Old Tales Retold

Girl - Princess perhaps - is happy, but has yet to meet the man of her dreams.
Boy - stable-boy perhaps - sees her, and she becomes part of his thoughts.
And he of hers. (Sigh - how lovely).

But *the girl's father* has other ideas - he invites a strong,
handsome, horse-riding young man - *duke, barron* perhaps -
from a neighbouring, but not necessarily peace-loving state.
It is clear that the incoming young man, the *Suitor*, is greedy,
selfish, spiteful and warlike. (Oh dear! Gasp!)
The *sad stable-boy* is dismissed from his post (boo, hiss!),
and the *princess* also becomes sad.

Because she is crying / sulking in her room / refusing to eat breakfast
(you know the sort of thing), her *father* - the king, perhaps - sets both
the *stable-boy* and the *rich suitor* a task.....
etc. etc. and very *etc.* - you know what happens now, surely?

Well, yes - both the *Boy* and the *Suitor* go off on a journey,
and there they meet the *Monster*. The *Suitor* (stupidly!) gets
into a fight with the *Monster*. Bad idea! It does not end well (for the *Suitor*).

The *Boy*, however, plays a dance - one which strangely matches the
Monster's personality - and the *Monster*, getting faster and faster,
dances himself into oblivion. It does not end well (for the *Monster*).

The *Boy* (our hero! hooray!) returns home, is accepted by *the girl's father.*
The *Boy* (now a *Prince*) marries the *Princess*
and they all live acceptably for a following reasonable time.

Well, you didn't expect "happy" and "ever after", did you?

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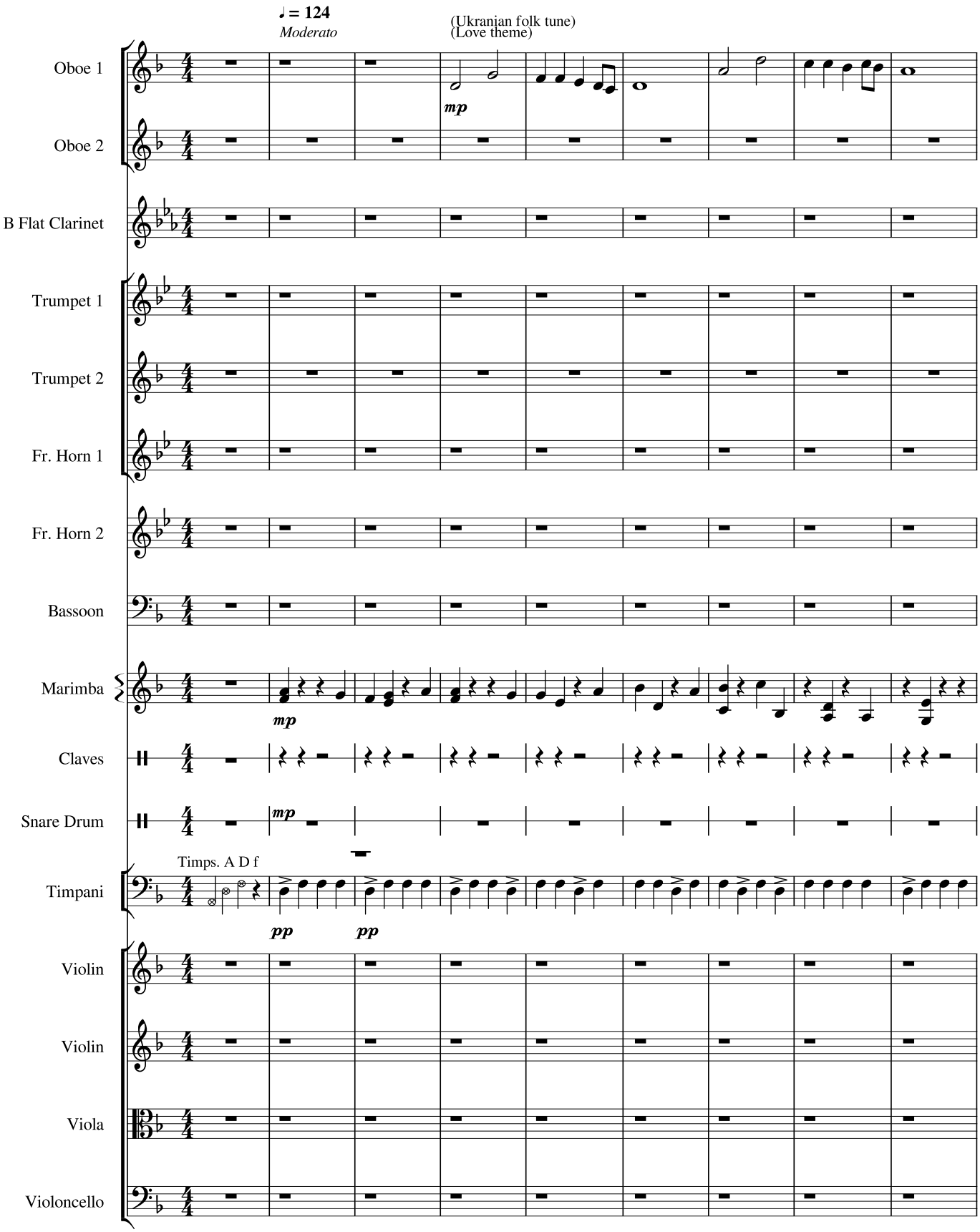

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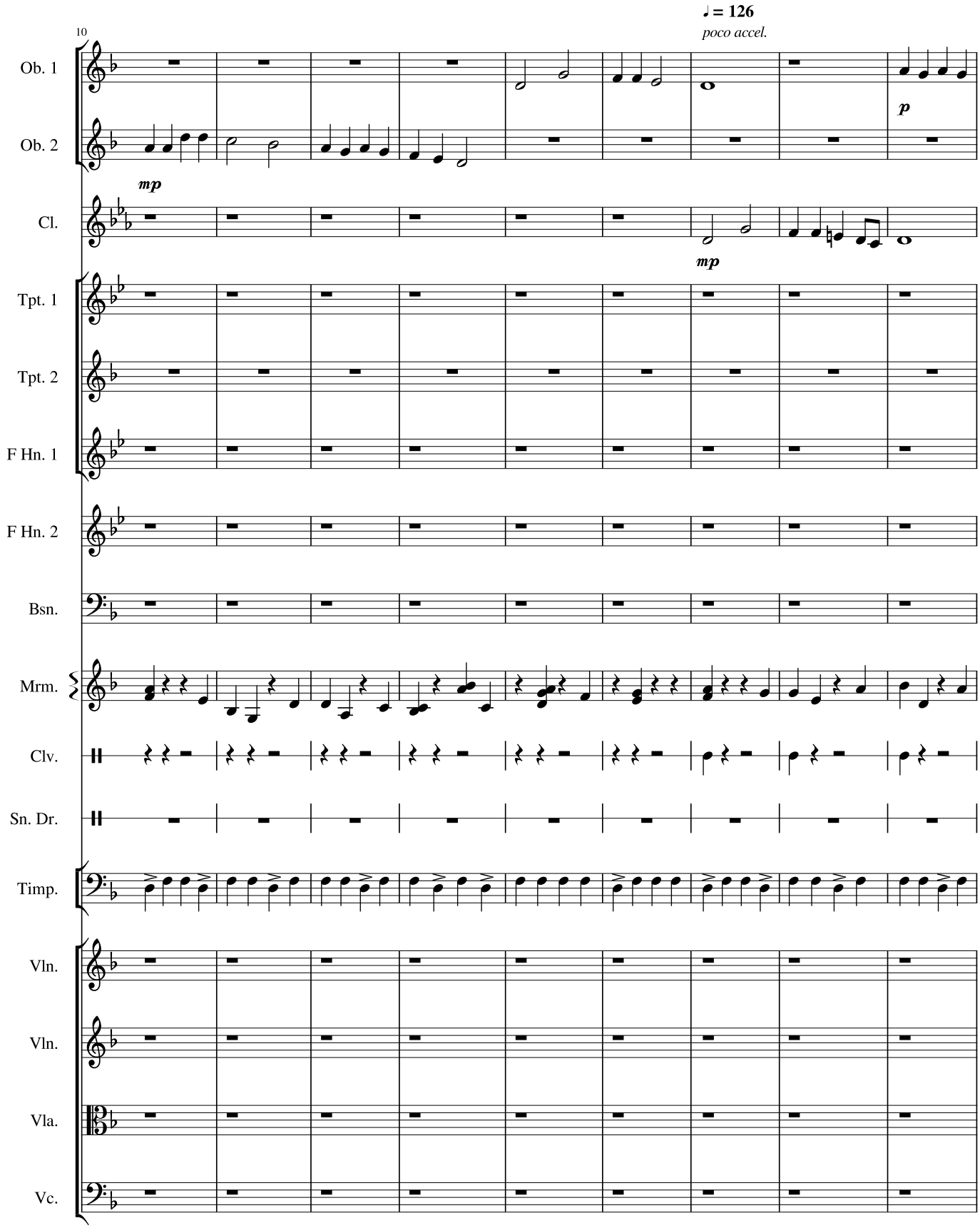

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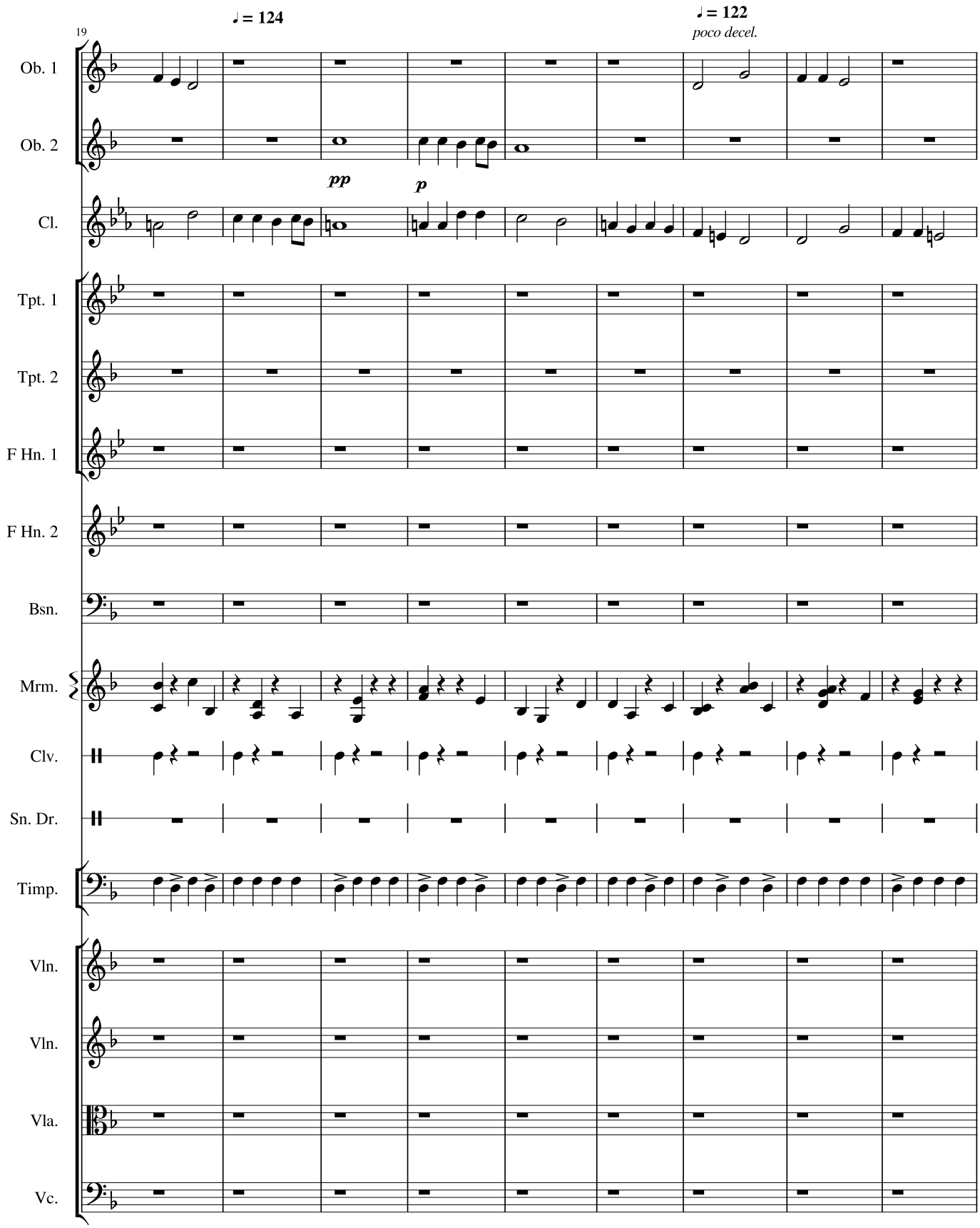

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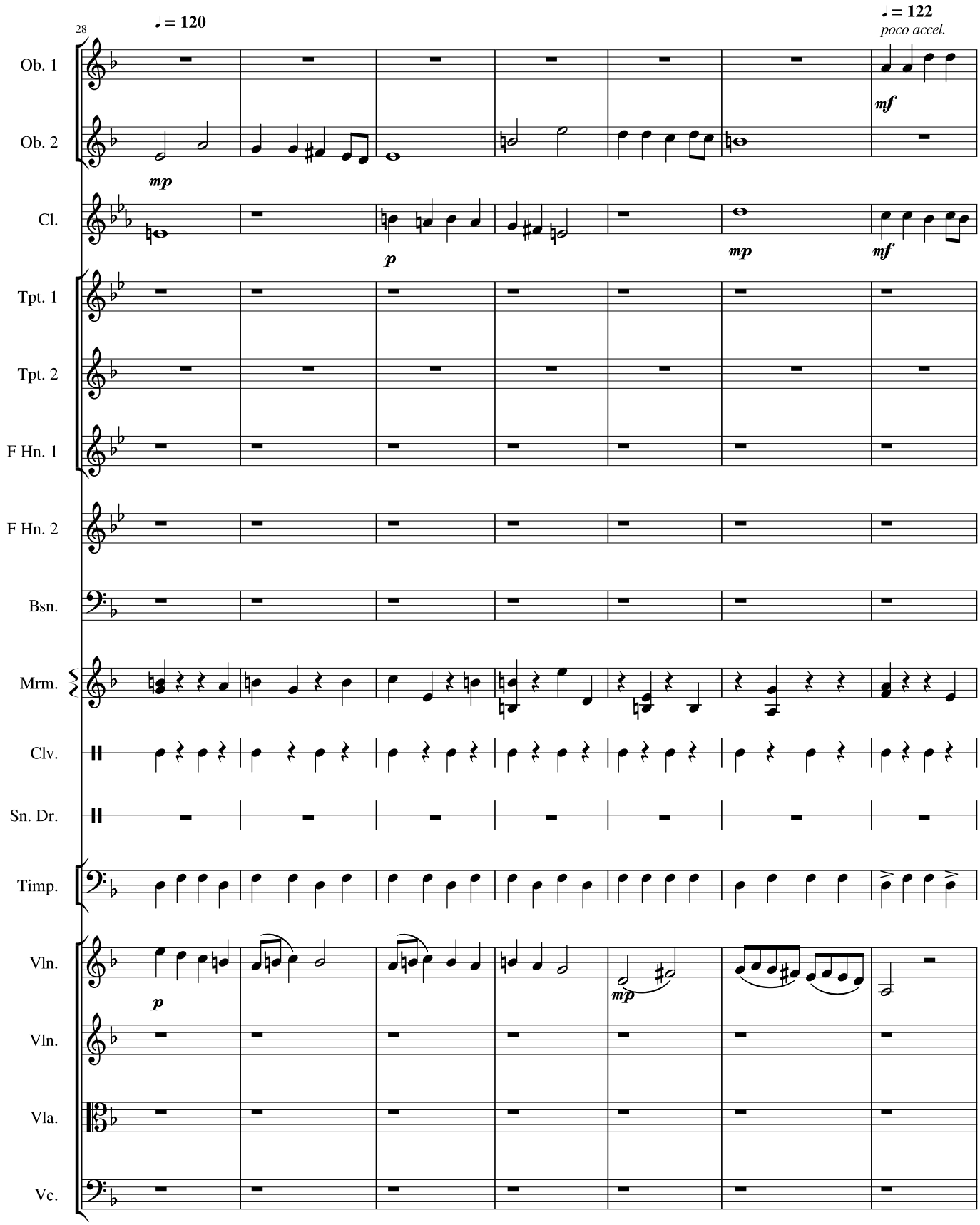

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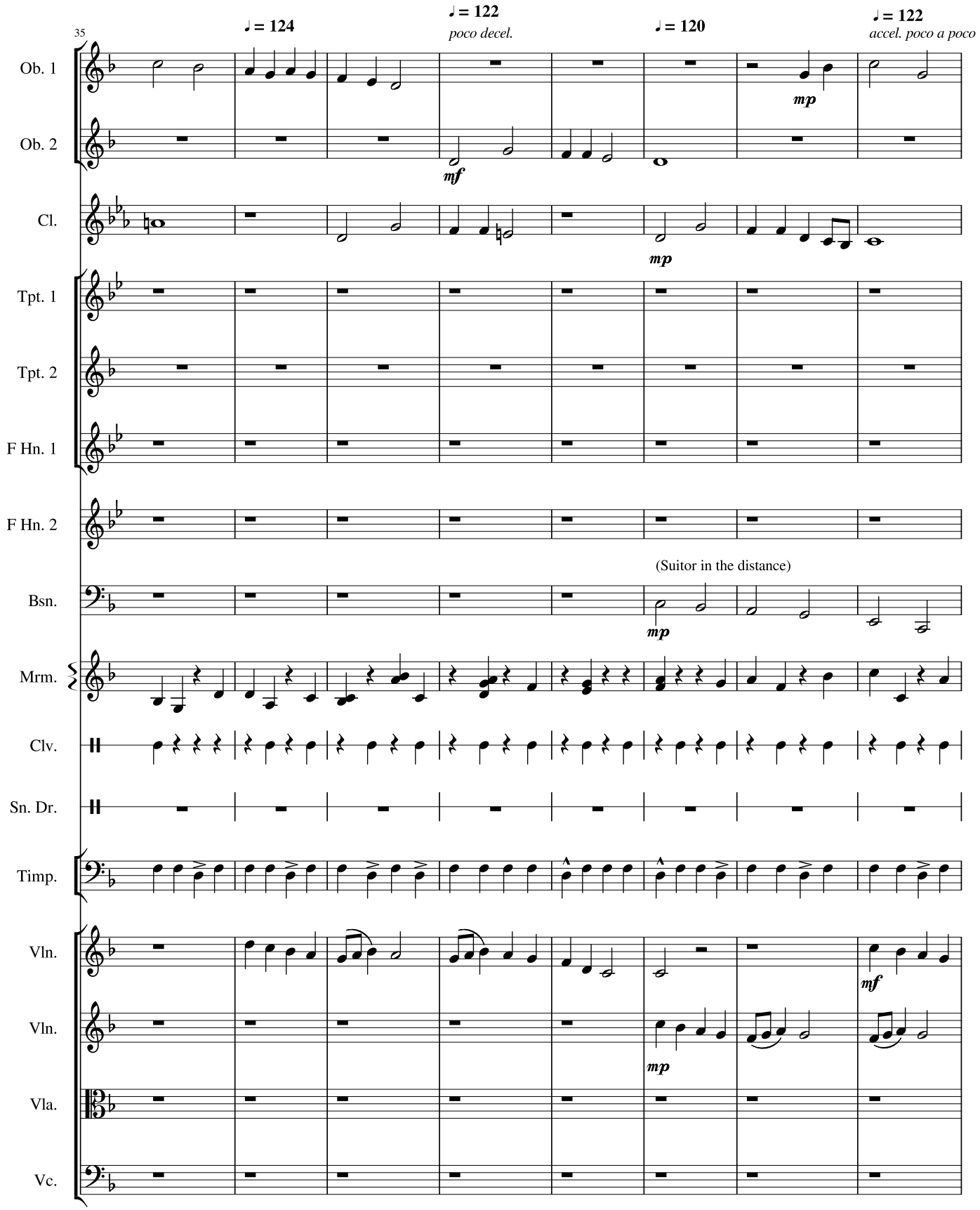

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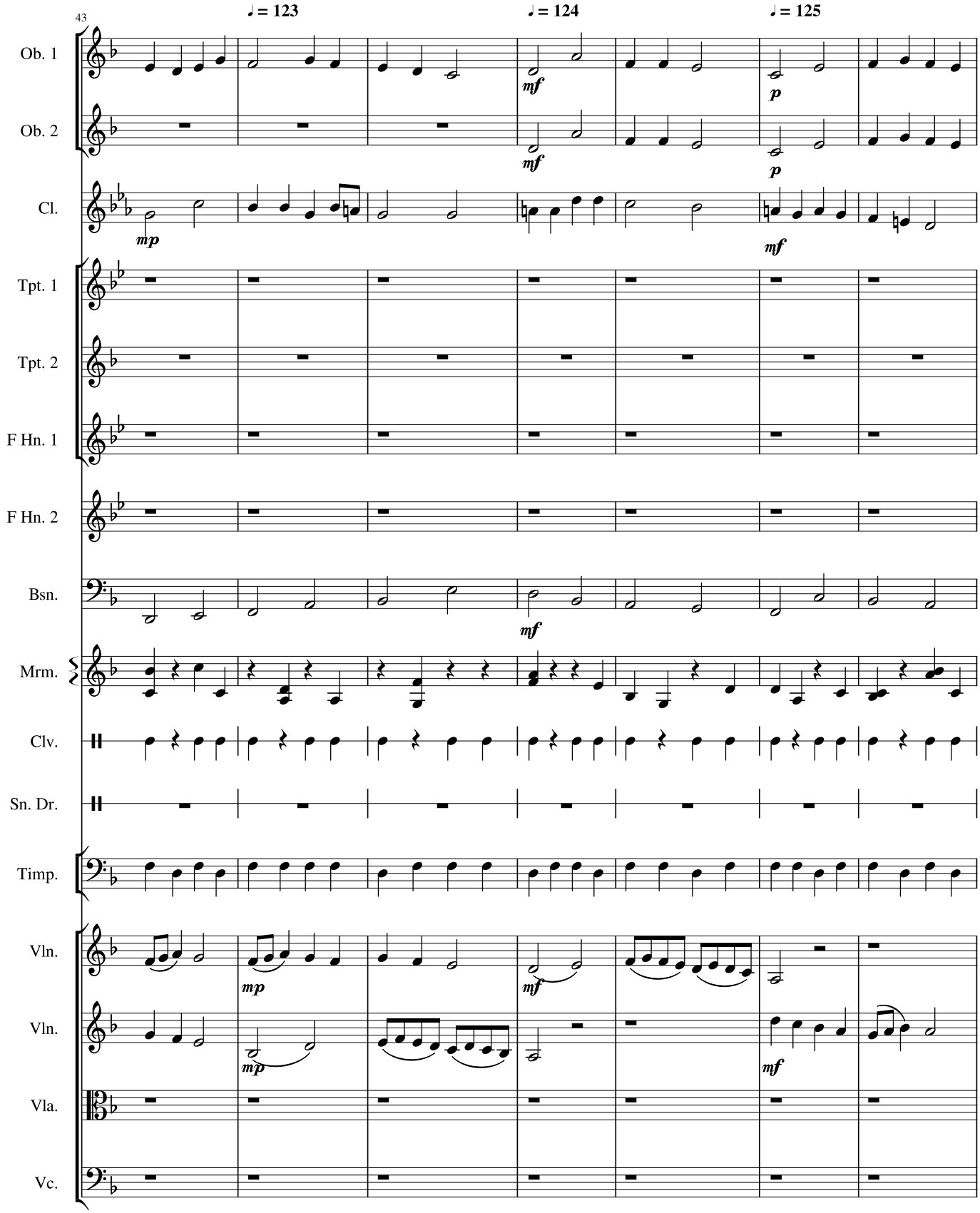

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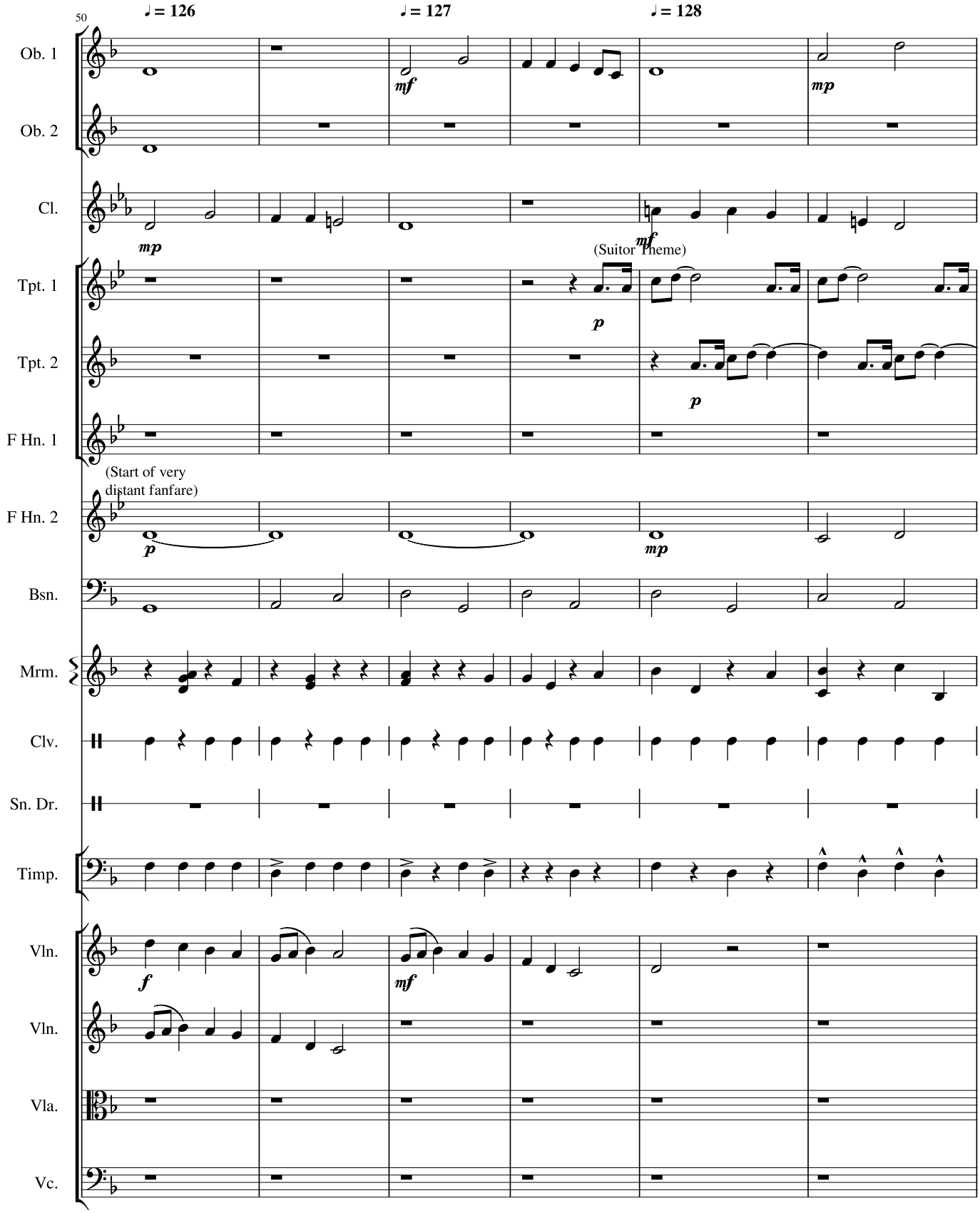

