# Verklärte Nacht

## by Arnold Schoenberg

*Arranged for piano*

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**Gedicht von Richard Dehmel (aus "Weib und Welt")**

Zwei menschen gehn durch kahlen, kalten Hain;
der Mond läuft mit, sie schaun hinein.
Der Mond läuft über hohe Eichen
kein Wölkchen trübt das Himmelslicht,
in das die schwarzen Zacken reichen.
Die Stimme eines Weibes spricht :

Ich trag ein Kind, und nit von Dir
ich geh in Sünde neben Dir.
Ich hab mich schwer an mir vergangen.
Ich glaubte nicht mehr an ein Glück
und hatte doch ein schwer Verlangen
nach Lebensinhalt, nach Mutterglück
und Pflicht; da hab ich mich erfrecht,
da liess ich schaudernd mein Geschlecht
von einem fremden Mann umfangen,
und hab mich noch dafür gesegnet.
Nun hat das Leben sich gerächt:
nun bin ich Dir, o Dir begegnet.

Sie geht mit ungelenkten Schritt.
Sie schaut empor; der Mond läuft mit.
Ihr dunkler Blick ertrinkt in Licht.
Die Stimme eines Mannes spricht :

Das Kind das Du empfangen hast,
sei Deiner Seele keine Last.
O sieh, wie klar das Weltall schimmert !
Es ist ein Glanz um Alles her,
Du treibst mit mir auf kaltem Meer,
doch eine eigne Wärme flimmert
von Dir in mich, von mir in Dich.
Die wird das fremde Kind verklären
Du wirst es mir, von mir gebären ;
Du hast den Glanz in mich gebracht,
Du hast mich selbst zum Kind gemacht.

Er fasst sie um die starken Hüften.
Ihr Atem küsst sich in den Lüften.
Zwei Menschen gehn durch hohe, helle Nacht.

Two people go through bare cold meadow;
the moon walks with them, they gaze into it.
The moon walks over tall oak-trees
no cloud veils the moonlight,
in which the black tree-tops reach up.
A woman’s voice speaks :

I carry a child, and not yours
I walk in sin beside you.
I have done myself great harm.
I no longer thought I could find happiness
and yet I had a heavy need
for the substance of life, for mother’s joy
and duty; then I made myself bold,
and, shuddering, let my sex
be grasped by an unknown man,
and even counted myself as blessed.
Now life has taken its revenge:
now I have found you, o you.

She walks with lost and awkward step.
She glances up; the moon walks with them.
Her sombre face drowns in its light.
A man’s voice speaks :

The child that you have conceived,
may it not burden your mind.
See, how clearly shines the universe!
A brilliance surrounds all,
You voyage with me on a cold sea,
and yet some points of warmth glimmer
of you in me, of me in you.
They will transfigure this stranger’s child
you will bear it for me, from me ;
You have have brought a brilliance to me,
You have made me too a child.

He held her by her strong hips.
Their breaths kissed in the breeze.
Two people walk through high bright night.

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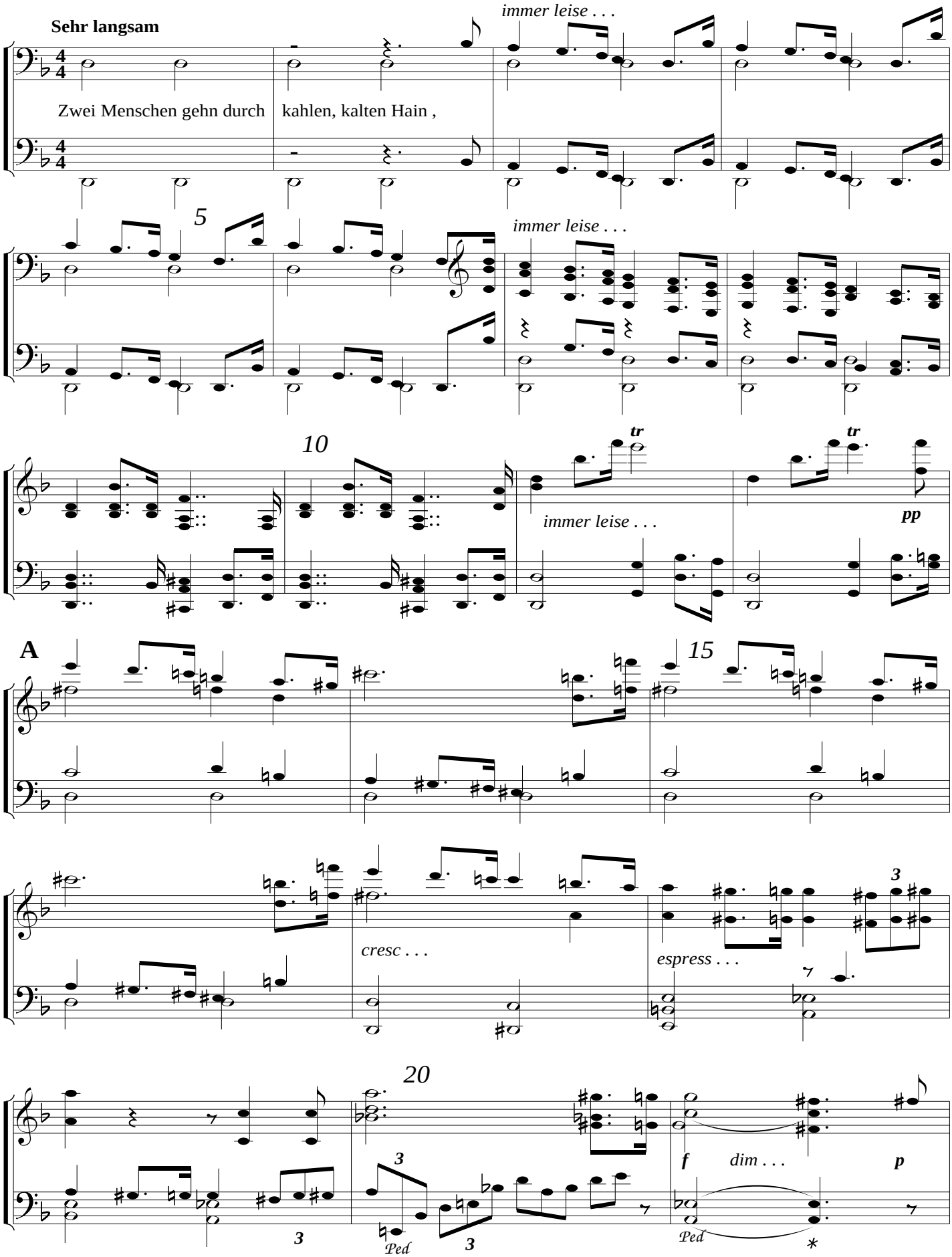
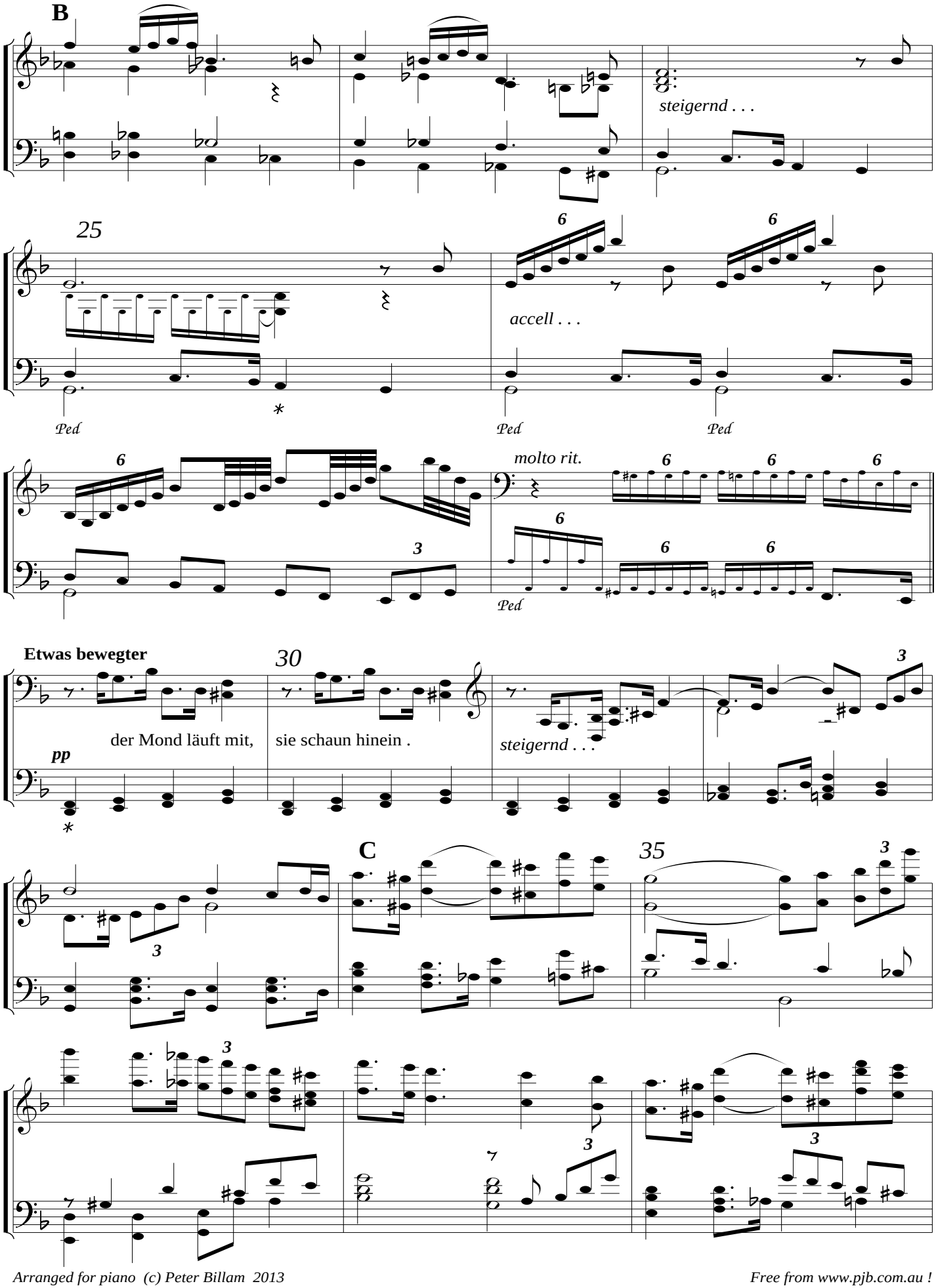
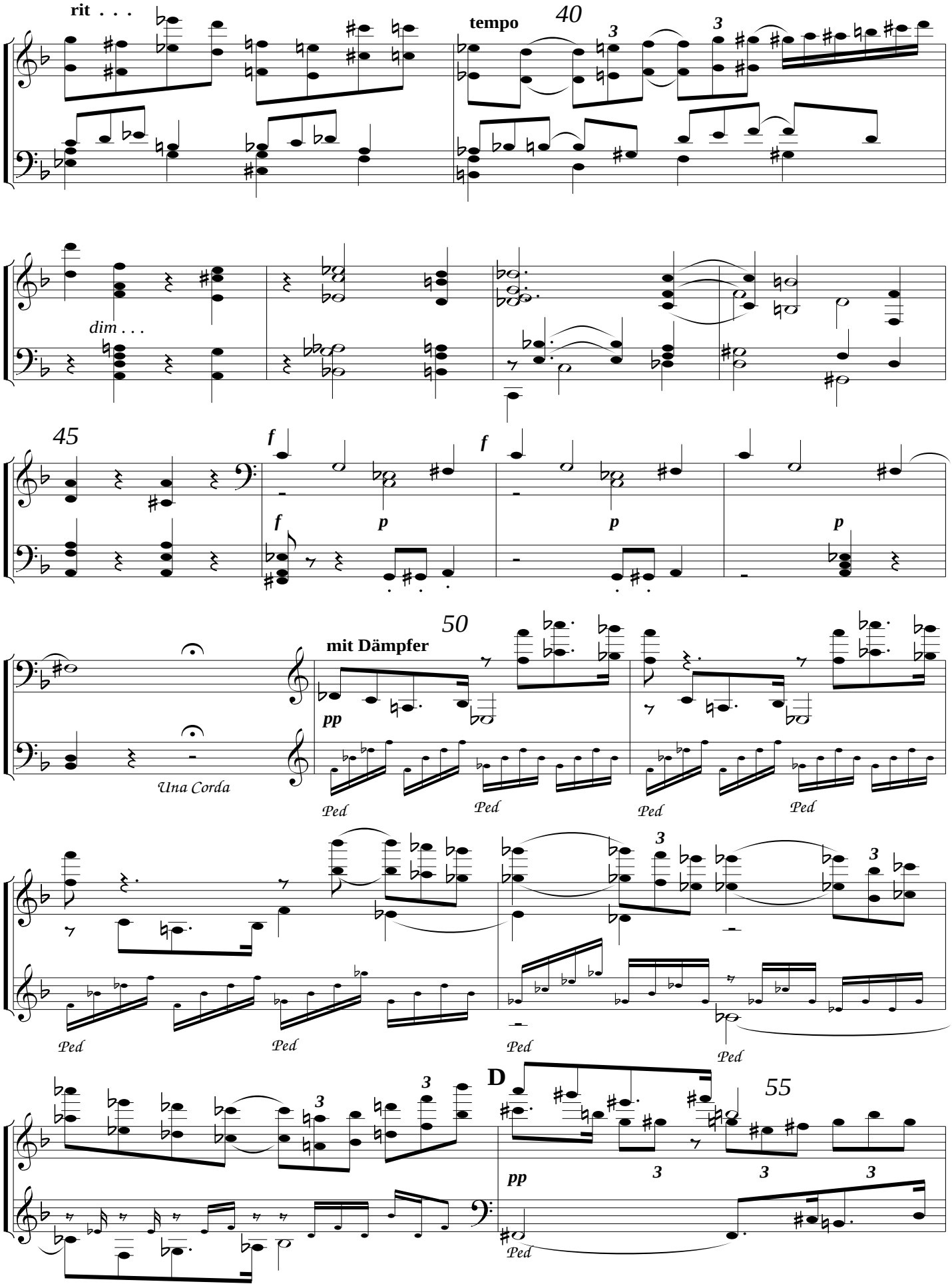
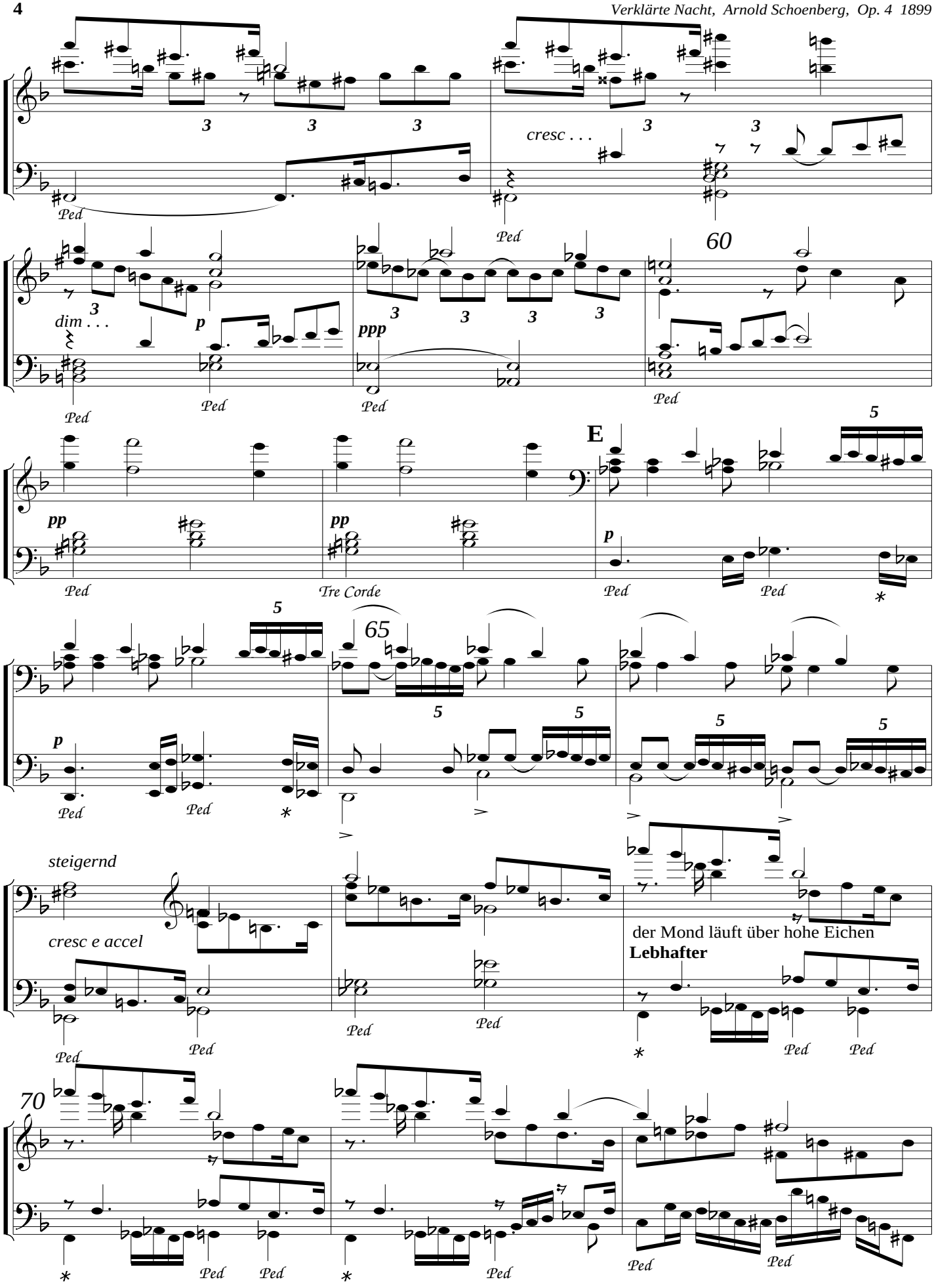
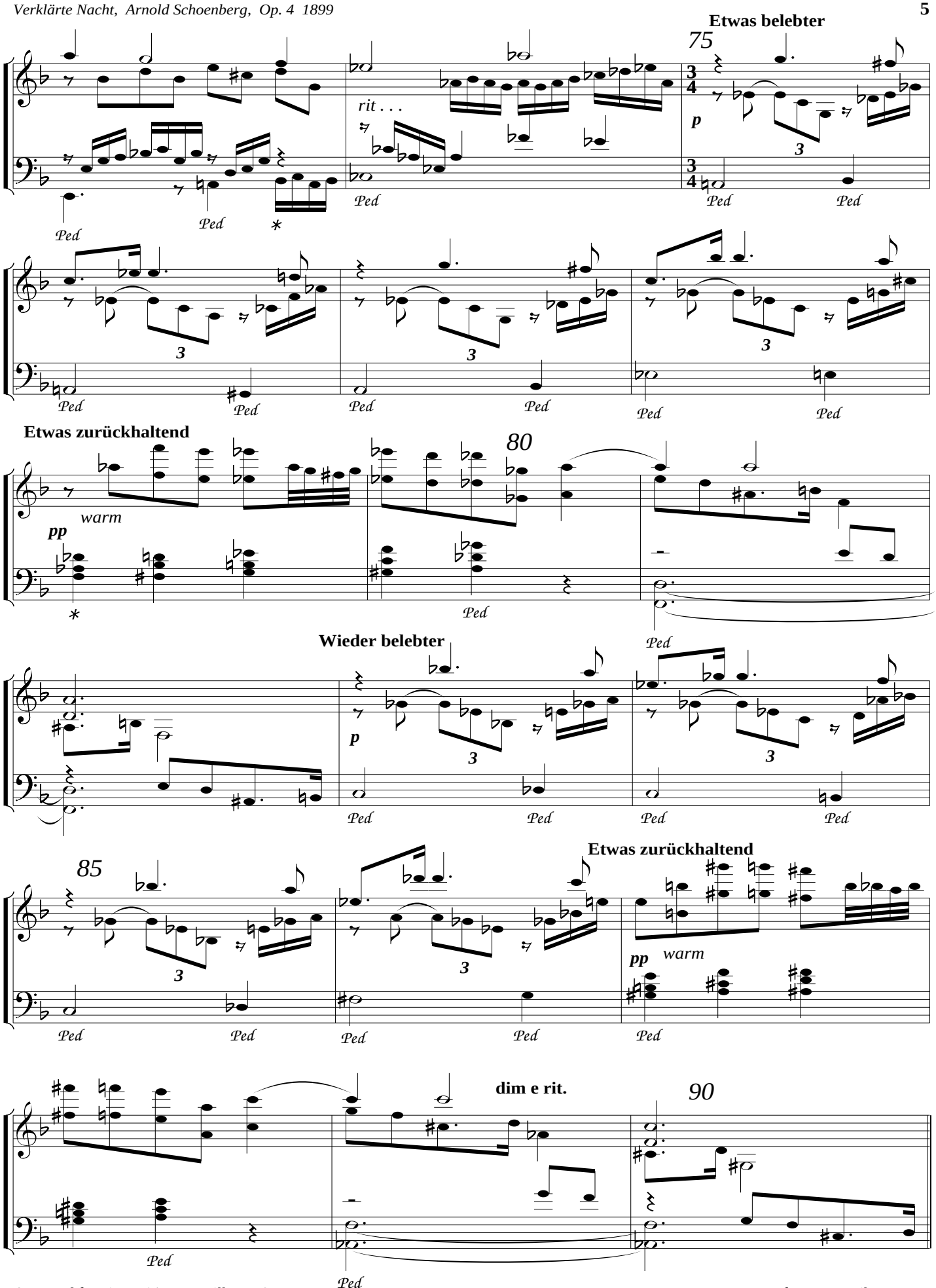
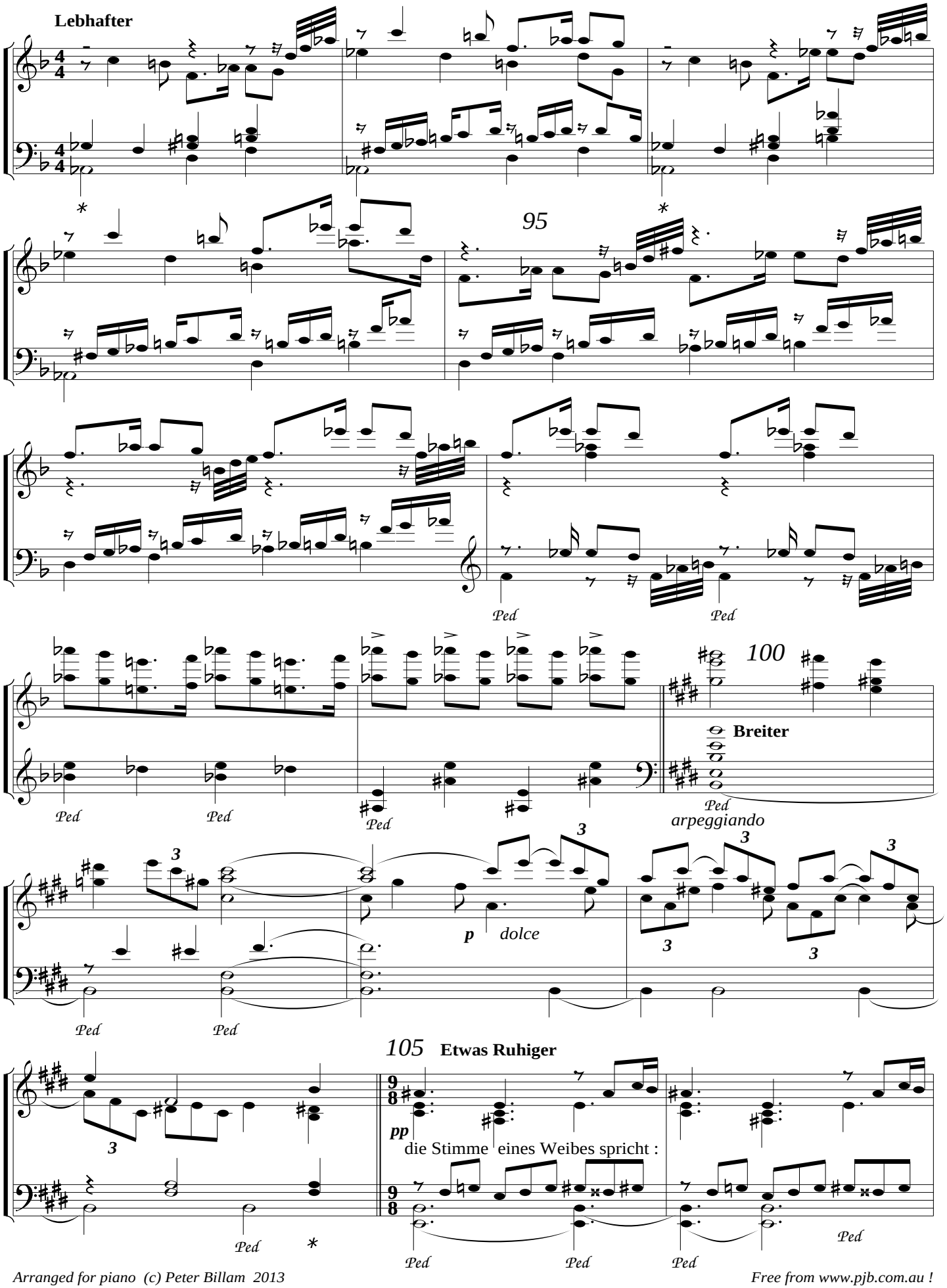


