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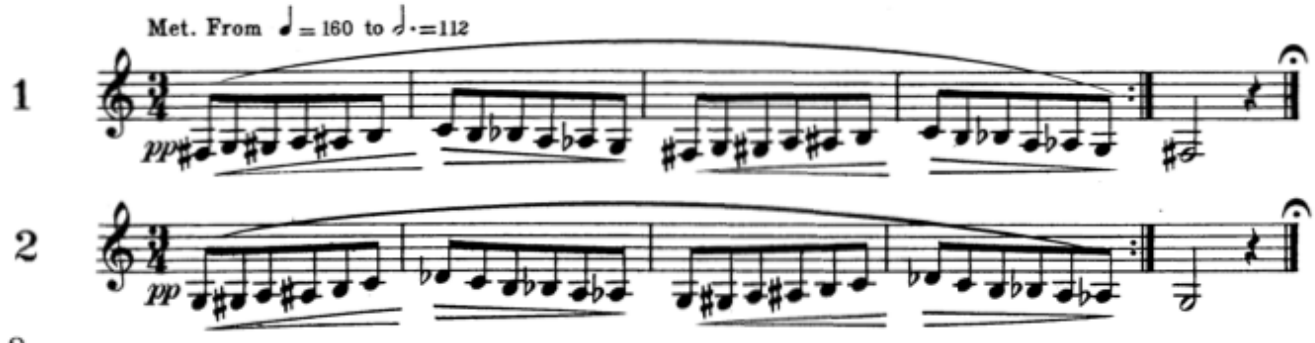
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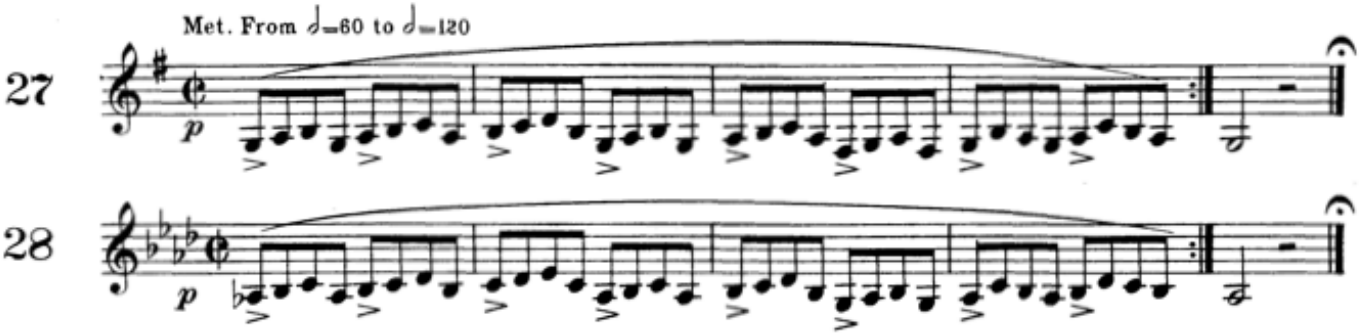
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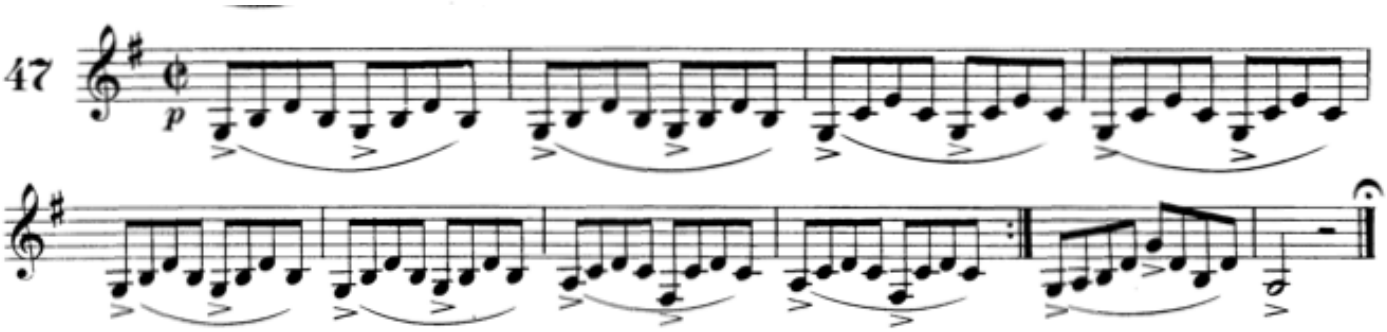
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INTRODUCTION

THERE are many books written for the Piano, Violin, etc., entirely devoted to Technic.

This Work is especially written to enable the Student, by practice and application, to overcome any obstacle which may occur in musical passages written for the Cornet.

By controlling the Wind Power to play these Exercises as written, in one breath, the Student will acquire ENDURANCE without strain or injury.

Train the Muscles which control the Lips, to make them elastic and strong, as only a slight pressure is necessary, and not brute force.

The highest as well as the lowest notes can be played with equal tone quality if practiced according to the instructions that precede each Study.

Every Cornet Player should have reached a degree of excellence before attempting to play these Exercises.

To become an Expert on the Cornet, one should be familiar with as many Cornet Methods as possible, and so gain the experience of each.

Every Exercise in this Book is possible, and not so very difficult if practiced slowly at first, and not too long at a time. I have used them for my daily practice for years, and they have been the means of my reaching the highest notes after playing a two-hour Concert, also of preserving my lips so that they never tire, and what has been a help to me is surely good for other Cornet Players.

You cannot expect to attain the highest point of excellence without hard work and perseverance. Never be perfectly satisfied with yourself. Try to make some improvement each day, feeling that it is a pleasure to have conquered that which seemed an impossibility at first.

Do not neglect to correct immediately the least fault you make.