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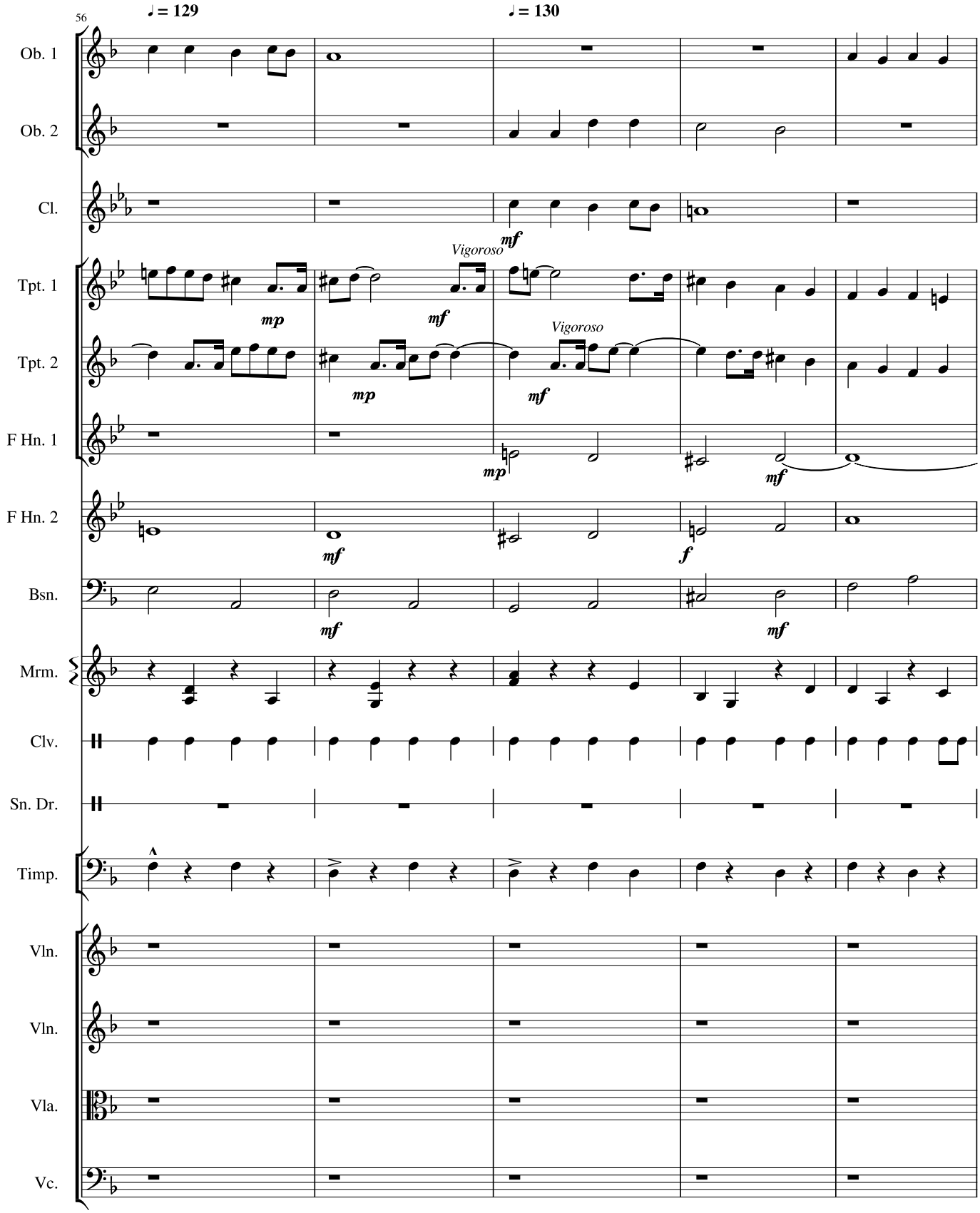

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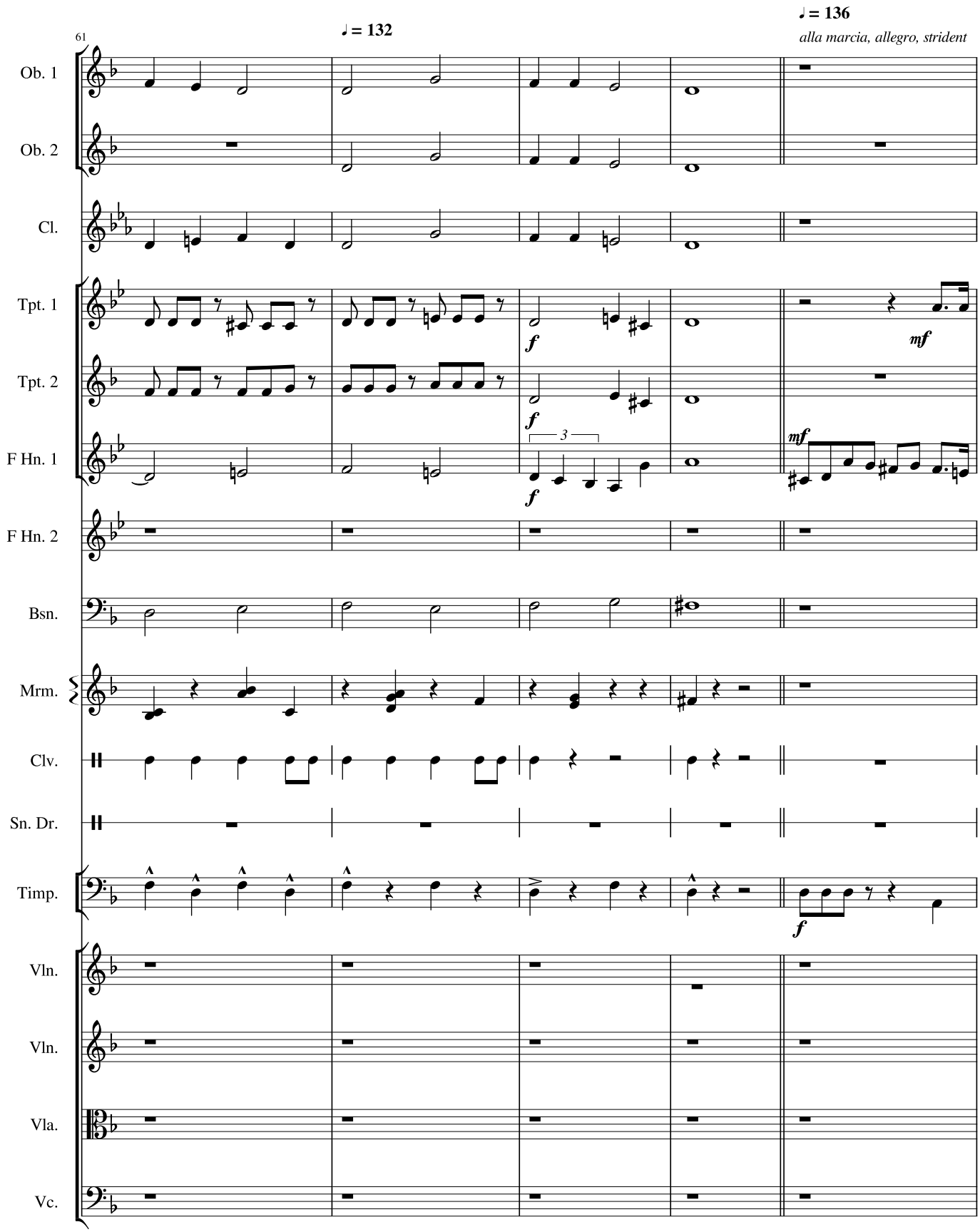

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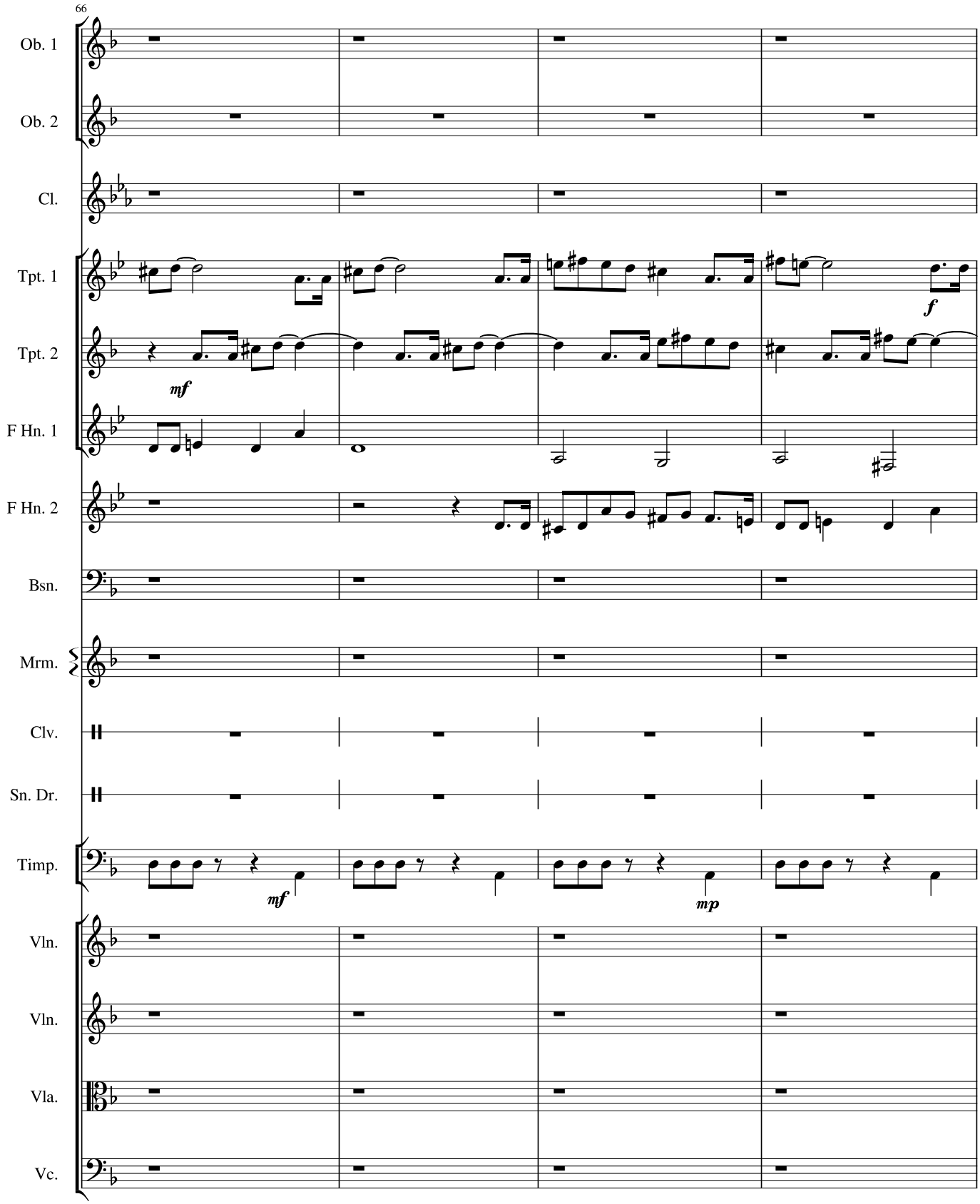

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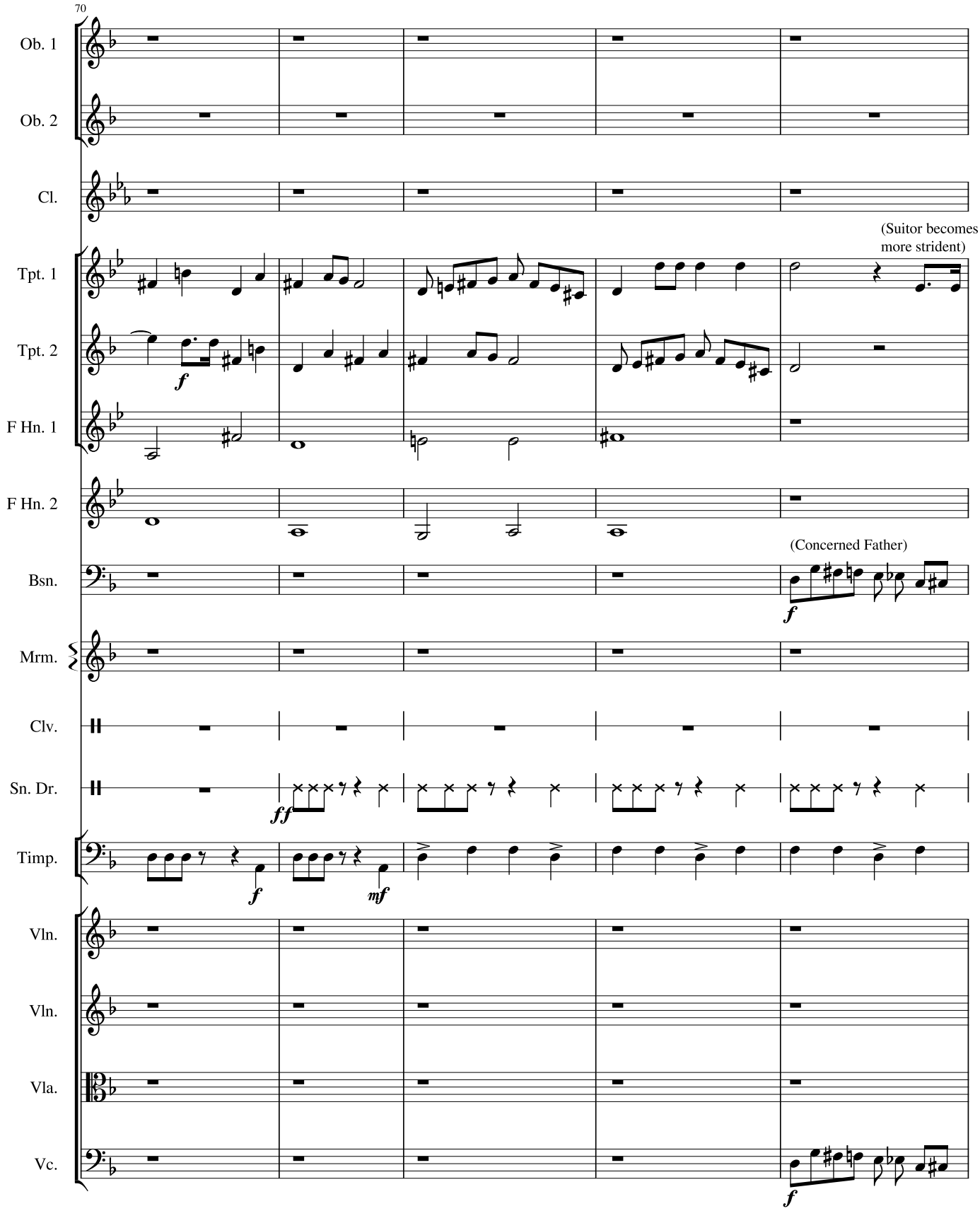

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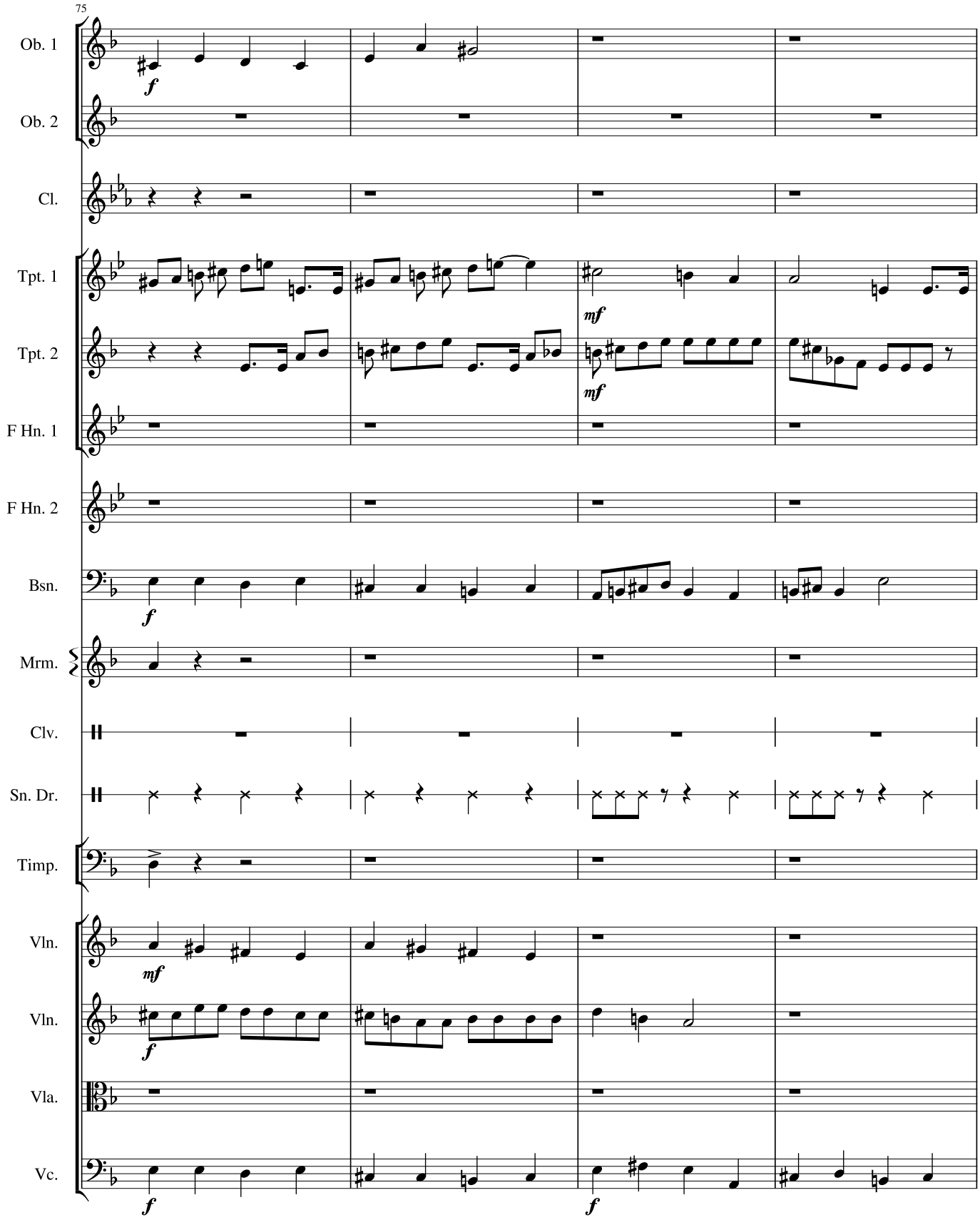

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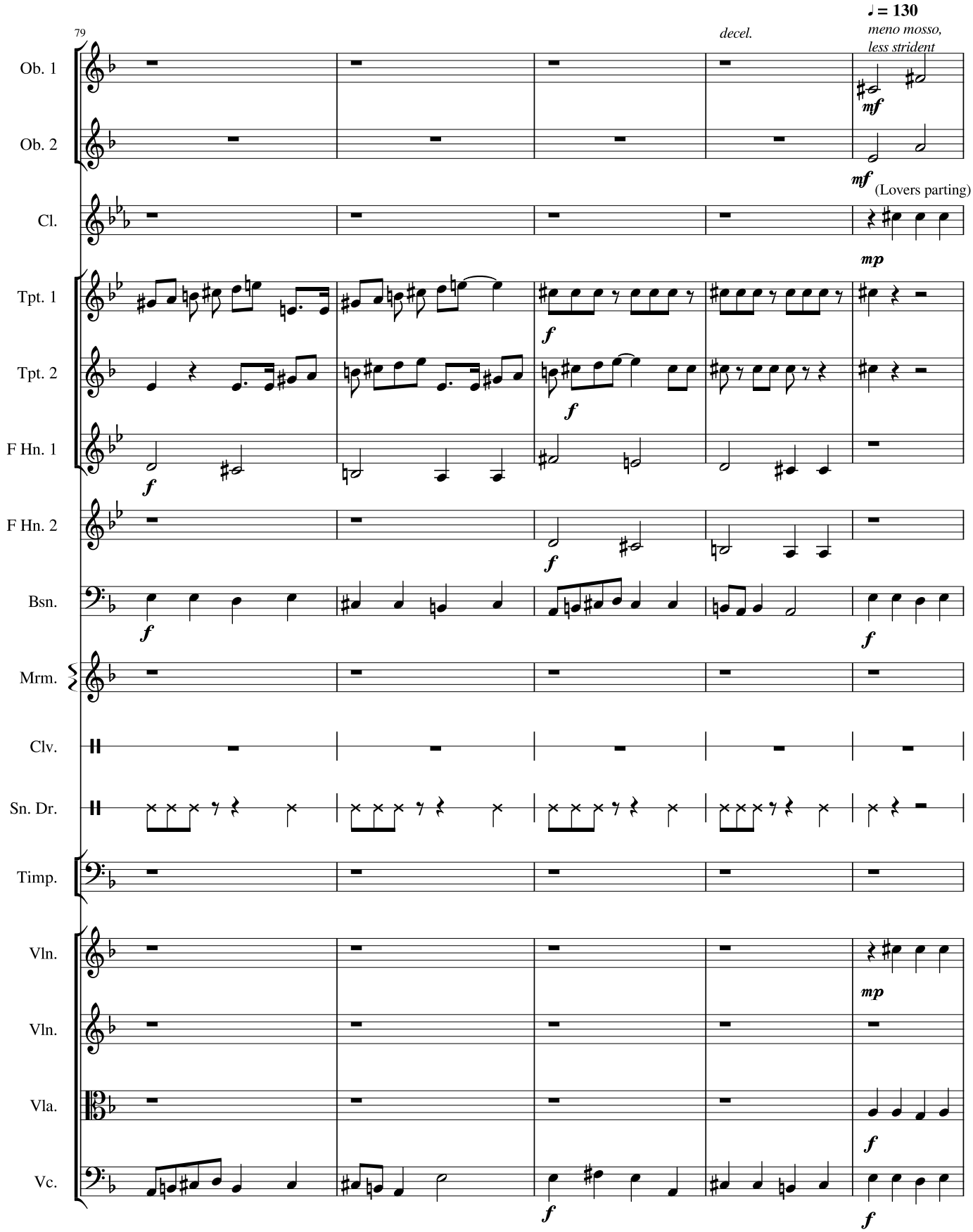

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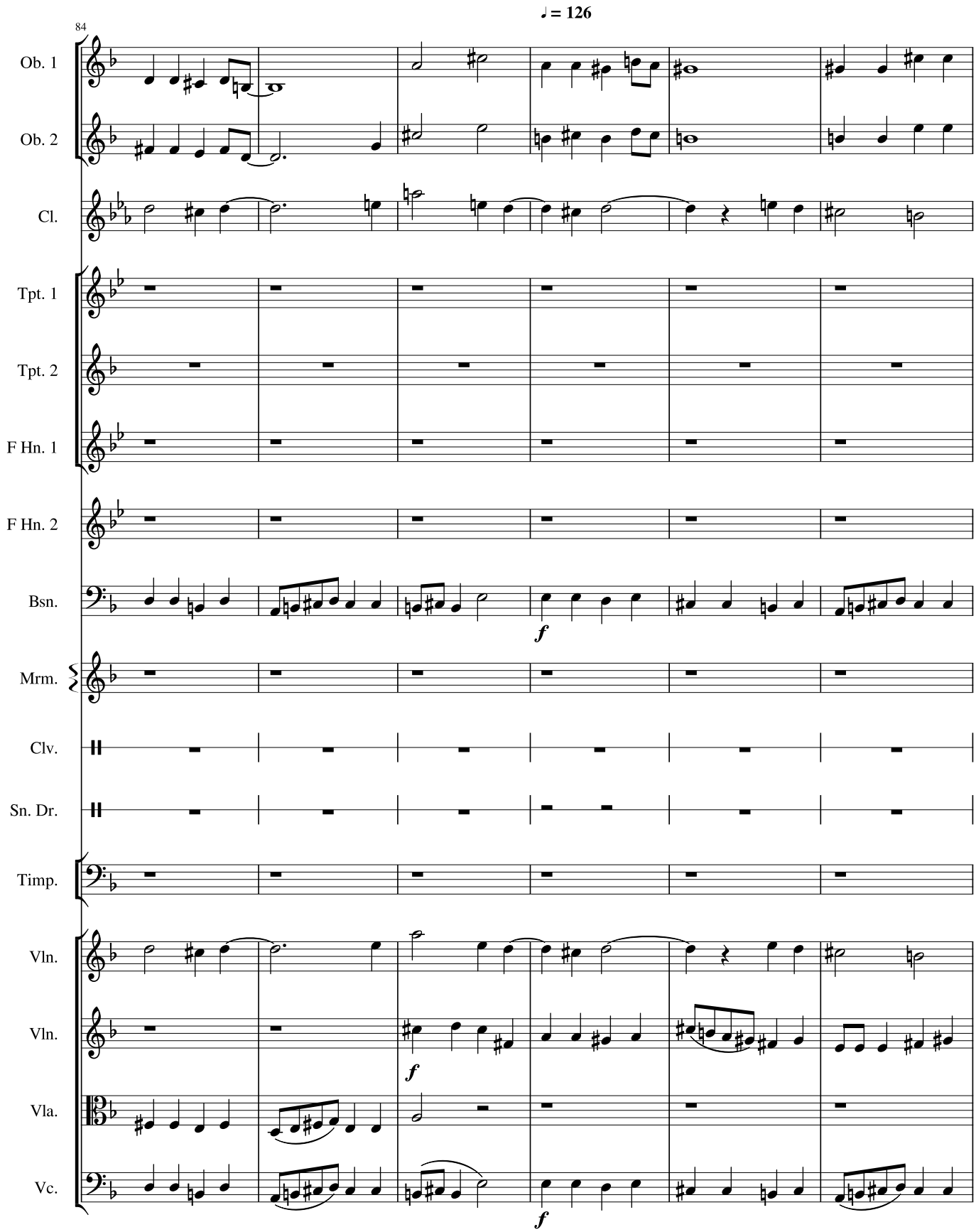

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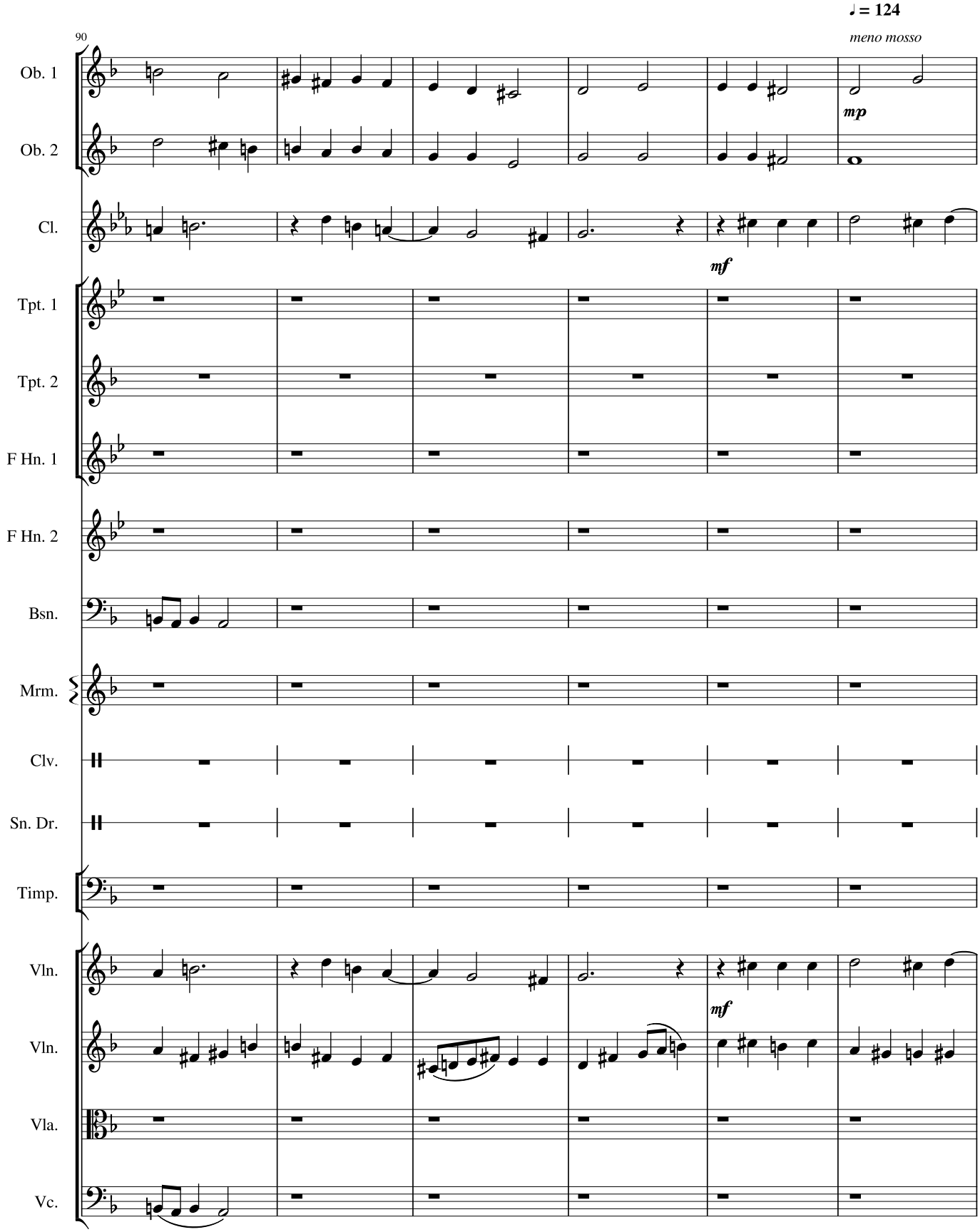

