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Comfort Ye and Every Valley
from Messiah

George Frederic Handel

Arranged by David Marlatt

THE WORK: George Frederic Handel (1685-1759) wrote his most famous oratorio Messiah in a little over three weeks. There is little doubt that this work is one of the most famous and often performed choral pieces in history. Handel conducted many performances in his day and there never seemed to have been a period when the work was not played. The text originates from the Old and New Testaments. The ingenuity of the librettist Charles Jennens is apparent in his selection and adaptation of the biblical text for the various arias and choruses.

Comfort Ye My People and Every Valley Shall be Exalted were originally the corresponding recitative and aria for tenor that has been arranged for a euphonium solo.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her uniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low:the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. ISAIAH, 40:1-4)

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THE TRANSCRIPTION: The euphonium has been selected to better pass off the continuo line with the tuba, but a trombone is an obvious alternative. The articulations are at the suggestion of the arranger and can be adapted to best suit the performers. The attacca that joins the two movements should be observed. At the two cadenza points, the soloist should play a short extension of the chord/melody line indicated. There have been some ornaments added to the two trumpet parts that can be omitted if performers desire.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: Difficult
Brass Quintet

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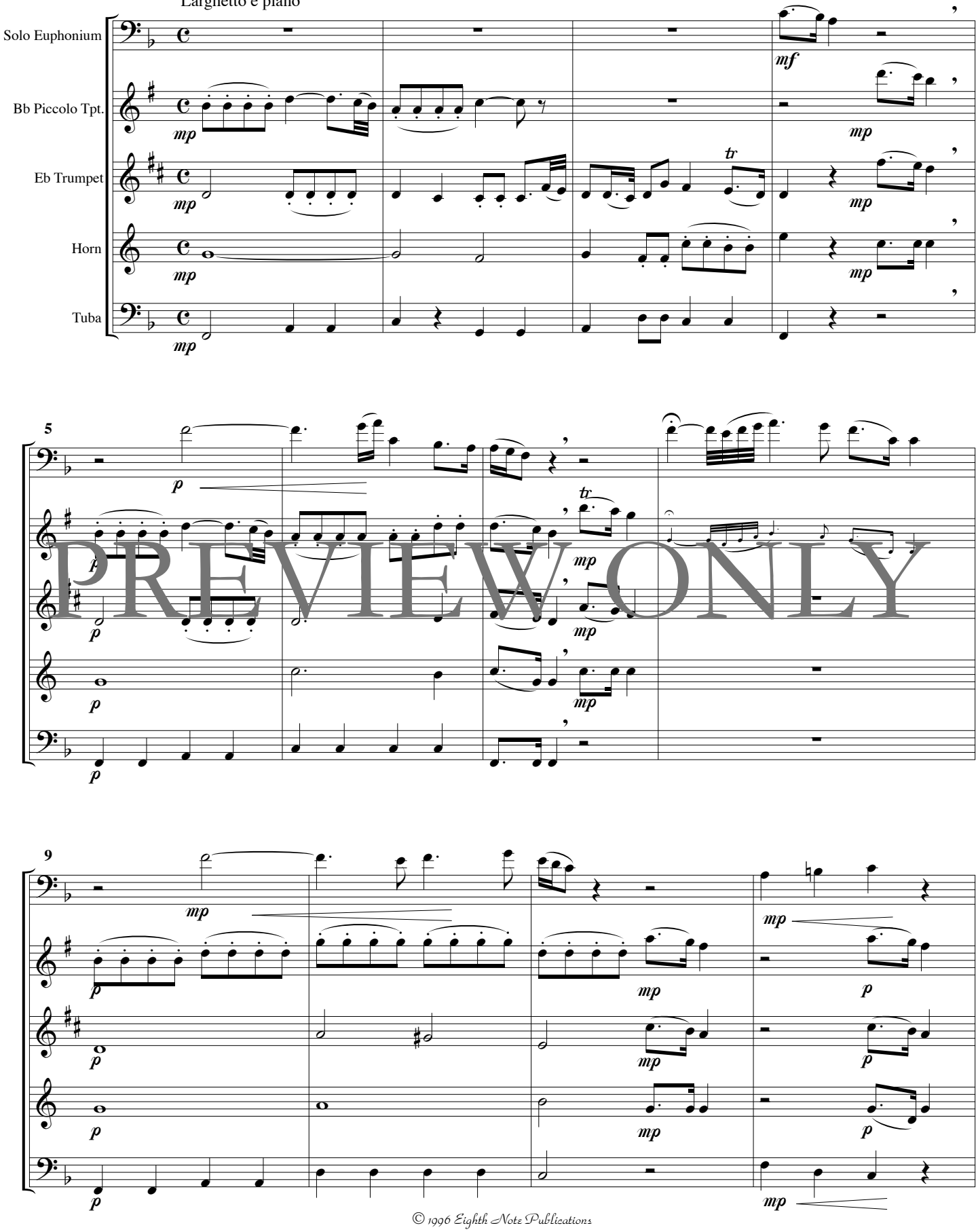

