Frank Bayford

PRELUDES - BOOKS 2 & 3

Opus 44 and Opus 51

for piano

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Composer's Note (Book 2)

My second set of Preludes, Op. 44, were originally written in 1982 (twenty years after the group of eight which formed my early Op. 1). They were dedicated to Derek Foster who premiered them at the Greenwich Festival that same year. They received just one more complete performance, in 1984, although No. 10 received an isolated airing in the intervening year.

Due to my growing dissatisfaction with them, they were thoroughly revised in 1997 and again in 1999, so thoroughly in fact that little now remains of the originals. Only the fanfare-like opening of No. 9, less than a dozen bars of No. 10 and isolated patches of No. 11 survive from the earlier composition. Nos. 12 and 13 are entirely new pieces.

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Prelude No. 9

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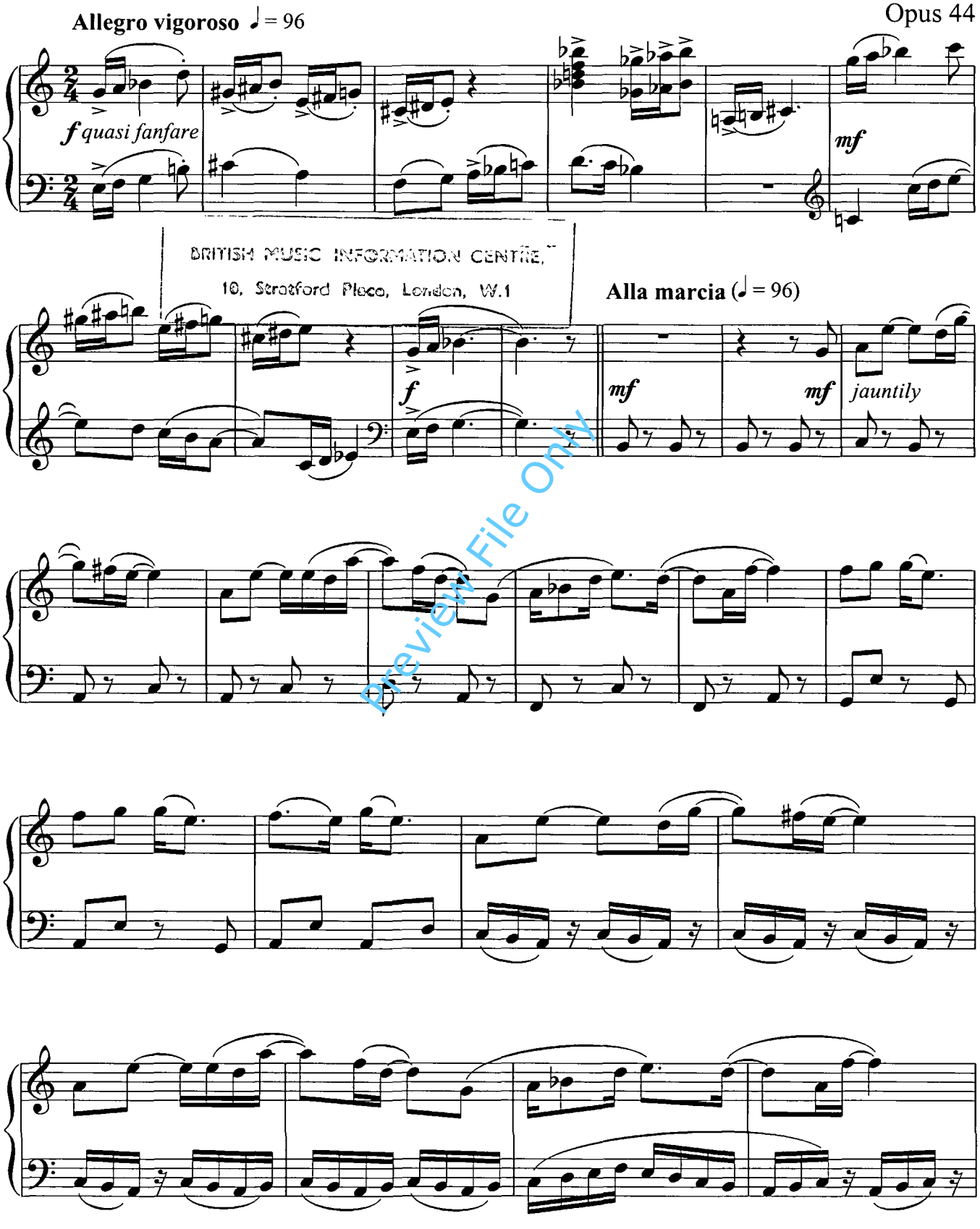
Opus 44



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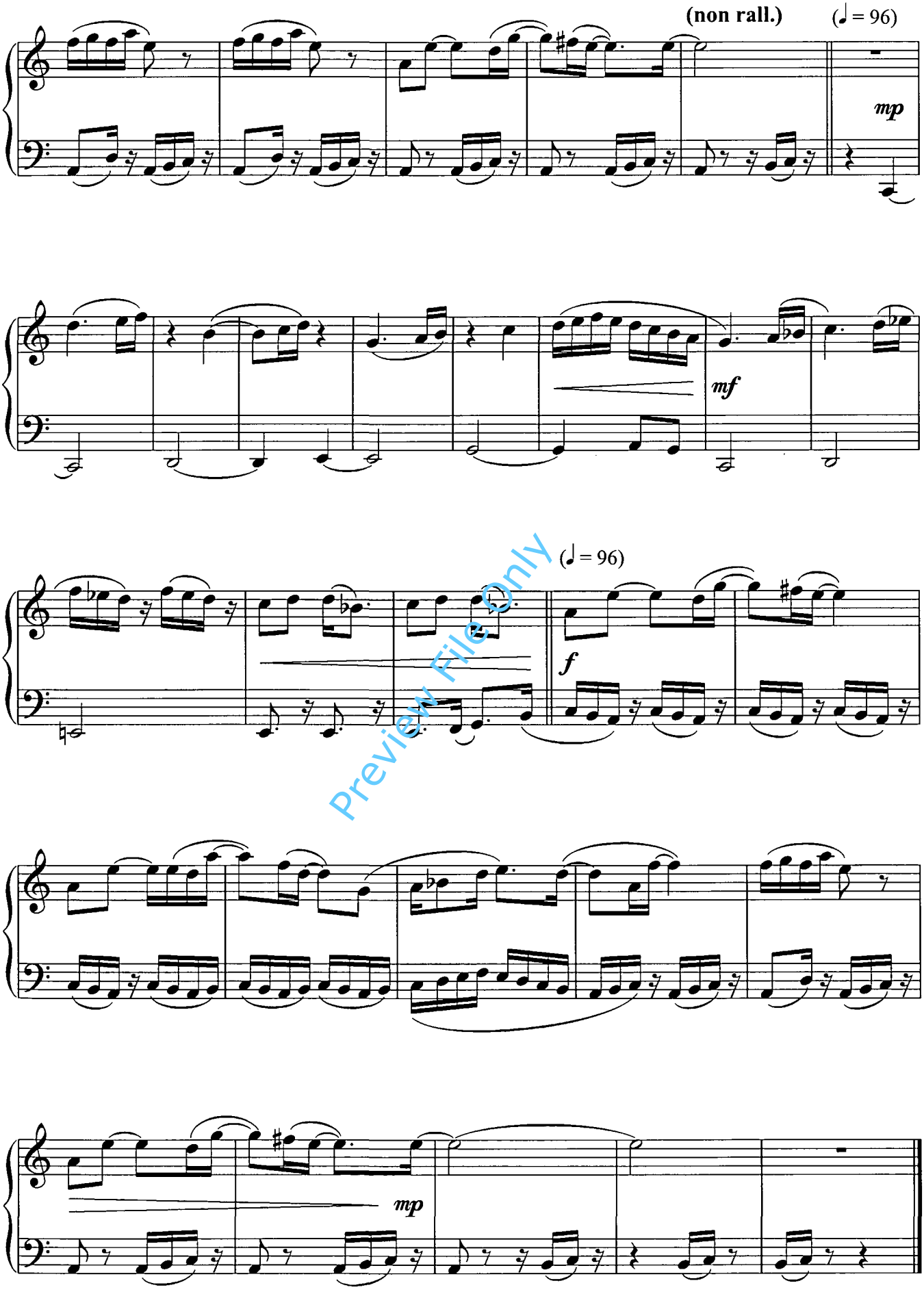

