Firminus Caron

Three Part Chansons

Arranged for tenor, bass and bass viol trio

Dick Yates
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Notes

Firminus Caron (fl. 1460–1475) was a French composer, and likely a singer, of the Renaissance. He was highly successful as a composer and influential, especially on the development of imitative counterpoint, and numerous compositions of his survive. Most of what is known about his life and career is inferred [Wikipedia].

The 21 three part chansons in this edition were selected from *Sämtliche Chansons* compiled and transcribed from multiple sources by Clemens Goldberg and available on imslp.org. That edition is remarkably clear and accurate and any errors you may detect were most likely introduced though my re-keying all the scores. All of Goldberg's *ficta* have been incorporated.

Most of the three part chansons fit naturally into the range of treble, tenor and tenor viols, but a small number required transposition into other keys. The version for tenor, tenor and bass viols involves a simple transposition down an interval of a fourth or fifth.

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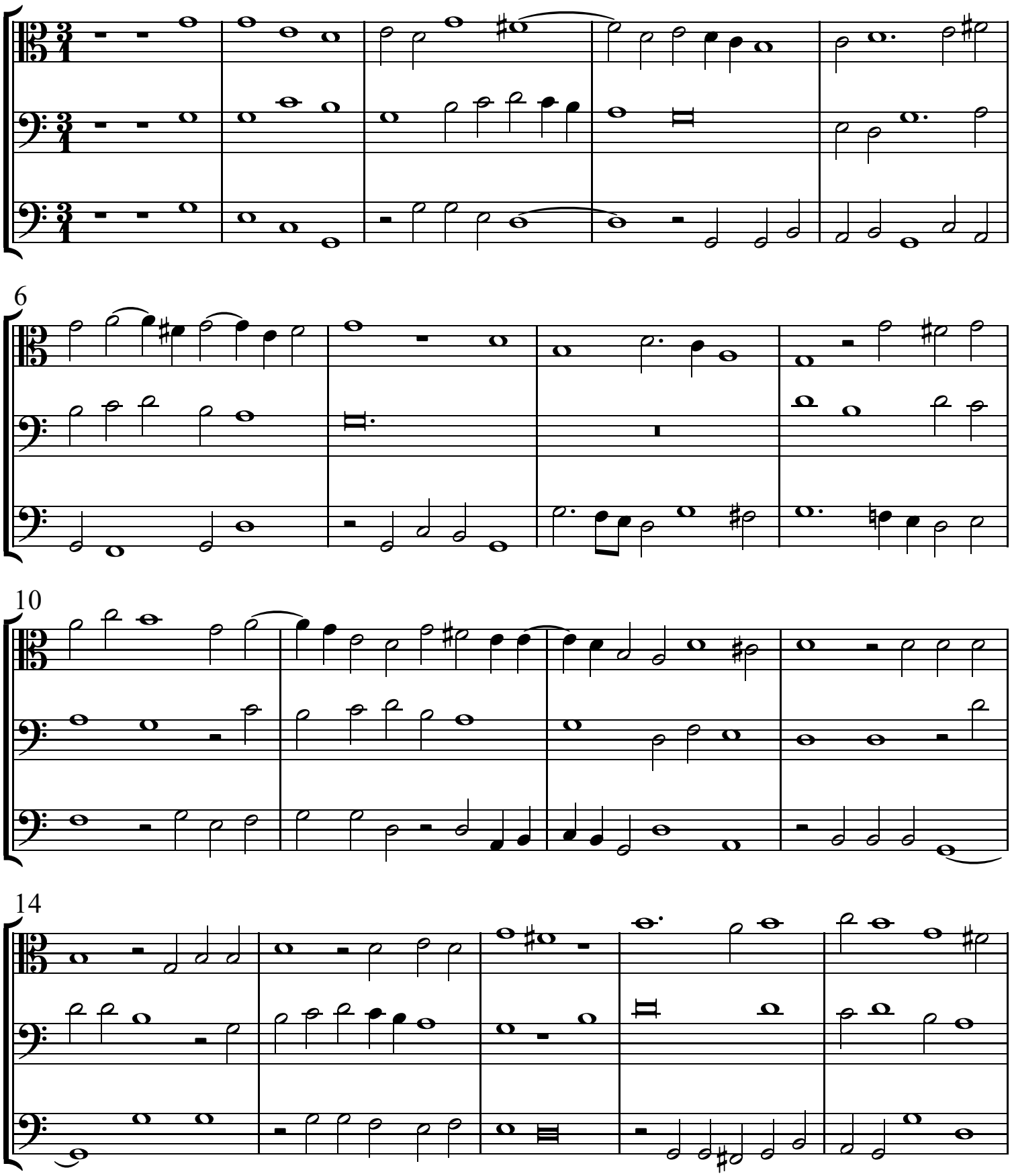

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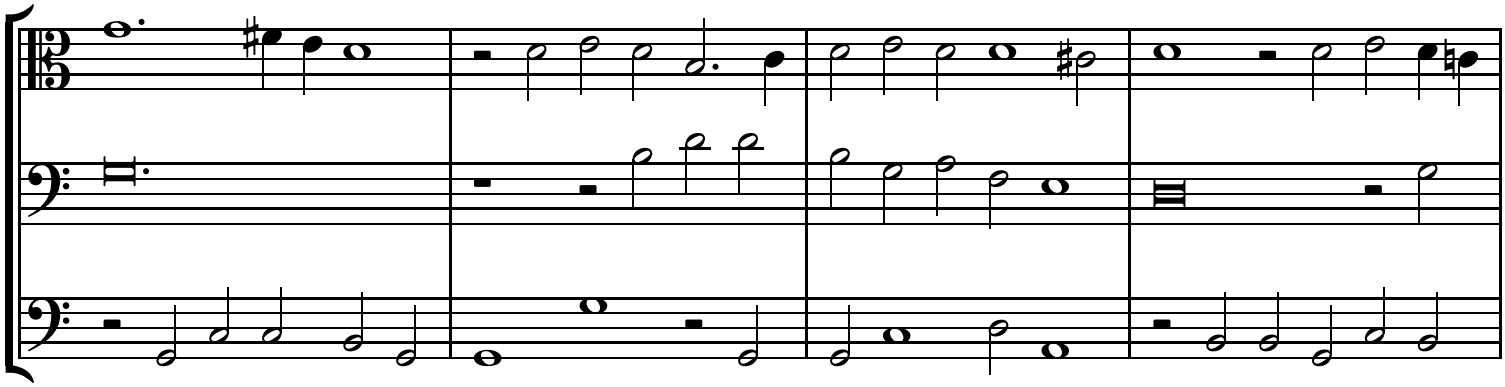

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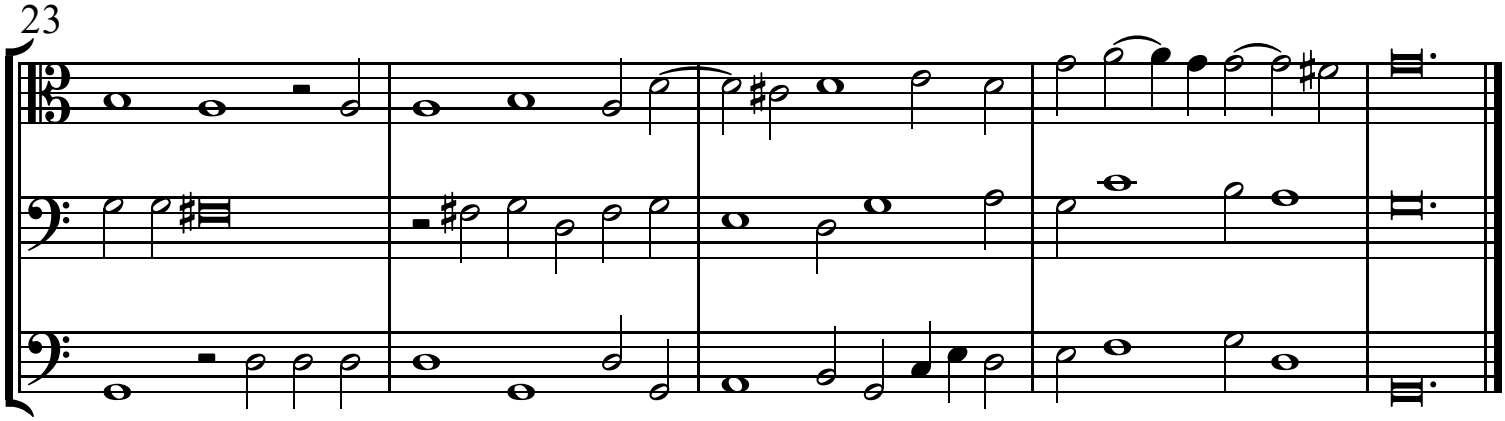

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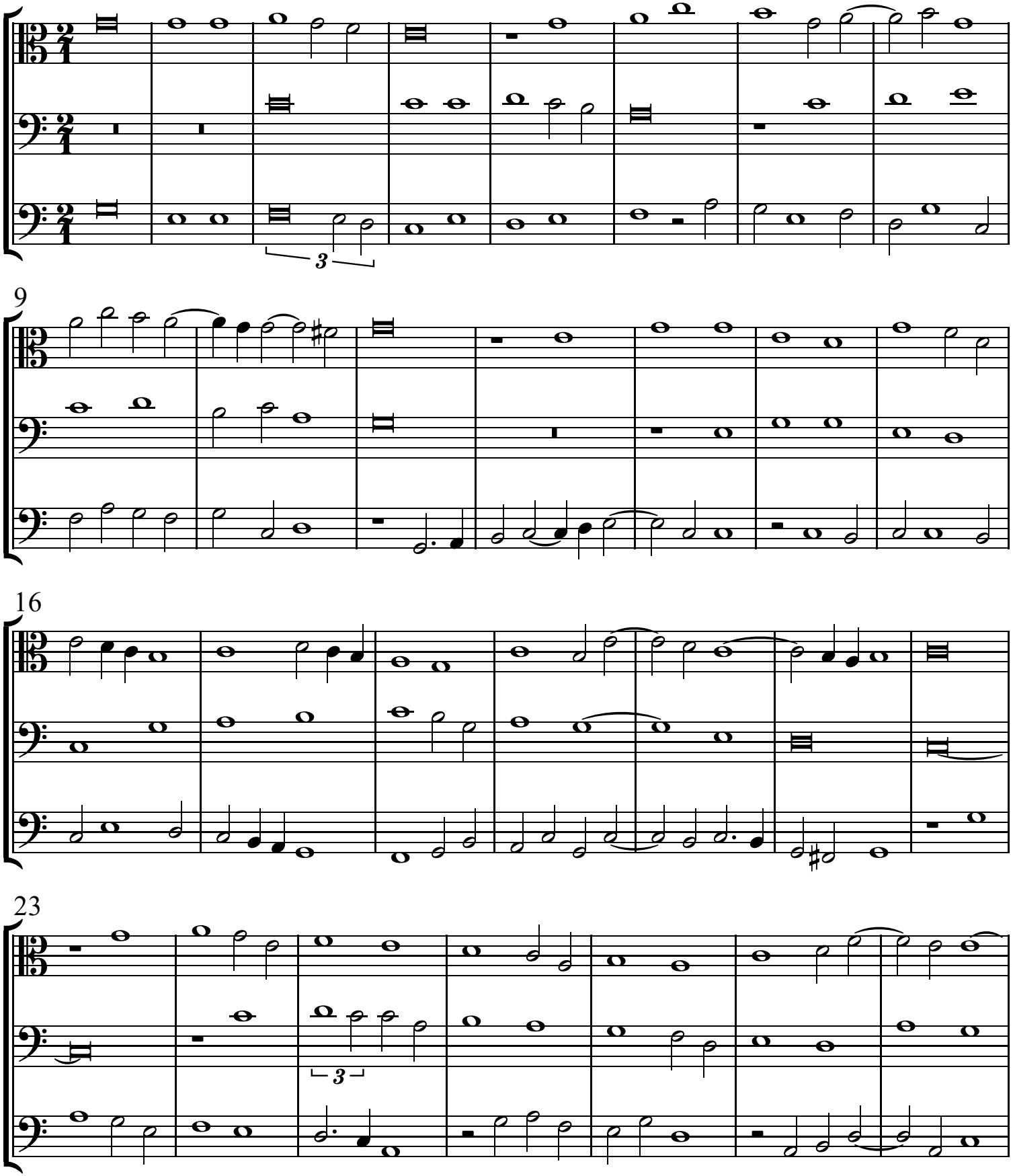

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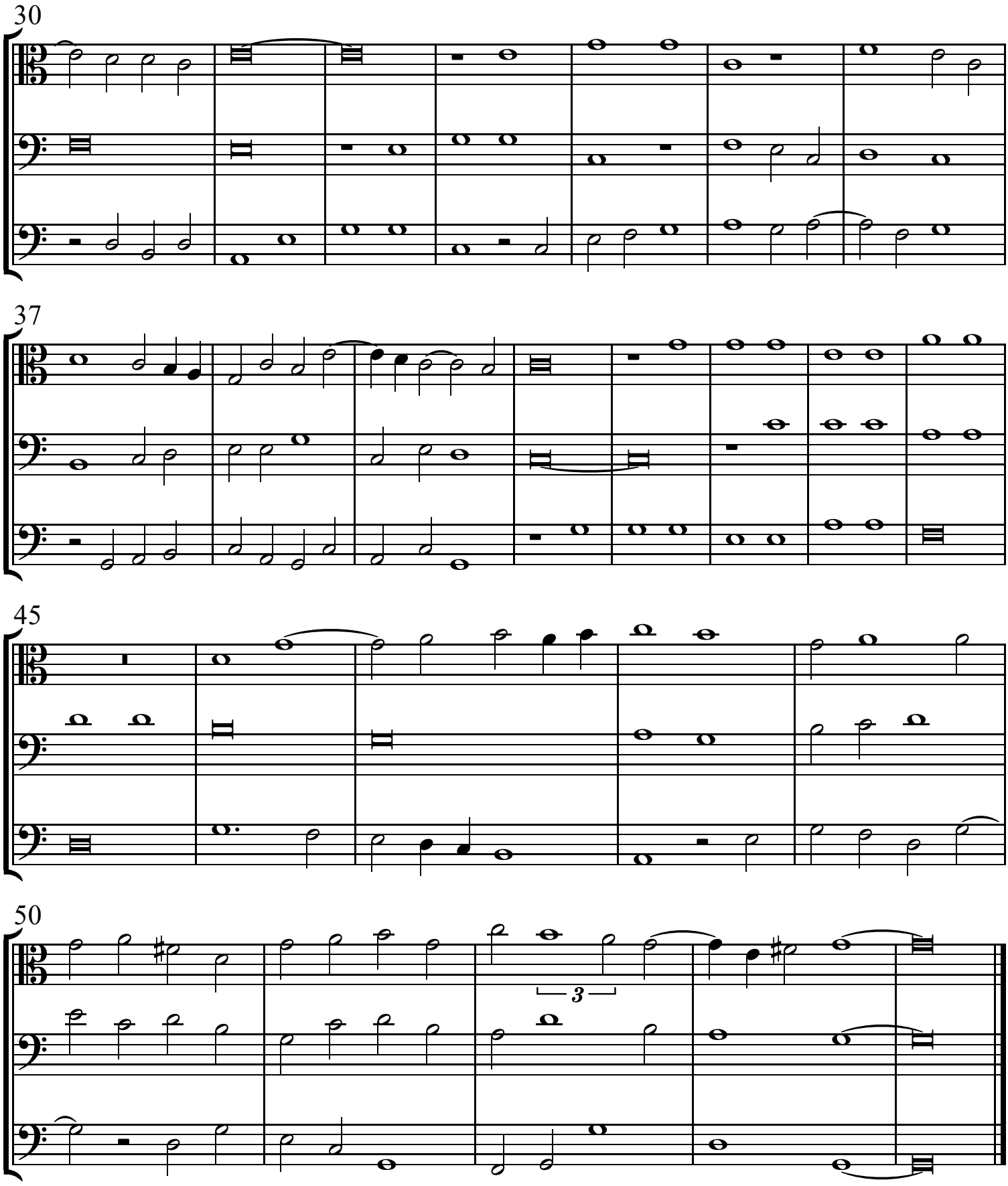
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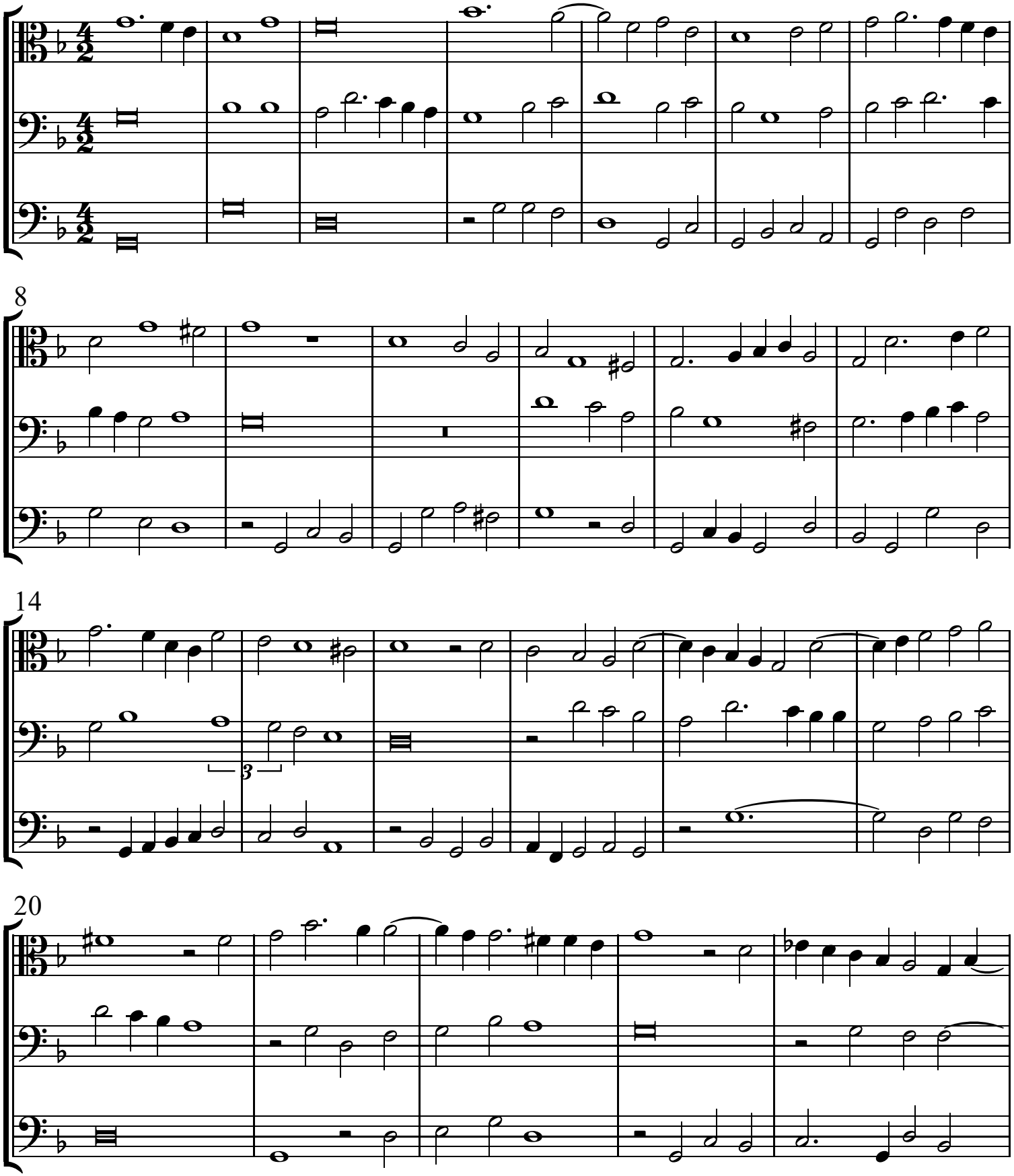

