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Creation Dance

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Creation Dance
for organ

Jonathan Hope gave the first performance of this work in Gloucester Cathedral on 2nd October 2016. He later recorded the piece in St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol [Willowhayne CD WHRO59].

Creation Dance was also played by Peter Holder as the final voluntary in the Commonwealth Service 2020 in Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

About the work

Creation Dance was begun on the very last day of the summer term in 2015. Weeks of holiday lay ahead – fishing, painting, and the laughter of friends' company. It began as a musical challenge, to write a declamatory opening using all twelve semitones of the scale, which would then work if it was immediately repeated, but this time played back to front. Rhythmically energised passages followed, then sections to display the instrument's colours, a quiet central moment and a boisterous conclusion. The score's directions were deliberately 'visual' – 'Joyfully, with spirals of light', 'glittering, starry' – for in the words of Holst's Hymn of Jesus, 'Divine Grace is dancing - all things things join in the dance!'.

also available by Neil Cox

FOUR IKONS OF THE ARCHANGELS
for organ

I SING OF A MAIDEN
for SATB (with divisions), words anonymous, 15th century

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for SSAATTBB, words from Psalm 17.8 and the antiphon from Compline

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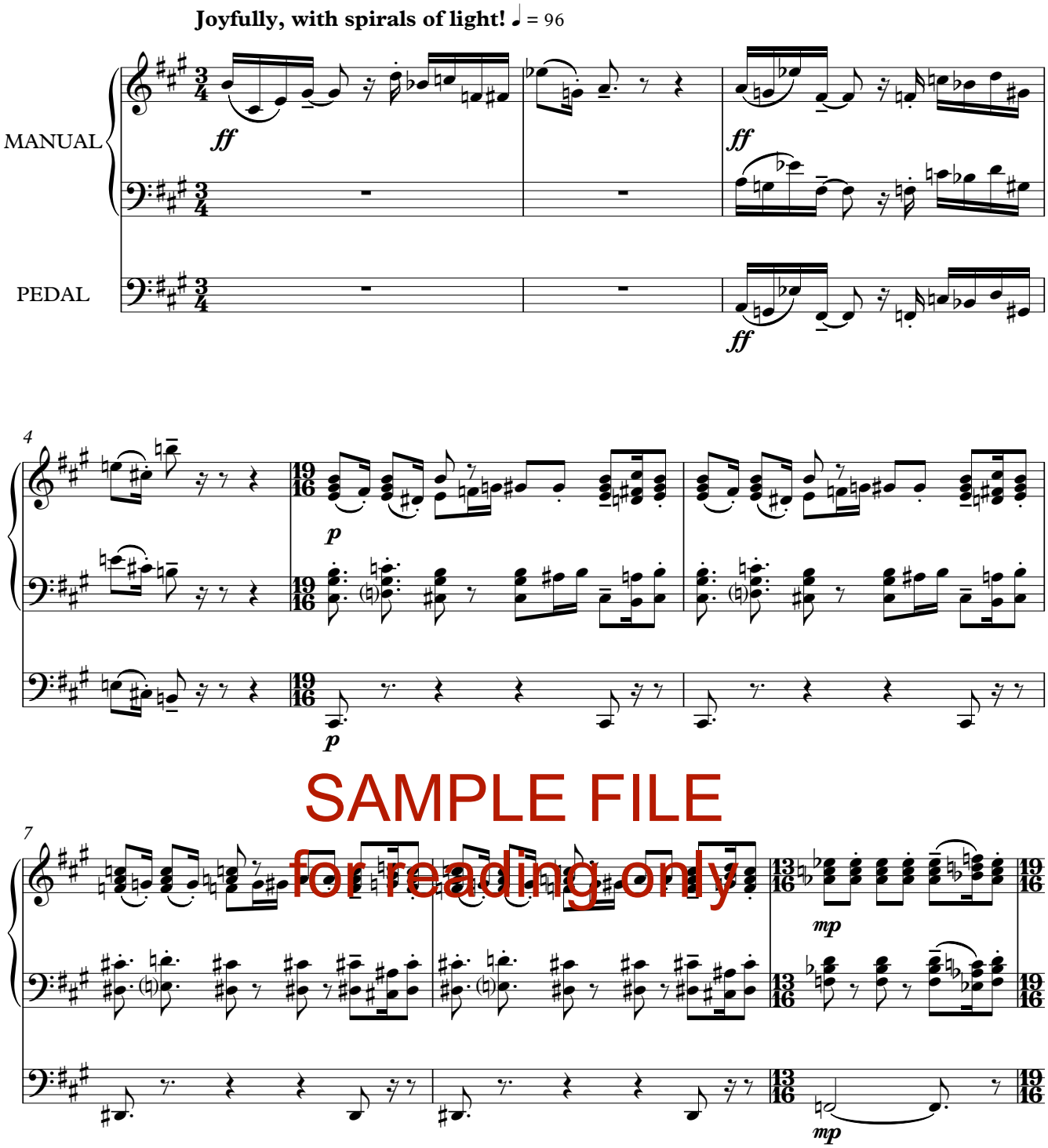

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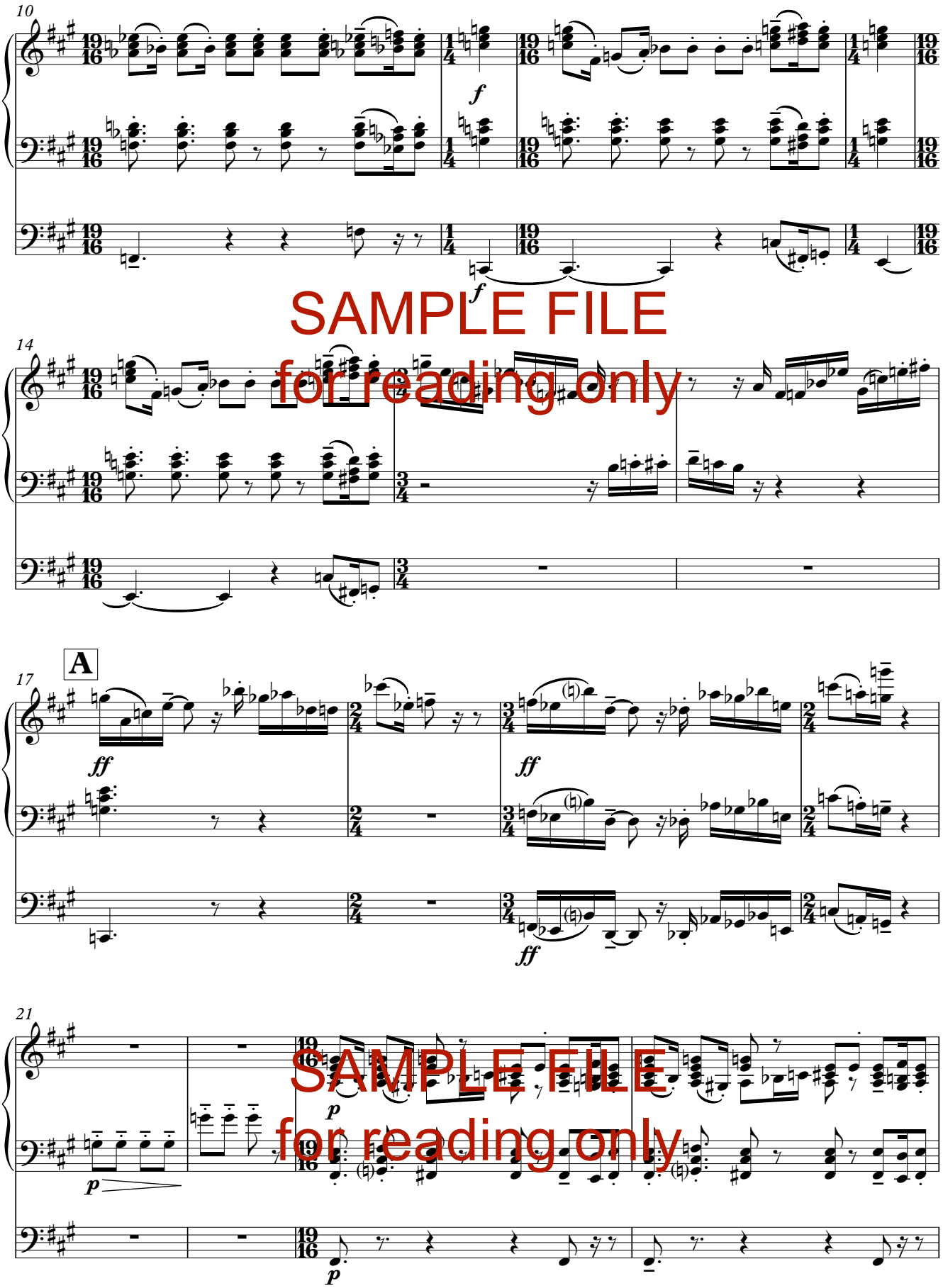

