SEASONAL PSALMS FOR ORGAN
Volume 2
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FOREWORD

The two volumes of ***Seasonal Psalms for Organ*** contain original compositions that are free interpretations of Psalm verses. The Psalms were chosen from the Lectionary for the major festival days and seasons of the Church Year. Some of the settings are based on hymns and chorales that are commonly associated with those days. The organ registrations serve as guidelines, and they should be creatively changed to suit differing instruments. There are instances where synthesized MIDI sounds can be effectively employed.

These Psalm settings were suggested by and written for Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, Professor of Music at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland. Dr. Dixon also serves as organist and director of music at the historic Emmanuel Parish in Cumberland, Maryland. The settings were commissioned by Dr. Alvin C. Broyles, retired senior research associate of Exxon Production Research Company. He is a dedicated supporter of the arts and a lifetime member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, thou are very great!
Who makest the winds thy messengers, fire and flame thy ministers.

General Occasions: Psalm 145 26
I will extol thee, my God and King, and bless thy name for ever and ever

Psalm 149 (All Saints' Day)

Sw. String Celeste 8
Ch. Solo 8
Gt. Gemshorn 8, Flute 4
Ped. Soft 16, 8

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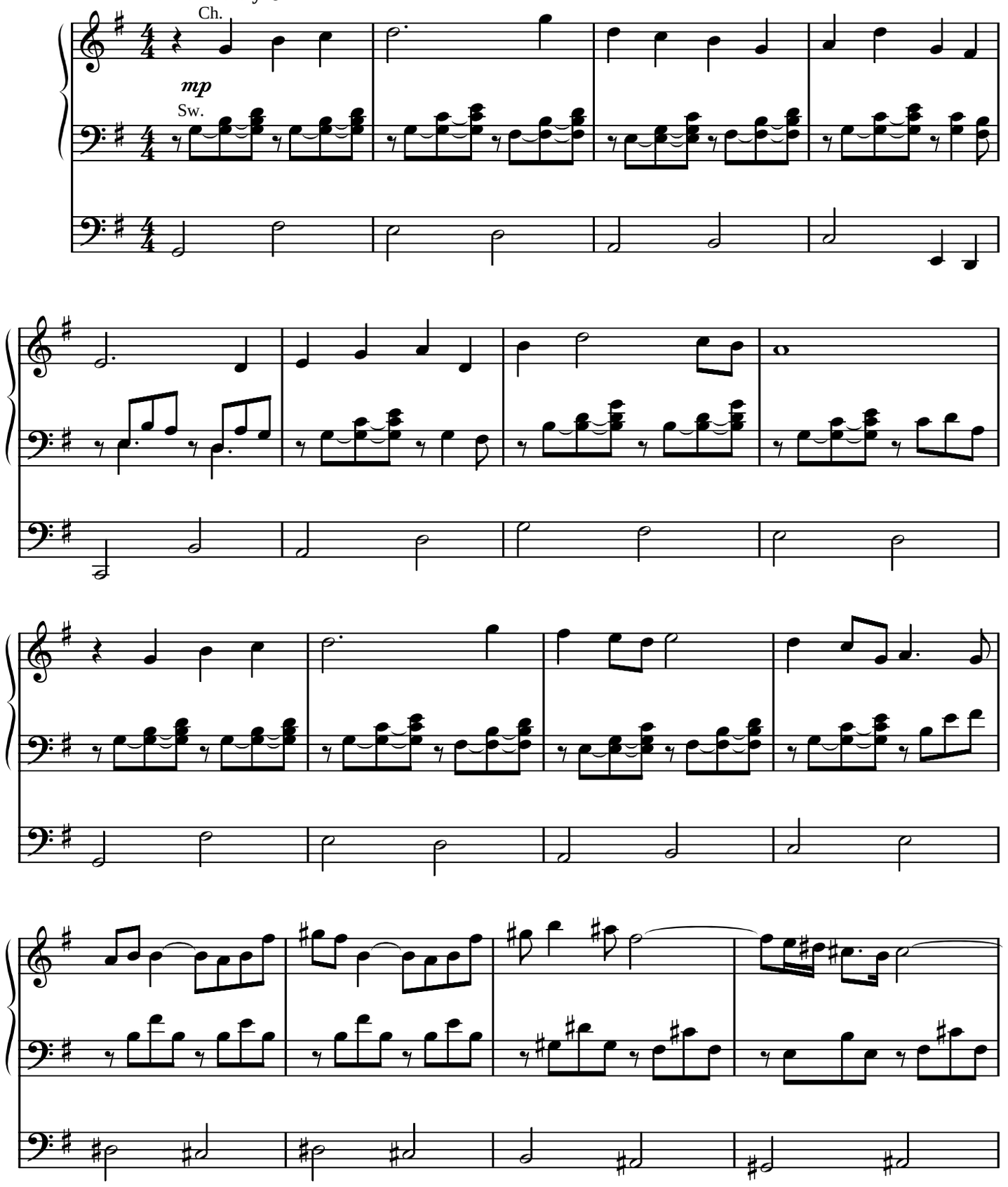
Rather slowly ♩ = c. 76

Ch.

mp

Sw.



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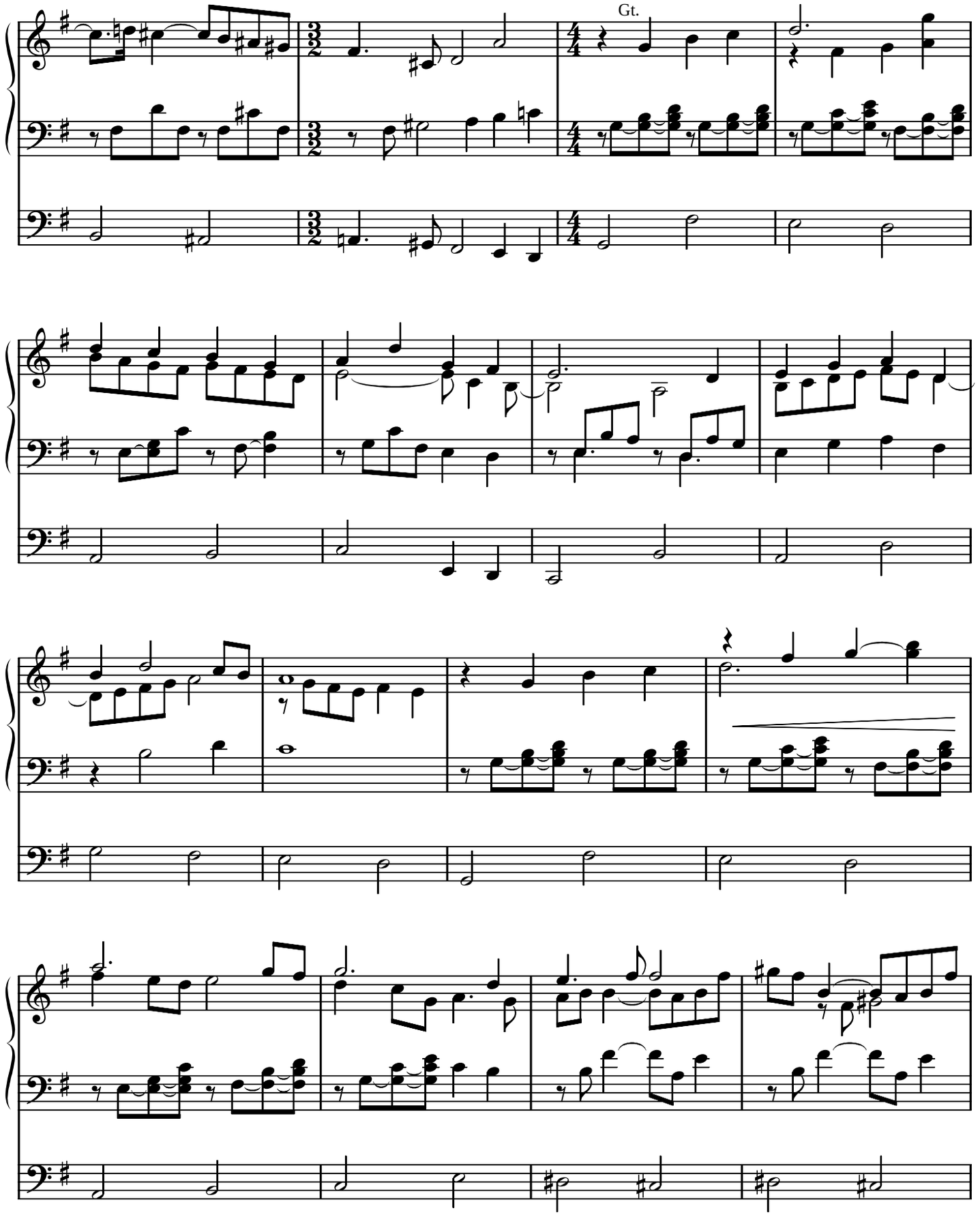
Gt.

