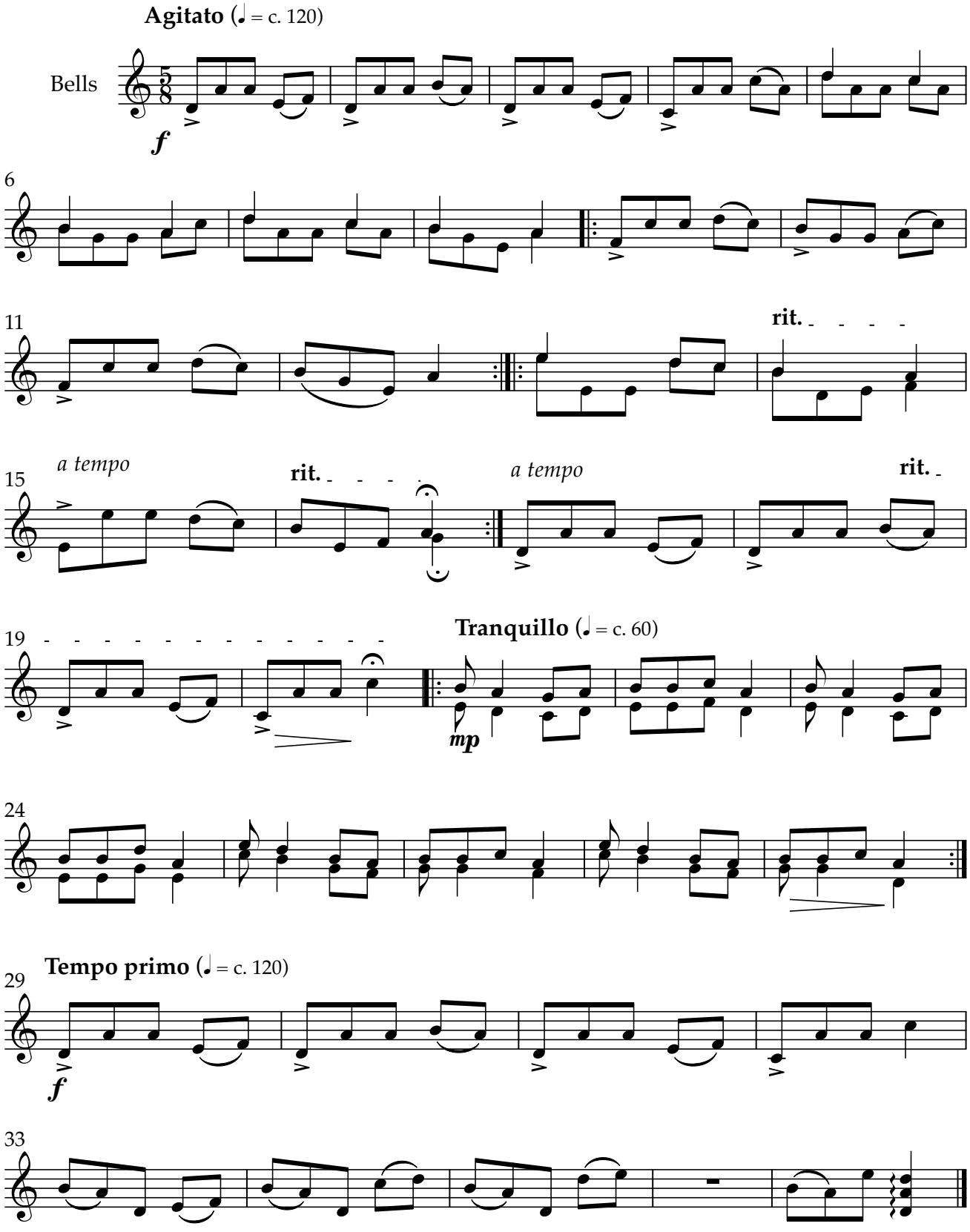


Ricordanza

for carillon

Composed 2023

Mathieu Daniël Polak



Antica Danza

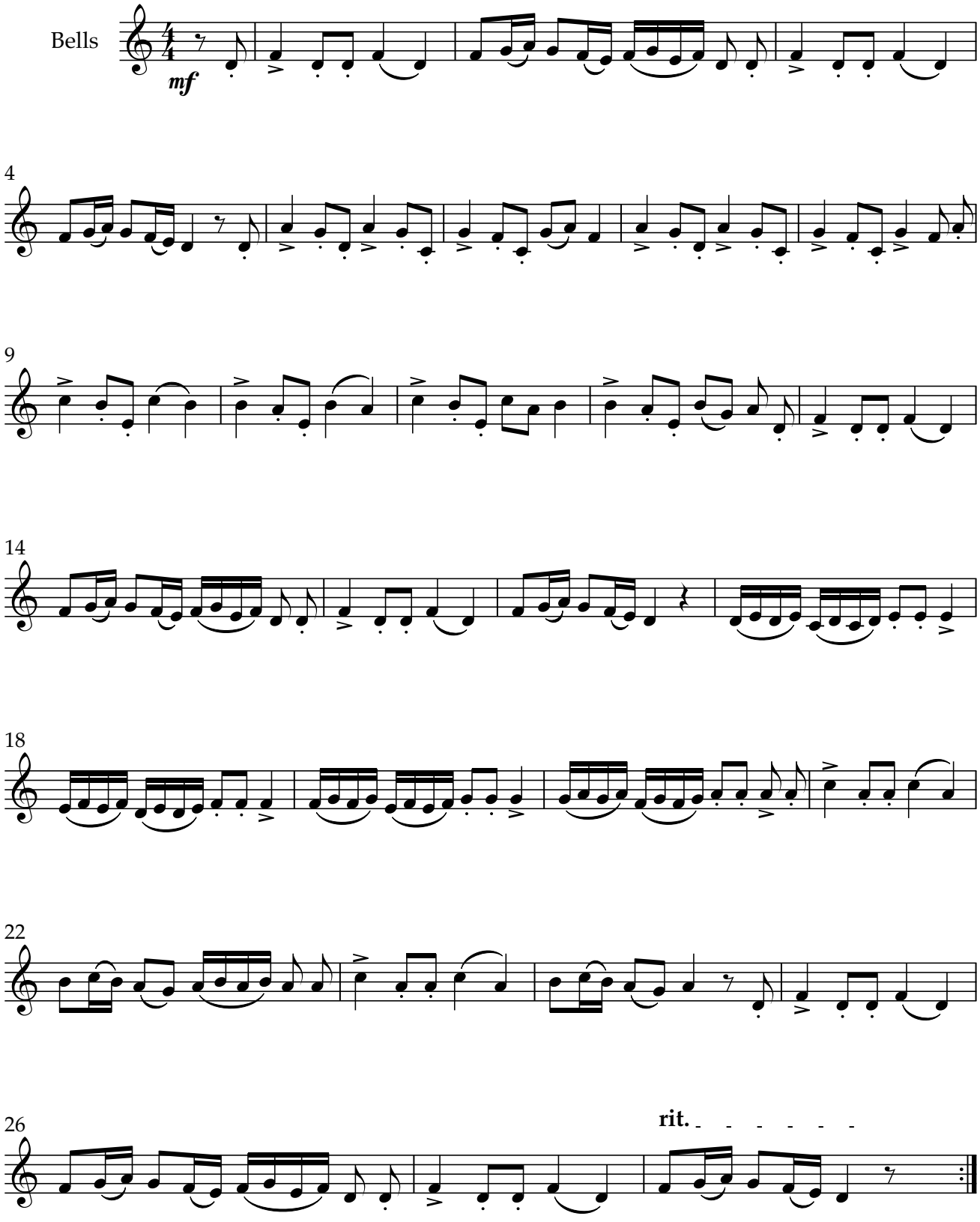
Ode to the Italian Ars Nova

Premiered by Mattia Malzani
2023

Mathieu Daniël Polak

Moderato

Bells

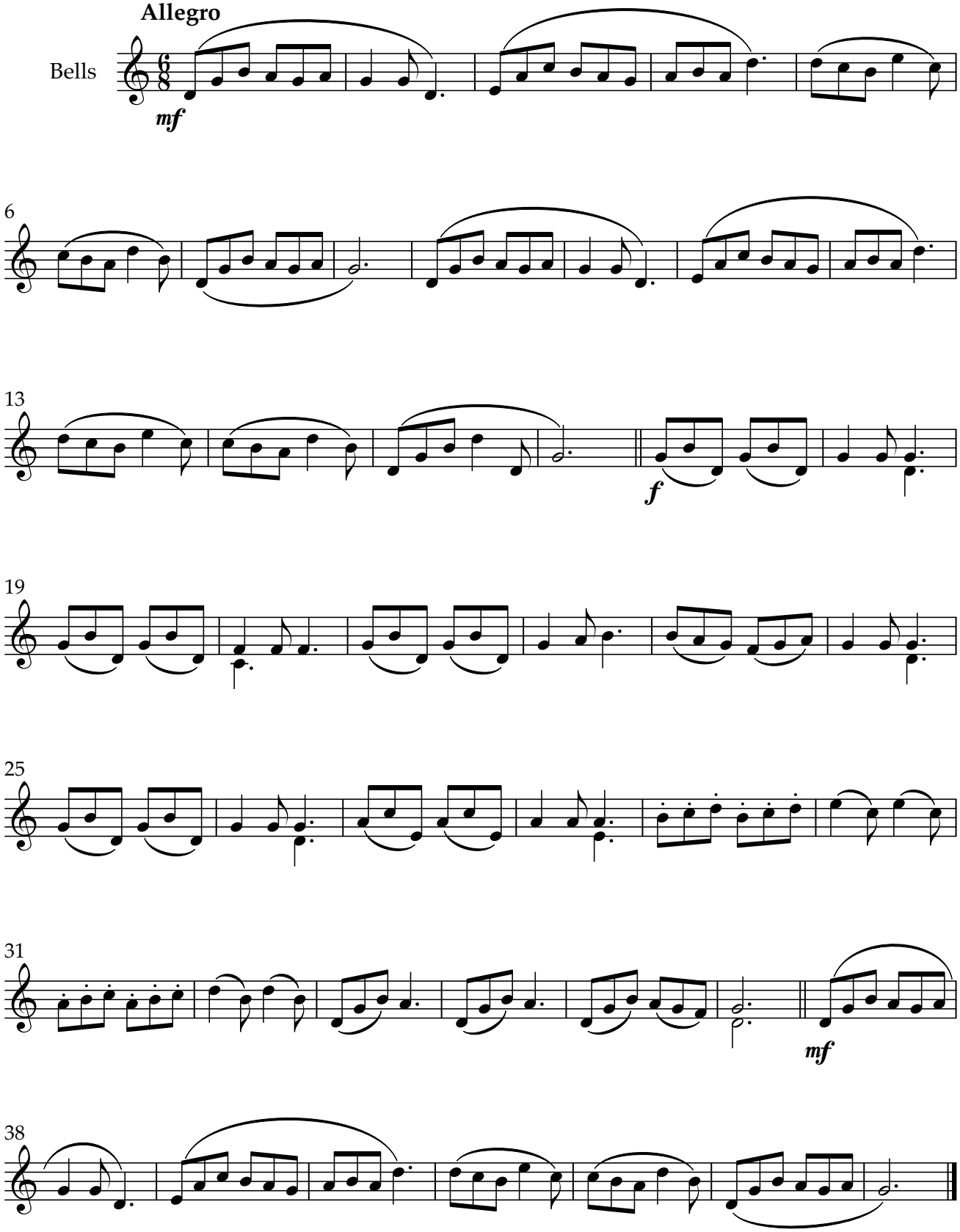


Il pia Baghet

Pastoral

Dedicated to Mattia Malzani

Mathieu Daniel Polak



Prayer for Peace

Premiered by
Mattia Malzani 2023

for Baghet (melody) & Organ (chords)
or Bells solo (melody)

Pastorale (♩. = c. 64)

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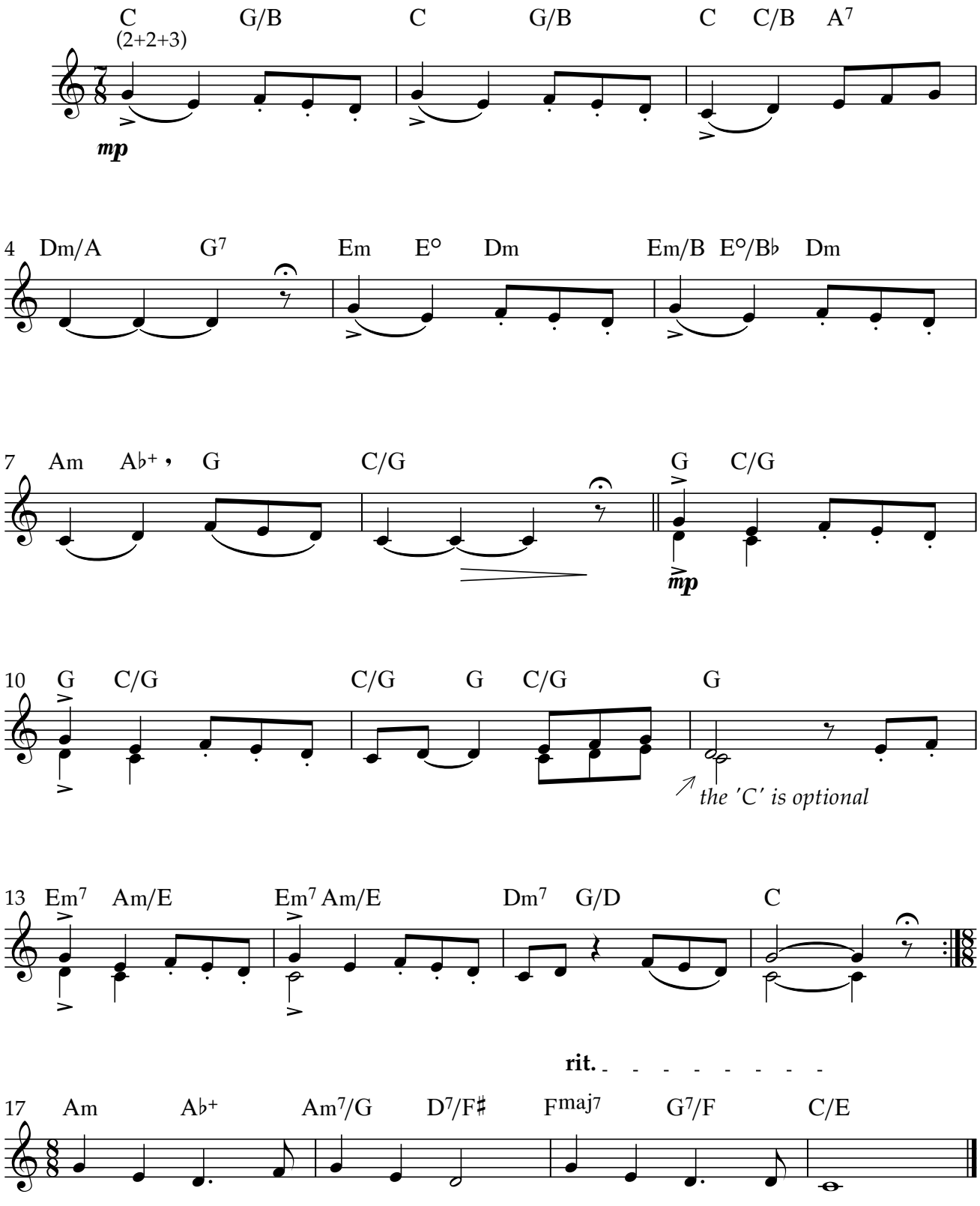

La Libertà

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Crema (Italy), April 2024

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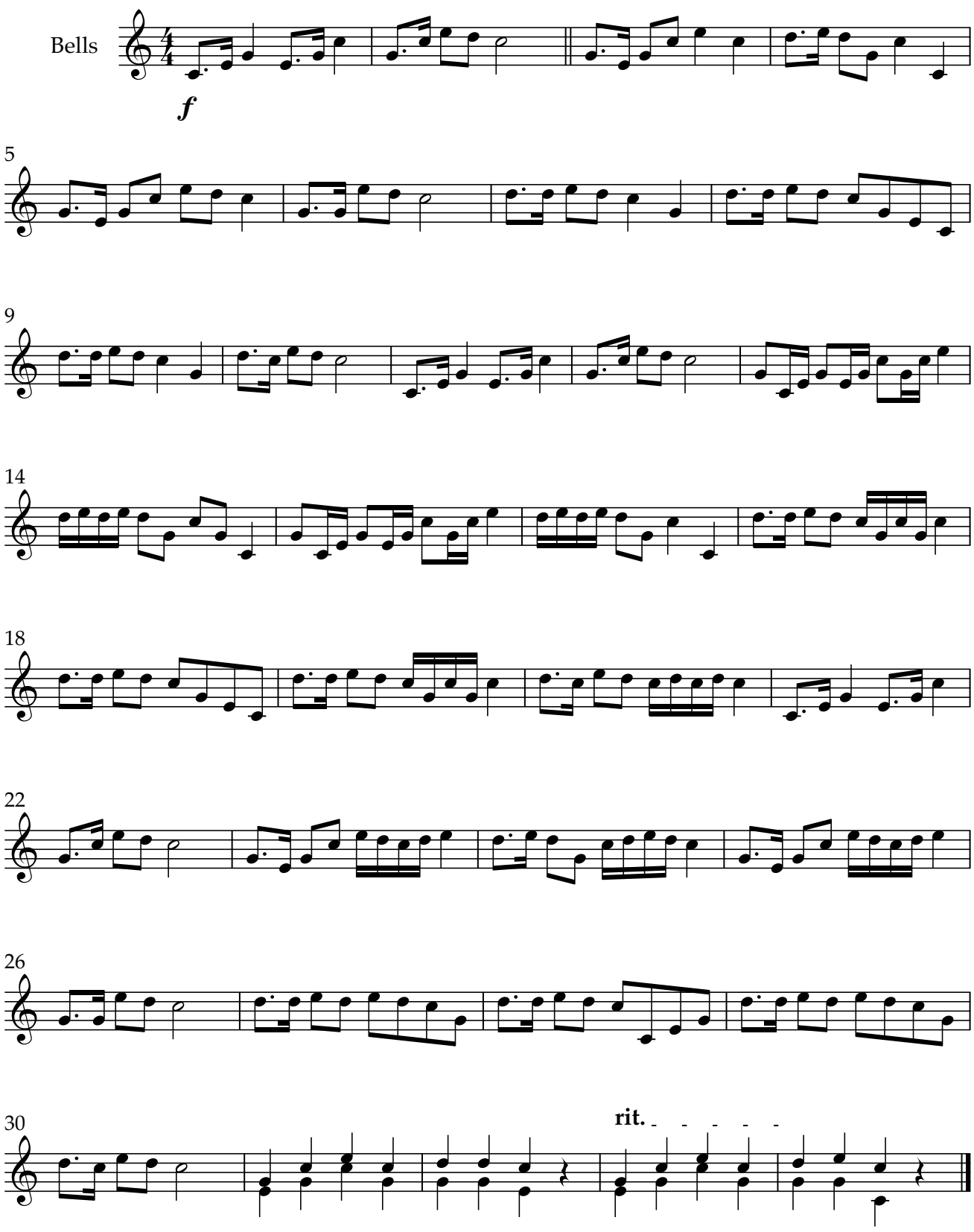
Festivo (♩. = c. 112)