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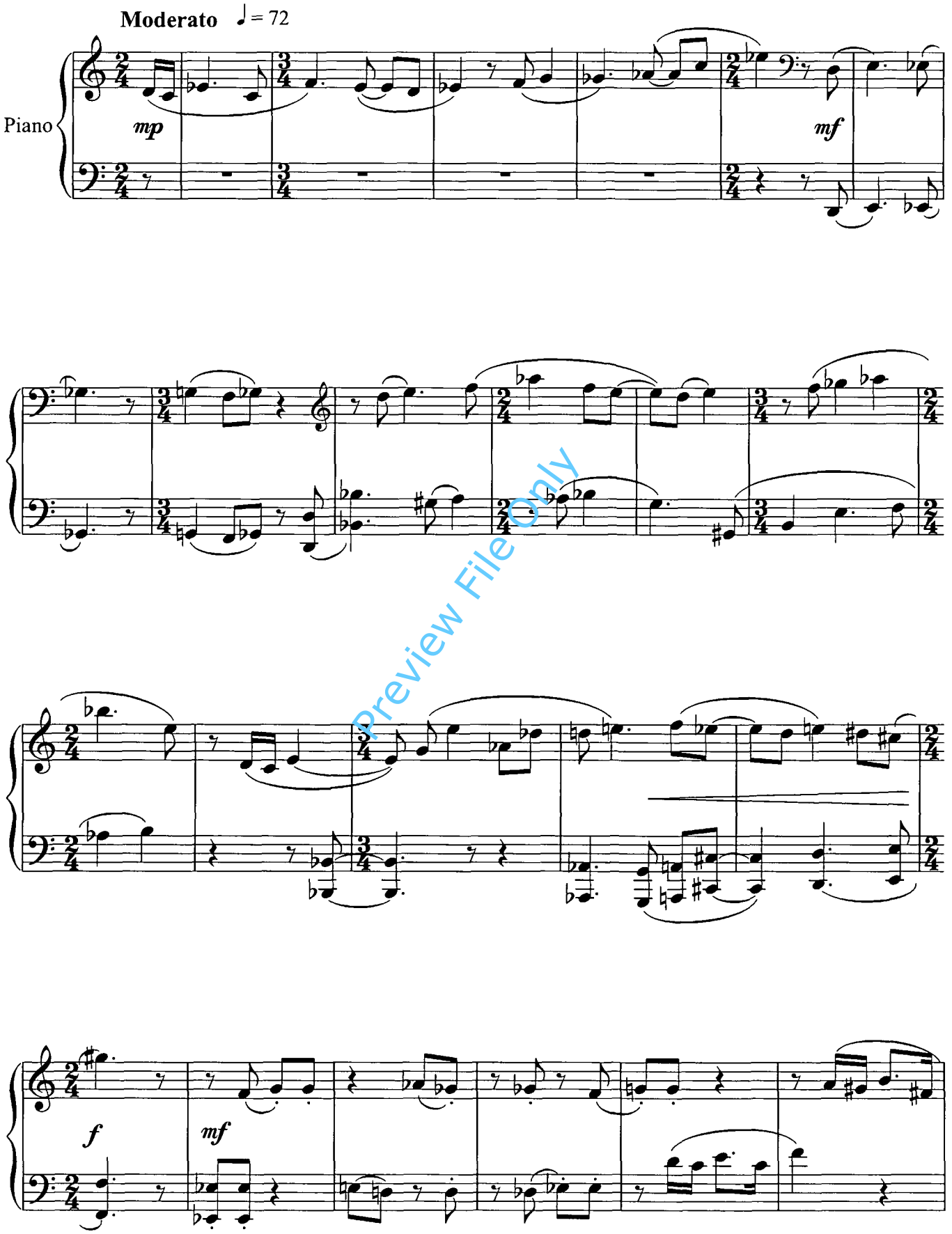

