NOTES for **"LINE SPUN WITH STARS"**
by Jennifer Fowler

In view of the vast choice of notes which one could use in a particular piece, I like to set myself some limits: in this piece I have limited myself to drawing a line; i.e. the piece is almost entirely monophonic (one note at a time).

Some episodes of the piece have a characteristic pattern: a cluster of notes which revolve around a central note; a kind of "star" pattern, in which the central note exerts a gravitational pull on the surrounding notes. Leading from one "star" pattern to another are episodes which have a strong sense of direction, or line (hence another sense of the word "line" in the title). The line pulls the stream of notes downwards or upwards, until encountering another star pattern.

The main preoccupation of the piece is concerned with movement. An impetus is generated which propels the piece either towards faster movement, until it reaches a burst of rapid notes; or towards slower movement, when it reaches a passage of long notes. The rate of movement is constantly changing within each cycle. As well as that, the cycles themselves vary in length and are also expanding and contracting.

Because this preoccupation with rhythmic expansion and contraction is so important in the piece, it will help to explain the decision I mentioned earlier. The piece is limited to a monophonic line, so that by a single stream of notes the patterns of tempo and direction can be etched out more distinctly.

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* NOTE: All accidentals are notated except where a note is immediately repeated.

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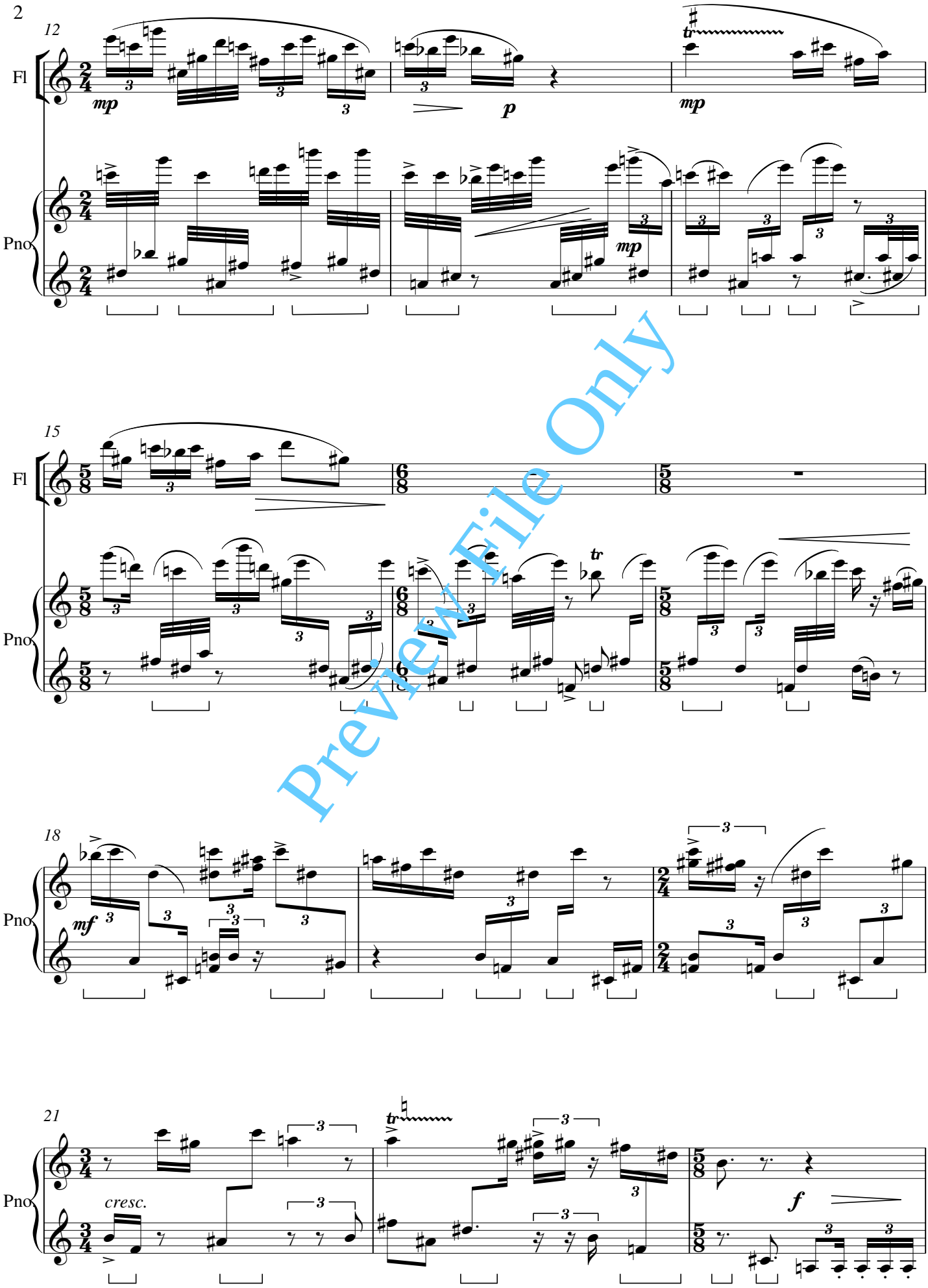

