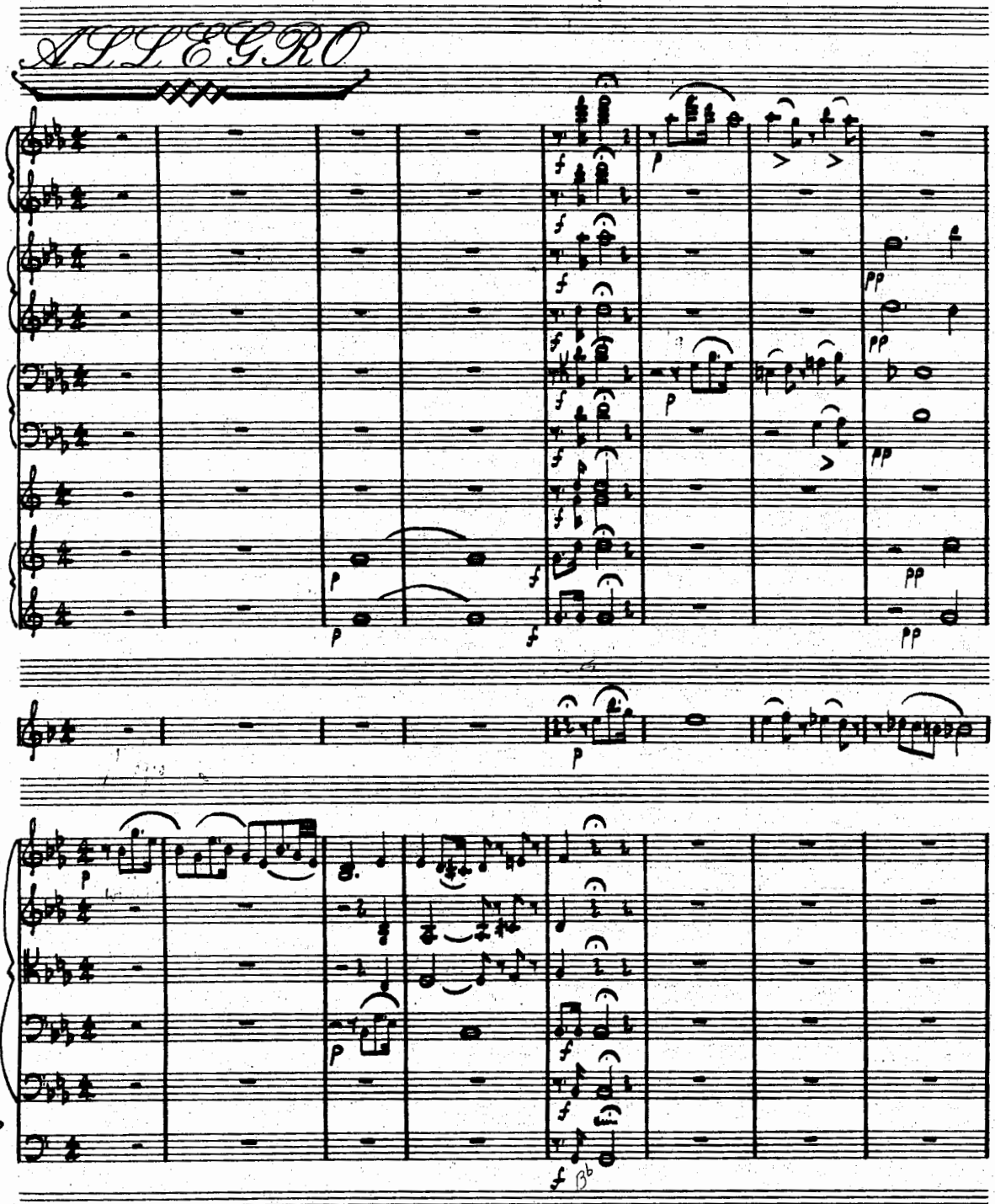

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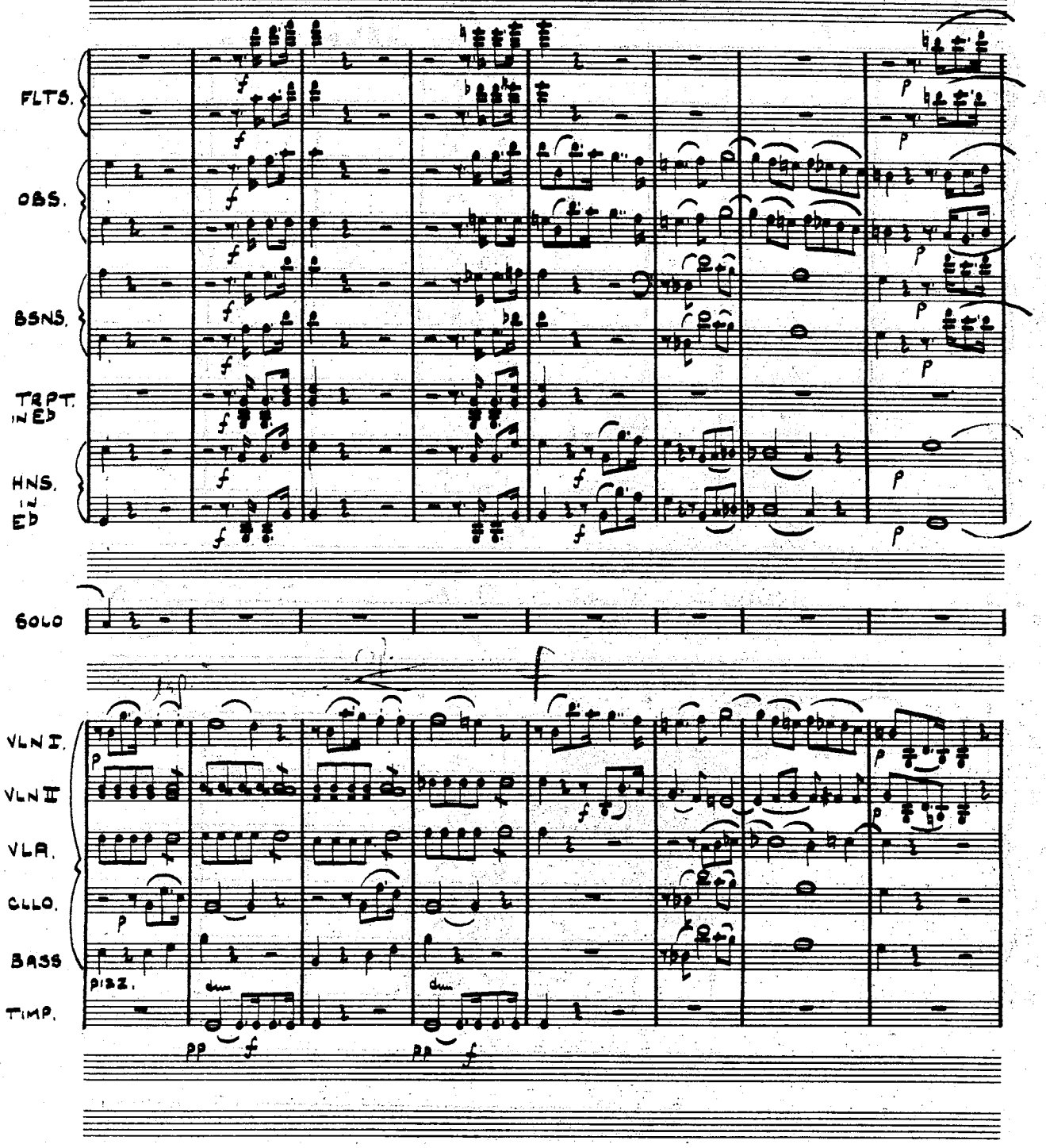
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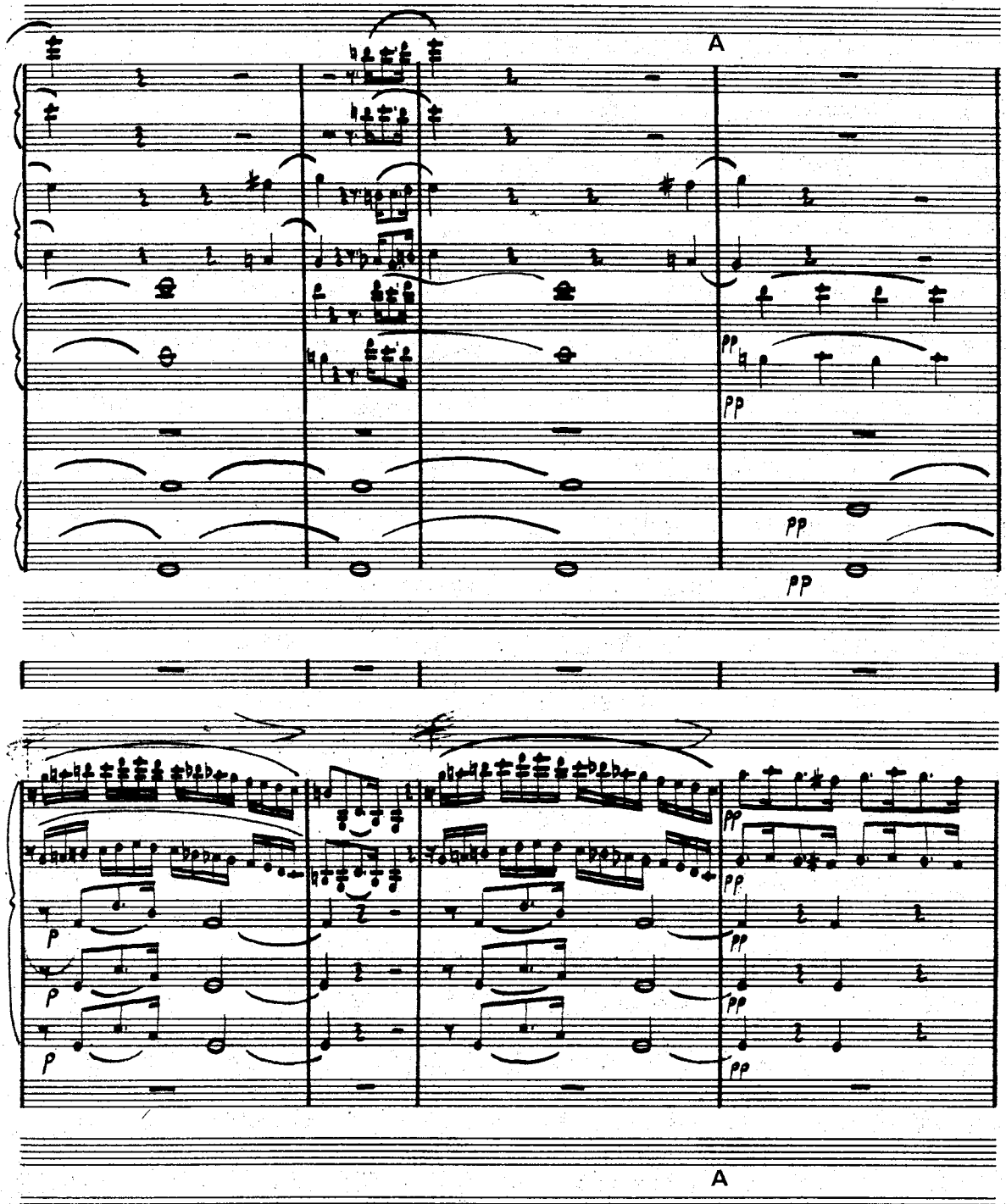
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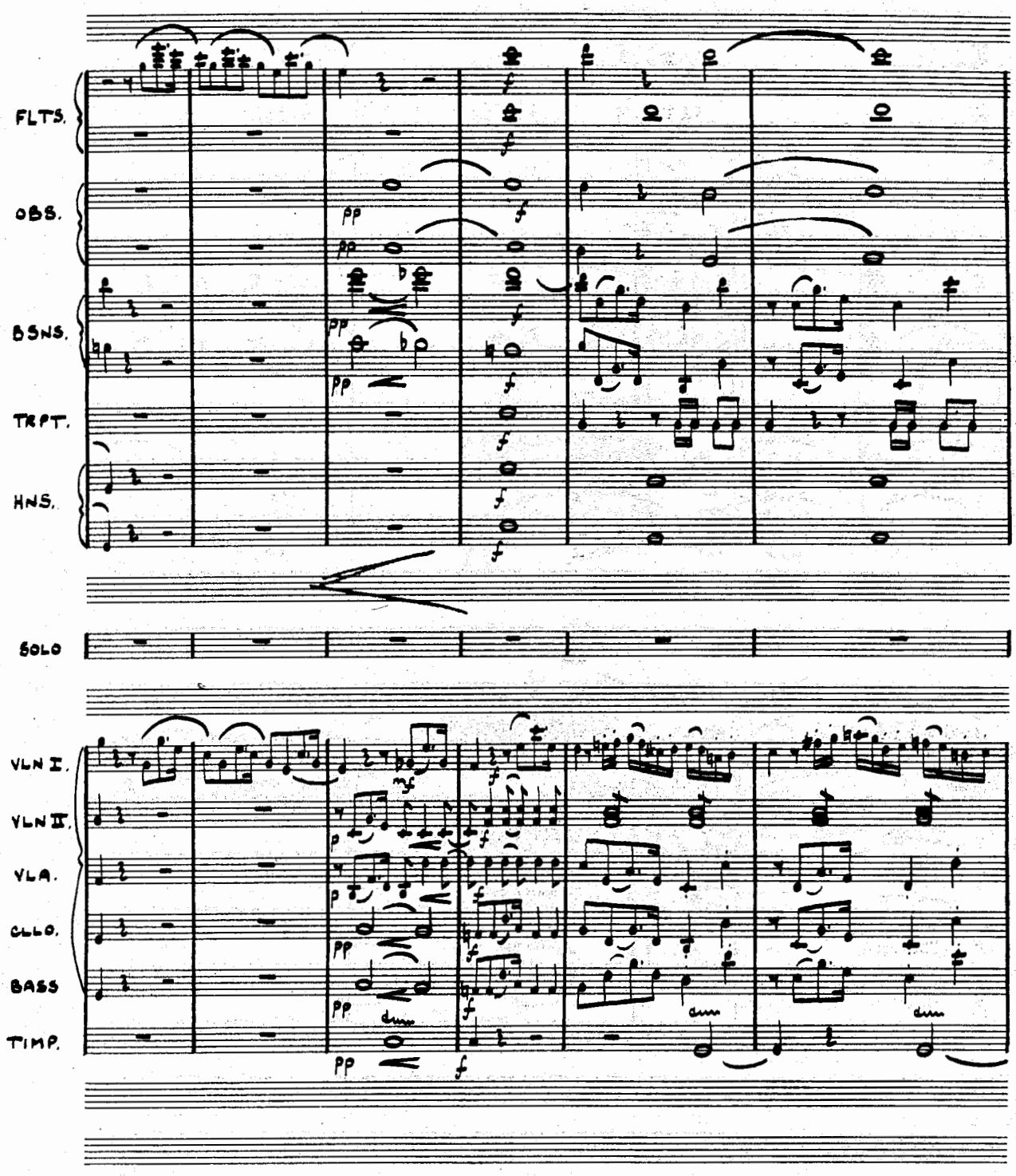
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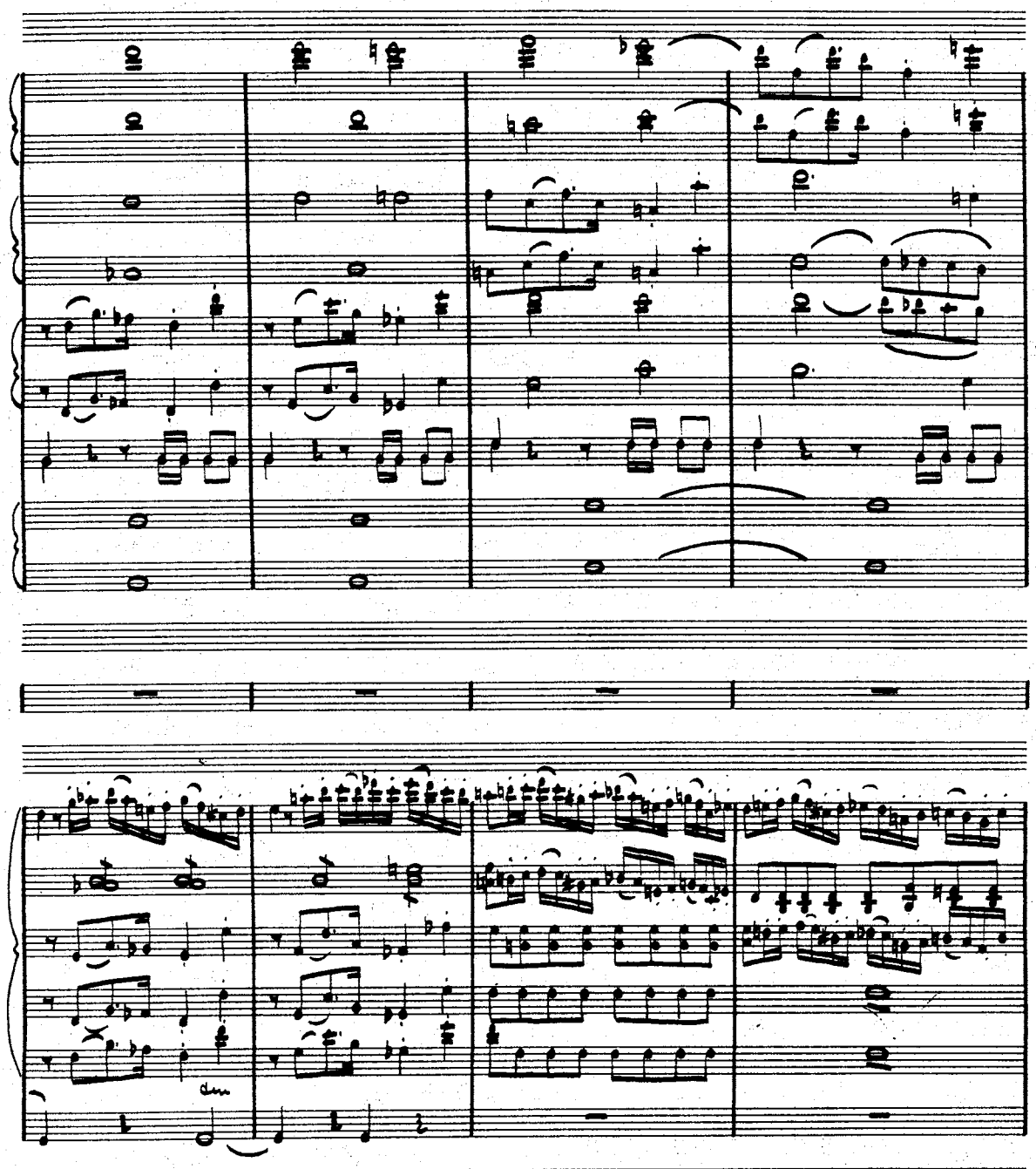

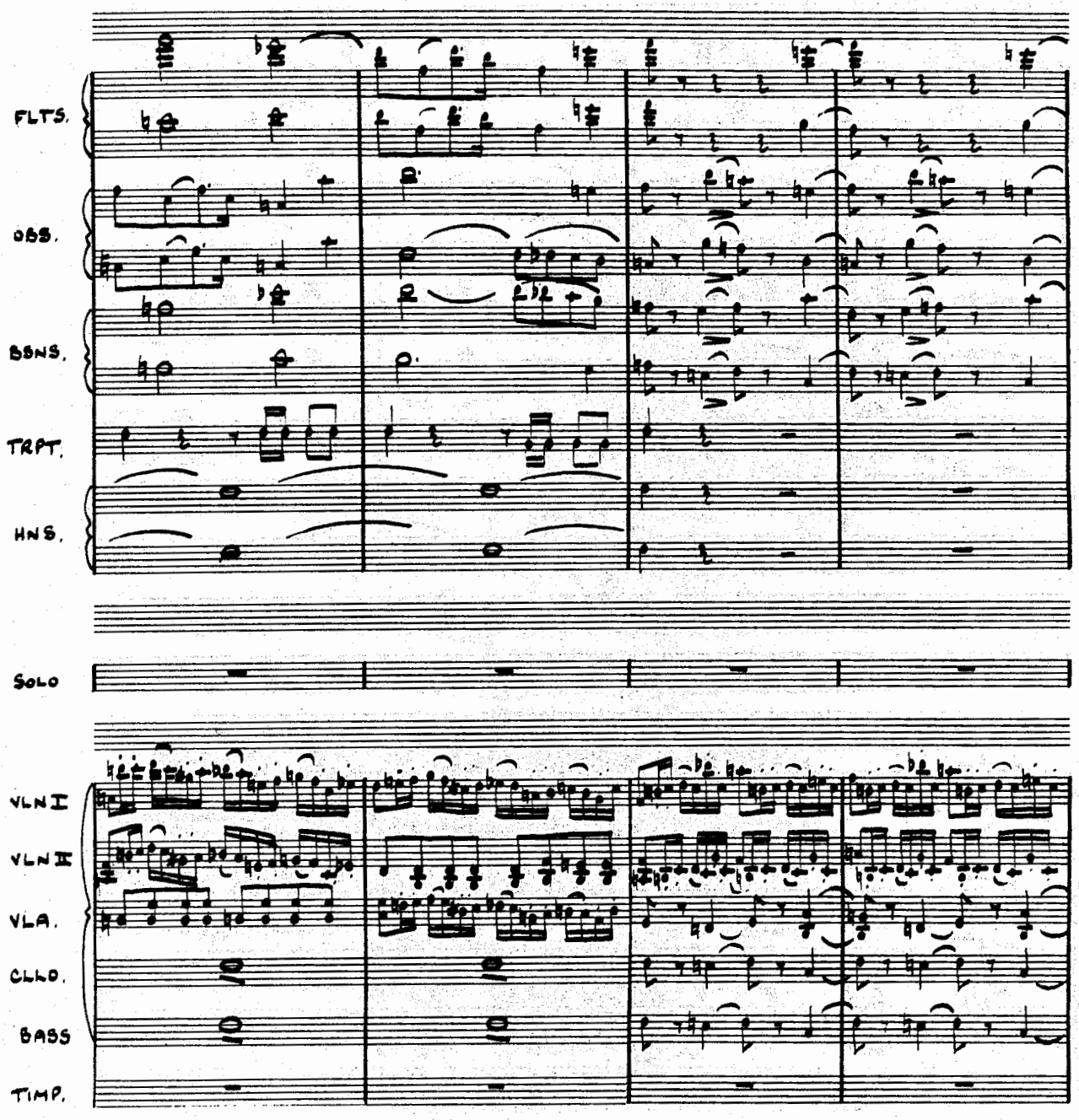
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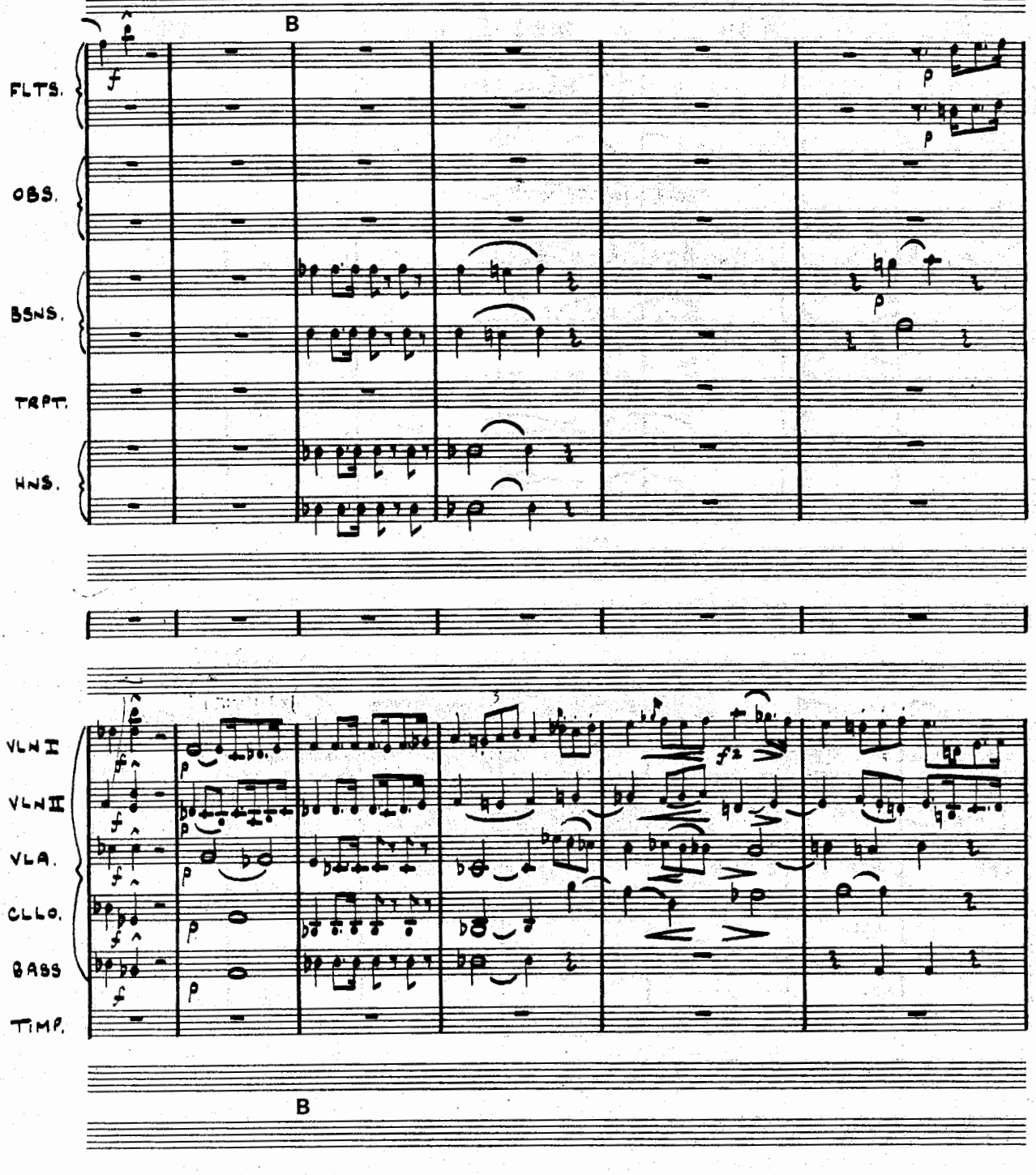
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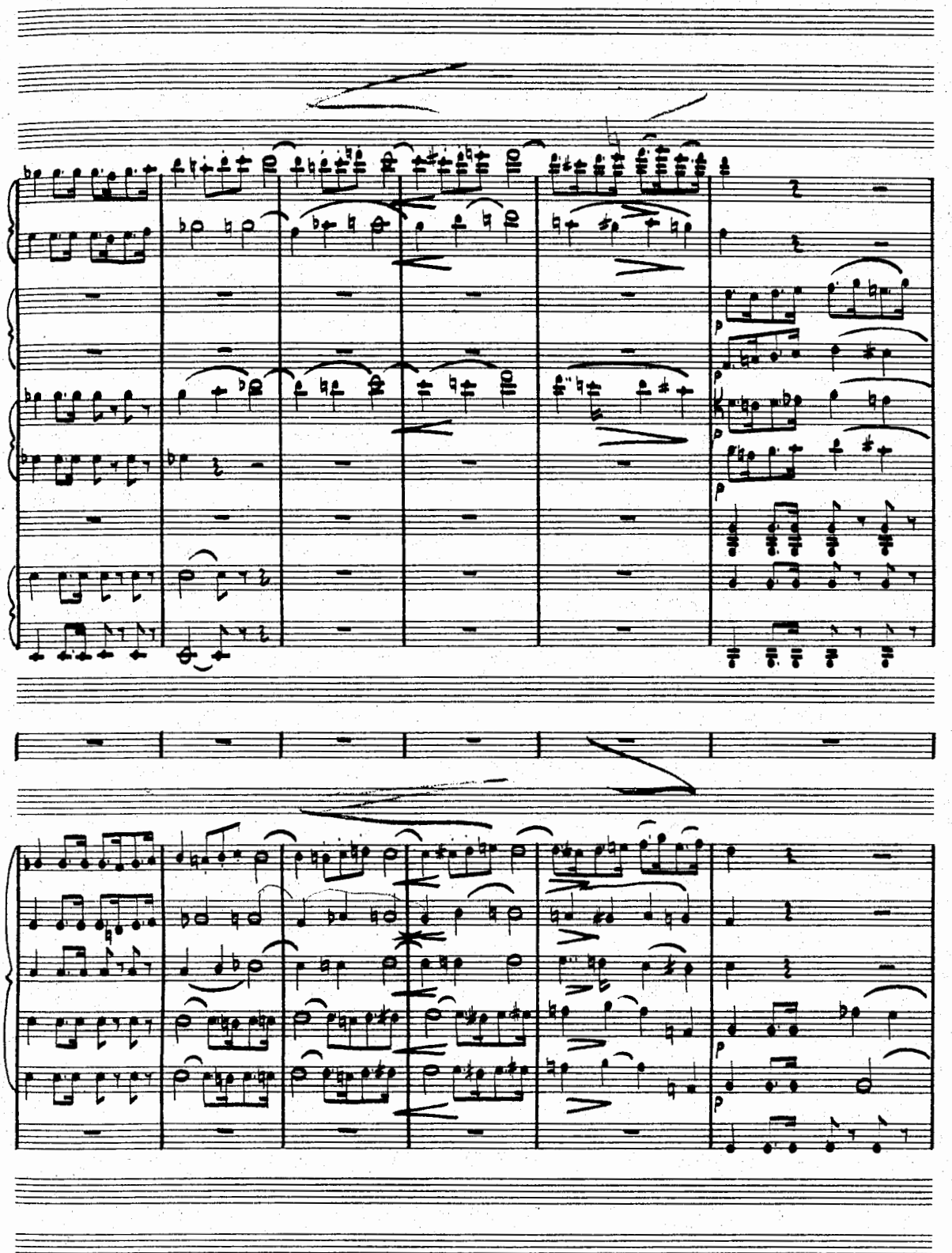

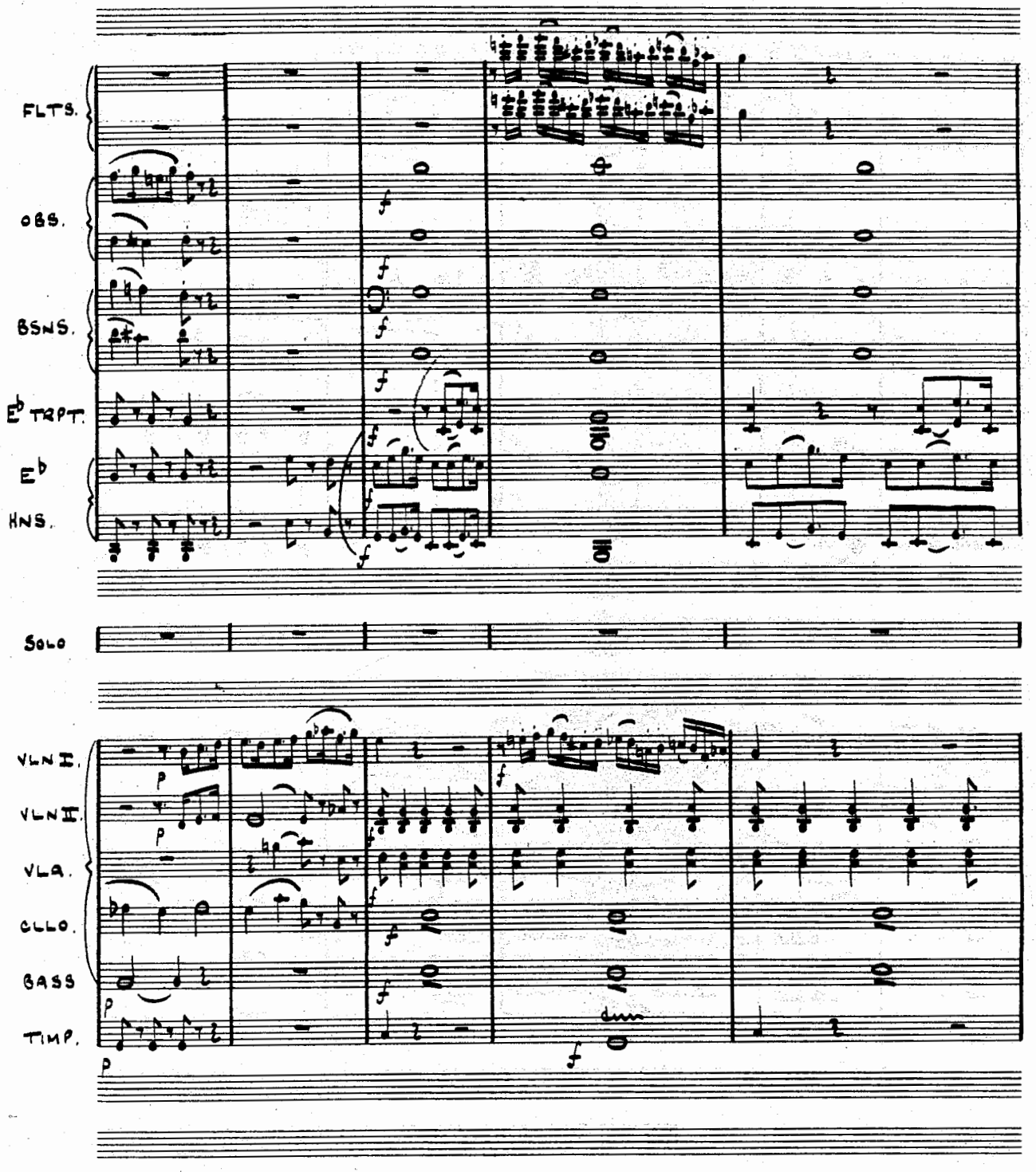
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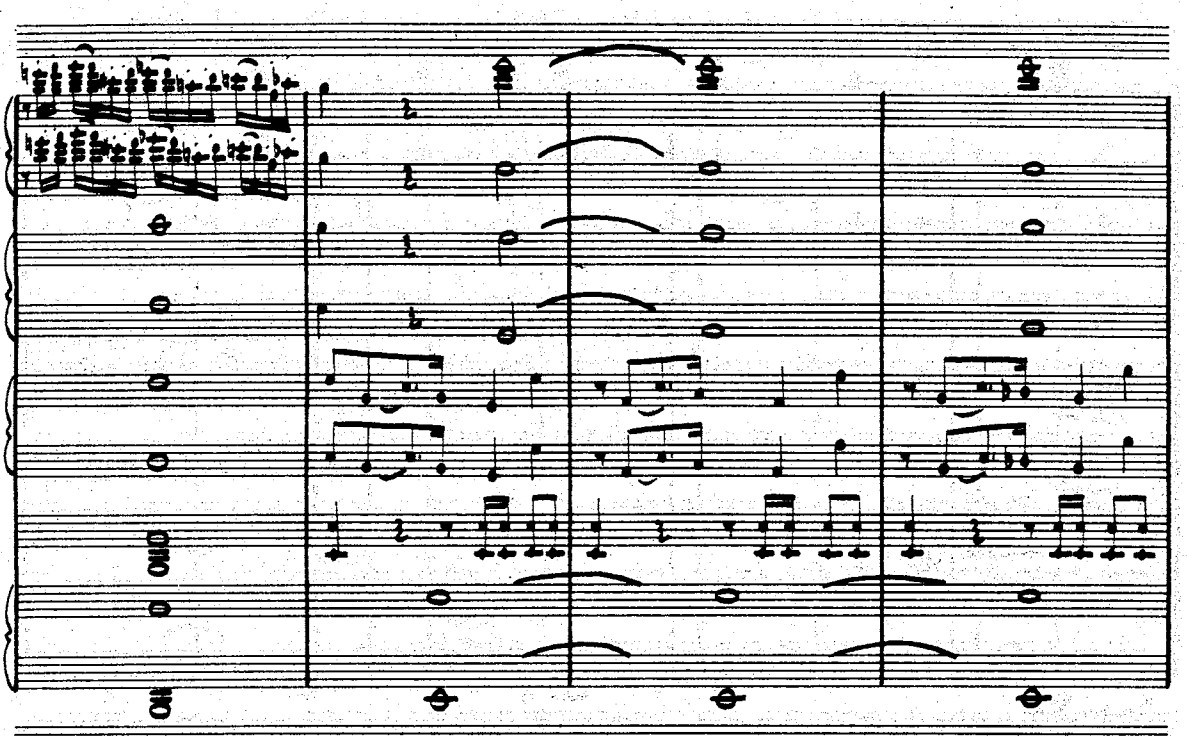

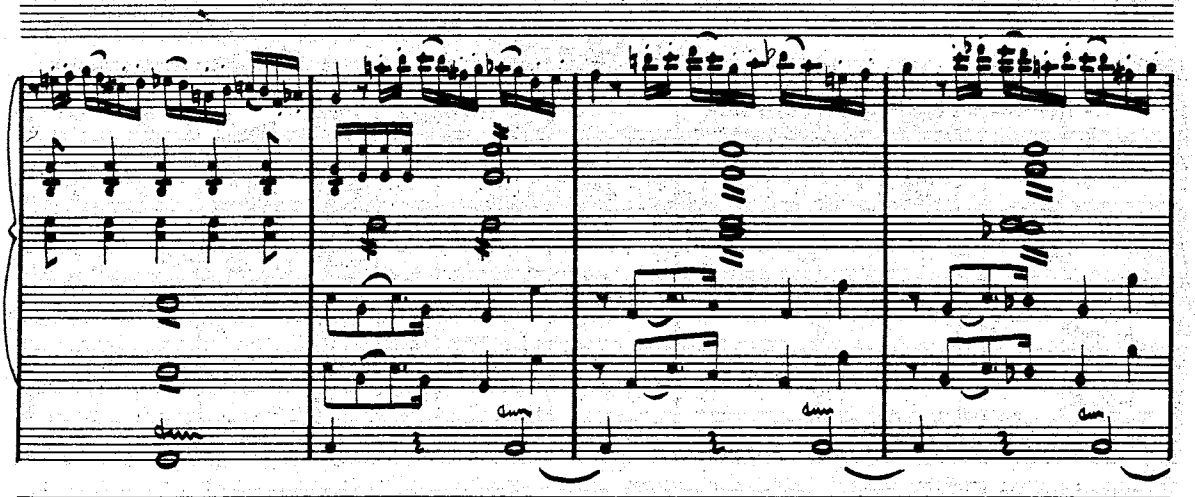

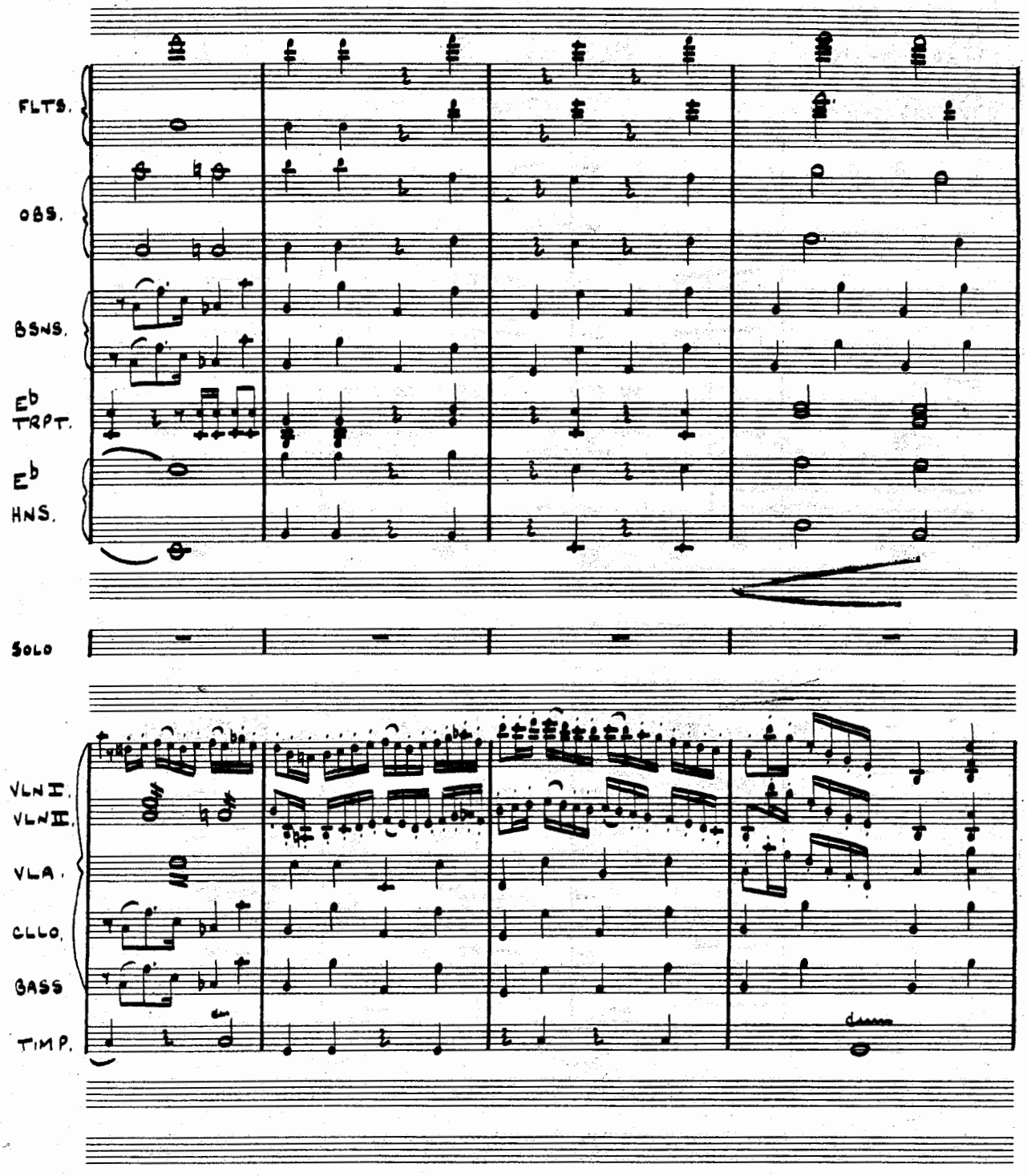
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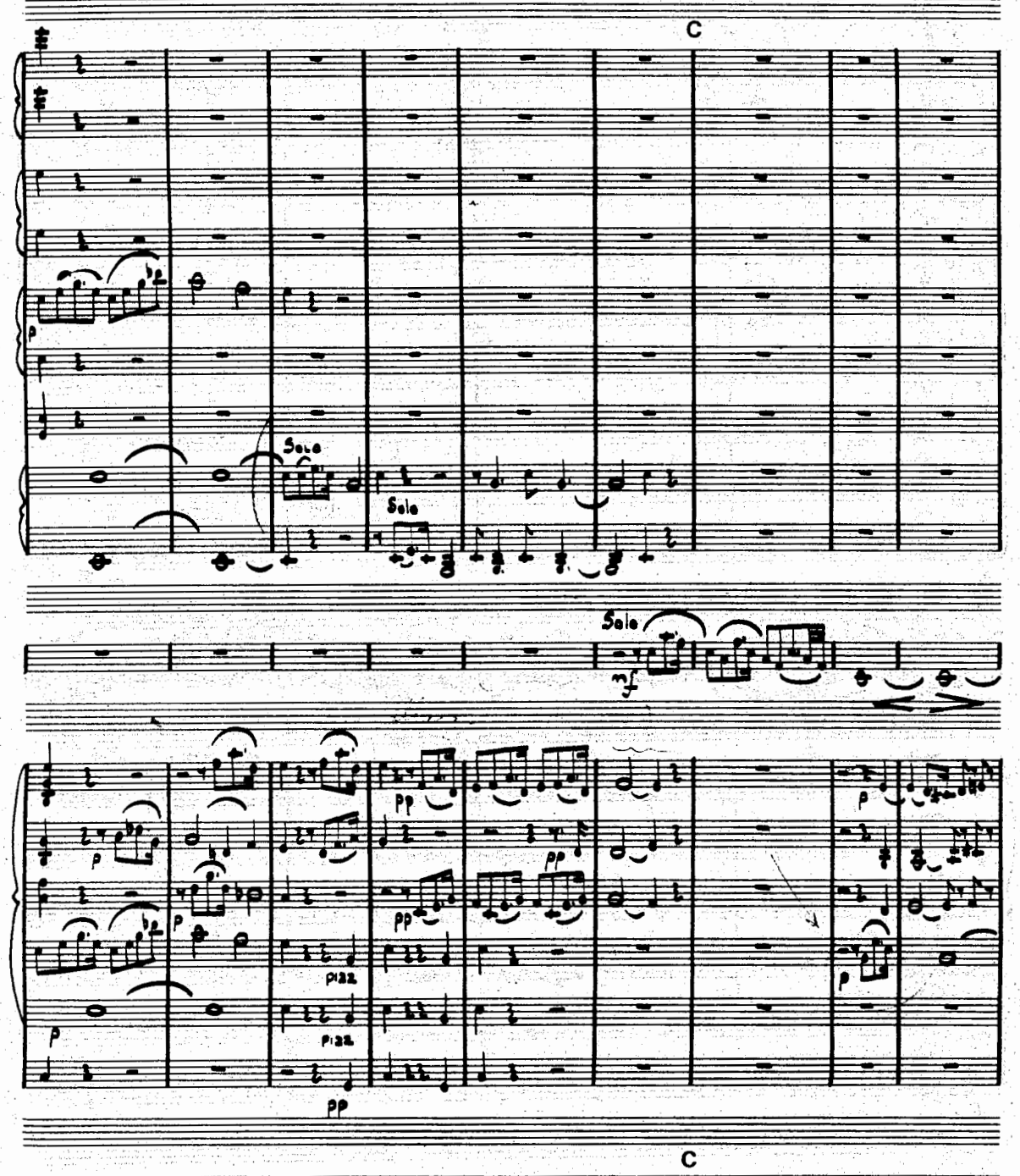
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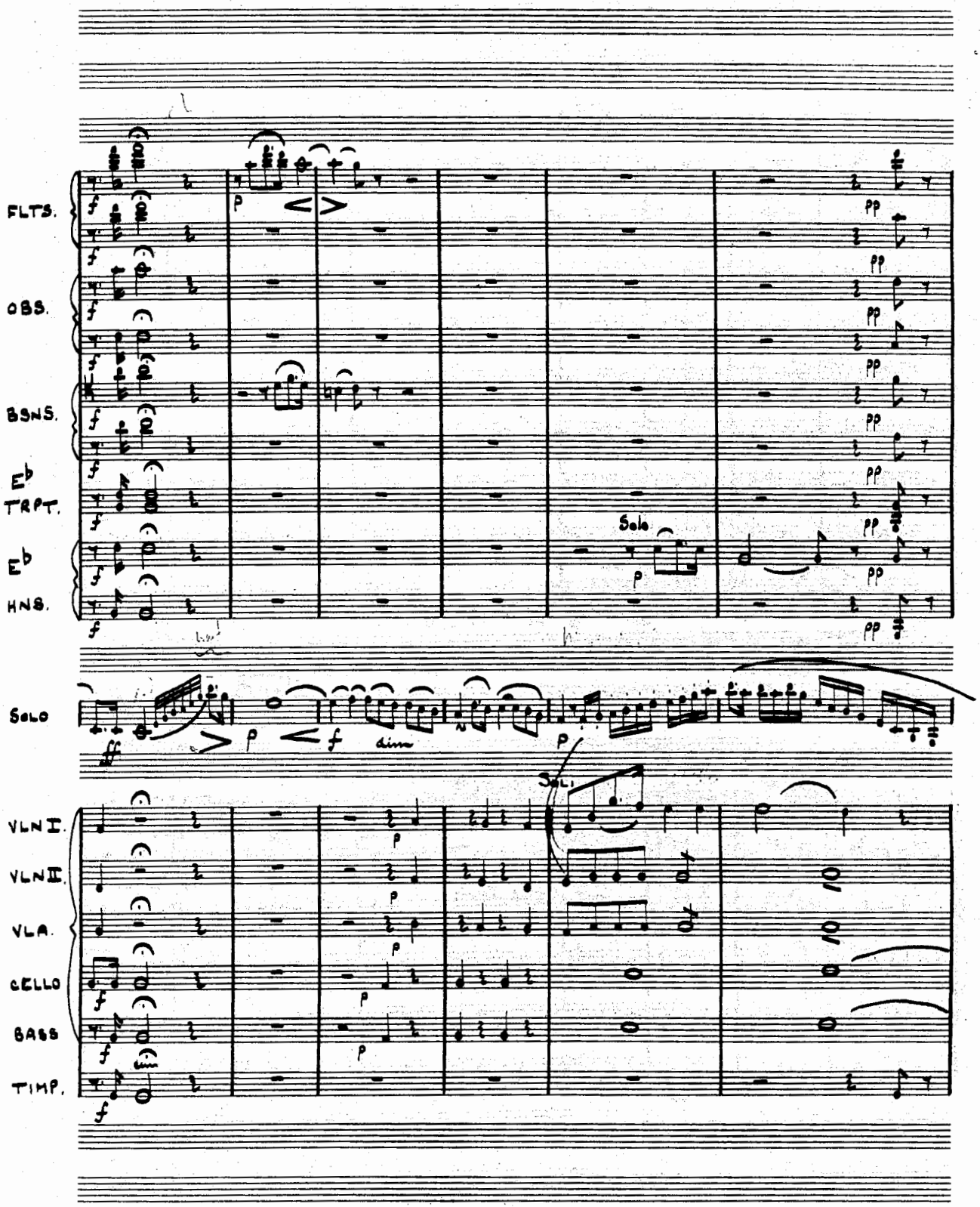
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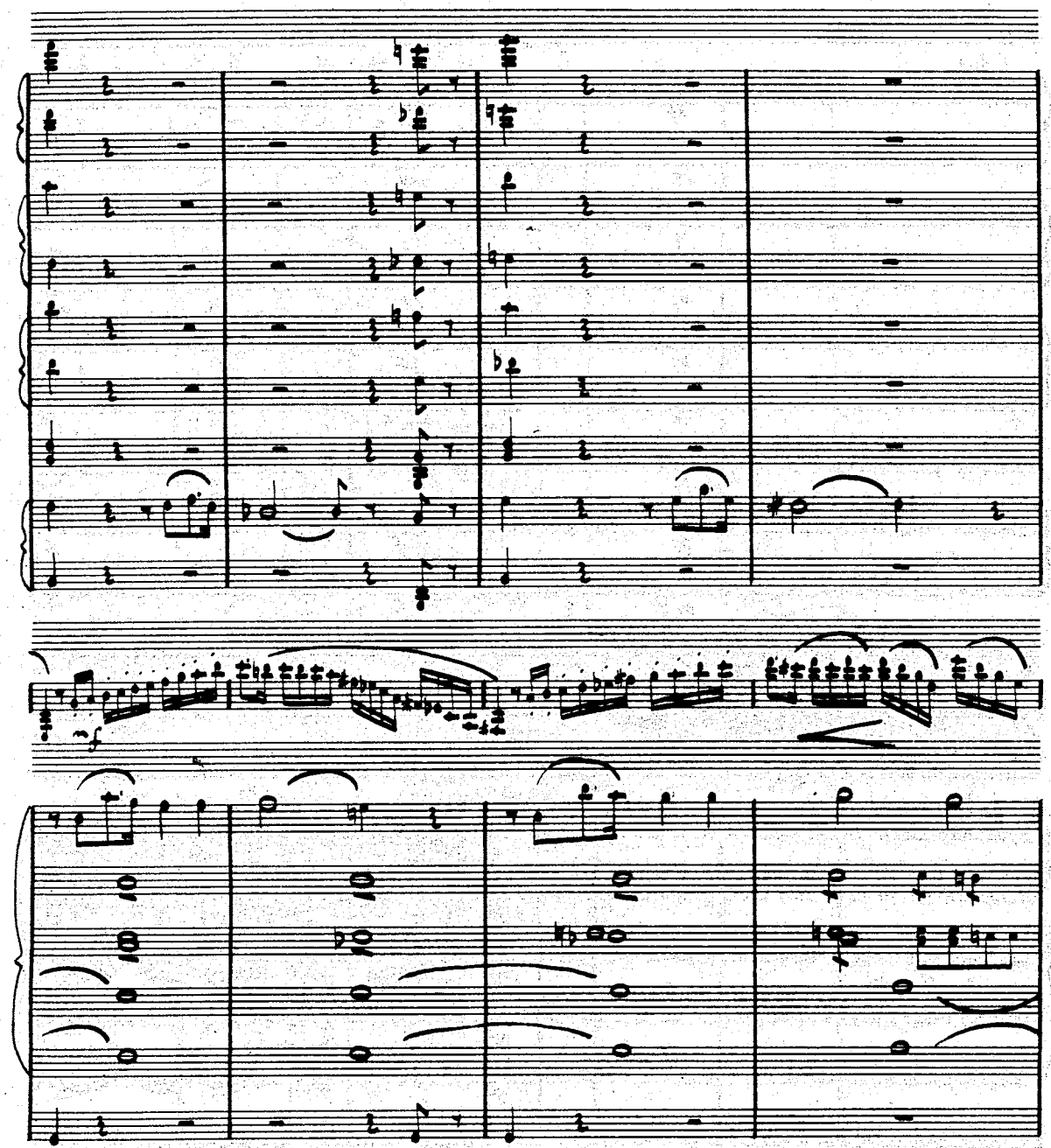

