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QUARTET: SHE WROTE

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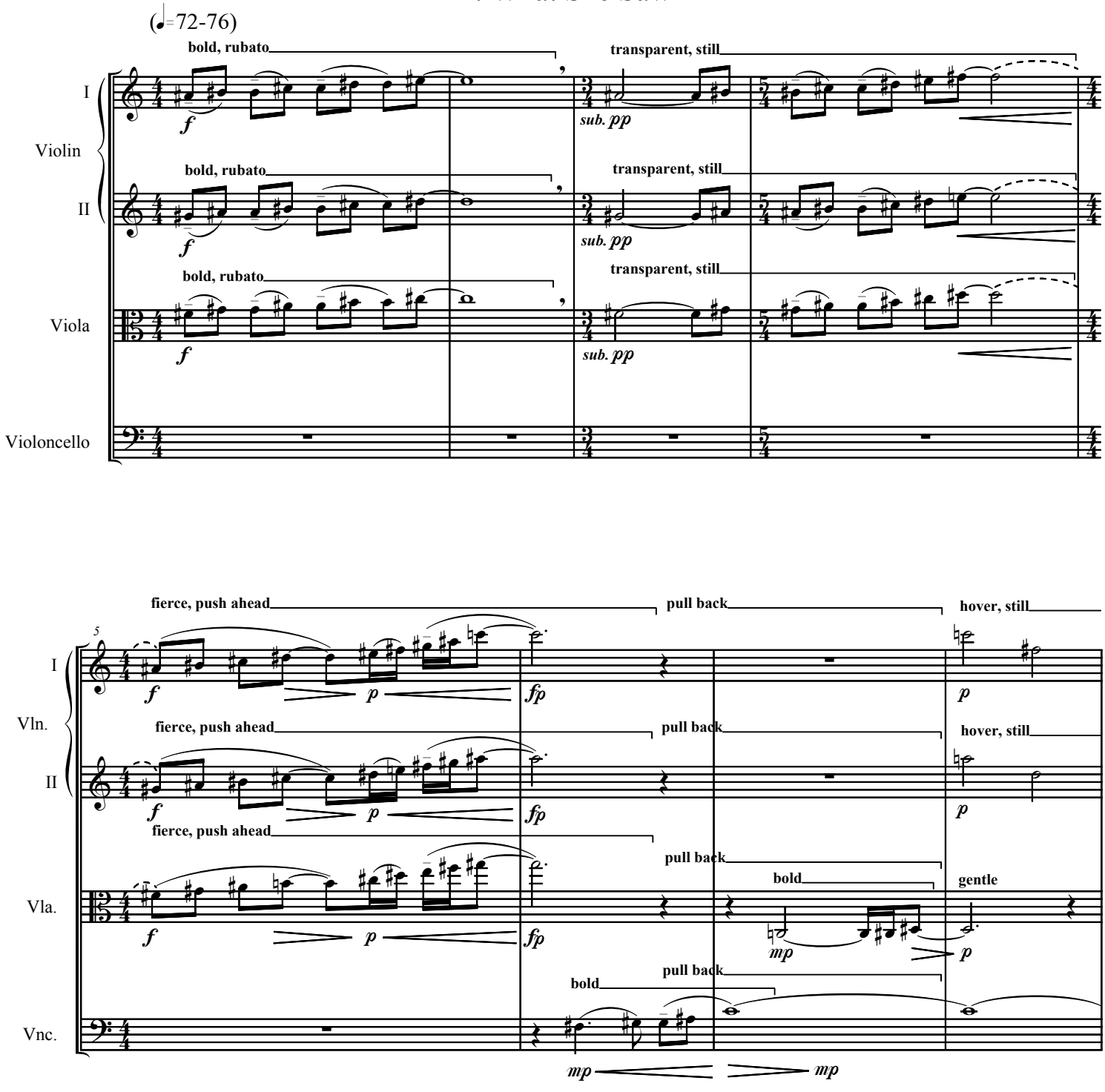
I. What She Saw



