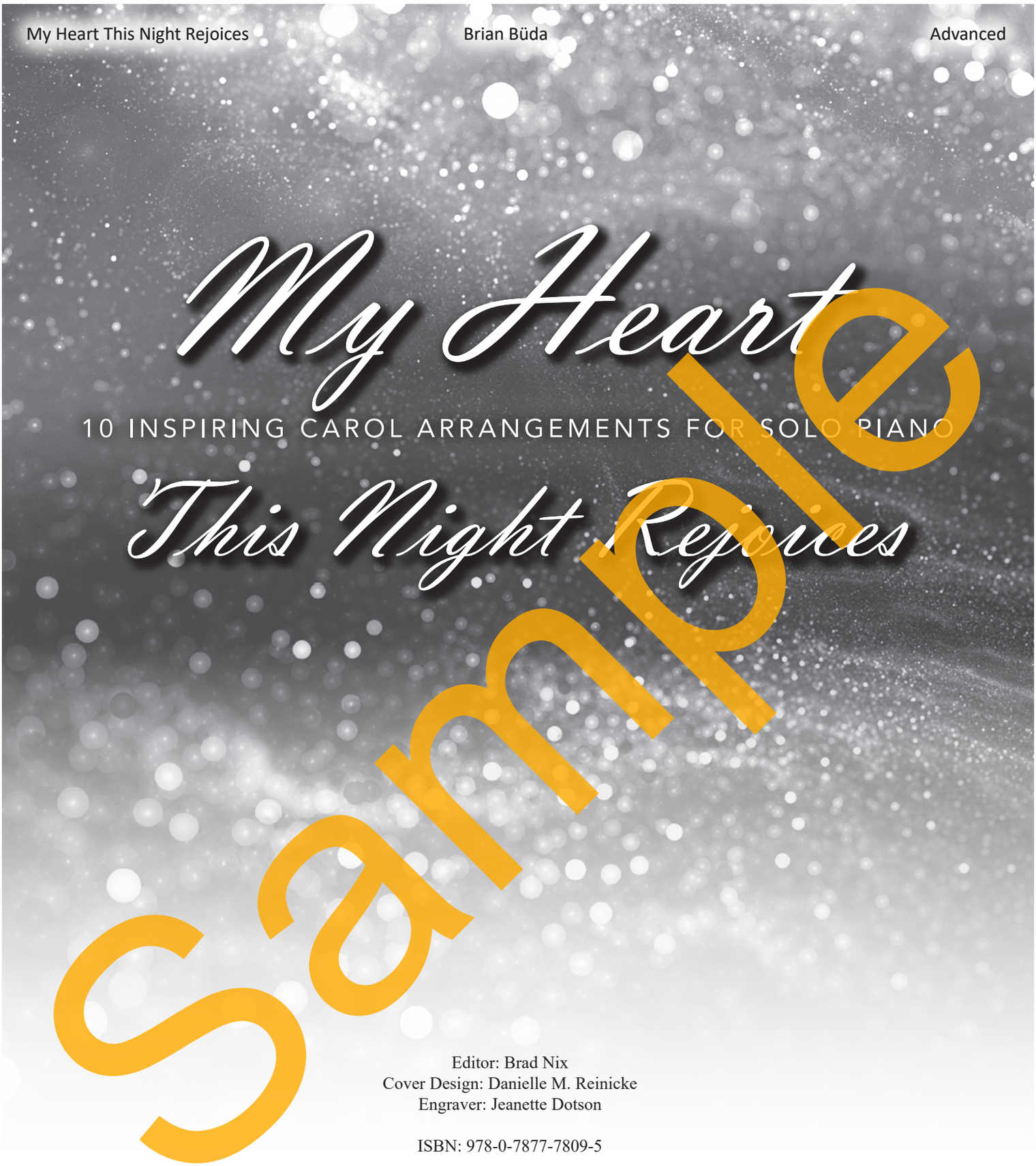

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Foreword

Christmas is one of my most favorite times of the year for lots of reasons. Not only is the season worth celebrating because of the coming of the Savior, but it also serves as a sweet time of gathering with family and enjoying traditions together. Some of my earliest memories of the holiday season centered around baking and, of course, making music.

I find, and hope, this collection of Christmas songs to be like both.

My Heart This Night Rejoices contains 10 beautiful Christmas carols that have been customized specifically for advanced pianists. These arrangements are meant to bring the joy and beauty of Christmas to life with carols that are common favorites, while weaving in ones that are a bit more nostalgic in other cultures in centuries past. Whether you are playing for a small gathering or performing for a holiday event, I hope you will find this book to be a perfect companion to bring the gift of music to those around you.

I'd like to offer a little encouragement: remember that sheet music—my own and others—is not music. It's simply a way to notate it. Just like recipes can be adapted and tweaked to become a family favorite, my hope is that the notes I have used to write these songs prove something you can interpret and practice to become your own. My hope is that you truly enjoy the music you create, that you find creativity in the playing, and that it becomes something that blesses all those who hear it.

—Brian Büda

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All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Brian Büda
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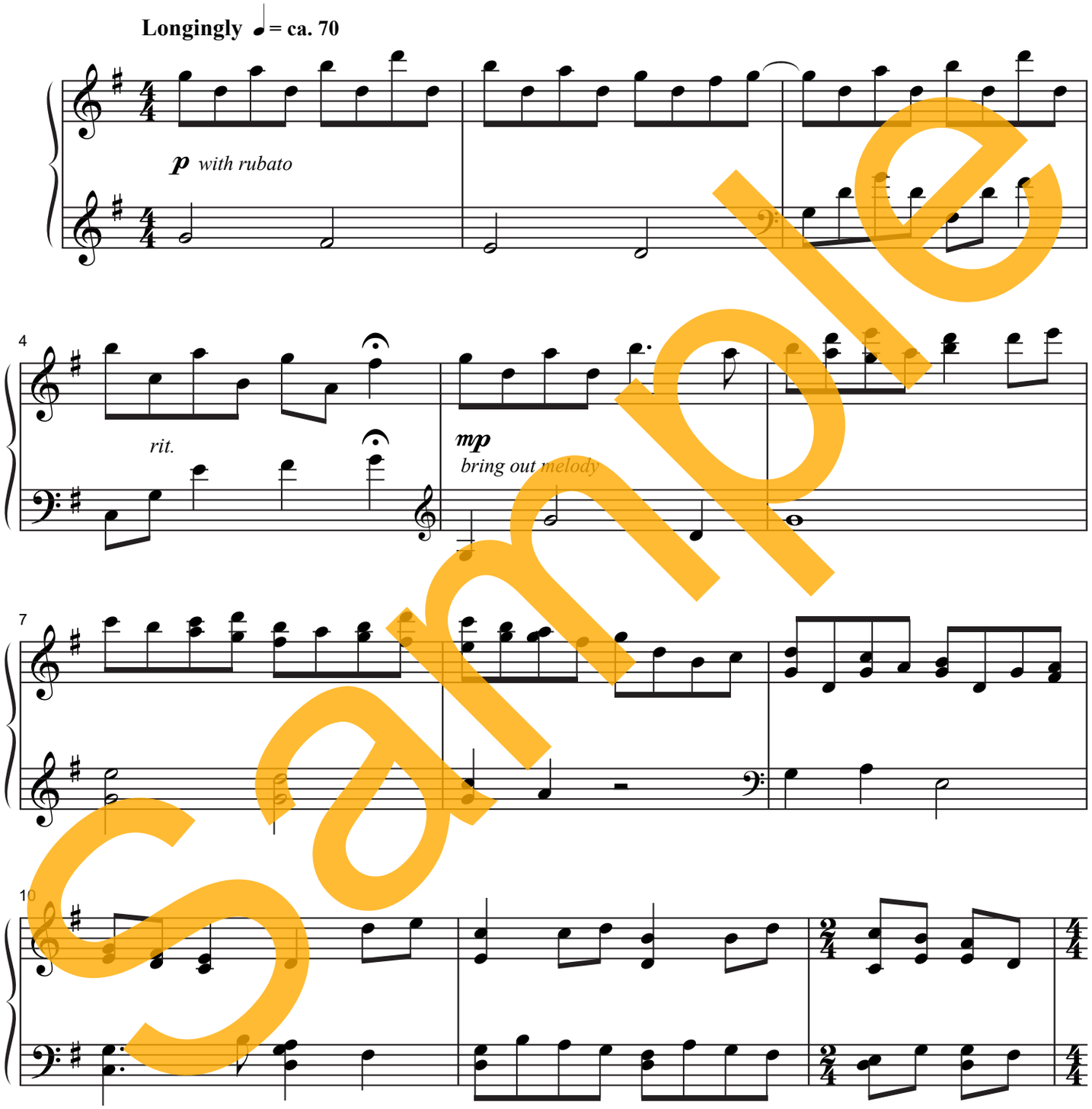
by **J. G. Ebeling** (1637-1676)



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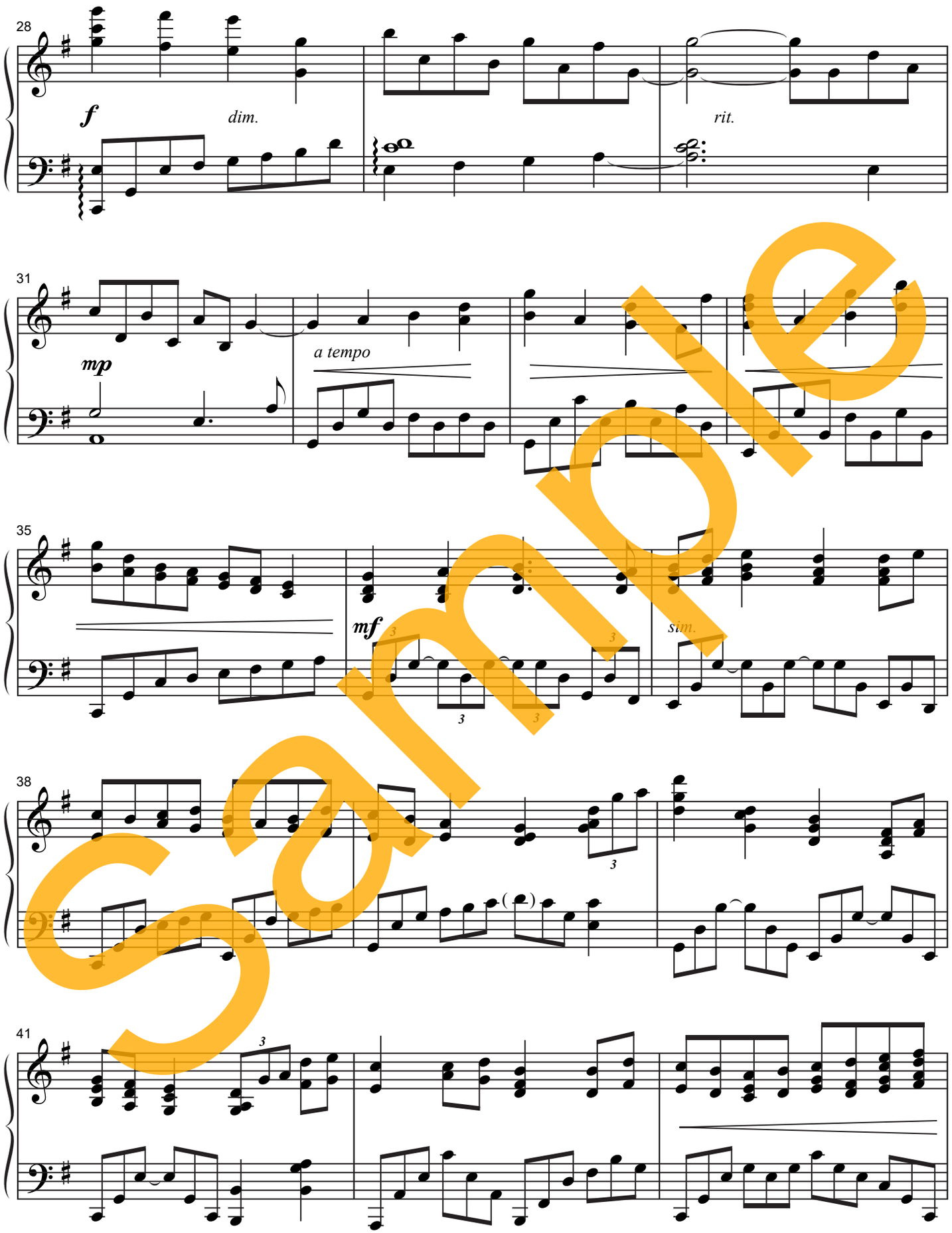

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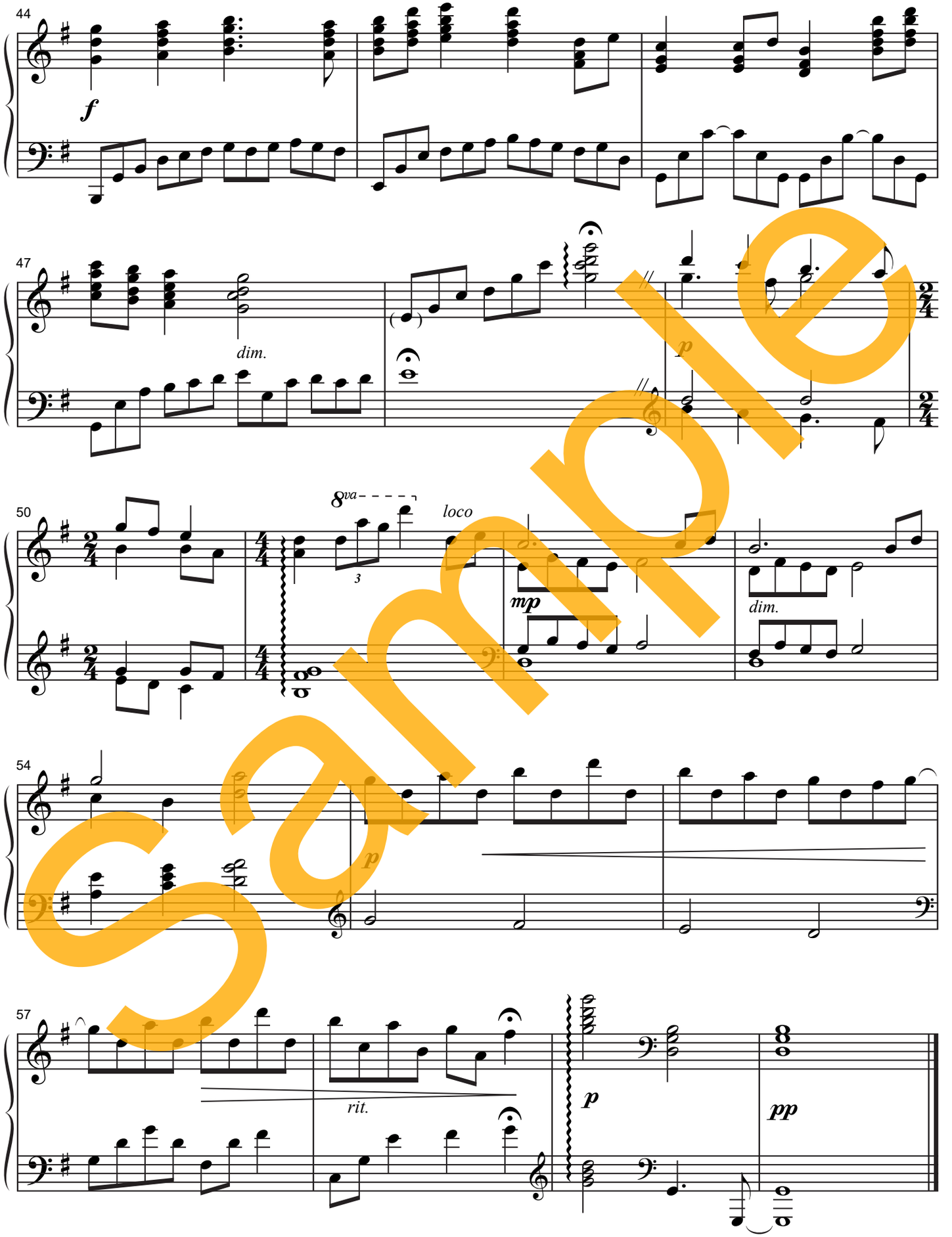

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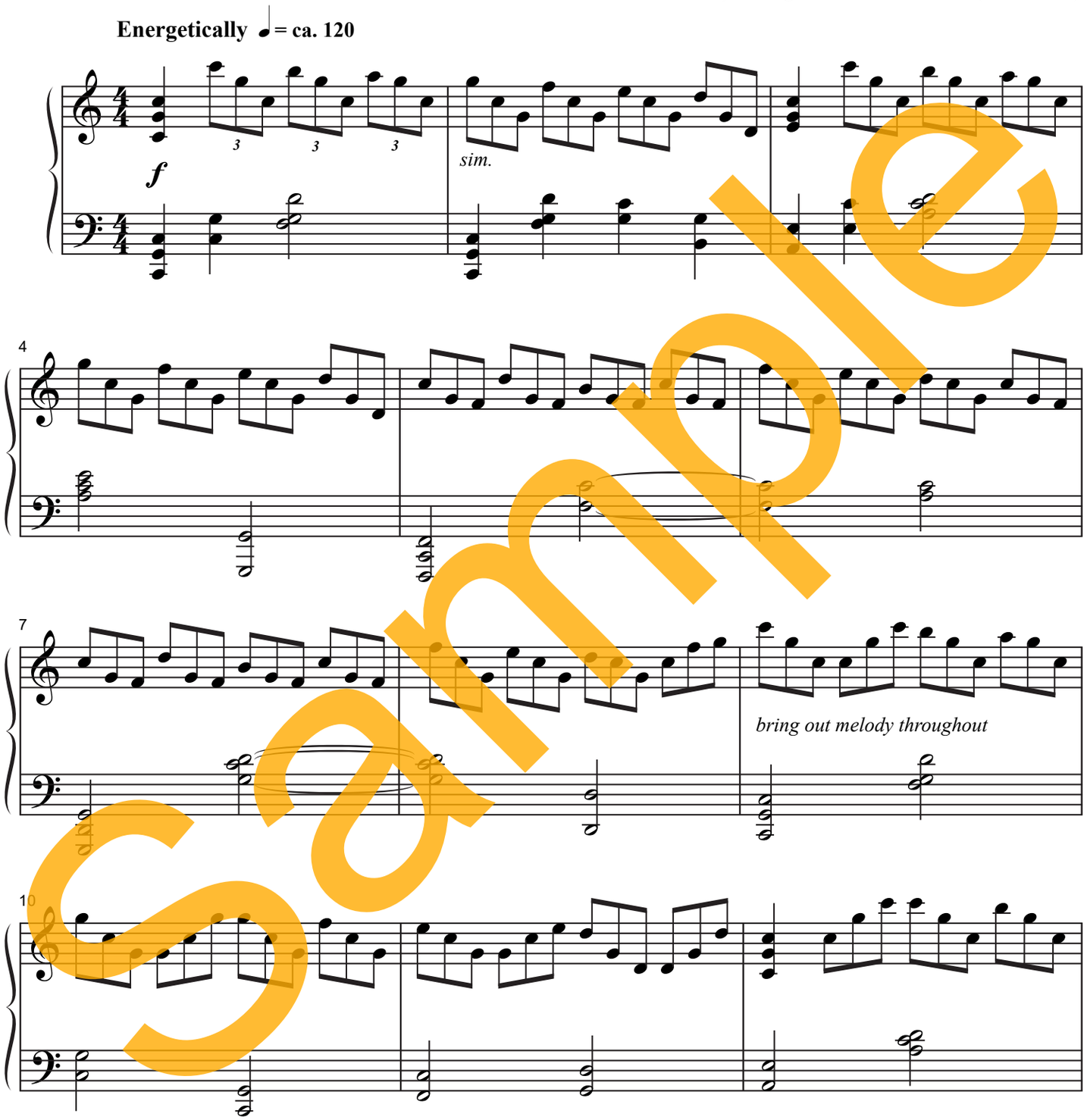
Tune: **ANTIOCH**
by **George Frederick Handel** (1685-1759)



