Cloud Shadows

For Violin and Piano

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Cloud shadows are best seen from the air. Travelers on the window seats of planes can often descend from a visual blank slate above the cloud cover to observe clouds drifting and casting their shadows over the landscape, revealing their shapes and producing a perfect mirror effect wedding light to darkness at a distance. The same phenomenon is occasionally visible from high ground--I'm thinking particularly of a hill with a panoramic view of the countryside a few miles from my home in New York's Hudson Valley--when the clouds find the right shapes and the sun the right position and above and below once again mirror each other. The music gradually evolves toward such a moment, with its rich array of metaphoricalsuggestions, over the course of about ten minutes.

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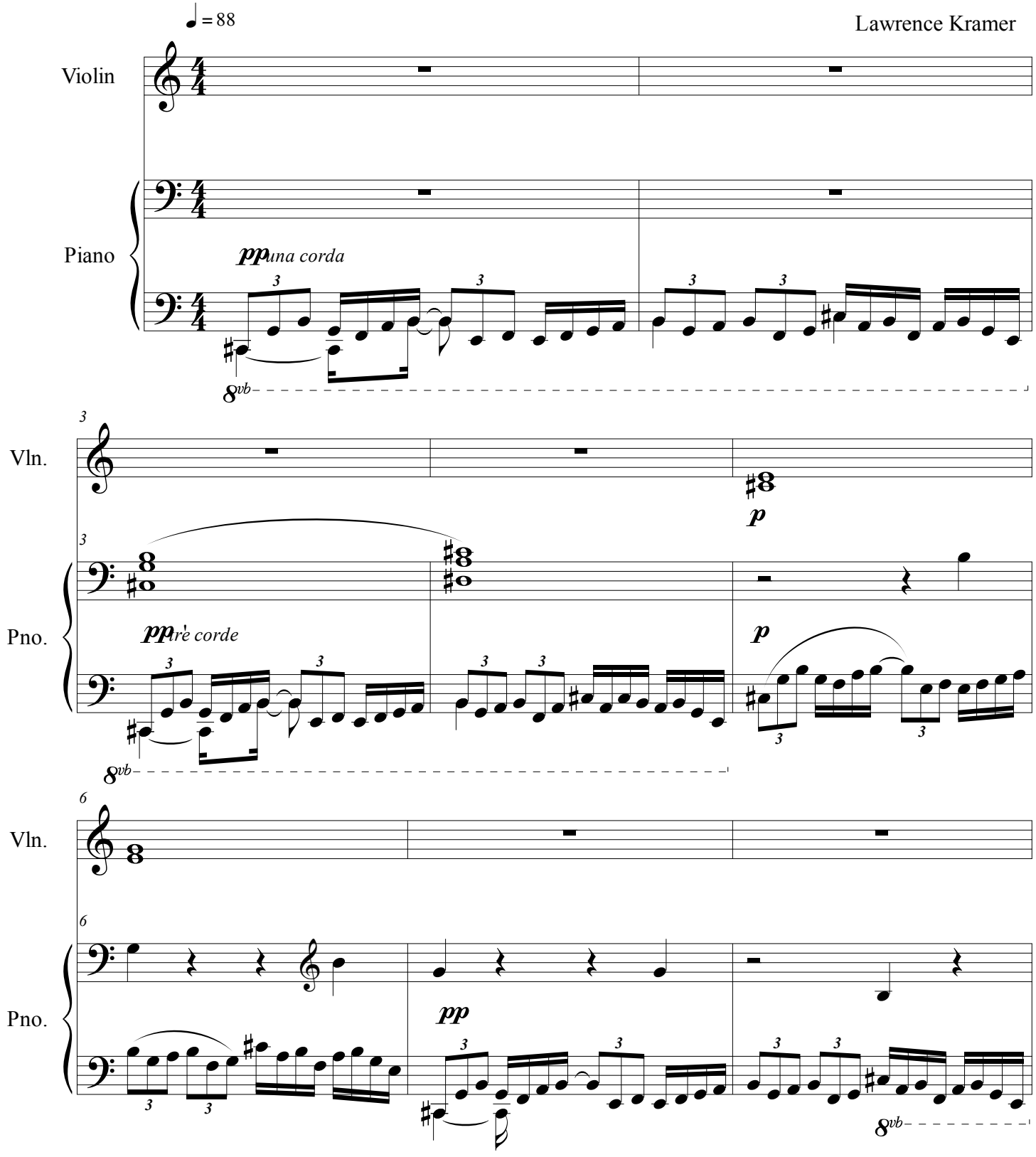

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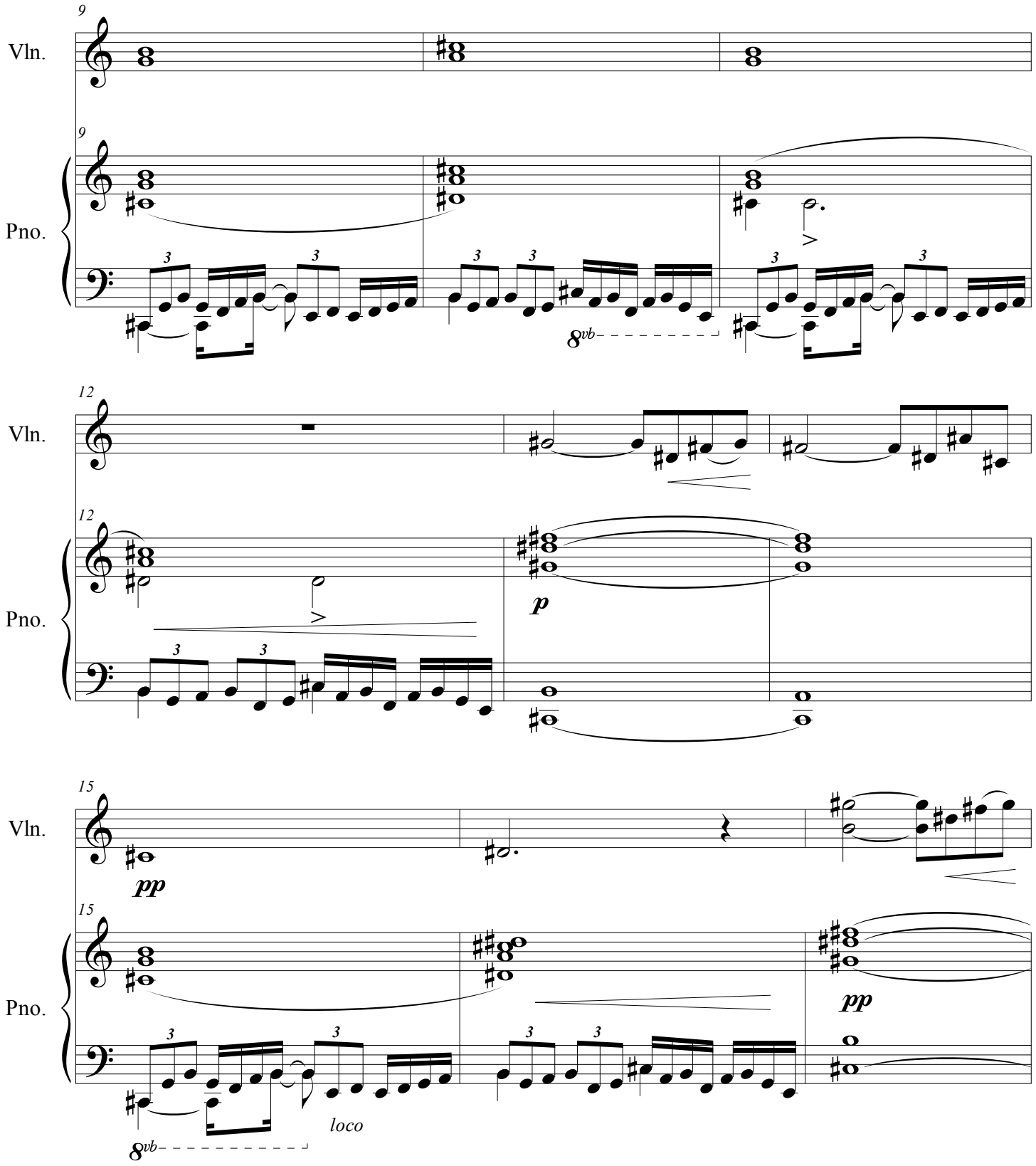
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Vln.
9
Pno.
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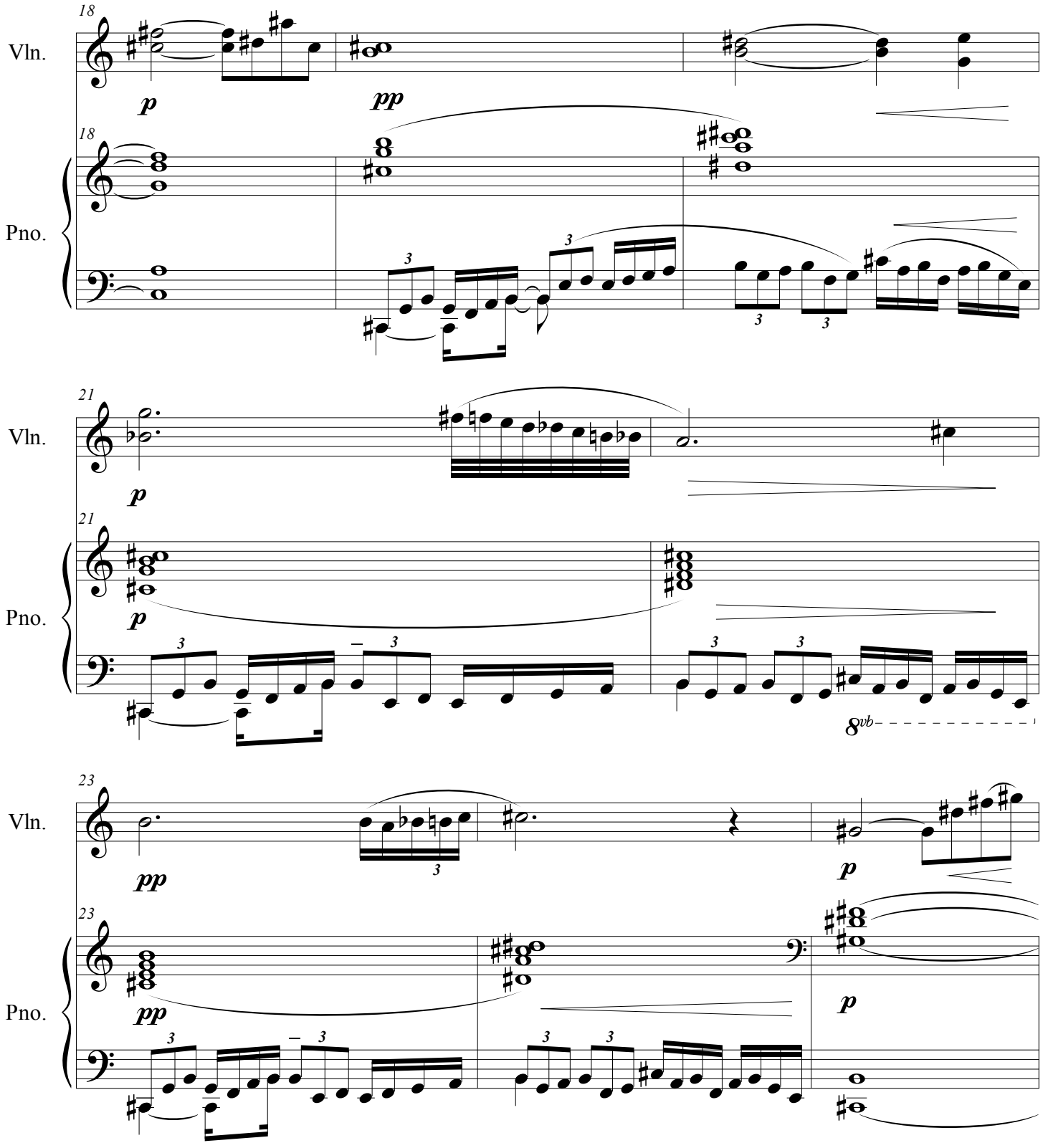
Pno.
p
15
Vln.
pp
15
Pno.
pp
loco
8vb


