Contemplation on a Chord
For Strings

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Part for **Violin 8**

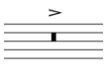
Duration – ca. 80 minutes

Notes

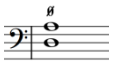
- Each player has their own part.
- Mutes are required for every player.
- Each player should consider their part as a solo part. In many places throughout the piece groups will play similar lines with slight variations in dynamics and articulation between them. It is very important that in these cases players do not attempt to modify their material to conform to their neighbors'. Similarly, dynamics should be interpreted on as absolute a scale as possible. For example, frequently a *piano* dynamic will be contrasted against a *mezzo piano* dynamic and it is important that this contrast not be blended away. In spite of this, a well blended tone and vibrato should generally be used unless indicated otherwise.
- Bow changes during long notes should be made as imperceptible as possible.
- Extensive cues have been included in all parts written in a small staff below the parts so that players may follow along with the group easily. Players should not rely on the conductor for cues as sections are frequently divided by player.

Explanation of Symbols

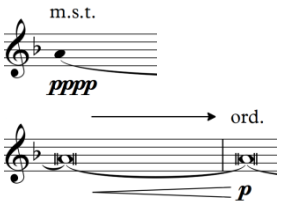
An accented rest calls for the player to dampen their strings with their left hand and avoid making any other noises (such as shuffling pages or switching mutes) for the duration of the rest if possible. Only a few exceptions are made in places where players are required to turn a page or change a mute on an accented rest.



A crossed-out 0 indicates that a note which might be played as an open string should be played fingered on another string.



m.s.t. indicates *molto sul tasto* playing until otherwise indicated. *ord* indicates normal bow position. An arrow leading to *ord* indicates a gradual transition into normal bow position.



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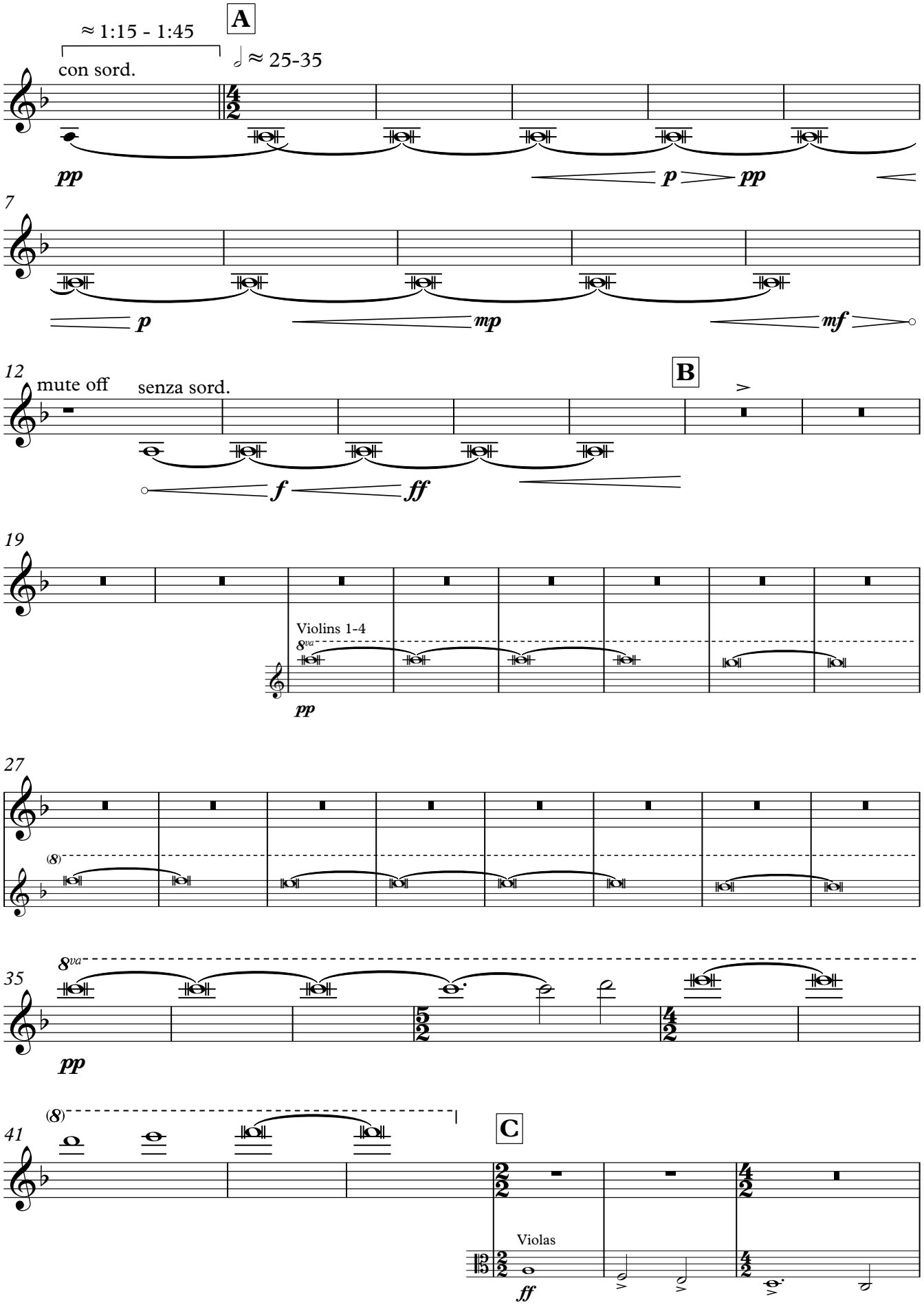
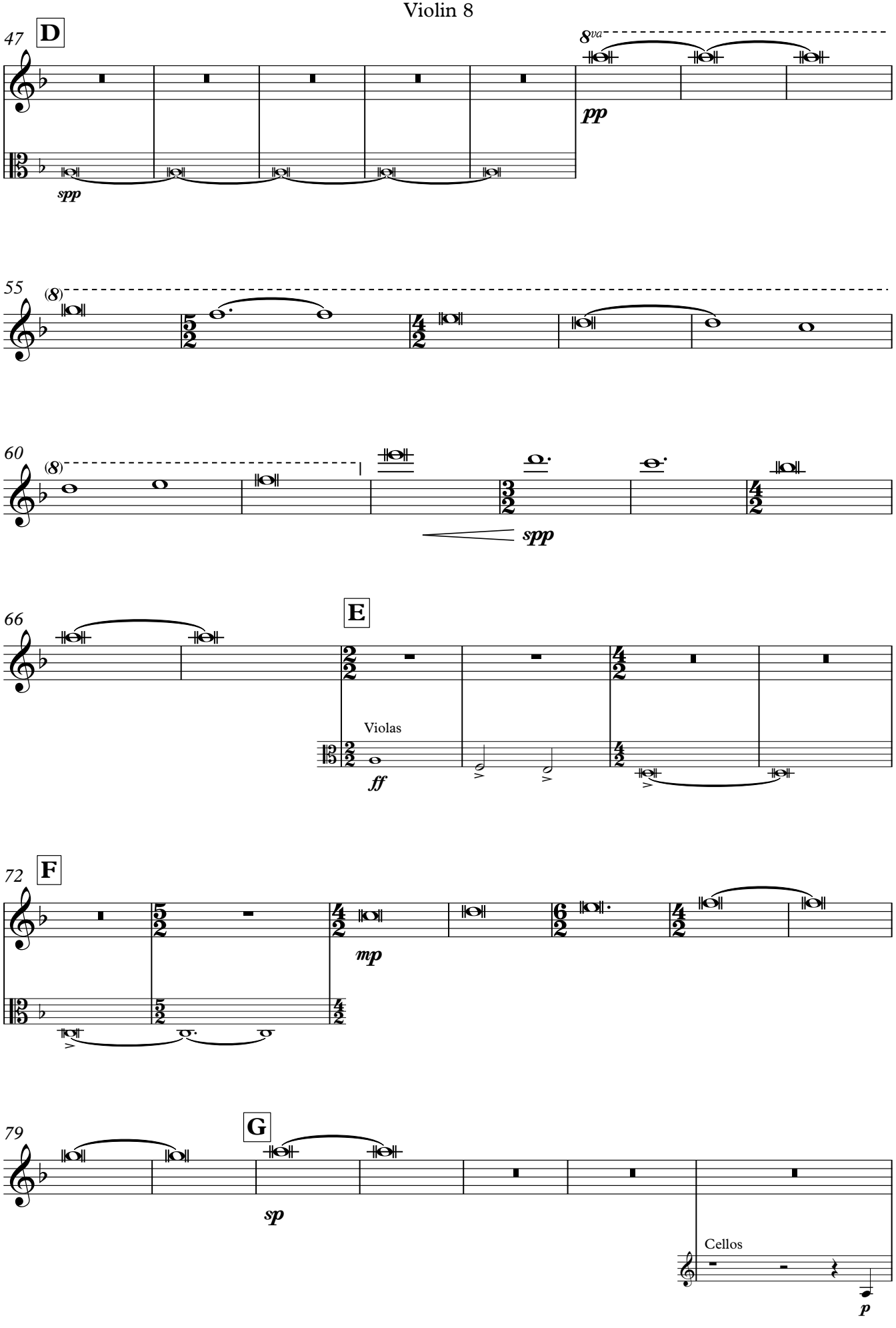