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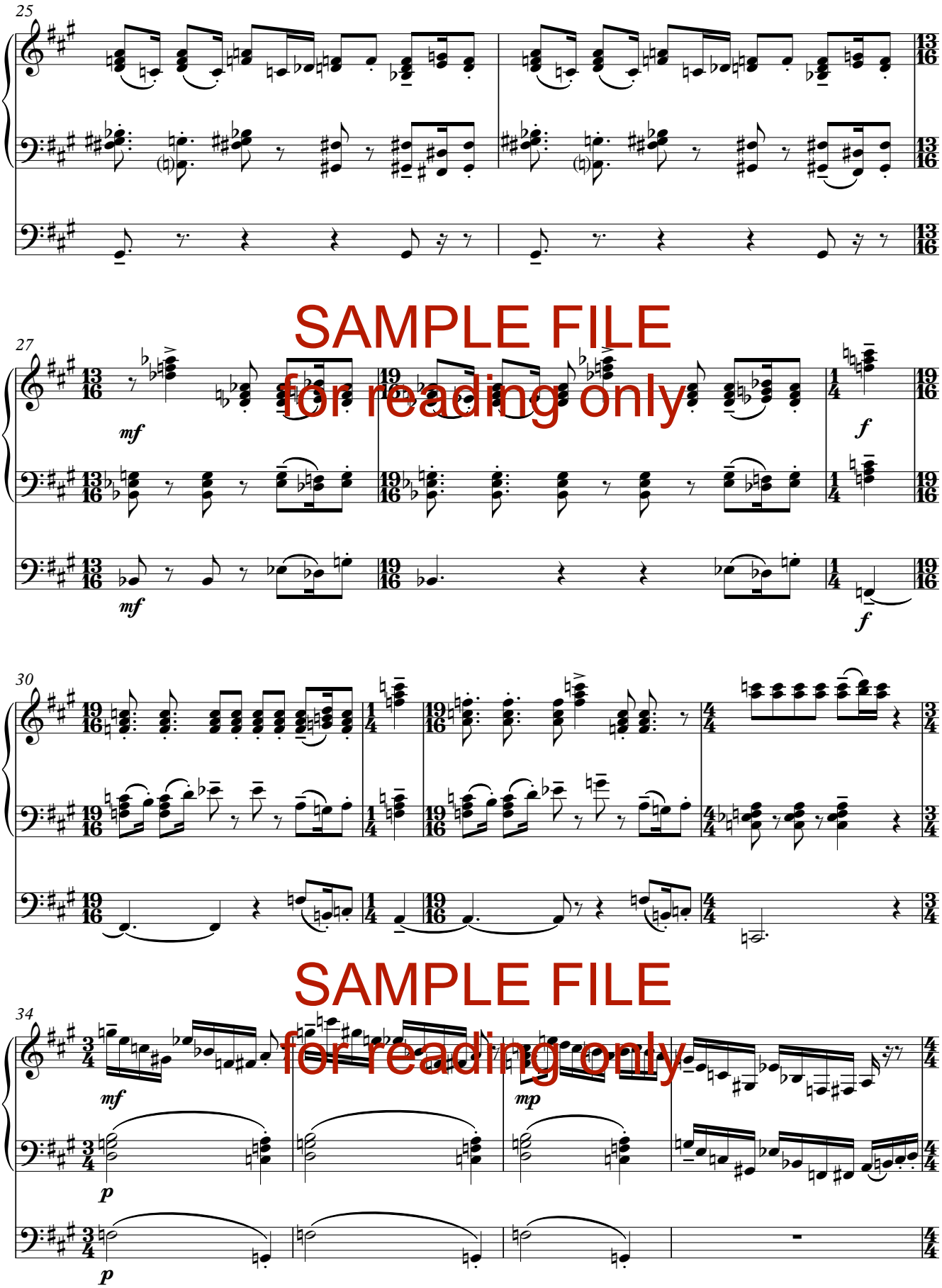

