

Gran Partita
for wind octet



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NOTES:

In some places enharmonic respellings have been used in the parts to prioritise melodic line over harmony (cf. the score).

Bracketed accidentals clarify potential ambiguities with other instruments' notes.

Tuplets are, without exception, of equal value notes, so e.g. -5- is never 2+3, 3+2, duplet+triplet, accel./rubato etc..

Staccato notes are simply short regardless of notated value (to simplify rhythms).

I. PRELUDES

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HOVERING - DISTANT $\text{♩} = 108$

17

H_n.1

A Cl.2

21

p 3

p

25

B

5

p *mp* *p* *p*

36

C AWAKENING

p (rather numb) *pp* *mp*

42

mp

47

3

mf *mf* *mf* *f*

51

D MAJESTIC - BRILLIANT (SAME TEMPO $\text{♩} = 108$)

(short)

ff

55

(dotted lines simply to help rhythmic clarity)

59 **E**

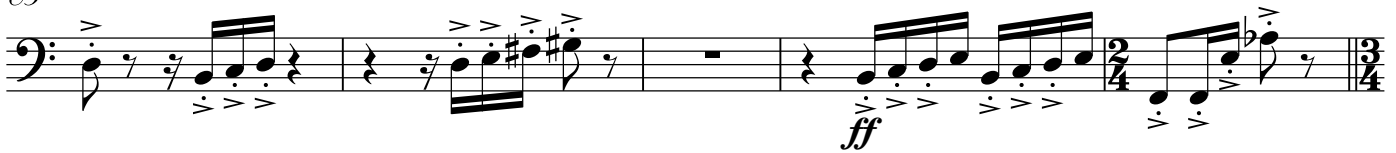
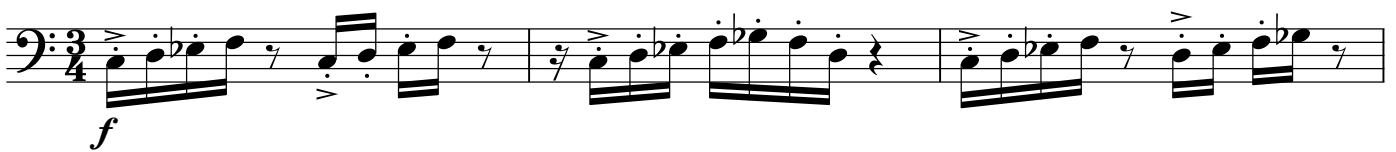
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65



69

74 **G** DRIVING, SERIOUS (BUT SAME TEMPO)

77



80



83



87



(2 bars rest over)

91 **2**

mf *mf* *mf* *f*

96

mf *mp*

101 **H** DANCING

mf

skipping

mf

106

mf *mf*

111 **I** INCREASINGLY WHIMSICAL

5 Bsn.2

mf

119

f *mf* *mf* *mf*

124 **J**

mp *mp* *mp* *mp*

129

mp *mp* *p*

133 K

pp *p* *mp* *mf*

138

mf *p* *pp*

142 L

p *mp*

148

mp *mp*

154

f *mf*

160

mf *f* *mf* *mp*

166 M

mf *f*

170

ff

6

182 N

mf
(but less than horn) f ff

188

ff

195

ff

201

f

205 O

ff (come prima)

208 (short)

f

212 P

f (meno) f

216

f f

221

f

224

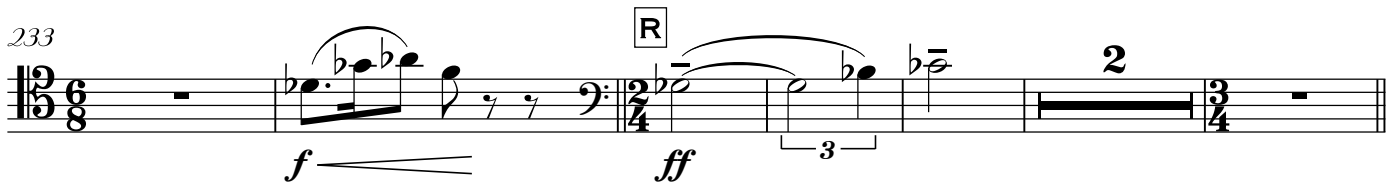
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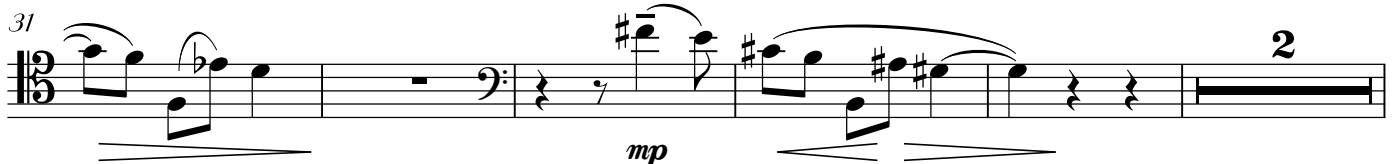


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II. CANZONETTA MALINCONICA

MELANCHOLY - QUITE SLOW $\text{♩} = 52$ 

38 *p*

44 **V** *p* *poco* *mp*

49 **W** HEAVY *f* (non troppo)

55 **X** *mp* *mp*

62 **Y** *mp*

6 *Hn.1* 5

III. SCHERZO FURIOSO

RELENTLESS, DRIVING, BRUTAL! ♩ = 162

ff

8 *ff*

15 **Z** 4 3 *Hn.1*

26 *ff*

32 **A1**

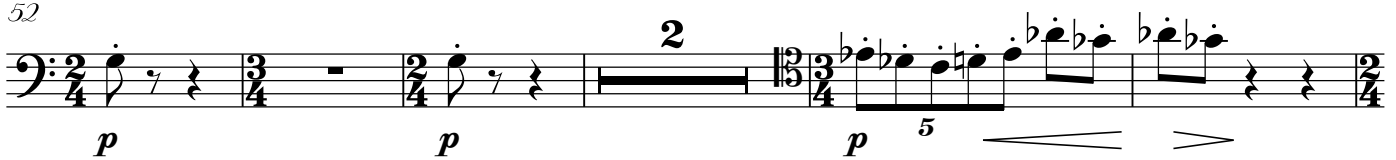
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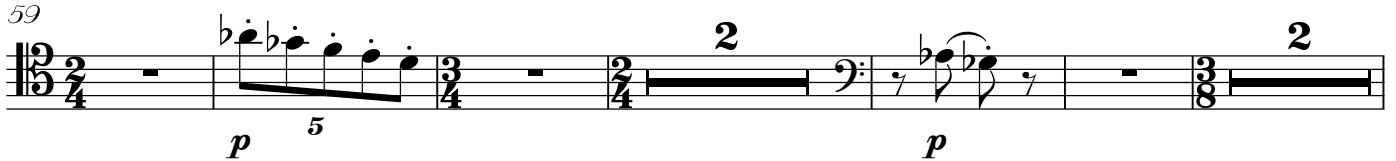
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52



