Solo cornet

Withington Suite

for brass band

by Michael Summers

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A five-movement suite for brass band, lasting about seventeen minutes in total. The first movement is cool and unemotional; the second and third movements are nostalgic in tone, with a lyrical trombone solo in the third. The fourth movement, written in 2000, has a darker character; it is also more contrapuntal, and as such is my little contribution to Bach Year 2000, the 250th anniversary of the death of the great 18th-century contrapuntist J.S. Bach. The fifth movement is more celebratory, and rides along on a wave of syncopated rhythms and rich chords.

Withington Suite is named after the district of south Manchester where I was living in 1999 when I first started working on the piece. It was completed in 2002 with revisions in 2005–2006 and 2012.

Performance notes:

Duration: c. 17 minutes

Dynamics: ***m*** signifies a dynamic level between ***mf*** and ***mp***.

BBb basses must be able to reach written D below middle C.

Tacets: 2nd movement: BBb bass. 3rd movement: soprano cornet, 2nd trombone, bass trombone, BBb bass.

There are no percussion parts in this piece.

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FOR BRASS BAND

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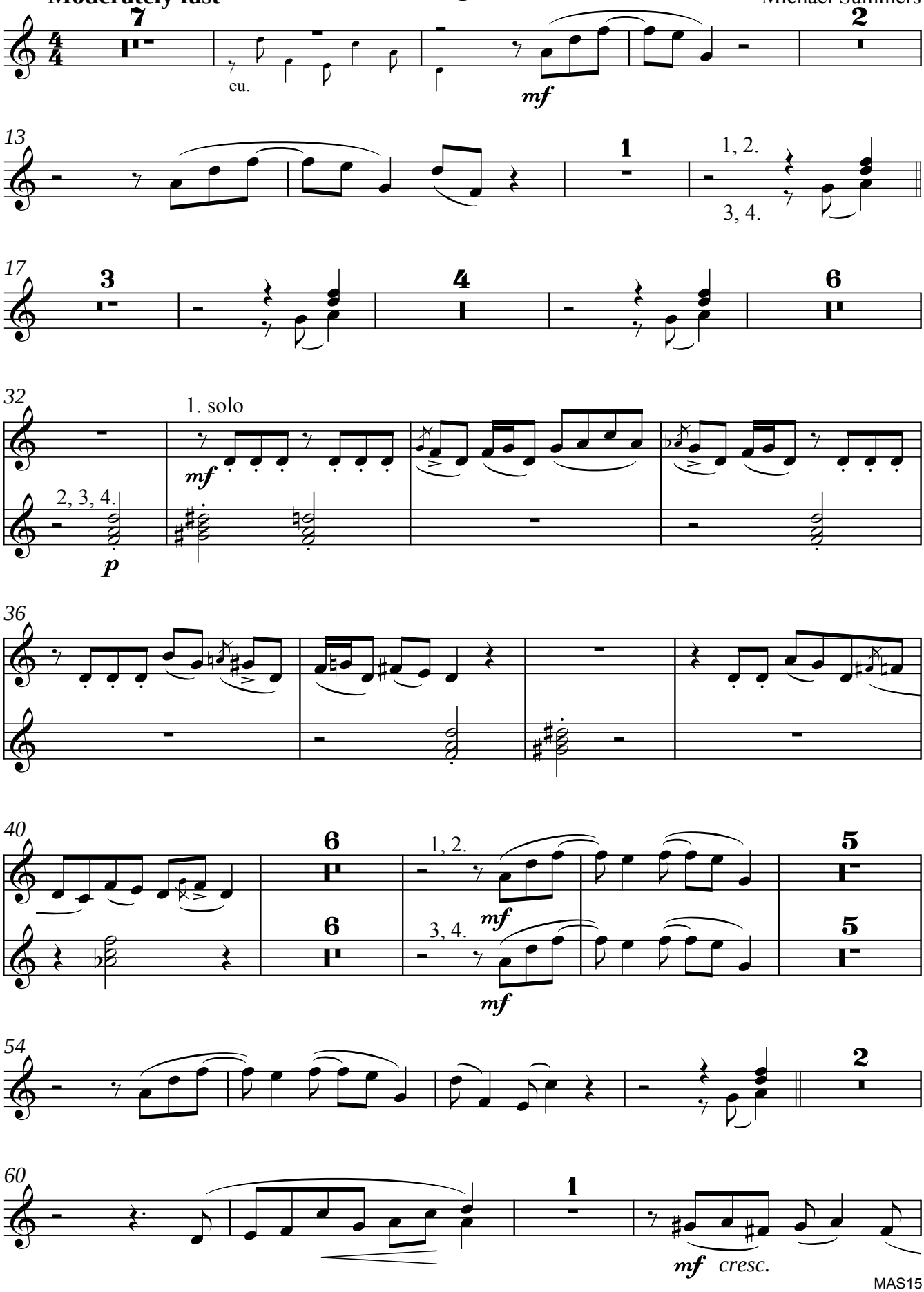