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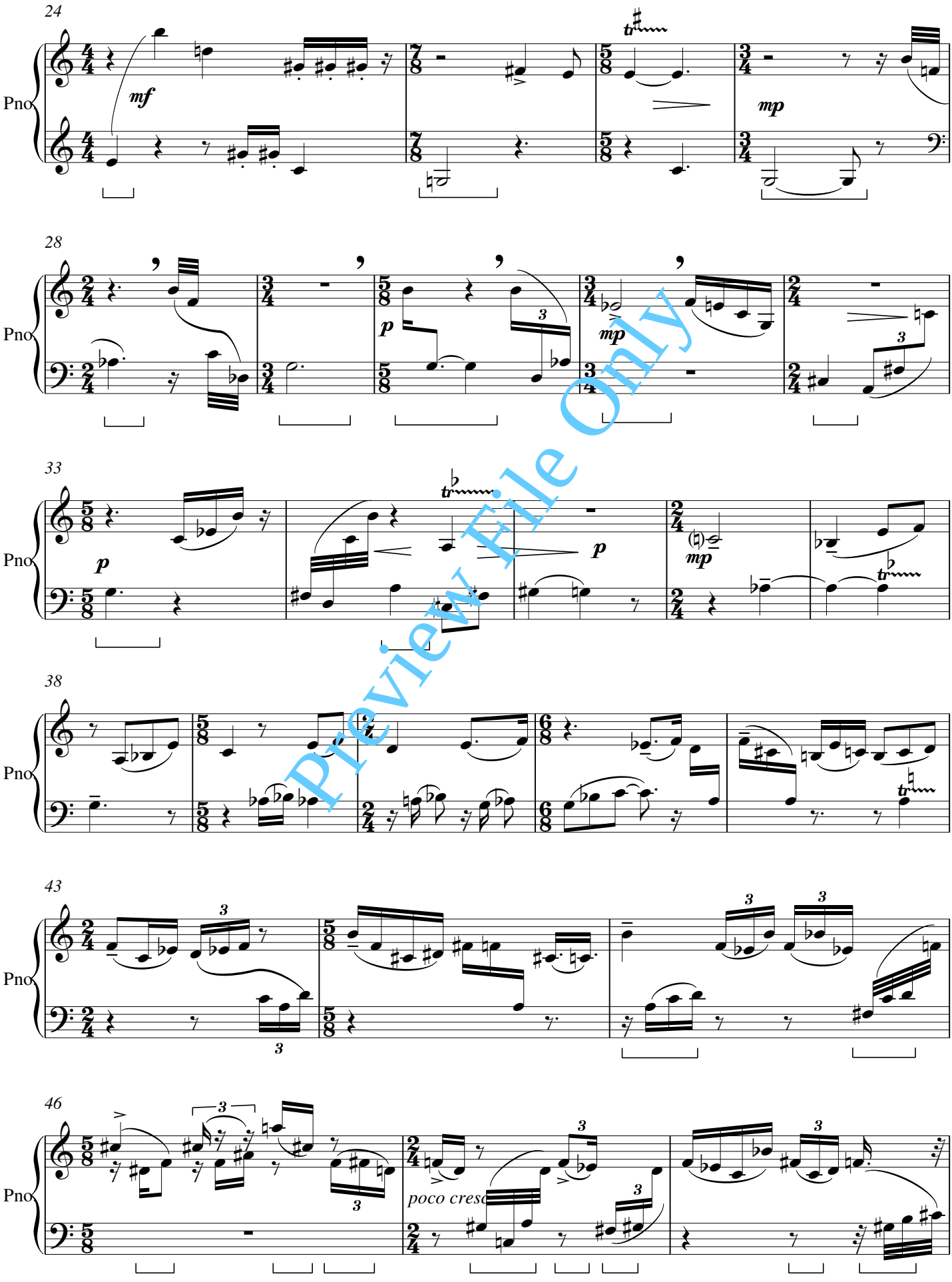

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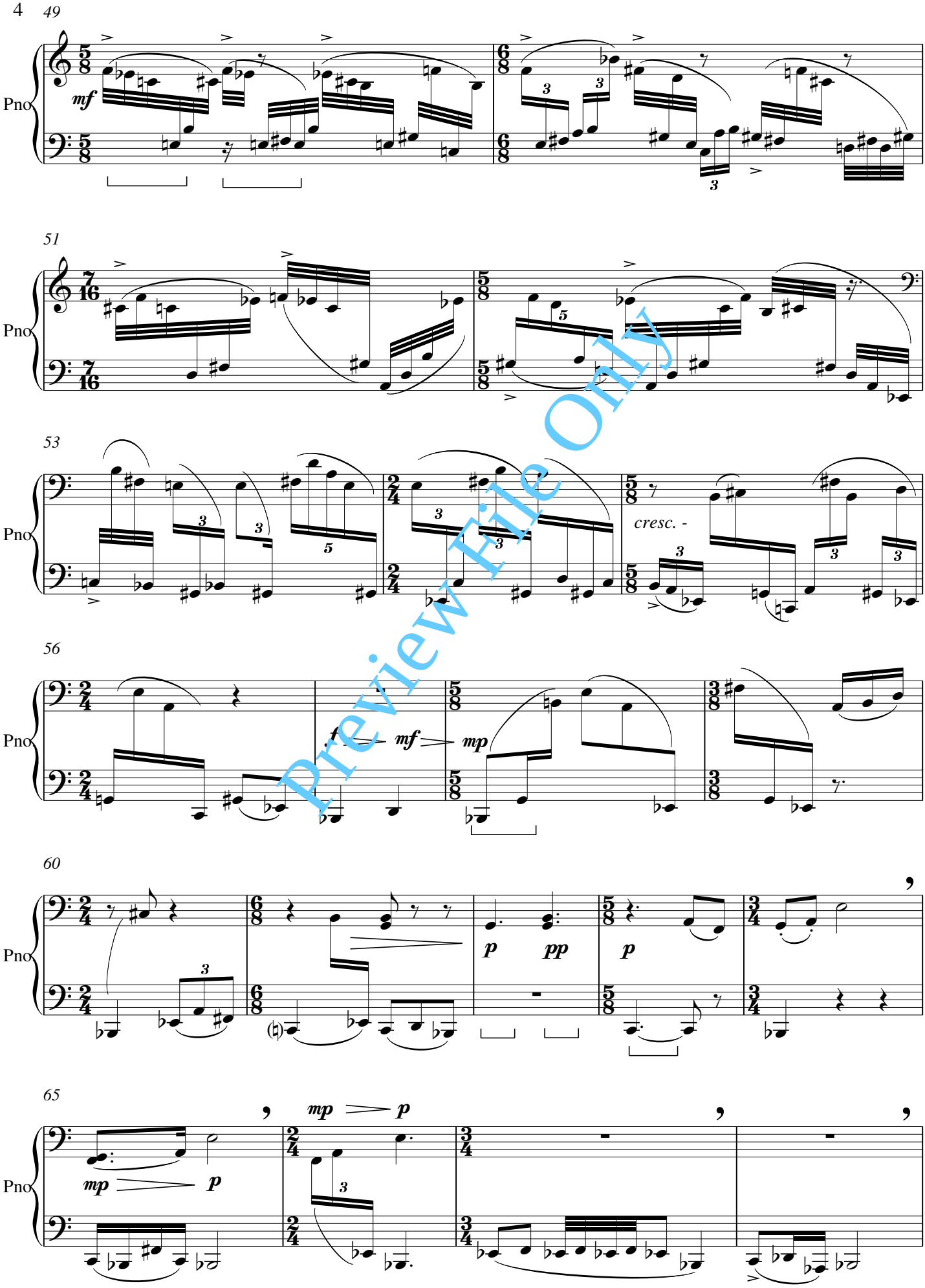