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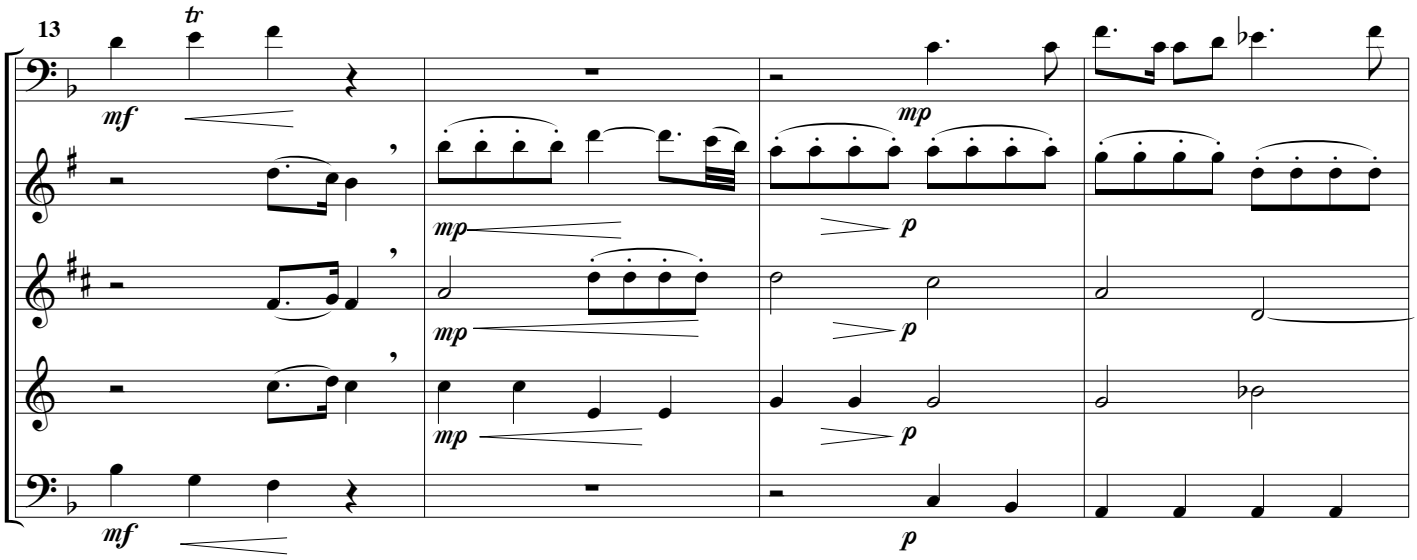

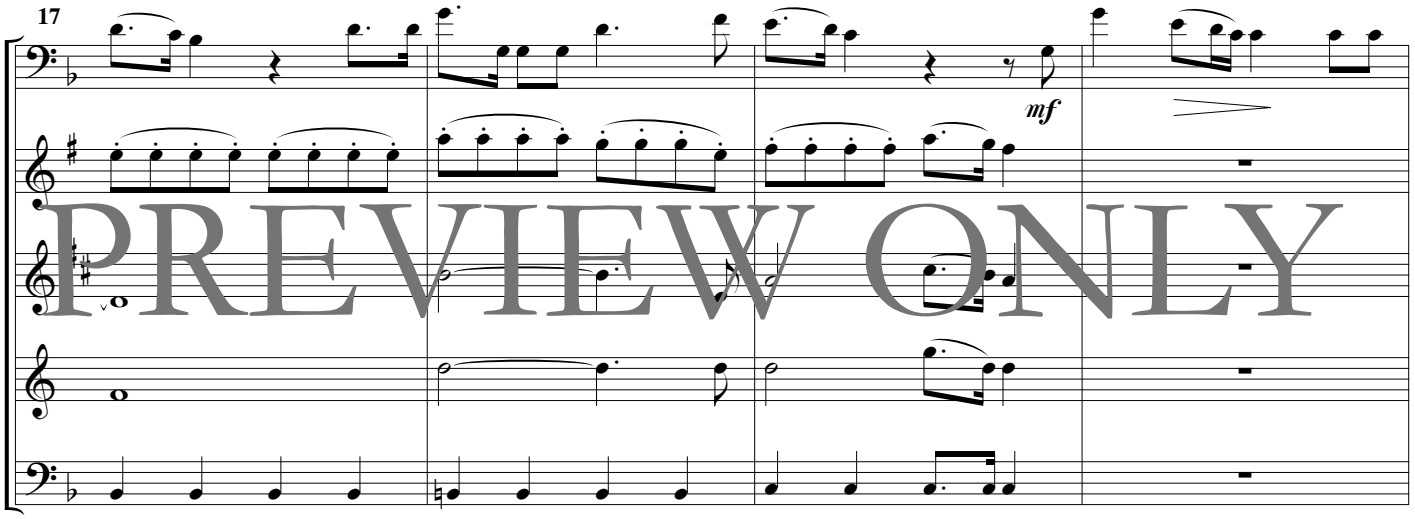

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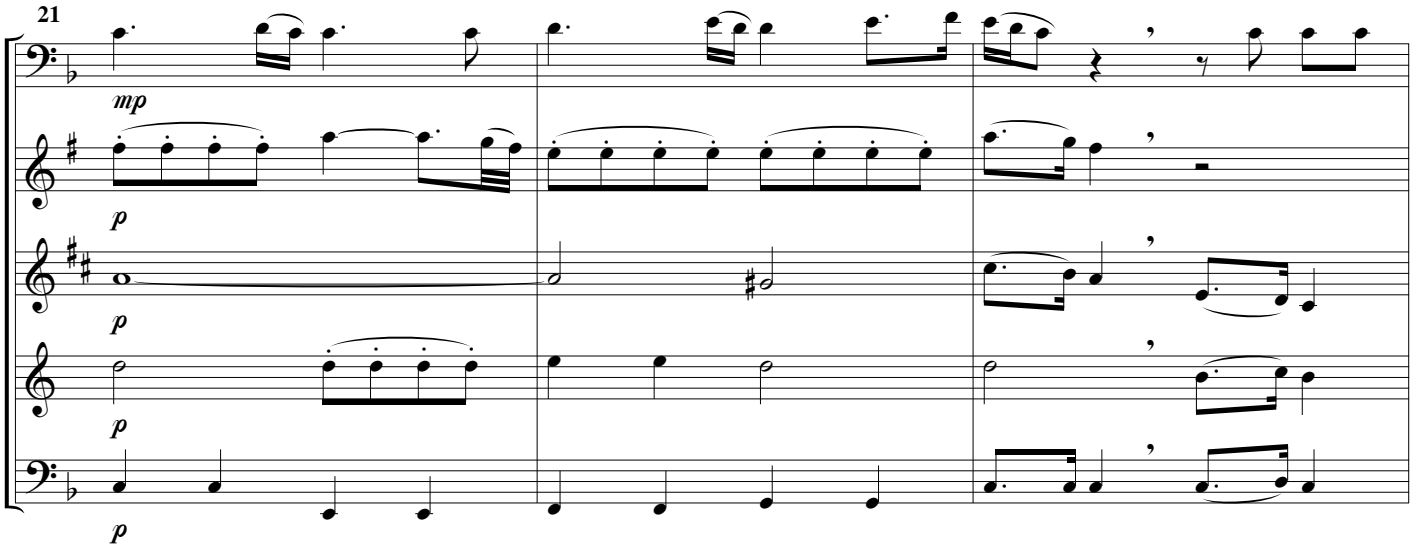

