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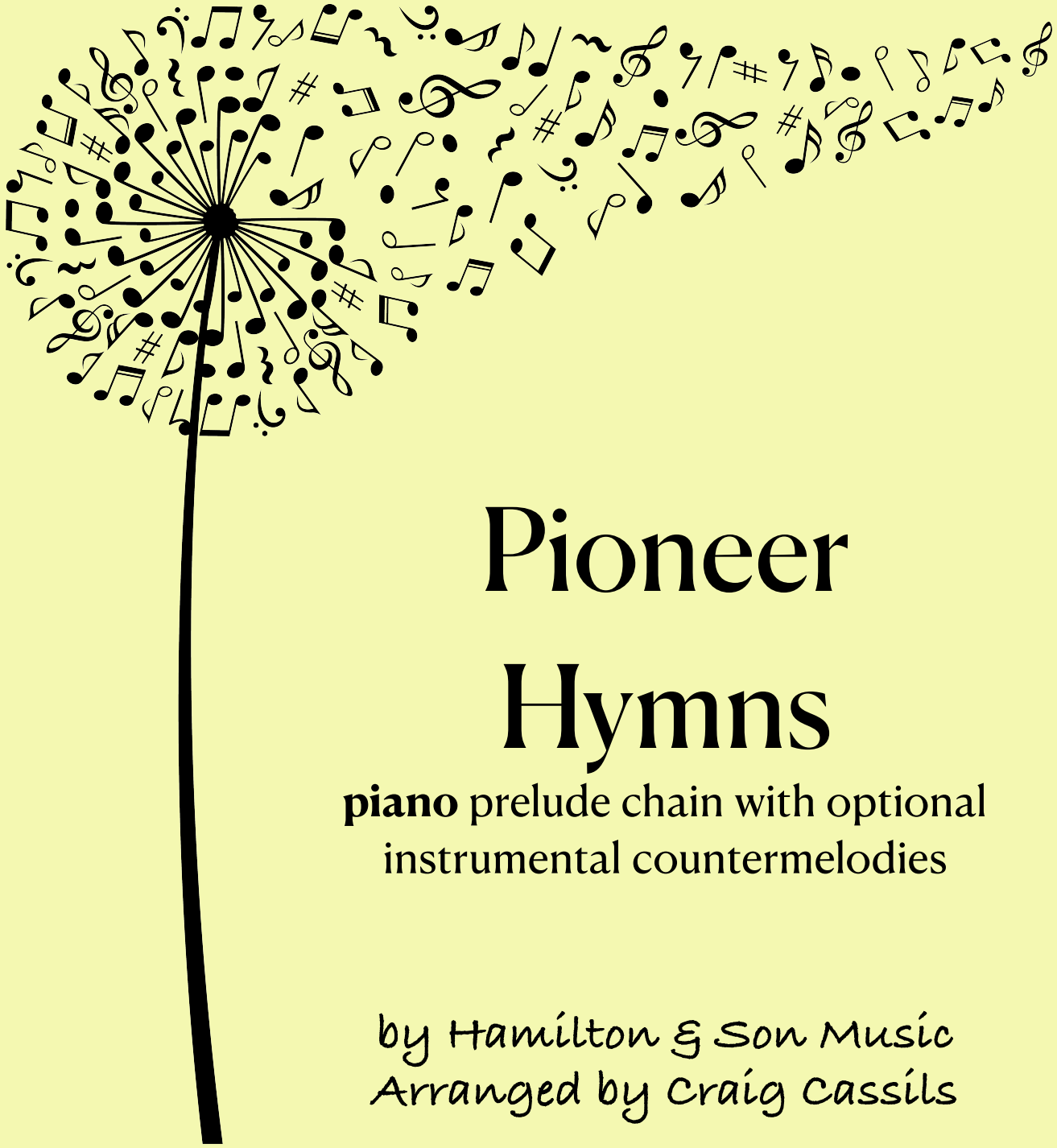

Pioneer Hymns

piano prelude chain with optional instrumental countermelodies

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Dear Friends,

We are happy you have chosen to use our *Prelude Chains: Pioneer Hymns* book. We hope it brings you much joy as you perform these hymns with their messages of pioneer faith.

People all over the world have loved our beautiful, but not too difficult, hymn arrangements, created by our amazing arranger, Craig Cassils. We have chosen fourteen pioneer hymns to include in this book. Each one is either a hymn the early pioneers would have sung (contained in the first hymnbook) or a hymn written near the time and descriptive of their experiences and testimonies.

There are several ways you can use this book, depending on your circumstances and the abilities of your ward members.

1. Simply play the arrangements through on the piano as a lovely prelude to church meetings.
2. Play at home as a fun duet with another pianist. The countermelodies could be played by a beginning or less competent pianist.
3. Play the arrangements on piano while an instrumentalist plays the countermelodies. The hymns are organized so that, for the most part, the piano plays the hymn alone first and then with the instrument on the second time through. This helps to keep the main melody predominant and easily recognizable for your audience. Some of the hymns do not include the instrumental countermelody at all.
4. The instrumentalist could play the melody alone at times or with the piano accompaniment.
5. If you do not have a competent instrumentalist in your ward, have another pianist play the countermelodies on the piano - or on the organ using an instrumental sound.
6. Using these preludes is an excellent way to incorporate more special musical numbers into your church meetings.

We know that these arrangements can bring a lovely spirit as people assemble and prepare for the meeting ahead. They can also bring a lovely spirit into your home when used there.

May God bless you in your musical endeavours!

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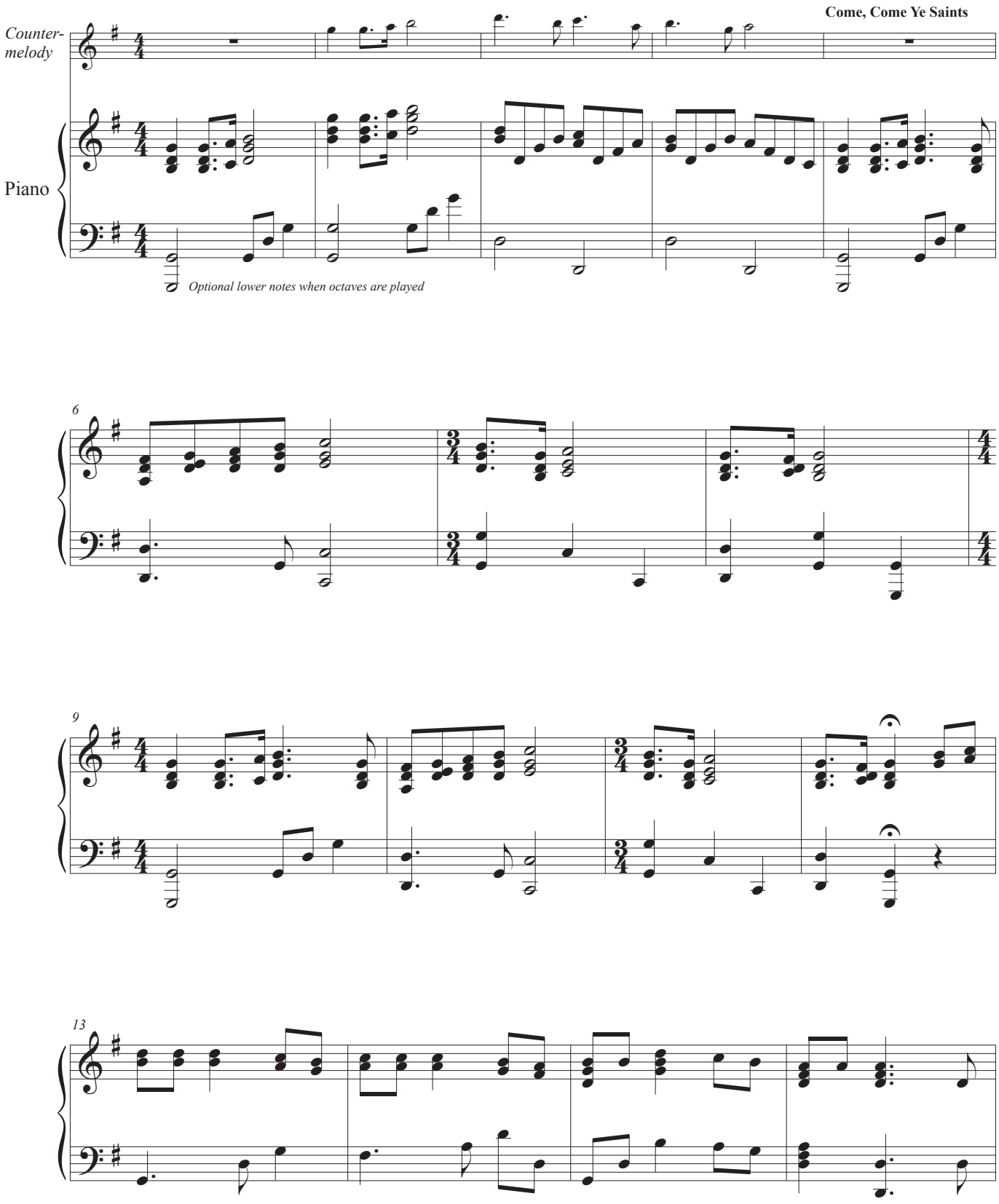

