Random Acts of Kindness

version for Bassoon and Piano

for Eugene Rousseau

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Even though the intense lyricism of the song that forms the core of *Random Acts of Kindness* is tinged with bittersweetness, it is set in a world of hope, empathy, and touches of whimsy and playfulness.

Too often, I believe, our attention is turned towards the dark side of our human nature, but if we take the time to notice, we can find a world filled with inexplicable selflessness, seemingly random acts of kindness, warmth and concern, strangers who don't hesitate to offer help and a glow of humanity at any opportunity. When I think of Gene Rousseau, I recognize him as a personification of this grace. And so, in celebrating his retirement, it seems appropriate to write a piece reflecting on all the acts of kindness he has offered to so many as a performer, teacher, colleague, and very special human being.

Duration: ca. 6 minutes

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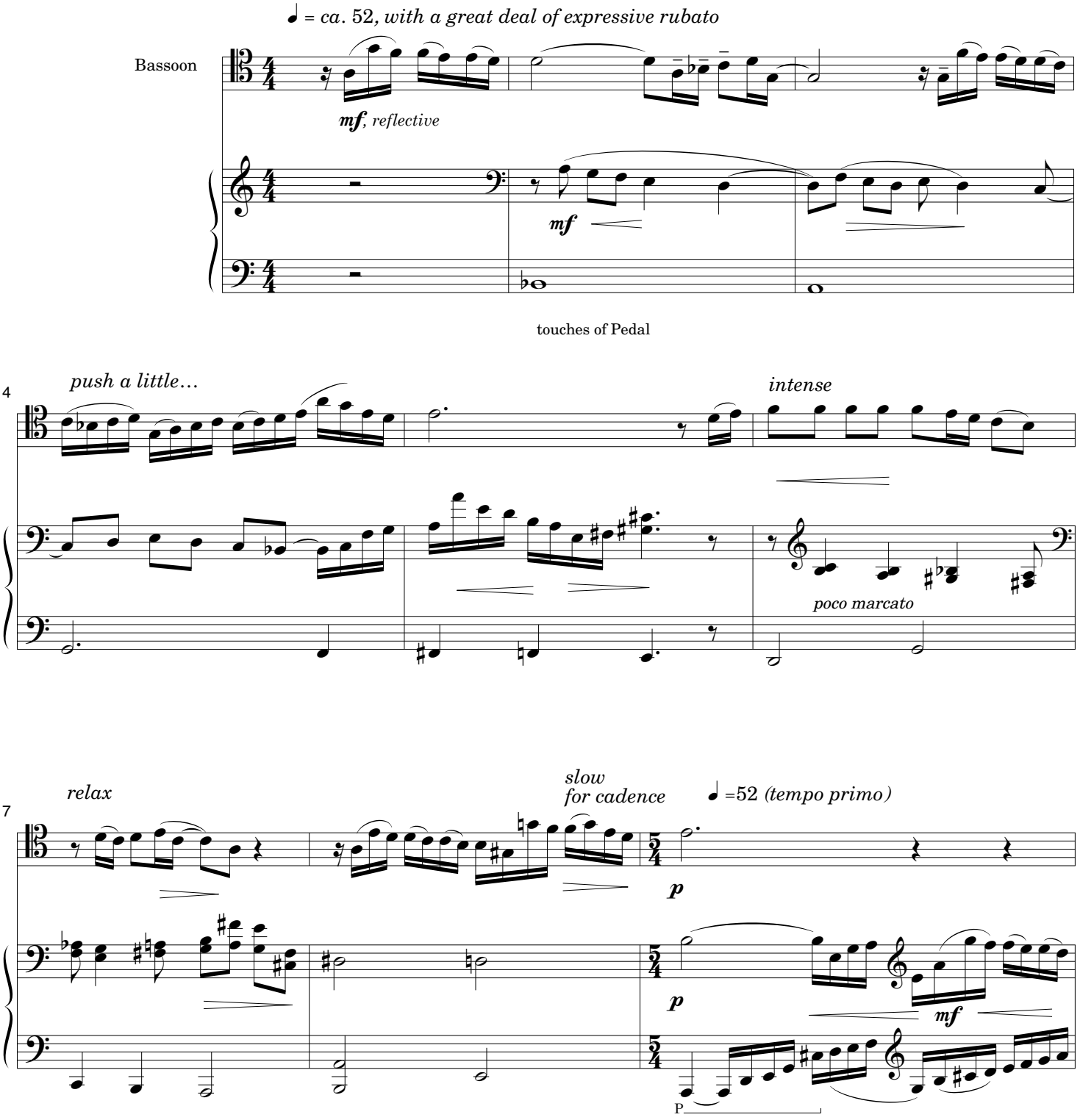