18
Vln.
p
pp
18
Pno.
3
3
3
3
3
21
Vln.
p
21
Pno.
p
3
3
3
3
8vb
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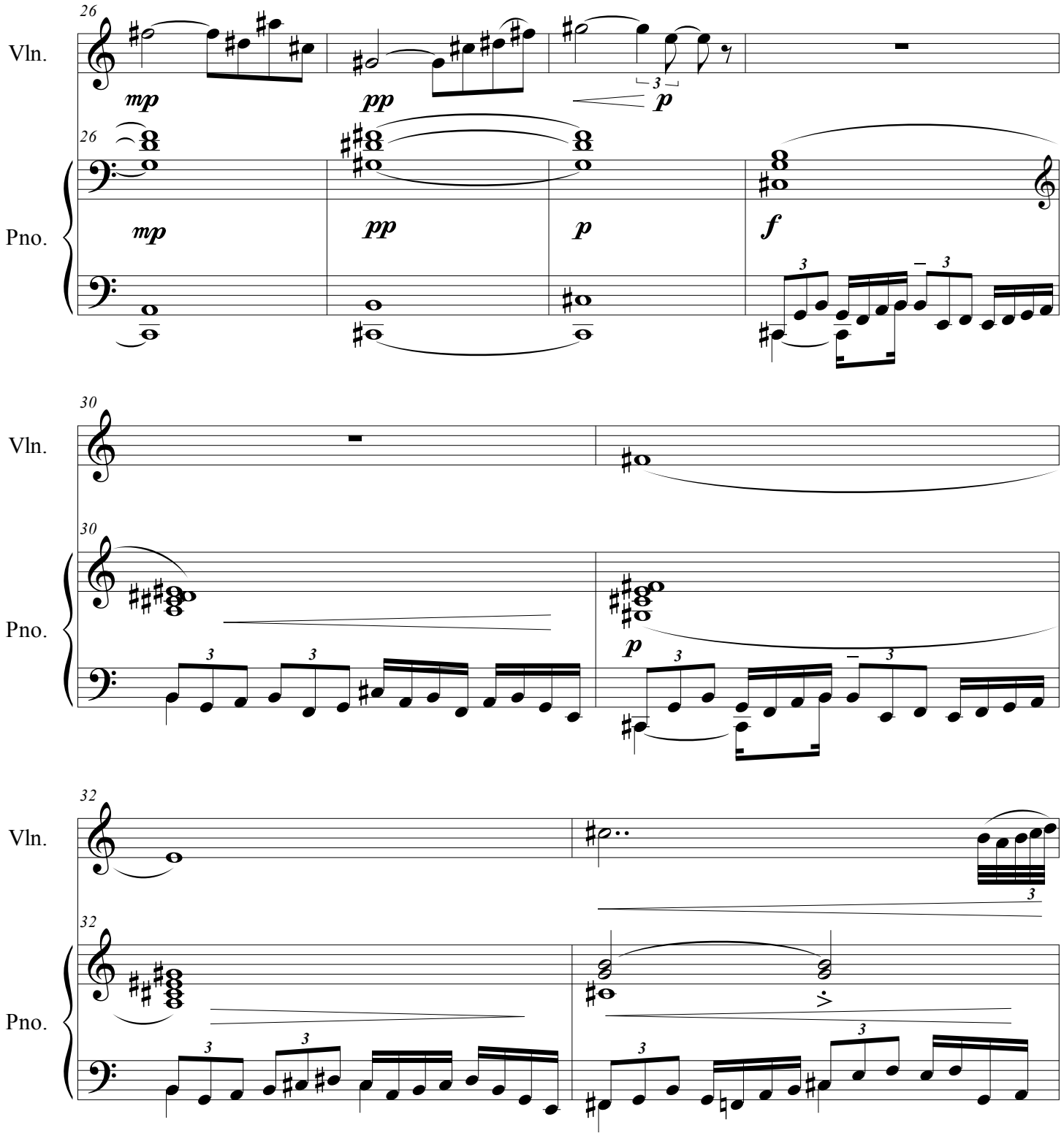
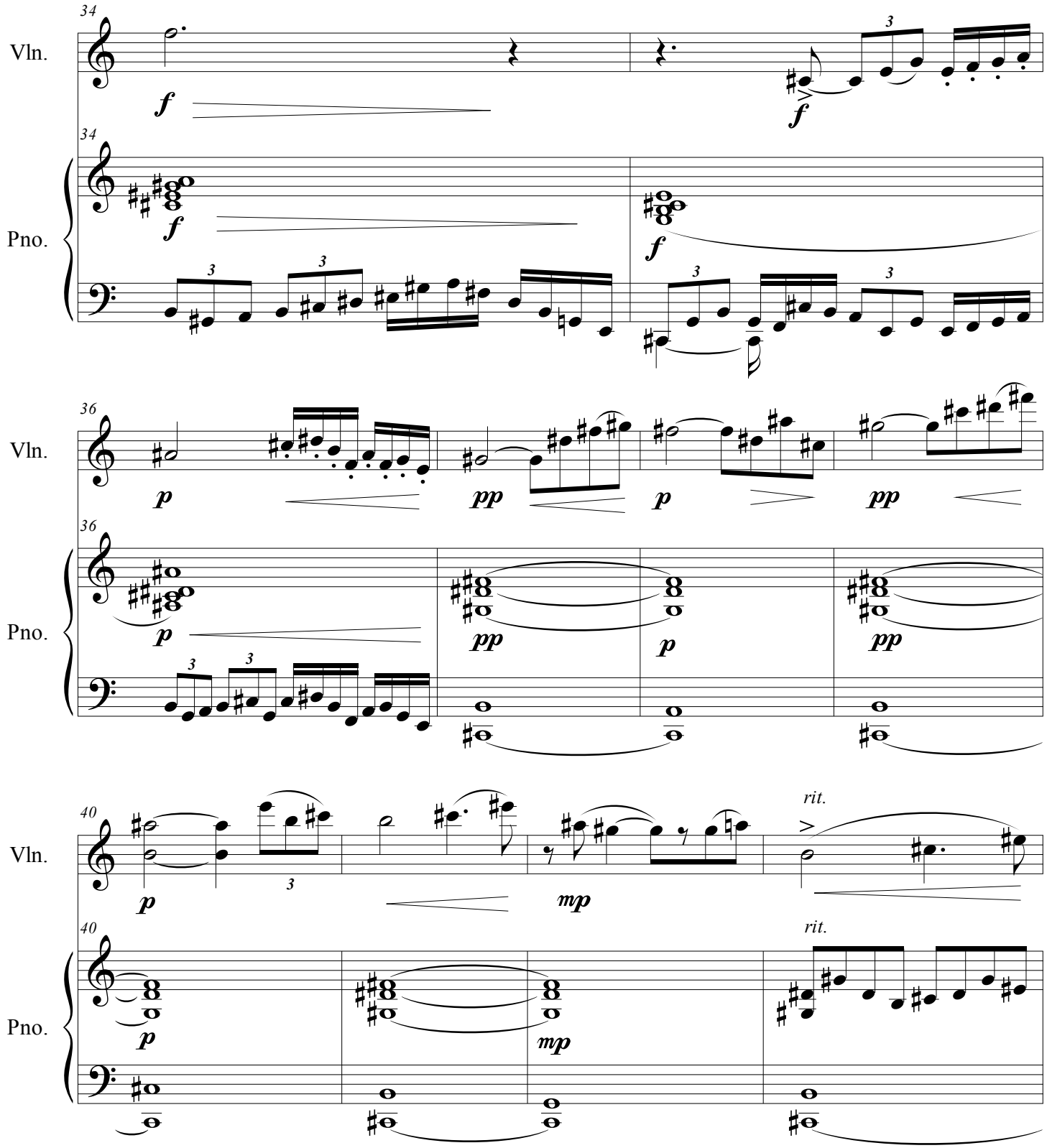
Vln.
pp
3
p
23
Pno.
pp
3
3
3
3
p


