Three Character Pieces for Viola (2015)

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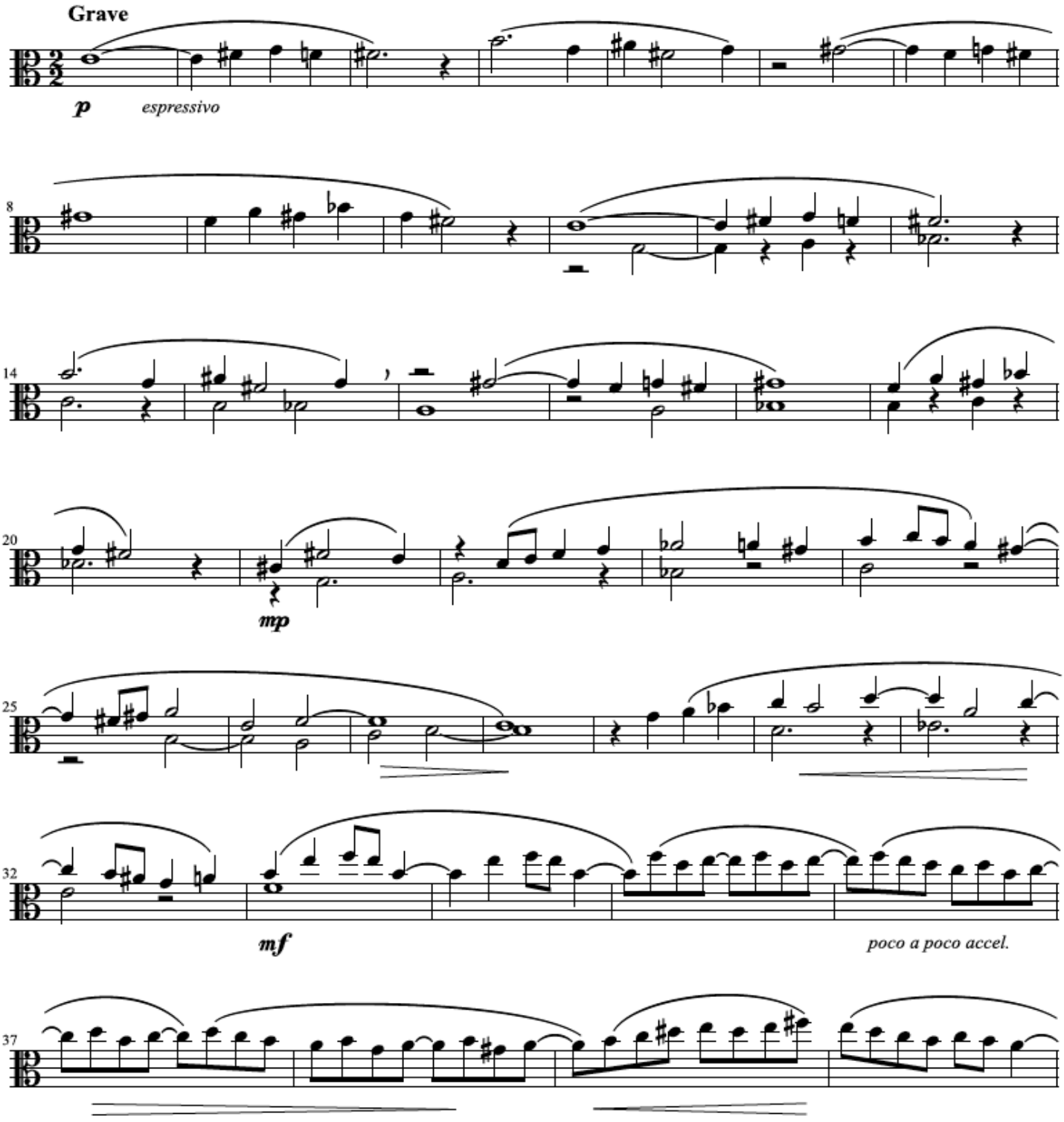

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