Disordini

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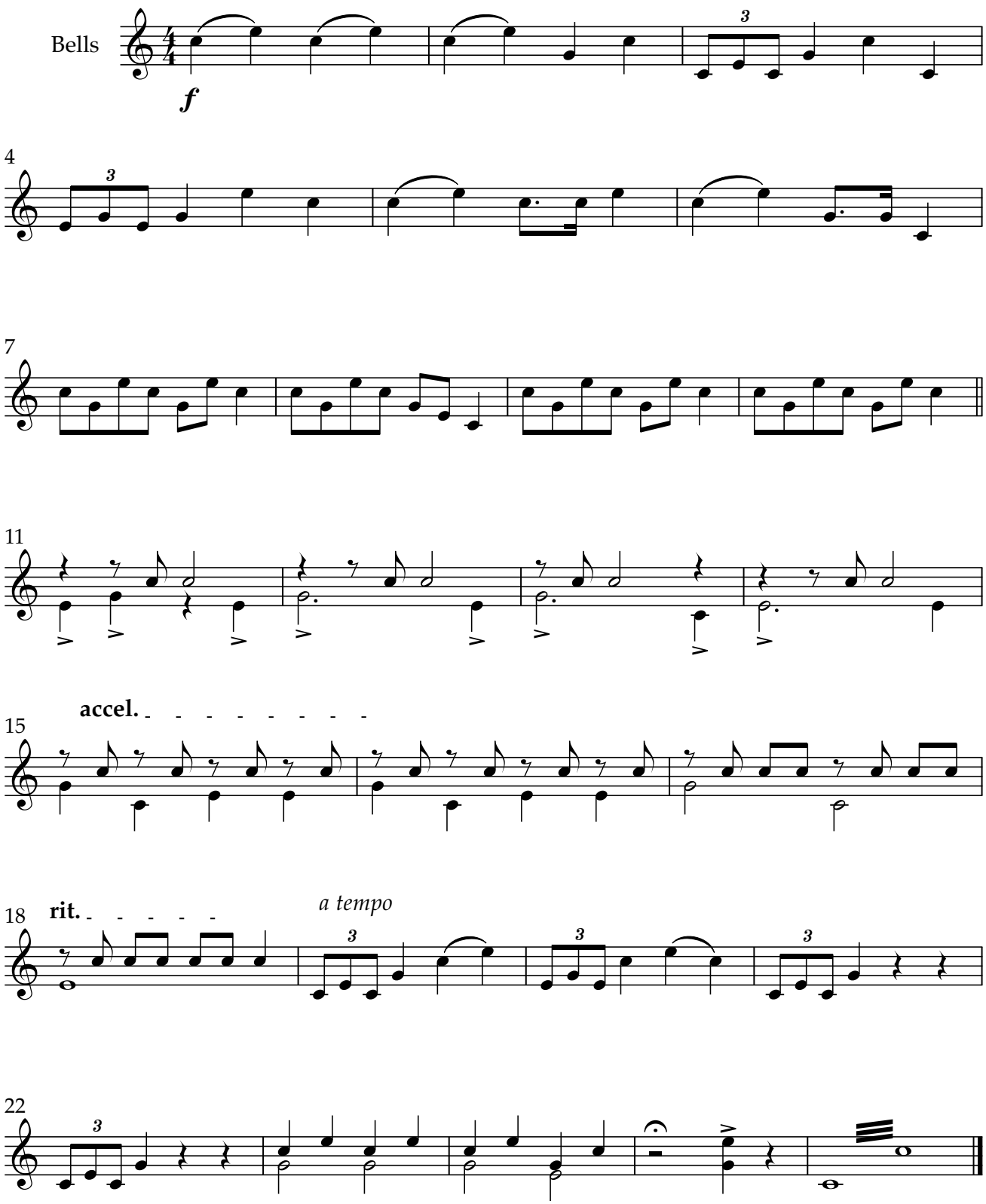
Con moto, poco agitato (♩. = c. 120)

Bells



Military March

for Italian Bells

Premiered by Mattia Malzani
2024

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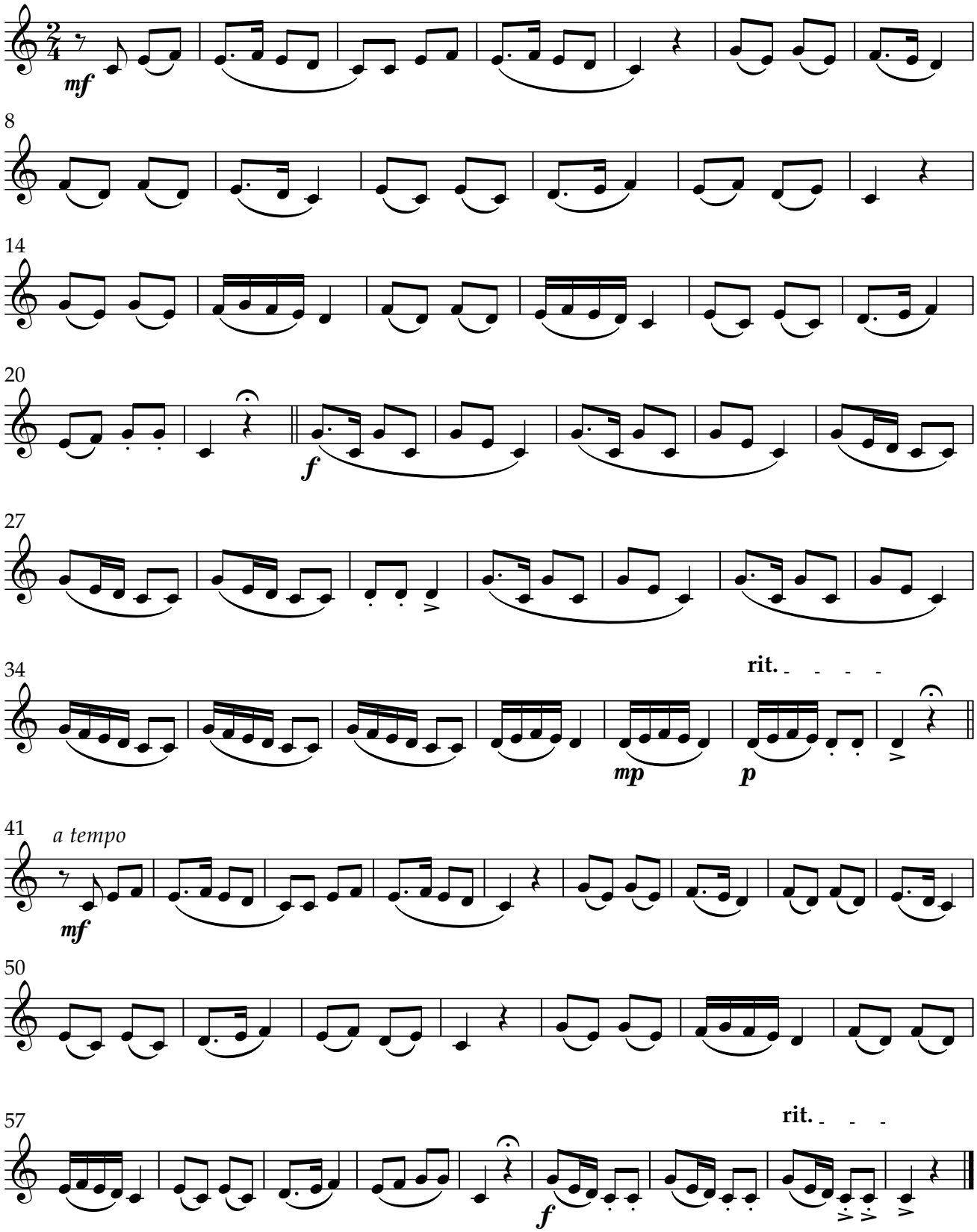
Con bravura (♩ = c. 100)

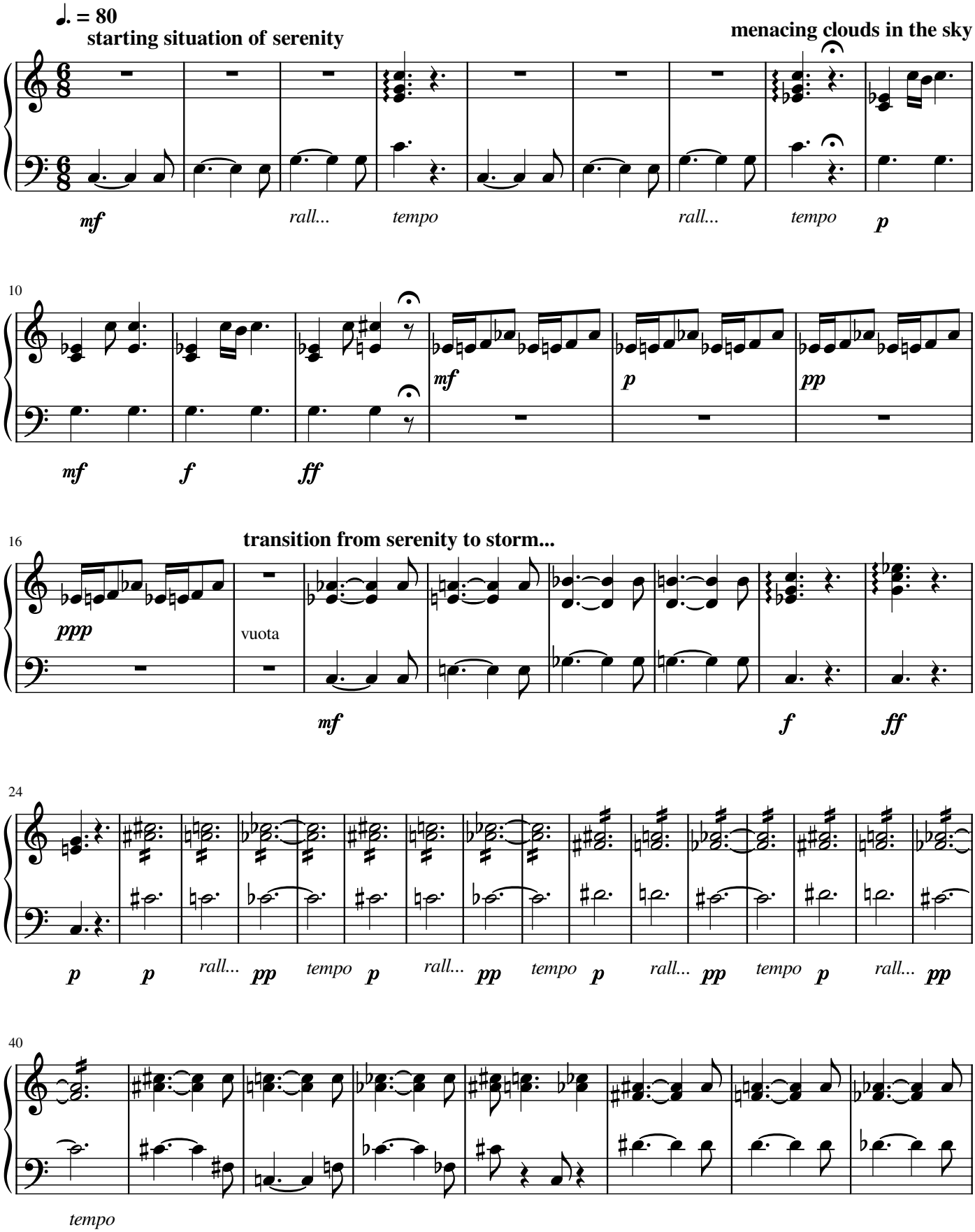


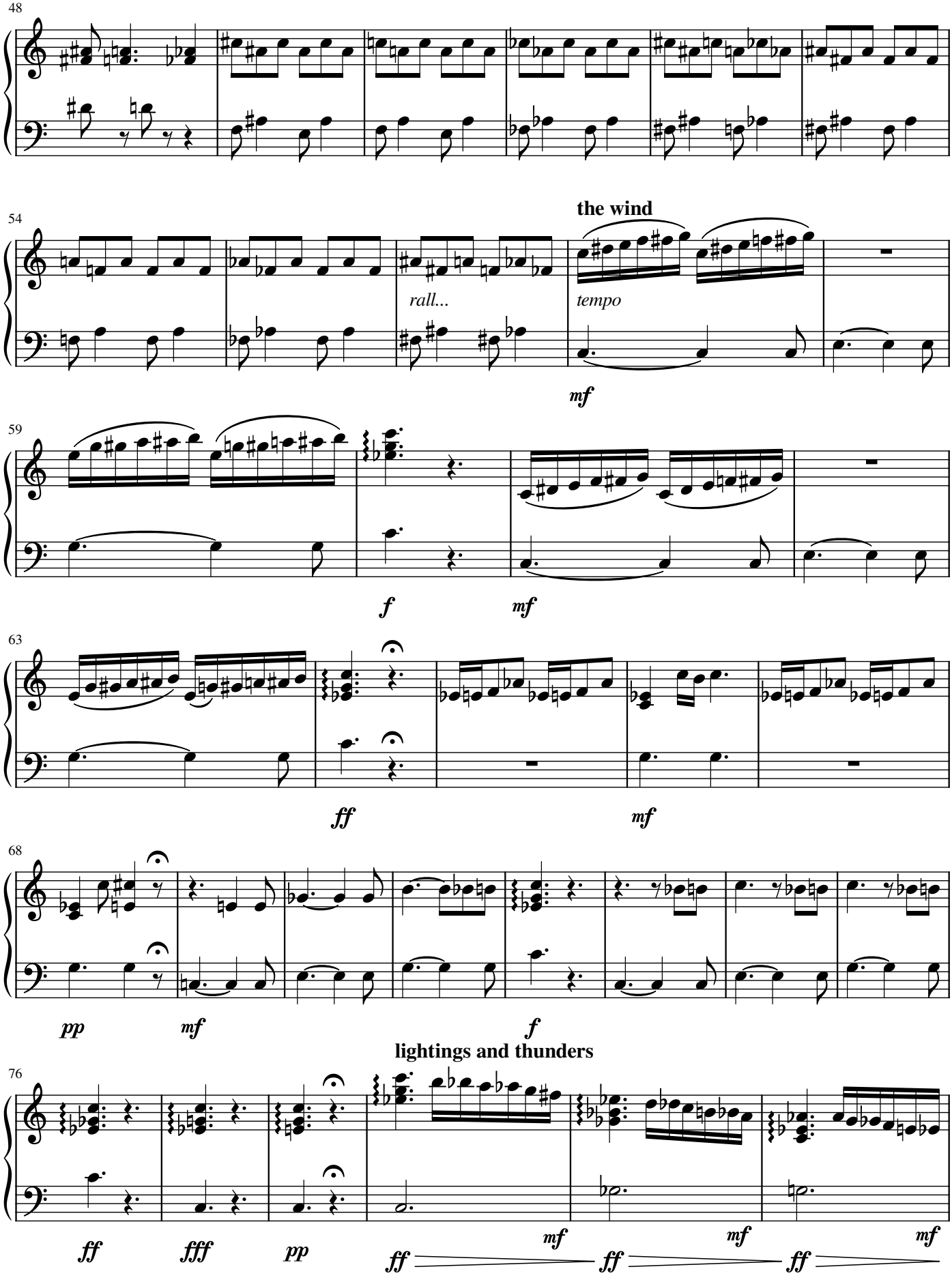
Temporale - The storm

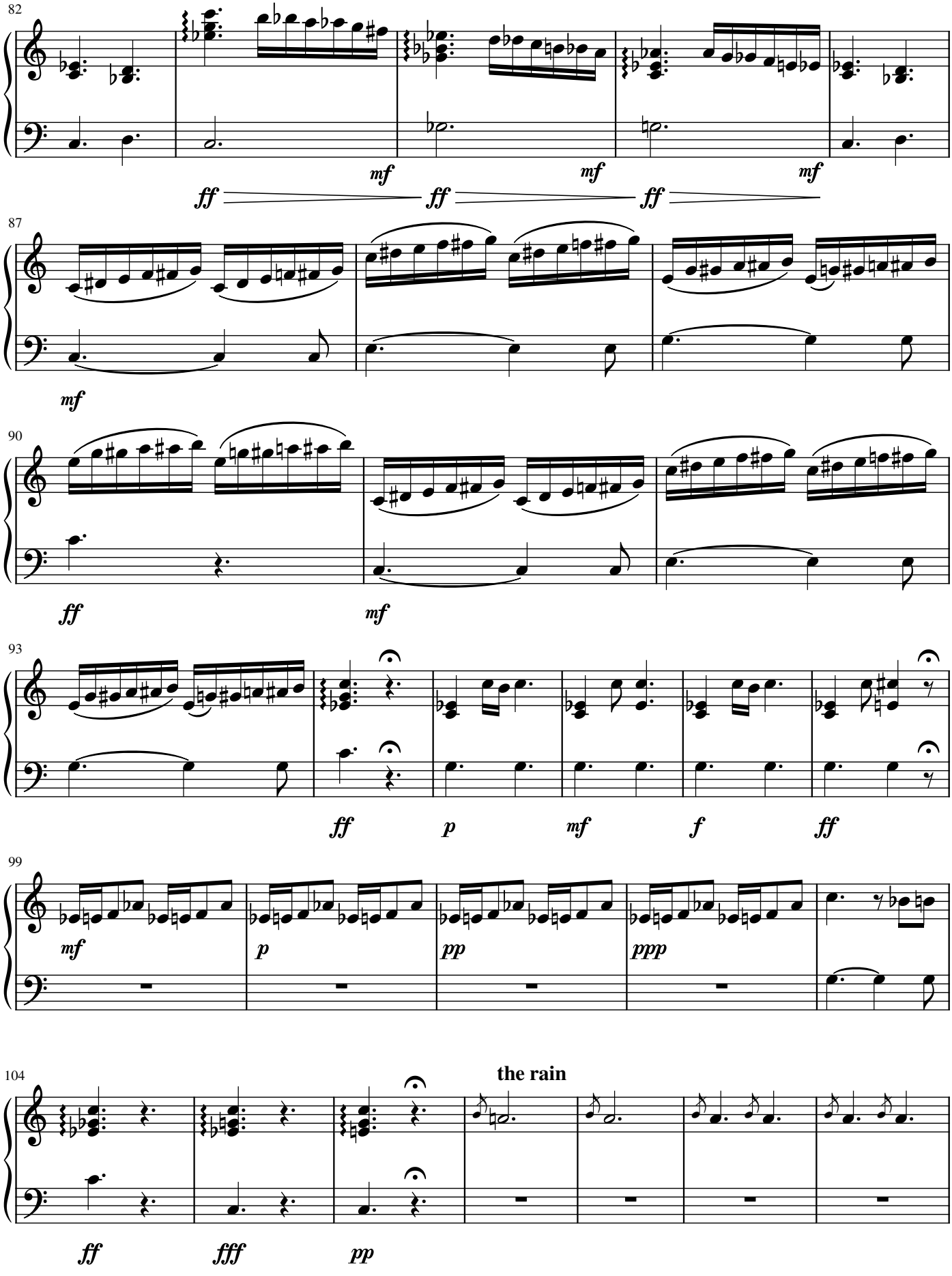
Dedicated to
Mathieu Daniel Polak

For Carillon

Mattia Malzani
19/07/2023




48
54
the wind
rall...
tempo
mf
59
f
mf
63
ff
mf
68
pp
mf
f
lightings and thunders
76
ff
fff
pp
mf
ff
mf
ff
mf