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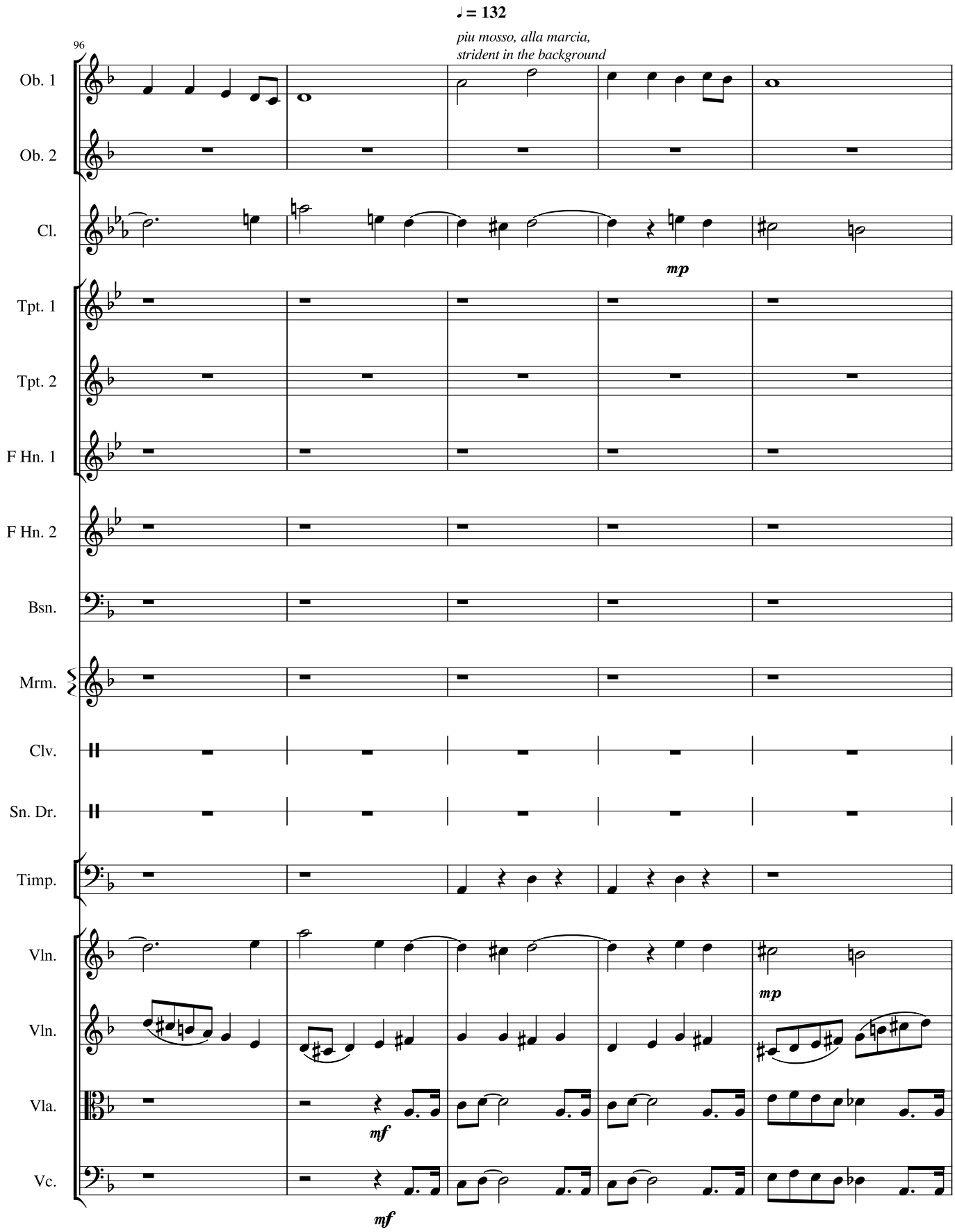

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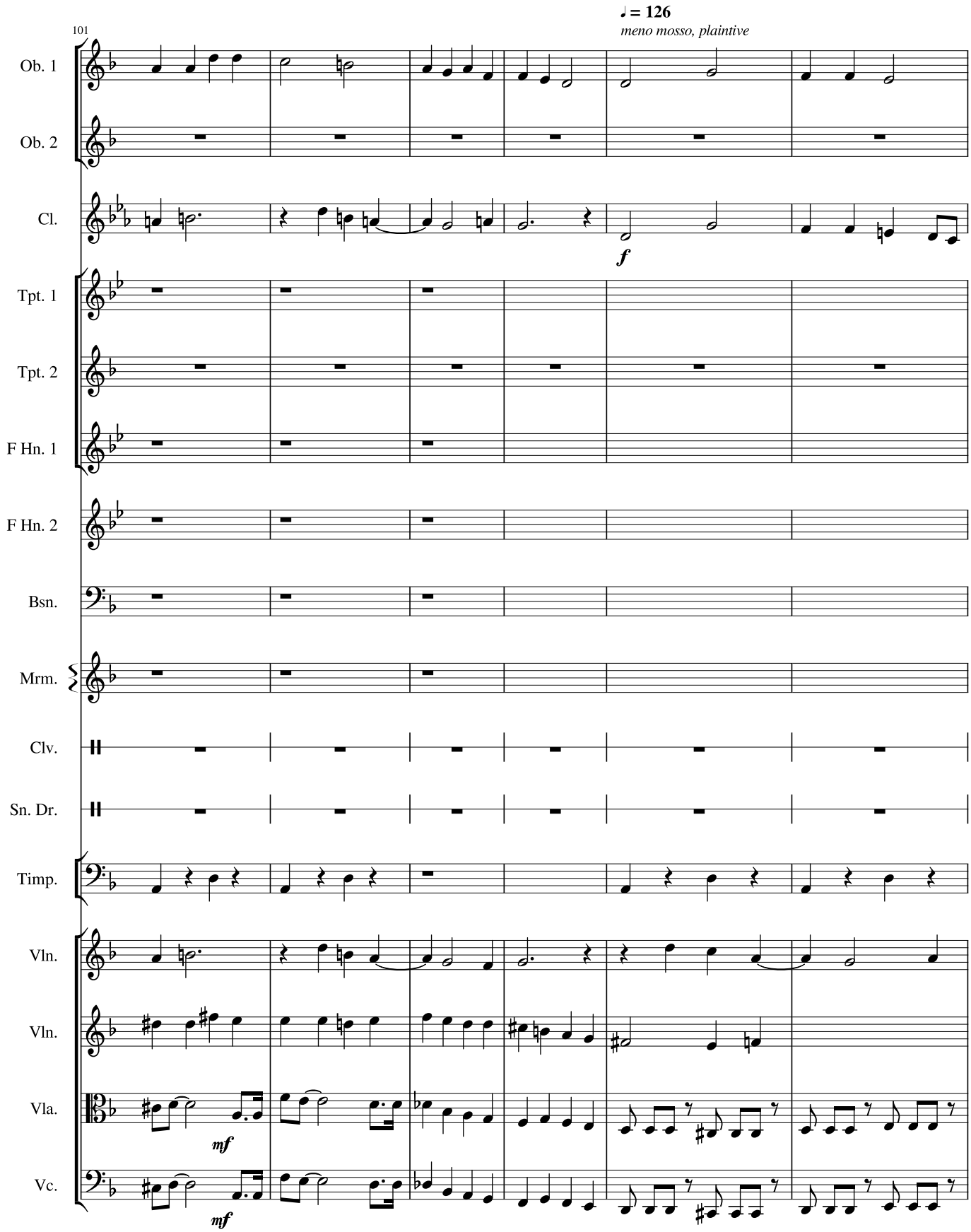

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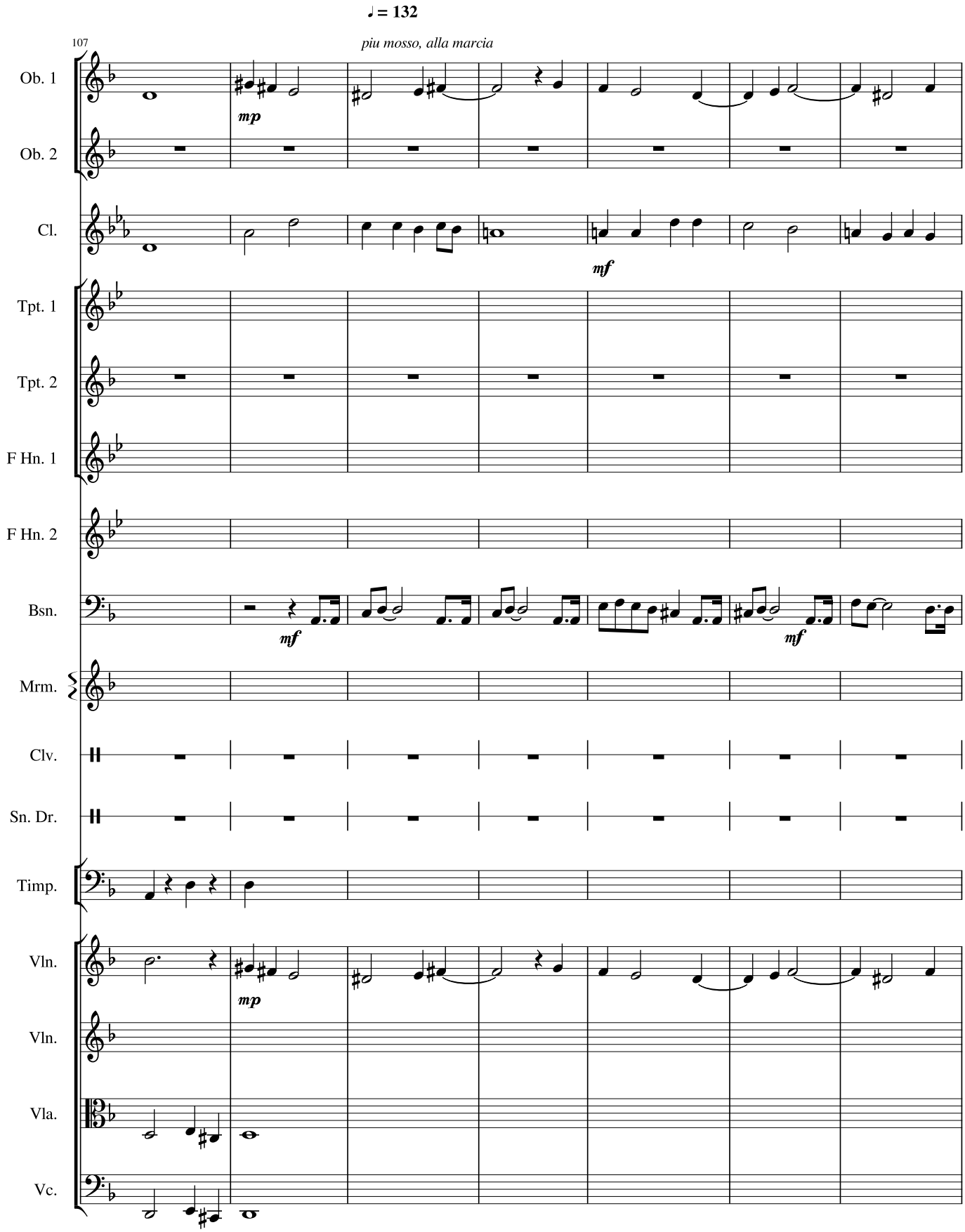

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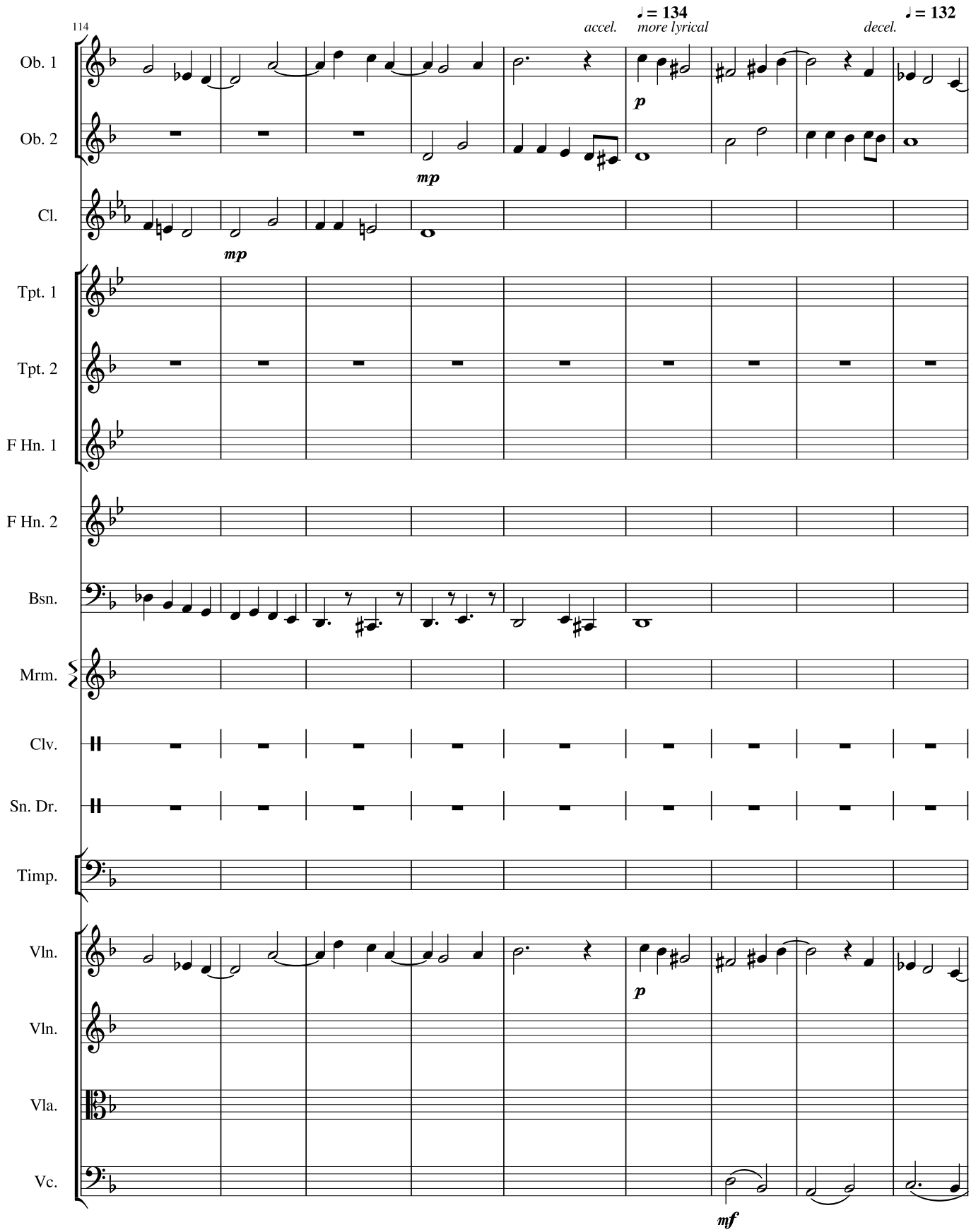

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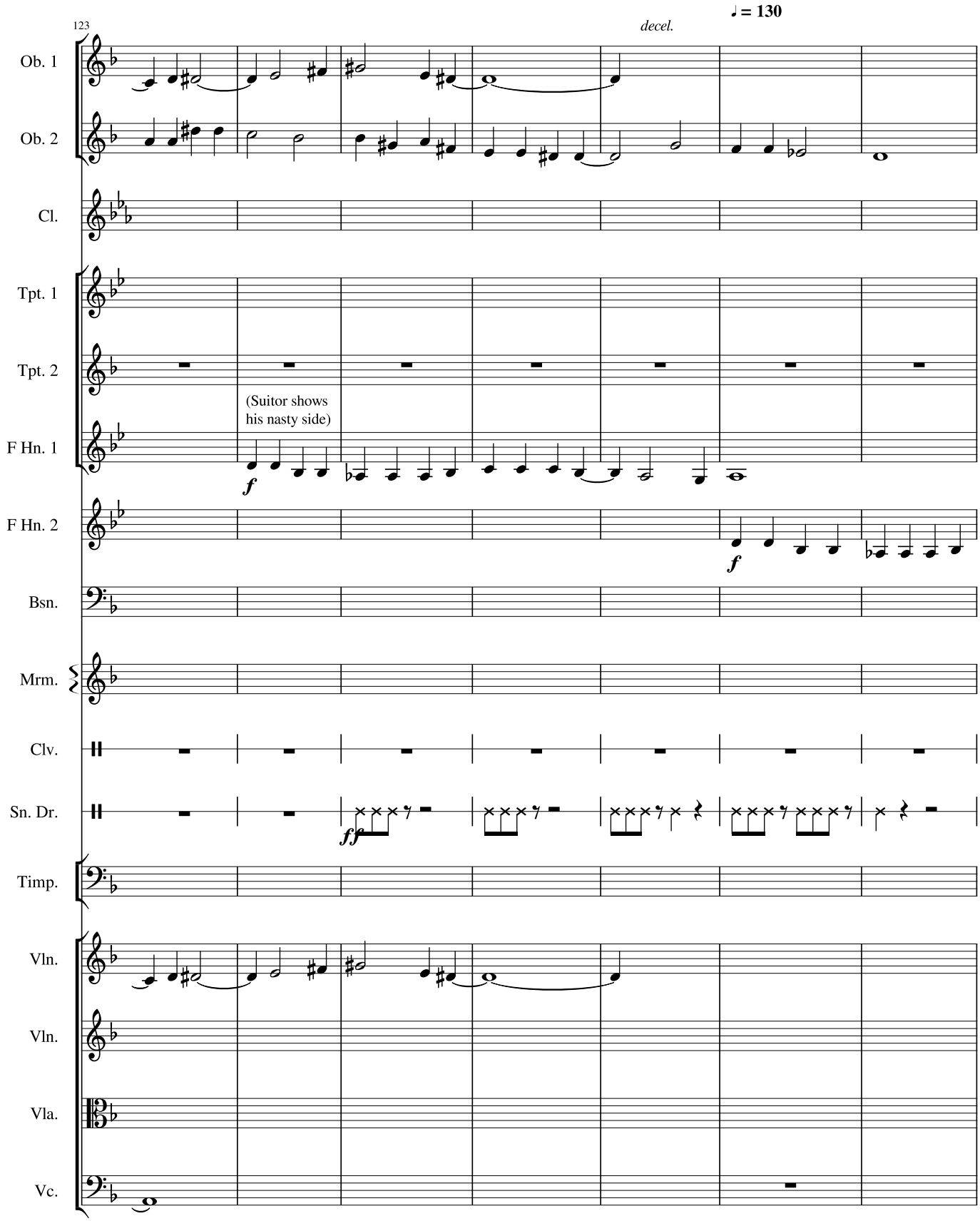

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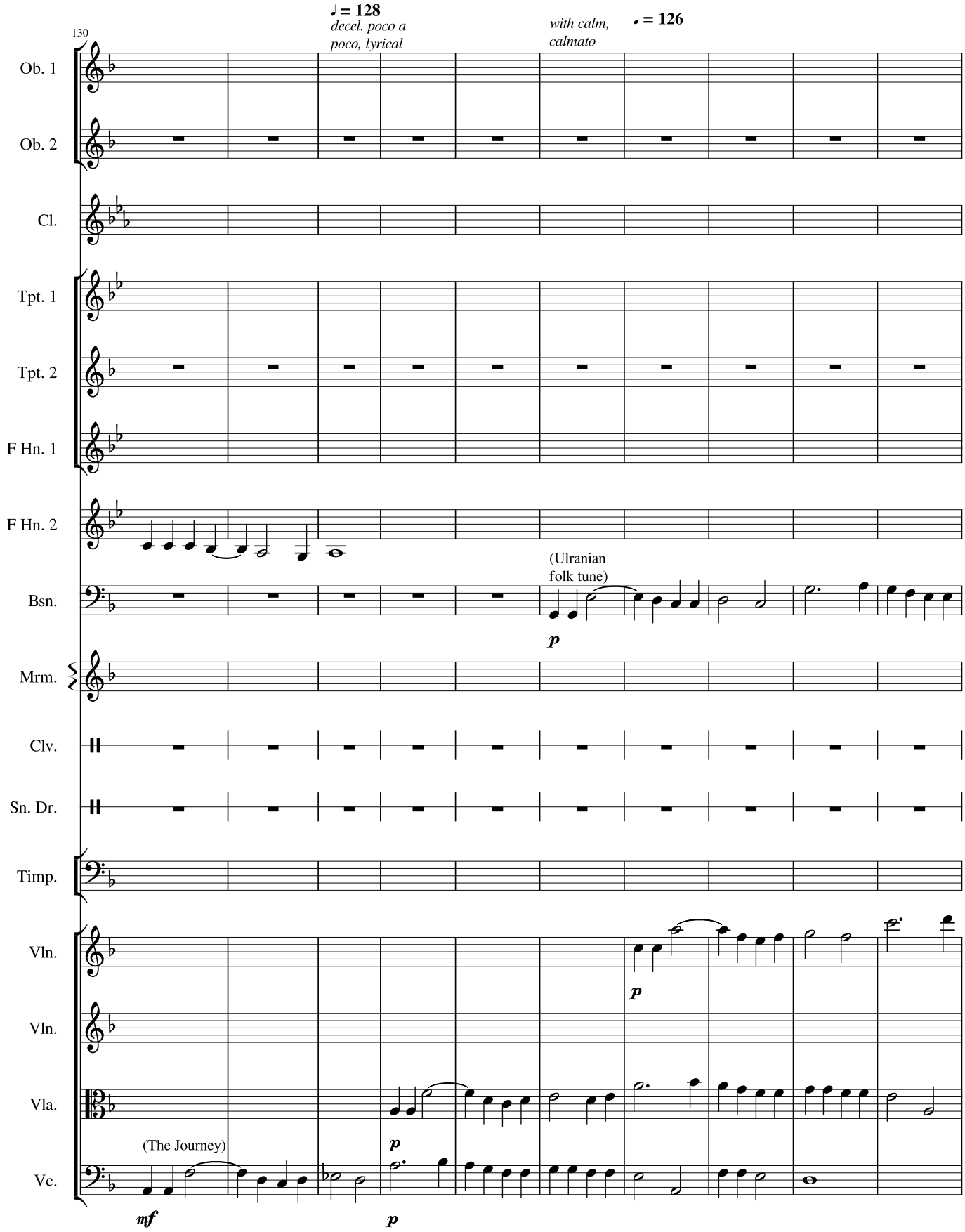

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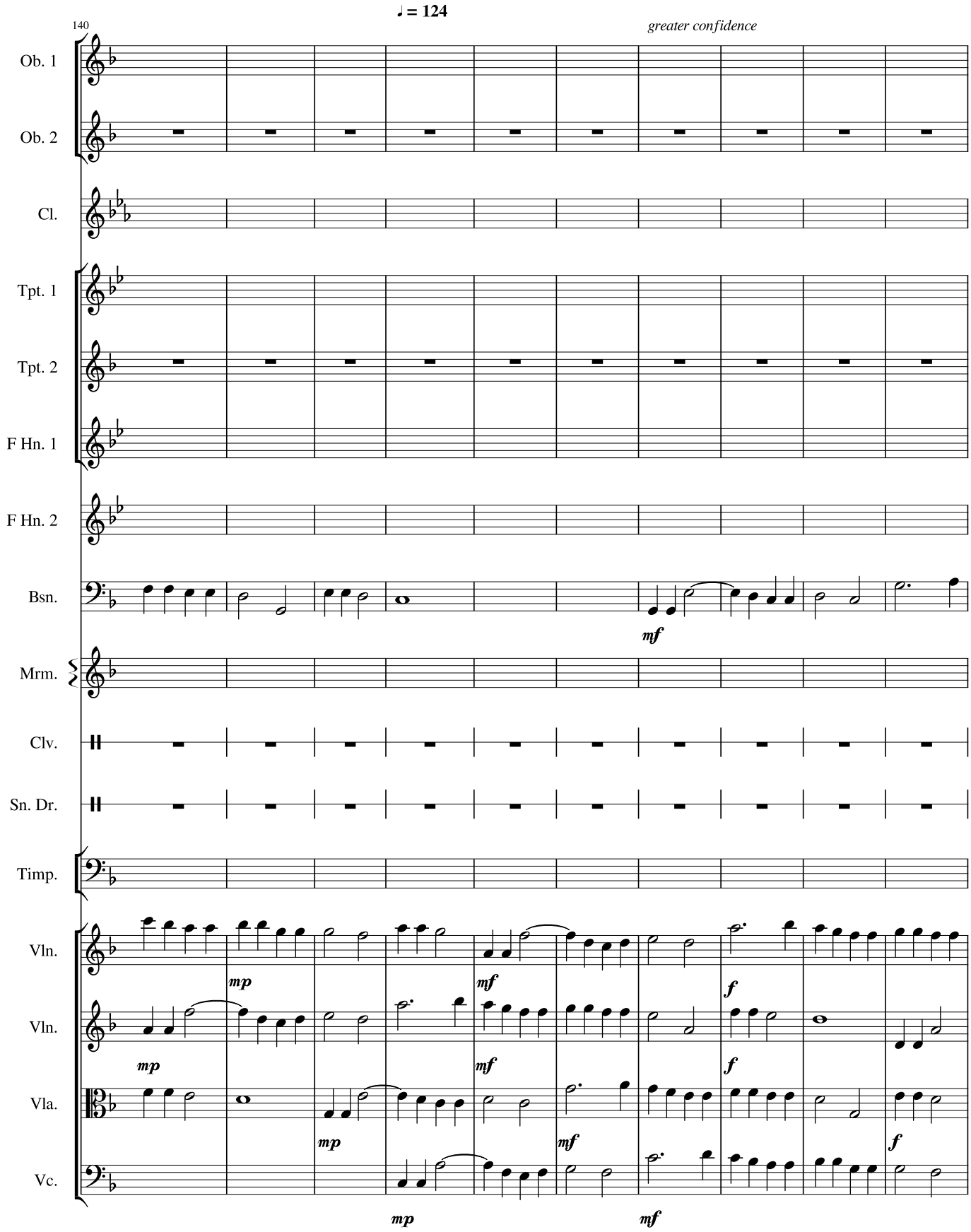

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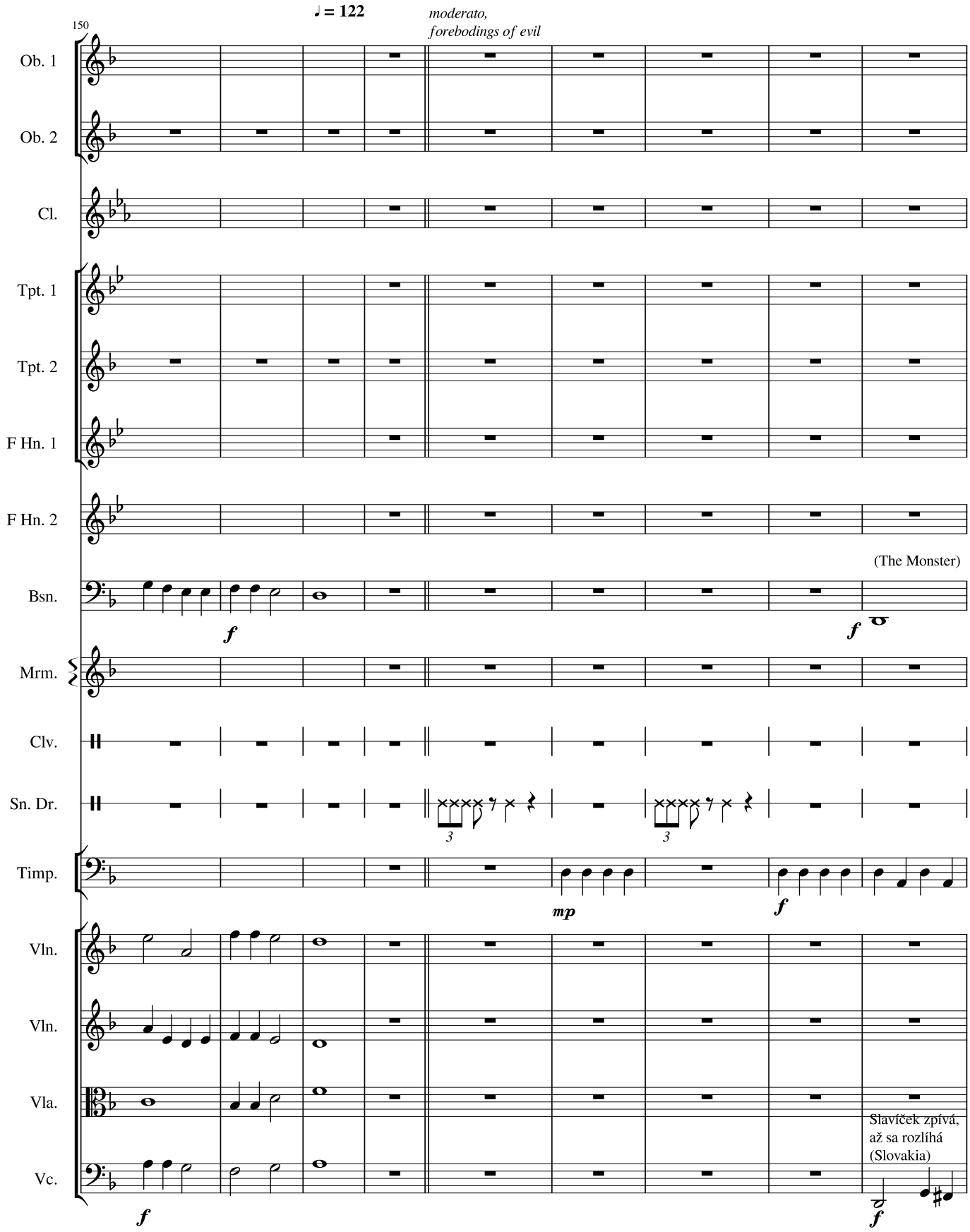