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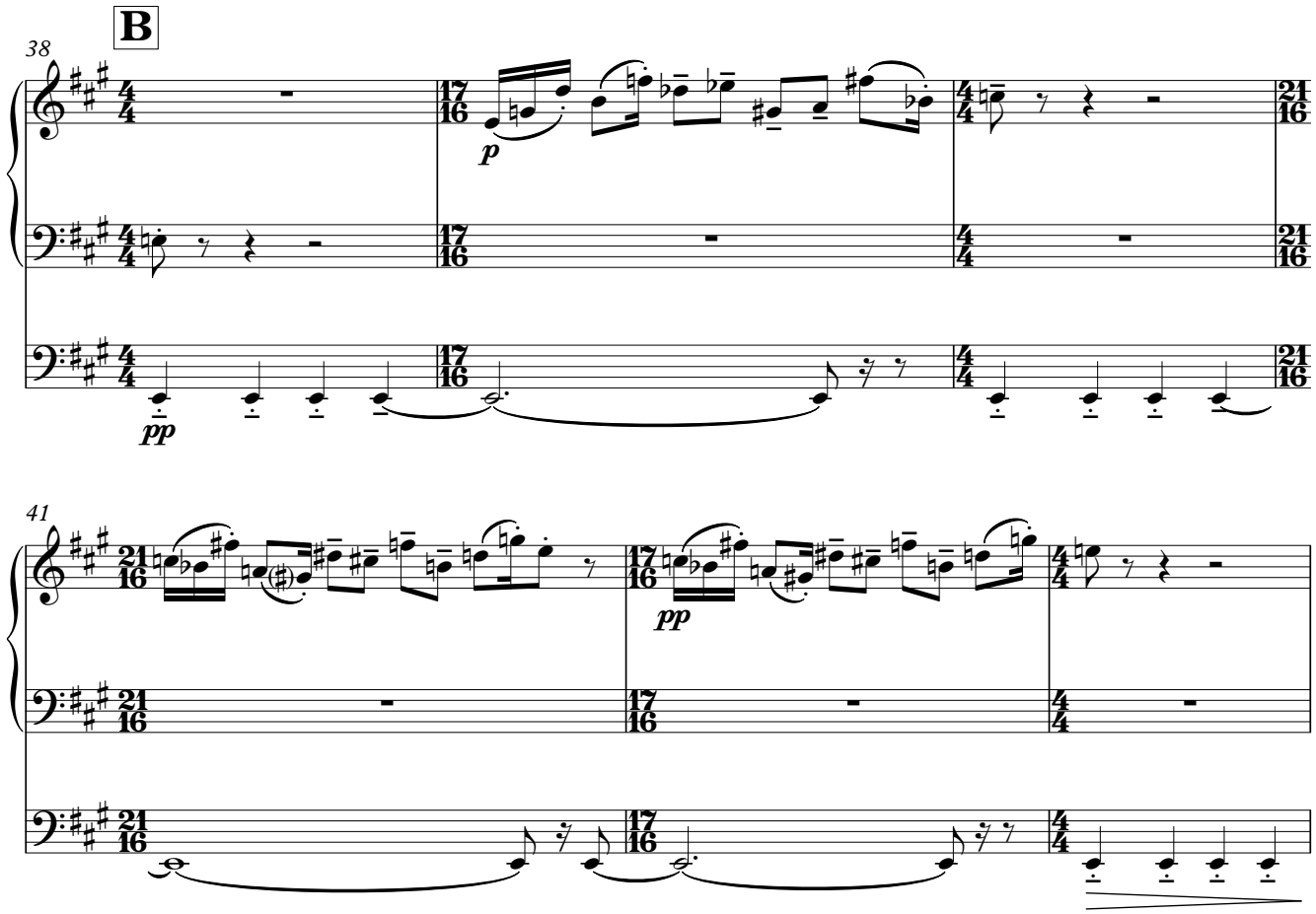

