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Fanfare for an Angel

for 4 trumpets (Bb or C)

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Duration: Approx. 3 minutes.
Scored for Four Bb or C Trumpets:

Program Notes:

In the fall of 2009, I had heard about a well-known trumpet teacher, Jeanne Pocius, doing a nation-wide lesson tour, and that she would be stopping in the Chicago area. Figuring it might be time to finally make a last-ditch effort to figure out exactly how to play the trumpet (once again, after a 2 year hiatus), I decided to get in touch with Jeanne to set up a lesson. Little did I know the event would have such a lasting significance.

First, I'll cut to the chase: no, I didn't get any better at trumpet (through no fault of her's). The significance was on a much larger scale. I only spent an hour with her, as both of our schedules were tight, and then we parted ways. However, during that hour, I got to know someone on a different level than just trumpet playing. Jeanne is a special human being that cares deeply about people, and works tirelessly for the better of others.

Such was the case when she was in Haiti on January 12, 2010, working with young musicians, teaching, and providing musical instruments to those otherwise not so fortunate. That Tuesday was also the day the massive and deadly earthquake struck the region.

Jeanne was fortunate - she survived with "only" a broken arm and several deep bruises, having been the victim of a collapsed roof. Even with her injuries, she stayed in Haiti, working tirelessly to help others for days, with little or no food or shelter. She stayed there for 3 more months, dedicated to re-starting and re-organizing her program in Haiti, before returning home to Boston - again just a short stay before returning once again to Haiti.

Fellow trumpeters Mark Schwartz and Pat Shaner knew of Jeanne's return to Boston on April 16th, and organized a surprise mass trumpet greeting for Jeanne right there at Logan airport. Wanting to help show support and respect for Jeanne, I asked if I could add a composed fanfare to the activities. And so with the help of Mark, Pat and Michael Anderson, and the many trumpeters who volunteered for the event, "Fanfare for an Angel" was born, dedicated to and inspired by Jeanne Pocius.

Jim Stephenson, April 24, 2010

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Dedicated to Jeanne Pocius for her courage, bravery and loving support of the people of Haiti