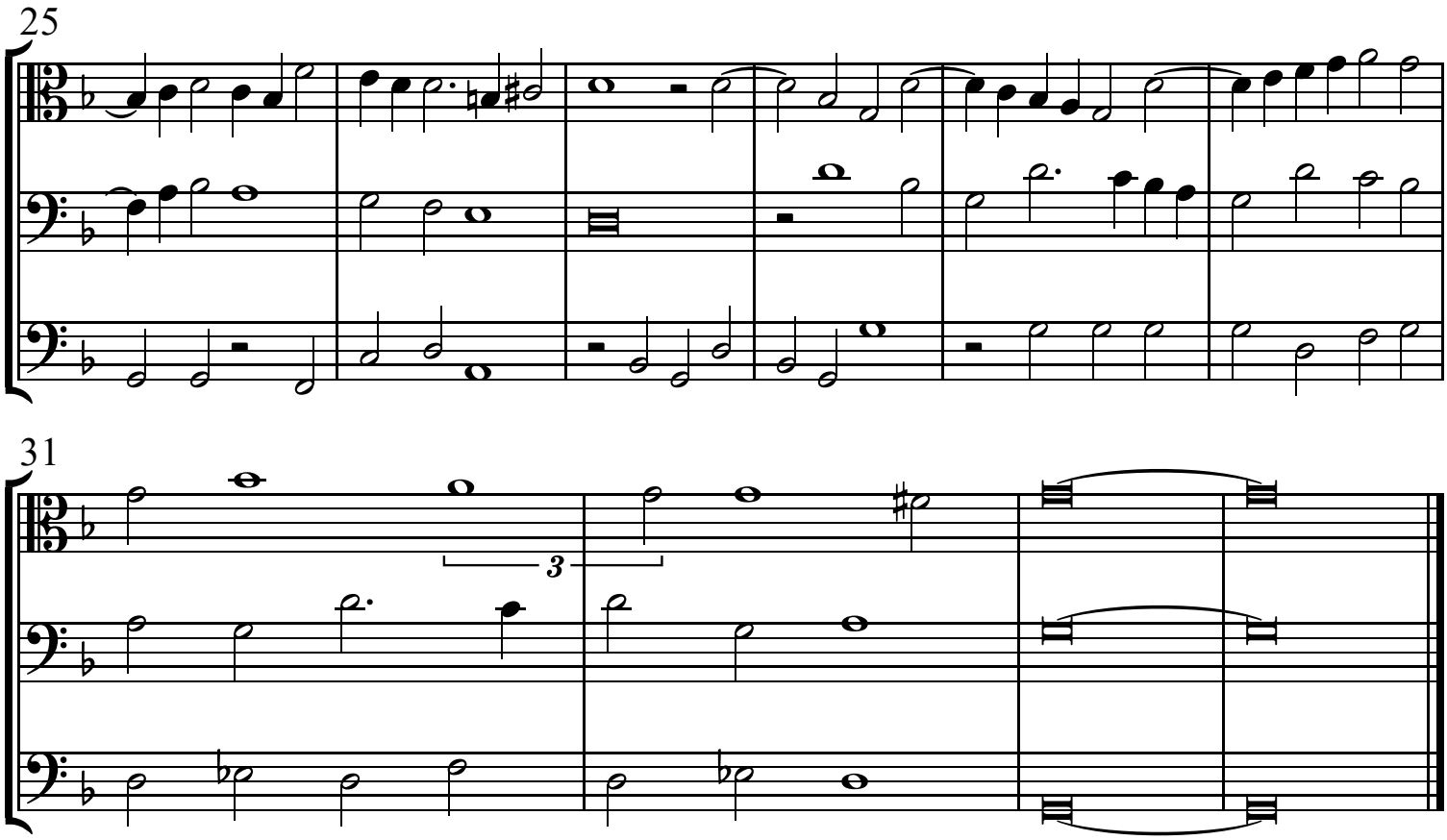
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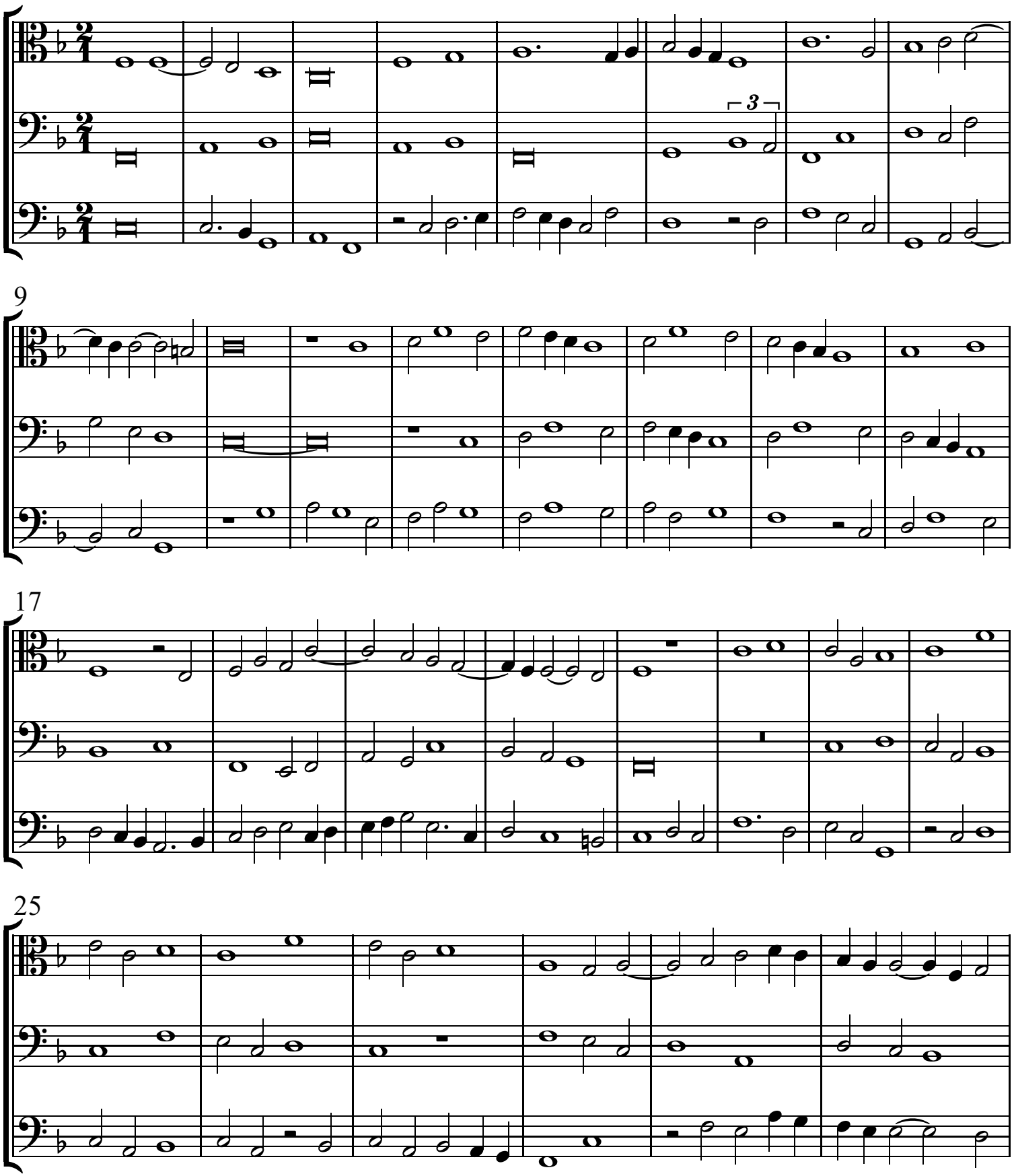

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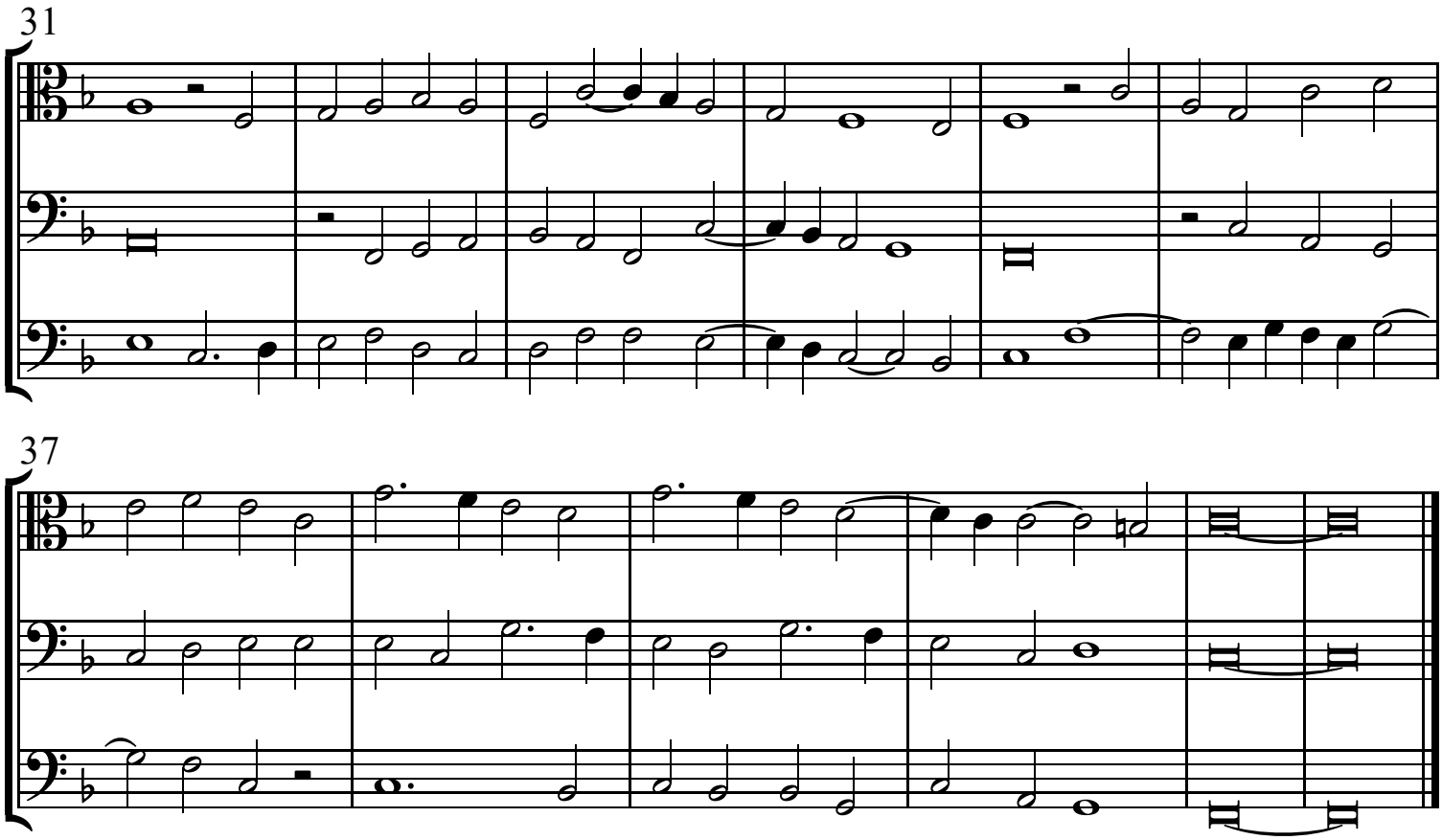
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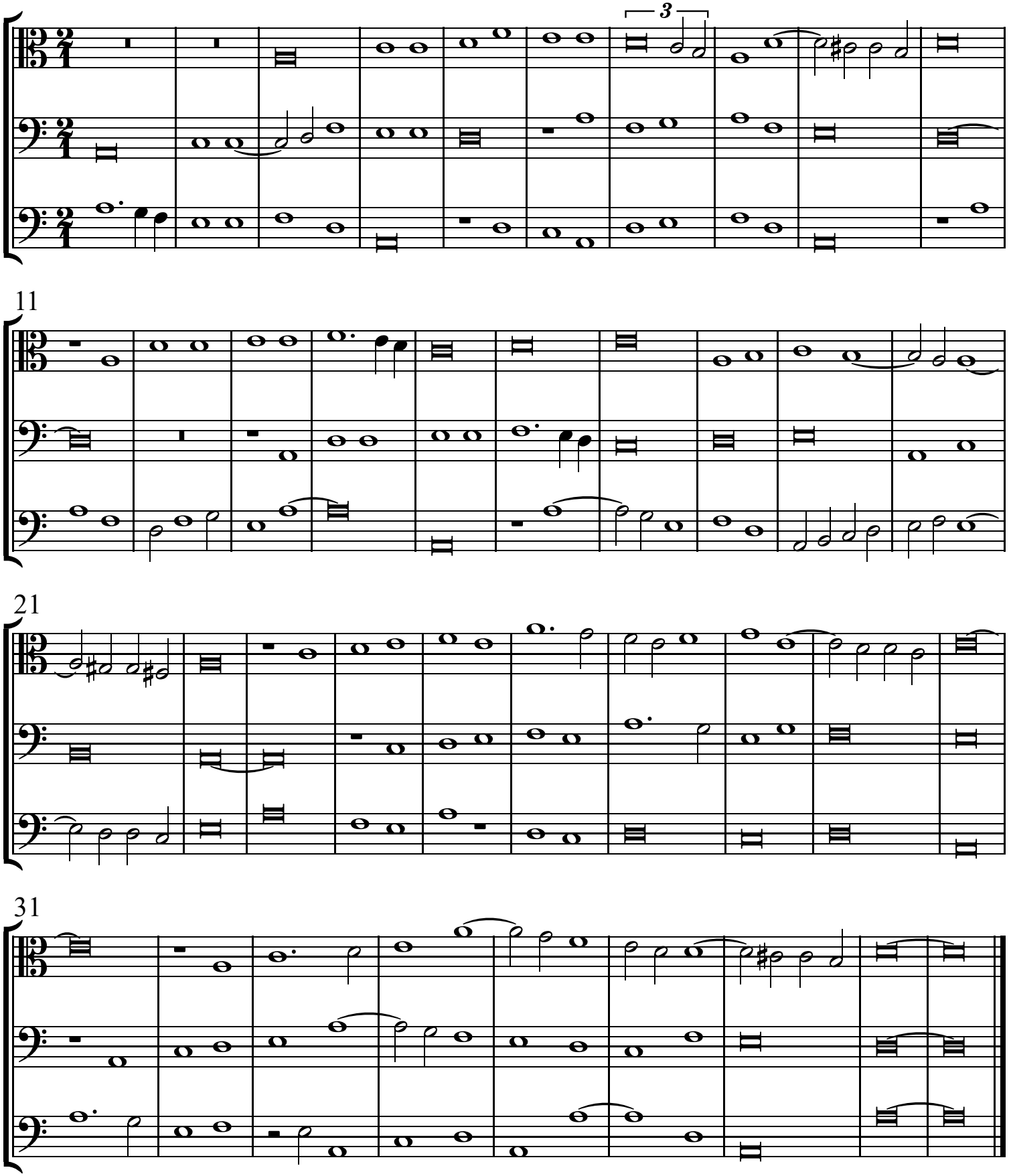

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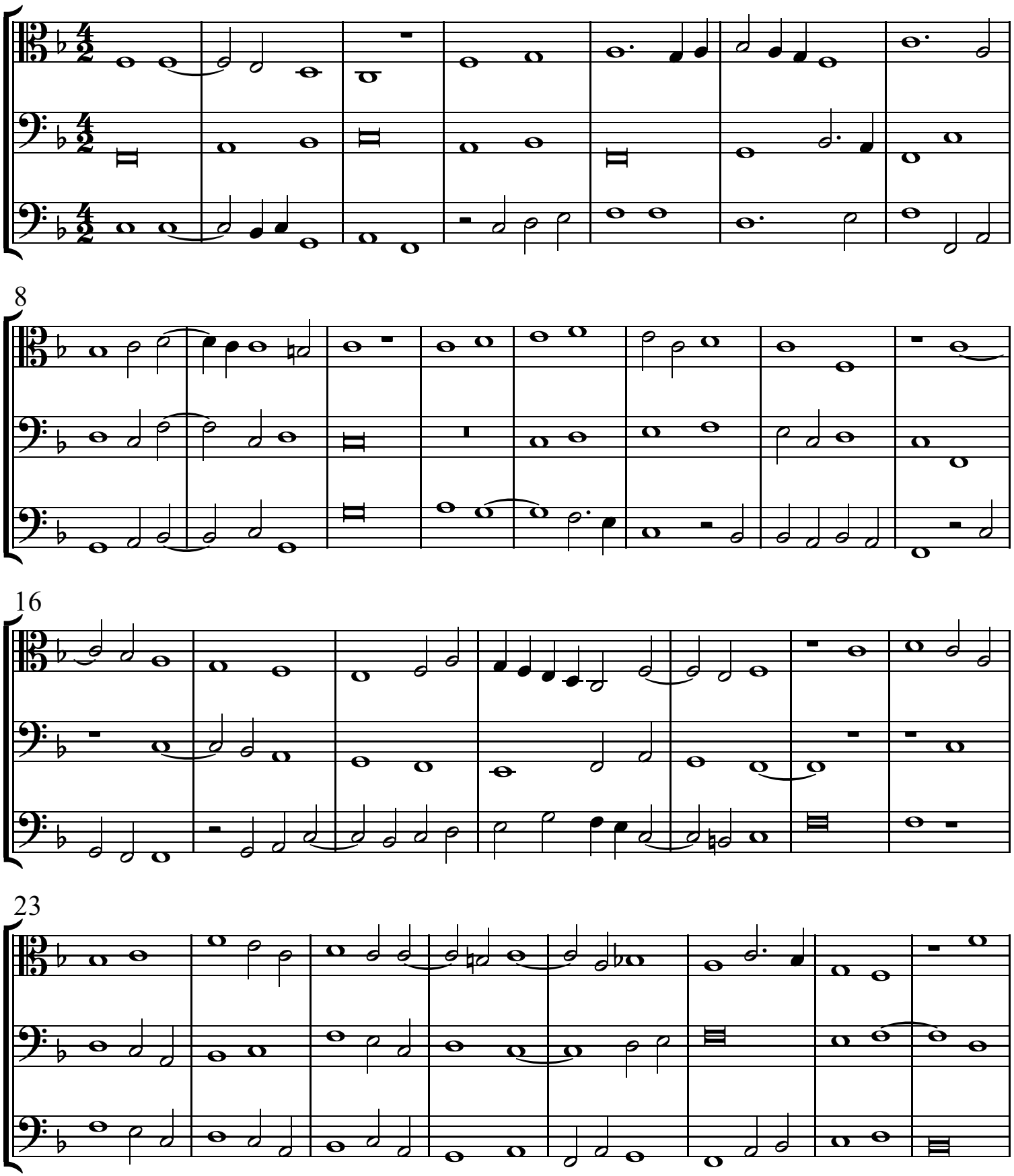

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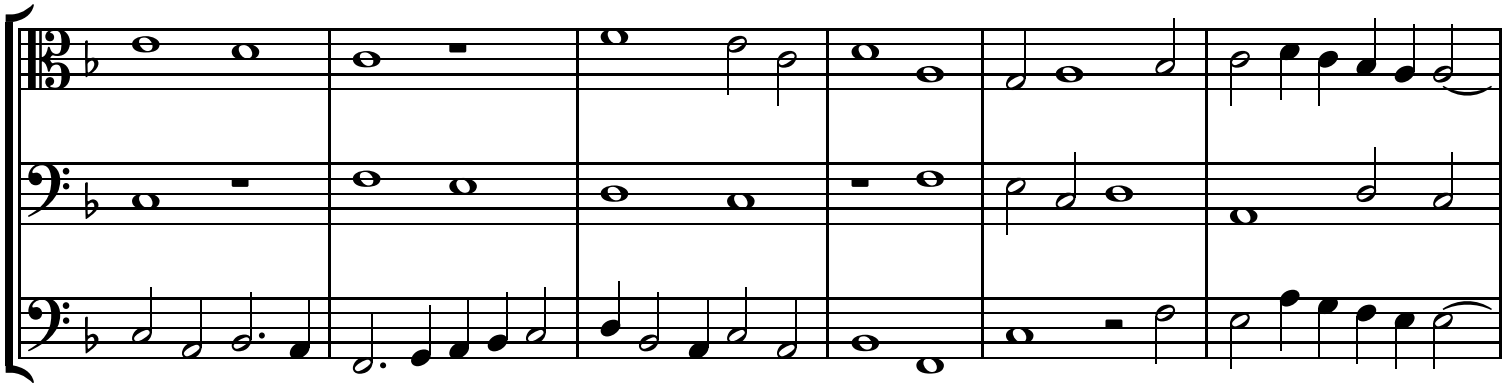

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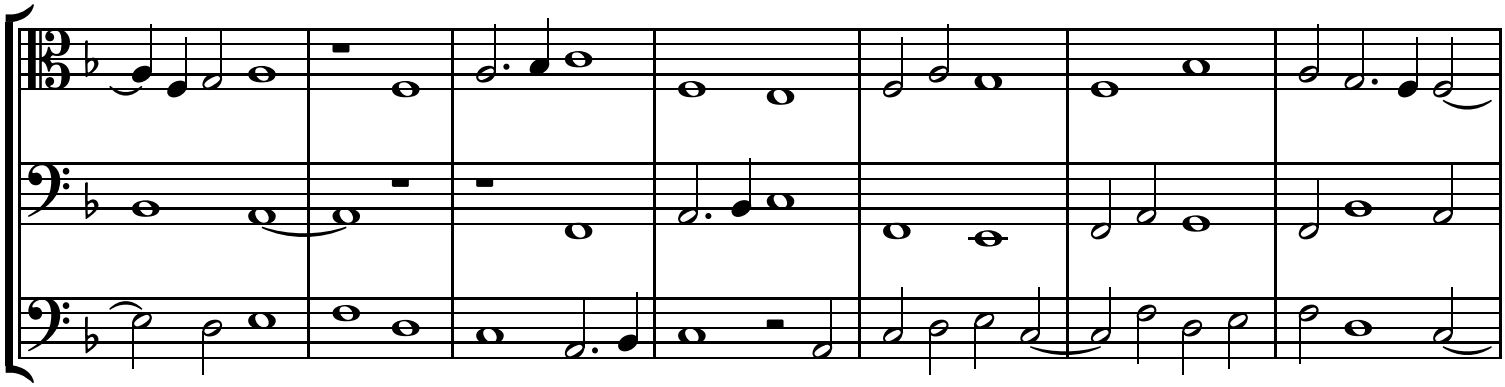

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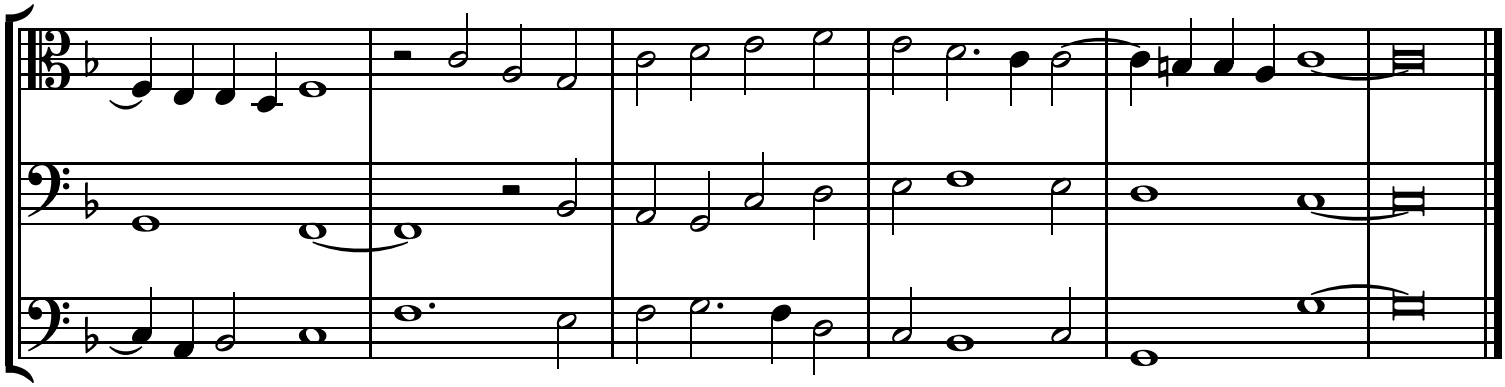