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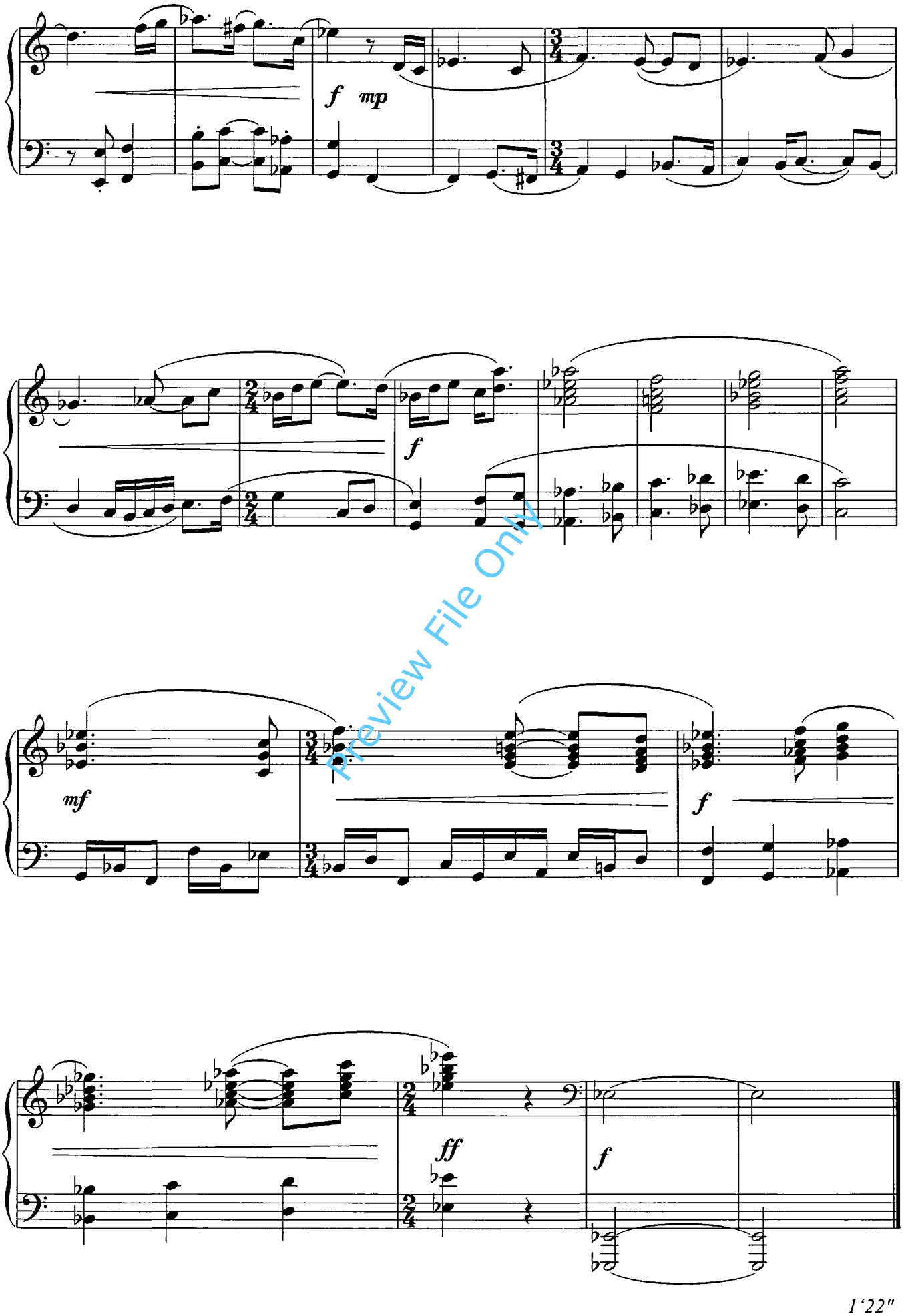

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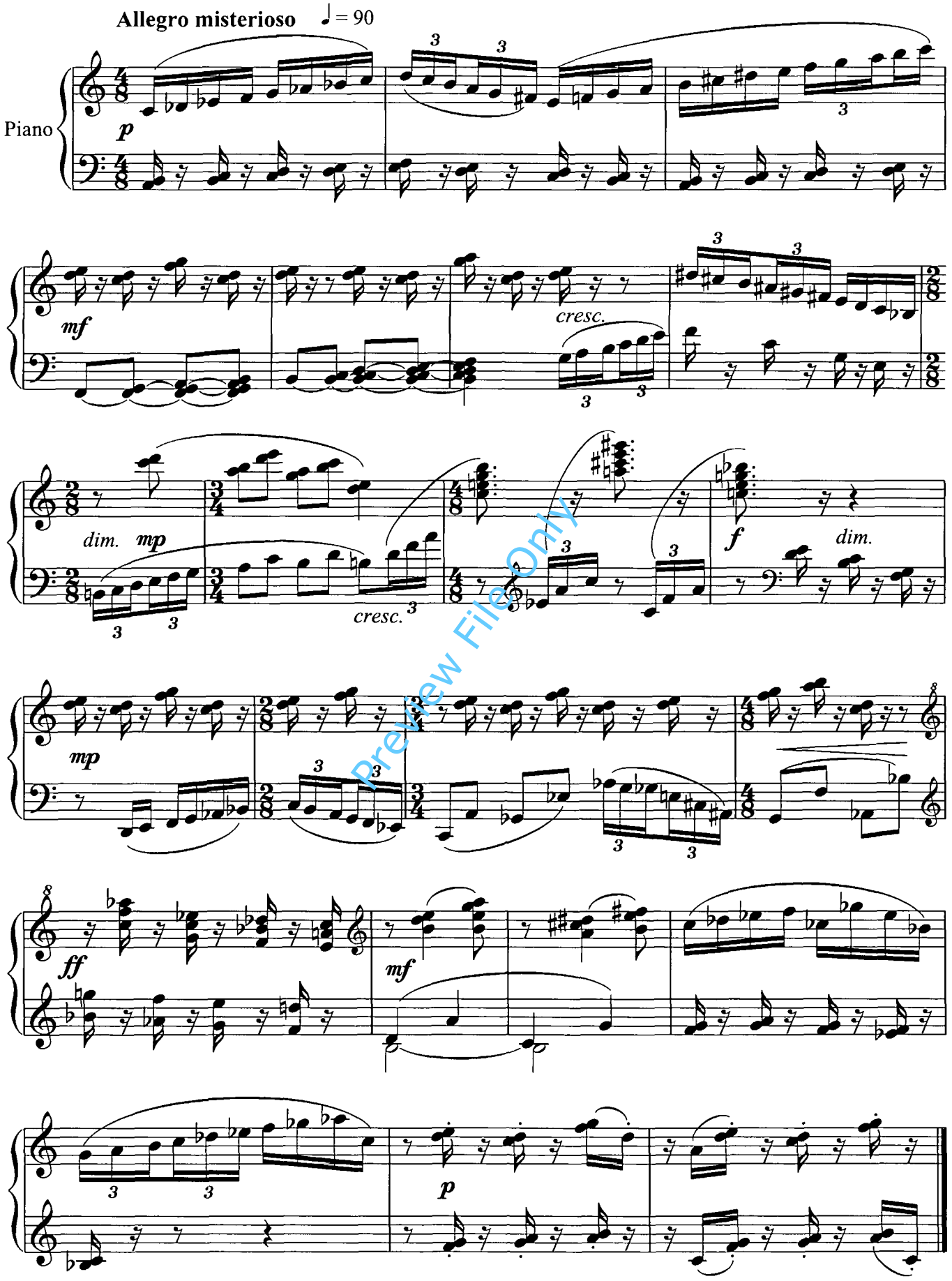

