La Storia di Babar

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Nella grande foresta è nato un piccolo elefante. Si chiama babar. Sua mamma gli vuole tanto bene.
Per addormentarlo lo culla con la proboscide, cantando dolcemente.

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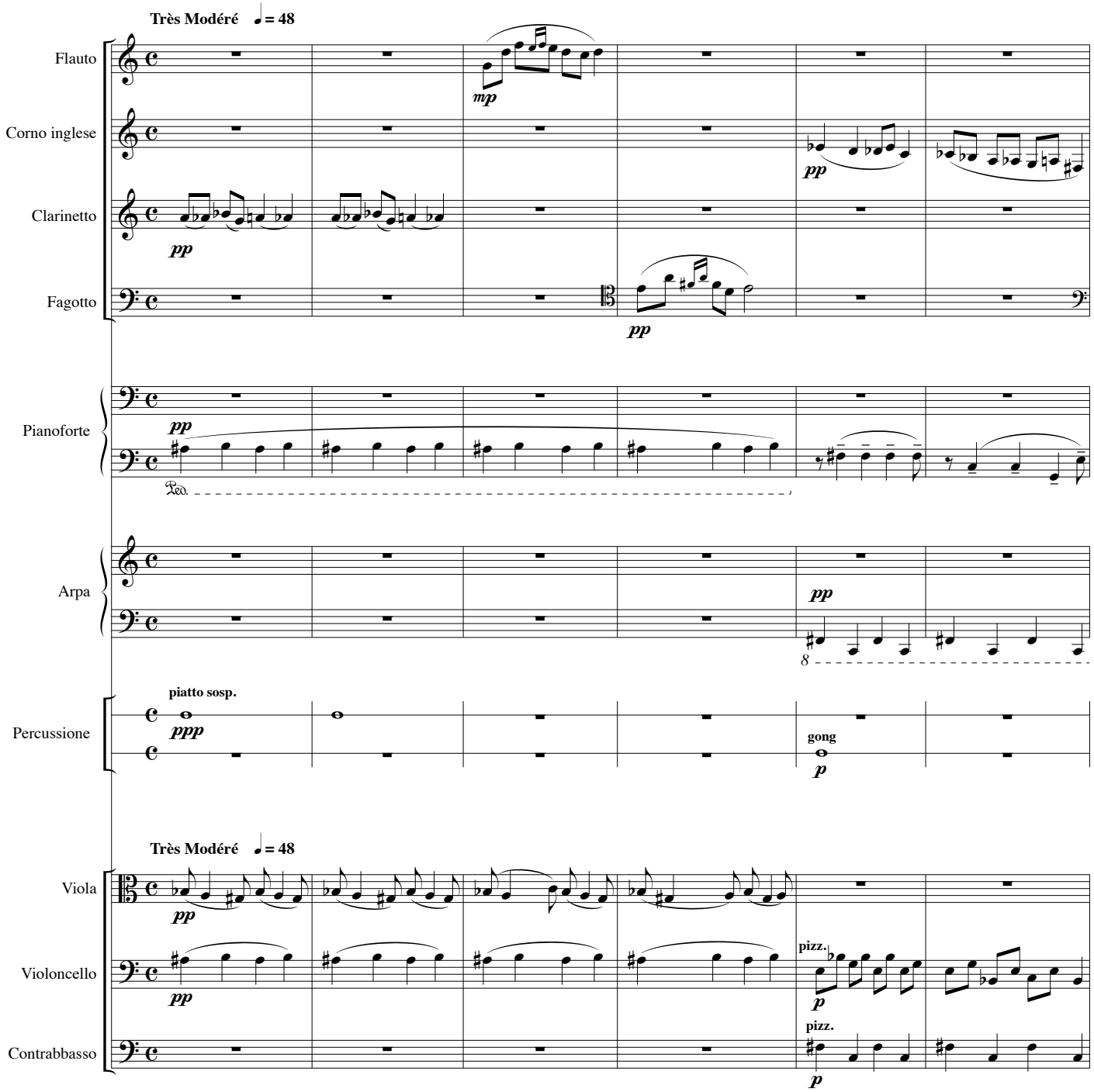

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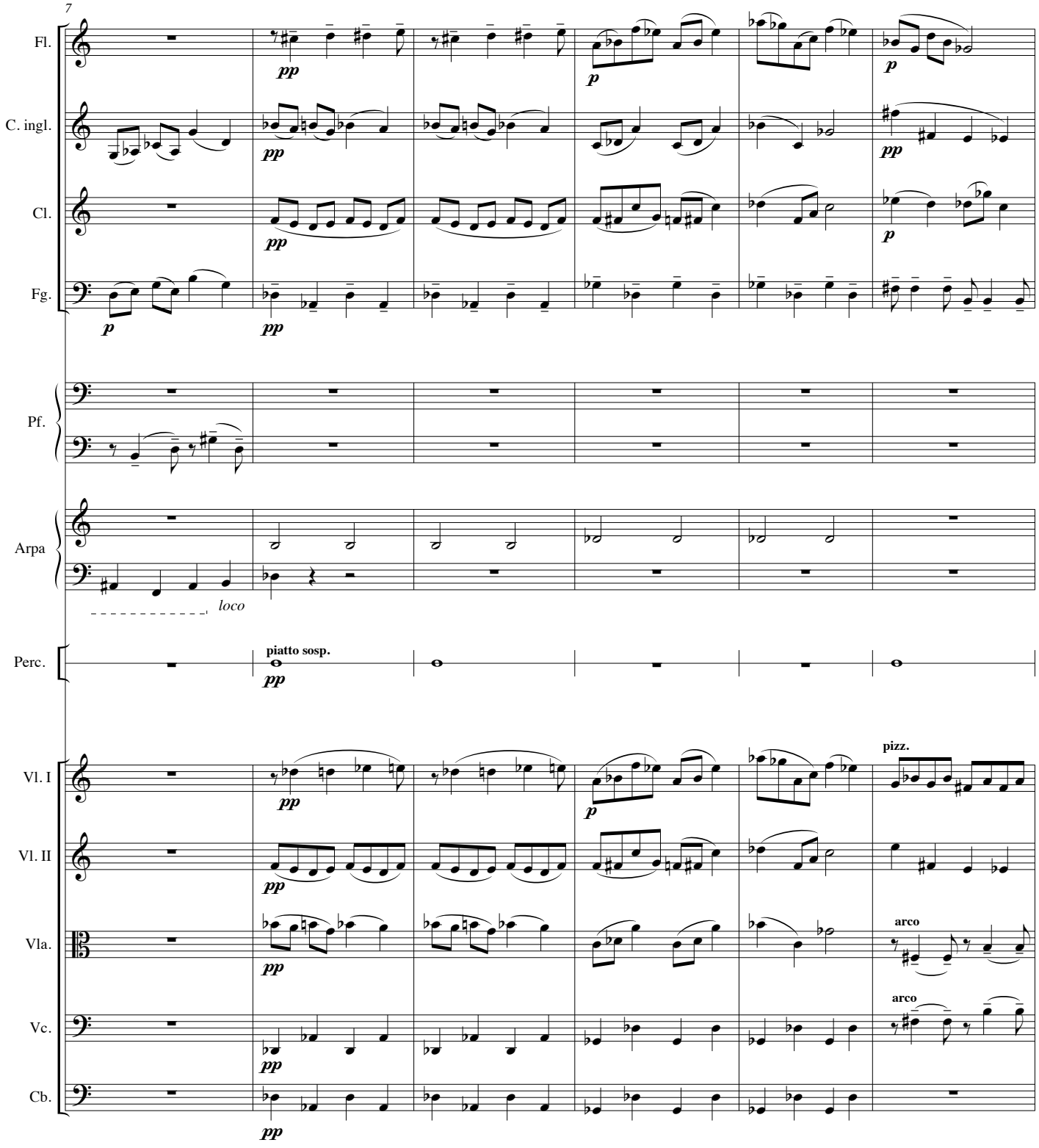

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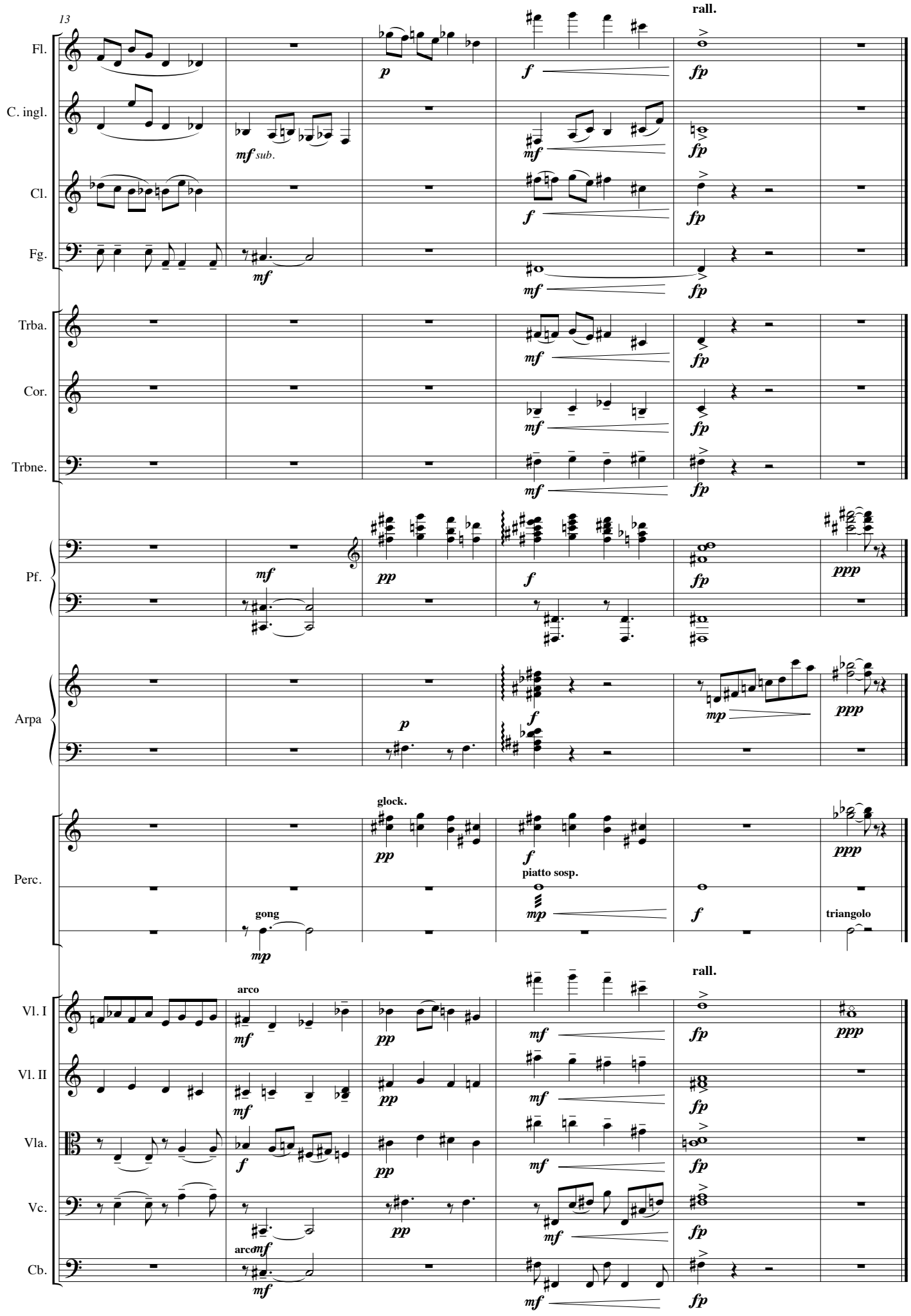

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Babar è cresciuto. Ora gioca con gli altri elefanti. E' uno dei più simpatici.
Si diverte a scavare la sabbia con una conchiglia.

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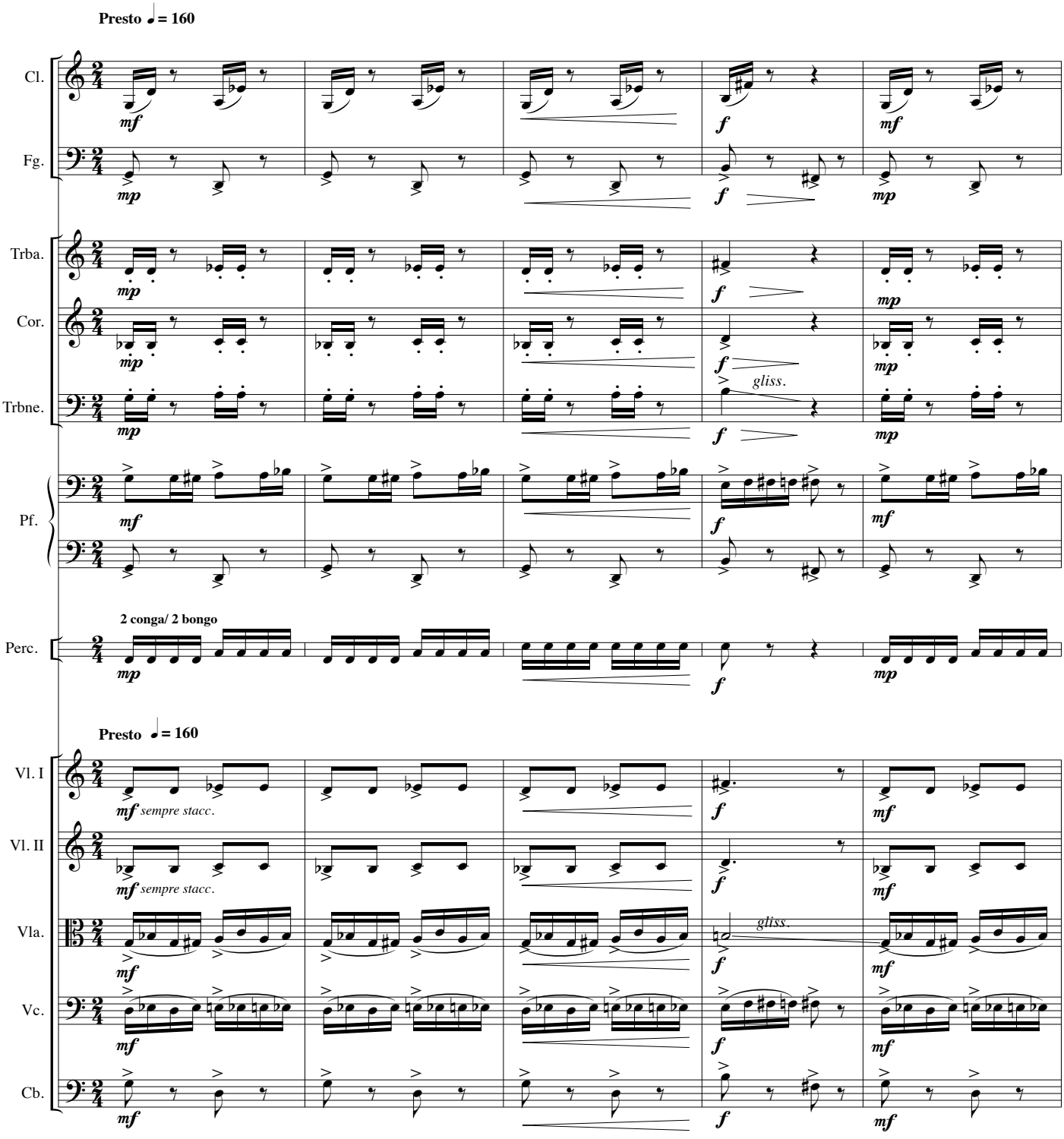

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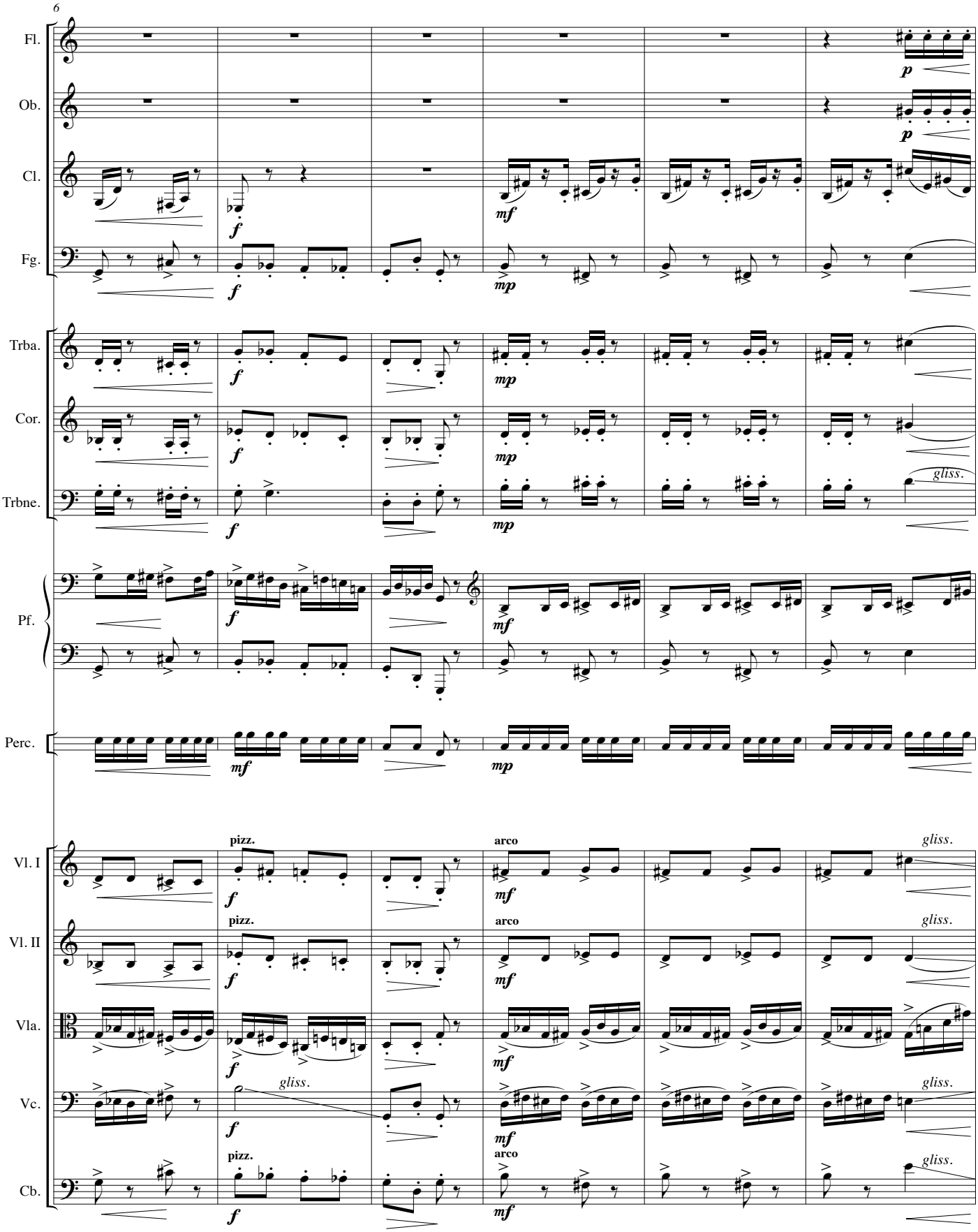

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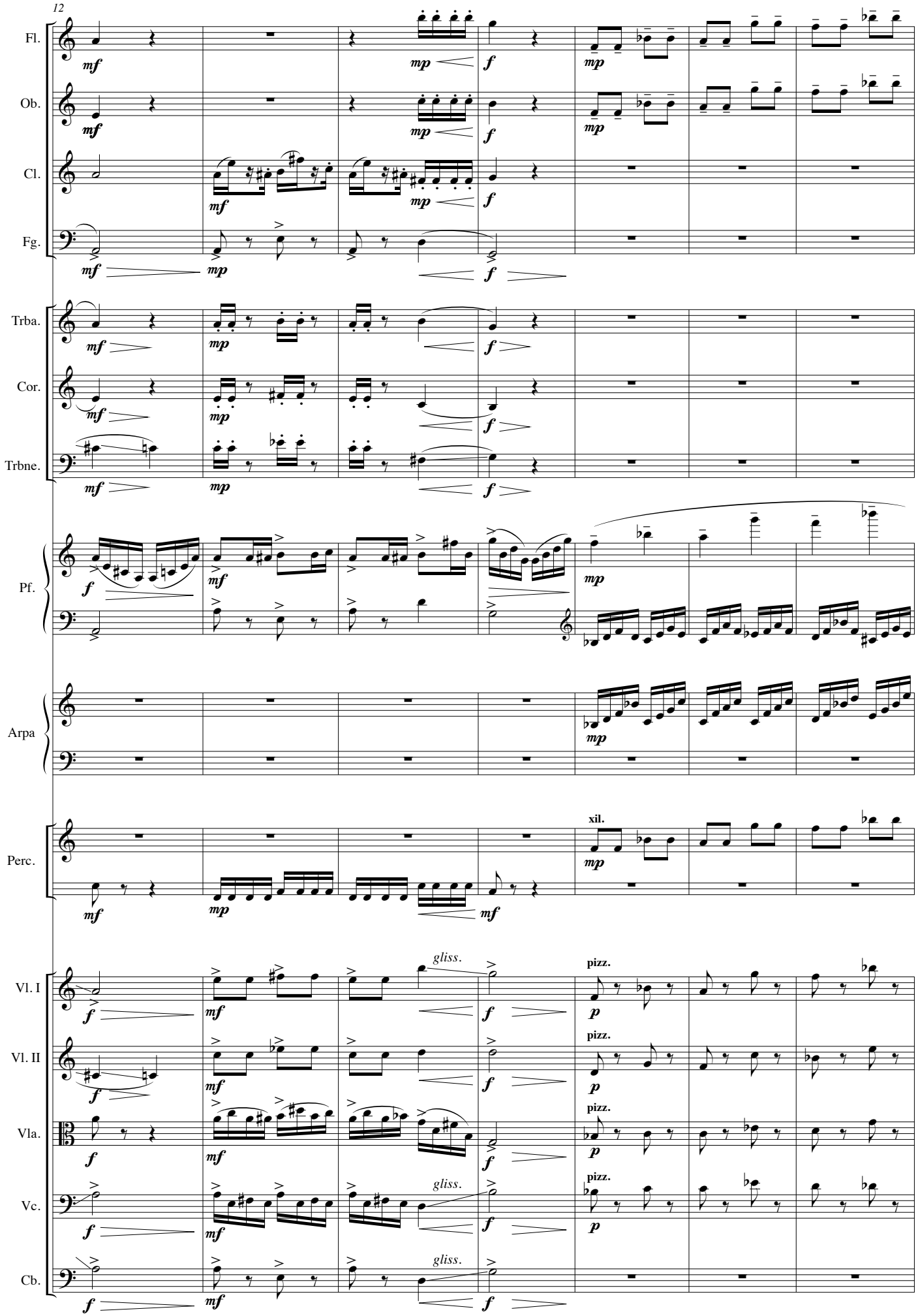

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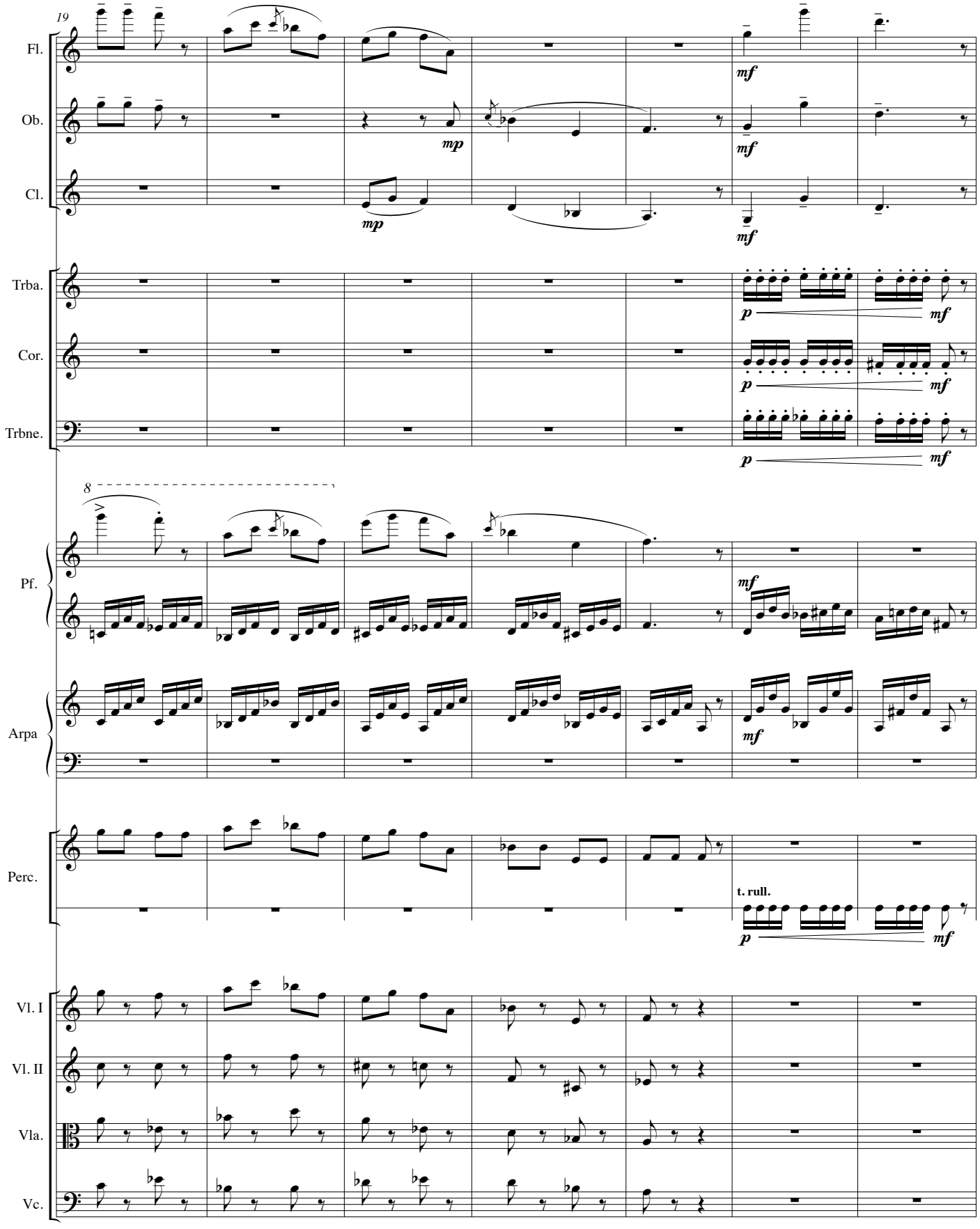

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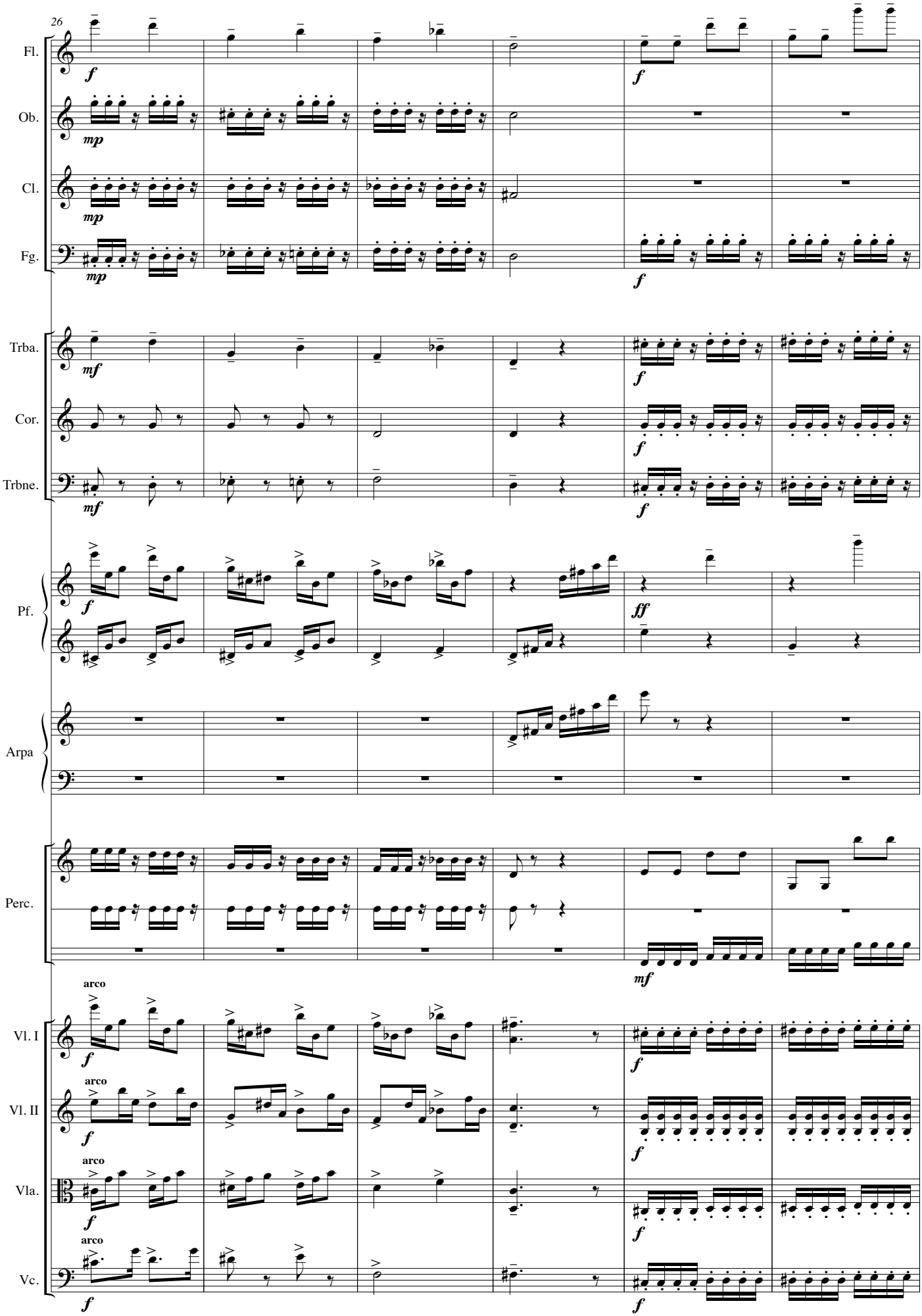

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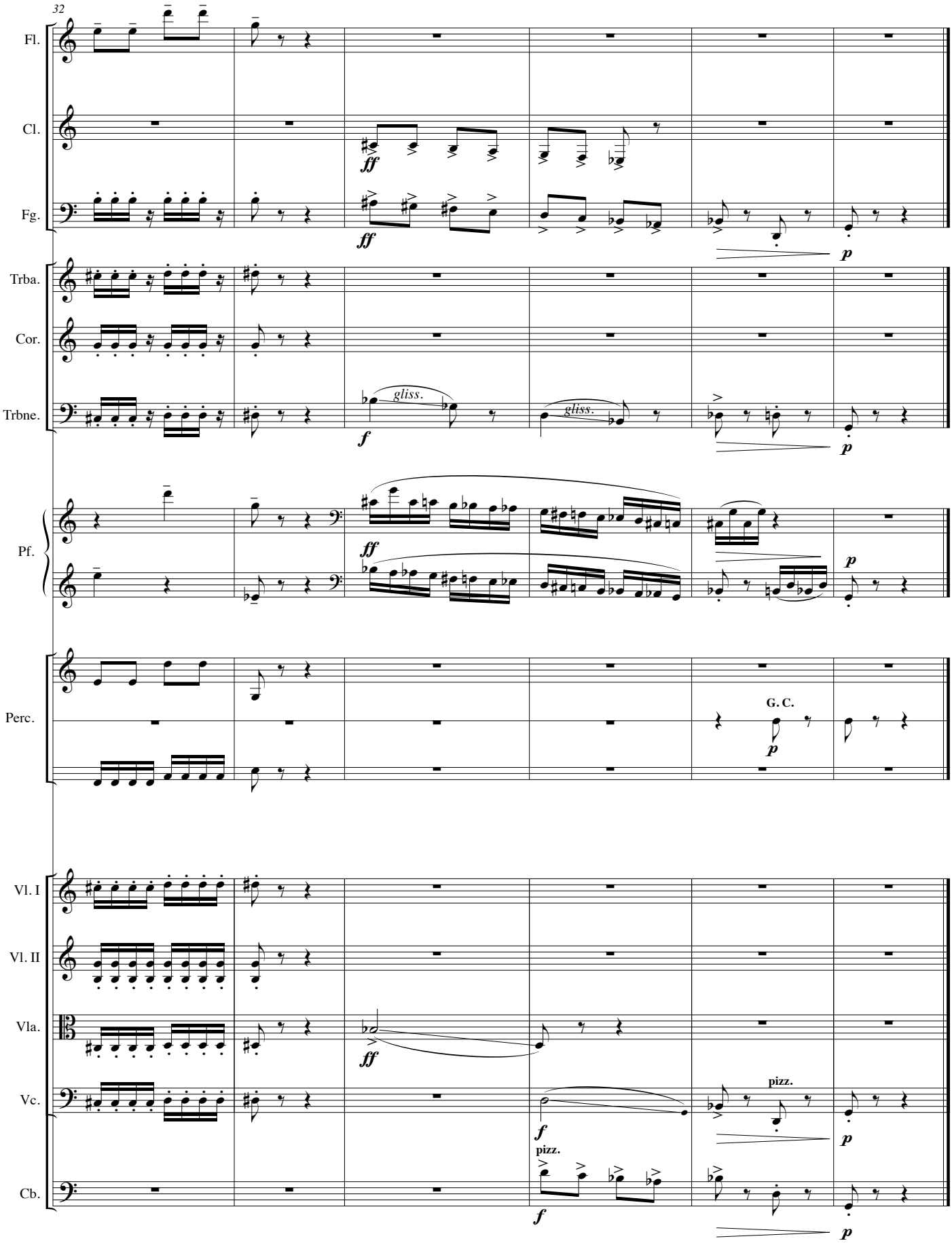

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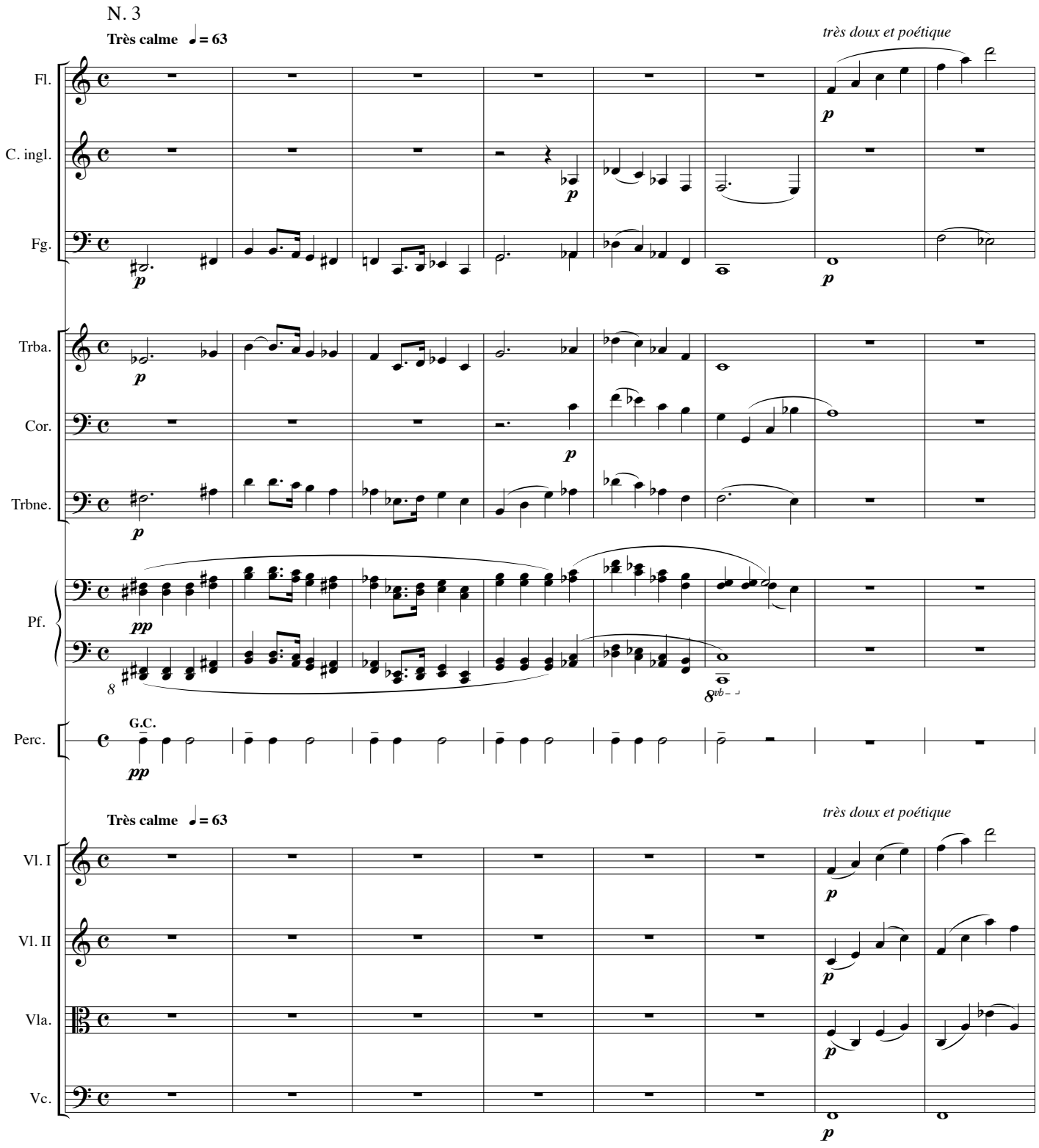
Babar va a spasso, contentissimo, sulle spalle della mamma.



