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for octet

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Eclipse was written for Odaline de la Martinez and Lontano. It was premiered by them in London at the Union Chapel Studio Theatre on the 19th March 2000.

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Following my piano sonata Upon a Leafless Withered Bough of 1995, the orchestral piece Still Garden of 1996, the clarinet quintet The Intrusion of 1997 and a few other things, this is the seventh piece I've written which is more concerned with focusing on individual sounds than with building up or putting together musical structures.

Much of the material composed for Eclipse is not physically present in the piece being performed. In composing my pieces I now write a number of versions, anything up to ten or eleven for each piece. Each of these versions magnifies, so to speak, some of the features of the immediately previous version, while filtering out (or eclipsing) most of the other material. So, putting all the versions together, we have a series of magnifications upon magnifications, with each version getting bigger, while the amount of material being used gets less and less.

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The more, however, this piece became a unified whole, at least in my own mind, the more the preasure increased to include short, harsh eruptions, or cascades of complex, even random-sounding figures. These interruptions refused to be well heard, and are consequently clumsily written. Why they should occur, I don't really know - but they do seem to be partly the result of an inner, unrecognized anger, maybe even disgust with the whole notion of unity or perfection.

The instrumentation is the same as that of the Schubert octet and the piece lasts roughly thirteen minutes.

Instrumentation

Clarinet in B♭

Bassoon

French Horn in F

2 Violins

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

The score is notated in C

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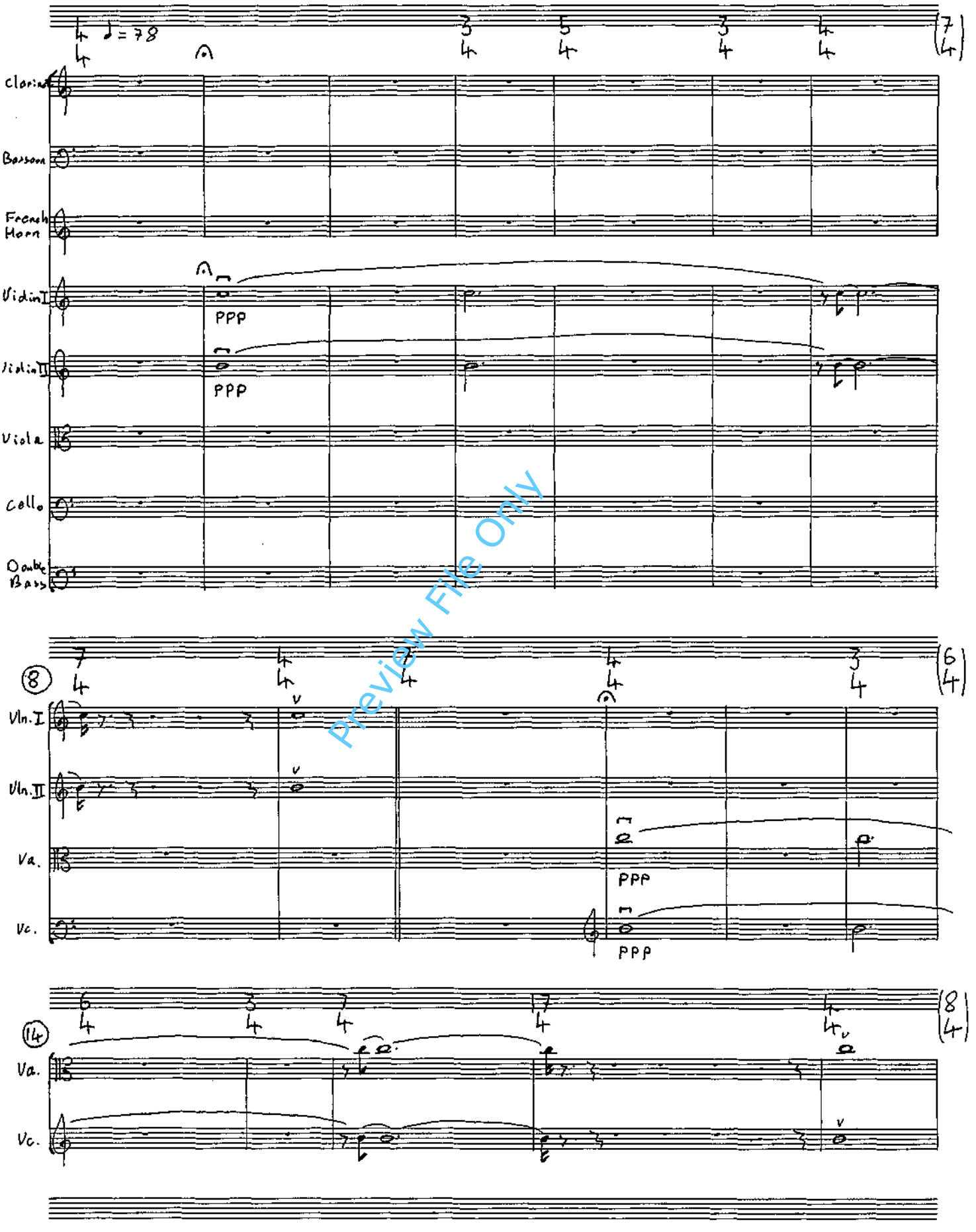

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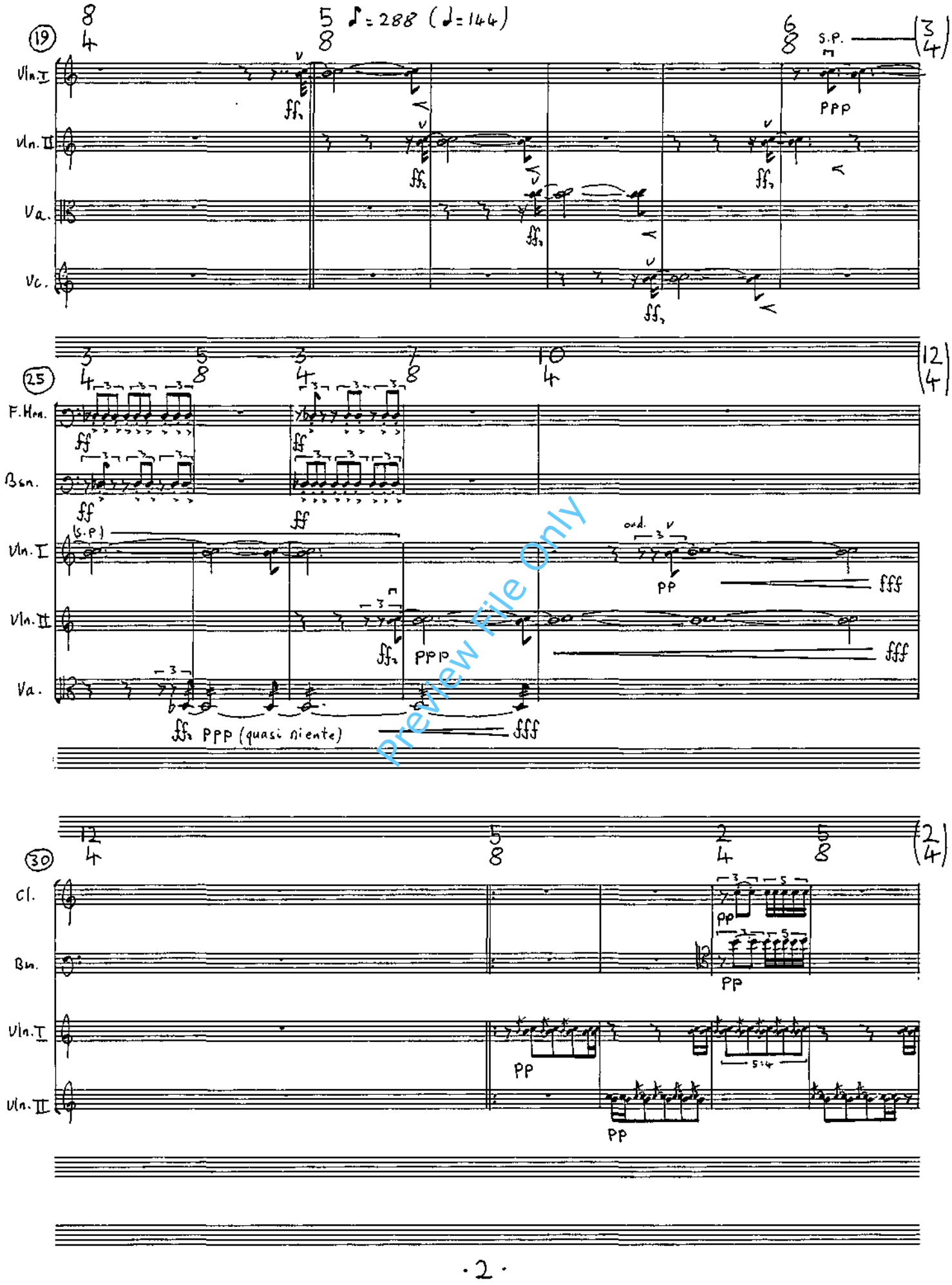