Bad habits are easily formed, but are difficult to remedy.

There are few Celebrated Cornet Soloists, although thousands play the instrument. Most players abuse their practicing by not knowing the proper way, and neglecting to pay more attention to the elementary work.

These Studies have been found to be excellent for Clarinet Players as well as Cornet Players. The Clarinet being a Wind Instrument also, all these Exercises will appeal to the Player of that Instrument by following the same instructions.

My next book, The Third Series, will be devoted to Characteristic Studies for the Cornet, of every description, difficult but pleasing.

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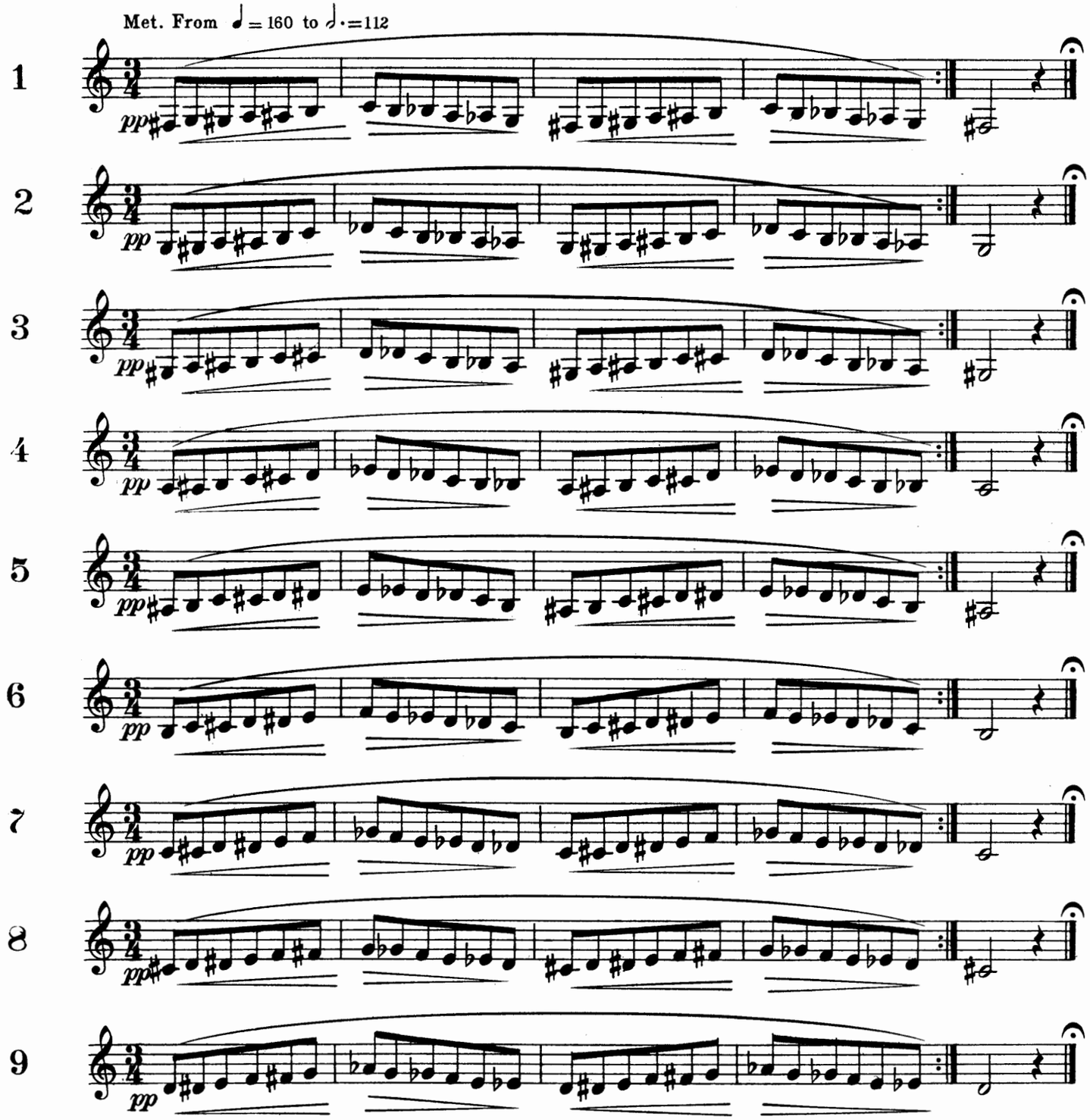
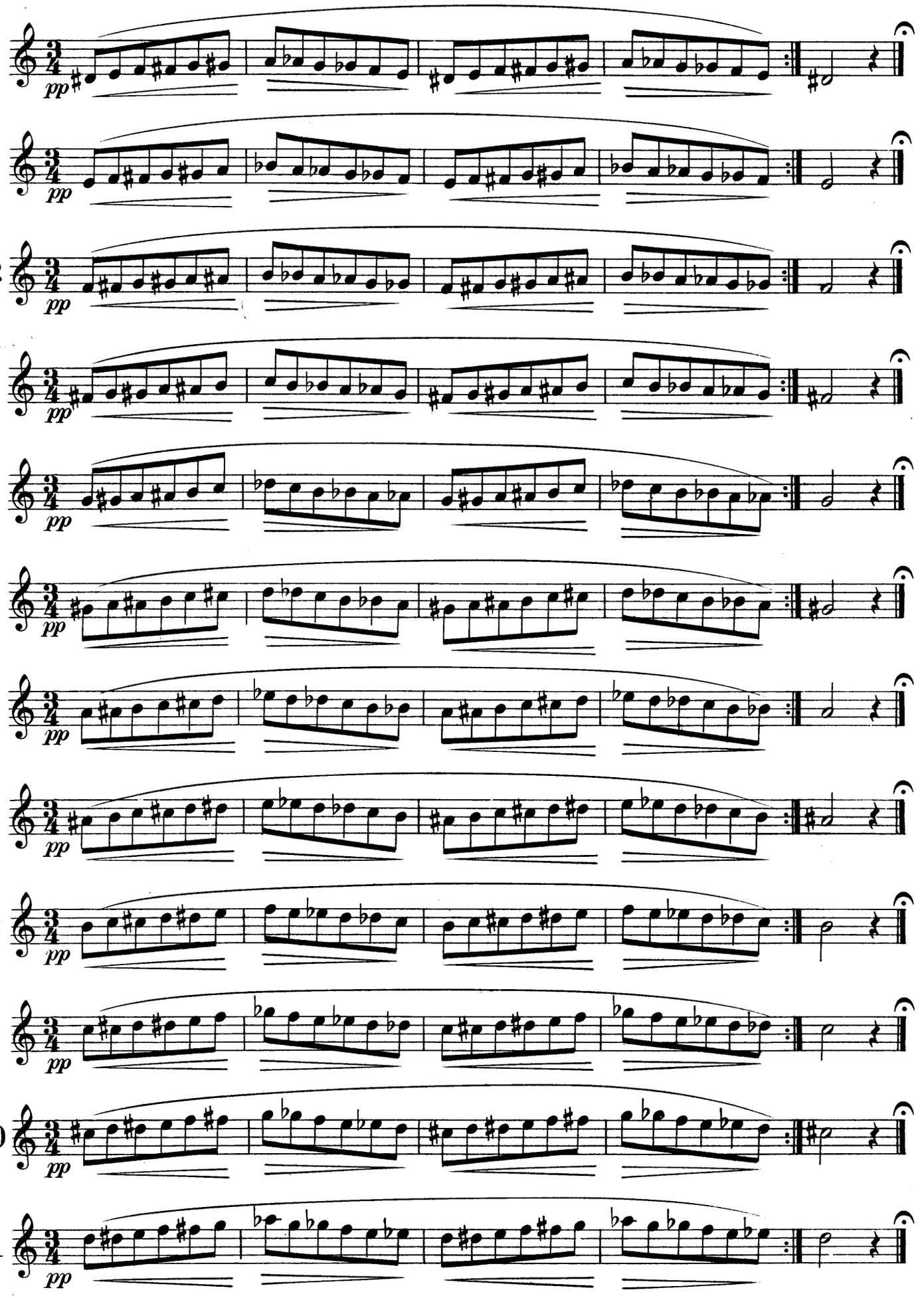
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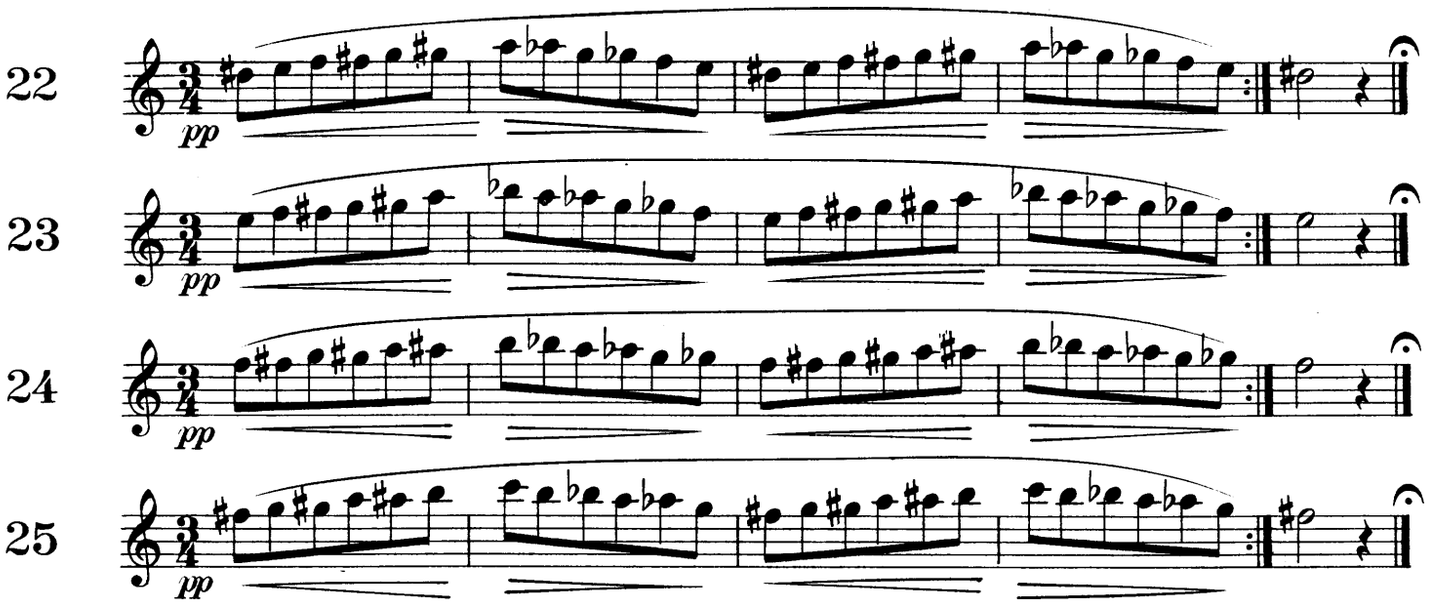
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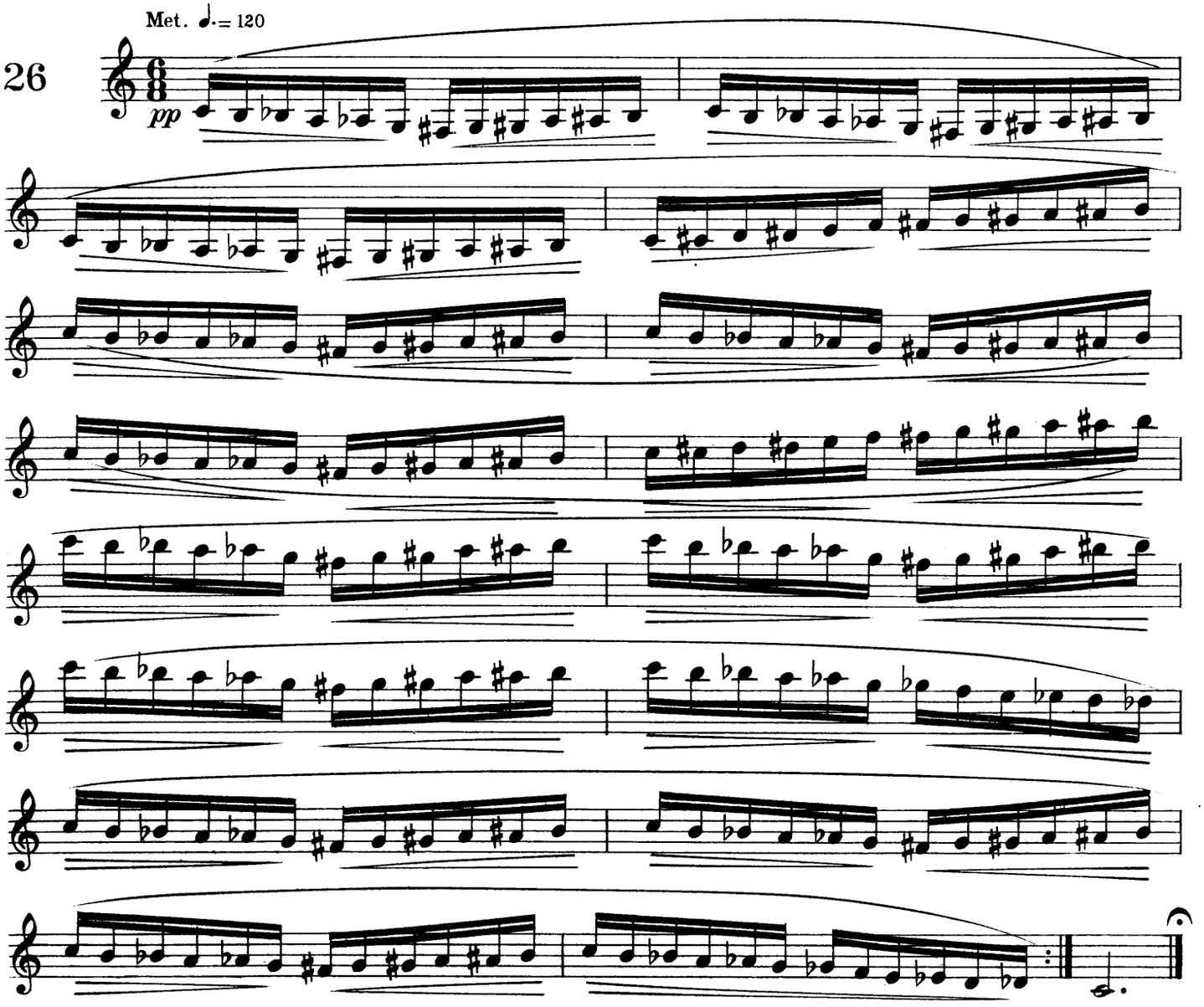
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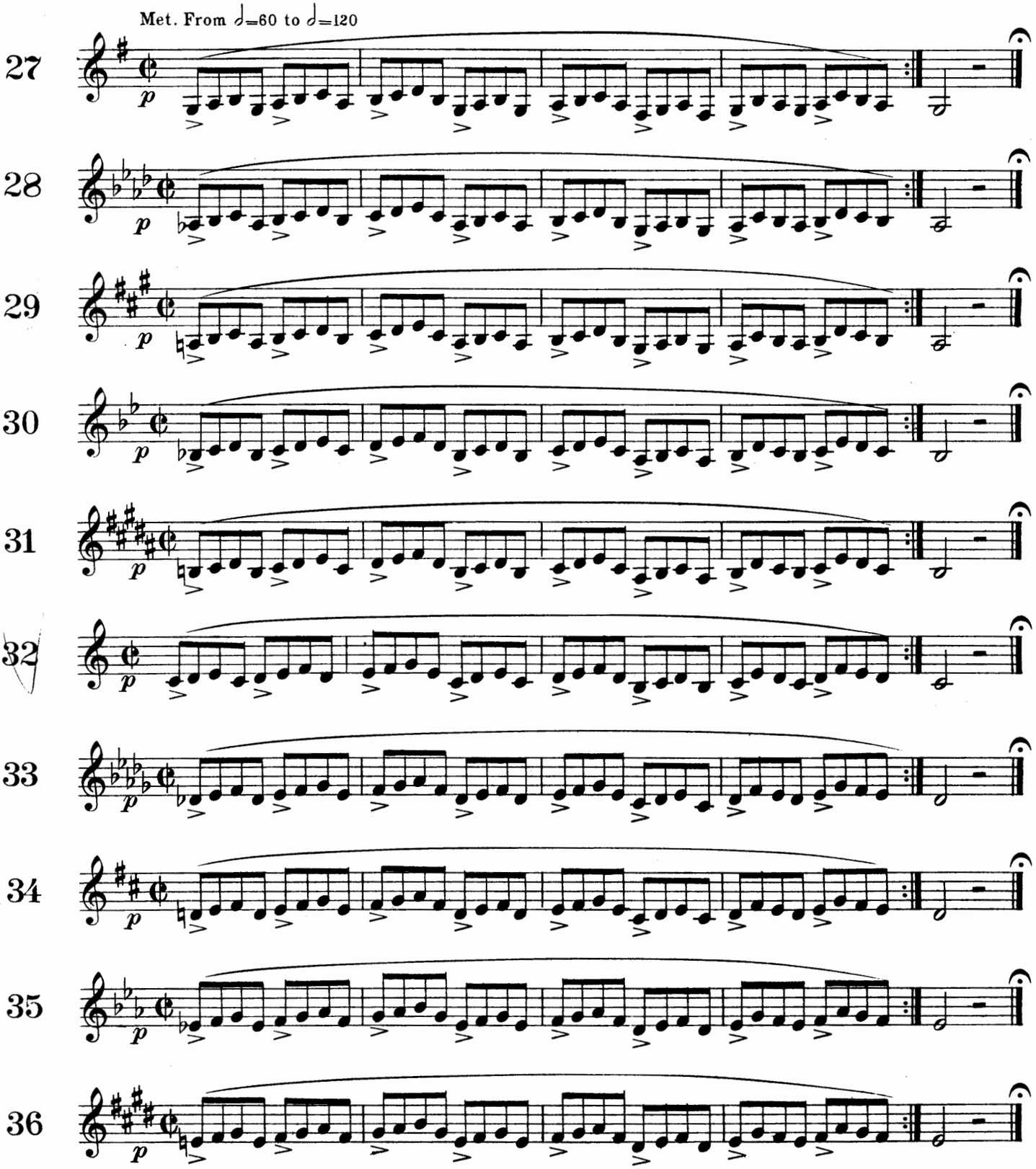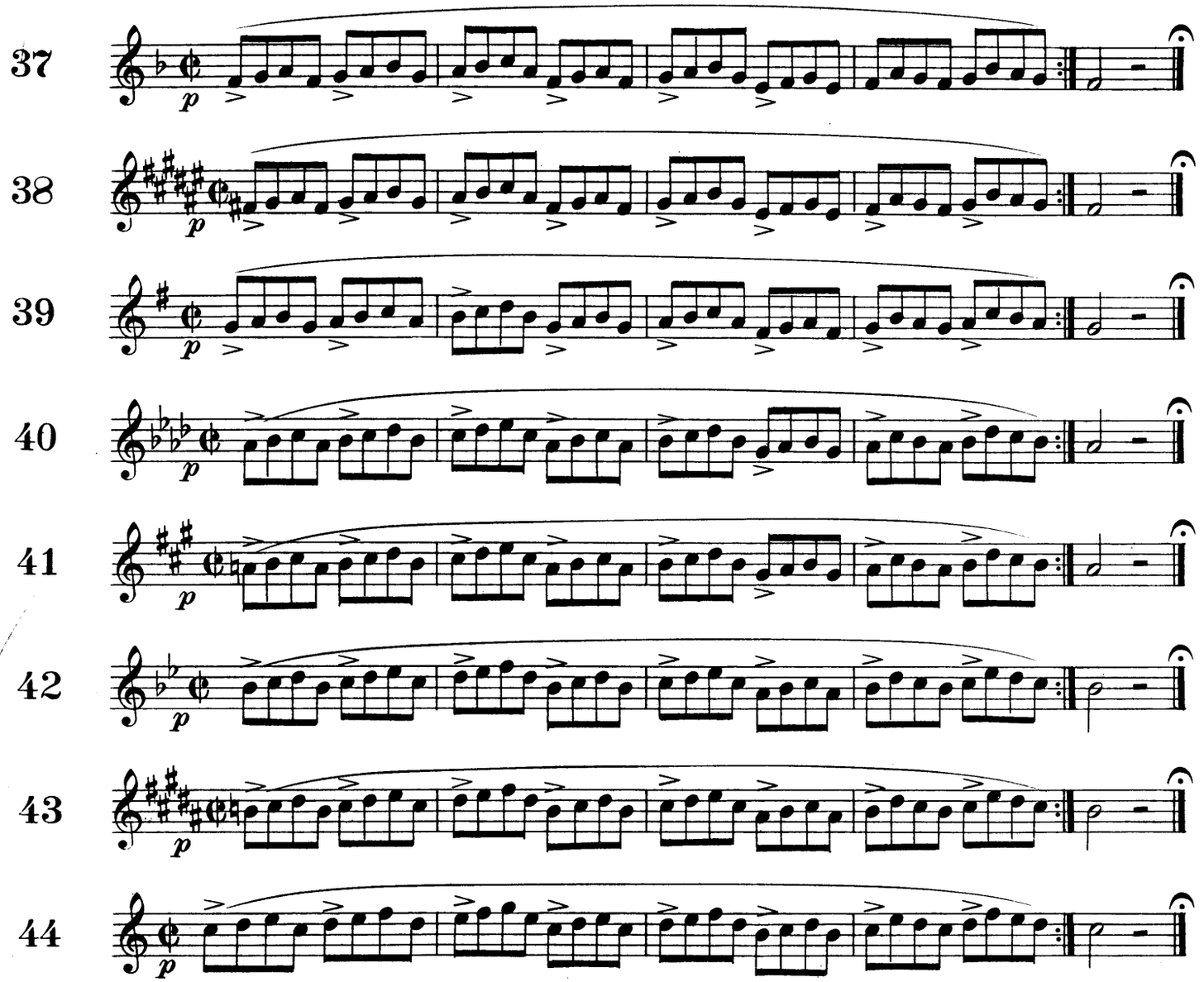
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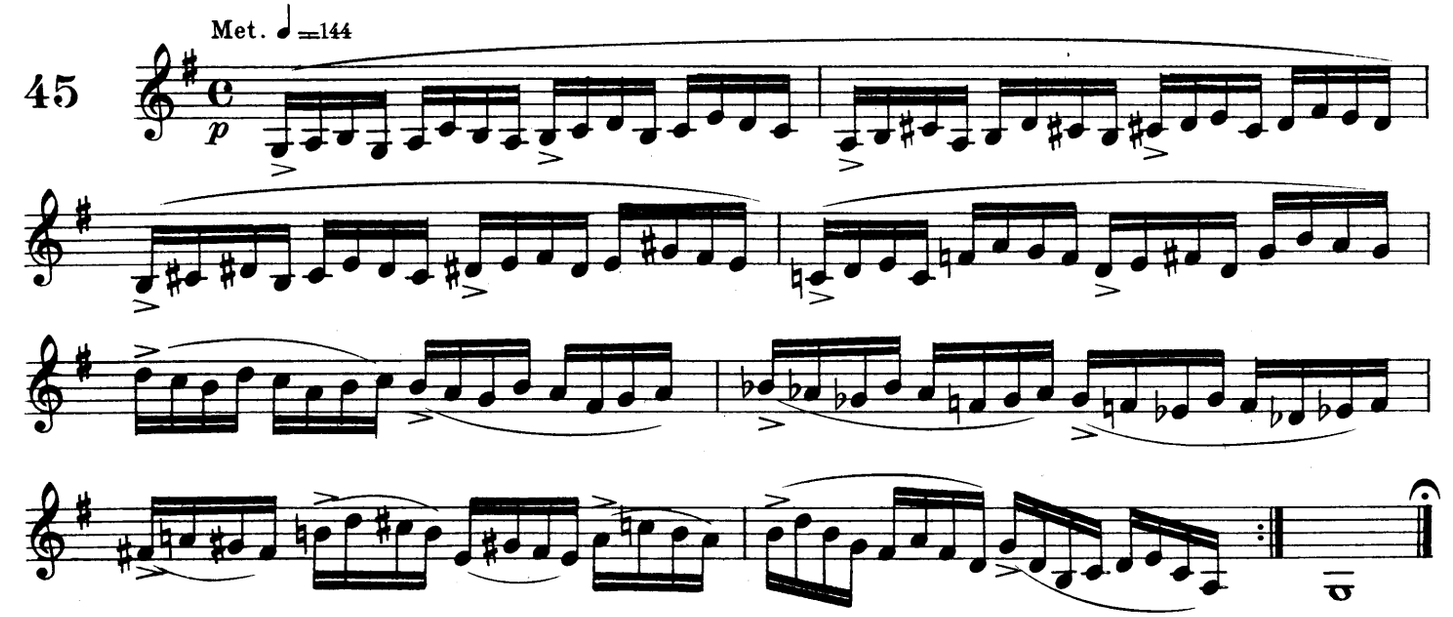
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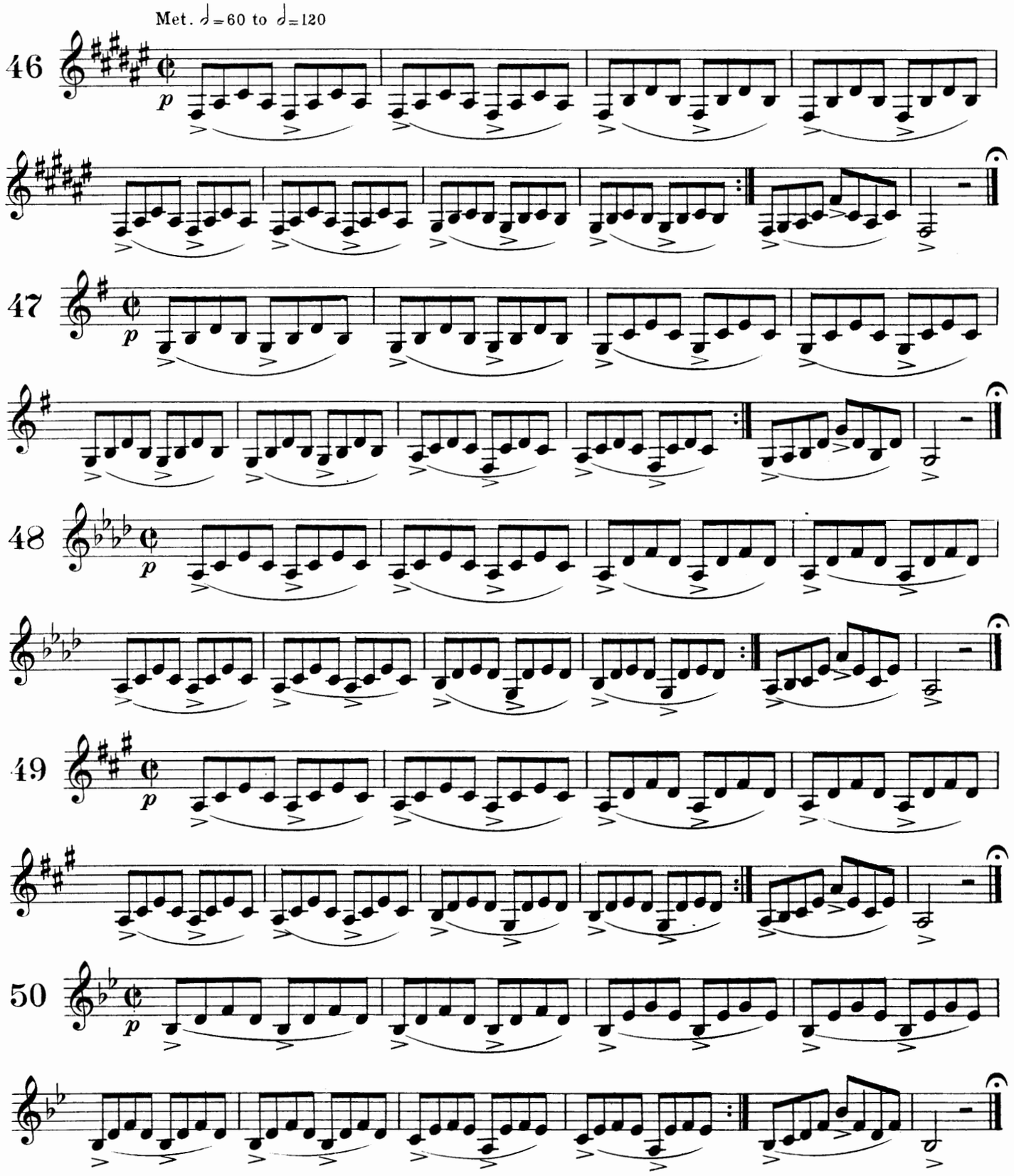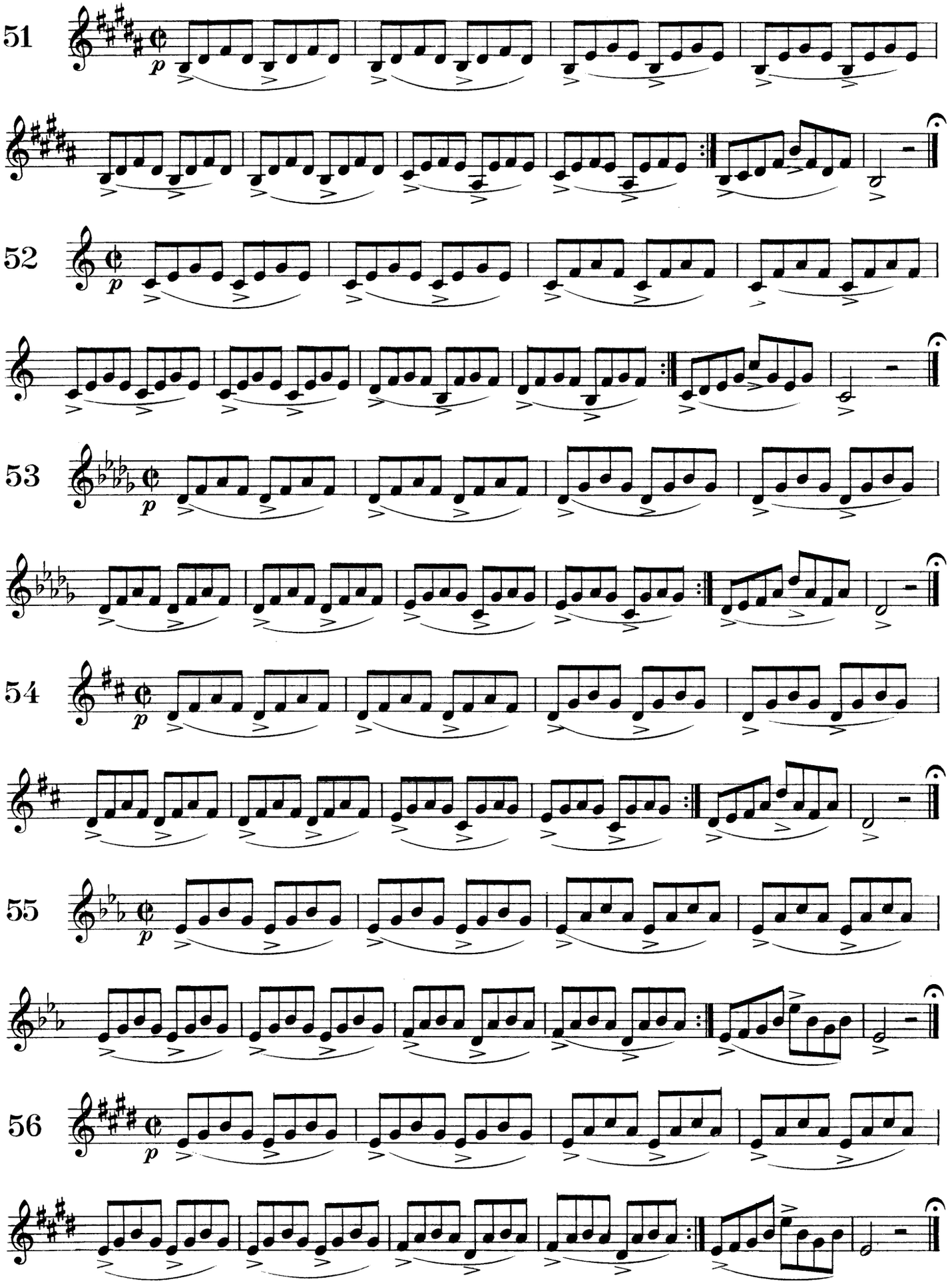
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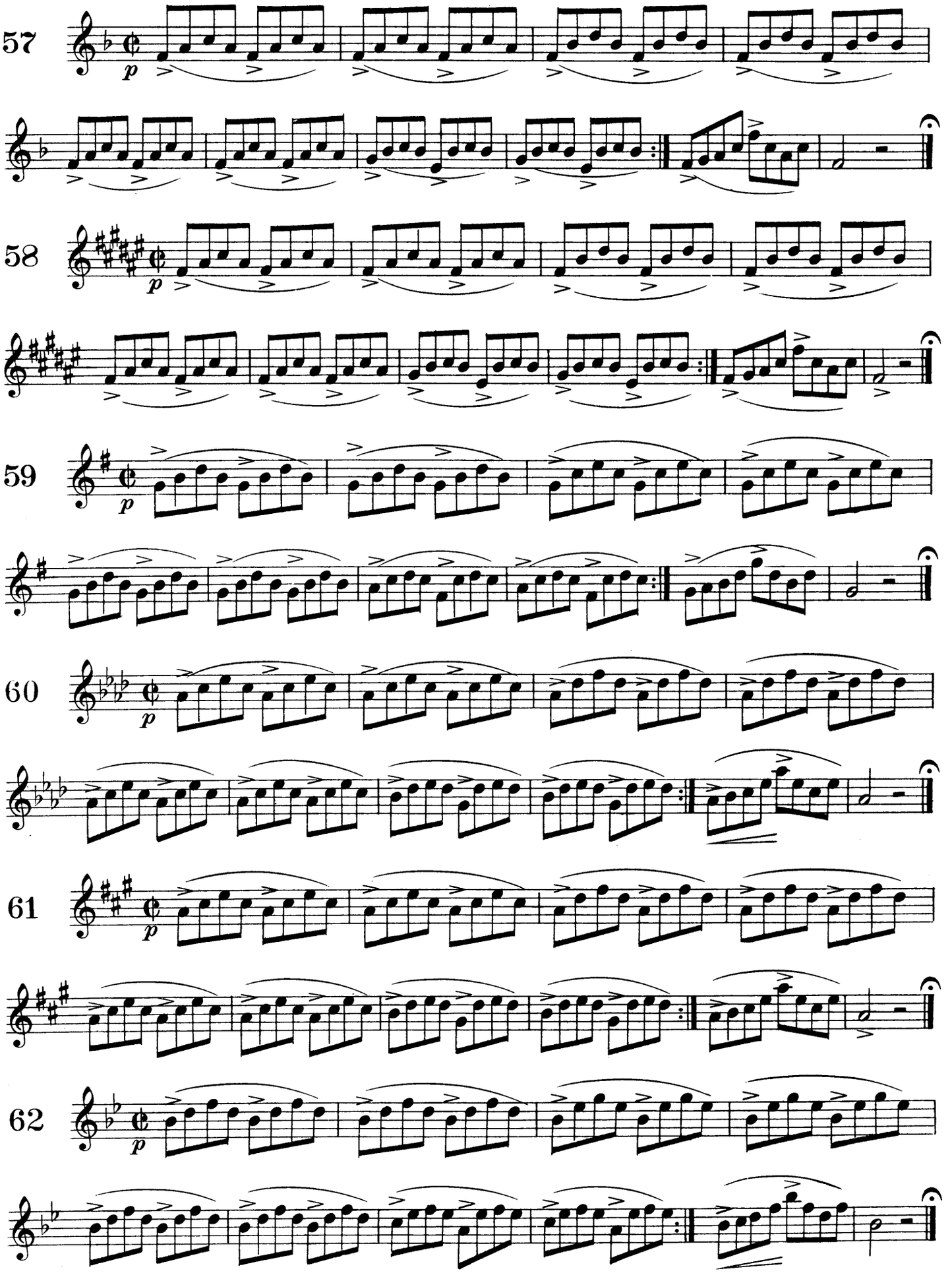
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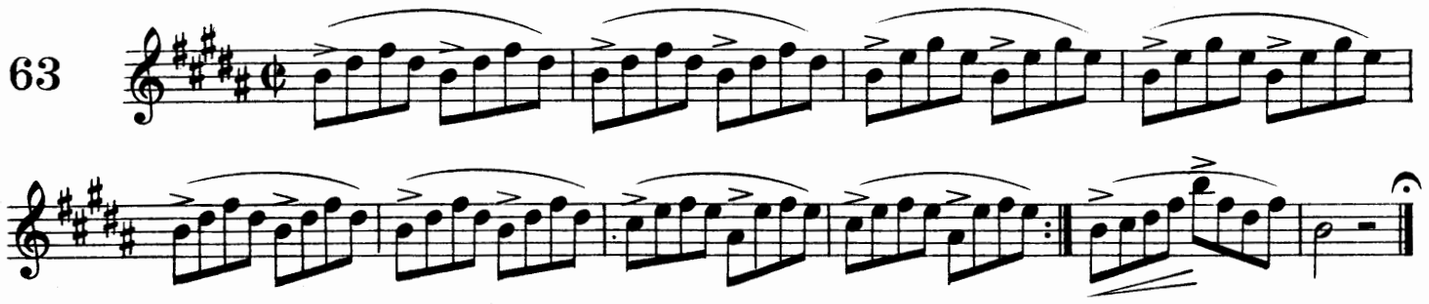
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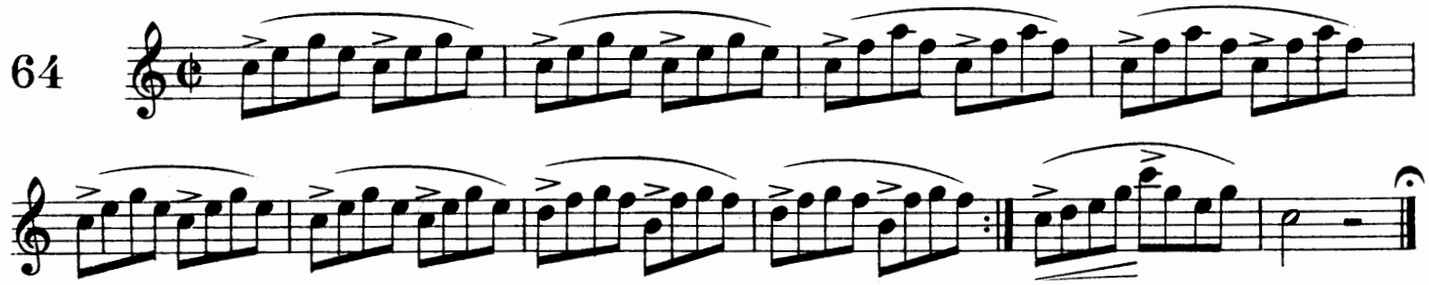
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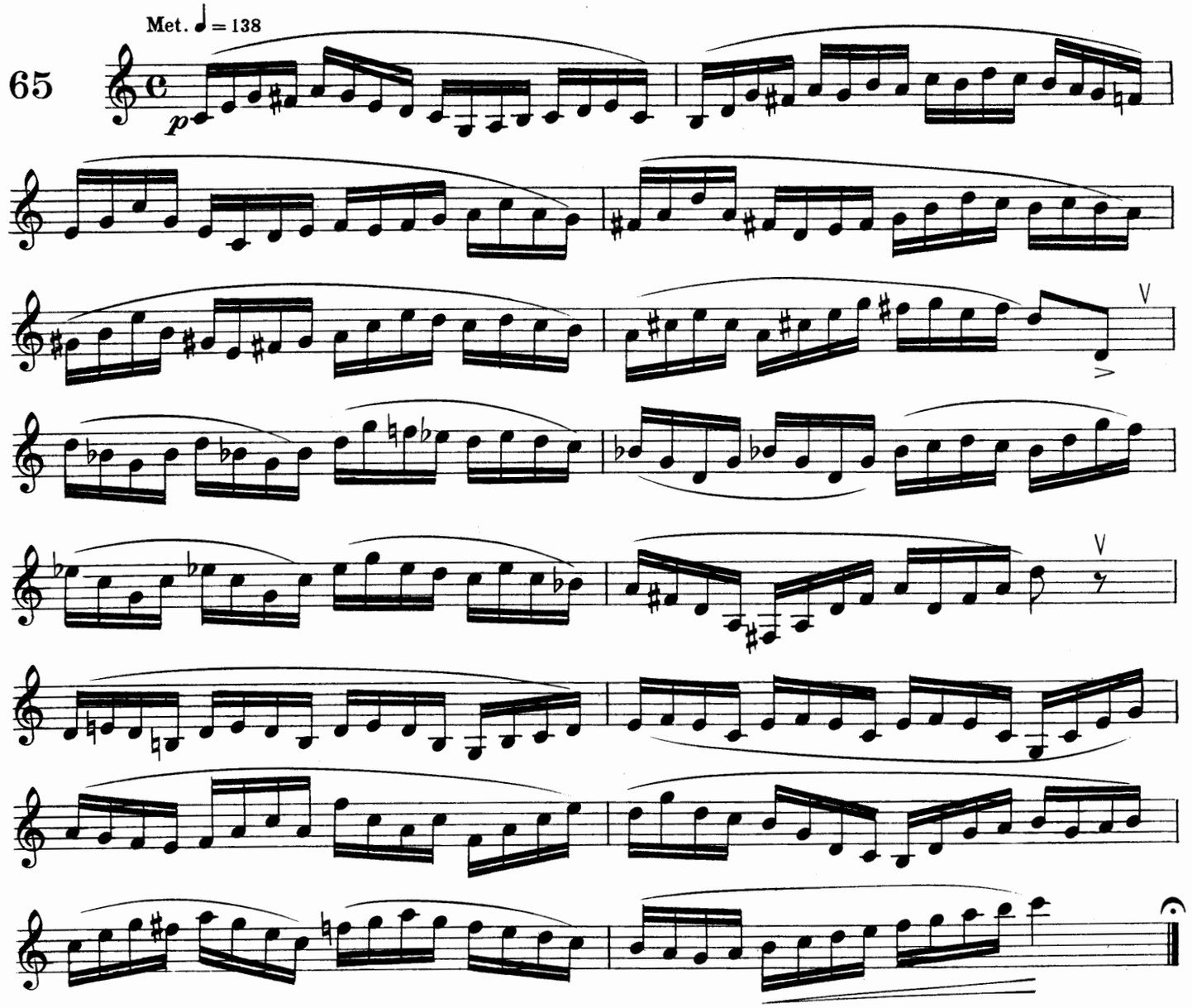
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By careful practice the intervals will sound clearly in the different registers, and you can overcome imperfections so common in the construction of many cornets; such as the Interval from low B♮ to C♯, in Ex. No. 71; also C to D in Ex. No. 72.

