The American Viola Society

SONGS WITHOUT WORDS
FOR VIOLA AND PIANO

Gerald Busby
(b. 1935)

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Gerald Busby, best known for his film score for Robert Altman's 3WOMEN and his dance score to Paul Taylor's RUNES, has written extensively for the viola. At Circle Repertory Company Gerald premiered ORPHEUS IN LOVE, an opera with a libretto by Craig Lucas, in which Orpheus is a viola teacher in a community college, and Eurydice is his pupil. Gerald is a protégé of Virgil Thomson and a long-time resident of the Chelsea Hotel in New York. Wave Theory Records released in 2021 the film score for 3WOMEN.

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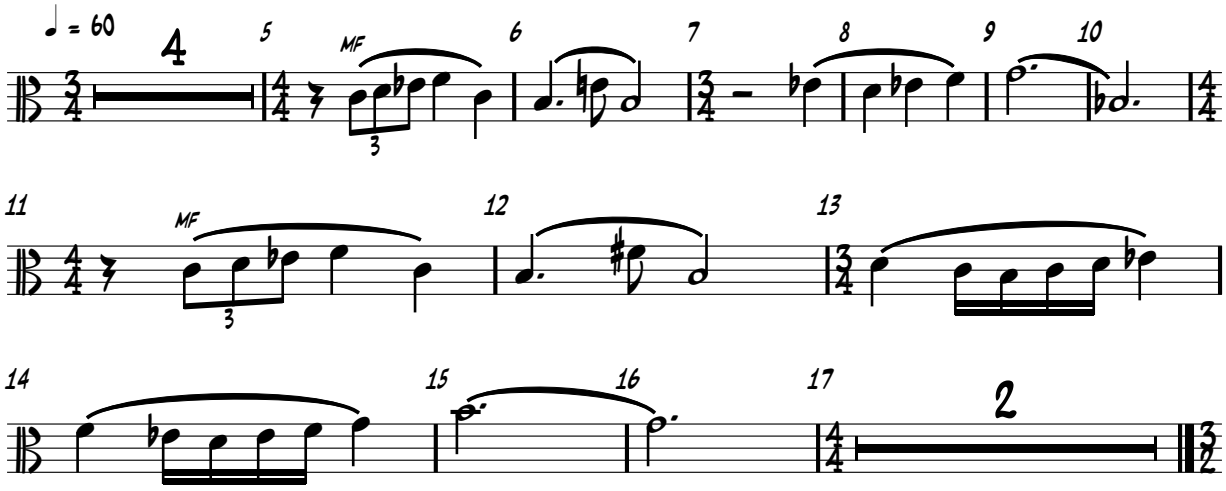

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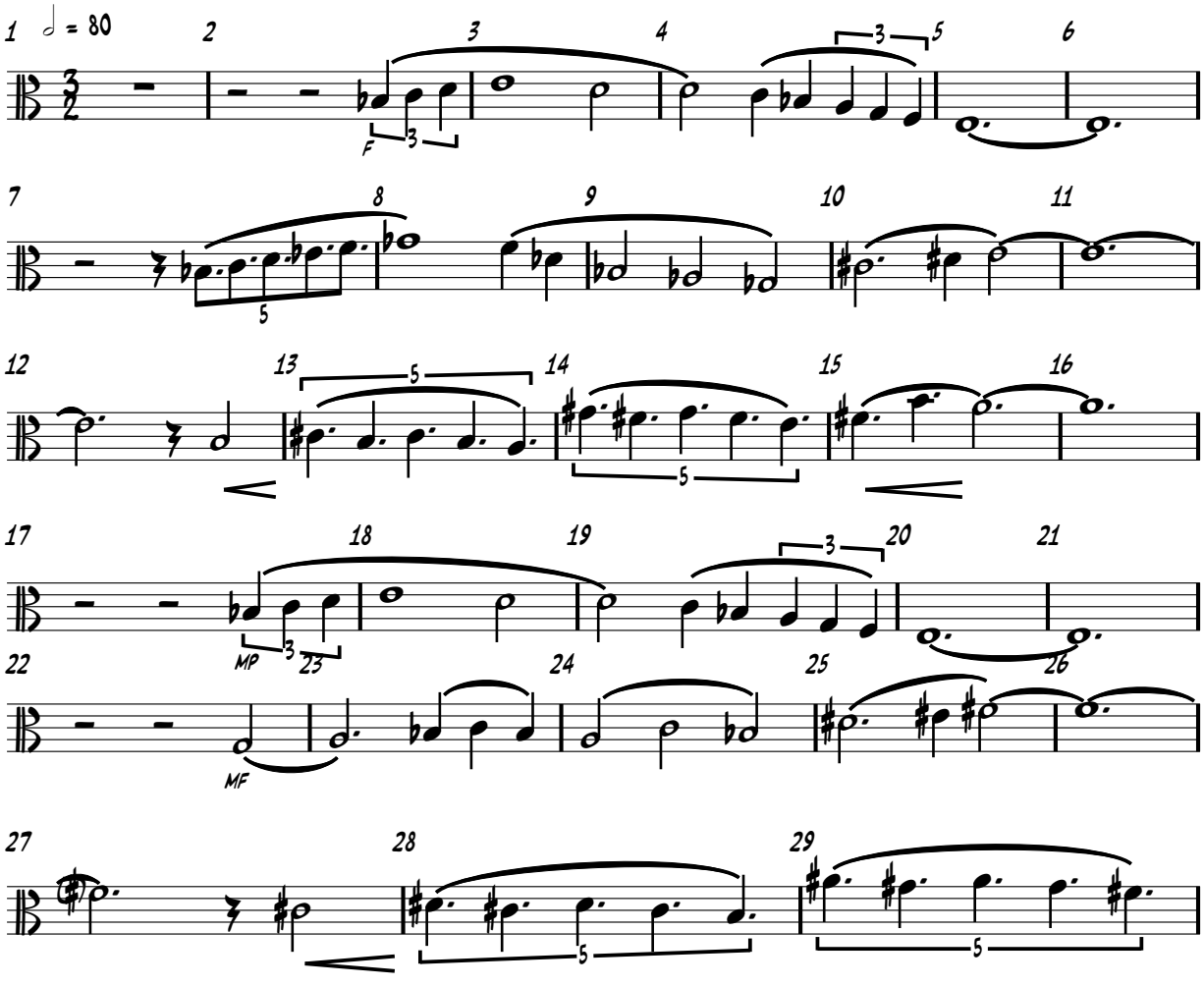

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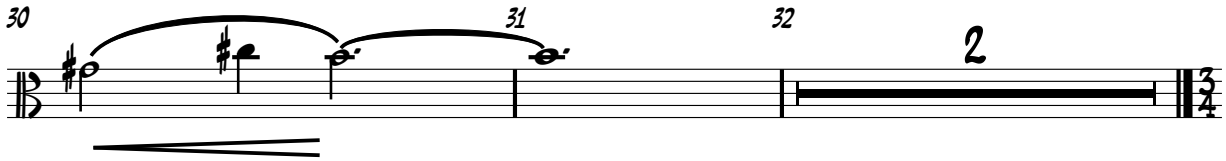

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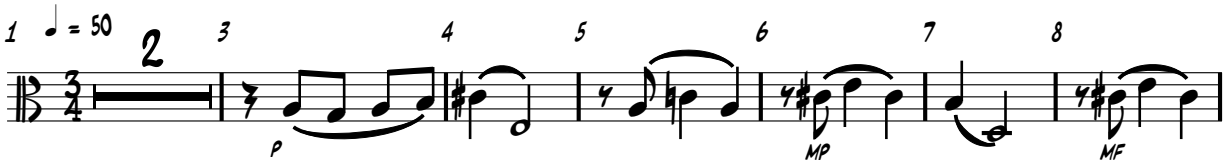

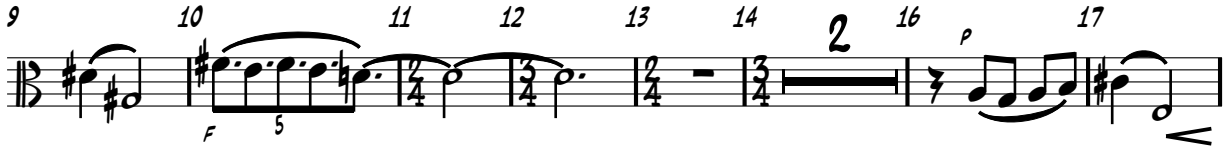

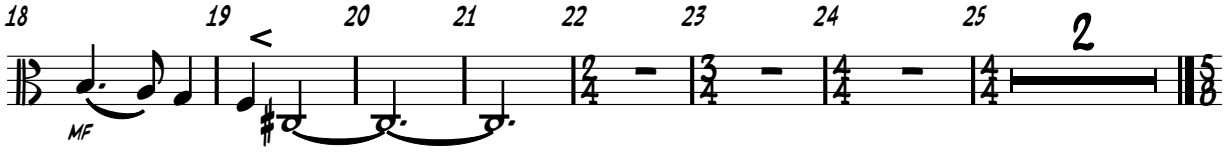

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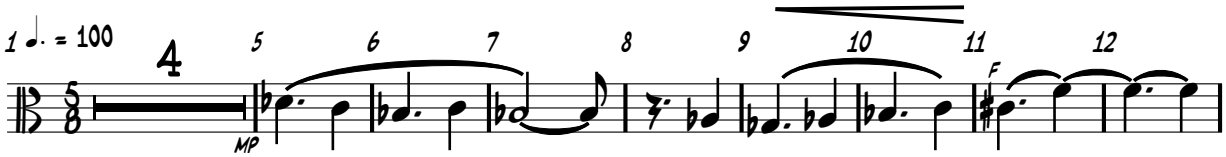

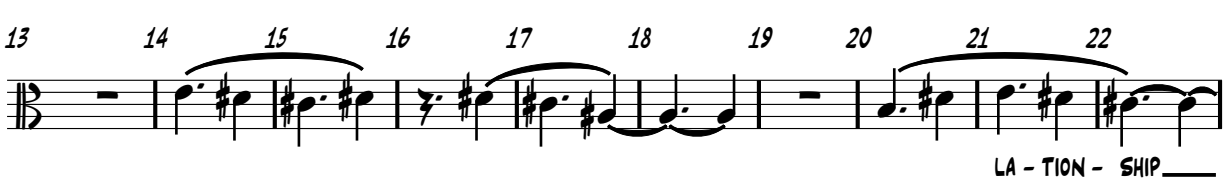

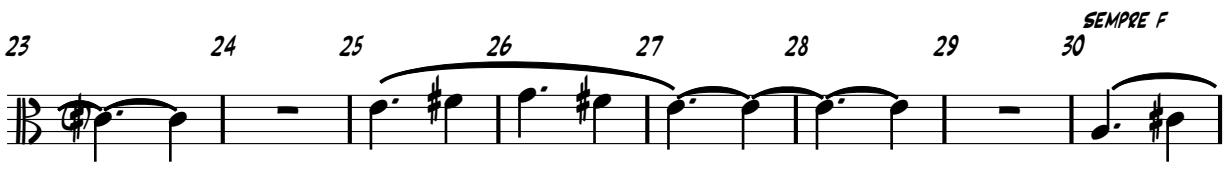

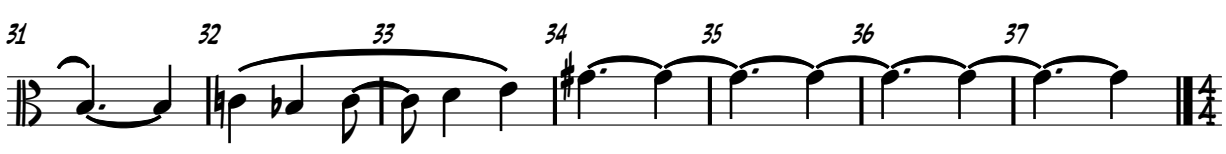

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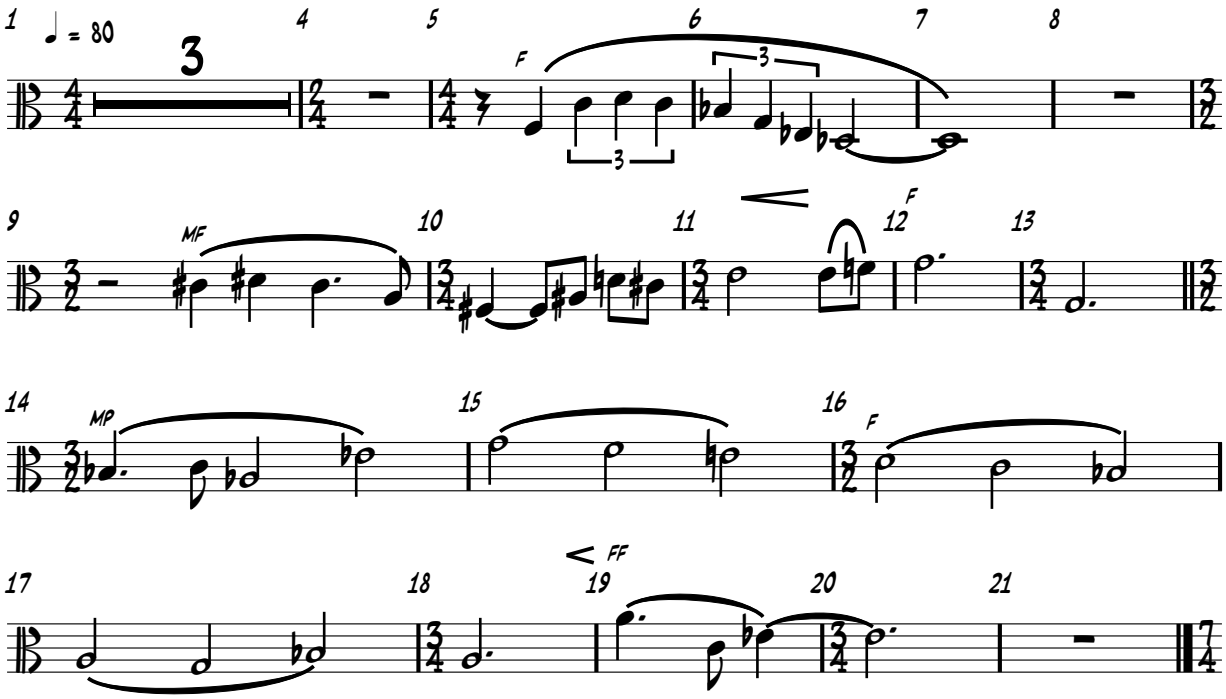

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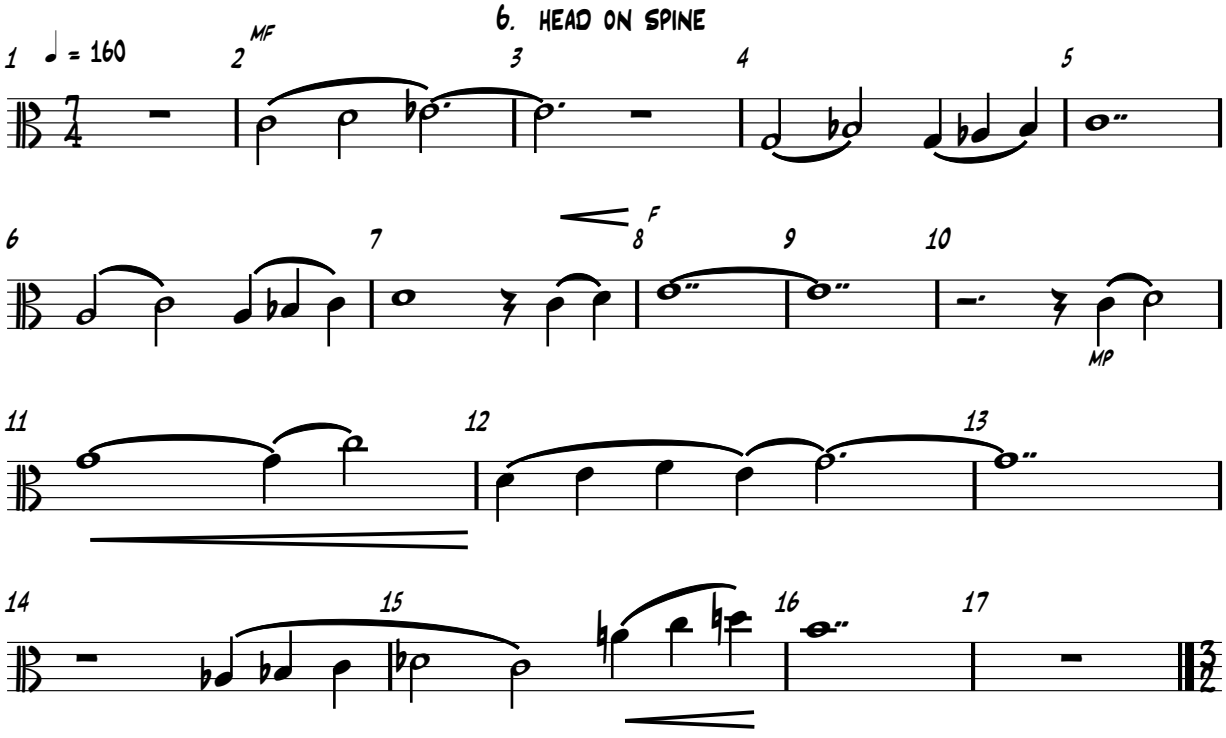

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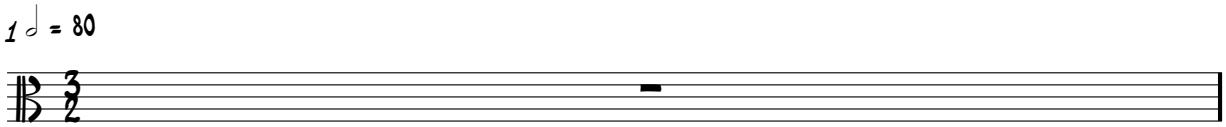

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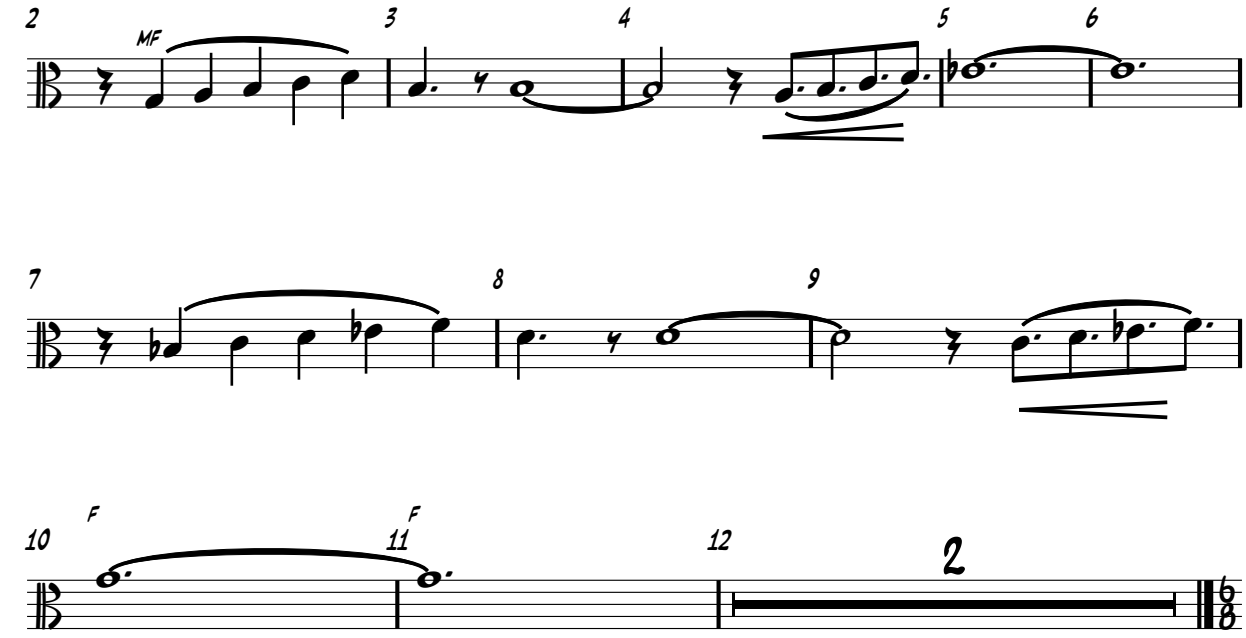

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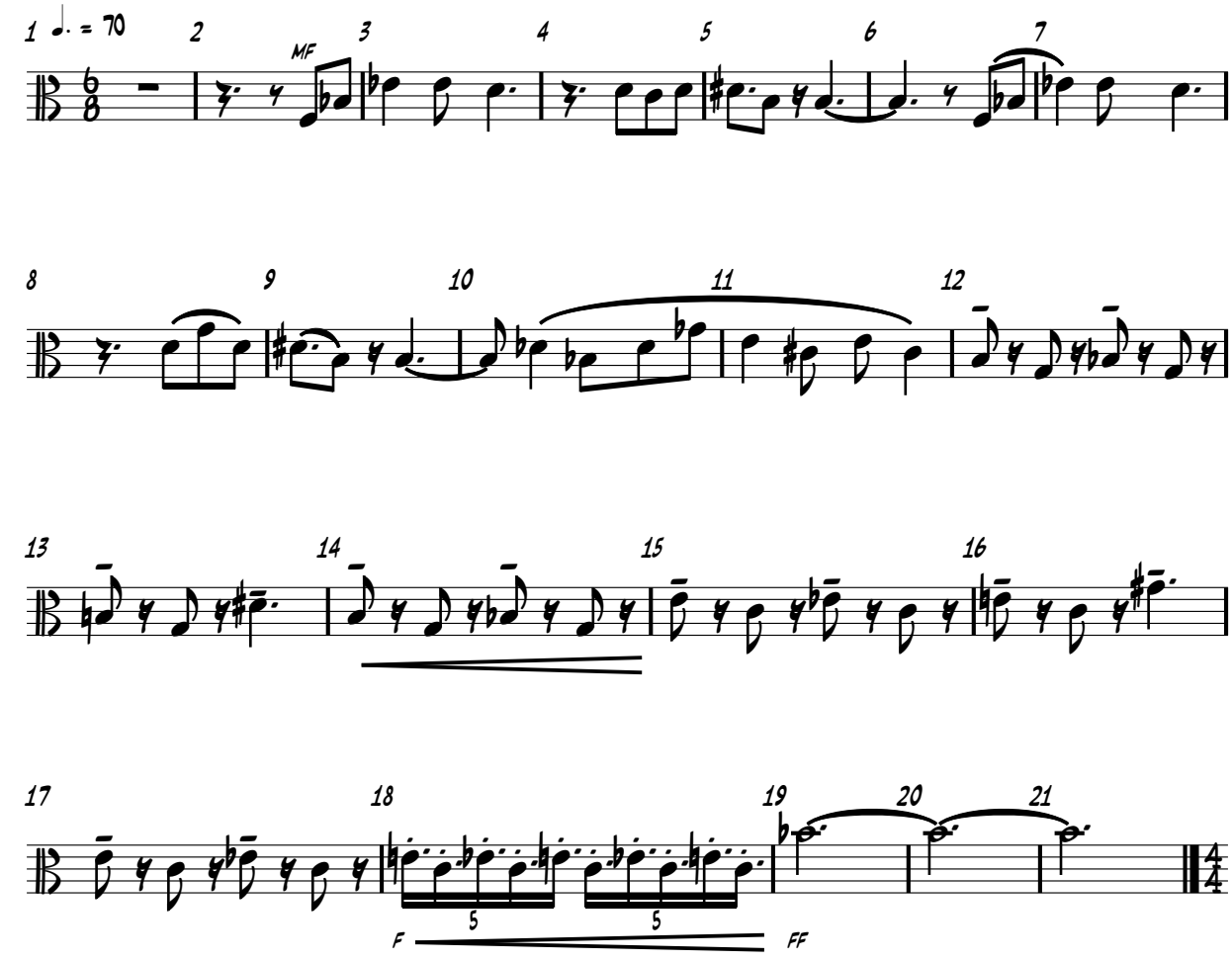