26
Vln.
mp
pp
3
p
26
Pno.
mp
pp
p
f
3
3
30
Vln.
30
Pno.
p
3
3
3
32
Vln.
3
32
Pno.
3
3
3
3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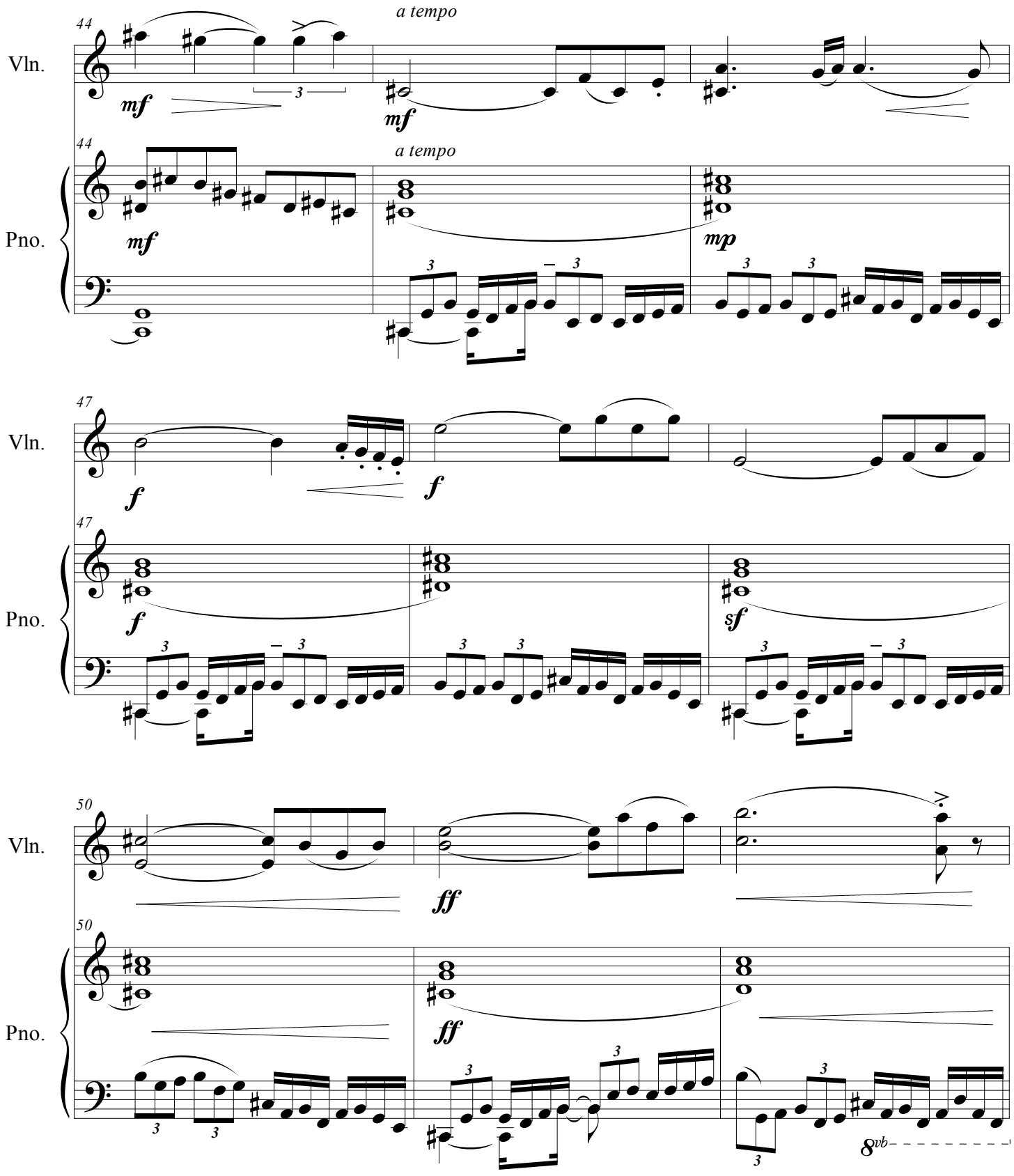
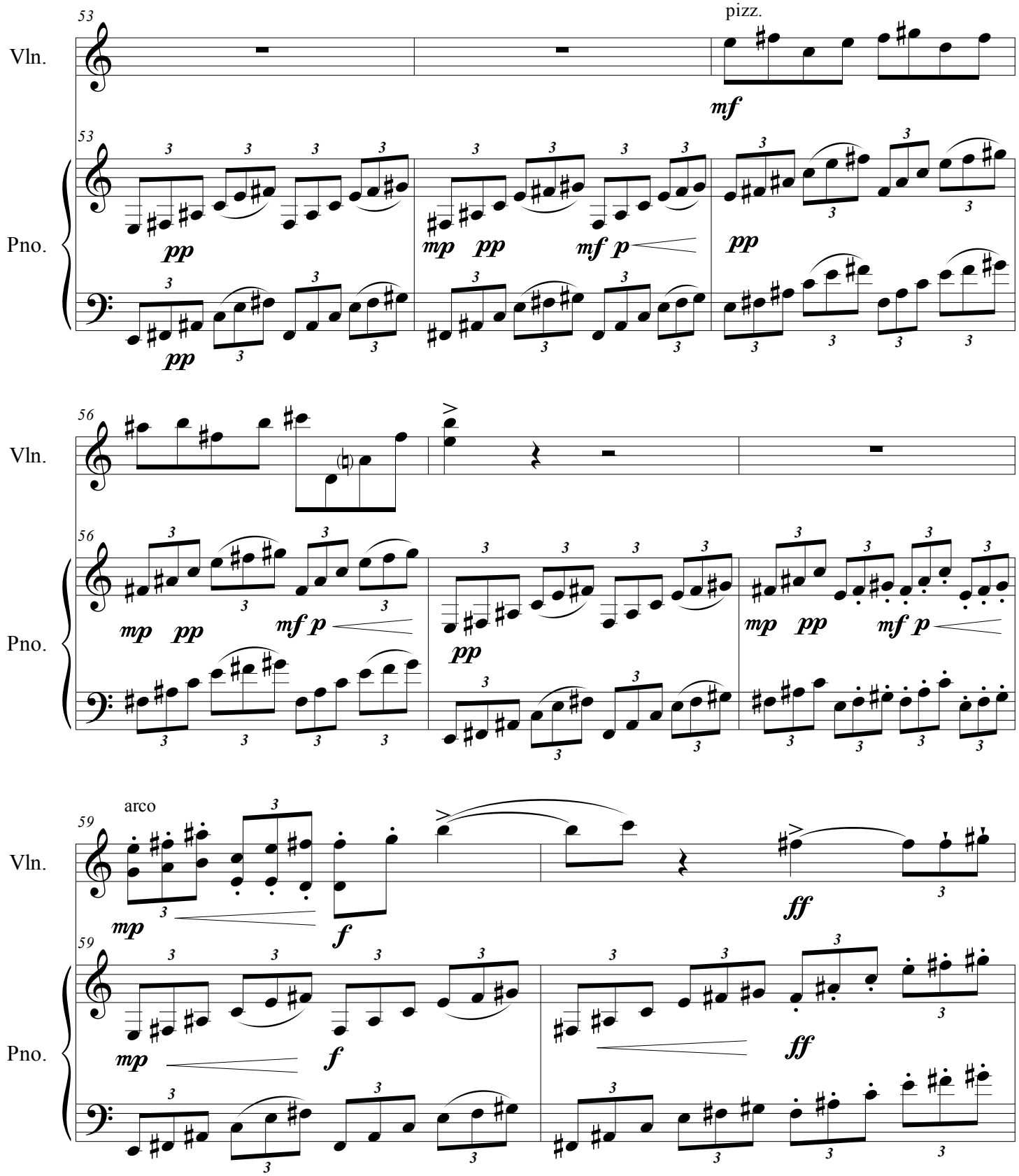
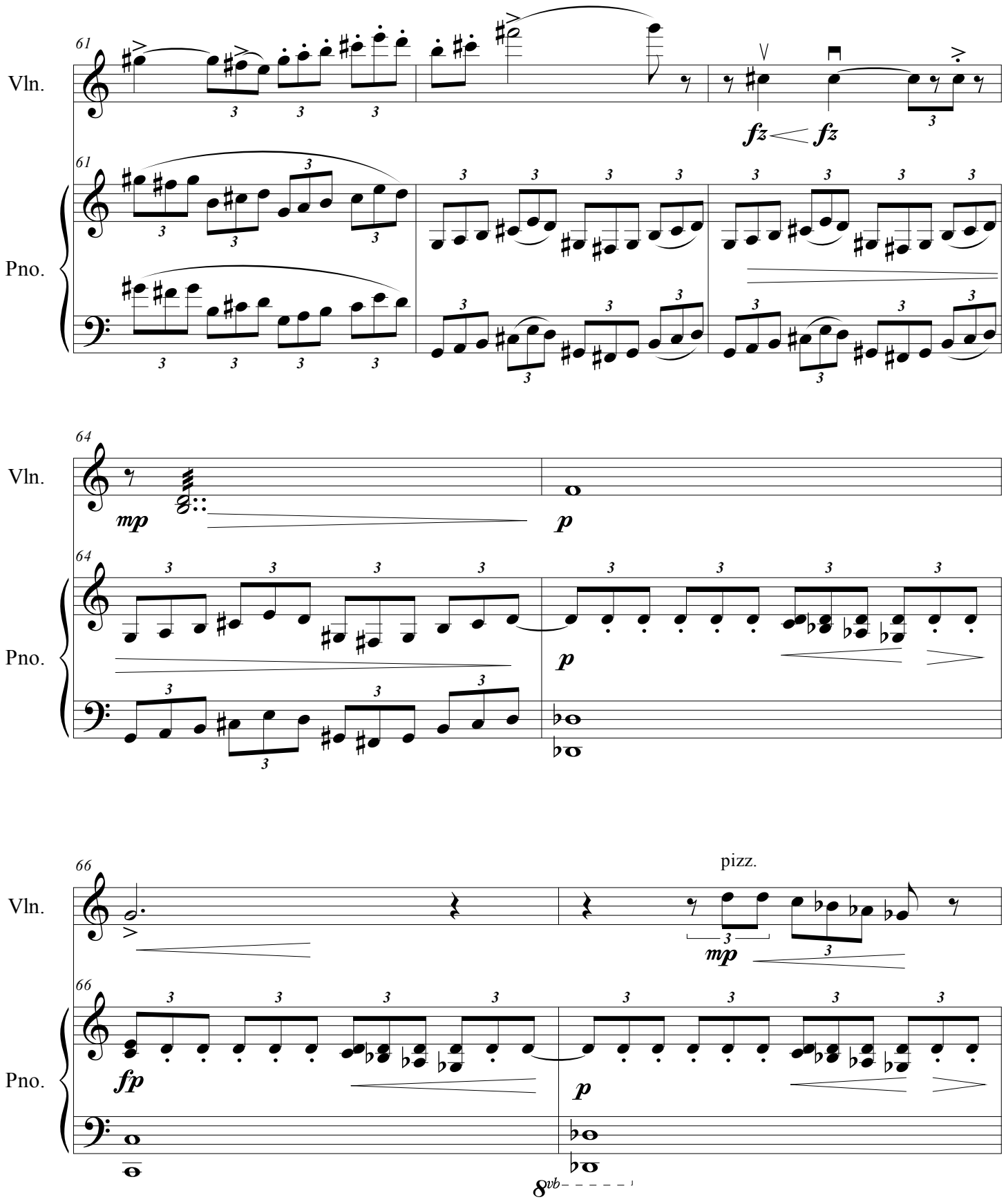
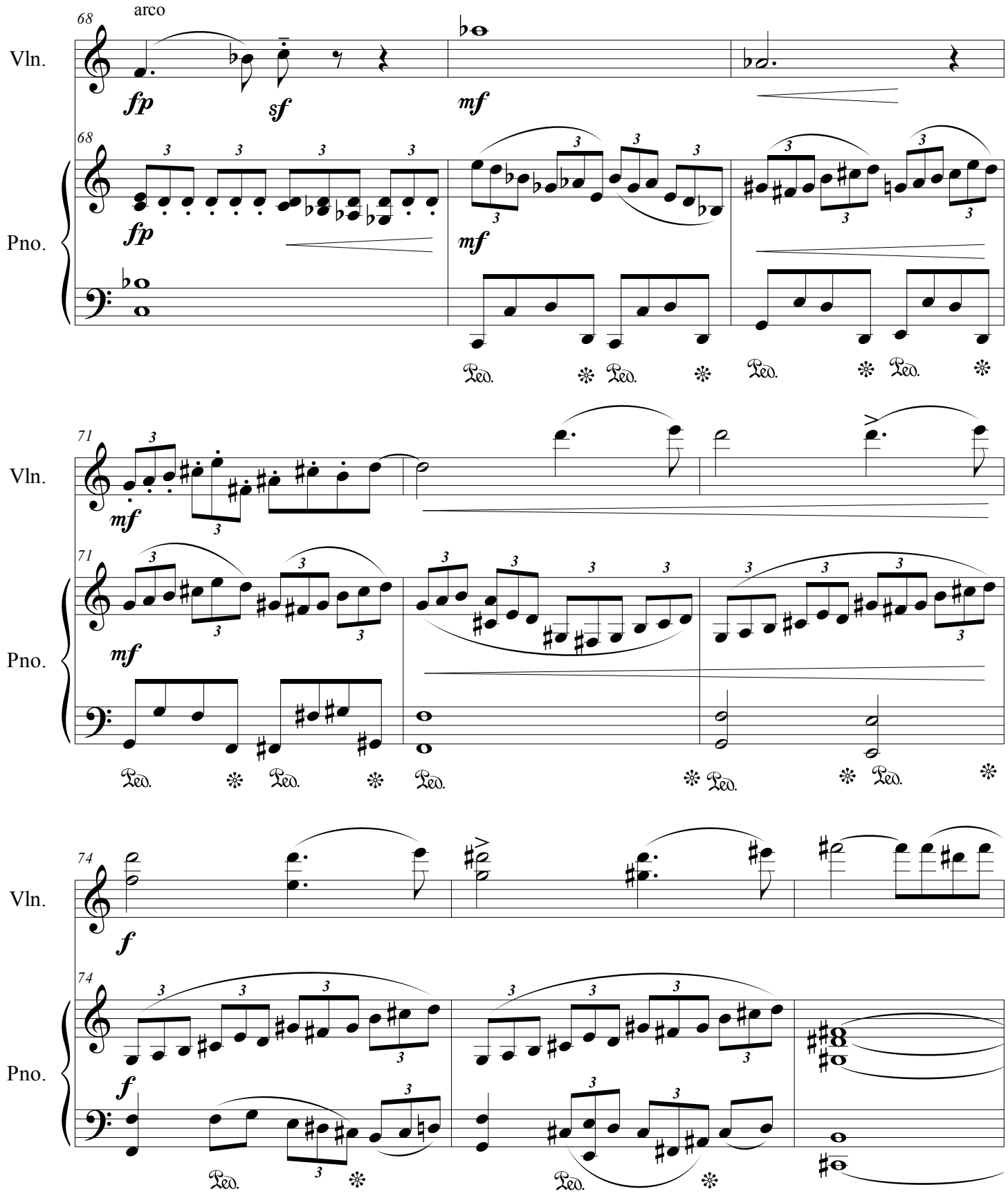
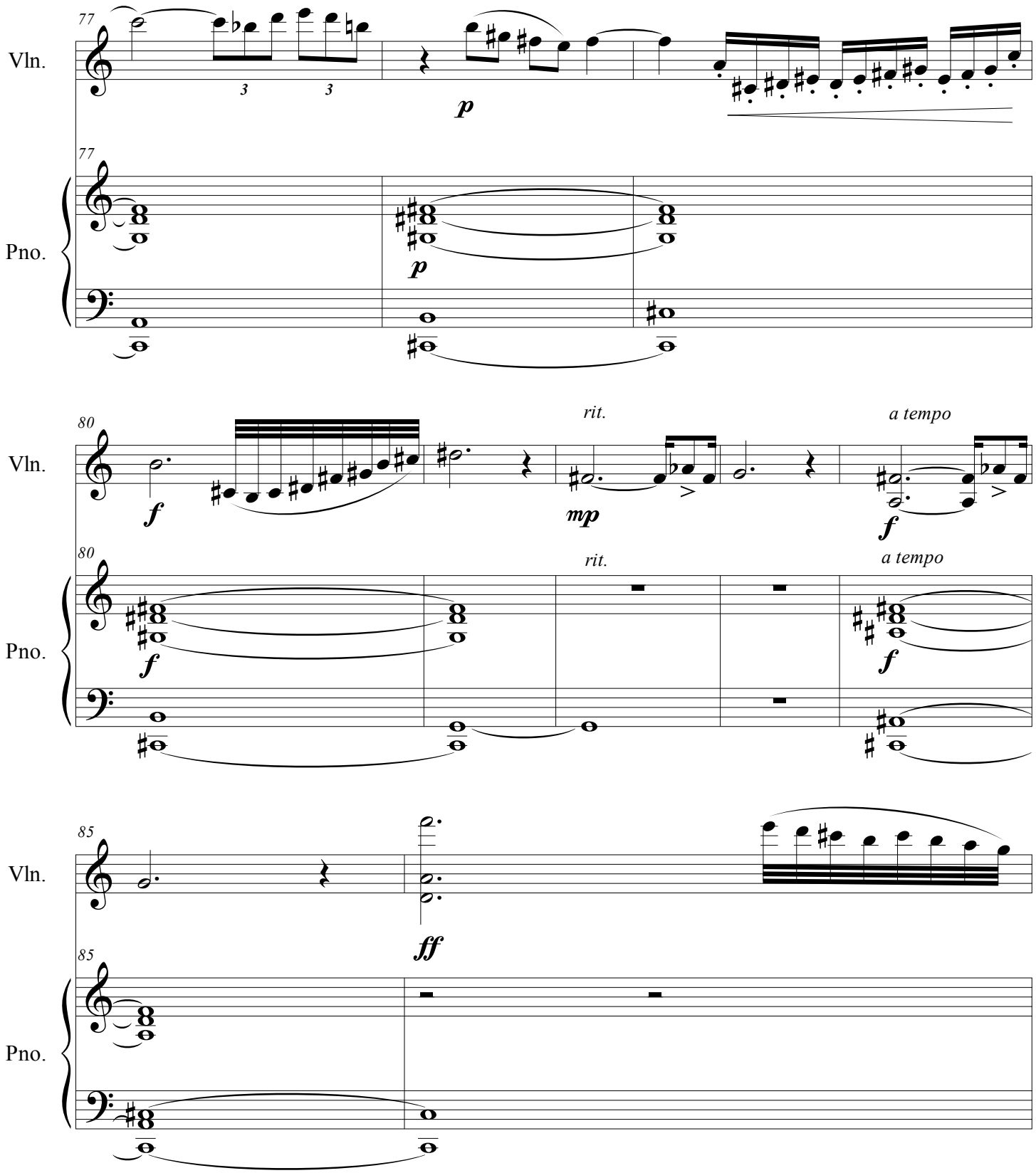
Vln.
f
f
34
Pno.
f
f
3
3
3
3
36
Vln.
p
pp
p
pp
36
Pno.
p
pp
p
pp
3
3
40
Vln.
p
3
mp
rit.
40
Pno.
p
mp
rit.

