

BUTTERFLY STORIES

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9pm, 5.26.98—3am, 5.27.98 | 10 mins.

24 French Horns in F

Score is *transposed*.

Instruments arranged in a semicircle onstage from 1-24, horn 1 at far stage right, horn 24 at far stage left, conductor at center.

Butterfly Stories was composed as the “overnight assignment” during my (successful) May 1998 audition for the Manhattan School of Music. After completing a series of exams I was given a prompt instructing me to create for the next day’s interview a composition “in honor of the American Lepidopteral Society’s International Exhibition of Butterflies Grand Opening.”

Over six heavily caffeinated hours in the early hours of the morning I then wrote this entire piece from scratch into full score. This edition incorporates an alternate ending written a few days later, but otherwise differs from the original manuscript only in small editorial details.

That night I immediately rejected the obvious idea of writing something bright and mercurial: I suspected most of my fellow applicants were already working on similar airy overtures. Instead, I took the shape of the butterfly’s lifecycle as a metaphor for the development of Western music, the form of my piece recapitulating both a butterfly’s progression from egg to insect and European music’s progress from a sequence of chanted pitches to chordal harmony, thence to heterophony, complex polyphony, and beyond.

First we hear the basic 27 note row presented in cascading flight by several horns as a kind of ideal butterfly *in utero*. The butterfly egg is then represented as a talea and color, in which isorhythmic fragments derived from the melody we have not yet heard begin to impose order on the chaos. Gradually a larval melody appears out of the note row, unadorned.

This melodic caterpillar spins itself a heterophonic cocoon, breaking parts off itself and reconstituting them into a pupa, chunks of melody heard against themselves in close canons. These melodies eventually grow into full restatements of the larval theme heard against itself in retrograde, inversion, and retrograde inversion: the chrysalis.

Finally the piece reaches its florid climax as the butterfly emerges and spreads its wings. But not for long: most butterflies live only a few weeks or less. And in the mysterious coda we hear echoes of the butterfly melody pinned in a case, dusty, faded, gone.

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Music Score for 24 Horns

Tempo: ♩ = 63

Instrumentation: 24 Horns (Horn 1 in F to Horn 24 in F)

Key Signature: F Major (one flat)

Time Signature: 4/4

Score Structure:

- Measures 1-4:** Horns 1 and 2 play a complex melodic line with sixteenth and thirty-second notes, marked *f* (forte). Horns 3-6 are silent. Horns 7-12 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, marked *f*. Horns 13-14 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, marked *f*. Horns 15-18 are silent. Horns 19-20 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, marked *p cresc.* (piano crescendo). Horns 21-24 are silent.
- Measures 5-8:** Horns 1 and 2 continue their melodic line. Horns 3-6 are silent. Horns 7-12 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Horns 13-14 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Horns 15-18 are silent. Horns 19-20 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Horns 21-24 are silent.
- Measures 9-12:** Horns 1 and 2 continue their melodic line. Horns 3-6 are silent. Horns 7-12 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Horns 13-14 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Horns 15-18 are silent. Horns 19-20 play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Horns 21-24 are silent.

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Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

Hn. 12

Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

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Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

Hn. 12

Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

f soli

f soli

f soli

f soli

mf

mf

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C

5

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

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Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

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Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

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Hn. 2



Hn. 3



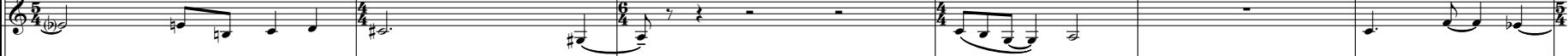
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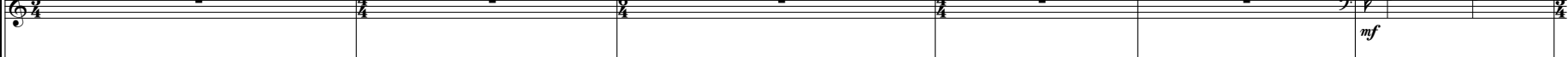
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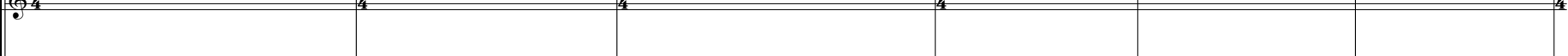
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Hn. 17