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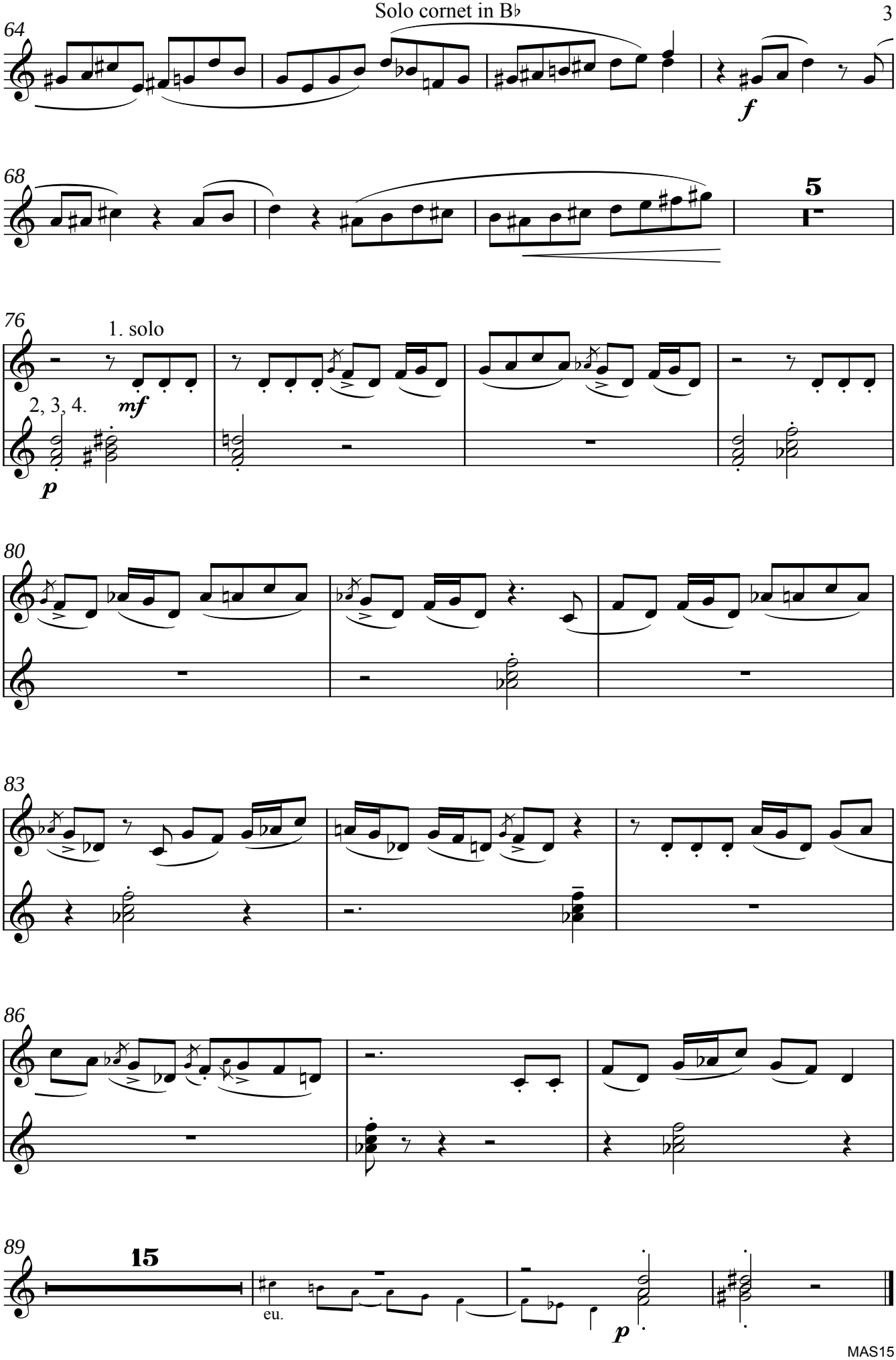