≈ 1:15 - 1:45
A
con sord.
♩ ≈ 25-35
pp
p
pp
7
p
mp
mf
12
mute off
senza sord.
B
f
ff
19
Violins 1-4
8va
pp
27
(8)
35
8va
pp
41
(8)
C
Violas
ff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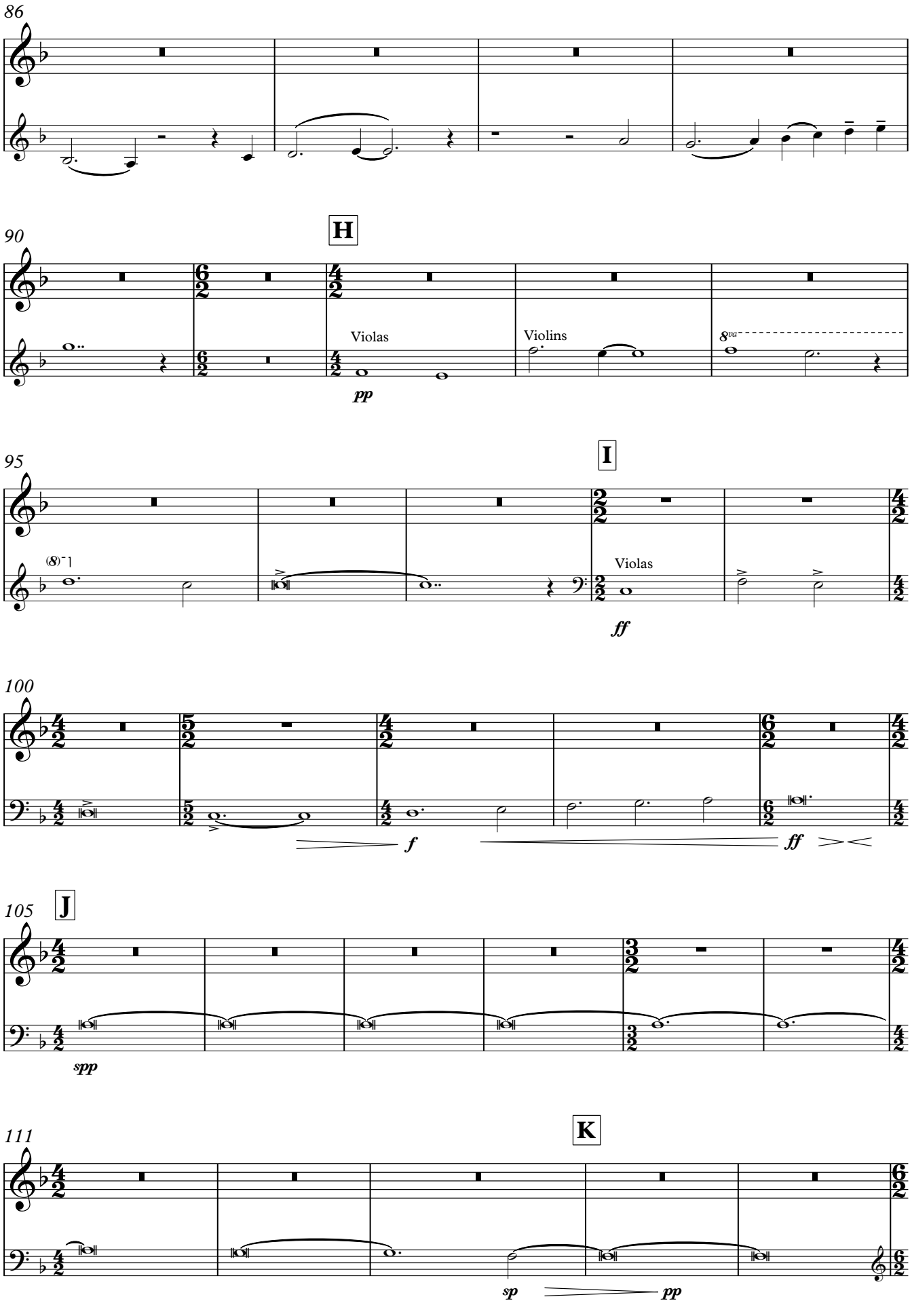
D
8va
pp
spp
55
(8)
60
(8)
spp
66
E
Violas
ff
72
F
mp
79
G
sp
Cellos
p