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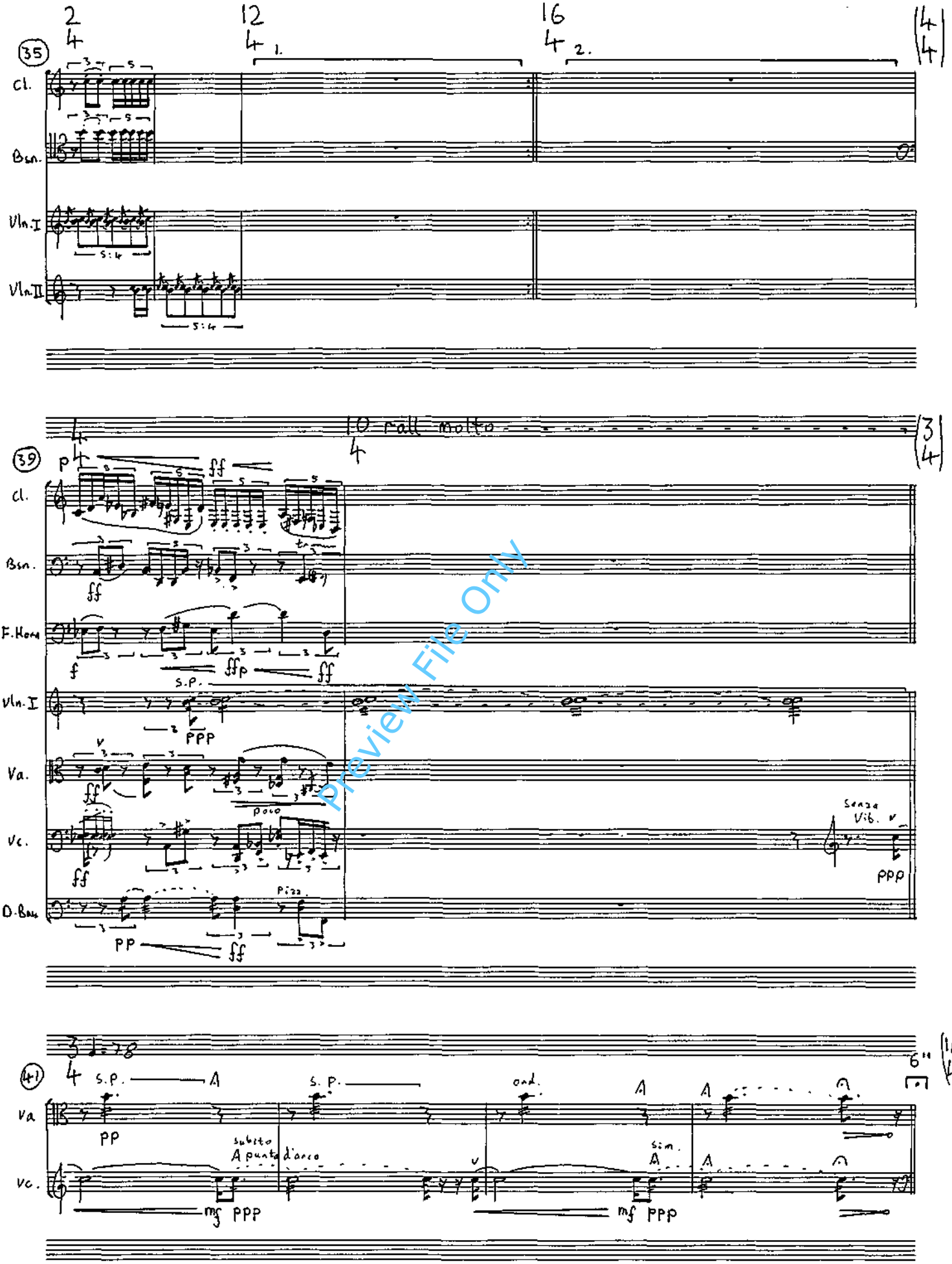

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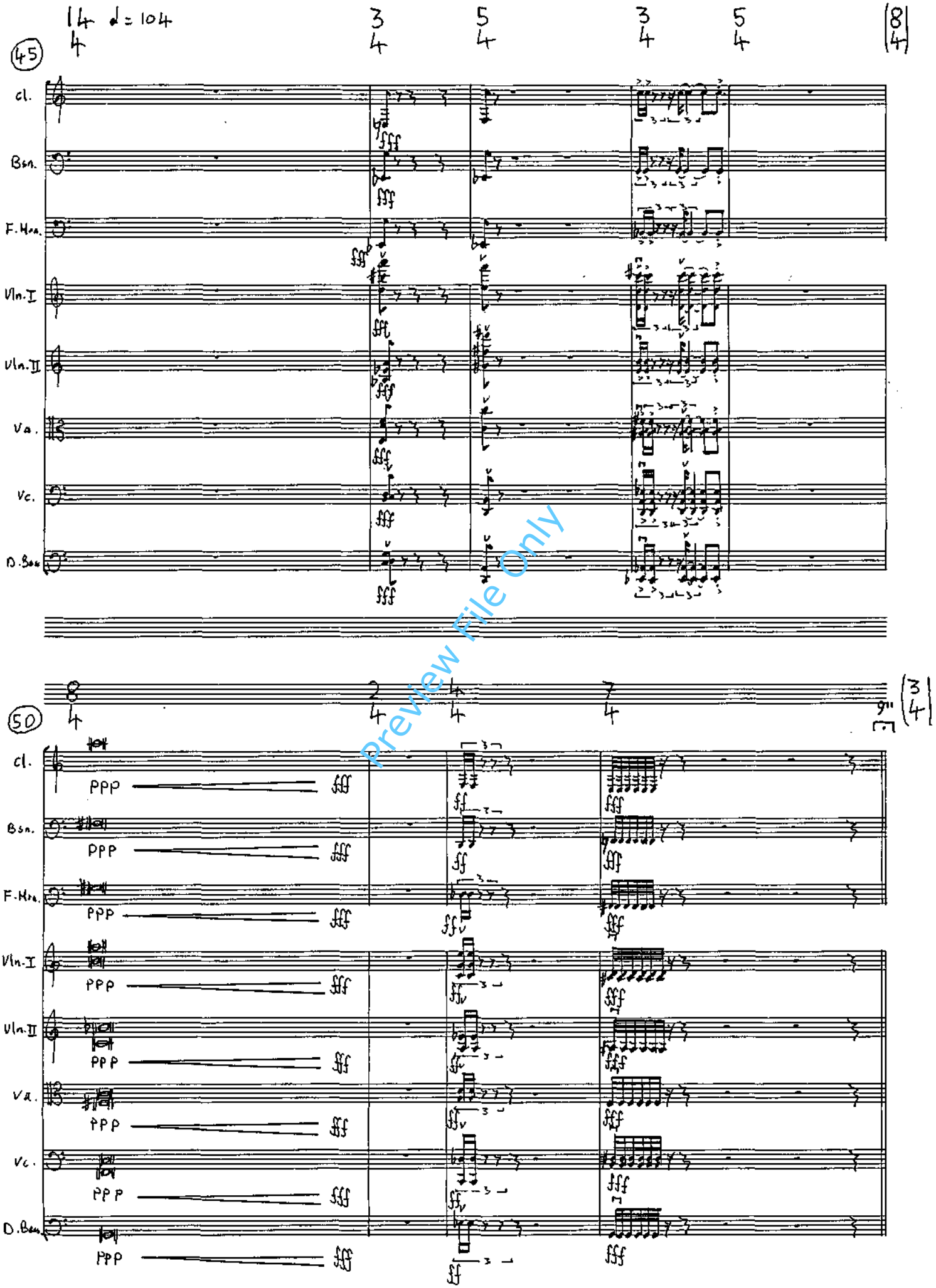

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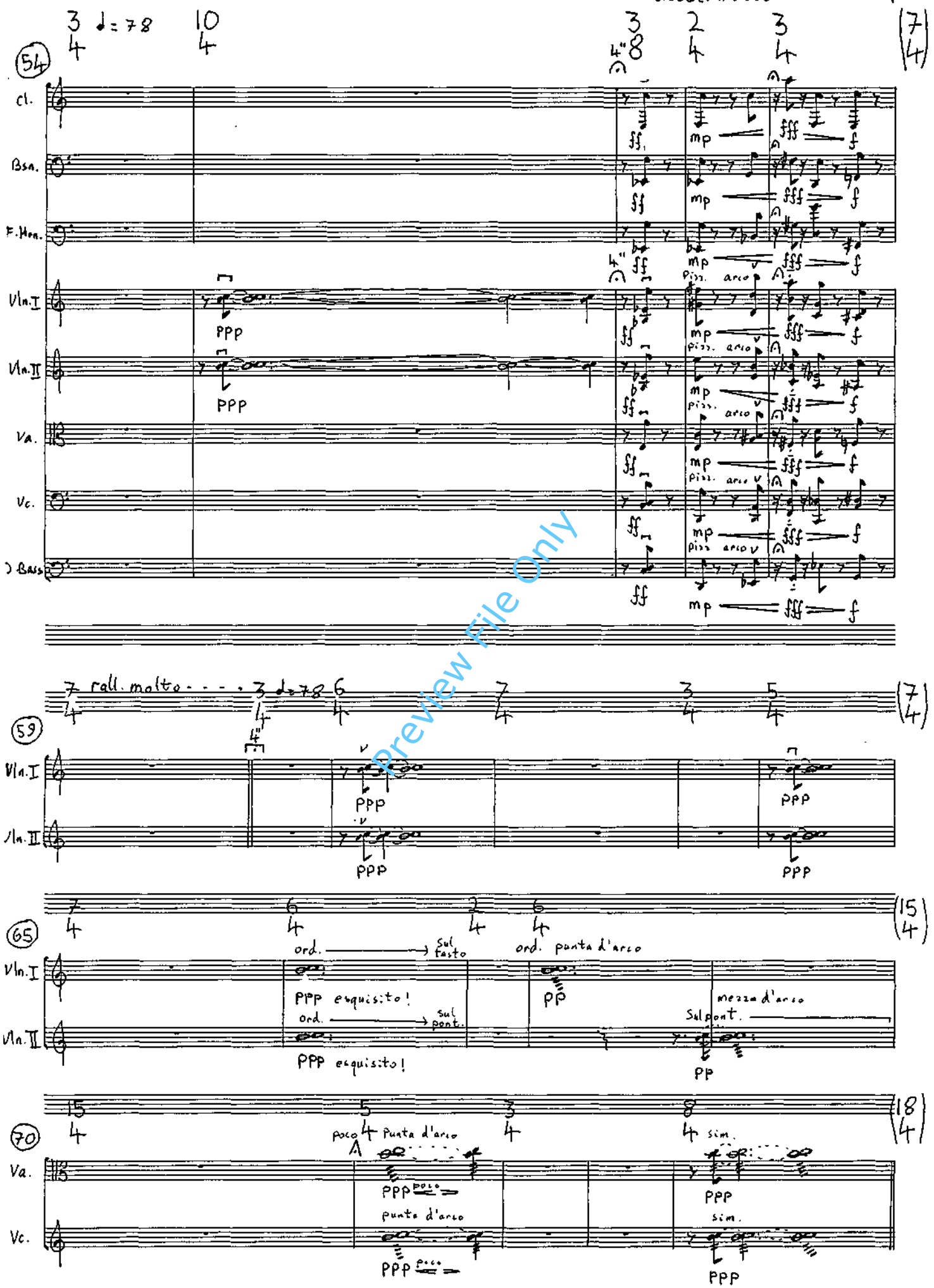