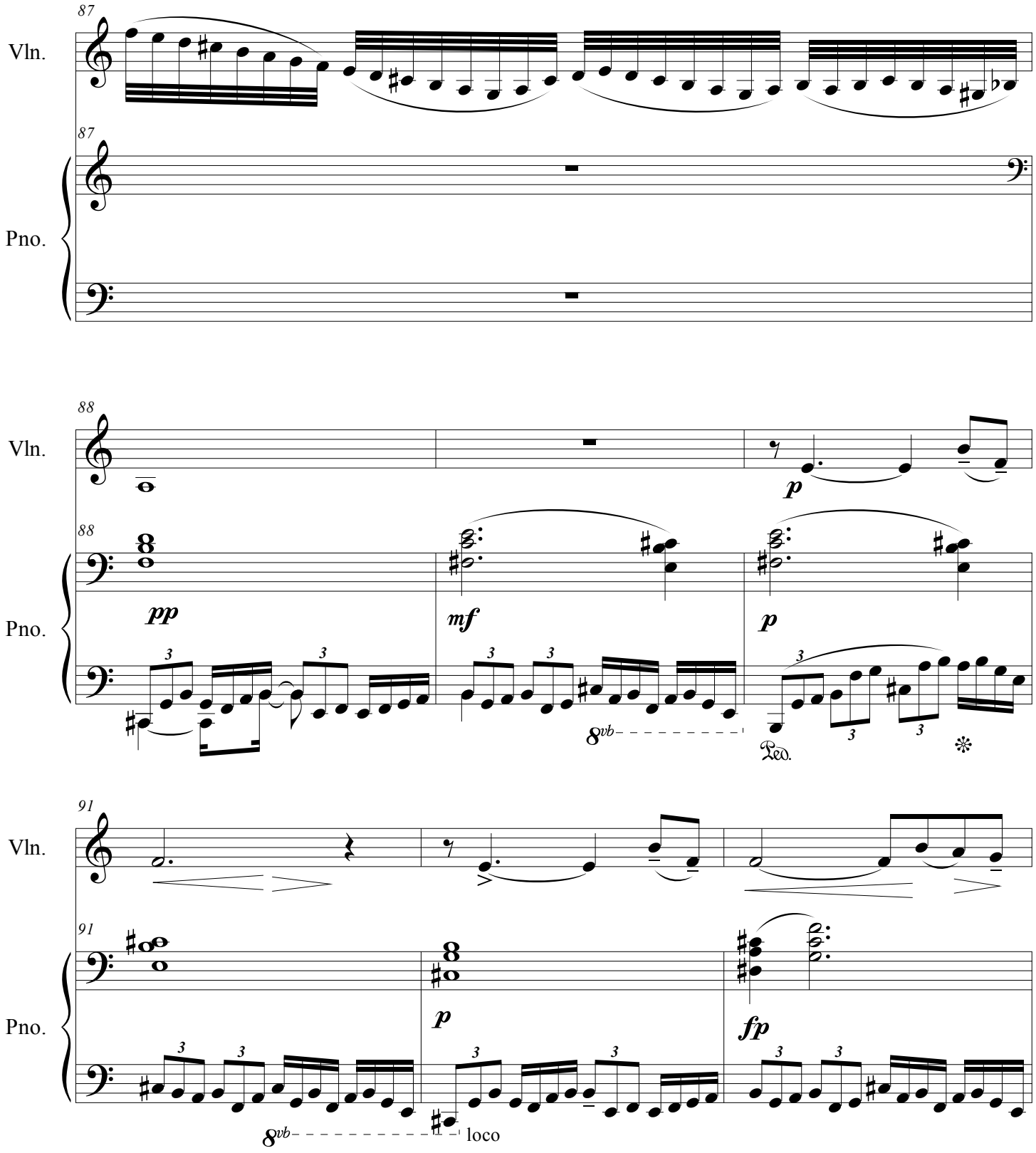

44
a tempo
Vln.
mf
3
mf
44
a tempo
Pno.
mf
mp
3
47
Vln.
f
f
47
Pno.
f
sf
50
Vln.
ff
50
Pno.
ff
8vb

