Fastness

for soprano saxophone and strings

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Instrumentation:

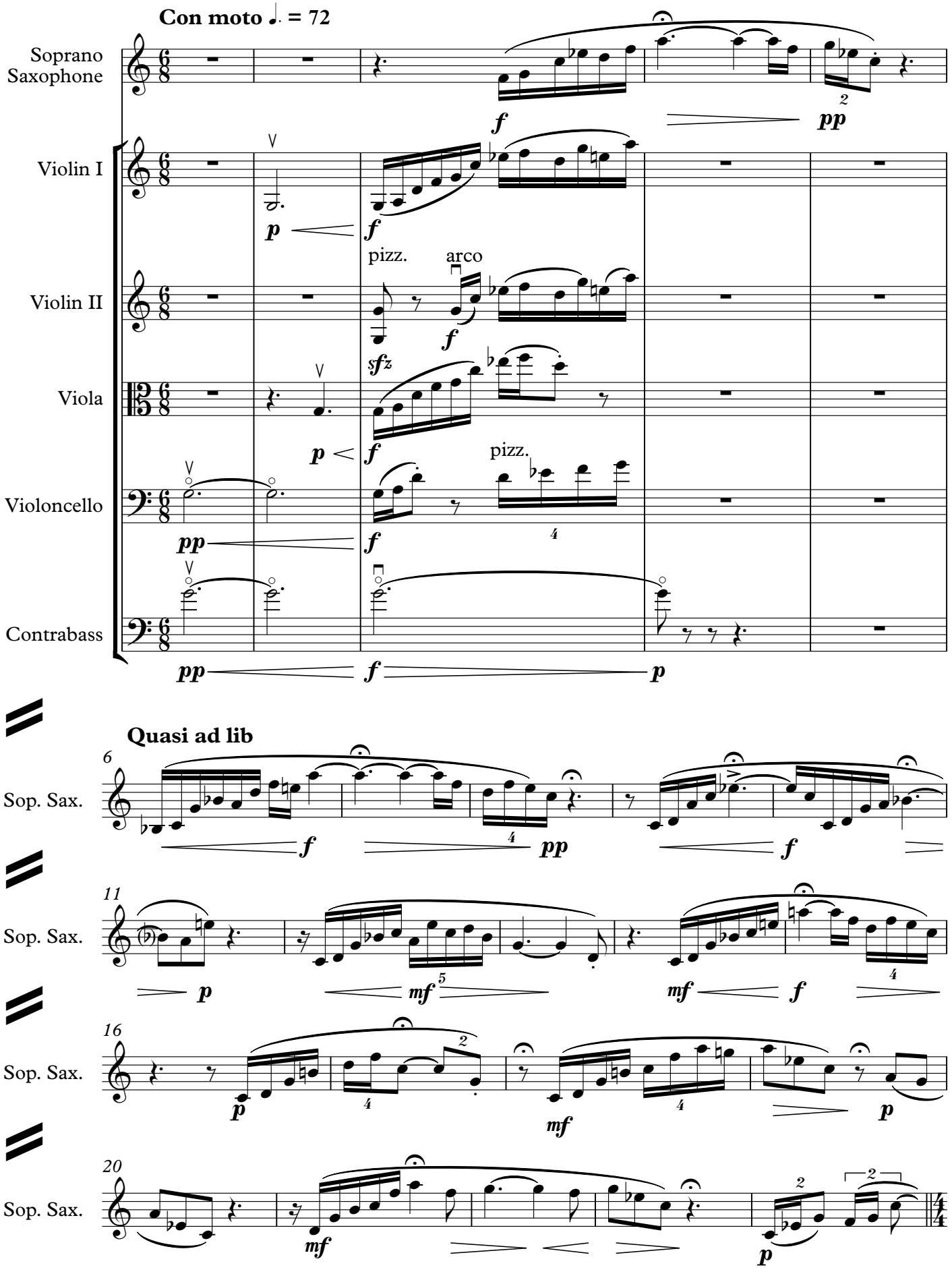
Soprano Saxophone in B flat
String Orchestra (minimum recommended numbers 66442)

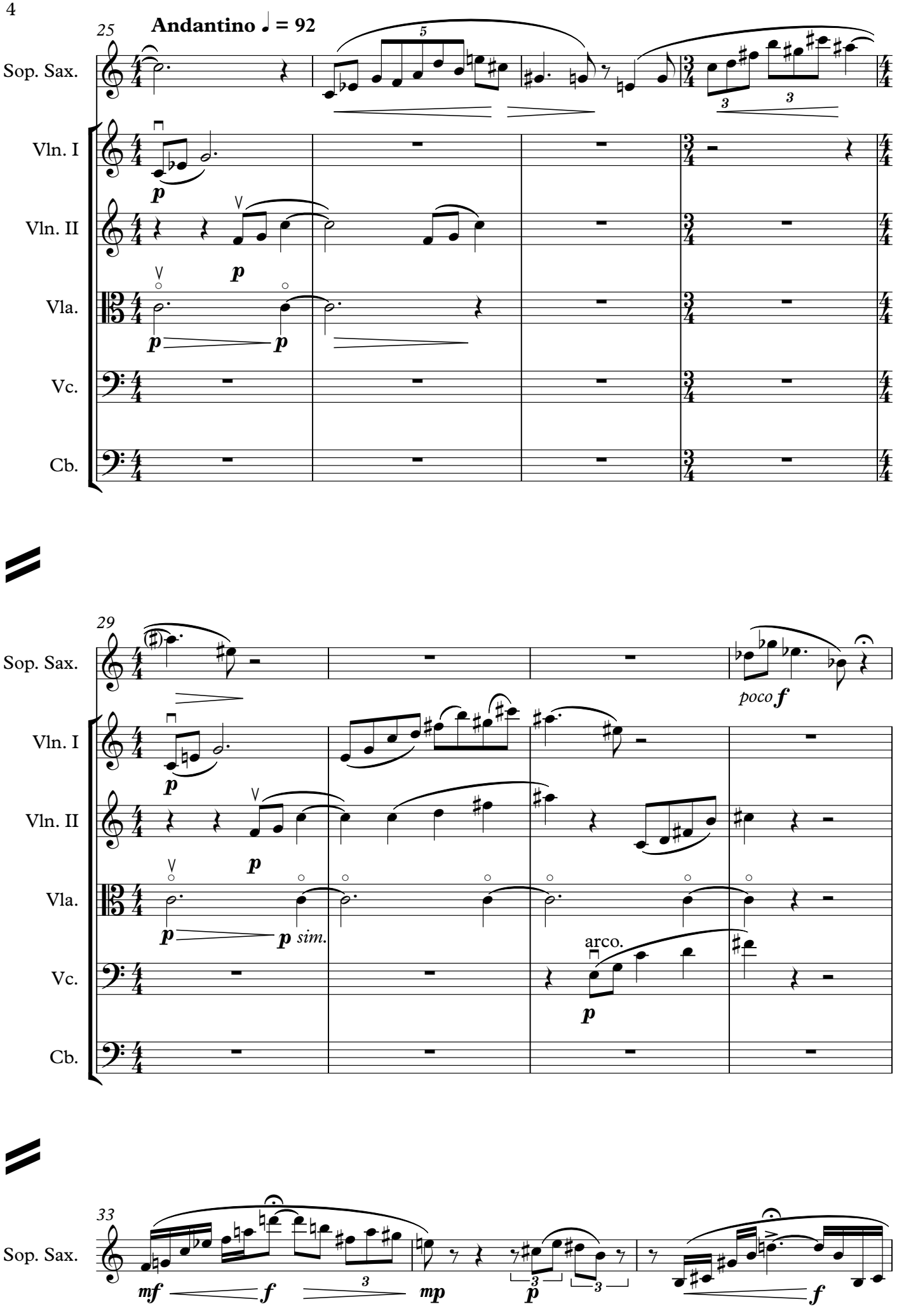
Duration c.18 minutes

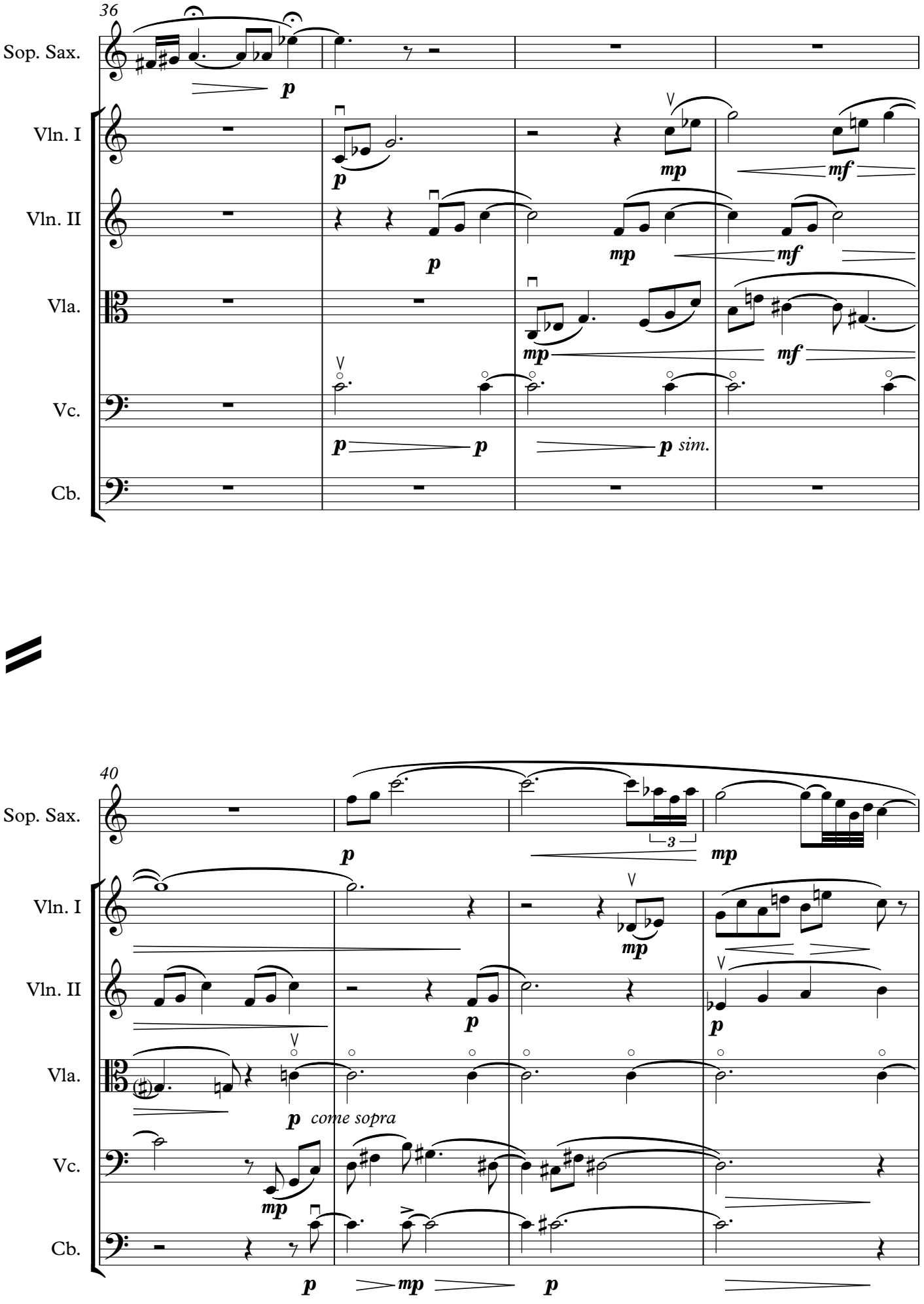
Score in C.

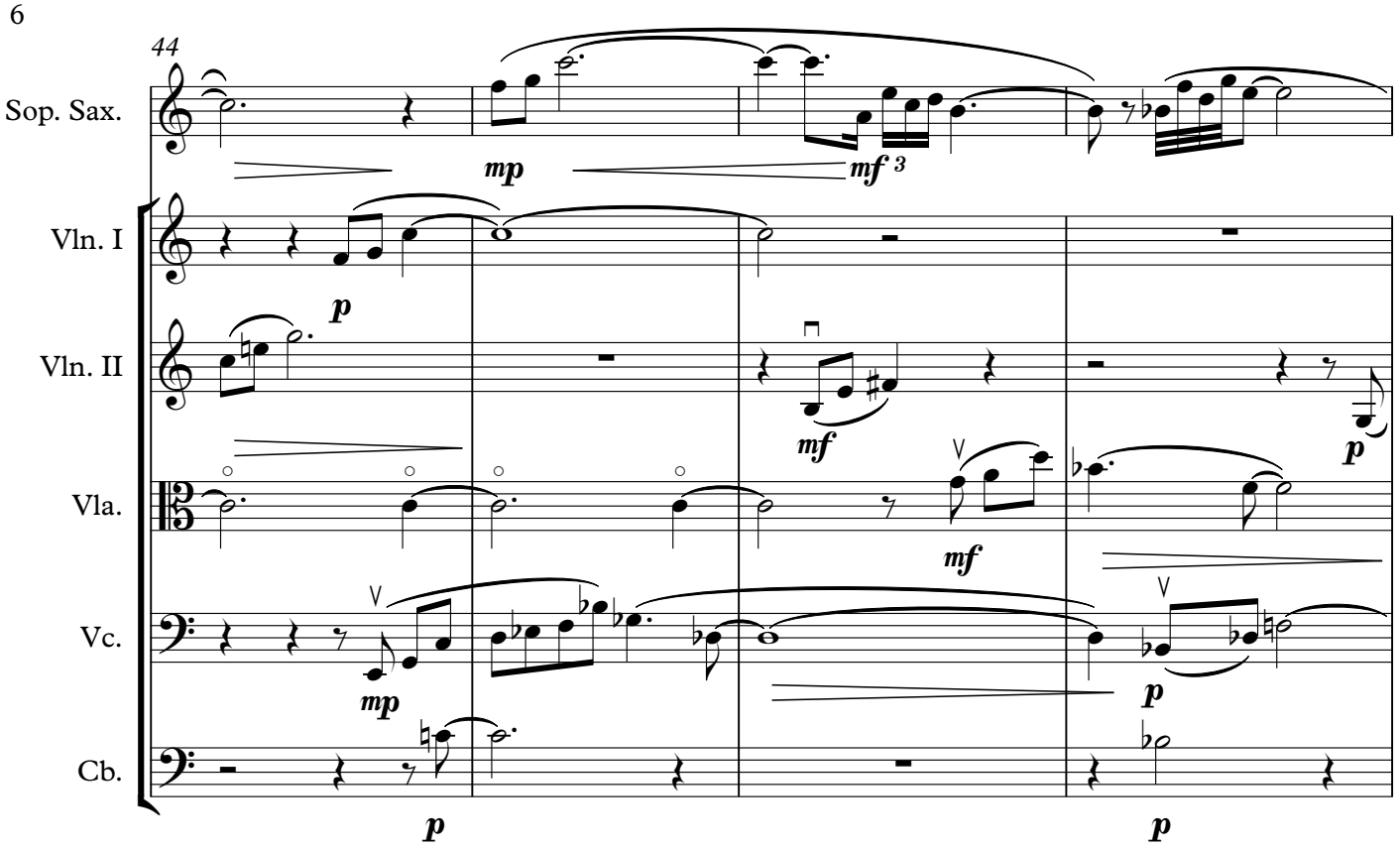
Fastness (noun):
1. A secure and remote place
2. The state of being constant
3. Resistance (as of an organism)

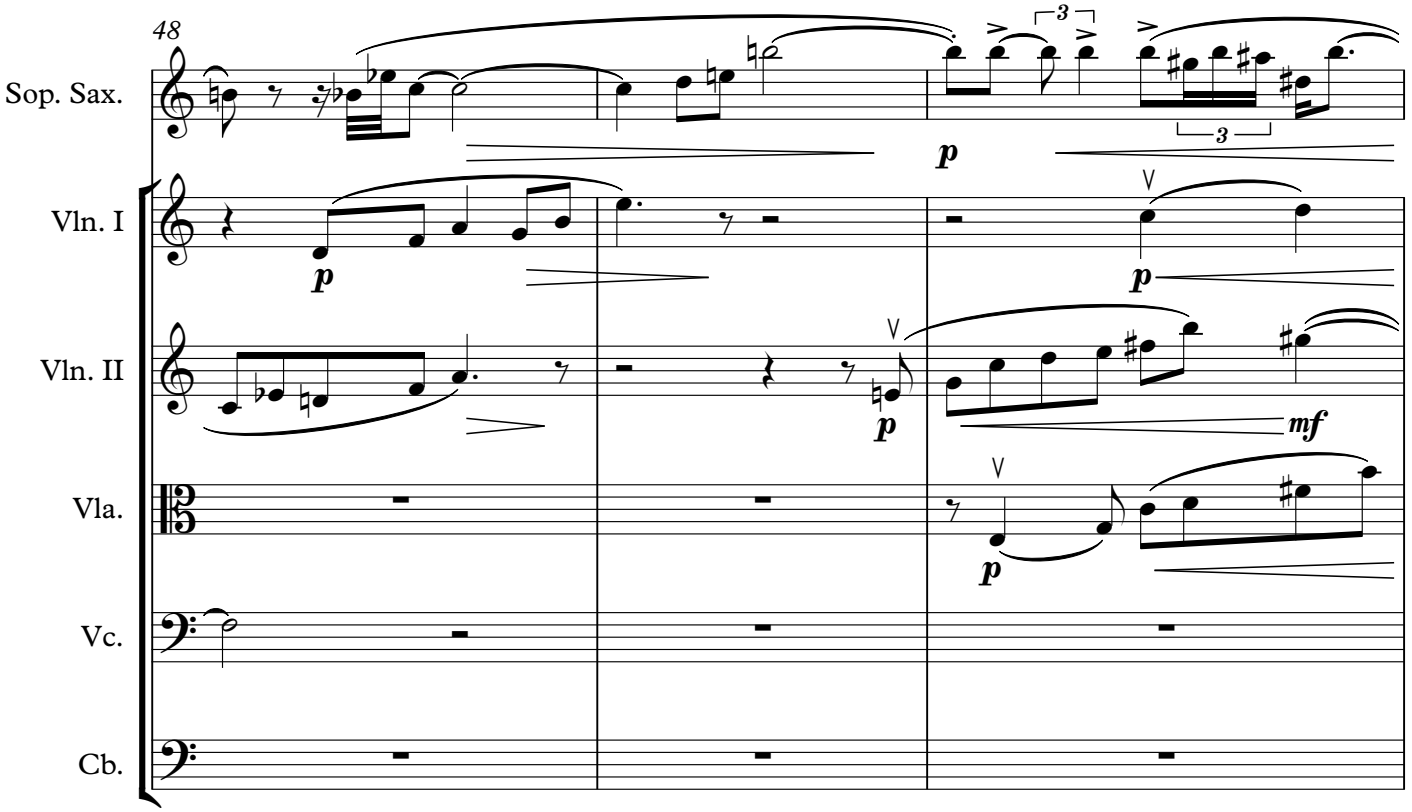
For Frank Richards, with gratitude always.

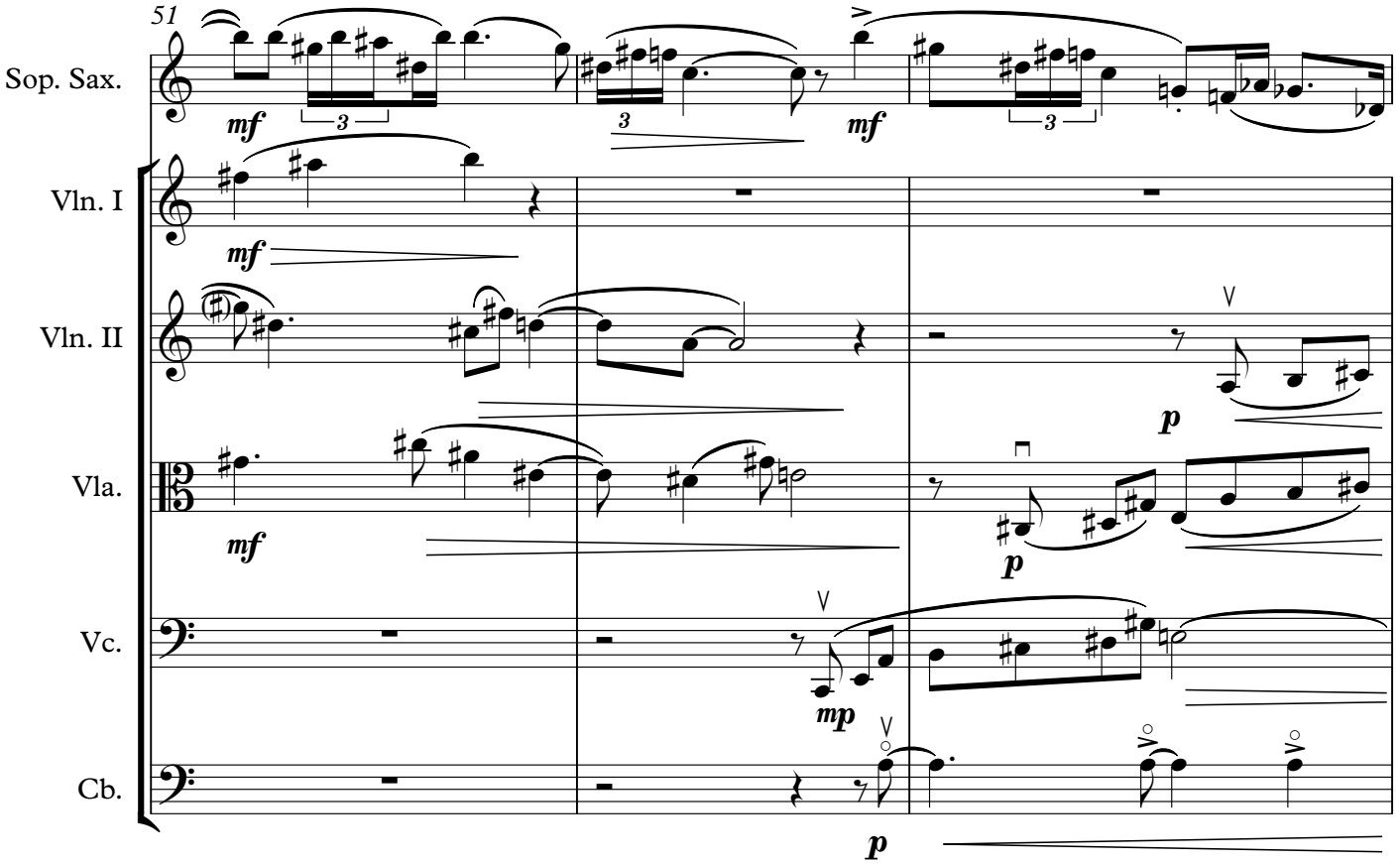

Con moto ♩. = 72
Soprano Saxophone
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass
pizz.
arco
pizz.
Quasi ad lib
Sop. Sax.
Sop. Sax.
Sop. Sax.
Sop. Sax.


25
Andantino ♩ = 92
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
29
poco f
p sim.
arco.
33
mf
f
mp
p
f


36
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
mp
mf
p sim.
40
come sopra
3


44
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
mf 3
p
mf
p
mf
mp
p
p
p


48
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
3
3
p
p
p
p
mf
p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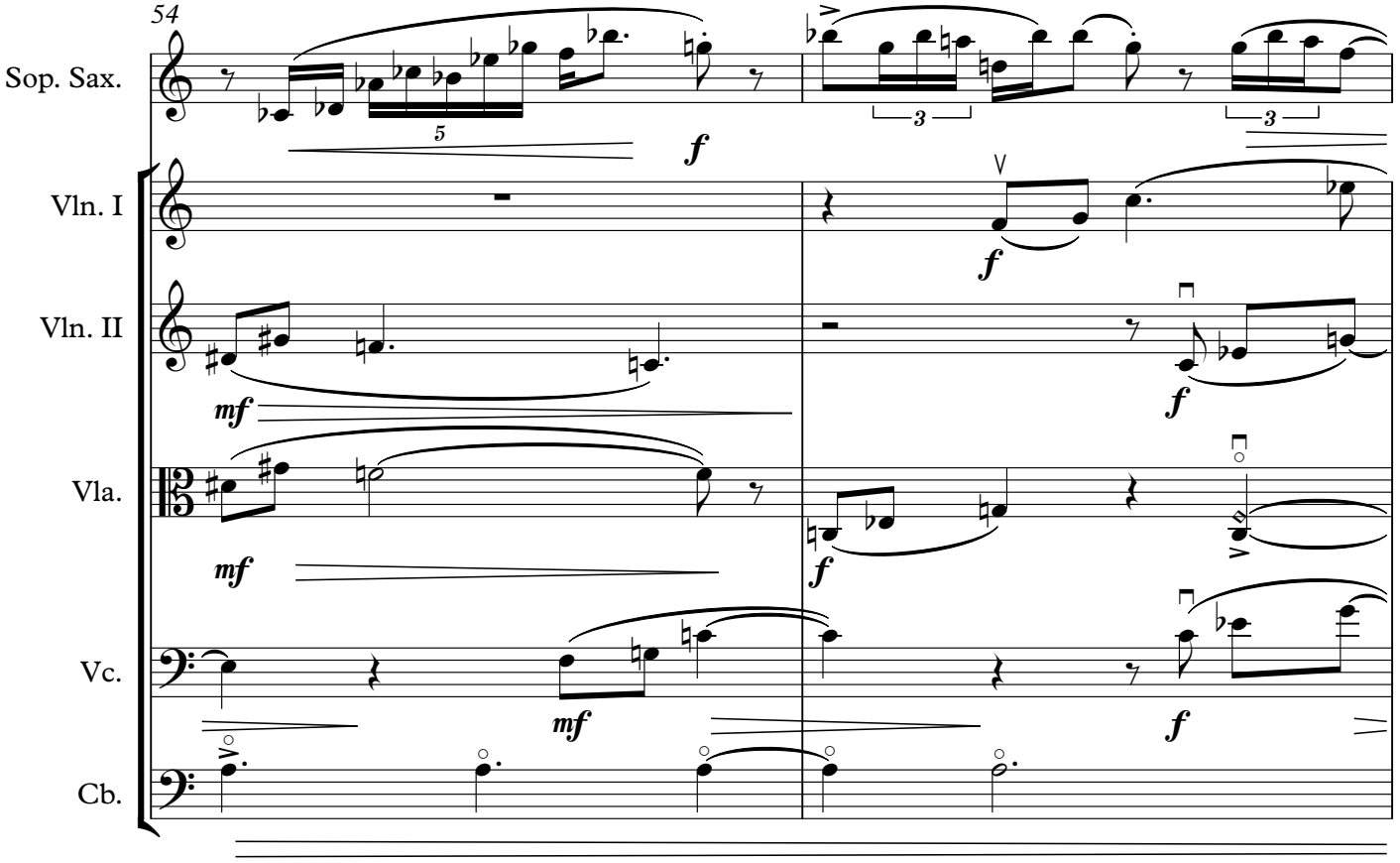
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mf
p
mp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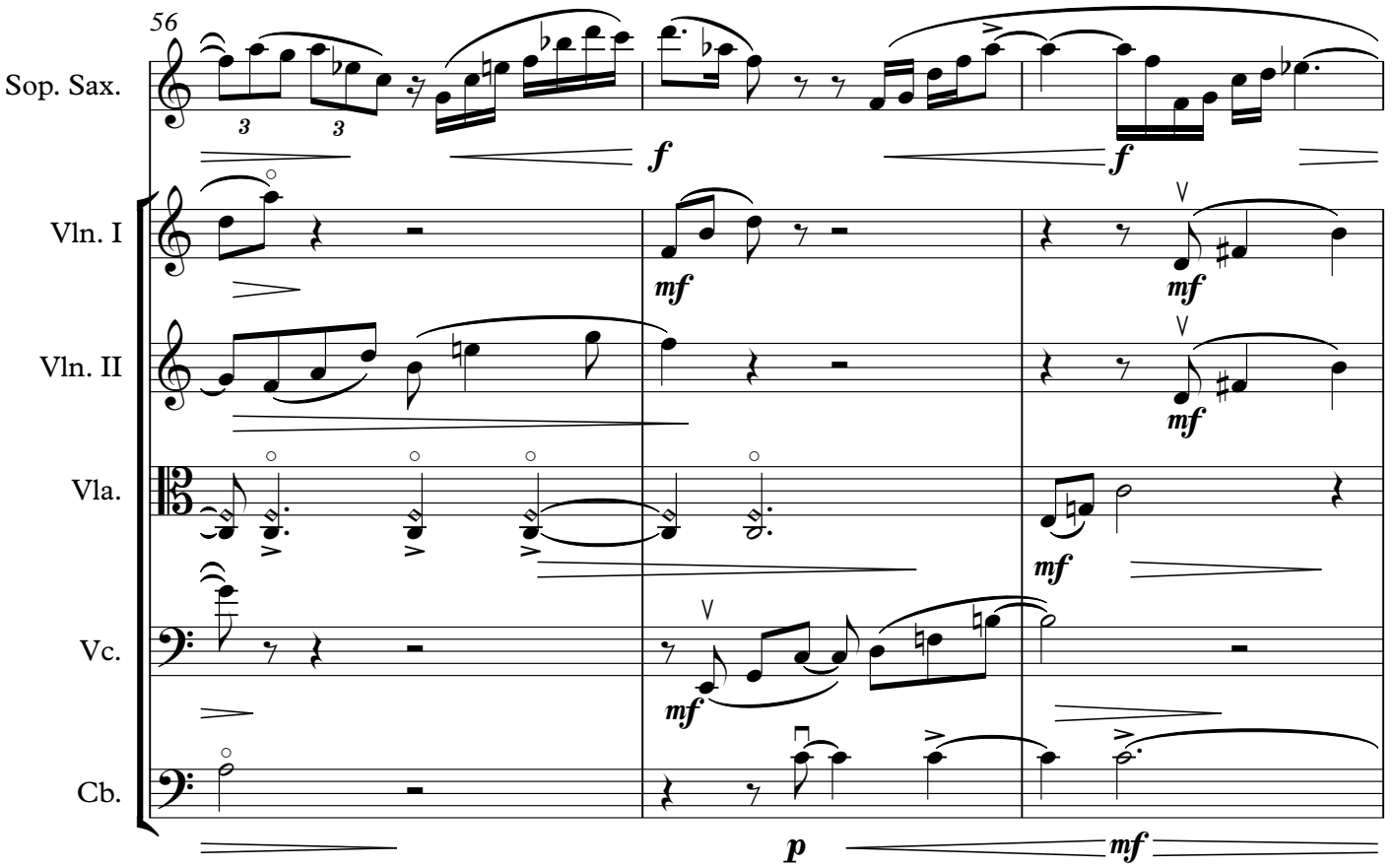
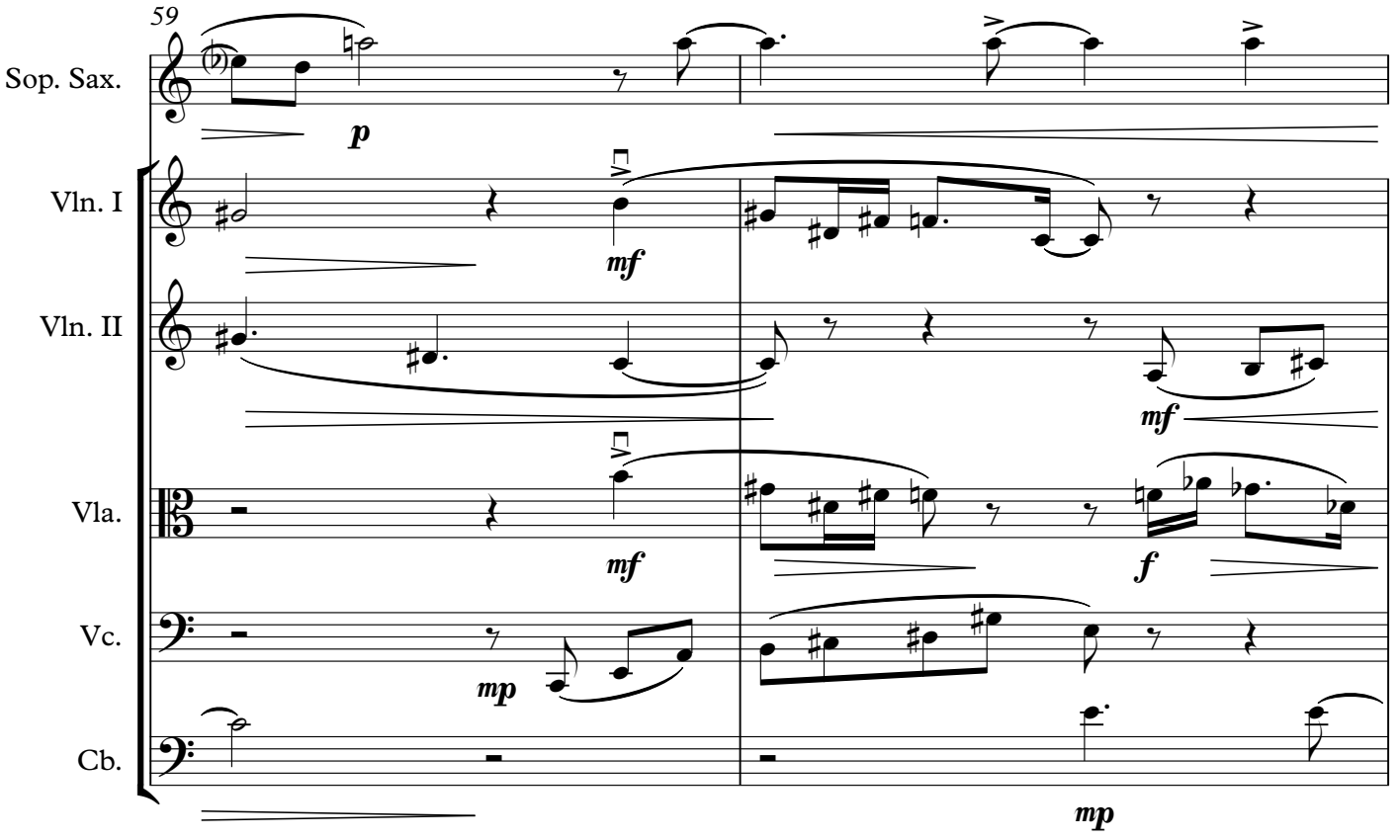
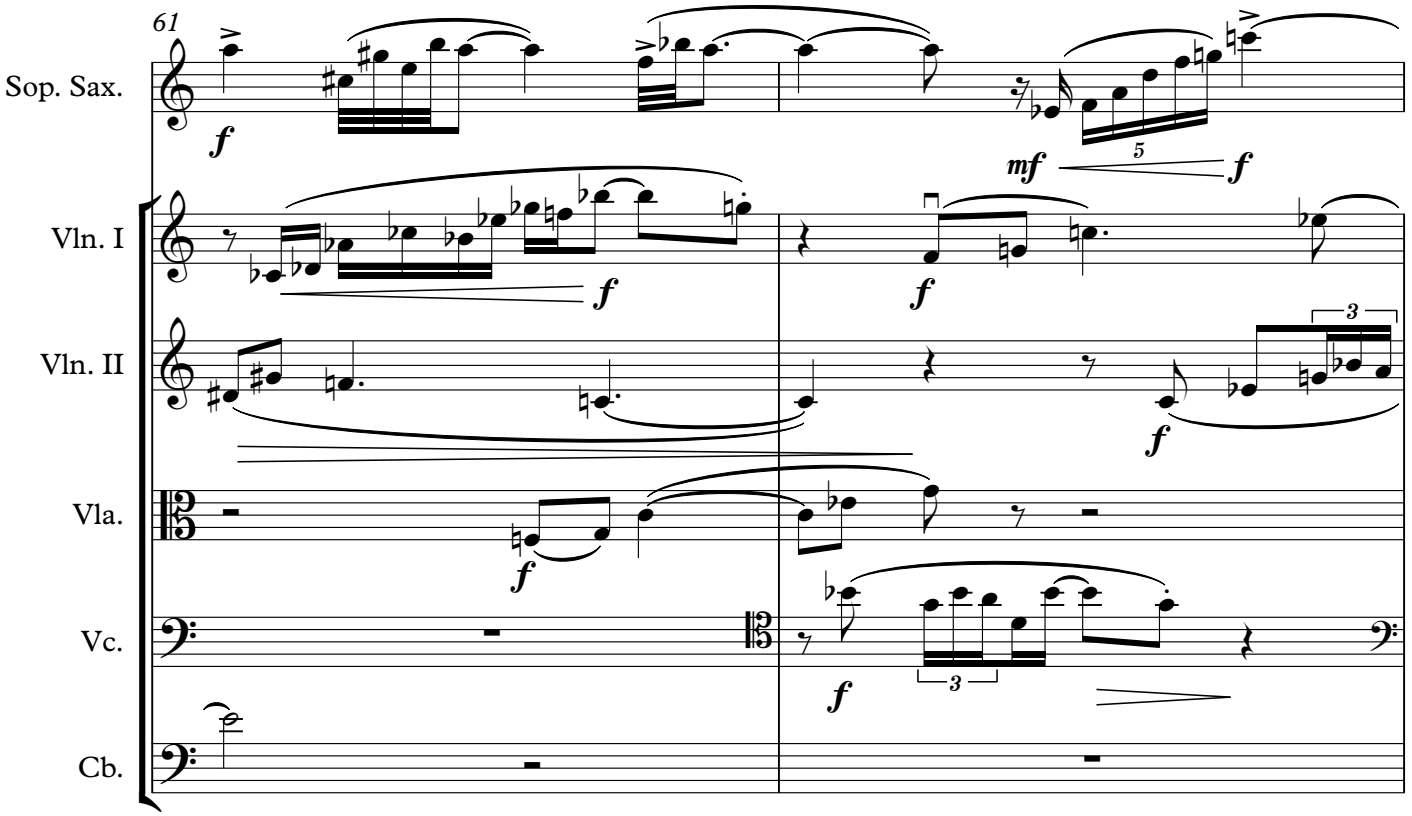
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mf
f


56
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
f
f
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf
p
mf