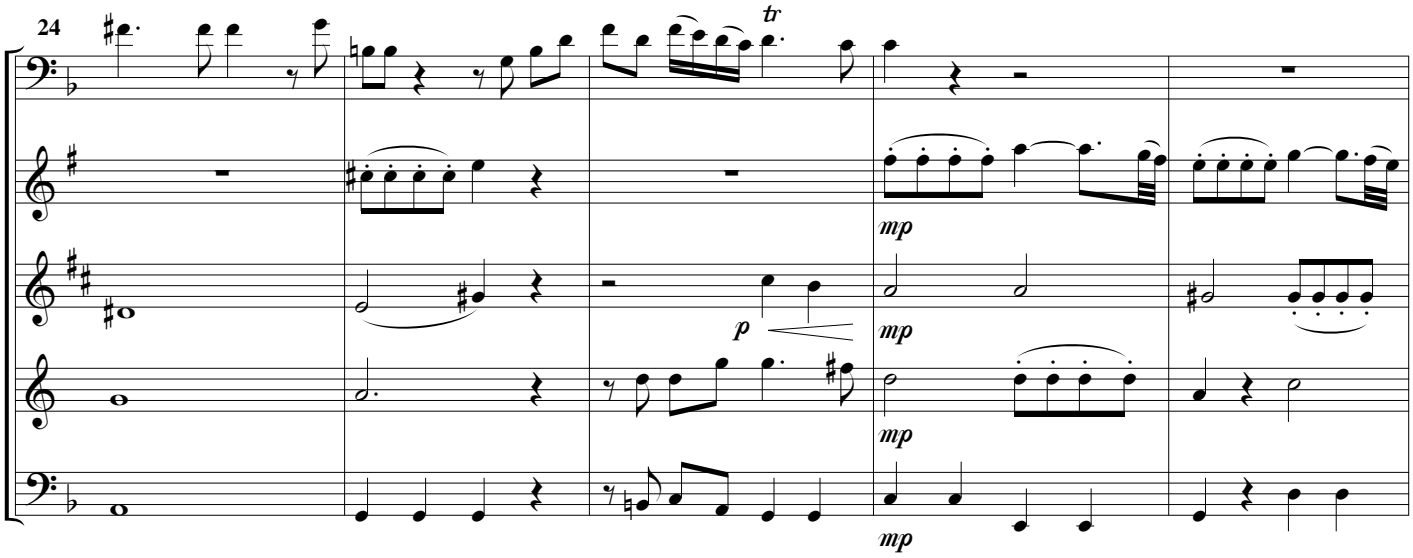

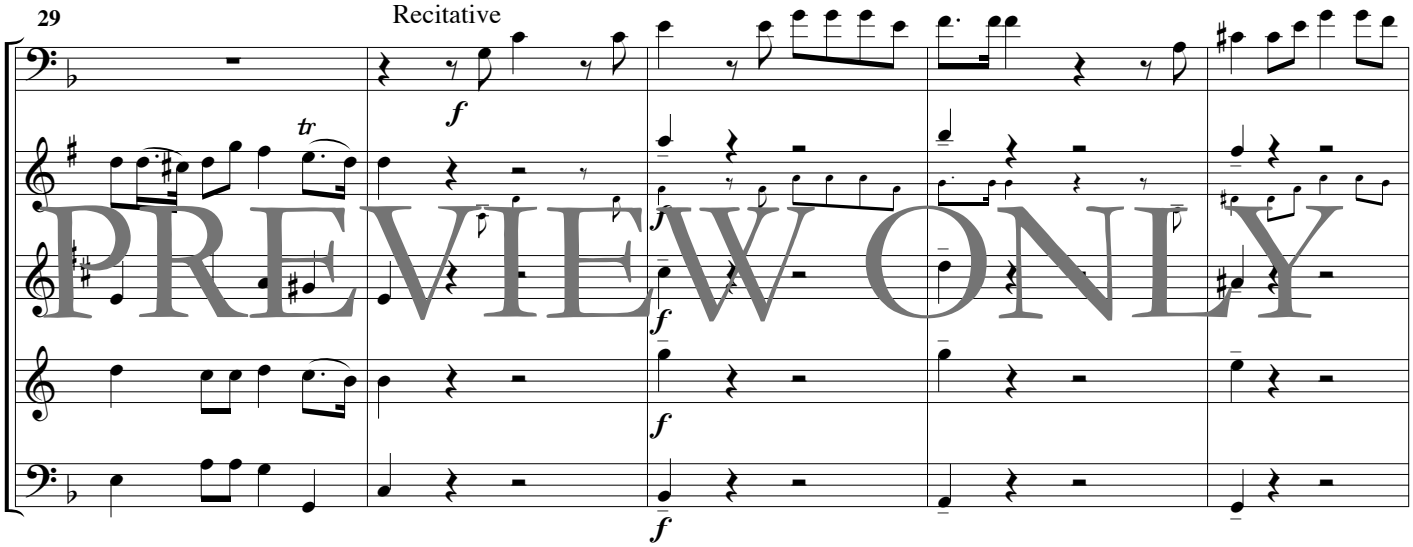

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