The fingers as well as the lips must be elastic.

Single and Double Tongue them after you have made sufficient progress in slurring them perfectly.

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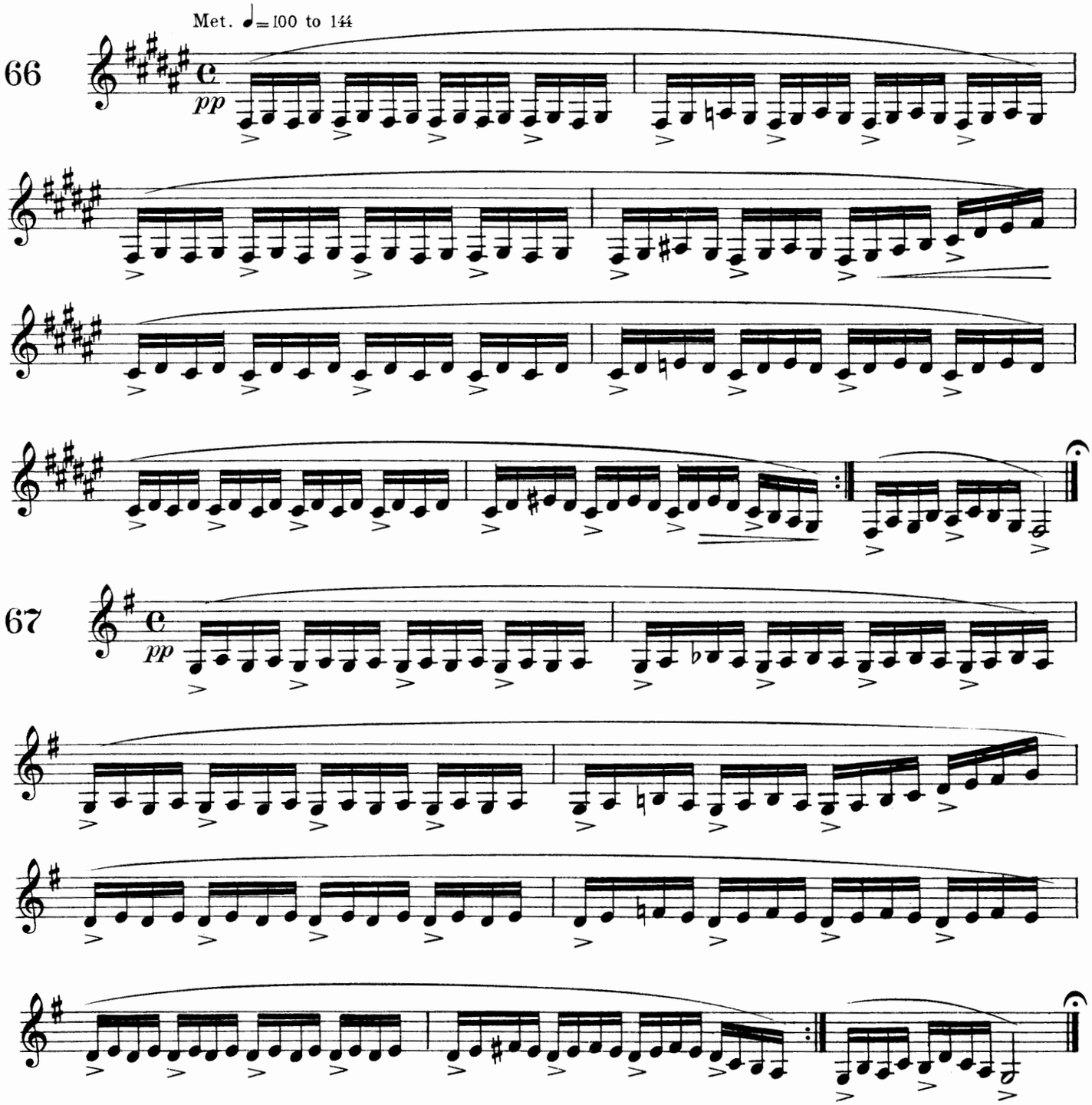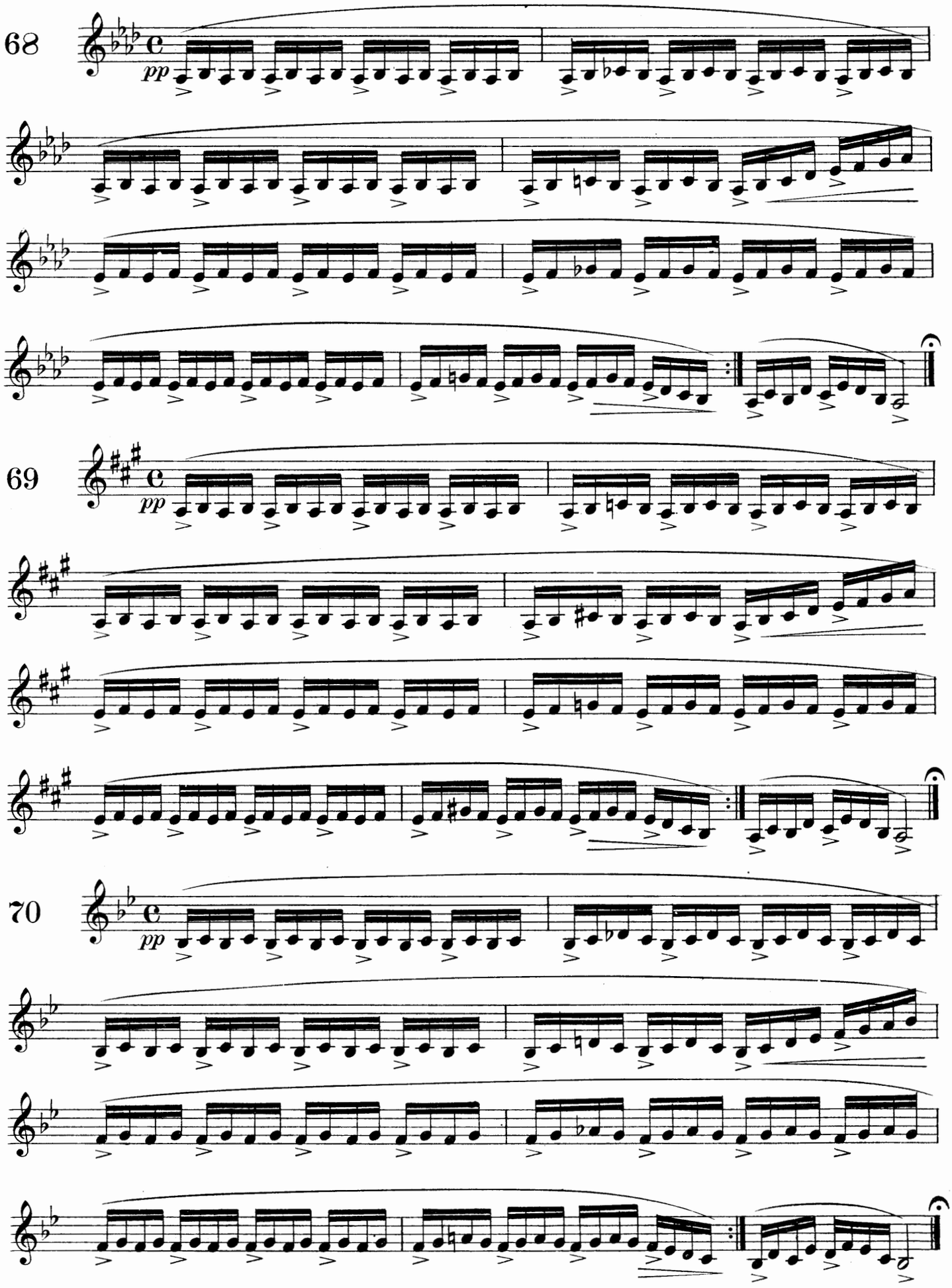
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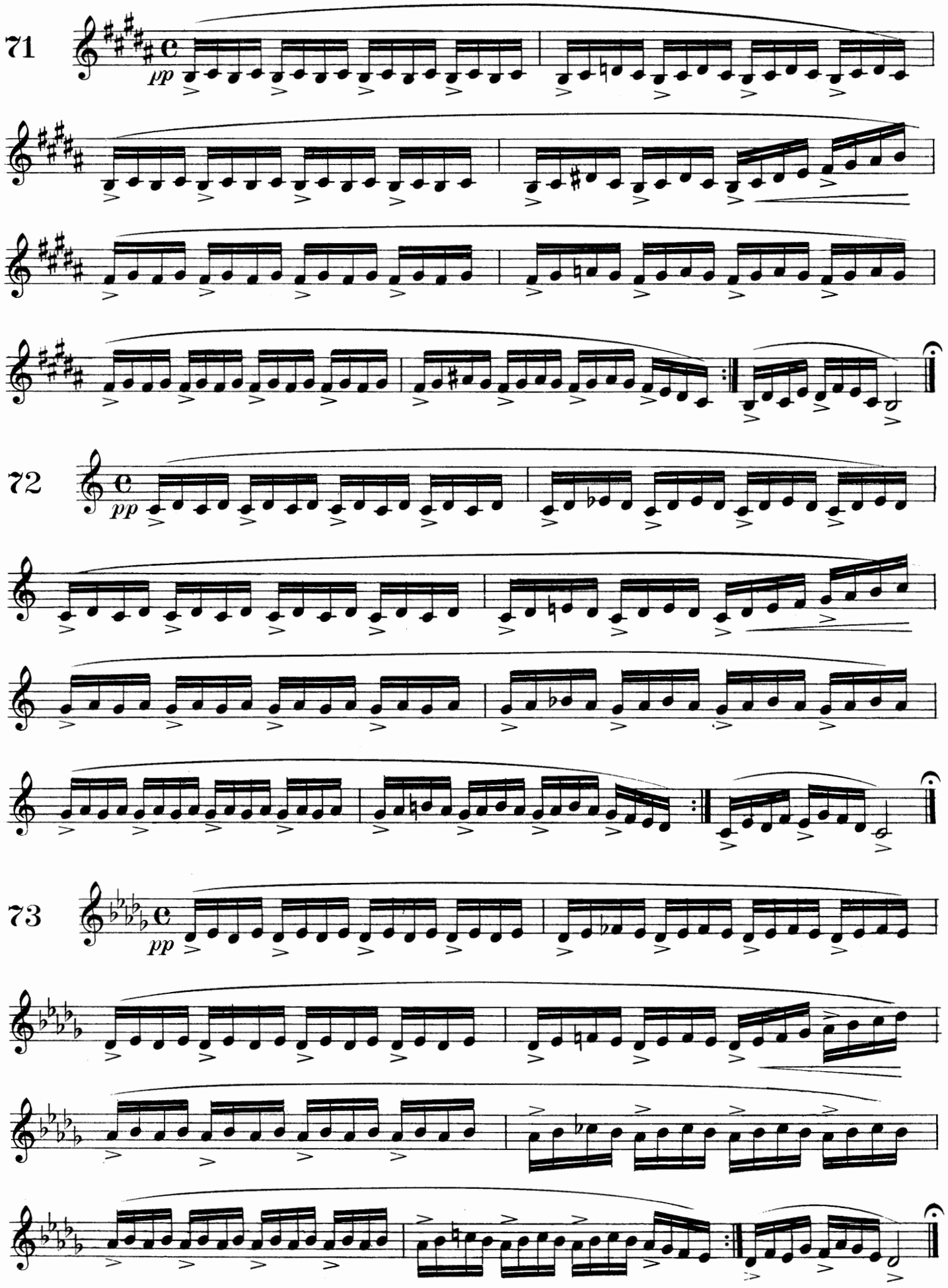
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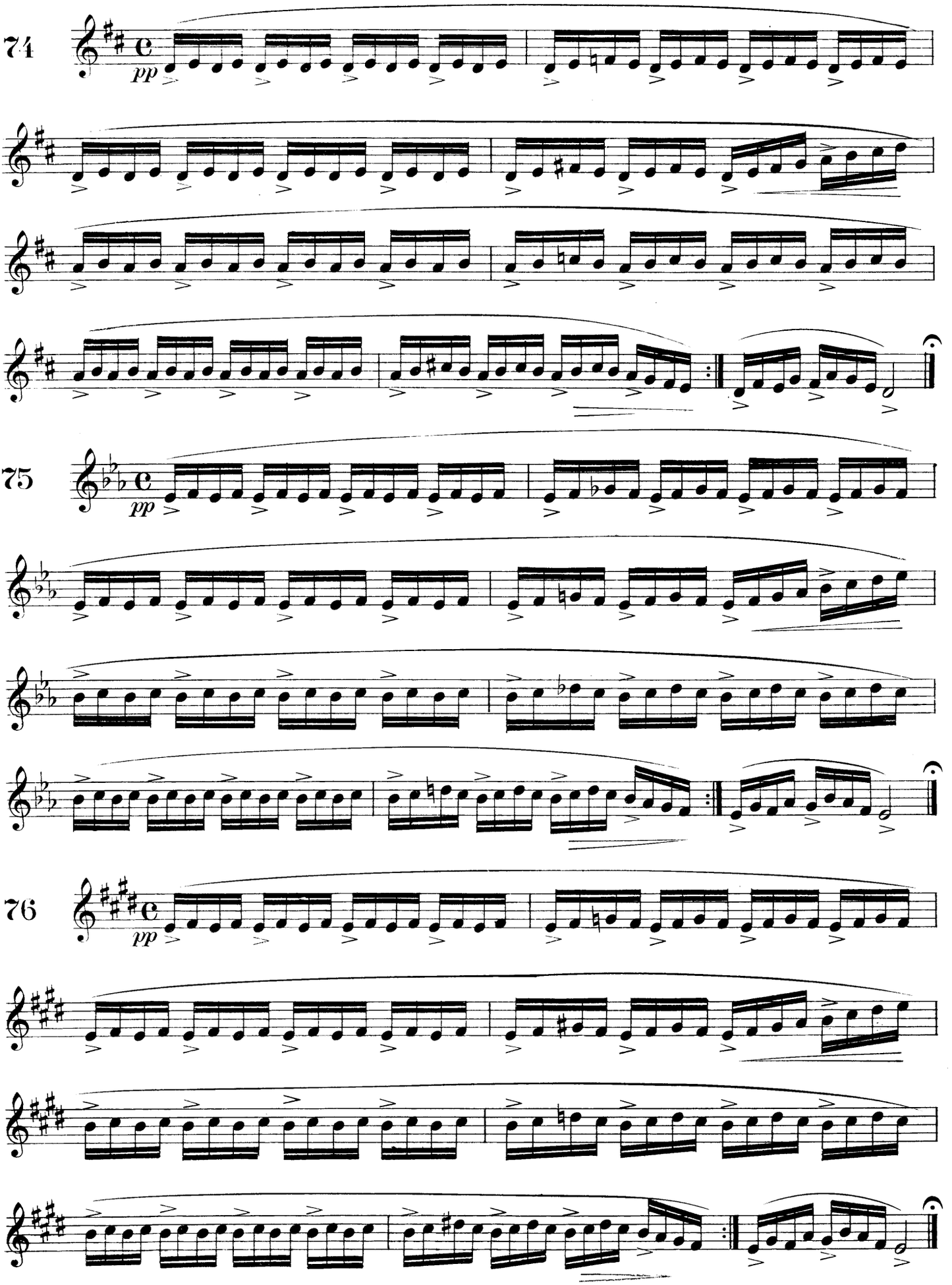
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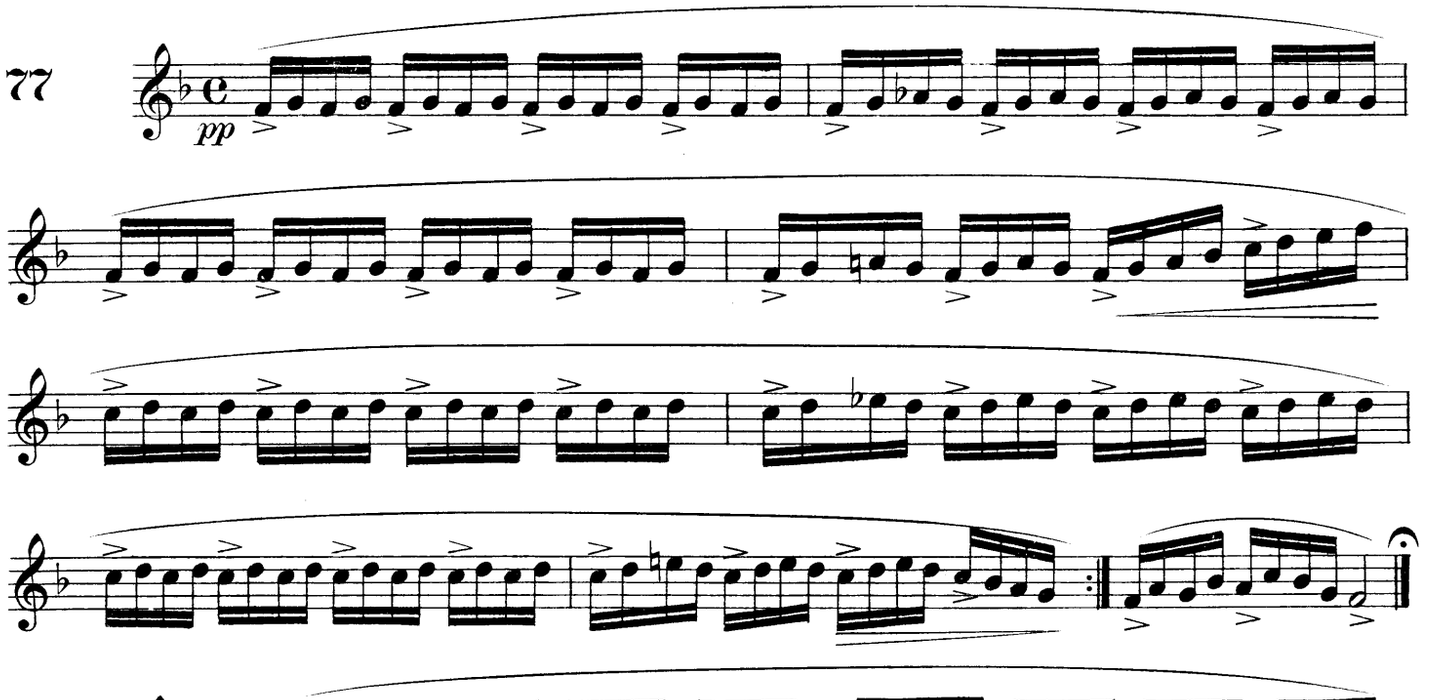
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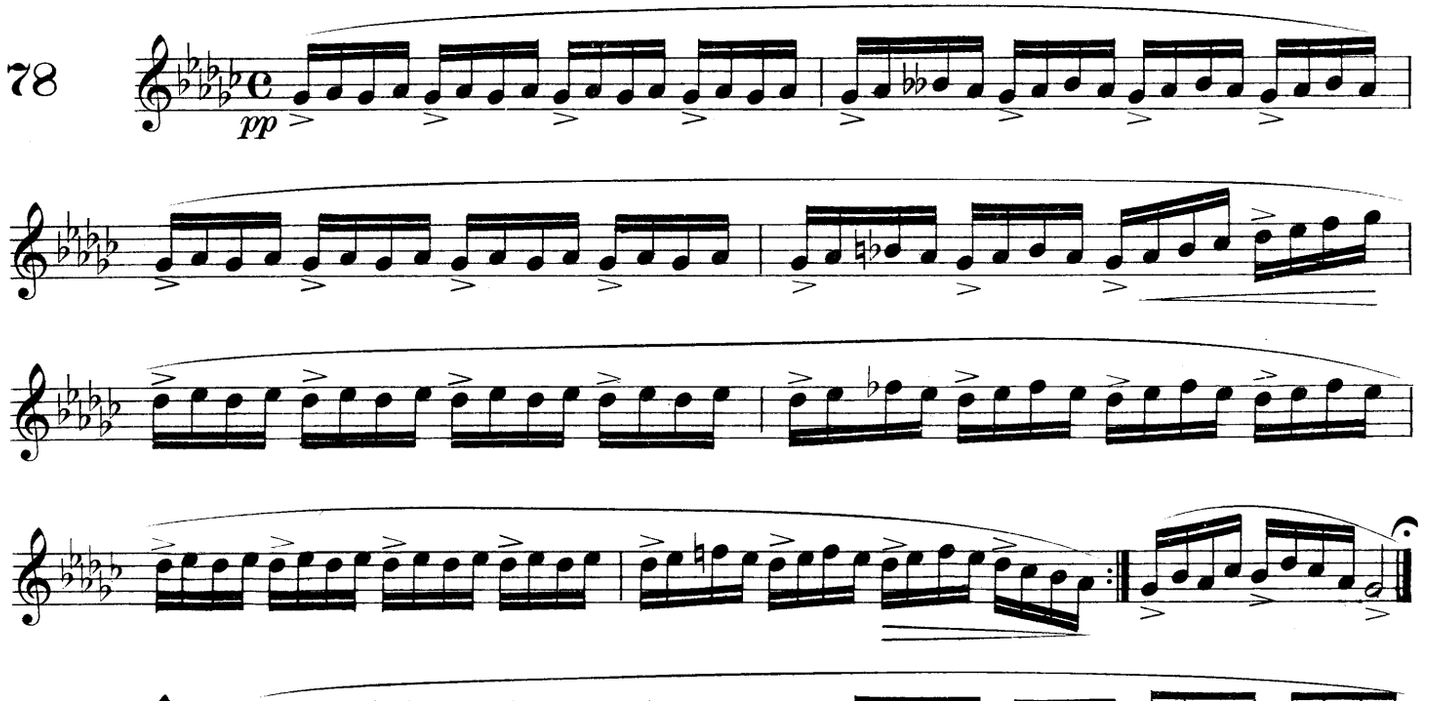
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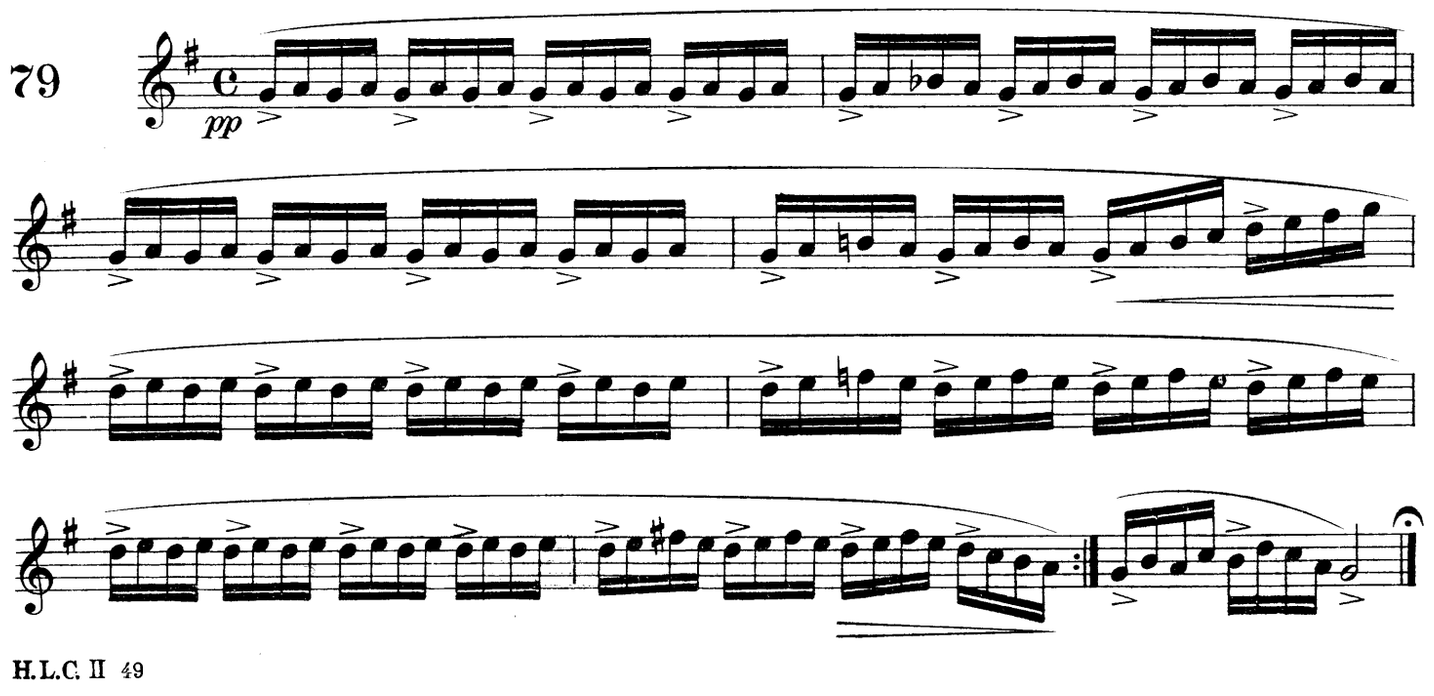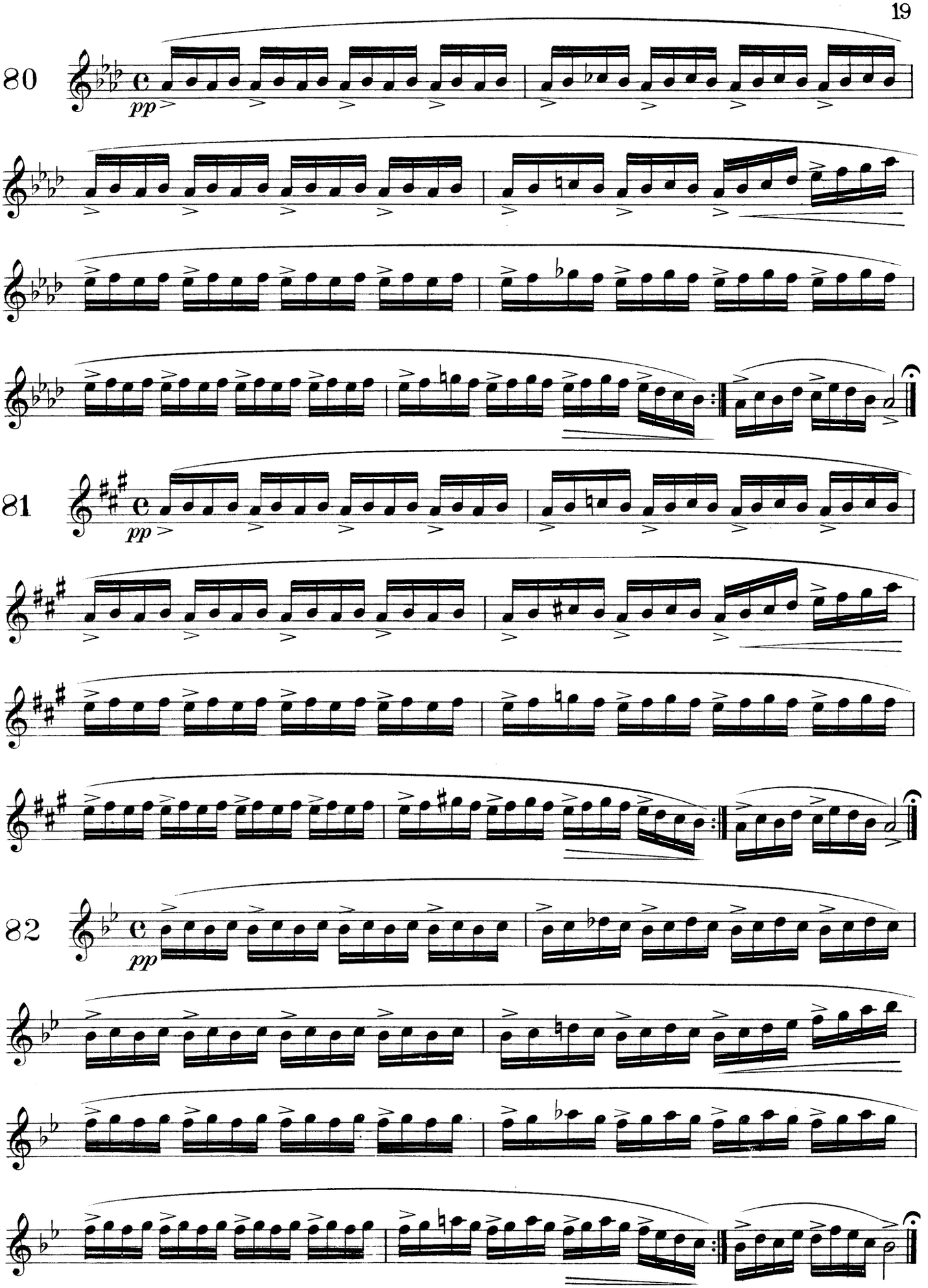
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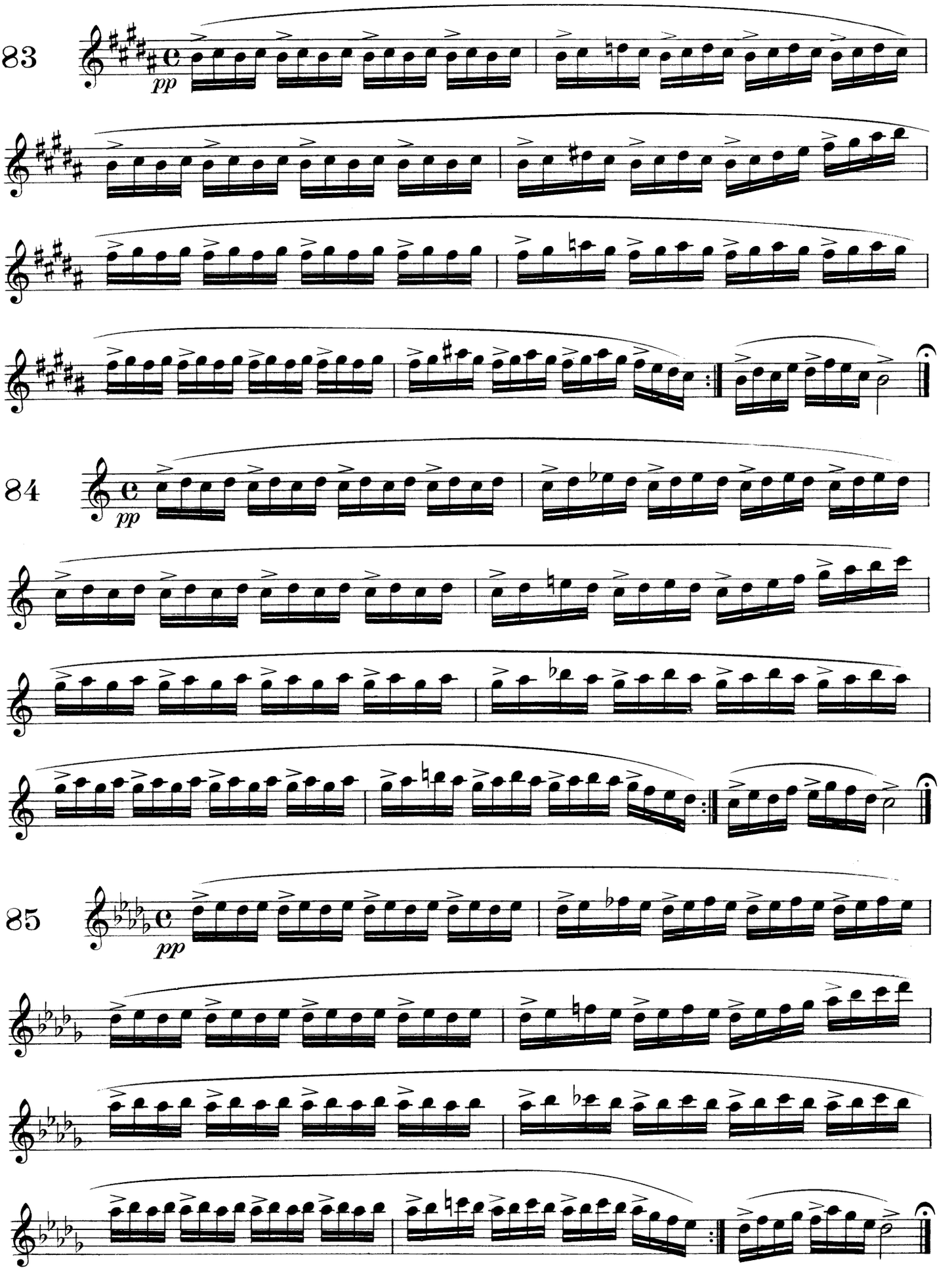
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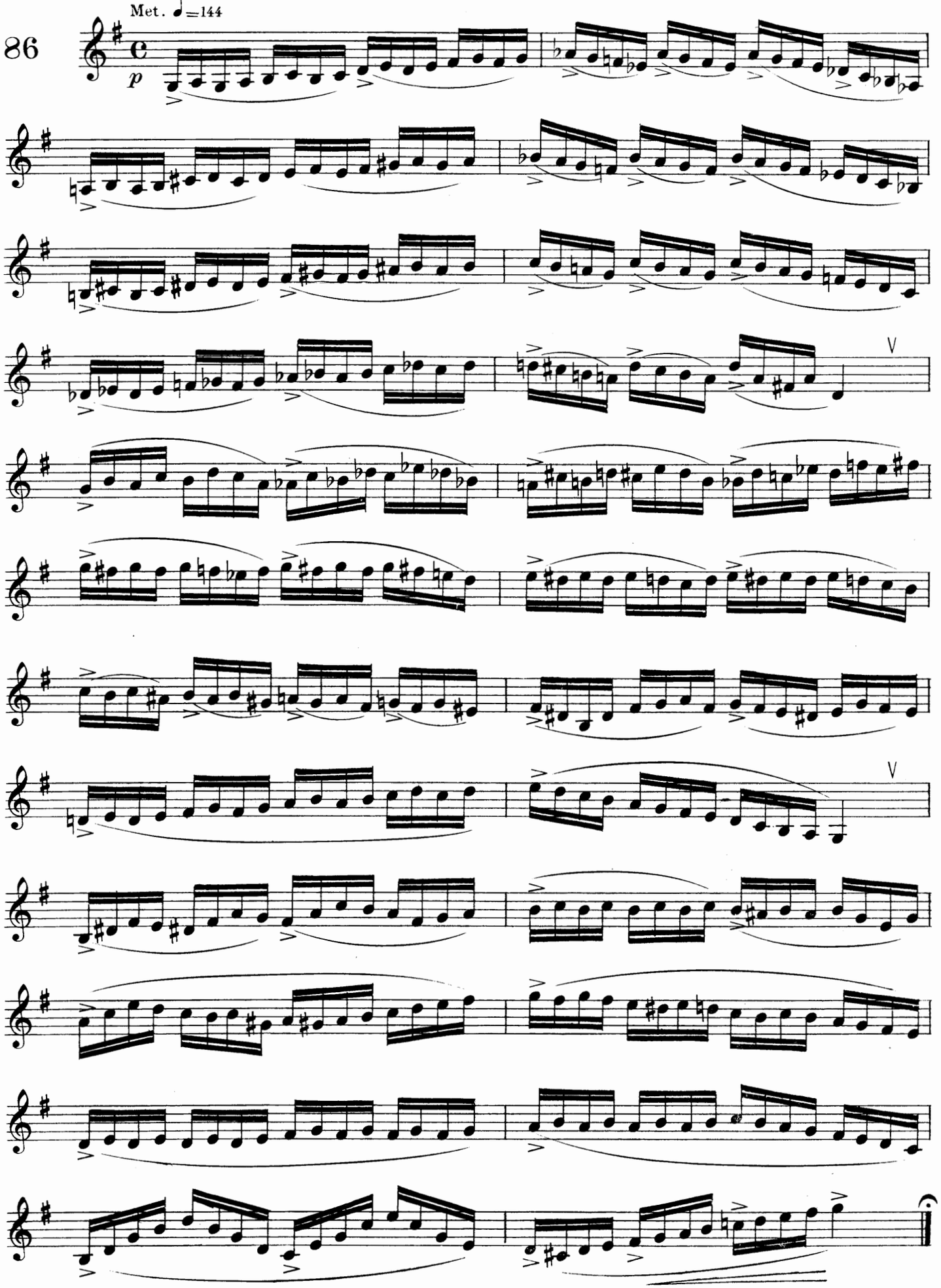

FIFTH STUDY

ENDURANCE is 90% of Cornet Playing.