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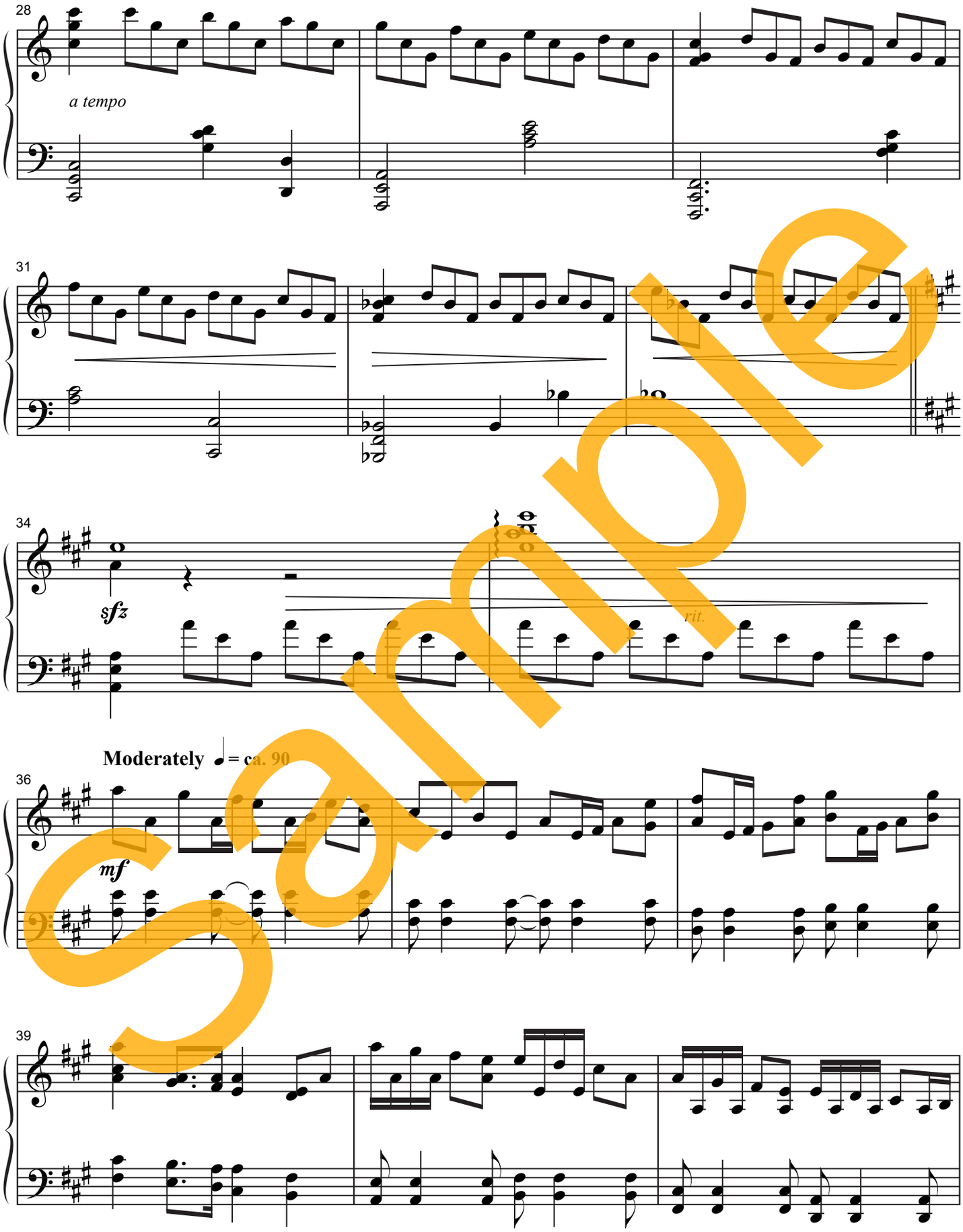

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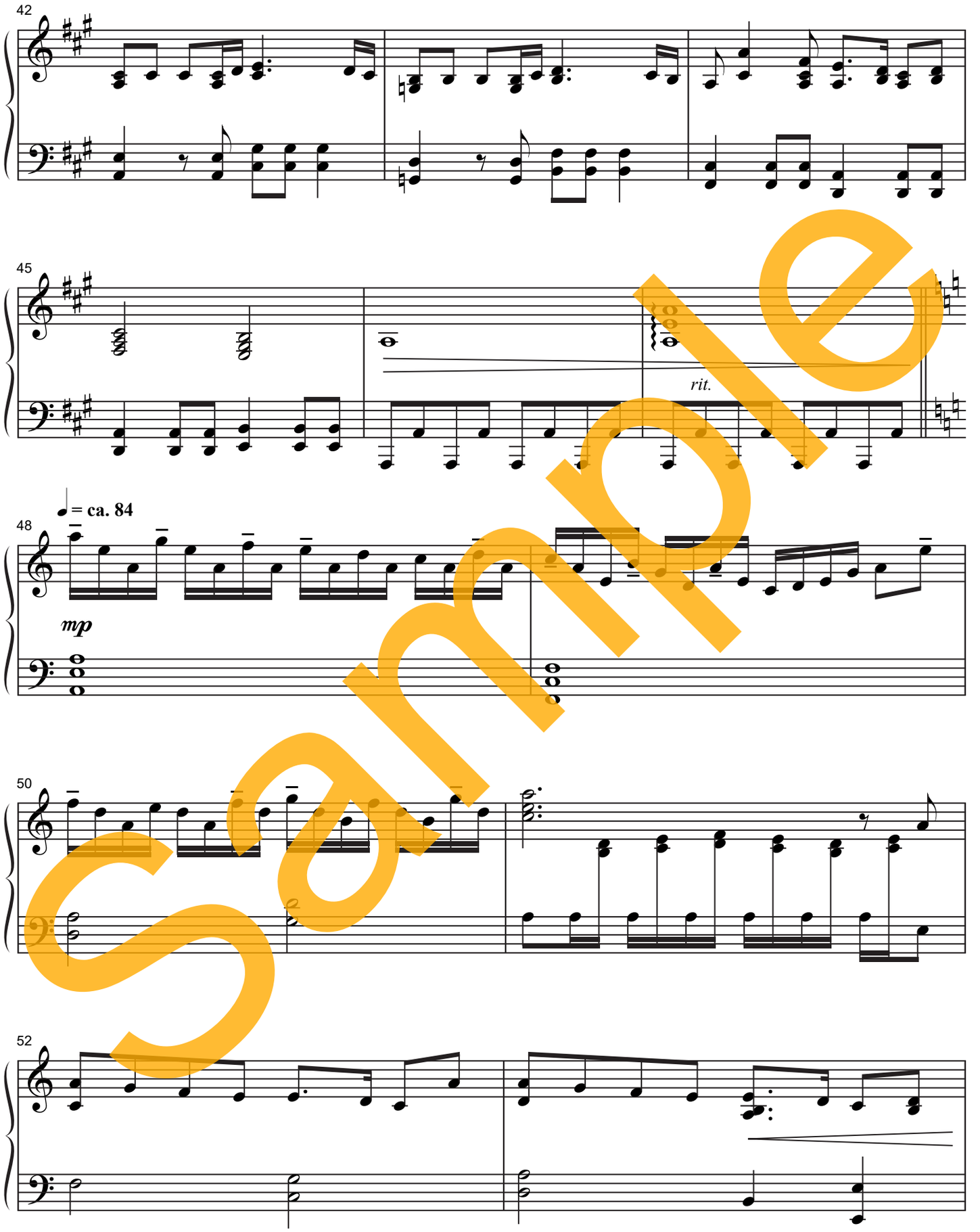

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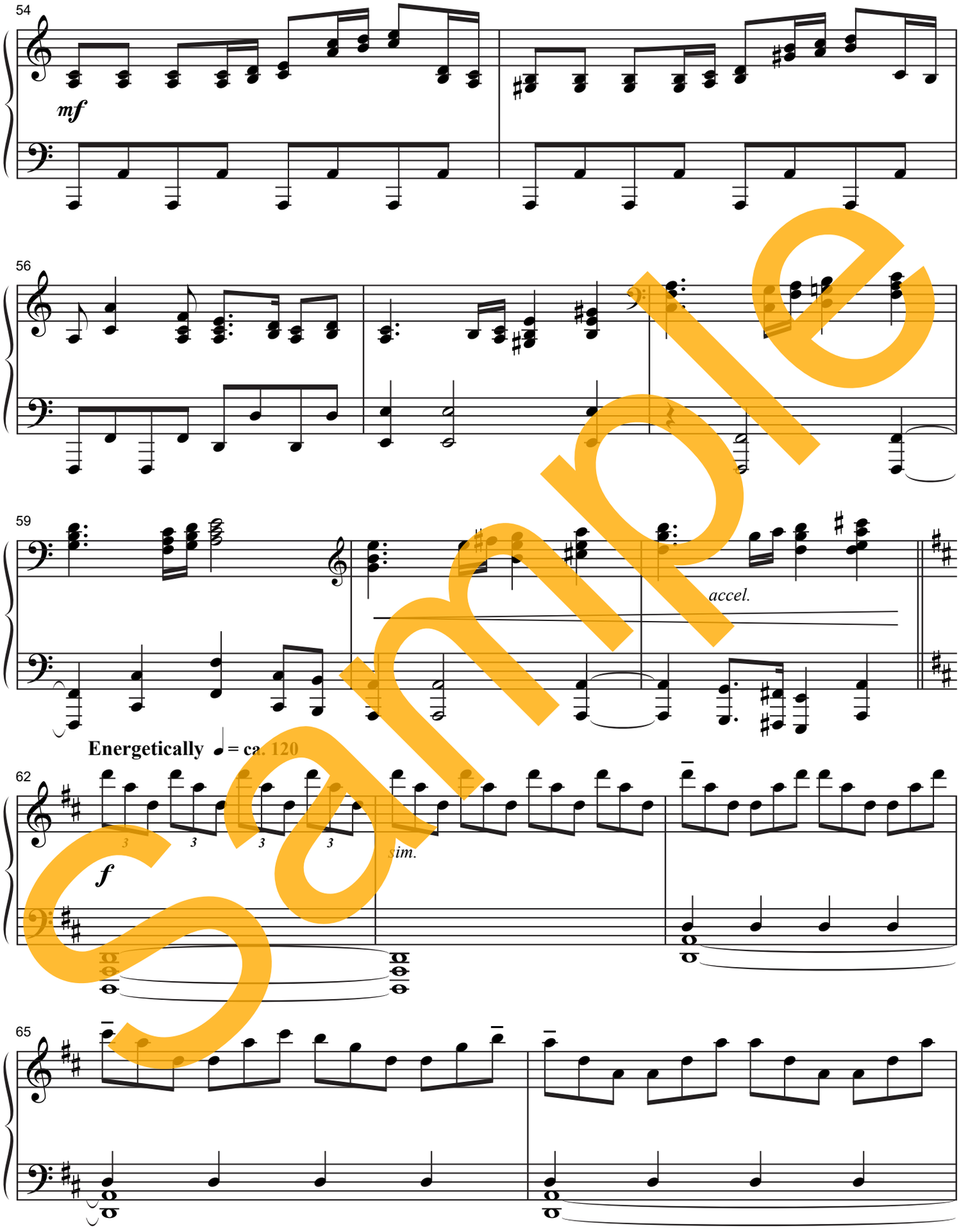

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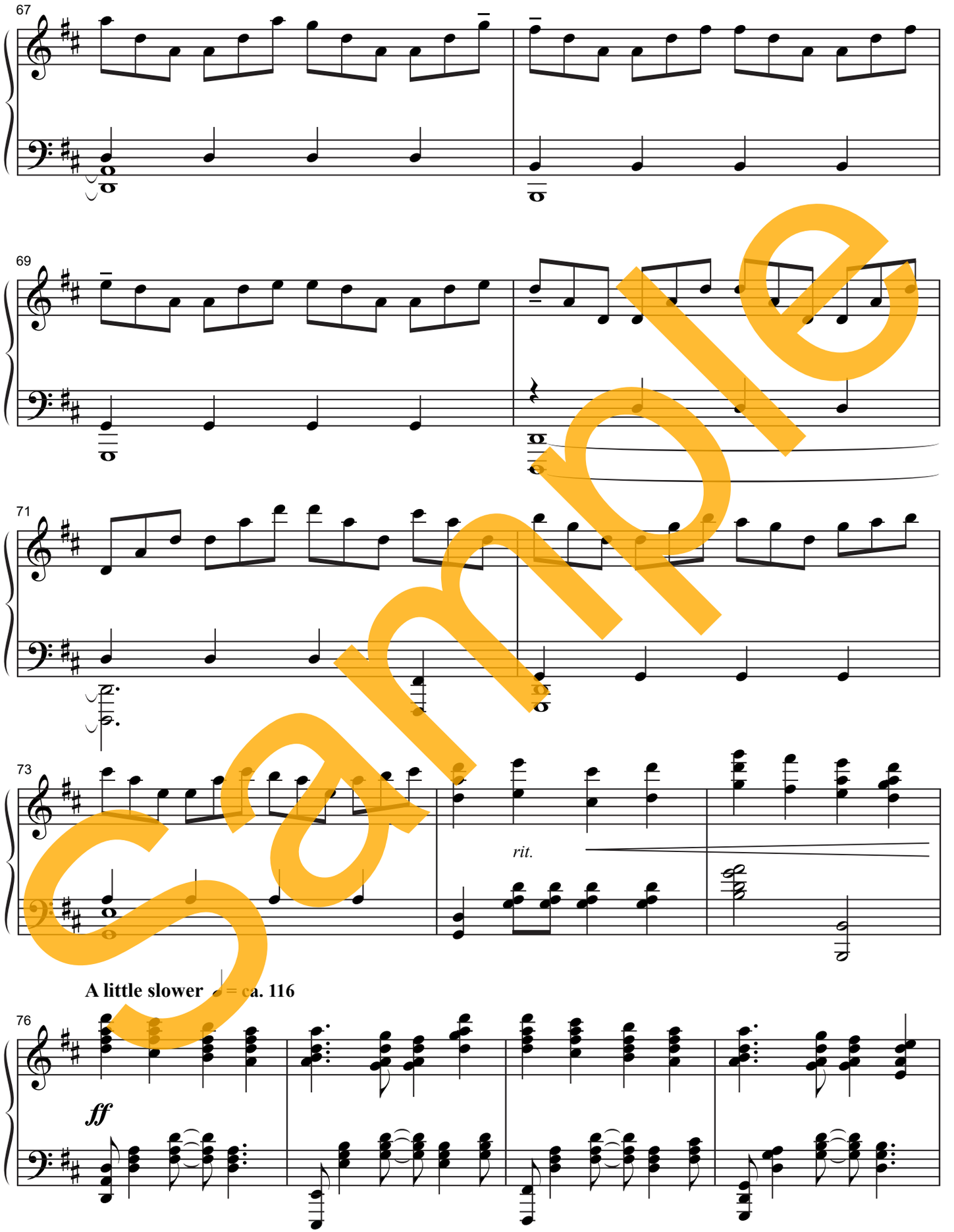

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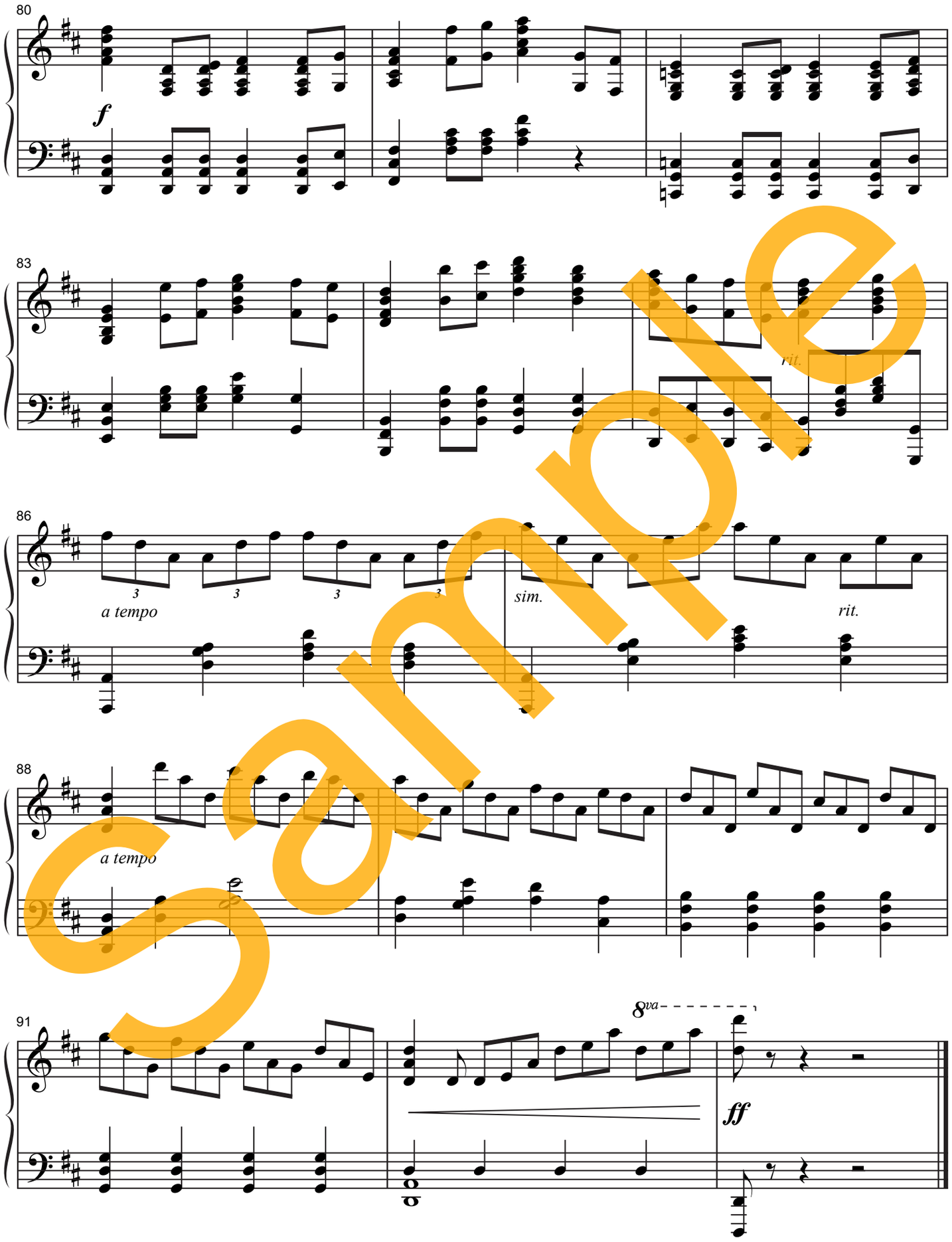