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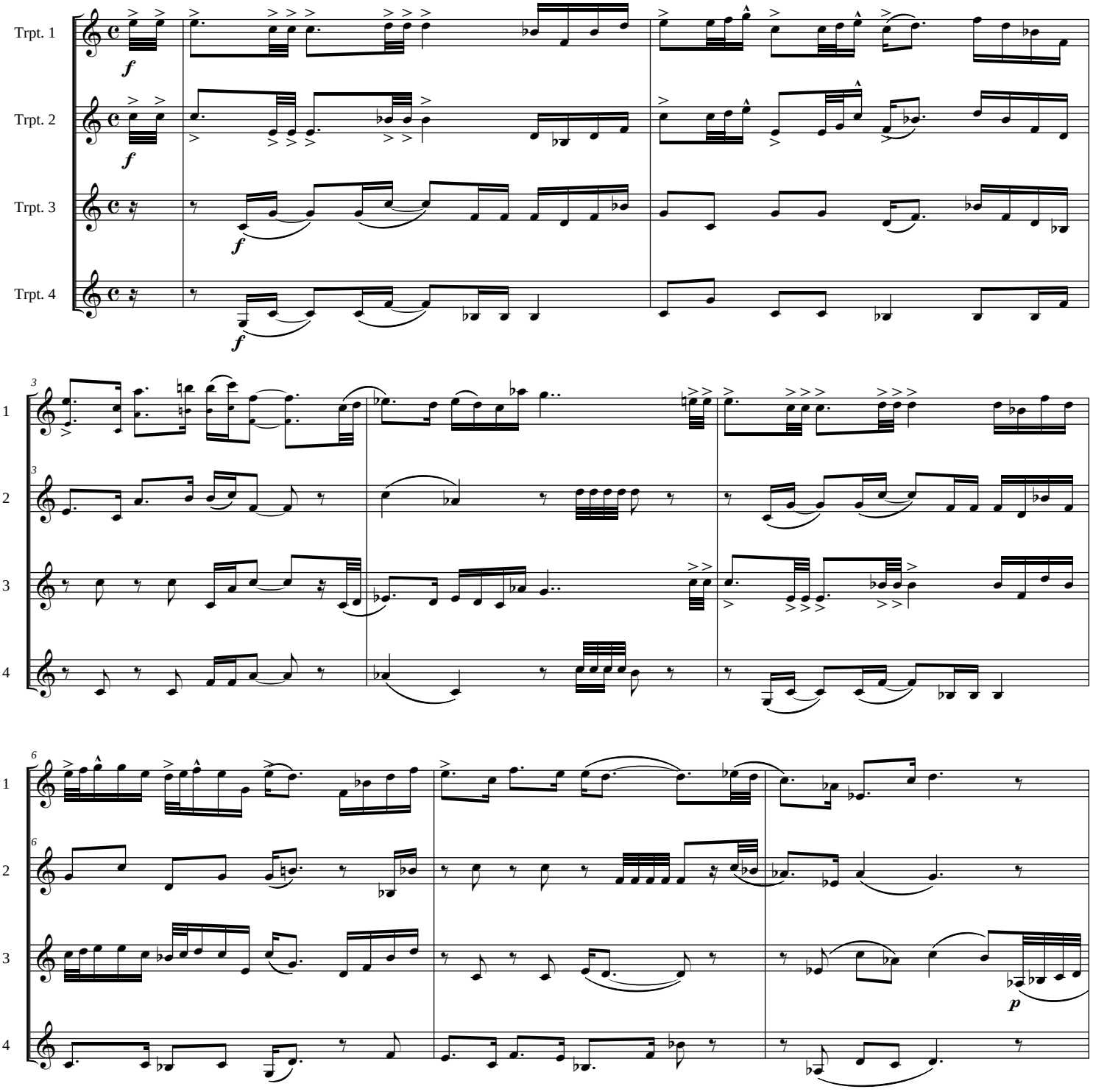