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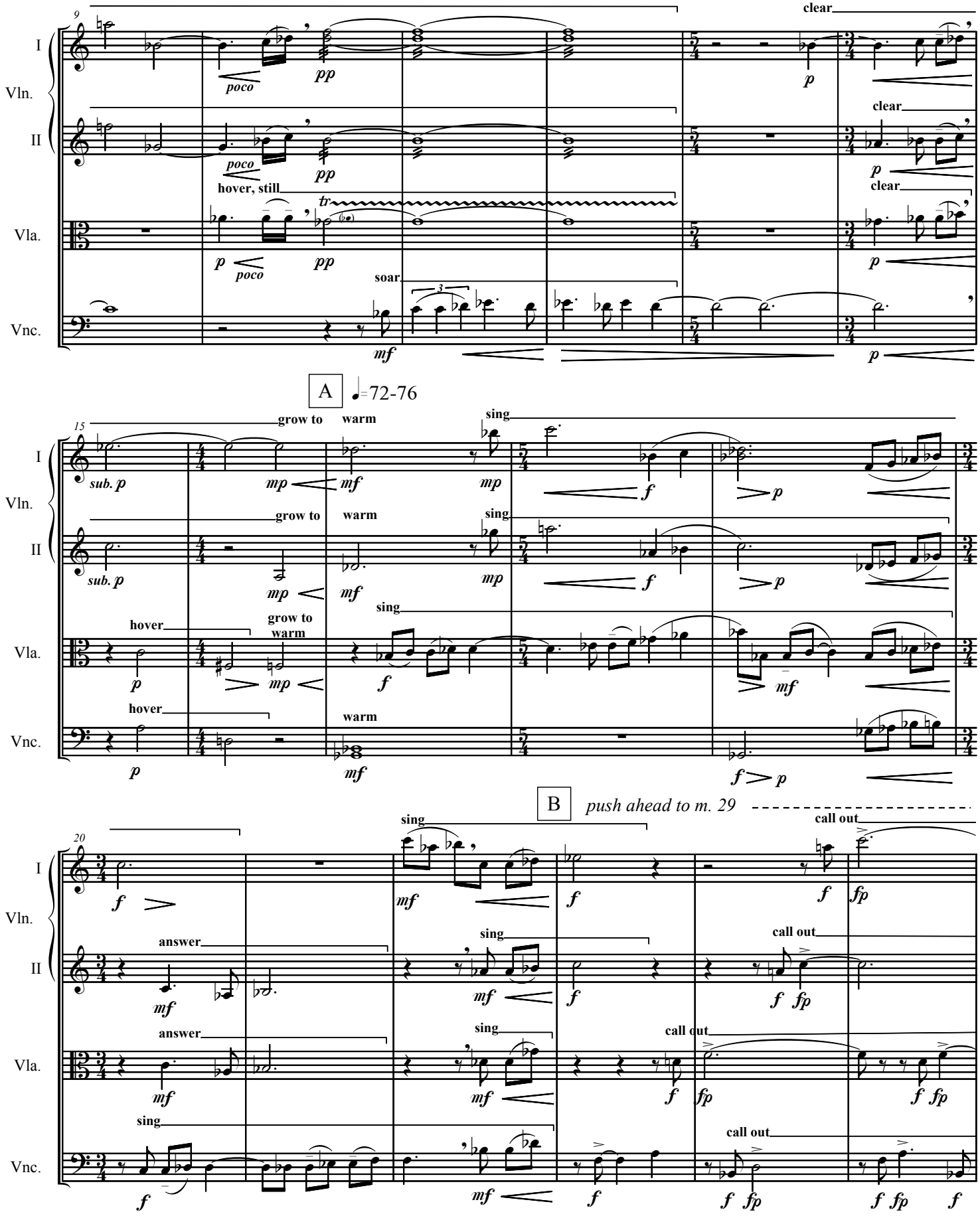
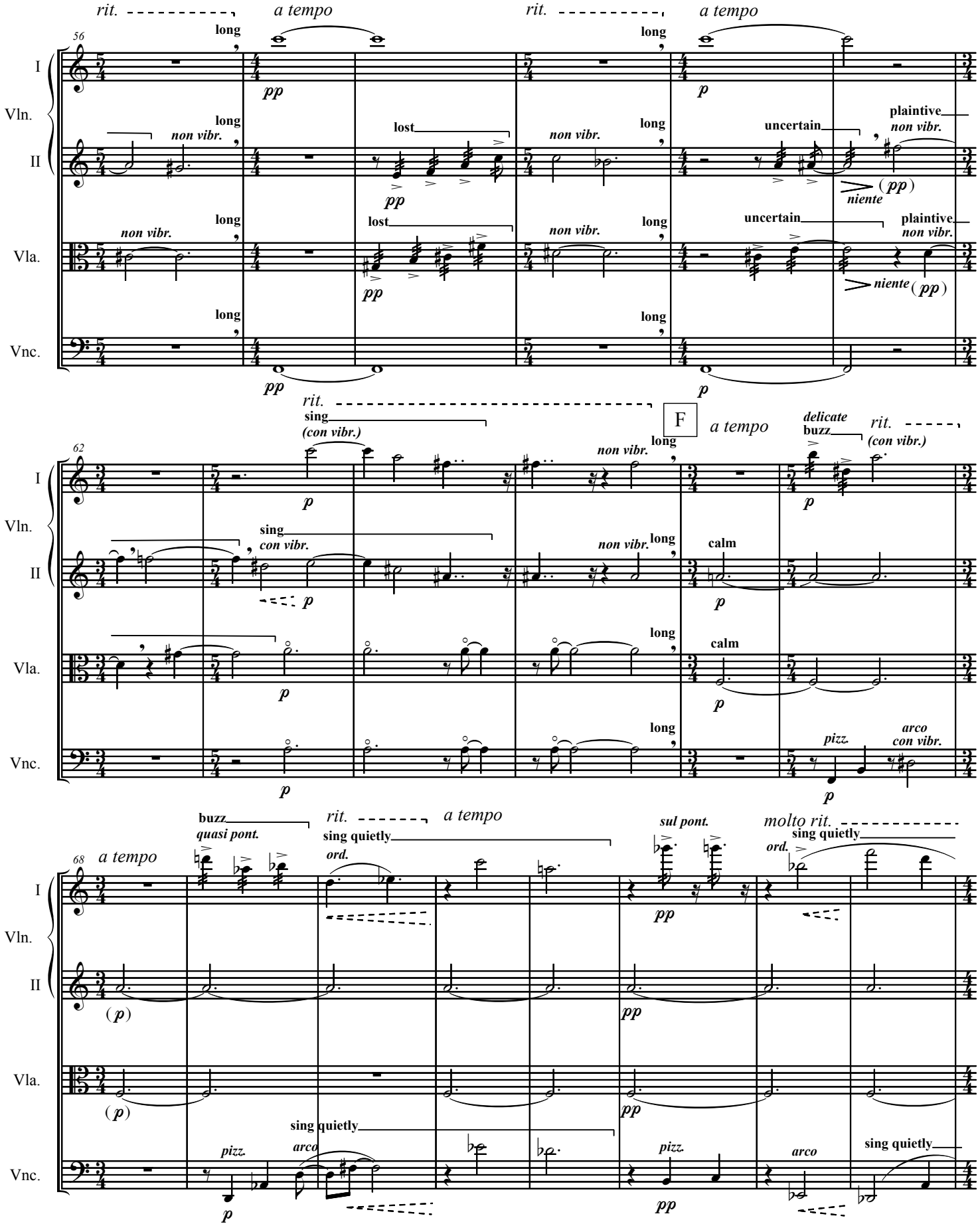