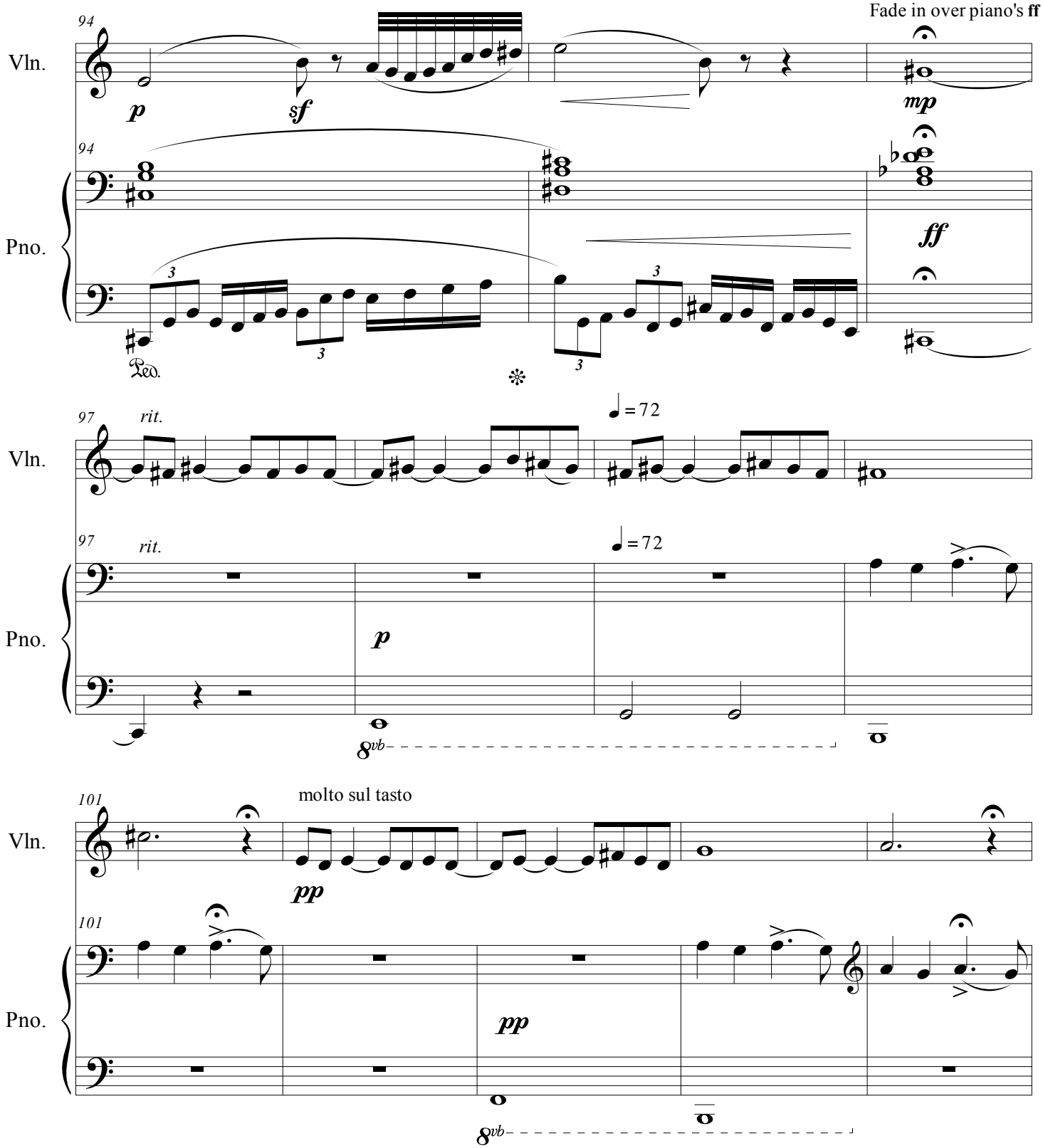

53
Vln.
pizz.
mf
53
Pno.
pp
mp pp
mf p
pp
pp
56
Vln.
56
Pno.
mp pp
mf p
pp
mp pp
mf p
59
Vln.
arco
mp
f
ff
59
Pno.
mp
f
ff

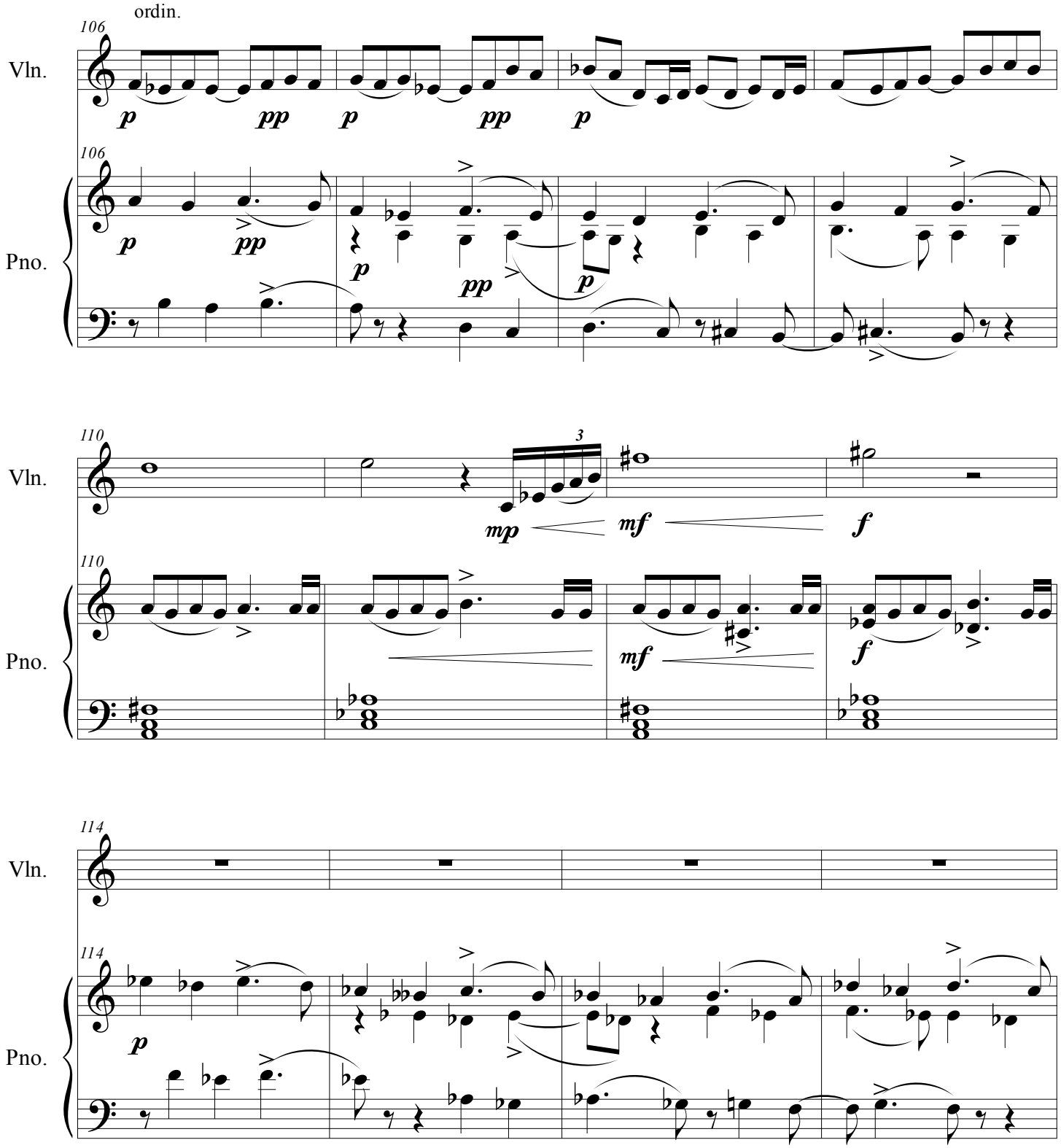

61
Vln.
fz
fz
61
Pno.
64
Vln.
mp
p
64
Pno.
p
66
Vln.
pizz.
mp
66
Pno.
fp
p
8vb

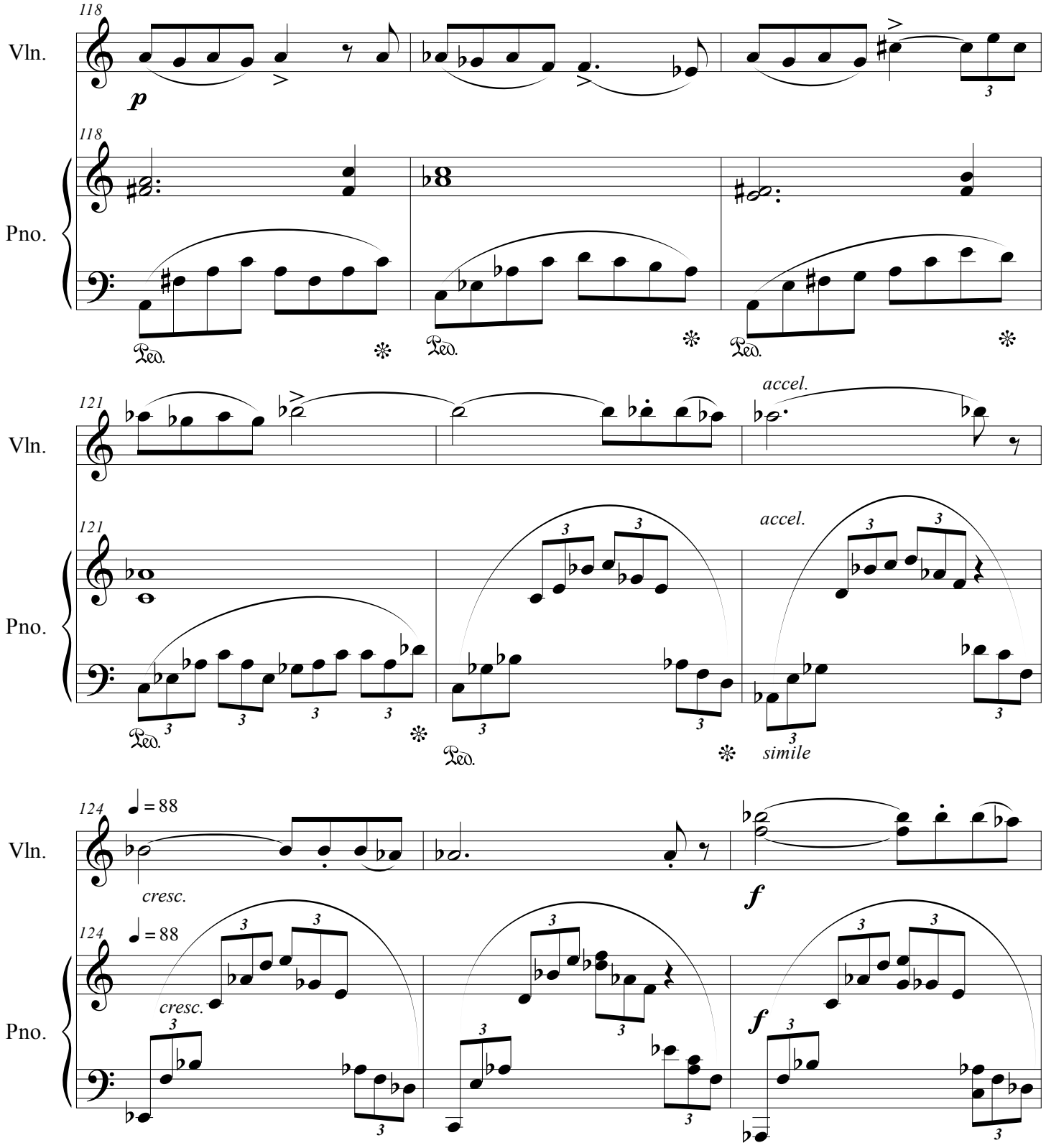

68
arco
Vln.
fp
sf
mf
68
Pno.
fp
mf
Ped.
71
Vln.
mf
71
Pno.
mf
Ped.
74
Vln.
f
74
Pno.
f
Ped.