Psalm 65 (Thanksgiving)

Based on the tune NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

Full with Mixtures and Light Reeds

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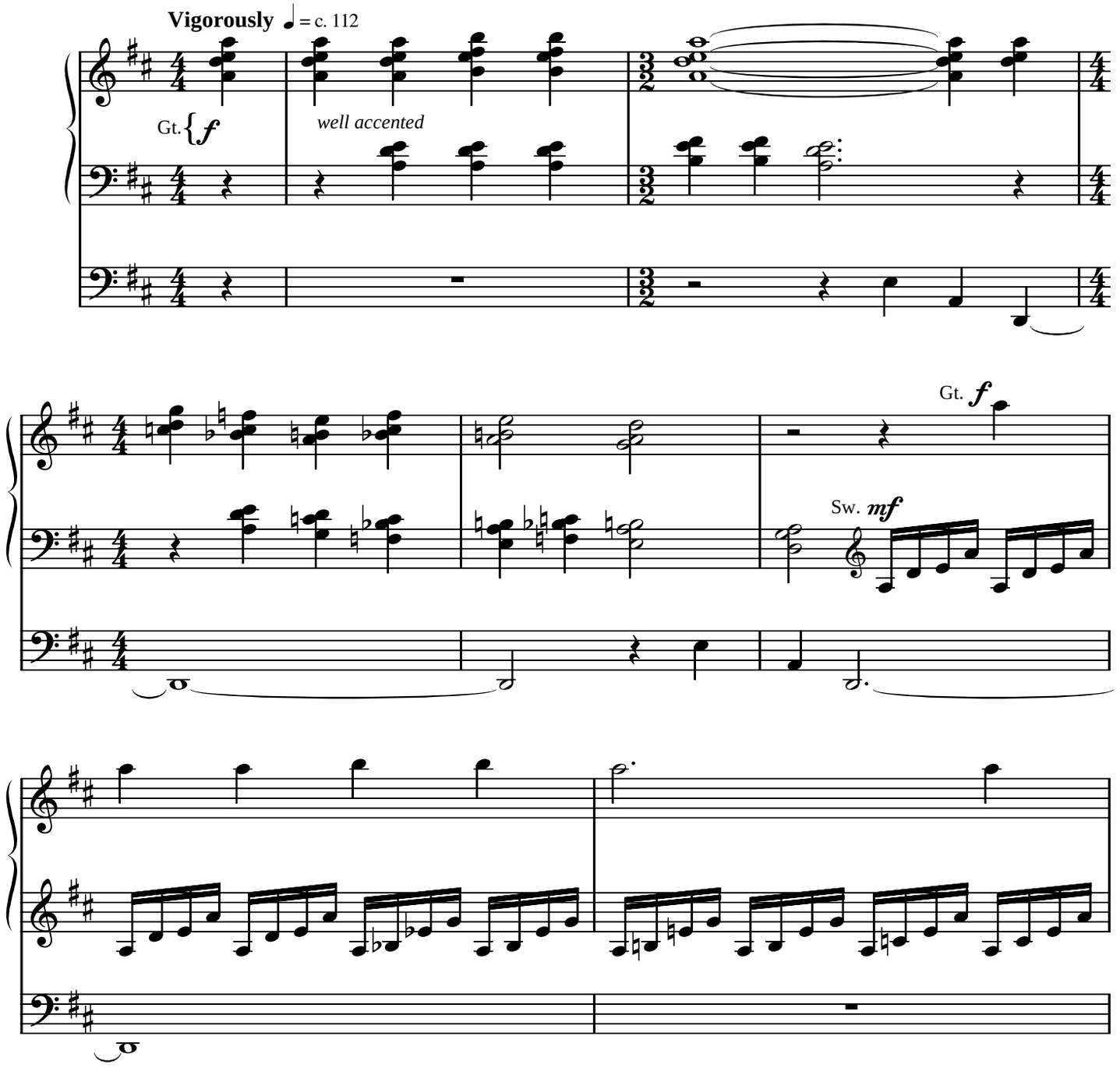