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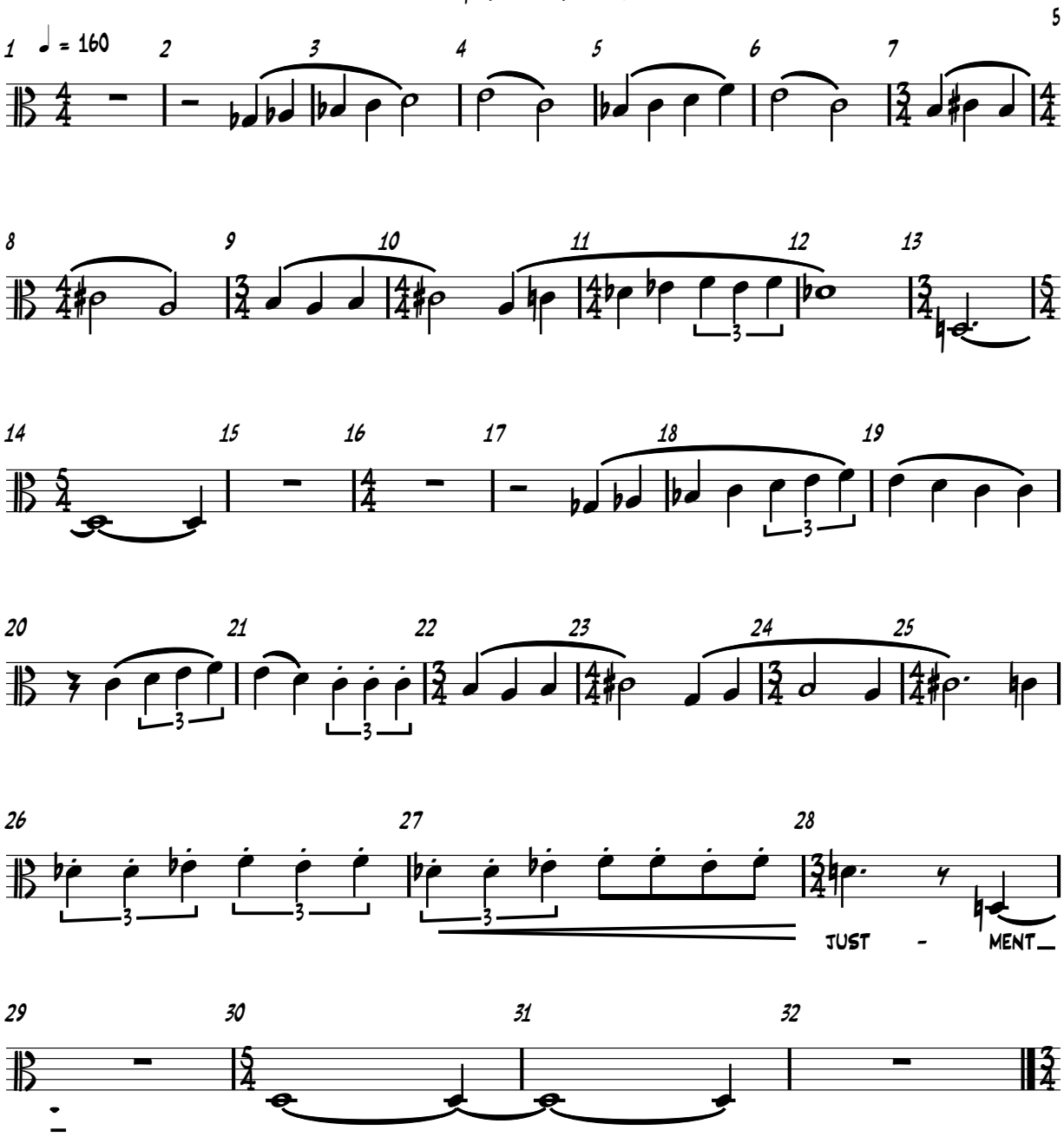

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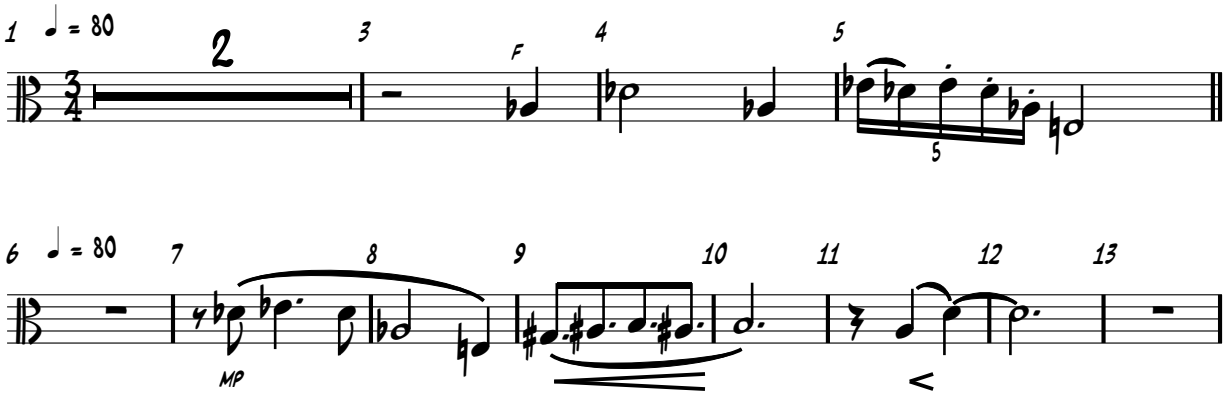

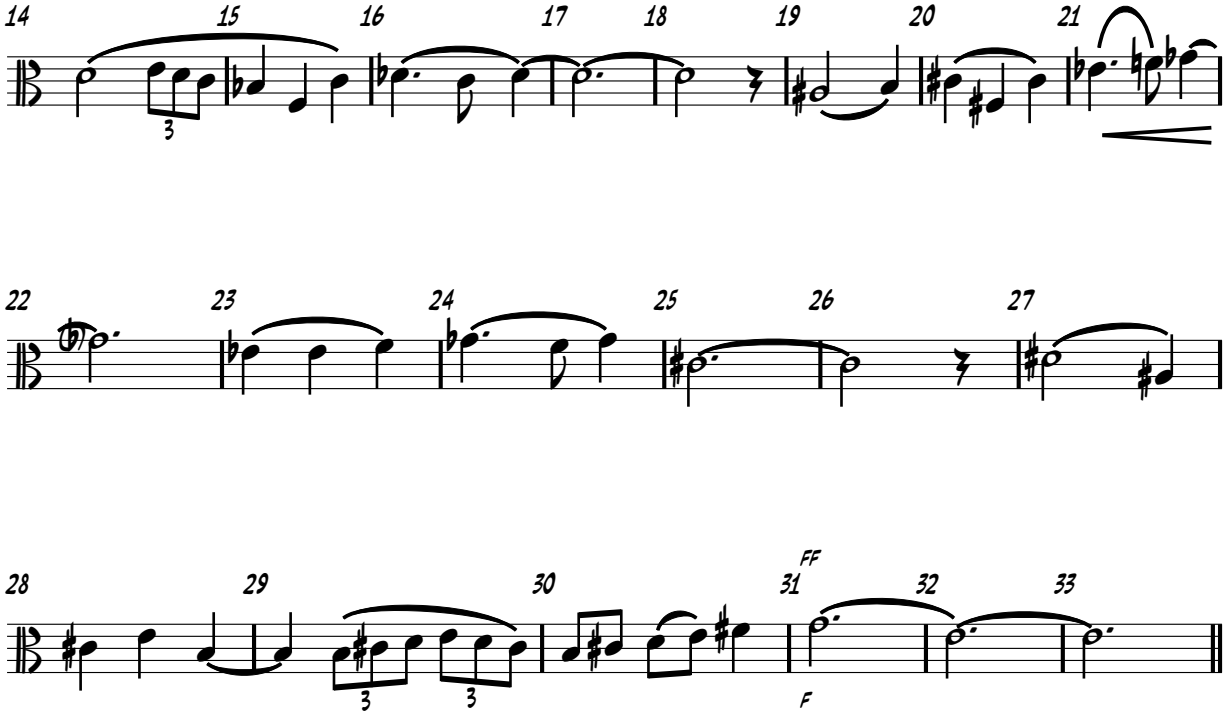

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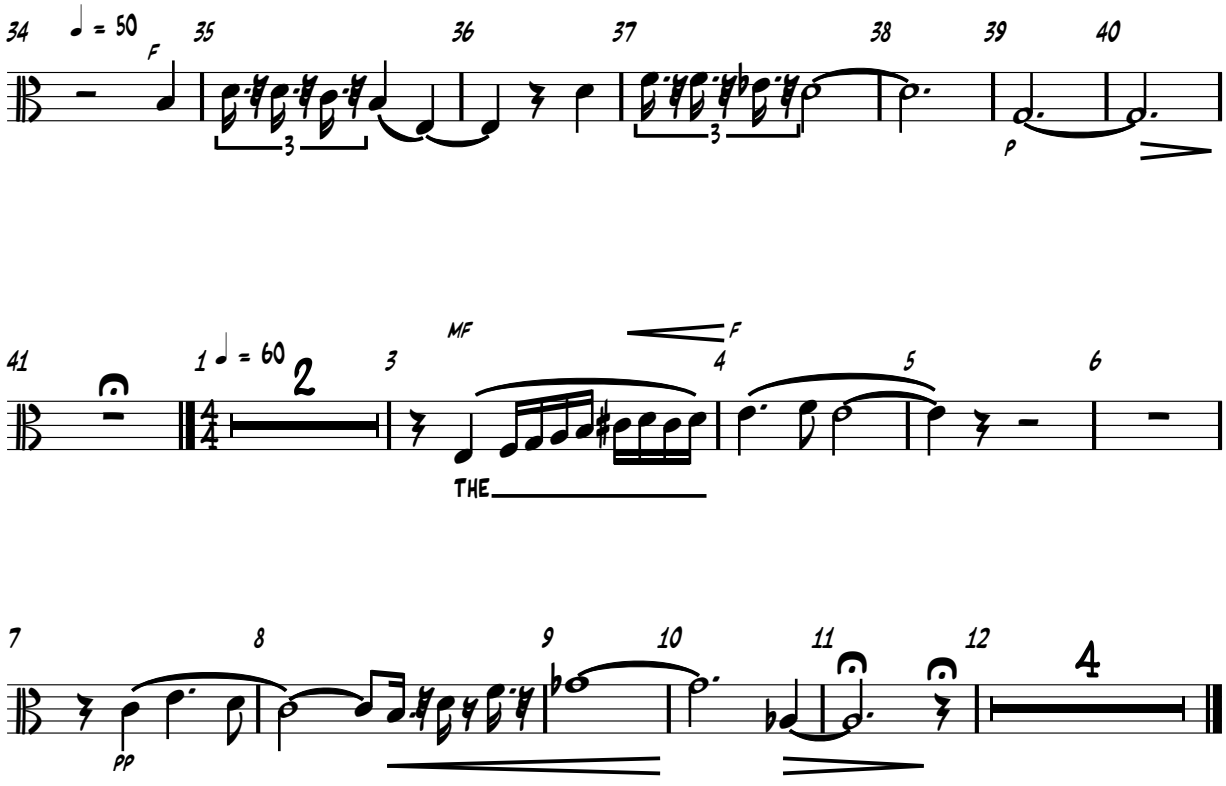

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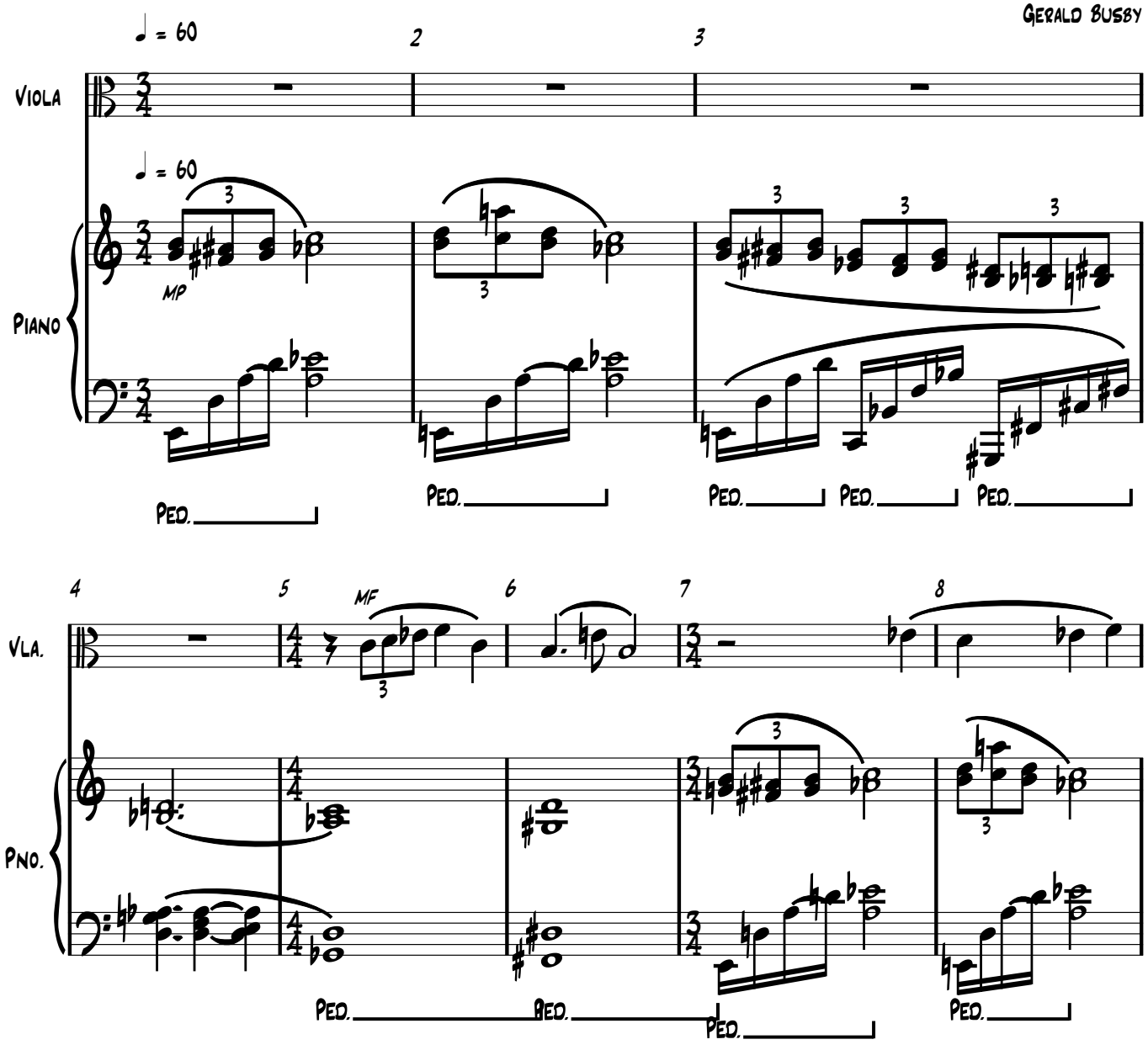

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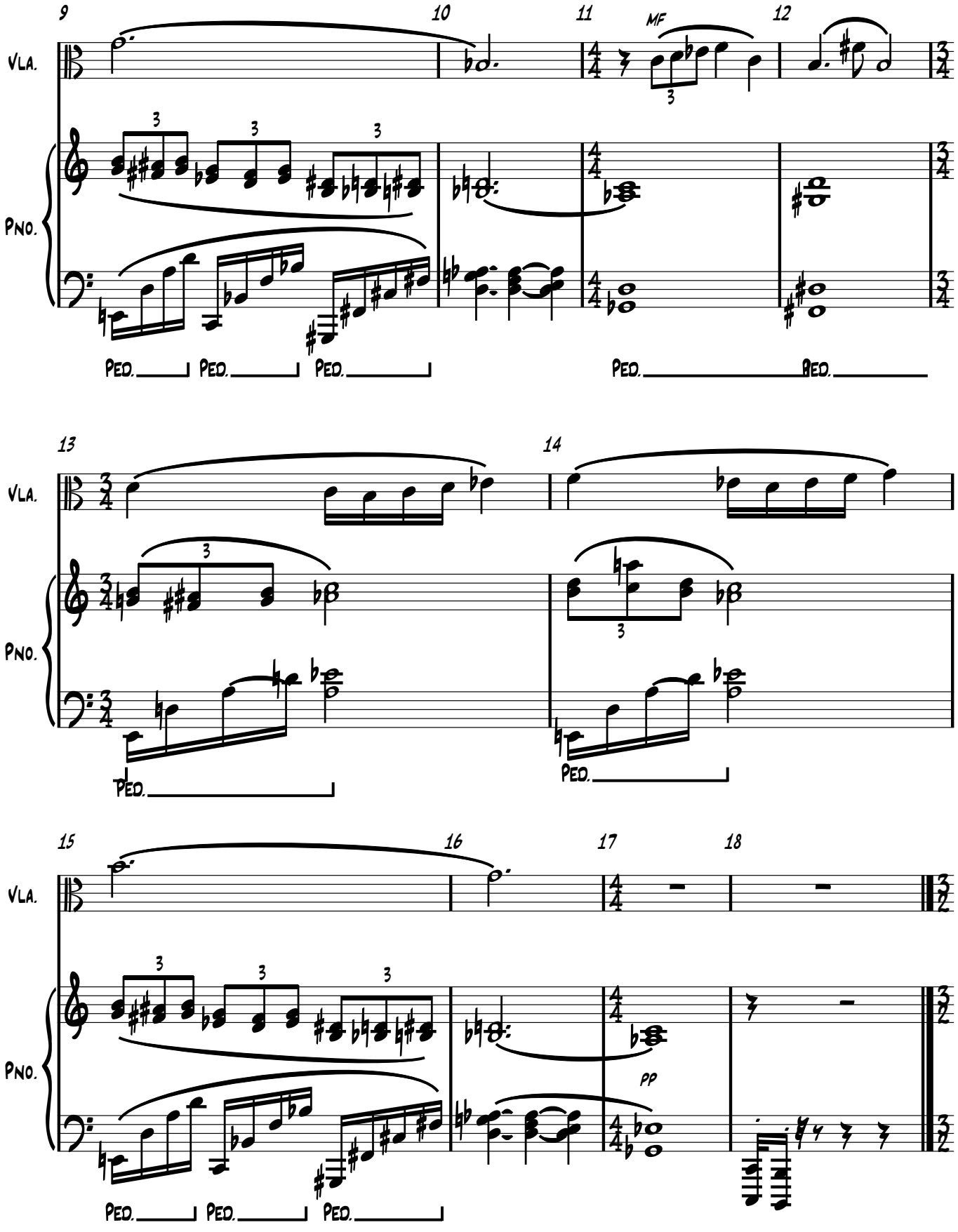
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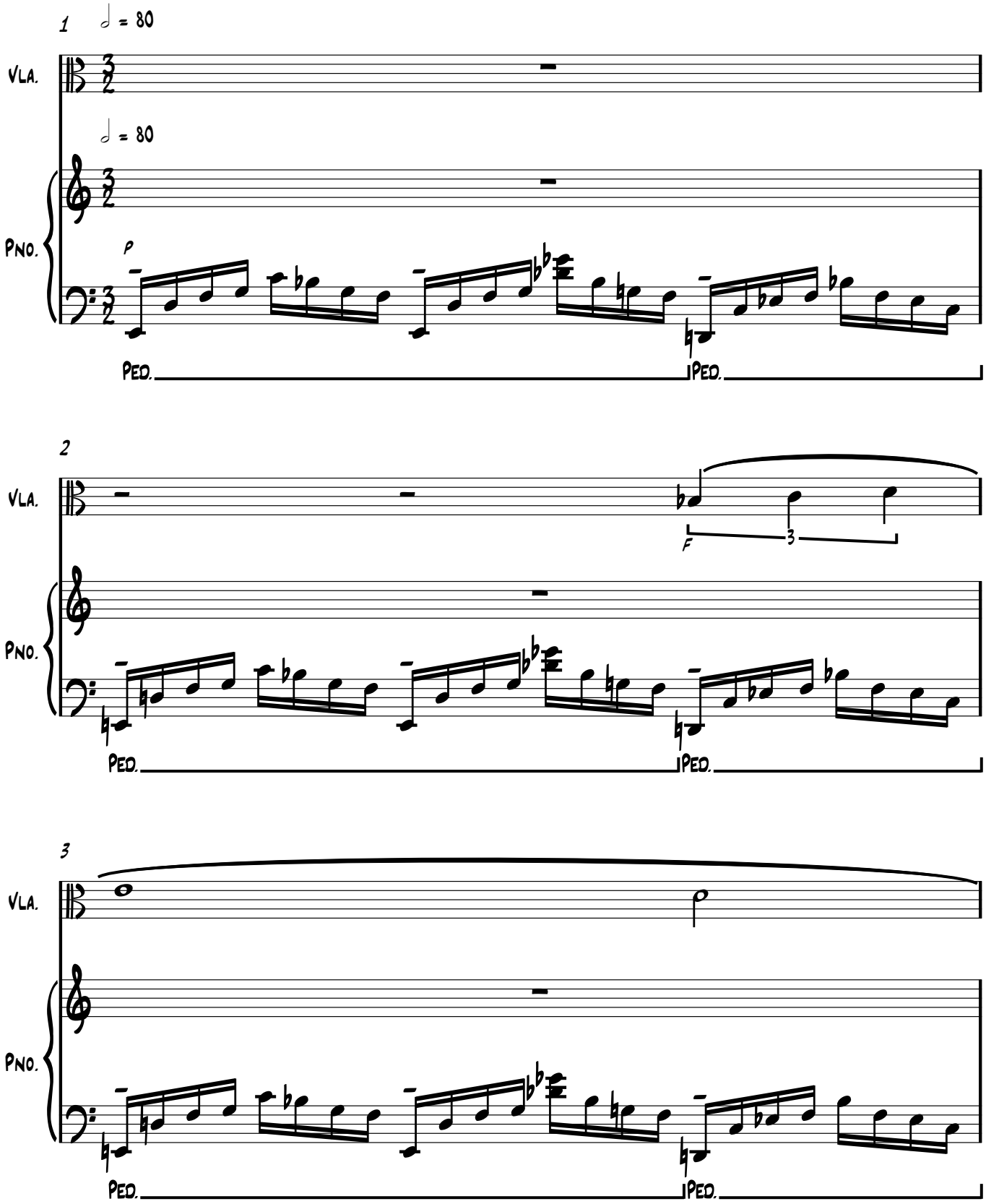