Hn. 18



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Hn. 20



Hn. 21



Hn. 22



Hn. 23



Hn. 24



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Hn. 1



Hn. 2



Hn. 3



Hn. 4



Hn. 5



Hn. 6



Hn. 7



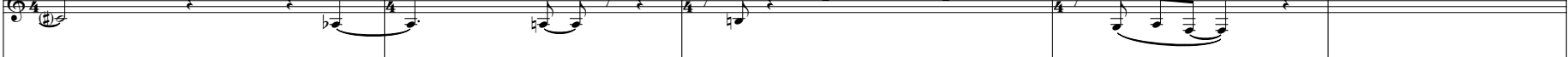
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Hn. 13



Hn. 14



Hn. 15



Hn. 16



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Hn. 18



Hn. 19



Hn. 20



Hn. 21



Hn. 22



Hn. 23



Hn. 24



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Hn. 1



Hn. 2



Hn. 3



Hn. 4



Hn. 5



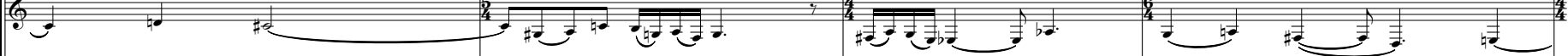
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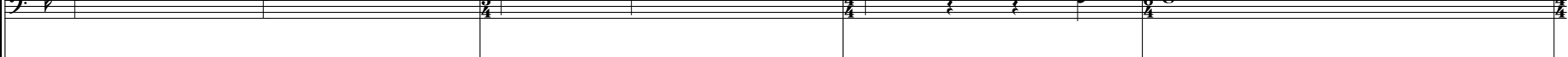
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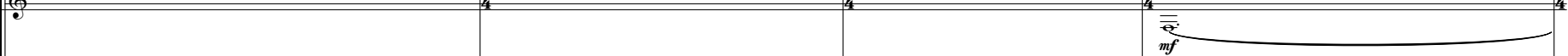
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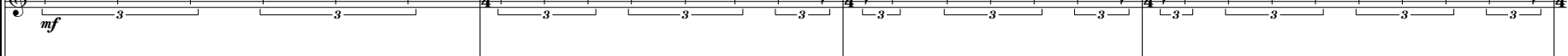
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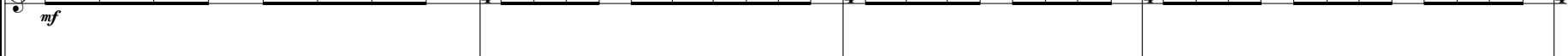
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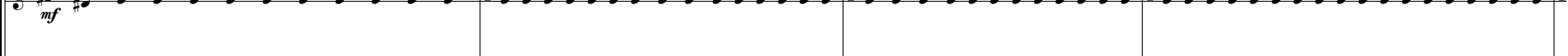
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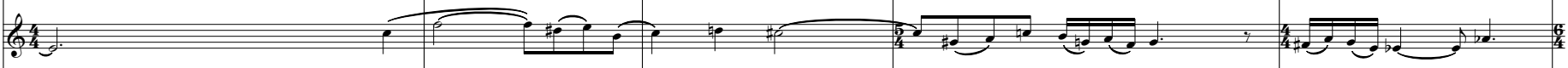


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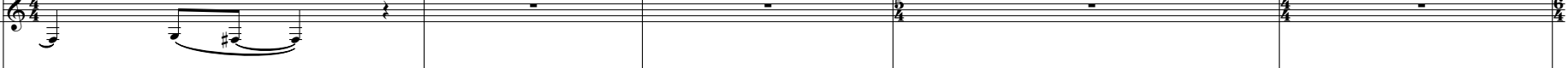
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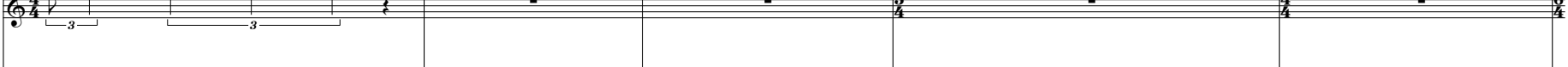
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Hn. 15



