Danzas Latinoamericanas

by José L. Elizondo

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I. Otoño en Buenos Aires

II. Pan de Azúcar

III. Atardecer Tapatío

Latin American Dances

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II. Sugar Loaf Mountain

III. Sunset in Guadalajara

Composed by José L. Elizondo

Dedicated to Carlos Prieto

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COLLABORATION FOR THE VARIOUS VERSIONS THAT INCLUDE GUITAR

Over the years, I have created numerous arrangements of my composition, "Danzas Latinoamericanas", which I originally wrote for two cellos. This process has provided a wonderful opportunity to explore various facets of my piece while also serving as an invaluable learning experience. It has allowed me to deepen my understanding of instruments with which I was previously less familiar.

When arranging the composition for a new ensemble, I must consider how playable or idiomatic certain passages are for each instrument, along with their technical capabilities and limitations. This knowledge guides me in adapting the music to suit those instruments. Sometimes, the process is straightforward, but other times it requires reimagining and rewriting melodies or creating entirely new textures.

For a composer, it is a true blessing to have friends who play different instruments and are willing to share their expertise. The various versions that include guitar, more than any other ones, are the result of numerous enriching conversations and interactions. I am deeply grateful to my friends who helped me gain insight into the technical nuances of their instruments, tested passages for me, and patiently answered my questions. On occasion, while reading, performing, or recording this piece, they introduced ideas that enhanced the work beautifully. With their permission, I incorporated some of those ideas into these versions.

These wonderful collaborators include:

Michal Shein
Giovanna Buccarella
Aaron Larget-Caplan
Carl Straussner
Adam Levin
Francesco Diodovich
Silvan De Smit
Christopher Schoelen

NOTE: The process behind transcribing “Pan de Azúcar”, the second movement, for guitar differs notably from that of the other two movements. That movement was first transcribed completely by the great guitar virtuoso Francesco Diodovich. Later, I adapted and rewrote parts of his transcription to make it accessible to a broader range of performers. As with the other two movements, my guitar transcription was refined by the ideas and advice of my friends mentioned above.

Thank you!

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Violin & Guitar

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I. Otoño en Buenos Aires

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Tempo di Tango ♩ = 110-120

Violin

Guitar

mf *passionate, flirtatious but noble*

mf *passionate, flirtatious but noble*

4

mp

mp

8

a bit mysterious, but with energy and intensity

mf *passionate, expressive*

a bit mysterious, but with energy and intensity

mf *passionate, expressive*

12

poco rit.

A ***a tempo***

16

mp *flirtatious and sensuous, noble*

mp *flirtatious and sensuous*

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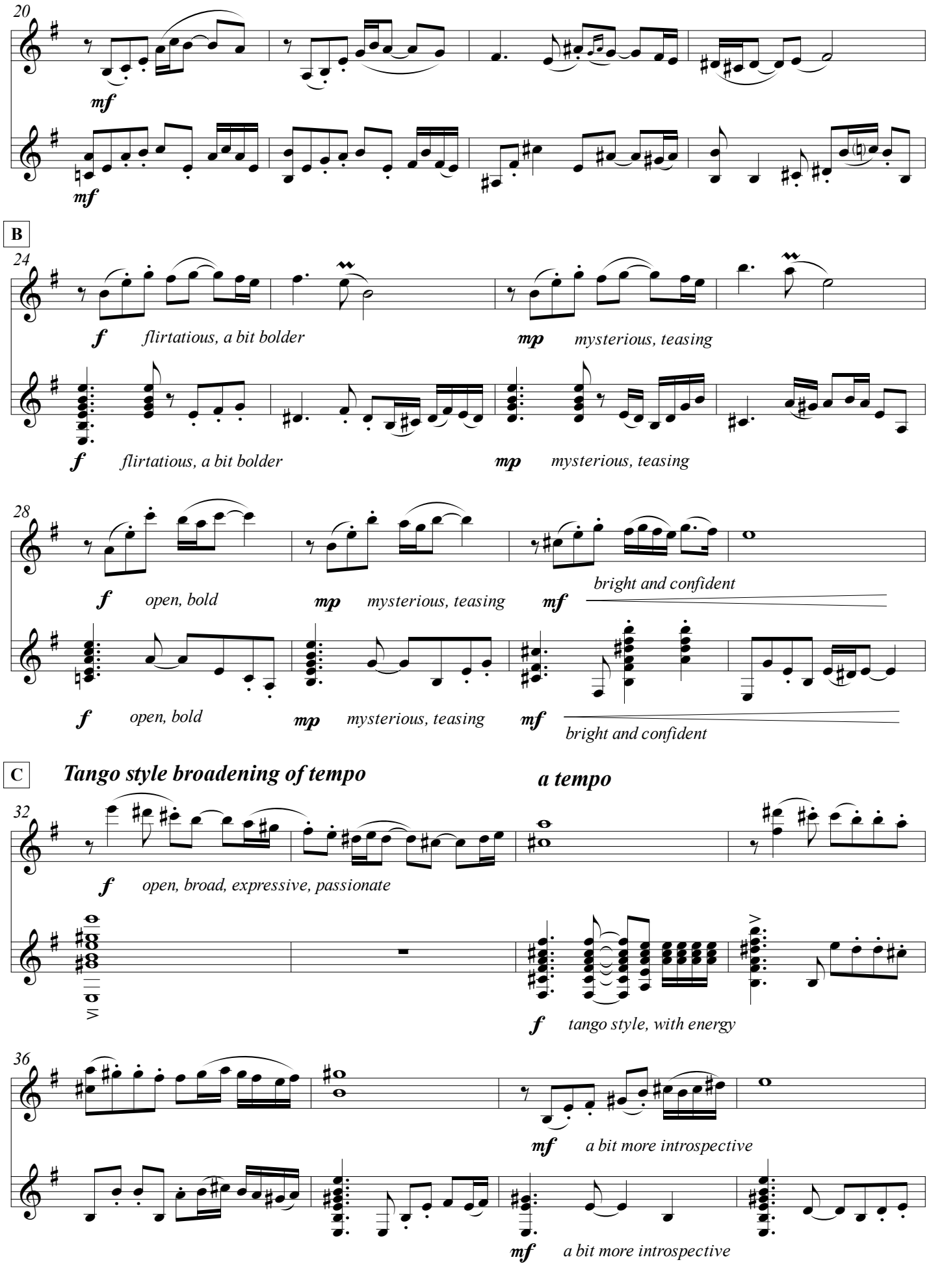
20
mf
mf
B
24
f flirtatious, a bit bolder
mp mysterious, teasing
f flirtatious, a bit bolder
mp mysterious, teasing
28
f open, bold
mp mysterious, teasing
mf bright and confident
f open, bold
mp mysterious, teasing
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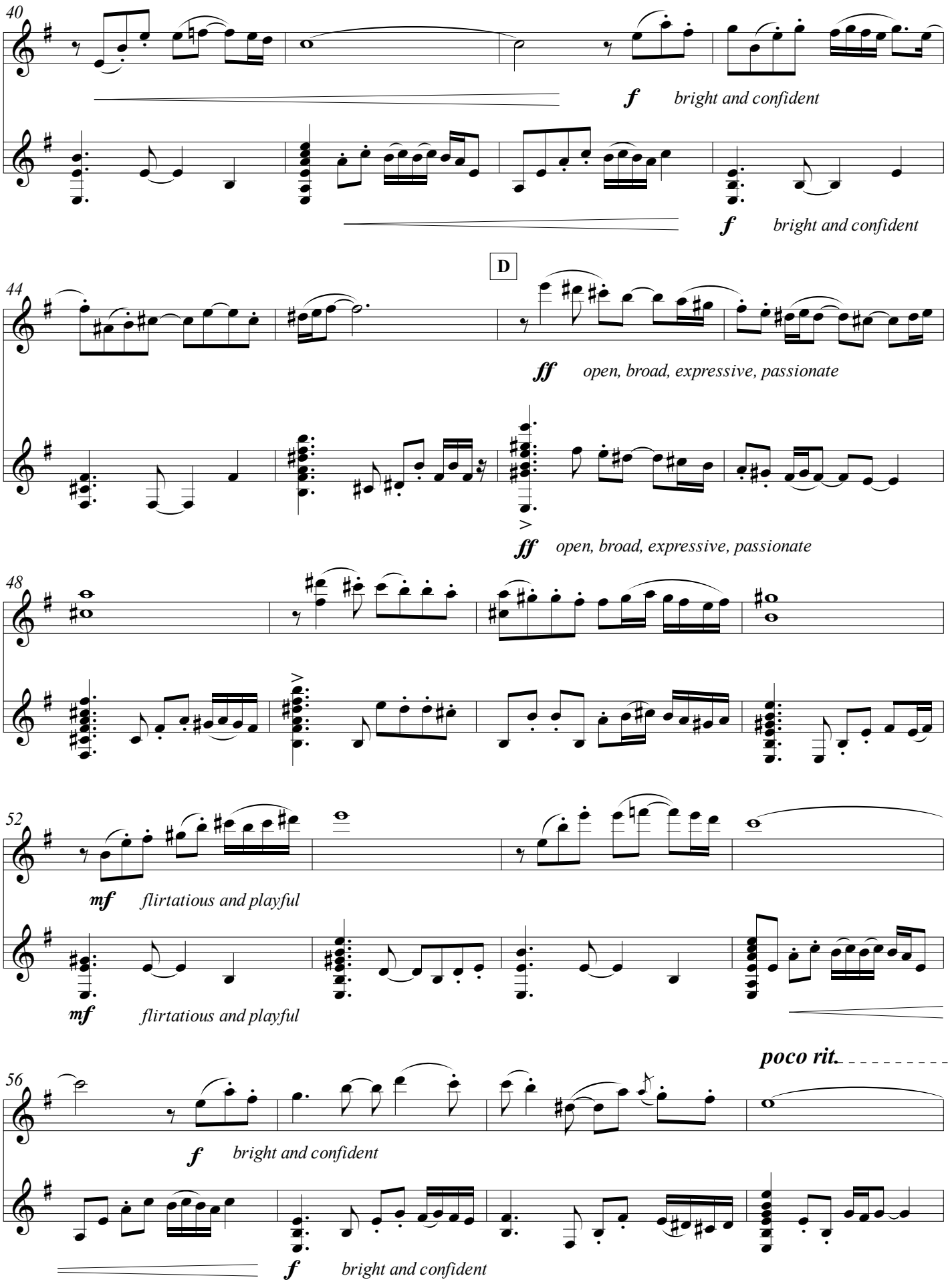
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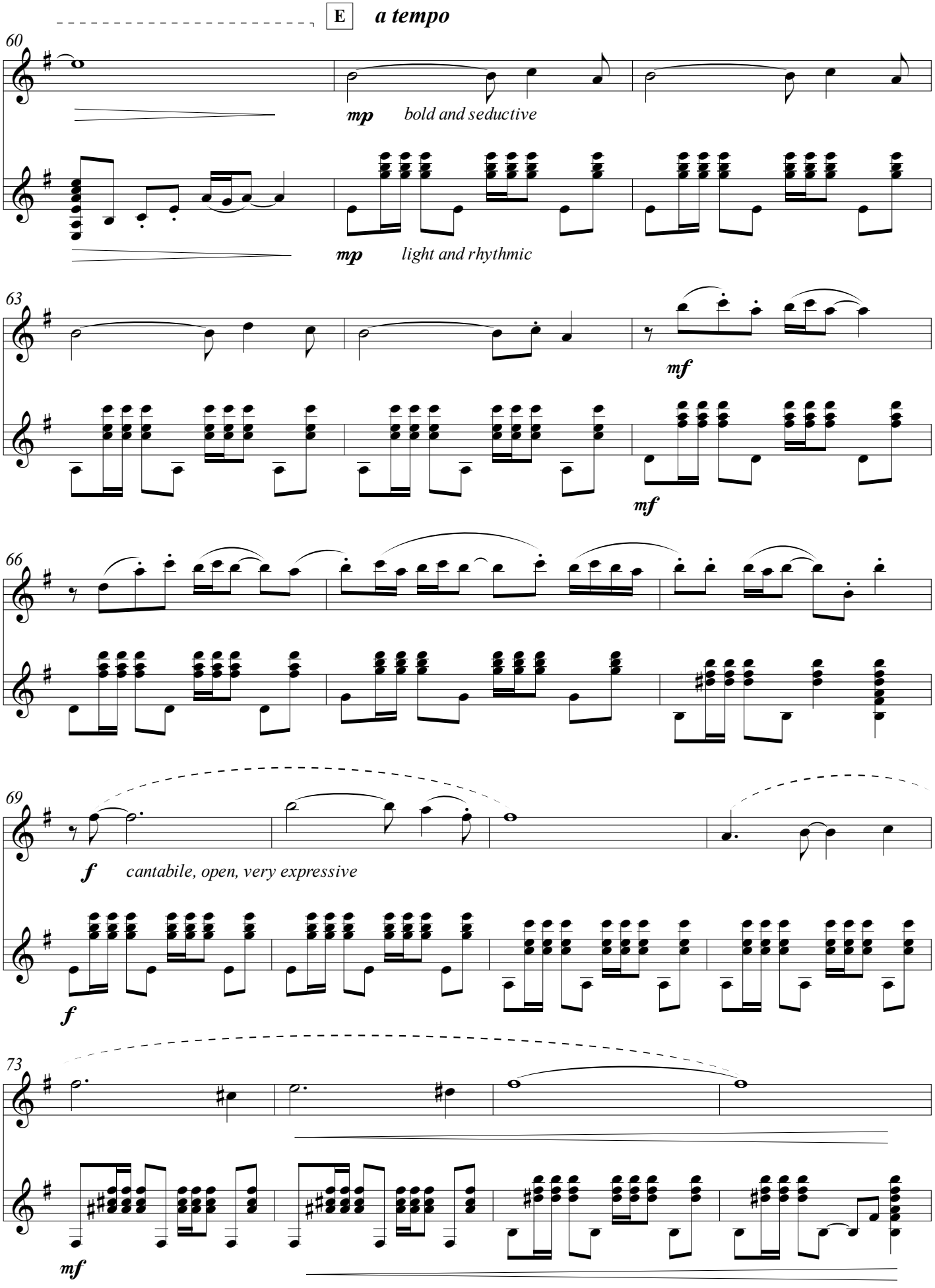
f bright and confident
f bright and confident
D
44
ff open, broad, expressive, passionate
ff open, broad, expressive, passionate
48
52
mf flirtatious and playful
mf flirtatious and playful
poco rit.
56
f bright and confident
f bright and confident

E
a tempo
60
mp
bold and seductive
mp
light and rhythmic
63
mf
mf
66
69
f
cantabile, open, very expressive
f
73
mf