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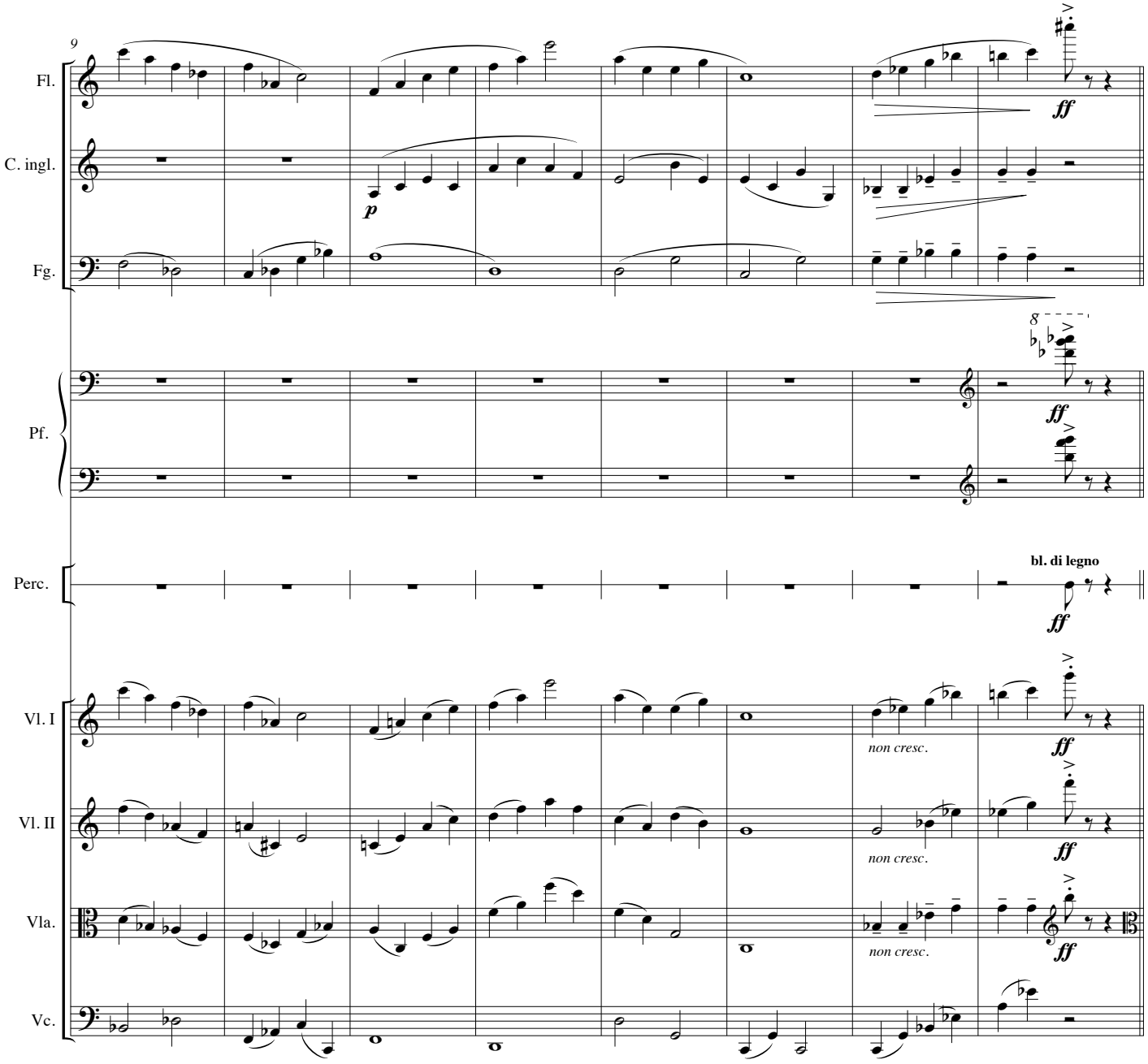
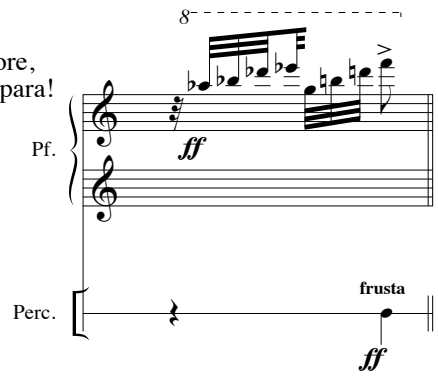


Tutto d'un tratto un brutto cacciatore,
nascosto dietro un cespuglio, gli spara!



Il cacciatore ha colpito a morte la mamma

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Le scimmie si nascondono,
gli uccelli volano via!

Il cacciatore corre ad acchiappare il povero Babar.
Babar sfugge perché ha paura del cacciatore.

N. 4

Molto agitato

casmbia in ottavino

Fl.
C. ingl.
Cl.
Fg.
Trba.
Cor.
Trbne.
Pf.
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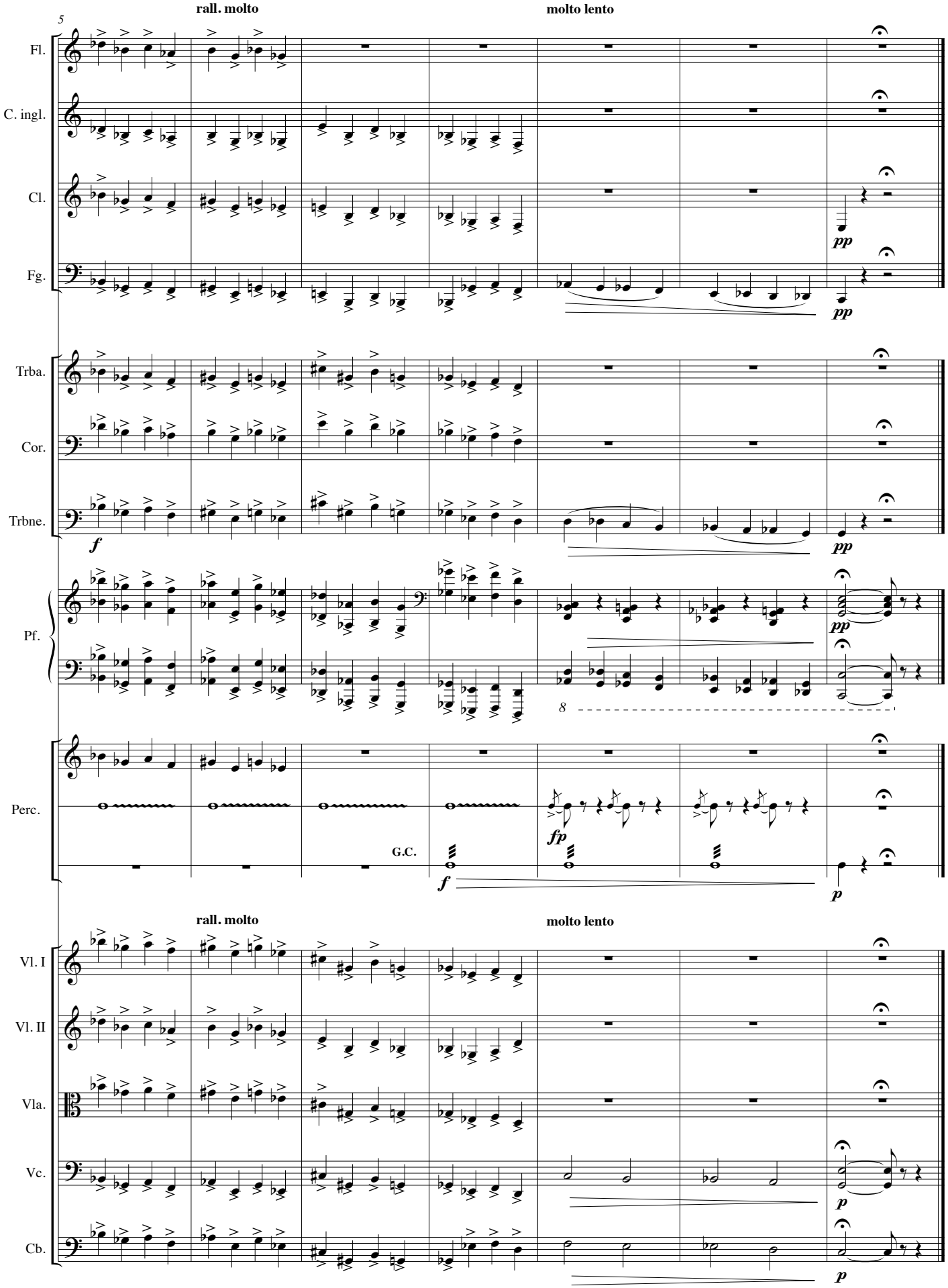

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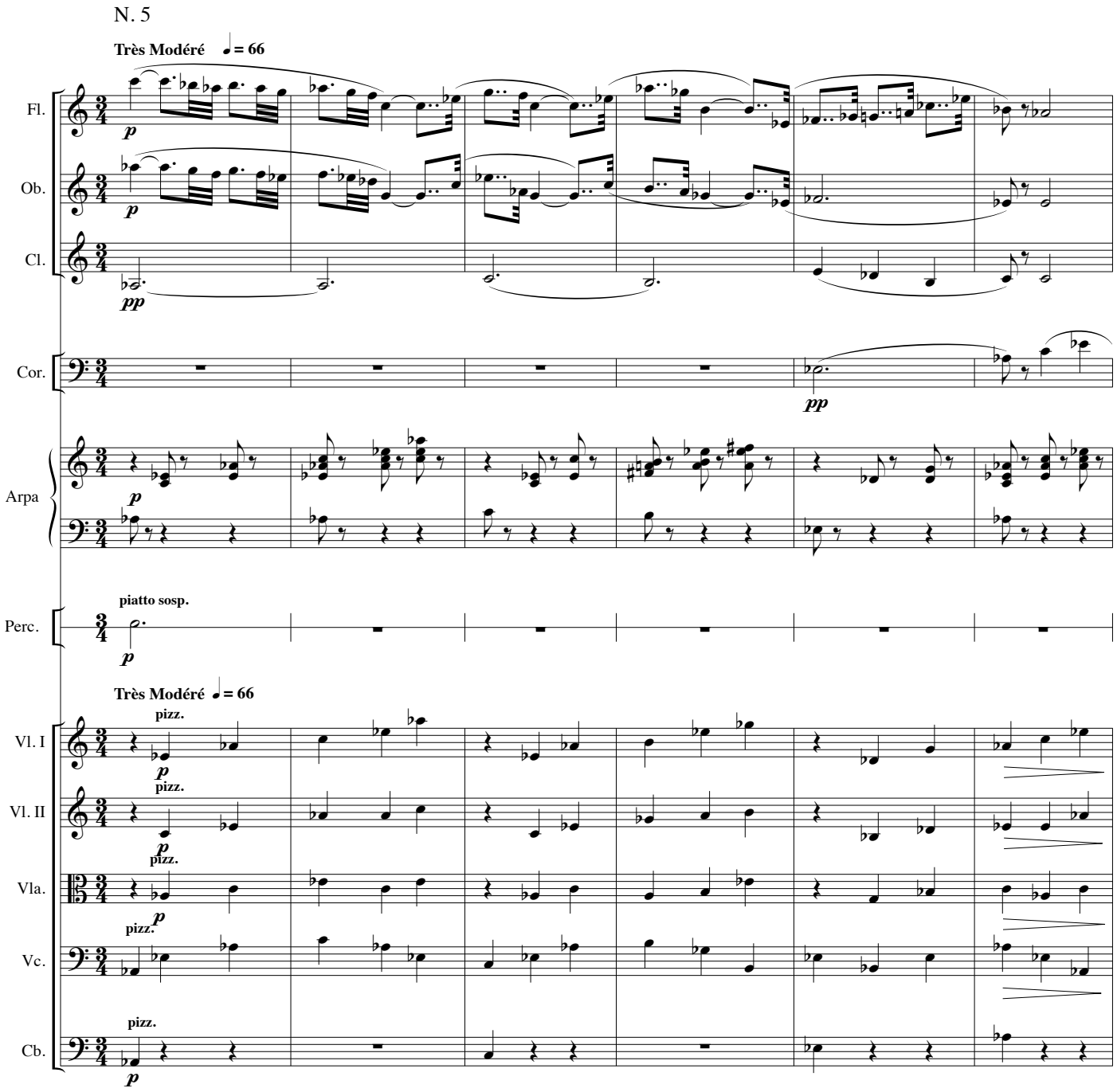
Dopo qualche giorno, molto stanco, Babar arriva vicino a un piccolo paesino. E' molto meravigliato perché è la prima volta che vede cose tante case. Che cose nuove! queste bei viali! Queste automobili e questi autobus!
Comunque quello che interessa di più a Babar sono due signori che incontra per strada.
Pensa "veramente come sono elegantissimi, vorrei anch'io avere un bel vestito . . . ma come fare?"
Per fortuna una vecchia signora molto ricca, a cui piaceva i piccoli elefanti, capisce, guardandolo, che vorebbe un bel vestito.
Siccome a lei piace accontentare gli altri, gli dà il suo portafolio.
Baber lei dice: "Grazie signora"



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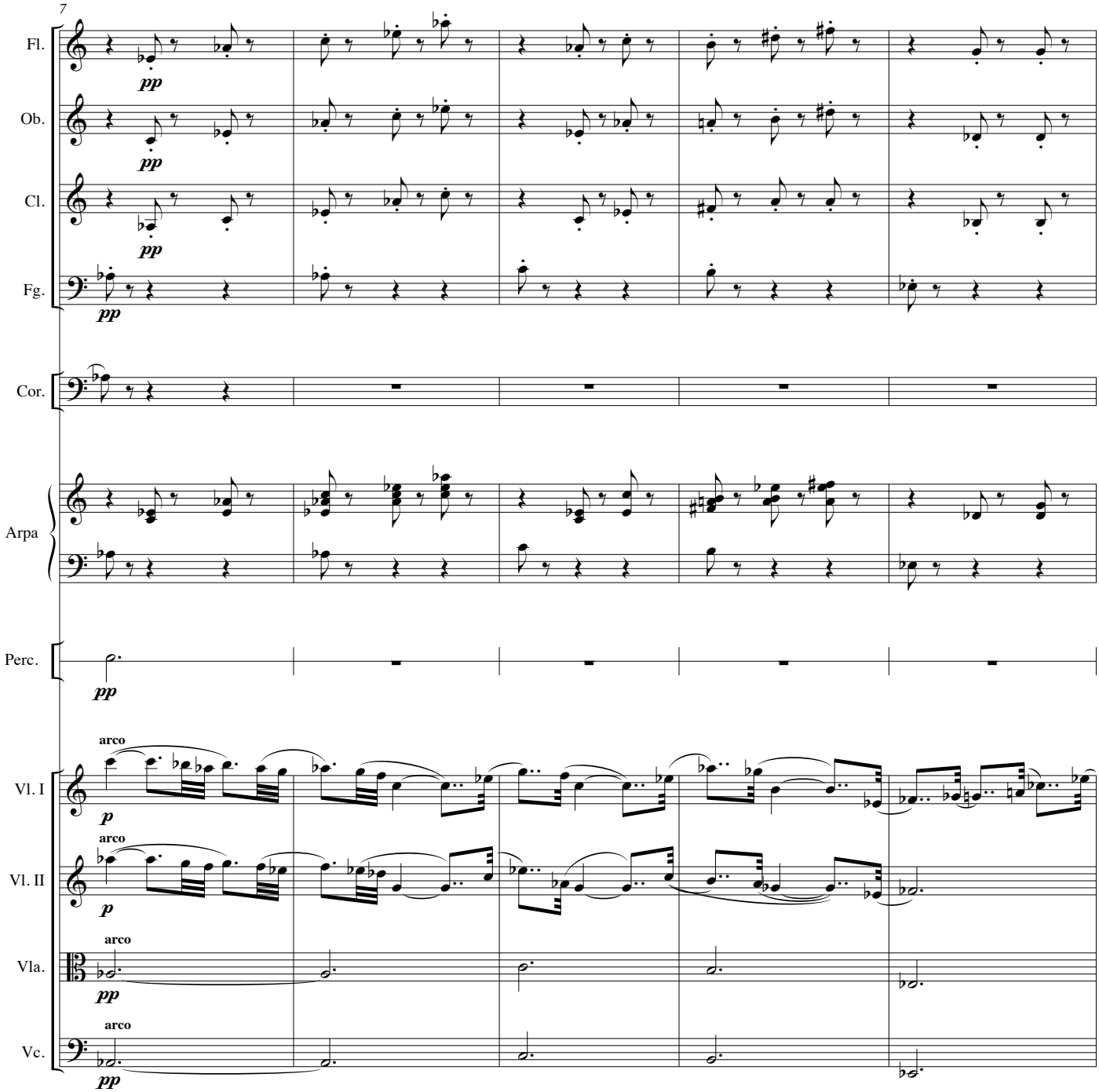

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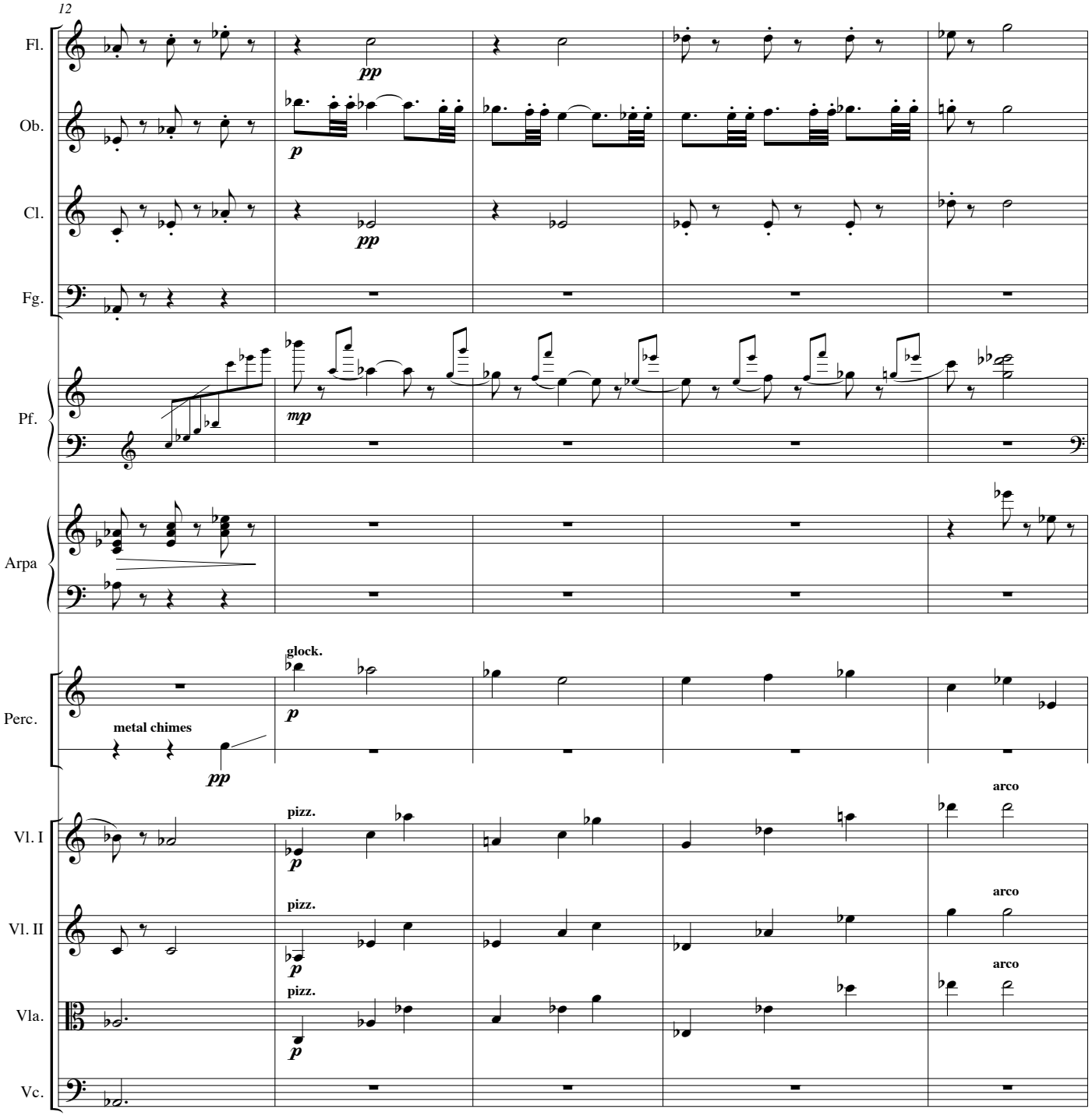

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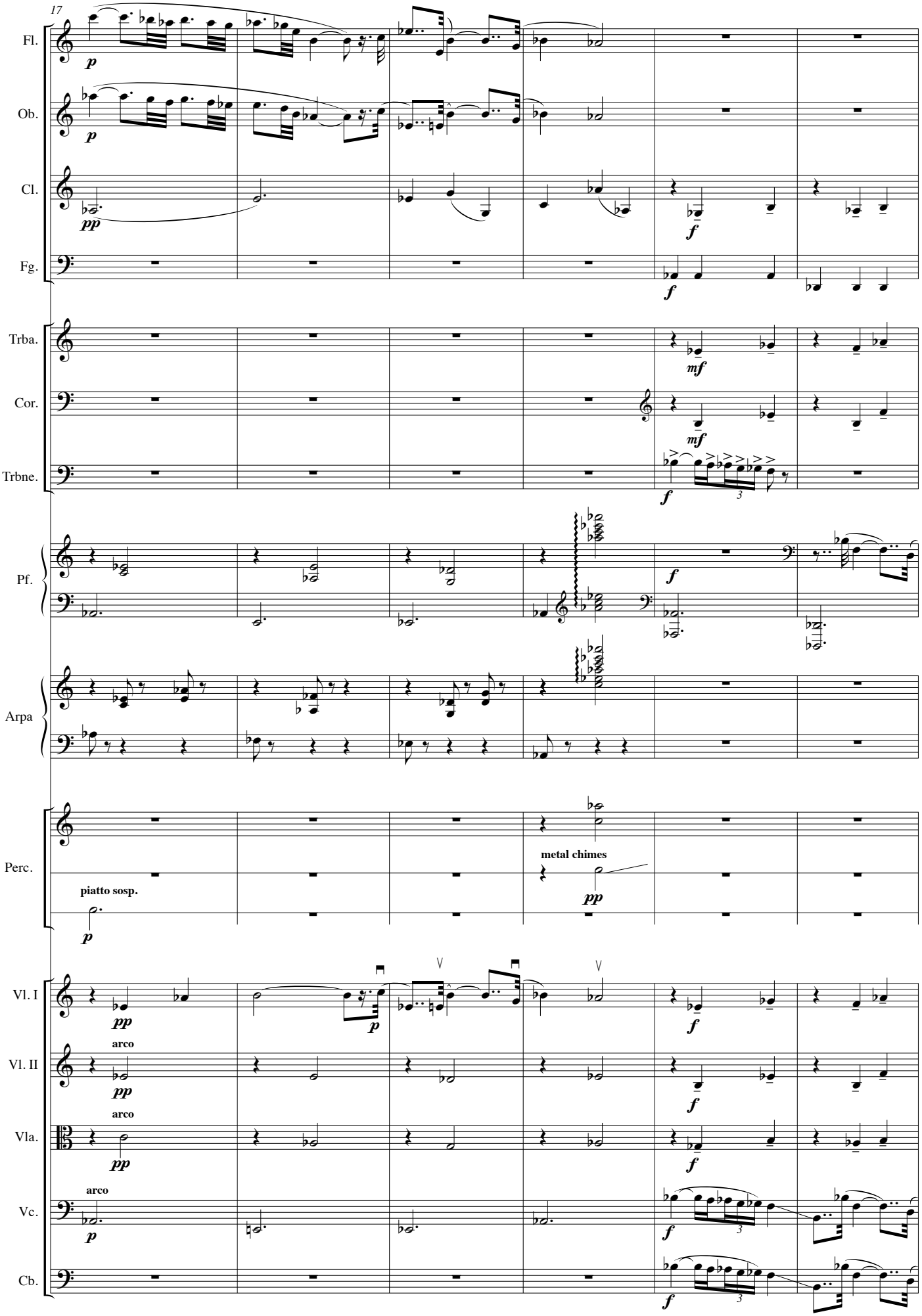

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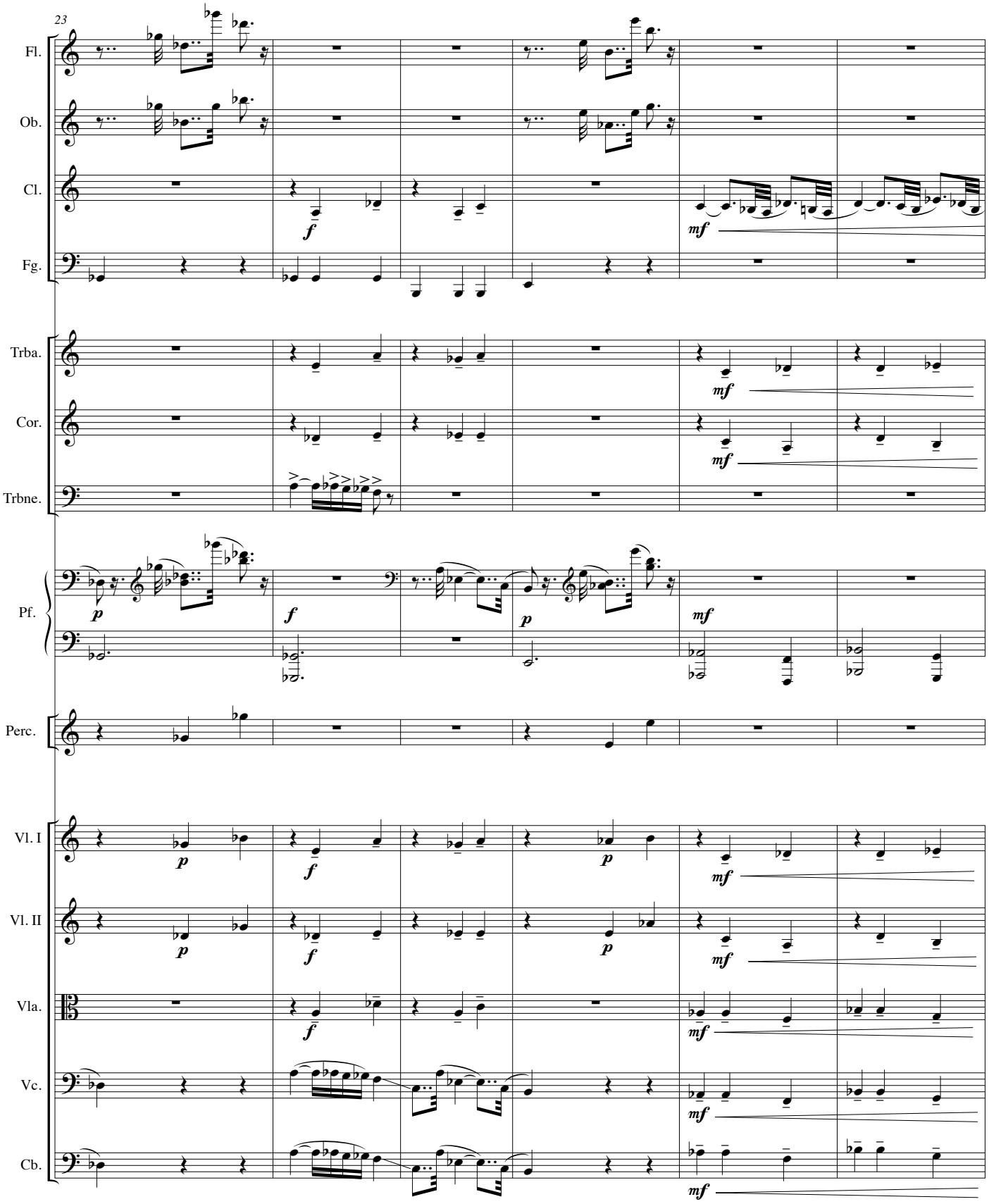

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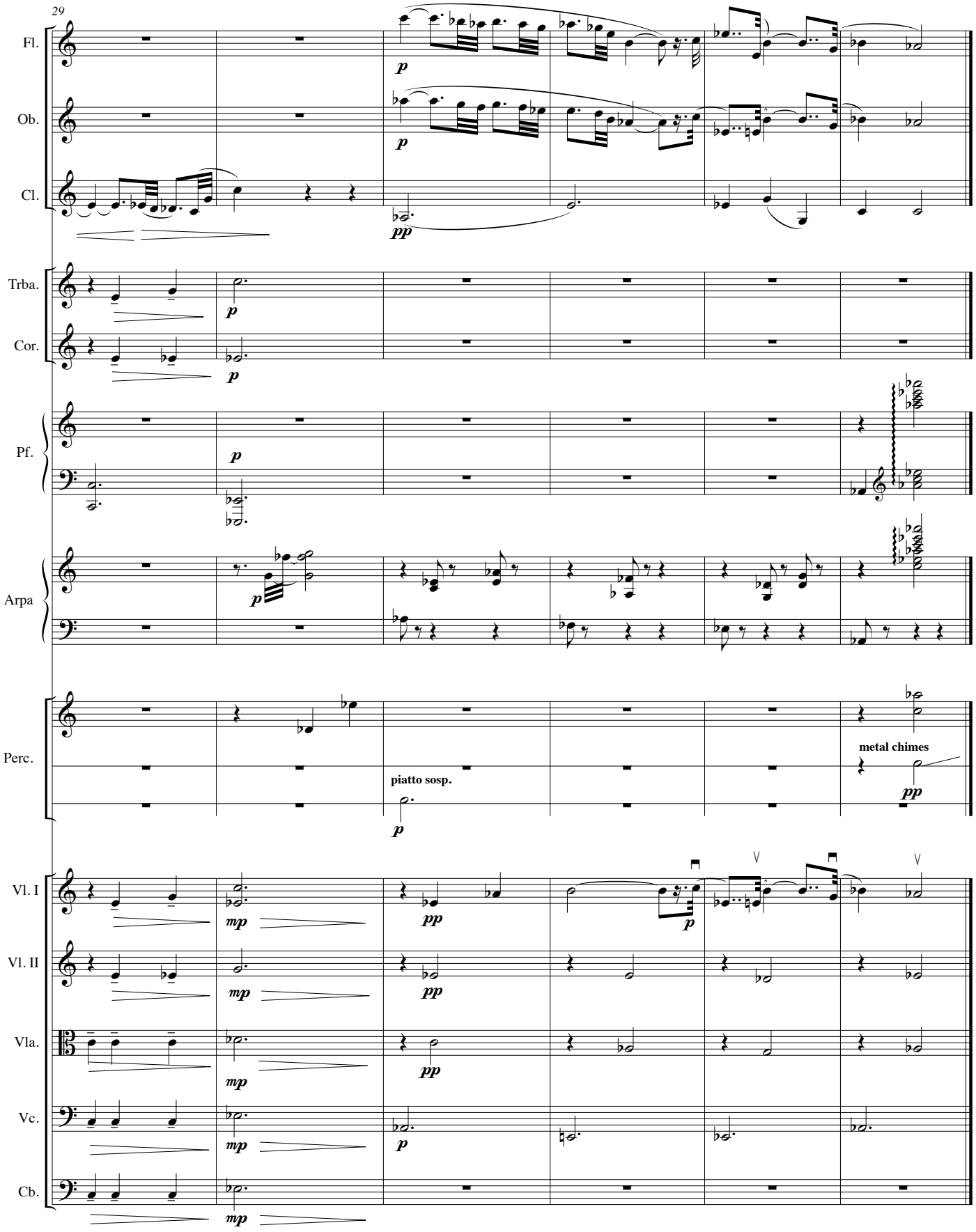

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Adesso Babar vive con la vecchia signora. Ogni mattina, insieme a lei, fa ginnastica, poi si fa il bagno

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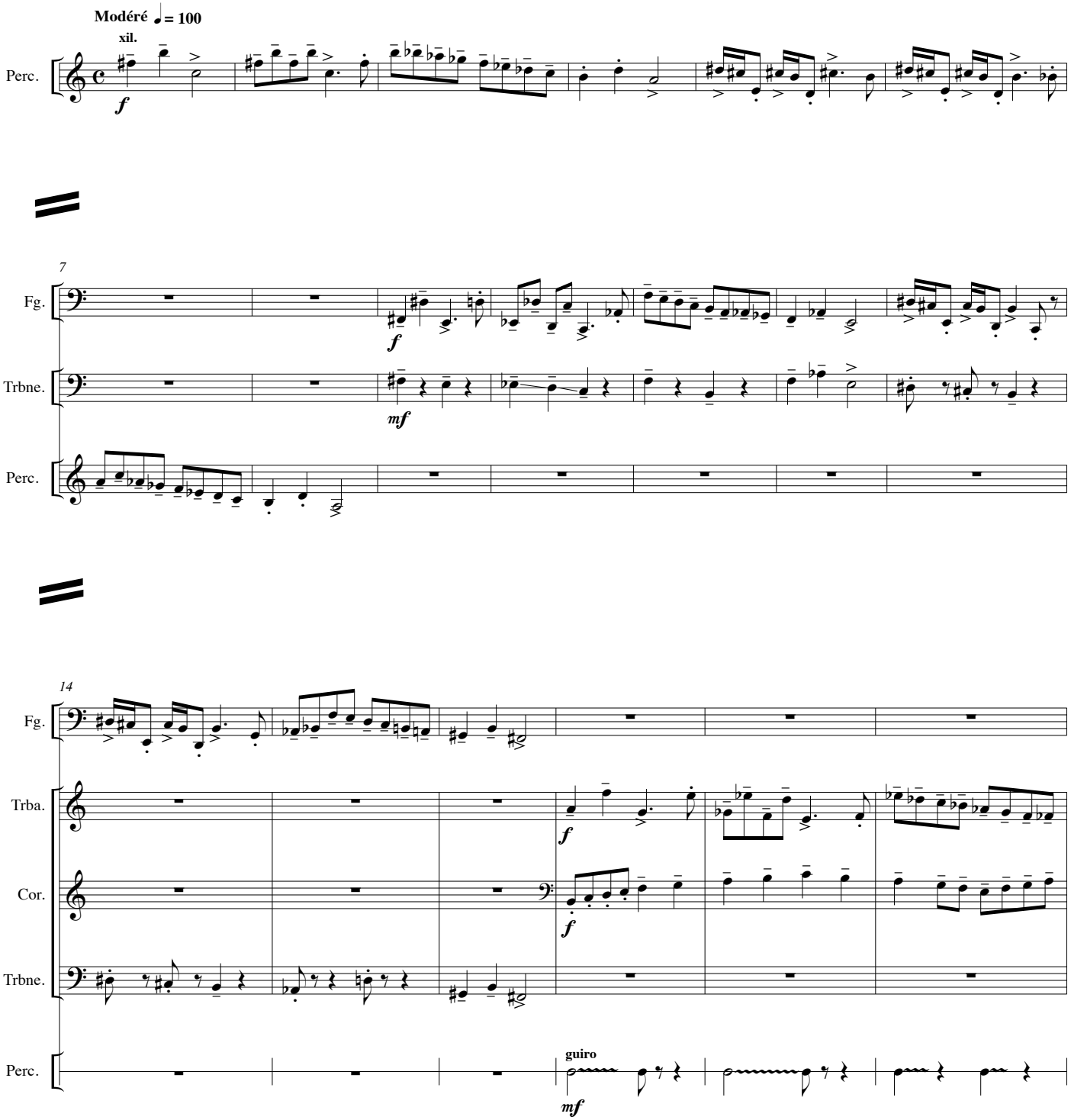

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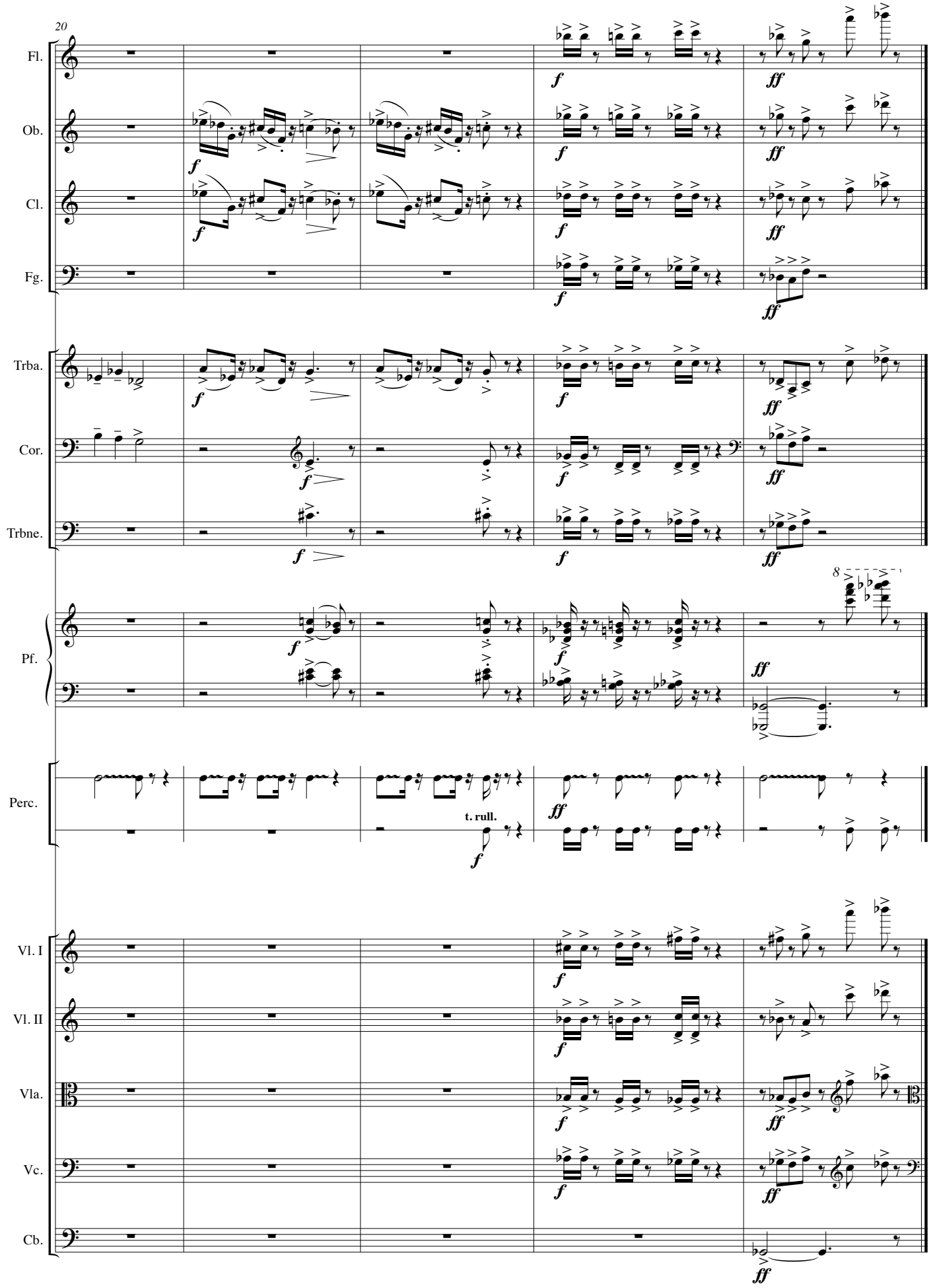

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Ogni giorno Babar va a giro nella sua macchina. Glie'ha comprata la vecchia signora. Gli dà tutto quell che vuole.