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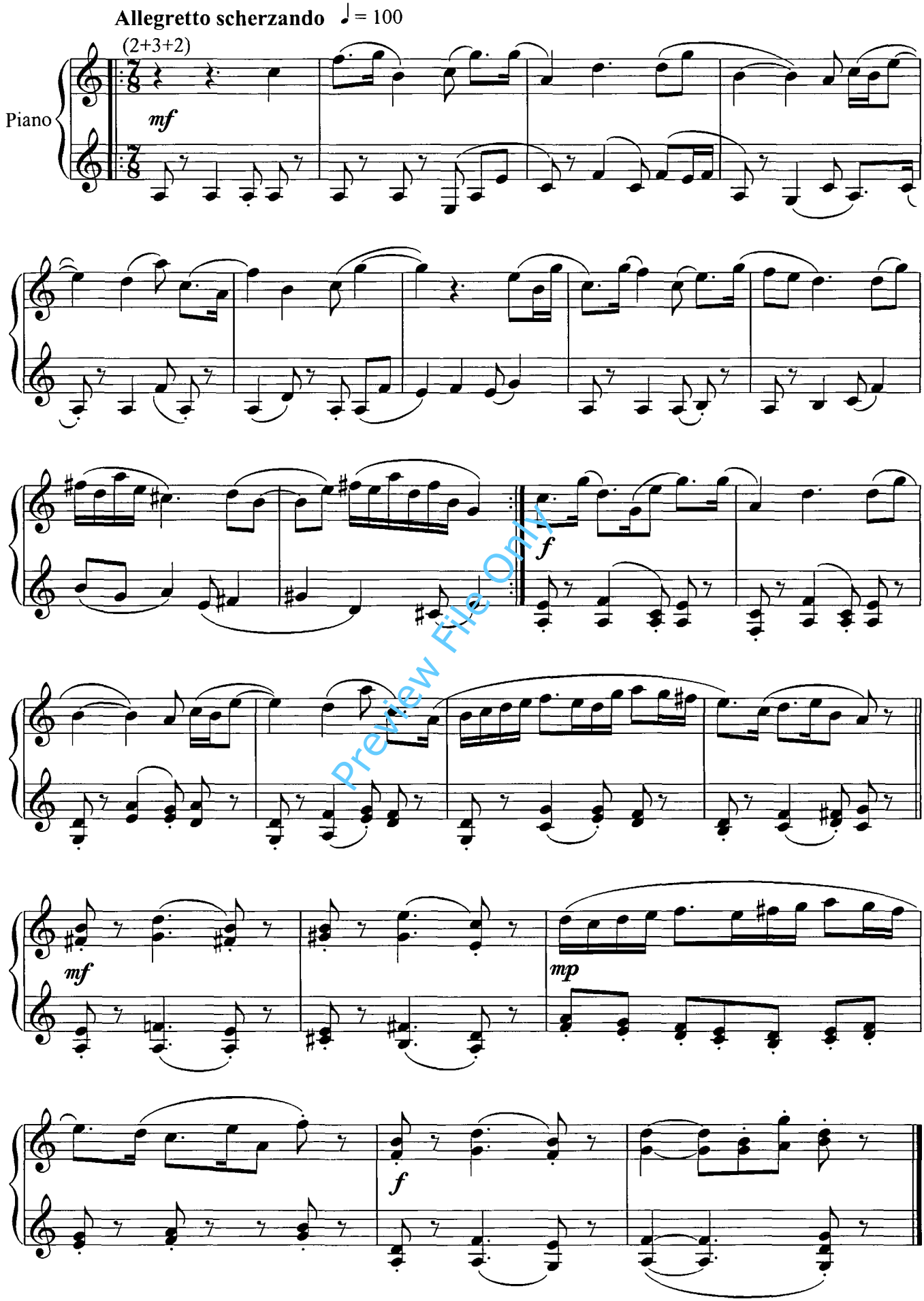

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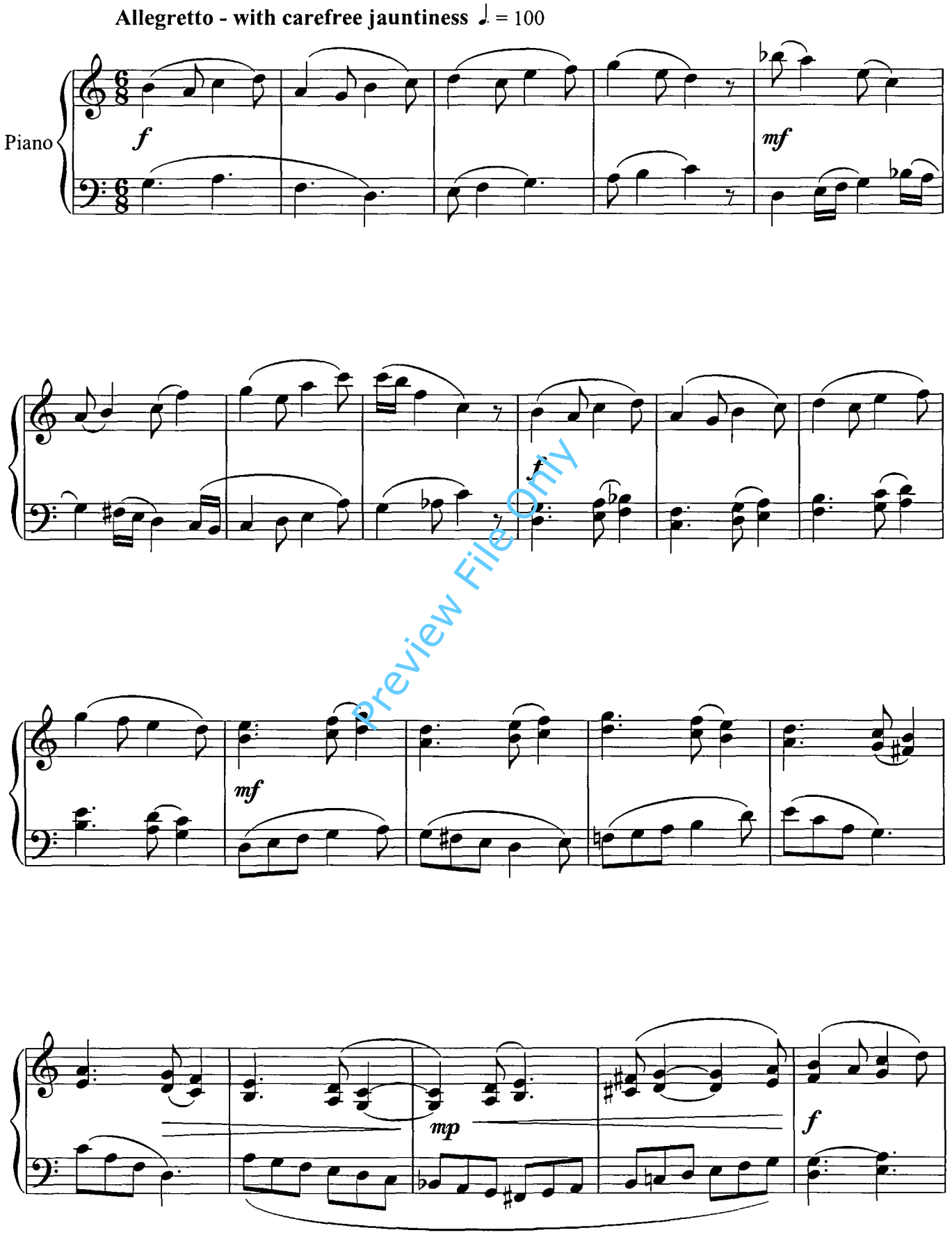