86
90
H
Violas
pp
Violins
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95
I
(8)
Violas
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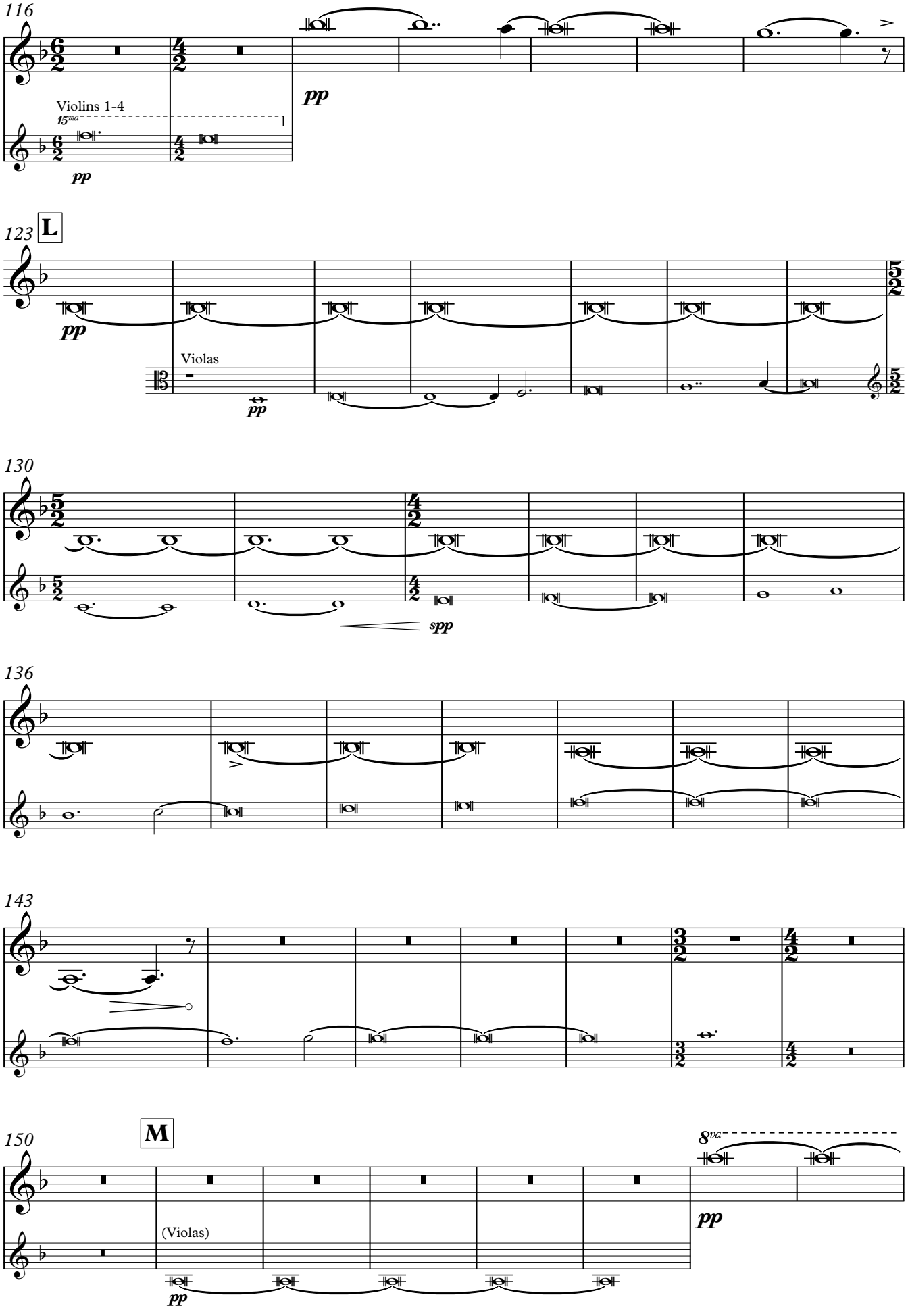
100
f
ff
105
J
spp
111
K
sp
pp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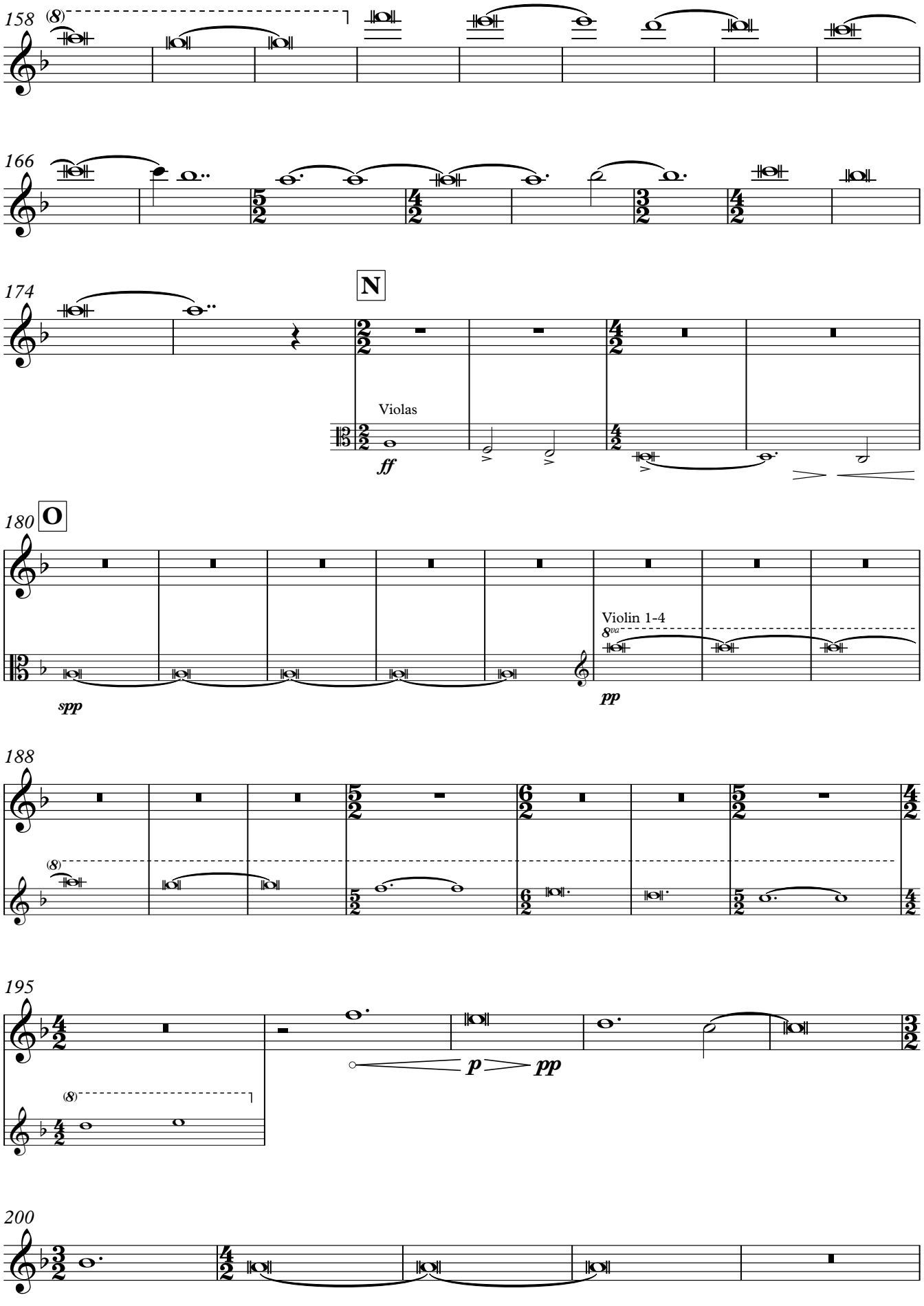
Violins 1-4
15ma
pp
pp
123
L
pp
Violas
pp
130
spp
136