F

77

f *flirtatious, passionate and energetic*

mp

f *flirtatious and seductive*

mp

81

f

mp

f *bright and confident*

f

mp

f *bright and confident*

G ***Un po' pesante***

a tempo

85

ff *open, broad, expressive, passionate*

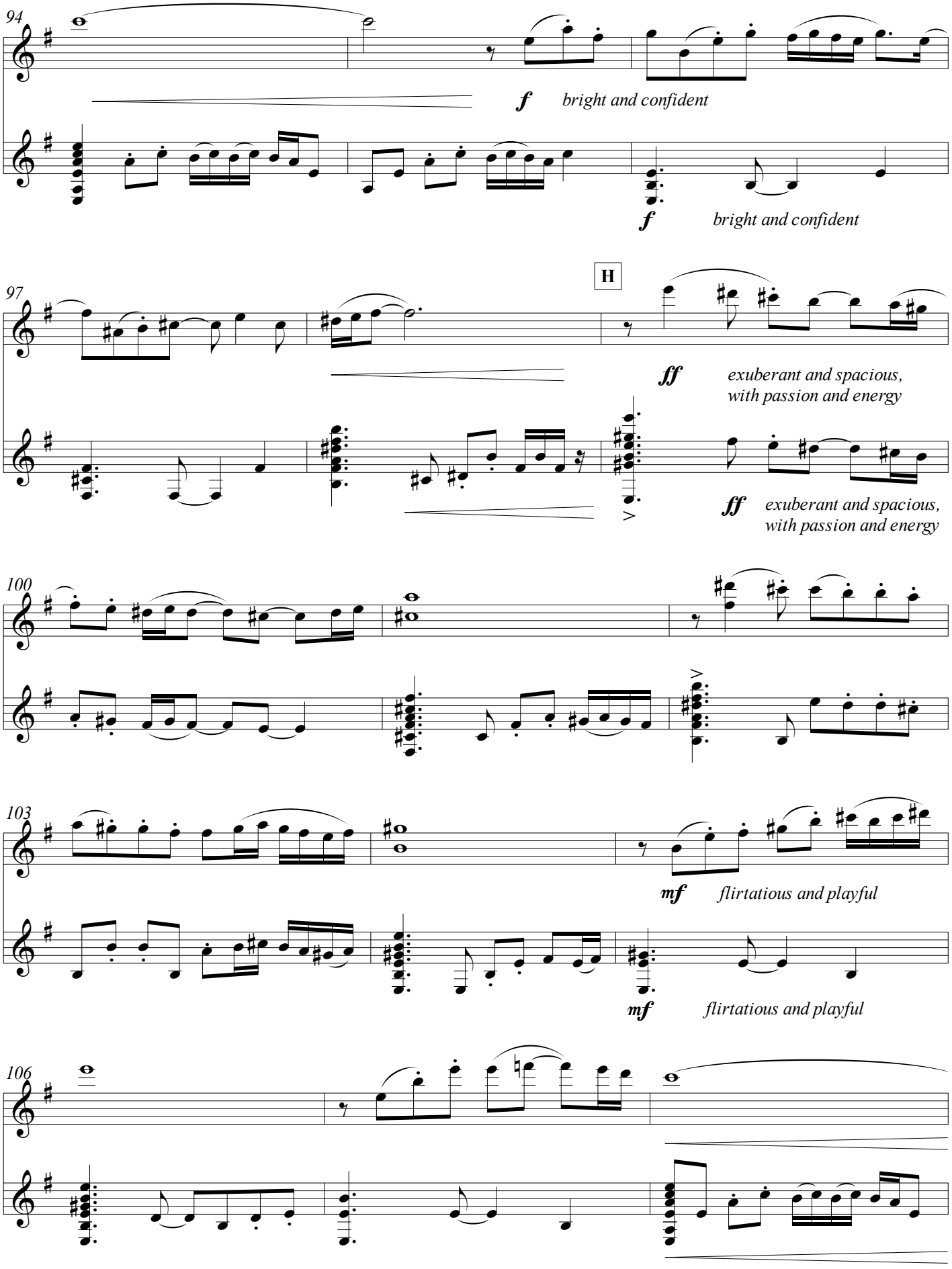
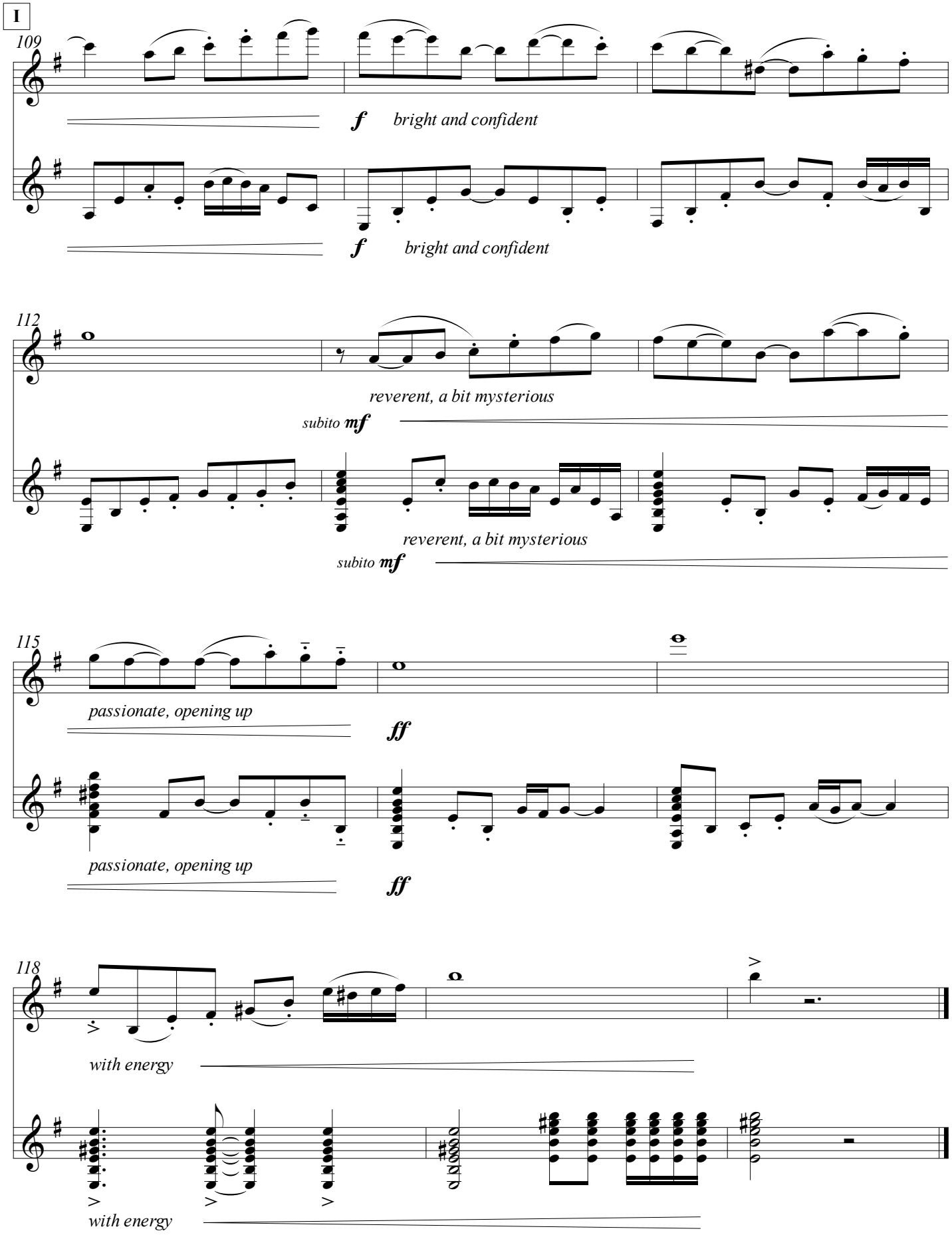
ff

with passion and energy

88

91

mf *a bit more introspective*

mf *a bit more introspective*

94
f
bright and confident
f
bright and confident
97
H
ff
exuberant and spacious,
with passion and energy
ff
exuberant and spacious,
with passion and energy
100
103
mf
flirtatious and playful
mf
flirtatious and playful
106

I
109
f bright and confident
f bright and confident
112
reverent, a bit mysterious
subito mf
reverent, a bit mysterious
subito mf
115
passionate, opening up
ff
passionate, opening up
ff
118
with energy
with energy

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II. Pan de Azúcar

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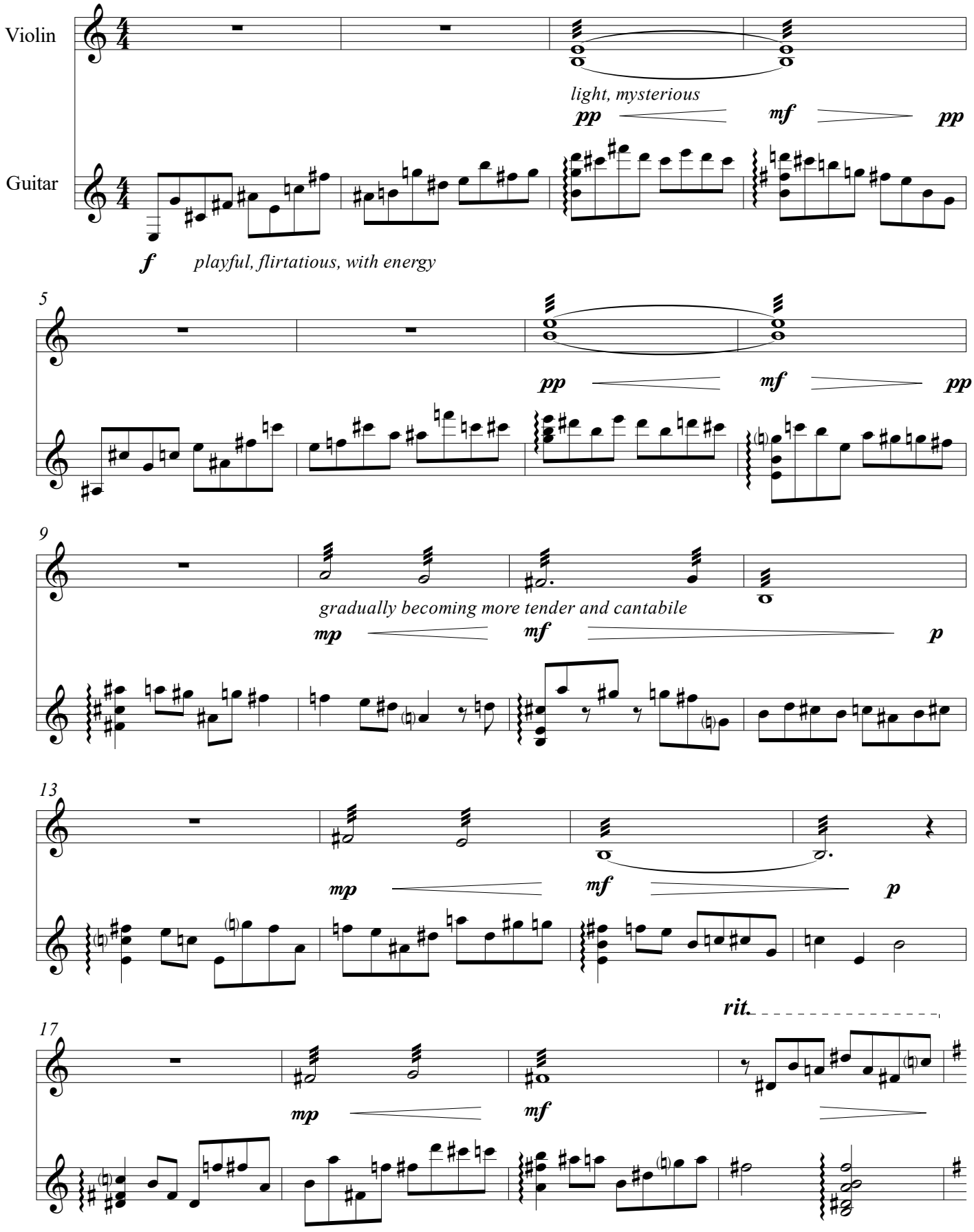
Playful, with energy ♩ = 130-150

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A **Very pleasant, serene and danceable** ♩ = 104-120

Steady tempo throughout the entire piece (and almost no rubato)

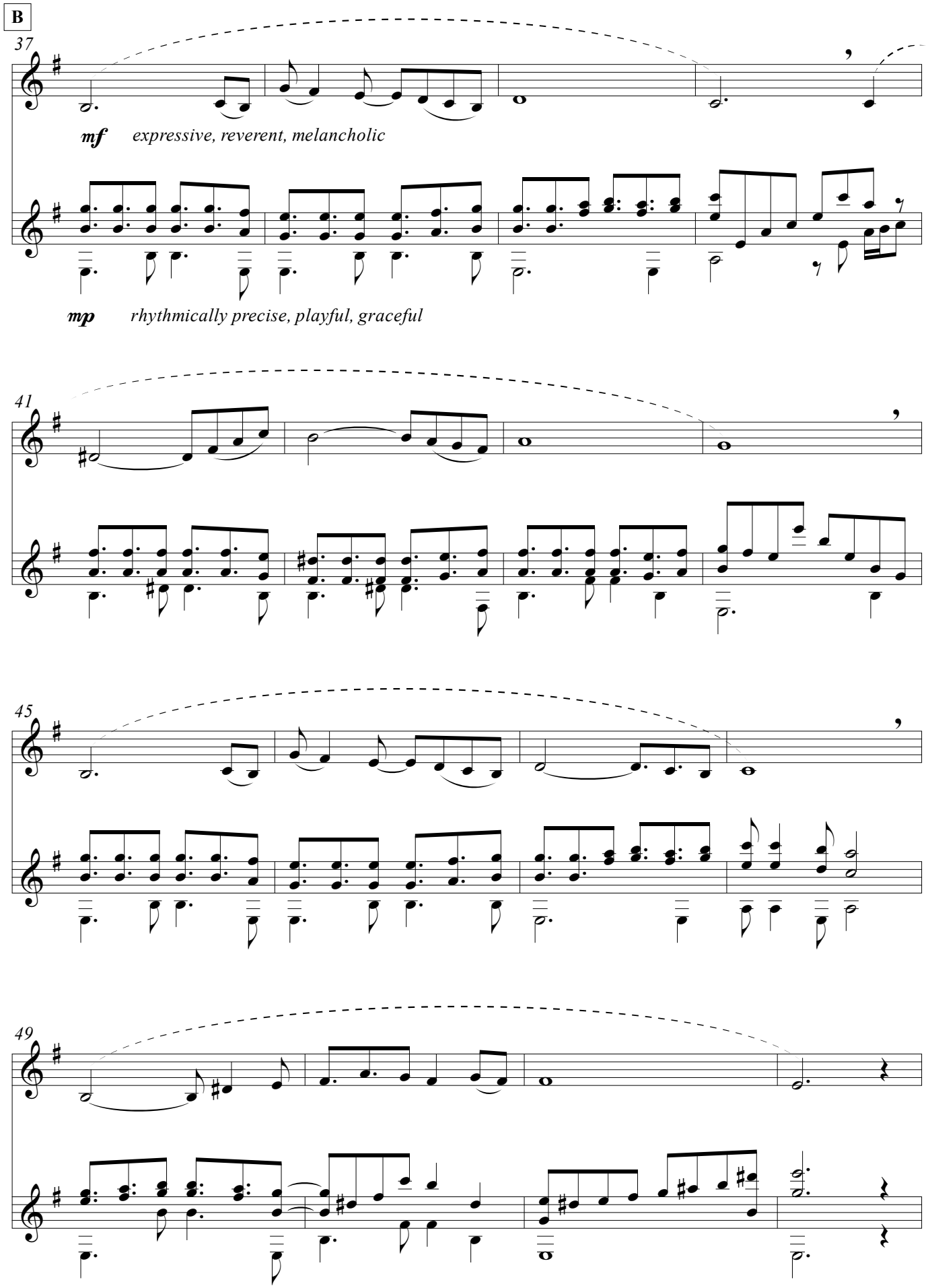
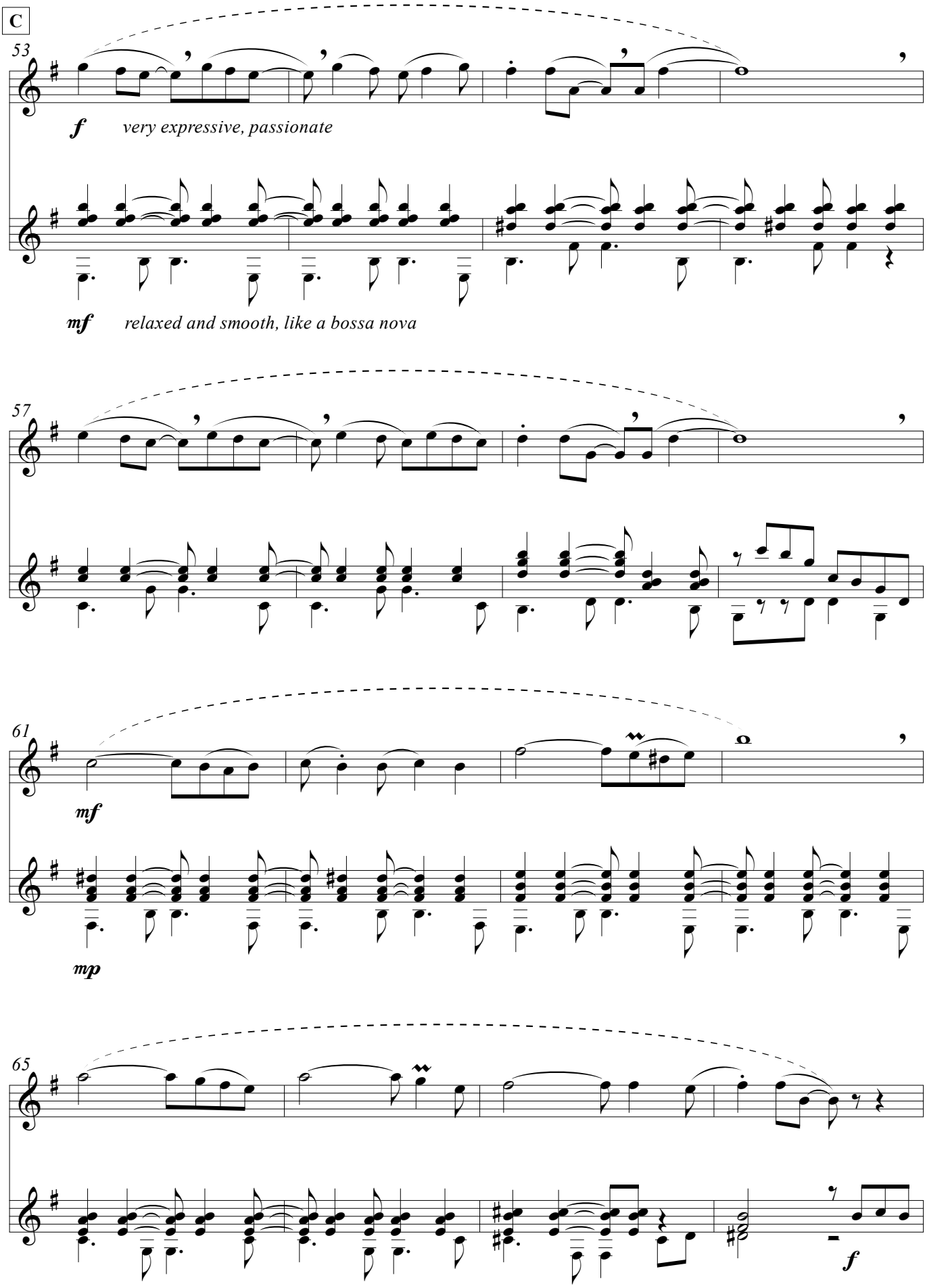
21

f *cantabile, expressive, but serene and gentle*

mf *relaxed and smooth, like a bossa nova*

25

29

33

B
37
mf expressive, reverent, melancholic
mp rhythmically precise, playful, graceful
41
45
49