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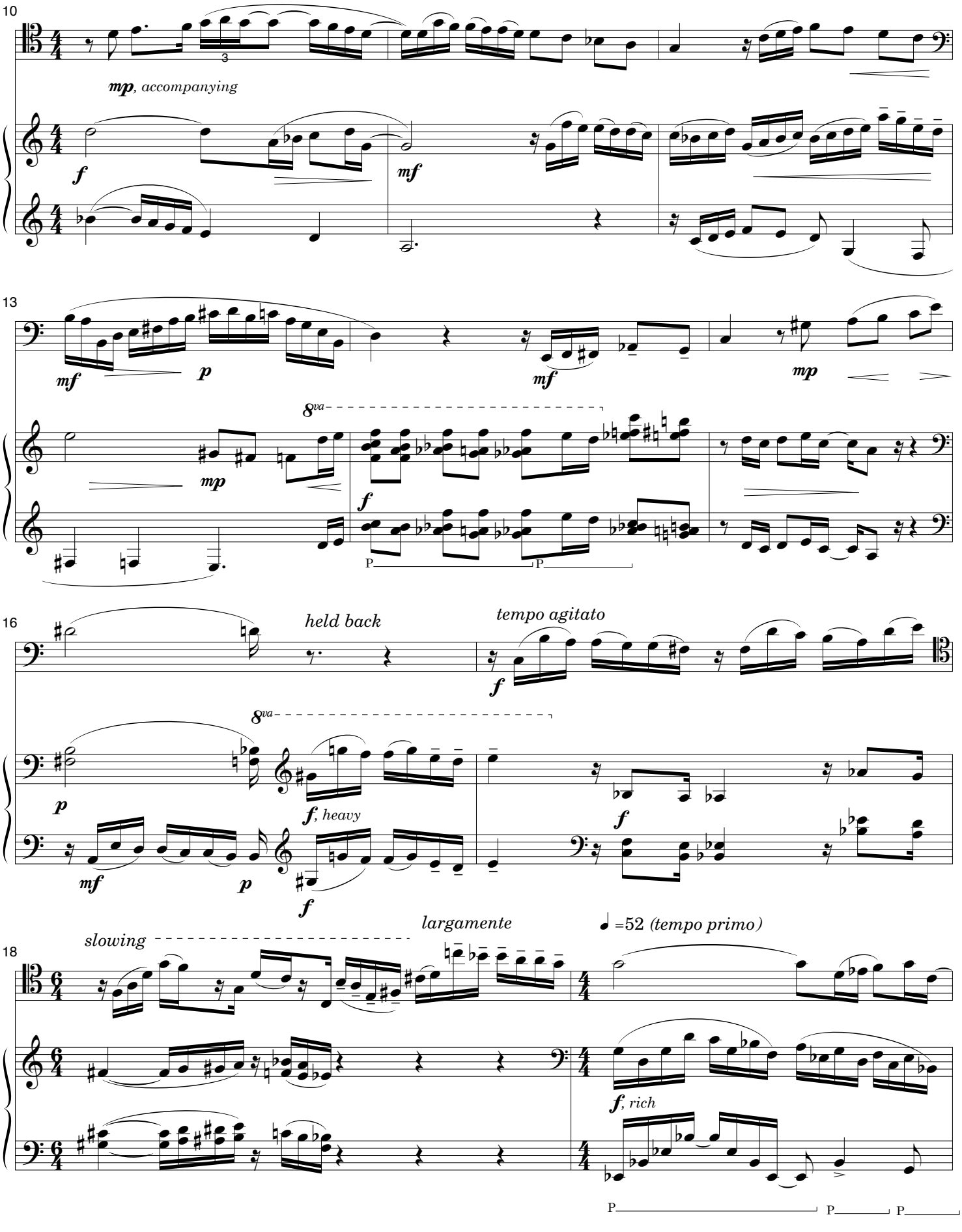