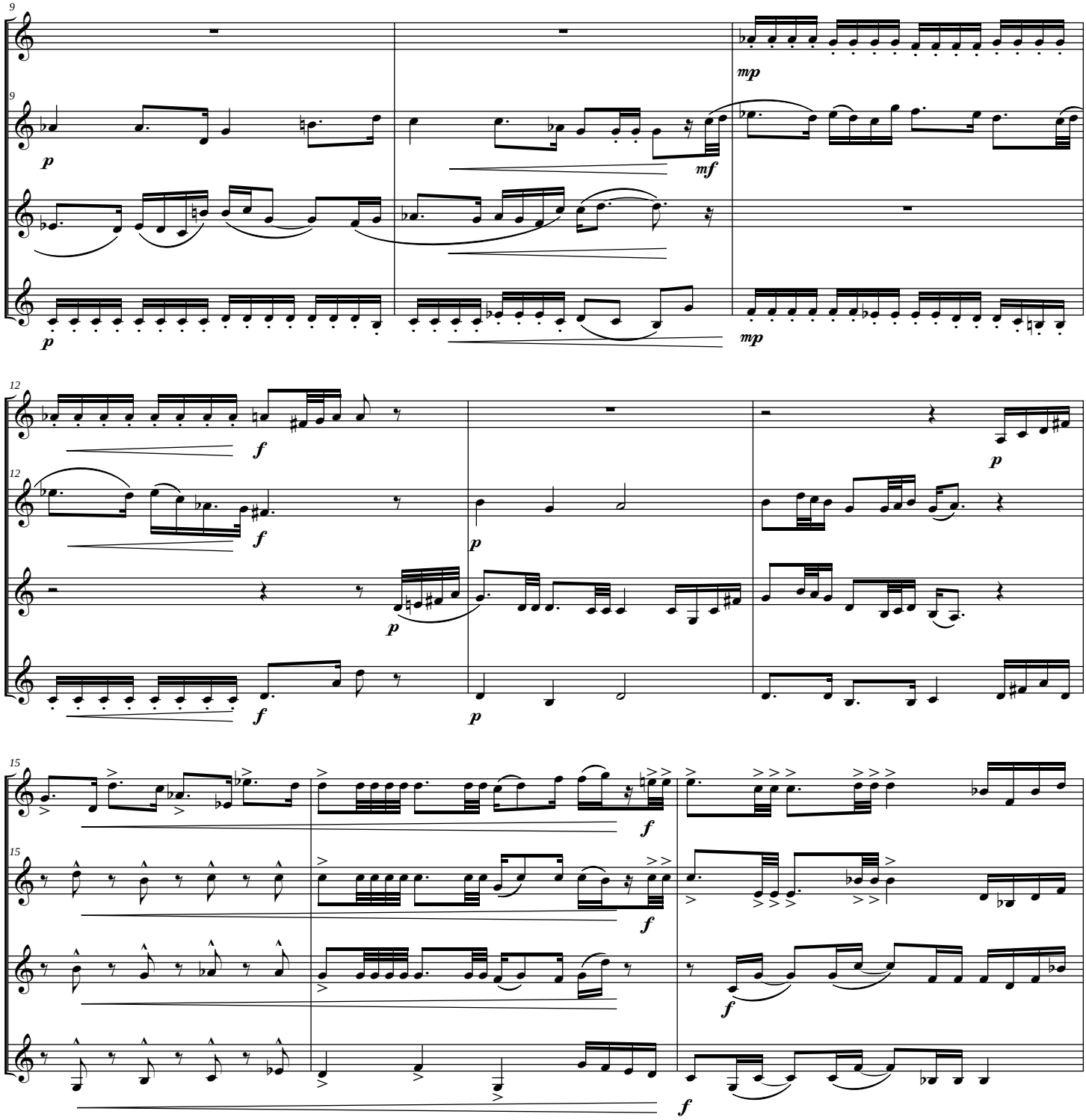
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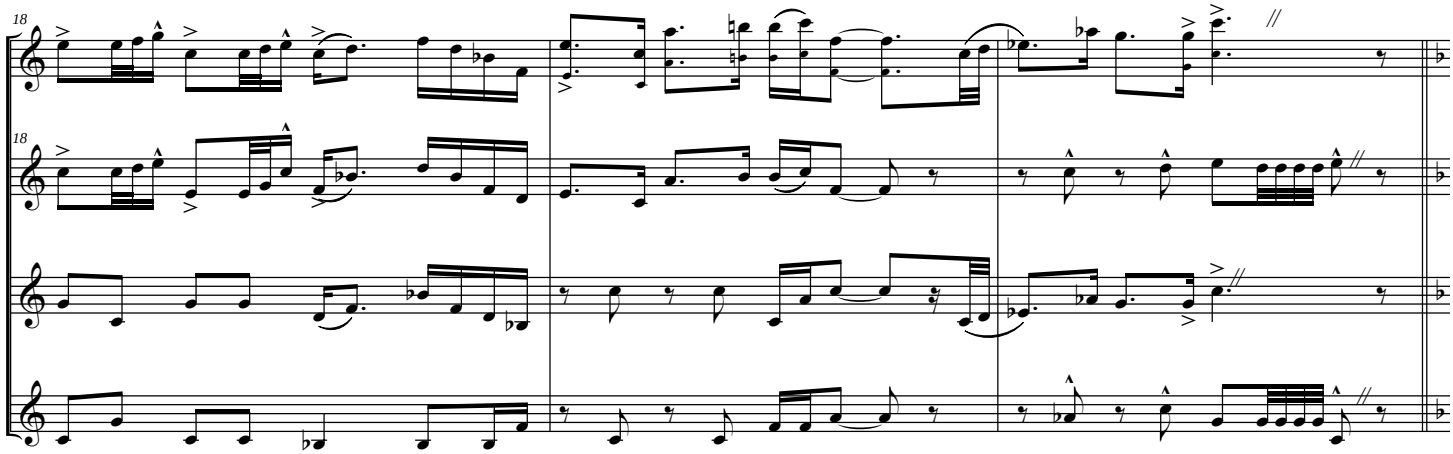