143
150
M
(Violas)
pp
8va
pp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166
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N
Violas
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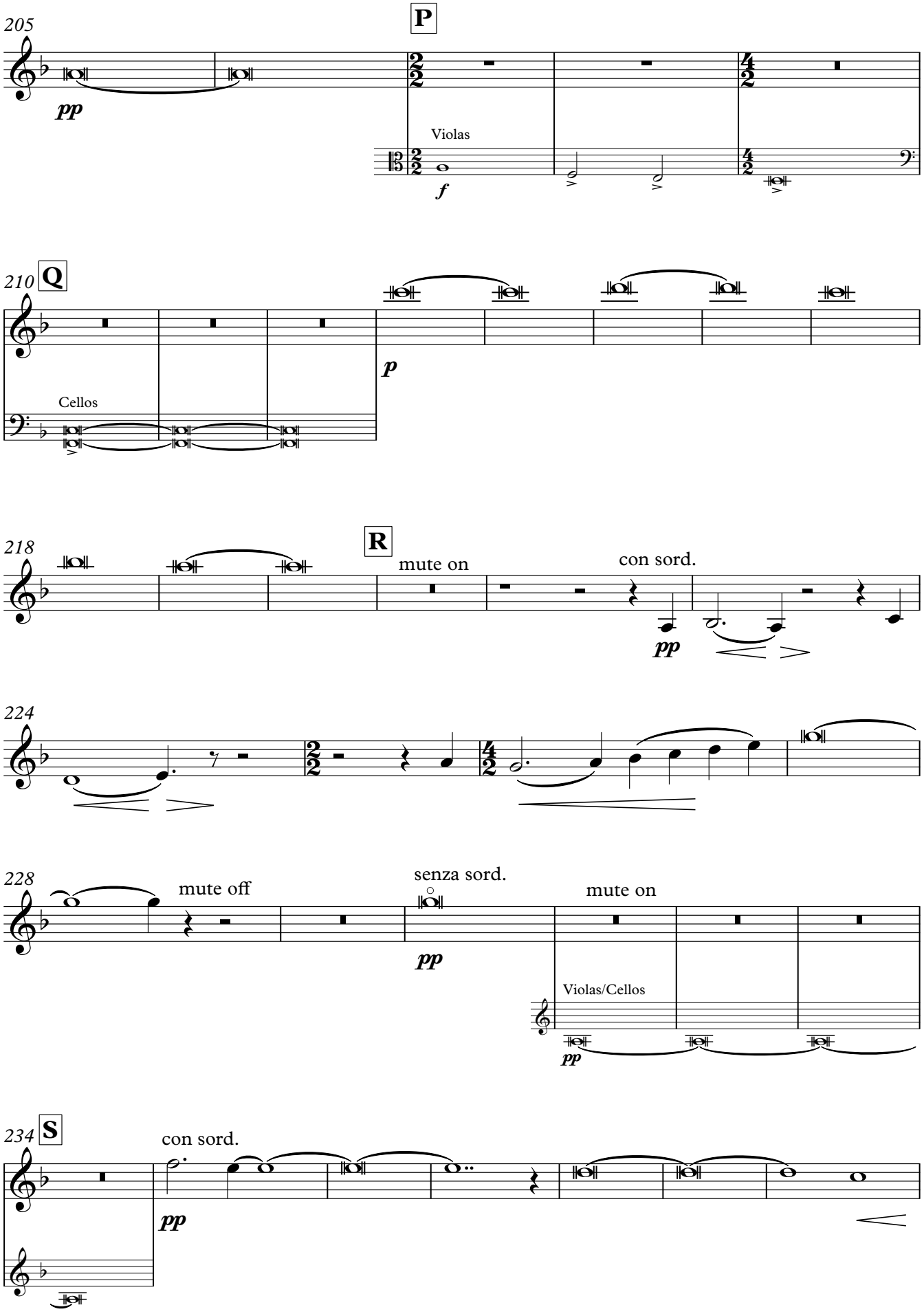
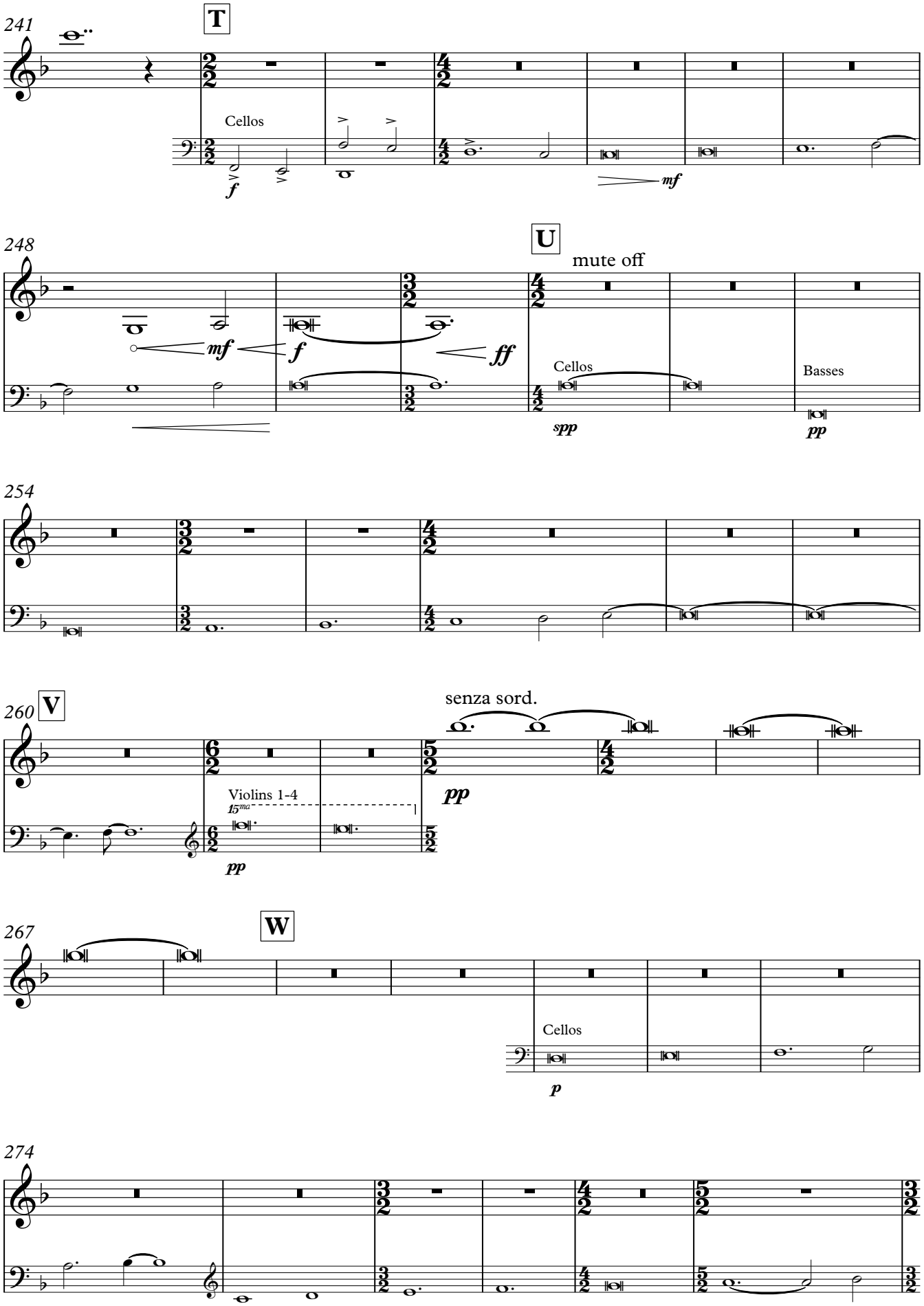
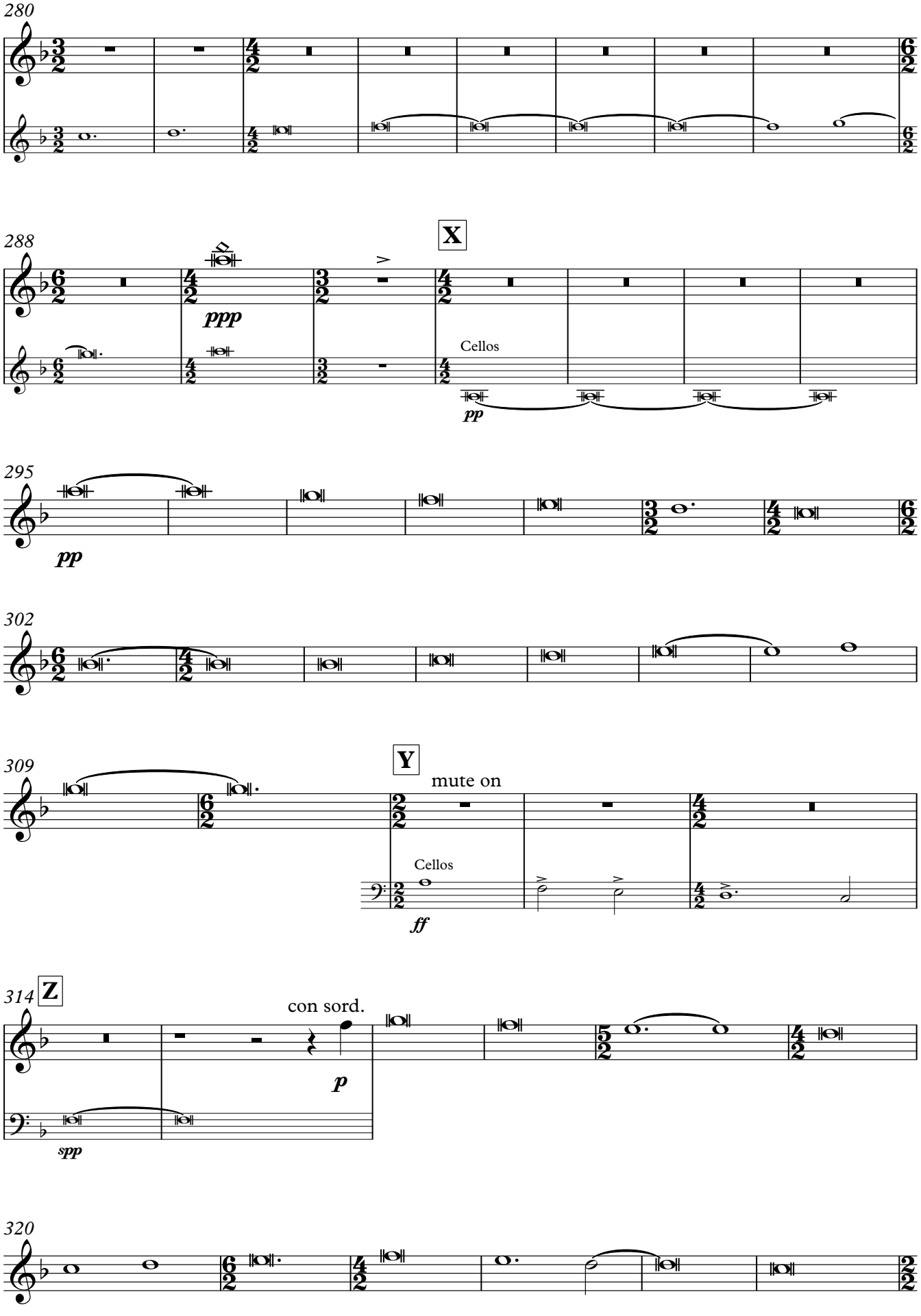
O
spp
Violin 1-4
8va
pp
188
195
p
pp
200