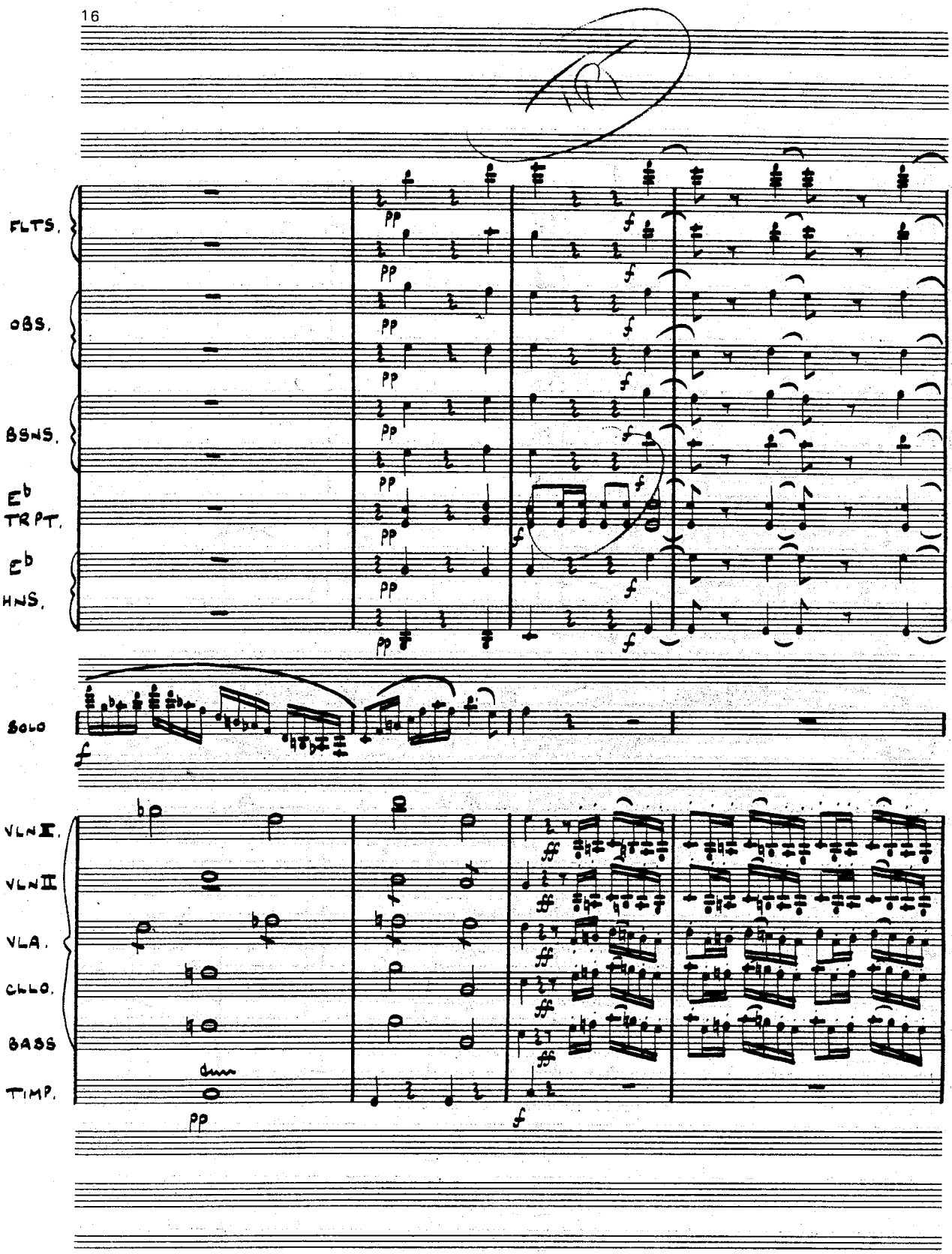
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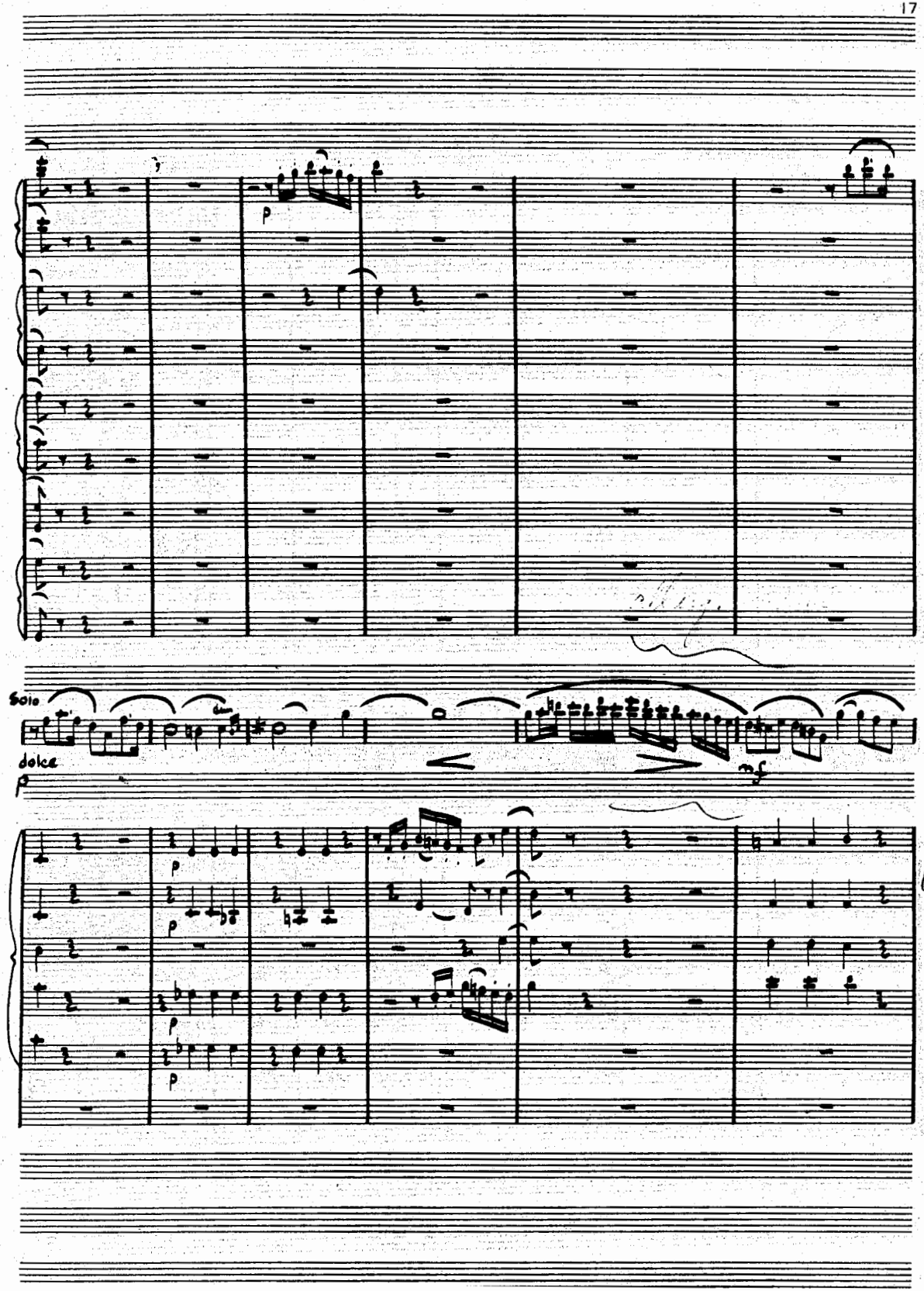
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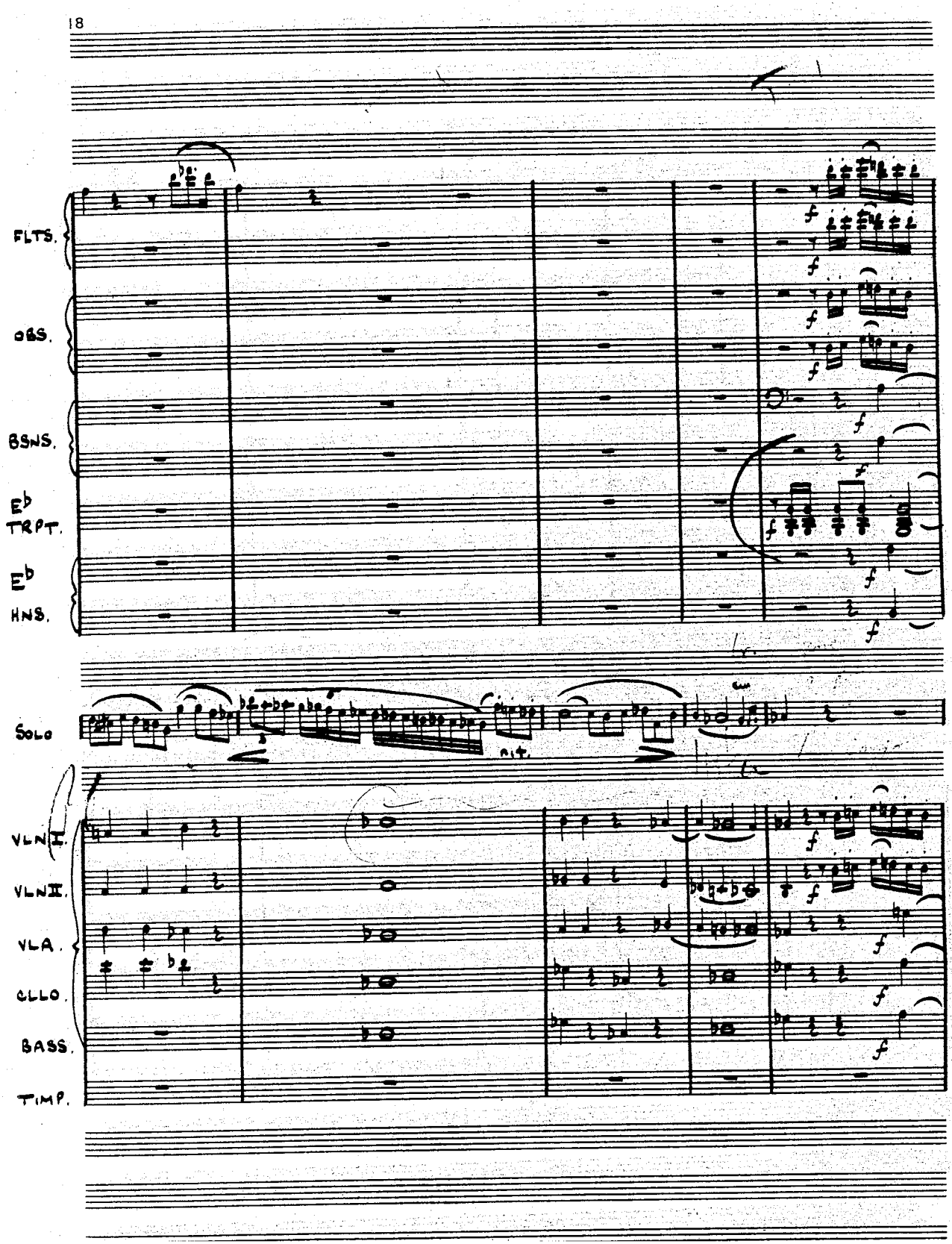
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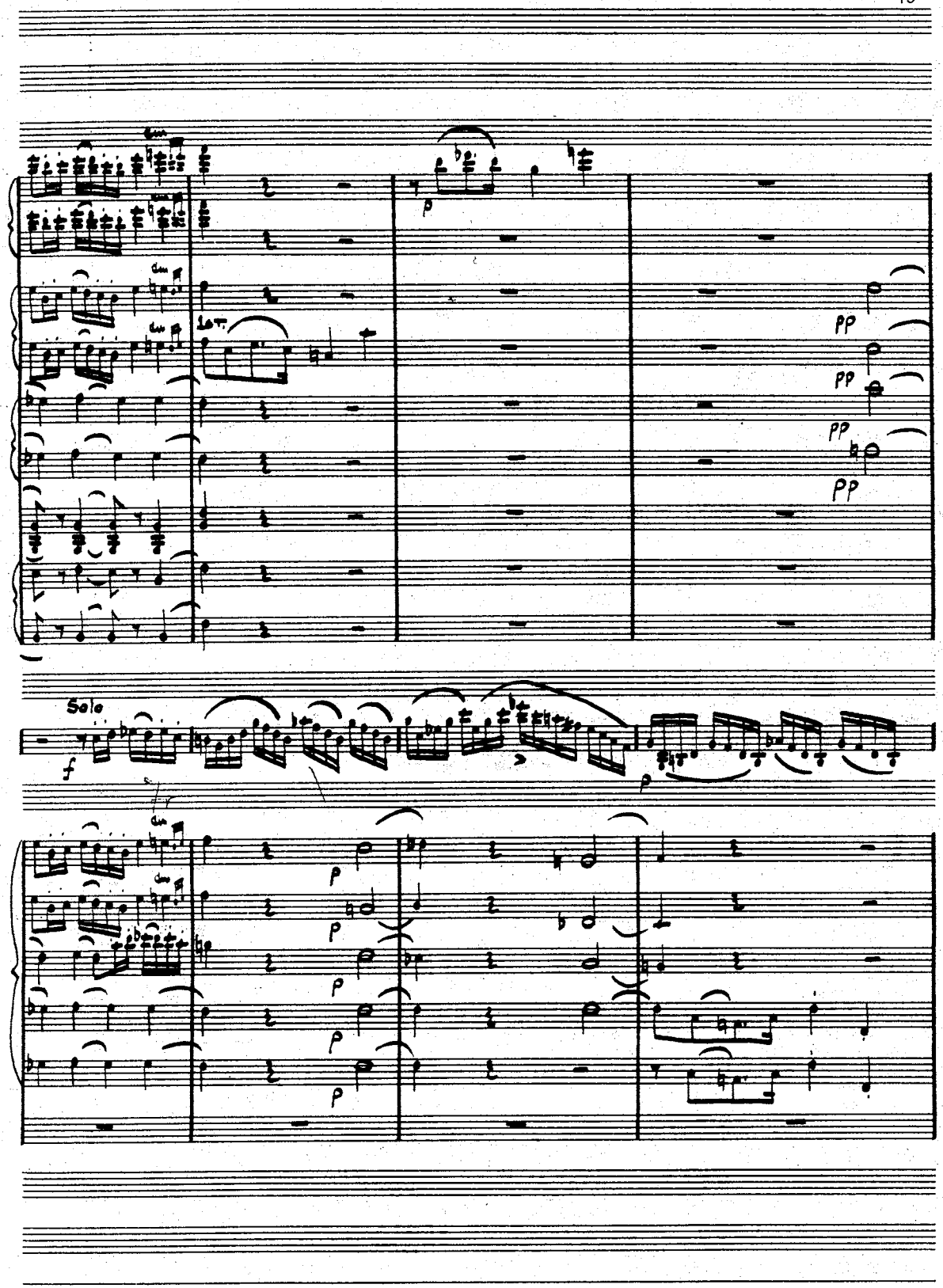
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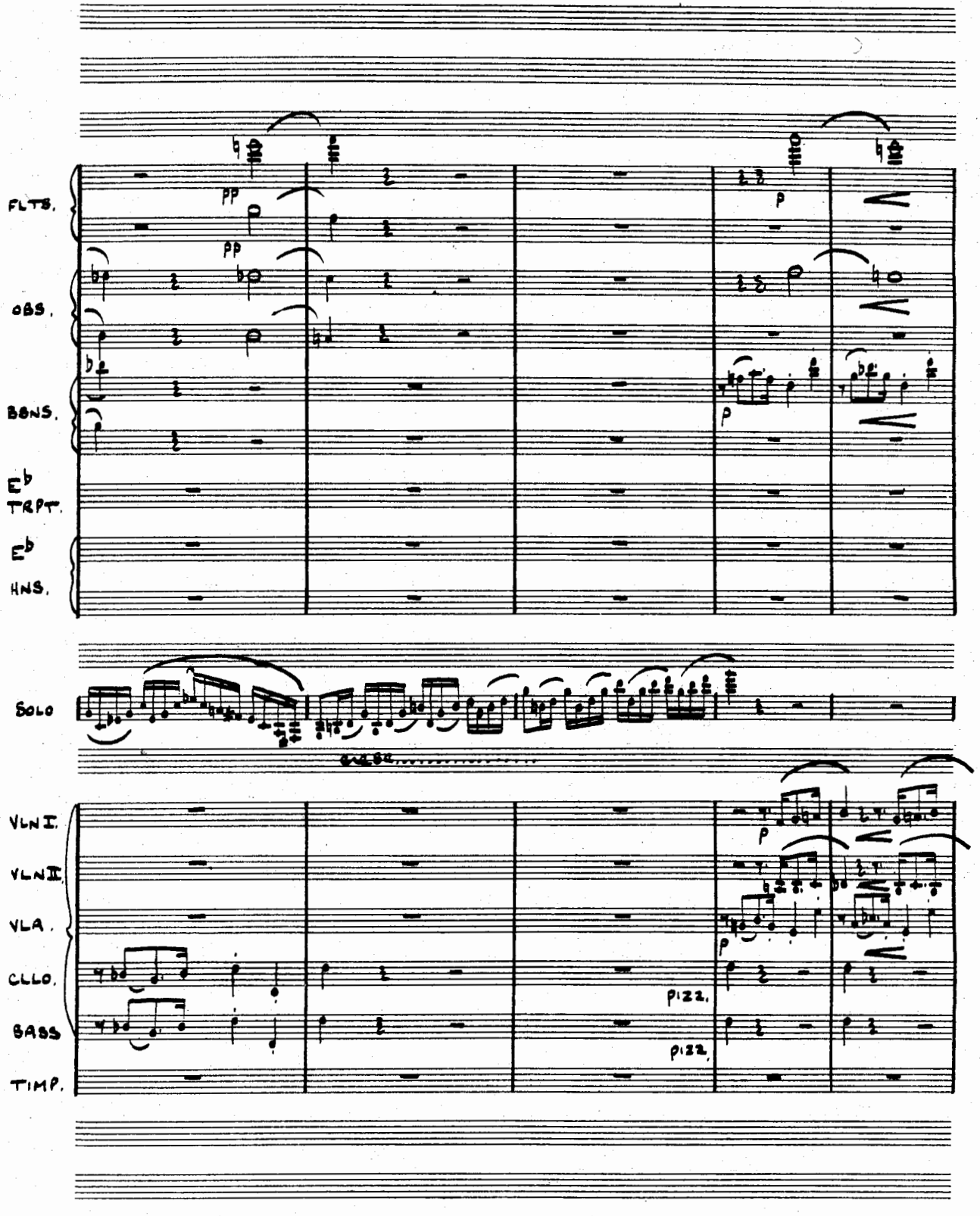
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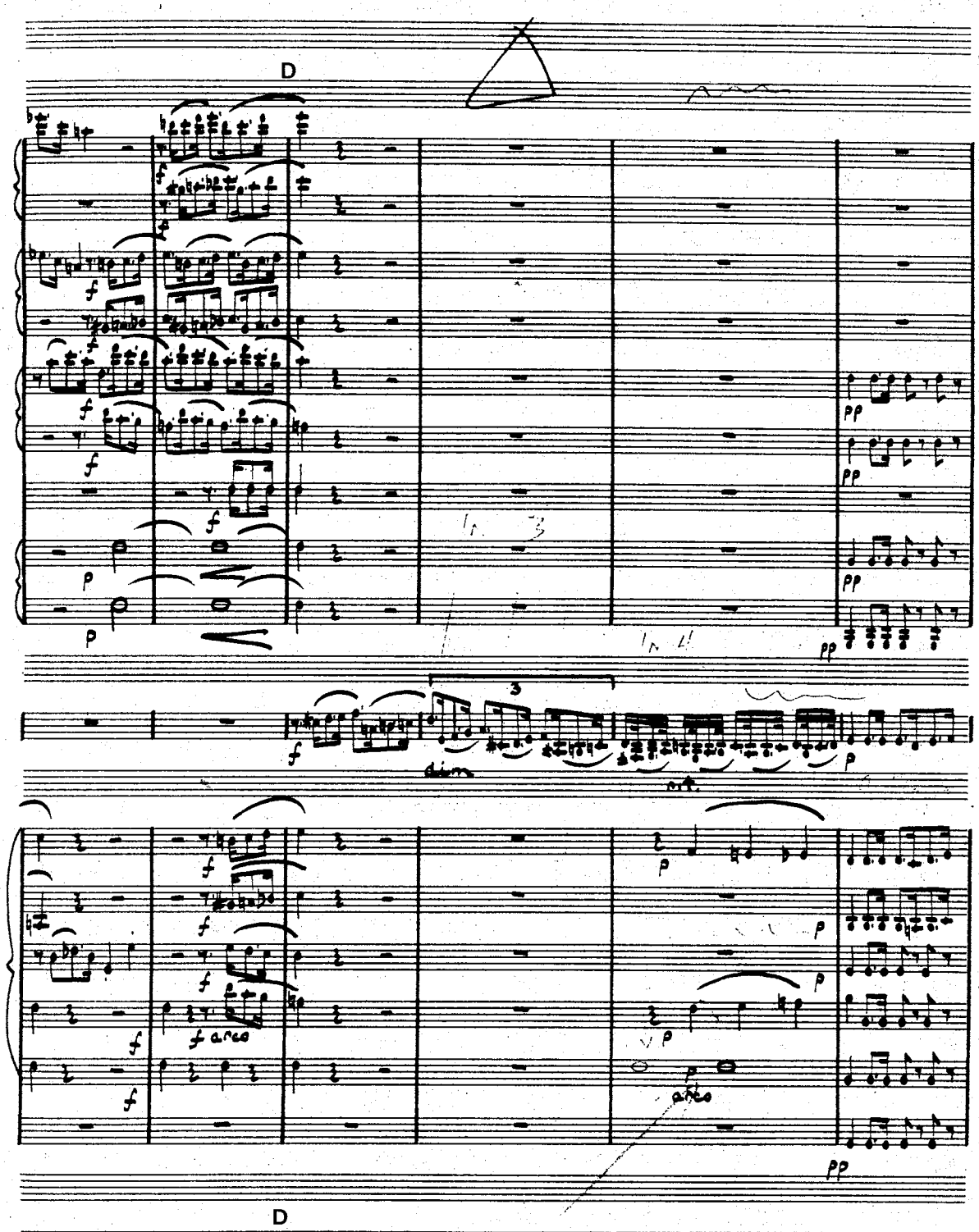
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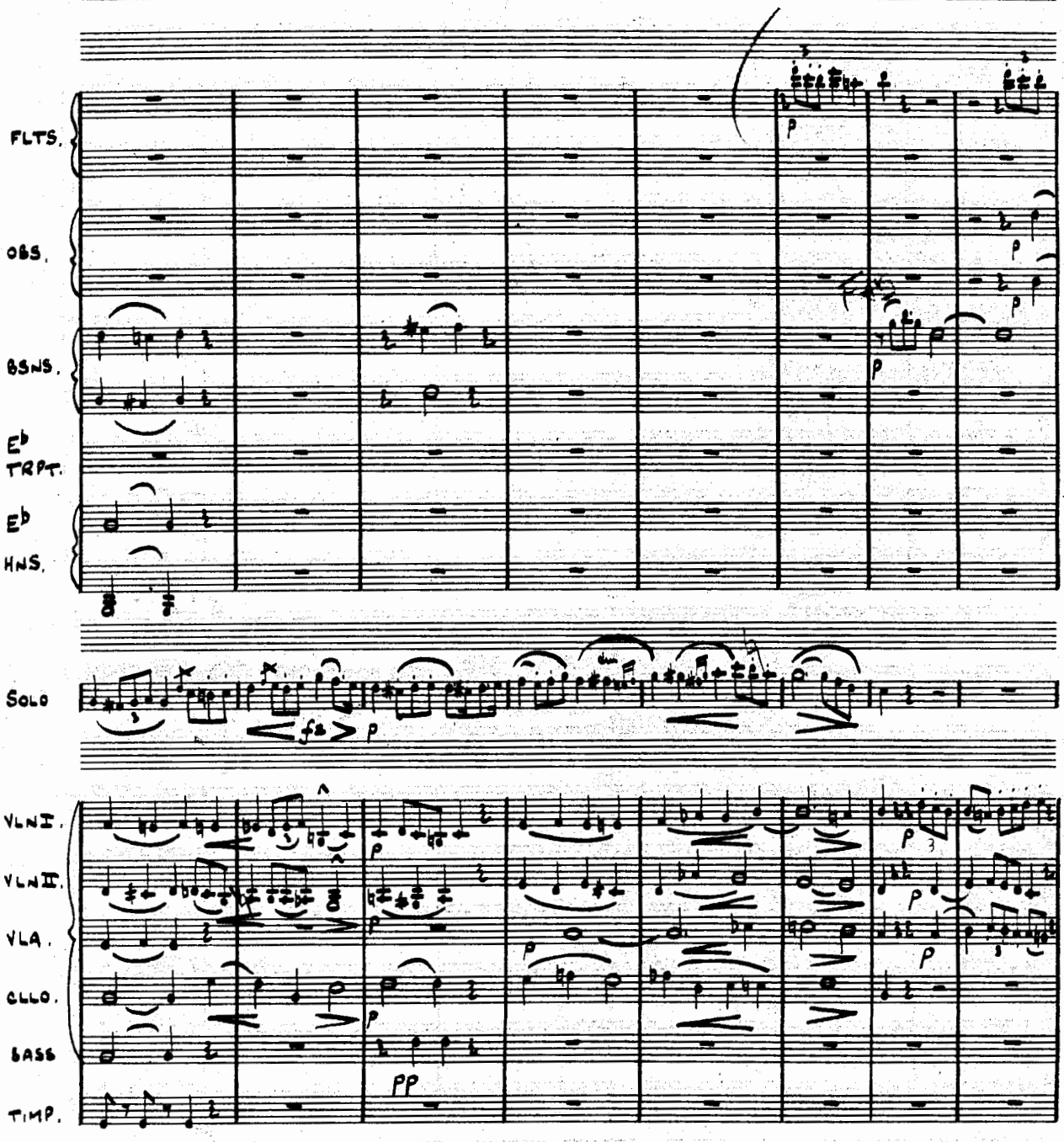
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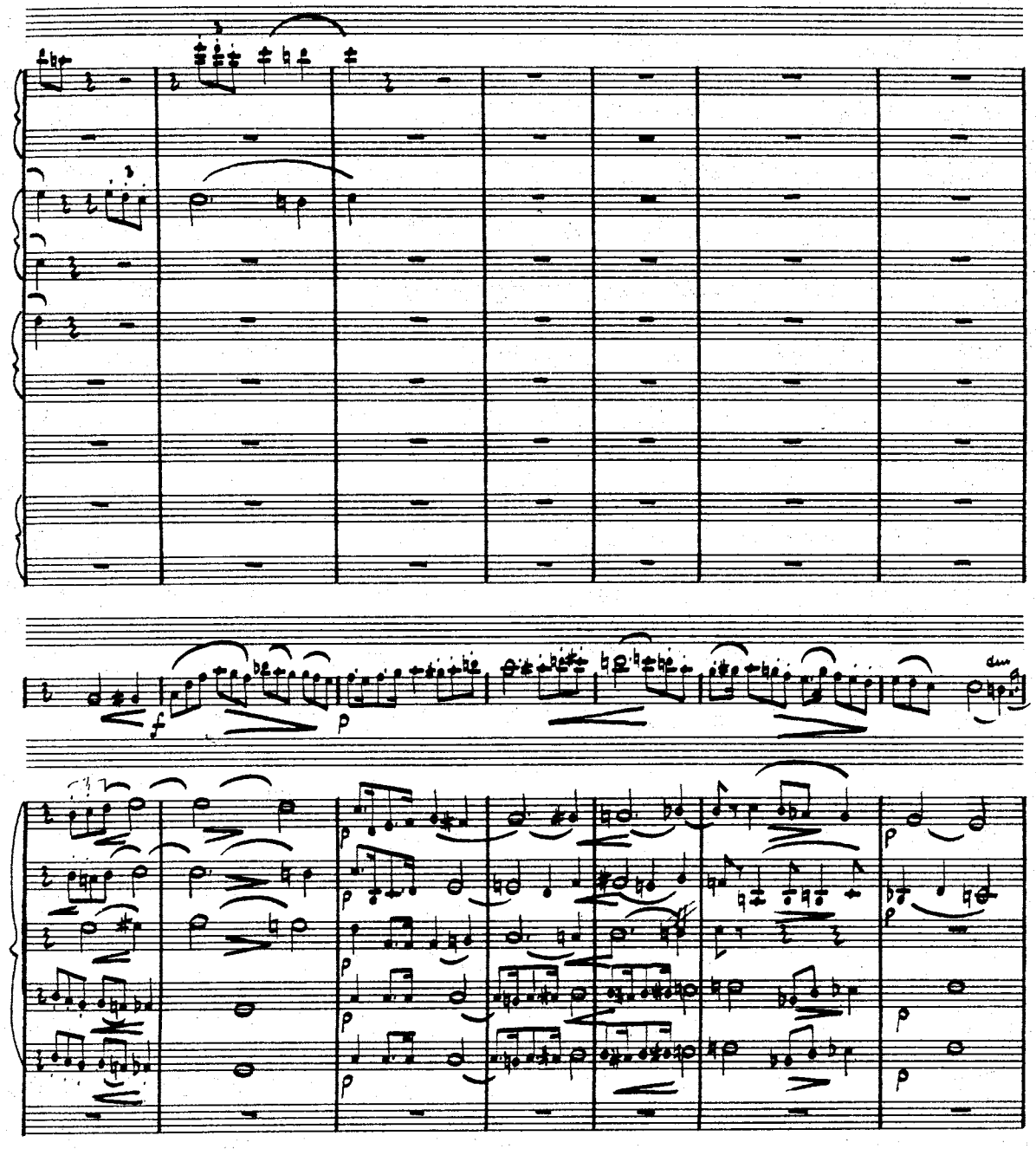

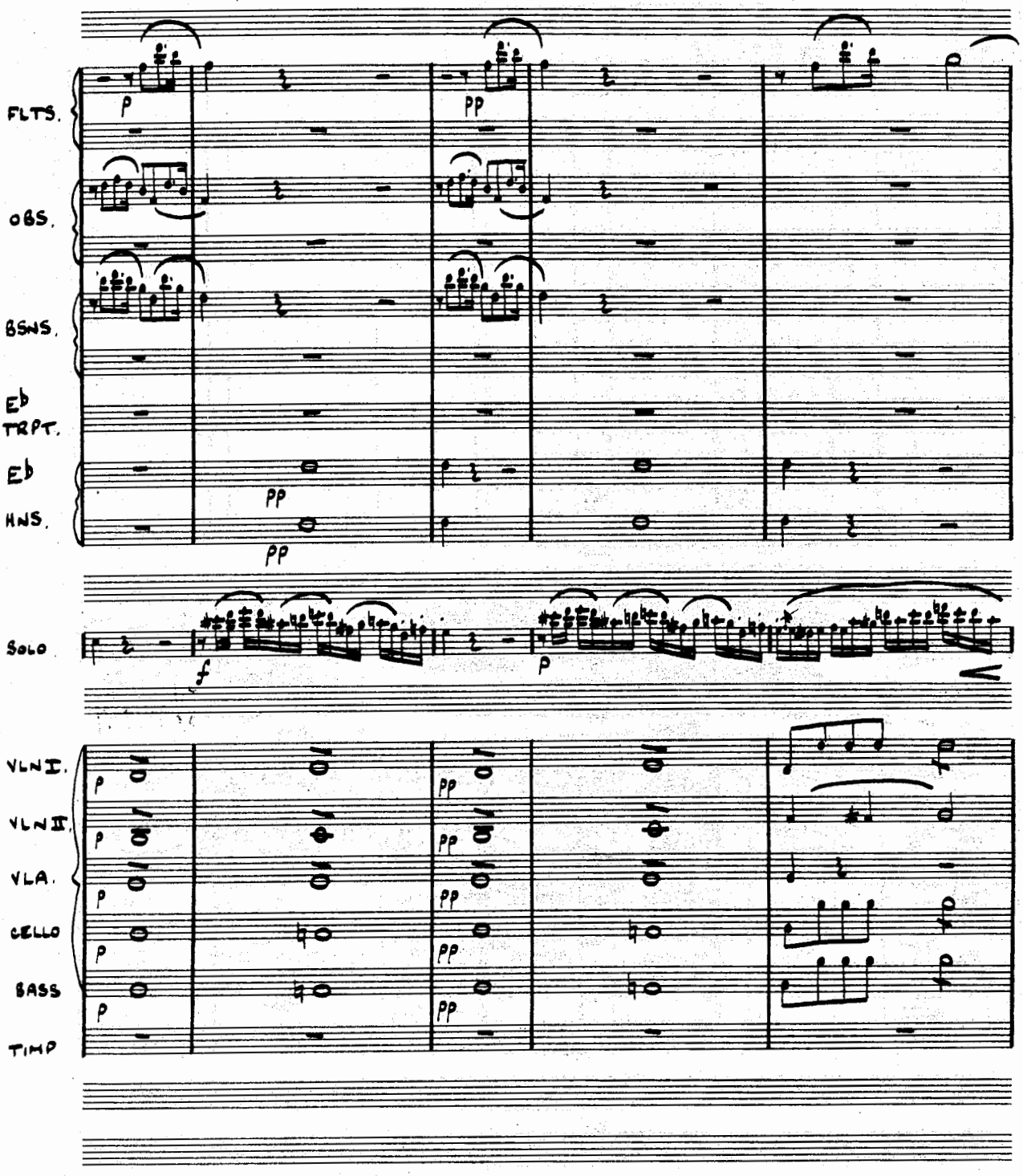
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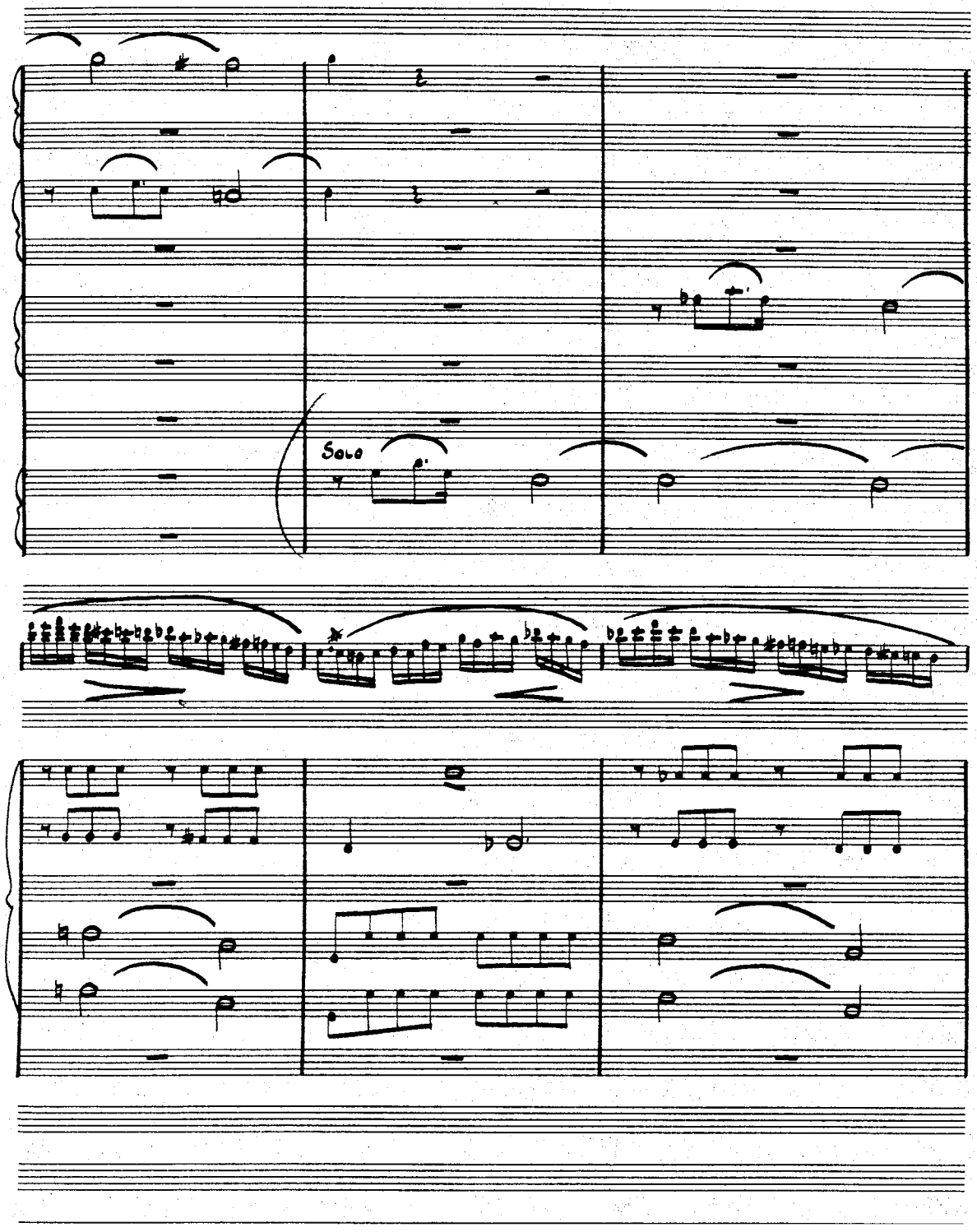
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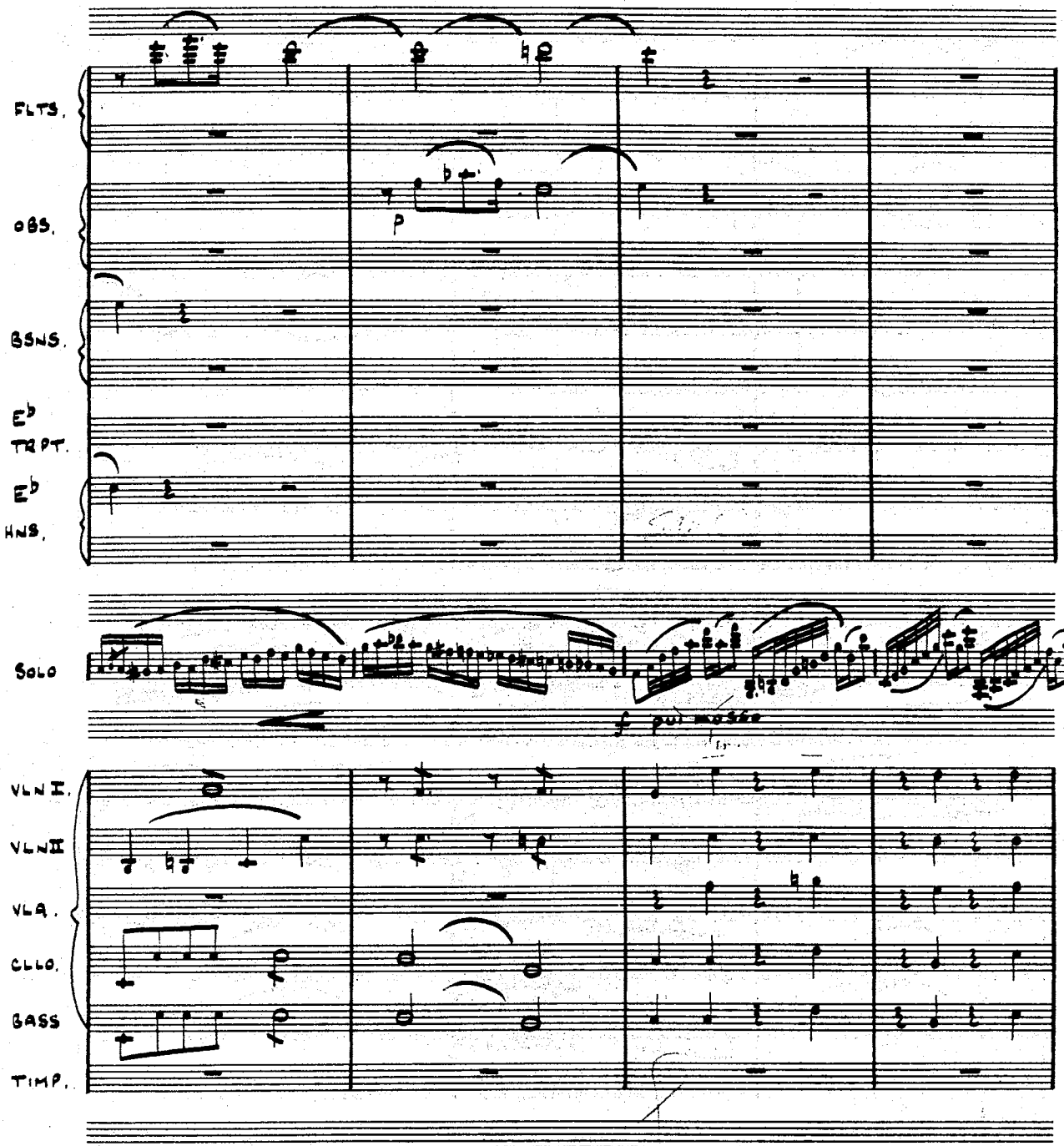
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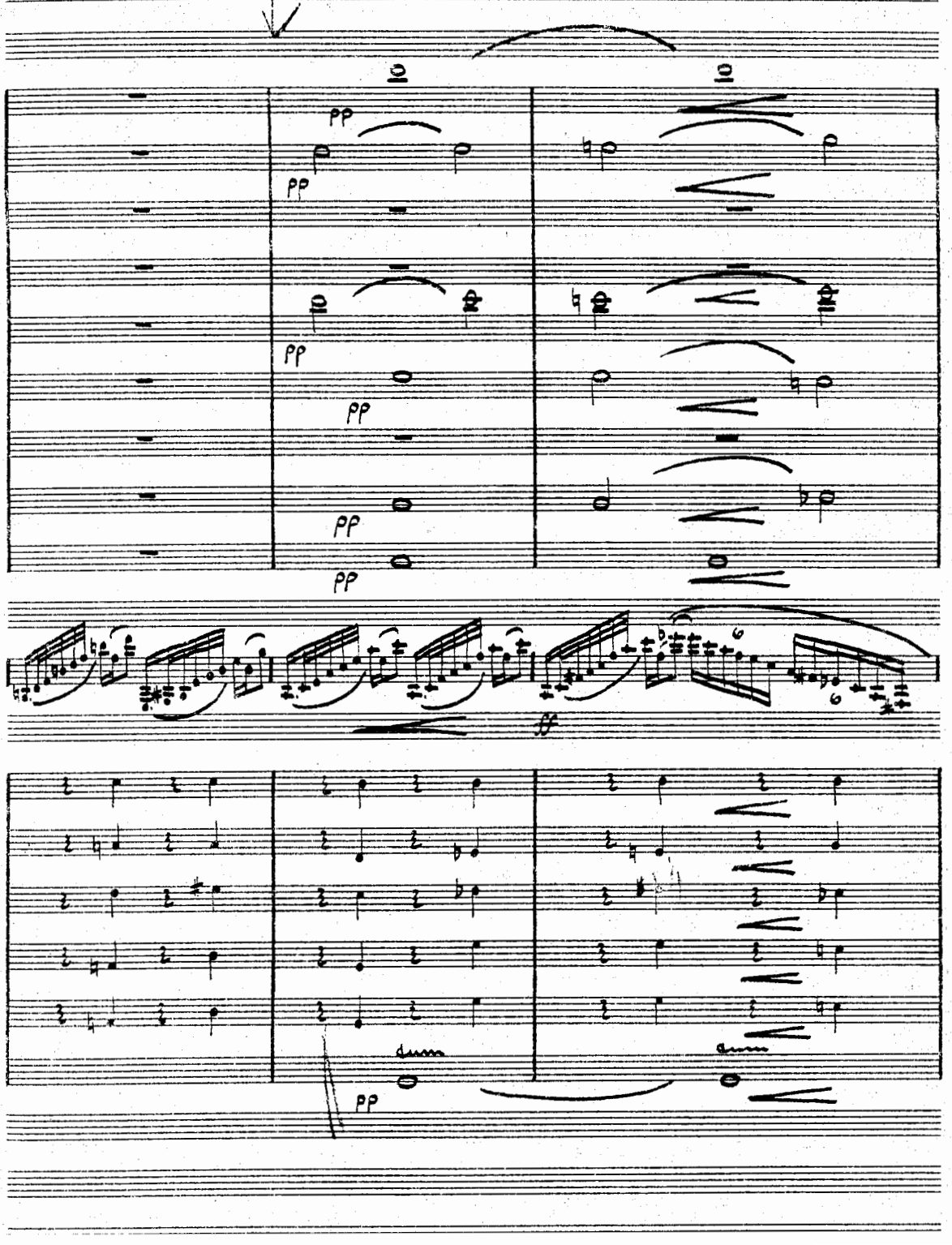
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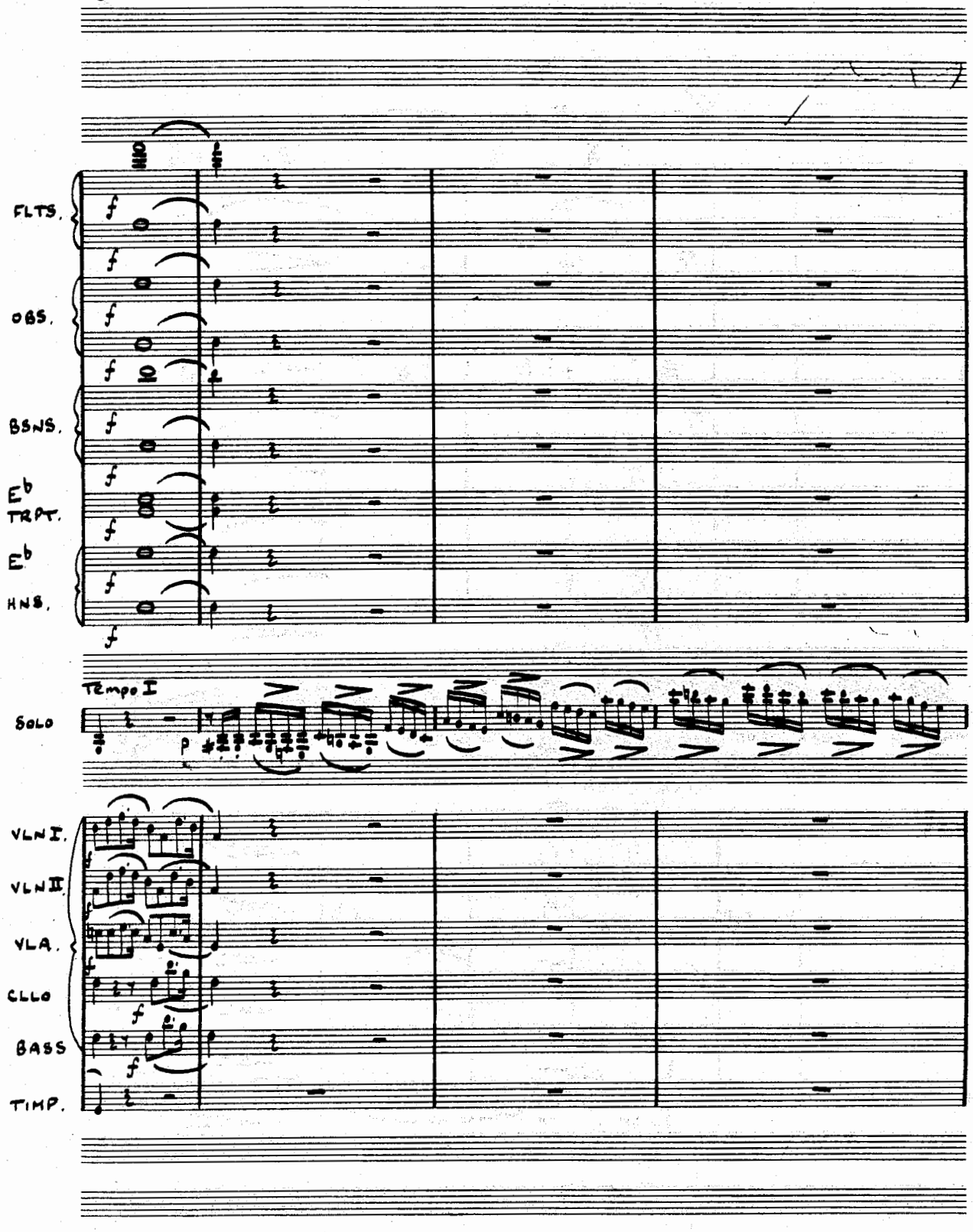
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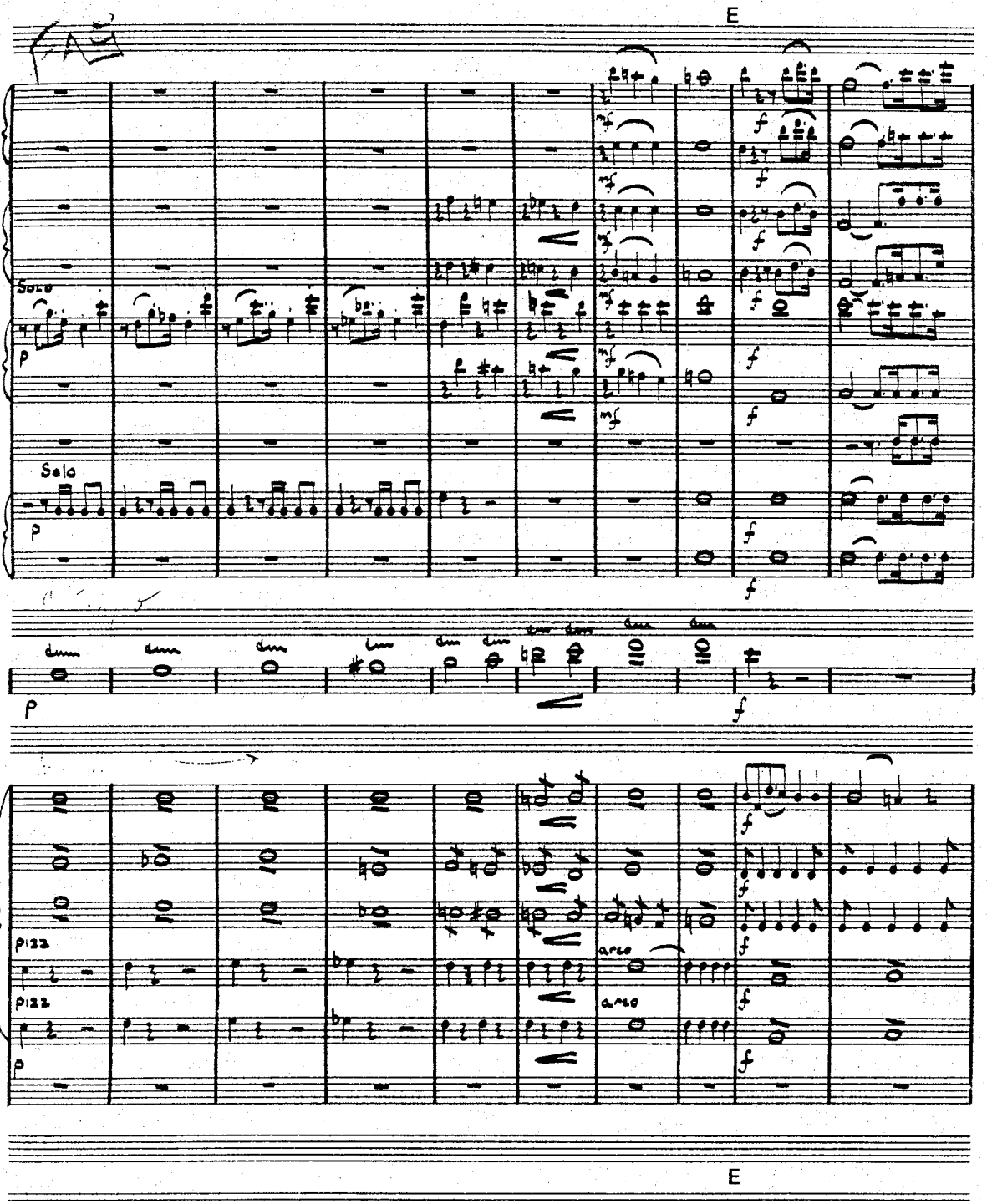
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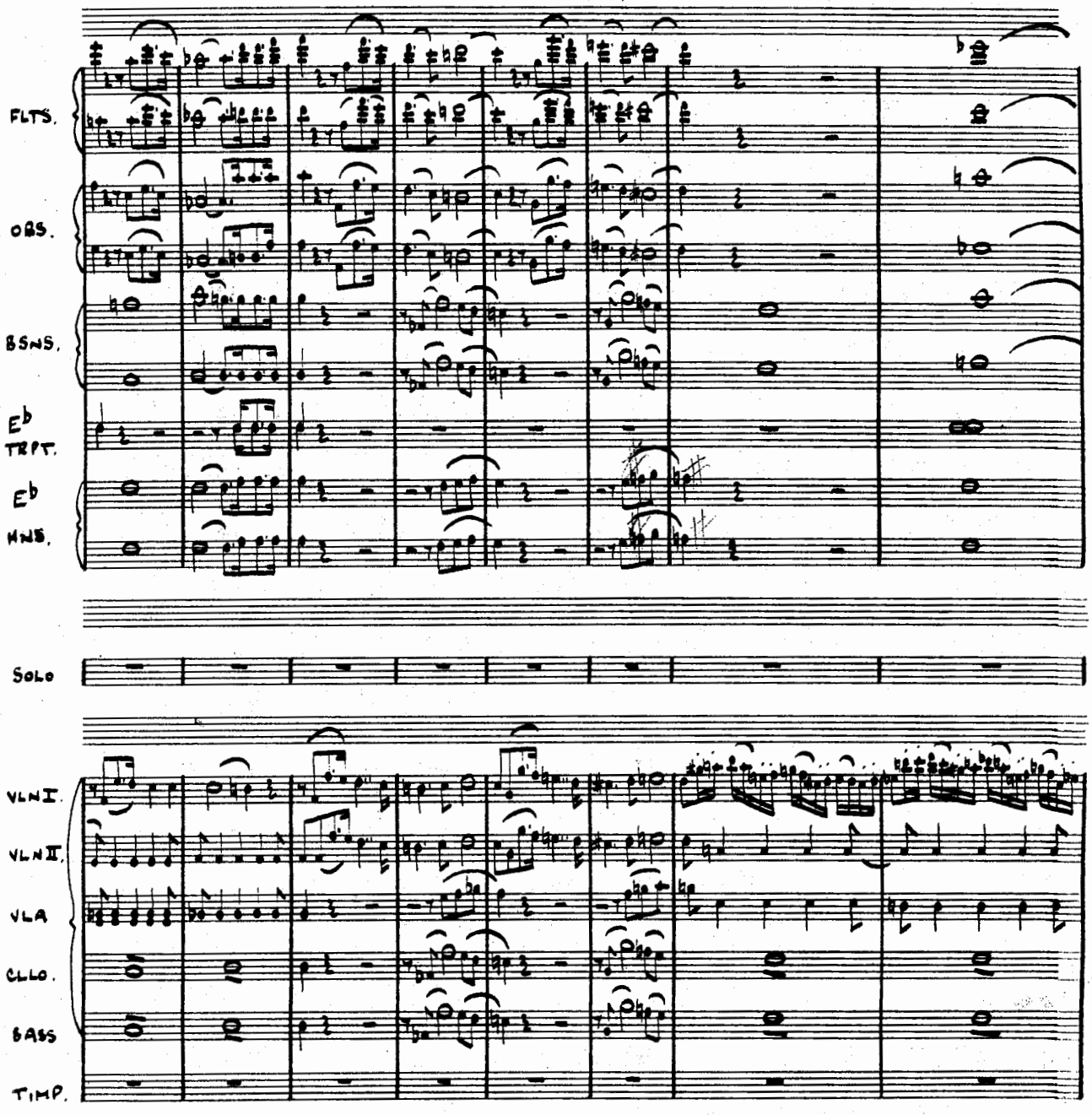
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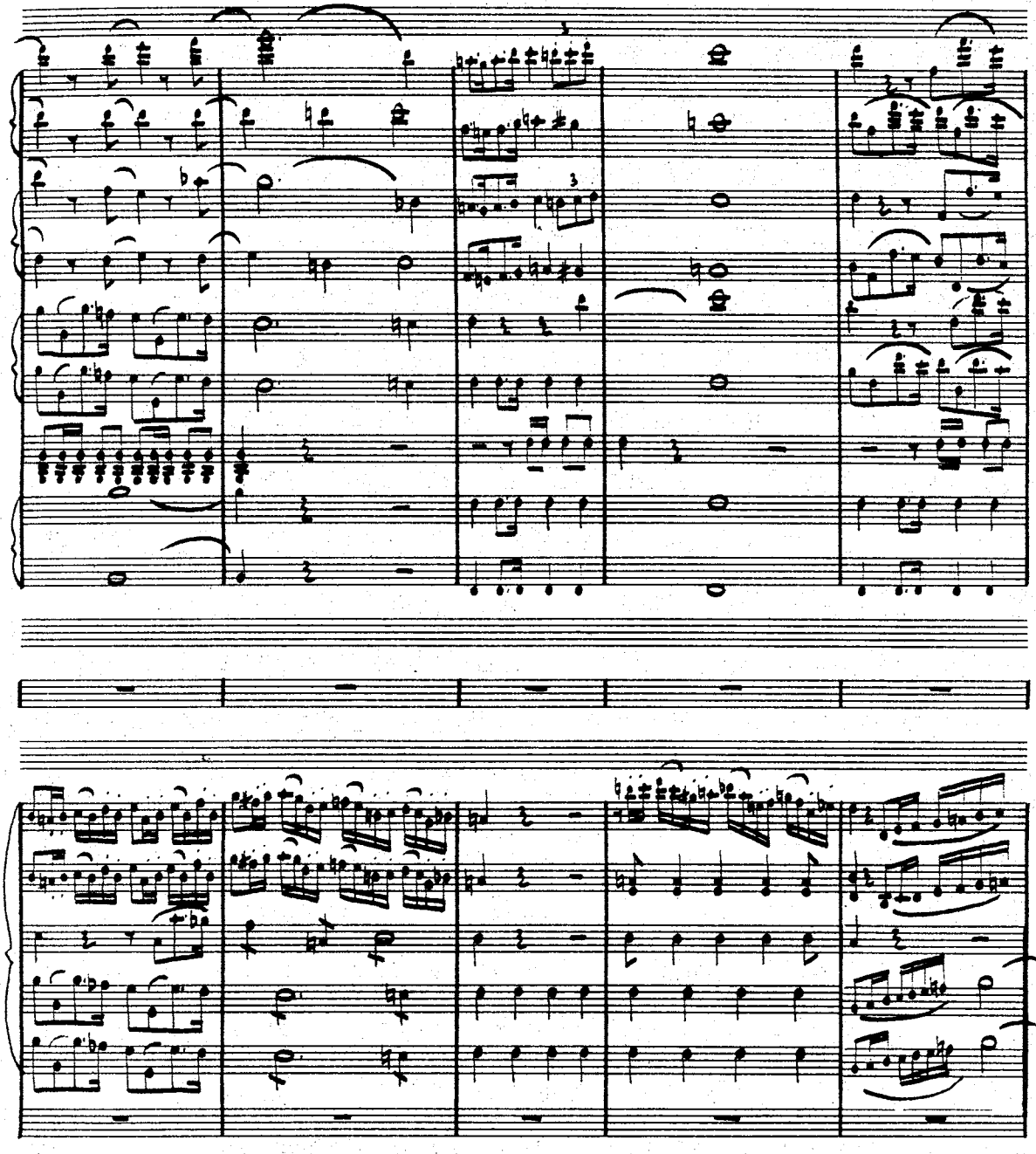