59



68



75



82



88



101 **E 1** DELICATE

3

Ob.1

p

110

6

p

126 **F 1**

mf *p*

mf *p*

G 1

2

p *mf*

135

mf *p* *mp*

5

3

mp

150 **H 1**

3

mp

I 1

mf

160

mf

5

165

f *mf*

J 1

2

mp

5

172

K 1

3

mf

3

mp

5

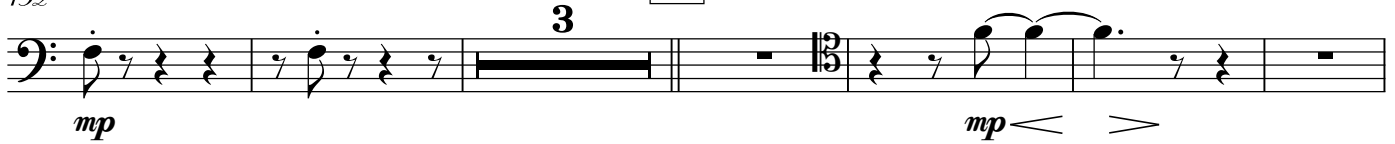
184 Cl.2

L 1 **Fin. 1**

p *mp*

2

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[M1] SAD - A LITTLE UNSTABLE - SLOWER $\text{♩} = 144$ 

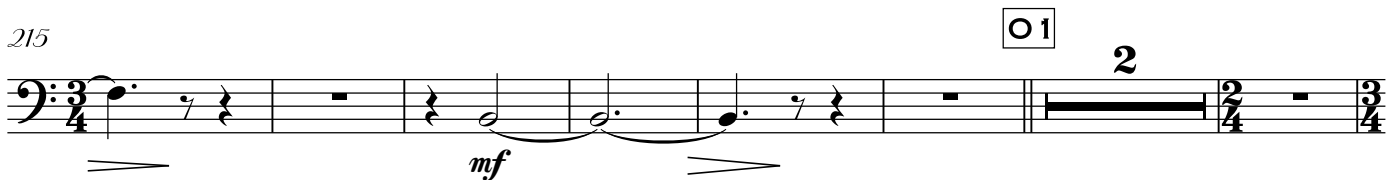
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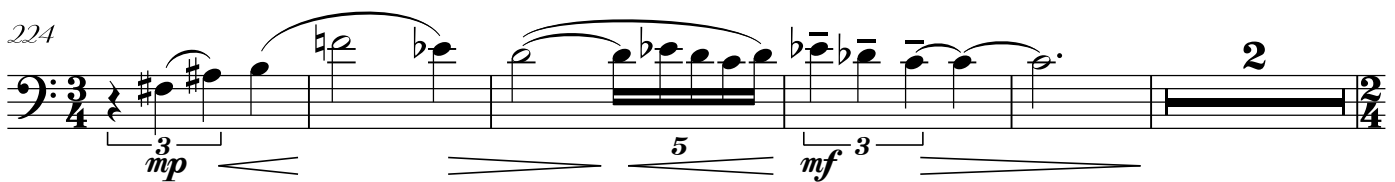
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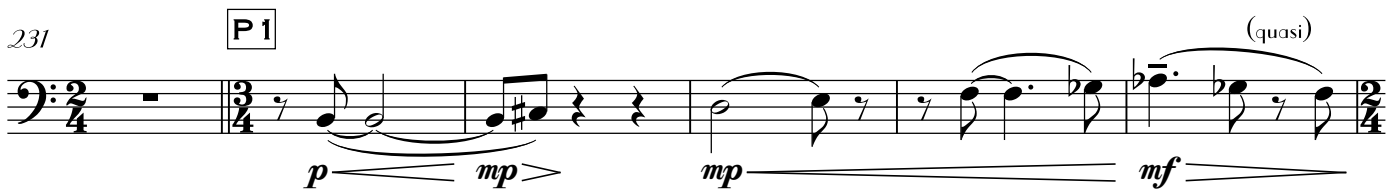
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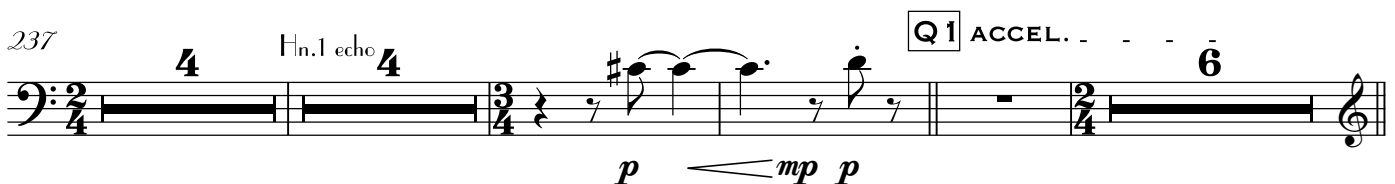
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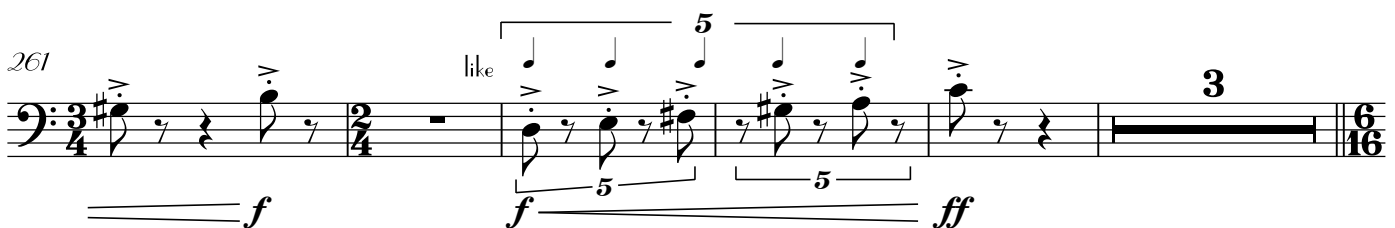
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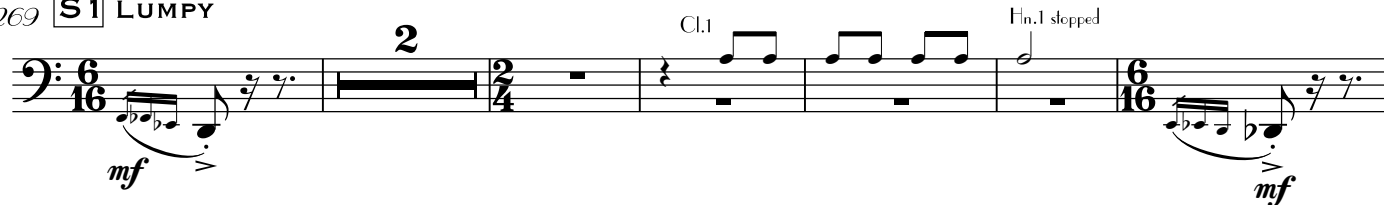