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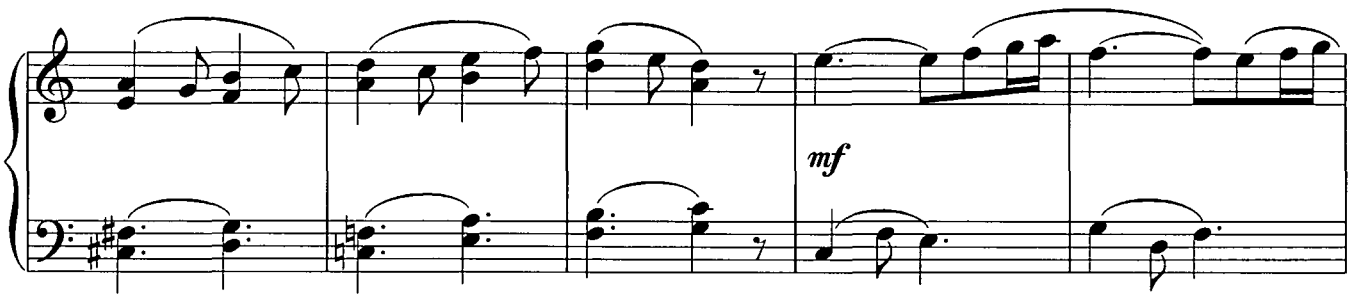

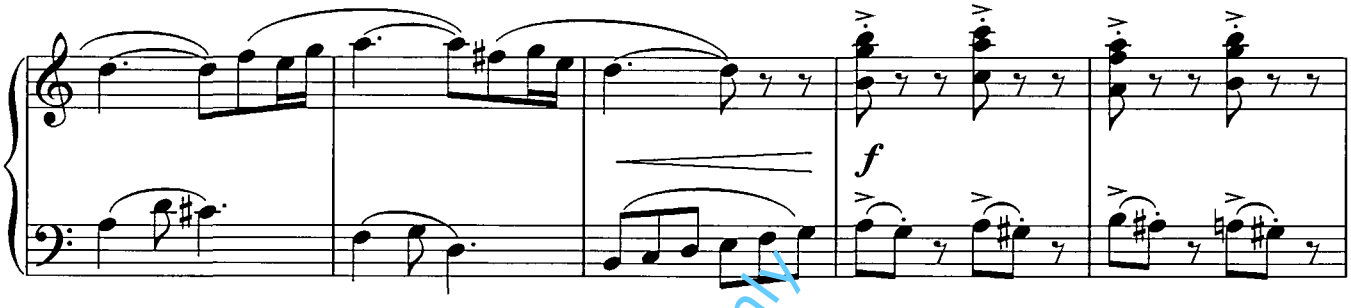

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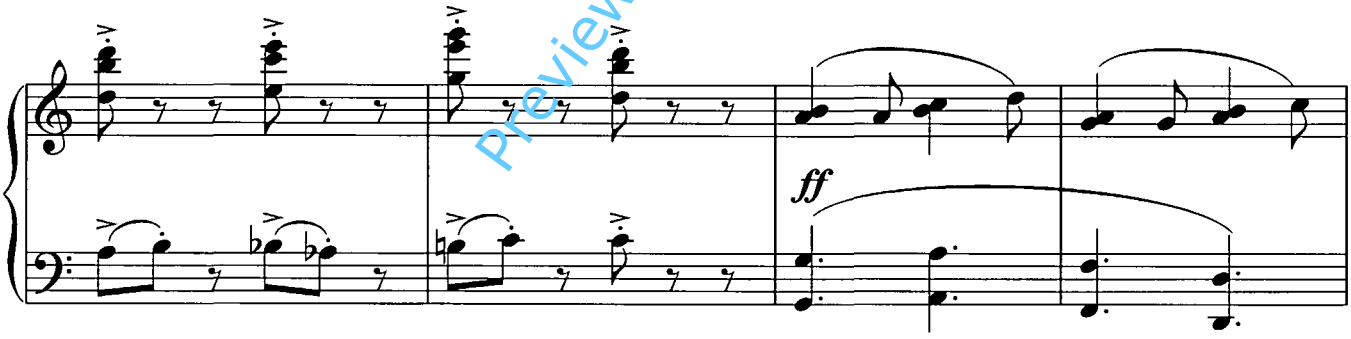

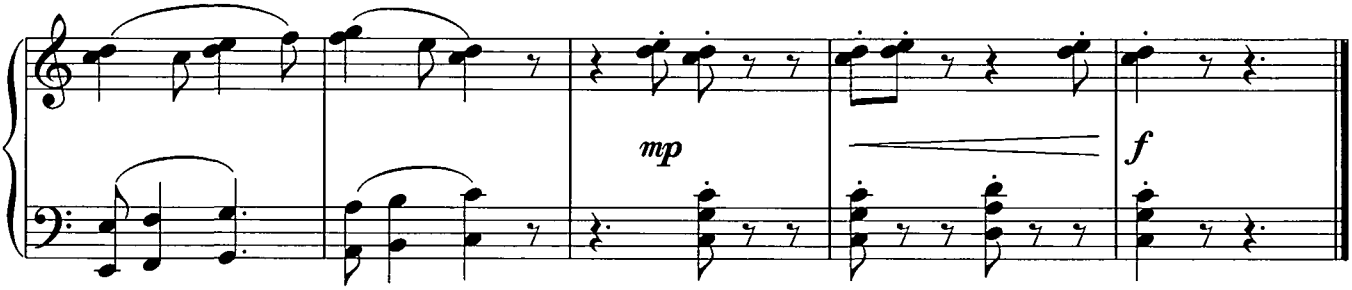

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Enfield, 1.5.1999

Composer's Note (Book 3)

In 1983, I wrote two more Preludes, 14 and 15, which became my Opus 51. These were played by John Mitchell in a ***Compass*** concert at Trent Park Music Centre, Cockfosters, later that year.

However, when I started on my revisions for Book 2 in 1997, I decided to discard these two and I replaced them with entirely new material. Prelude No. 16 was added in 1998 and this trio became Book 3.

Both books may be programmed either as separate sets or as one continuous group, in the order given.