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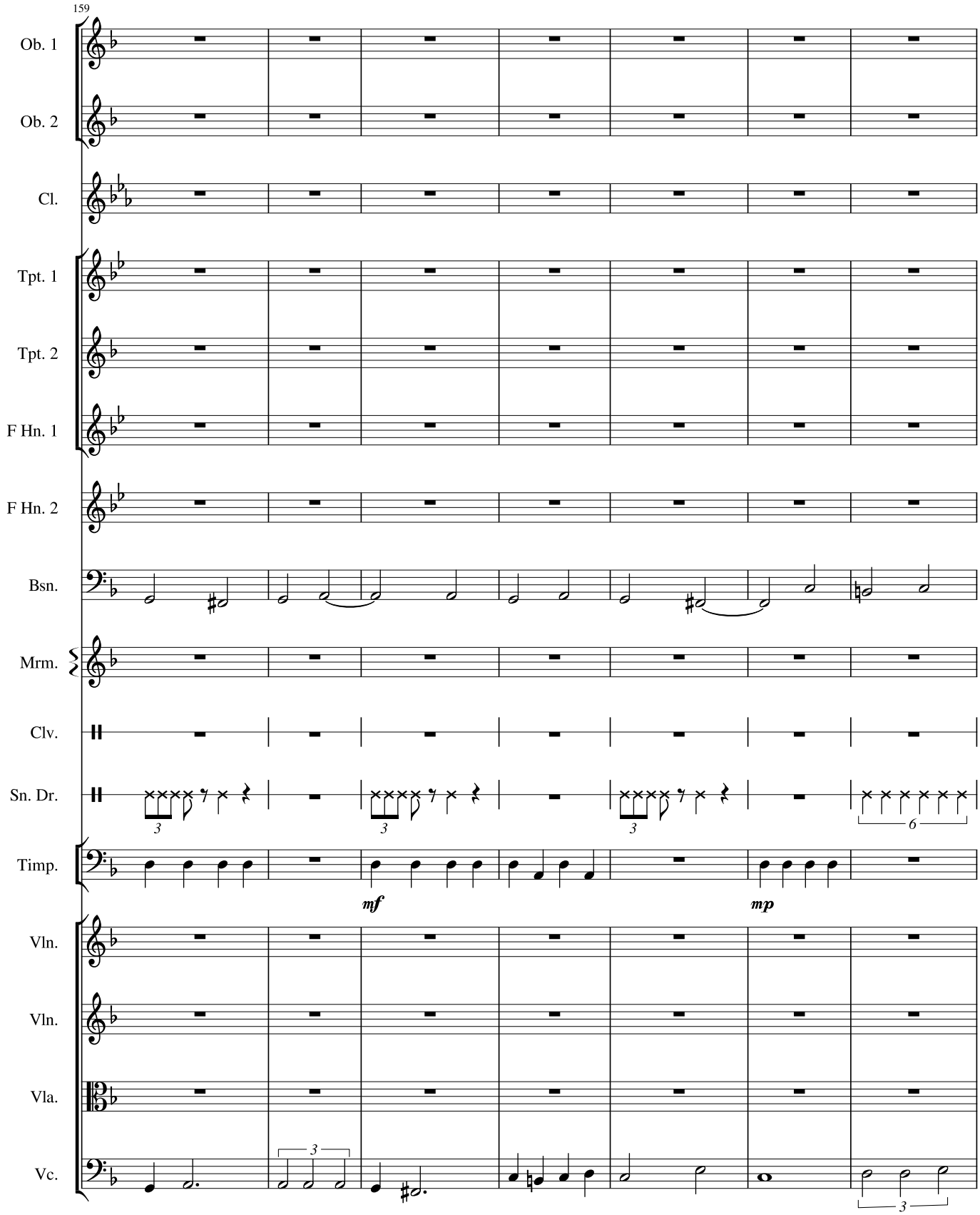

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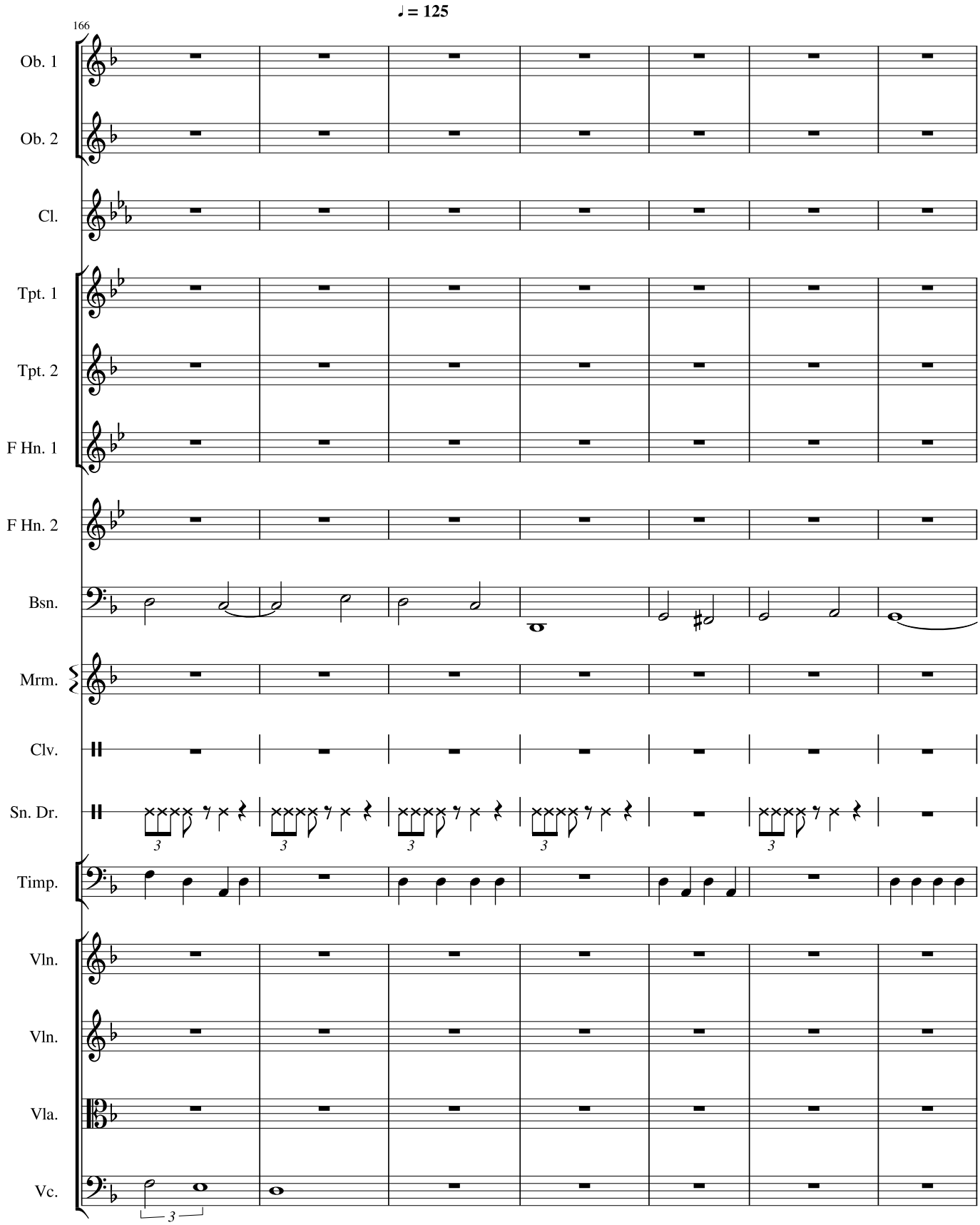

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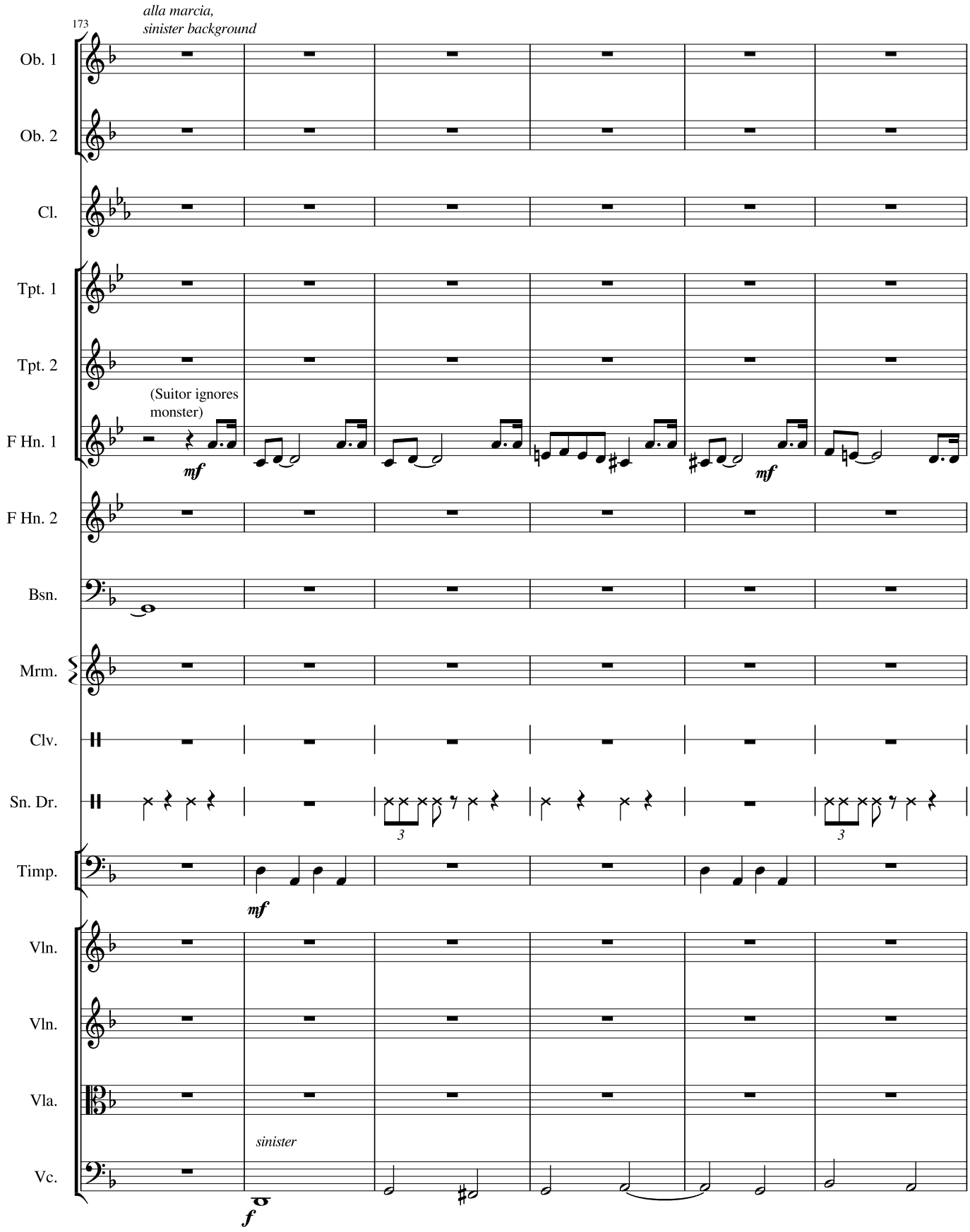

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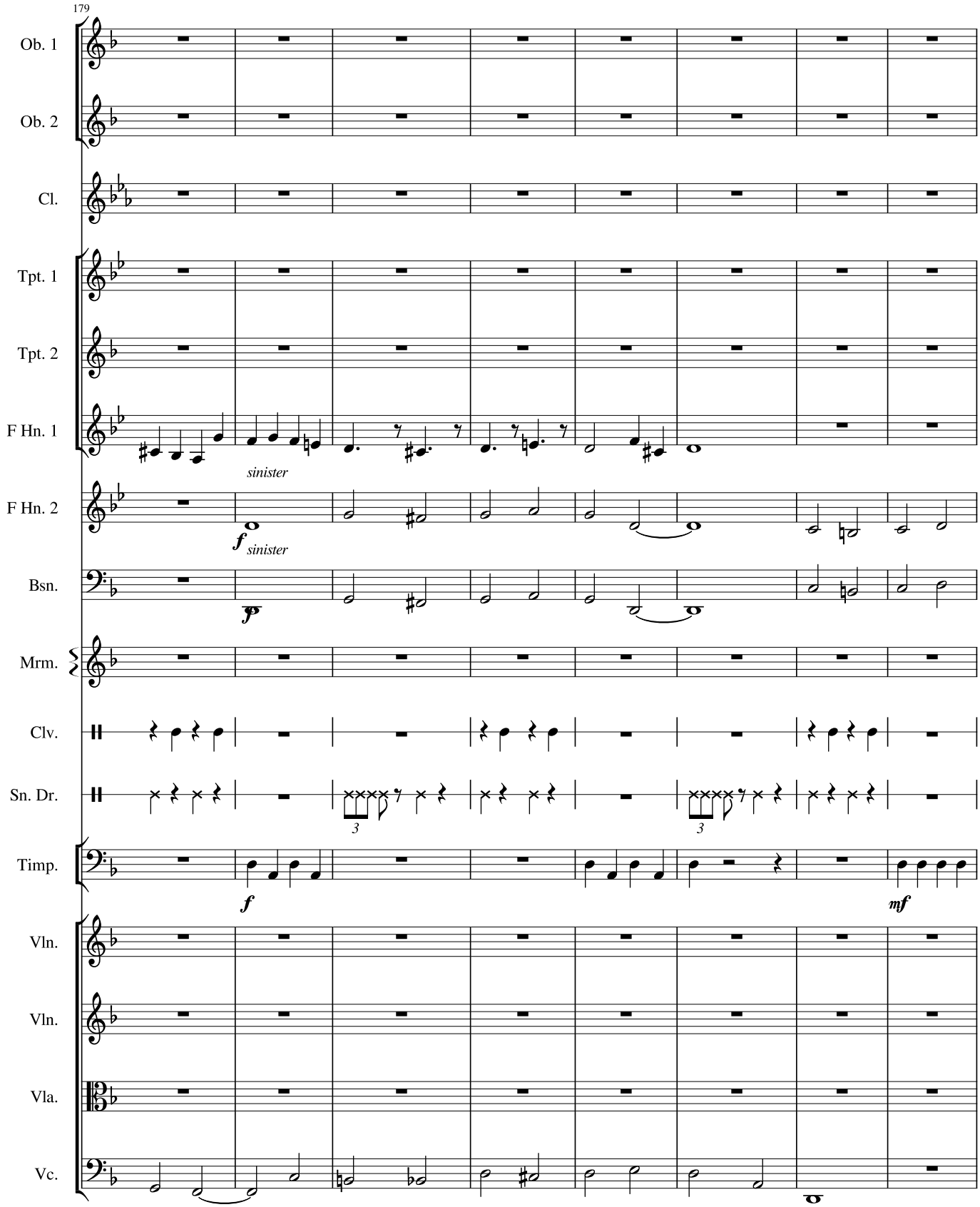

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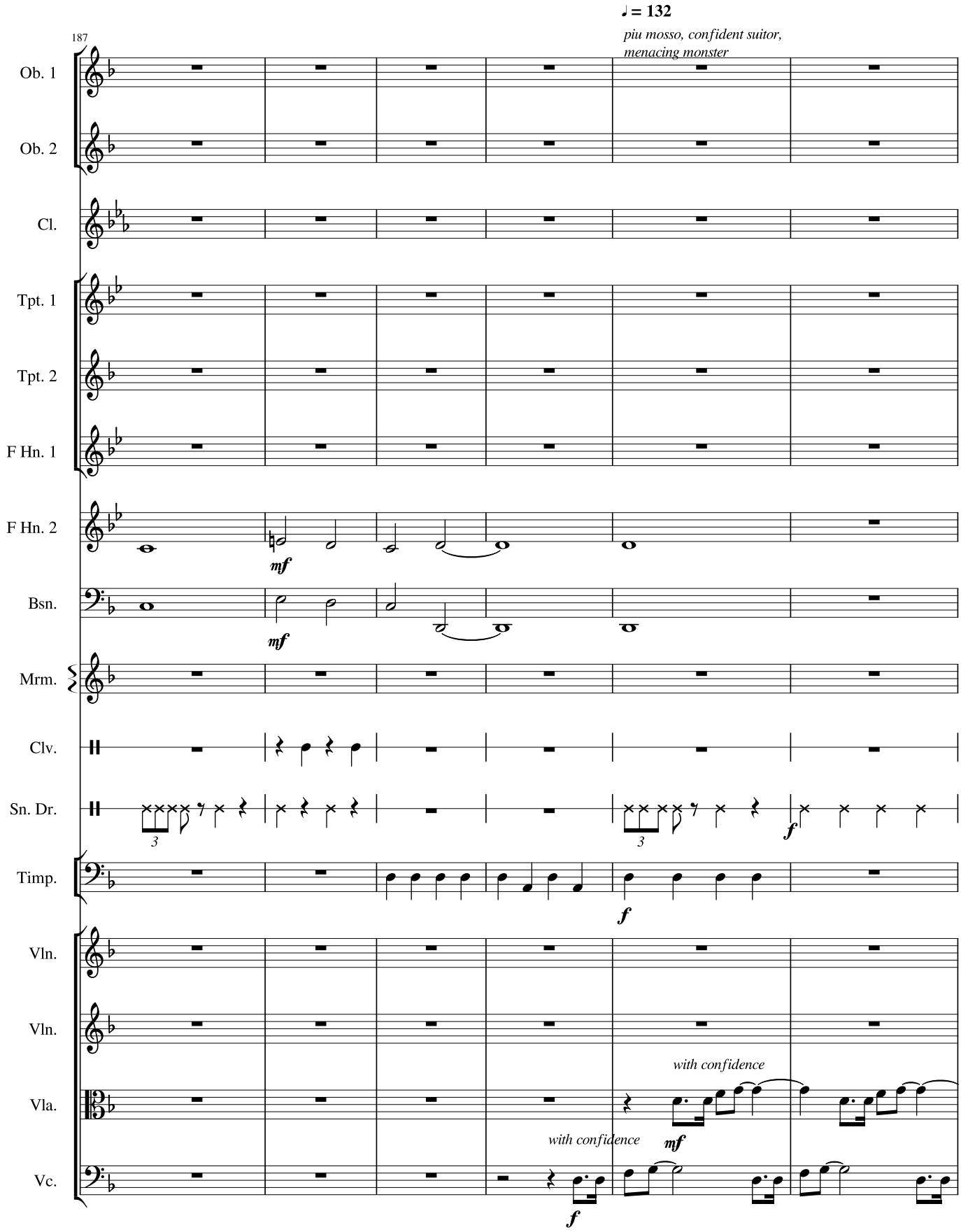

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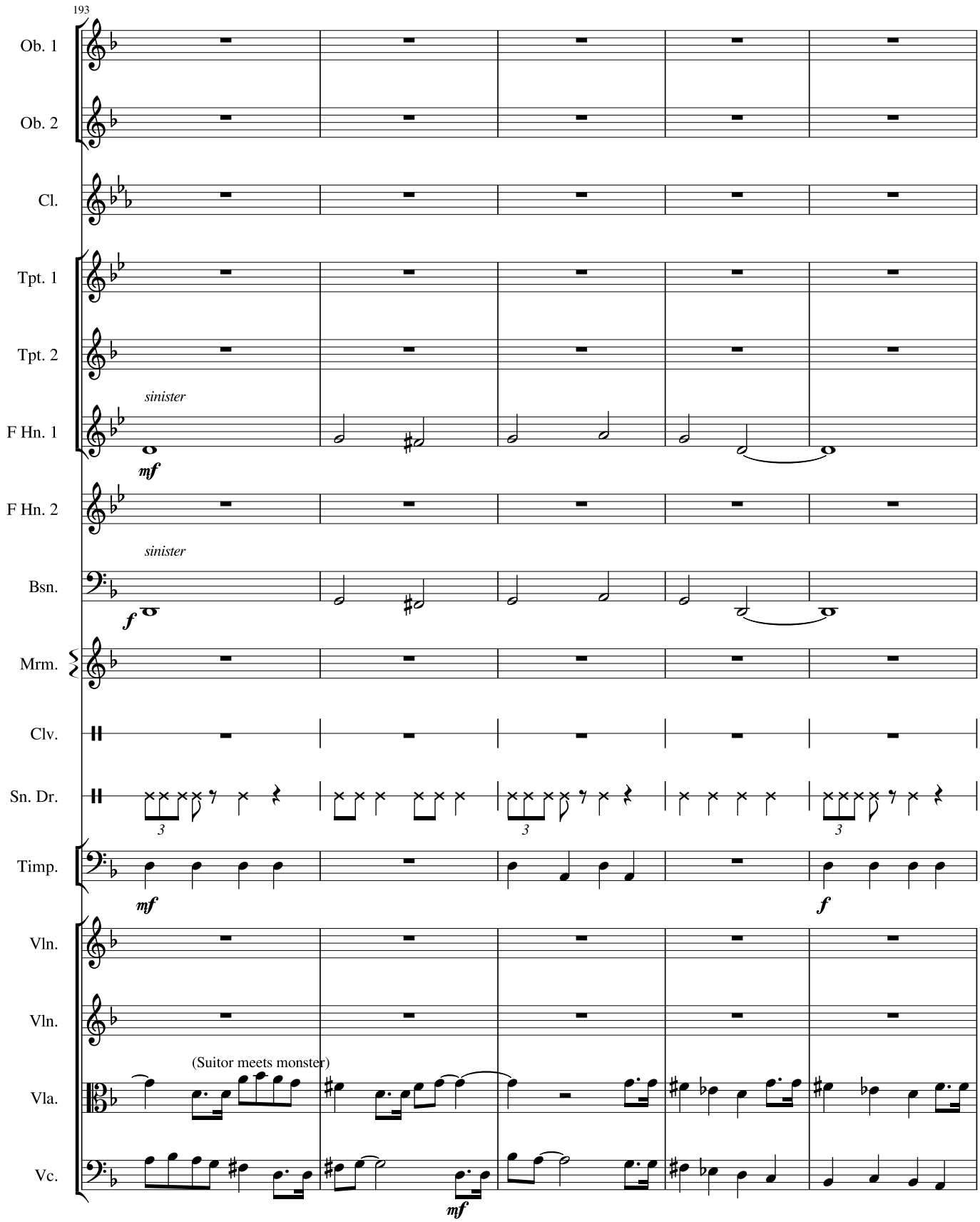

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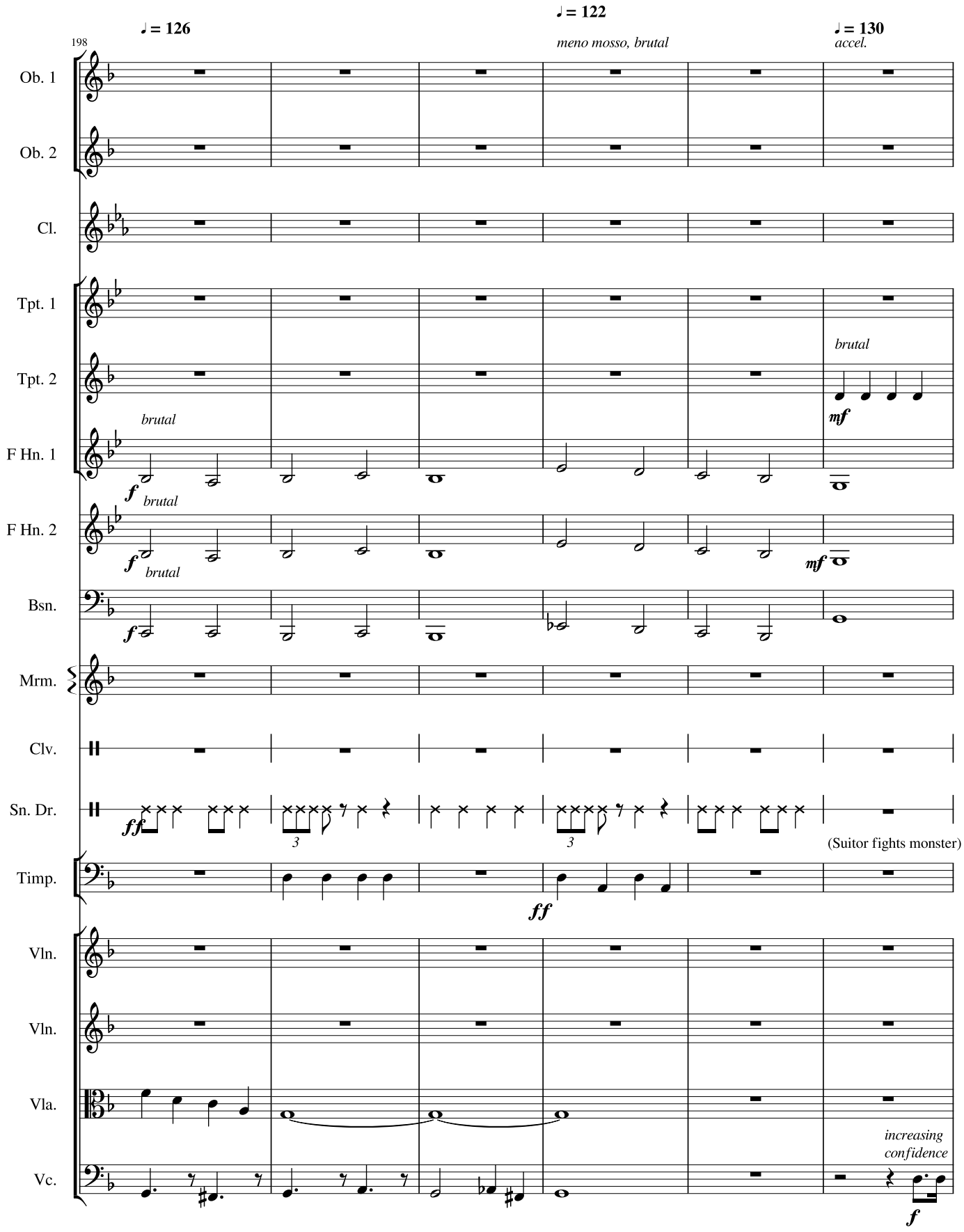

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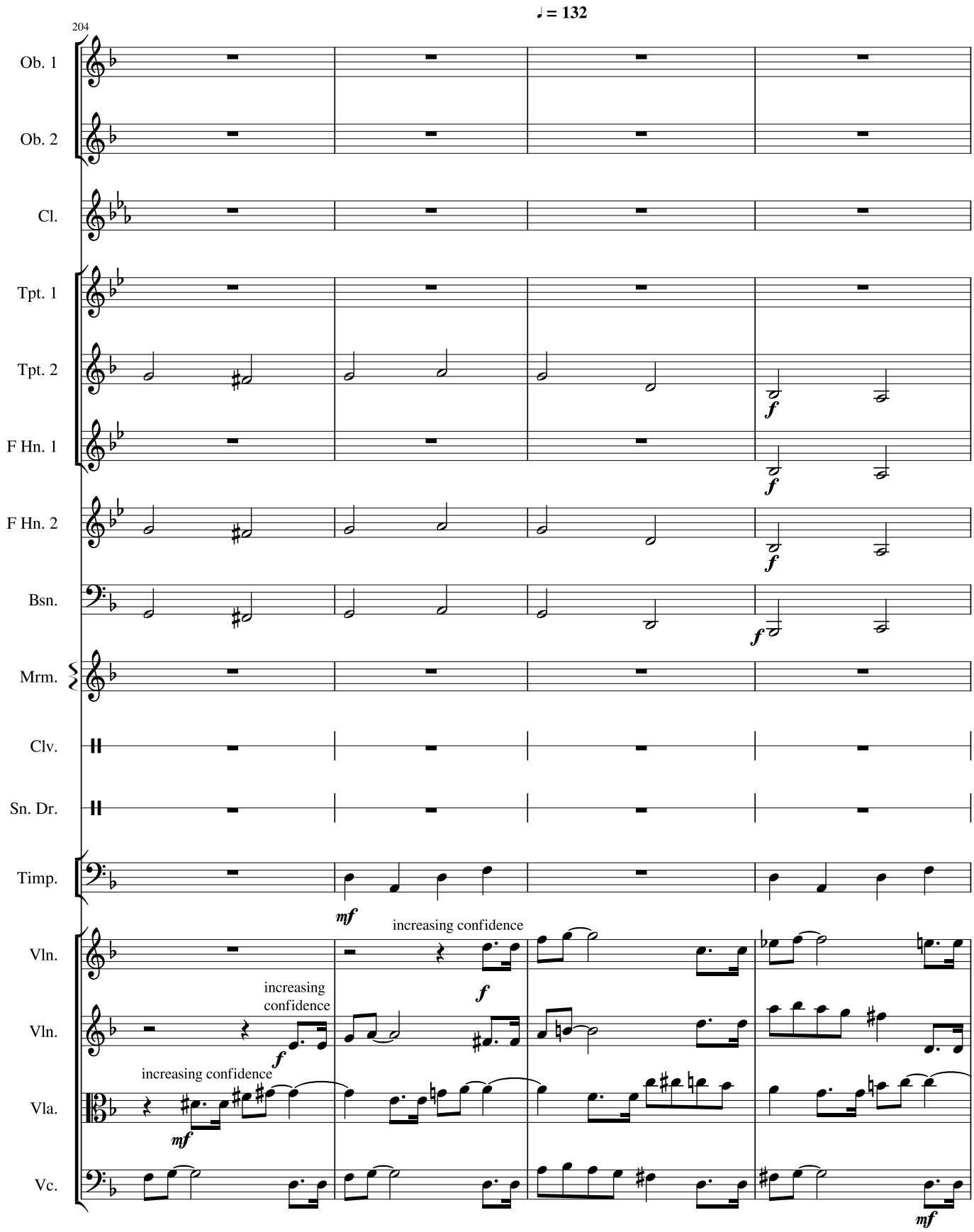