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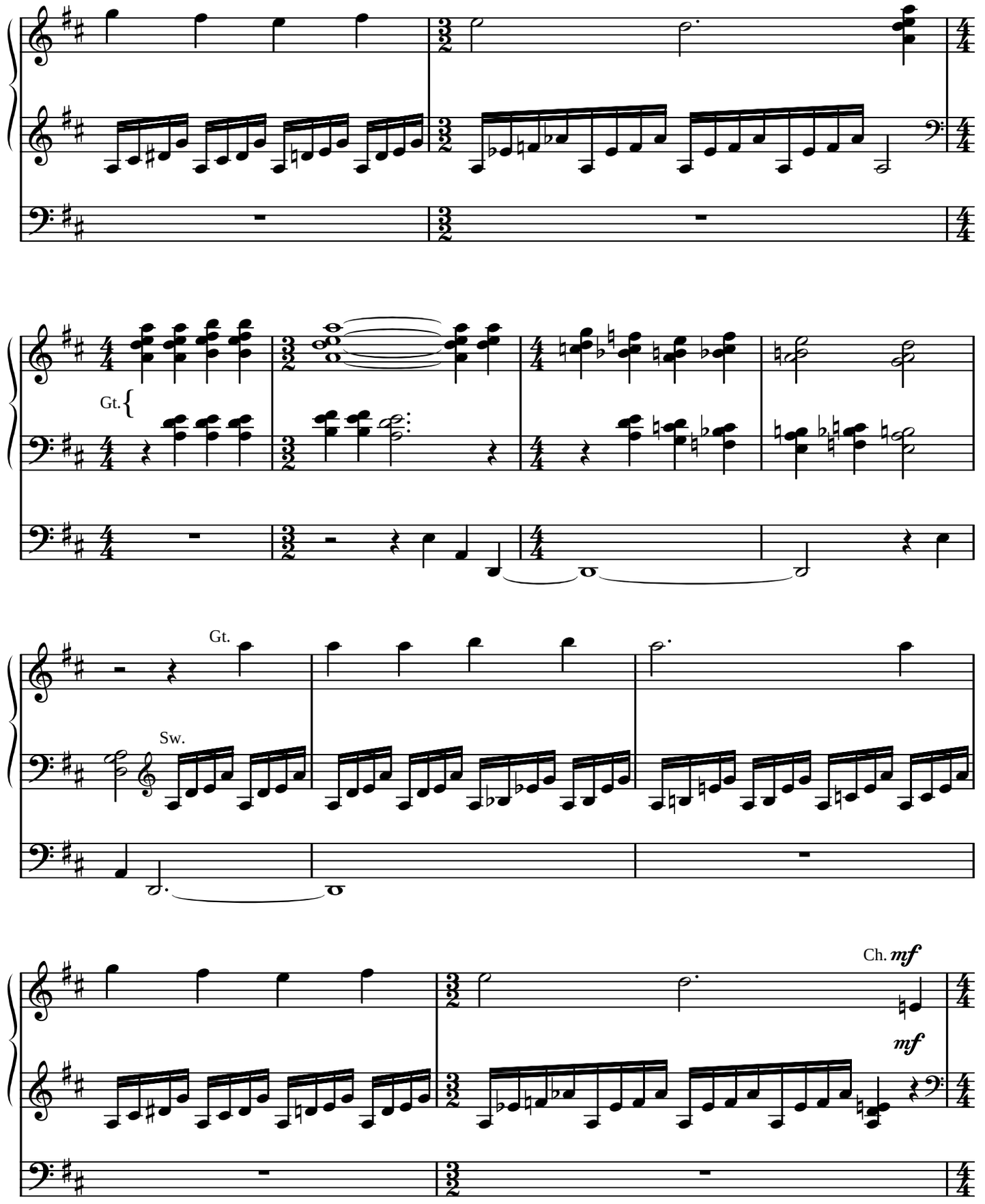
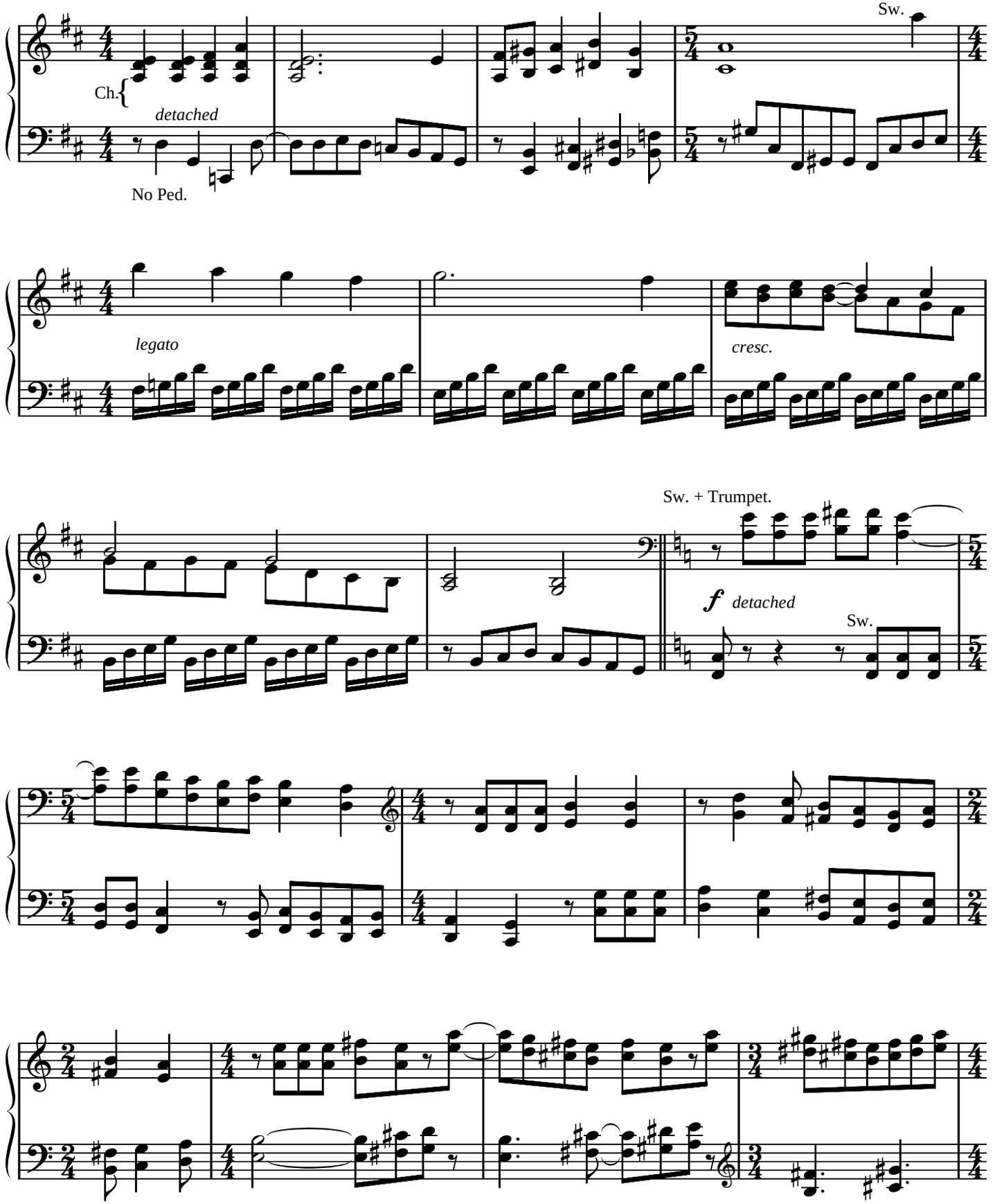

Gt.
Gt.
Sw.
Ch. mf
mf


Sw.
Ch.
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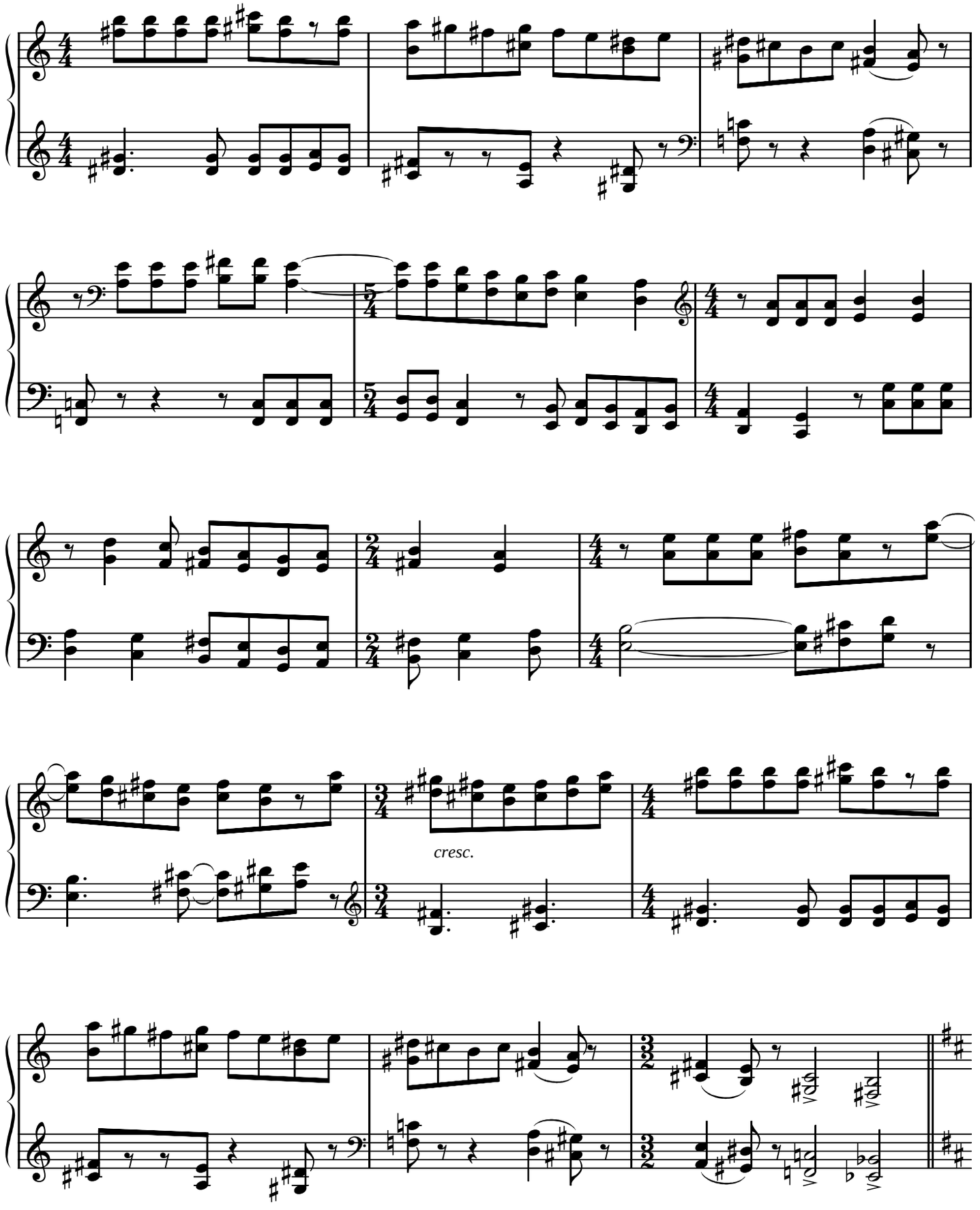
No Ped.
legato
cresc.
Sw. + Trumpet.
f detached
Sw.


cresc.