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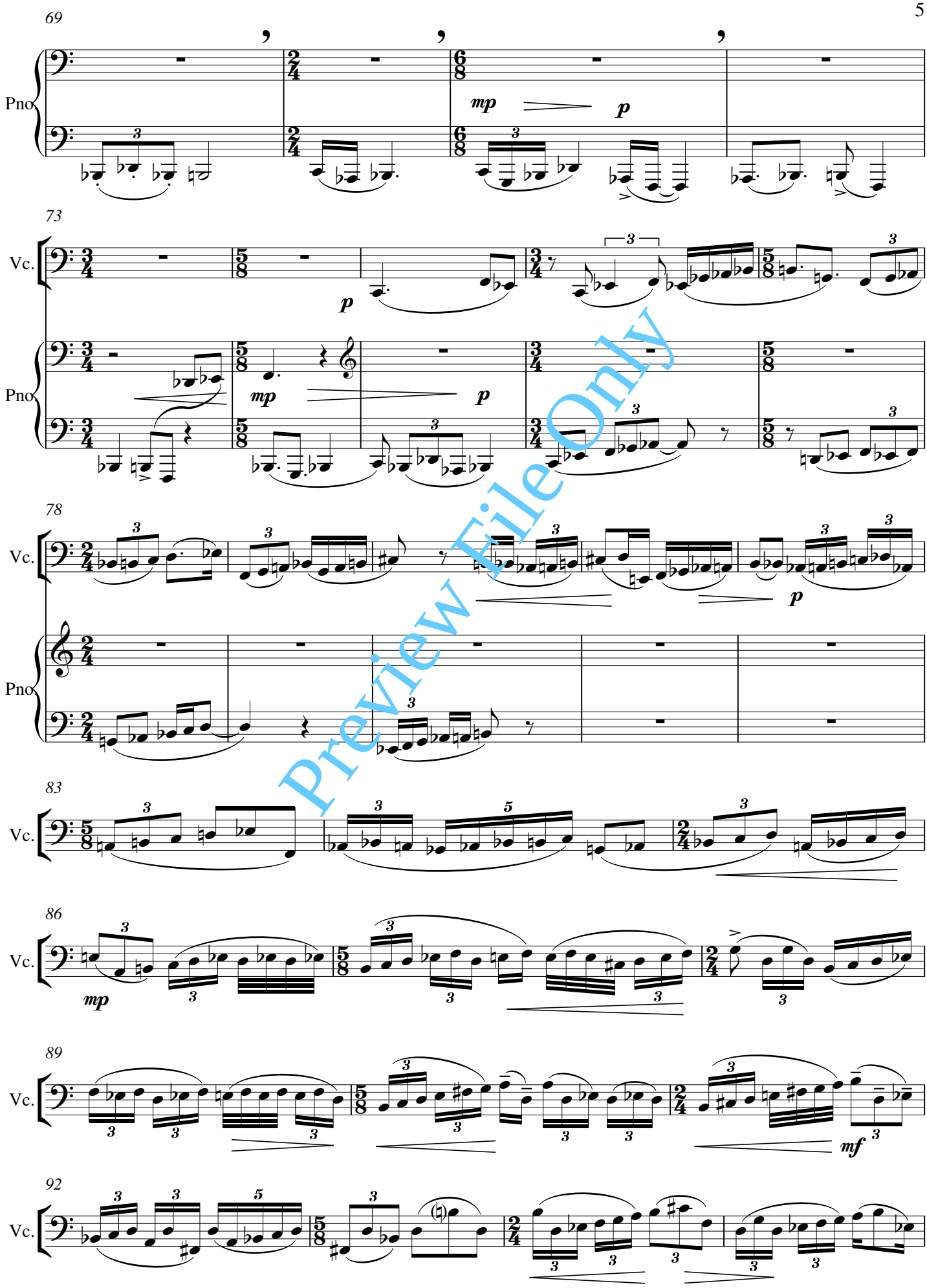

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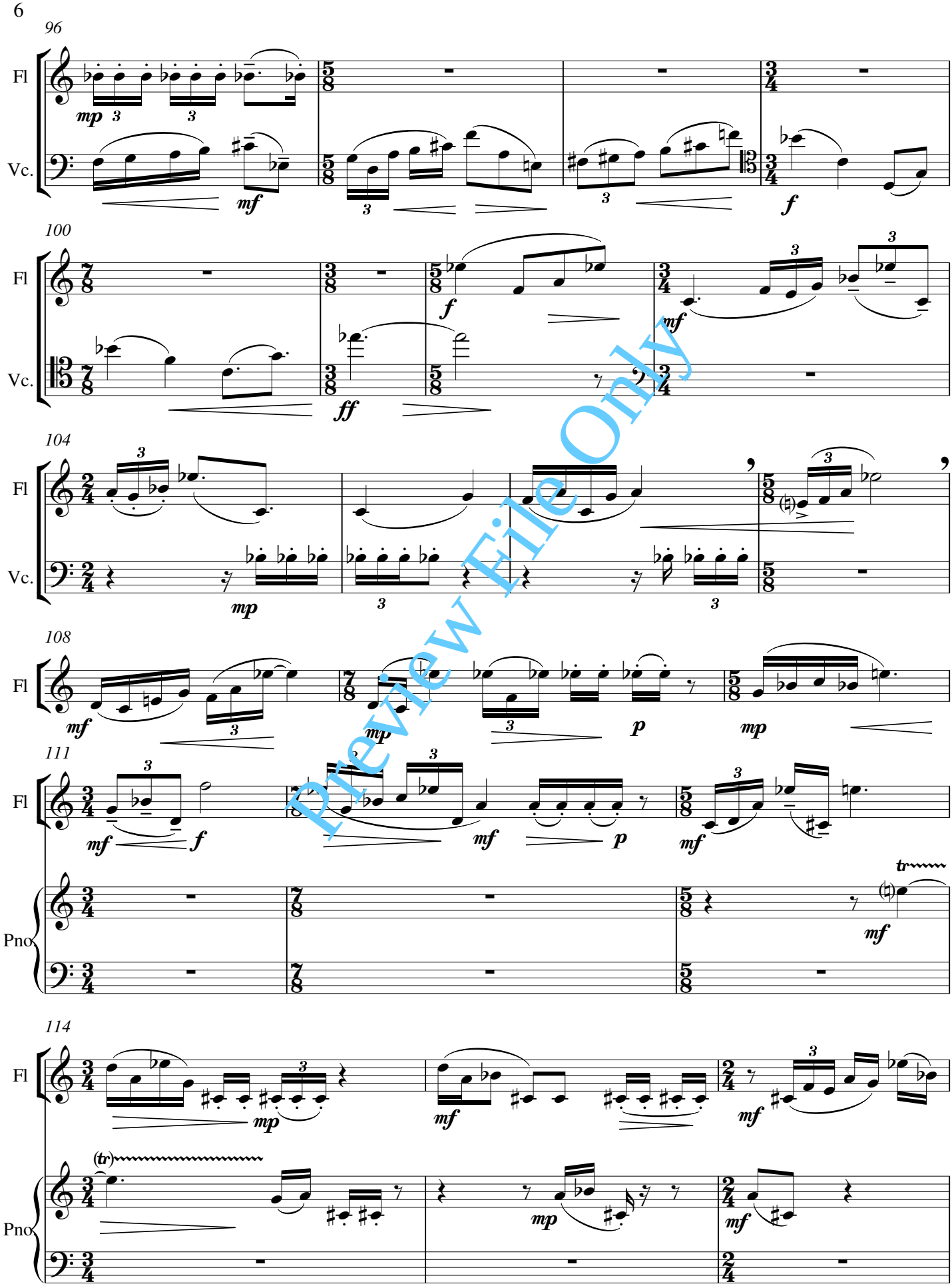