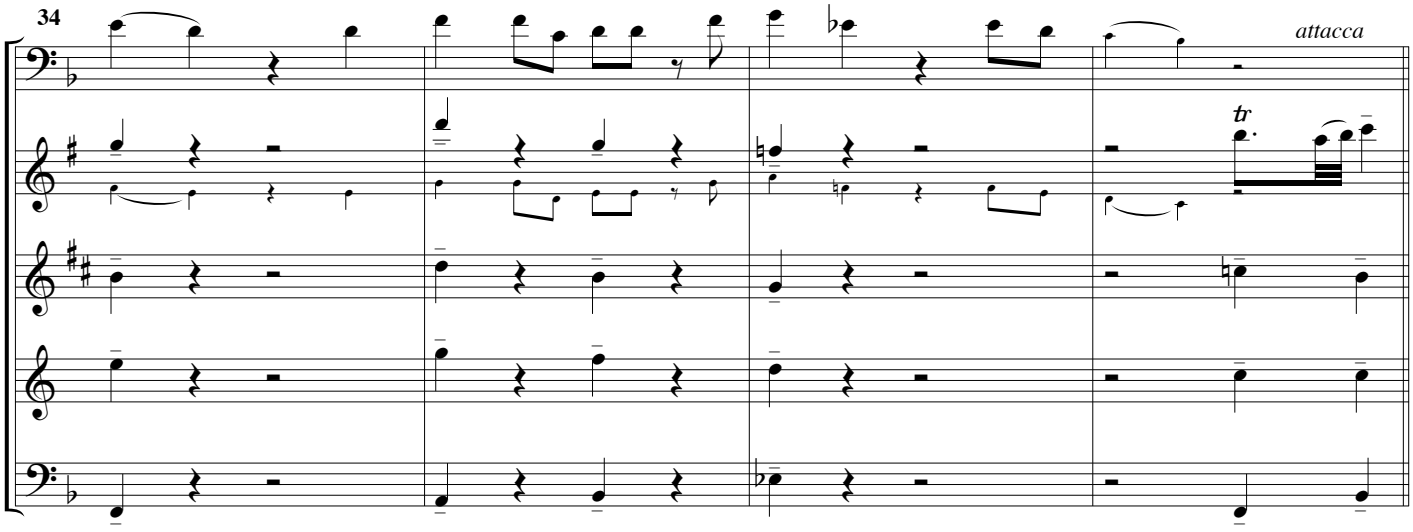

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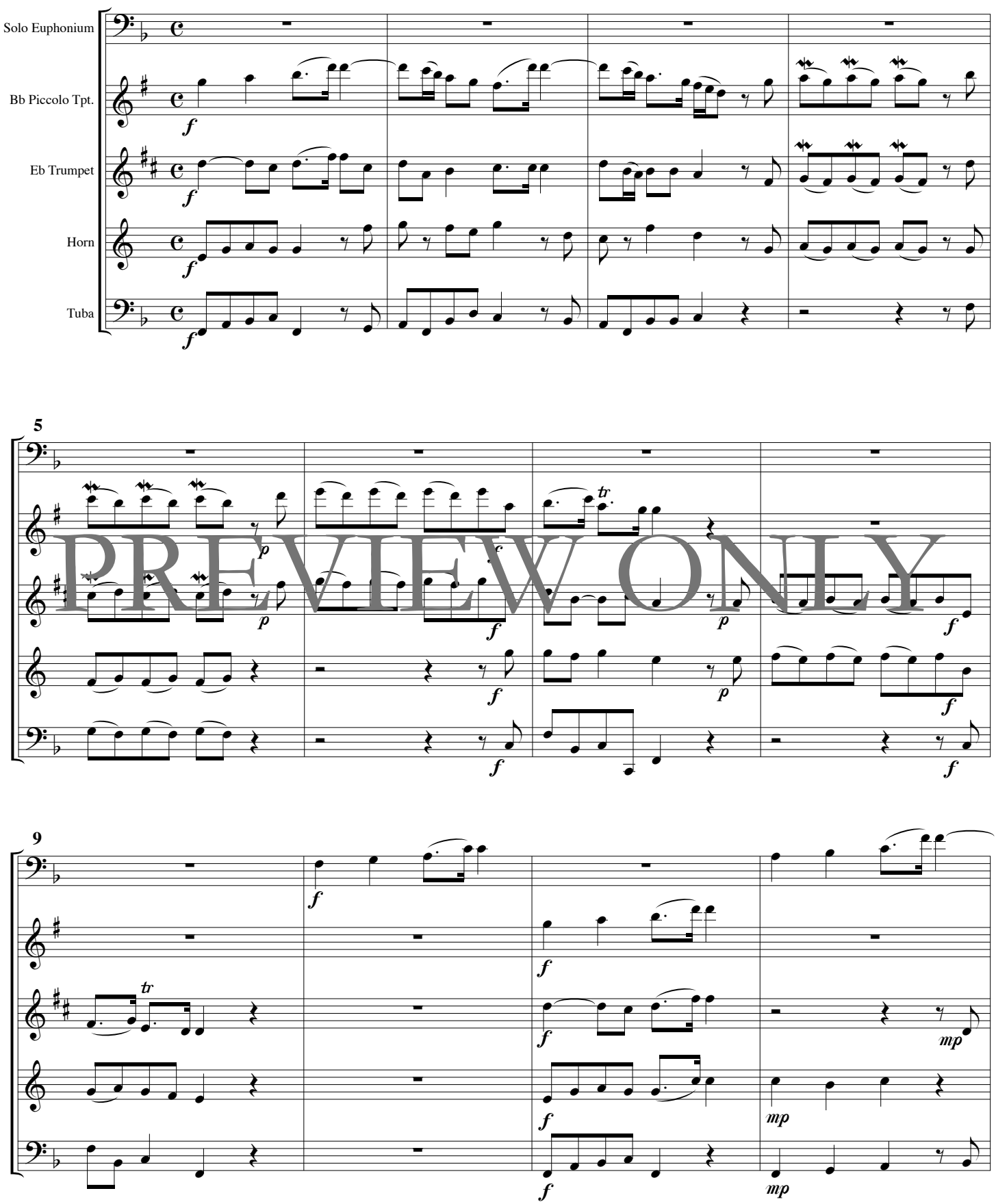