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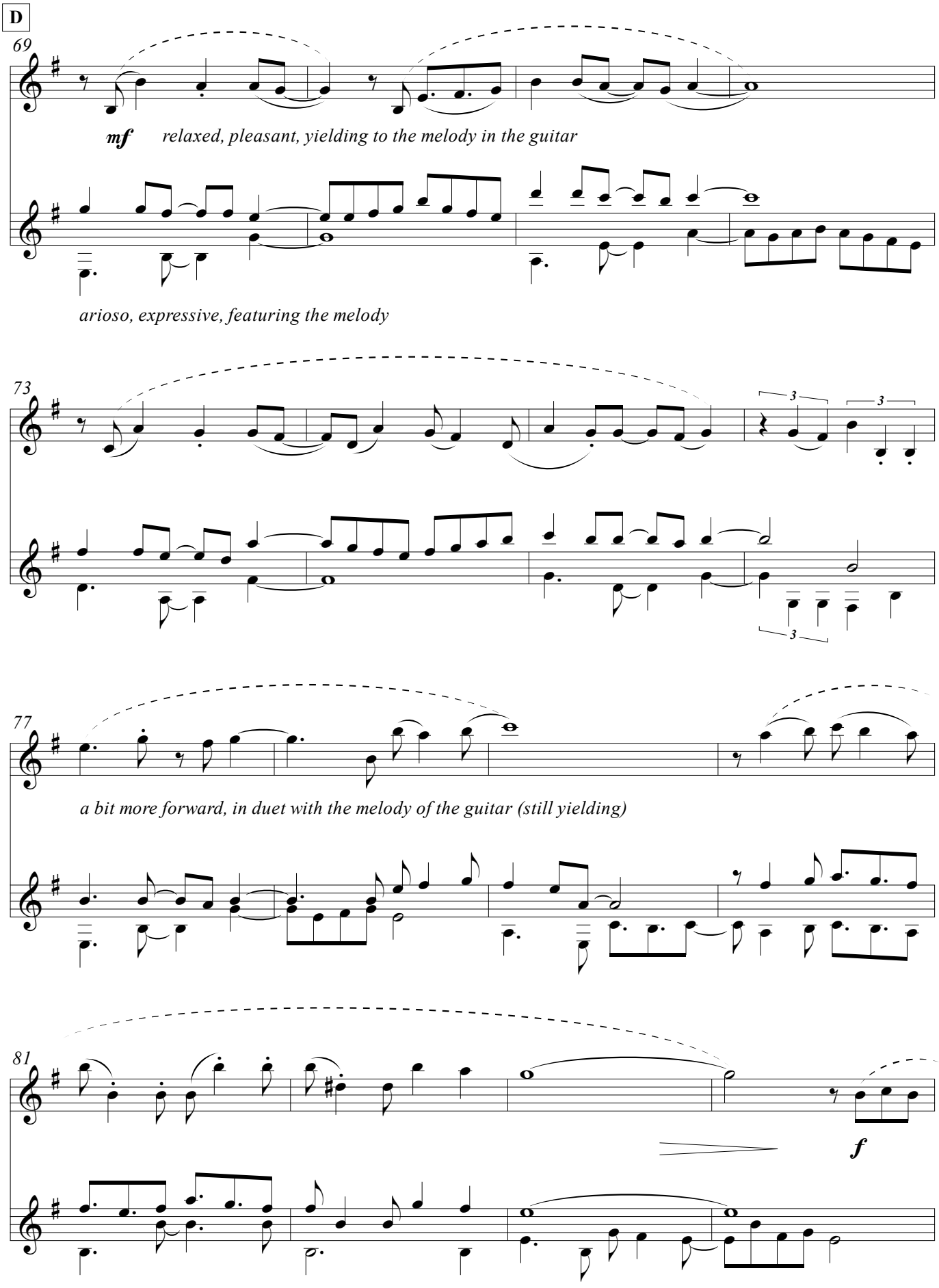
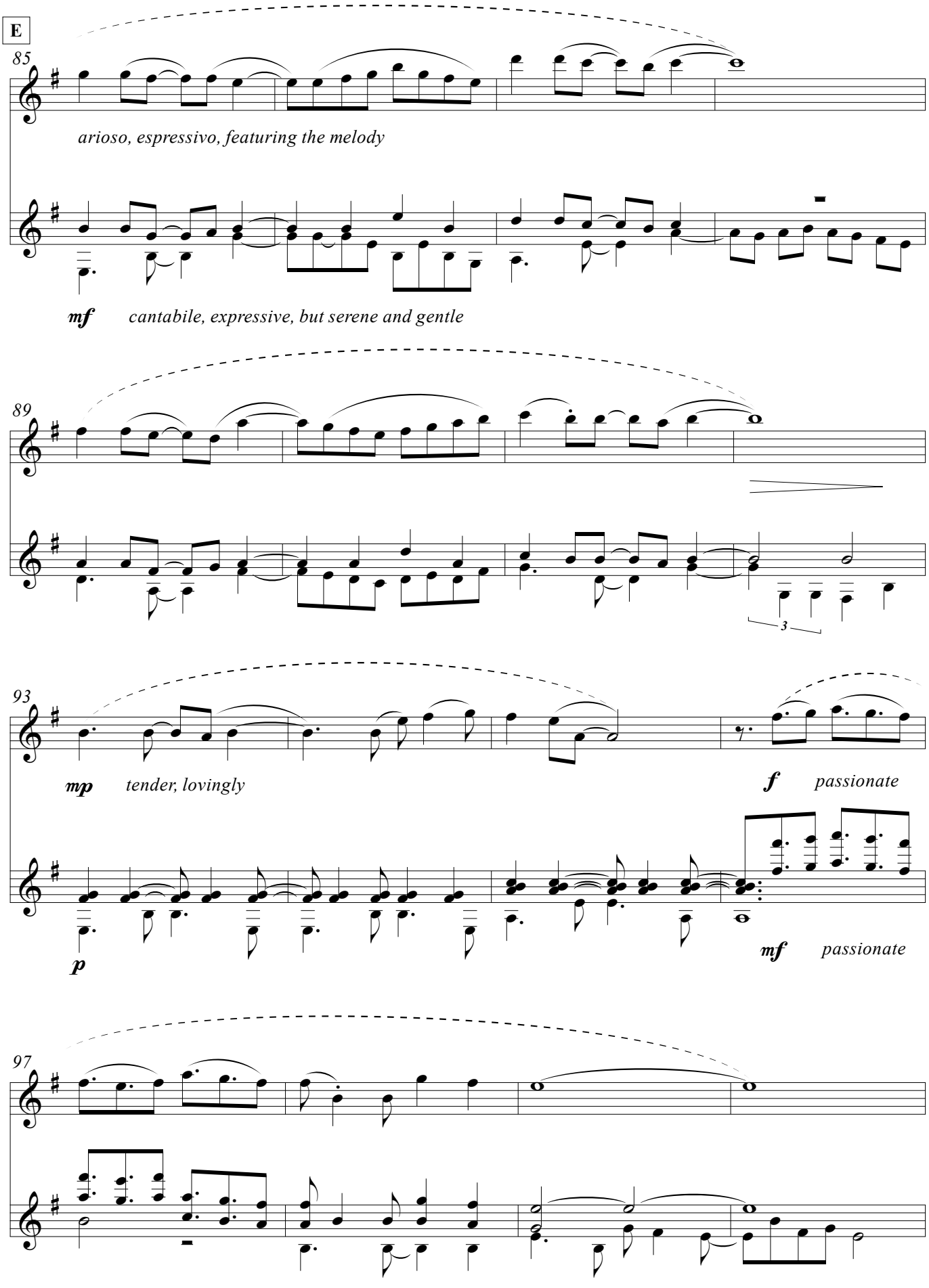
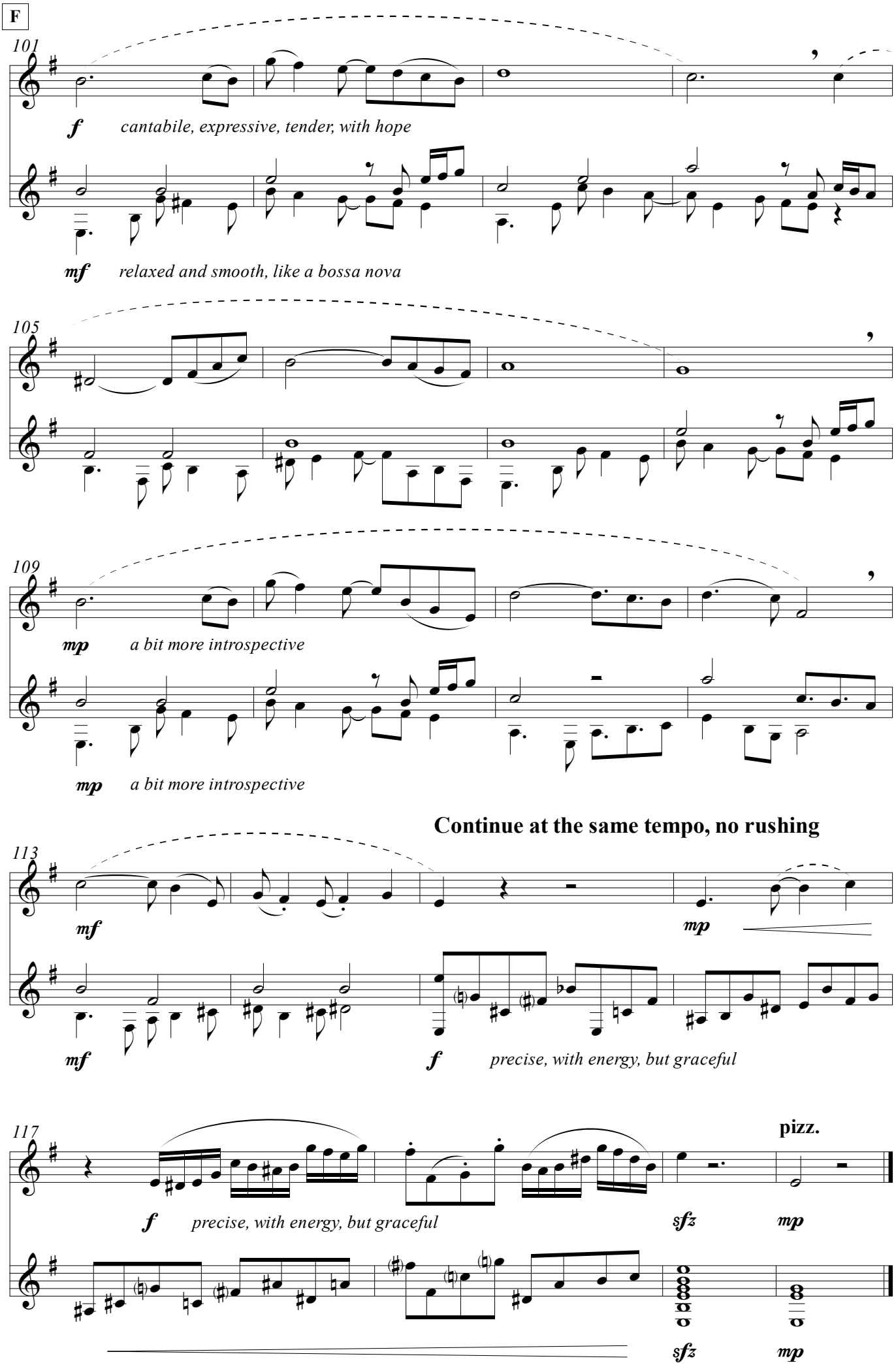
f
very expressive, passionate
mf
relaxed and smooth, like a bossa nova
57
61
mf
mp
65
f

D
69
mf
relaxed, pleasant, yielding to the melody in the guitar
arioso, expressive, featuring the melody
73
3
3
3
77
a bit more forward, in duet with the melody of the guitar (still yielding)
81
f

E
85
arioso, espressivo, featuring the melody
mf
cantabile, expressive, but serene and gentle
89
3
93
mp
tender, lovingly
f
passionate
p
mf
passionate
97

F
101
f cantabile, expressive, tender, with hope
mf relaxed and smooth, like a bossa nova
105
109
mp a bit more introspective
mp a bit more introspective
Continue at the same tempo, no rushing
113
mf
mp
mf
f precise, with energy, but graceful
117
pizz.
f precise, with energy, but graceful
sfz
mp
sfz
mp

Violin & Guitar

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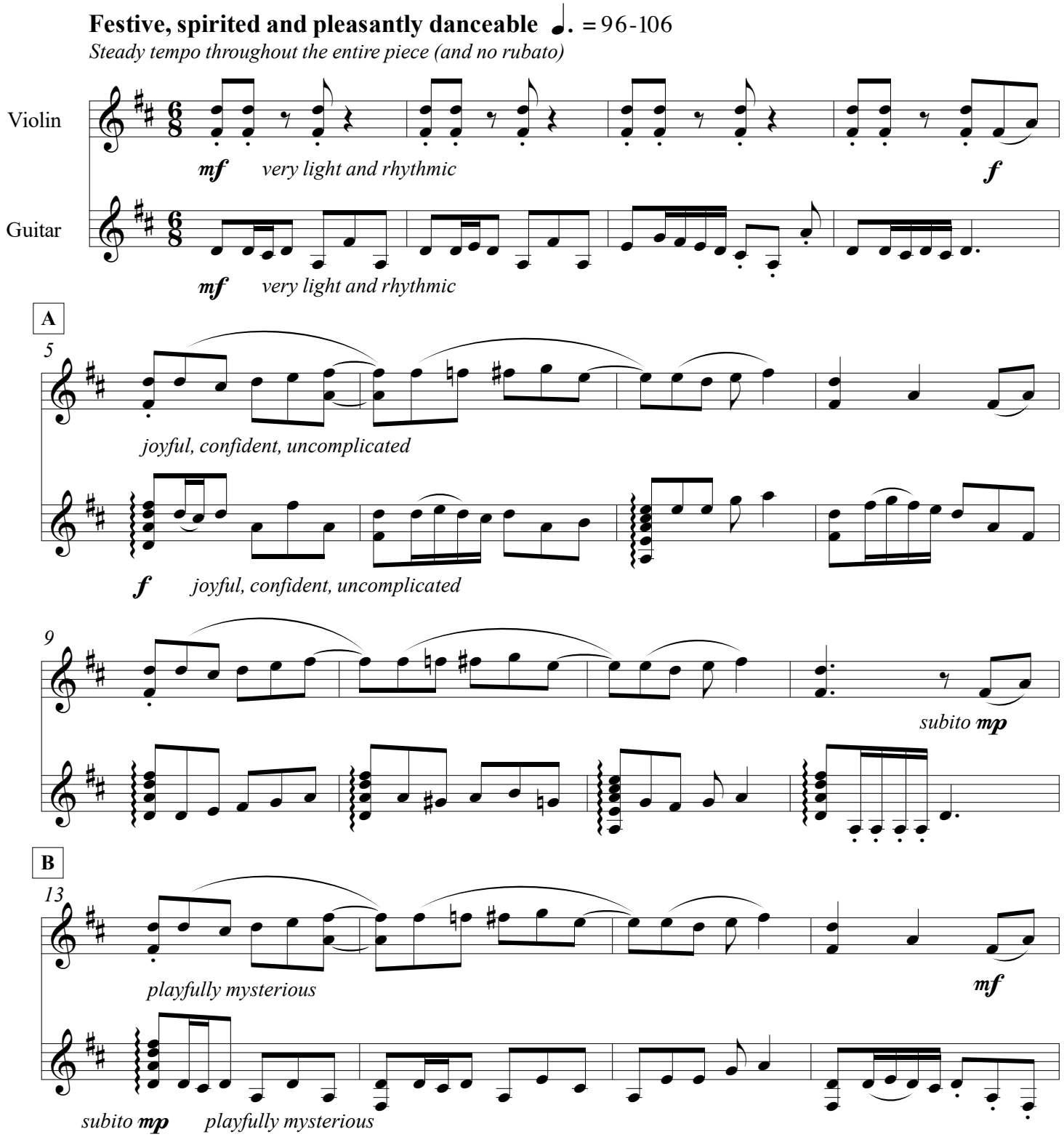
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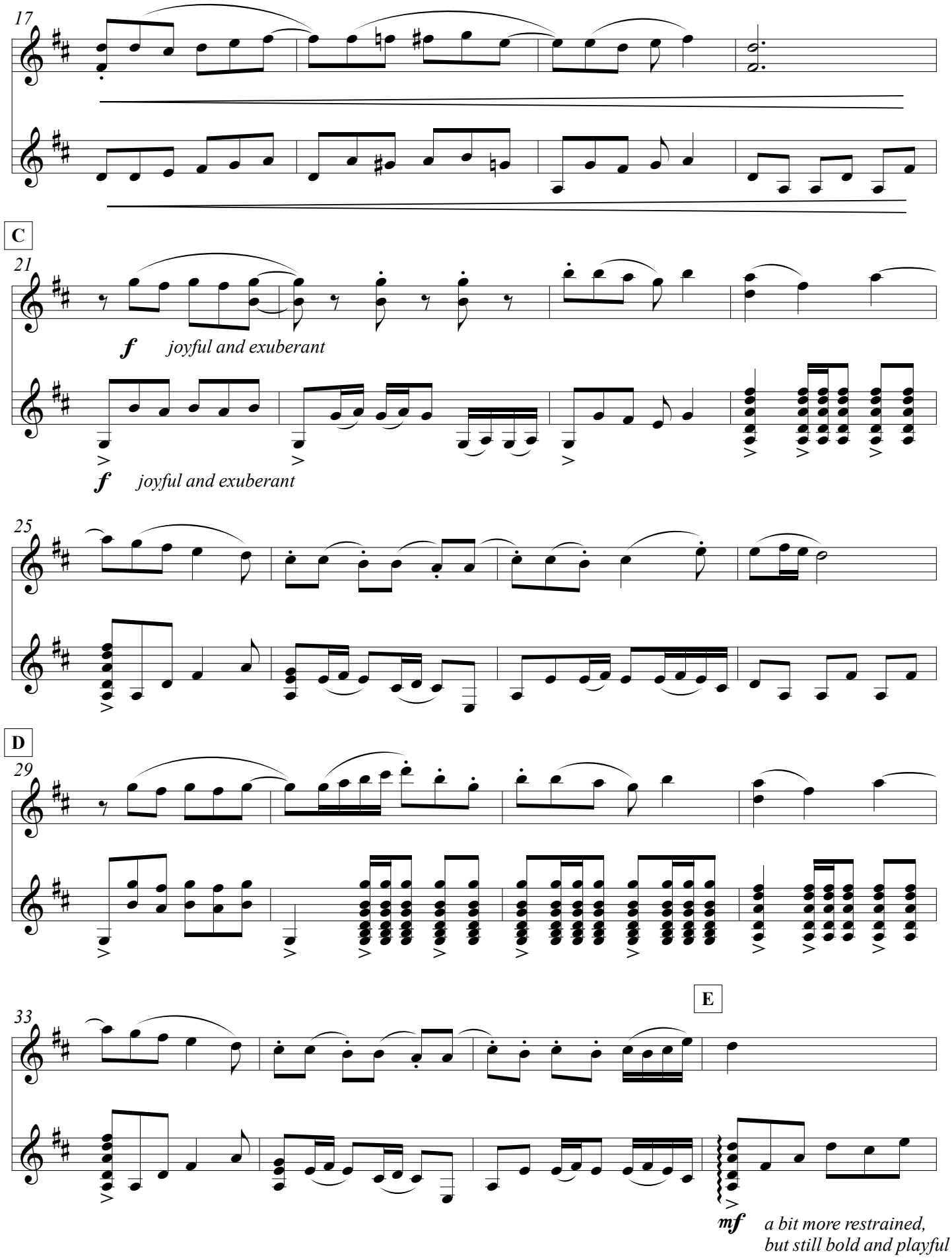
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C
21
f joyful and exuberant
f joyful and exuberant
25
D
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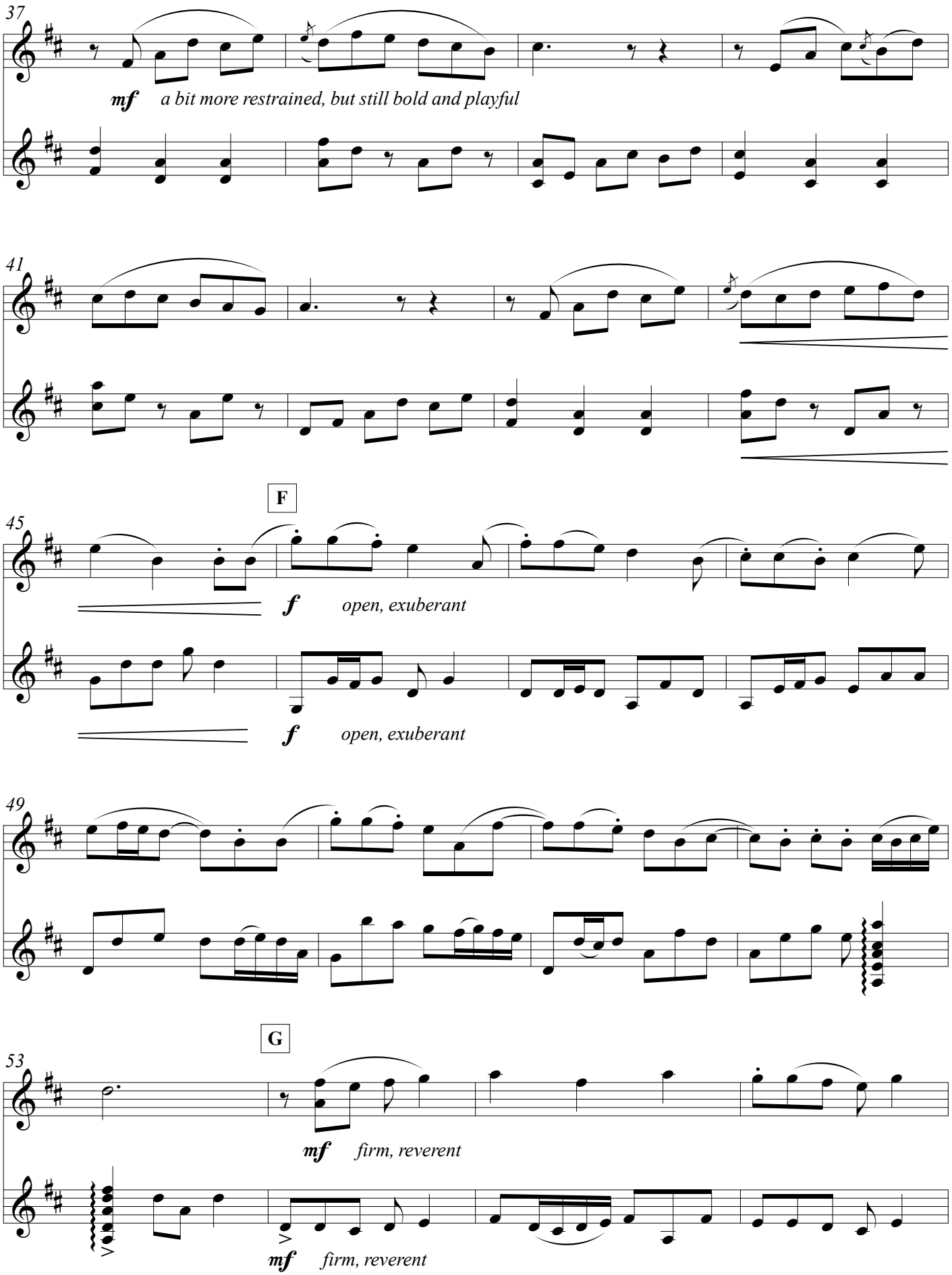
E
33
mf a bit more restrained,
but still bold and playful