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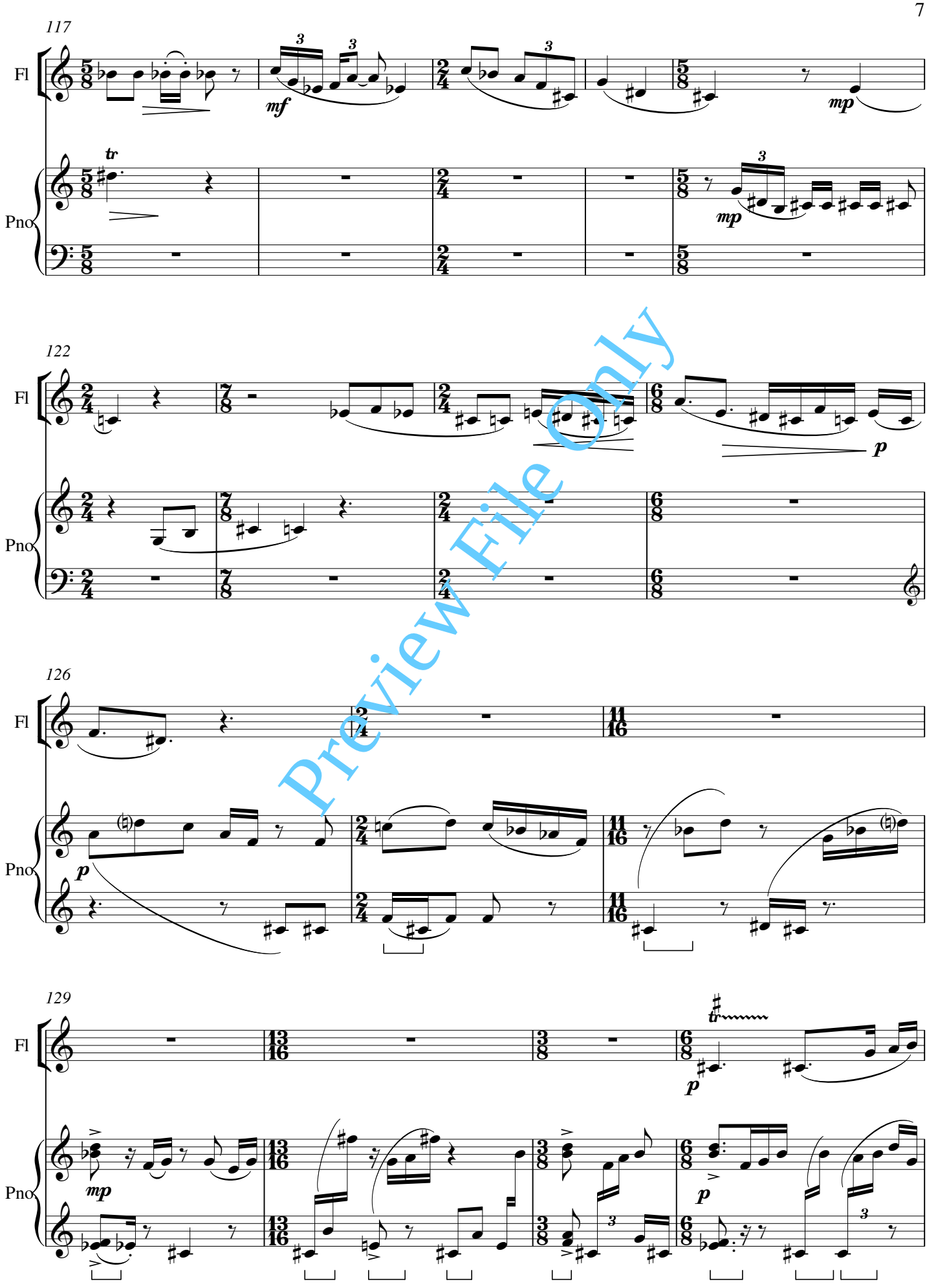