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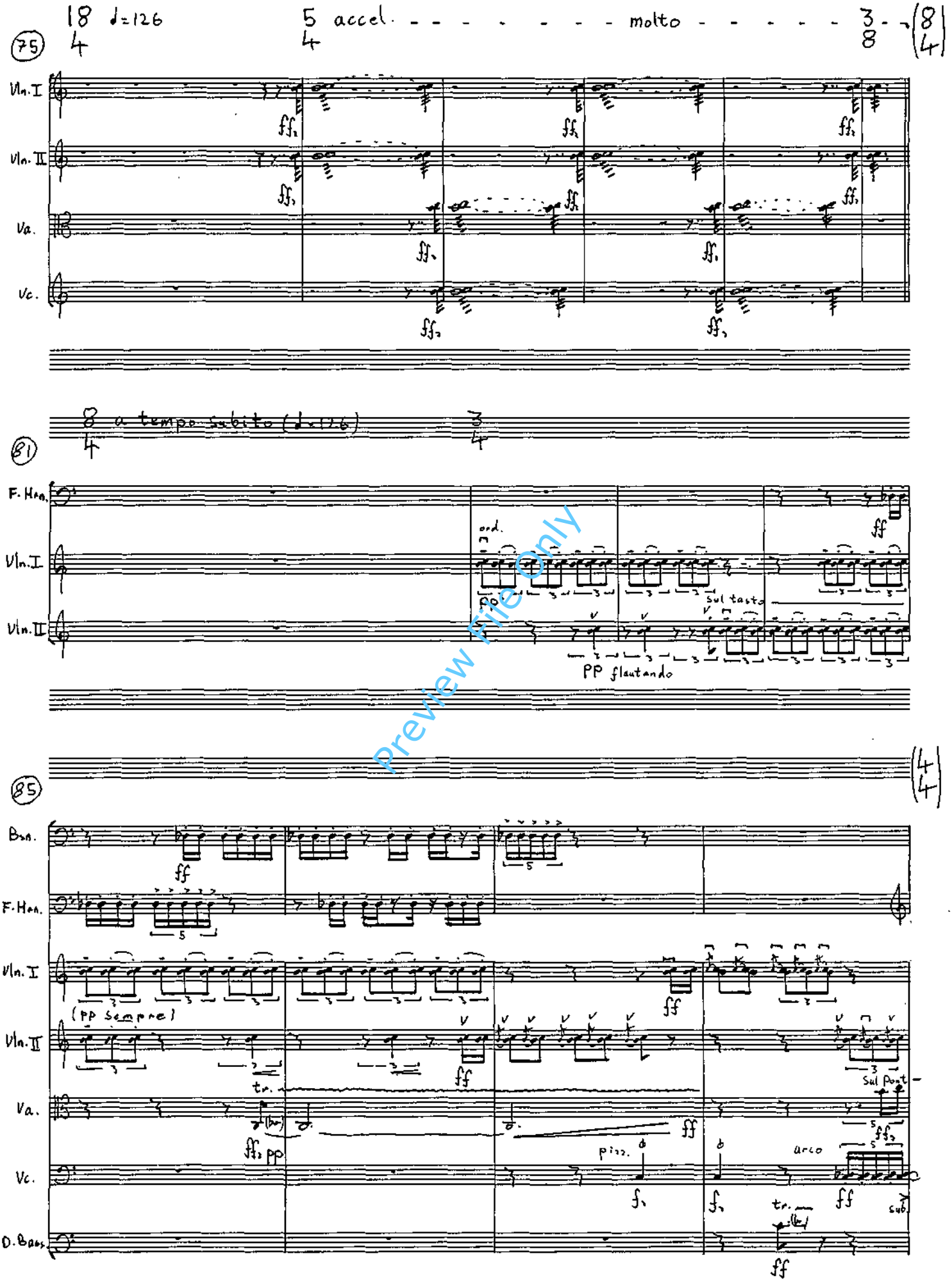

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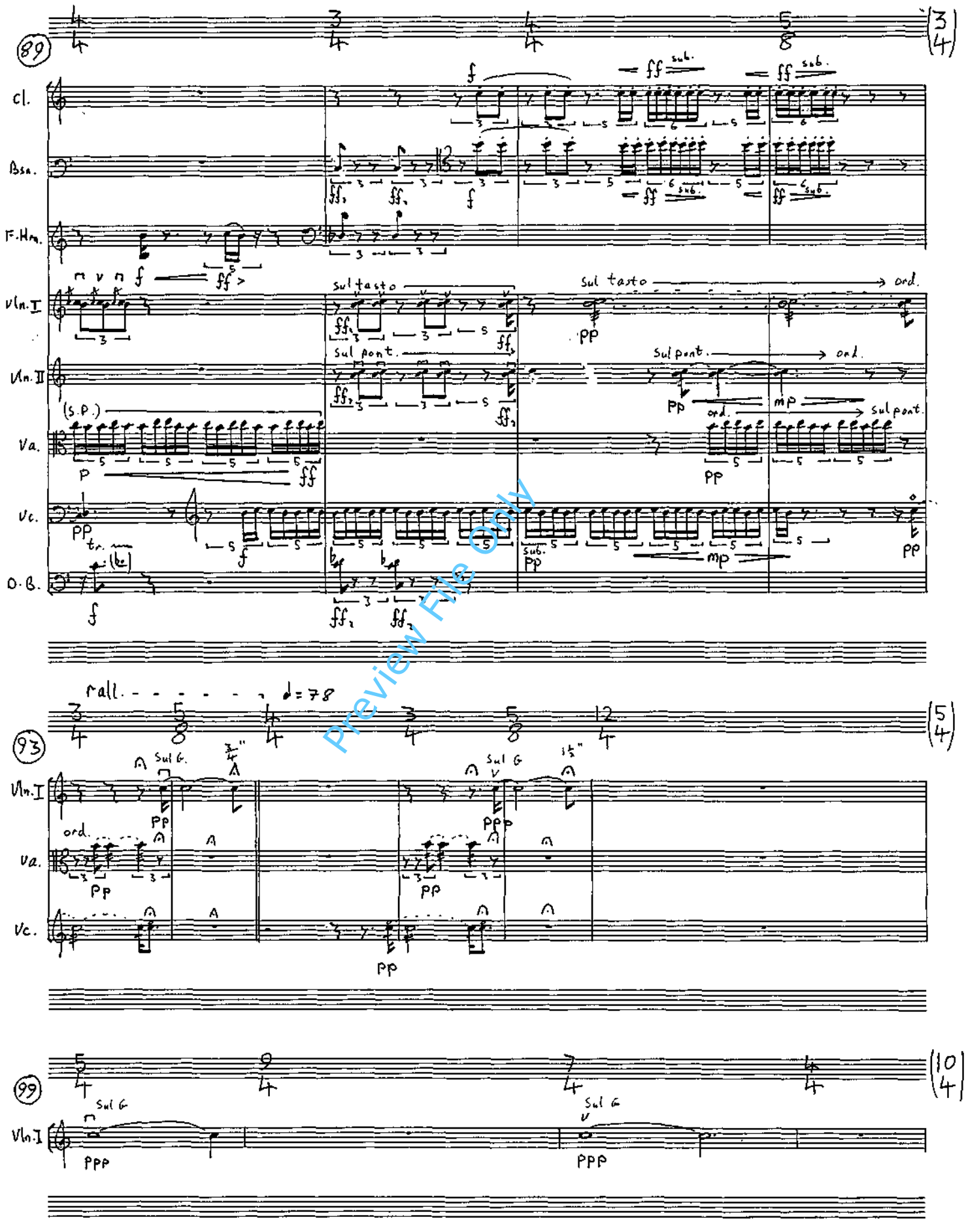

