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$\text{♩} = 60$

Bassoon

Harp

pp *mp*

Measures 1-4. Bassoon: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 3/4. Harp: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 3/4. Dynamics: *pp* to *mp*.

5

Bsn.

p

3

Hp.

Measures 5-9. Bassoon: 3/4, 3/4, 3/4, 3/4, 5/4. Dynamics: *p*. Harp: 3/4, 3/4, 3/4, 3/4, 5/4.

10

Bsn.

Hp.

pp *mf* *mp*

Measures 10-14. Bassoon: 5/4, 5/4, 5/4, 4/4, 2/4. Harp: 5/4, 5/4, 5/4, 4/4, 2/4. Dynamics: *pp*, *mf*, *mp*.

13

Bsn.

Hp.

p *mf* *pp* *mp*

Measures 13-16. Bsn. part: 2/4, 5/4, 3/4. Hp. part: 2/4, 5/4, 3/4. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*, *pp*, *mp*.

17

Bsn.

Hp.

tr *pp* *mp* *mp* *mf*

Measures 17-20. Bsn. part: 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 4/4. Hp. part: 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 4/4. Dynamics: *tr*, *pp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mf*.

21

Bsn.

Hp.

mf *mp* *mf* *p* *mf*

Measures 21-24. Bsn. part: 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 4/4. Hp. part: 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 4/4. Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*, *mf*, *p*, *mf*.

24

Bsn.

6 *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

tr

3

3

Hp.

mp

mf *mp*

27

Bsn.

tr

3

mf

Hp.

30

Bsn.

ppp *p*

Hp.

f *ff* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

3

33

Bsn.

Hp.

ff

ff *f* *mf*

36

Bsn.

Hp.

$\text{♩} = 66$

p *pp*

mp *pp*

40

Bsn.

Hp.

$\text{♩} = 76$

p

mf *p*

45

Bsn.

mp

pp

Hp.

Measures 45-49. Bsn. part: 45 (rest), 46 (quarter, quarter sharp, quarter), 47 (quarter sharp, quarter, quarter, quarter sharp), 48 (quarter sharp, quarter, quarter, quarter sharp), 49 (quarter, quarter, quarter). Hp. part: 45 (quarter, quarter, quarter), 46 (quarter, quarter, quarter), 47 (quarter, quarter, quarter), 48 (quarter, quarter, quarter), 49 (quarter, quarter, quarter). Dynamics: mp, pp. Tempo: 66.

50

Bsn.

mf

ppp

Hp.

mf

p

f marcato

Measures 50-53. Bsn. part: 50 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 51 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 52 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 53 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter). Hp. part: 50 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 51 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 52 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 53 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter). Dynamics: mf, ppp, mf, p, f marcato.

54

Bsn.

Hp.

Measures 54-57. Bsn. part: 54 (rest), 55 (rest), 56 (rest), 57 (rest). Hp. part: 54 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 55 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 56 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter), 57 (quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter).

58

Bsn.

mp *mf* *tr*

3

6

Hp.

61

Bsn.

mp *mf* 3

3

Hp.

64

Bsn.

f 6 *mf* 3 6

3

Hp.

67

Bsn.

mp

Hp.

mp

70

Bsn.

f *mp* *f*

Hp.

f *mf* *f*

73

Bsn.

trm

Hp.

f

3 *6*

75

Bsn.

ff *fff*

3 6

Hp.

ff

3 6 3

77

Bsn.

f *mf* *f*

5 3

Hp.

80

Bsn.

mp

3

Hp.

f

83

Bsn.

Hp.

ppp

mp

6

tr

83

88

Bsn.

Hp.

f

ff

3

88

91

Bsn.

Hp.

mf

fff

3

6

3

6

91

94

Bsn.

tr

f

Hp.

97

Bsn.

3

ff *f*

Hp.

99

Bsn.

mf *mp*

3

Hp.

mf

103

Bsn.

mf *mp*

3 3

Hp.

106

Bsn.

ppp *p*

3

Hp.

pp *pp*

poco rit.

109

Bsn.

3 3

Hp.

♩ = 96

117

121

125

Bsn.

Hp.

mp (dance-like)

ppp *p*

125 126 127 128

129

Bsn.

Hp.

mp *pp* *p*

129 130 131 132 133

134

Bsn.

Hp.

pp *mp*

134 135 136 137

138

Bsn.

Hp.

ppp

138

139

140

141

142

Bsn.

Hp.

pp $\longleftarrow$ *mp*

mf

142

143

144

145

147

Bsn.

Hp.

ppp *pp* $\longleftarrow$ *mp* *pp* *p*

rit.