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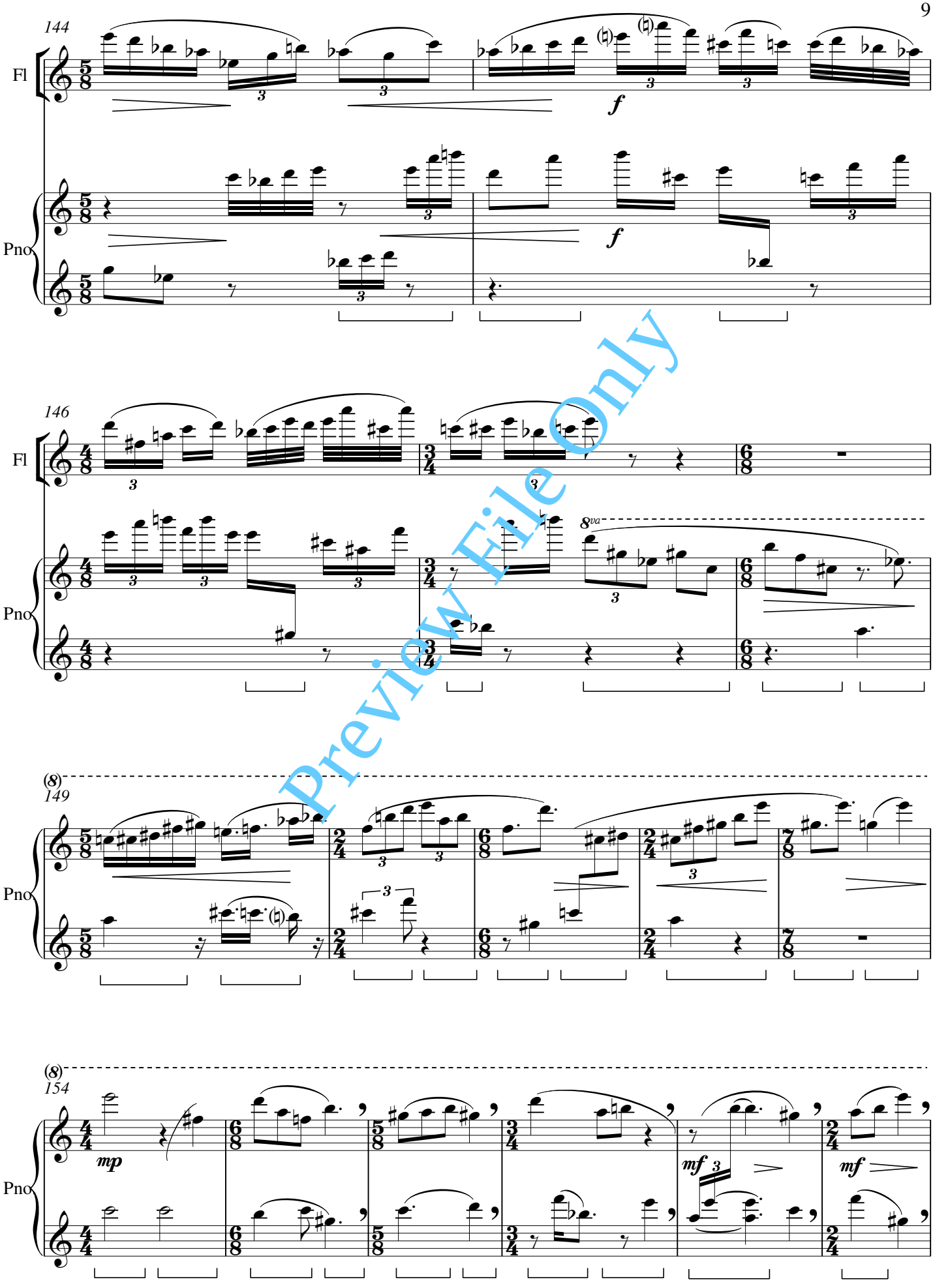

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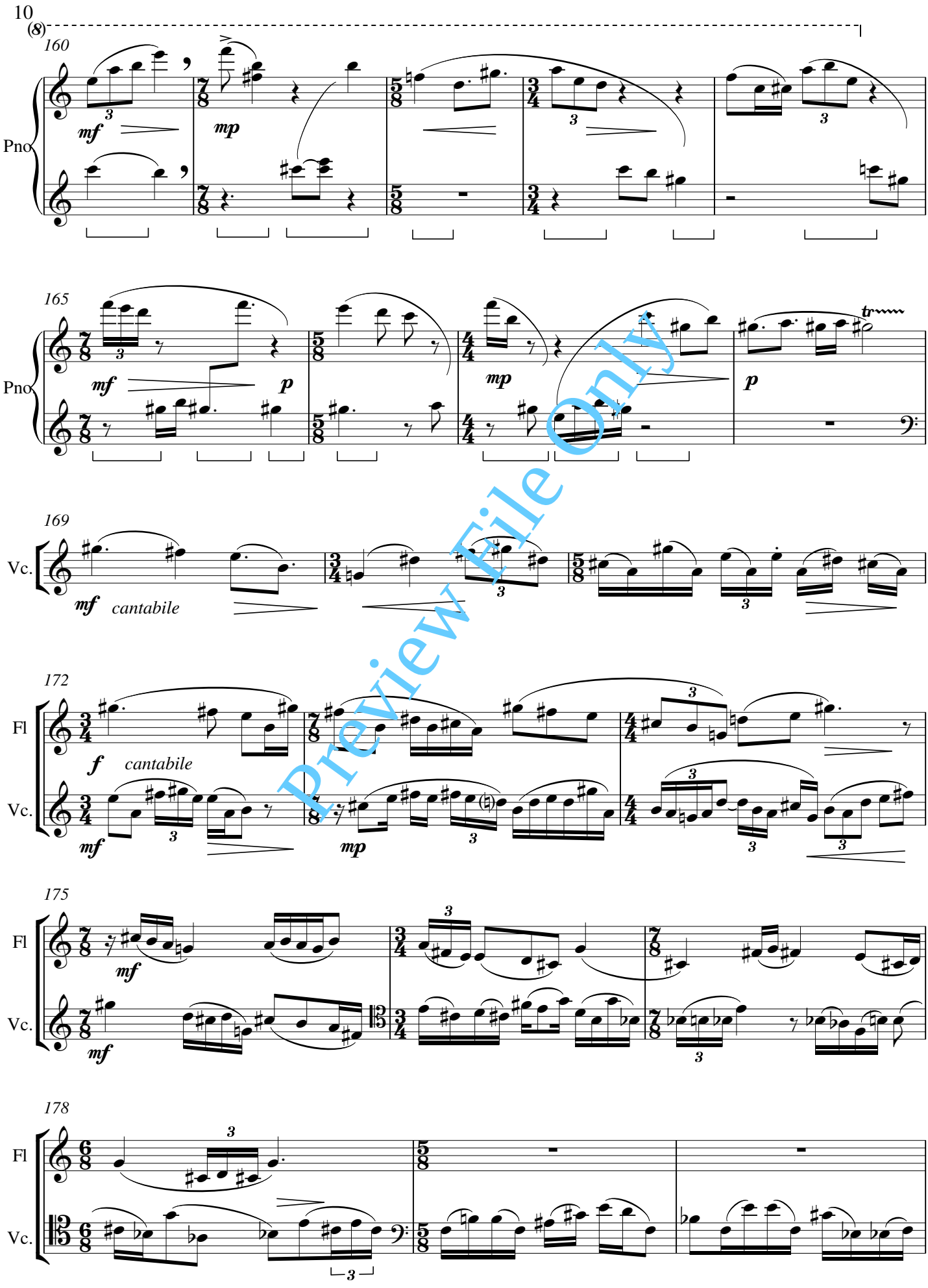