59
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
mf
mf
mf
mp
f
mp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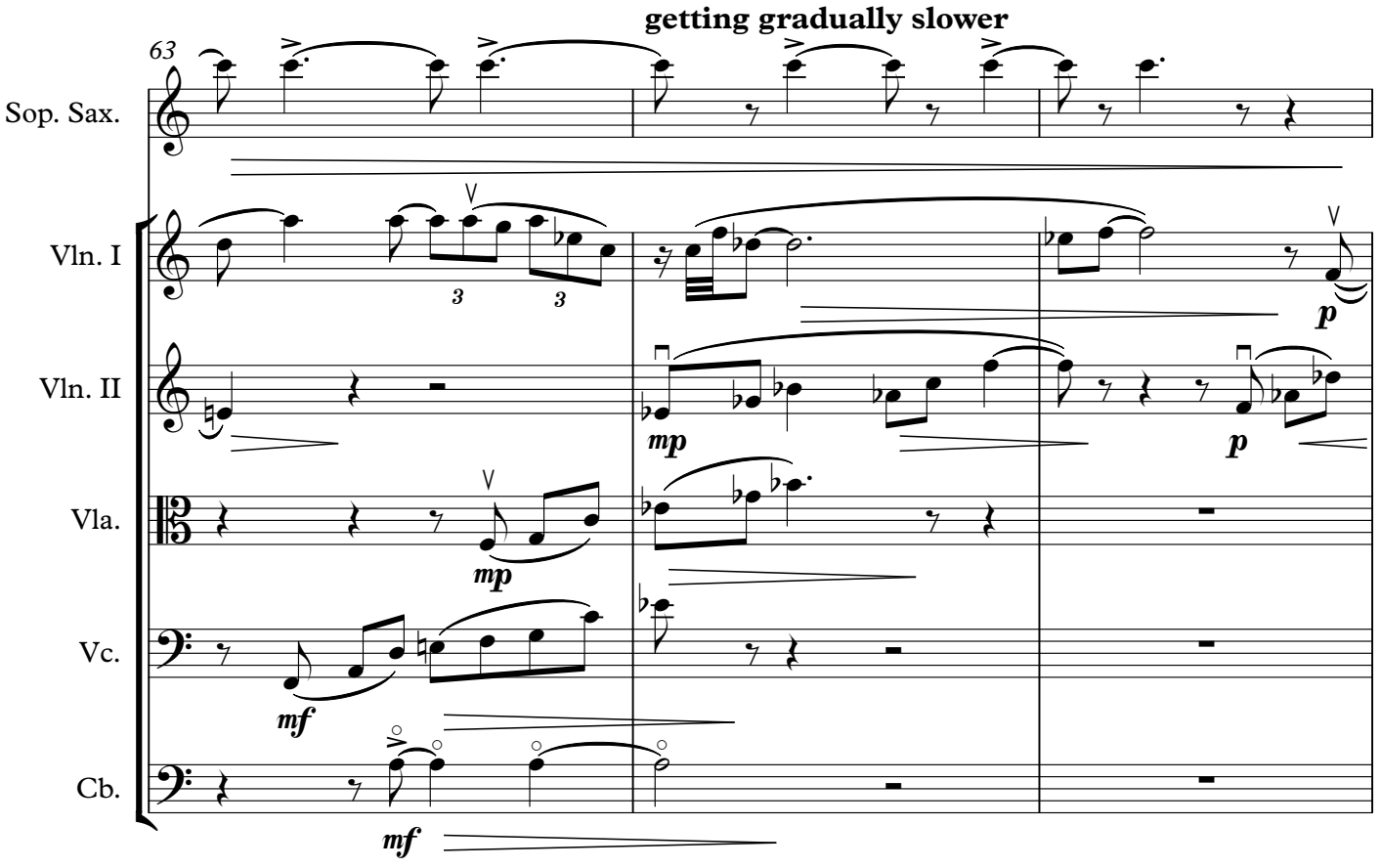
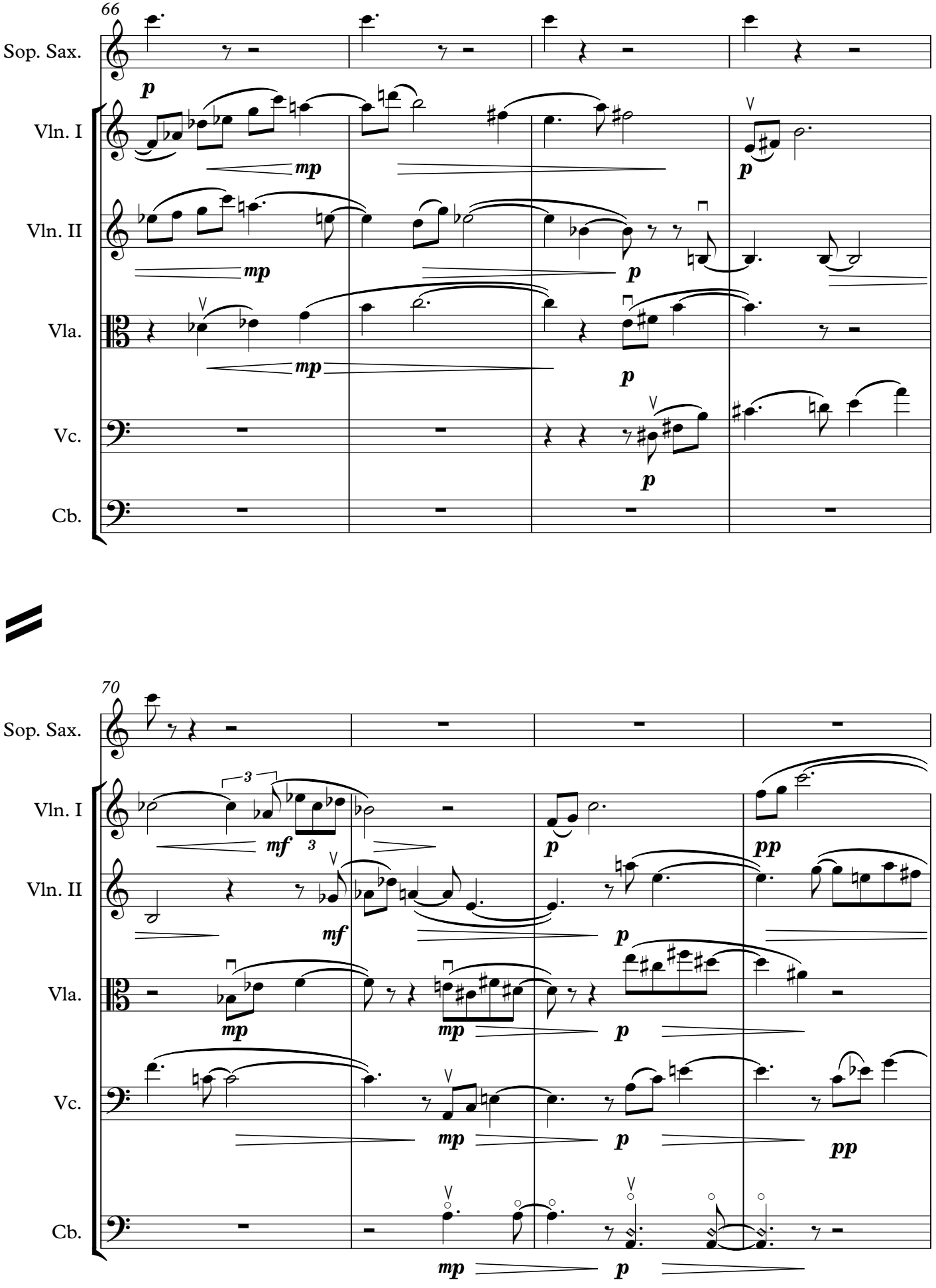
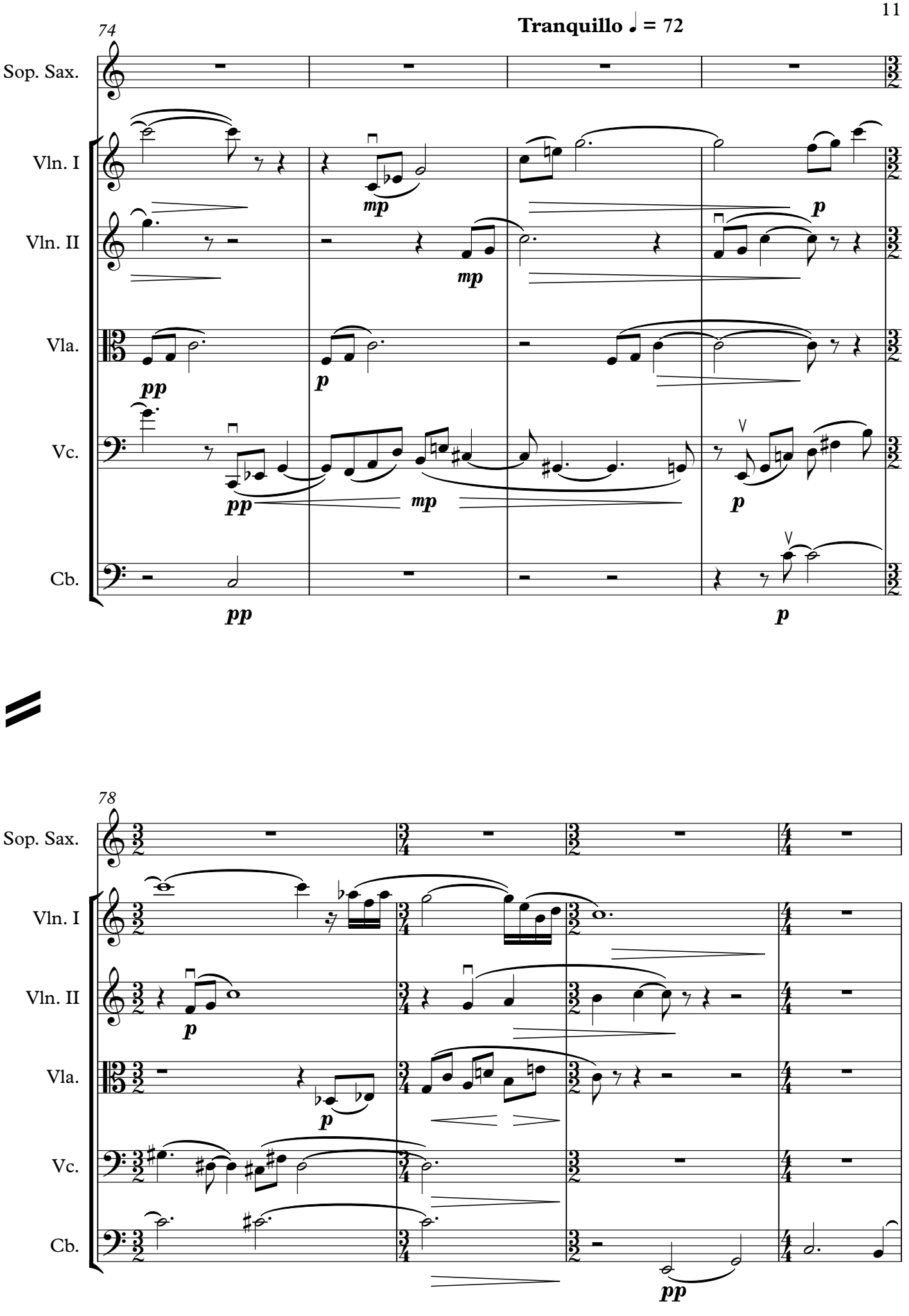
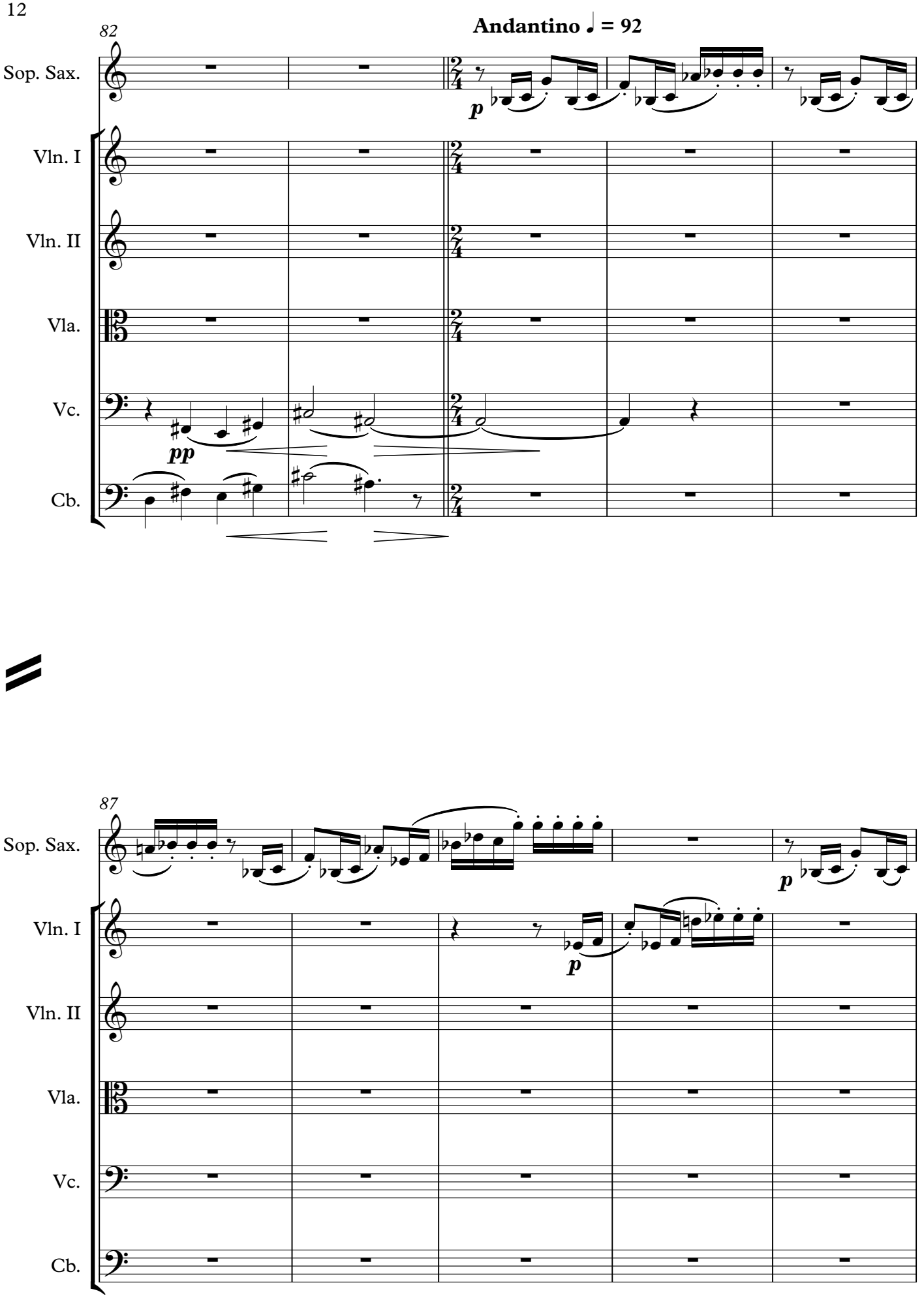
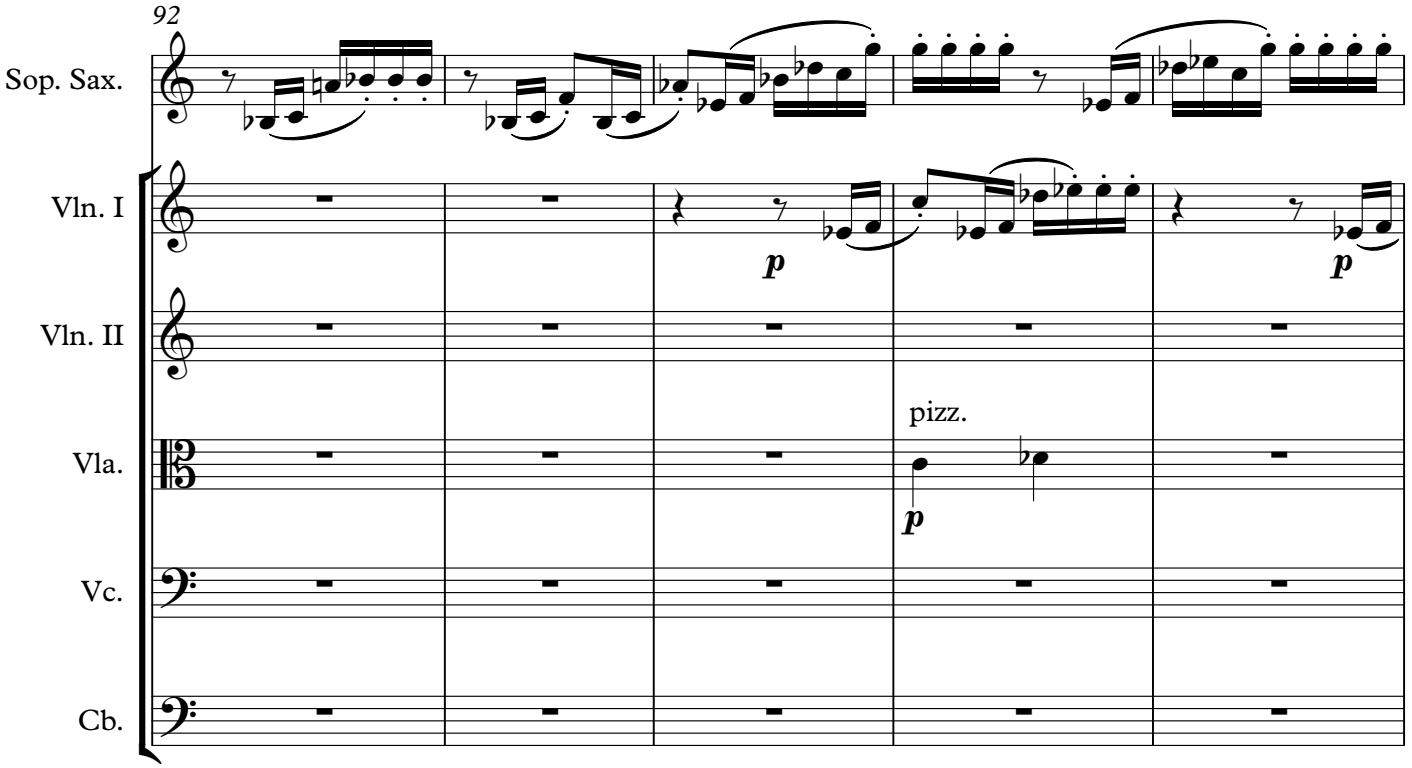
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
f
mf
5
3

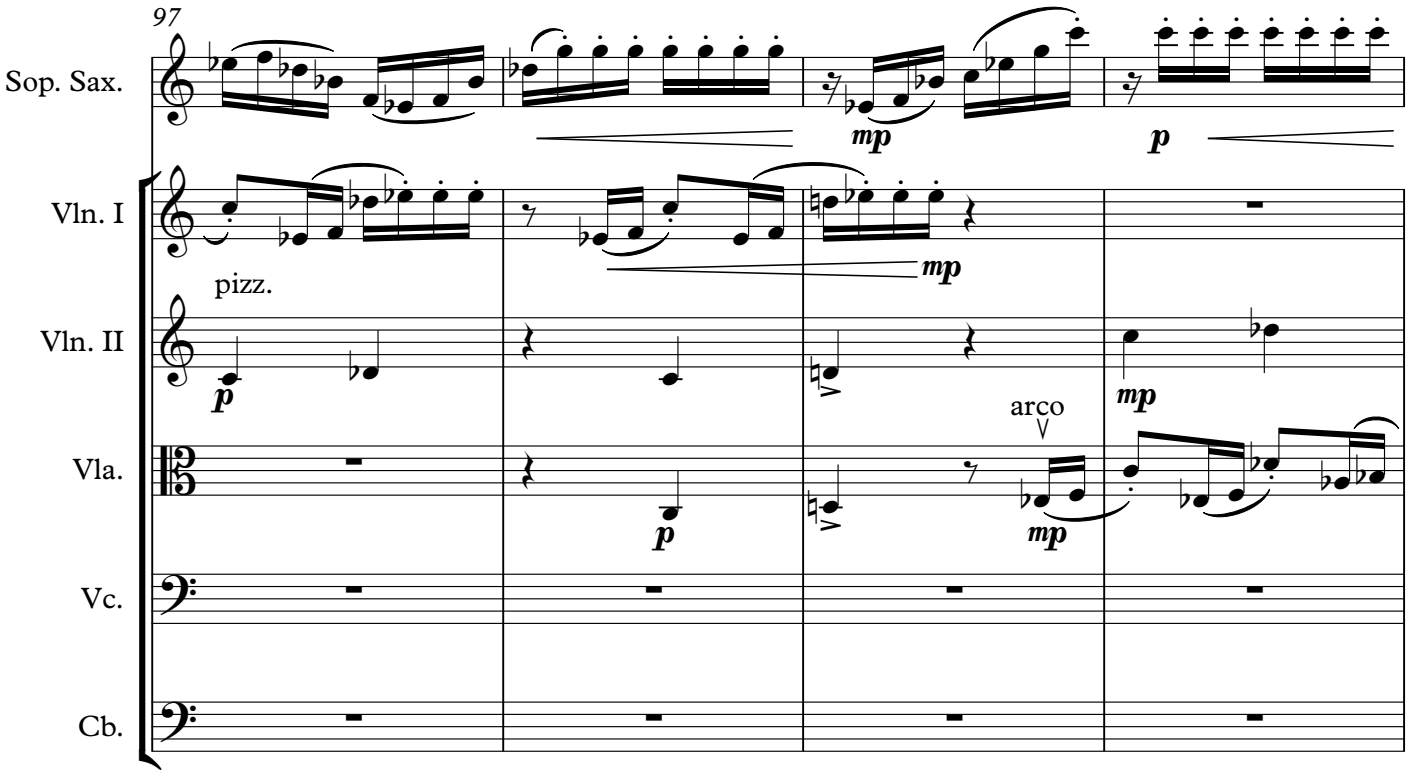

getting gradually slower
63
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
3
mp
p
mf

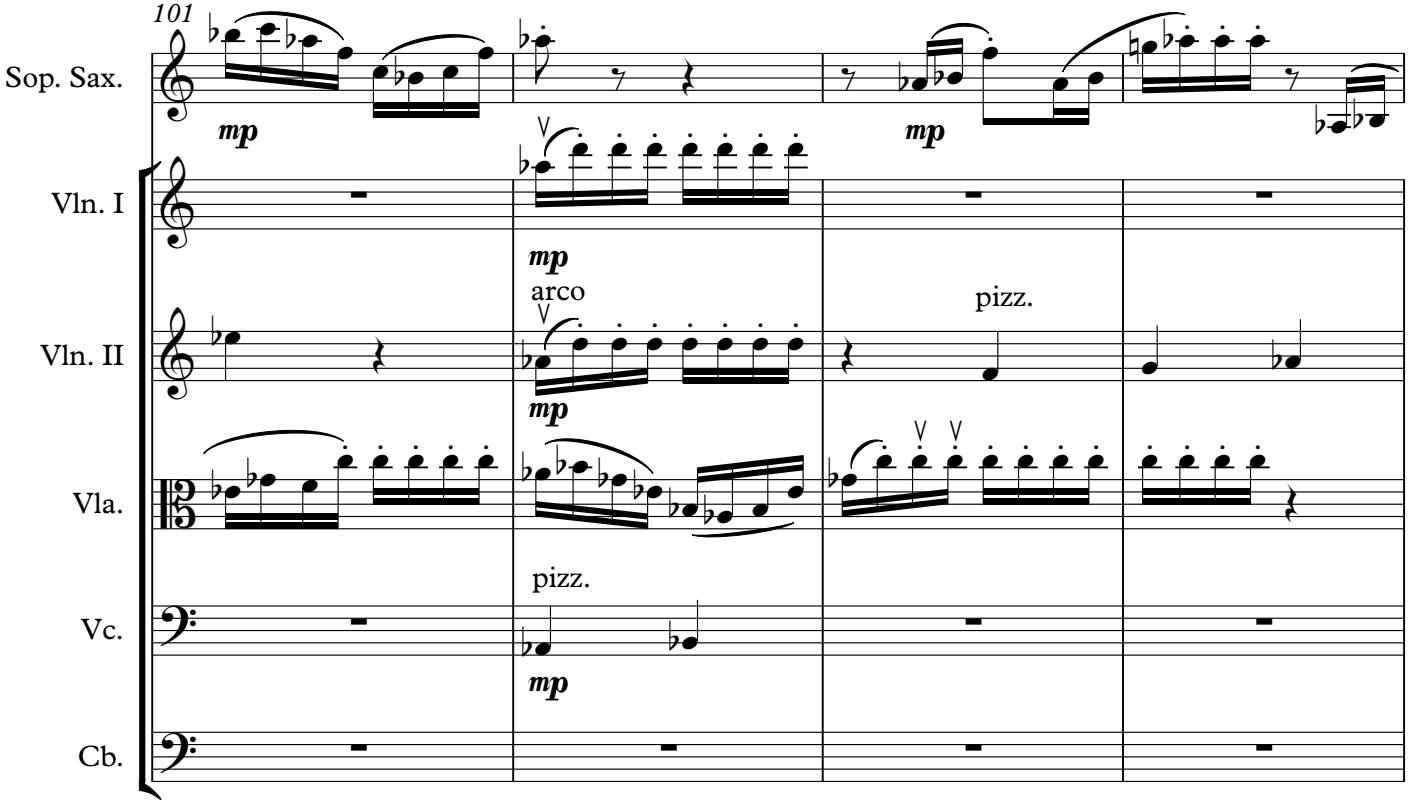

66
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
mp
p
mp
p
mp
p
p
70
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
3
mf
3
p
pp
mf
p
mp
mp
p
mp
p
pp
mp
p


74
Tranquillo ♩ = 72
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
78
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.


82
Andantino ♩ = 92
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
pp
87
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
p


92
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
pizz.
p
p


97
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
p
mp
pizz.
p
mp
p
arco
mp
mp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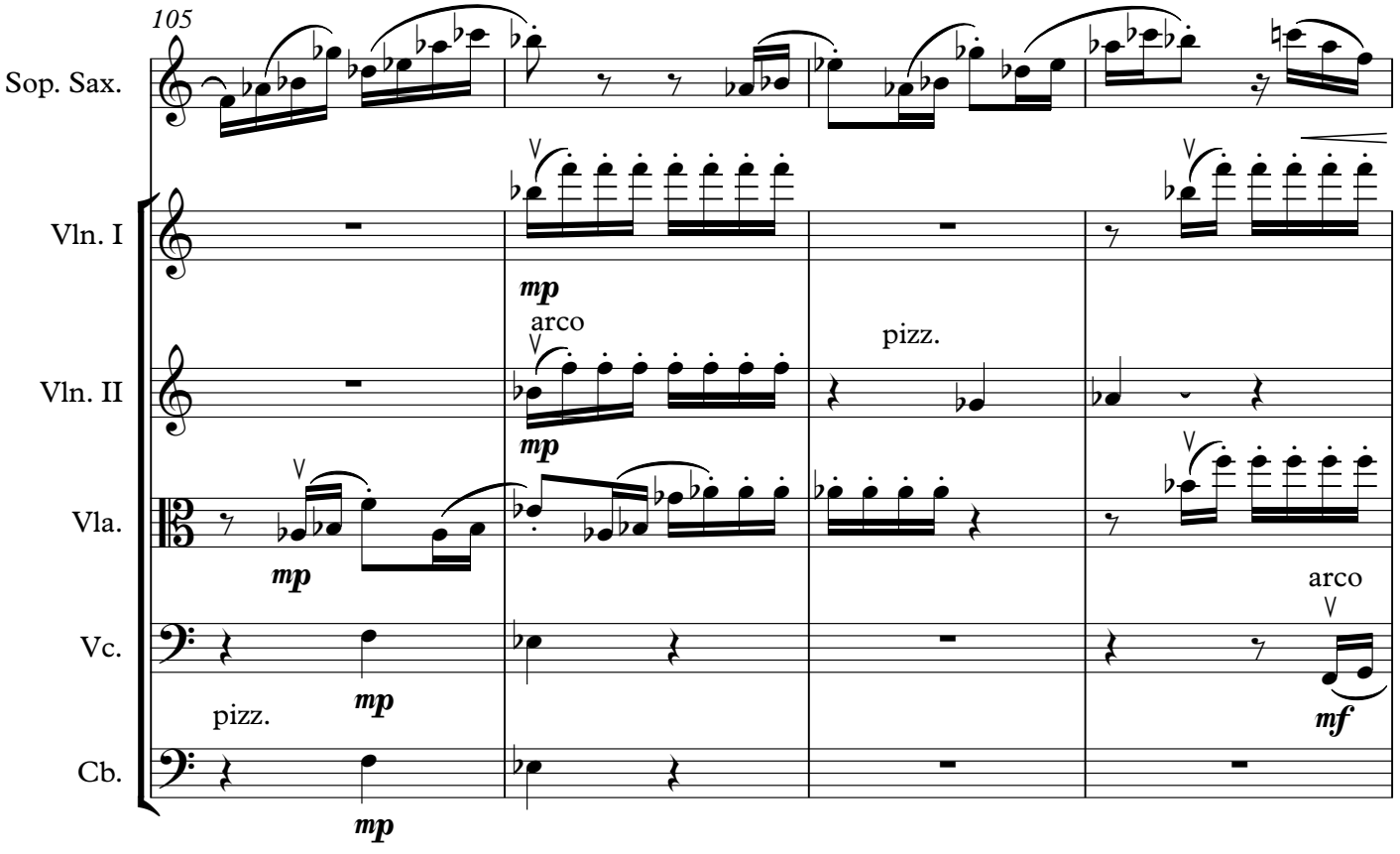
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
arco
pizz.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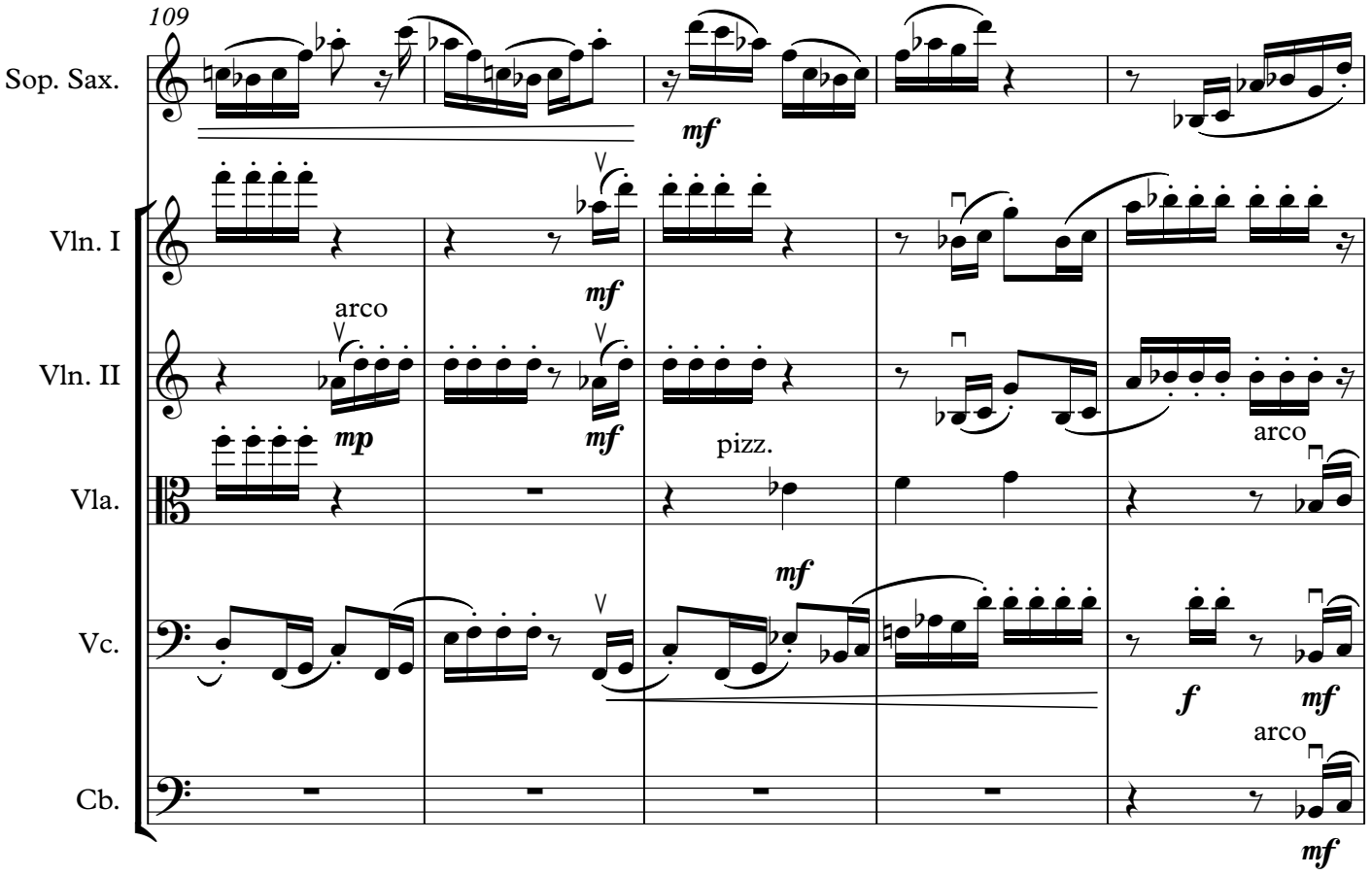
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
arco
pizz.
mf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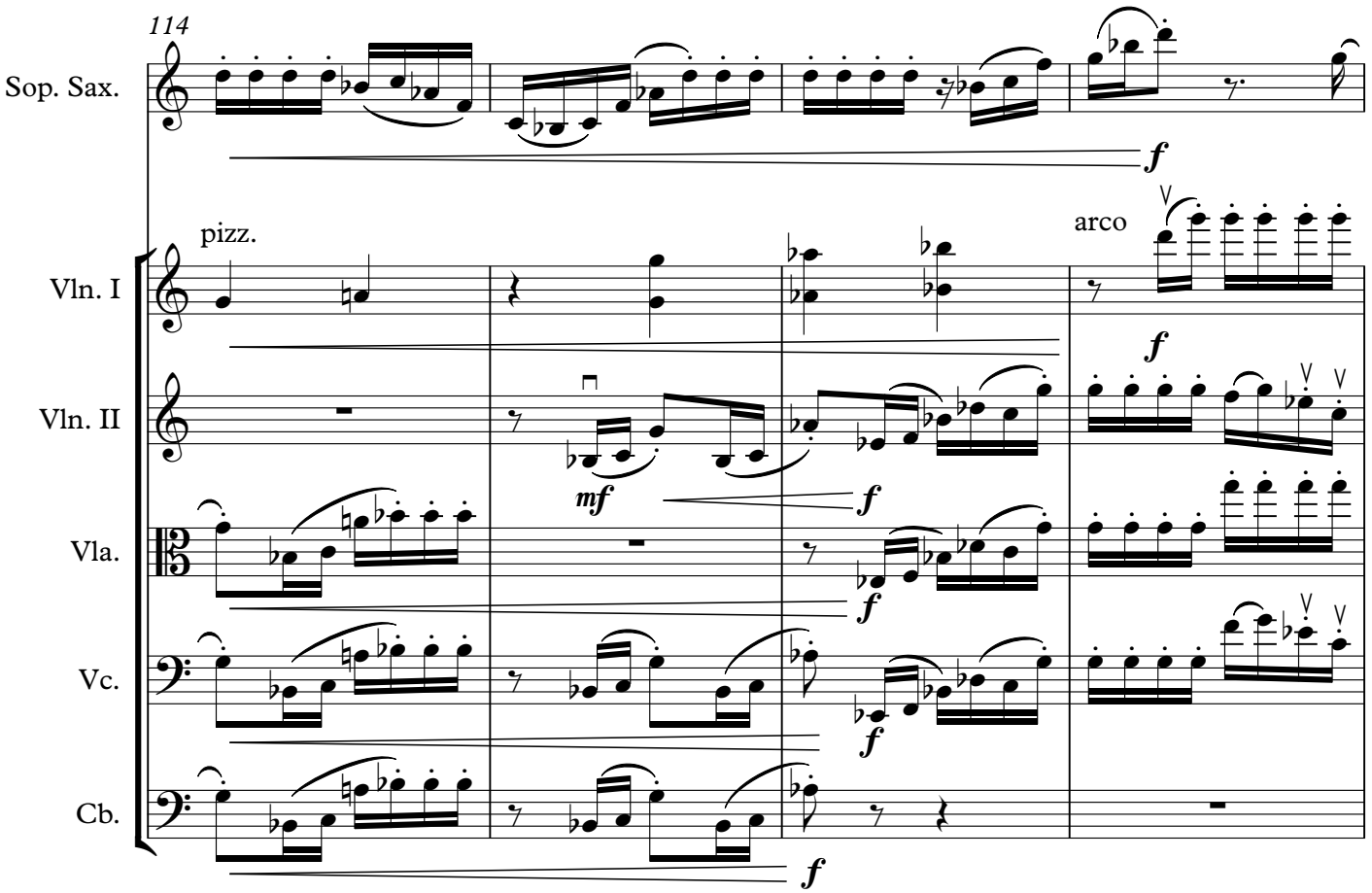
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
arco
pizz.
arco
arco
mf
mp
f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Cb.
pizz.
arco
mf
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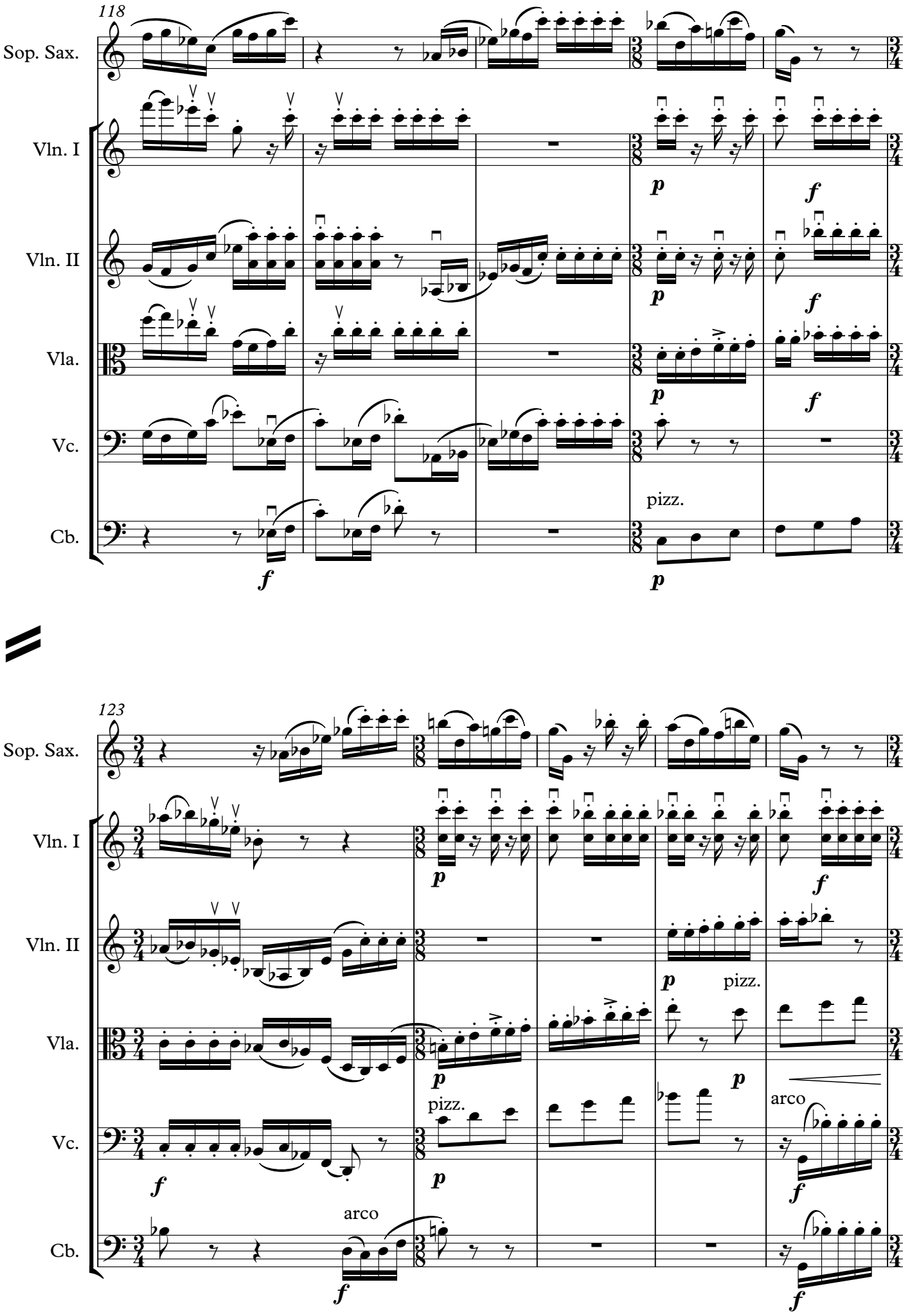
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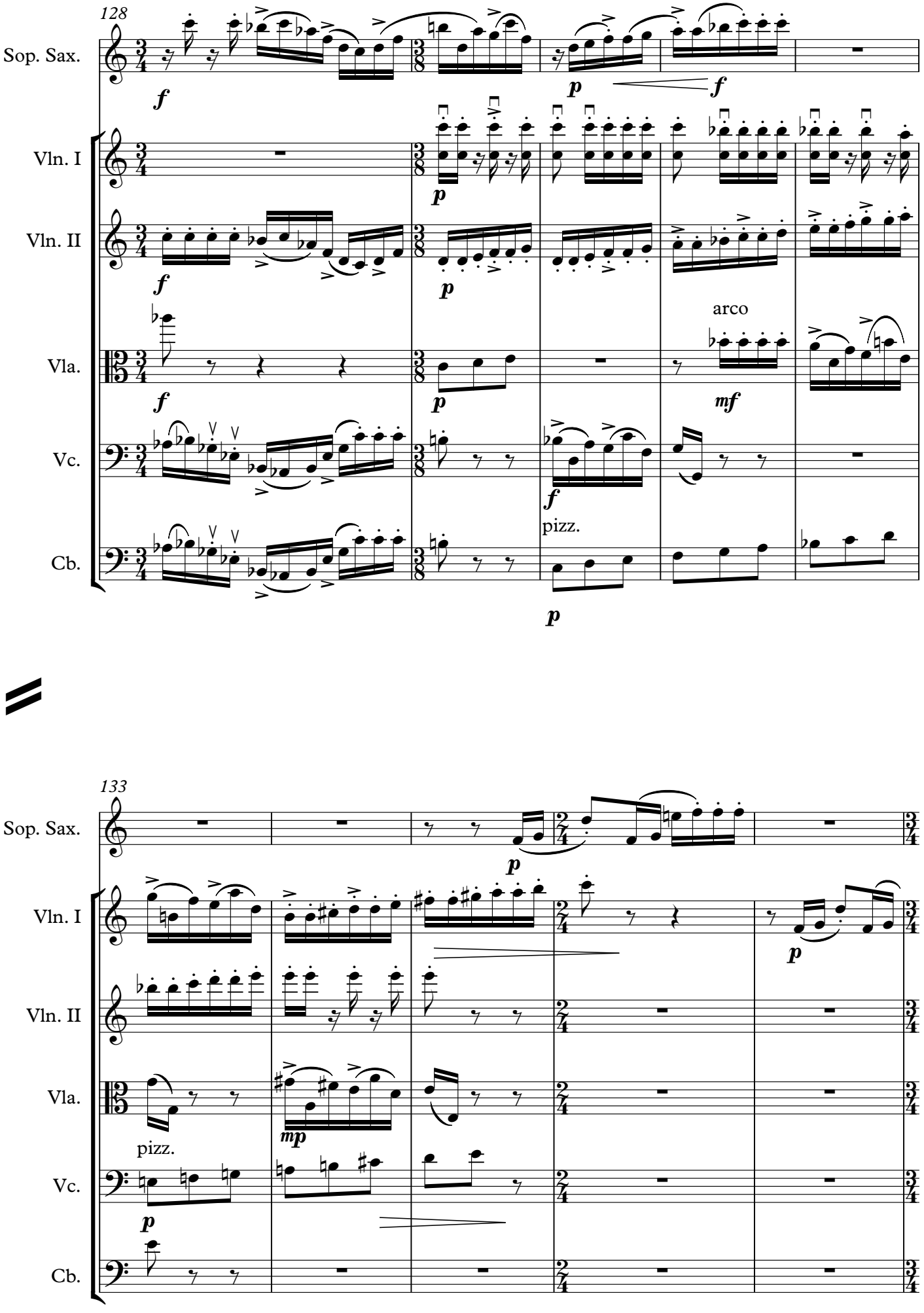
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
123
arco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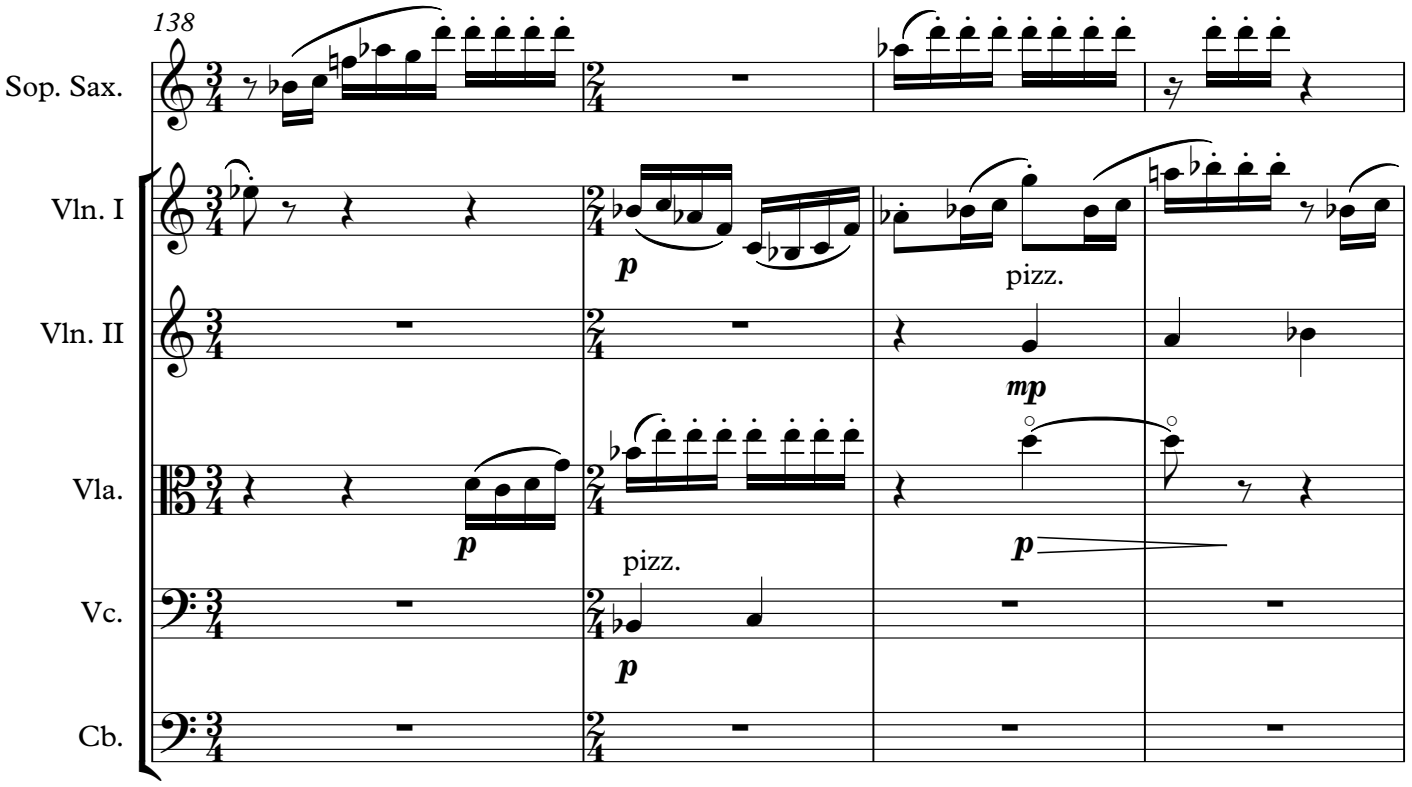
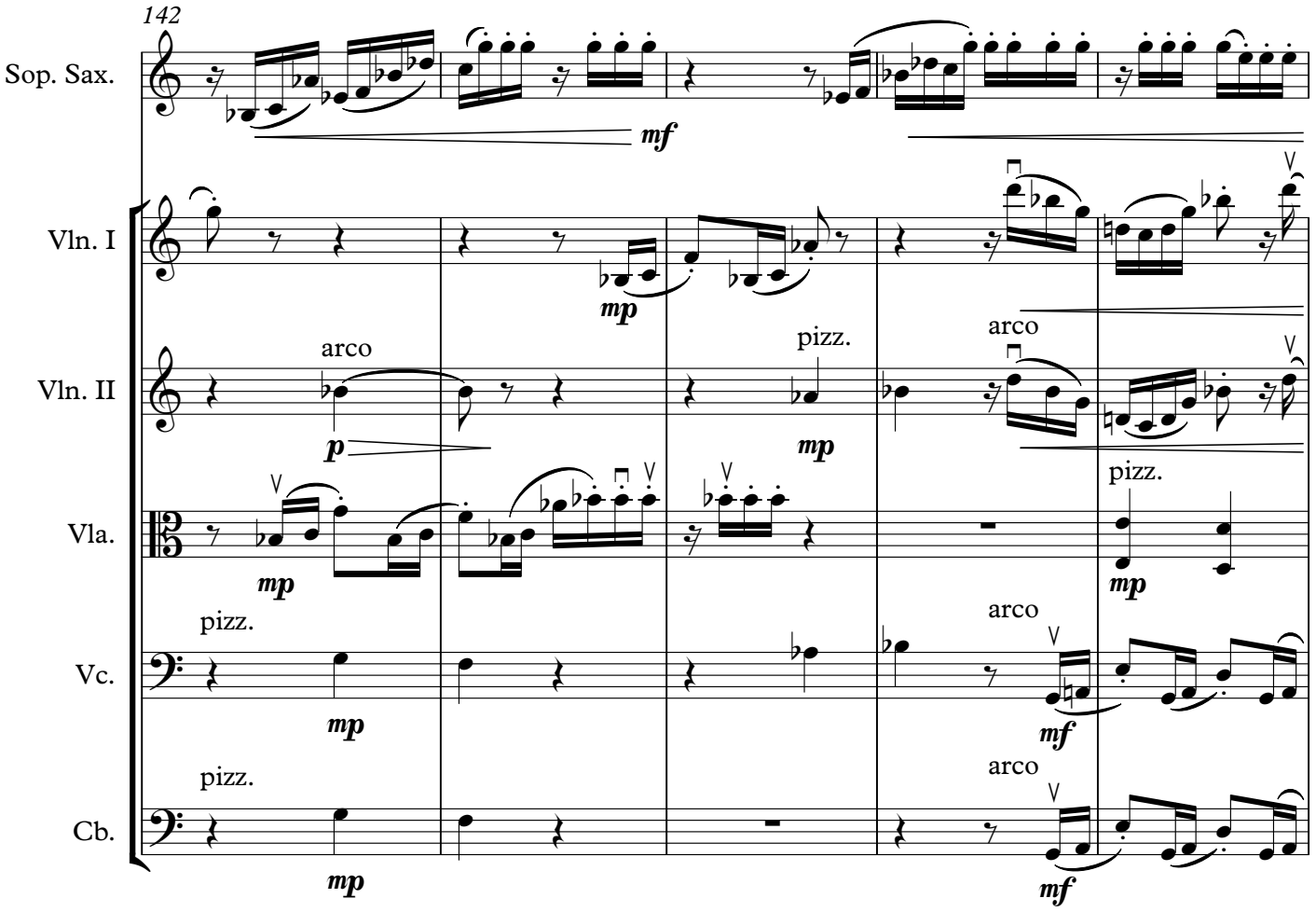
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
arco
pizz.
133
mp