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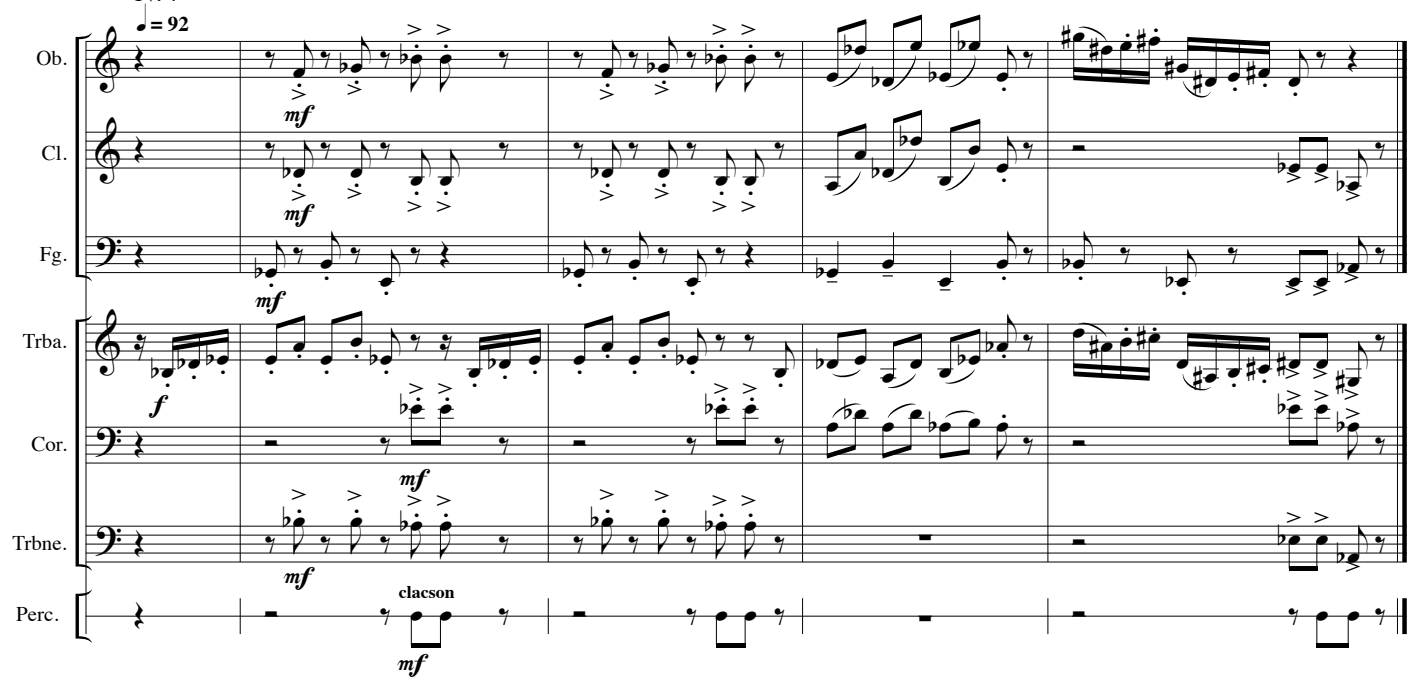

Nonostante tutto però Babar non sta tanto bene perché non può più giocare nella grande foresta con i suoi cugini e le compagne scimmie.

Spesso, alla finestra . . .lui sogna pensando alla sua infanzia . . . e piange al ricordo della mamma.

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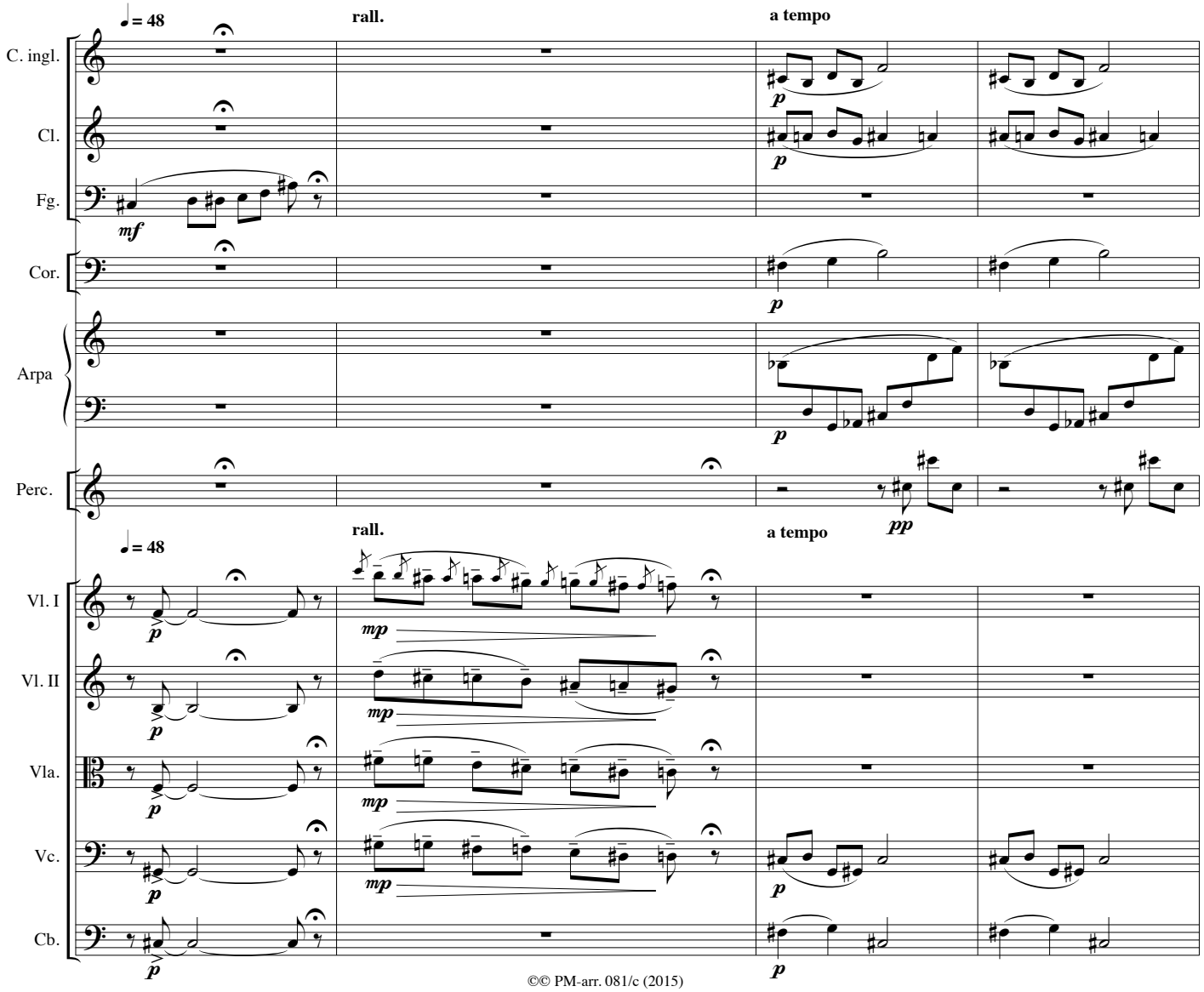

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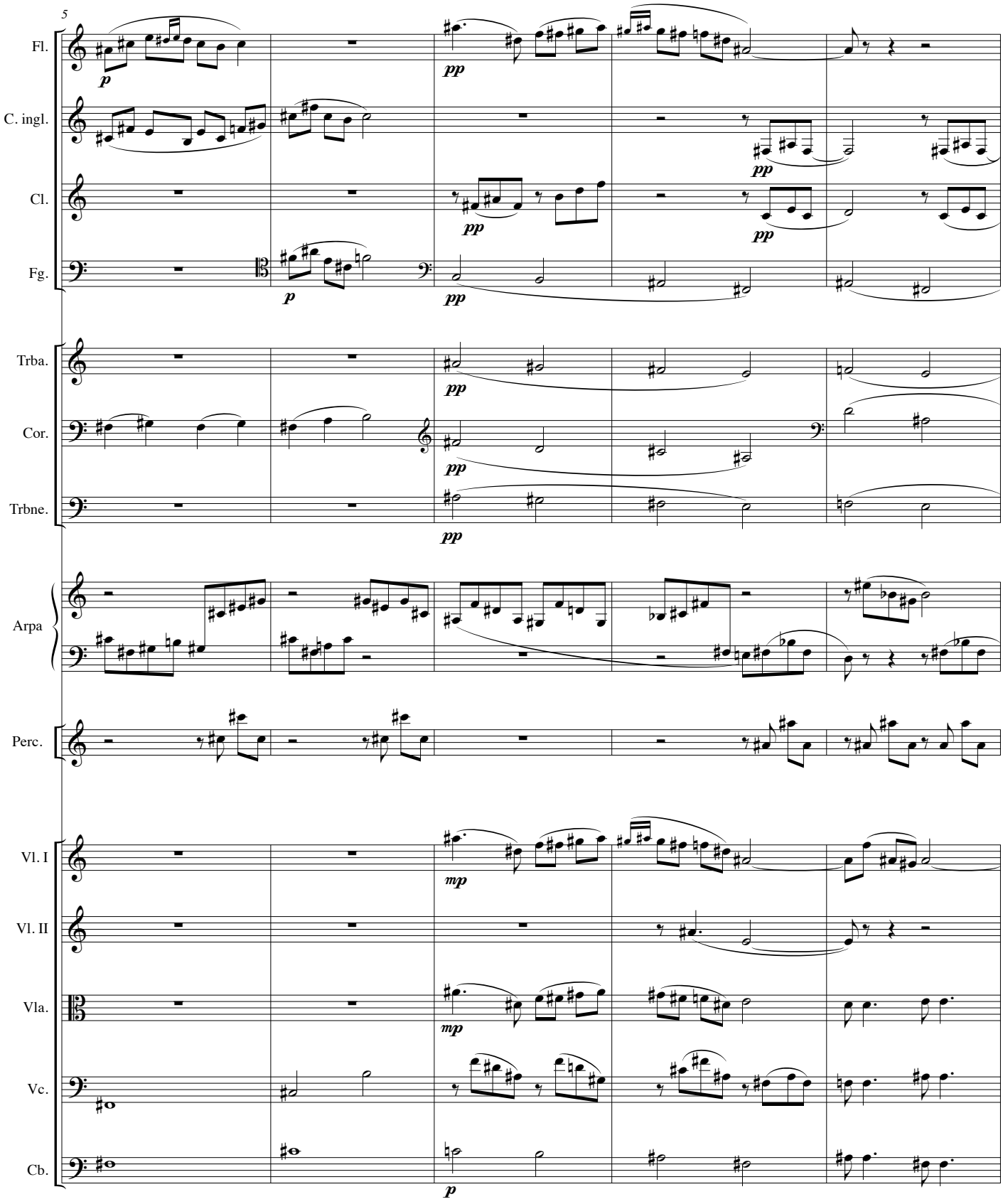

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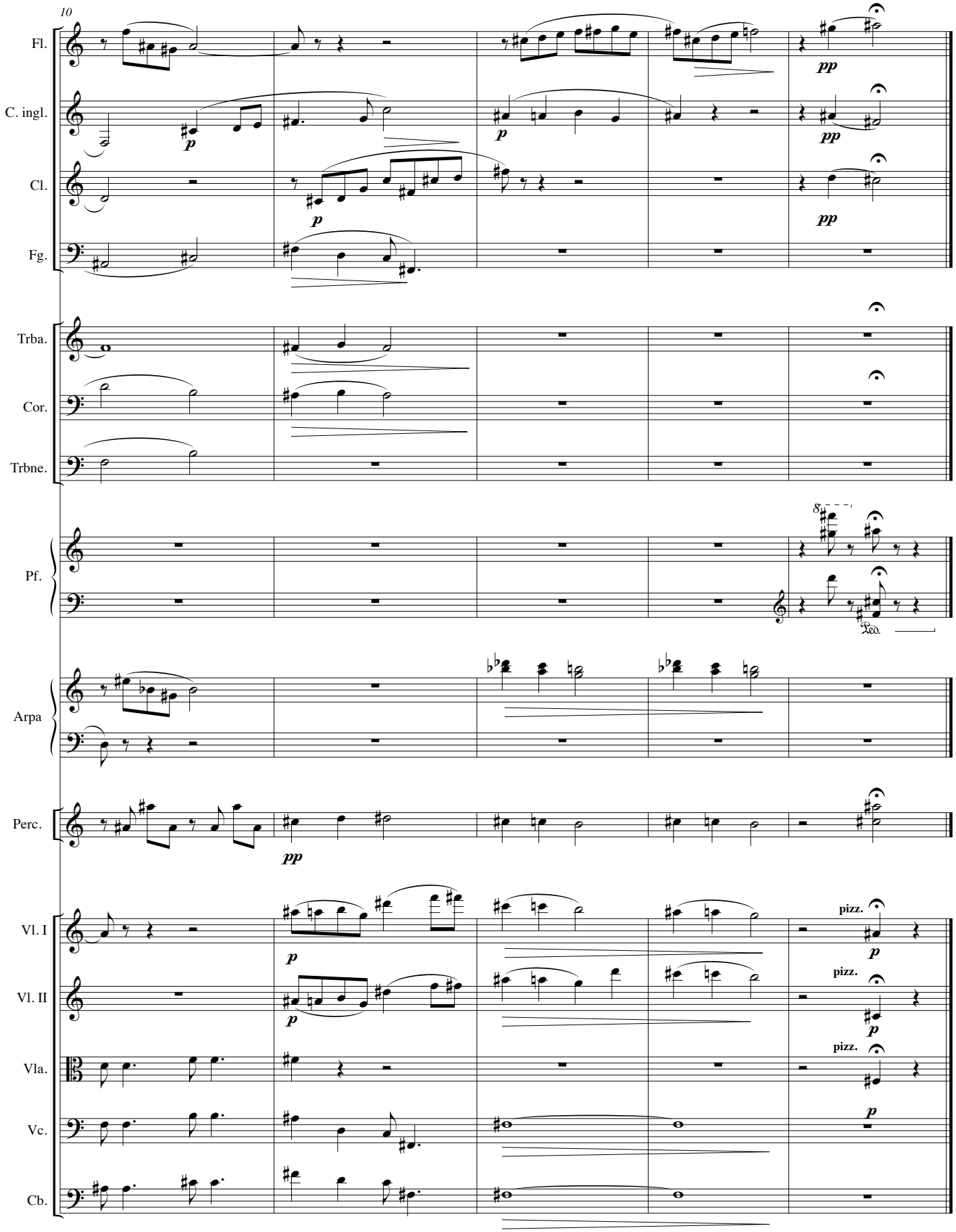

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Sono passato due anni. Un giorno mentre fa la passeggiata babar vede avvicinarsi due elefantini tutti nudi.
"Ma sono Arturo e Celeste, il mio cugino e la mia cugina" dice stupefatto alla vecchia signora.
Babar saluta Arturo e Celeste poi corre a comprare loro dei bei vestiti.

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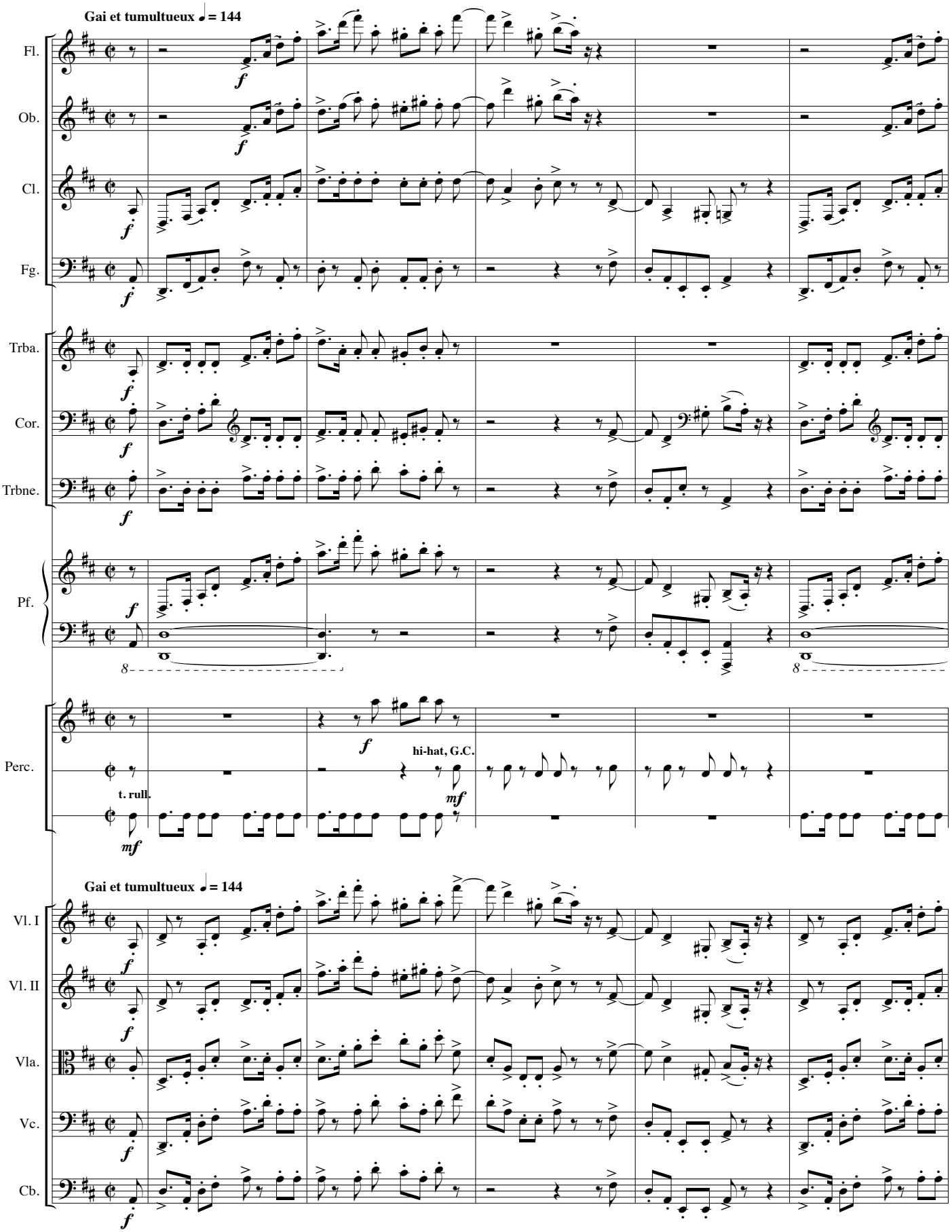

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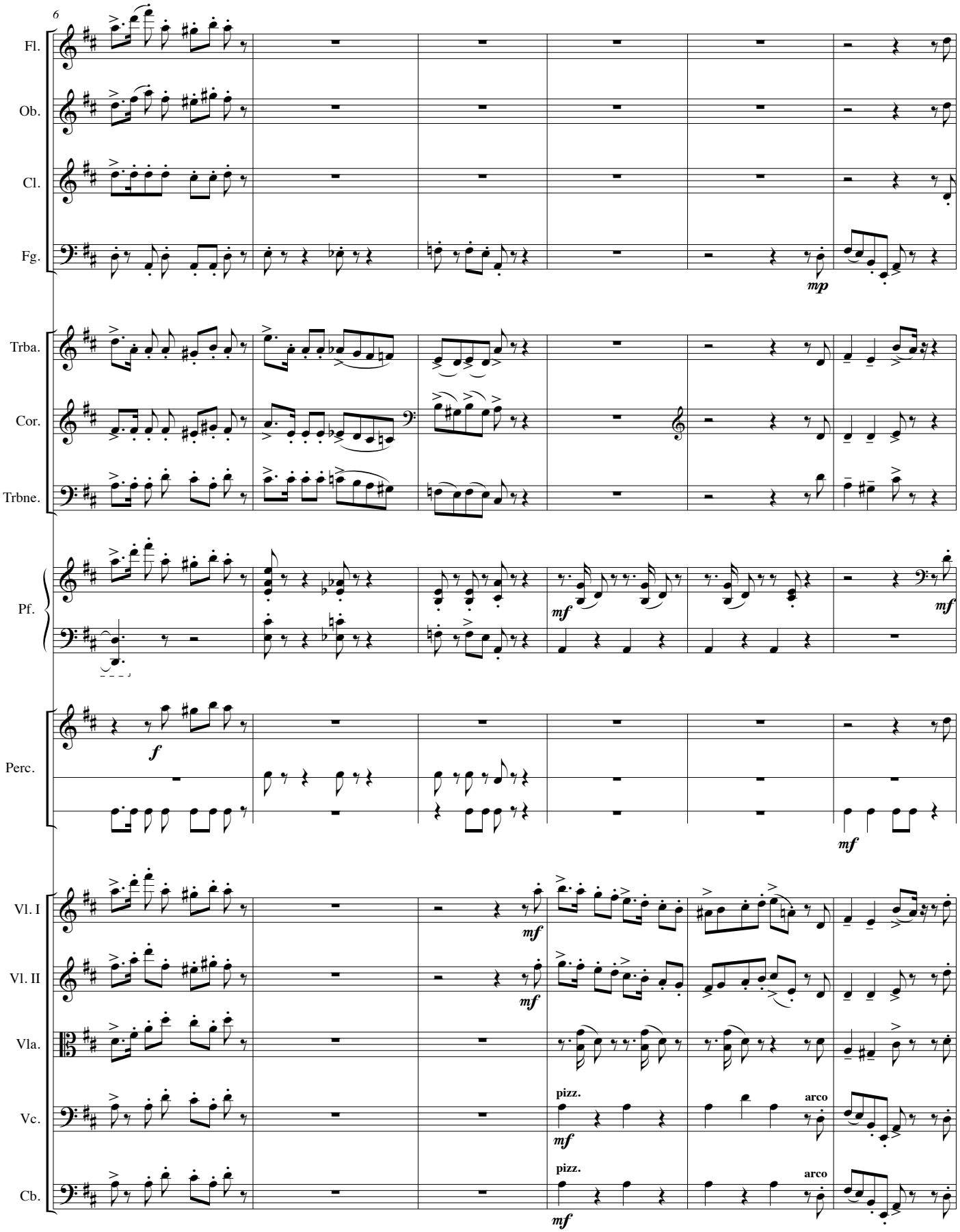

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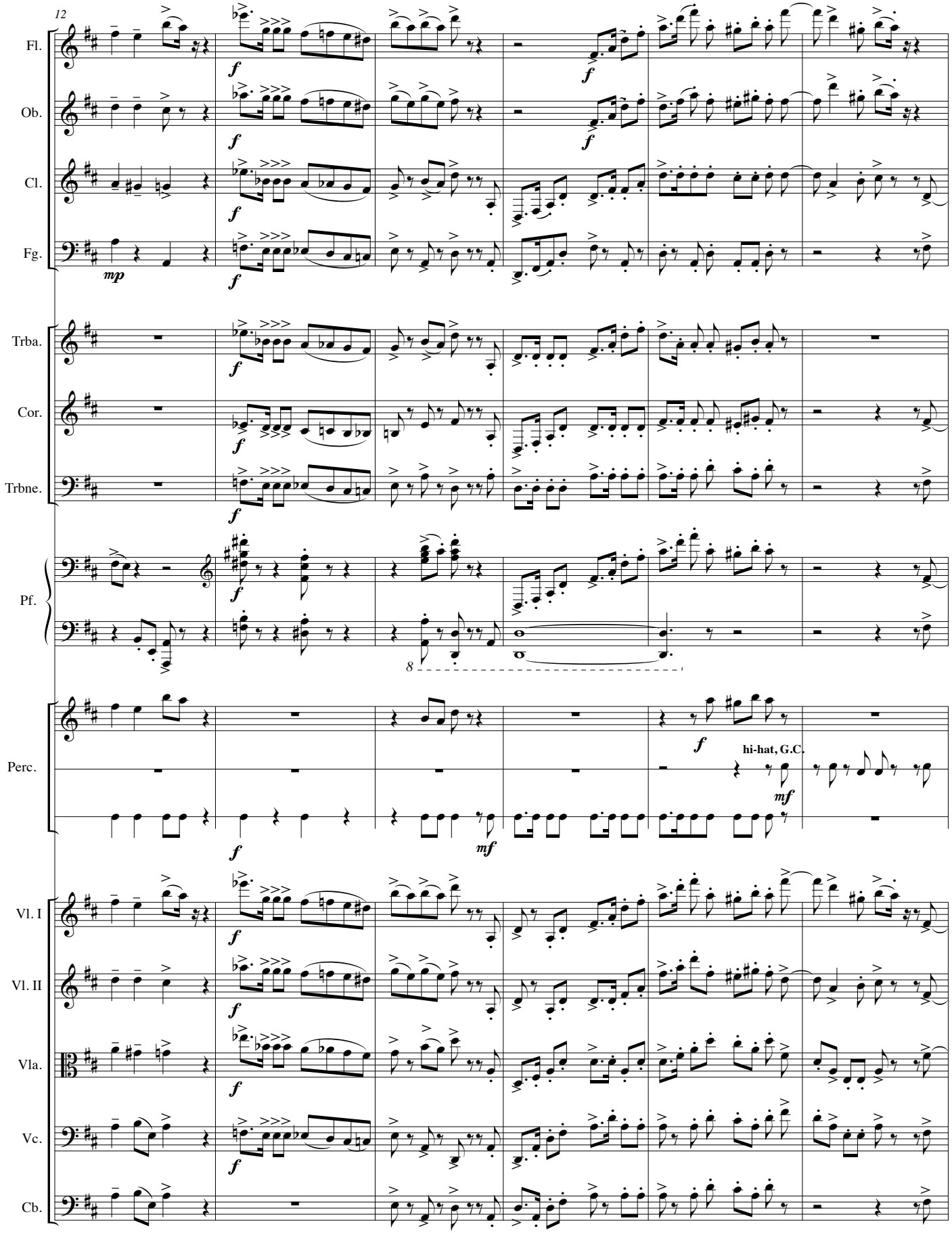

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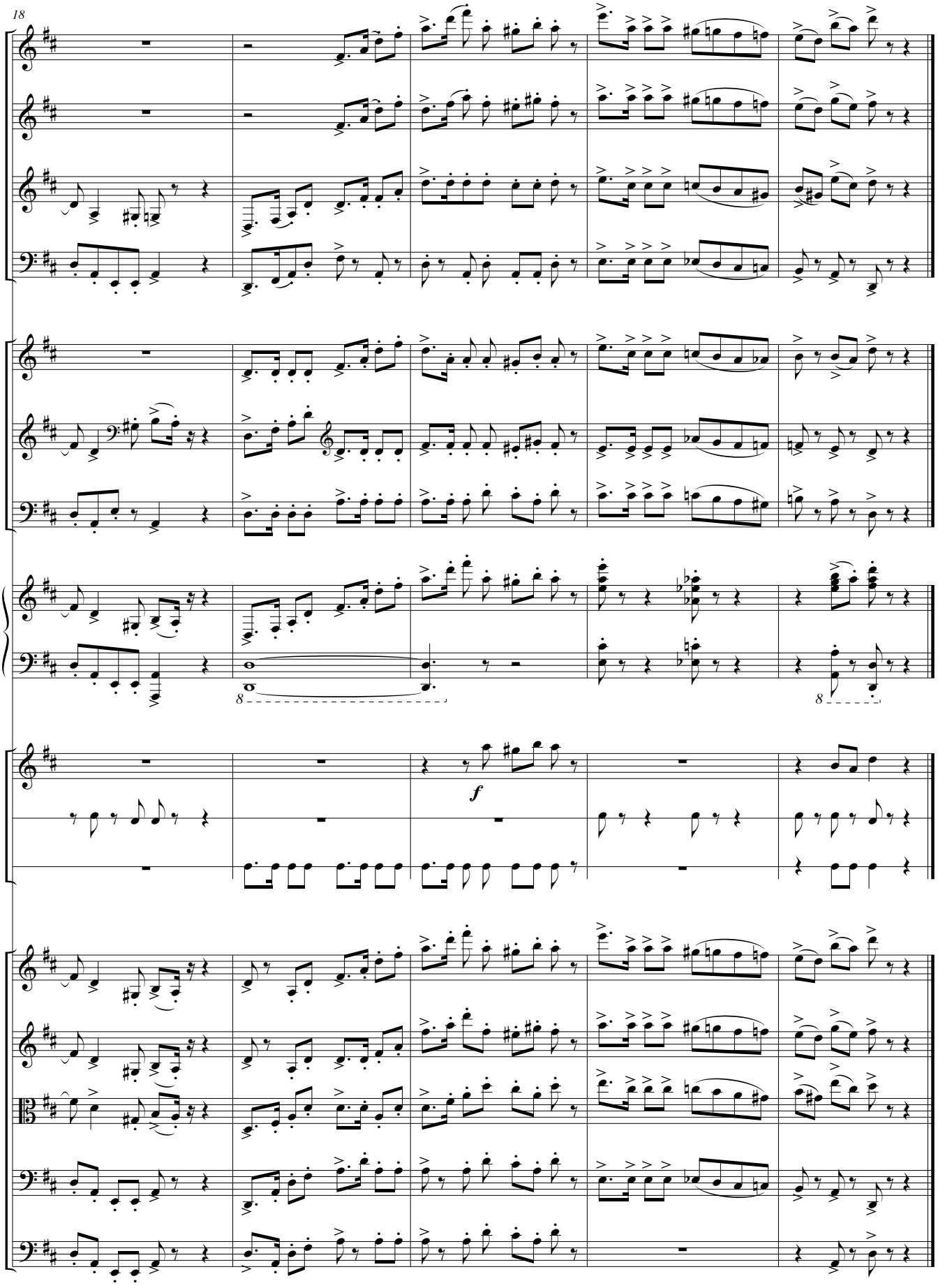

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Dopo, Babar gli porta in una pasticceria a mangiare qualche buon dolcetto

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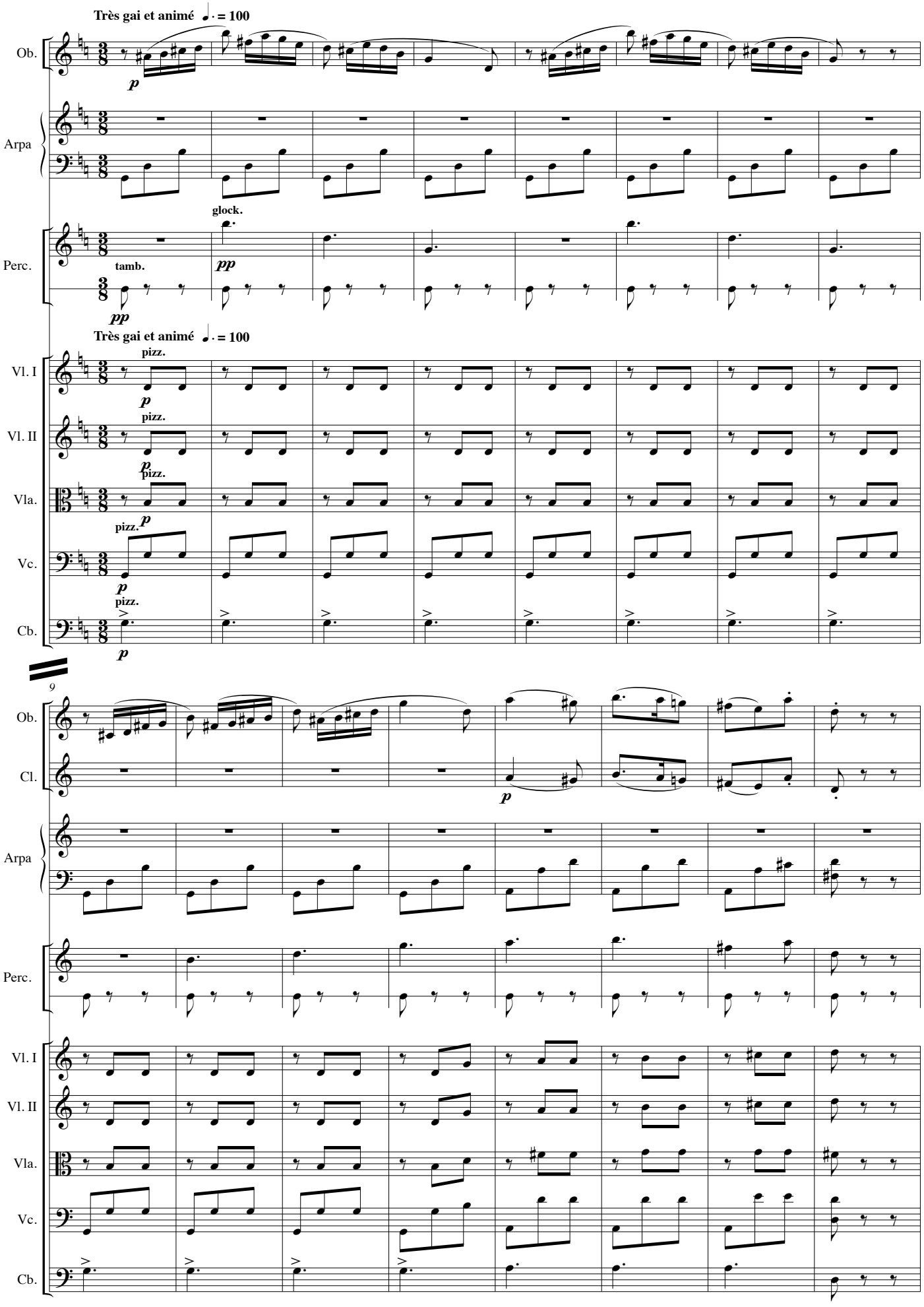