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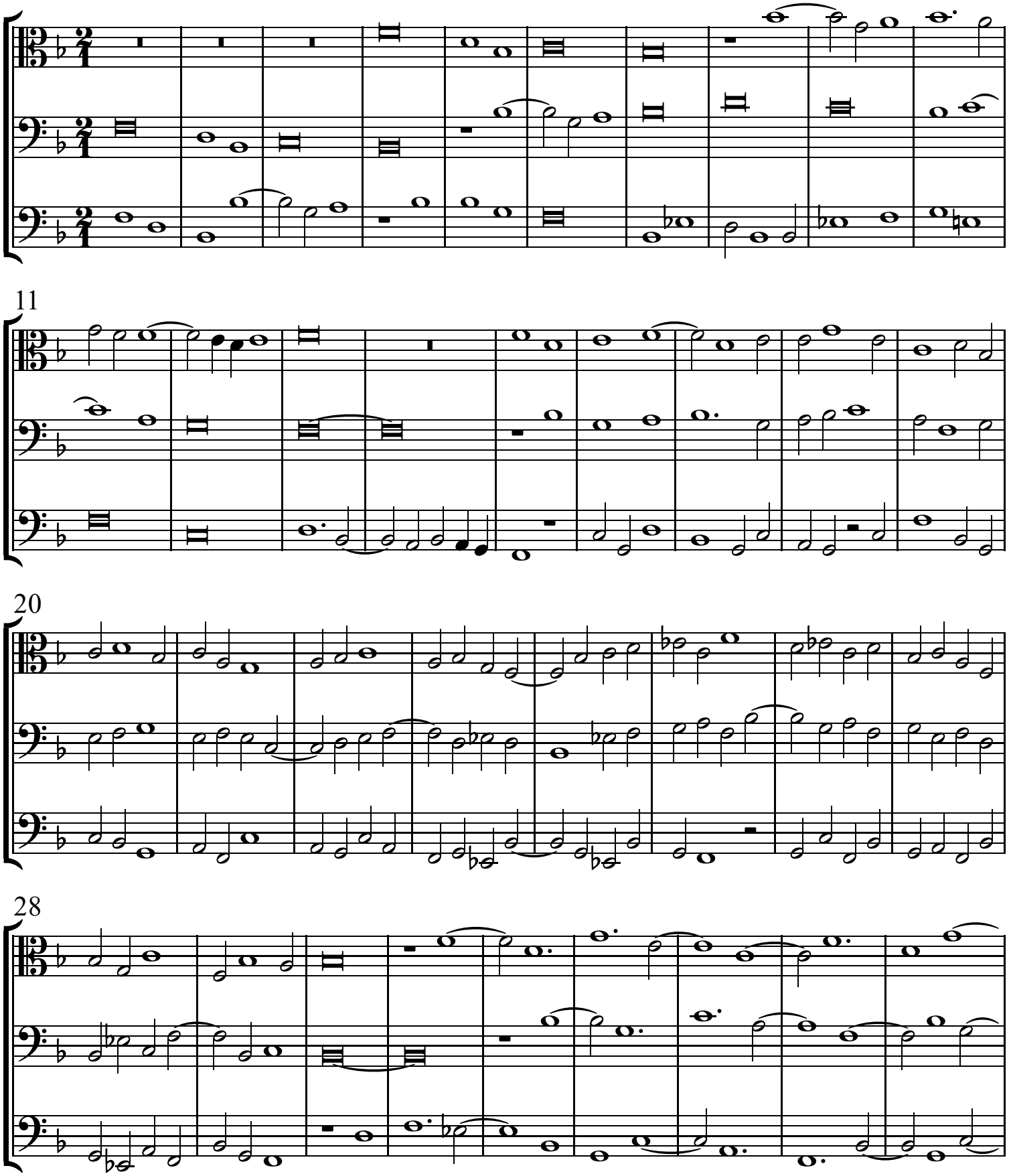

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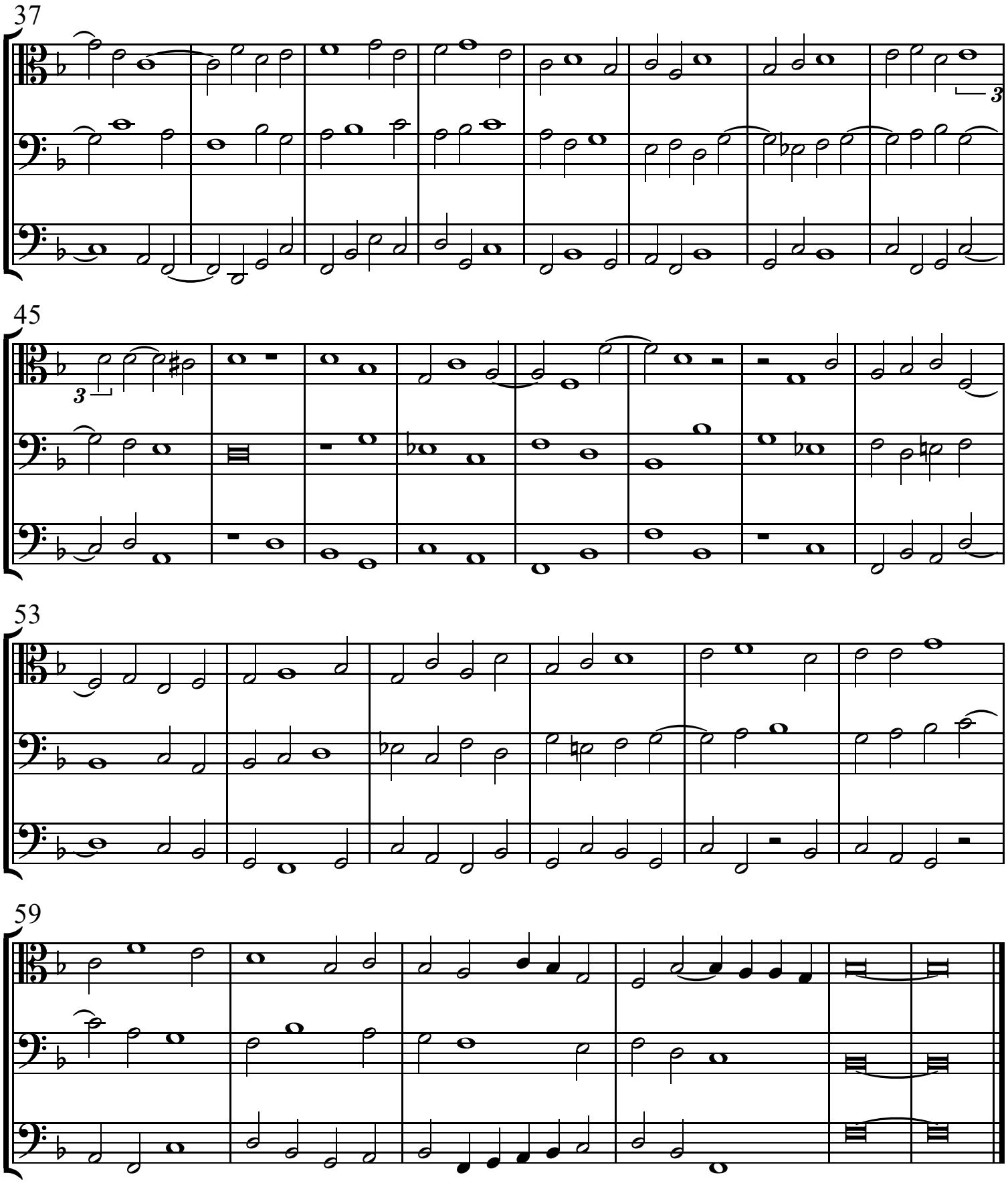
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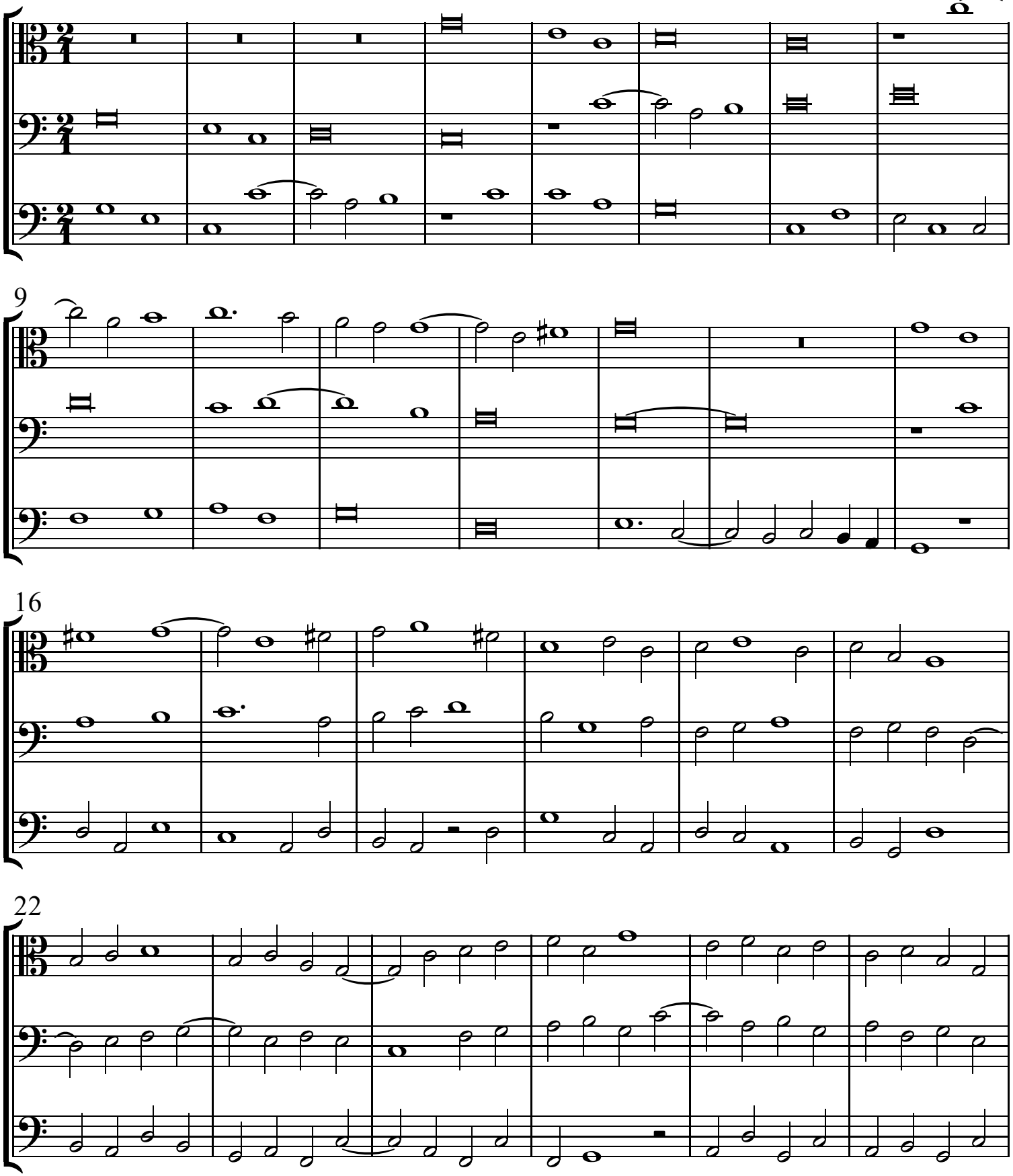

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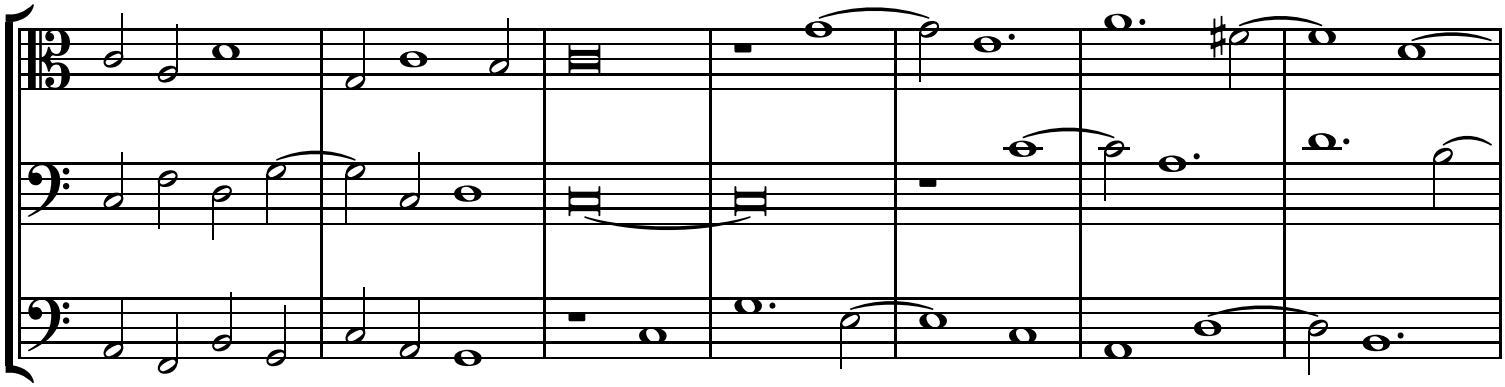

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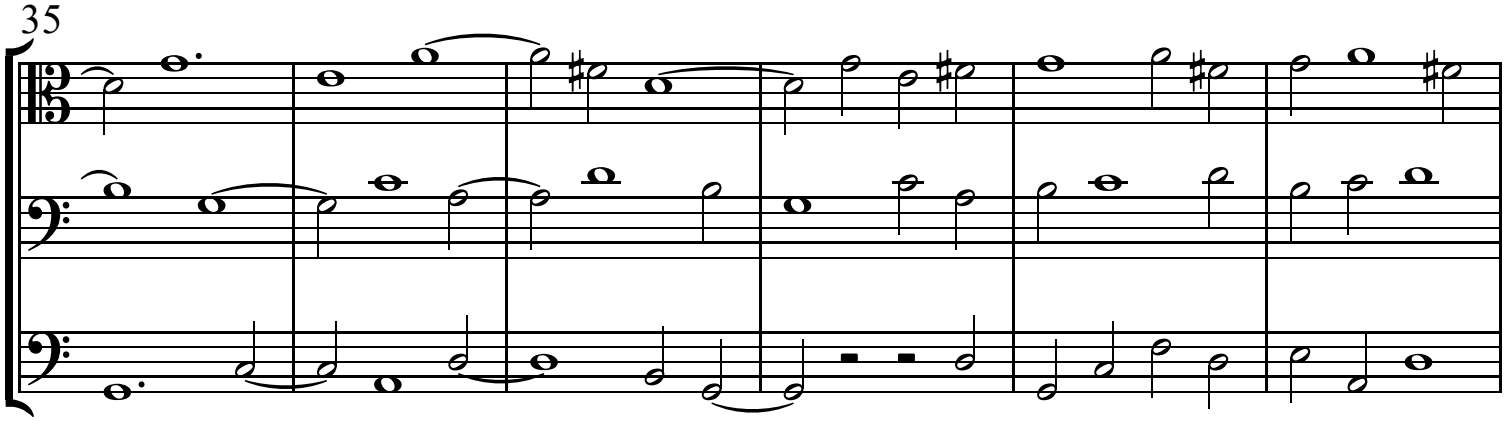

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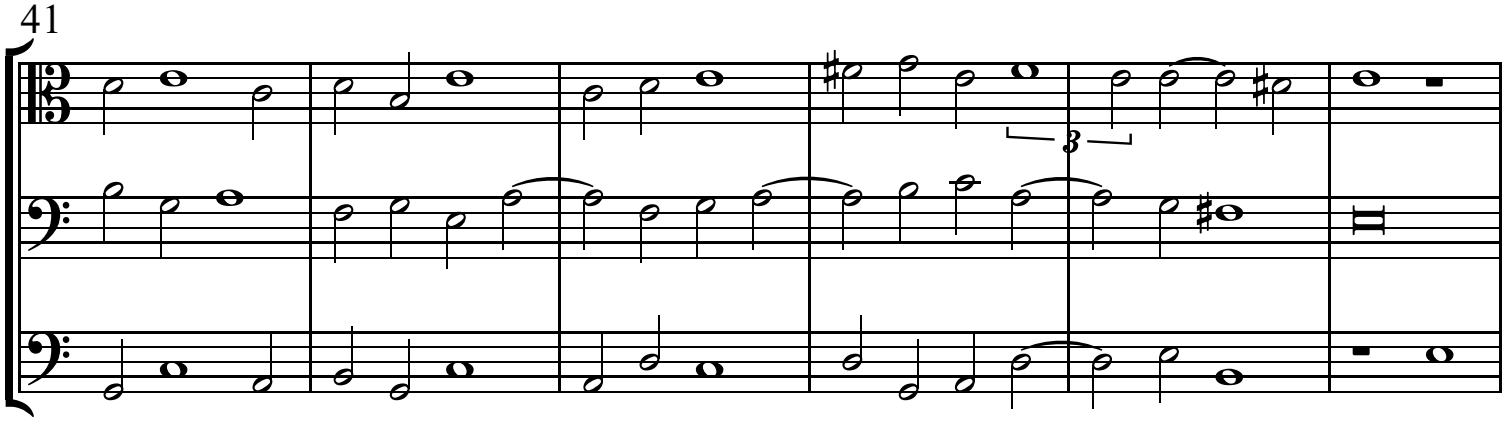

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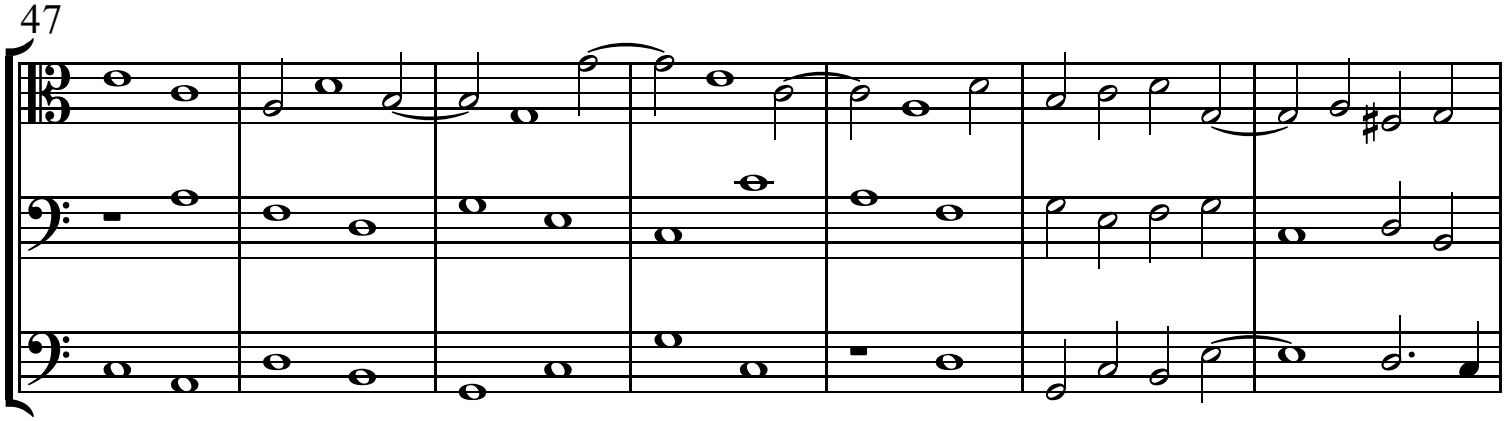