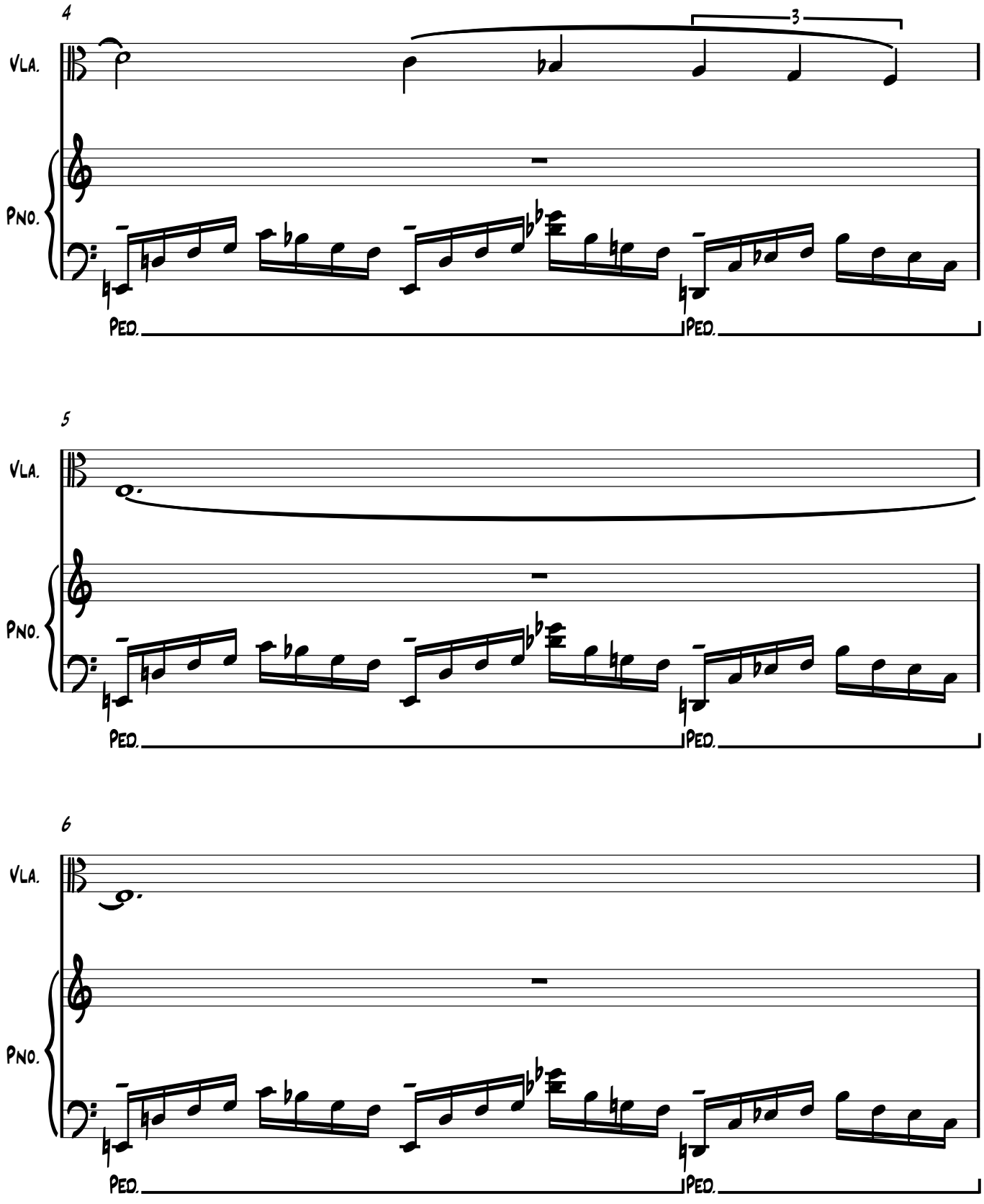
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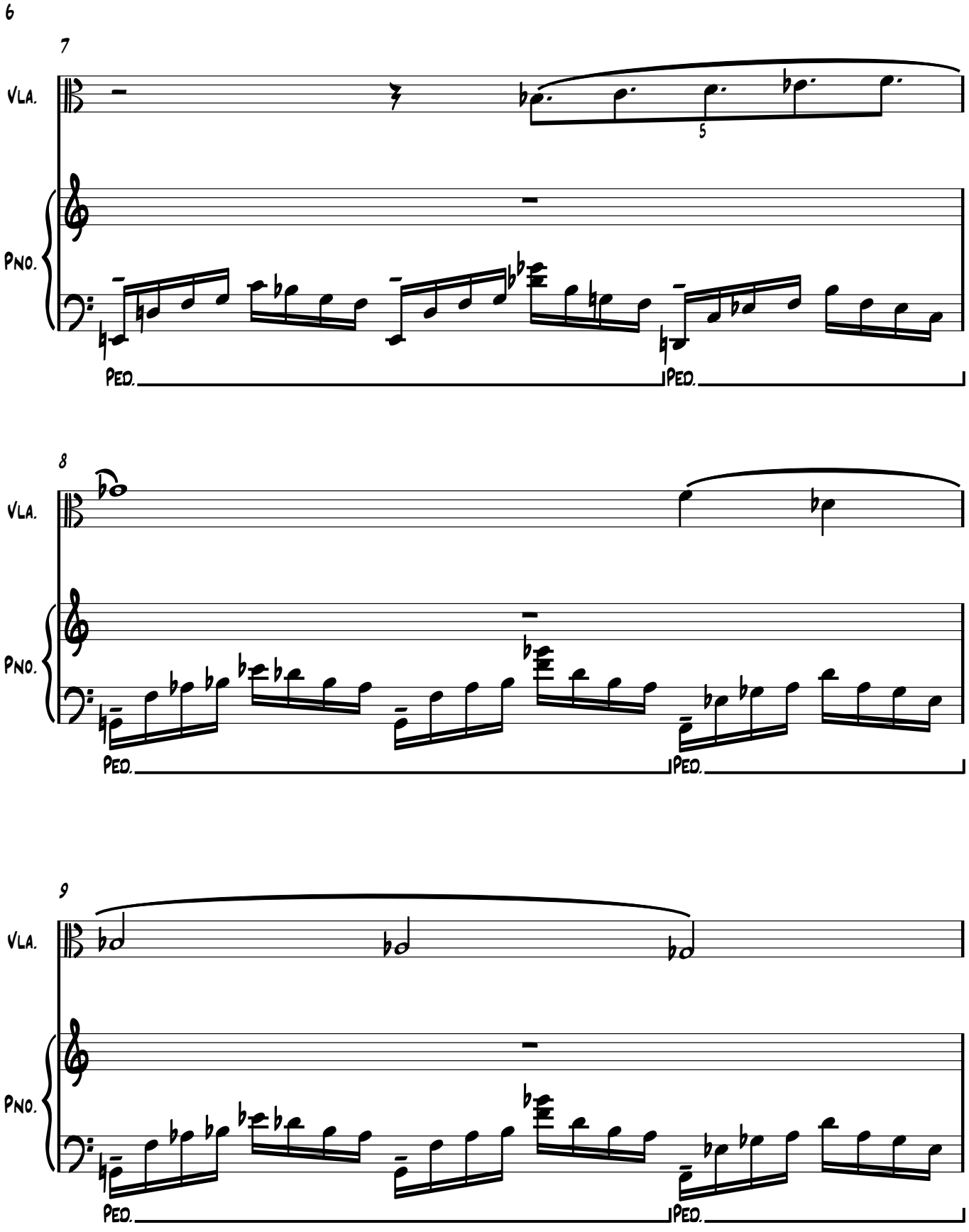
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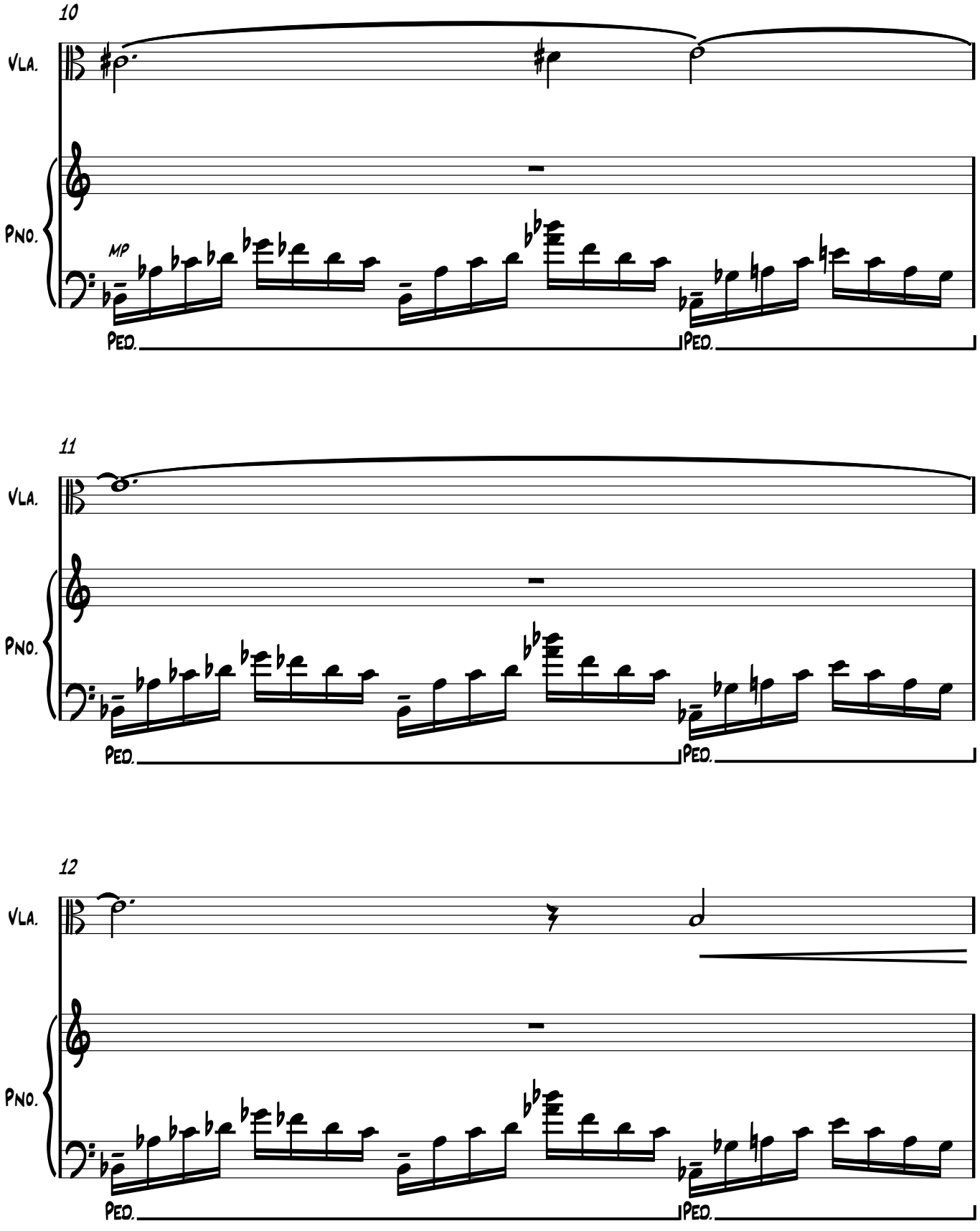
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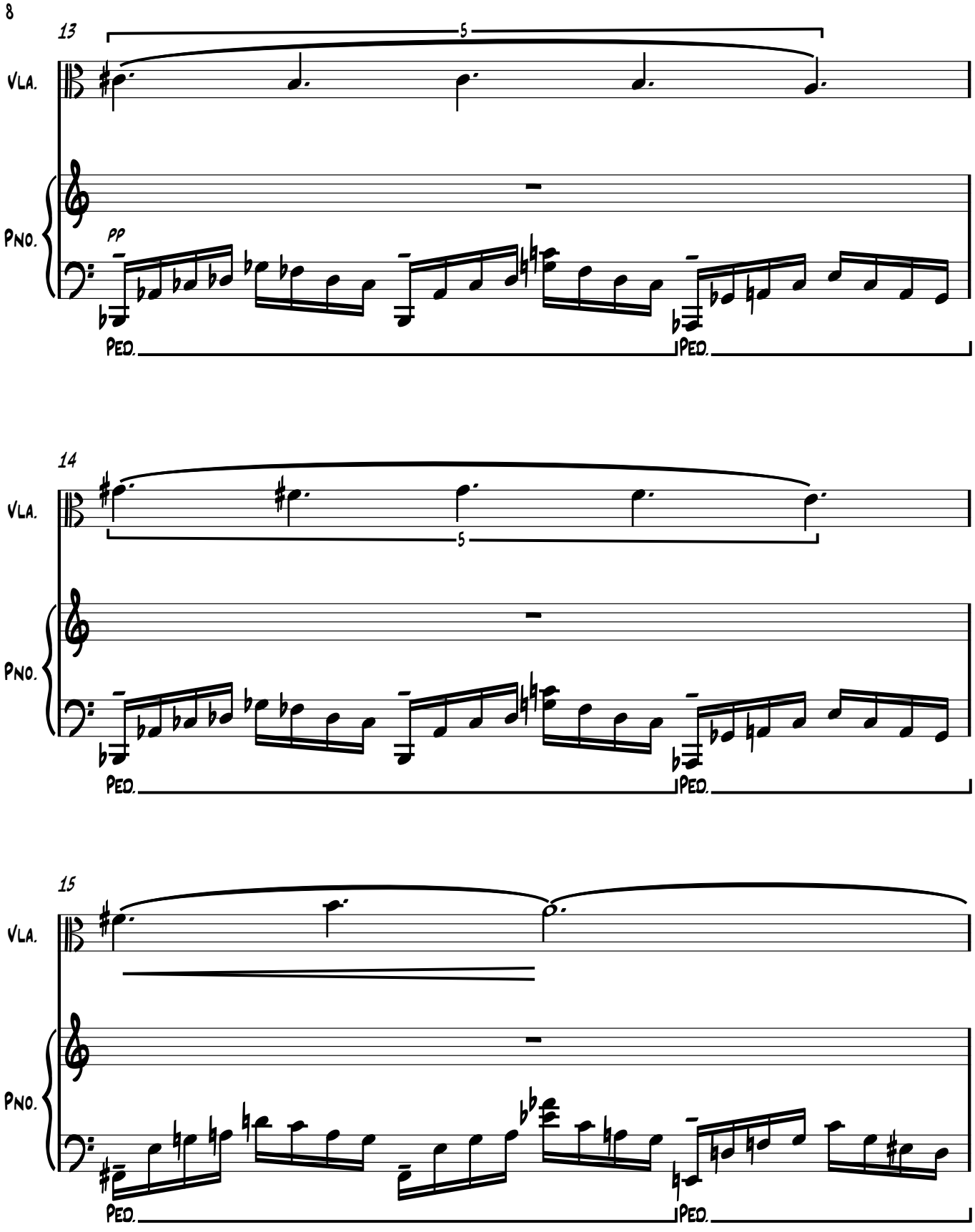
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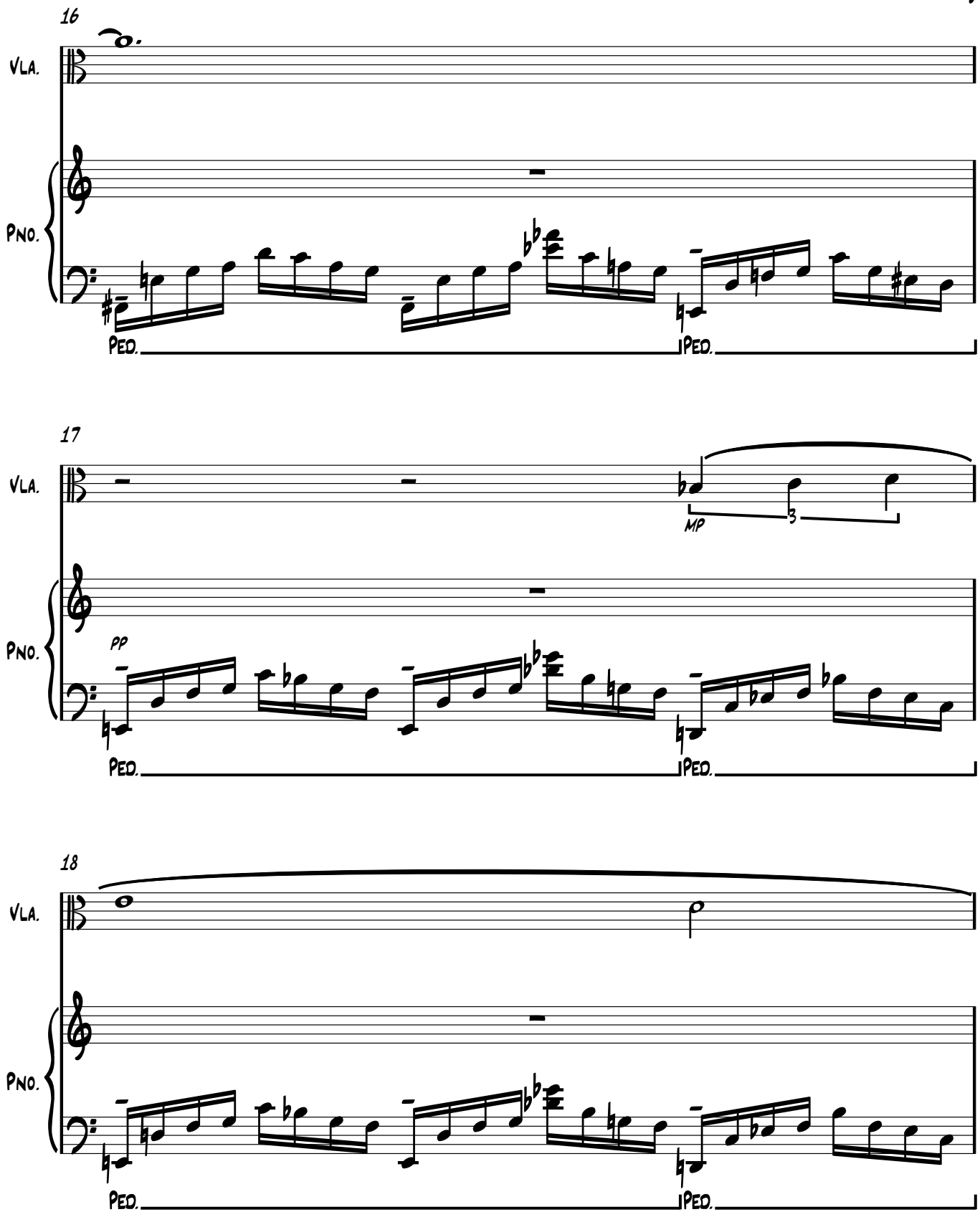
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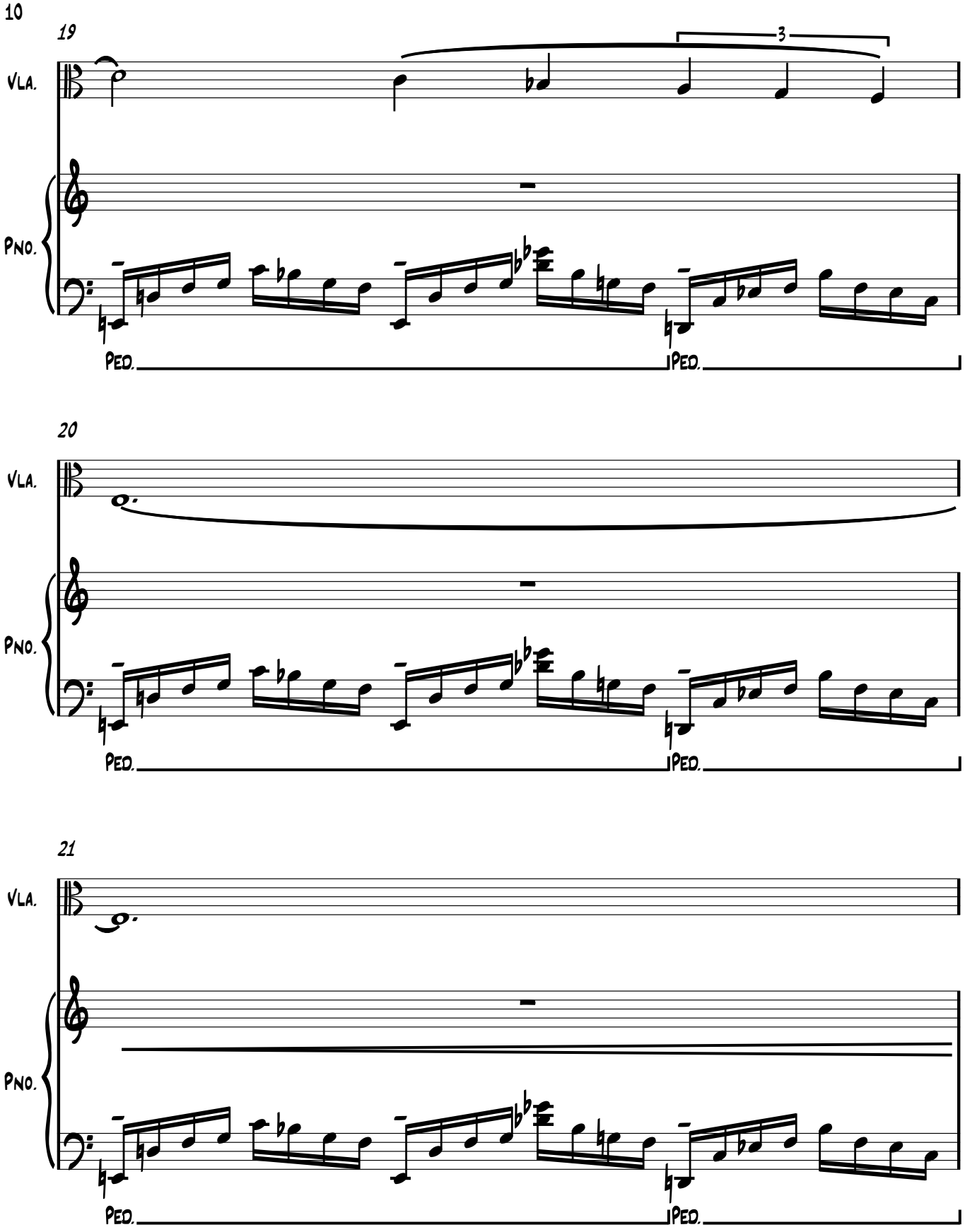
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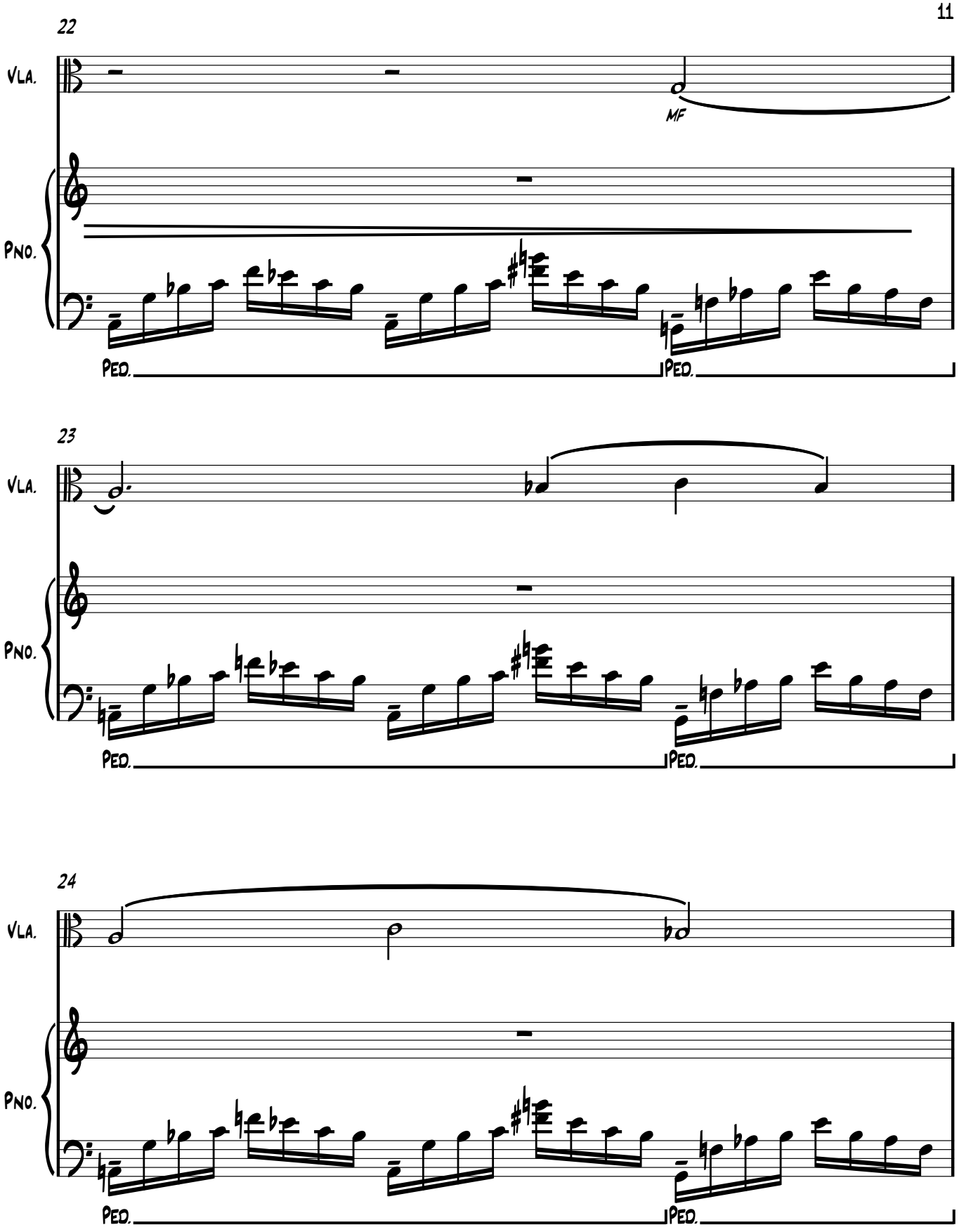
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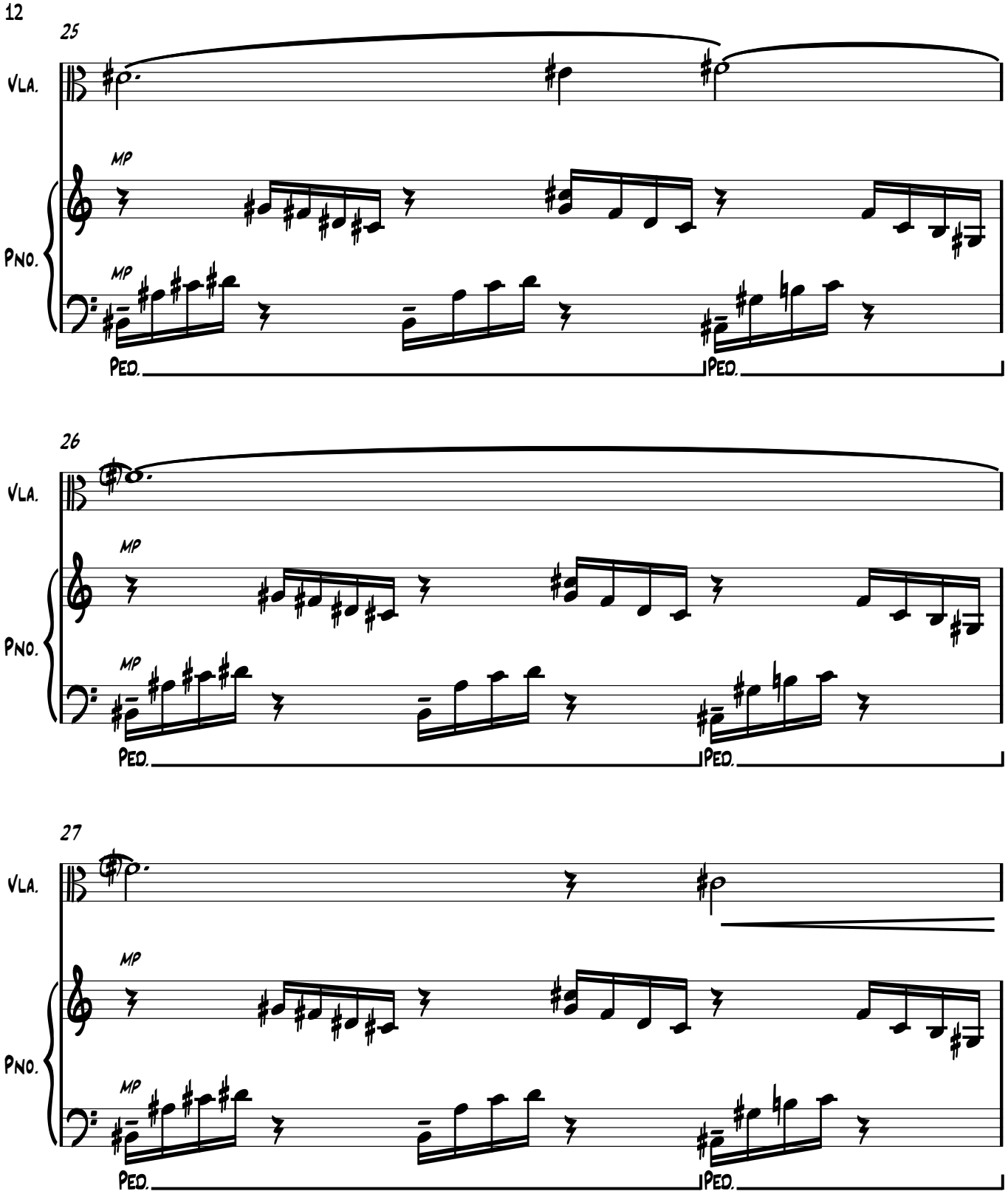
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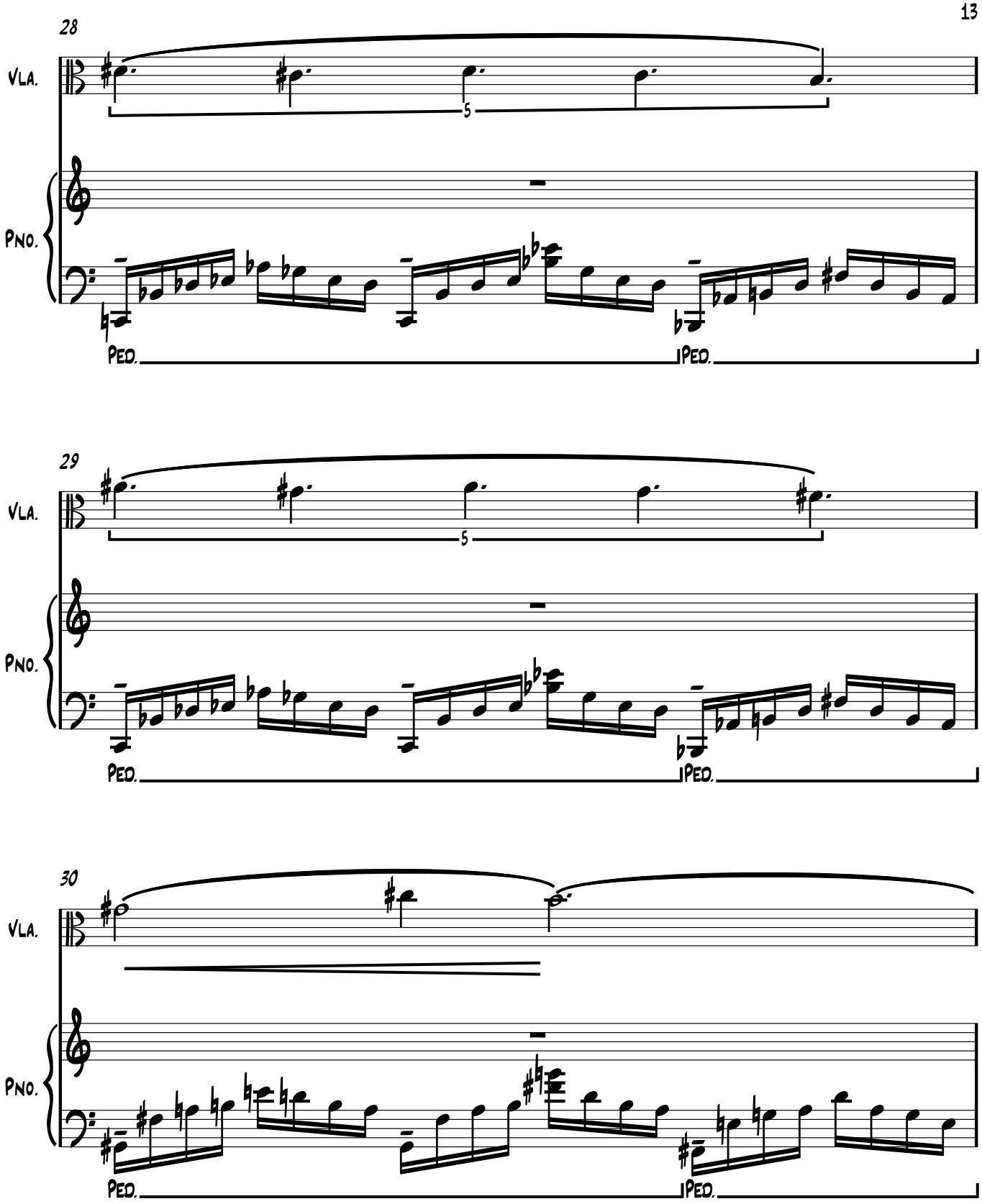
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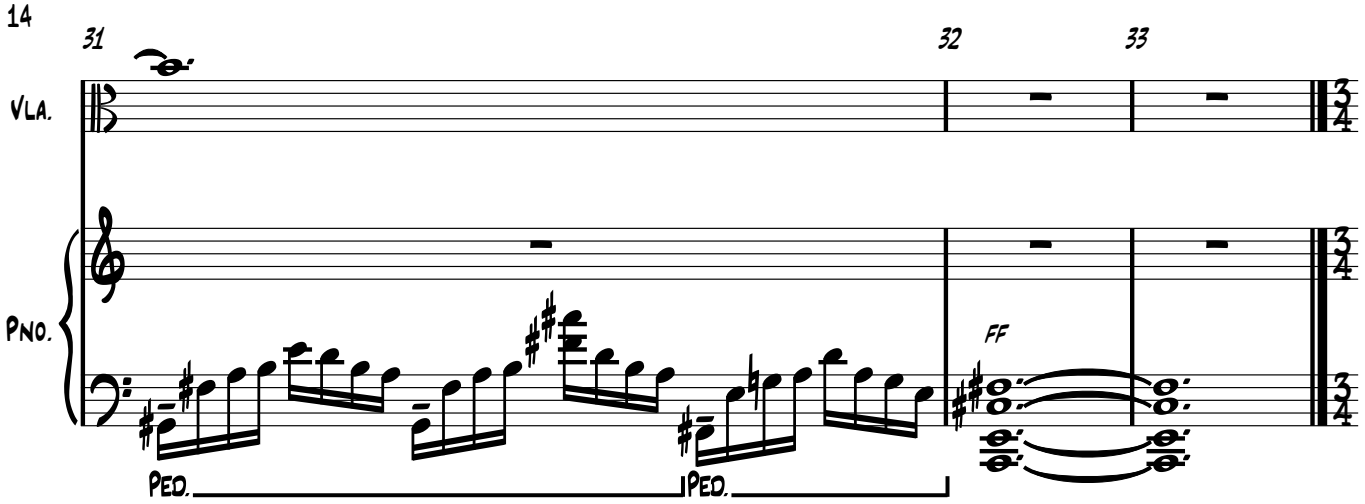