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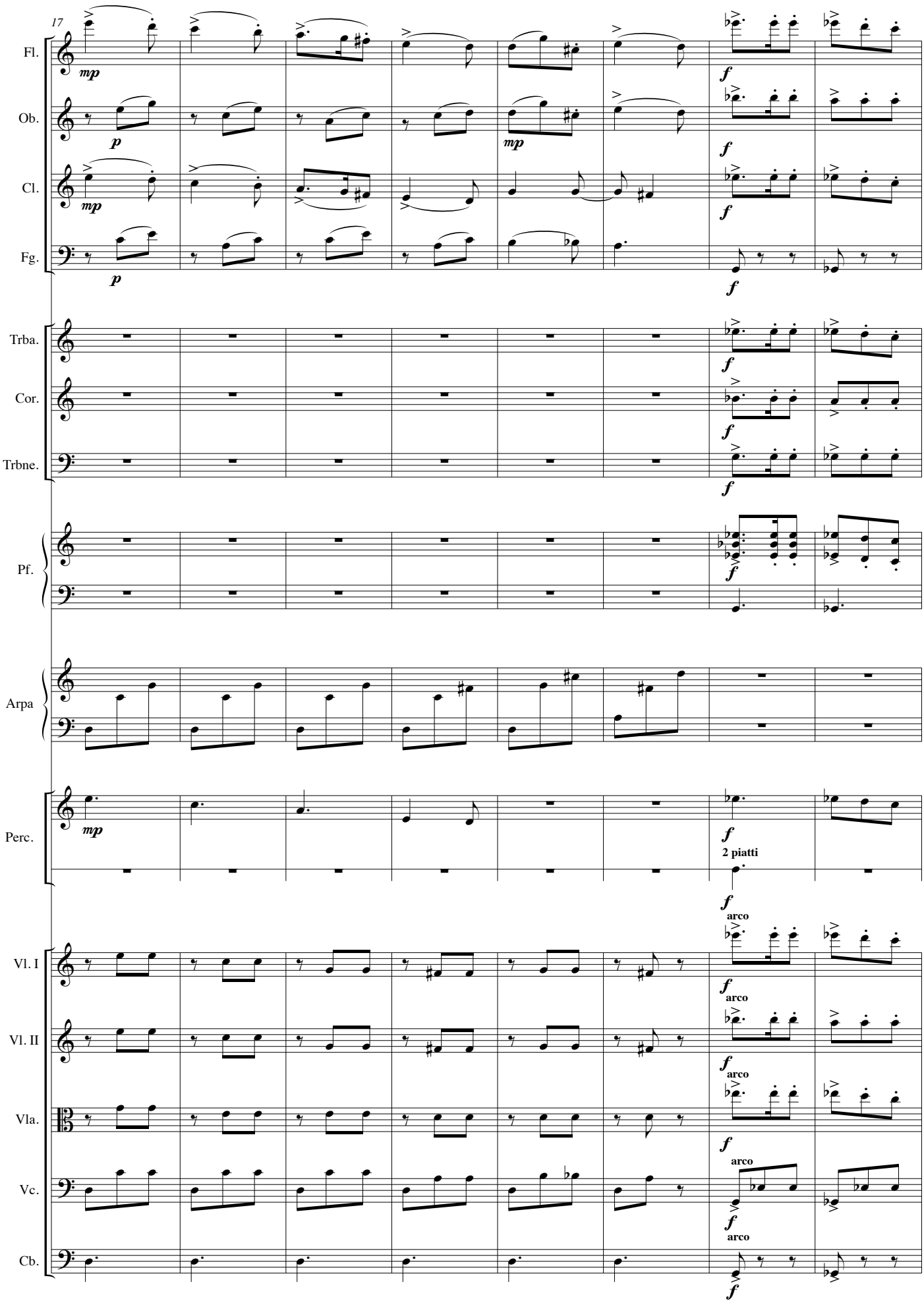

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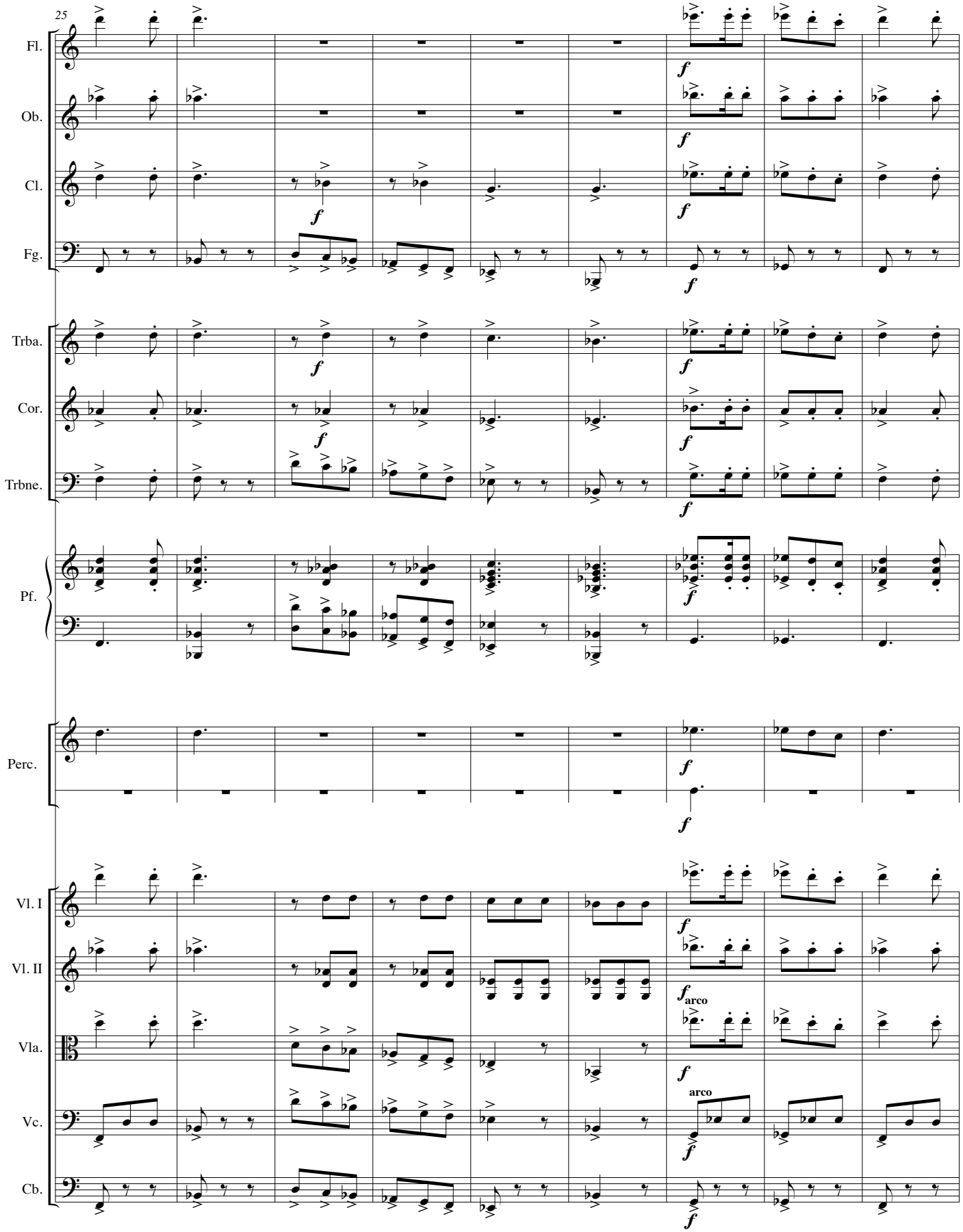

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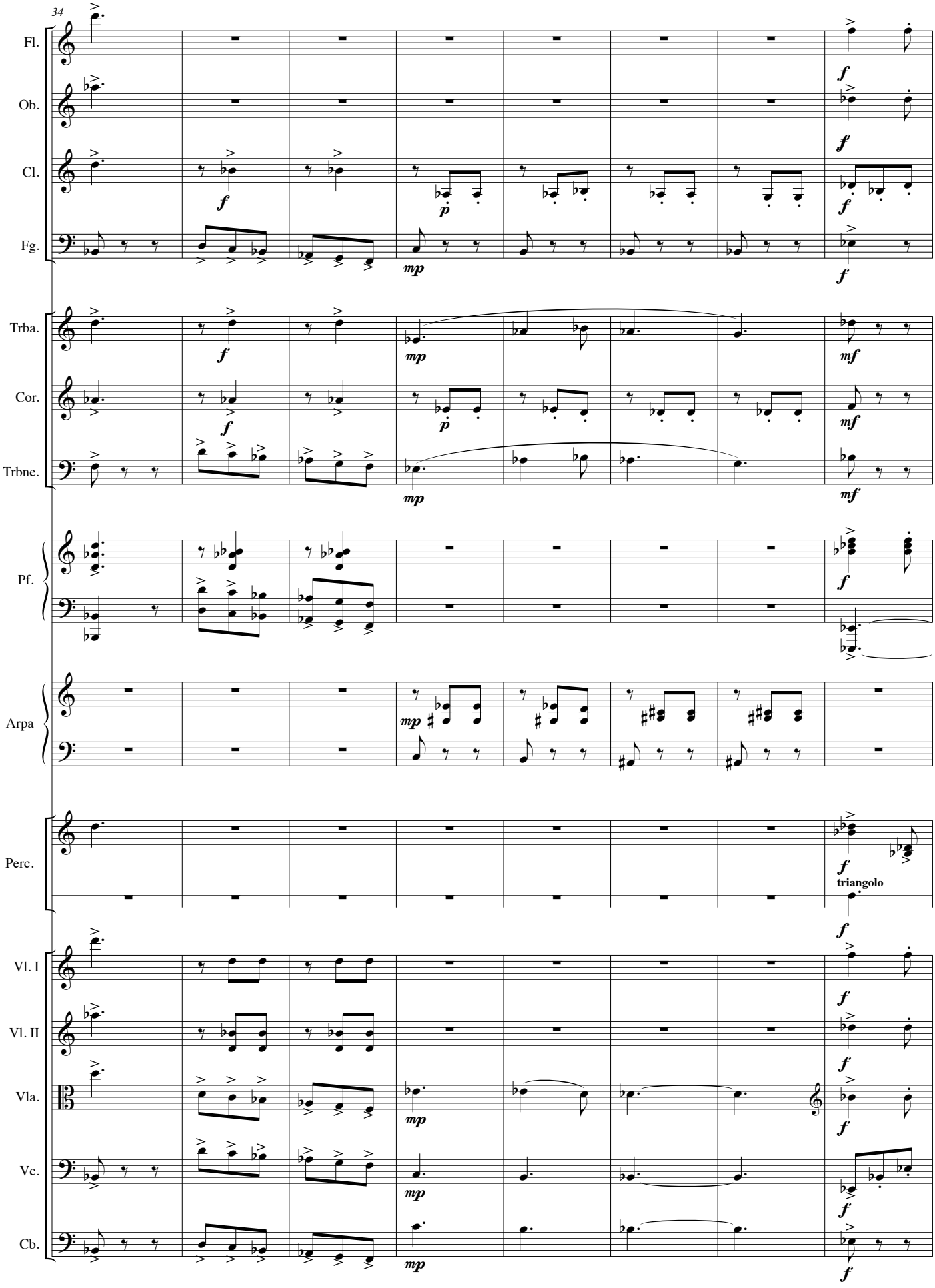

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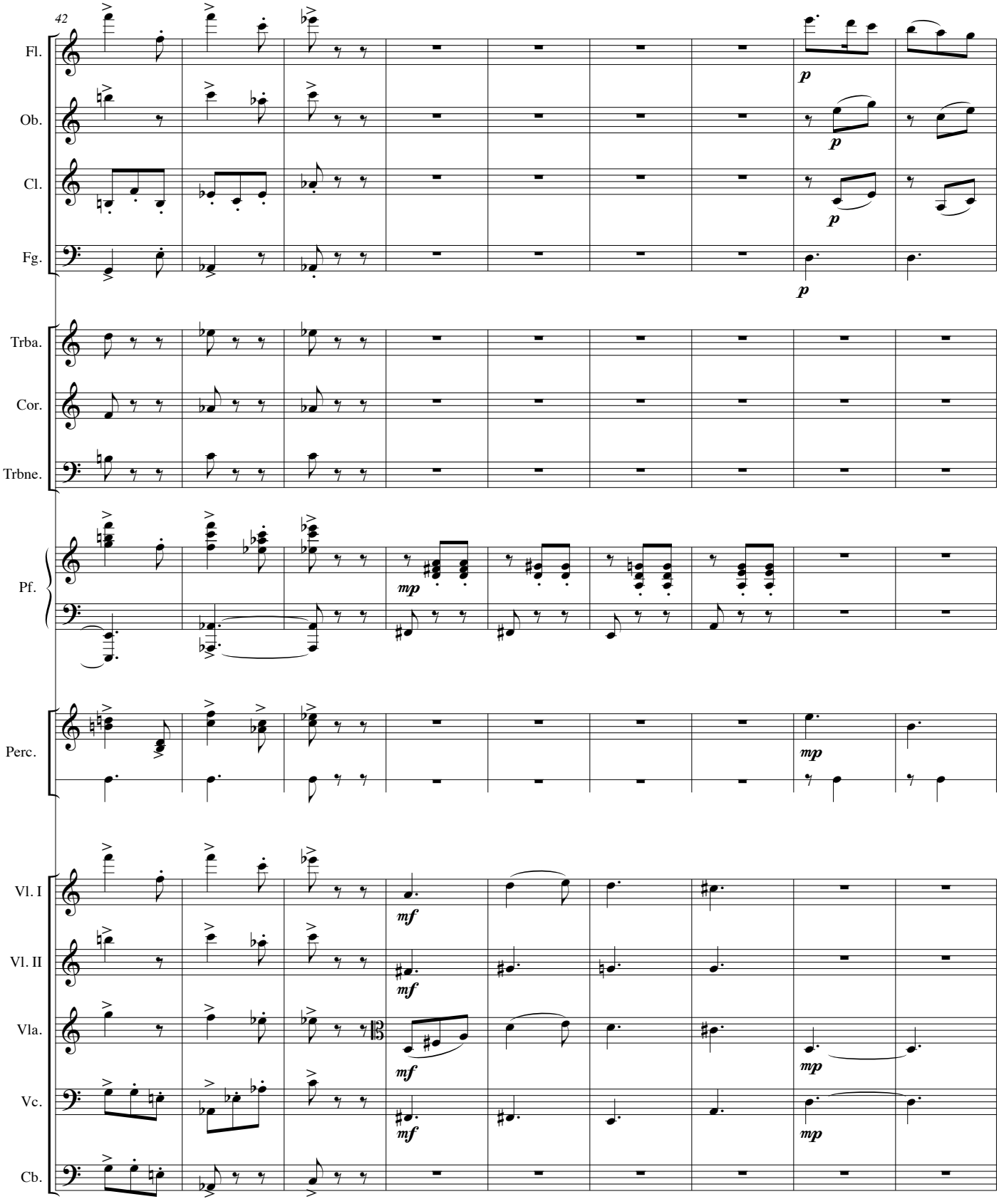

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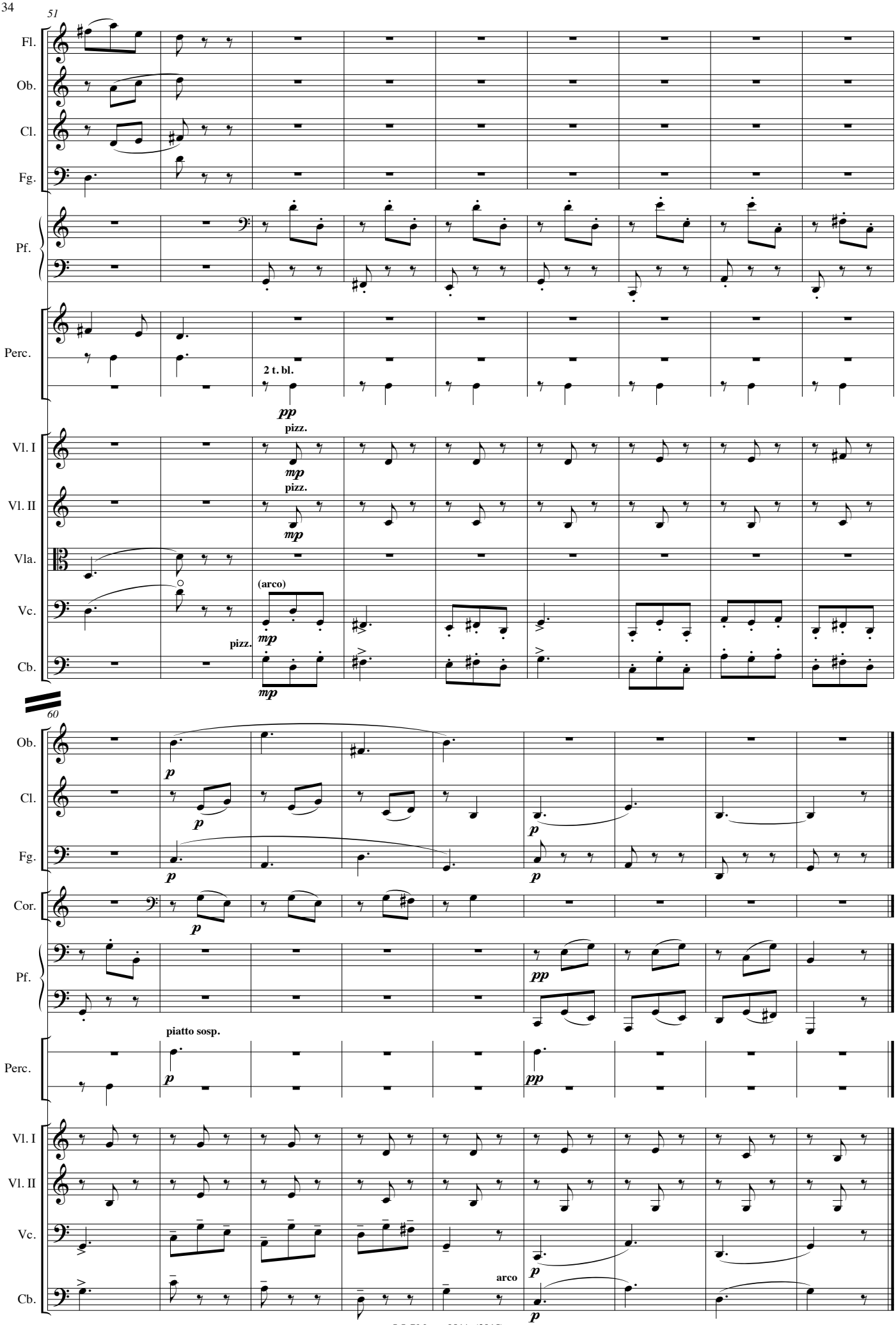

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Intanto, nella foresta, gli elefanti chiamano Arturo e Celeste, le loro mamme sono molto preoccupate.

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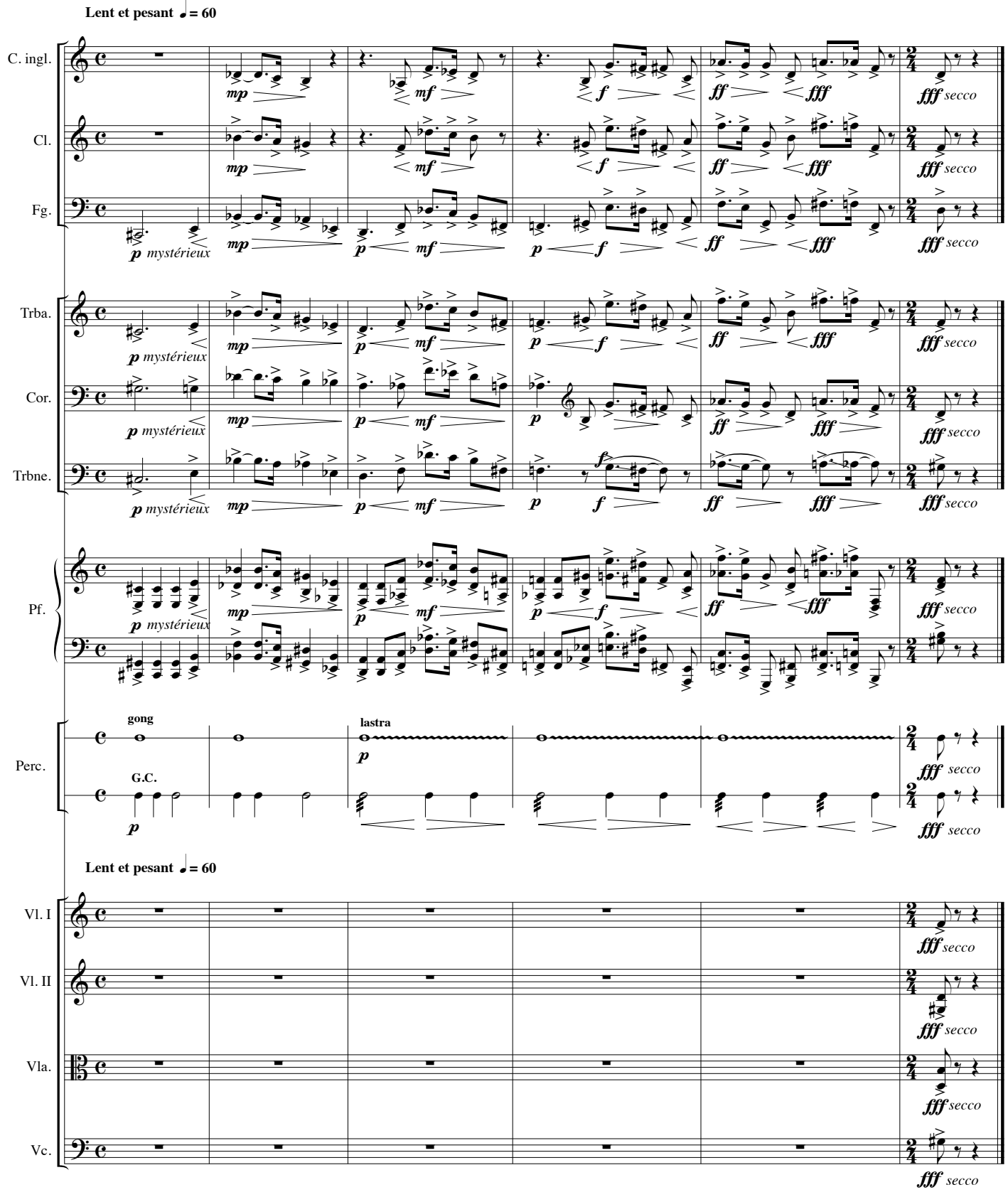

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Fortunatemente un vecchio uccello in volo sopra la città li ha visti e torna velocemente ad avvertire gli elefanti.

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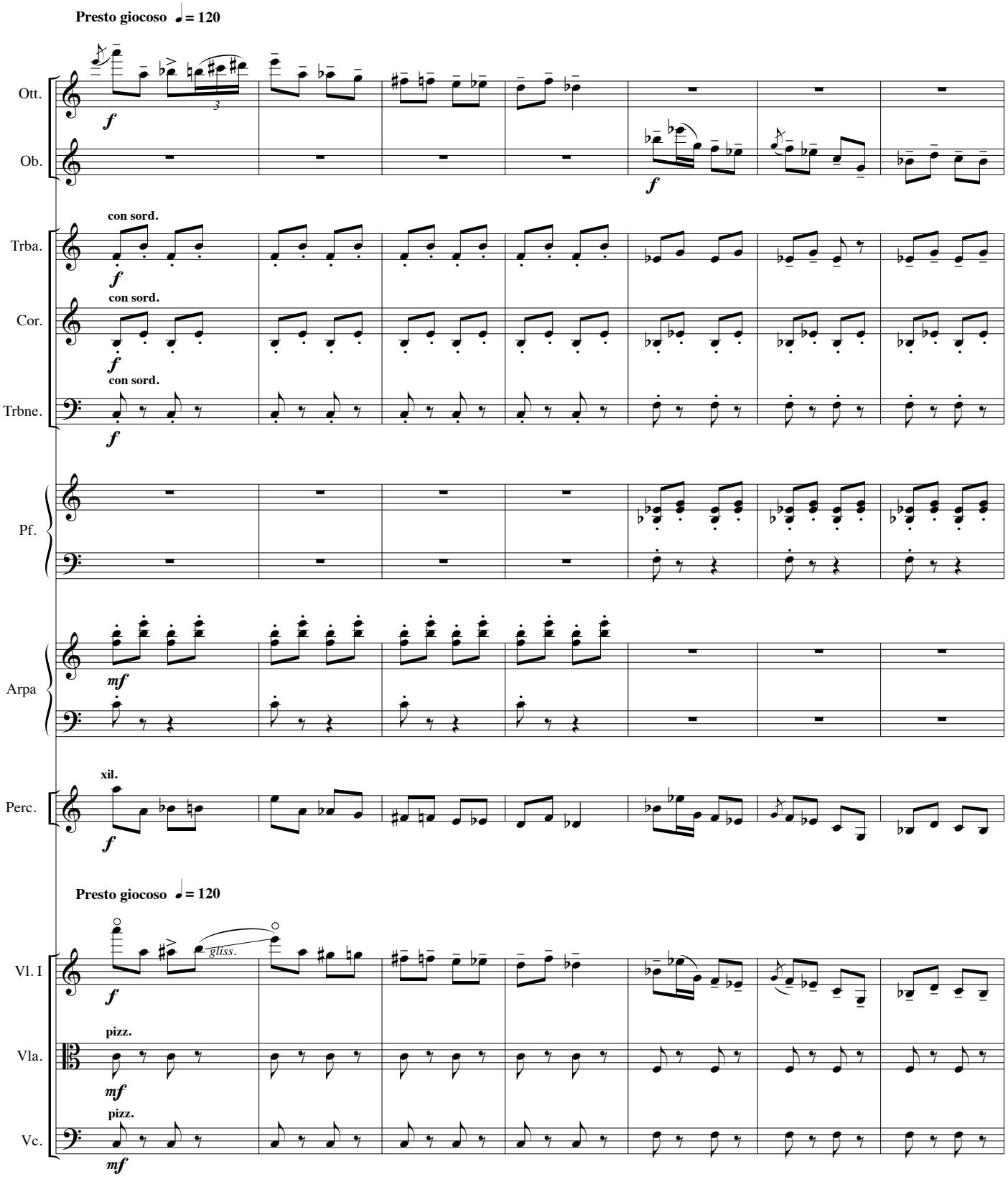

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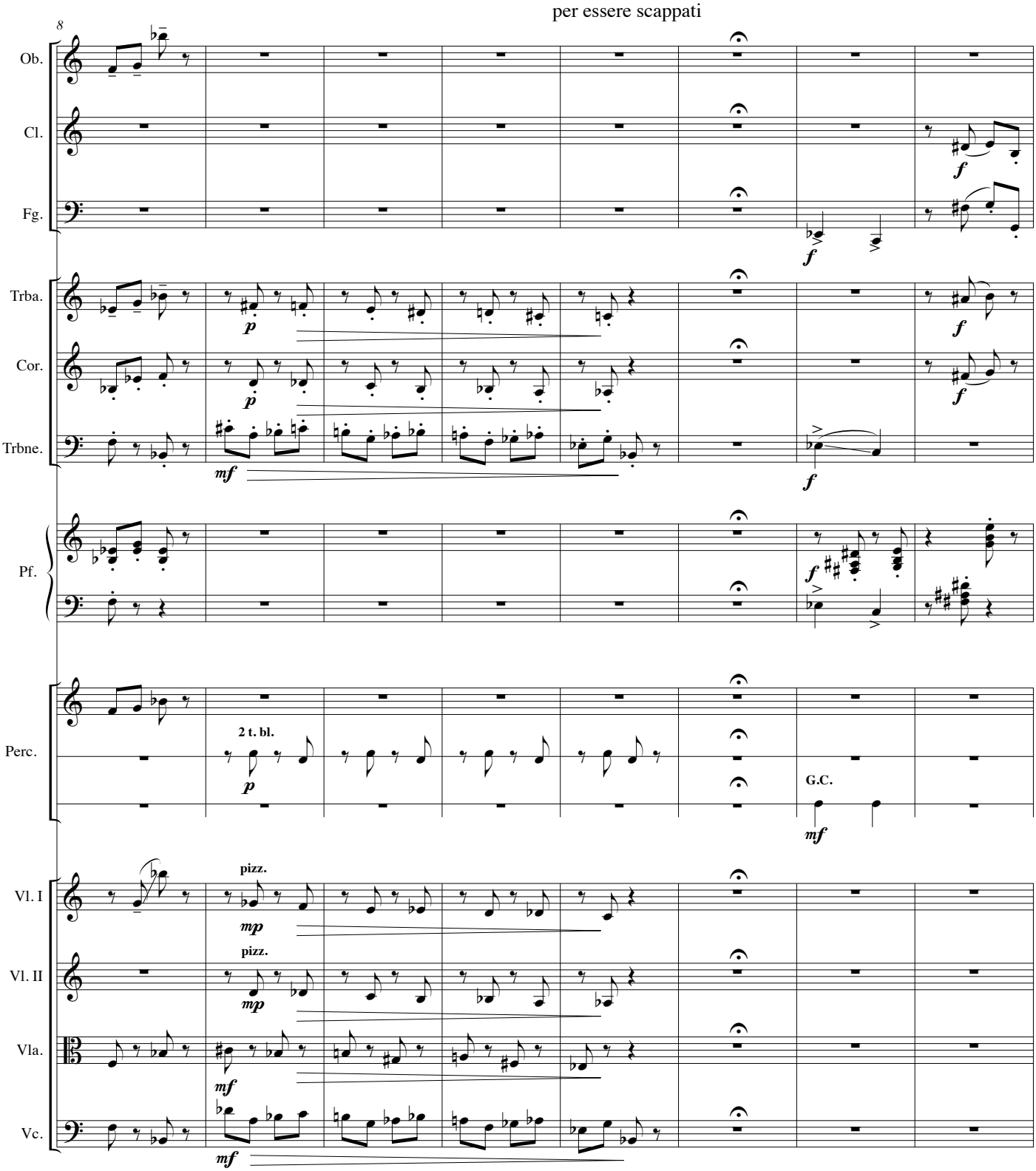
Le mamme di Arturo e Celeste partono per la città a cercarli - sono contentissime di ritrovarli, ma li brontolono lo stesso per essere scappati



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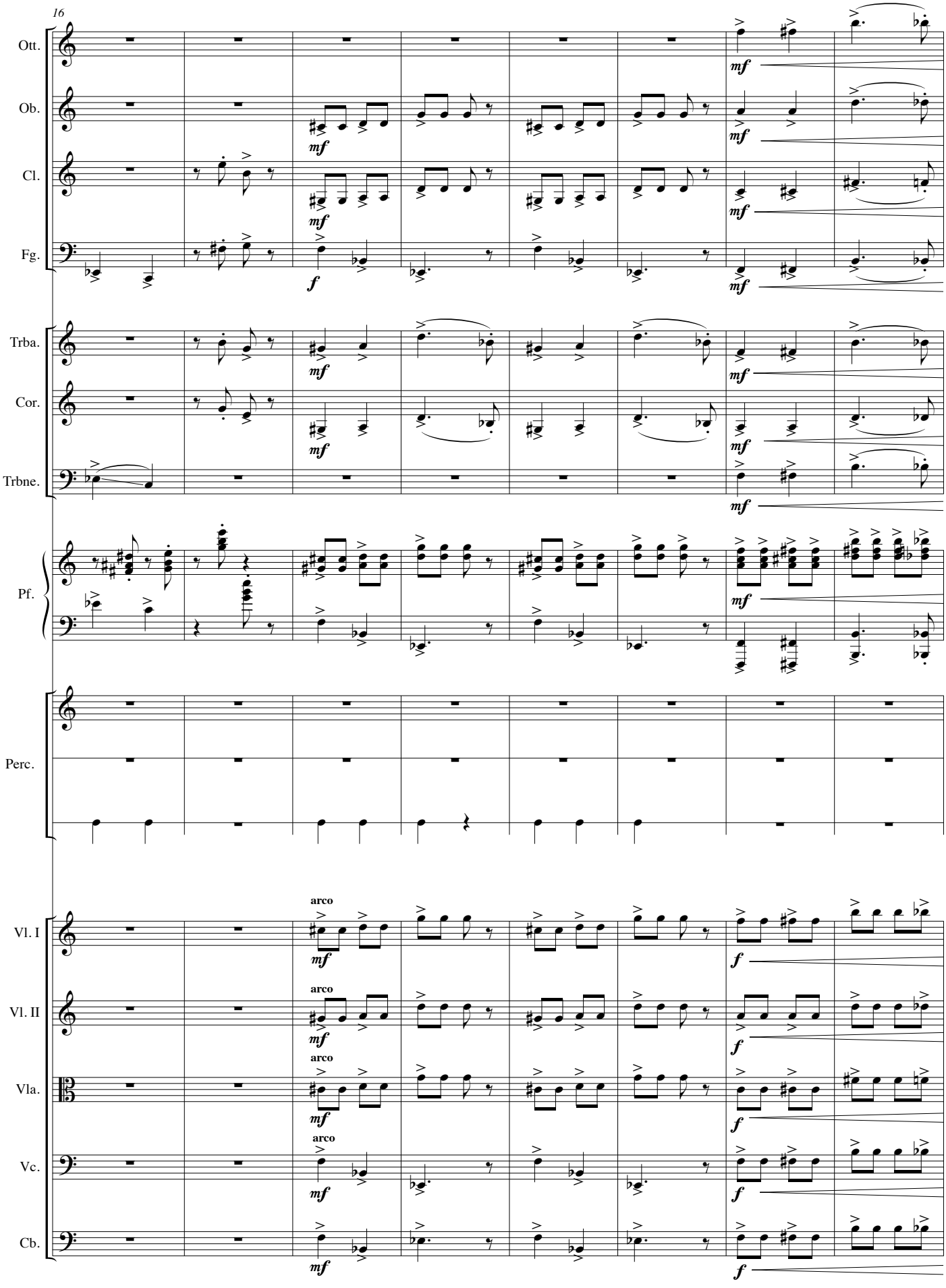

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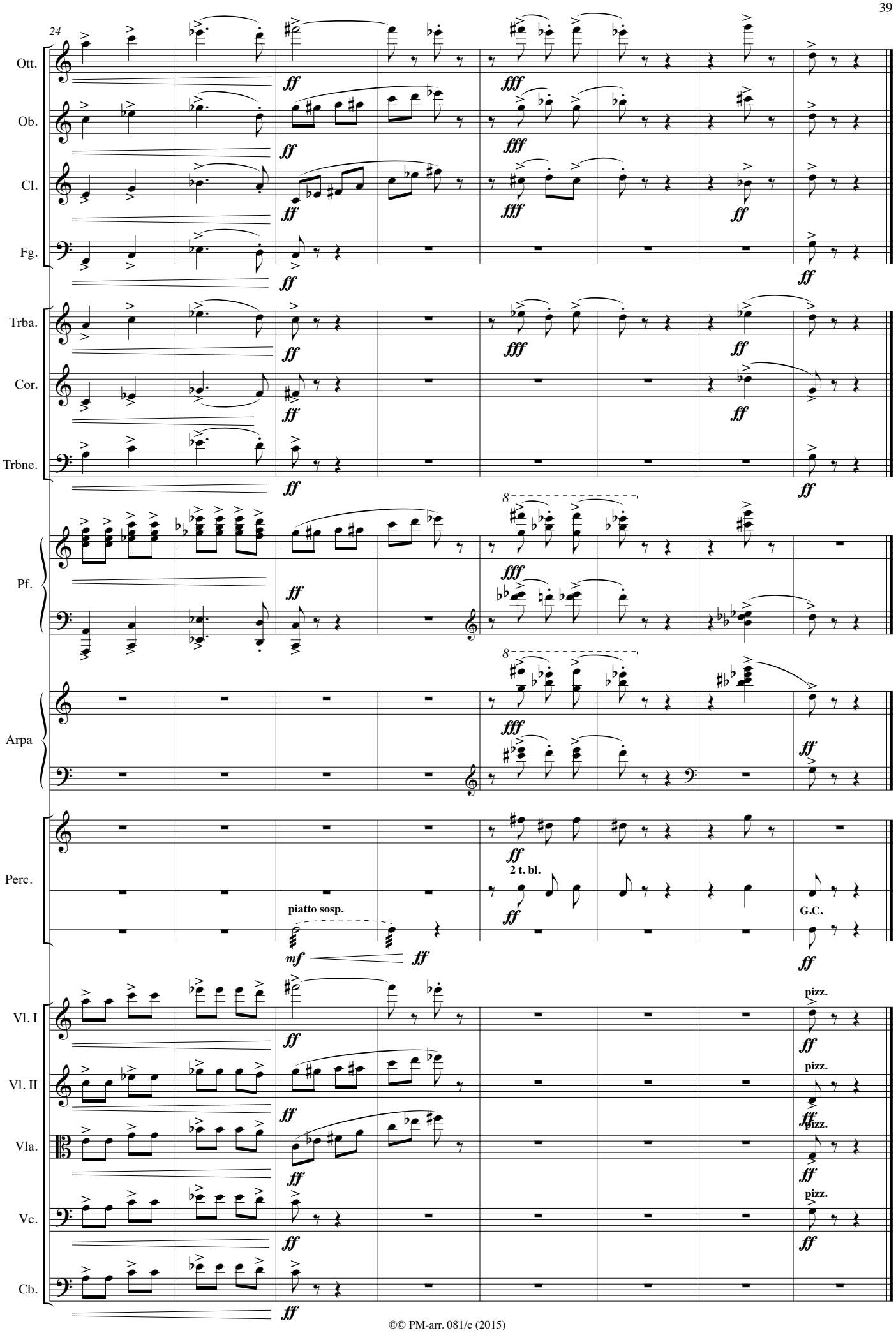

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Babar decide di partire insieme con Arturo, Celeste e le mamma per rivedere la grande foresta. Tutto è pronto per la partenza. Babar abbraccia la sua vecchia amica. Le promette di ritornare - non la dimenticherà mai. La vecchia signora rimane sola - tristamente pensa:"Quando mai rivedrò il mio piccolo Babar?"