Hn. 16



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Hn. 24



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Hn. 1



Hn. 2



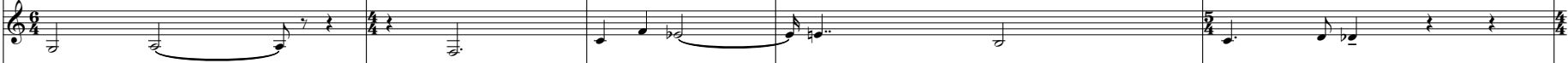
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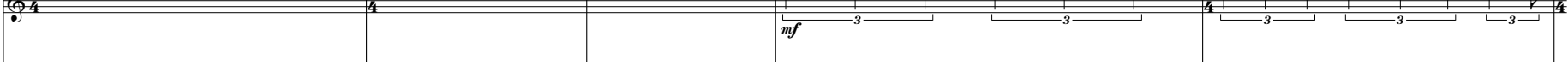
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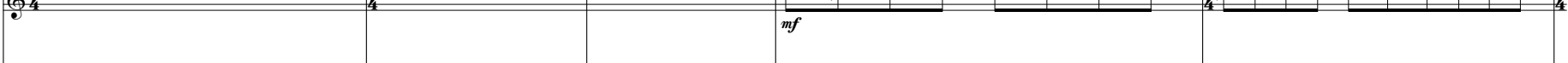
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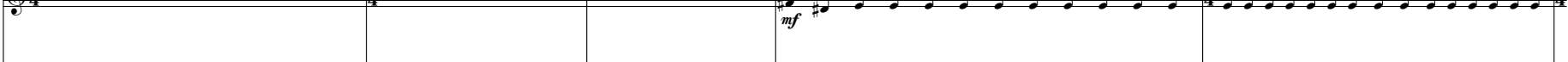
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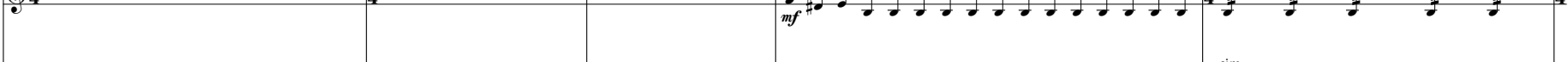
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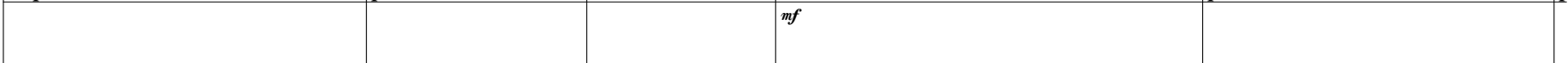
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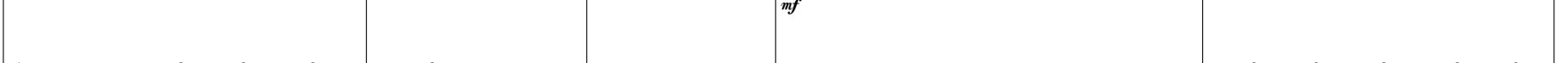
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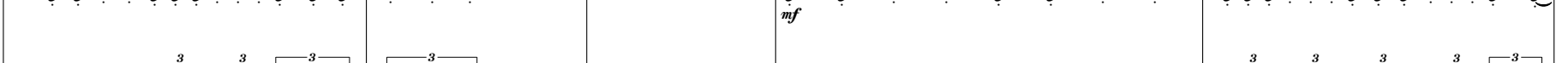
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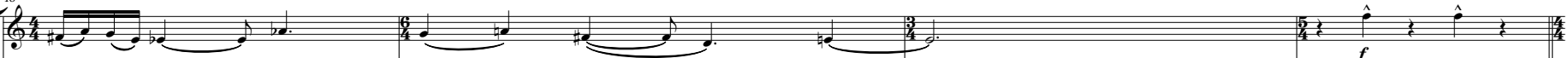