205
P
pp
Violas
f
210
Q
p
Cellos
218
R
mute on
con sord.
pp
224
228
mute off
senza sord.
pp
mute on
Violas/Cellos
pp
234
S
con sord.
pp


241
T
Cellos
f
mf
248
U
mute off
mf
f
ff
Cellos
spp
Basses
pp
254
260
V
senza sord.
pp
Violins 1-4
15ma
pp
267
W
Cellos
p
274


280
288
X
ppp
Cellos
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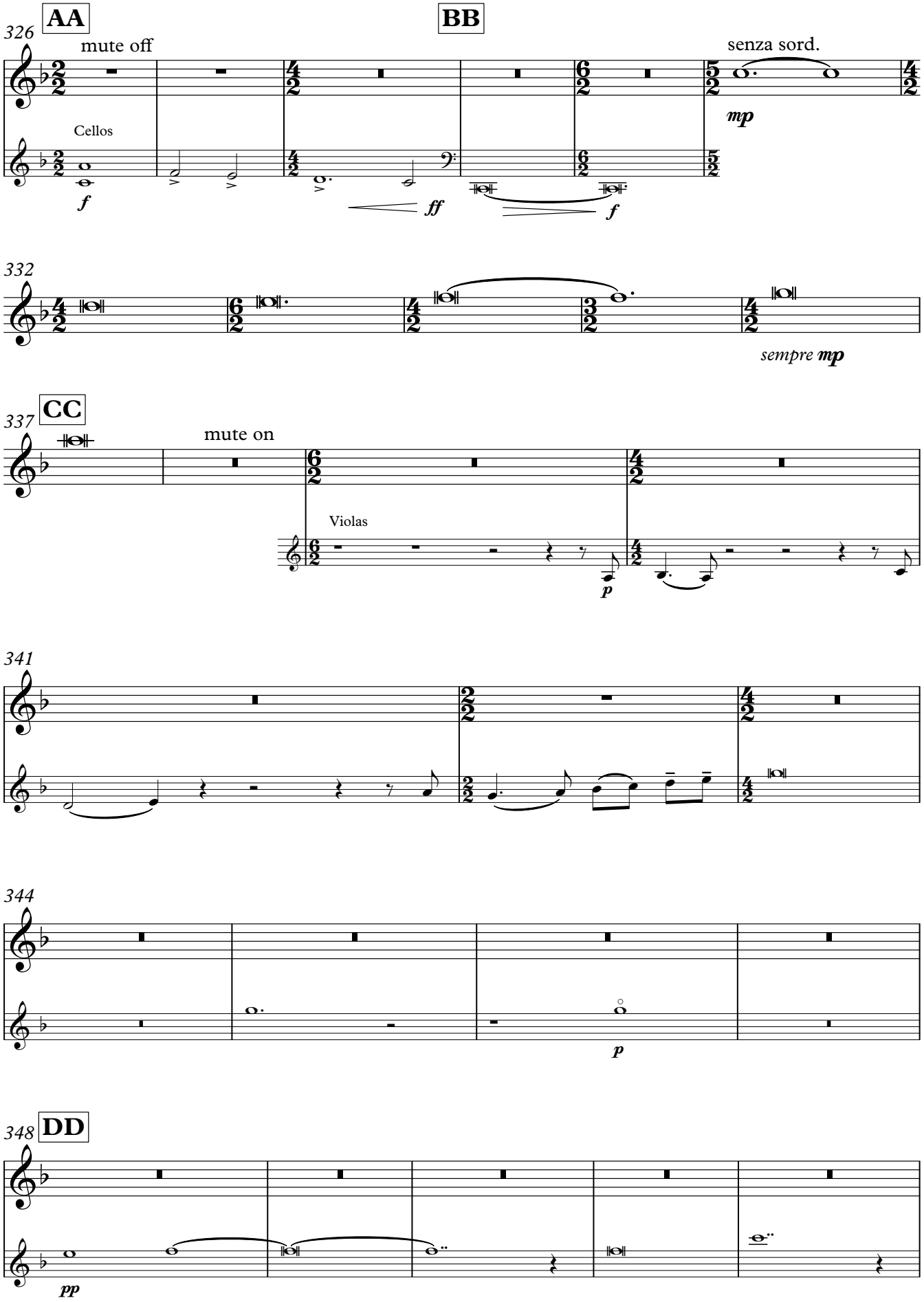
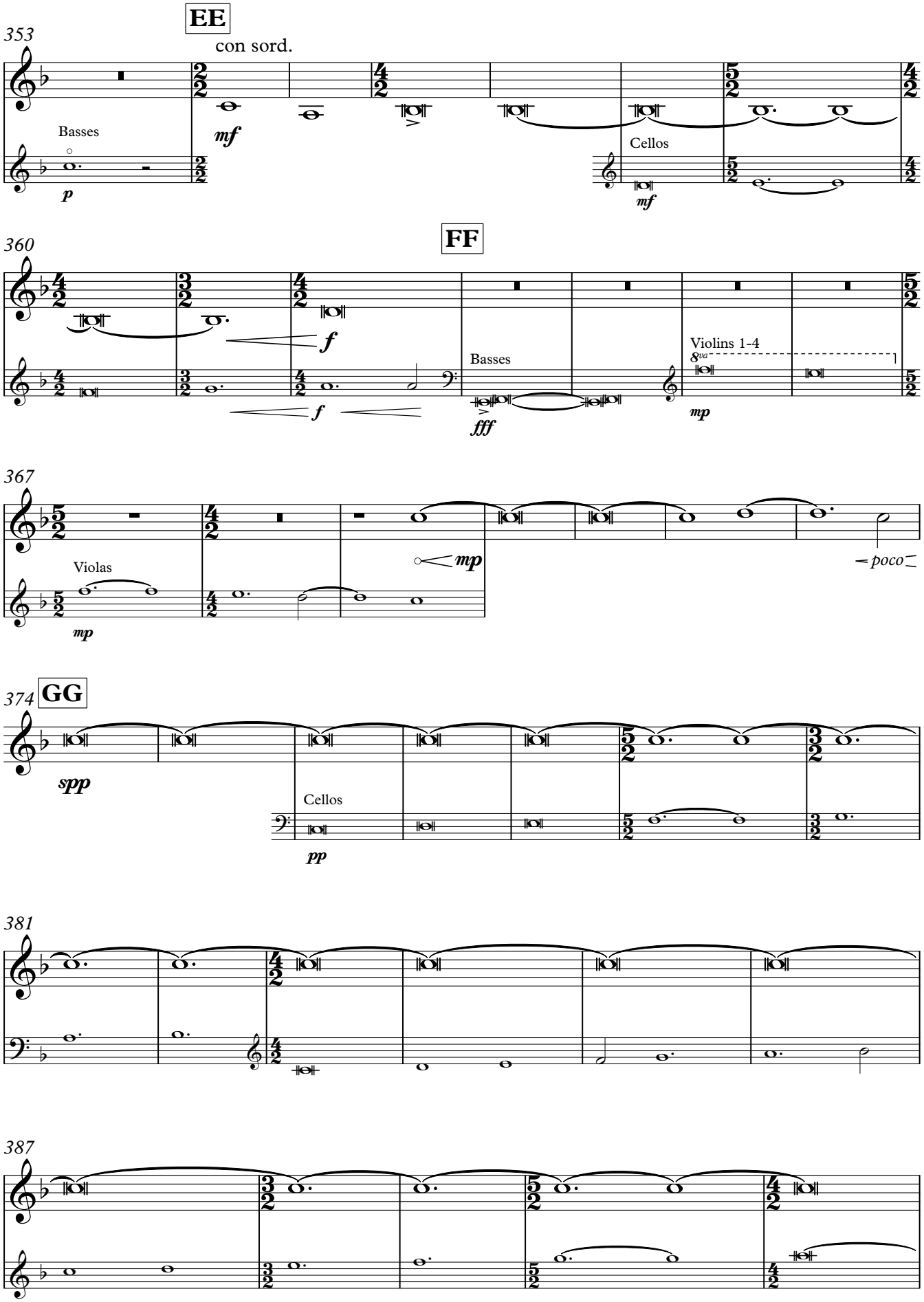
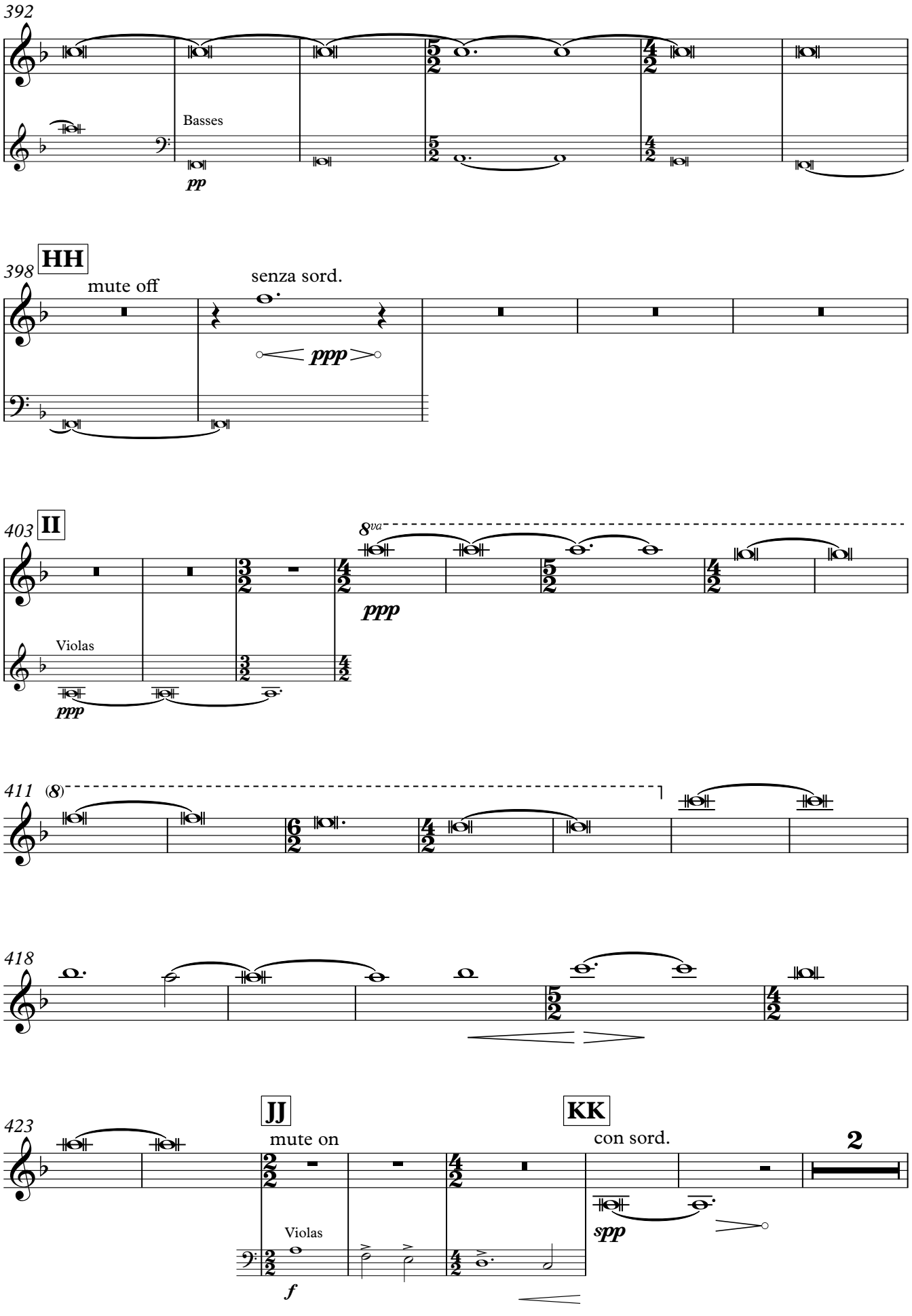
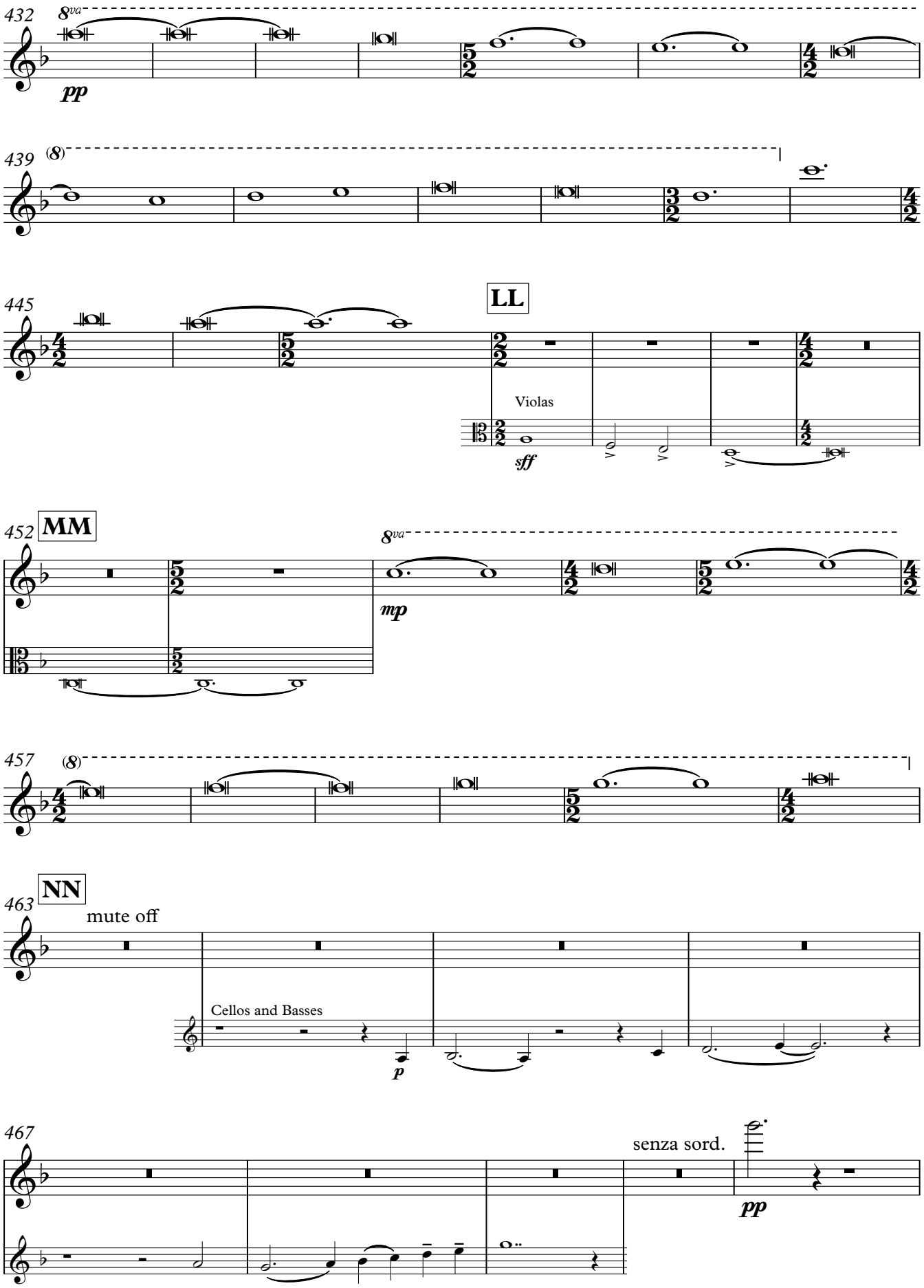
295
pp
302
309
Y
mute on
Cellos
ff
314
Z
con sord.
p
spp
320