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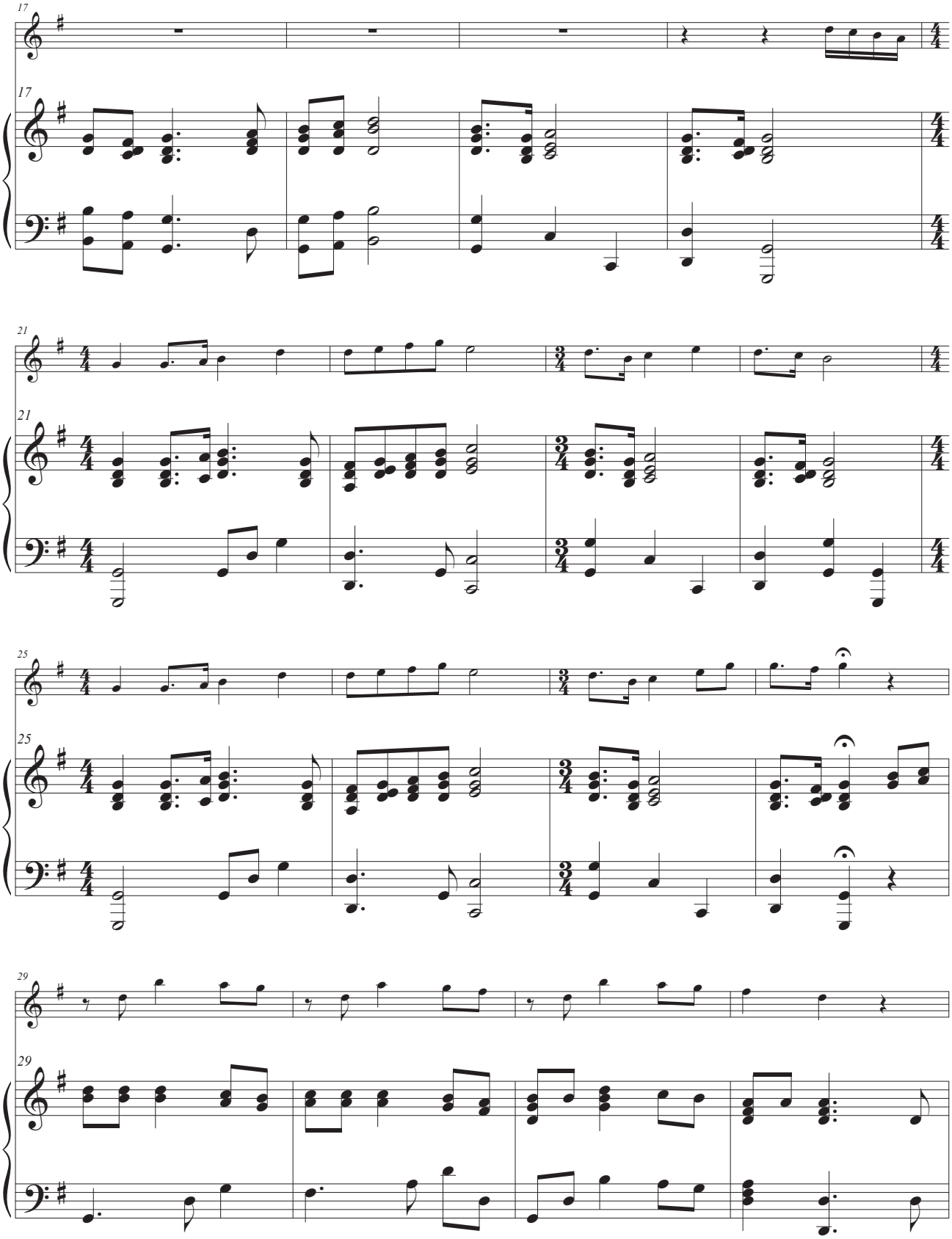
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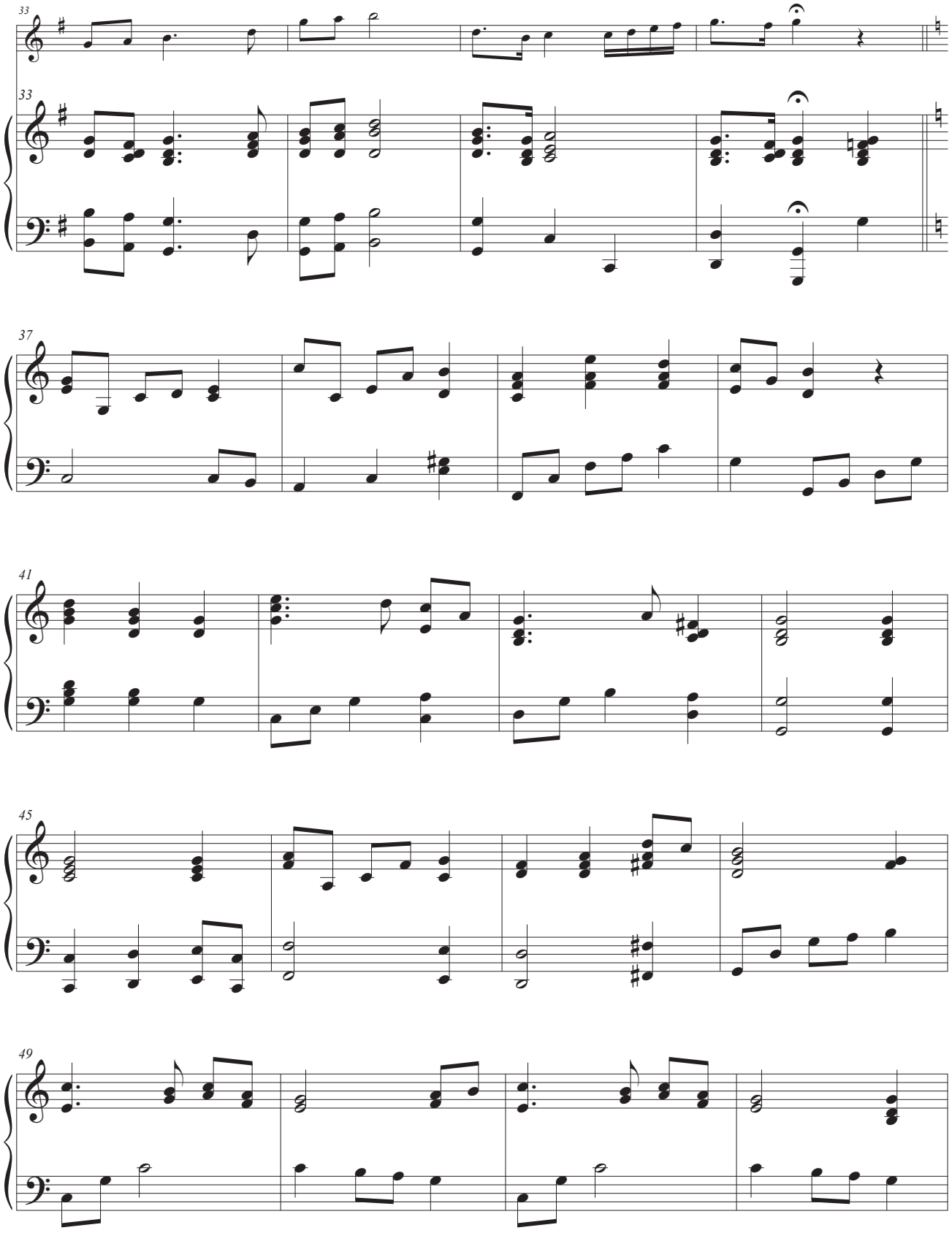
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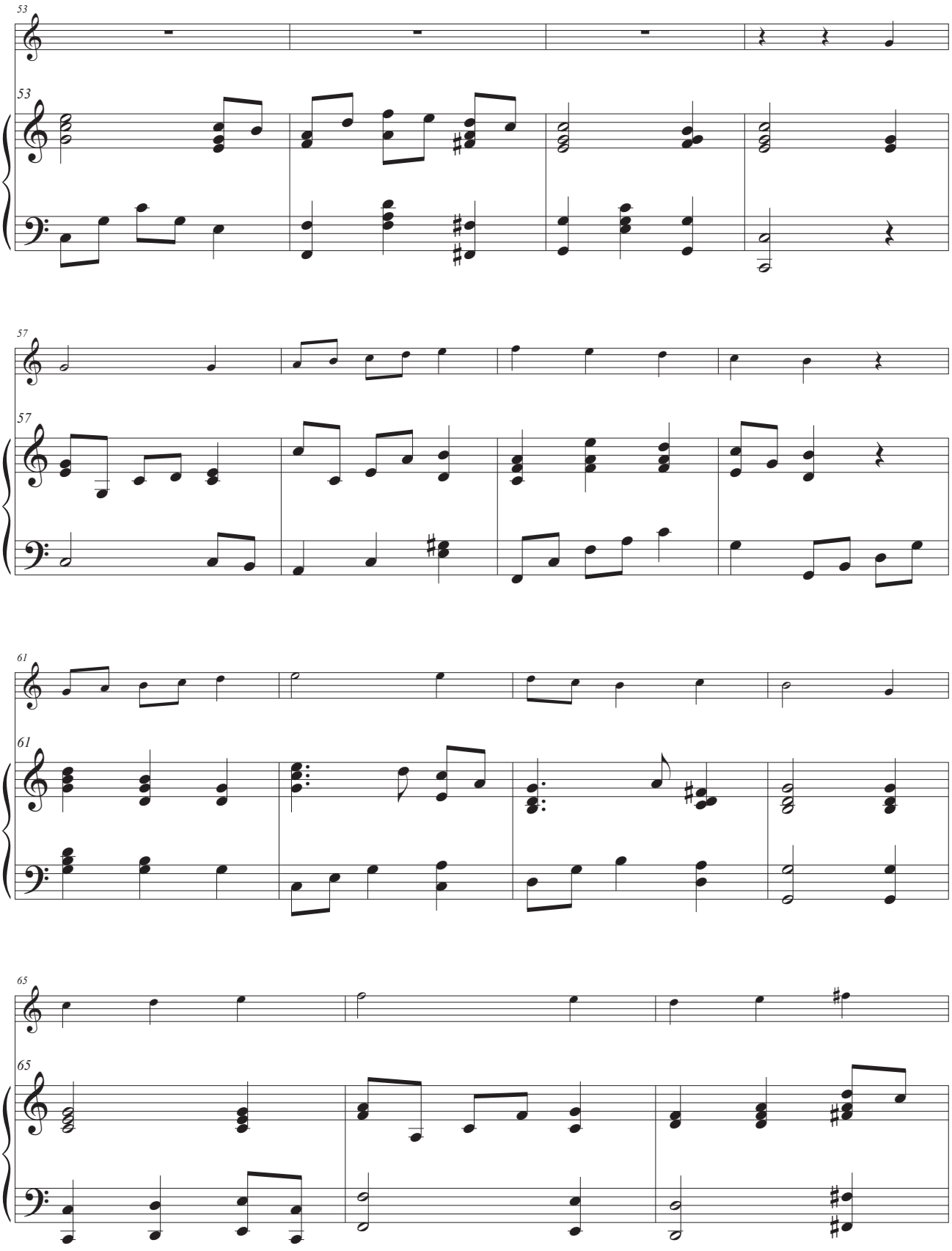
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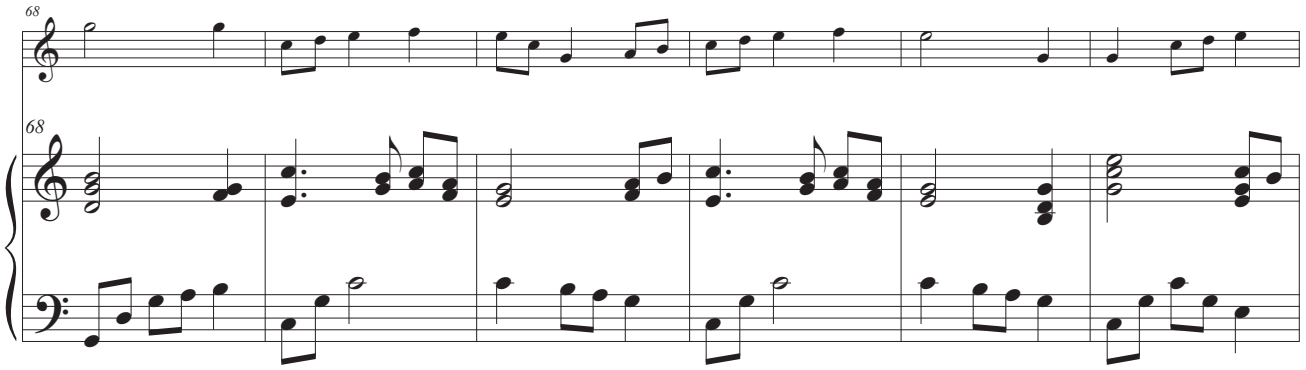

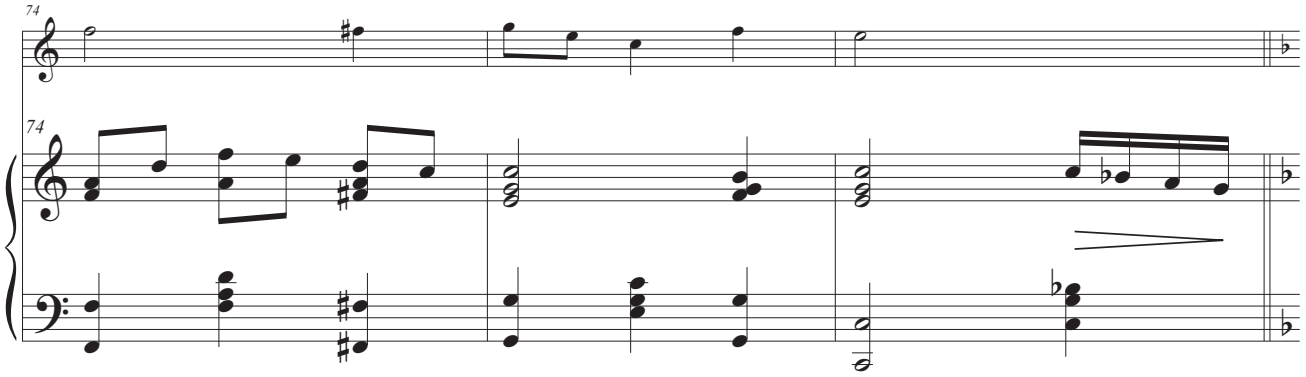

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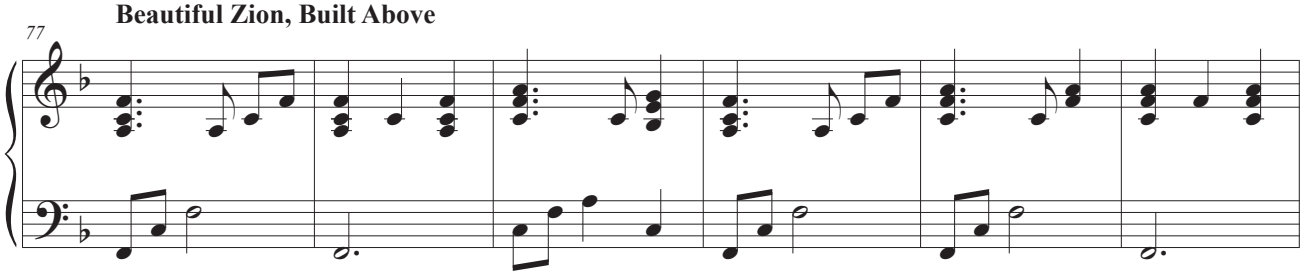