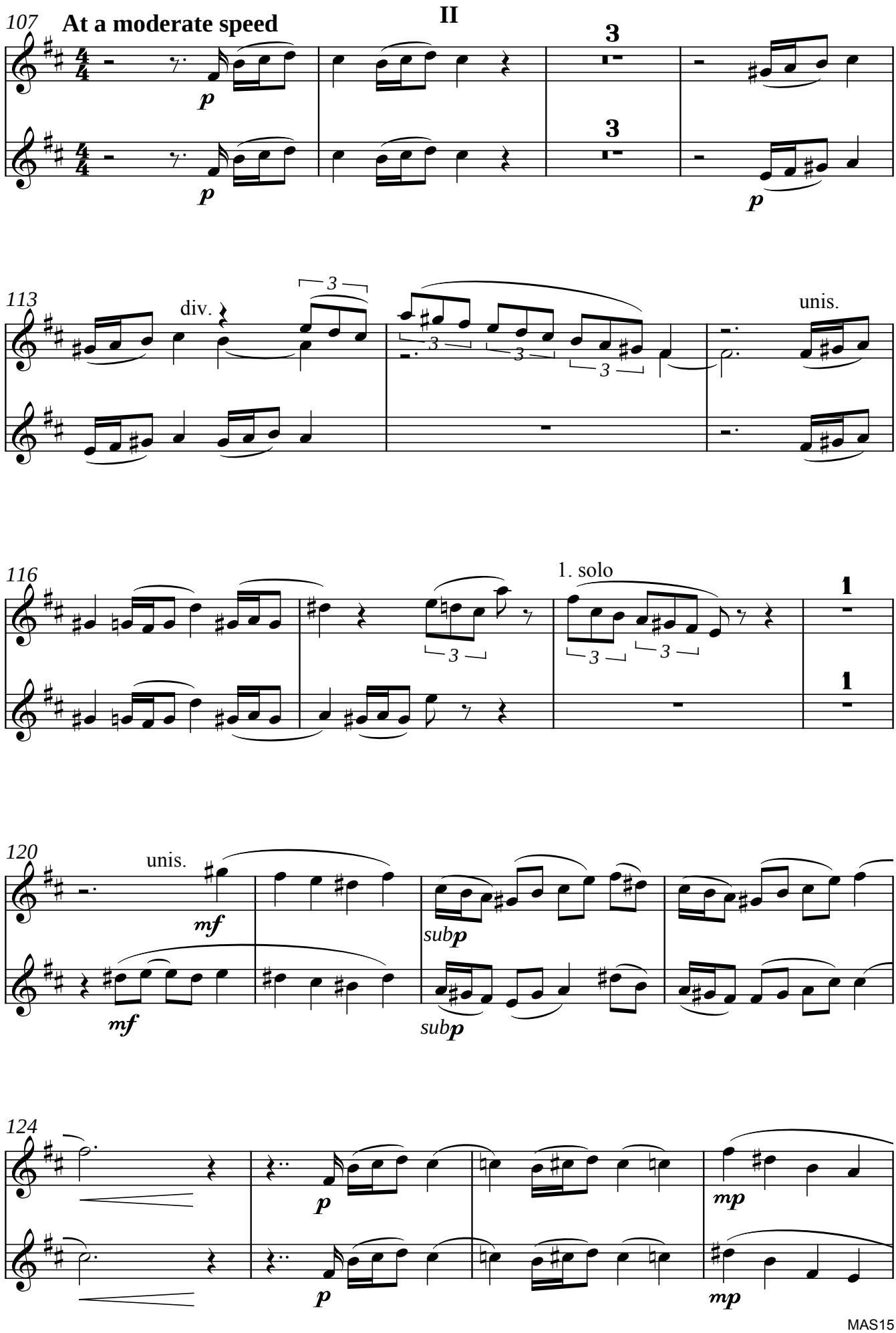
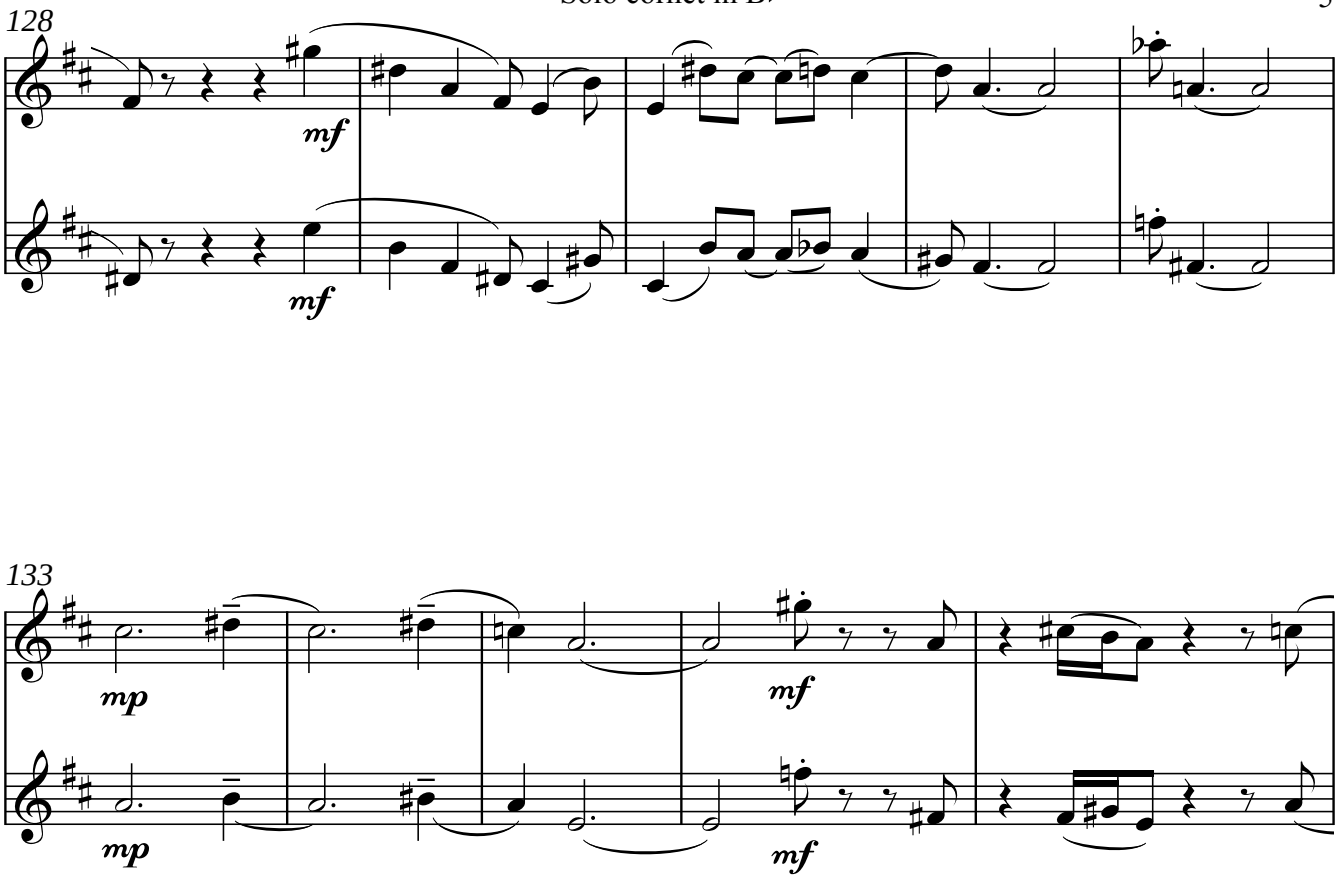
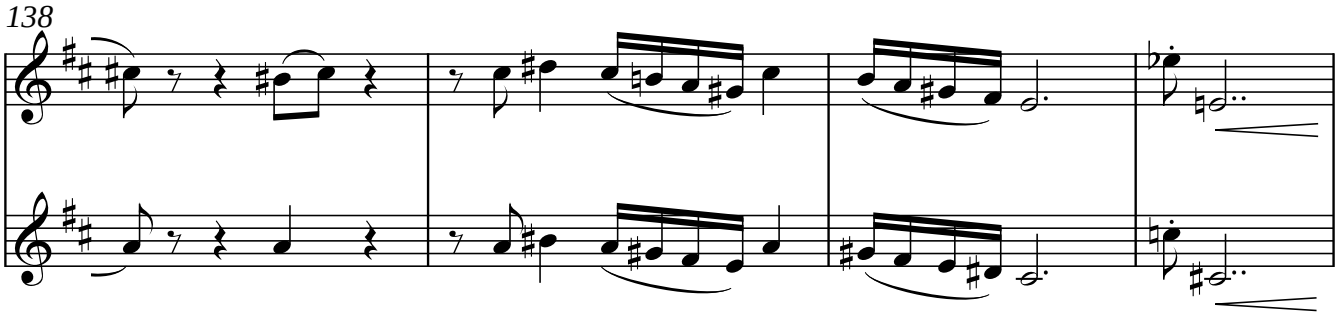