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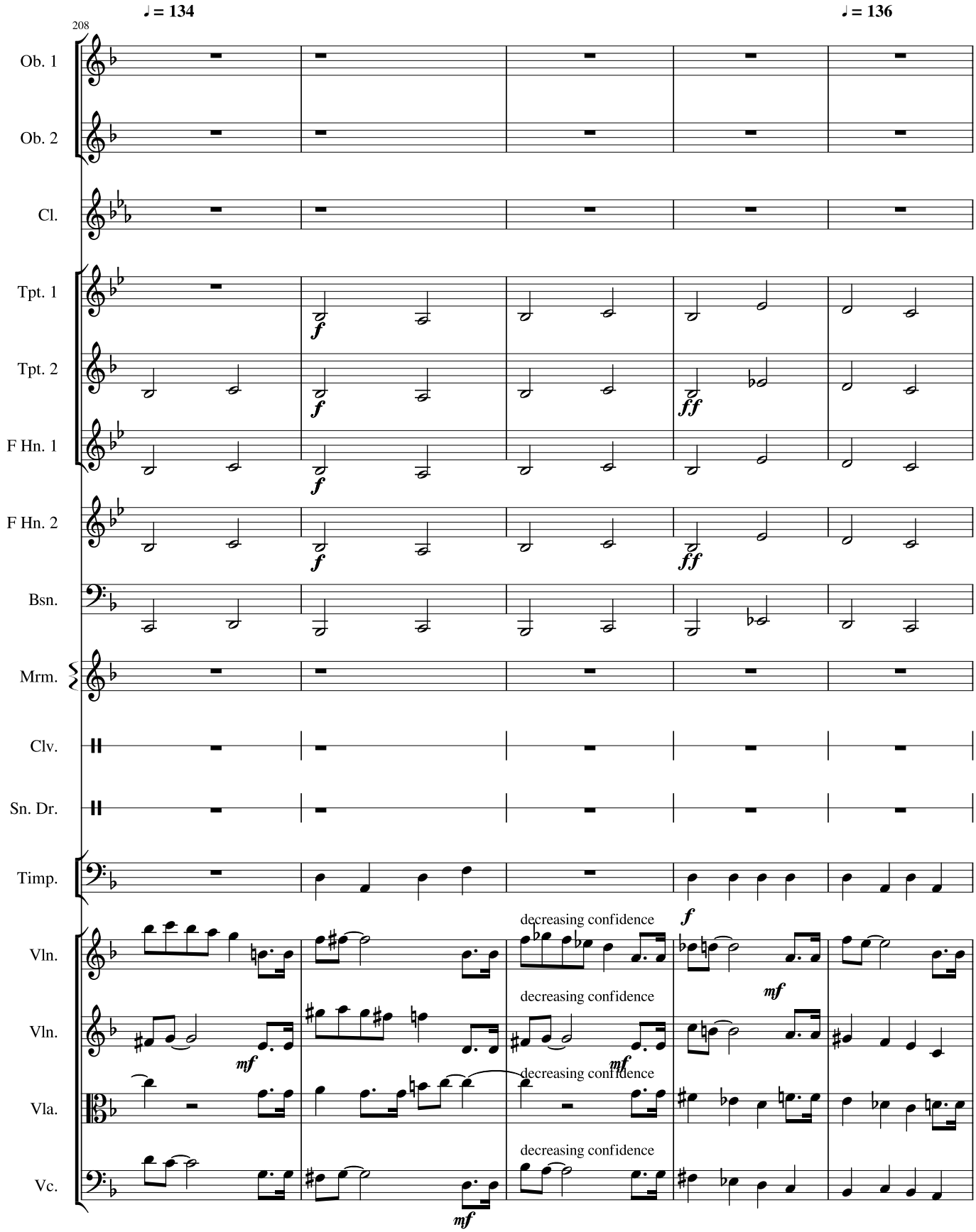

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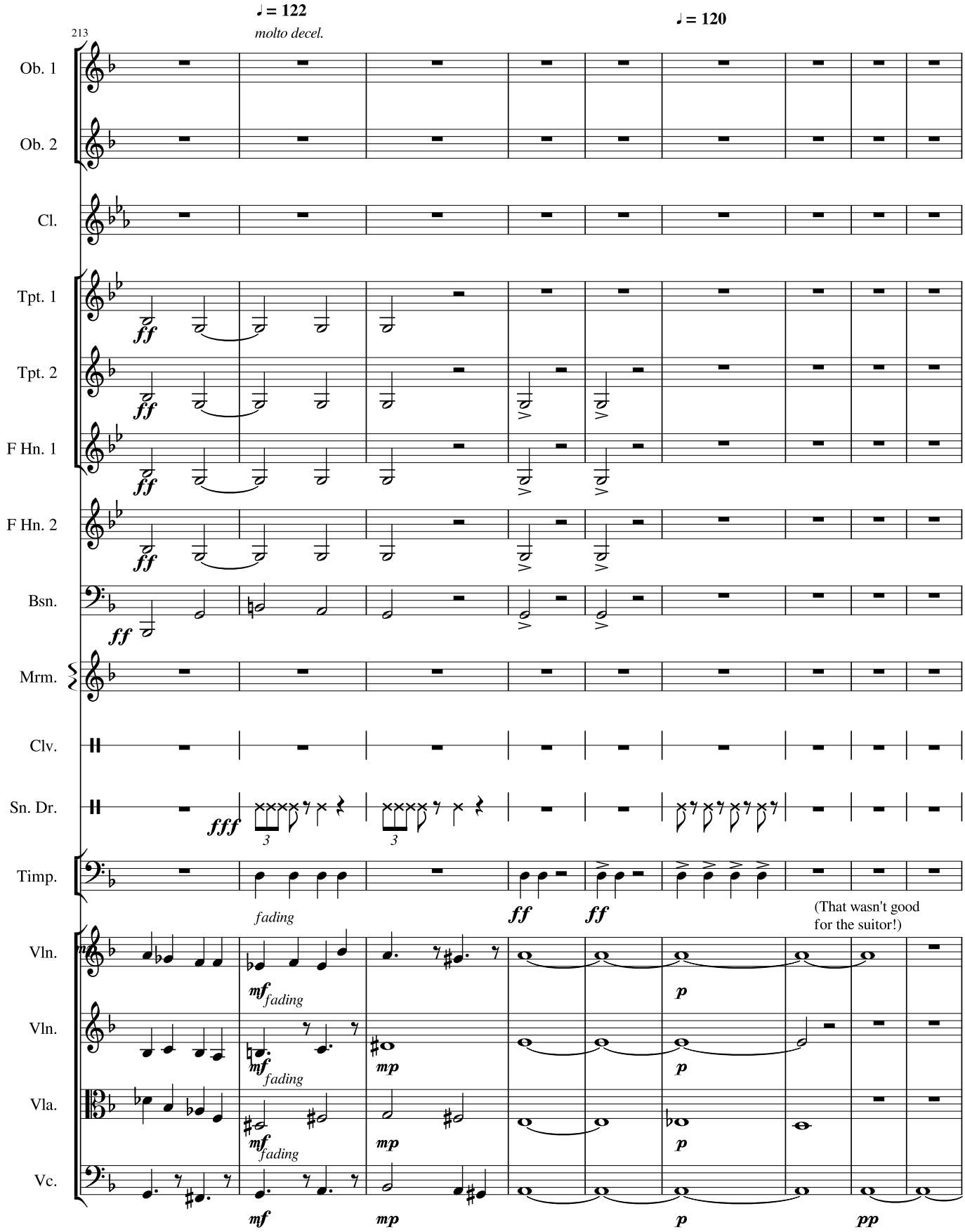

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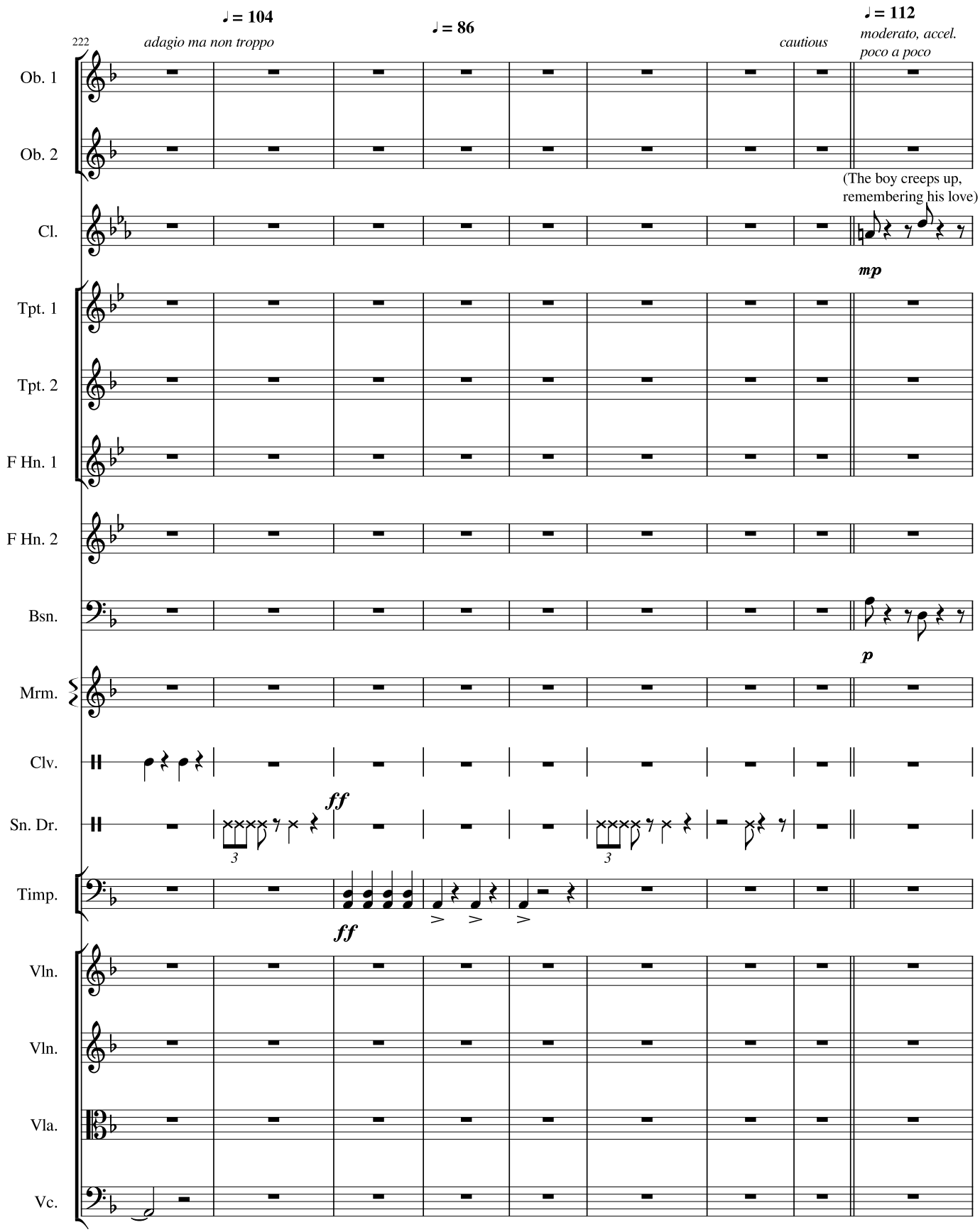

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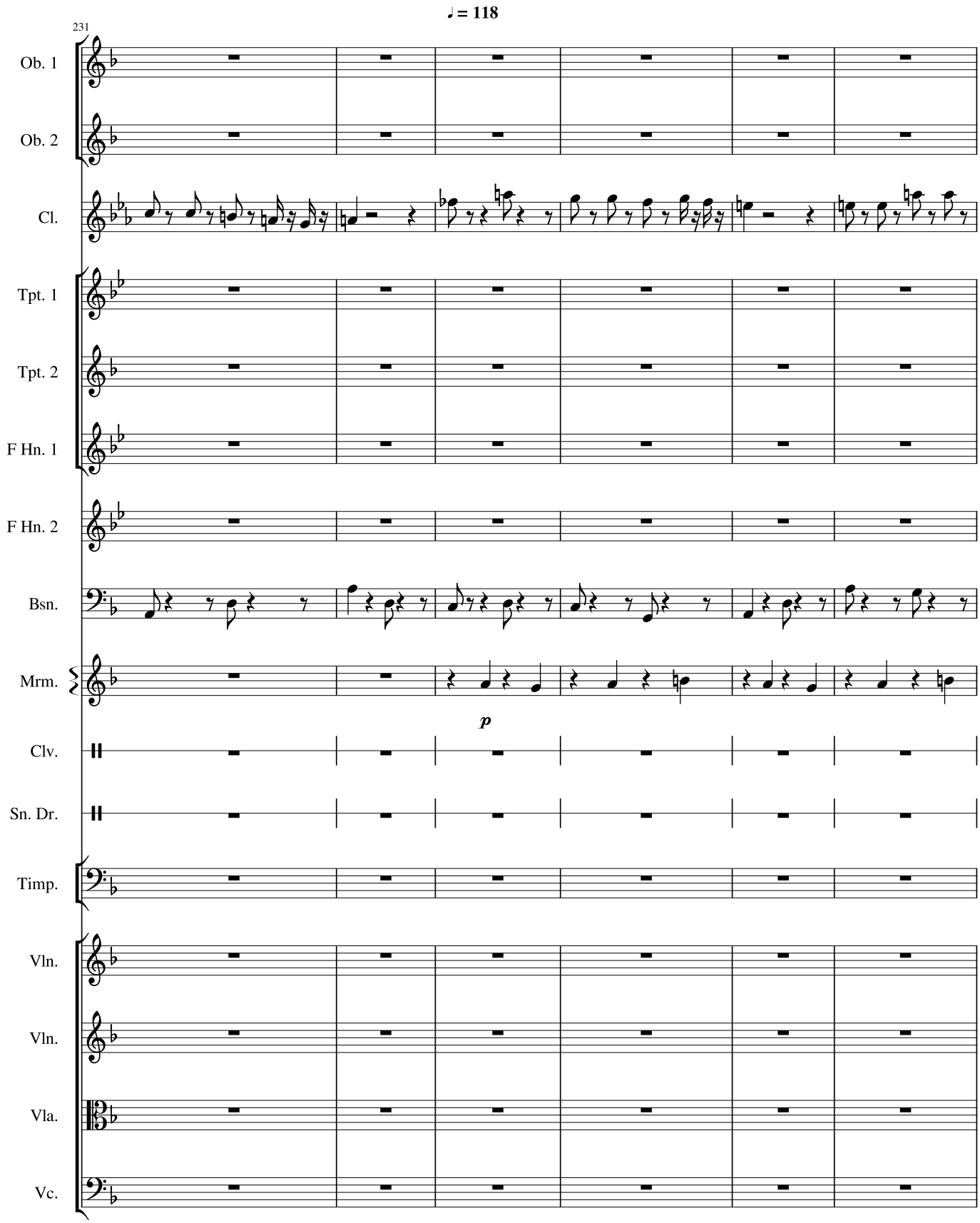

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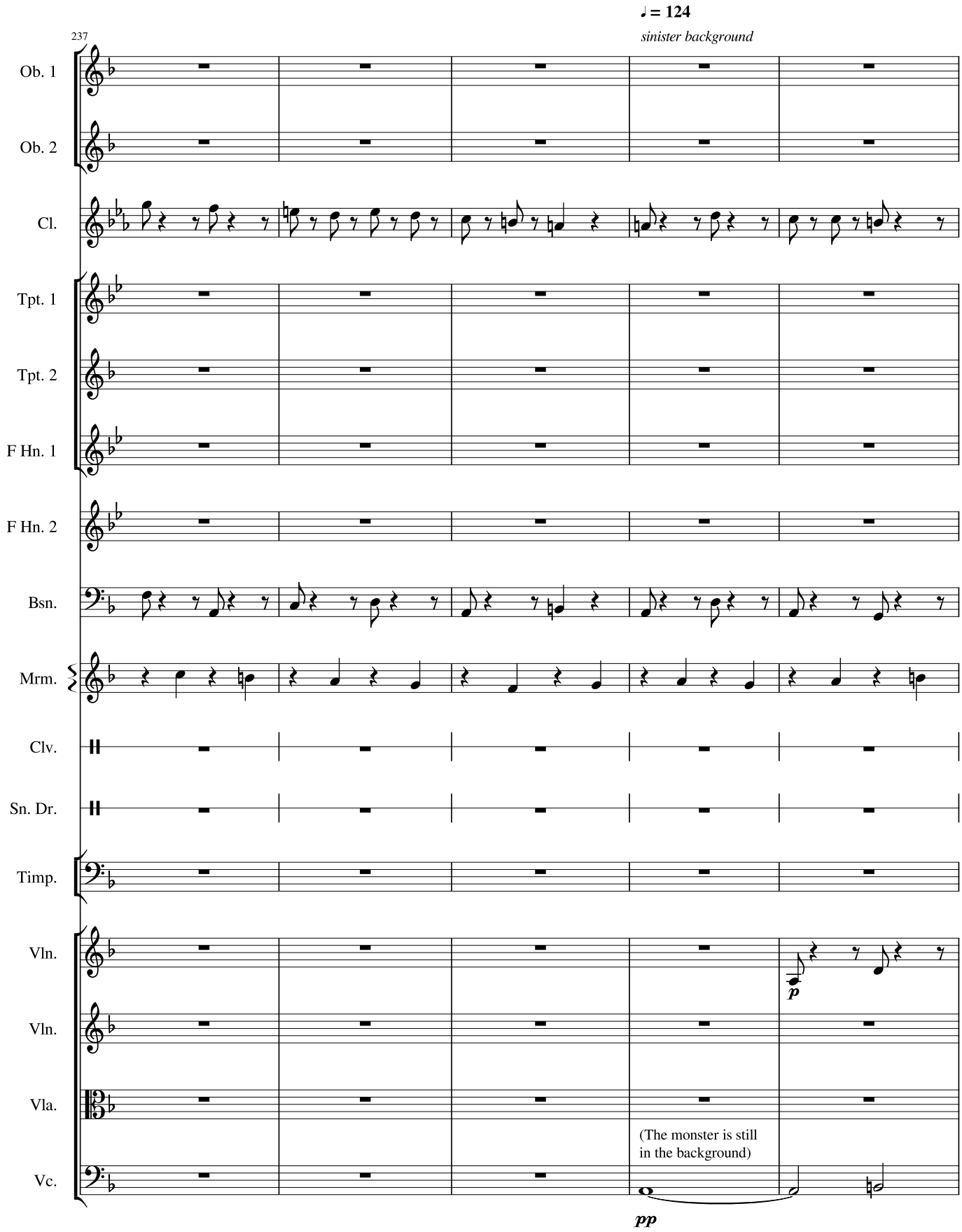

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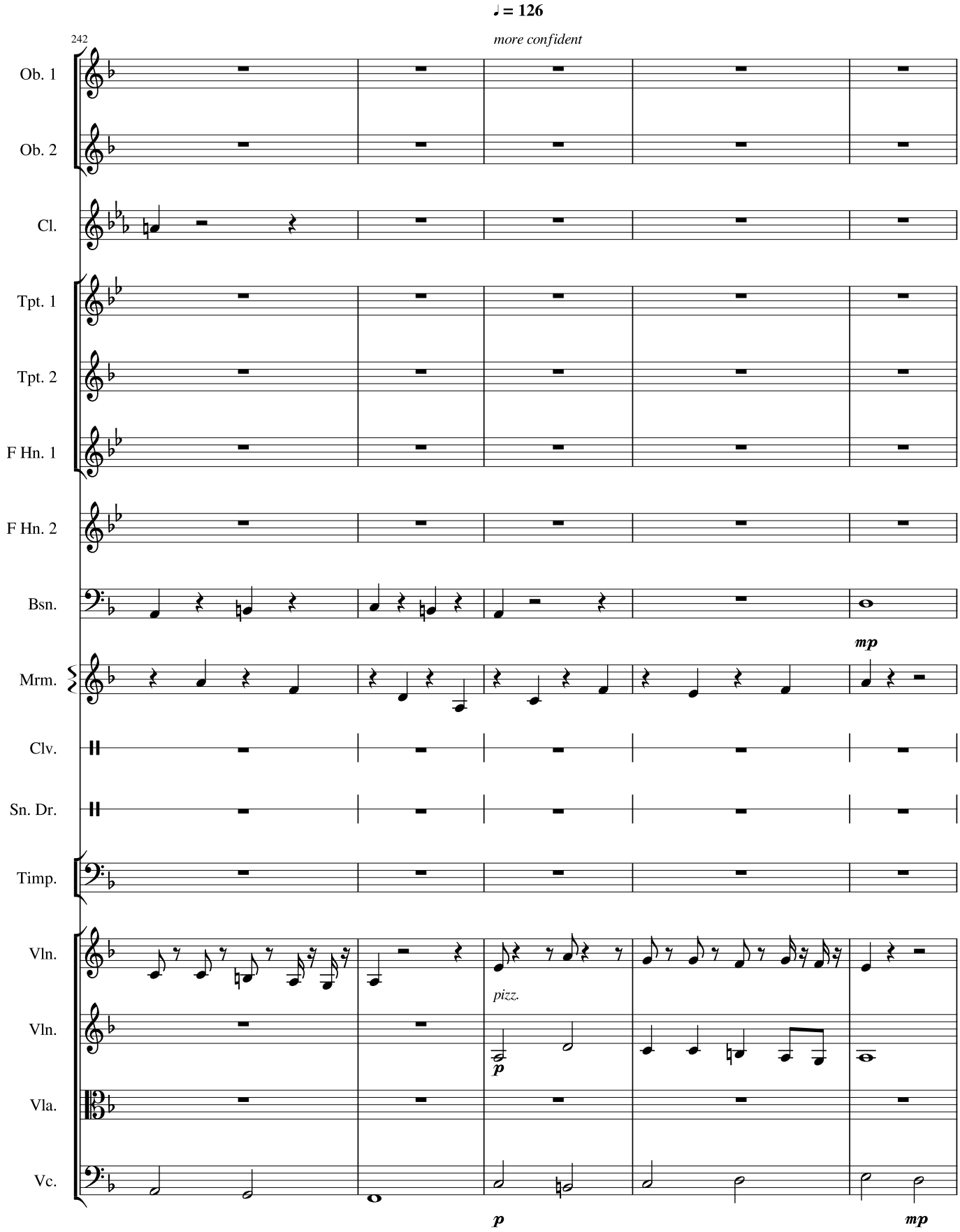

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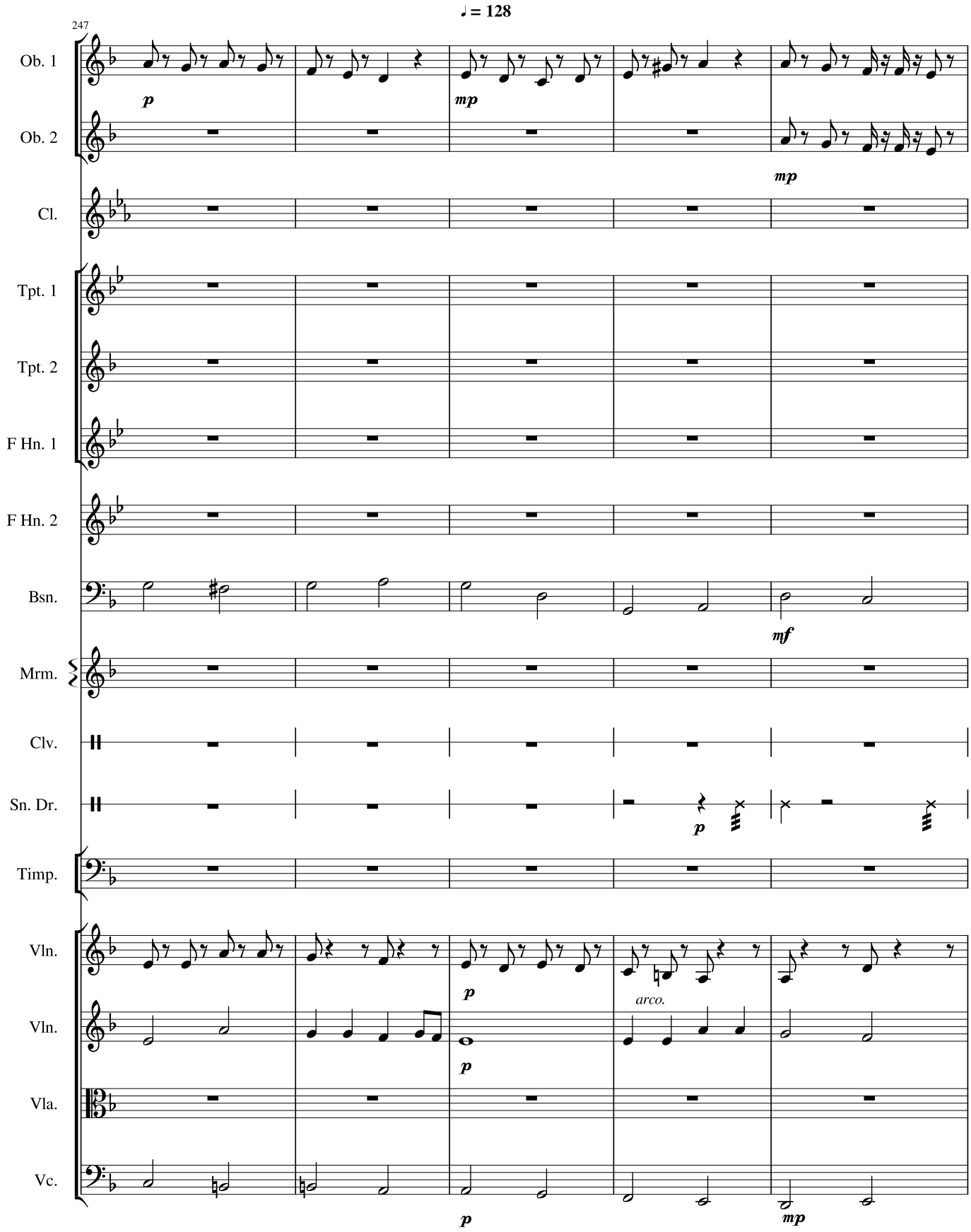

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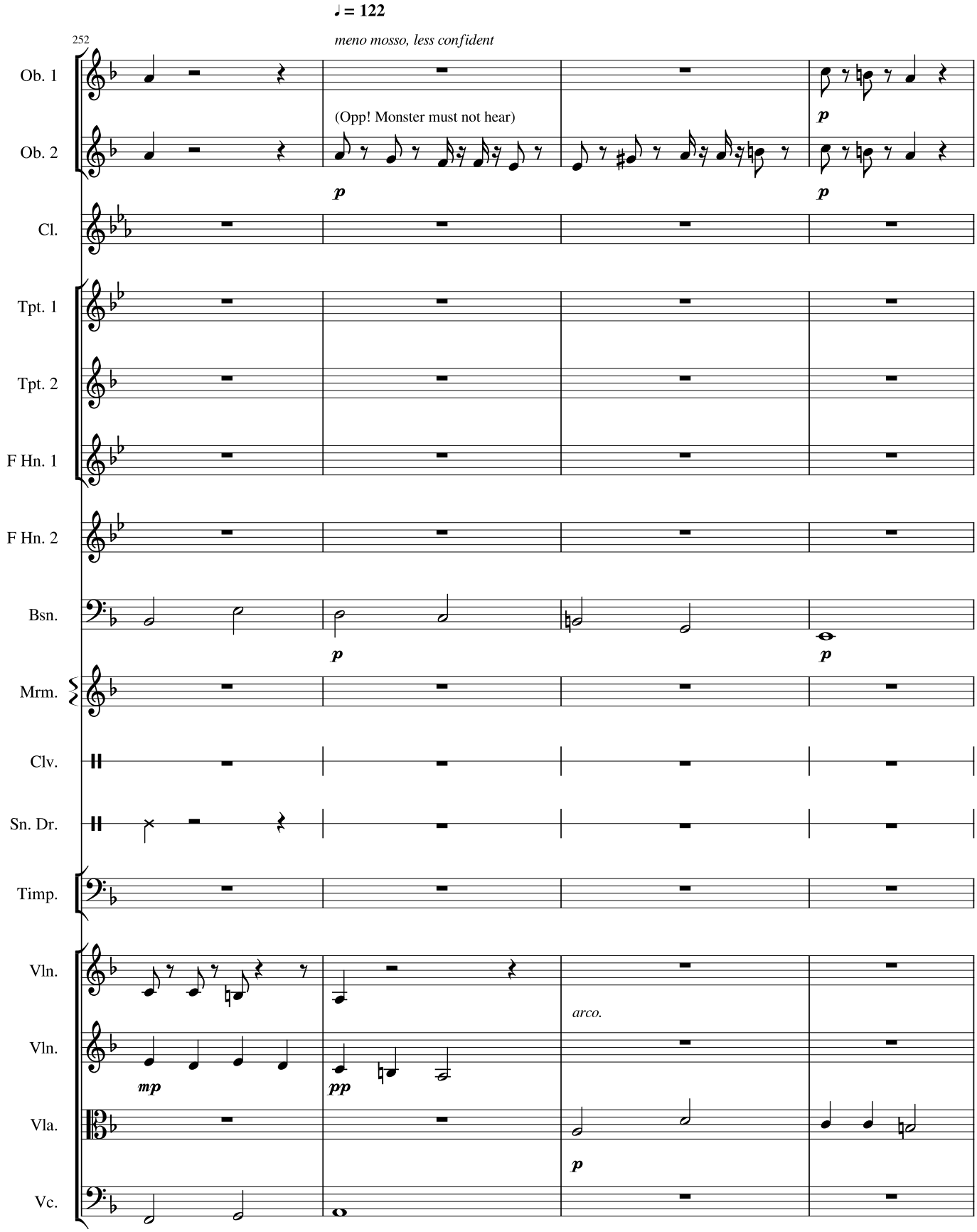