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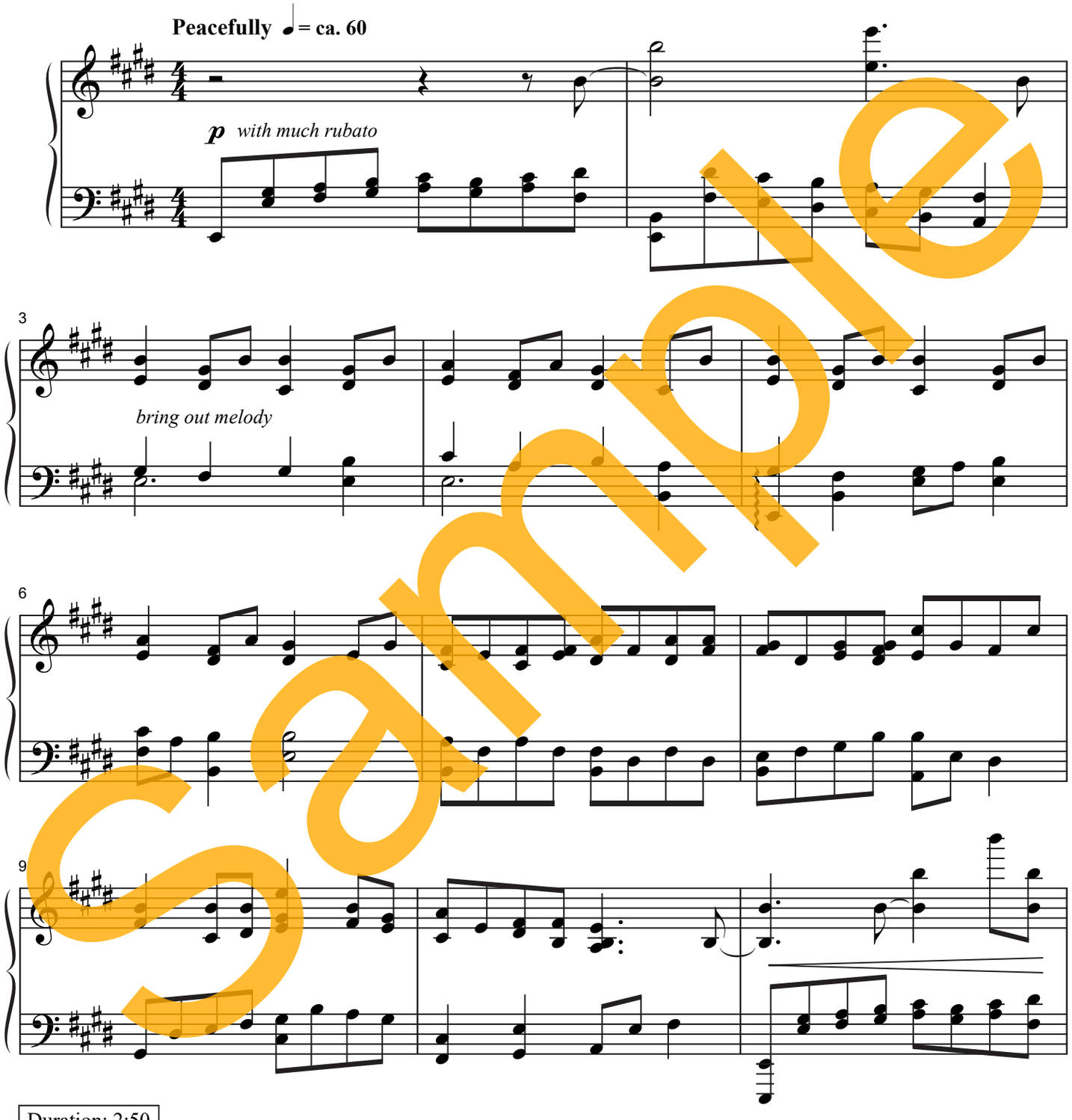
by **Johann A.P. Schulz** (1747-1800)



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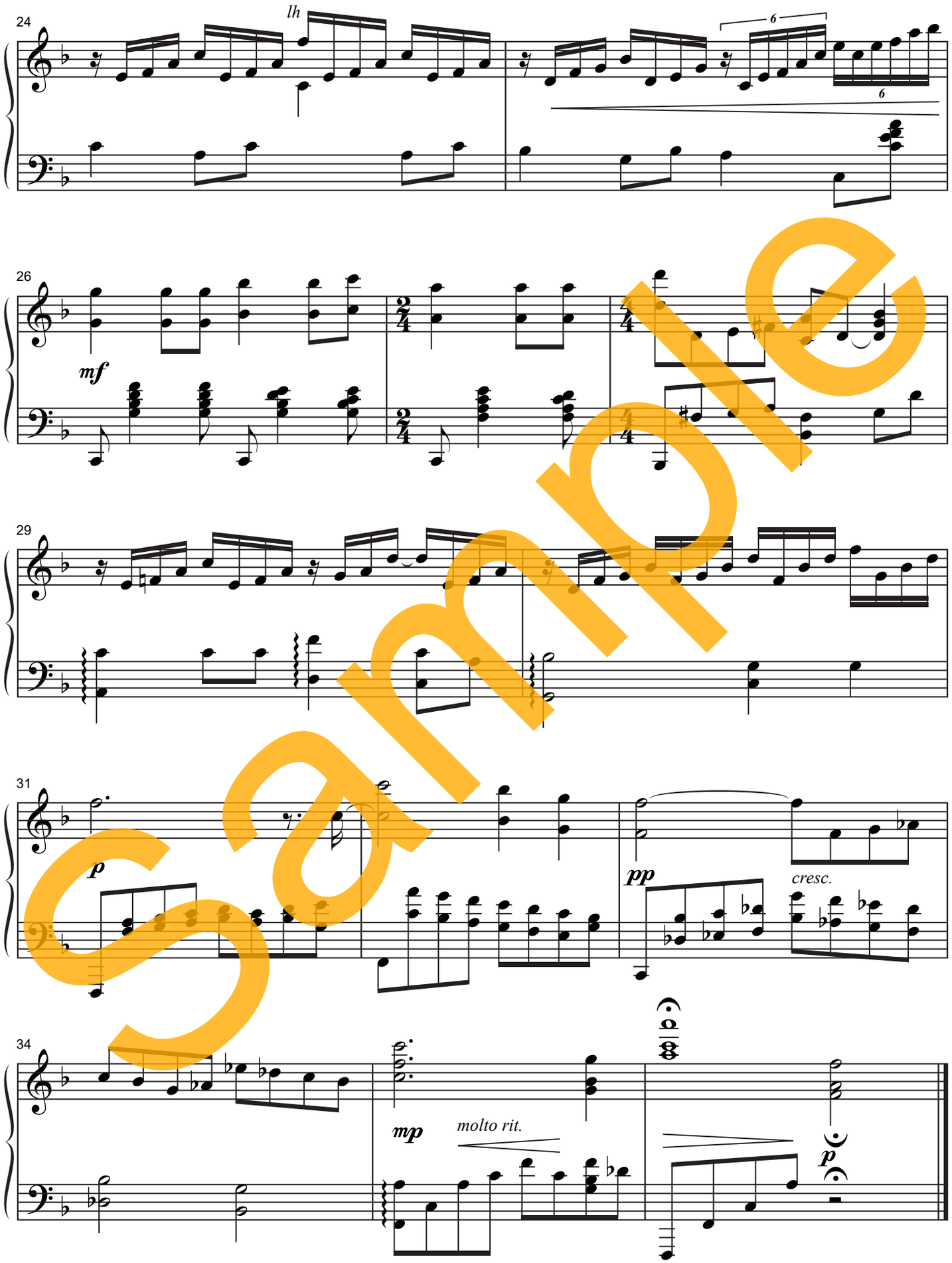

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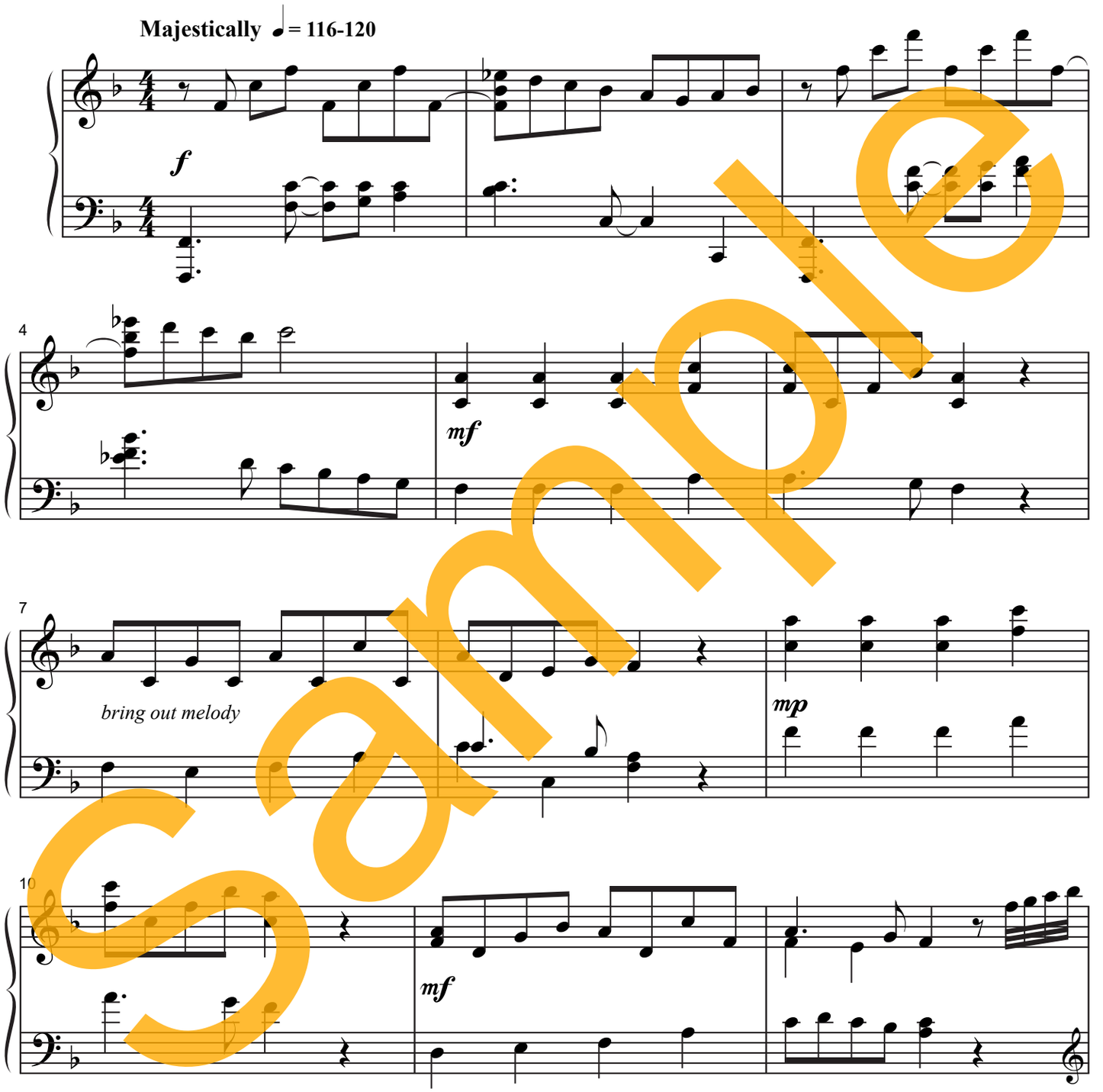
Brian Büda
Tune: **GLORIA**
French Carol Melody



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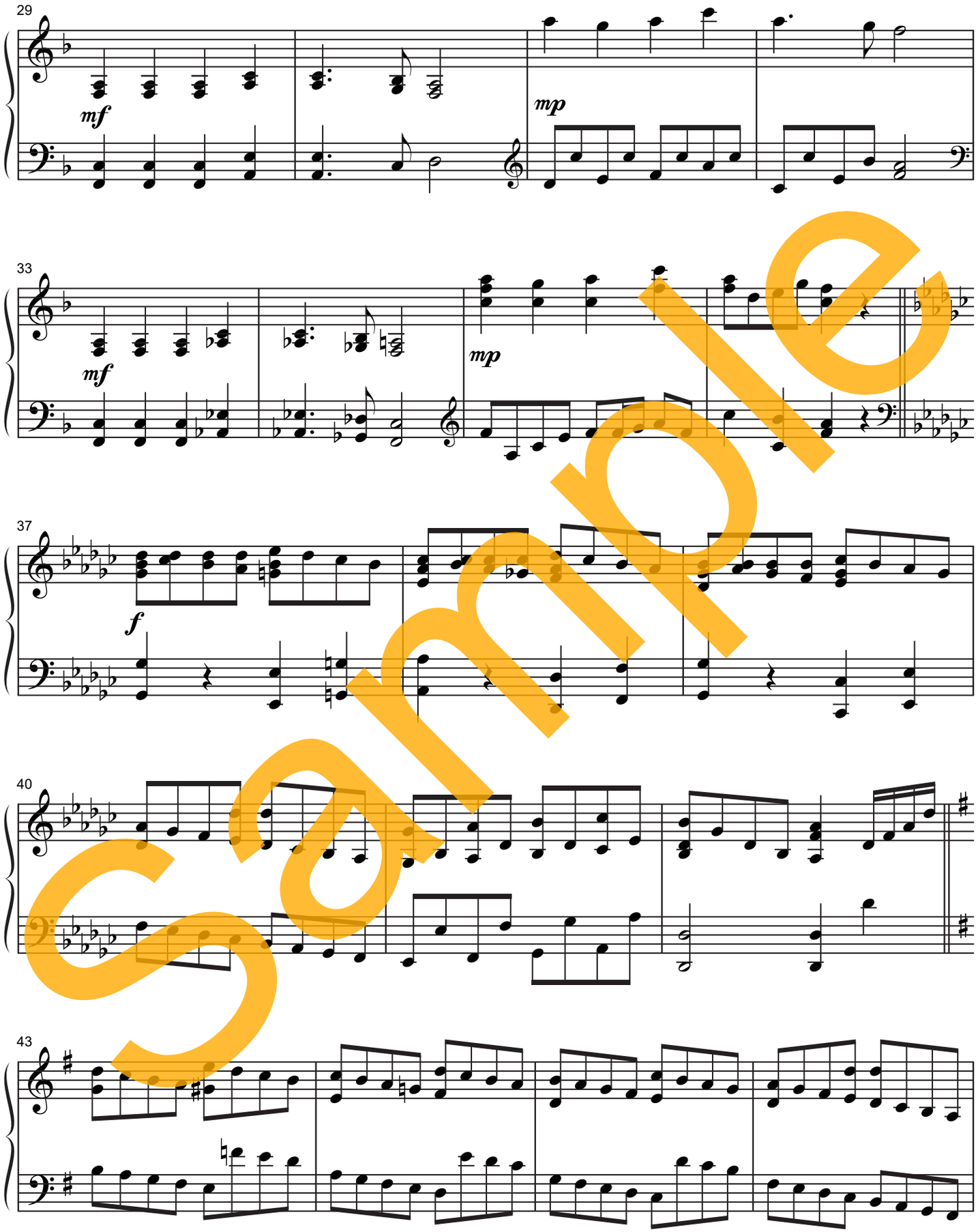

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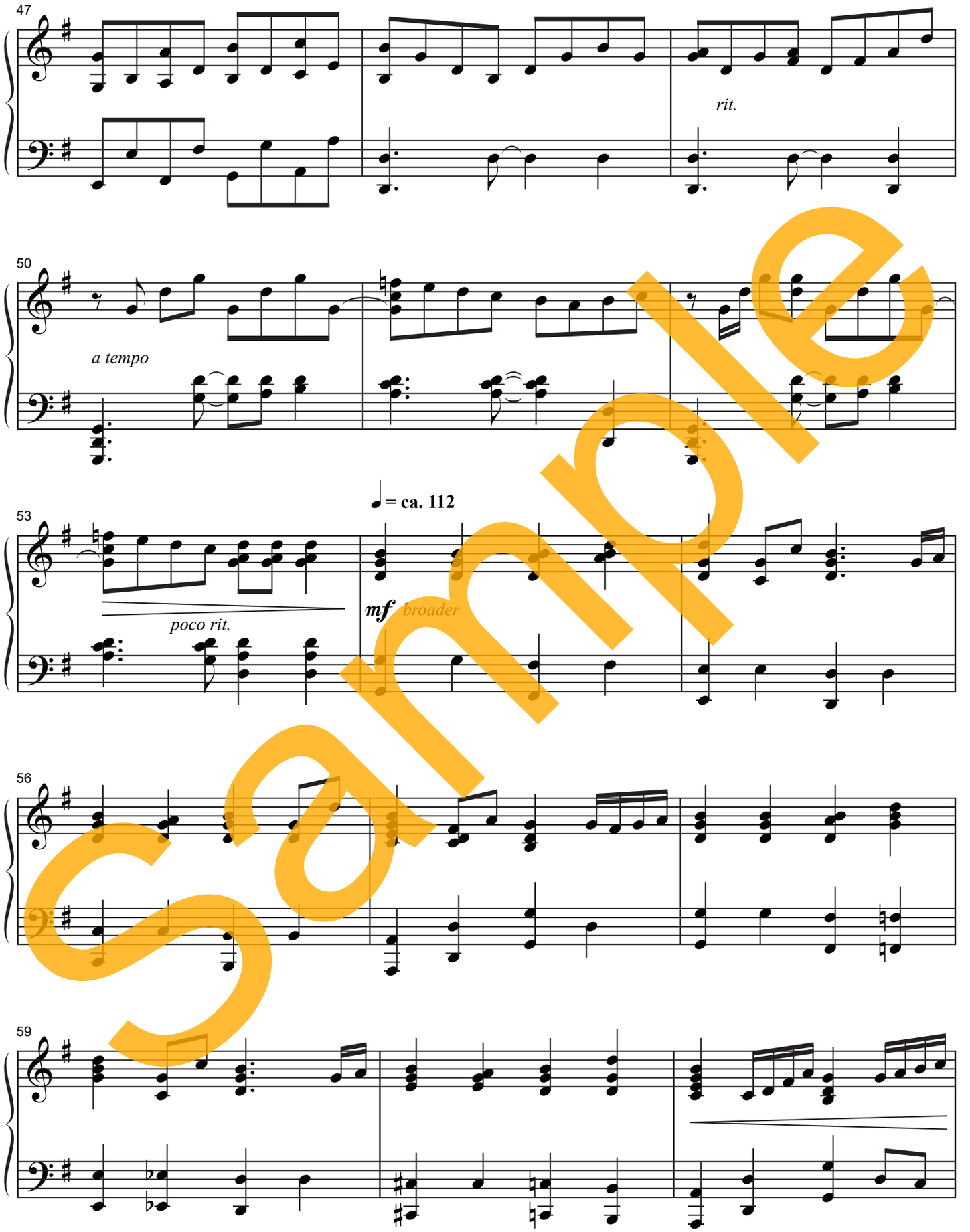