64
f
68
5
76
1. solo
2, 3, 4.
mf
p
80
83
86
89
15
eu.
p


107
At a moderate speed
II
3
3
p
p
113
div.
3
unis.
116
1. solo
1
1
120
unis.
mf
mf
sub p
sub p
124
p
p
mp
mp


128
mf
mf

133
mp
mp
mf
mf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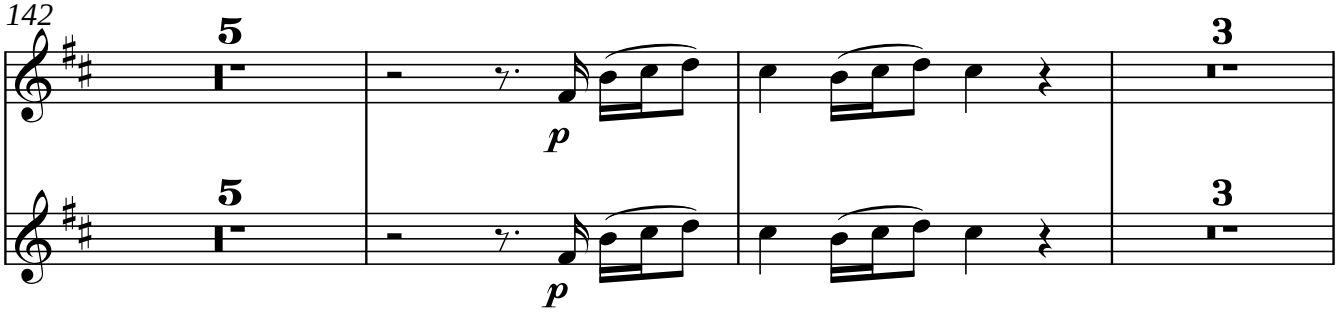
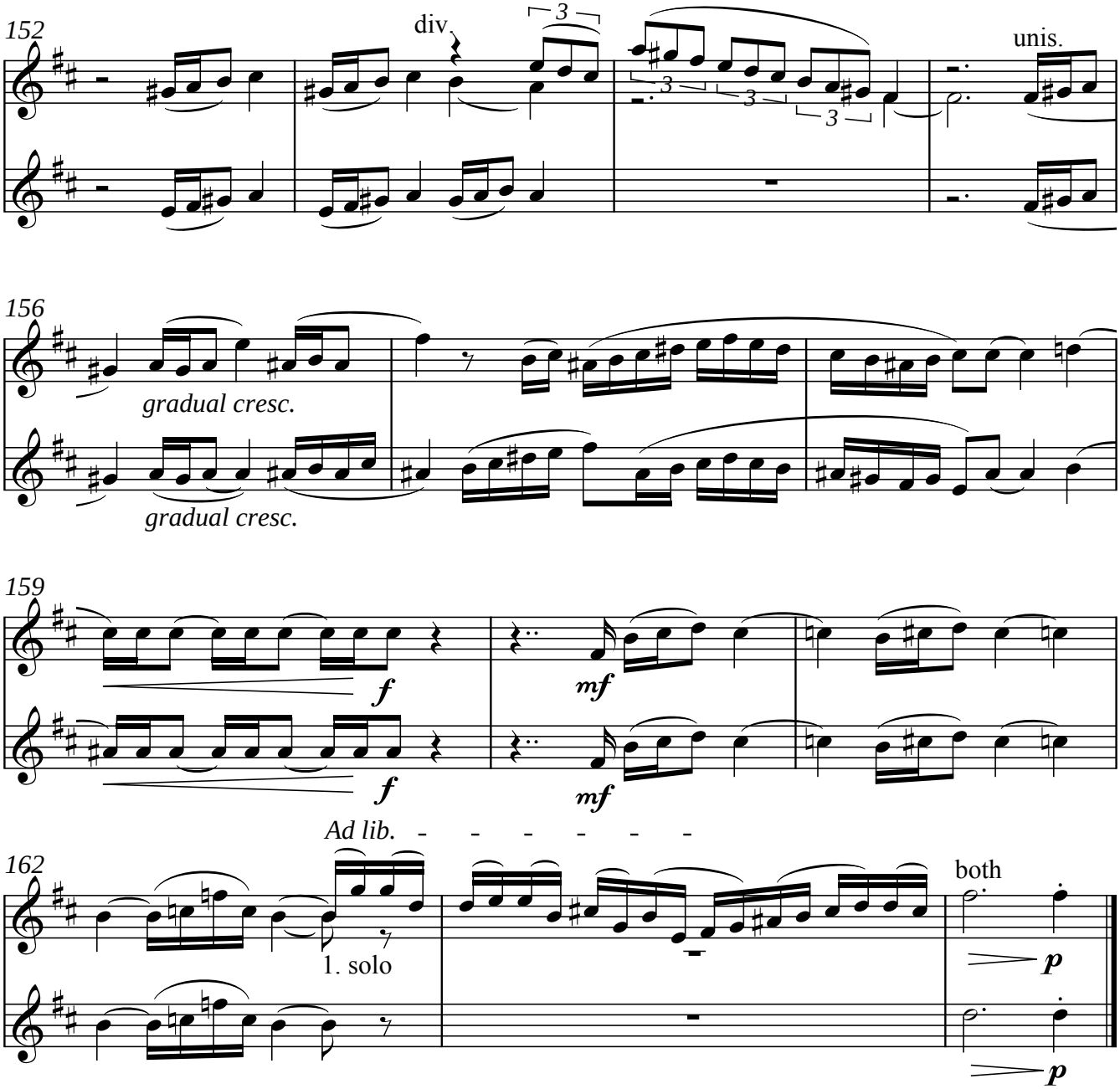
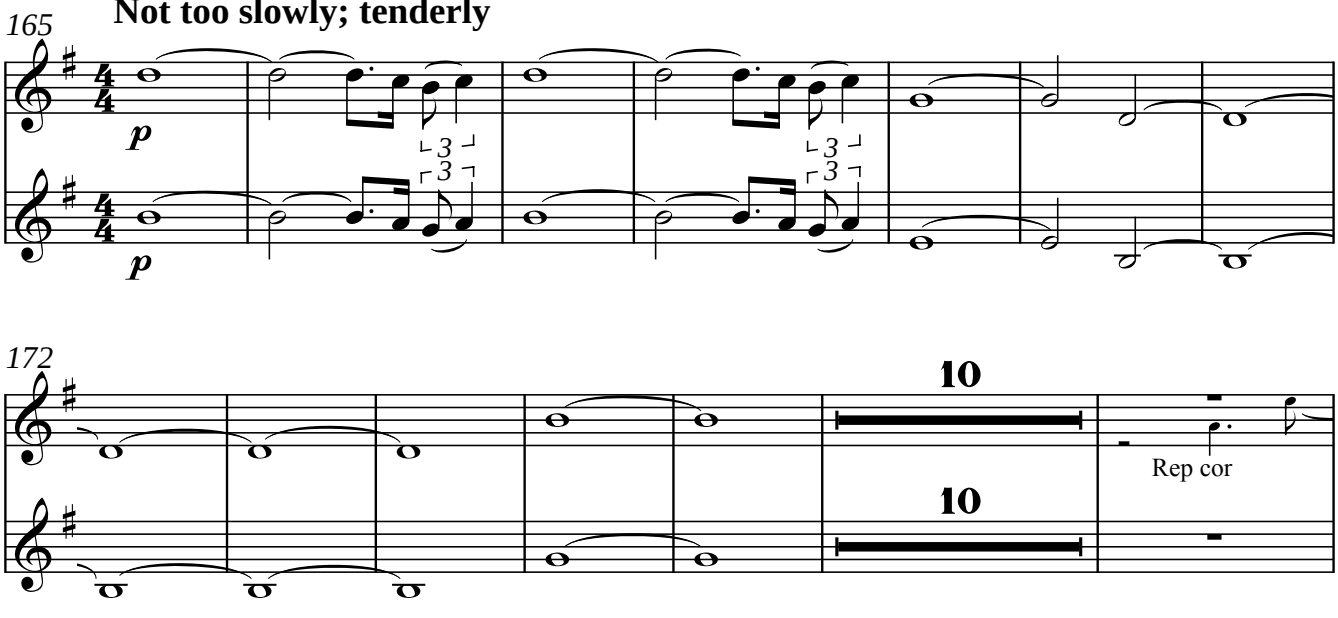
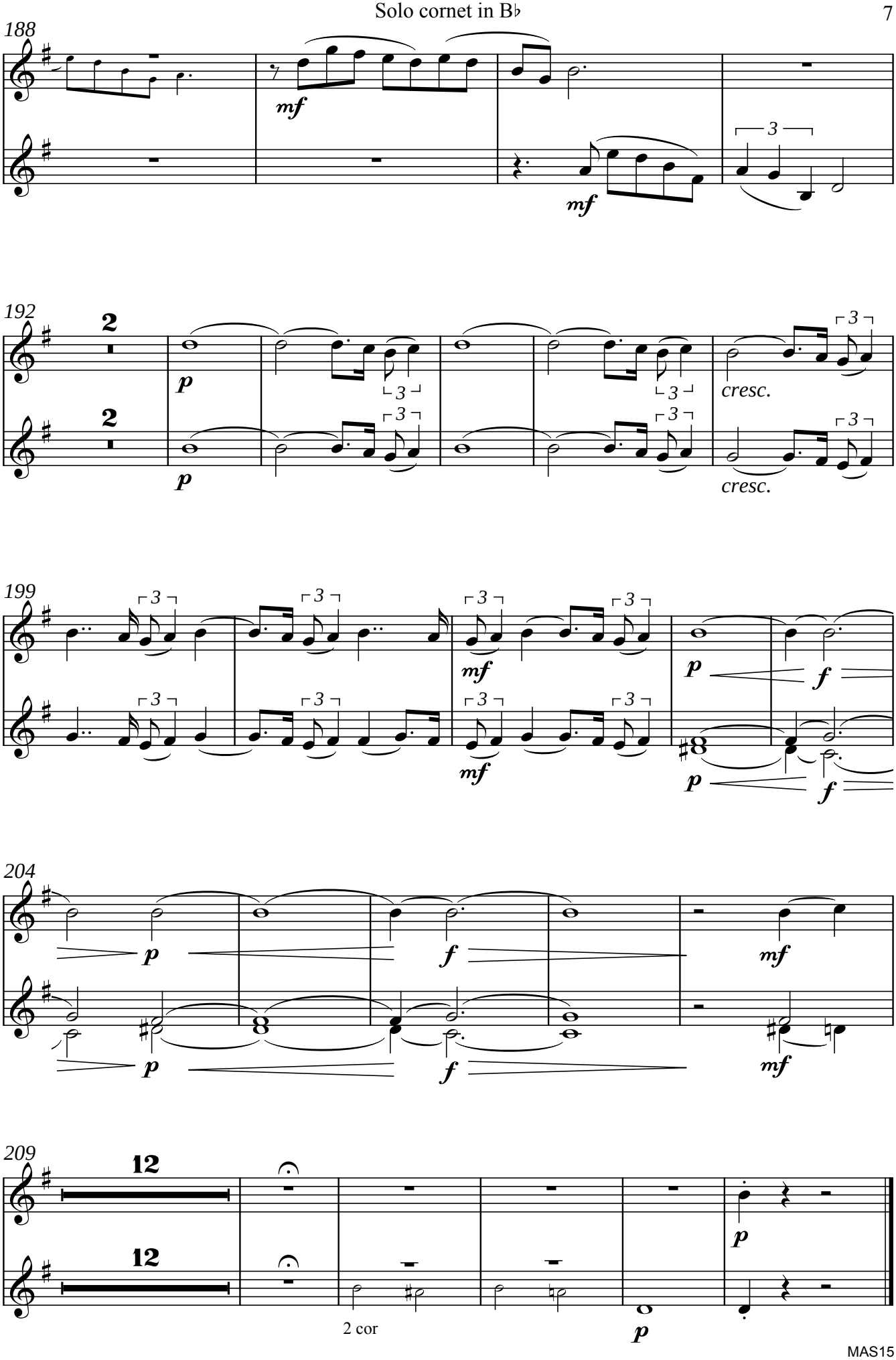
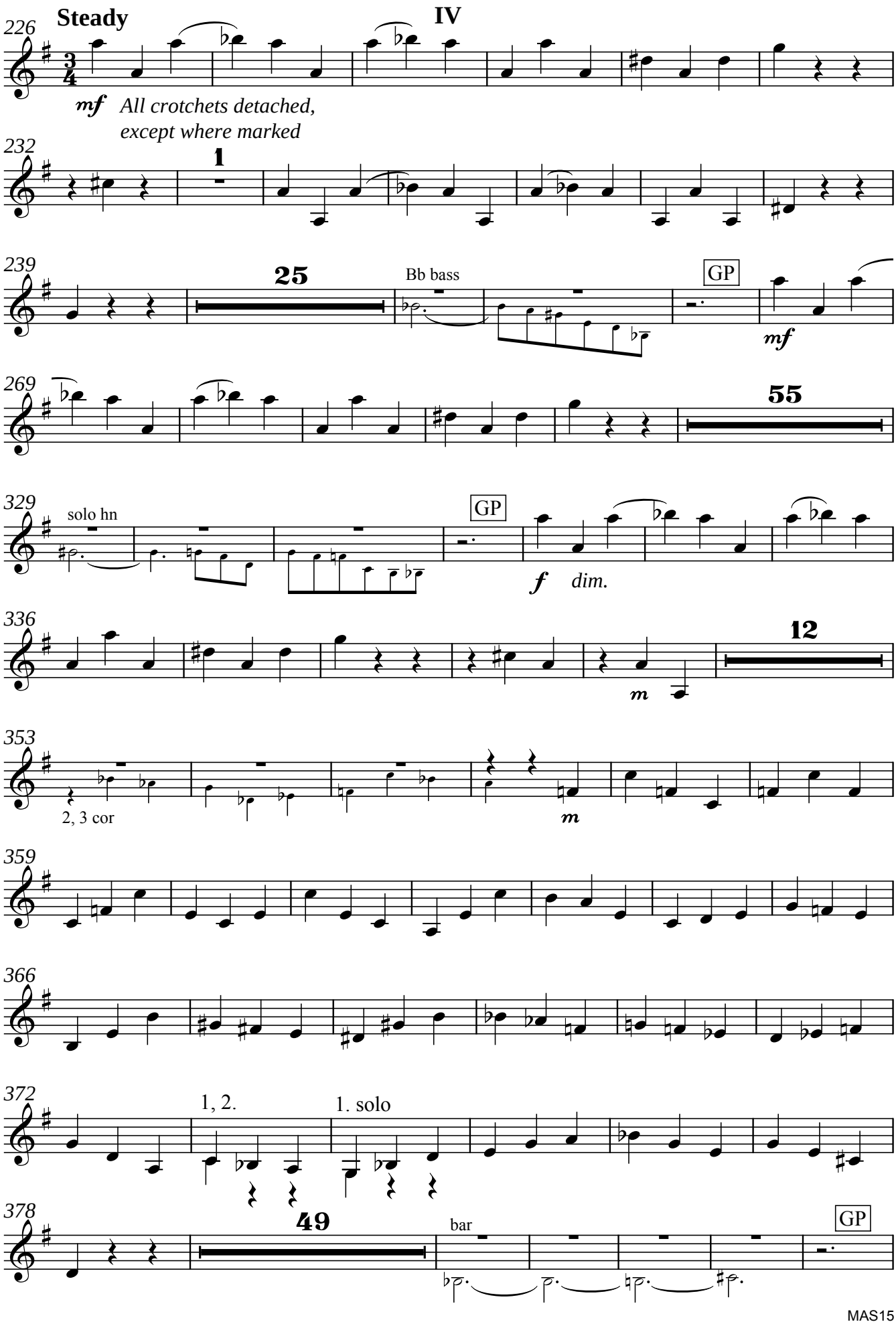

