Twenty-Four Schubert Dances

by Franz Schubert

**From D.145, D.146, D. 158, D.299, D.365, D.366,
D.420, D.421, D.643, D.734, D.735 and D.781**

Arranged for Piano Four Hands by Peter Billam

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These well-loved pieces are offered here in new arrangements for Piano Four Hands, for teaching or social piano playing. The originals for piano (two hands) are available from *Dover*, who in 1989 reprinted the editions by *Breitkopf & Härtel* of 1889 and 1897.

Two dances have been chosen in each of the twelve key signatures, one in triple time (a Waltz, Ländler or Deutscher) and one in duple time (an Écossaise). For four hands, most of these pieces become technically very easy, in fact some of the Écossaises could serve as first pieces. Musically they remain extremely rewarding, and in a teaching situation offer a solid rhythm, a variety of moods and key-signatures, and a joy of music-making which are hard to match.

With the Écossaises it was possible to preserve several sequences intended by Schubert, but the order of these Waltzes is very arbitrary, determined largely by the desire to fit two dances onto each page.

Schubert writes the Écossaises in two different ways; some move in crochets and quavers and have eight bars per line, others in quavers and semiquavers and have four bars per line. The former should move at *doppio movimiento*, taking the same time overall; a good Écossaise tempo would be about 108 or 112 beats (minims or chrochets) per minute. As to the nuances in *tempo* and expression between Waltzes, Ländler and Deutscher, I would welcome feedback from people who know these things . . .

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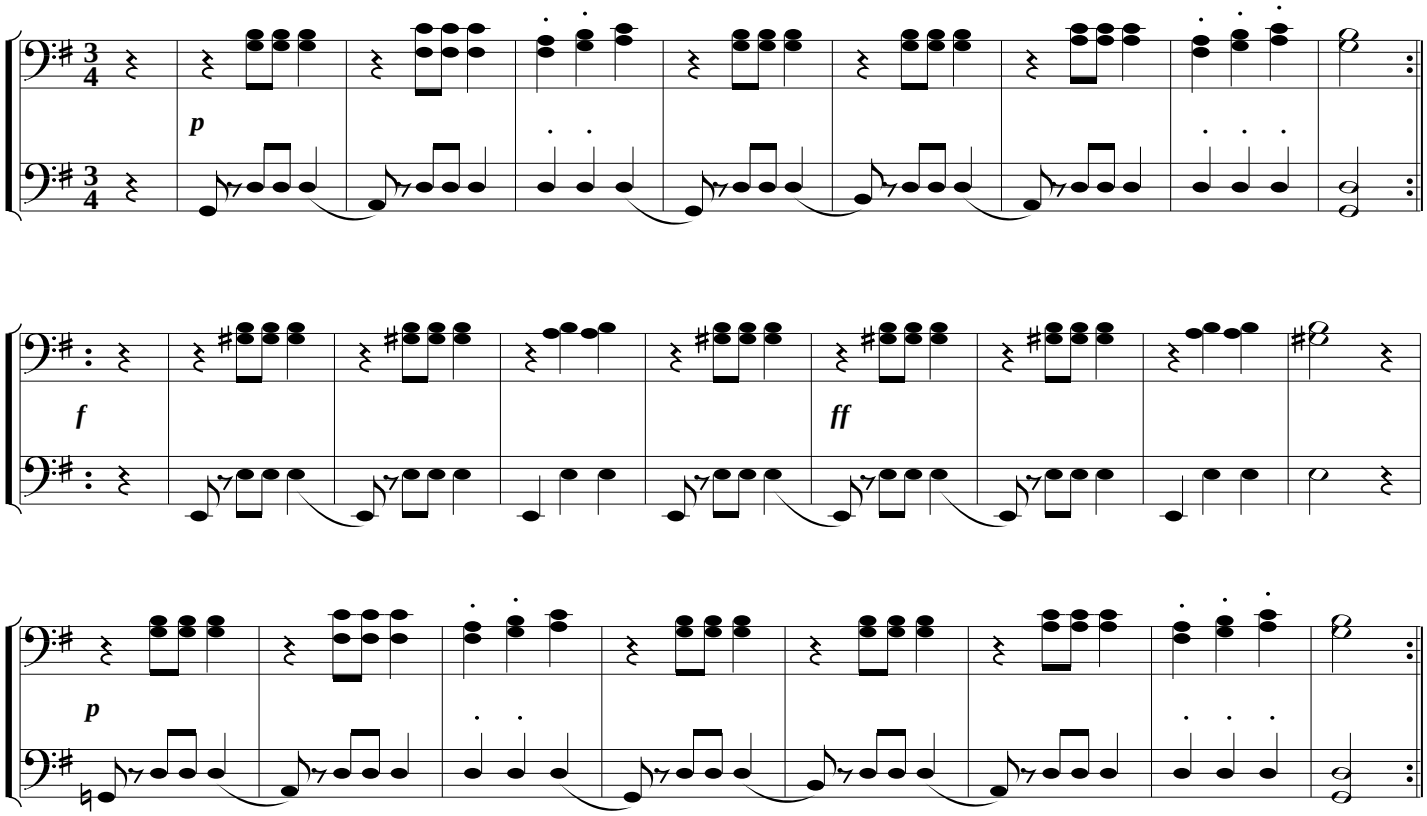
Ländler

from Hommage aux Belles Viennoises, Op.67 D.734 No. 1



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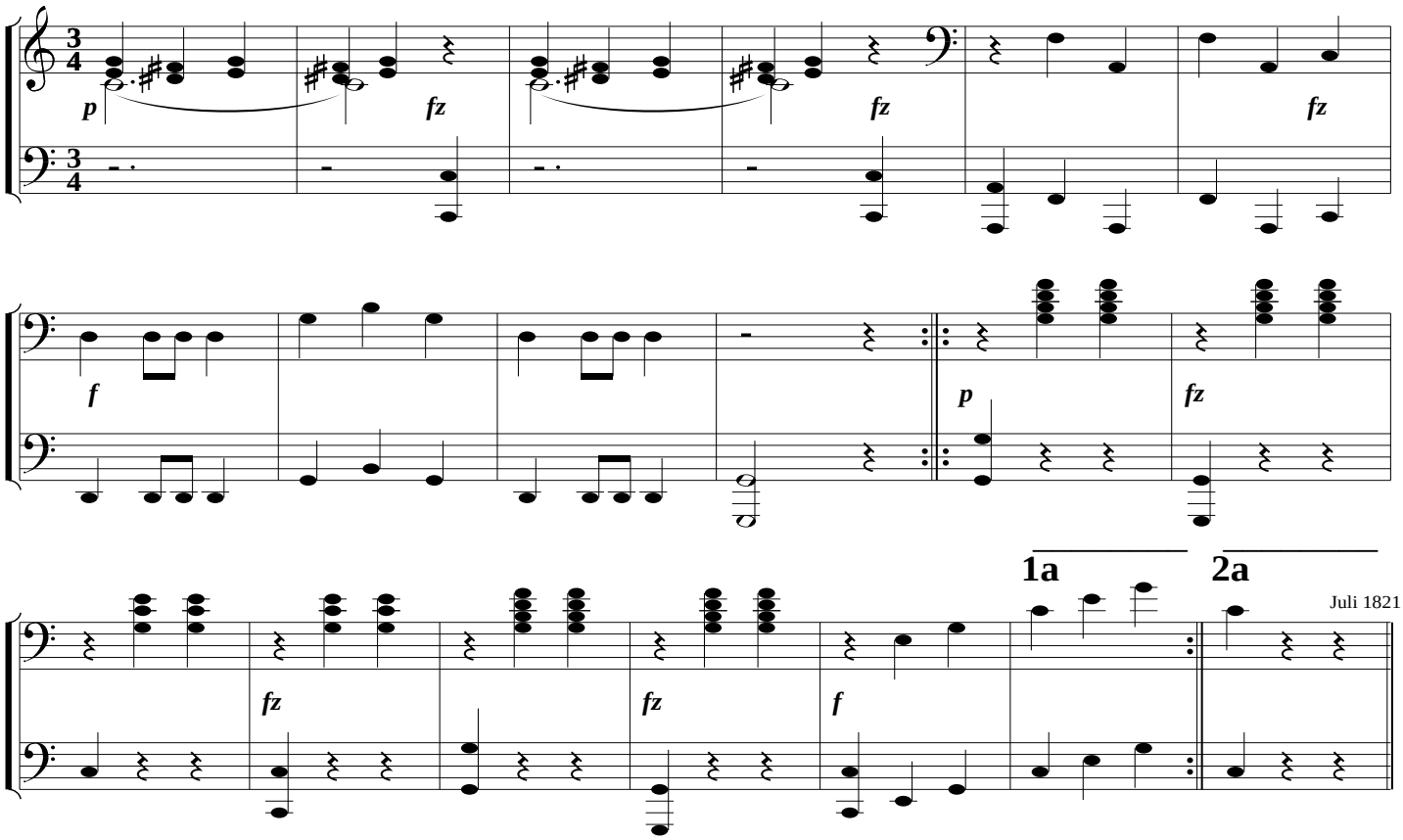

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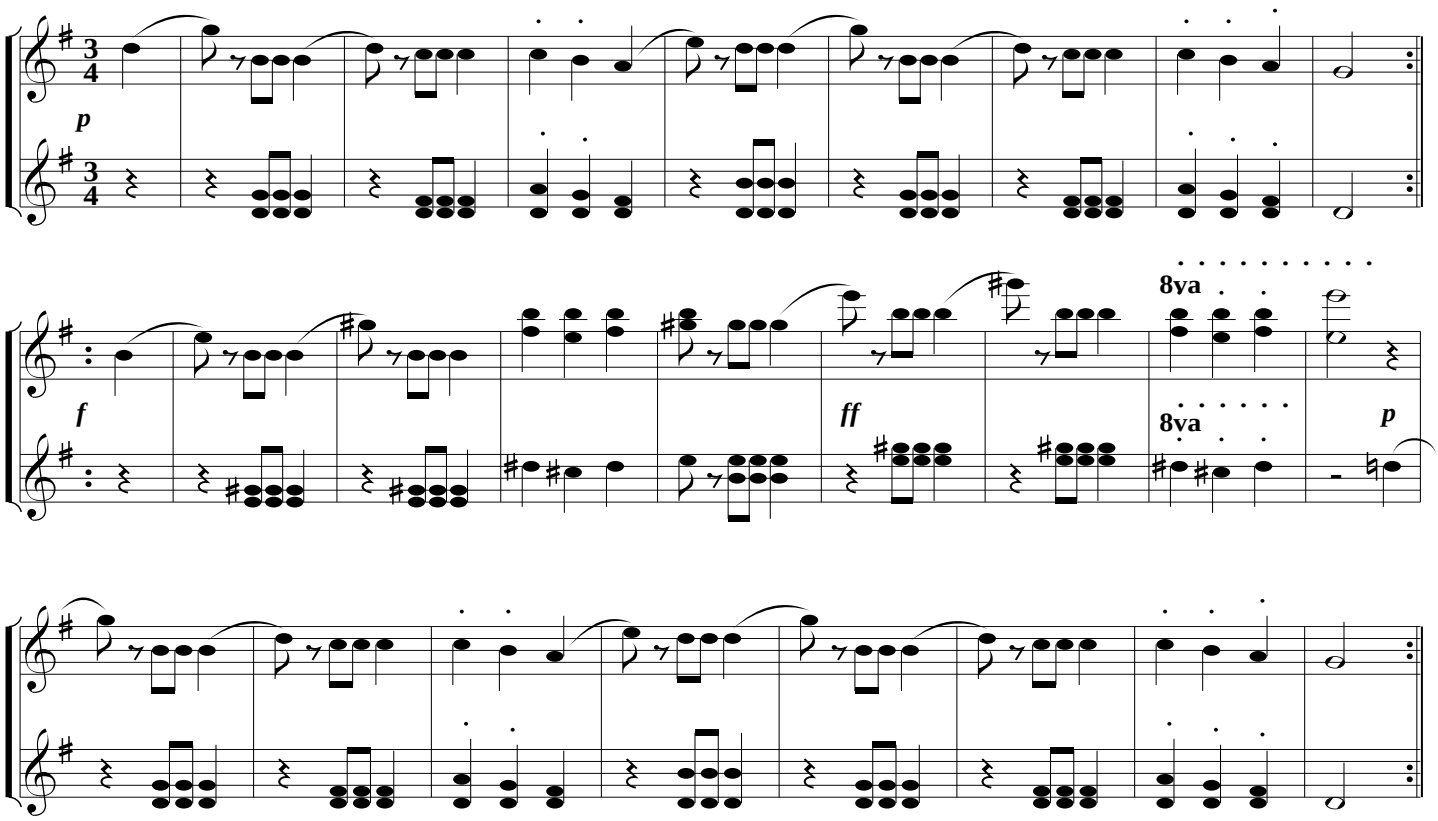

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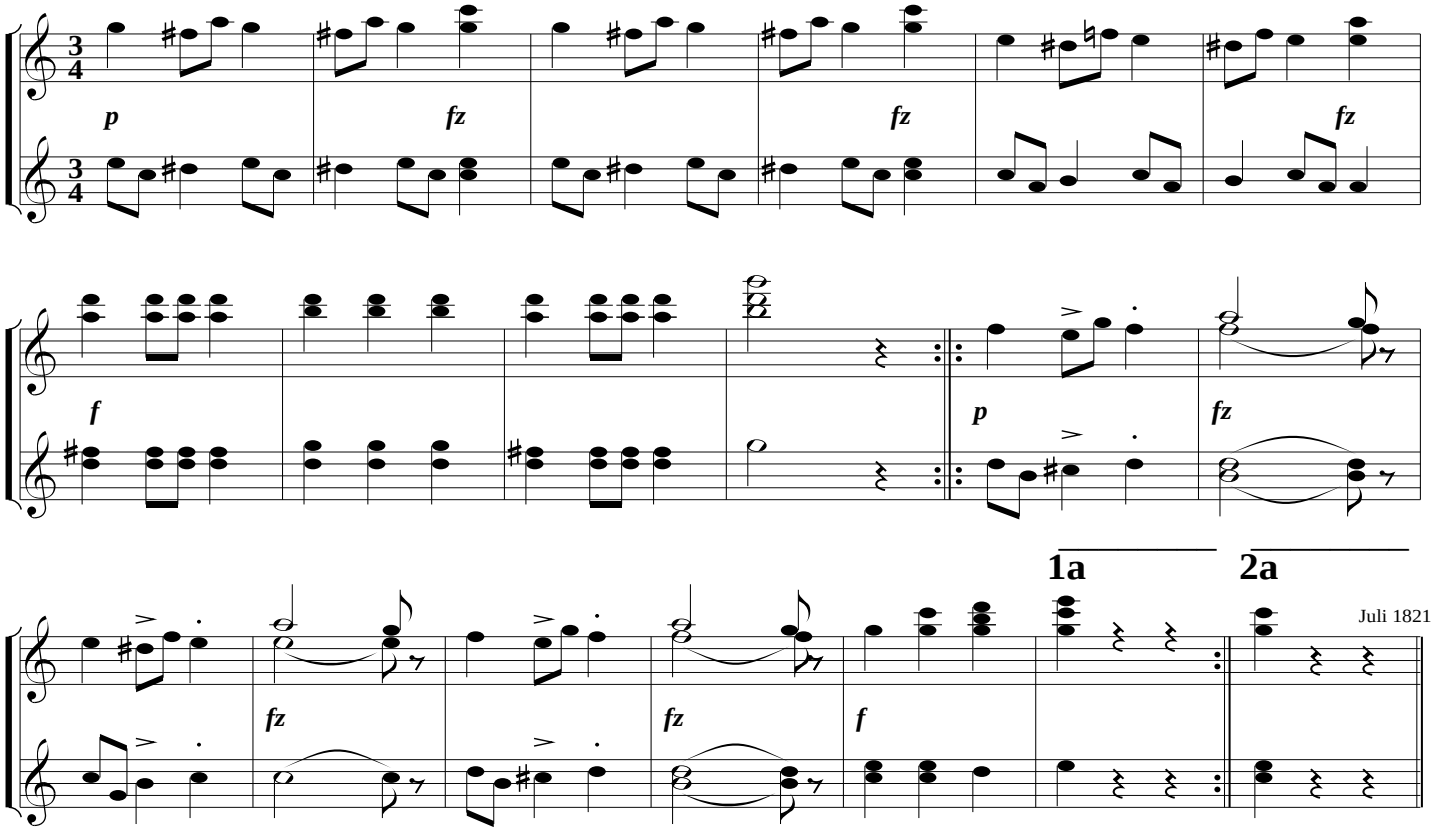

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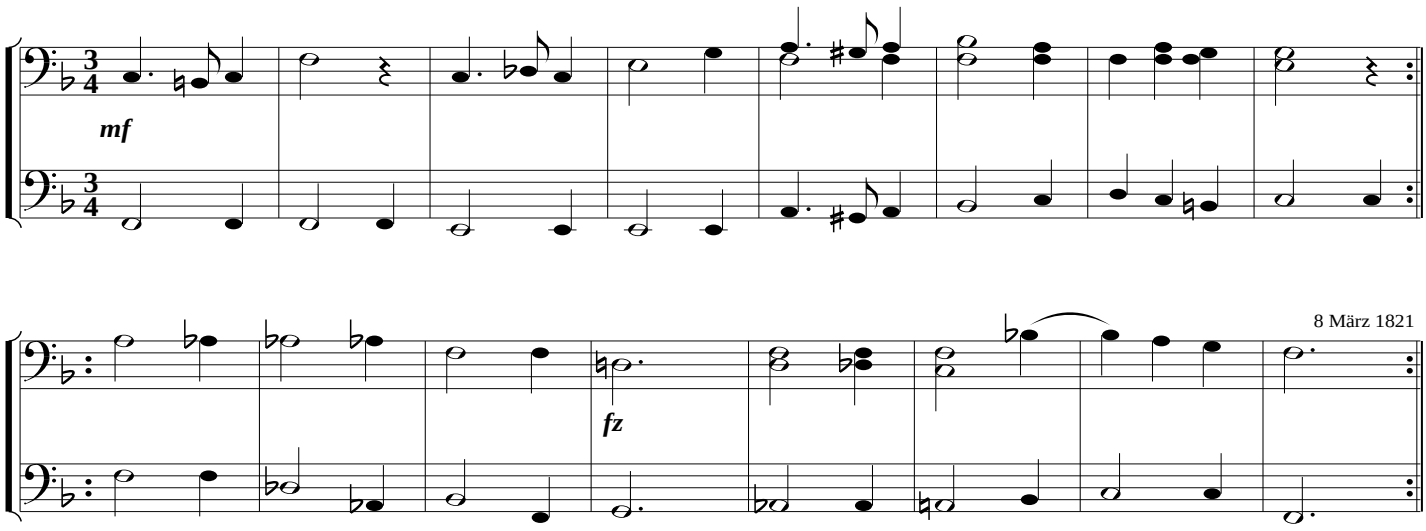

