UTOPIA PARKWAY

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Solo Piano

For most of his life the artist Joseph Cornell lived with his mother in a little house on Utopia Parkway, Queens, and in his garage he quietly made some of the most extraordinary little assemblages art has ever seen. This piece began life as a setting of a poem by Charles Simic, and when I transformed it into a piece for solo piano Simic’s *Dime-Store Alchemy*, a poetic exploration of Cornell’s life and work, came immediately to mind. Since *Utopia Parkway* is constructed from small musical boxes endlessly superimposed, I decided to pay tribute to Cornell, an artist whose work has so inspired me over the years, with this little piece.

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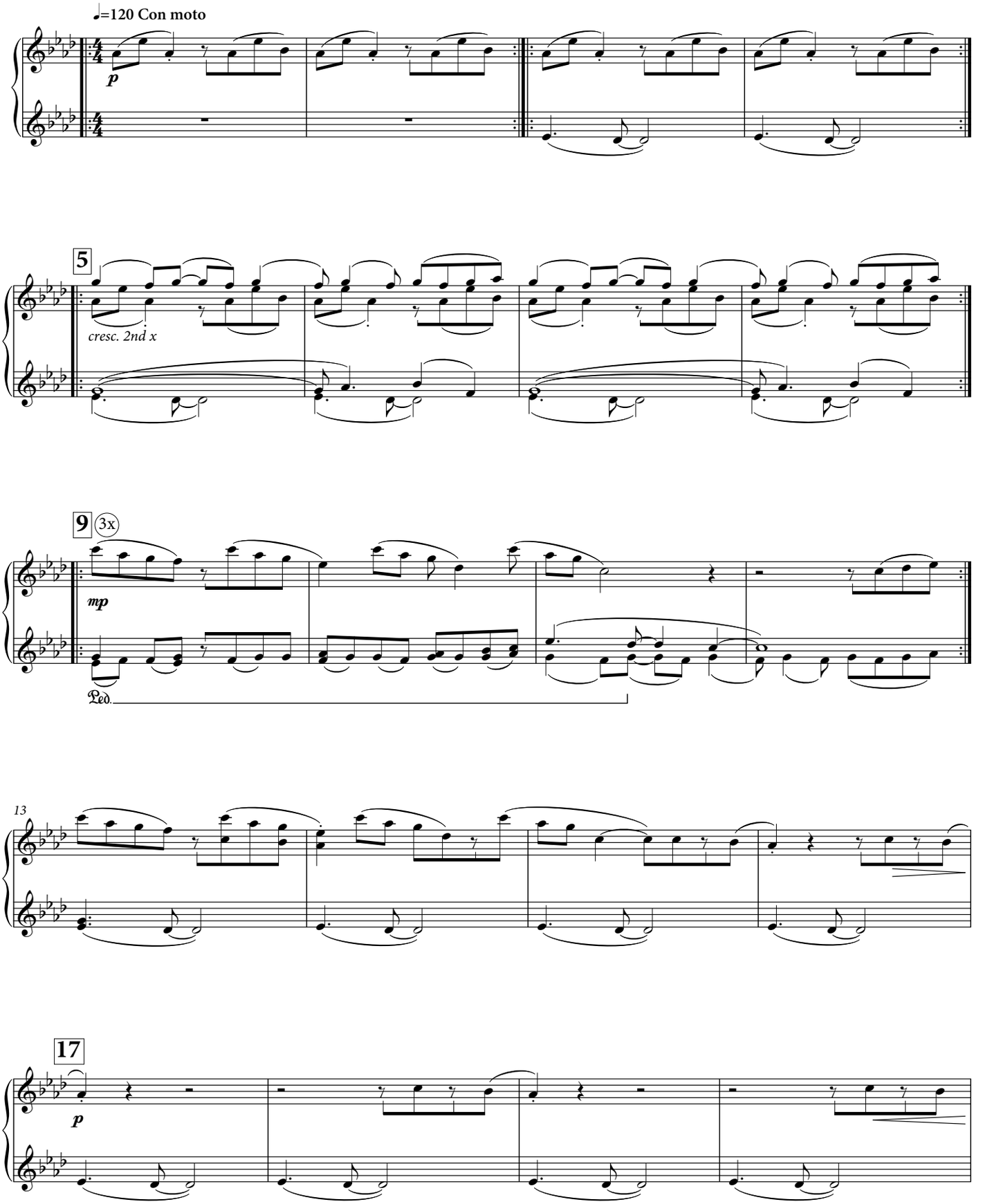

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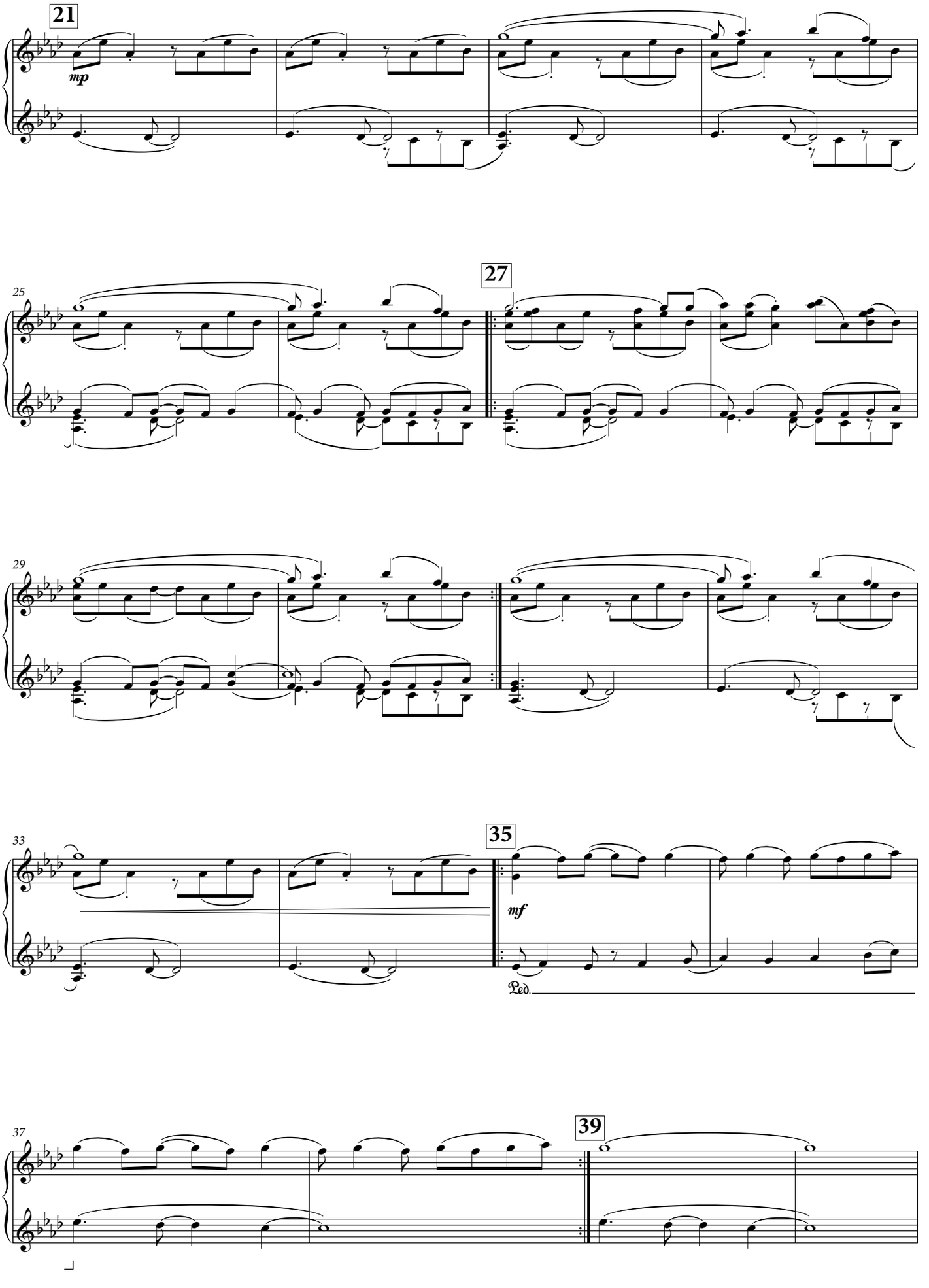