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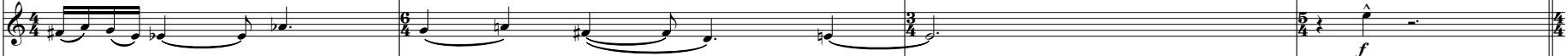


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Hn. 1



Hn. 2



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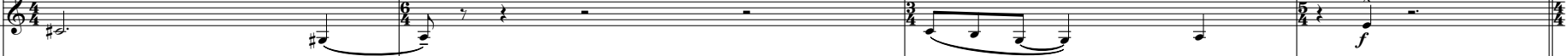
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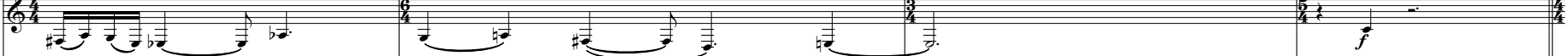
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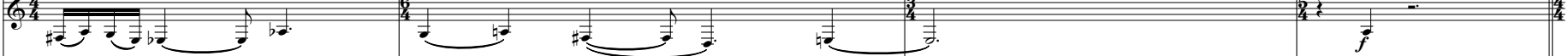
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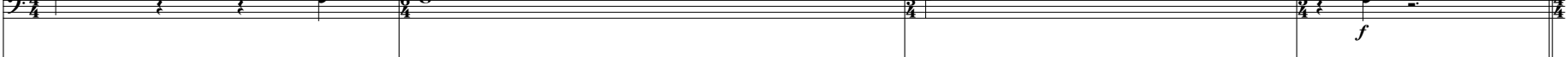
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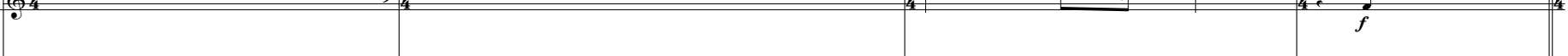
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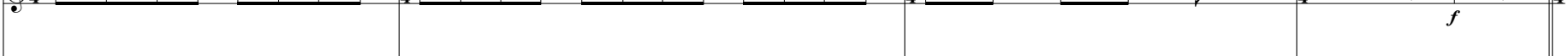
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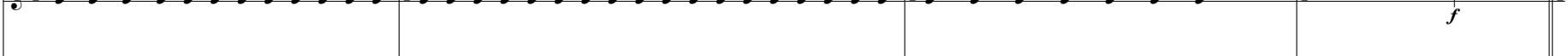
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Hn. 16



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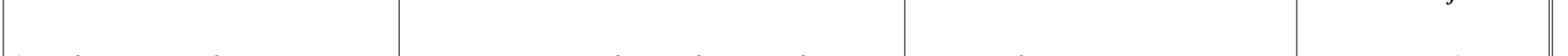
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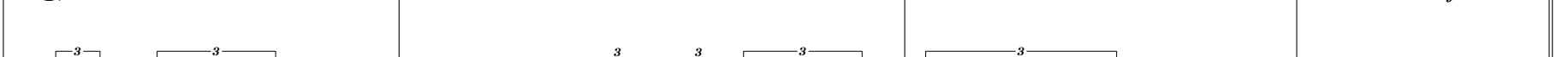
Hn. 21



Hn. 22



Hn. 23



Hn. 24



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12♩=♪ (♩=126)

Hn. 1

p

Hn. 2

p

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

Hn. 12

Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

60

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

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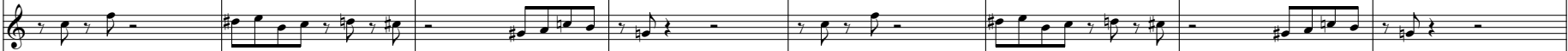
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Hn. 1