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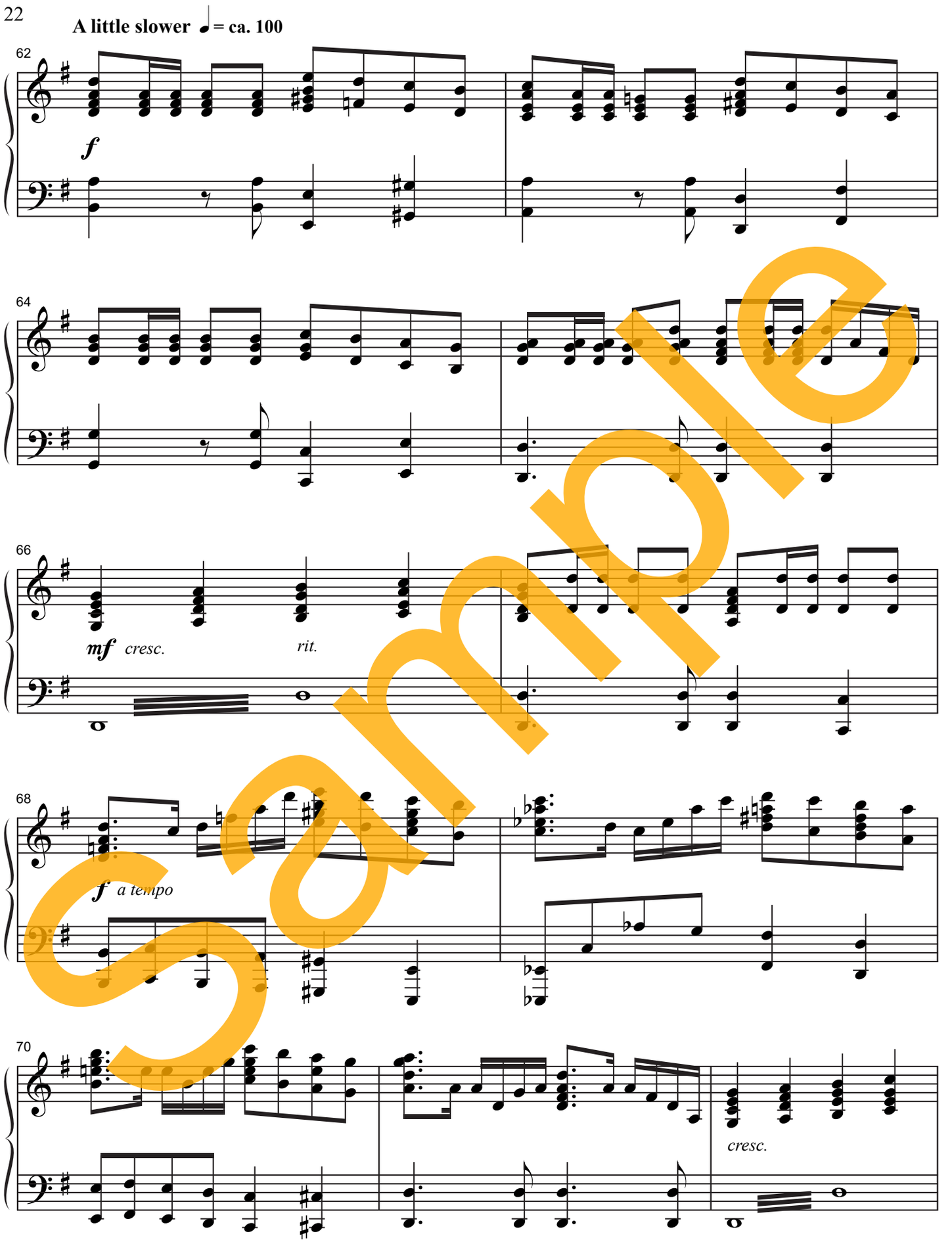
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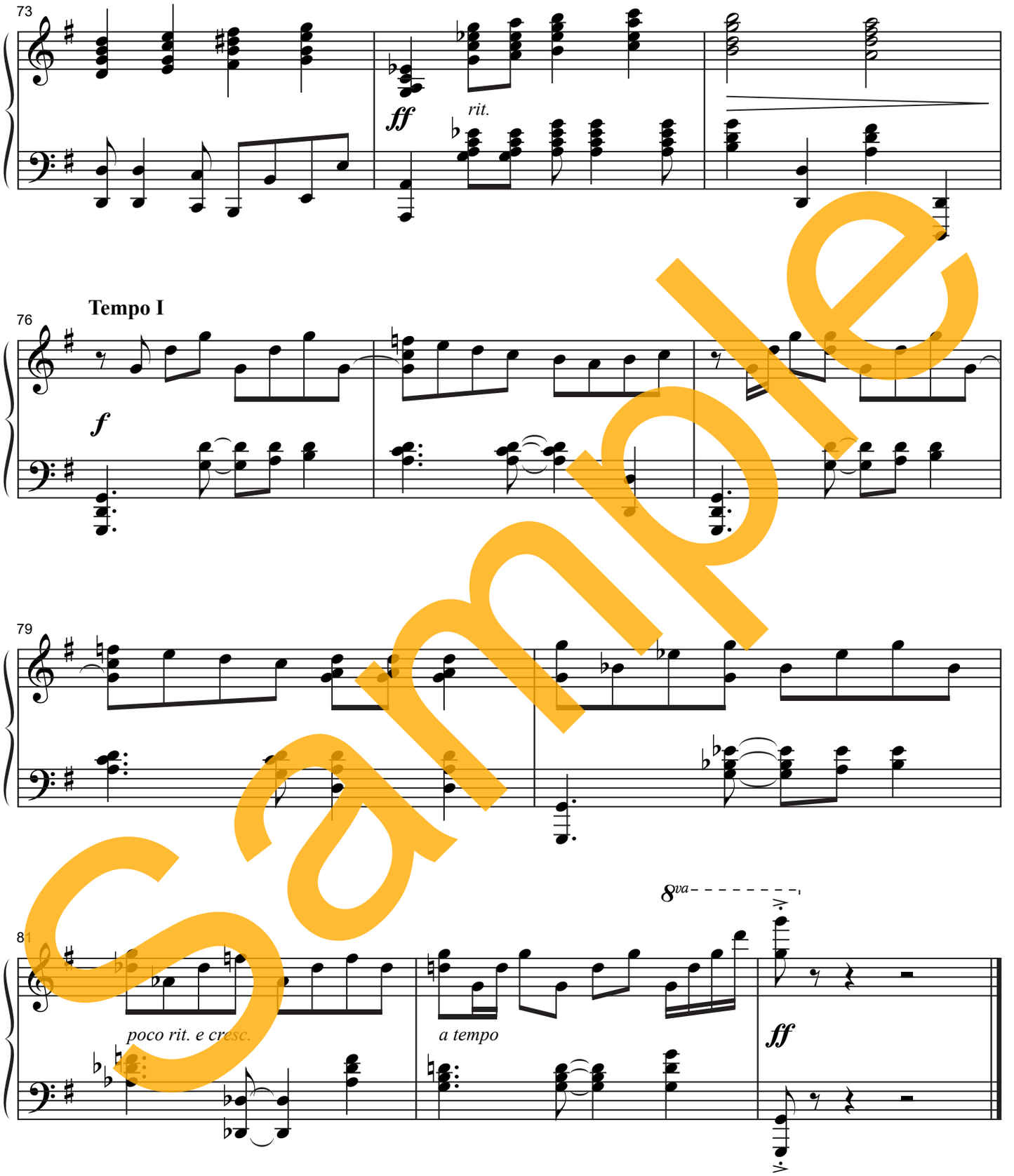

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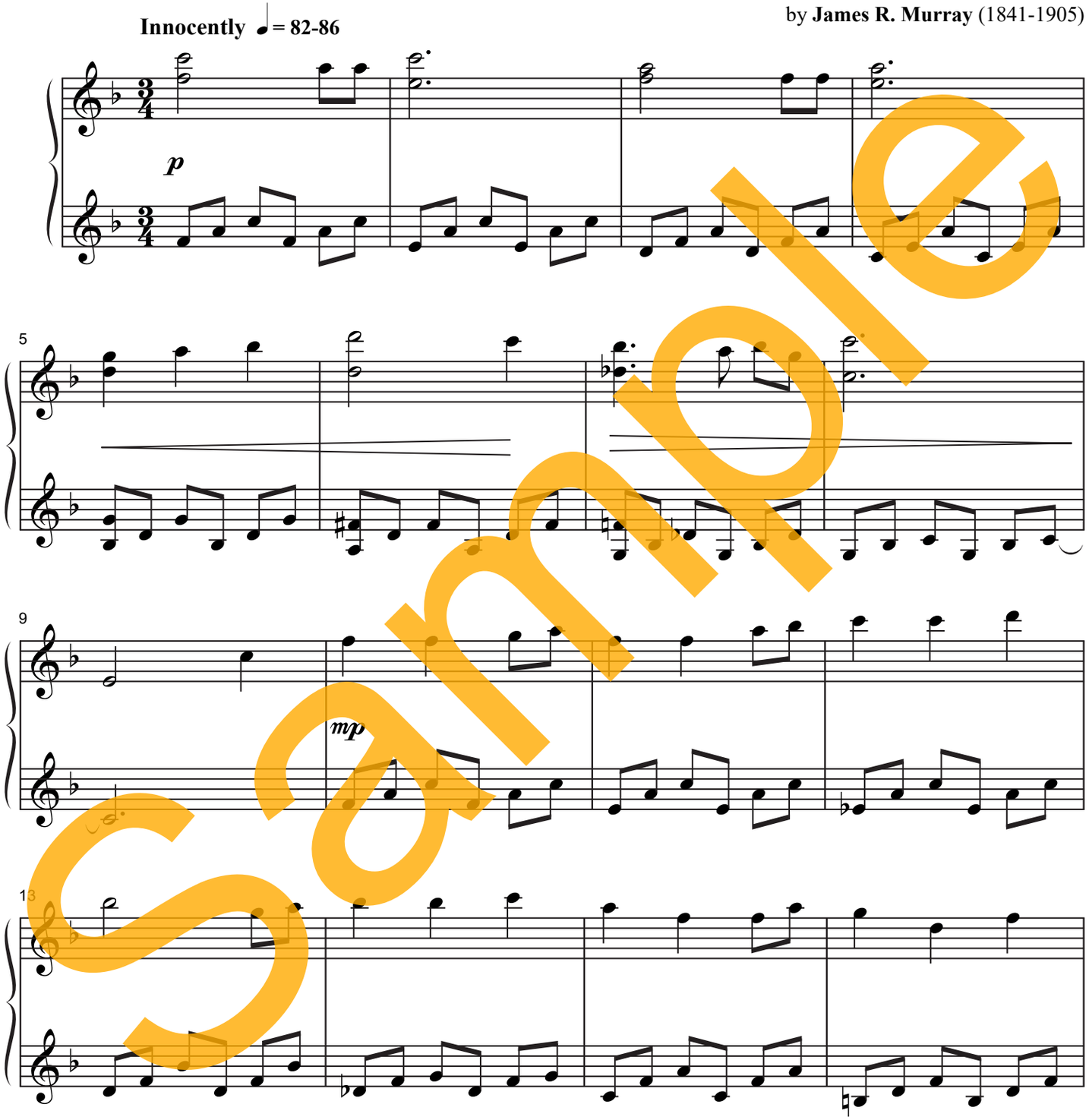
Away in a Manger

Brian Büda

Tunes: **CRADLE SONG**
by **William J. Kirkpatrick** (1838-1921)
and **MUELLER**
by **James R. Murray** (1841-1905)



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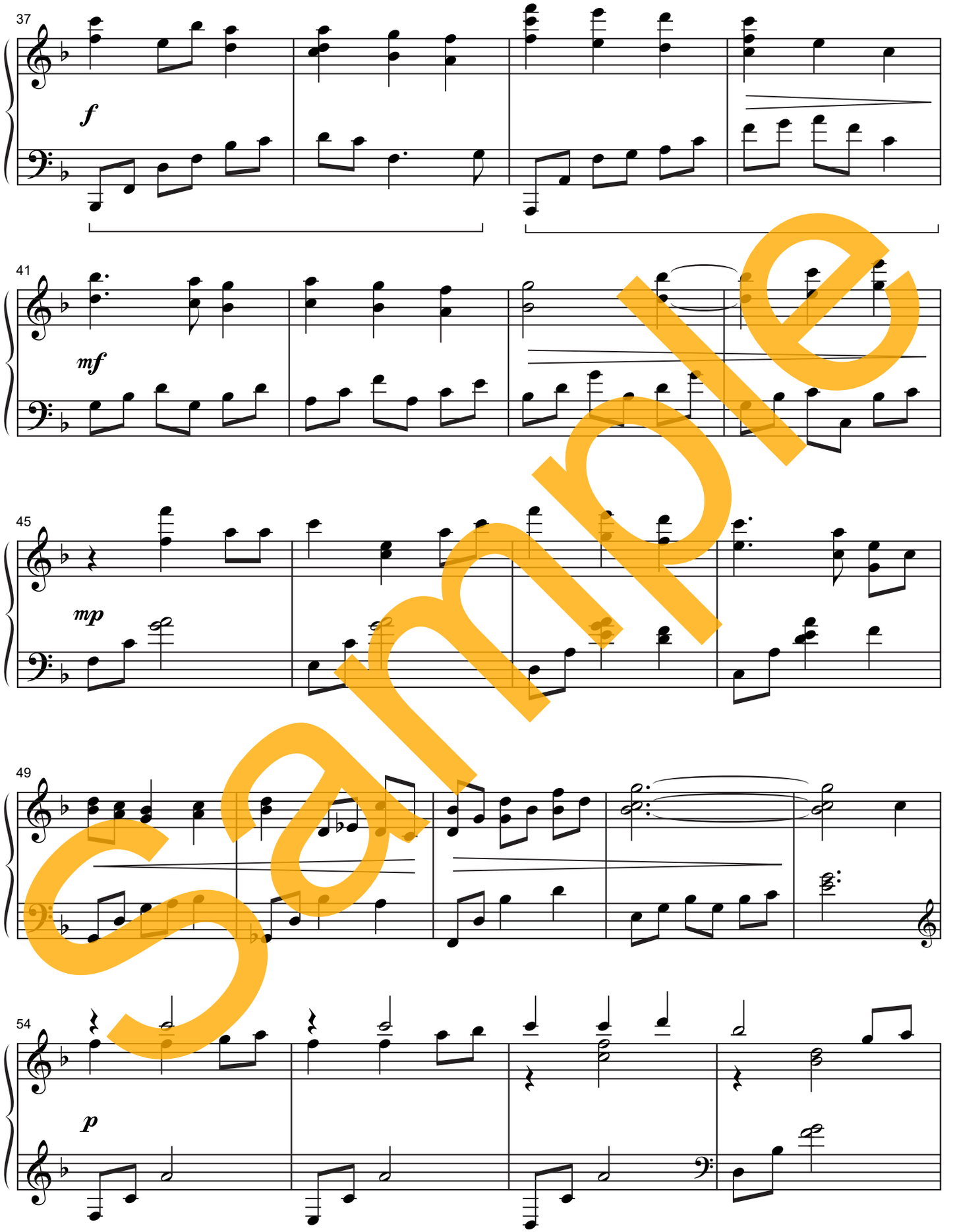

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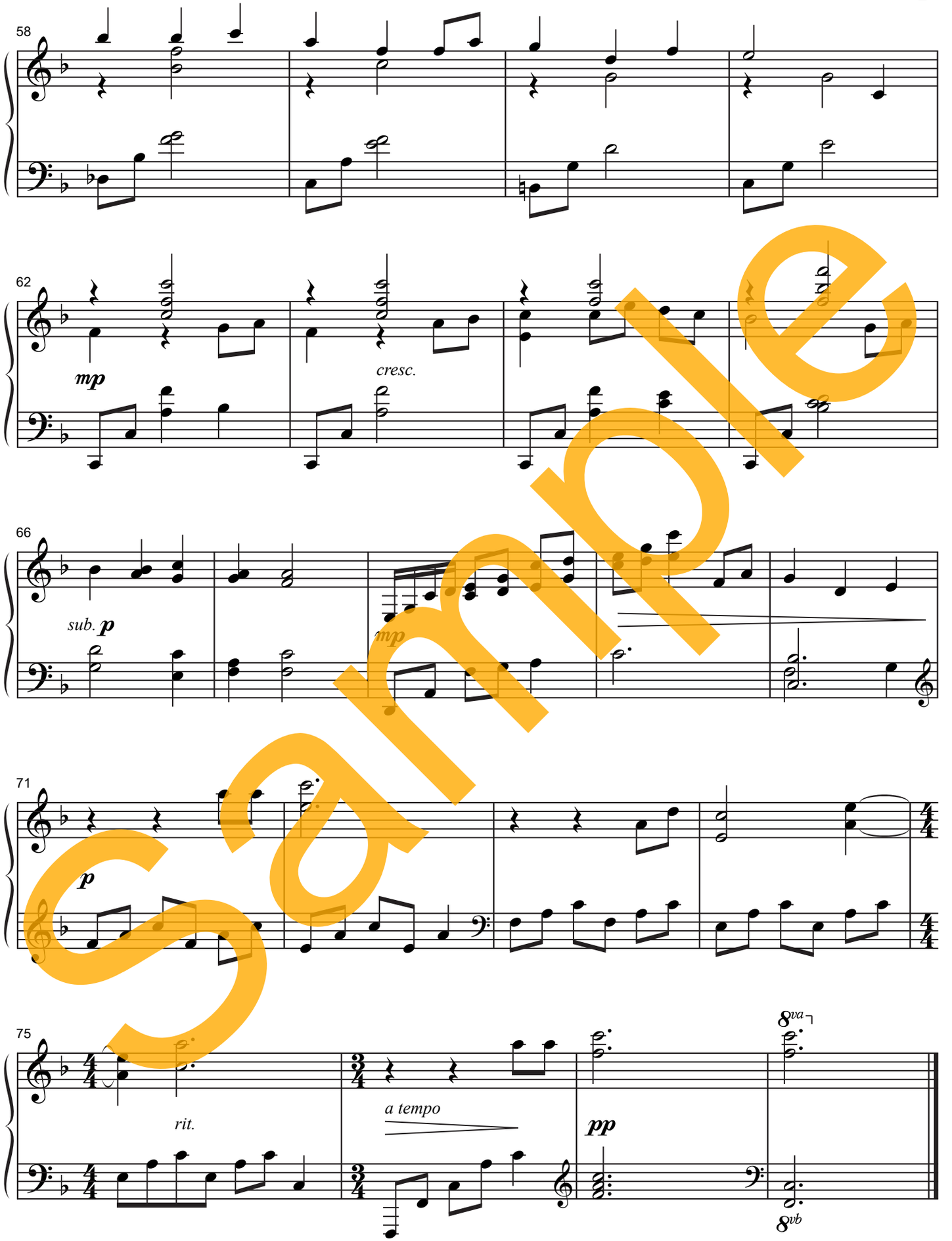