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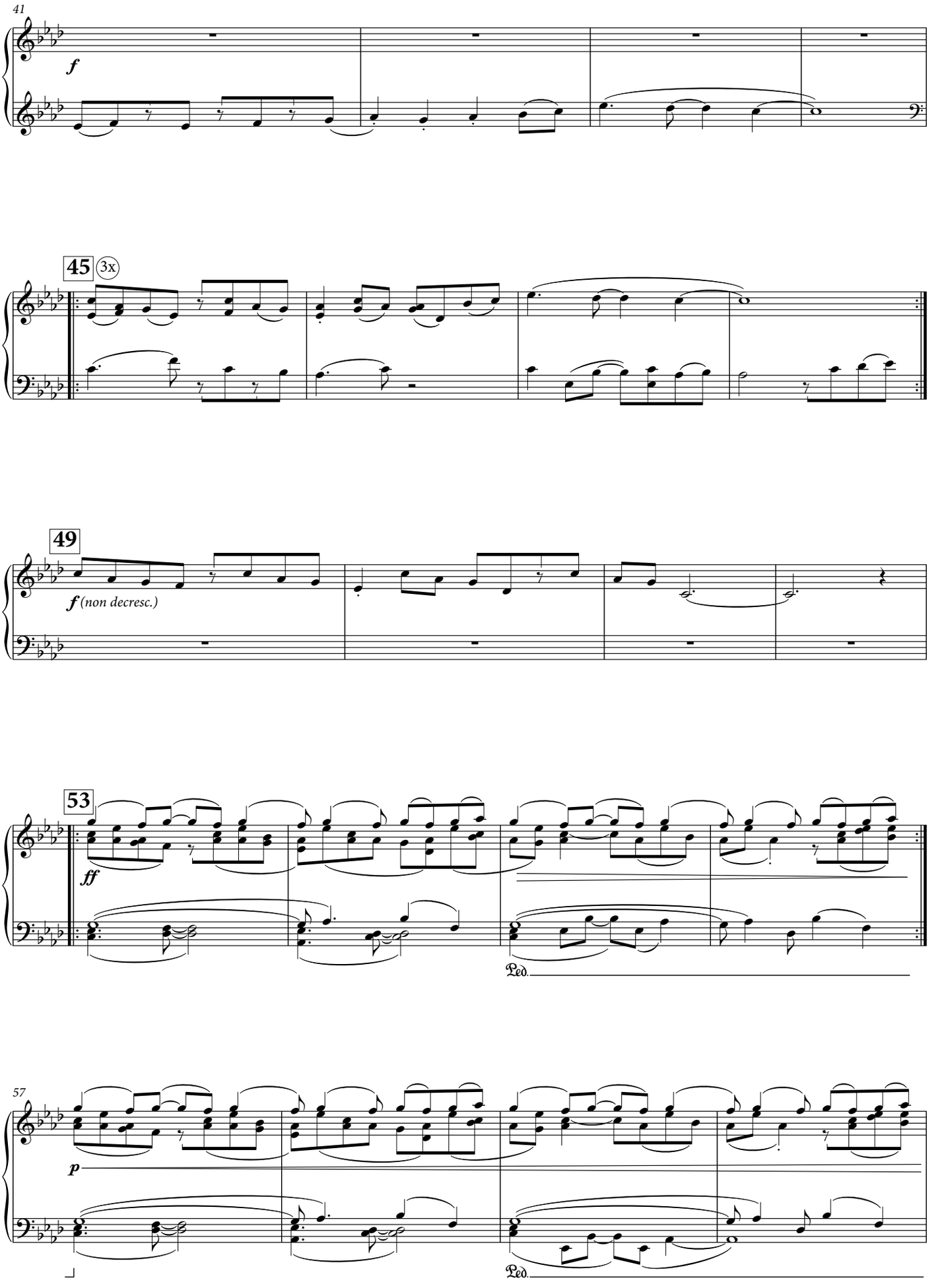
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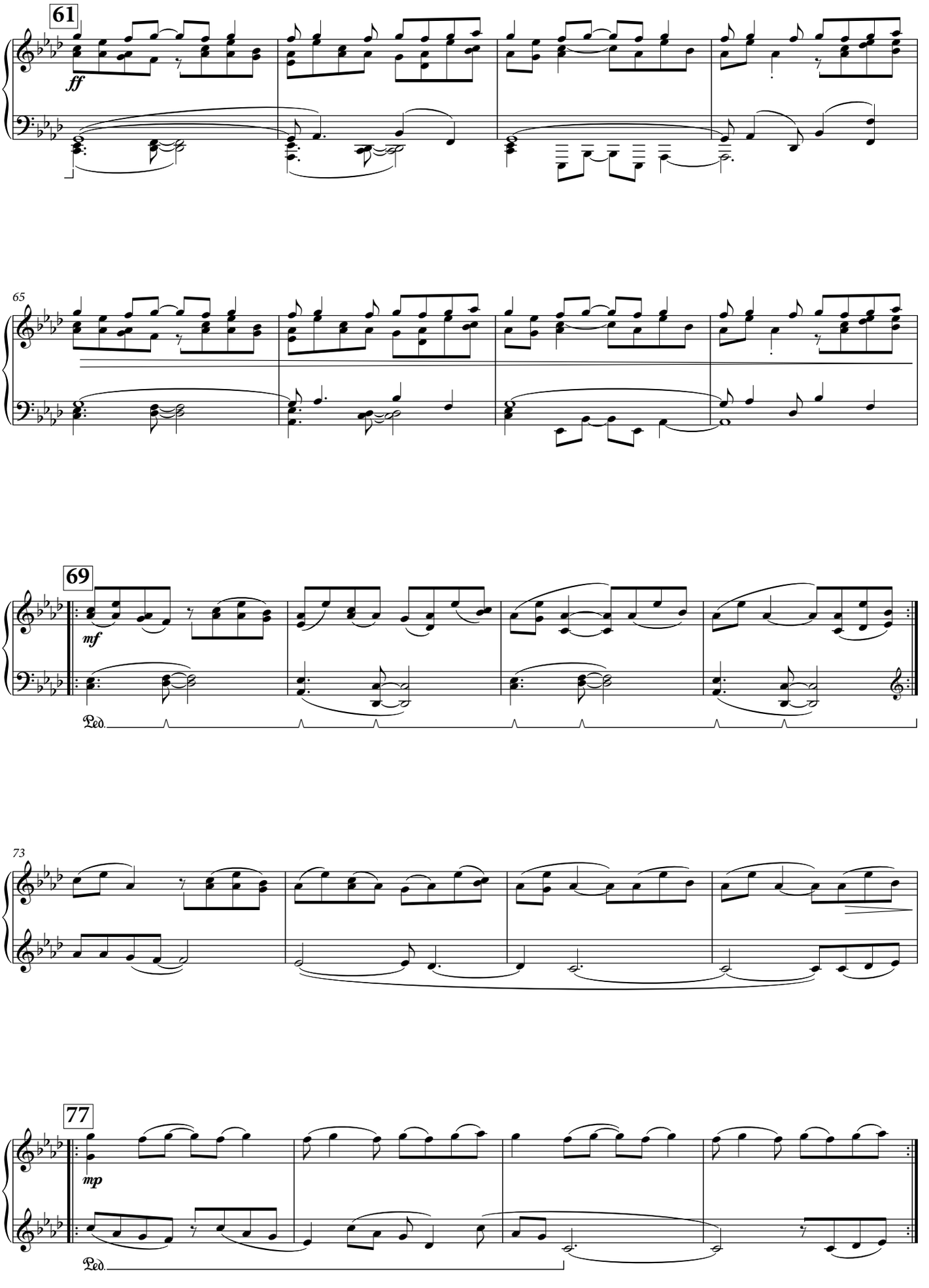
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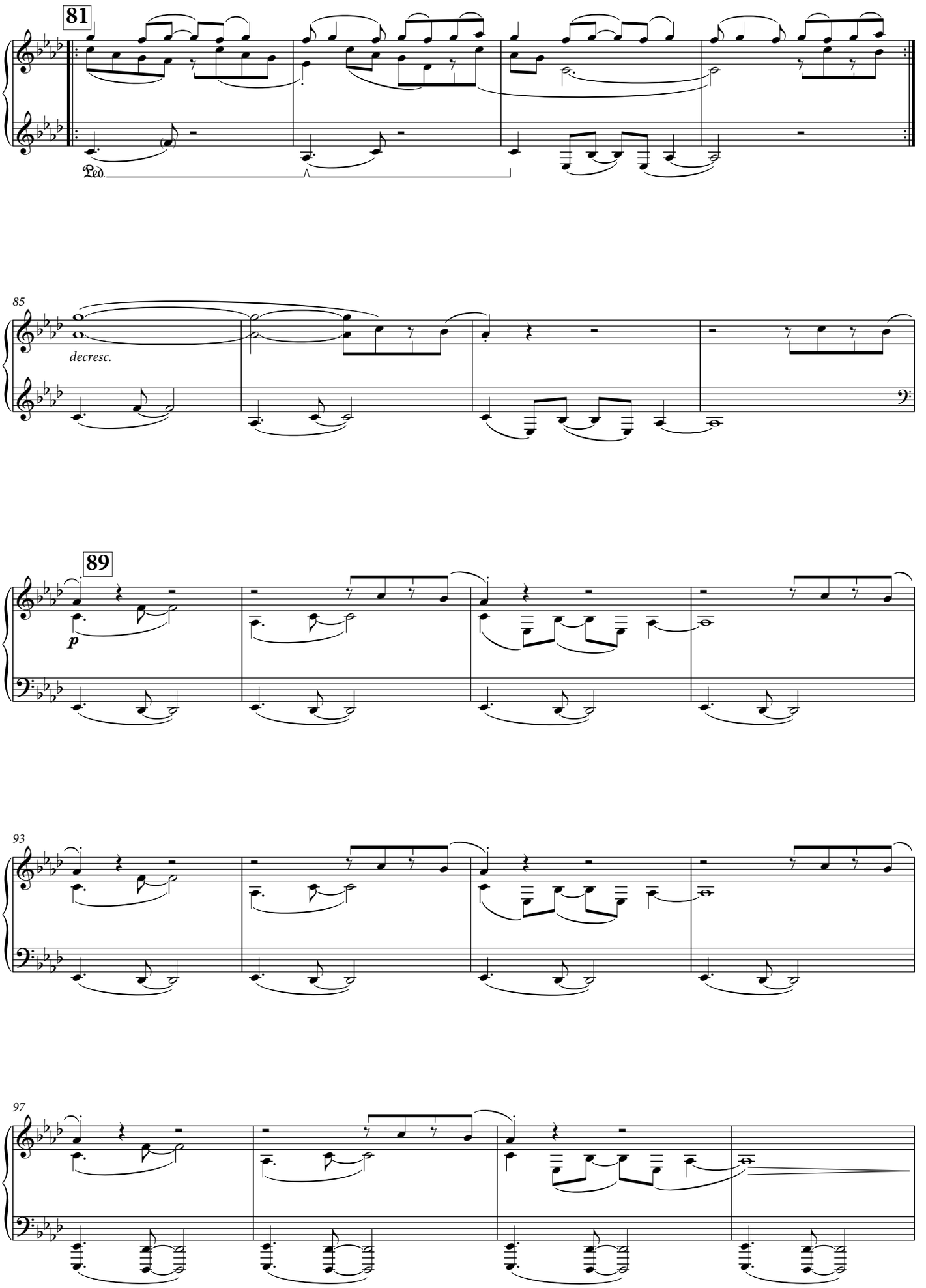