82
mf
mf
mf
ff
ff
ff
87
mf
90
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p
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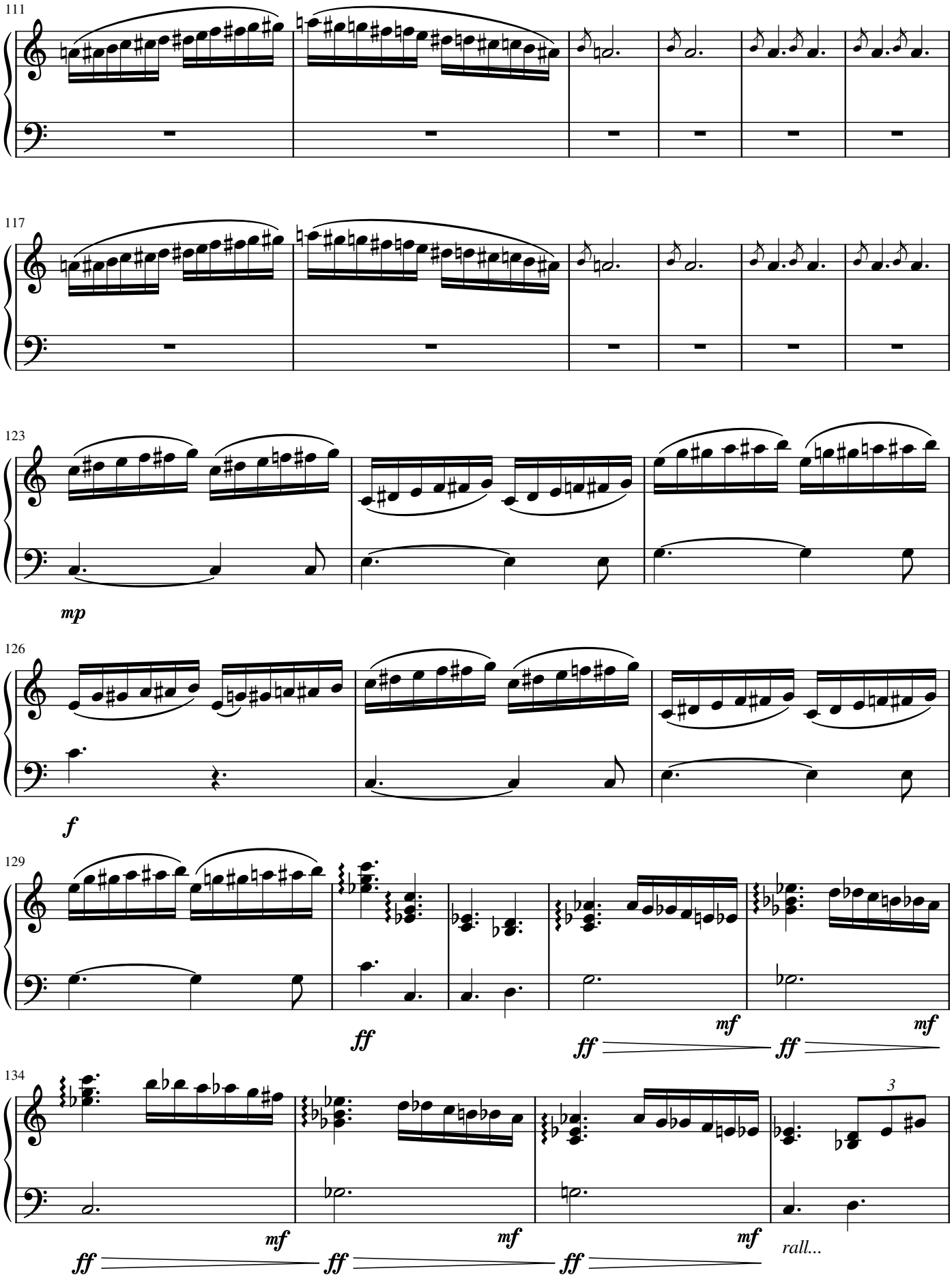
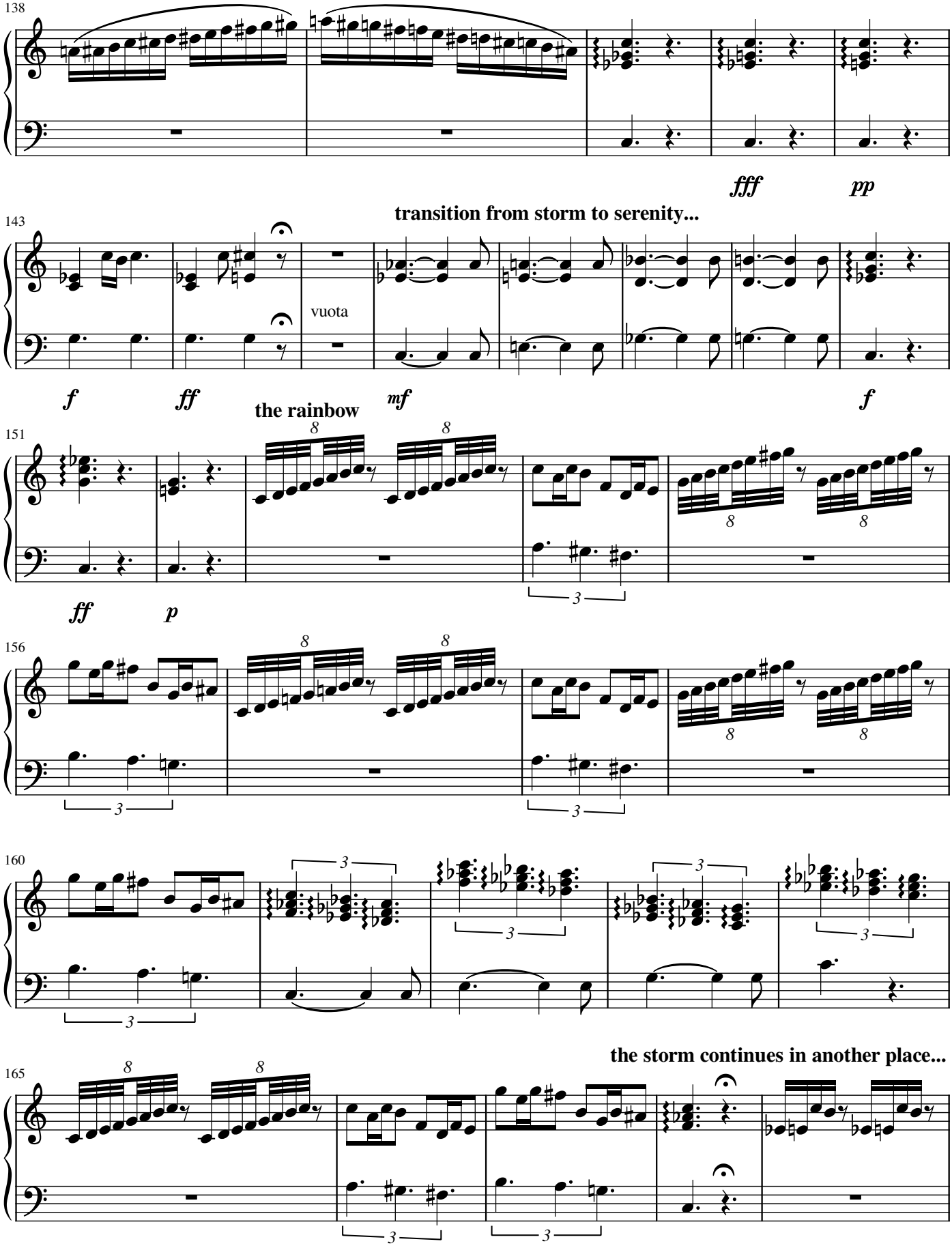
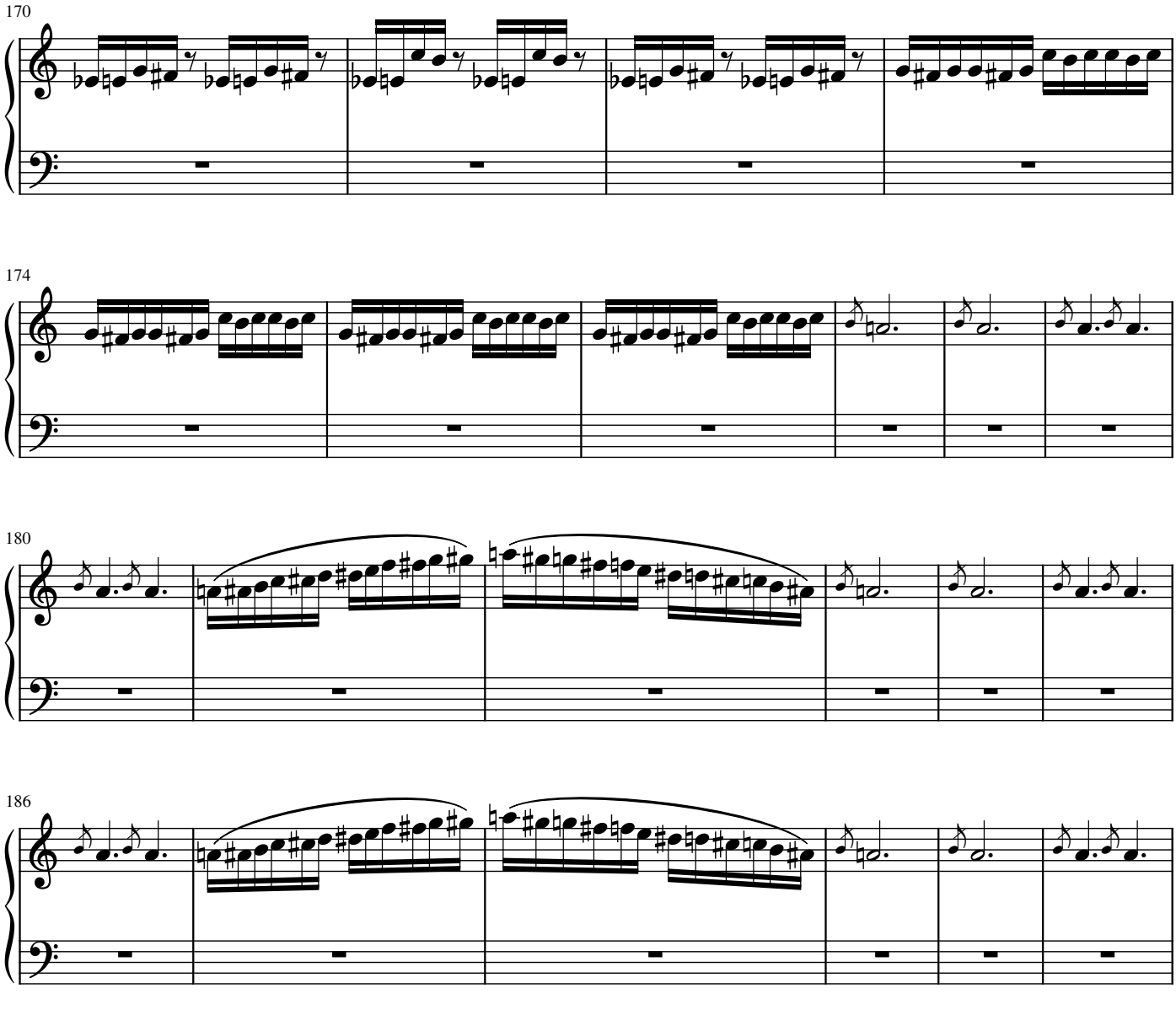
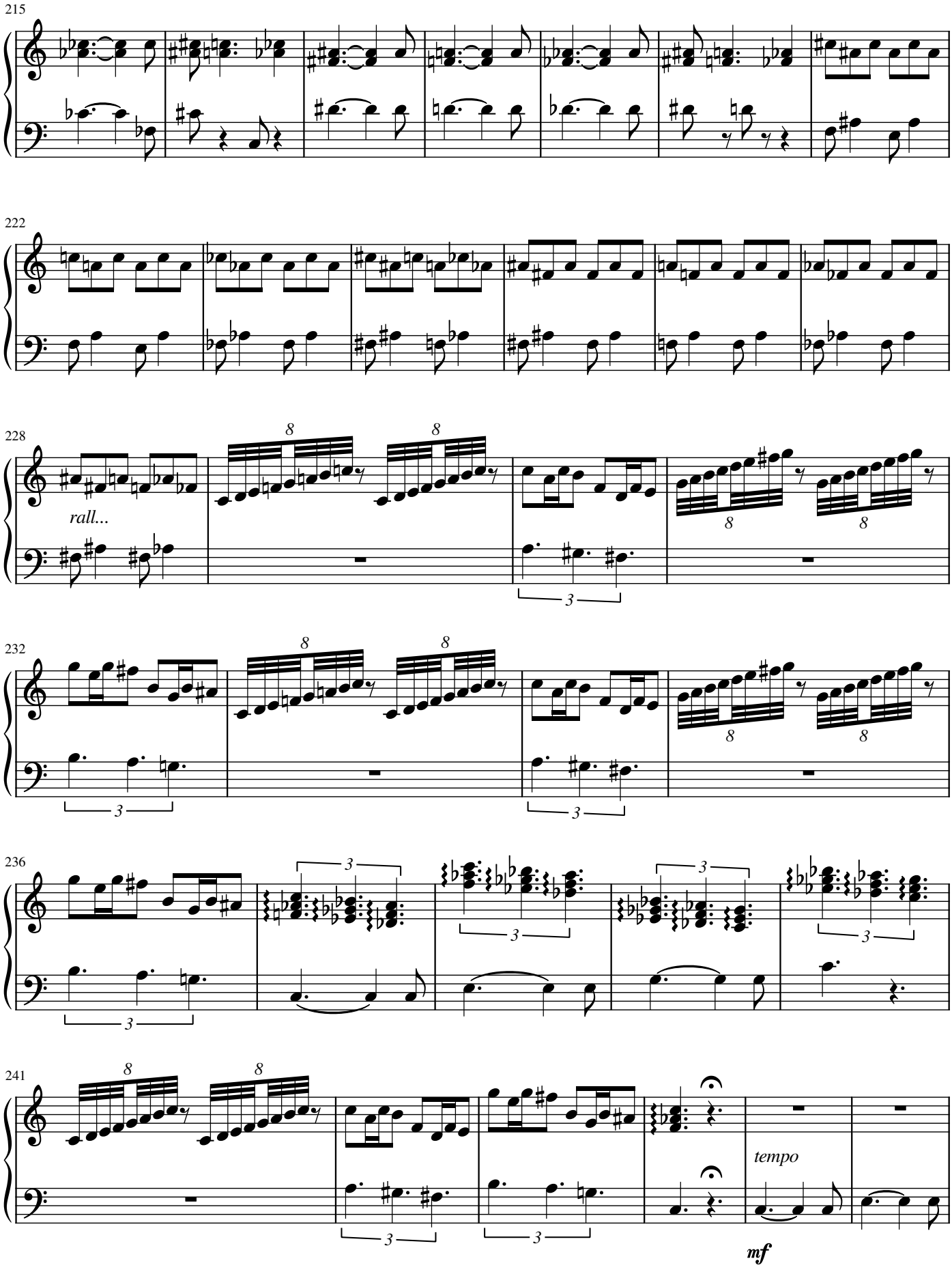
99
mf
p
pp
ppp
104
the rain
ff
fff
pp


111
117
123
mp
126
f
129
ff
mf
ff
mf
ff
134
3
mf
mf
mf
ff
ff
ff
rall...