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PRELUDES - BOOK 3

Prelude No. 14

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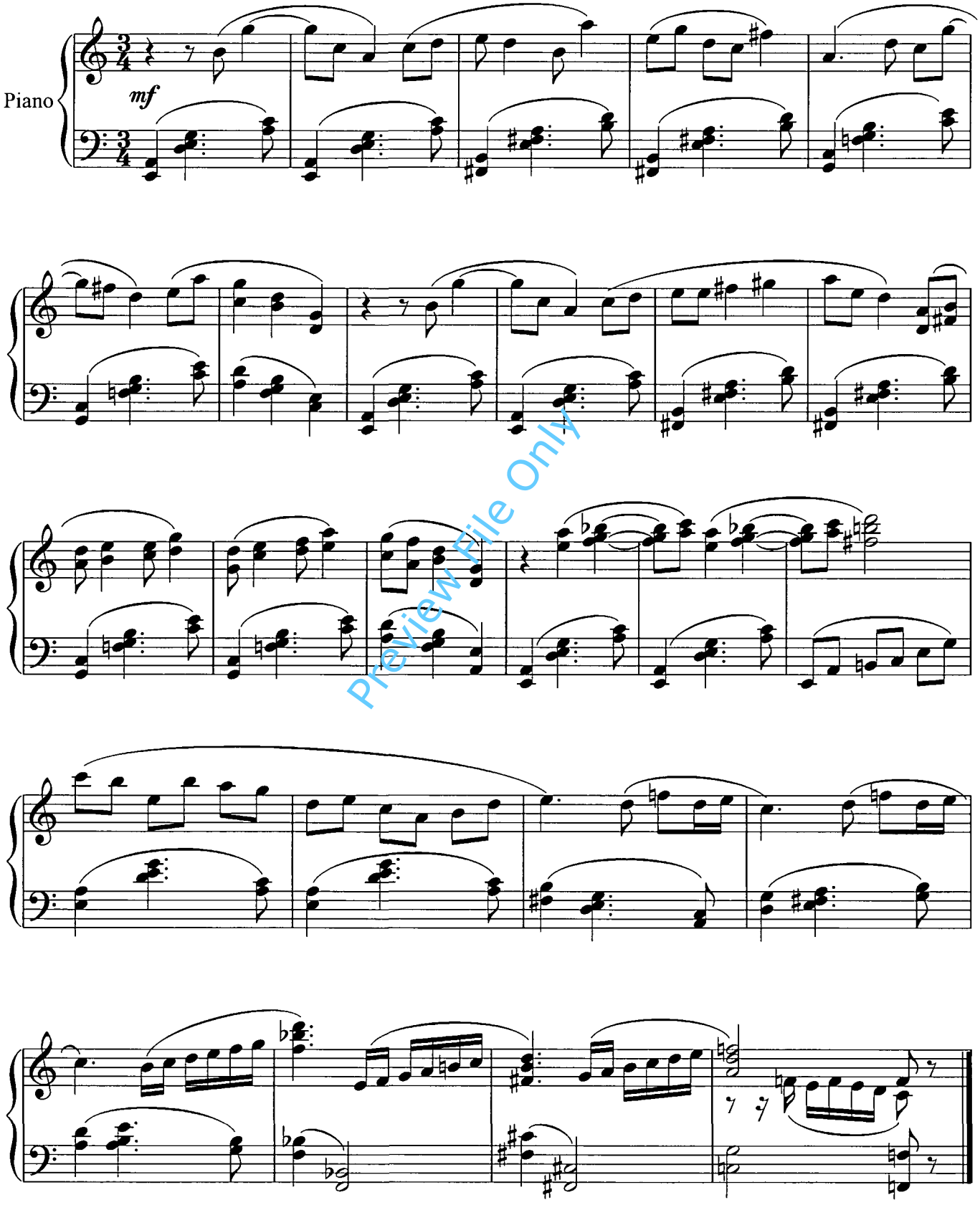
Opus 51

Moderato - leisurely and flowing ♩ = 100



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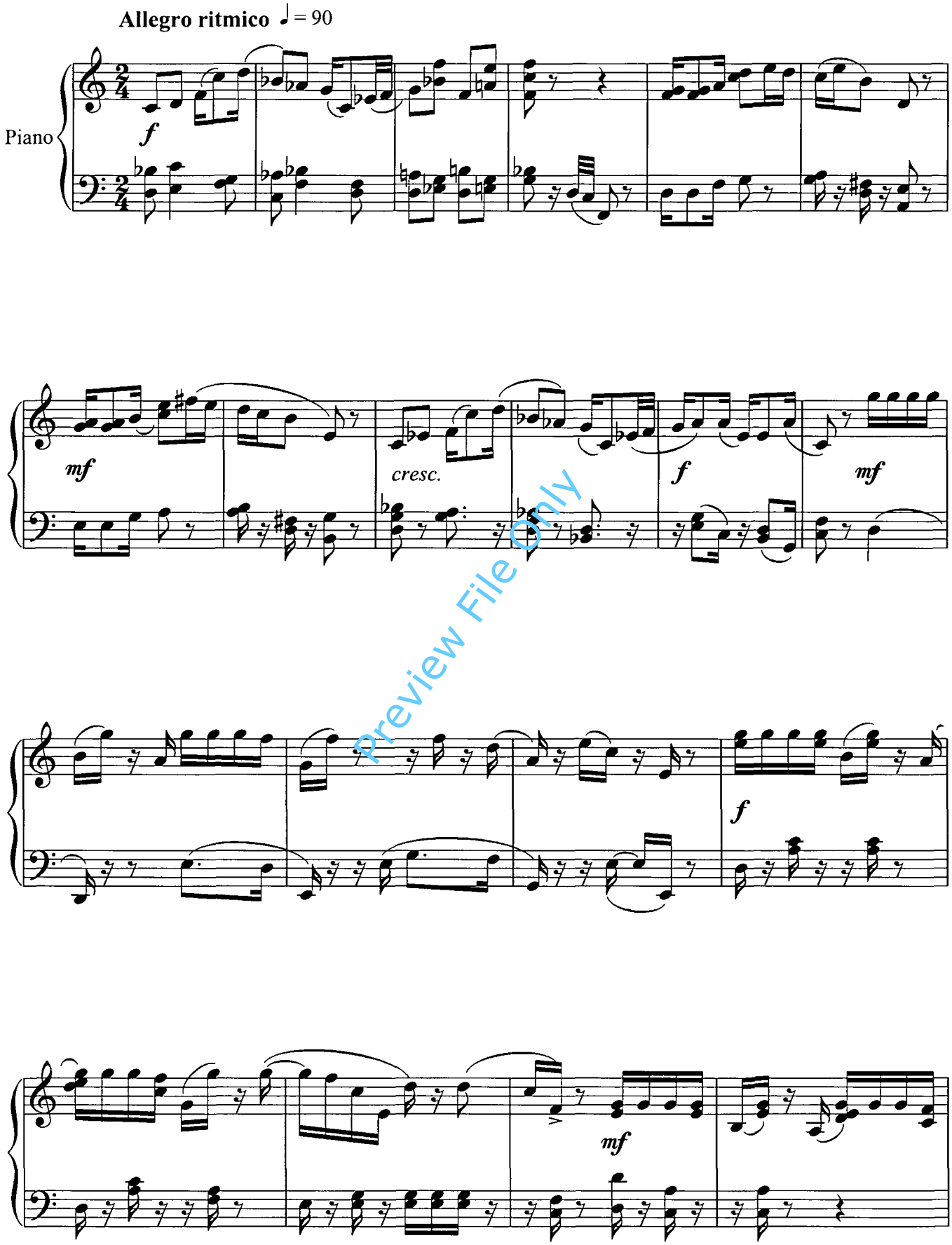
Enfield, 24.12.1997