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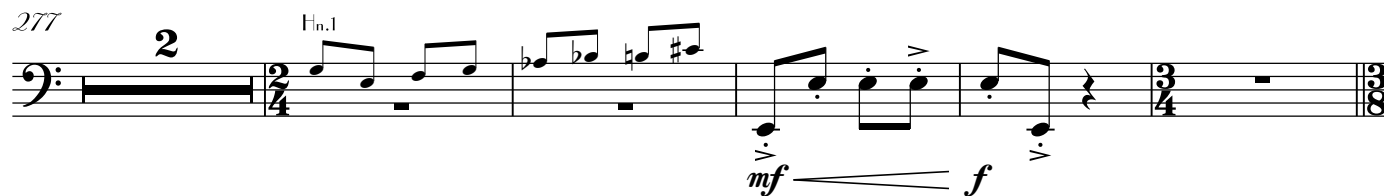
[R1] GRUMPY, SPAT OUT - A TEMPO PRIMO $\text{♩} = 162$ 

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269 **S1** LUMPY

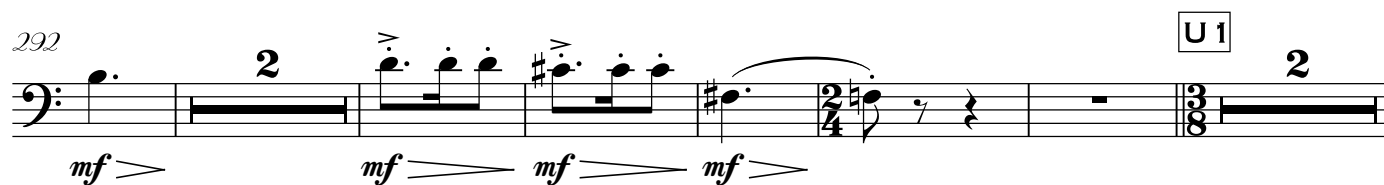
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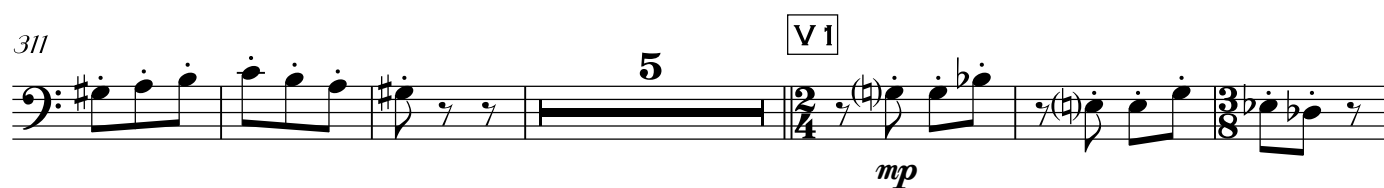
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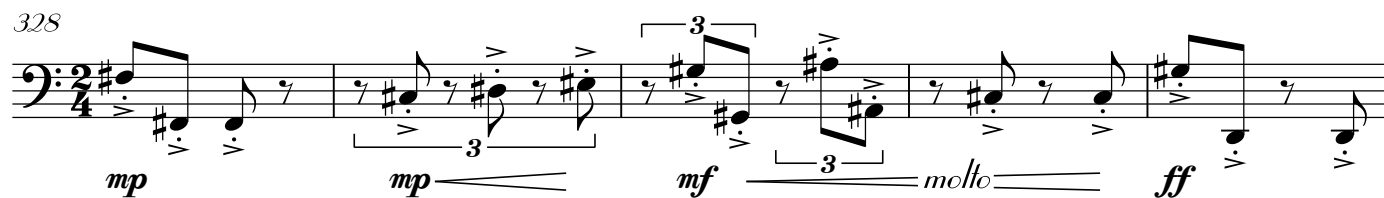
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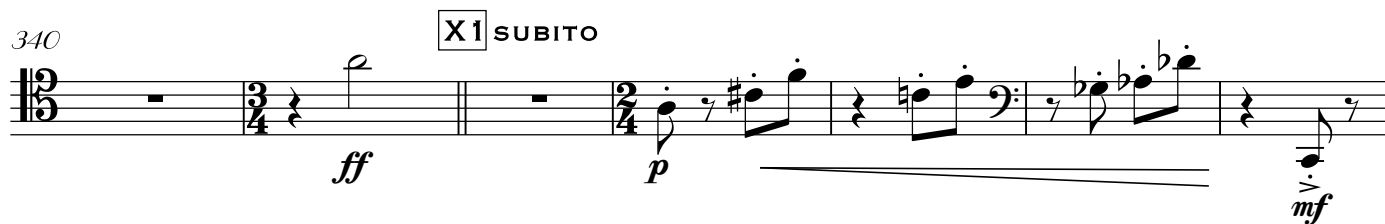
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340