138
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
pizz.
mp
p
pizz.
p
p


142
Sop. Sax.
mf
Vln. I
mp
Vln. II
arco
p
pizz.
mp
arco
Vla.
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pizz.
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Vc.
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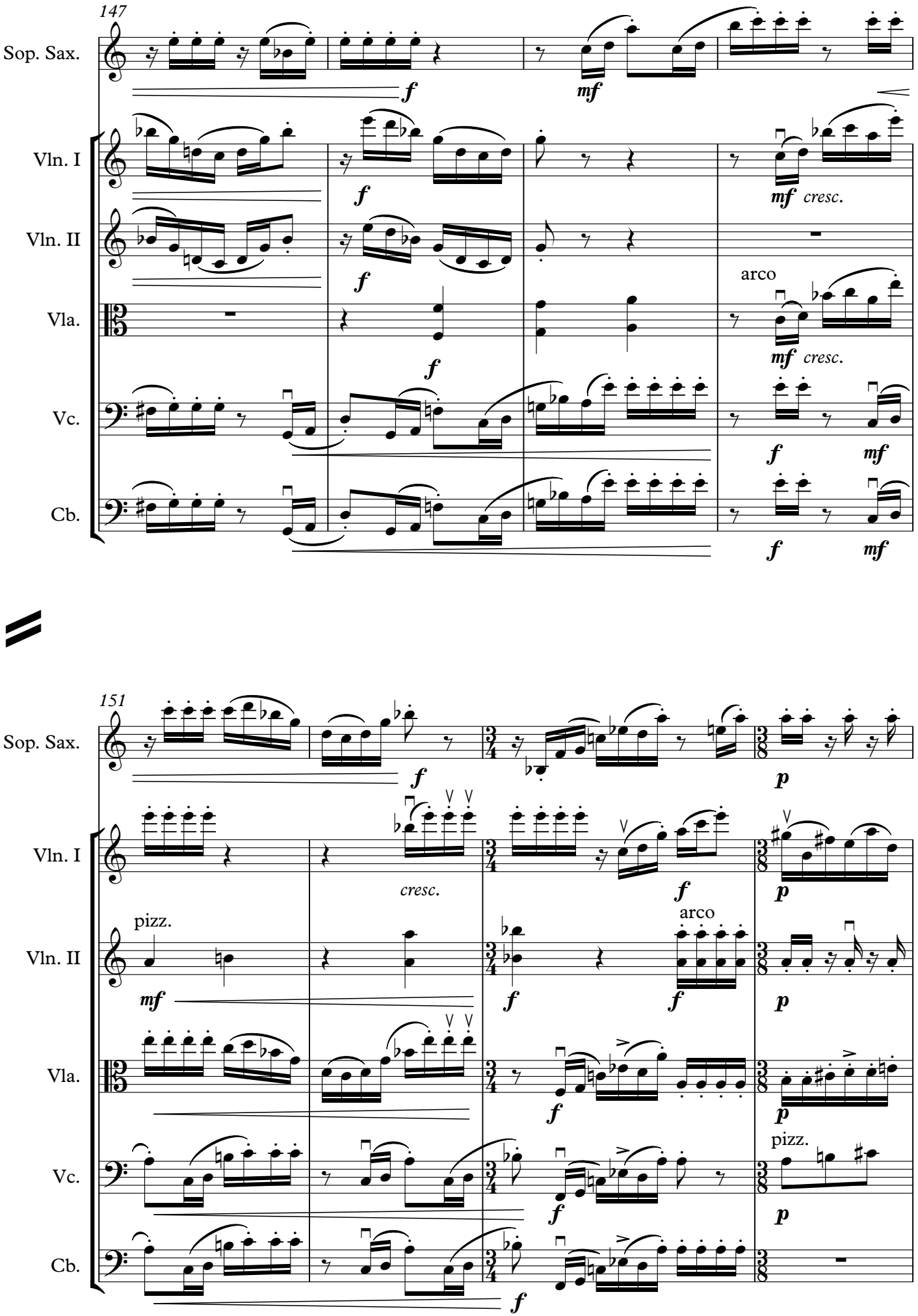
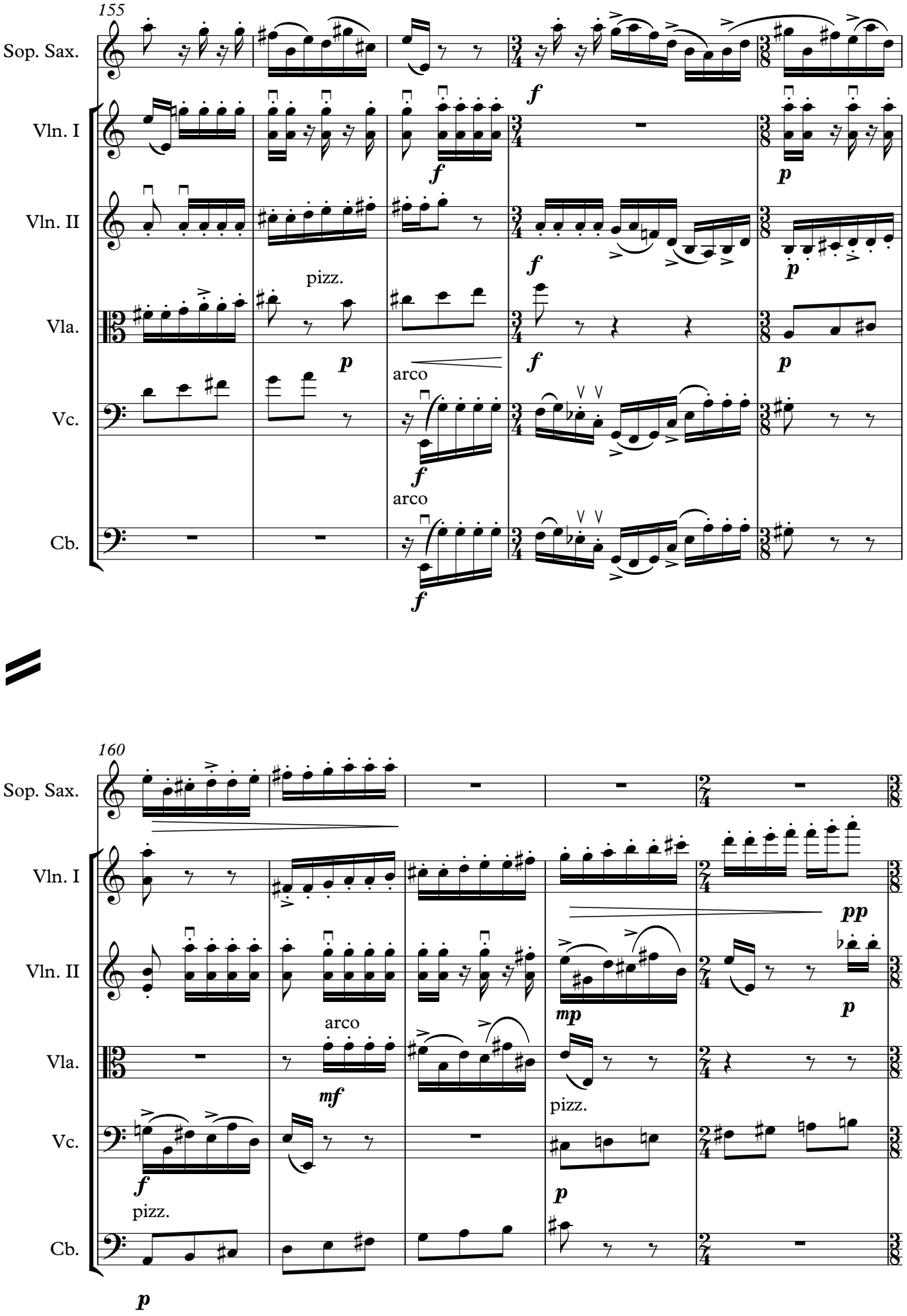
mp
arco
mf
Cb.
pizz.
mp
arco
mf


147
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
f
mf
cresc.
arco
151
p
pizz.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Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
arco
arco
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Vln. I
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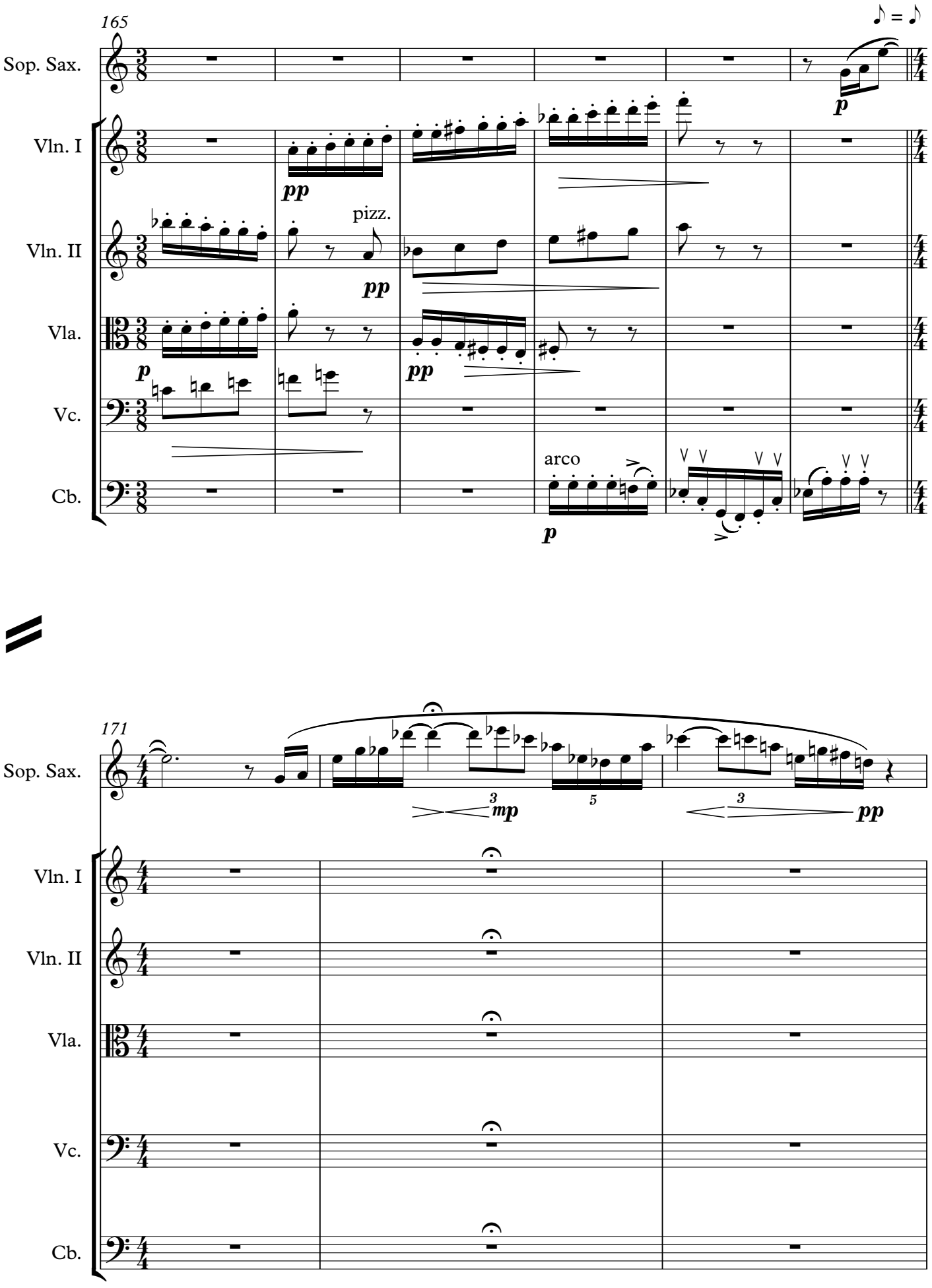
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
arco
pizz.
pizz.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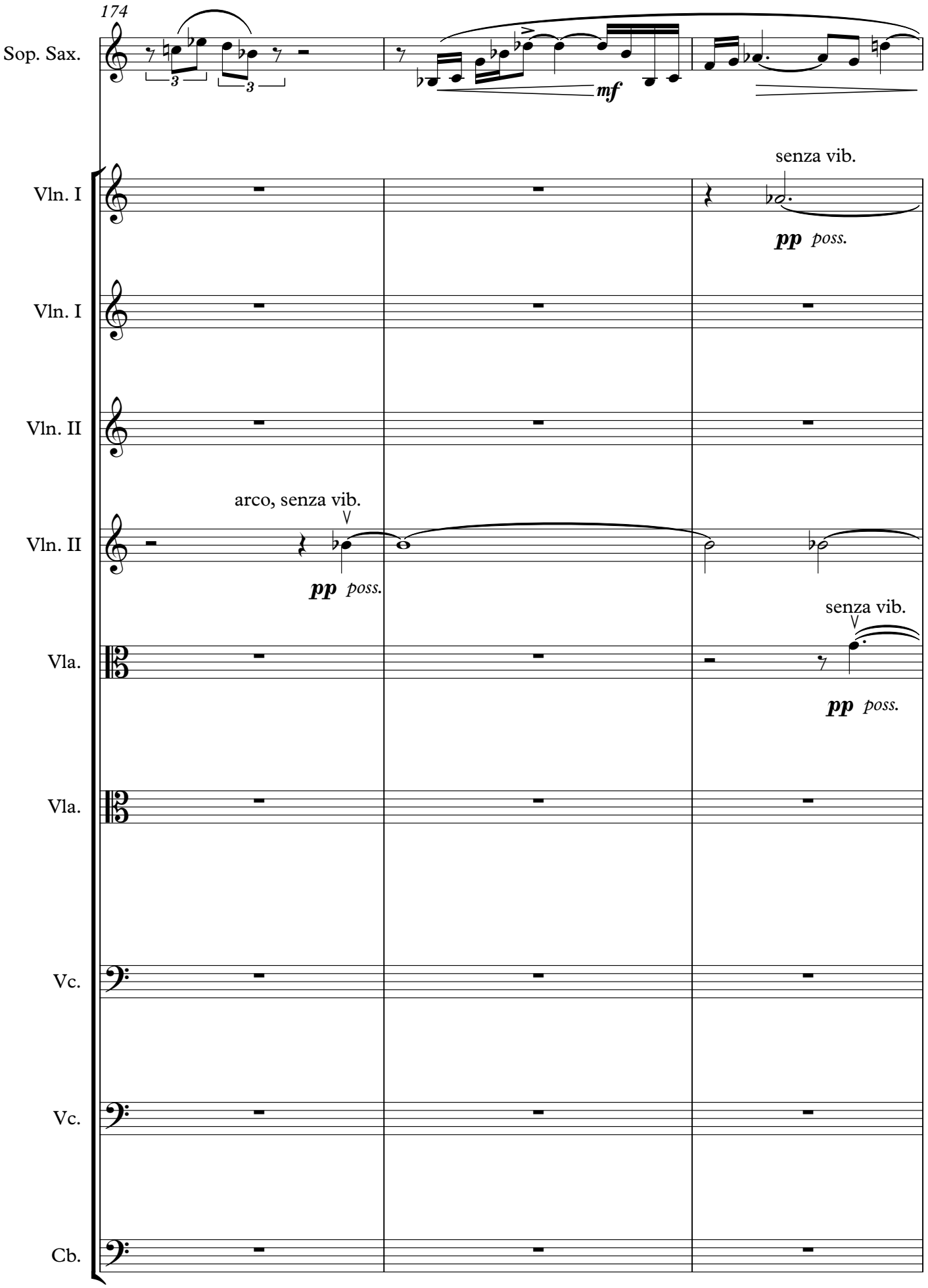
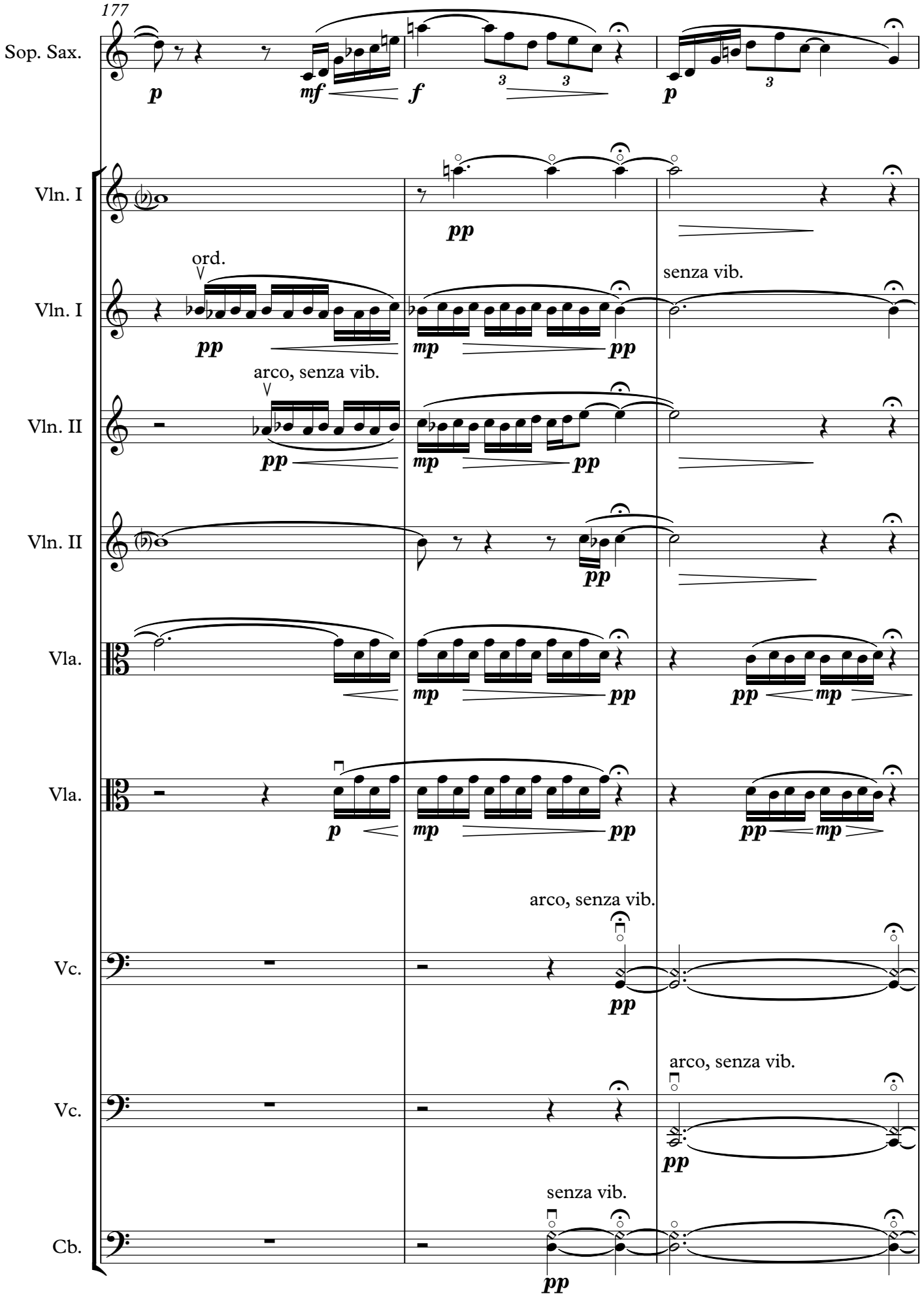
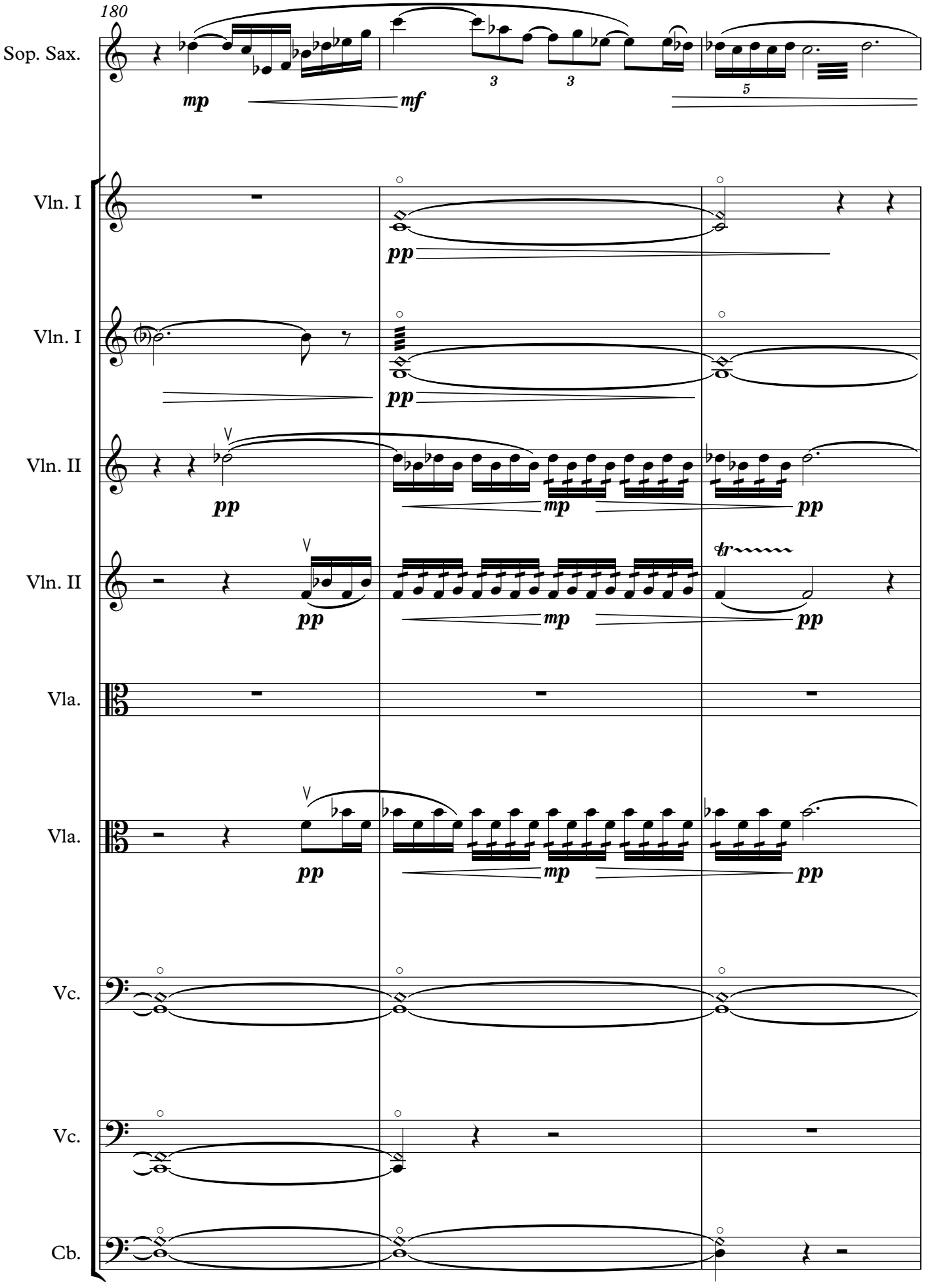
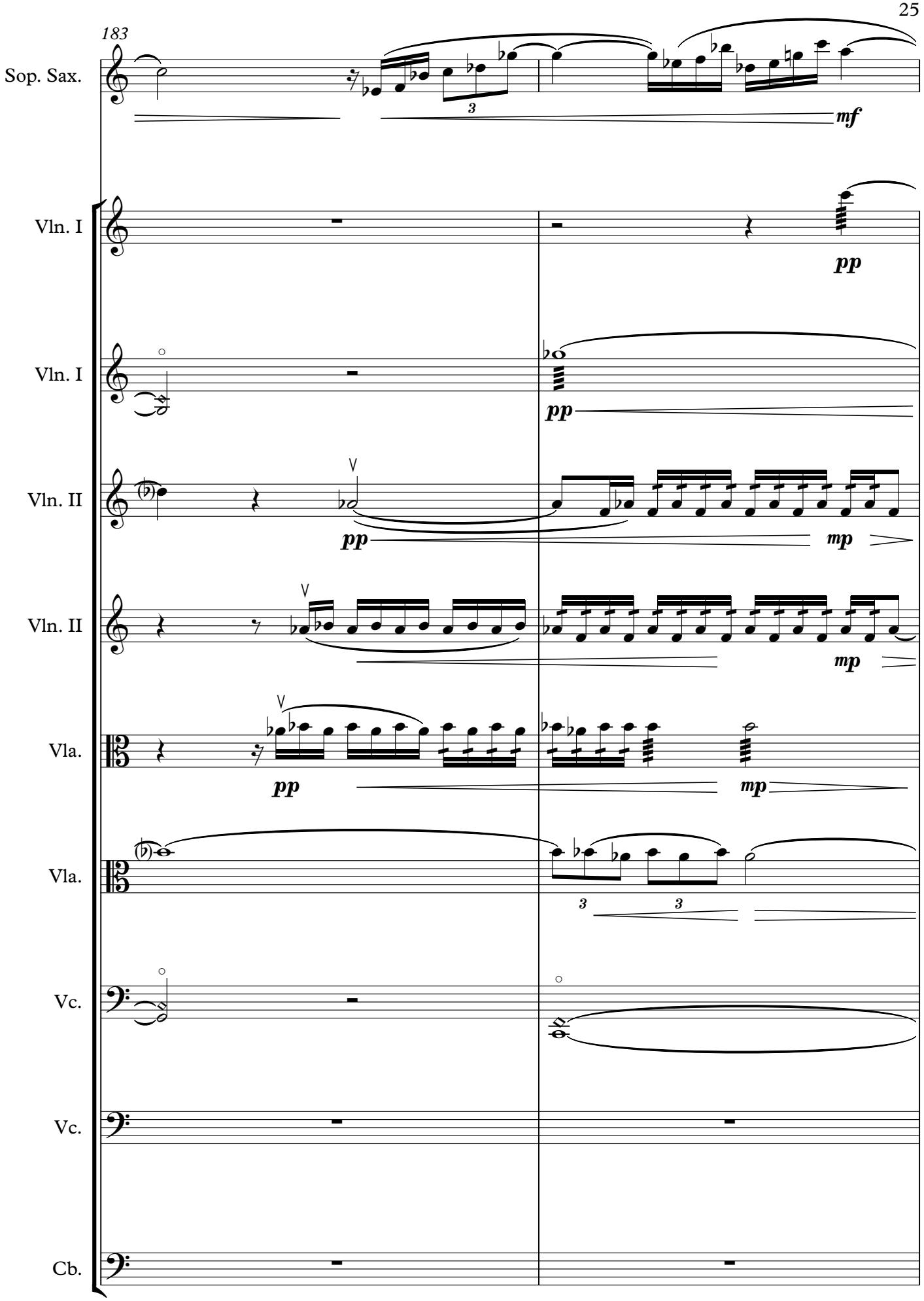
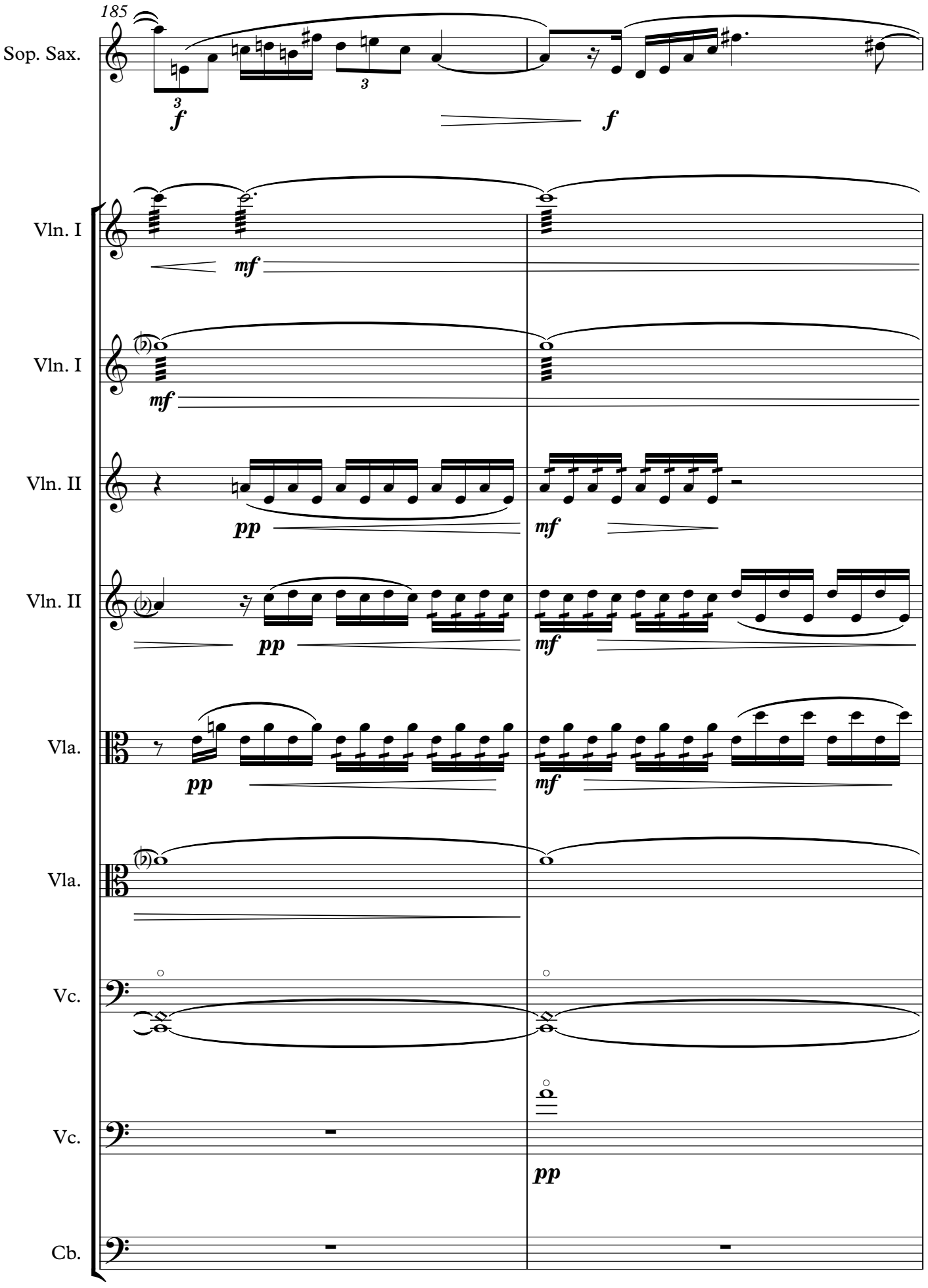
♪ = ♪
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
arco
171
mp
pp