Hn. 2



Hn. 3



Hn. 4



Hn. 5



Hn. 6



Hn. 7



Hn. 8



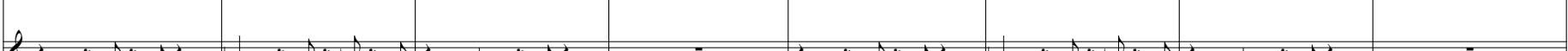
Hn. 9



Hn. 10



Hn. 11



Hn. 12



Hn. 13



Hn. 14



Hn. 15



Hn. 16


mf

Hn. 17


mf

Hn. 18



Hn. 19



Hn. 20



Hn. 21



Hn. 22



Hn. 23



Hn. 24



Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

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Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

108

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

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Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

124

Butterfly Stories

The musical score for measures 124 through 131 of 'Butterfly Stories' is presented below. The score is written for 24 staves, labeled Hn. 1 through Hn. 24. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

Measures 124-131:

- Measures 124-125: Hn. 11-14 play a melodic line, while Hn. 1-10 and Hn. 15-18 play a rhythmic pattern.
- Measures 126-127: Hn. 11-14 play a melodic line, while Hn. 1-10 and Hn. 15-18 play a rhythmic pattern.
- Measures 128-129: Hn. 11-14 play a melodic line, while Hn. 1-10 and Hn. 15-18 play a rhythmic pattern.
- Measures 130-131: Hn. 11-14 play a melodic line, while Hn. 1-10 and Hn. 15-18 play a rhythmic pattern.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

Hn. 12

Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

140

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

Hn. 12

Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

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Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

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Hn. 1



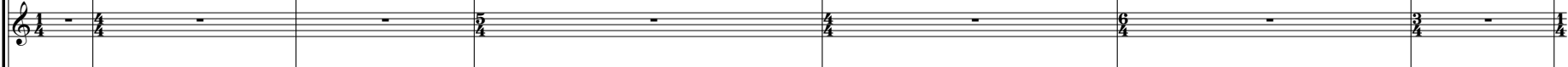
Staff 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Starts with a half note G4, then a half note A4, followed by a half note B4. A crescendo marking is present. The staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Hn. 2



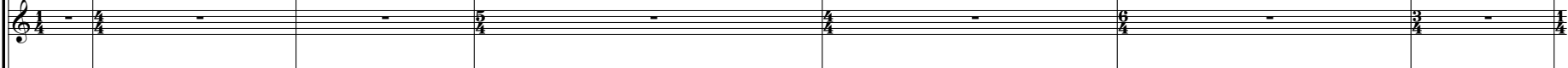
Staff 2: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Starts with a half note G4, then a half note A4, followed by a half note B4. A crescendo marking is present. The staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Hn. 3



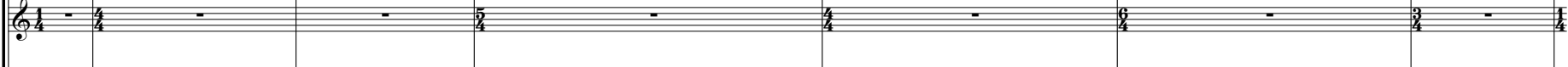
Staff 3: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 4



Staff 4: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 5



Staff 5: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 6



Staff 6: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 7



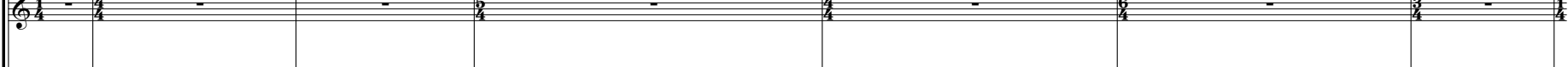
Staff 7: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Starts with a half note G4, then a half note A4, followed by a half note B4. A crescendo marking is present. The staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Hn. 8



Staff 8: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Starts with a half note G4, then a half note A4, followed by a half note B4. A crescendo marking is present. The staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Hn. 9



Staff 9: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 10



Staff 10: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 11



Staff 11: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 12



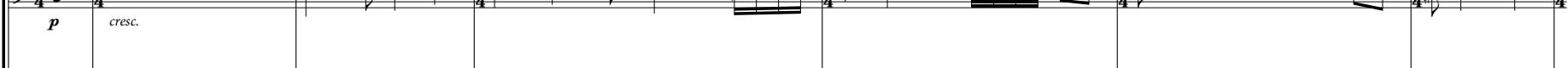
Staff 12: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 13