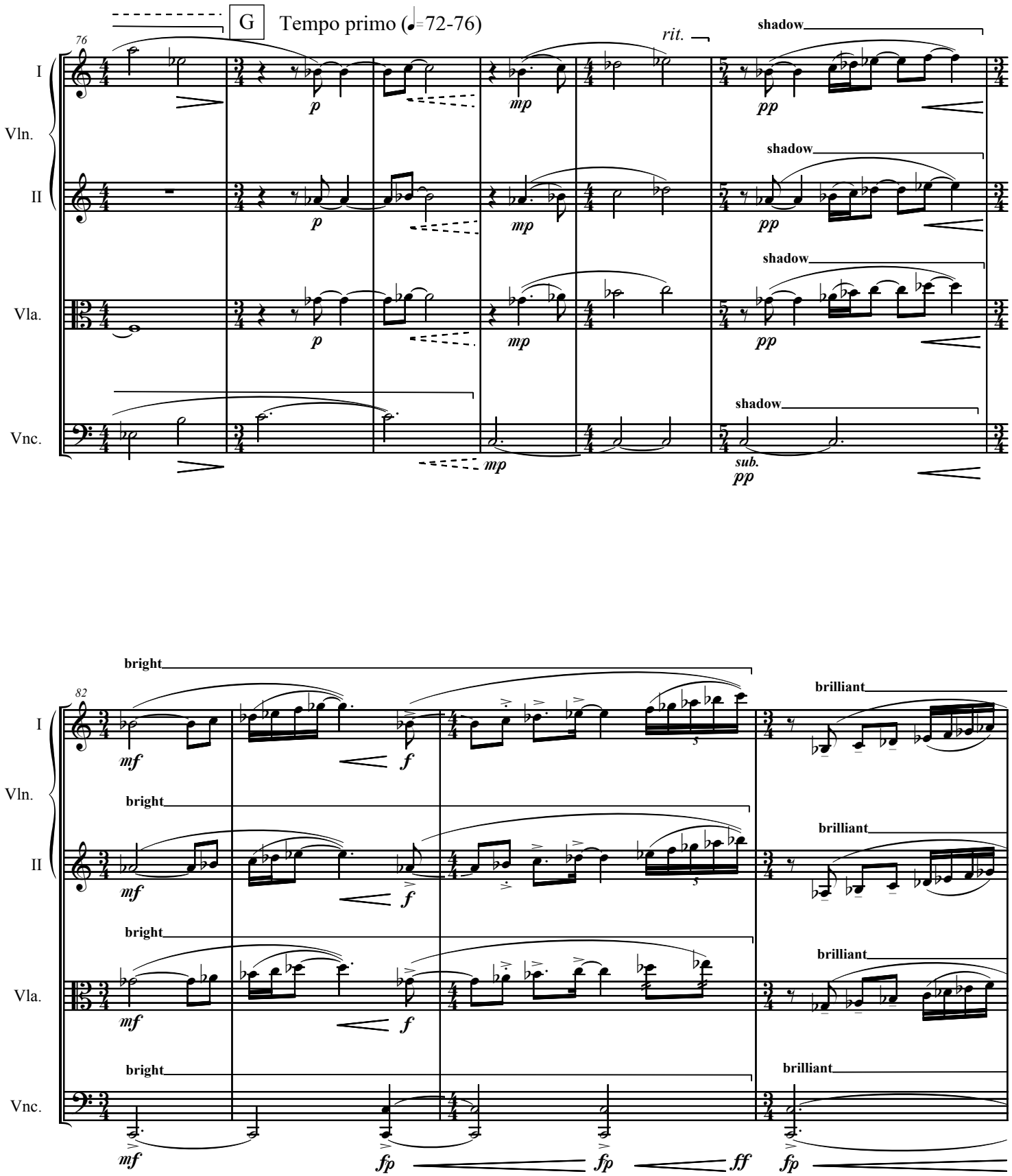
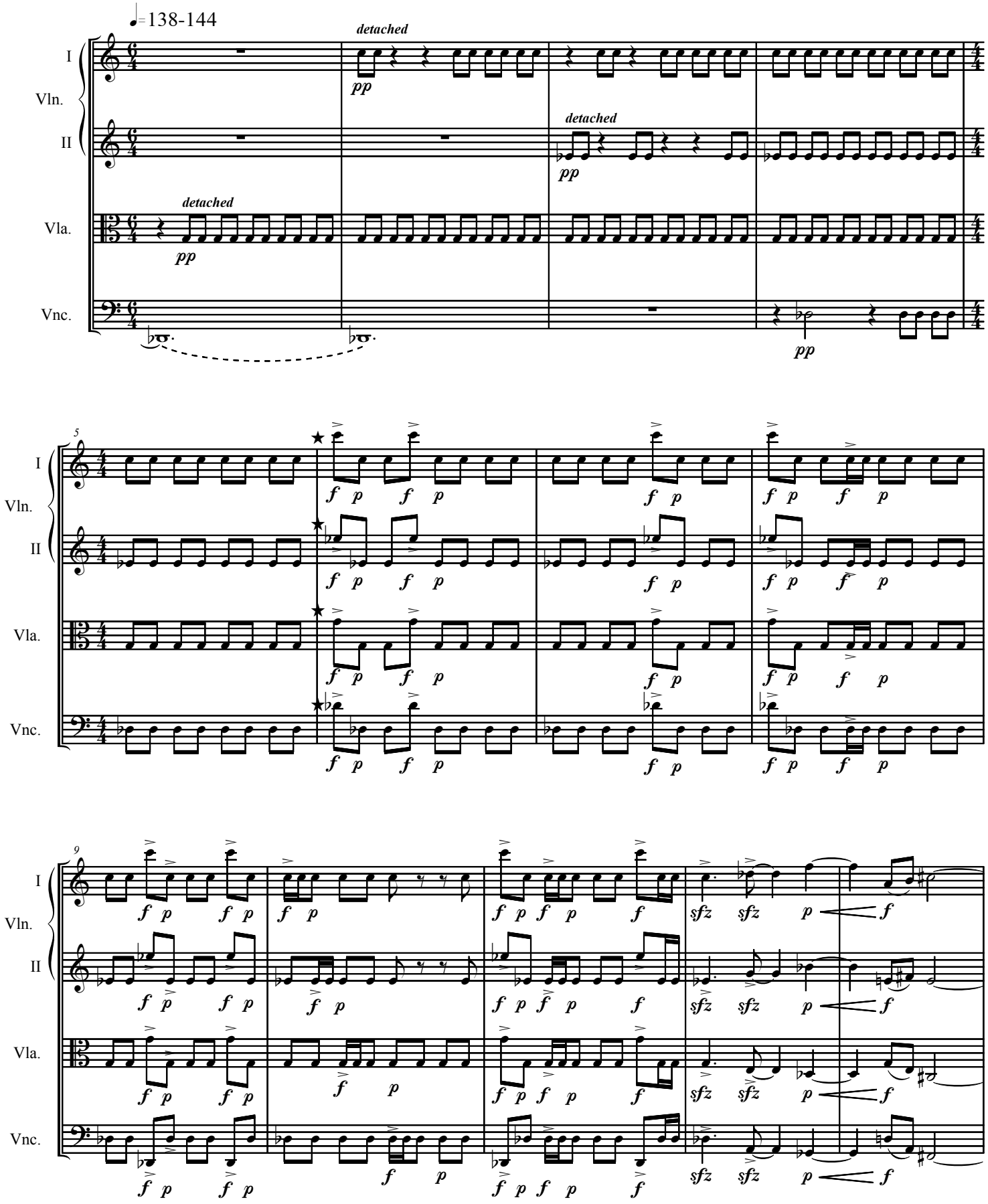
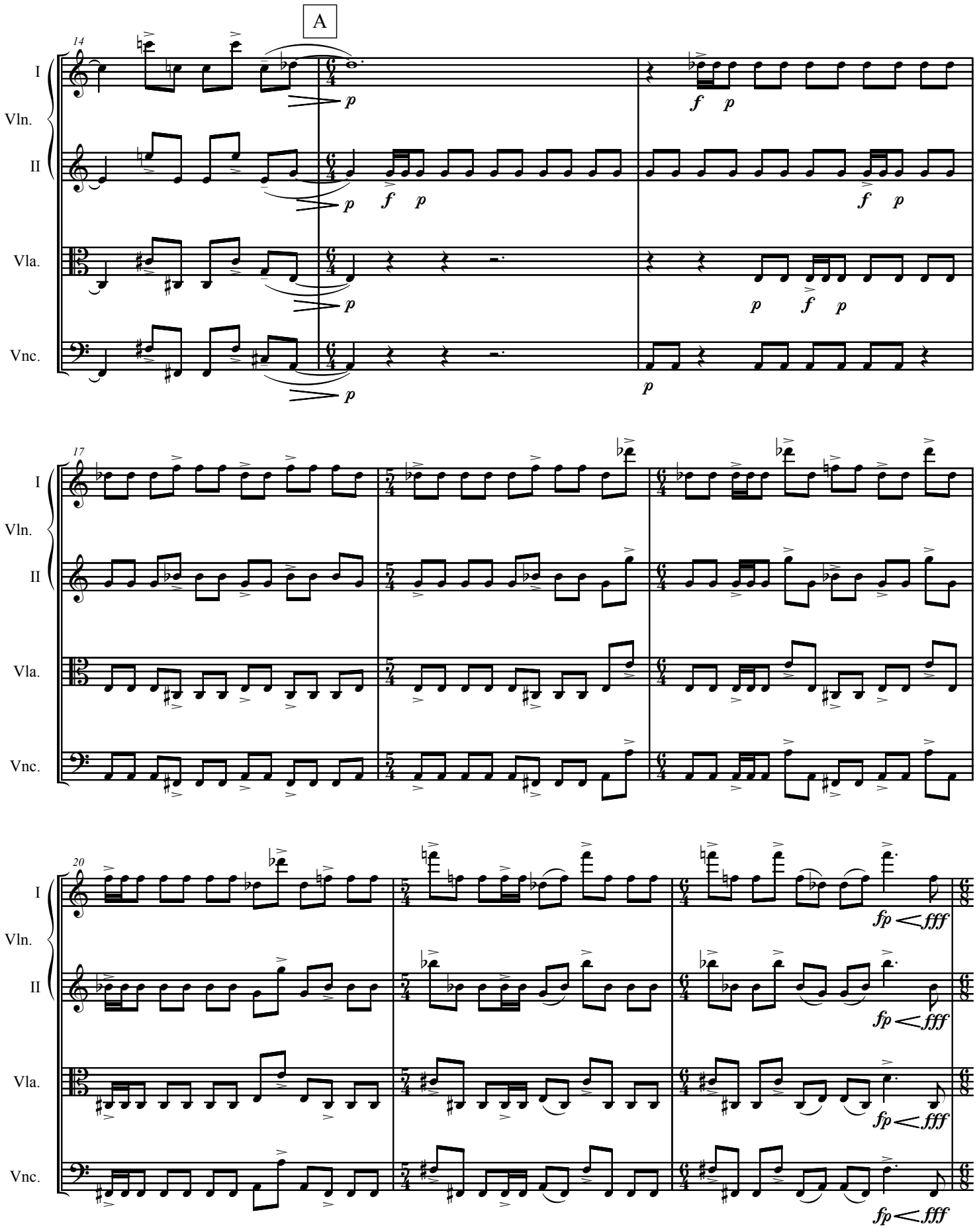