Psalm 78 (Maundy Thursday)

Based on the tune HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Sw. Flute or String Celeste 8
Gt. Flute 8, (4)
Ped. Soft 16, 8

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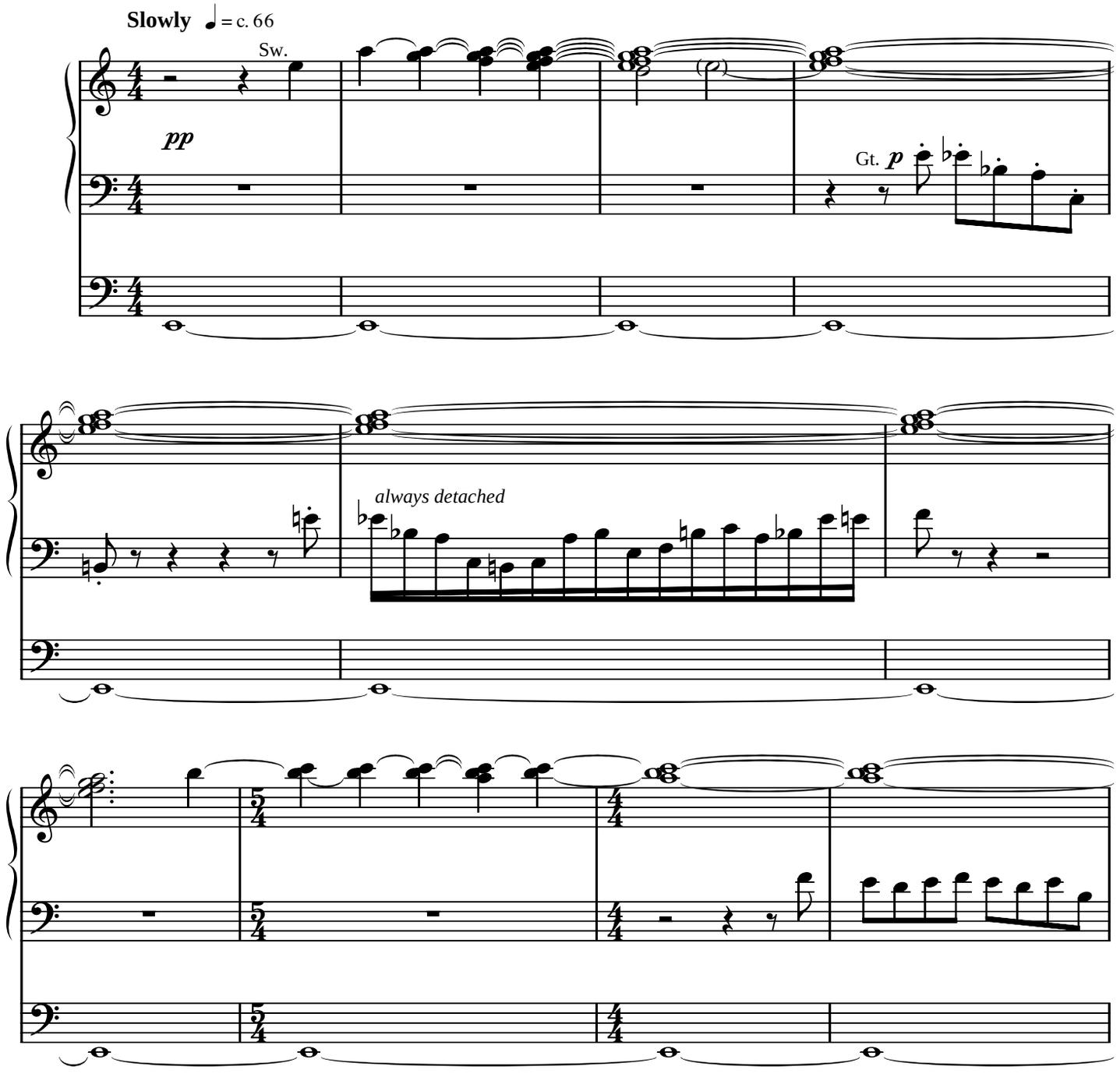

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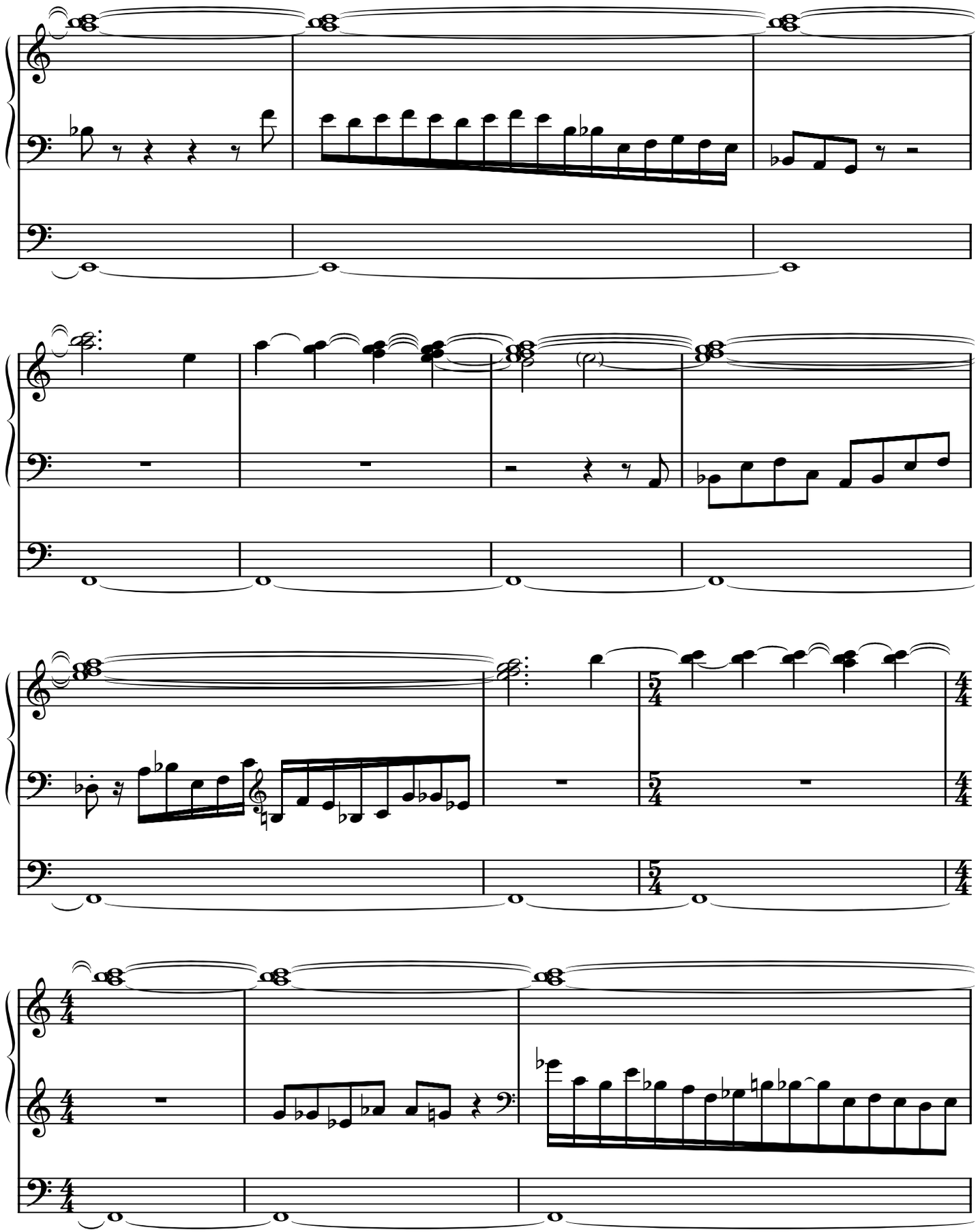