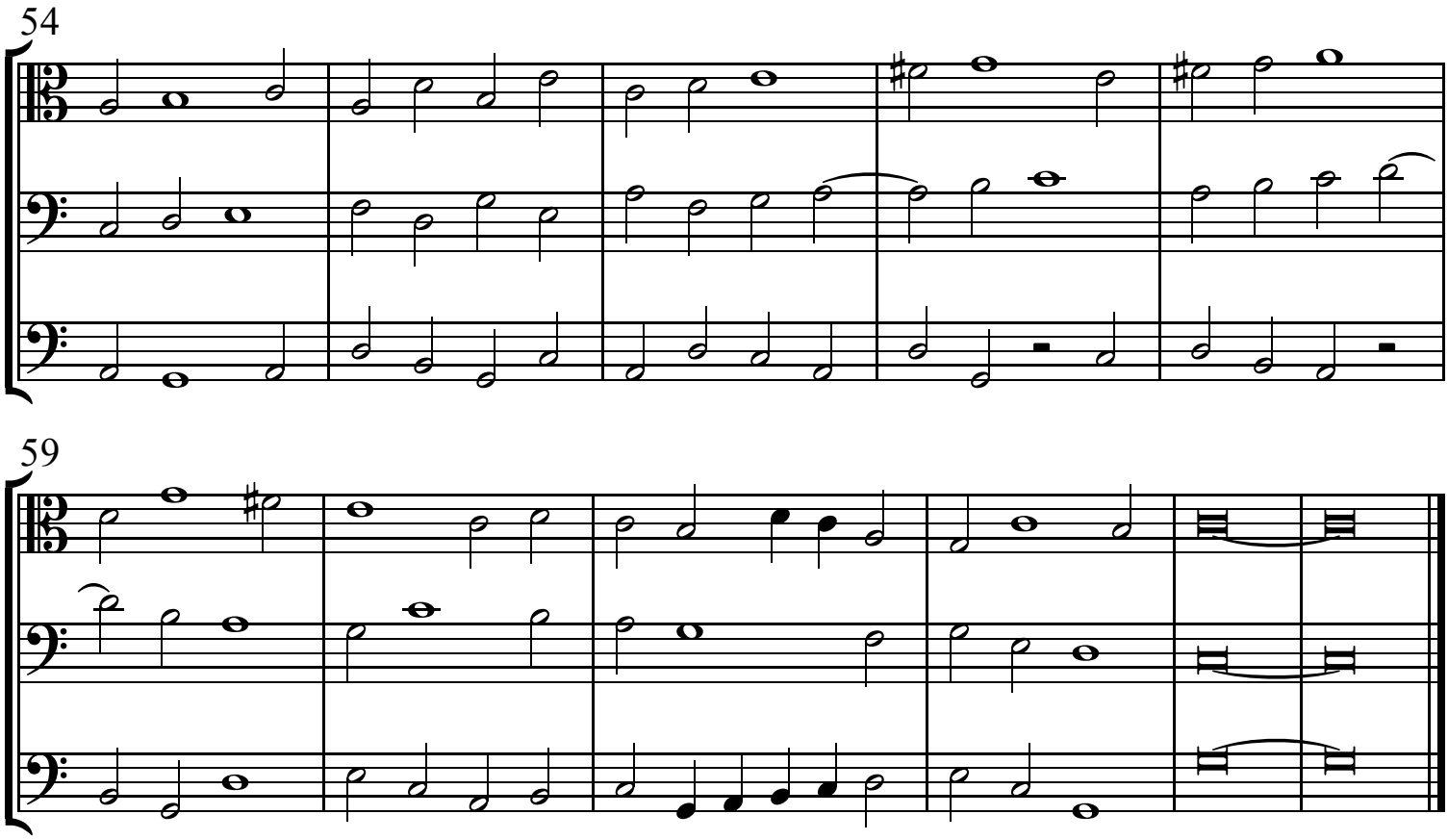
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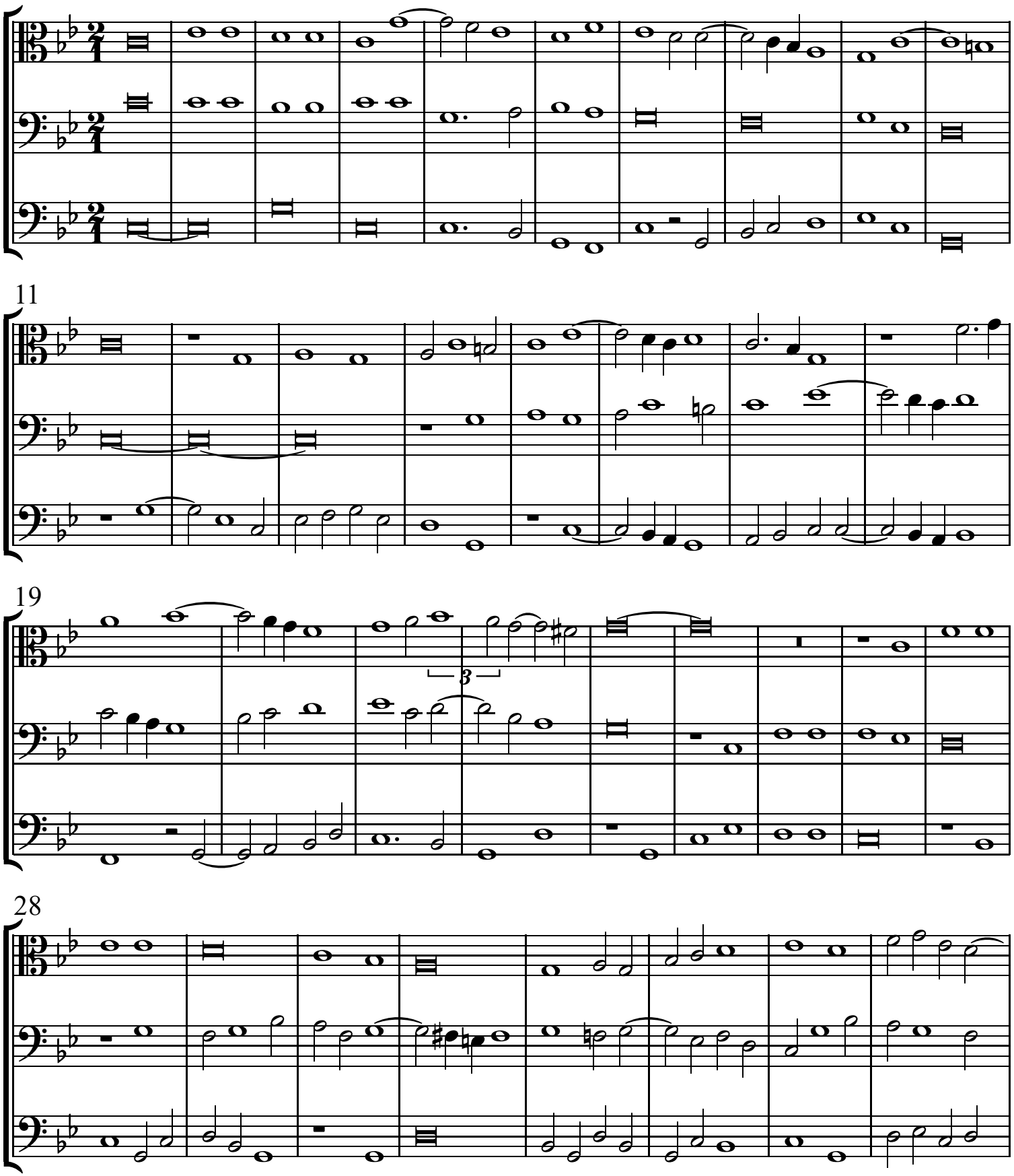

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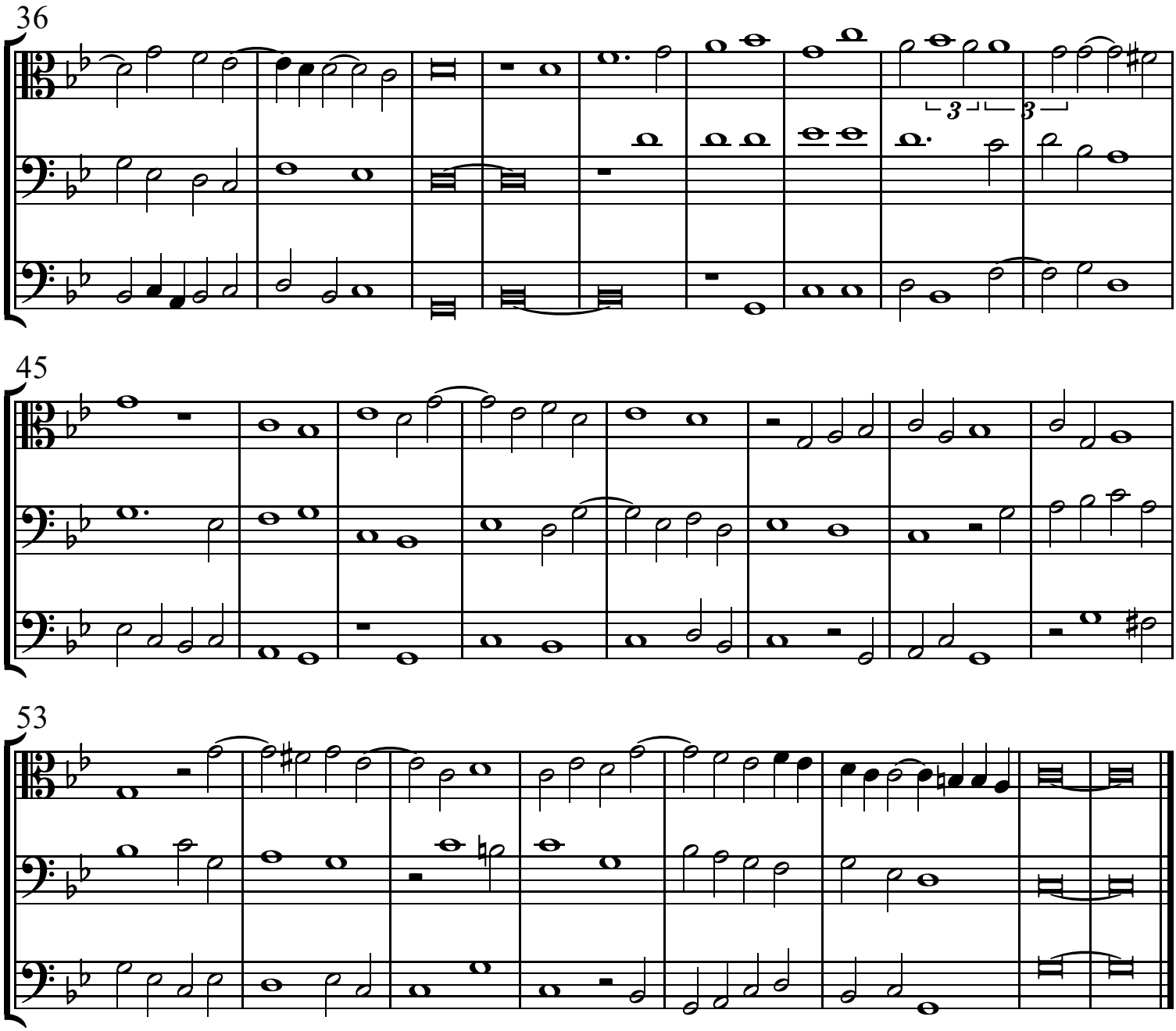
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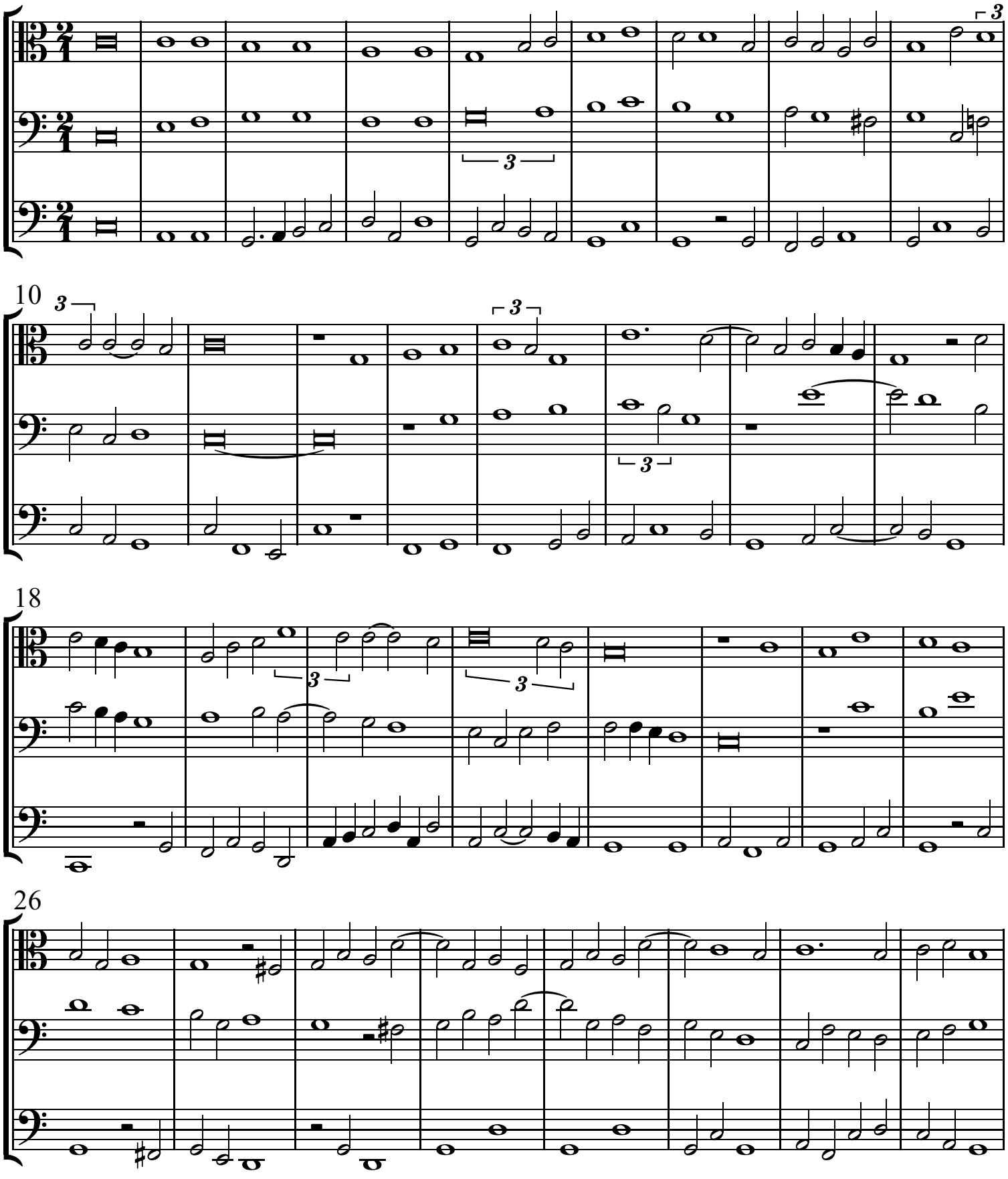

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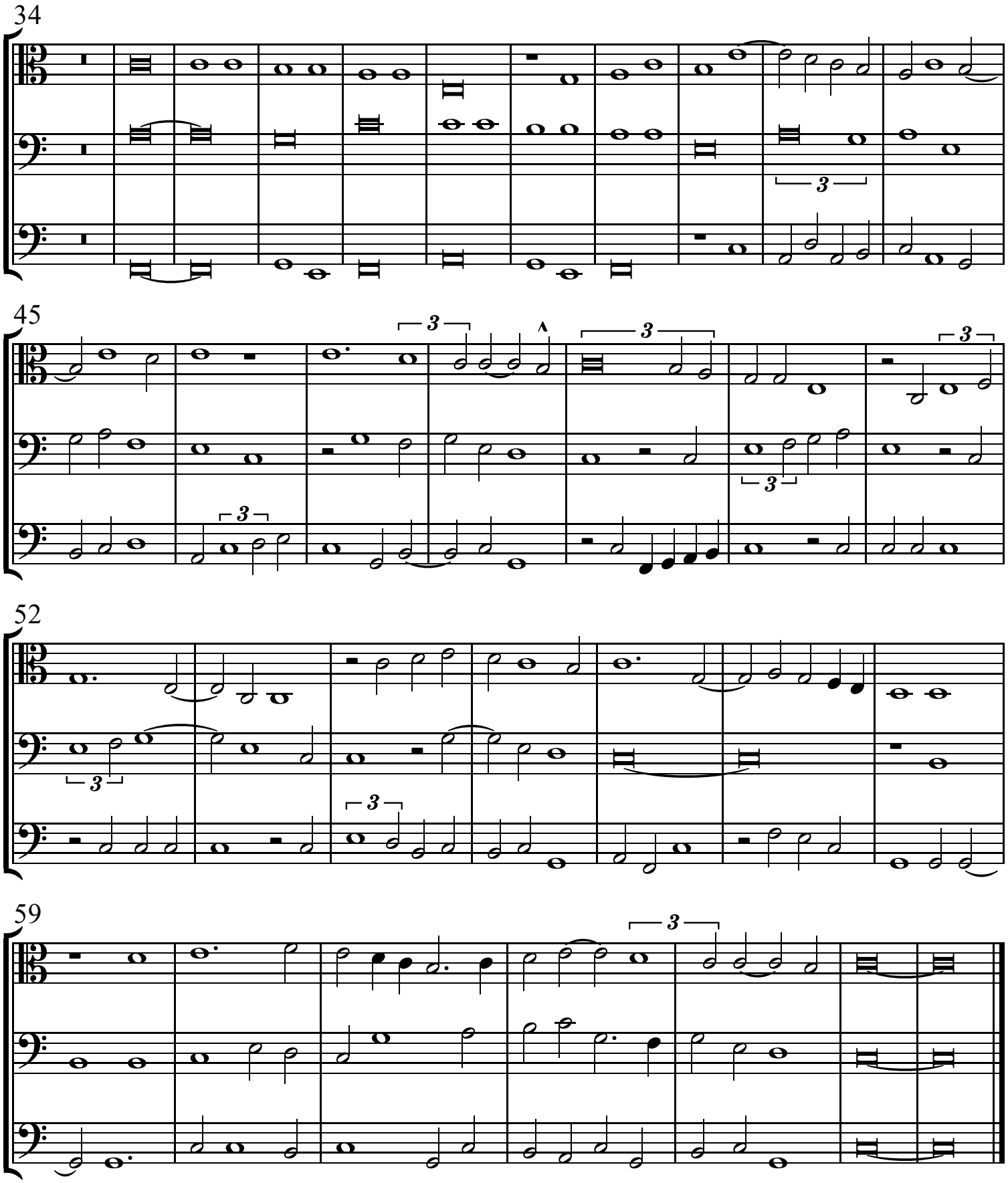
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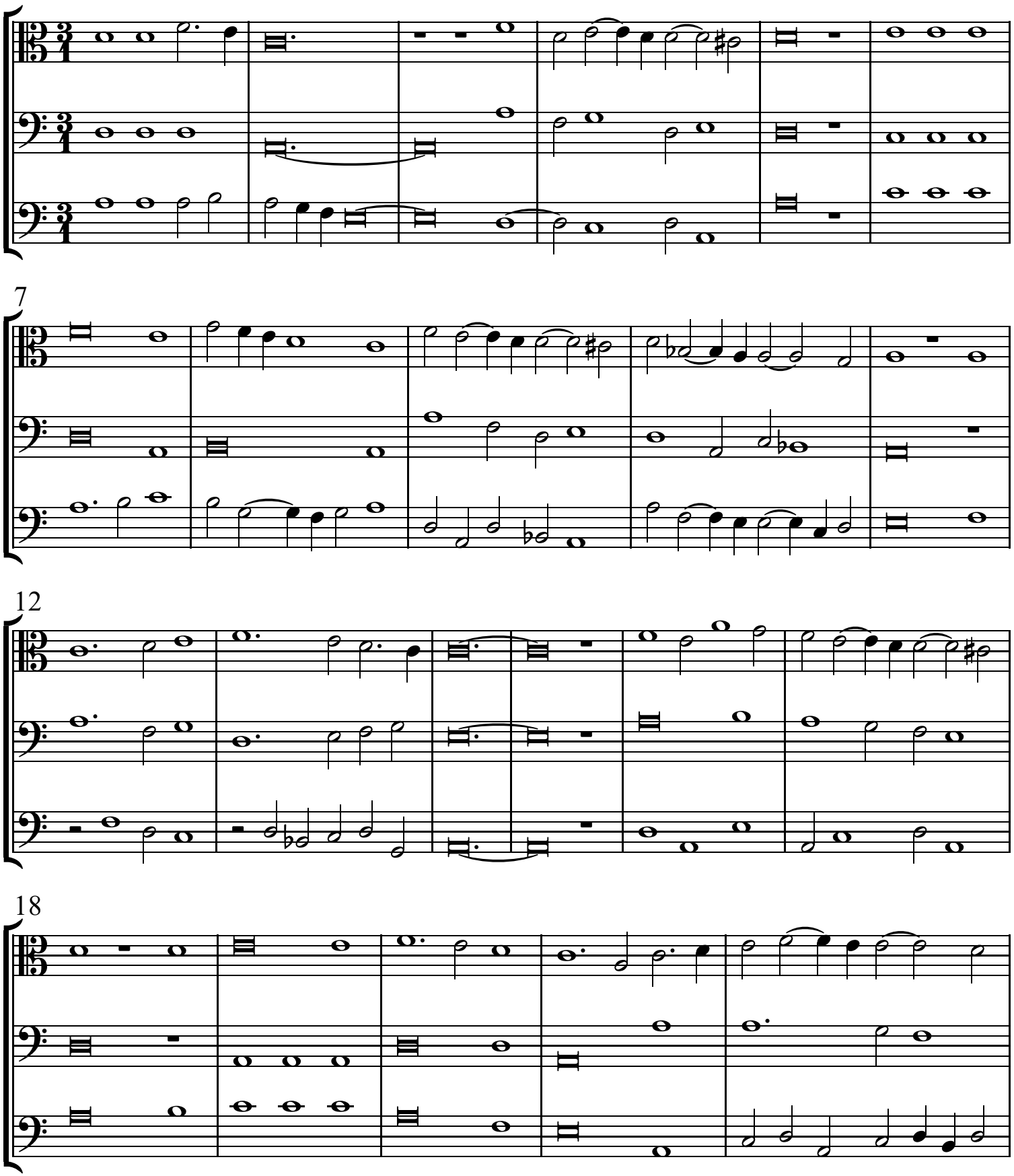