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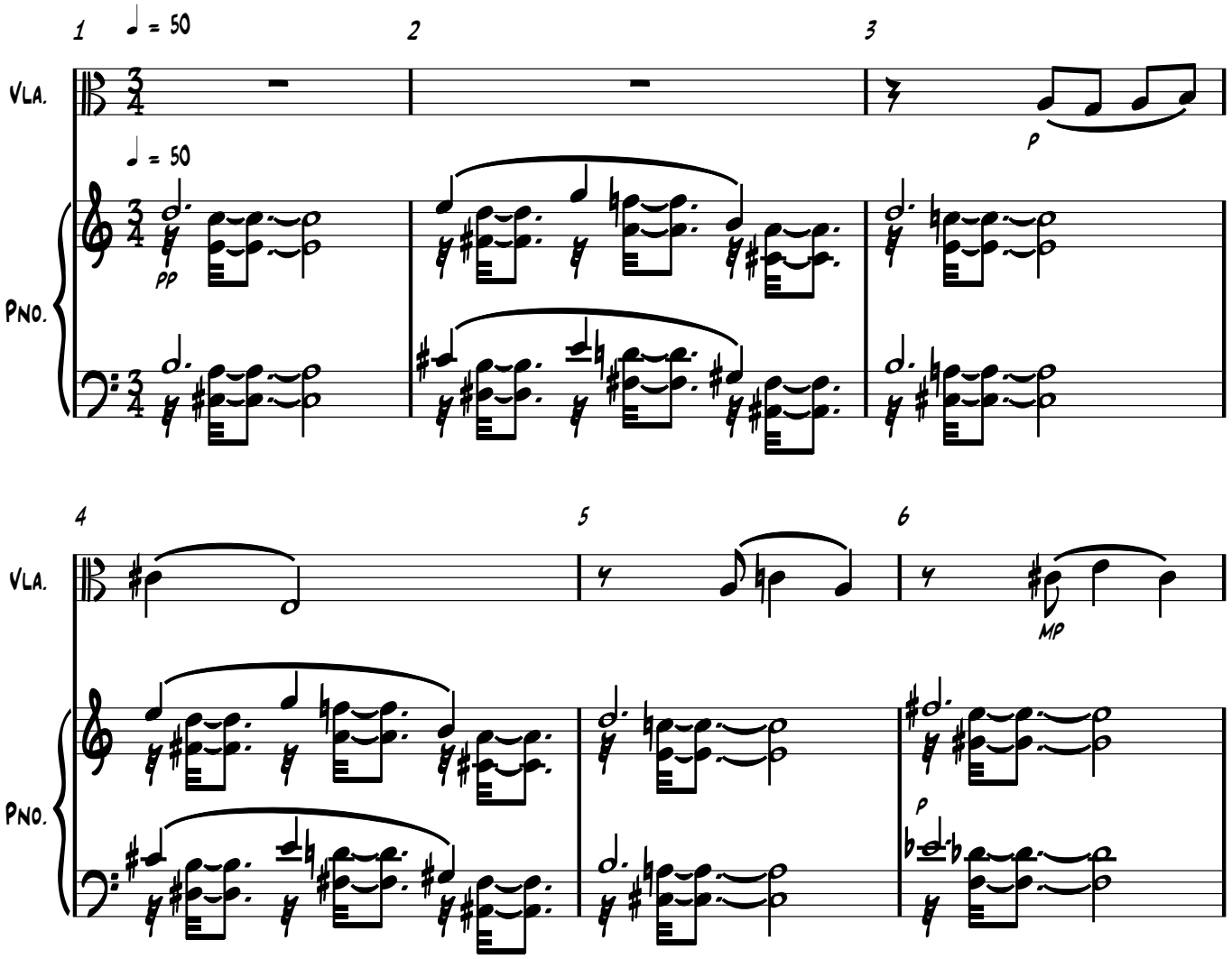

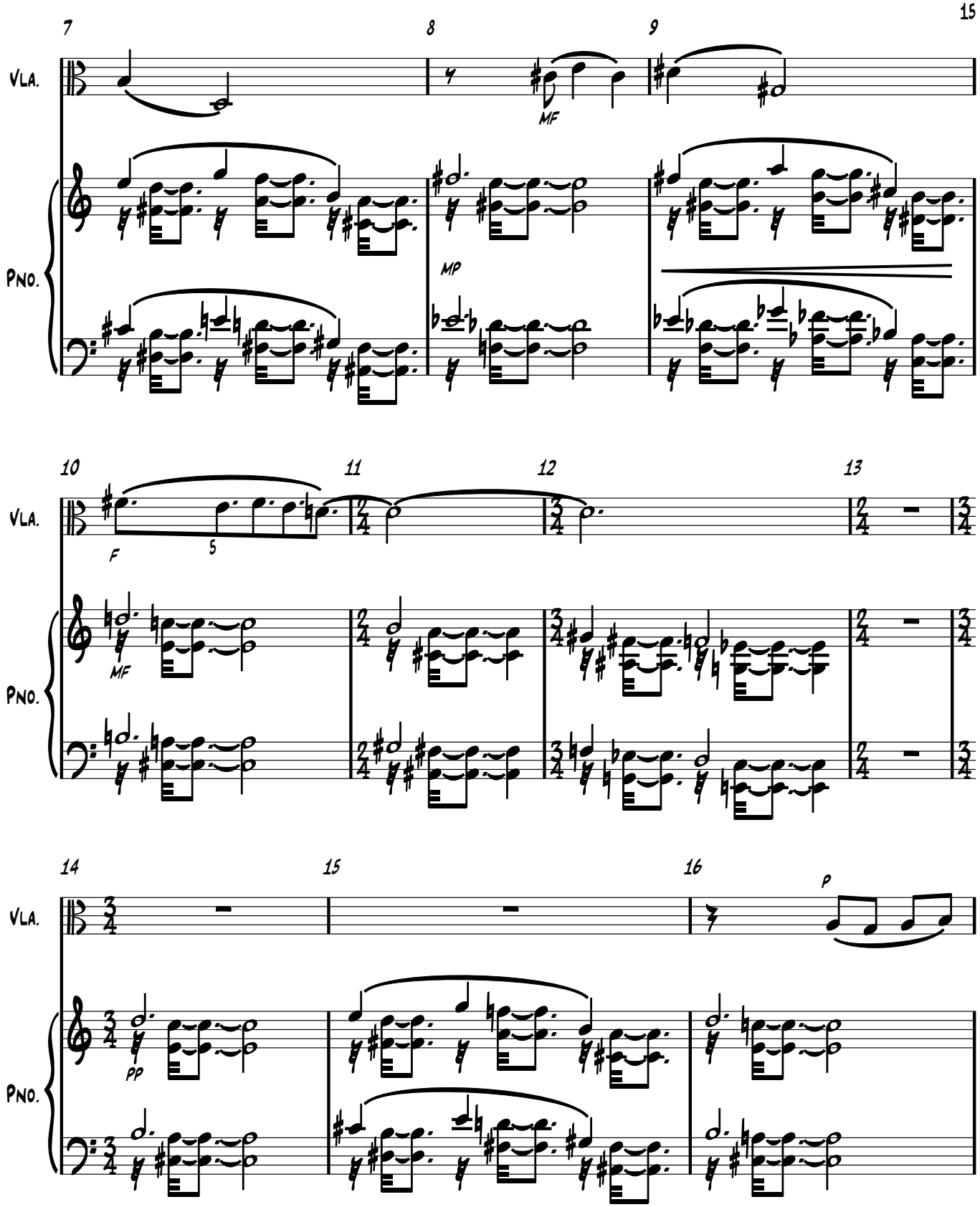
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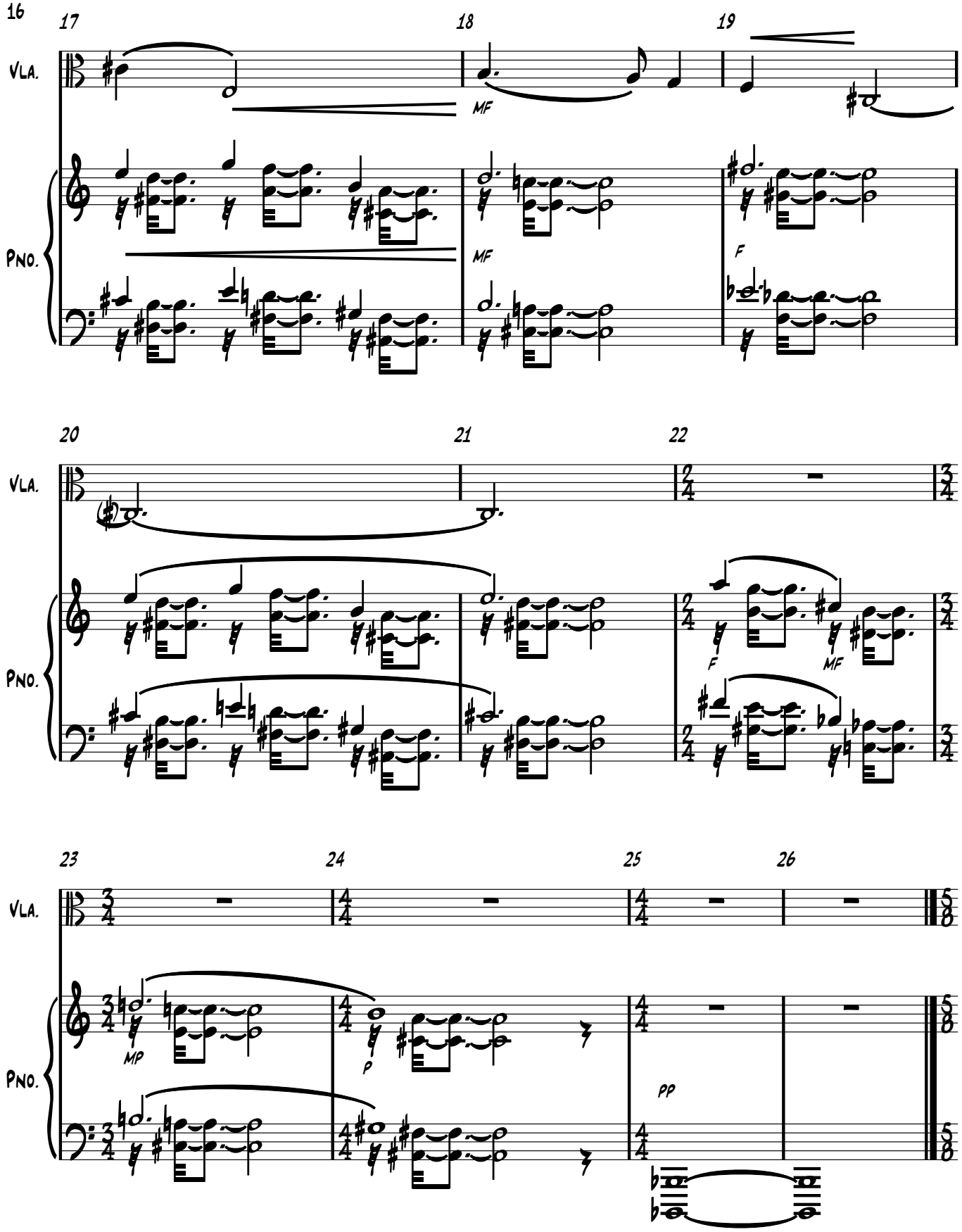
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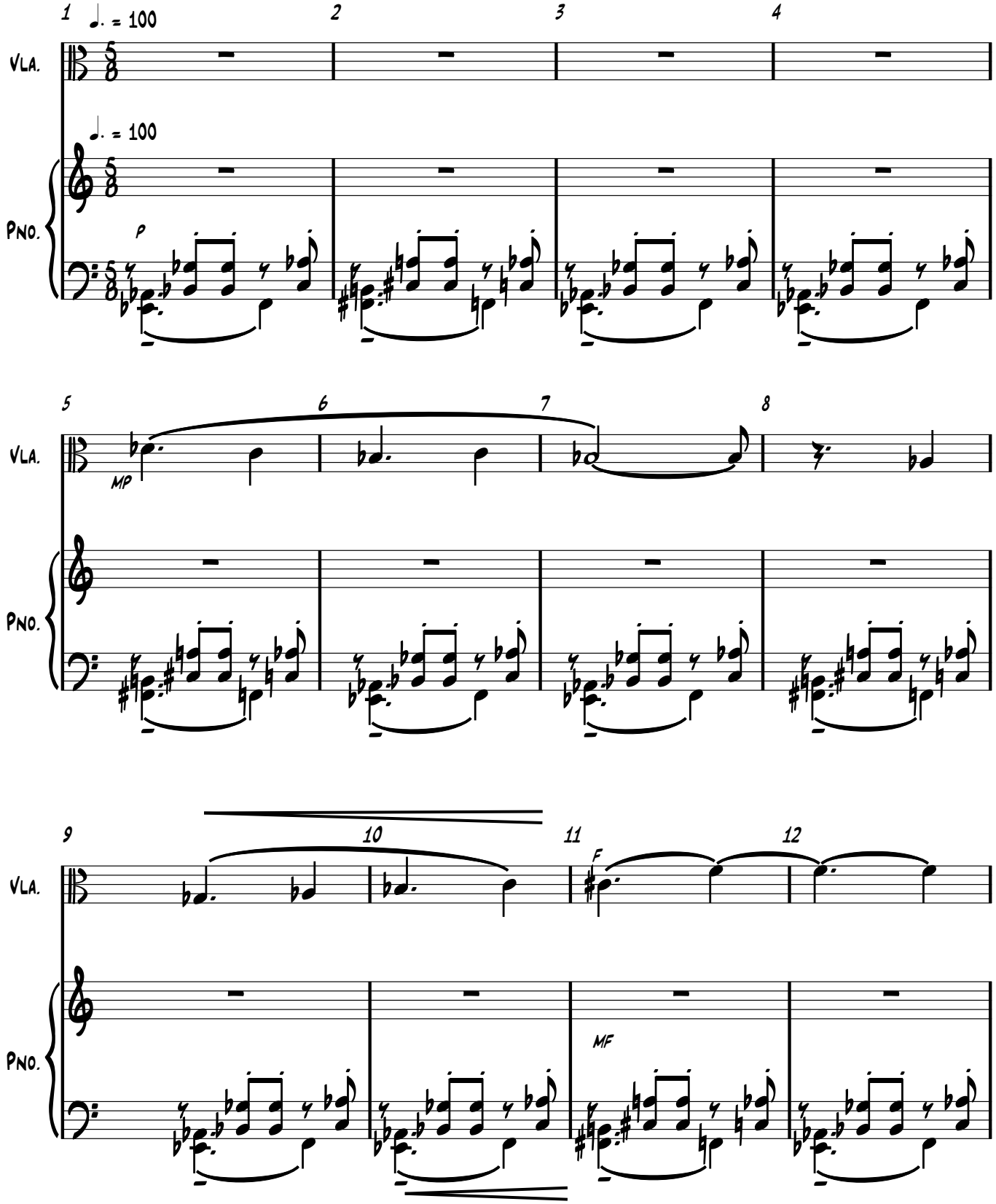