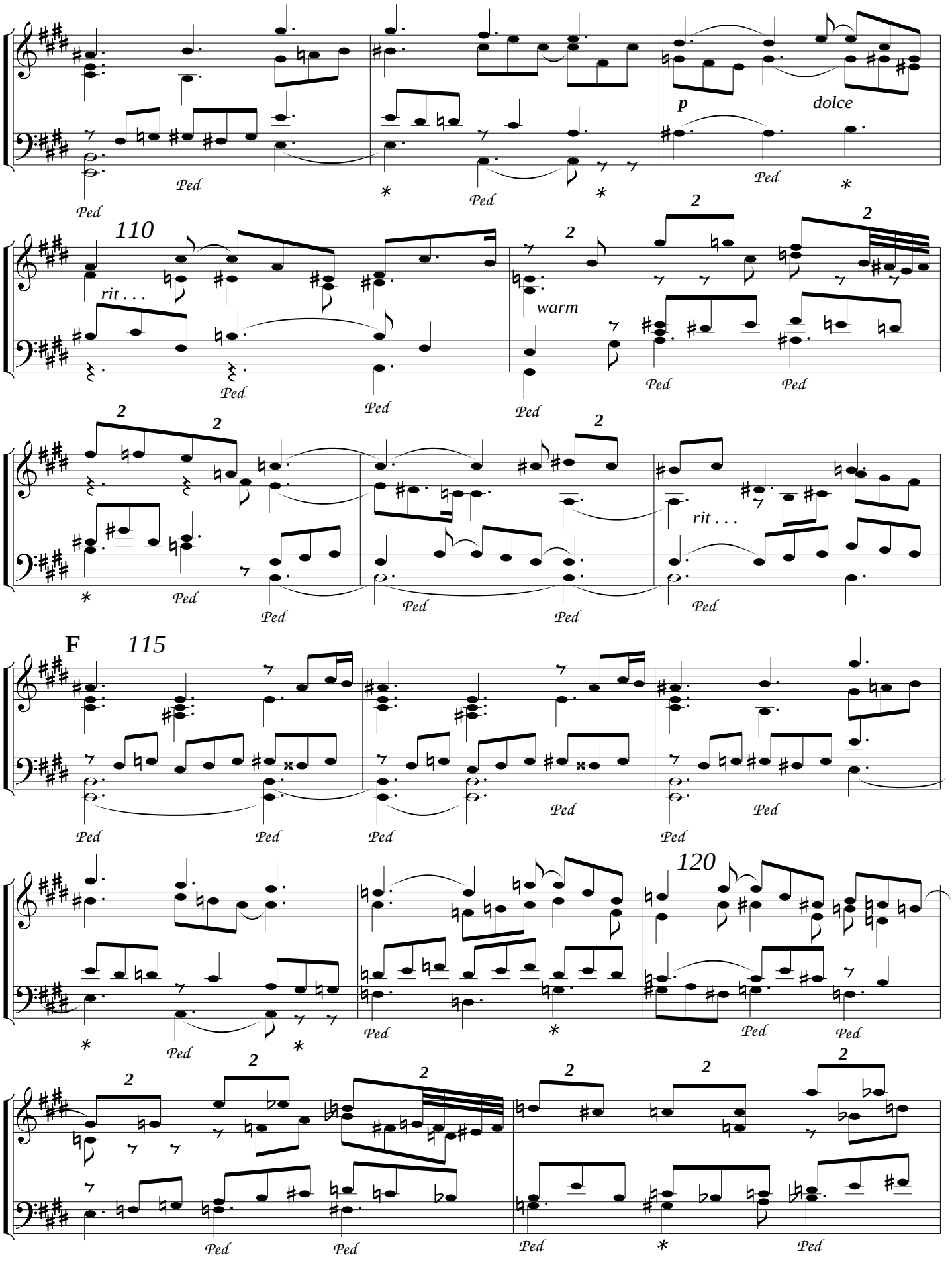

B
steigernd . . .
25
accell . . .
Ped
molto rit.
Etwas bewegter
30
der Mond läuft mit,
sie schaun hinein .
pp
steigernd . . .
C
35