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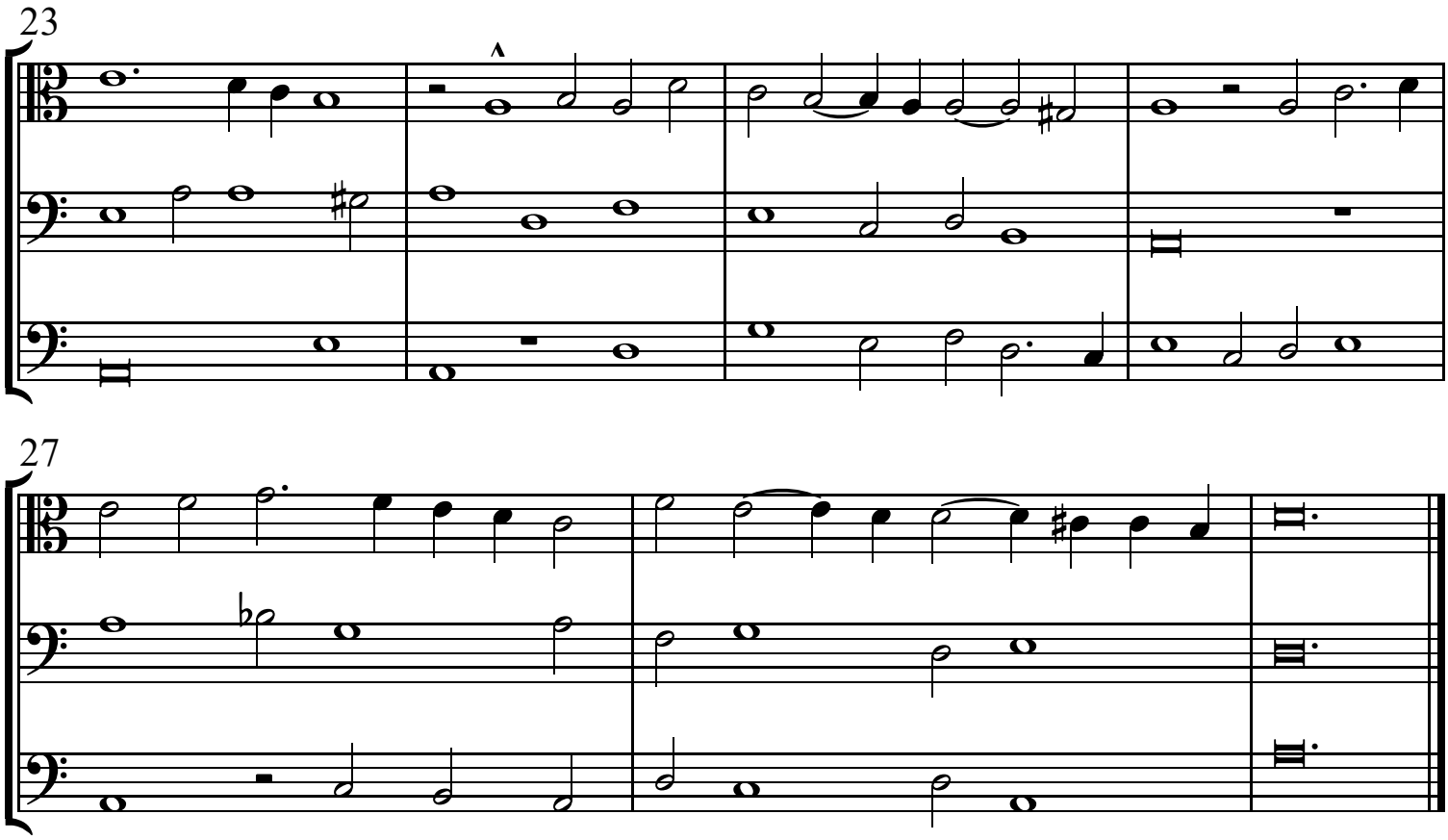
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12. Mort ou merchi

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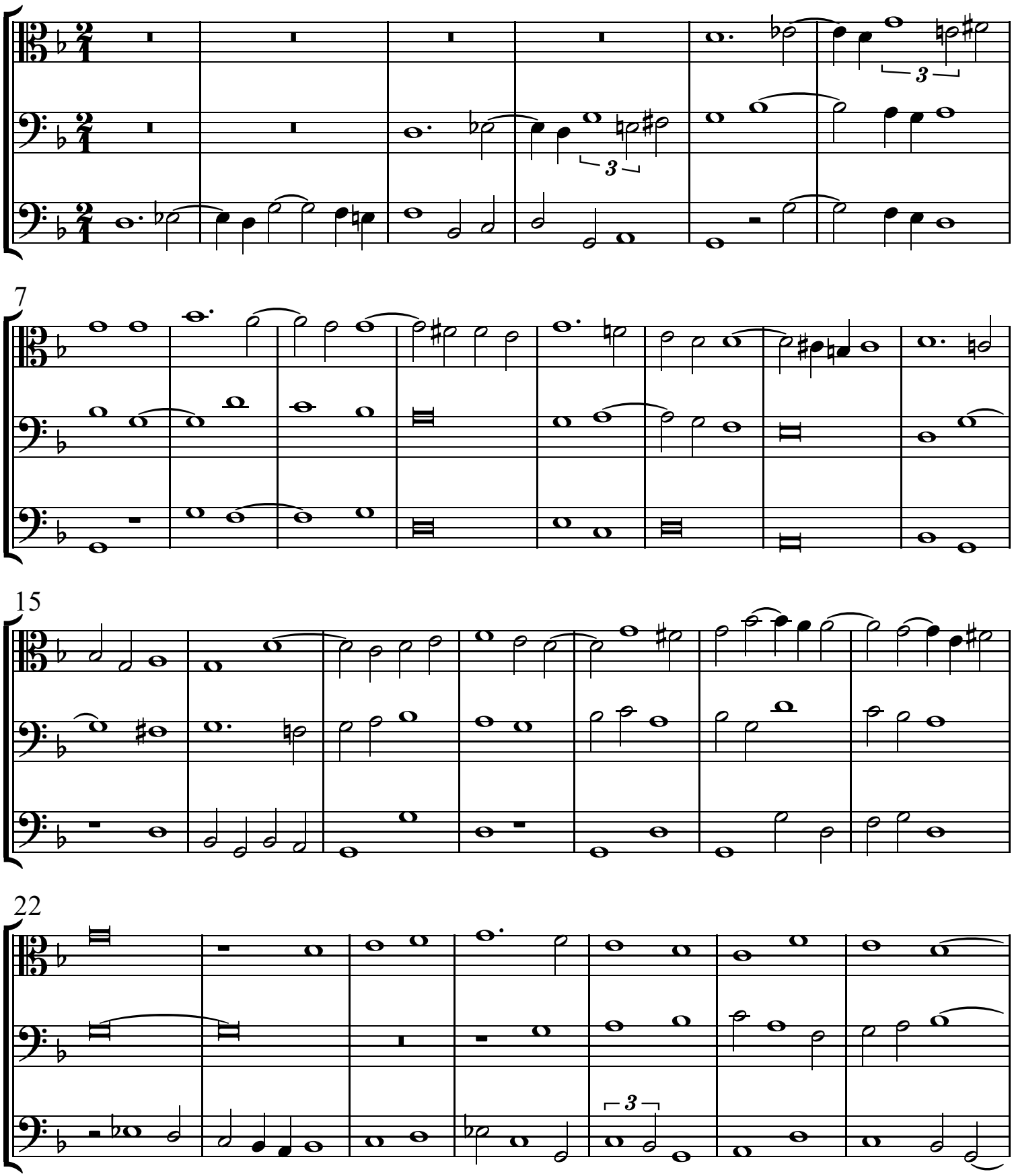

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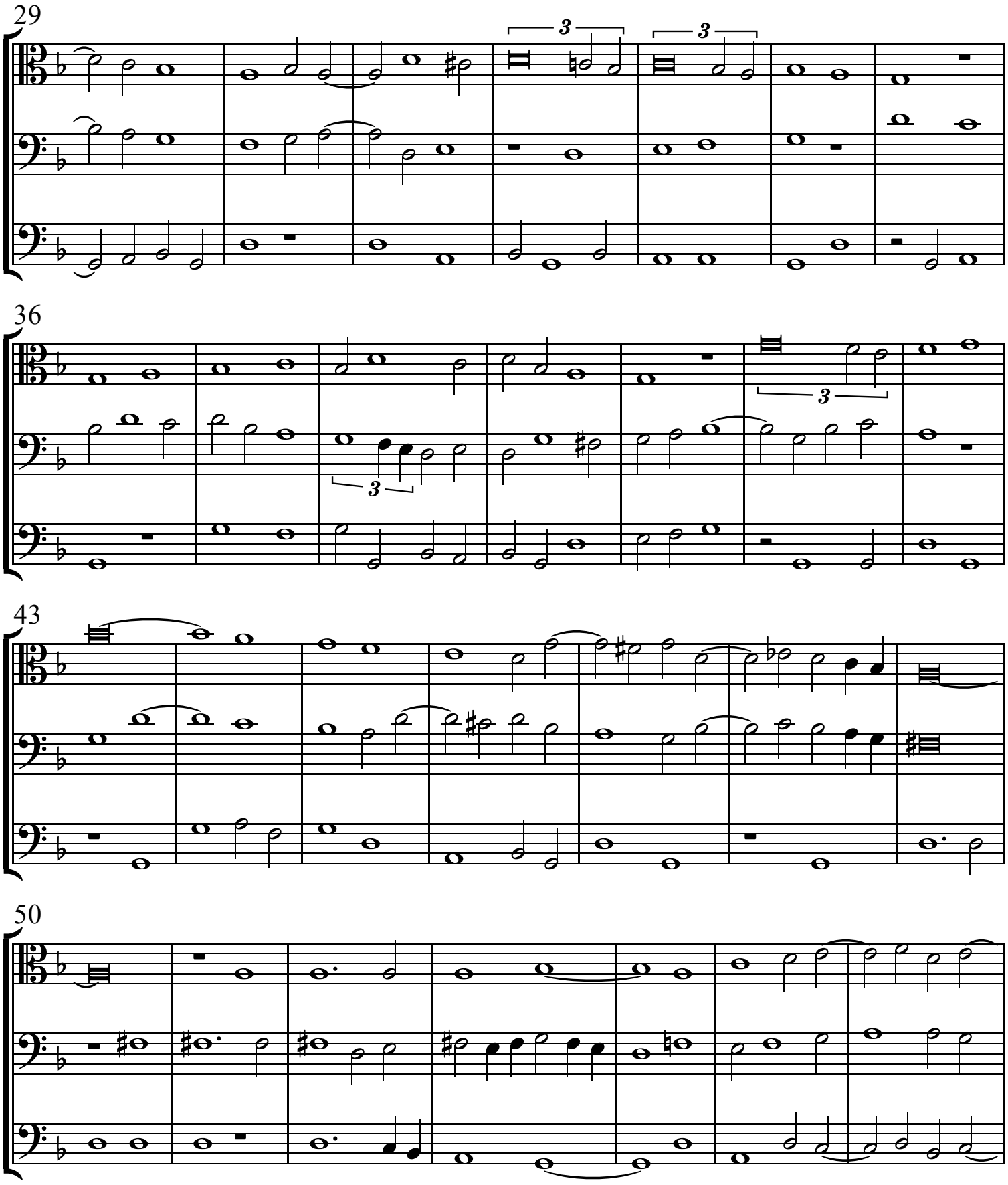
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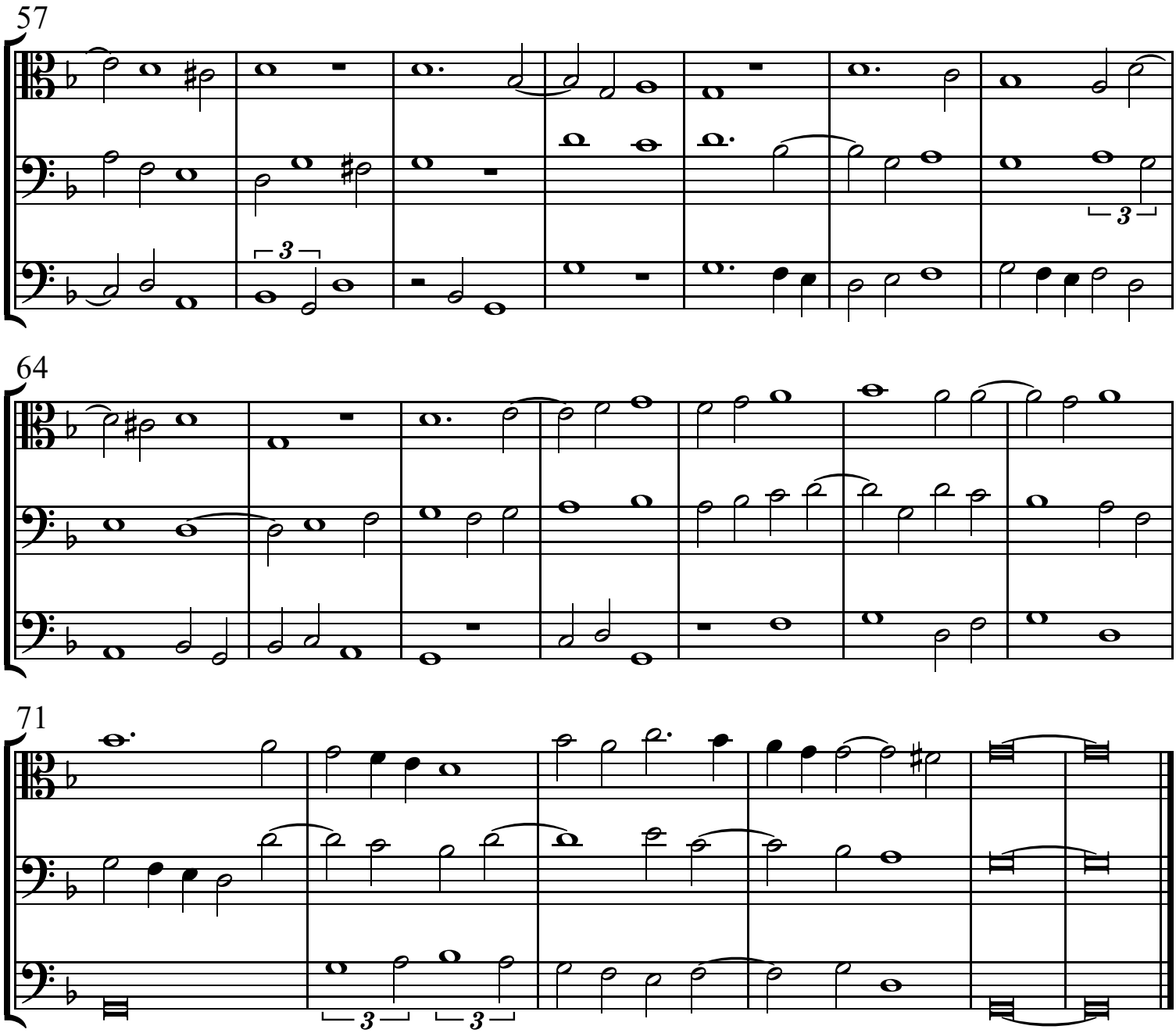
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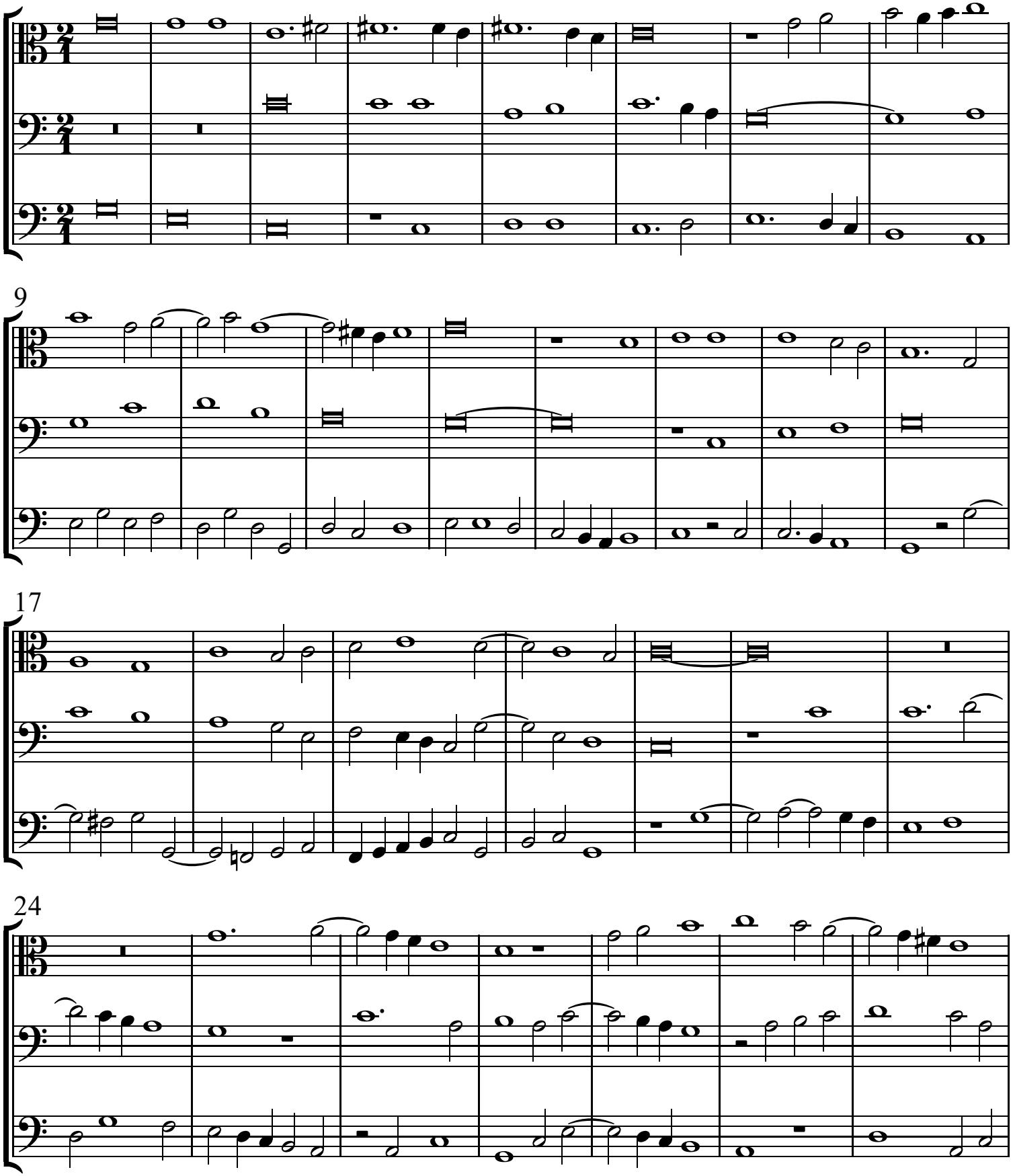

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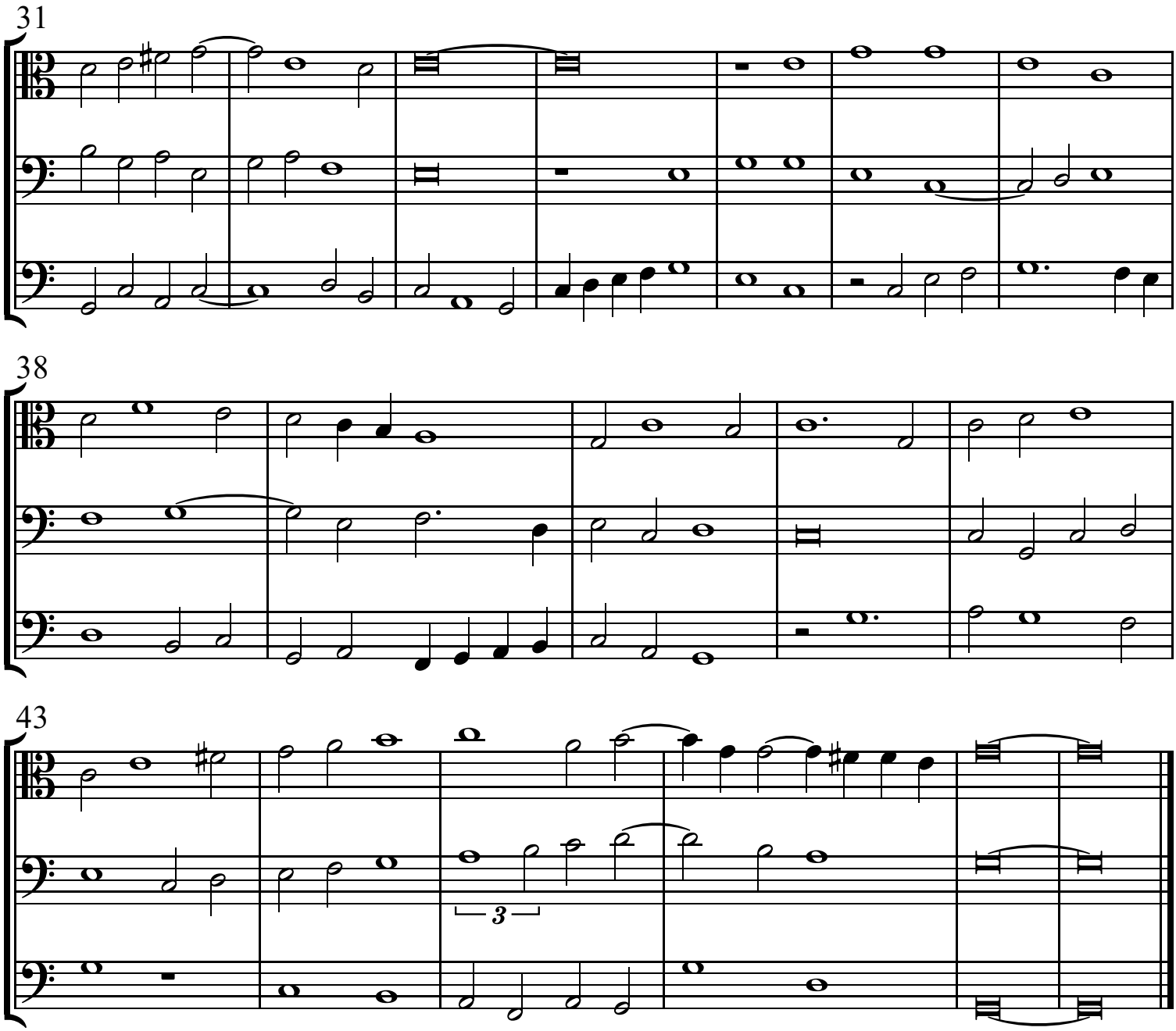
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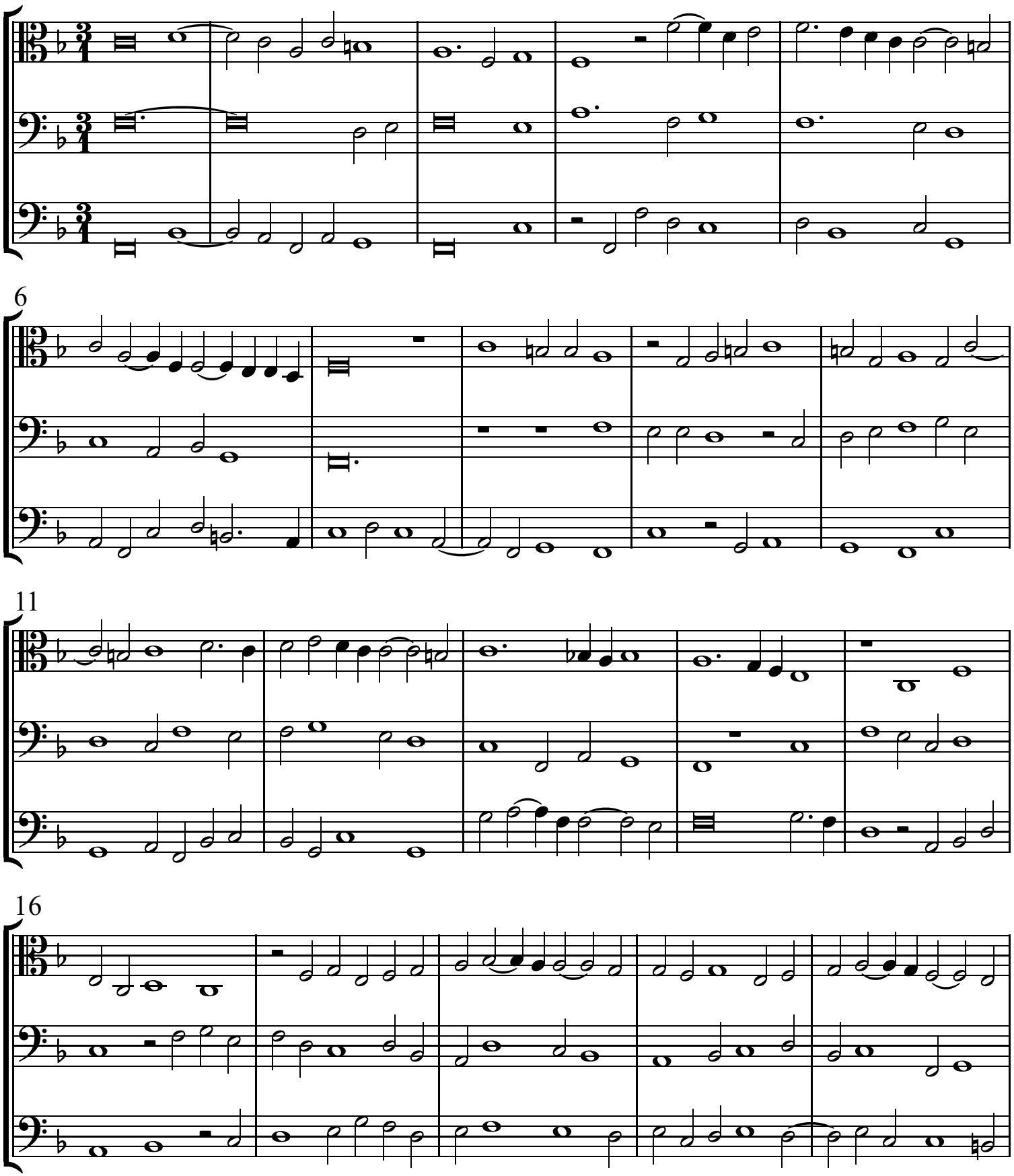