Will Power is therefore necessary to accomplish that which is considered an impossibility by many Cornet Players.

As you must have improved by practicing the preceding Studies to control your Wind, this Study contains Exercises more ambitious. A test of Endurance is illustrated here, by finishing the Exercises two Octaves from the beginning, when all the wind seems exhausted.

Dont attempt Ex. No. 94, until you have played the preceding one over many times with perfect ease. Then try another a step higher, and so on until you have mastered all.

A 20 story building requires a much firmer foundation than a structure of only two stories.

DO NOT STRAIN OR FORCE THE TONE.

Single and Double Tonguing this Study add to your advancement.

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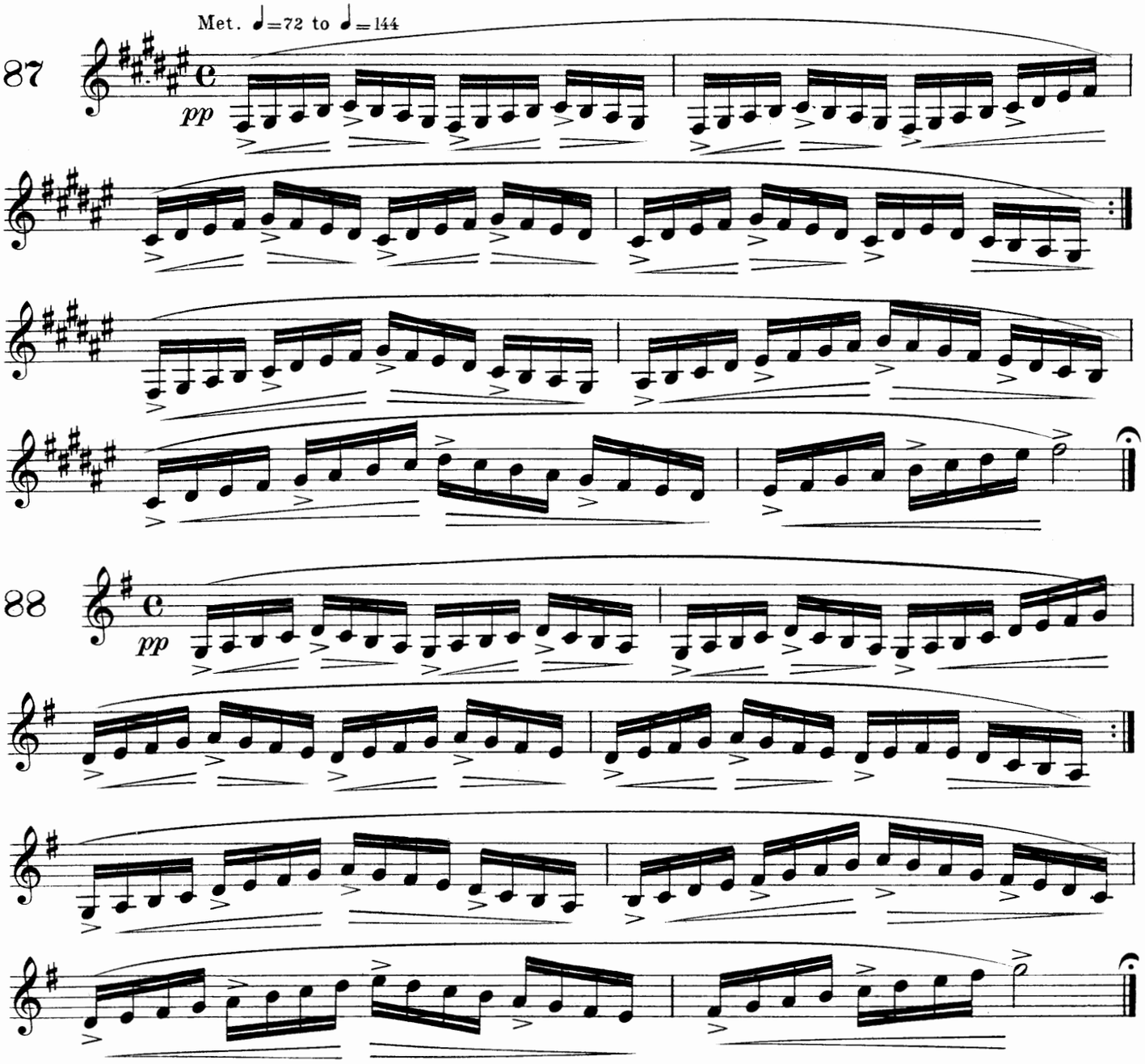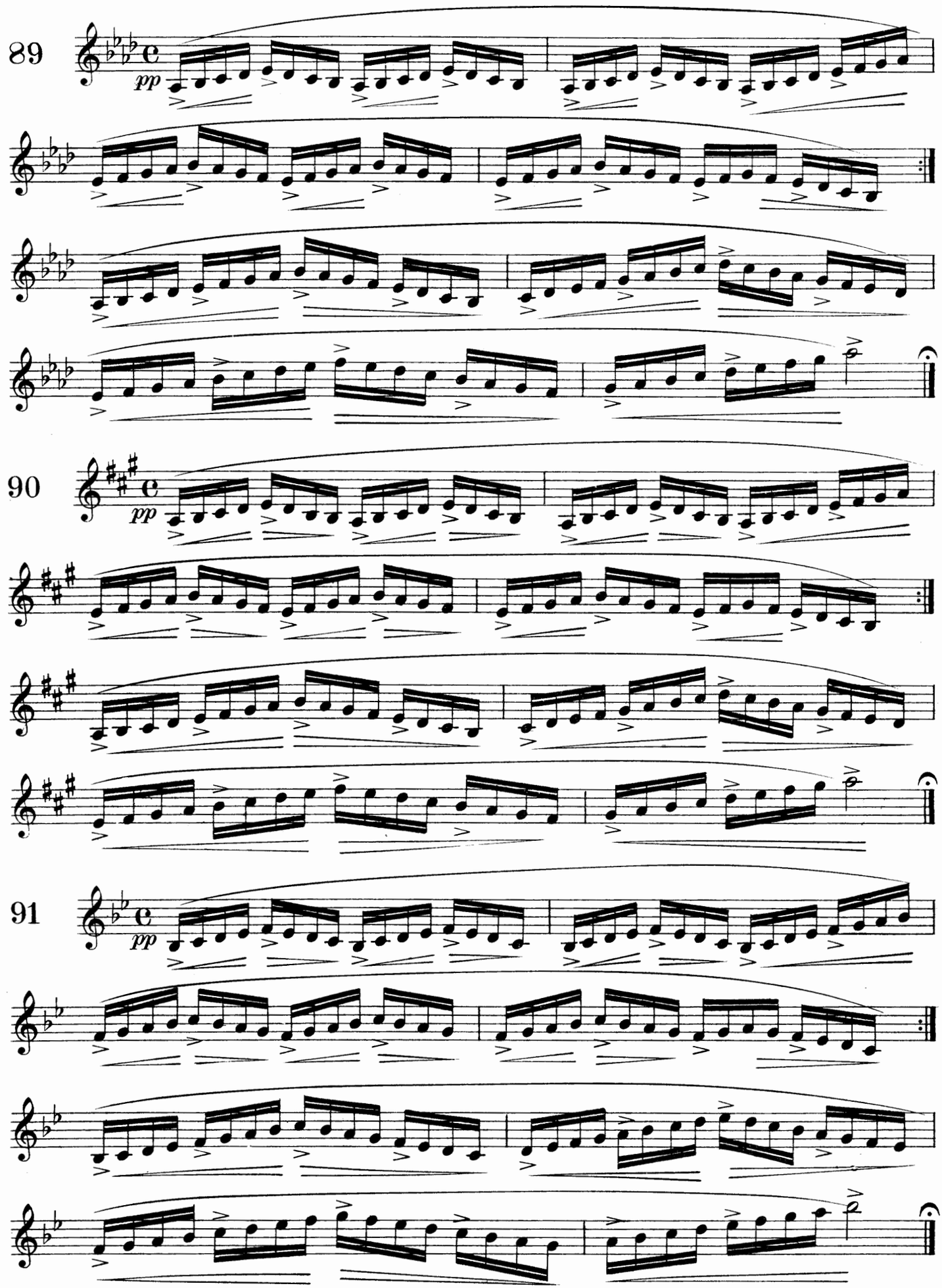

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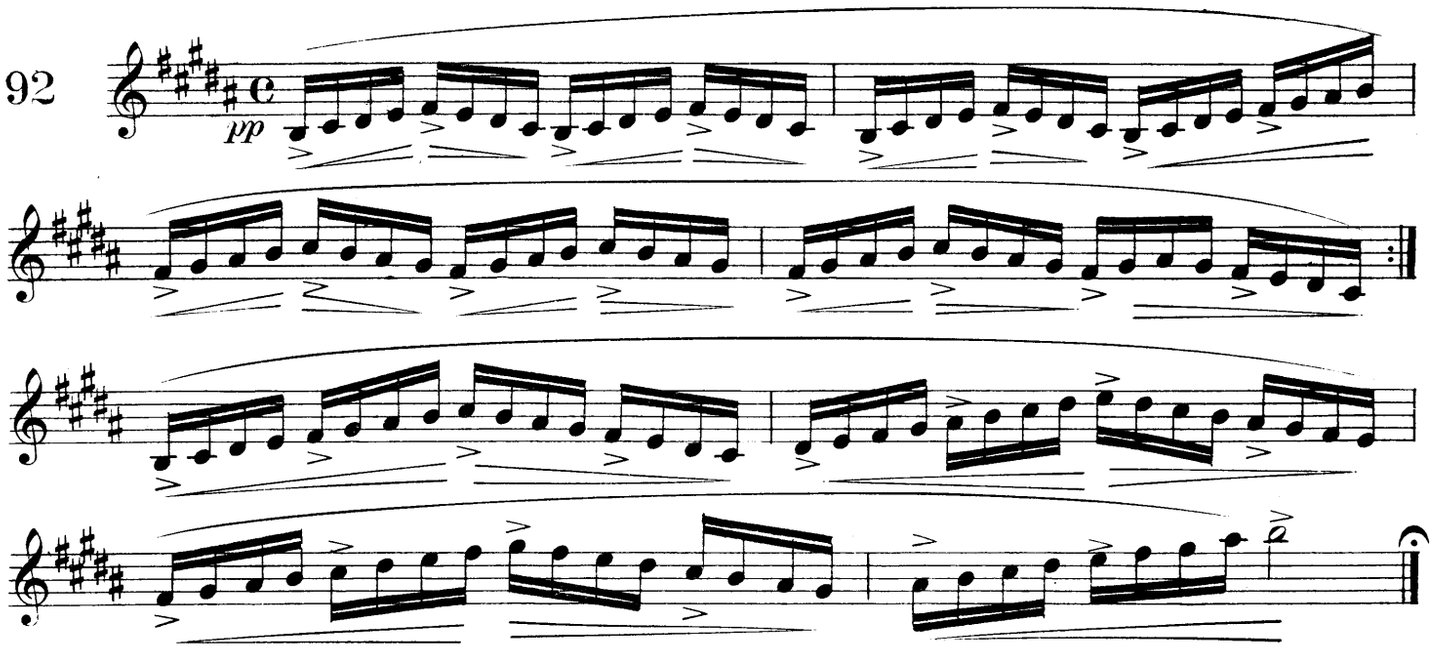

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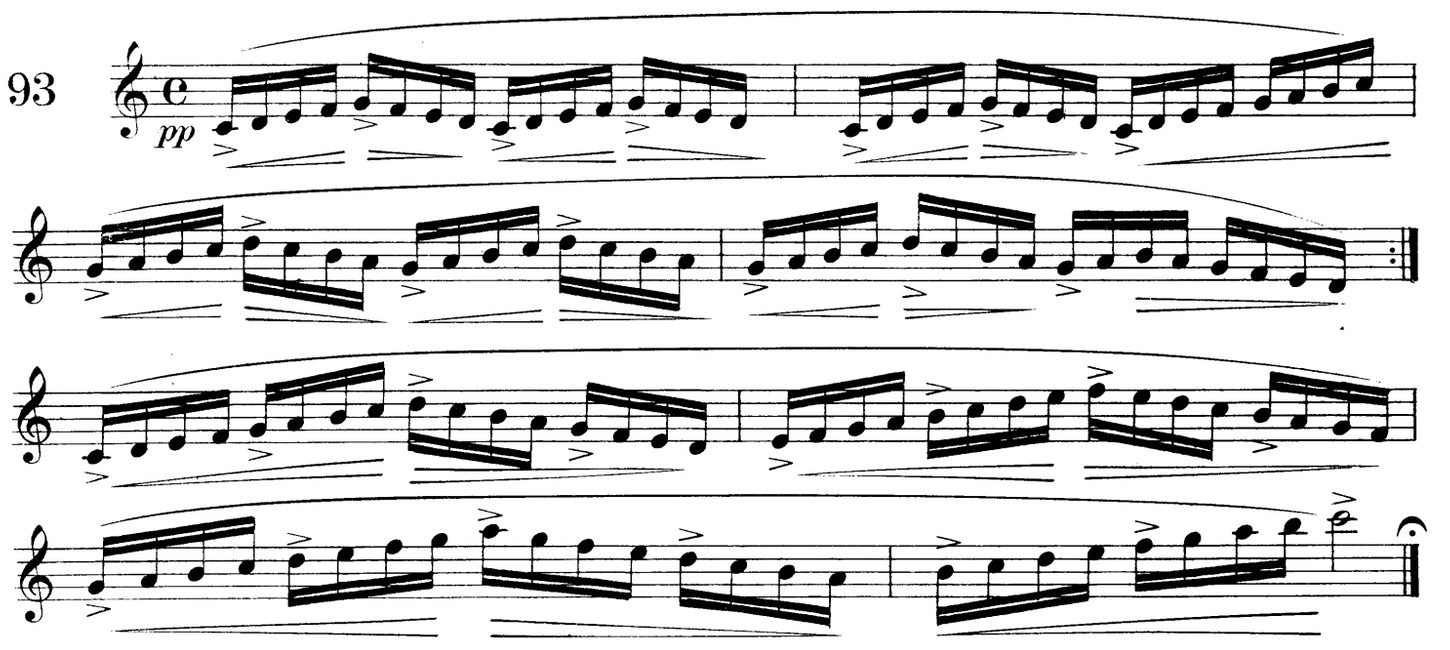

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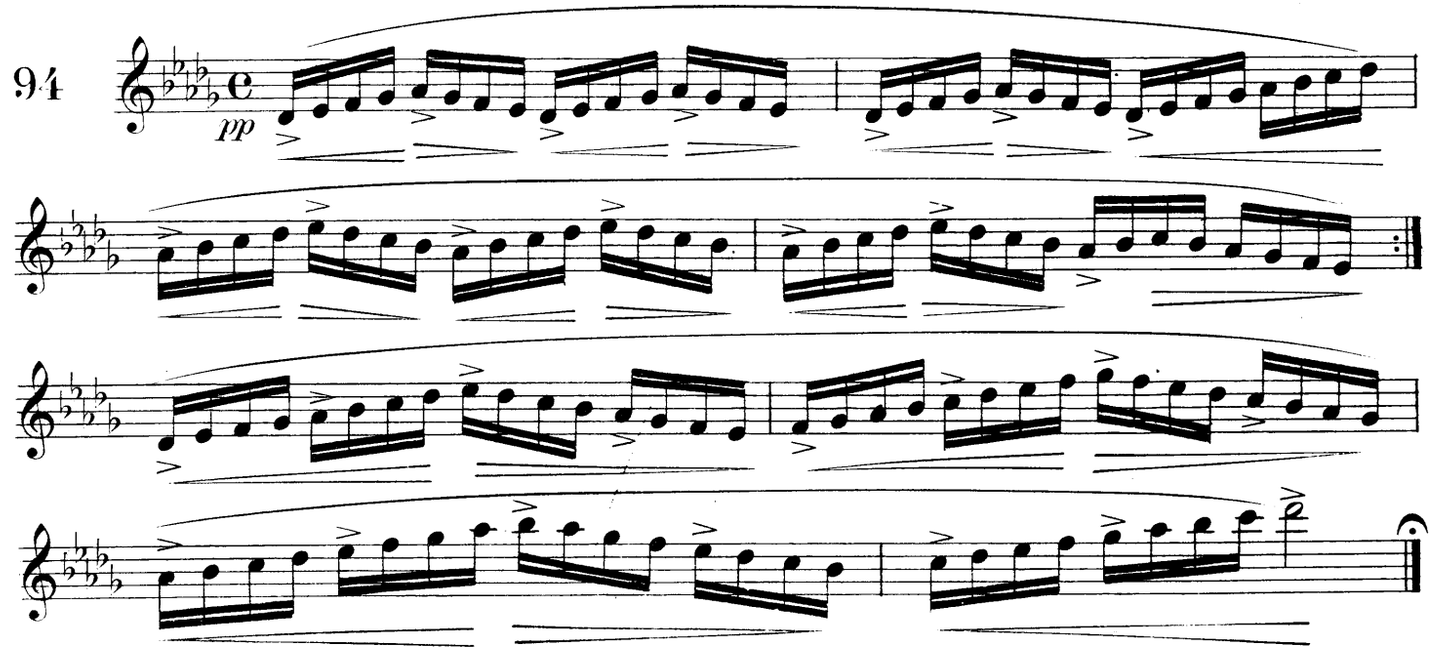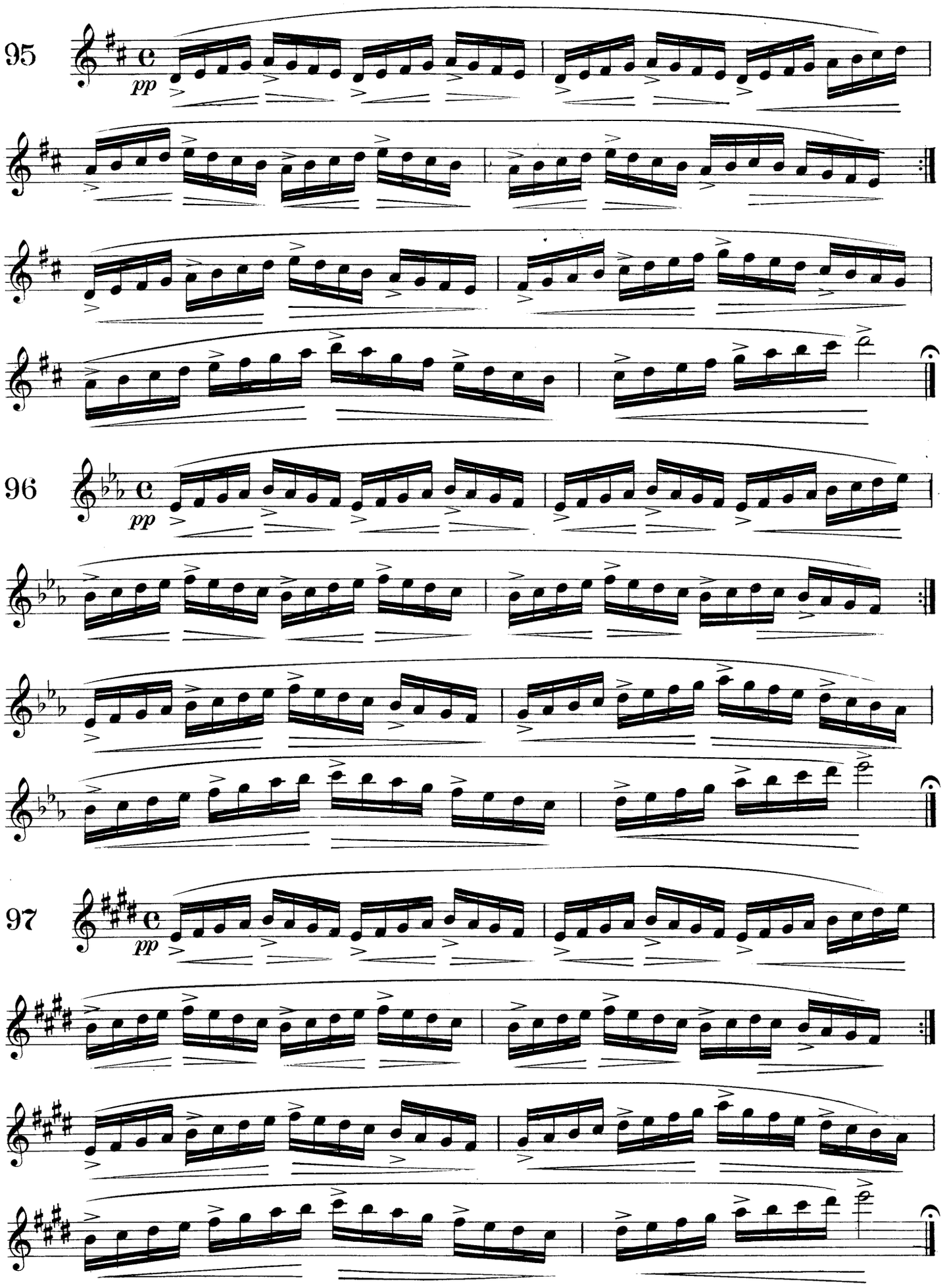

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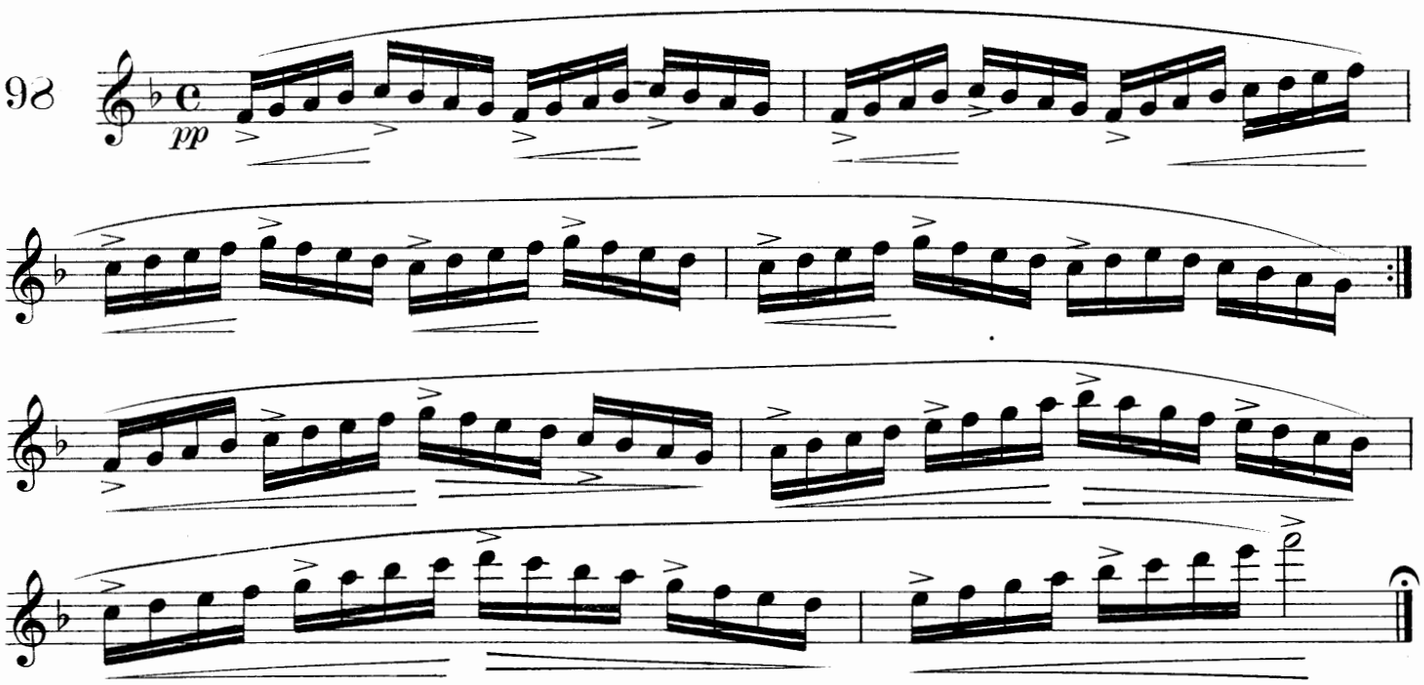