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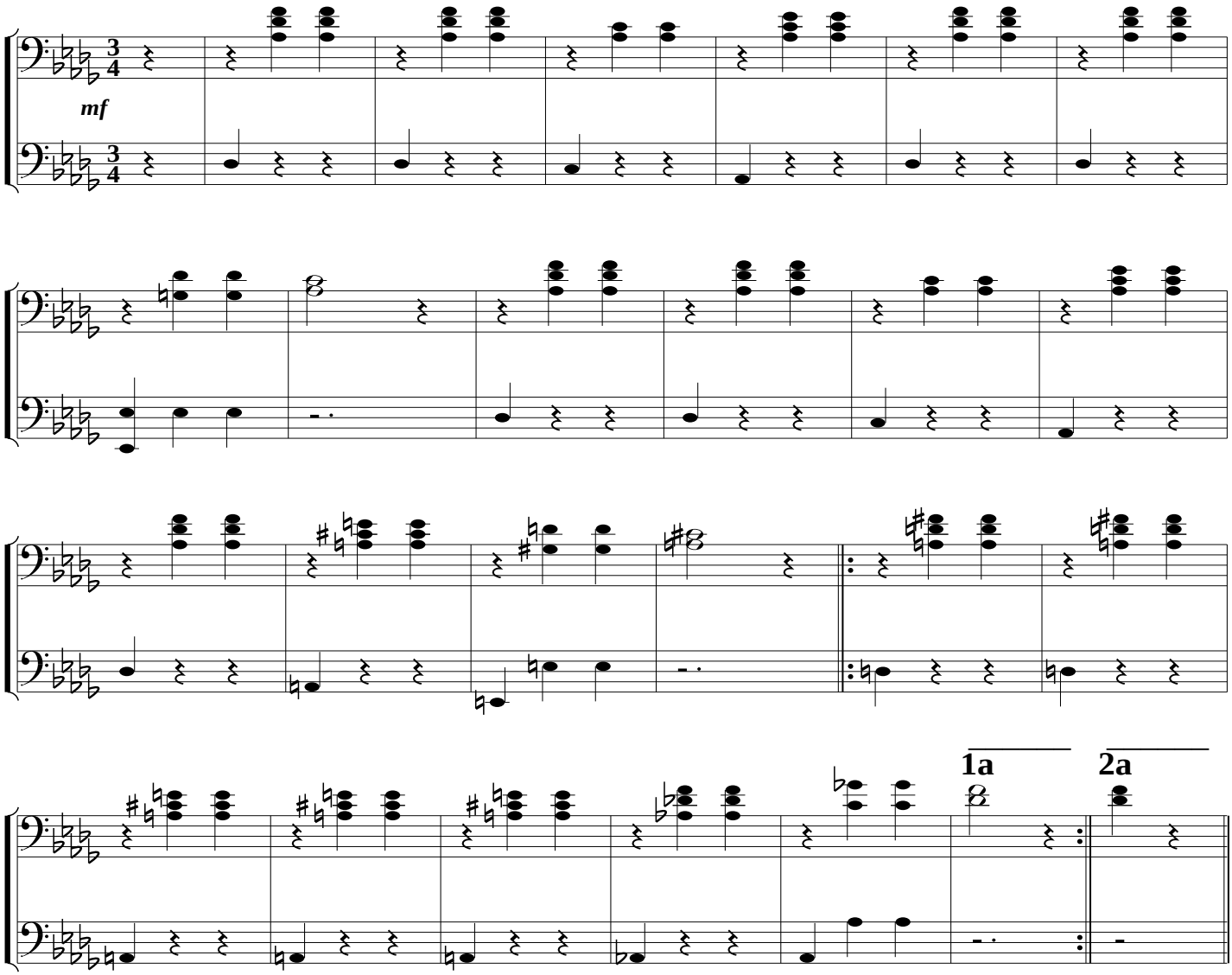

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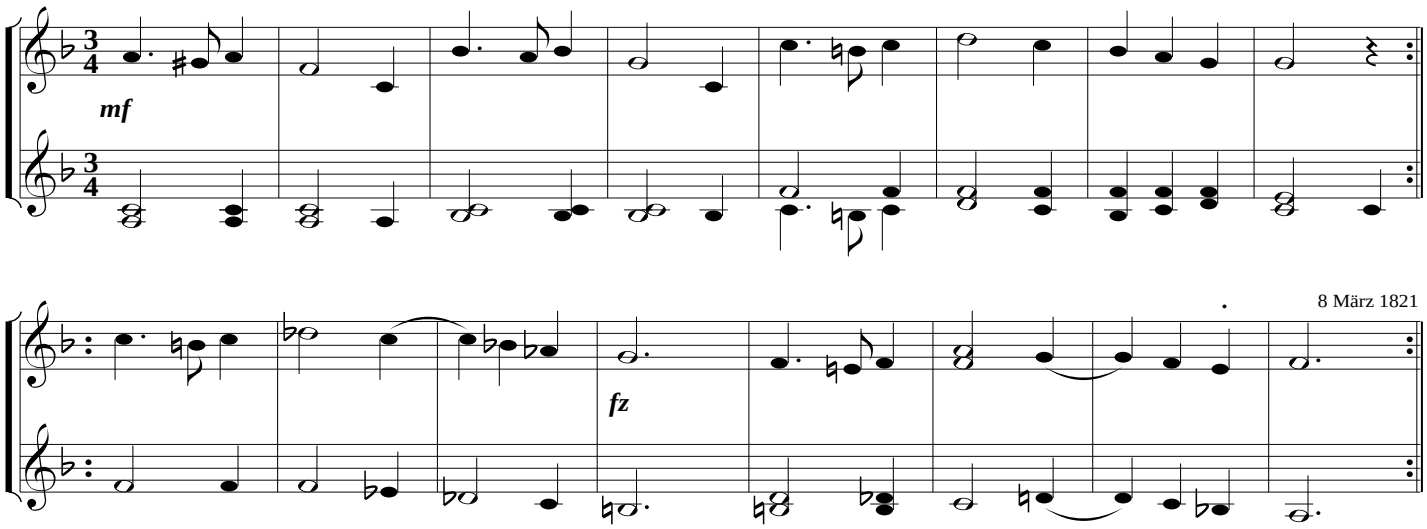

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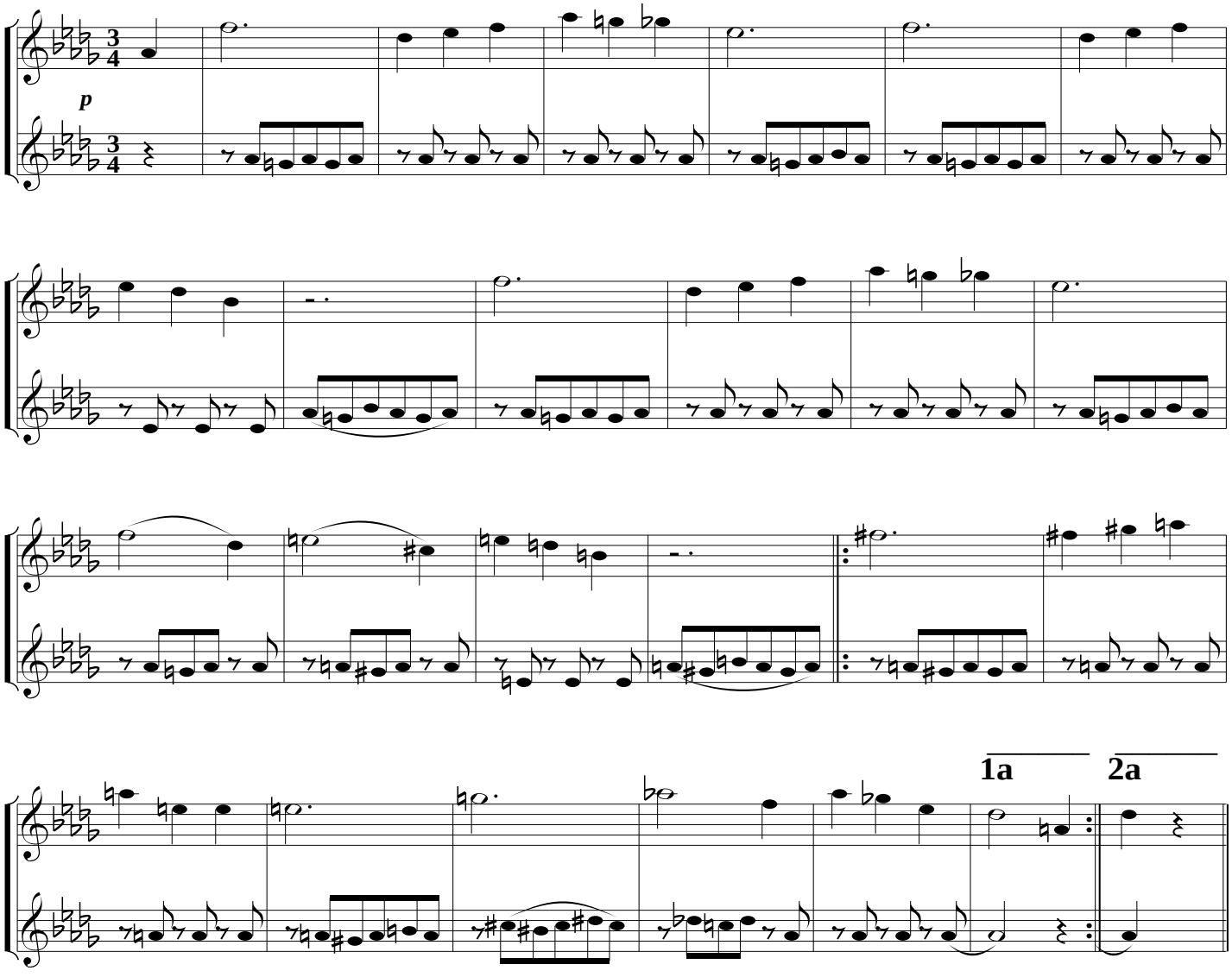

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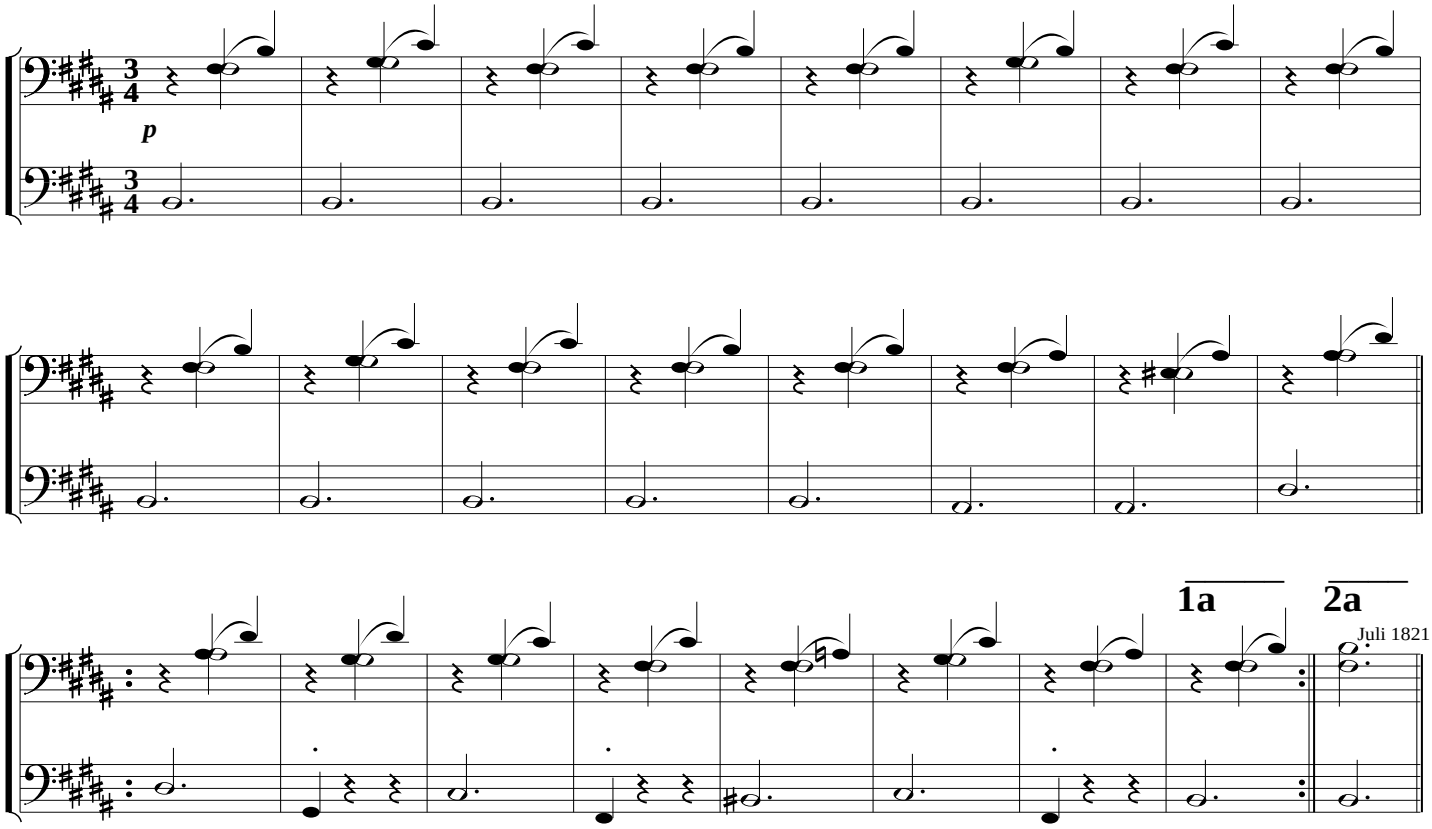

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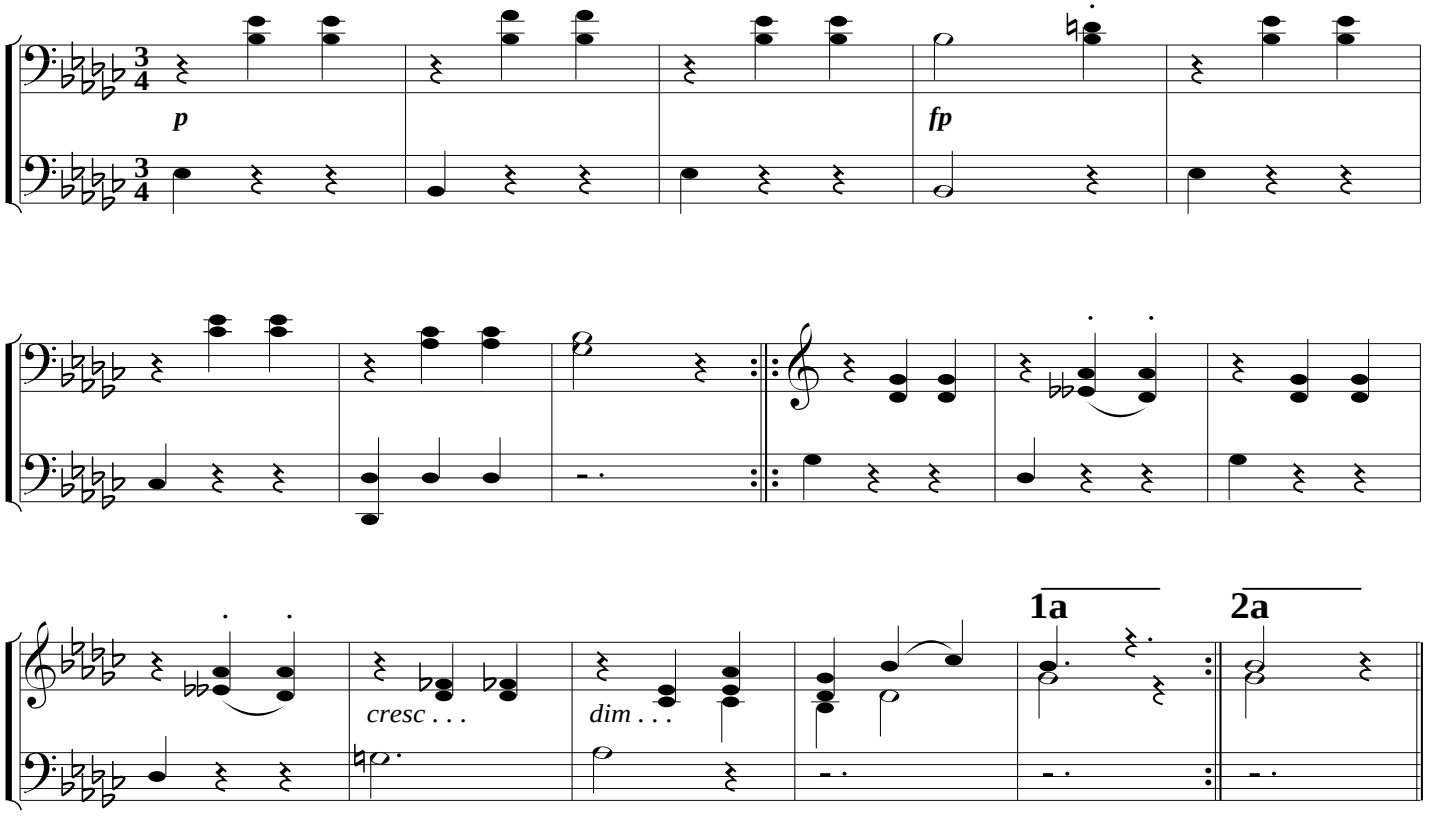