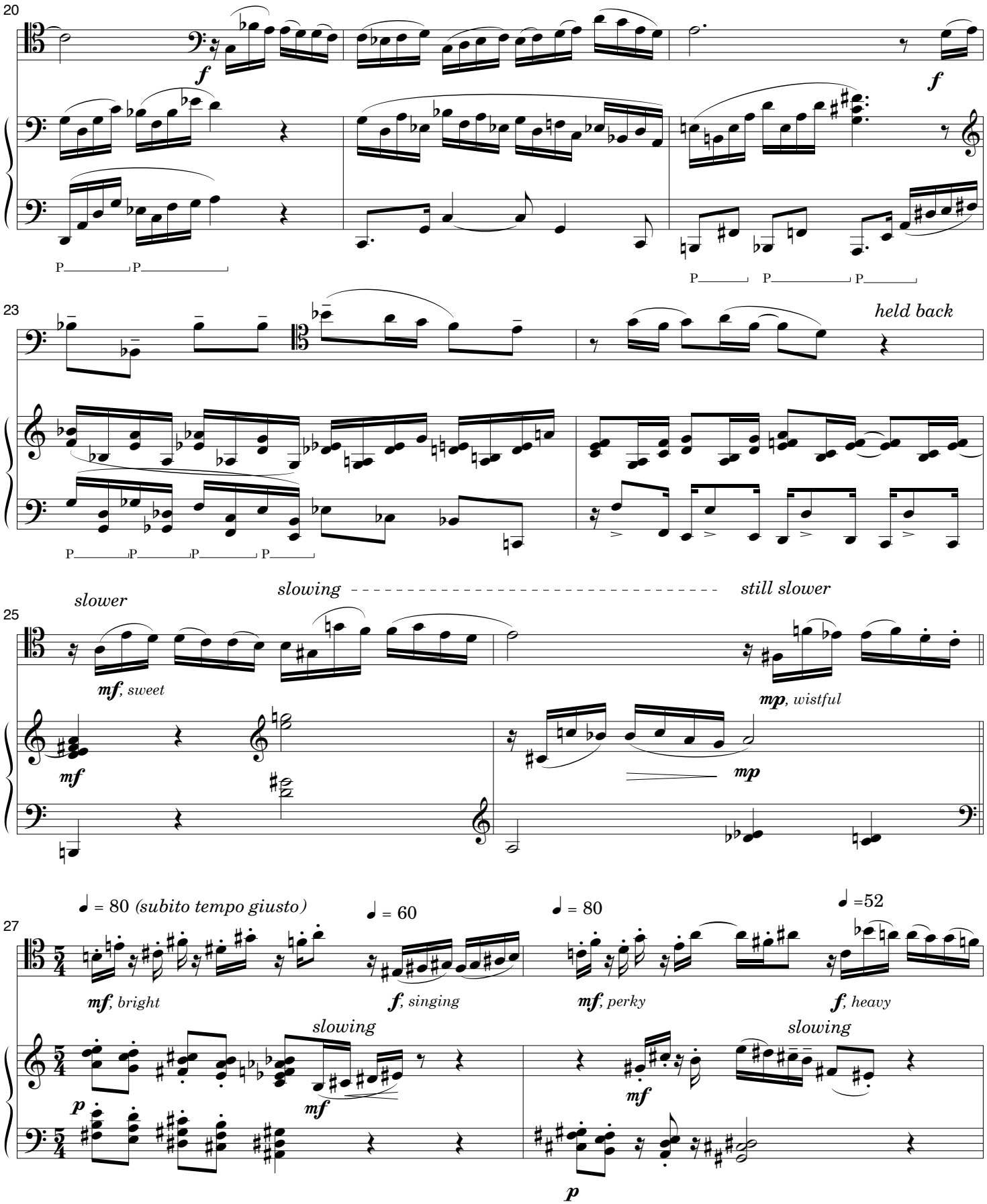