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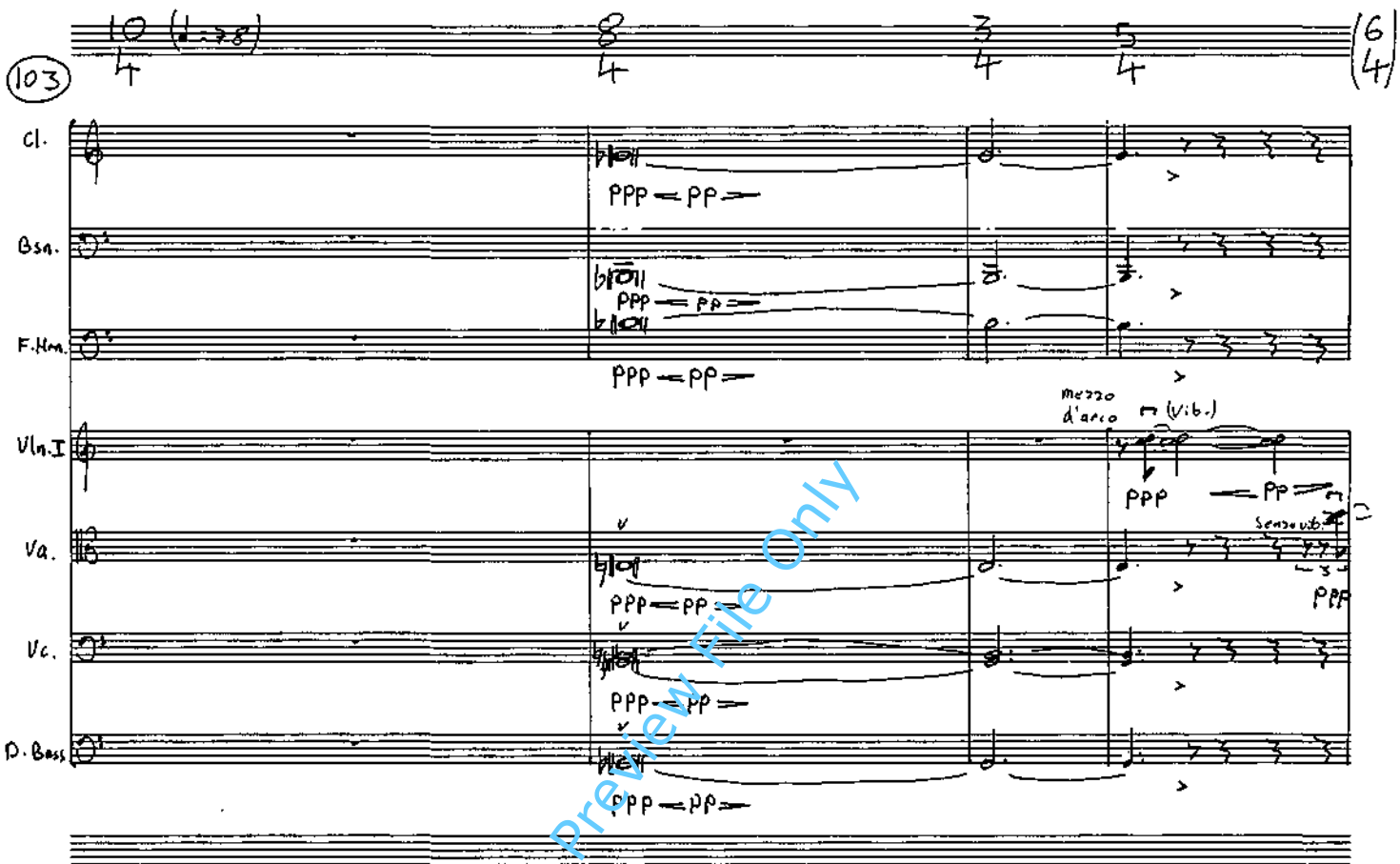

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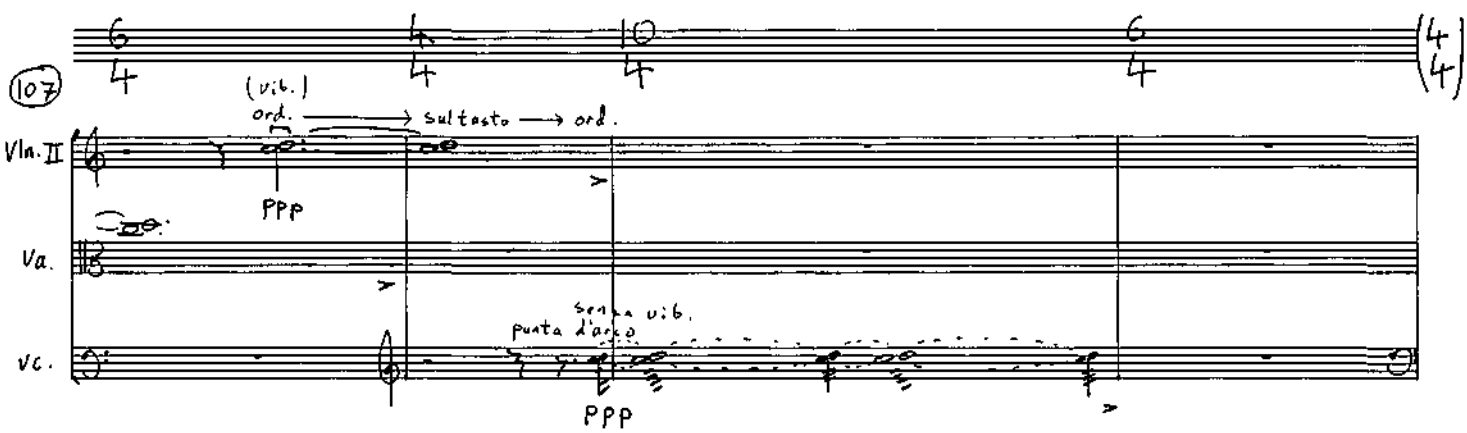

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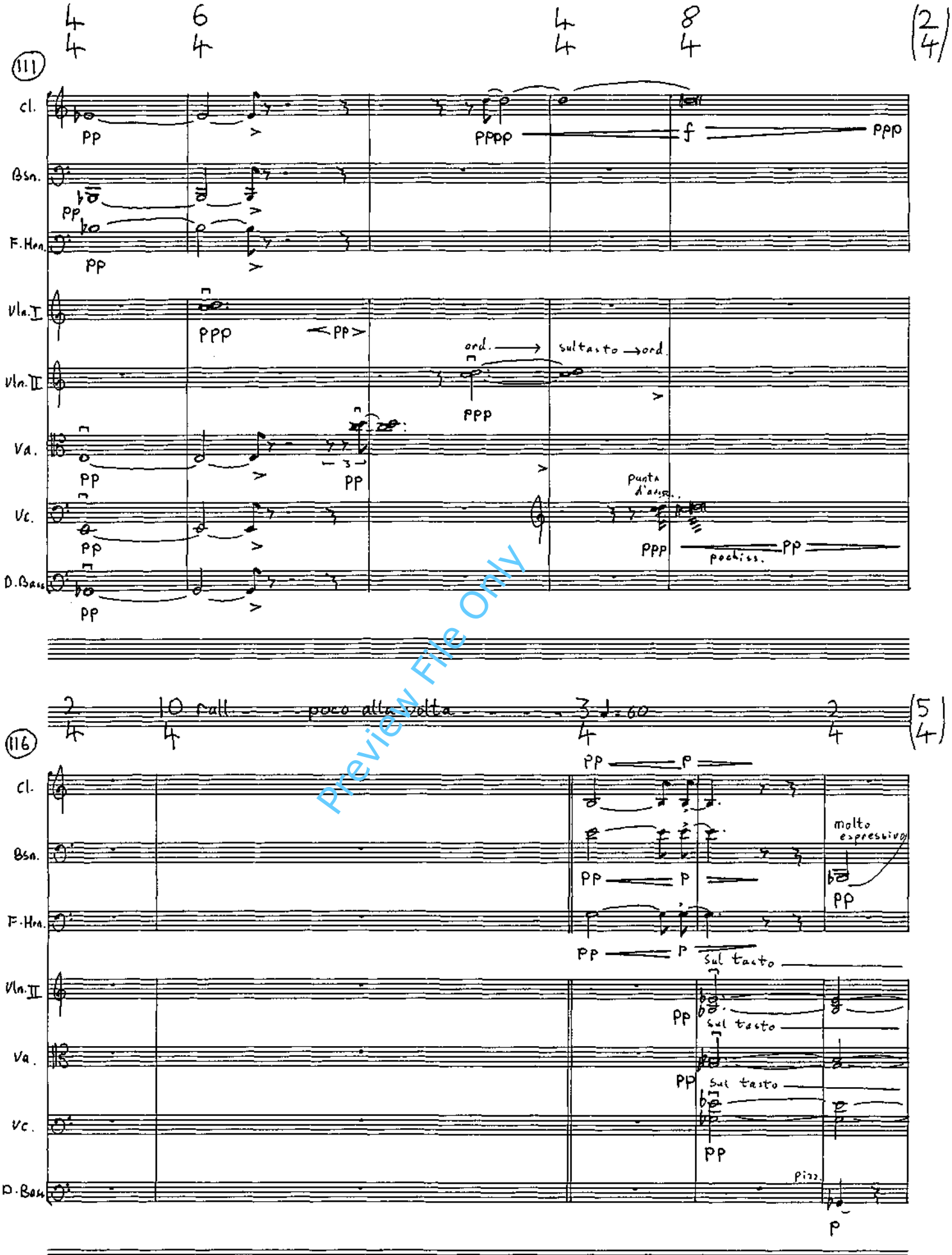