9
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
poco
pp
clear
hover, still
tr
soar
3
mf
A
♩=72-76
15
grow to
warm
sing
sub. p
mp
mf
f
p
hover
20
B
push ahead to m. 29
call out
answer
fp

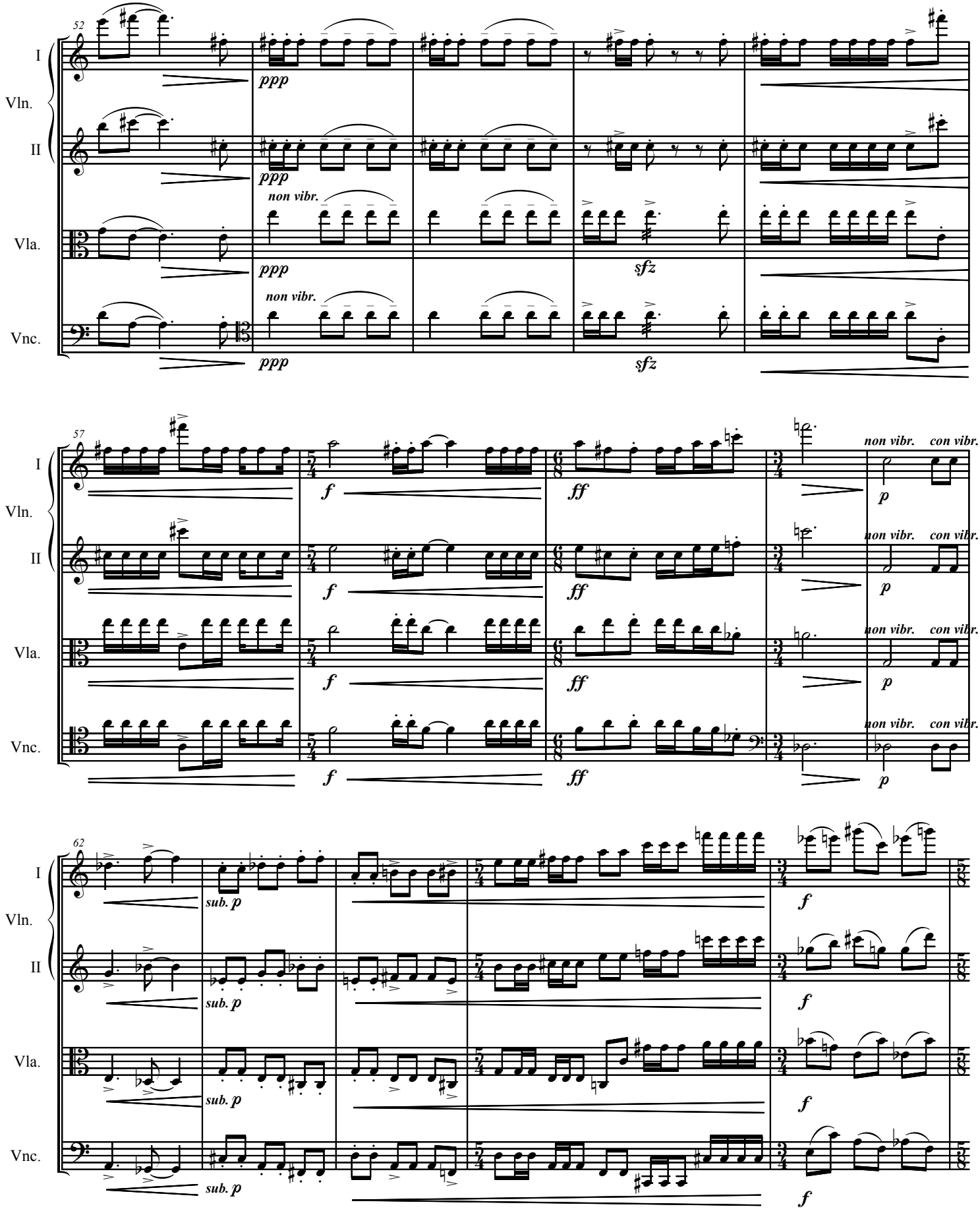

56
rit.
a tempo
rit.
a tempo
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
long
non vibr.
lost
uncertain
plaintive
non vibr.
niente
(pp)
pp
p
62
rit.
sing
(con vib.)
F
a tempo
delicate
buzz
rit.
(con vib.)
sing
con vib.
calm
pizz.
arco
con vib.
68
a tempo
buzz
quasi pont.
rit.
sing quietly
ord.
sul pont.
molto rit.
(p)
sing quietly
arco

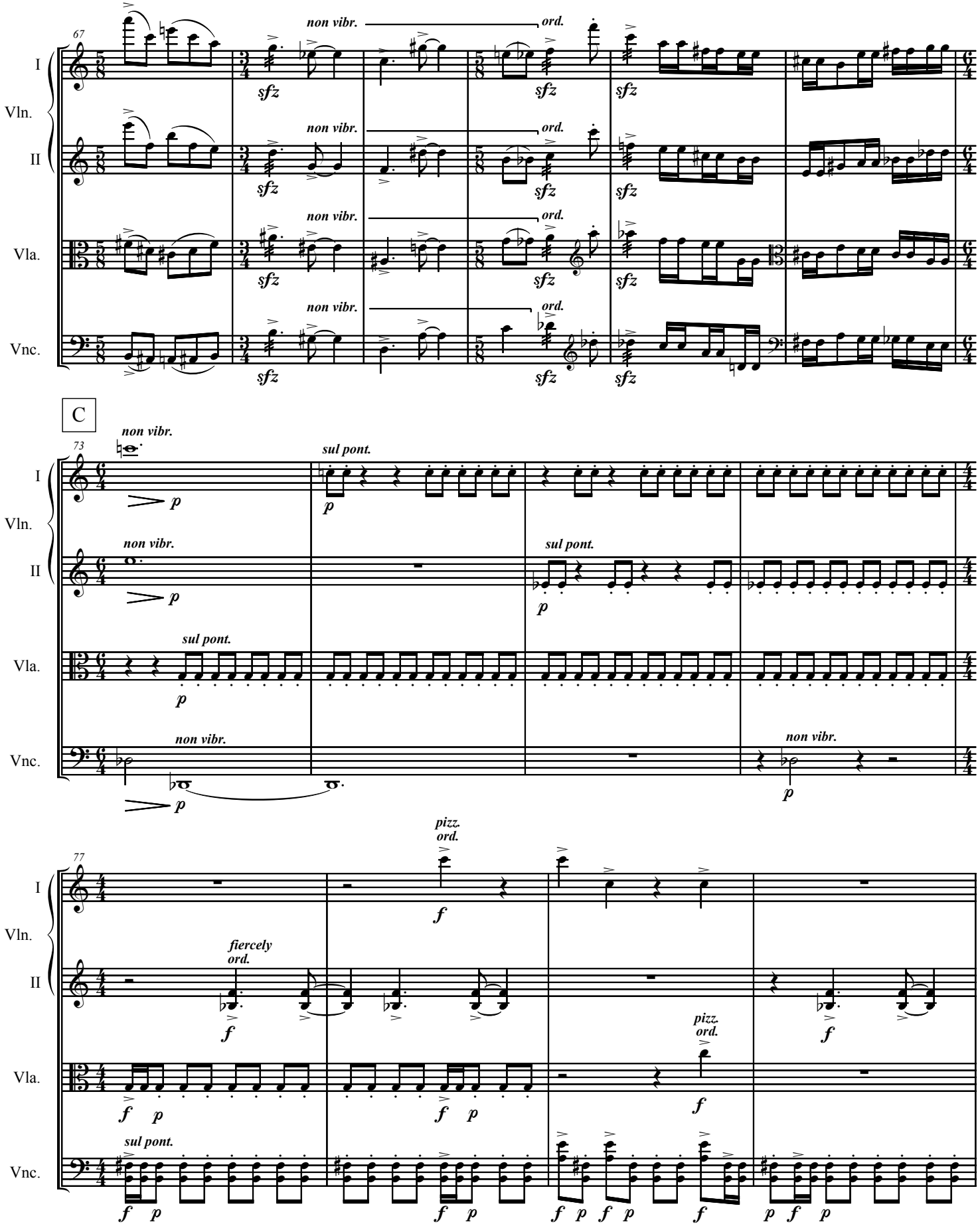

G
Tempo primo (♩=72-76)
76
rit.
shadow
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
p
mp
pp
sub.
82
bright
brilliant
mf
f
fp
ff