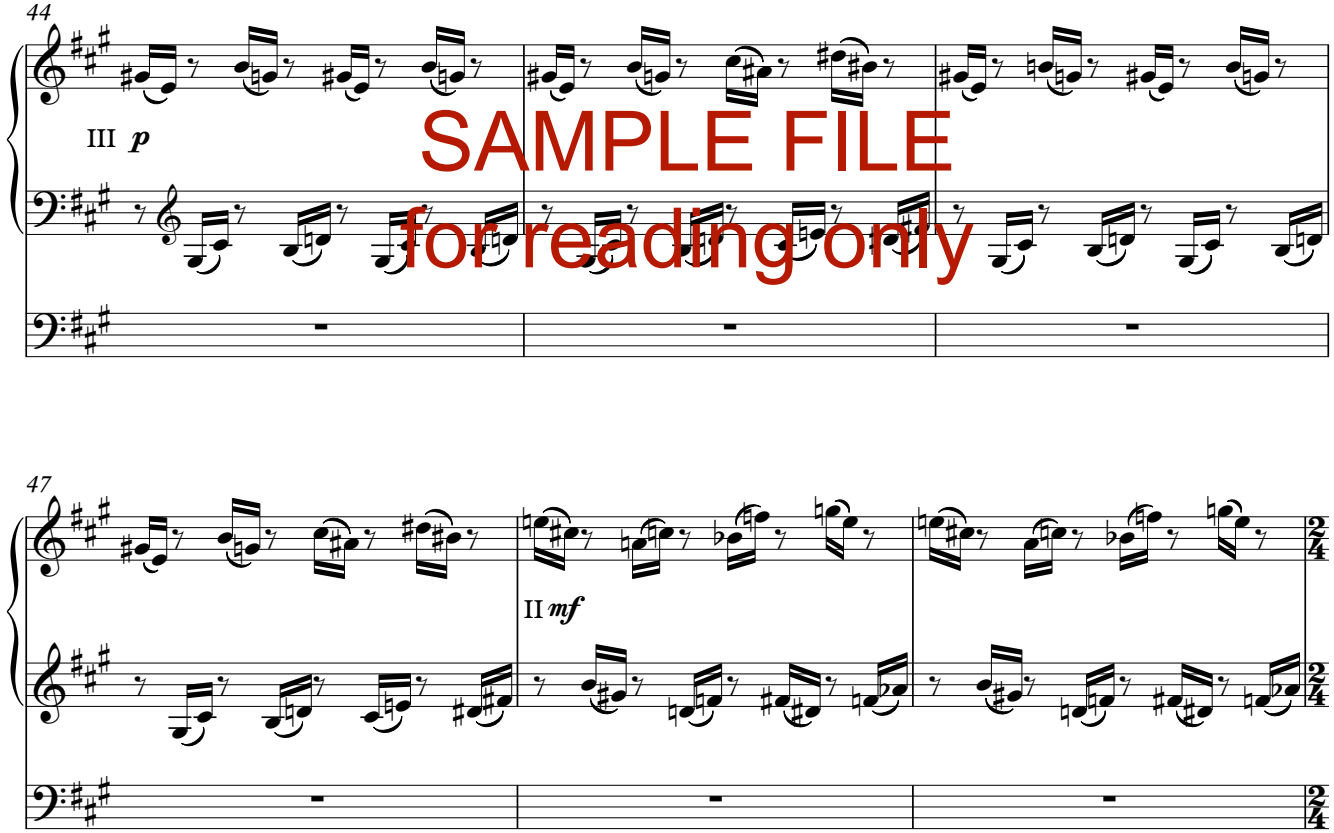

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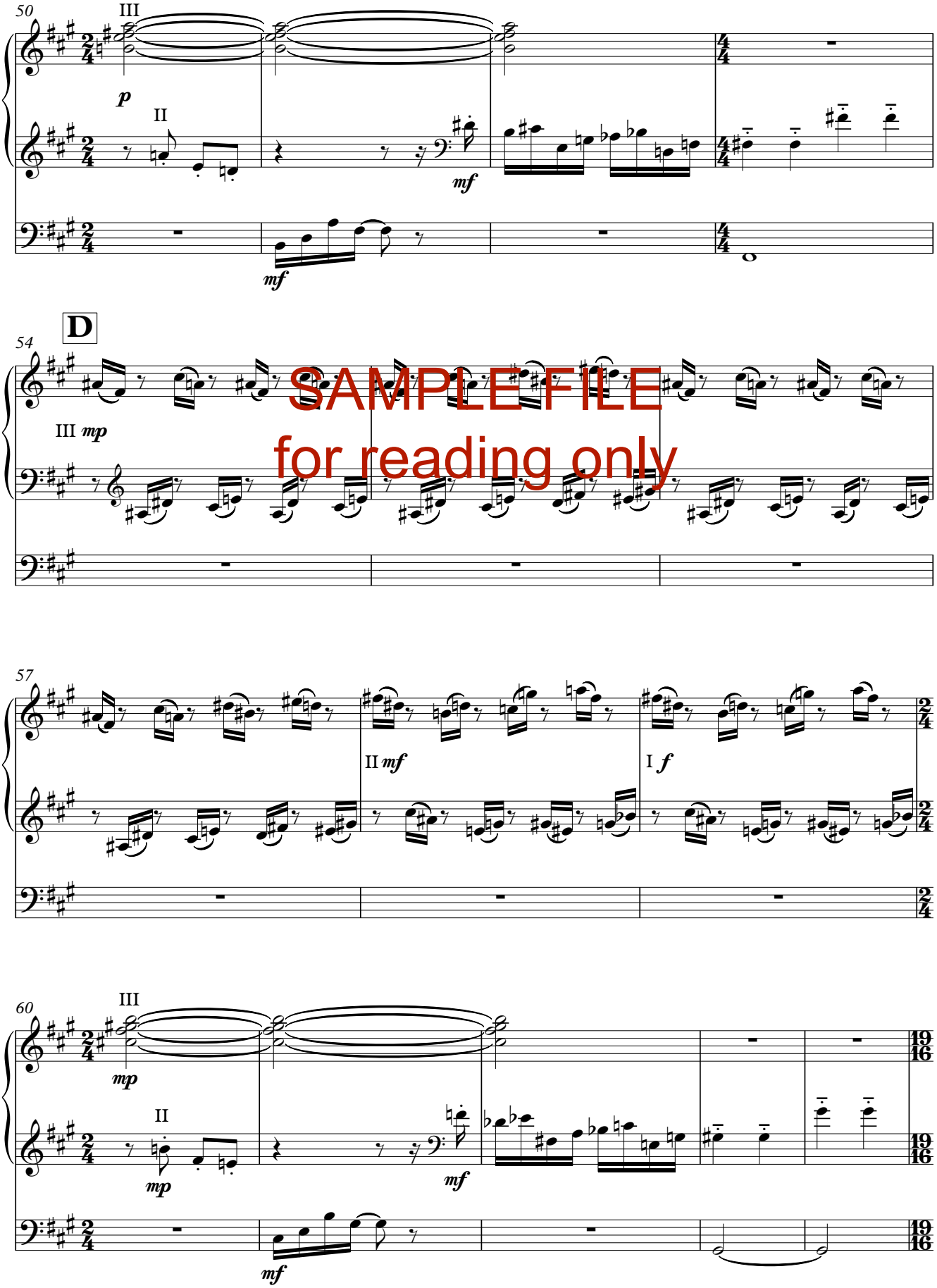

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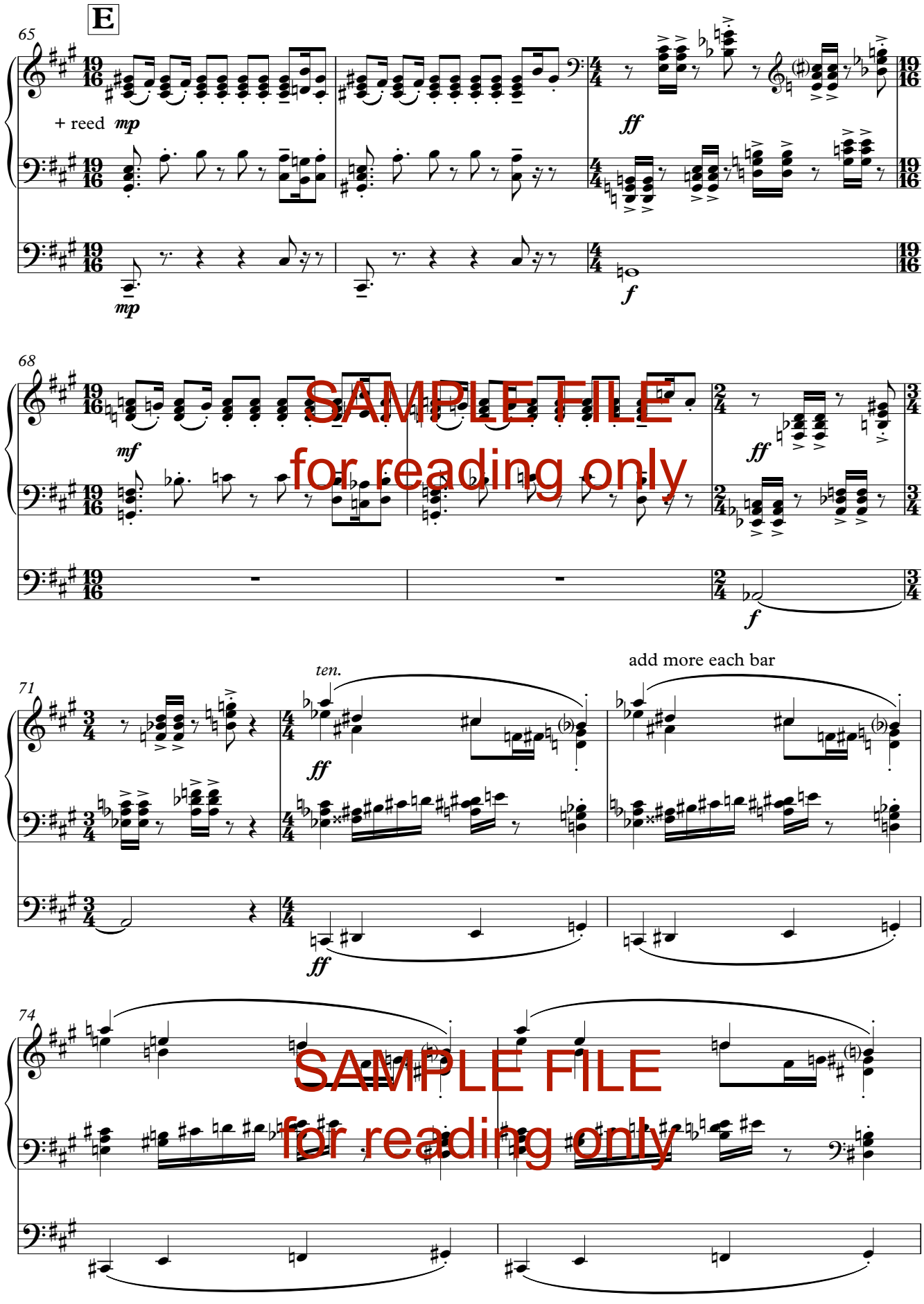

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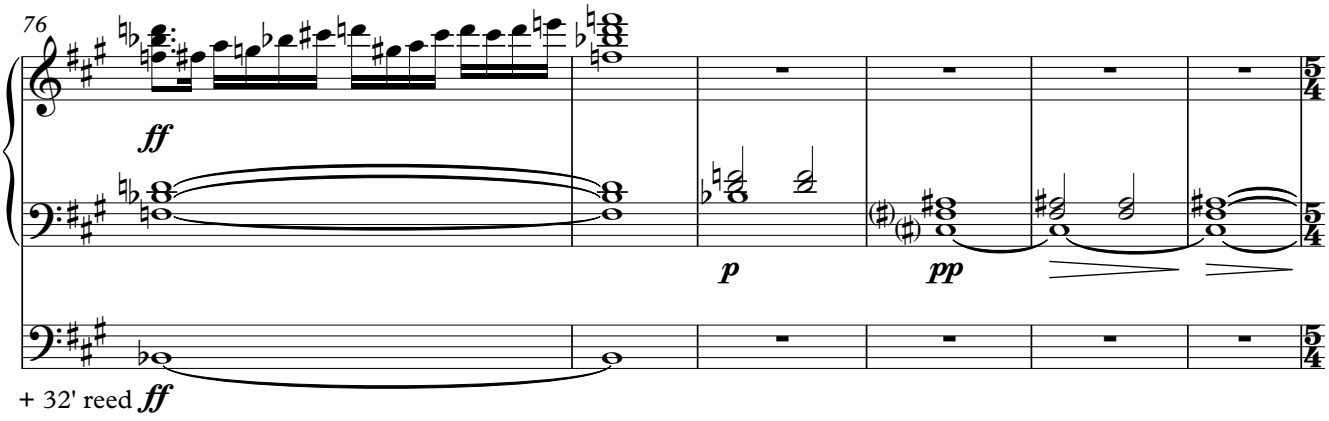