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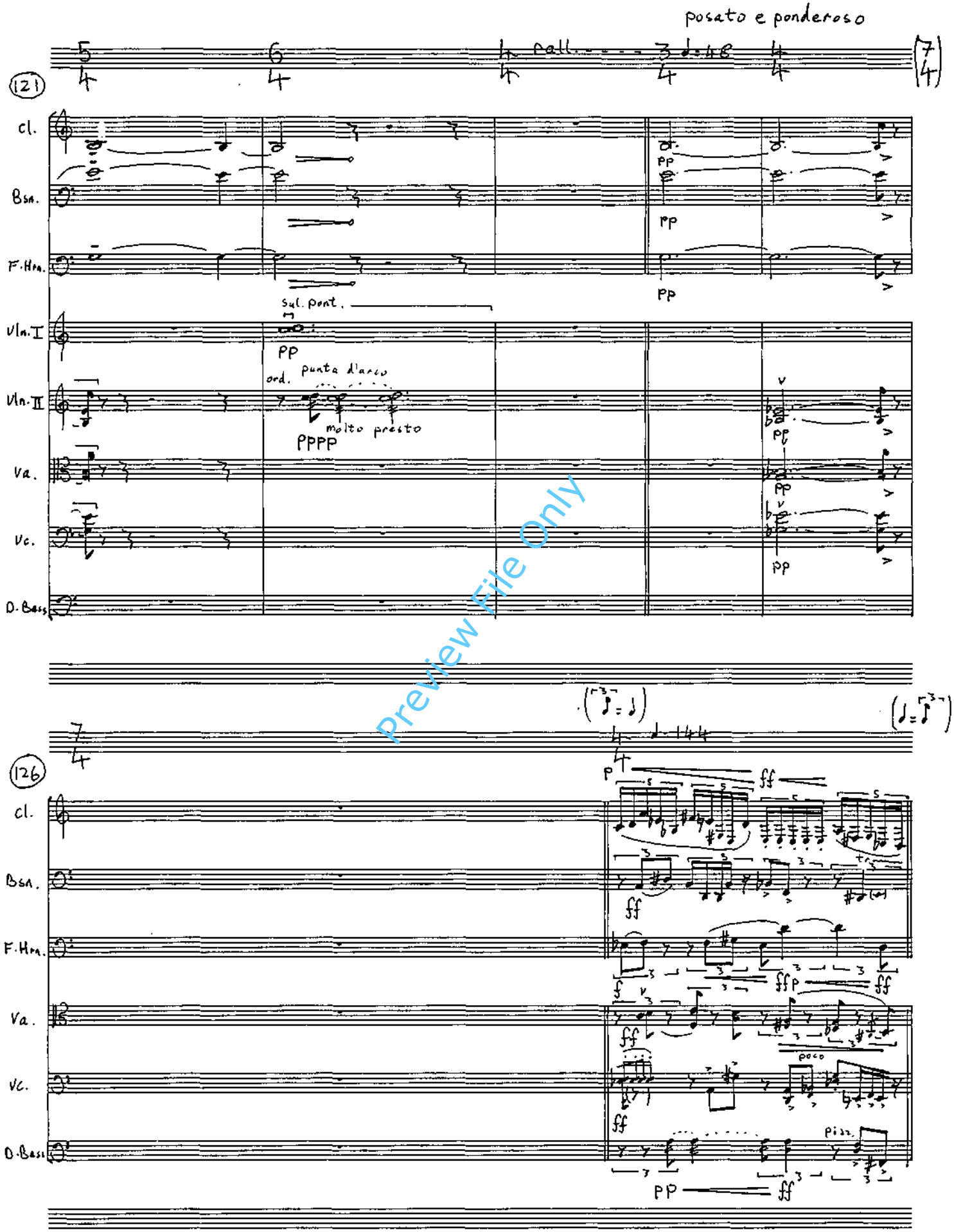

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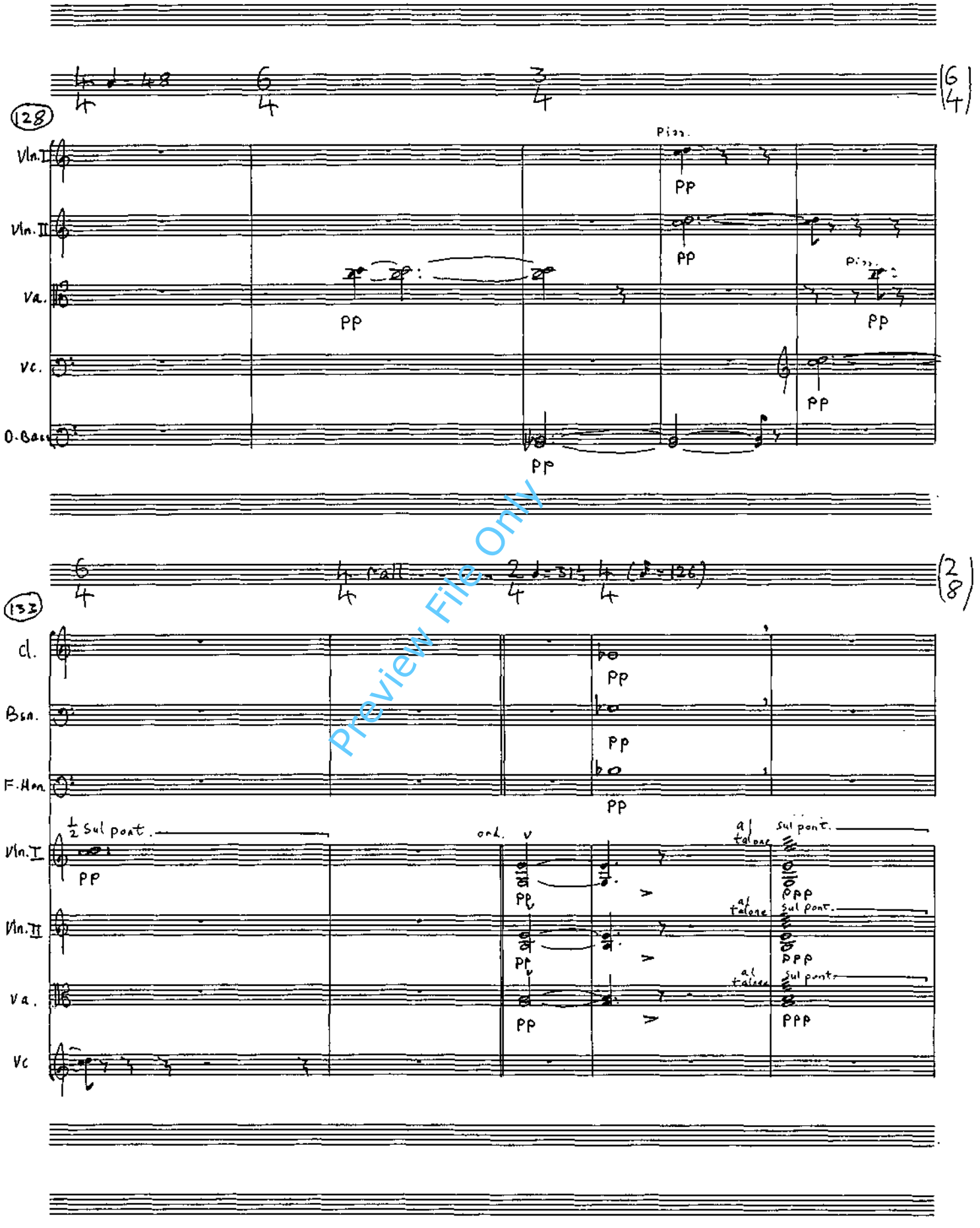

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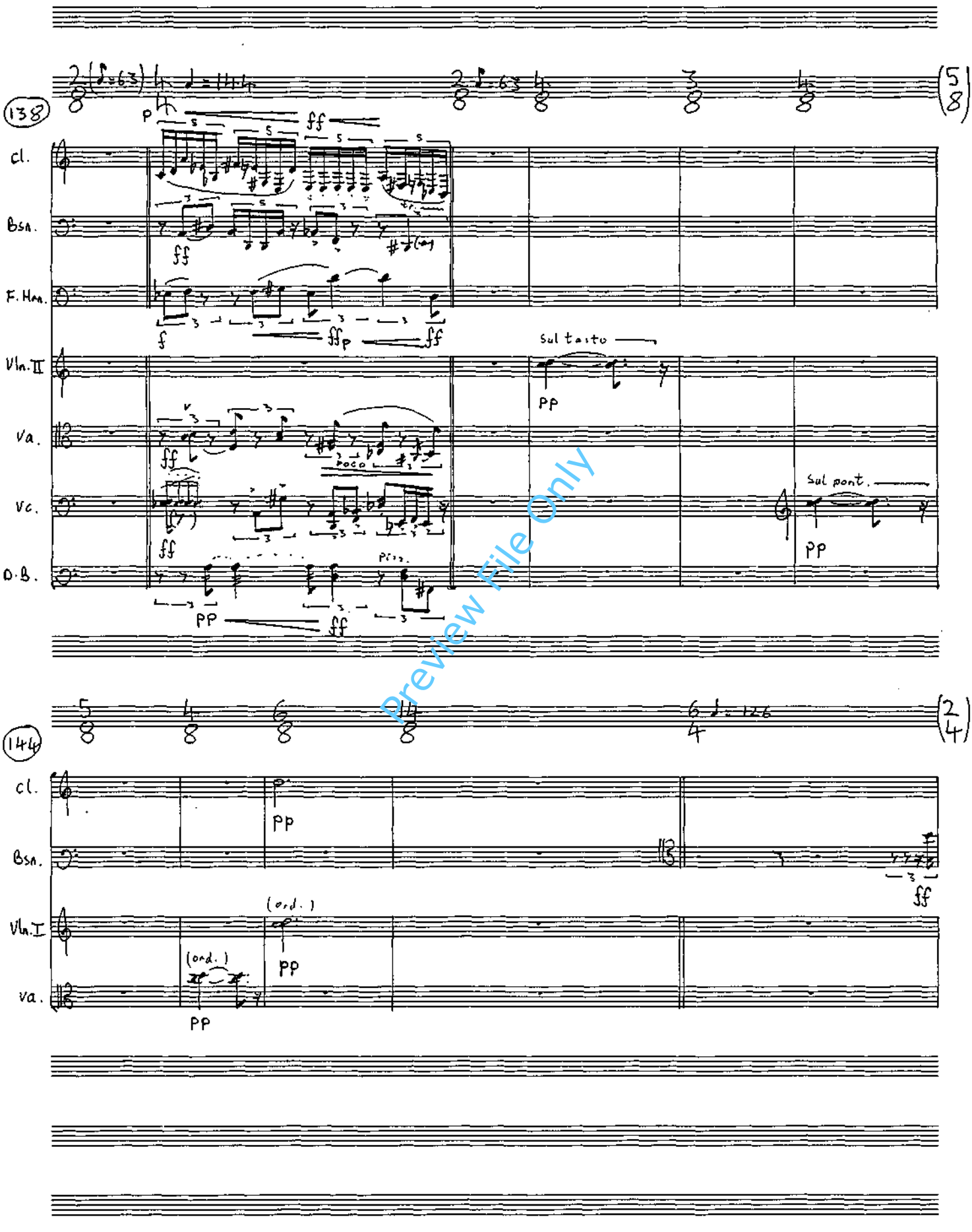