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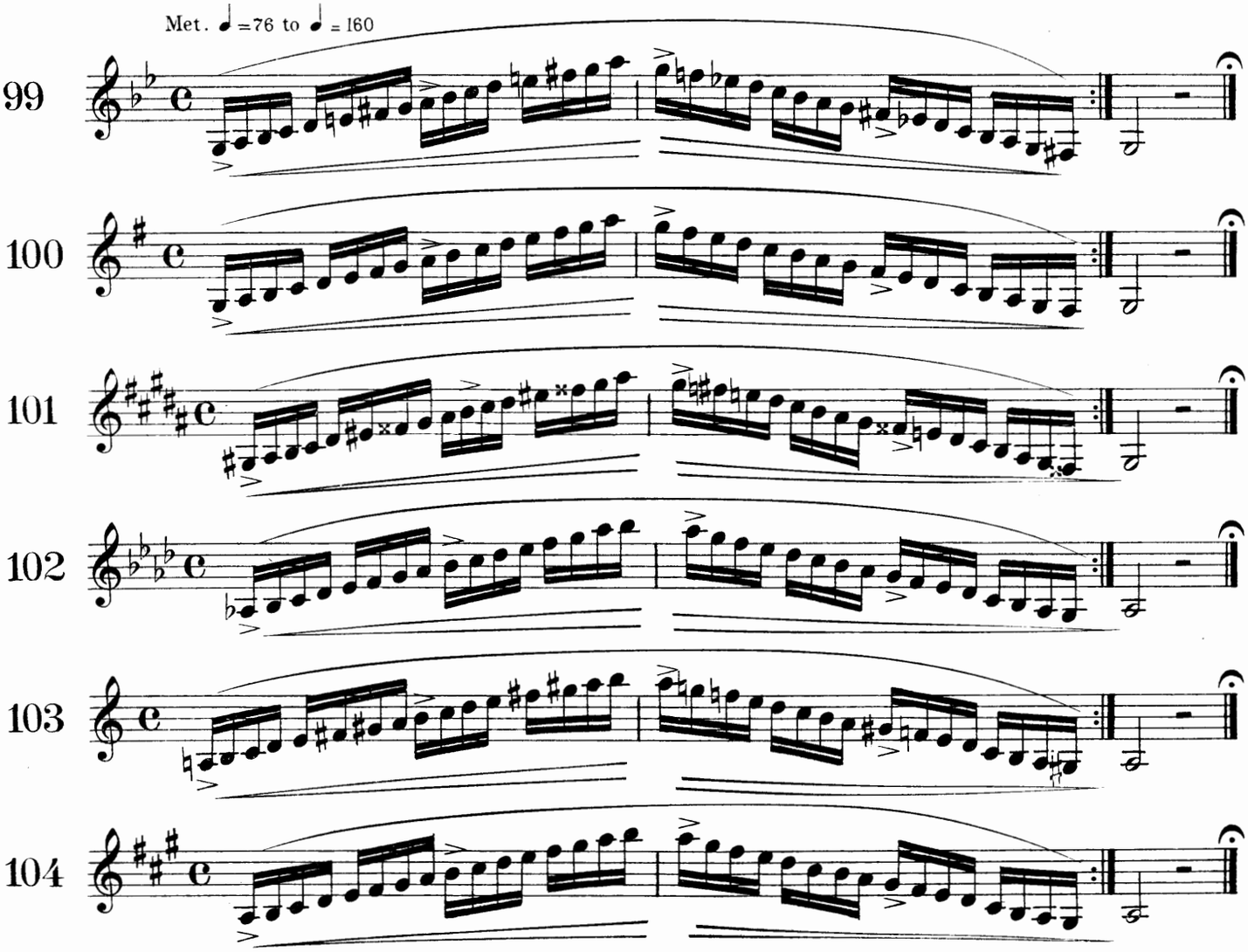
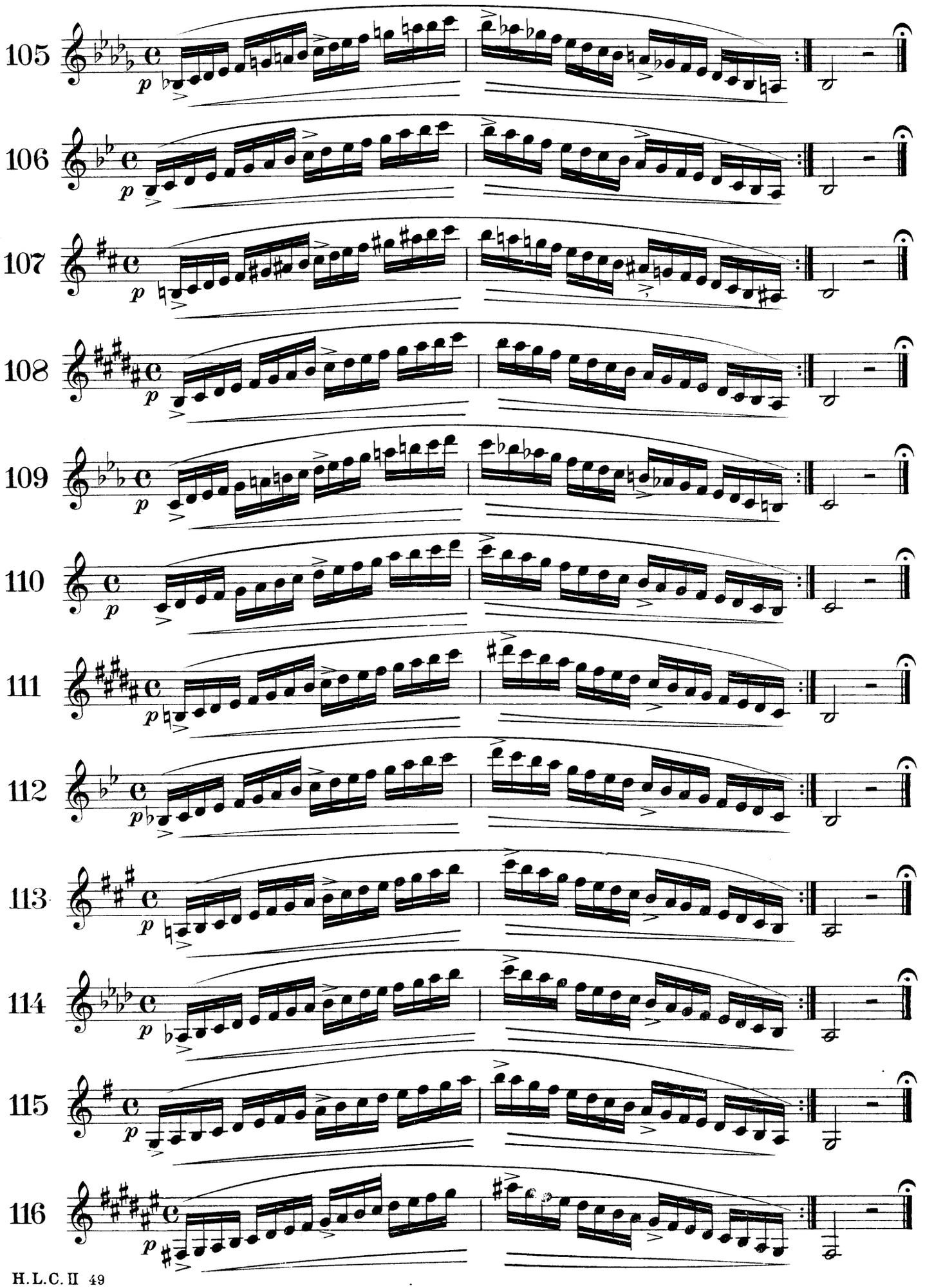
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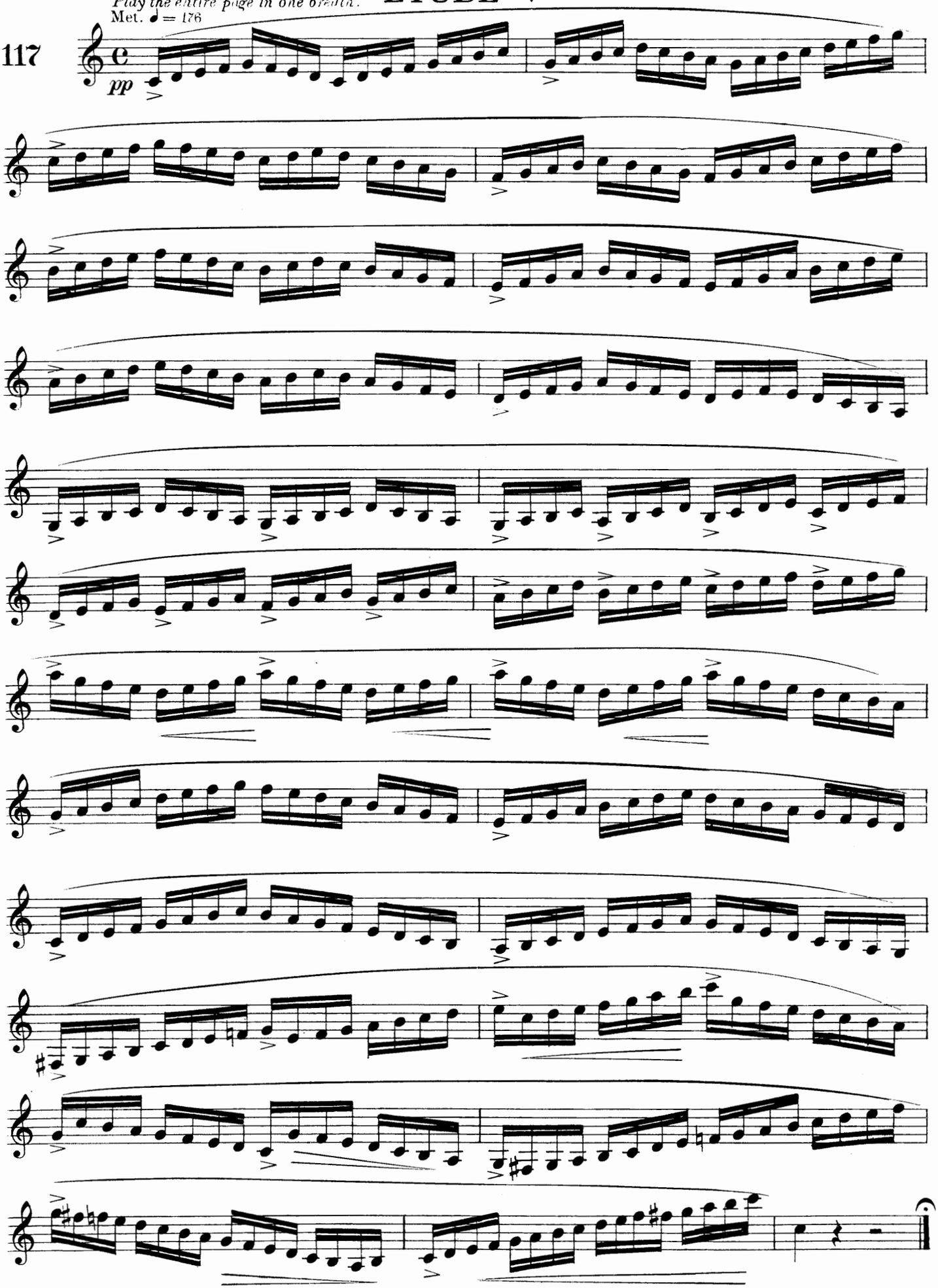

SIXTH STUDY

Another form of Minor and Major Scale practice in different registers, a great help towards ENDURANCE, TECHNIC, and ELASTICITY OF THE LIPS.

Both tonguings should be used as usual.

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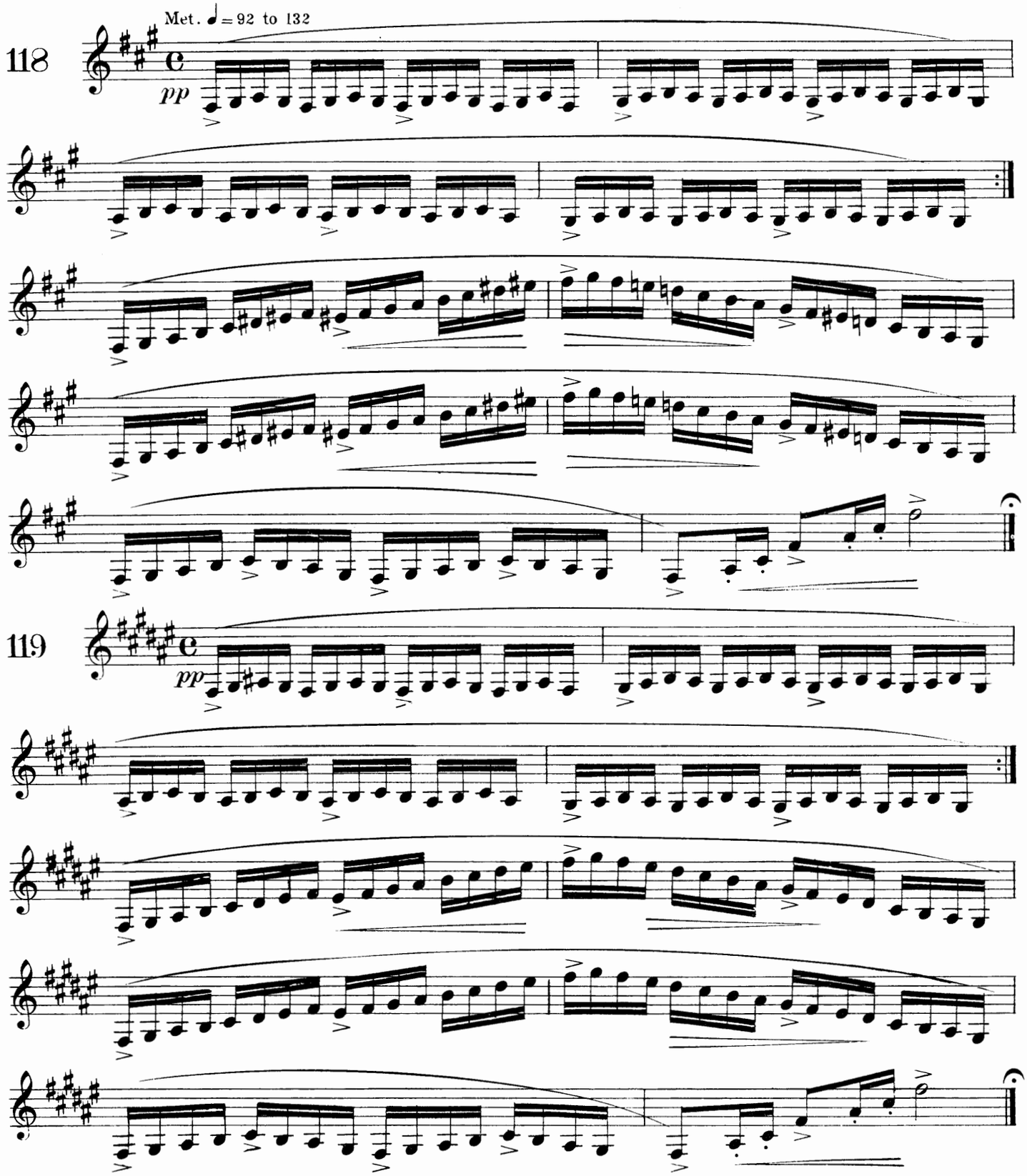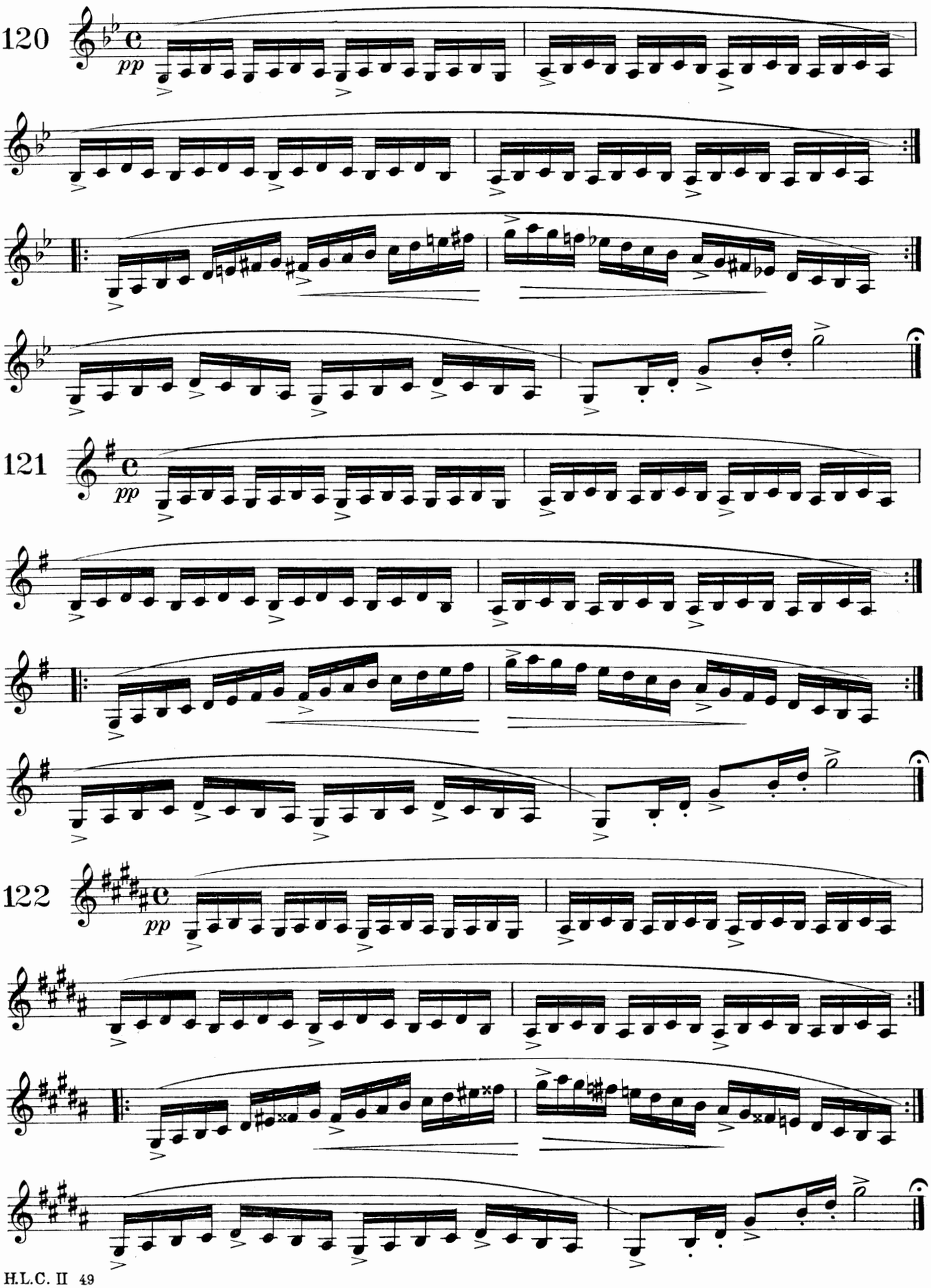
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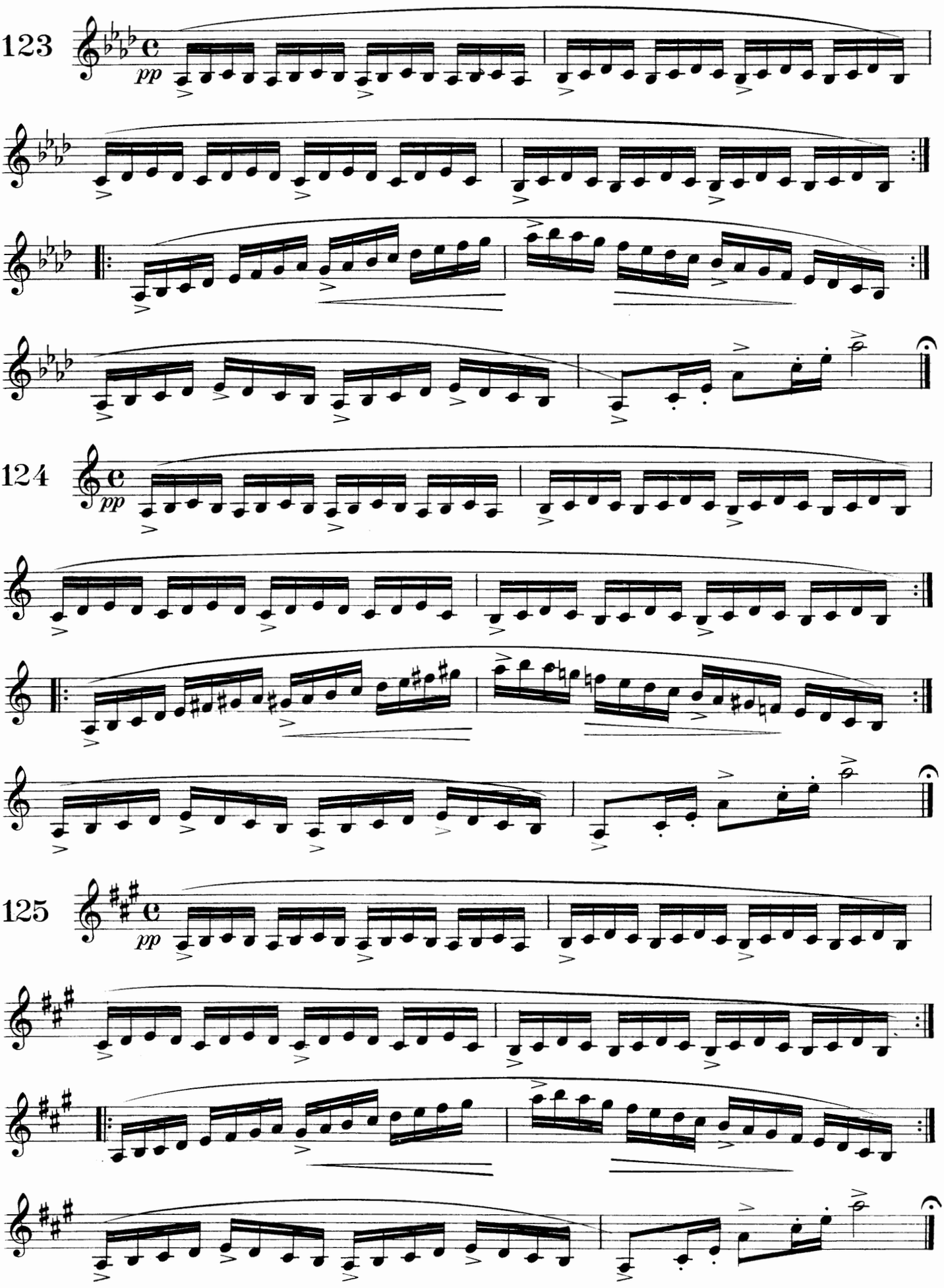
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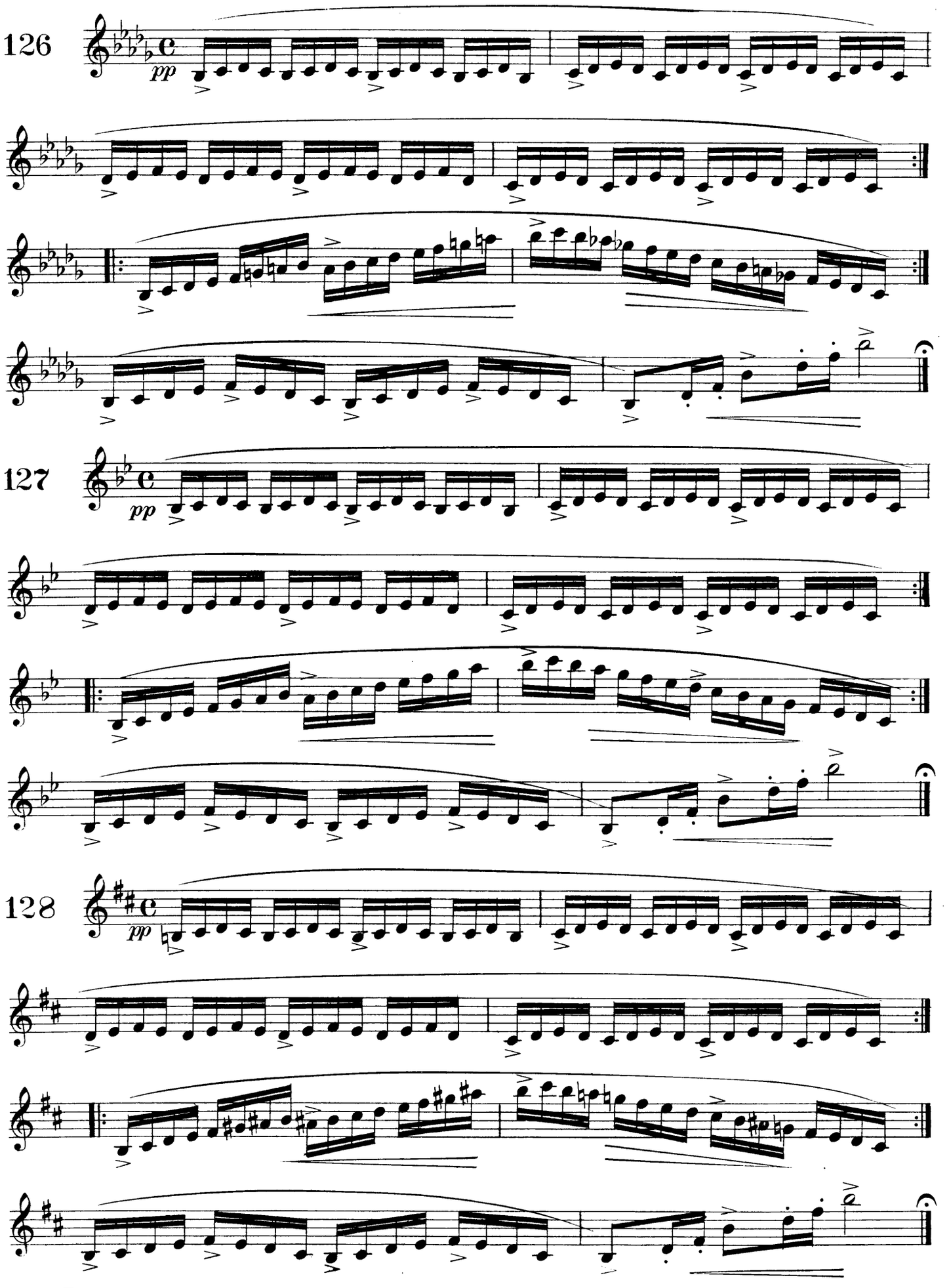
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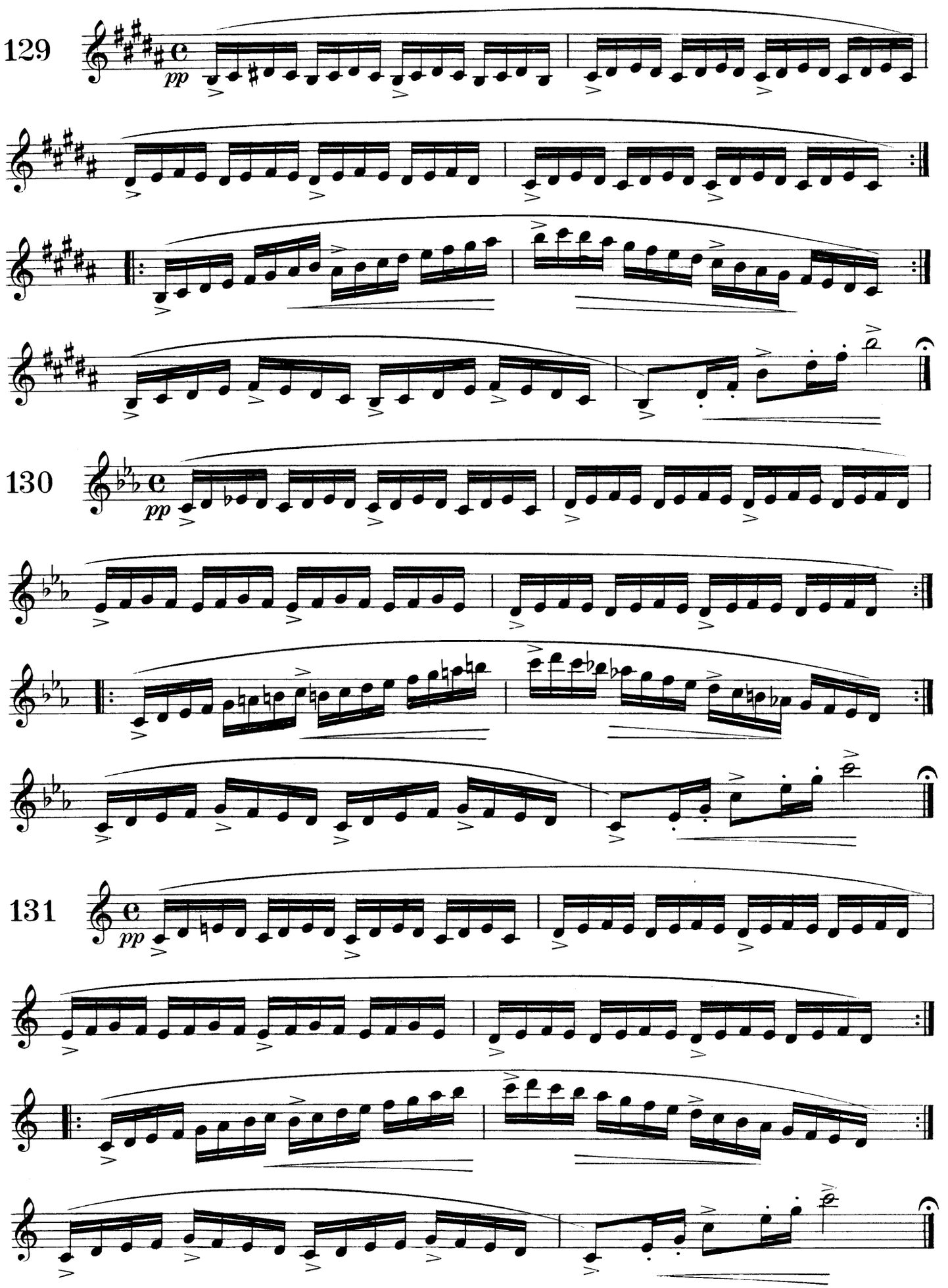
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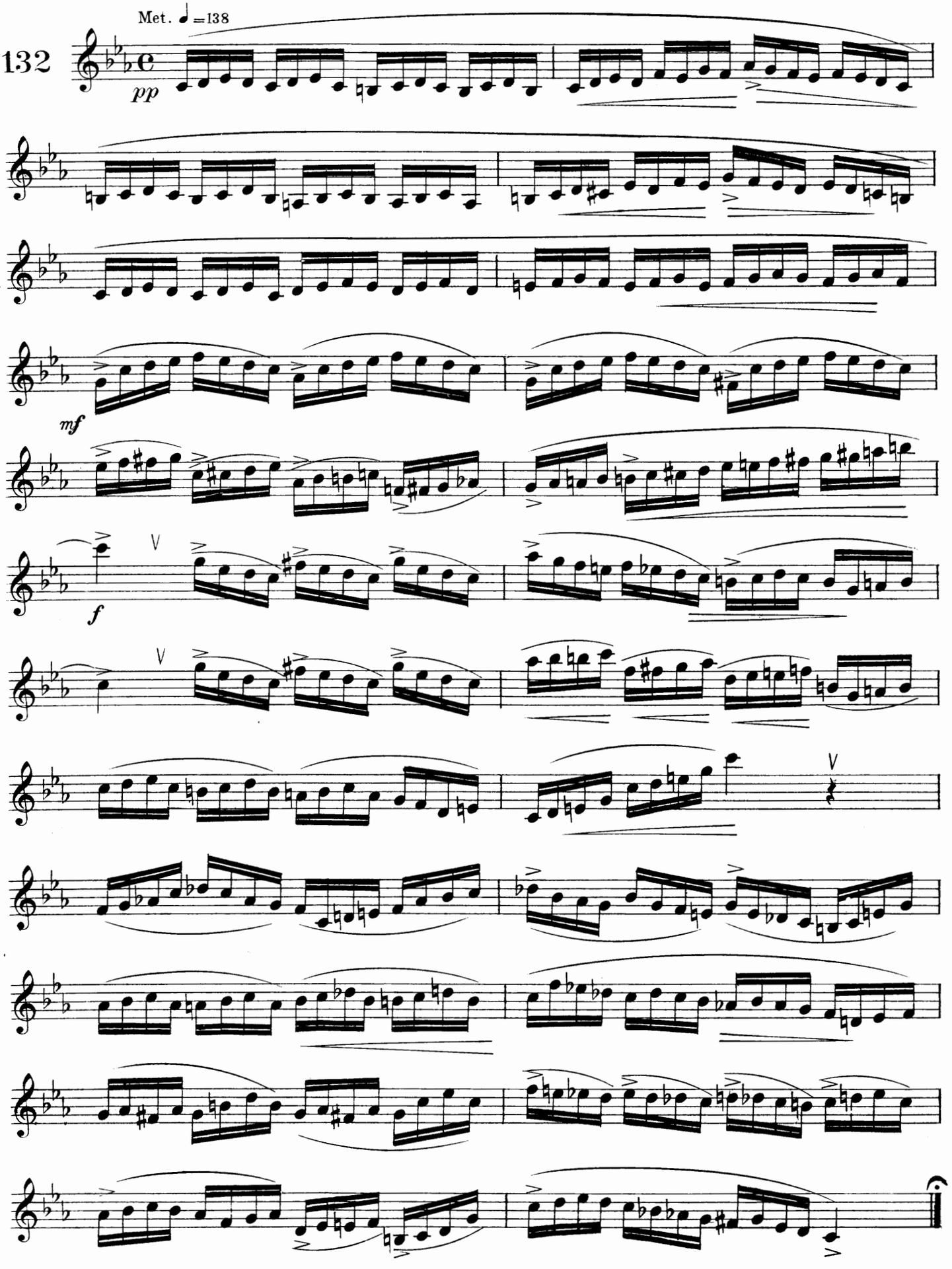
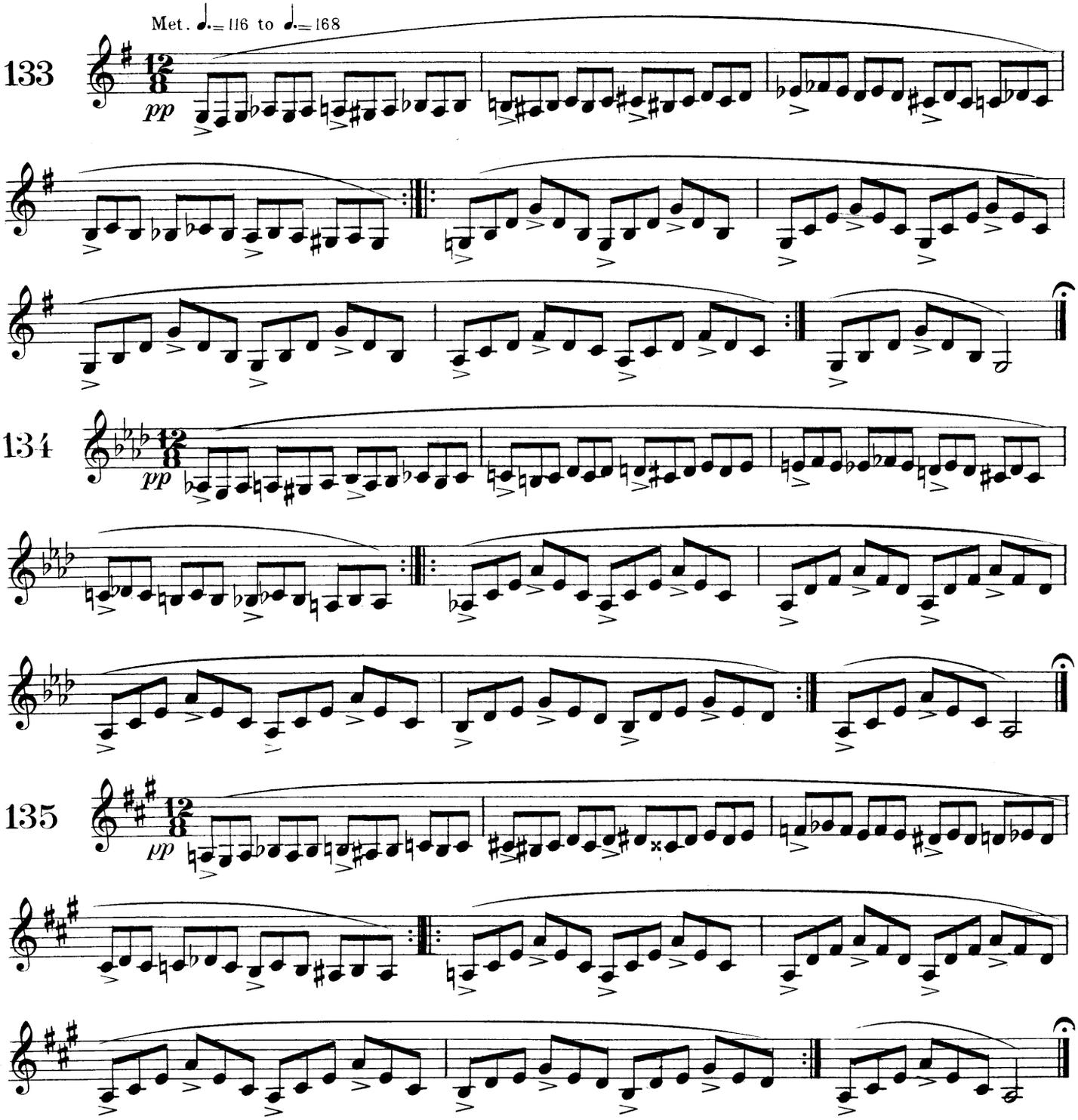
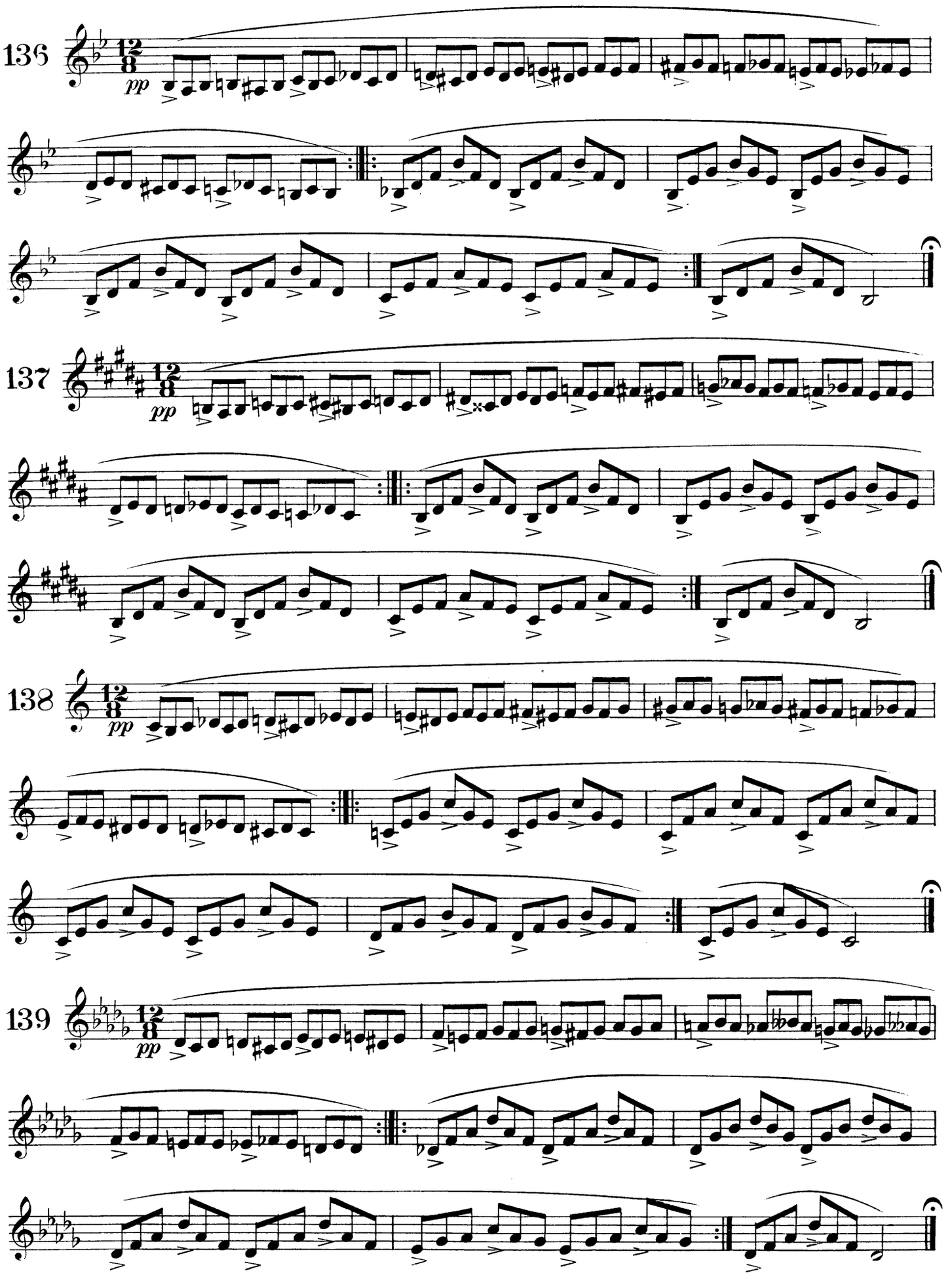