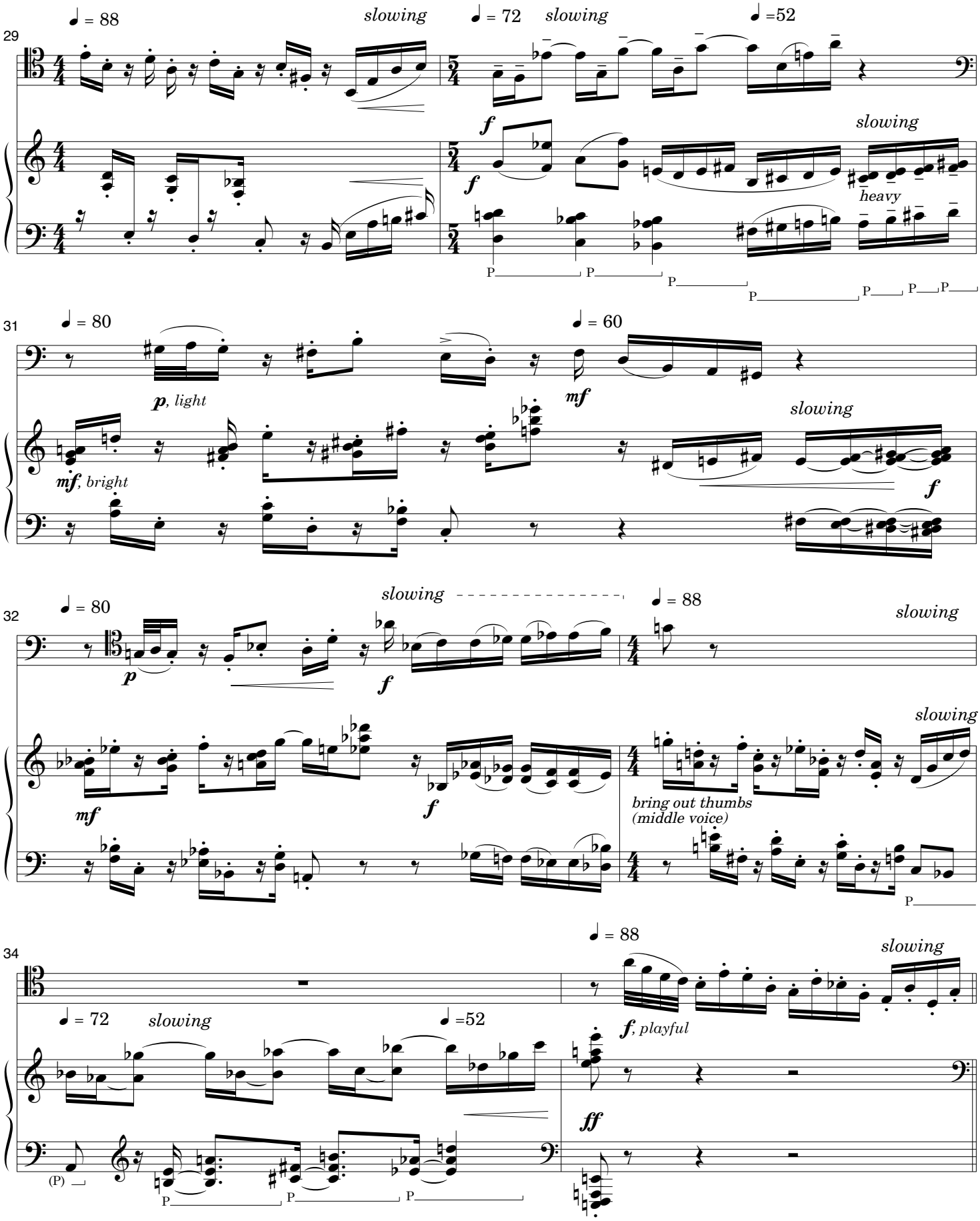
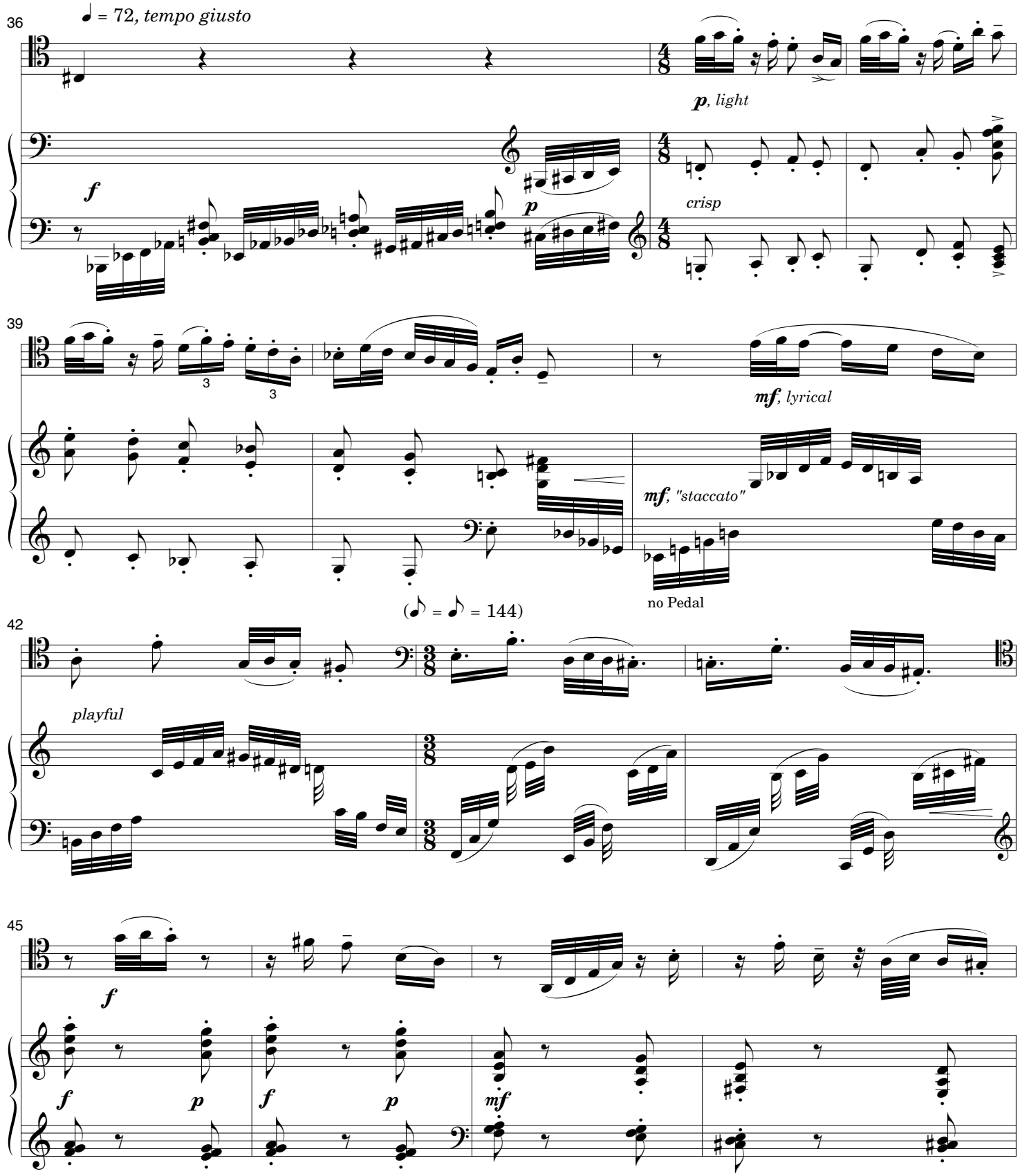