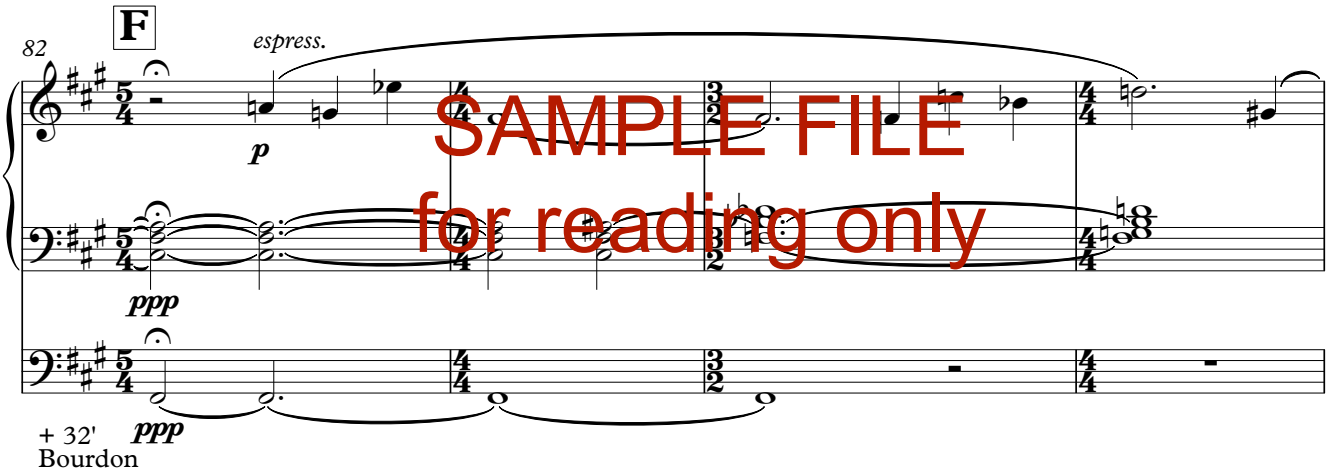

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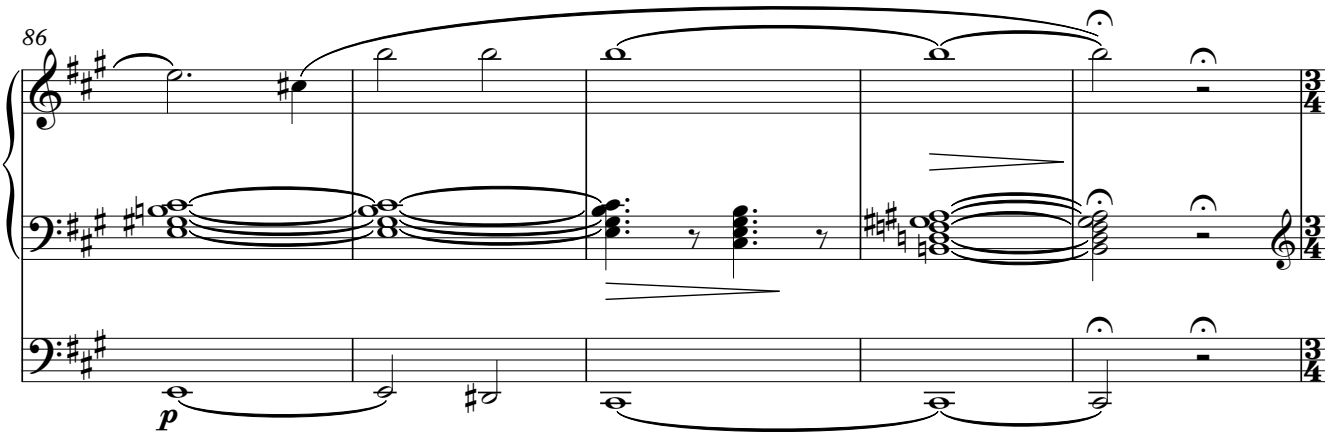