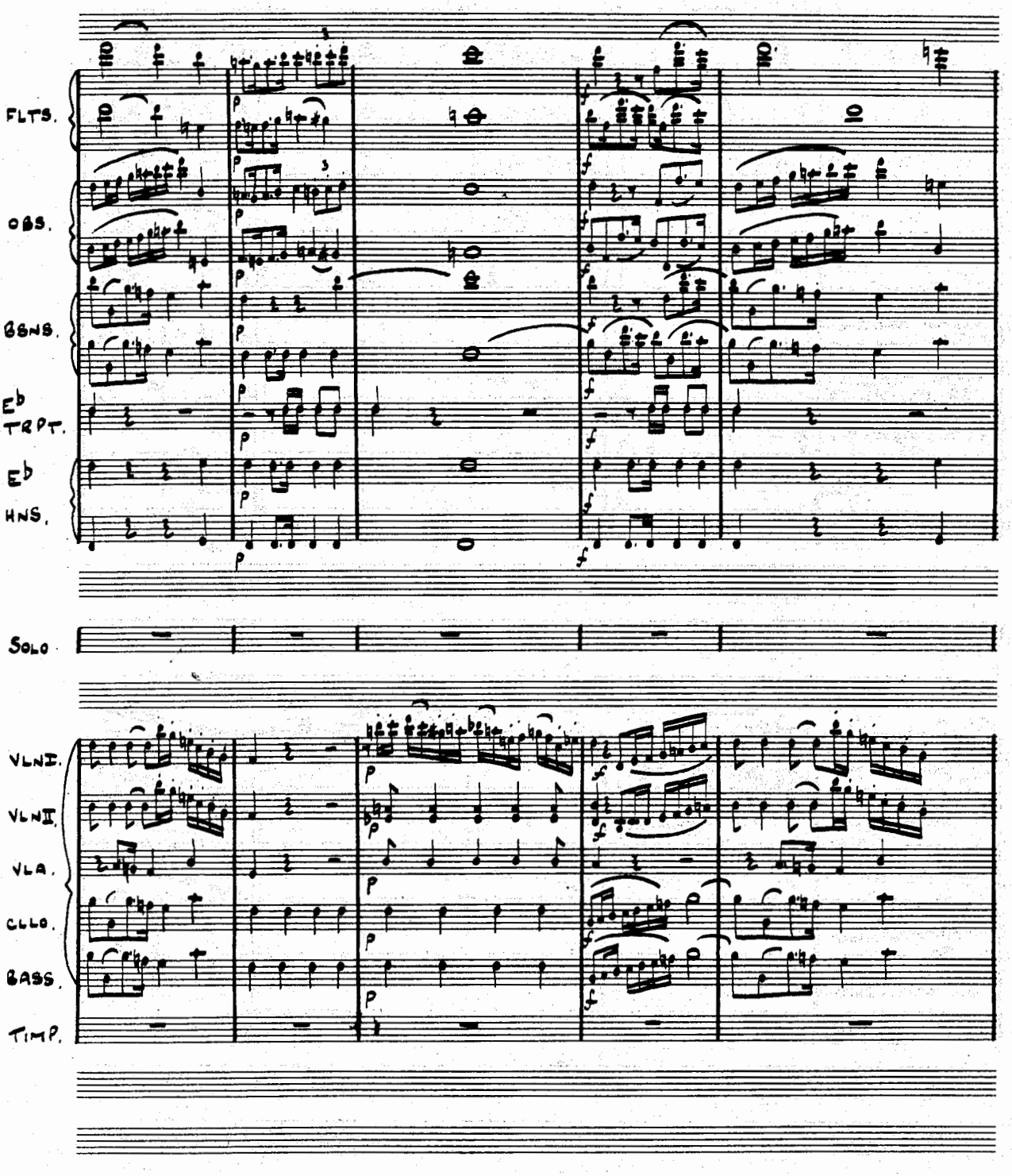
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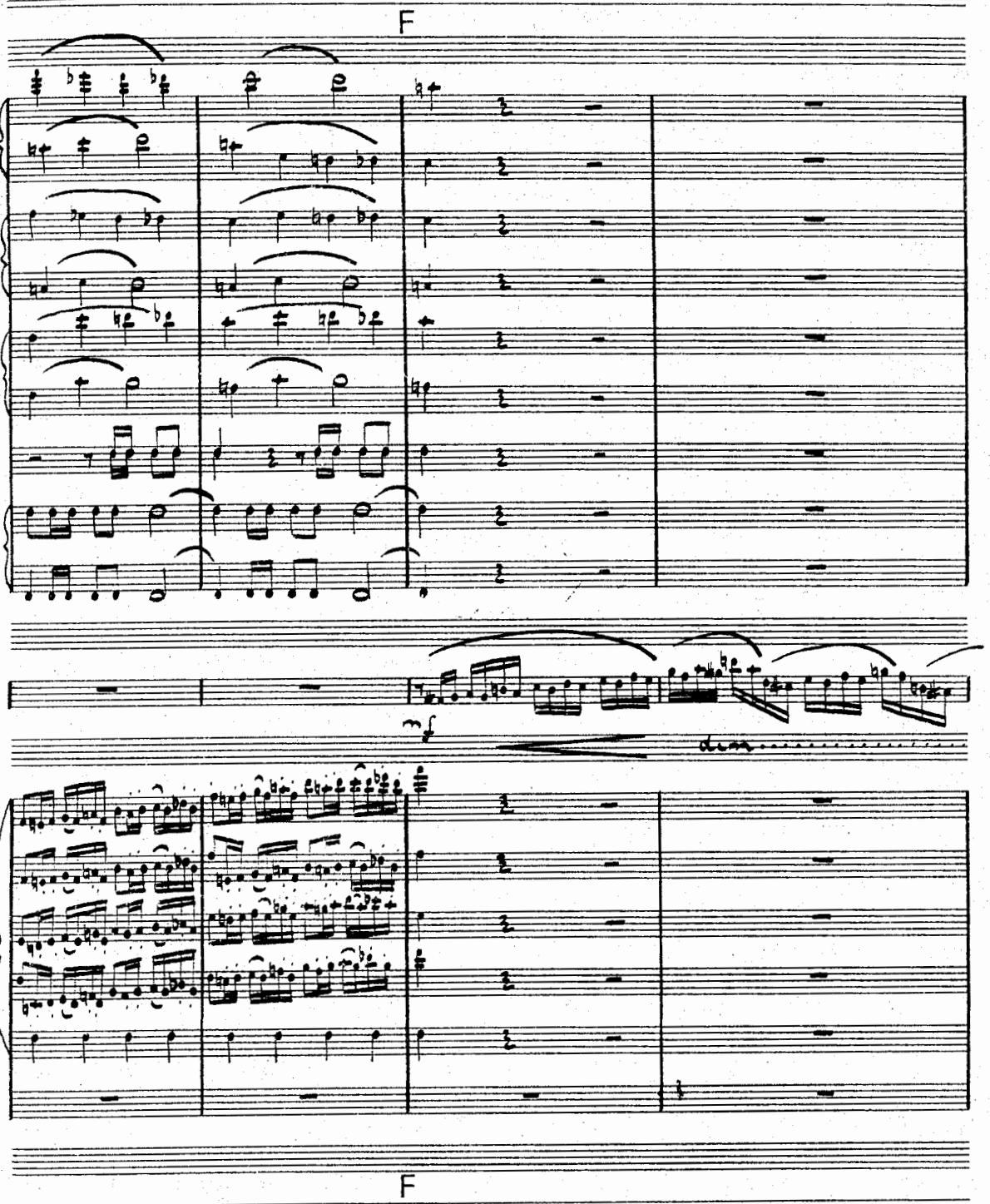
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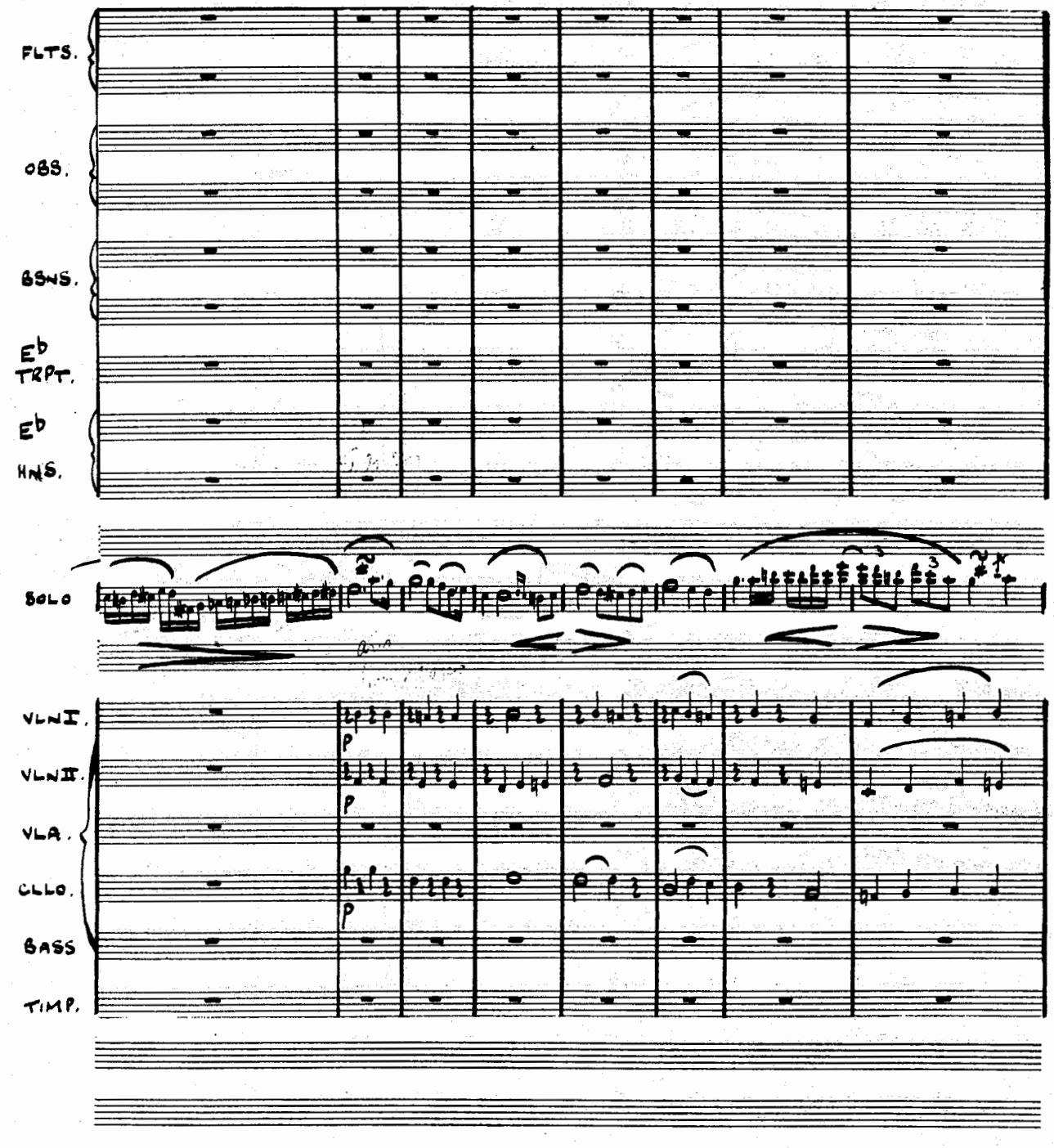
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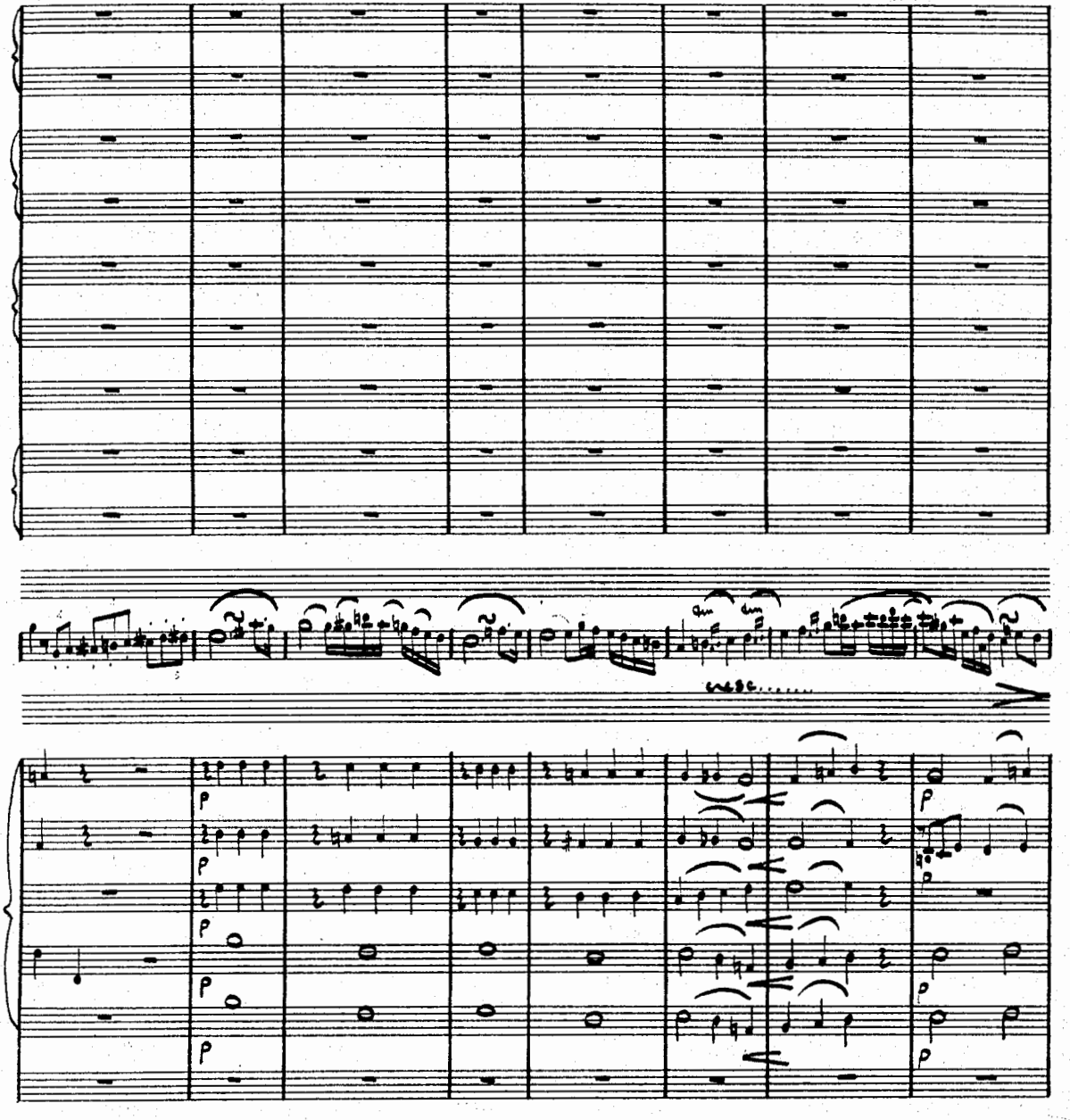
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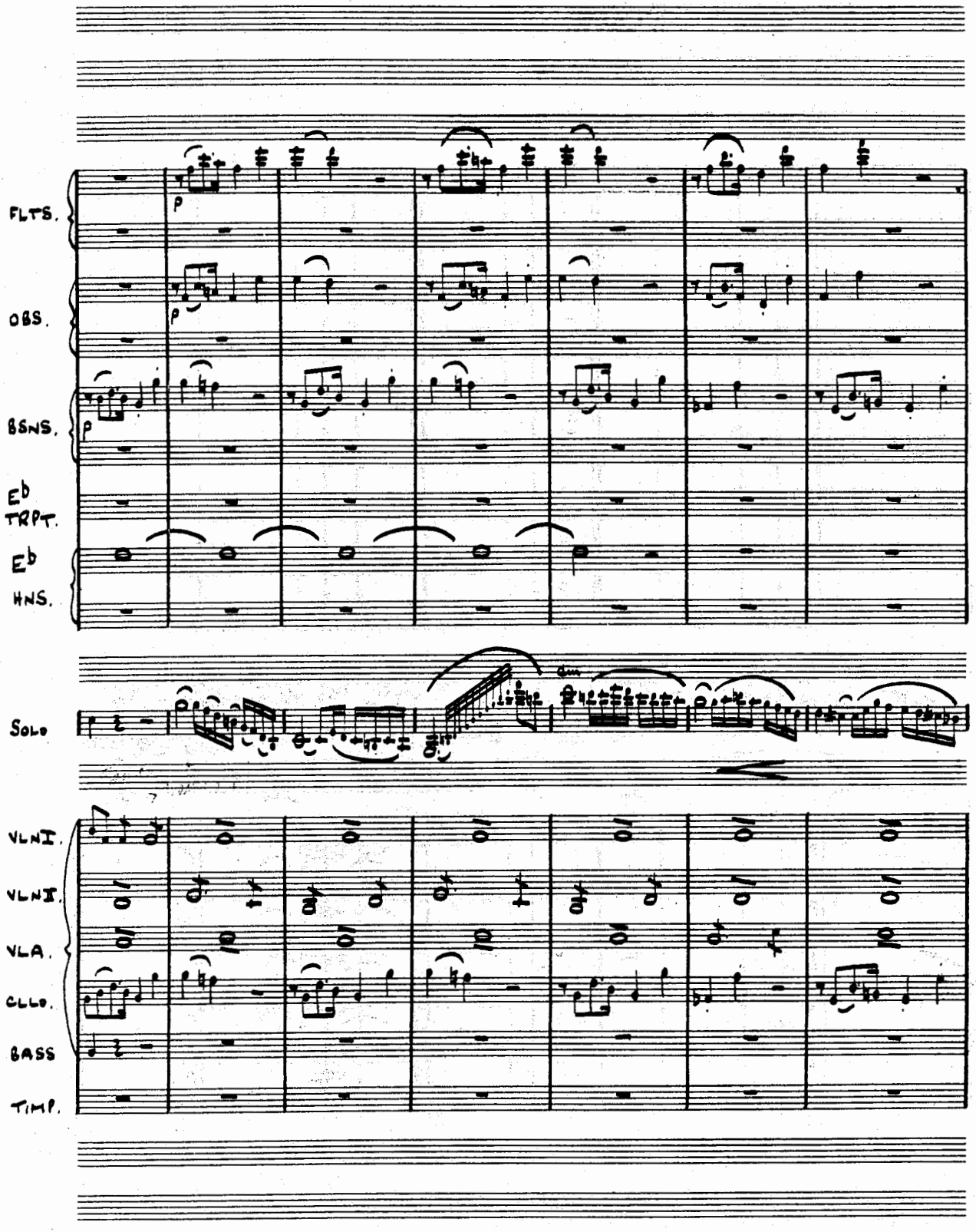
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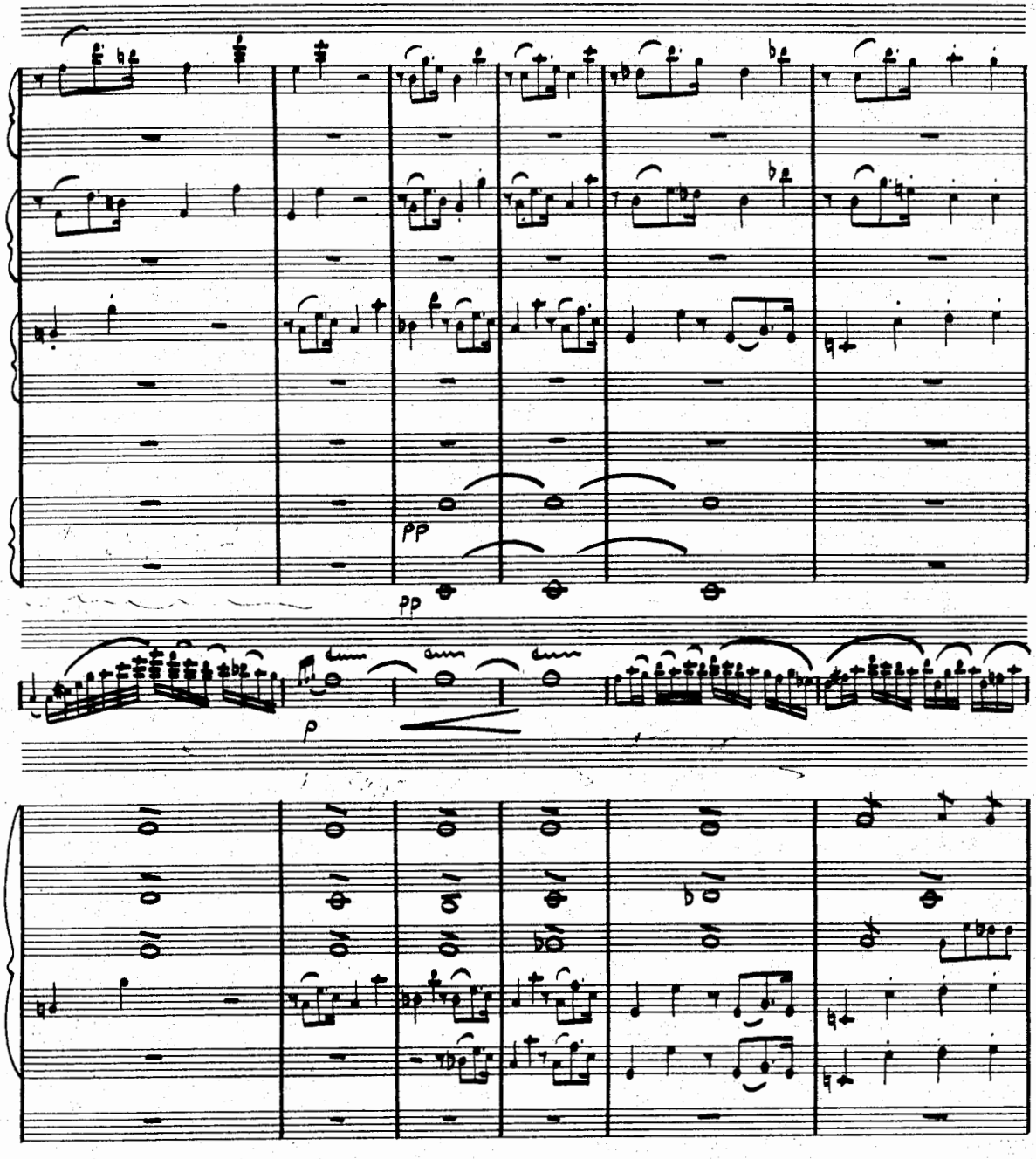
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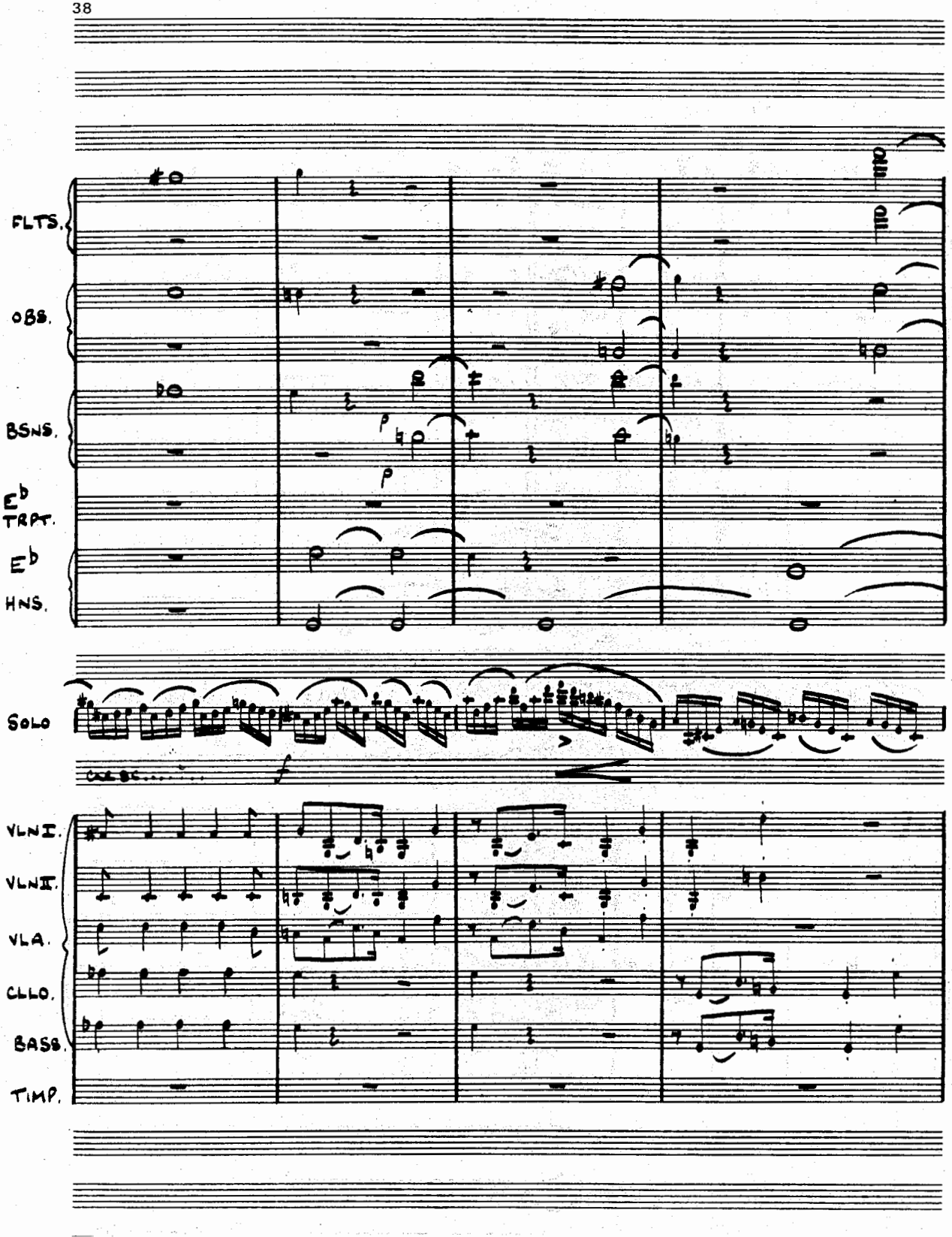
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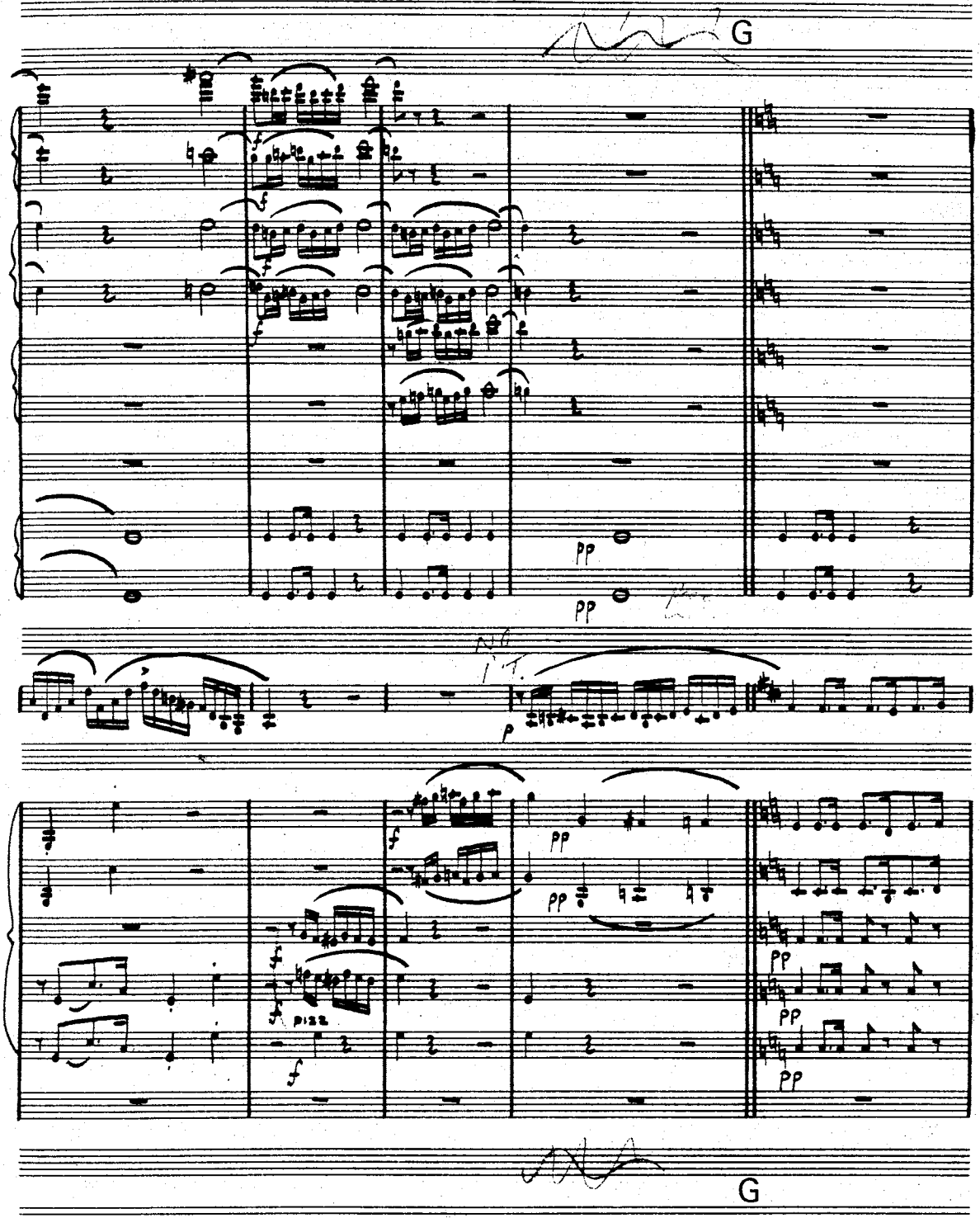
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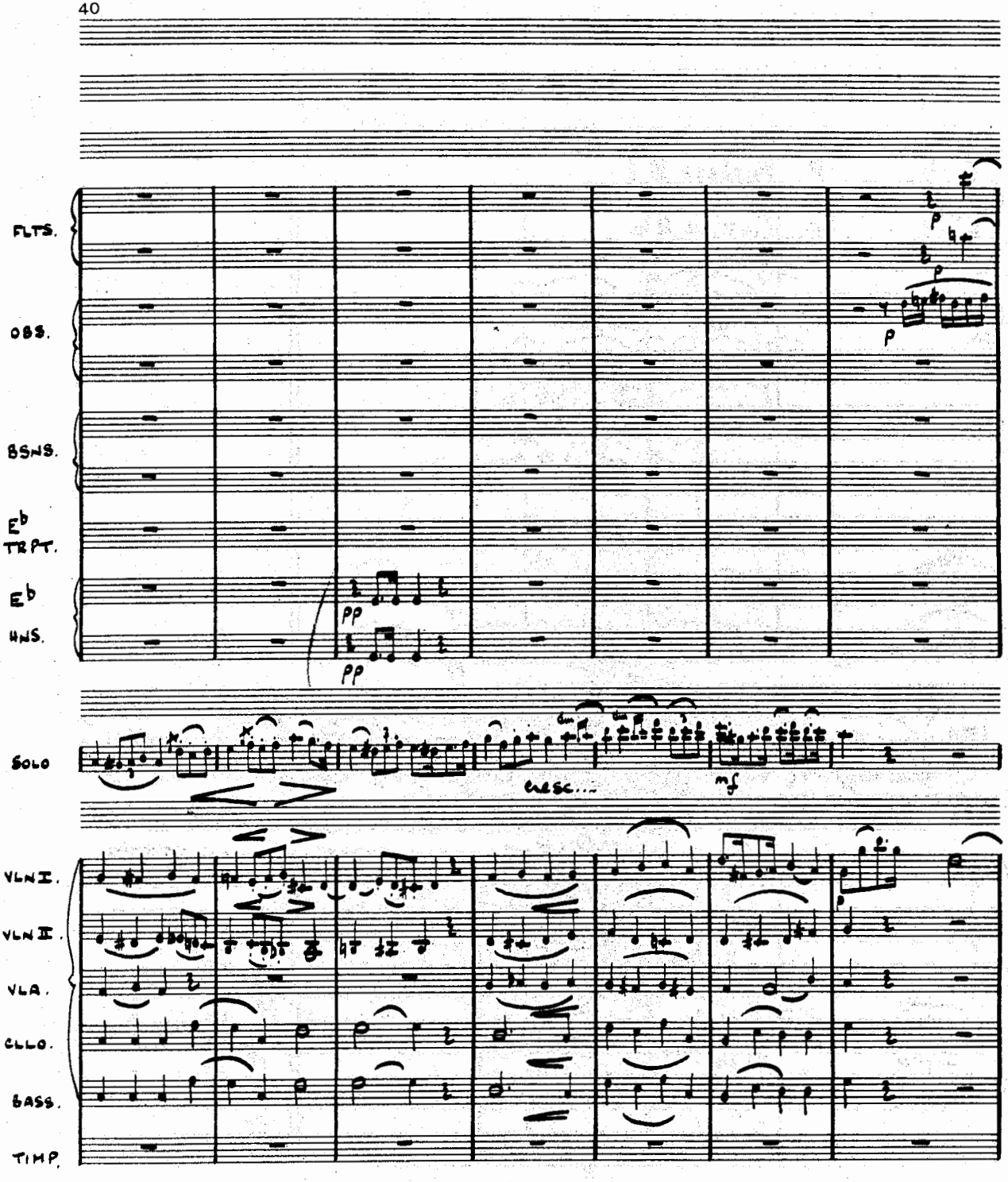
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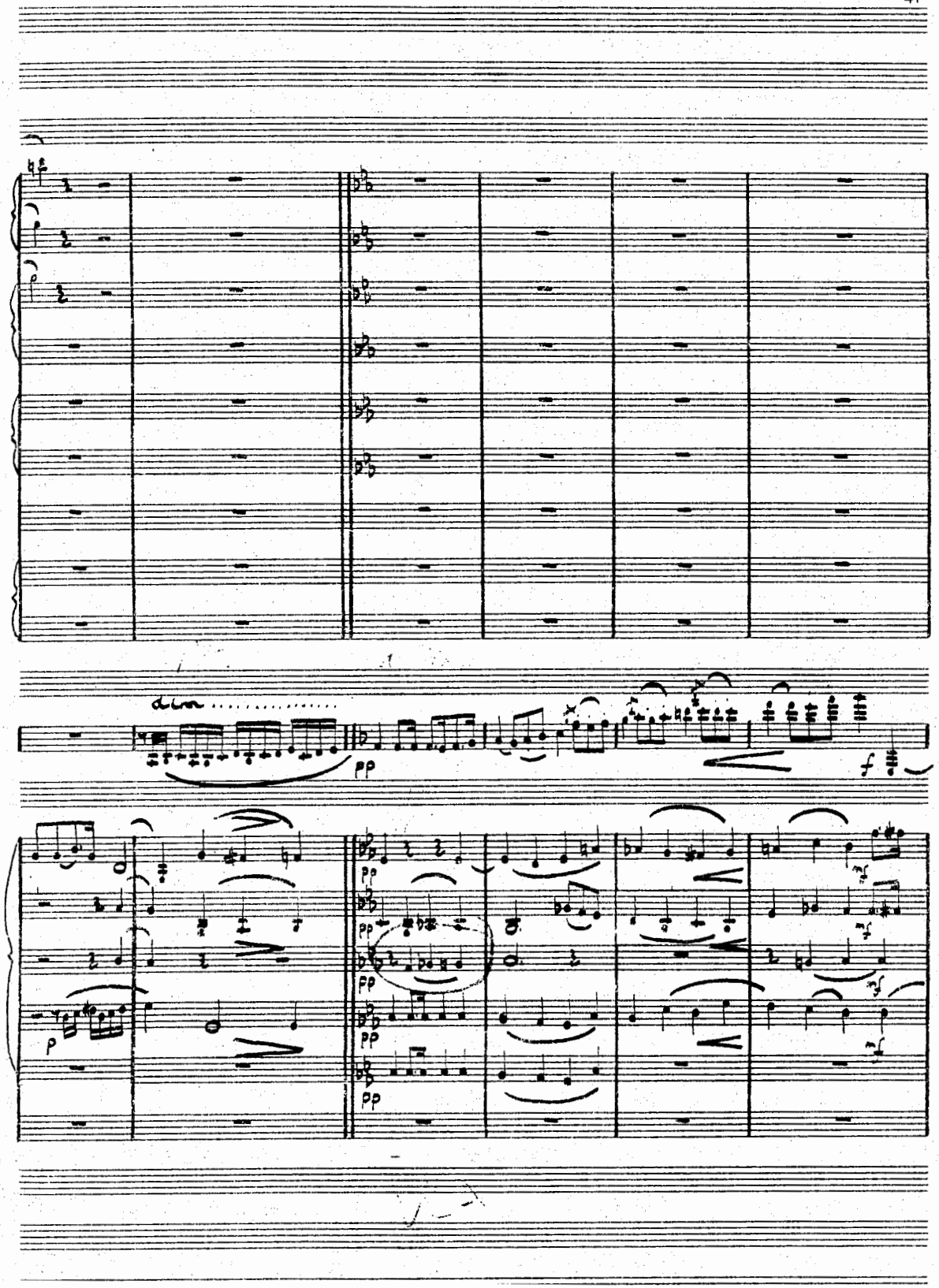
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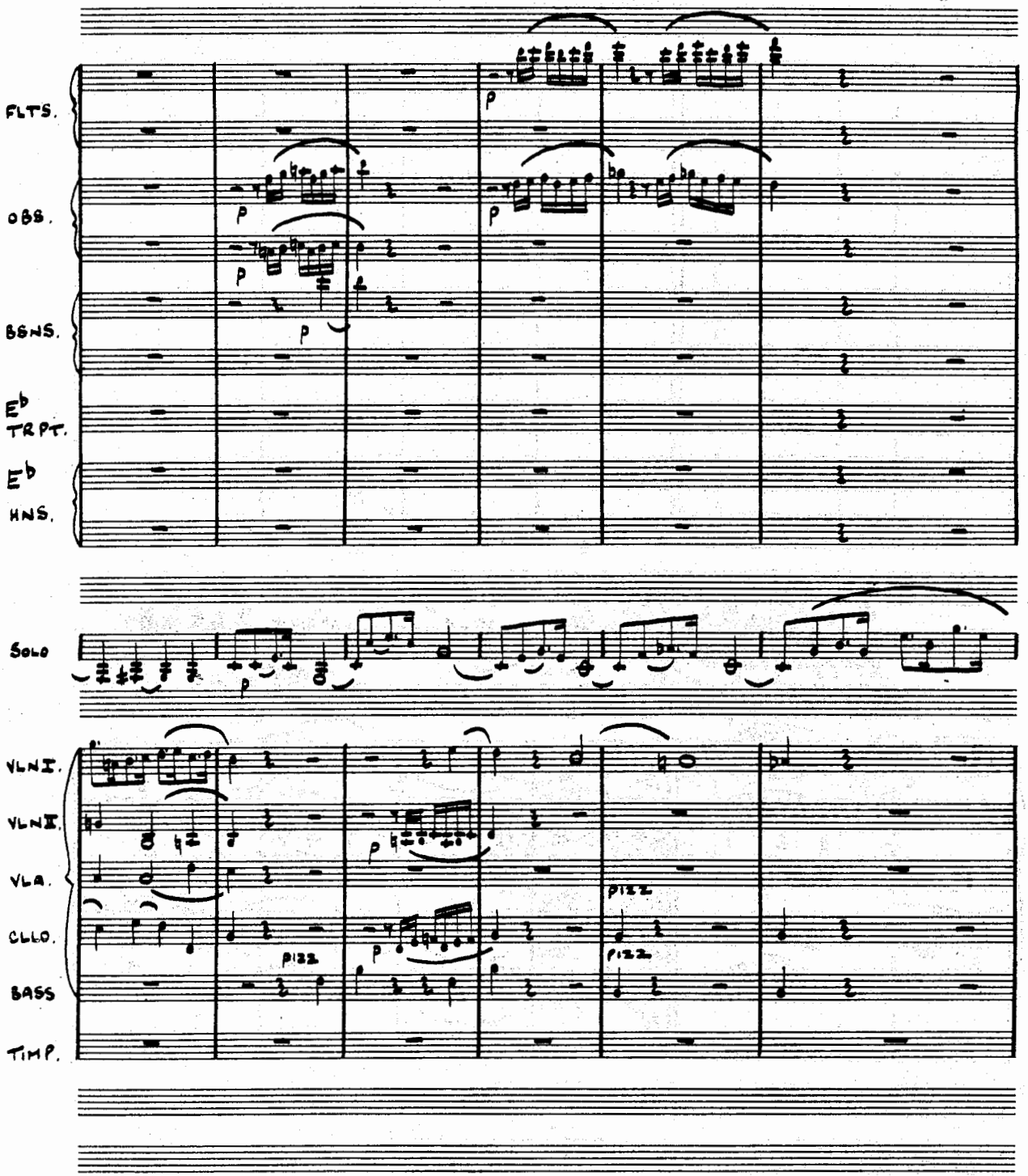
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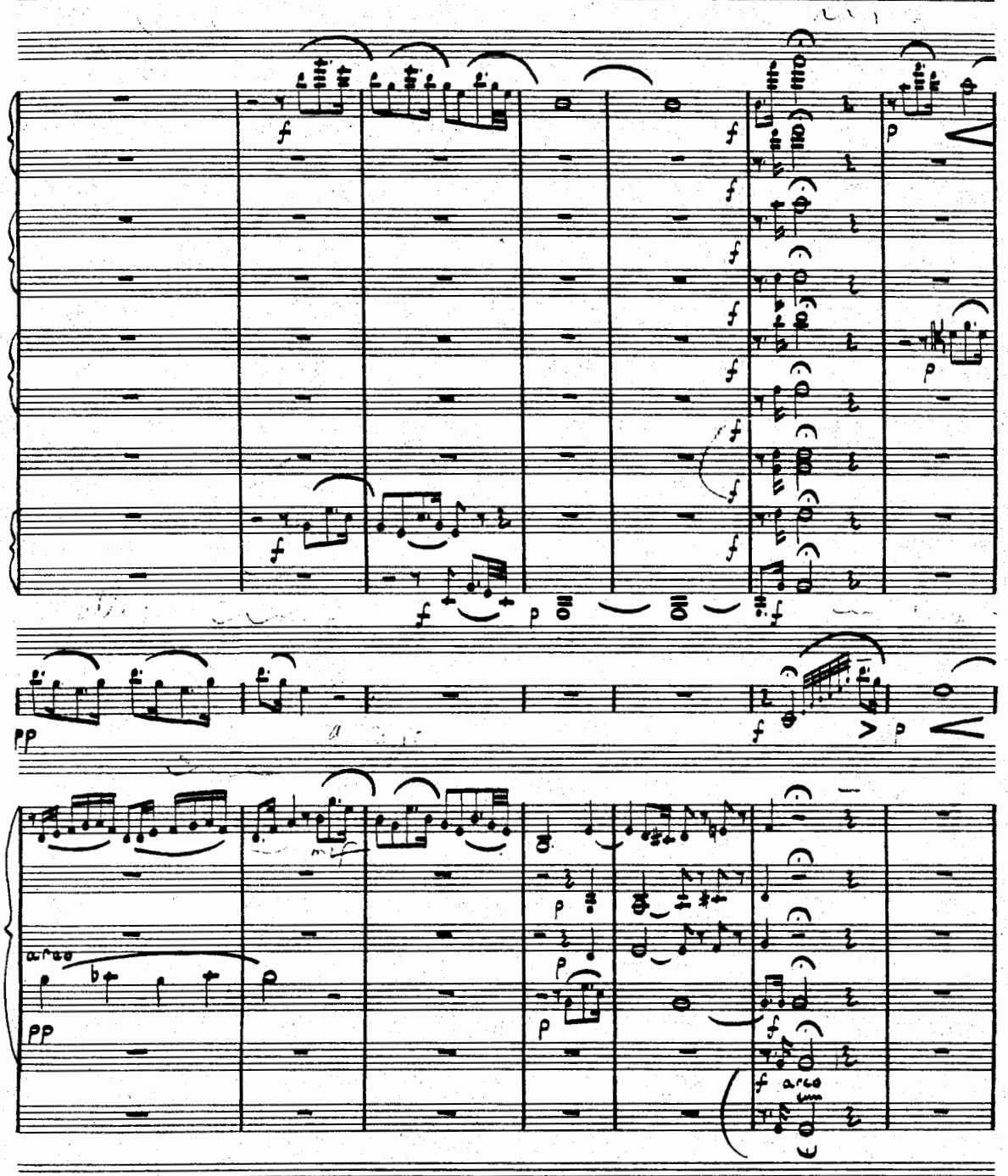
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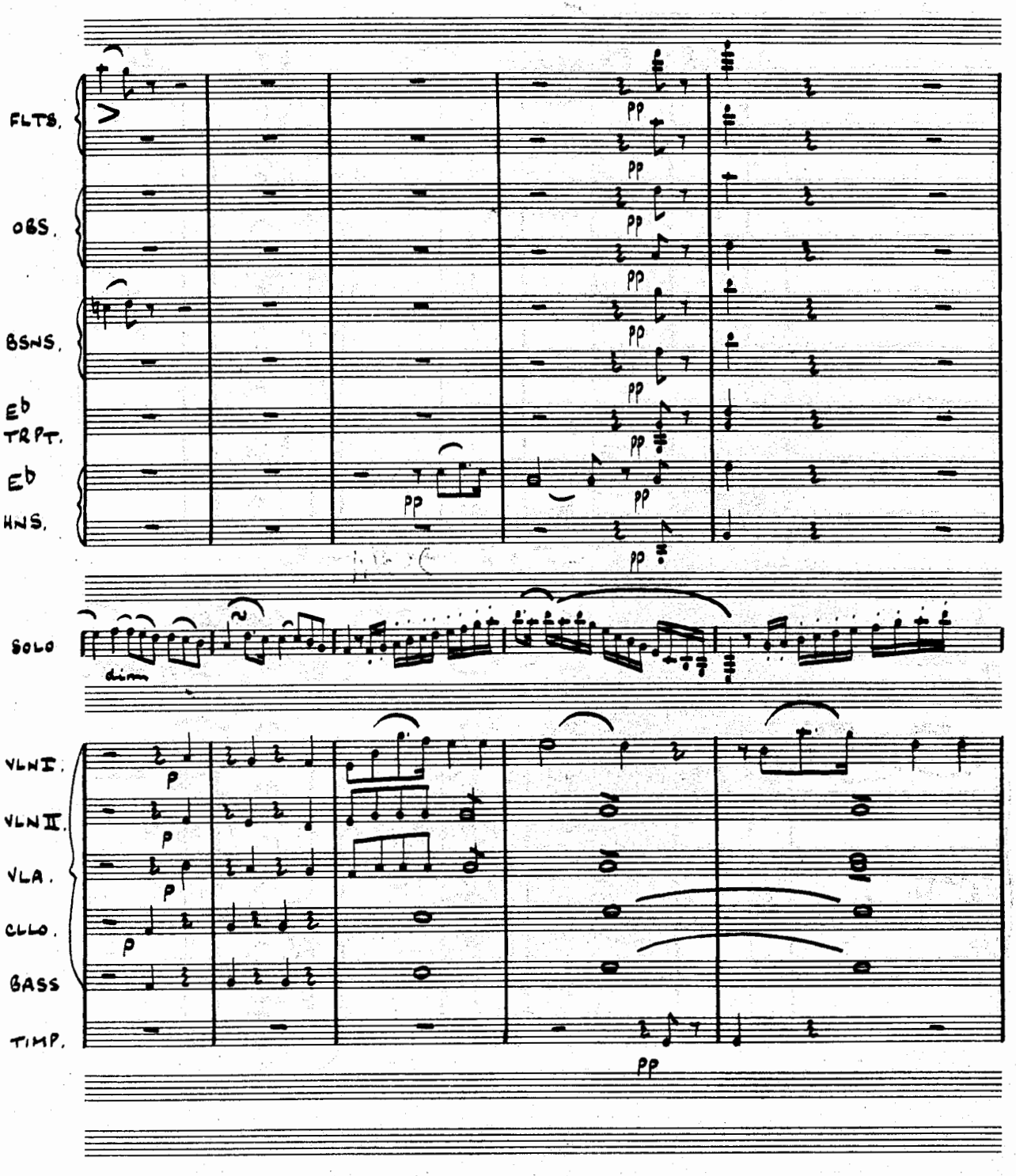
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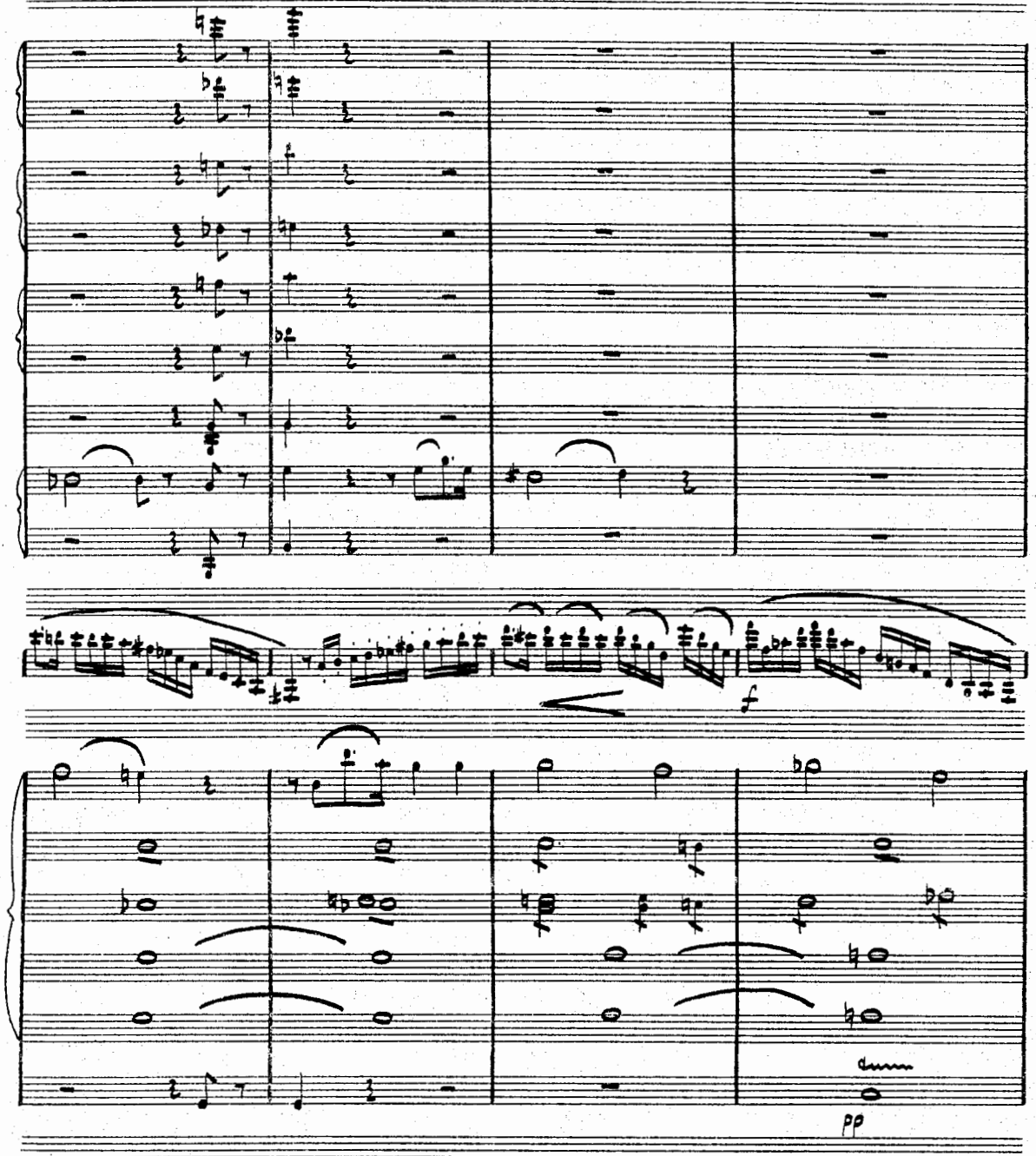
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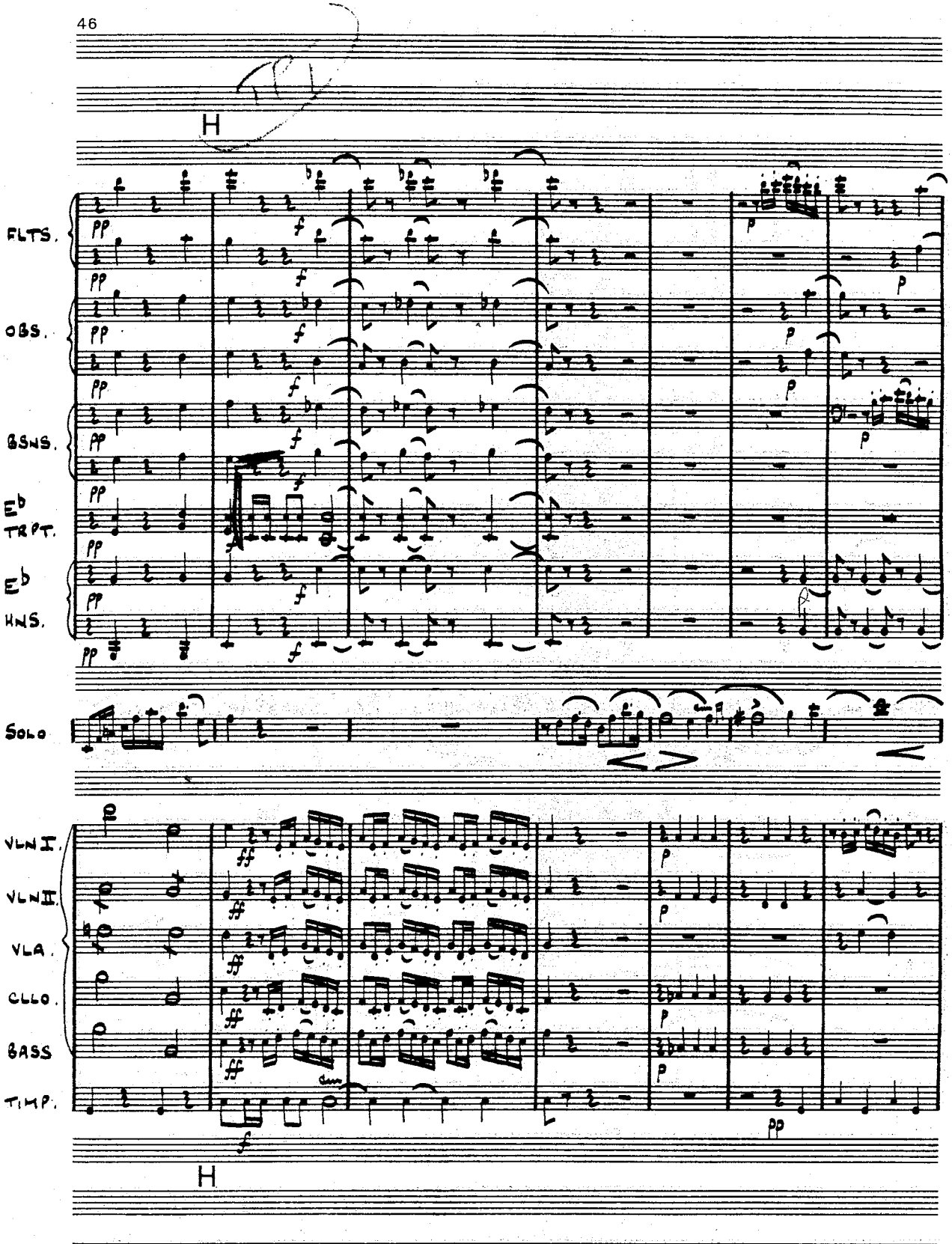
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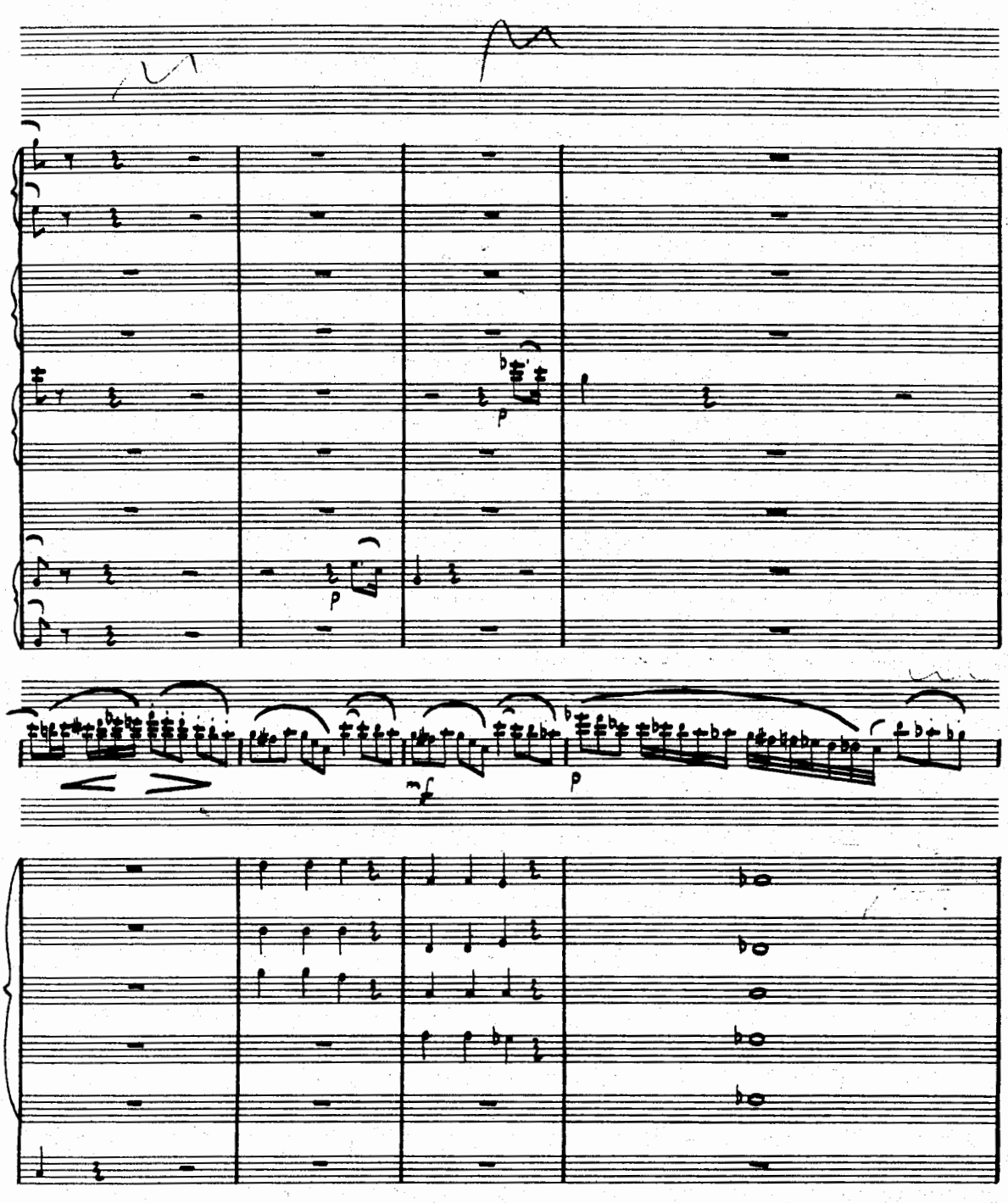
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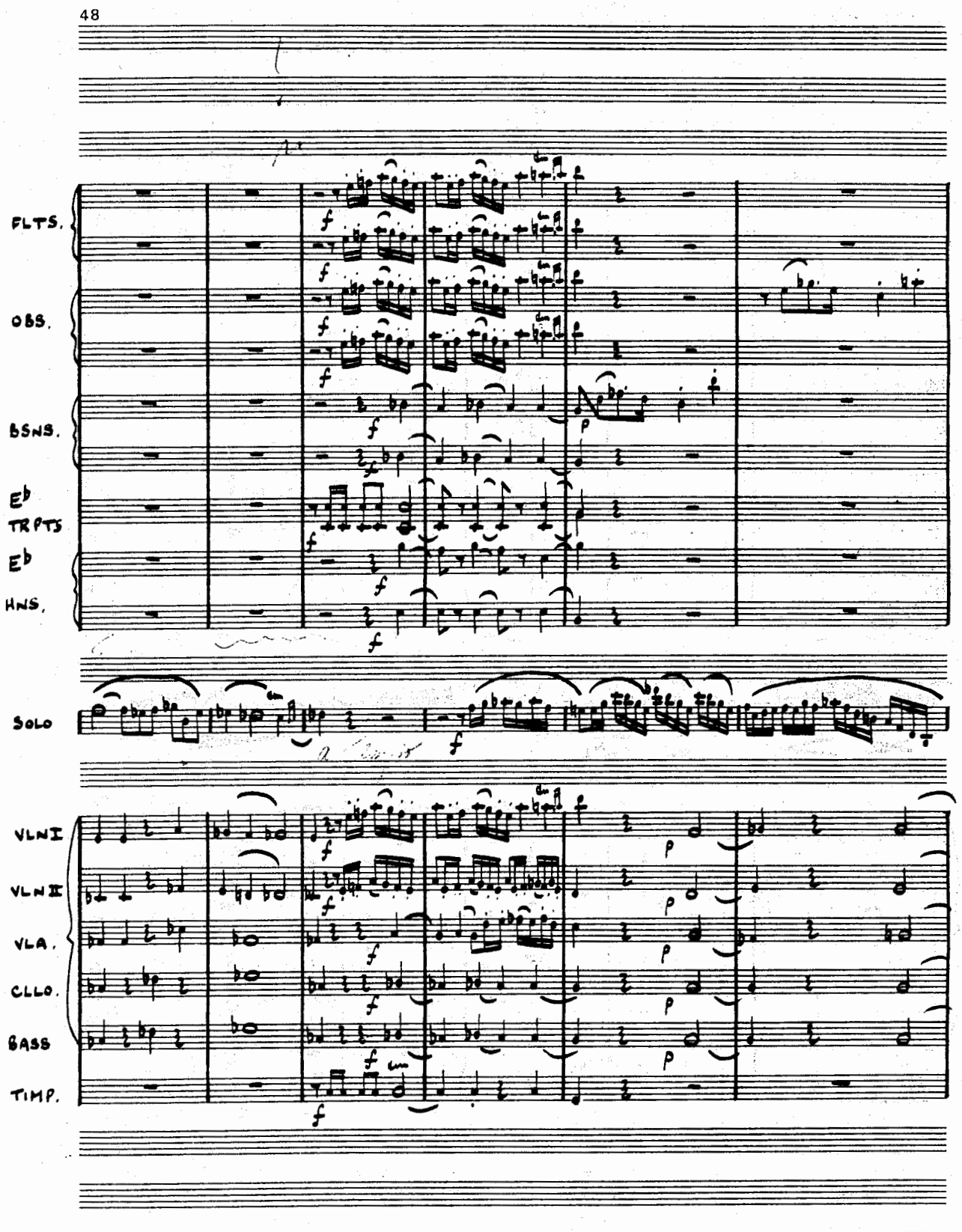
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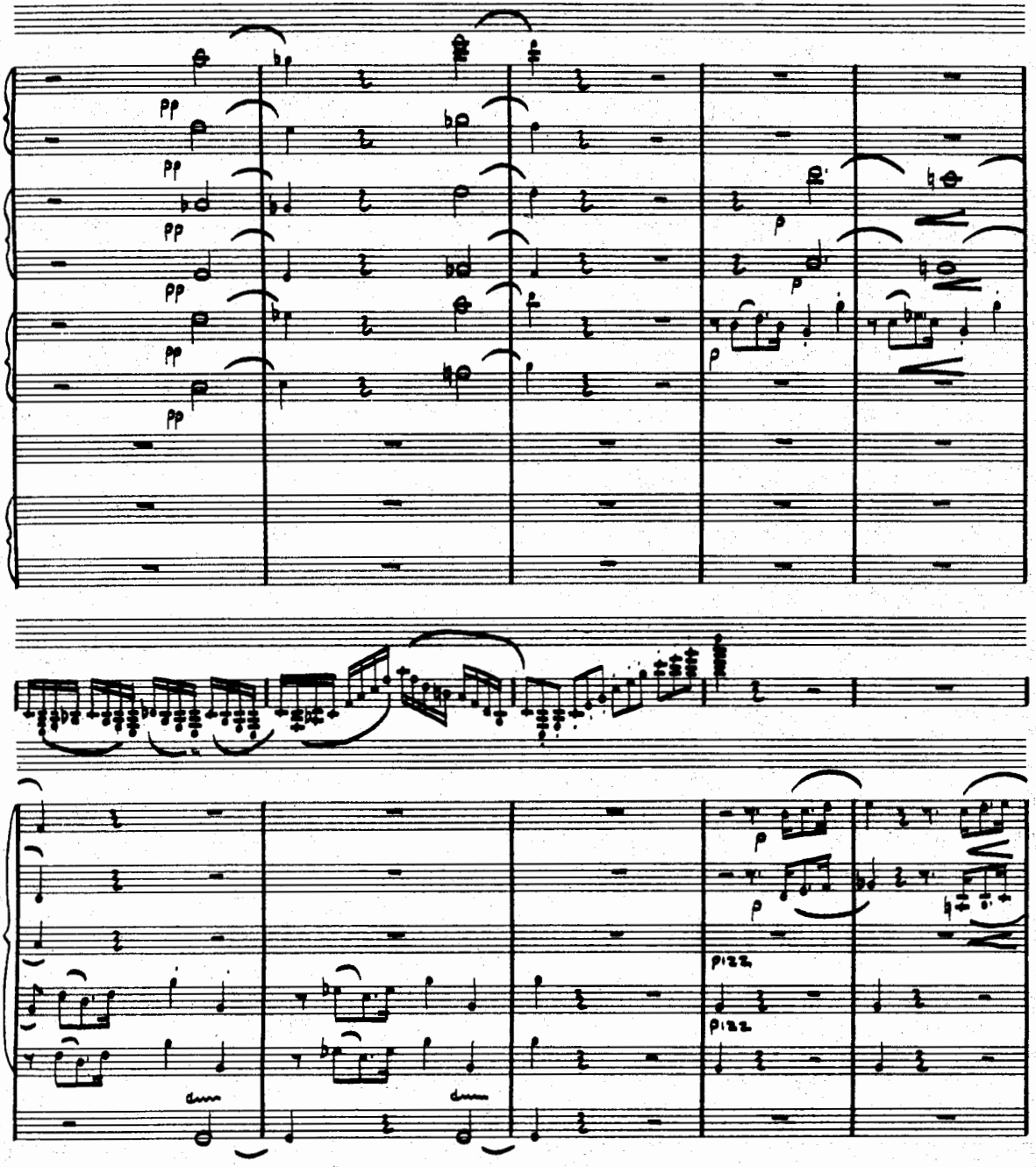
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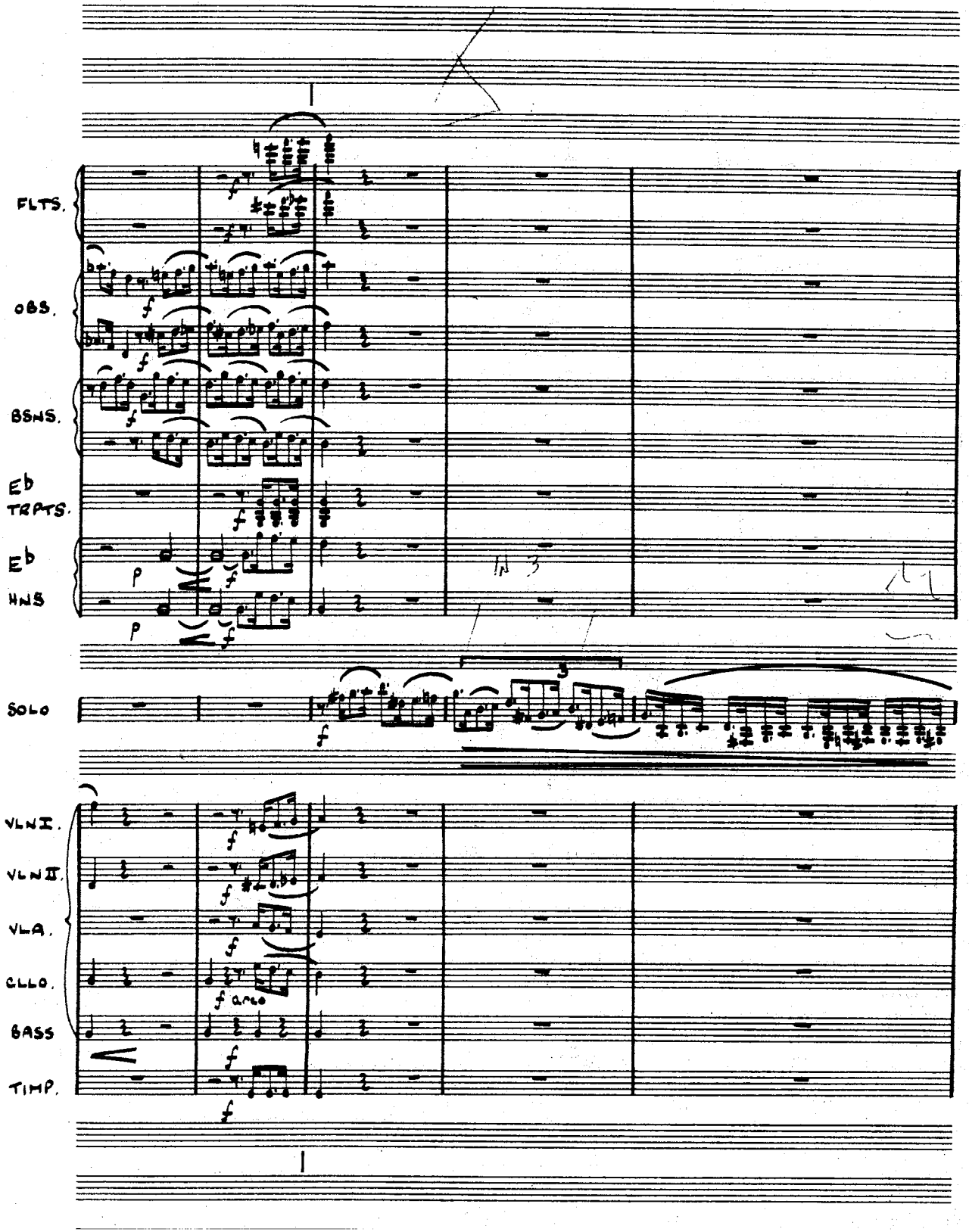
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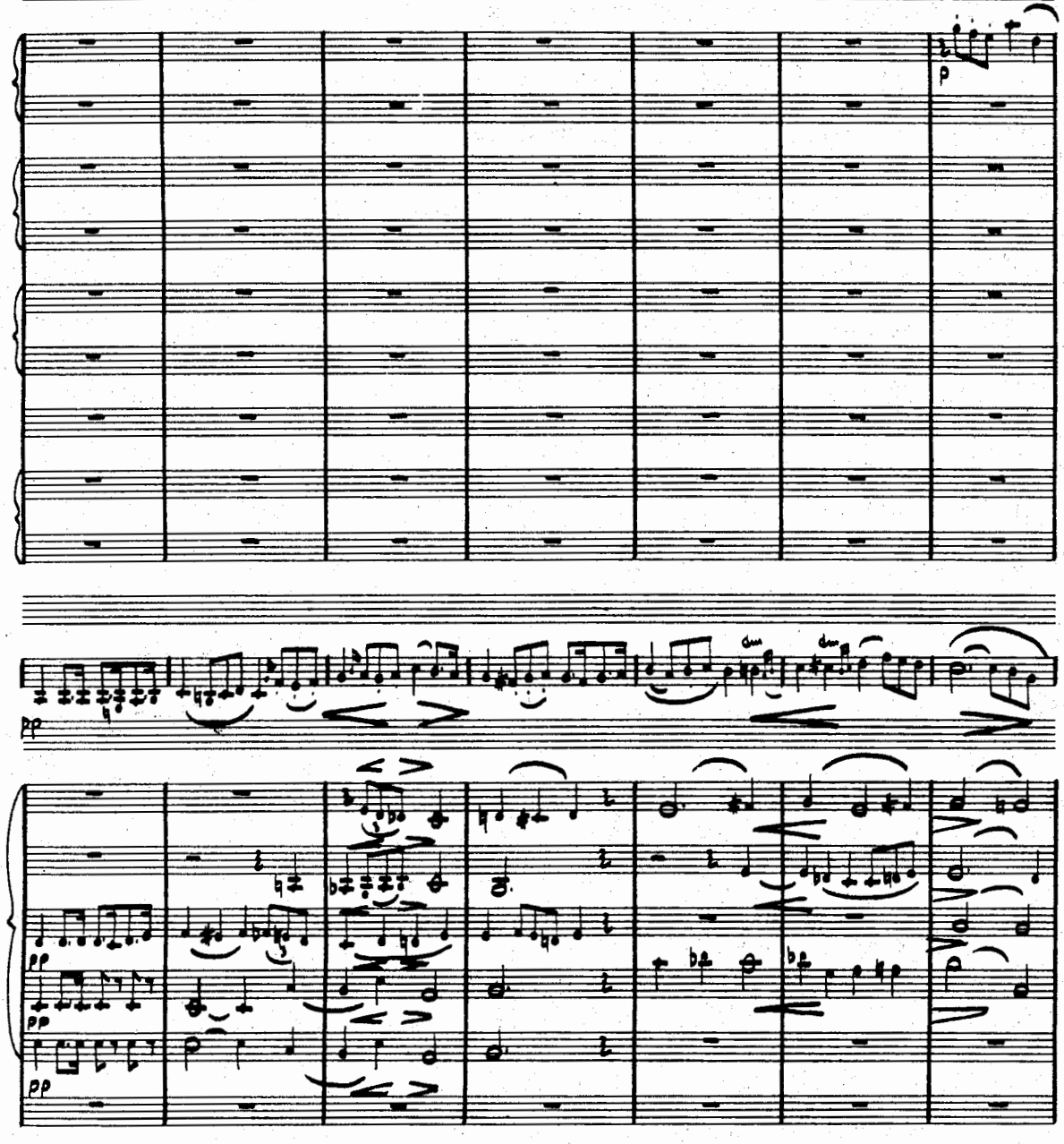
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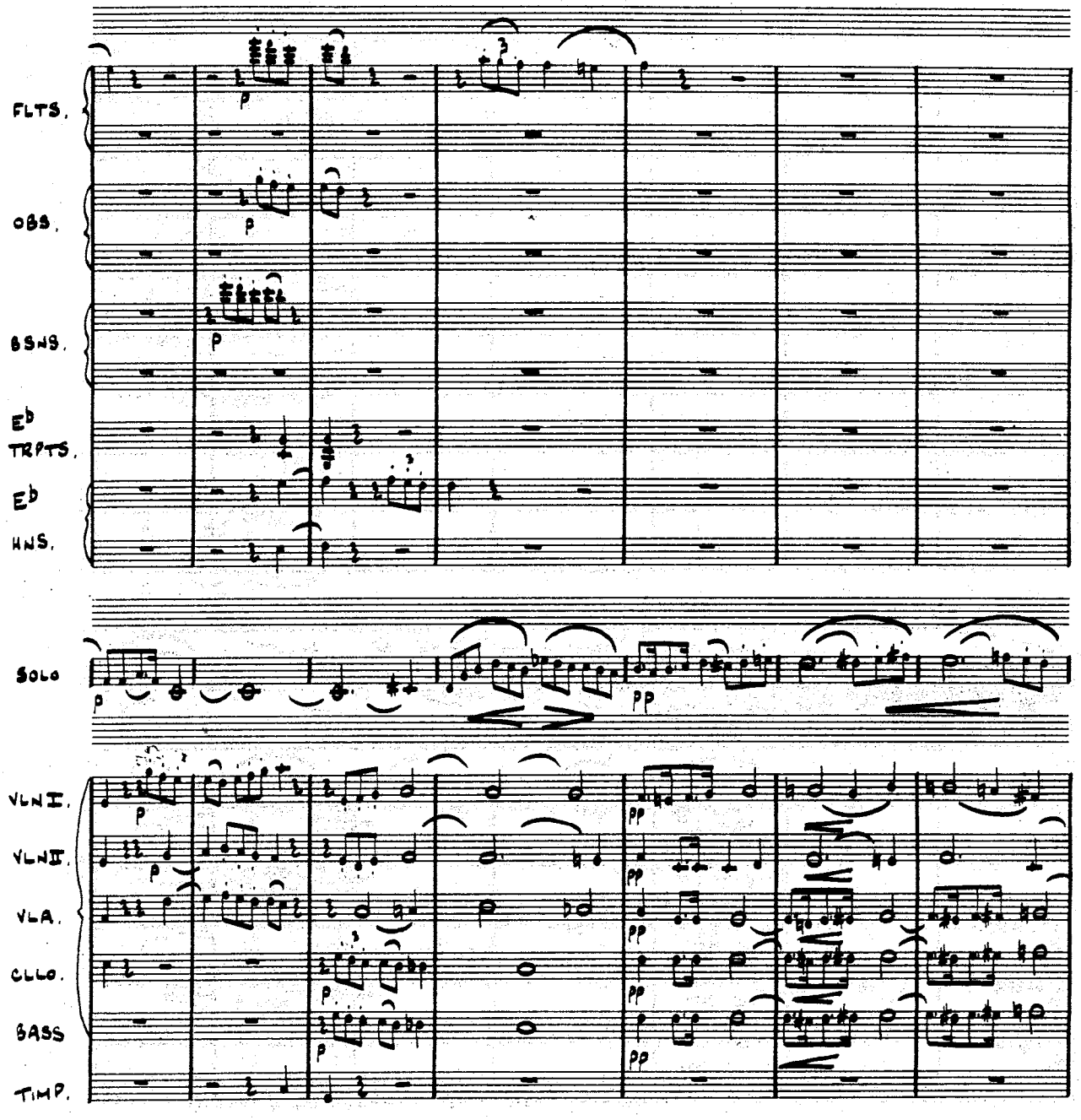
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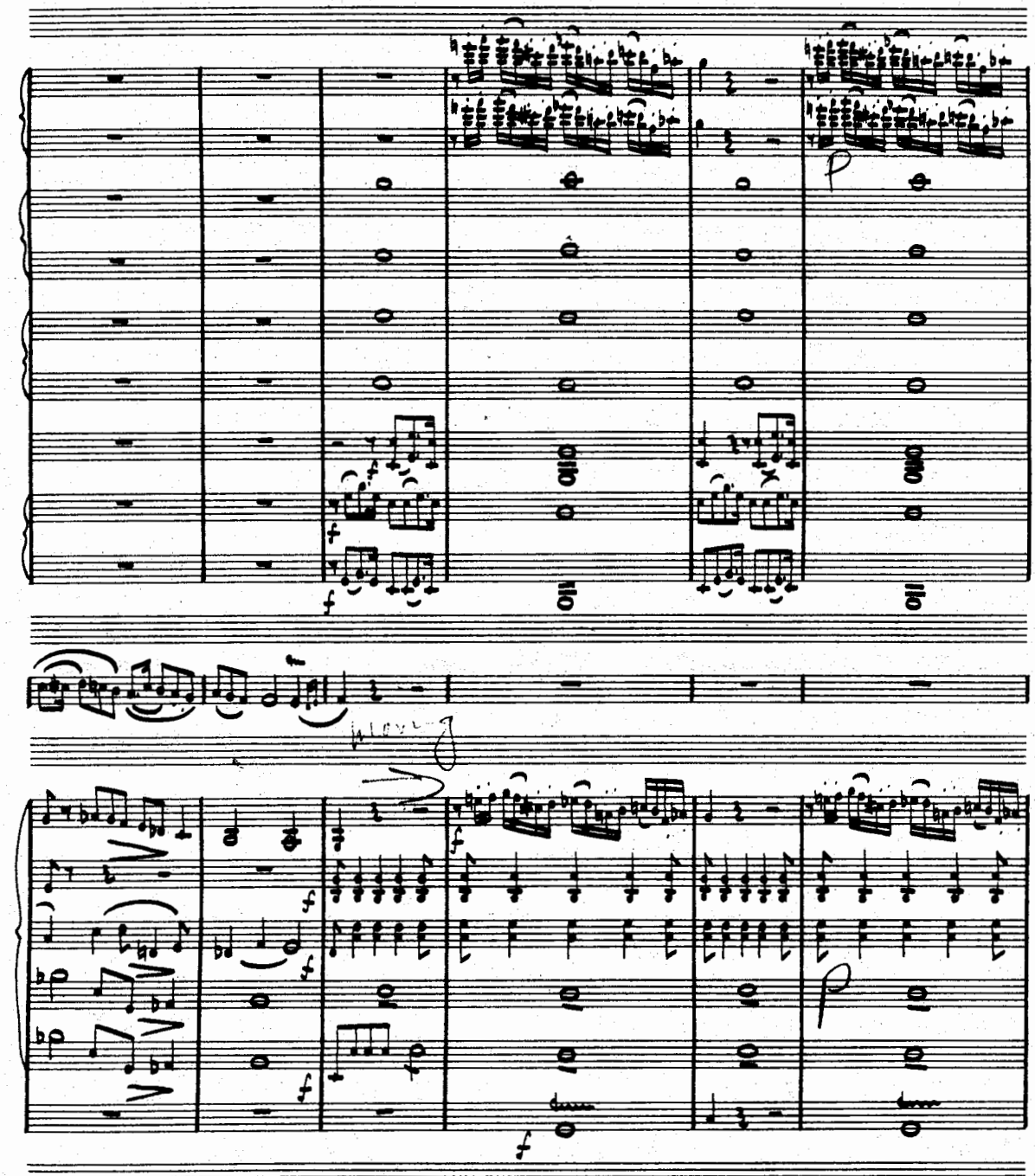