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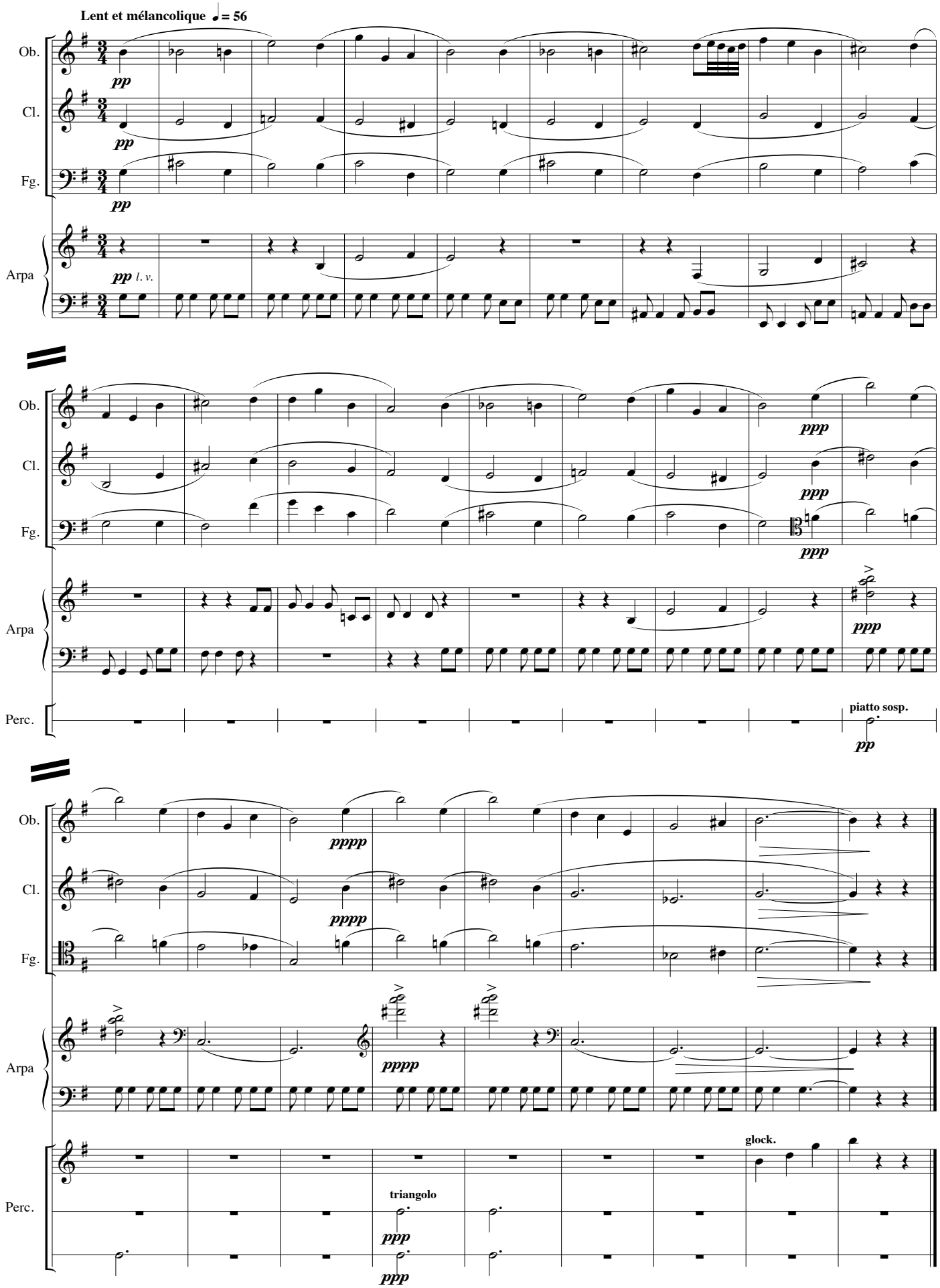

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Sono partiti - nella macchina non c'è posto per le mamme.
Corrono dietro, alzando le proboscidi per non respirare la polvere.

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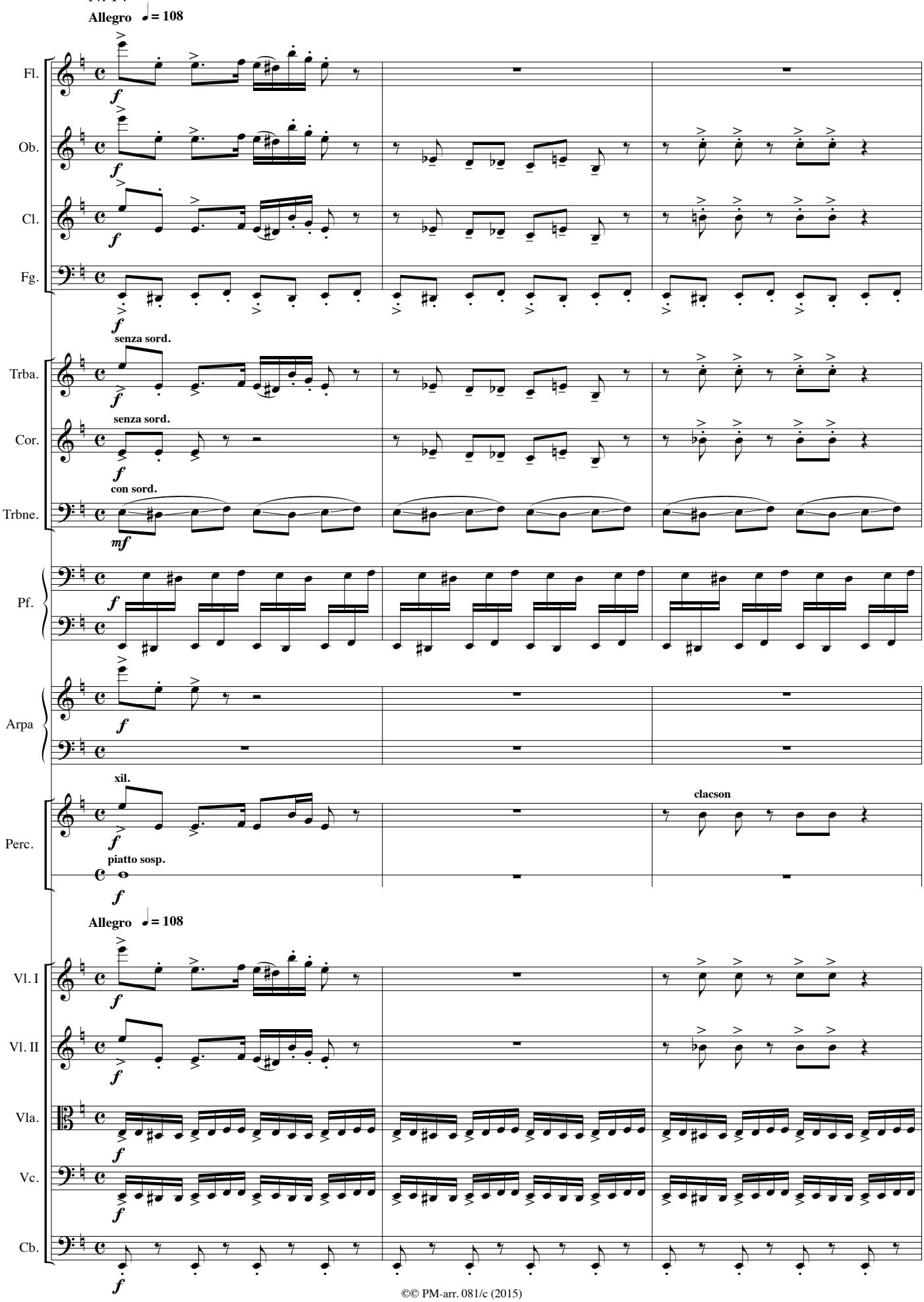

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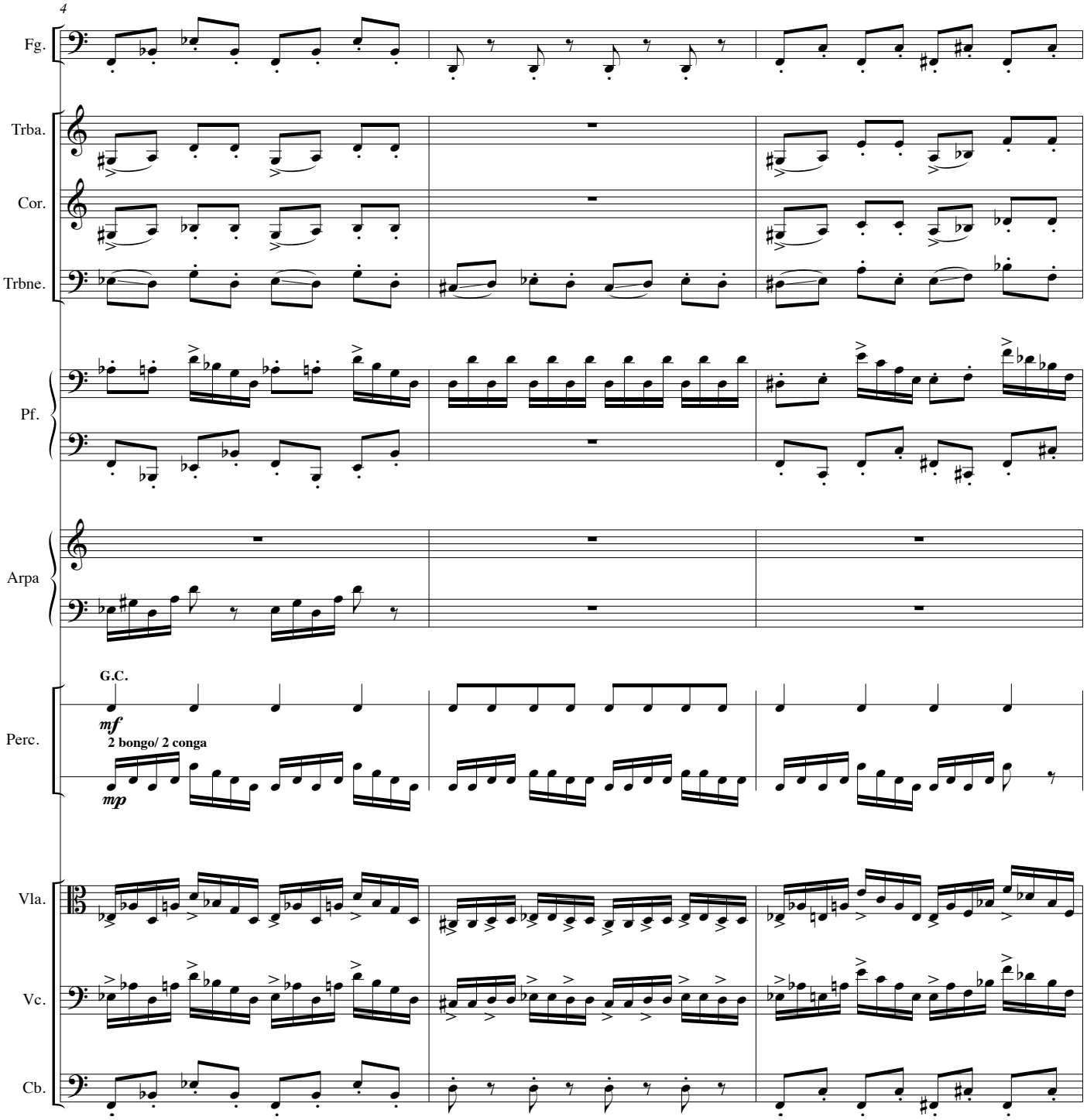

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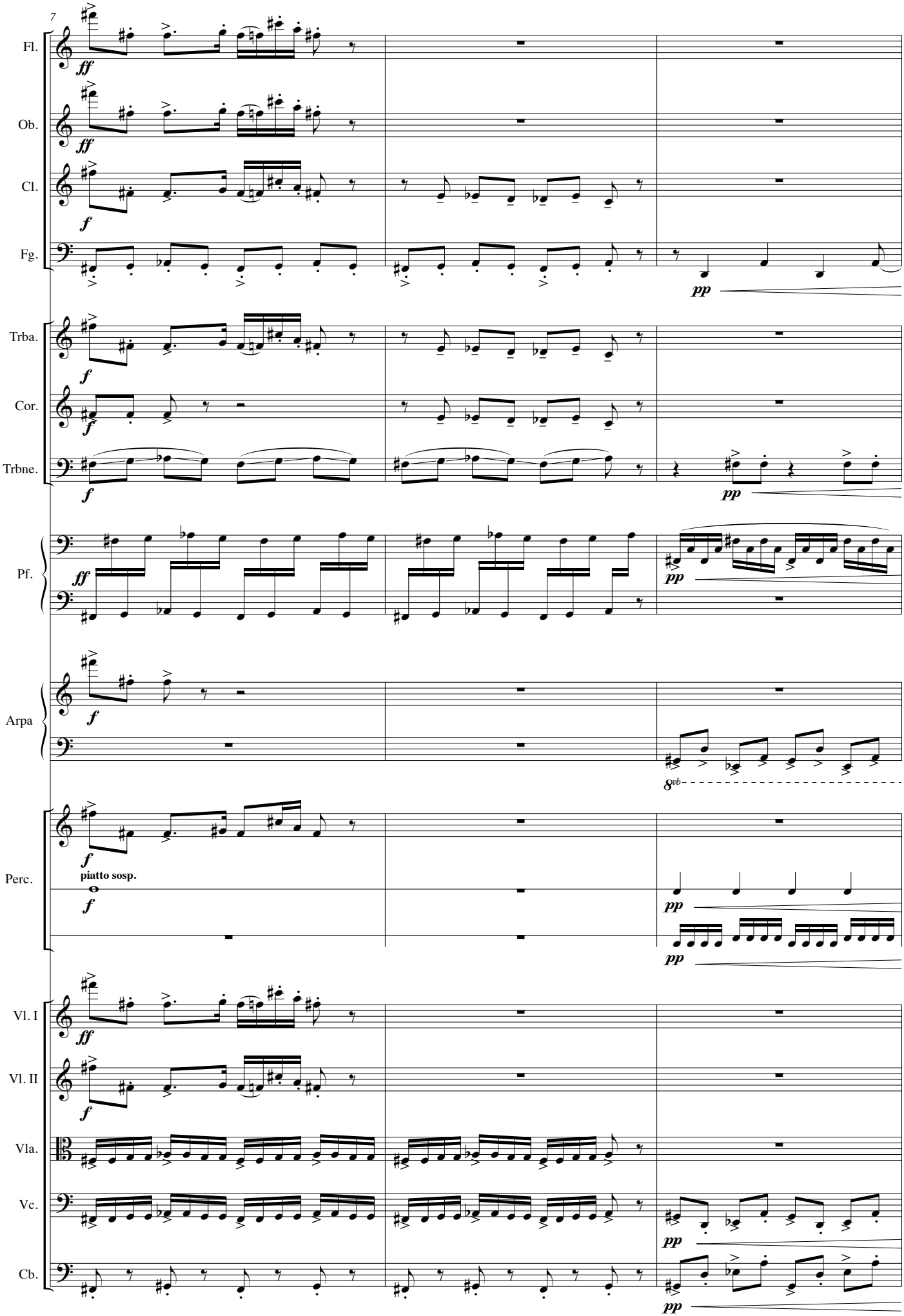

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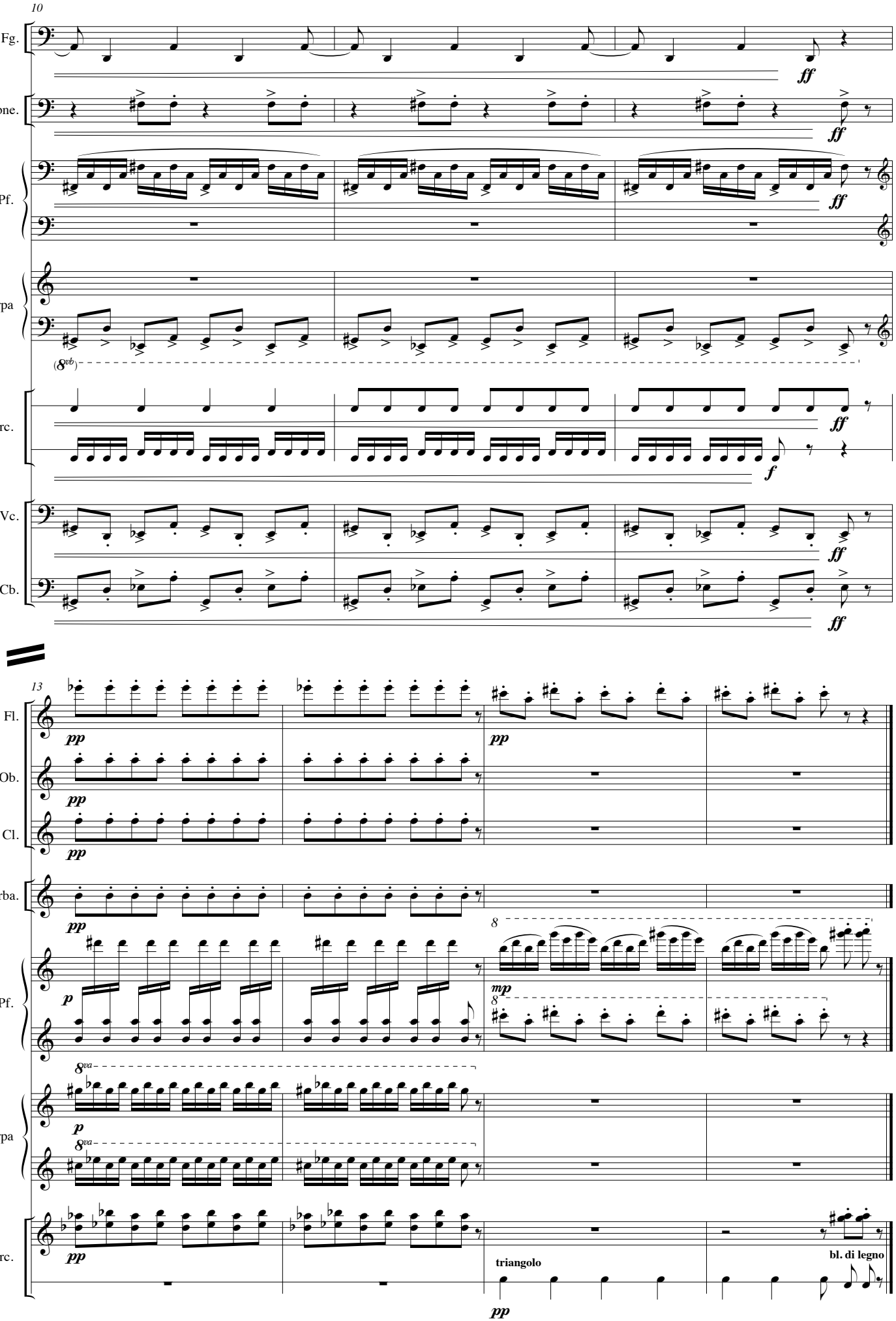

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Lo stesso giorno, ahimé, il re elefante mentre passeggiava ha mangiato un fungo avvelenato . . .

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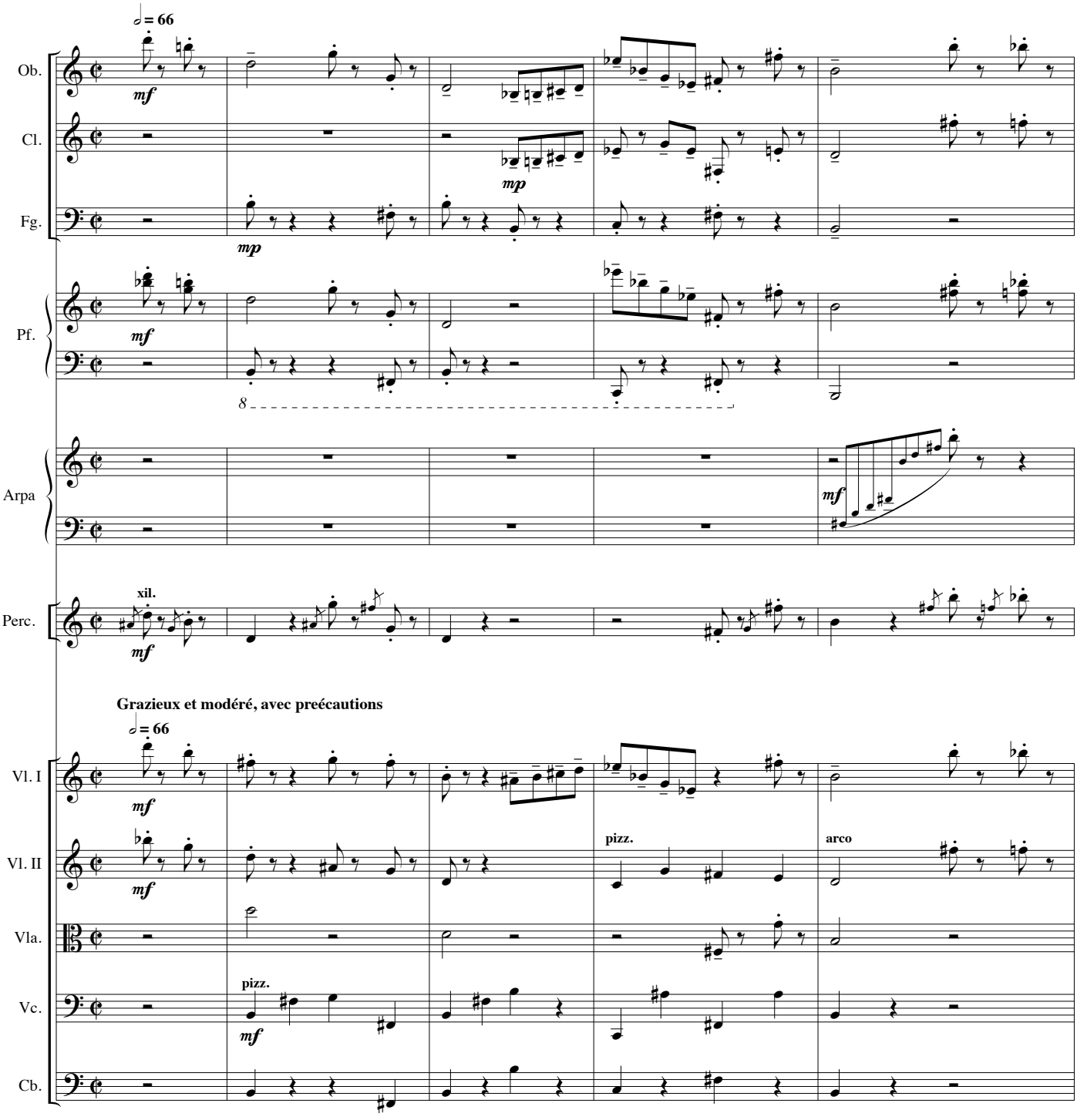
Grazieux et modéré, avec preécautions



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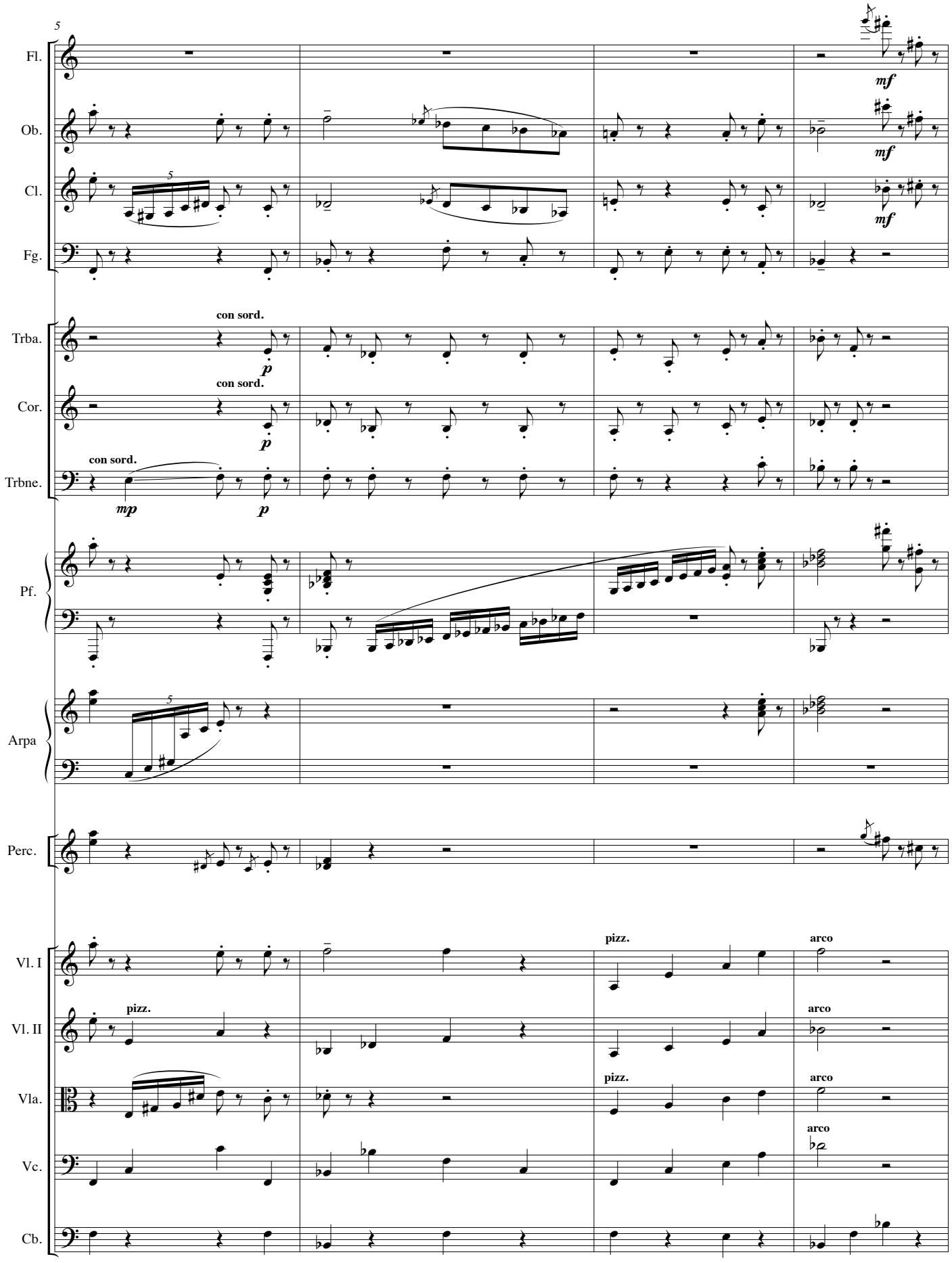

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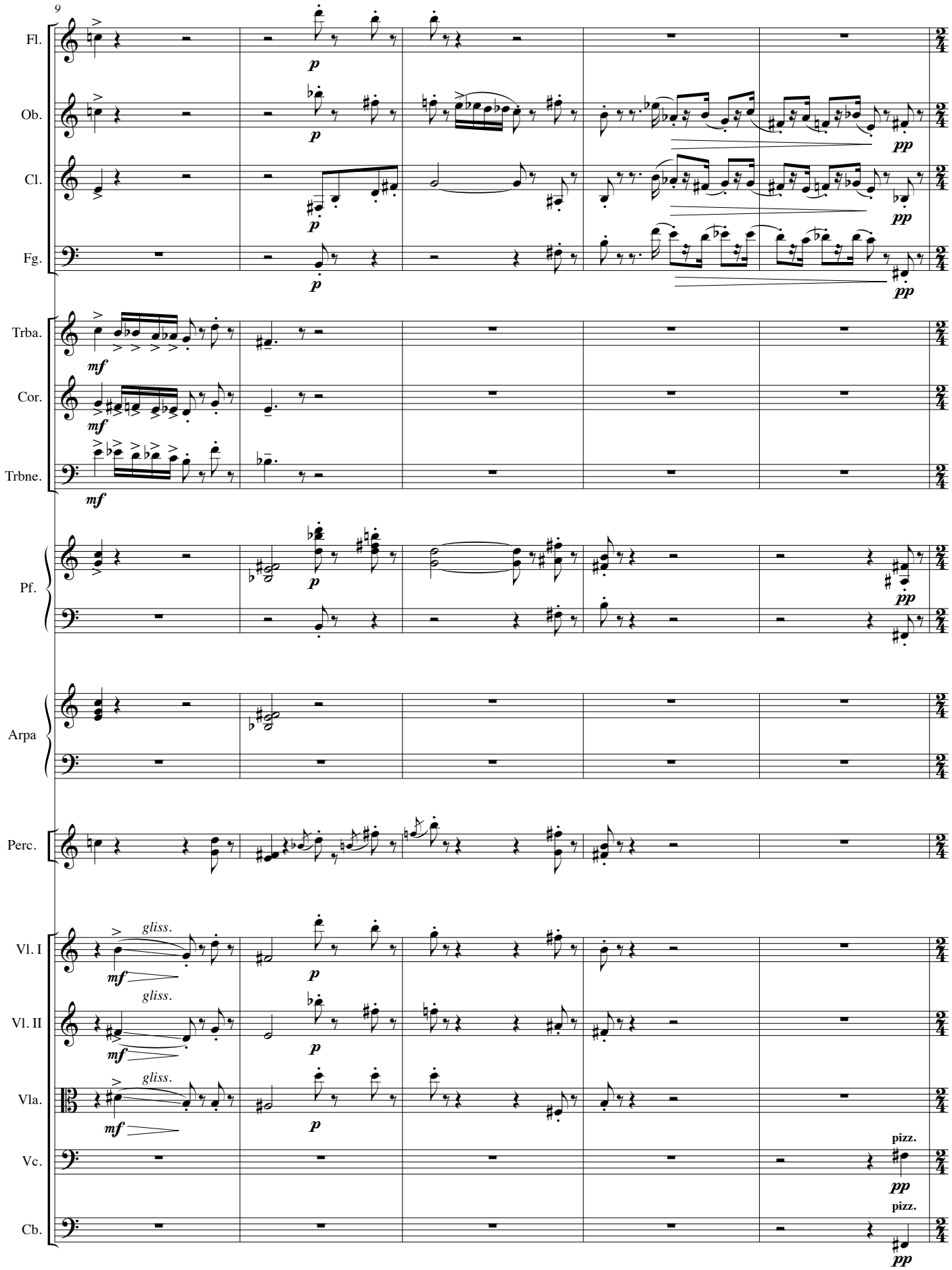

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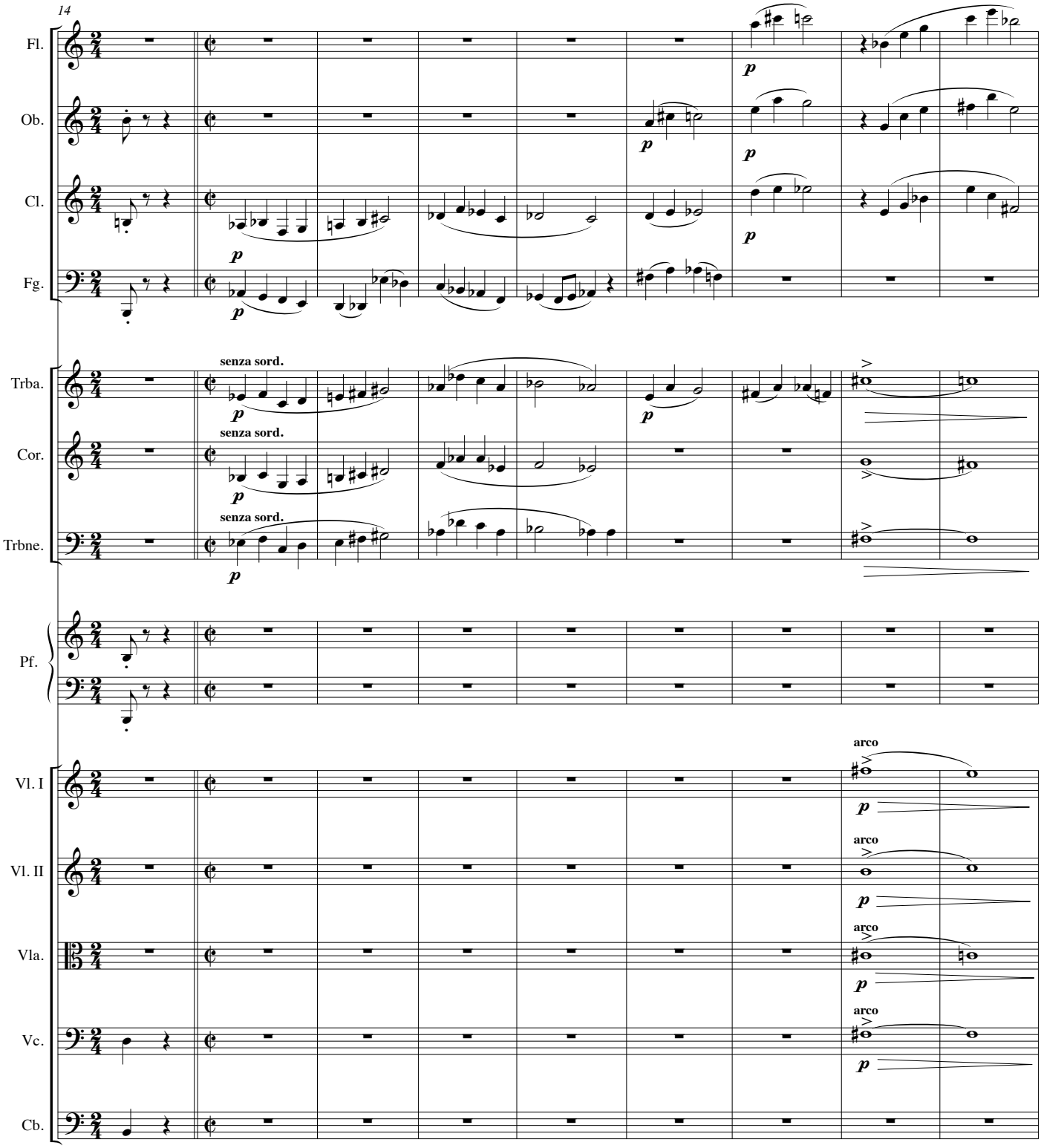

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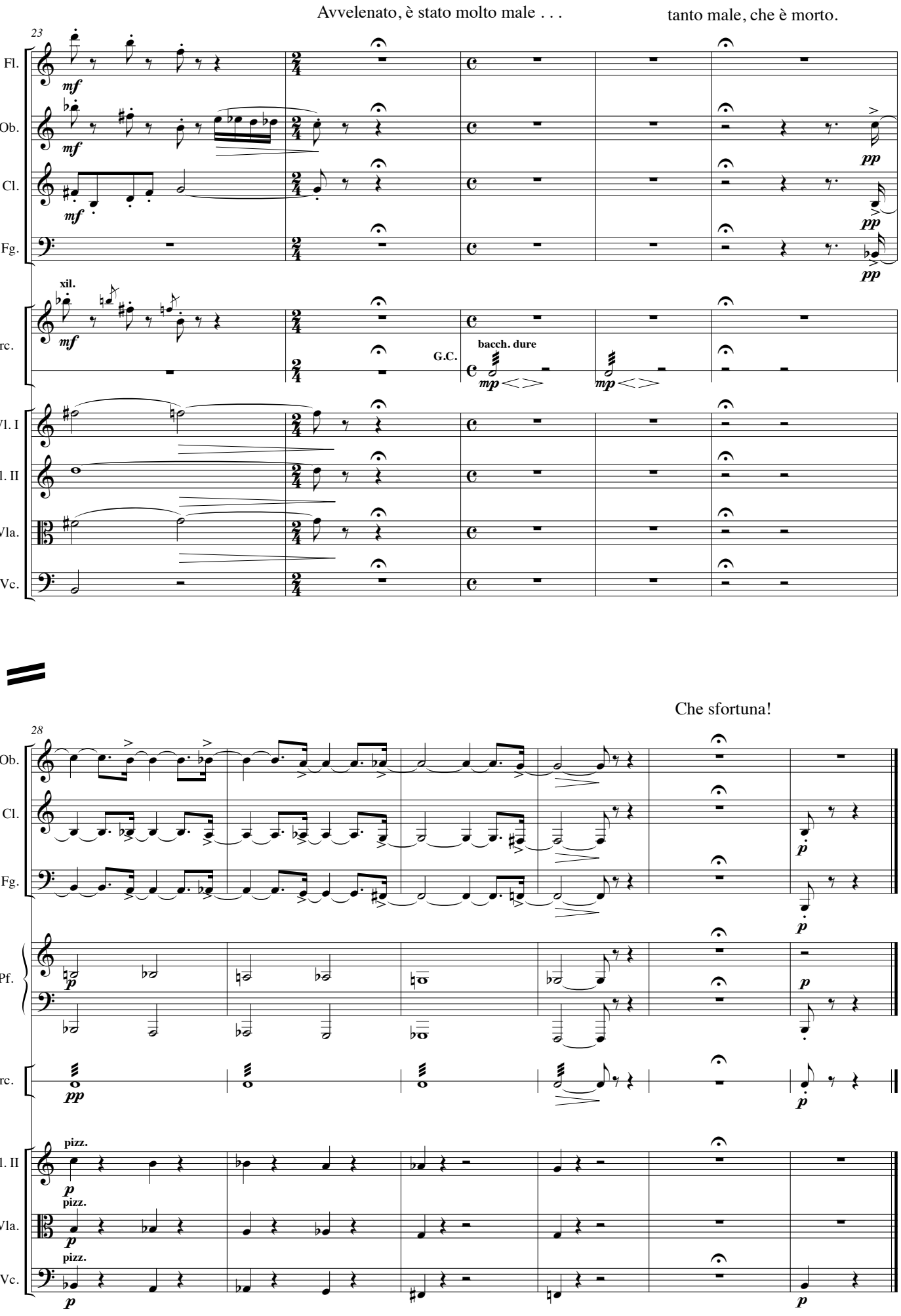

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Dopo il funerale gli elefanti anziani si riuniscono per scegliere un nuovo re. Proprio a quel momento sentono un rumore; si girono e che cosa vedono? Babar che arriva nella sua macchina e tutti gli elefanti che corrono dietro urlando: "Eccoli, eccoli, sono tornati, ciao Babar! ciao Arturo! buonasera Celeste! Che bei costumi! Che bella macchina!"
Allora Cornelio, il più vecchio di tutti gli elefanti dice, con la sua voce tremante:
"Miei amici, noi cerchiamo un nuovo re, perché non scegliere Babar? Lui ritorna della città e ha imparato tante cose dagli uomini. Diamo a lui la corona."
Tutti gli elefanti sono d'accordo con Cornelio. Impazienti, aspettono la risposta di Babar. "Vi ringrazio tutti", dice "ma prima di accettare devo dirvi che, durante nostro viaggio in macchina, Celeste ed io ci siamo fidanzati. Se divento vostro re lei sarà la vostra regina."
"Evviva la regina Celeste!! Evviva il re Babar!!" urlano tutti gli elefanti senza esitazione. Ed è così che Babar diventa . . . ROI!