SEVENTH STUDY

The Practice of Chromatic Triplets has been found to be beneficial by all good Cornet Players, and in this Study there are a series of Triplets in all registers as usual, augmented by Arpeggios which are most helpful, especially to master each Exercise by playing them as clearly and correctly. as a good Violin or Clarinet Player would play them.

Often have I had a clarinet player, play over exercises with me, so I might imitate him, and have the Cornet reproduce difficult studies as fluently as the clarinet. It is a good idea to try.

Notice the change of Time from Sixteenth Triplets in Ex. No. 154 Common Time, to Sixteenth Notes in Six Eight Time, in Ex. No. 155: Quite a distinct change of rythm.

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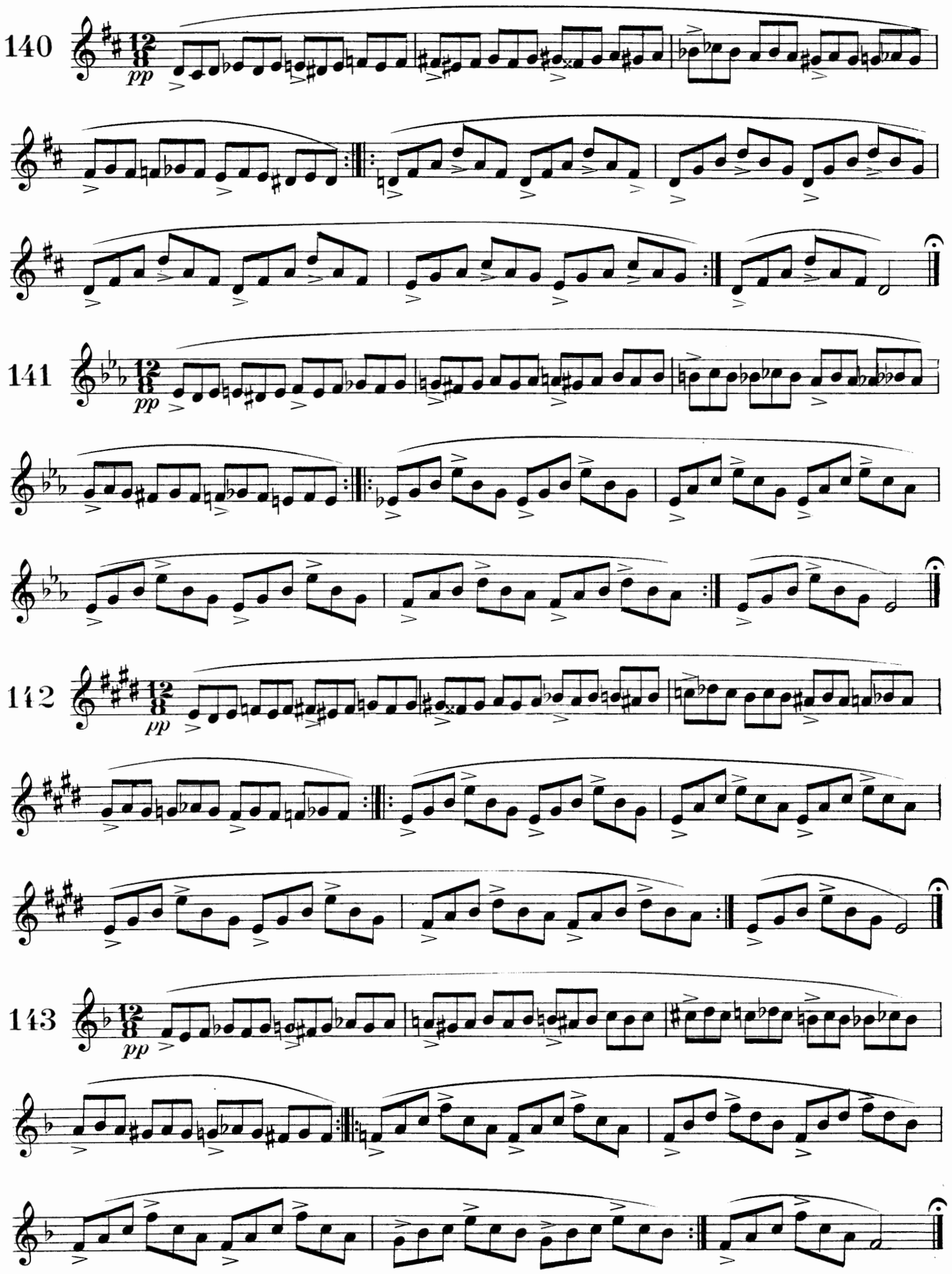
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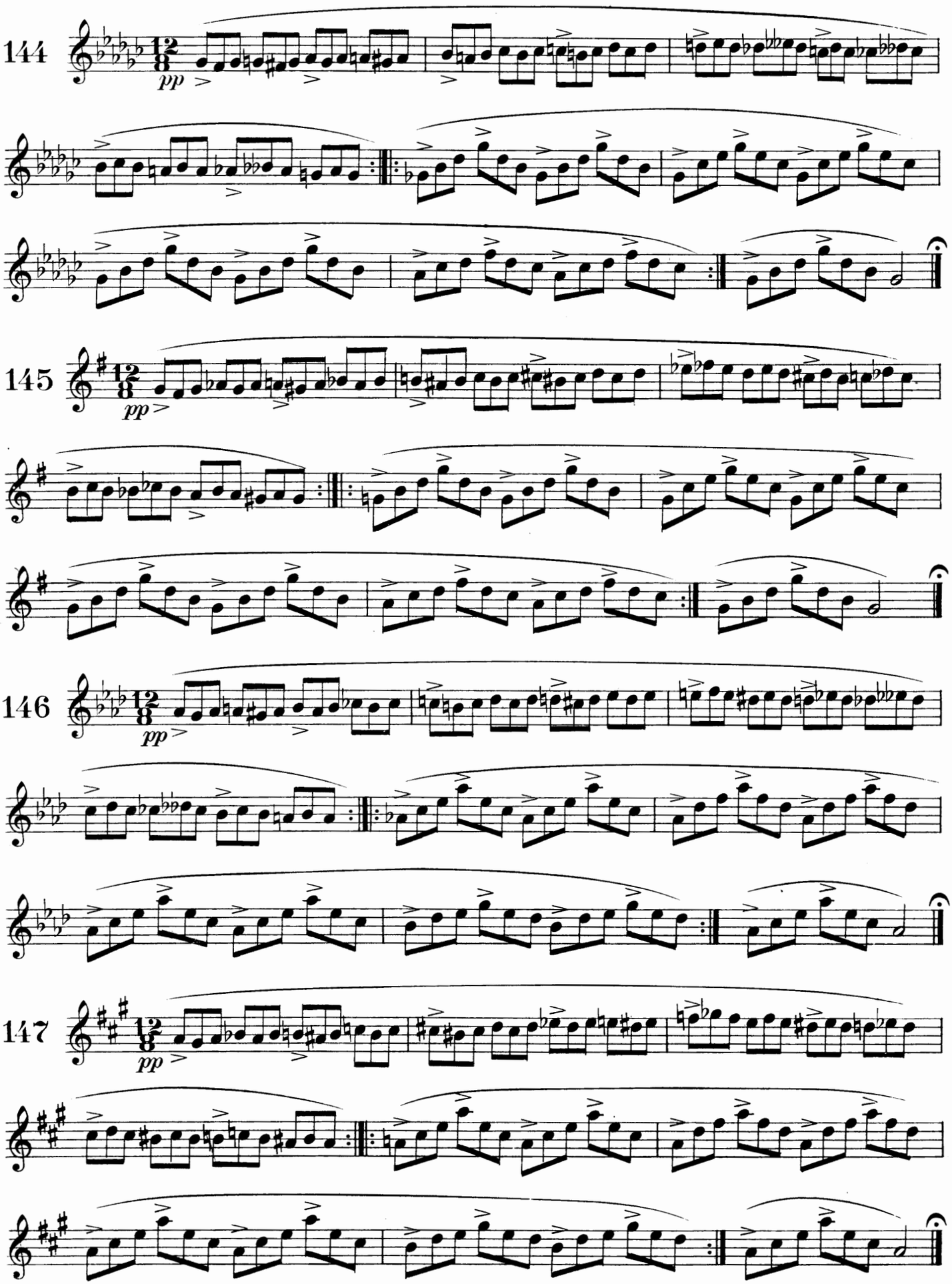
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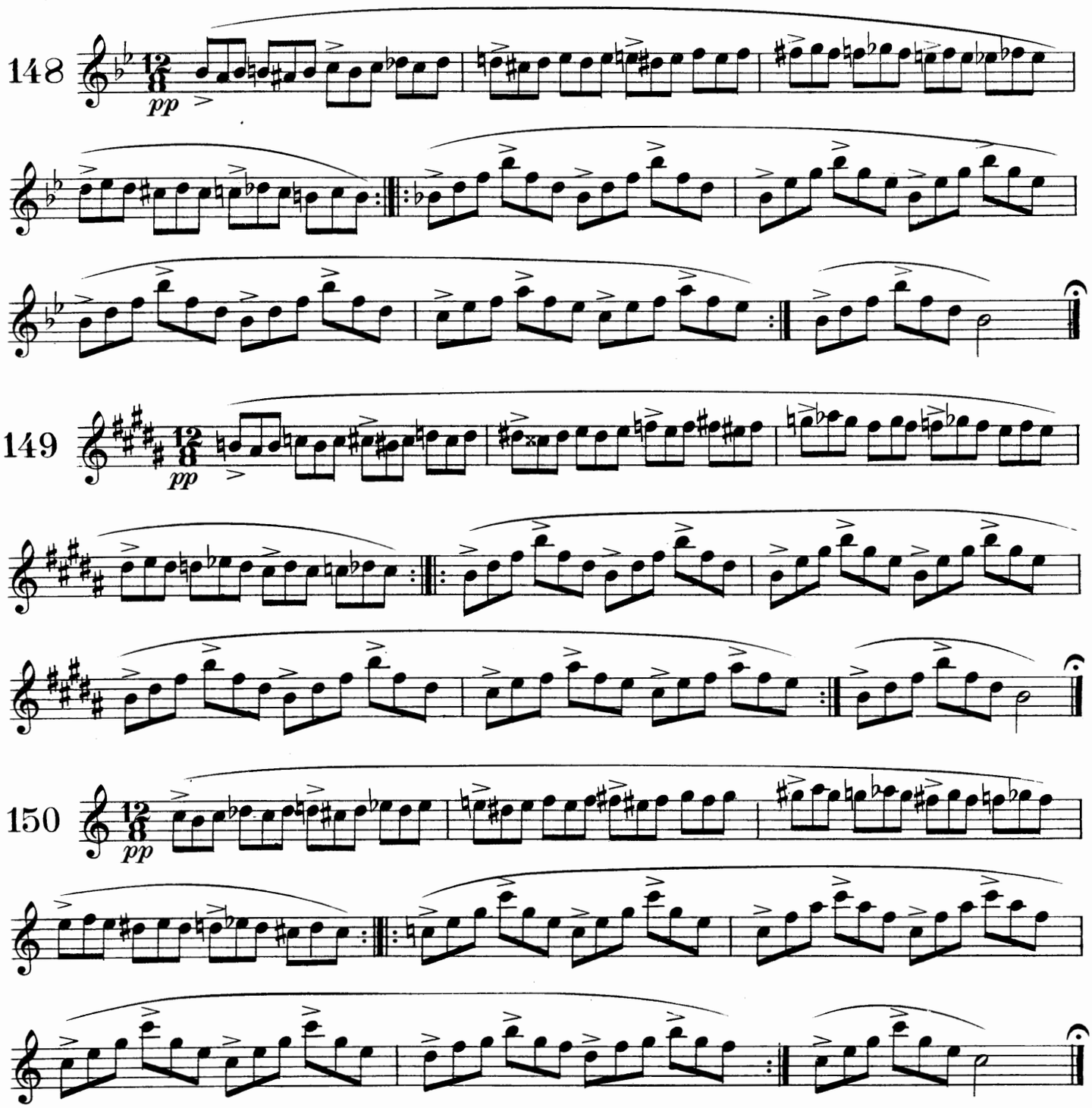
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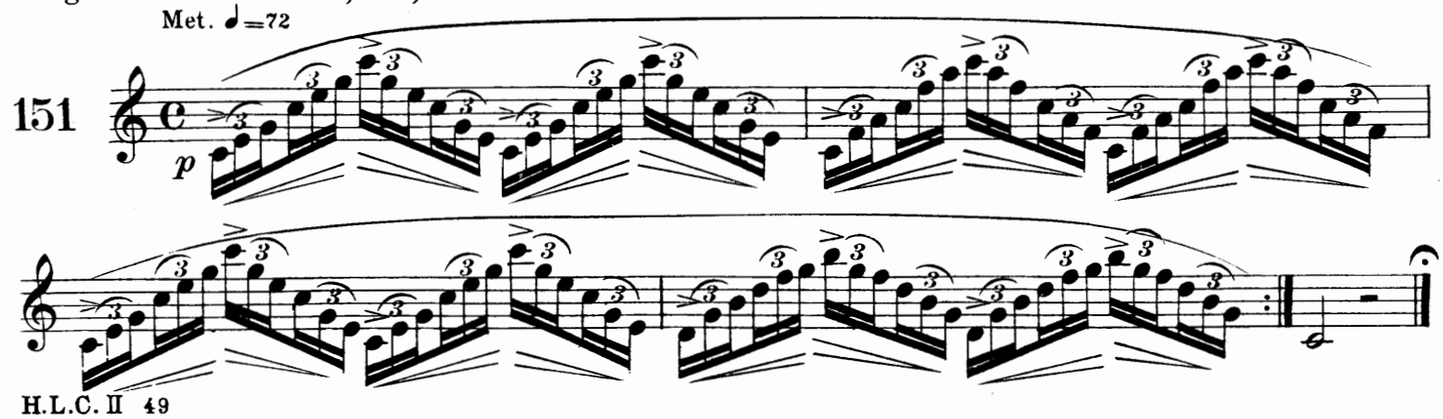