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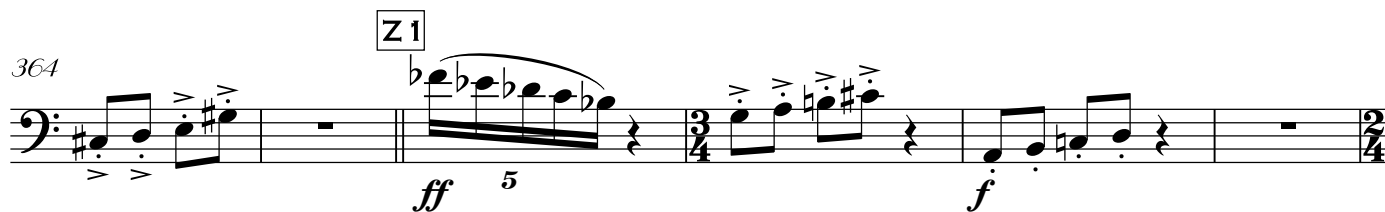
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(V.S. 1 bar rest over)

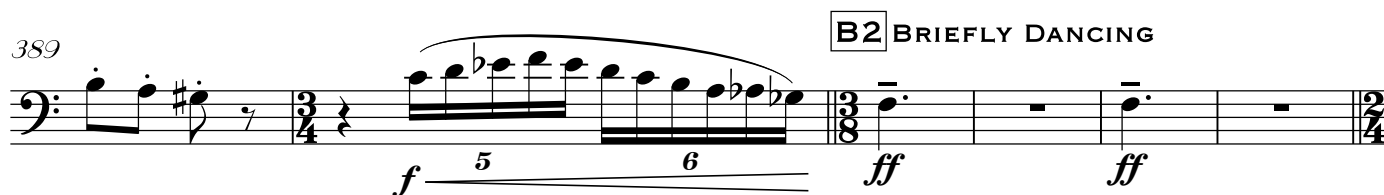
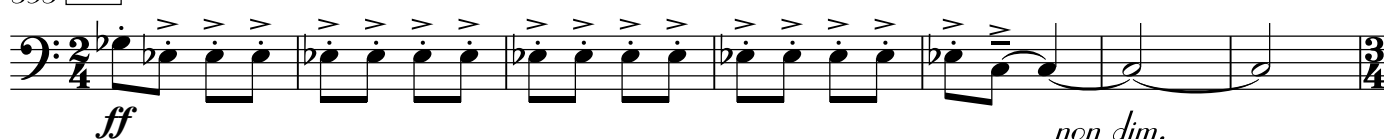
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376 **A2**

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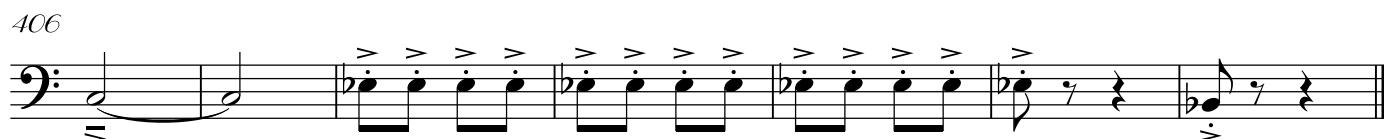
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395 **C2** FLAT-FOOTED - STOMPING

402



406



IV. O WHERE, WHERE, WHERE?

*And faint and far, with sweet elusive flow,
The Wood-dove's plaintive call,
"O where! where! where!"
[Emily Huntington Miller]*

SLOW - MELANCHOLY - DISTANT ♩=72



21 **E2** QUIETLY INSISTENT (PIGEONS) **F2** ^{Hn.2}

6 10

40

6 3 3 p mp p

51 **G2** GENTLY CACOPHONOUS ^{Cl.1}

8 mp mf

65 (all tongued)