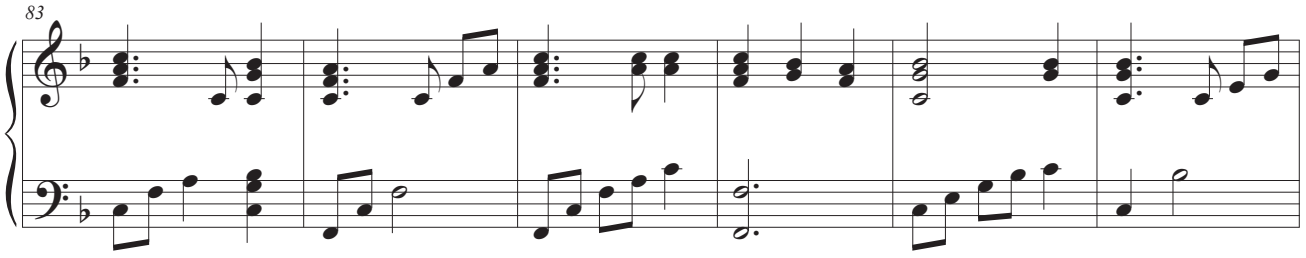

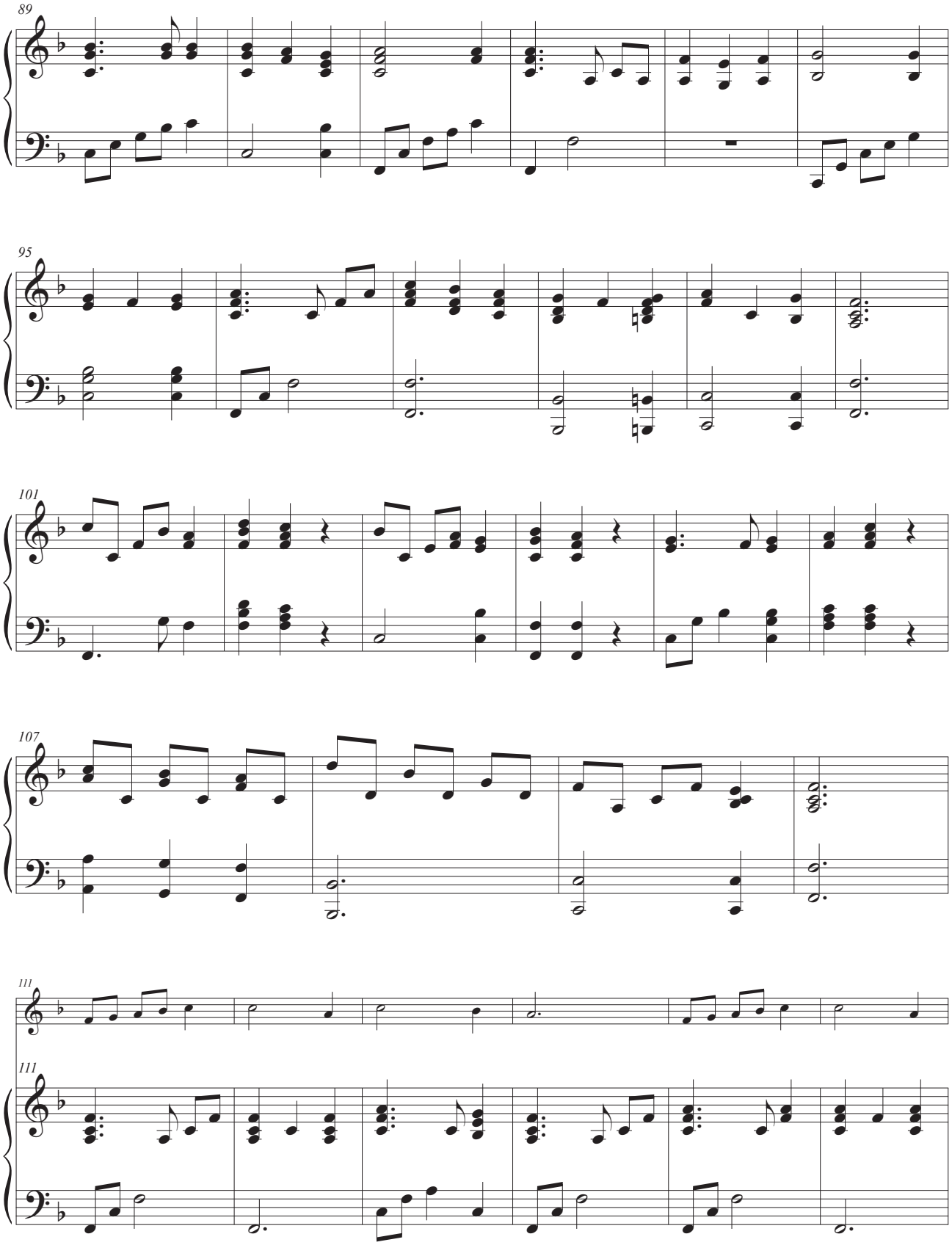
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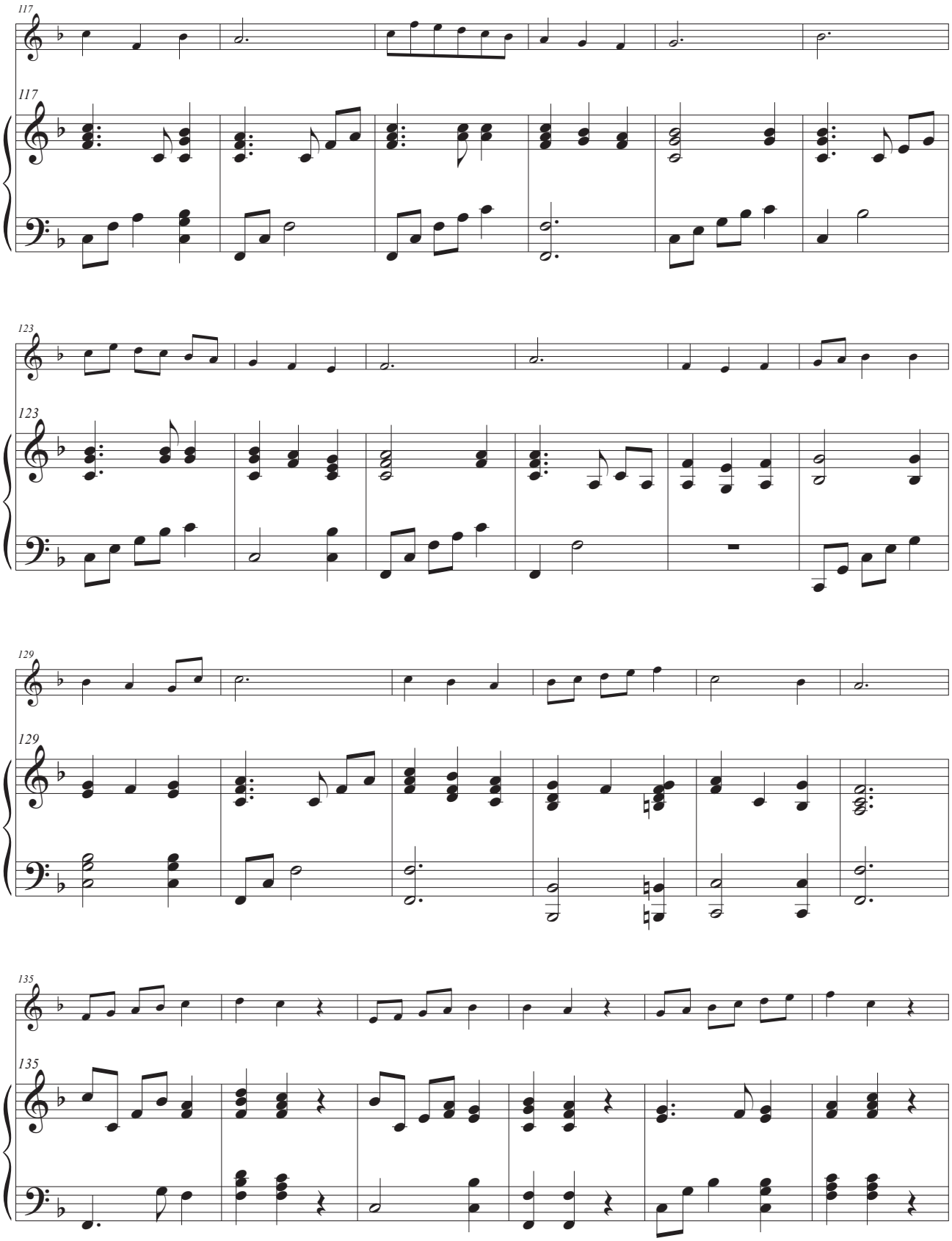
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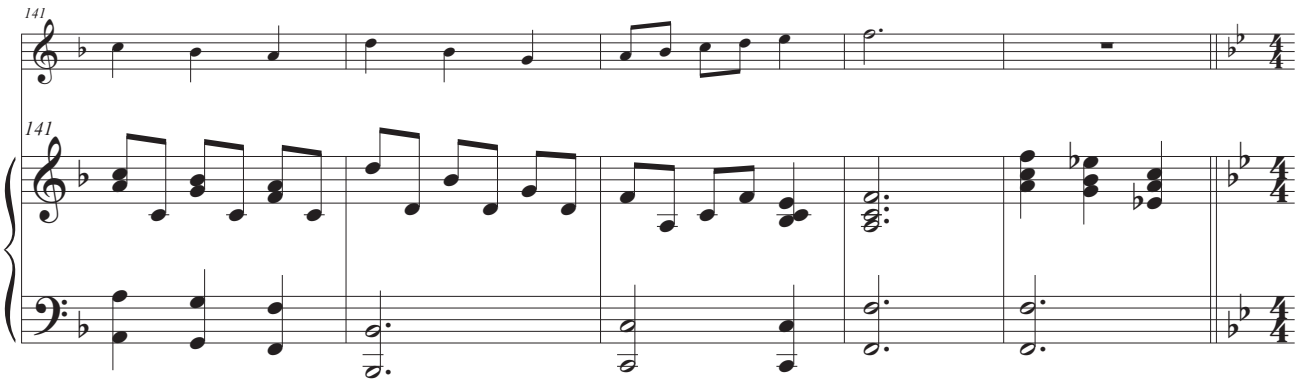

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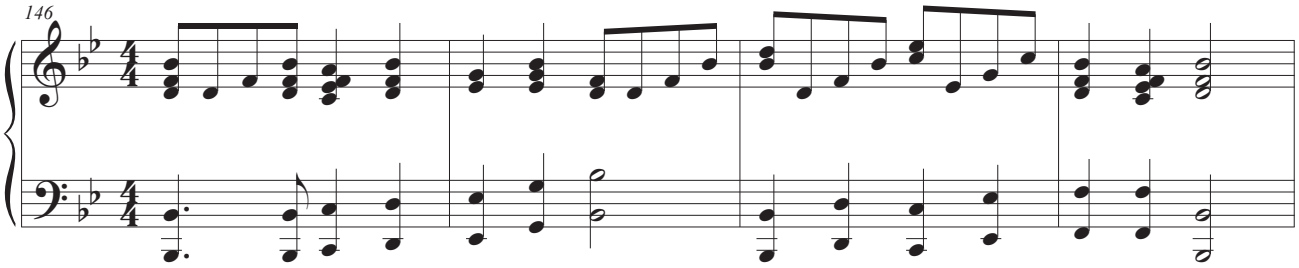

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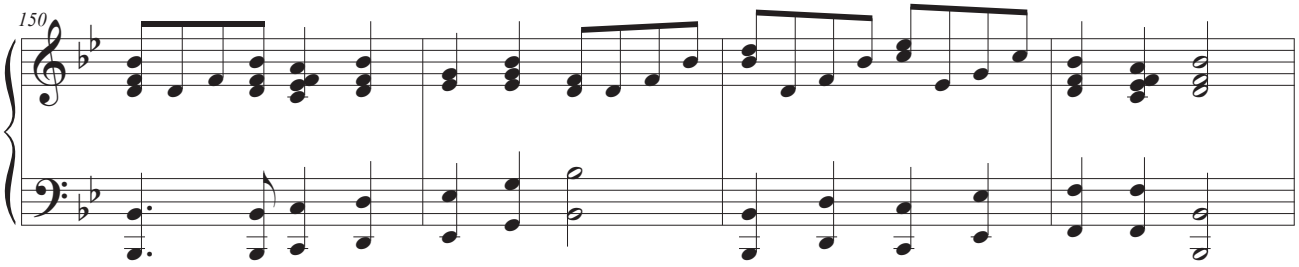

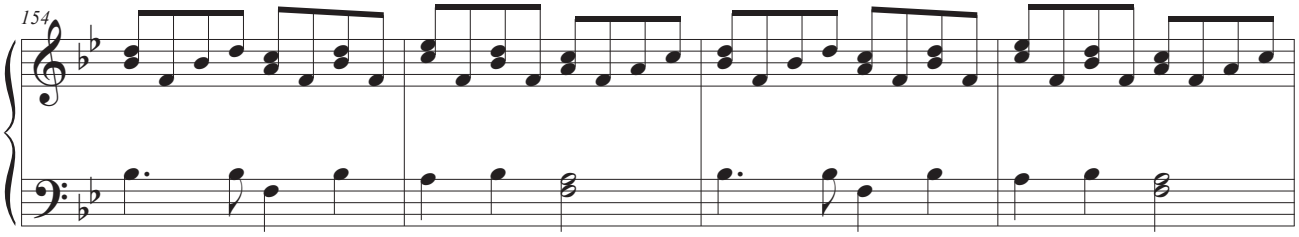

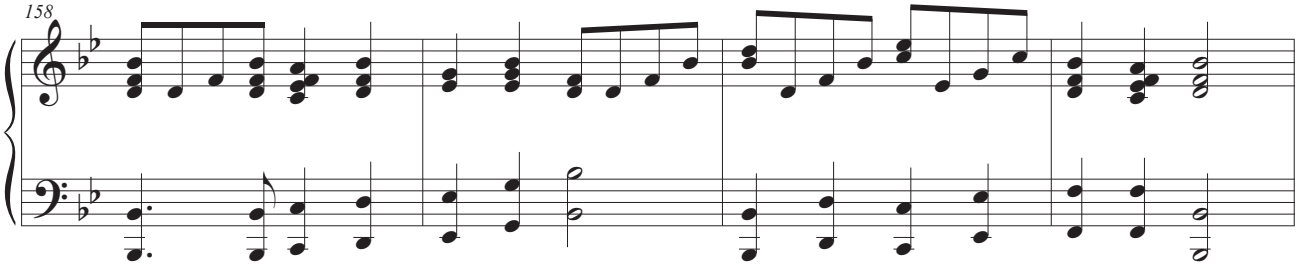

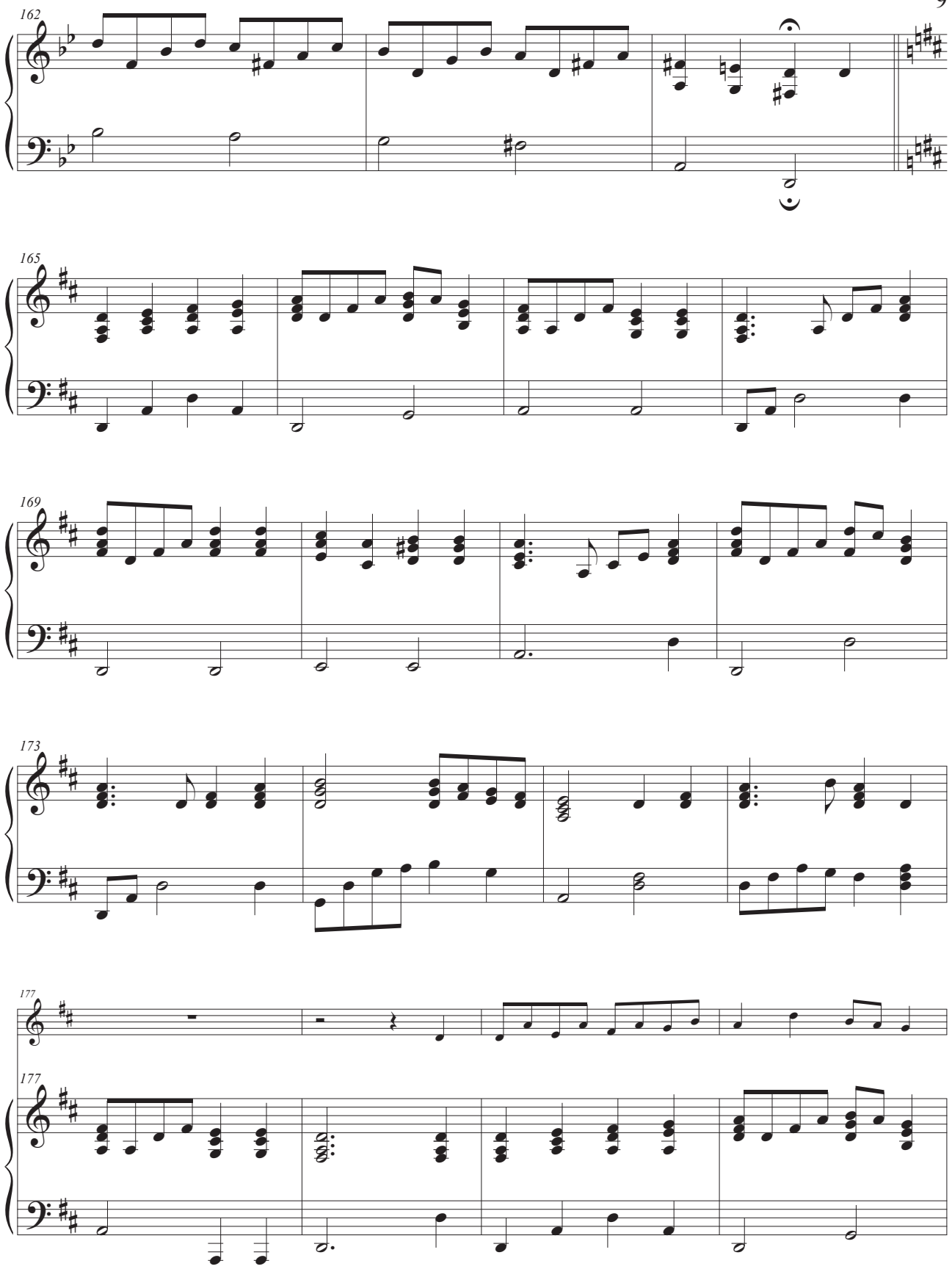
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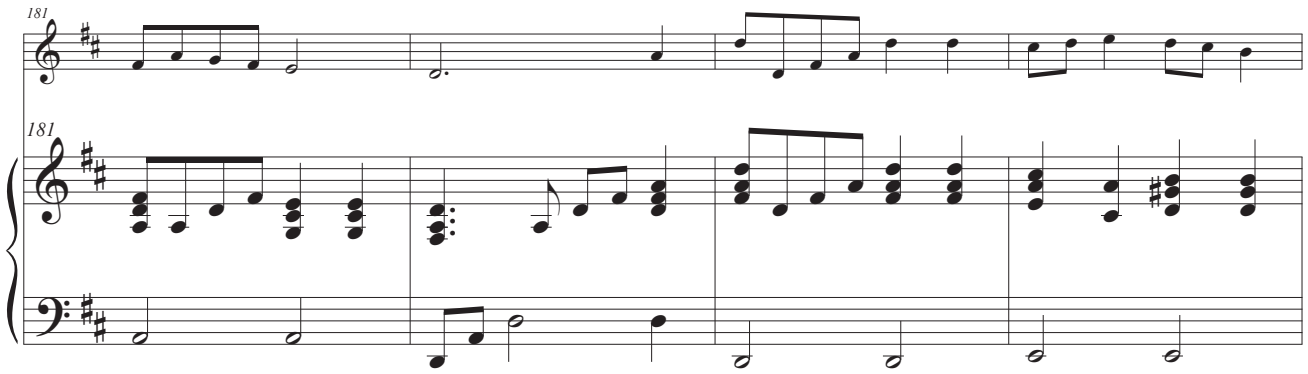