Prelude No. 15



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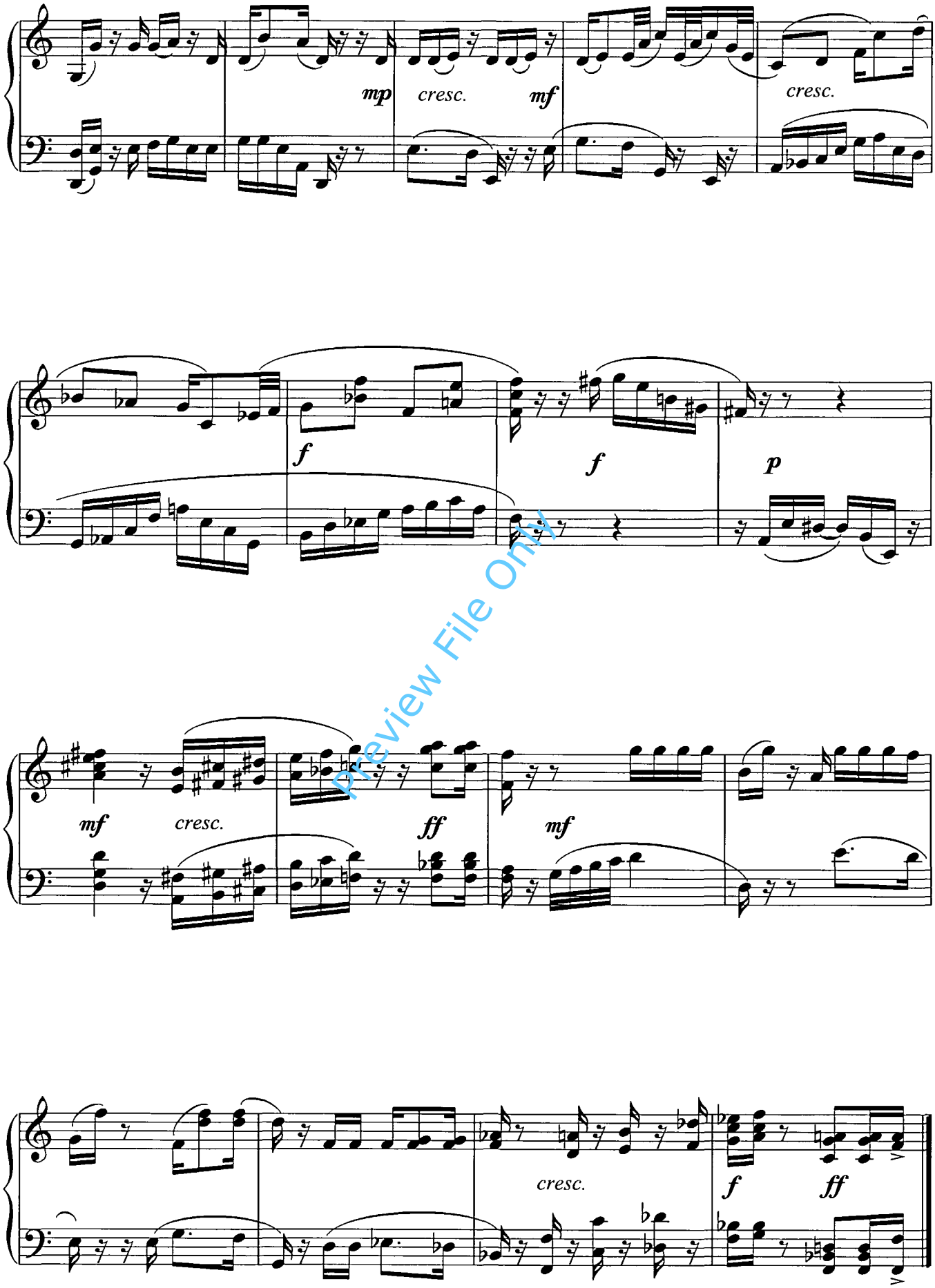

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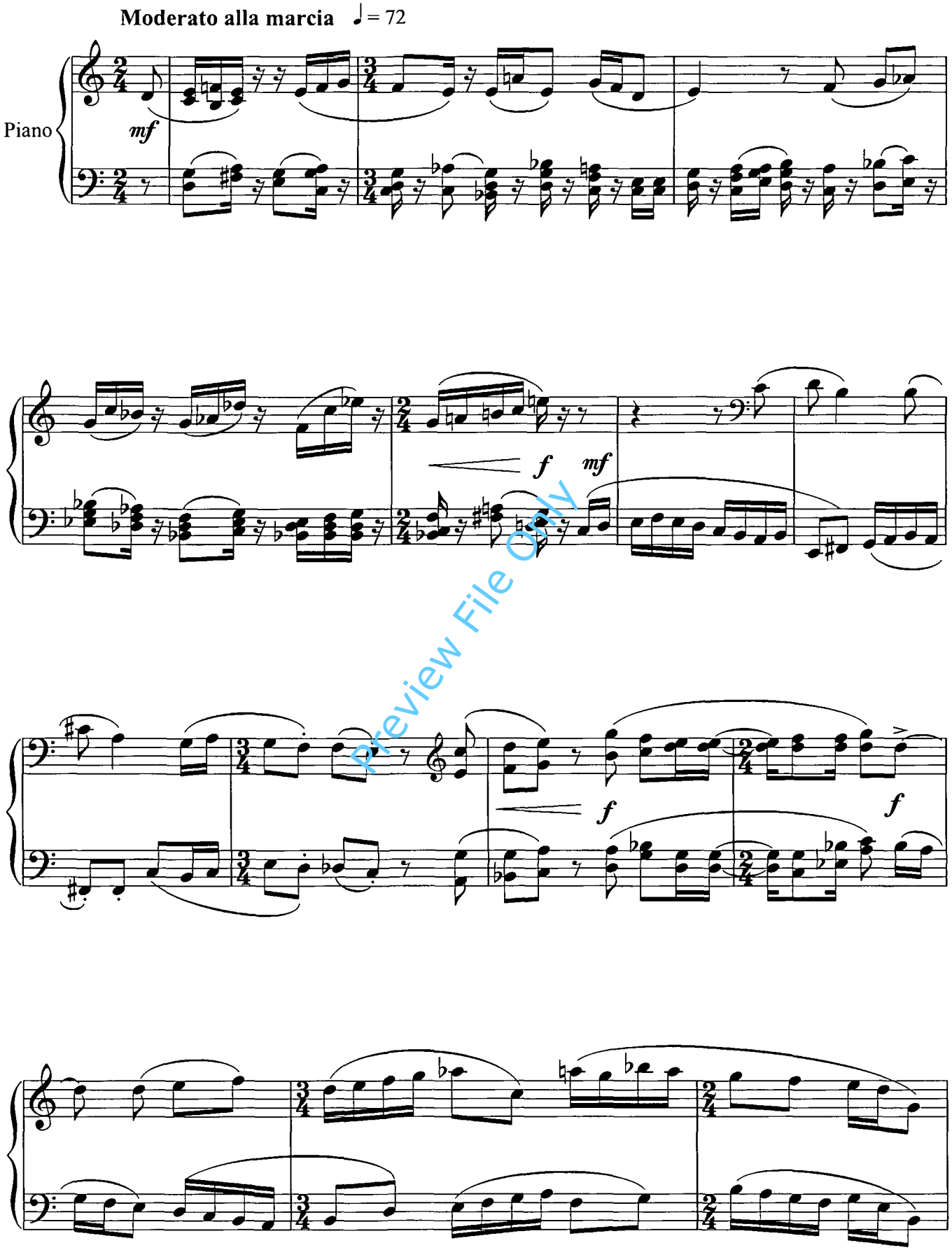