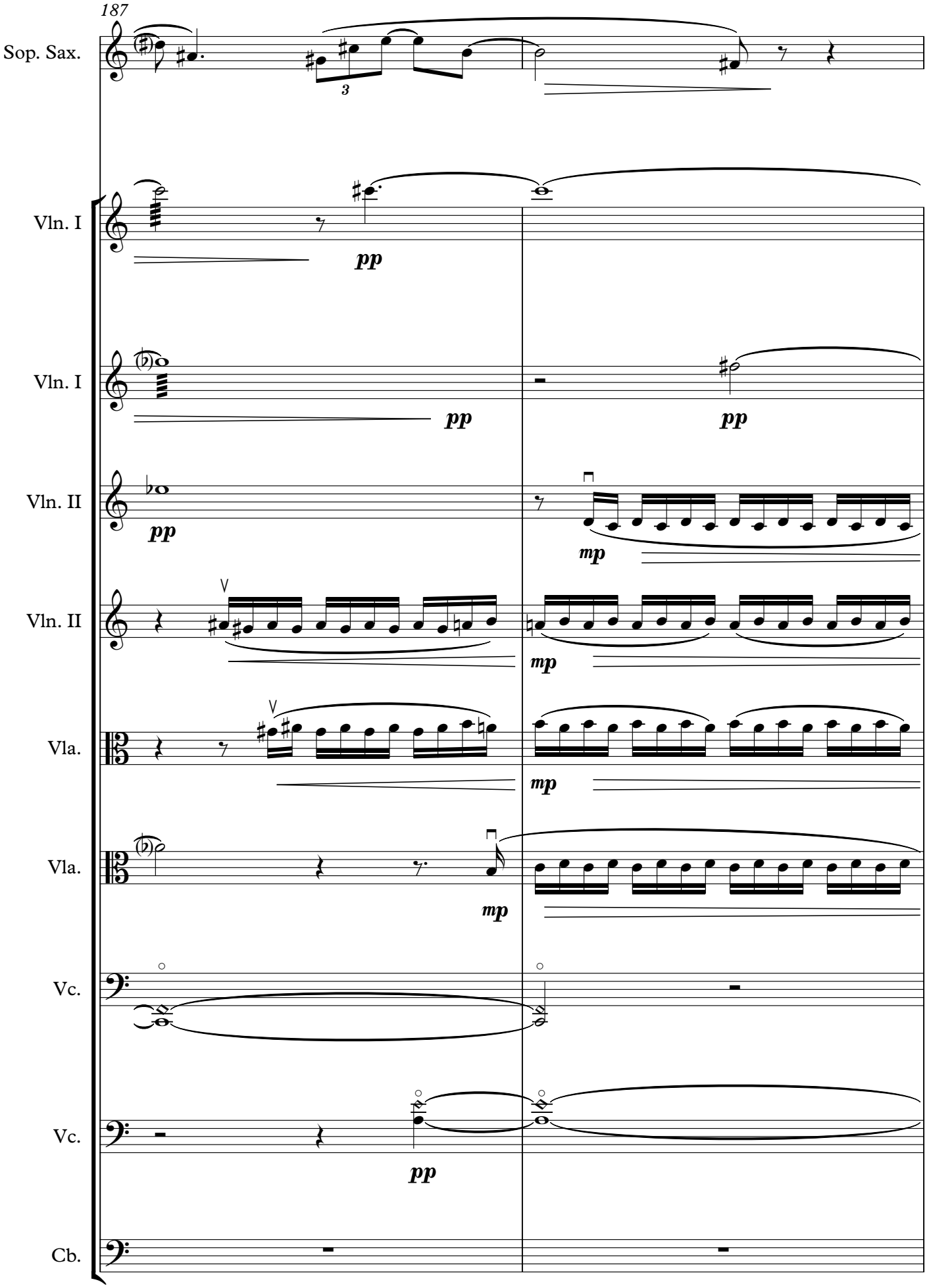

174
Sop. Sax.
3
3
mf
Vln. I
senza vib.
pp poss.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
arco, senza vib.
pp poss.
senza vib.
Vla.
pp poss.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.


177
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
ord.
senza vib.
Vln. II
arco, senza vib.
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
arco, senza vib.
Vc.
arco, senza vib.
Cb.
senza vib.


180
Sop. Sax.
mp
mf
3
3
5
Vln. I
pp
Vln. I
pp
Vln. II
pp
mp
pp
Vln. II
pp
mp
tr
pp
Vla.
Vla.
pp
mp
pp
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.


183
Sop. Sax.
mf
Vln. I
pp
Vln. I
pp
Vln. II
pp
mp
Vln. II
mp
Vla.
pp
mp
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.


185
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
f
f
mf
mf
pp
mf
pp
mf
pp
mf
pp


187
Sop. Sax.
3
Vln. I
pp
Vln. I
pp
pp
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pp
mp
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Vc.
Vc.
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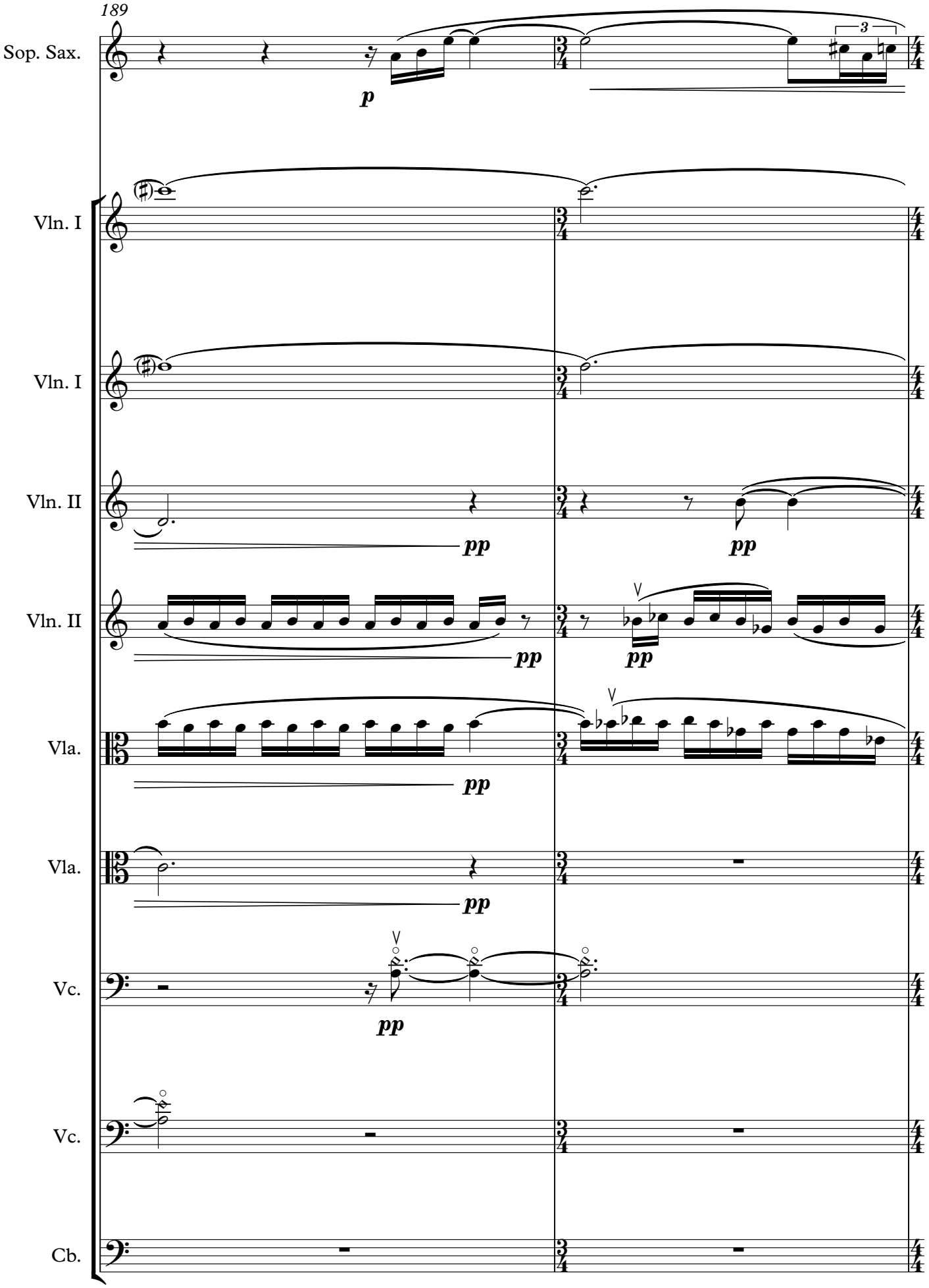
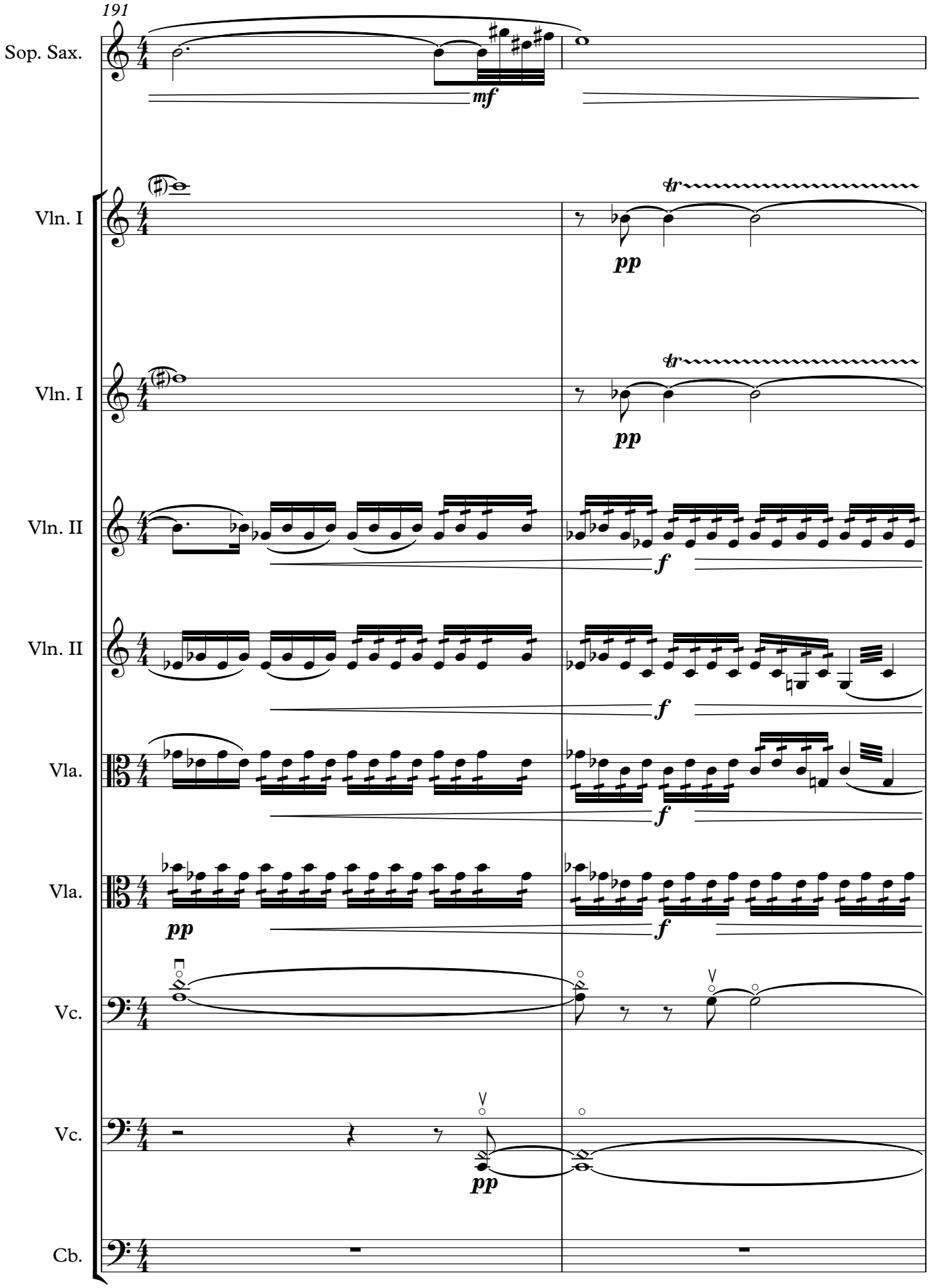
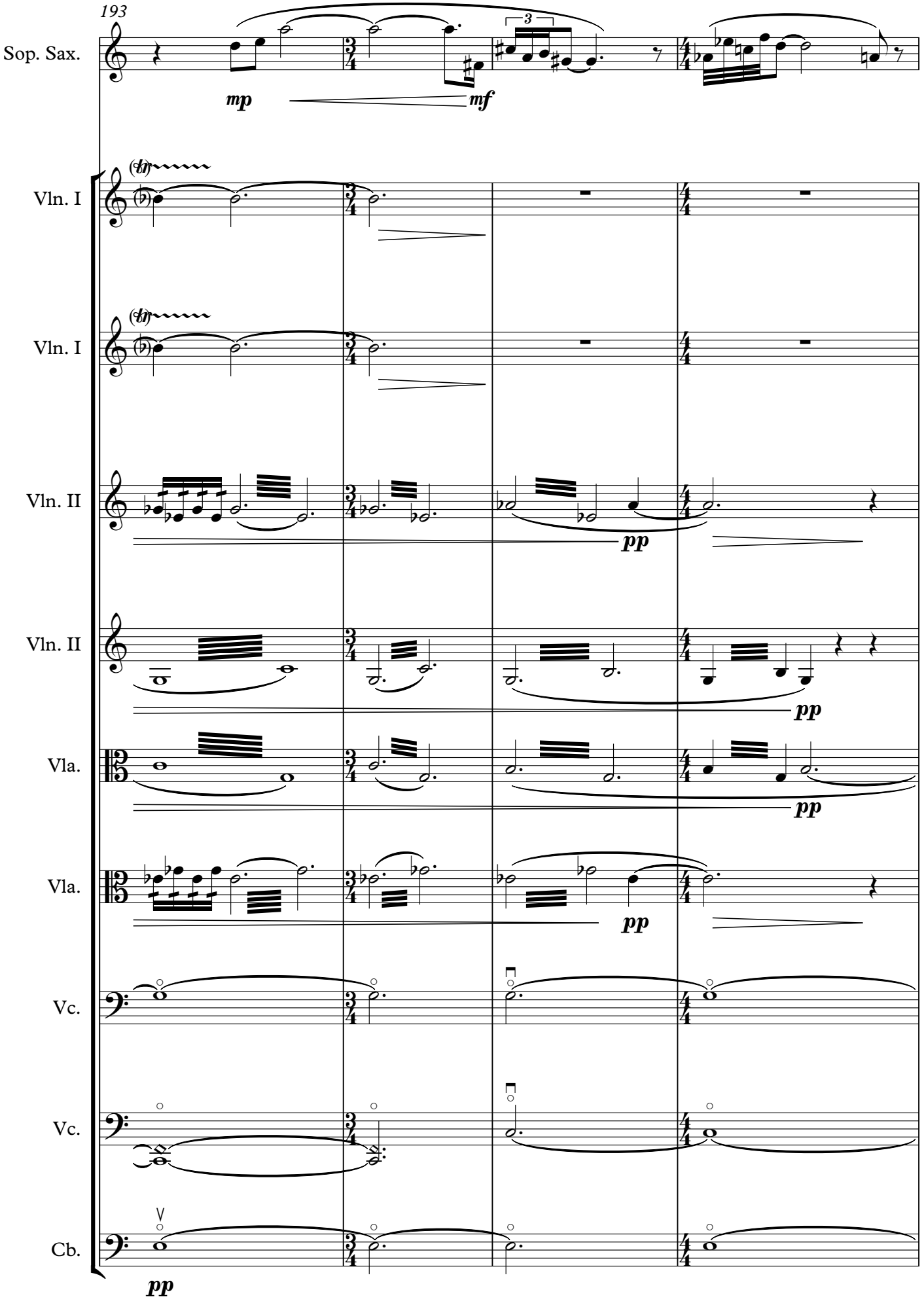
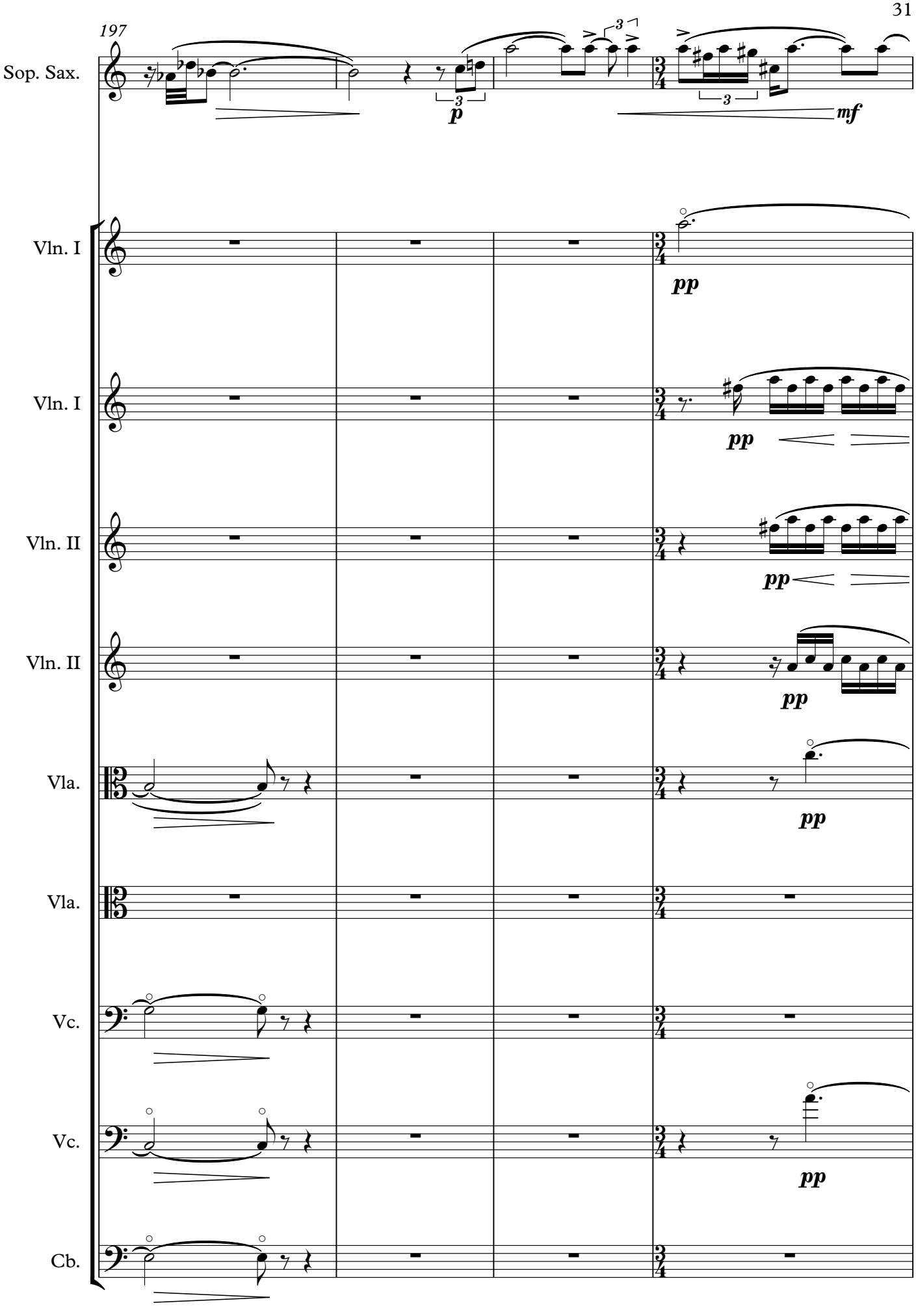
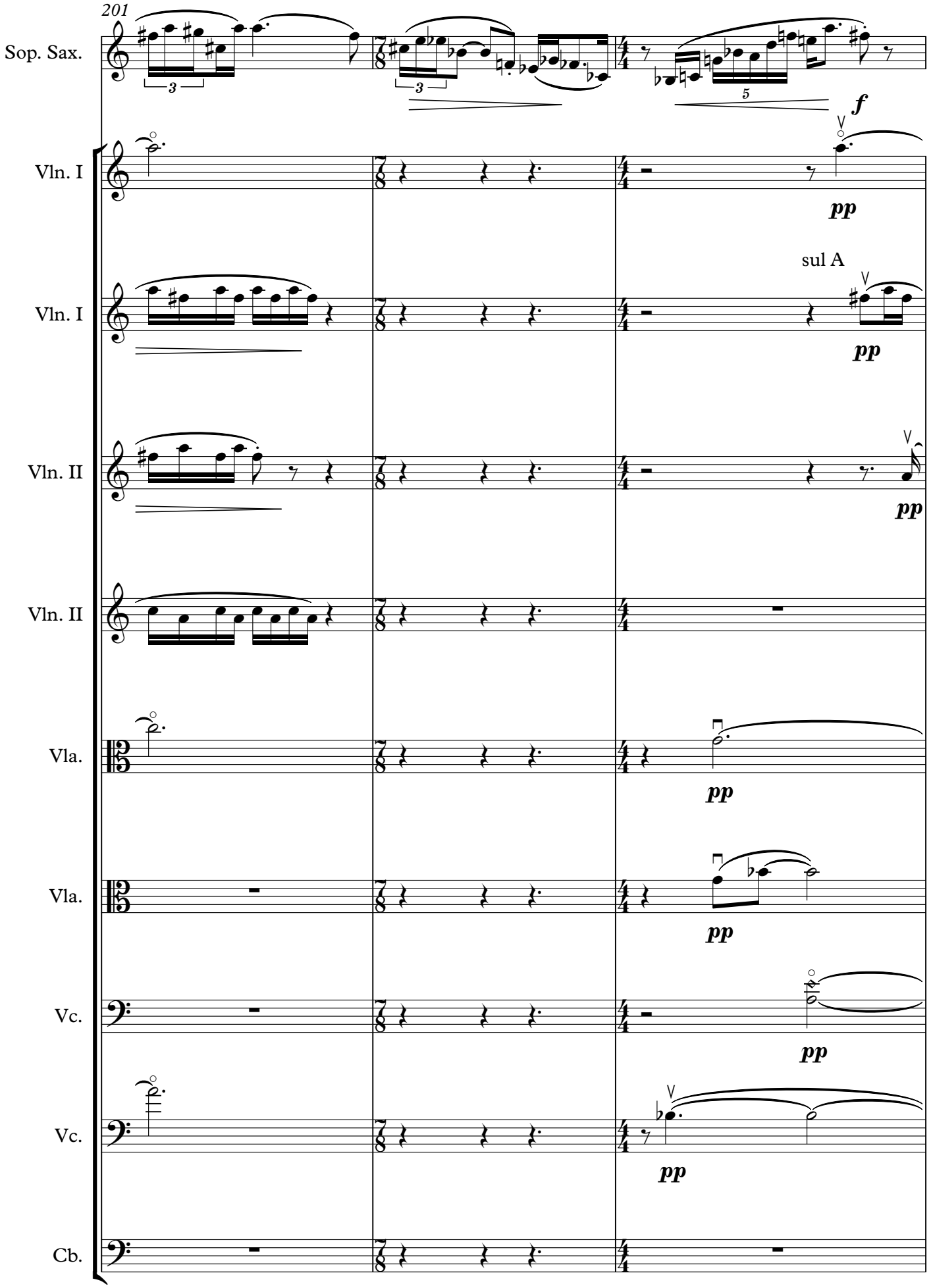
Cb.

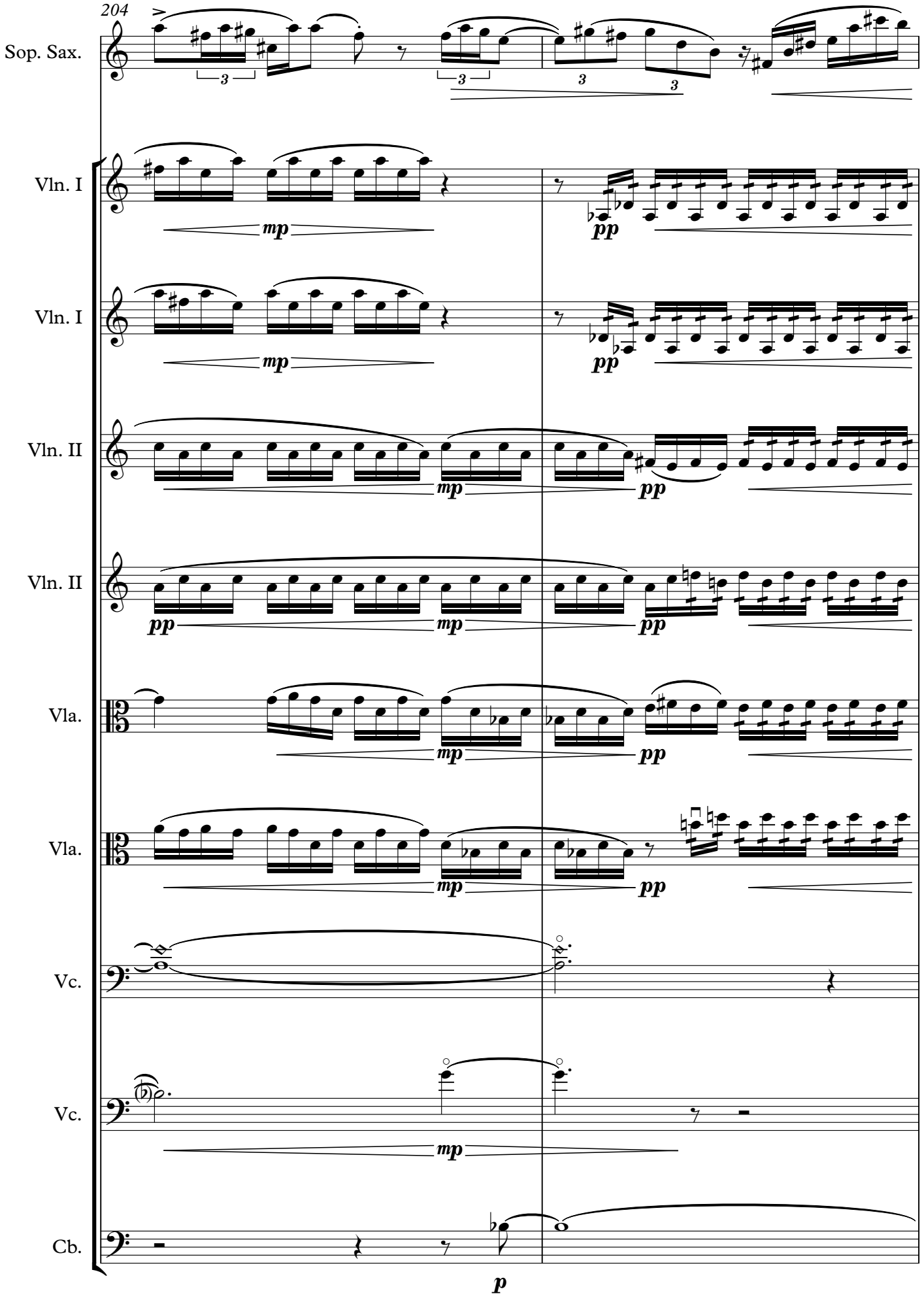

189
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
p
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
3


191
Sop. Sax.
mf
Vln. I
tr
pp
Vln. I
tr
pp
Vln. II
f
Vln. II
f
Vla.
f
Vla.
pp
f
Vc.
Vc.
pp
Cb.


193
Sop. Sax.
mp
mf
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp


197
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
p
mf
pp


201
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
sul A
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
f
pp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Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
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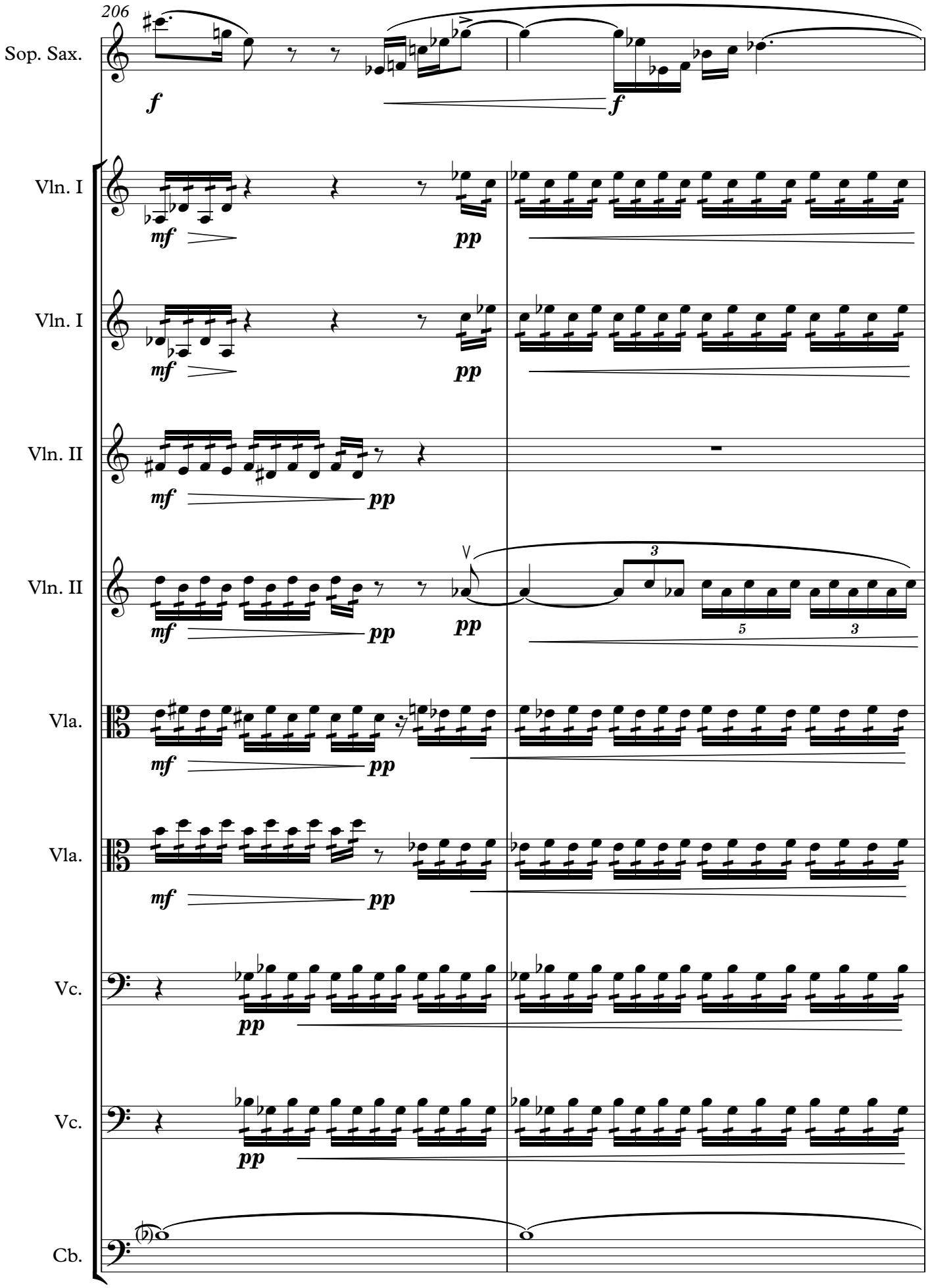
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
pp
p