138
fff
pp
transition from storm to serenity...
143
vuota
f
ff
mf
f
the rainbow
151
ff
p
156
160
the storm continues in another place...
165


170
174
180
186
the noise of the storm slowly fades away...
192
mf
p
rall...
pp
tempo
p
rall...
203
pp
tempo
p
rall...
pp
tempo
p
rall...
pp
tempo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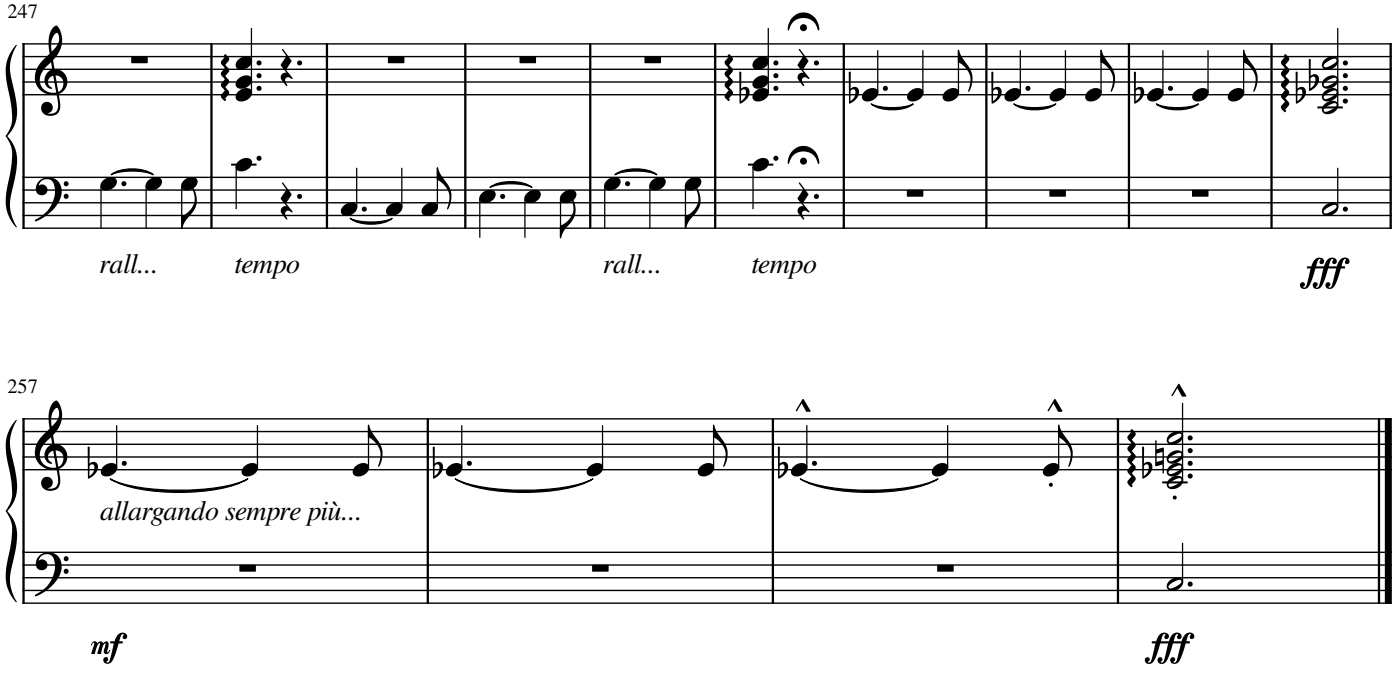
222
228
rall...
232
236
241
tempo
mf


247
rall...
tempo
rall...
tempo
fff

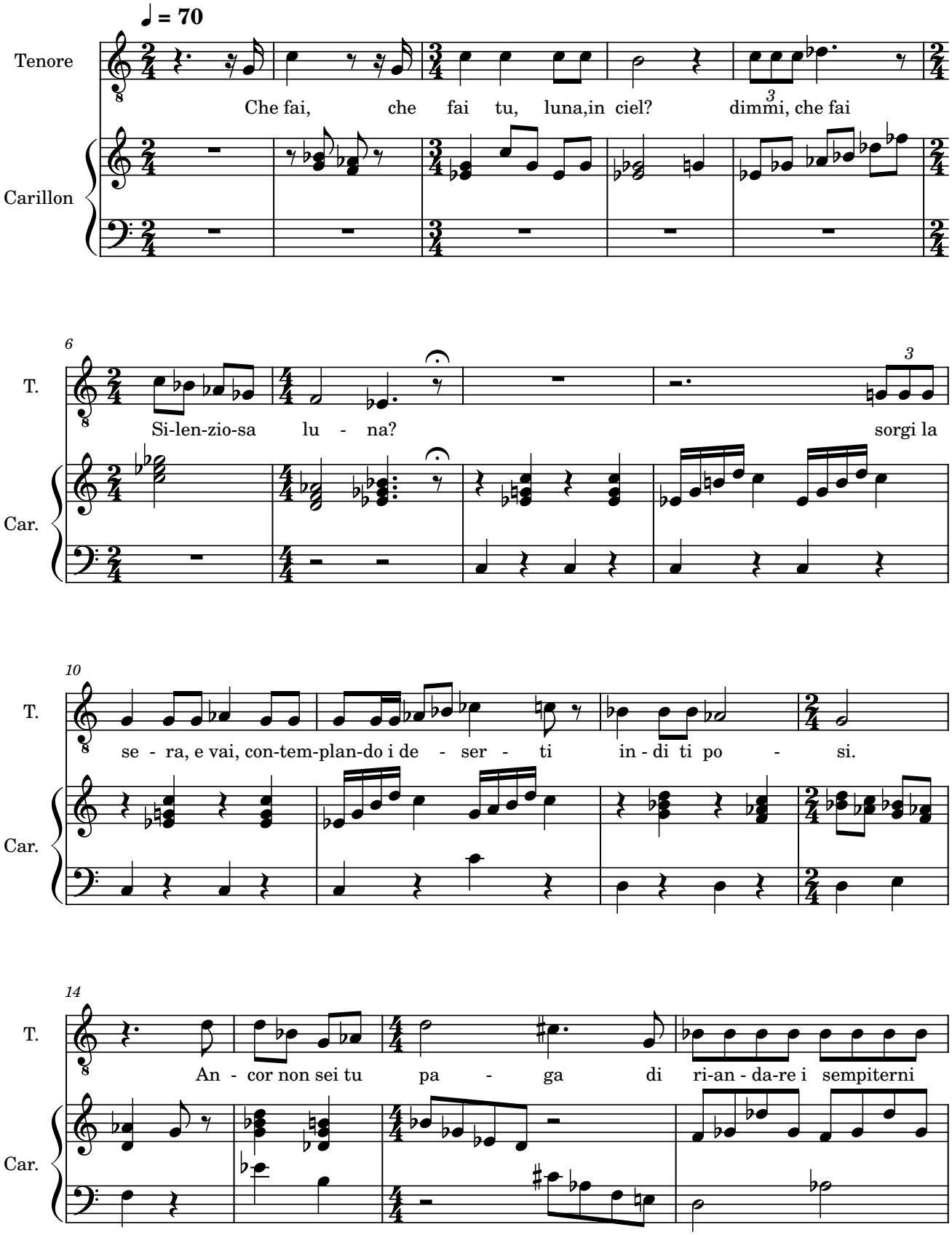
257
allargando sempre più...
mf
fff

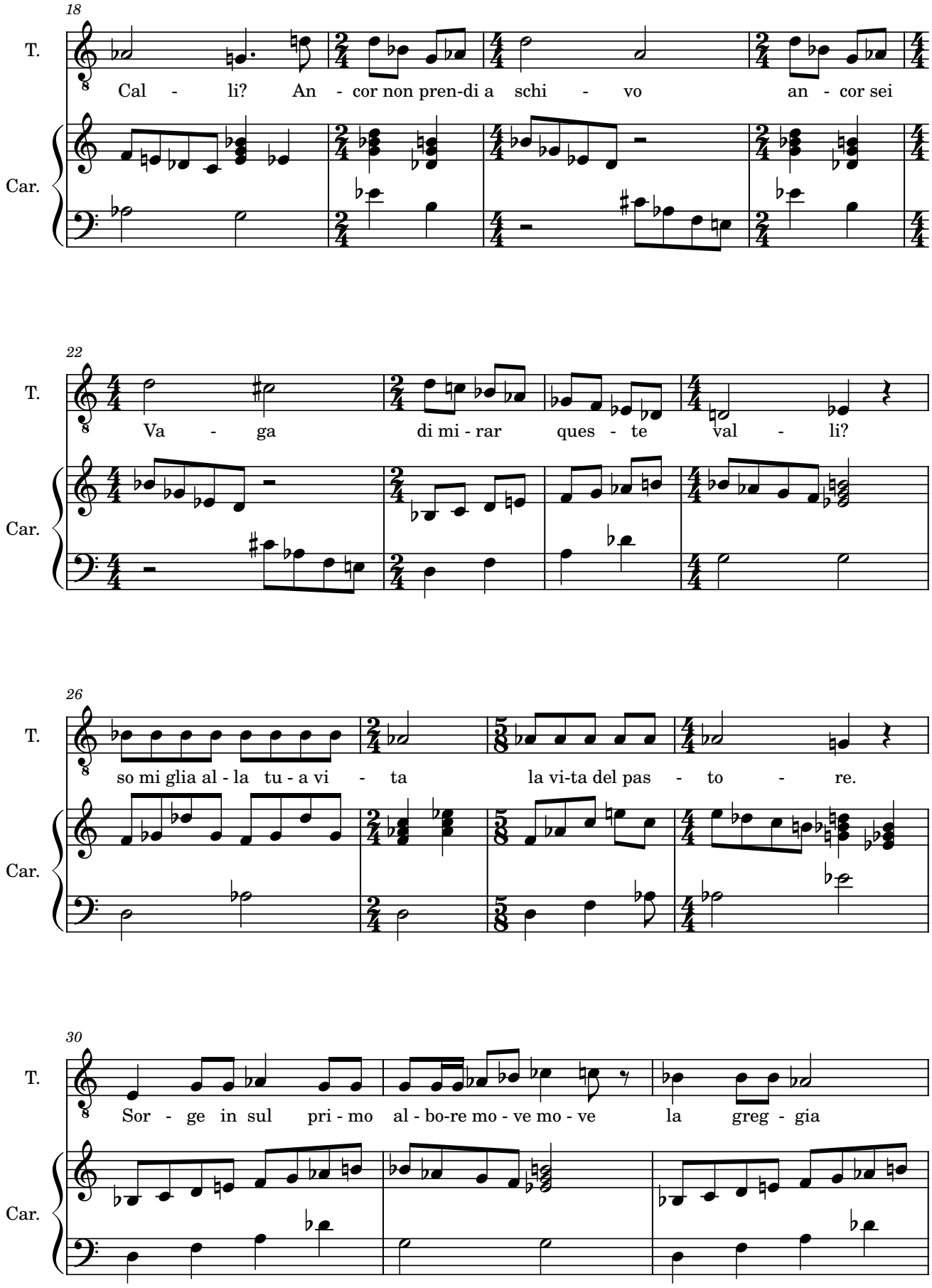
Canto notturno di un pastore errante dell'Asia

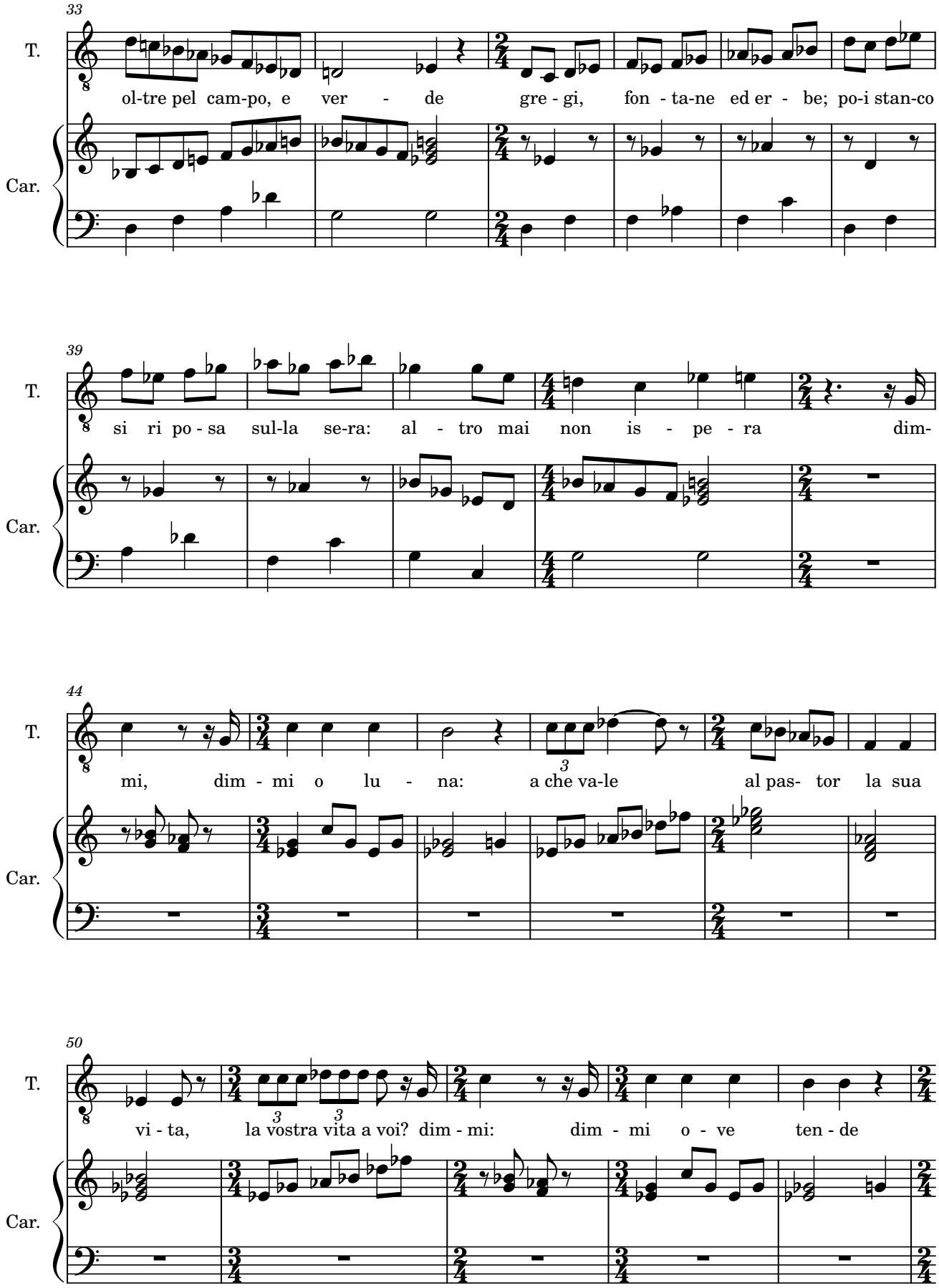
di Giacomo Leopardi

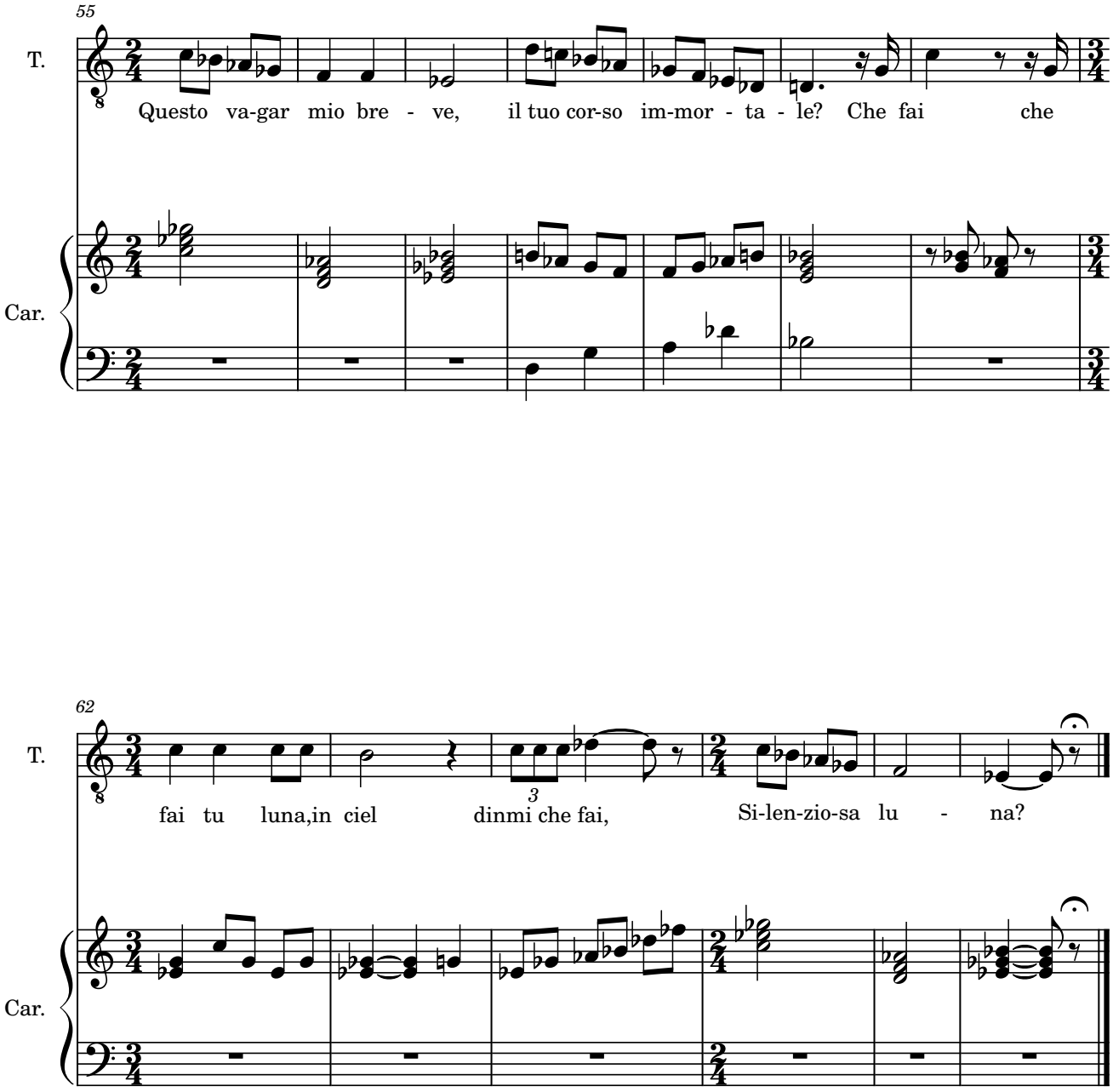
Dedicated to
Mathieu Daniël Polak

Mattia Malzani
23/08/2023




18
T.
Cal - li? An - cor non pren-di a schi - vo an - cor sei
Car.
22
T.
Va - ga di mi - rar ques - te val - li?
Car.
26
T.
so mi glia al - la tu - a vi - ta la vi-ta del pas - to - re.
Car.
30
T.
Sor - ge in sul pri - mo al - bo-re mo - ve mo - ve la greg - gia
Car.


33
T.
ol-tre pel cam-po, e ver - de gre - gi, fon - ta-ne ed er - be; po-i stan-co
Car.
39
T.
si ri po - sa sul-la se-ra: al - tro mai non is - pe - ra dim-
Car.
44
T.
mi, dim - mi o lu - na: a che va-le al pas- tor la sua
Car.
50
T.
vi - ta, la vostra vita a voi? dim - mi: dim - mi o - ve ten - de
Car.