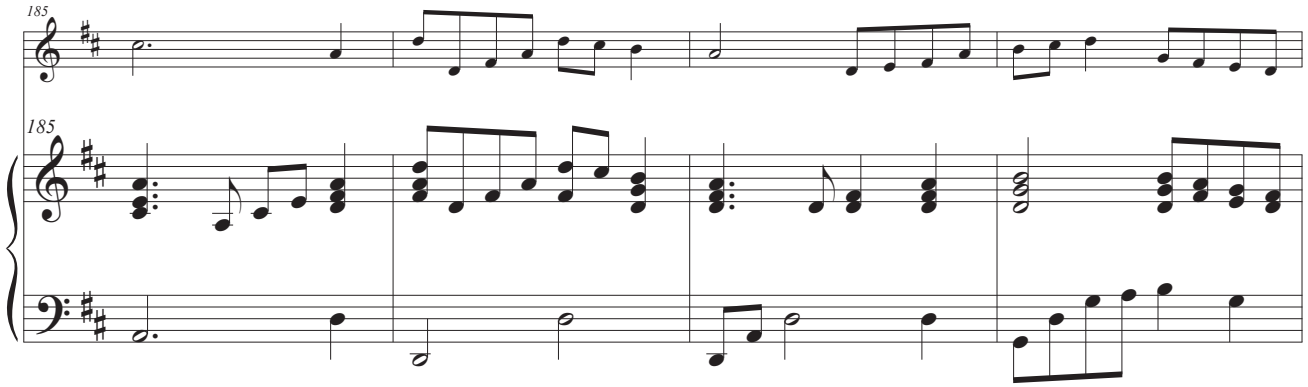

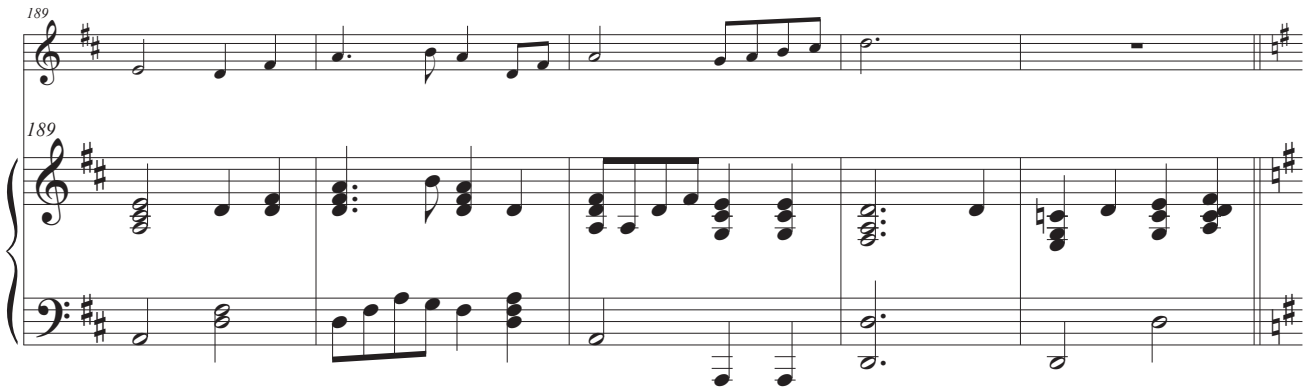

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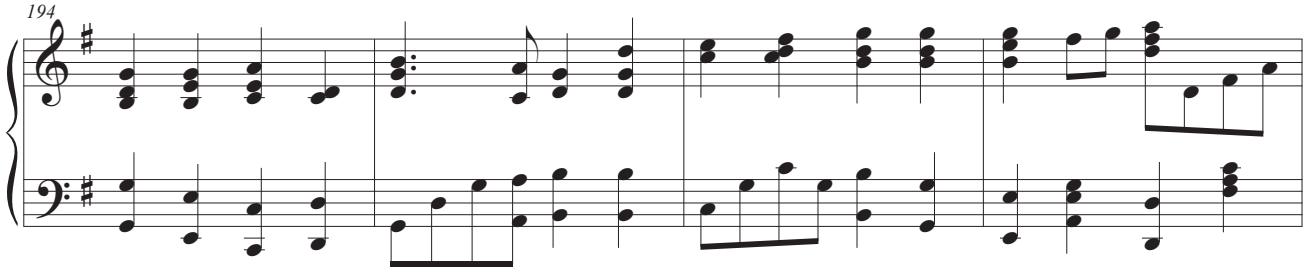

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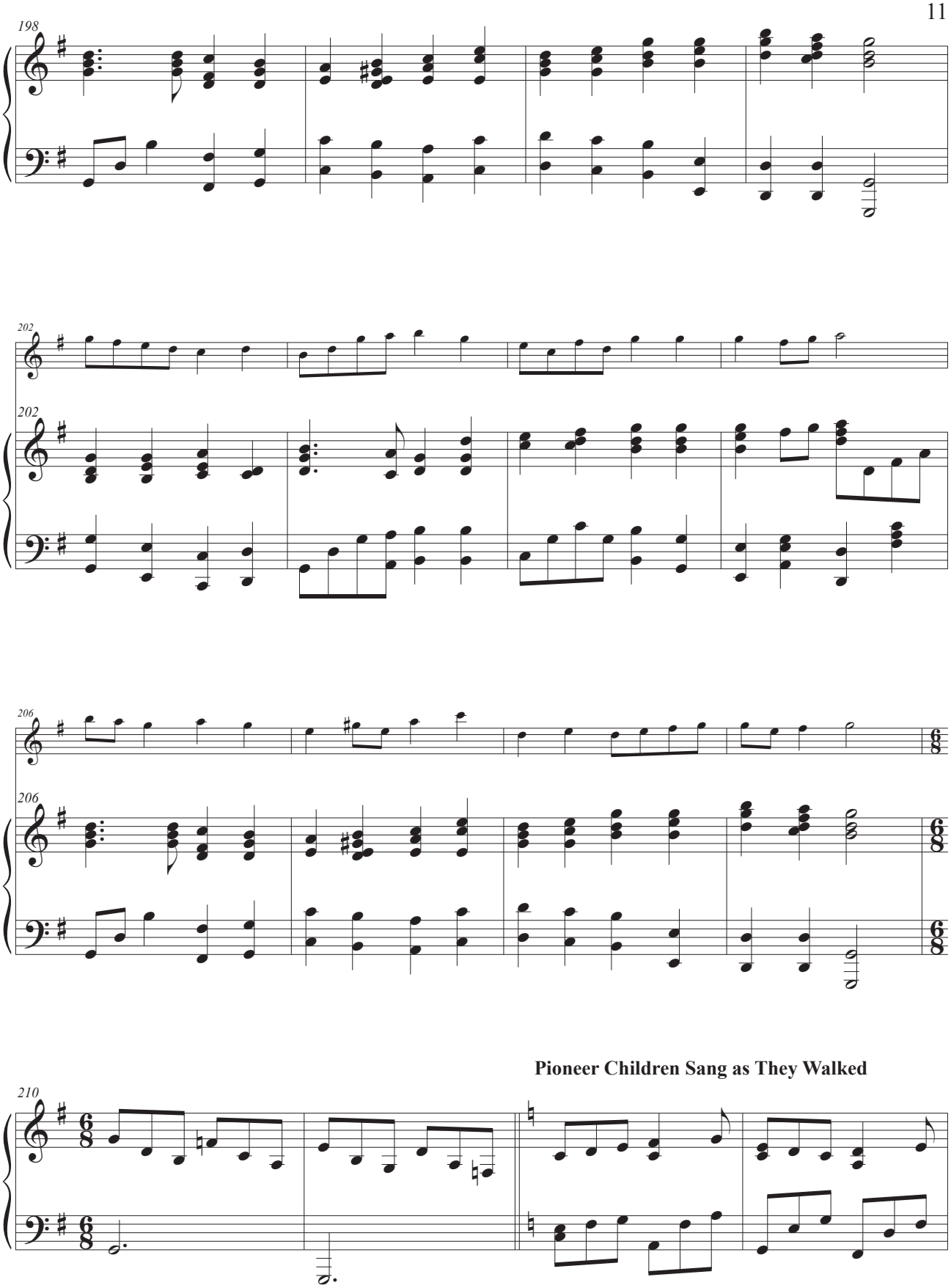

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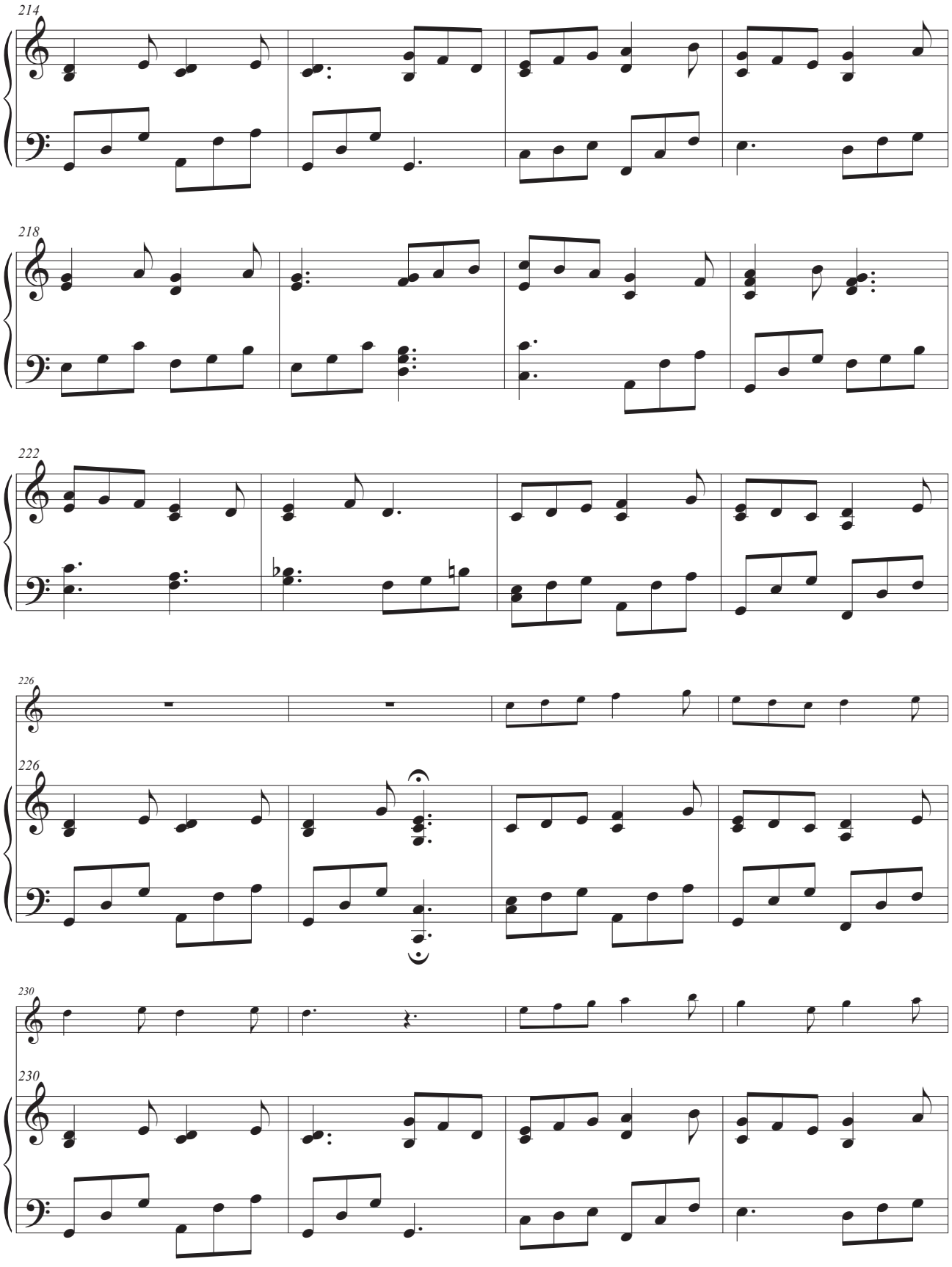
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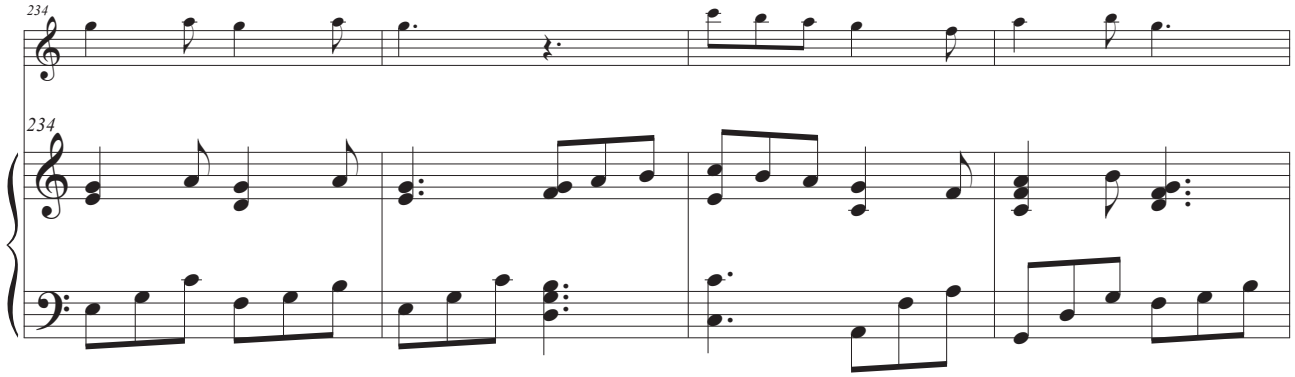