Psalm 104 (Pentecost)

Based on the tune SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Full Organ (with all Reeds to Pedal)

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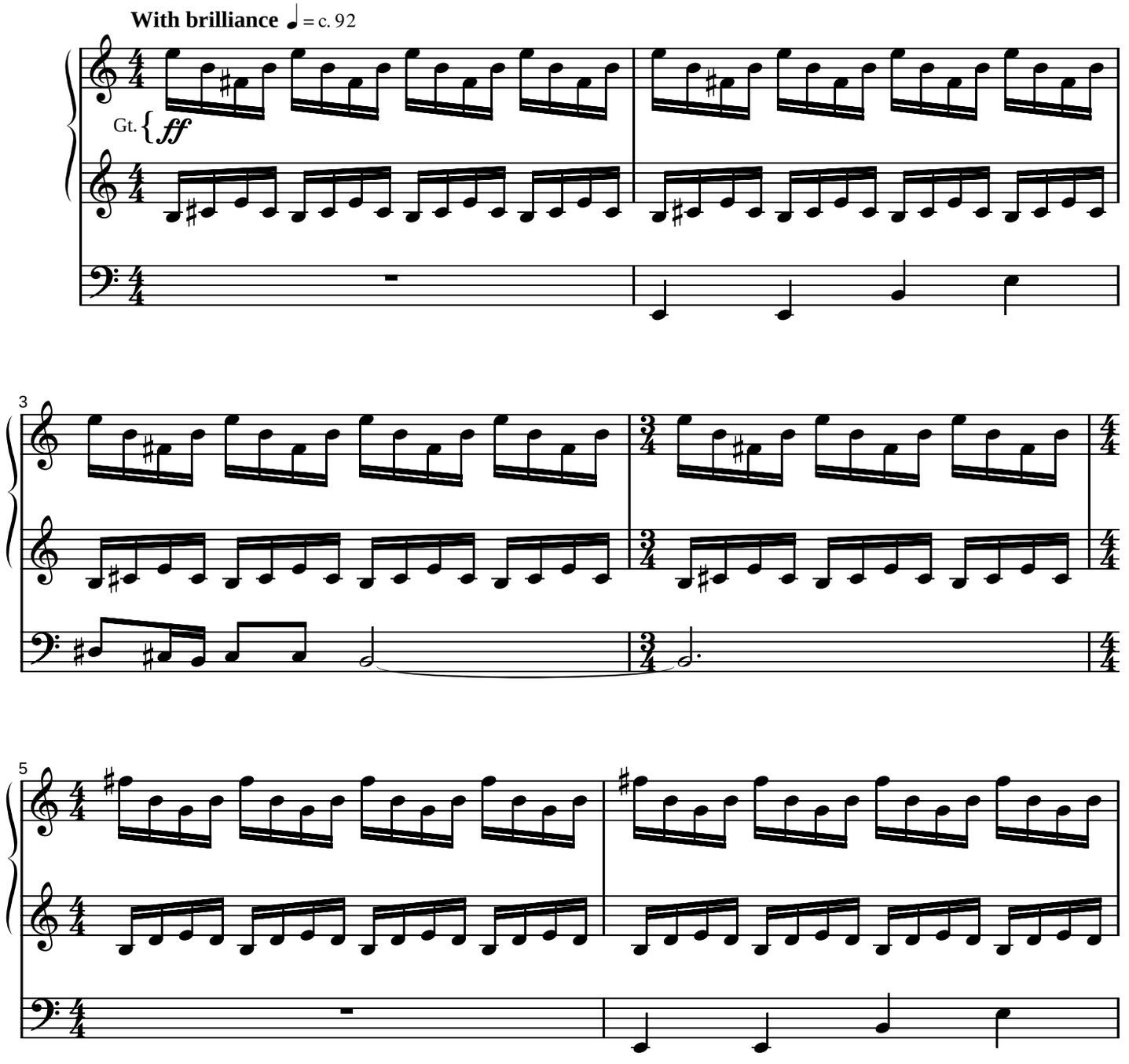

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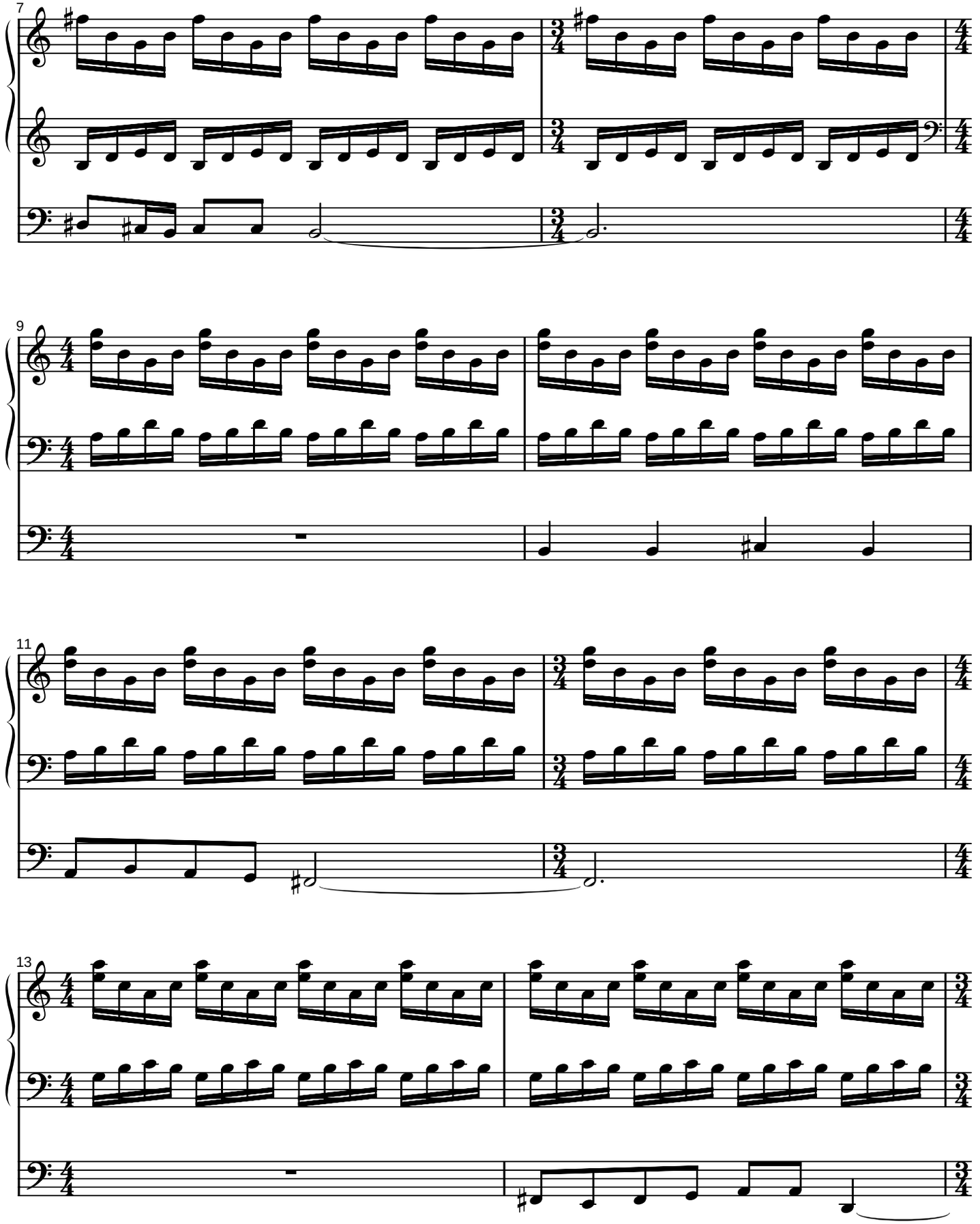