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Once in Royal David's City

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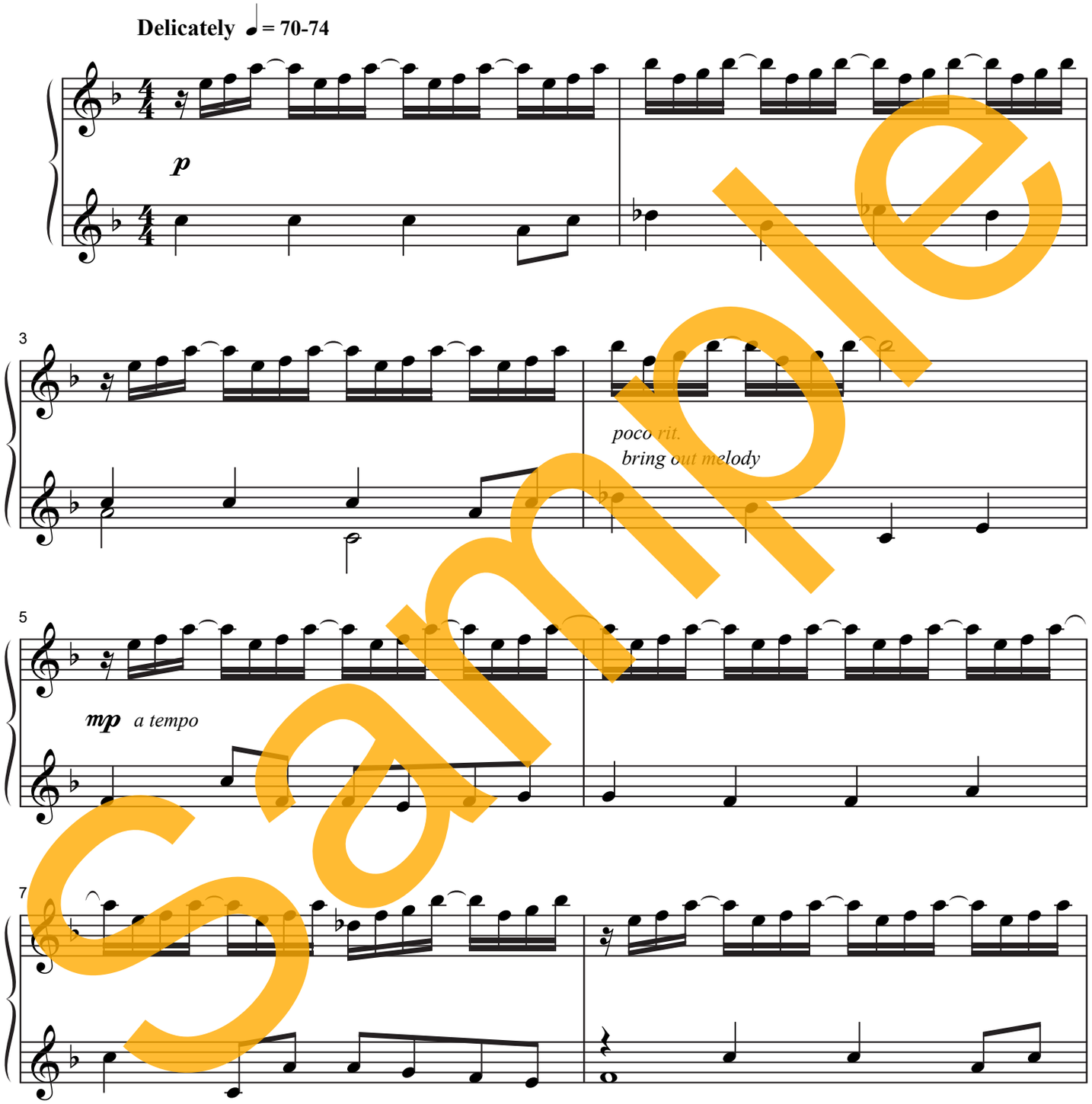
by **Henry J. Gauntlett** (1805-1876)



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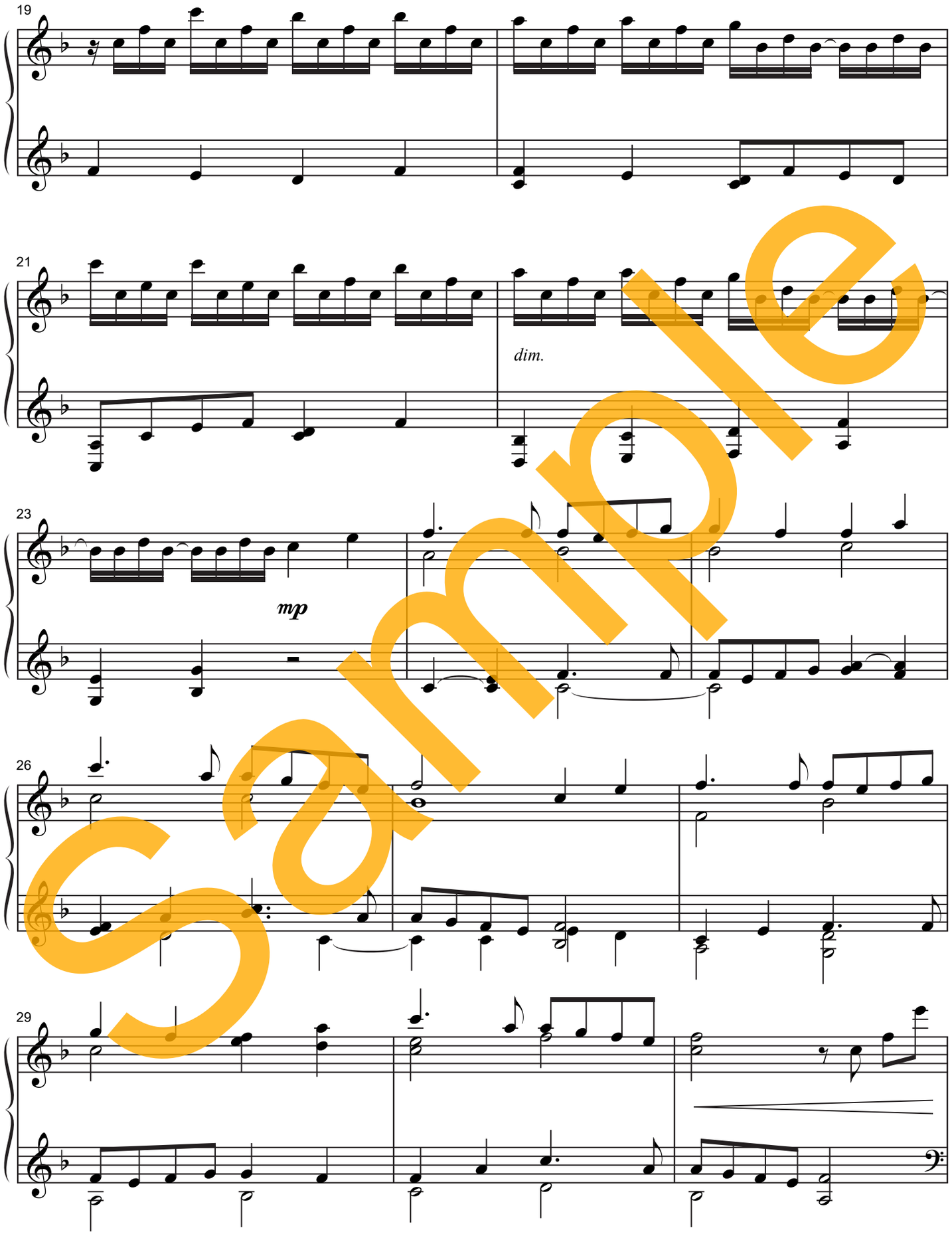

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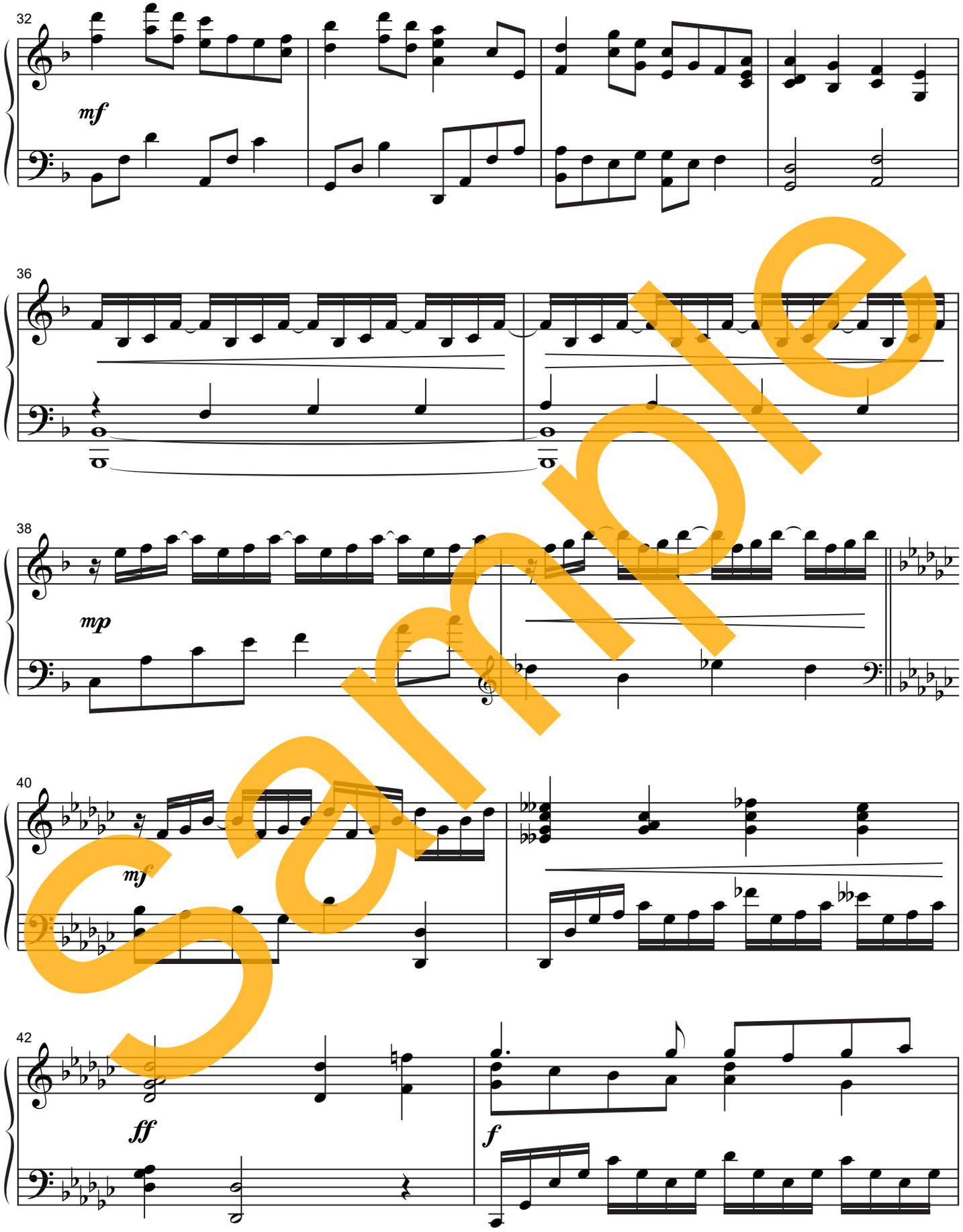

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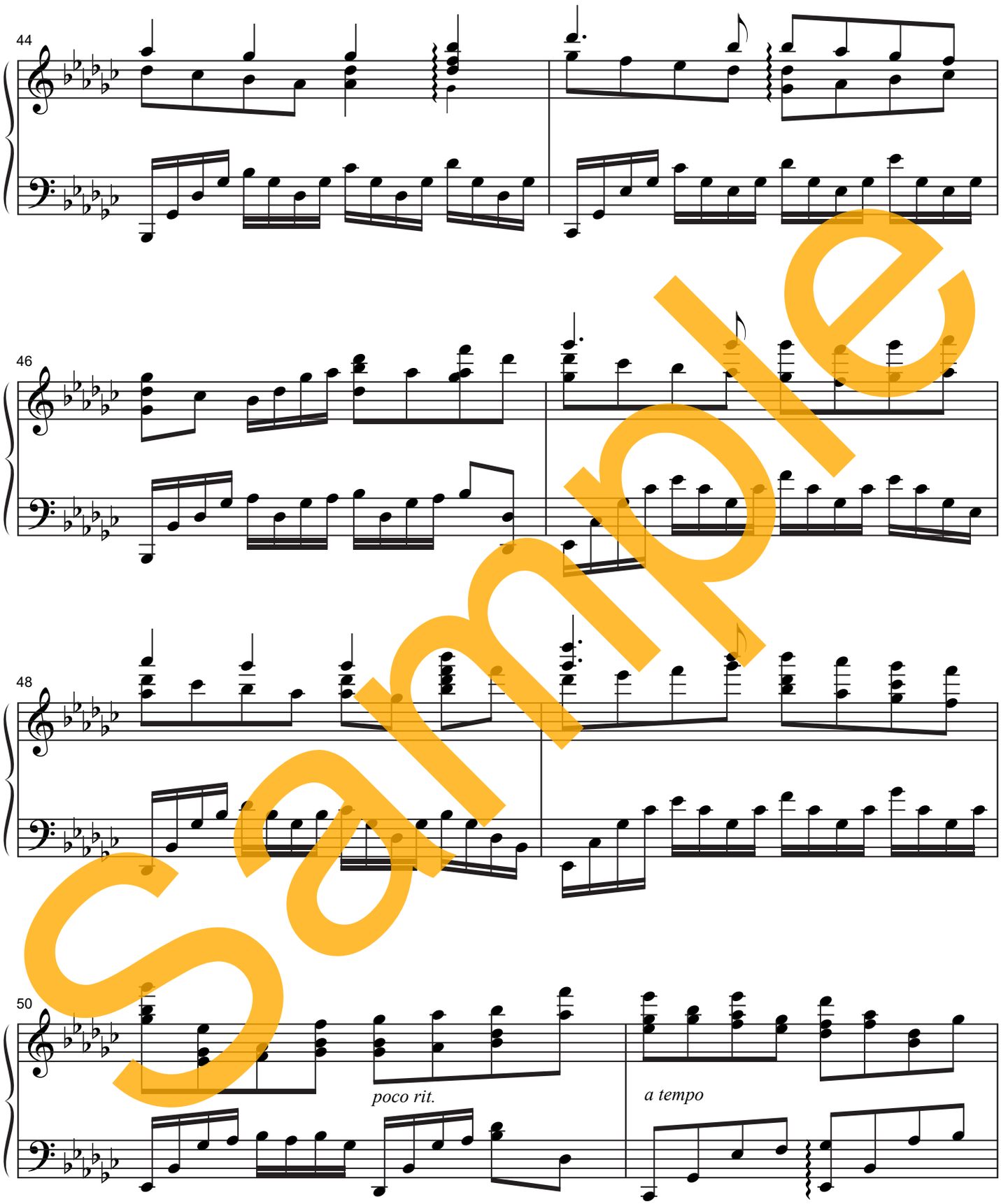

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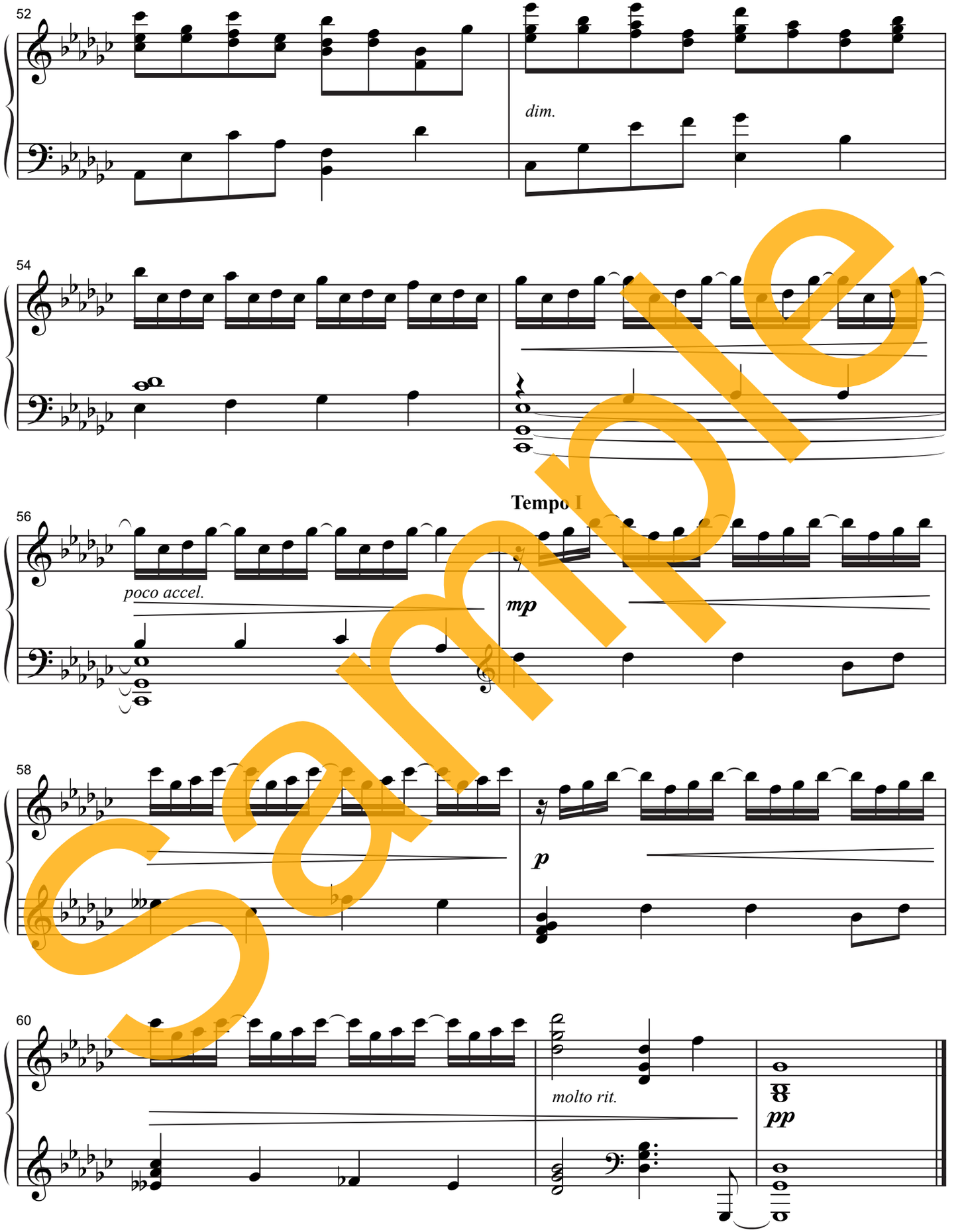