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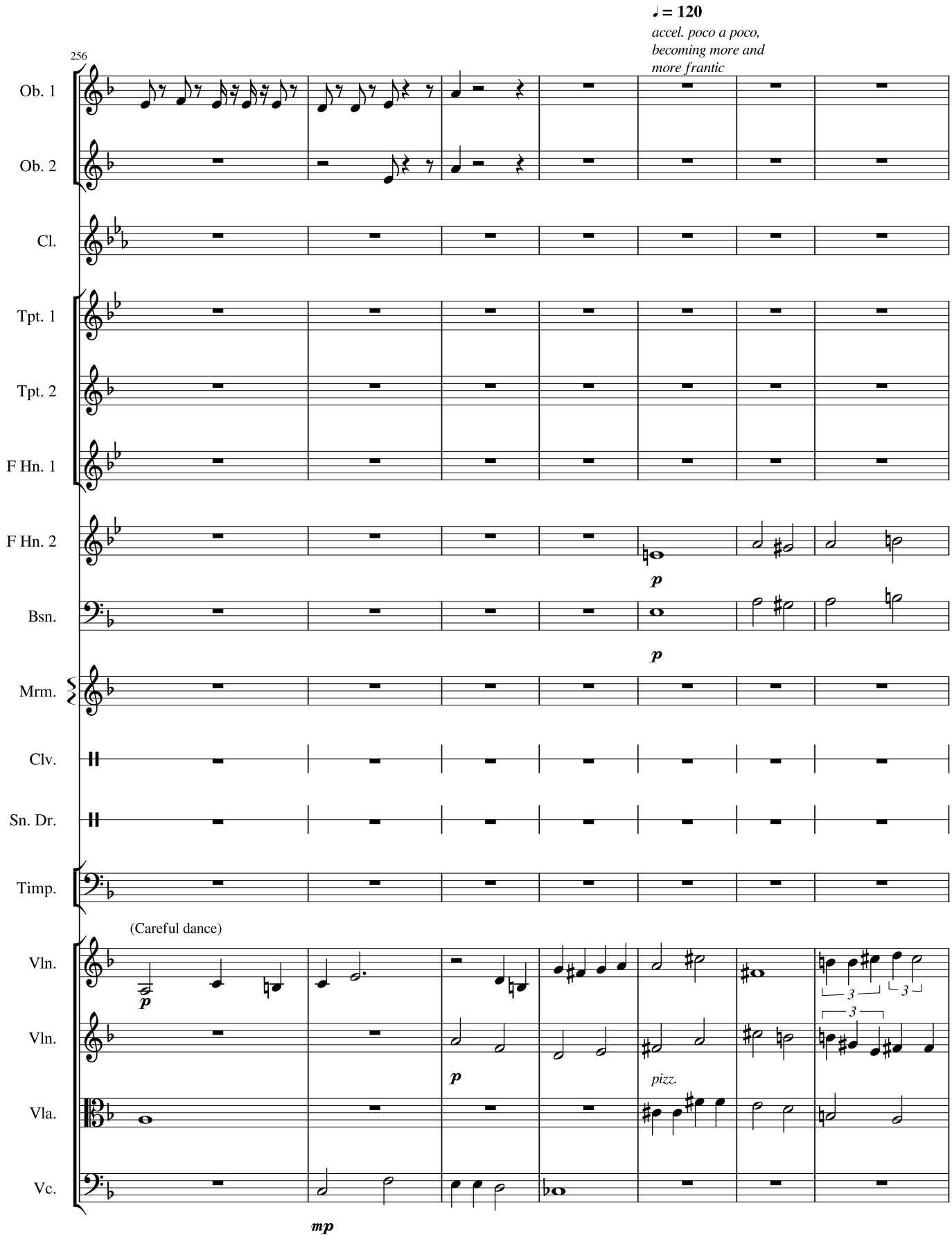

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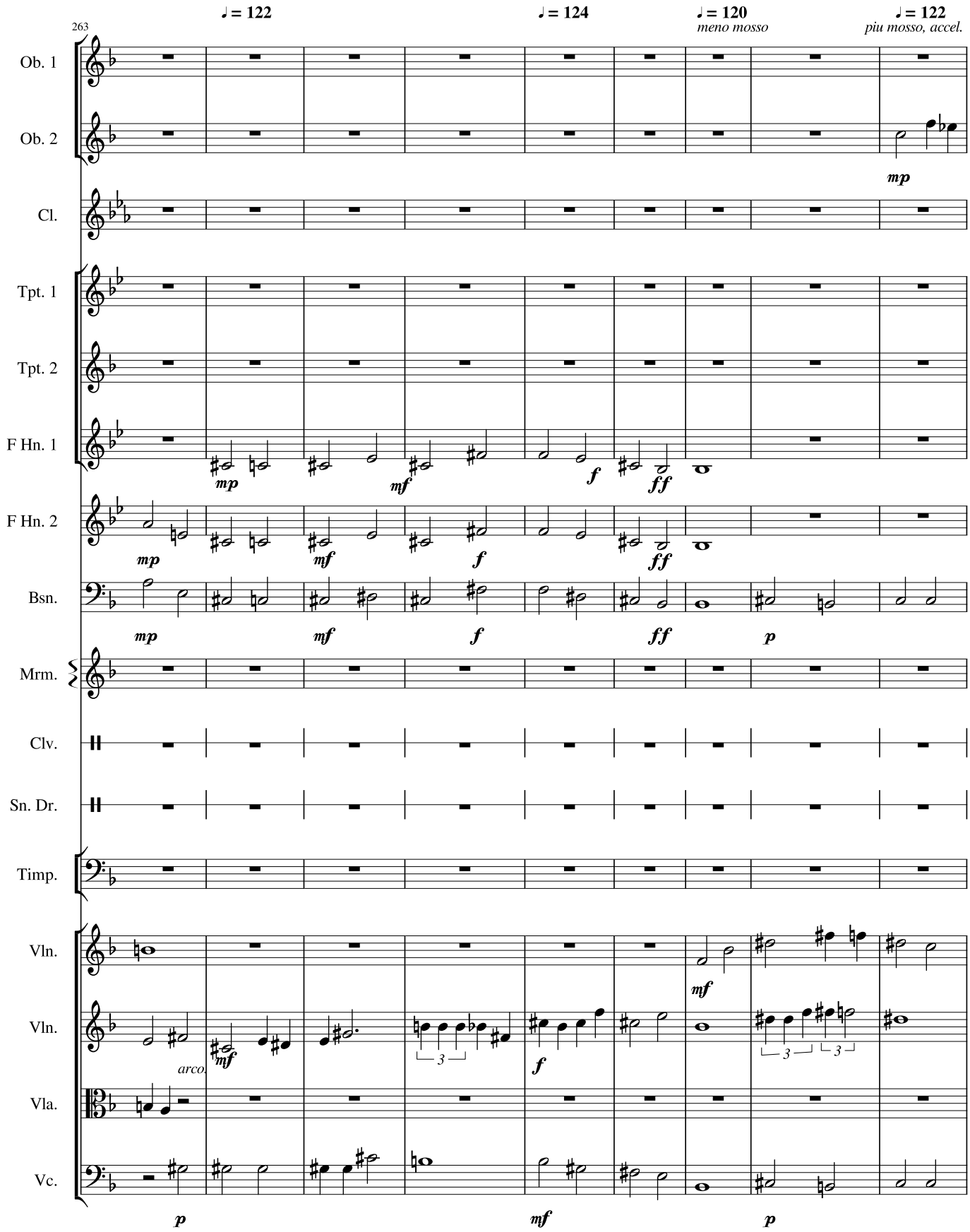

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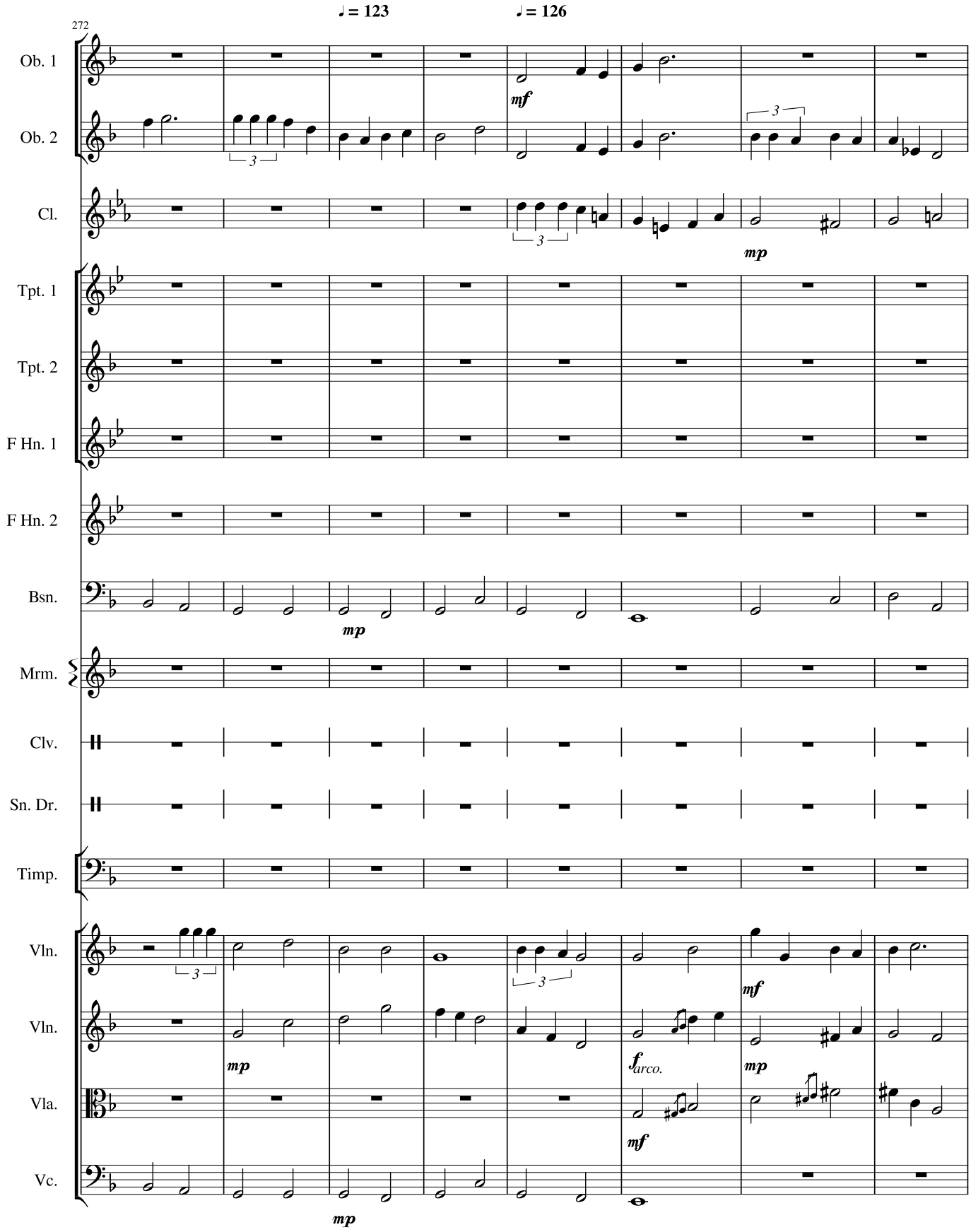

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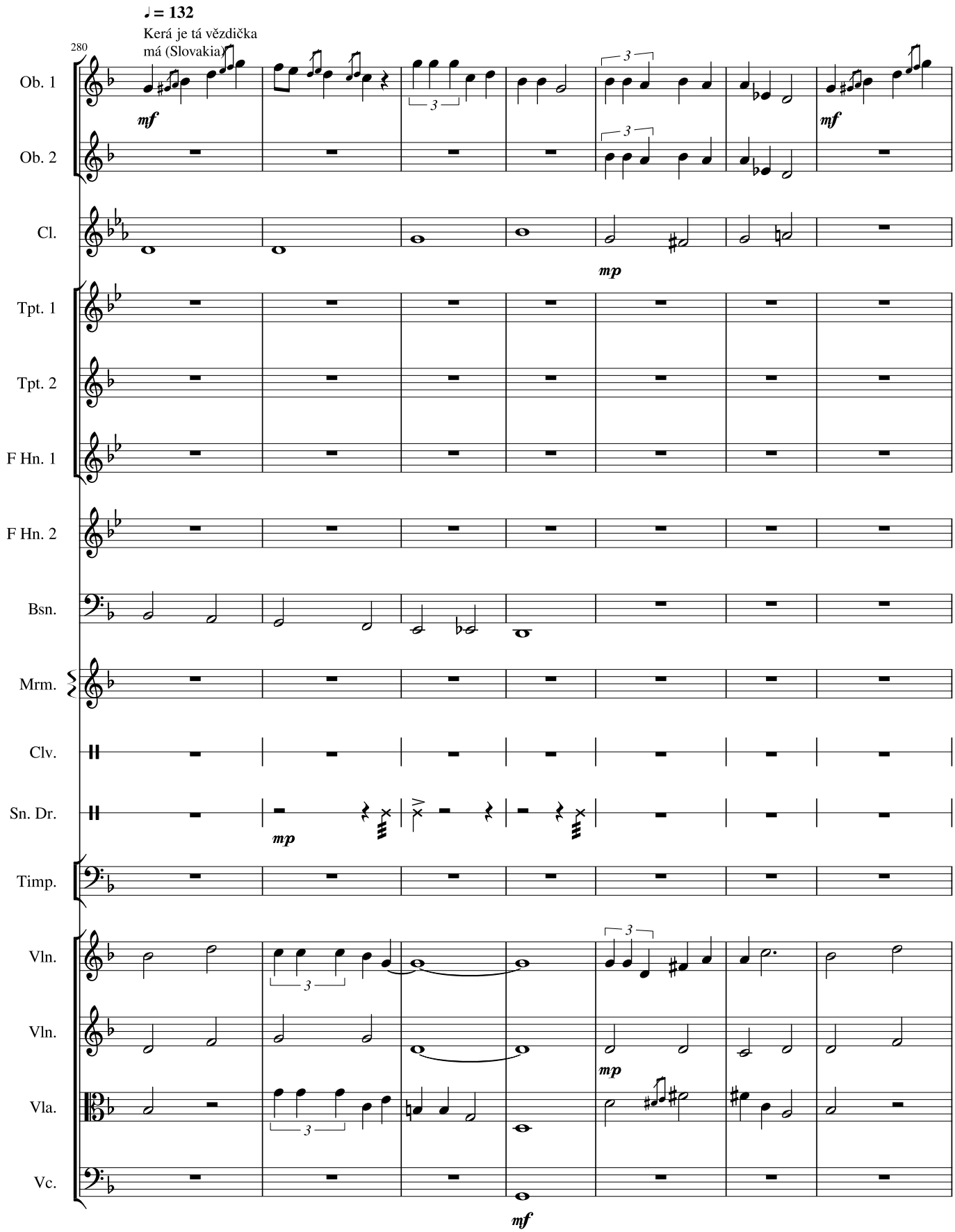

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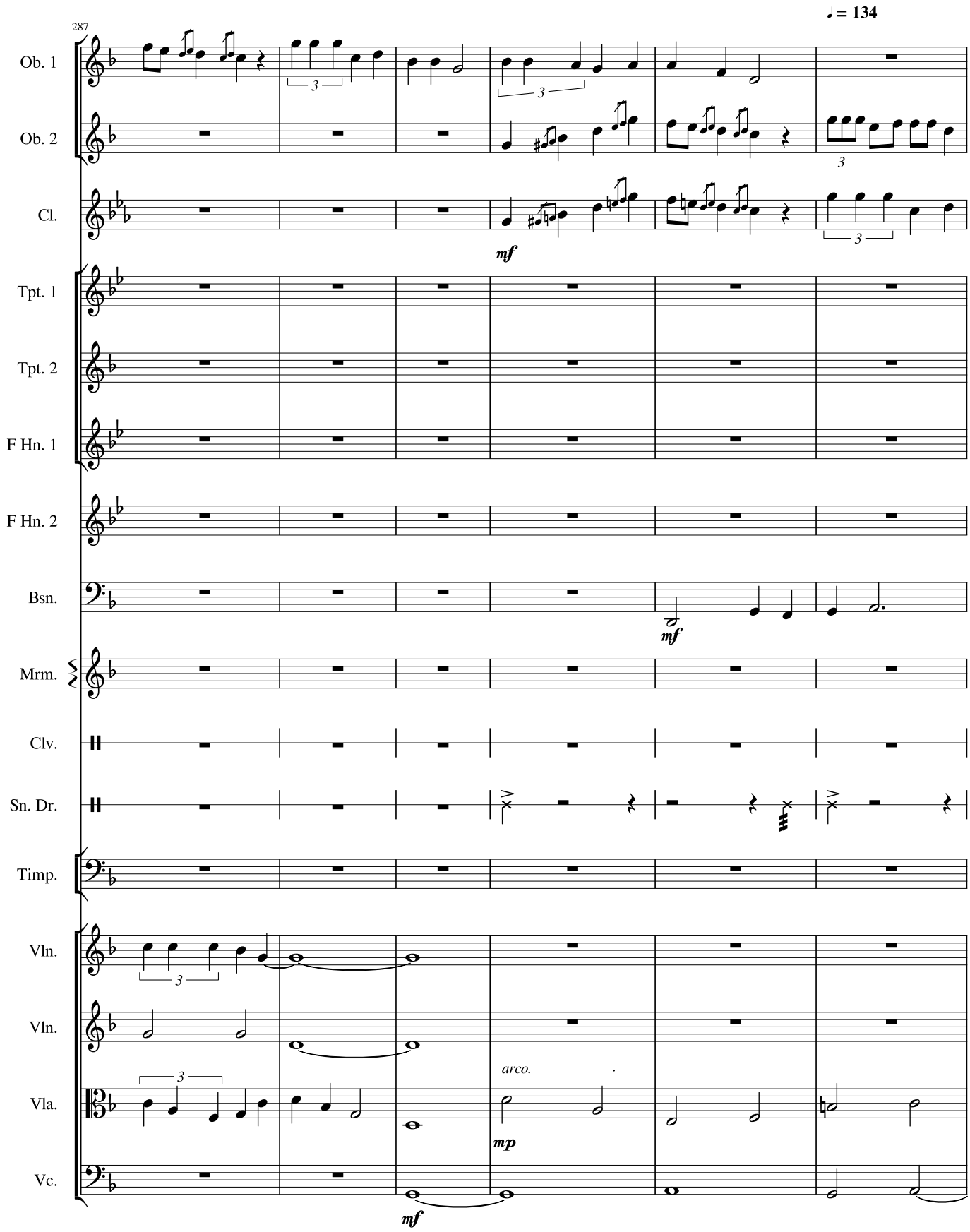

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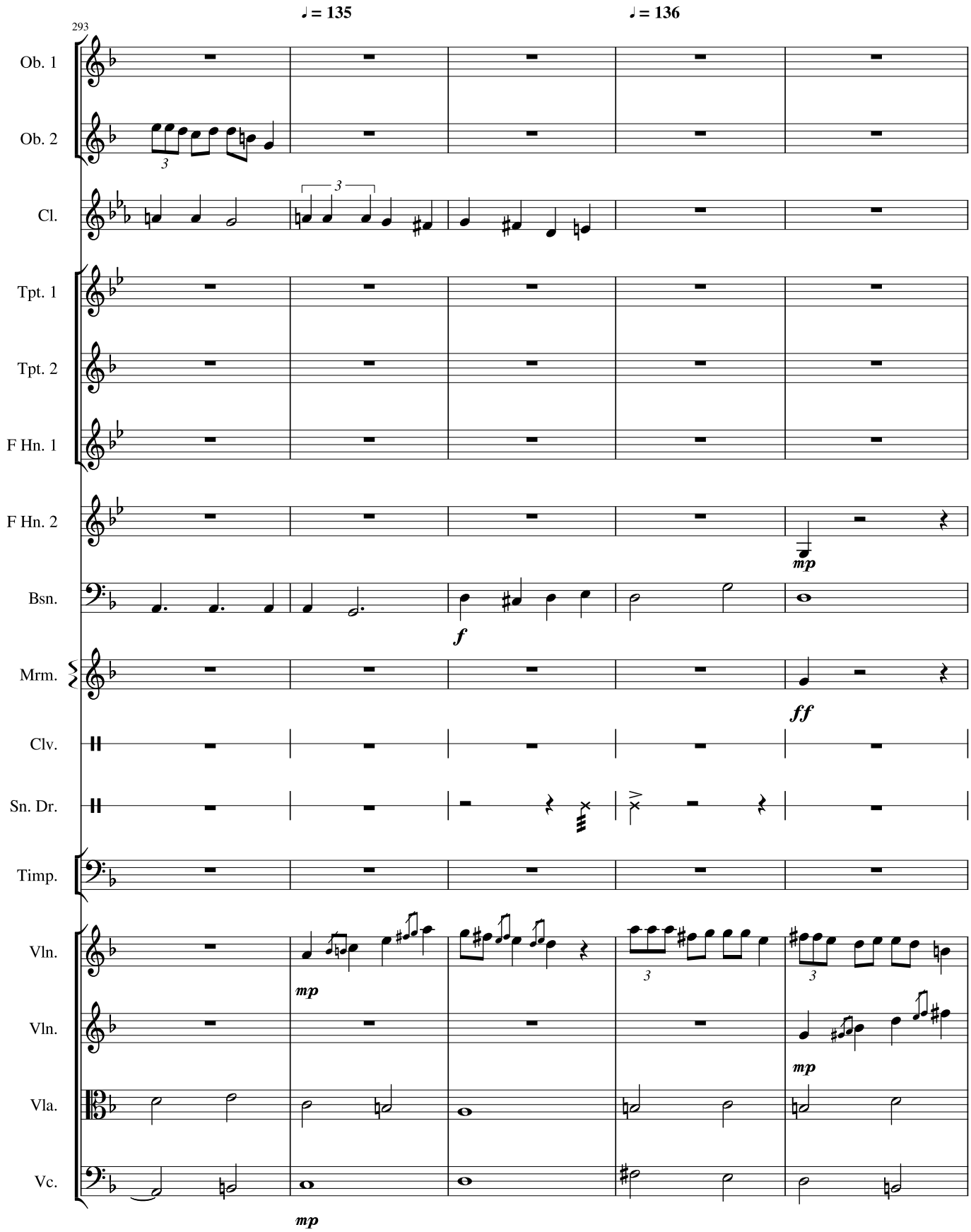

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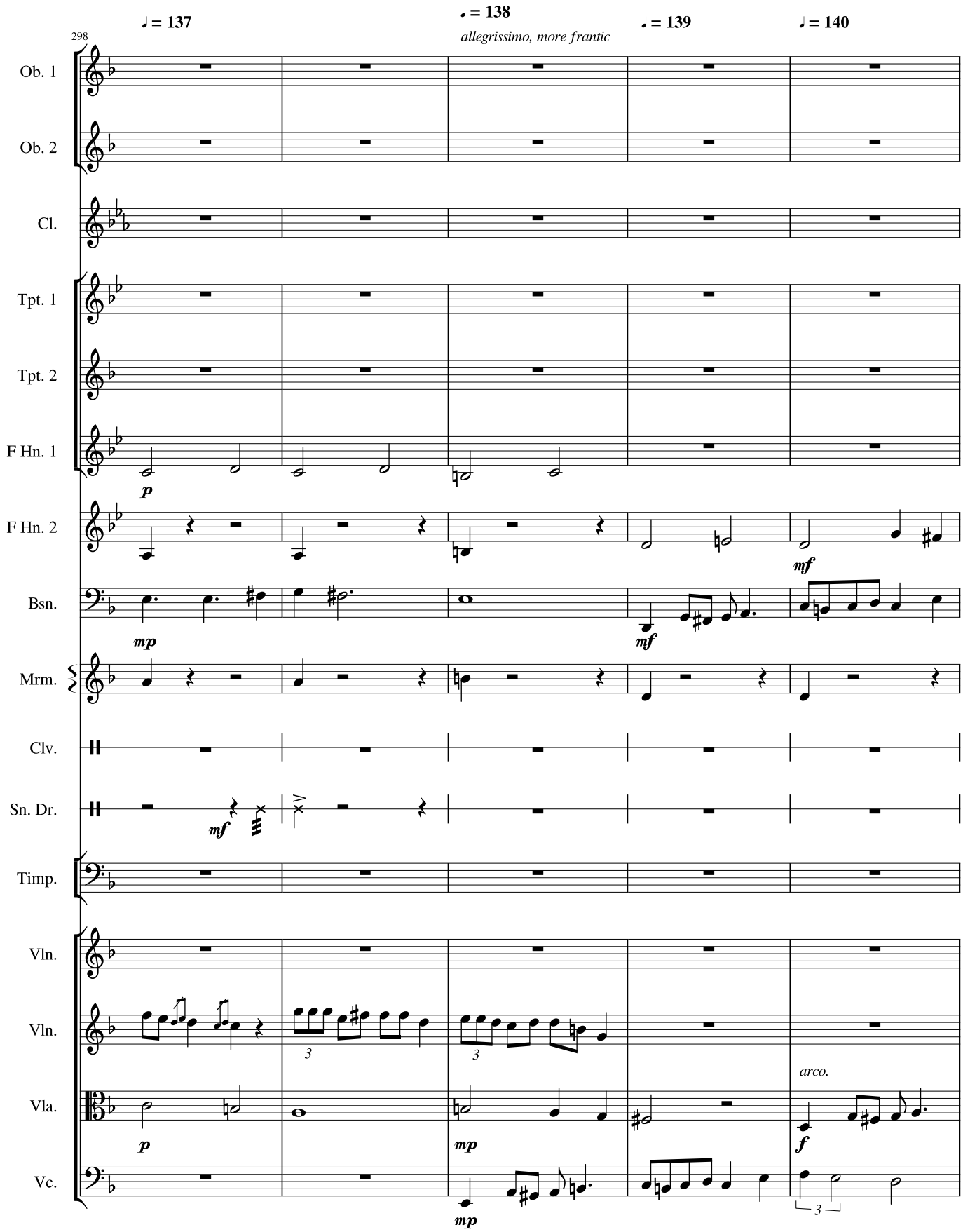