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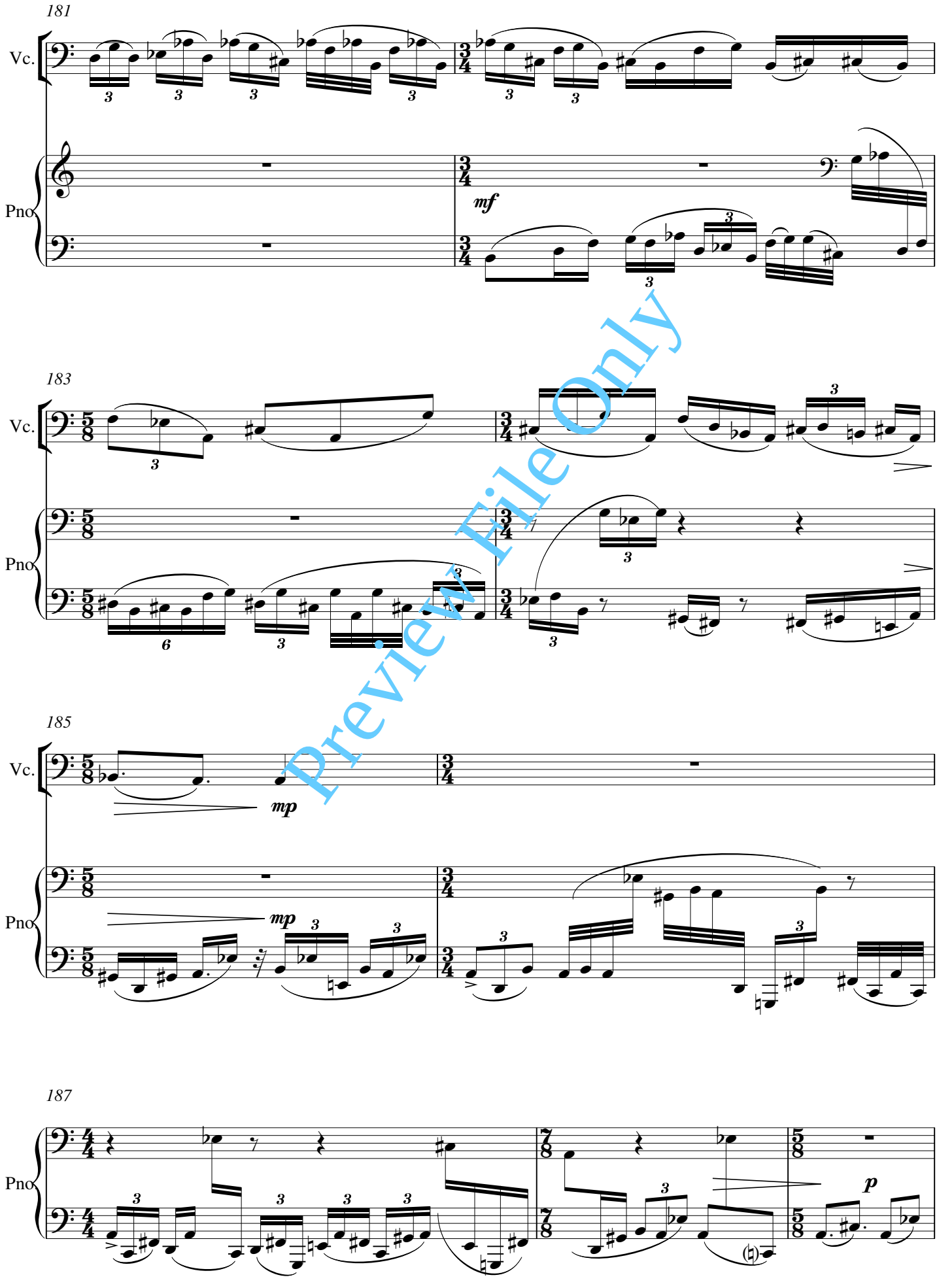

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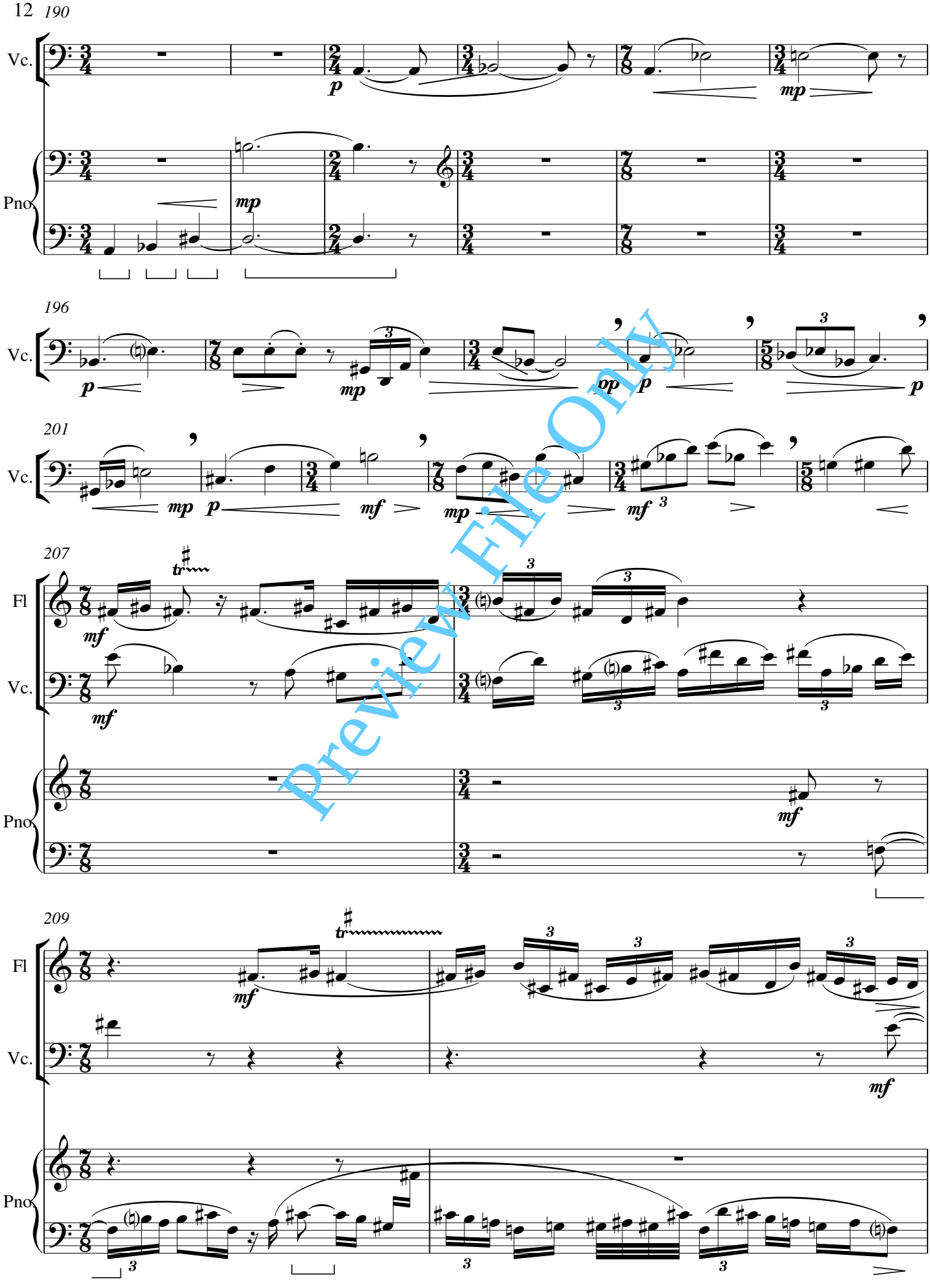