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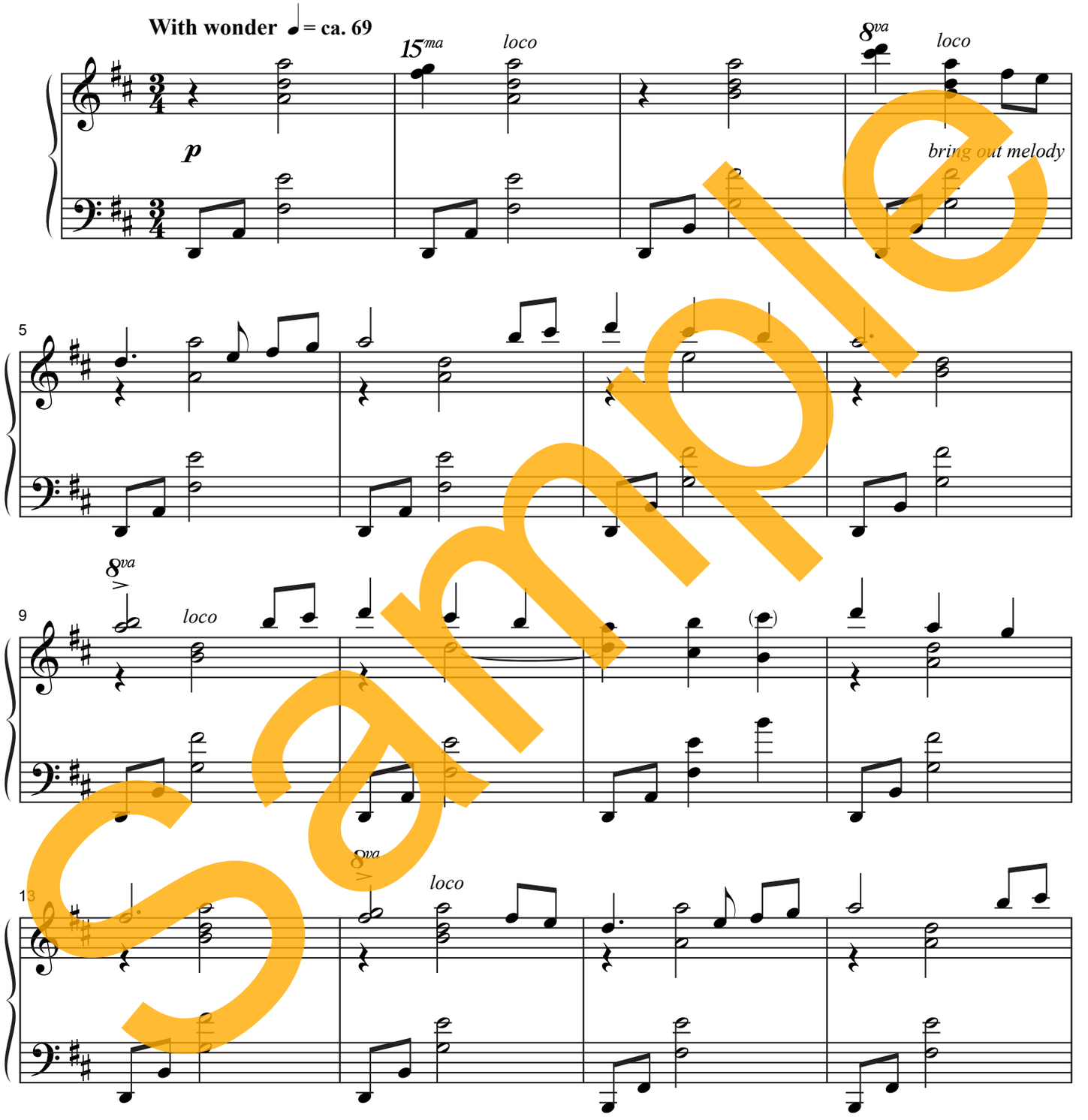
The First Noël

Brian Büda

Tune: **THE FIRST NOWELL**
Traditional English Carol



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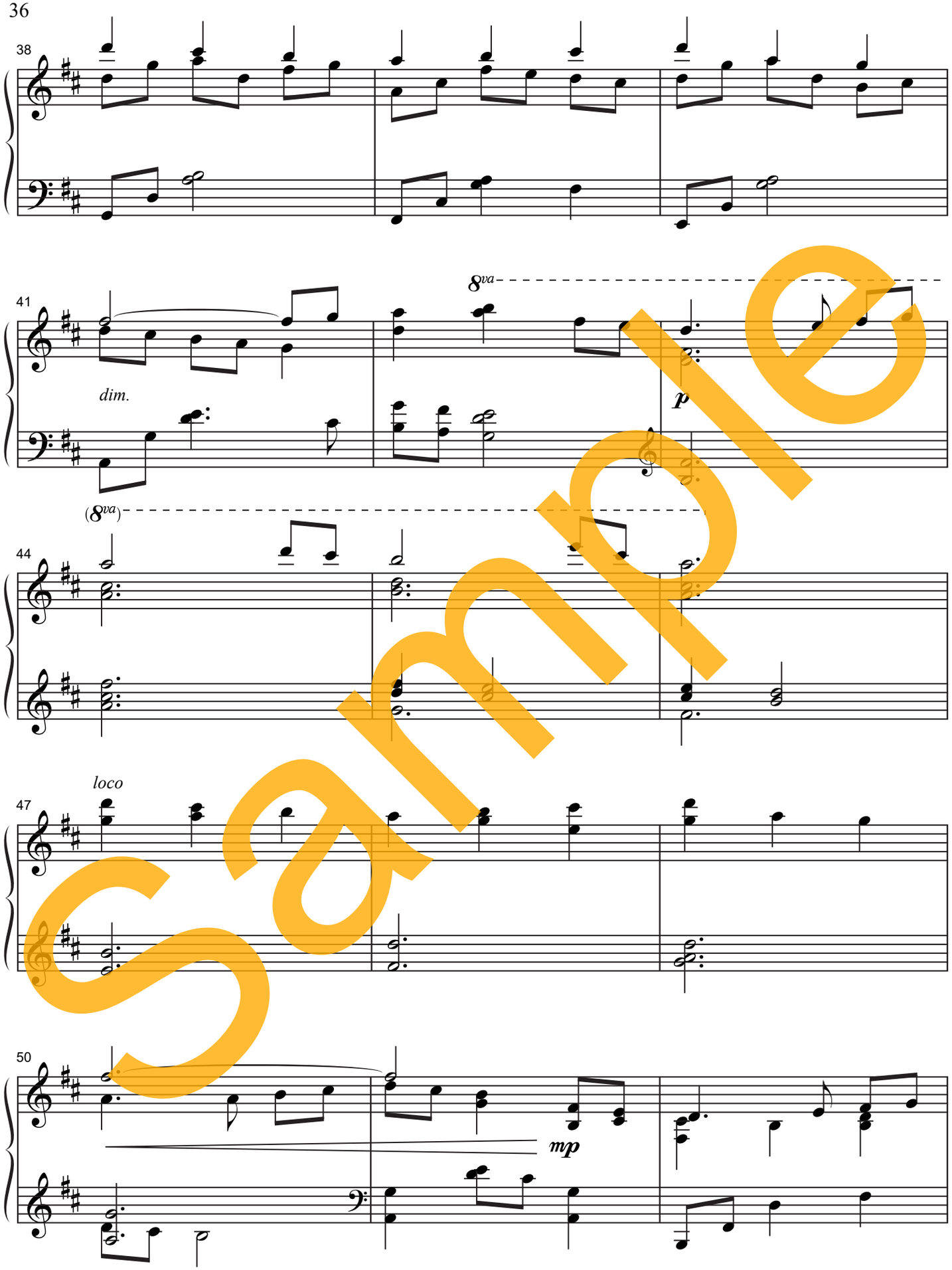

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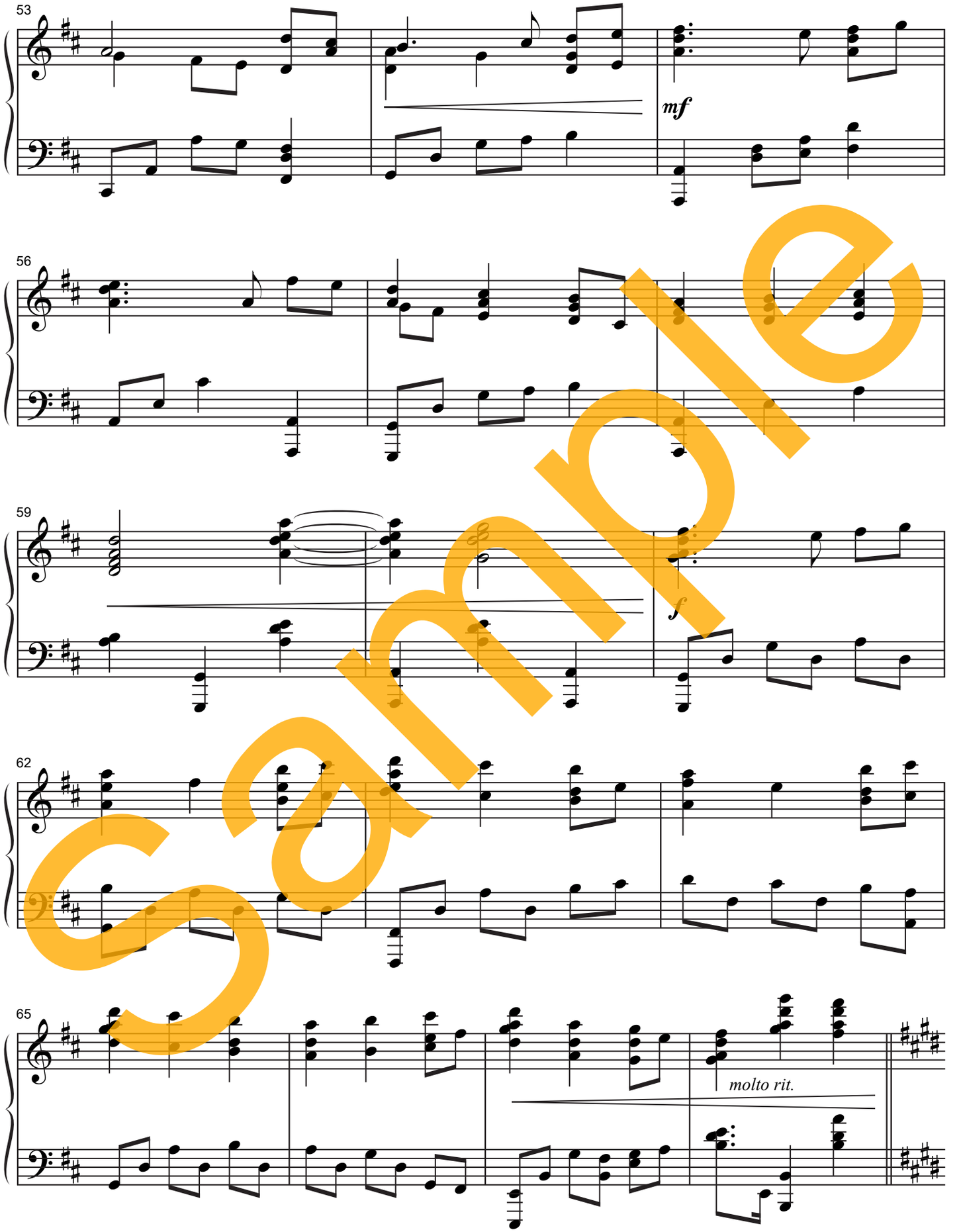

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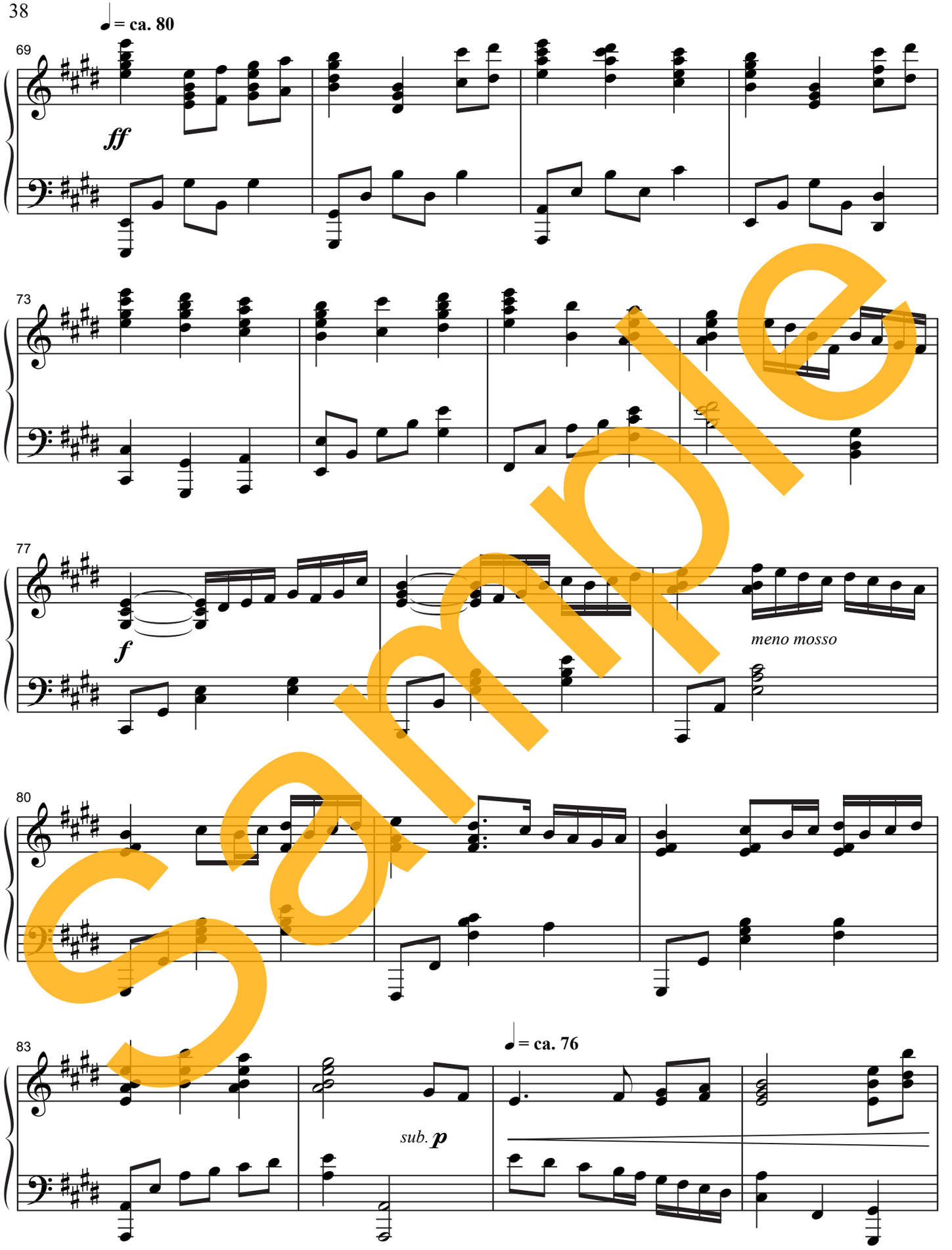