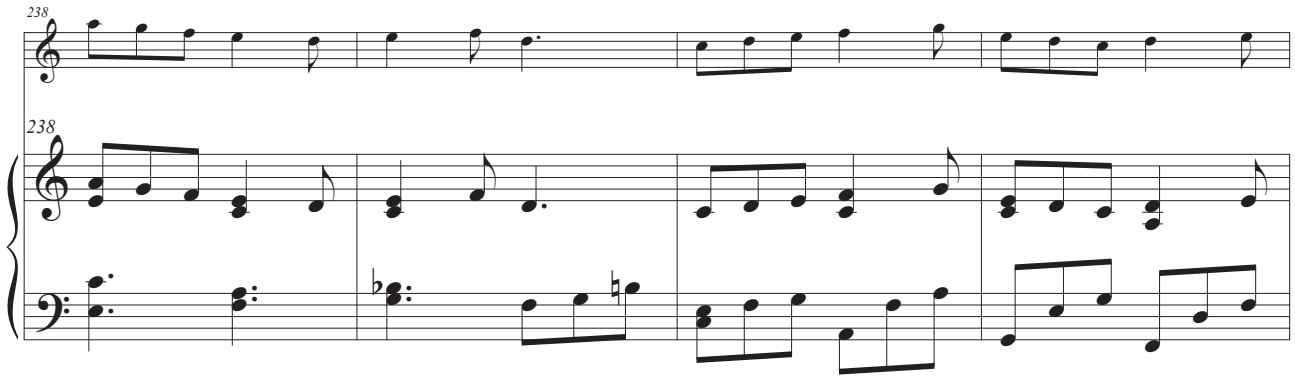

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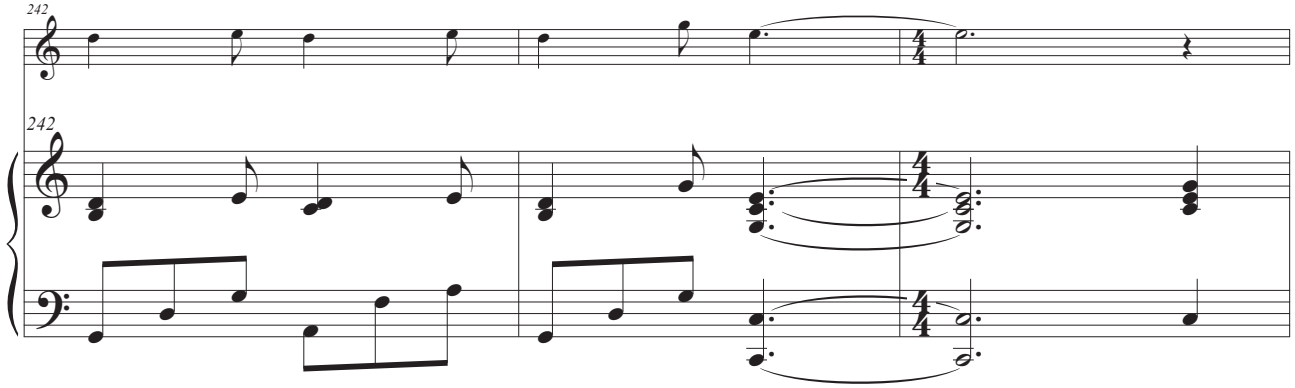

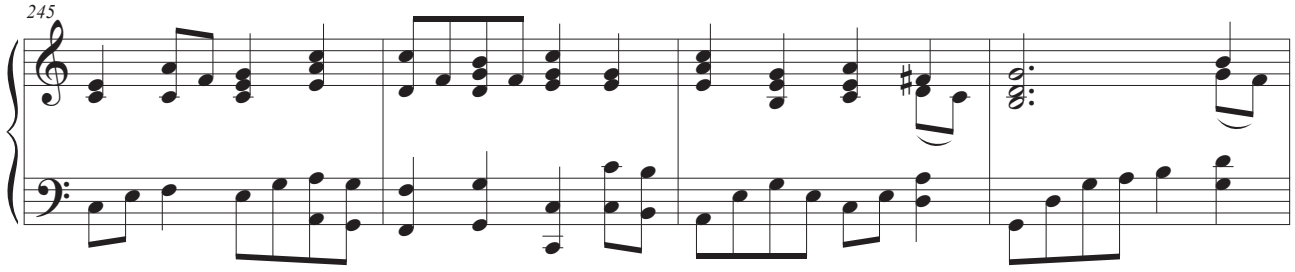

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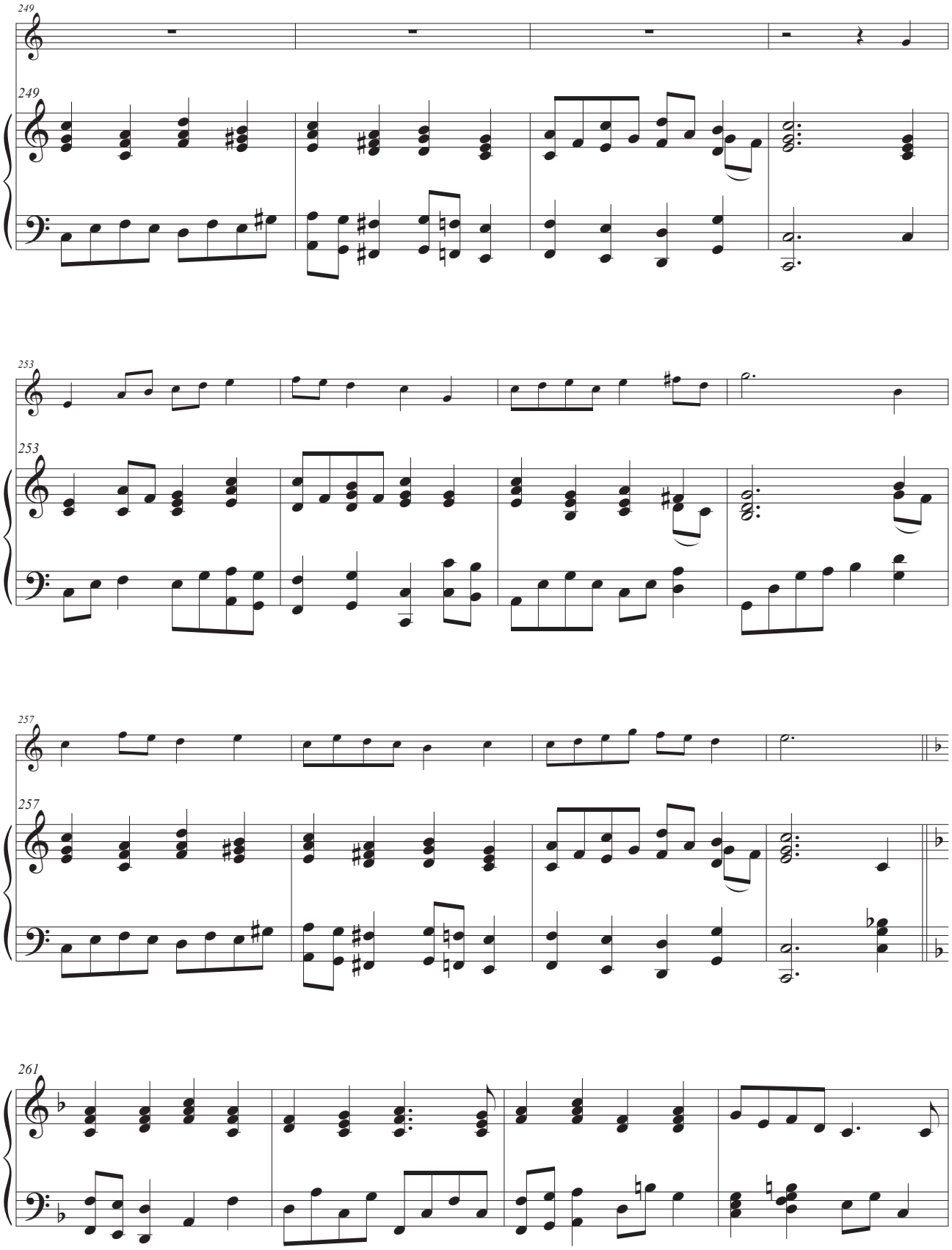
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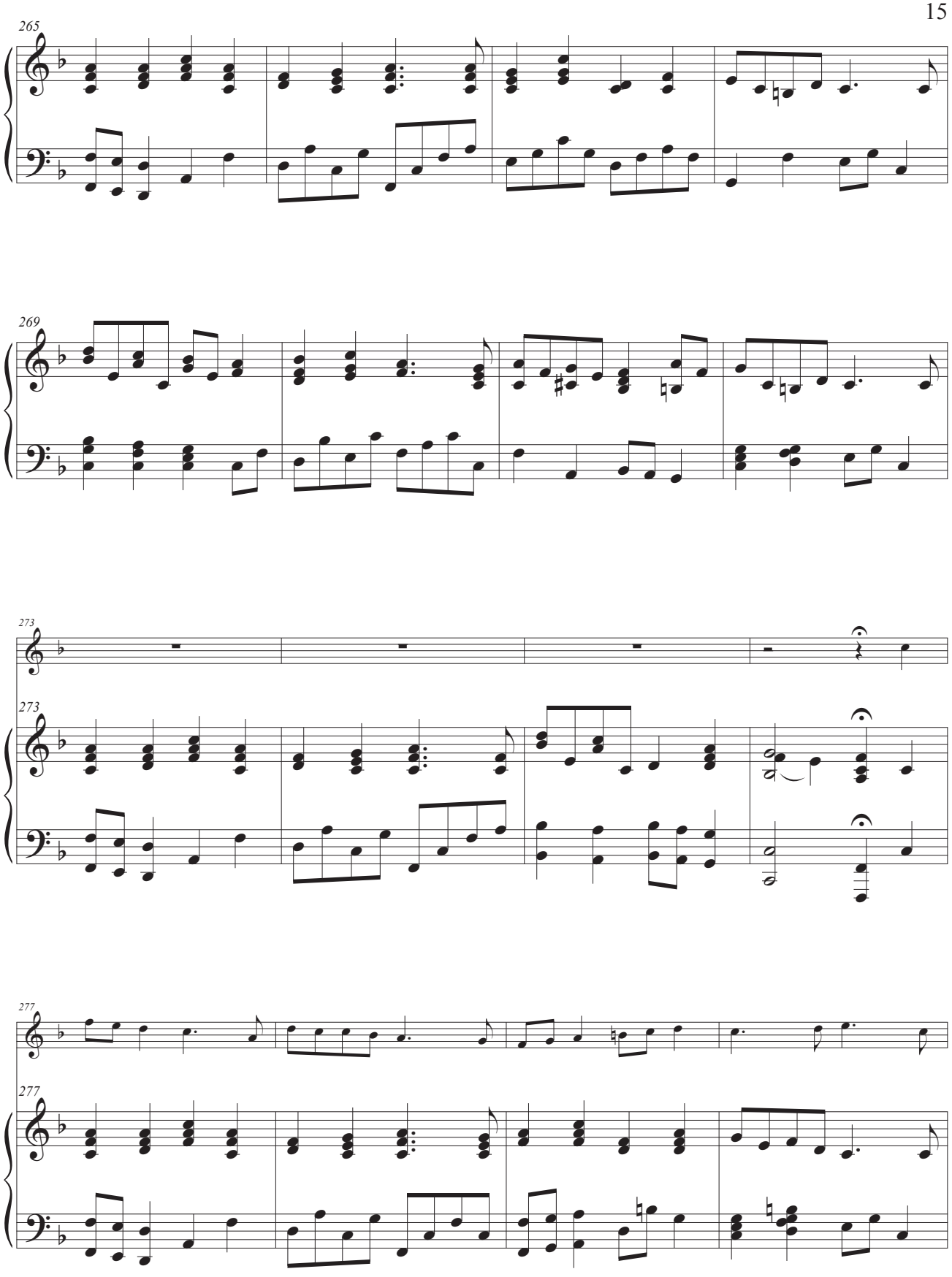
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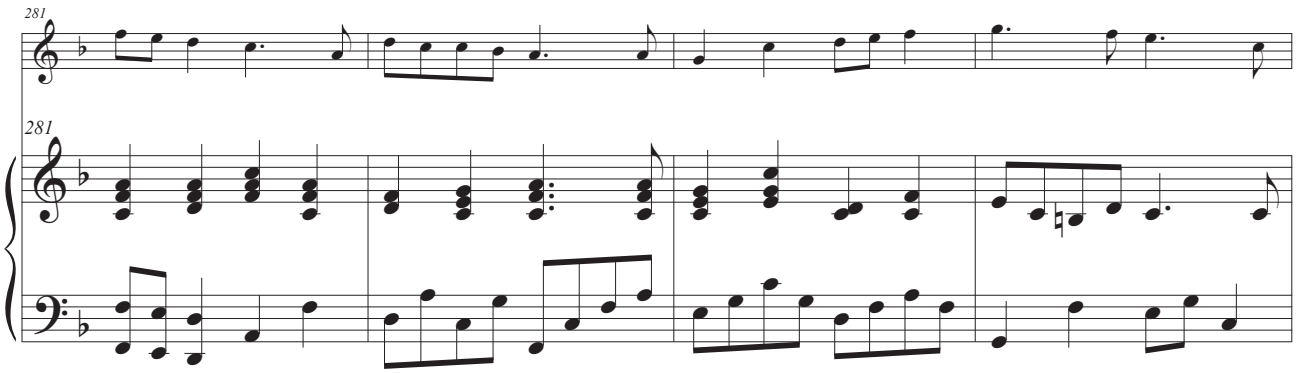