206
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
f
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5
3
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mf
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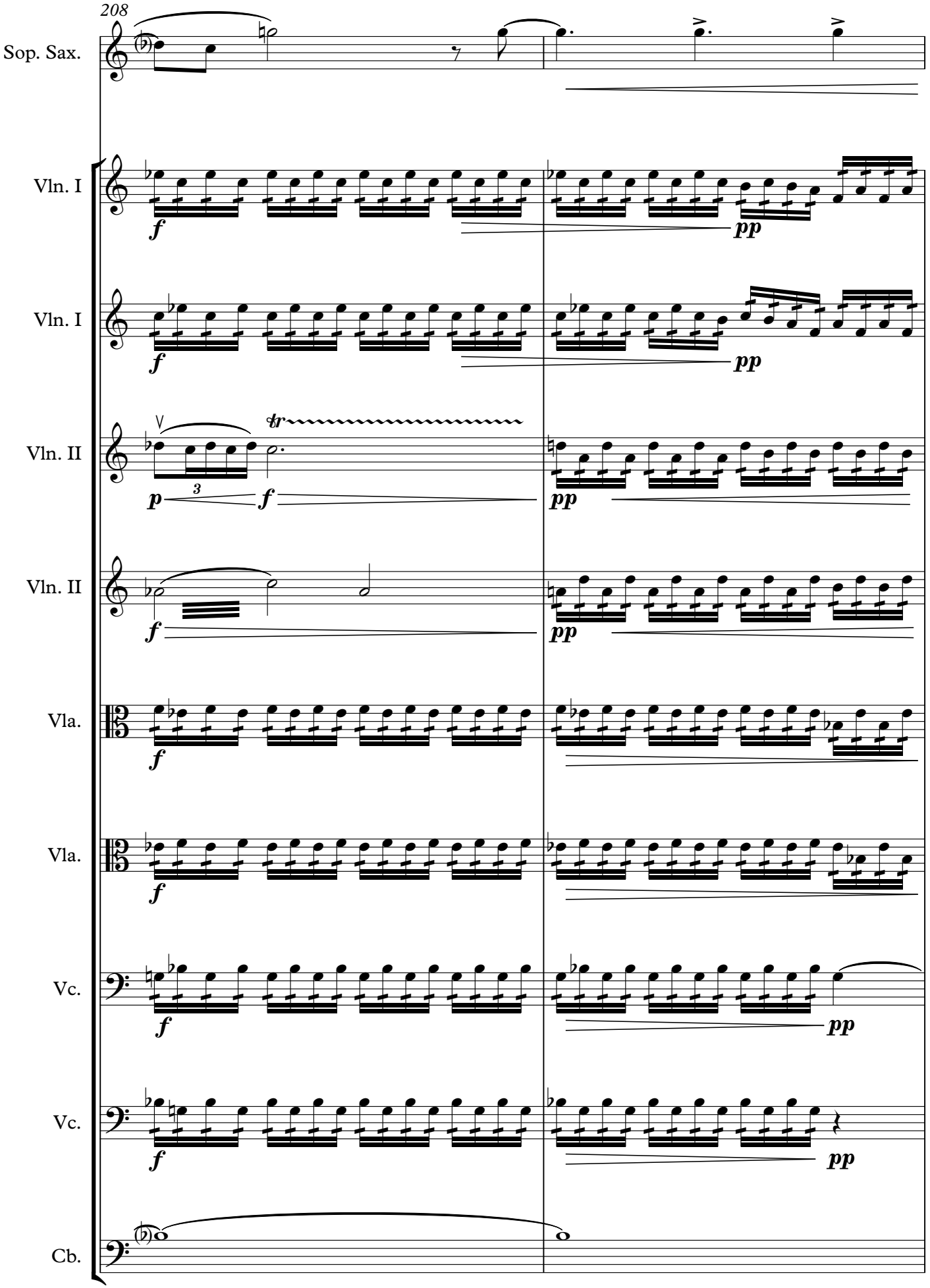
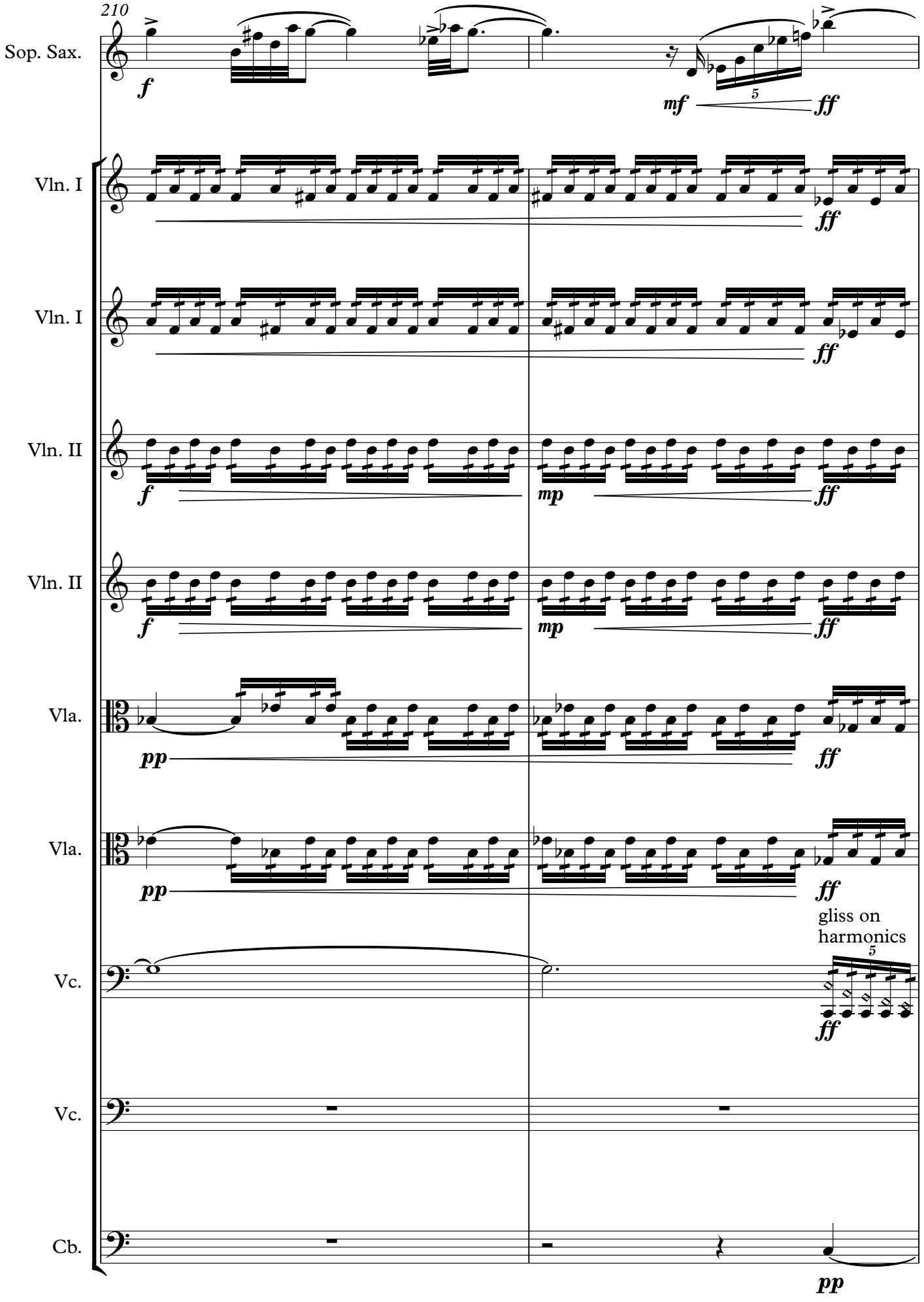
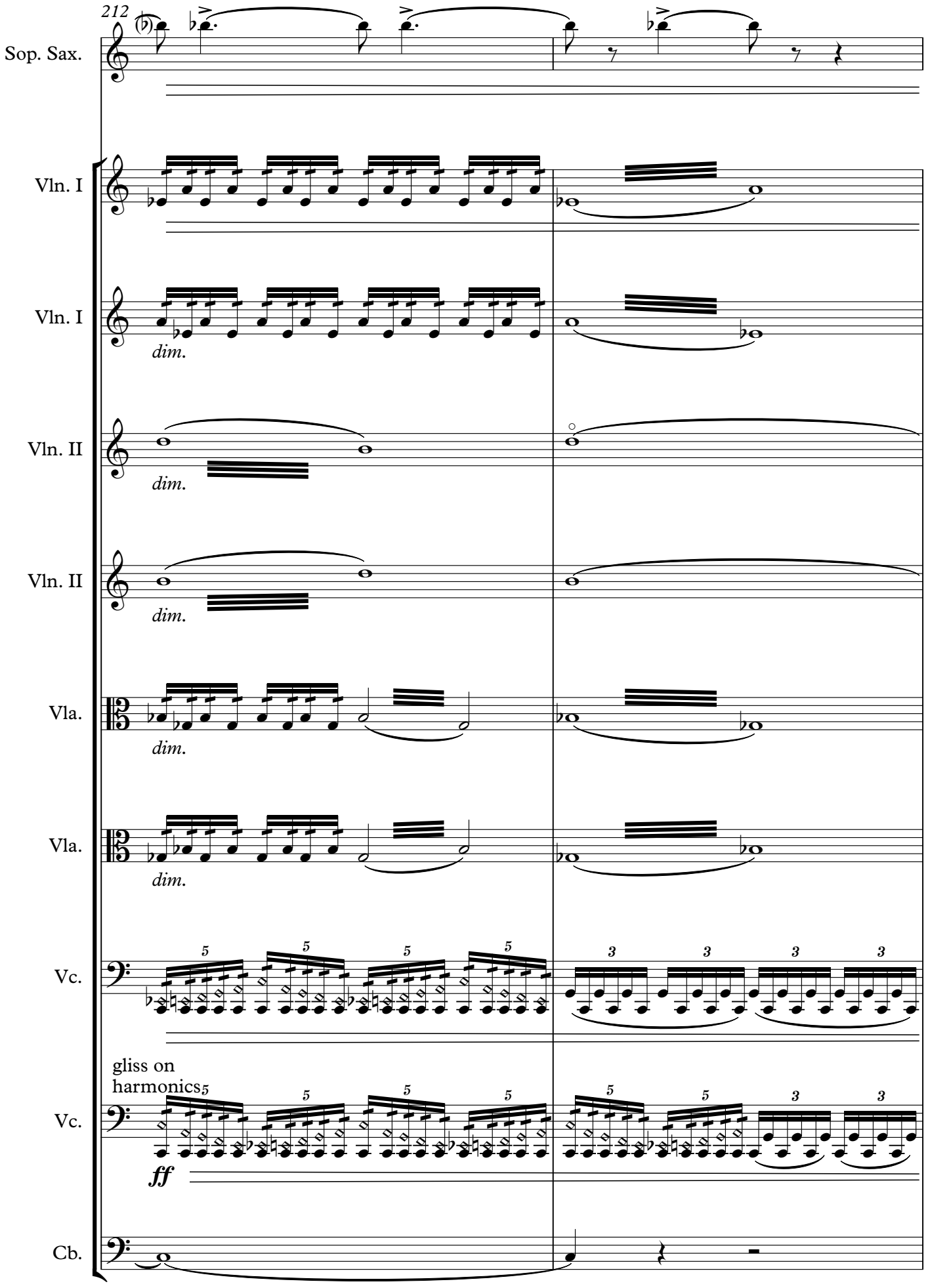
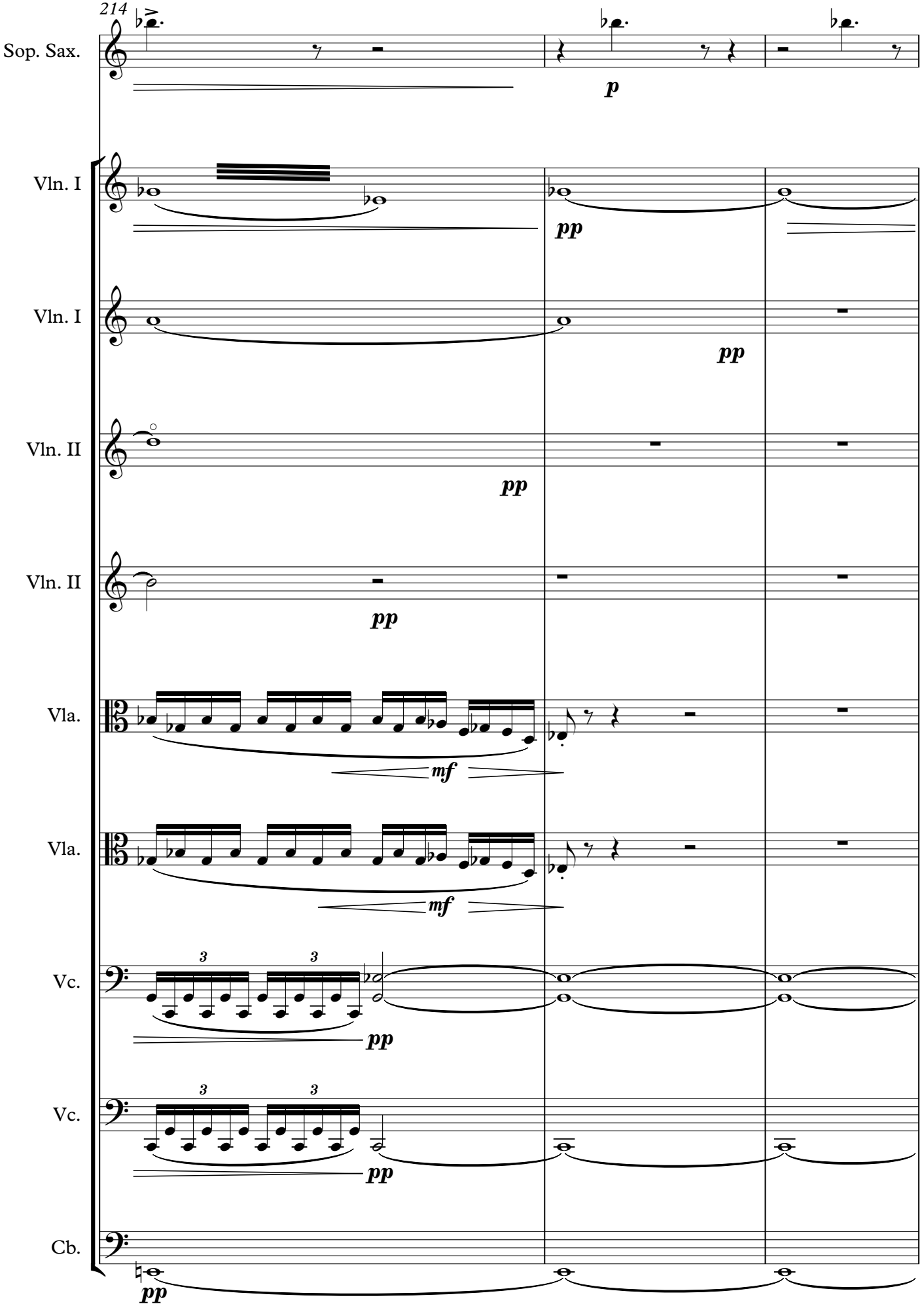
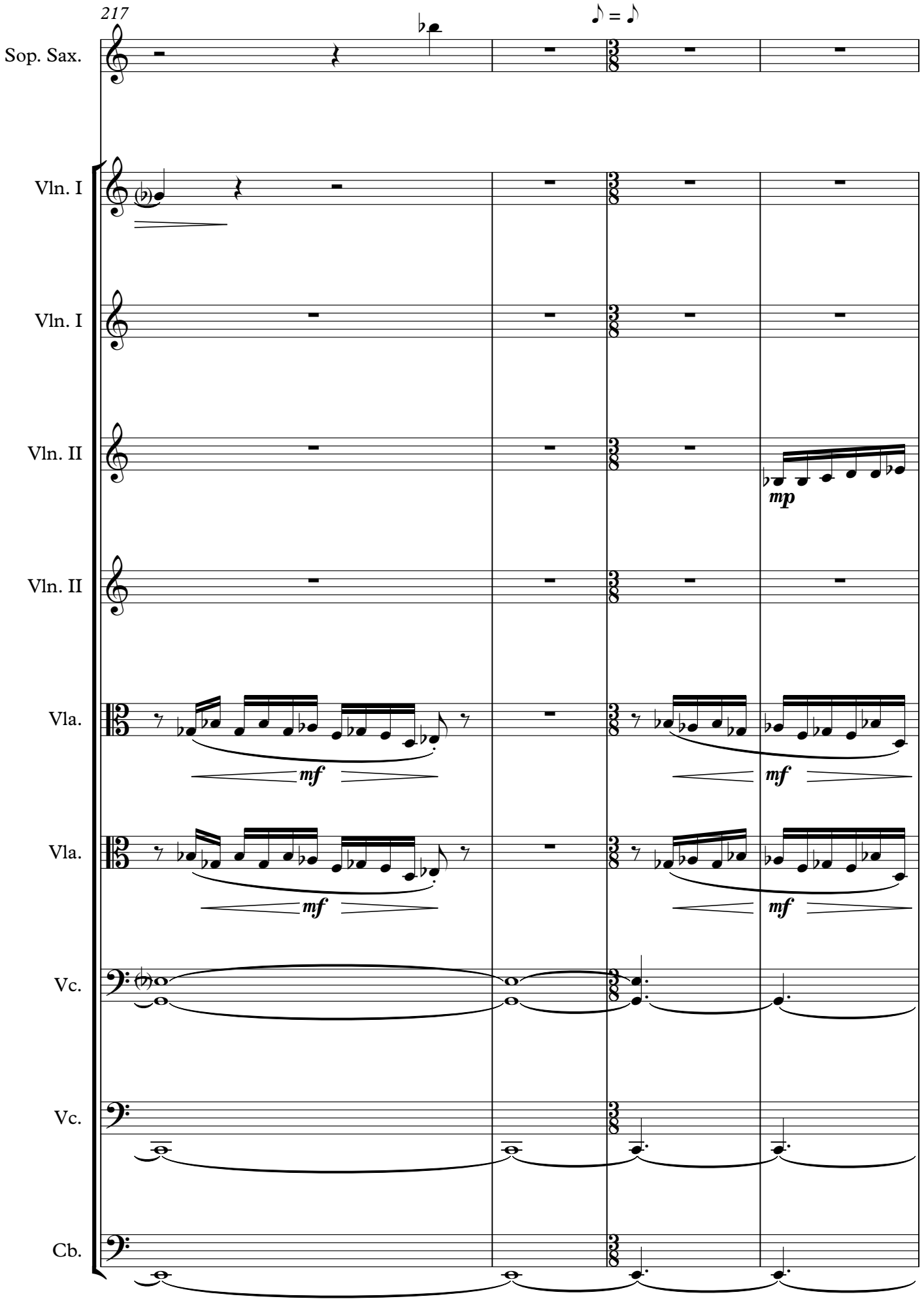
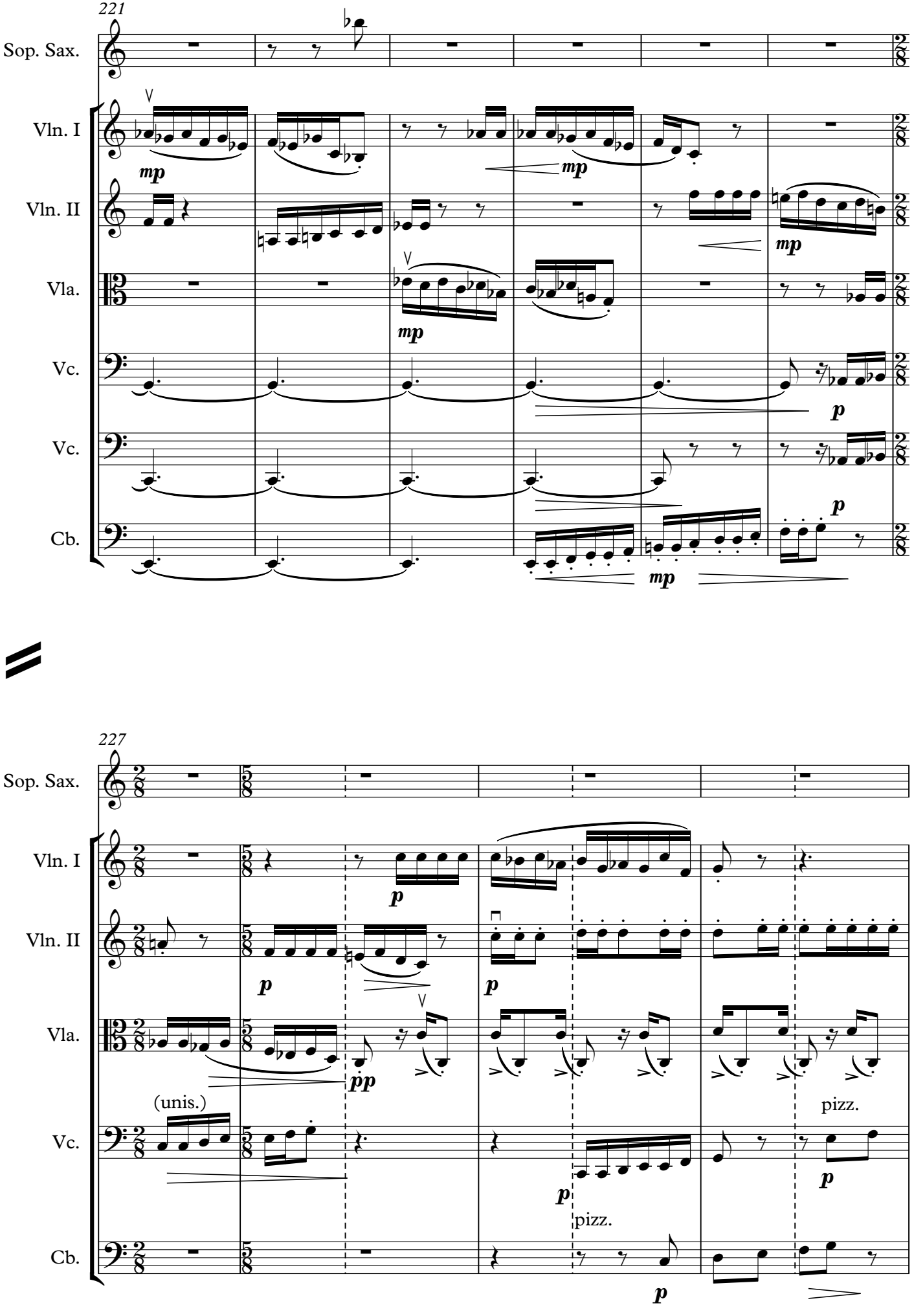

208
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
f
pp
p
3
tr

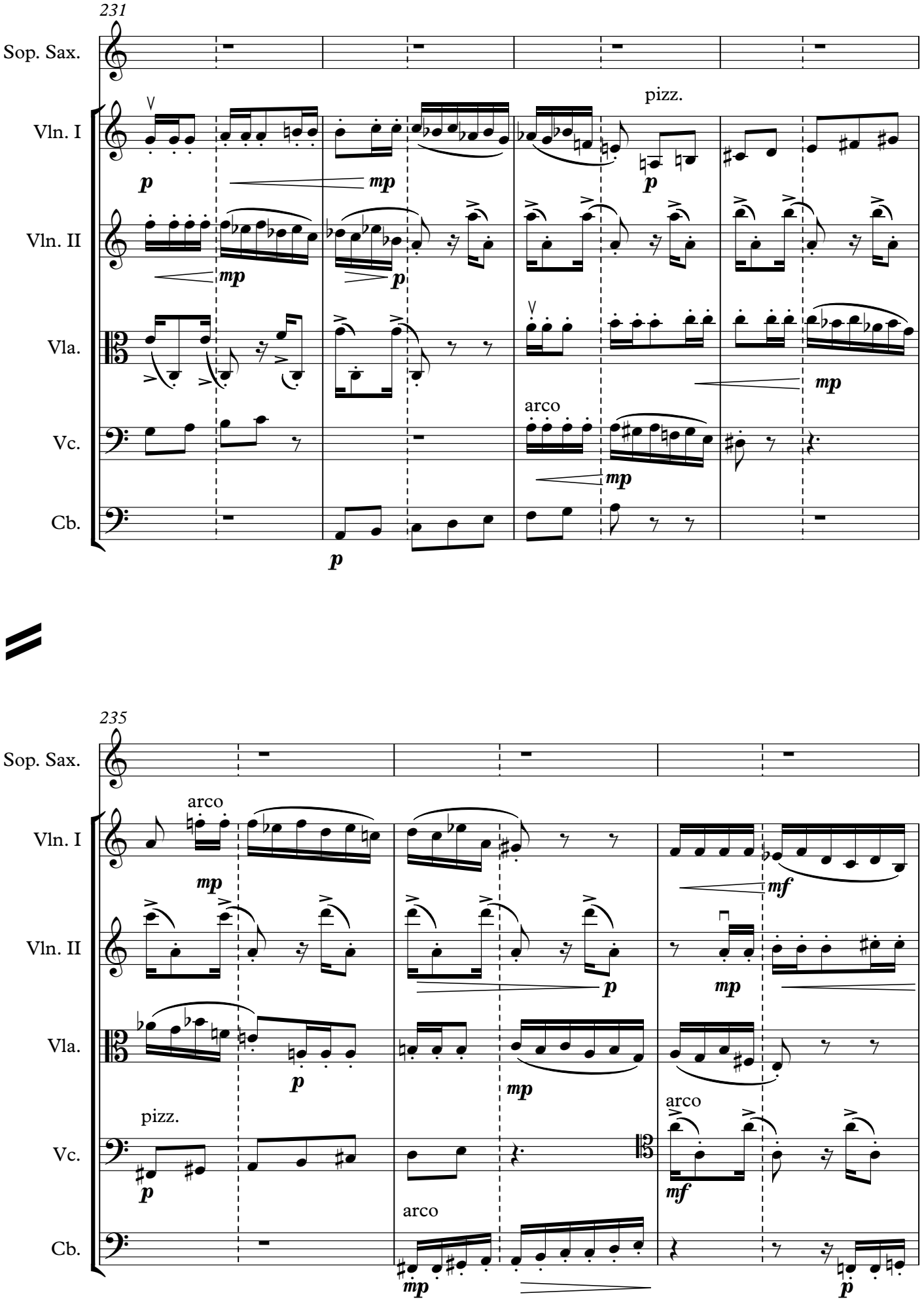

210
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
gliss on
harmonics

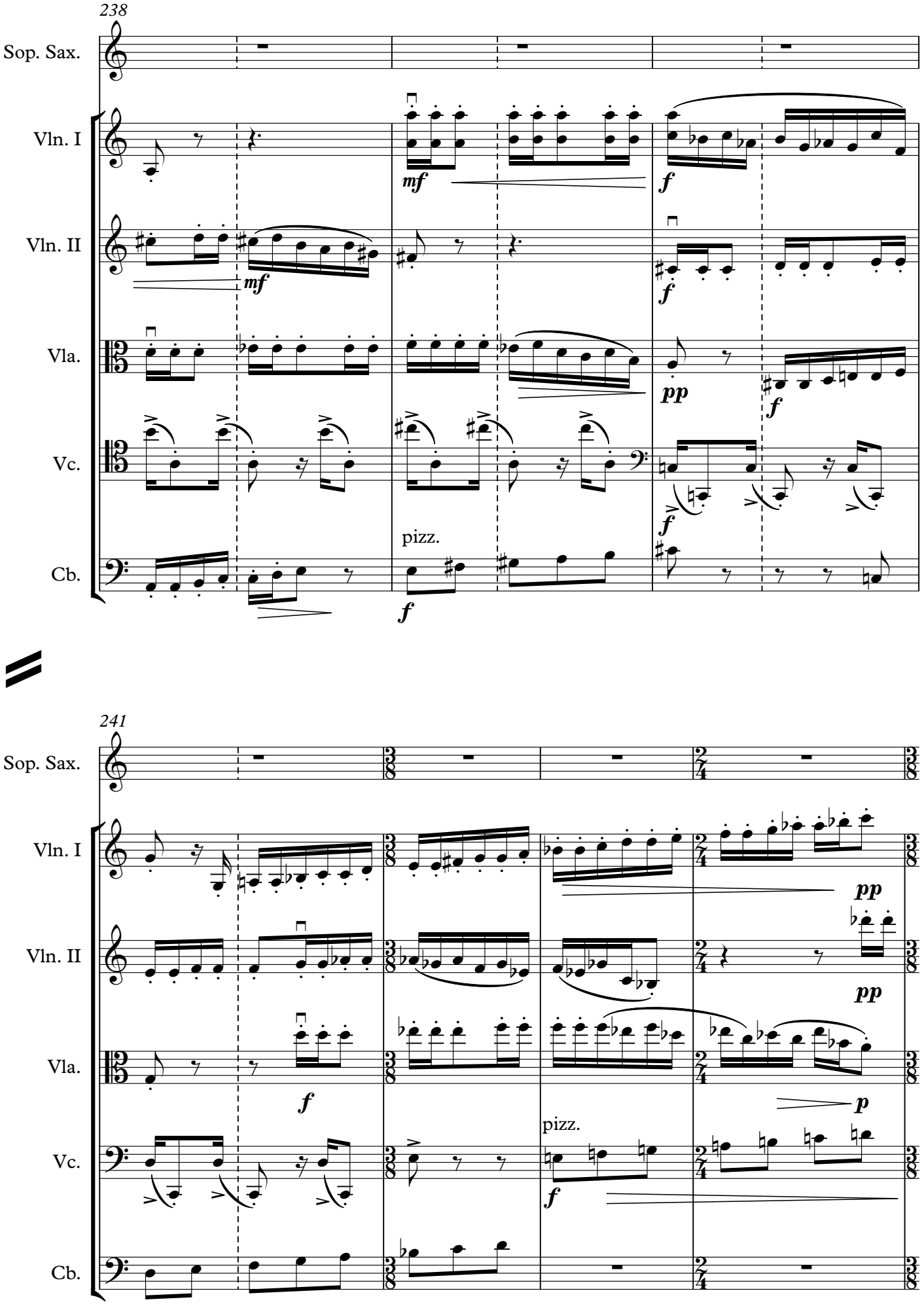

212
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
dim.
Vln. II
dim.
Vln. II
dim.
Vla.
dim.
Vla.
dim.
Vc.
gliss on
harmonics
Vc.
ff
Cb.

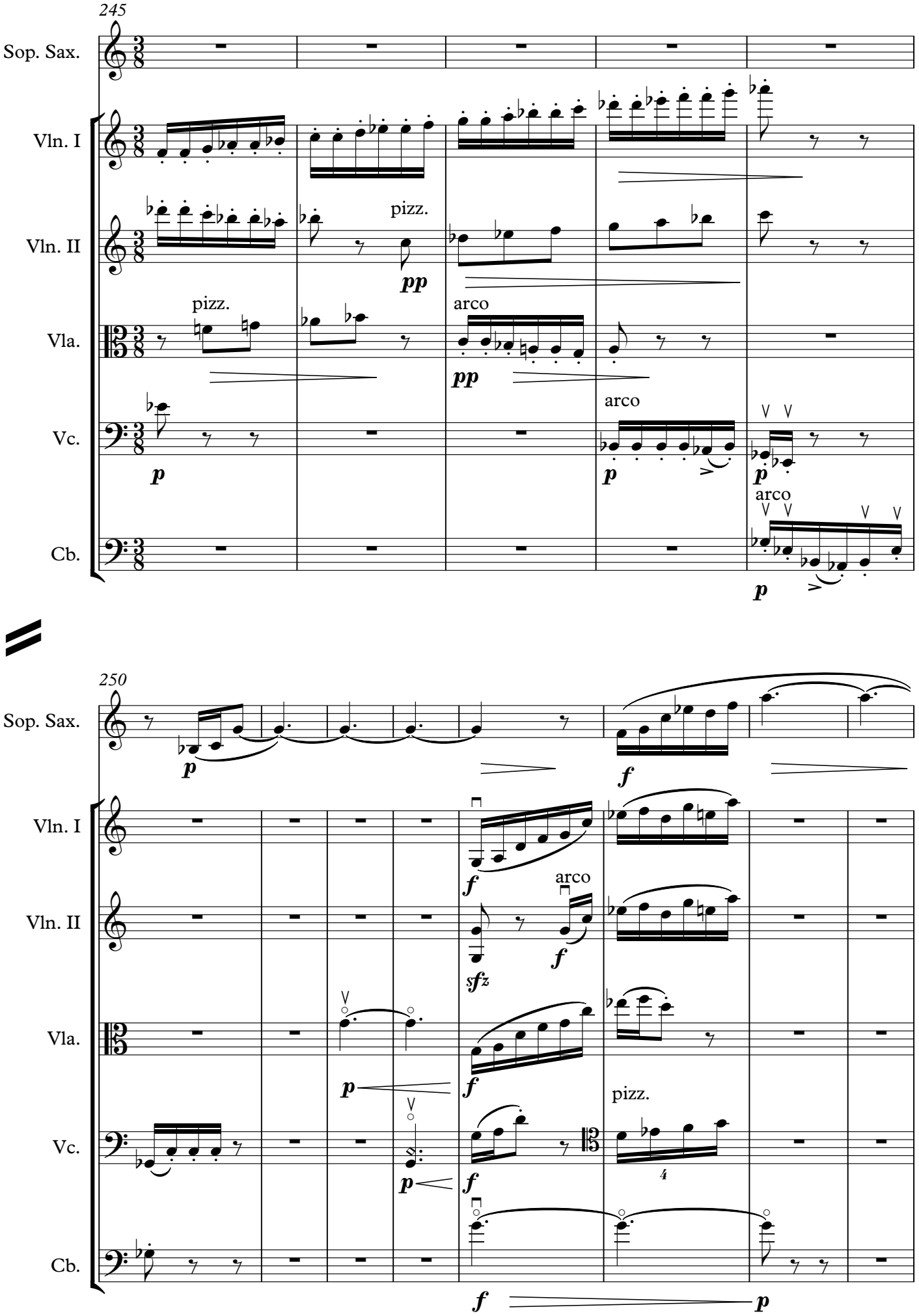

214
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
p
pp
pp
pp
pp
mf
mf
3
3
pp
3
3
pp
pp

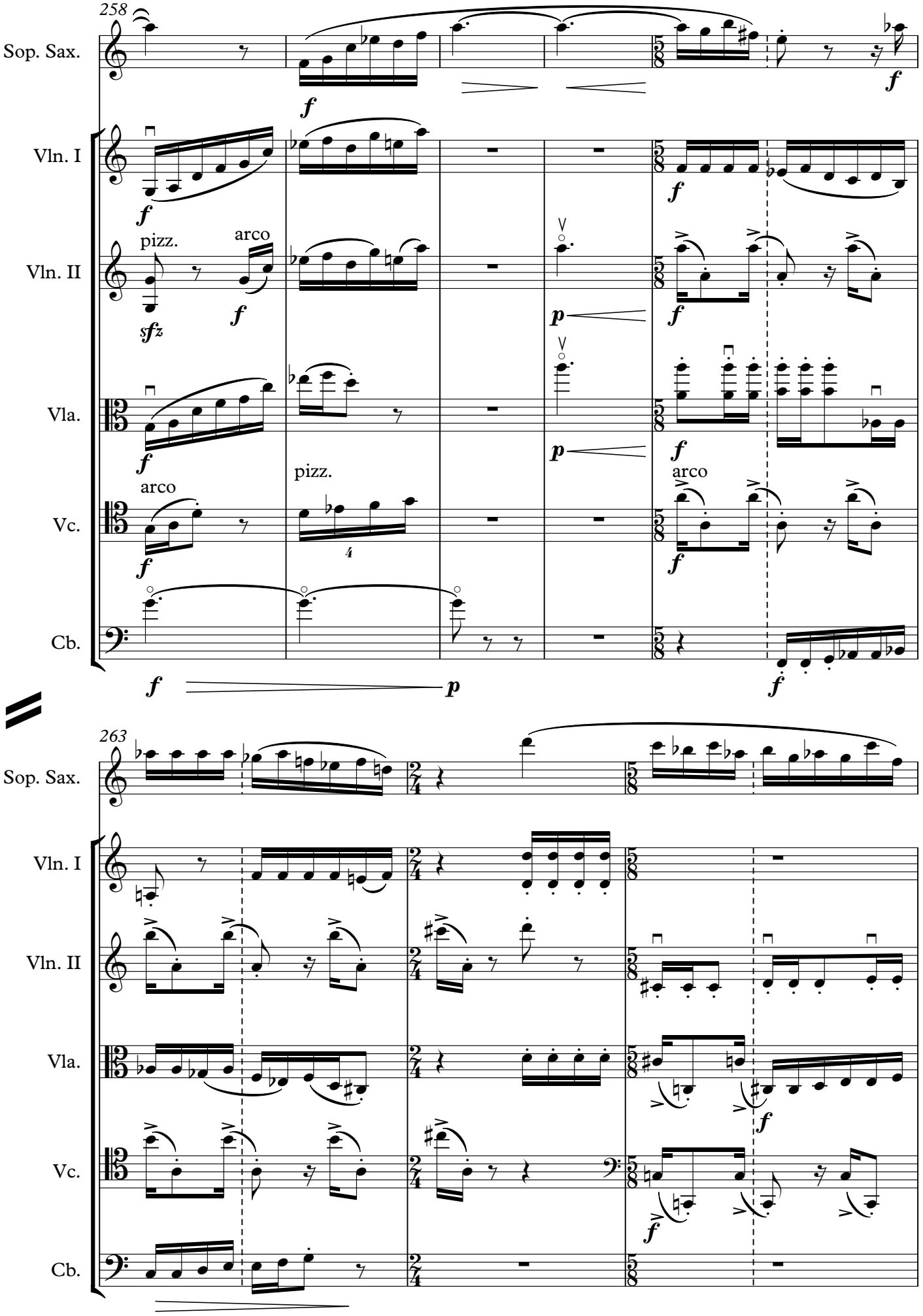

217
♪ = ♪
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
mp
Vln. II
Vla.
mf
mf
Vla.
mf
mf
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.