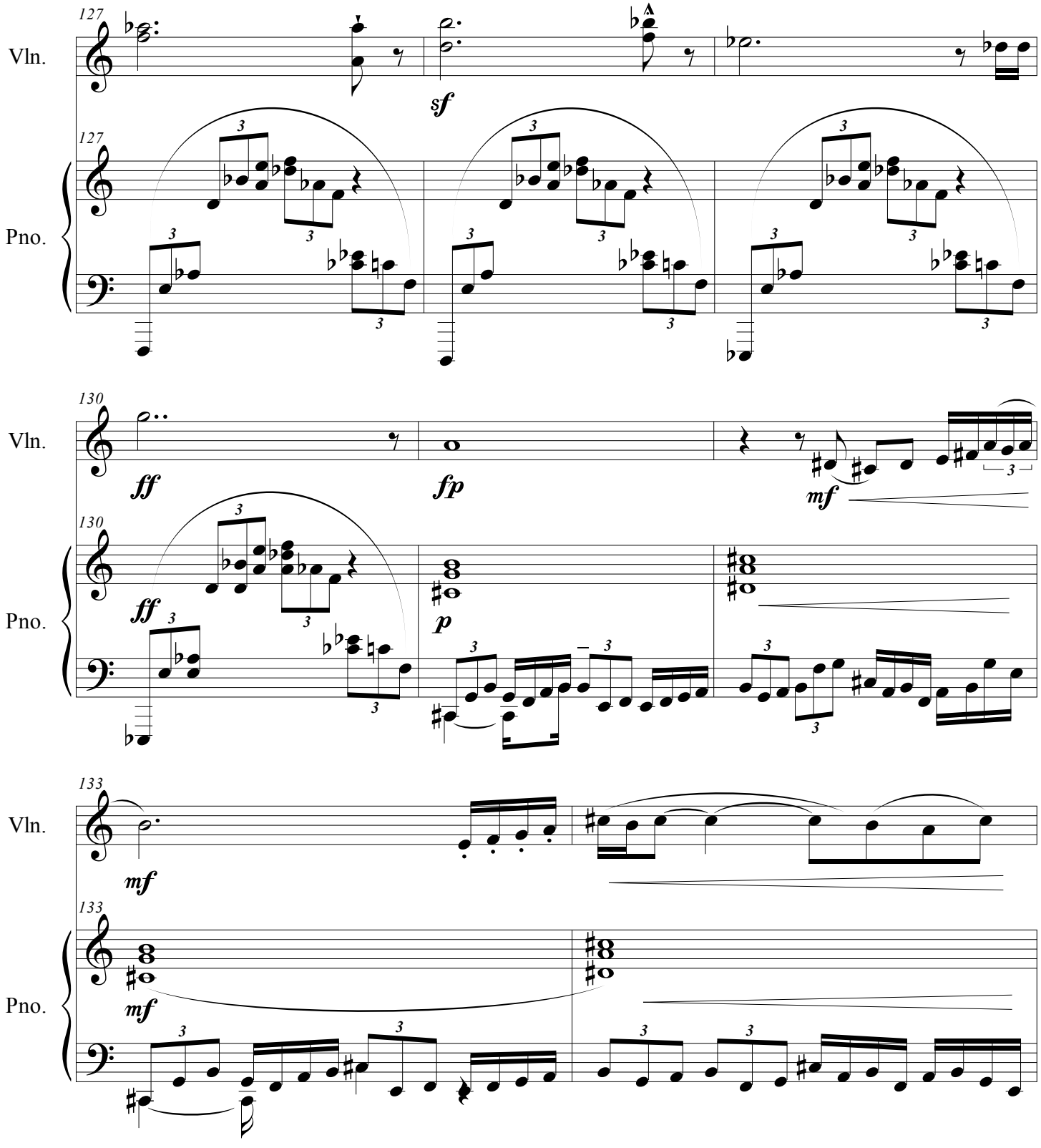

77
Vln.
3
3
p
77
Pno.
p
80
Vln.
f
rit.
mp
a tempo
f
80
Pno.
f
rit.
a tempo
f
85
Vln.
ff
85
Pno.

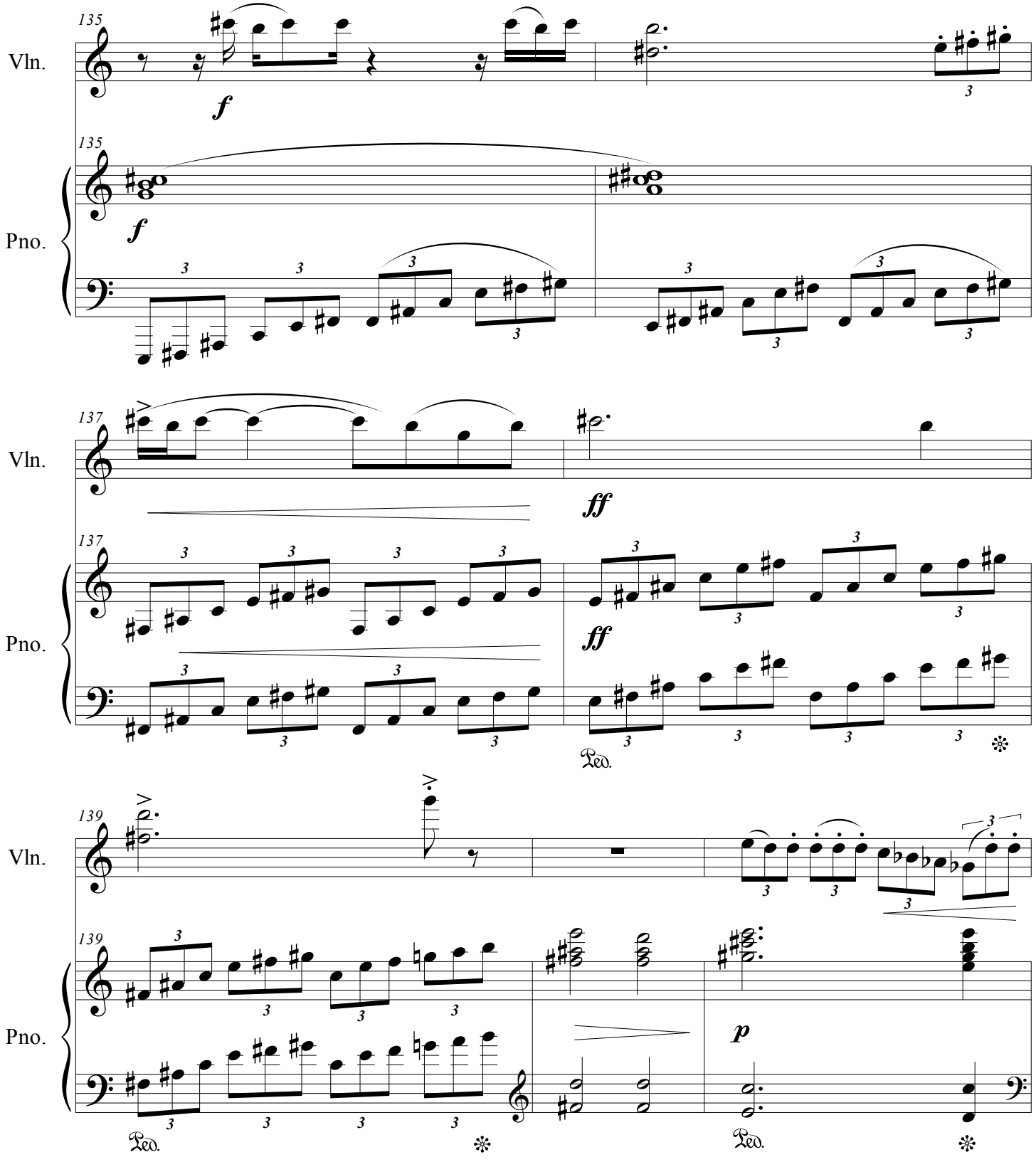

87
Vln.
87
Pno.
88
Vln.
88
Pno.
pp
mf
p
8vb
Ped.
91
Vln.
91
Pno.
p
fp
8vb
loco

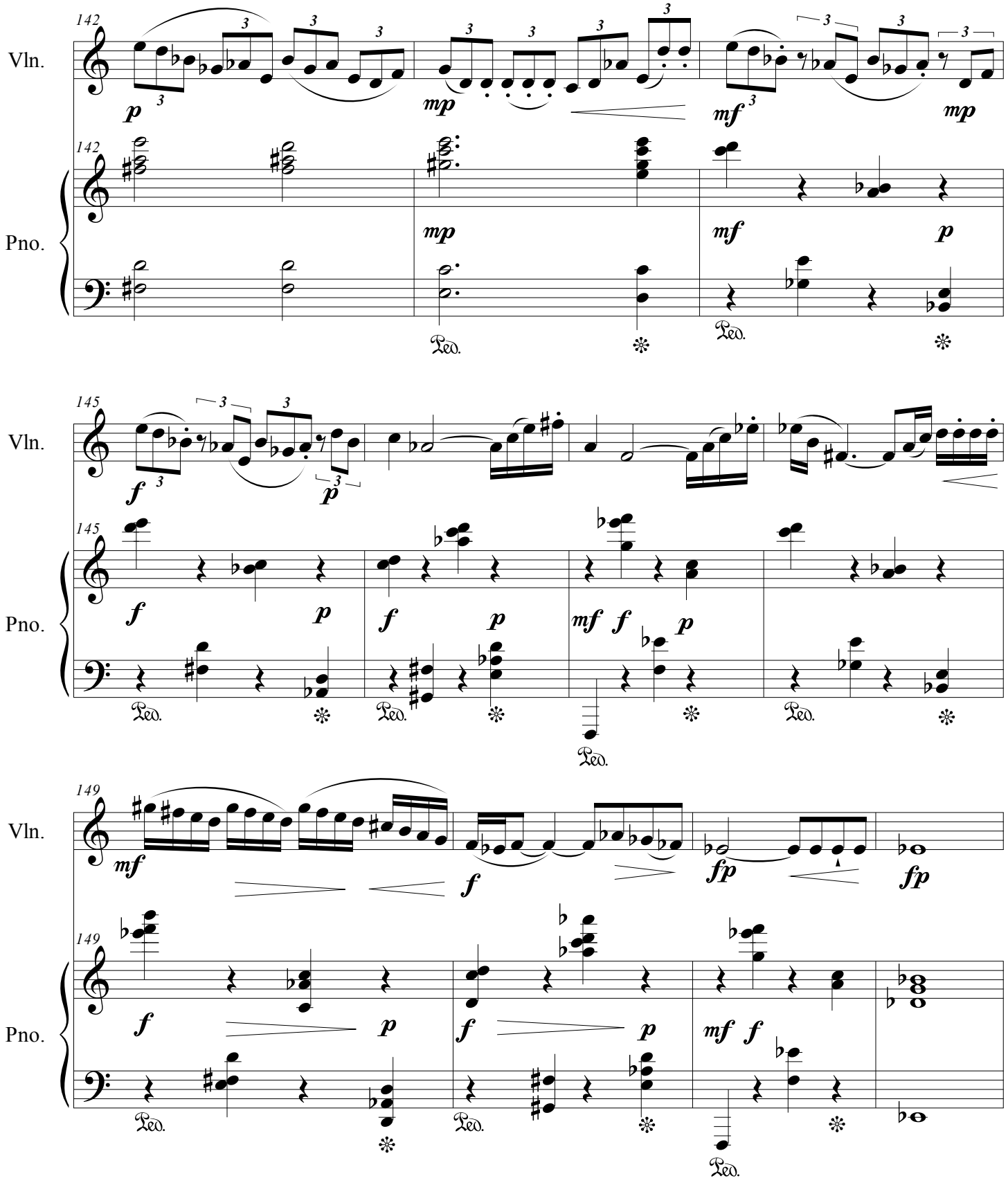

Fade in over piano's ff
94
Vln.
p
sf
mp
94
Pno.
ff
Ped.
97
rit.
Vln.
♩ = 72
97
rit.
Pno.
♩ = 72
p
8vb
101
molto sul tasto
Vln.
pp
101
Pno.
pp
8vb