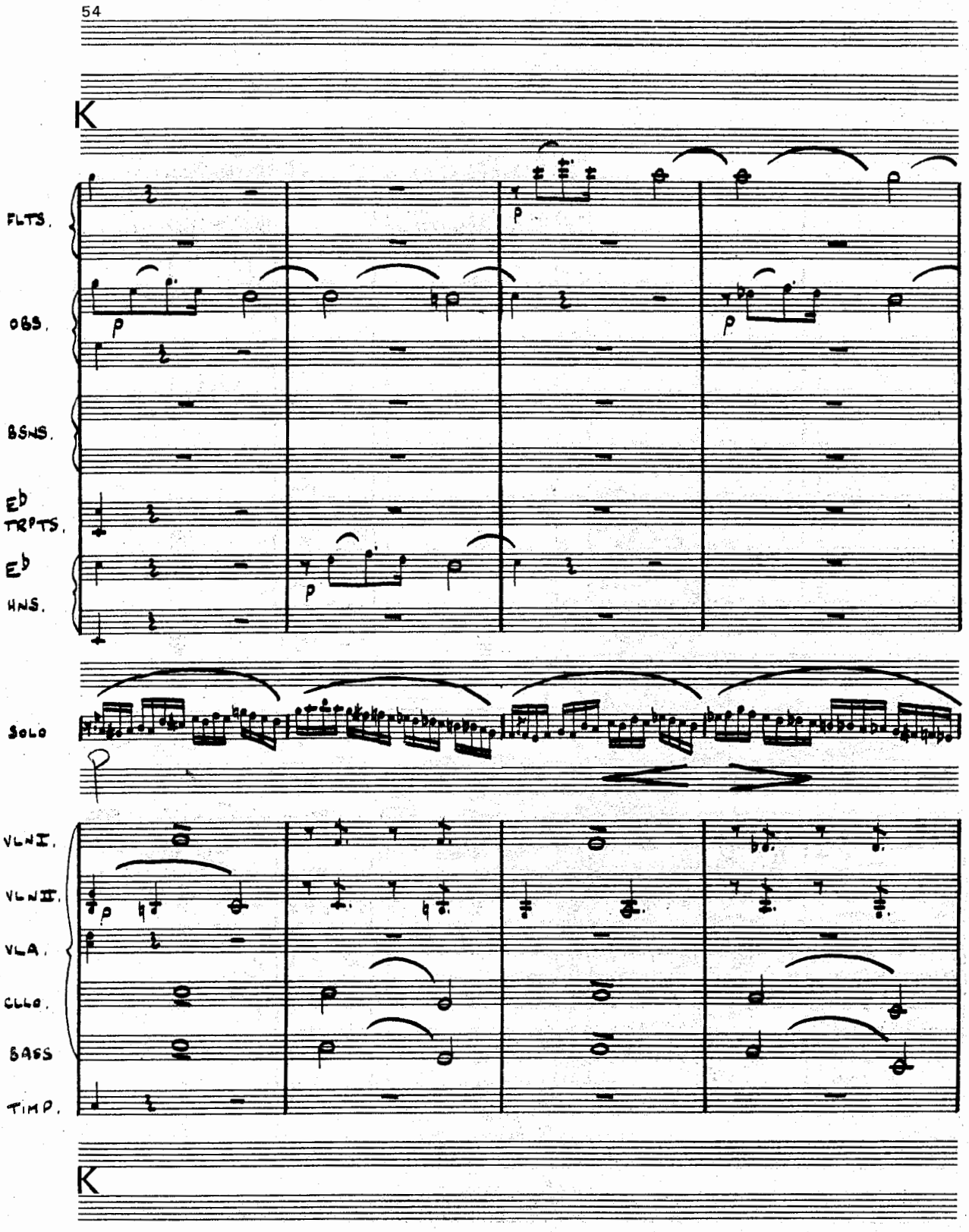
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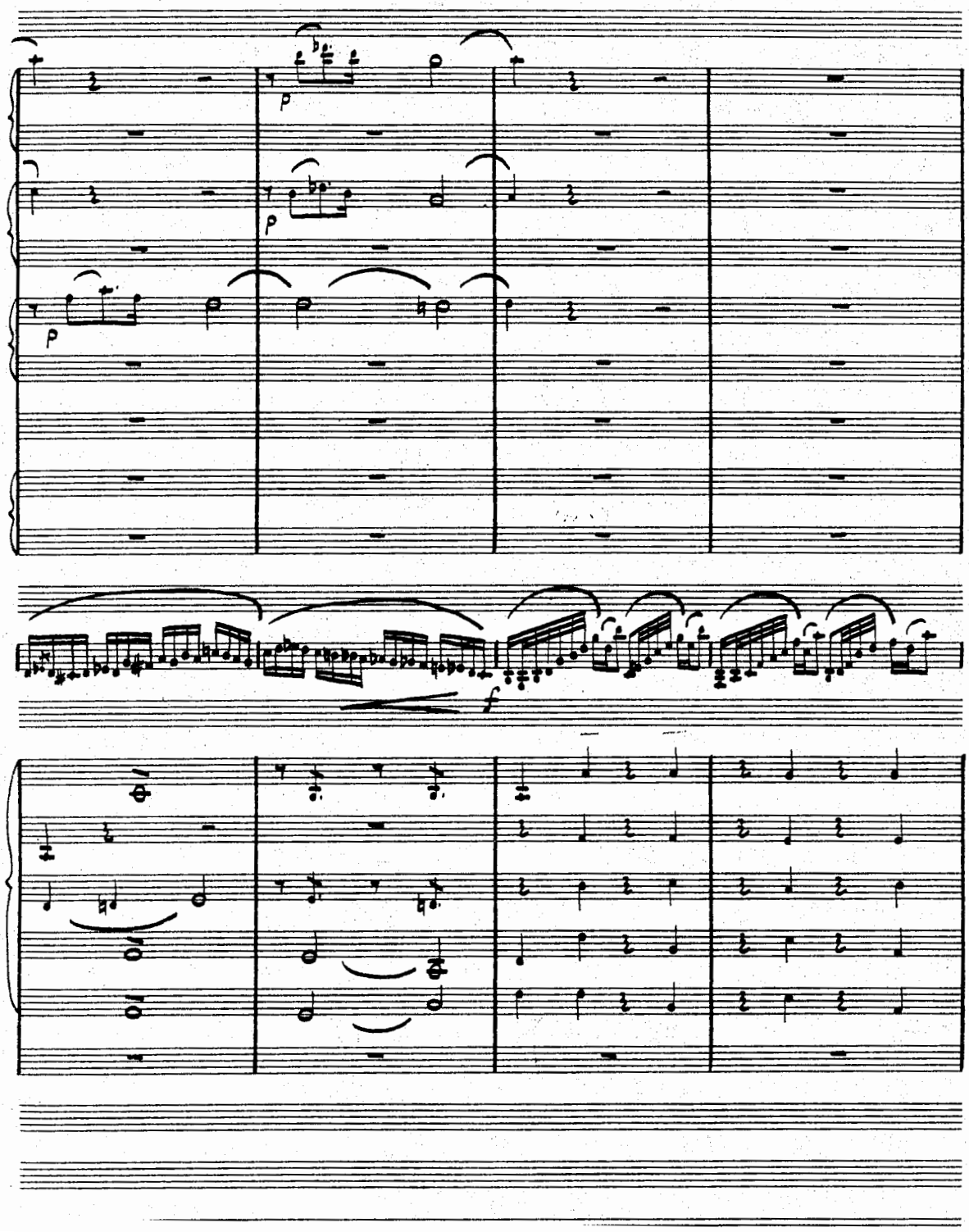
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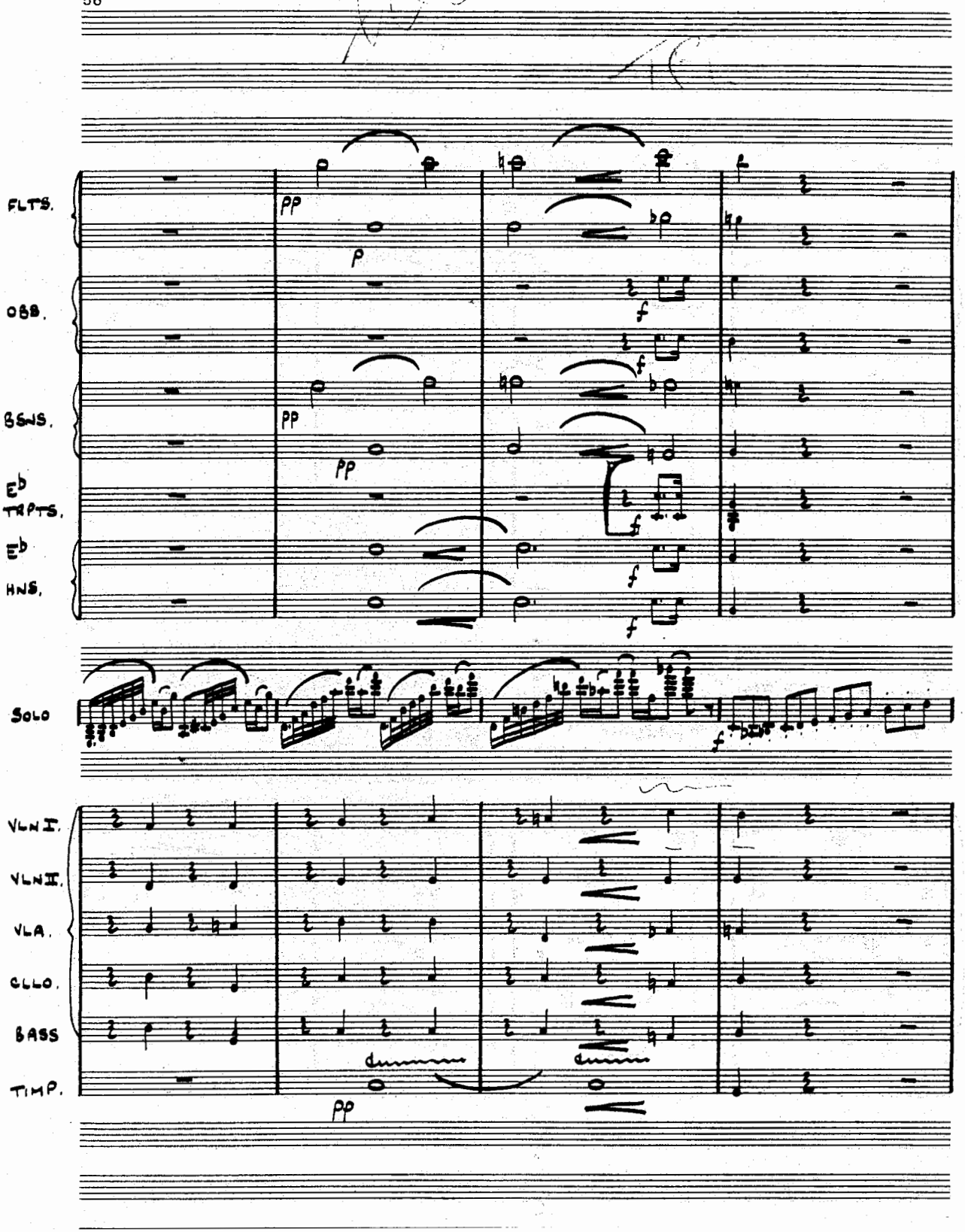
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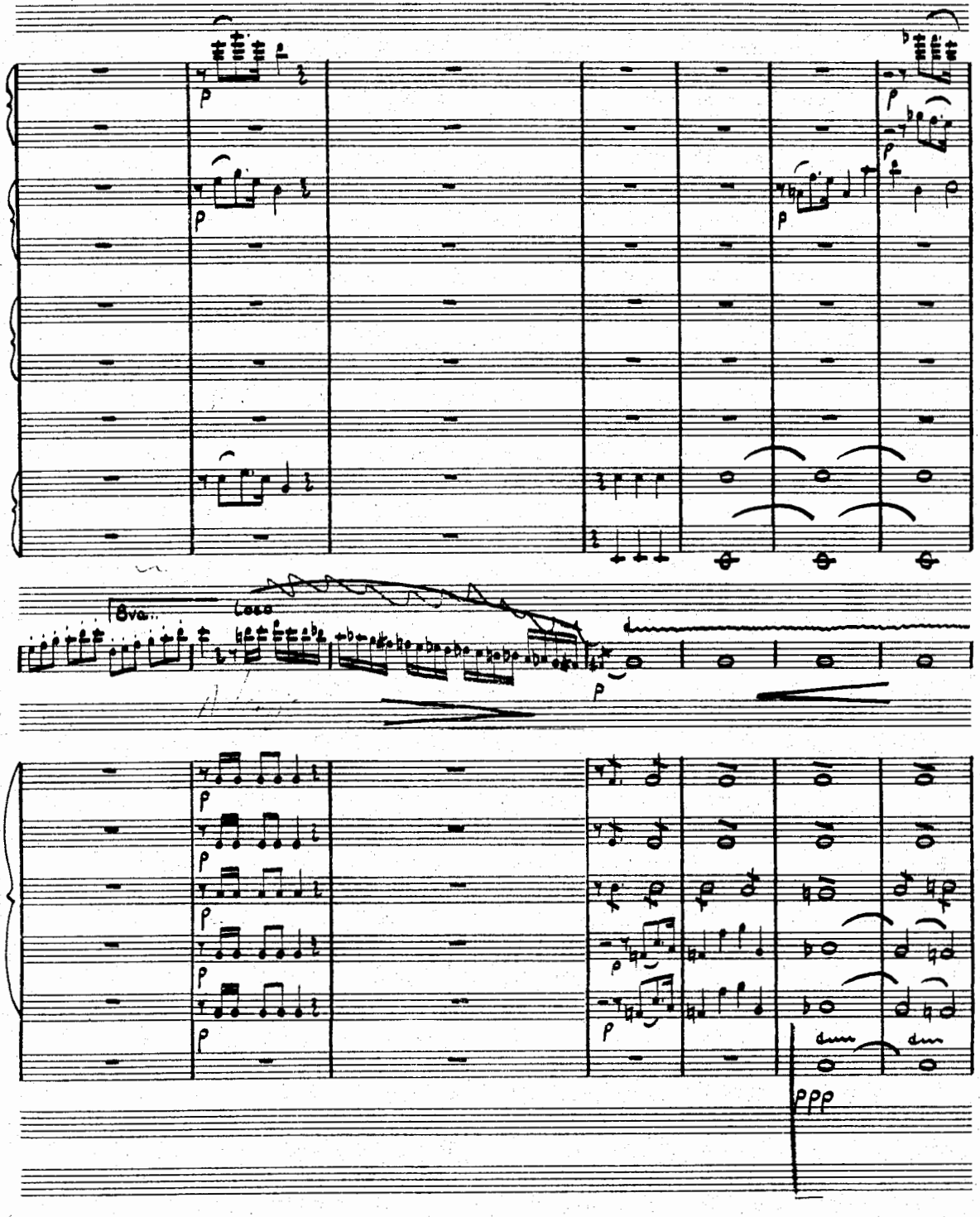
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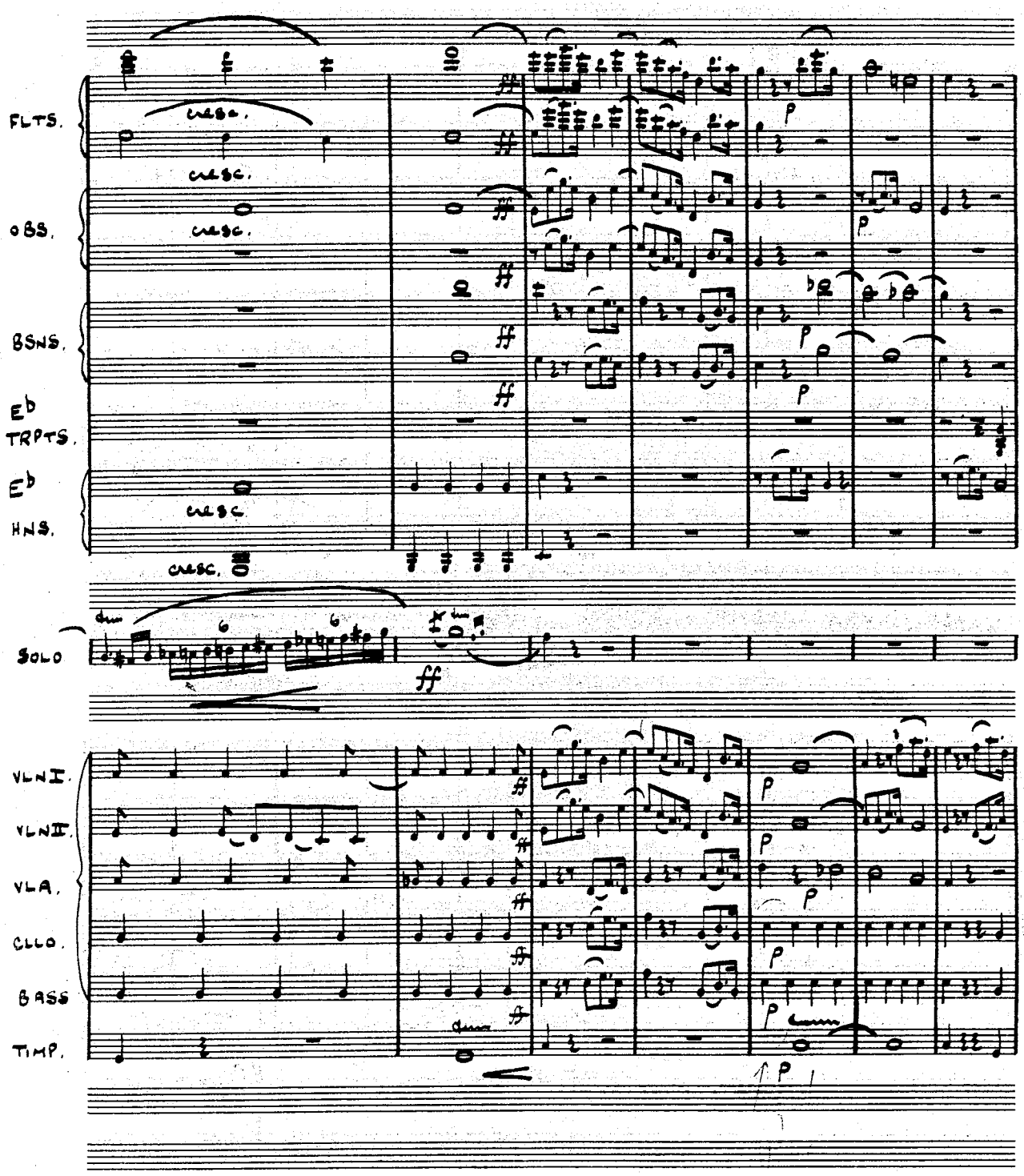
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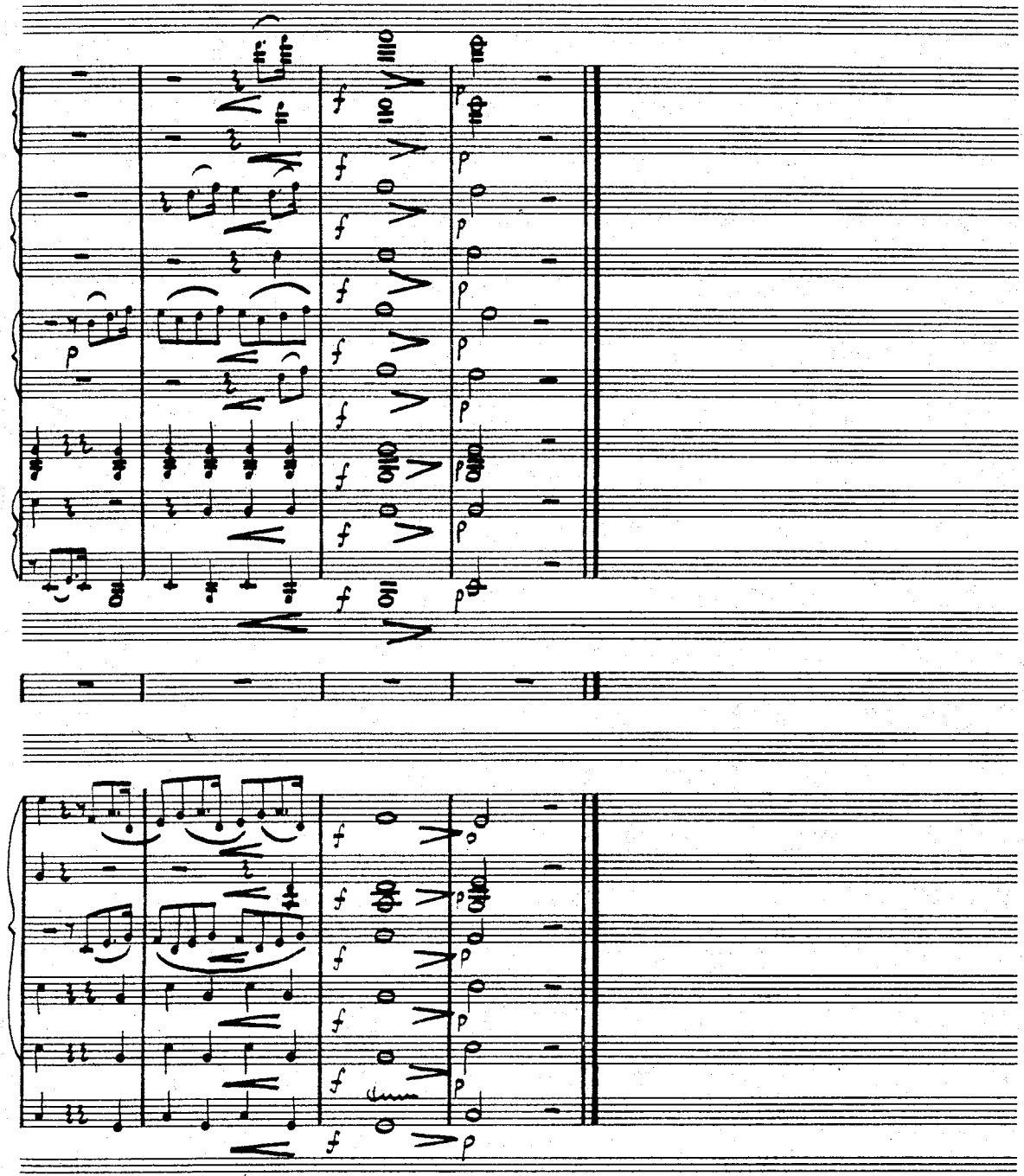