37
mf a bit more restrained, but still bold and playful
41
F
45
f open, exuberant
f open, exuberant
49
G
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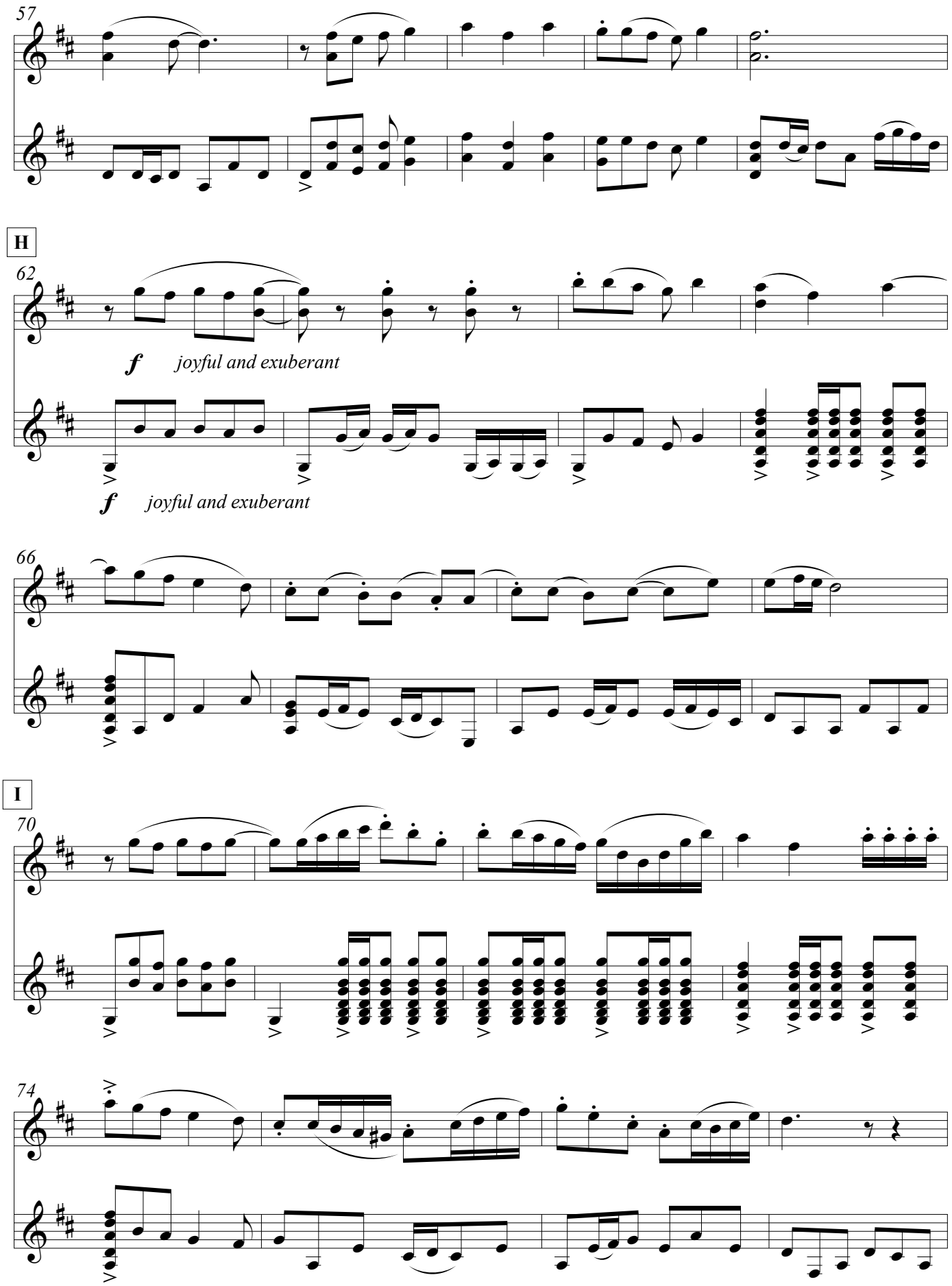
mf firm, reverent
mf firm, reverent

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62
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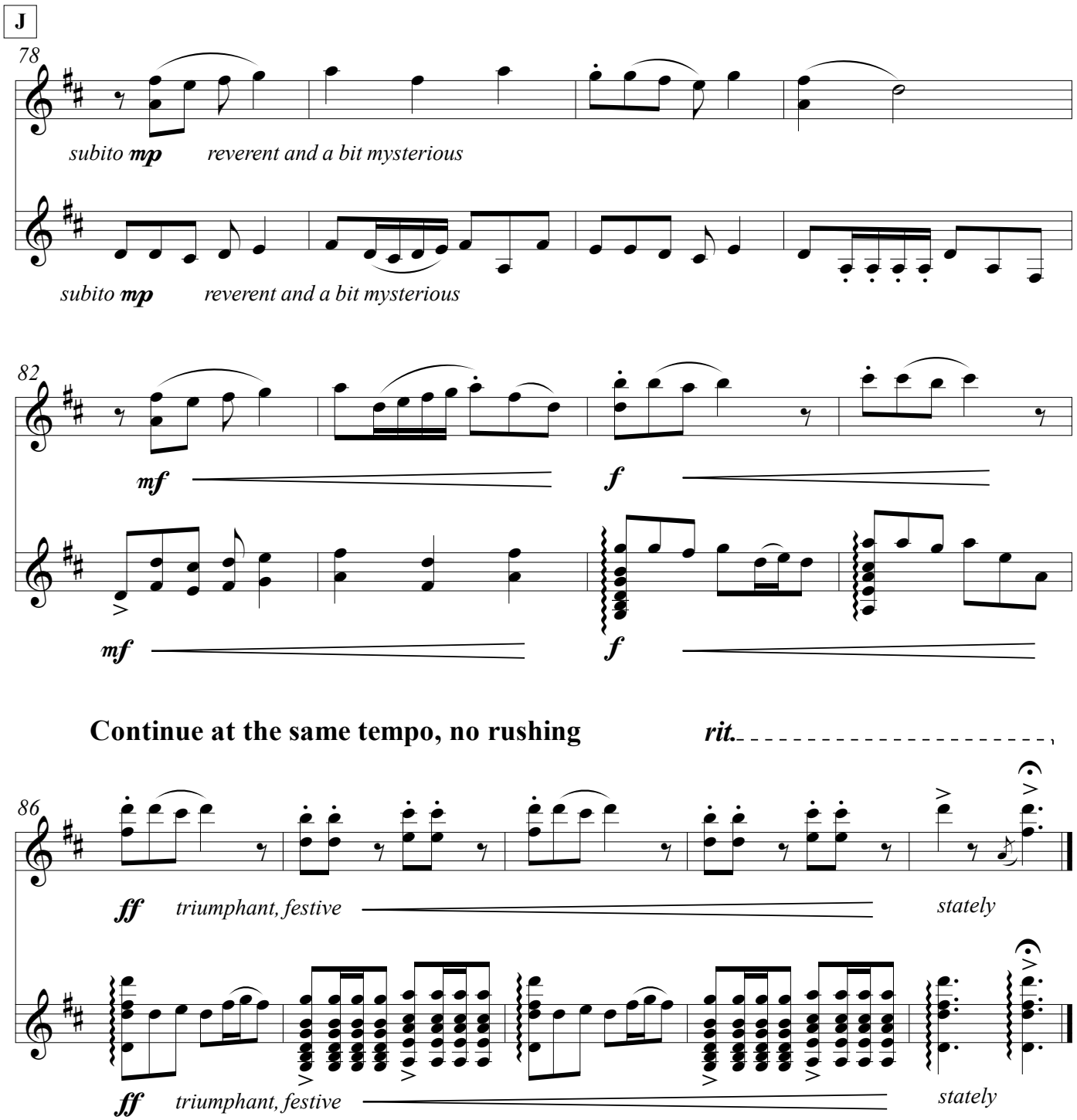
f joyful and exuberant
66
I
70
74

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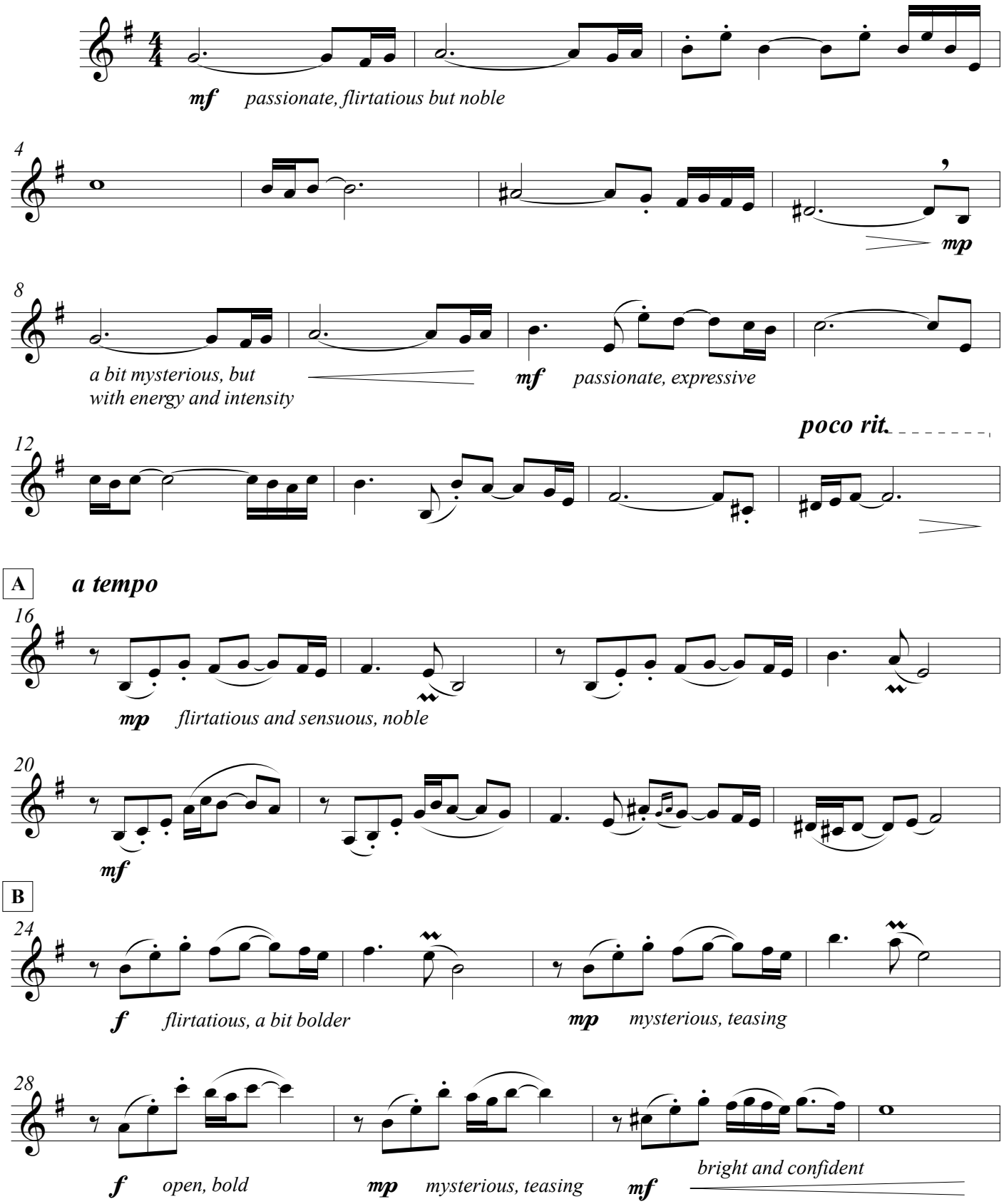
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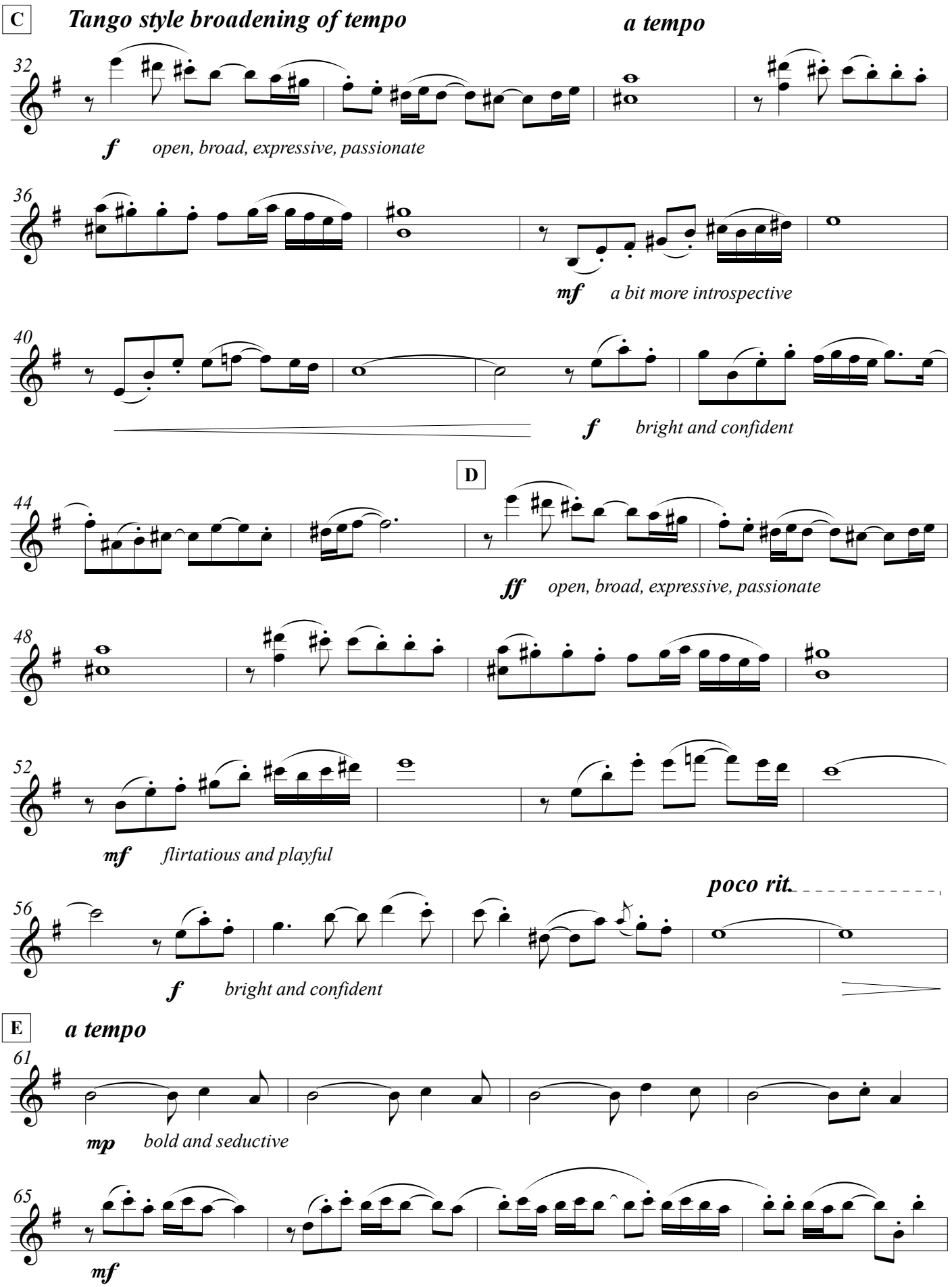
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Tango style broadening of tempo
a tempo
32
f open, broad, expressive, passionate
36
mf a bit more introspective
40
f bright and confident
D
44
ff open, broad, expressive, passionate
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mf flirtatious and playful
poco rit.
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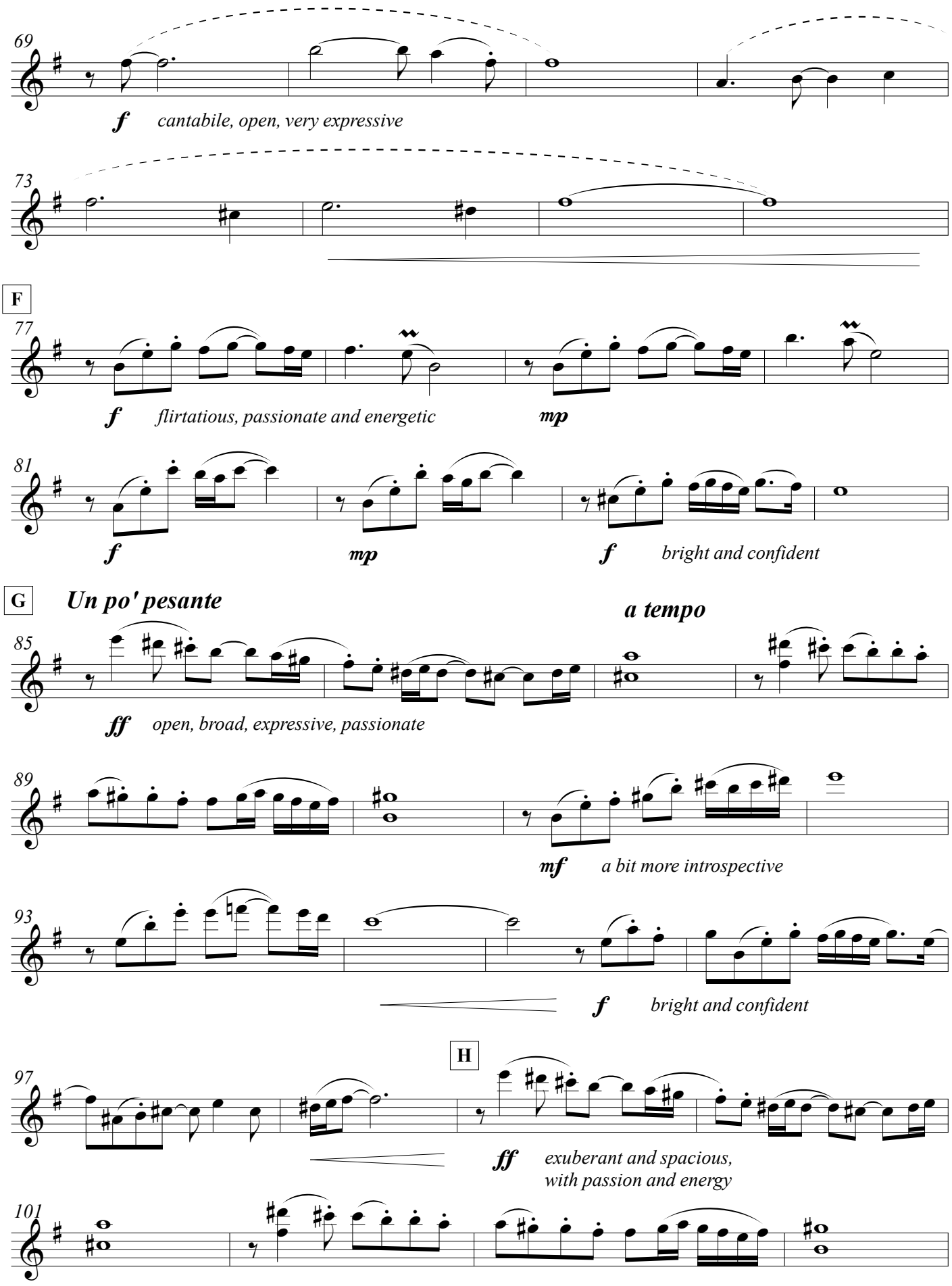
f bright and confident
E
a tempo
61
mp bold and seductive
65
mf