3 3 3 3 3 3 p sempre

71

3 3 3 3 3 mp

77 **H2**

2 mf

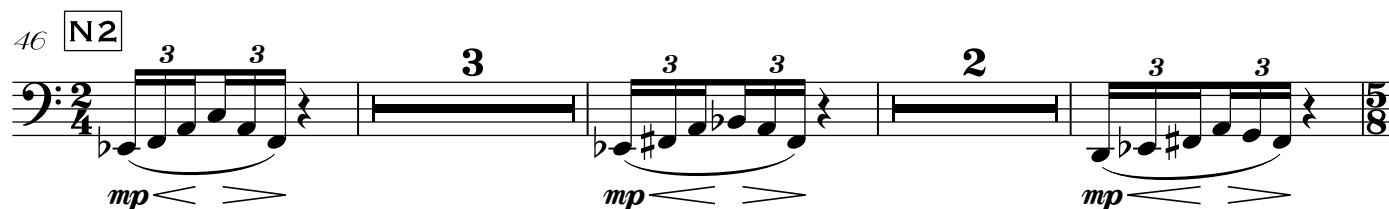
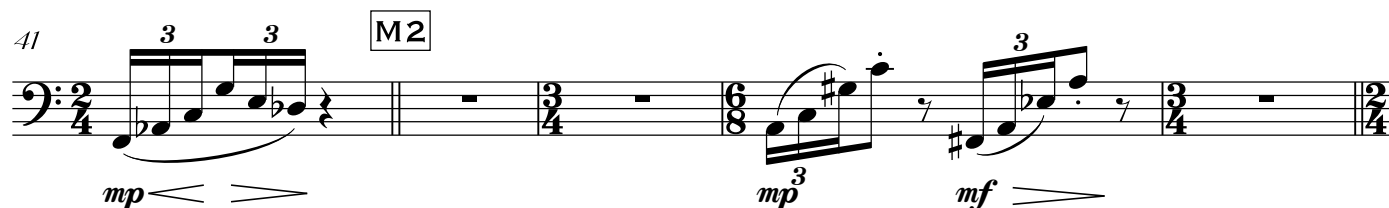
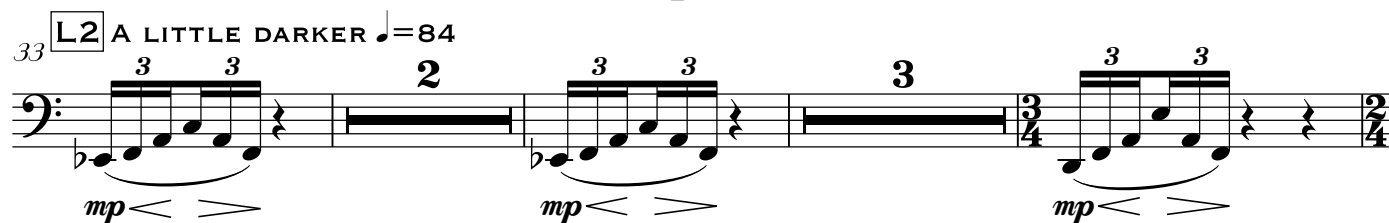
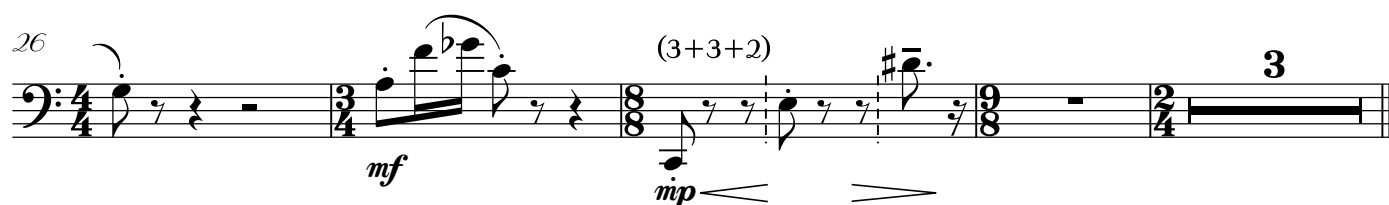
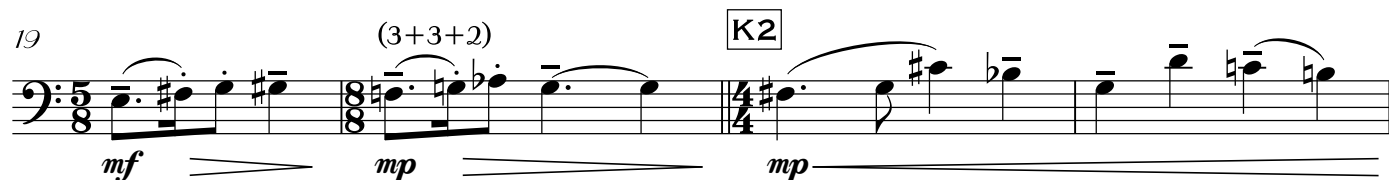
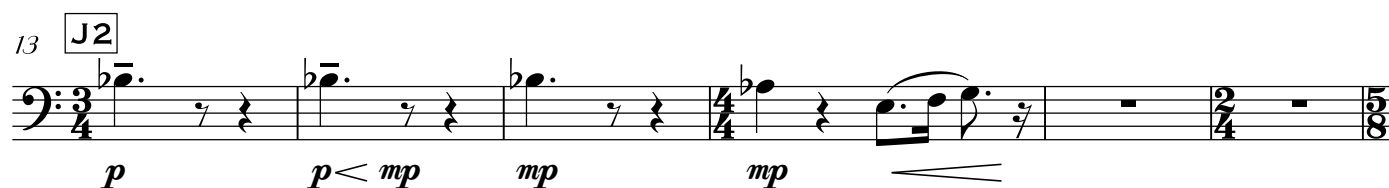
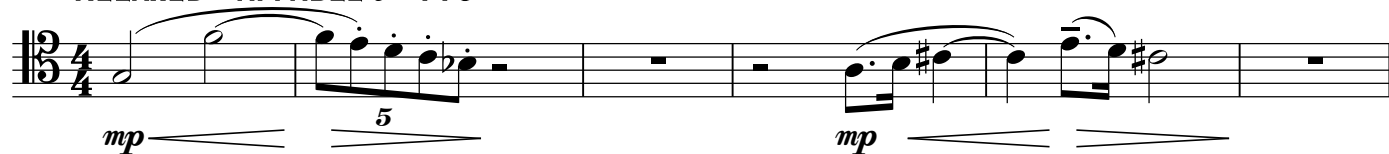
83 **I2**

p p

90 RIT.

pp

V. INTERMEZZO GRAZIOSO

RELAXED - AFFABLE $\text{♩} = 116$ 

54 **O2 GENTLY DANCING** **P2 DARKER**

mp *p*

60

mp *p* *poco* *mp*

69 **Q2 AGAIN DANCING**

mp *mp* *mp*

73 **R2**

mf *p* *mp*

78

p *mp* *p*

85 **S2 TEMPO PRIMO** ♩ = 116 (3+3+2)

p *mp*

90 (4+4)