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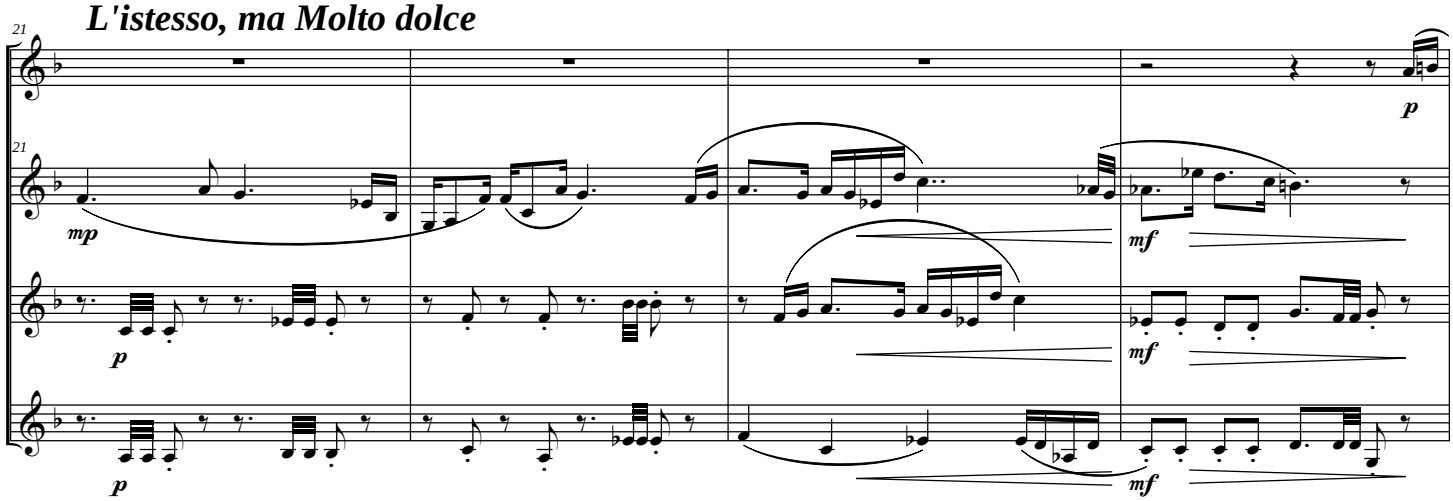