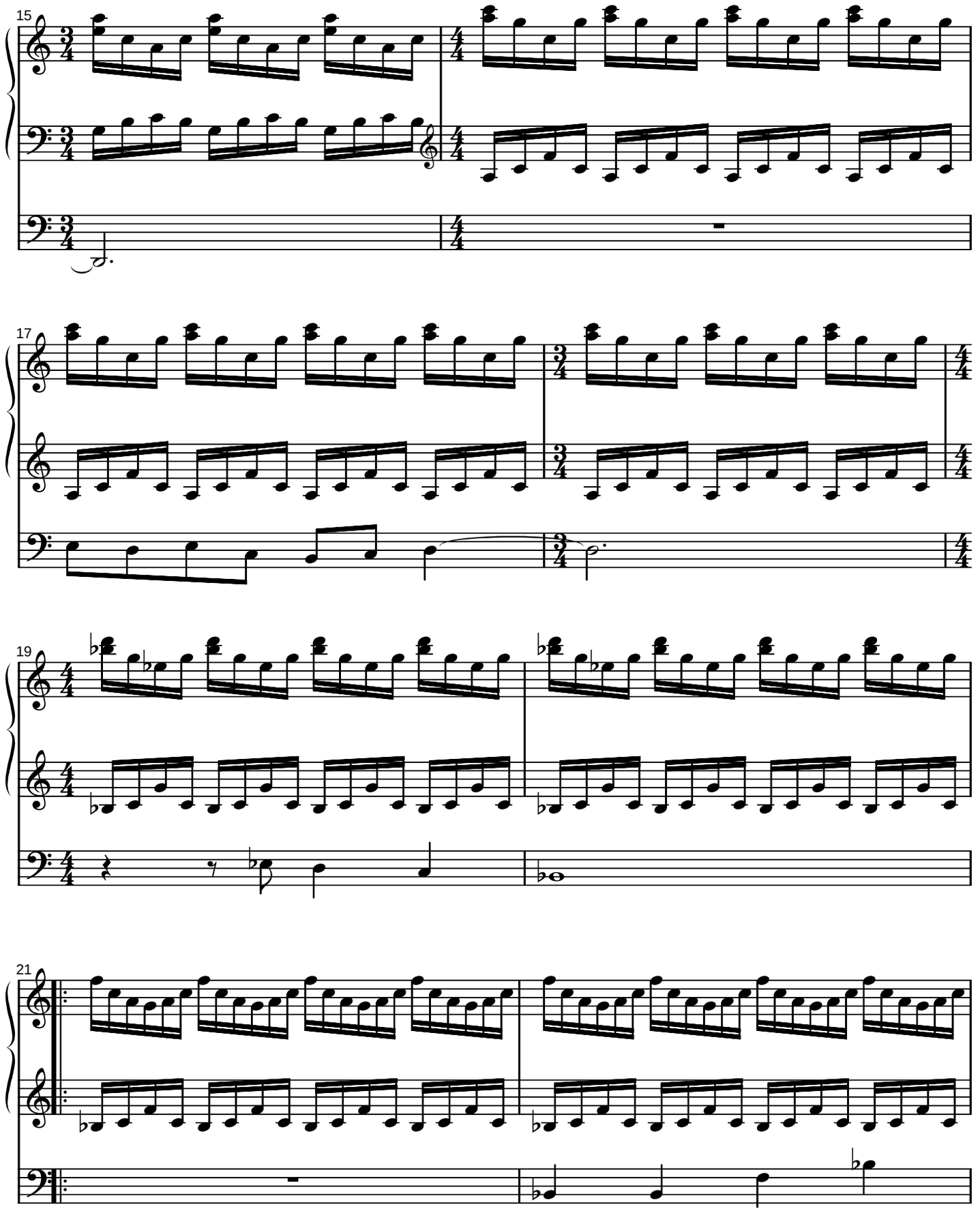
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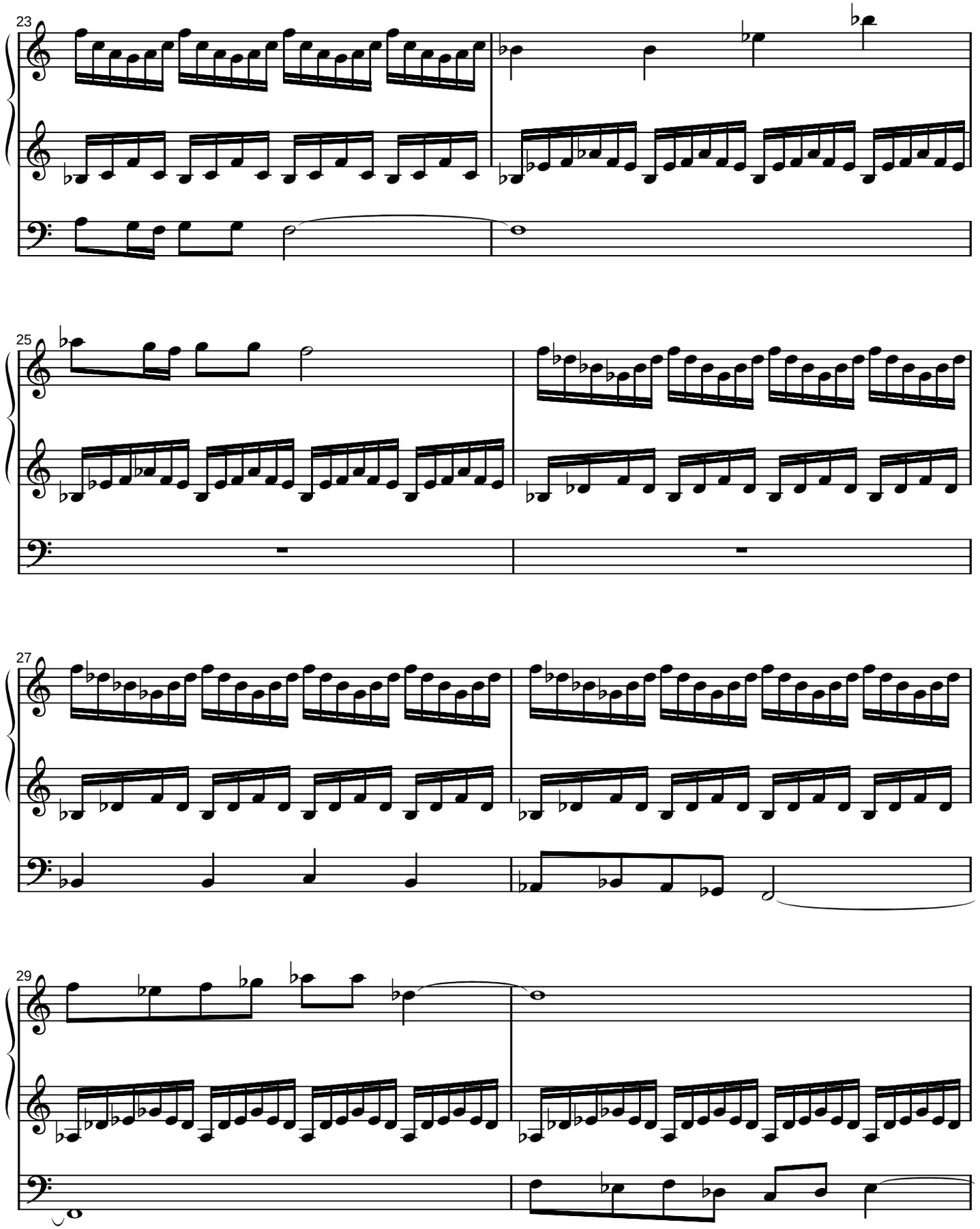
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Psalm 145 (General)