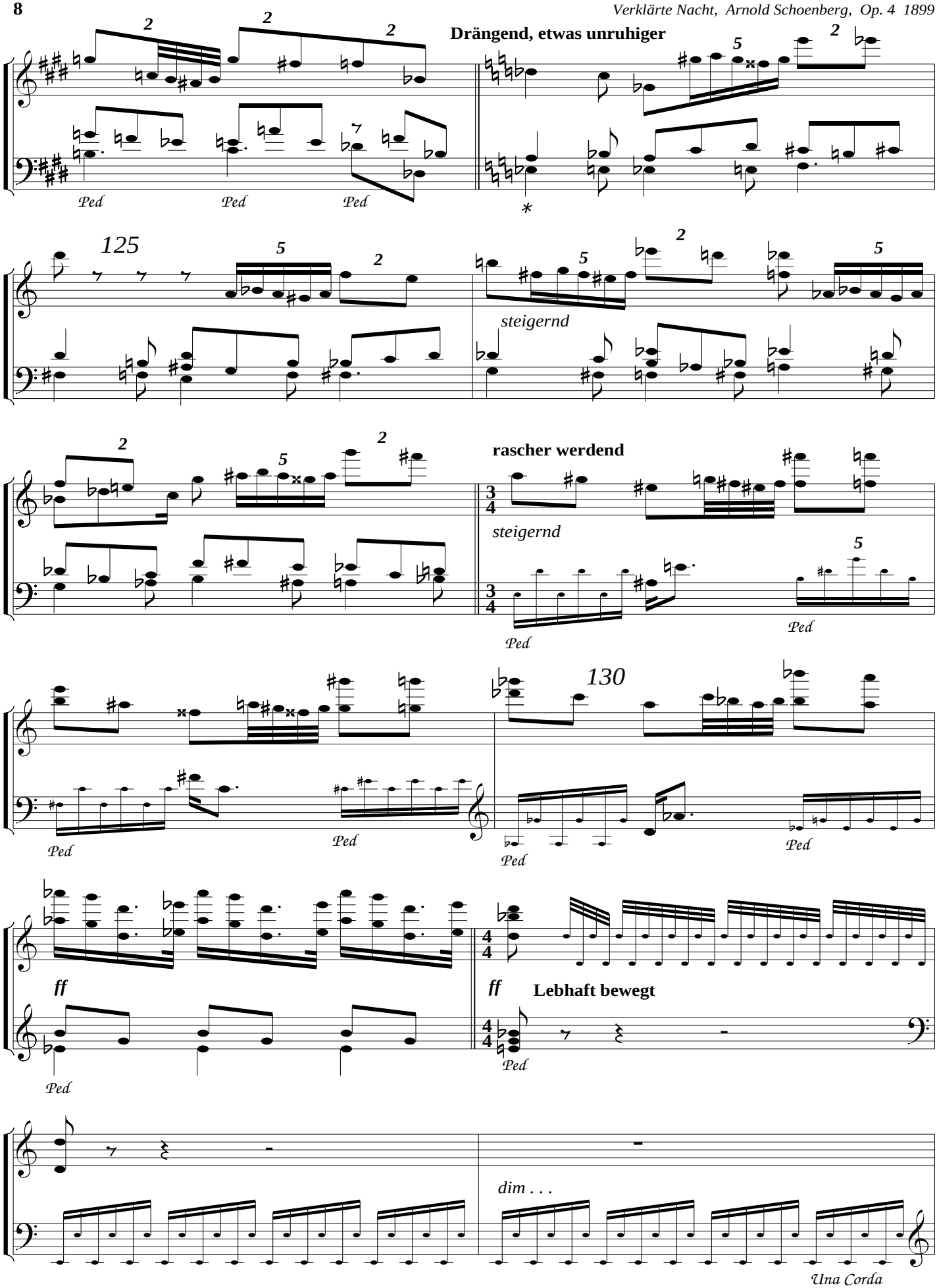

rit . . .
40
tempo
3
3
dim . . .
45
f
f
f
p
p
p
50
mit Dämpfer
pp
Una Corda
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped
3
3
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped
D
55
3
3
3
3
pp
Ped

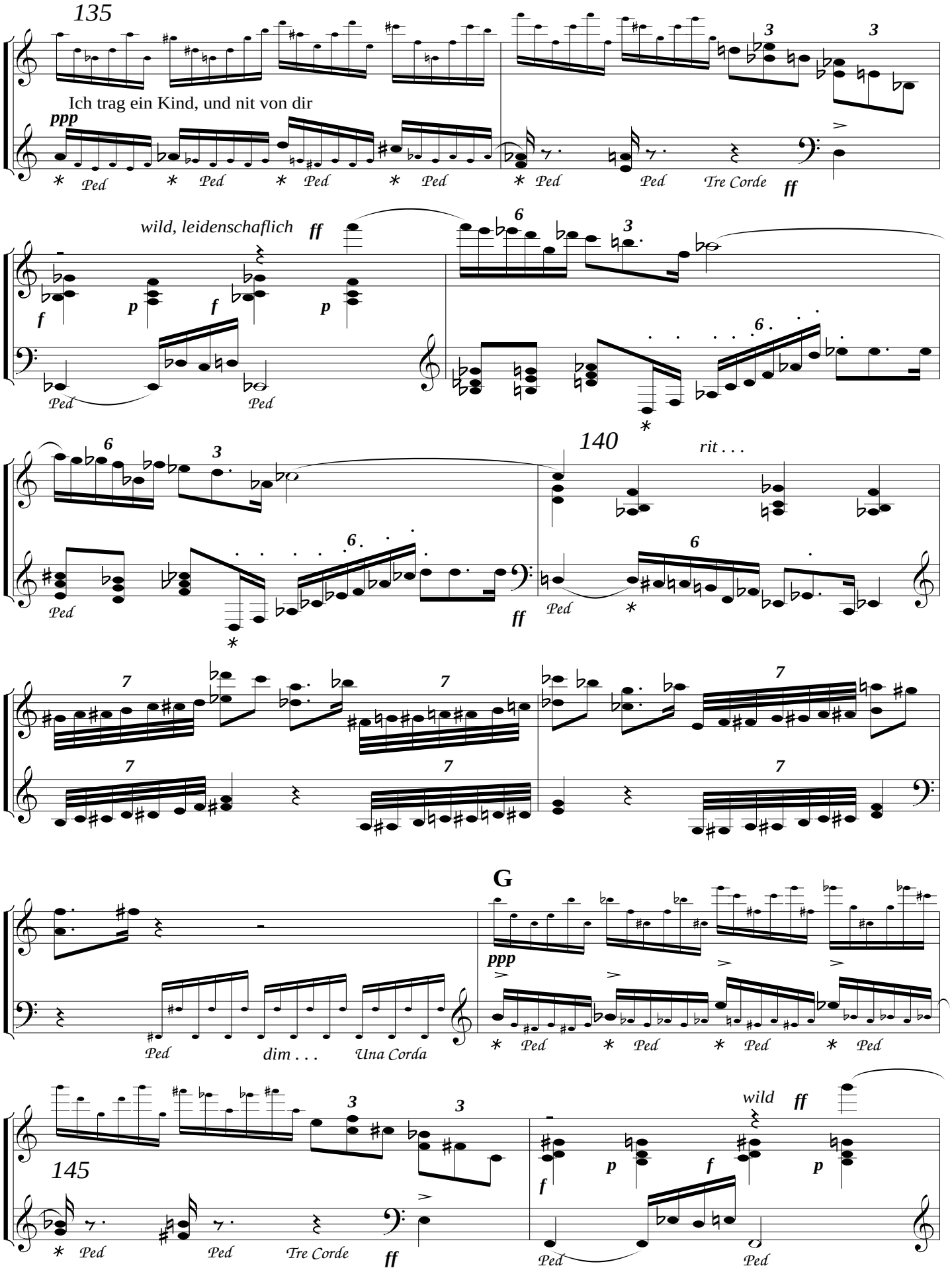

cresc . . .
dim . . .
60
E
Tre Corde
65
steigernd
cresc e accel
der Mond läuft über hohe Eichen
Lebhafter
70

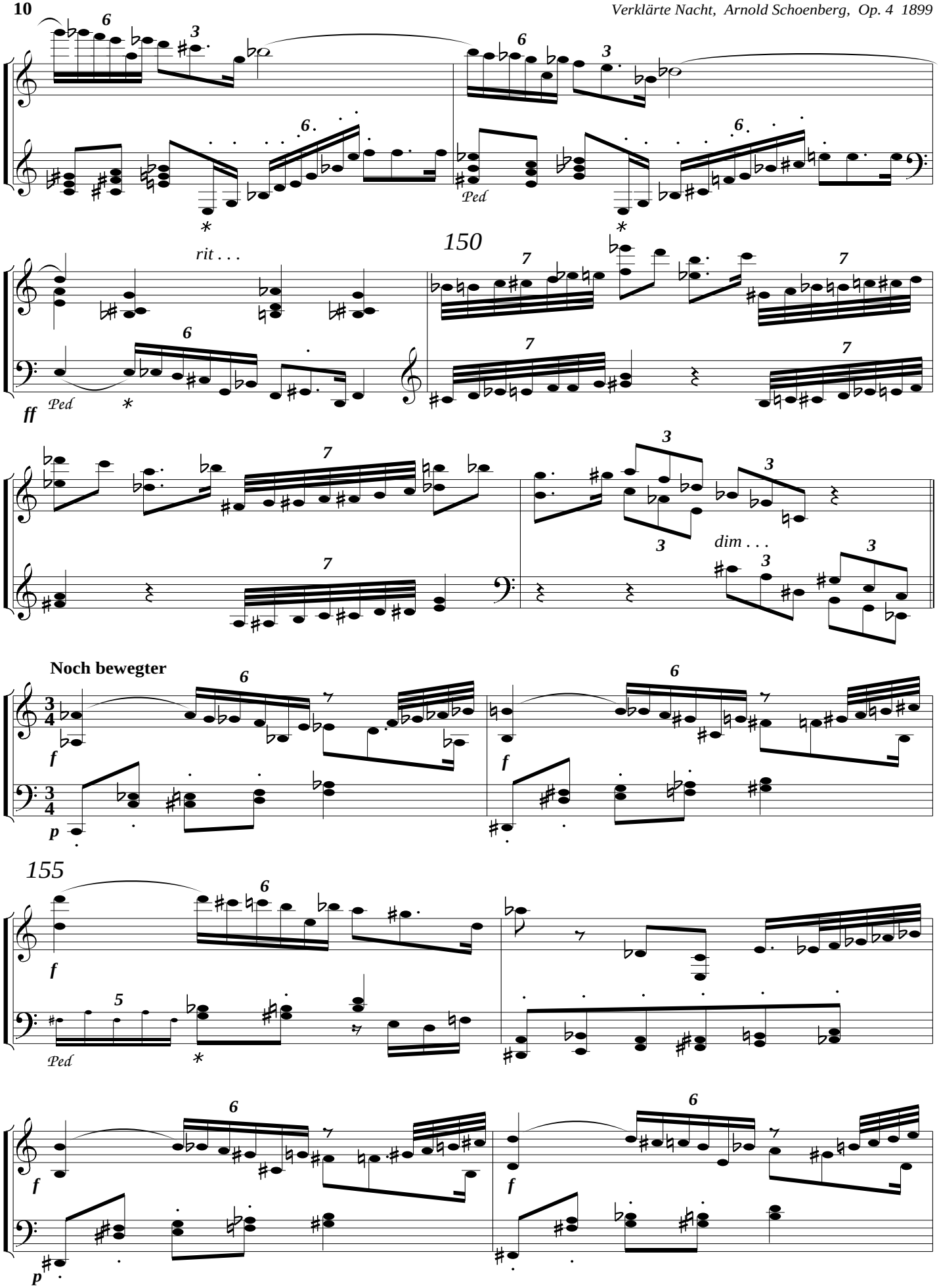

Etwas belebter
75
rit . . .
p
Ped
Etwas zurückhaltend
80
warm
pp
Wieder belebter
p
Etwas zurückhaltend
85
pp
warm
dim e rit.
90

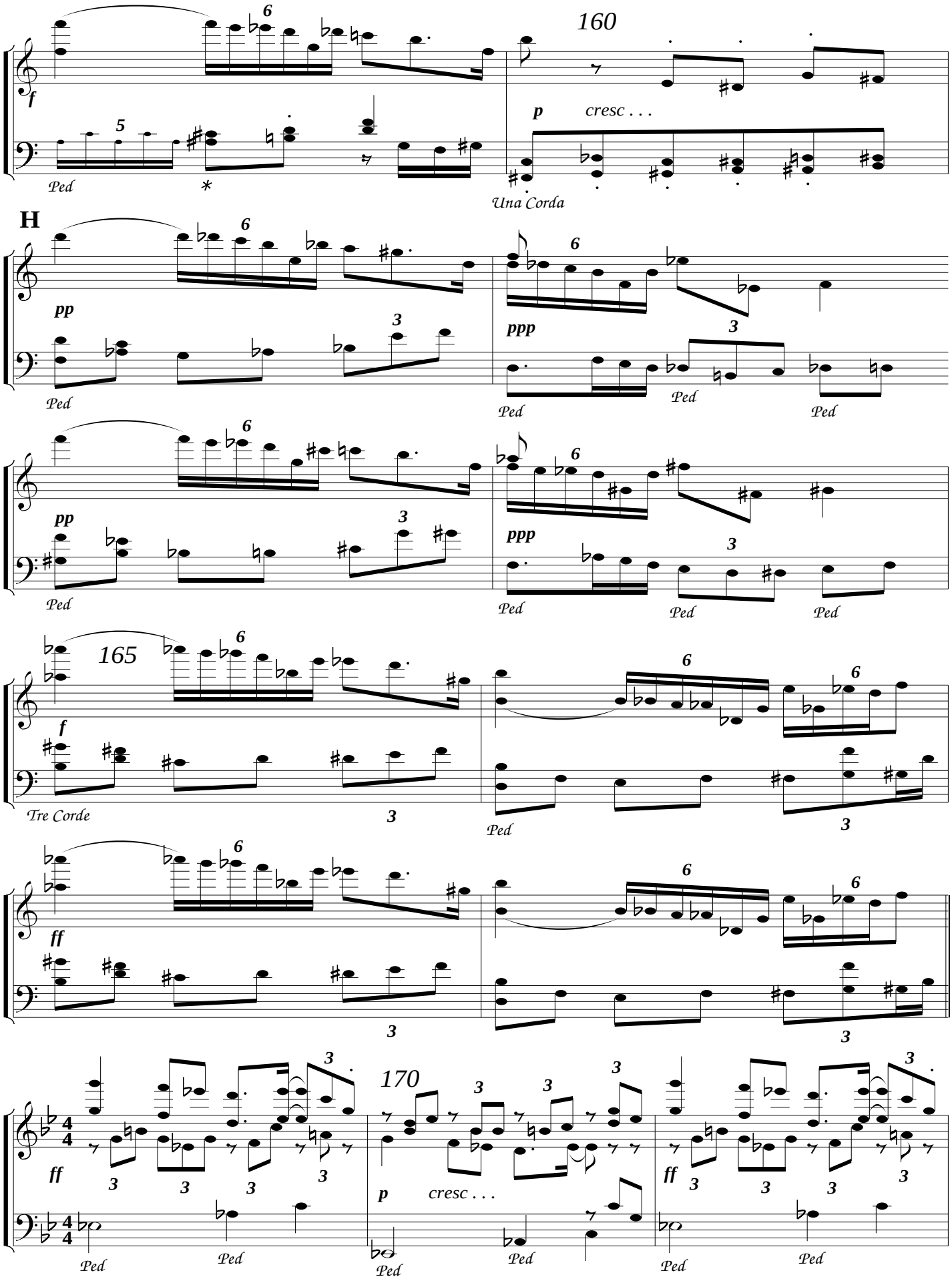

Lebhafter
95
100
Breiter
arpeggiando
p dolce
105 Etwas Ruhiger
pp
die Stimme eines Weibes spricht :
Ped


p
dolce
110
rit . . .
warm
rit . . .
F
115
120


Drängend, etwas unruhiger
Ped
Ped
Ped
125
steigernd
rascher werdend
steigernd
Ped
Ped
130
Ped
Ped
Ped
ff
Ped
ff
Lebhaft bewegt
Ped
dim . . .
Una Corda