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f cantabile, open, very expressive
73
F
77
f flirtatious, passionate and energetic
mp
81
f
mp
f bright and confident
G
Un po' pesante
a tempo
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ff open, broad, expressive, passionate
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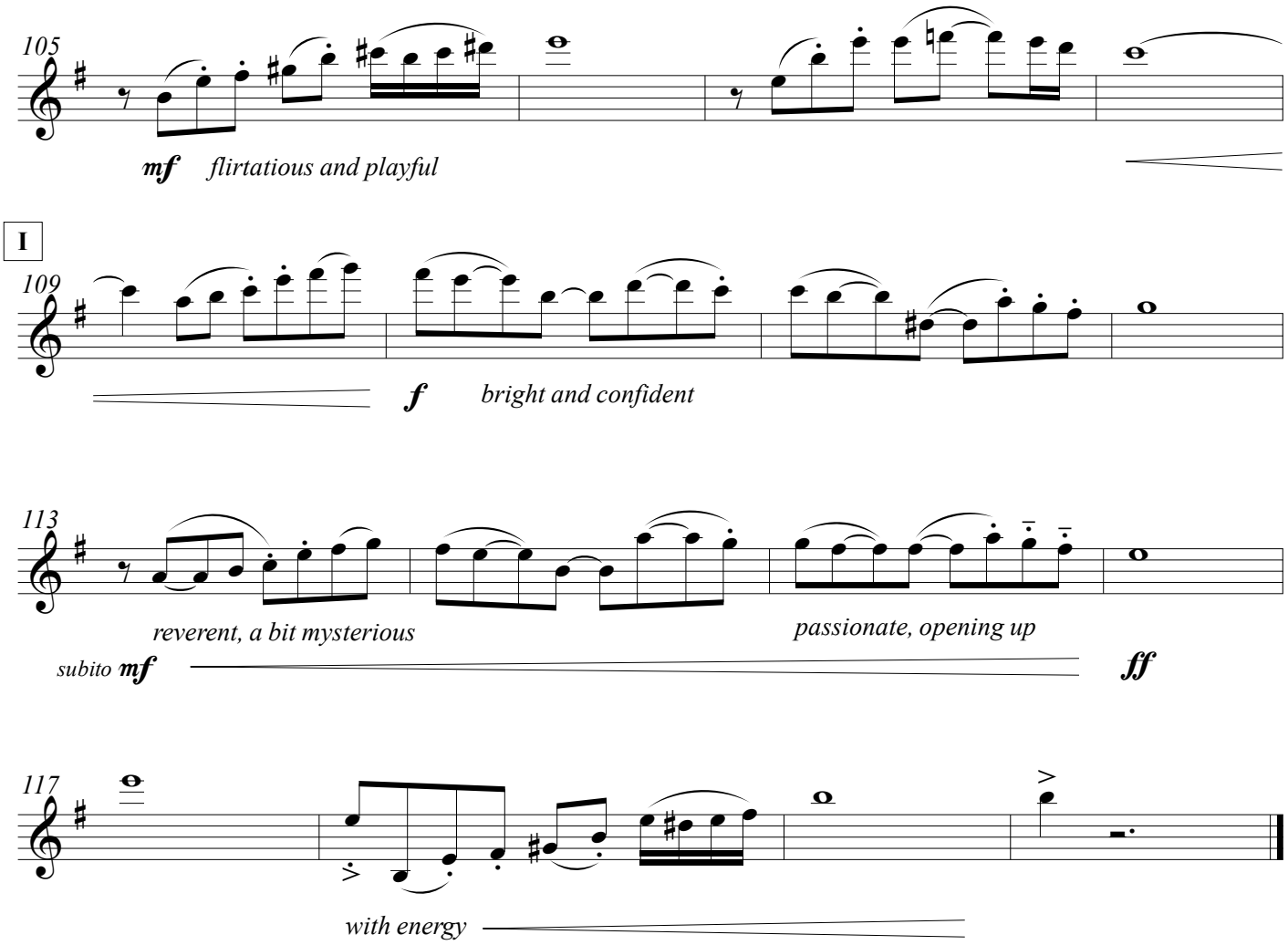
mf a bit more introspective
93
f bright and confident
H
97
ff exuberant and spacious, with passion and energy
101

105
mf flirtatious and playful
I
109
f bright and confident
113
reverent, a bit mysterious
passionate, opening up
subito mf
ff
117
with energy

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Playful, with energy ♩ = 130-150

light, mysterious

pp *mf* *pp*

7

pp *mf* *pp*

gradually becoming more tender and cantabile

mp *mf* *p*

13

mp *mf* *p*

17

rit.

mp *mf*

A **Very pleasant, serene and danceable** ♩ = 104-120

Steady tempo throughout the entire piece (and almost no rubato)

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f *cantabile, expressive, but serene and gentle*

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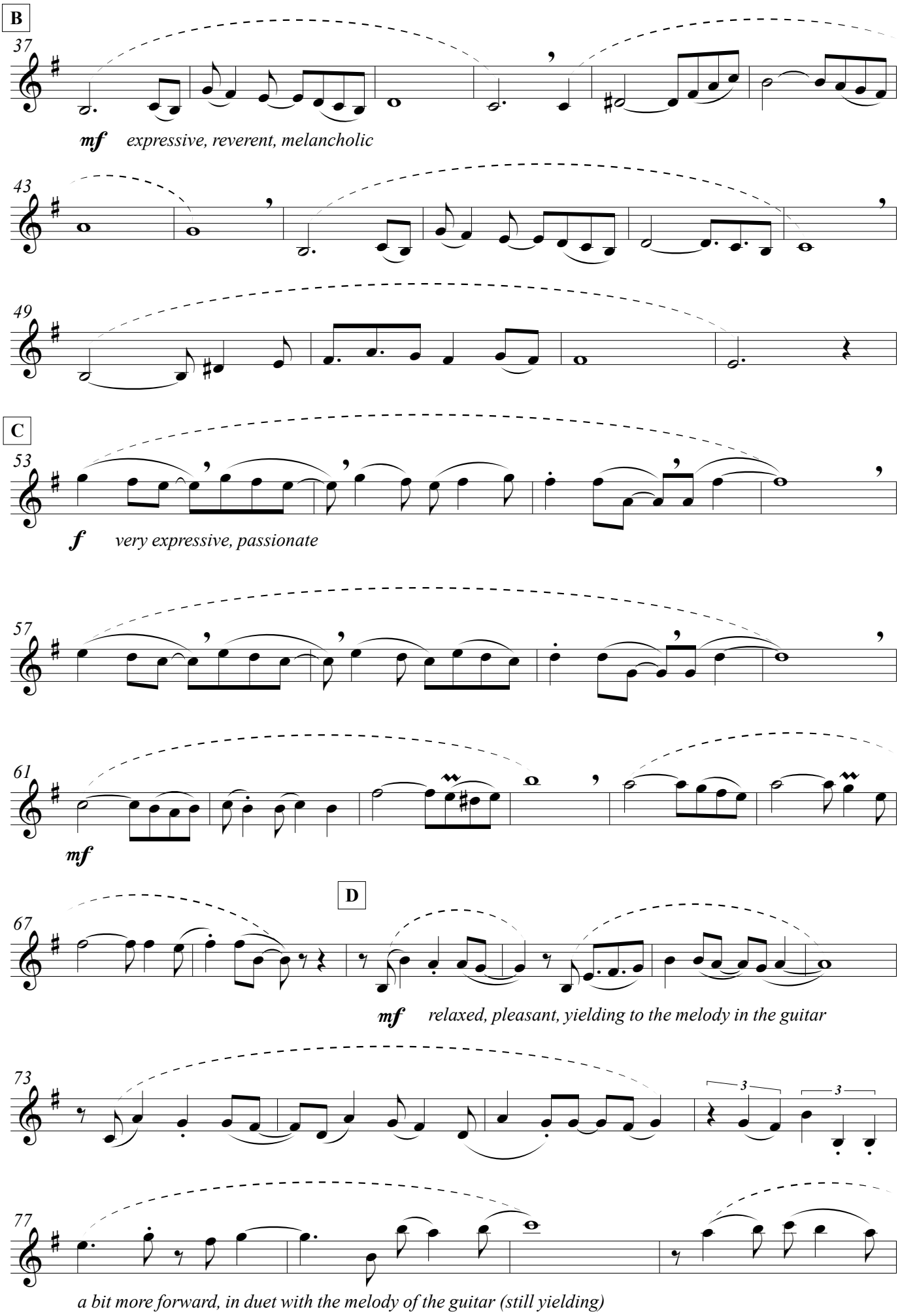
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mf expressive, reverent, melancholic
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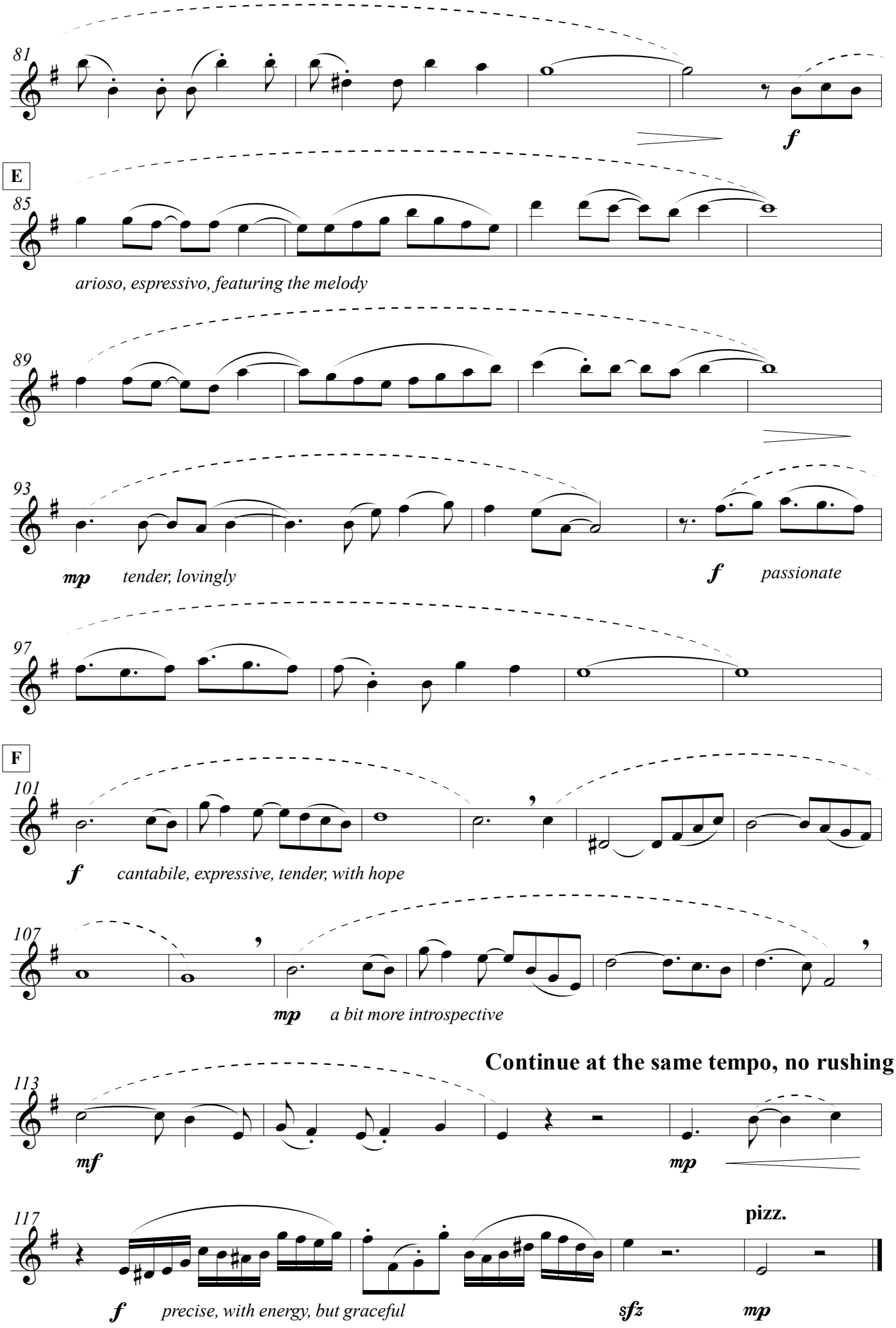
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f
E
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mp tender, lovingly
f passionate
97
F
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107
mp a bit more introspective
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Festive, spirited and pleasantly danceable ♩. = 96-106