Gt. Full to Mixtures (with 16's)
Sw. Full Reeds *ff*
Ch. Full, Ch. to Gt.
Ped. Full

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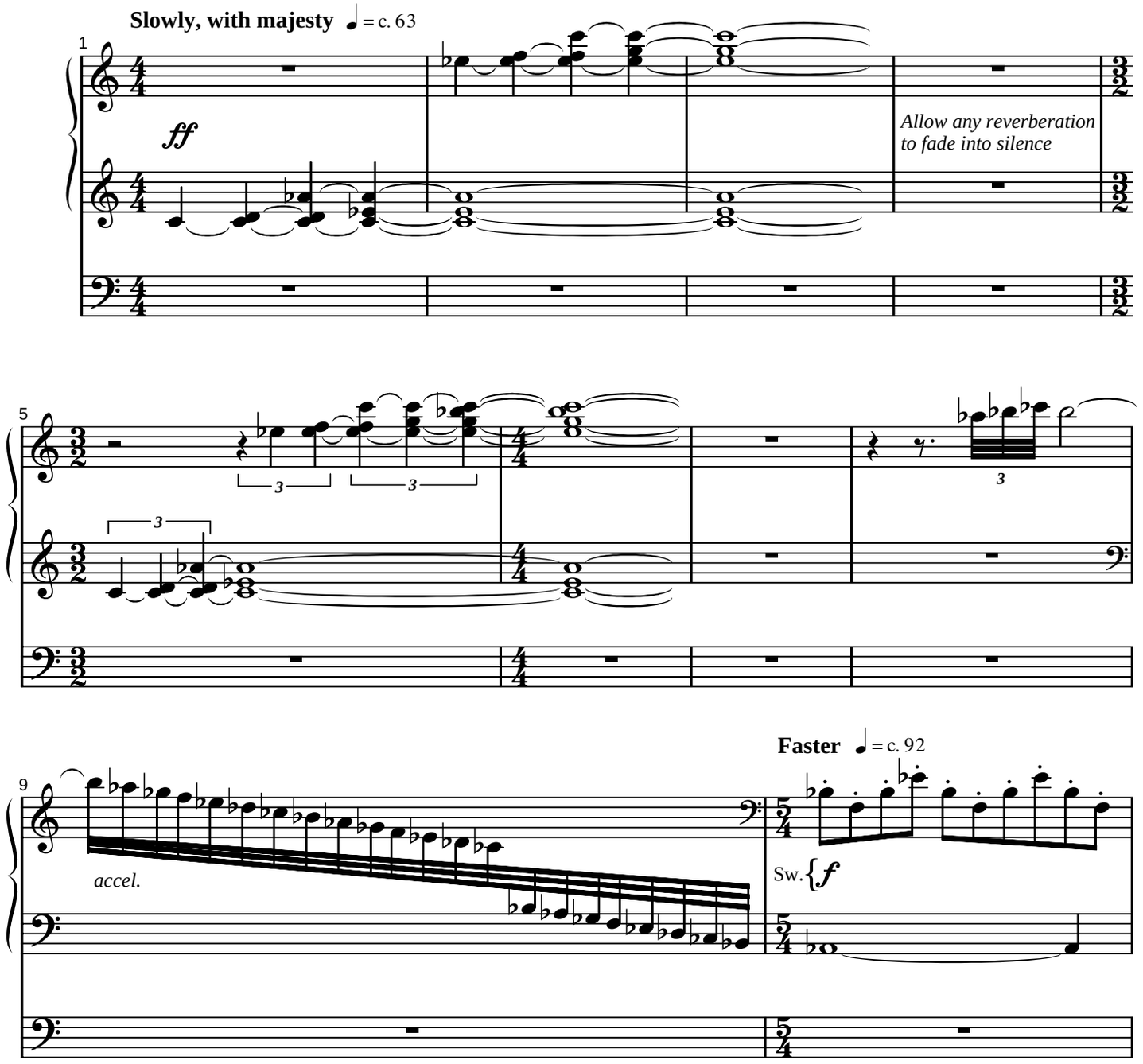

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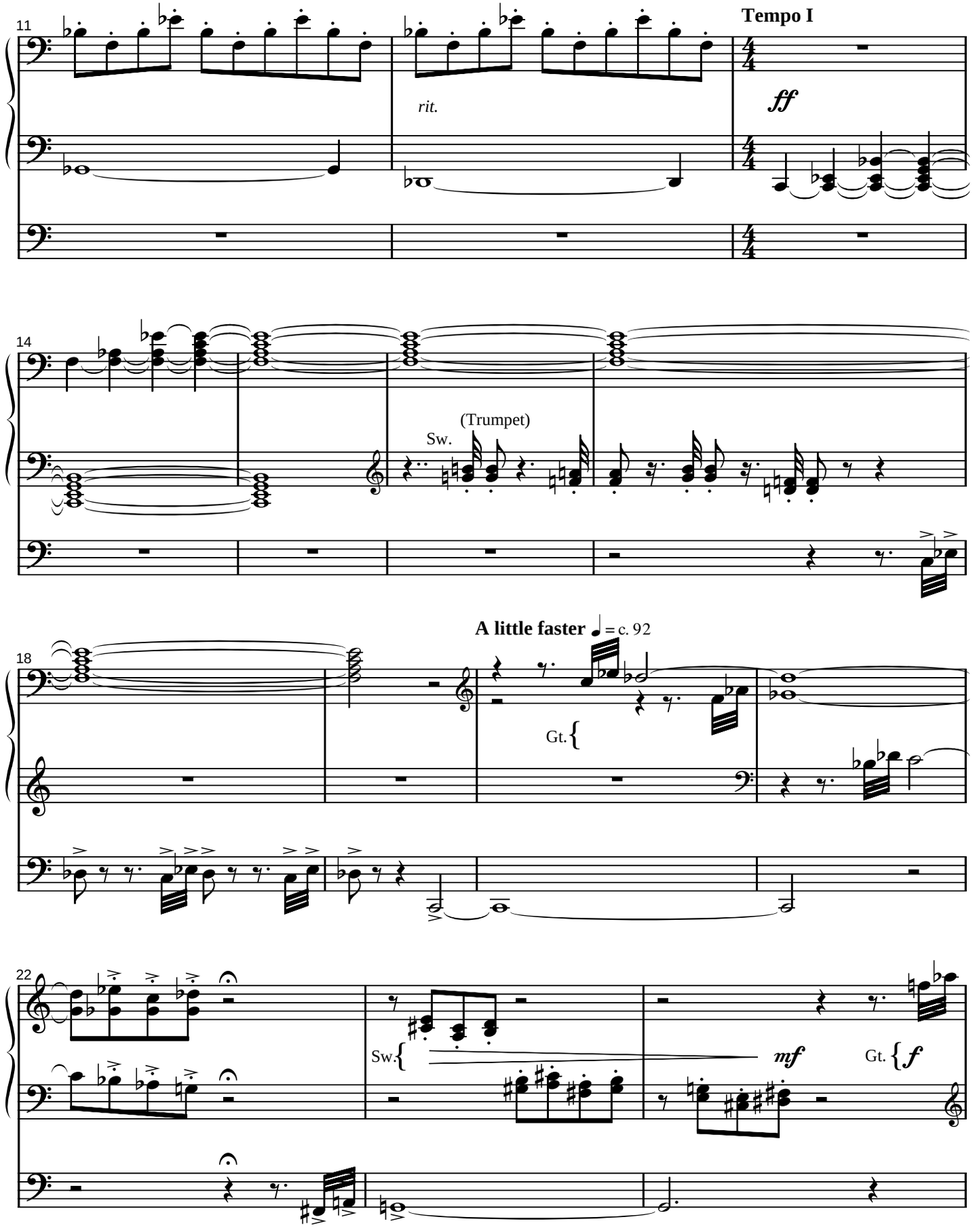
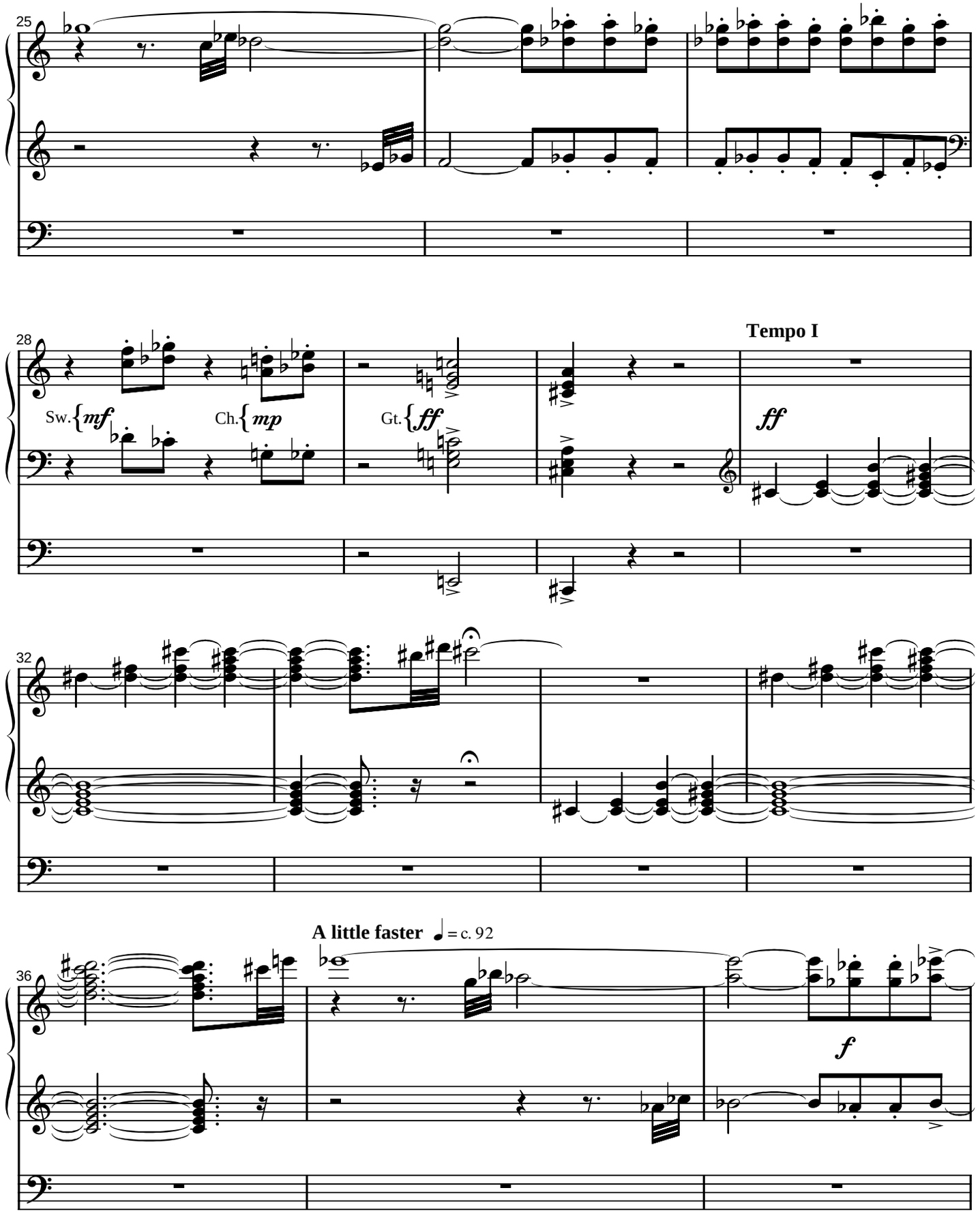