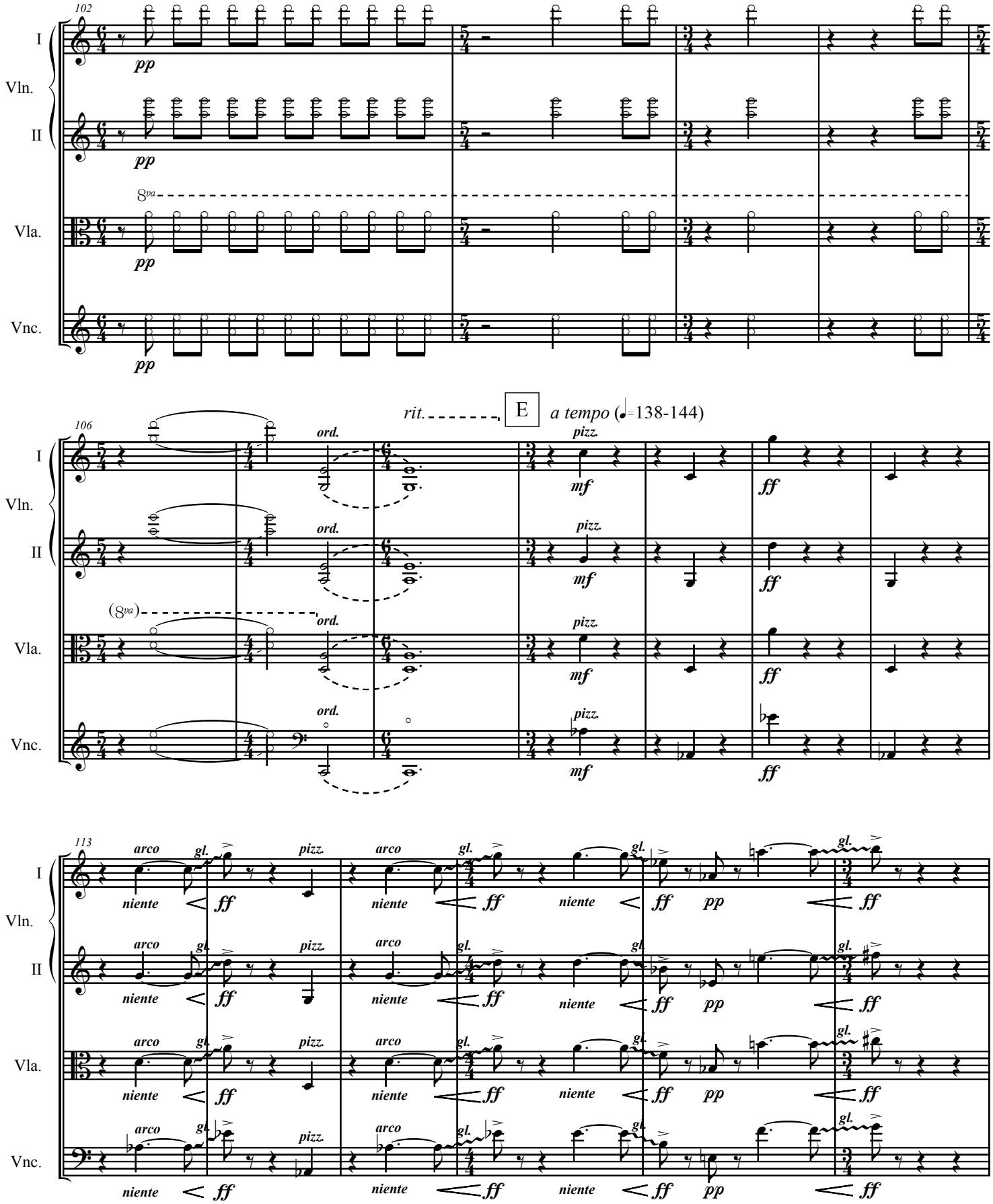
II. What She Did

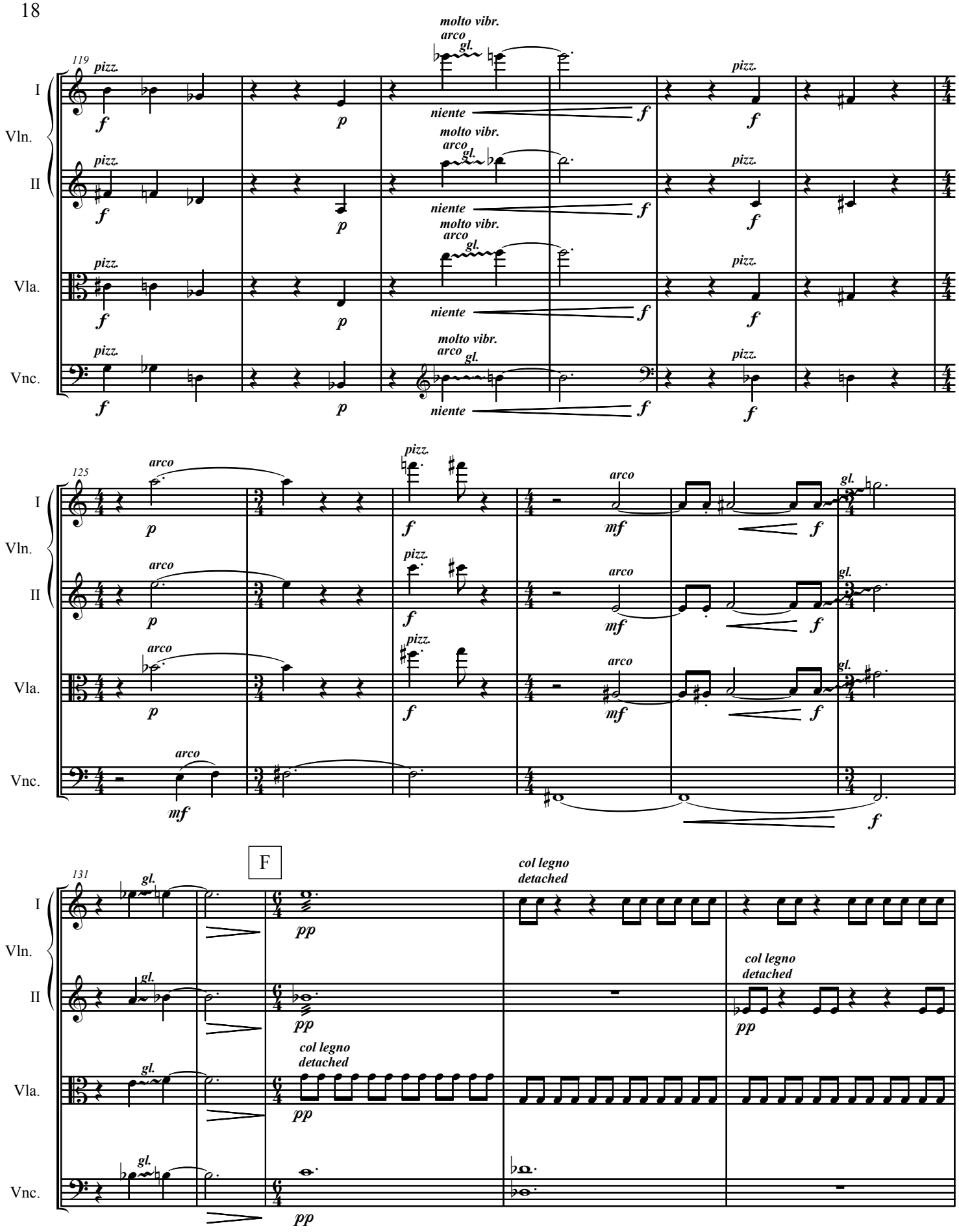


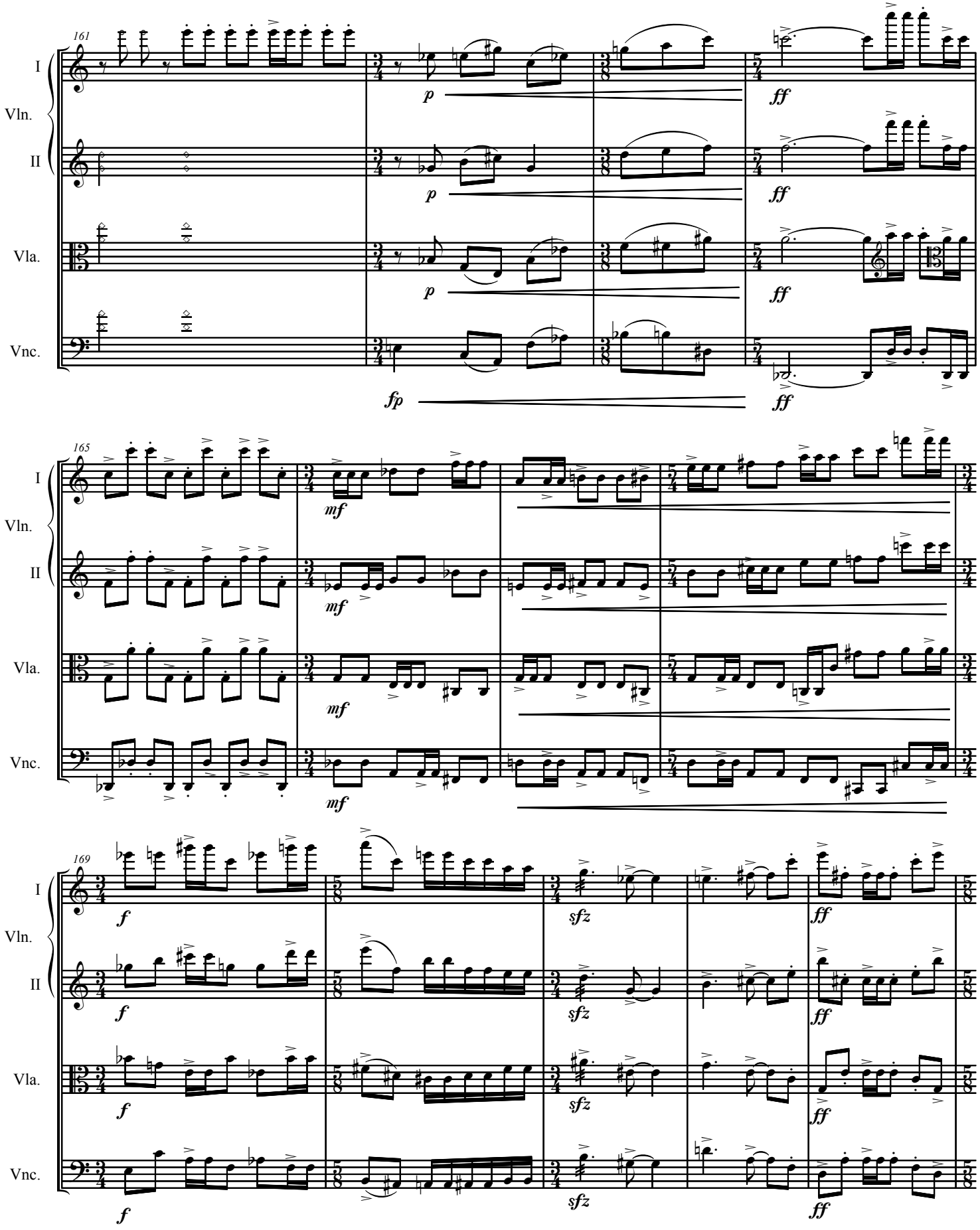

A
14
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
p
f p
17
20
fp < fff

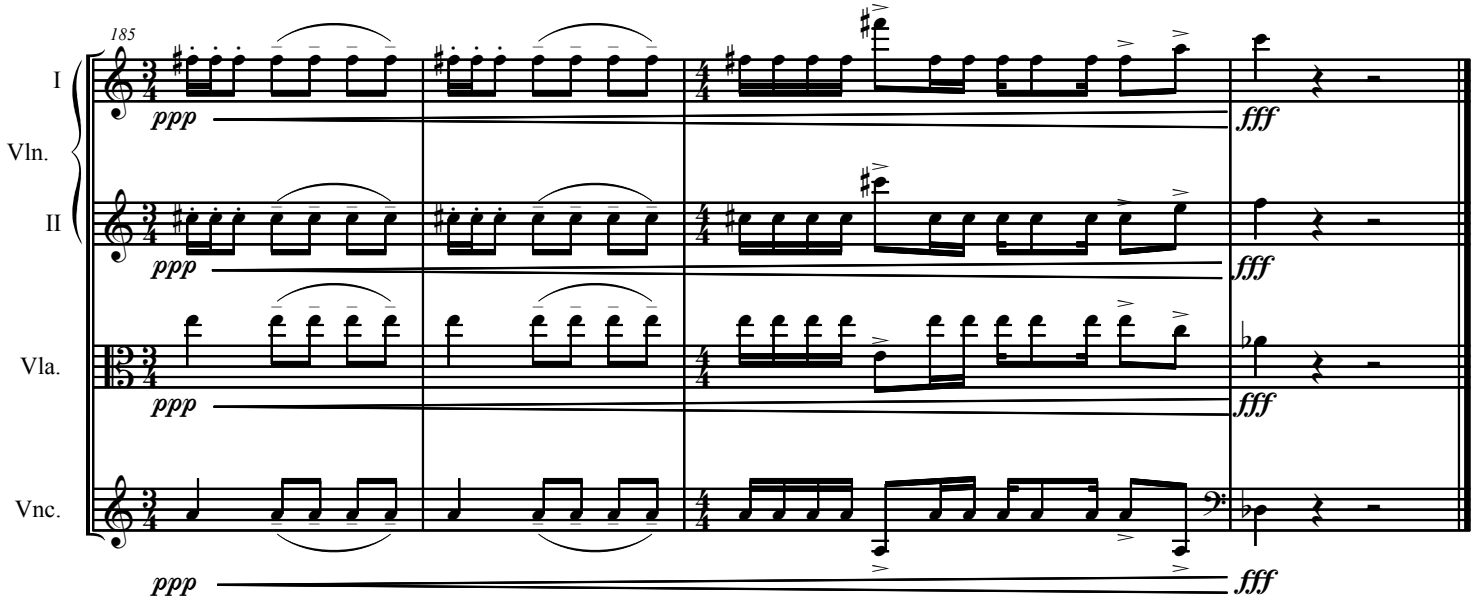

52
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
ppp
non vibr.
sfz
57
f
ff
p
non vibr.
con vibr.
62
sub. p


67
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