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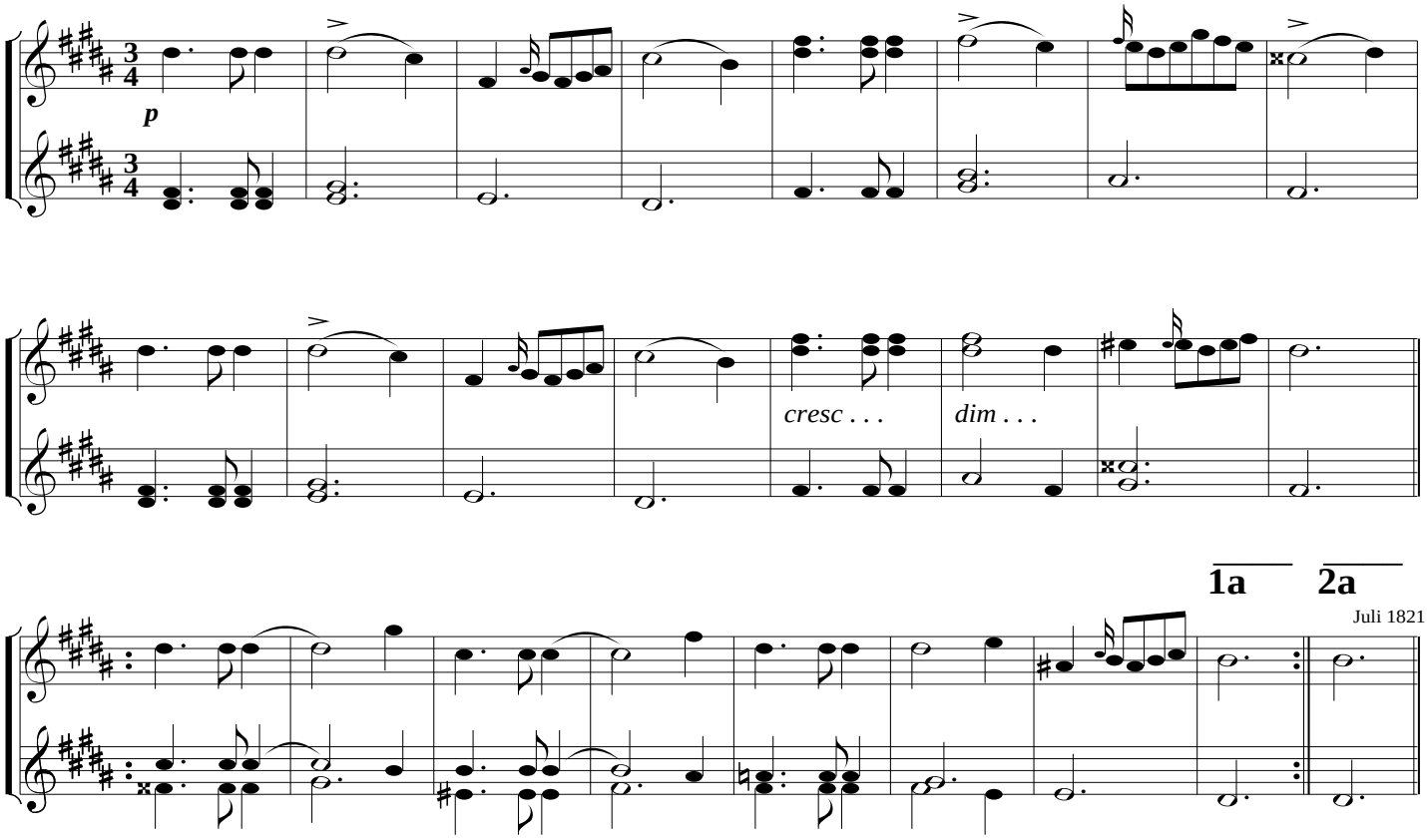

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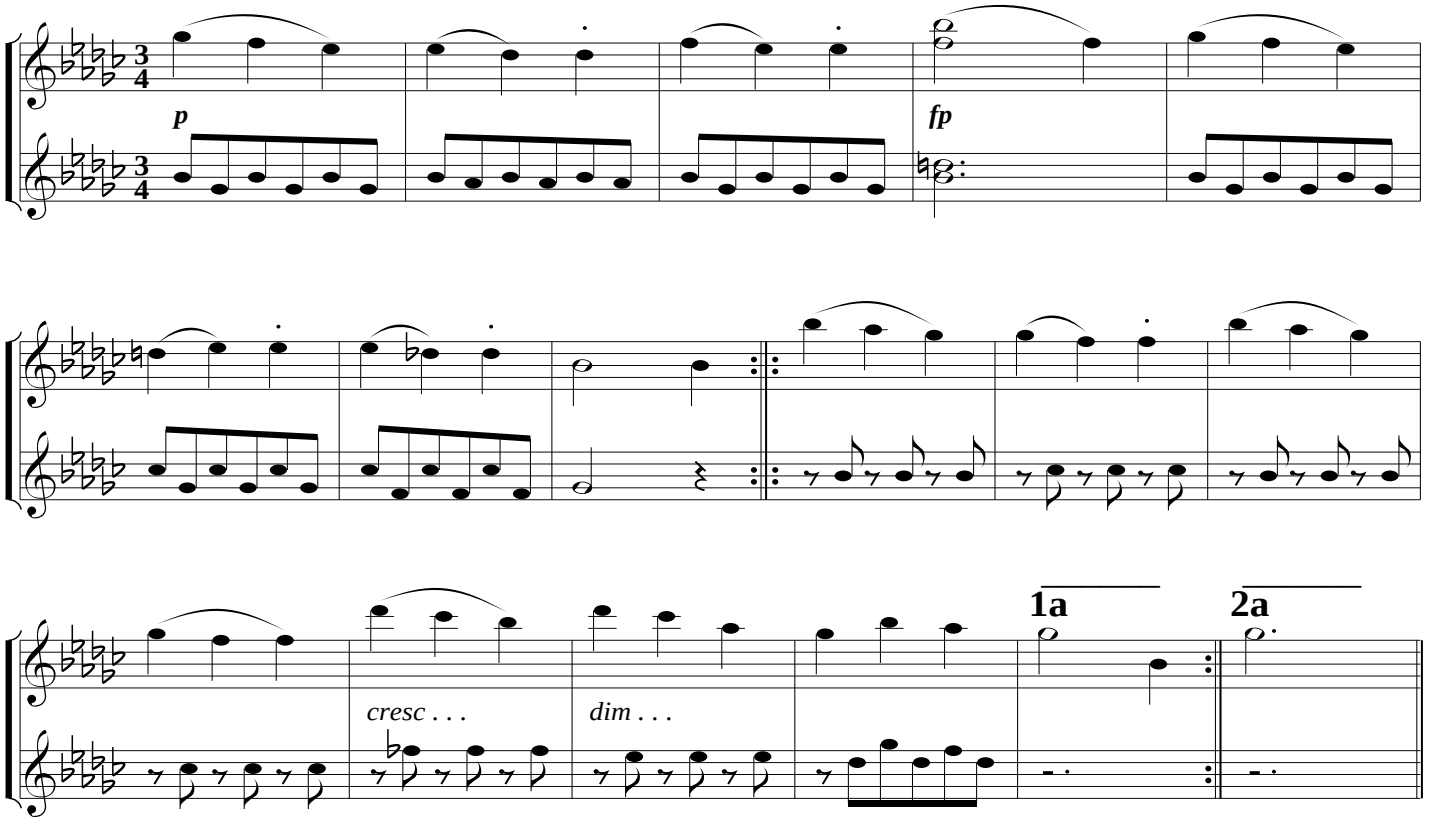

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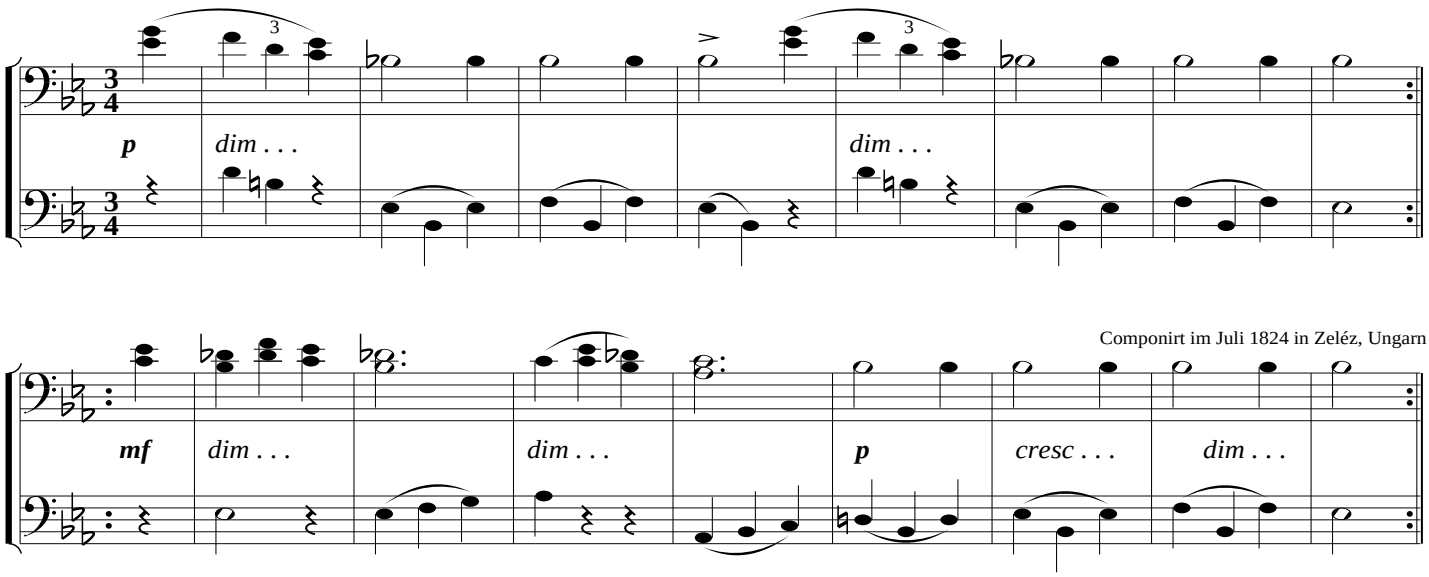

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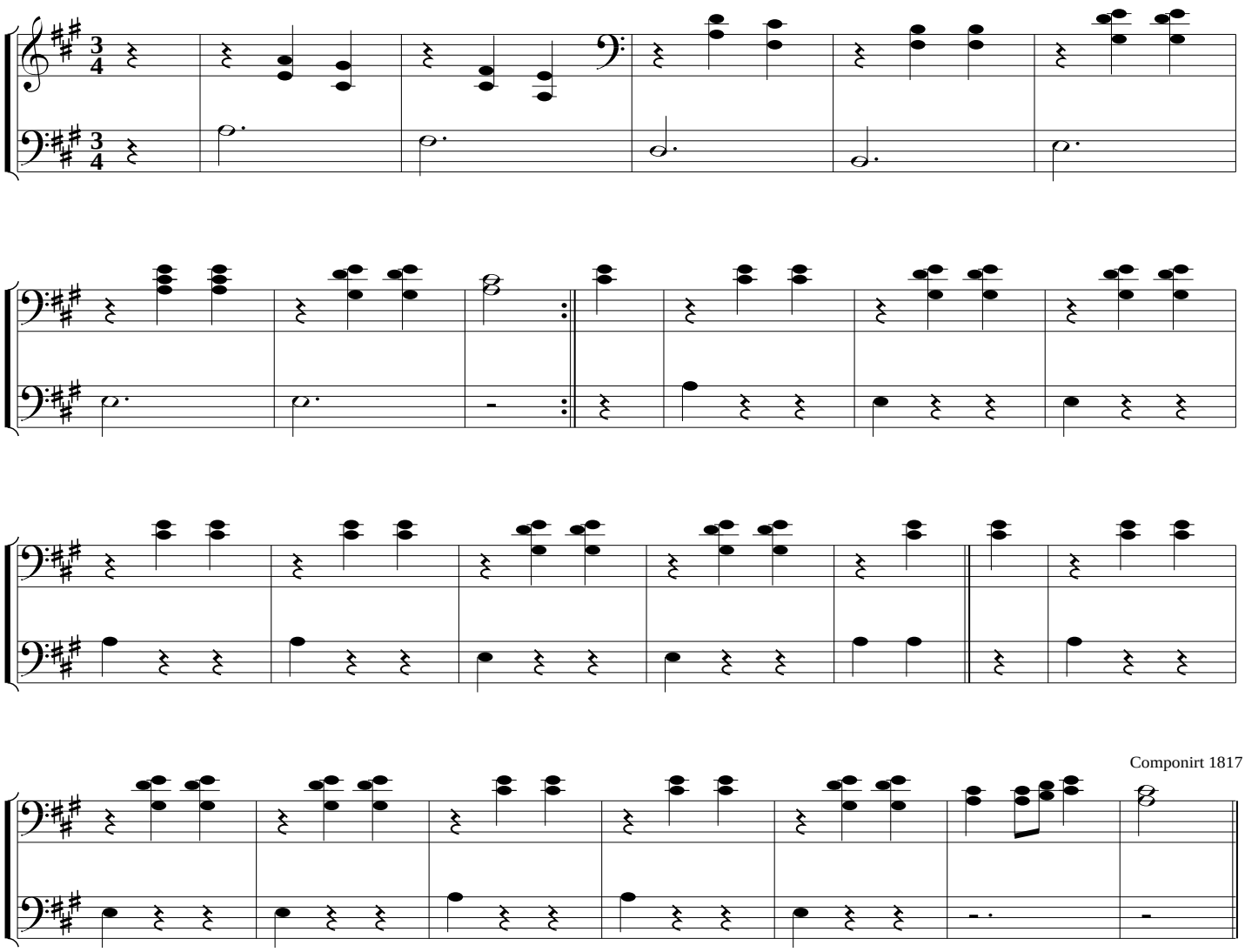

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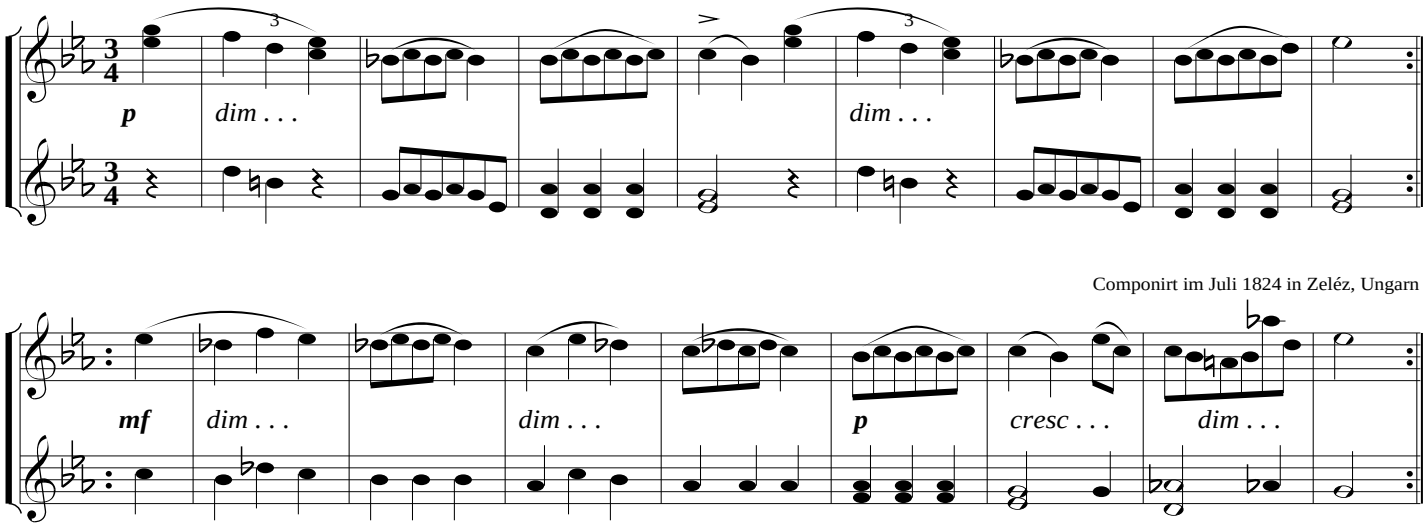