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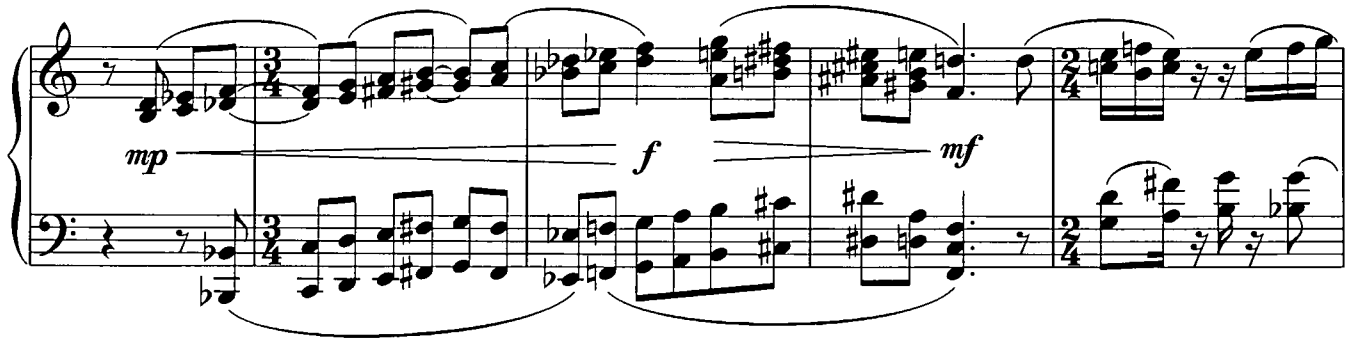

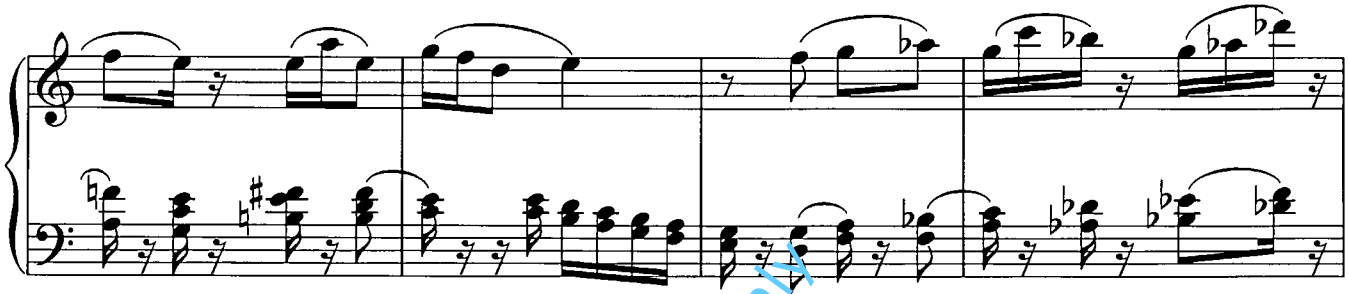

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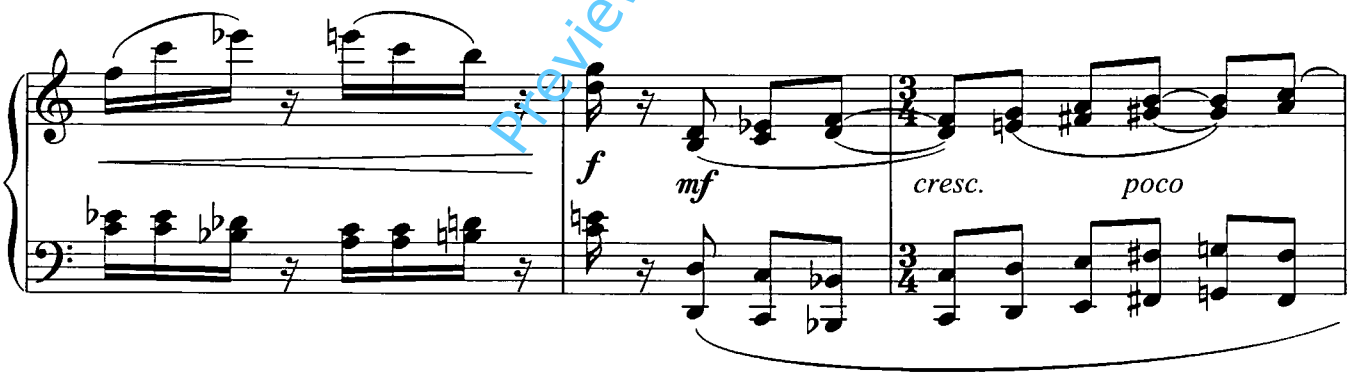

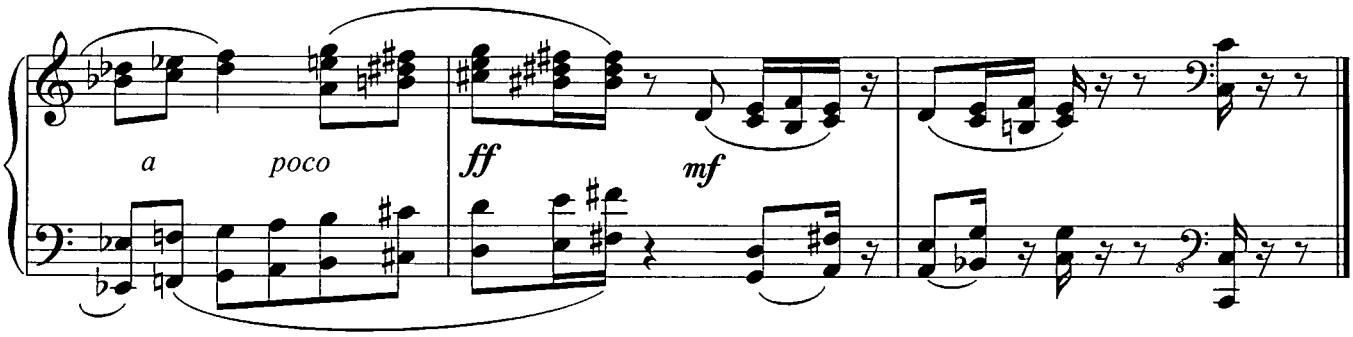

Note: this march is more a procession of tin soldiers and teddy bears rather than anything militaristic; it should therefore be played quite 'waggishly'. F.B., Enfield, January 1998