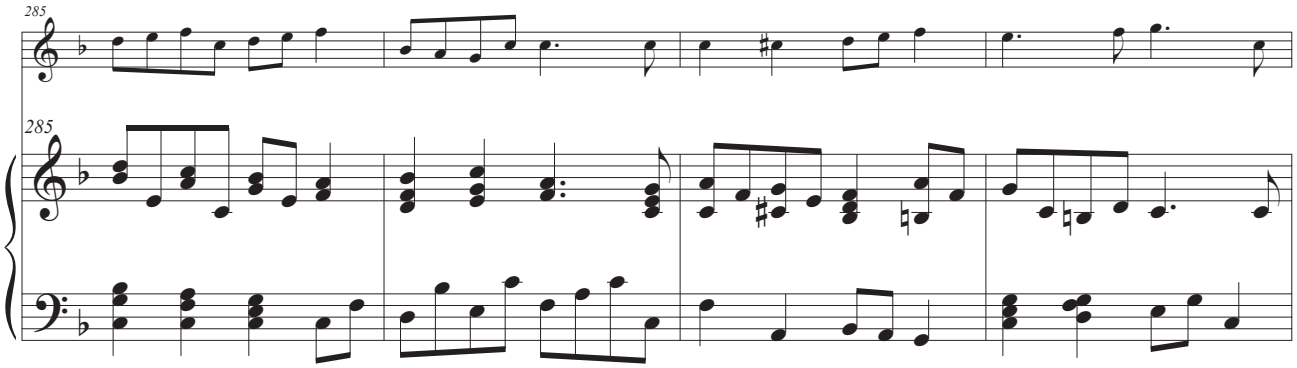

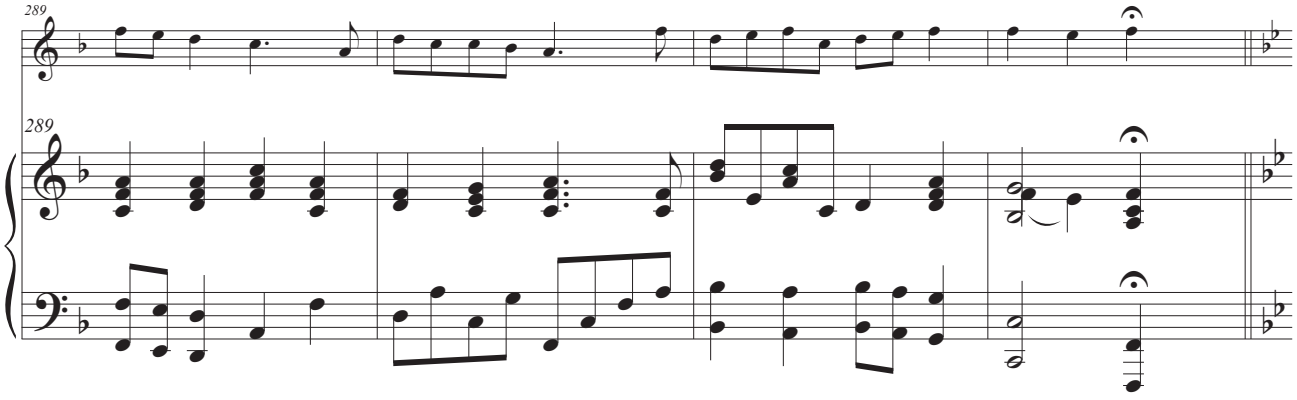

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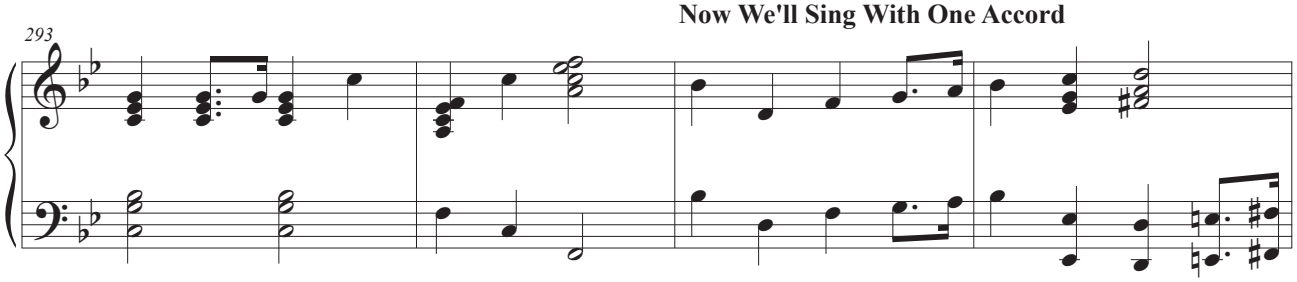

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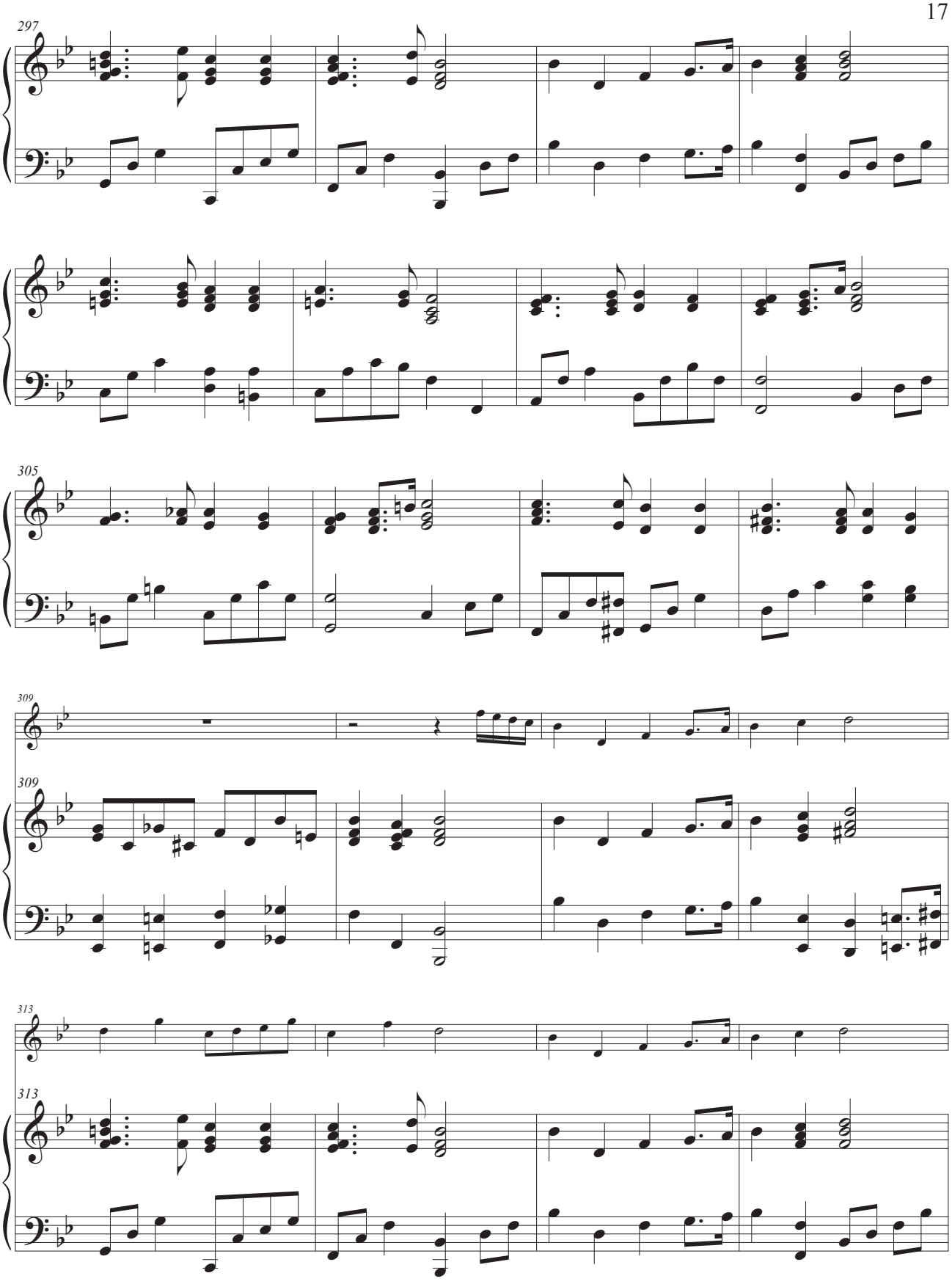
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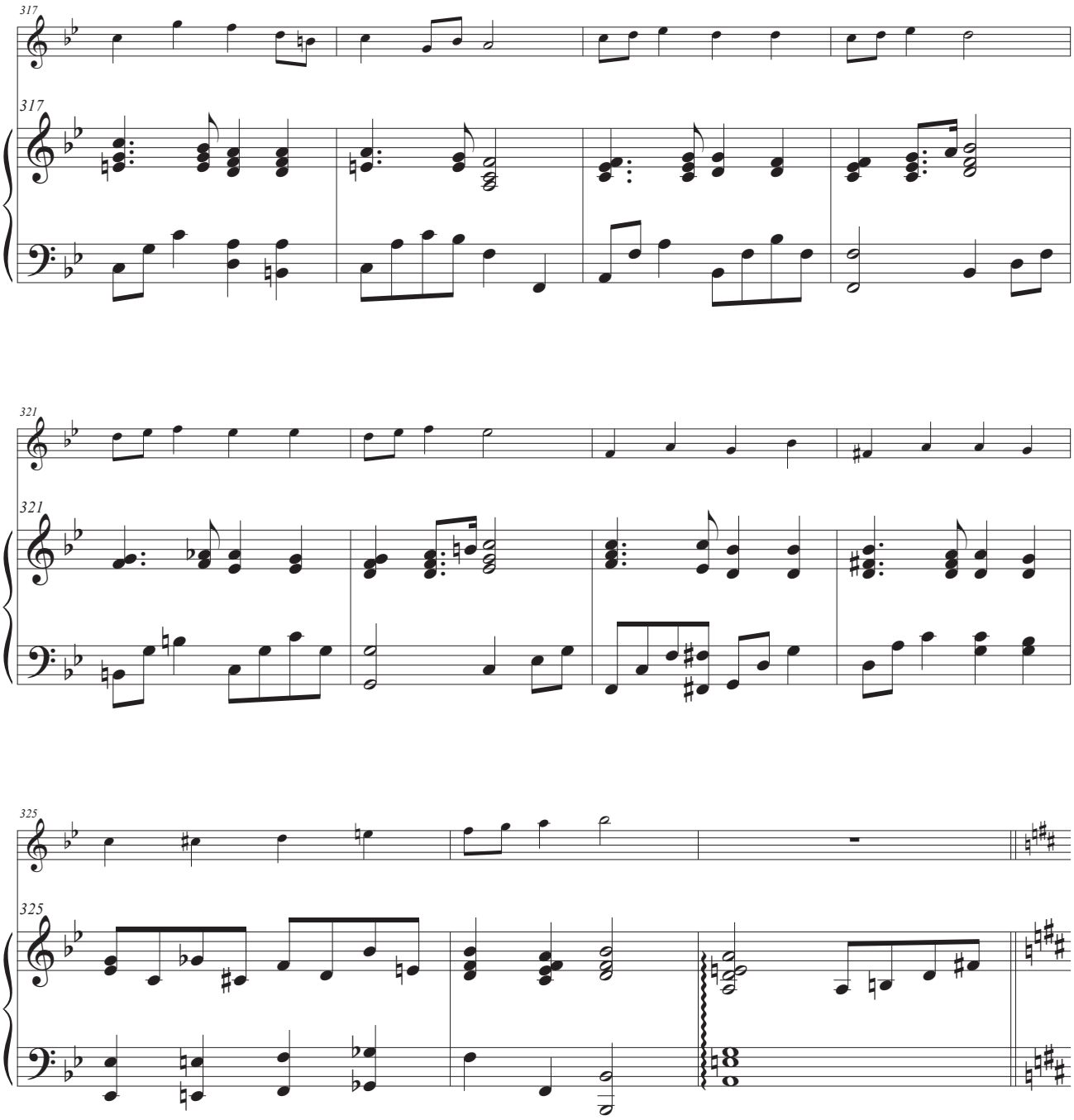

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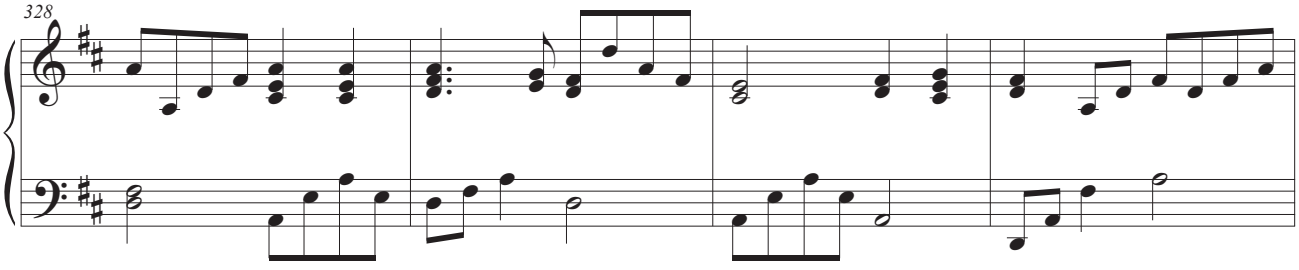