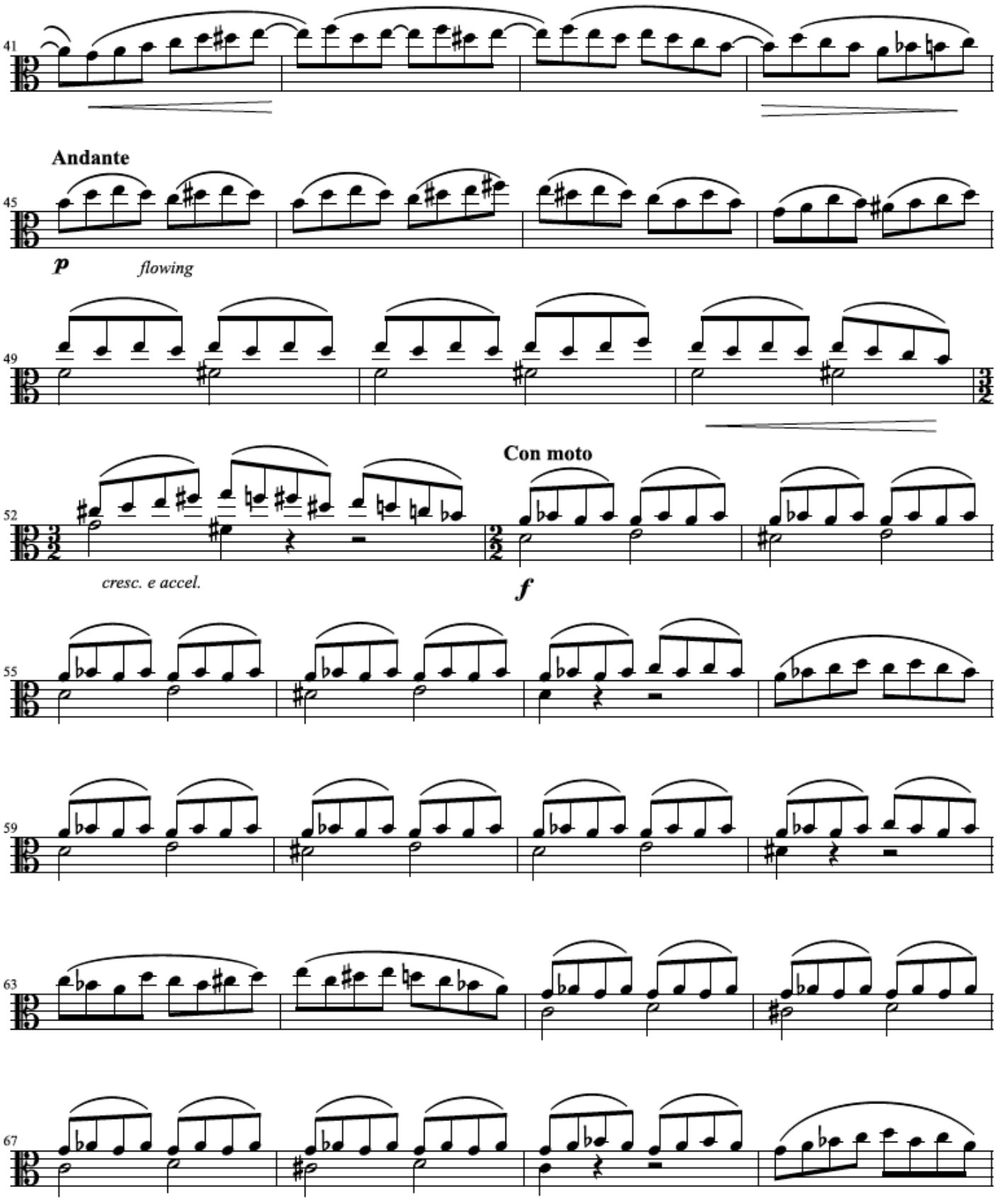

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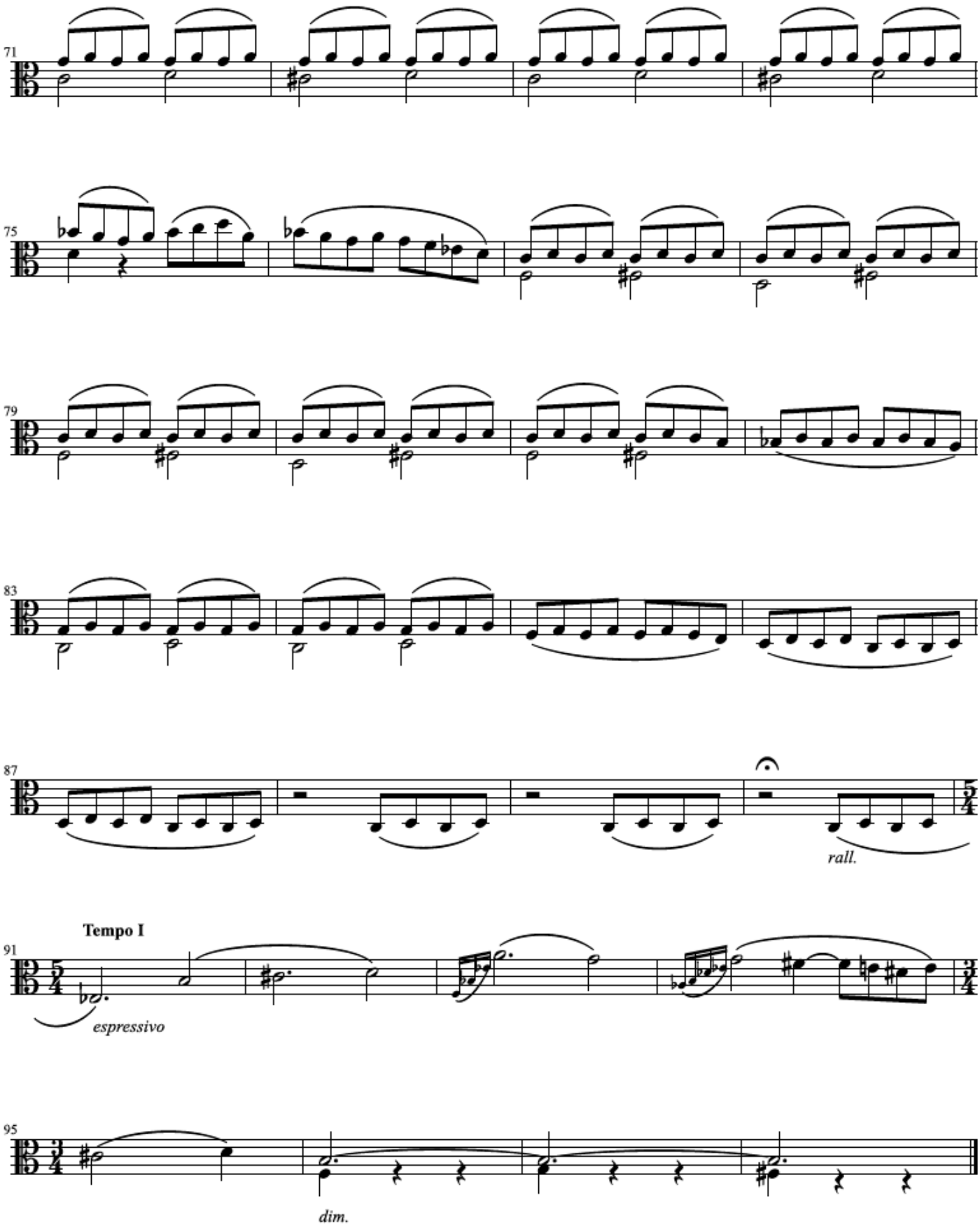

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