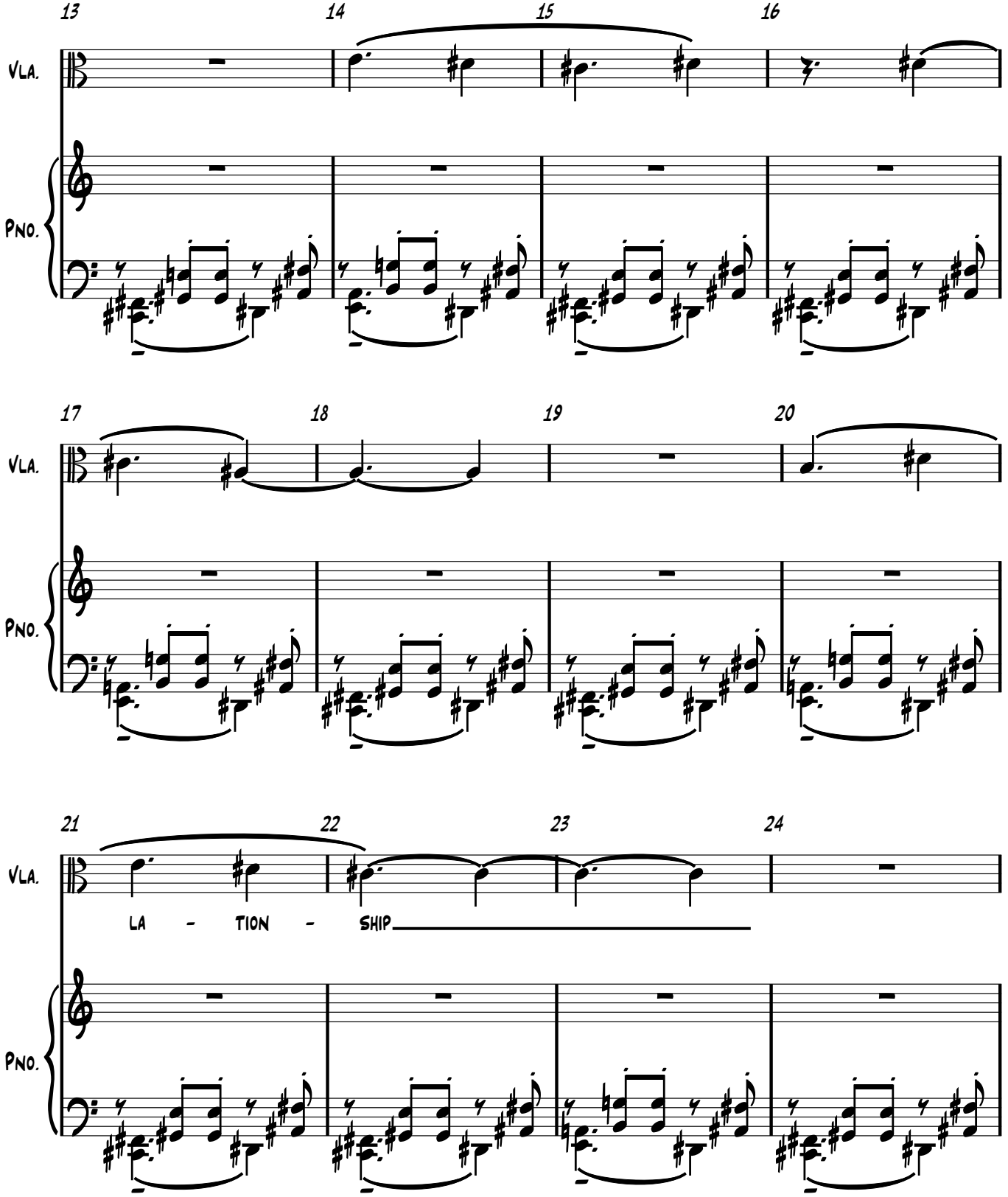
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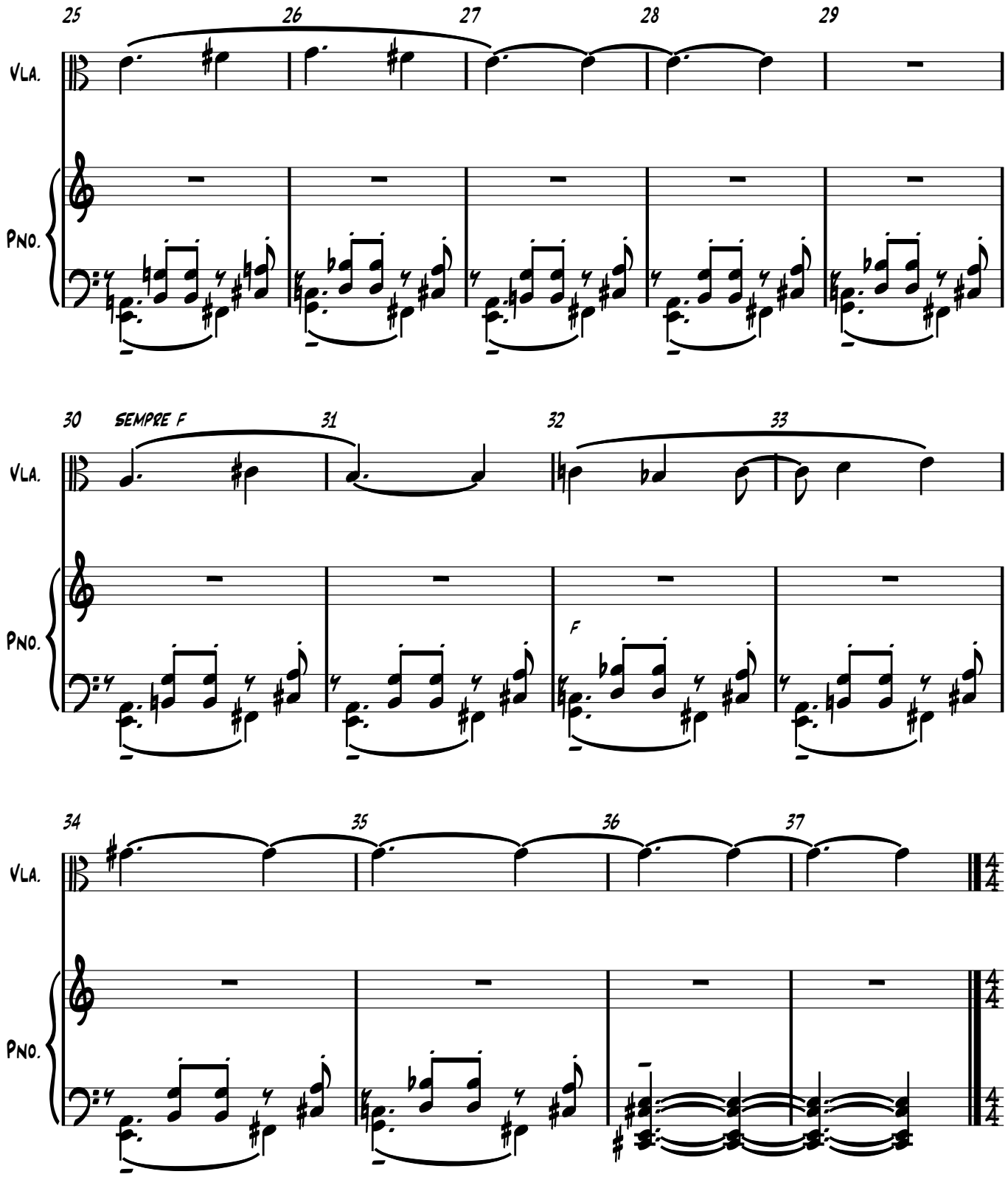
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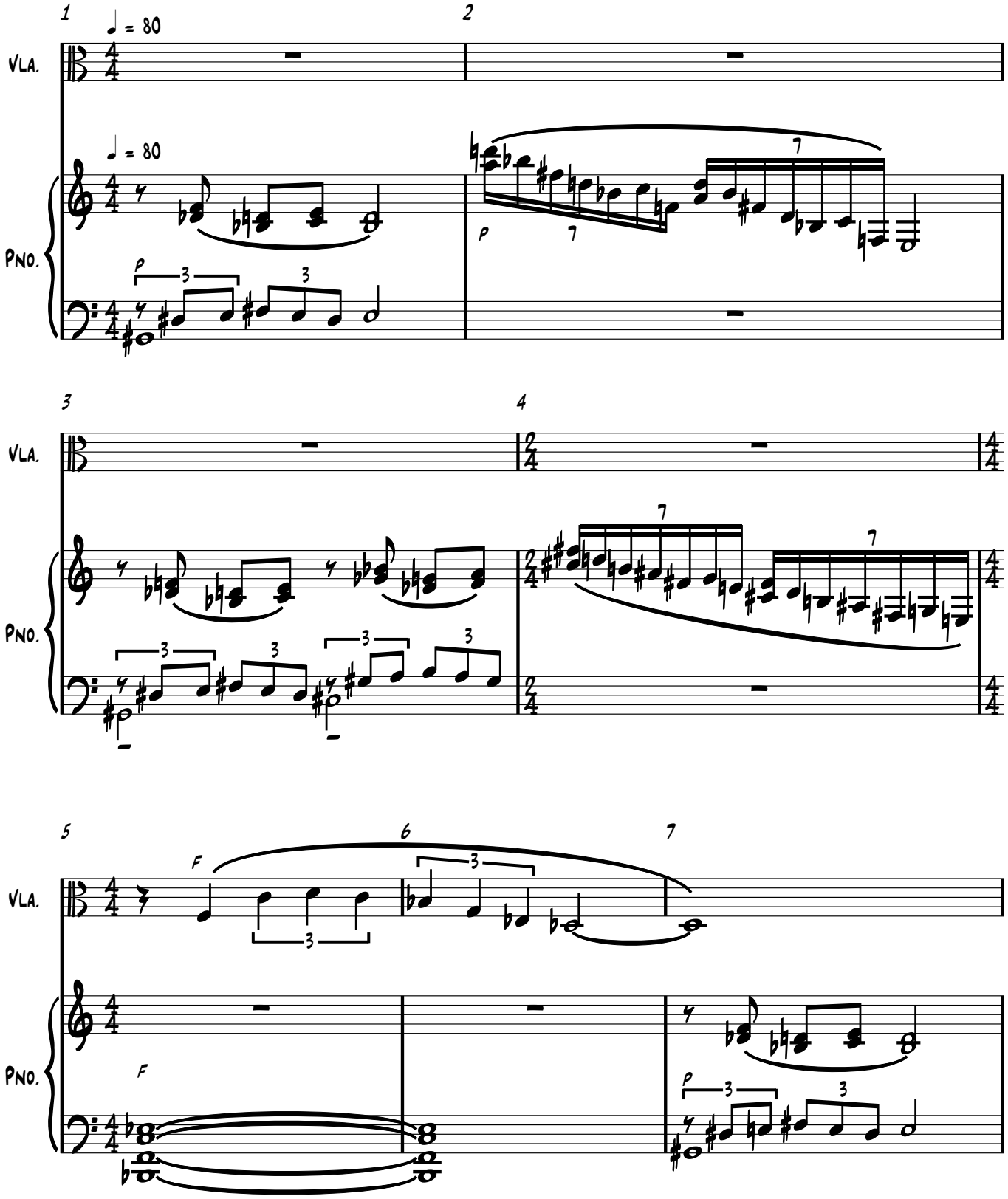

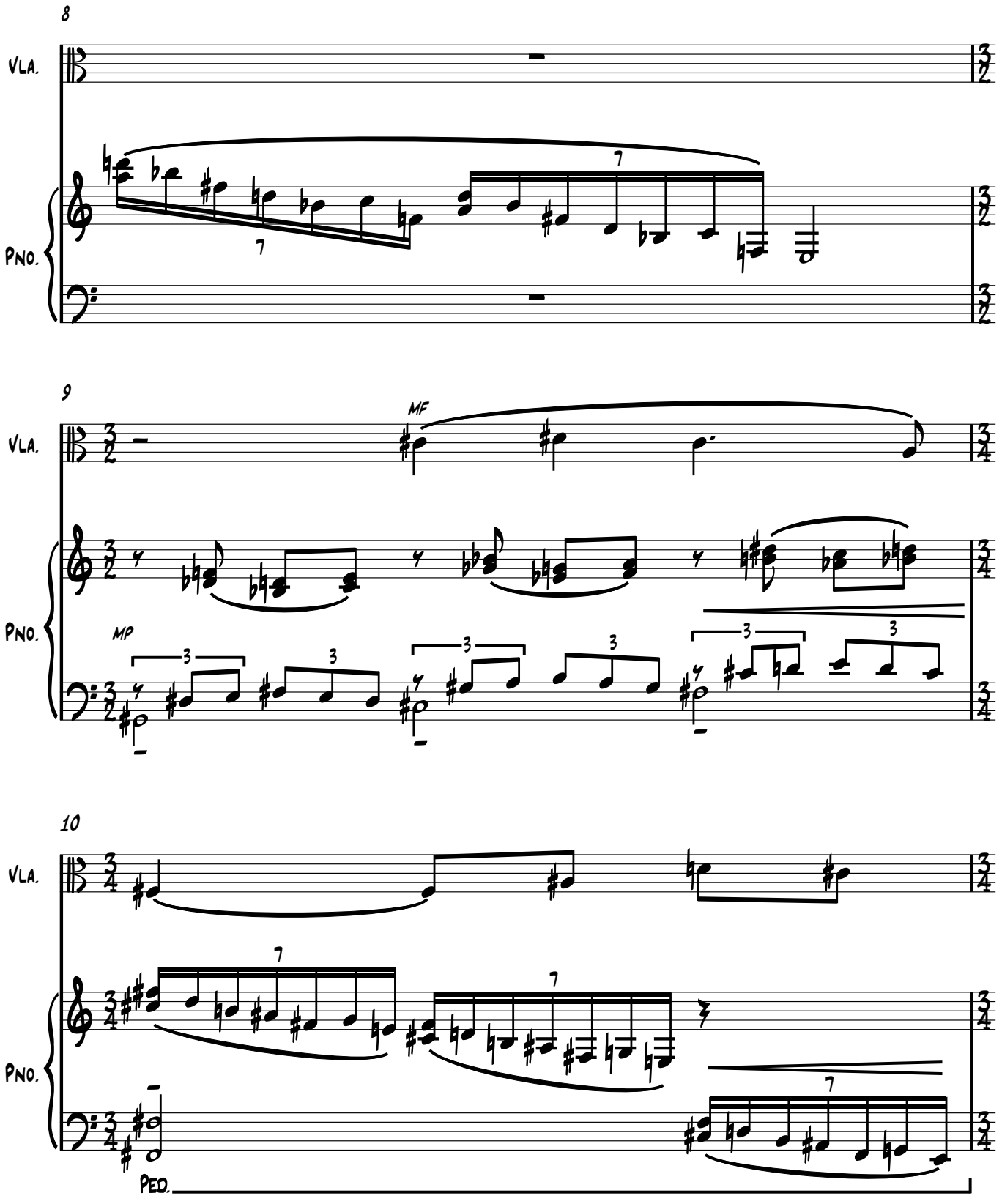
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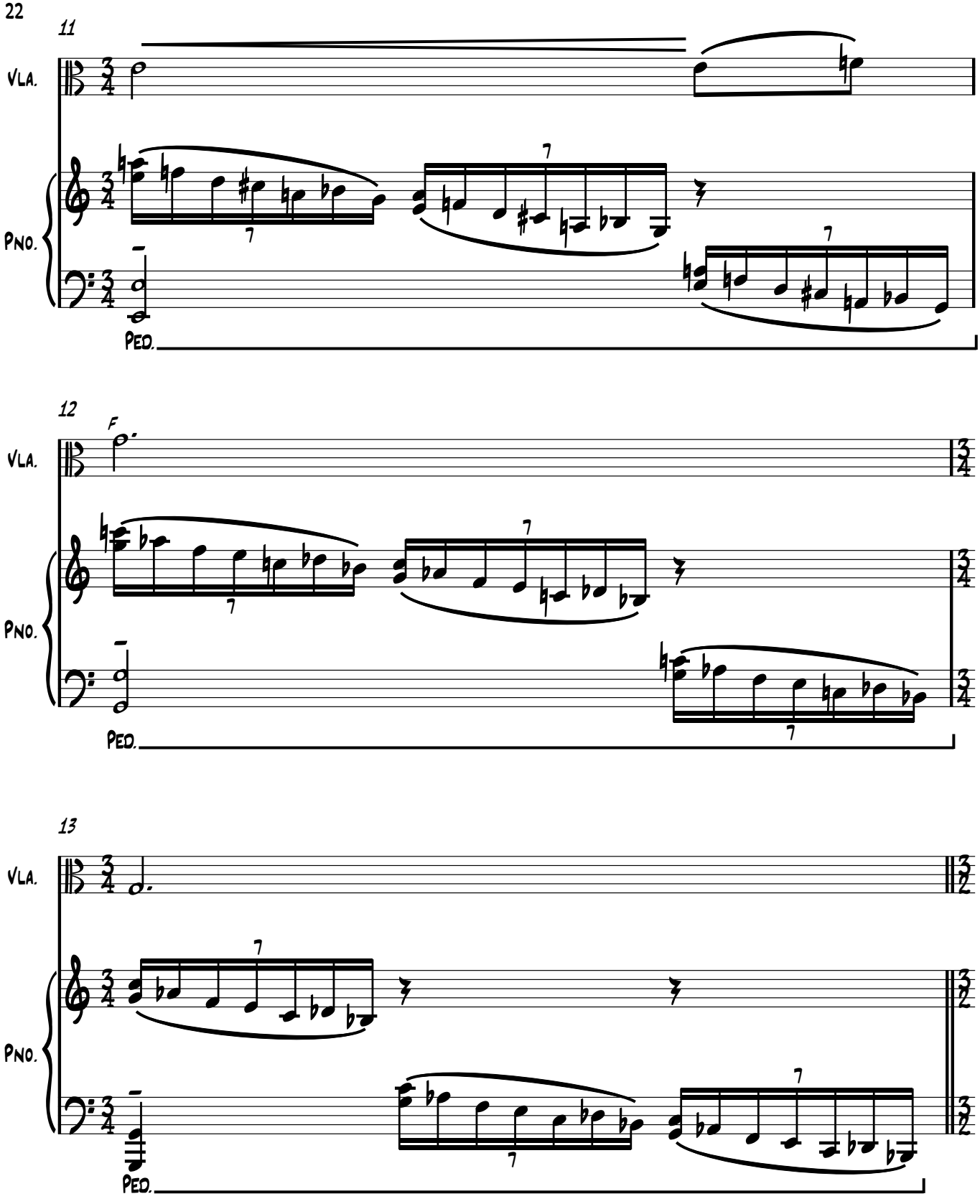
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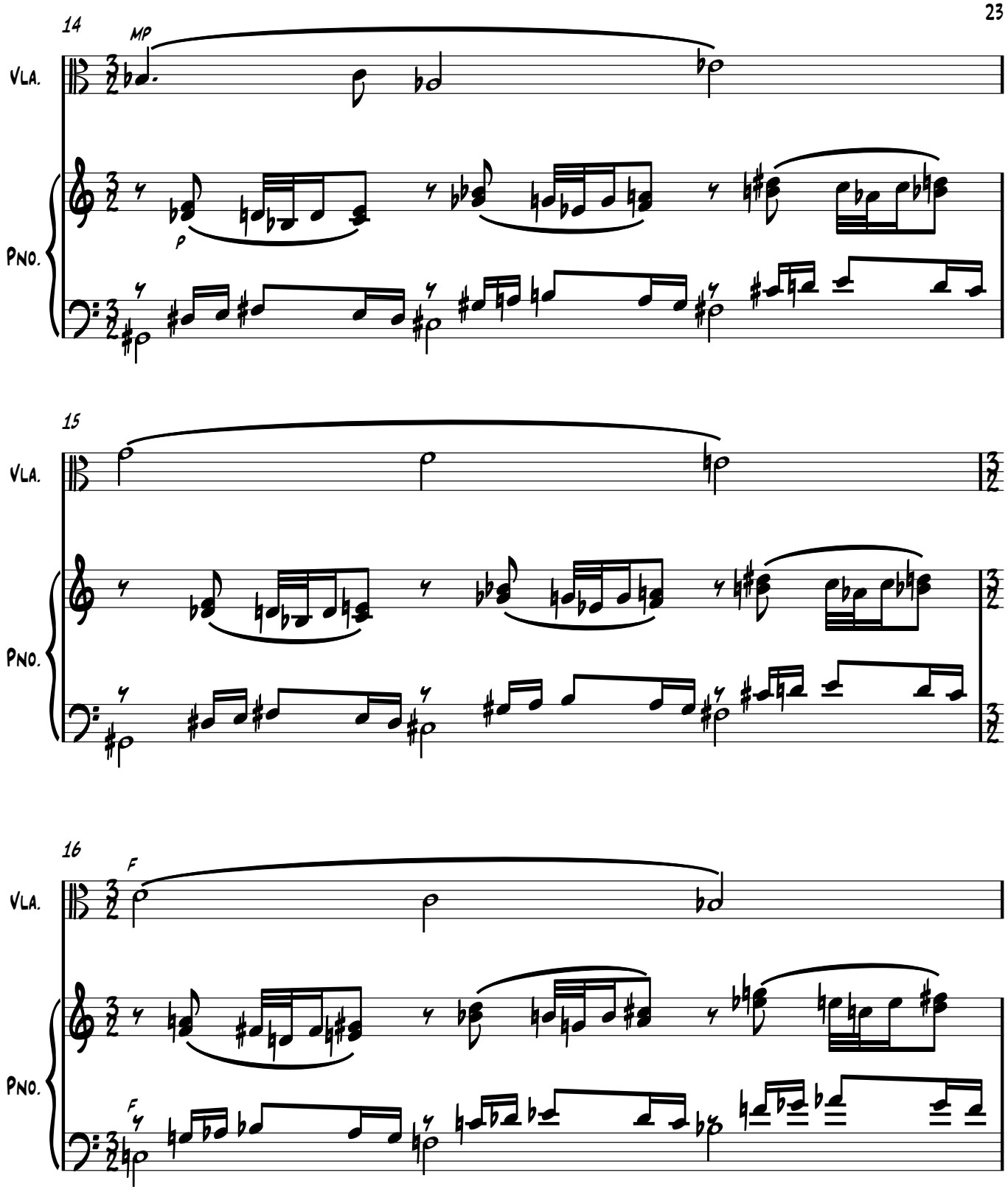
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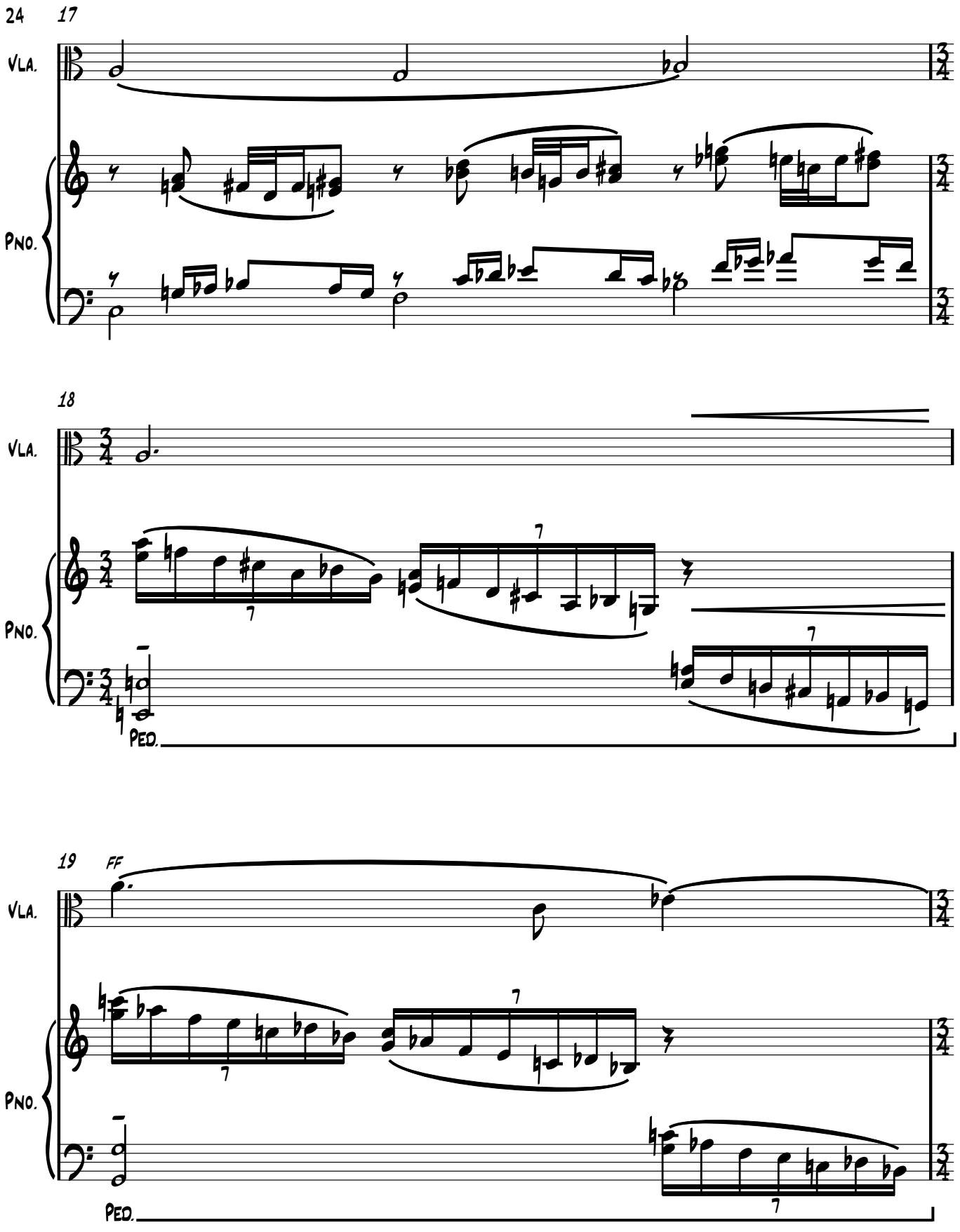
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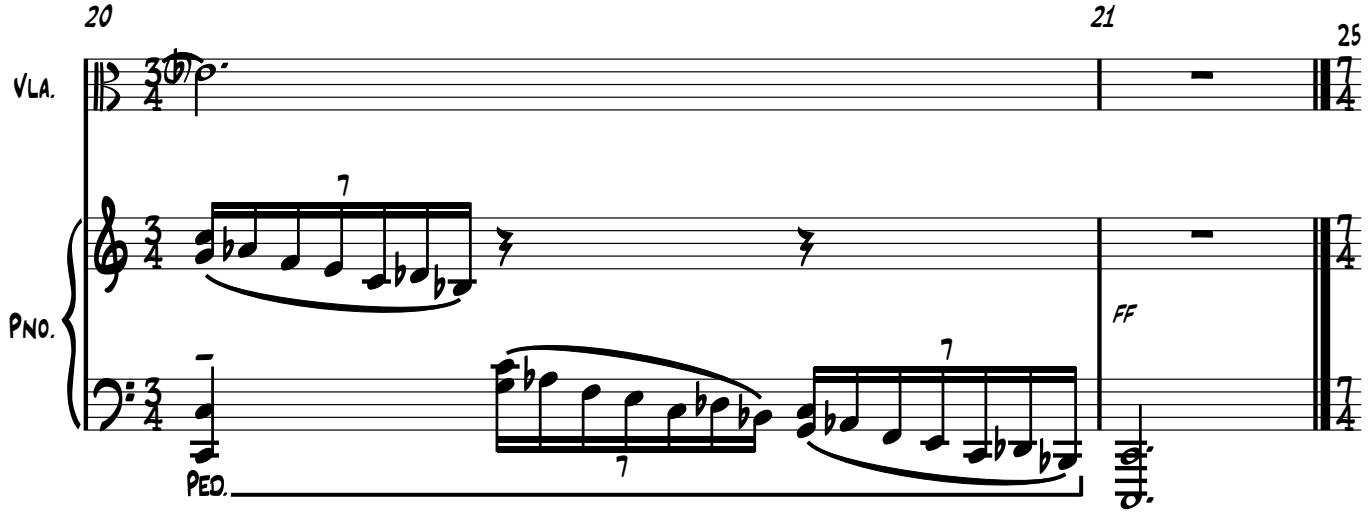

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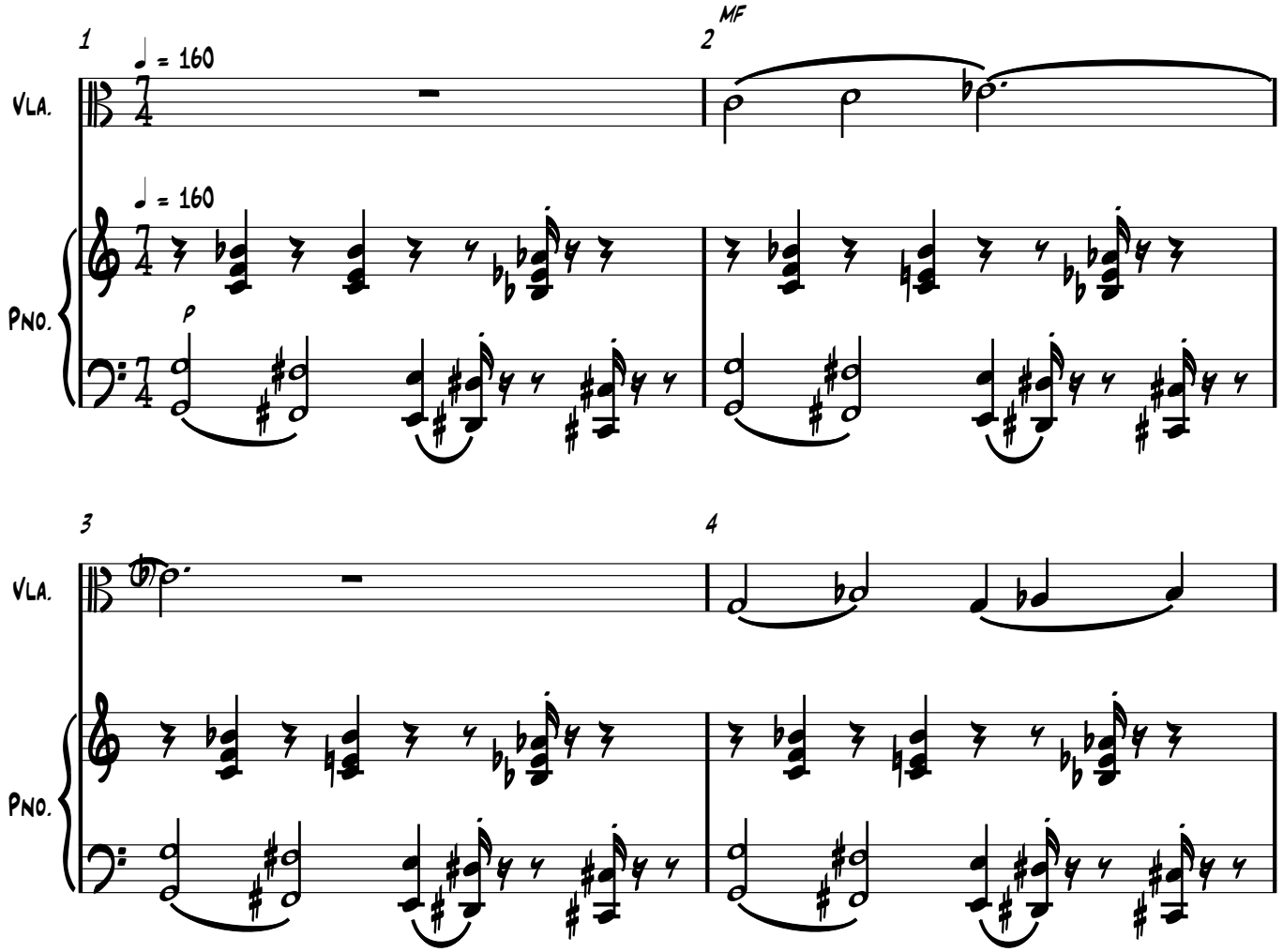