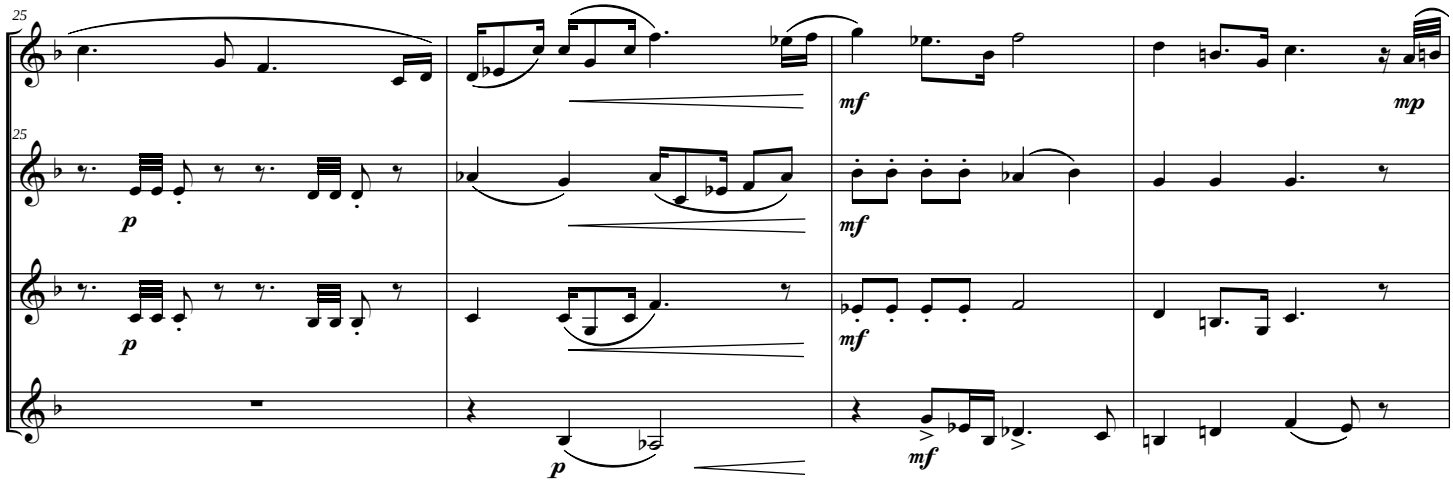

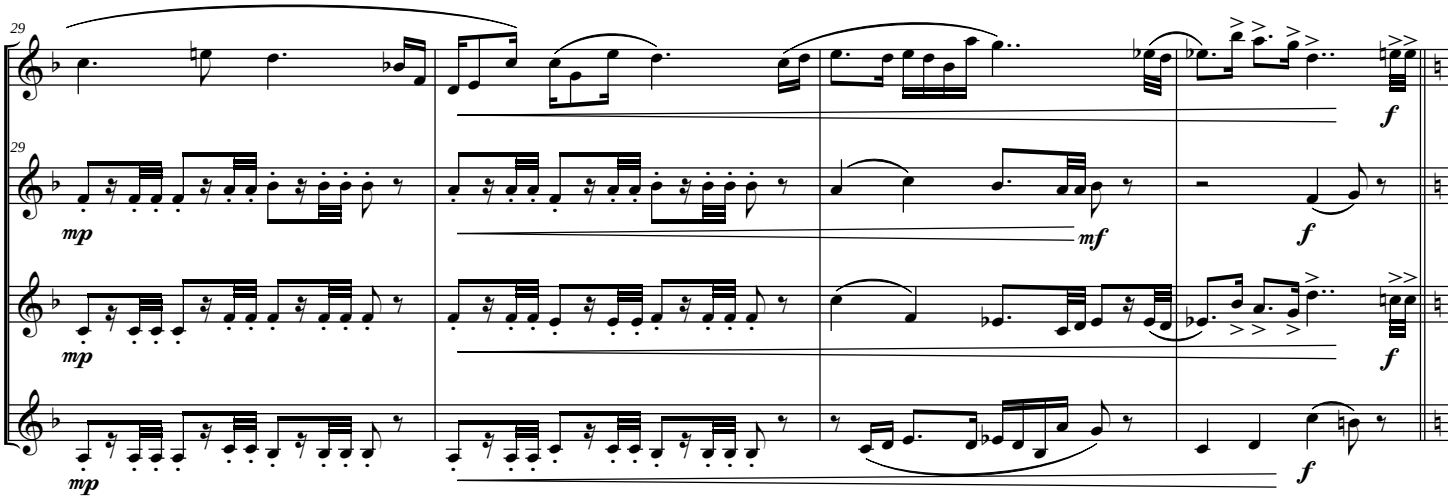