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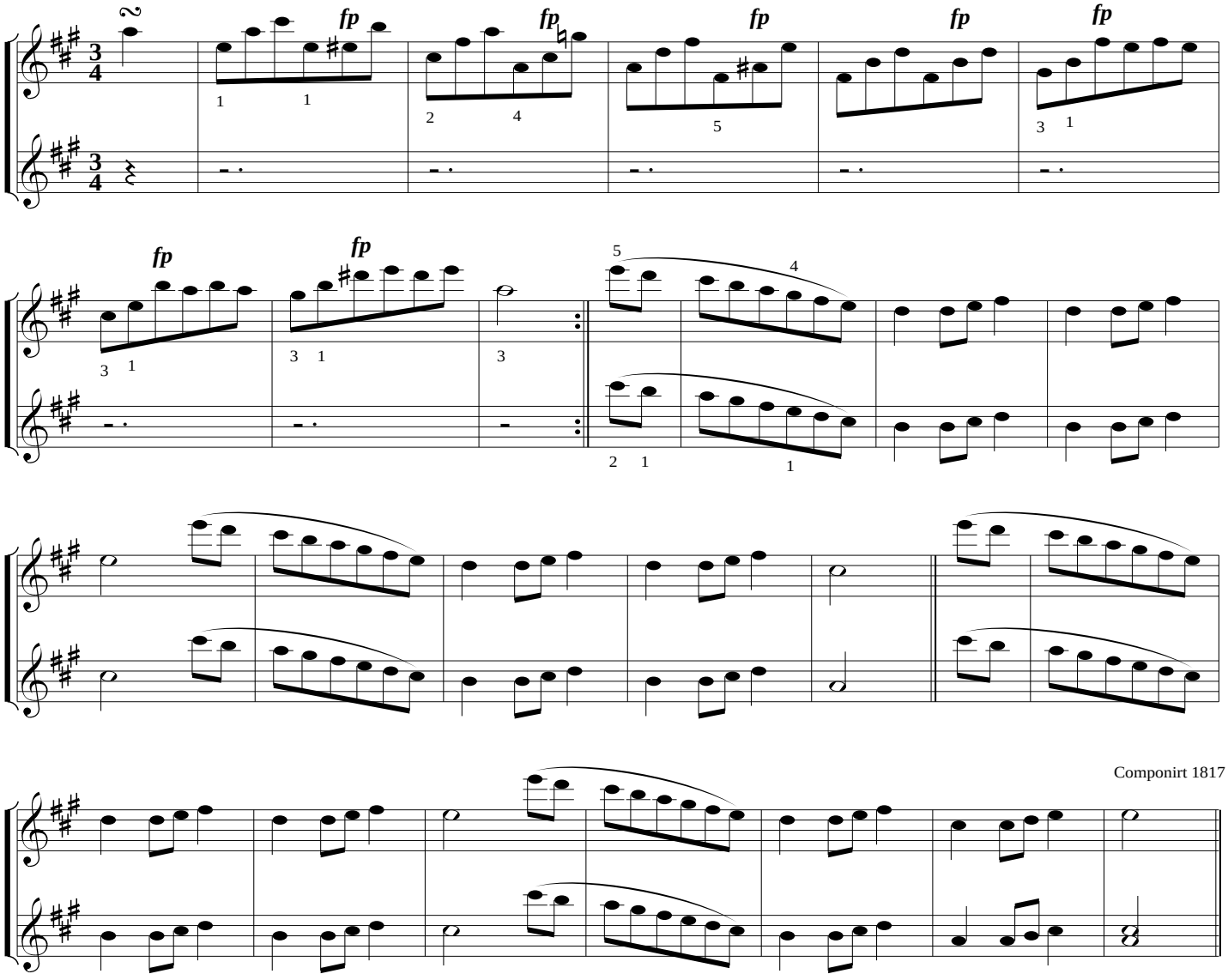

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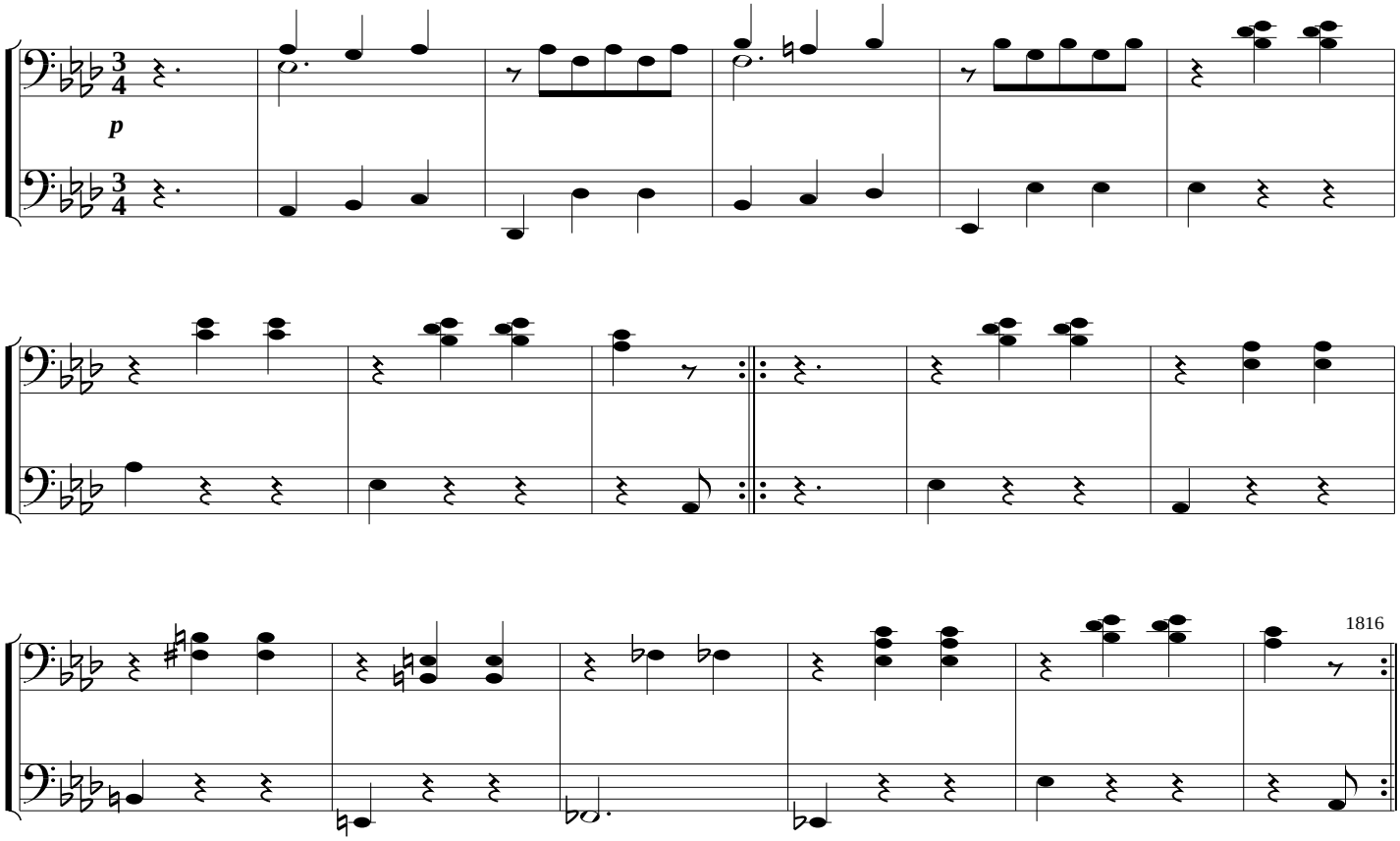

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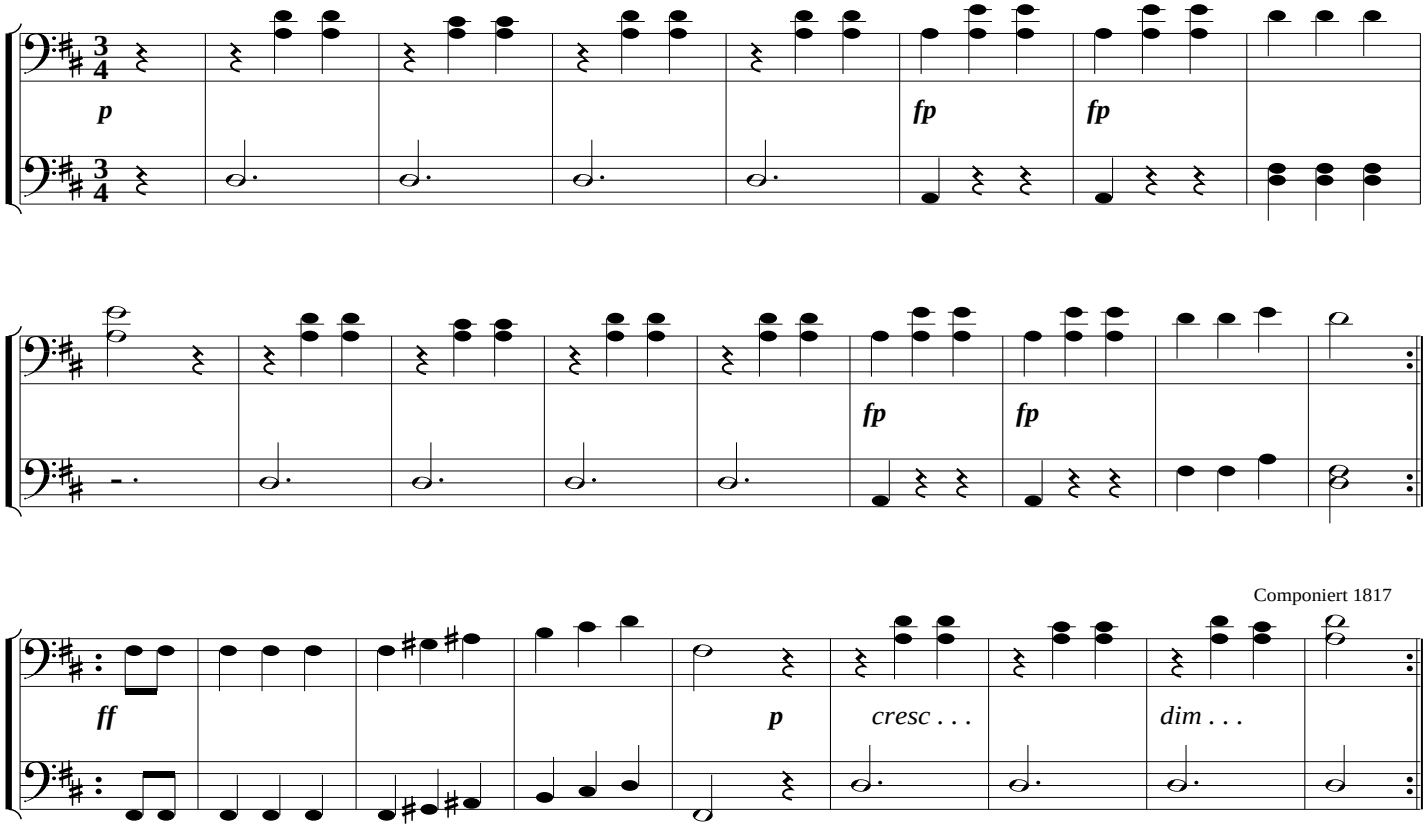

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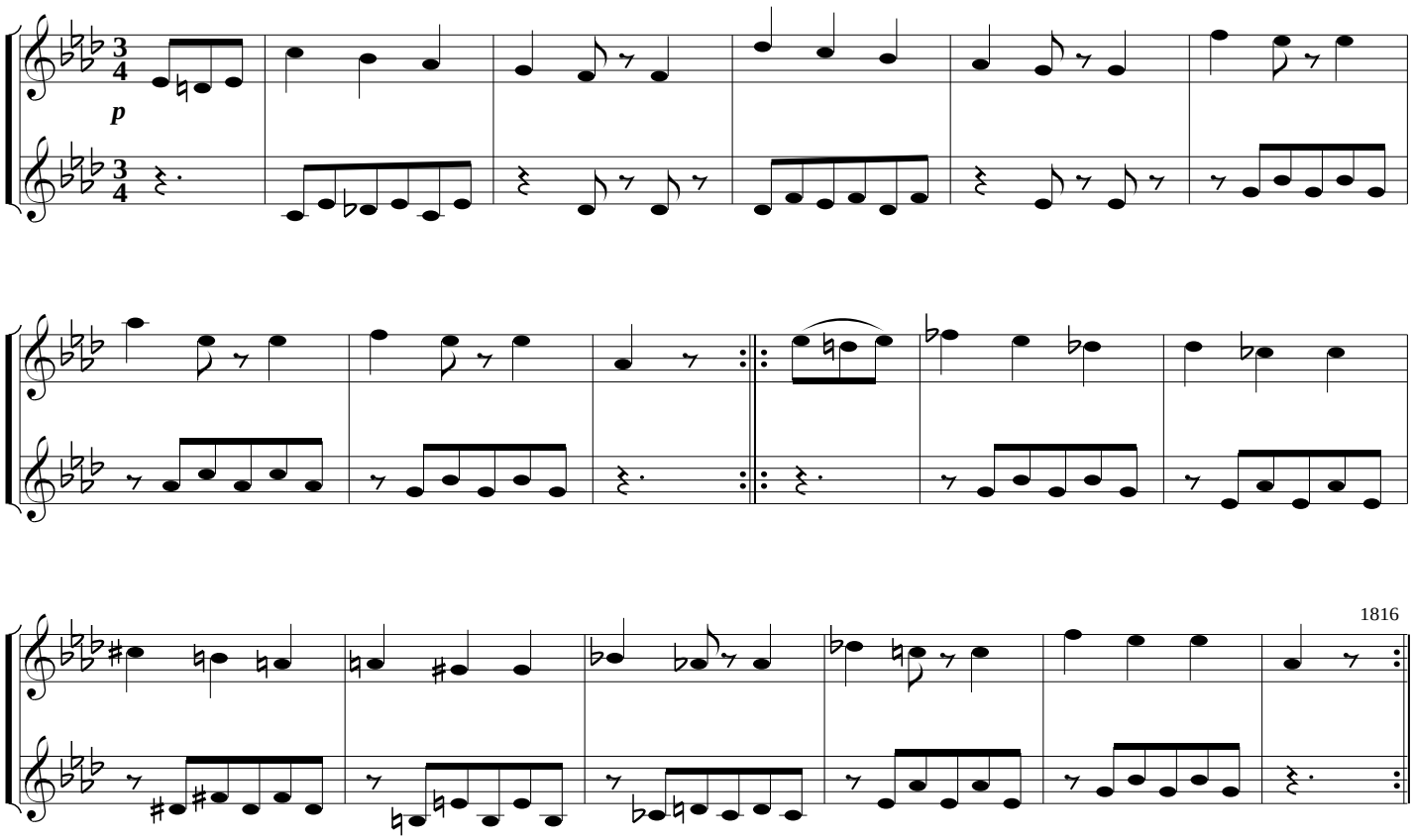

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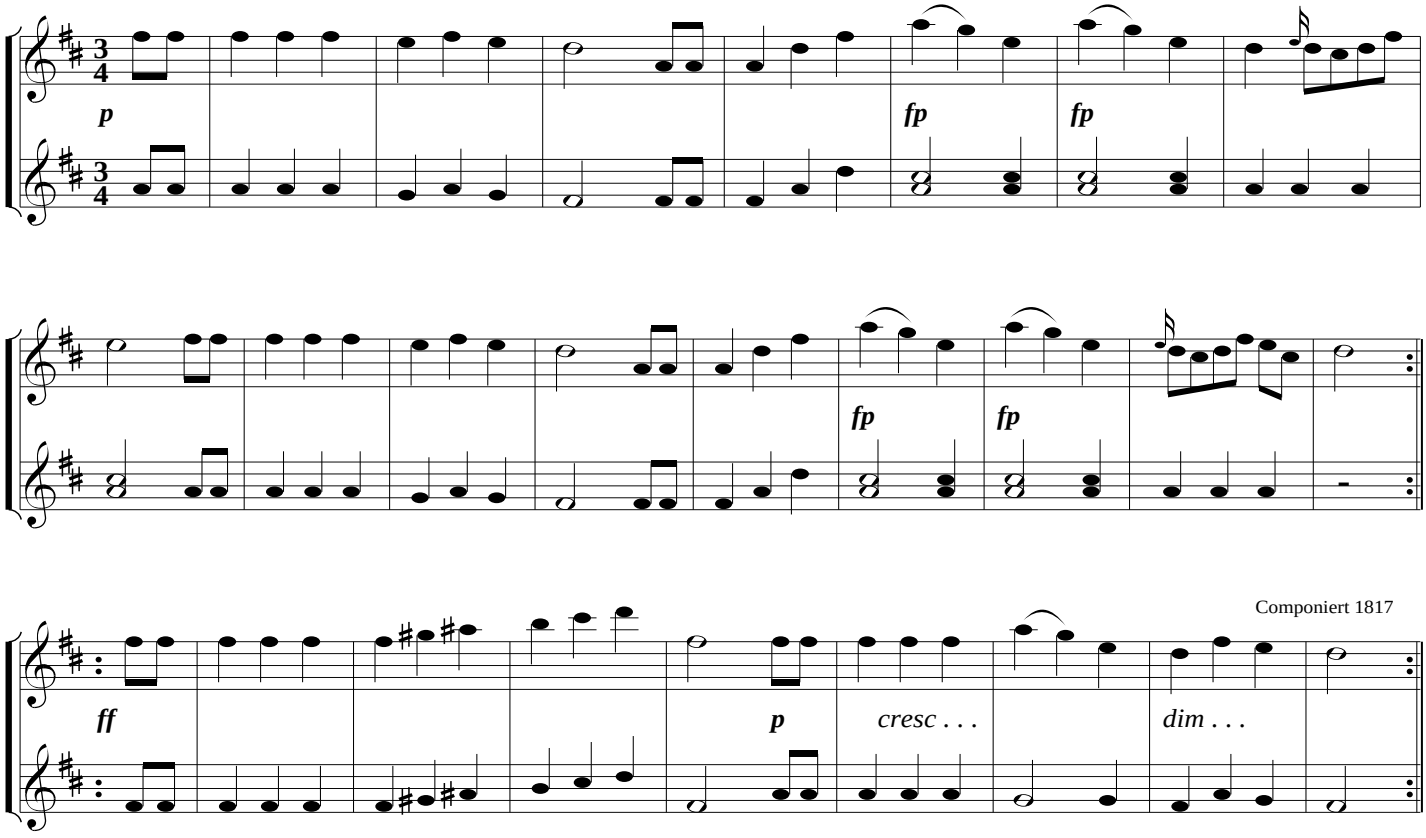