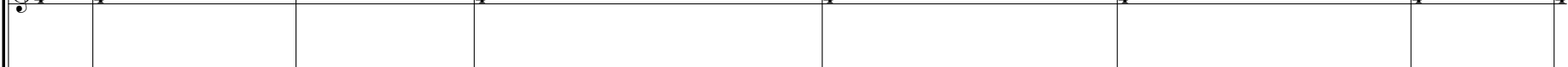
Staff 13: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Starts with a half note G3, then a half note A3, followed by a half note B3. A crescendo marking is present. The staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Hn. 14



Staff 14: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Starts with a half note G3, then a half note A3, followed by a half note B3. A crescendo marking is present. The staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests.

Hn. 15



Staff 15: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 16



Staff 16: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 17



Staff 17: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 18



Staff 18: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 19



Staff 19: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 20



Staff 20: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 21



Staff 21: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 22



Staff 22: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 23



Staff 23: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

Hn. 24



Staff 24: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Contains rests throughout the measure.

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Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

Hn. 11

Hn. 12

Hn. 13

Hn. 14

Hn. 15

Hn. 16

Hn. 17

Hn. 18

Hn. 19

Hn. 20

Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

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DU FLEET STORES

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Hn. 5

Hn. 6

Hn. 7

Hn. 8

Hn. 9

Hn. 10

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Hn. 21

Hn. 22

Hn. 23

Hn. 24

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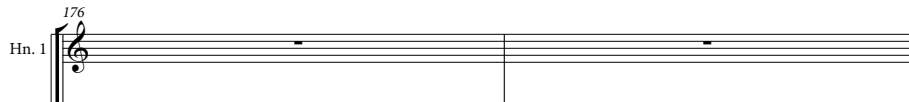
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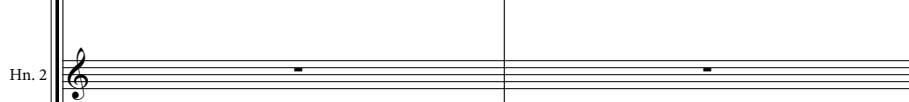
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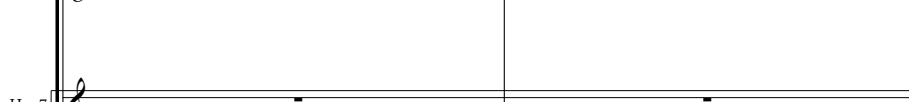
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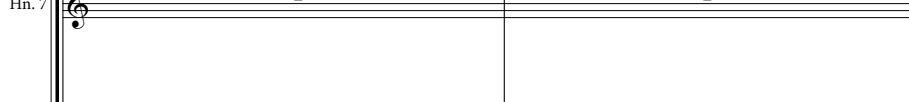
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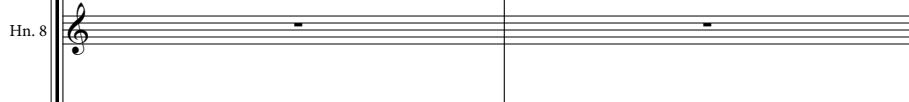
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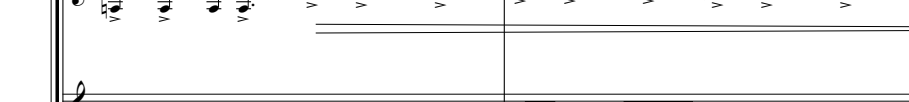
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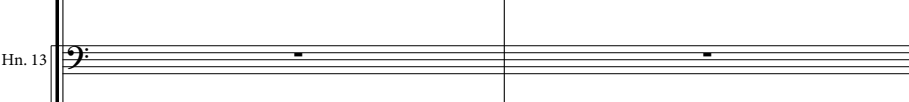
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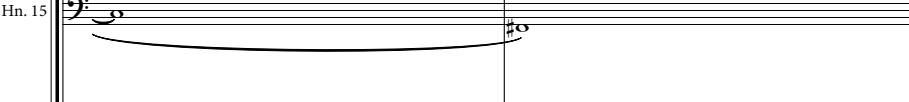
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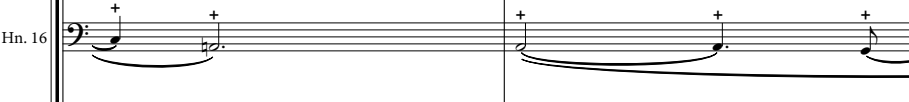
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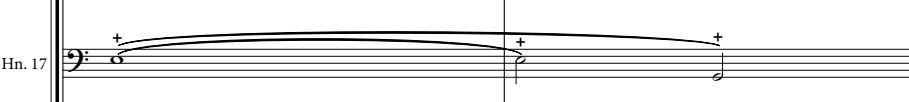
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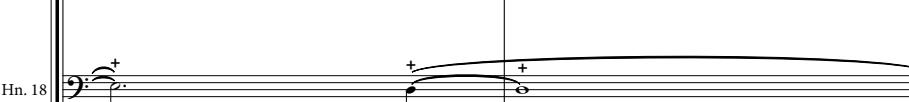
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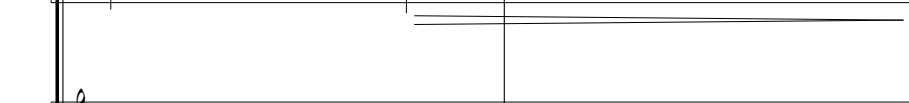
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Hn. 22