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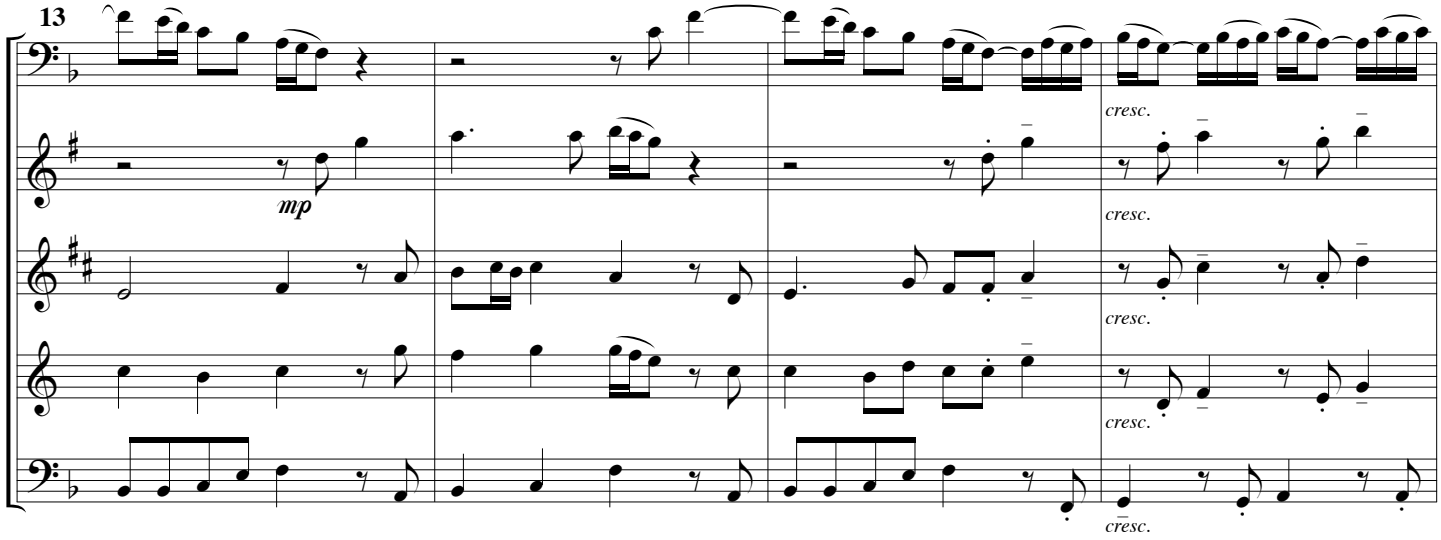