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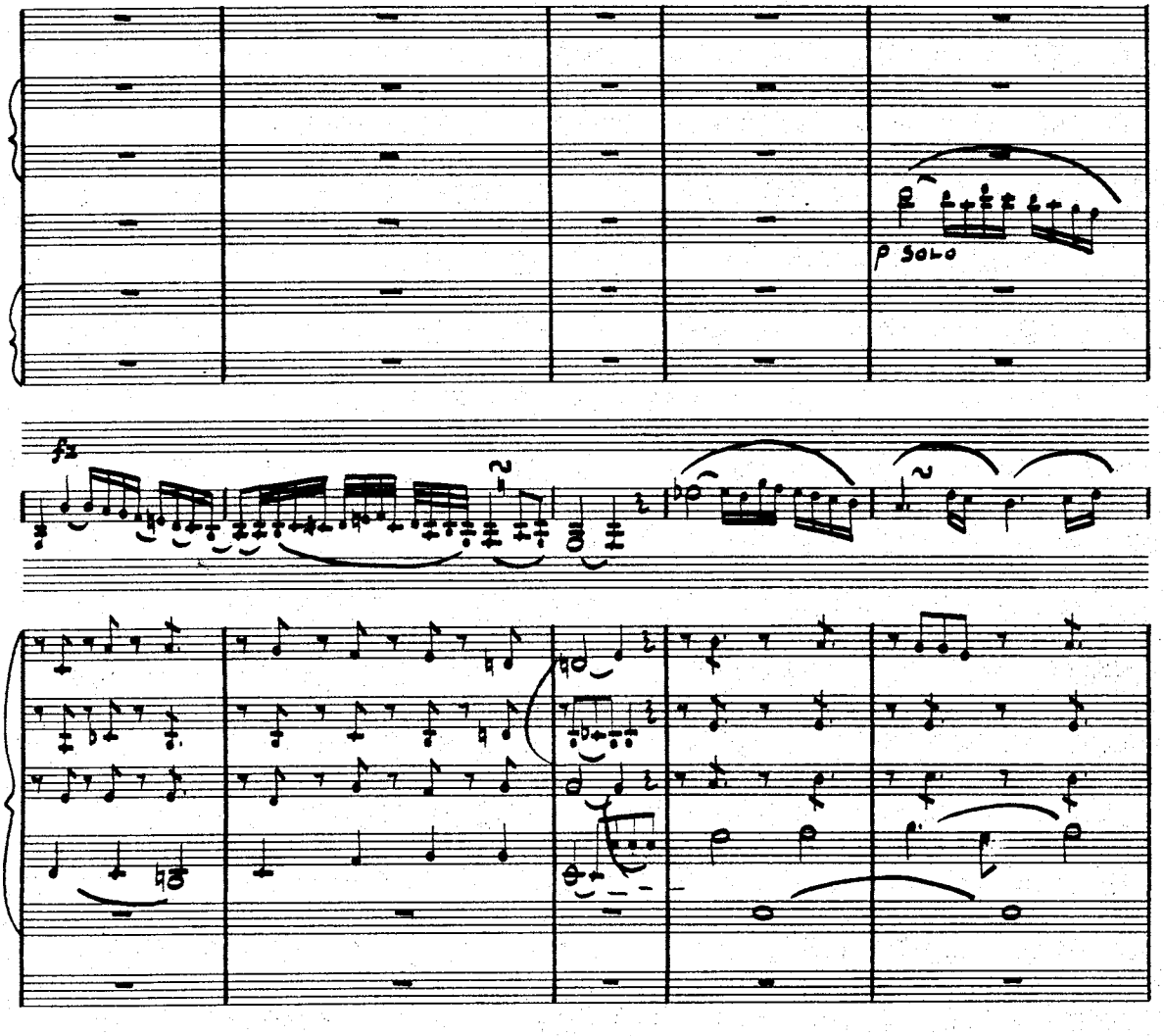
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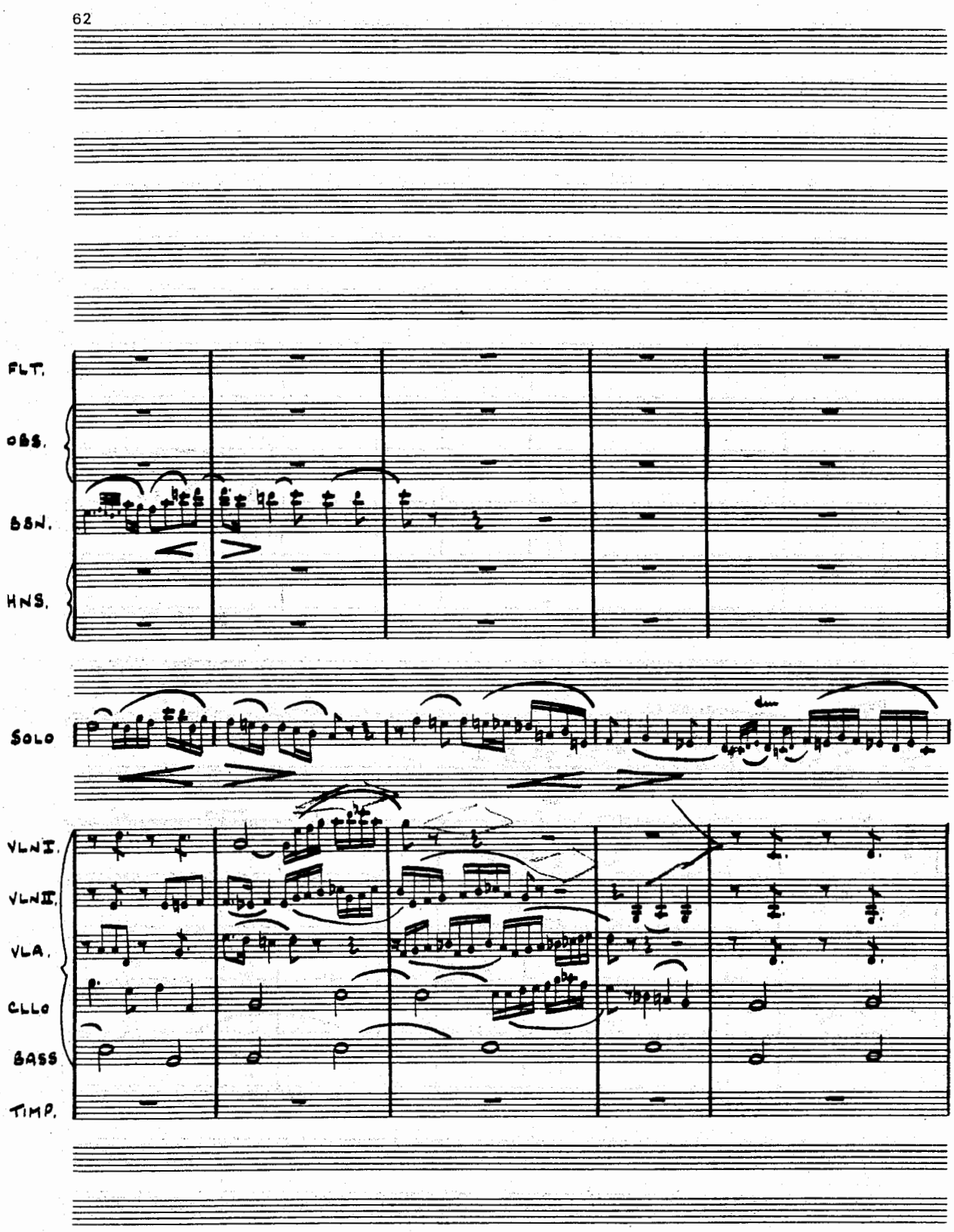
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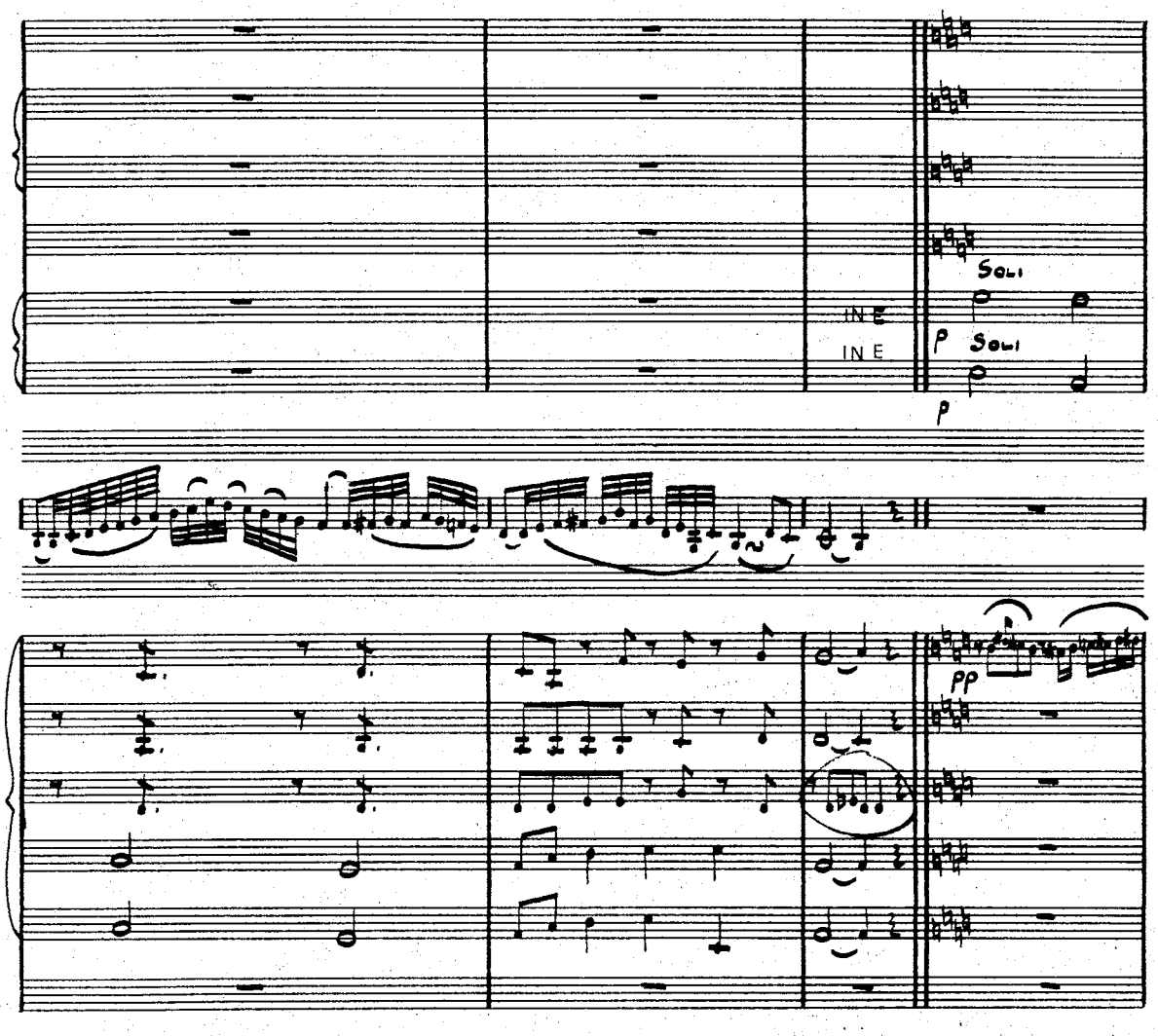
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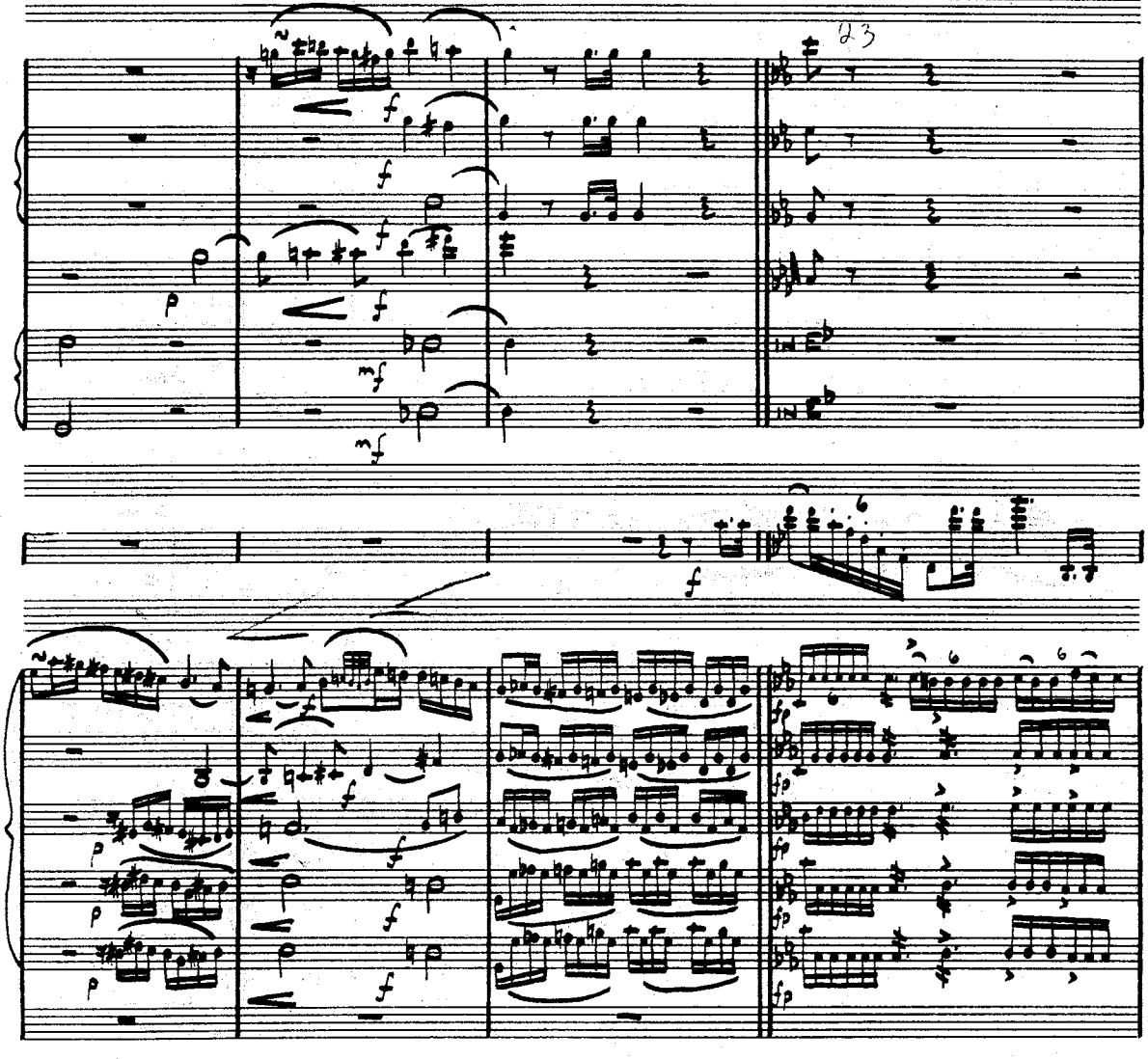
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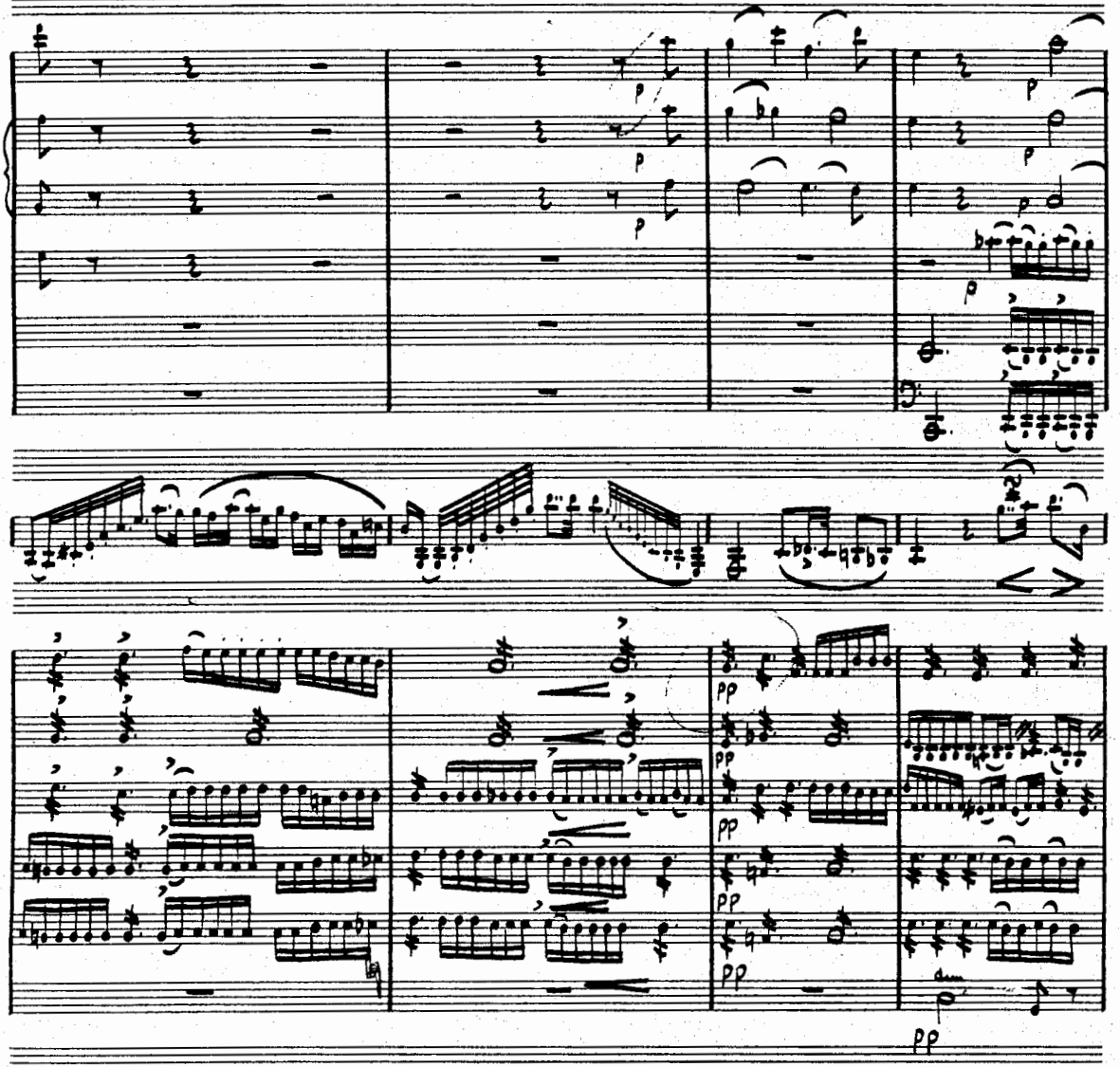
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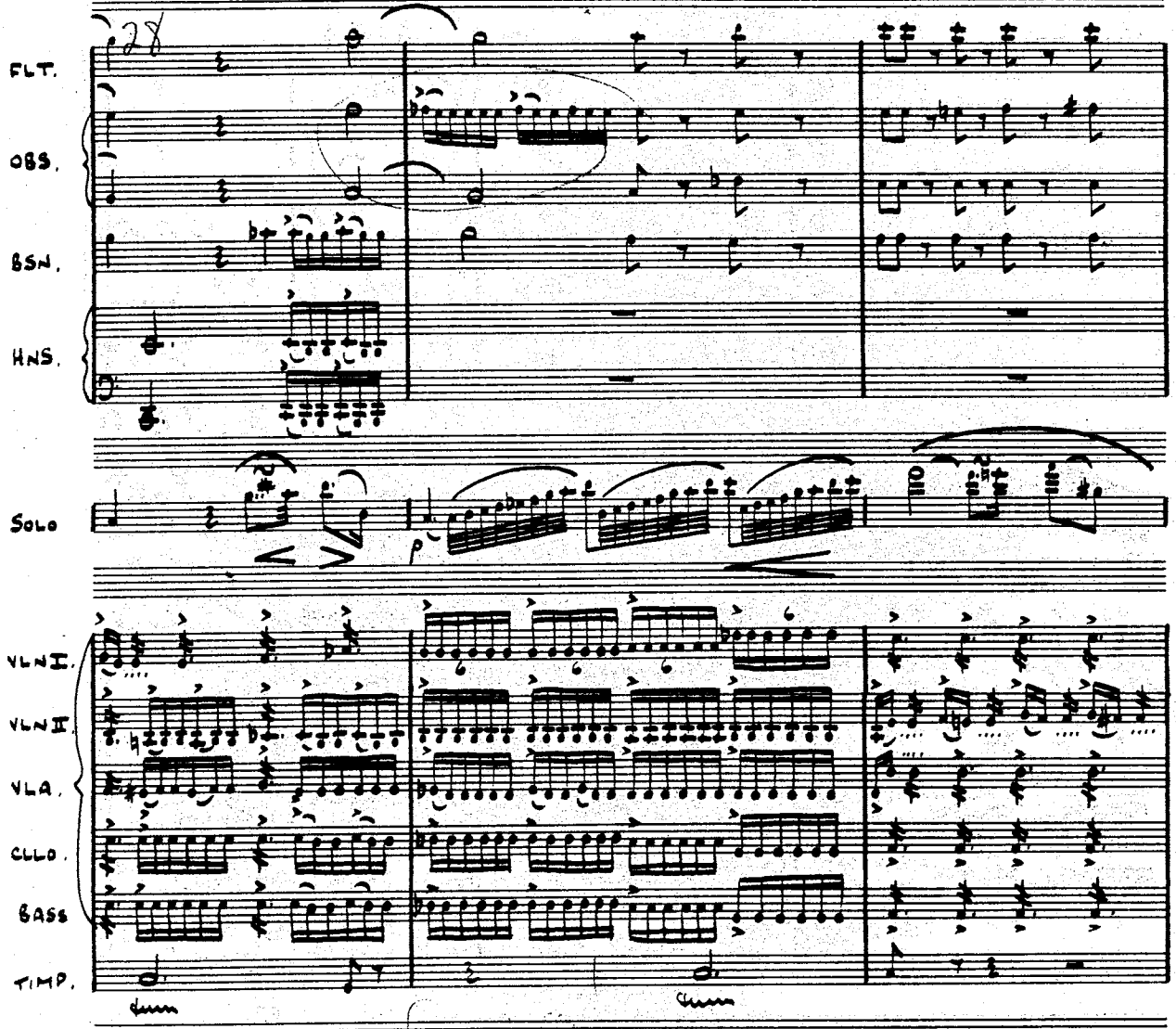
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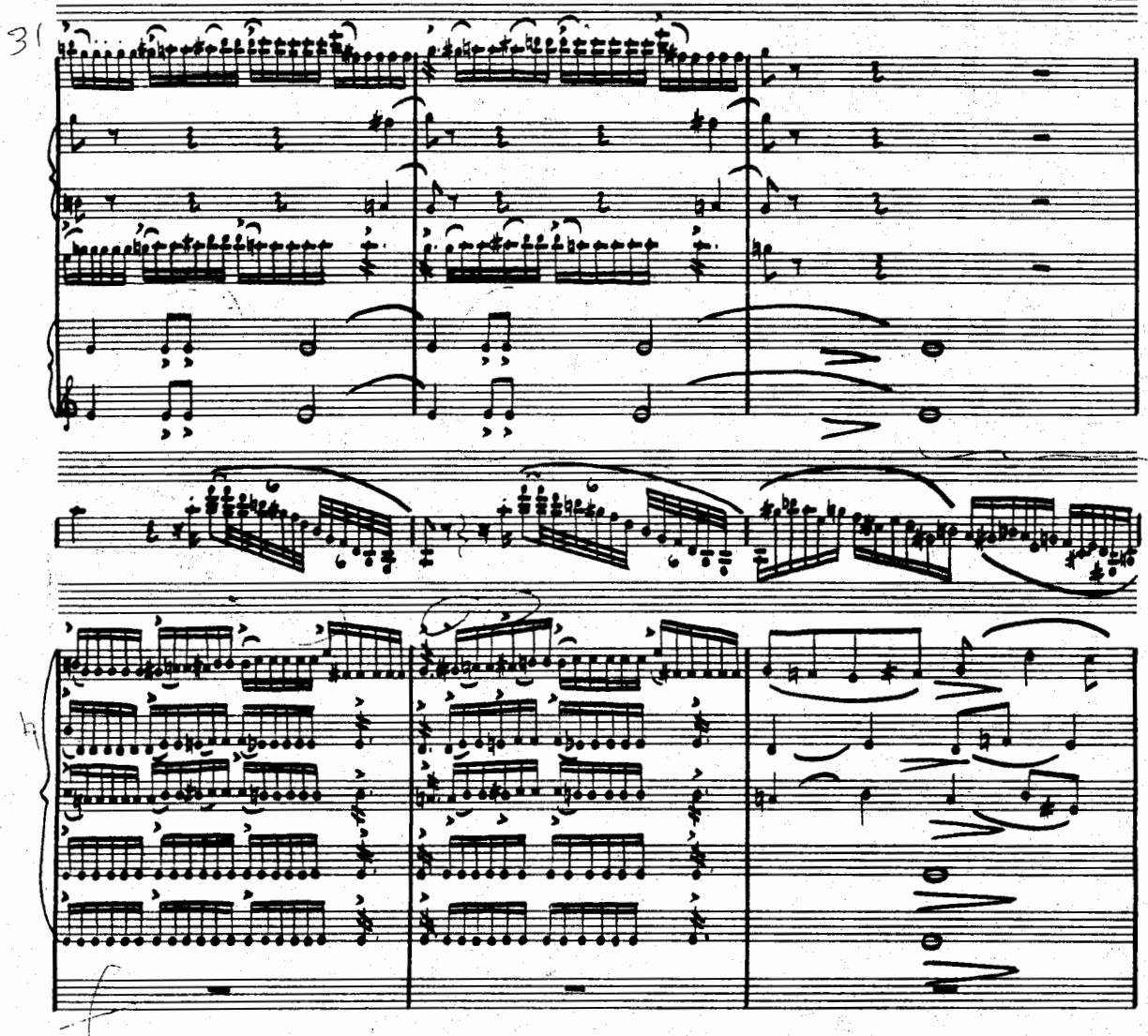
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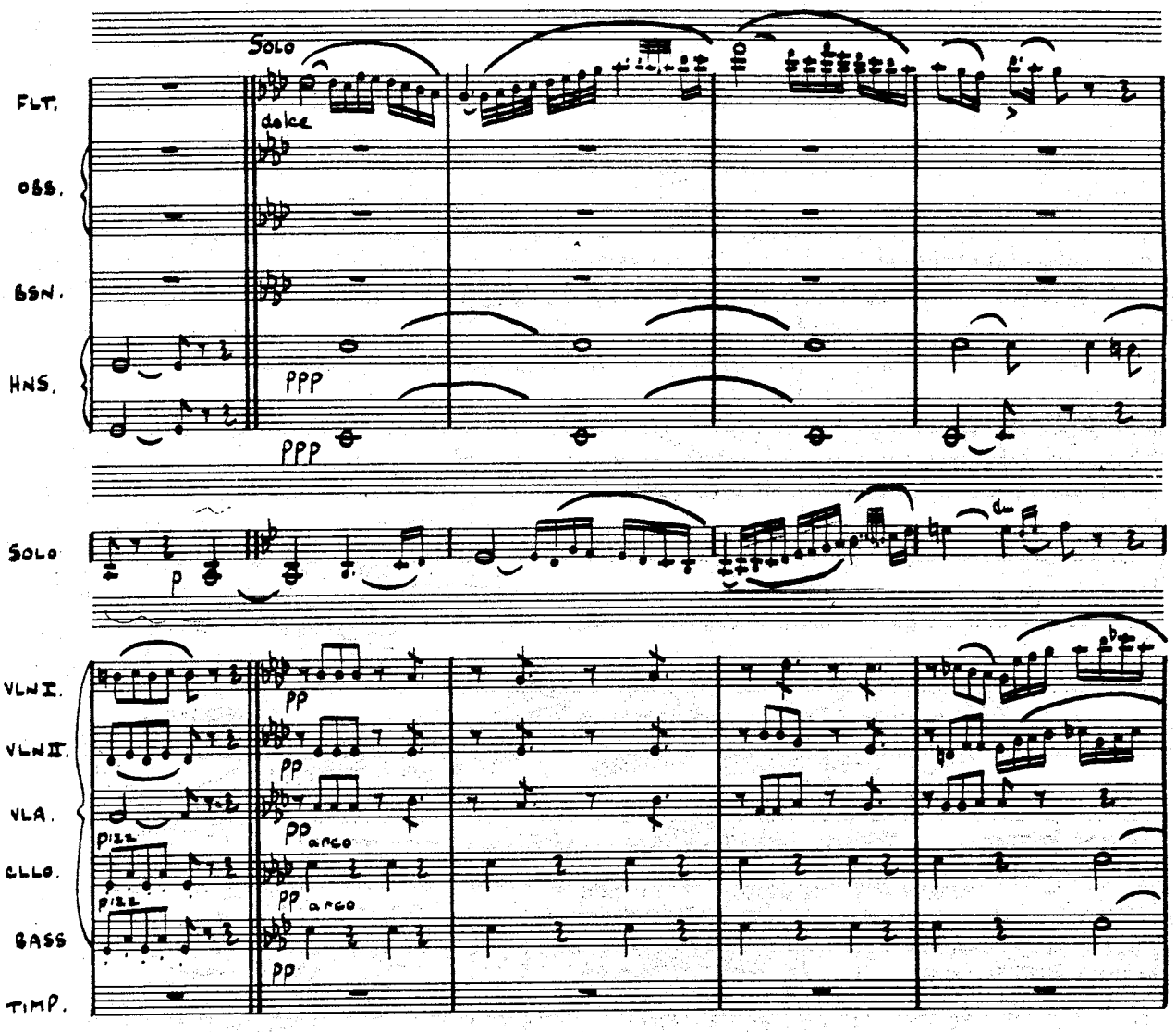
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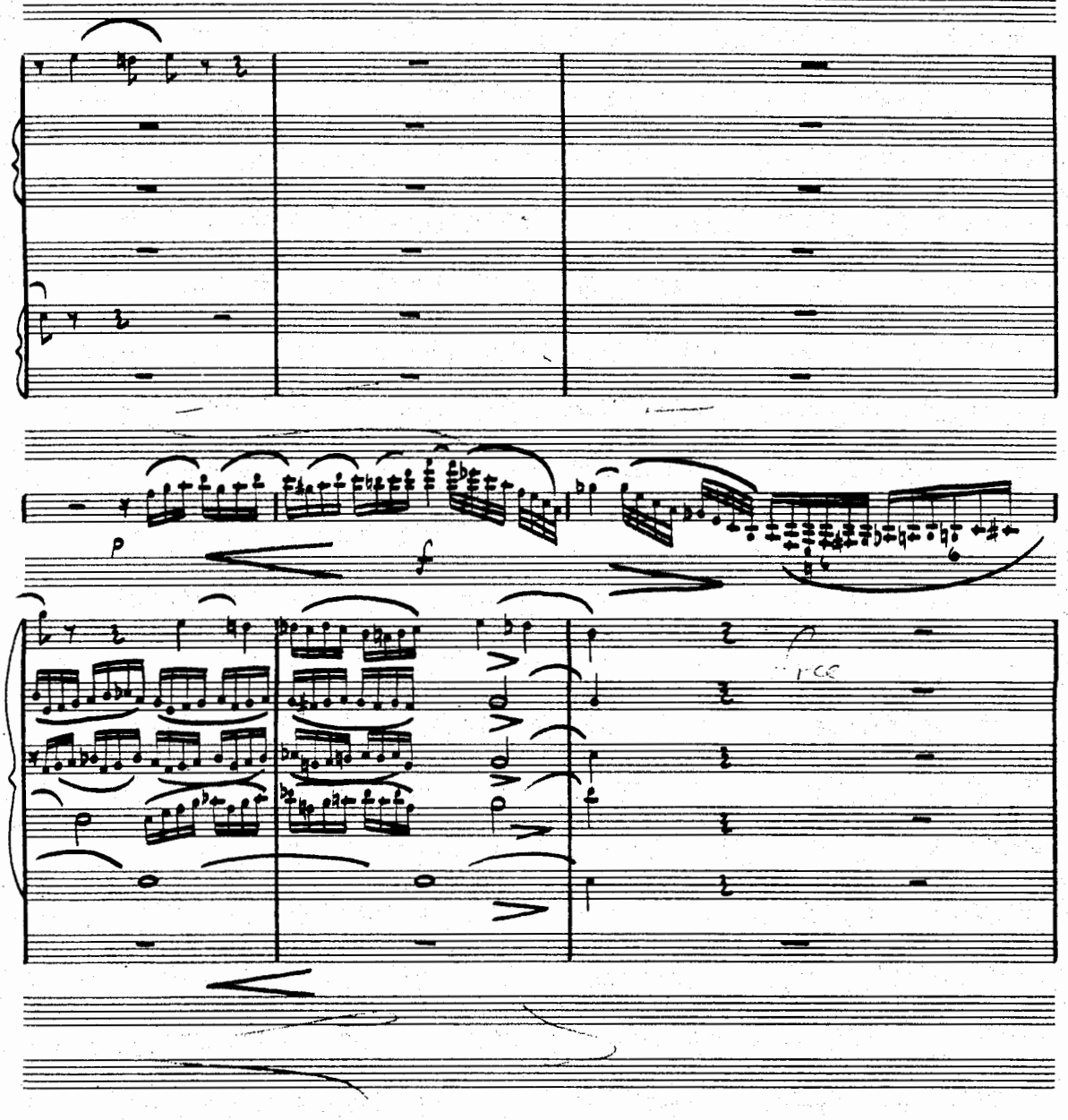
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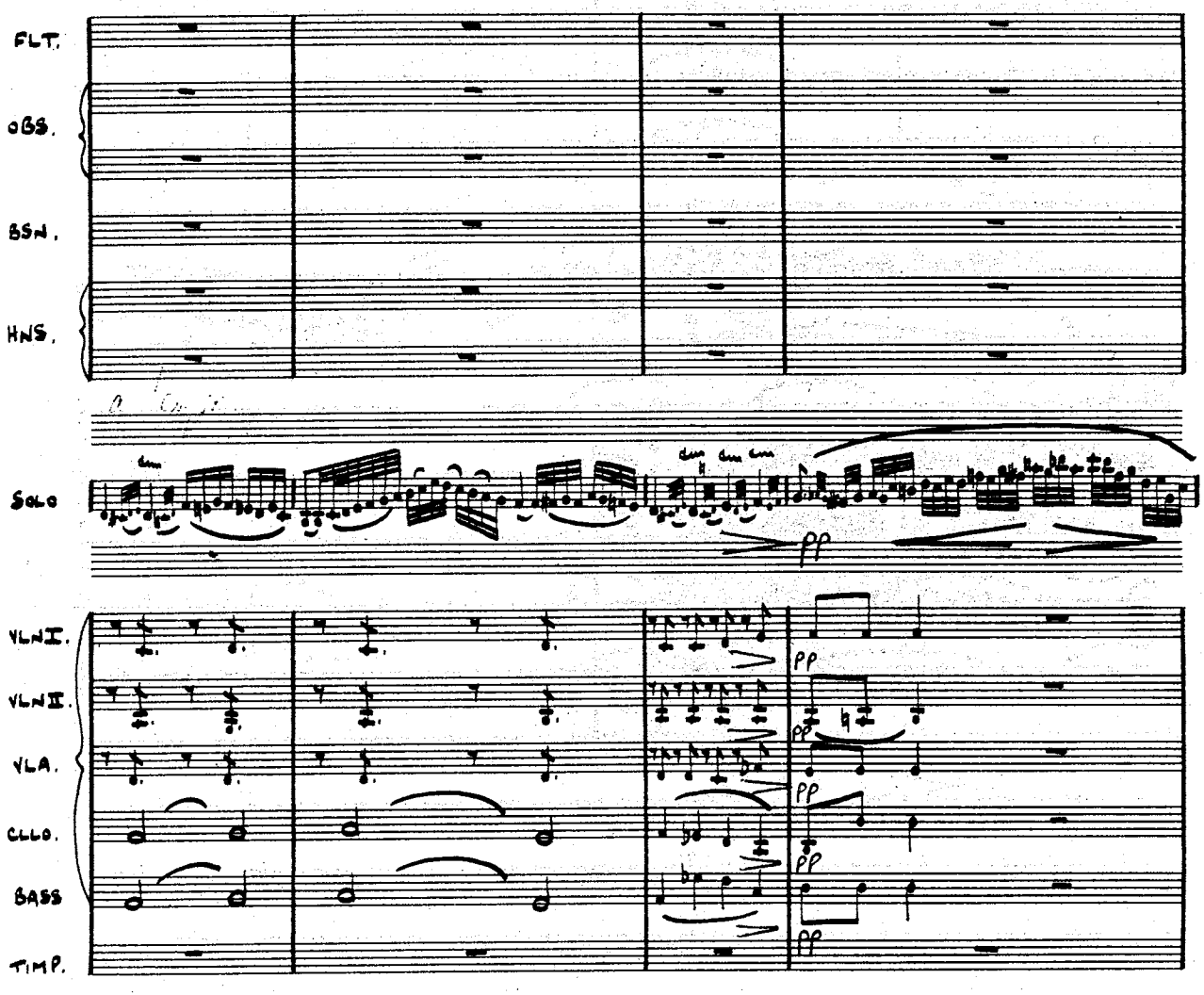
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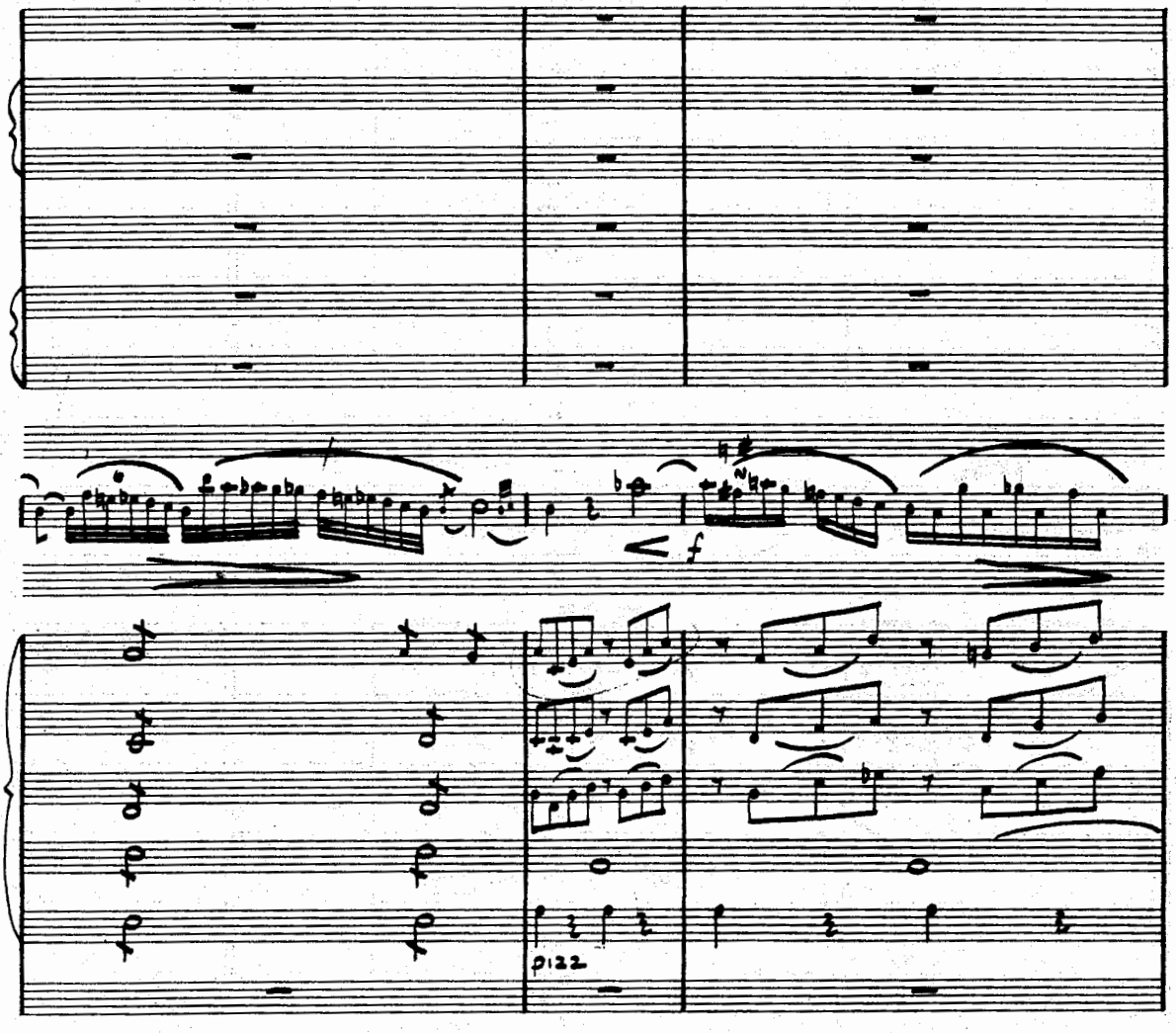
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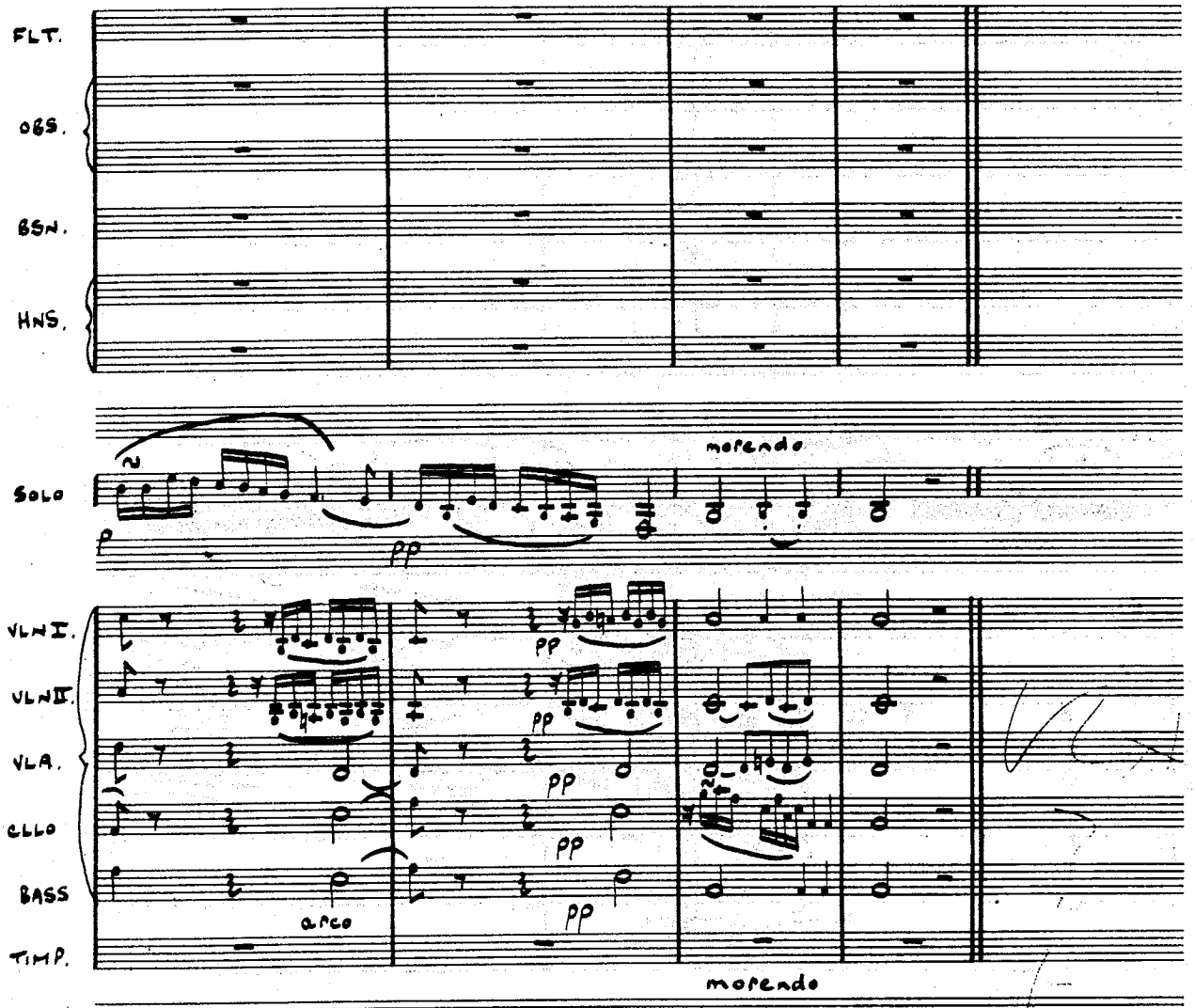
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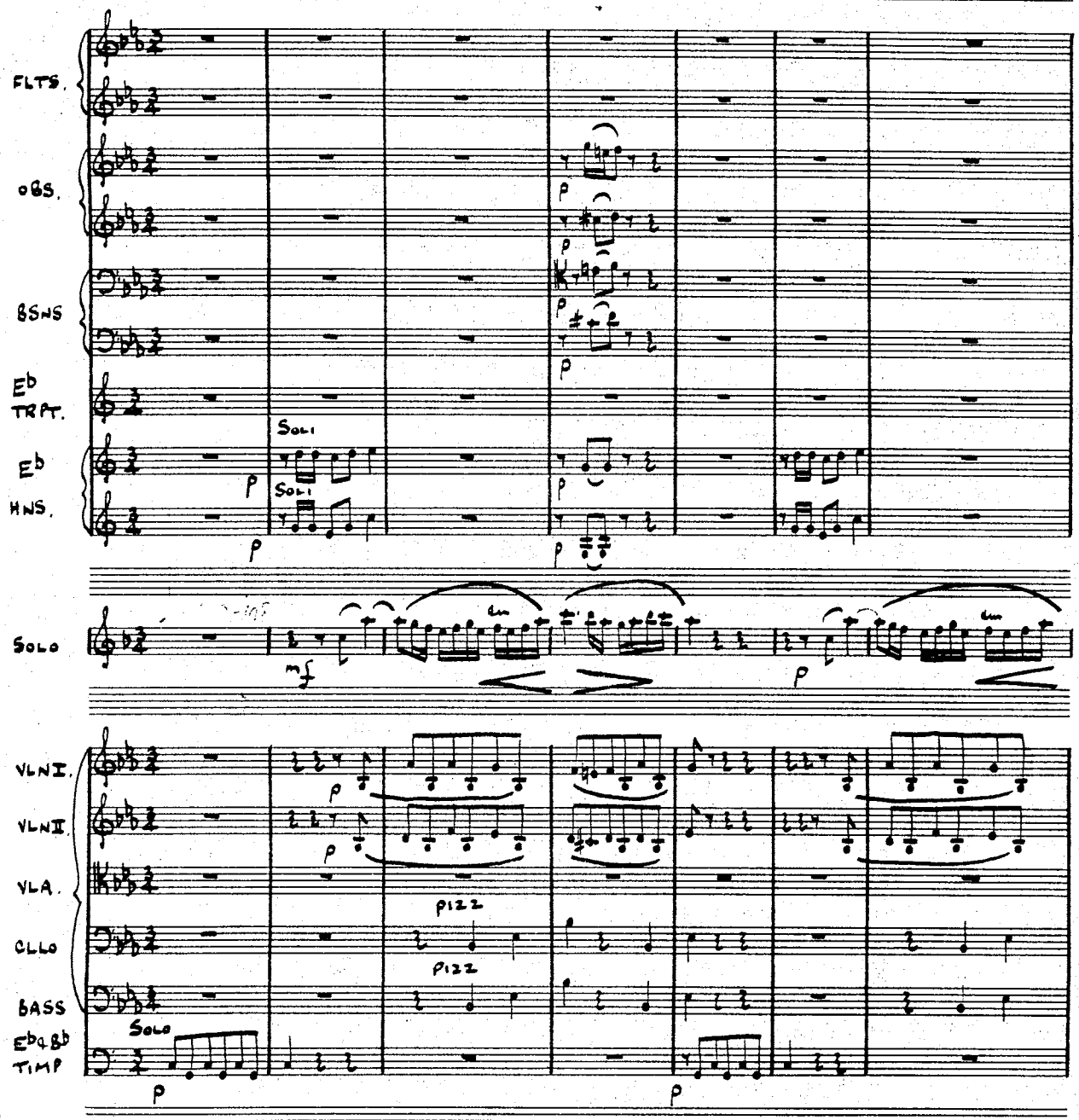