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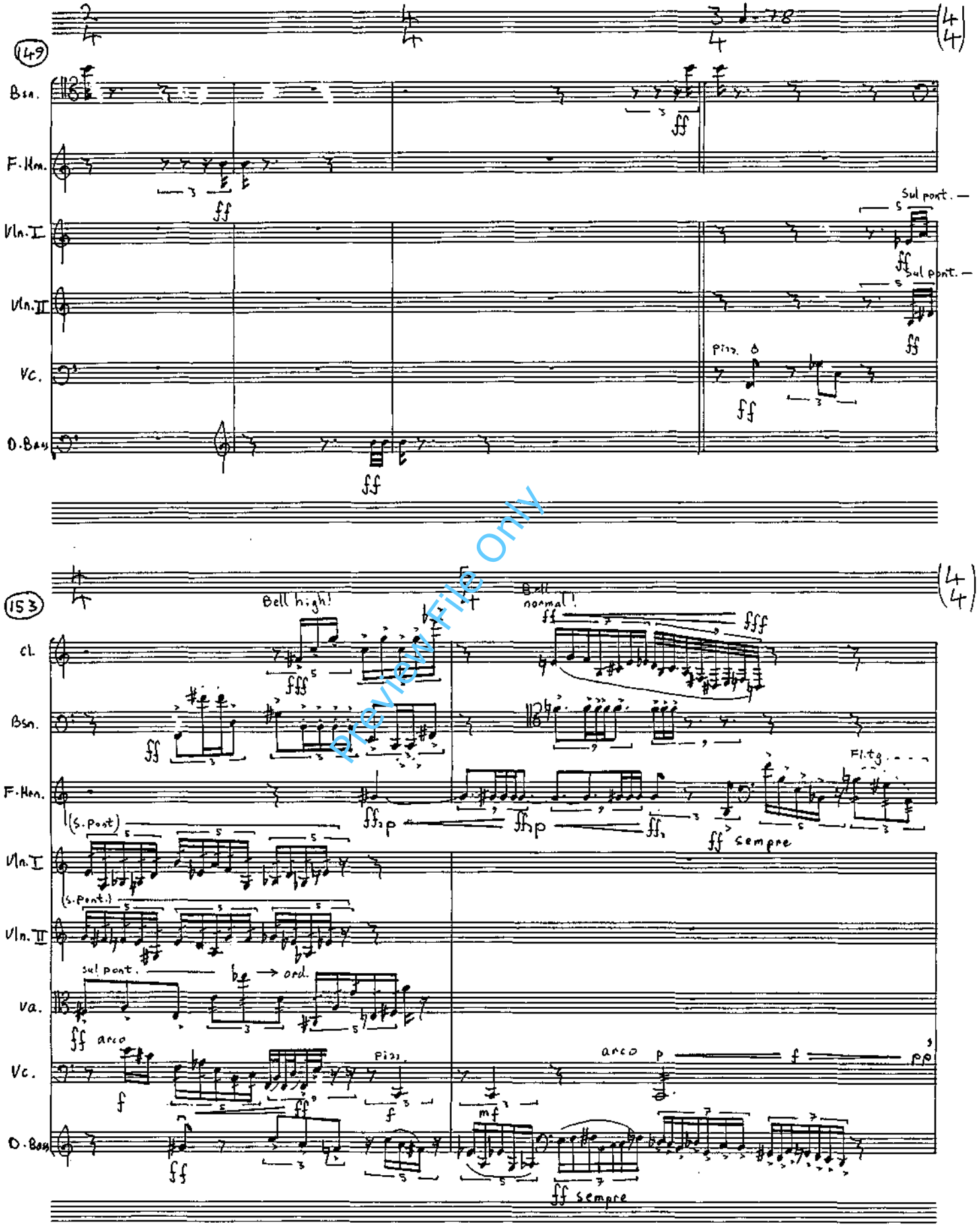

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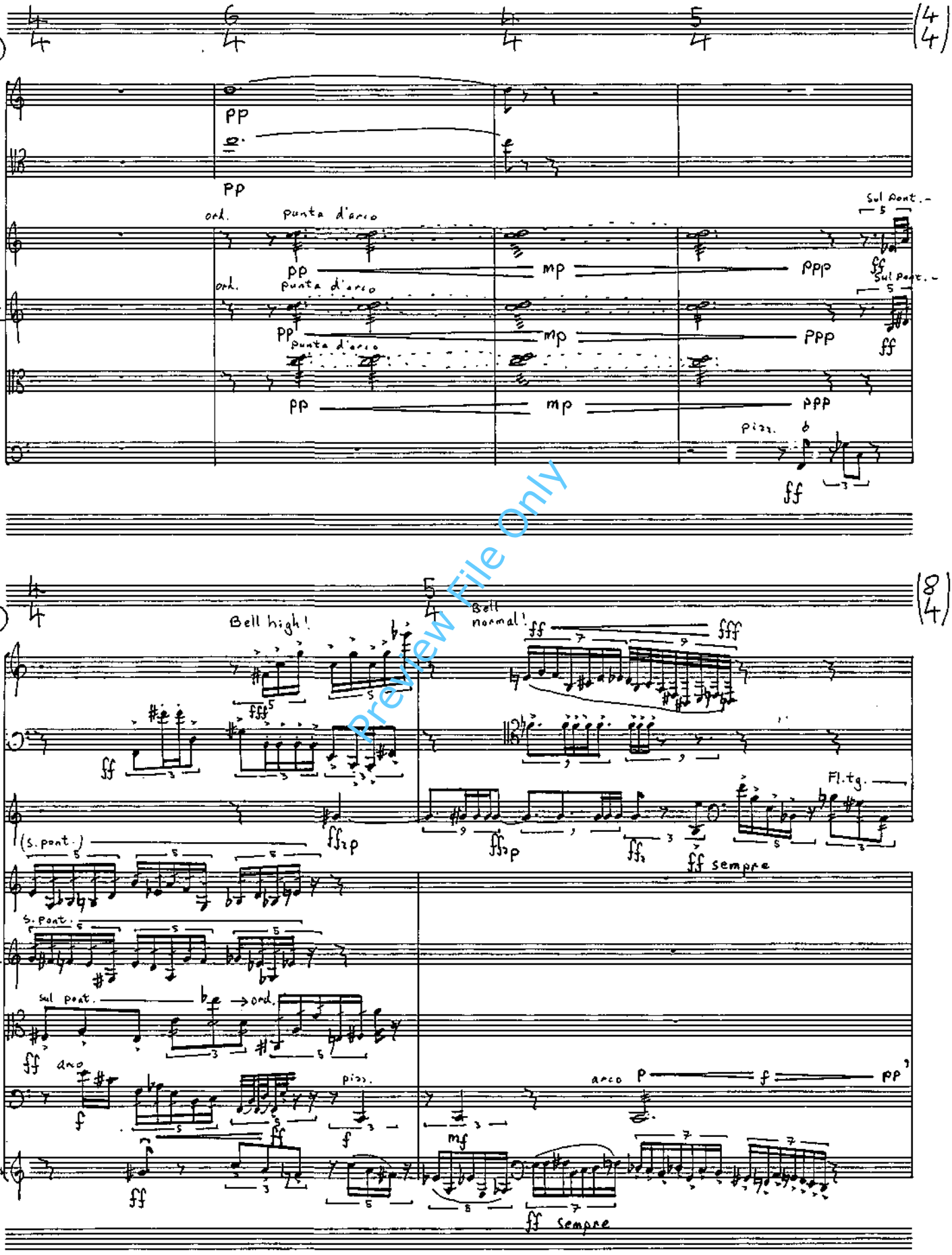