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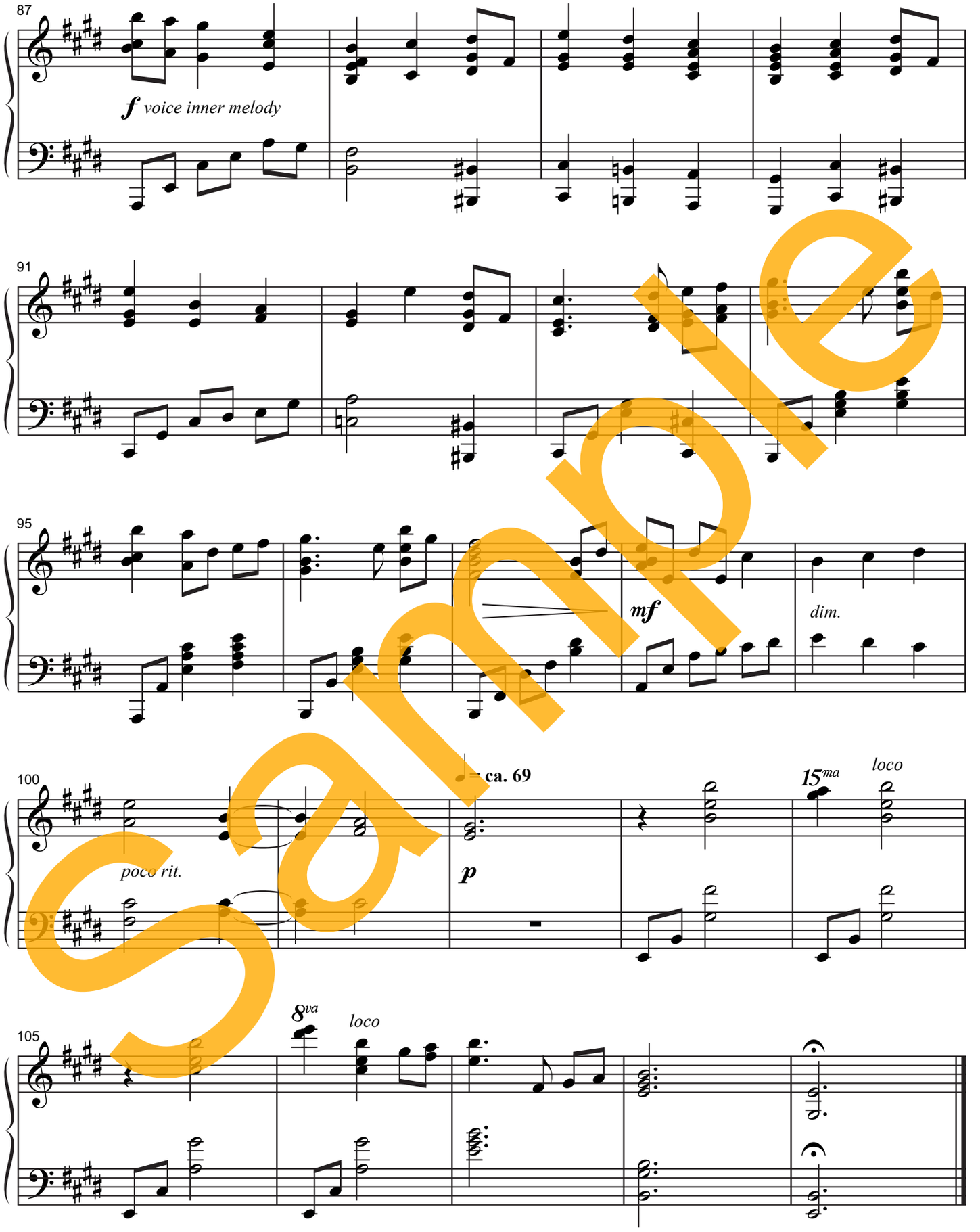
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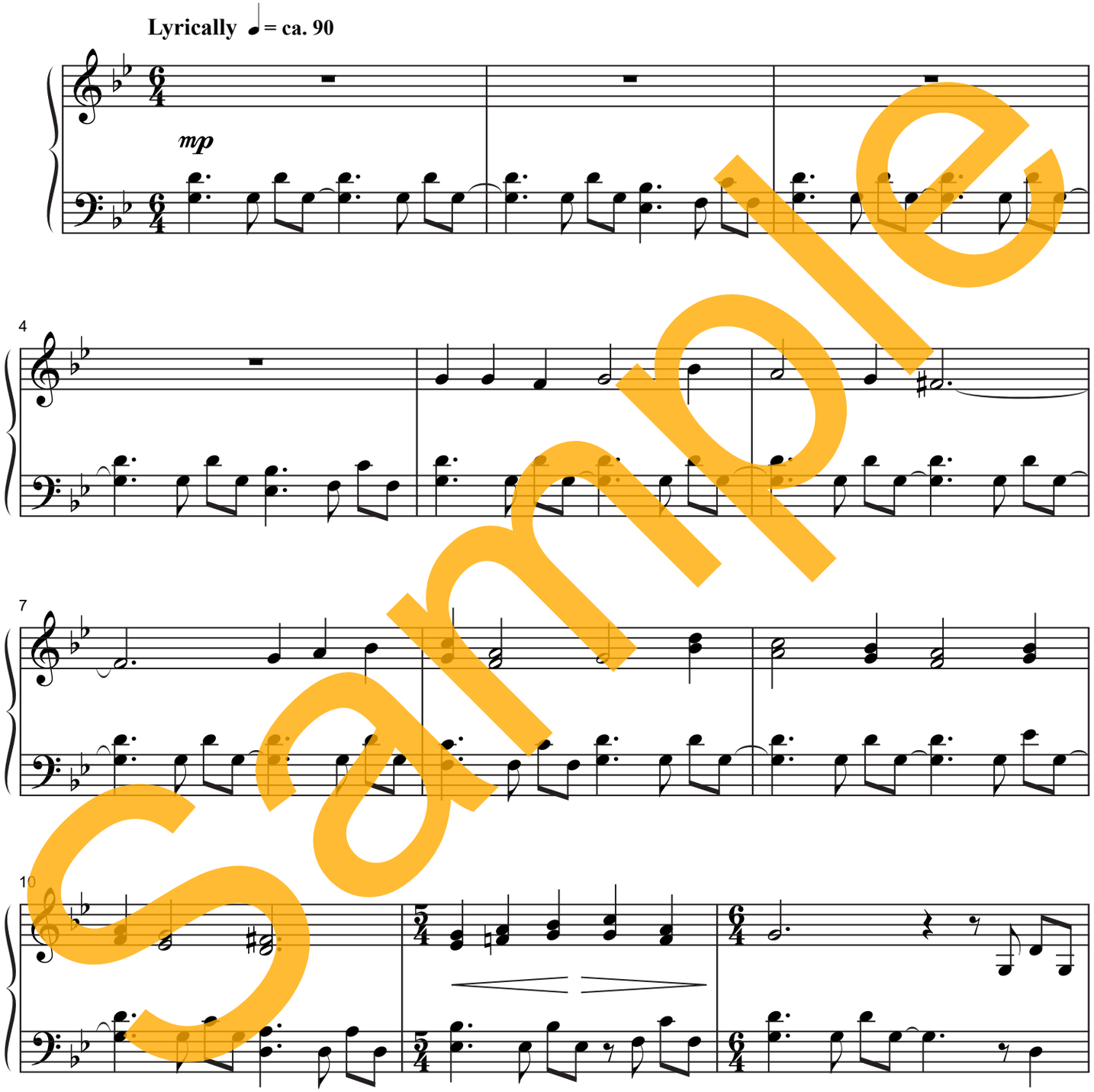
Brian Büda
Traditional English Carol



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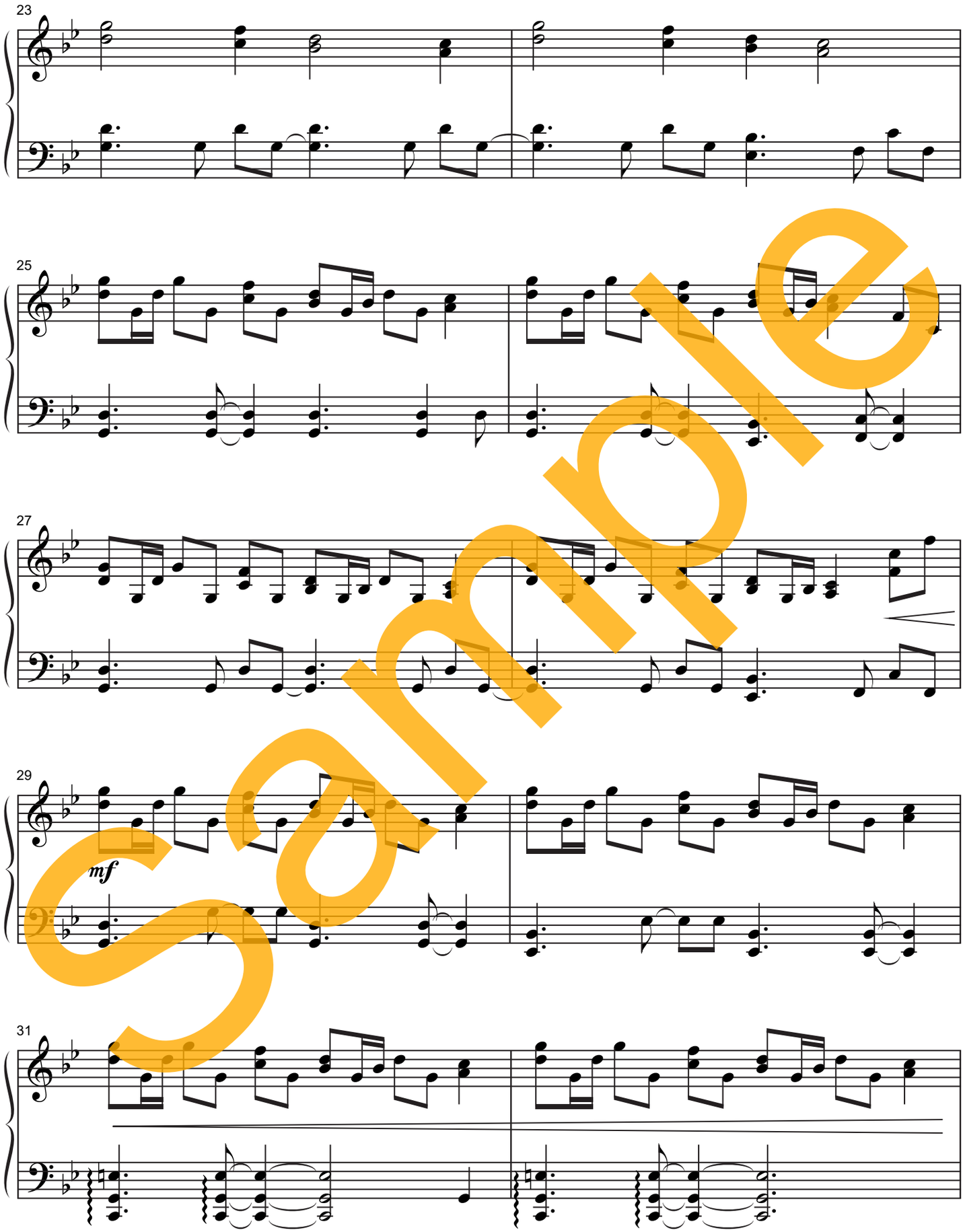

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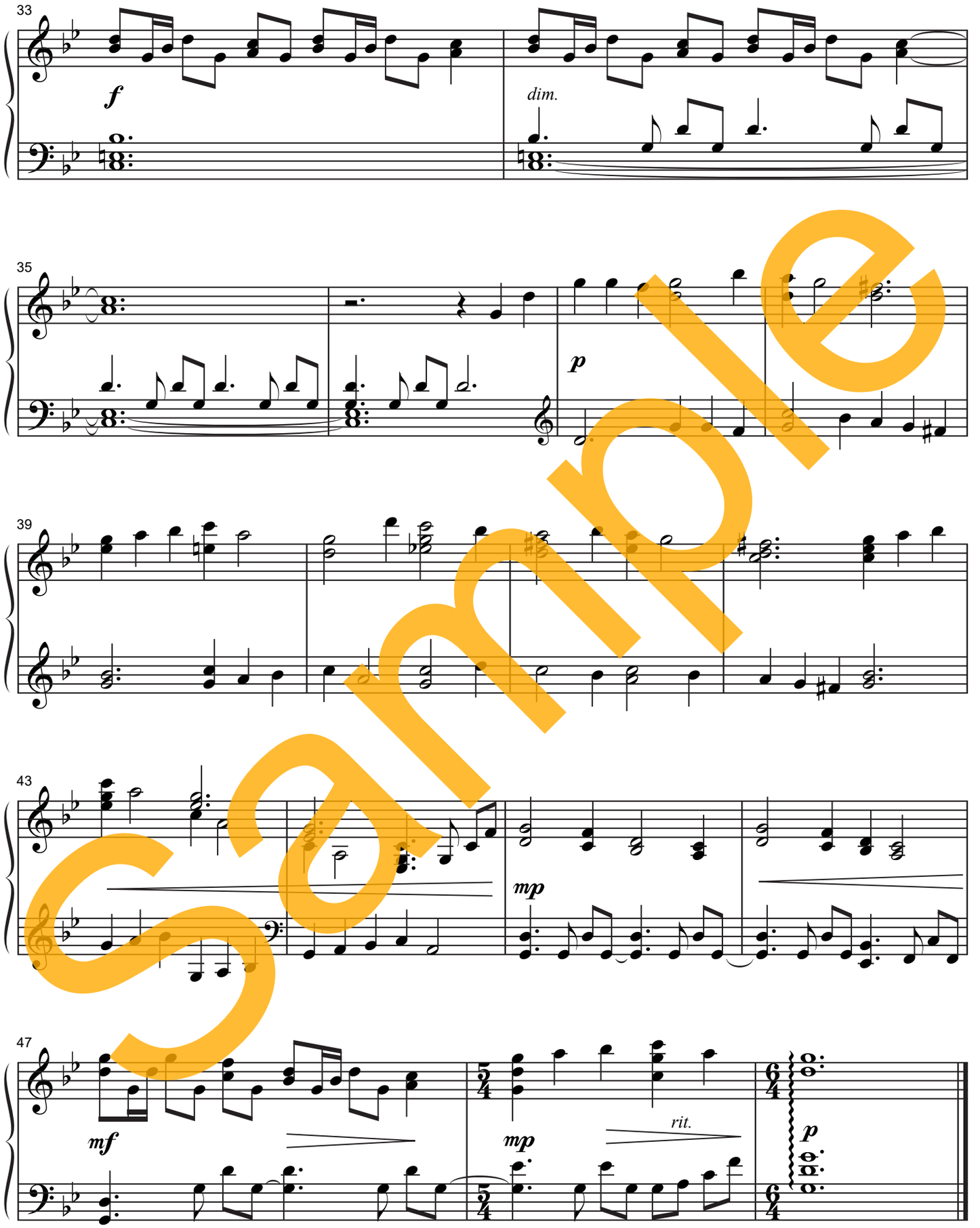

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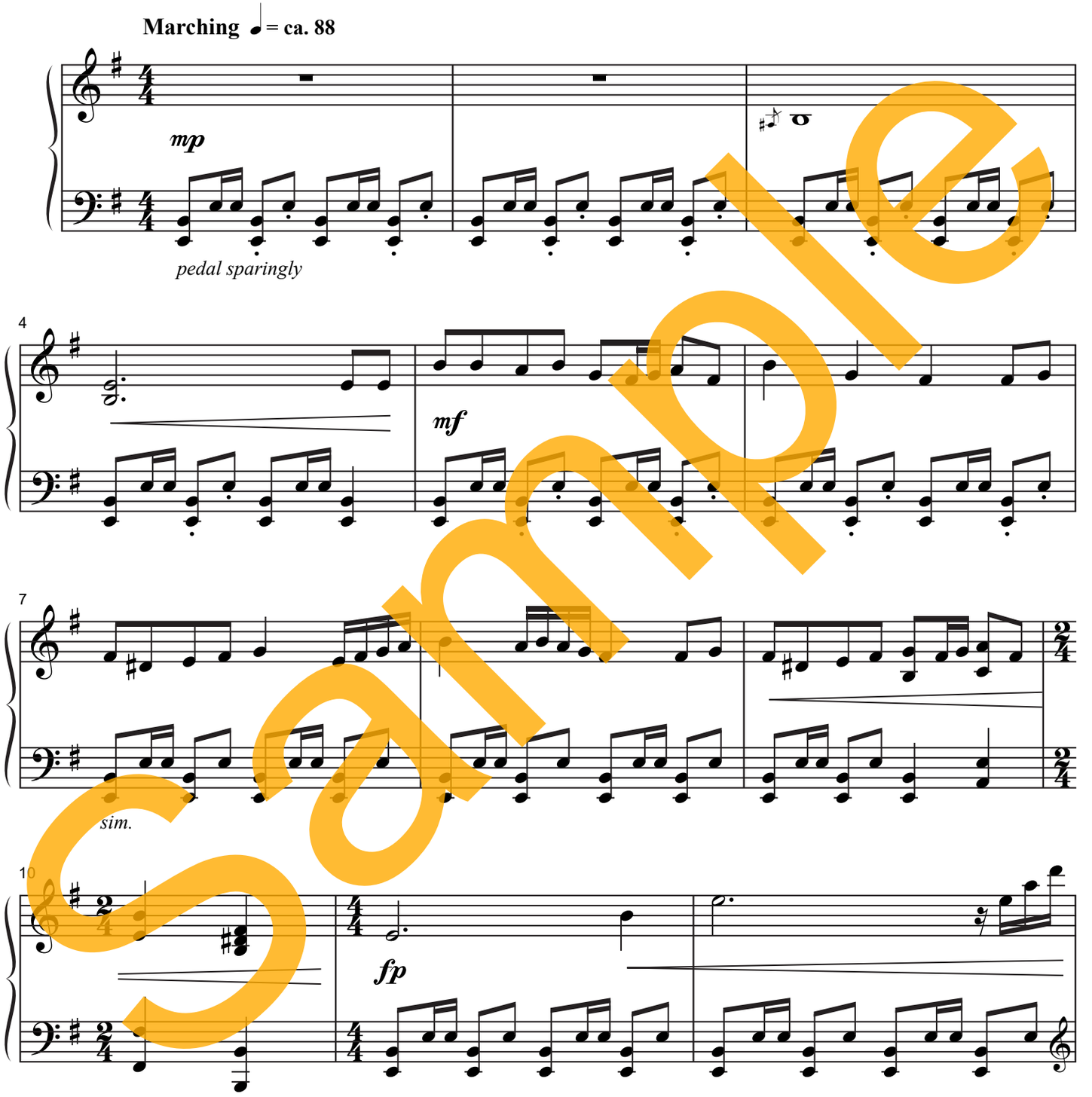
Traditional French Carol



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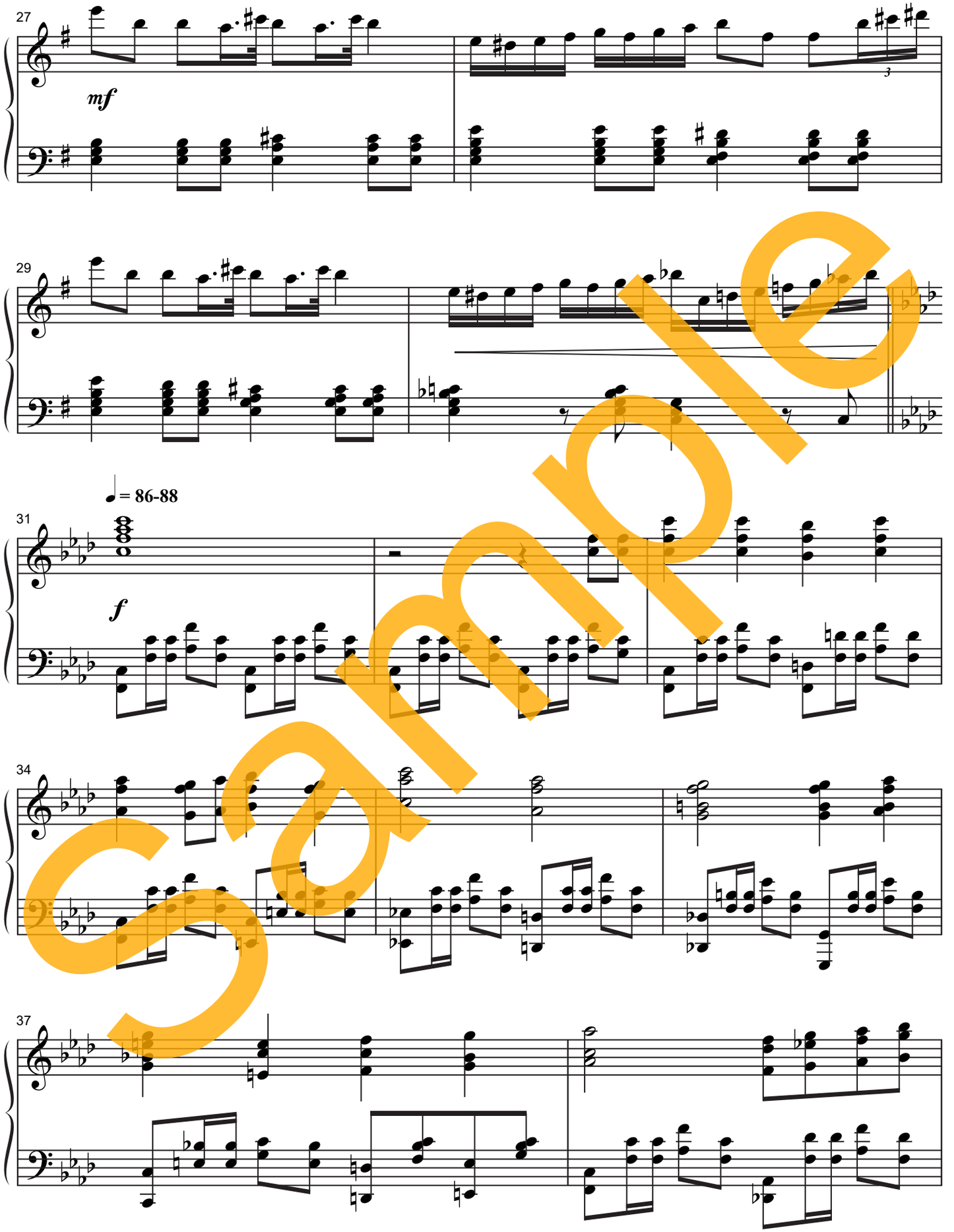