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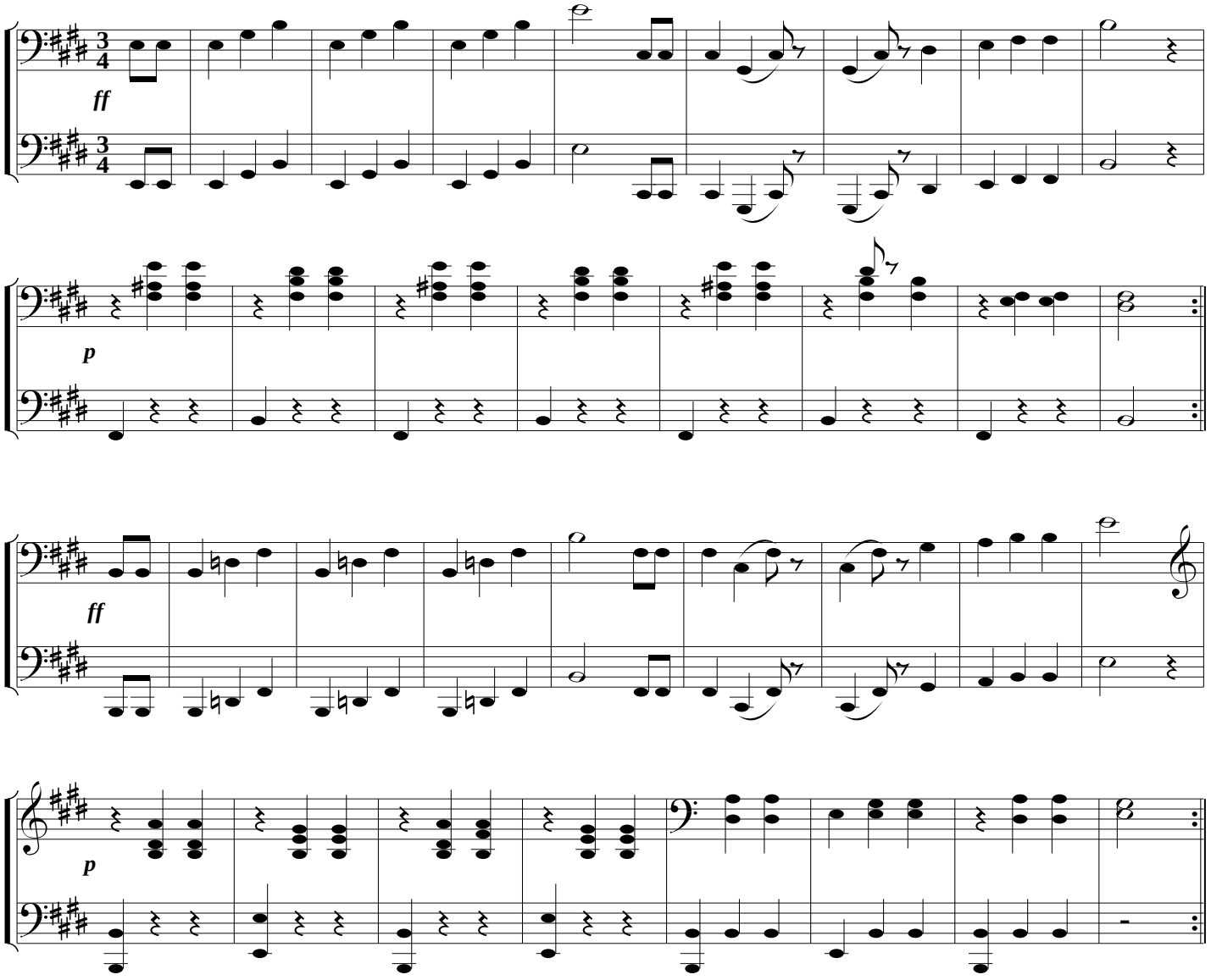

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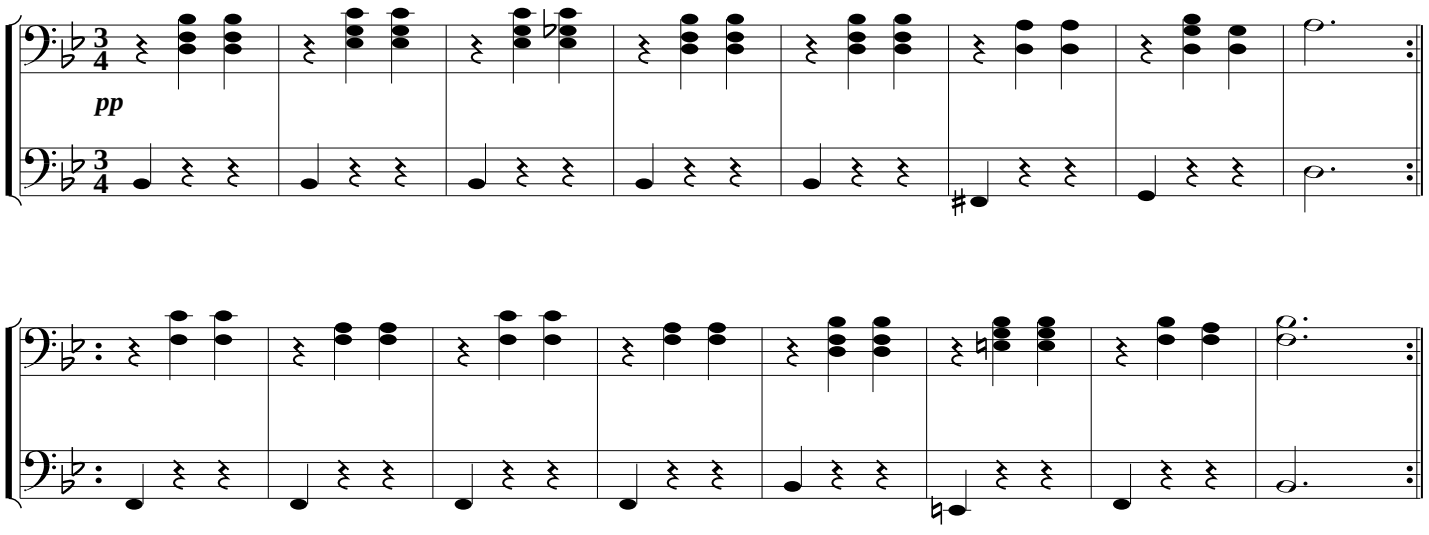

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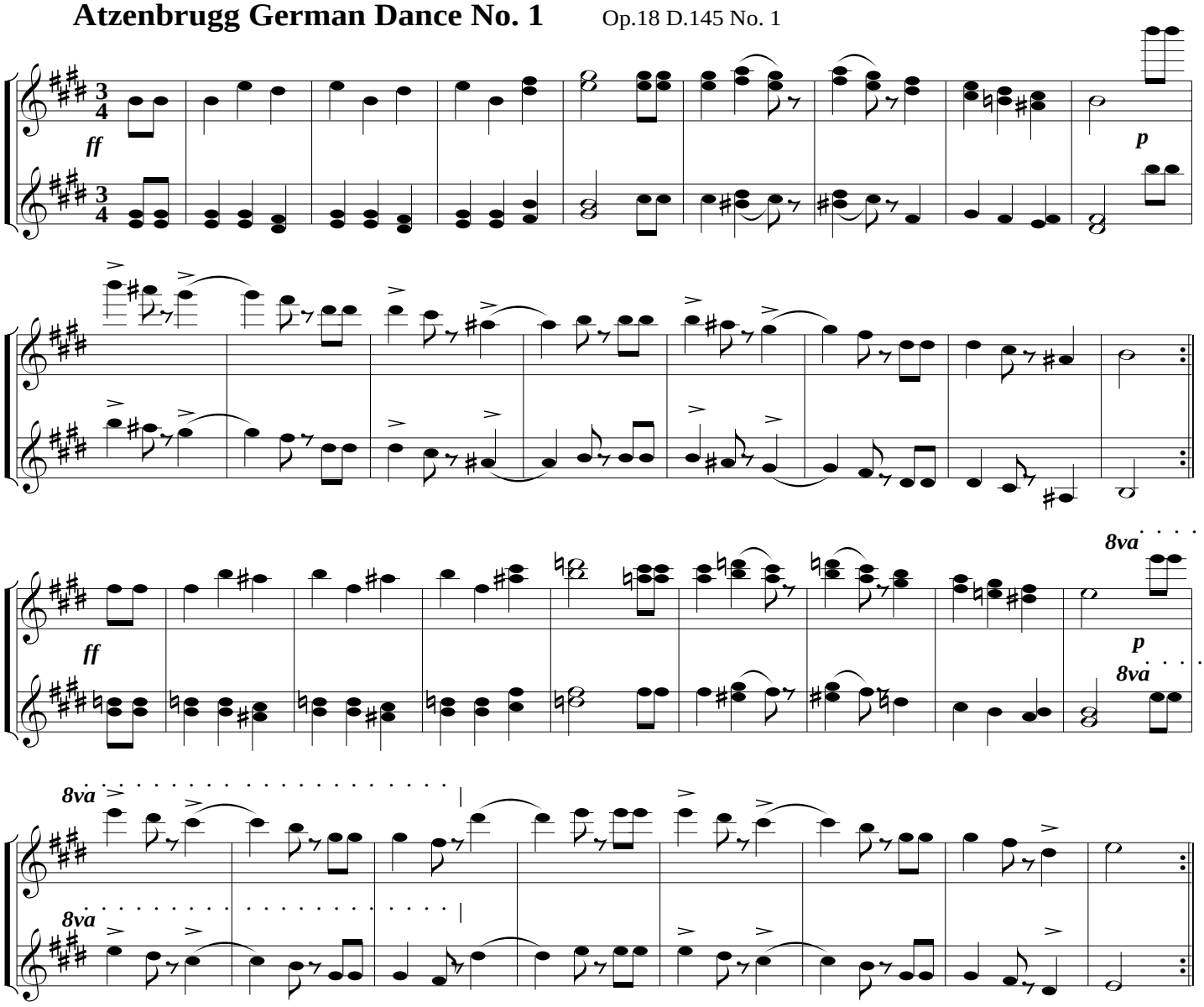

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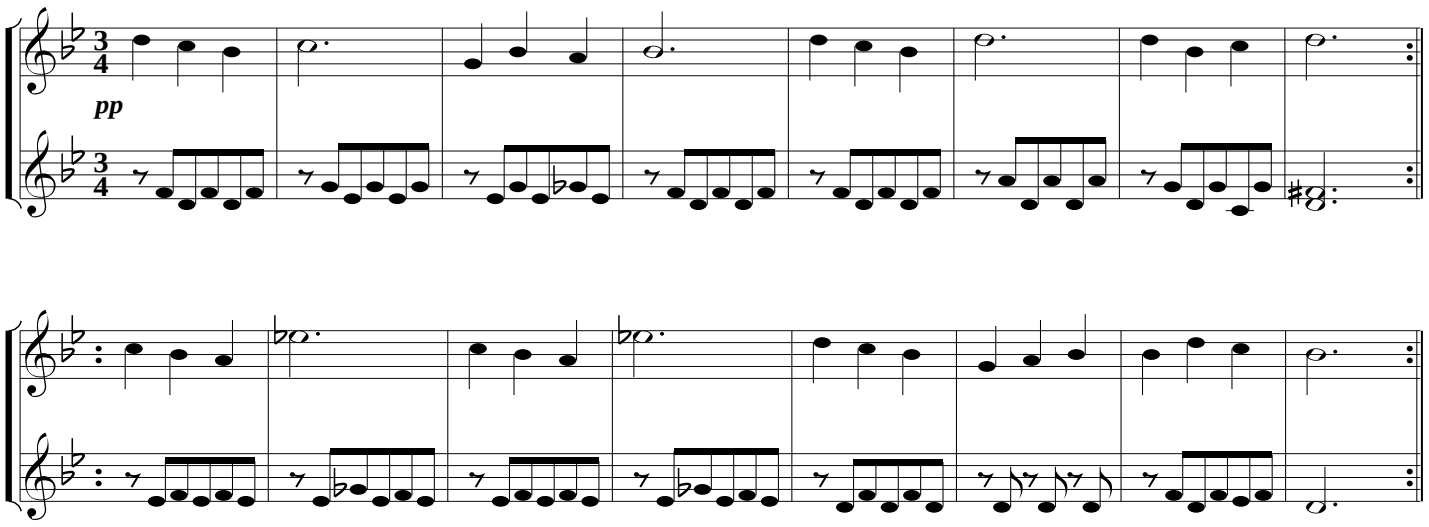

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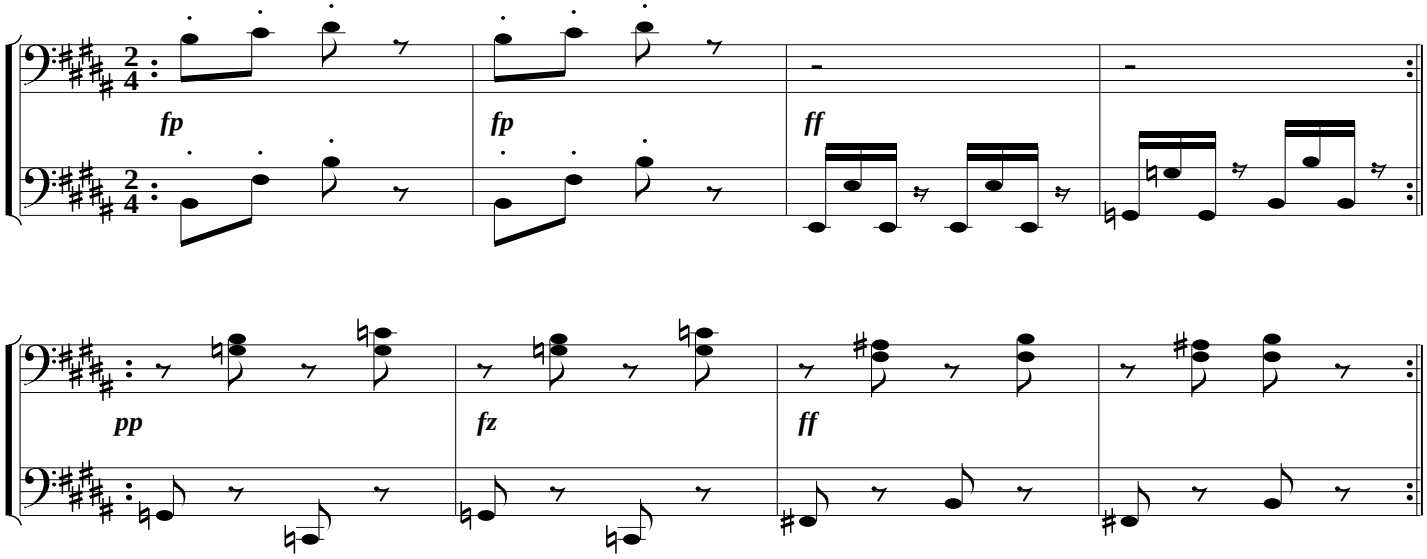

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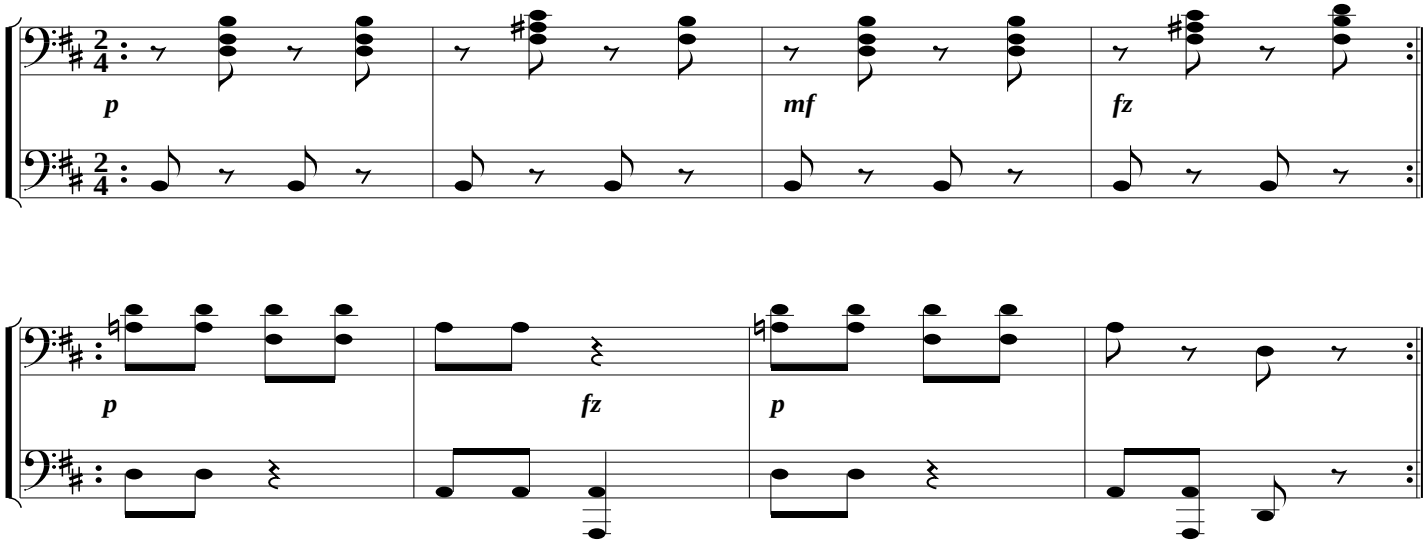

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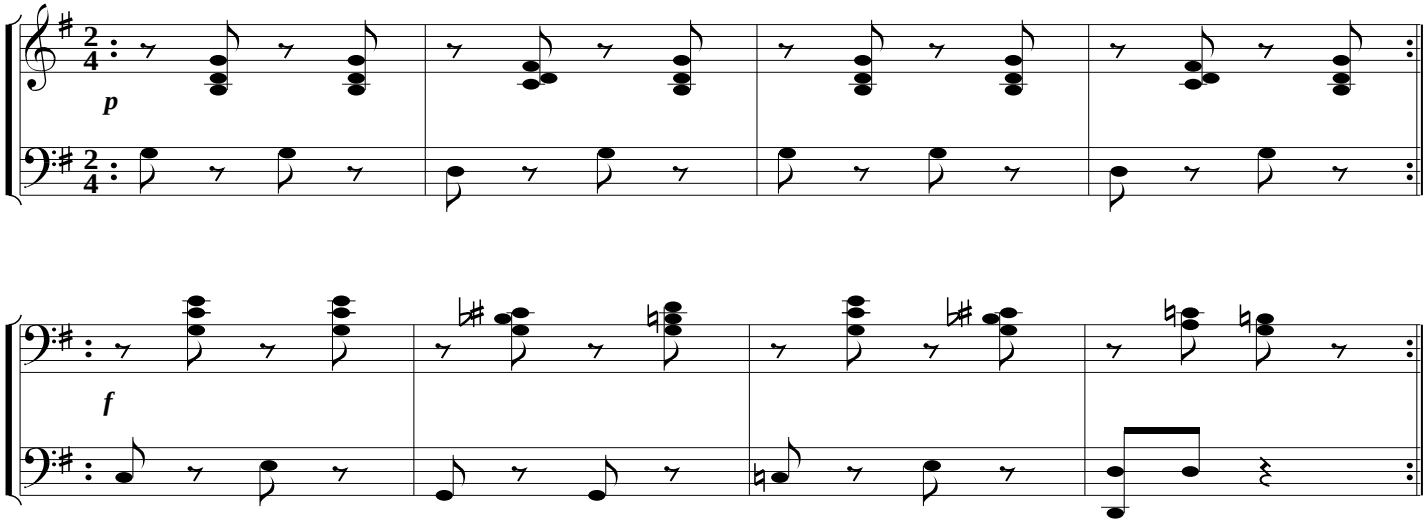