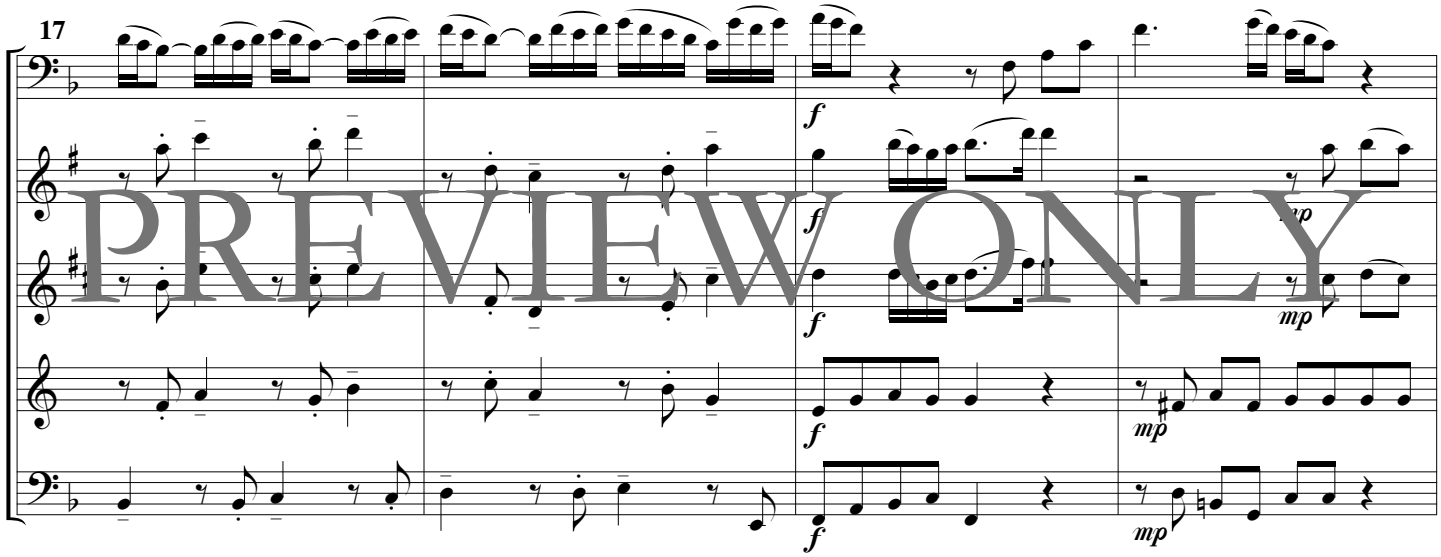

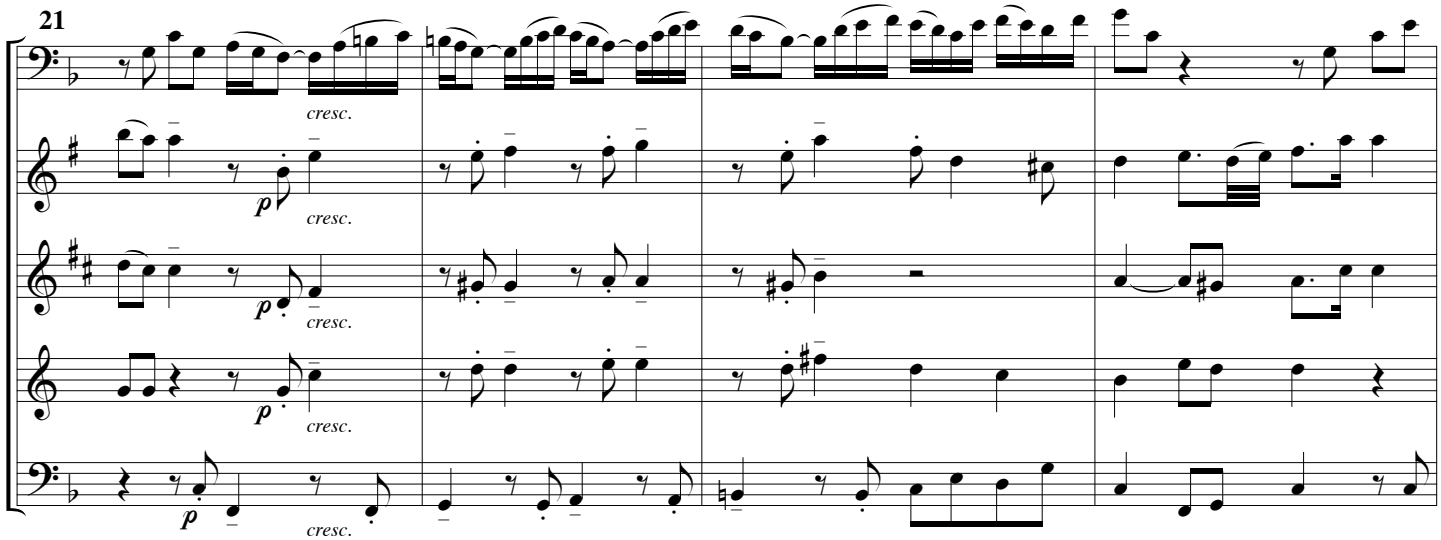

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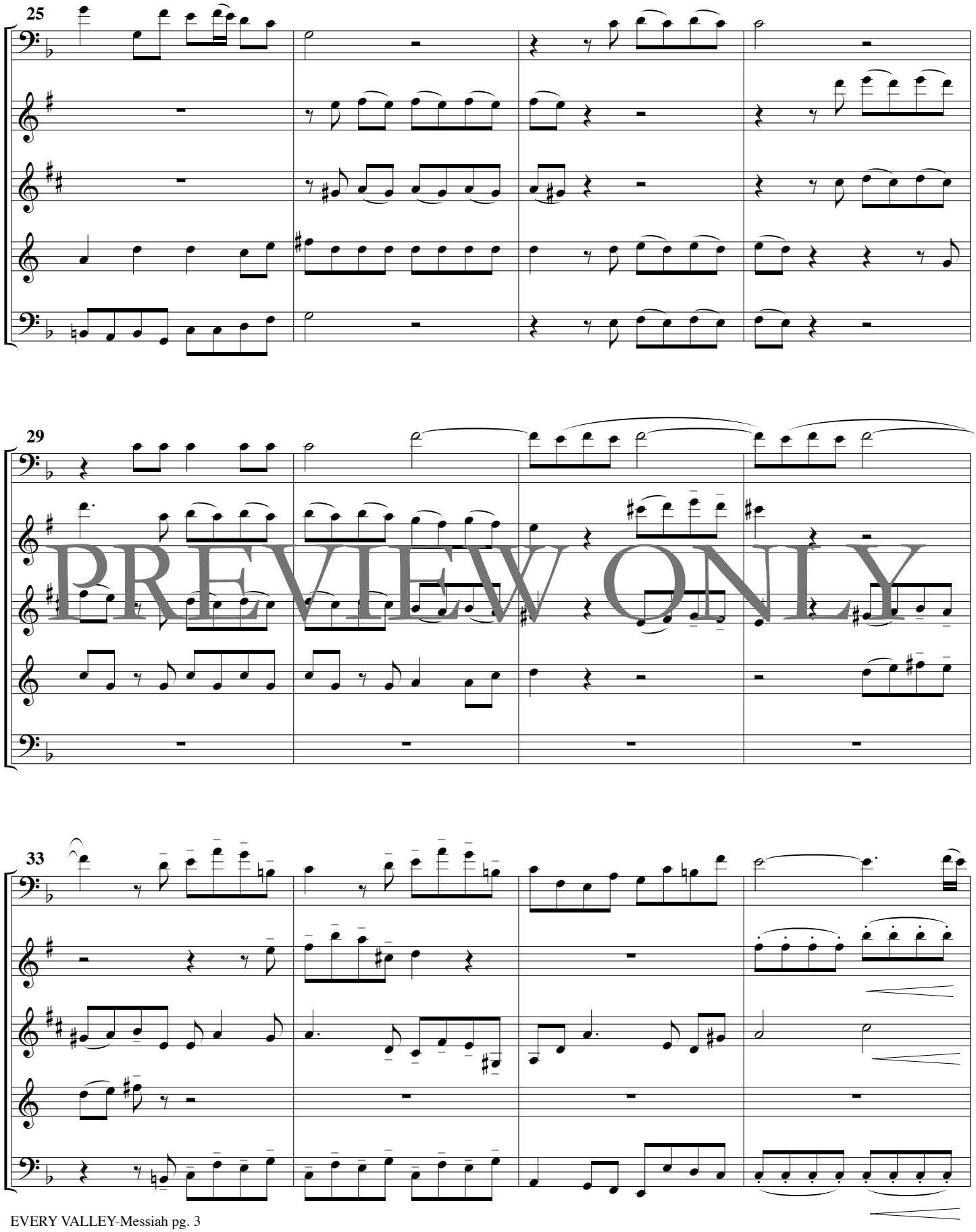