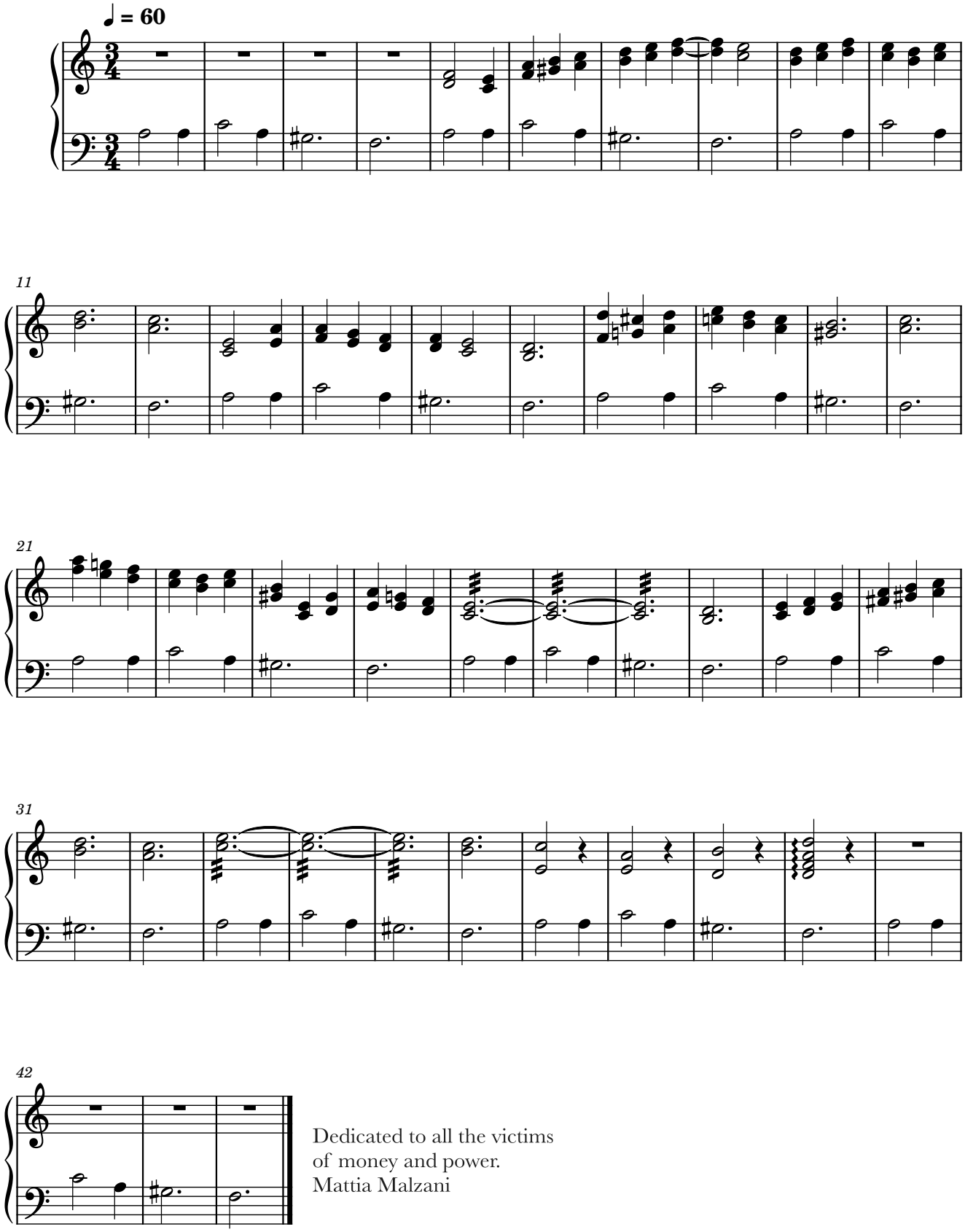

55
T.
Car.
Questo va-gar mio bre - ve, il tuo cor-so im-mor - ta - le? Che fai che

62
T.
Car.
fai tu luna,in ciel dinmi che fai, Si-len-zio-sa lu - na?

Requiem for Vajont

Carillon

Mattia Malzani
16/10/2023



Dedicated to all the victims
of money and power.
Mattia Malzani

Nocturne

For Carillon

Mattia Malzani
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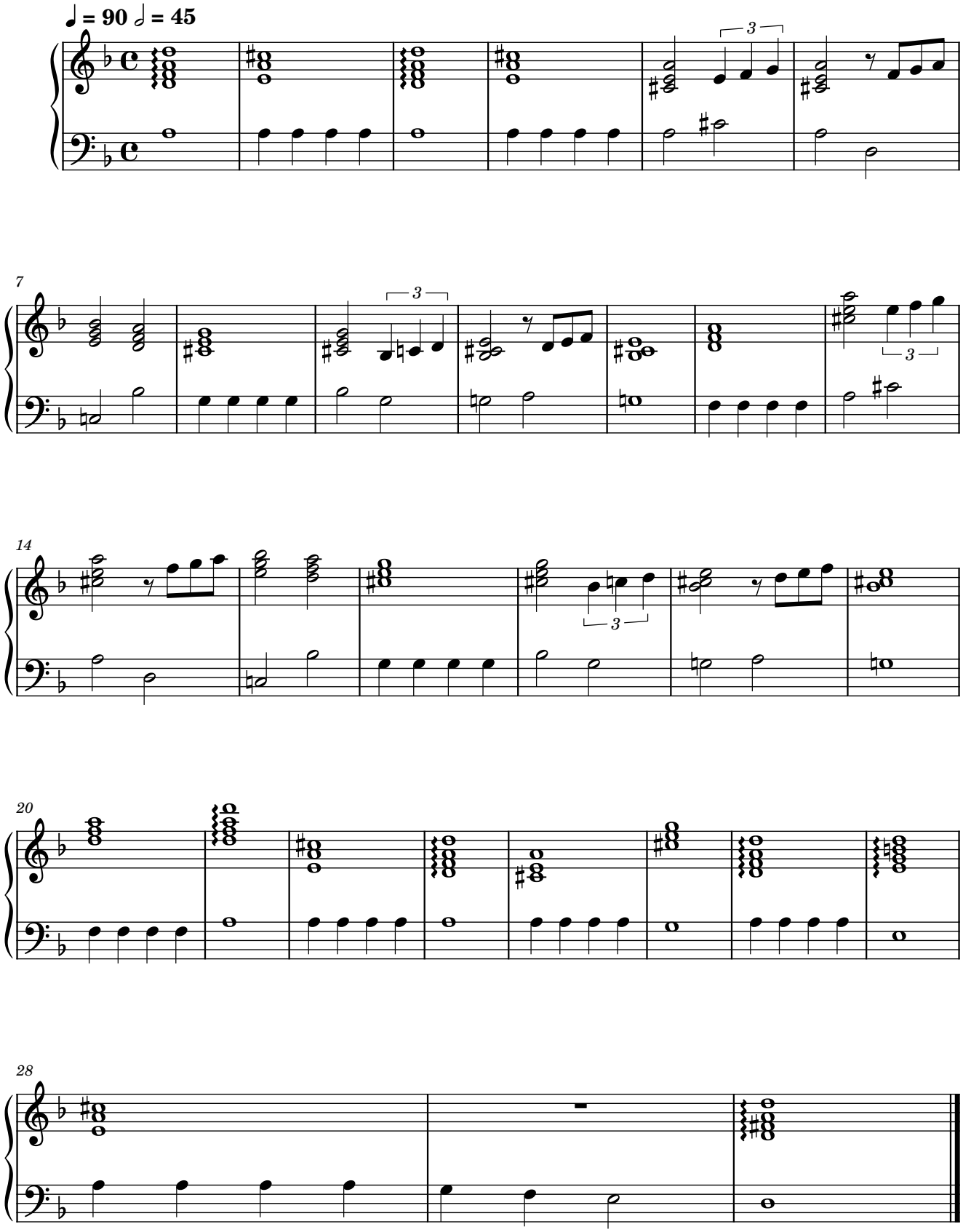

Suite of Italian Folk Music

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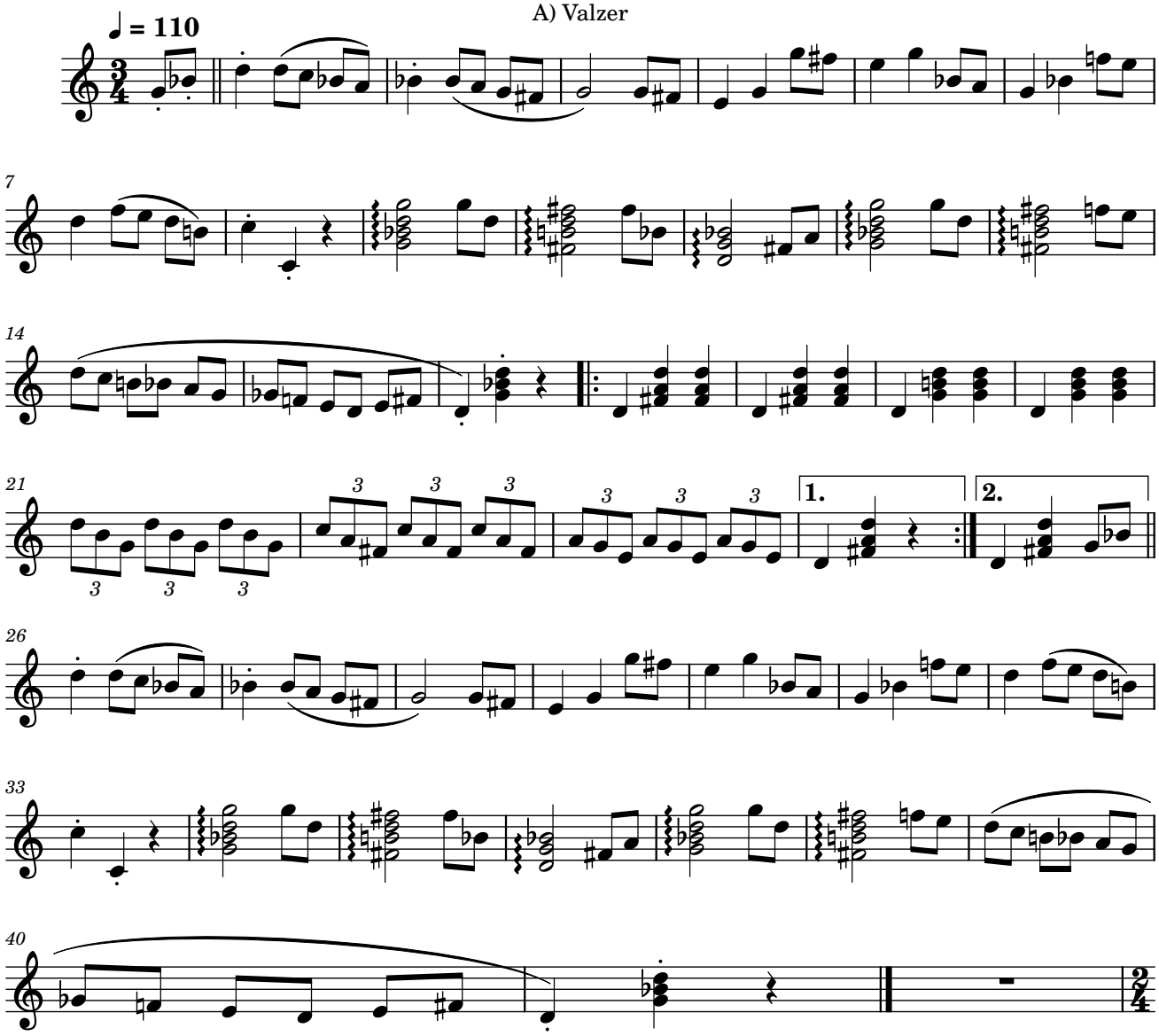
Antonio Gotti

For Carillon

Mattia Malzani
2024

A) Valzer



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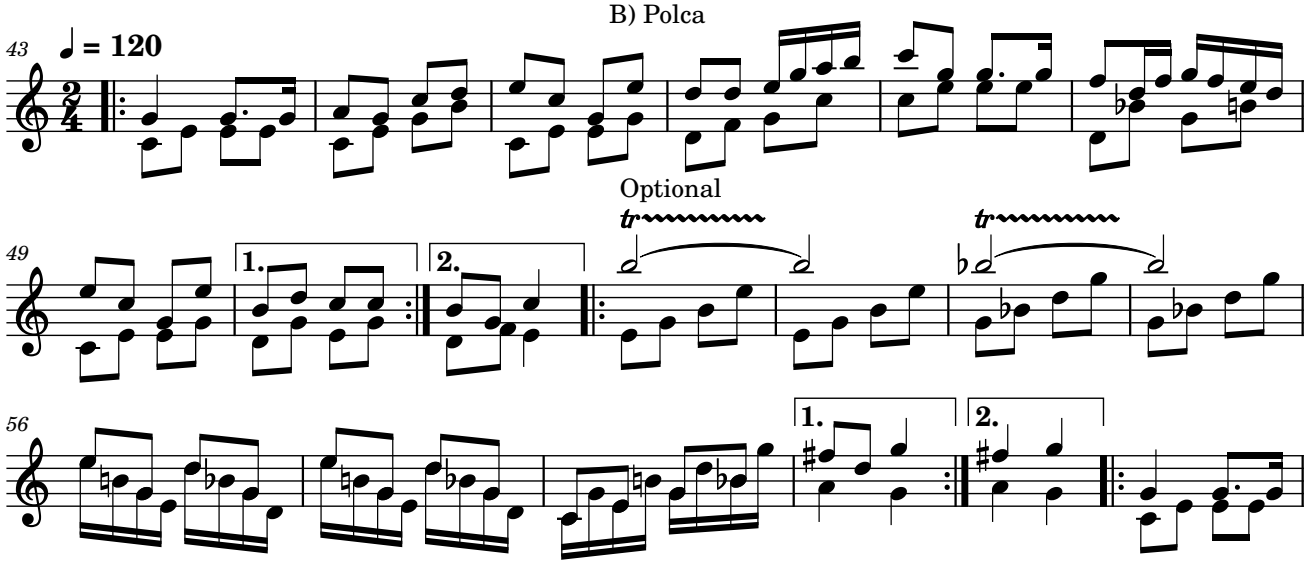
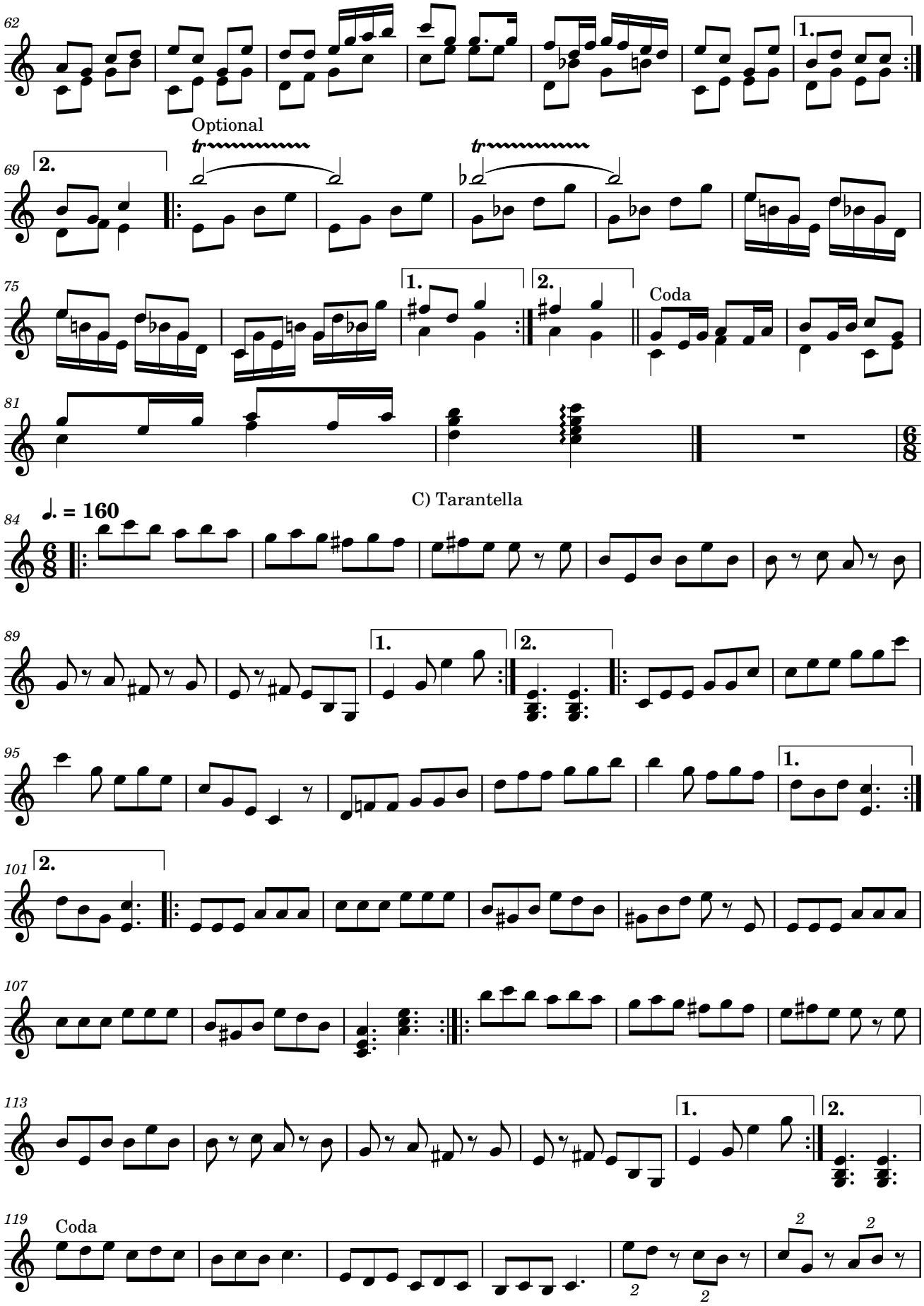
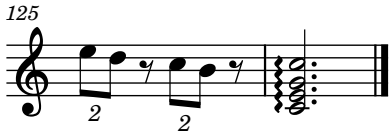