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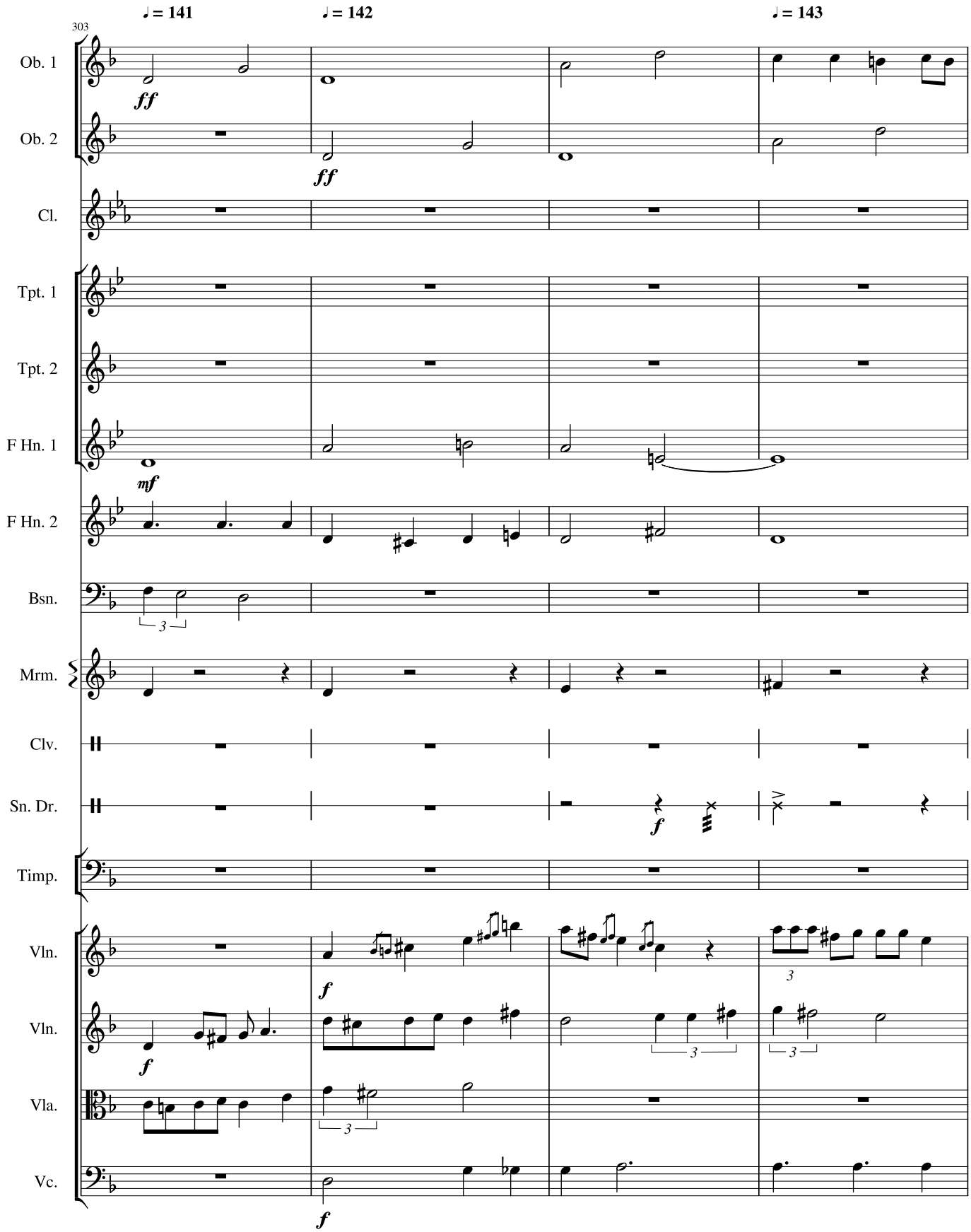

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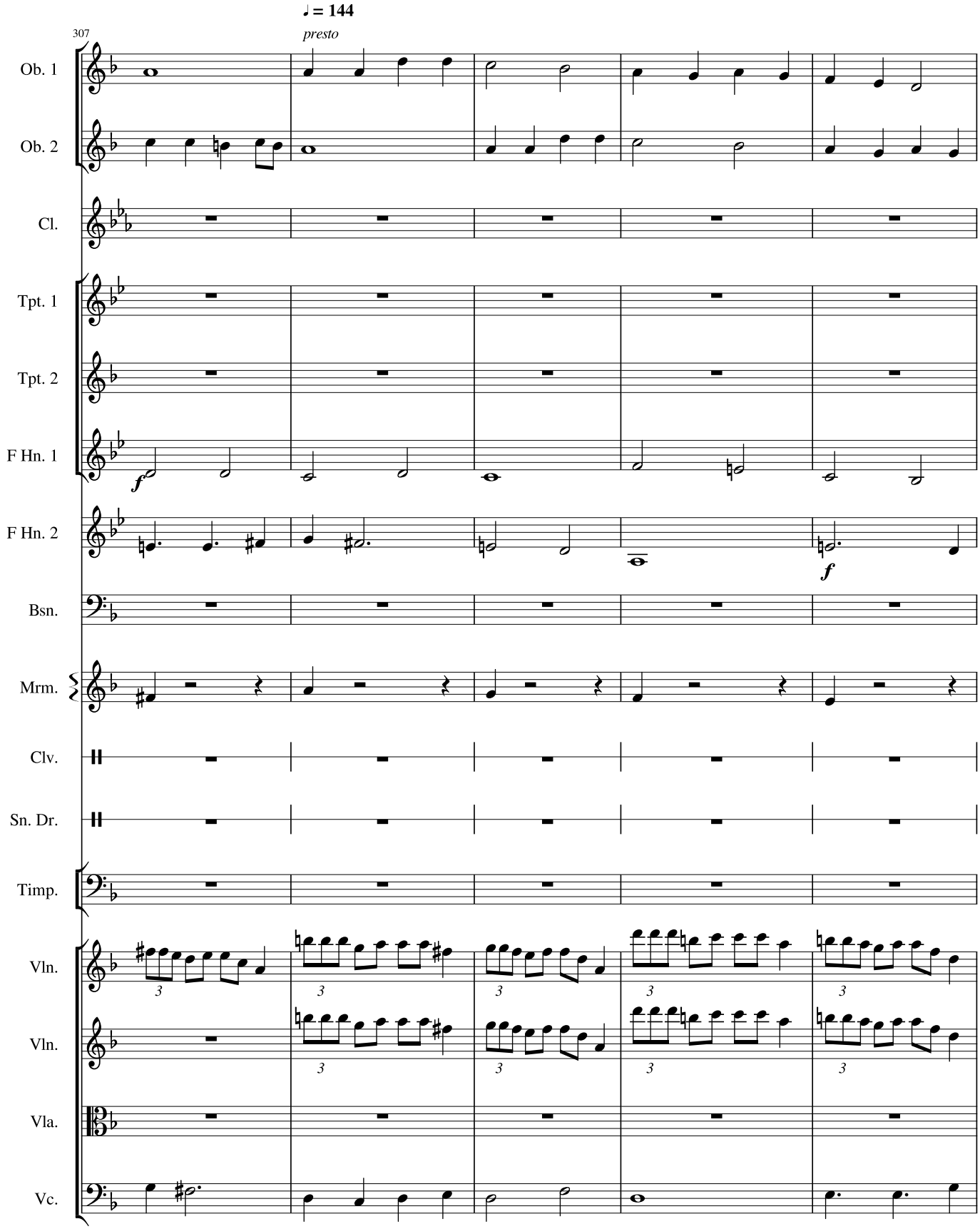

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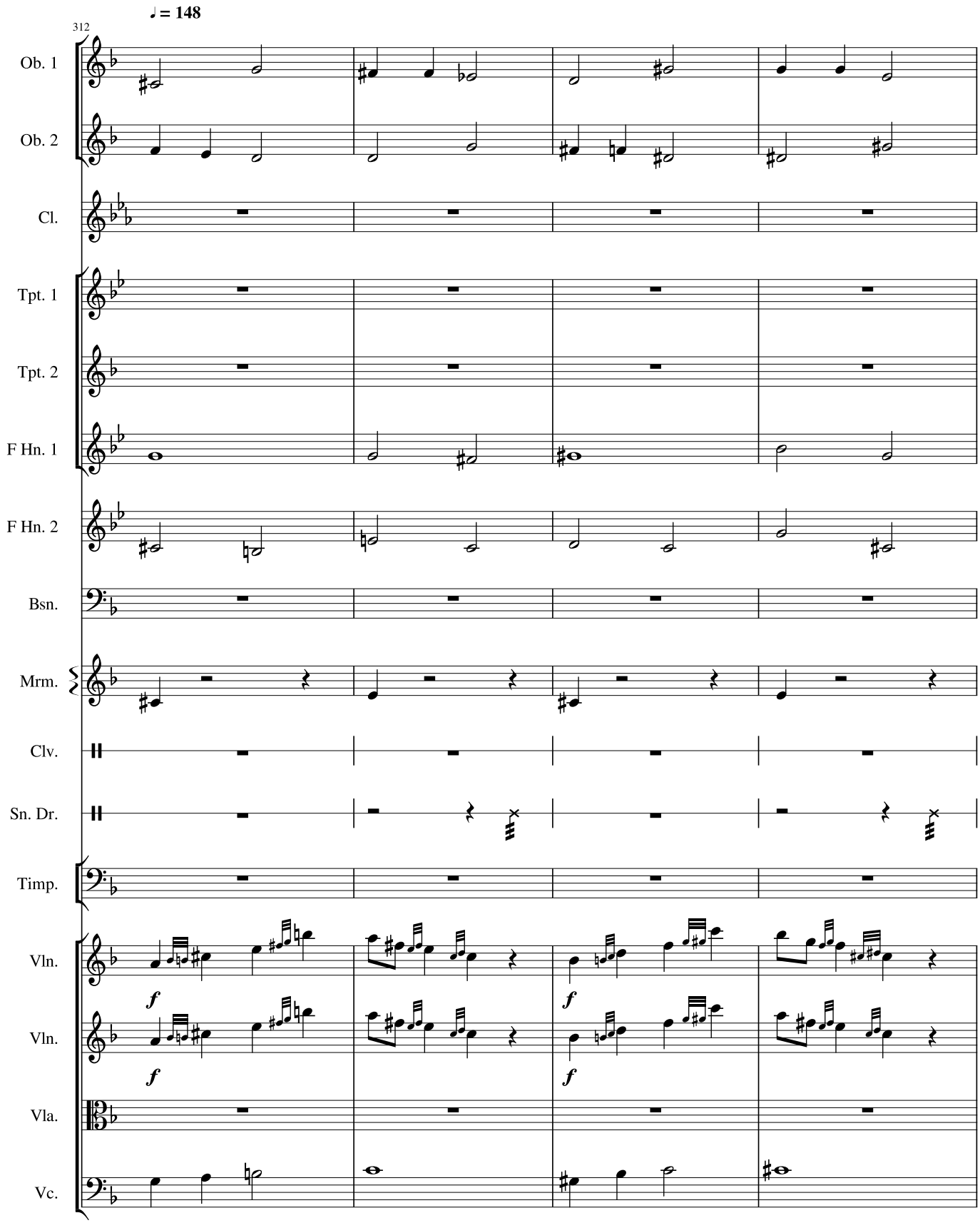

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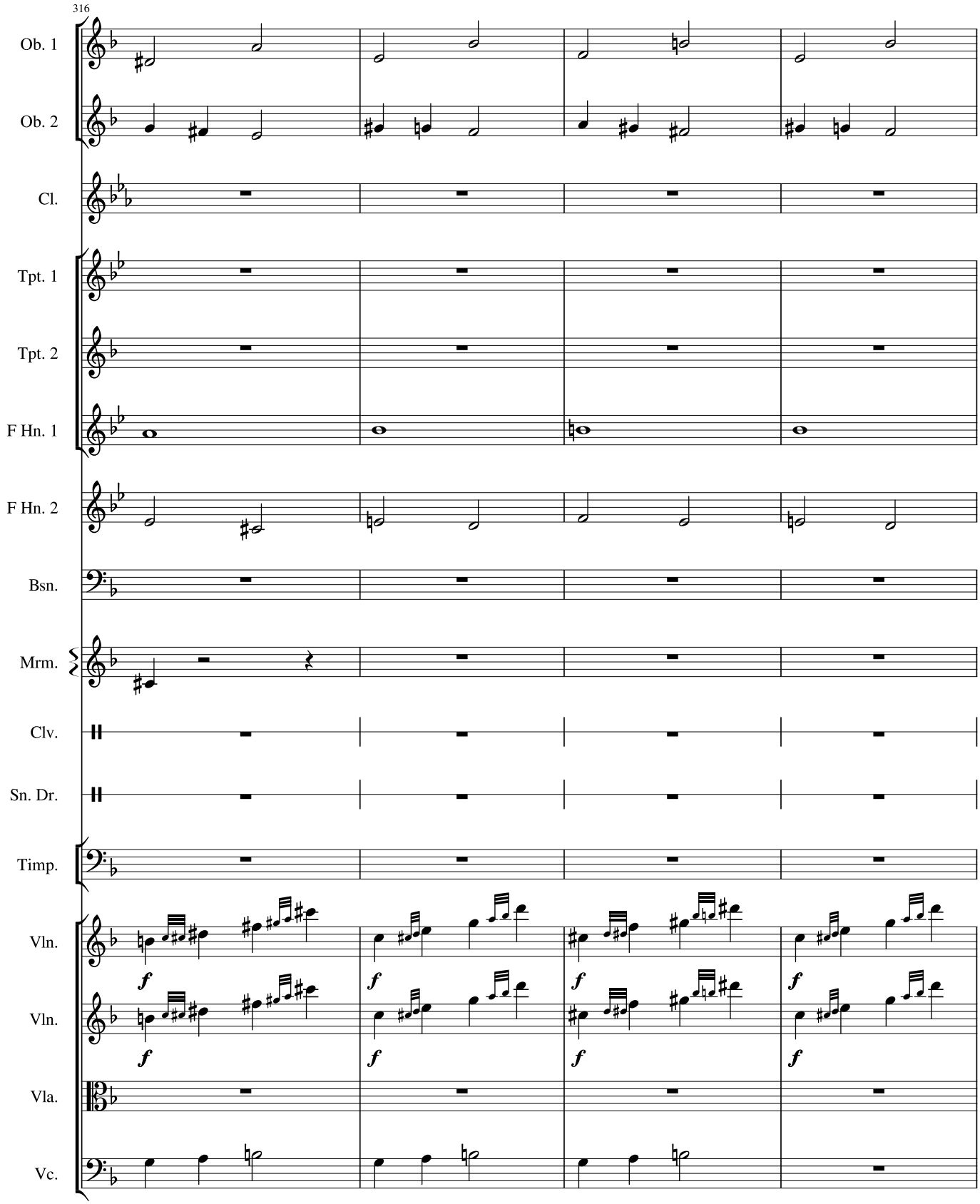

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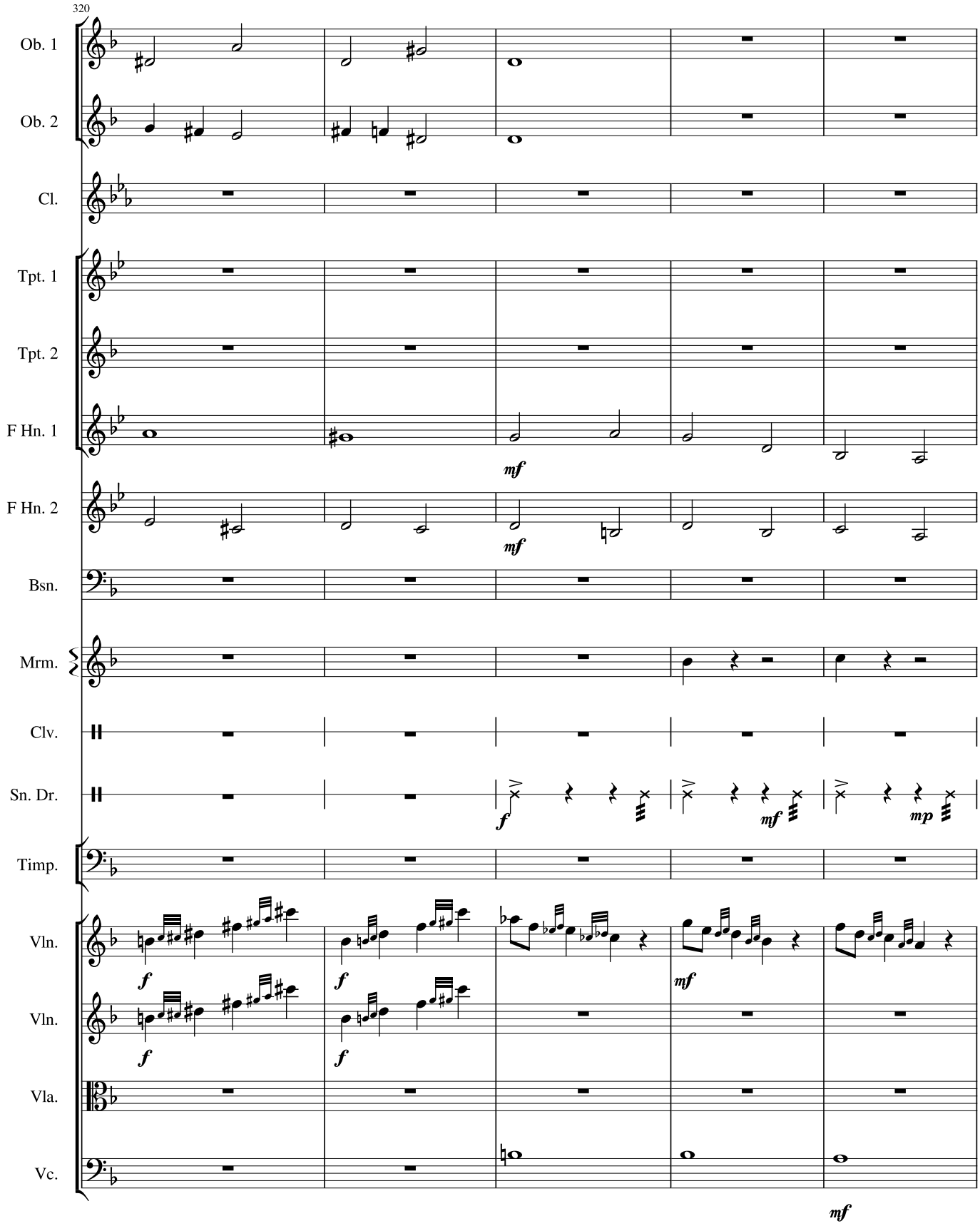

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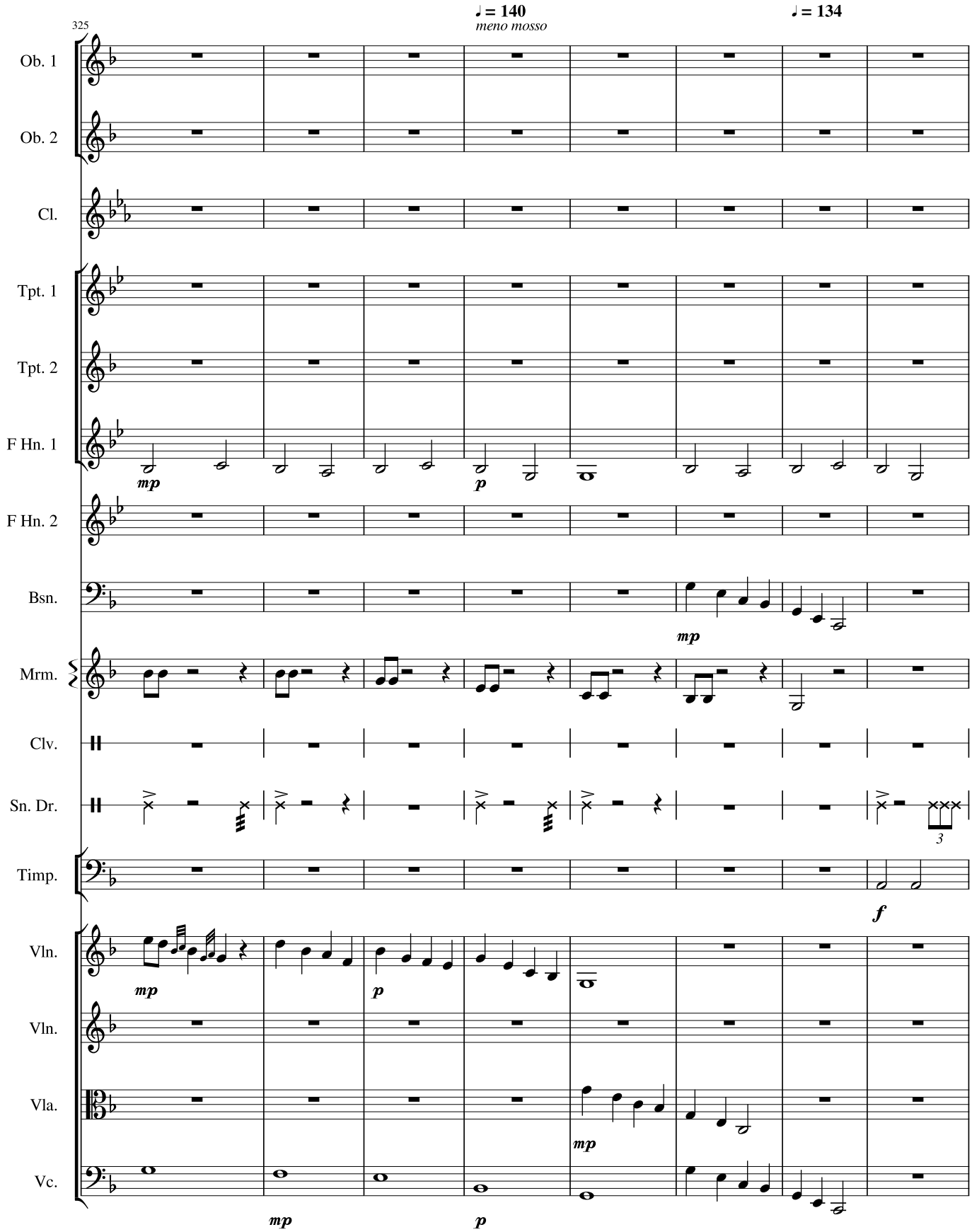

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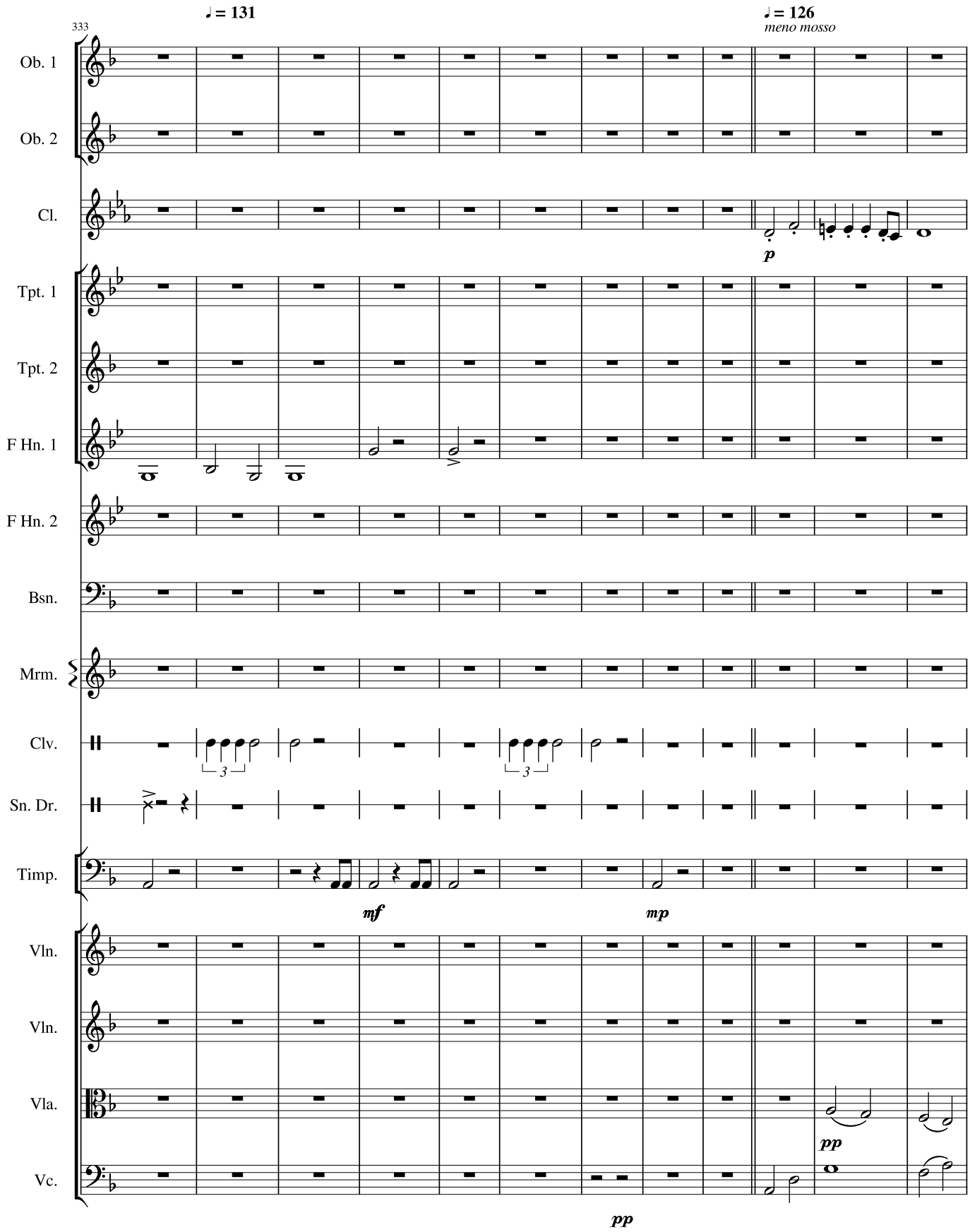

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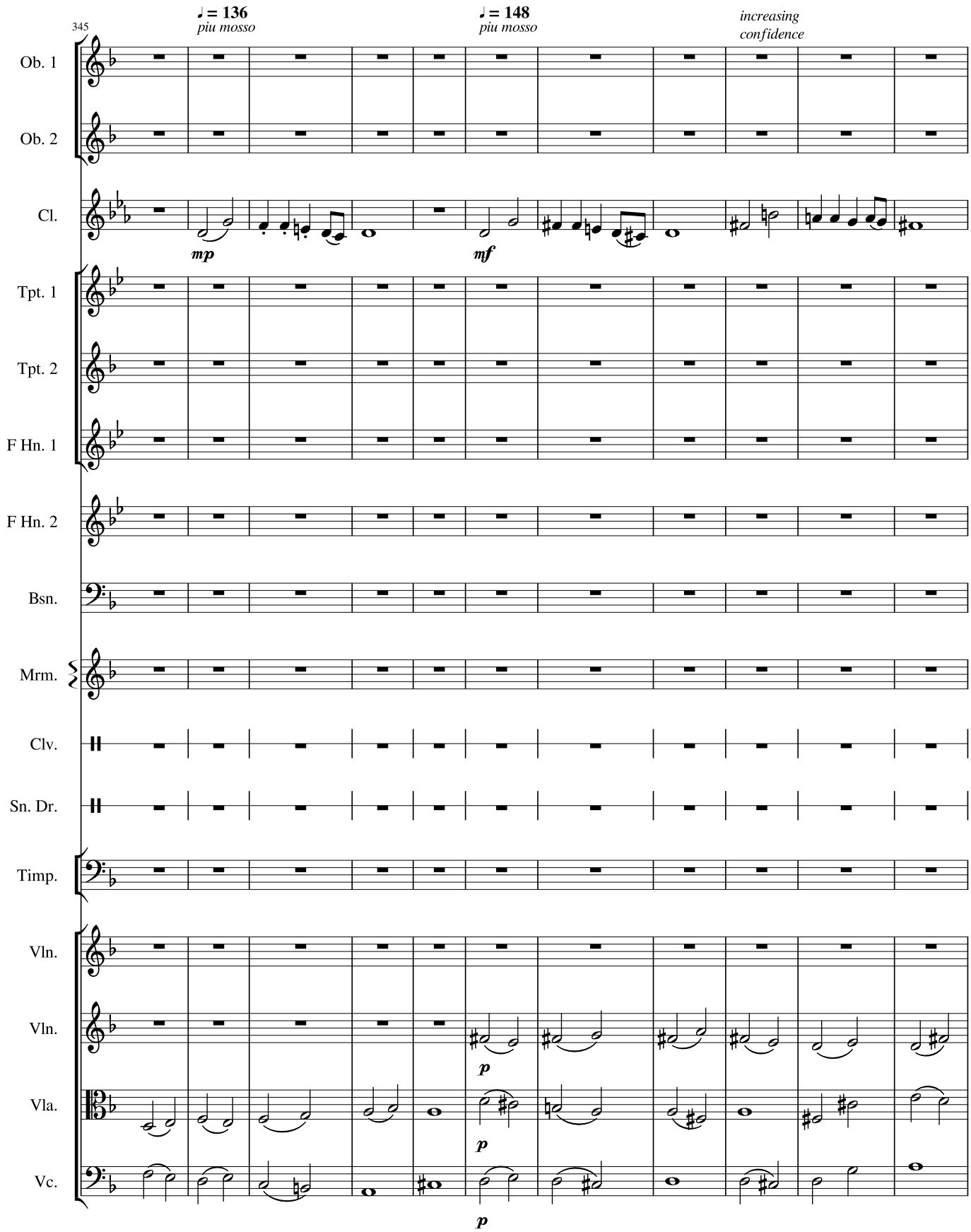