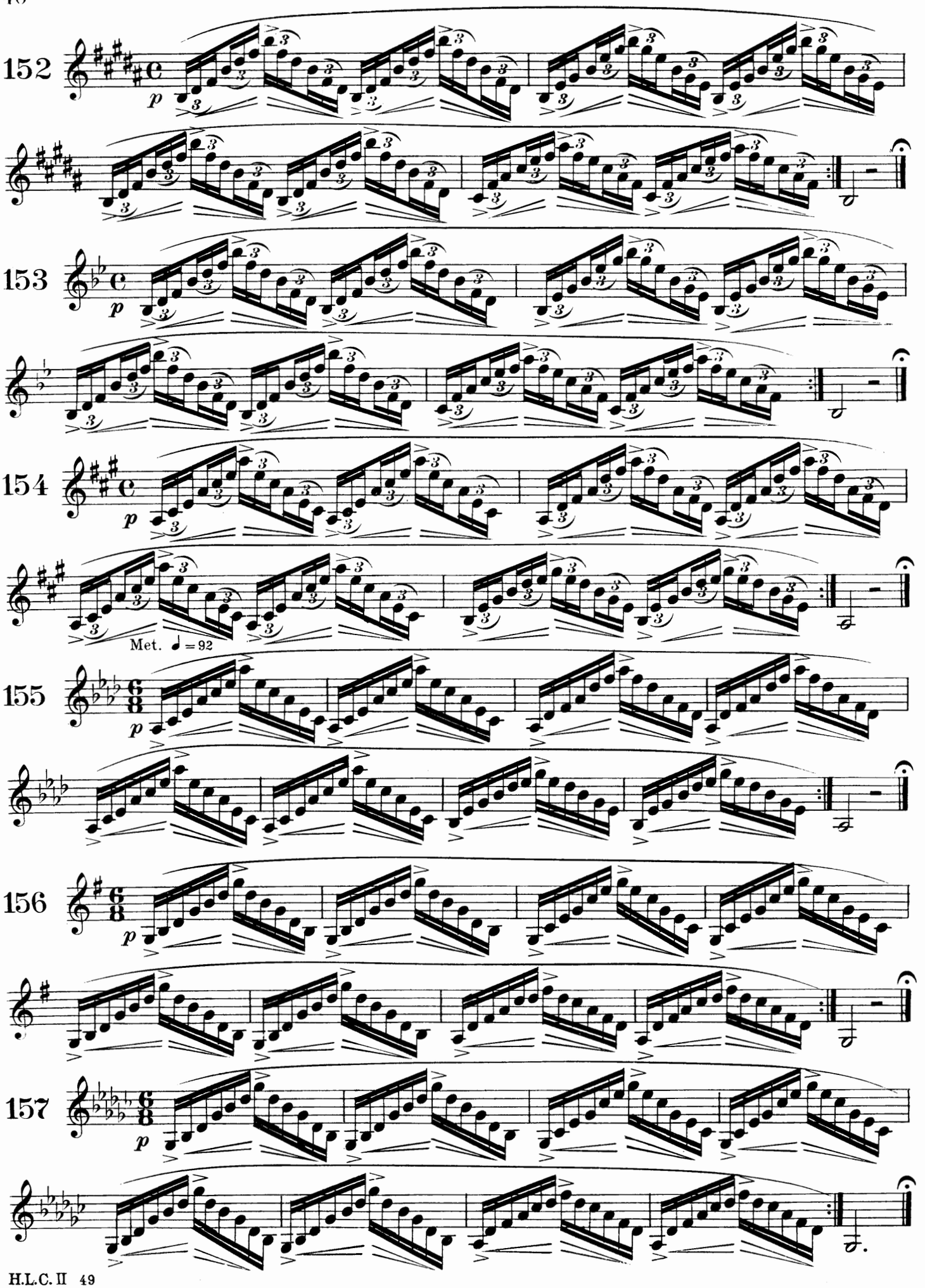
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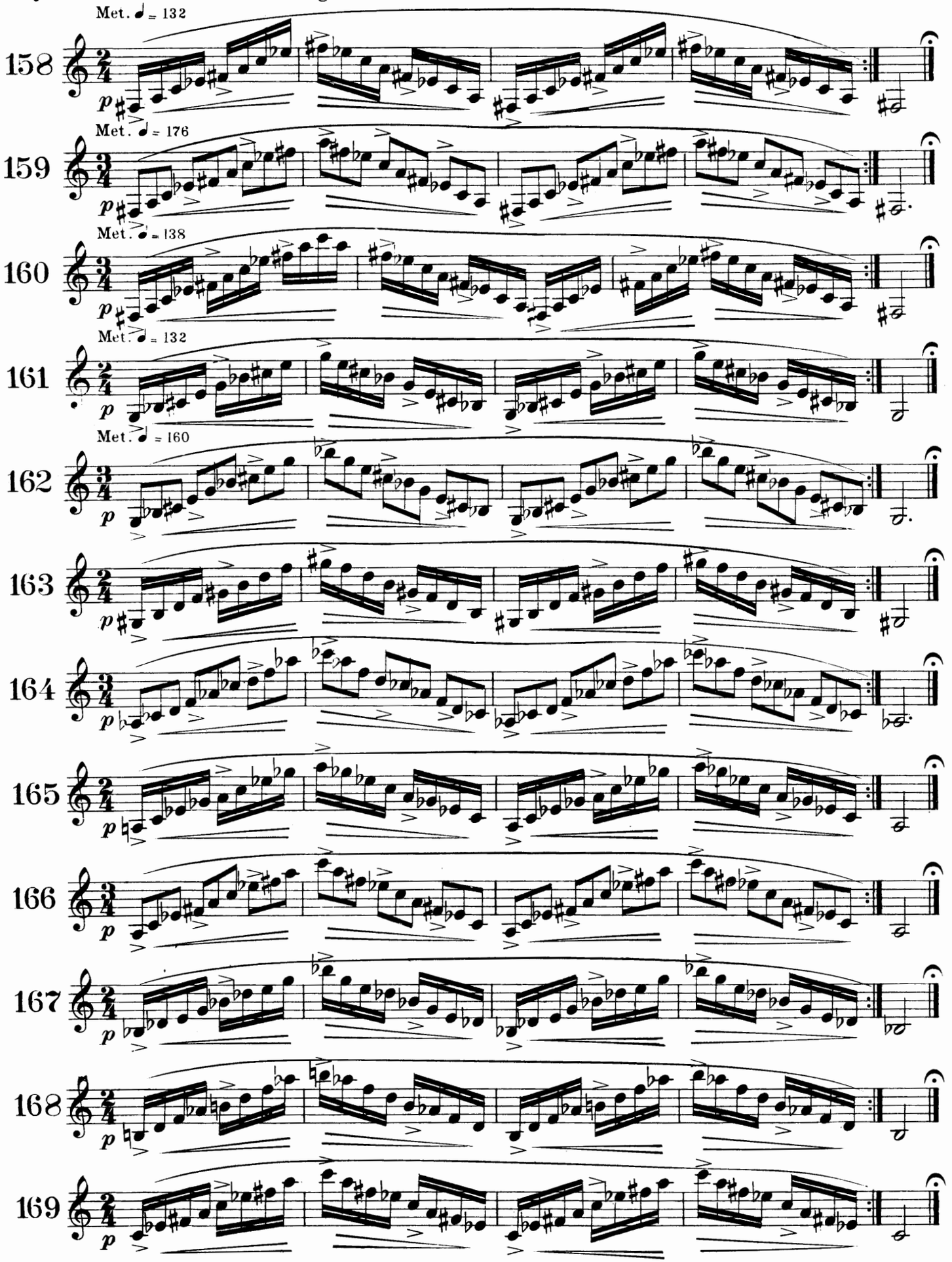
Arpeggios using the Chord of the Dimimished Seventh.
Play each Exercise from four to eight times in one breath.



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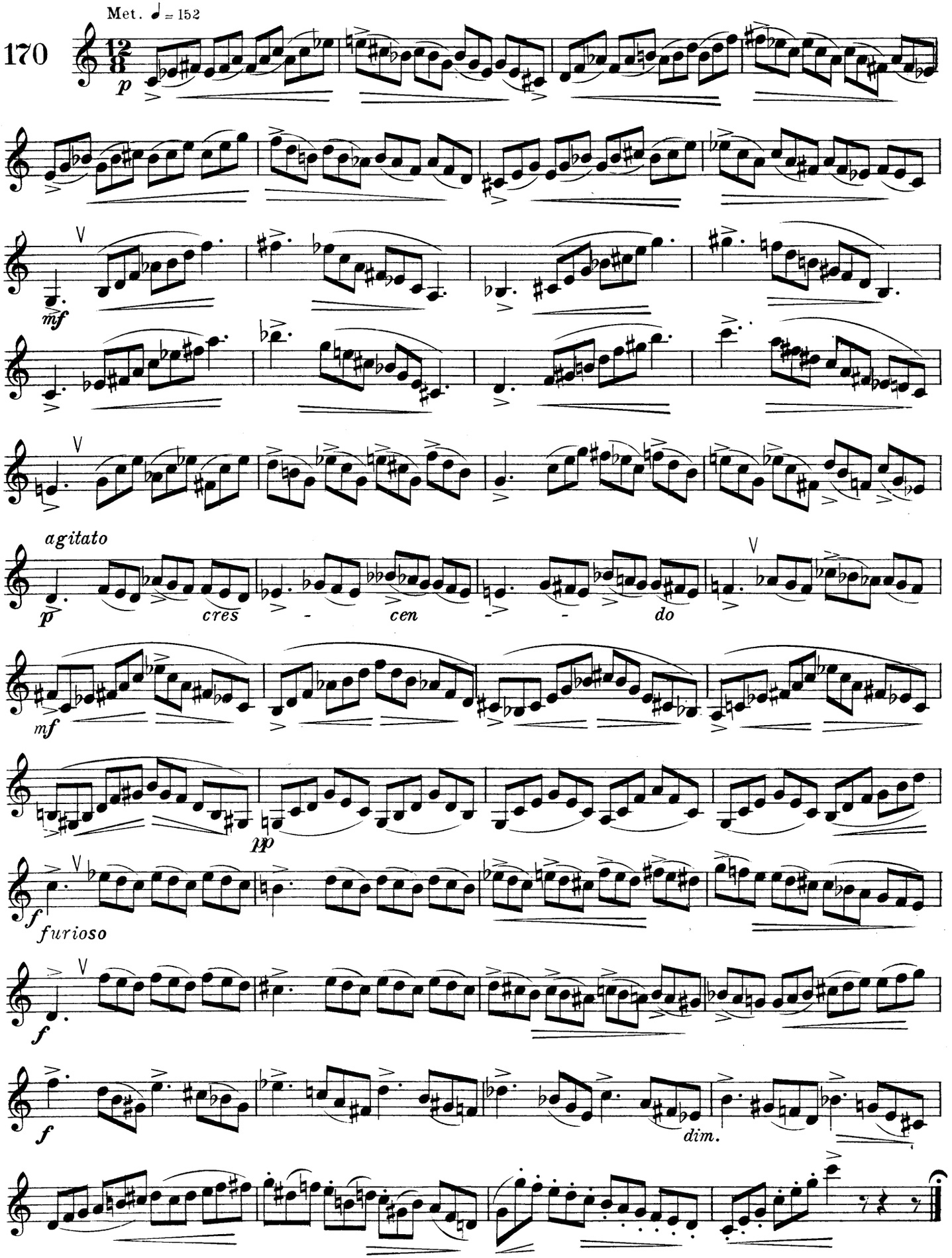
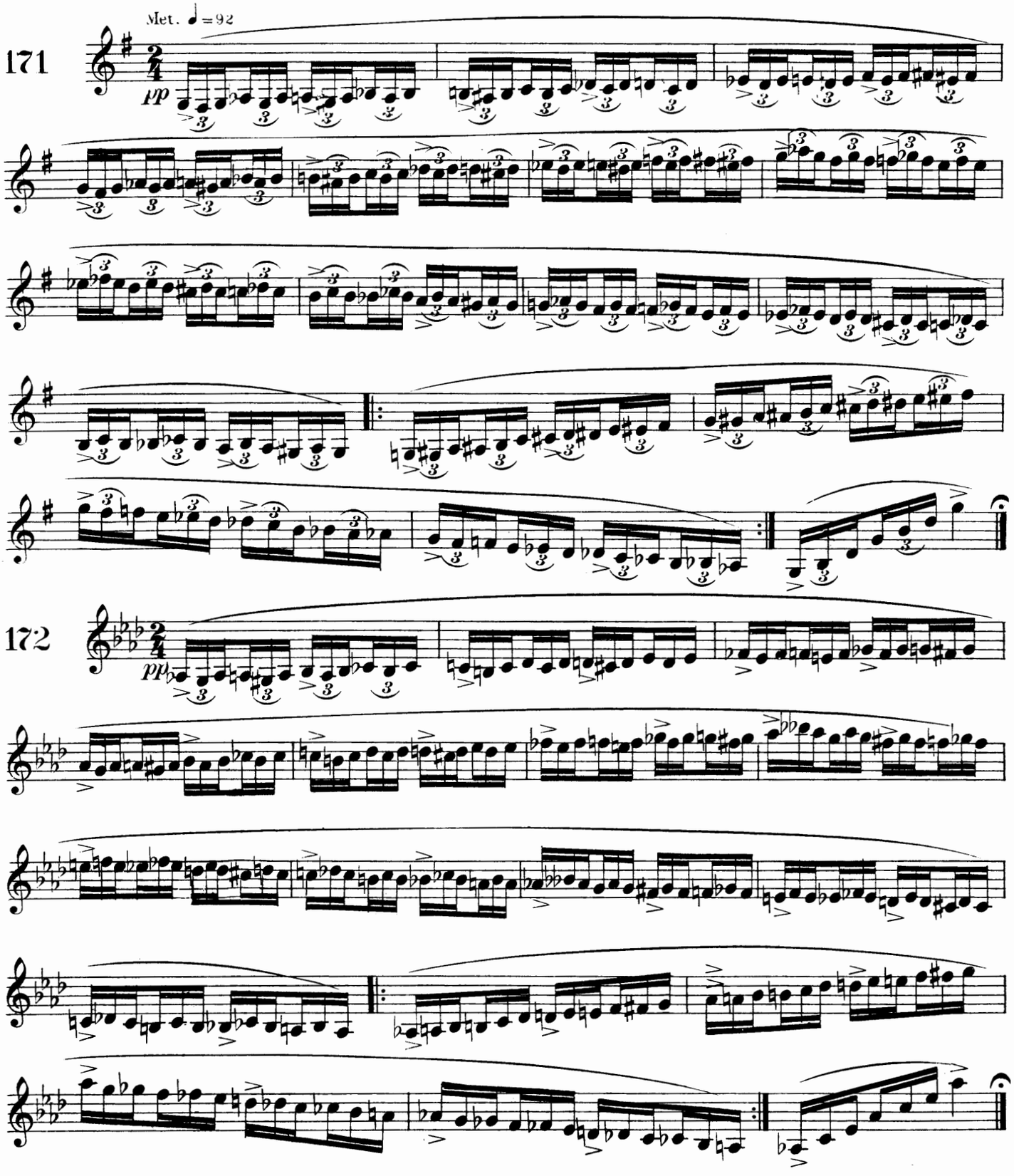
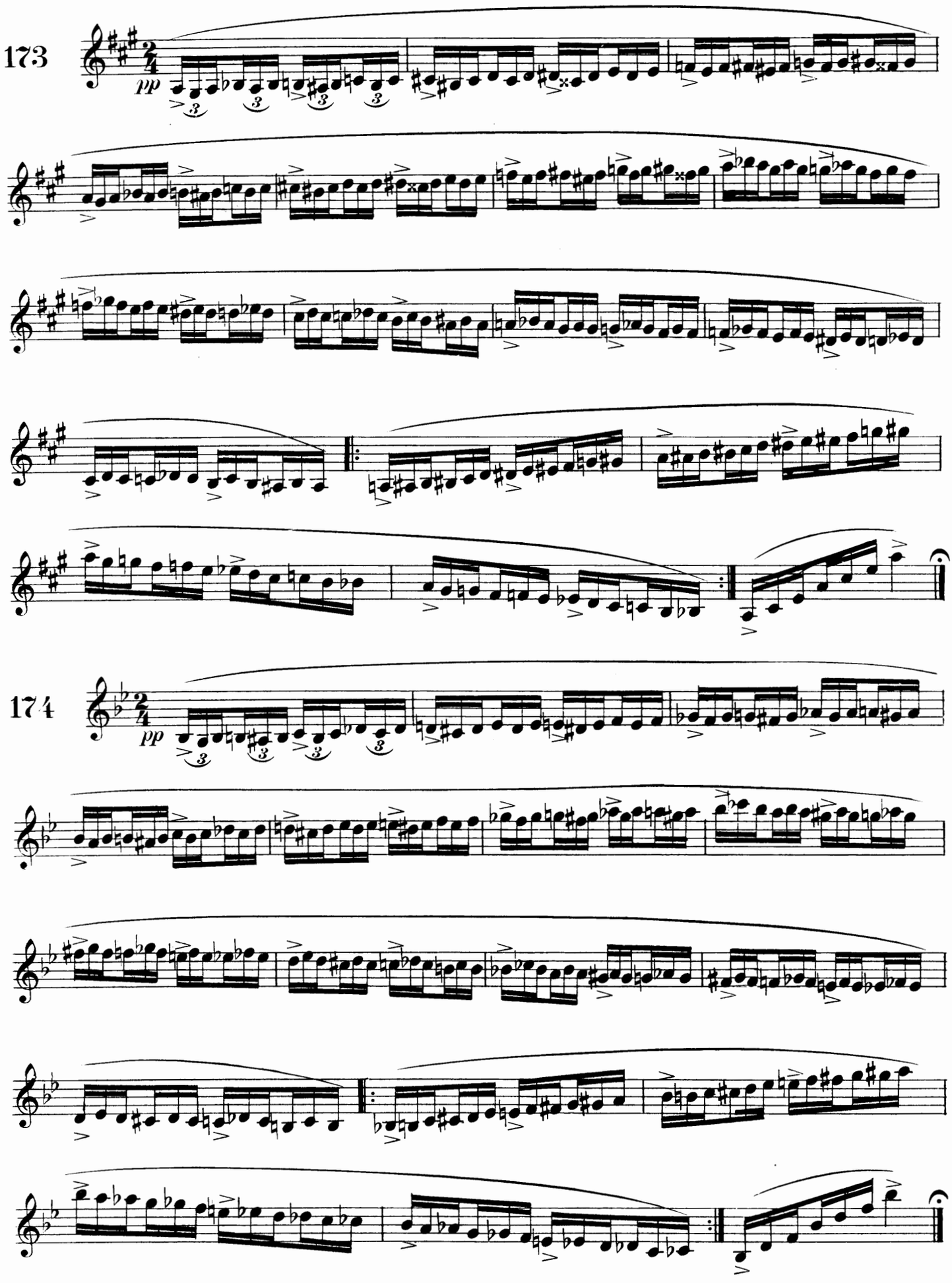

EIGHTH STUDY

More Chromatics in an extended form to test your Technic and Flexibility of your Lips, also acquiring fluency of tone: and when practiced softly, your Lips will never feel fatigued, no matter how long you play them over. These Exercises will strengthen the whole system, but must not be attempted until sufficient progress has been attained.

Practice them, both Single and Triple Tongue.