221
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
mp
mp
mp
p
p
mp
227
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
p
pp
(unis.)
pizz.
p
pizz.
p
p


231
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
arco
235
arco
pizz.
arco
arco


238
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mf
f
mf
f
pp
f
f
pizz.
f
241
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pp
pp
f
p
pizz.
f


245
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
pp
arco
p
250
f
sfz
4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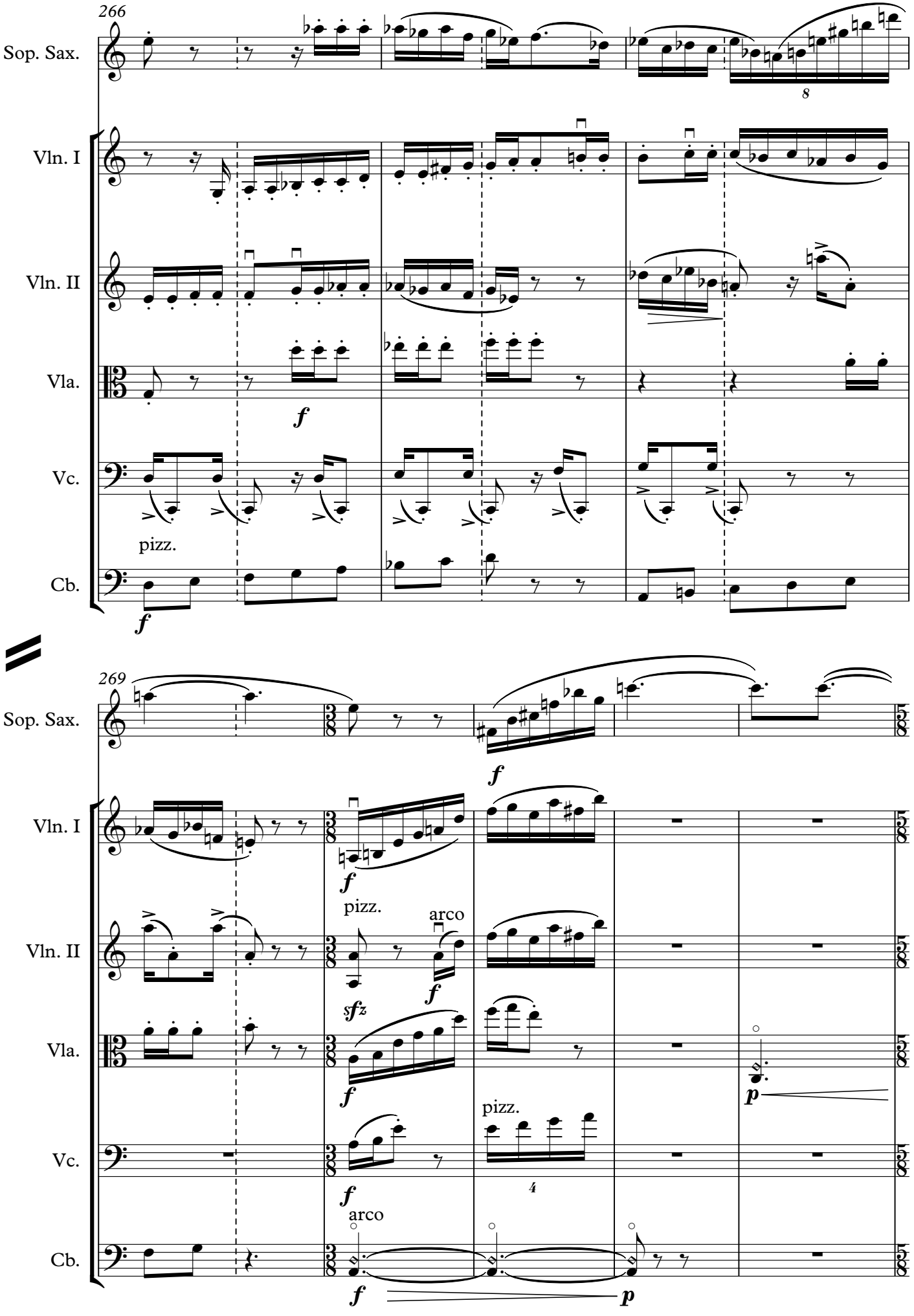
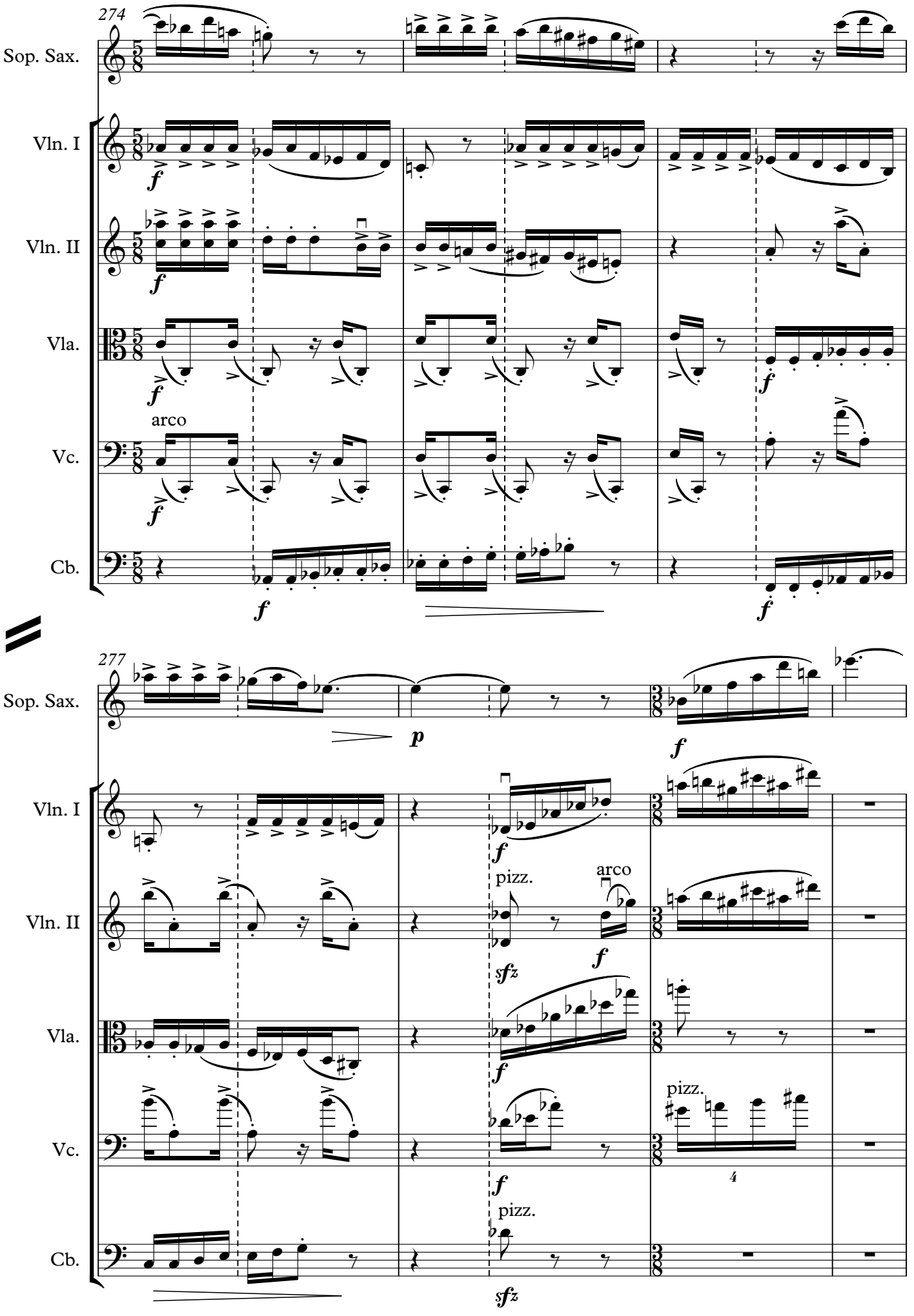
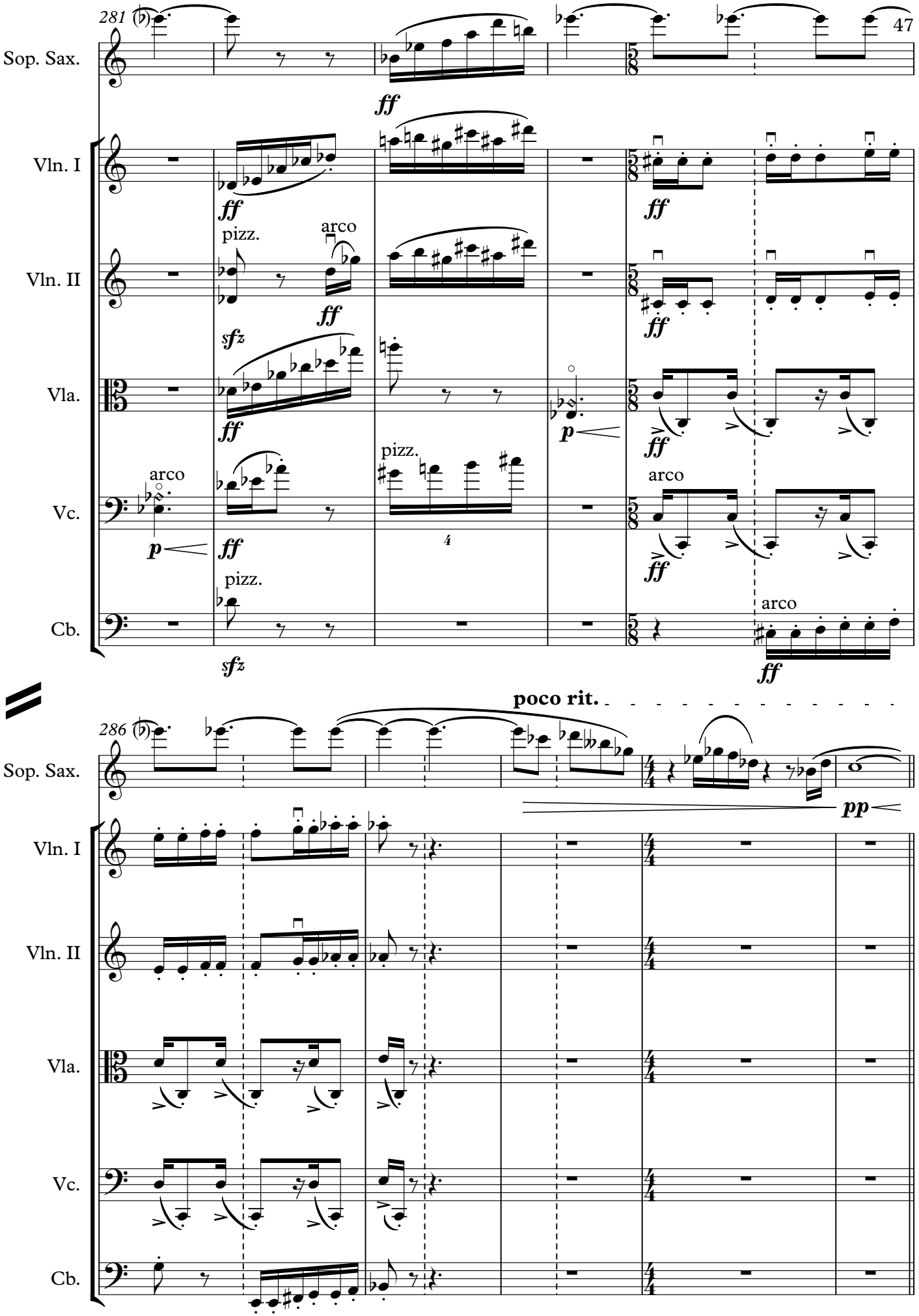
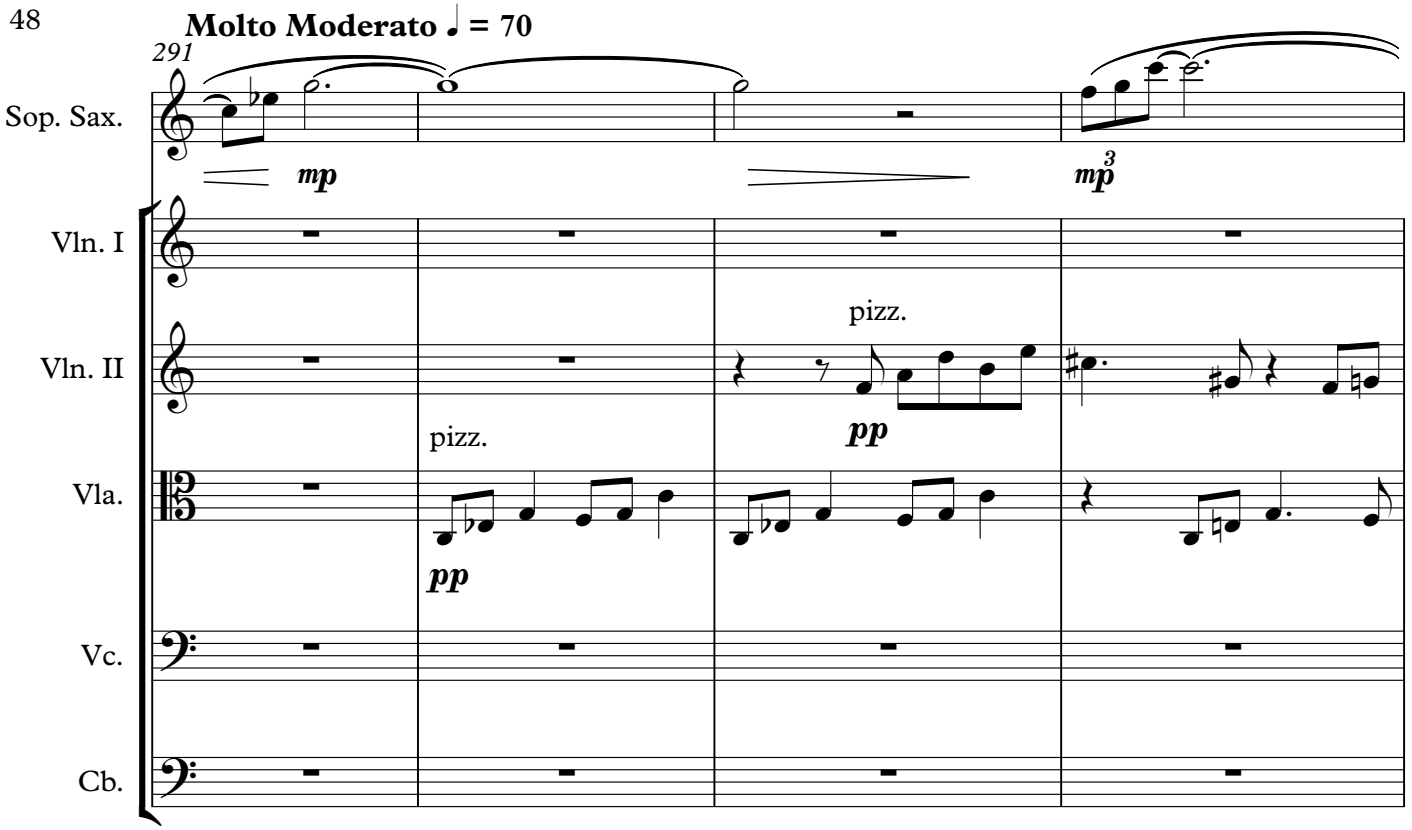
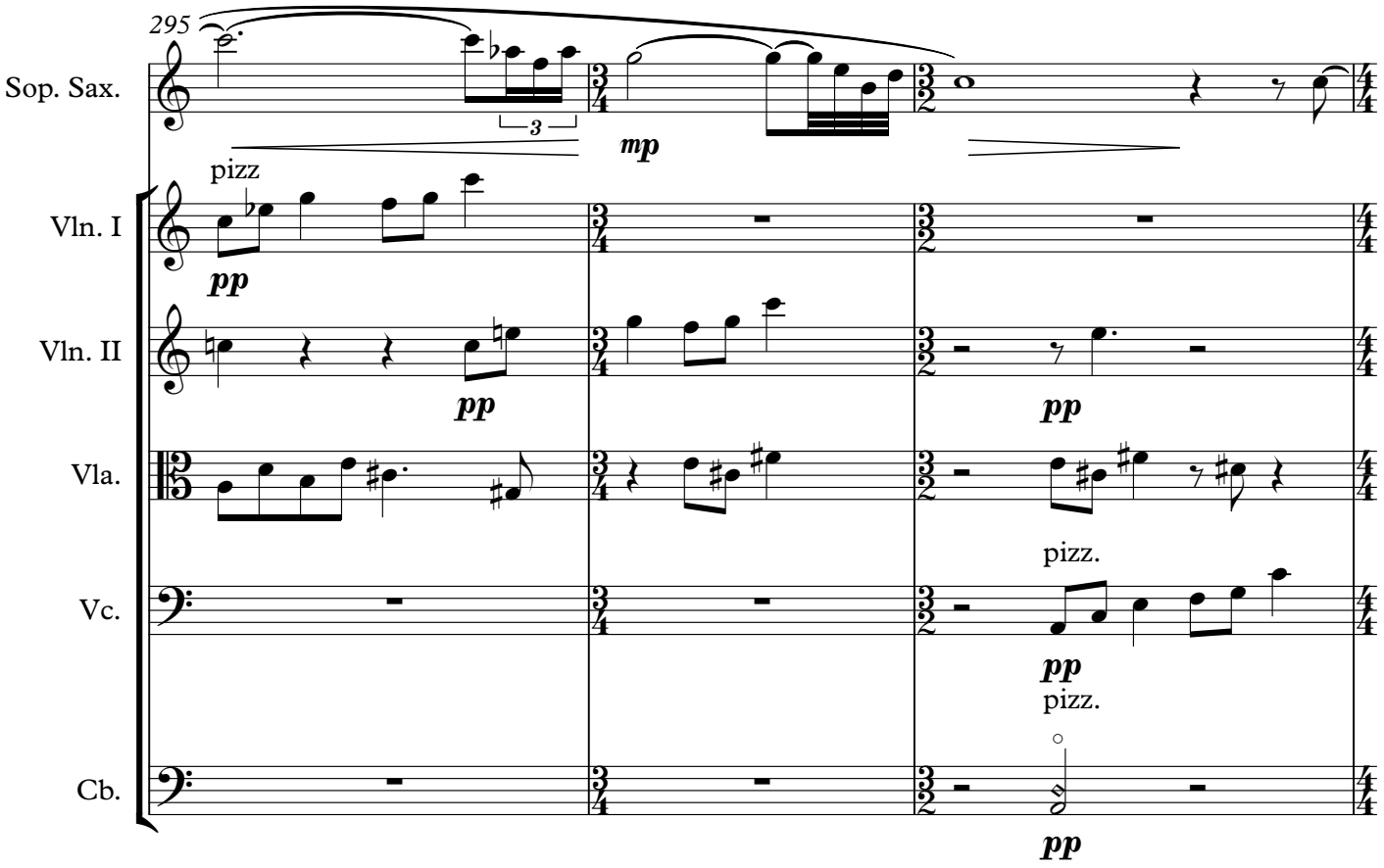
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
arco
sfz
263

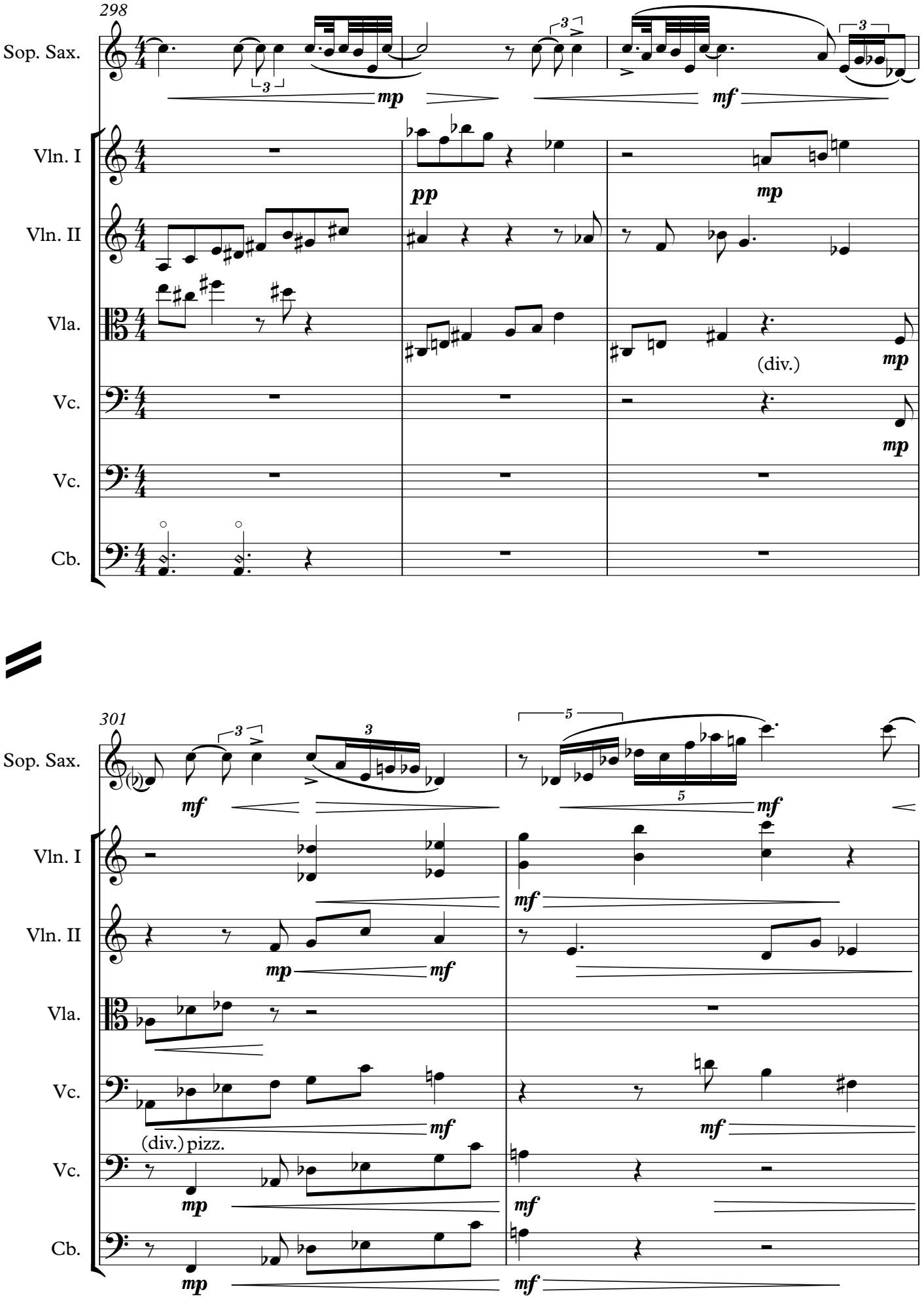

266
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz.
269
arco
pizz.
arco

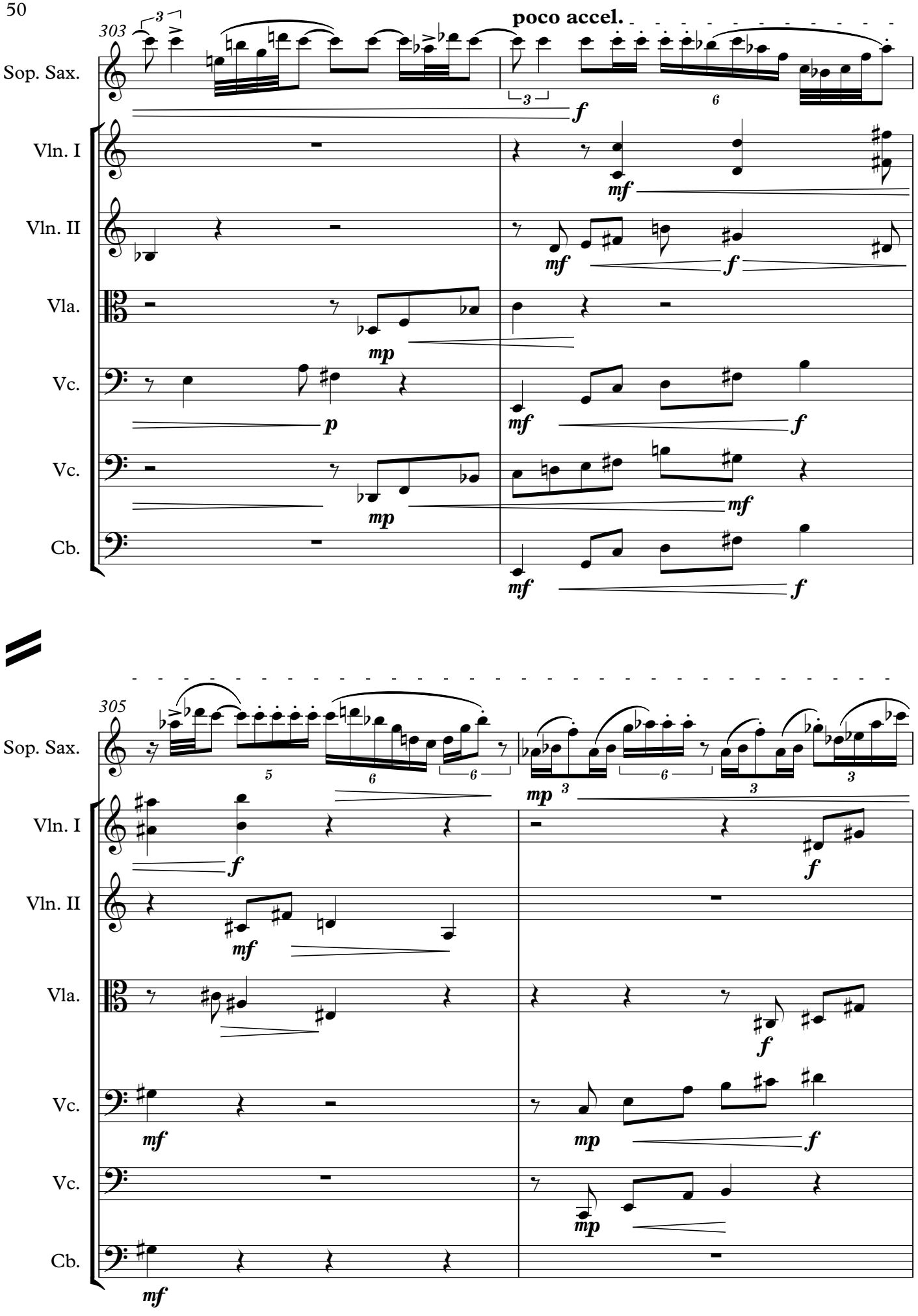

274
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
arco
277
pizz.
arco
pizz.
pizz.

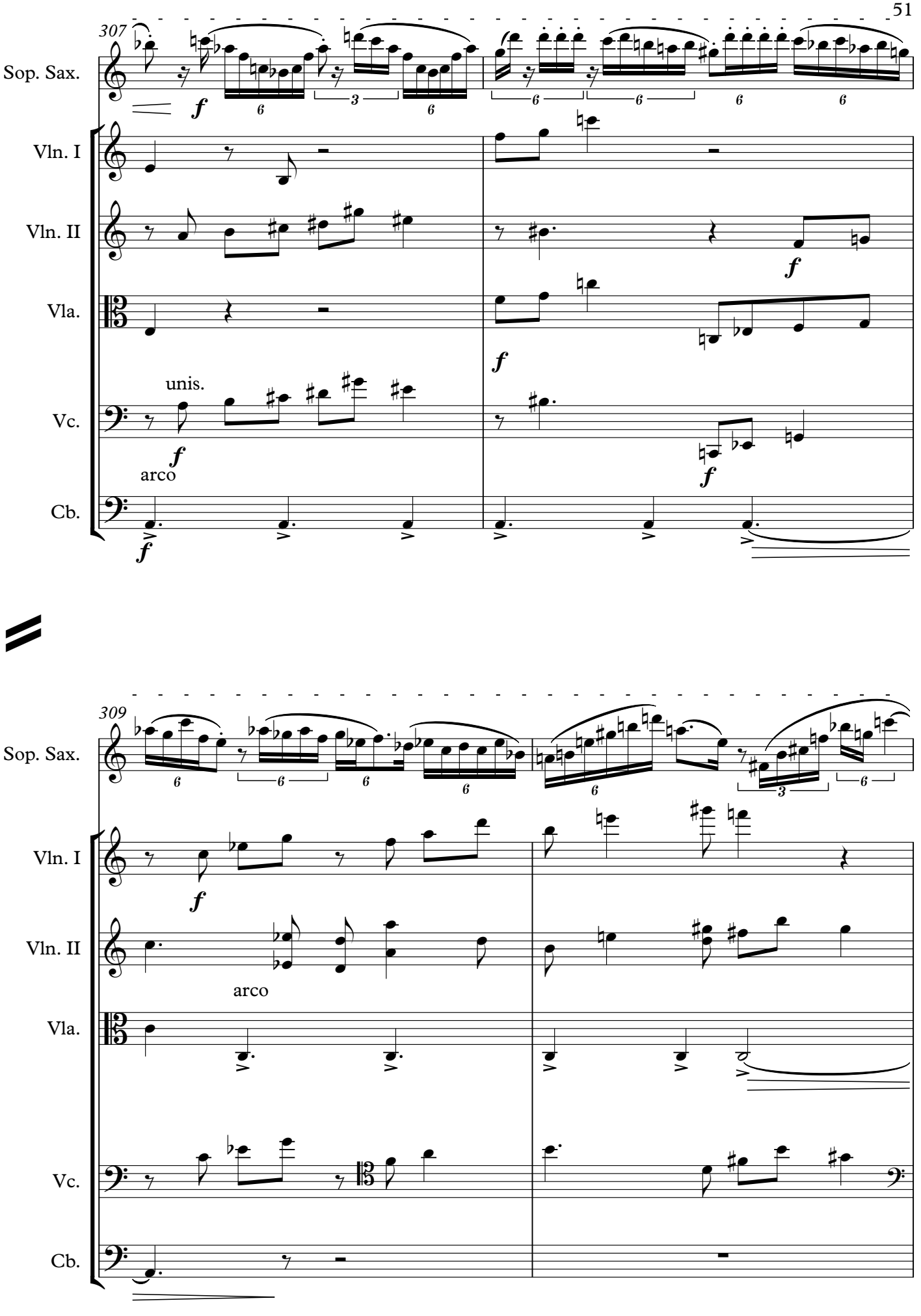

281
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
ff
pizz.
arco
sfz
p
poco rit.
286
pp

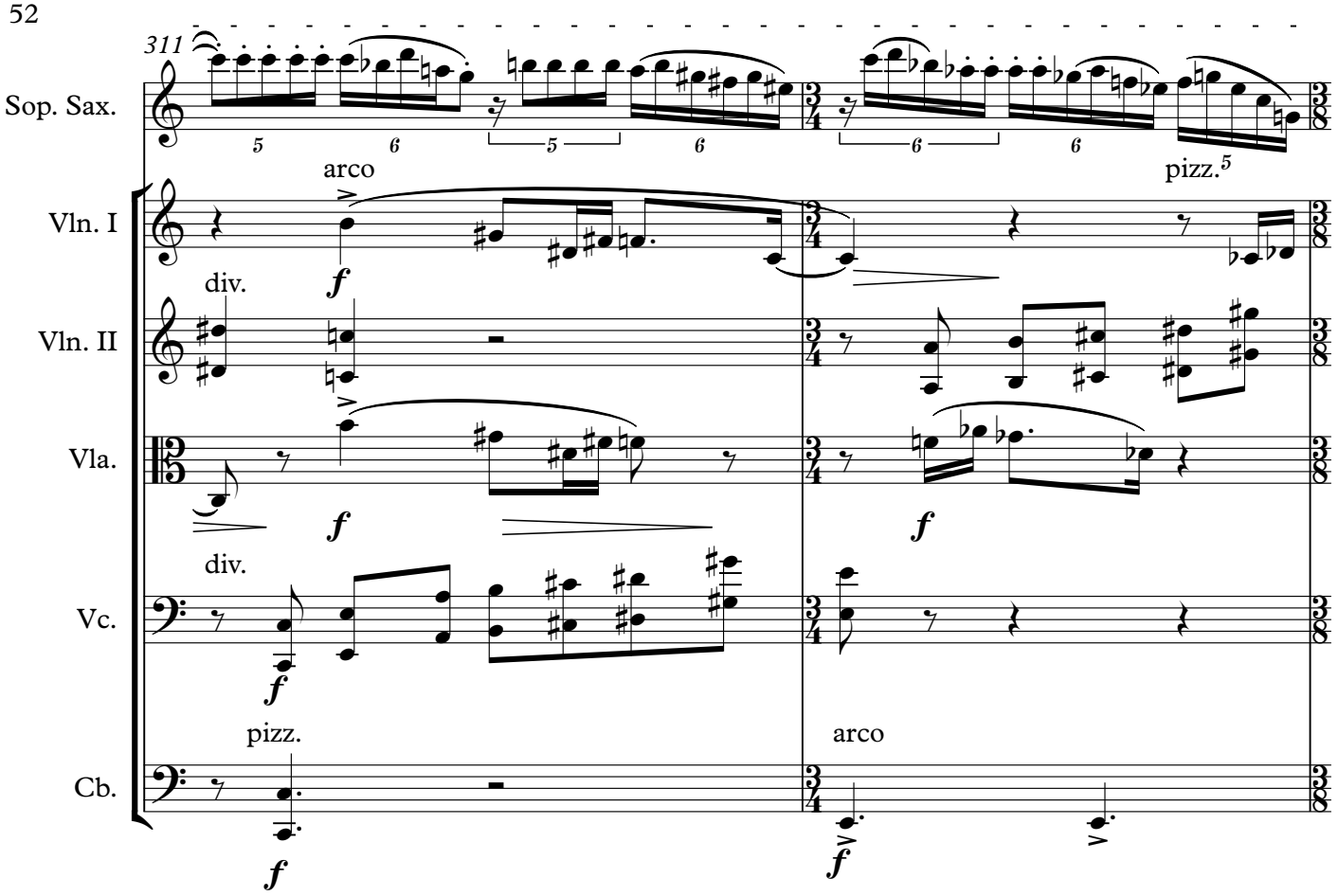

Molto Moderato ♩ = 70
291
Sop. Sax.
mp
mp
3
Vln. I
Vln. II
pizz.
pp
Vla.
pizz.
pp
Vc.
Cb.

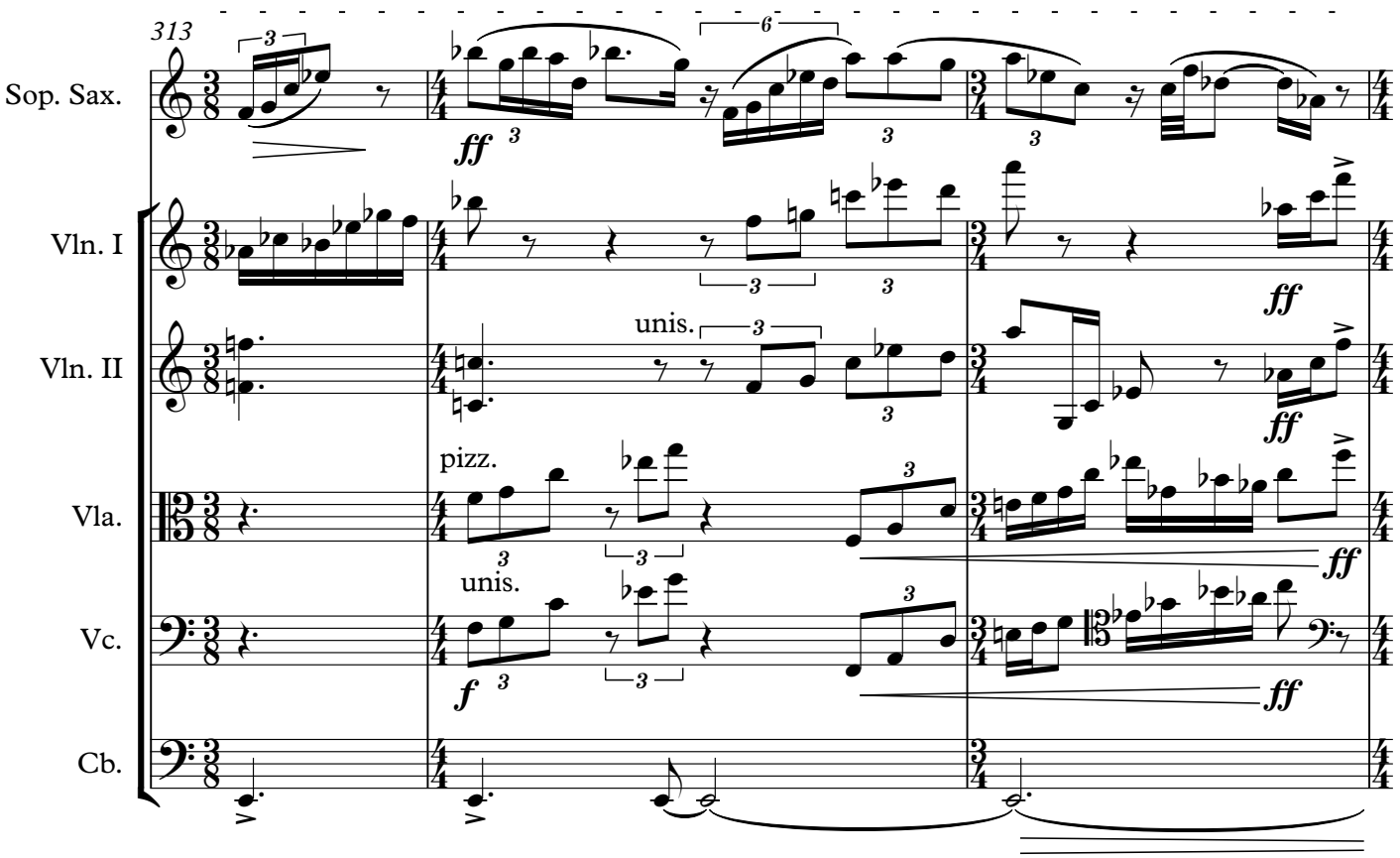

295
Sop. Sax.
3
mp
pizz
pp
Vln. I
Vln. II
pp
pp
Vla.
pizz.
Vc.
pp
pizz.
Cb.
pp

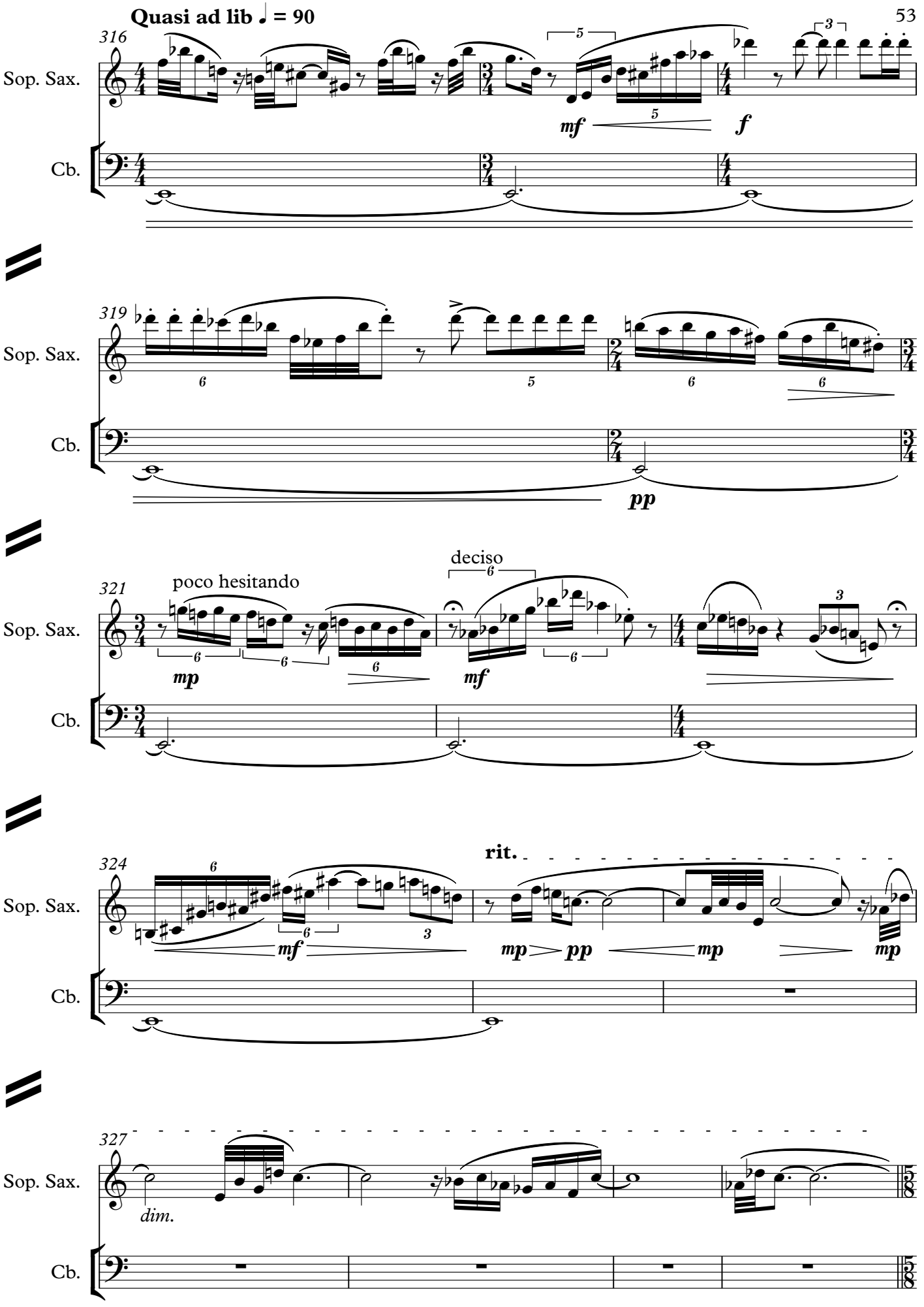

298
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
mf
pp
mp
(div.)
mp
mp
301
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
mf
mf
mf
mp
mf
mf
(div.) pizz.
mp
mf
mp
mf

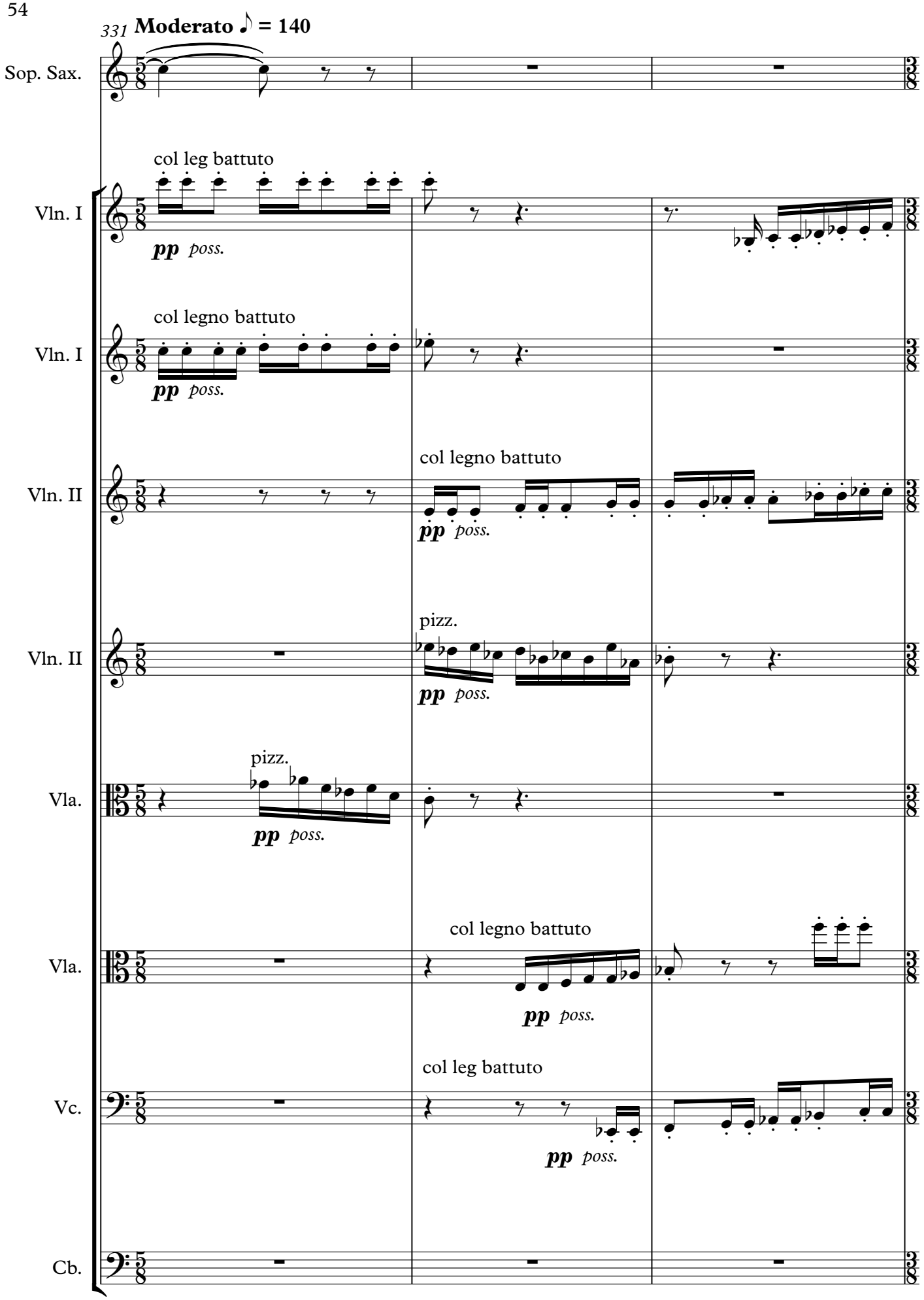

303
poco accel.
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
305
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.