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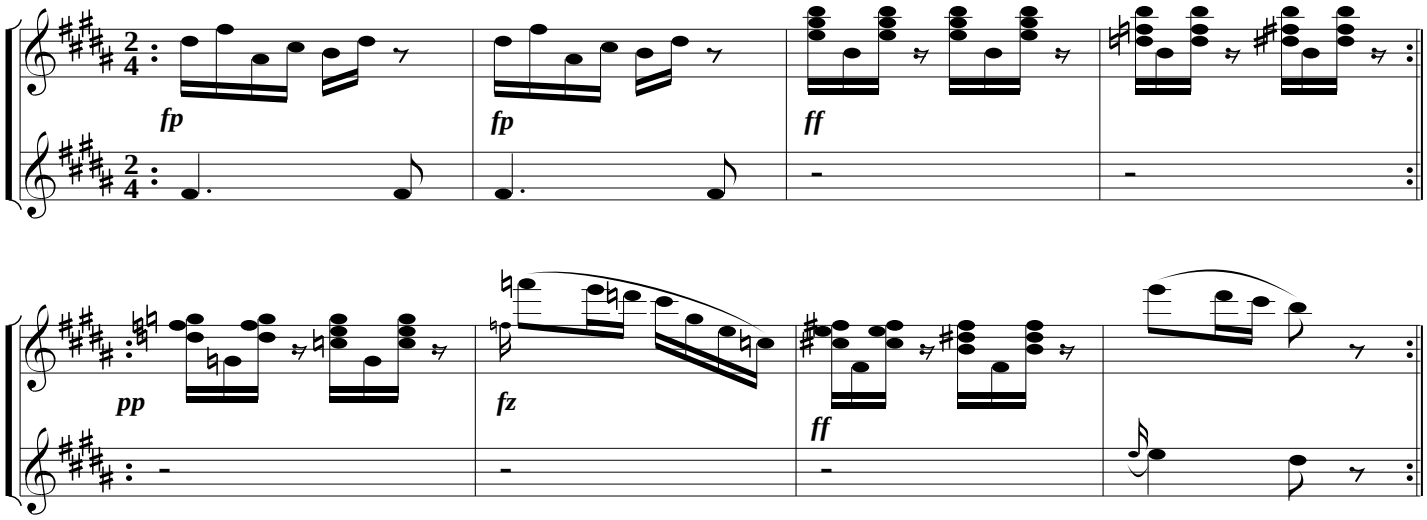

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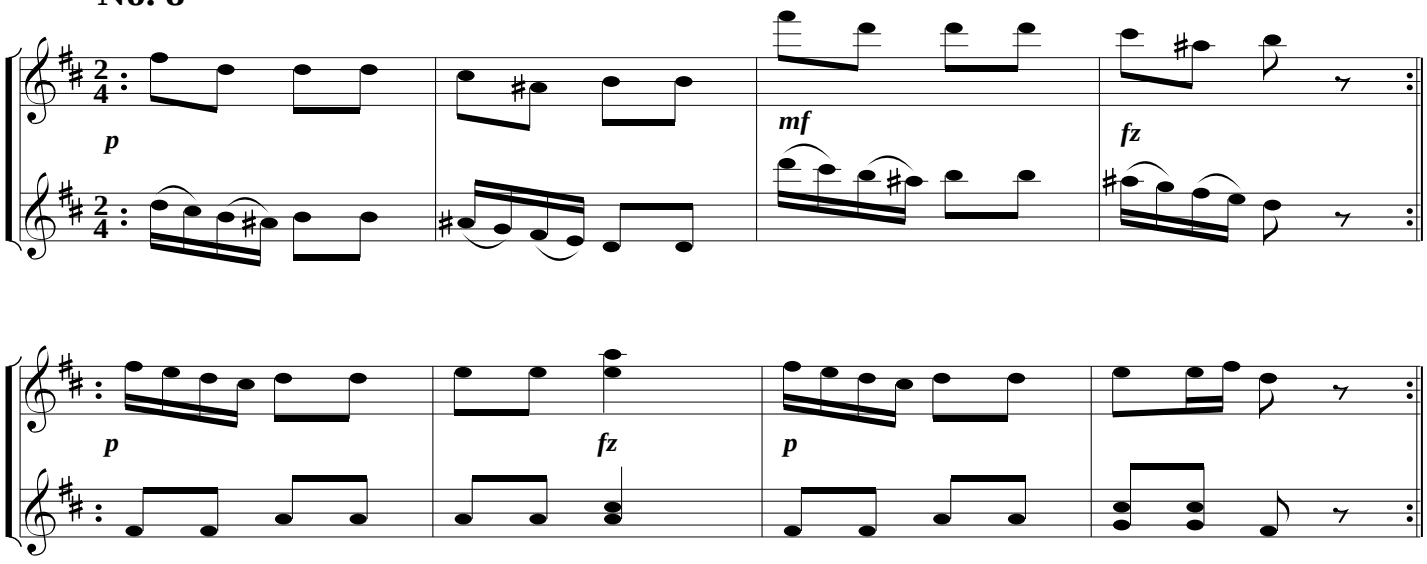

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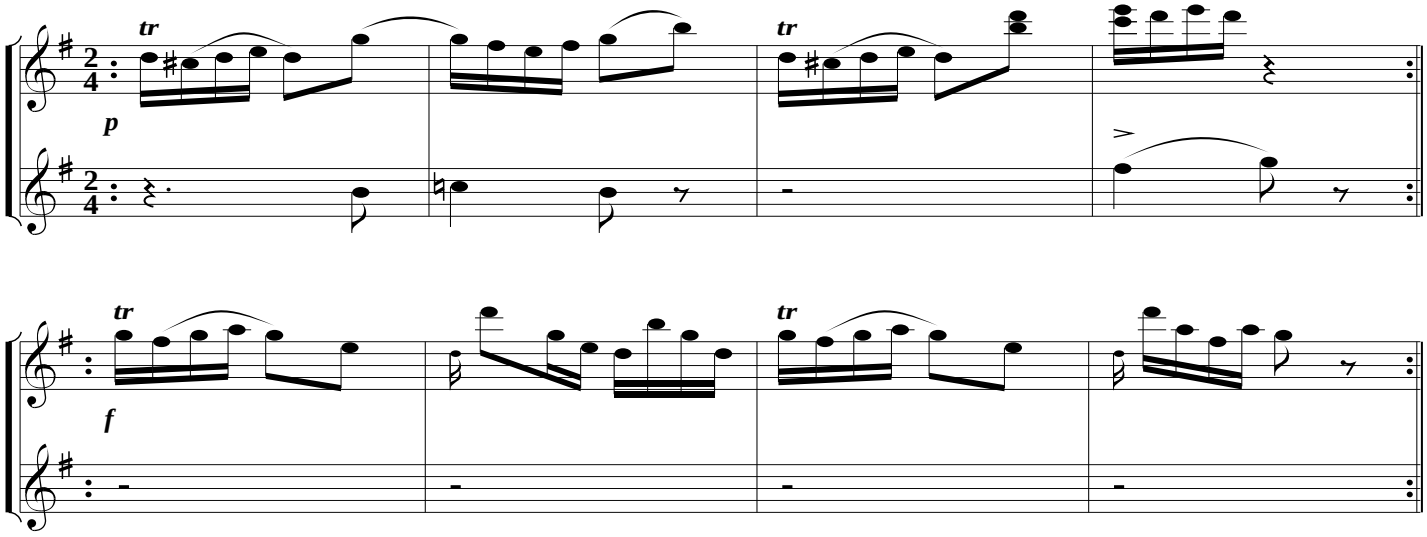

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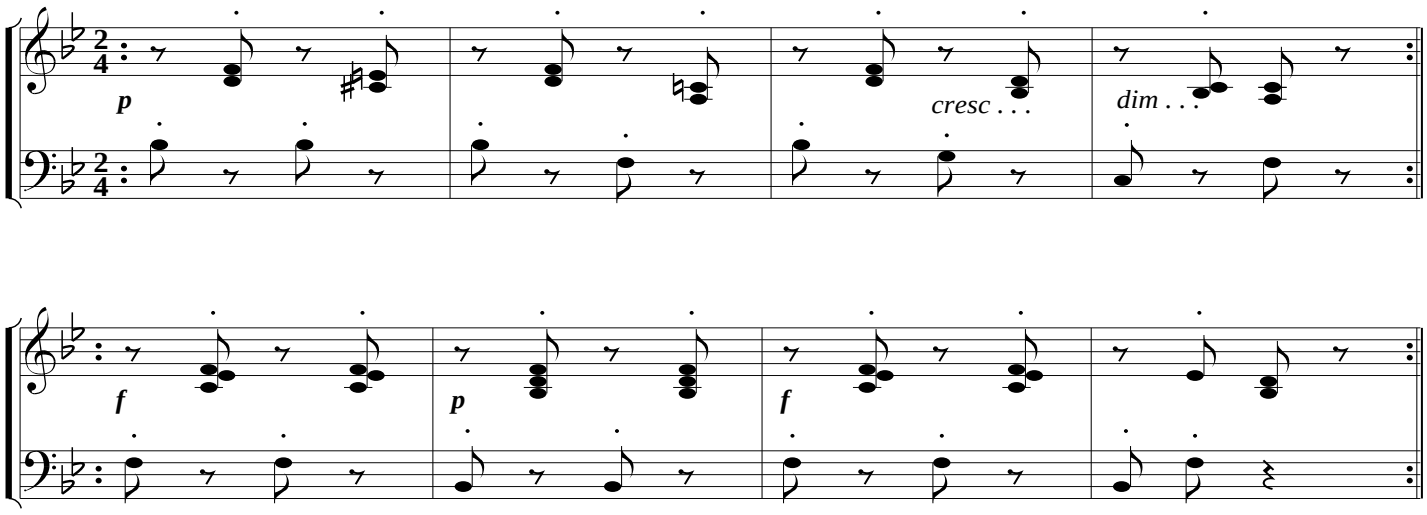

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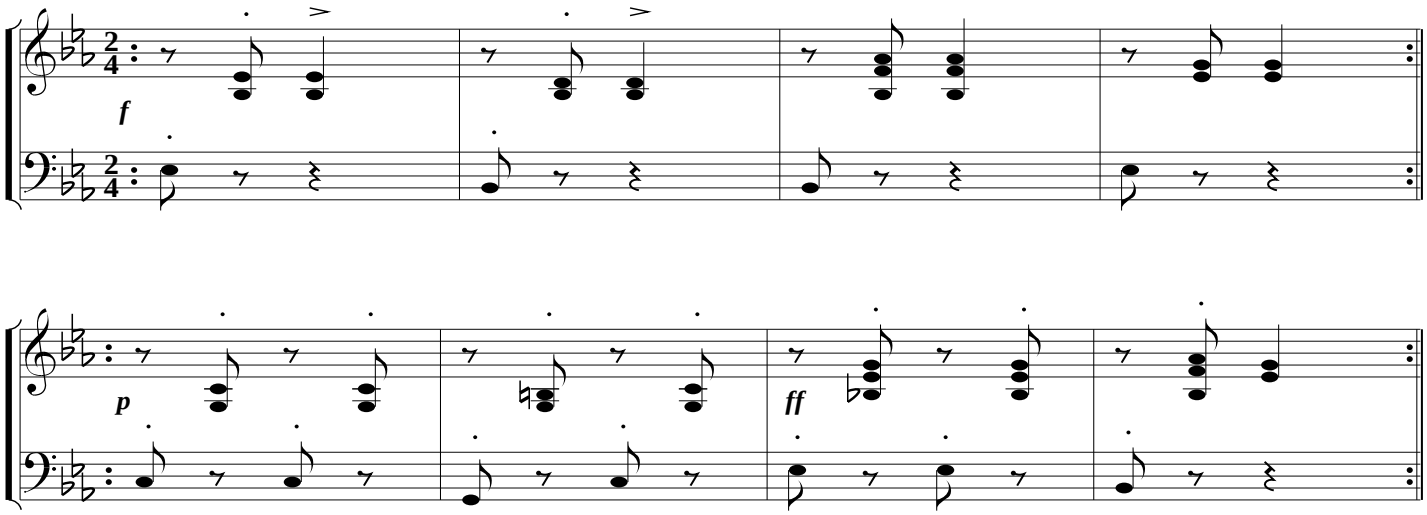

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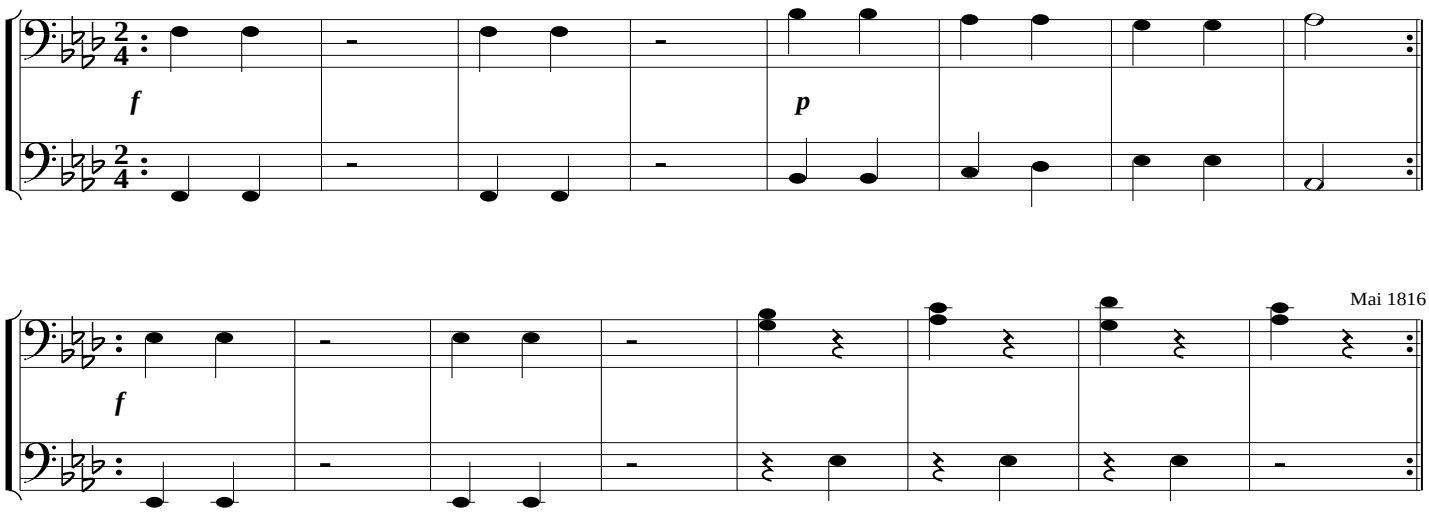

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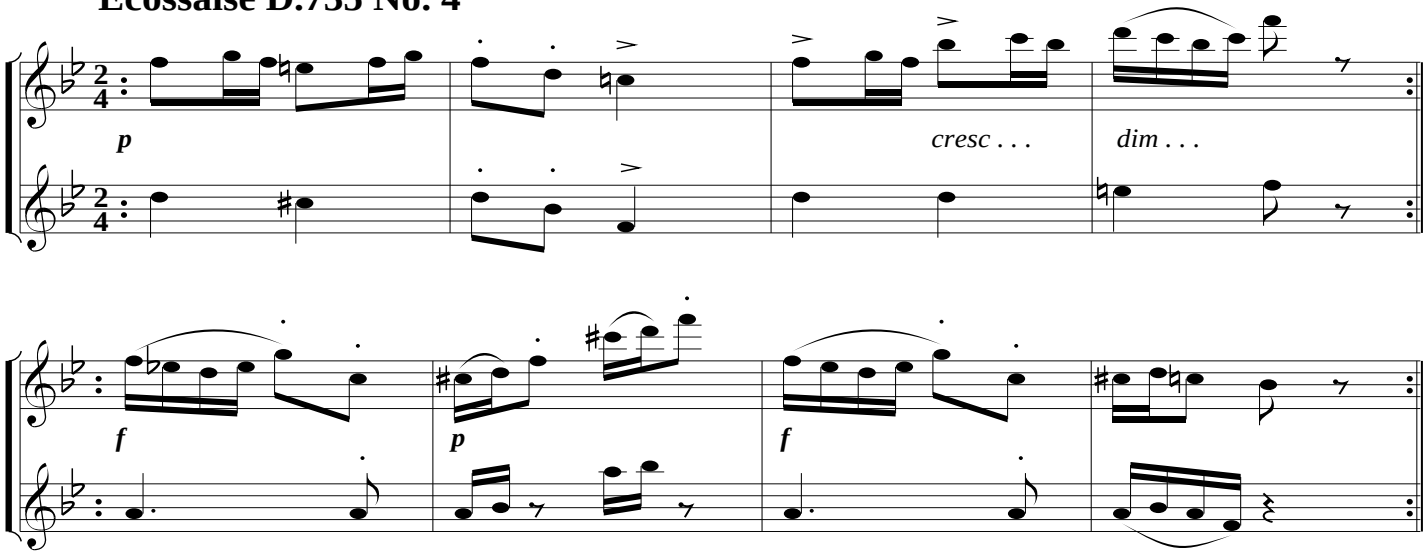