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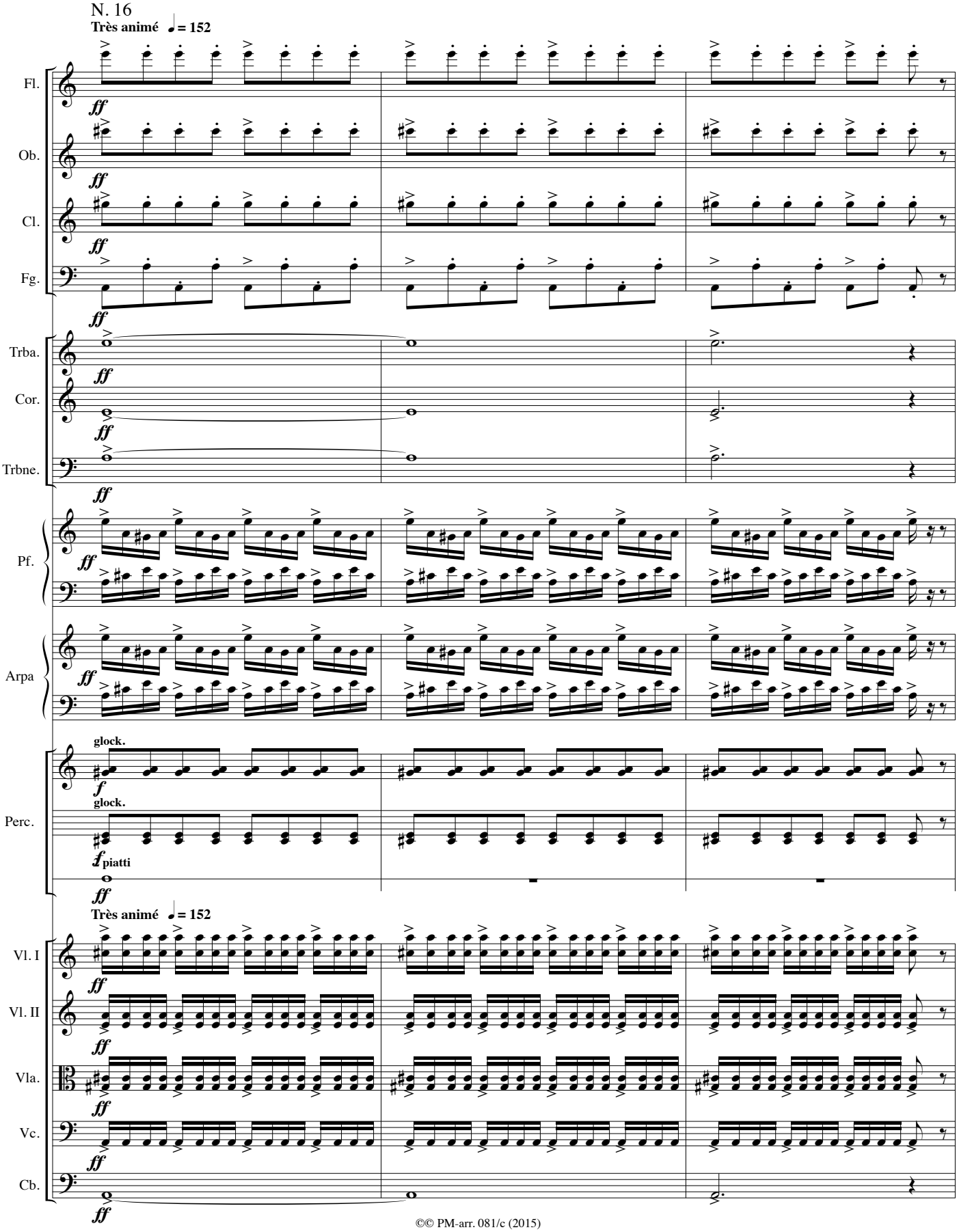

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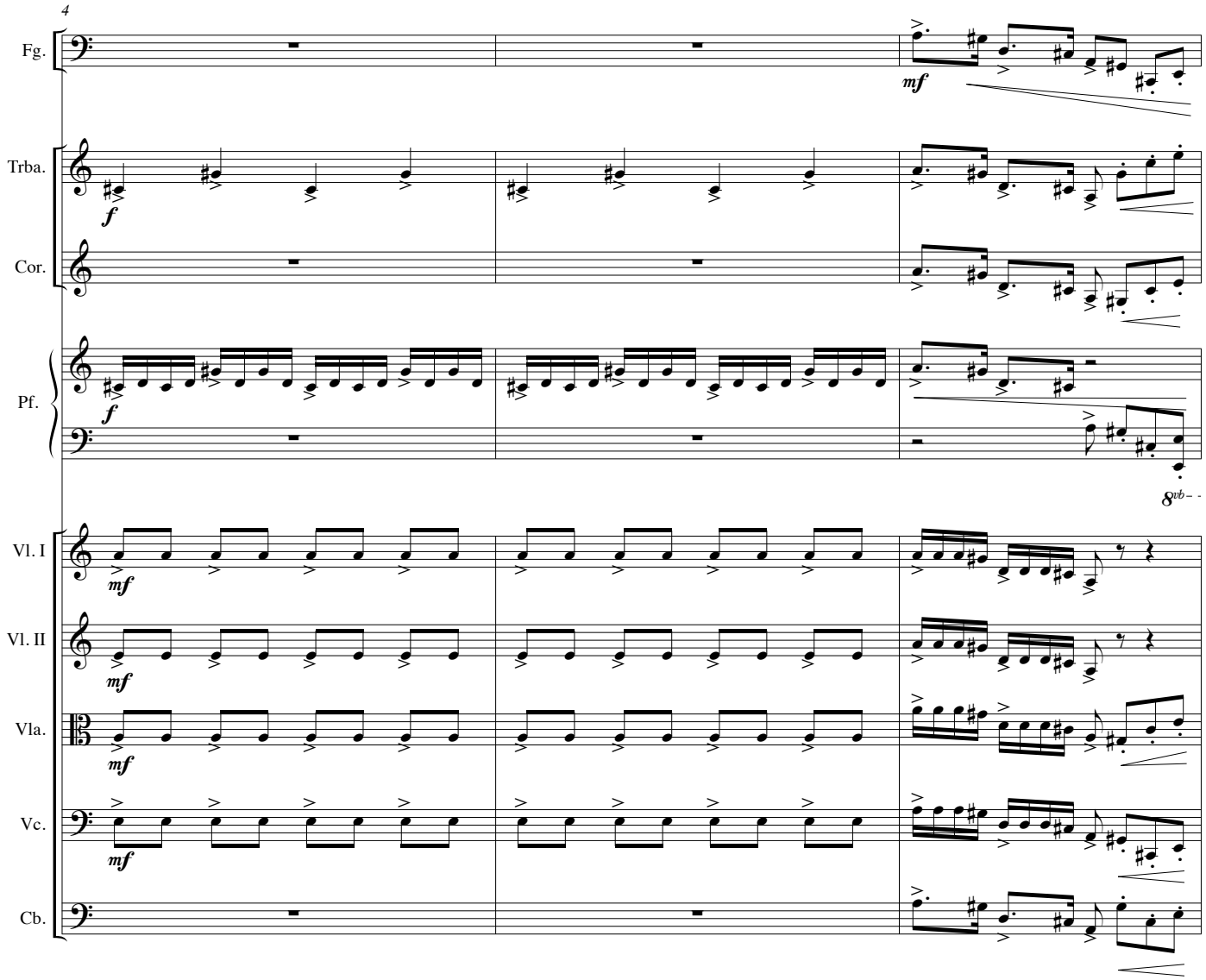

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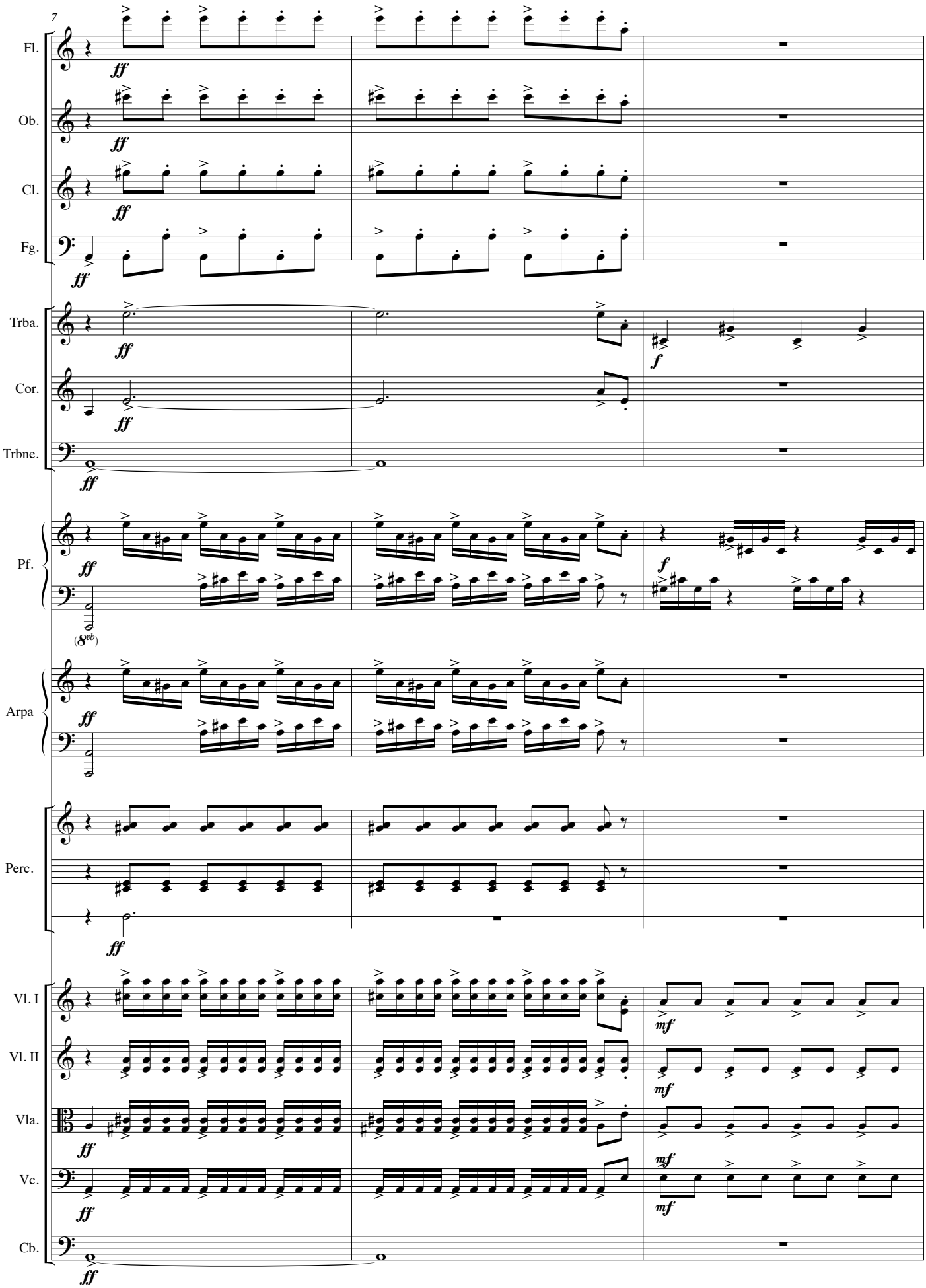

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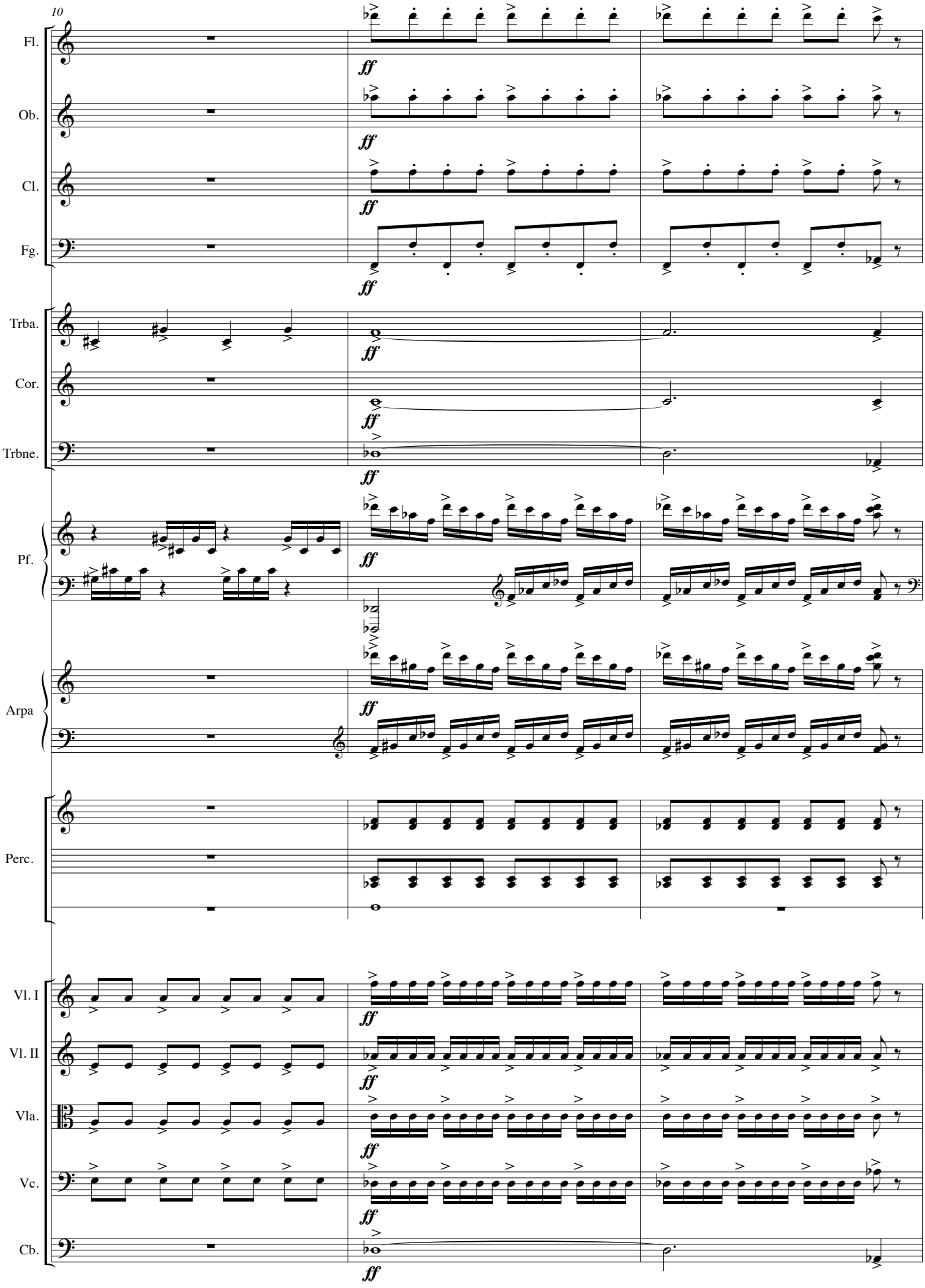

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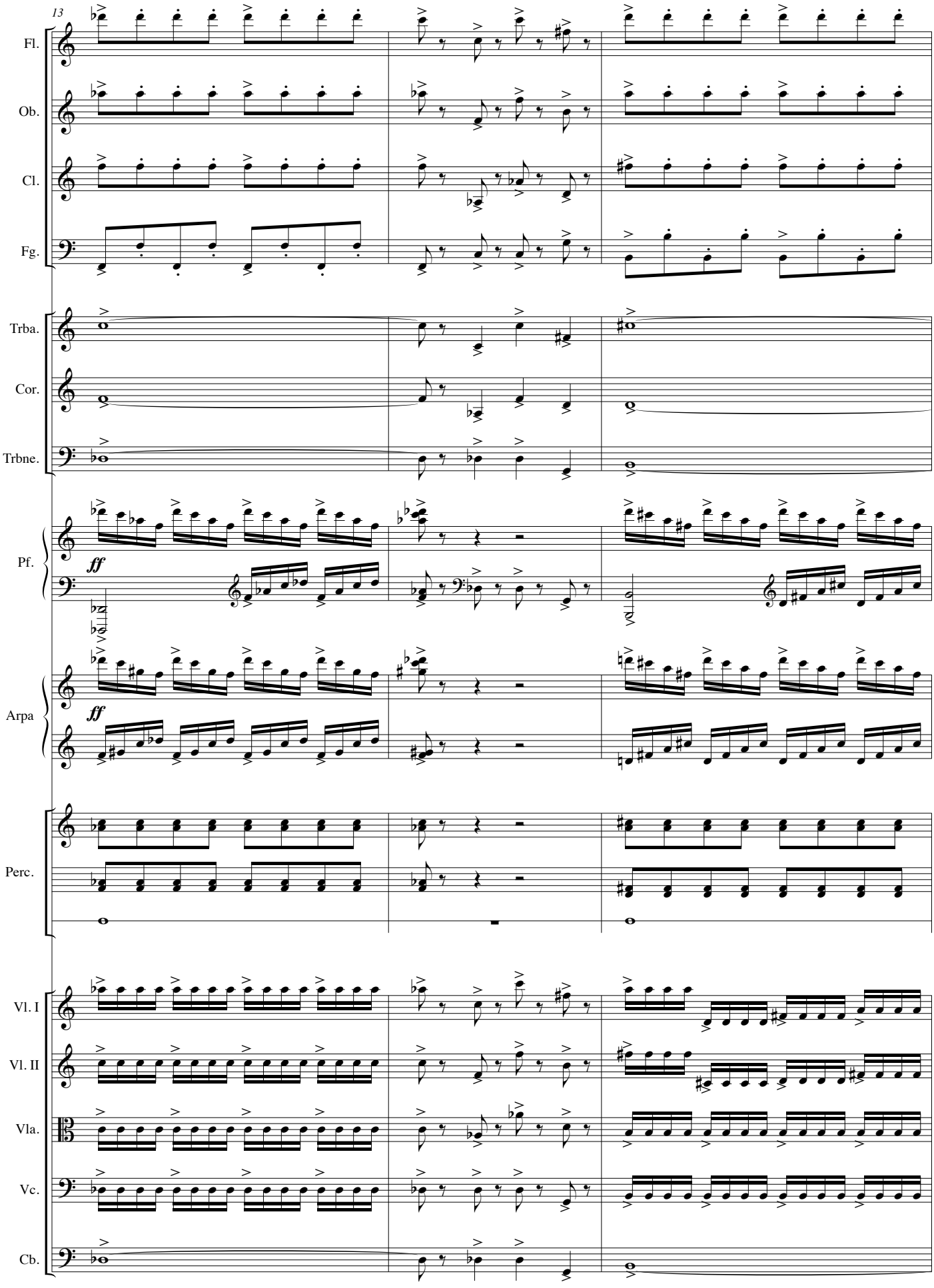

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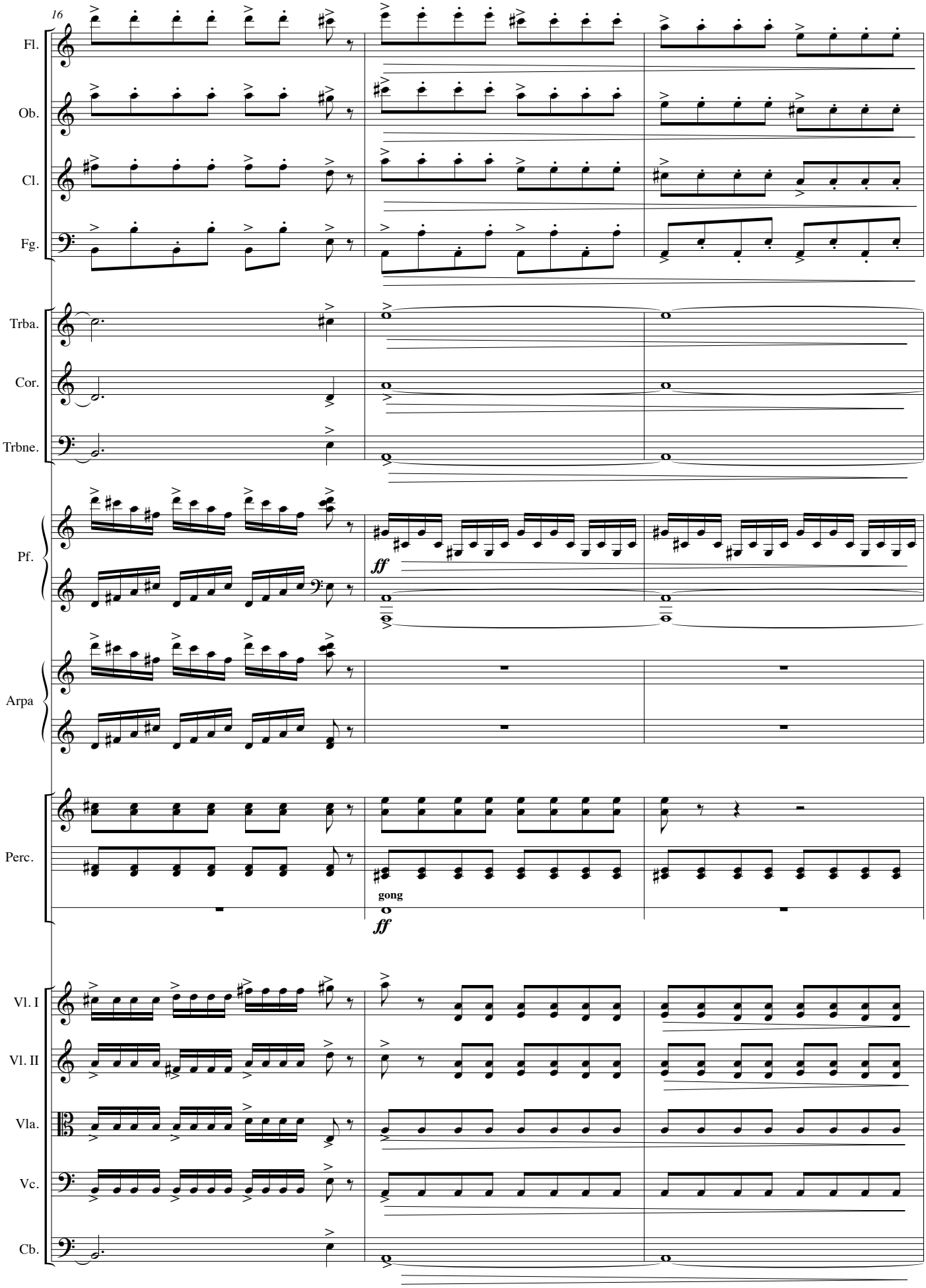

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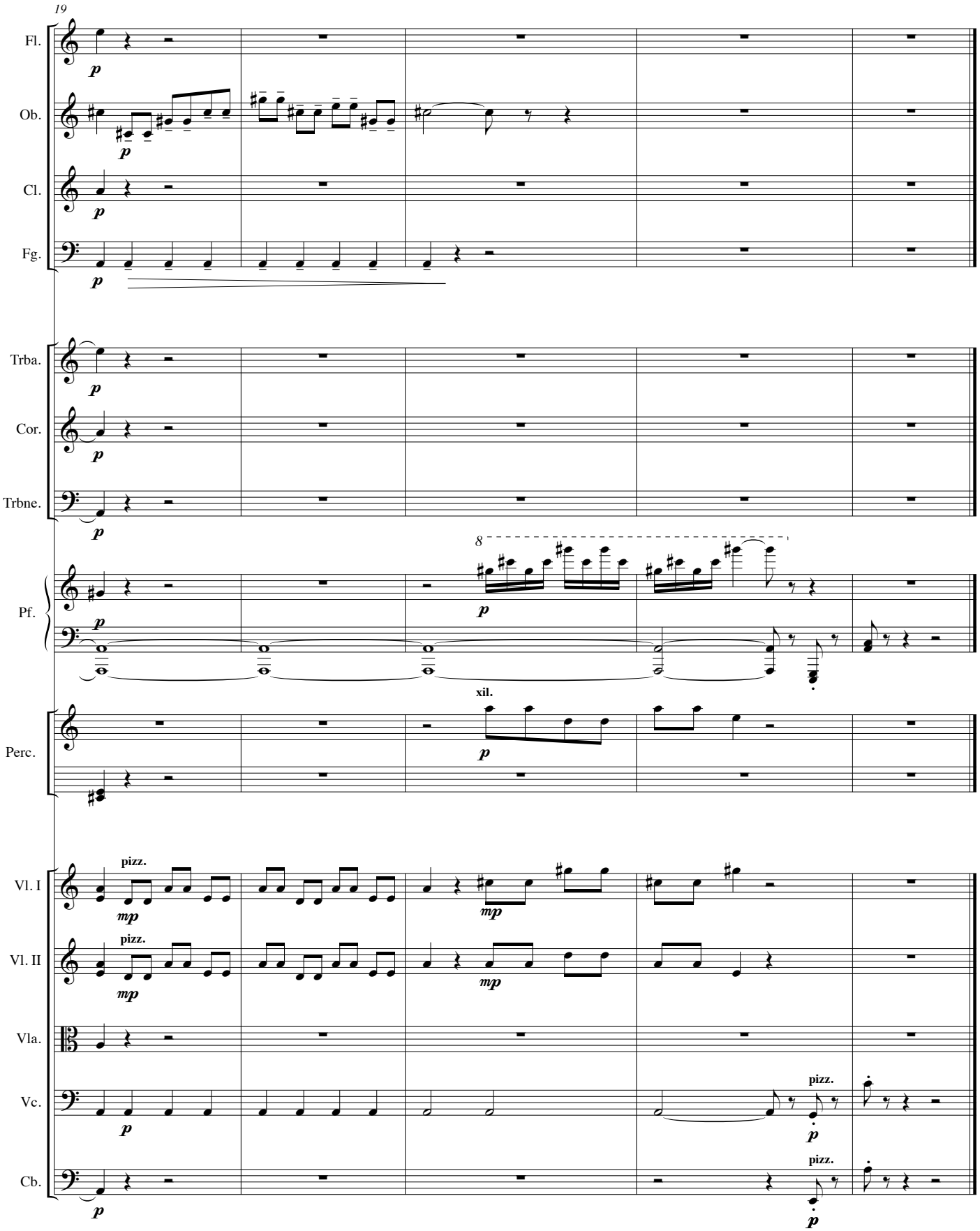

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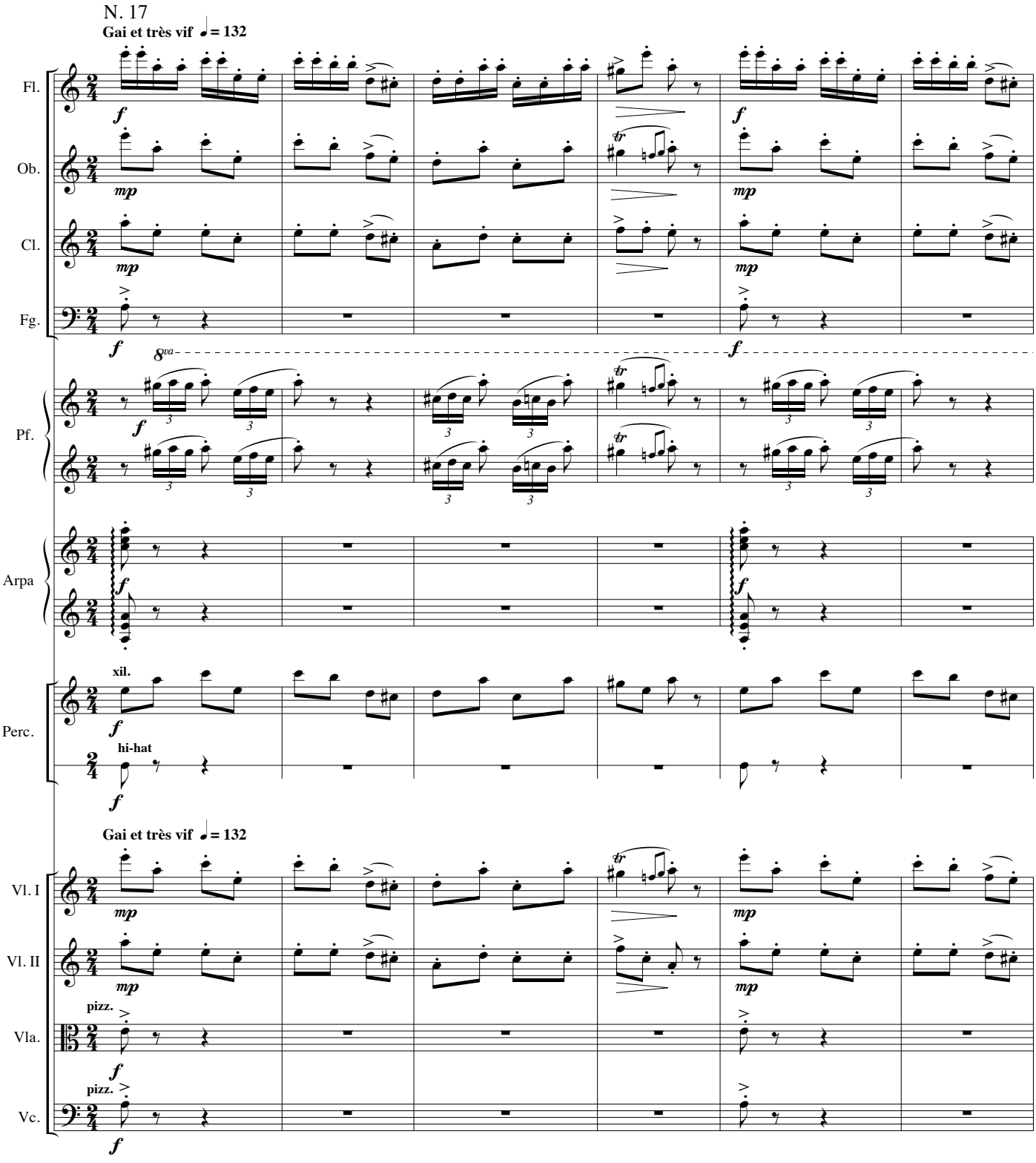
Dunque babar dice a Cornelio: "Tu hai delle buone proposte, quindi ti nomino generale e quando avrò la mia corona ti darò la mia bombetta. Fra otto giorni sposerò Celeste; faremo una grande festa per il nostro matrimonio e per la nostra incoronazione.
Poi Babar prega gli uccelli di invitare gli animali alle sue nozze.



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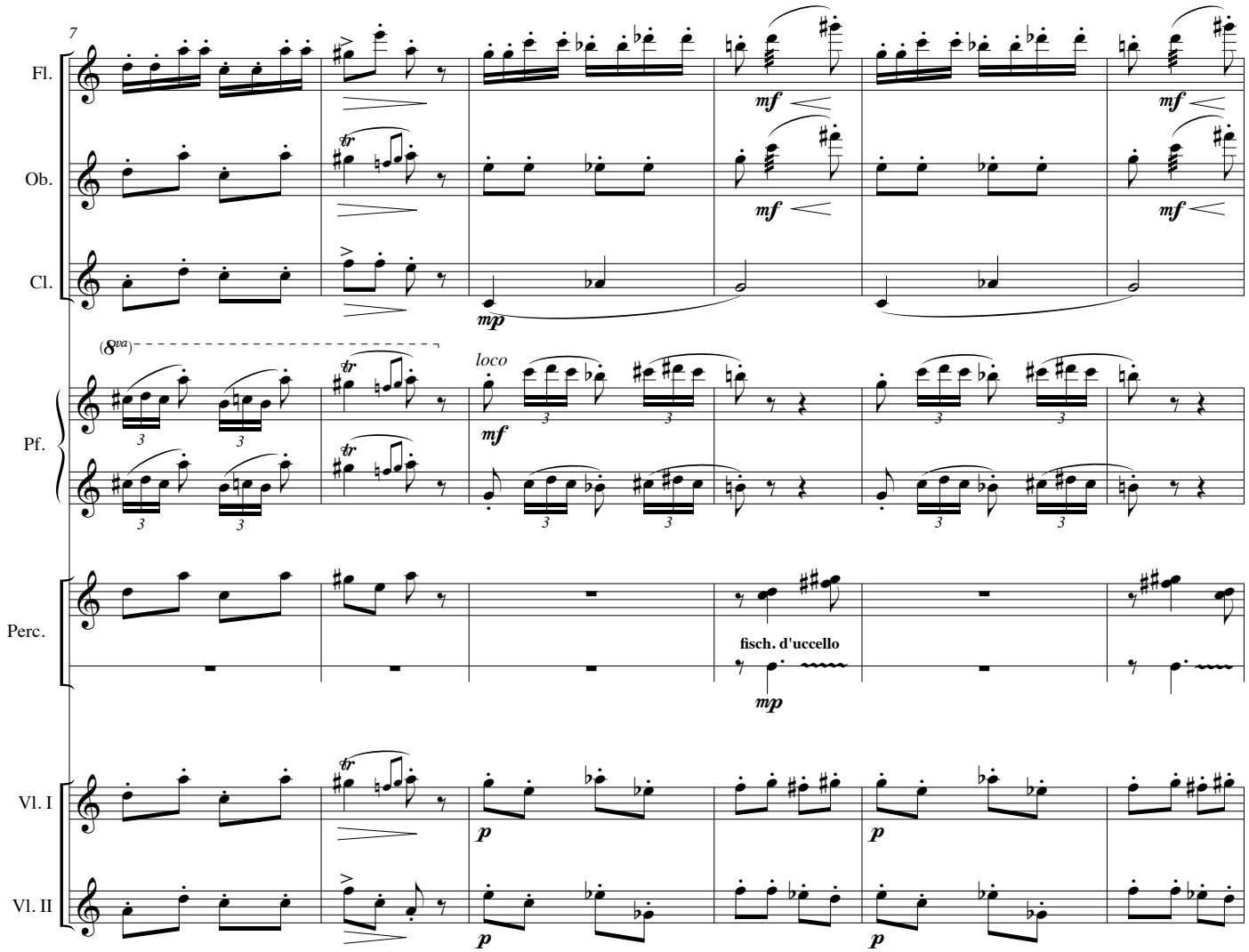

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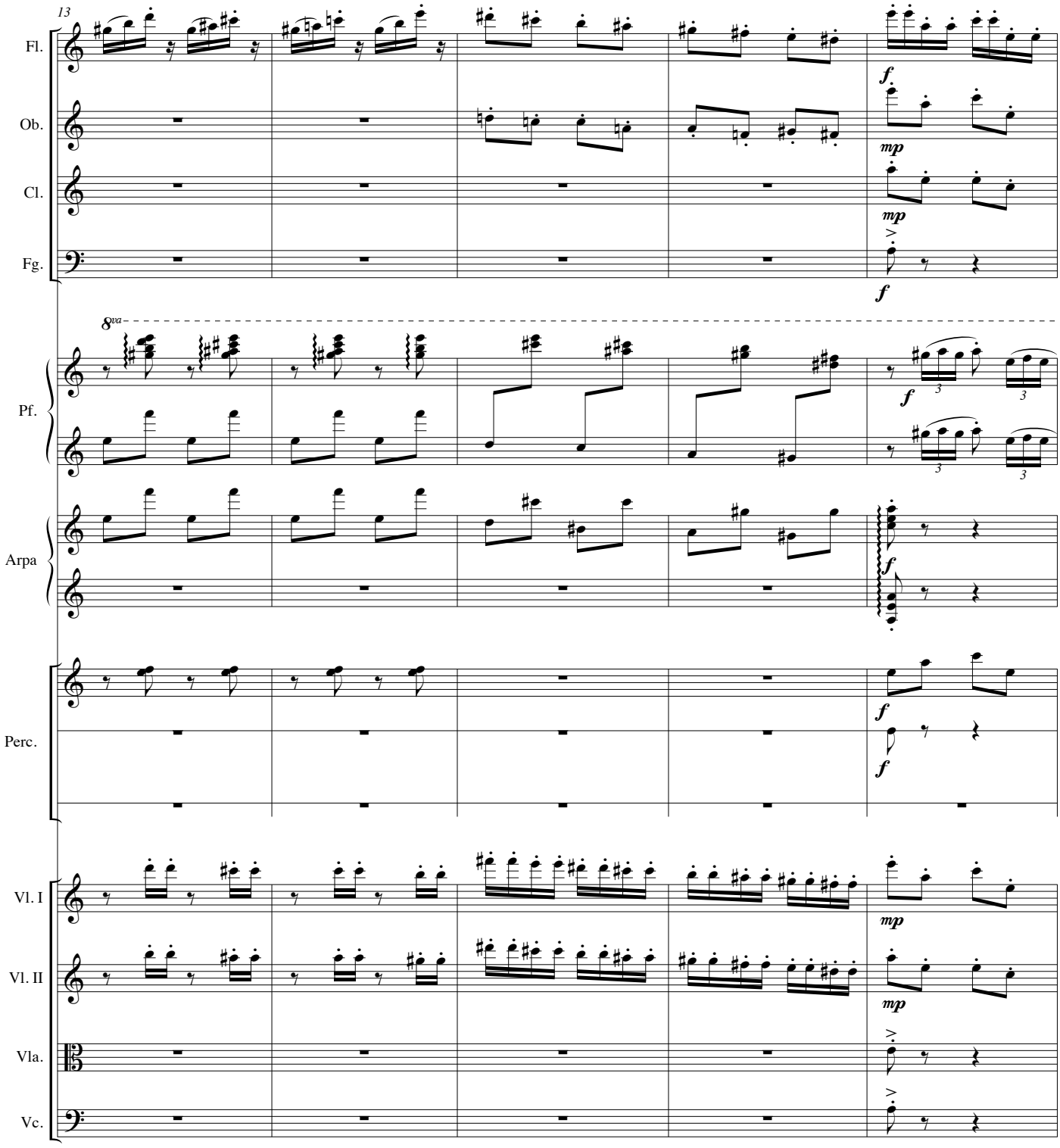