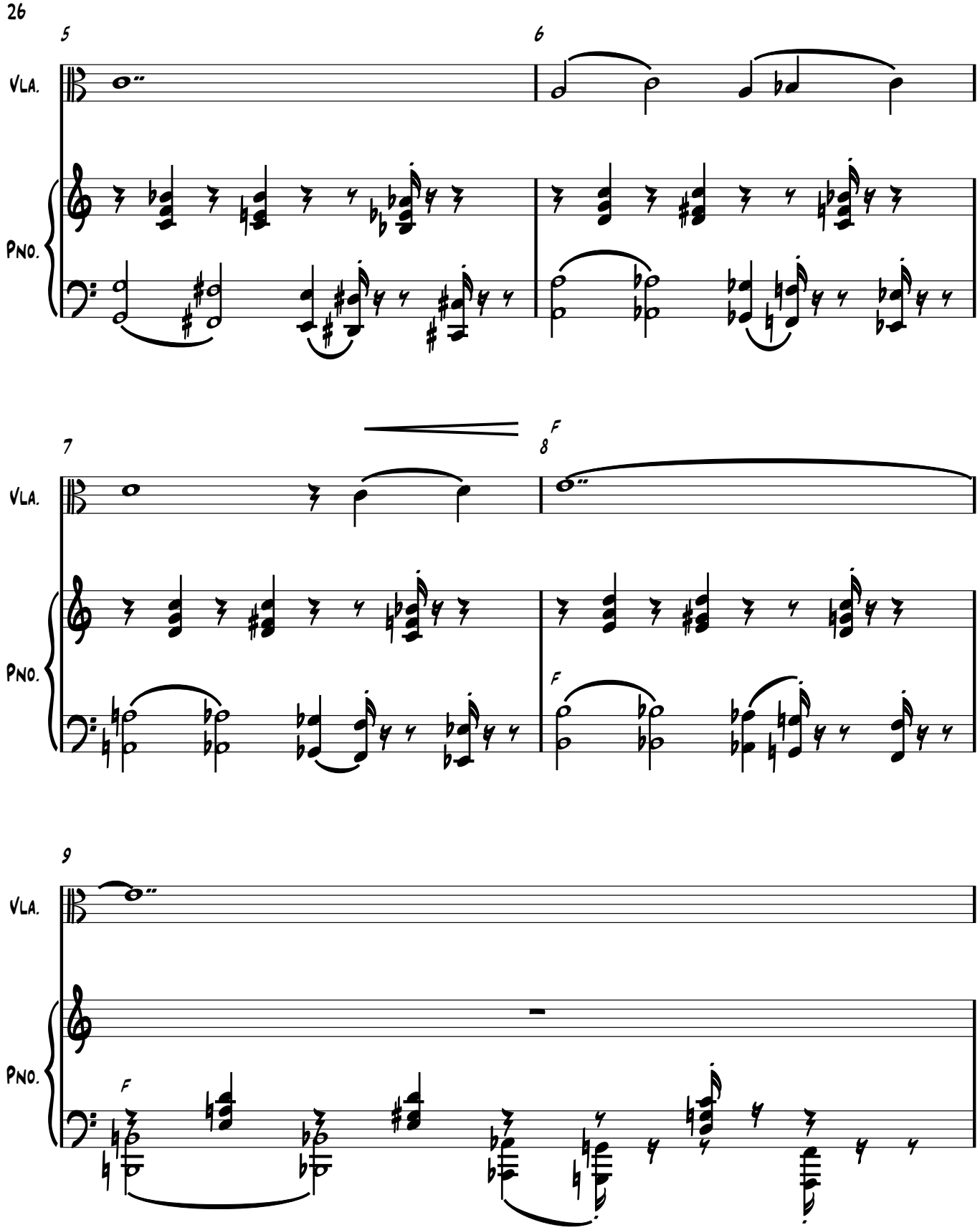
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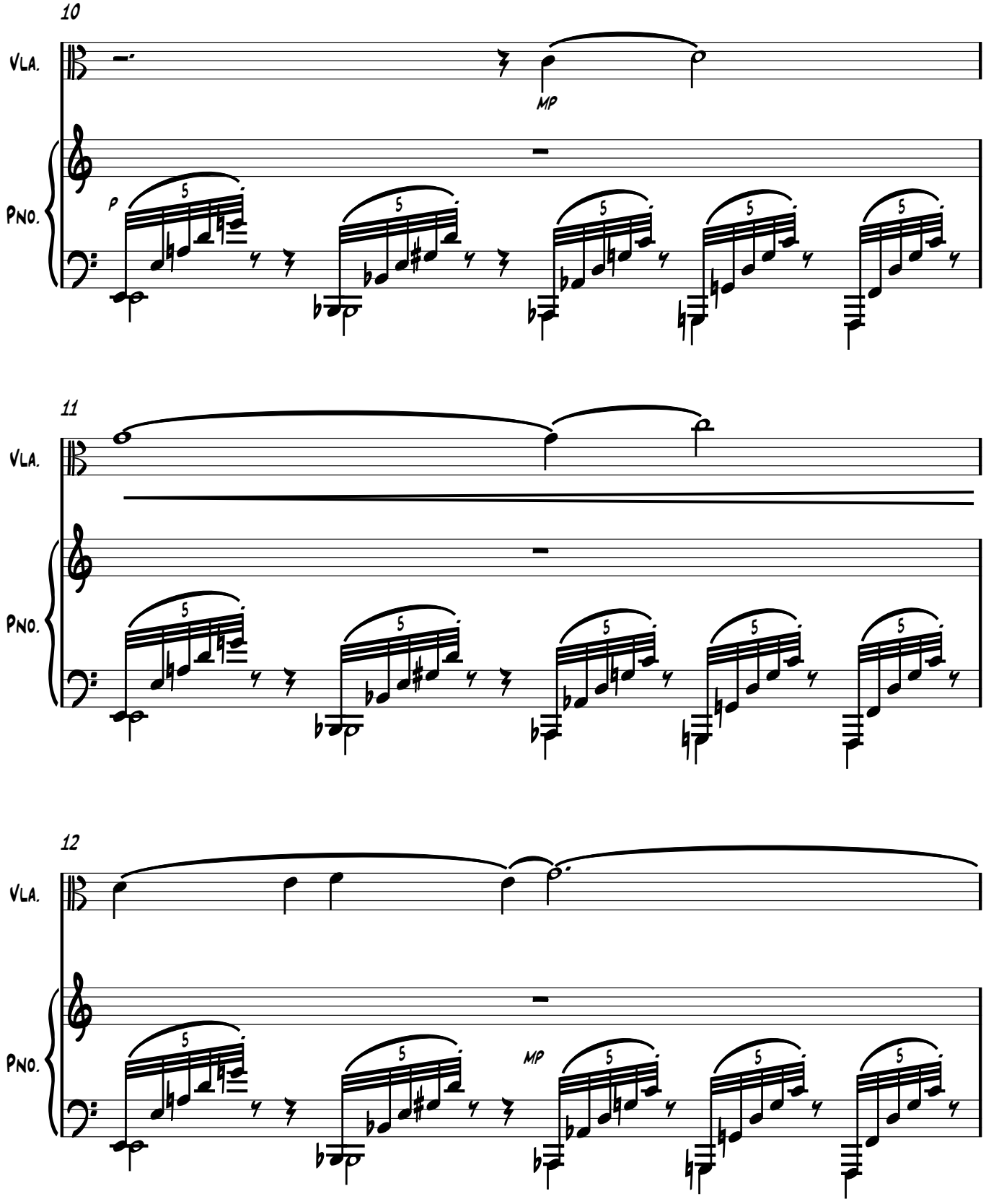
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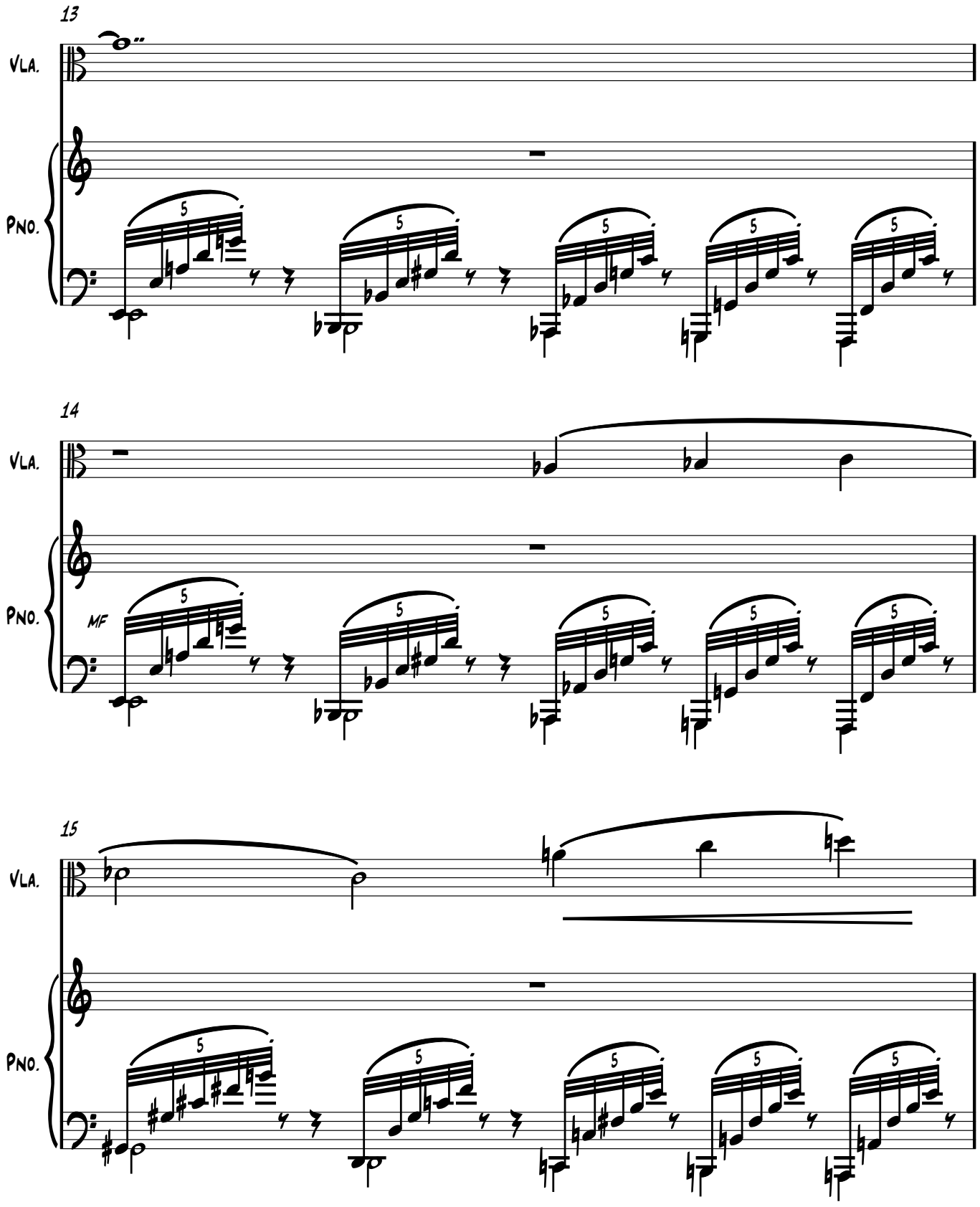
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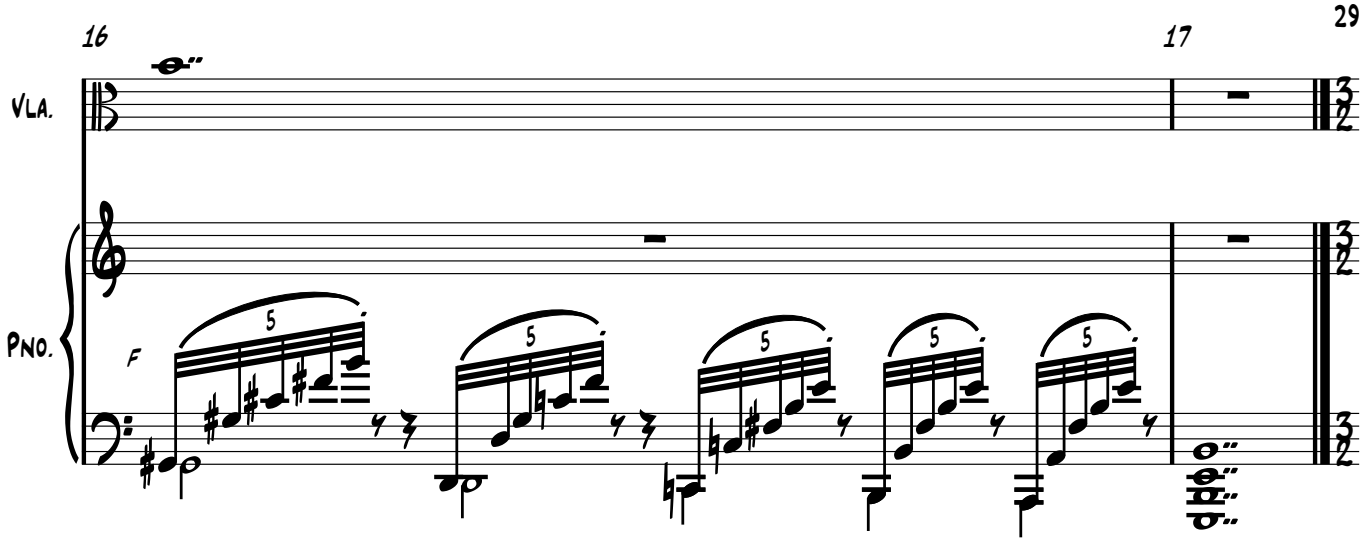

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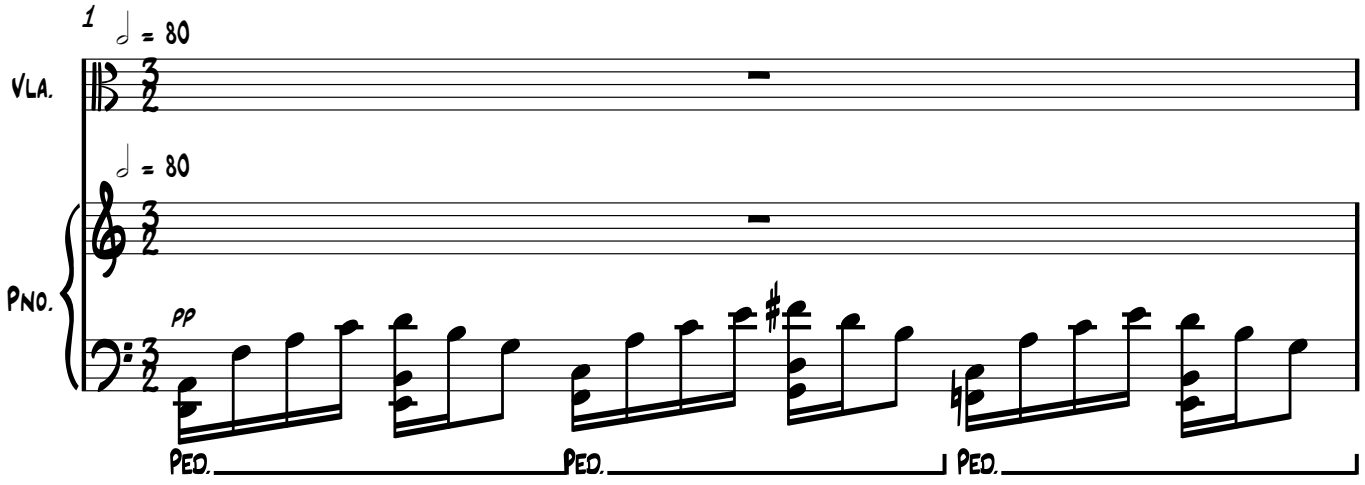