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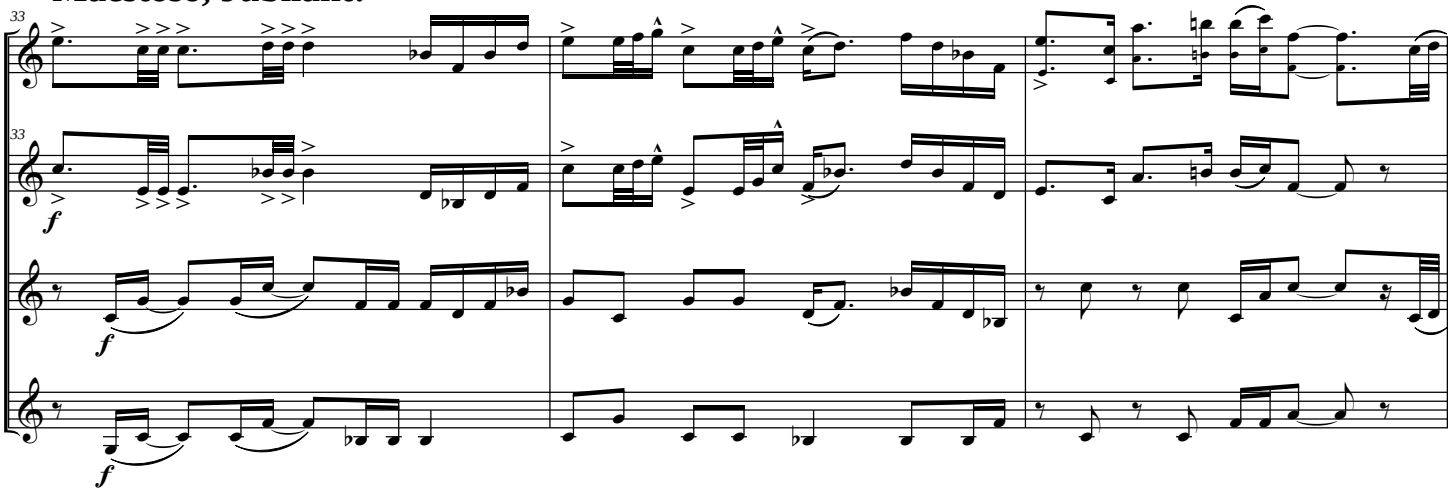