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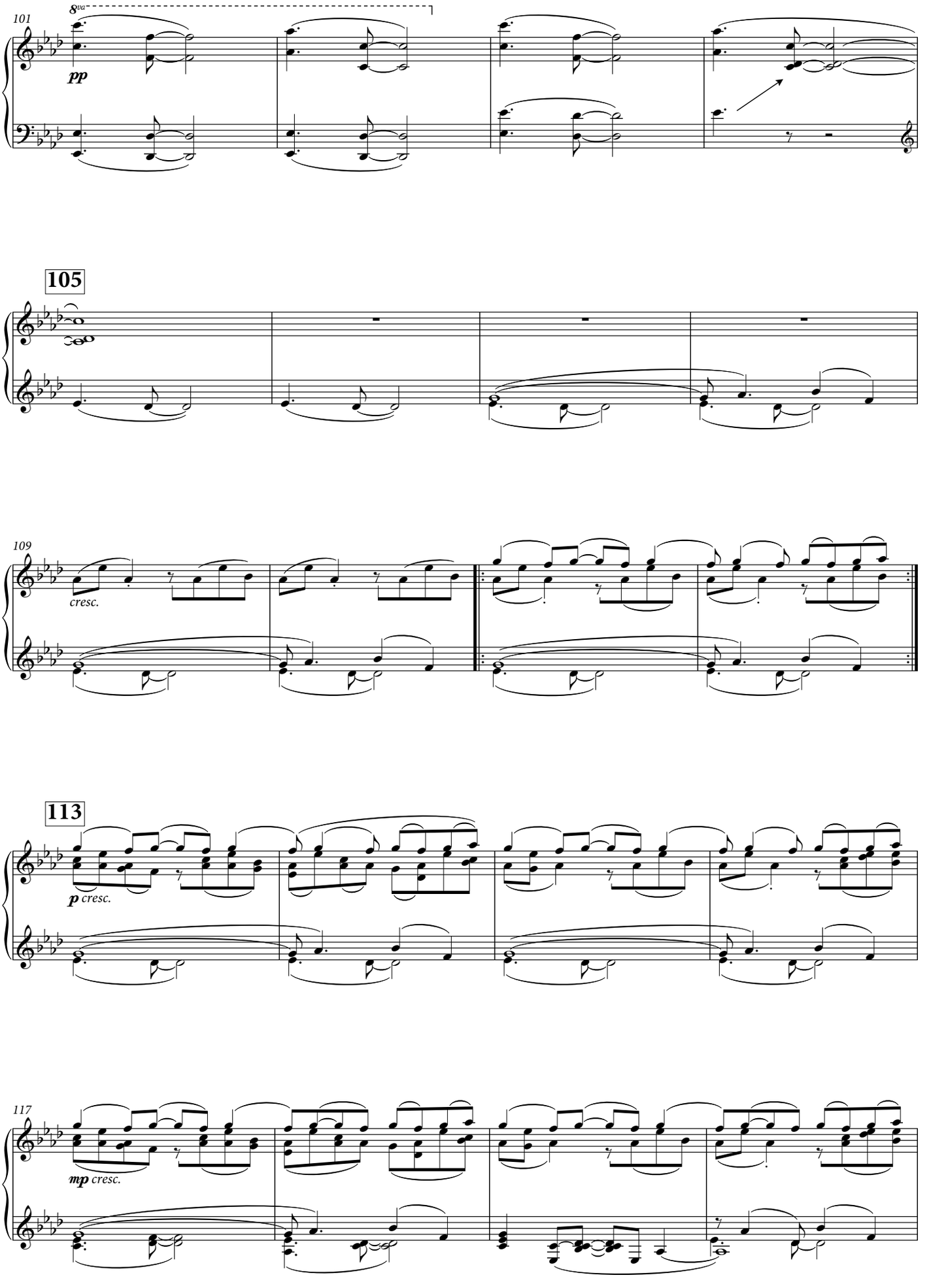
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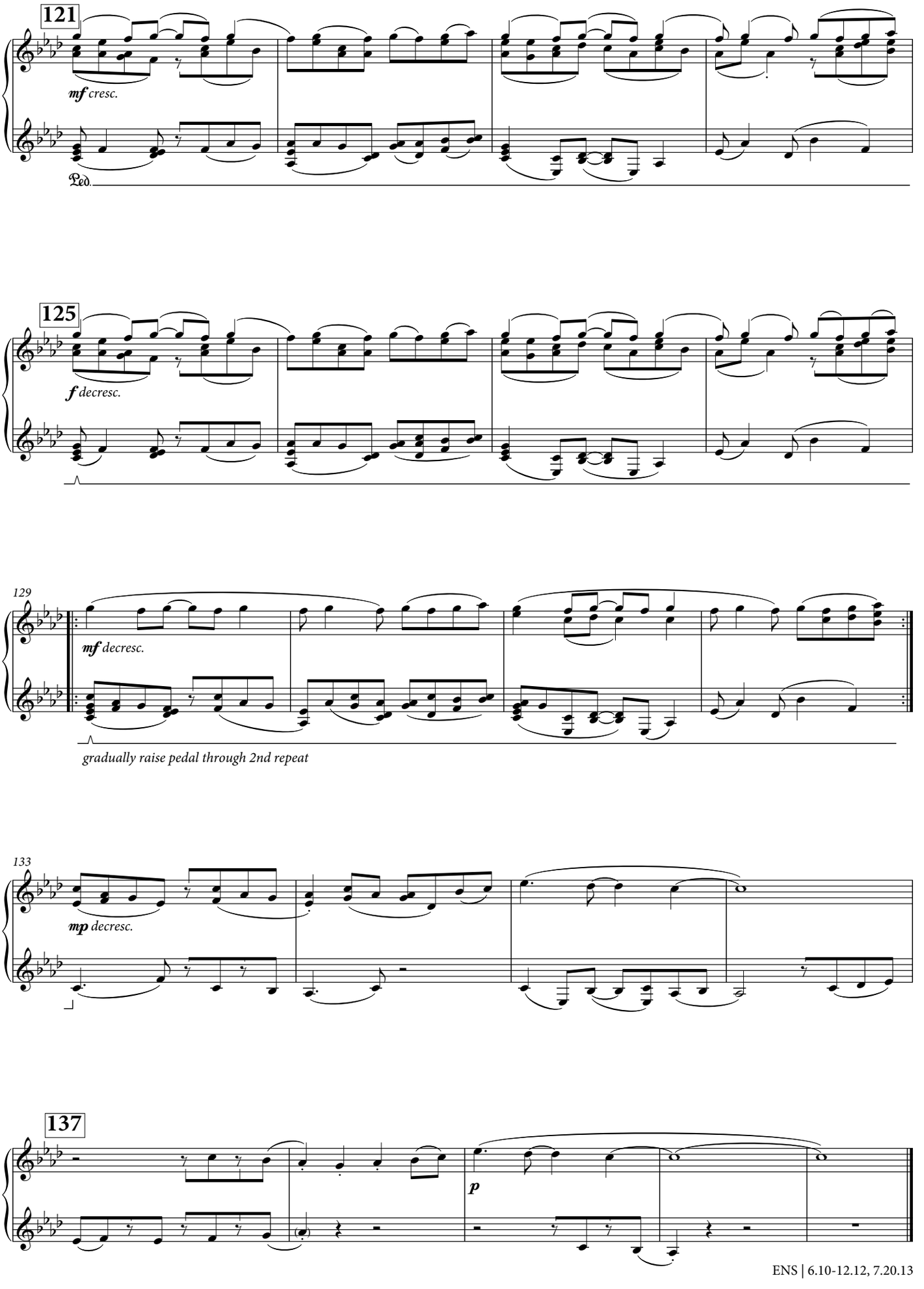
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Ped.
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gradually raise pedal through 2nd repeat
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mp decresc.
137
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