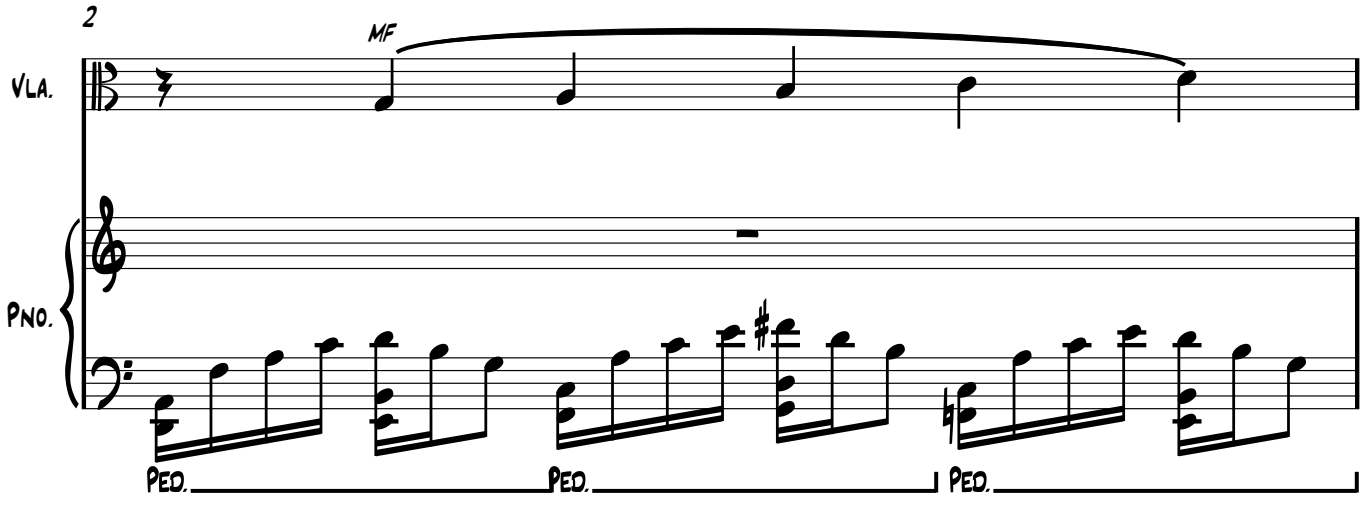

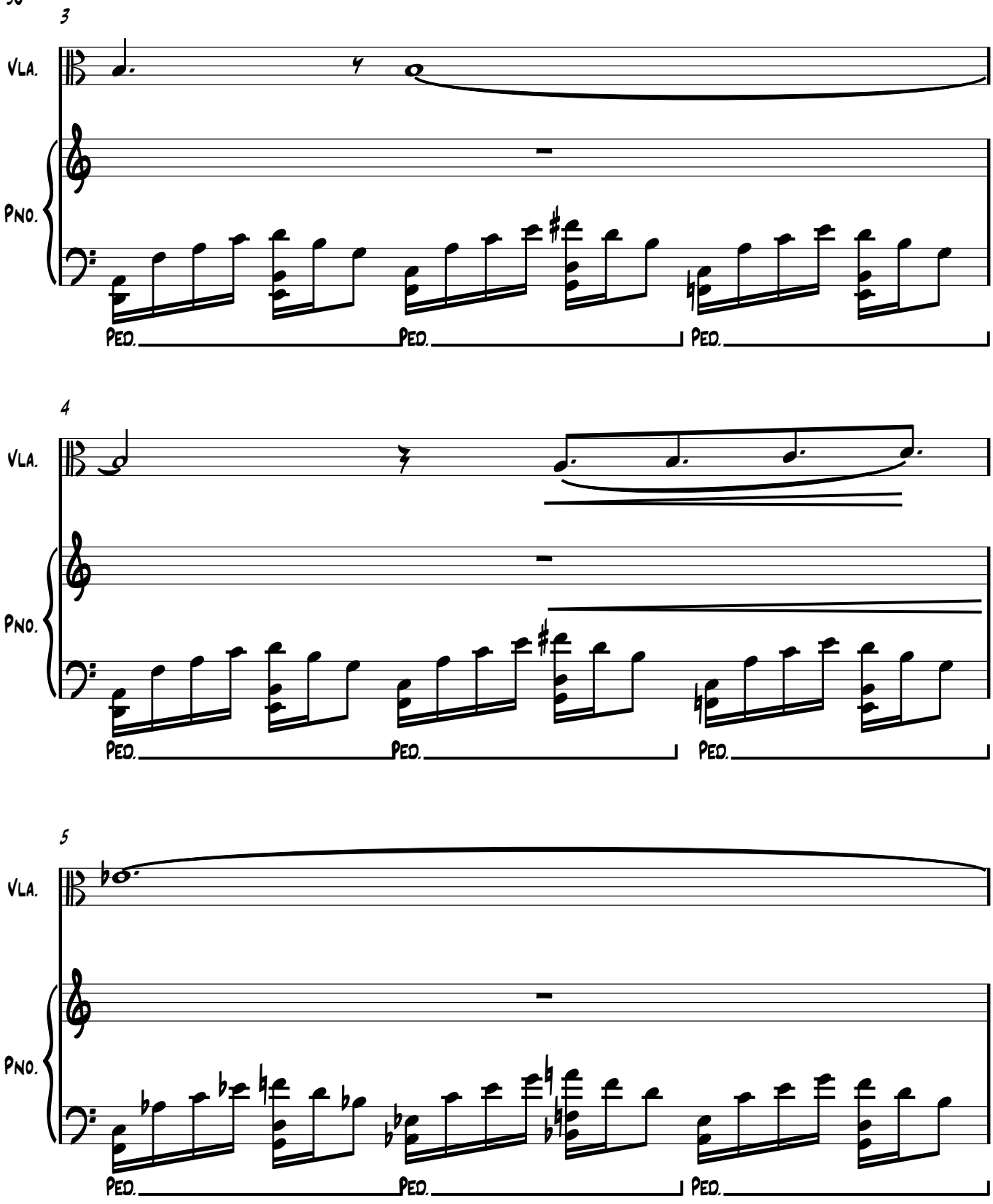
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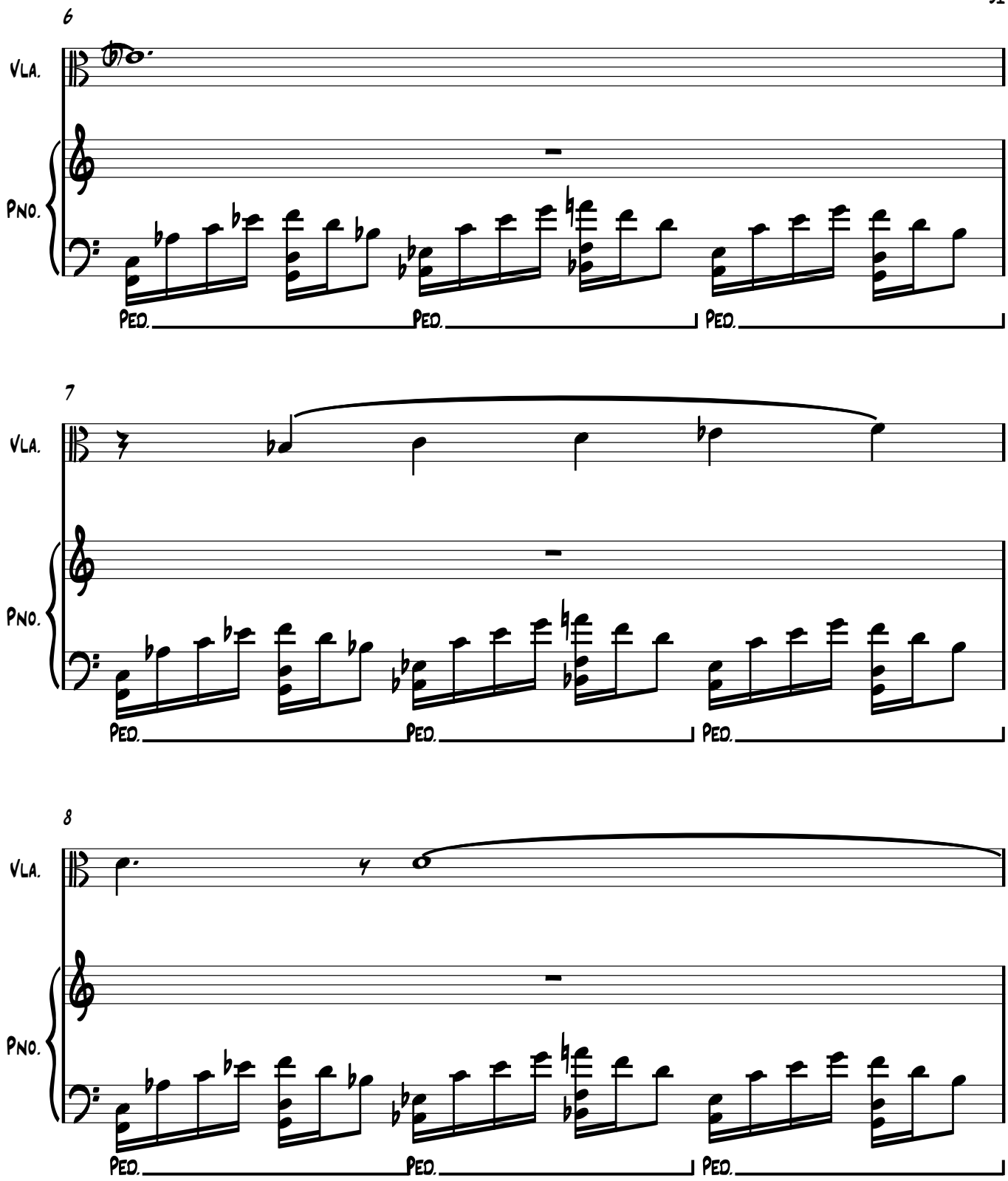
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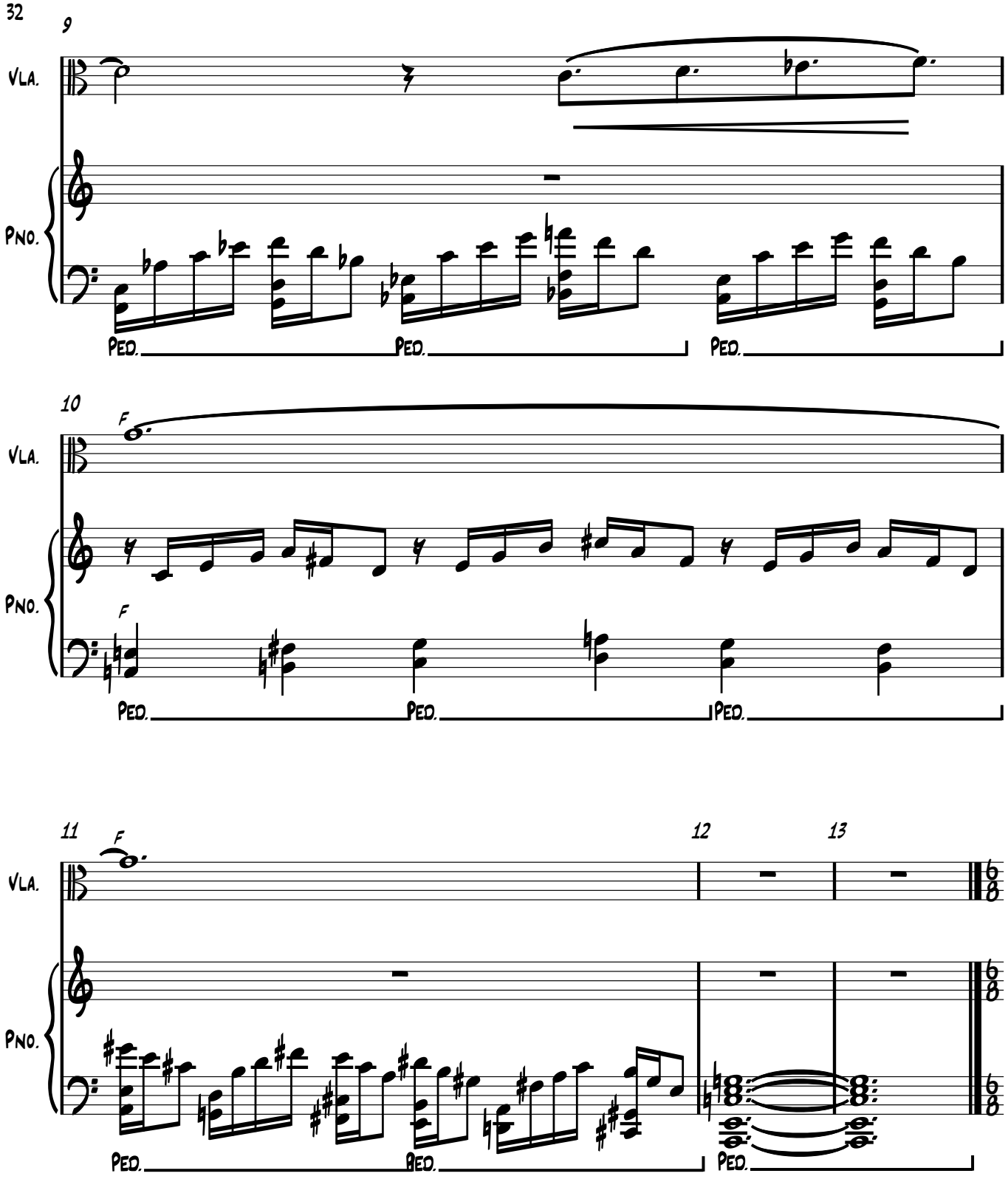
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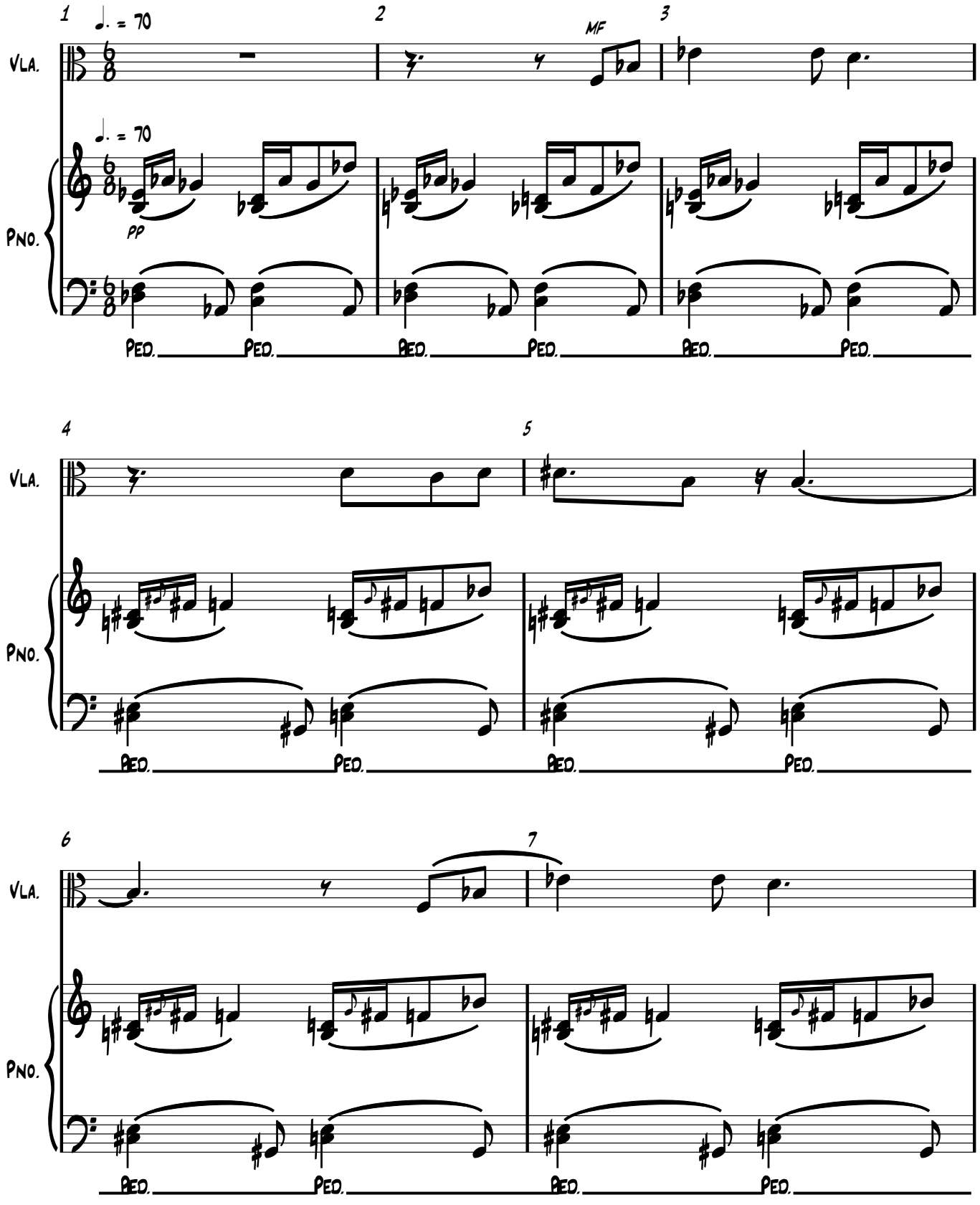
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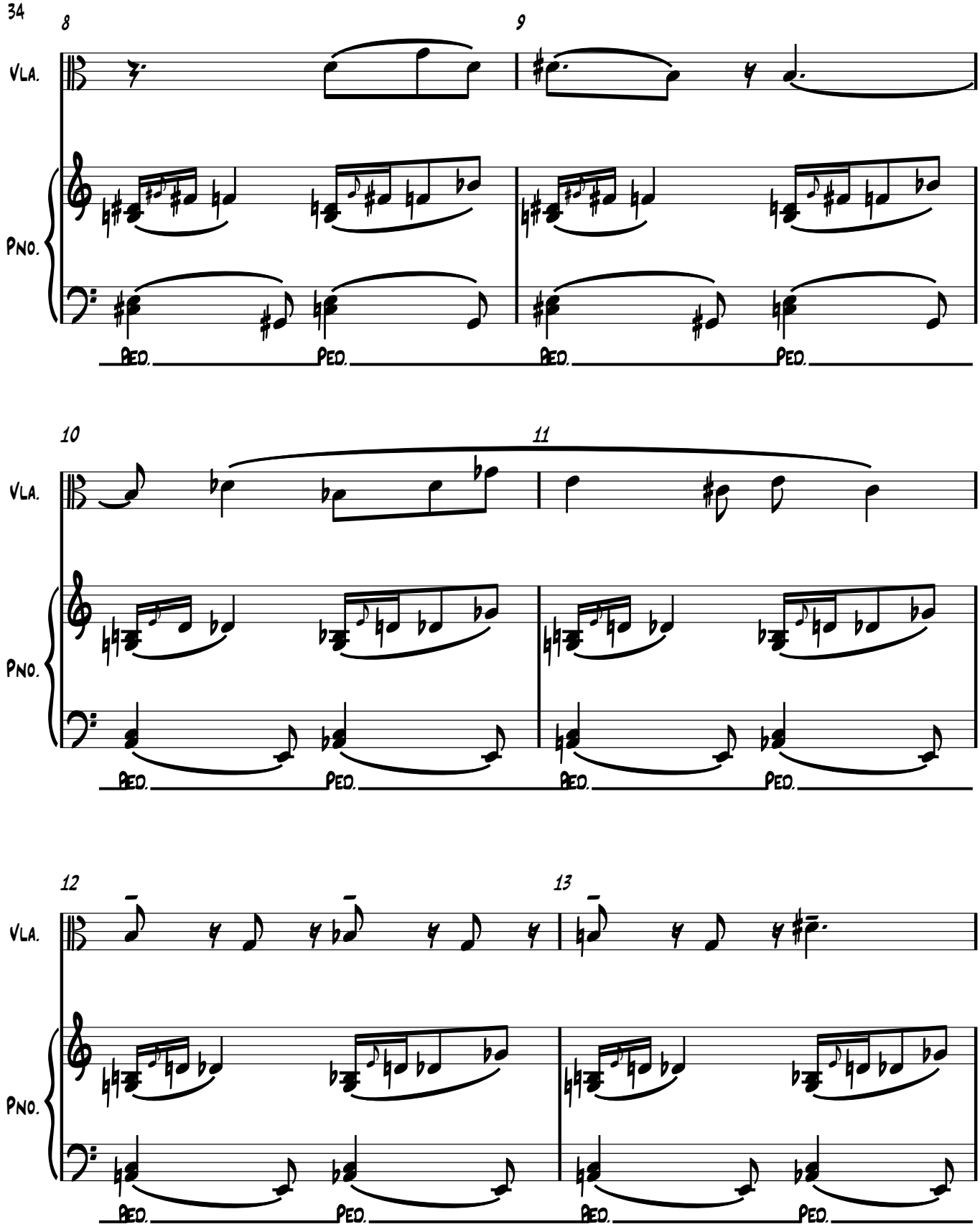
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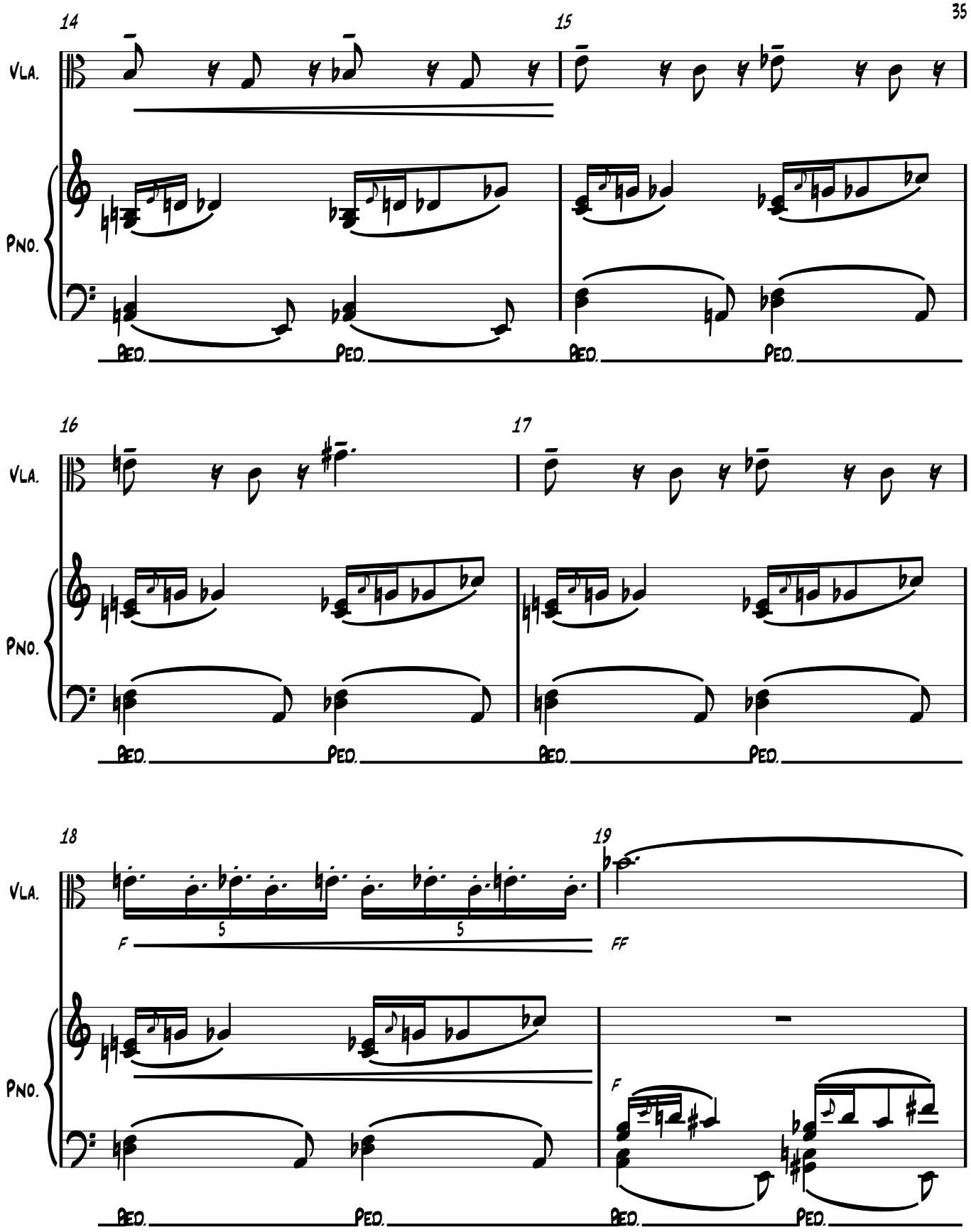
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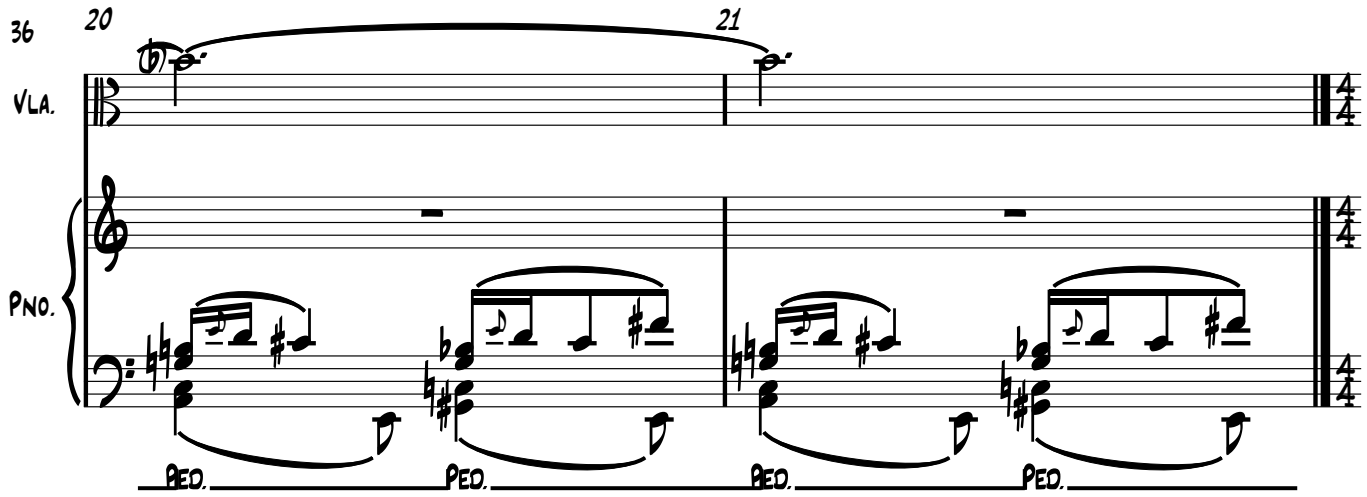

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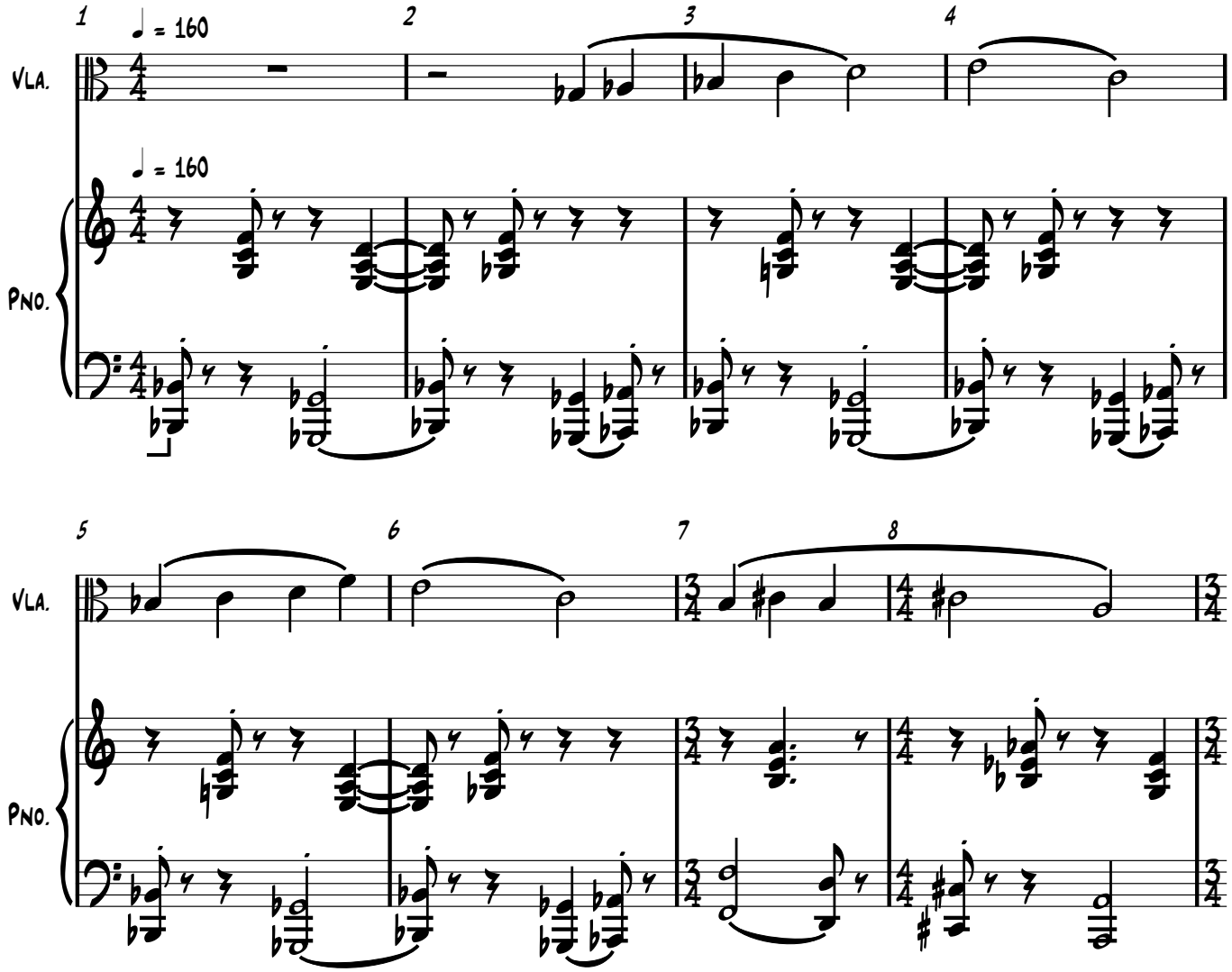