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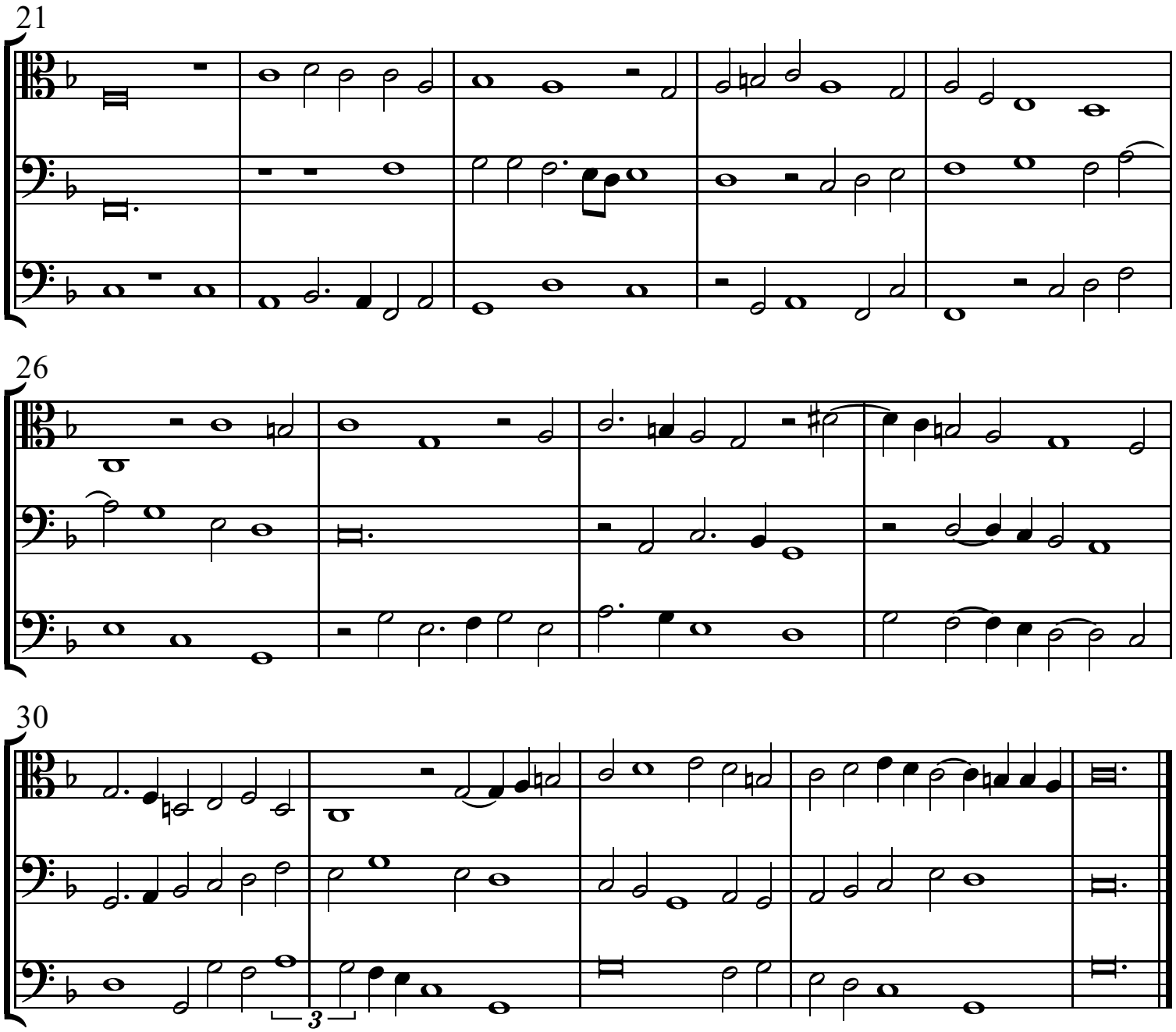
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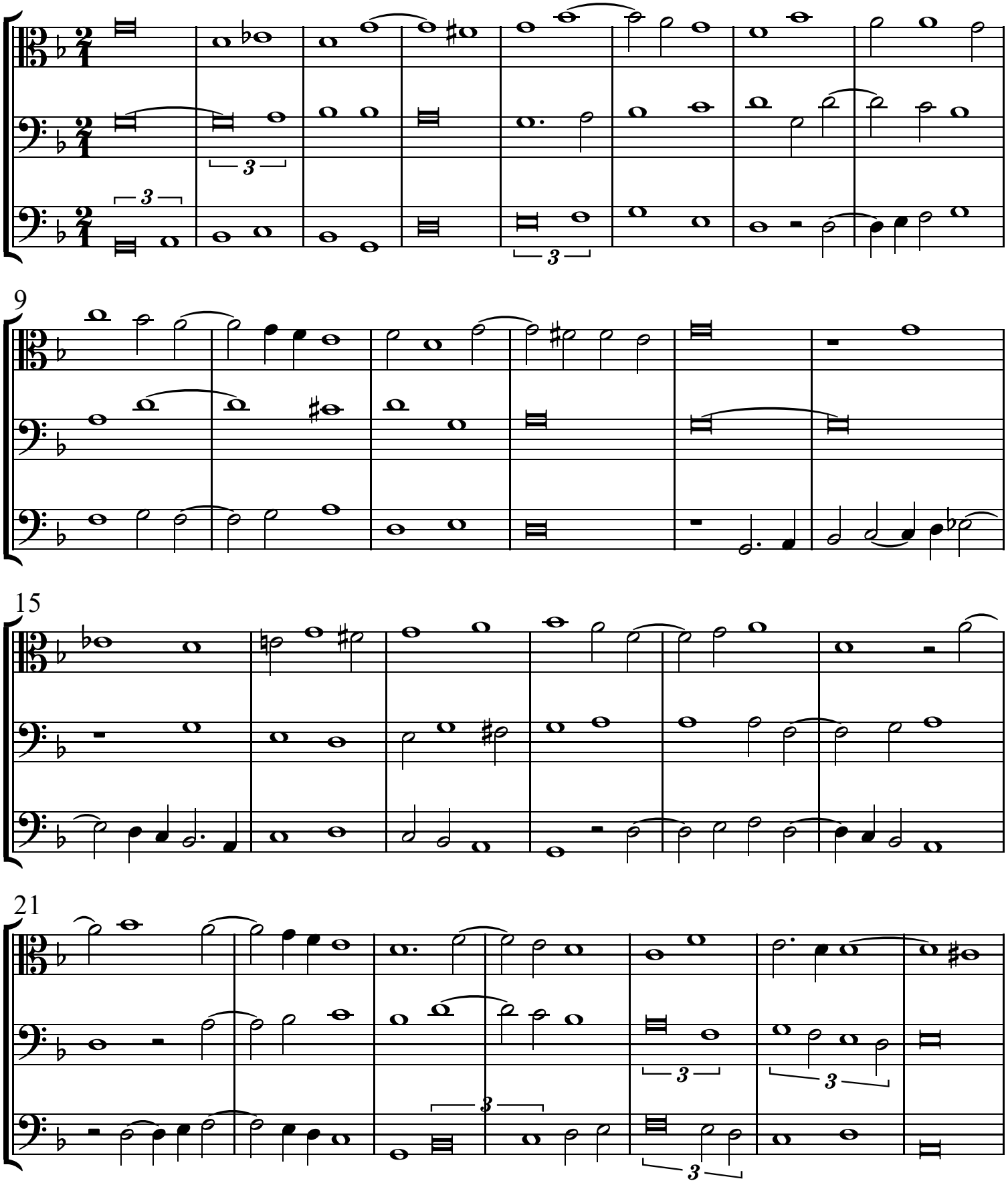

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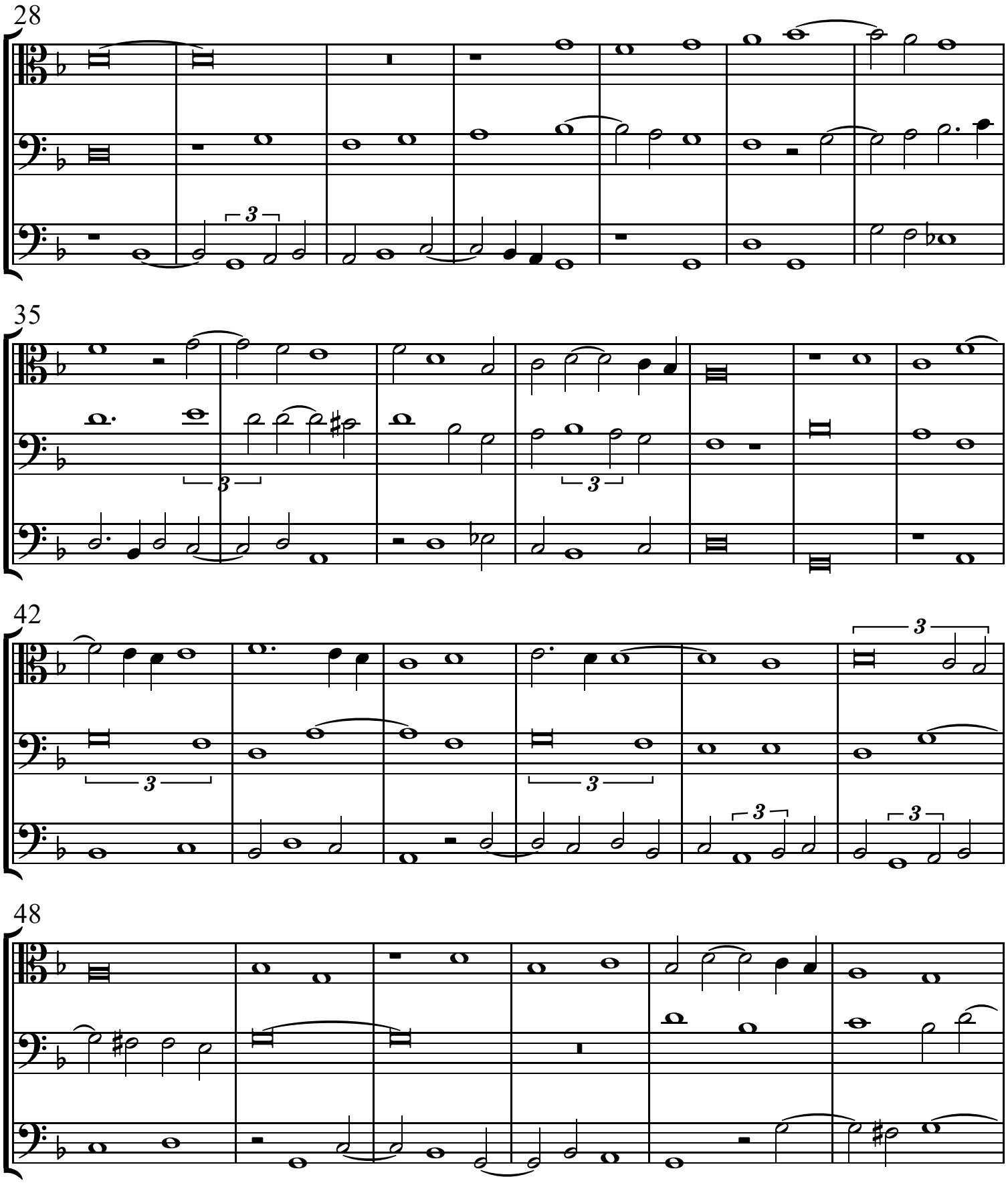
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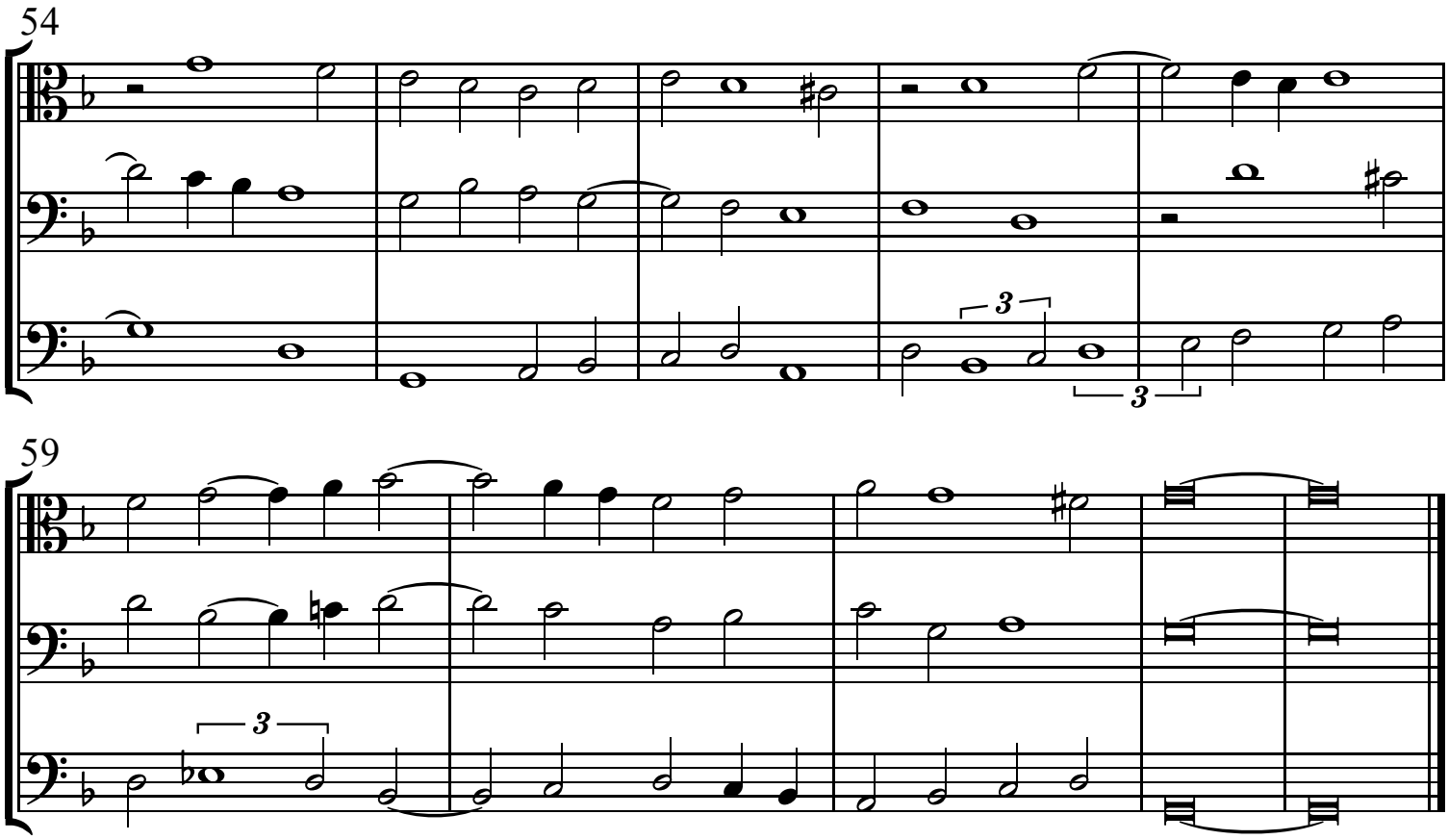
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16. Se brief je puis ma dame voir

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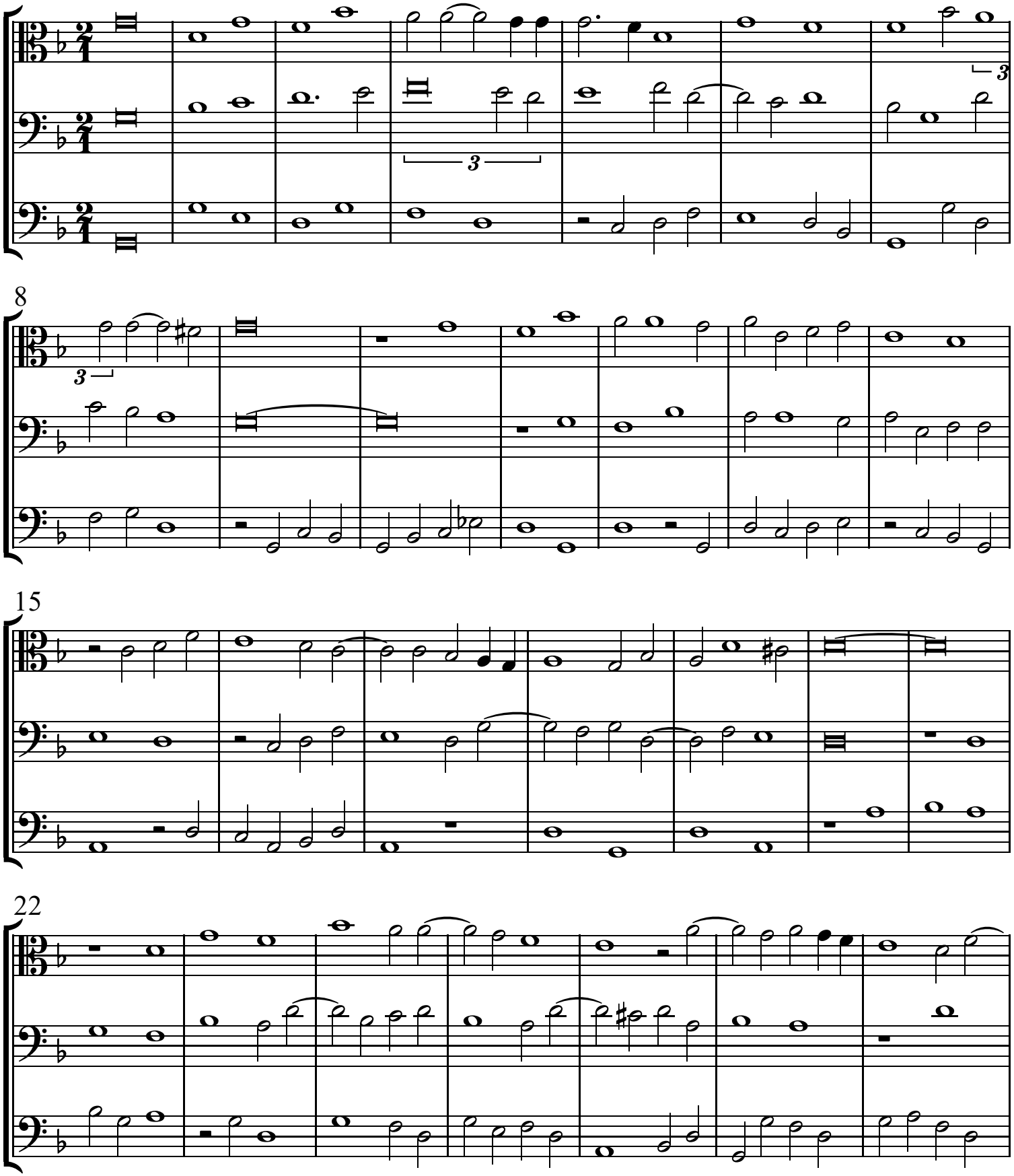