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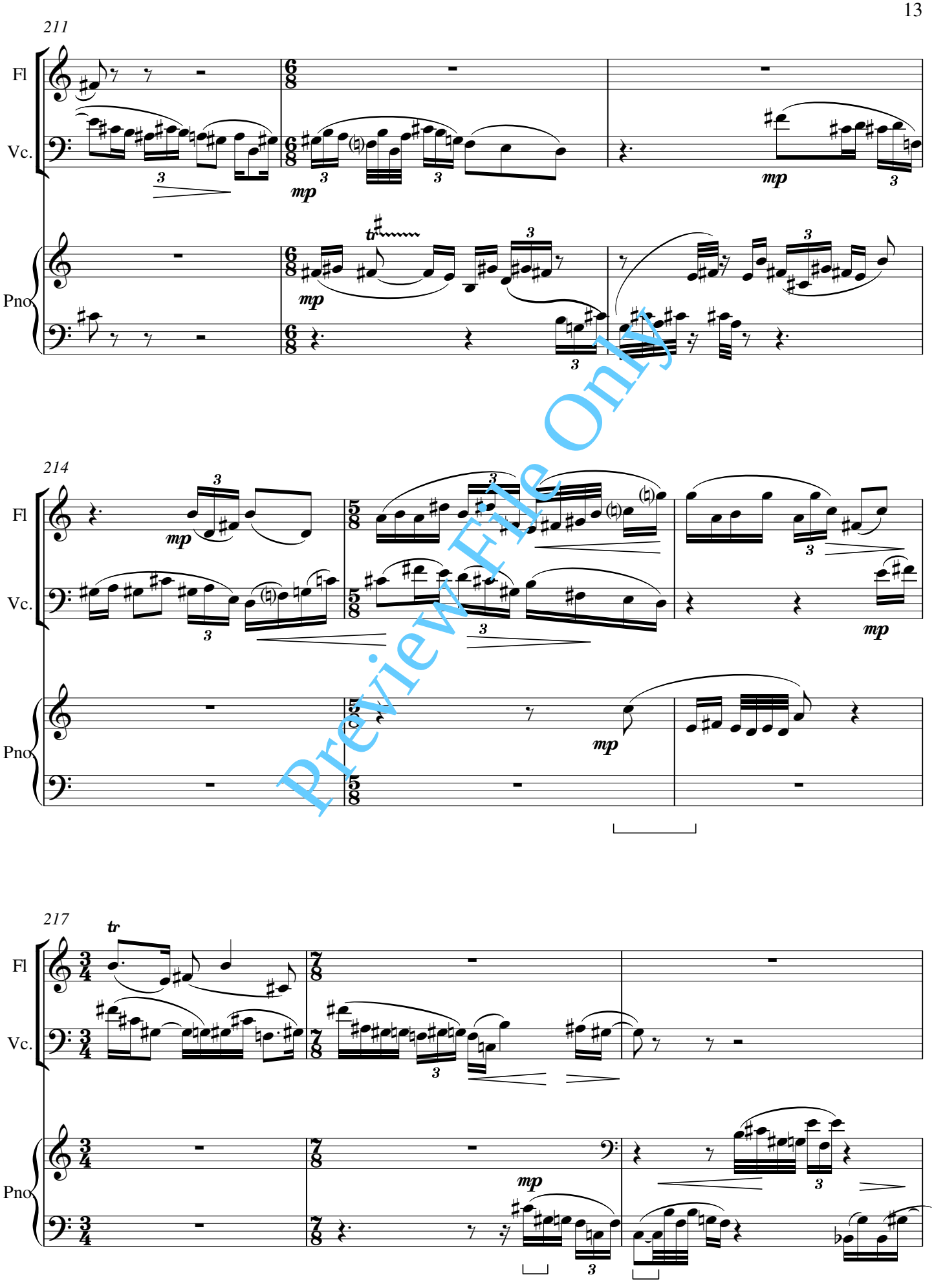