135
Ich trag ein Kind, und nit von dir
ppp
Ped
Tre Corde
ff
wild, leidenschaftlich
140
rit . . .
G
dim . . .
Una Corda
145
wild


Ped
150
rit . . .
ff
Ped
dim . . .
Noch bewegter
f
p
155
f
Ped
f
p


160
cresc . . .
Una Corda
H
165
Tre Corde
170
cresc . . .
Ped
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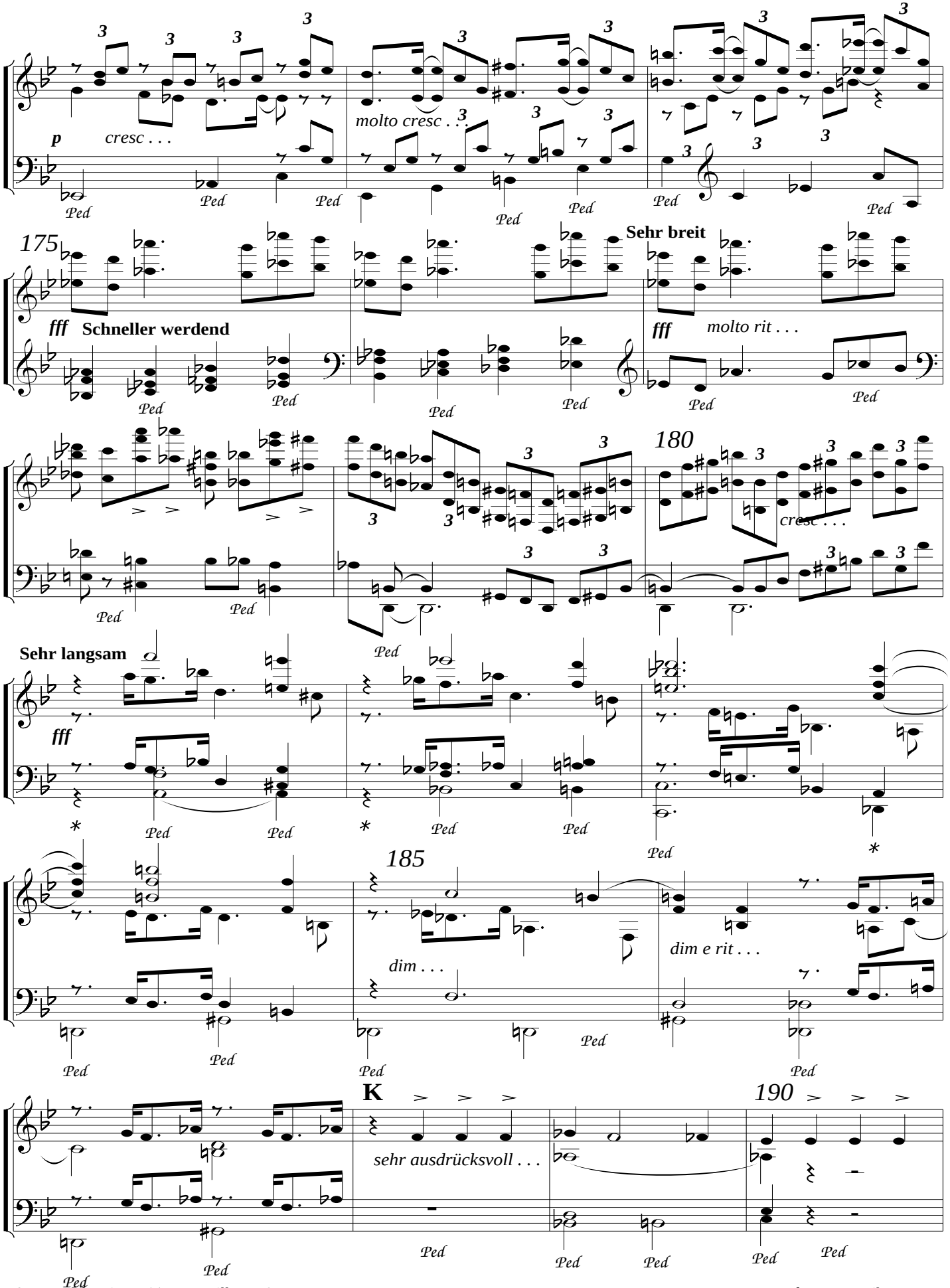
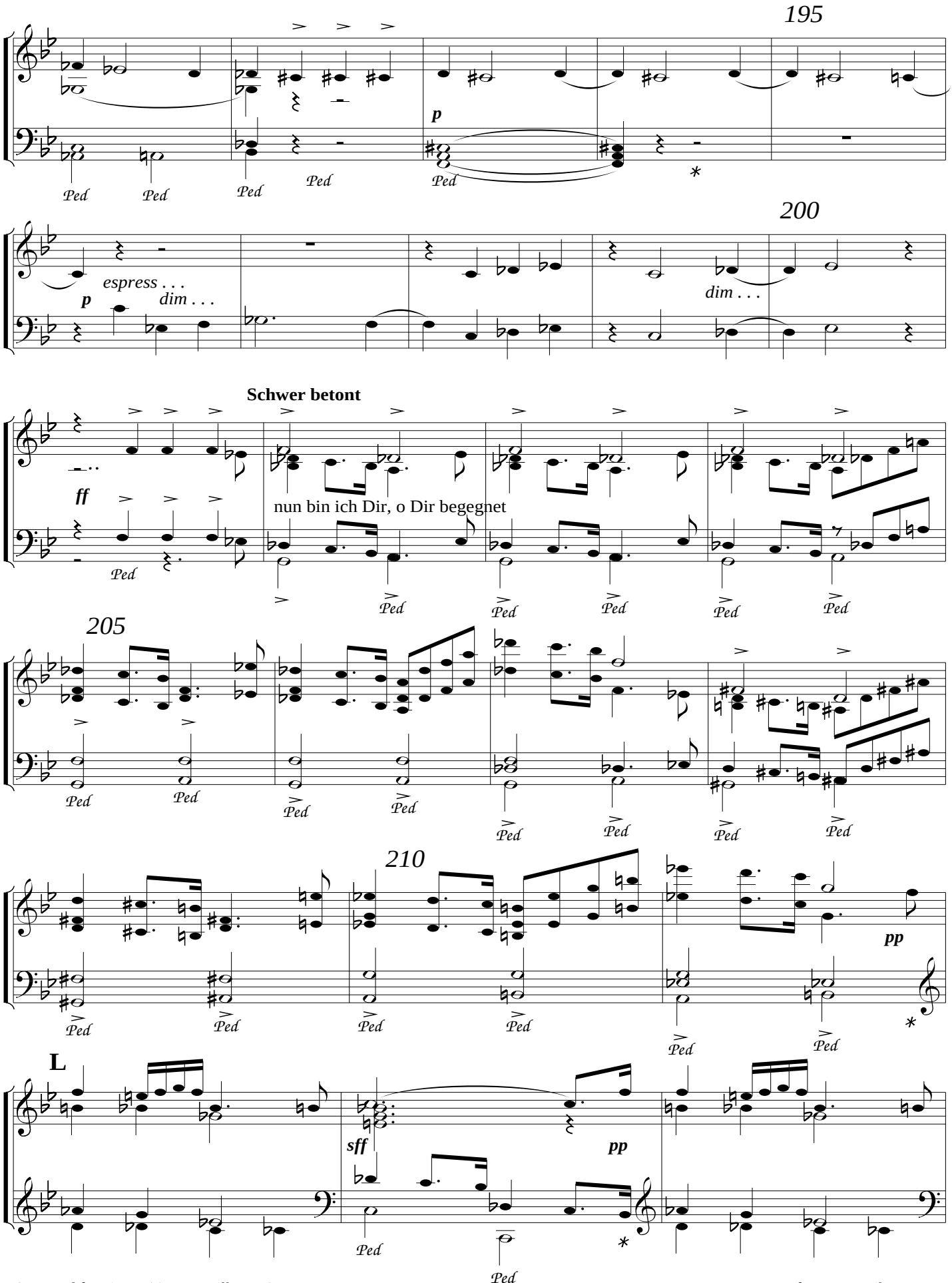
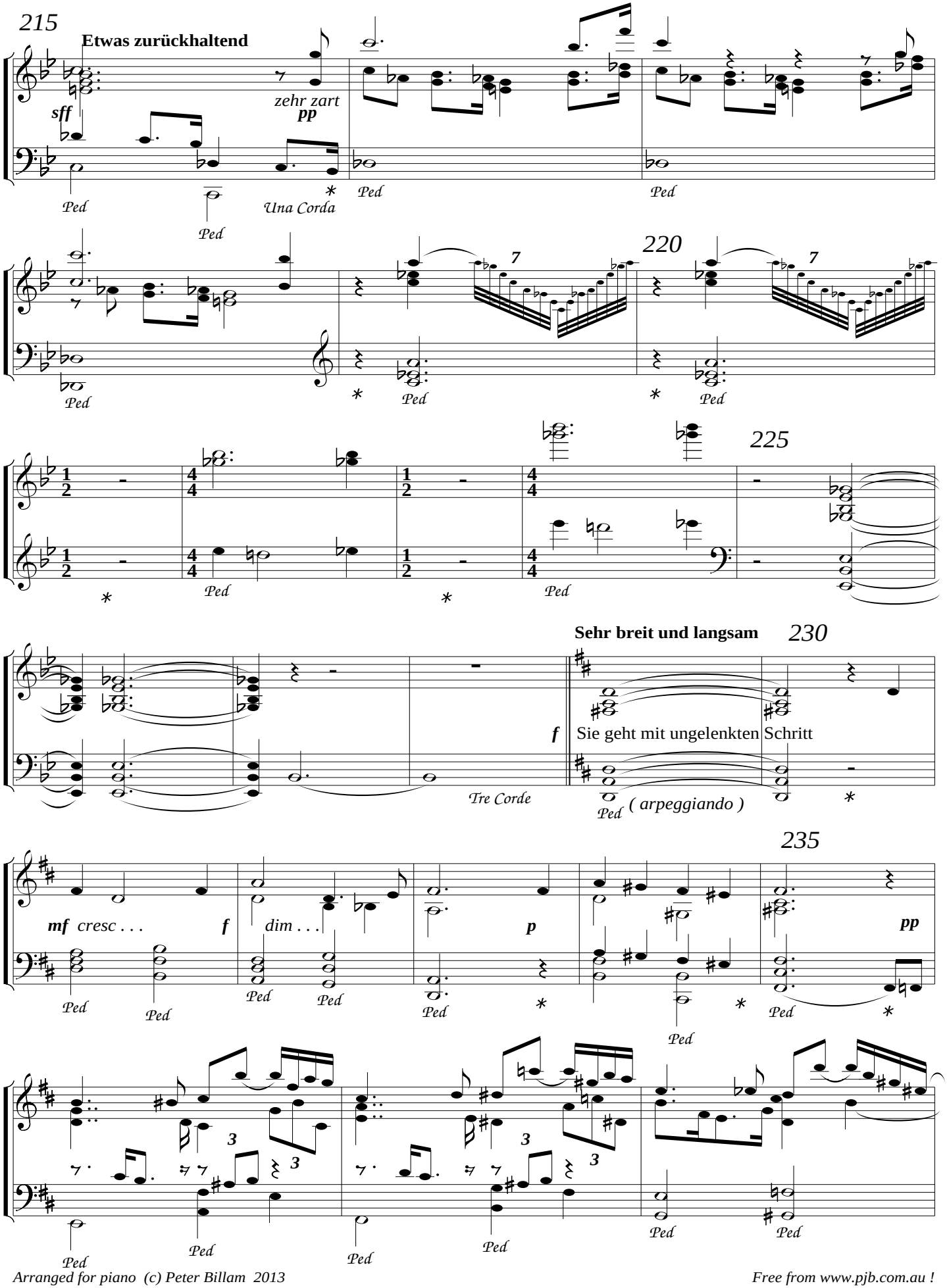
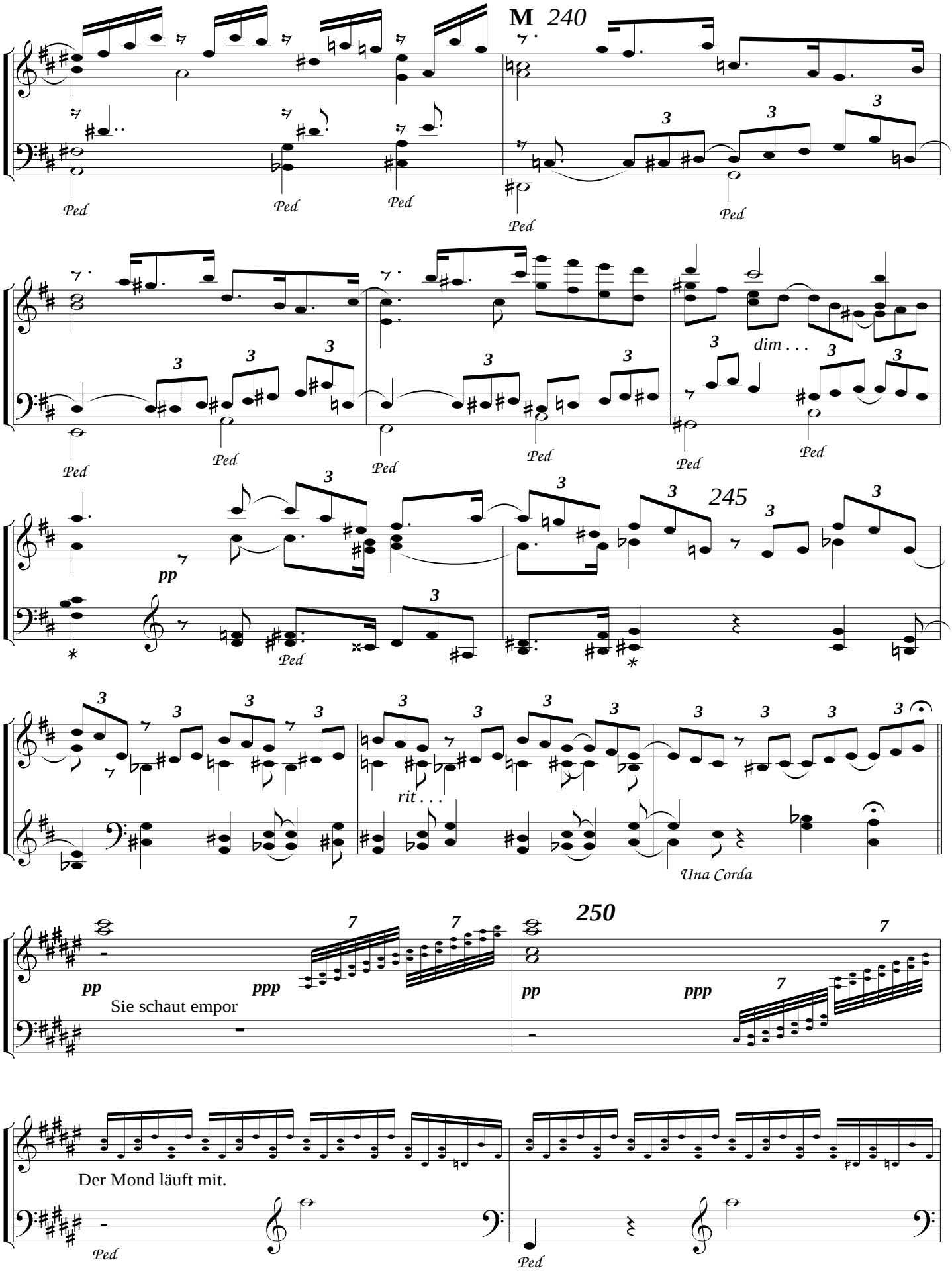
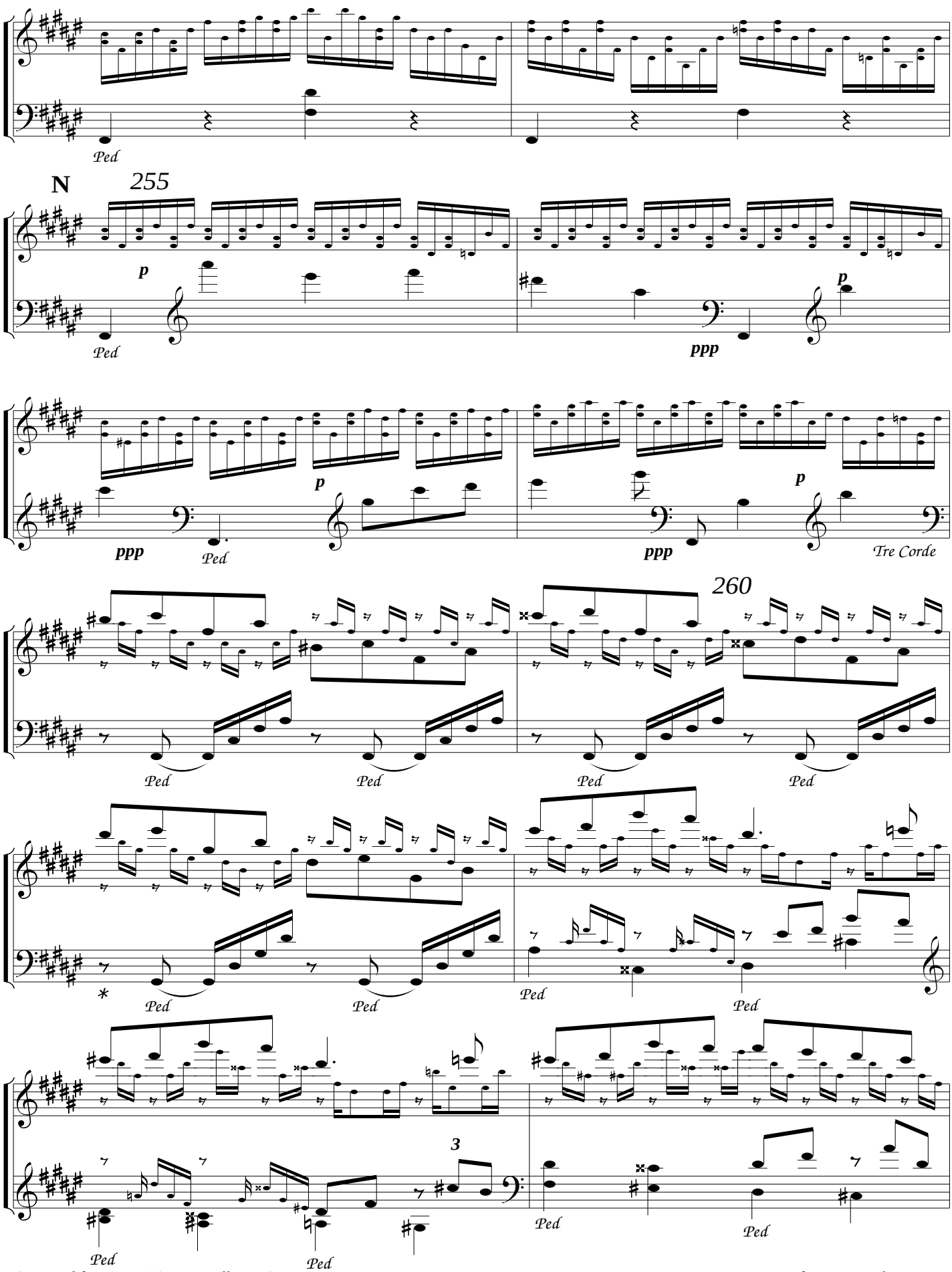
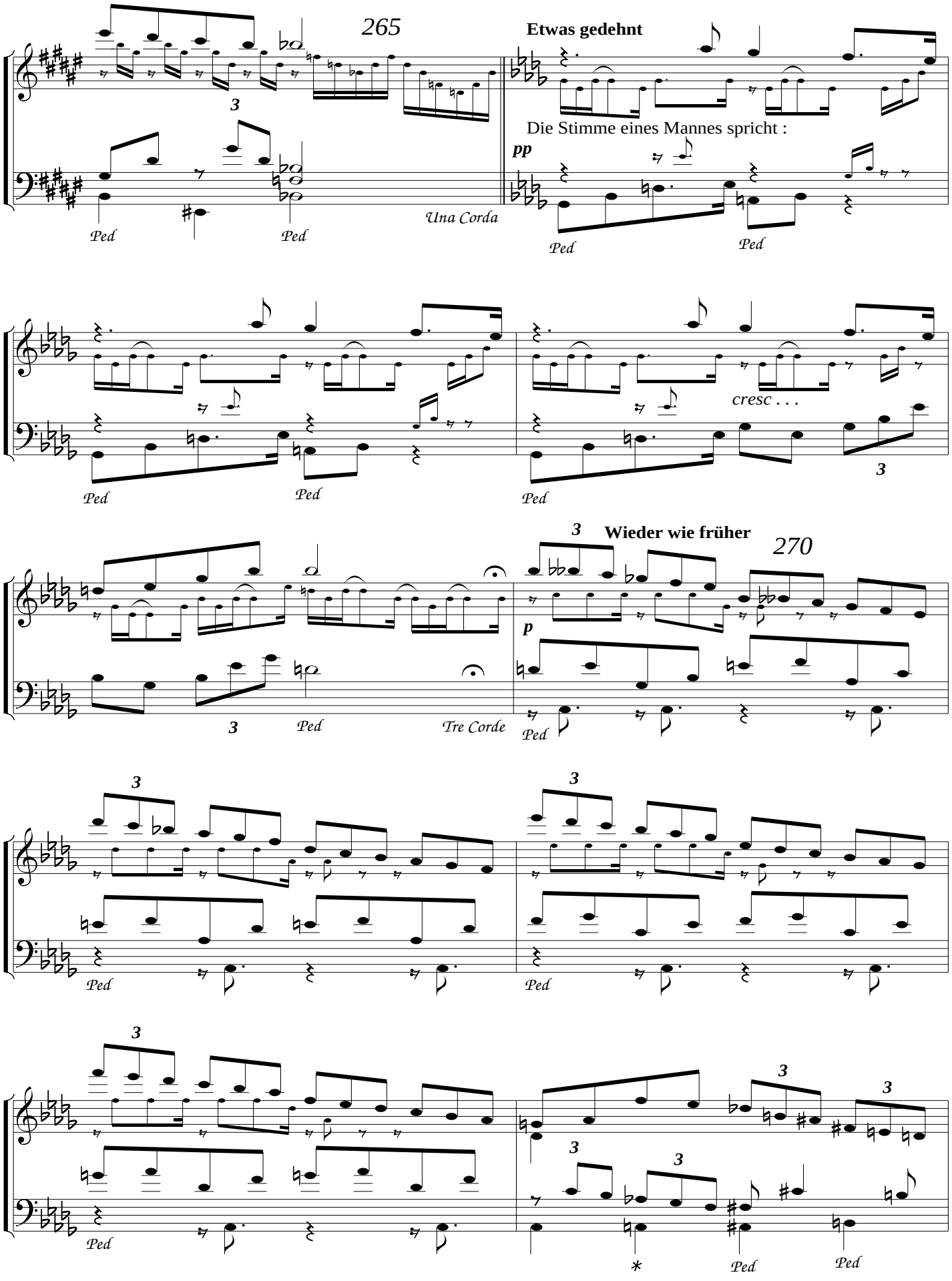