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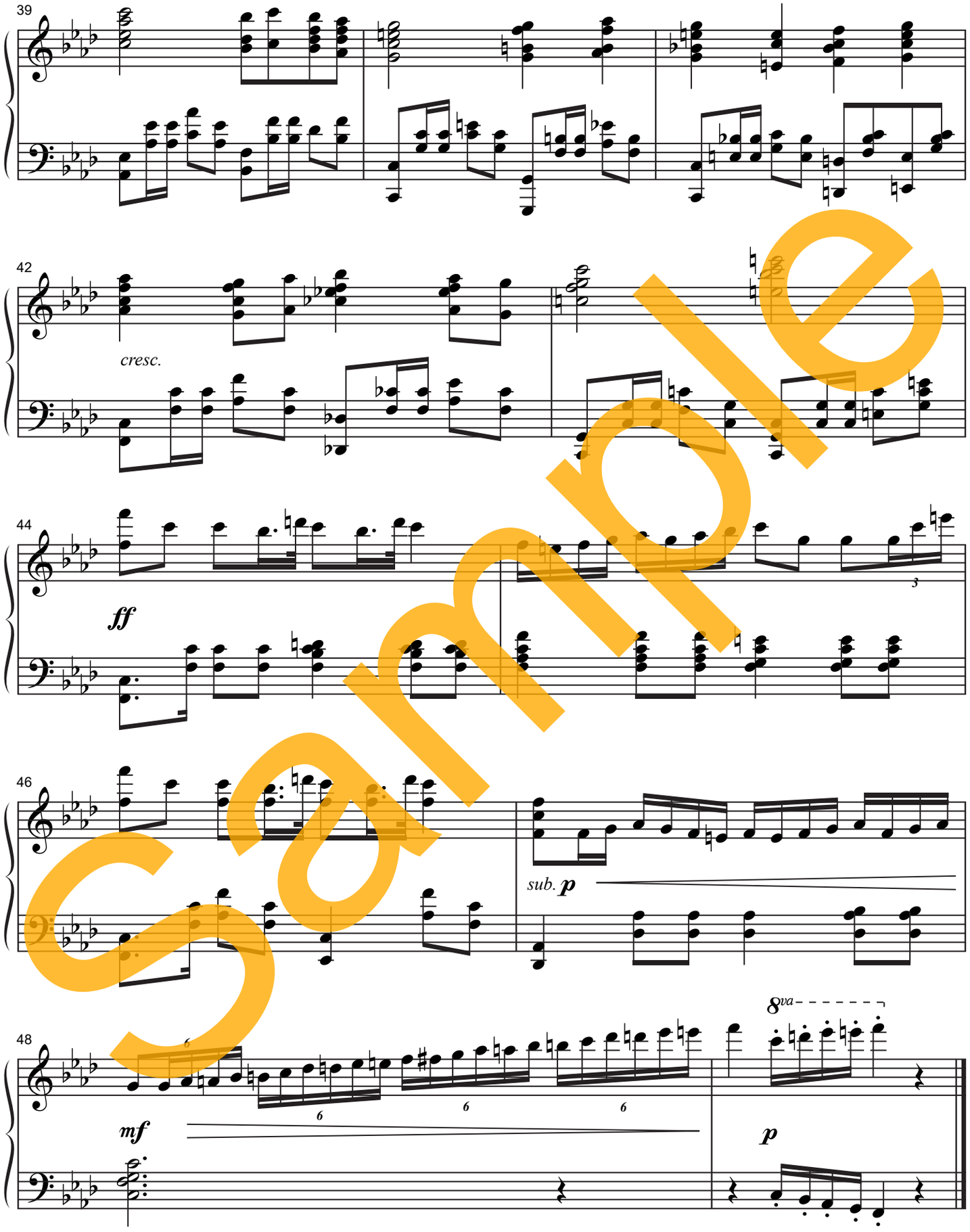

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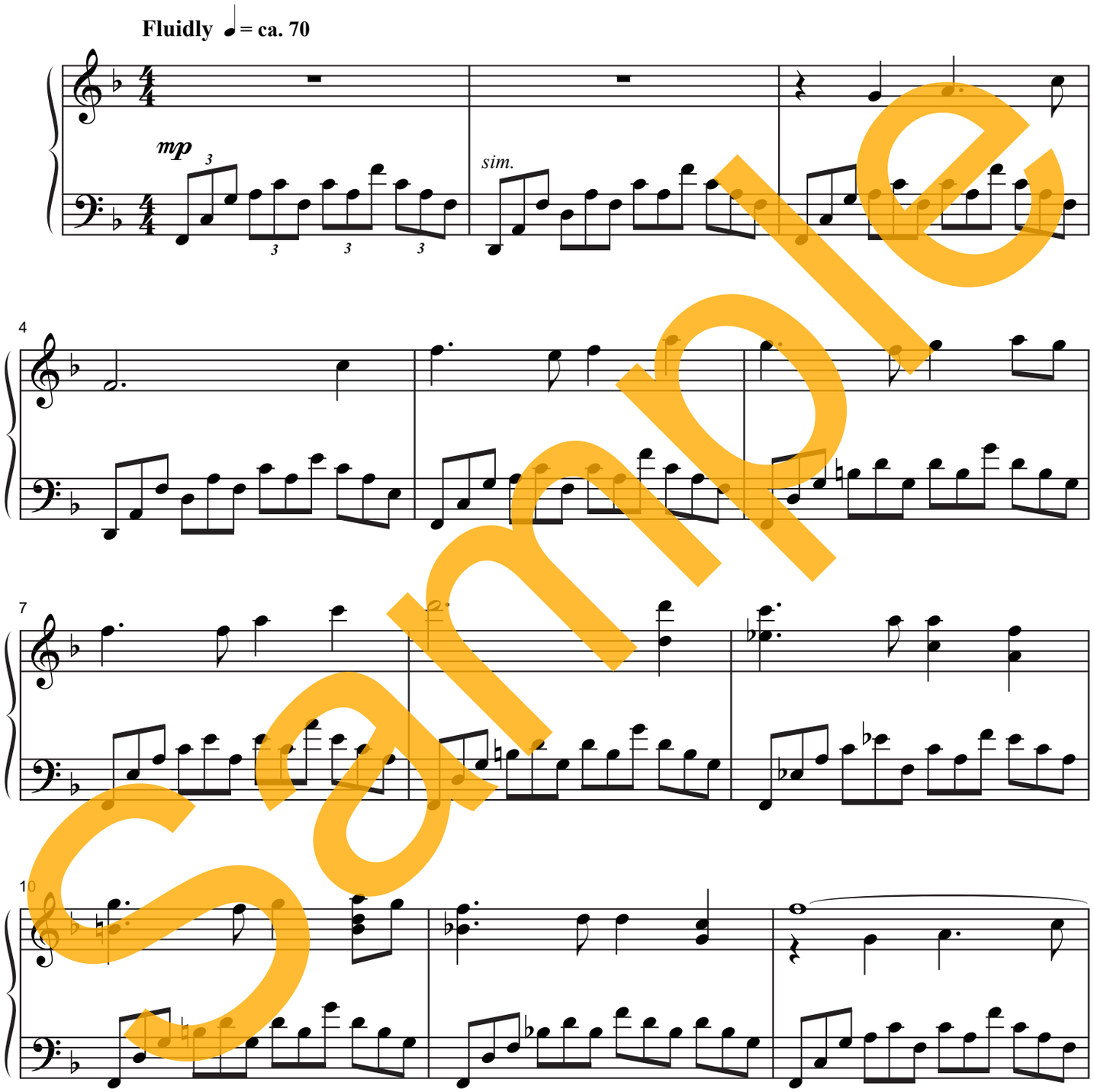
Auld Lang Syne

Brian Büda

Tune: **AULD LANG SYNE**
Scottish Folk Song



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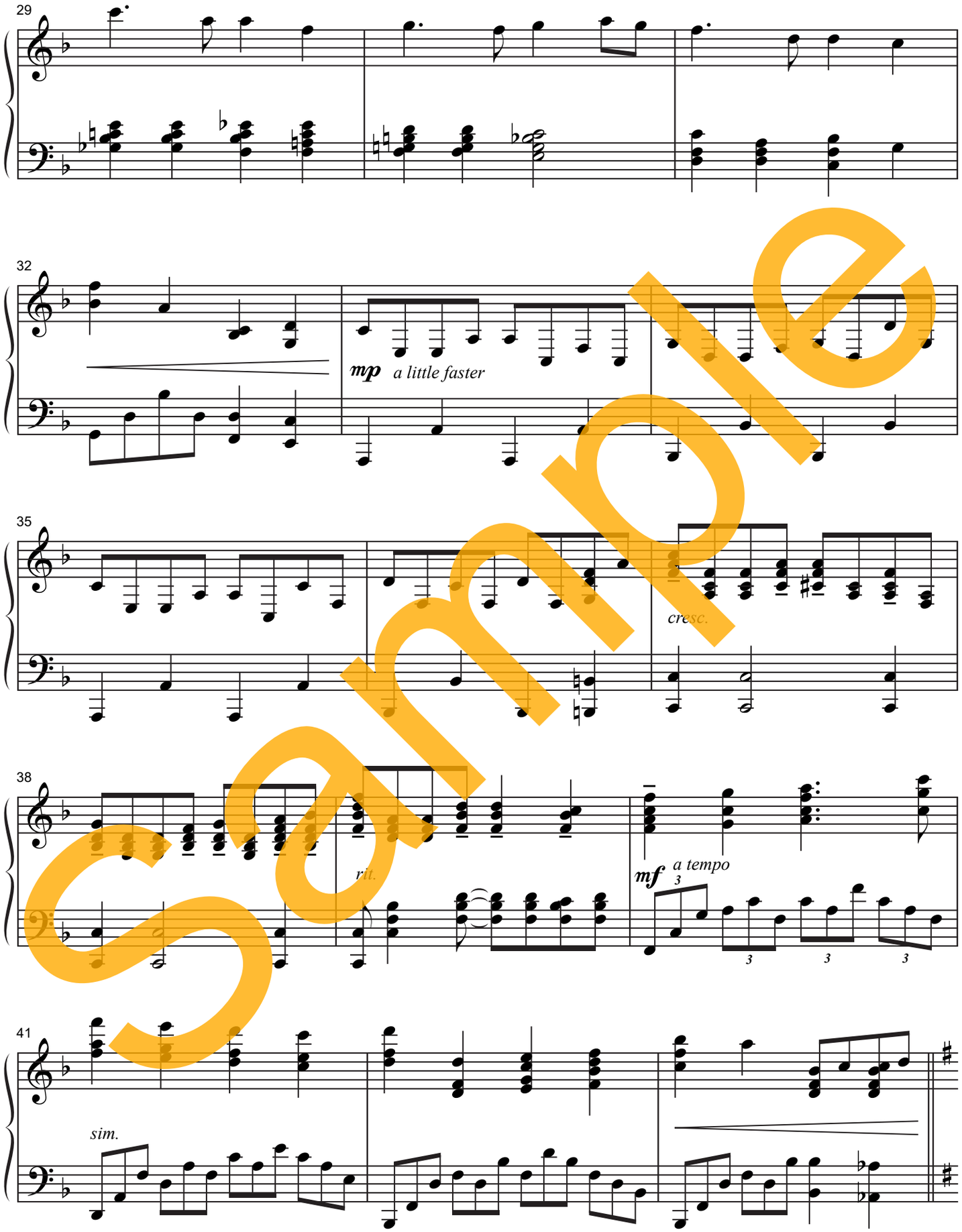

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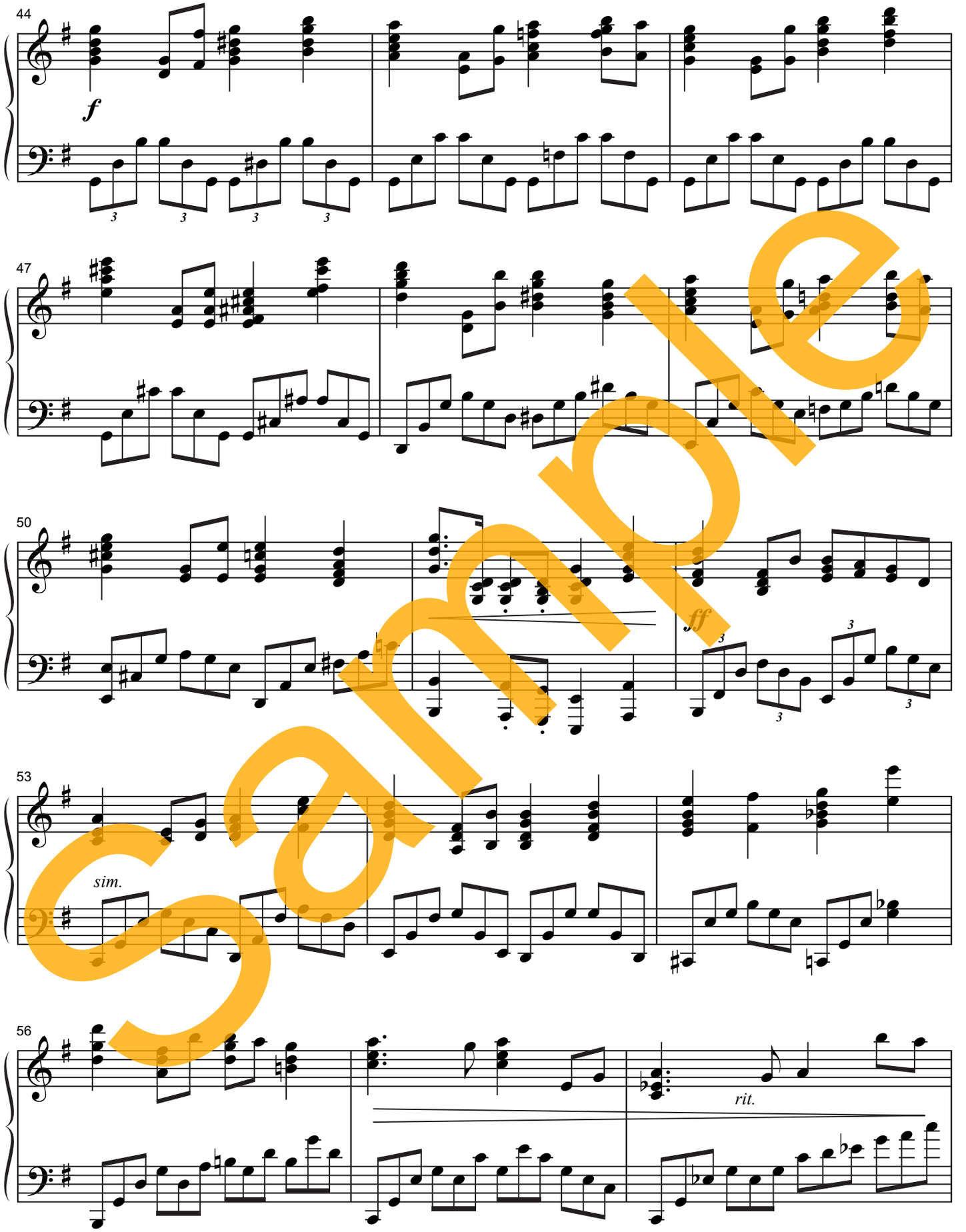

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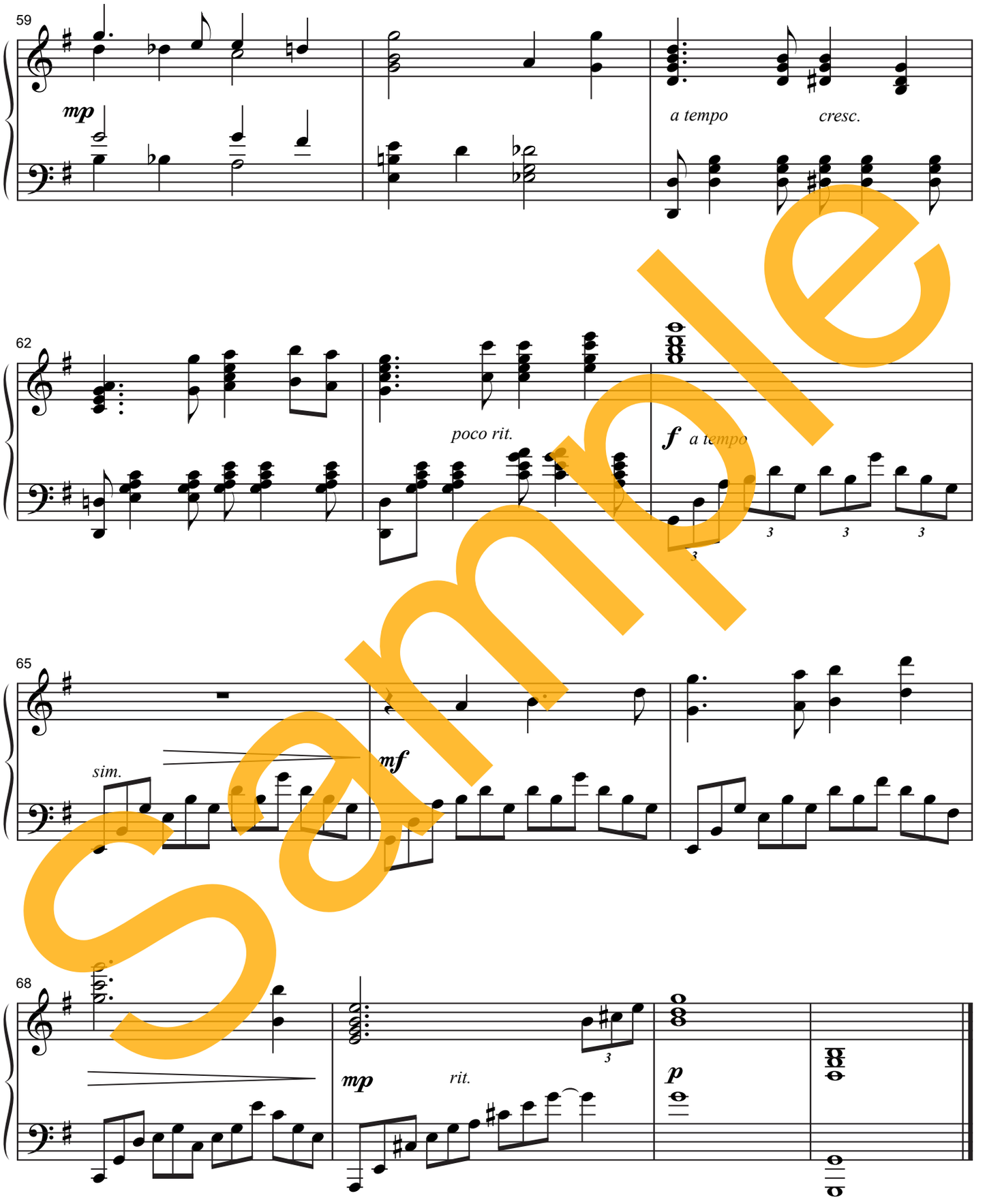

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