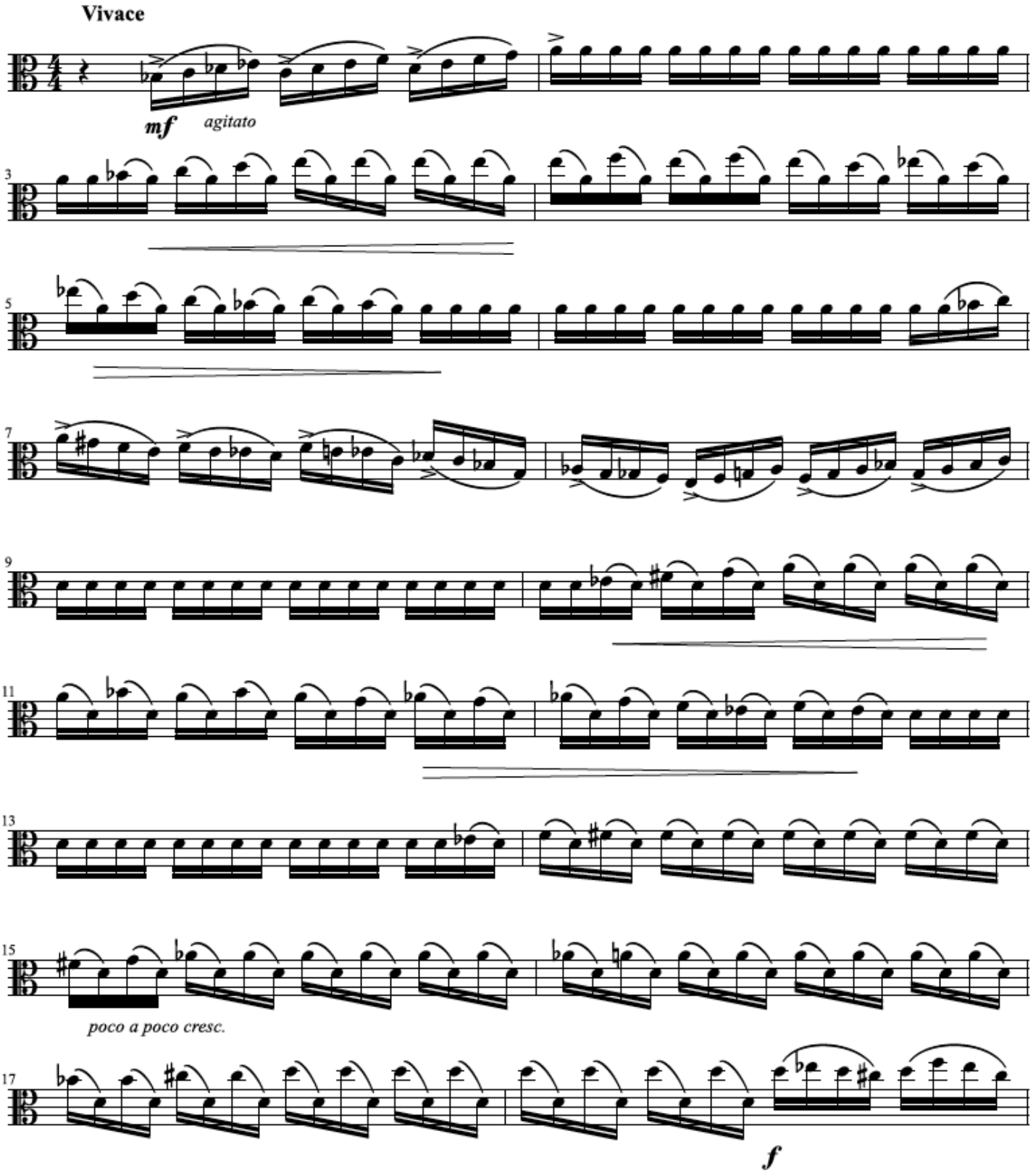

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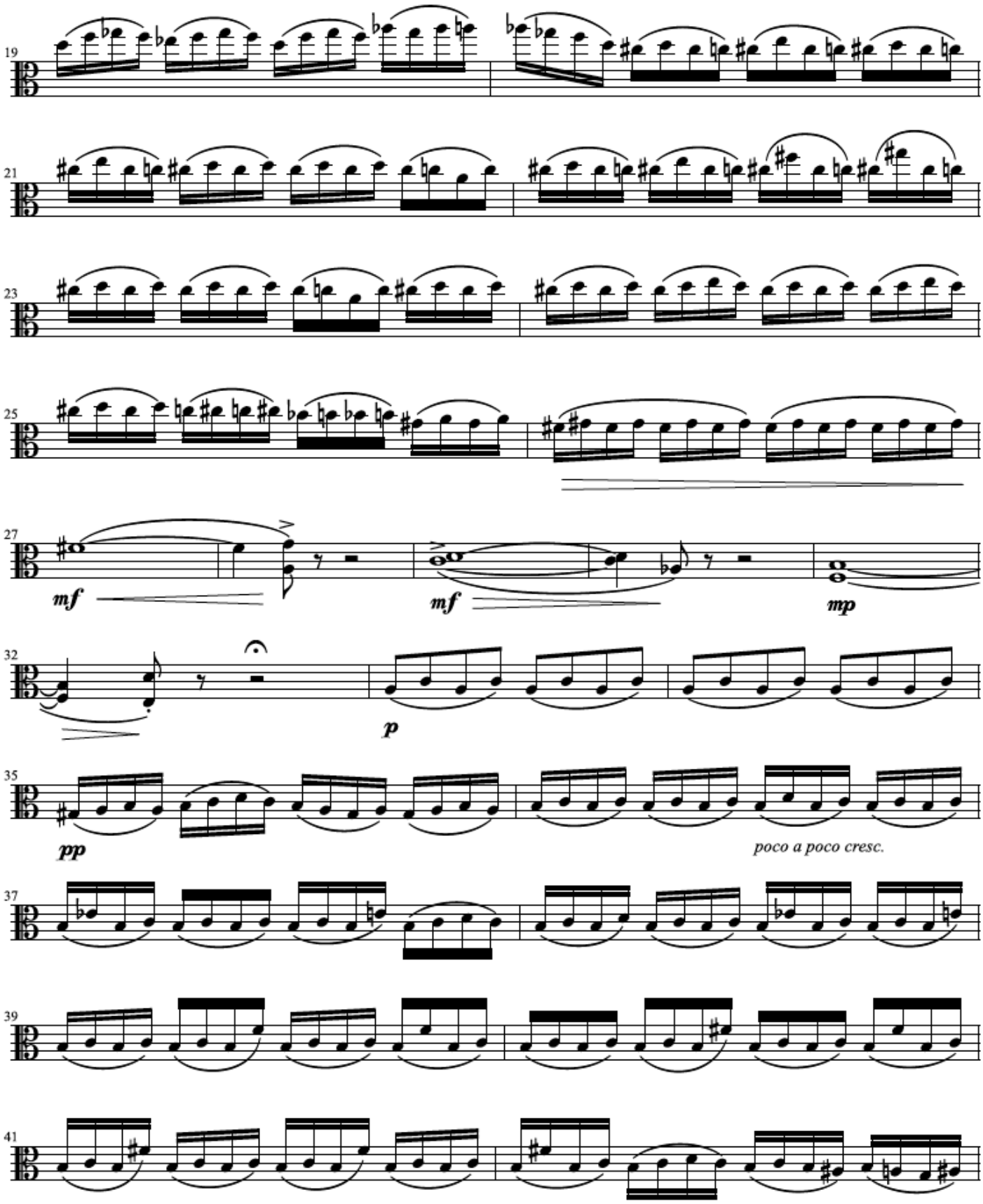

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