62
1.
Optional
69
2.
75
1.
2.
Coda
81
C) Tarantella
84
♩. = 160
89
1.
2.
95
1.
101
2.
107
113
1.
2.
119
Coda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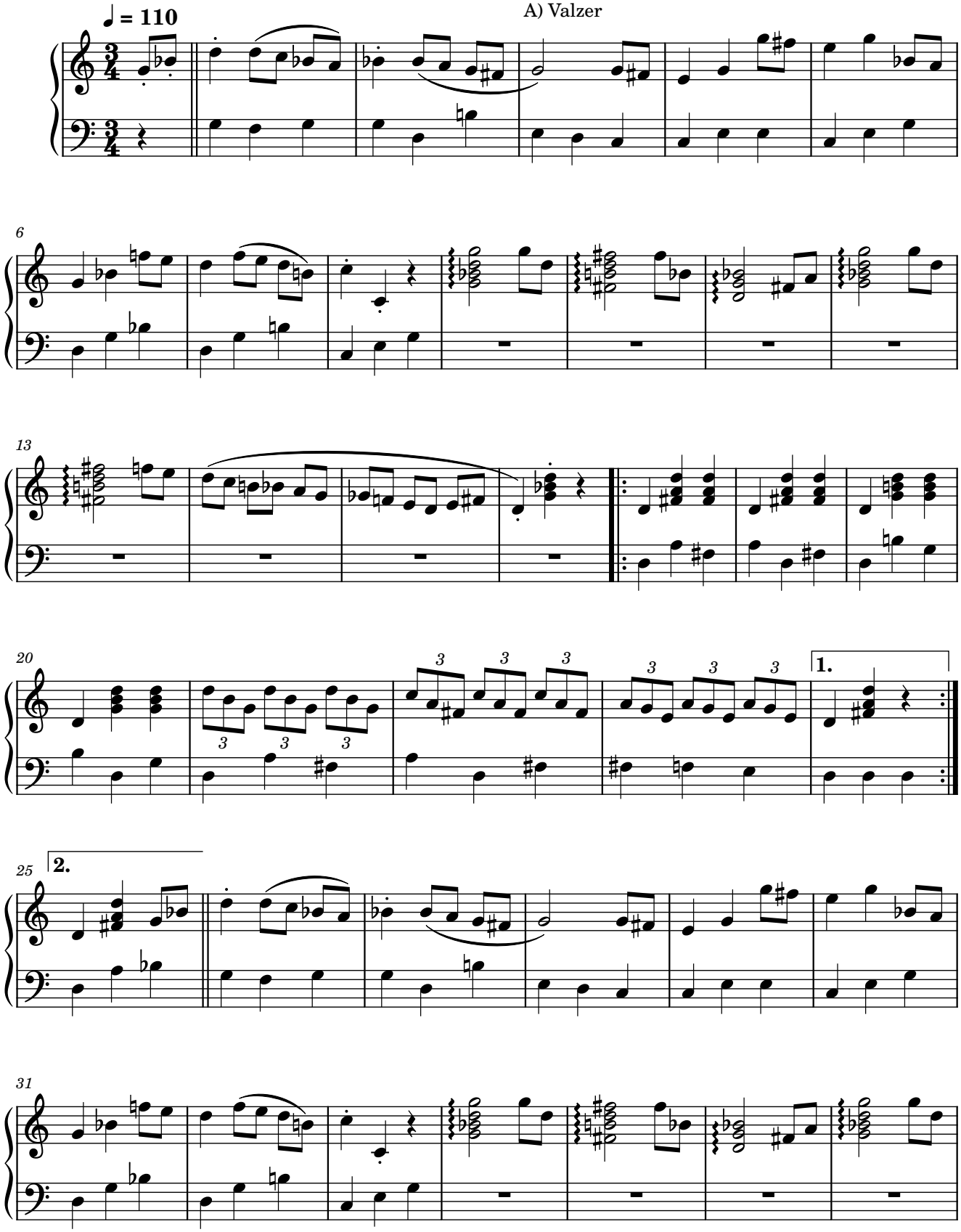
Suite of Italian Folk Music - II Version

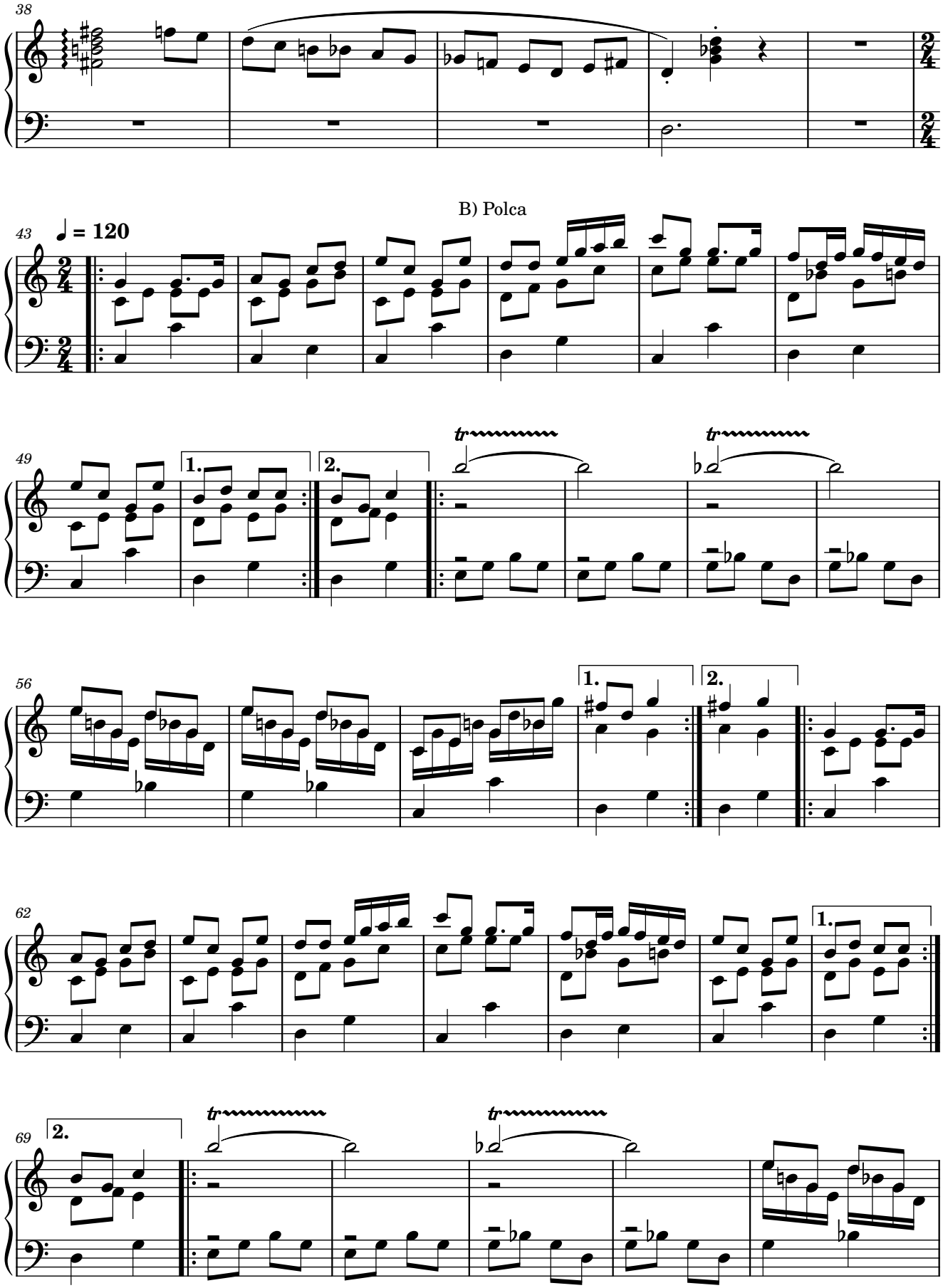
Dedicated to
Antonio Gotti

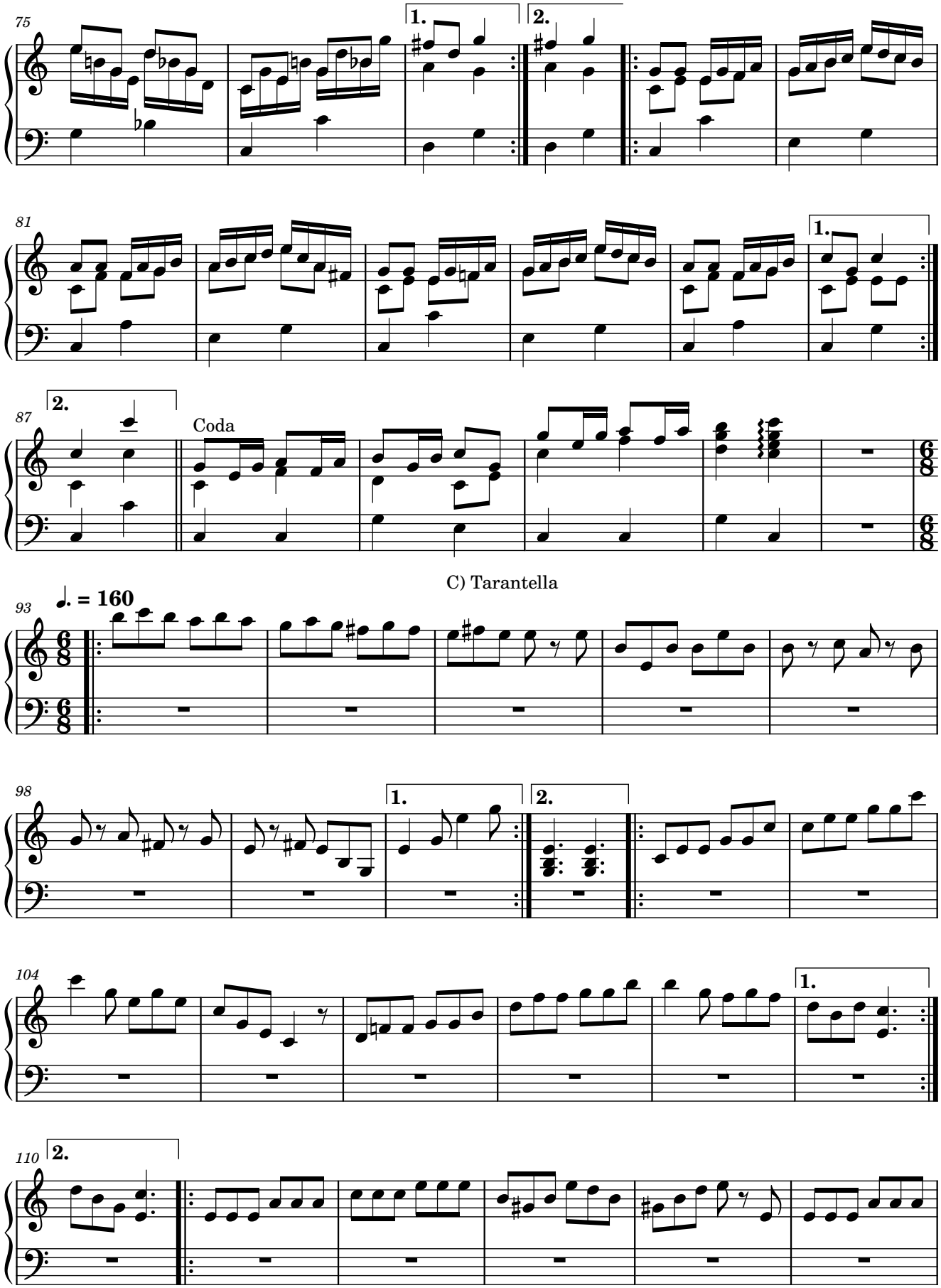
For Carillon

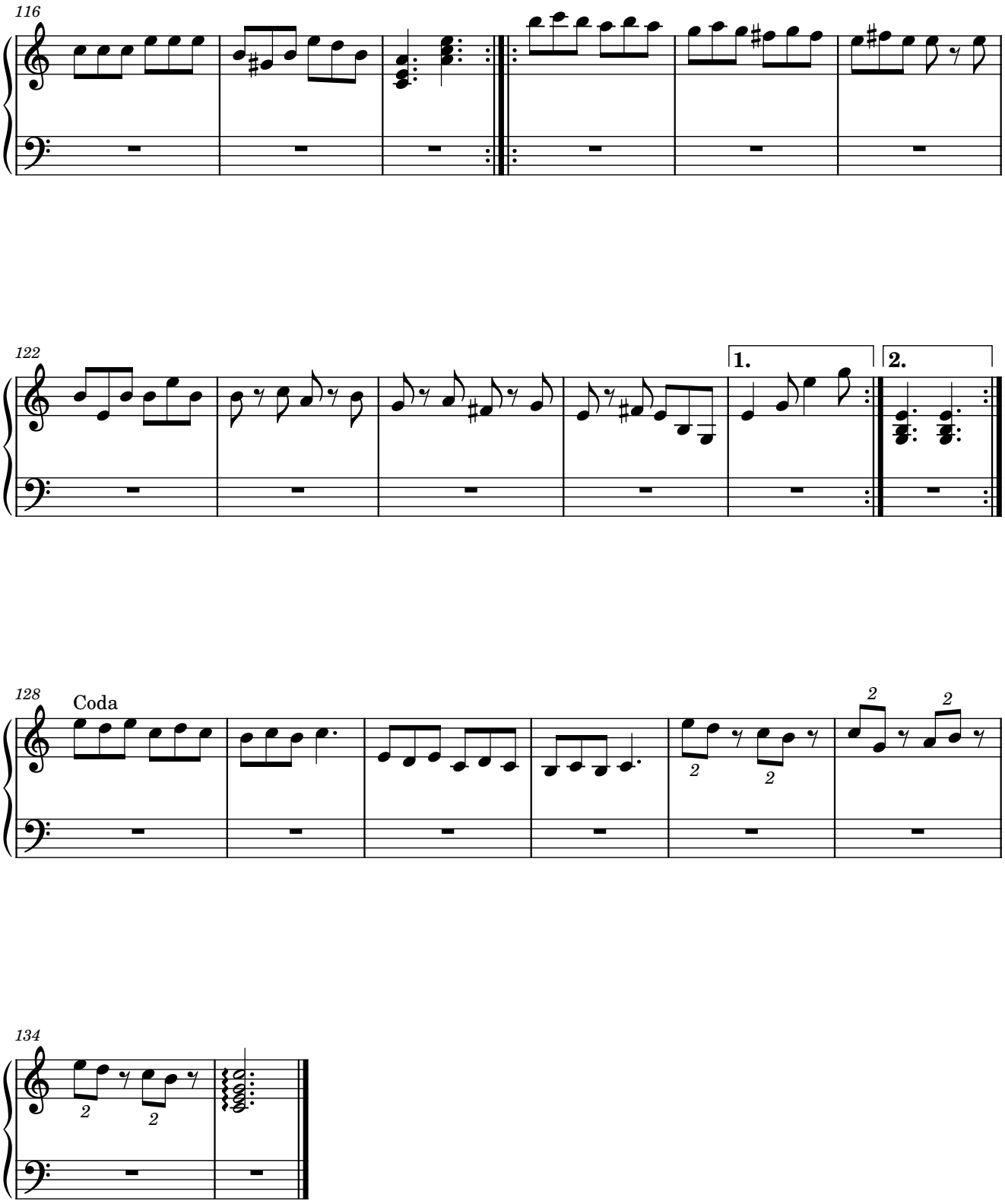
Mattia Malzani 2024

A) Valzer




38
B) Polca
43
♩ = 120
49
1.
2.
tr
56
1.
2.
62
1.
69
2.
tr


75
1.
2.
81
1.
87
2.
Coda
C) Tarantella
93
♩. = 160
98
1.
2.
104
1.
110
2.