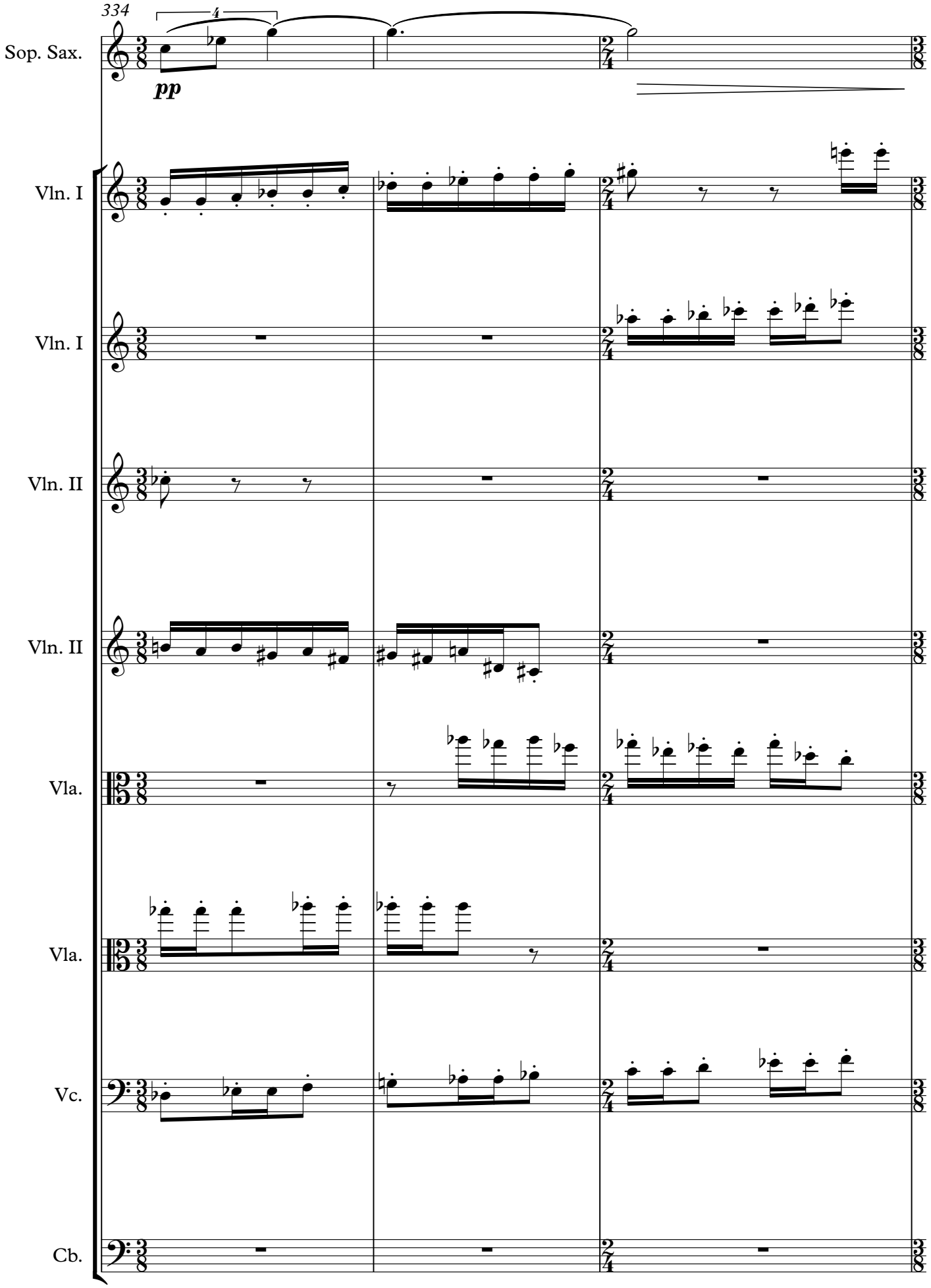

307
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
unis.
arco
309
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
arco

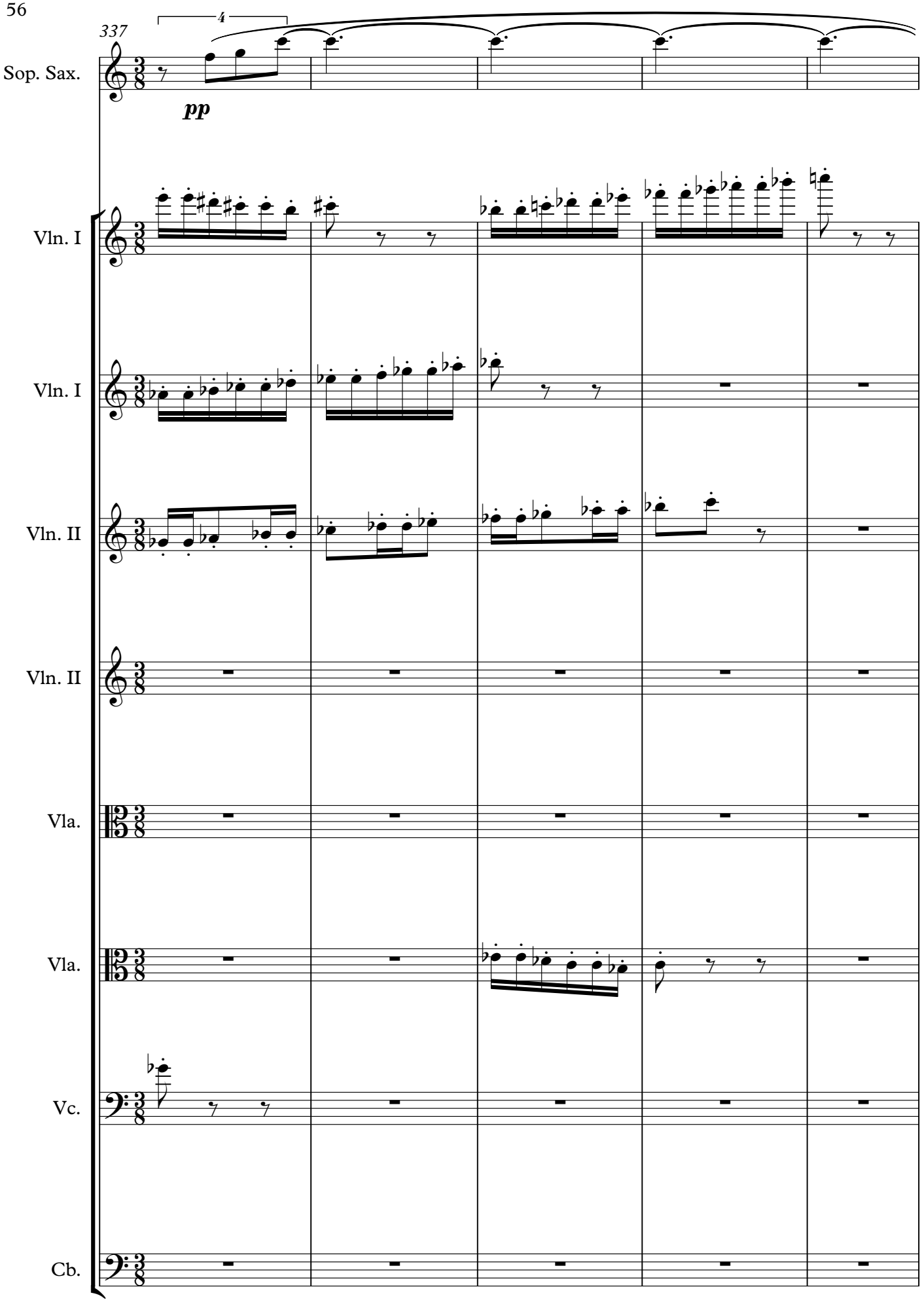

311
Sop. Sax.
arco
pizz.
Vln. I
div.
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
pizz.
arco
Cb.

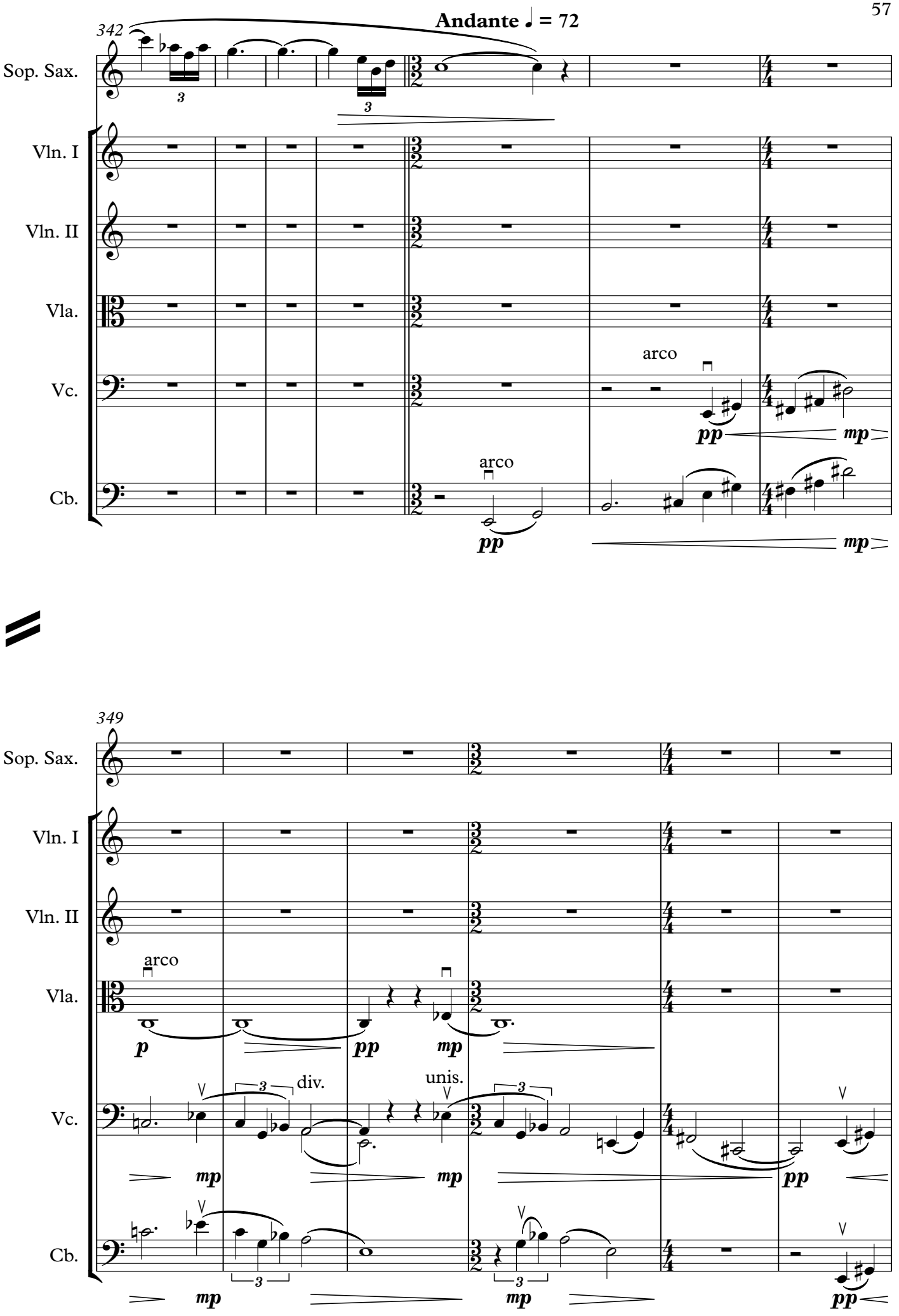

313
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
unis.
Vln. II
pizz.
Vla.
unis.
Vc.
Cb.

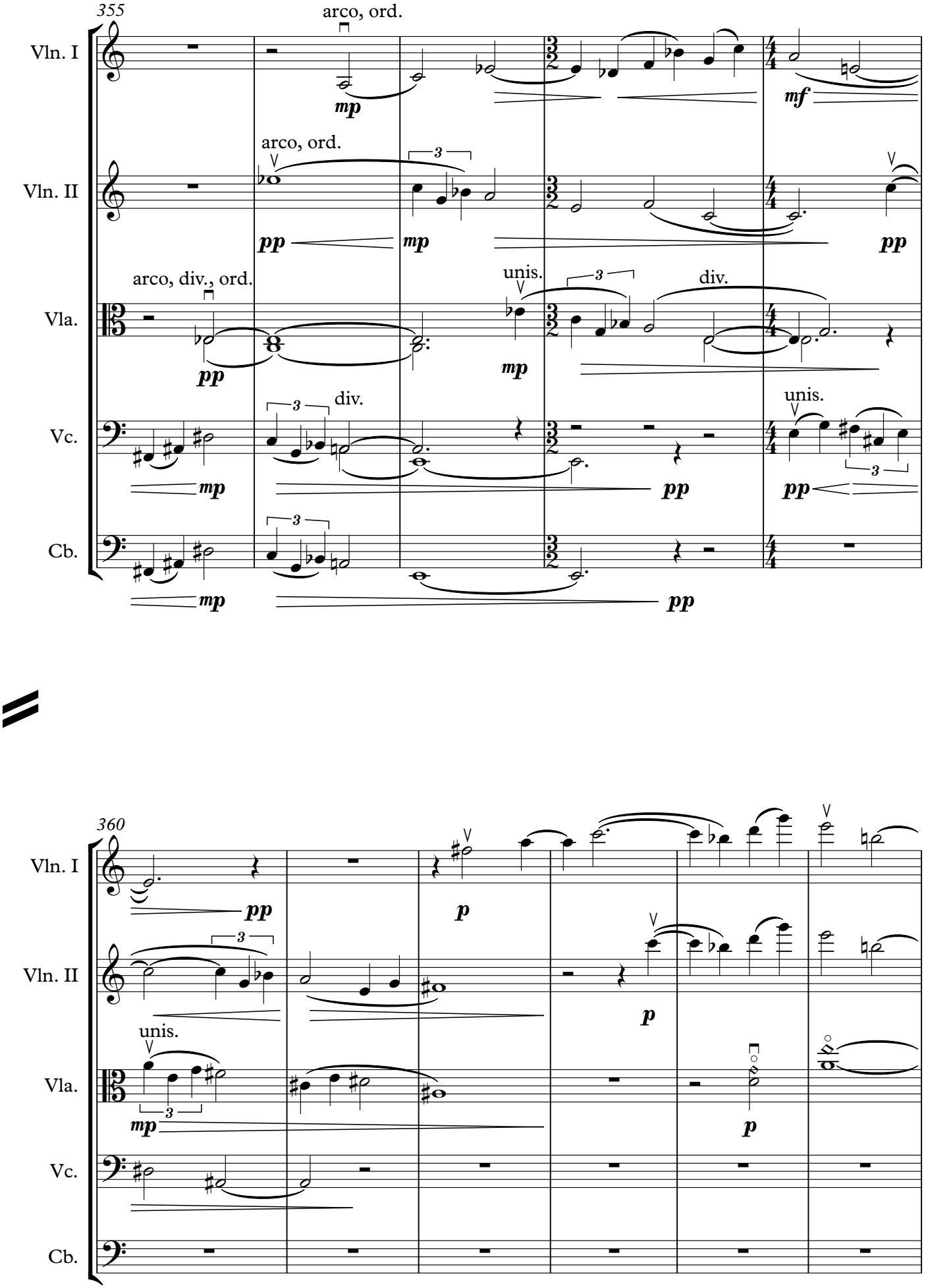

Quasi ad lib ♩ = 90
316
Sop. Sax.
Cb.
mf
f
319
pp
321
poco hesitando
deciso
mp
mf
324
rit.
mf
mp
pp
mp
mp
327
dim.


331 Moderato ♪ = 140
Sop. Sax.
col leg battuto
Vln. I
pp poss.
col legno battuto
Vln. I
pp poss.
col legno battuto
Vln. II
pp poss.
pizz.
Vln. II
pp poss.
pizz.
Vla.
pp poss.
col legno battuto
Vla.
pp poss.
col leg battuto
Vc.
pp poss.
Cb.


334
4
Sop. Sax.
pp
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.


337
4
Sop. Sax.
pp
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.


342
Andante ♩ = 72
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
arco
arco
pp
mp
pp
mp
349
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
arco
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
p
pp
mp
div.
unis.
mp
mp
pp
mp
mp
pp


355
Vln. I
arco, ord.
mp
mf
Vln. II
arco, ord.
pp
mp
pp
Vla.
arco, div., ord.
pp
unis.
mp
div.
Vc.
mp
div.
pp
unis.
pp
Cb.
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pp
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Vln. I
pp
p
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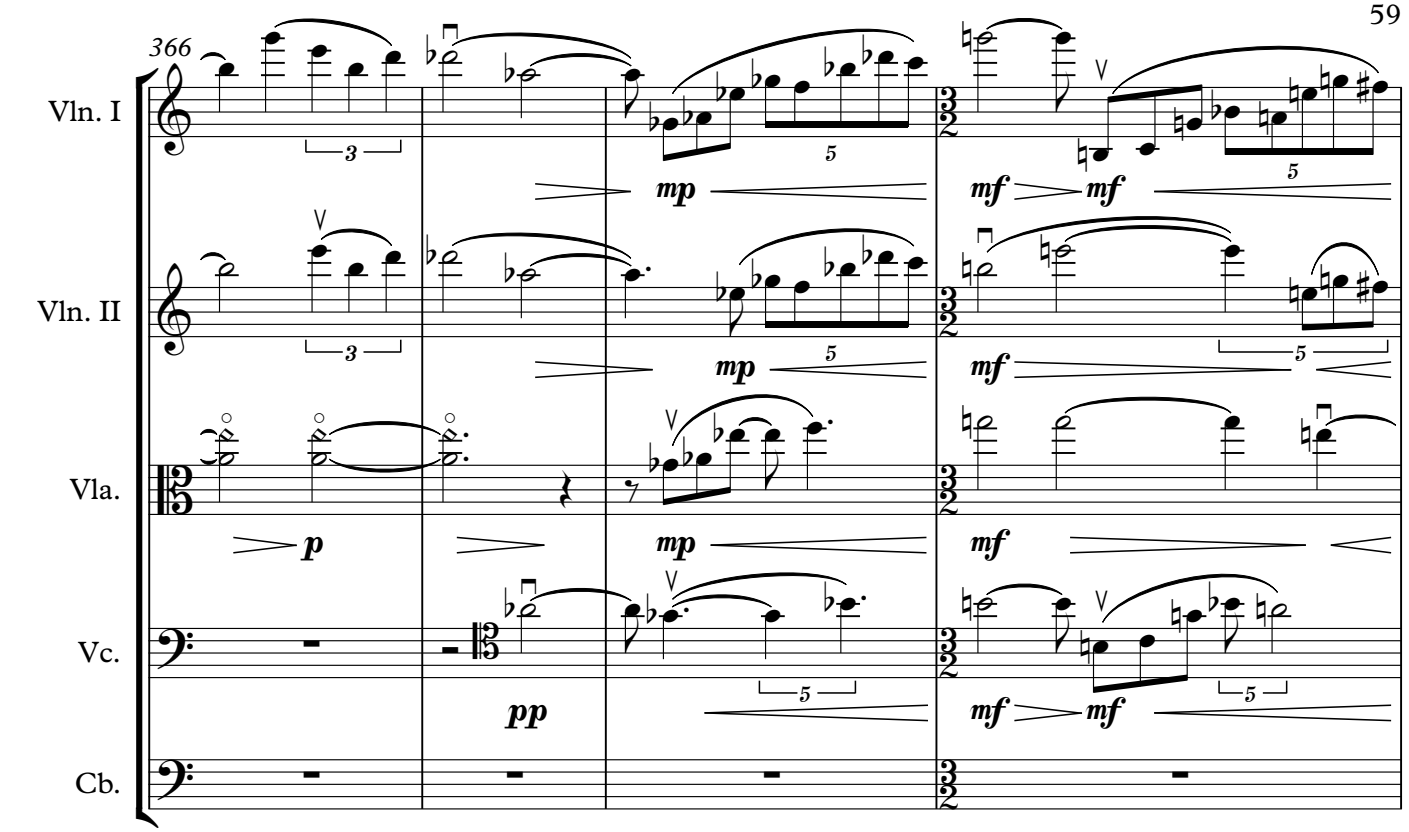
Vla.
unis.
mp
p
Vc.
Cb.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Vln. I
Vln. II
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mp
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p
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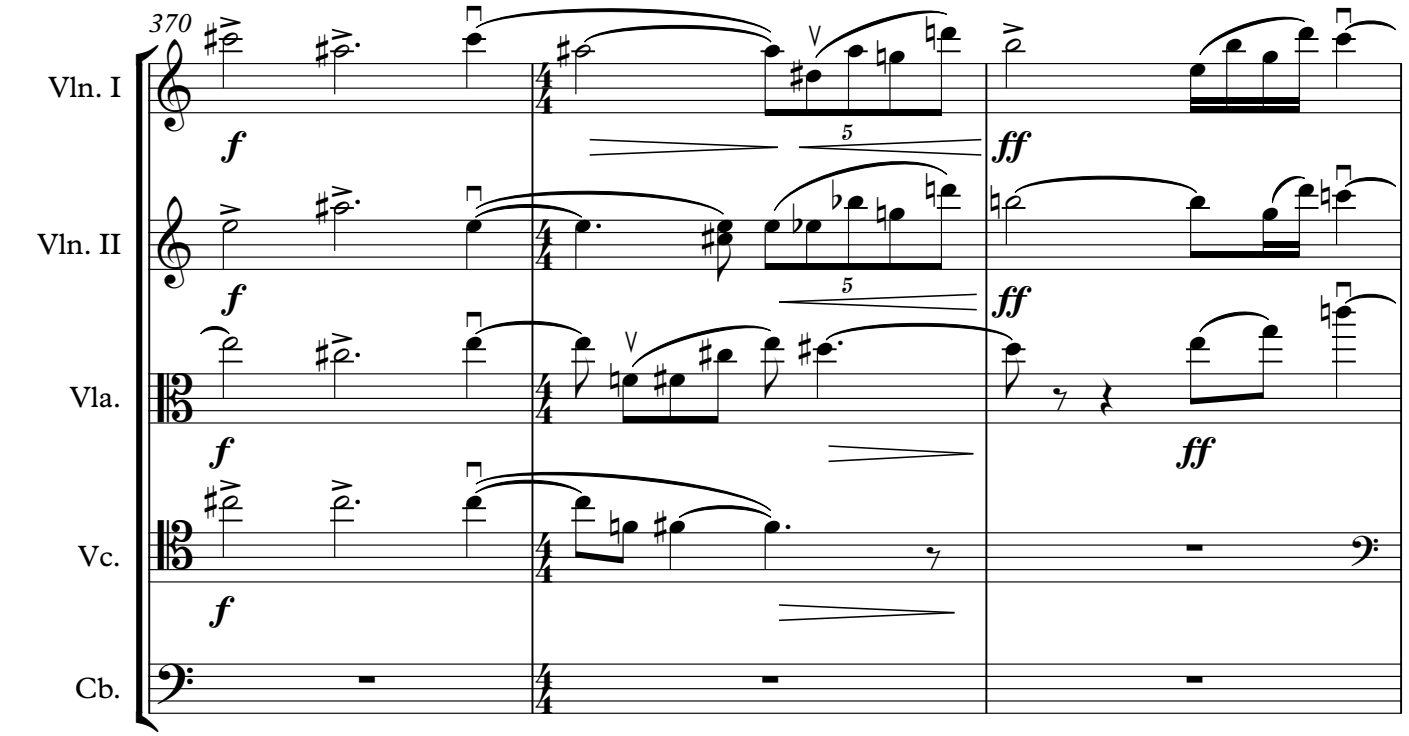
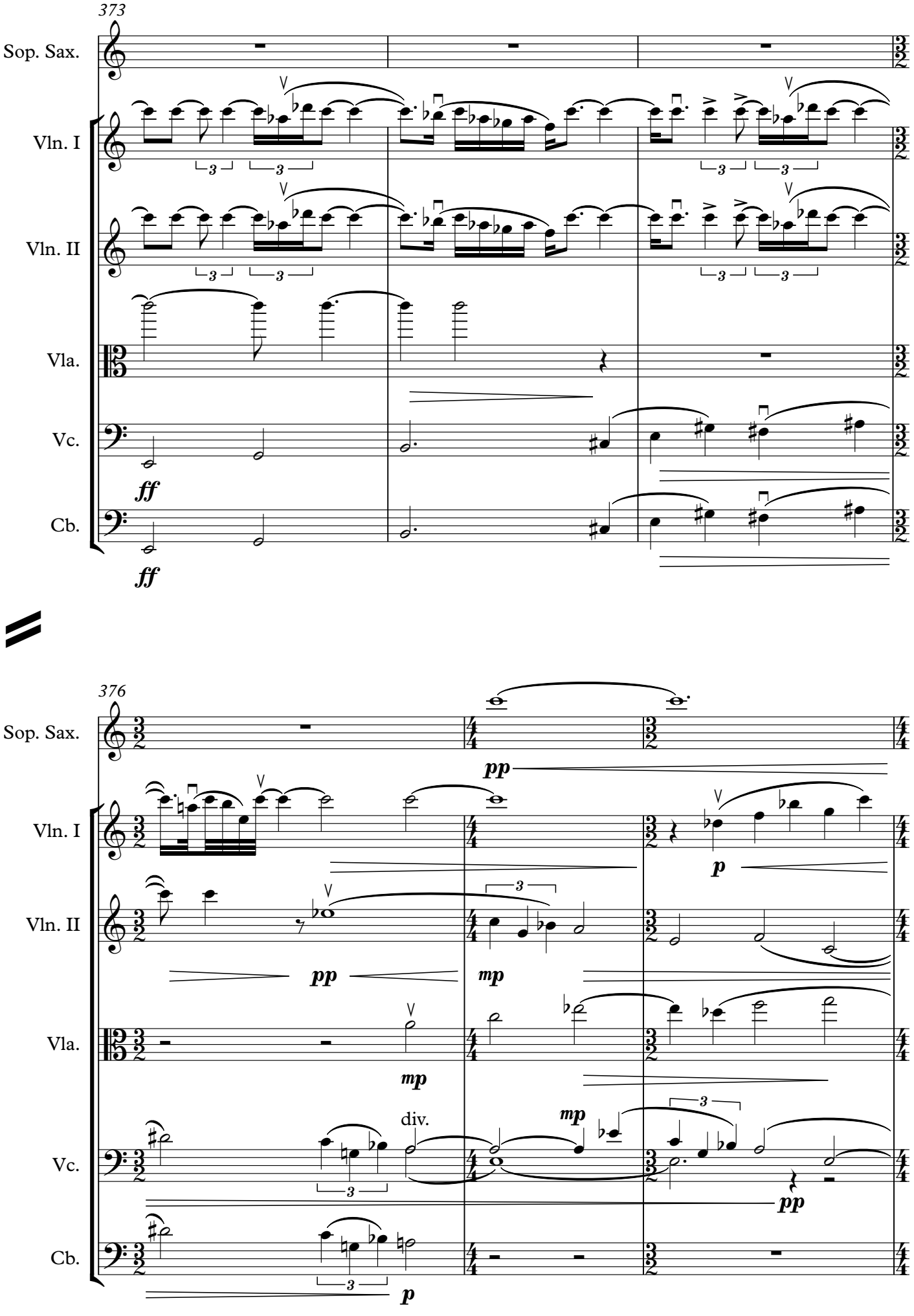

370
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
f
ff


373
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
ff
ff
376
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Vla.
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Cb.
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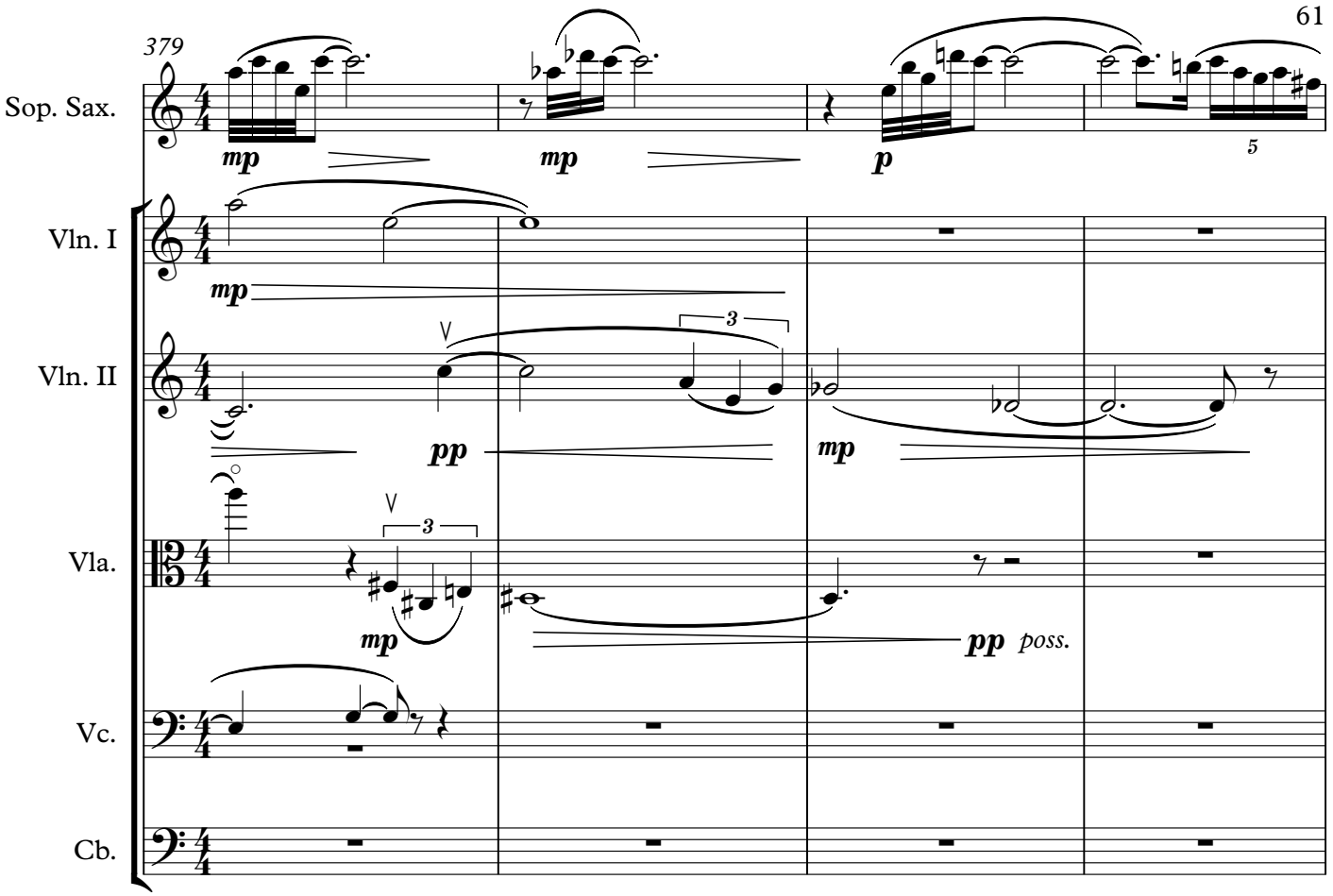
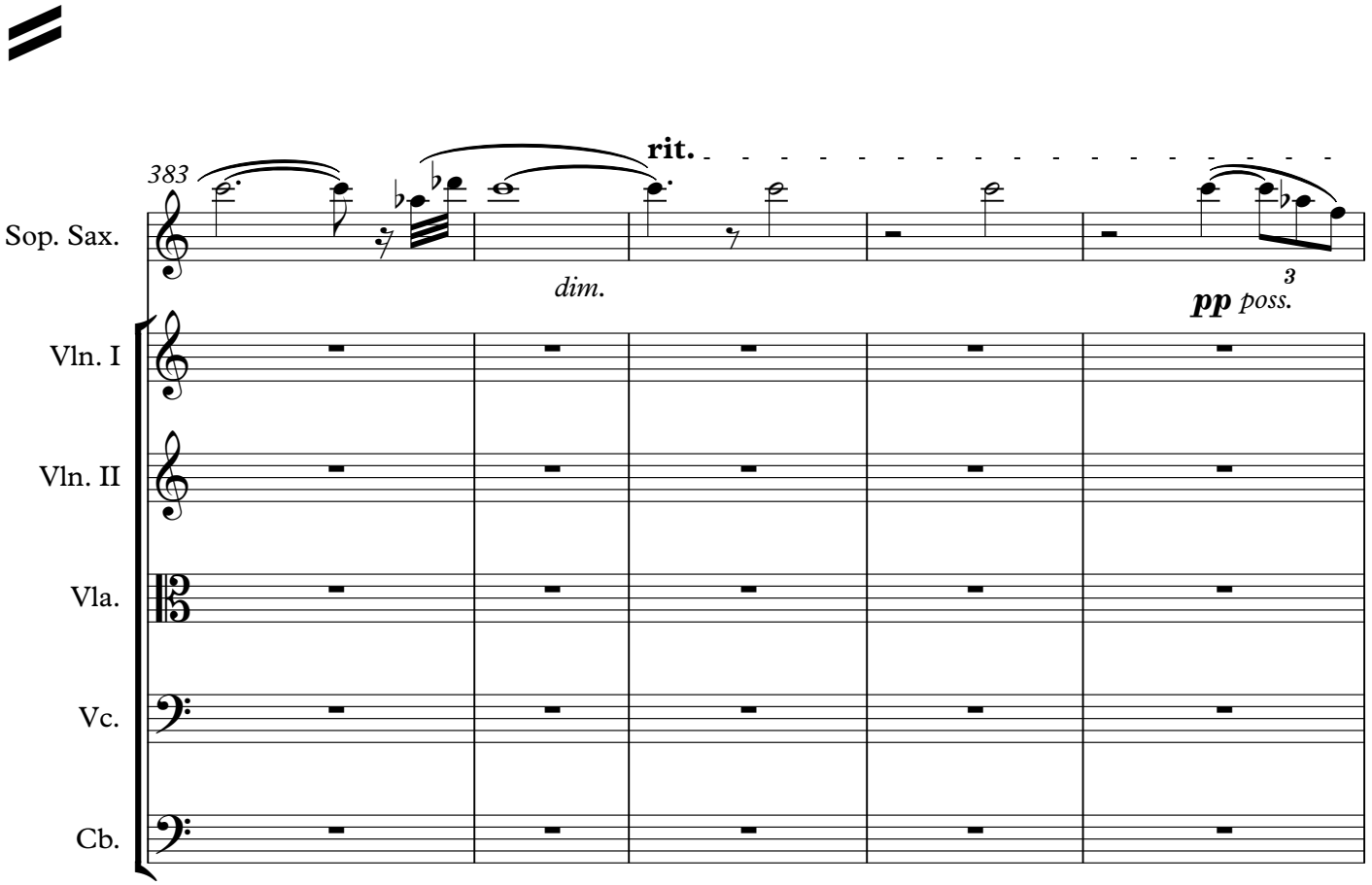
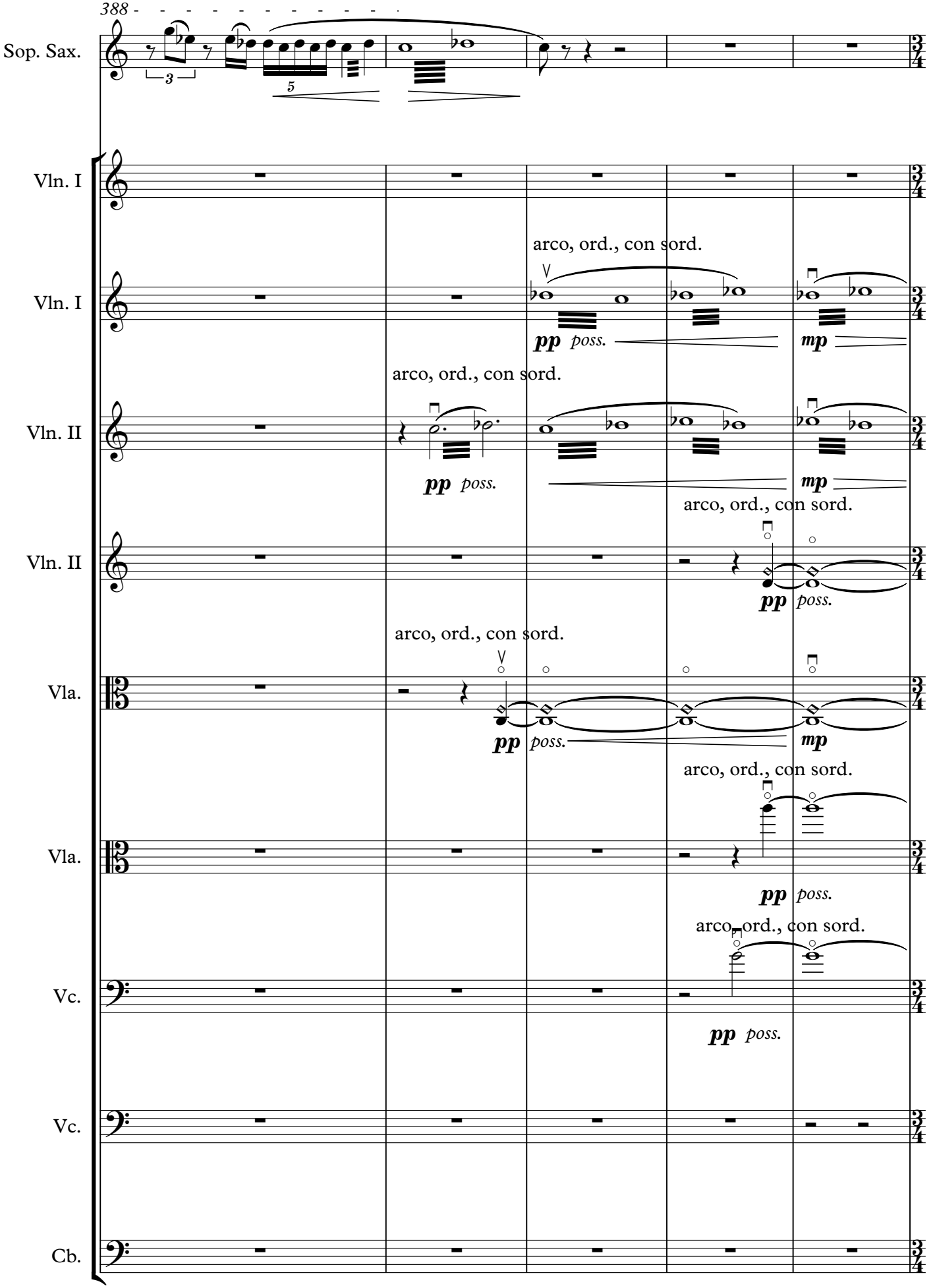

379
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
mp
mp
p
5
mp
pp
3
mp
3
mp
pp poss.