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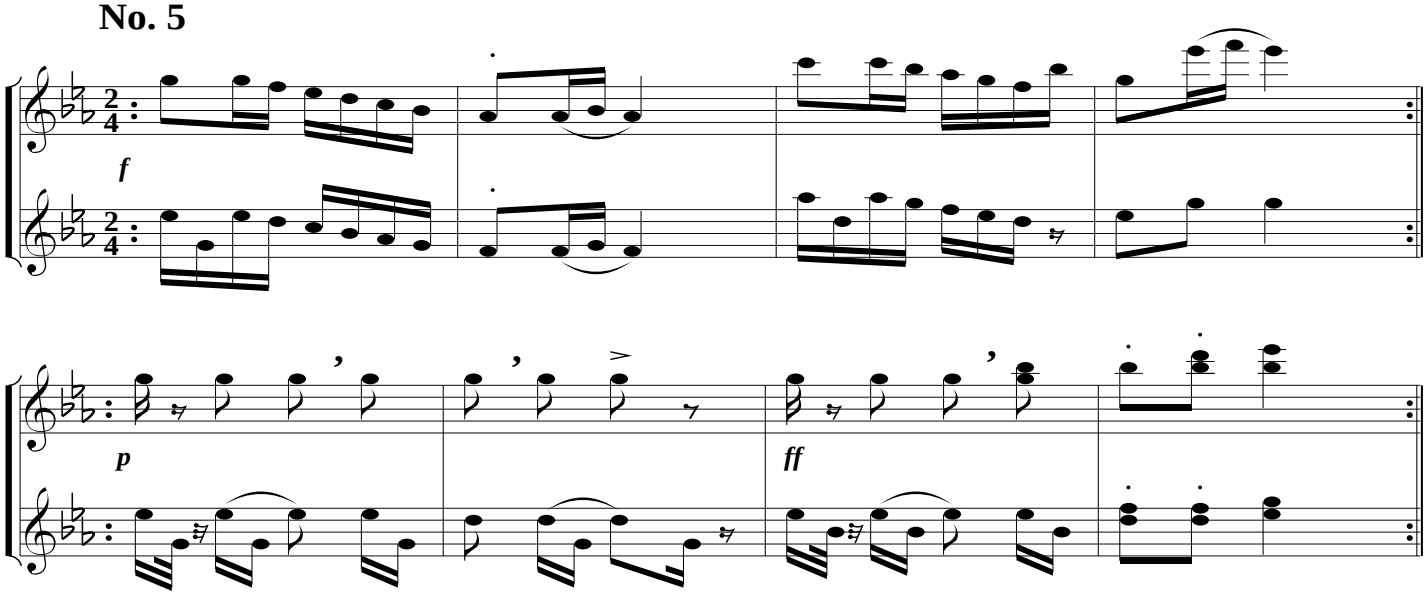

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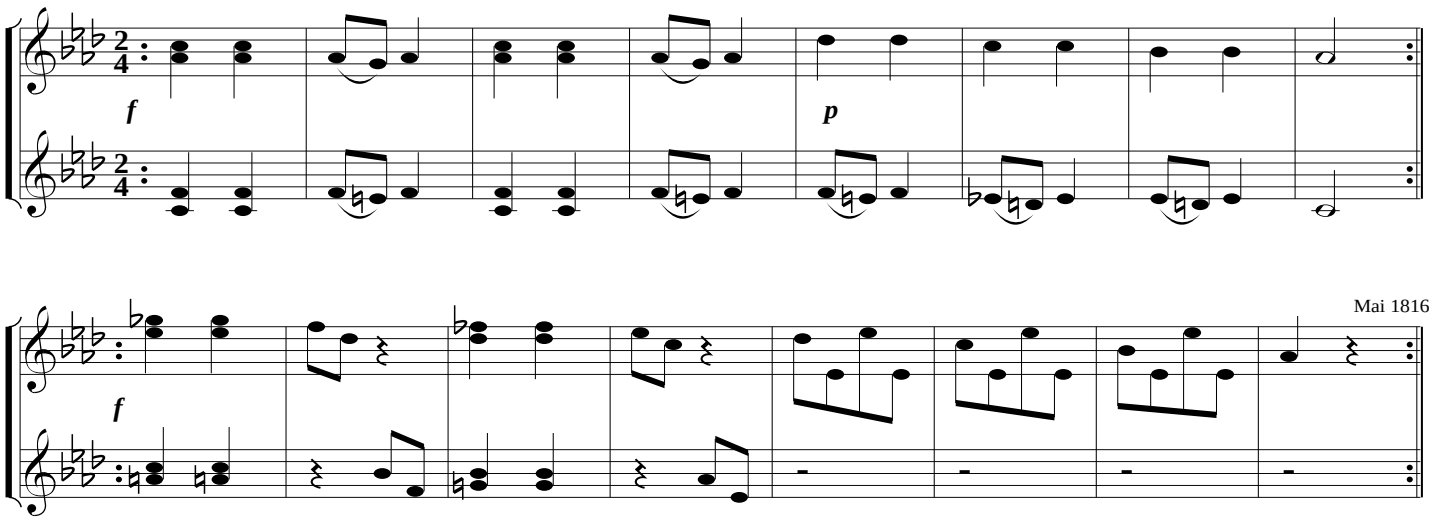

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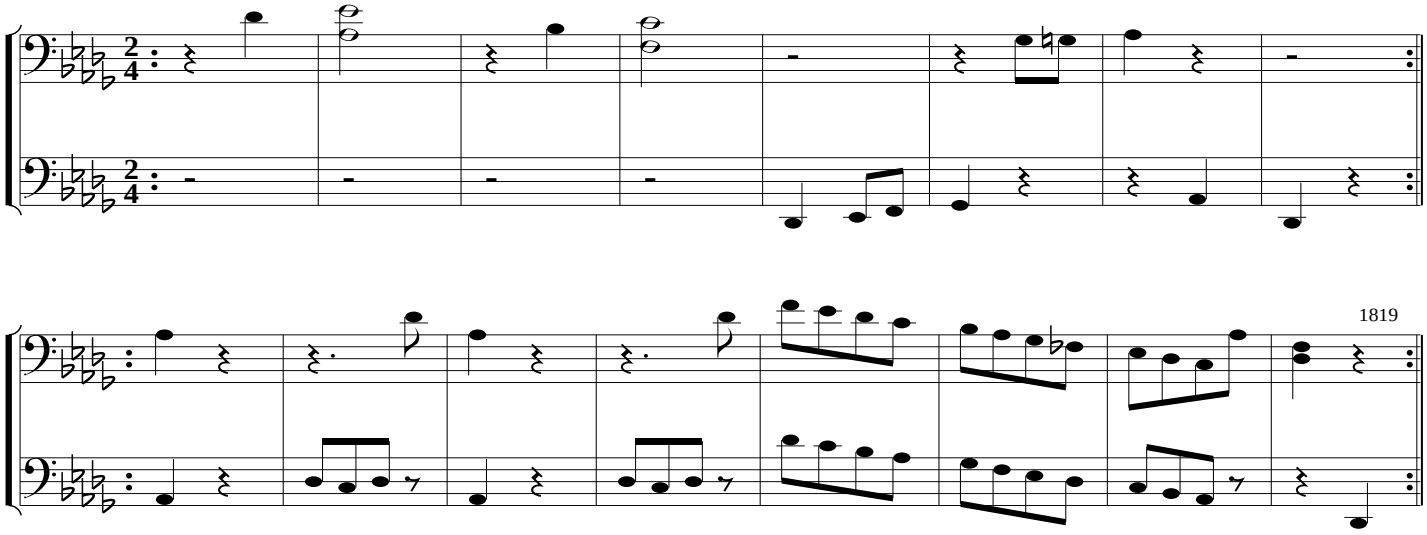

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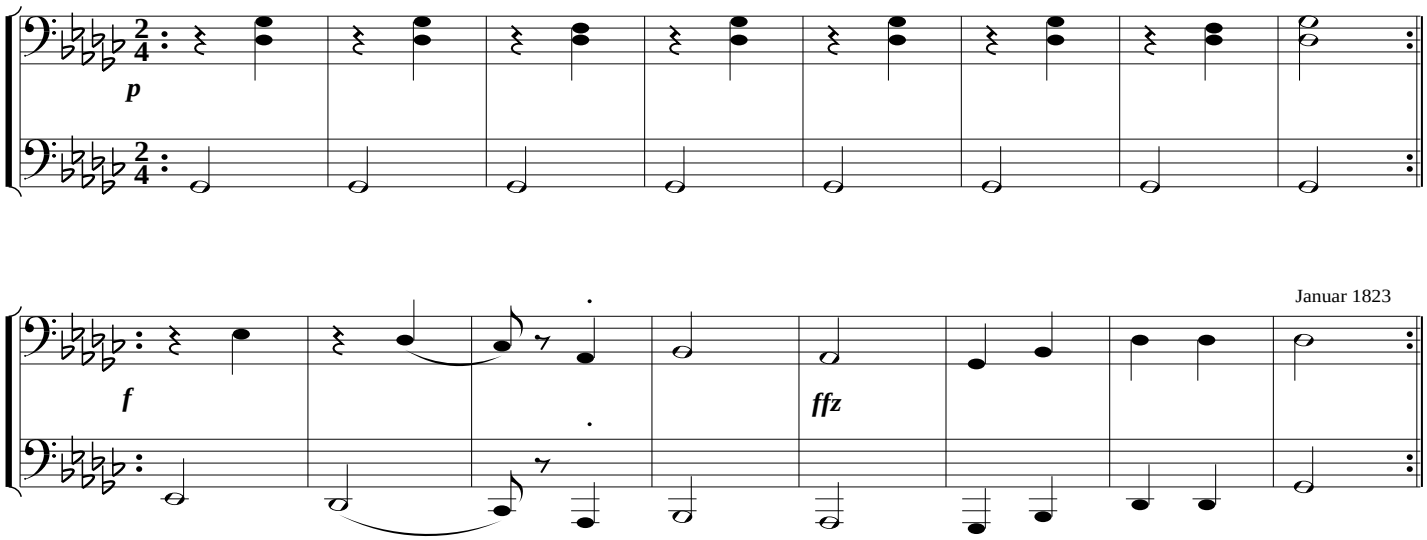

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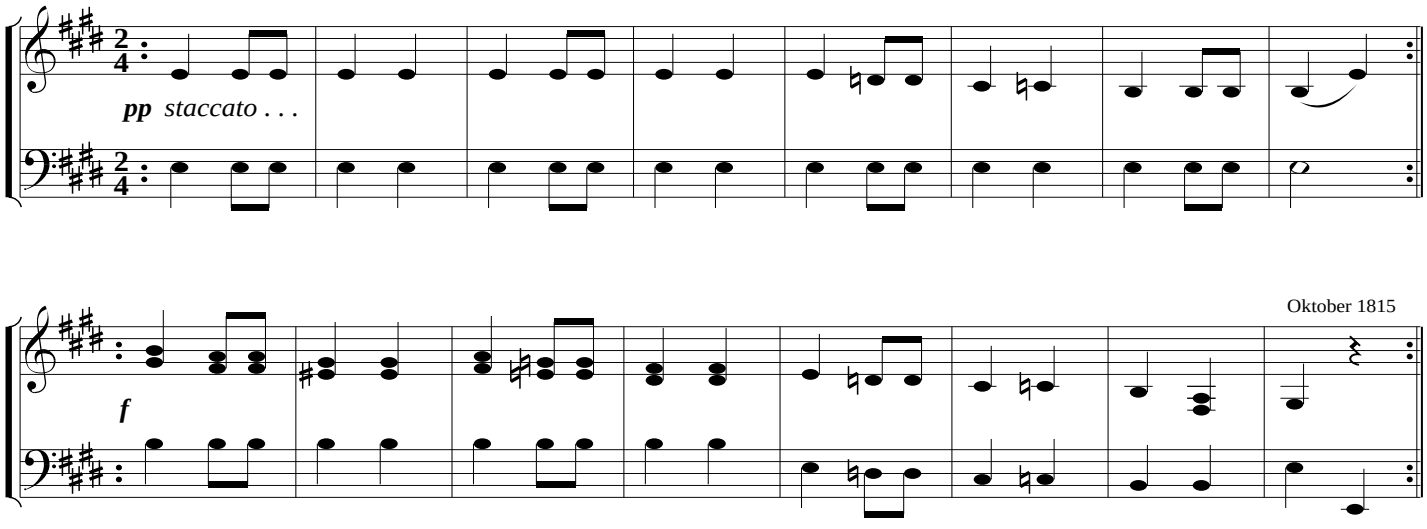

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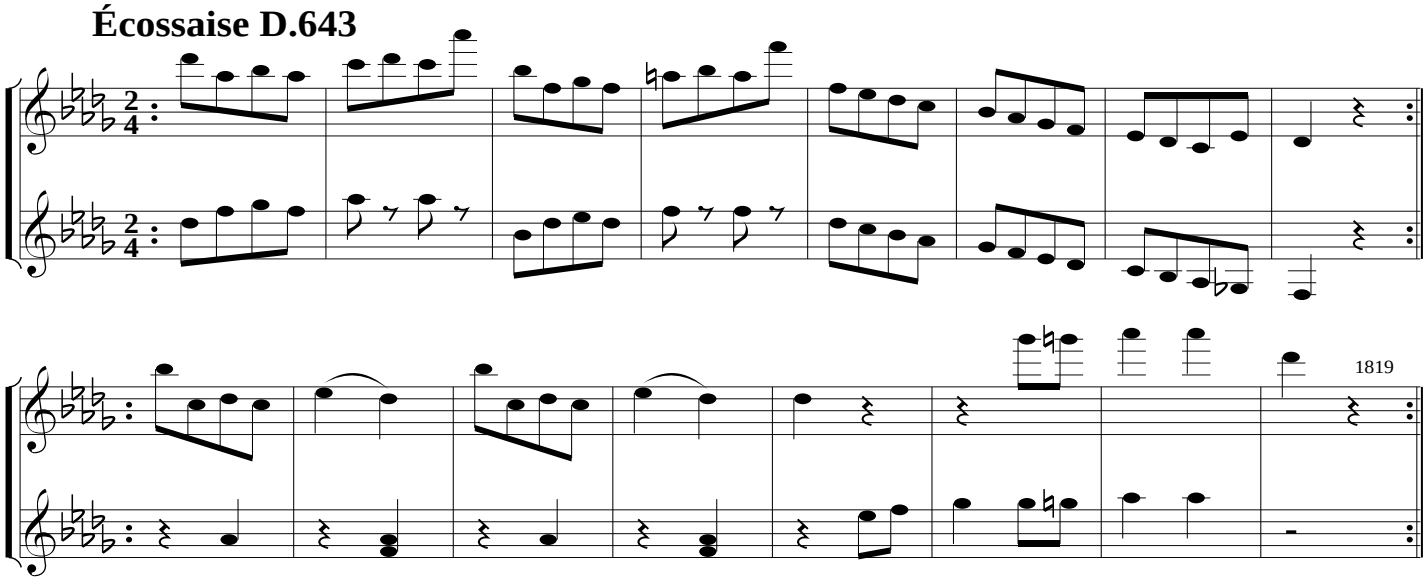

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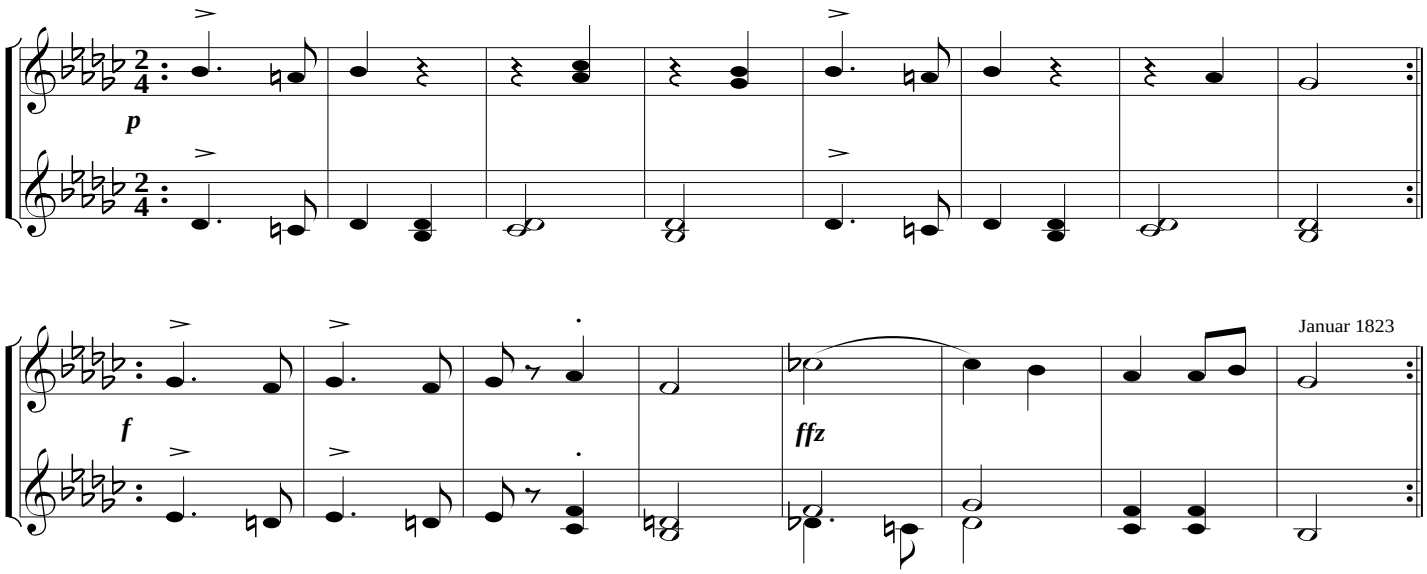