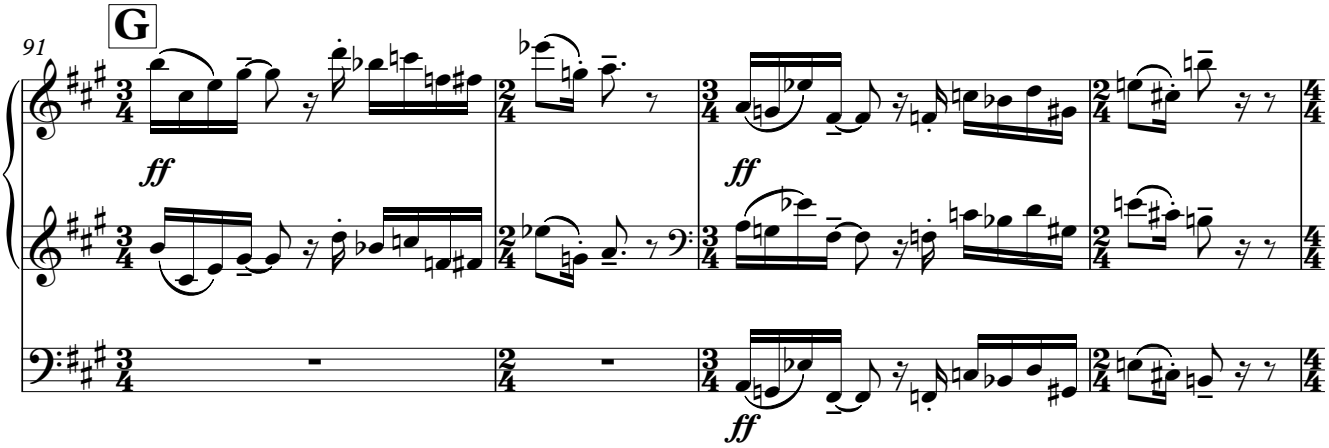

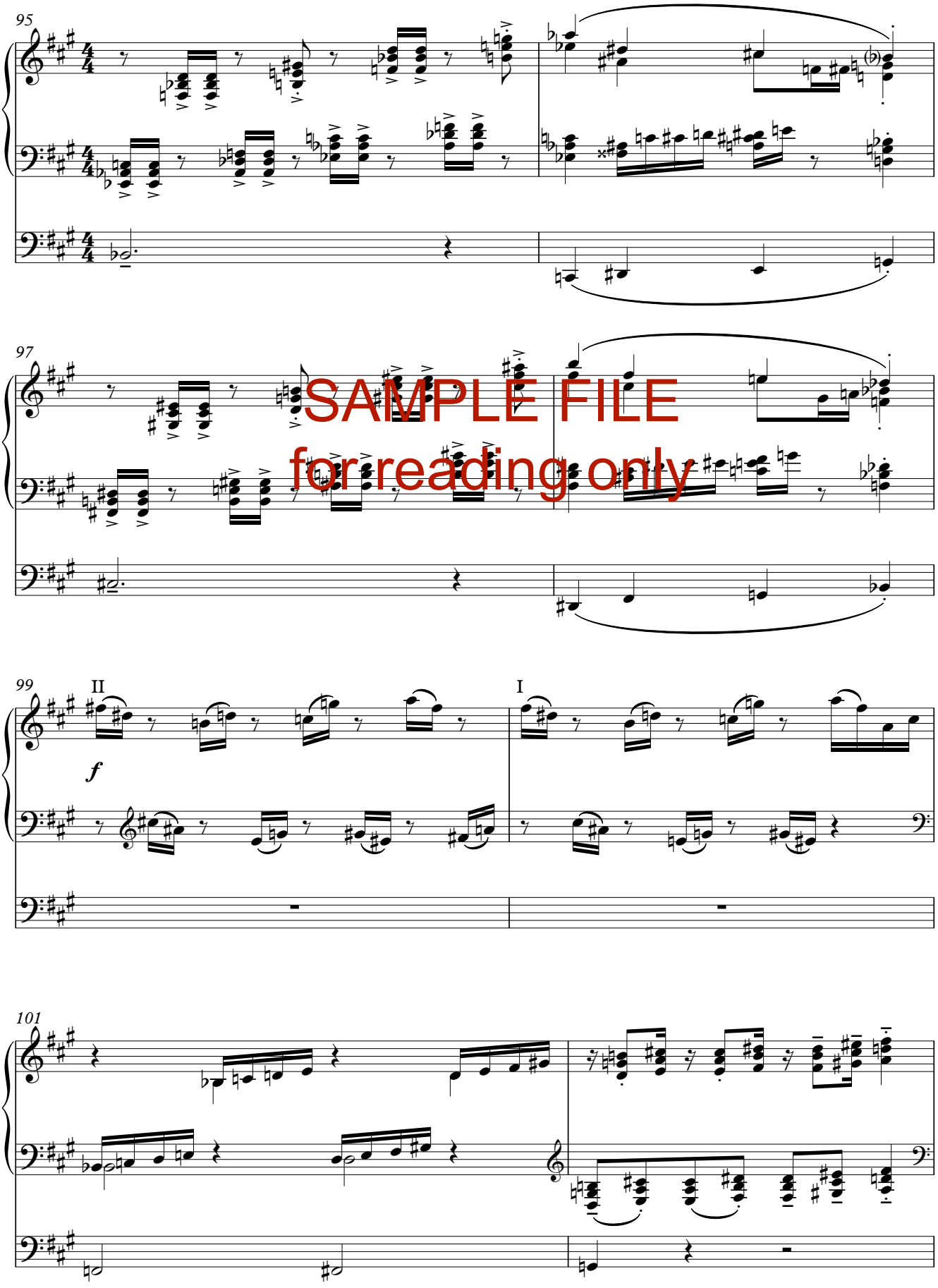

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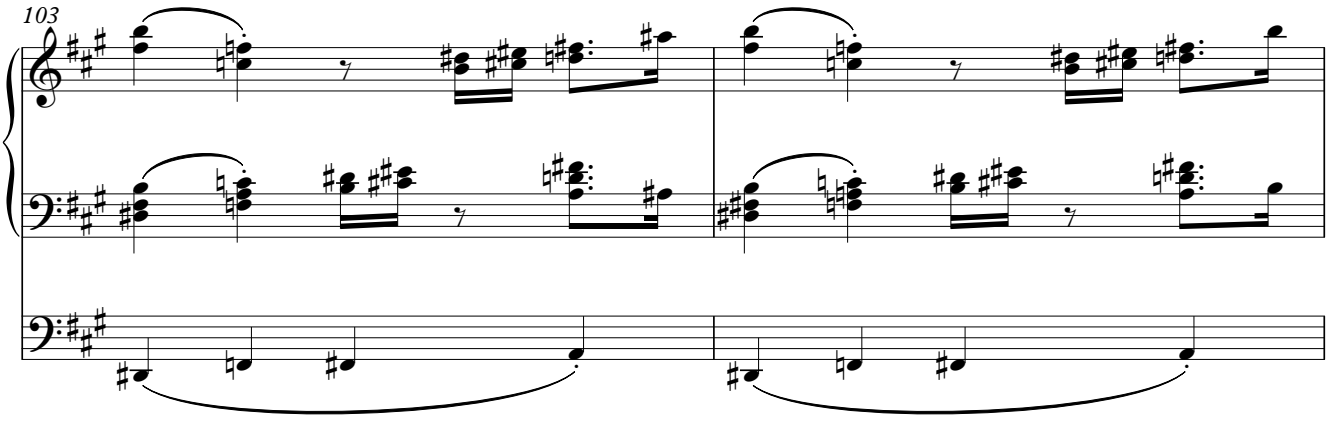

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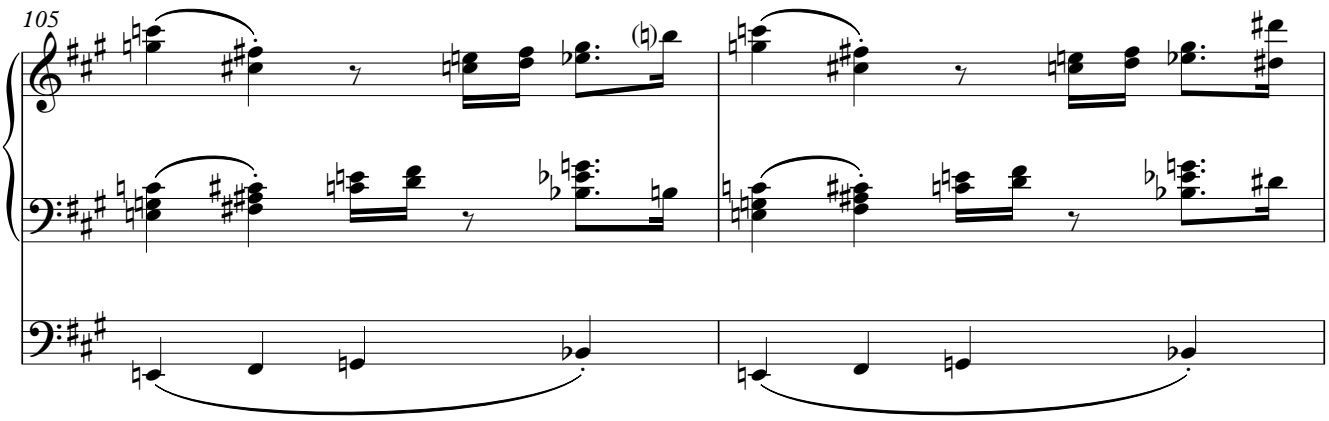