11
Tempo I
rit.
ff
14
(Trumpet)
Sw.
18
A little faster ♩ = c. 92
Gt.
22
Sw.
mf
Gt.
f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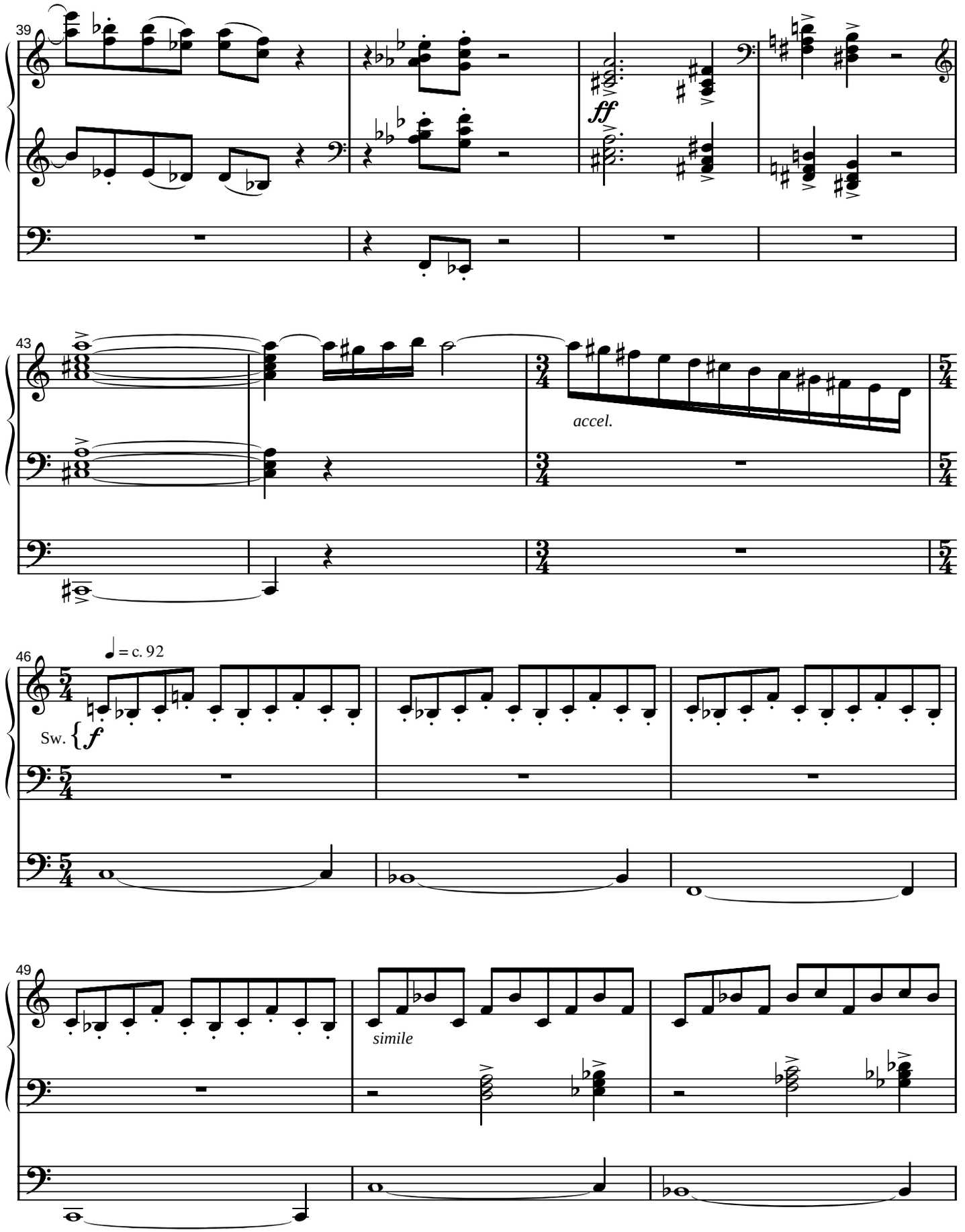
Sw. mf
Ch. mp
Gt. ff
Tempo I
ff
32
A little faster ♩ = c. 92
36
f


39
ff
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accel.
46
♩ = c. 92
Sw.
f
49
simile