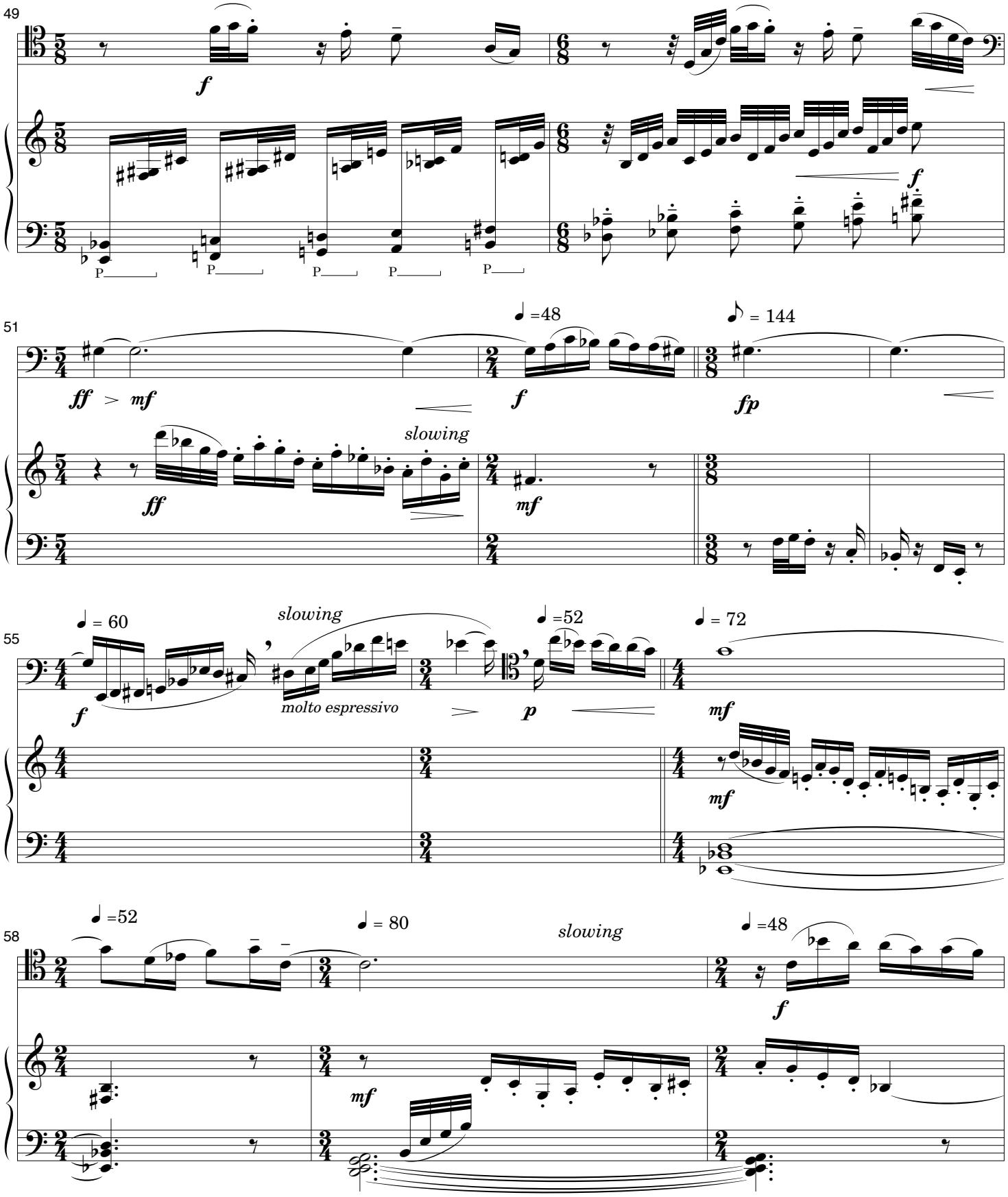