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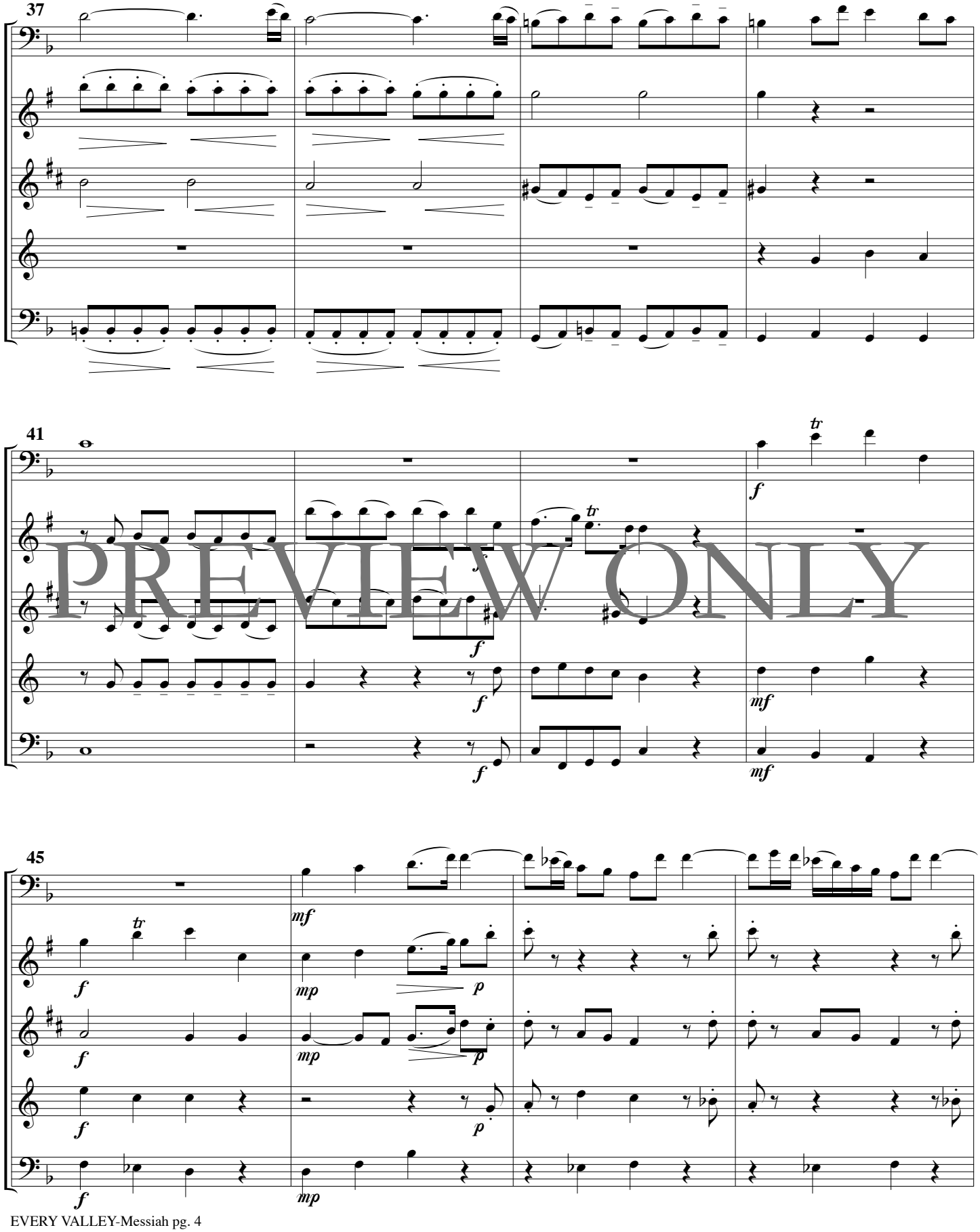