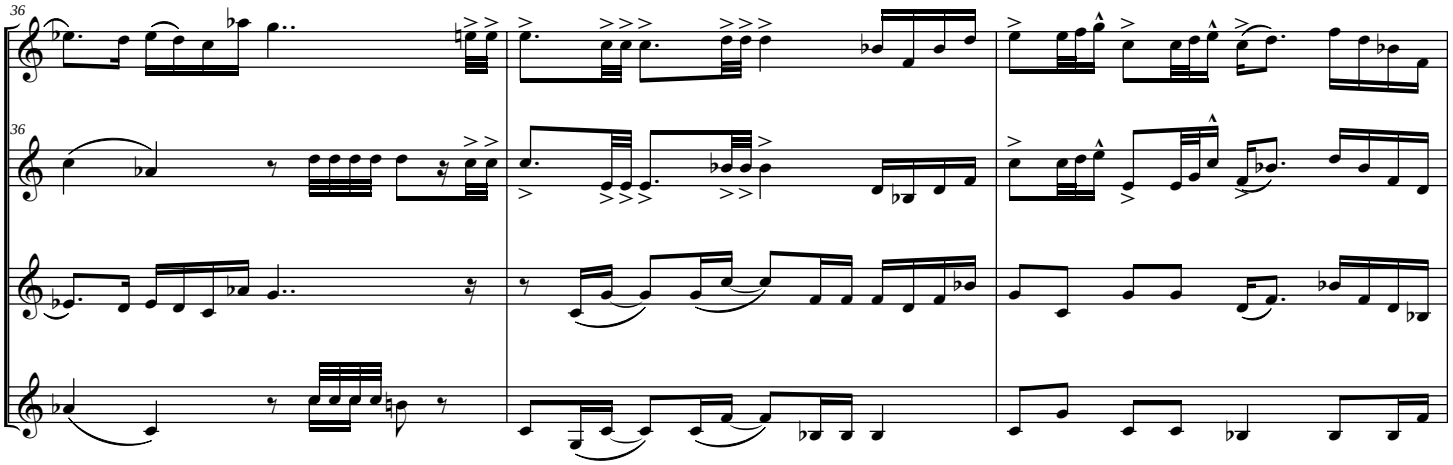

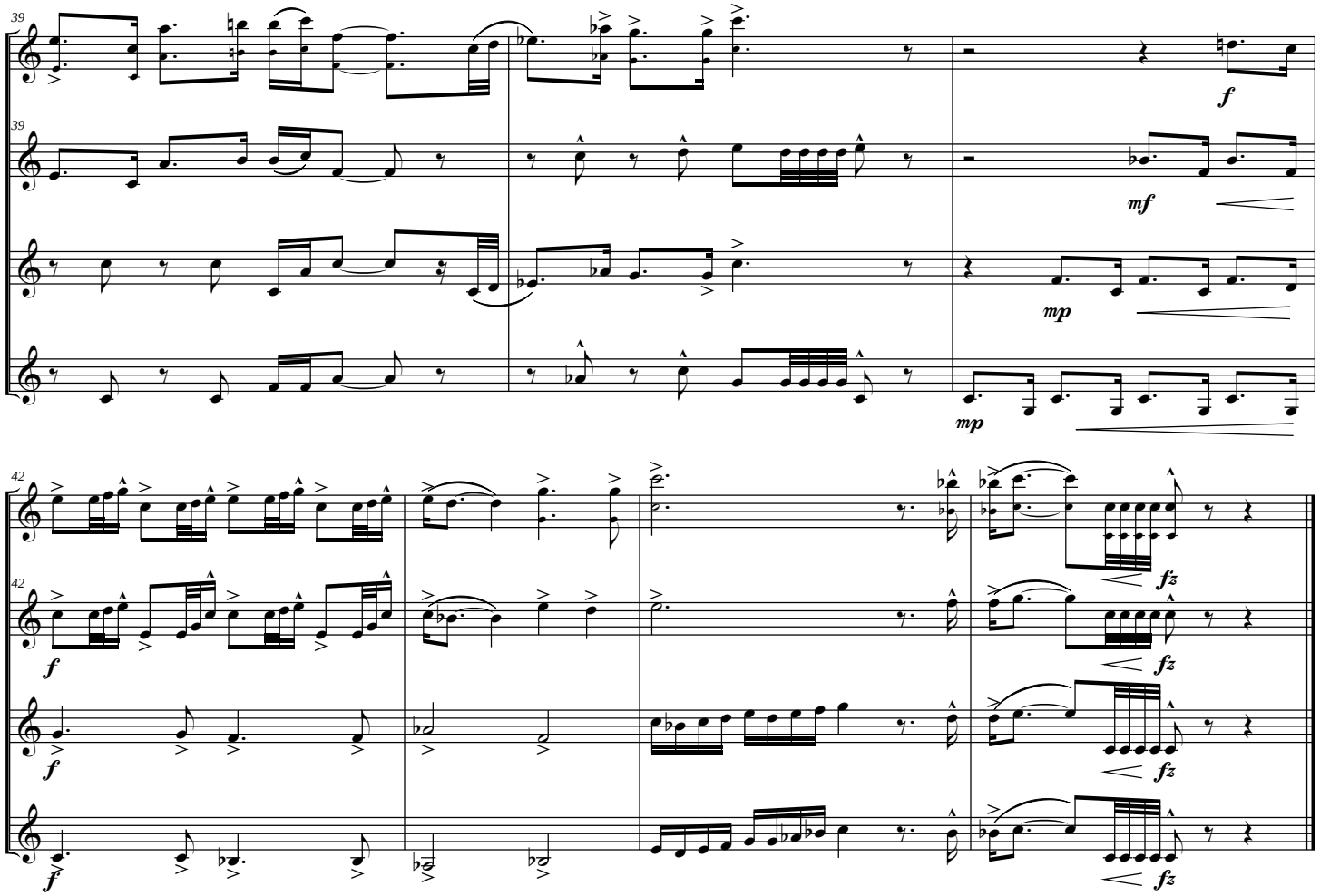
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