

All He Did Was Kill a Gook

Newsflash for Solo Male Voice

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(spoken) **mf** *dry, senza vibrato* 3 //

Dateline: I - ron Tri - an - gle, South Viet - nam.

Alla Marcia, with a flourish **f** *molto rit*
more and more staccato //

They gave Short-y Bax-ter a med-al here the oth-er day.

mp **f** *mf* //

But he was-n't ov - er - joyed. Why?

ff *nasal* *(spoken)* **f** **ff** 5 *p subito* **f** //

"Awww," he says, "All I did was ki - i - i - i - ill a gook."

mf 3 **f** *(spoken, slowly)* //

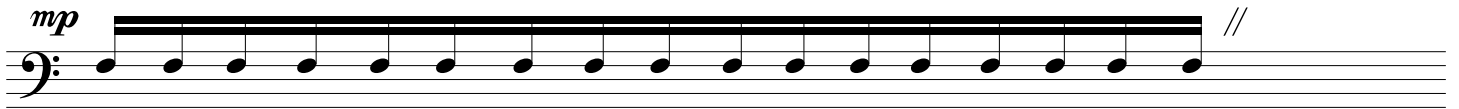
No spe-cial he-ro-ics. No awe-some feats. Short-y, a five-foot-four 20-year old from Flint, Michigan,

p *secco* //

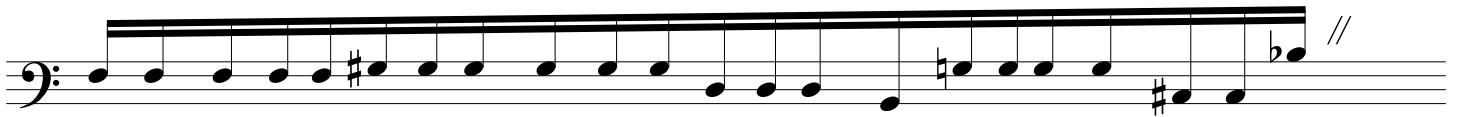
just in - creased the num - ber of en - e - my dead in the war

(spoken, slowly) **fp** **fp** //

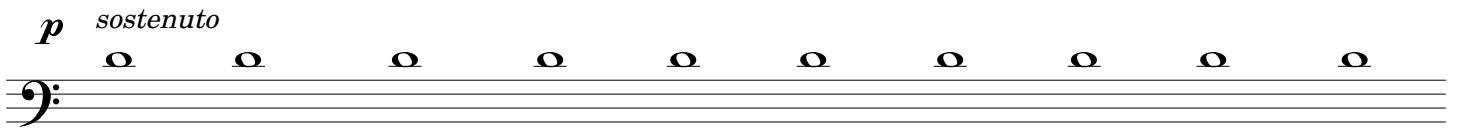
(a reported 565,000 have been killed since 1960) by one. (n)

fast, staccatissimo

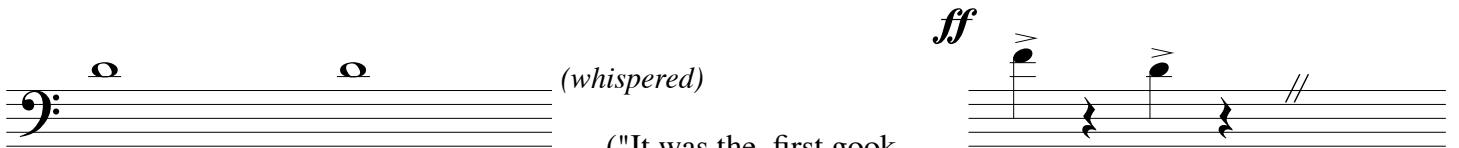
The sol-dier was help-ing search a small vil-lage at the time it hap-pened.



He was walk-ing a-long a trail when he saw his vic-tim crouch-ing in a thatch of bam-boo.



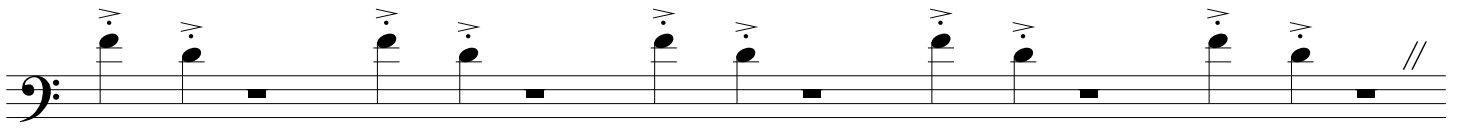
Short - y stared with dis - be - lief for a few



mo - ments.

(whispered)("It was the first gook
I ever saw.")

Then fired.



Five times.

Five times.

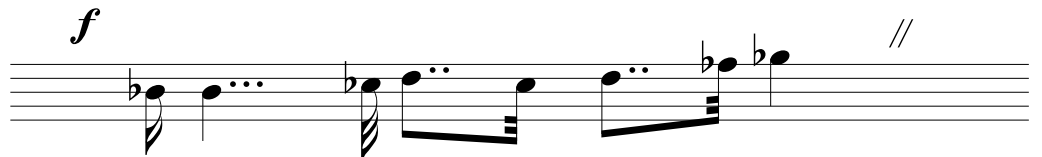
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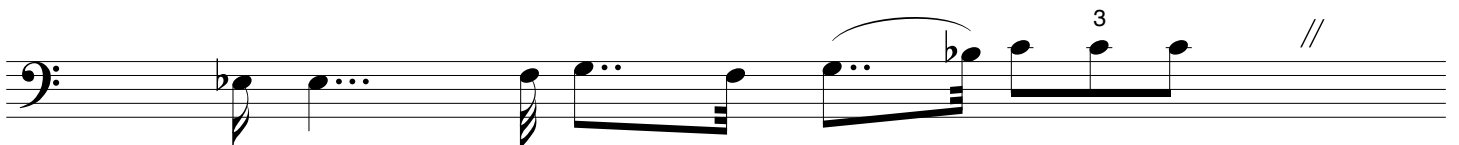
Five times.

(spoken)

Says he now:



"It was - n't an - y - thing at all.



What else

could I

have done

an - y - way?

faster

But ev - 'ry-bod - y made a big thing of it.

Maestoso

Our com - pan - y had - n't had

ff

a con-firmed ki - i - i - i - ill since May.

*mp**pp**p*

And, I don't know, may - be that's the real rea-son

f con bravura

they gave me a med - al."