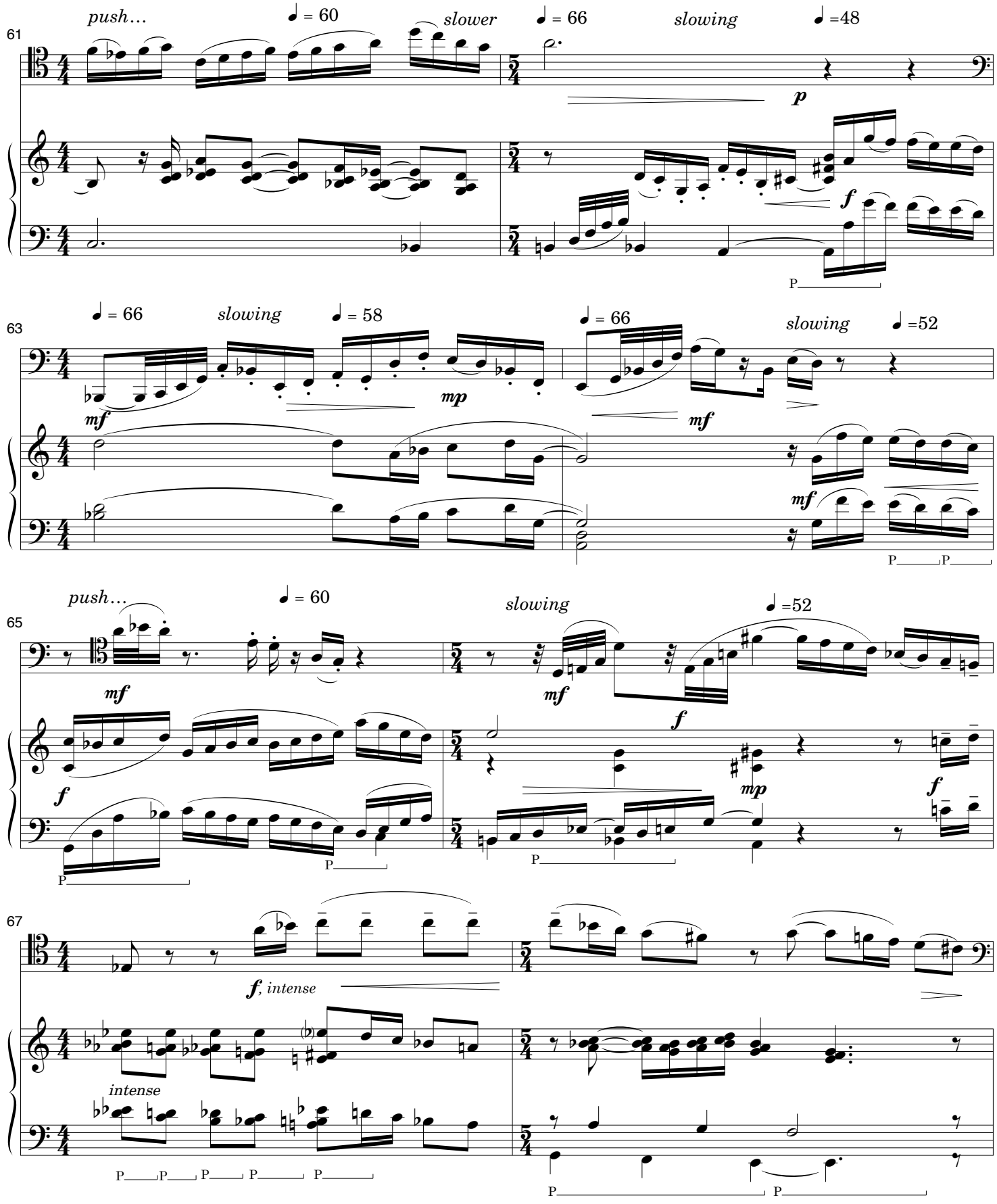