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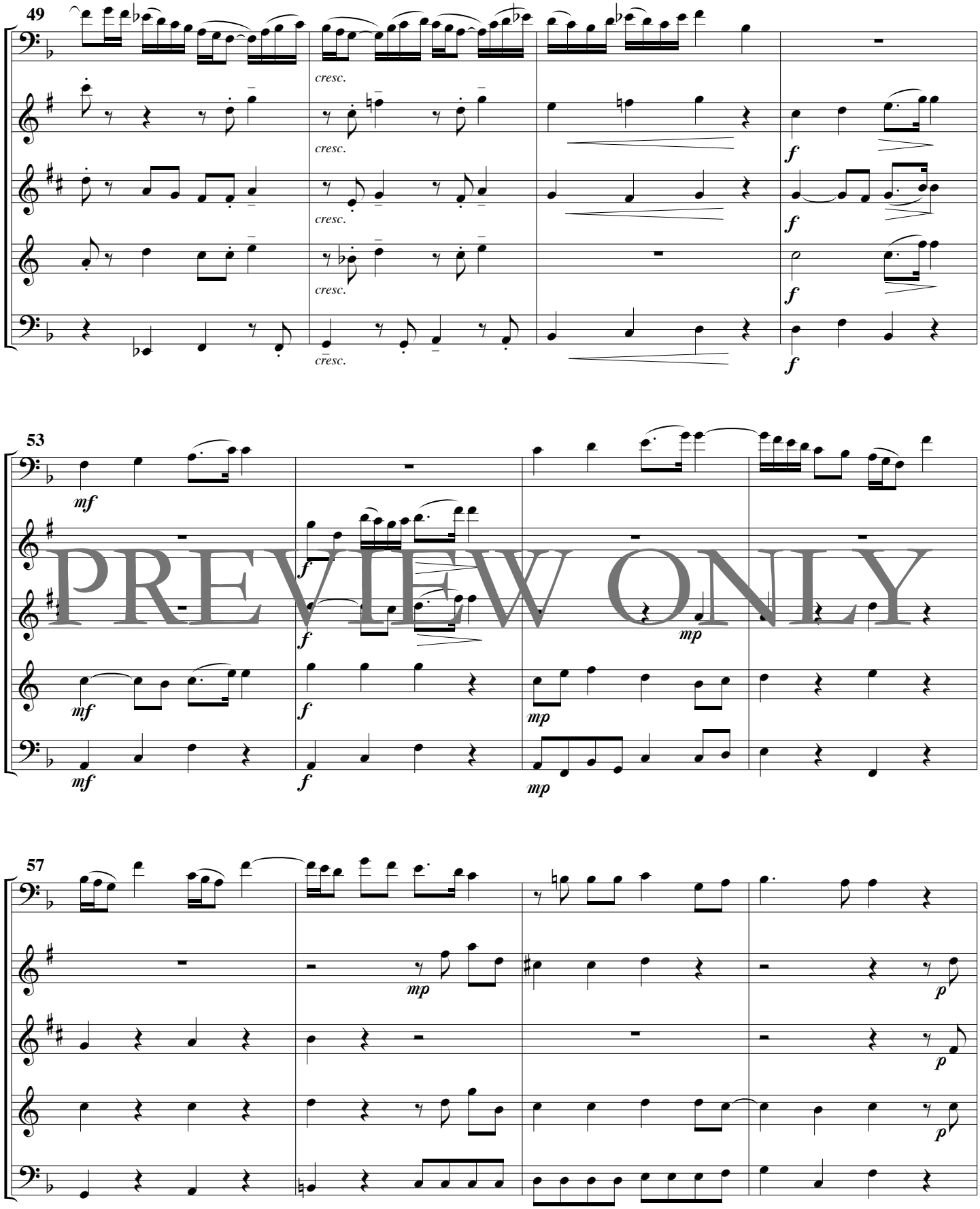

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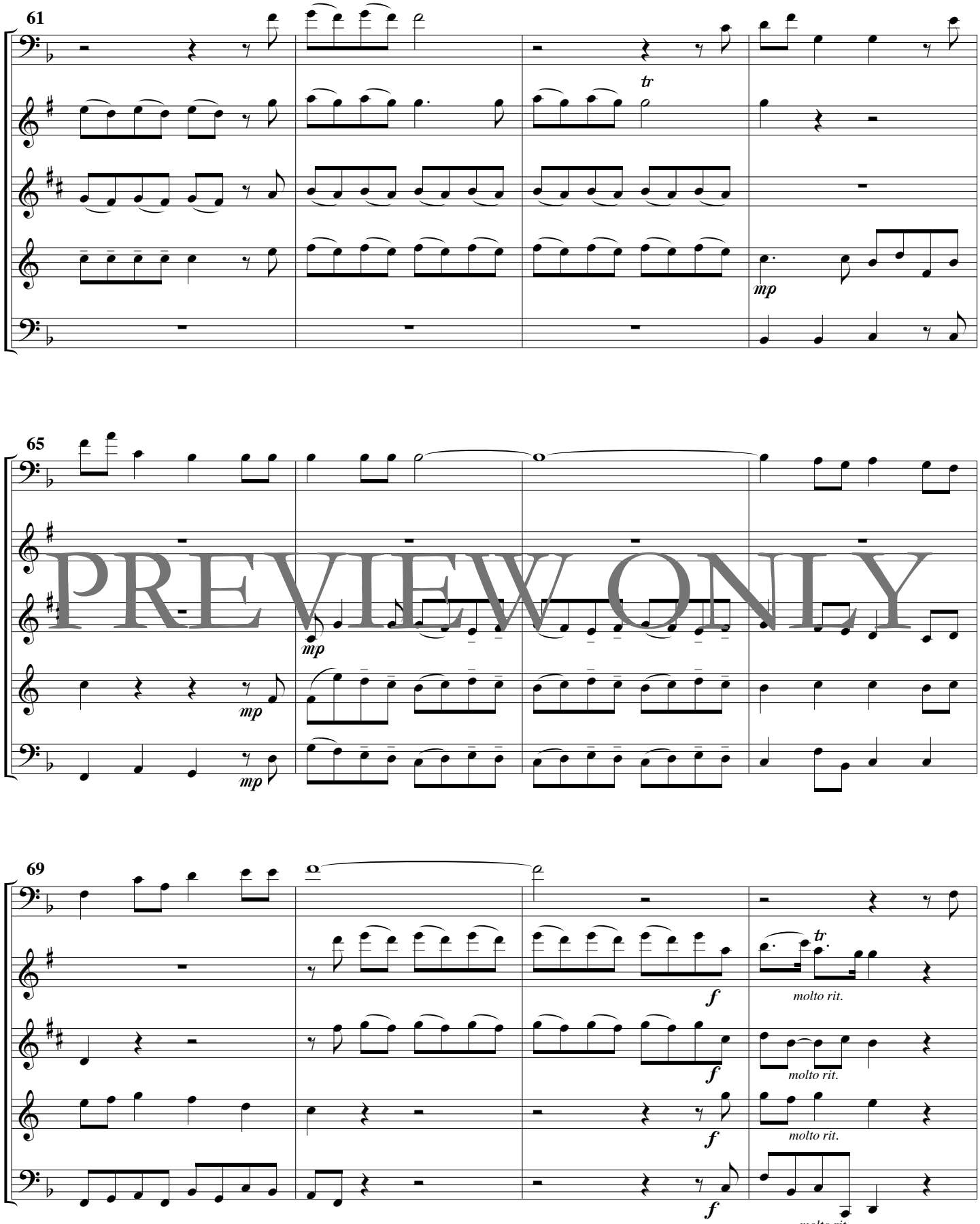
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