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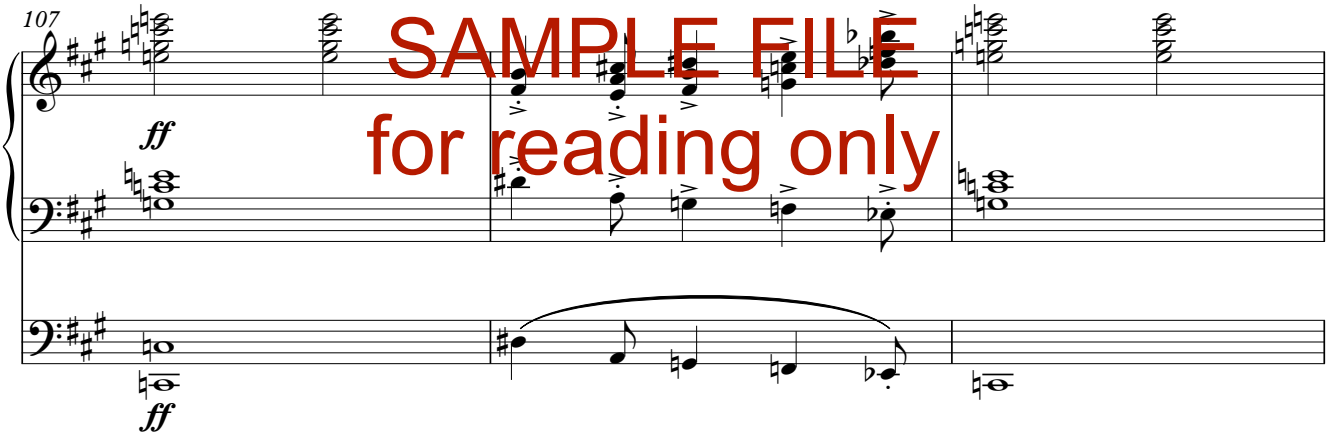

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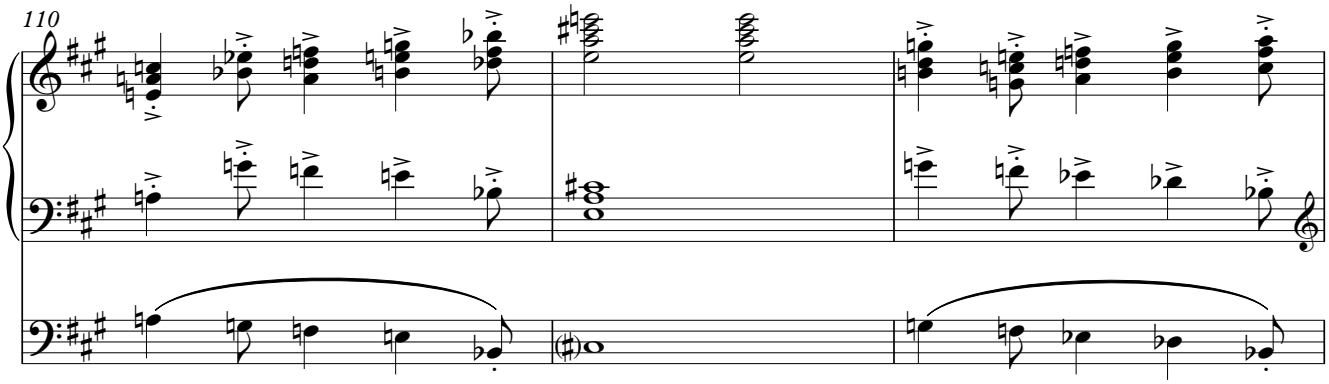