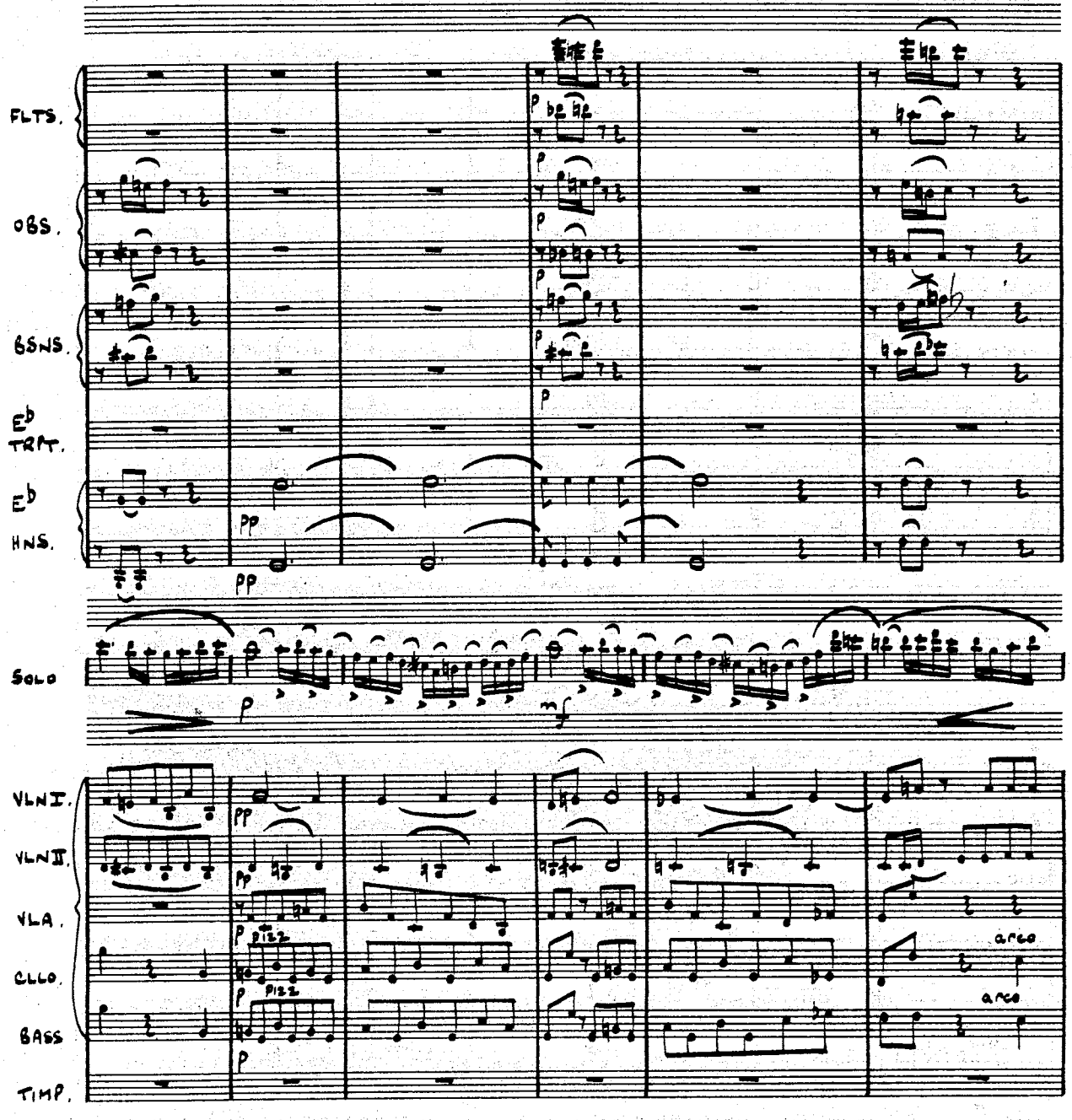
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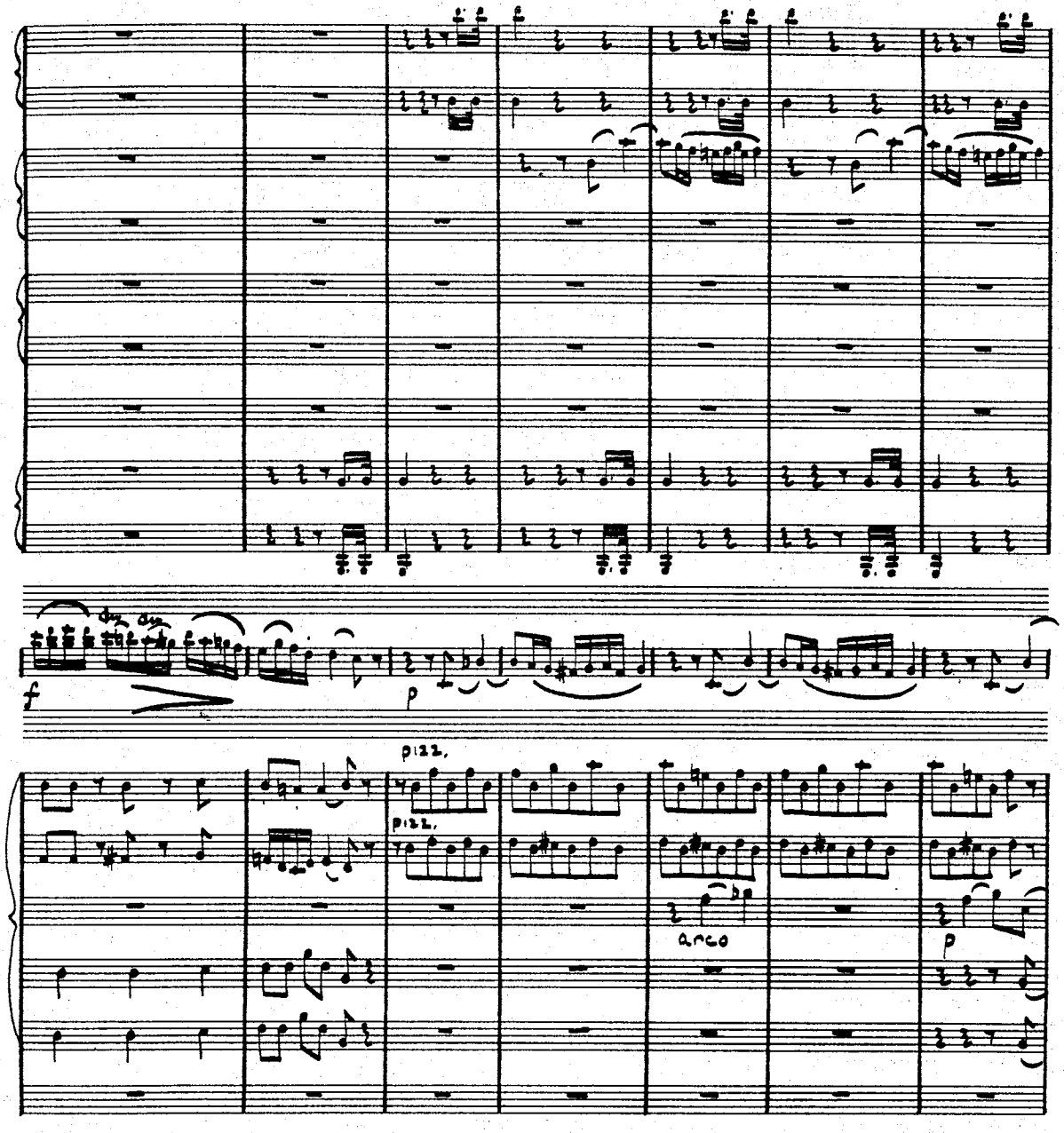
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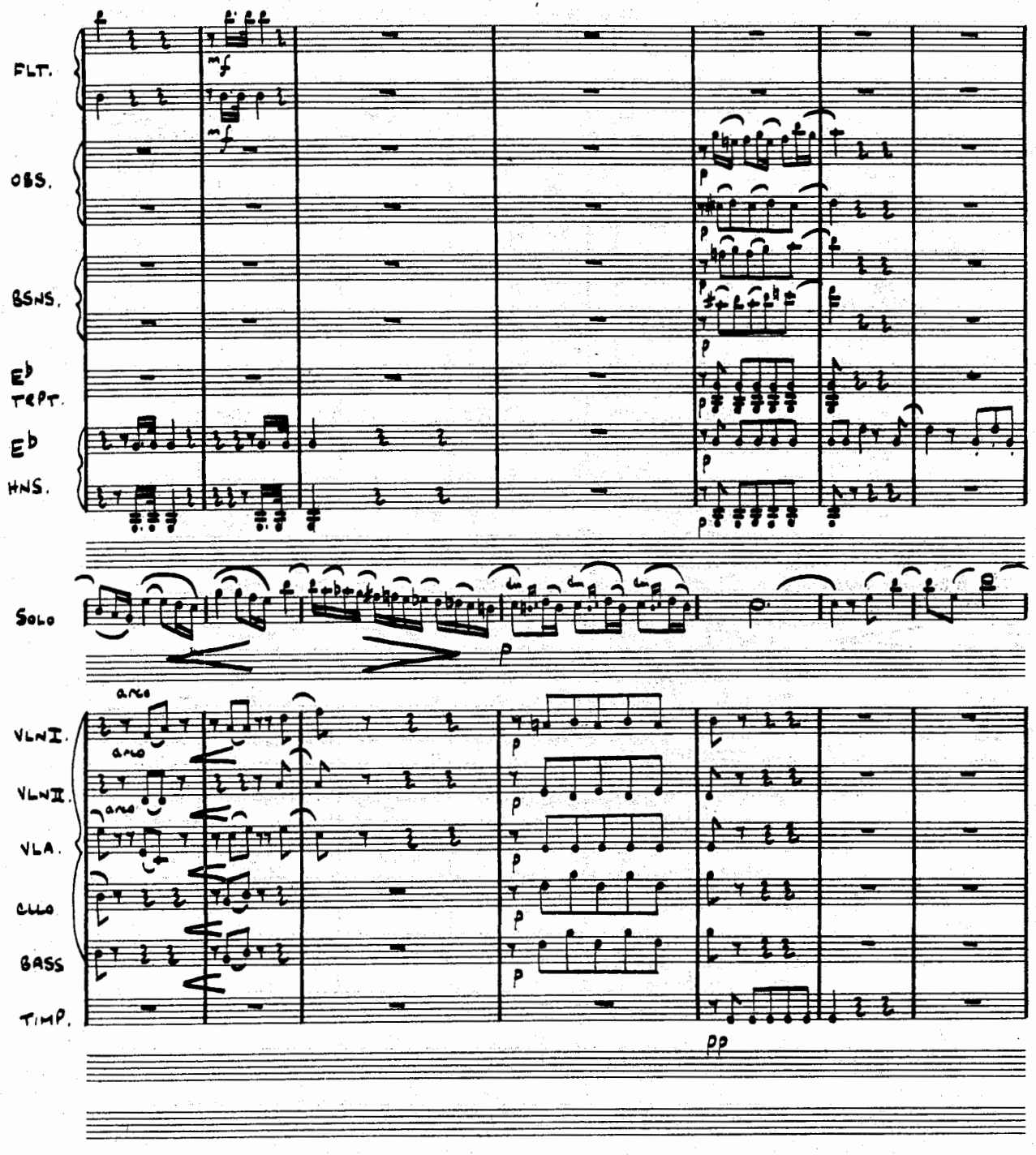
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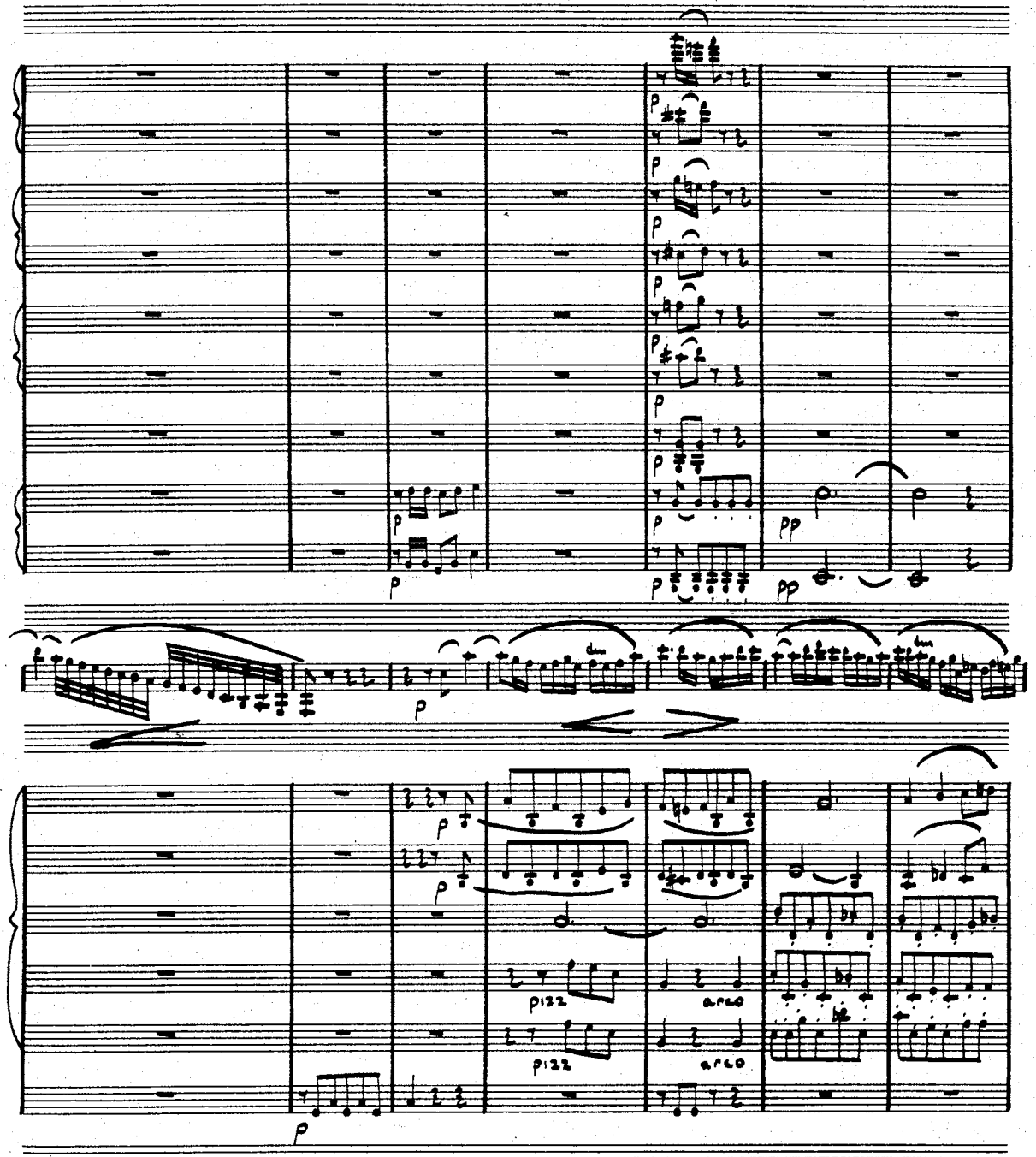
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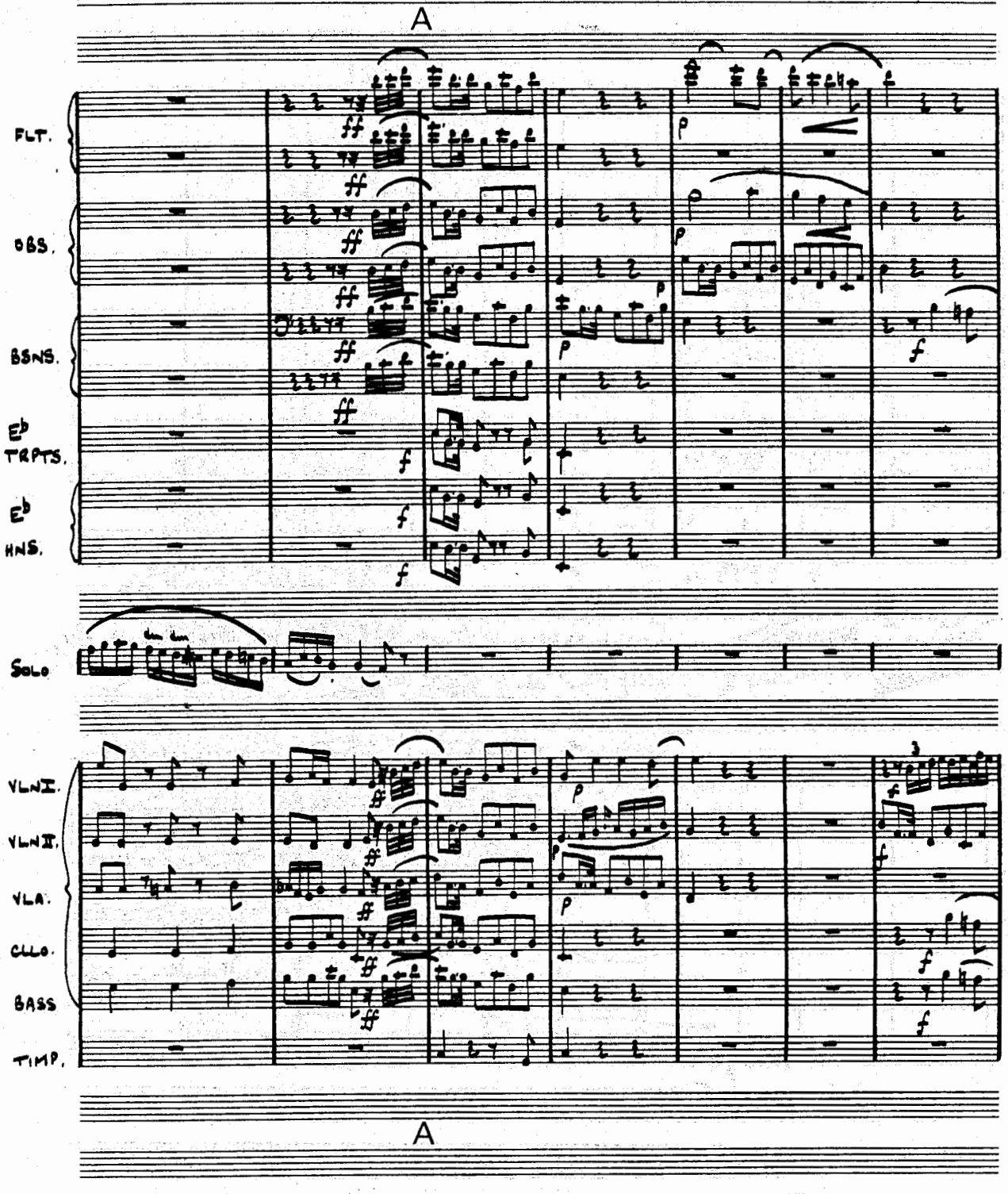
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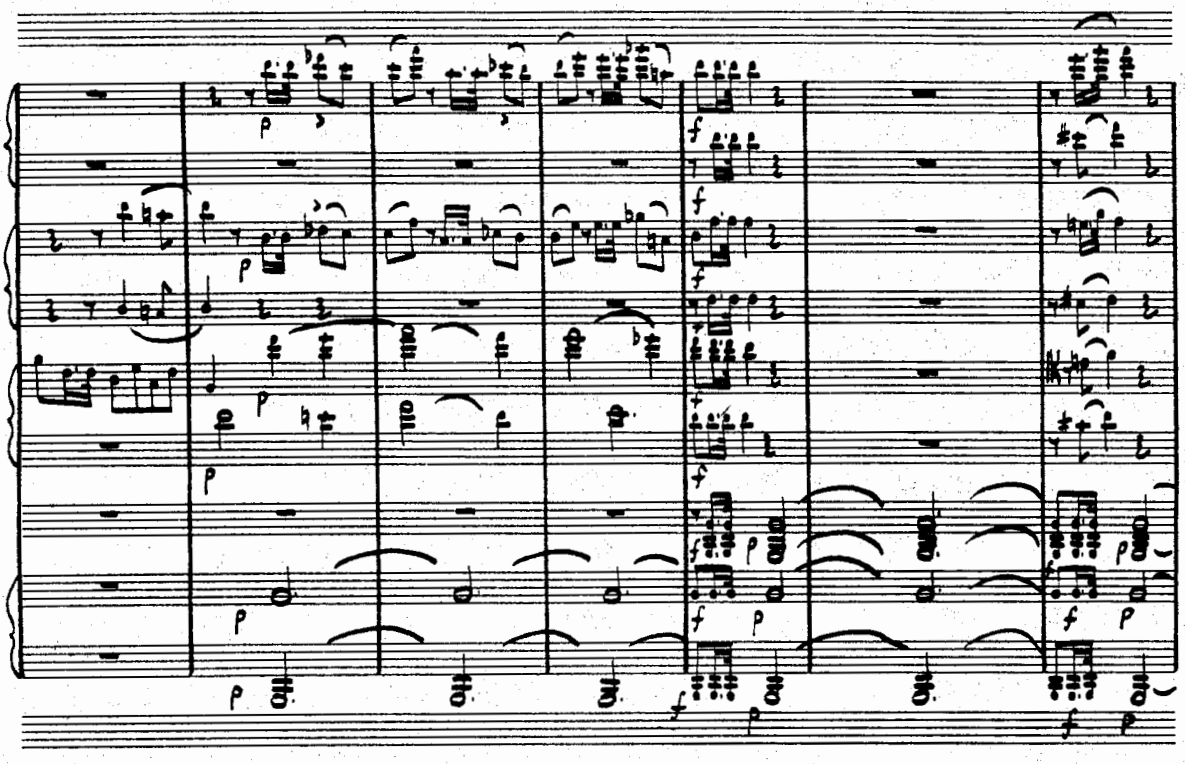

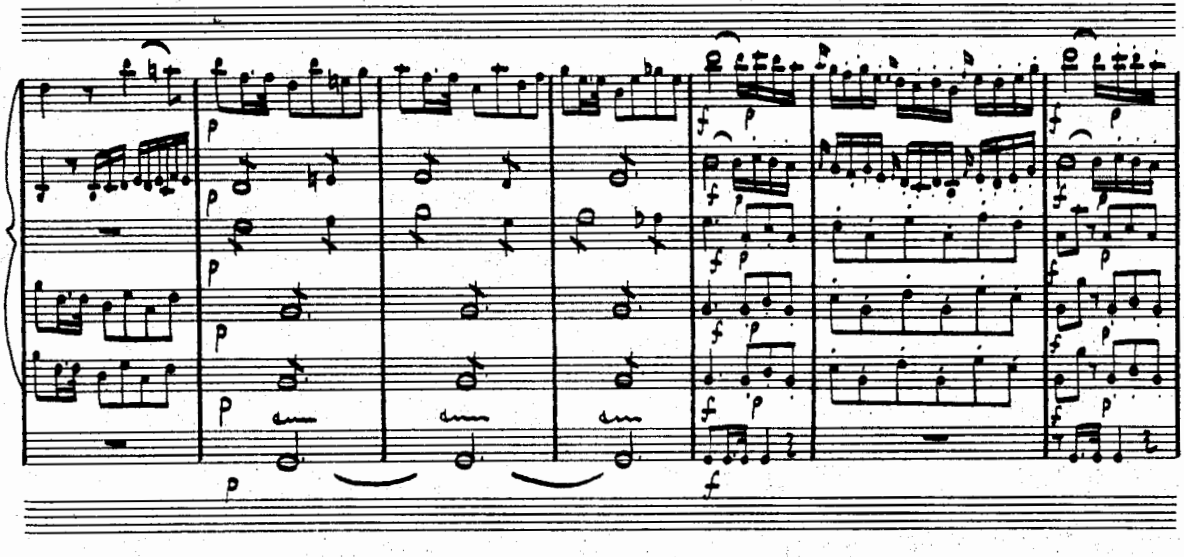

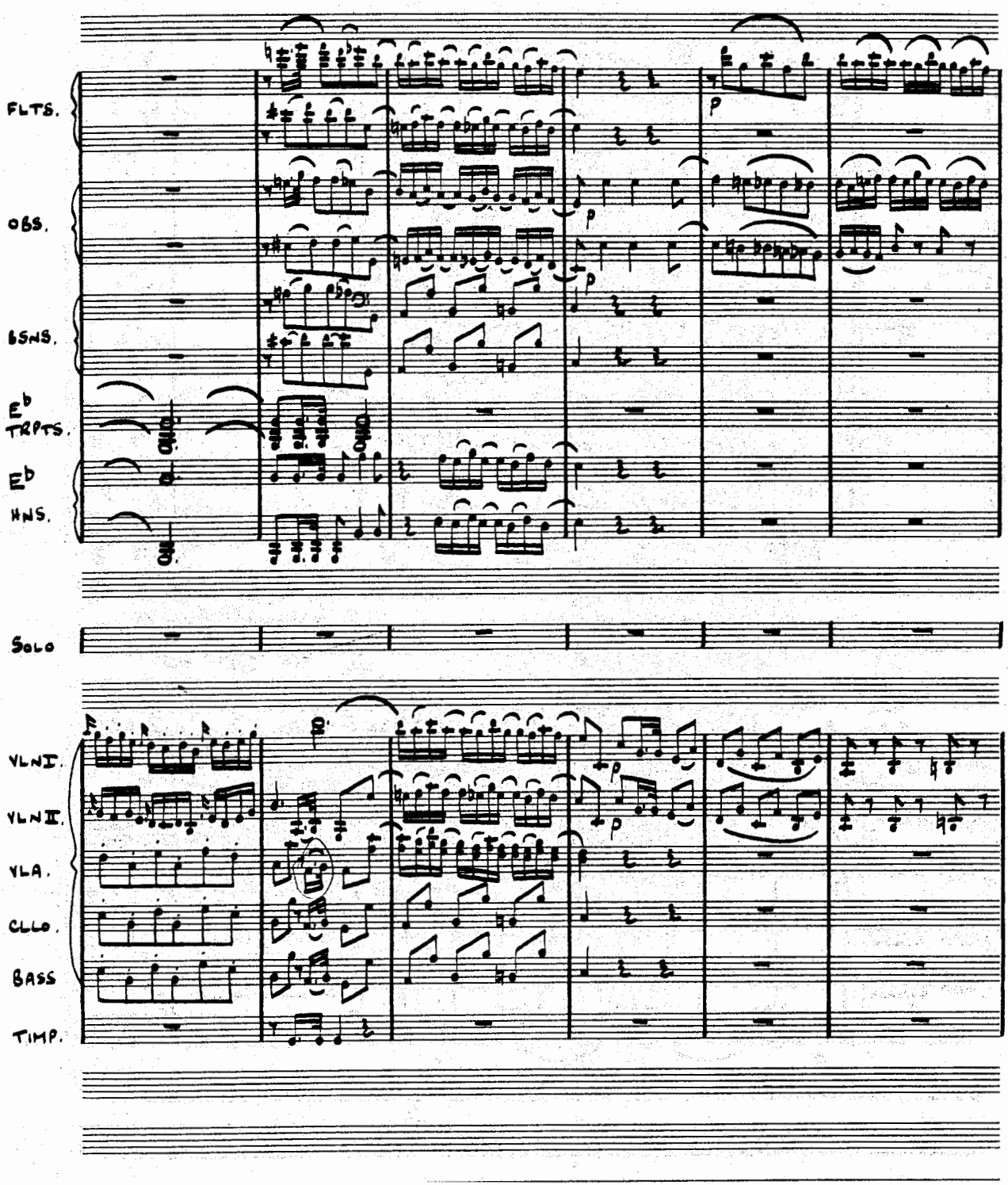
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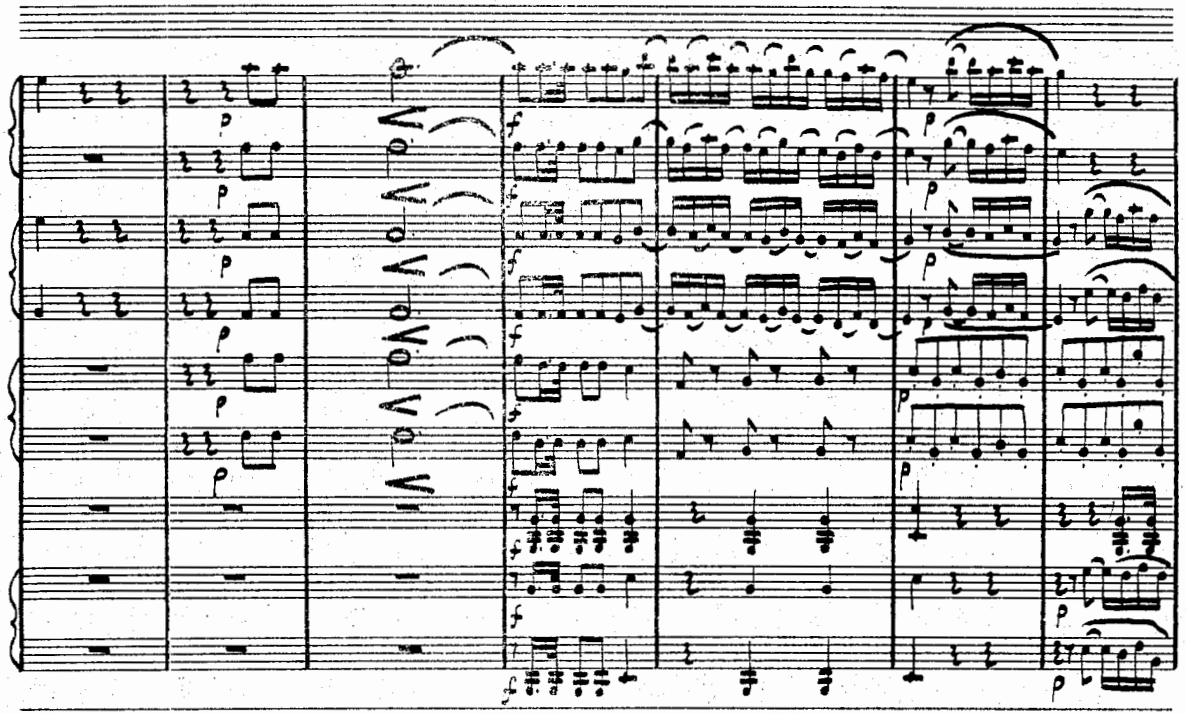

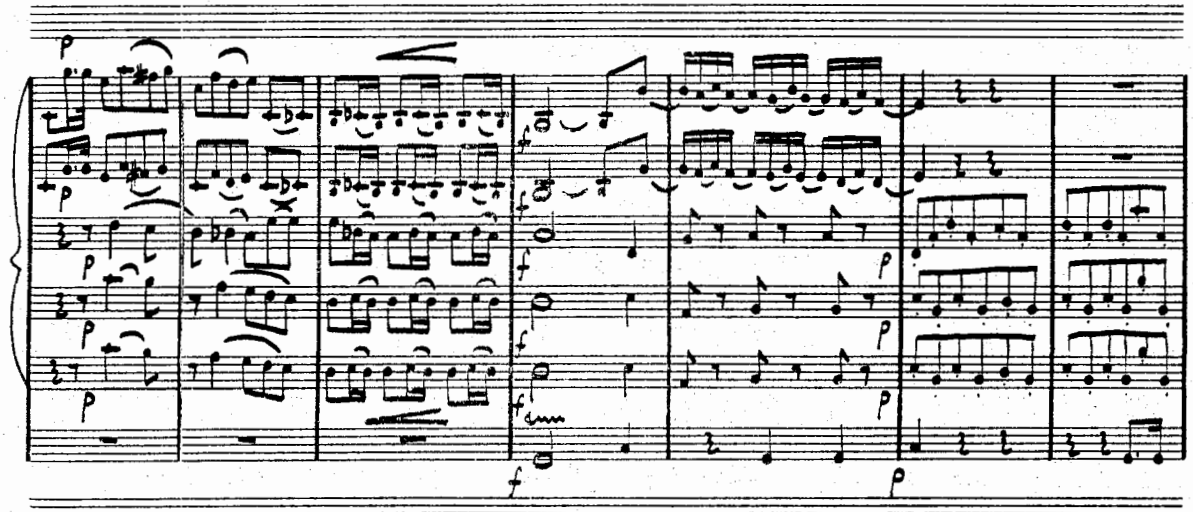

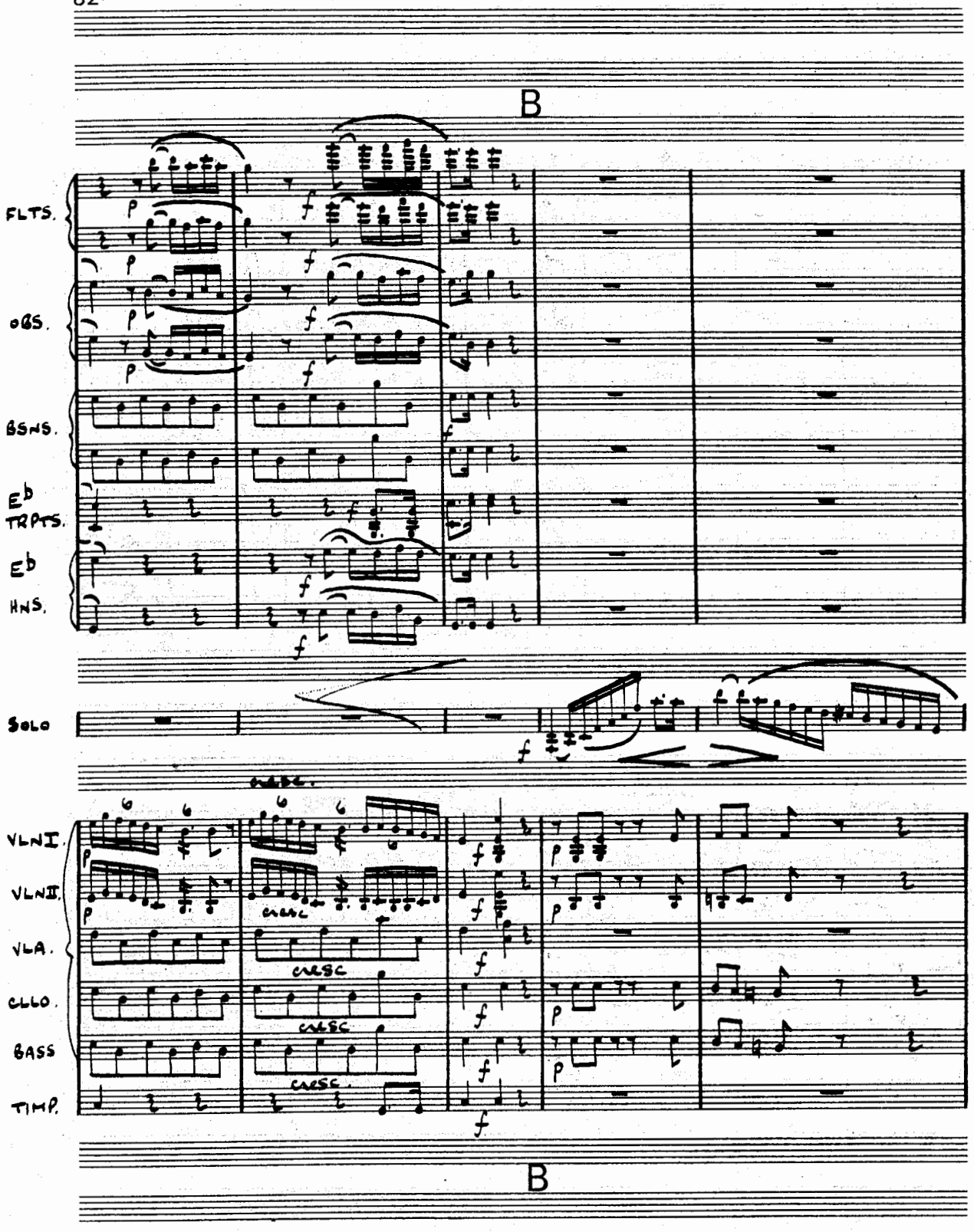
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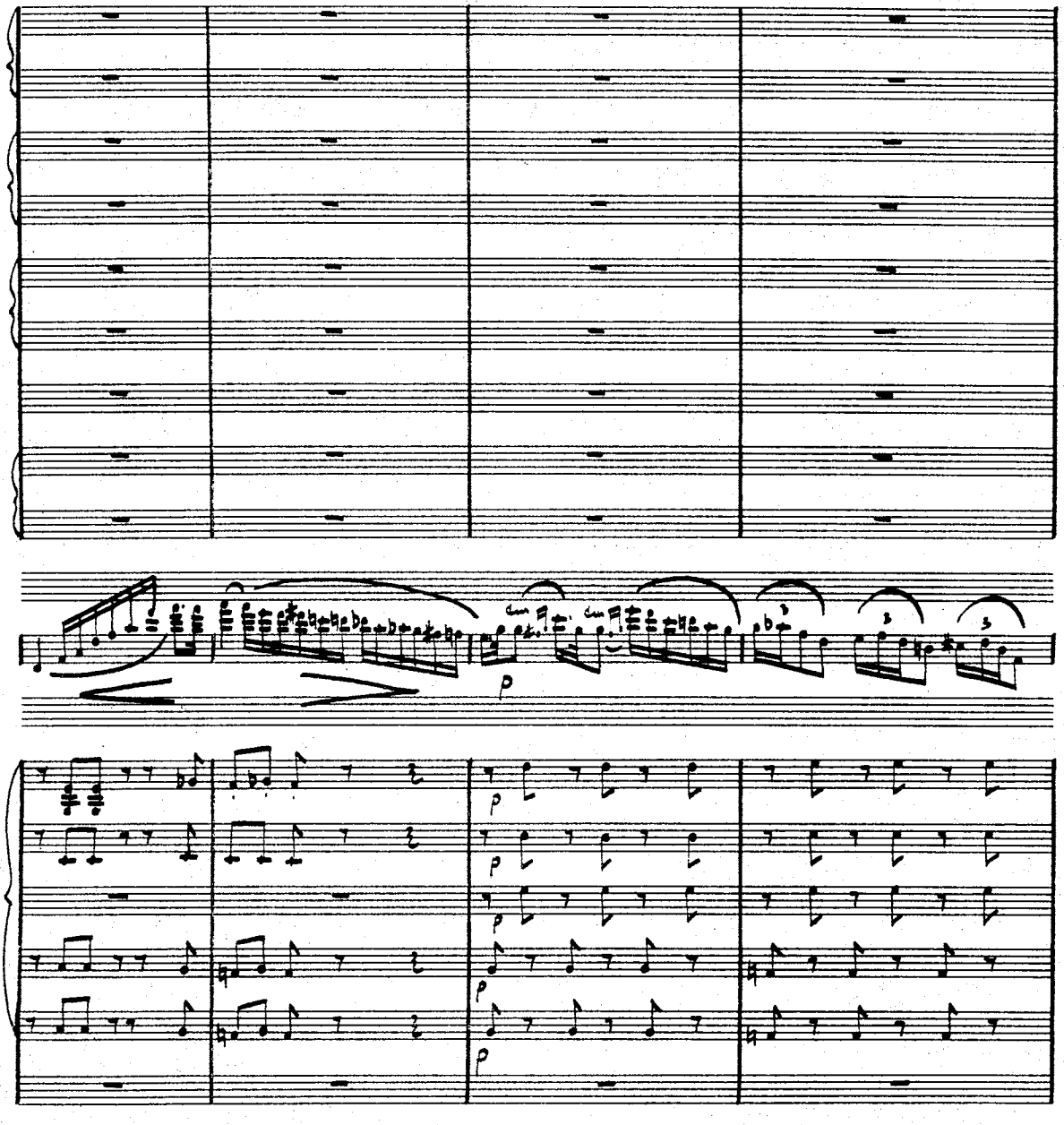
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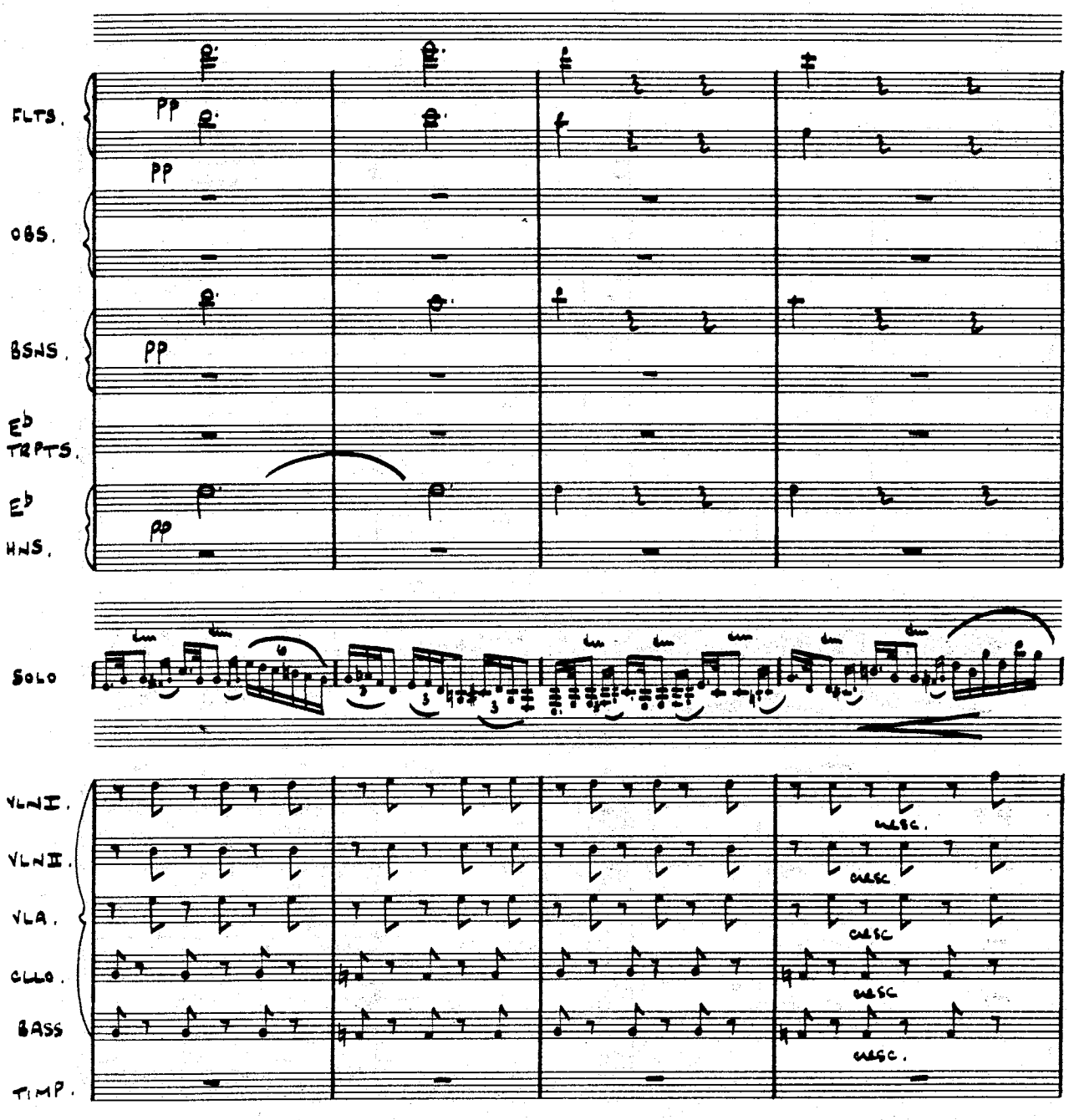
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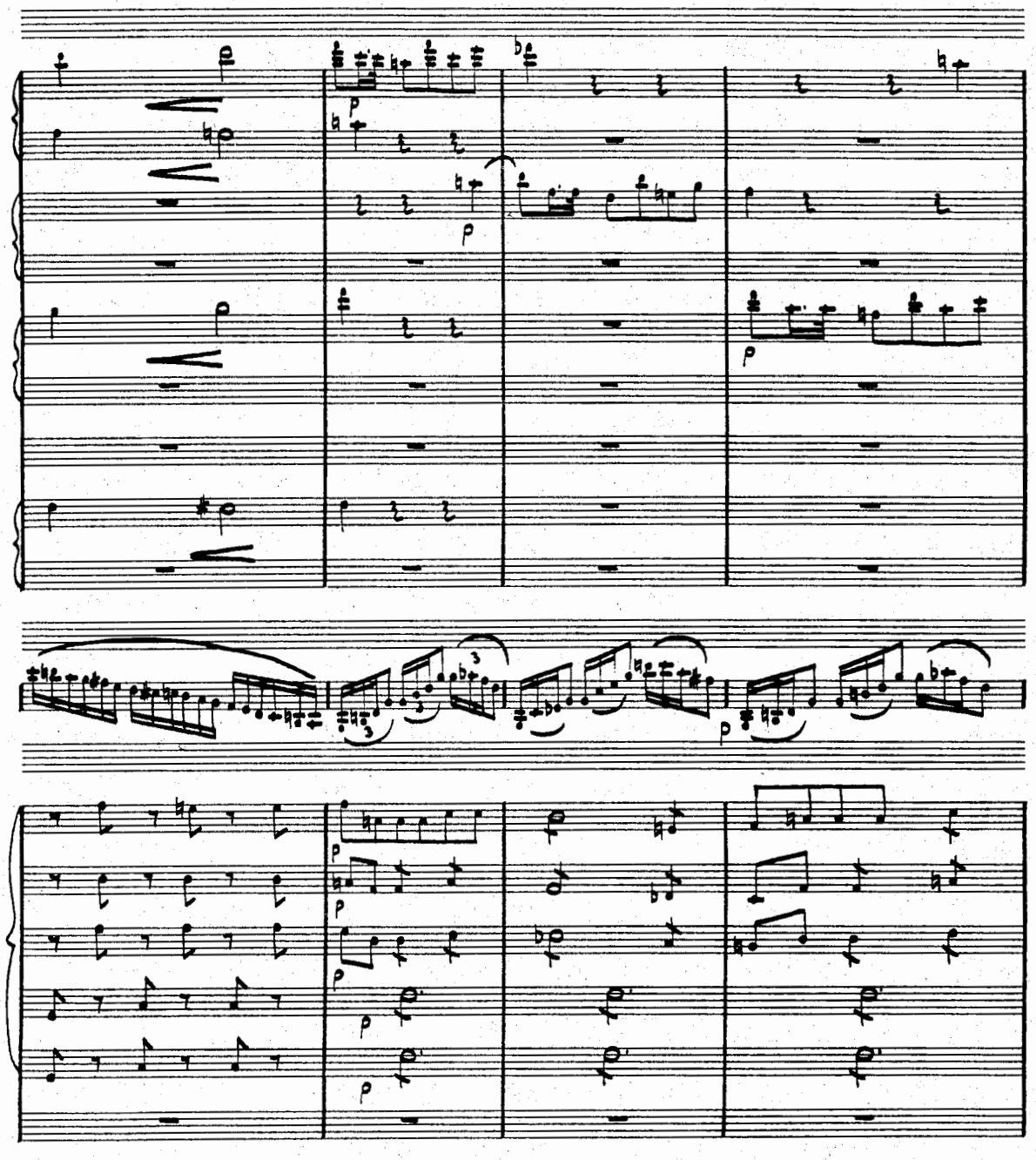

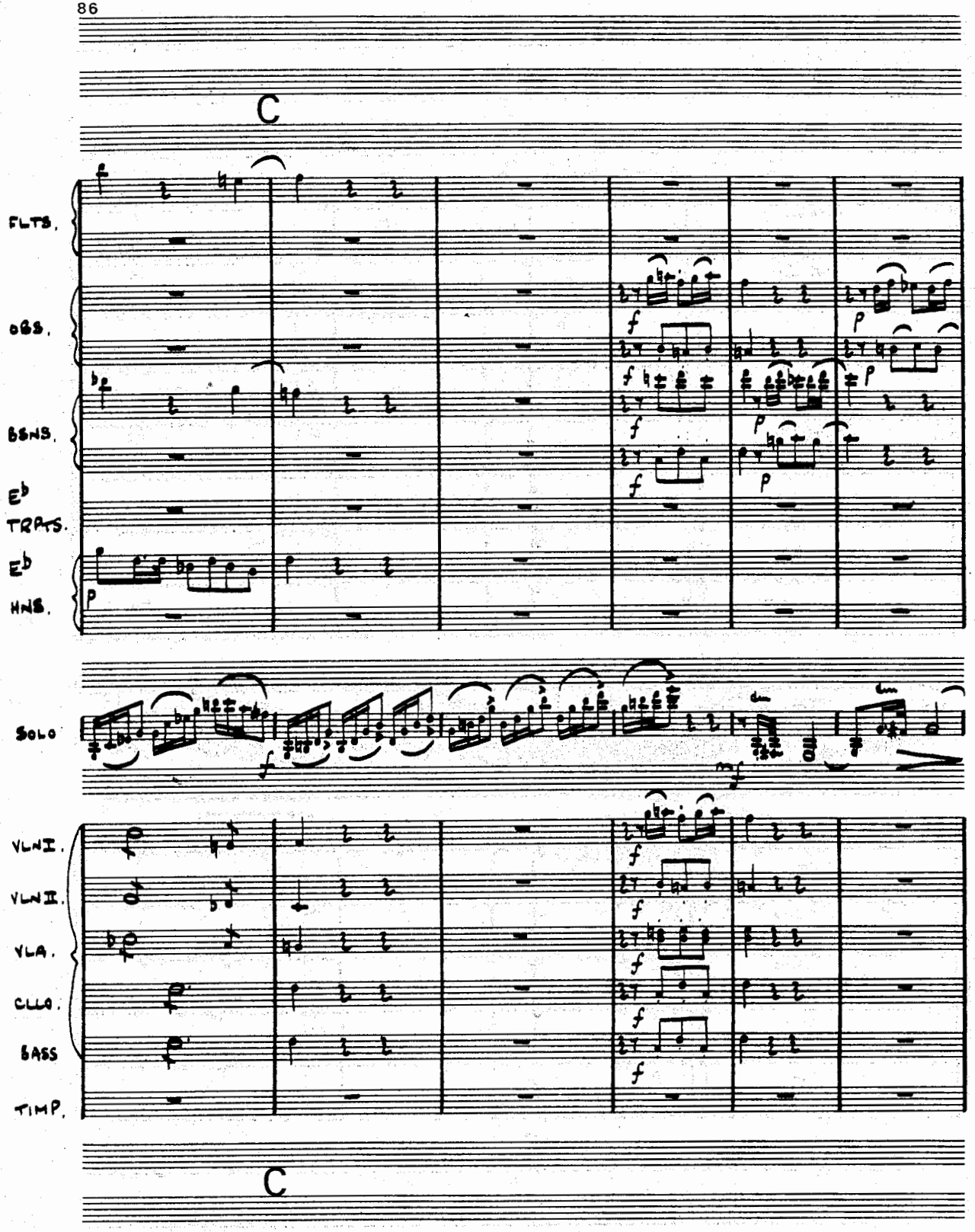
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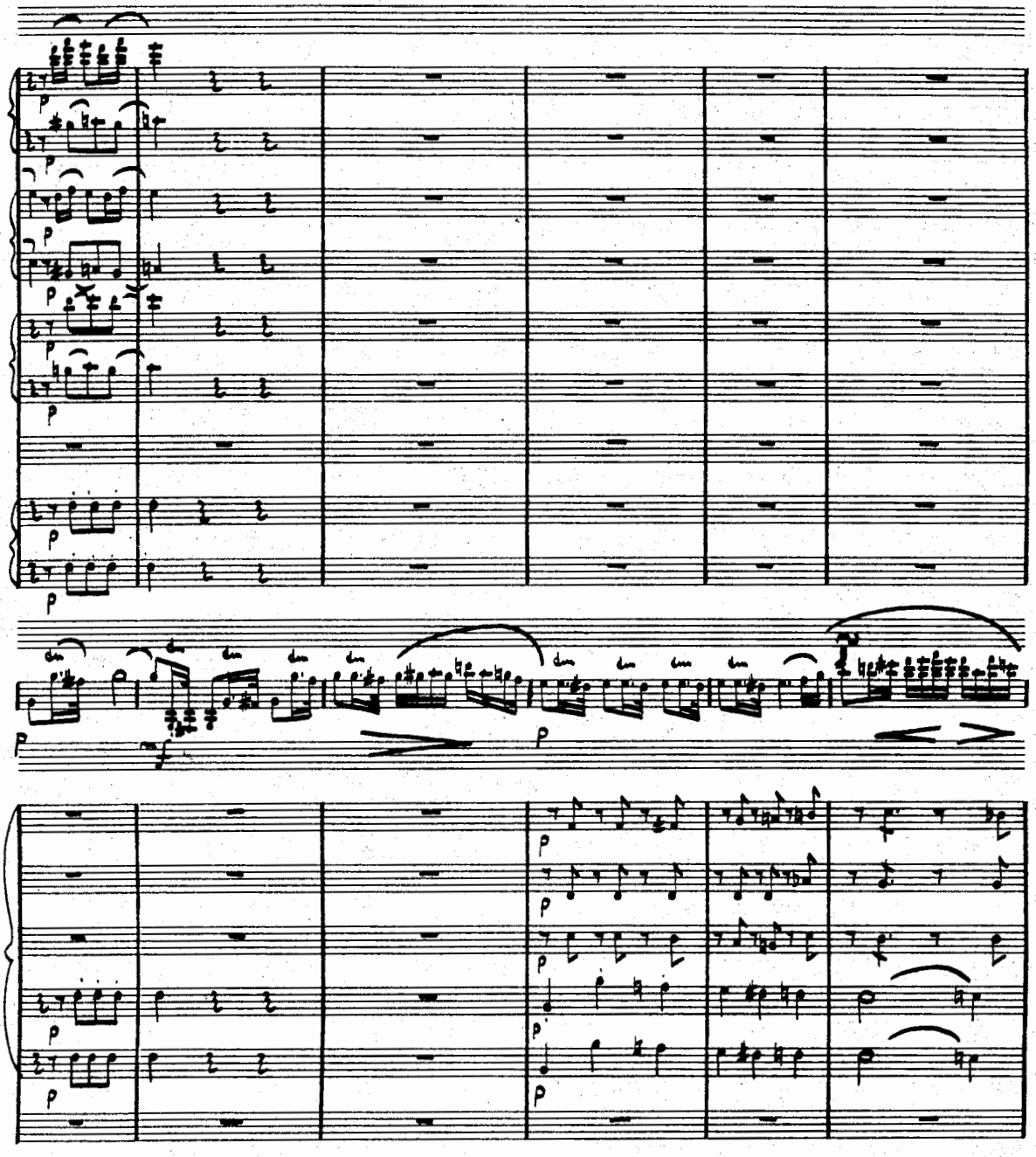