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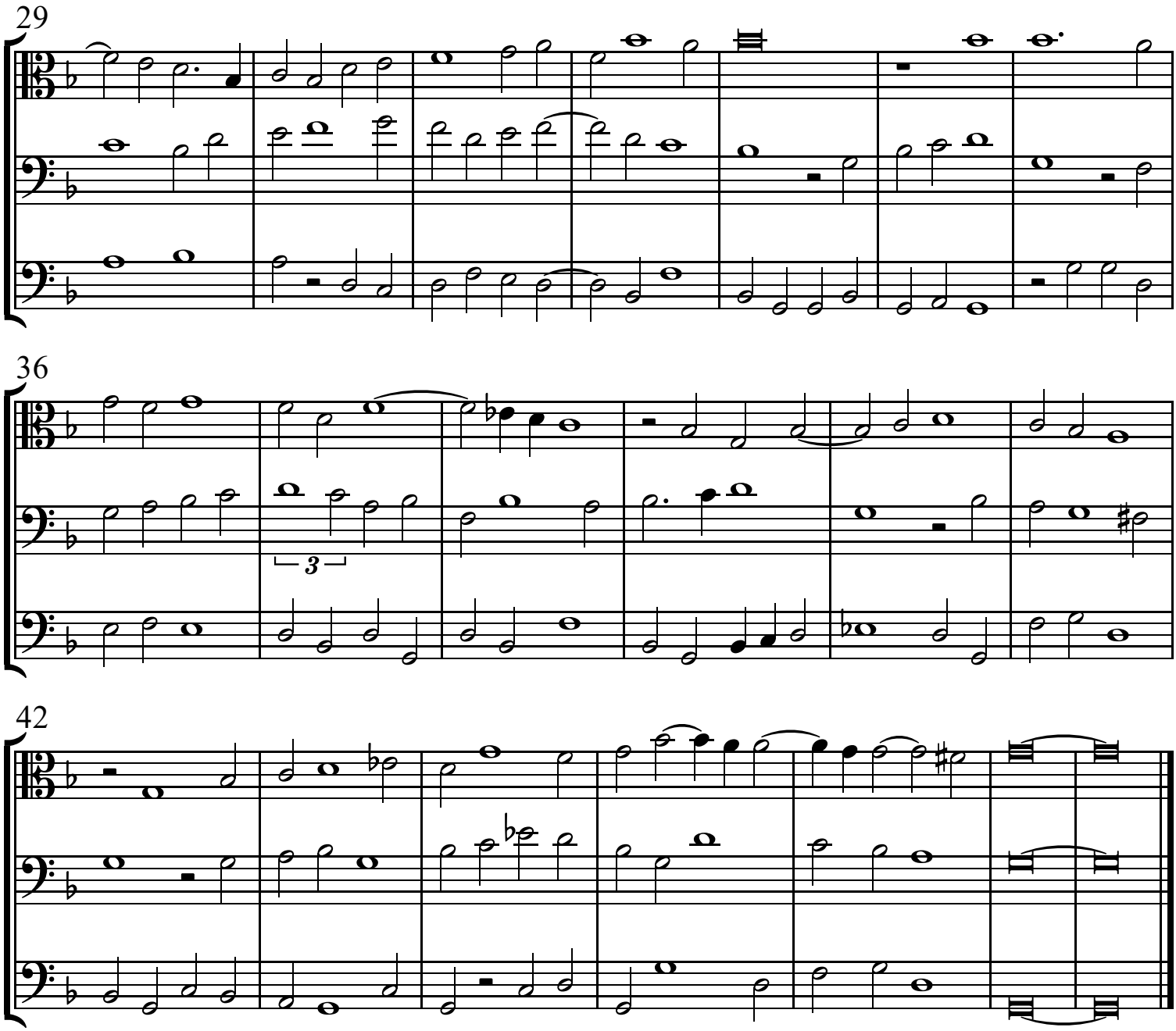
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17. Se deu penser et souvenir

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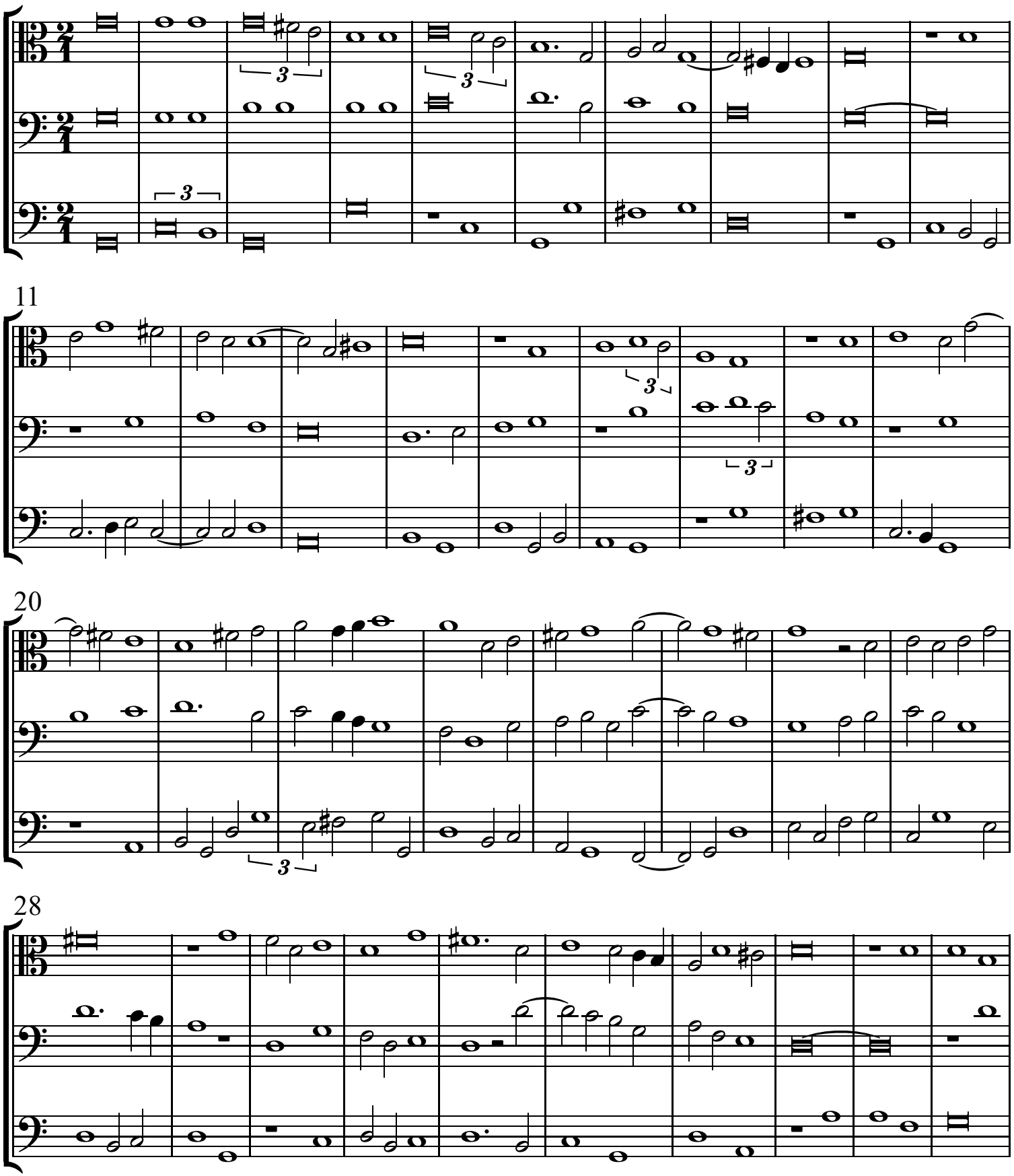

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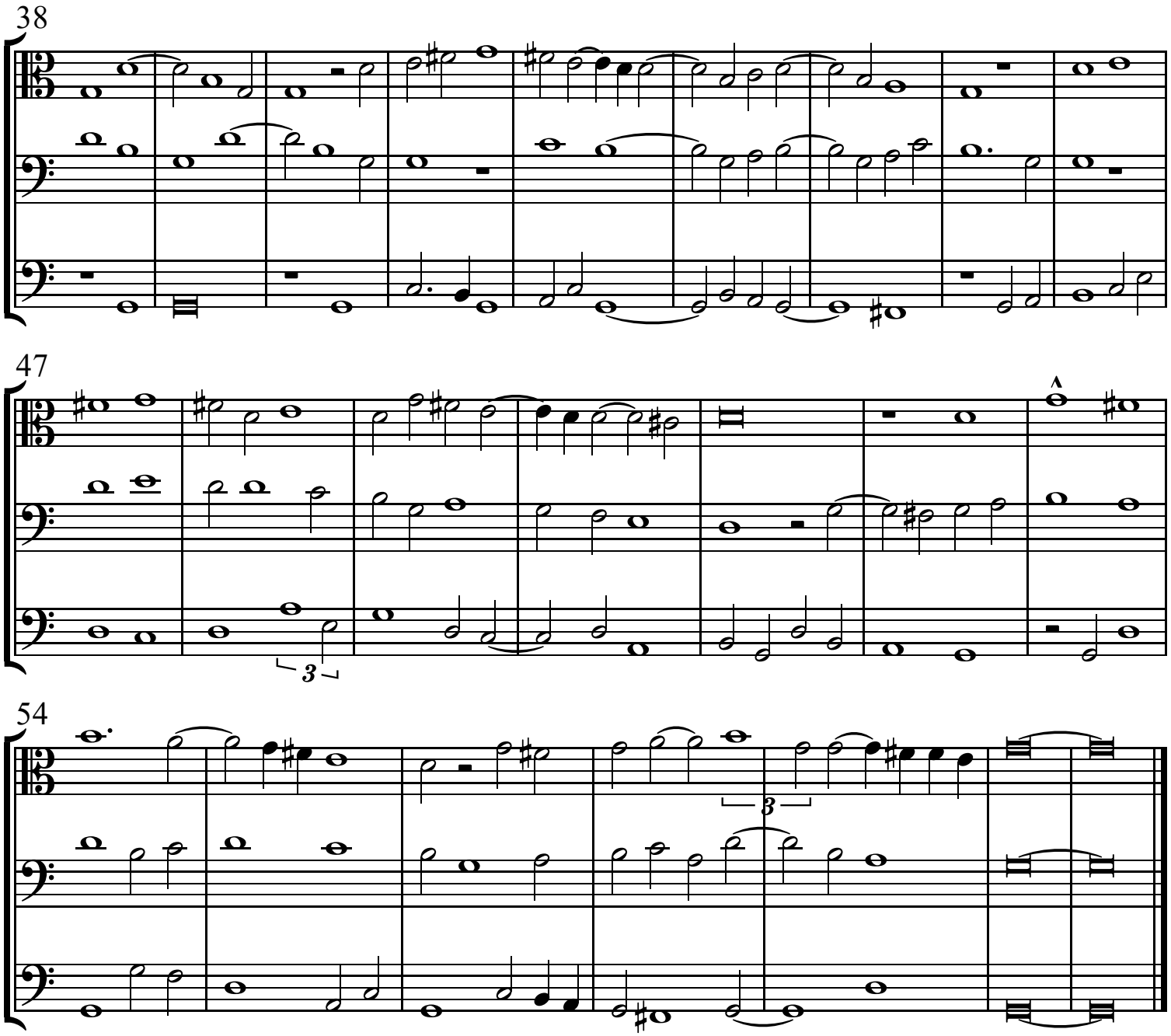
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18. Seulette suis

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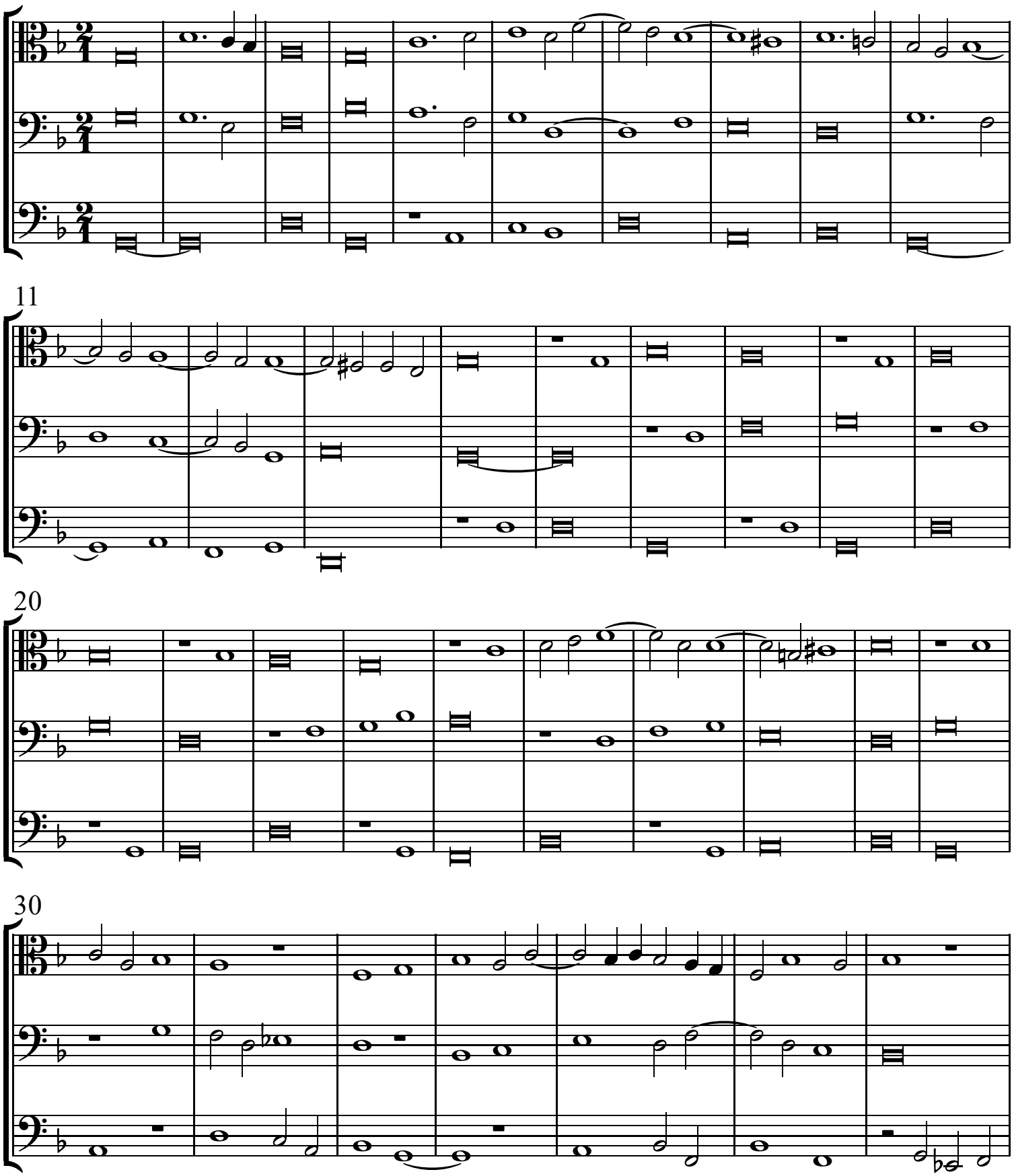

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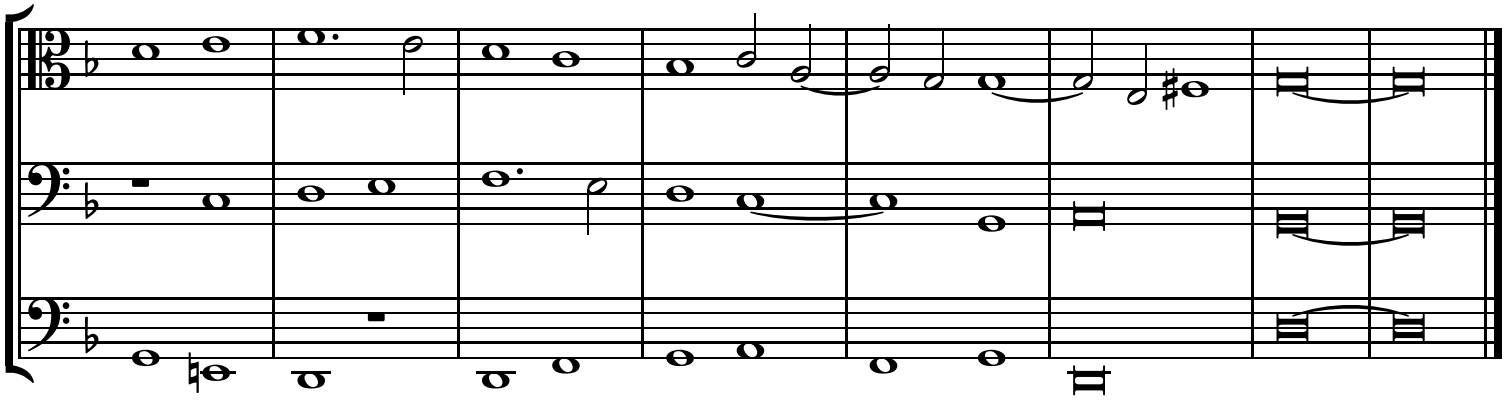

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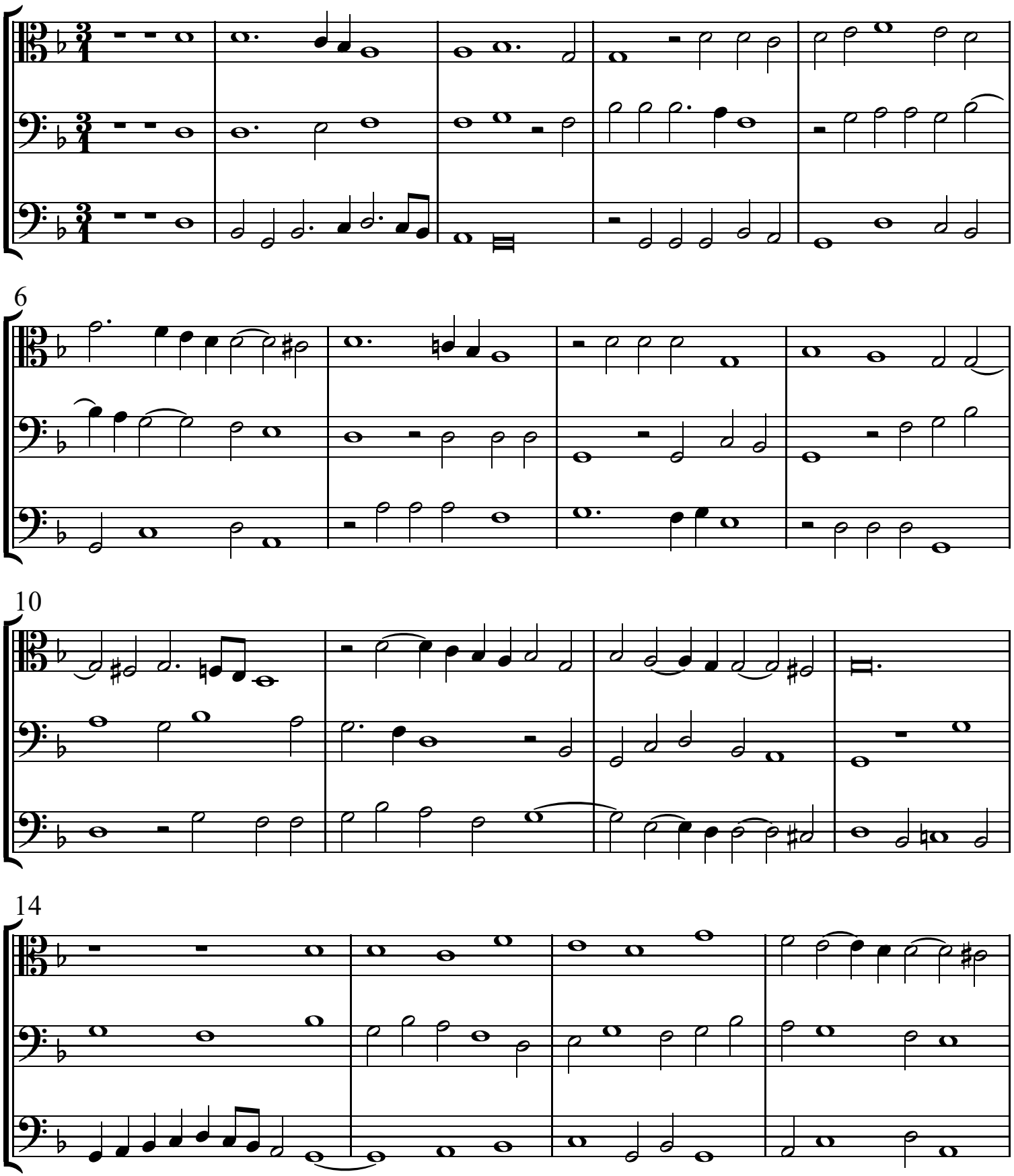