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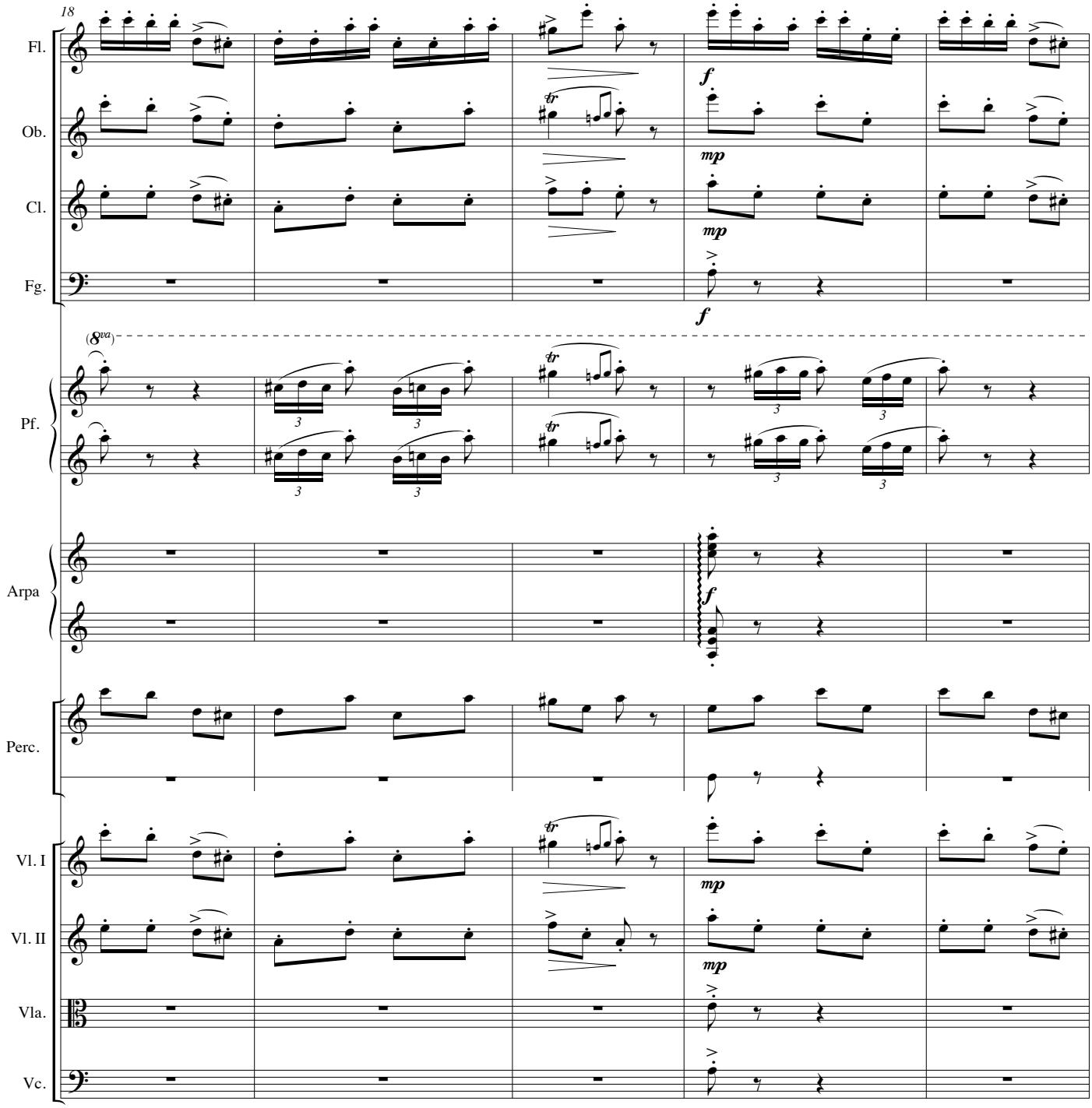

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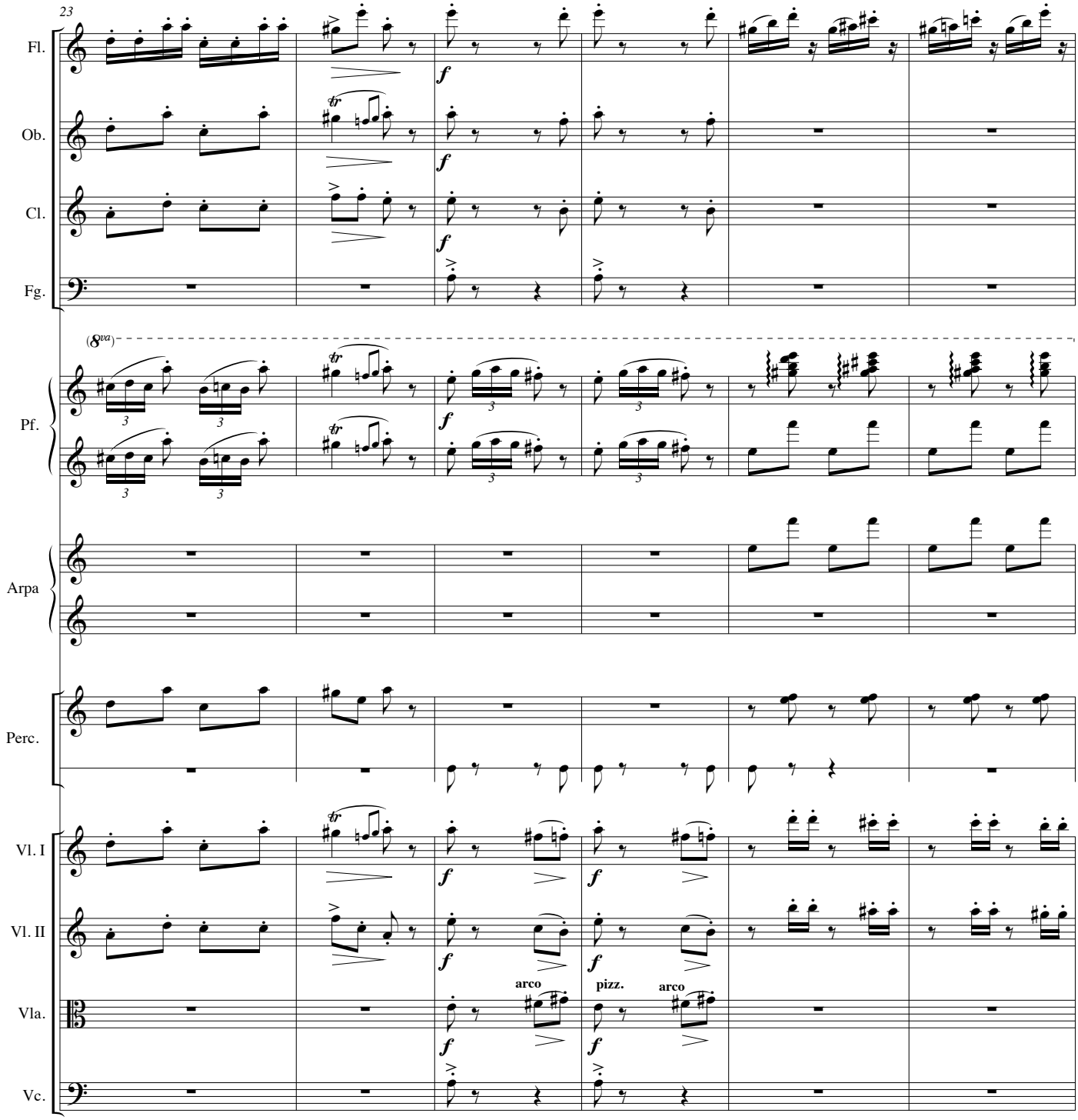

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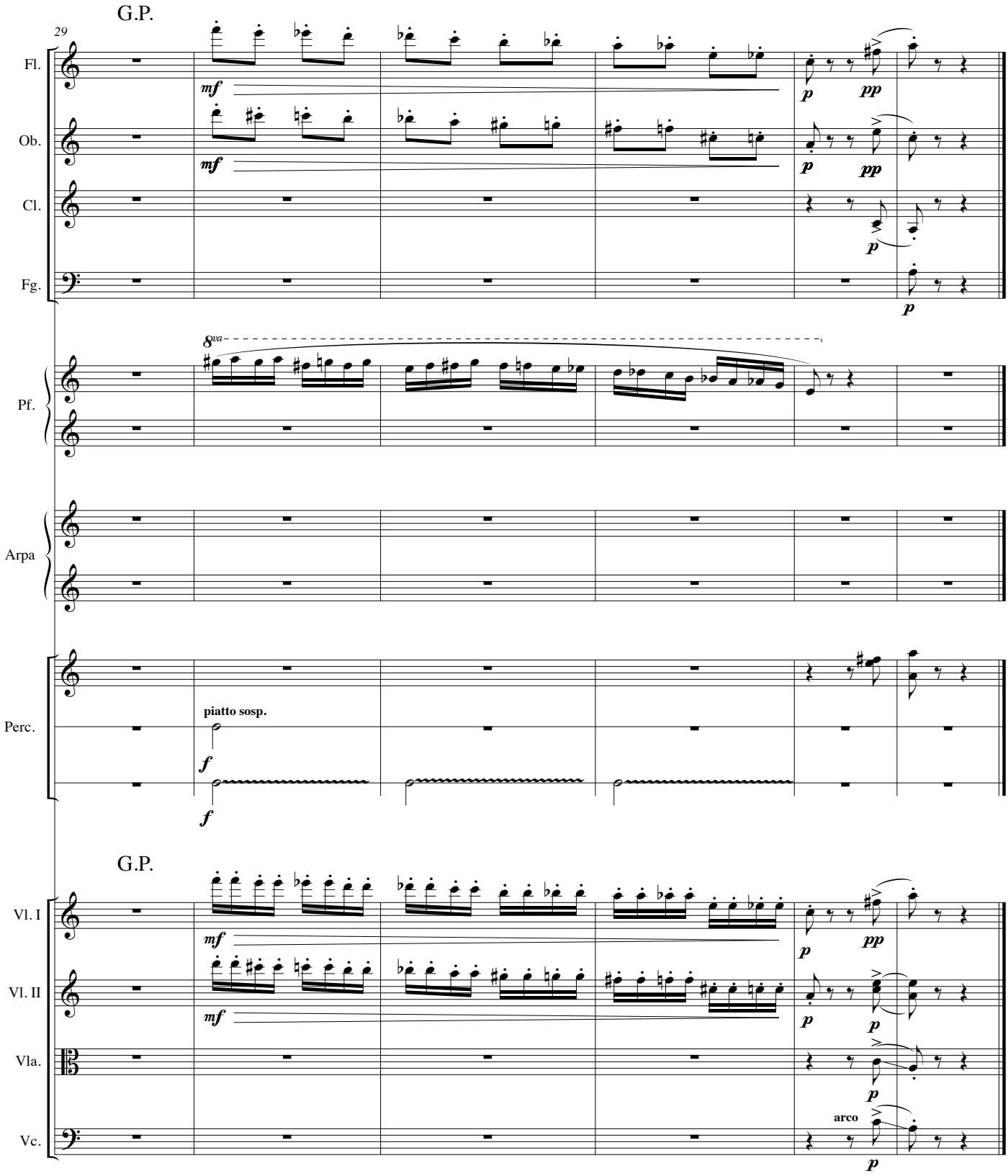

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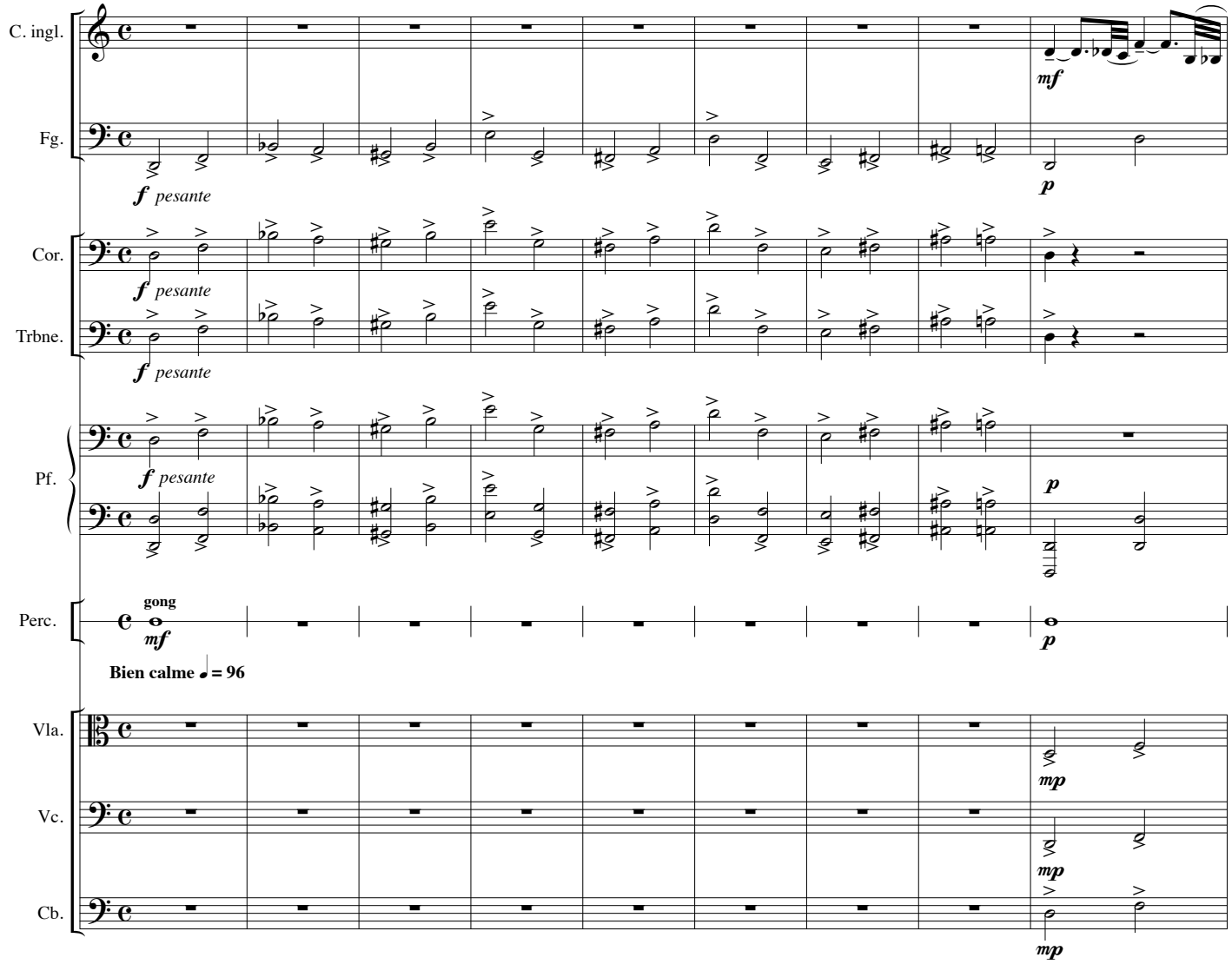
Bien calme ♩ **= 96**



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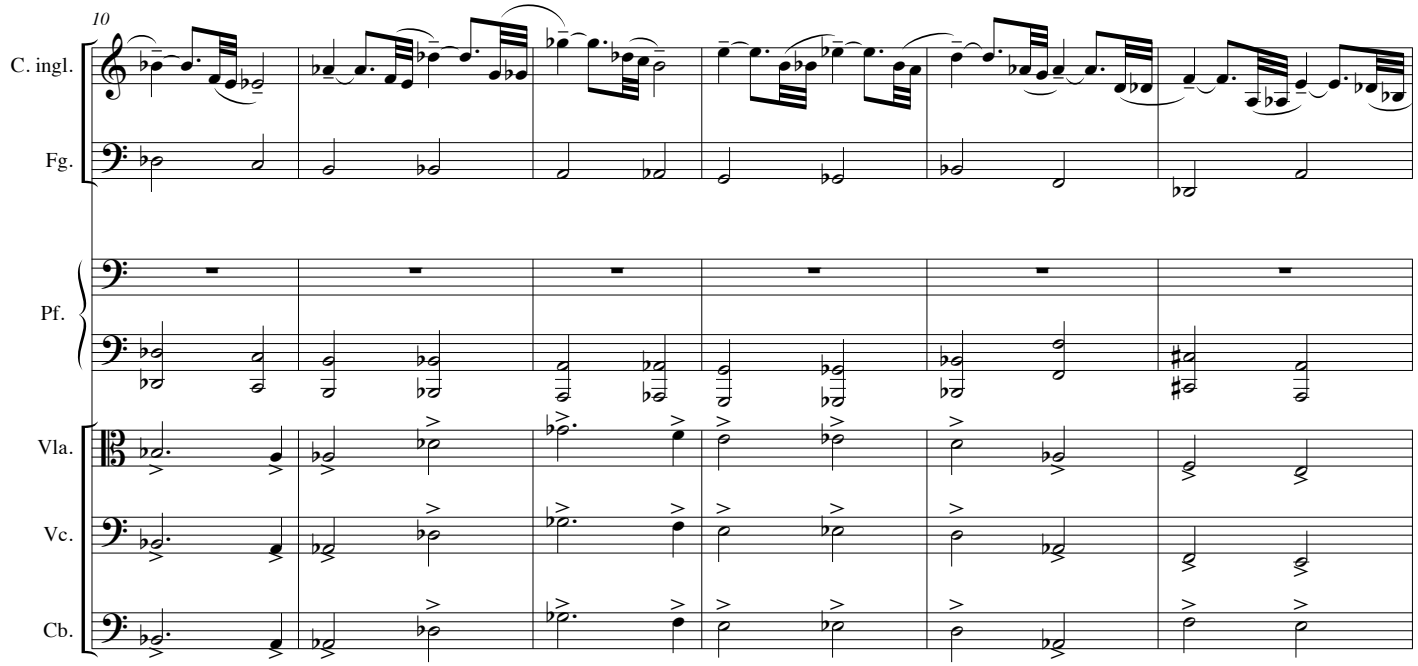

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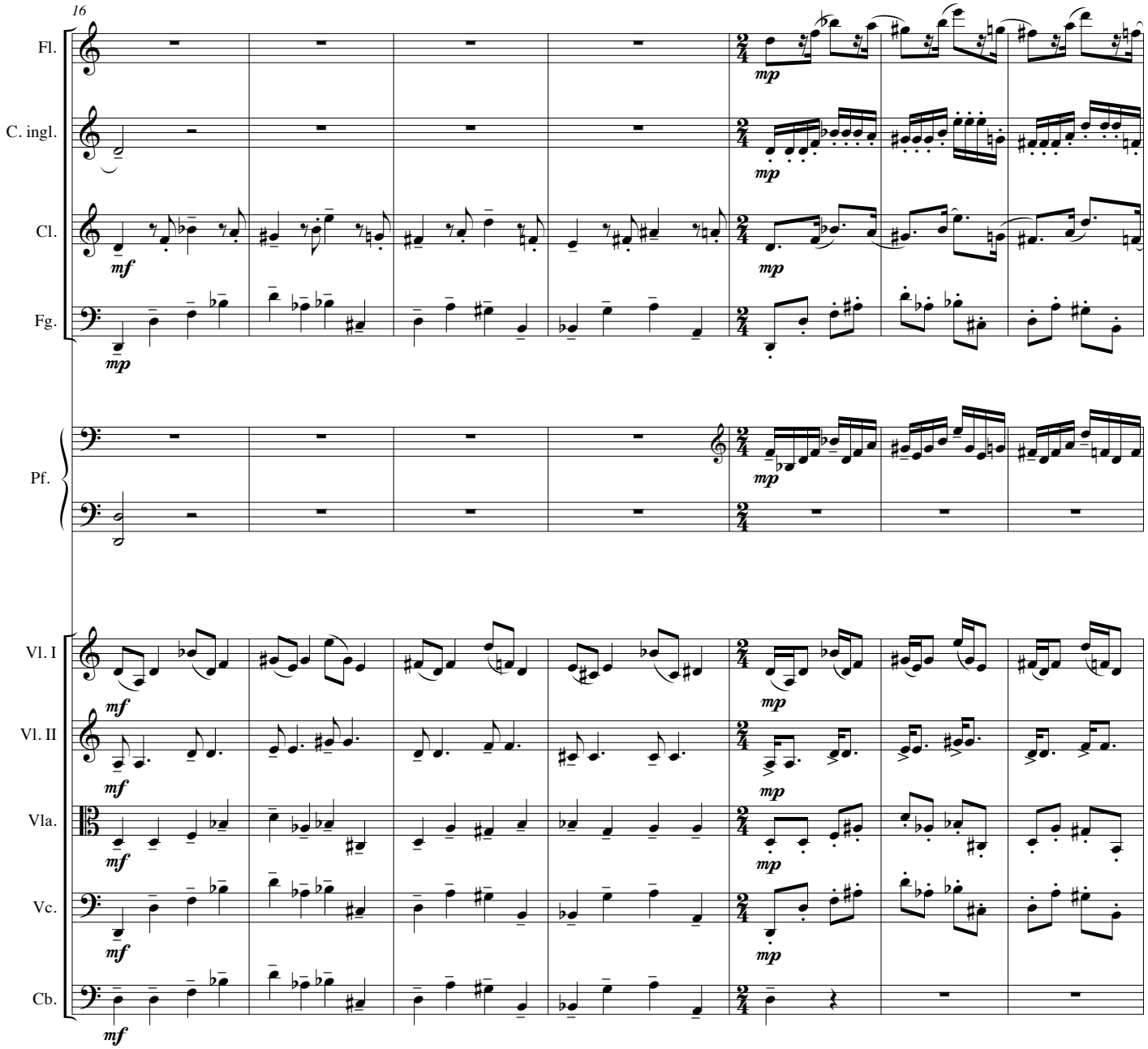

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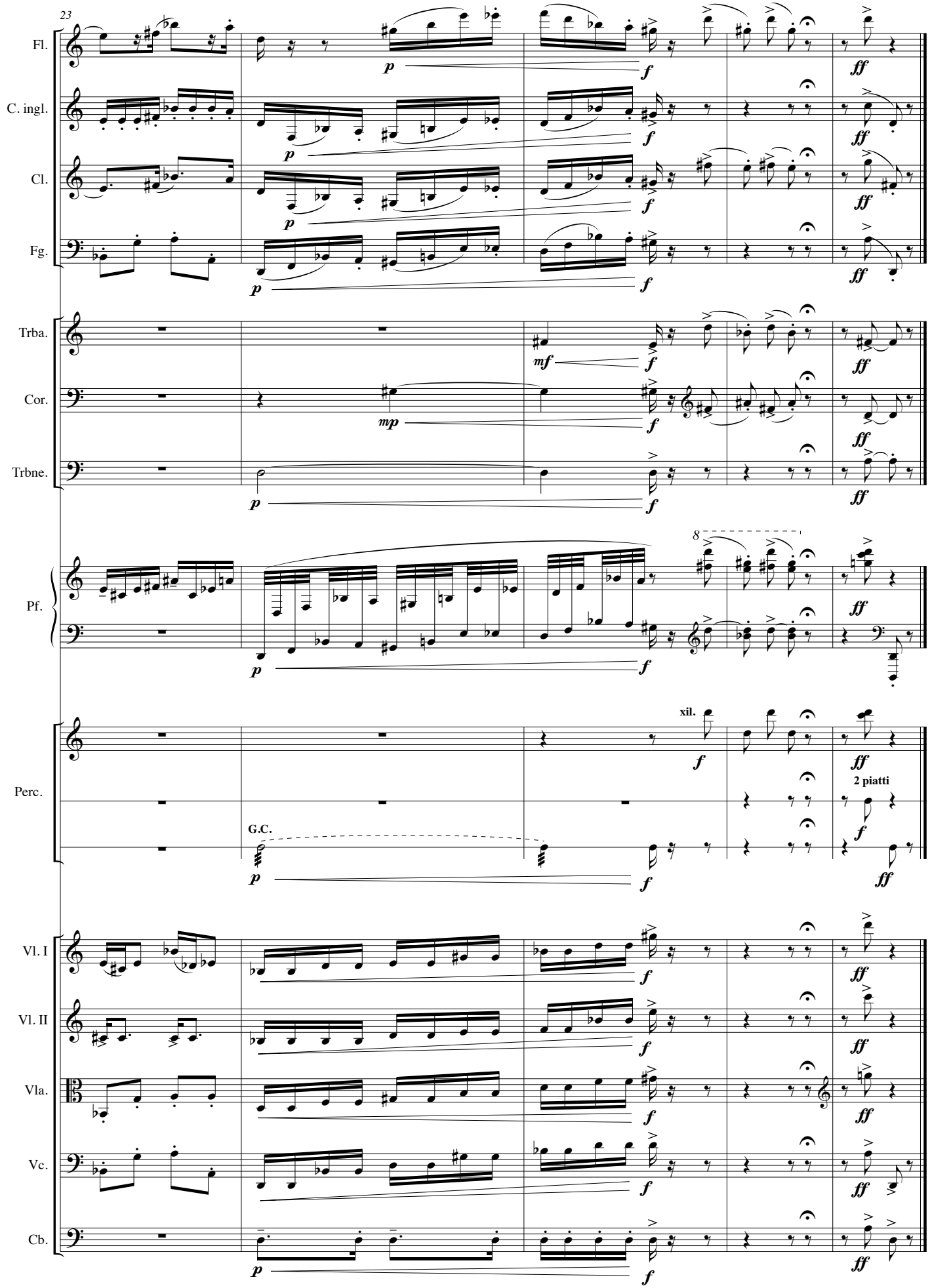

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Matrimonio di Babar!

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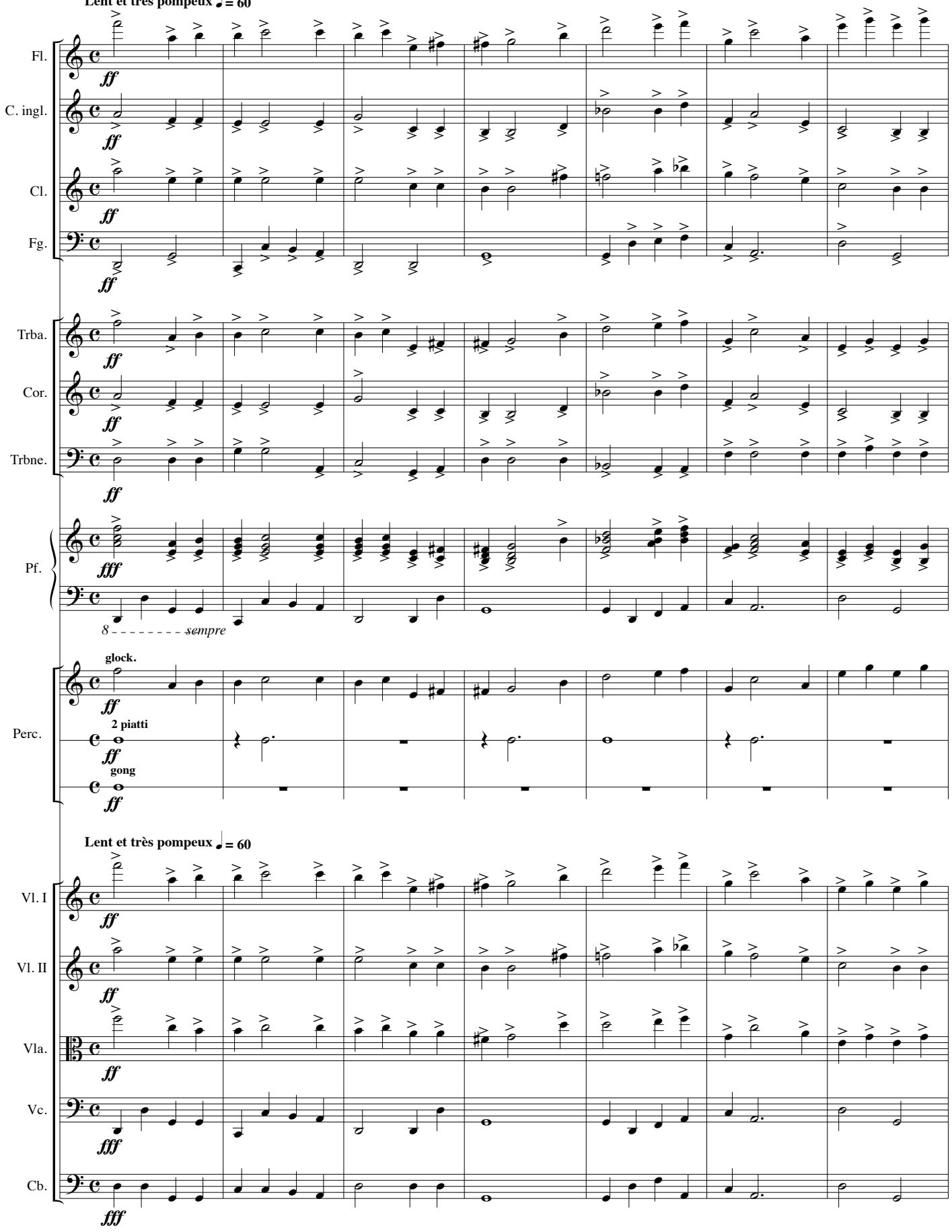
Lent et très pompeux ♩ = 60



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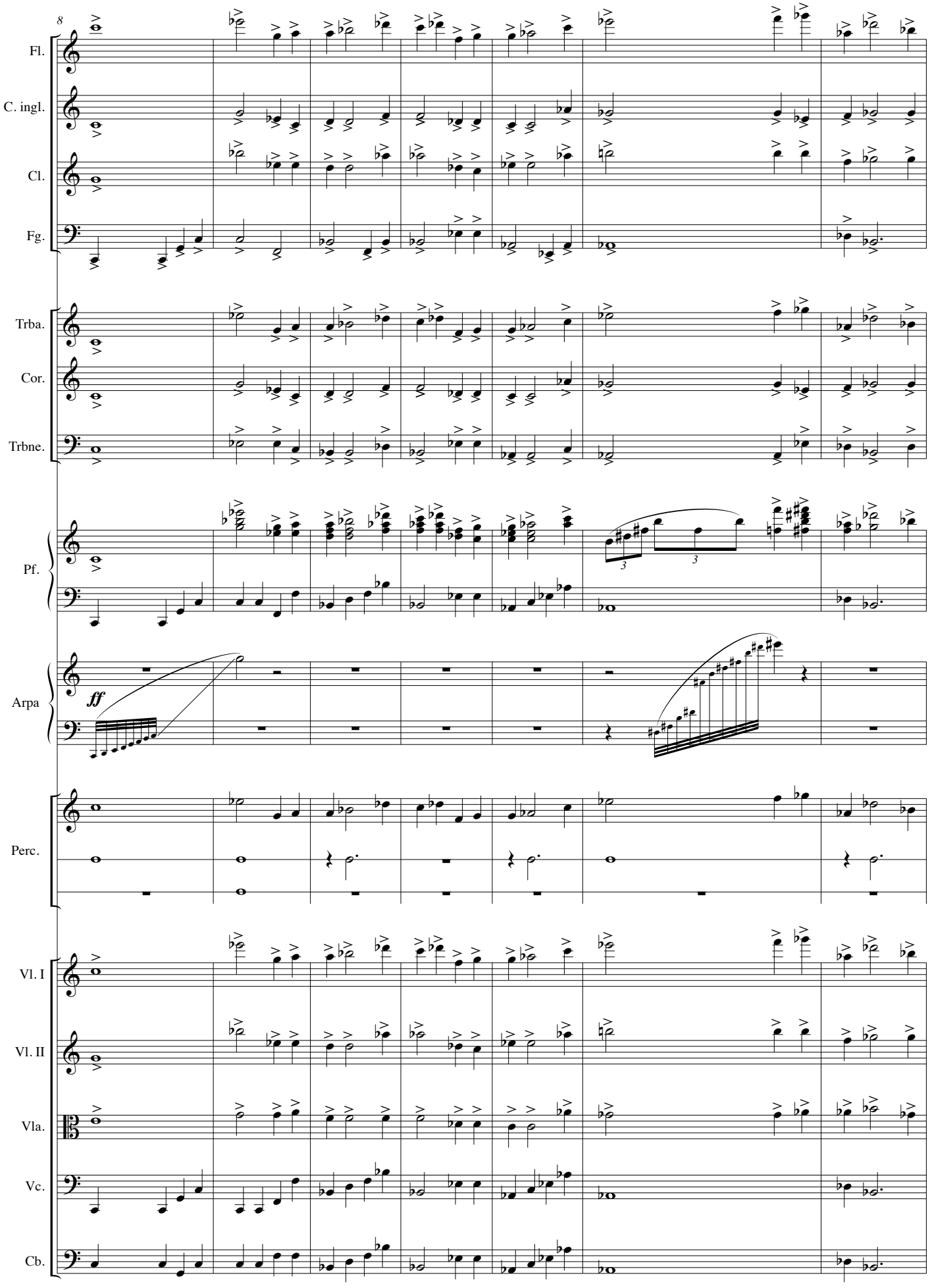
Incoronazione di Babar!



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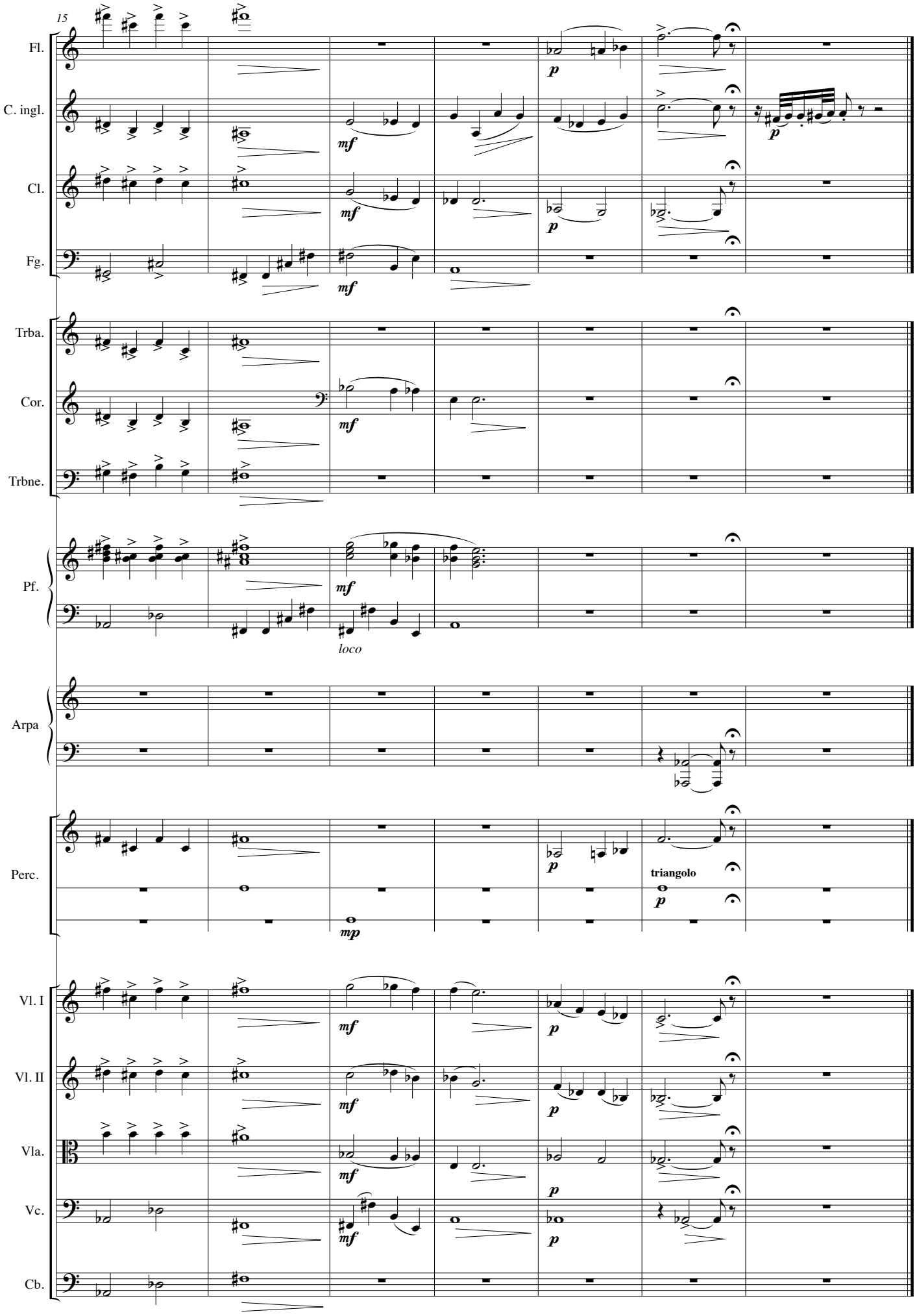

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Dopo le cerimonie tutti si divertono a ballare.