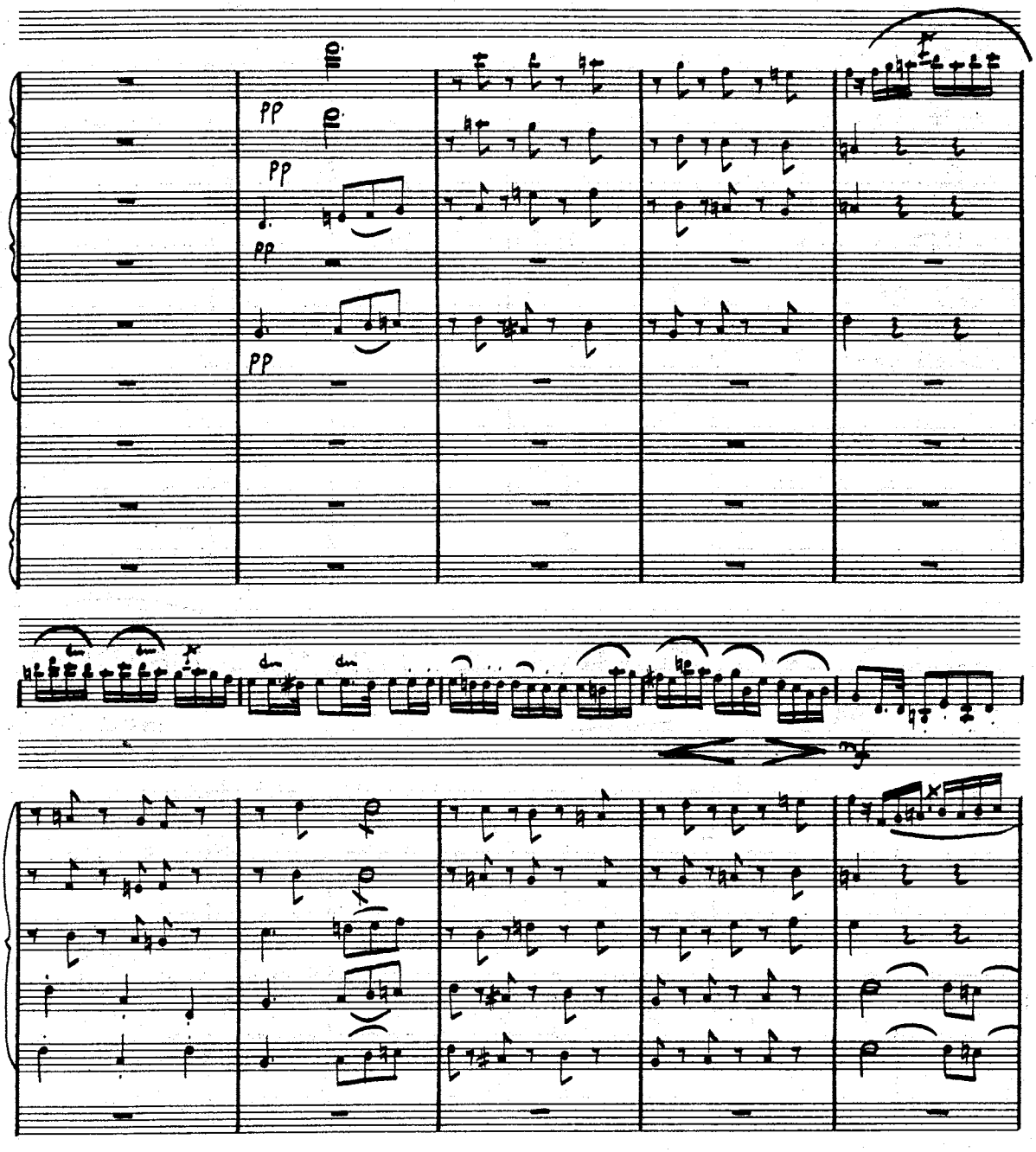
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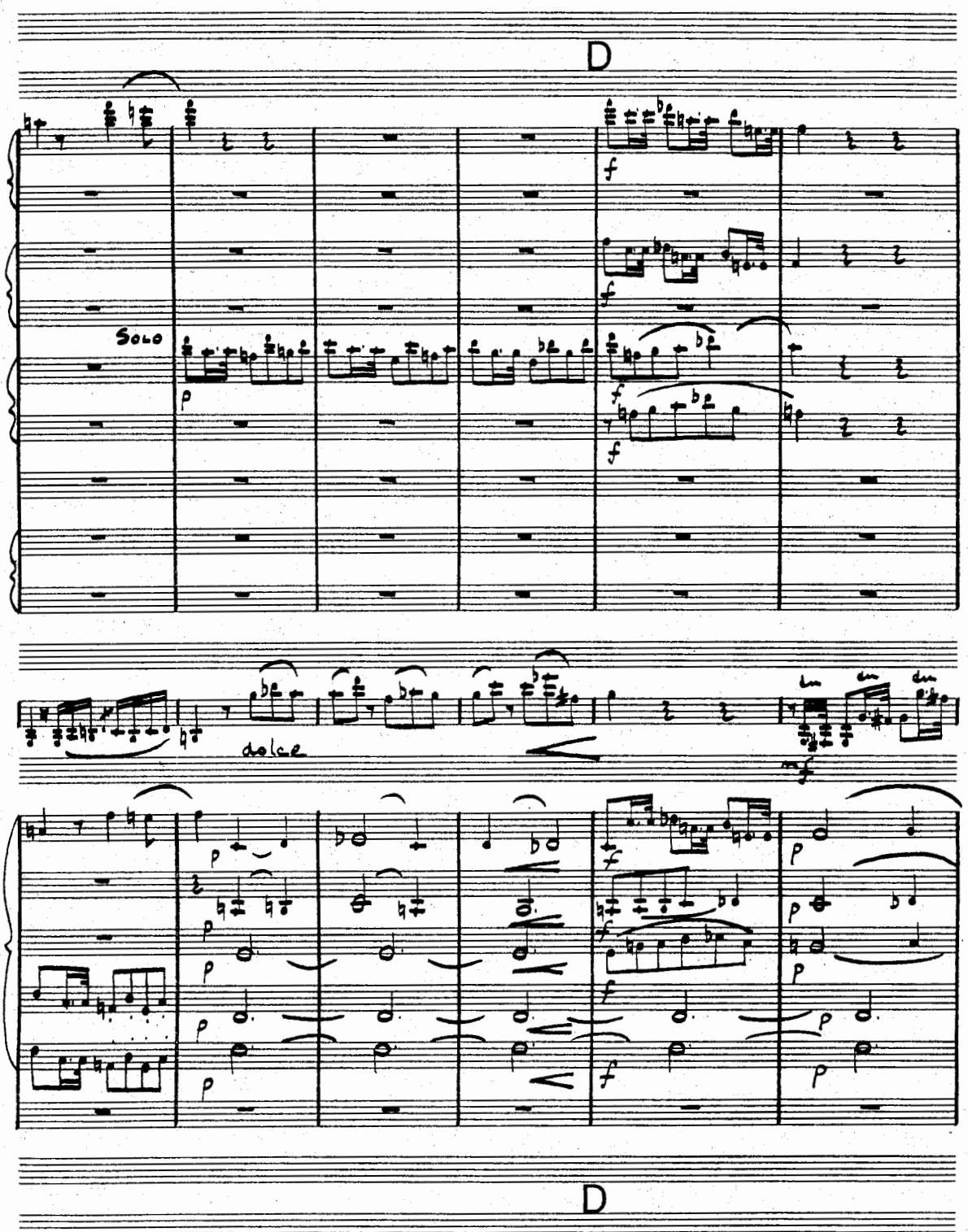
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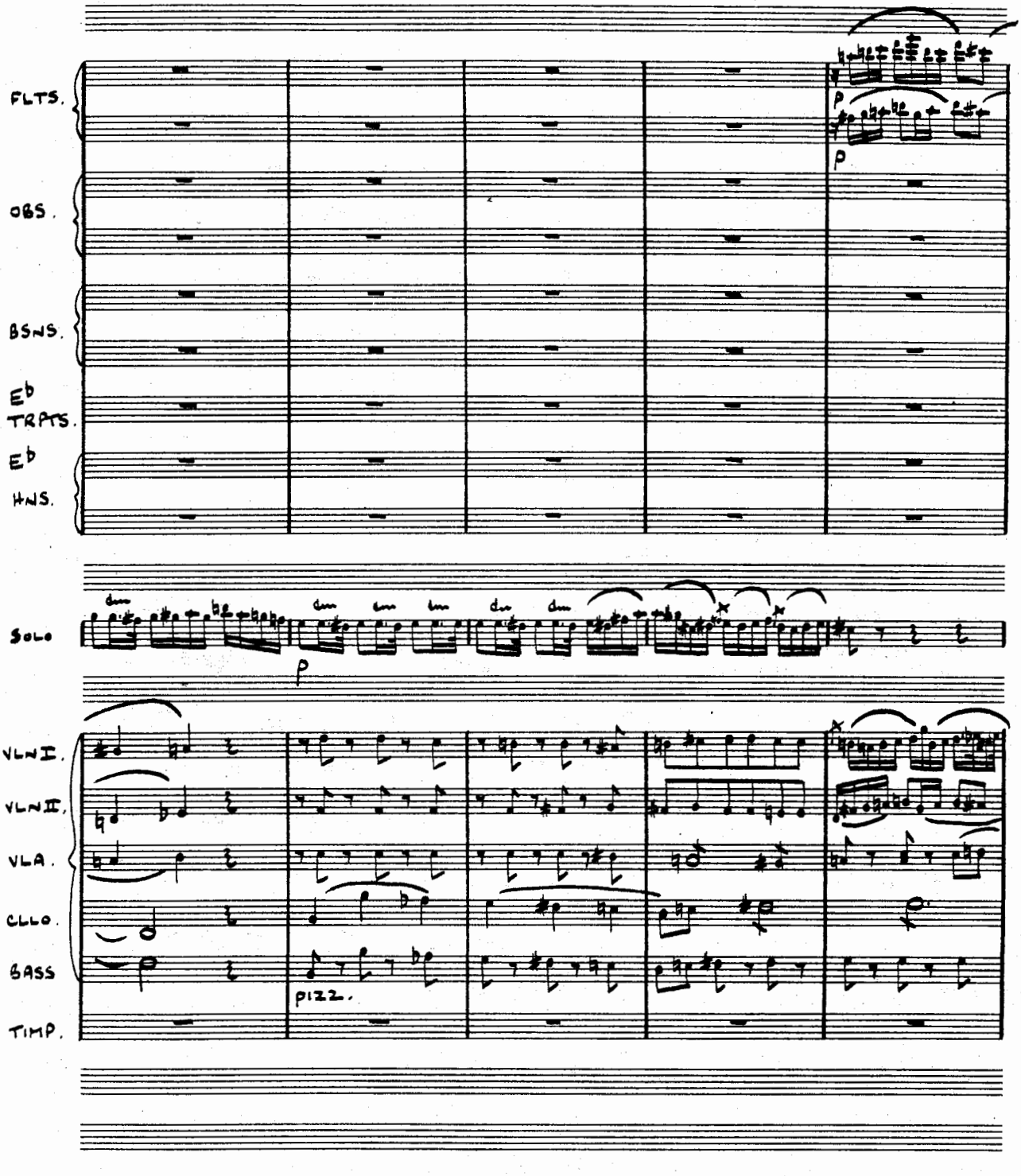
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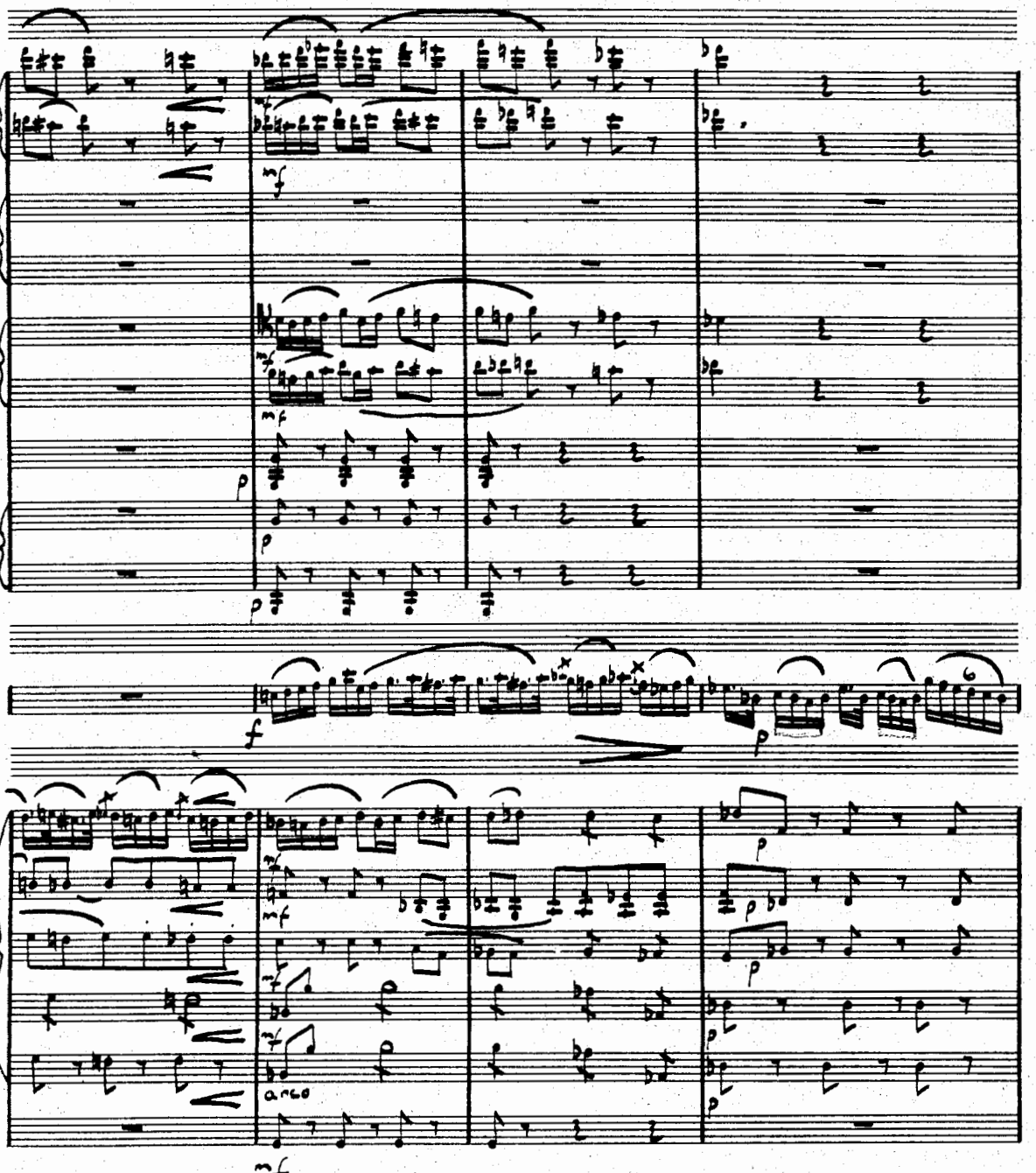
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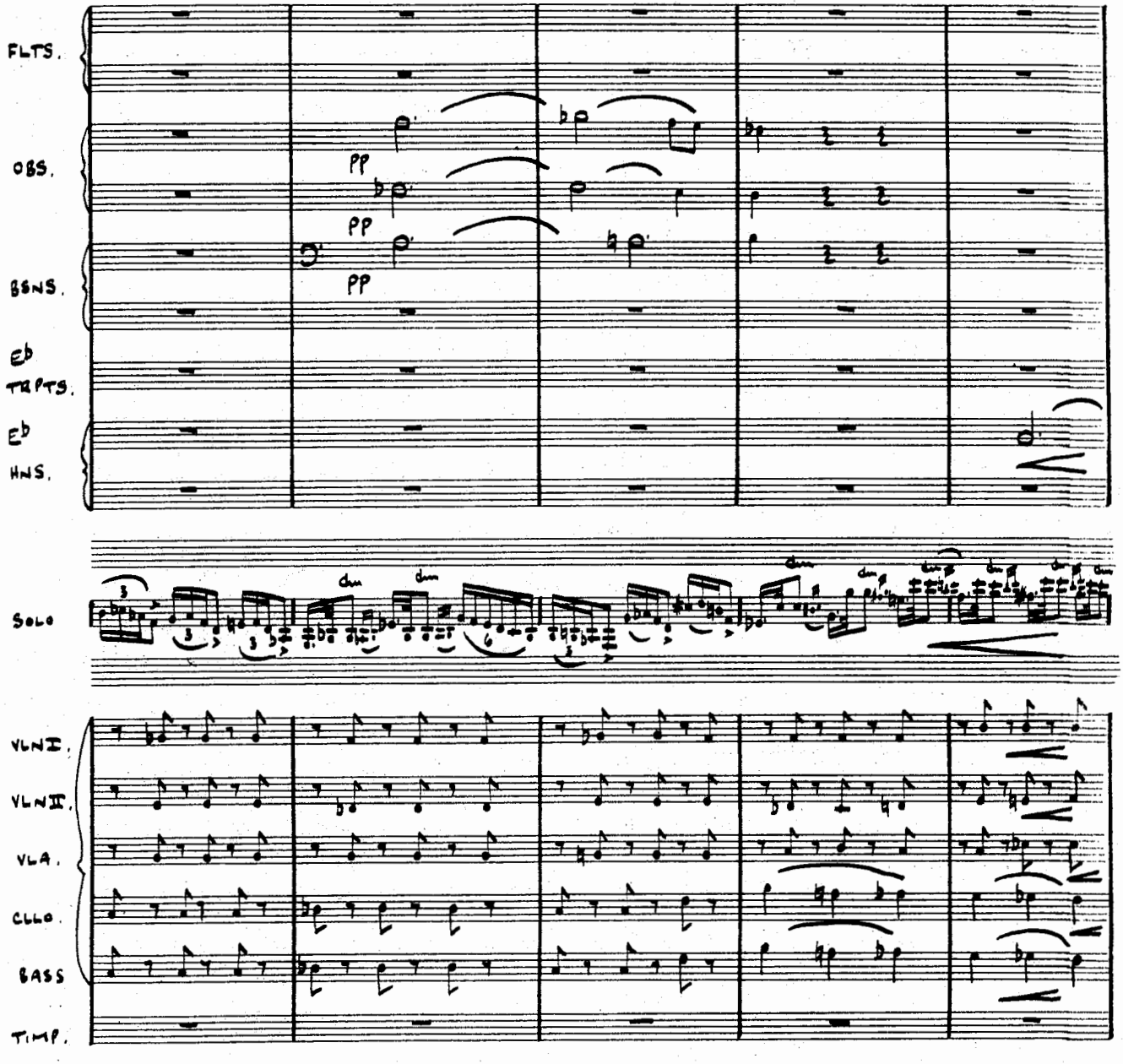
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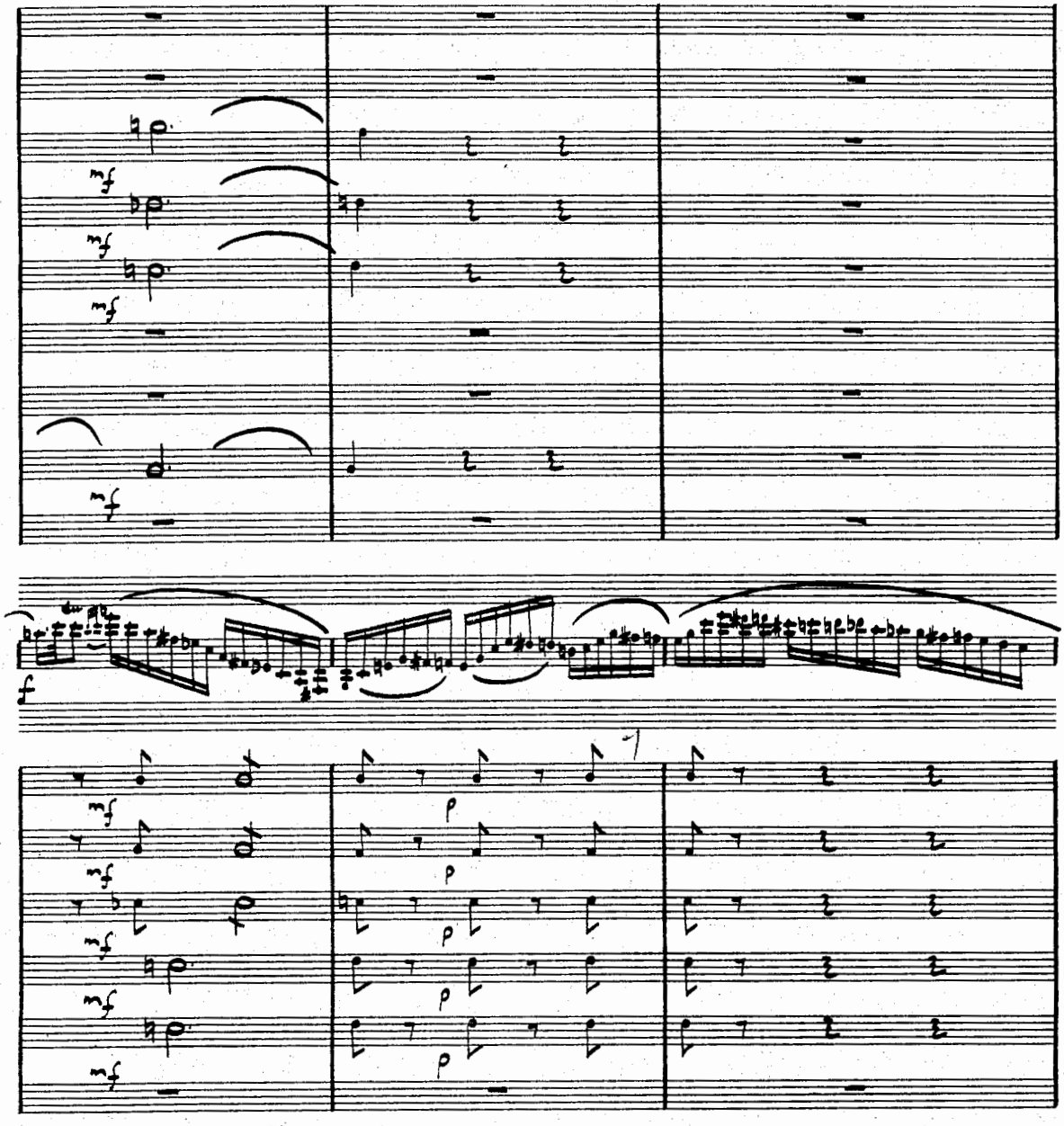
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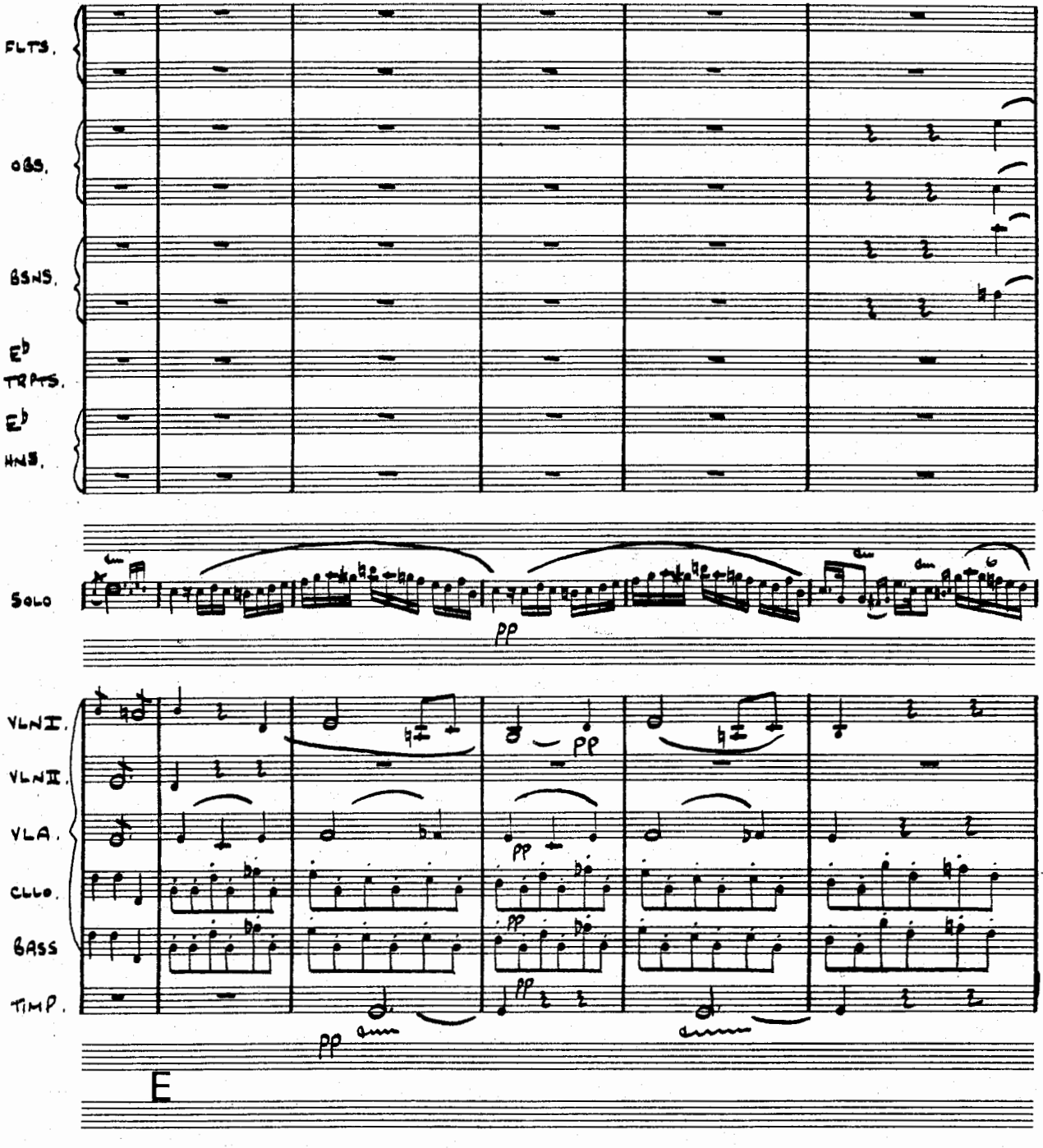
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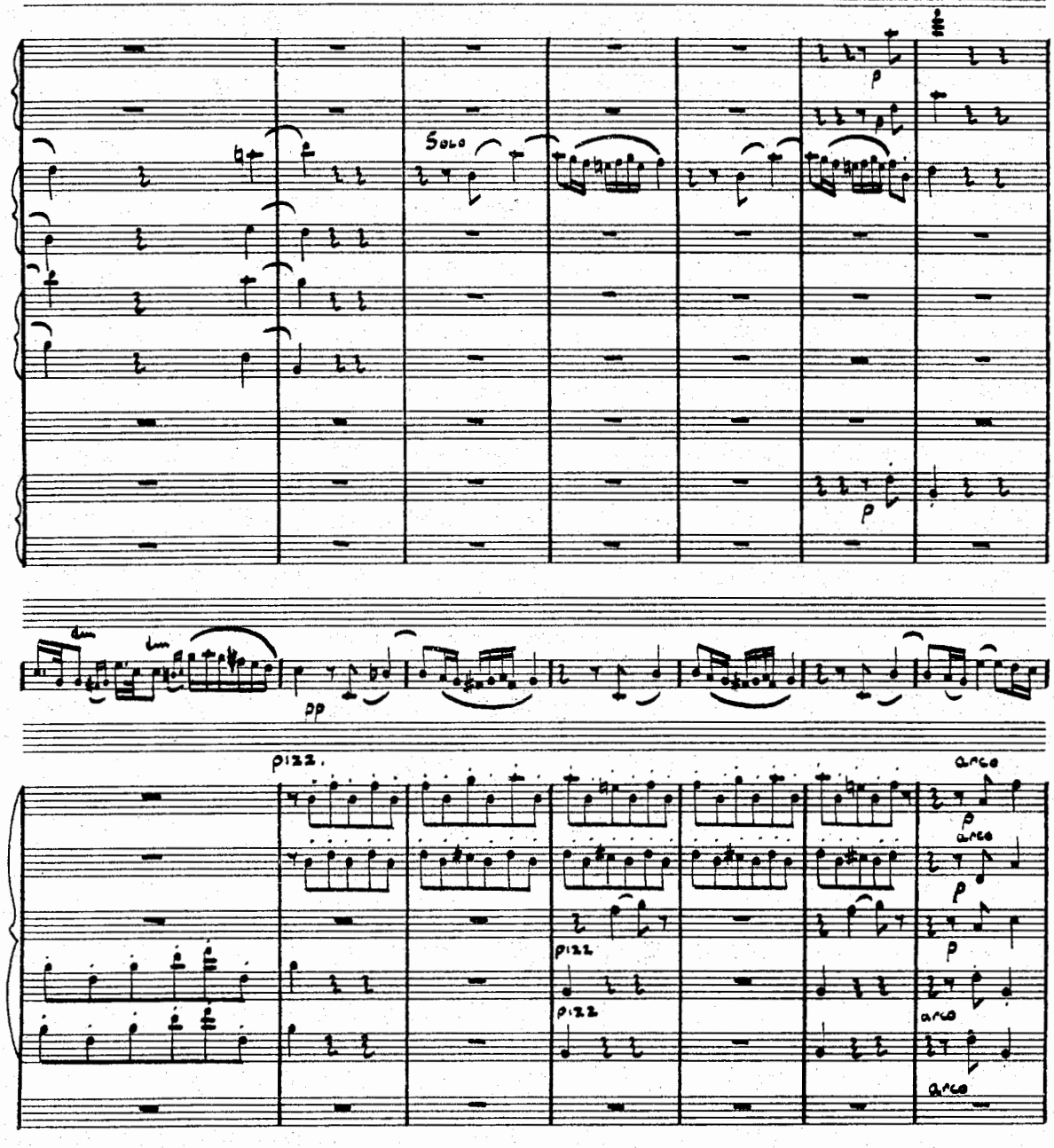
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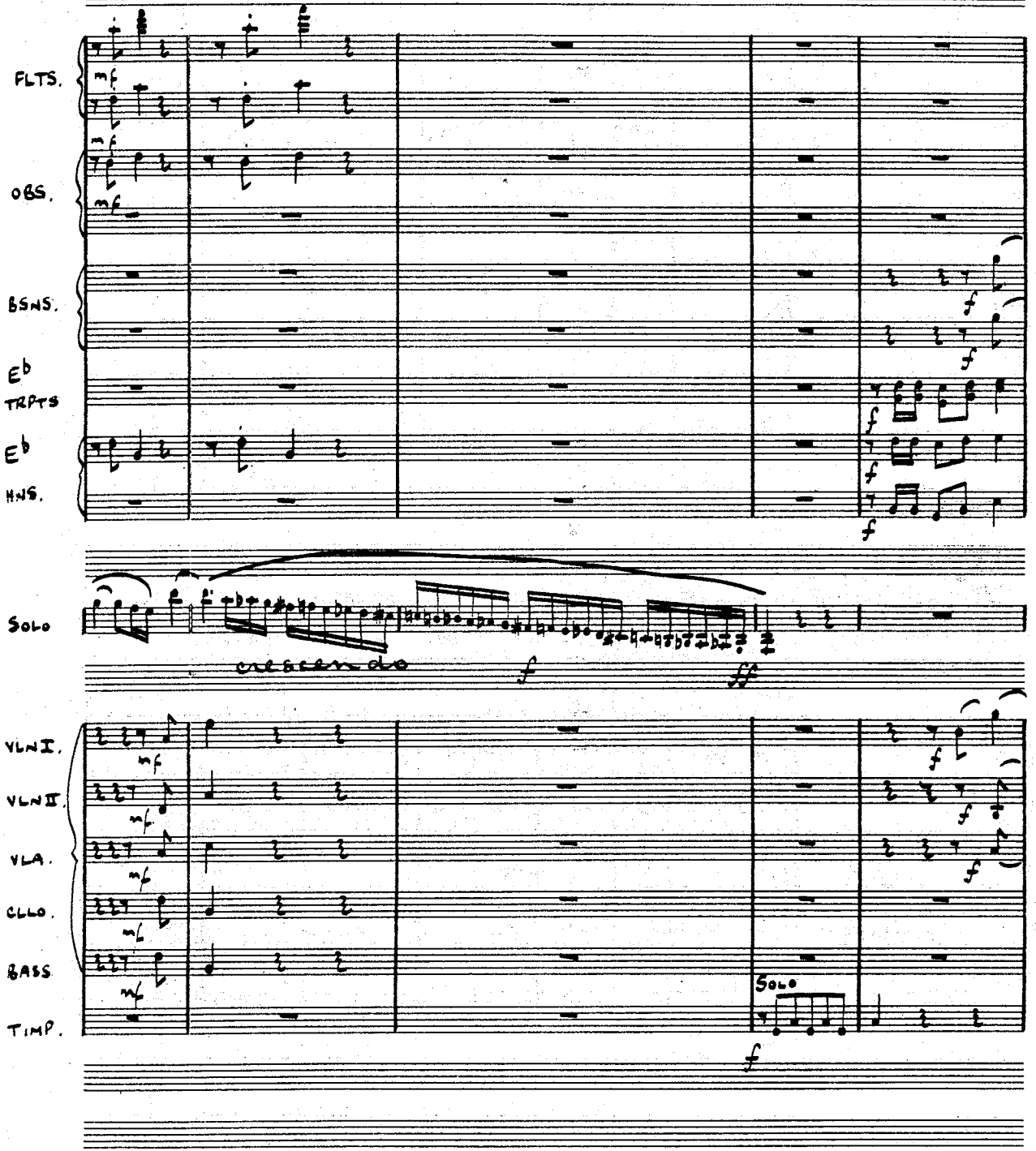
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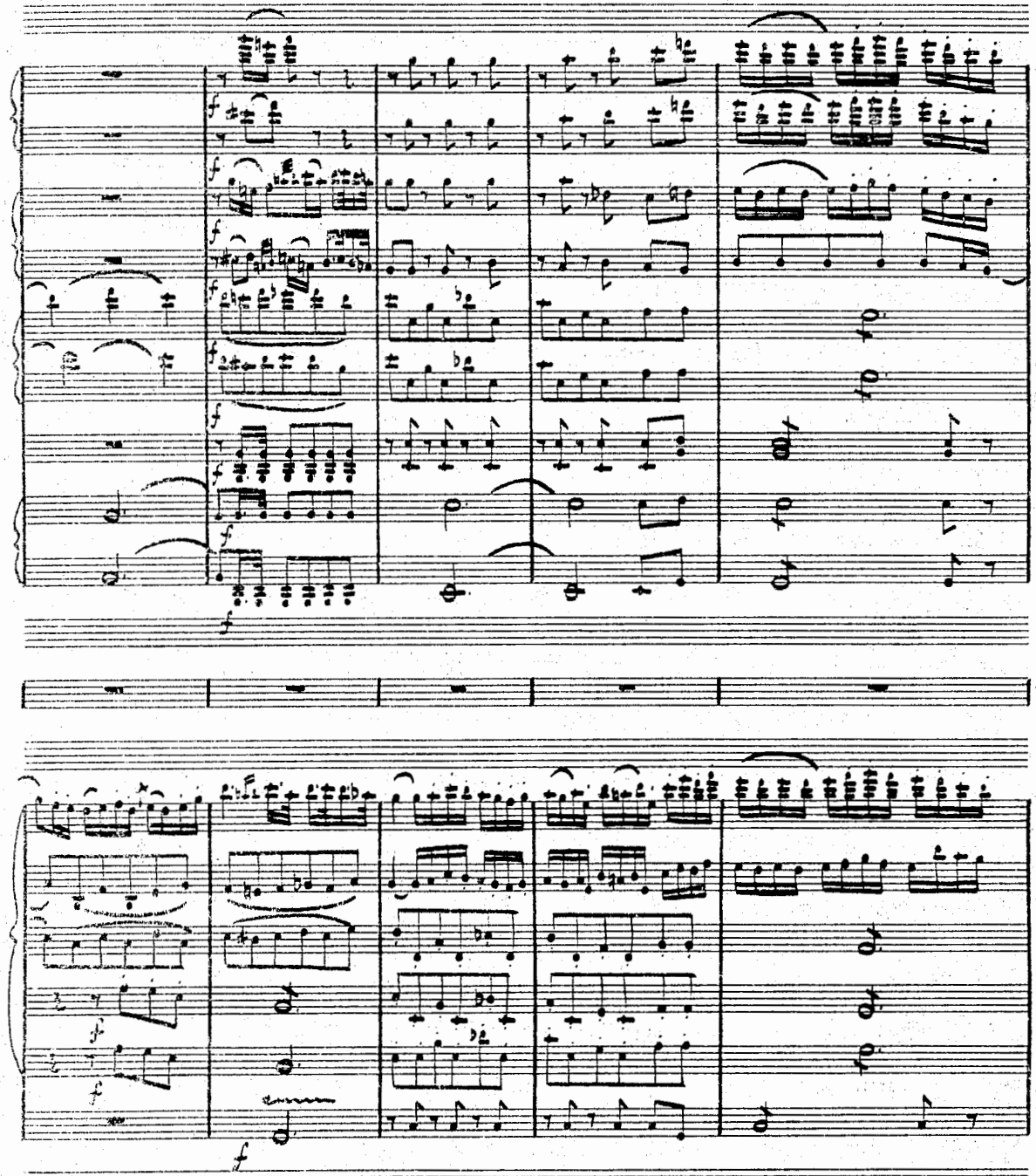

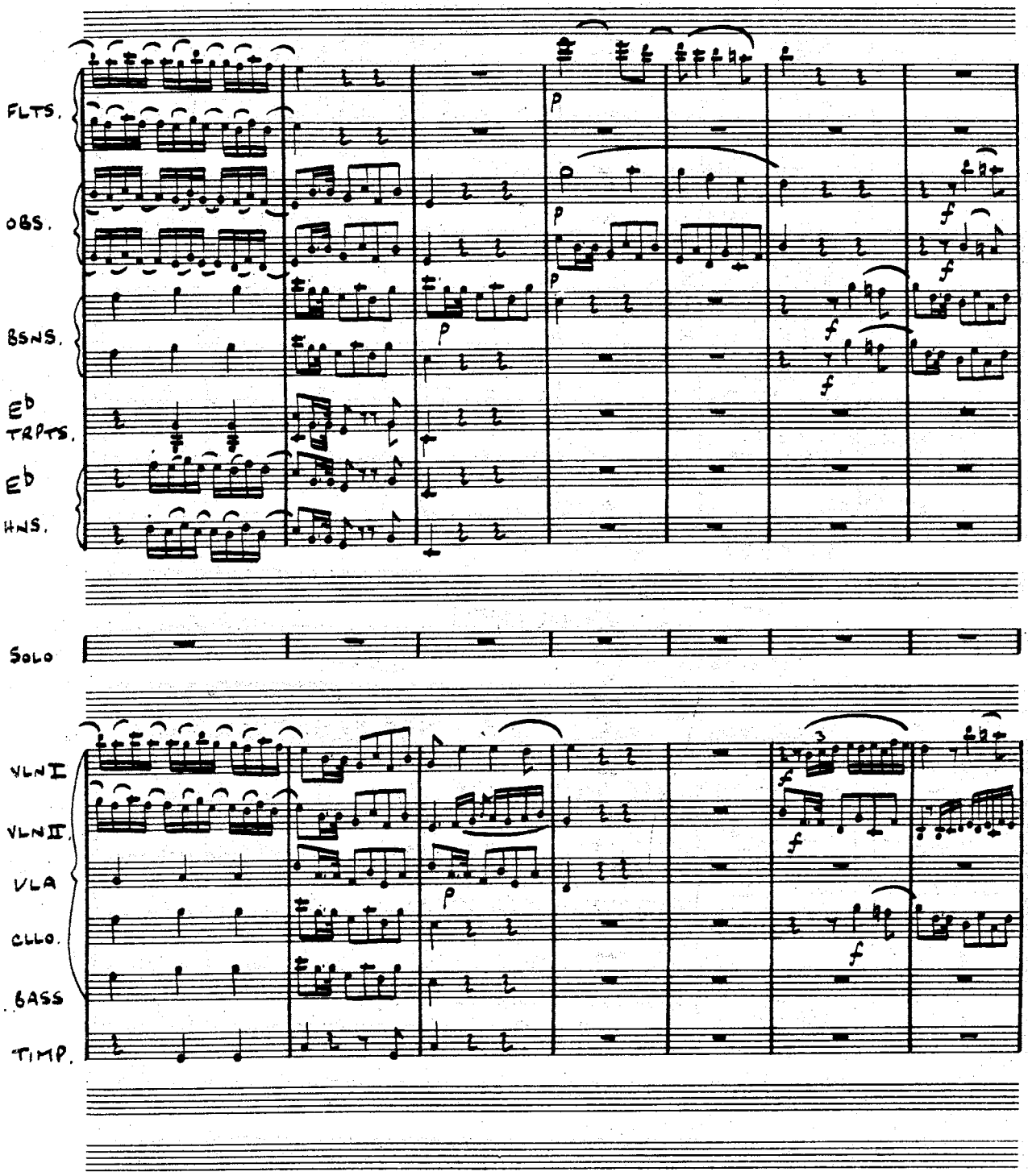
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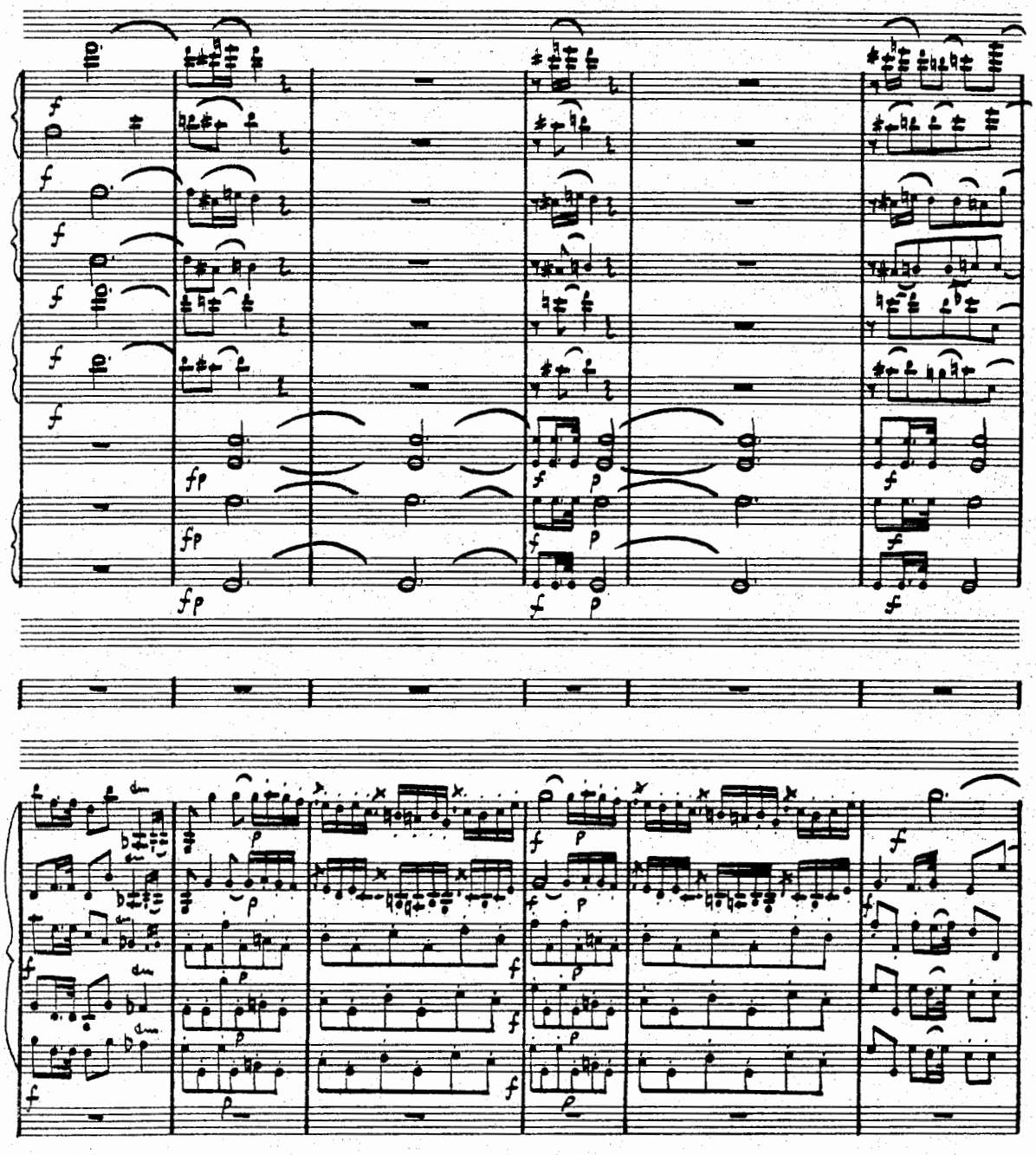

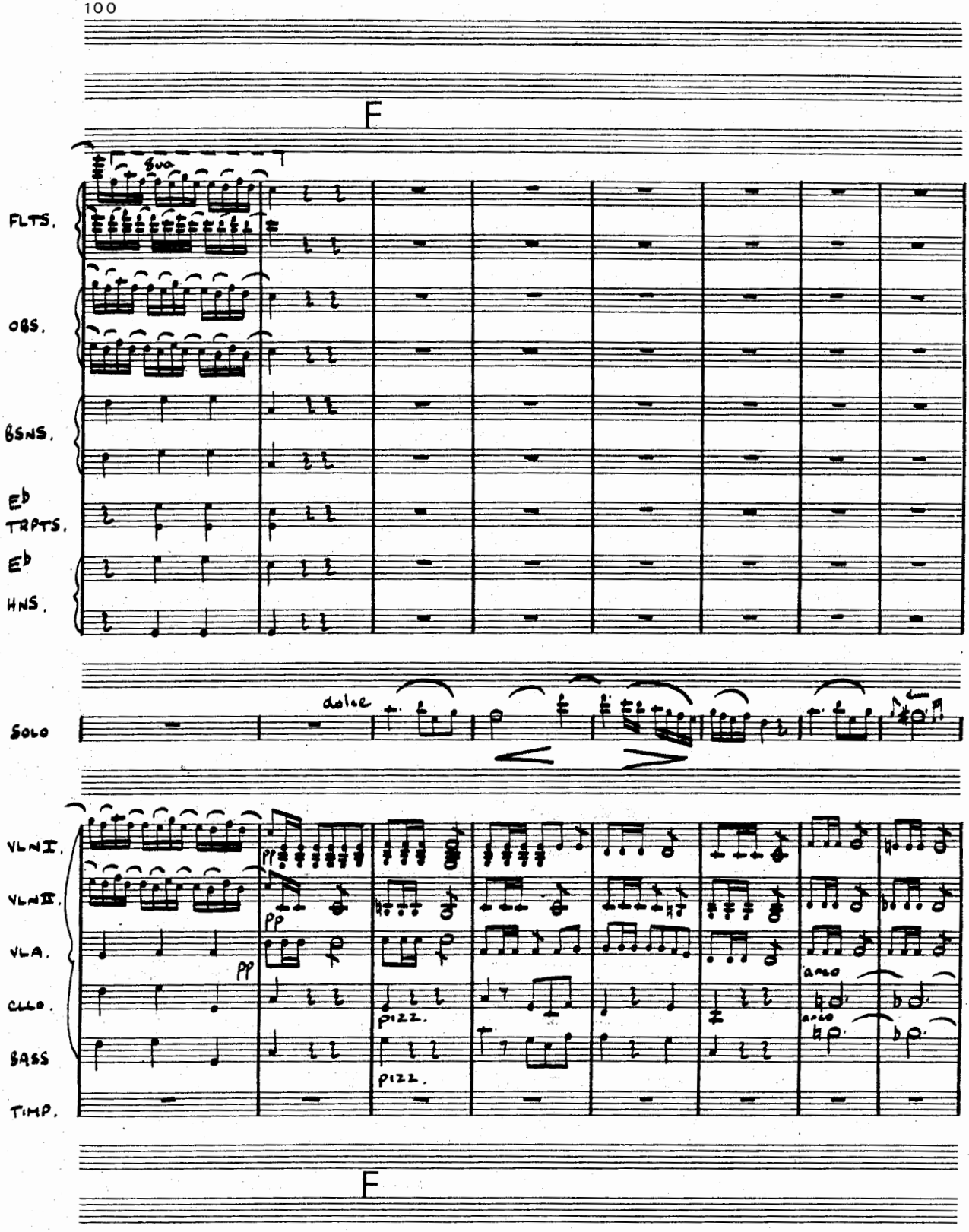
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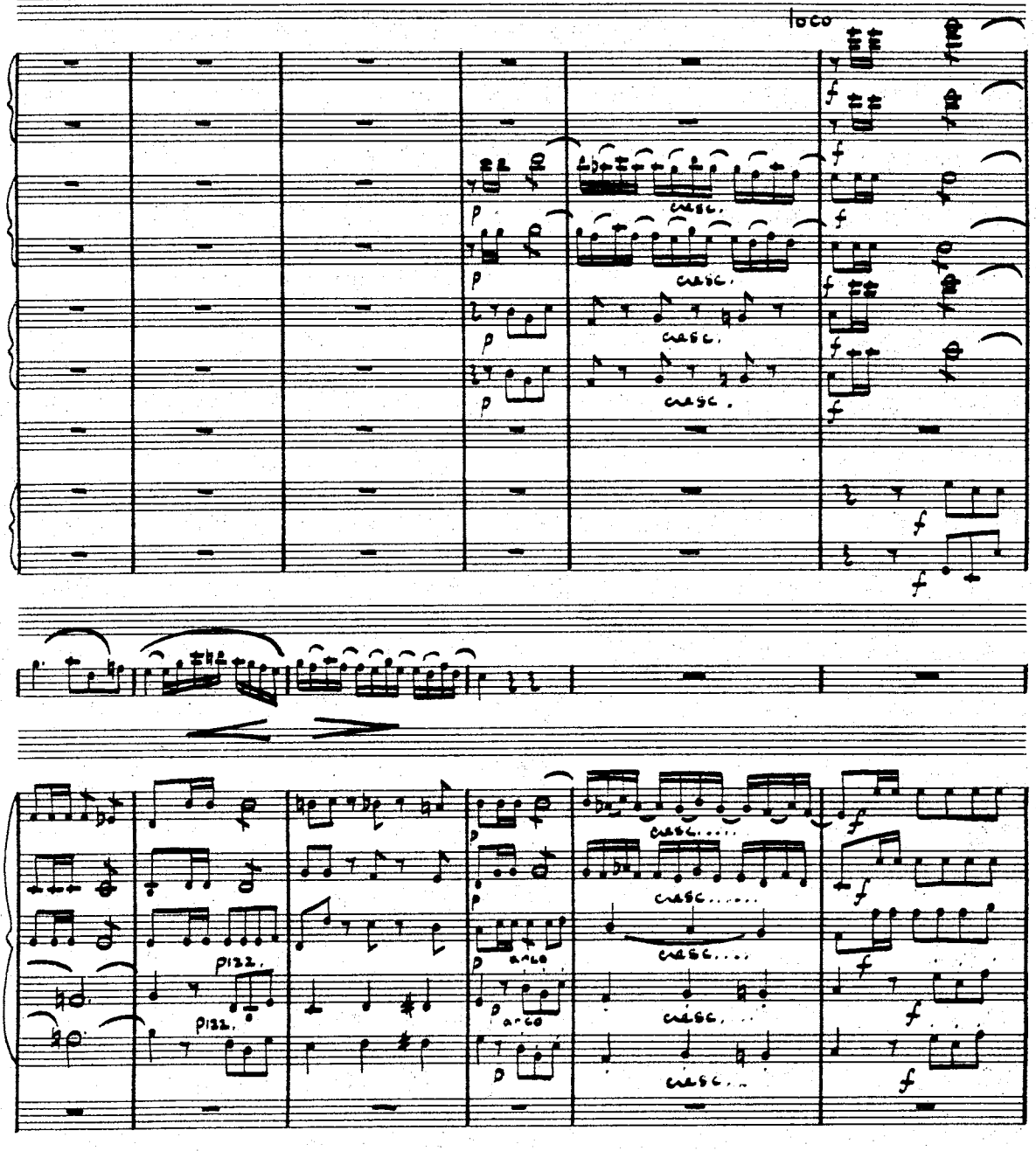
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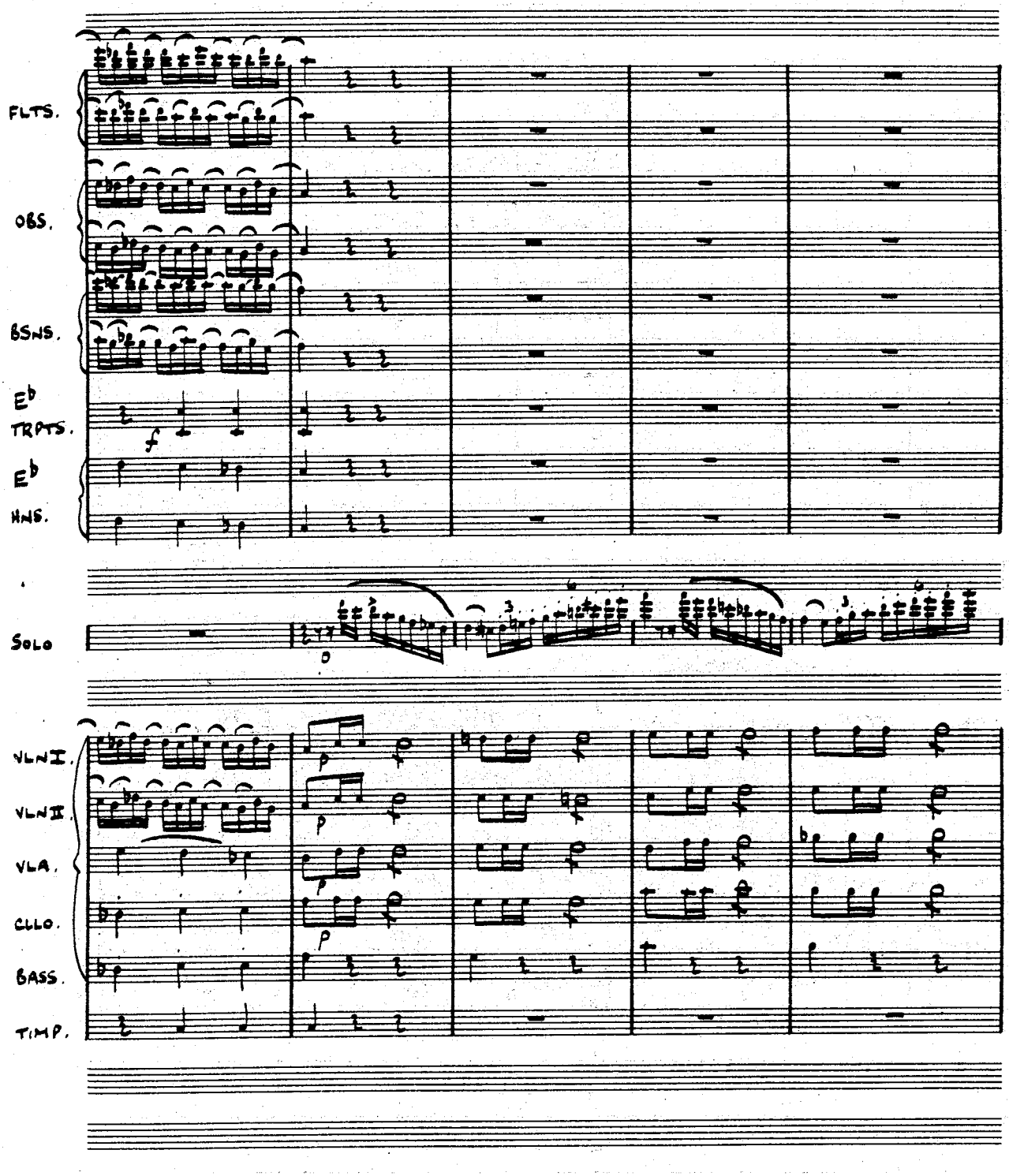
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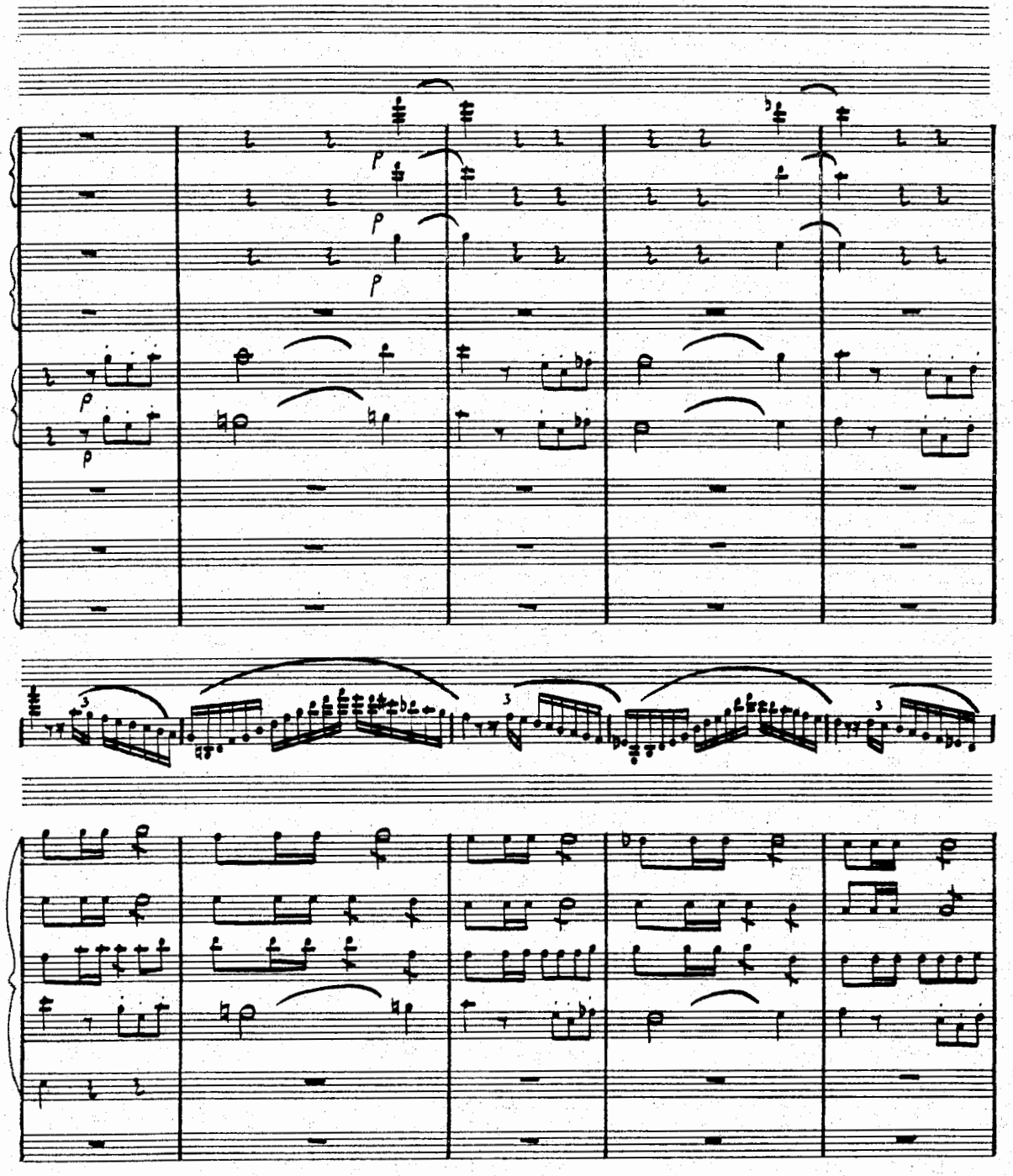