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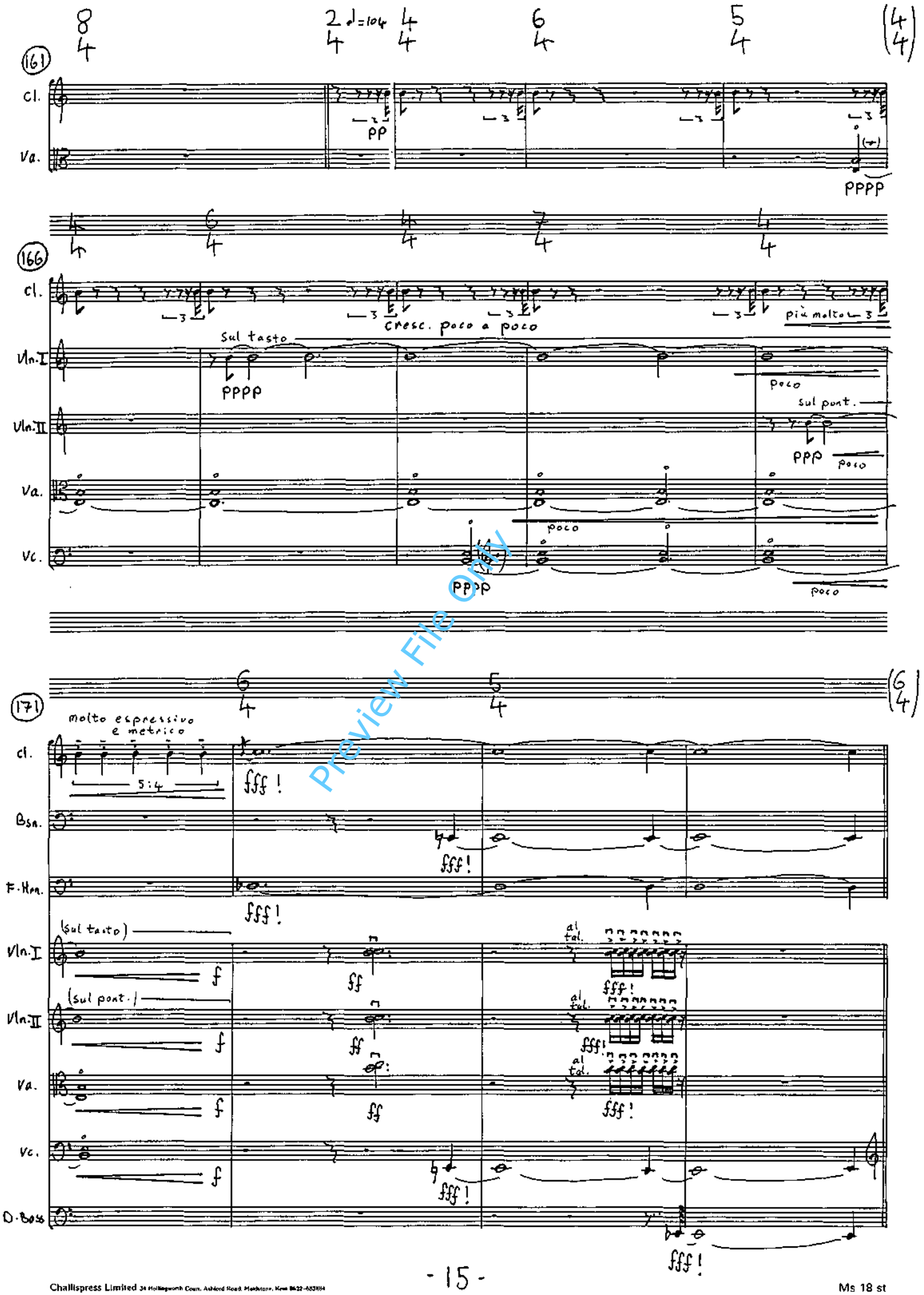

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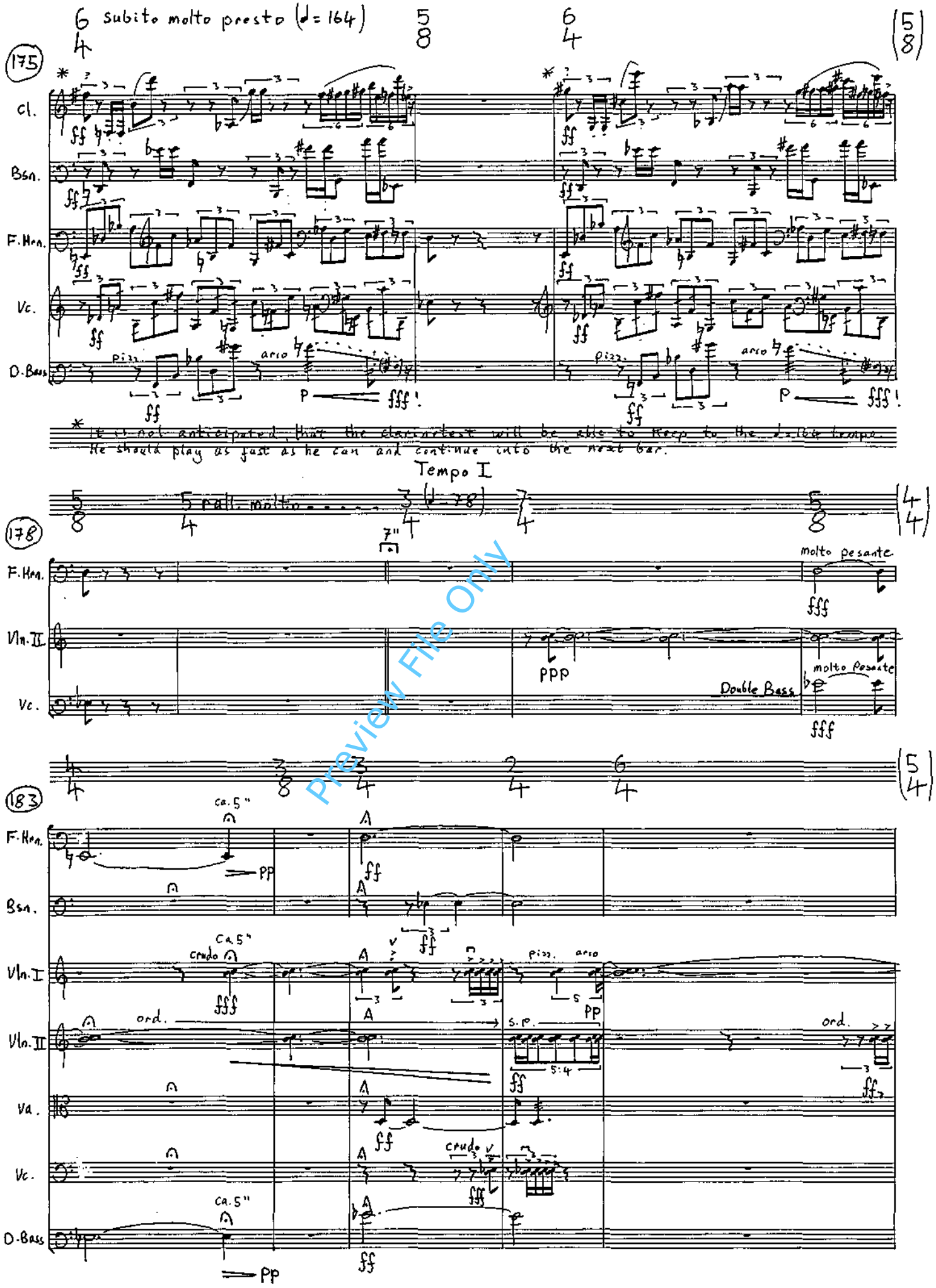