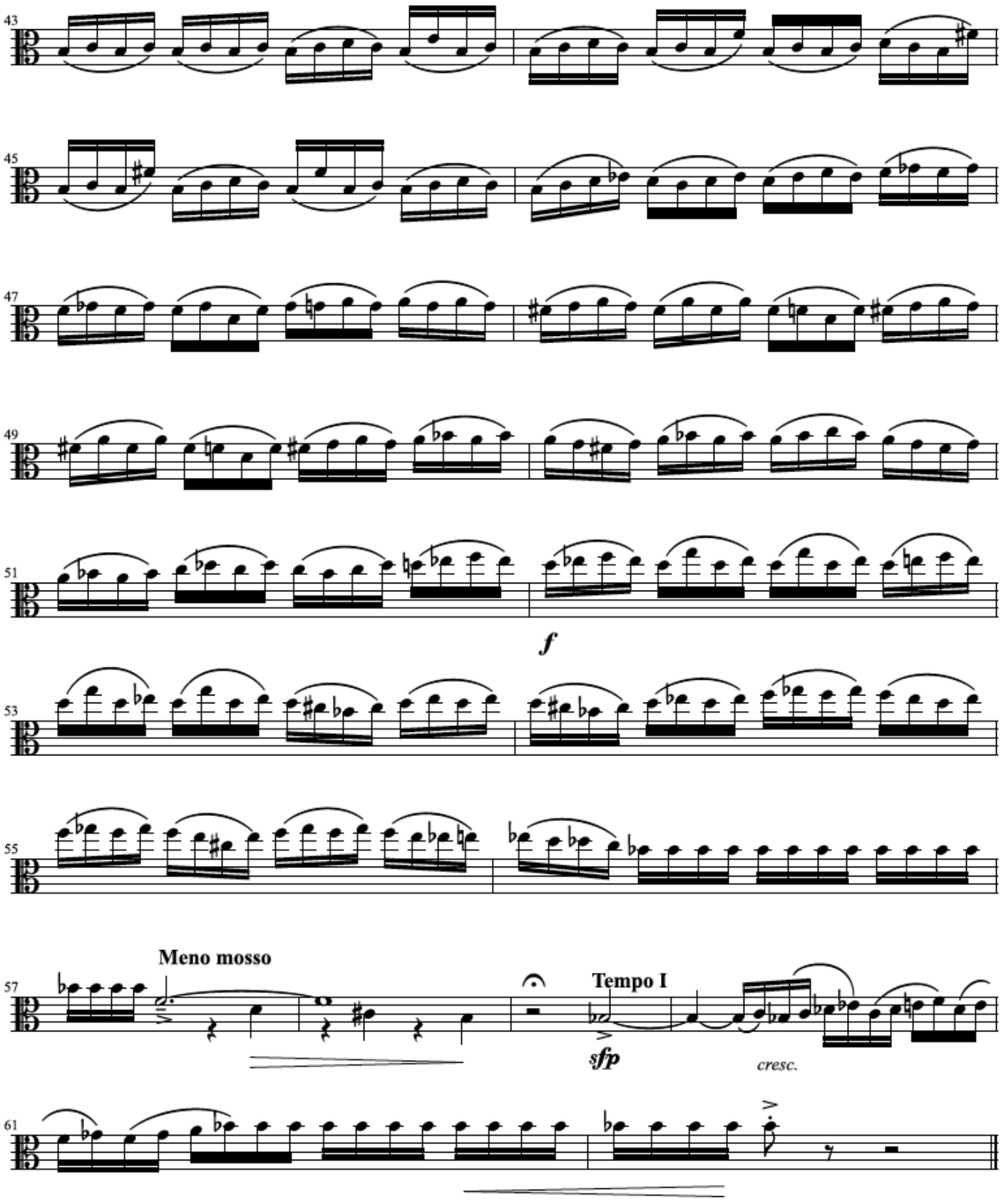

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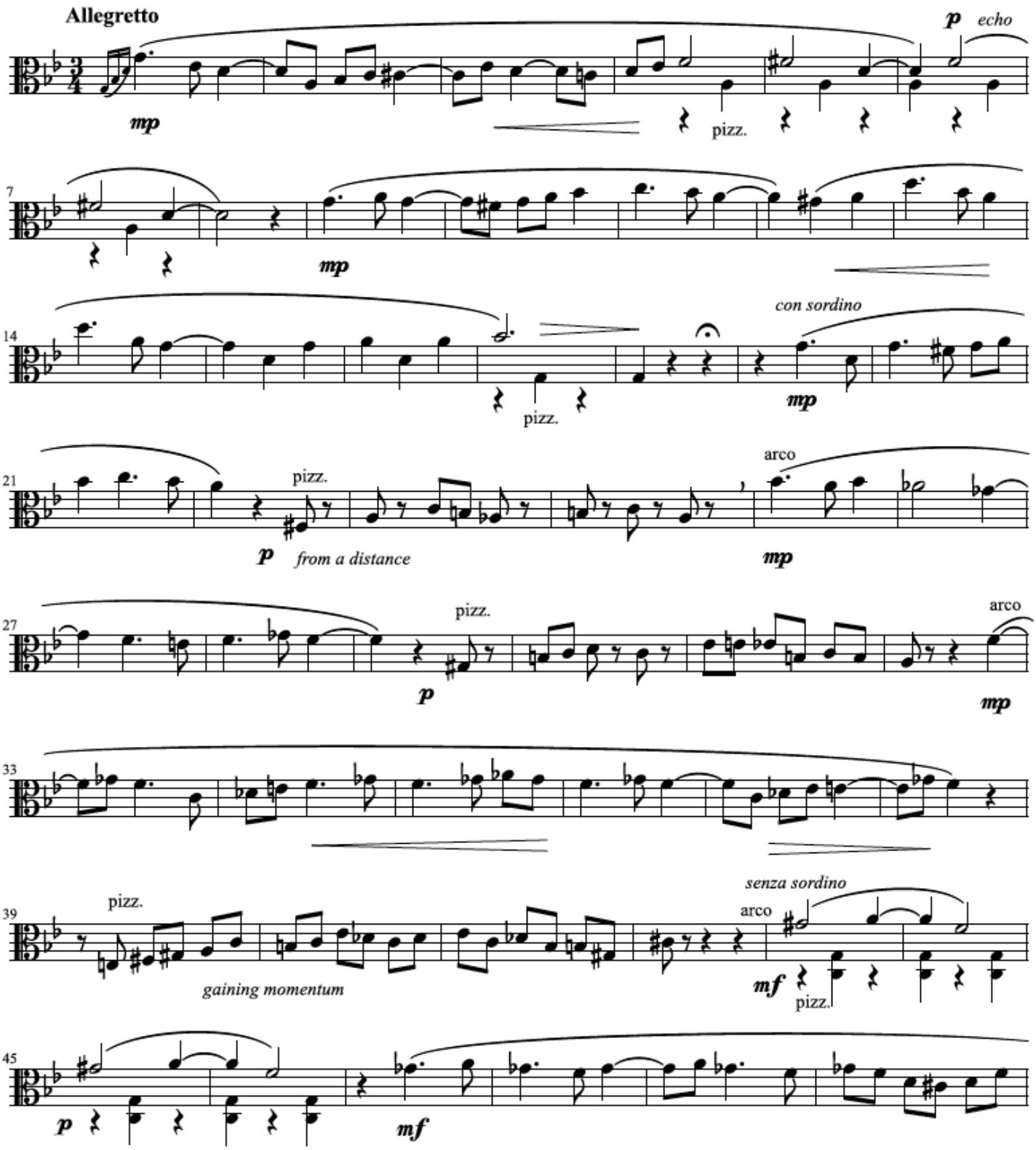
‘Mr. & Mrs. Vizy’