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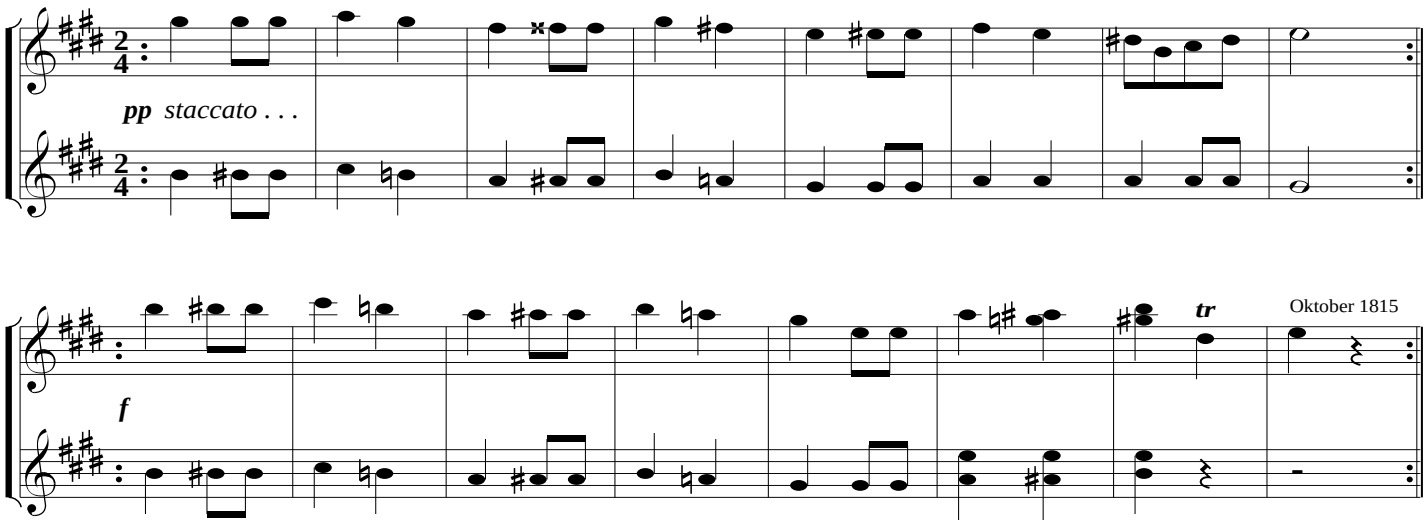

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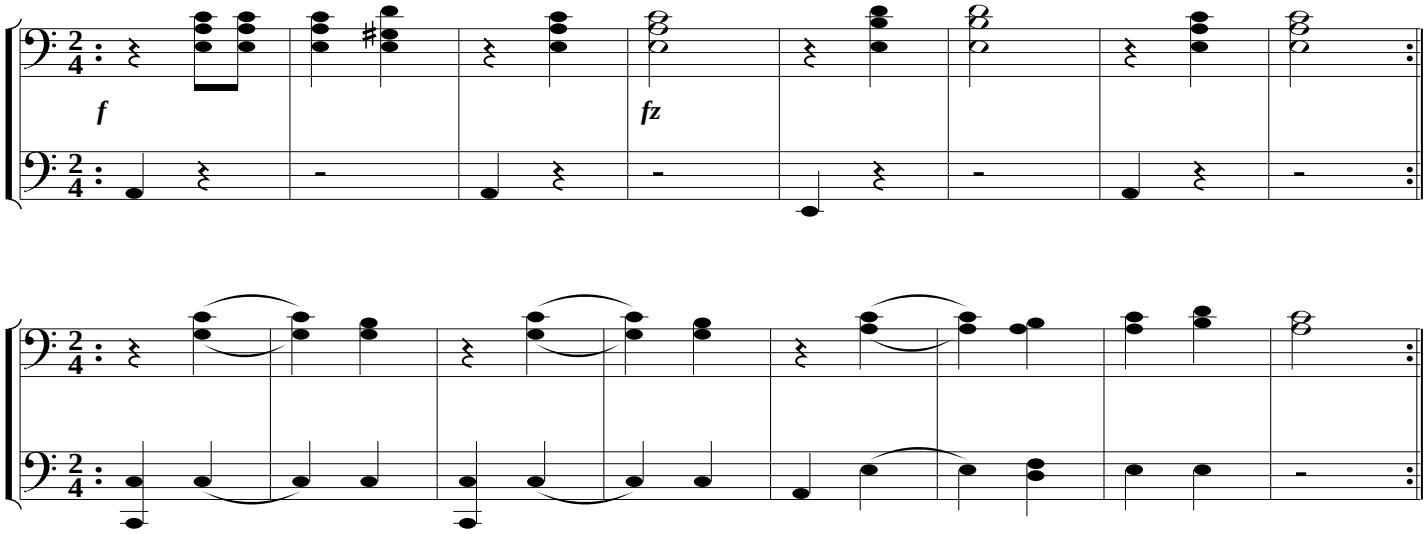

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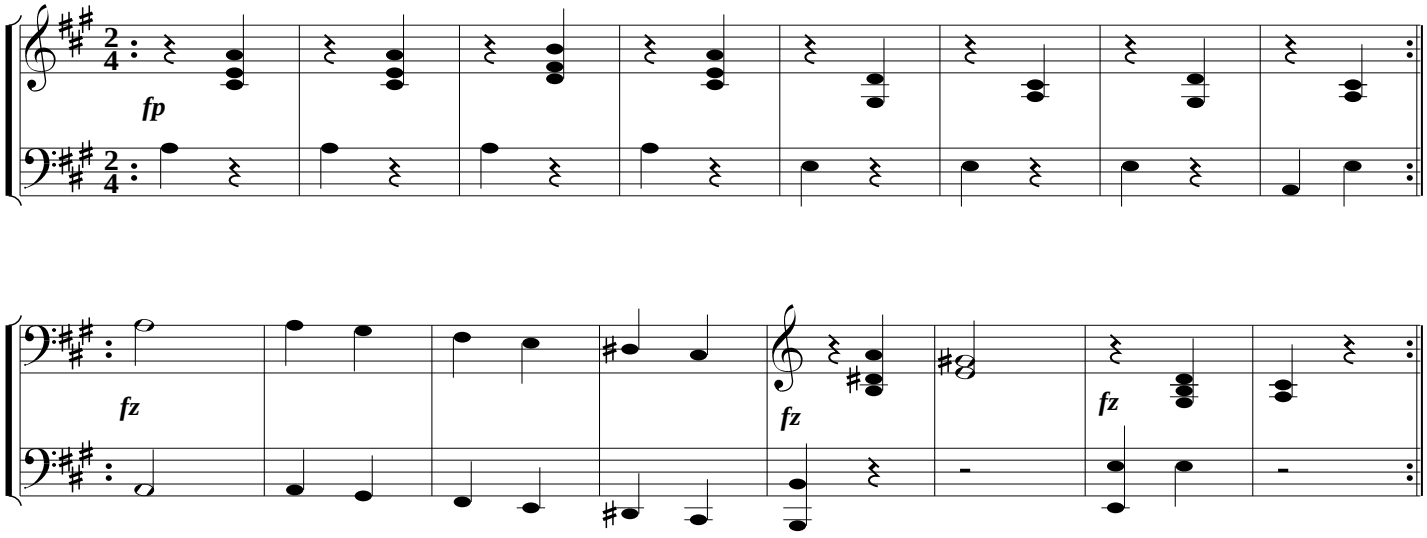

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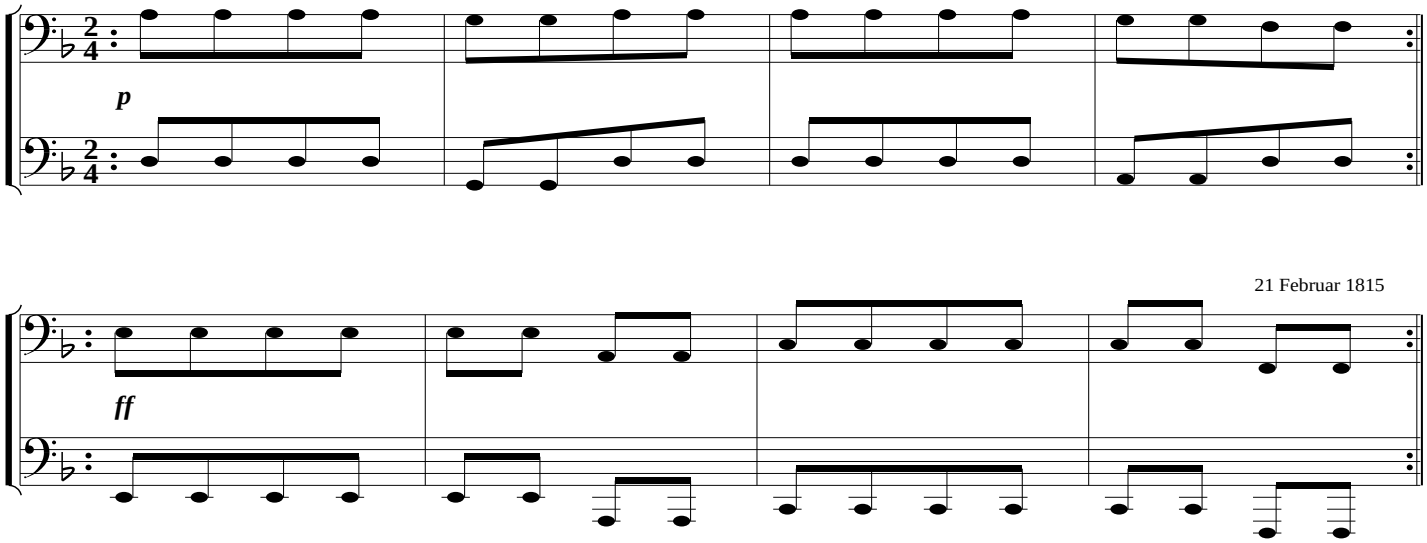

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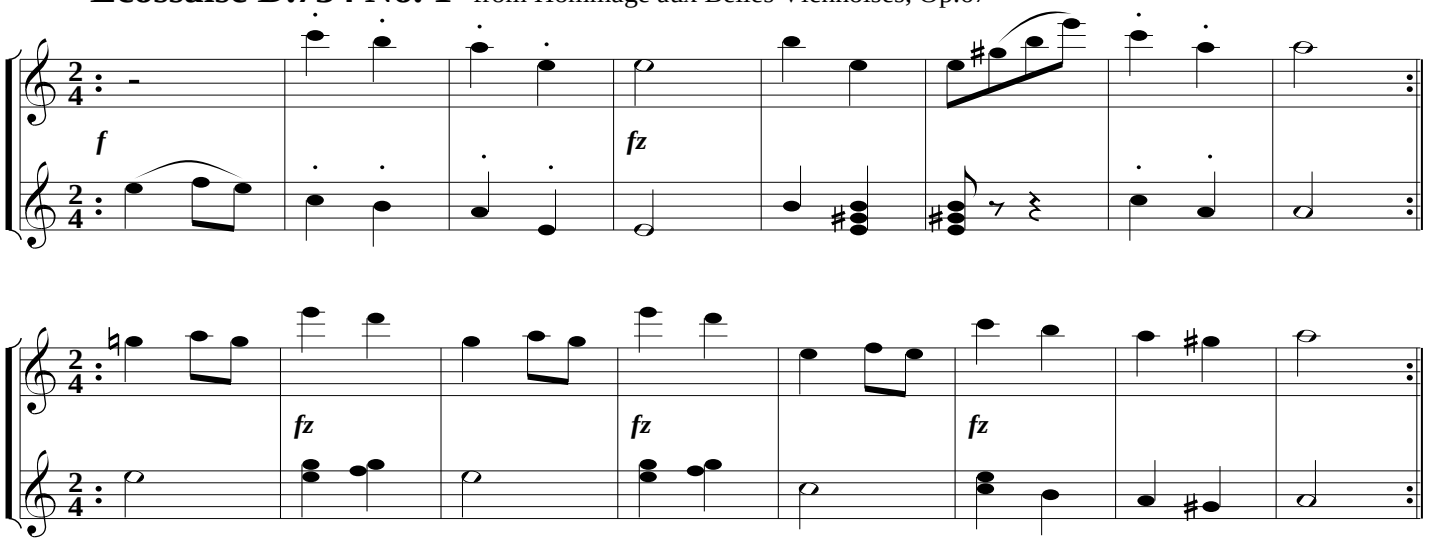

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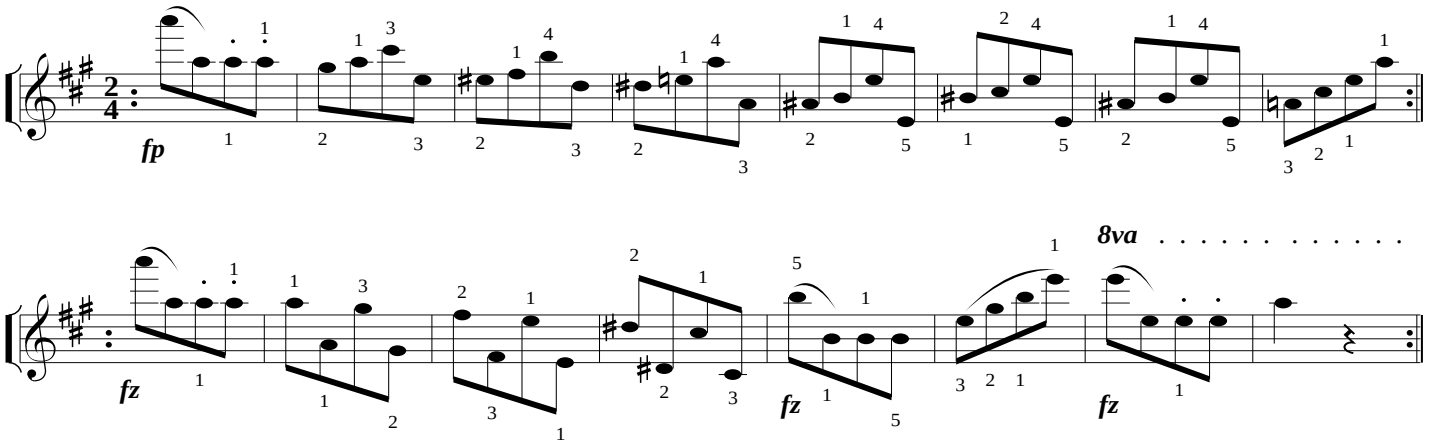

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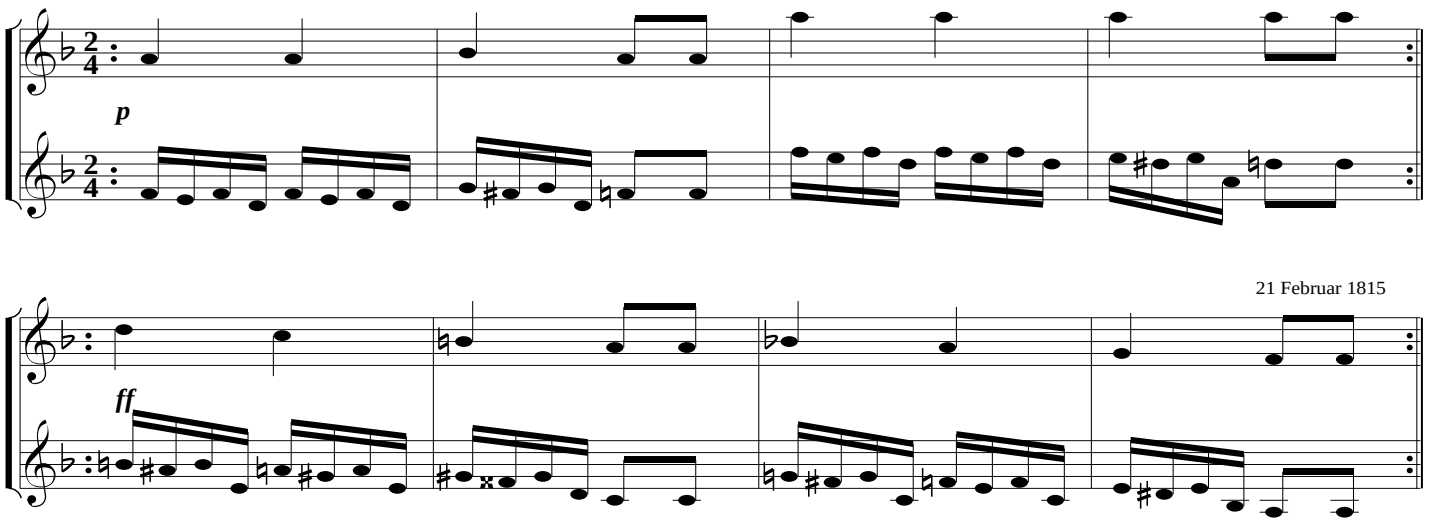

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Arrangements include: By J. S. Bach: *Trio BWV 655*, piano and flute; *Vor deinen Thron BWV 668*, piano; *Fugue in F minor BWV 689*, SATB recorders; *Four Duets BWV 802-5*, keyboard; *Flute Sonata BWV 1031* transposed into G major for alto recorder and keyboard; *Flute Sonata BWV 1032* completed by Peter Billam for flute and keyboard, also in C major for alto recorder, and in G major for descant; *Ricercare a 3, from the Musikalisches Opfer* for keyboard; *Ricercare a 6*, for sSATBG recorders, or strings, or two keyboards; *Fuga Canonica in Epidiapente* for keyboard and melody instrument; from the *Art of Fugue*: *Contrapuncti 1*, *4* and *9* for keyboard, and *Contrapunctus 14* as completed by D. F. Tovey, for keyboard, or for SATB recorders, or for strings; *Passacaglia and Fugue in c* for piano four hands; *Chorales with Descant* for melody instrument and piano; *Cello Suites I*, *II* and *III* for flute or alto recorder, *Forty Chorales* for piano, *Der Geist hilft* for SATB-SATB recorders. By Johannes Brahms: *Fugue in Ab minor for organ*, for SATB recorders and gamba, in A minor; *Choralvorspiele for organ* plus settings by Isaac, Bach, Praetorius, recorders. *John Carr, Divisions on an Italian Ground*, flute or recorder and guitar. By G. F. Händel: *Concerto Grosso in A minor* op 6 no 4, harpsichord and recorders; *Recorder Sonata in Bb* no 5, in G for tenor recorder and keyboard. *Claudio Monteverdi*, *Ecco Mormorar l'Onde*, SSATB recorders. By Arnold Schoenberg: *Verklärte Nacht* for piano. By Franz Schubert: *Four Songs*, voice and guitar; *Dances*, recorders and guitar, *Dances*, piano 4 hands. *Scriabin, Two Preludes op.67; Five Preludes op.74*, piano. *Telemann, Twelve Flute Fantasias*, recorder. *John Wilbye, Draw on sweet Night*, SSATTB recorders, and for flute choir. *Twelve Italian Songs*, voice and guitar; *Fourteen Folk Dance Tunes*, recorder and guitar; *Bushband Dances*, violin, piano accordeon and banjo; *Easy Classical Pieces*, Bb trumpet and piano.

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