p
cresc . . .
molto cresc . . .
175
Sehr breit
fff
Schneller werdend
fff
molto rit . . .
180
cresc . . .
Sehr langsam
fff
185
dim . . .
dim e rit . . .
K
sehr ausdrücksvoll . . .
190
Ped

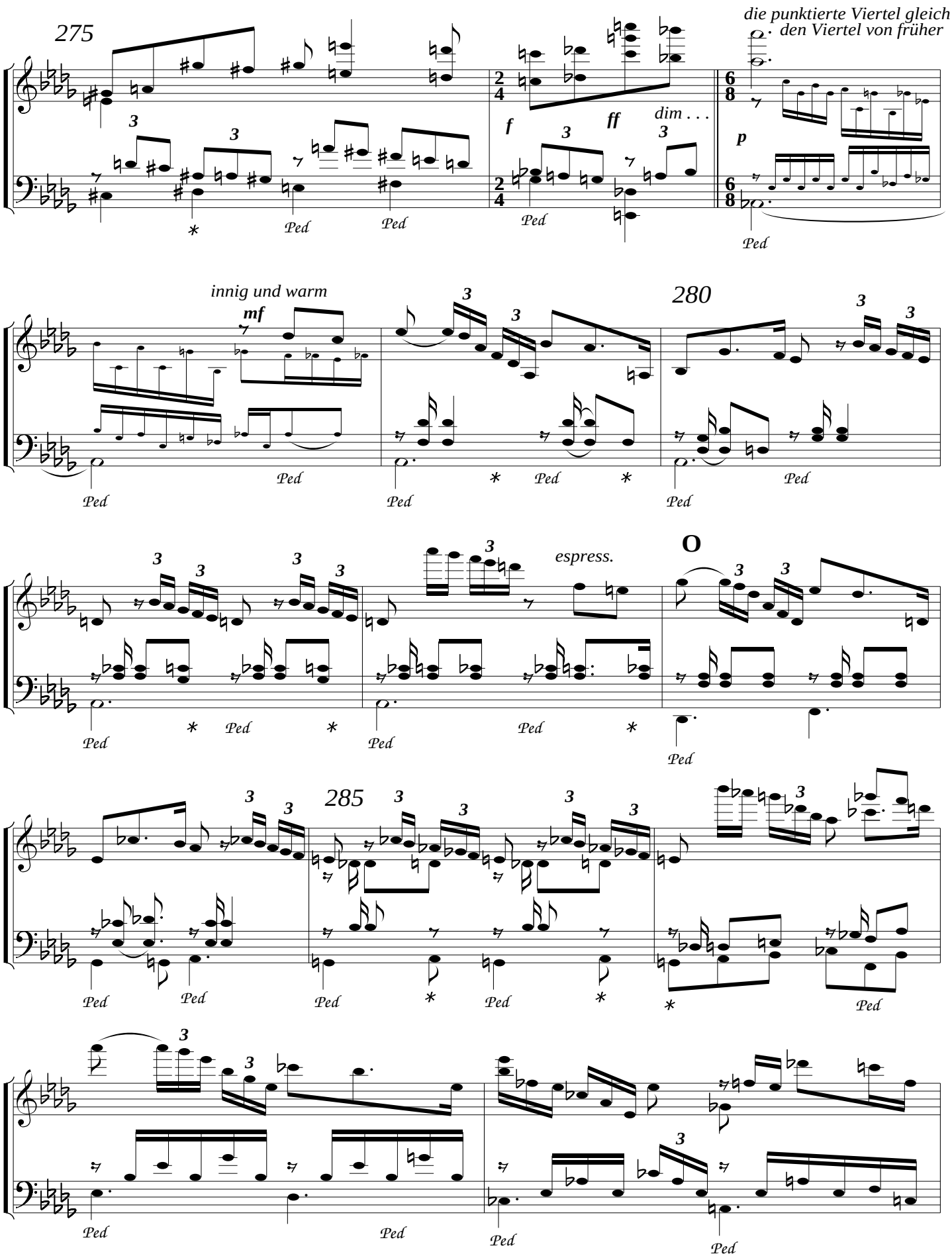

195
p
Ped
200
espress . . .
dim . . .
p
dim . . .
Schwer betont
ff
nun bin ich Dir, o Dir begegnet
205
210
pp
L
sff
pp