Hn. 23



Hn. 24



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Hn. 3

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Hn. 4

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Hn. 10

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Hn. 21

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Hn. 22

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Hn. 23

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ppp

Hn. 24

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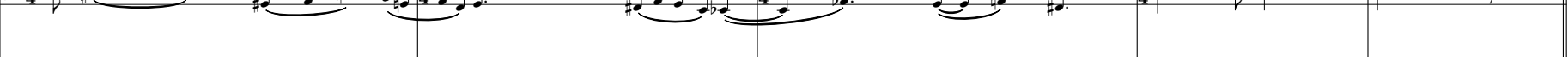
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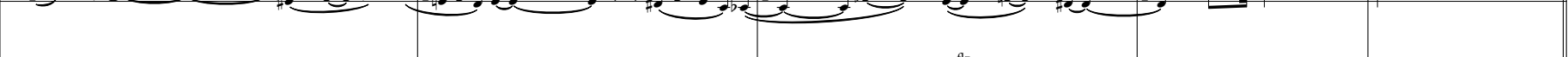
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Hn. 12



Hn. 13



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Hn. 14



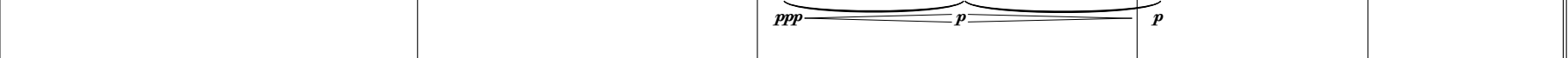
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Hn. 15



flz. *ppp* *p* *ppp*

Hn. 16



flz. *ppp* *p* *p*

Hn. 17



ppp *p* *ppp*

Hn. 18



ppp *p* *ppp*

Hn. 19



ppp *p* *ppp*

Hn. 20



ppp *p* *ppp*

Hn. 21



p *ppp*

Hn. 22



p *ppp*

Hn. 23



p *ppp*

Hn. 24



p *ppp*

2-84 Coda

Hn. 1 *pp* lontano

Hn. 2 *pp* lontano

Hn. 3 *pp* lontano

Hn. 4 *pp* lontano

Hn. 5 *pp* lontano

Hn. 6 *pp* lontano

Hn. 7 *pp* lontano

Hn. 8 *pp* lontano

Hn. 9 *pp* lontano

Hn. 10 *pp* lontano

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Hn. 17 *pp* lontano

Hn. 18 *pp* lontano

Hn. 19 *pp* lontano

Hn. 20 *pp* lontano

Hn. 21 *pp* lontano

Hn. 22 *pp* lontano

Hn. 23 *pp* lontano

Hn. 24 *pp* lontano