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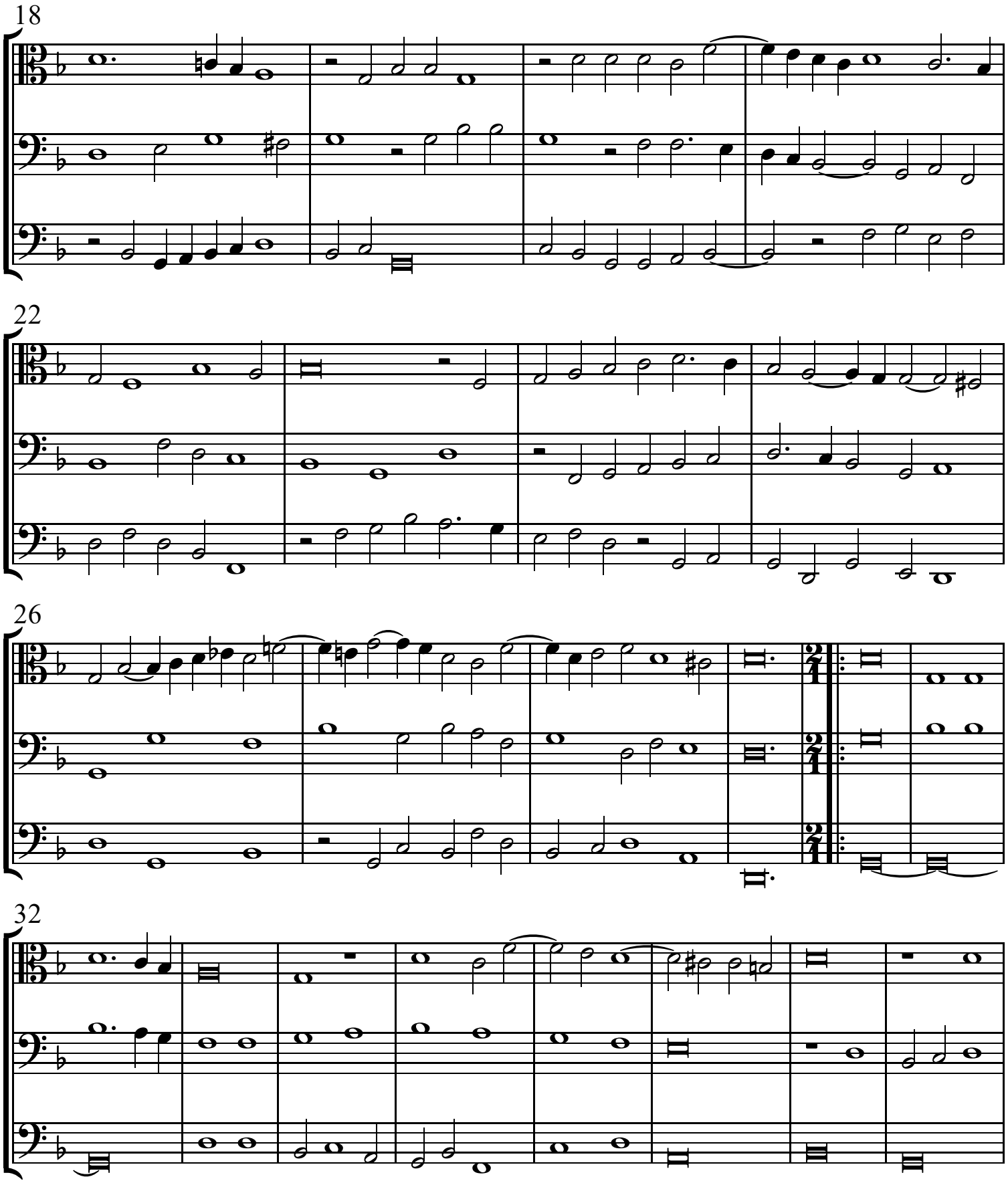
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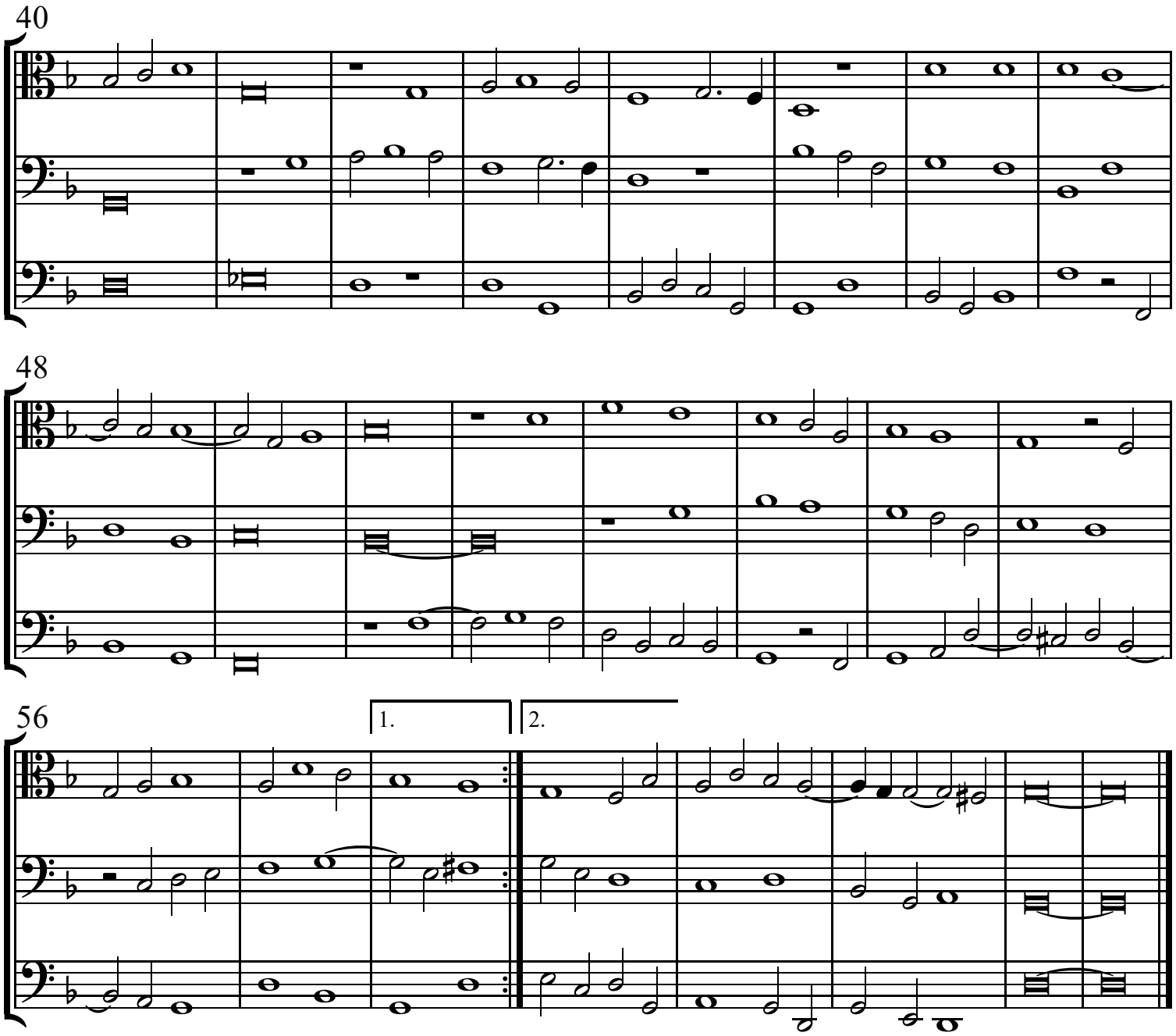
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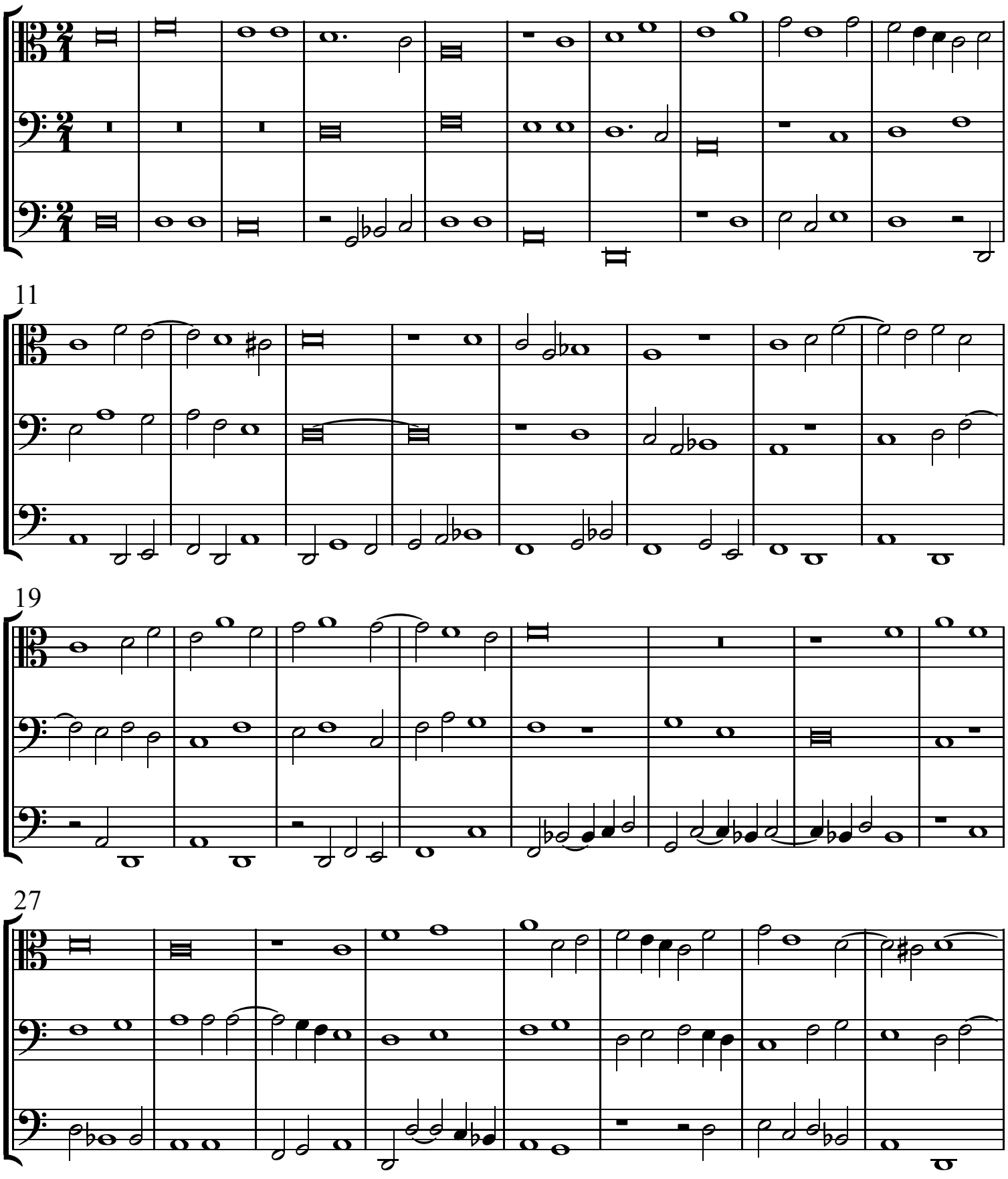

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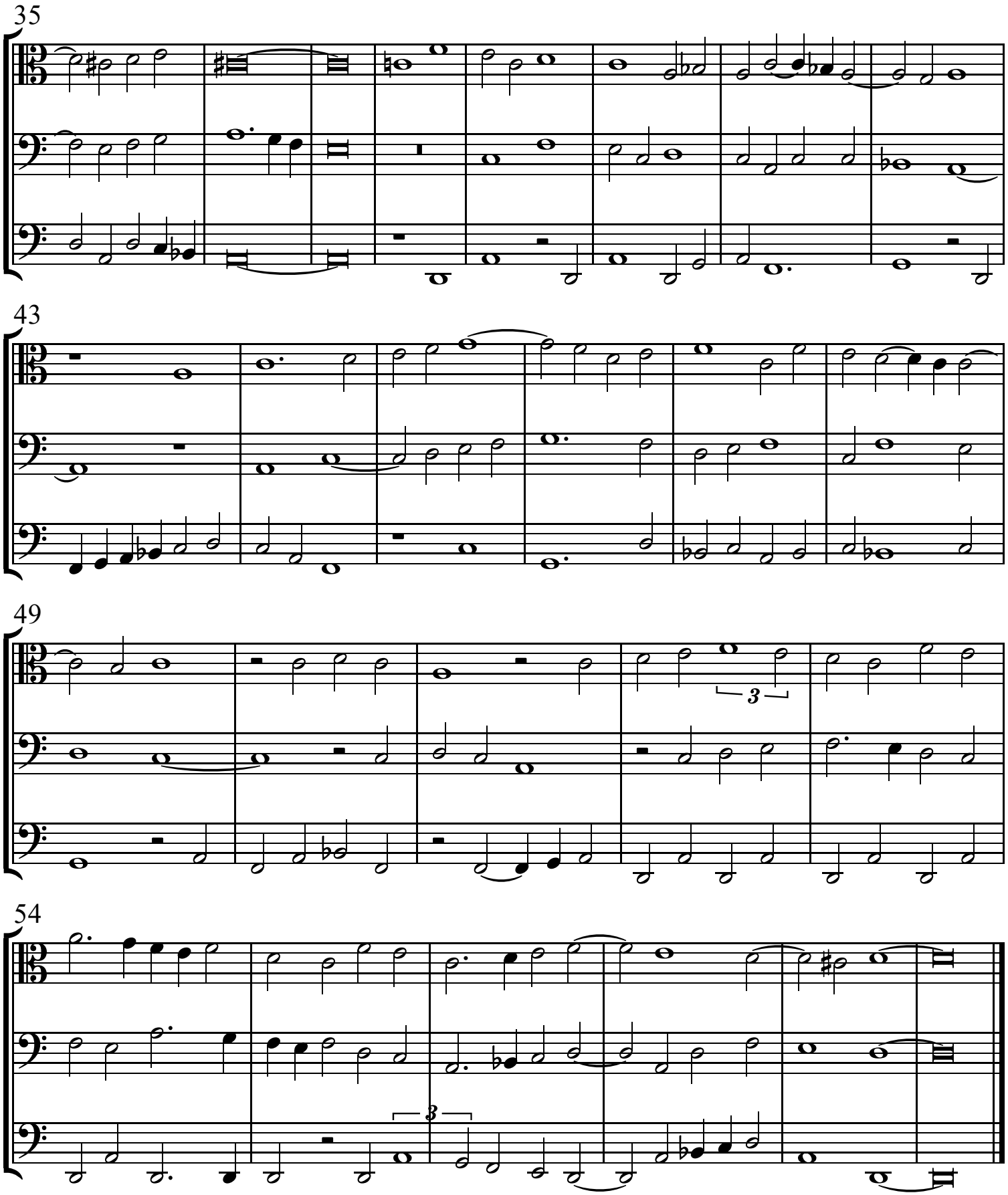
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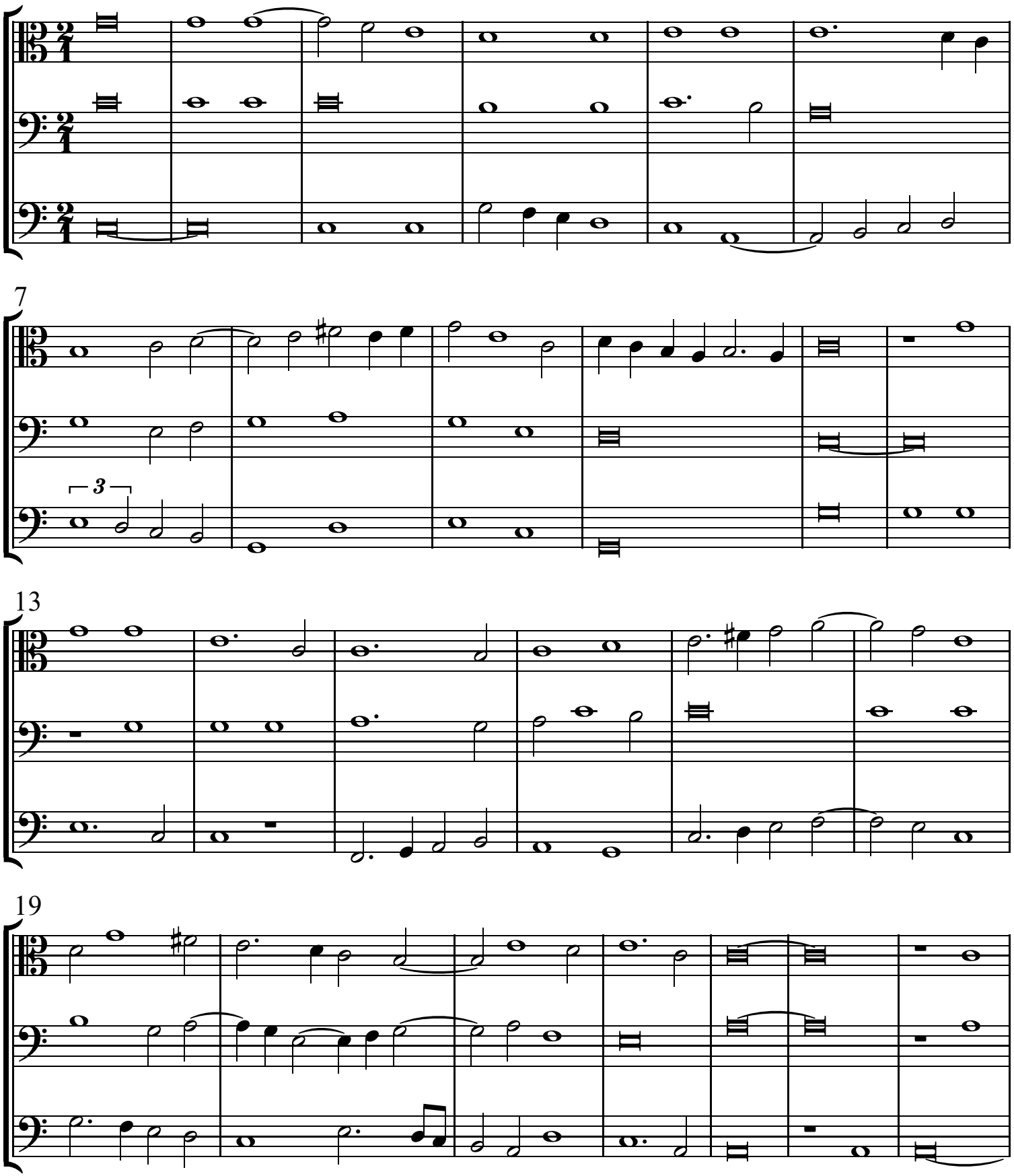

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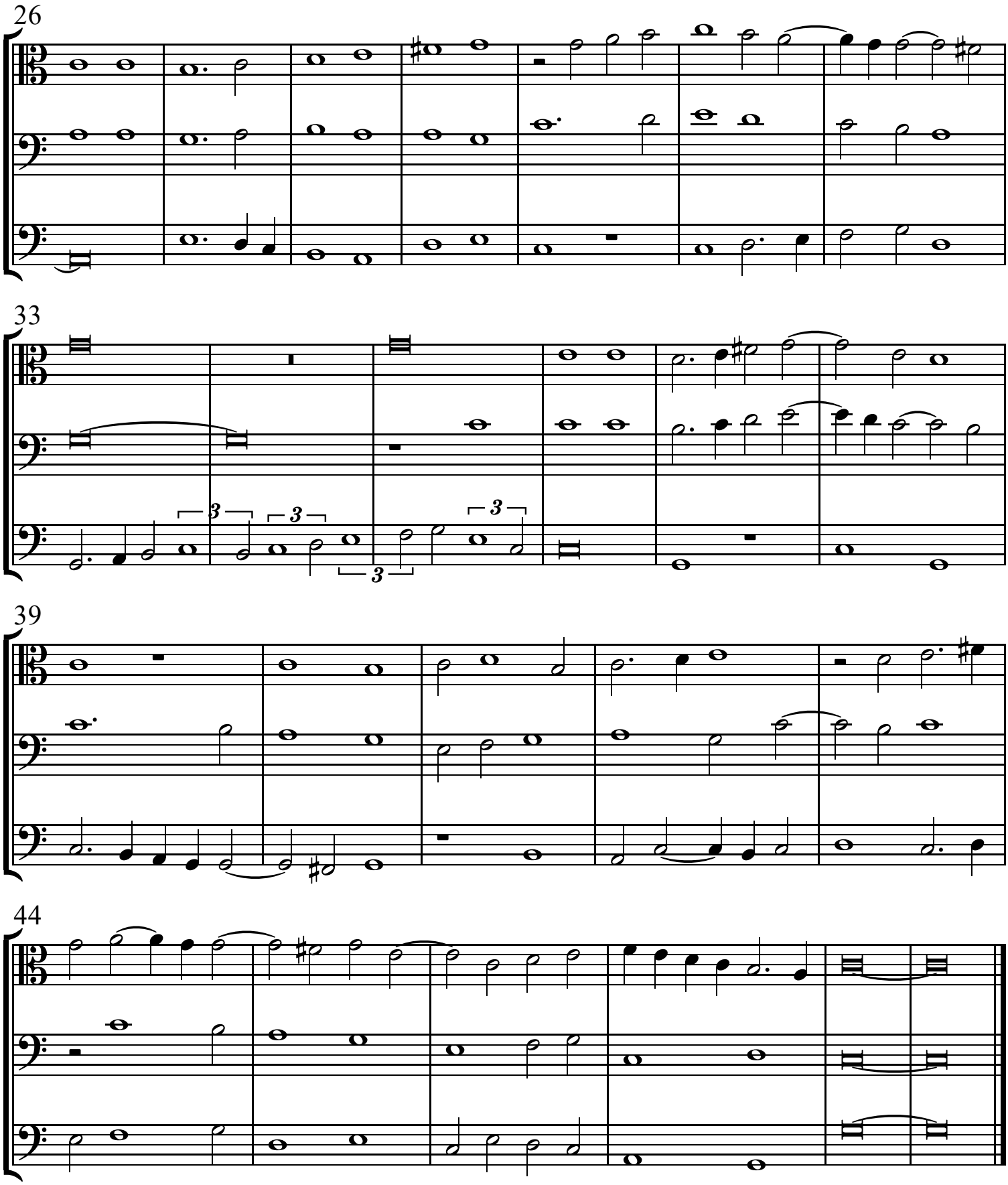
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