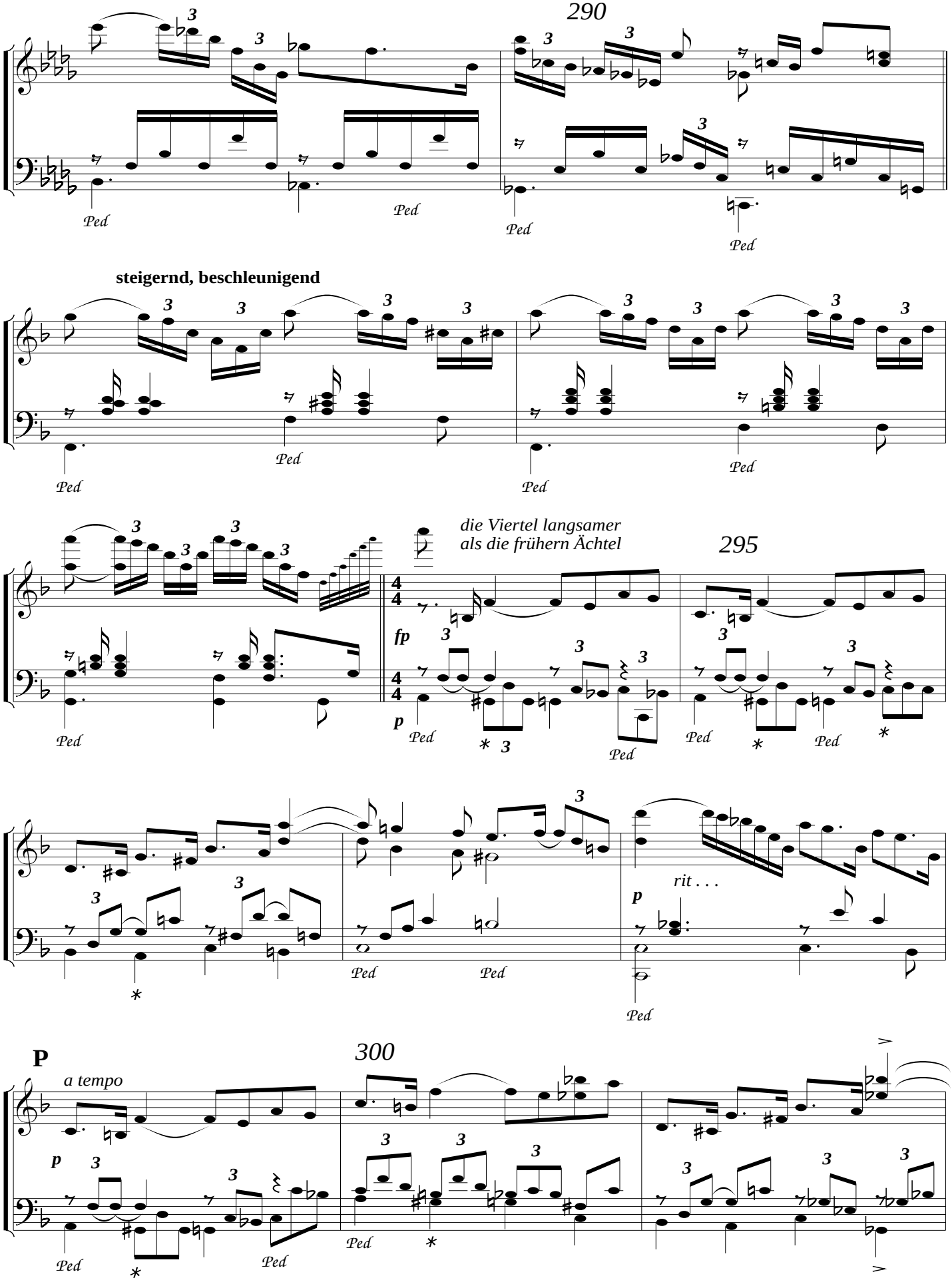

215
Etwas zurückhaltend
sff
zehr zart
pp
Ped
Una Corda
220
225
Sehr breit und langsam
230
f
Sie geht mit ungelenkten Schritt
Tre Corde
( arpeggiando )
235
mf cresc . . .
f
dim . . .
p
pp

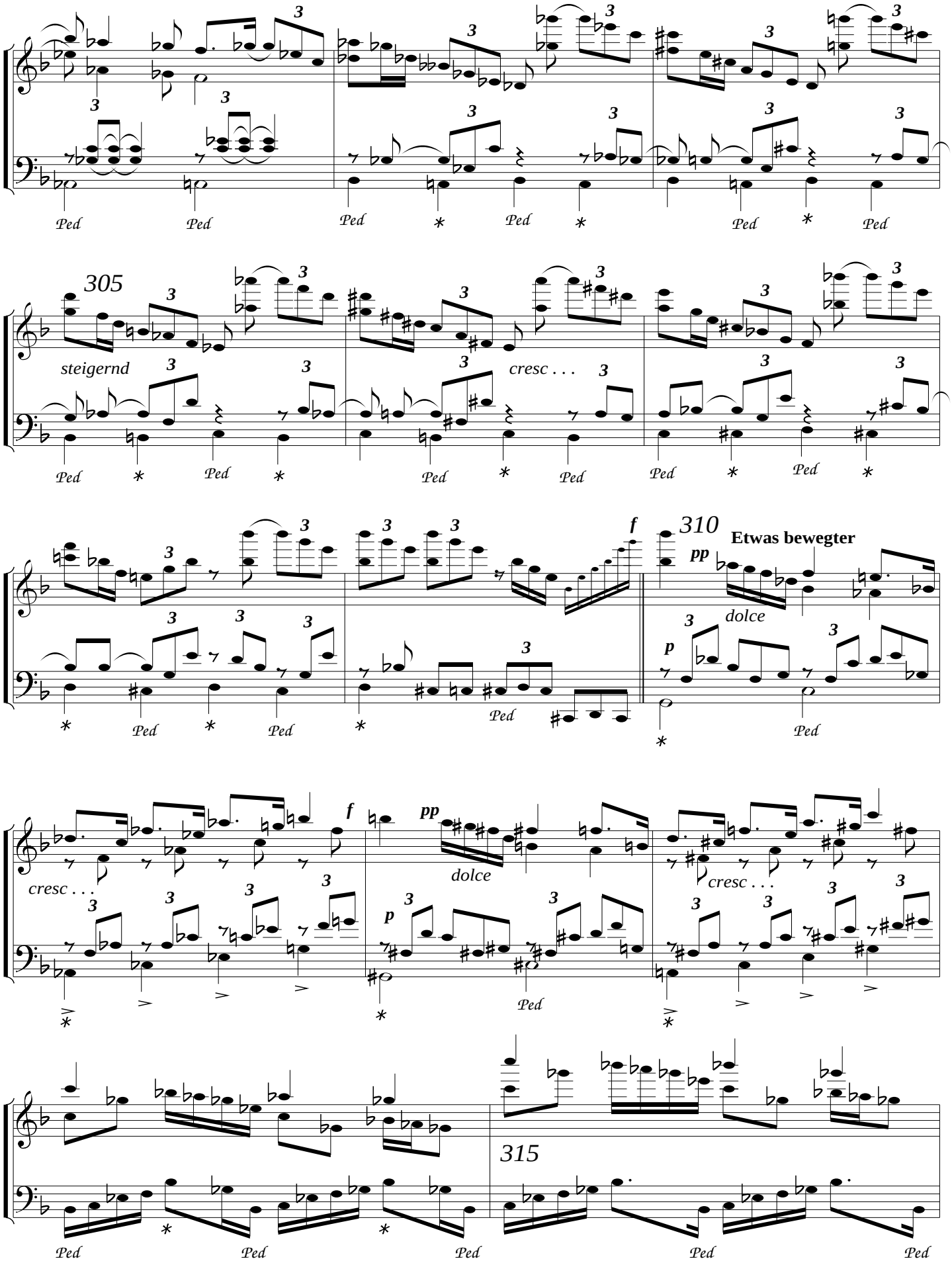

M 240
Ped
dim . . .
245
pp
rit . . .
Una Corda
250
pp
ppp
Sie schaut empor
Der Mond läuft mit.

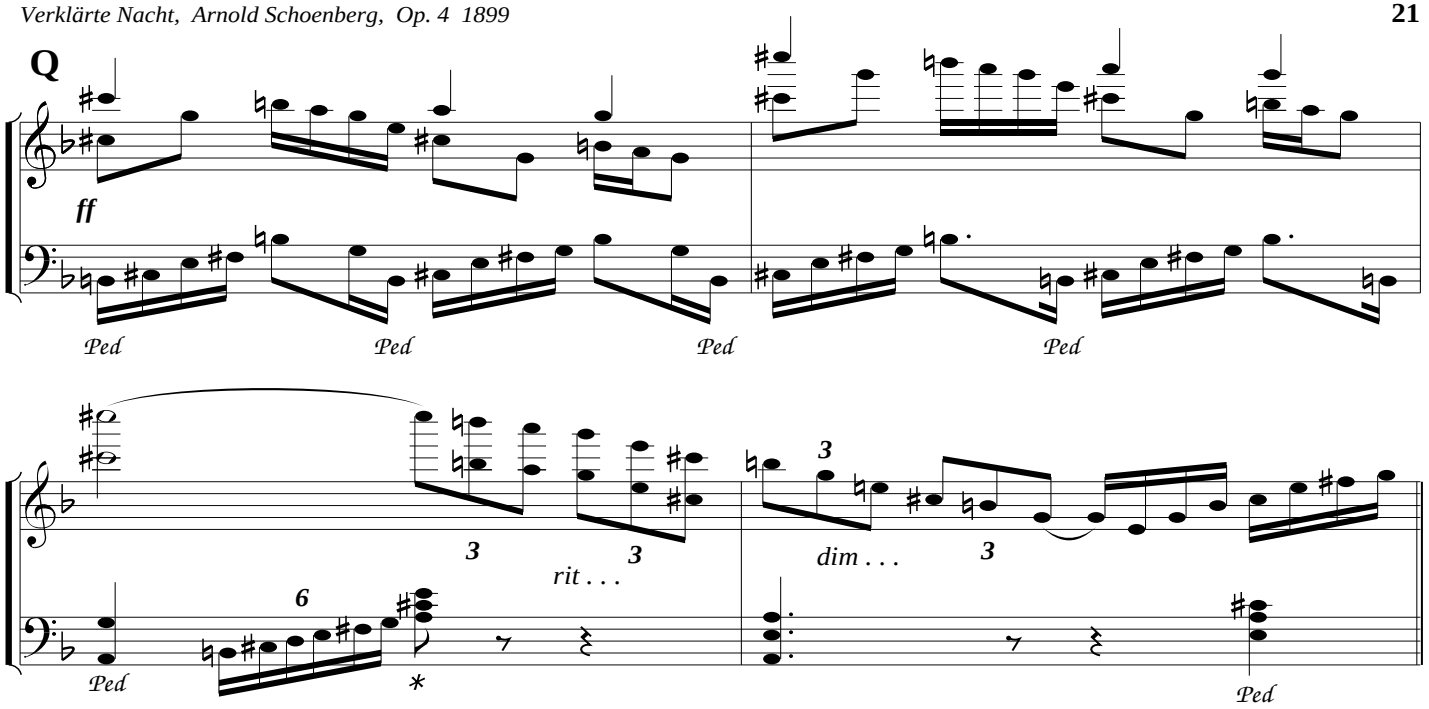

Ped
N
255
p
Ped
ppp
p
ppp
Ped
p
ppp
p
Tre Corde
260
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped
*
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped
3
Ped
Ped
Ped