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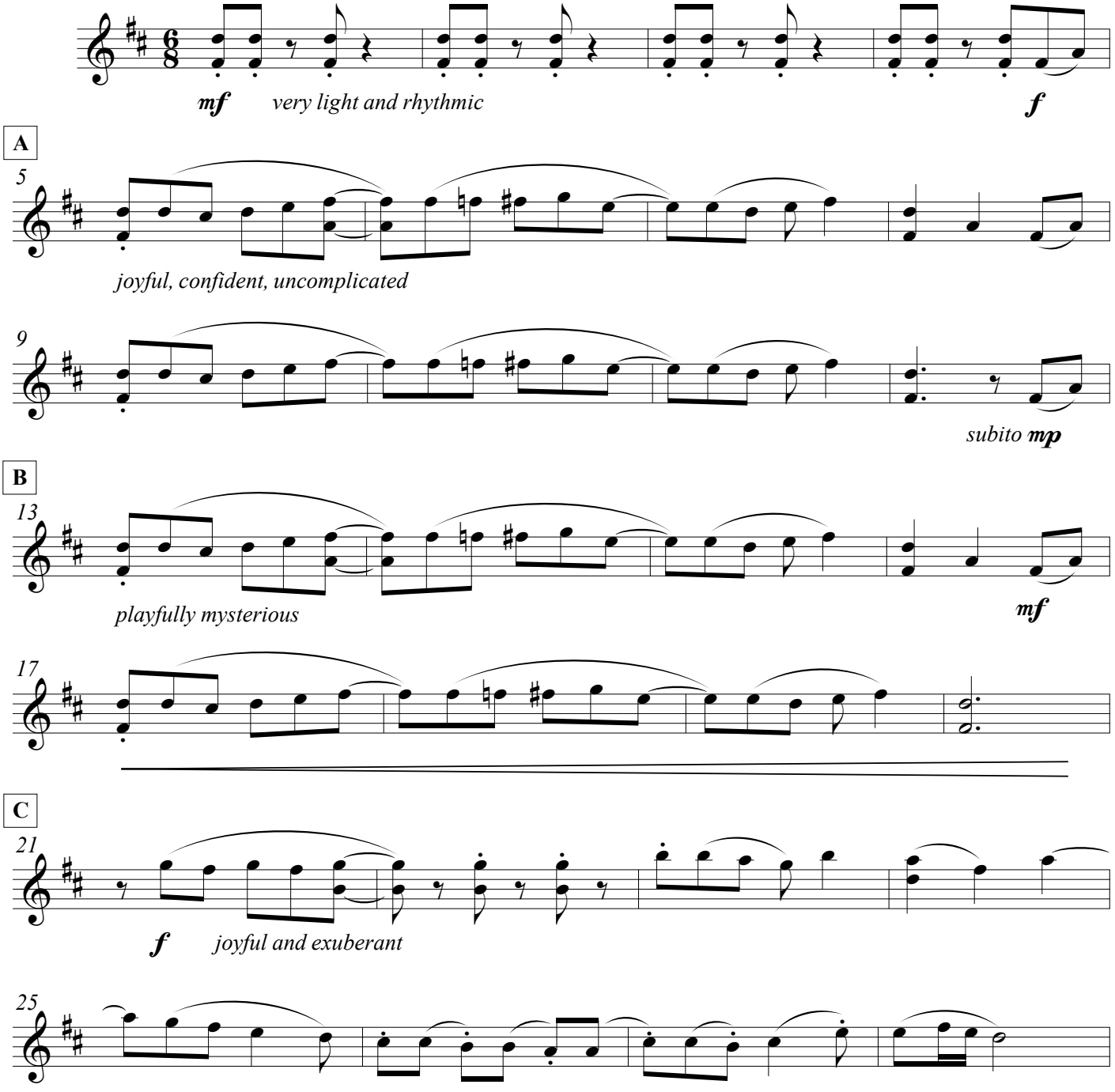
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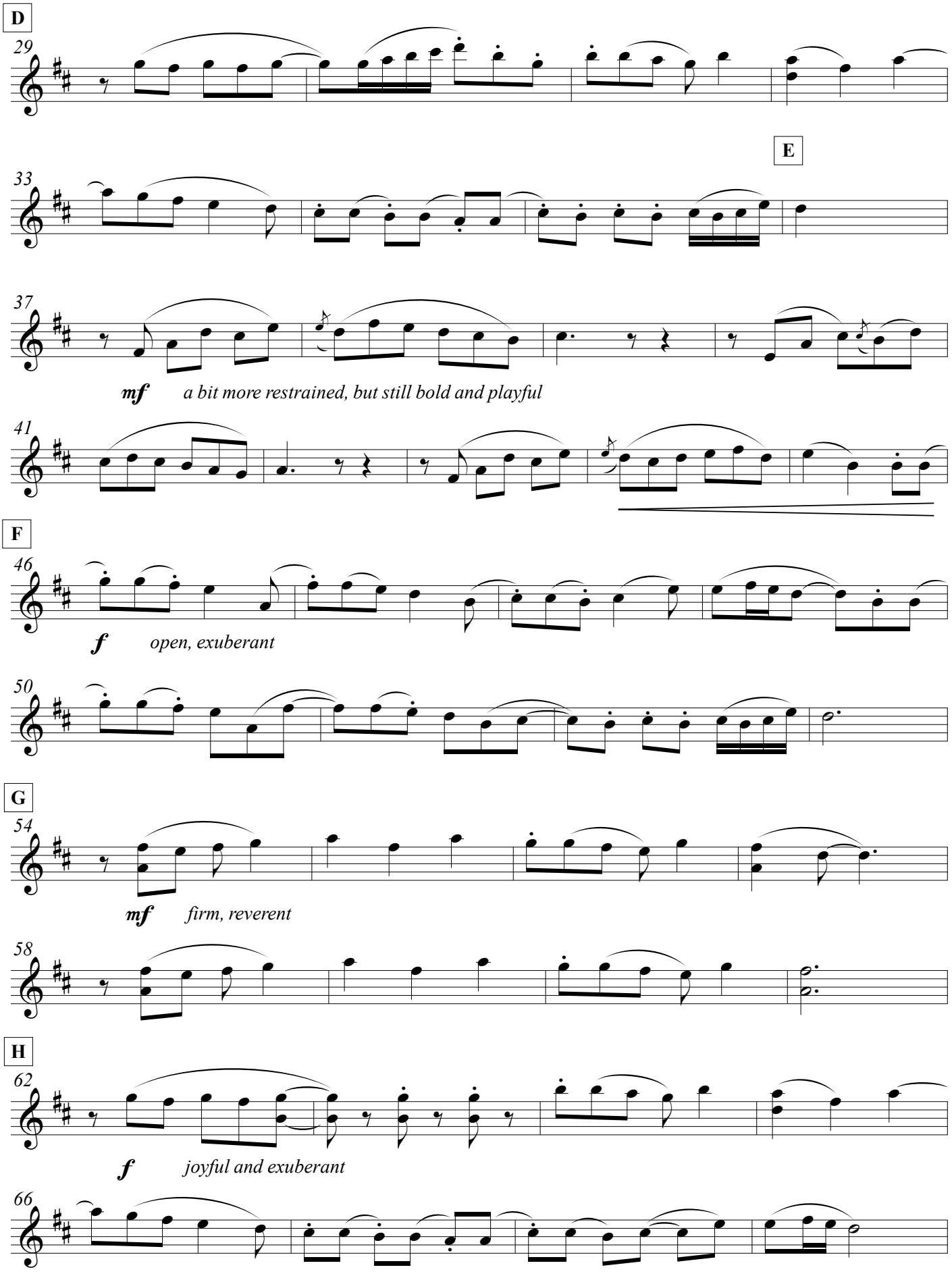
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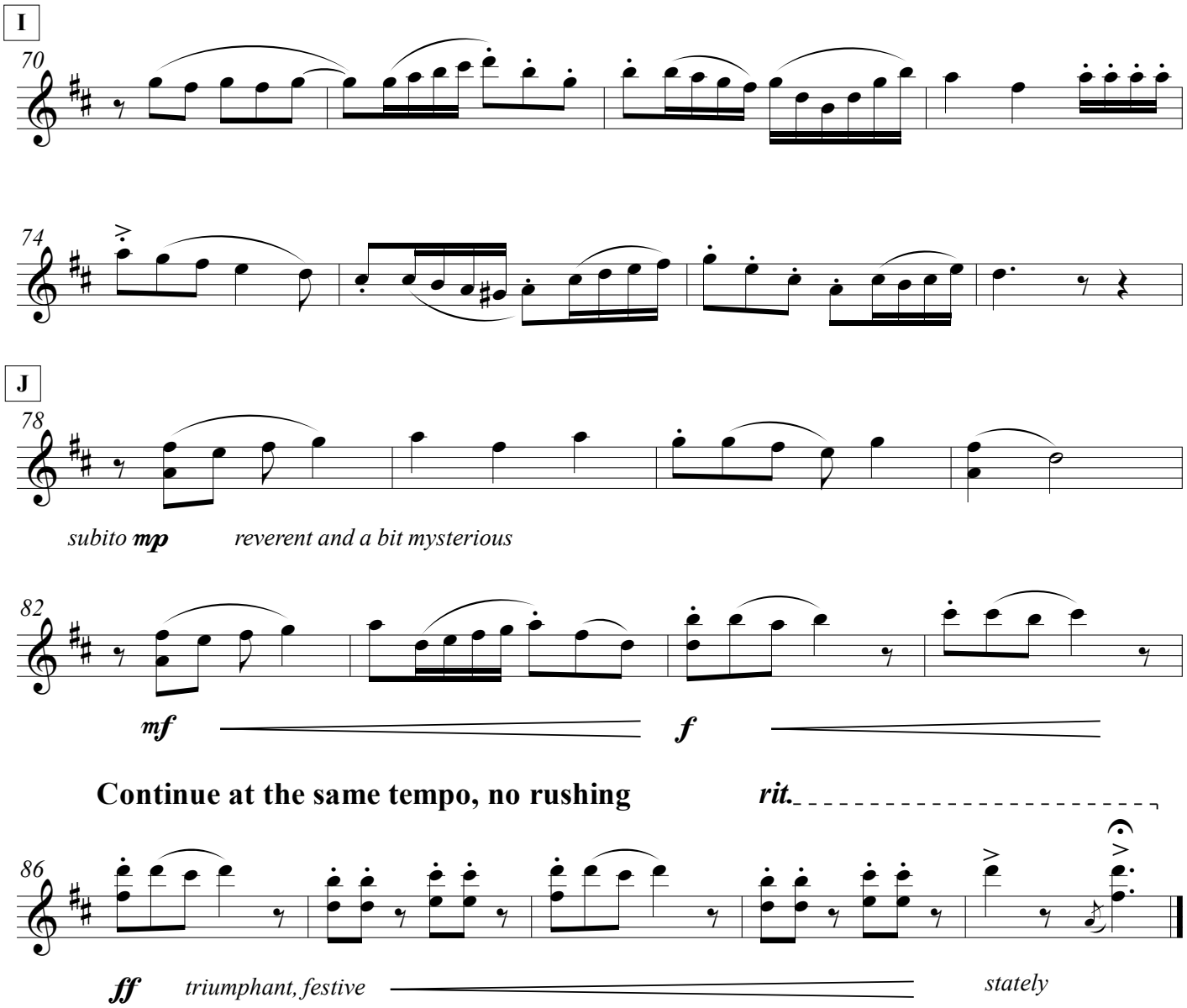
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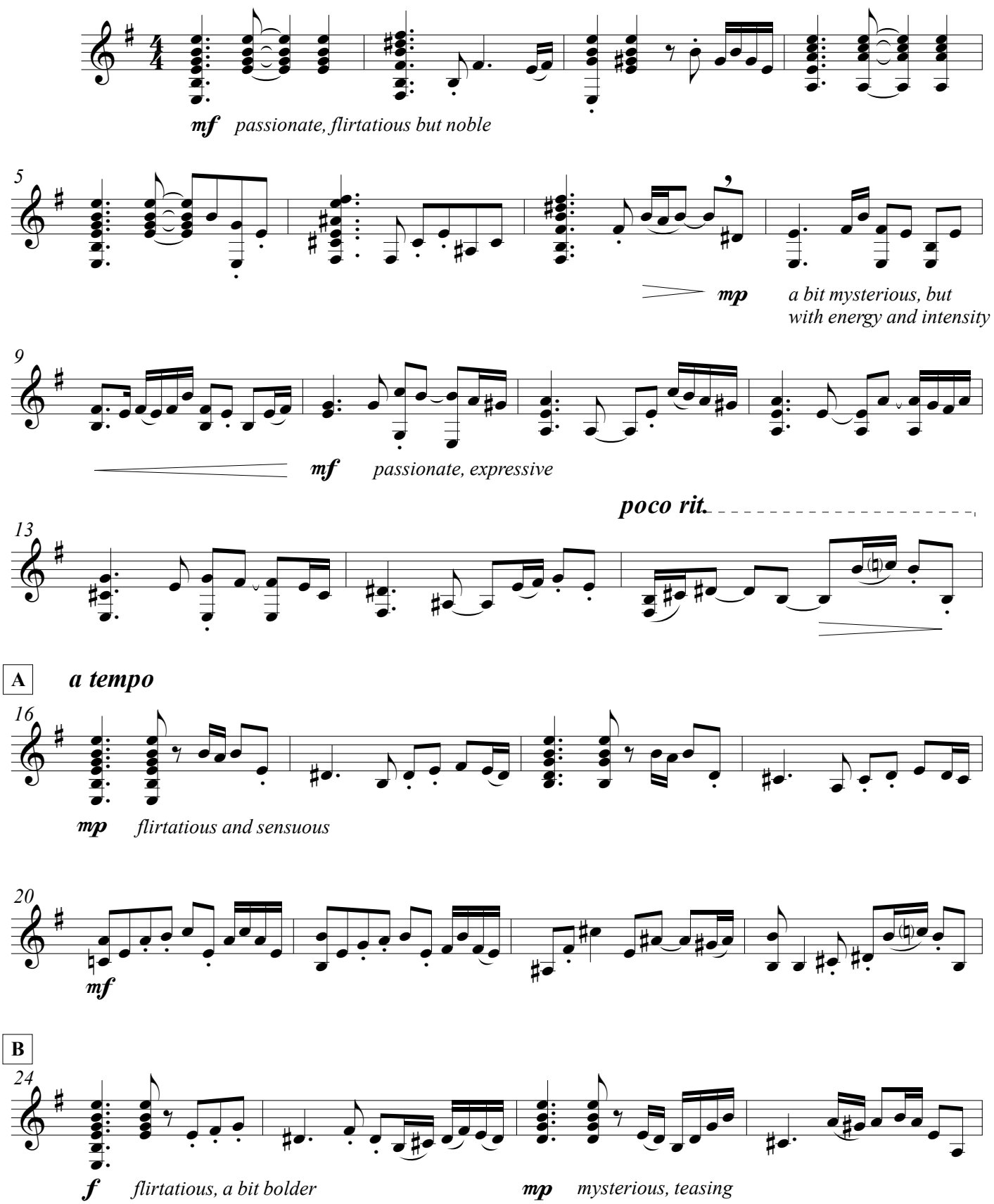
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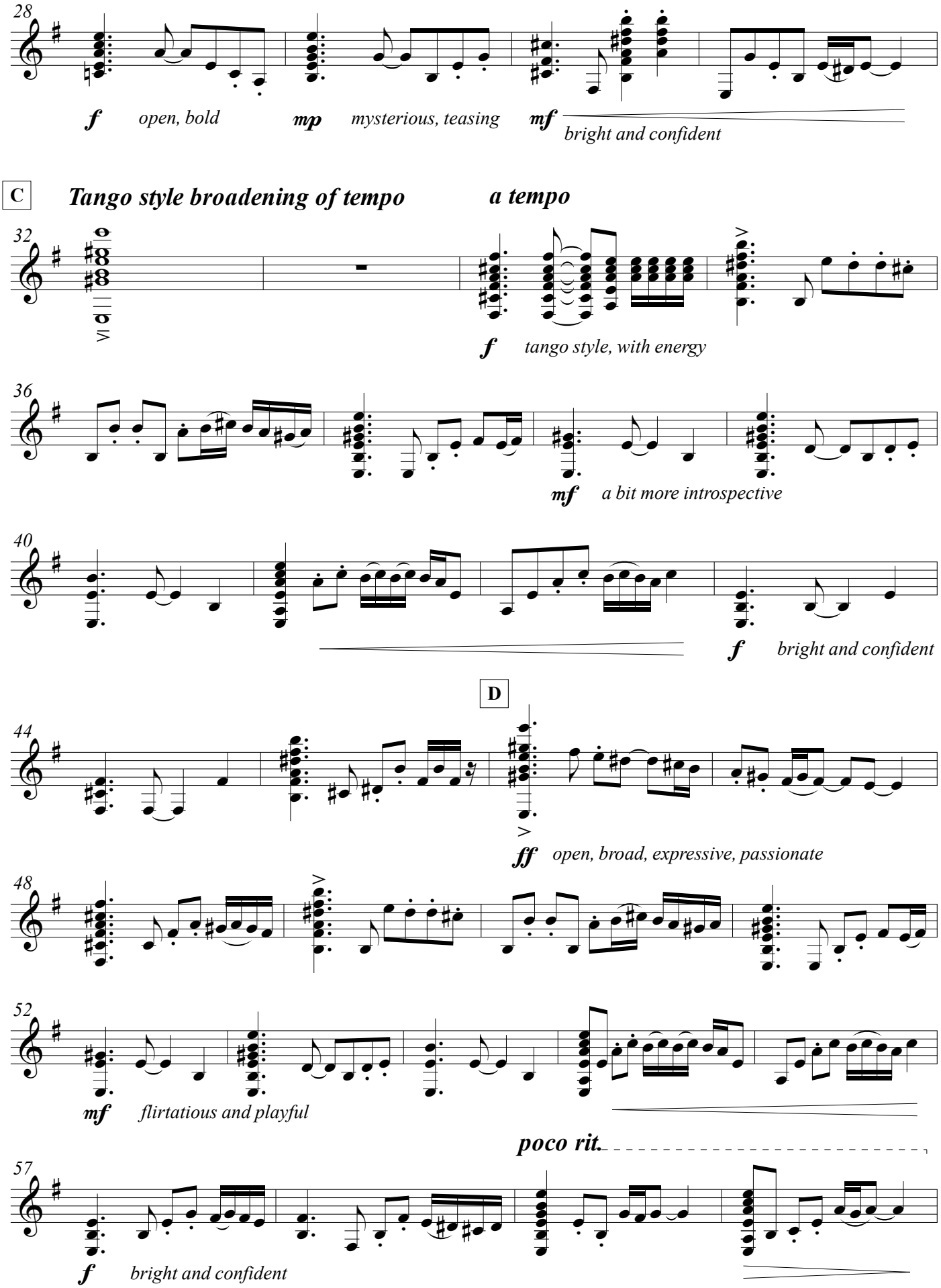
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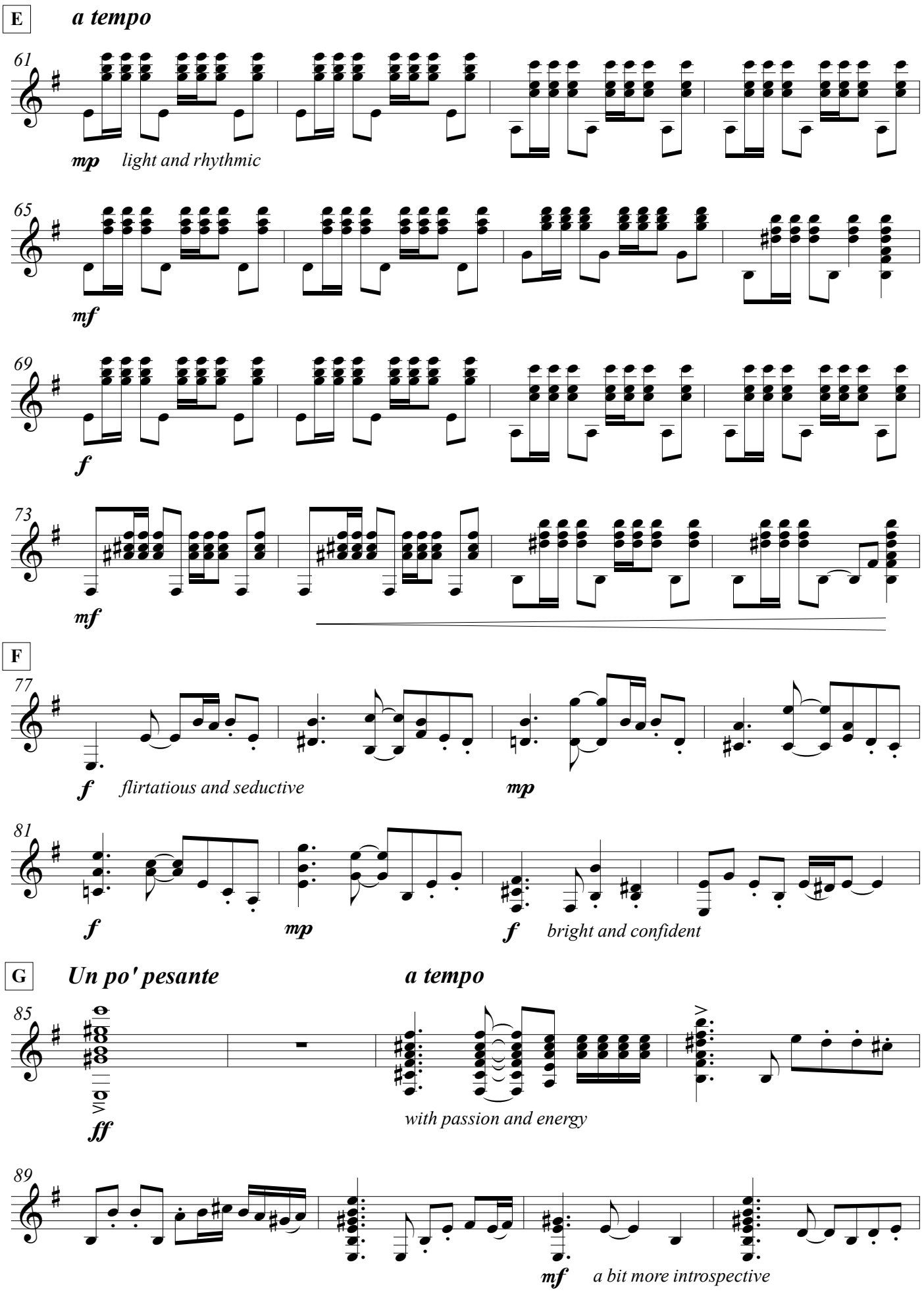
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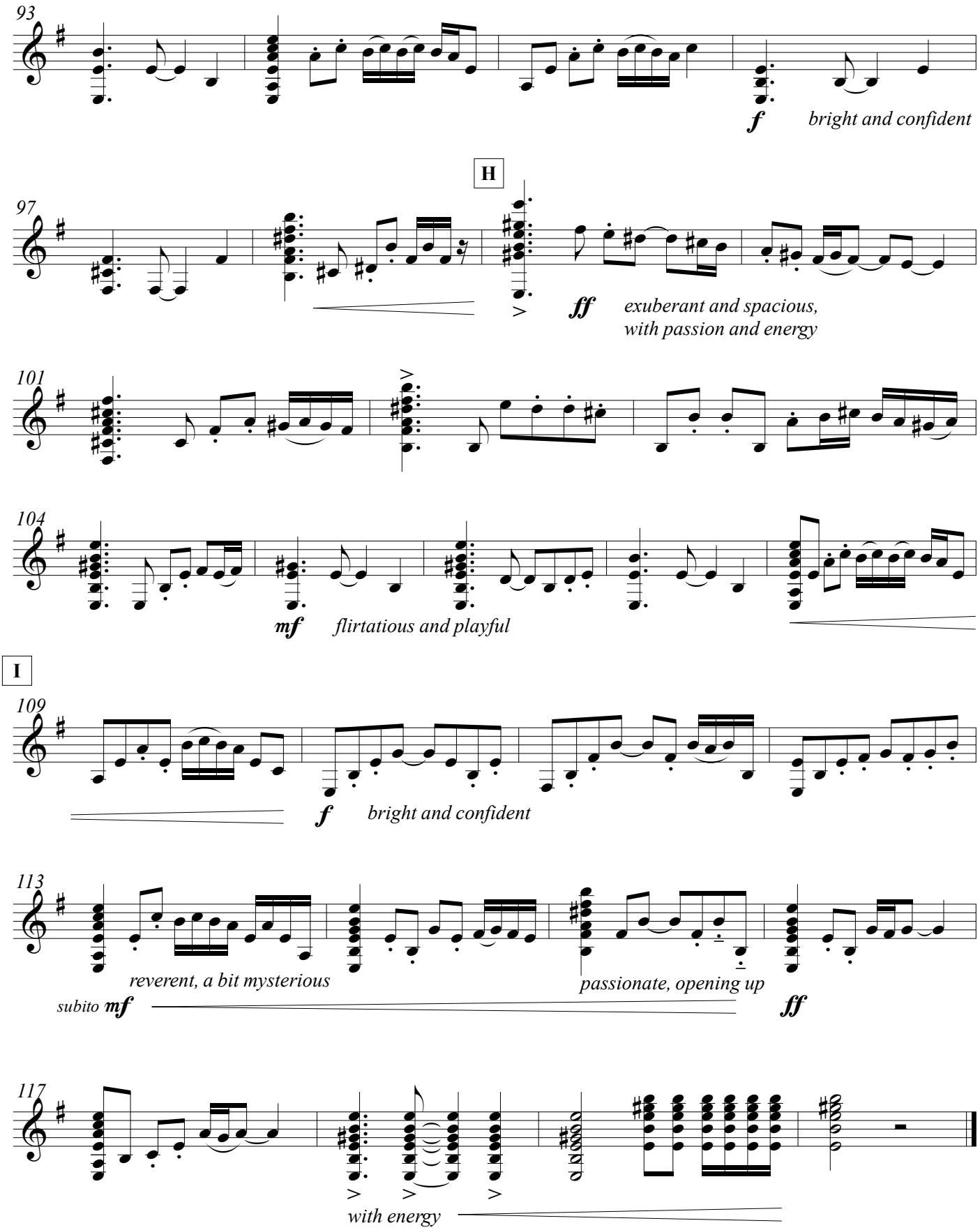
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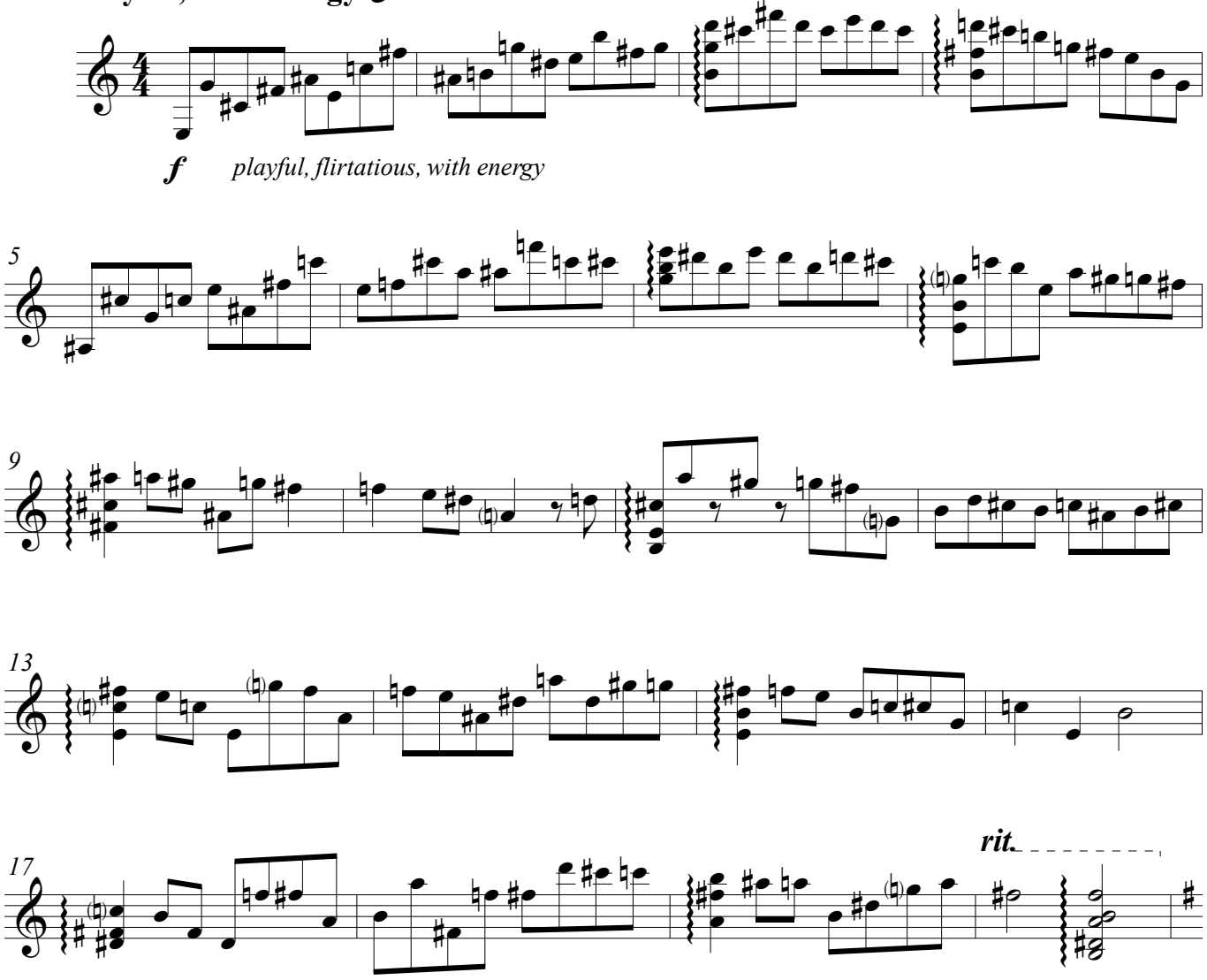
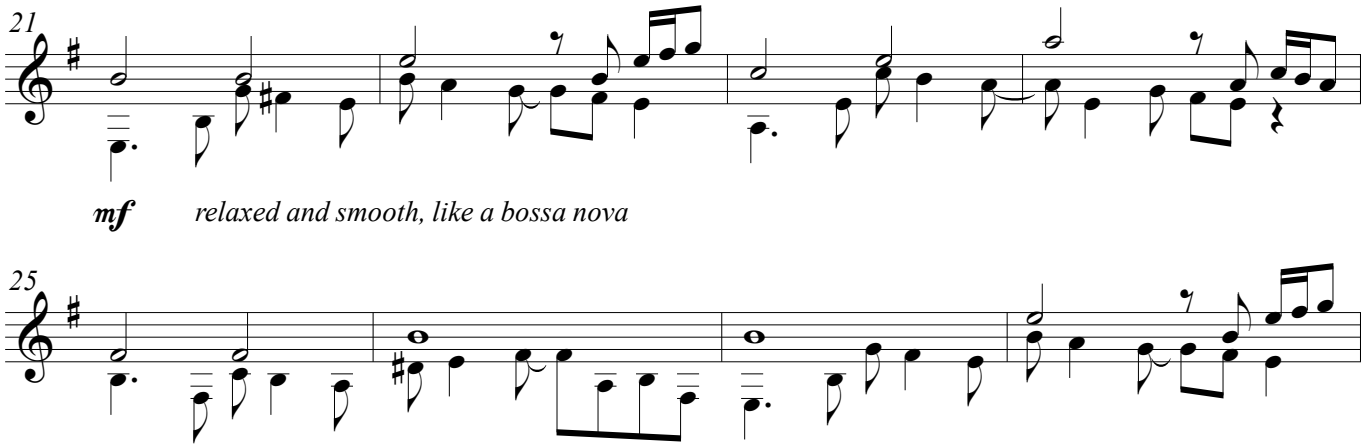
The first 20 measures of introduction are optional. It's also possible to start the piece at measure 21.