non vibr.
ord.
sfz
C
73
sul pont.
p
77
pizz.
ord.
f
fiercely
ord.

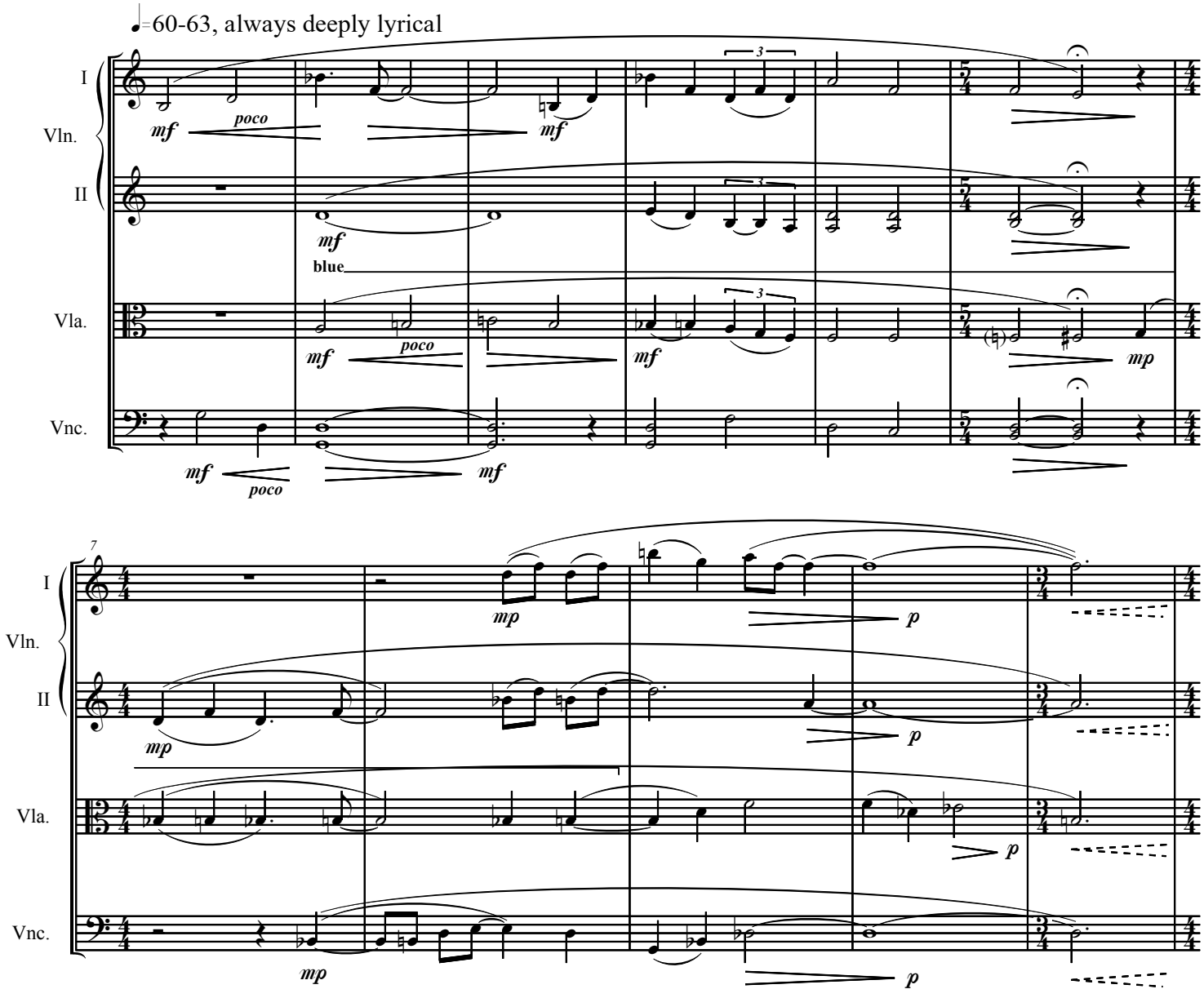

102
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
pp
8va
rit.
E
a tempo (♩=138-144)
106
ord.
pizz.
mf
ff
(8va)
113
arco
gl.
niente
pp

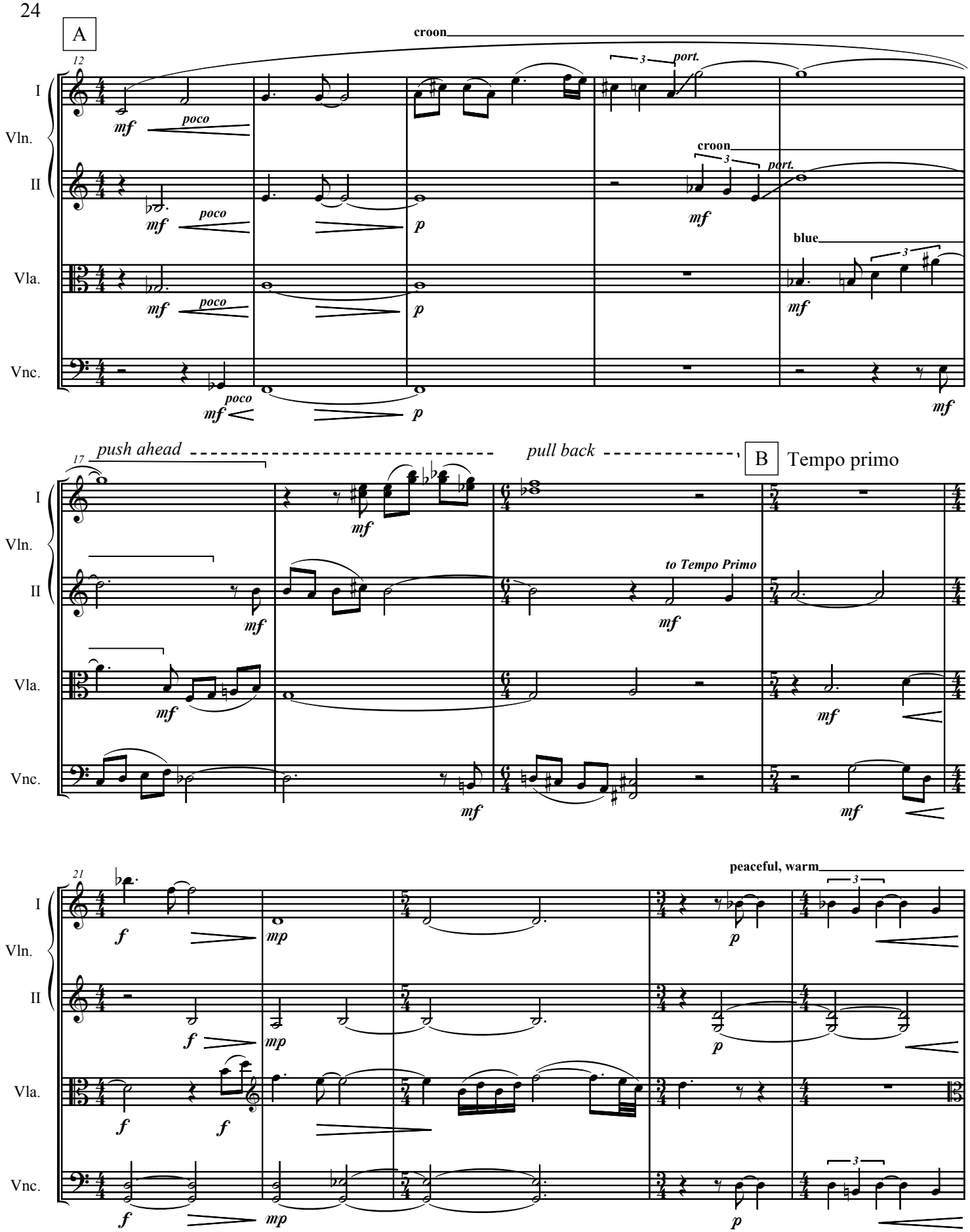

119
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
pizz.
molto vibr.
arco
gl.
niente
125
arco
pizz.
mf
131
F
col legno
detached
pp