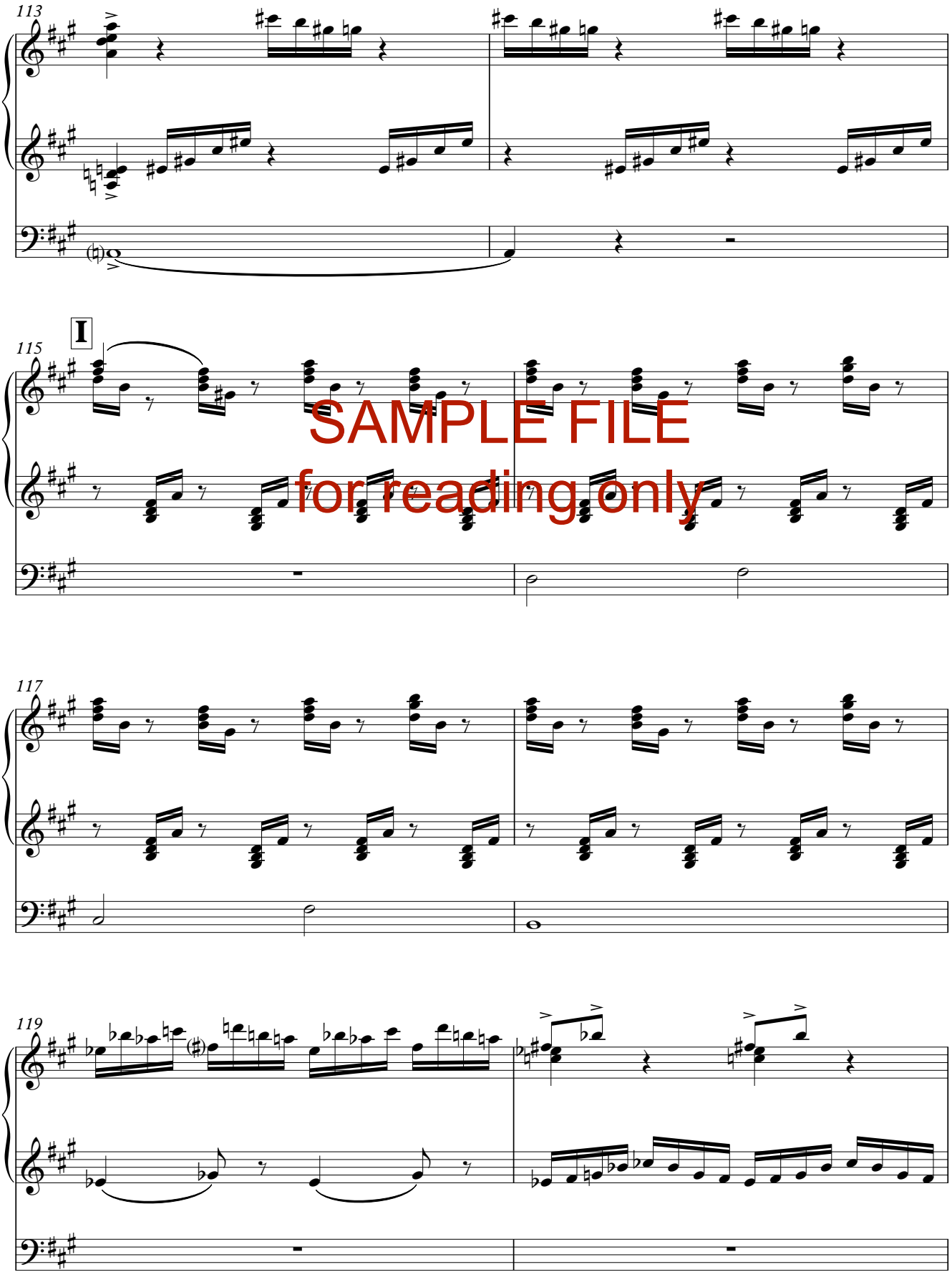

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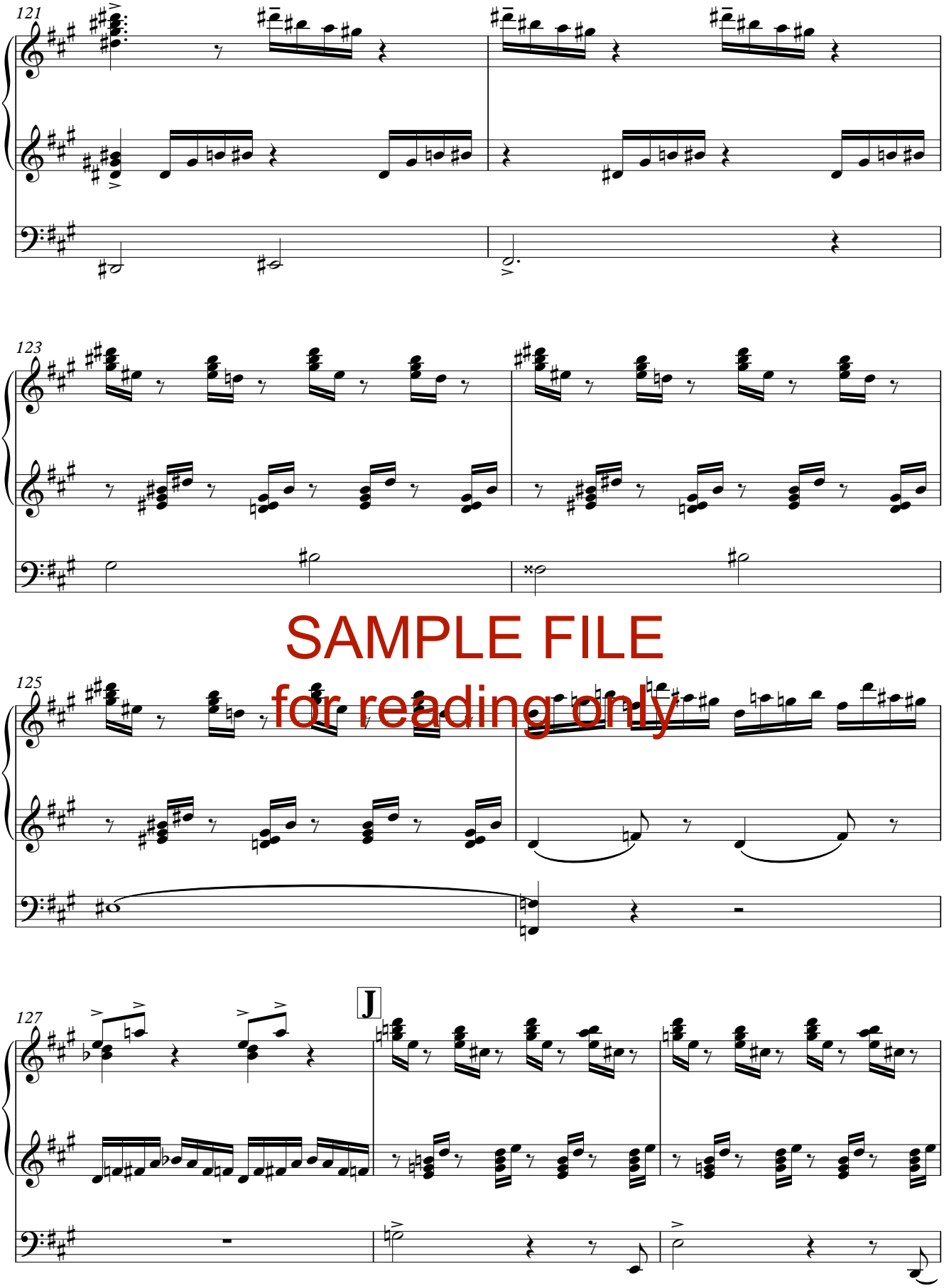

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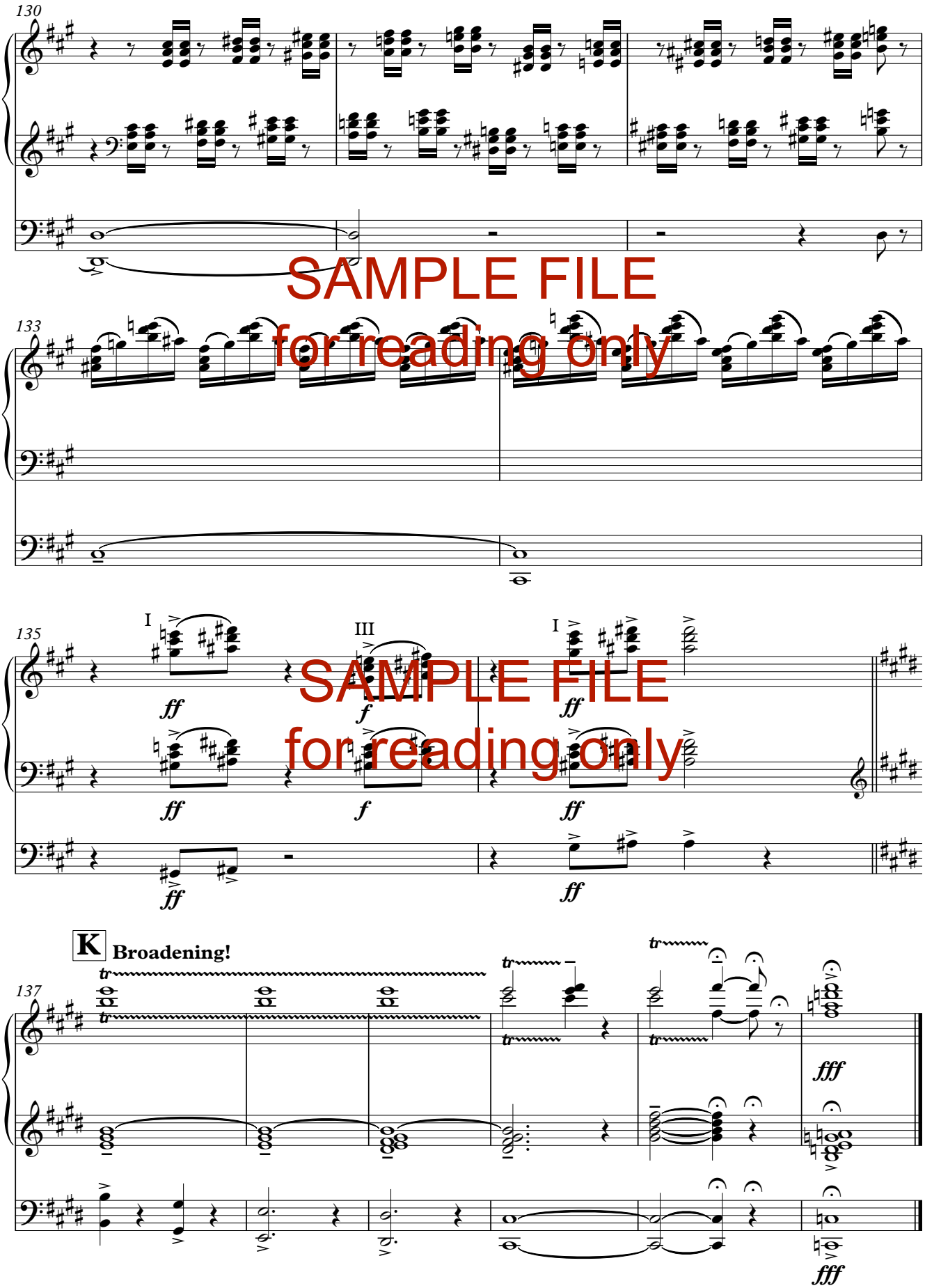

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