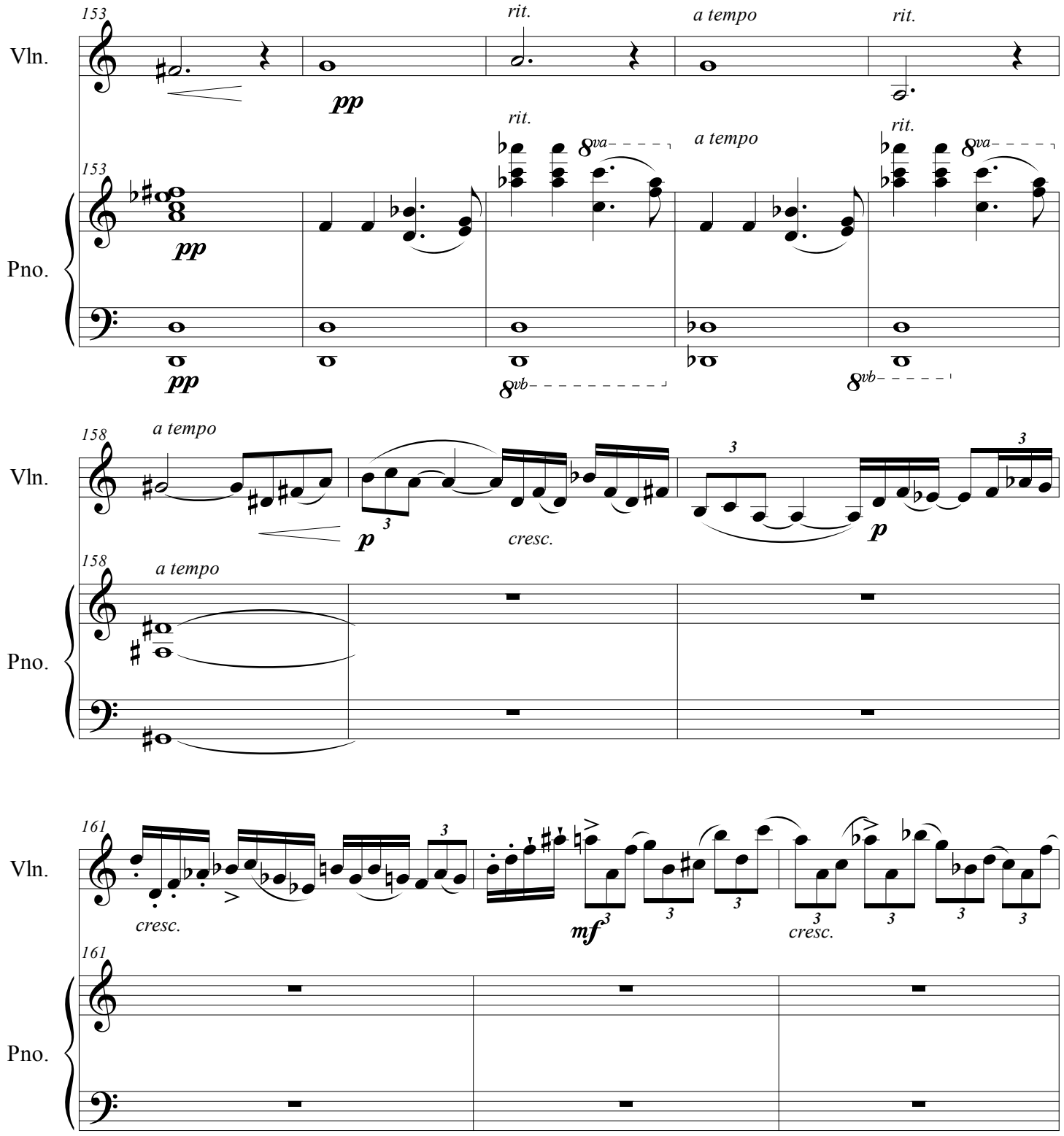

ordin.
106
Vln.
Pno.
110
3
mp
mf
f
114

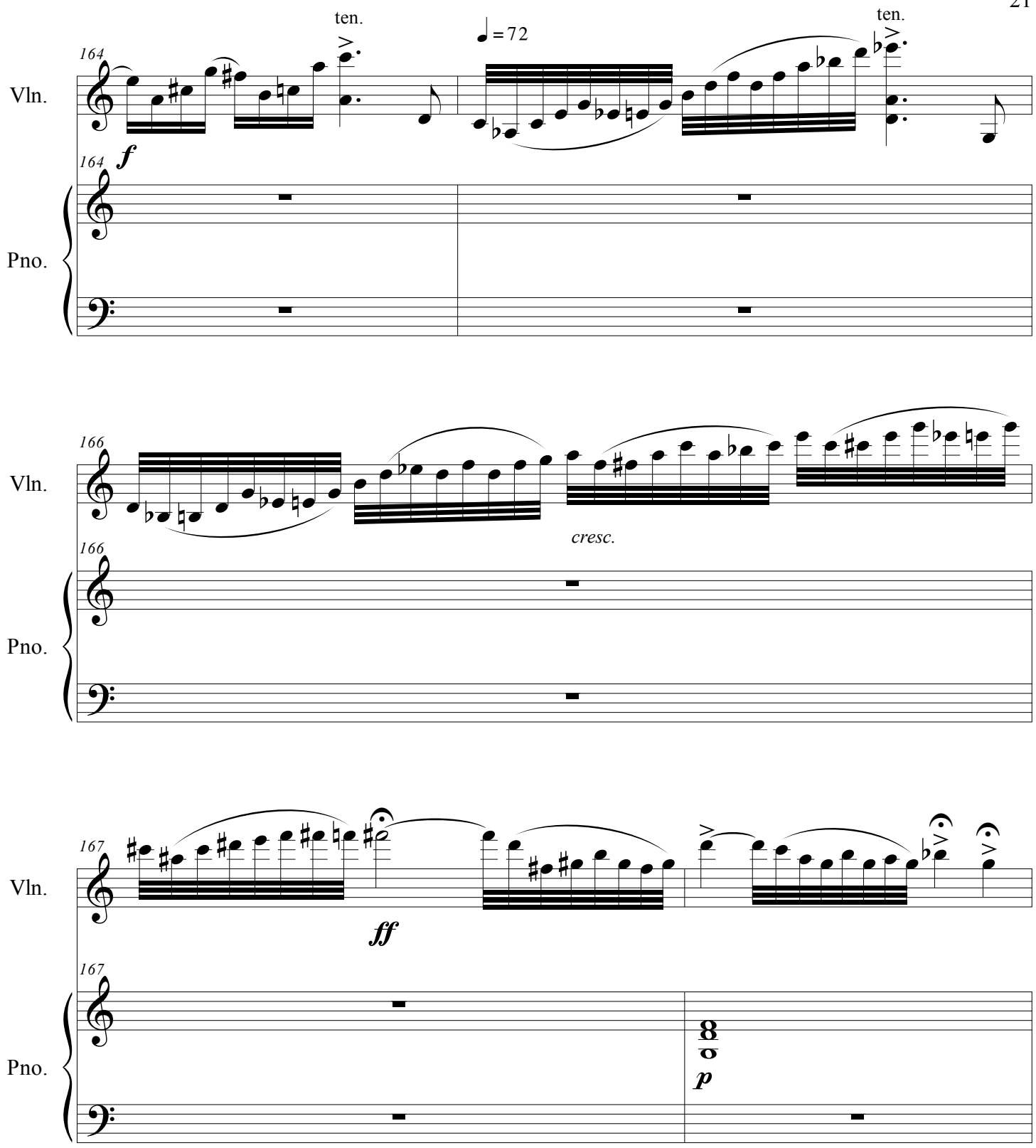

118
Vln.
p
118
Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
121
Vln.
accel.
121
Pno.
accel.
Ped.
Ped.
simile
124
♩ = 88
Vln.
cresc.
f
124
♩ = 88
Pno.
cresc.
f