161
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
p
fp
ff
165
mf
169
f
sfz

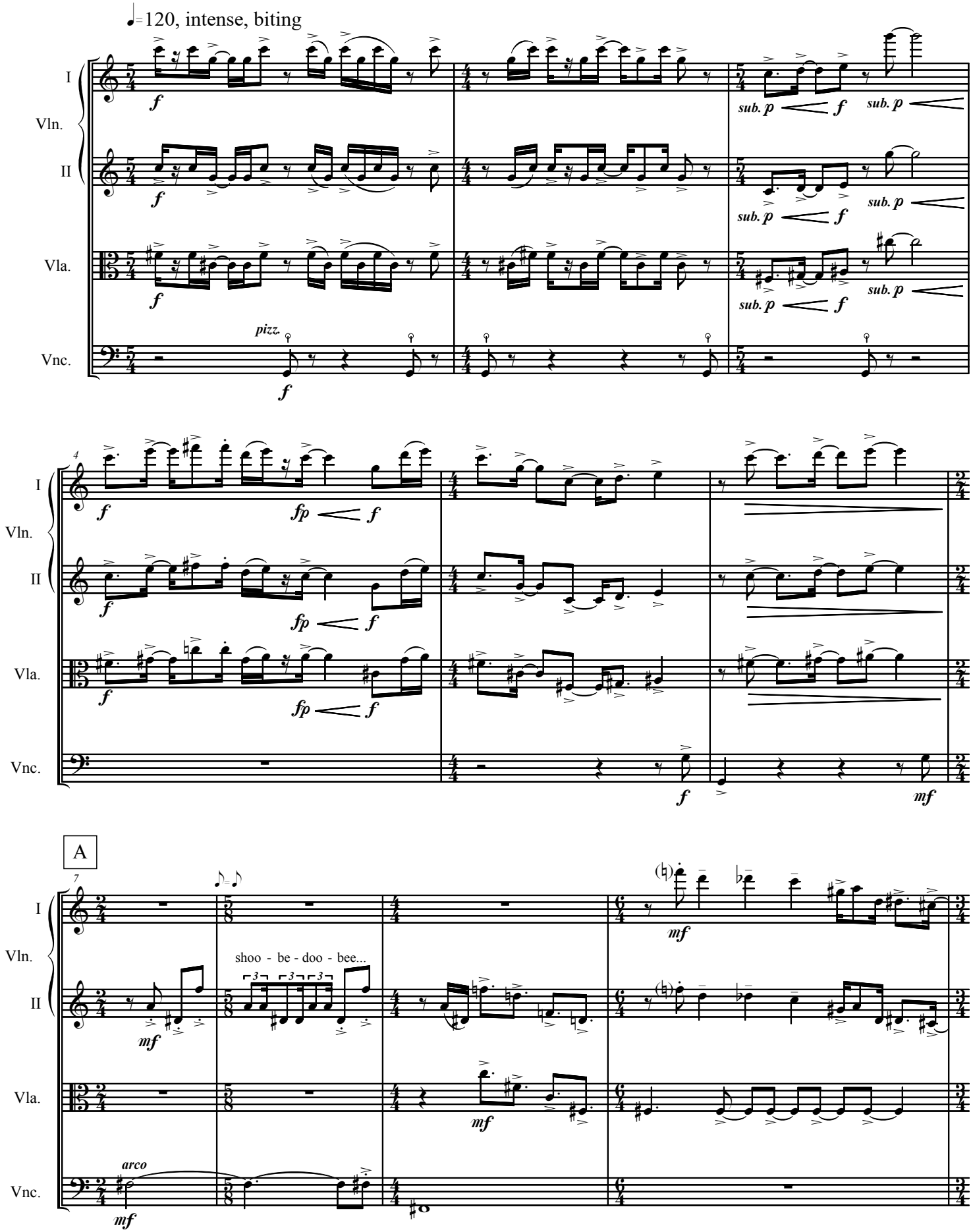


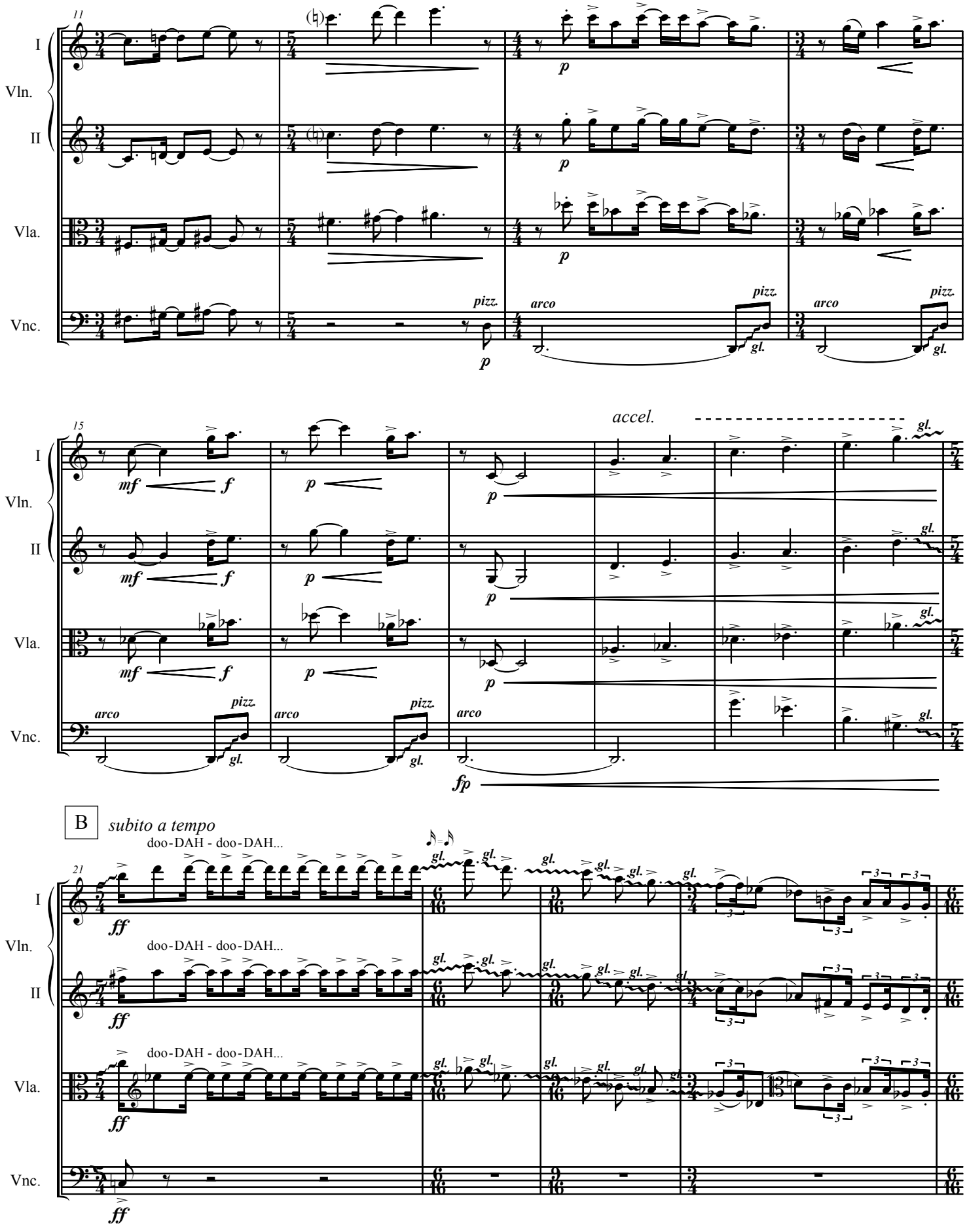
III. How She Felt

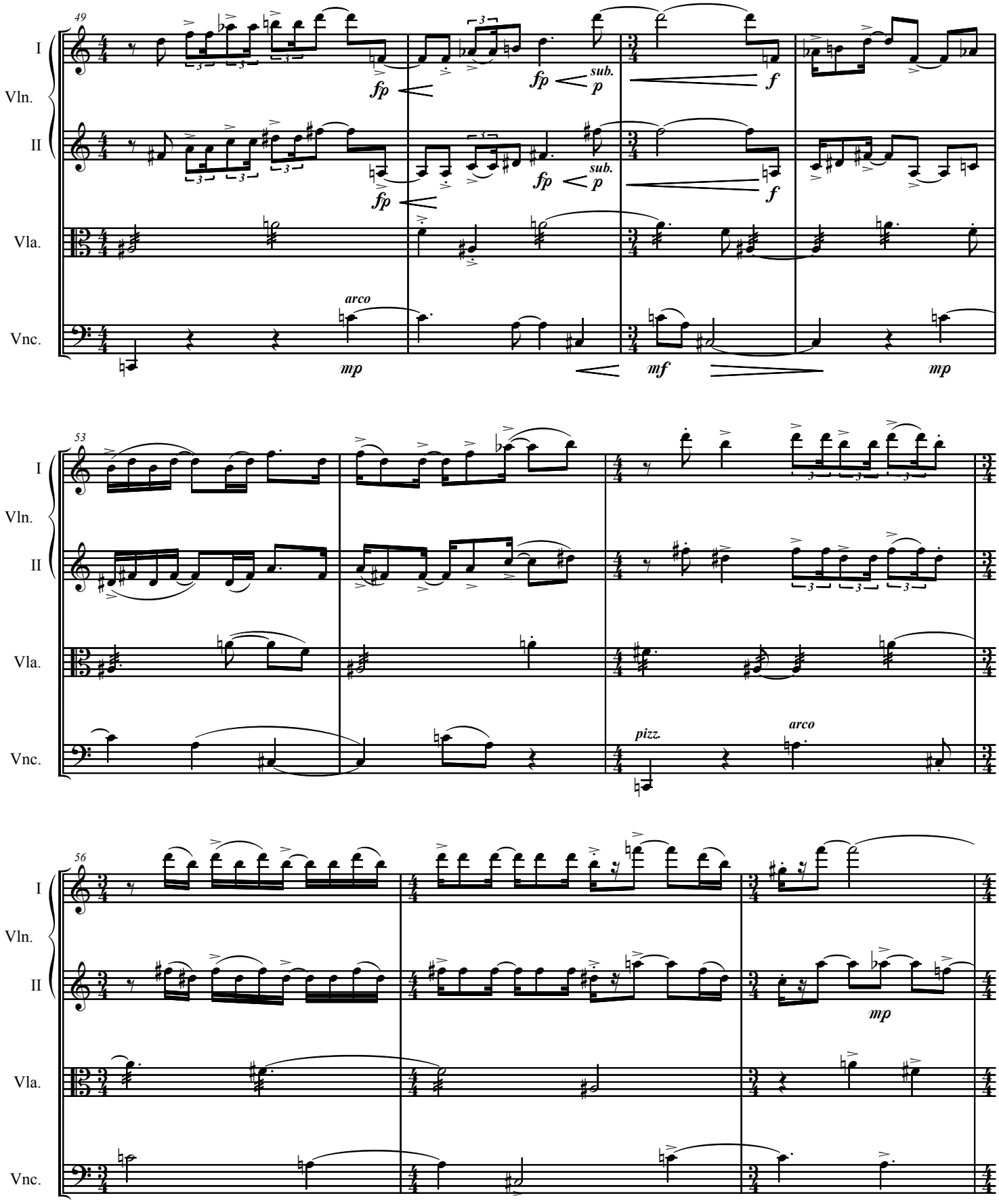


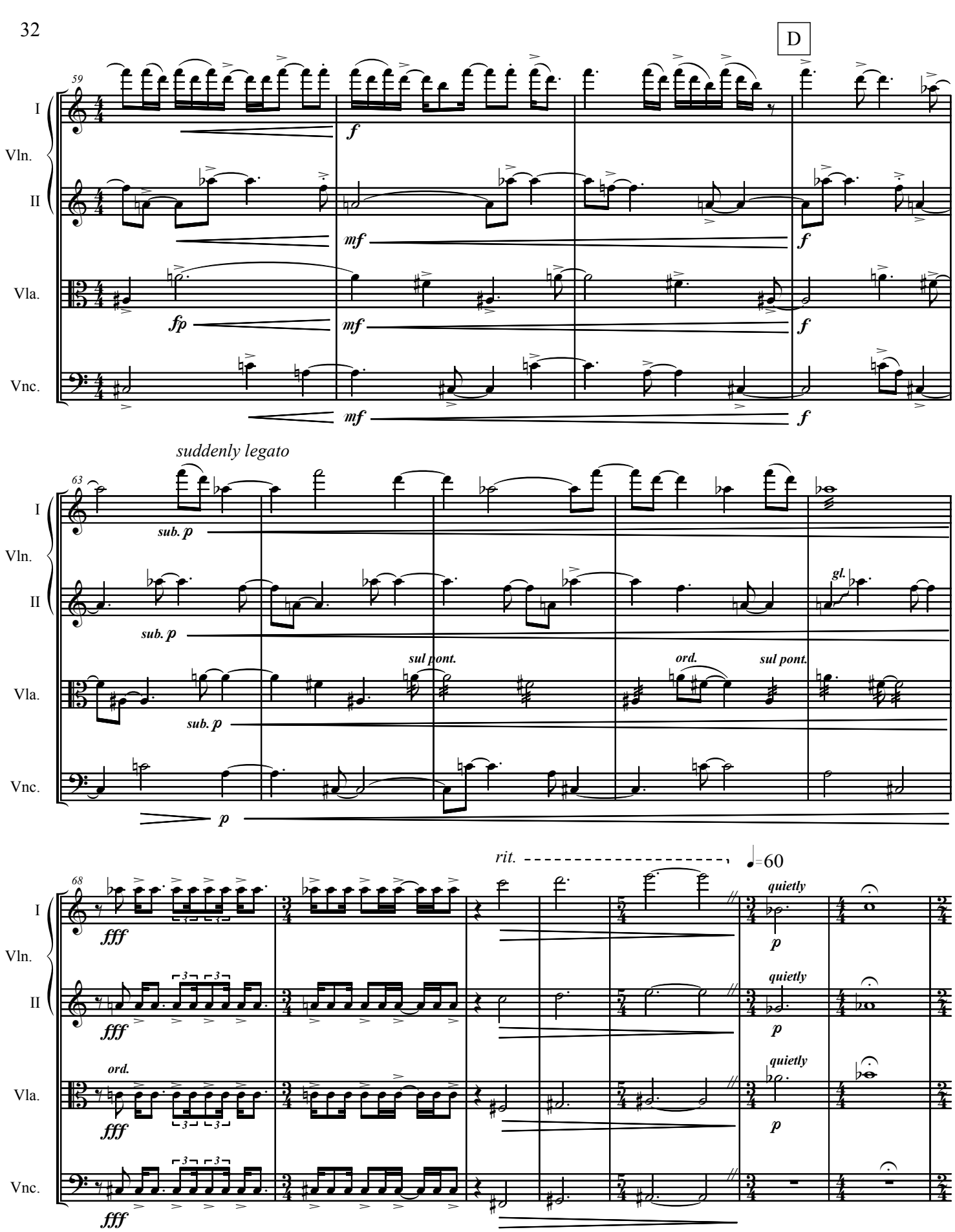

A
croon
port.
poco
mf
p
blue
push ahead
pull back
B
Tempo primo
to Tempo Primo
peaceful, warm
f
mp
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.