326
AA
mute off
BB
senza sord.
Cellos
f
ff
f
mp
332
sempre mp
337
CC
mute on
Violas
p
341
344
p
348
DD
pp


353
EE
con sord.
Basses
p
mf
Cellos
mf
360
FF
f
f
Basses
fff
Violins 1-4
8va
mp
367
Violas
mp
mp
poco
374
GG
spp
Cellos
pp
381
387


392
Basses
pp
398
HH
mute off
senza sord.
ppp
403
II
8va
ppp
Violas
ppp
411
(8)
418
423
JJ
mute on
KK
con sord.
2
Violas
f
spp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8va
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439
(8)
445
LL
Violas
sff
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MM
8va
mp
457
(8)
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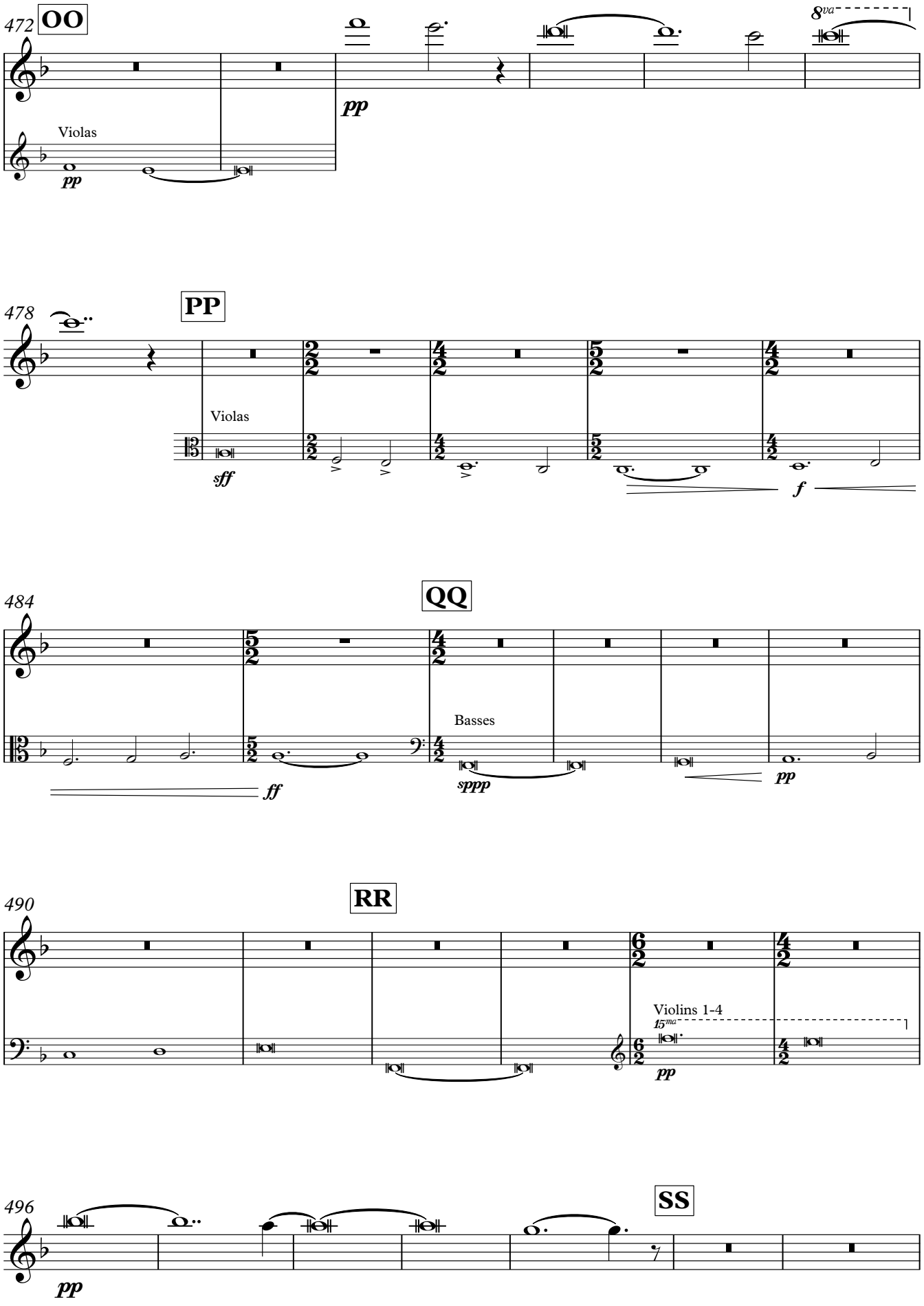