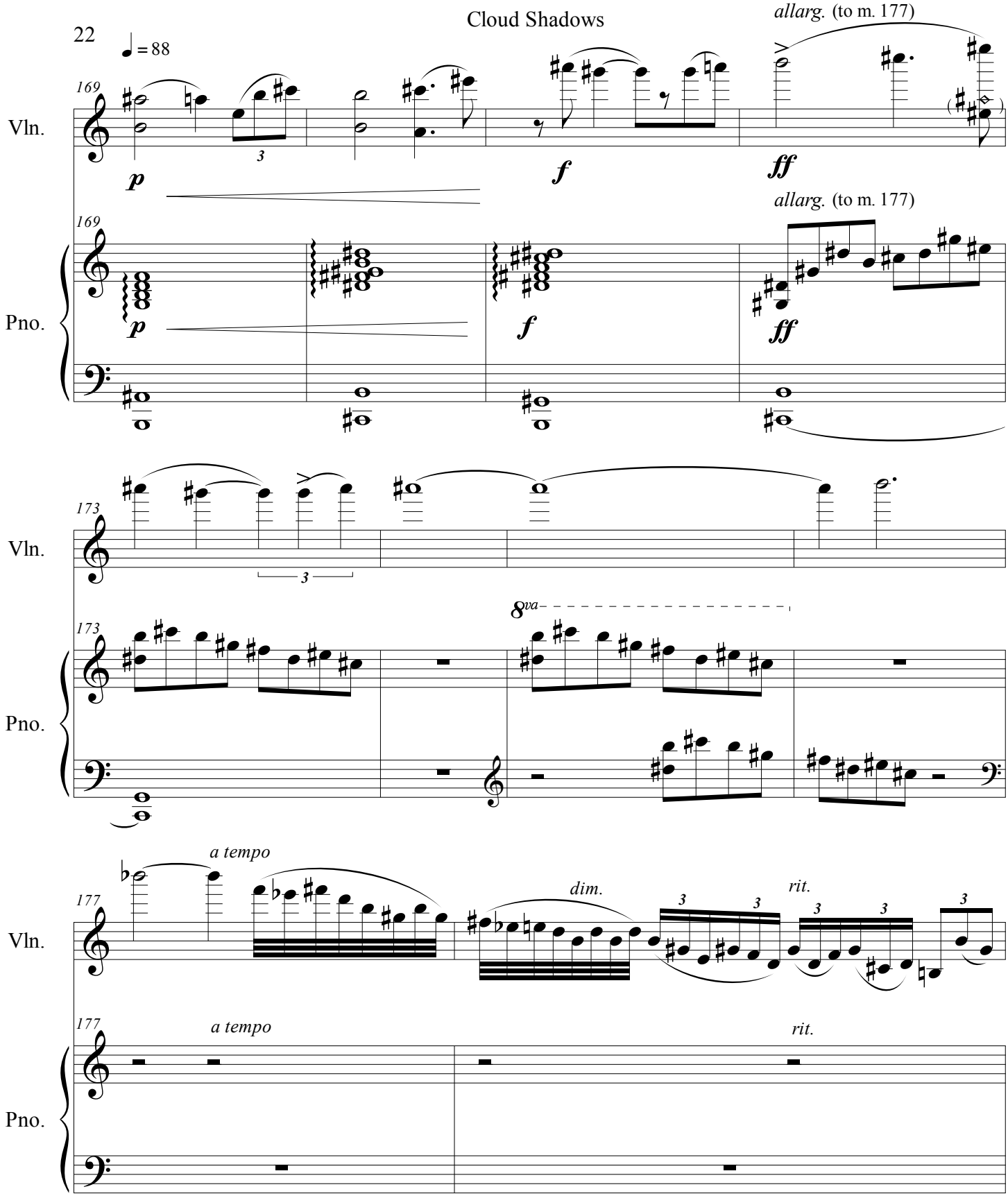

127
Vln.
sf
127
Pno.
130
Vln.
ff
fp
mf
130
Pno.
ff
p
133
Vln.
mf
133
Pno.
mf

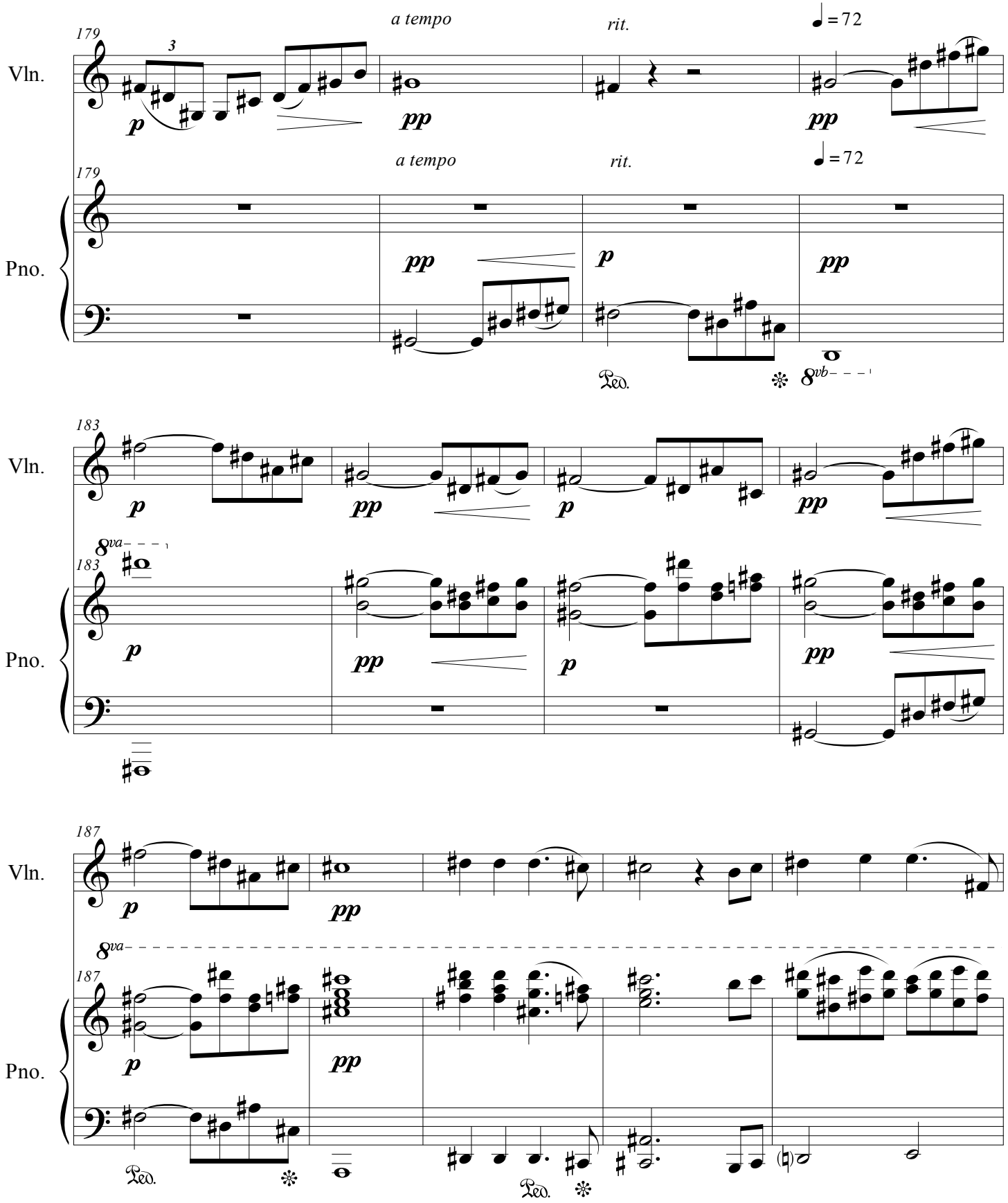

135
Vln.
f
135
Pno.
f
137
Vln.
ff
137
Pno.
ff
Ped.
139
Vln.
139
Pno.
p
Ped.
Ped.

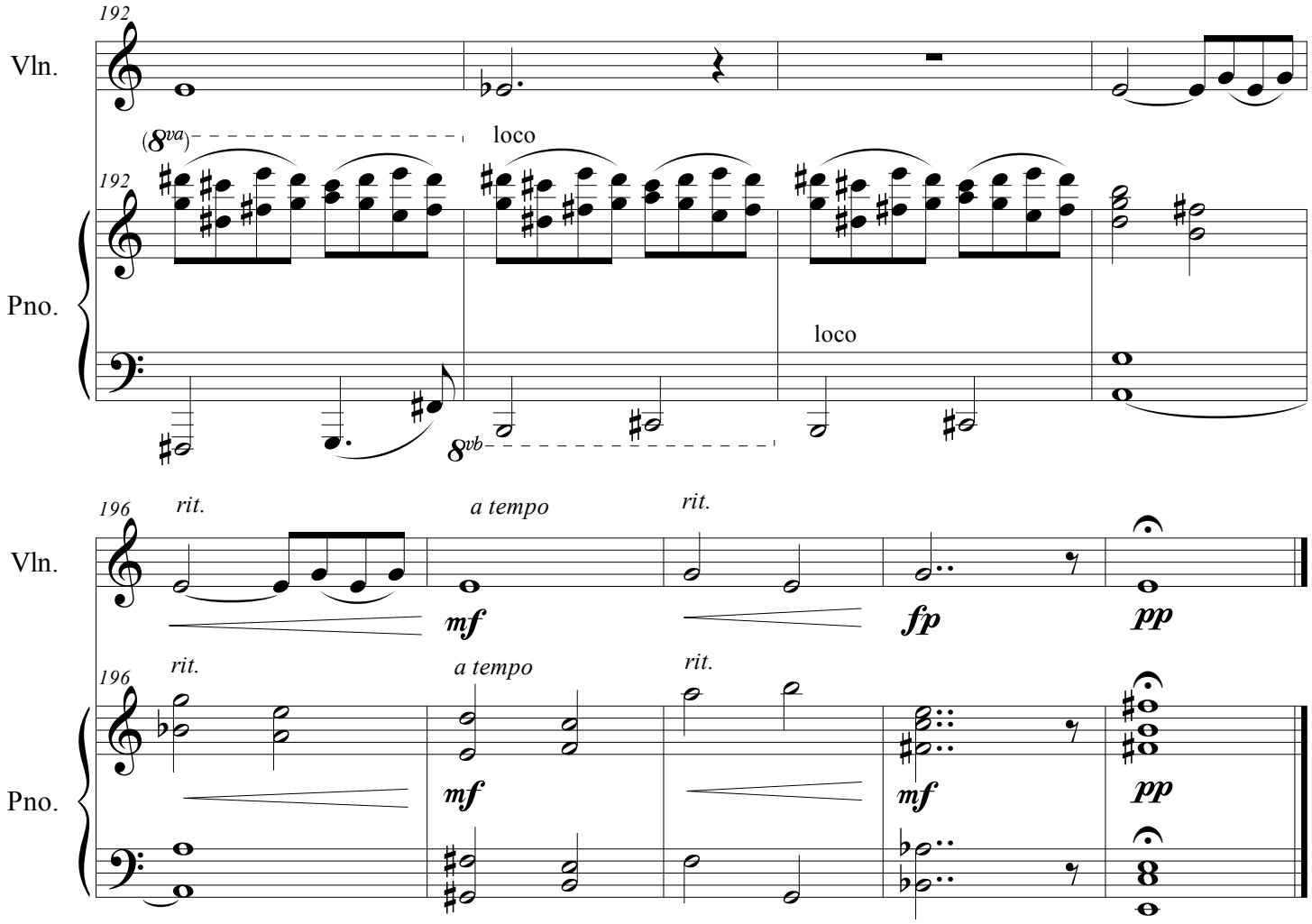

142
Vln.
Pno.
p
mp
mf
mp
mp
mf
p
Ped.
145
Vln.
Pno.
f
p
mf
f
Ped.
149
Vln.
Pno.
mf
f
fp
fp
Ped.


153
Vln.
Pno.
rit.
a tempo
rit.
pp
8va
8vb
158
a tempo
p
cresc.
161
cresc.
mf
cresc.


ten.
♩ = 72
ten.
164
Vln.
f
164
Pno.
166
Vln.
cresc.
166
Pno.
167
Vln.
ff
167
Pno.
p


♩ = 88
169
Vln.
p
f
ff
allarg. (to m. 177)
Pno.
173
8va
177
a tempo
dim.
rit.


179
a tempo
rit.
♩ = 72
Vln.
Pno.
p
pp
Ped.
8vb
183
8va
187


192
Vln.
(8va)
loco
192
Pno.
loco
8vb
196
rit.
a tempo
rit.
Vln.
mf
fp
pp
196
rit.
a tempo
rit.
Pno.
mf
mf
pp