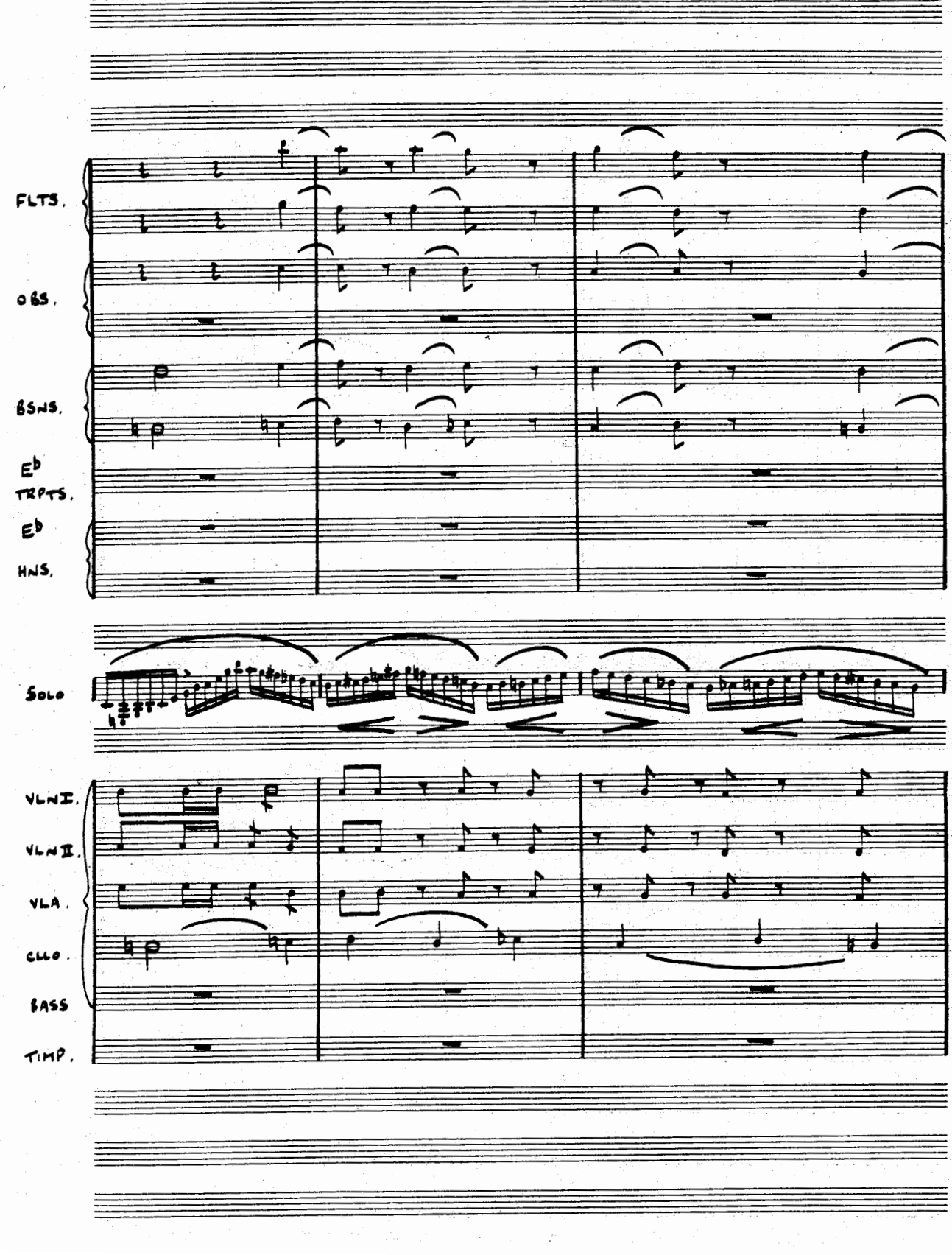
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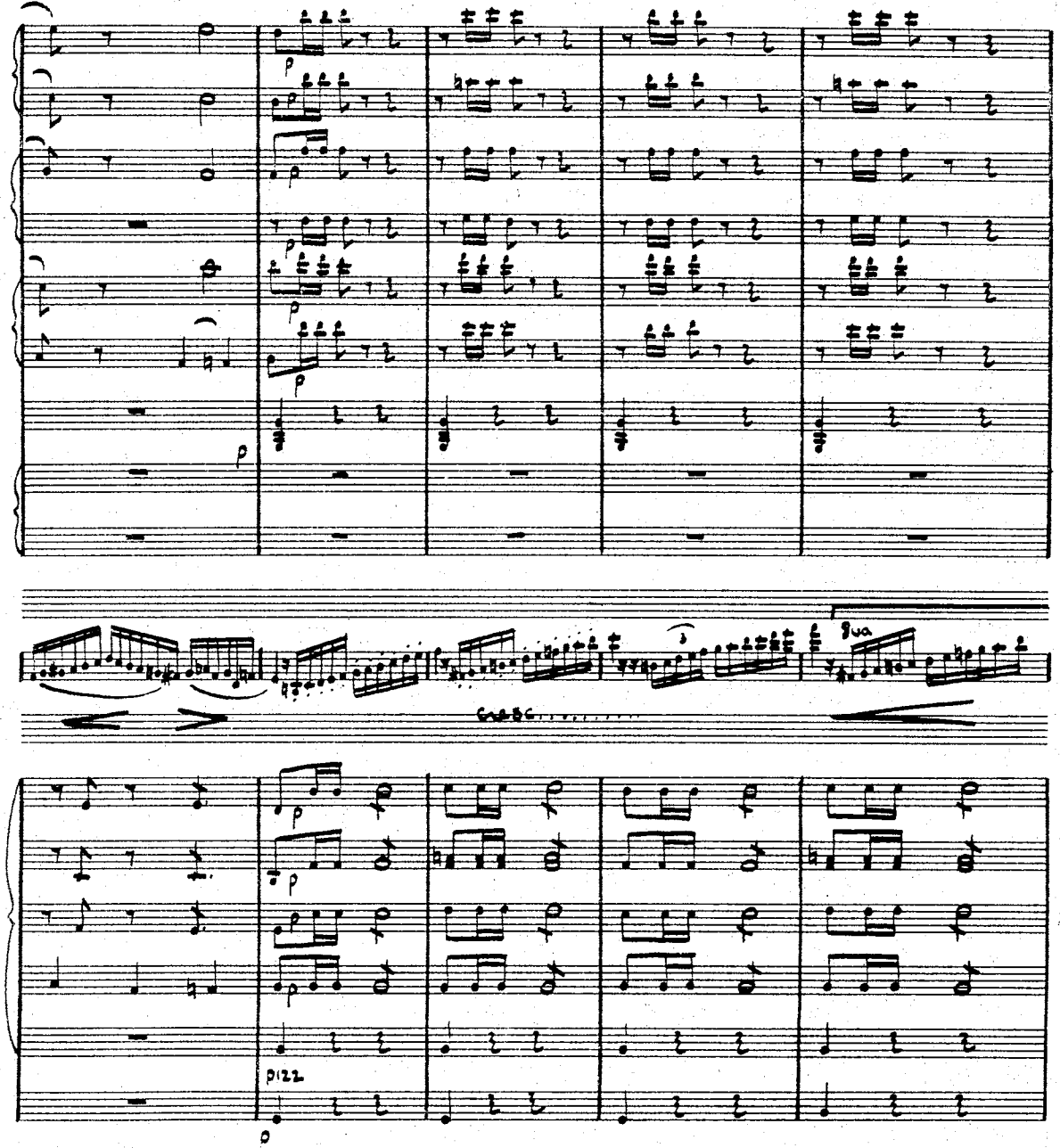
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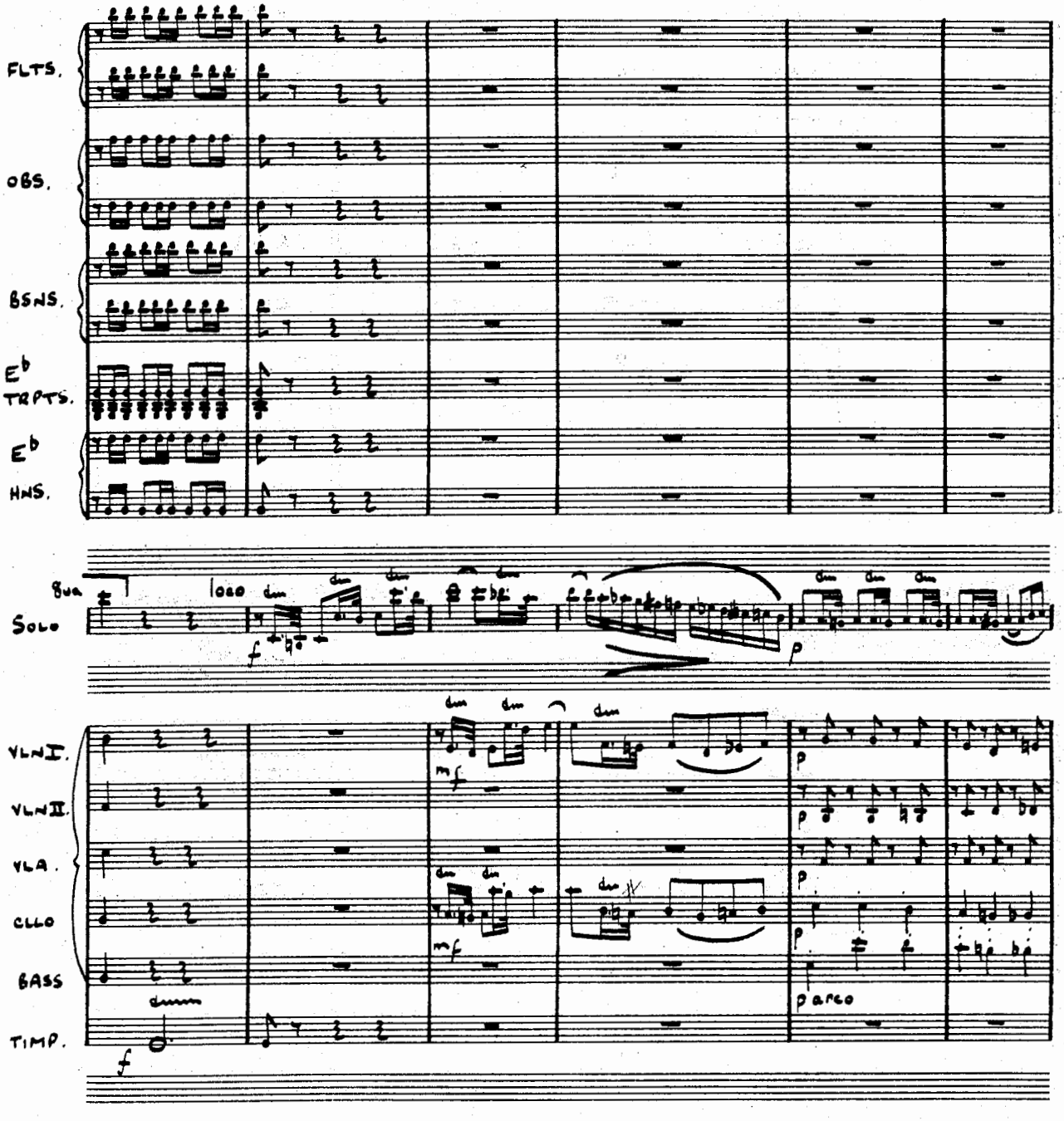
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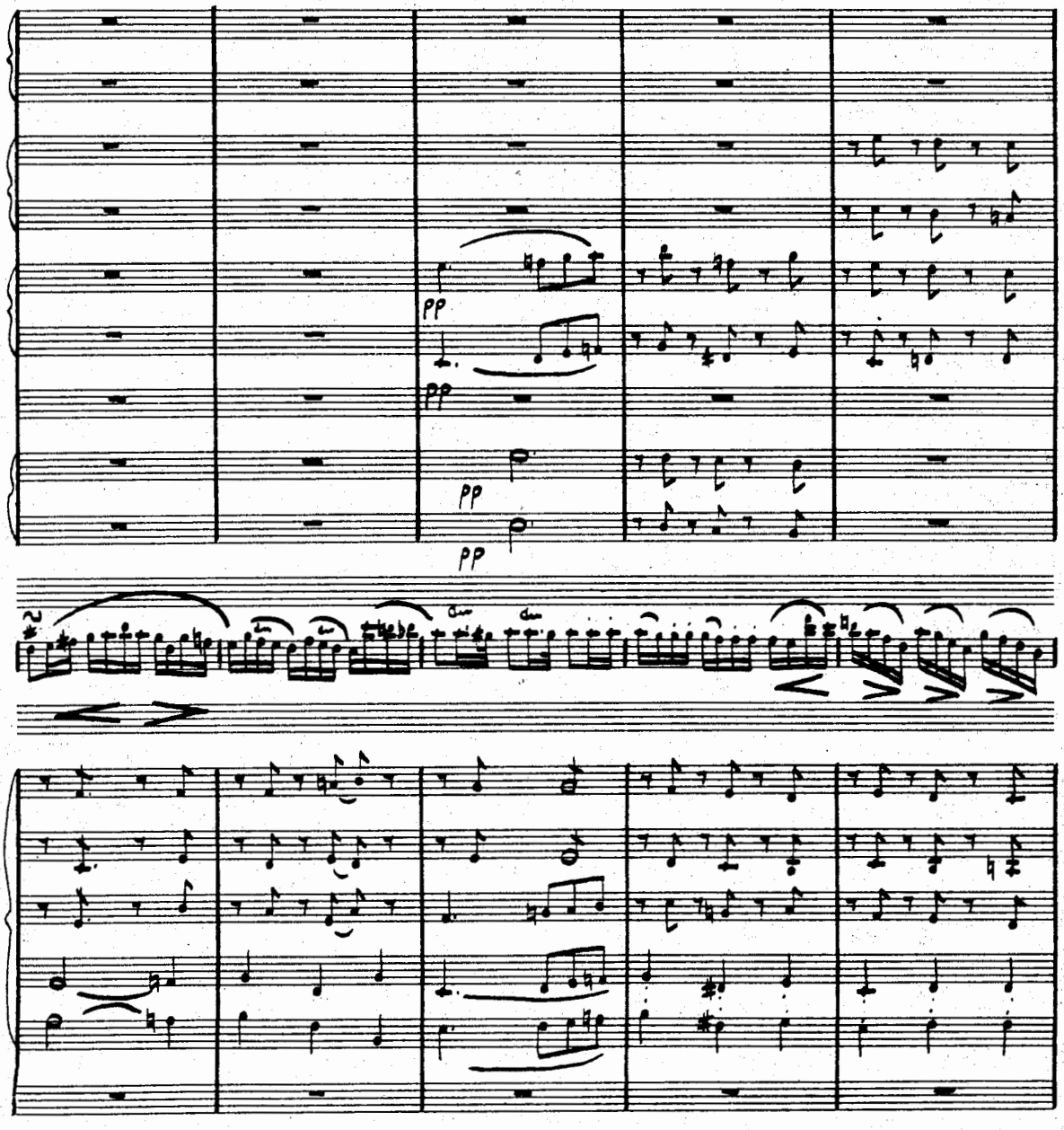
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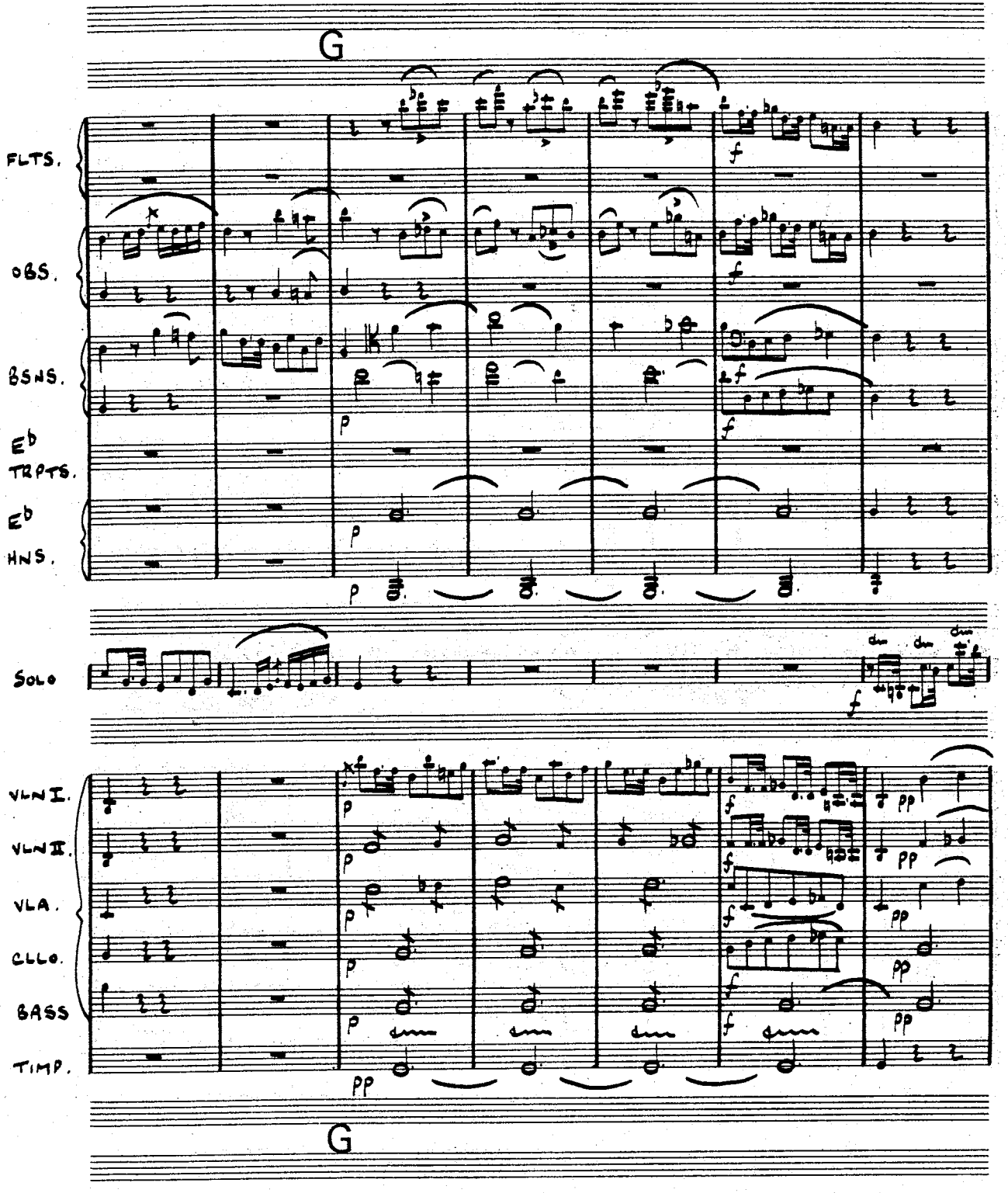
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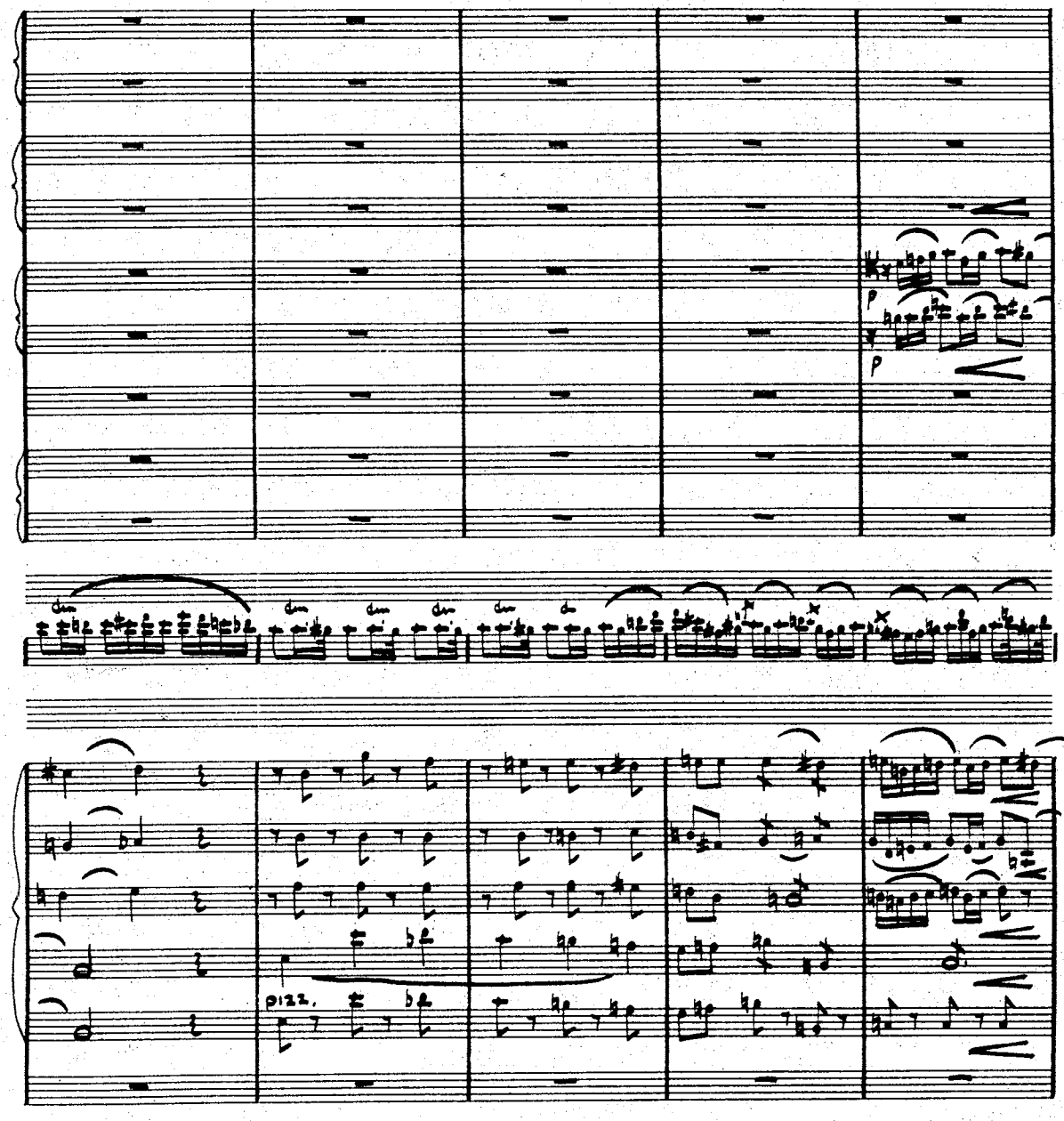
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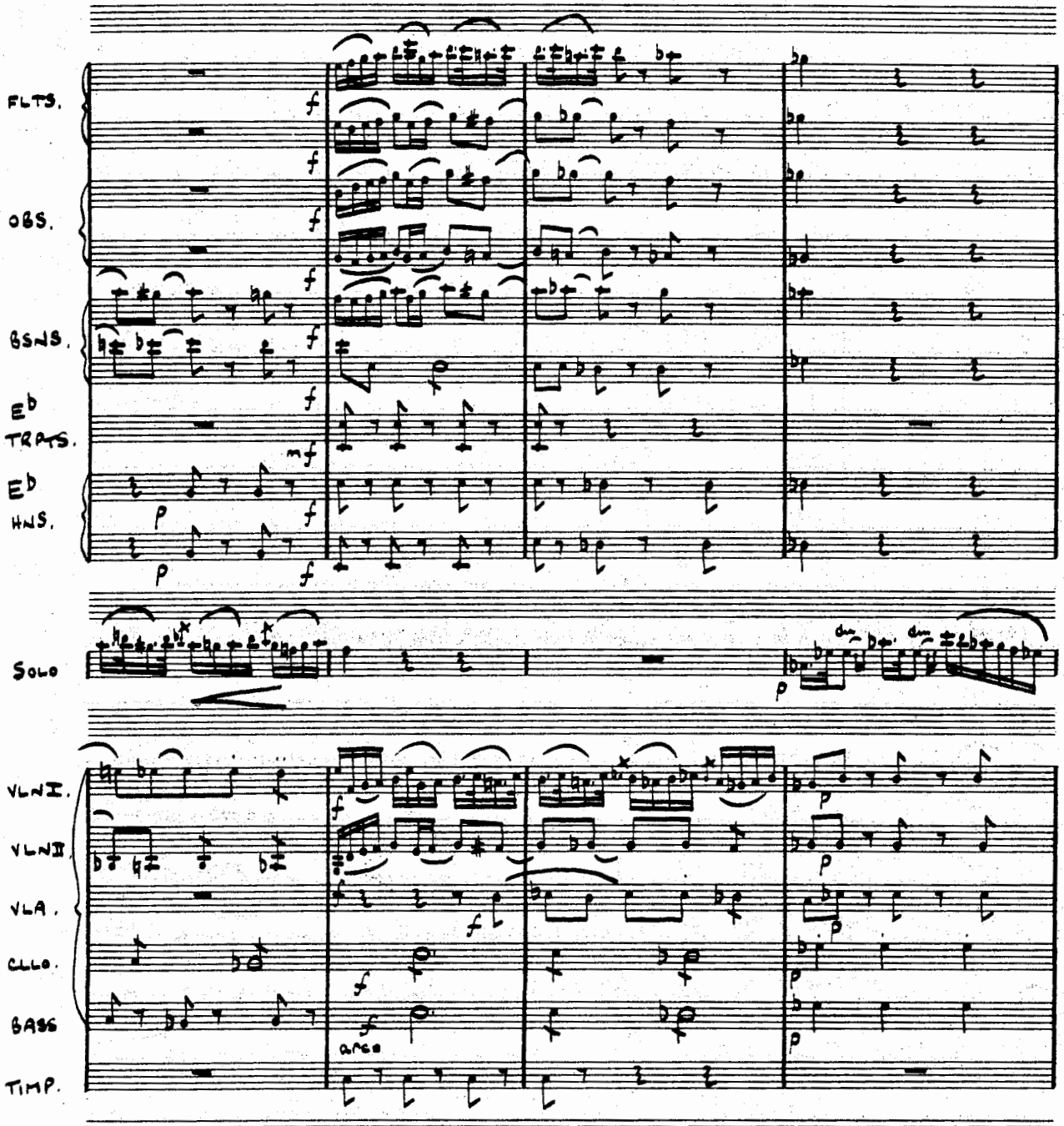
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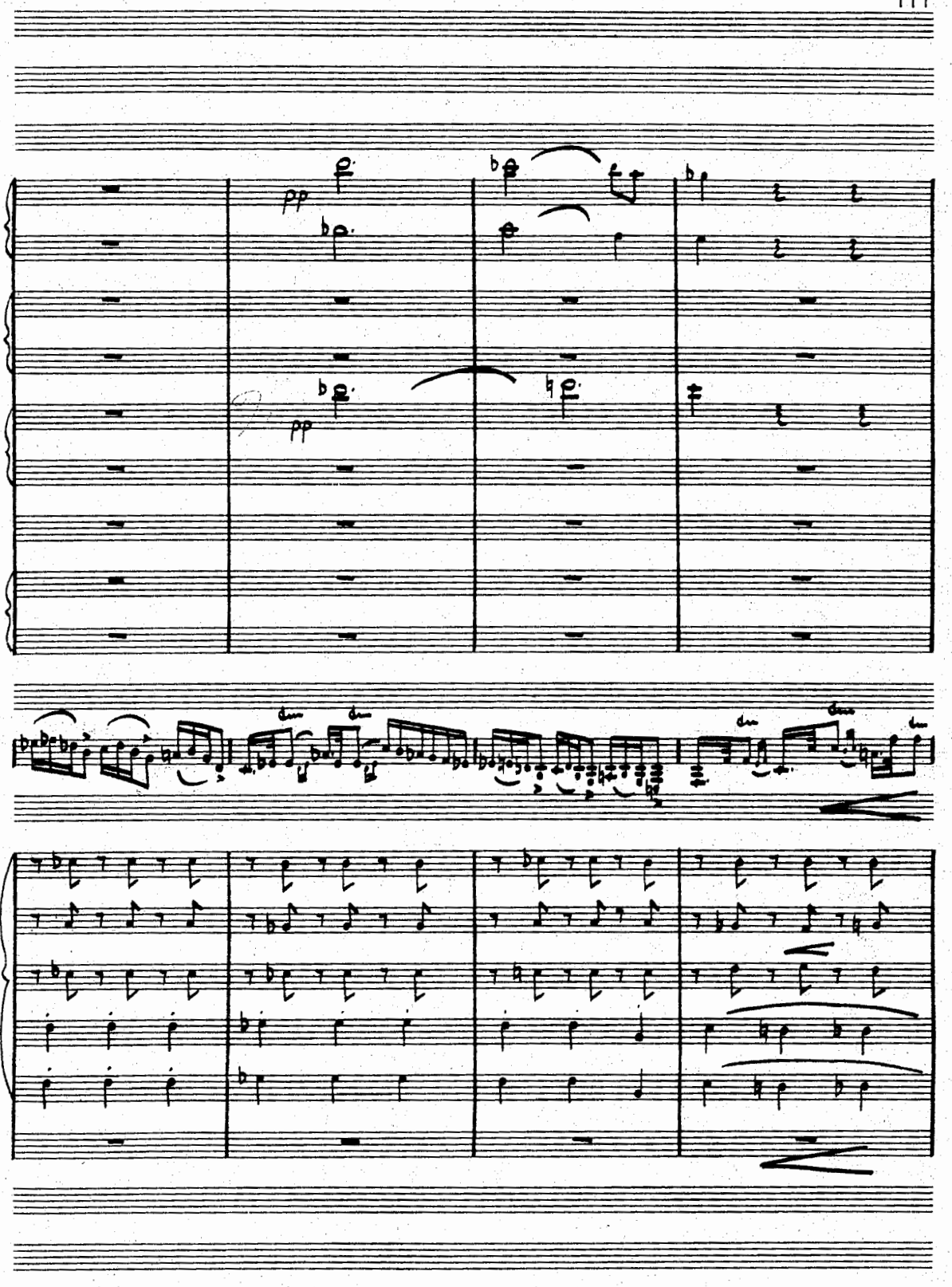
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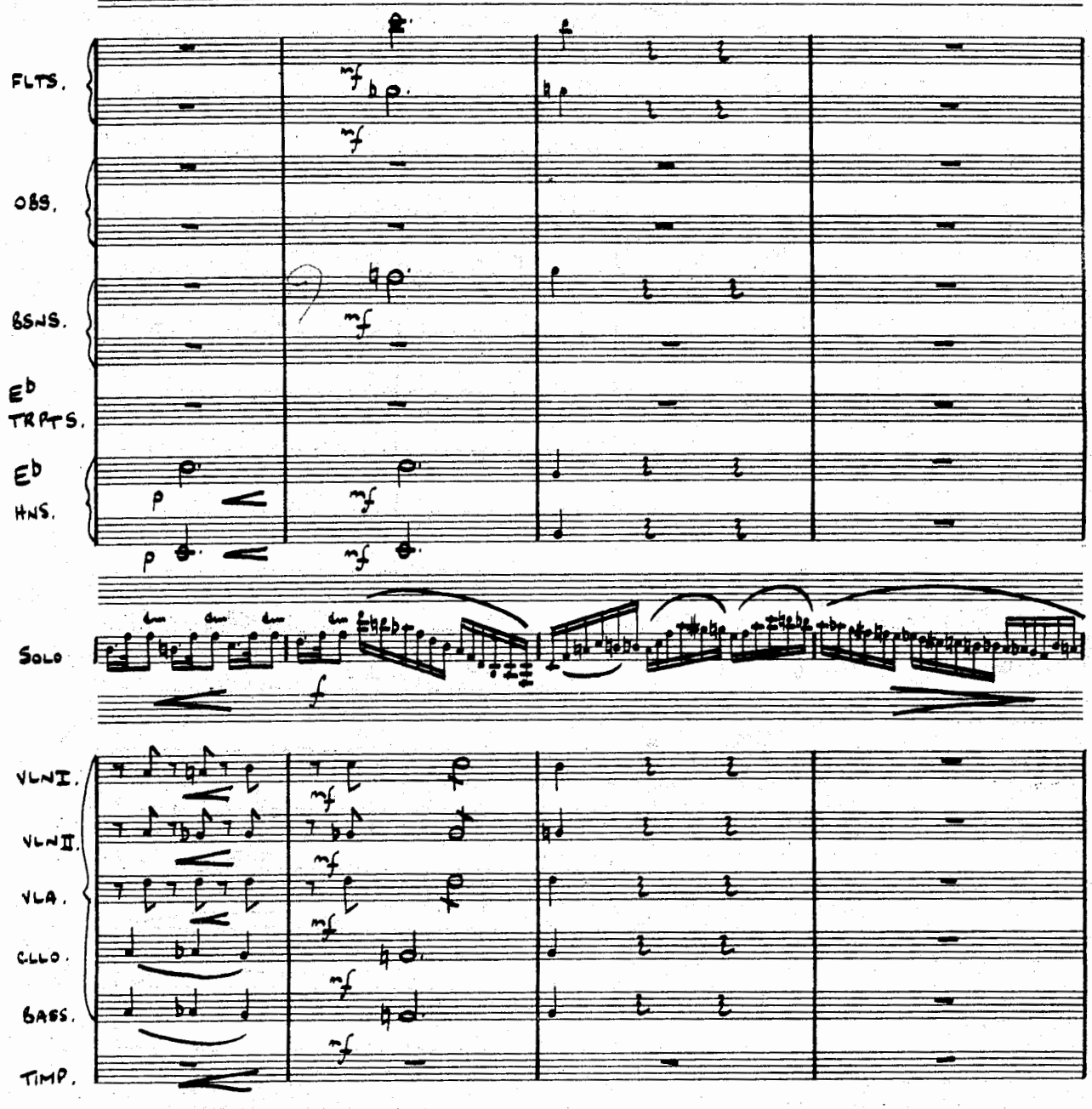
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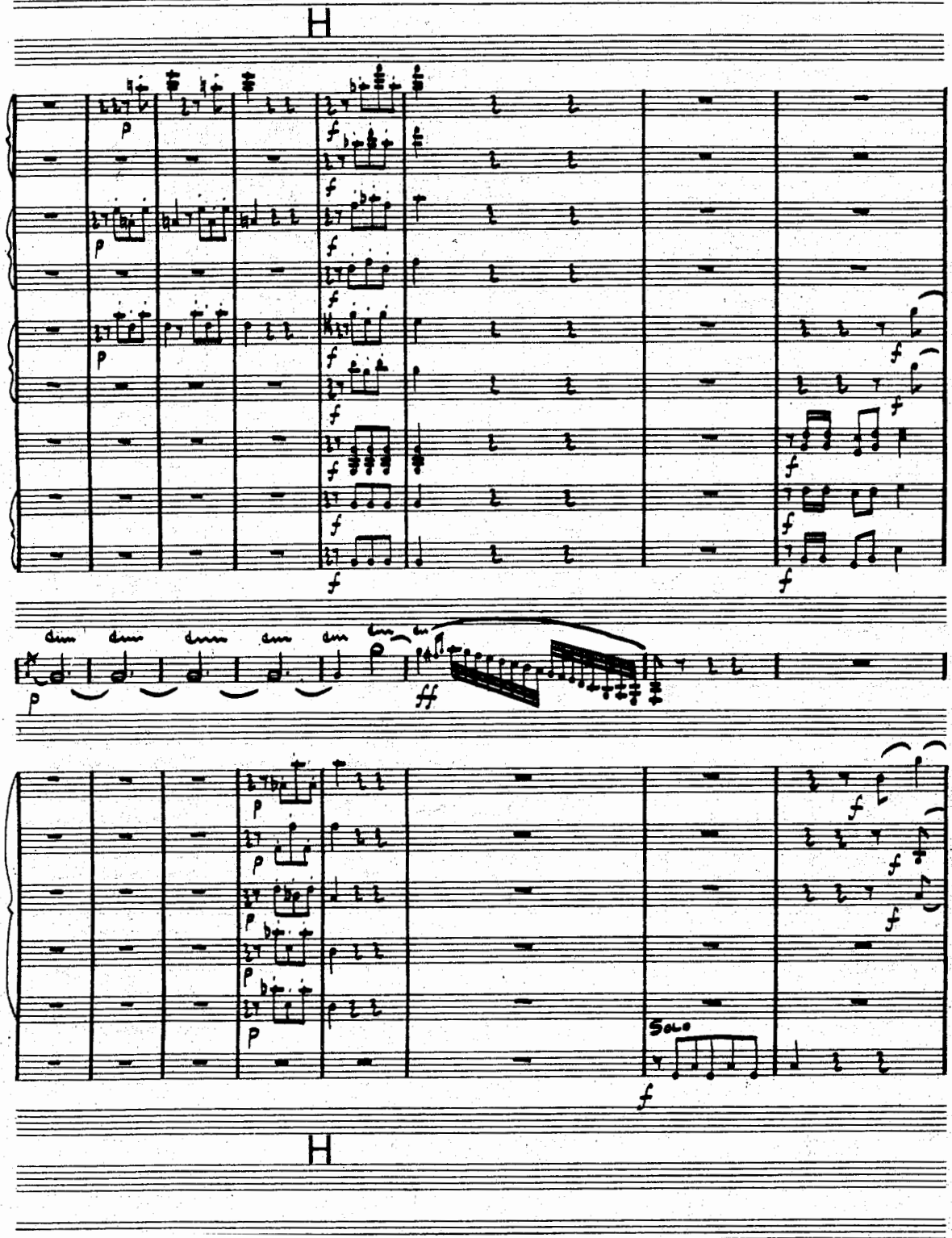
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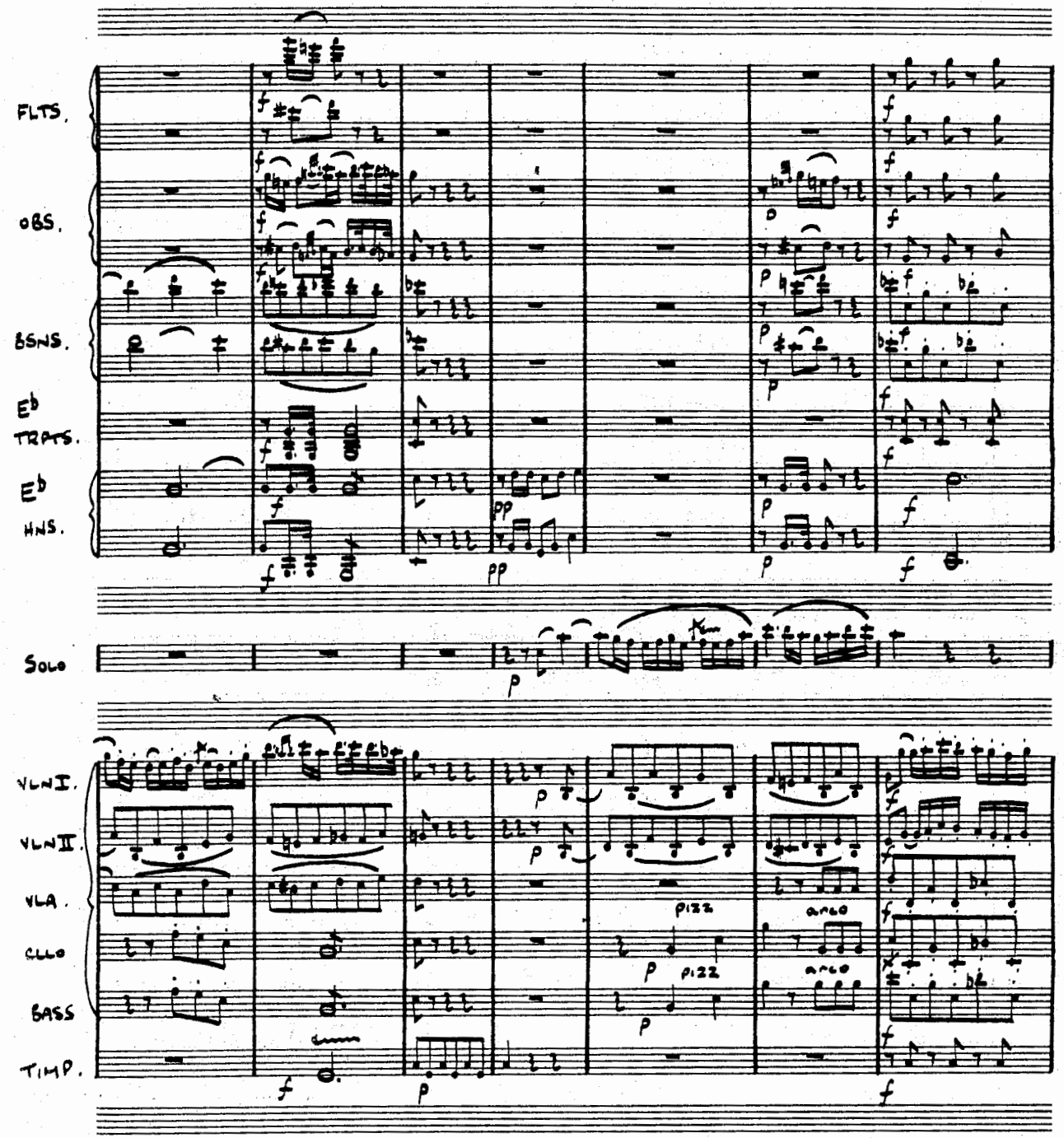
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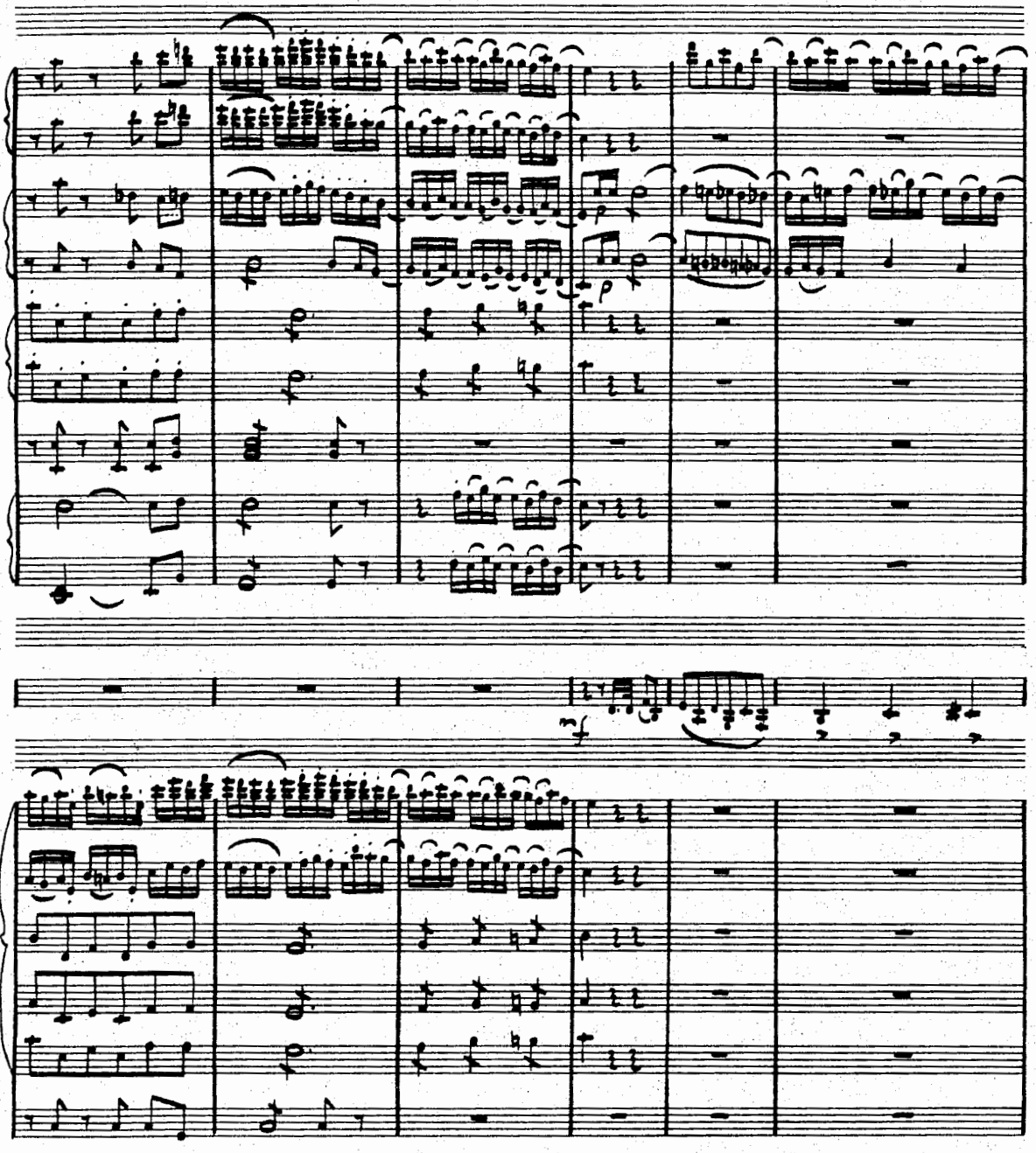
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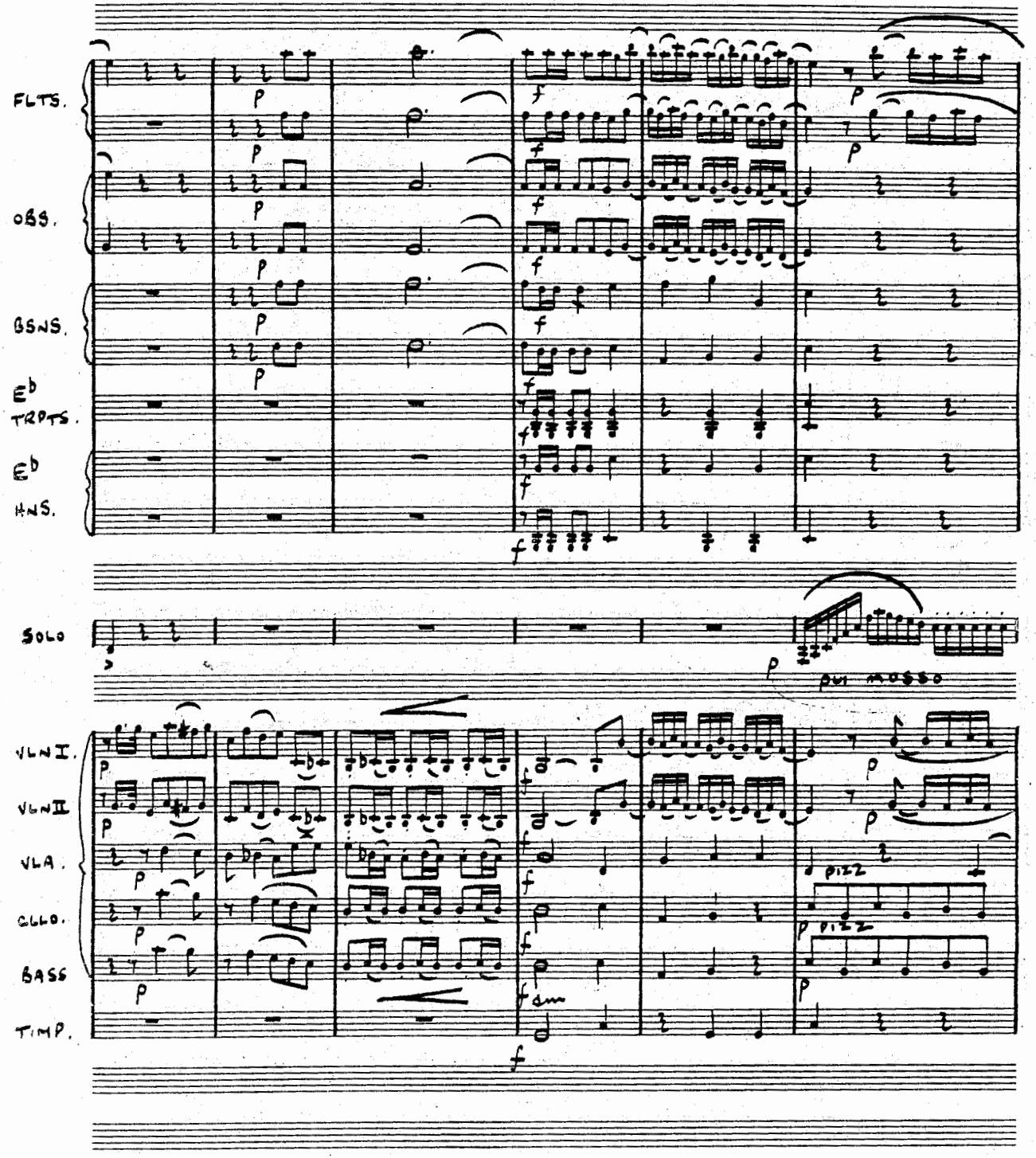
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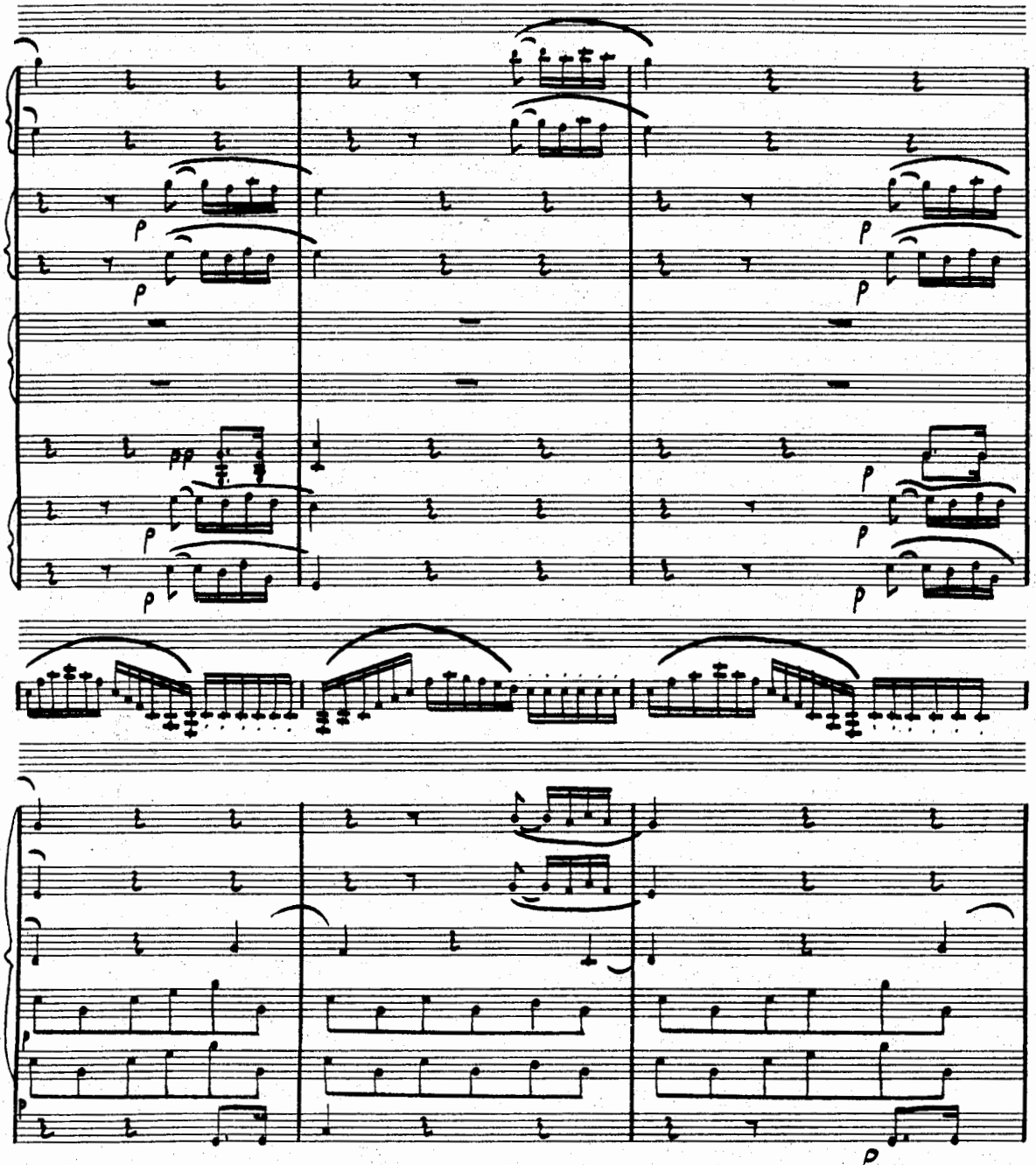
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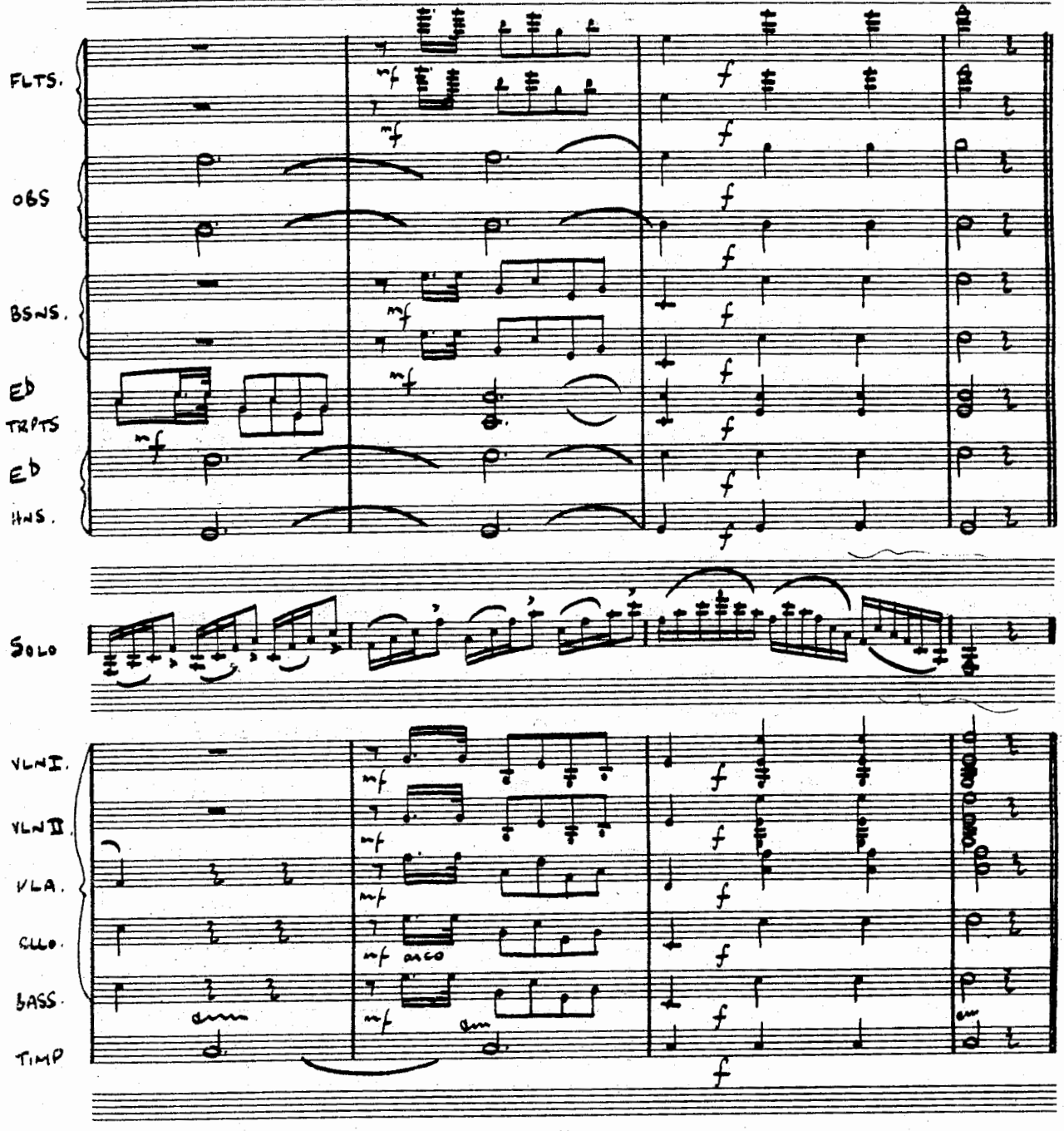
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SPOHR

CONCERTO NO 2 FOR CLARINET

AND ORCHESTRA

OPUS 57

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FOREWORD

The second clarinet concerto in Eb major, op 57 was composed in the year 1810 for the phenomenal Sondershausen virtuoso Johann Simon Hermstedt (1778-1846), and was first performed by him that year in Franken Hausen, at Germany's first Music Festival at which Spohr conducted.

Hermstedt was just as much Spohr's clarinetist as Baermann was Weber's, and Stadler Mozart's. Their's was one of music's most fruitful artistic associations which ripened into a deep and lasting friendship and resulted in the composition of four concertos, three concert pieces, a Notturno for wind band and the popular Six German Songs with clarinet. This represents the greatest contribution to the clarinet literature by a composer of Spohr's stature.

At the time the concerto was written Spohr was concert master and artistic director at the Court of Gotha - a court with a great tradition of eminent musicians stretching back several centuries. It was from the period at Gotha that Spohr began his meteoric flight to maturity as a concert voilinist, conductor and composer, and the second clarinet concerto is an important milestone. He continually strove to perfect an 'ideal' concerto style where soloist and orchestra are in close unity, and where there is no room for empty virtuoso display involving dull passage work and poverty of orchestration. He successfully realised this ideal in the second clarinet concerto.

There are many subtleties born of Spohr's superb technique and artistic instinct to be found in this work. From the first bars the relationship between soloist and orchestra - never one of master and slave with Spohr - is clearly established. The orchestra's opening gambit is a strong arpeggio theme which after a few bars is taken over by the clarinet, given a melodic guise ending with a brief flourish, and then handed back to the orchestra so that the opening tutti may progress. Throughout the first movement the orchestra speaks its mind, encourages the soloist to flights of fancy with short fanfare-like tuttis and weaves a web of accompanimental figures and thematic fragments, all beautifully orchestrated. A further two main themes are introduced in the movement. One martial in character, the other song-like. In fact Spohr later used this melody in his opera 'Jessonda'.

The slow movement is a perfect gem. The clarinet is featured largely in the chalumeau register in the serene opening section and there is a charming duet with the bassoon in the orchestra. The horns lead us the restless middle section with its soaring clarinet over throbbing strings. The opening mood returns, and the flute engages the soloist in gentle musical conversation.

The Finale, in Spohr's favourite Polacca style, opens with solo timpani - a master stroke in a work repleat with brilliant orchestration. This movement, in fact the whole work, is a tour de force for the soloist and the orchestra, but when one of the worlds finest clarinetists and one of musics finest craftsman join forces, then something significant is bound to occur. No wonder eminent virtuosos of the past have considered the Spohr concertos to be the peak of the genre.

It was a happy set of circumstances that led to the discovery of the score earlier this year in London. The clarinetist John Denman of the Sadlers Wells orchestra who, working closely with the Spohr Society in Britain, has done more than any other British clarinet player to foster interest in the Spohr clarinet works through his superb performances and researches, located the score in a private music collection. The score, dated 1833, was hand written from an early set of parts by the great virtuoso Henry Lazarus, and bears his signature.

Mr Denman is the sole owner of the only available score and set of parts in Britain, and all enquiries concerning them should be made to Mr Denman at the London Coliseum or through the Spohr Society of Great Britain.

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