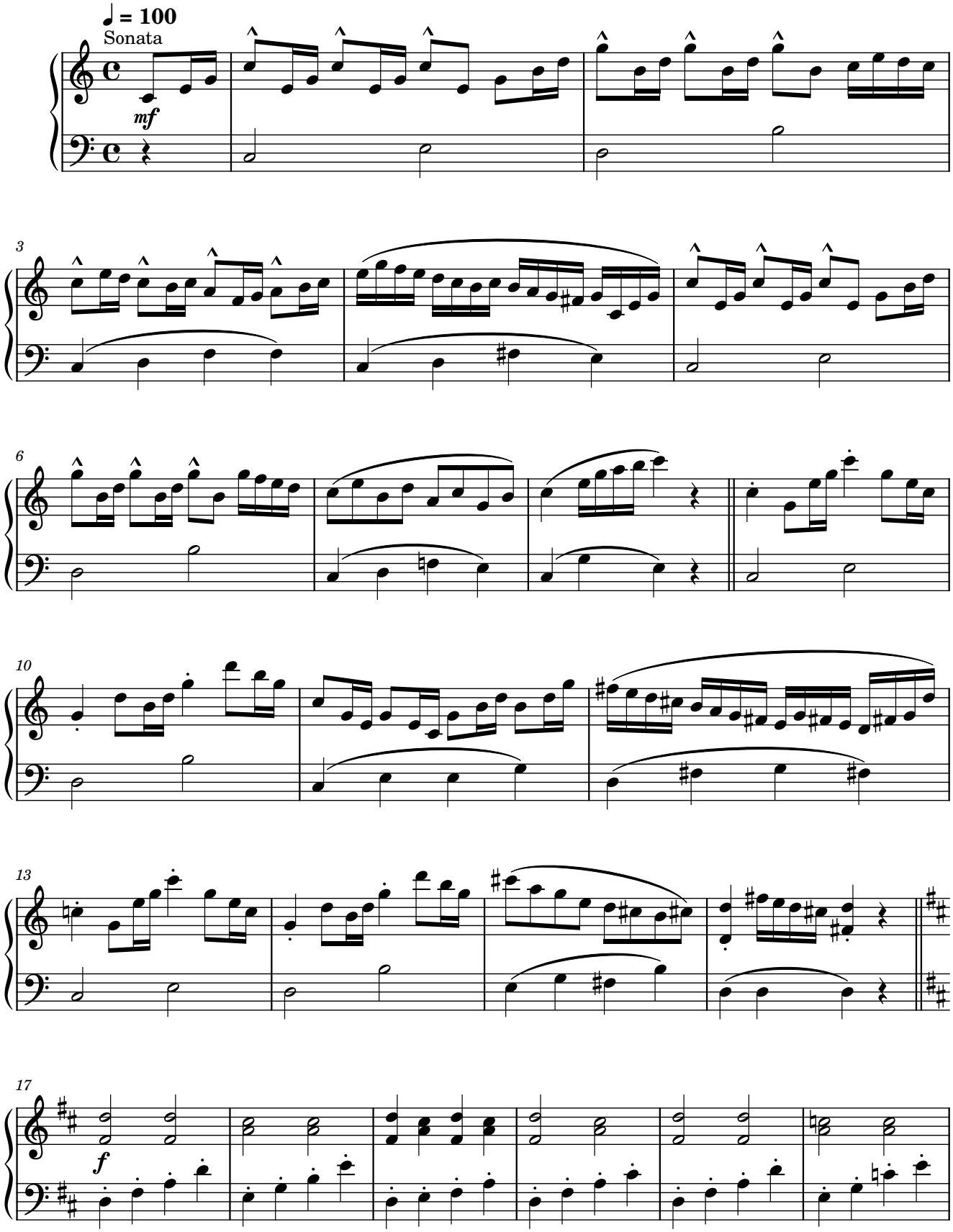

116
122
1.
2.
128
Coda
134

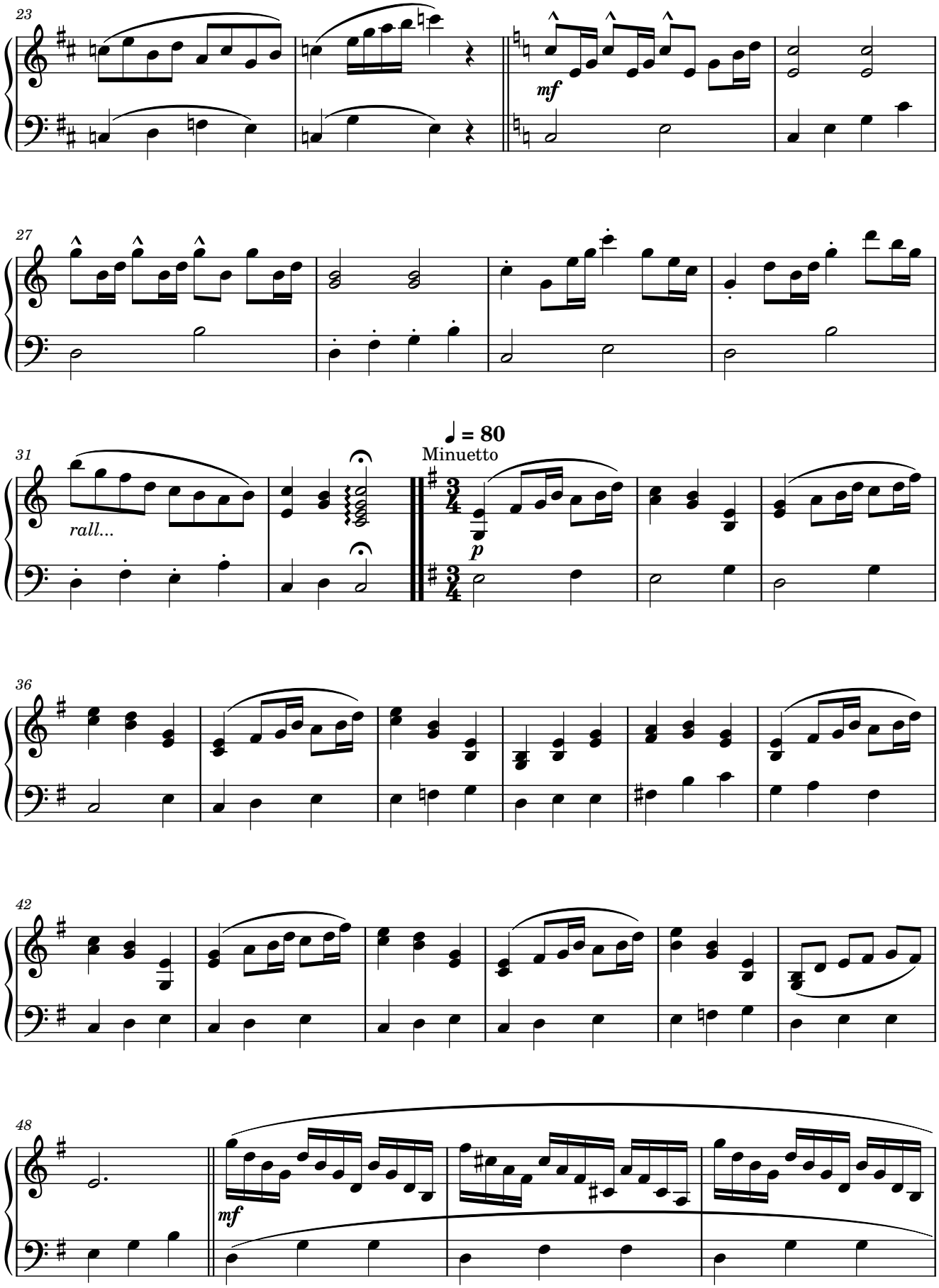
Carillon Sonata

In Classical Style

Mattia Malzani
2024

To Dad Haydn




23
mf
27
31
rall...
♩ = 80
Minuetto
p
36
42
48
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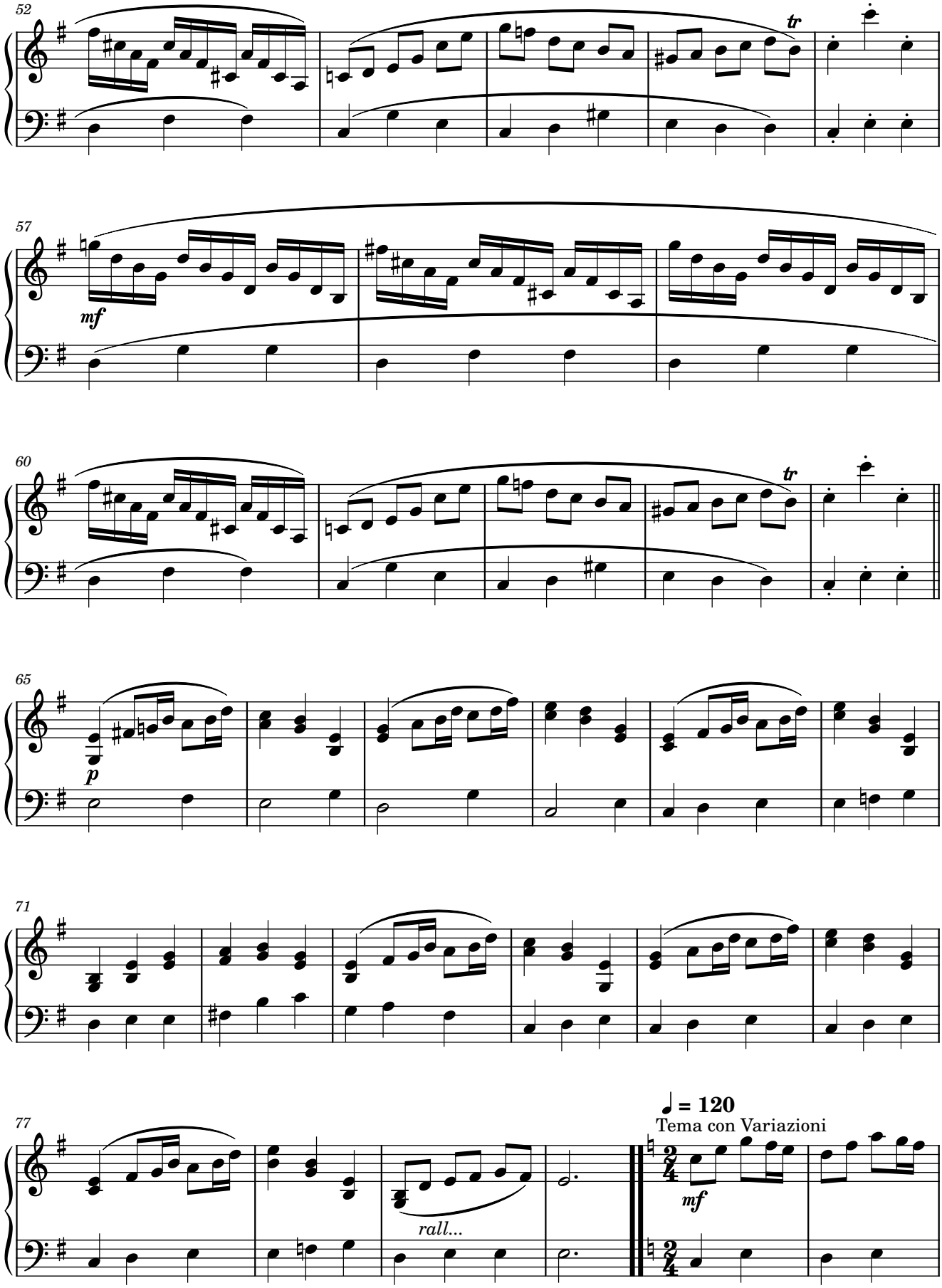
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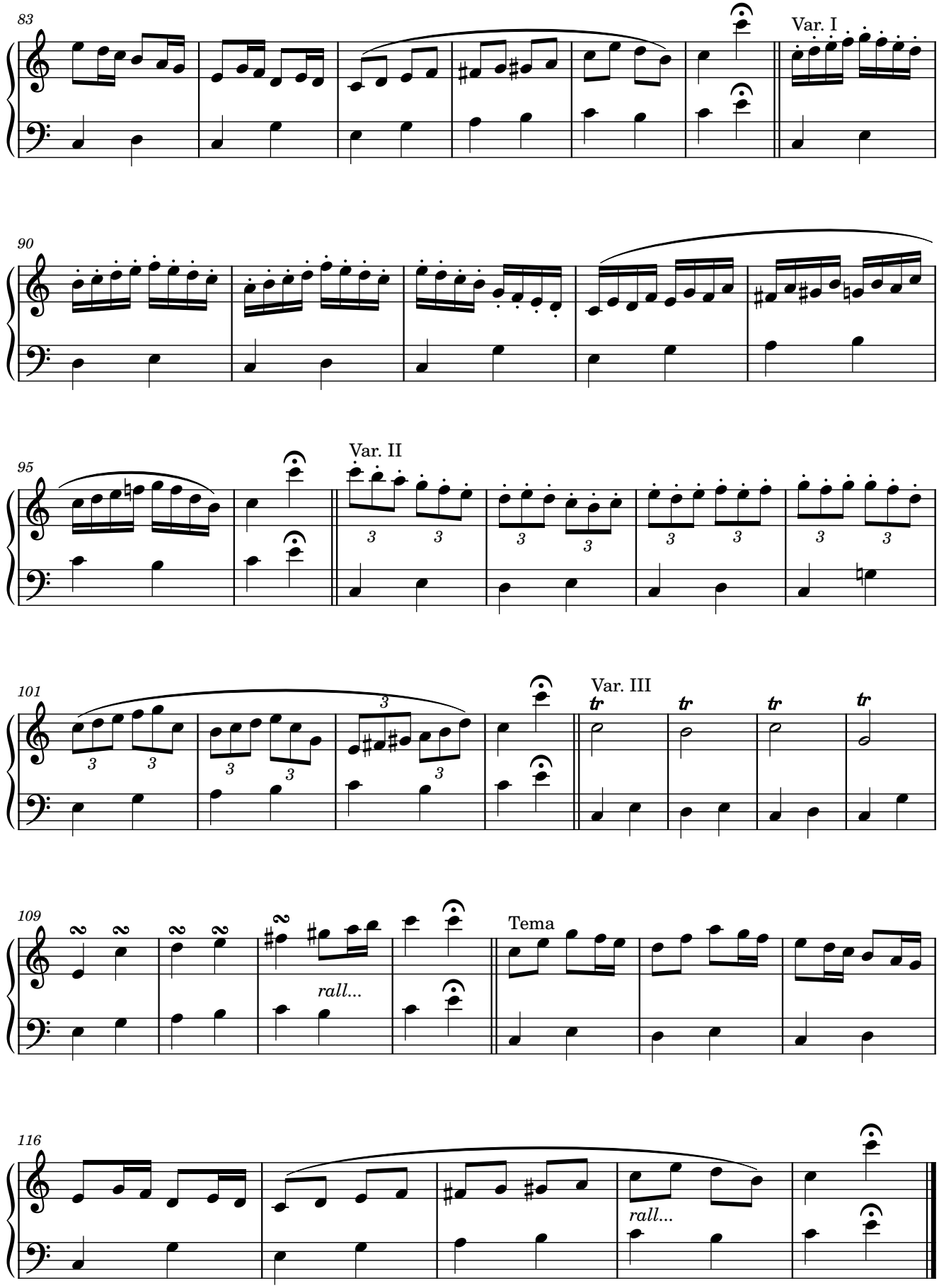
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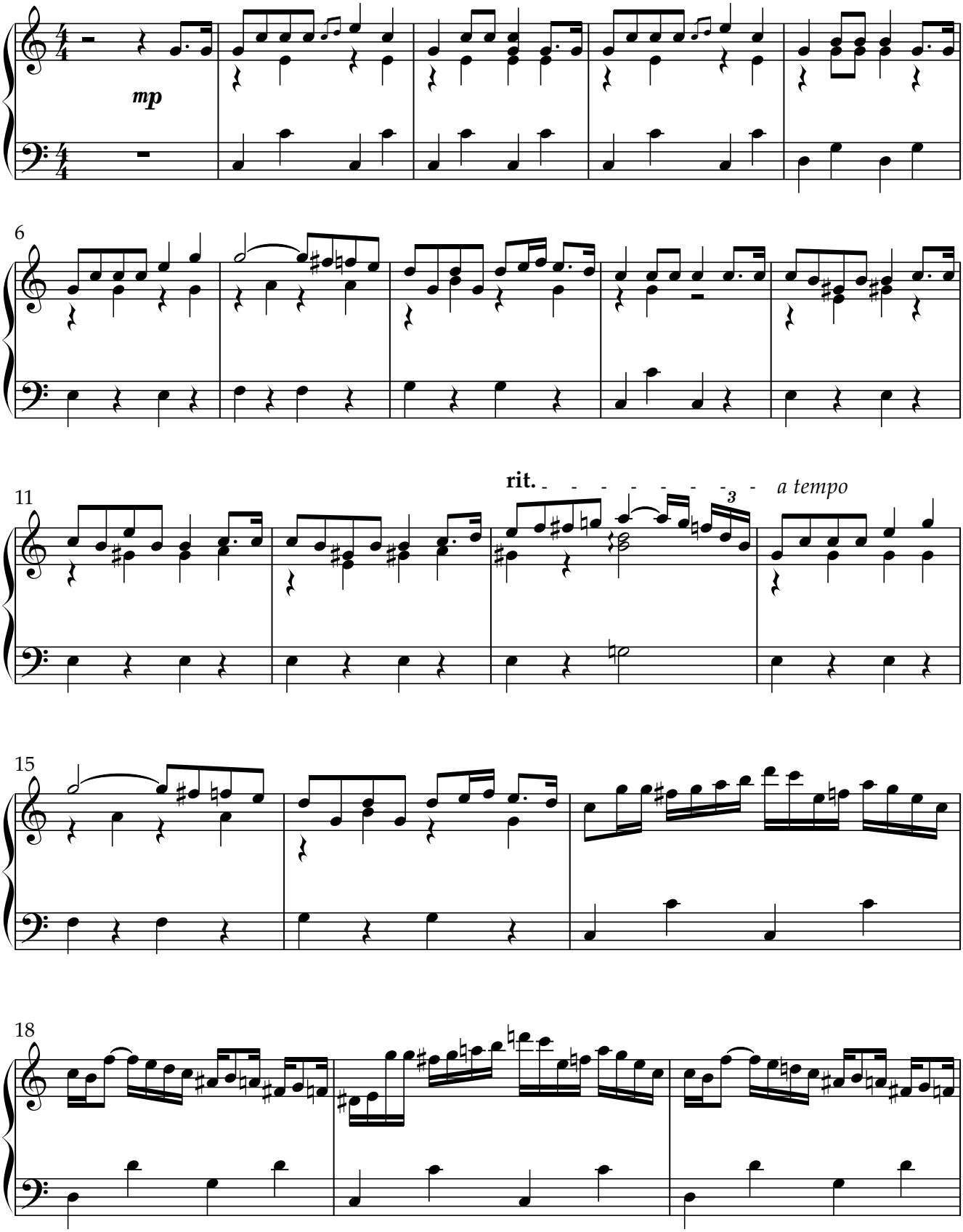
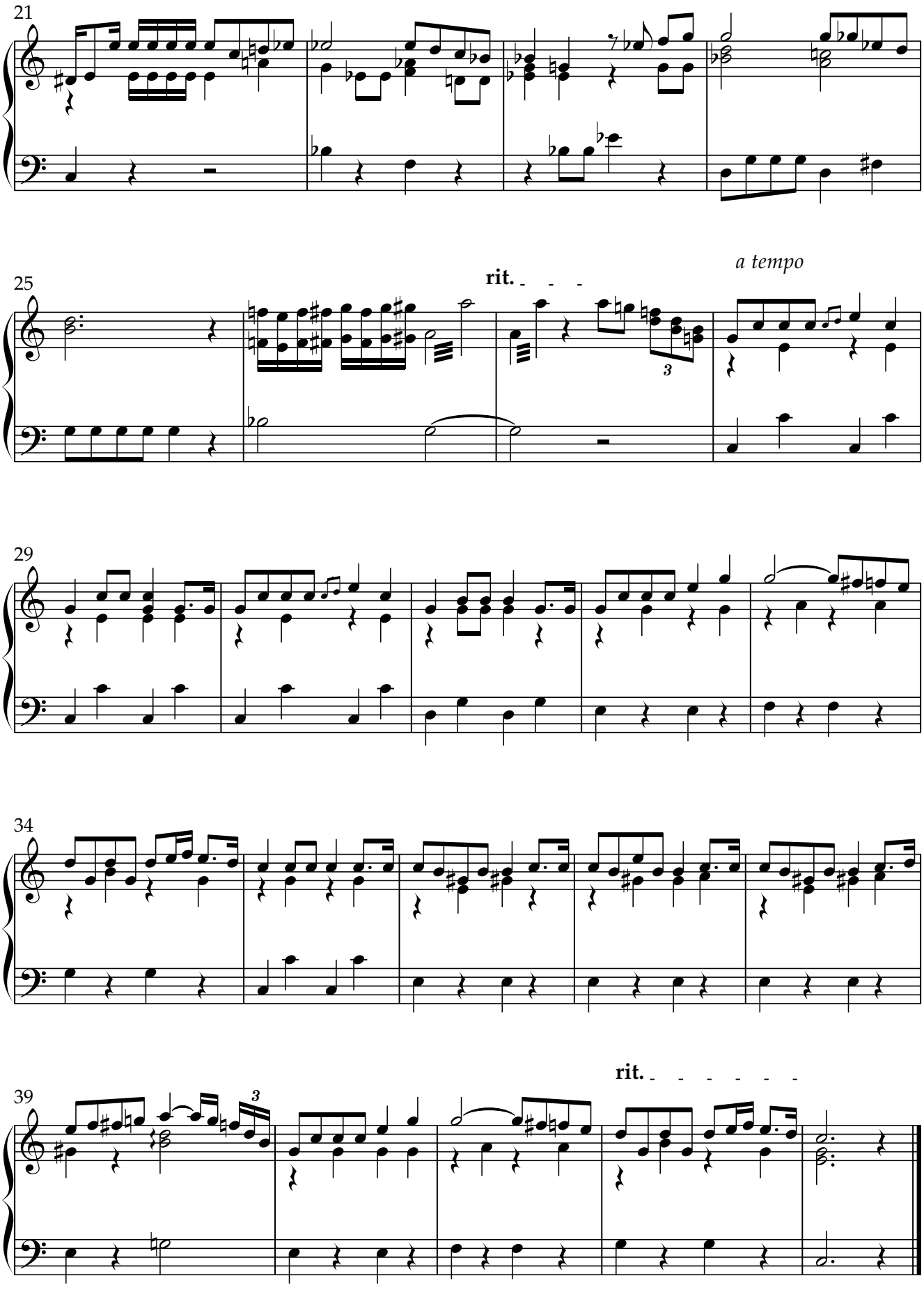
Bella Figlia Dell' Amore