142
5
5
p
p
3
3

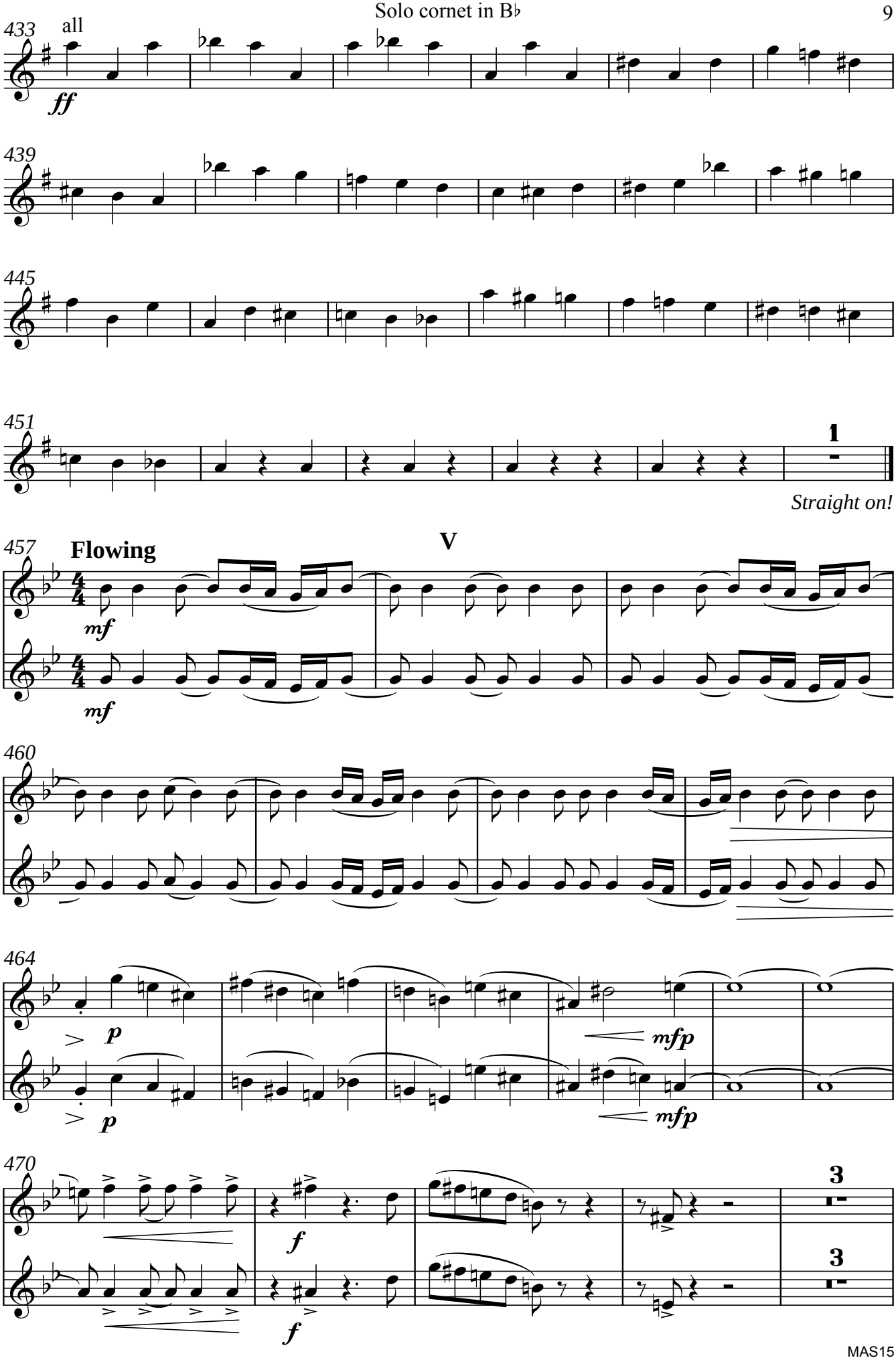

152
div.
unis.
156
gradual cresc.
gradual cresc.
159
f
mf
f
mf
Ad lib.
162
1. solo
both
p
p