mp *mp* *mf*

96 **T2**

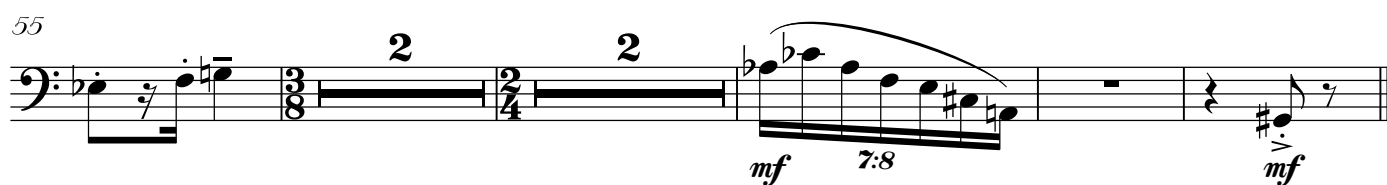
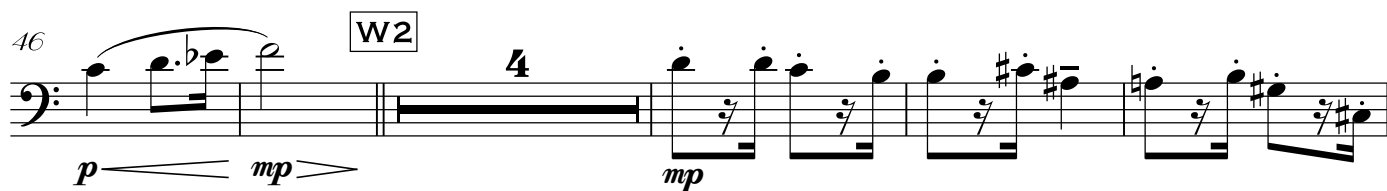
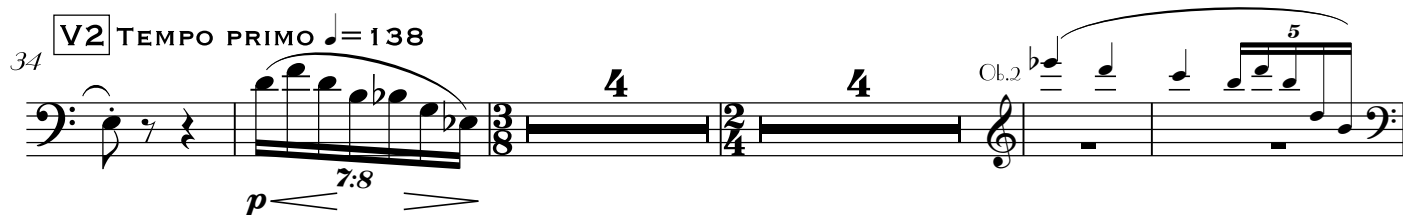
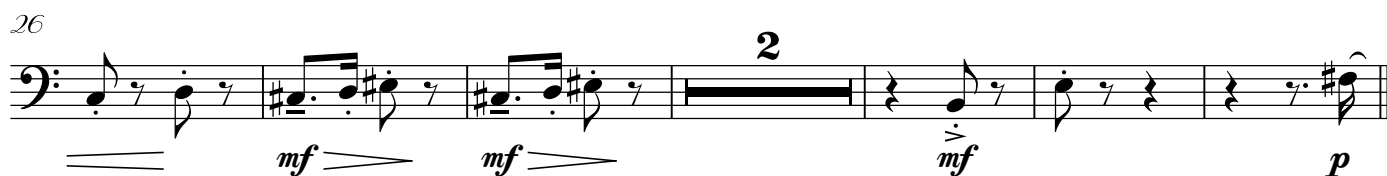
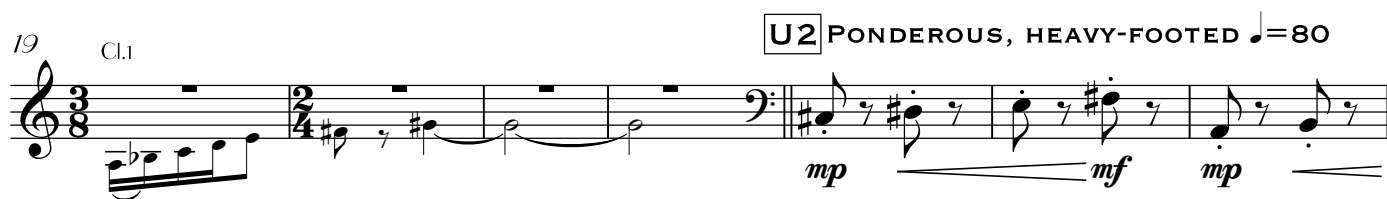
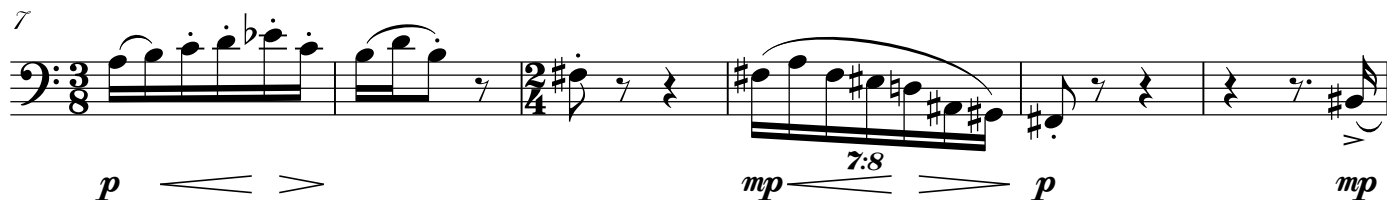
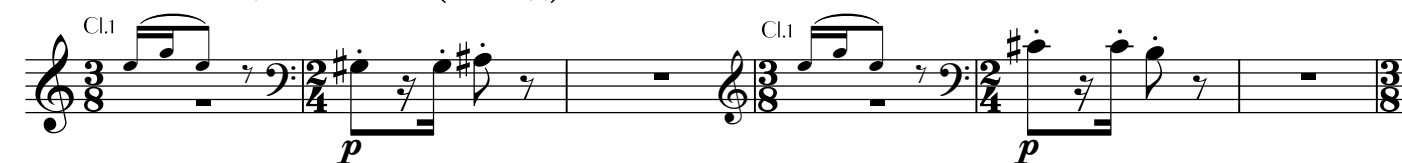
mp *mp* *mf* 5

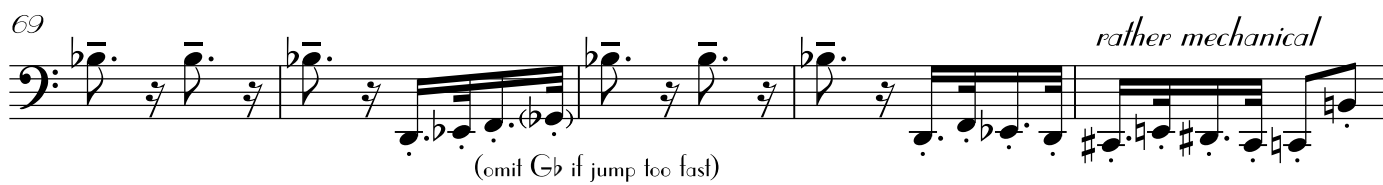
102 (this is 7 later than the others!)

mf *f* *mp*

VI. ALMOST A MARCH

FAST AND LIGHT ♩ = 96 (♩ = 132)



63 **X2** TEMPO SECONDO ♩=80

88 **Z2** POCO MENO MOSSO $\text{♩} = 120$

97 **A3**

103

110 **B3** TEMPO PRIMO $\text{♩} = 138$

117 **C3** TEMPO SECONDO $\text{♩} = 80$

123 (2+3+3)

128 (2+3) (3+2)

134 (not triplet) ACCEL.