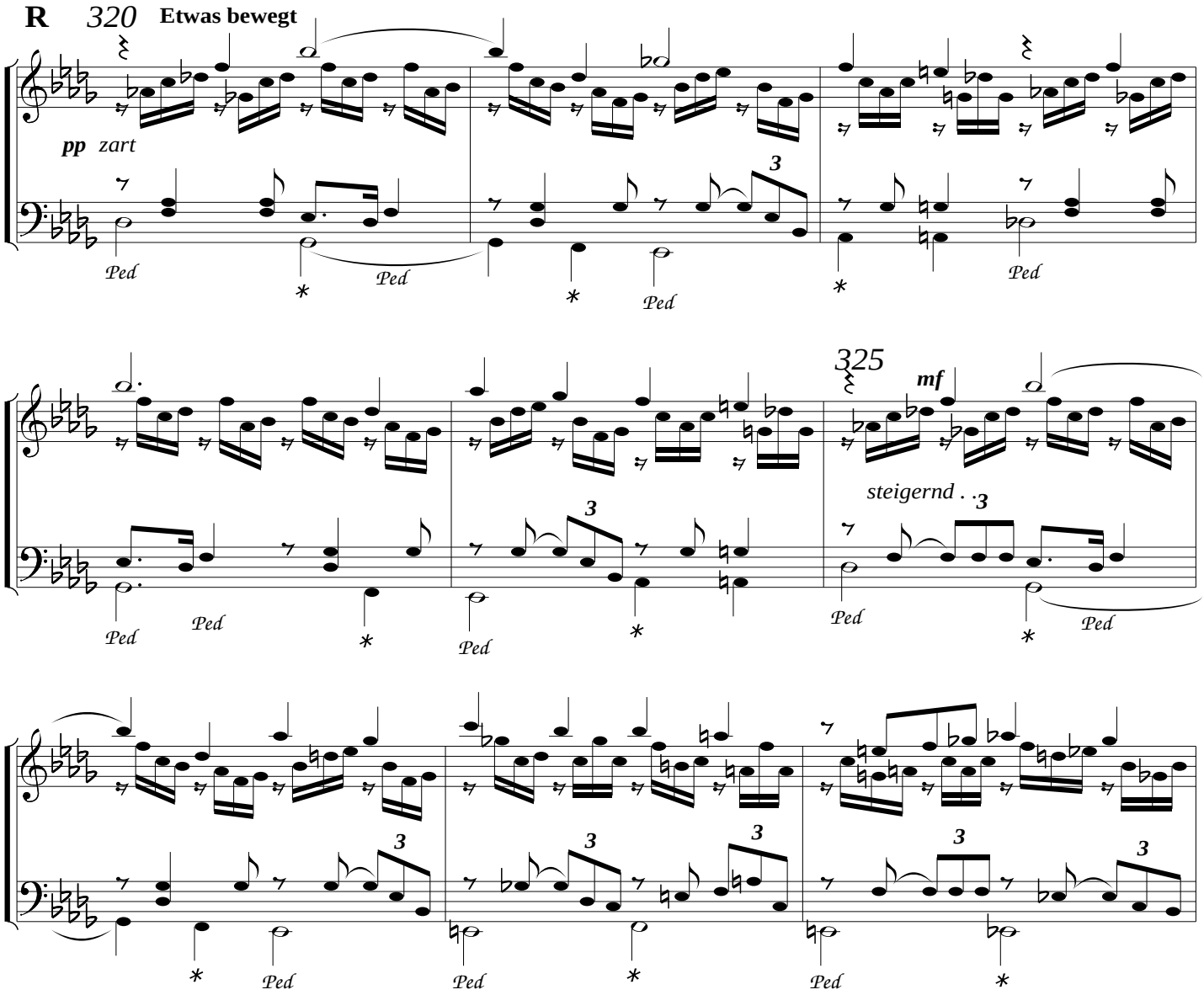

265
Etwas gedehnt
Die Stimme eines Mannes spricht :
pp
Una Corda
Ped
cresc . . .
Wieder wie früher
270
p
Tre Corde

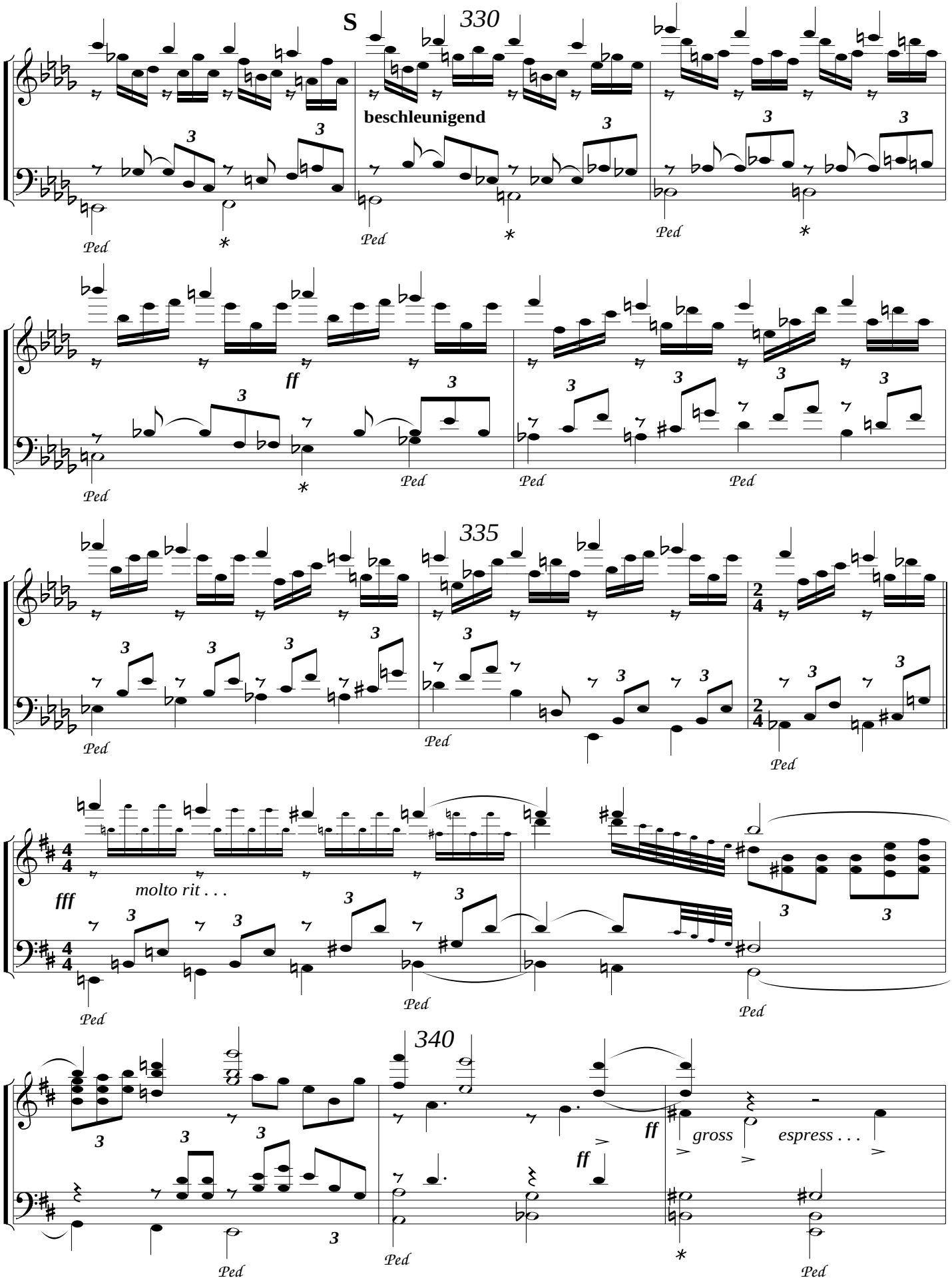

275
die punktierte Viertel gleich
den Viertel von früher
f
ff
dim . . .
p
innig und warm
mf
280
espress.
O
285
Ped

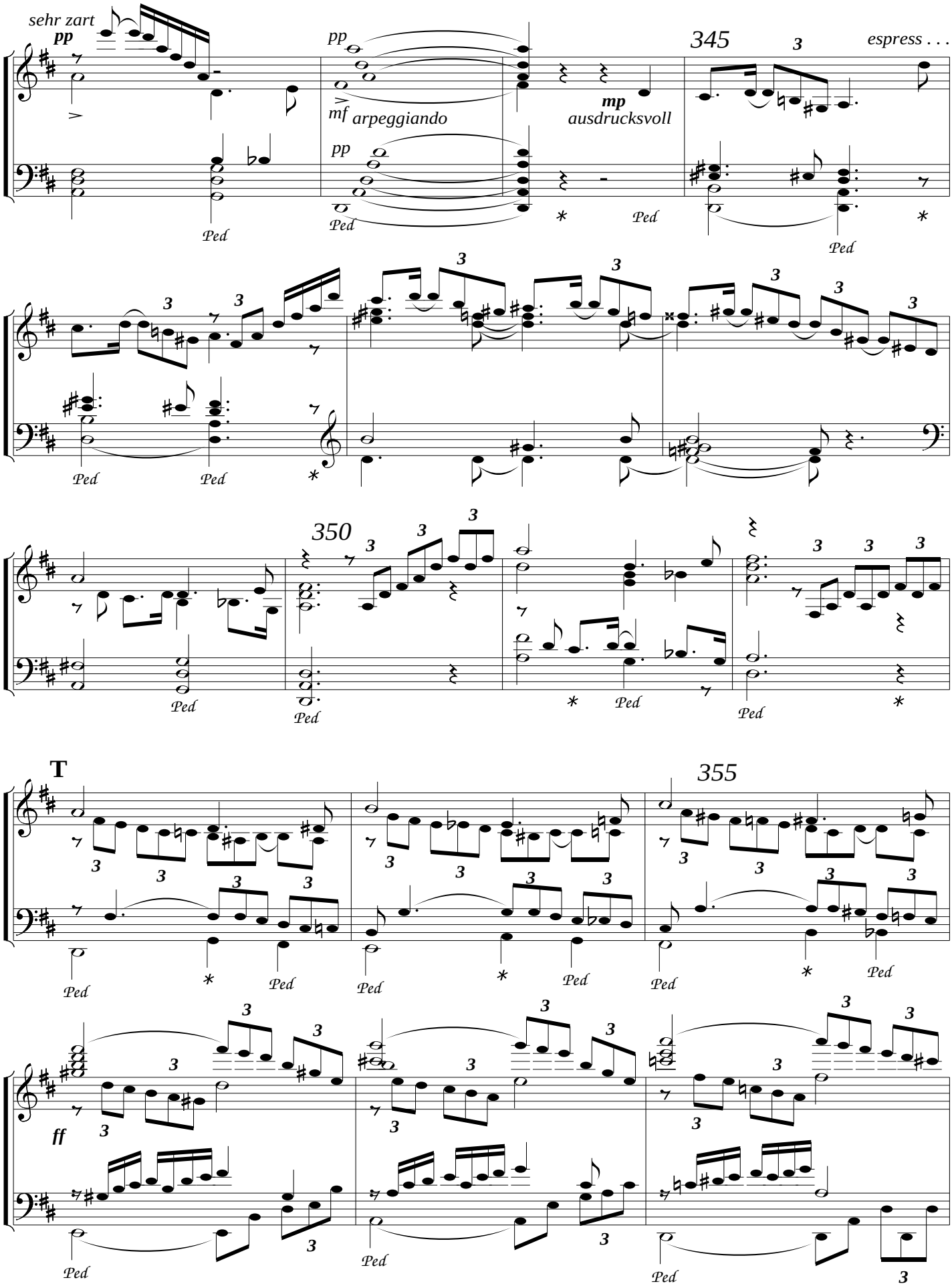

290
steigernd, beschleunigend
die Viertel langsamer
als die frühern Ächtel
295
fp
p
rit . . .
P
300
a tempo
Ped

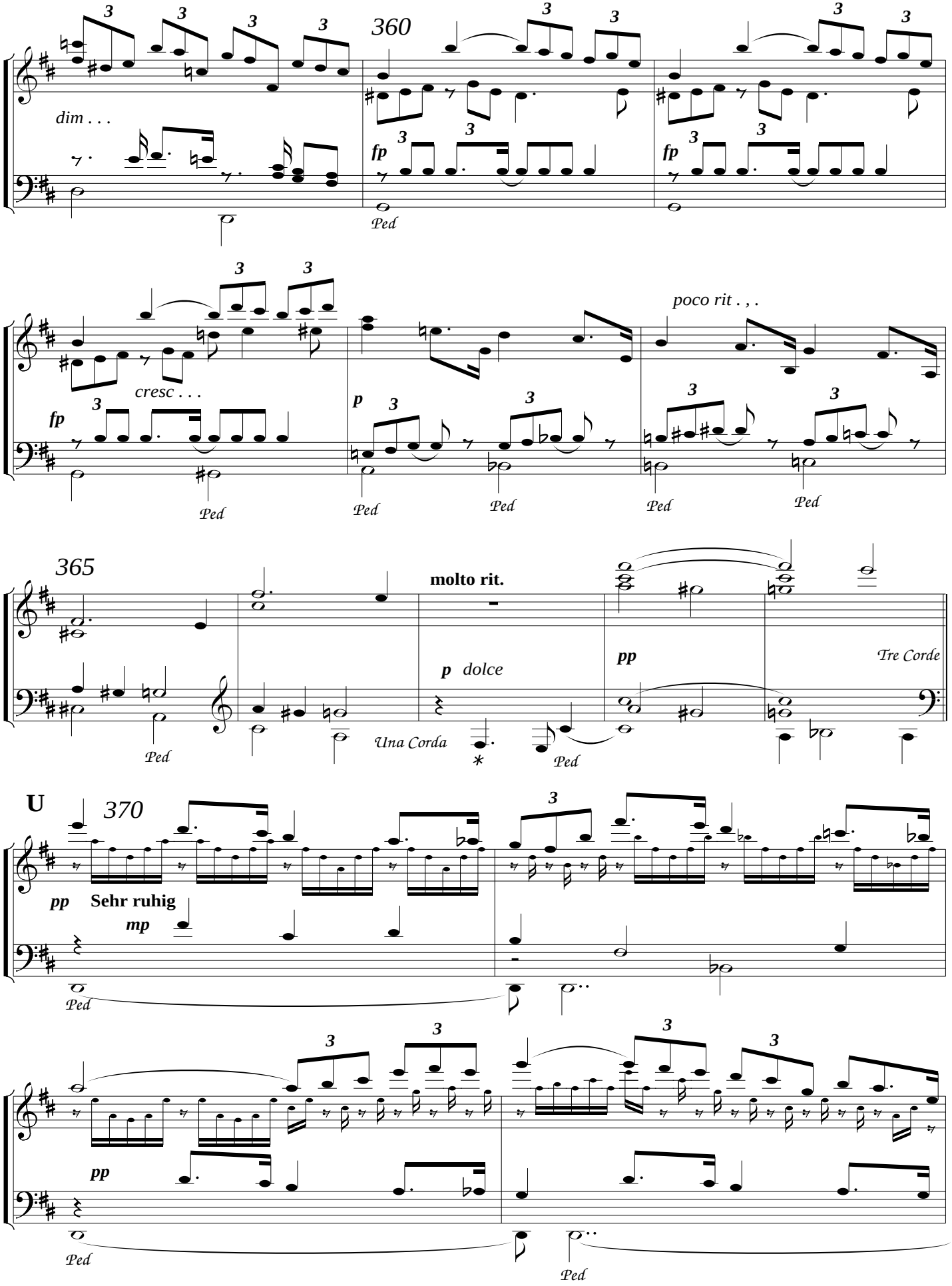

305
steigernd
cresc . . .
310
Etwas bewegter
dolce
dolce
cresc . . .
cresc . . .
315
Ped


Q
ff
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped
3
3
3
rit . . .
3
dim . . .
6
Ped
Ped


R
320
Etwas bewegt
pp zart
Ped
Ped
Ped
3
325
mf
steigernd . . .
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped
3
3
3
3
3
3
Ped
Ped
Ped
Ped


S
330
beschleunigend
ff
335
fff
molto rit . . .
340
ff
gross
espress . . .
Ped


sehr zart
pp
pp
mf arpeggiando
345
espress . . .
mp
ausdrucksvoll
Ped
350
T
355
ff