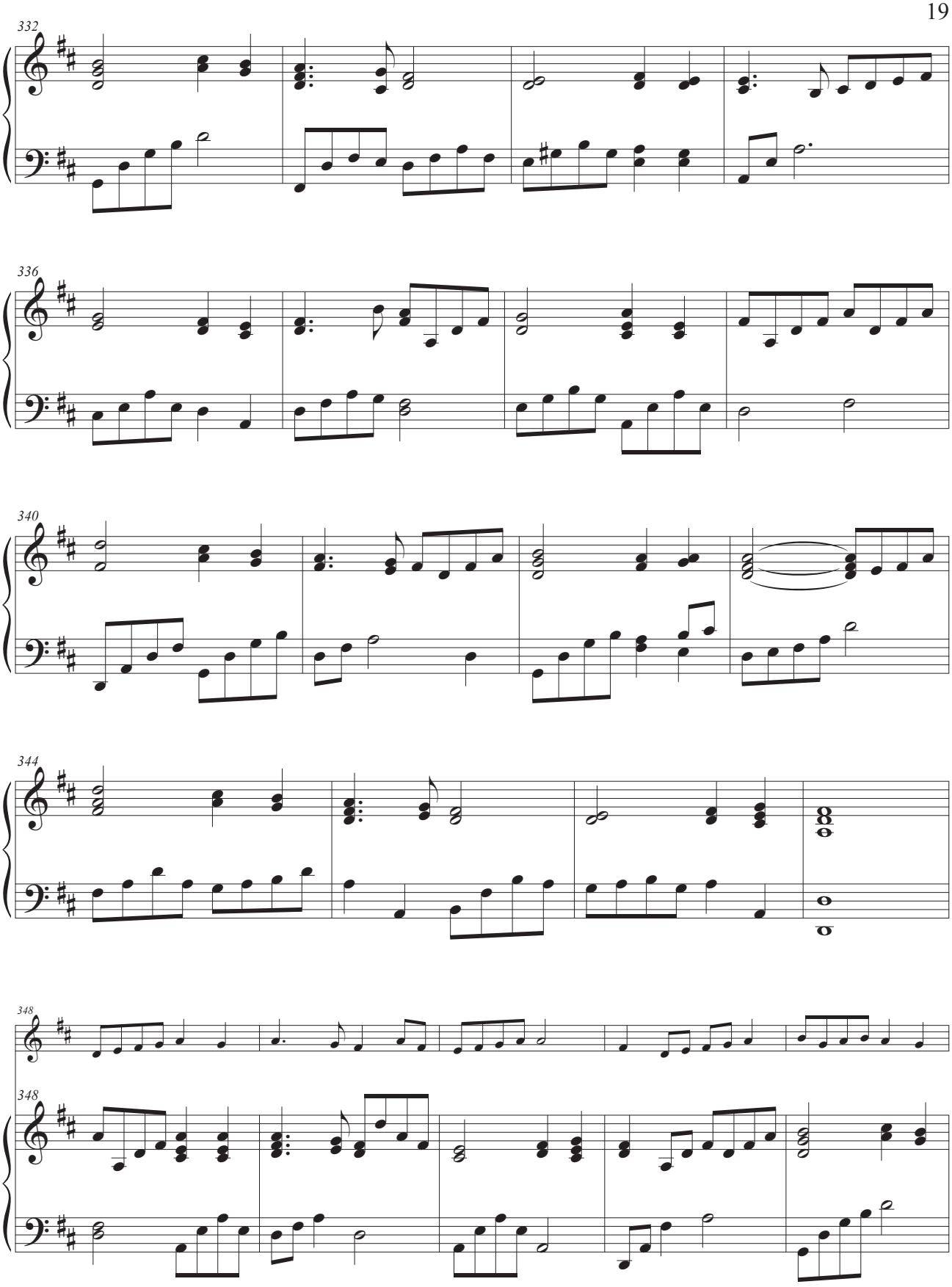
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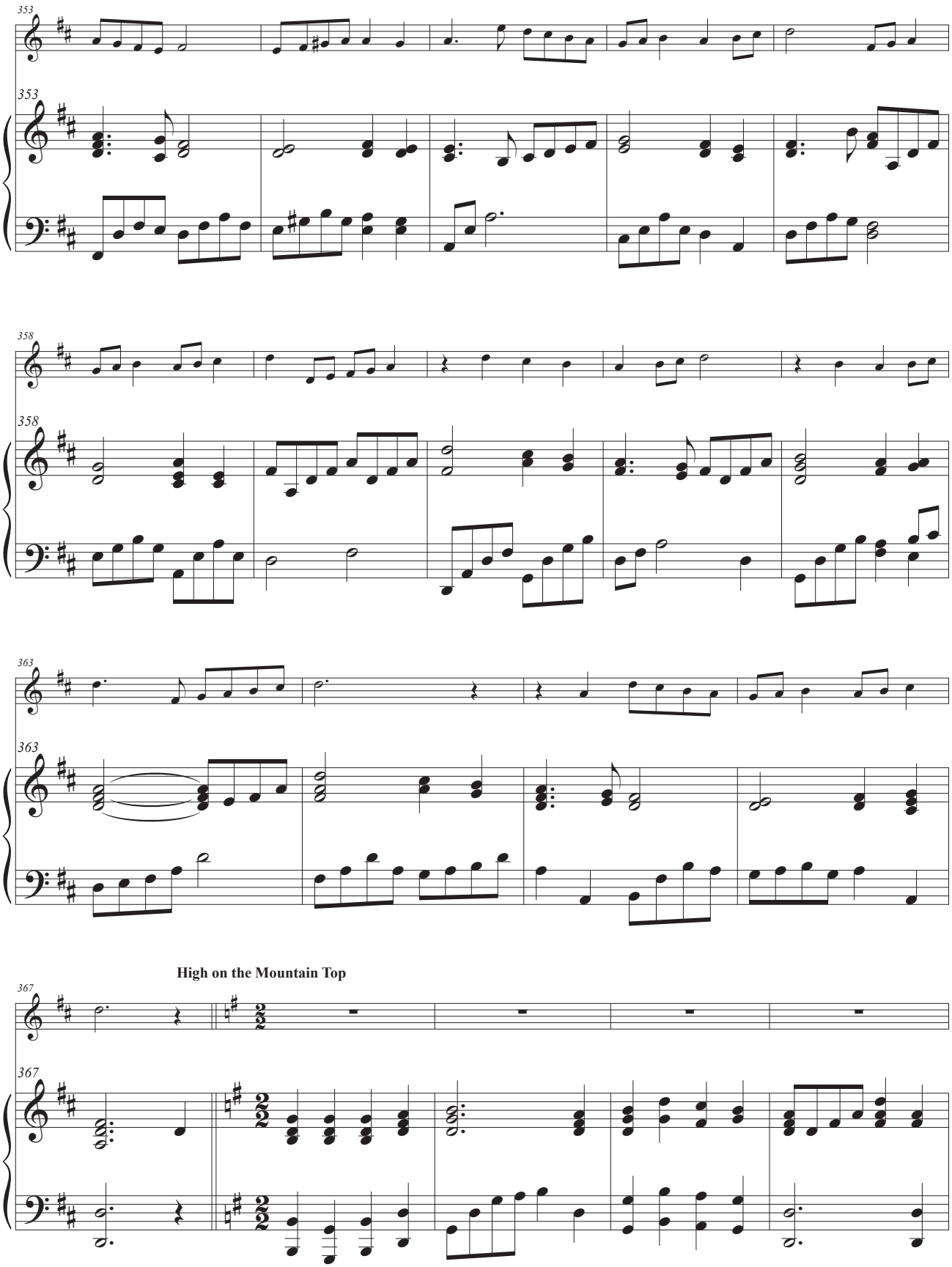

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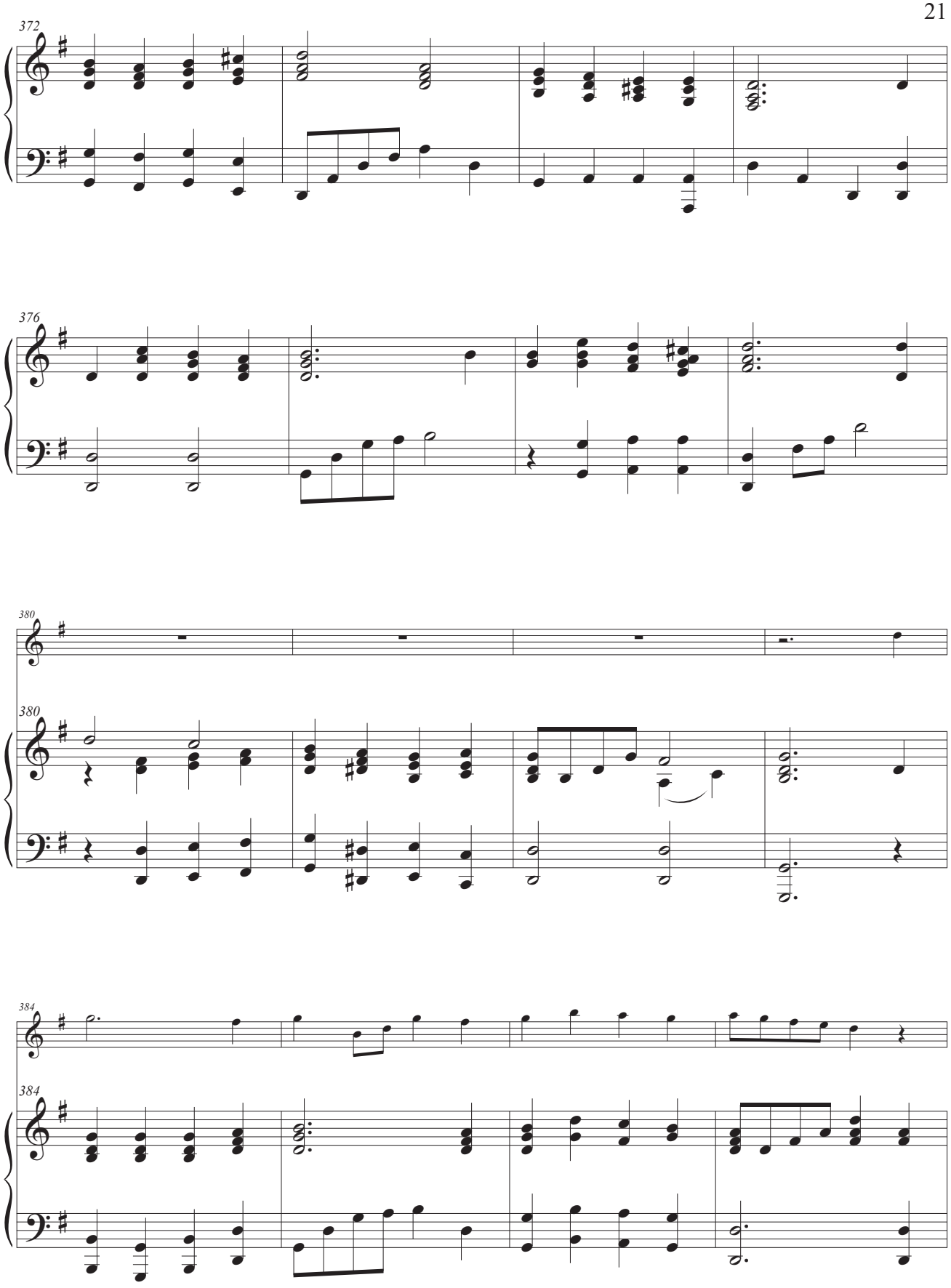
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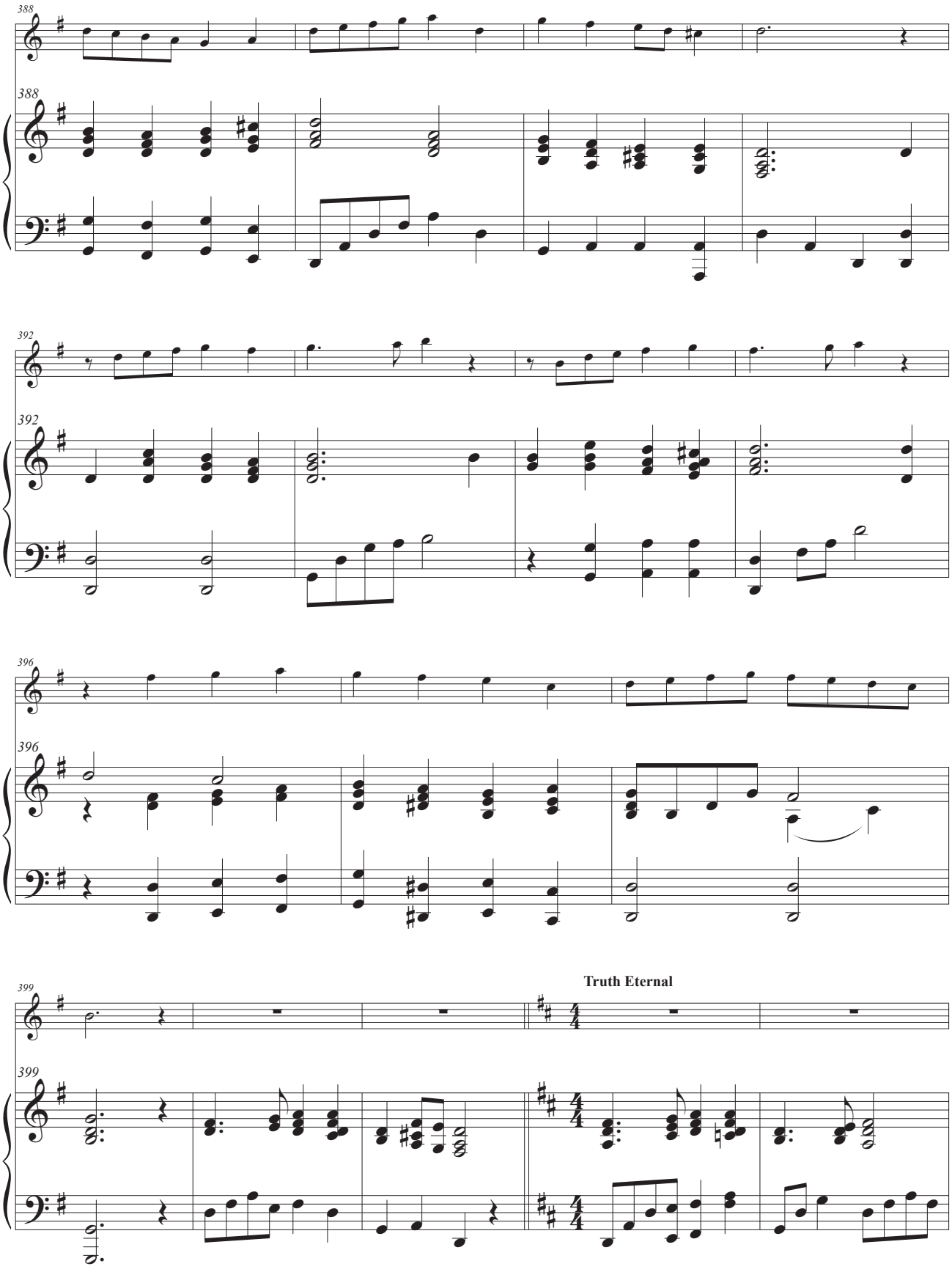
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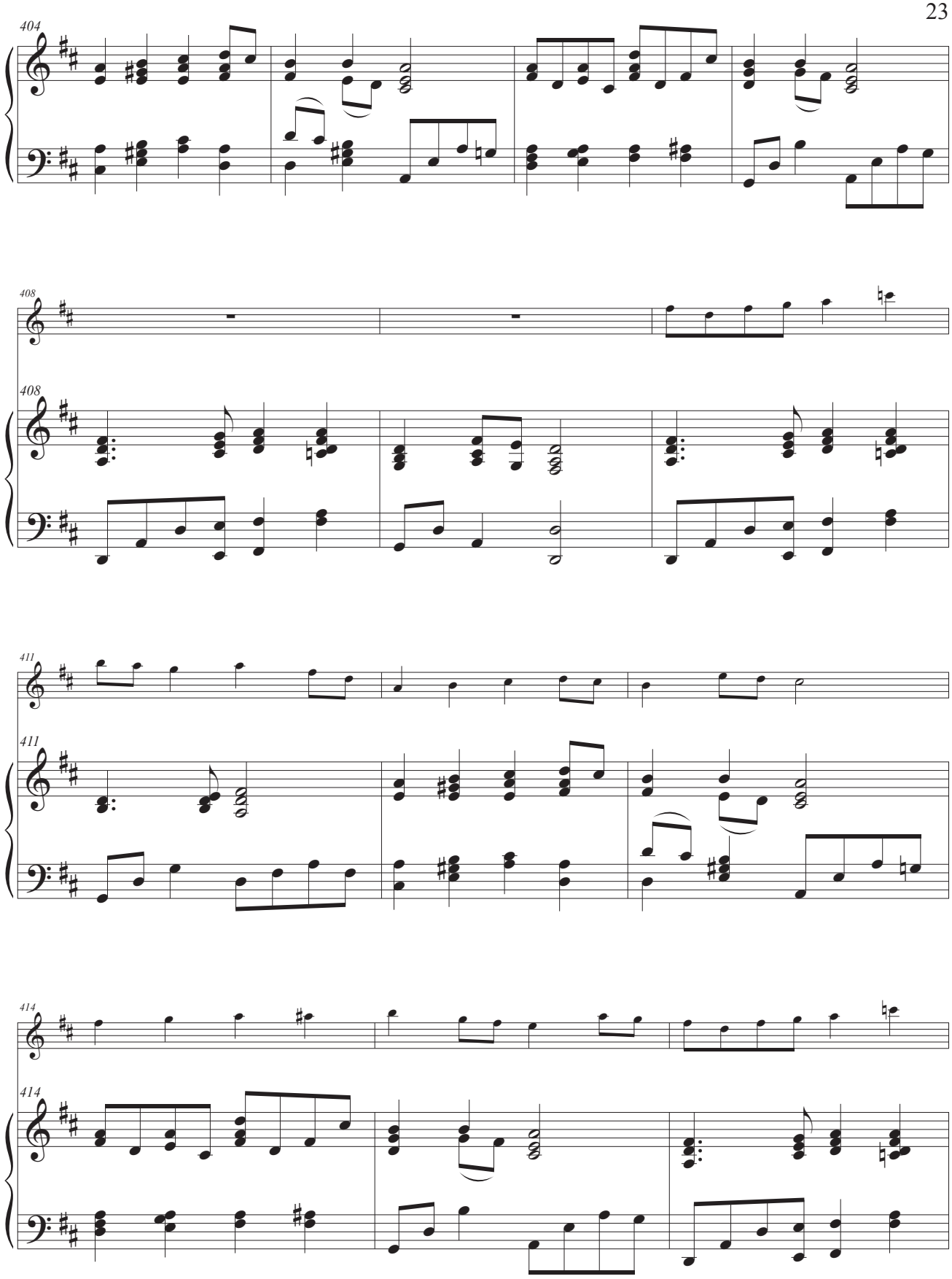
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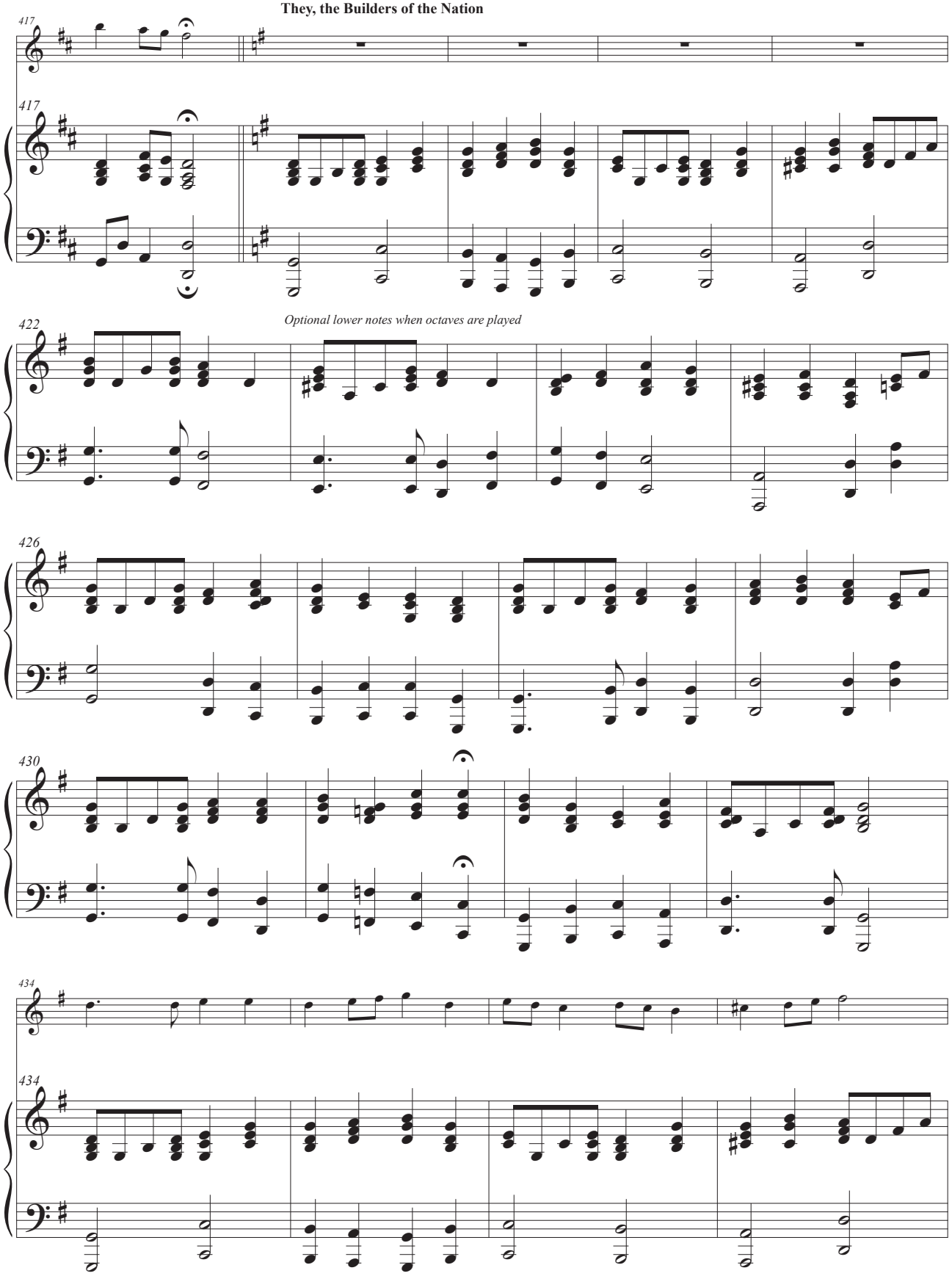