137 **D3** TEMPO PRIMO $\text{♩} = 138$

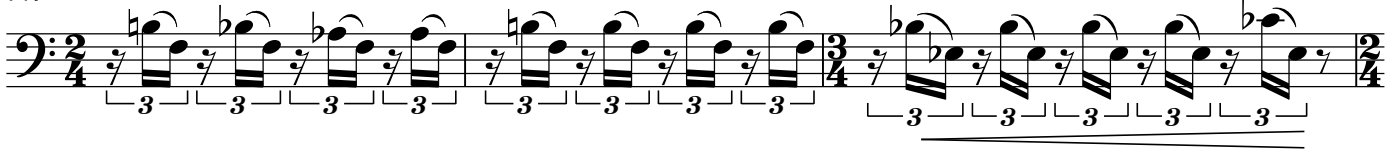
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Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for Bassoon I and spans measures 88 to 141. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a tempo of POCO MENO MOSSO at 120 beats per minute. The first system (measures 88-96) includes a triplet of eighth notes and a crescendo leading to mezzo-piano (mp). The second system (measures 97-102) starts with mezzo-forte (mf) and includes a key signature change to one flat (Bb) and a 3/8 time signature. The third system (measures 103-109) continues with mezzo-forte (mf) and includes a key signature change to two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 3/8 time signature. The fourth system (measures 110-116) marks the beginning of TEMPO PRIMO at 138 beats per minute, starting with piano (p) and a key signature change to two flats (Bb, Eb). The fifth system (measures 117-122) marks the beginning of TEMPO SECONDO at 80 beats per minute, starting with piano (p) and a key signature change to one flat (Bb). The sixth system (measures 123-127) includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. The seventh system (measures 128-133) includes a key signature change to one flat (Bb) and a 3/8 time signature. The eighth system (measures 134-136) is marked ACCEL. and includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#). The ninth system (measures 137-140) marks the beginning of TEMPO PRIMO at 138 beats per minute, starting with fortissimo (ff) and a key signature change to one flat (Bb). The final system (measures 141-145) continues with fortissimo (ff) and a key signature change to one sharp (F#).

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POCO ACCEL.

E3

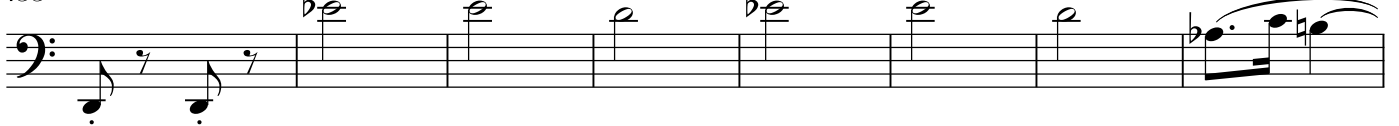
DRIVING FORWARD -

A LITTLE FASTER ♩ = 152

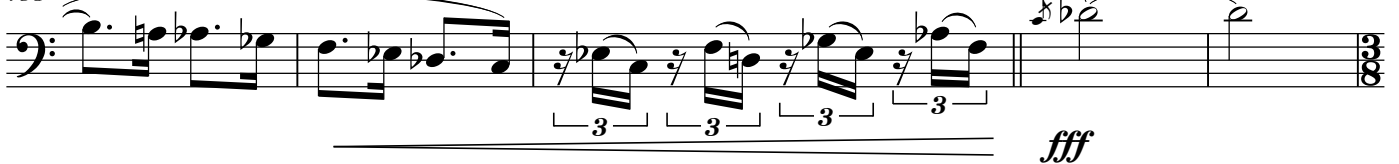
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155



163



F3

RIOTOUS!

168



7:6

7:6

172

G3 IN FREE TIME - CHAOTIC



fff

7:6

7:6

7:6

7:6

enter approximately as marked - rests only a guide

173

G.P.

H3

ACCEL.

(this is correct!)

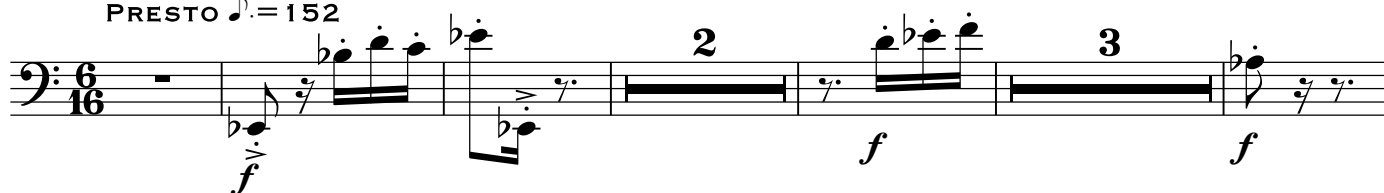


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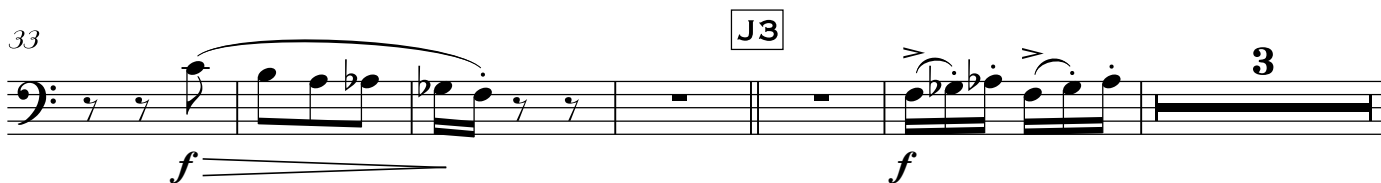
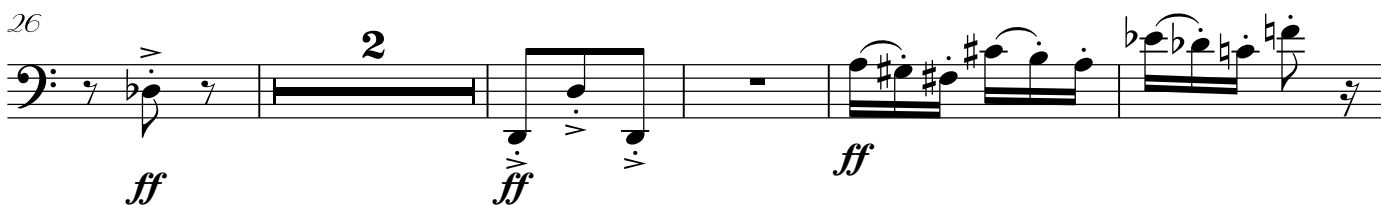
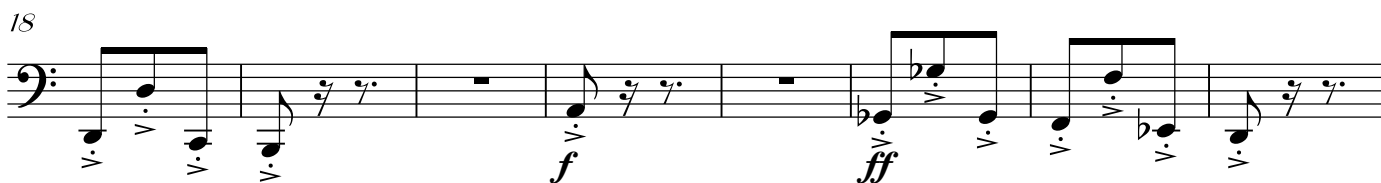
molto

ff

VII. GALLOP

PRESTO $\text{♩} = 152$ 

$\frac{6}{16}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ are used interchangeably as indicated by beat groups. Dotted barlines indicate normal midpoints in "false bars".