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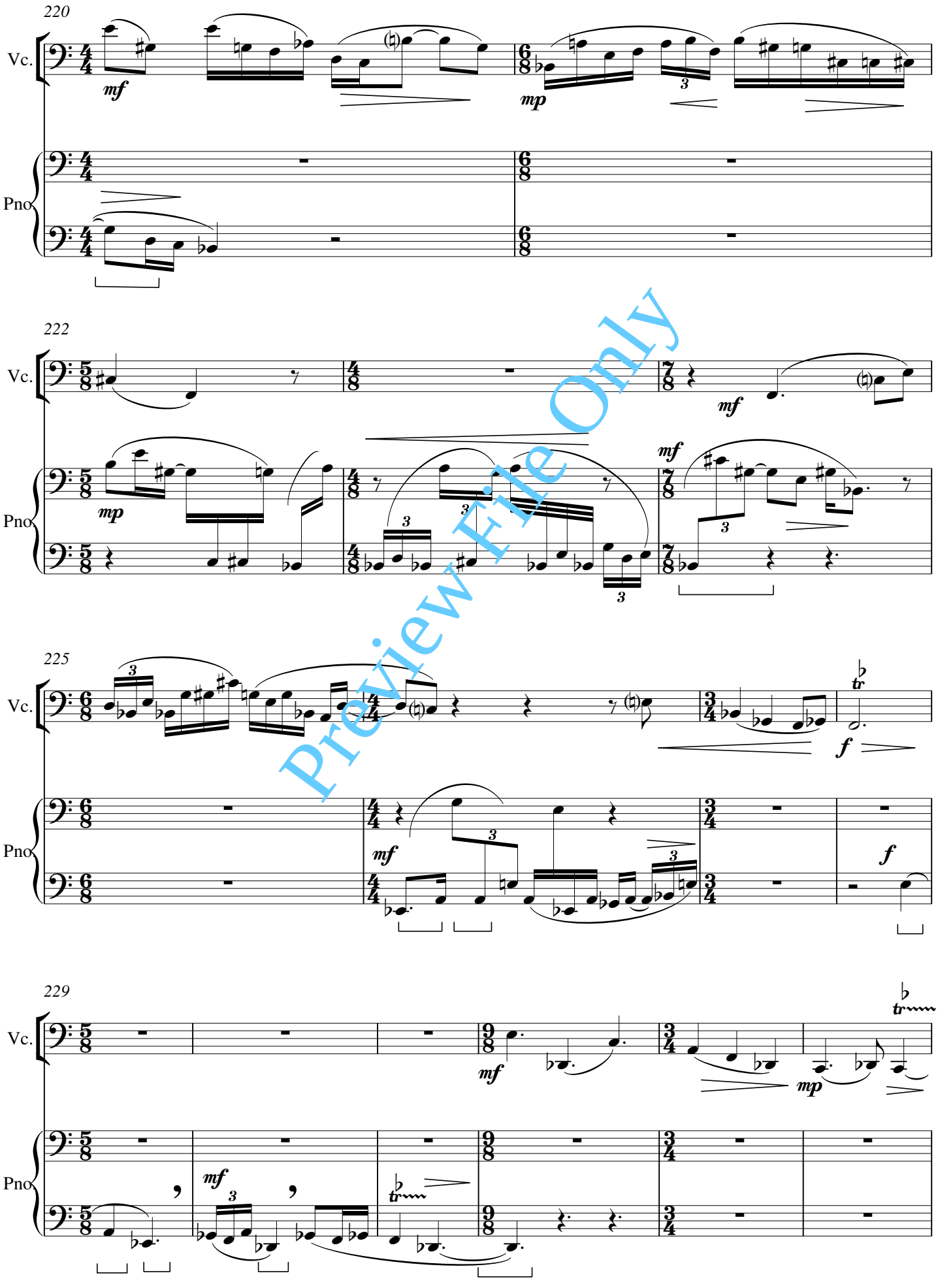

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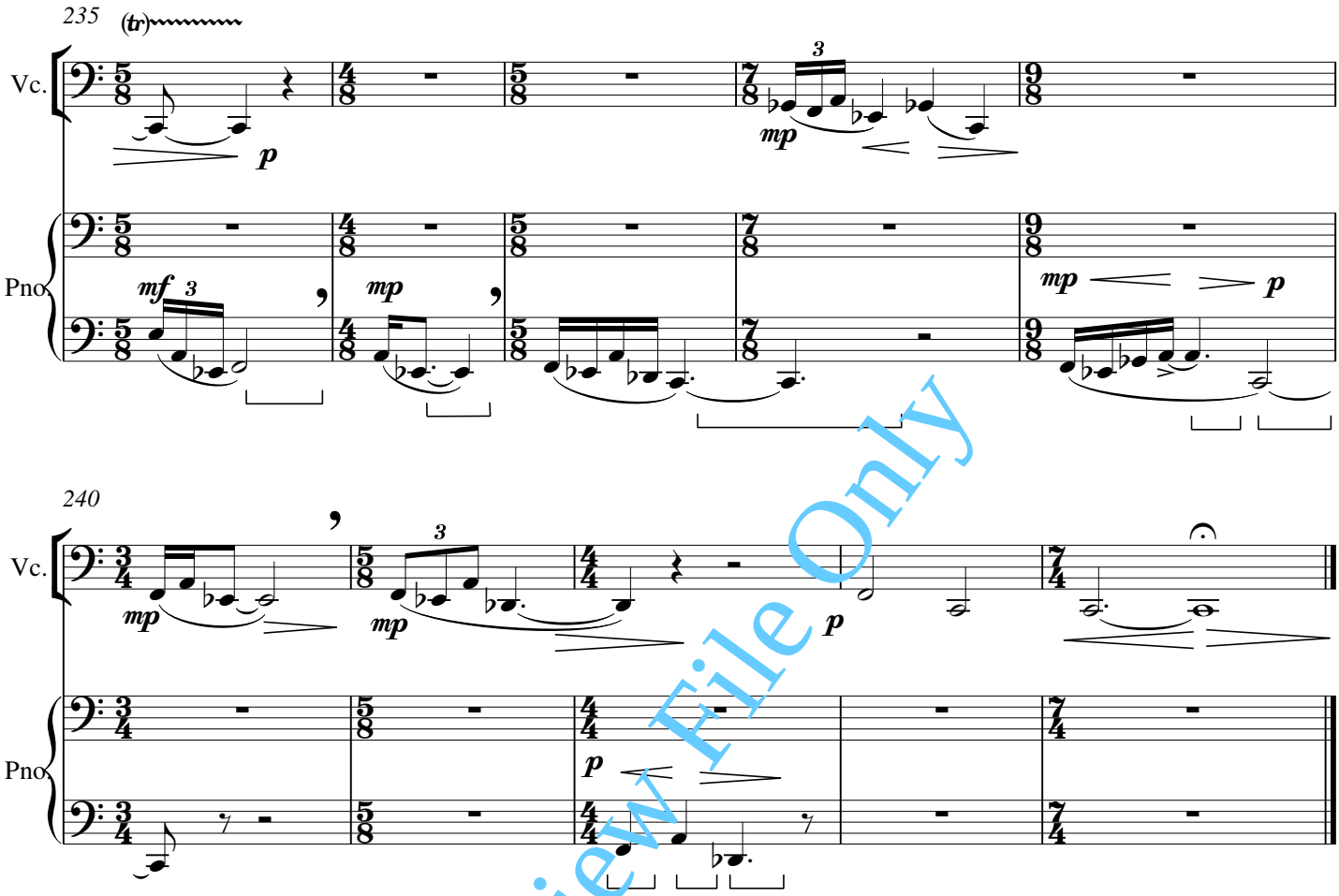

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