Playful, with energy ♩ = 130-150

A **Very pleasant, serene and danceable** ♩ = 104-120

Steady tempo throughout the entire piece (and almost no rubato)

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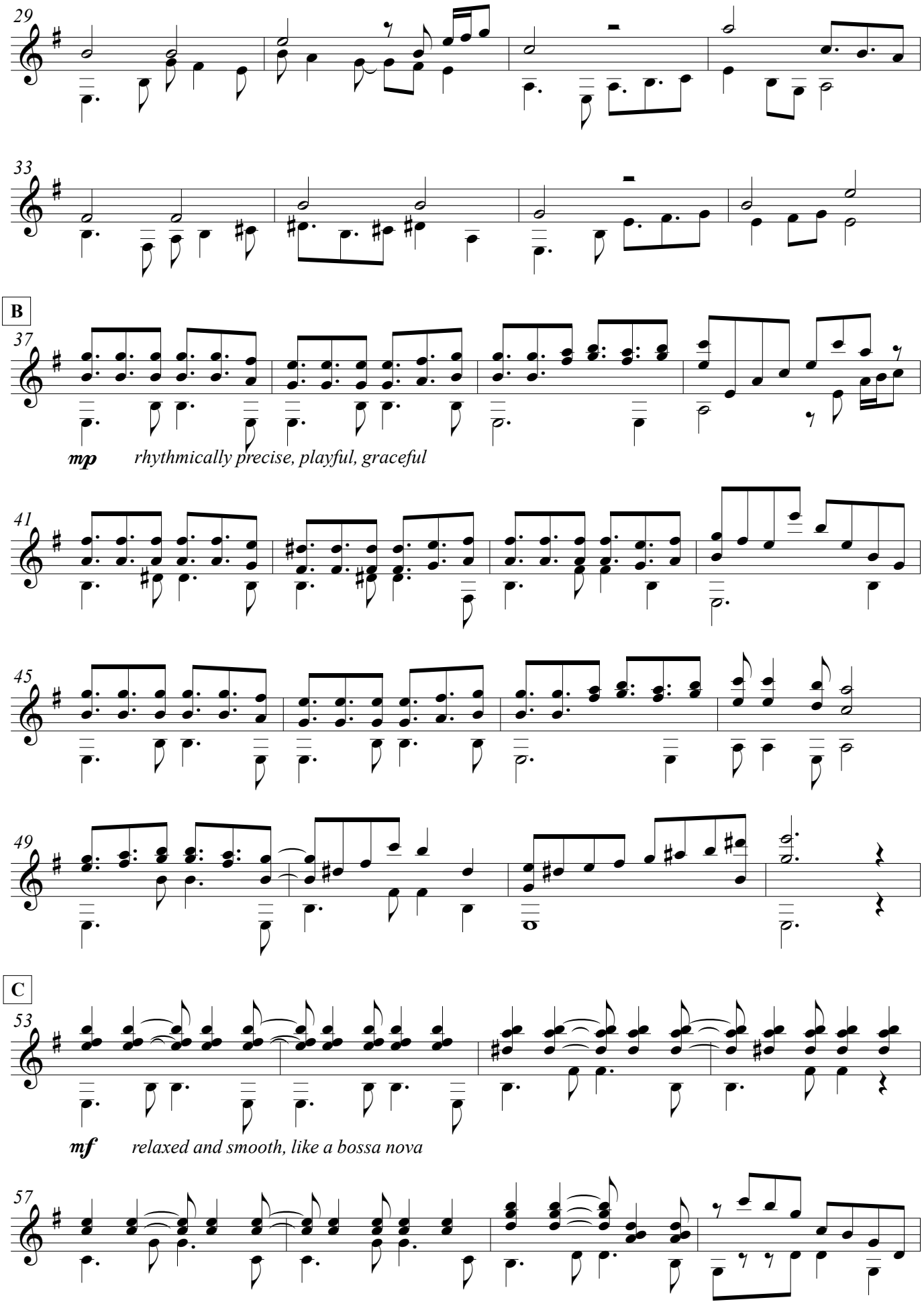
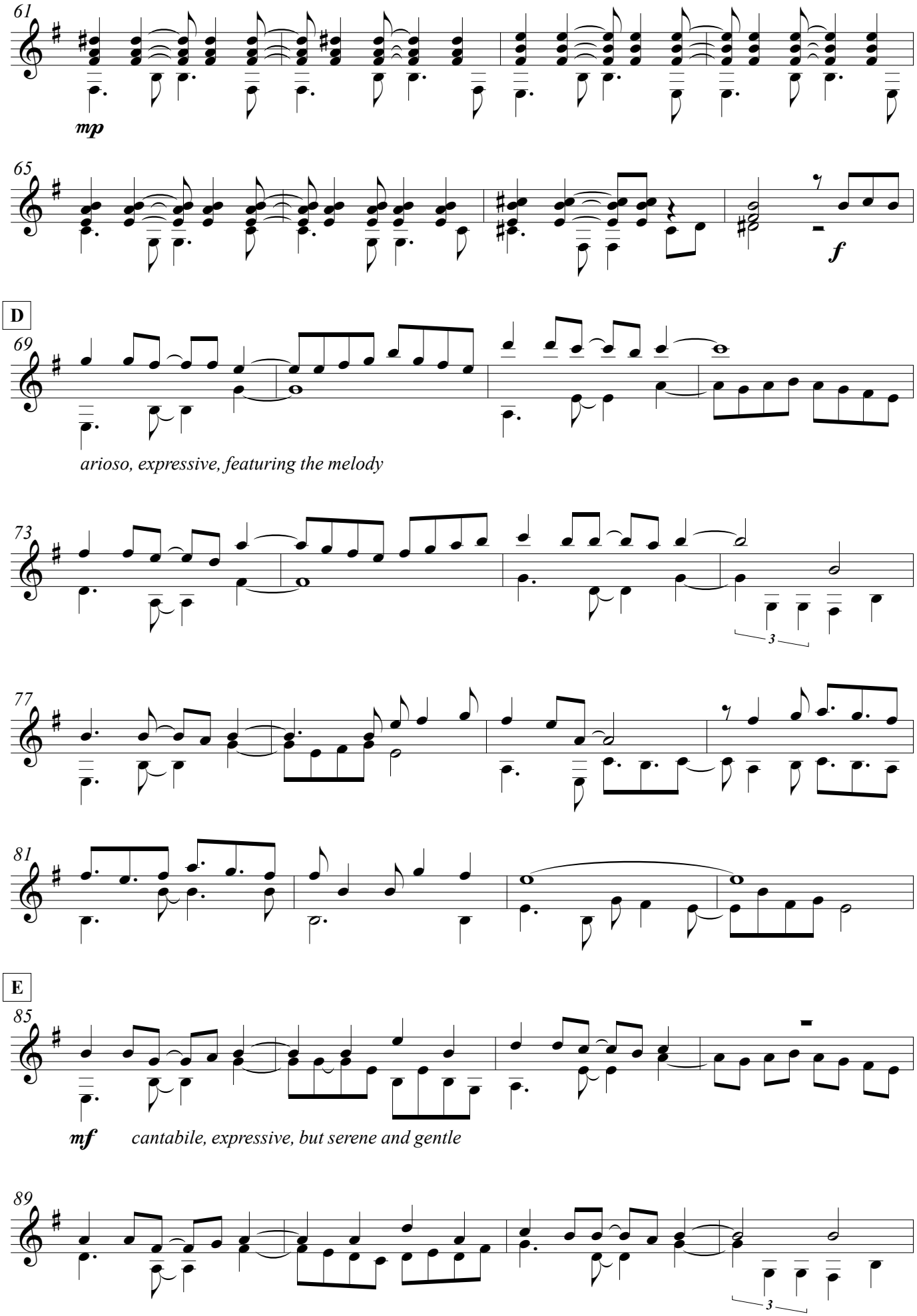
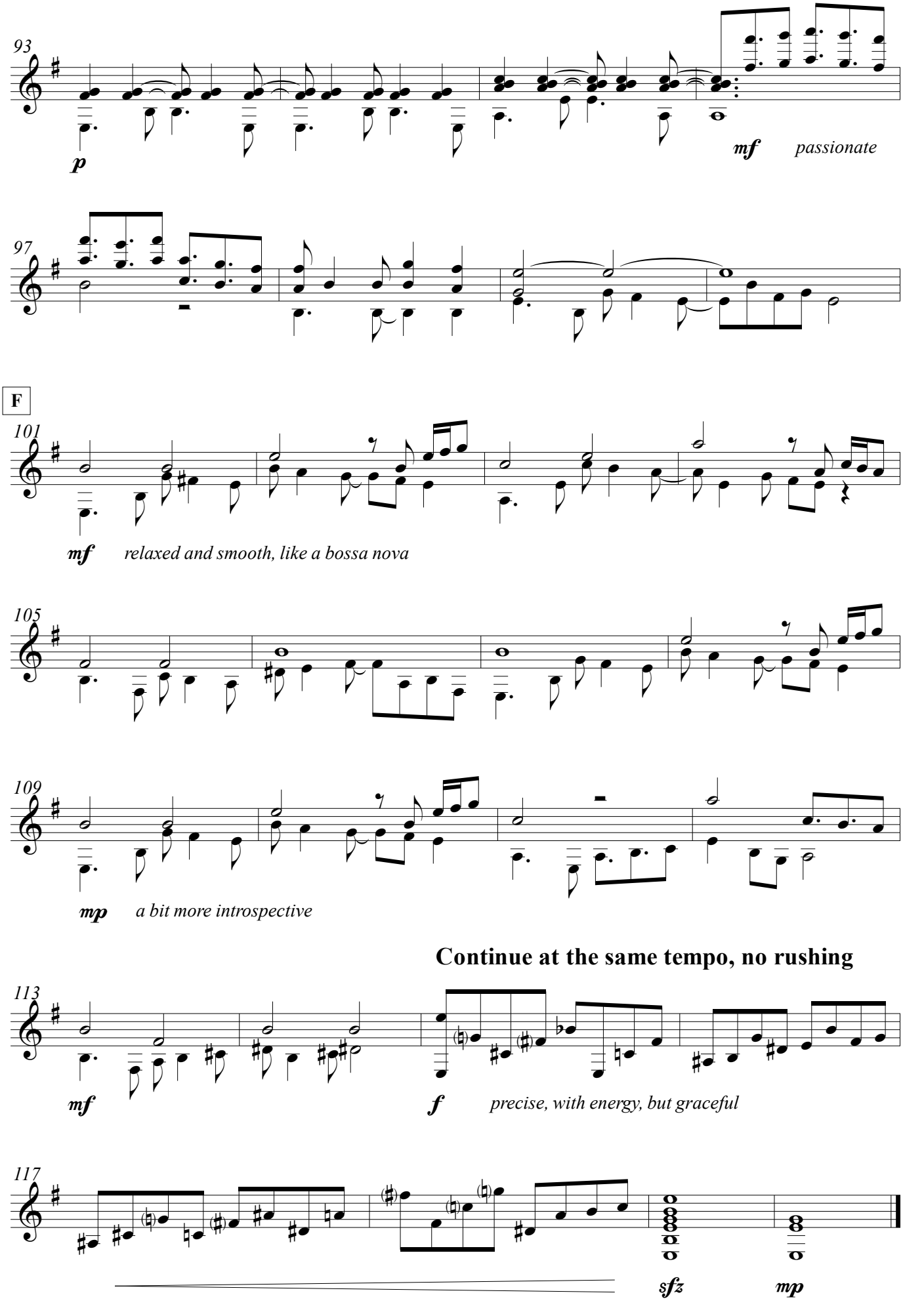