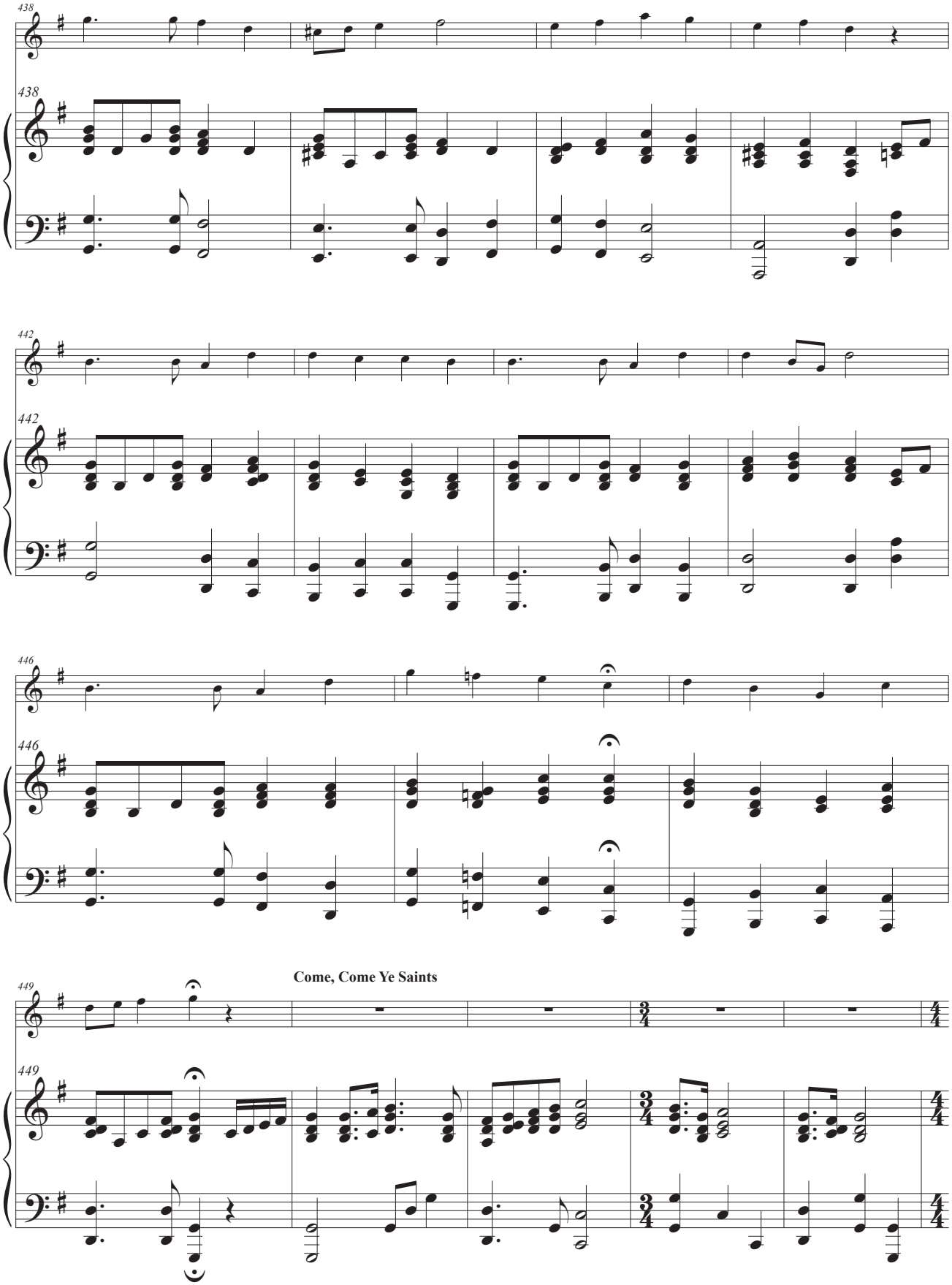
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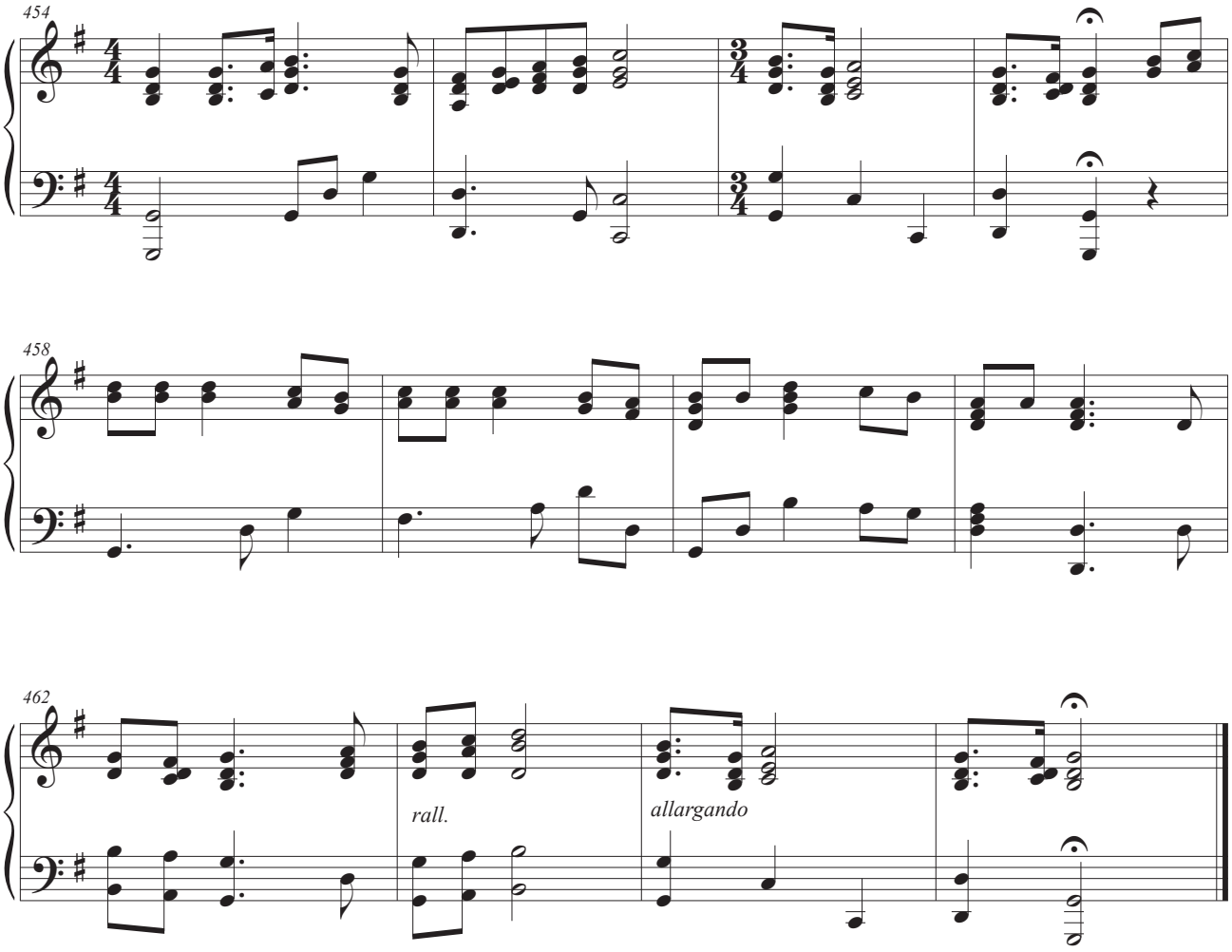
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