147

148

149

150

- - ♩ = 76

151

Bsn.

Hp.

f *mp* *mf* *pp*

155

Bsn.

Hp.

p *ppp*

159

Bsn.

Hp.

p *pp* *rit.*

164 - - - ♩ = 60

Bsn.

niente

Hp.

p

164 165 166 167 168 169

170 ♩ = 54

Bsn.

Hp.

pp

170 171 172 173 174

175

Bsn.

Hp.

morendo

175 176 177 178 179

Bassoon Part

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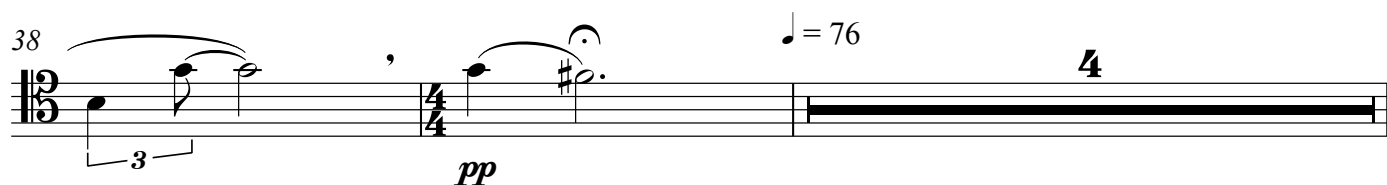
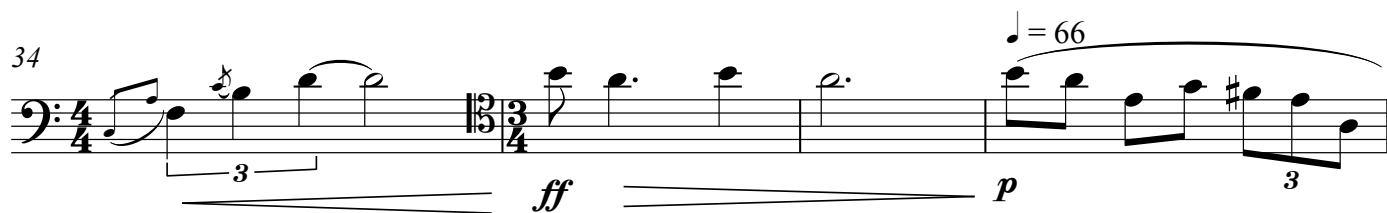
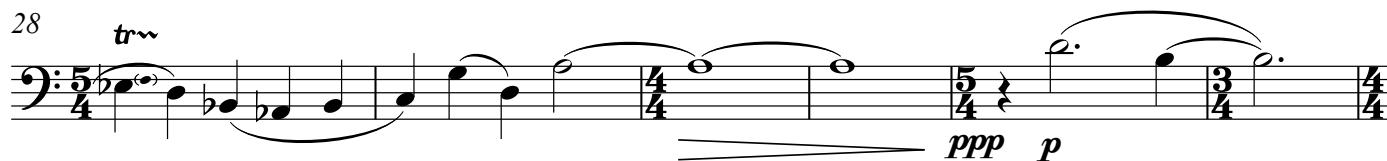
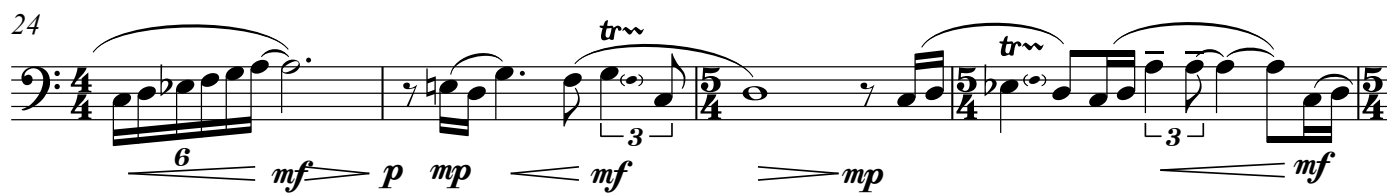
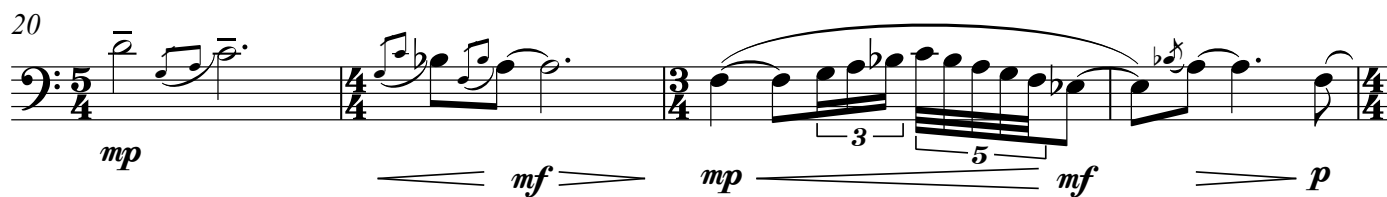
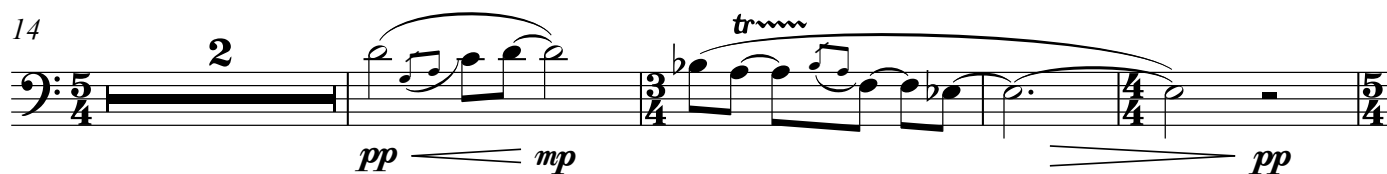
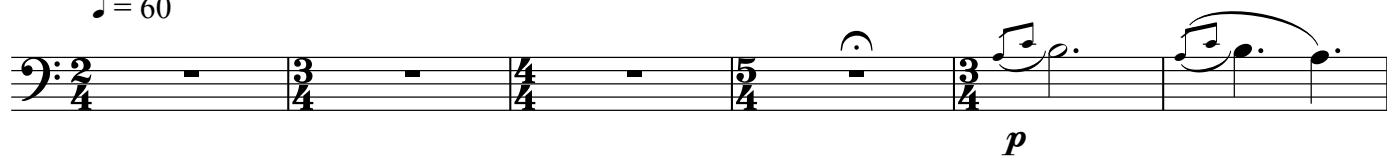
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Bassoon