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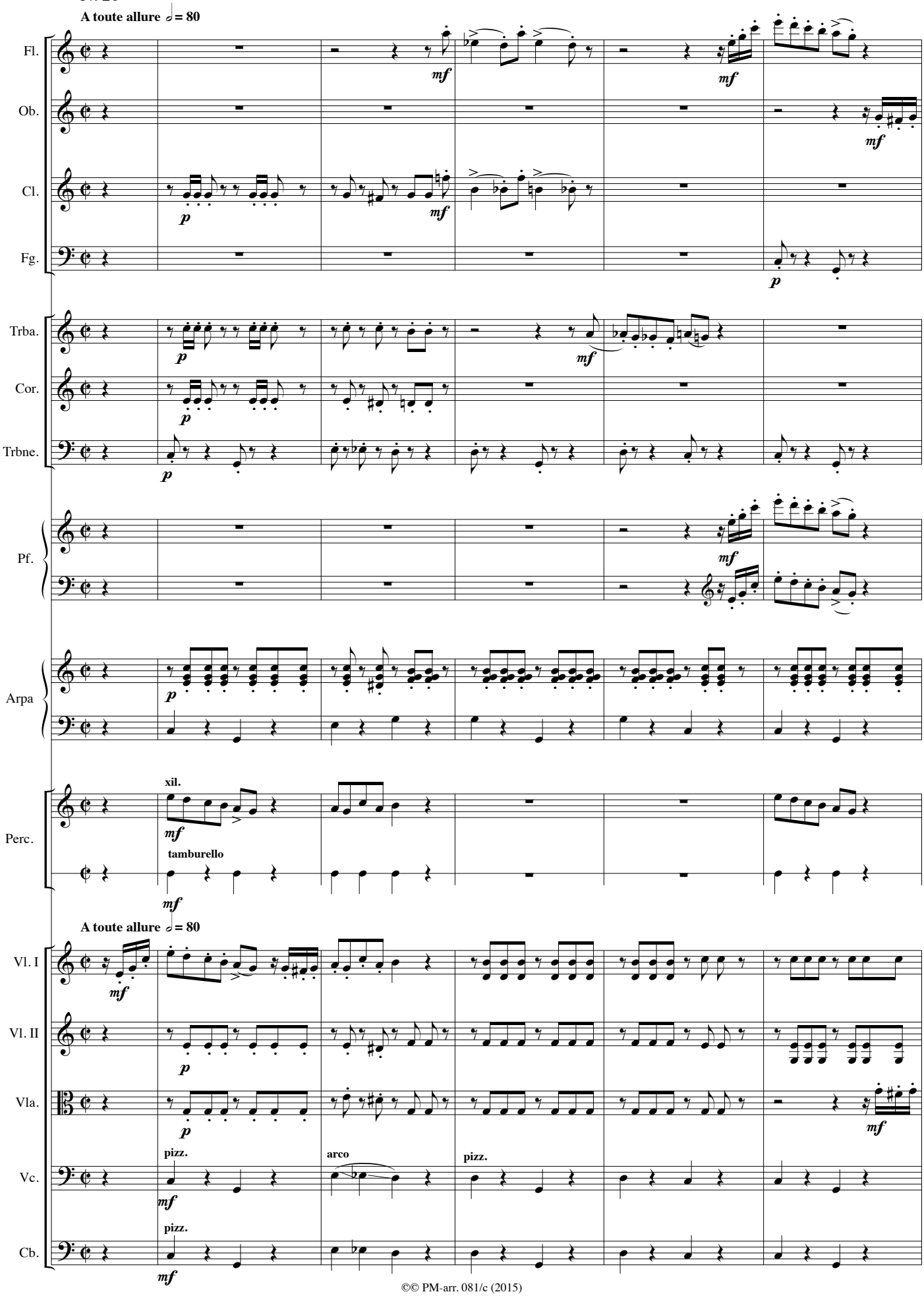

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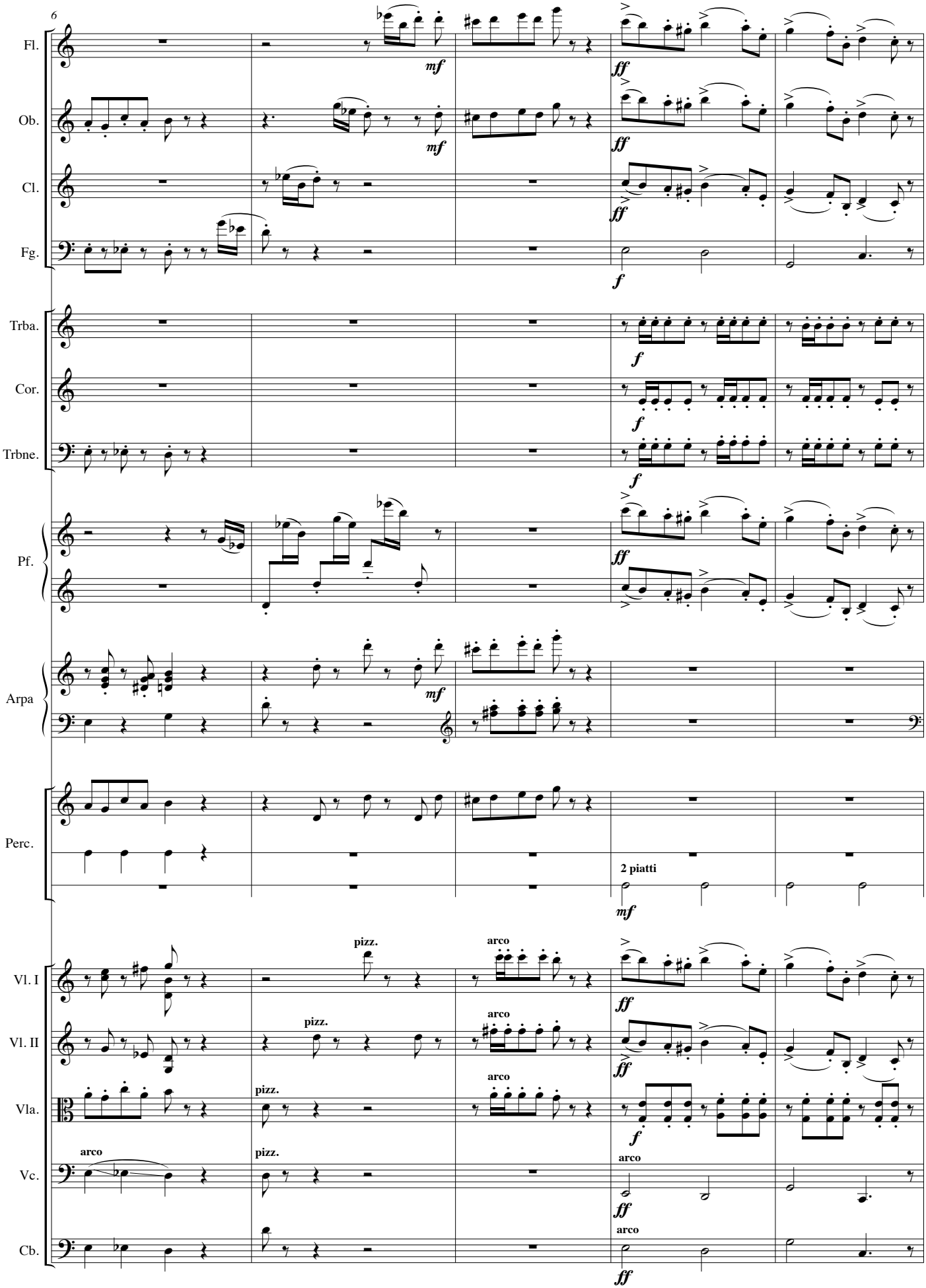

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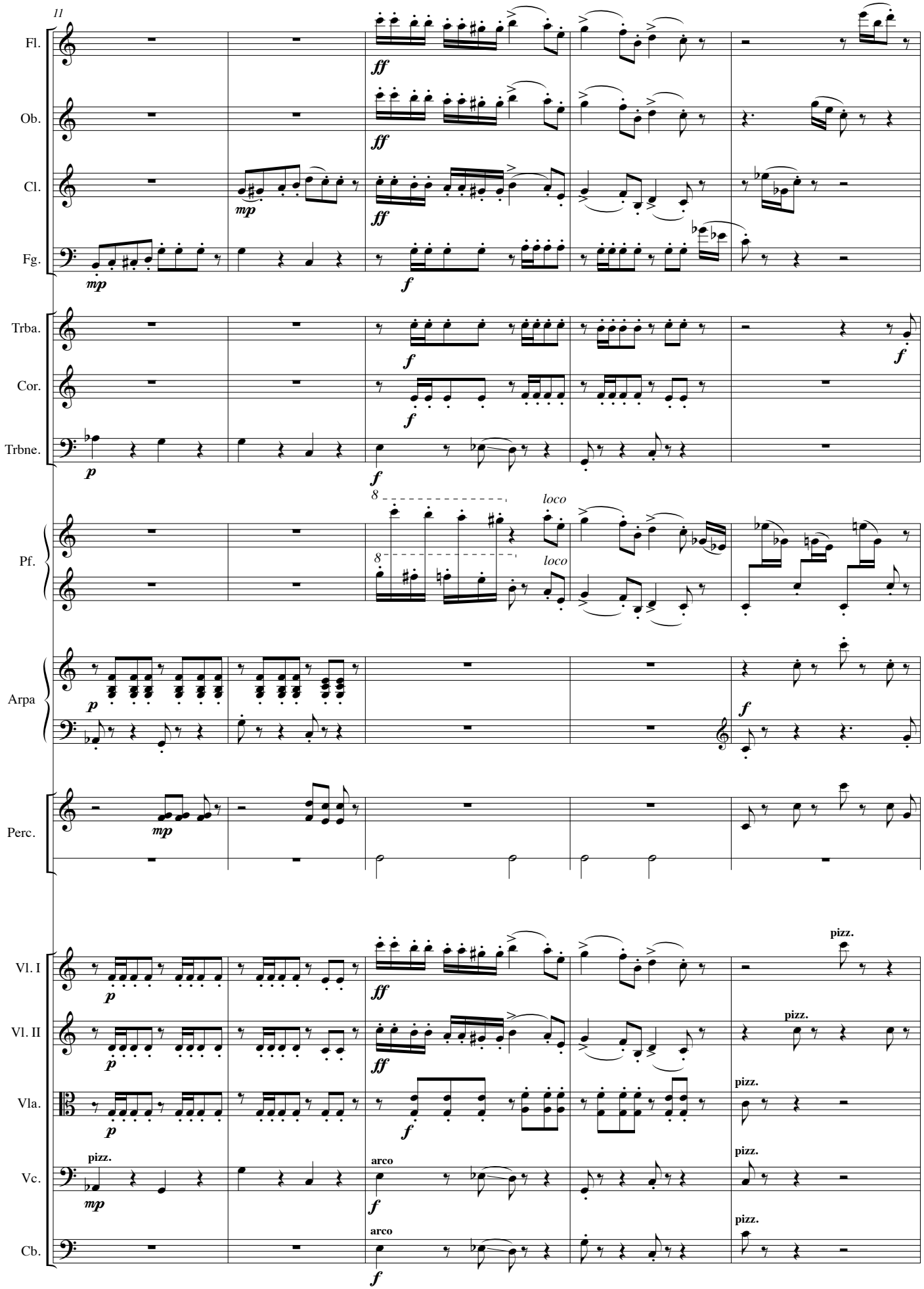

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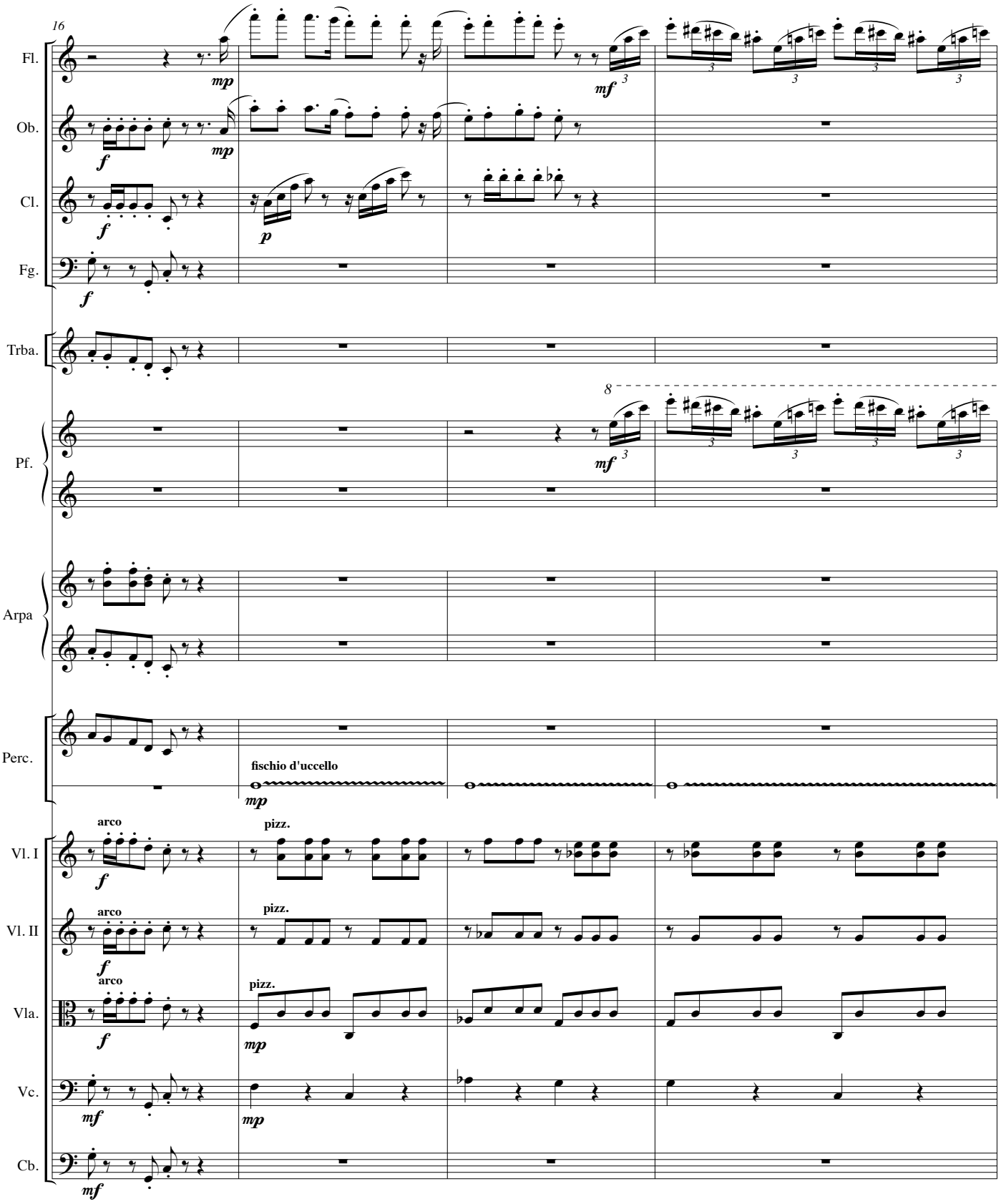
Gli uccelli si uniscono con l'orchestra



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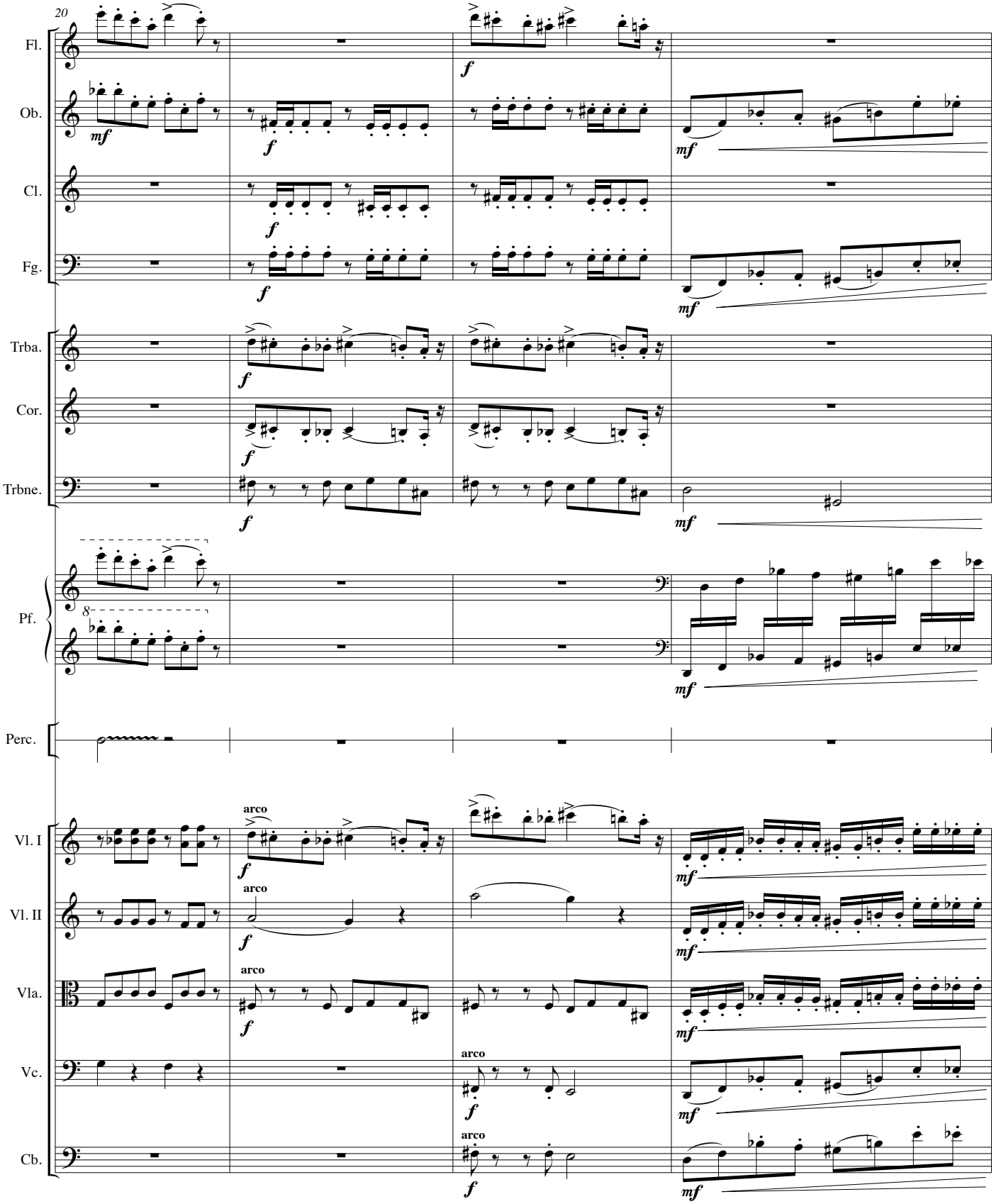

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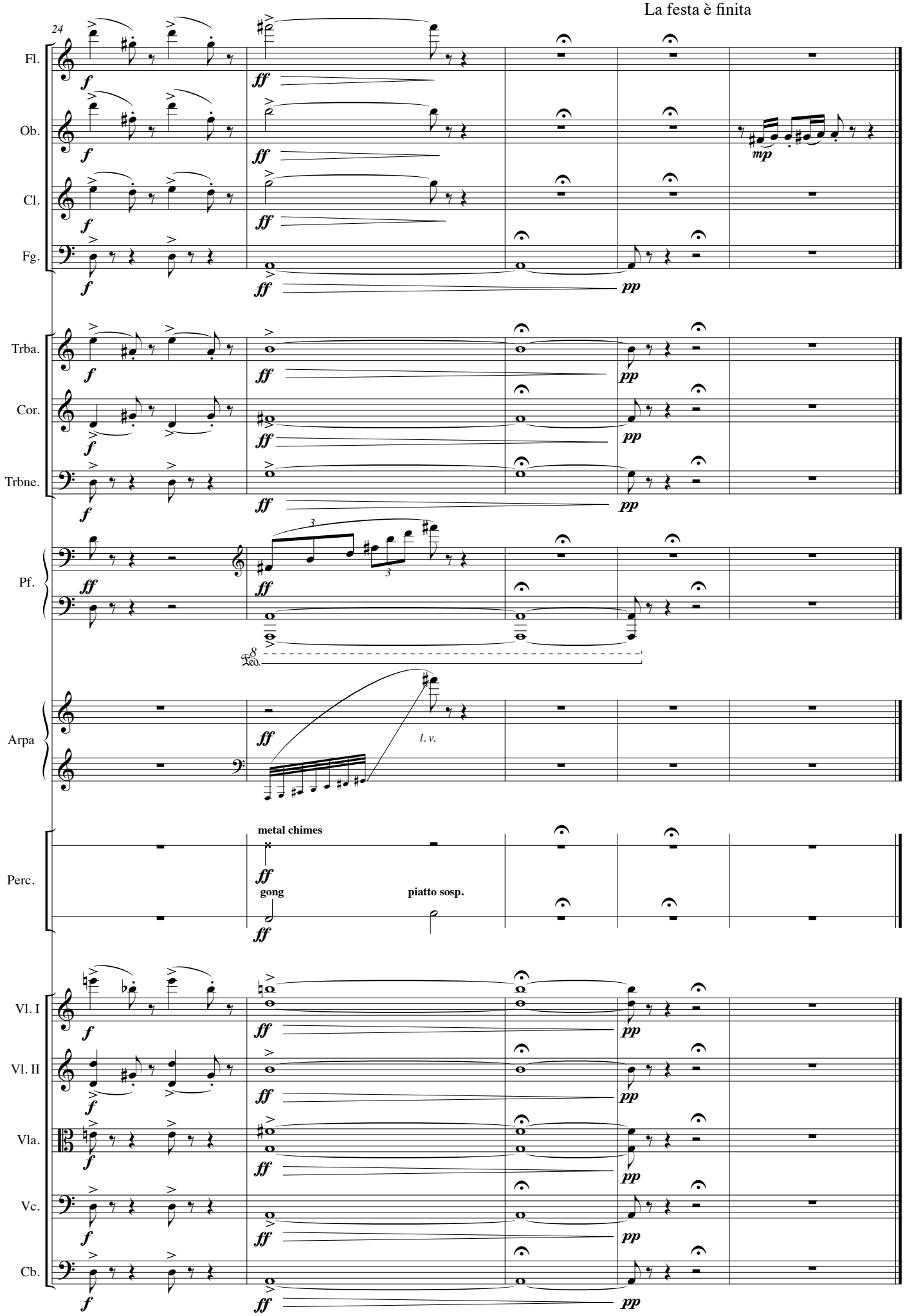

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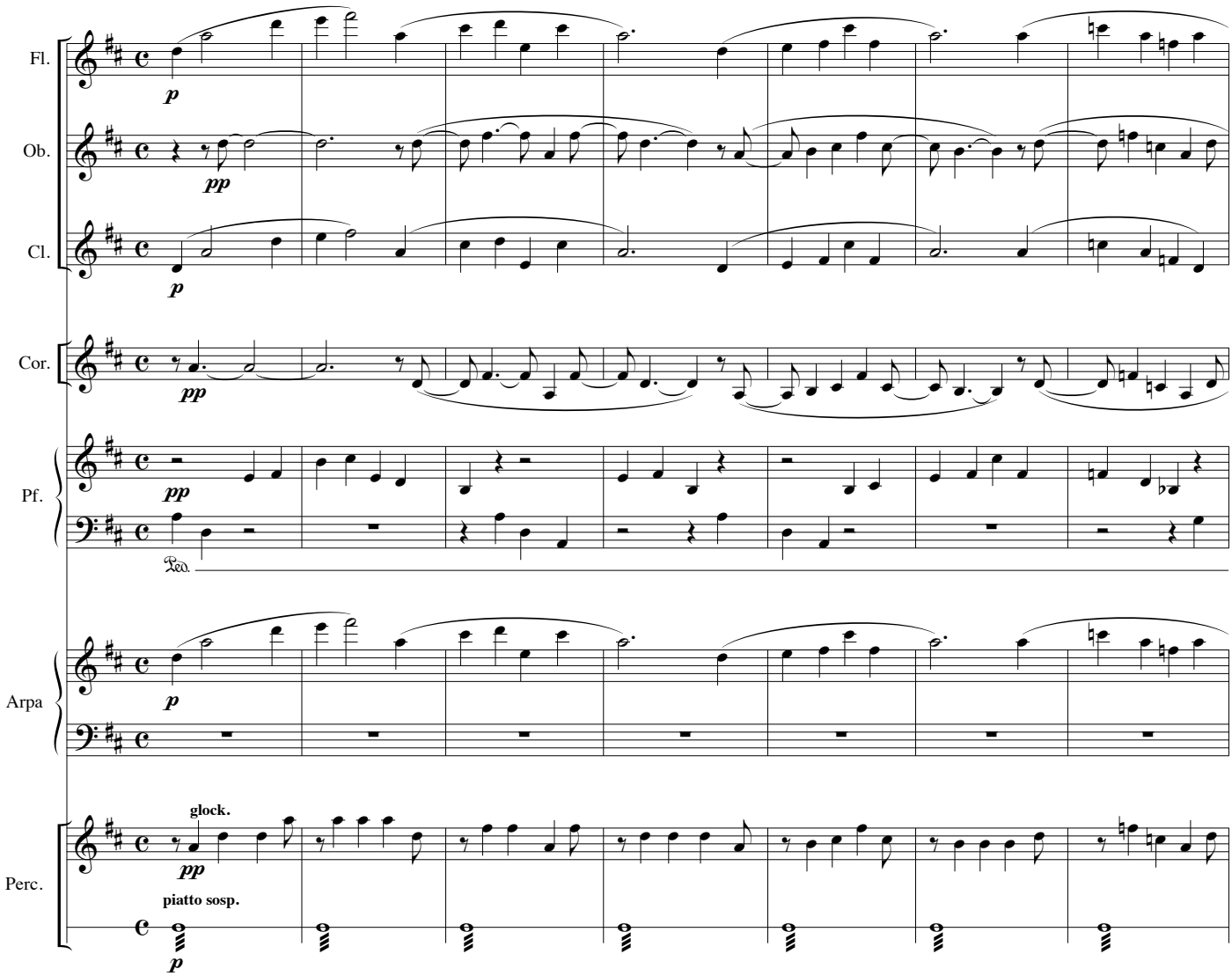
Modéré ♩ **= 66**



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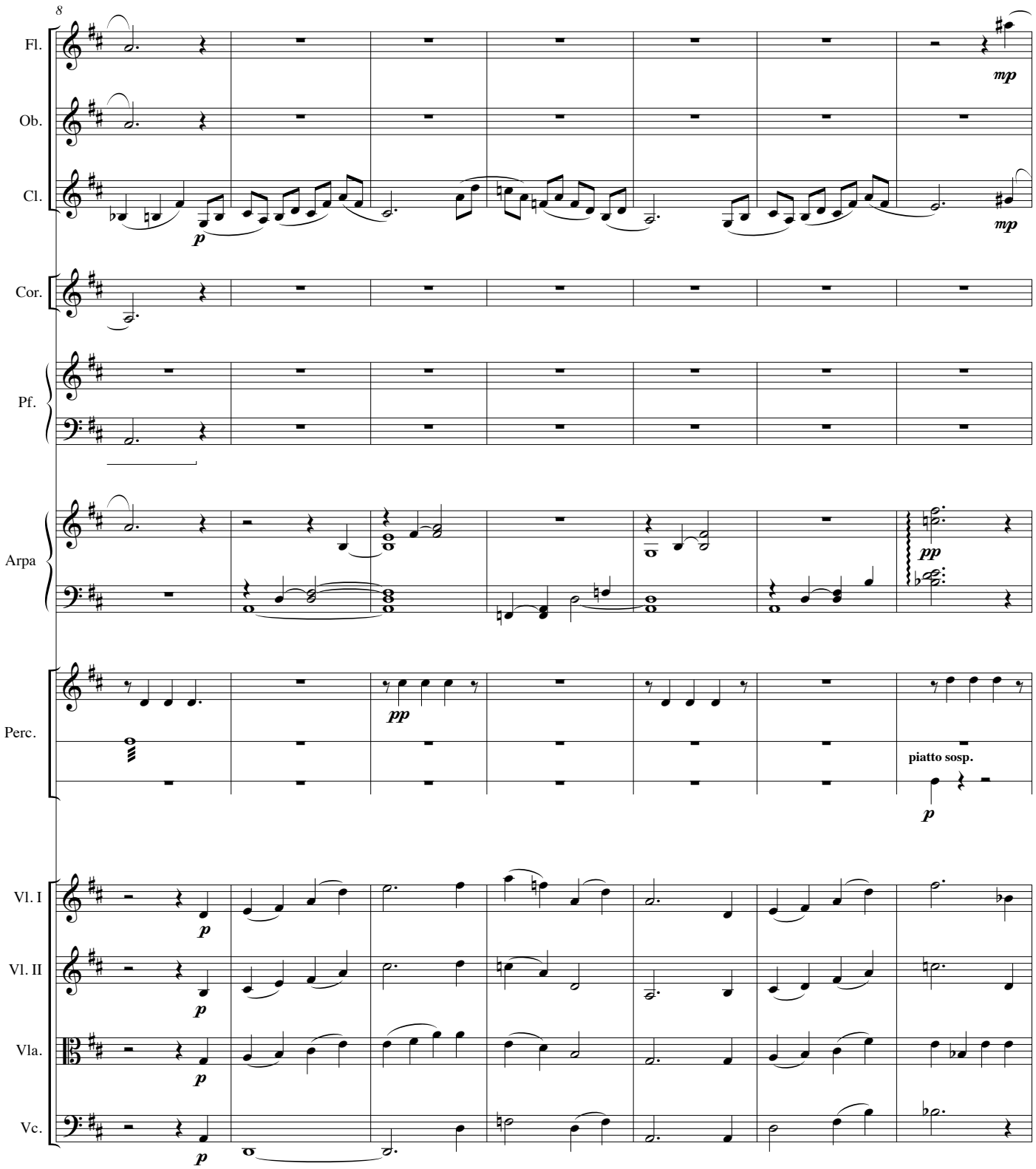
Re Babar e la regina Celeste, contenti, sognano della loro felicità . . .



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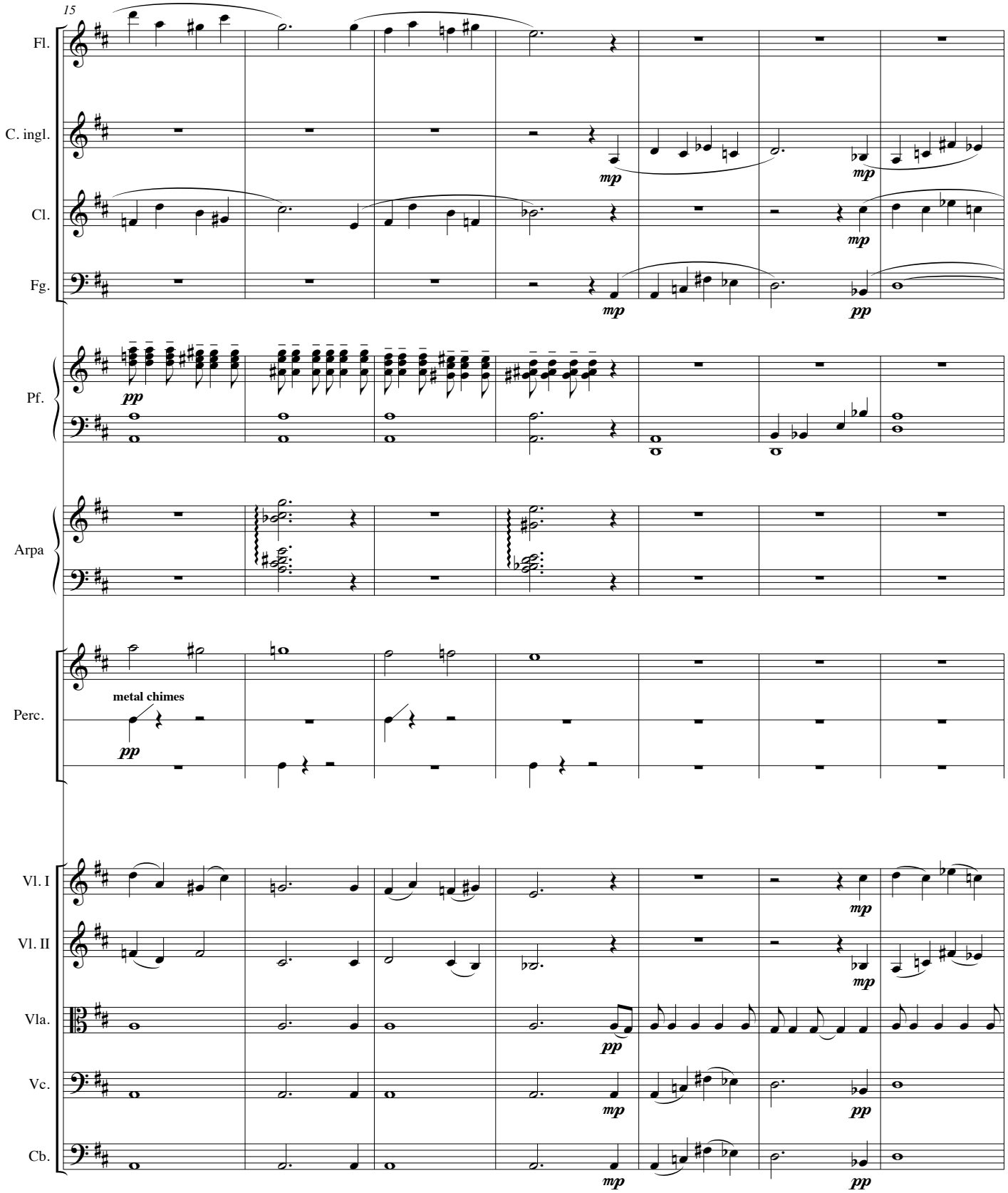

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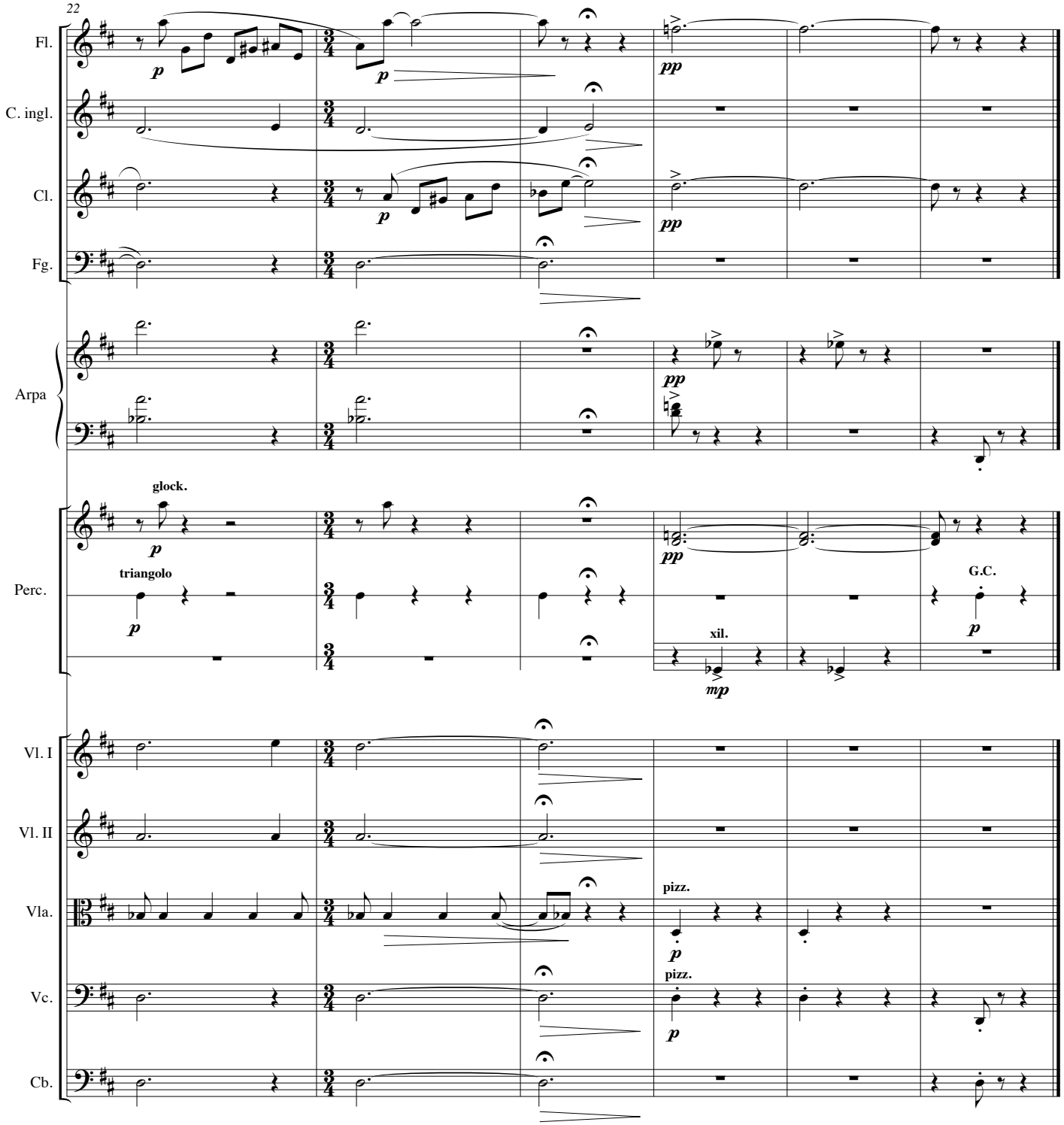
La fine.



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