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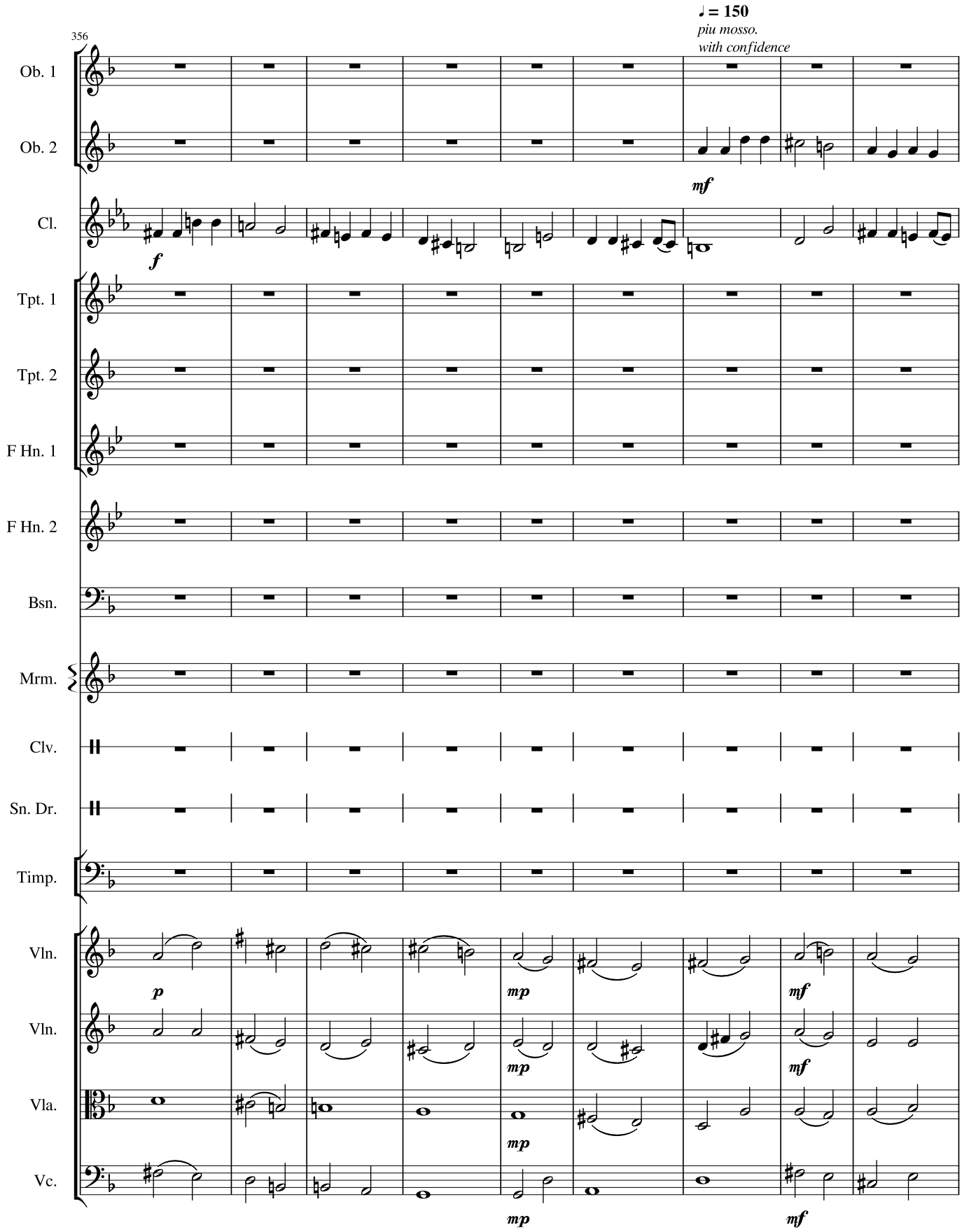

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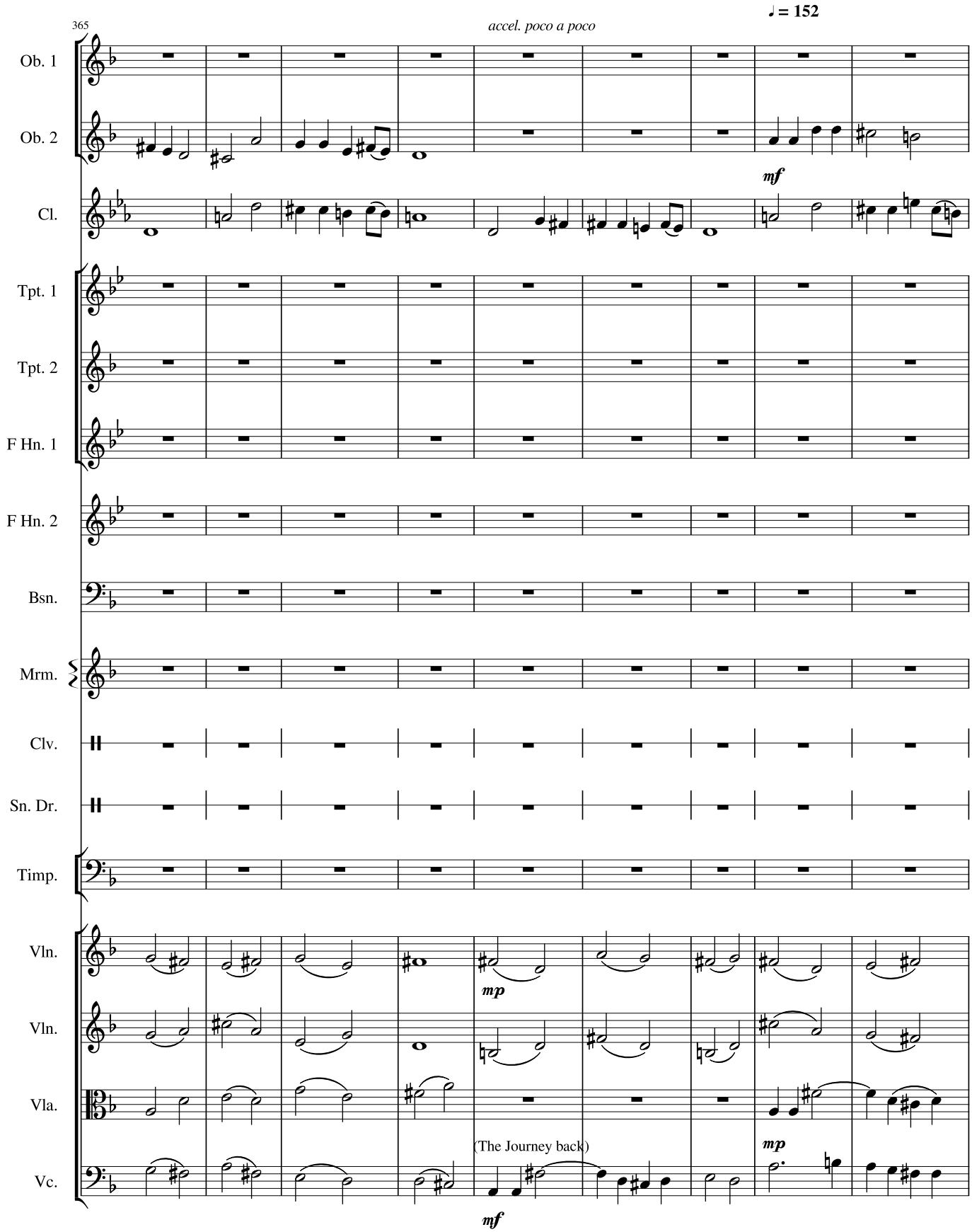

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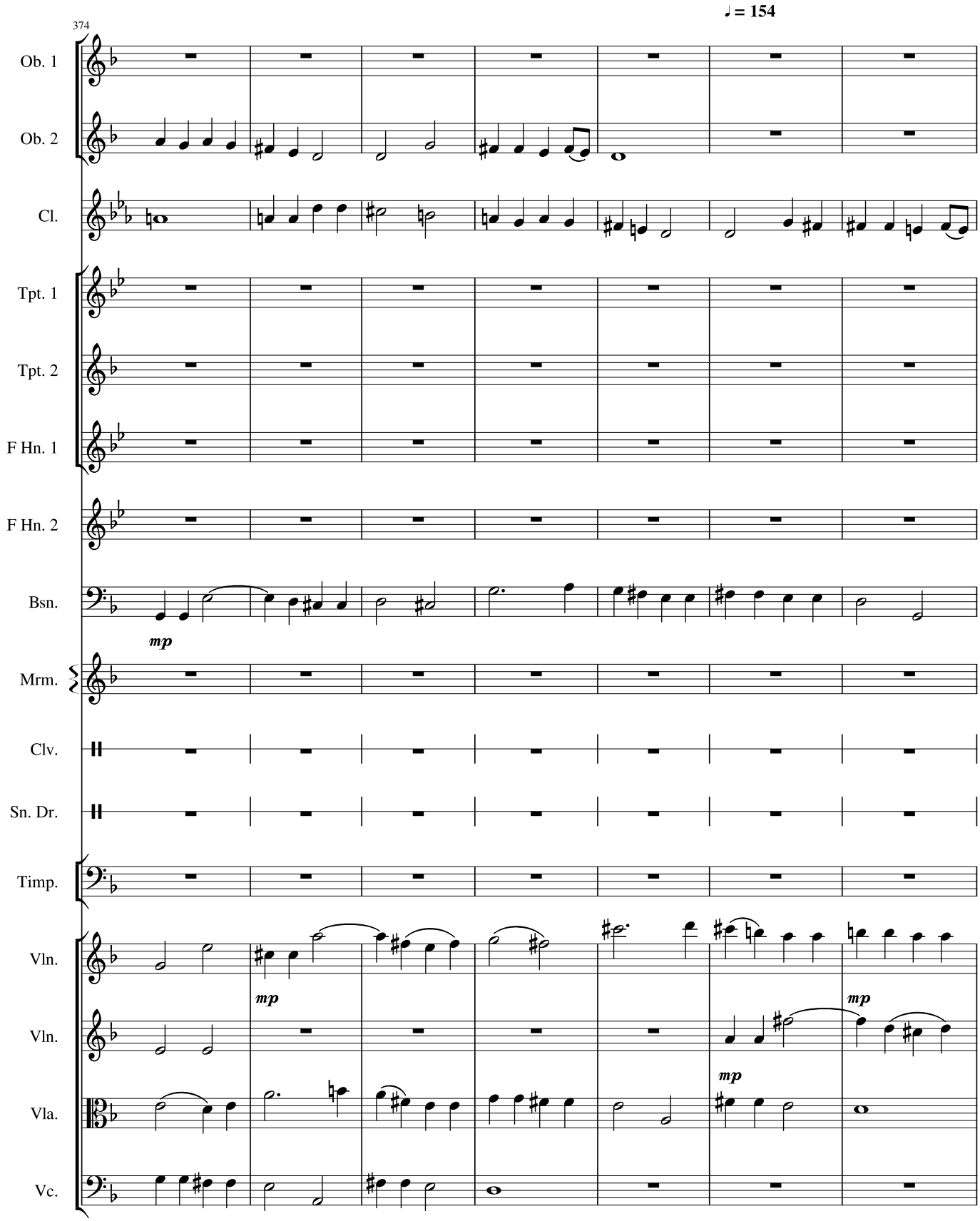

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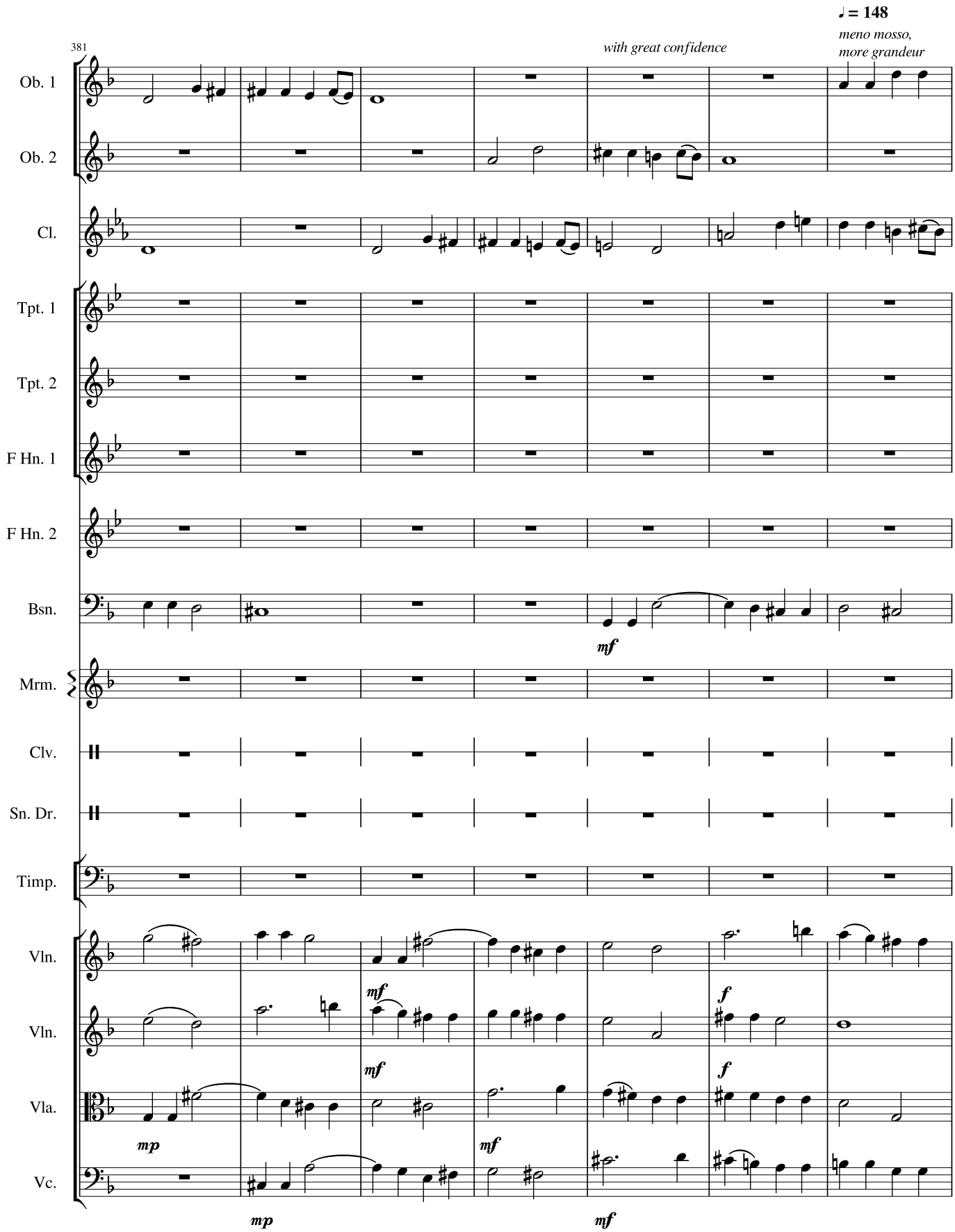

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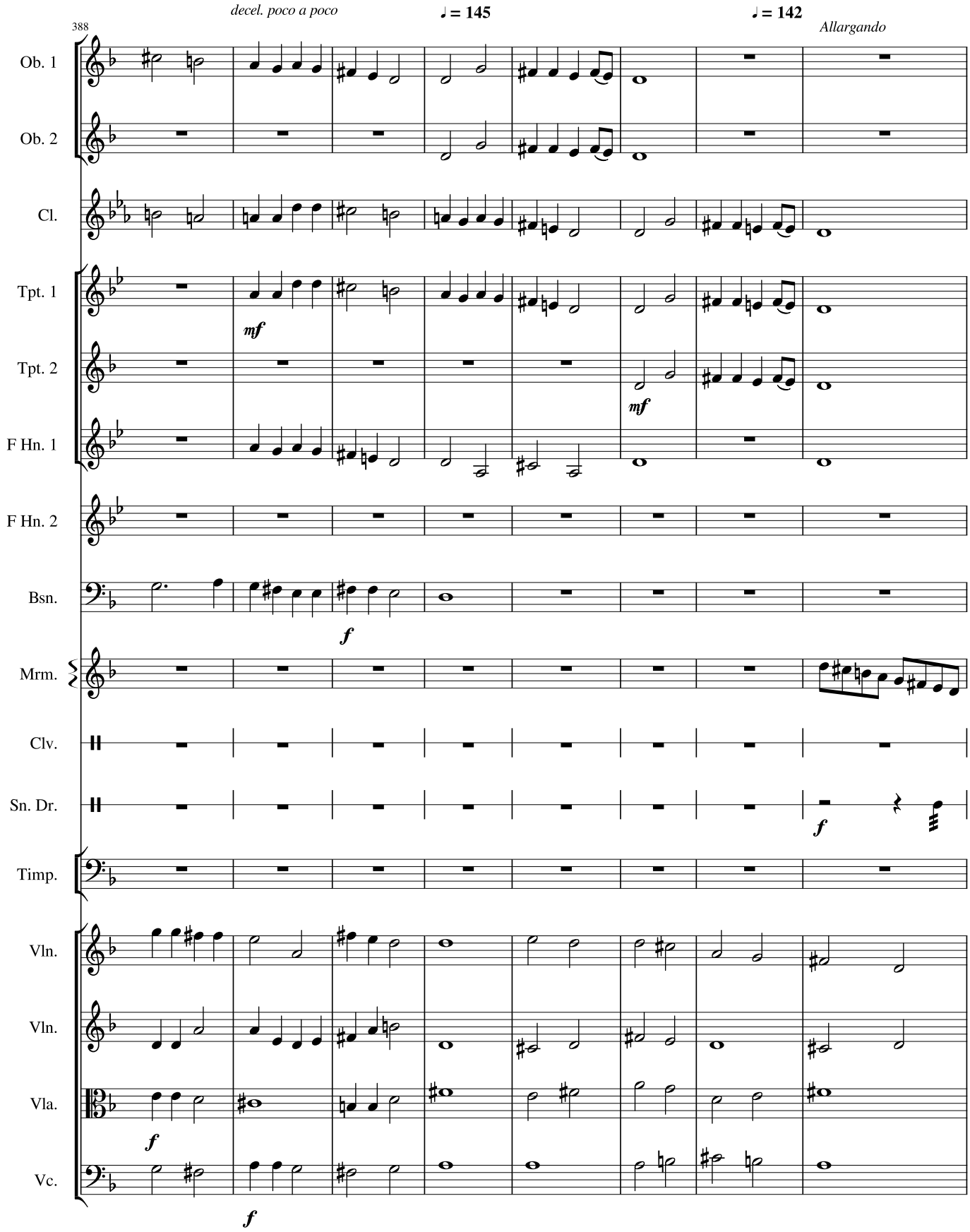

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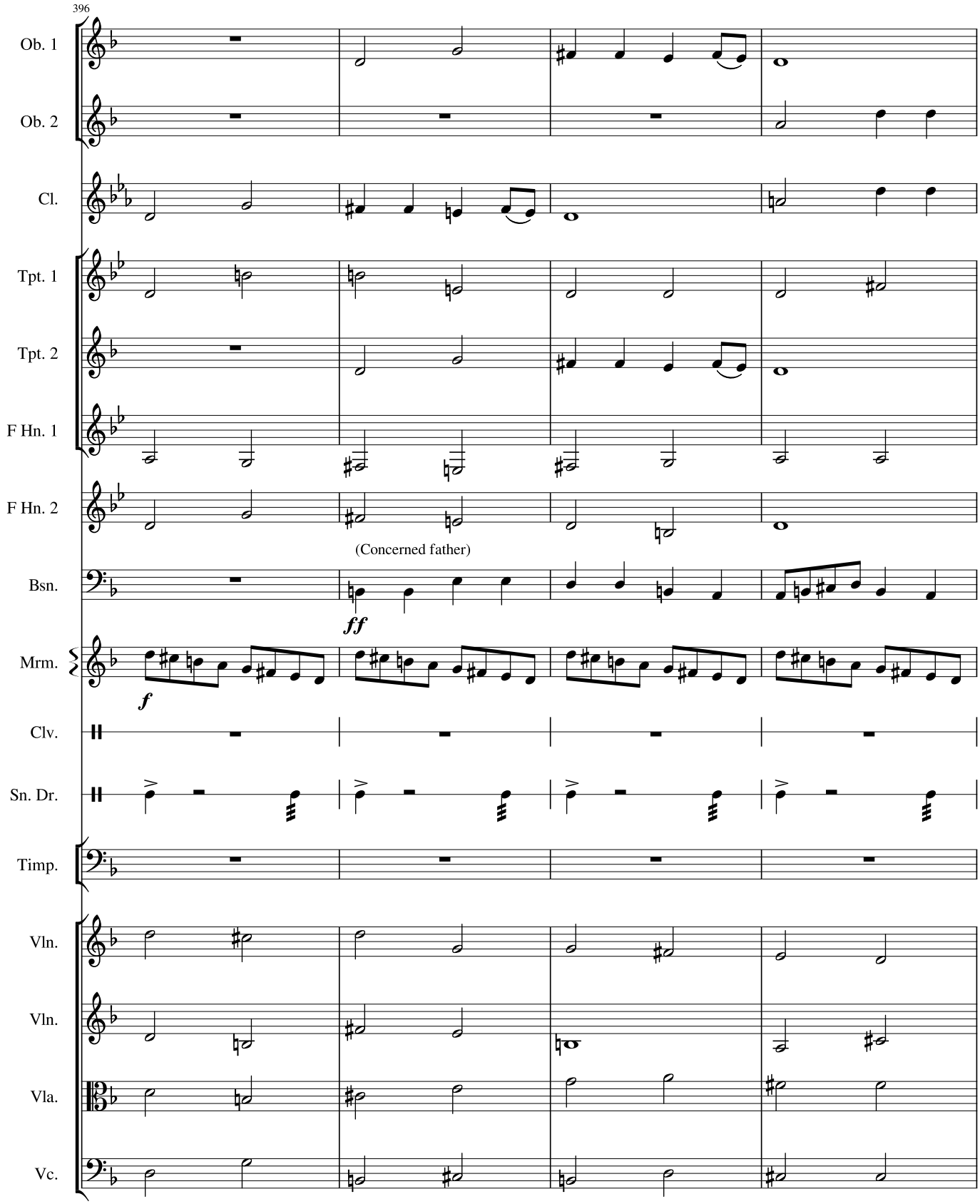

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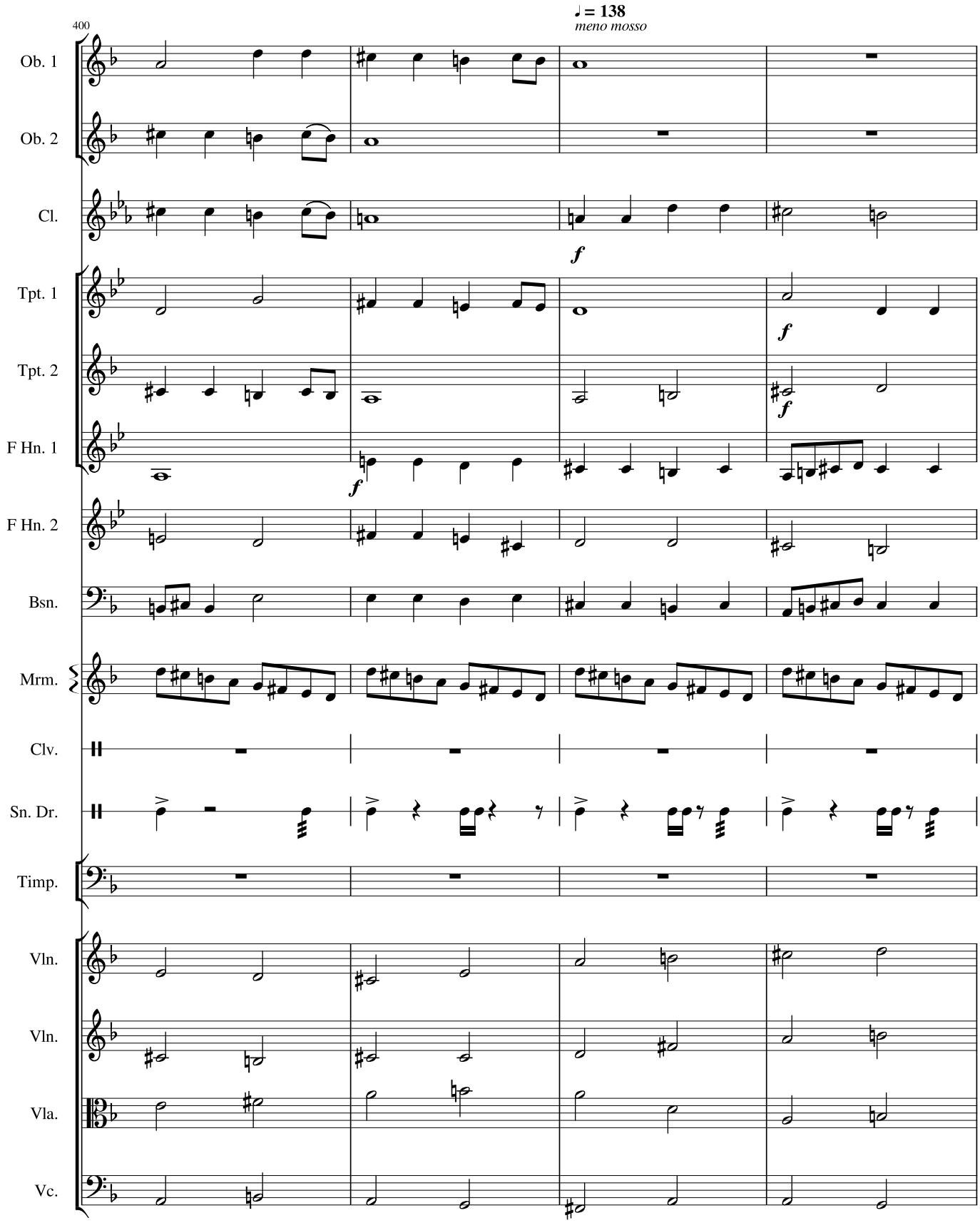

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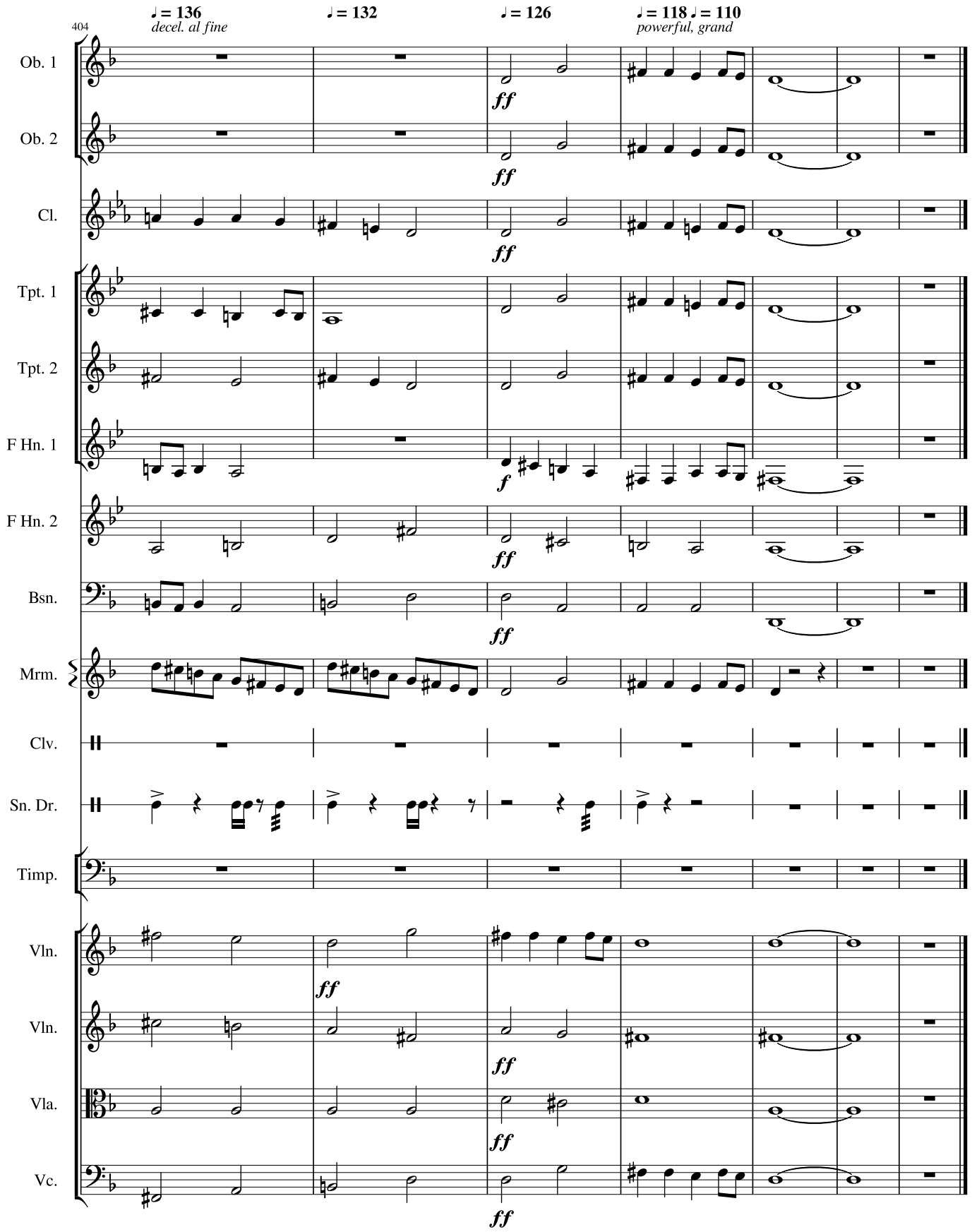

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