51 K3

f *mf* *f* *f* *mf*

57 L3 Fin. 1

mf *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

69

mf *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

78 M3

mp *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

84

mp *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

92 N3

mf *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

100

mf *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

107 O3

molto *mp* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

116

f *mf* *mf* *p*

123

mf *f* *ff*

130

mf *ff* *f*

137

ff

143

mf *ff*

149

ff *mf*

158

pp *p* *p*

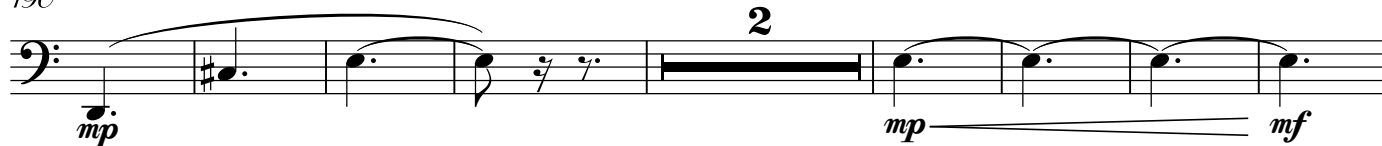
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p *mp*

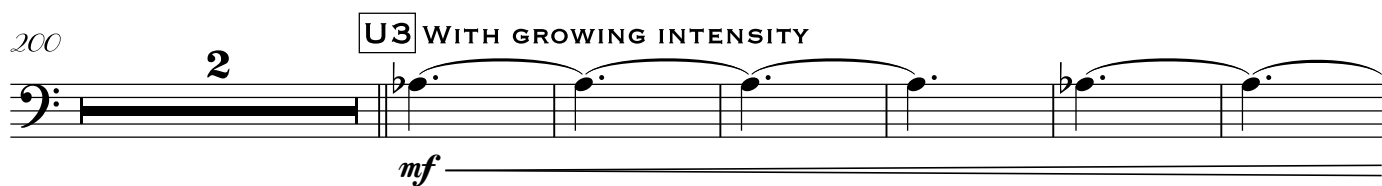
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mp *p*

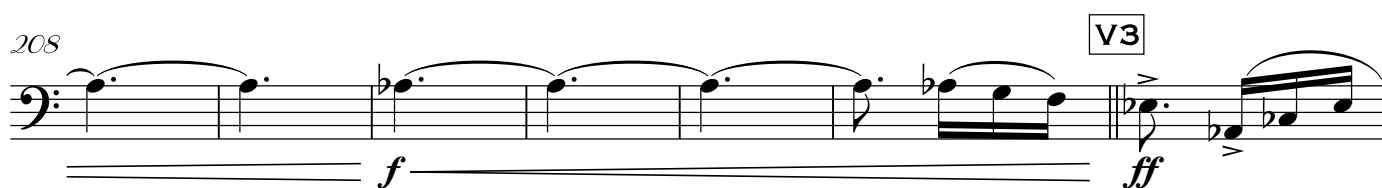
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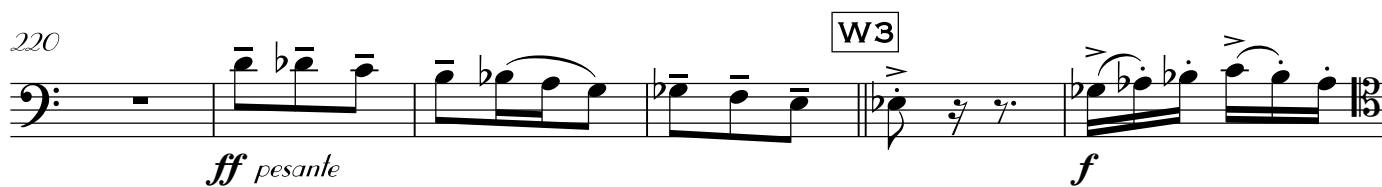
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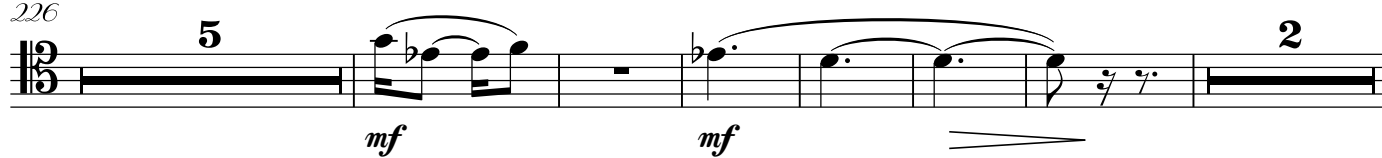
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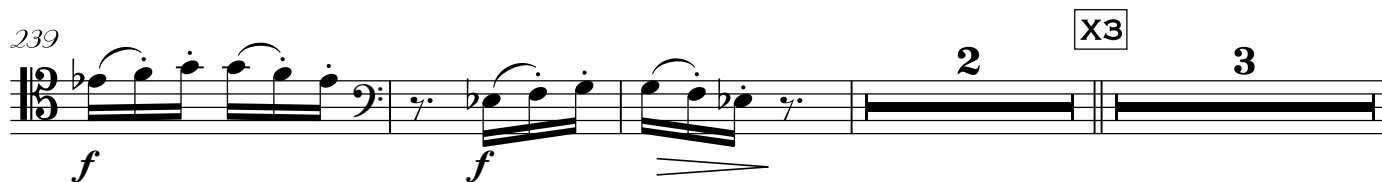
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252

POCO ACCEL. - - - - -

4

f

260

Y3 FASTER - RAUCOUS! ♩. = 168

6/16

ff *f* *molto* *fff*

264

269