Beautiful Daughter of Love

Giuseppe Verdi
arranged by Mattia Malzani

Andante (♩ = c. 66)

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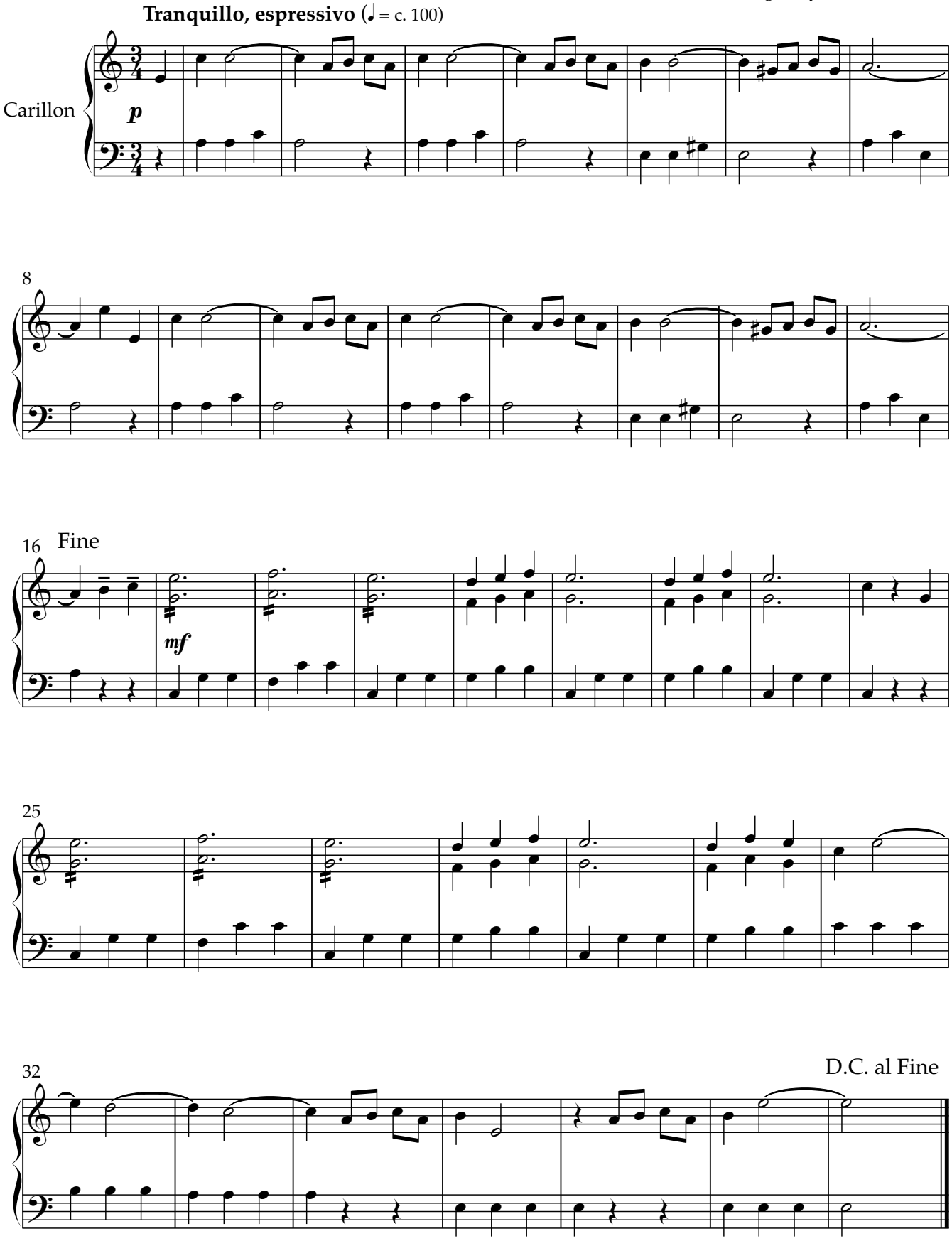
Addio del Passato

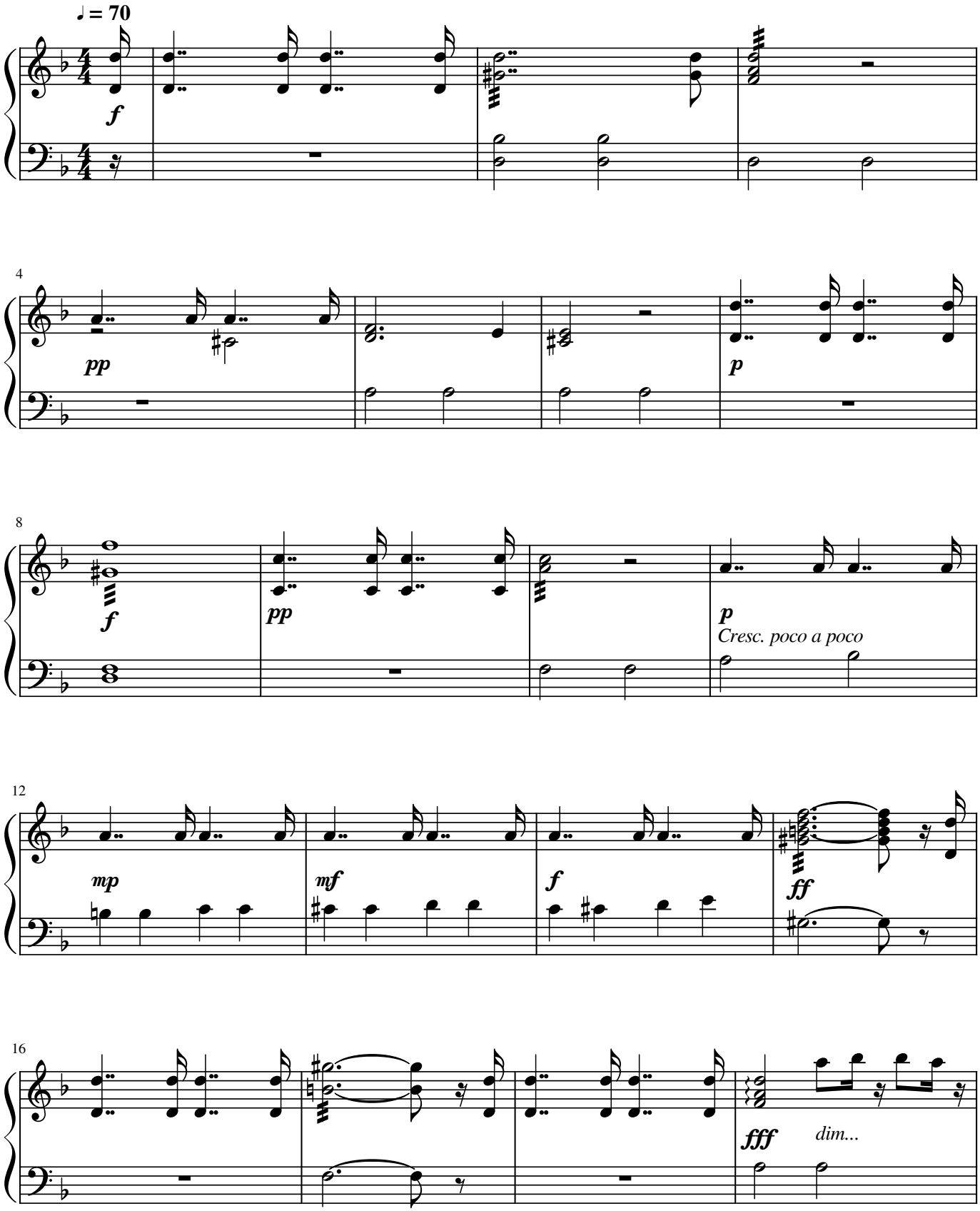
From: La Traviata

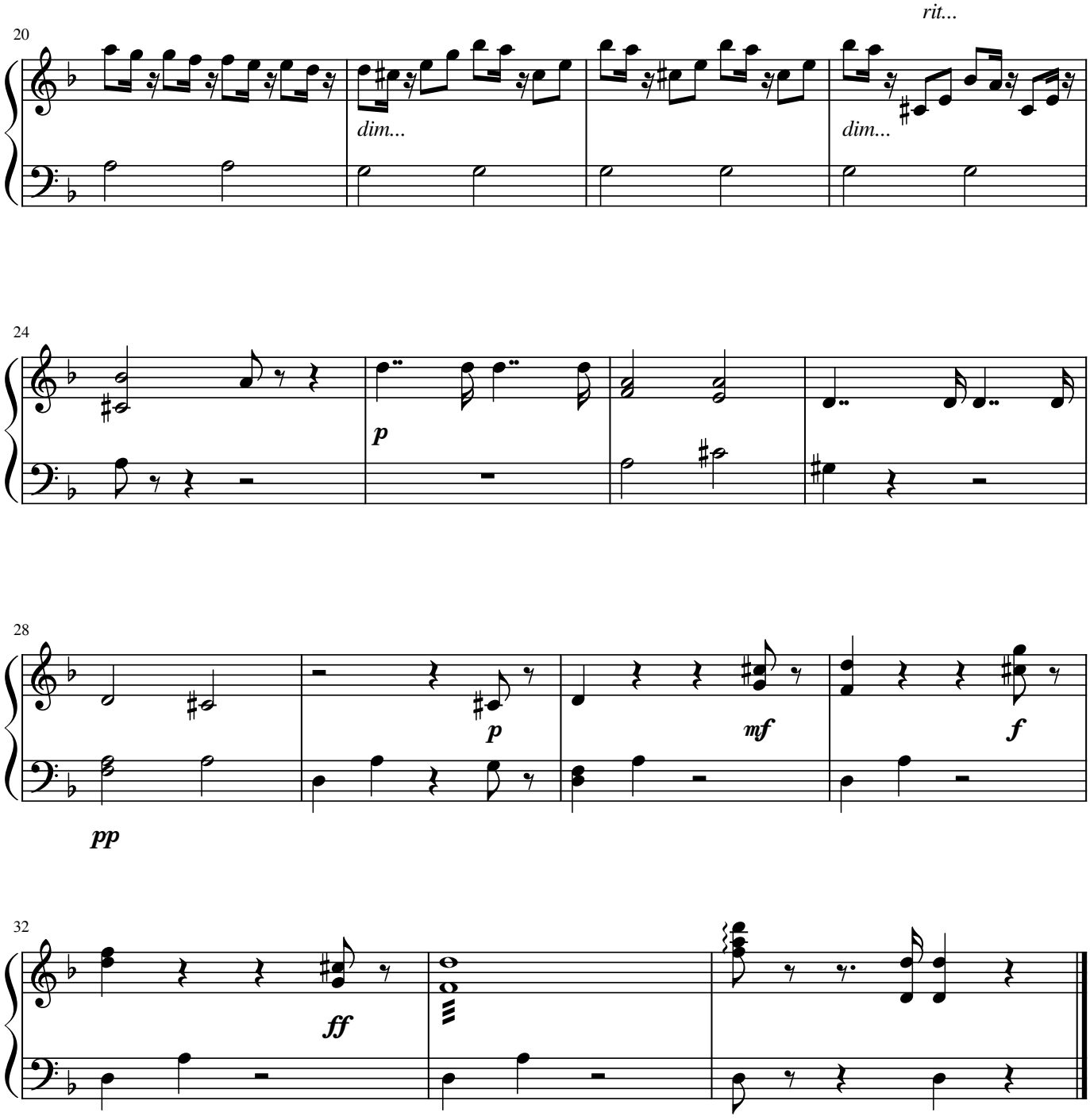
Giuseppe Verdi
Arranged by Mattia Malzani



Rigoletto - Prelude

Giuseppe Verdi (1813 - 1901)
Arranged for Carillon by Mattia Malzani

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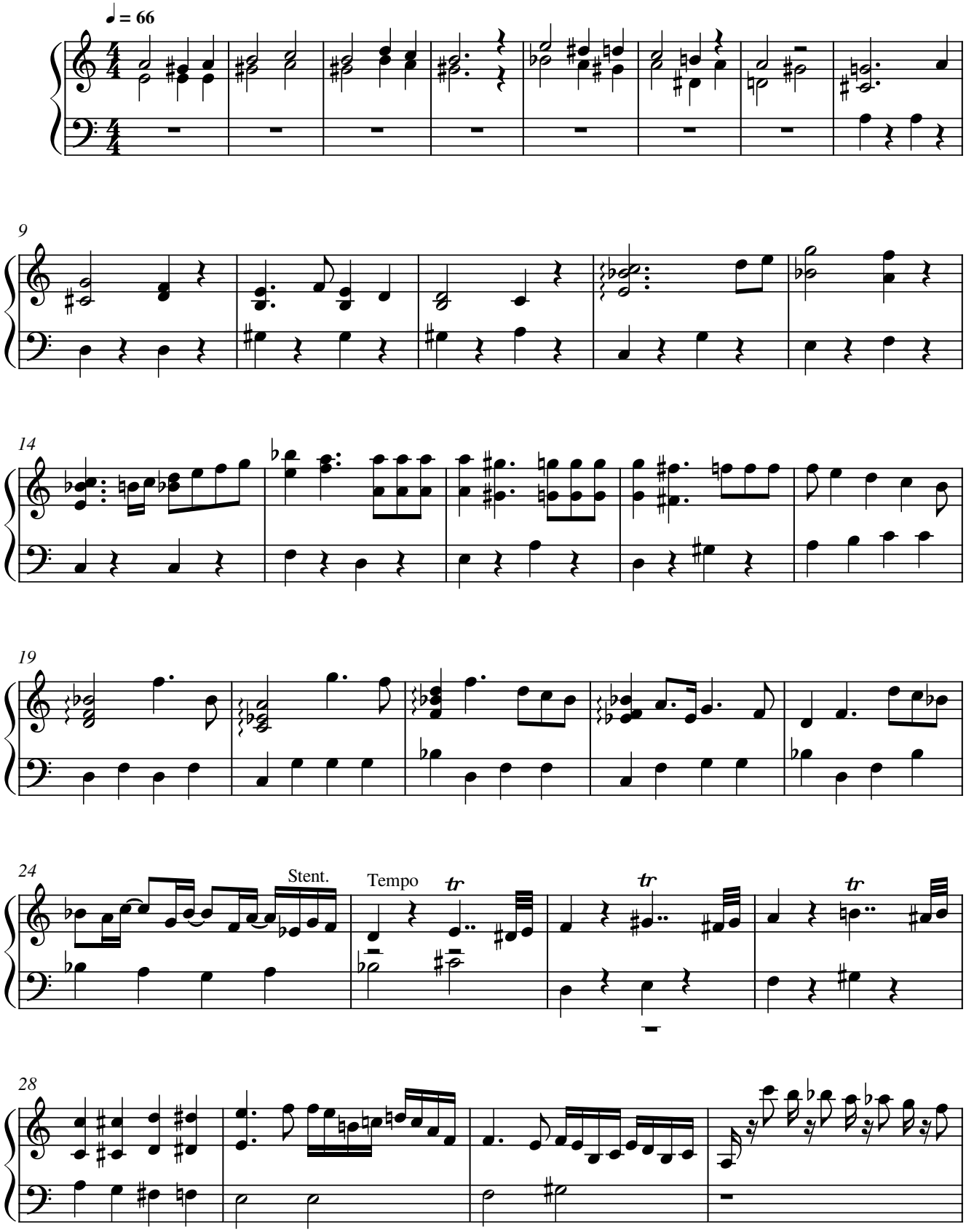
Traviata - Prelude to Act III

Giuseppe Verdi (1813 - 1901)
Arranged for Carillon by Mattia Malzani



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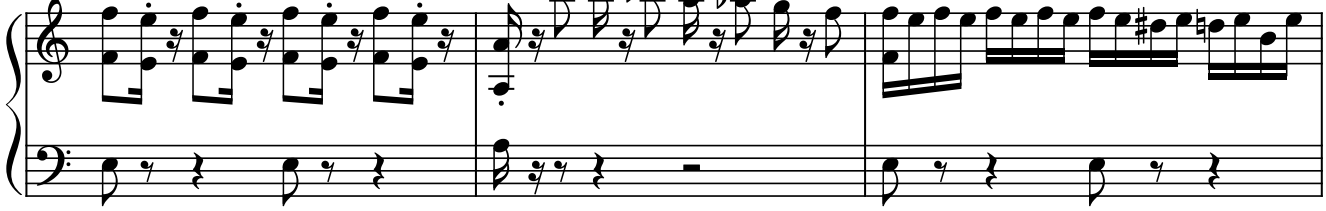

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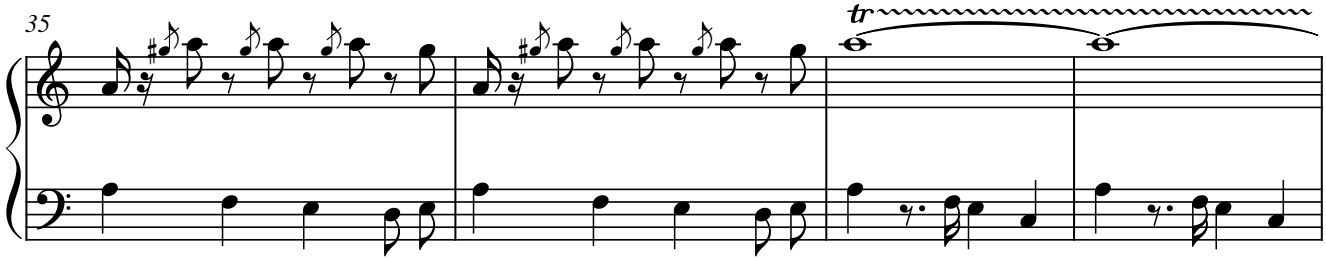
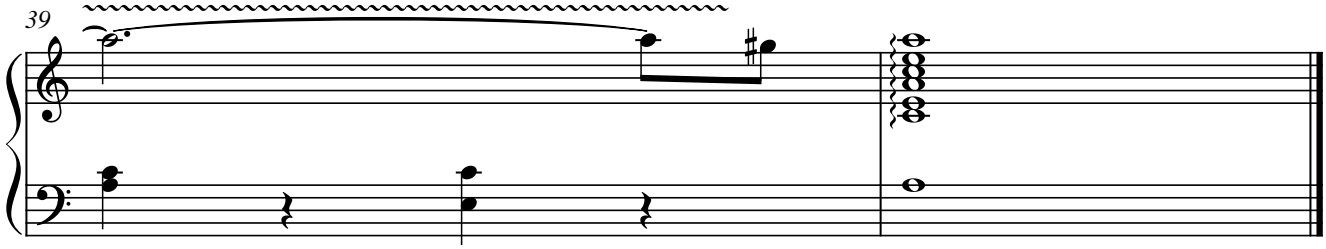
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