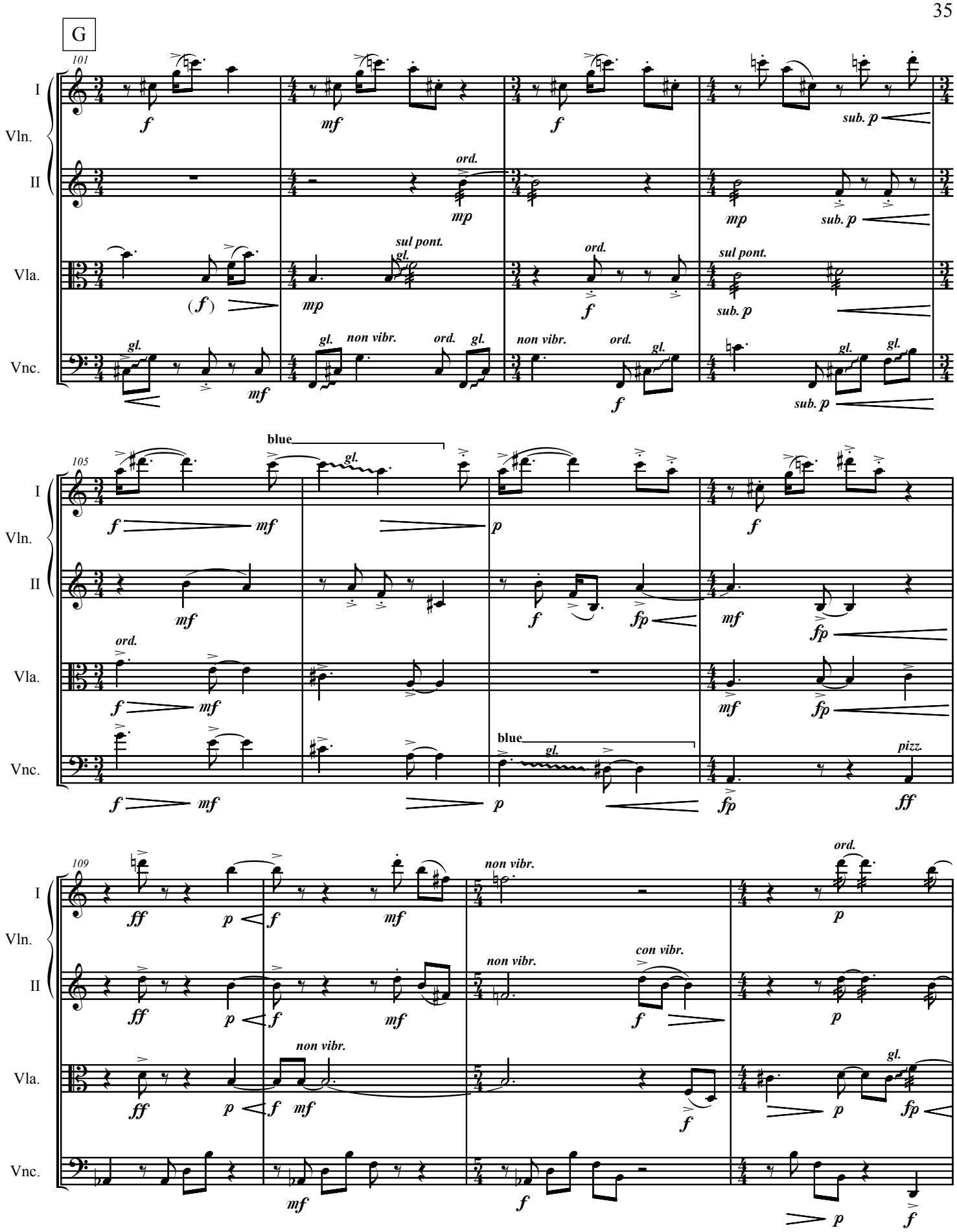
IV. And Then

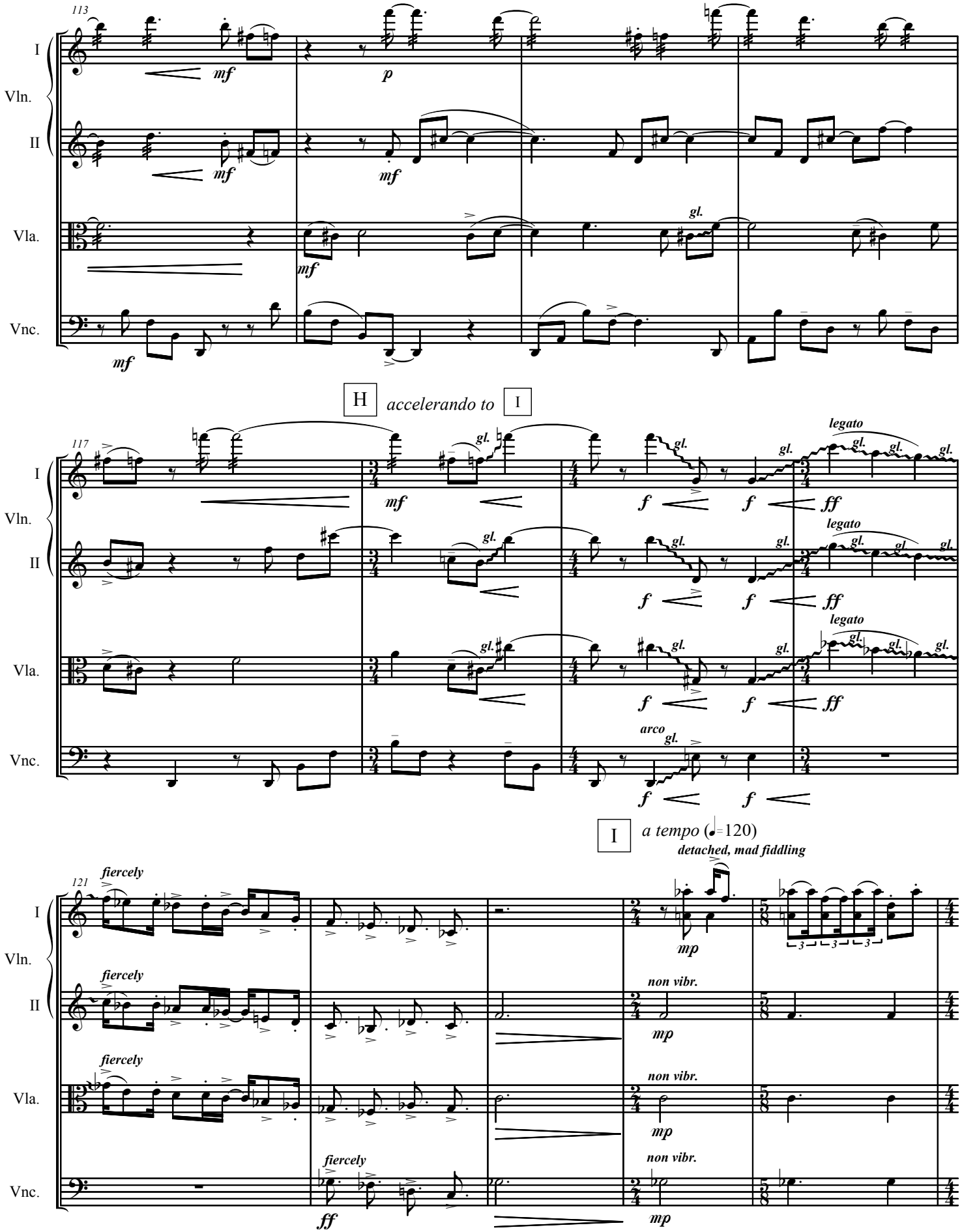

♩=120, intense, biting
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
pizz.
sub. p
A
shoo - be - doo - bee...
arco

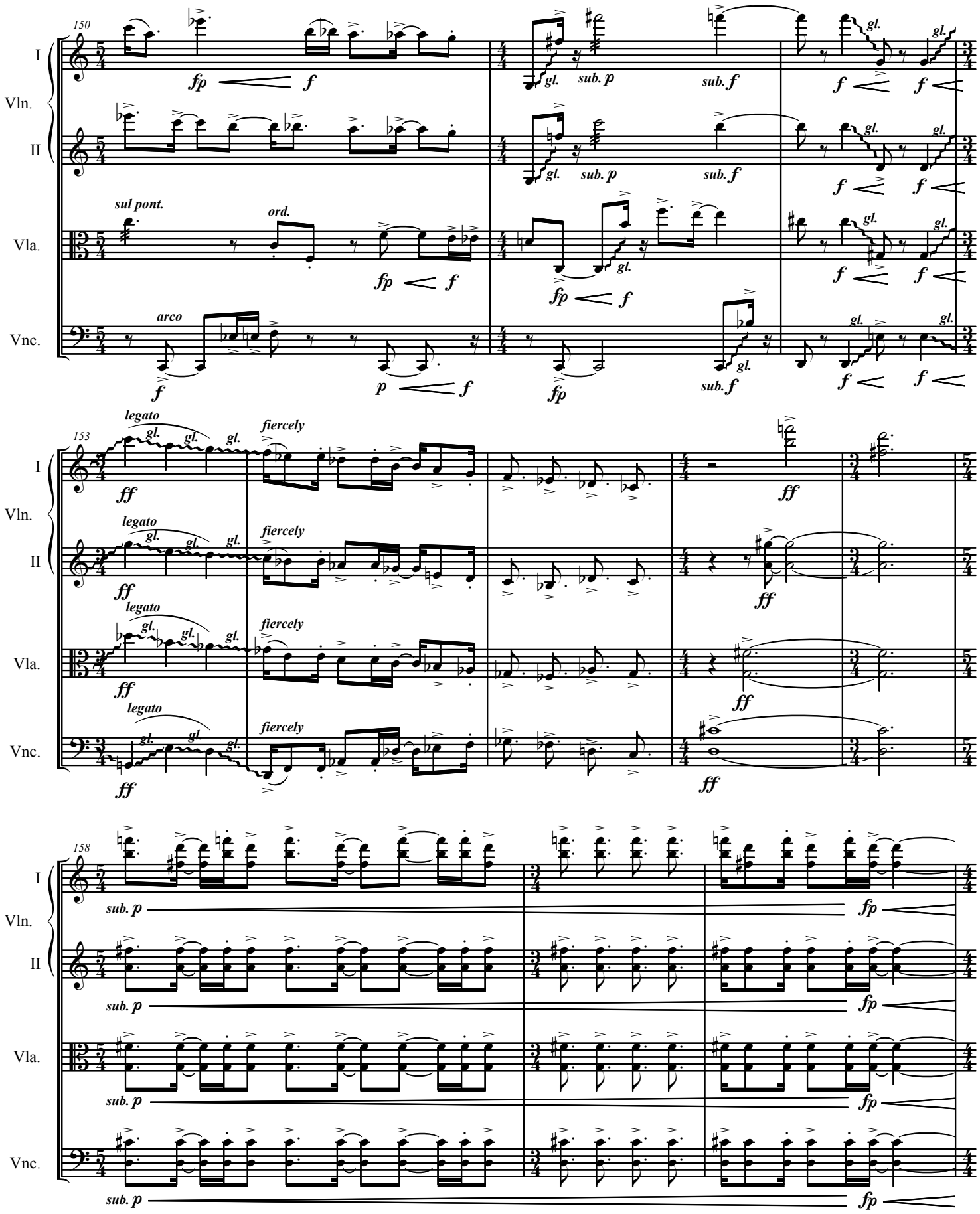

11
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
p
pizz.
arco
gl.
15
mf
f
accel.
fp
B
subito a tempo
doo-DAH - doo-DAH...
ff

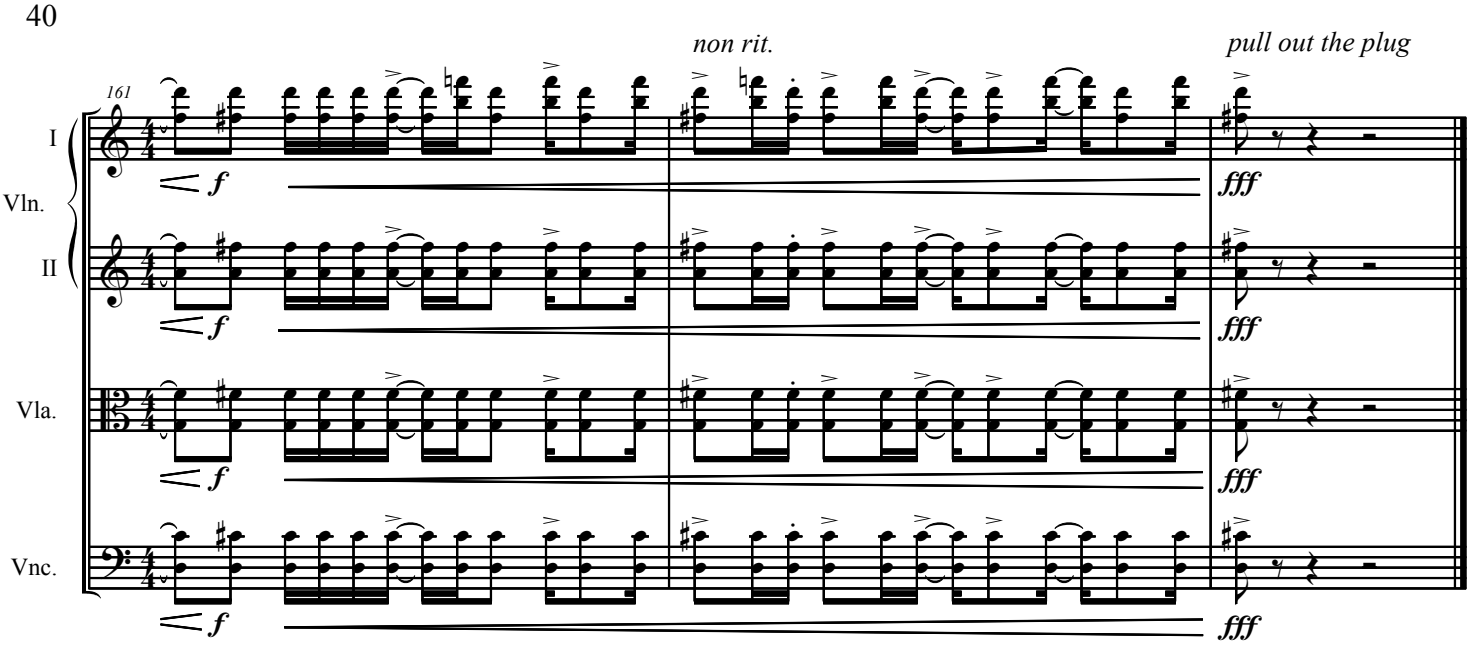

49
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
fp
sub.
p
f
arco
mp
mf
53
pizz.
arco
56
mp


D
59
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
f
mf
fp
suddenly legato
63
sub. p
sul pont.
ord.
gl.
p
68
fff
rit.
♩=60
quietly


G
101
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
ord.
sul pont.
gl.
non vibr.
sub. p
105
blue
109
con vibr.
pizz.


113
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
mf
p
gl.
H
accelerando to
I
117
f
ff
legato
arco
I
a tempo (♩=120)
detached, mad fiddling
121
fiercely
mp
non vibr.


150
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
fp
f
gl.
sub. p
sub. f
sul pont.
ord.
arco
153
legato
fiercely
ff
158
sub. p
fp


non rit.
pull out the plug
161
I
Vln.
II
Vla.
Vnc.
f
fff