NN
mute off
Cellos and Basses
p
467
senza sord.
pp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Violas
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RR
Violins 1-4
15ma
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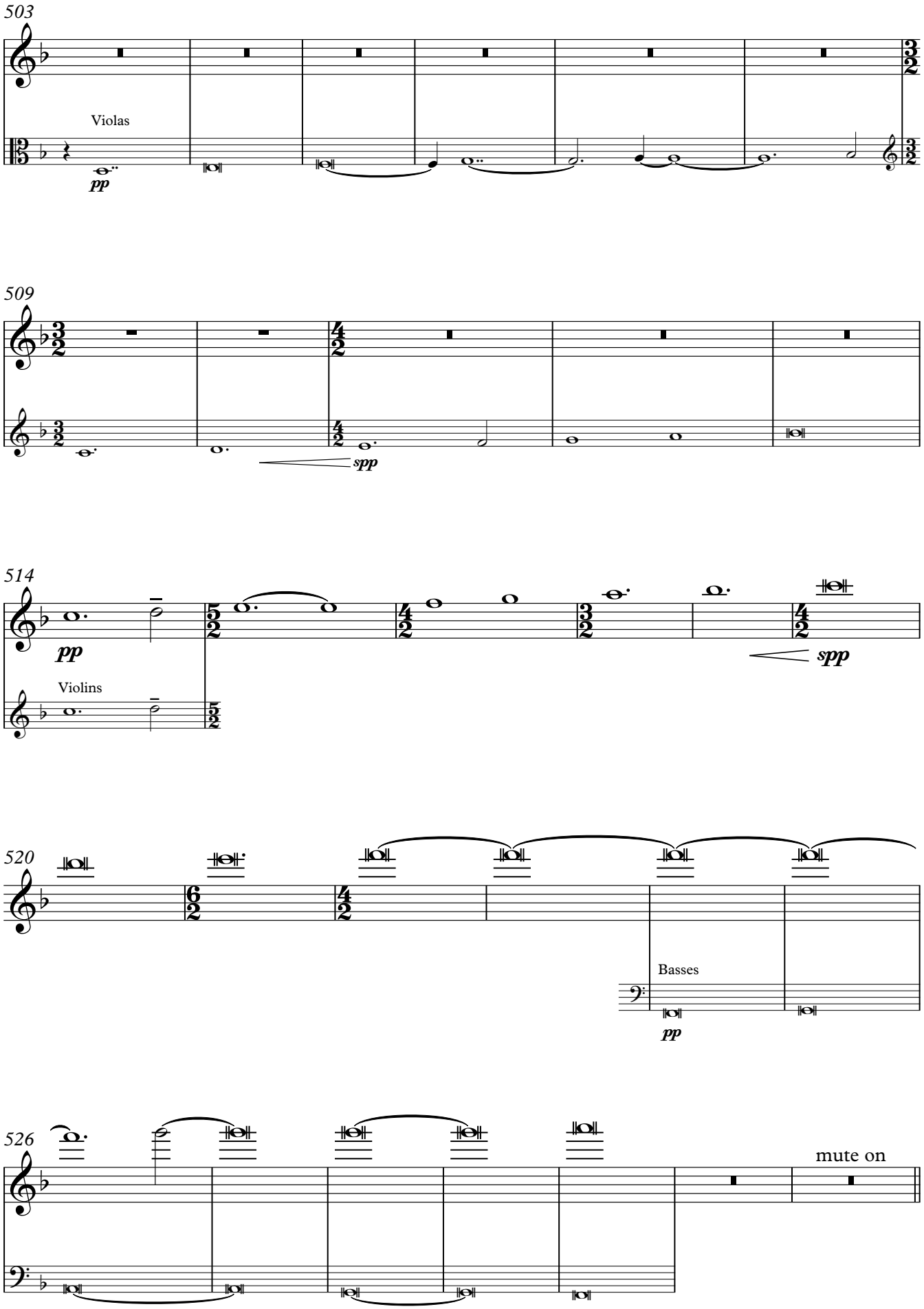
SS
pp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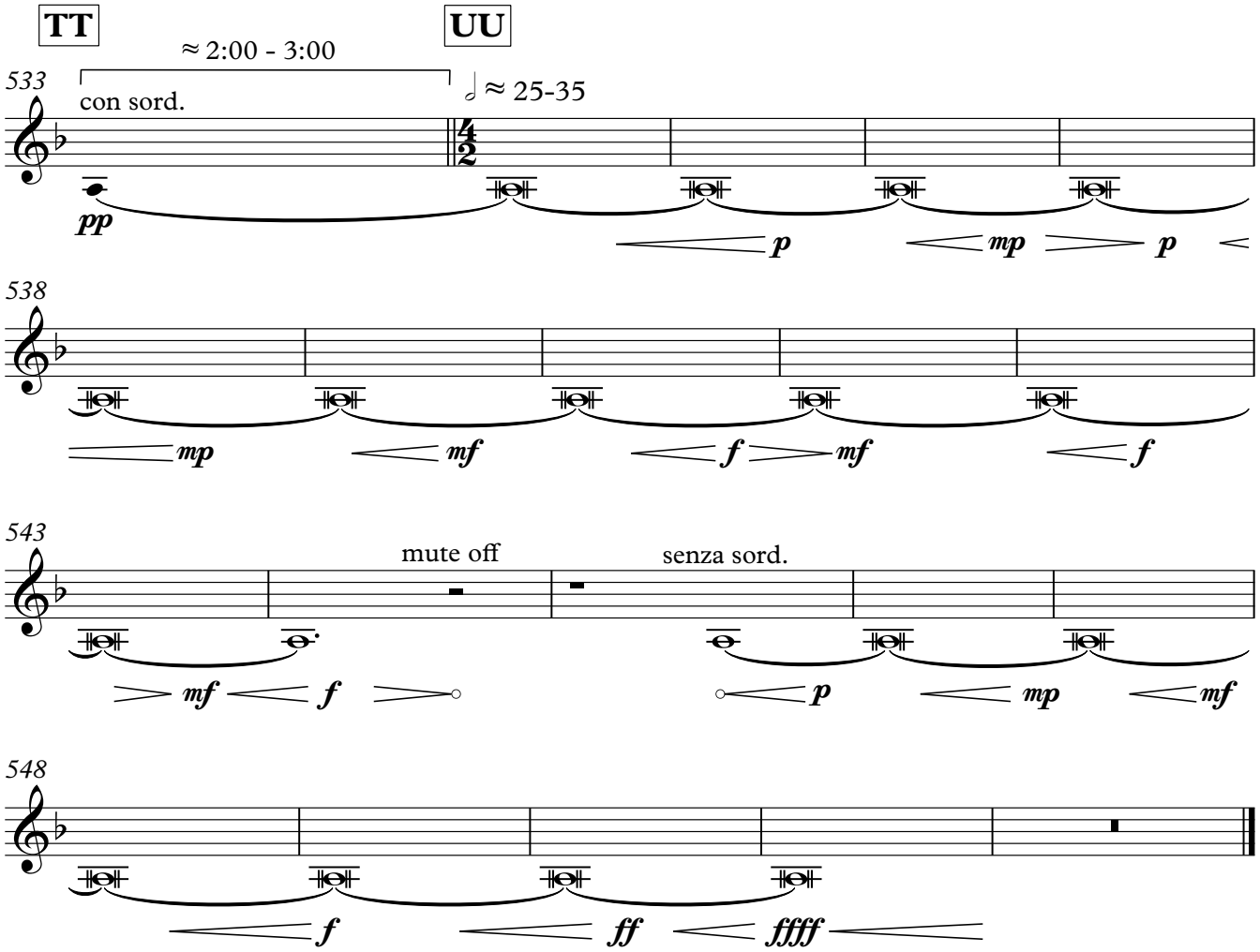
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≈ 2:00 - 3:00
533
con sord.
𝅗𝅥 ≈ 25-35
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p
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543
mute off
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