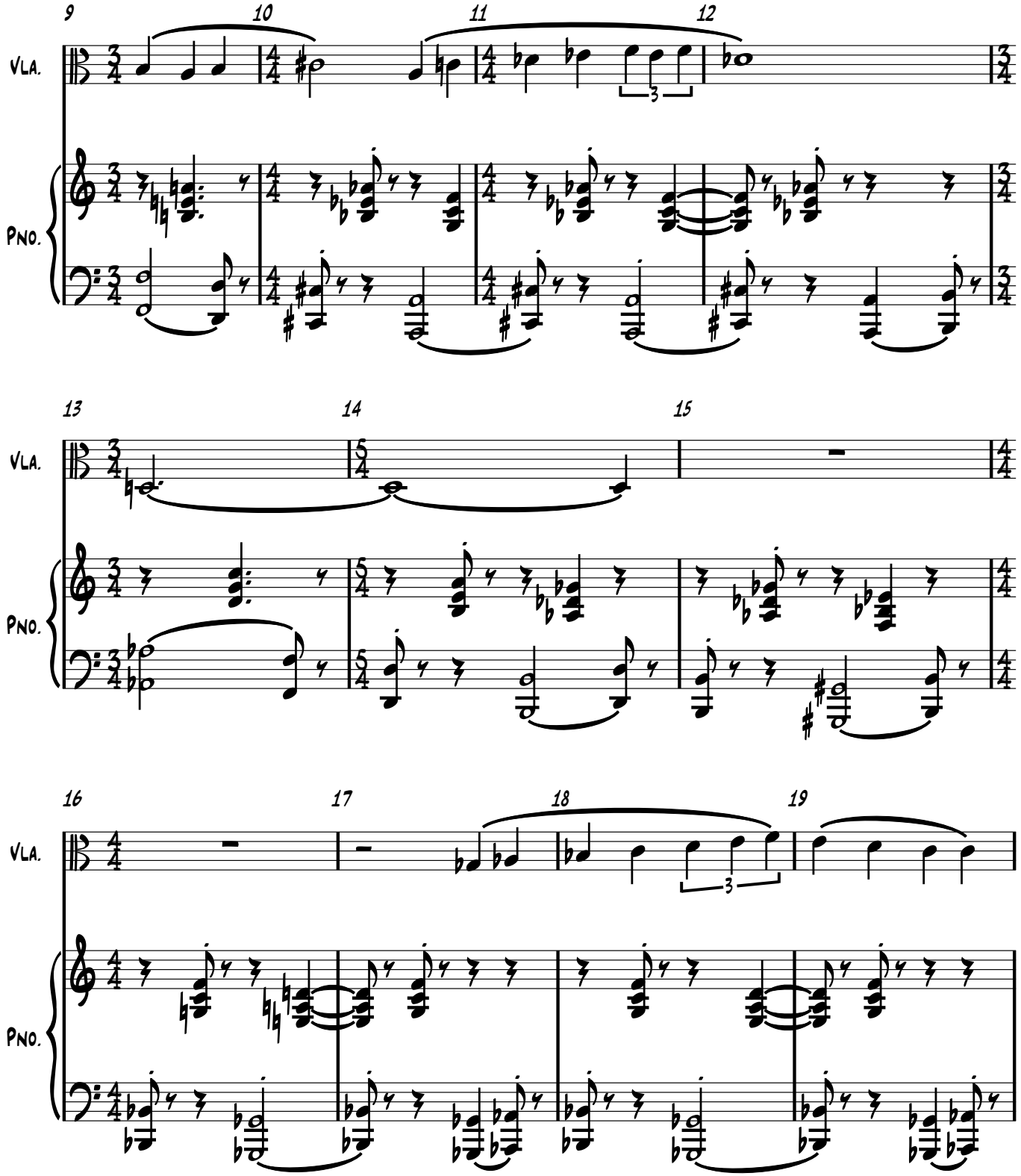
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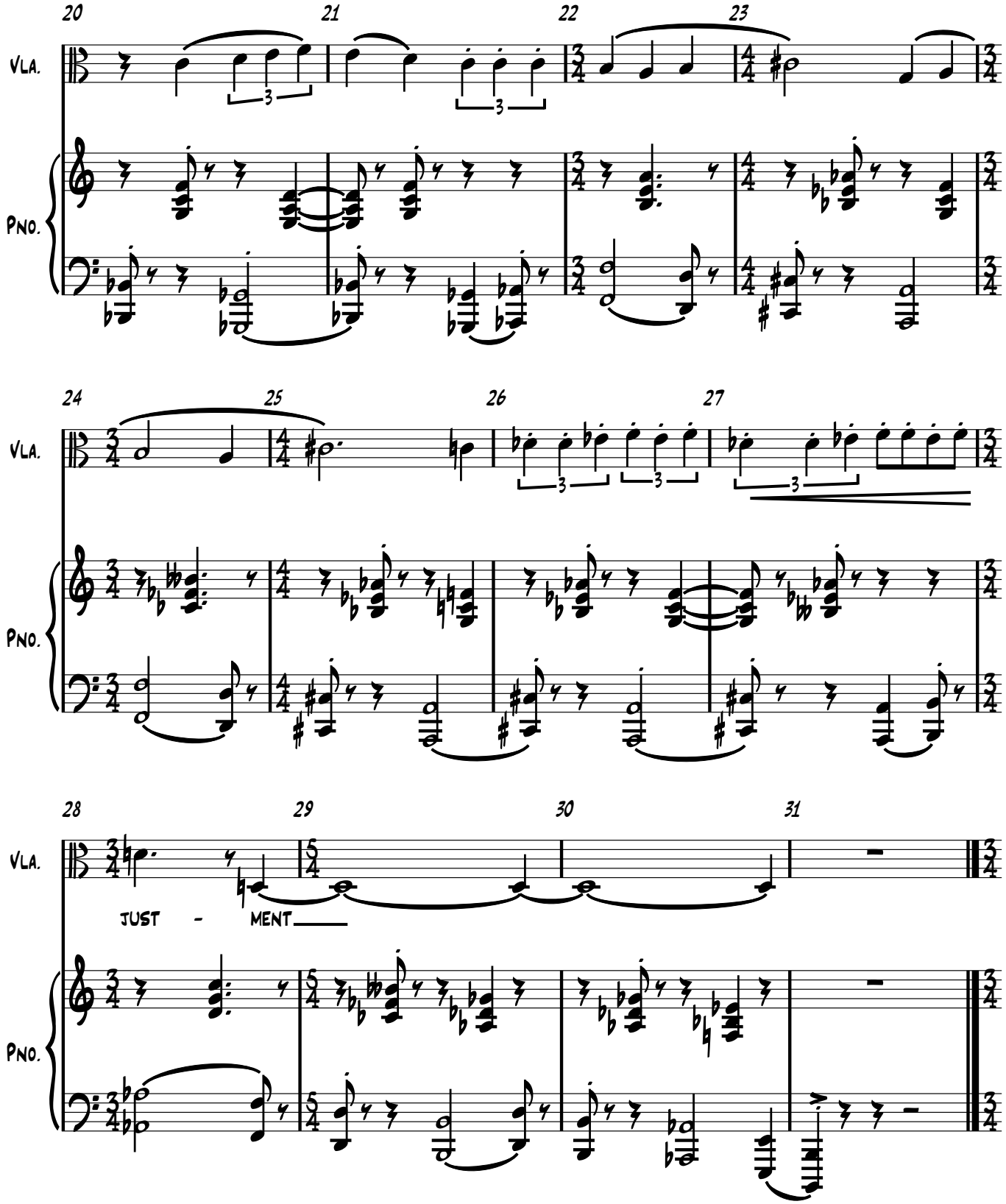
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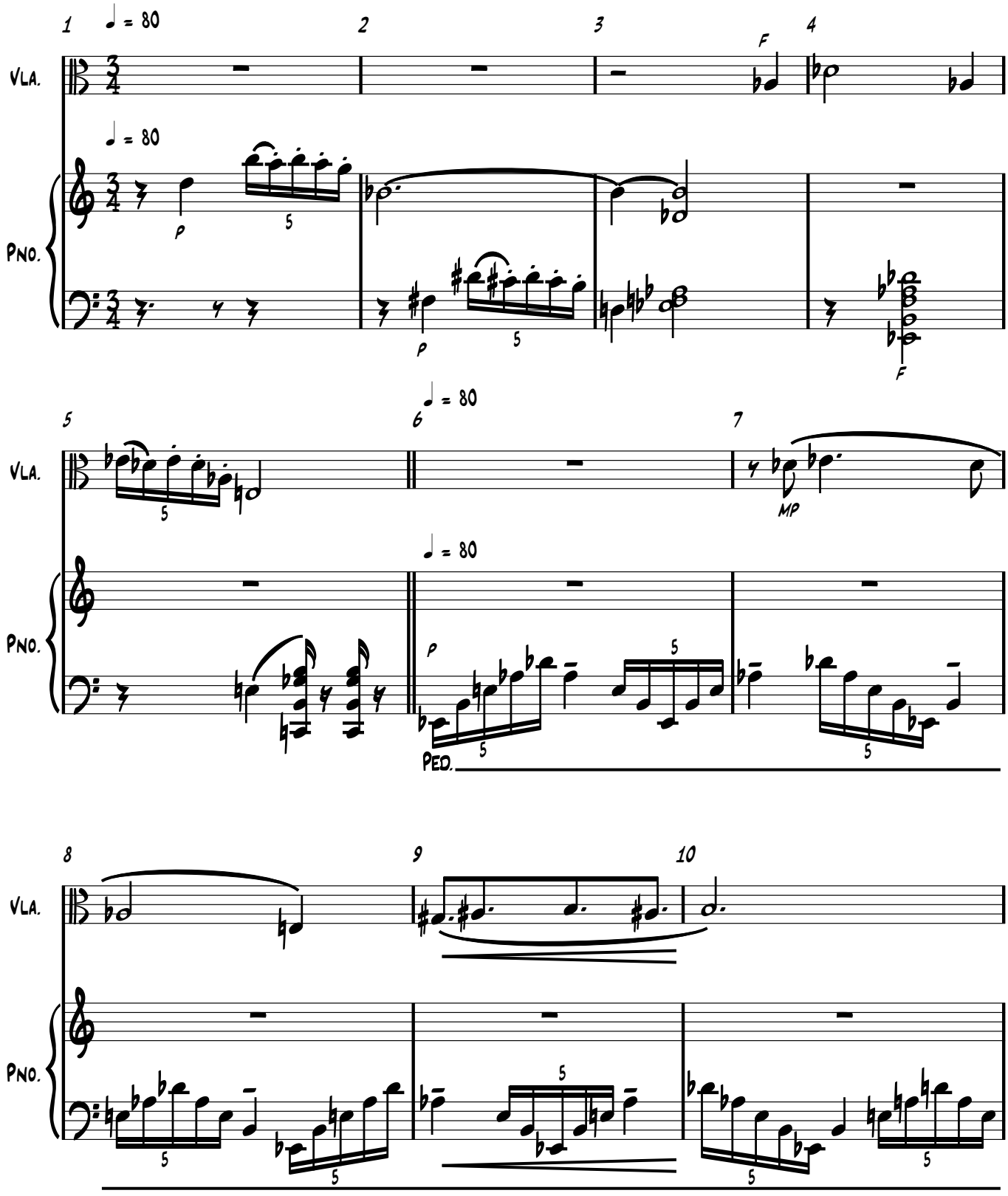

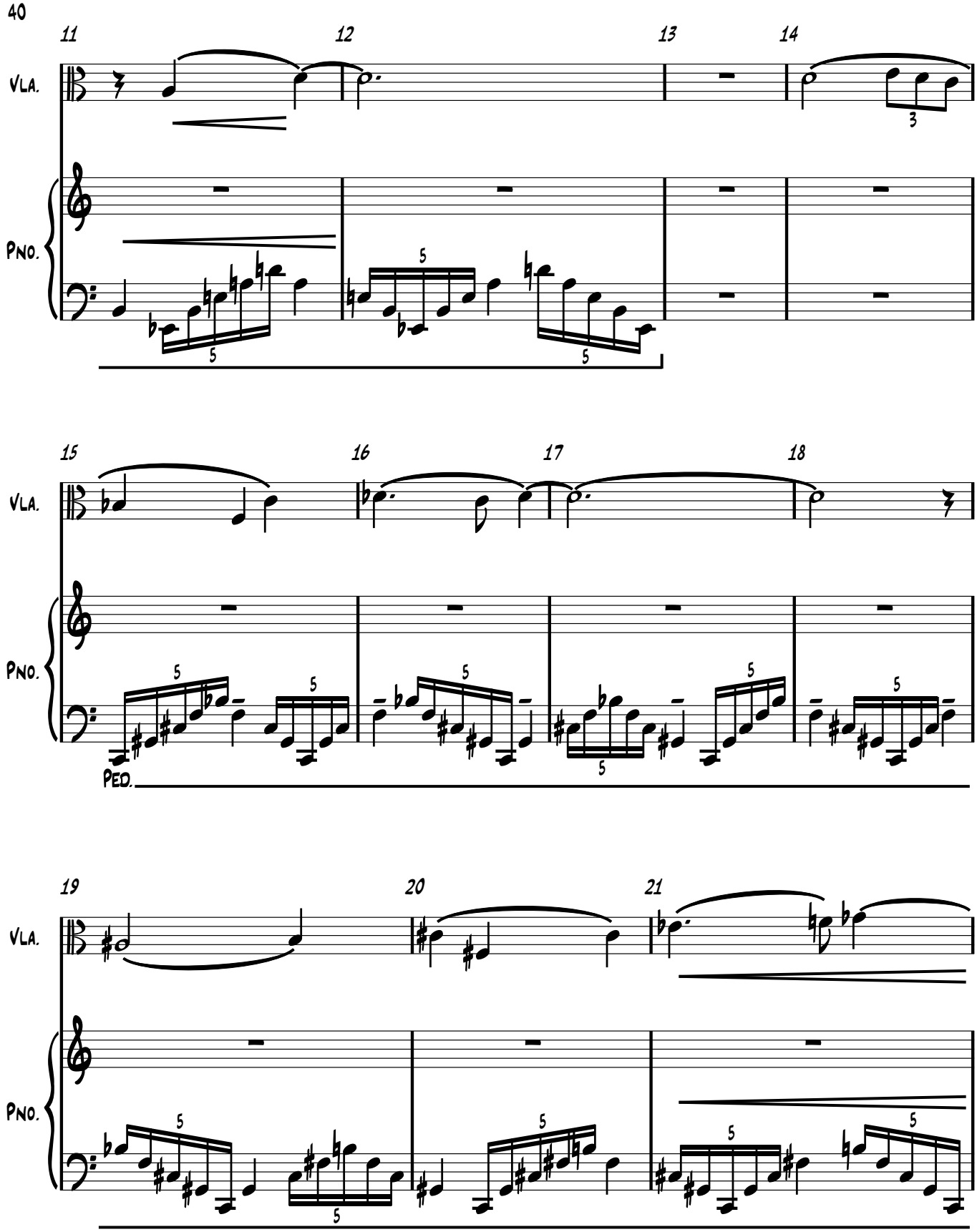
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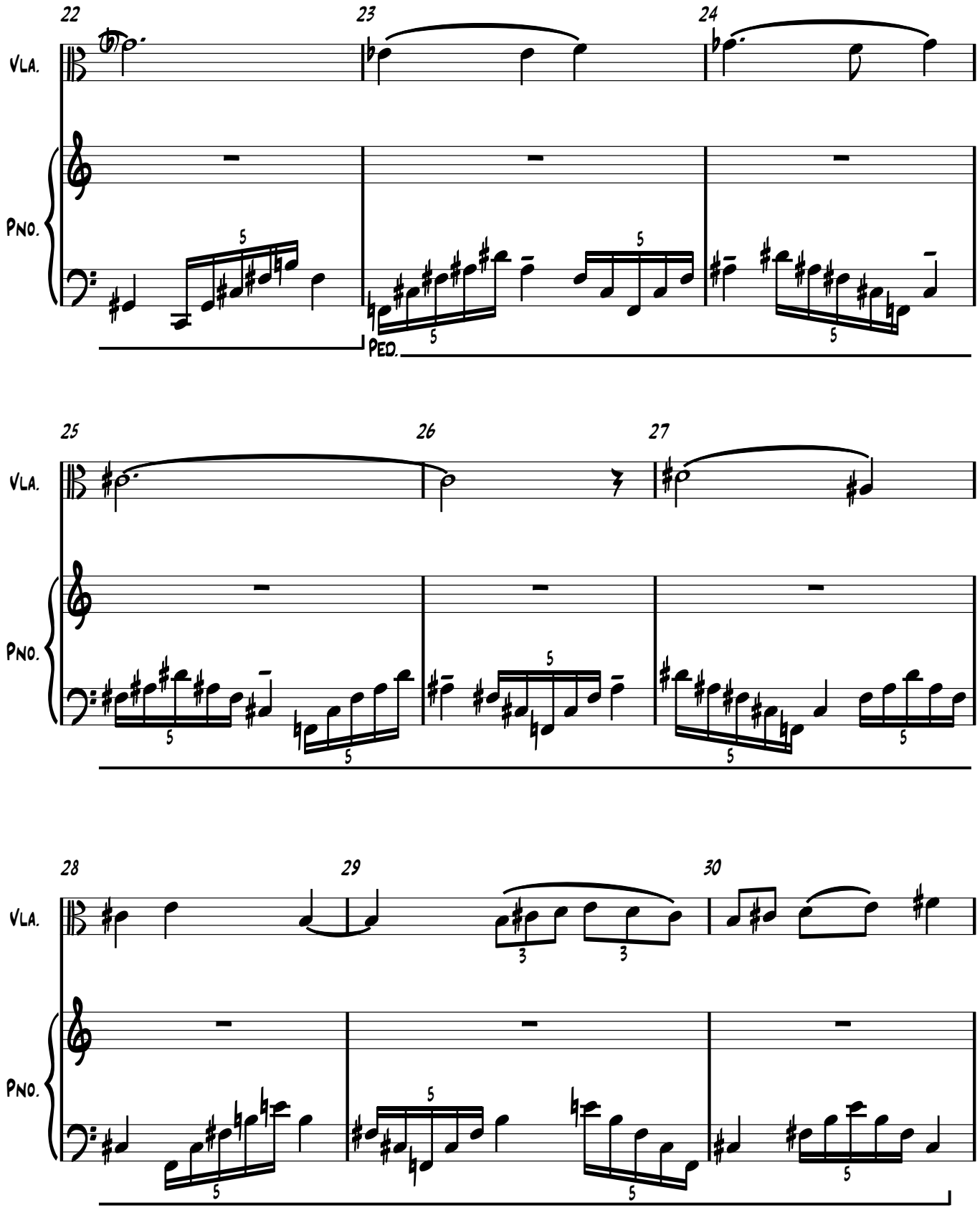
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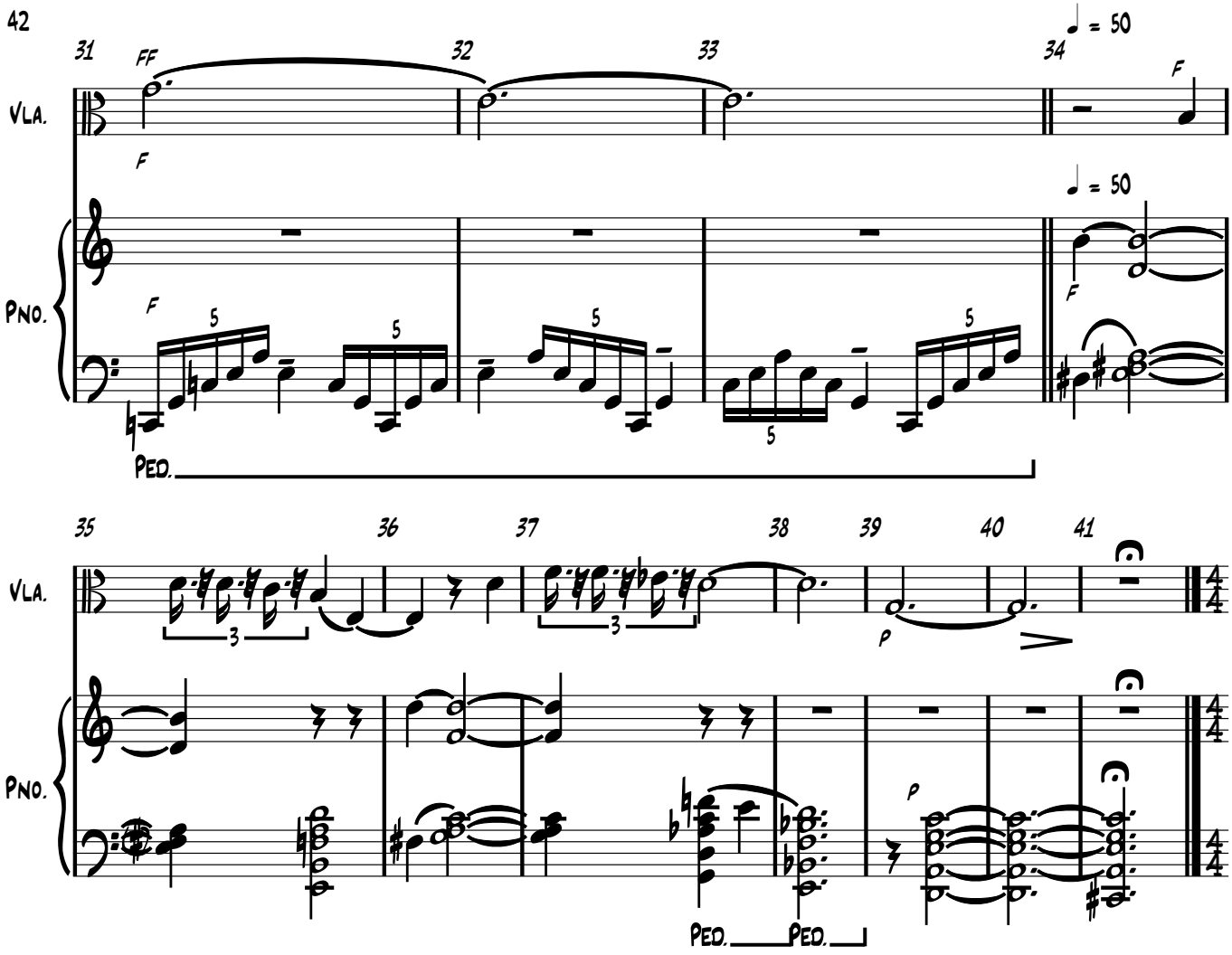

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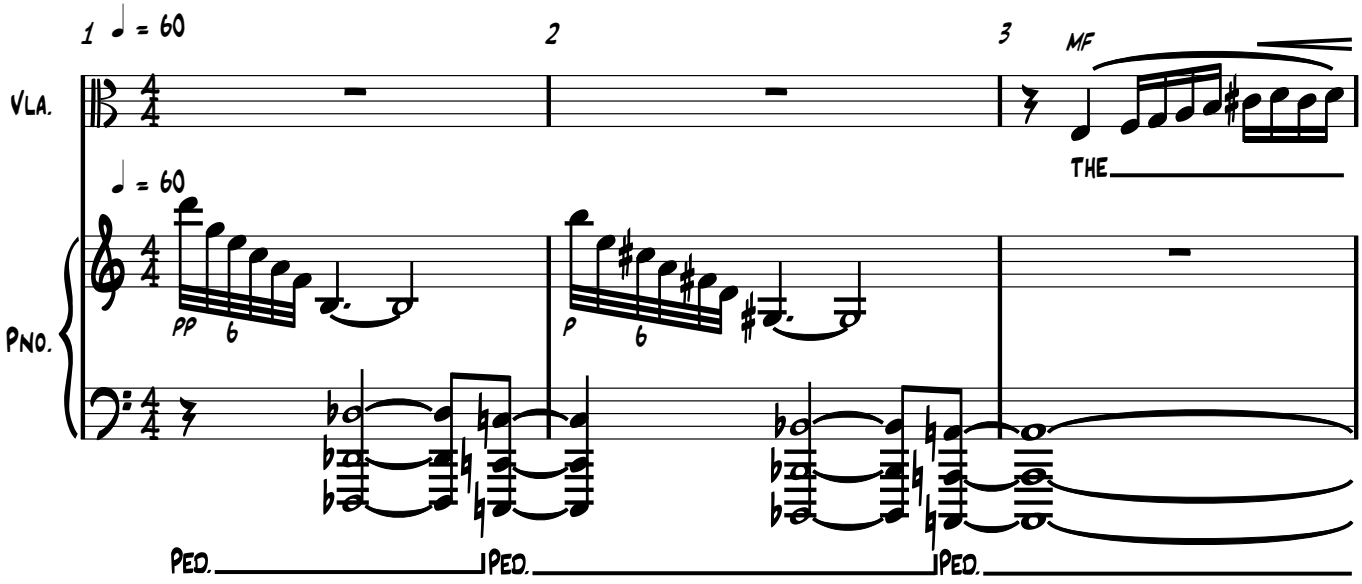

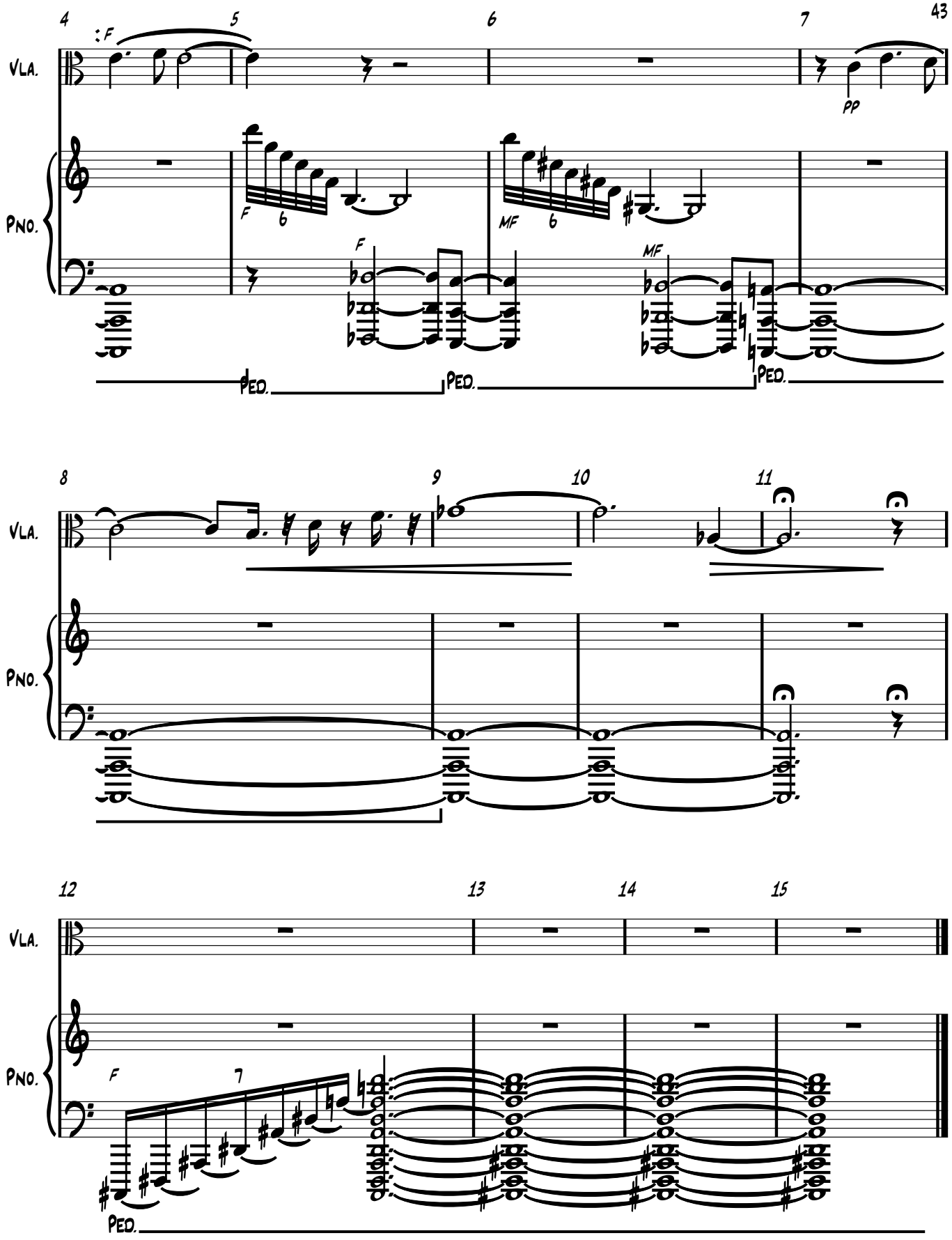
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