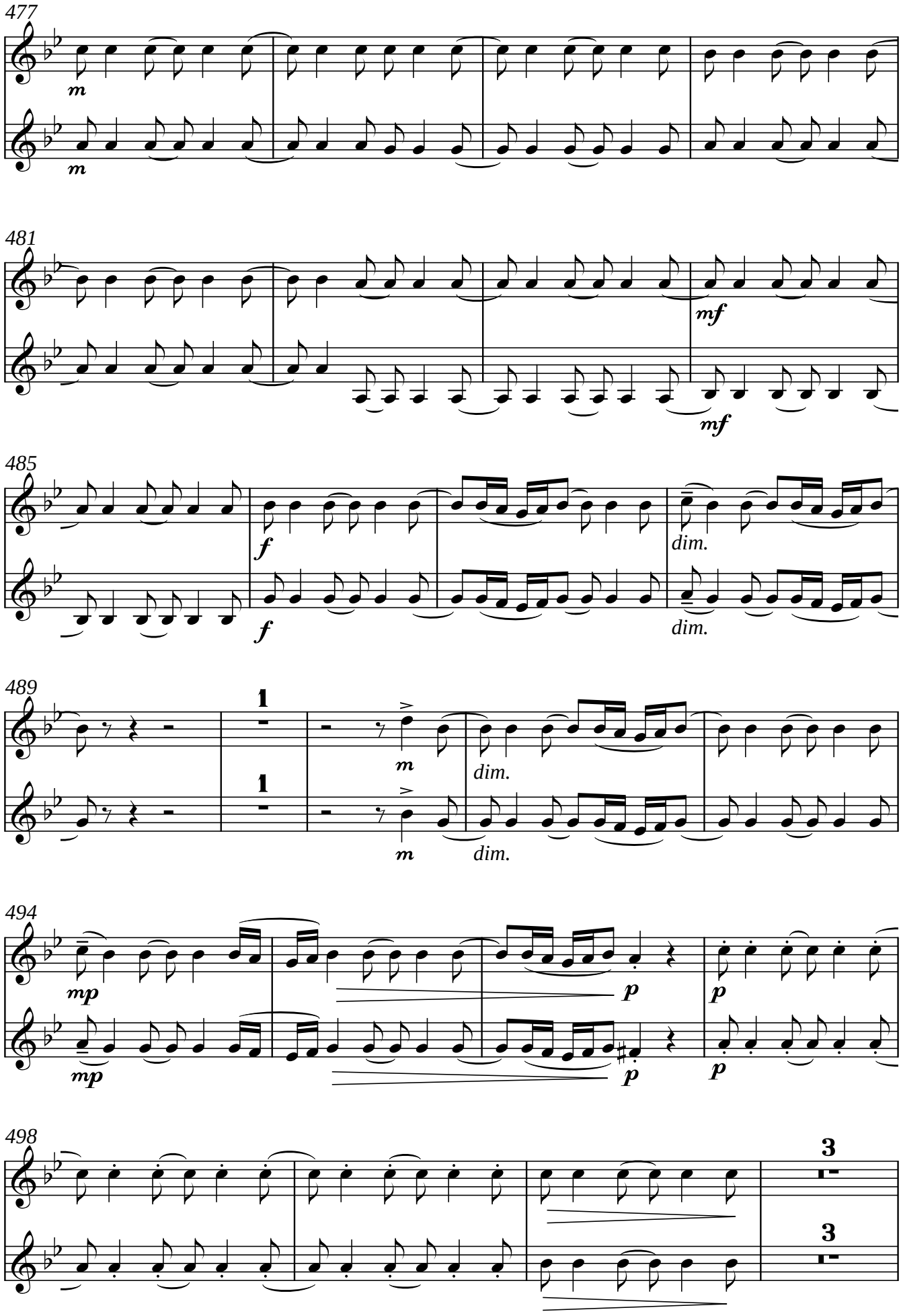
III

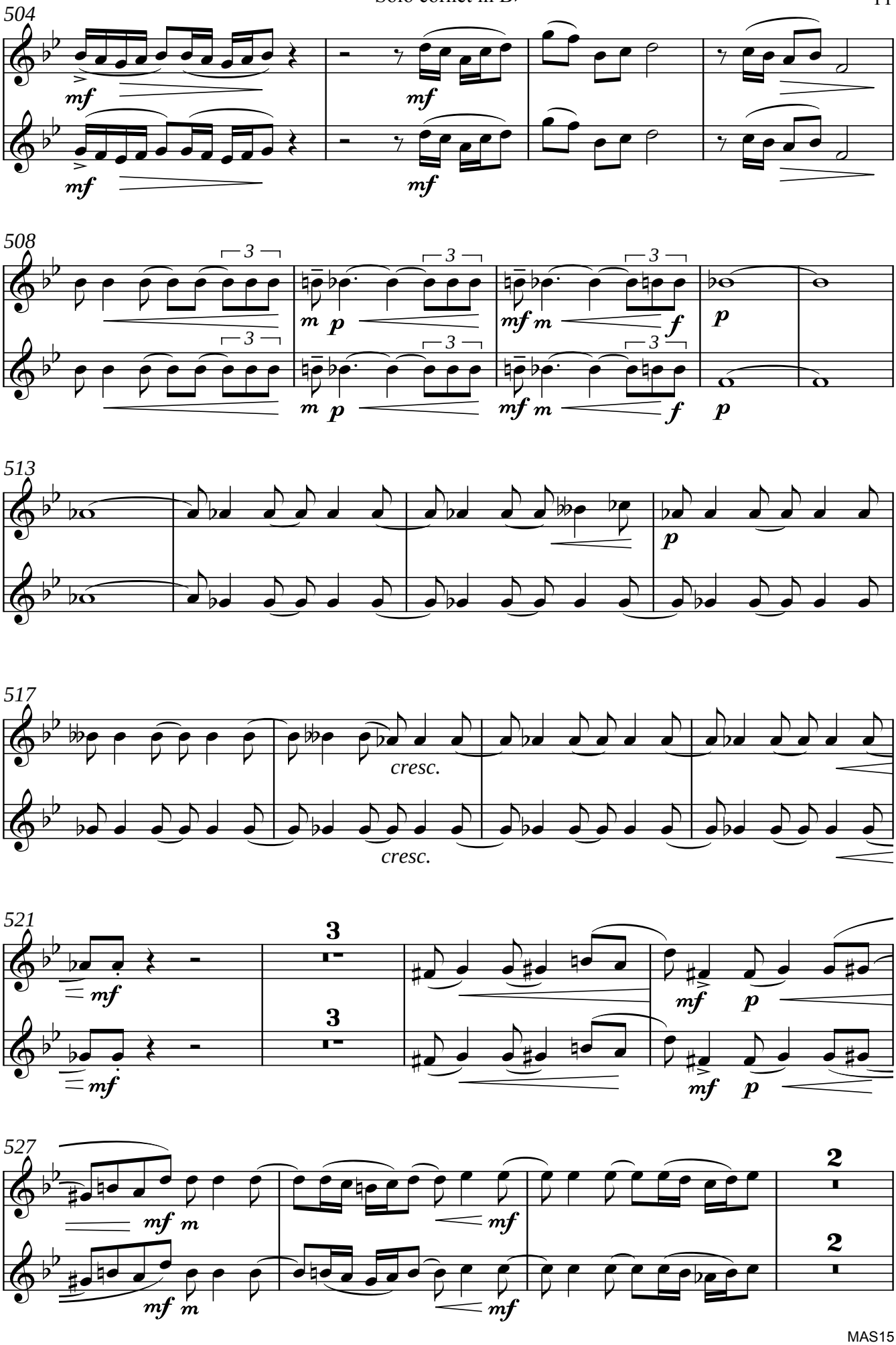

165
Not too slowly; tenderly
p
p
172
10
10
Rep cor

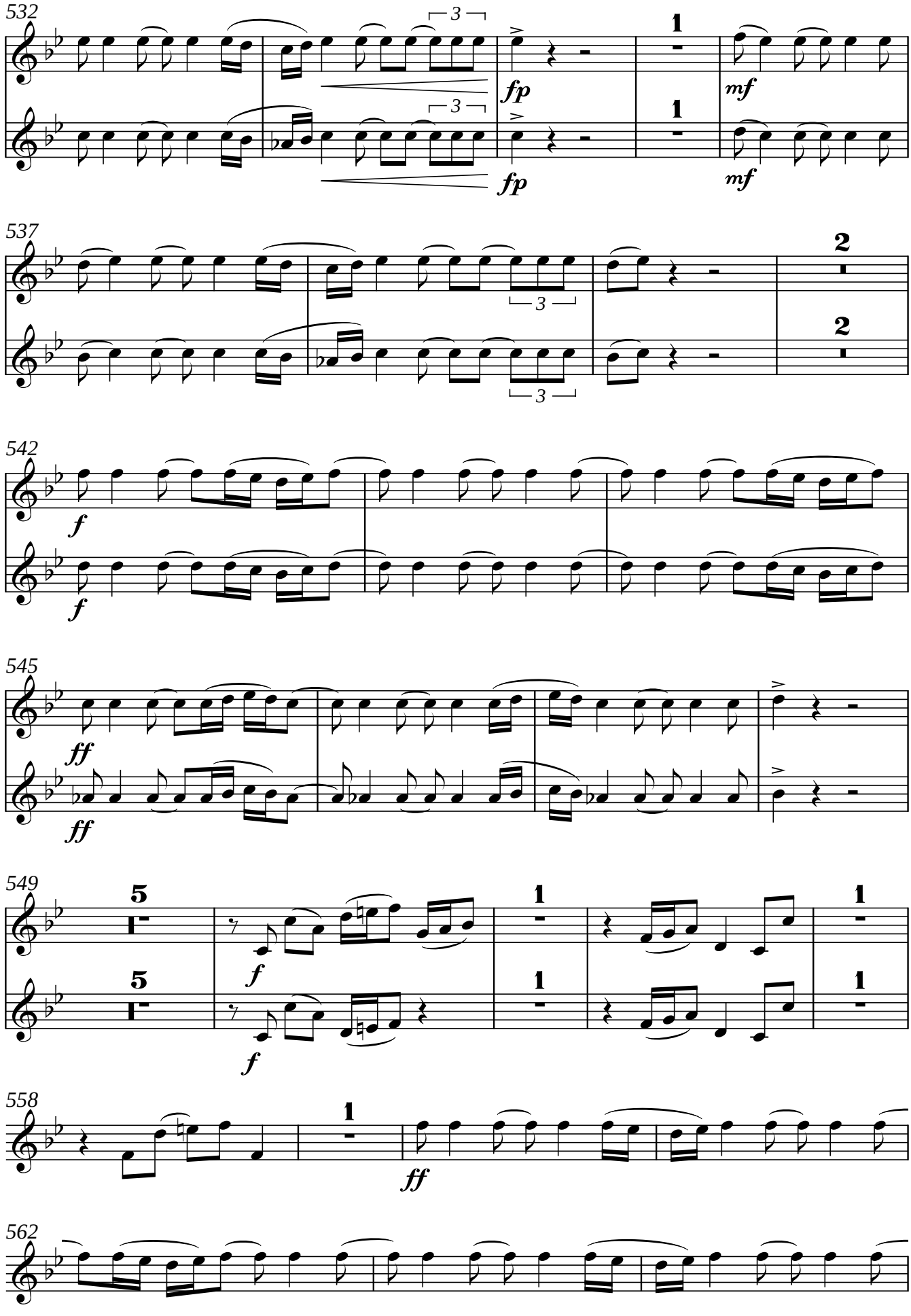

188
mf
mf
3
192
2
2
p
p
3
3
3
3
cresc.
cresc.
199
mf
mf
p
p
f
f
204
p
p
f
f
mf
mf
209
12
12
p
2 cor
p


226
Steady
IV
mf
All crotchets detached,
except where marked
232
1
239
25
Bb bass
GP
mf
269
55
329
solo hn
GP
f
dim.
336
12
m
353
2, 3 cor
m
359
366
372
1, 2.
1. solo
378
49
bar
GP


433
all
ff
439
445
451
1
Straight on!