360
dim . . .
fp
fp
Ped
cresc . . .
fp
p
poco rit . , .
365
molto rit.
p dolce
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Tre Corde
Una Corda
U
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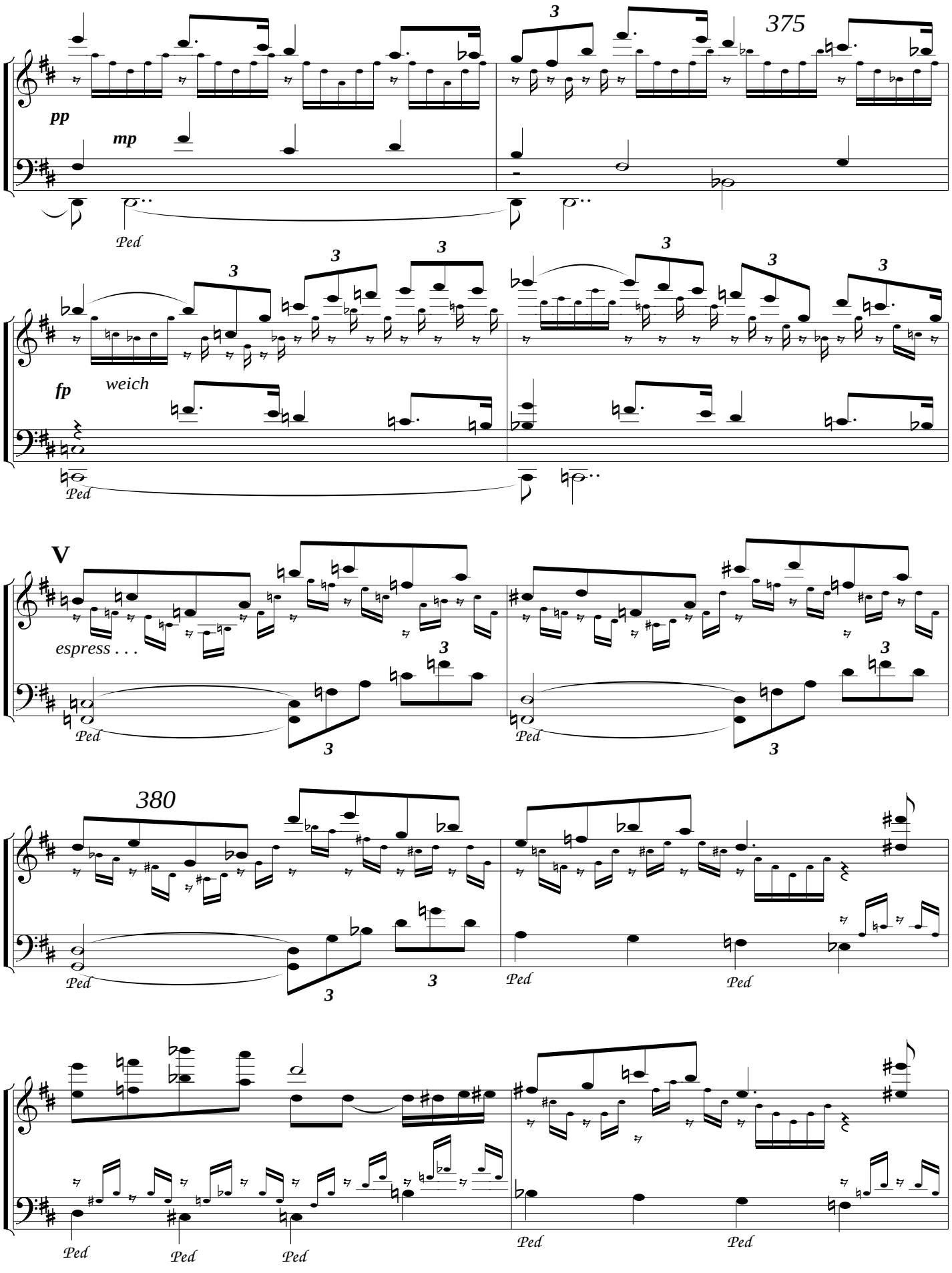
pp
Sehr ruhig
mp
pp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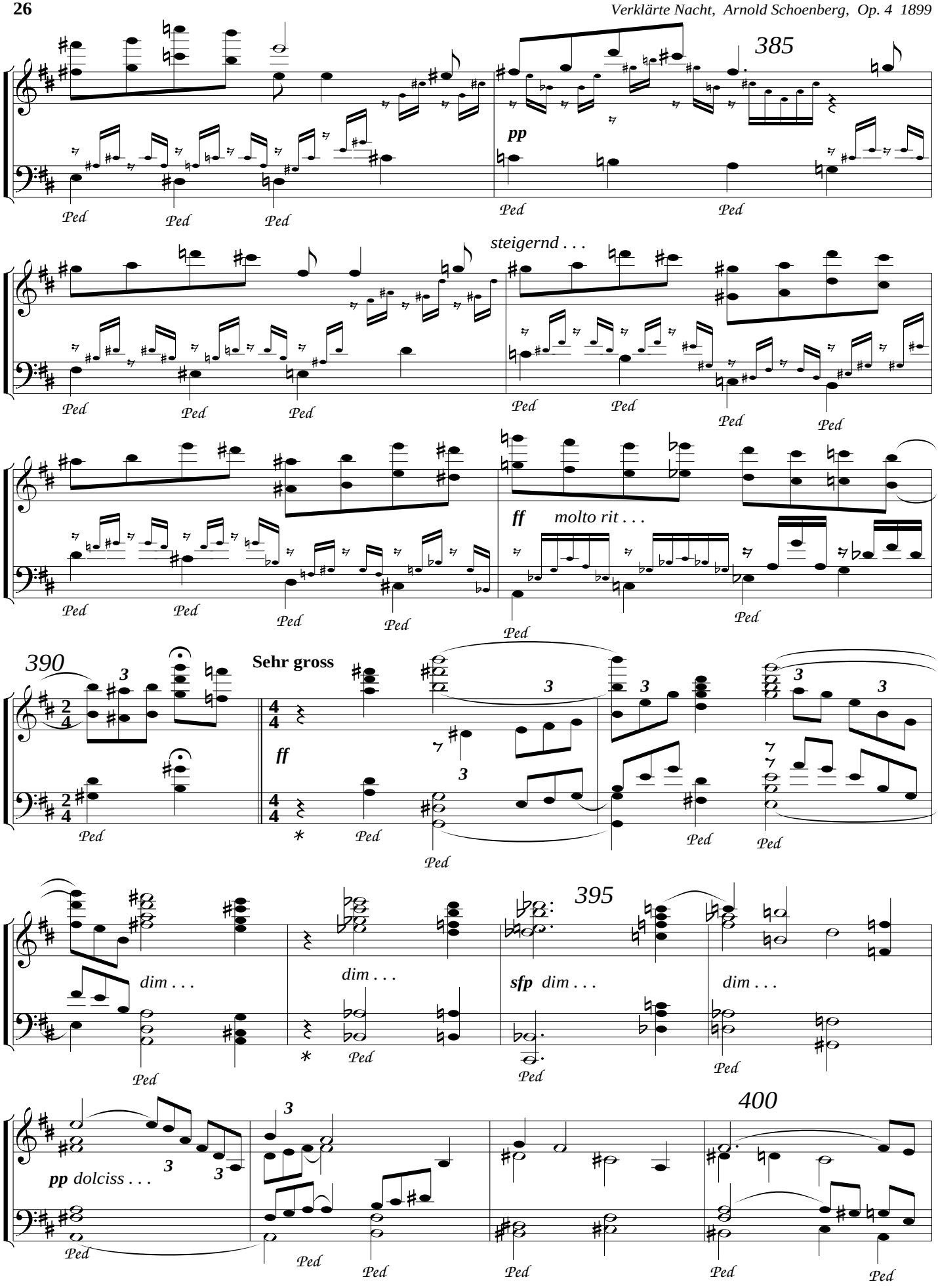
pp
mp
Ped
fp
weich
V
espress . . .
380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pp
steigernd . . .
ff
molto rit . . .
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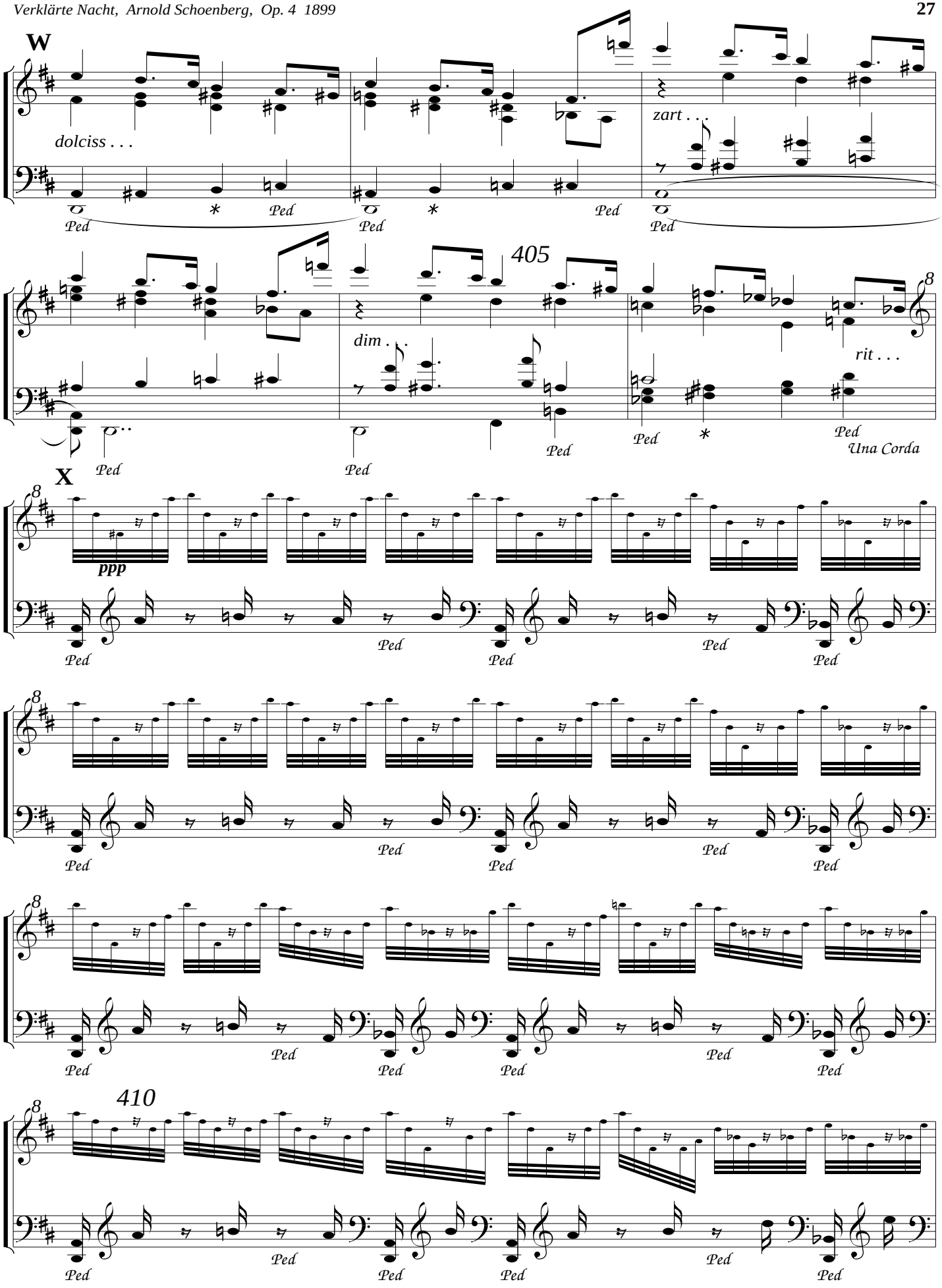
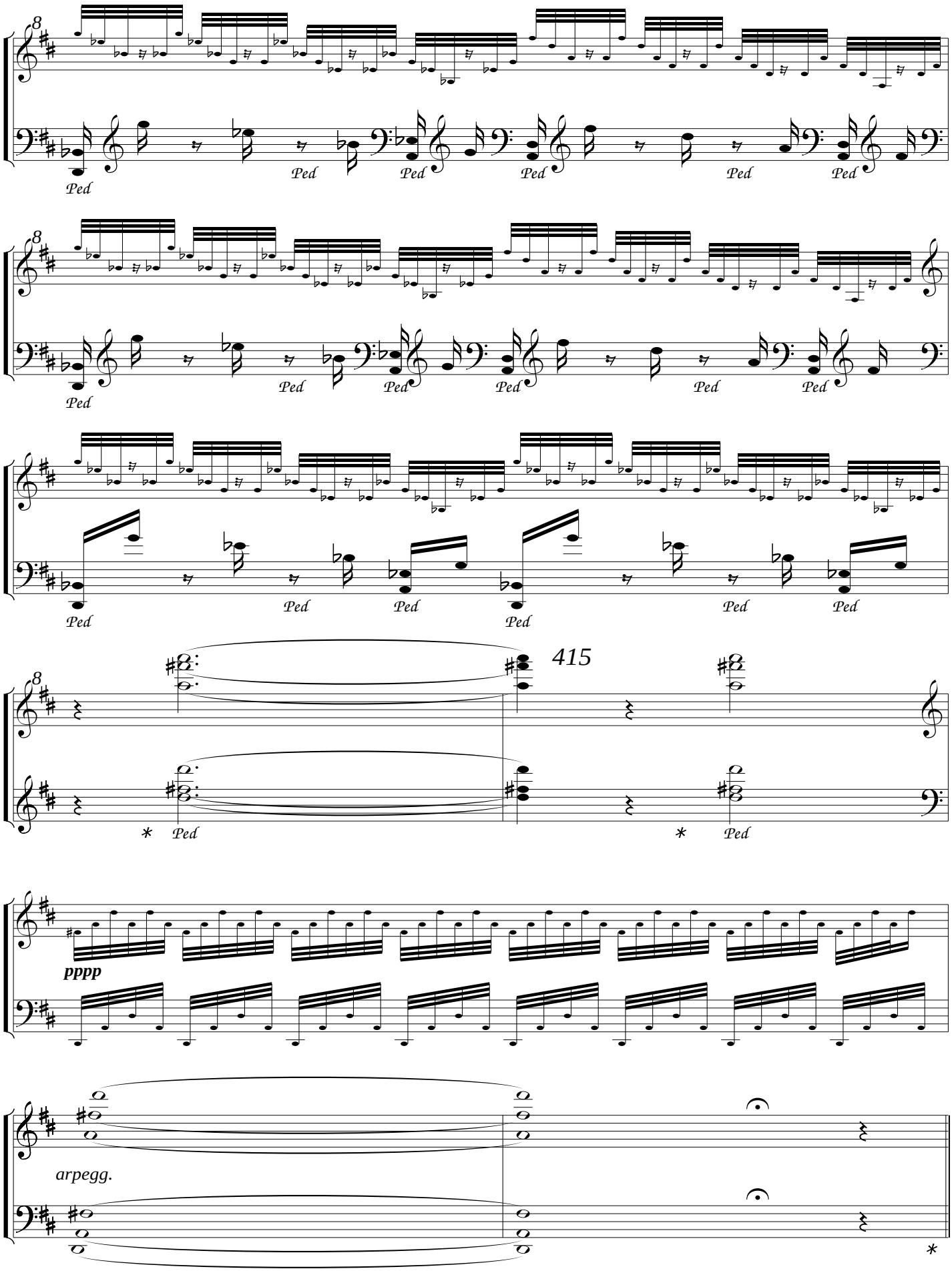
Sehr gross
ff
395
dim . . .
sfp dim . . .
400
pp dolciss . . .
Ped


W
dolciss . . .
zart . . .
Ped
405
dim . . .
rit . . .
Una Corda
X
ppp
410


8
Ped
415
pppp
arpegg.

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