383
rit.
Sop. Sax.
dim.
3
pp poss.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.


388
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
arco, ord., con sord.
pp poss.
mp
Vln. II
arco, ord., con sord.
pp poss.
mp
Vln. II
arco, ord., con sord.
pp poss.
Vla.
arco, ord., con sord.
pp poss.
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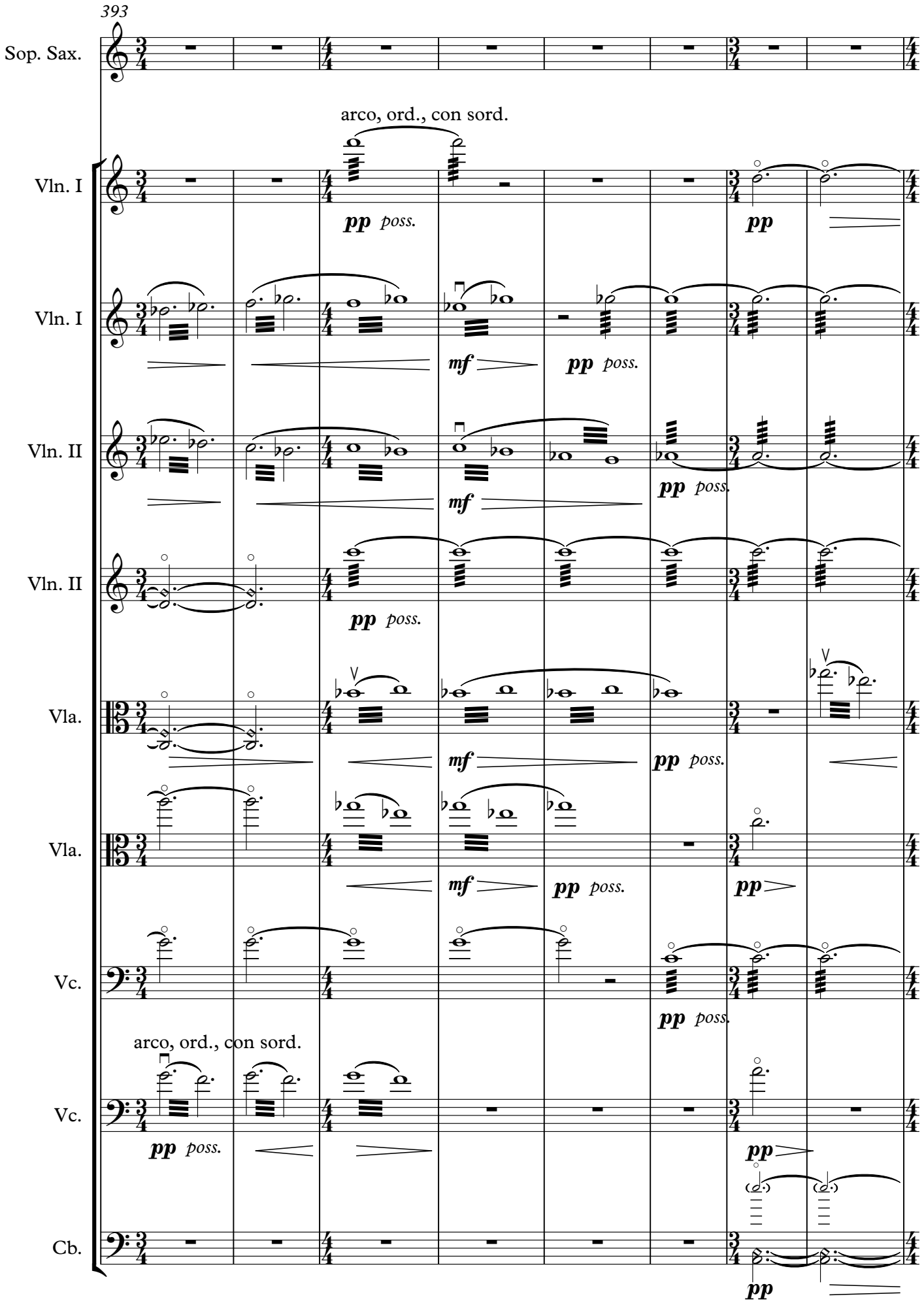
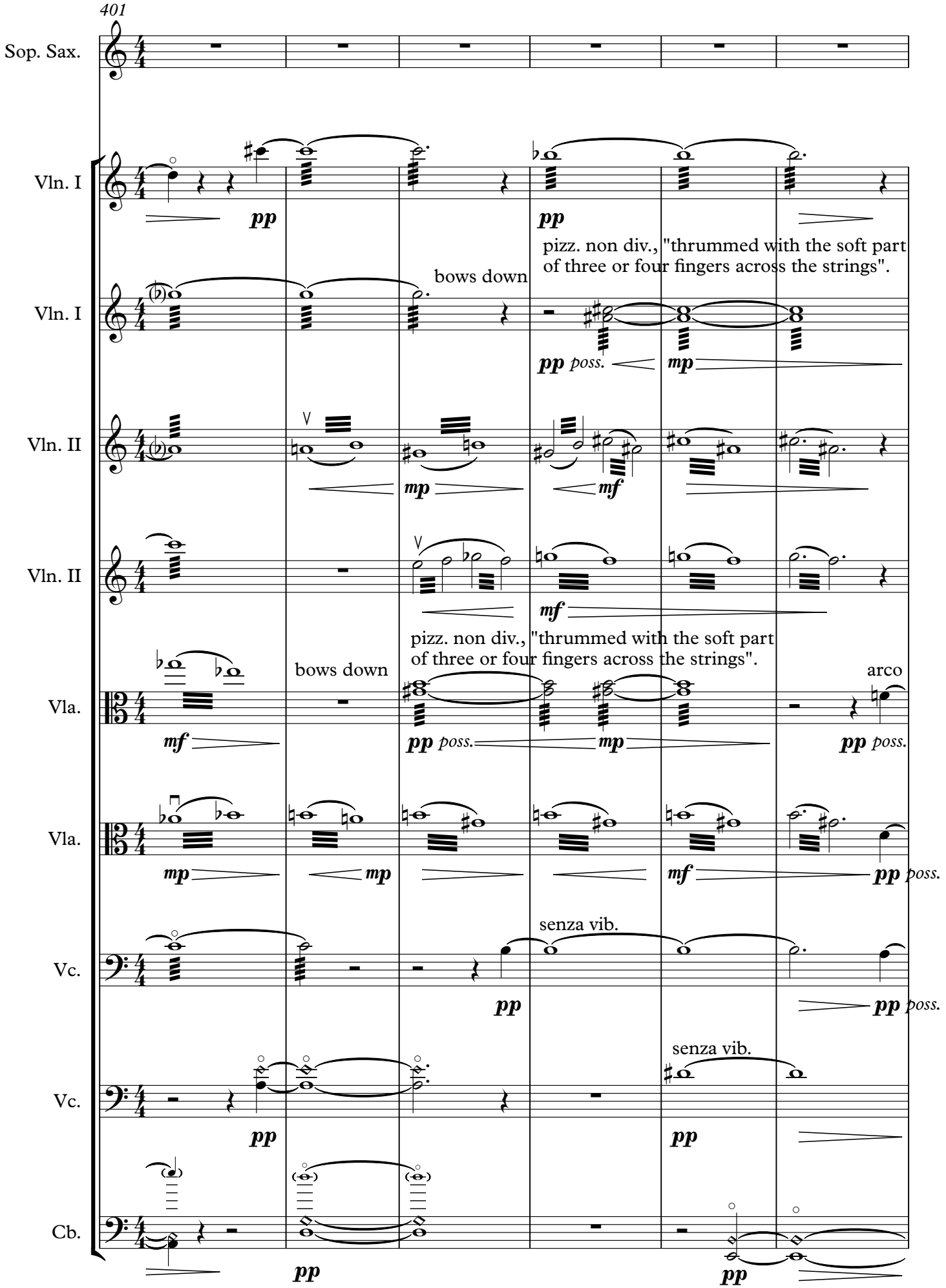
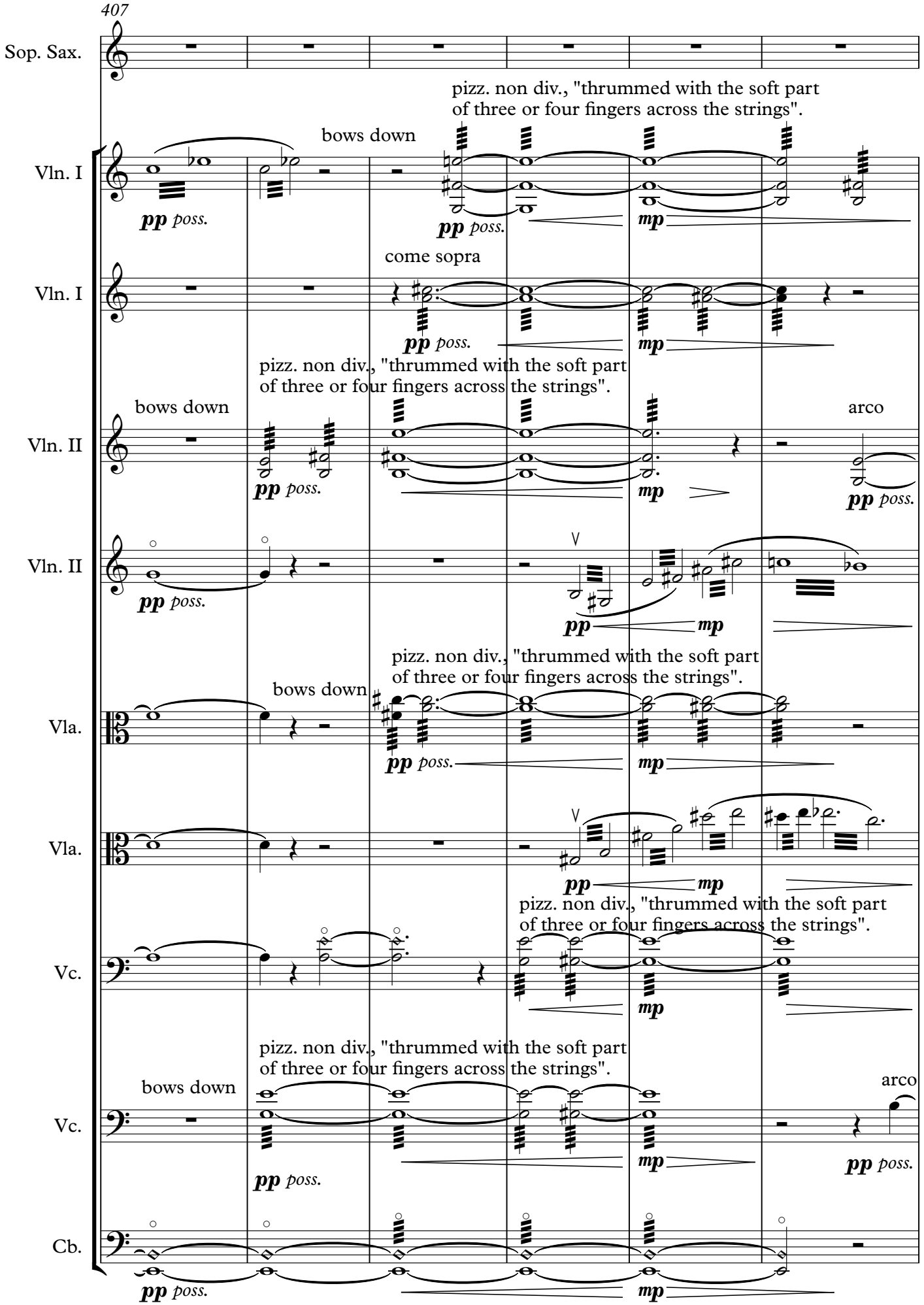
arco, ord., con sord.
pp poss.
Vc.
arco, ord., con sord.
pp poss.
Vc.
Cb.


393
Sop. Sax.
arco, ord., con sord.
Vln. I
pp poss.
pp
Vln. I
mf
pp poss.
Vln. II
pp poss.
mf
Vln. II
pp poss.
Vla.
mf
pp poss.
Vla.
mf
pp poss.
pp
Vc.
pp poss.
arco, ord., con sord.
Vc.
pp poss.
pp
Cb.
pp


401
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
pp
pp
pizz. non div., "thrummed with the soft part of three or four fingers across the strings".
Vln. I
bows down
pp poss.
mp
Vln. II
mp
mf
Vln. II
mf
pizz. non div., "thrummed with the soft part of three or four fingers across the strings".
Vla.
bows down
arco
mf
pp poss.
mp
pp poss.
Vla.
mp
mp
mf
pp poss.
Vc.
senza vib.
pp
pp poss.
Vc.
senza vib.
pp
pp
Cb.
pp
pp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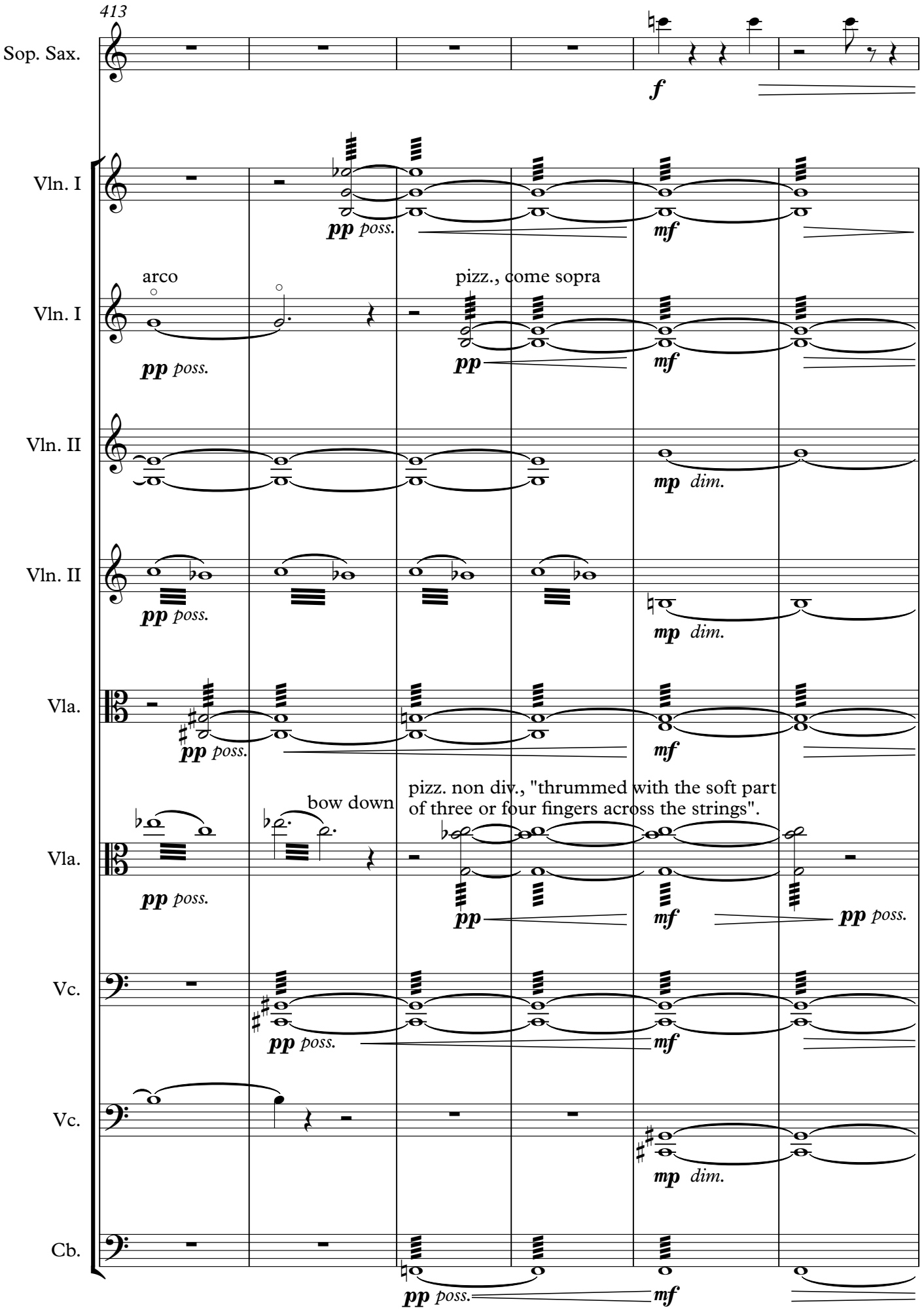
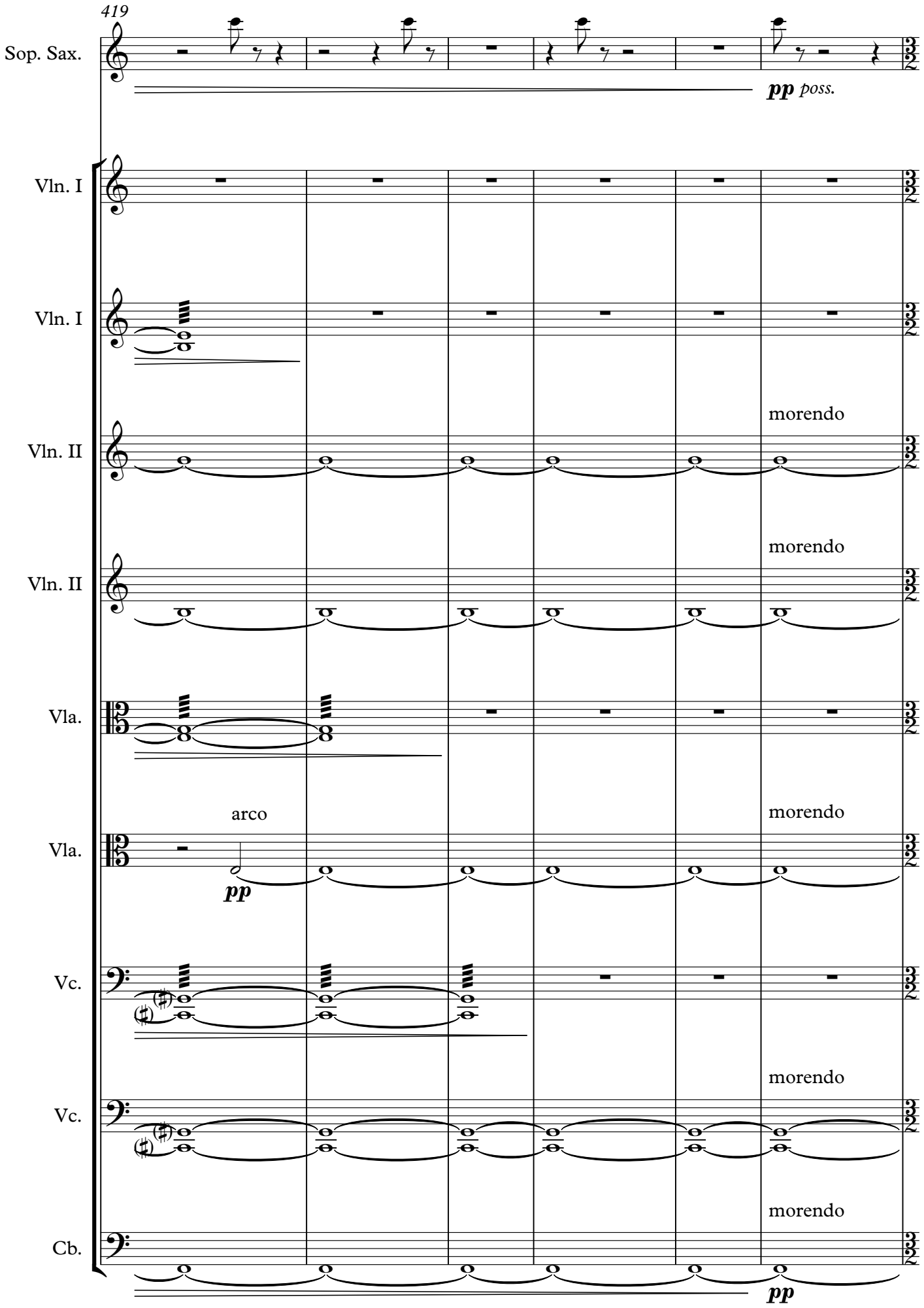
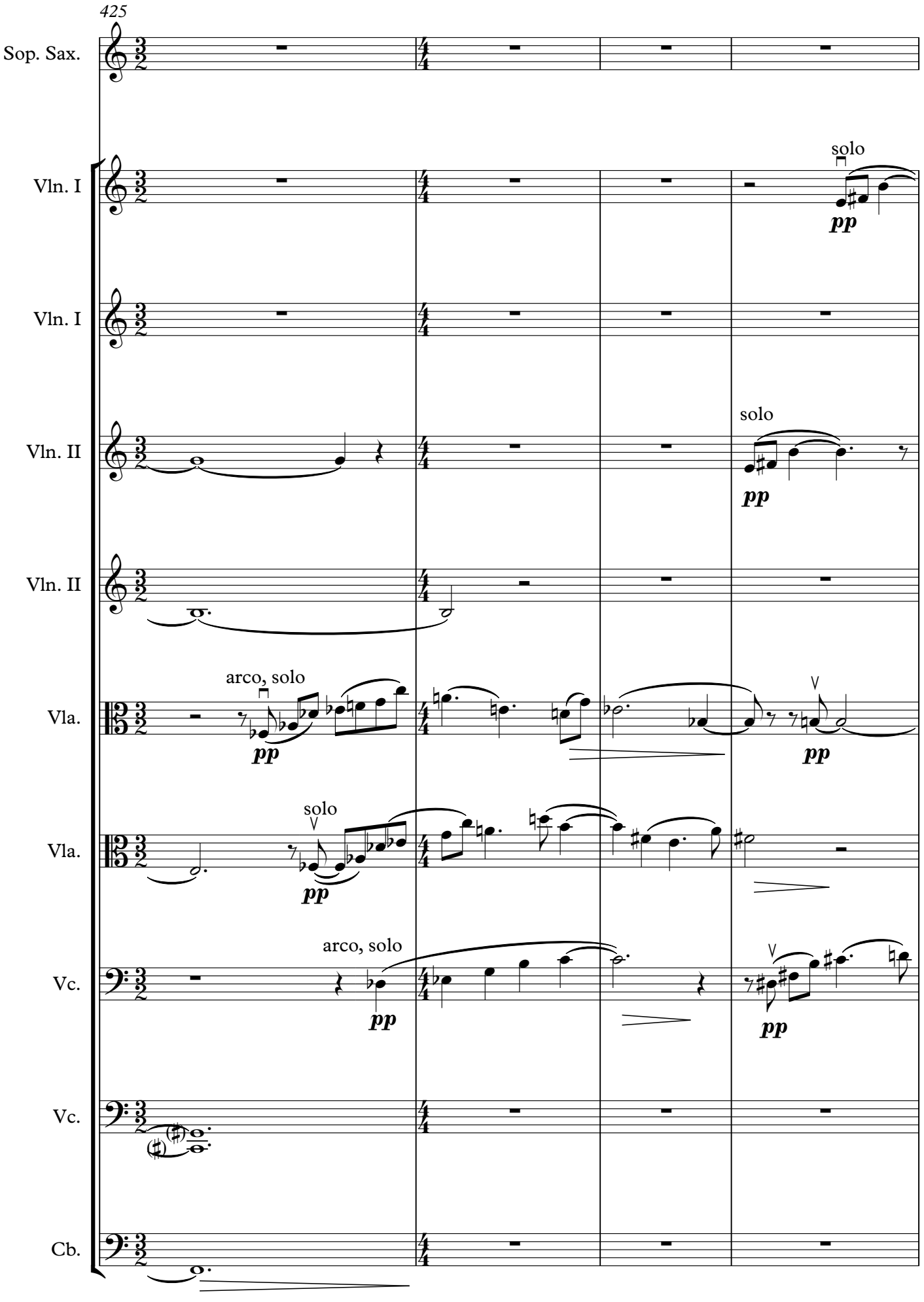
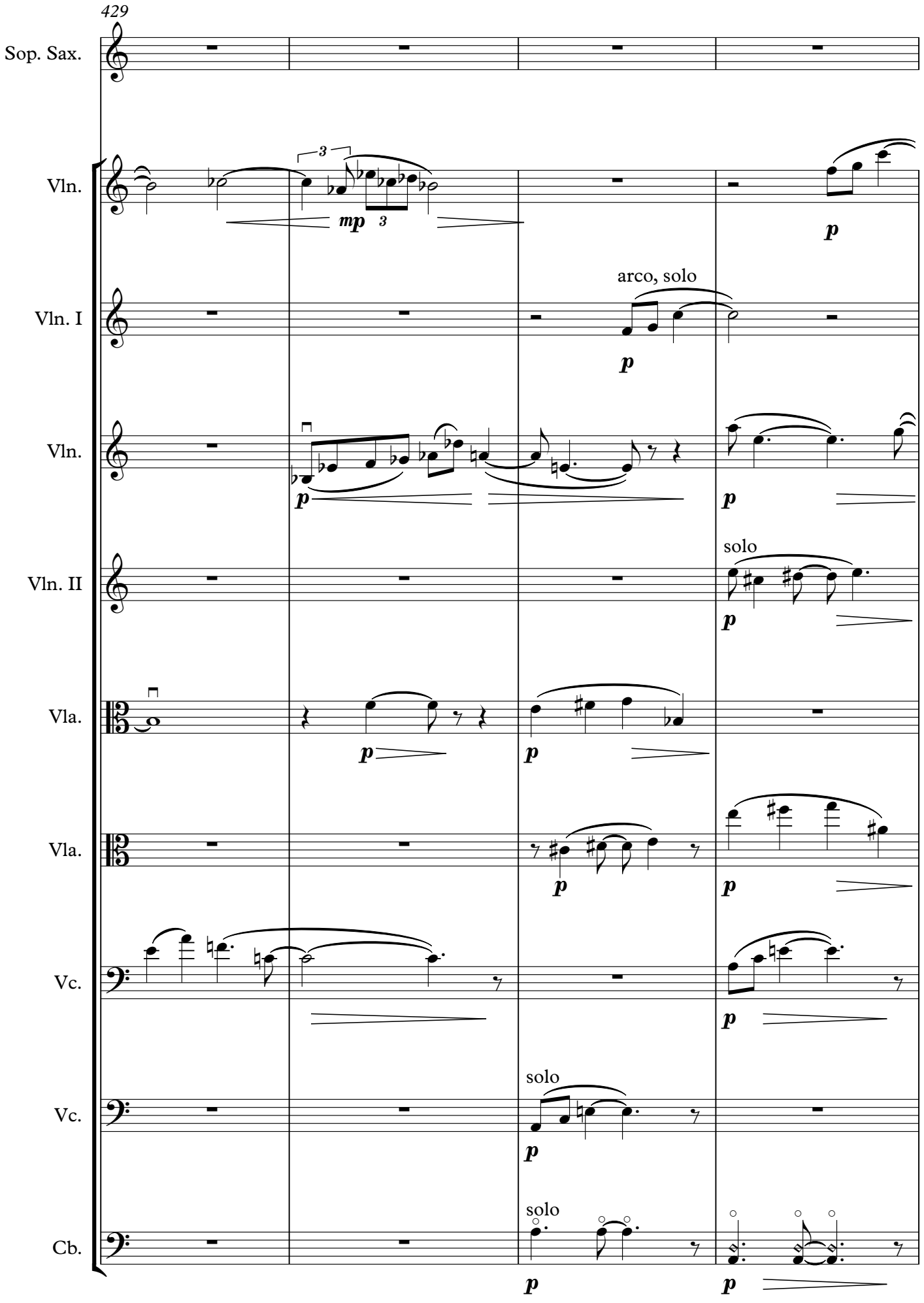
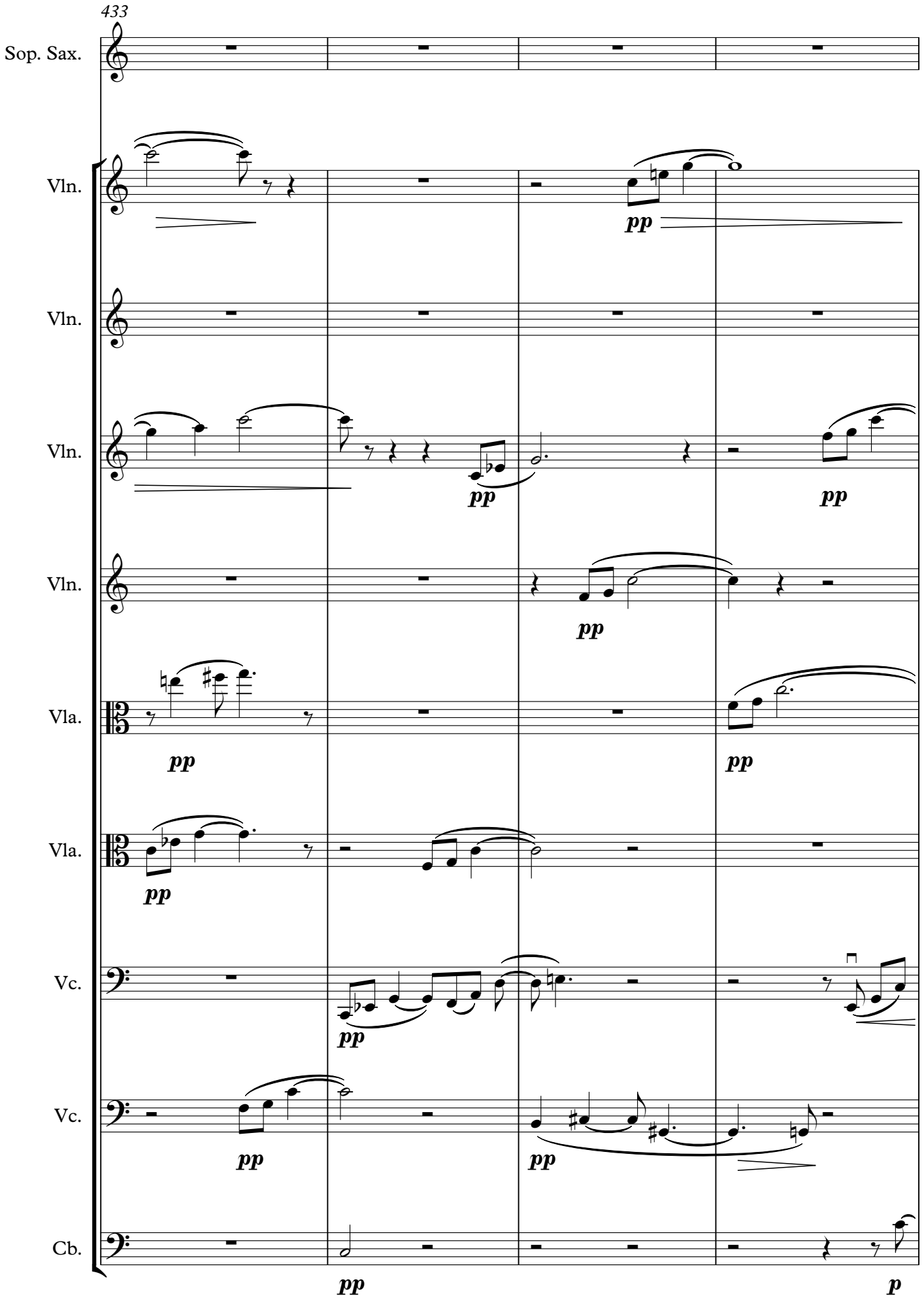
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
pizz. non div., "thrummed with the soft part of three or four fingers across the strings".
bows down
come sopra
arco
pp poss.
mp

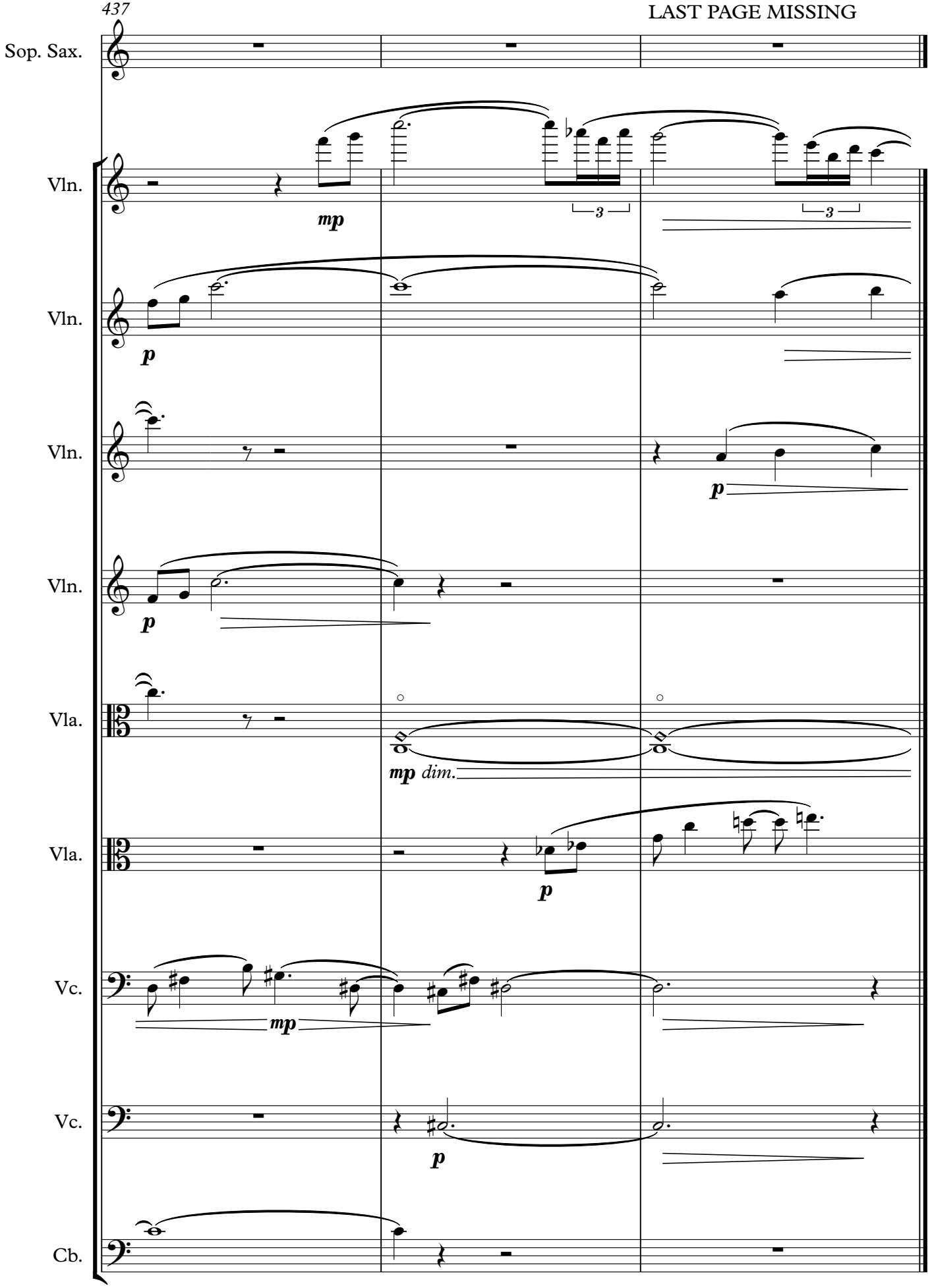

413
Sop. Sax.
f
Vln. I
pp poss.
mf
arco
pizz., come sopra
Vln. II
mp dim.
Vla.
bow down
pizz. non div., "thrummed with the soft part of three or four fingers across the strings".
Vc.
Cb.


419
Sop. Sax.
pp poss.
Vln. I
Vln. I
morendo
Vln. II
morendo
Vln. II
Vla.
arco
morendo
Vla.
pp
Vc.
morendo
Vc.
morendo
Cb.
pp


425
Sop. Sax.
Vln. I
solo
pp
Vln. I
Vln. II
solo
pp
Vln. II
Vla.
arco, solo
pp
pp
Vla.
solo
pp
Vc.
arco, solo
pp
pp
Vc.
Cb.


429
Sop. Sax.
Vln.
3
mp
3
p
Vln. I
arco, solo
p
Vln.
p
p
Vln. II
solo
p
Vla.
p
p
Vla.
p
p
Vc.
p
Vc.
solo
p
Cb.
solo
p
p


433
Sop. Sax.
Vln.
Vln.
Vln.
Vln.
Vla.
Vla.
Vc.
Vc.
Cb.
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
pp
p

437

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