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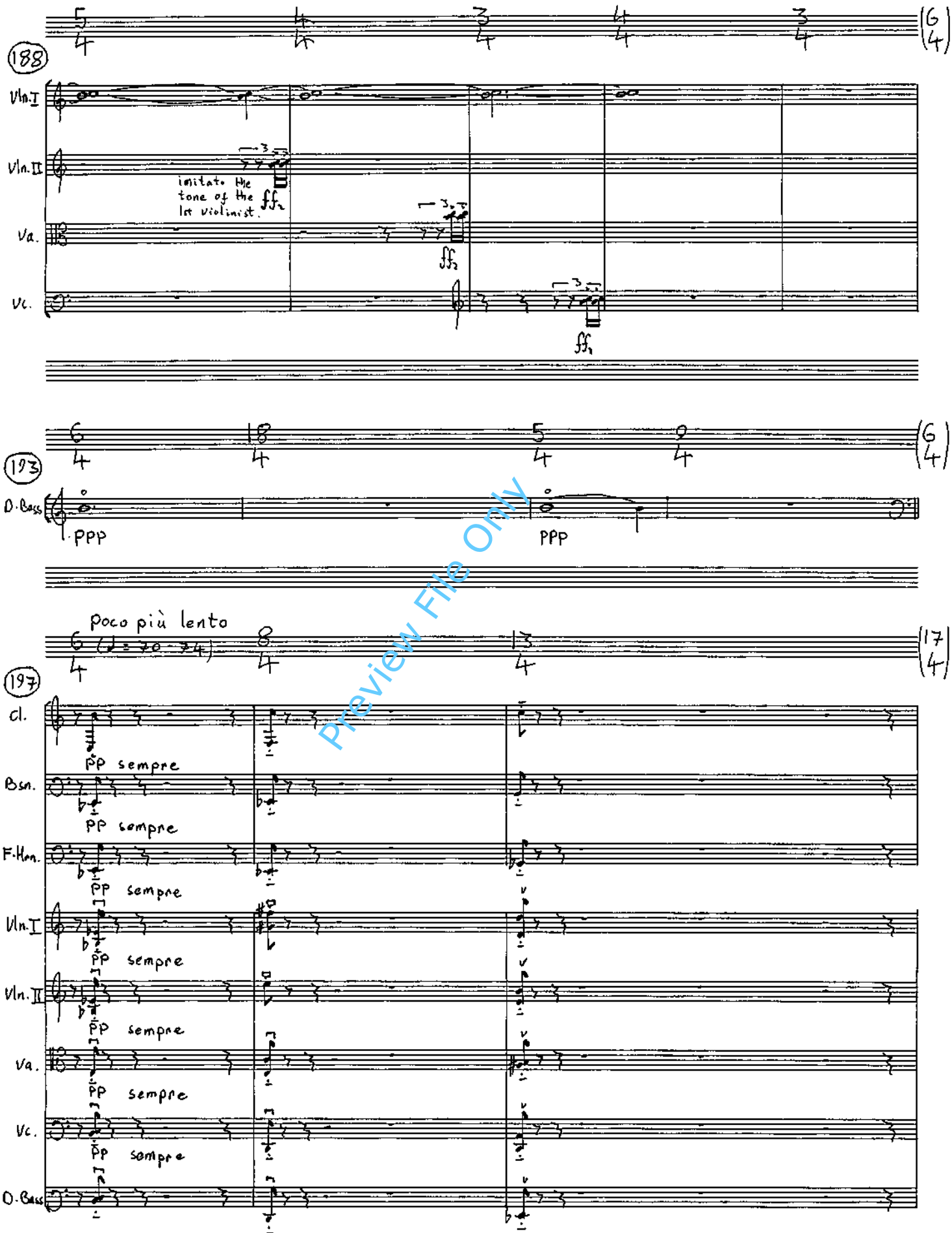

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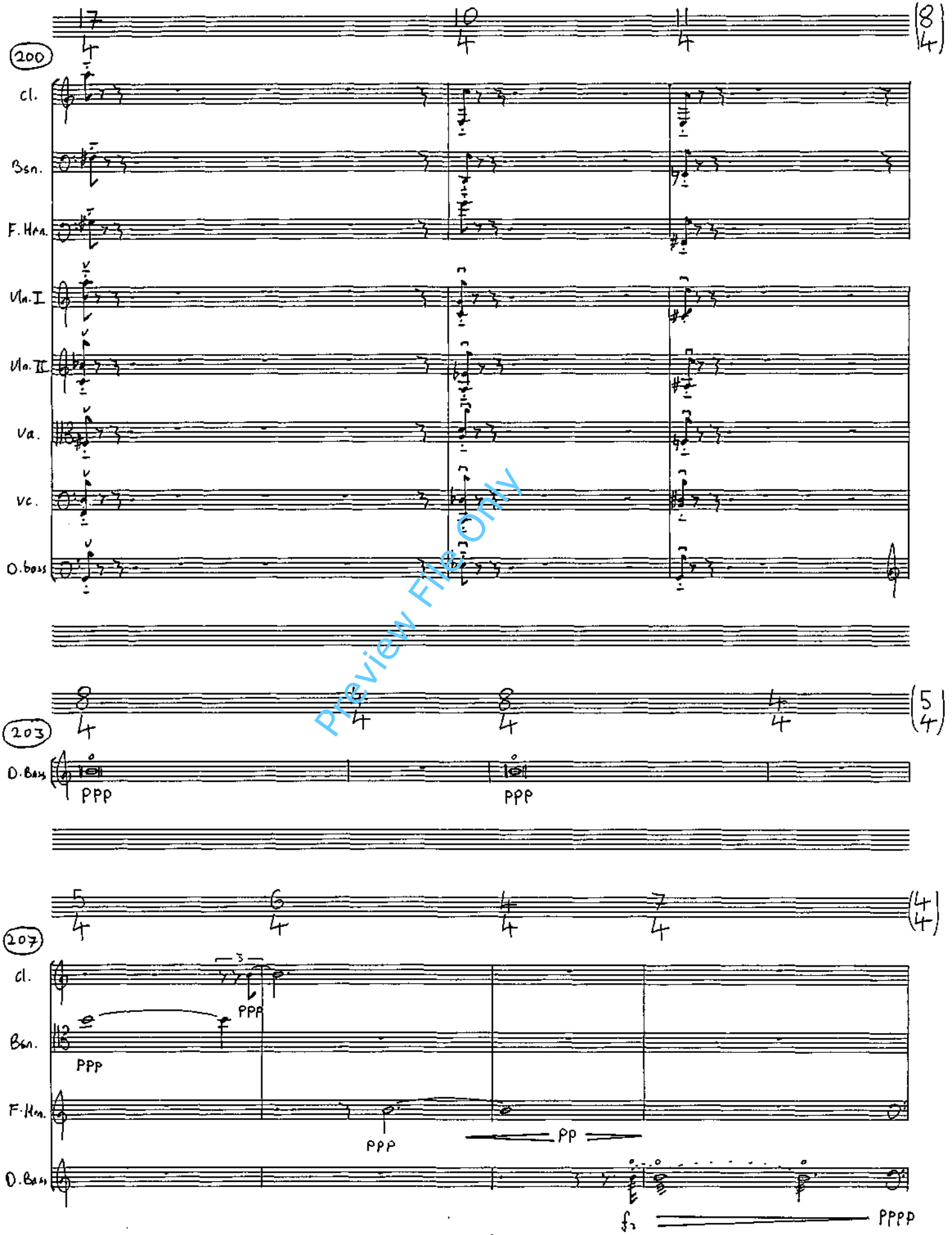

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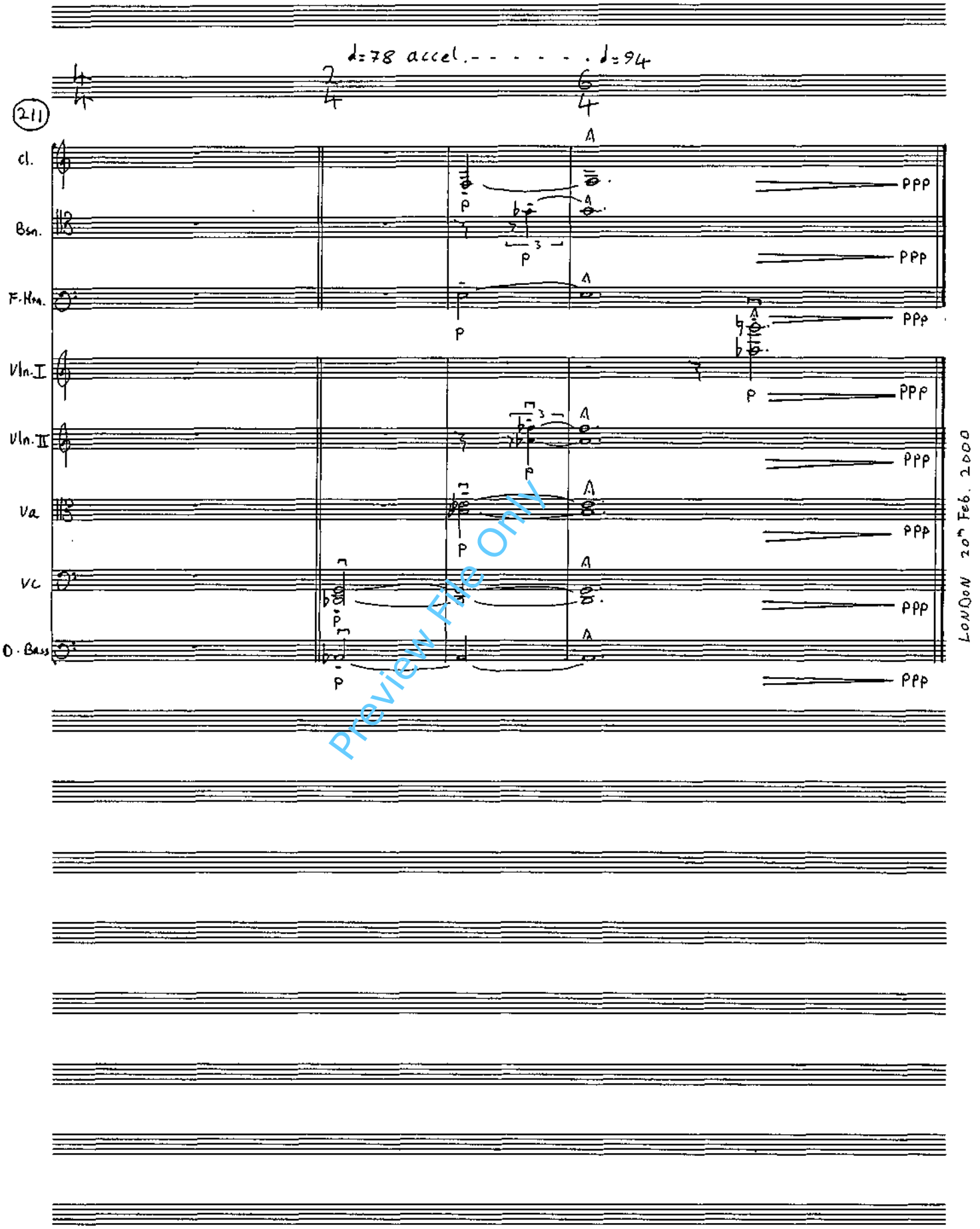

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