10
mp, accompanying
f
mf
13
mf
p
mf
mp
8va
mp
f
P
P
16
held back
tempo agitato
f
8va
p
f, heavy
f
mf
p
f
f
slowing
largamente
=52 (tempo primo)
18
f, rich
P
P
P

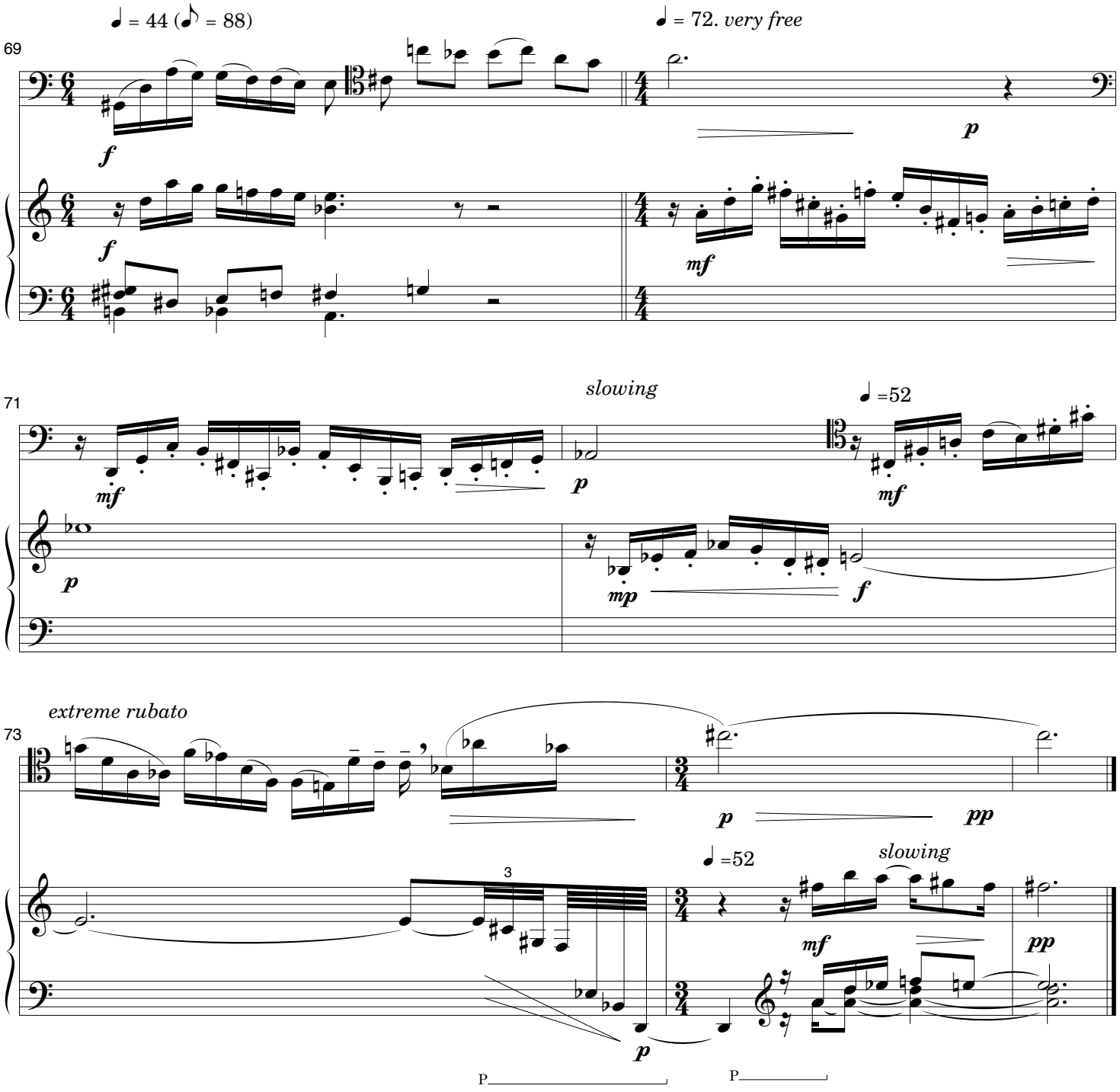

20
f
f
P
P
P
P
P
23
held back
P
P
P
P
slowing
still slower
slower
25
mf, sweet
mf
mp, wistful
mp
= 80 (subito tempo giusto)
= 60
= 80
=52
27
mf, bright
f, singing
mf, perky
f, heavy
slowing
slowing
p
mf
mf
p


29
♩ = 88
slowing
♩ = 72
slowing
♩ =52
f
f
slowing
heavy
P
P
P
P
P
P
P
31
♩ = 80
p, light
mf, bright
♩ = 60
mf
slowing
f
32
♩ = 80
slowing
♩ = 88
slowing
p
f
mf
f
slowing
bring out thumbs
(middle voice)
P
34
♩ = 88
slowing
♩ = 72
slowing
♩ =52
f, playful
ff
(P)
P
P
P


36
♩ = 72, tempo giusto
f
p, light
p
crisp
39
3
3
mf, lyrical
mf, "staccato"
no Pedal
(♪ = ♪ = 144)
42
playful
45
f
f
p
f
p
mf


49
f
f
P
P
P
P
P
51
ff > mf
♩ =48
f
♪ = 144
fp
slowing
ff
mf
55
♩ = 60
f
slowing
molto espressivo
♩ =52
p
♩ = 72
mf
mf
58
♩ =52
♩ = 80
slowing
♩ =48
f
mf


61
push…
♩ = 60
slower
♩ = 66
slowing
♩ =48
p
f
P
63
♩ = 66
slowing
♩ = 58
mf
mp
♩ = 66
mf
slowing
♩ =52
mf
P
P
65
push…
♩ = 60
mf
f
P
slowing
mf
♩ =52
f
mp
f
P
67
f, intense
intense
P
P
P
P
P
P
P


♩ = 44 (♪ = 88)
69
f
f
♩ = 72. very free
p
mf
71
slowing
mf
p
p
♩ =52
mf
mp
f
extreme rubato
73
p
p
pp
♩ =52
slowing
3
mf
pp
p
P
P