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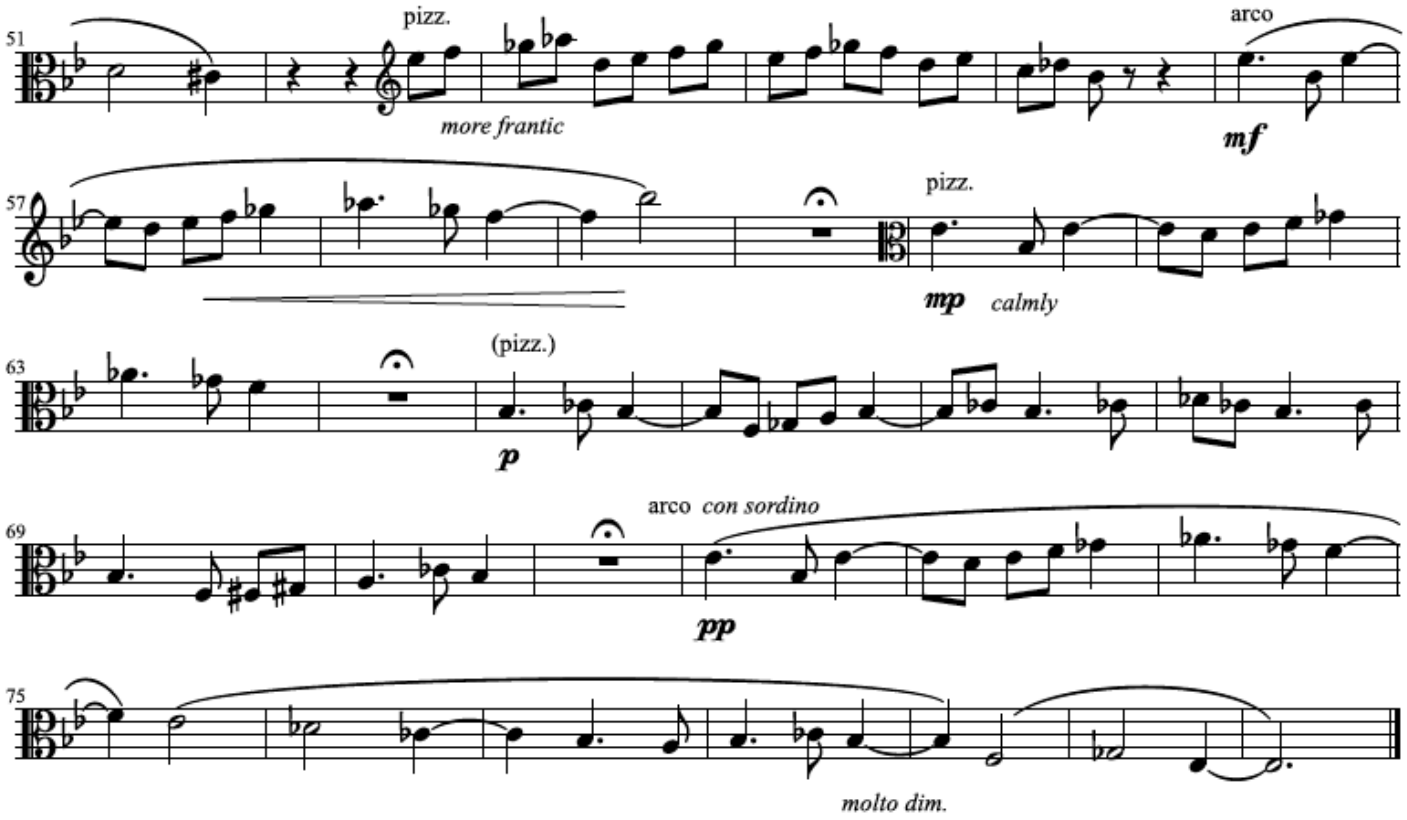

These pieces are inspired by the novel *Anna Édes* by Deszö Kosztolányi. Written in 1926 and considered a classic of Hungarian literature, it portrays post-World War I Budapest through the workings of one household. Initially I was drawn to the novel as a potential story line for an opera. After noticing a call for solo viola works, I thought, what better way to get the ball rolling than with these character pieces. They portray the owners of the residence (the Vizys), their servant (Anna) and a visiting relative (Jancsi). As a set the pieces can be played in any order.

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