457
Flowing
V
mf
mf
460
464
p
p
mfp
mfp
470
3
3
f
f


477
m
m
481
mf
mf
485
f
f
dim.
dim.
489
1
1
m
m
dim.
dim.
494
mp
mp
p
p
p
p
498
3
3


504
mf
mf
mf
mf
508
3
m p
mf m
f
p
513
p
517
cresc.
cresc.
521
3
mf
mf p
527
mf m
mf
2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fp
fp
mf
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f
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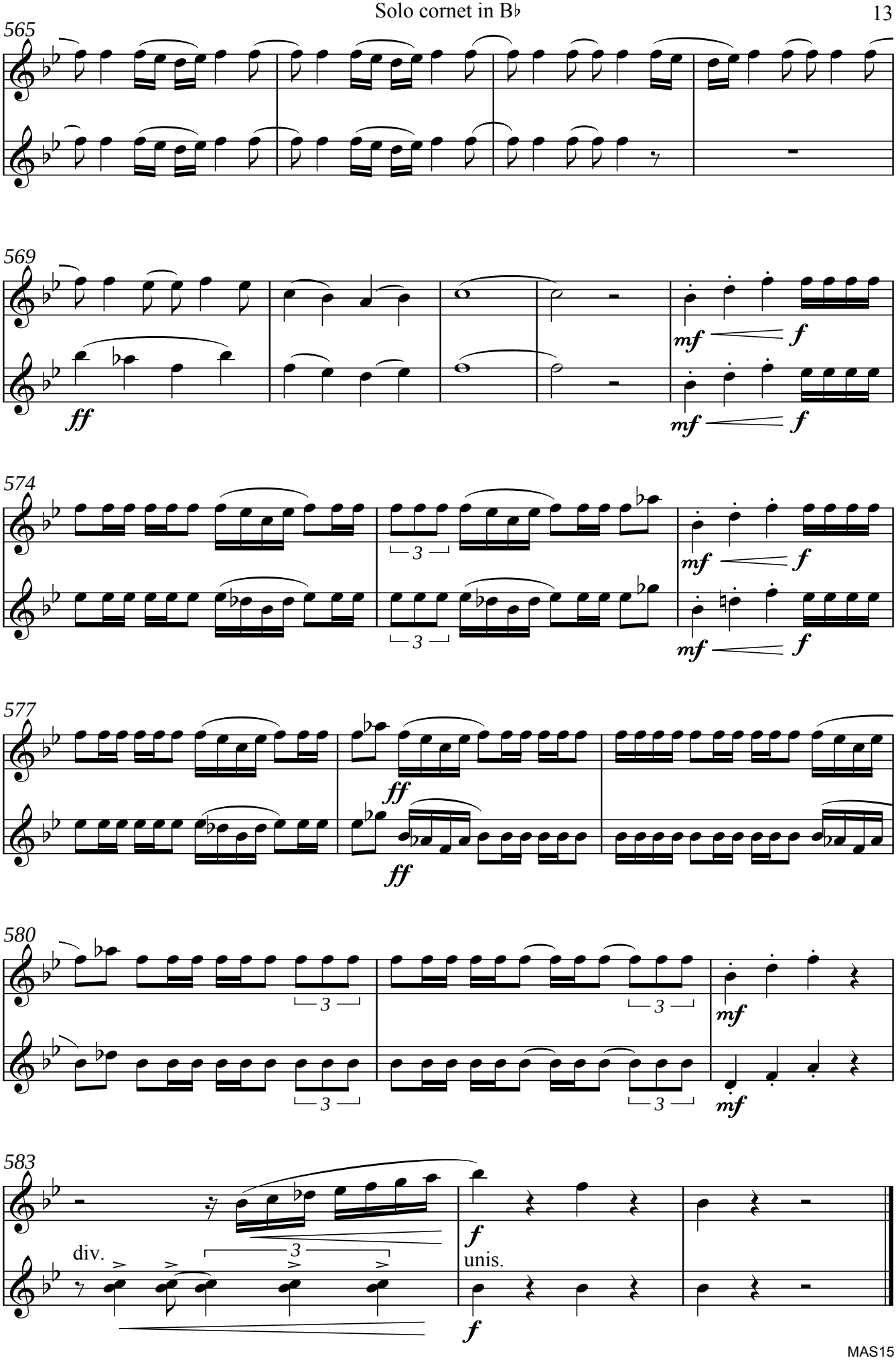
545
ff
ff
549
f
f
558
ff
562


565
569
574
577
580
583
div.
unis.