44

p *mp* 3 3 3

49

pp *mf* 3 *ppp*

53 ♩ = 66

mp 3 *mf*

60

mp

63

mf 3 *f* 6 *mf* 3

66

mf 6

Bassoon

3

68

mp

70

f *mp* *f*

74

tr~ *ff*

76

fff *f* *mf*

79

f

81

mp

85 *ppp* *f* 6 *tr*

89 *ff* 3 *mf* 3 *tr*

92 6 *fff* 3 6 *tr*

95 *f* 3 3 3 *tr*

98 *ff* *f* *mf* 3

102 *mp* *mf* *mp* 3 3

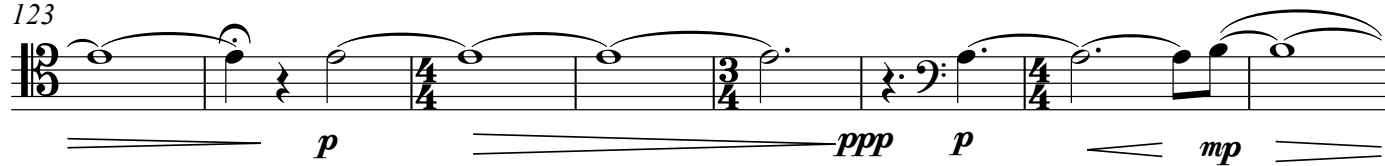
106 *poco rit.* *ppp* *p* 3 3 3

111 *pp* *mp* *pp* ♩ = 96

116



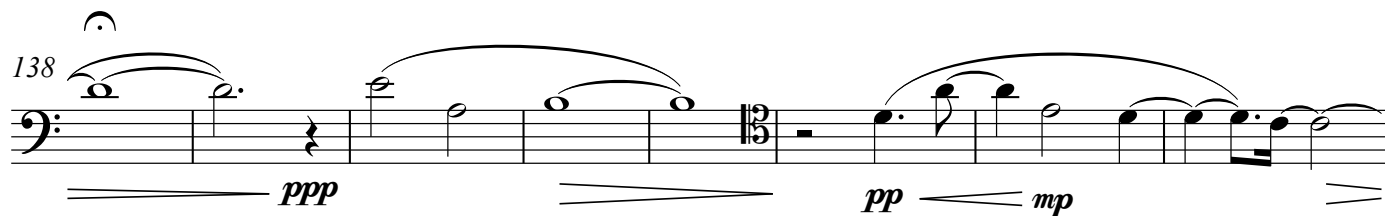
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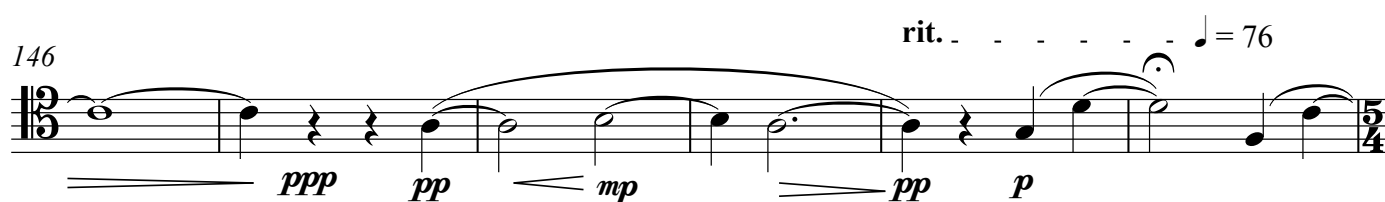
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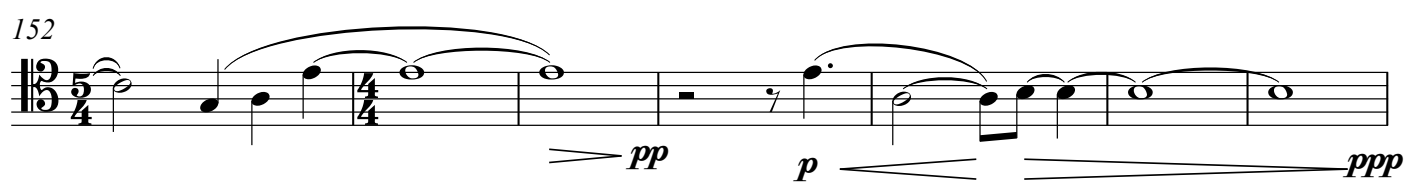


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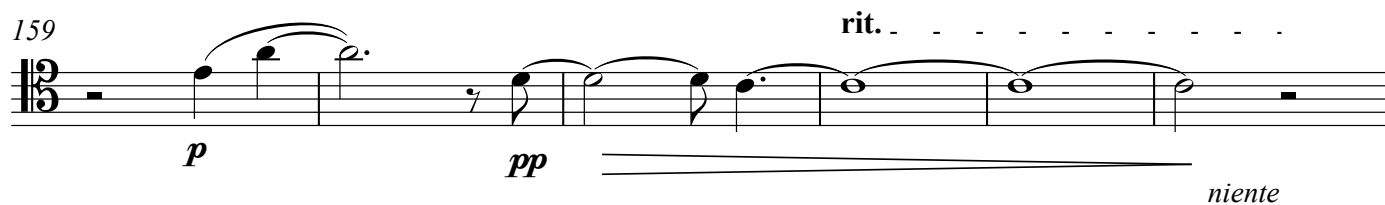


rit. ♩ = 76

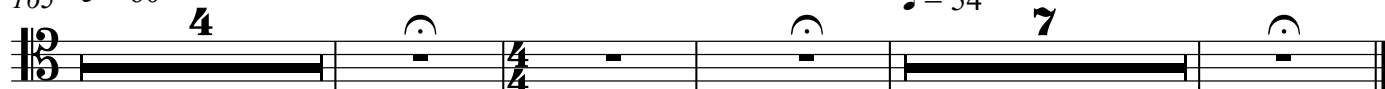
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159



165 ♩ = 60



♩ = 54

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pp *3* mp

5

4 4 *pp* *3* *mf* *mp*

12

3 *p* *mf*

15

mp *3* *mf*

20

mf

Harp

2

24

mp *mf* *mp*

29

f *ff* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

33

ff *f* *mf* *mp* *pp*

♩ = 66

40

mf *p*

46

mp *mf* *p*

Harp

 $\text{♩} = 66$

3

53 *f marcato*

57 *mf* 6

61 *mp* *f*

65 *mf* *mp*

69 *f* *mf* *f* *f*

Harp

4

74

ff

6 3

78

81

85

90

94

94 95 96 97

98

98 99 100 101

102

102 103 104 105

106

106 107 108 109

poco rit.

pp

pp

110

110 111 112 113

Harp

6

115 $\text{♩} = 96$

pp *p* *mp*

120

mf *f* *p*

125

mp (dance-like)

130

3 *3*

135

3 *3* *3* *3*

Harp

7

140

145

149

rit. ♩ = 76

153

156

Harp

8

160 *mp* rit.

165 ♩ = 60 *p*

170 ♩ = 54 *pp*

175 *morendo*