29
33
B
37
mp
rhythmically precise, playful, graceful
41
45
49
C
53
mf
relaxed and smooth, like a bossa nova
57

61
mp
65
f
D
69
arioso, expressive, featuring the melody
73
3
77
81
E
85
mf
cantabile, expressive, but serene and gentle
89
3

93
p
mf
passionate
97
F
101
mf
relaxed and smooth, like a bossa nova
105
109
mp
a bit more introspective
Continue at the same tempo, no rushing
113
mf
f
precise, with energy, but graceful
117
sfz
mp

Guitar

Danzas Latinoamericanas

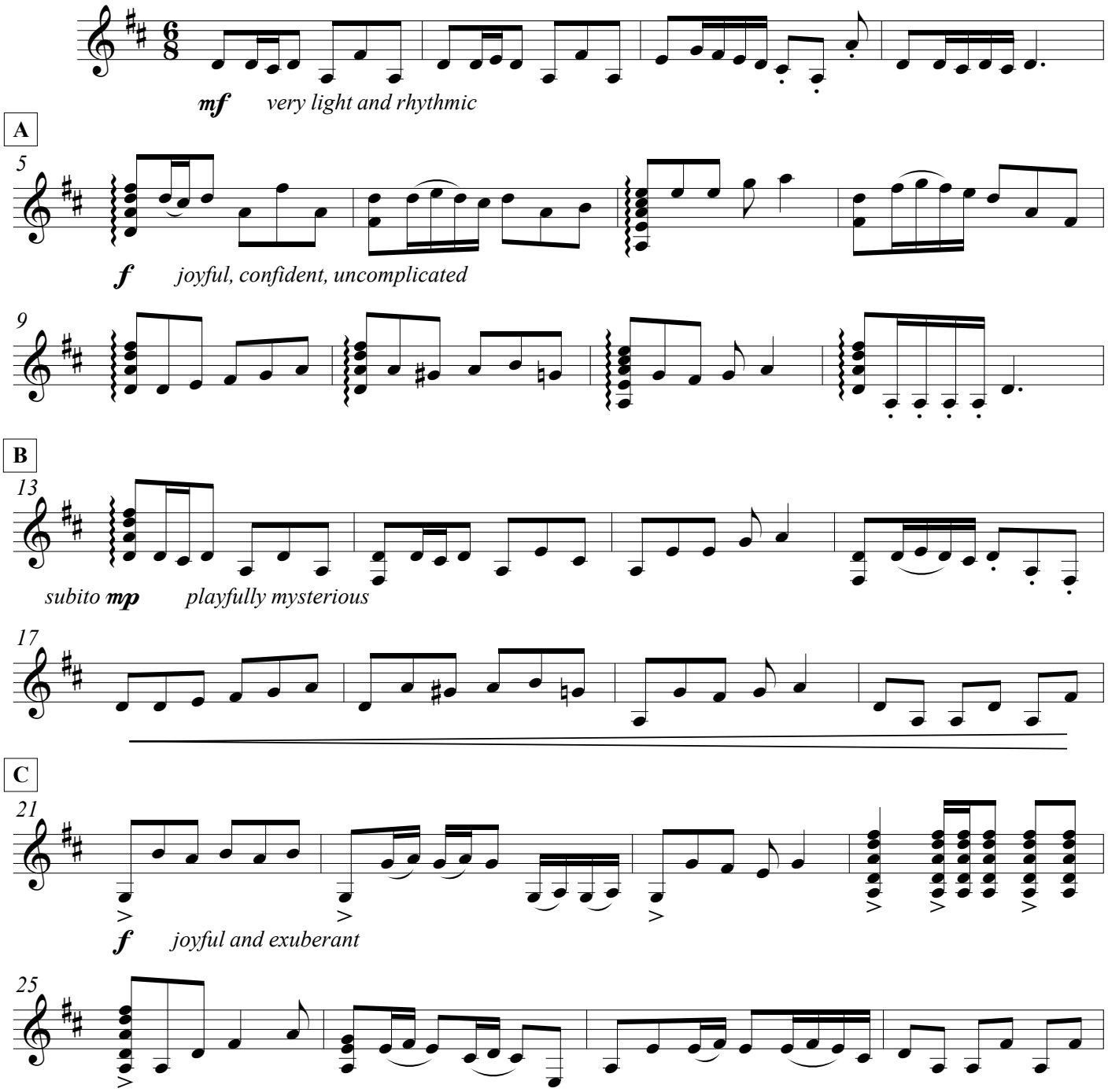
dedicated to Carlos Prieto

III. Atardecer Tapatío

by José L. Elizondo

PERFORMANCE NOTES: Even though this piece is notated using 6/8 meter, the music actually alternates between 6/8 and 3/4 meter throughout the piece, as is characteristic in this type of Mexican dance. Performers are kindly encouraged to be aware of those meter changes that add an element of playfulness to the piece. Whenever possible, the beams of the note groups reflect the "perceived" meter. The tempo should be the same, steady and regular, throughout the entire piece with the only exception of the very last couple of measures, where a "ritardando" is indicated. It is very important for this type of dance to be very light, joyful and worry-free.

Festive, spirited and pleasantly danceable ♩. = 96-106

Steady tempo throughout the entire piece (and no rubato)

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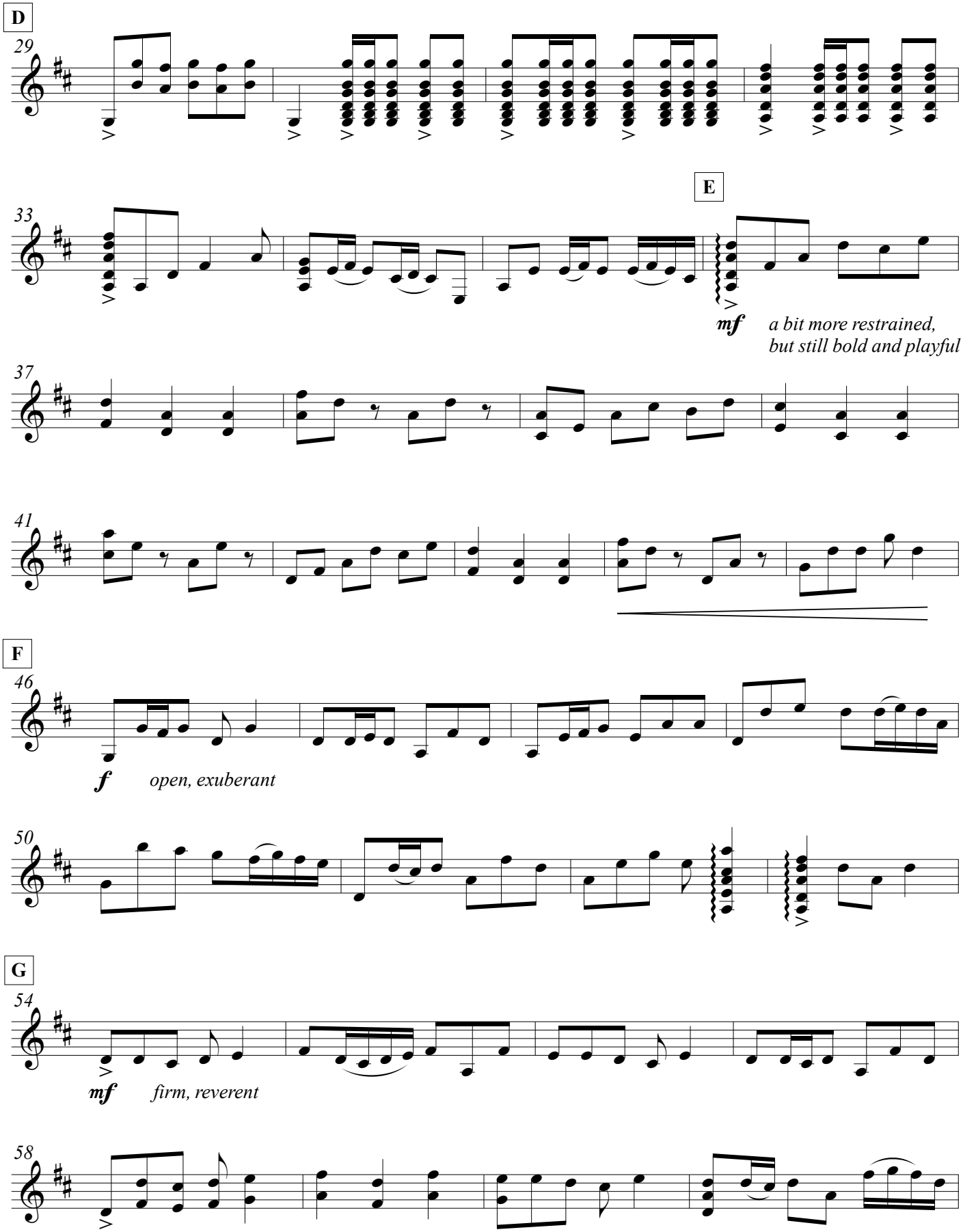
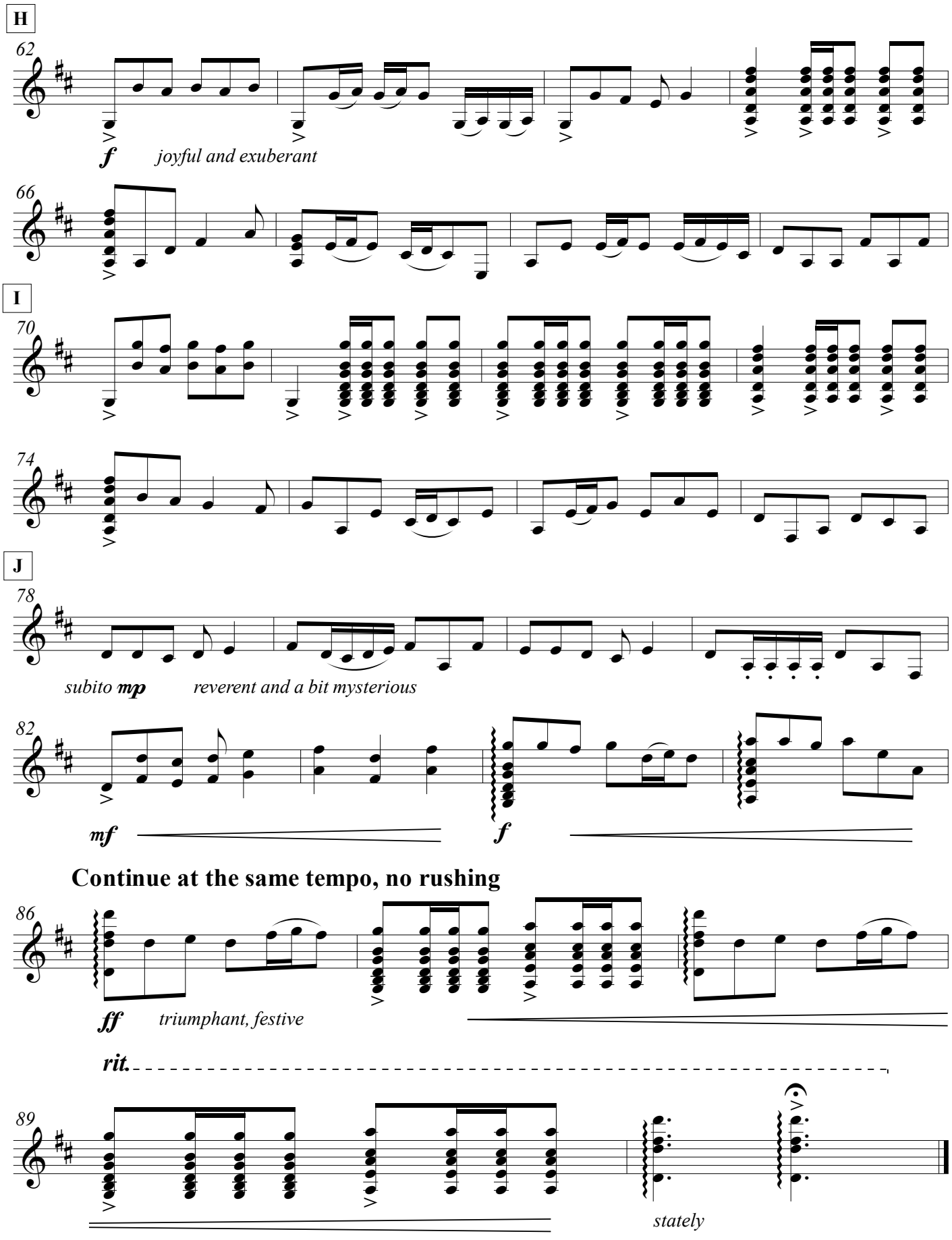

D
29
E
33
mf
a bit more restrained,
but still bold and playful
37
41
F
46
f
open, exuberant
50
G
54
mf
firm, reverent
58



The tempo of the entire piece is steady. The only section of the piece where the tempo should be slowed down is the very last 2 measures, to help the ending more convincing, particularly after all the accumulated energy in the last 4 measures.