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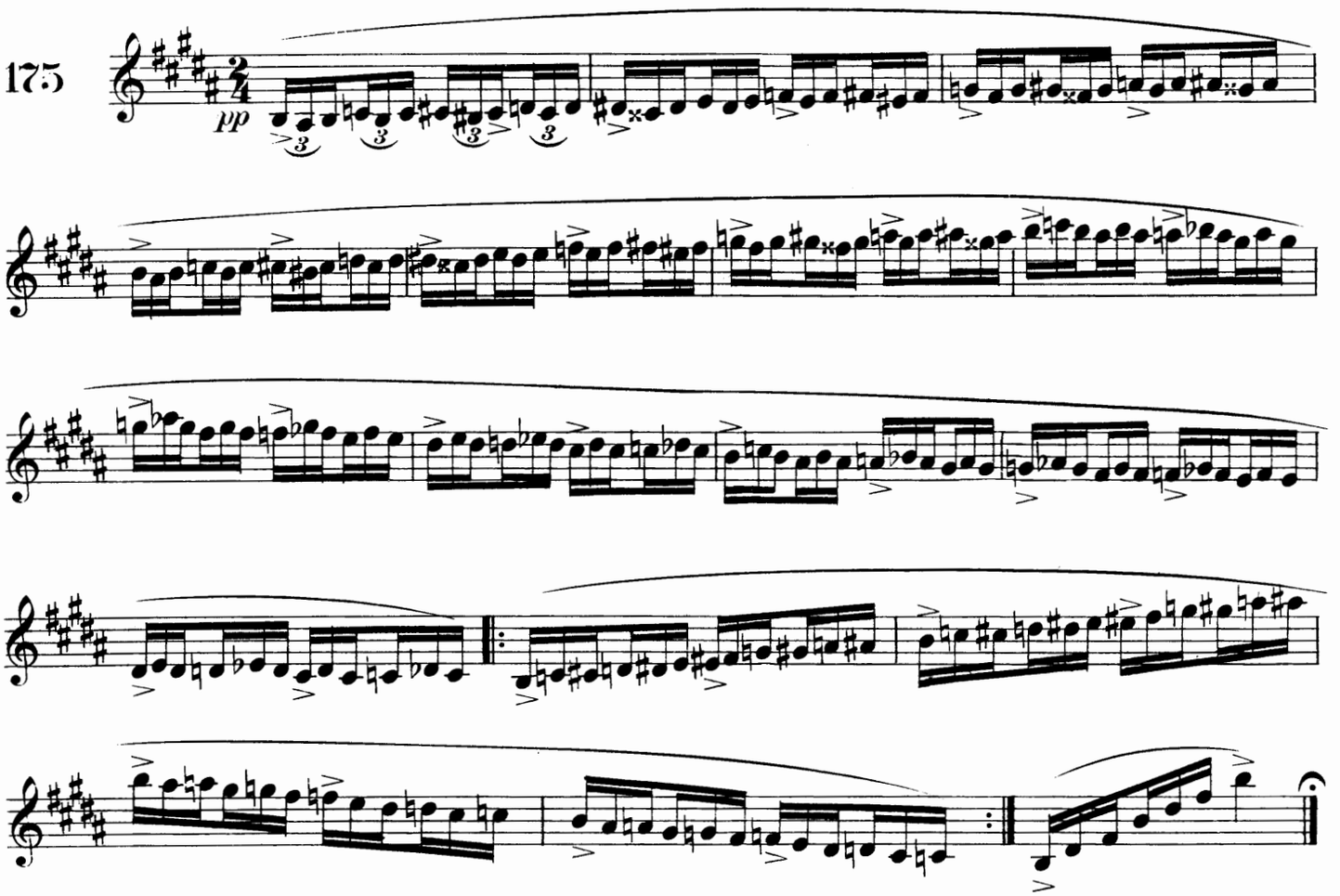
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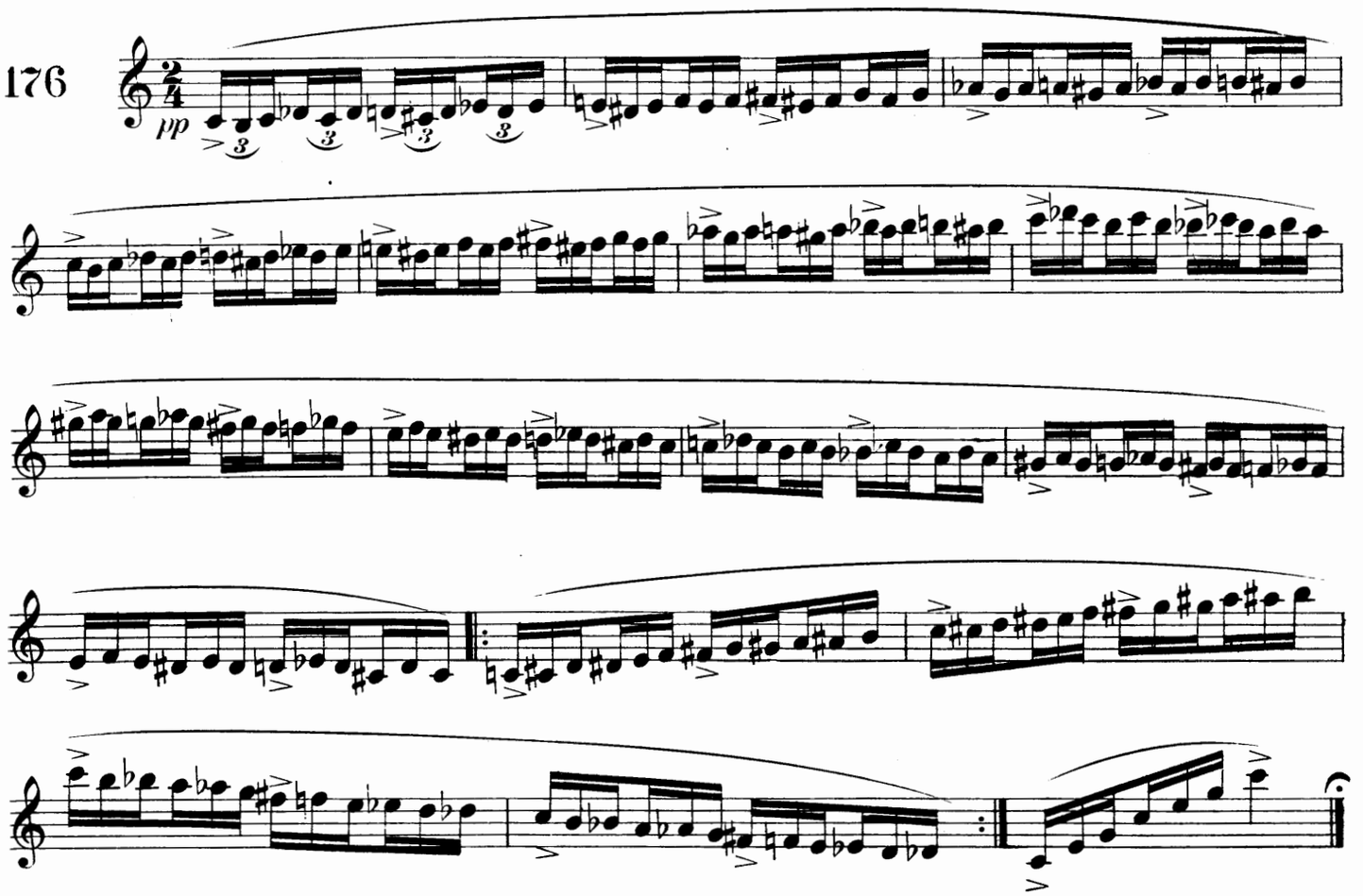
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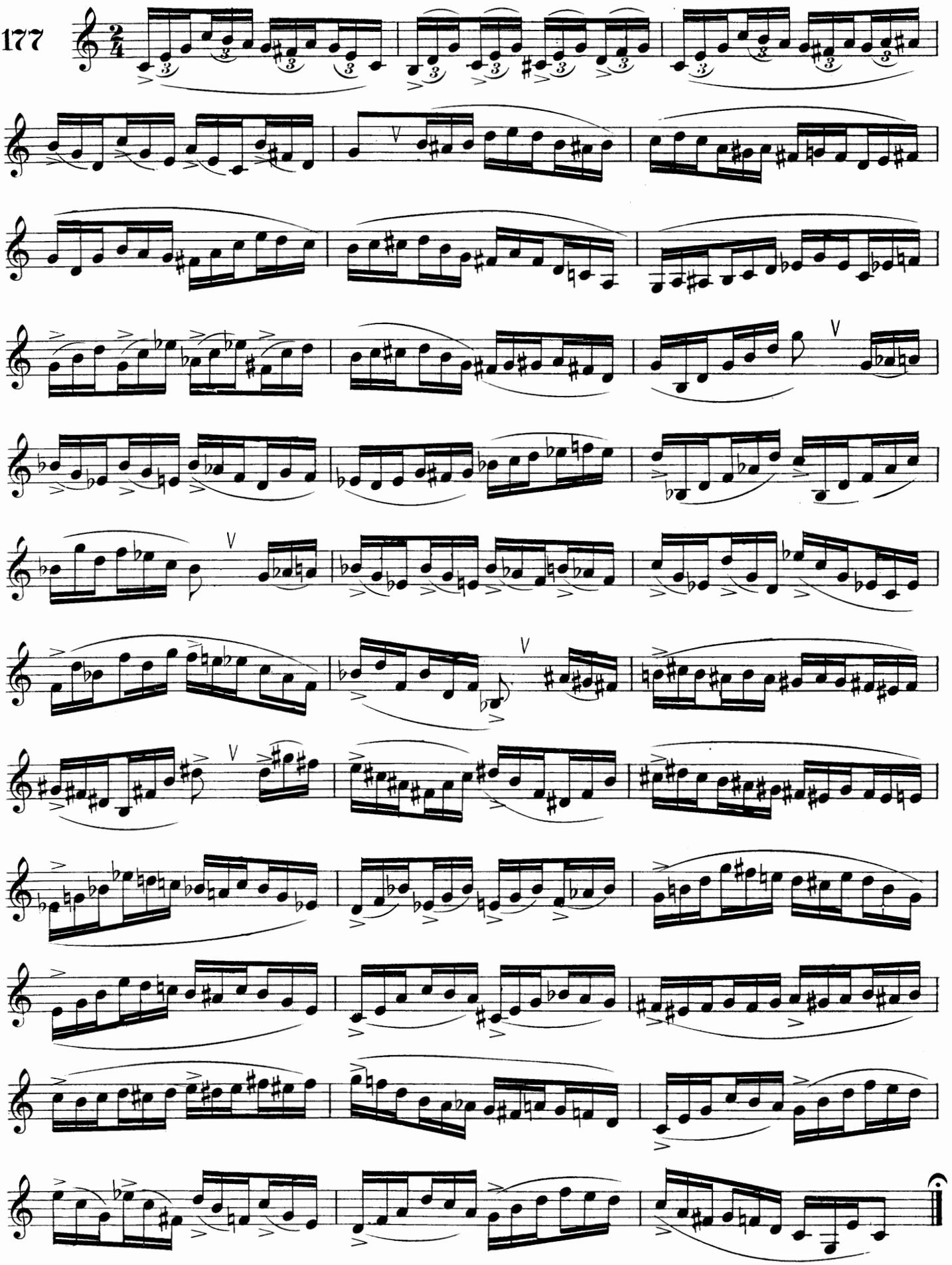
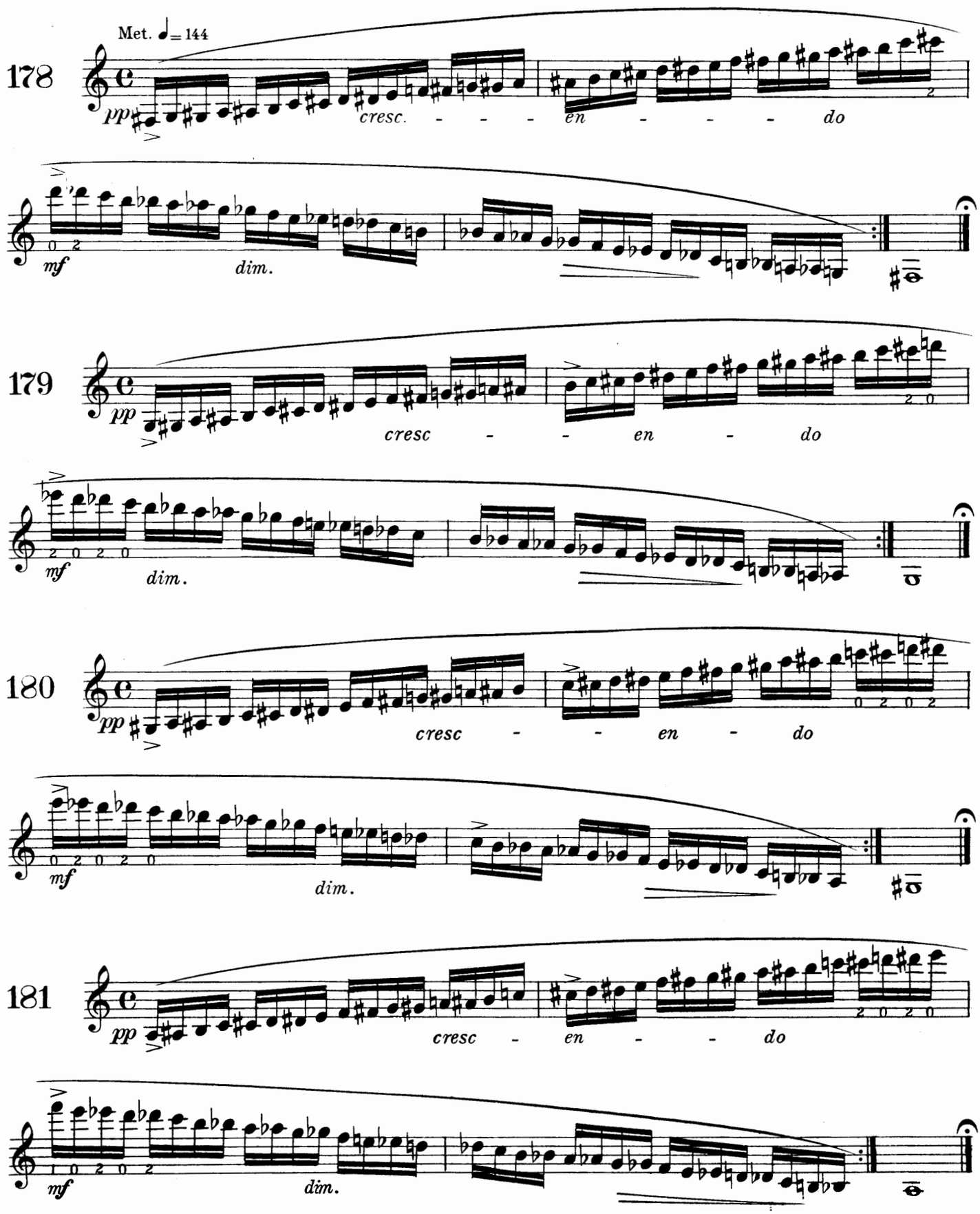
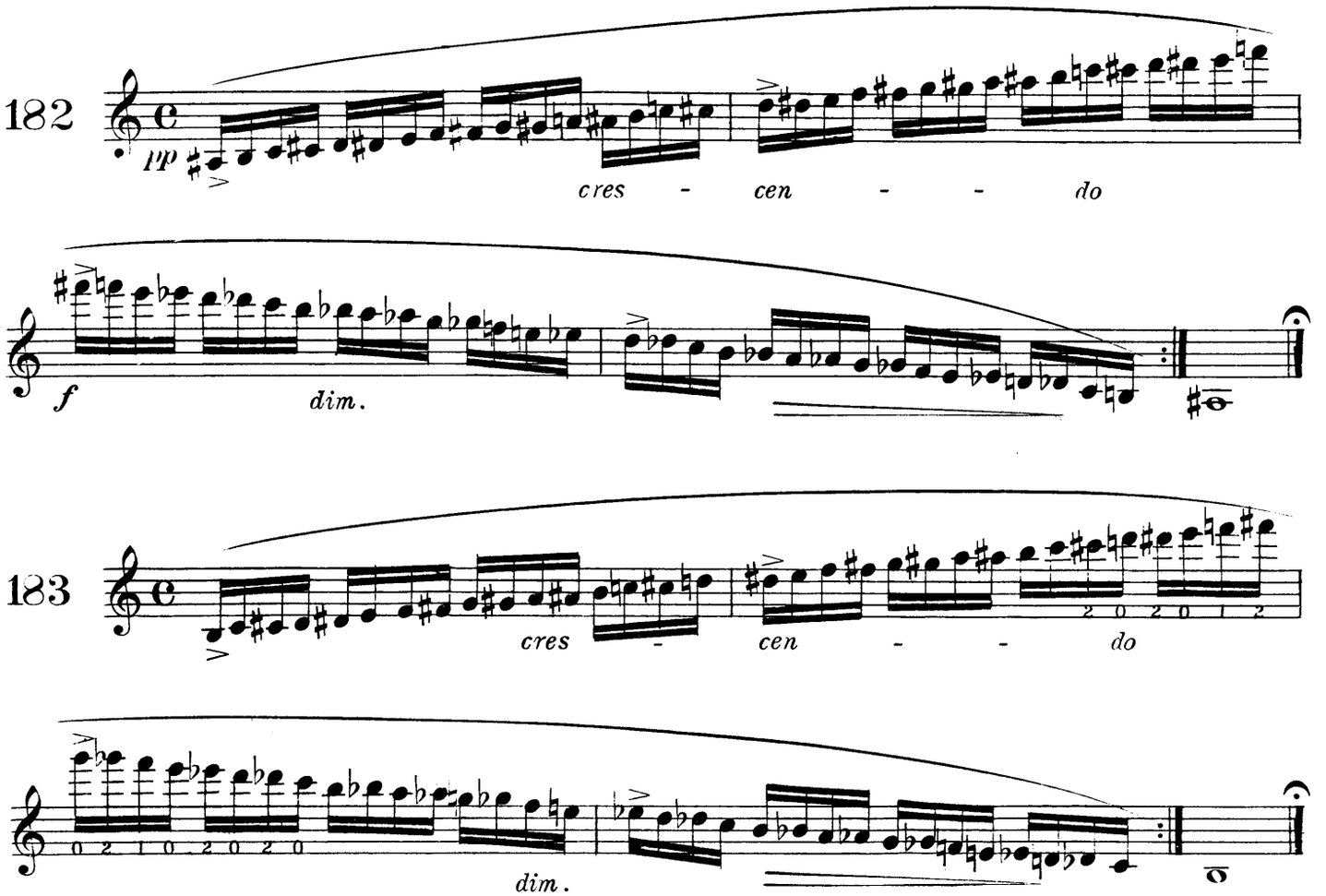
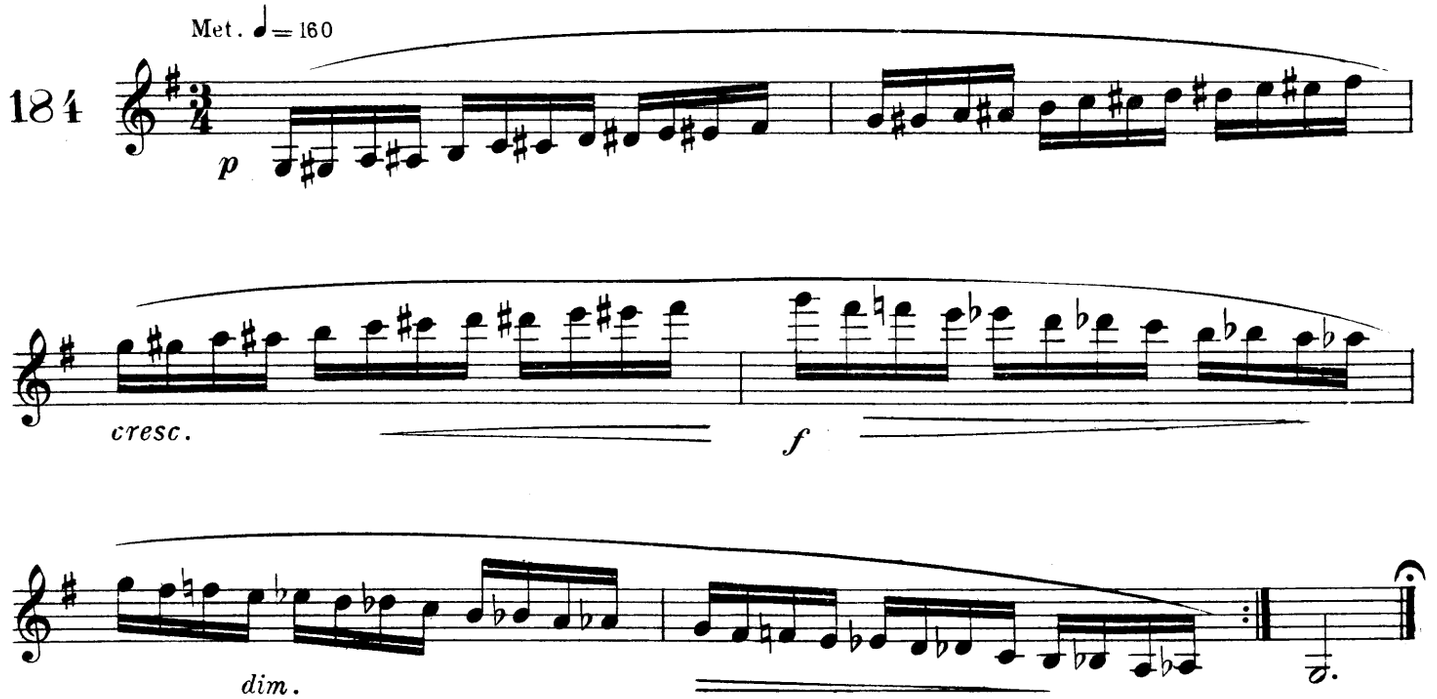

NINTH STUDY

Treating the Chromatic Scale a step higher in each Exercise, to be played four or more times in one breath.

No strain is necessary if played properly.

My daily practice, four times in one breath, to test my endurance under all conditions.

To play these last two Exercises correctly, at the marked Tempo in a single breath, requires a Cornet with perfect Valve action, otherwise should the Valves stick or do not respond immediately, the Player is badly handicapped and often becomes discouraged, while no fault of the player. A good instrument to play upon is half the battle.

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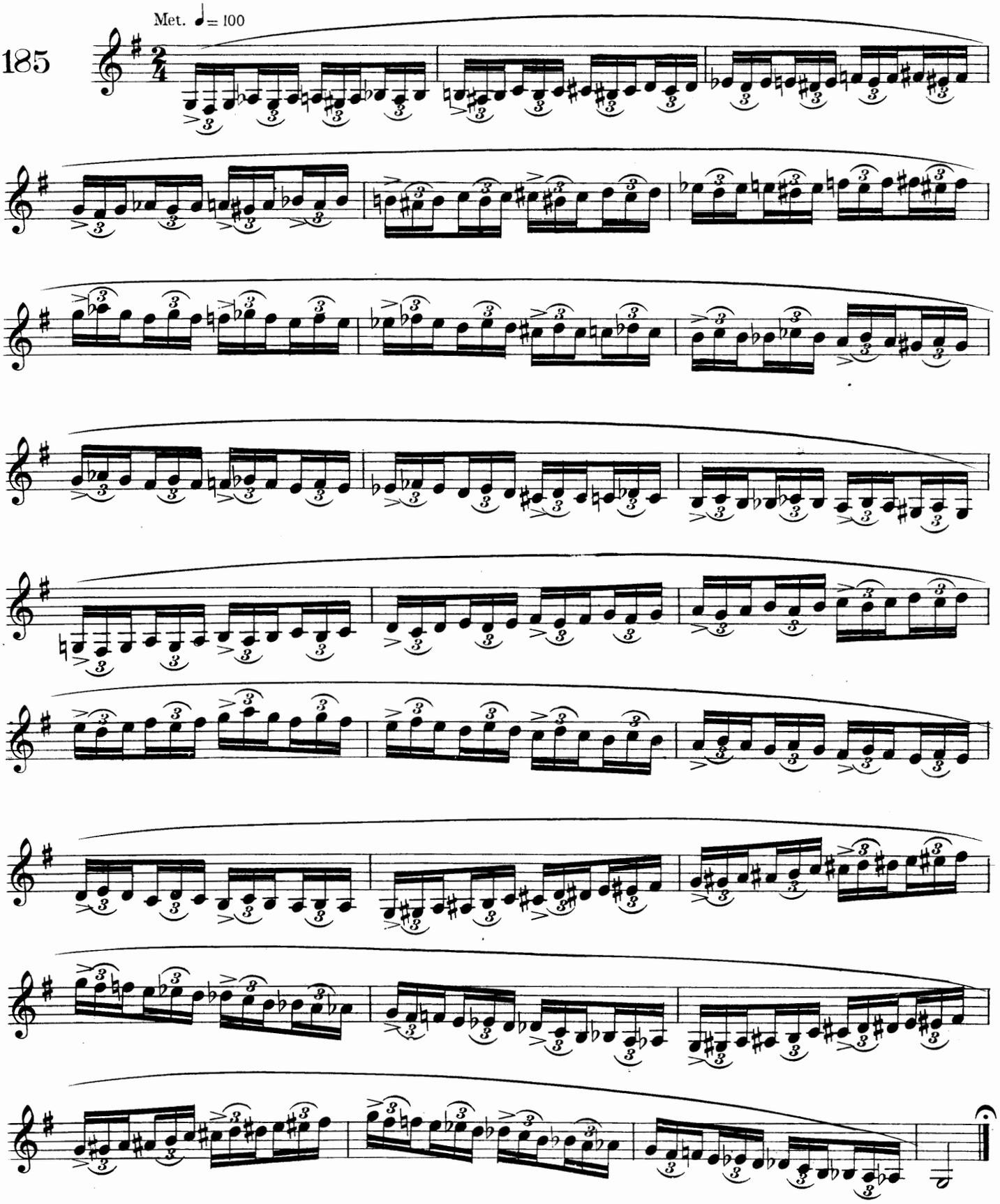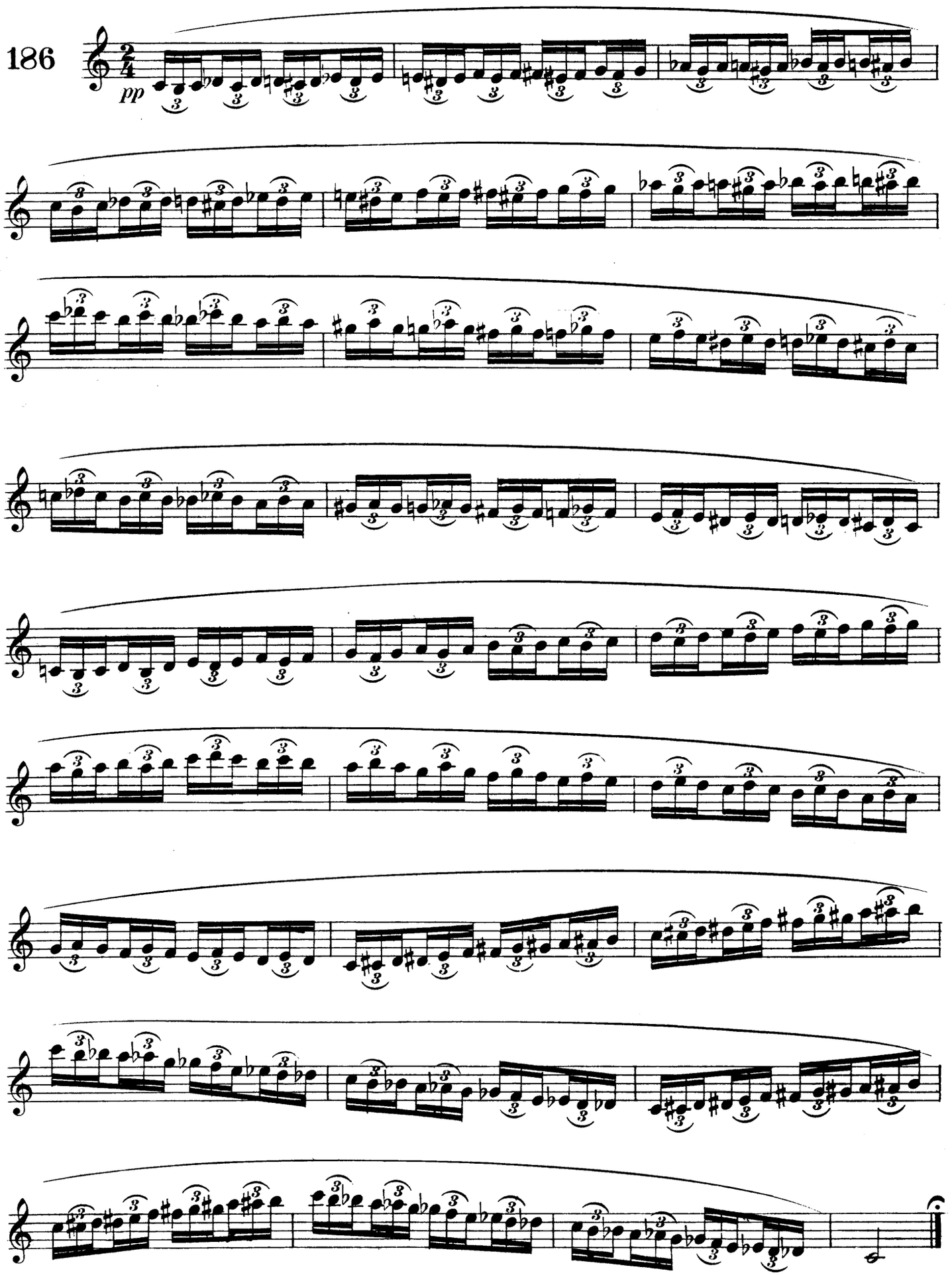
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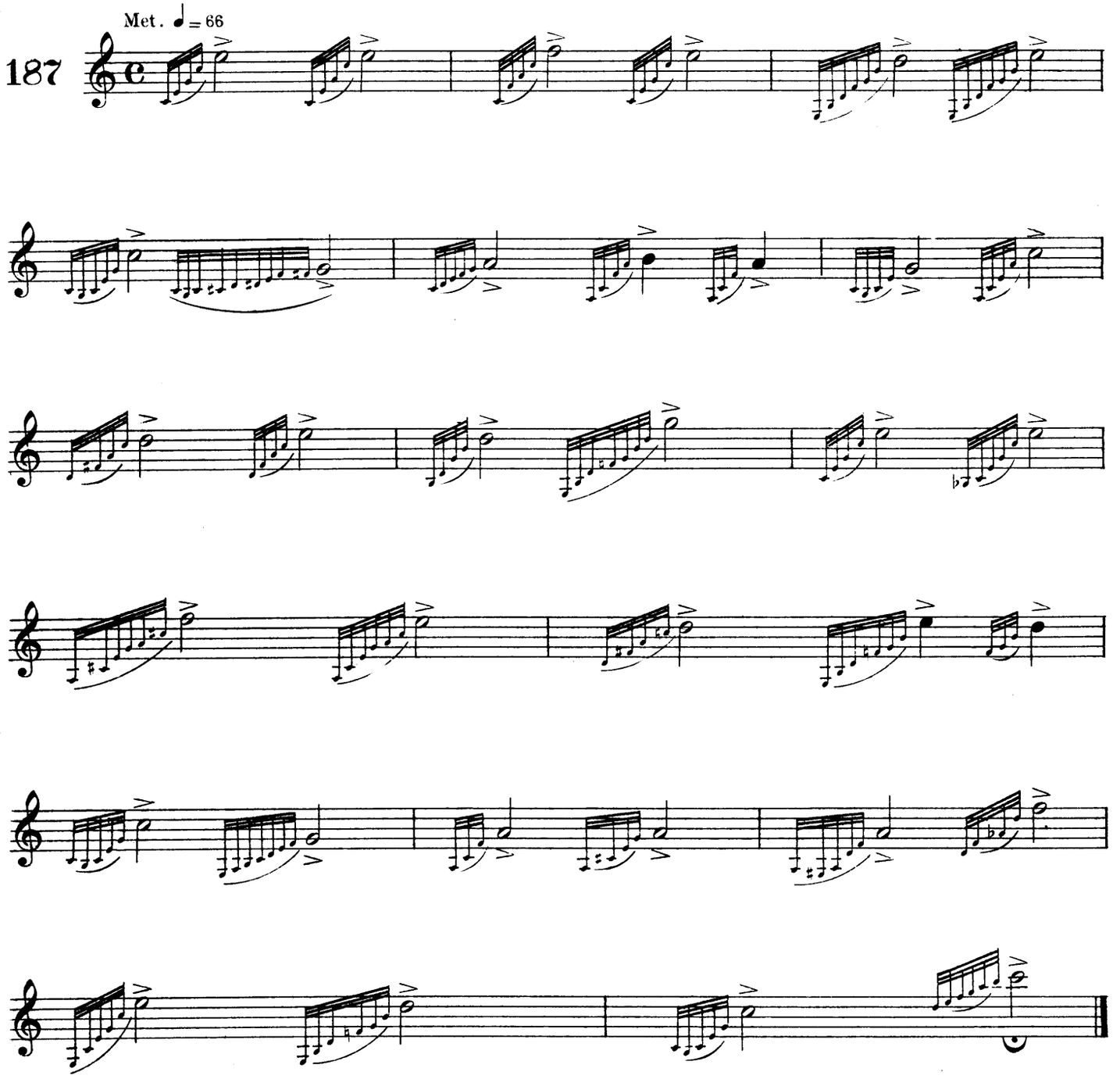
TENTH STUDY

There are unlimited possibilities pertaining to the Cornet, which are demonstrated nearly every day from some part of the World, by ingenious players, who have a knack of working out an originality with comparative ease, in the manner of "freak playing," or "stunts": which surprises the entire Cornet Fraternity.

This Study illustrates how a Melody, by using Arpeggios, may be played to sound complete, without an accompaniment.

Play the small notes "Sotto Voce," or like a whisper, accenting the large notes full and strong. Of course the Lips must be soft and pliable to obtain good musical results.

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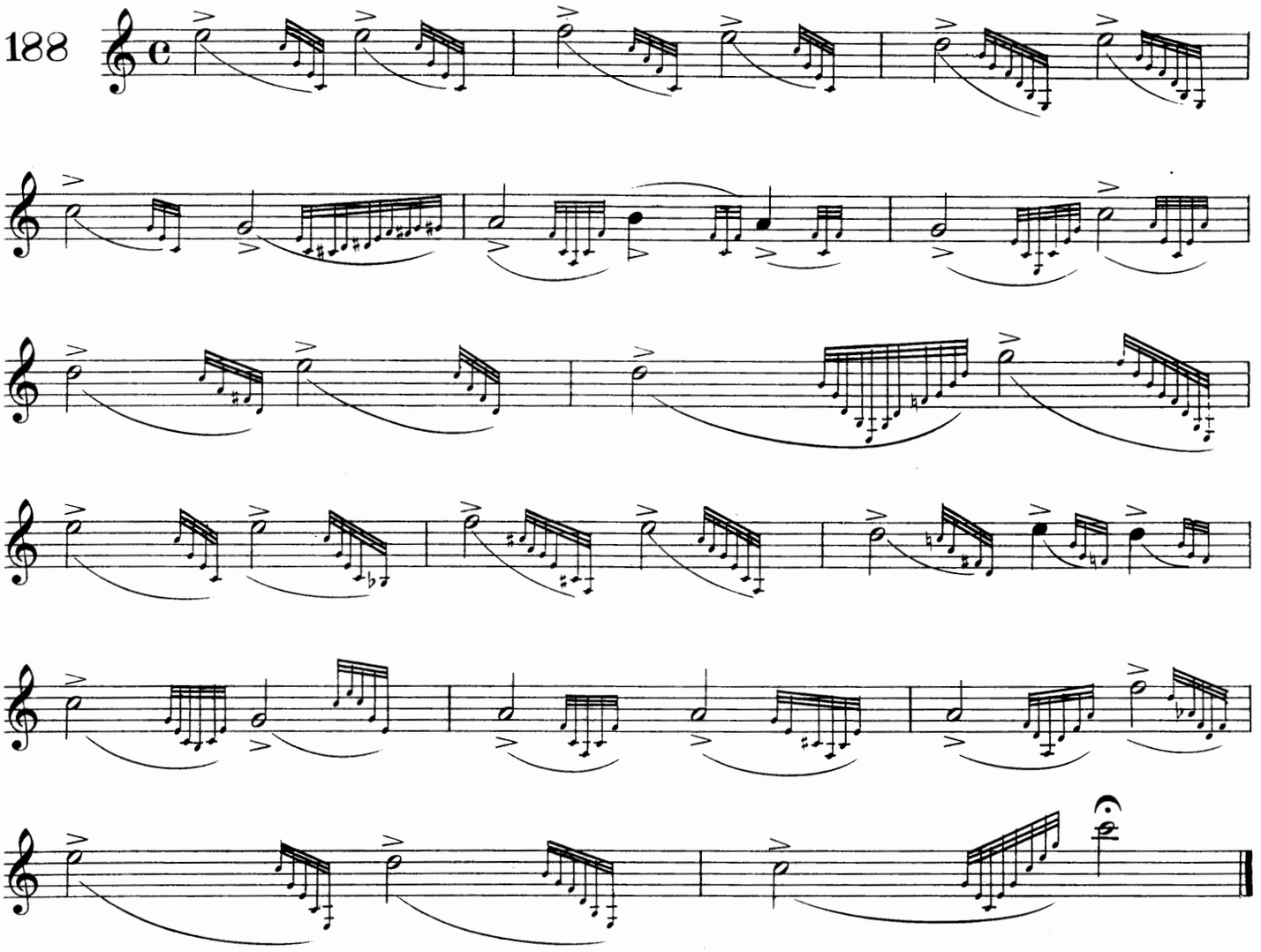
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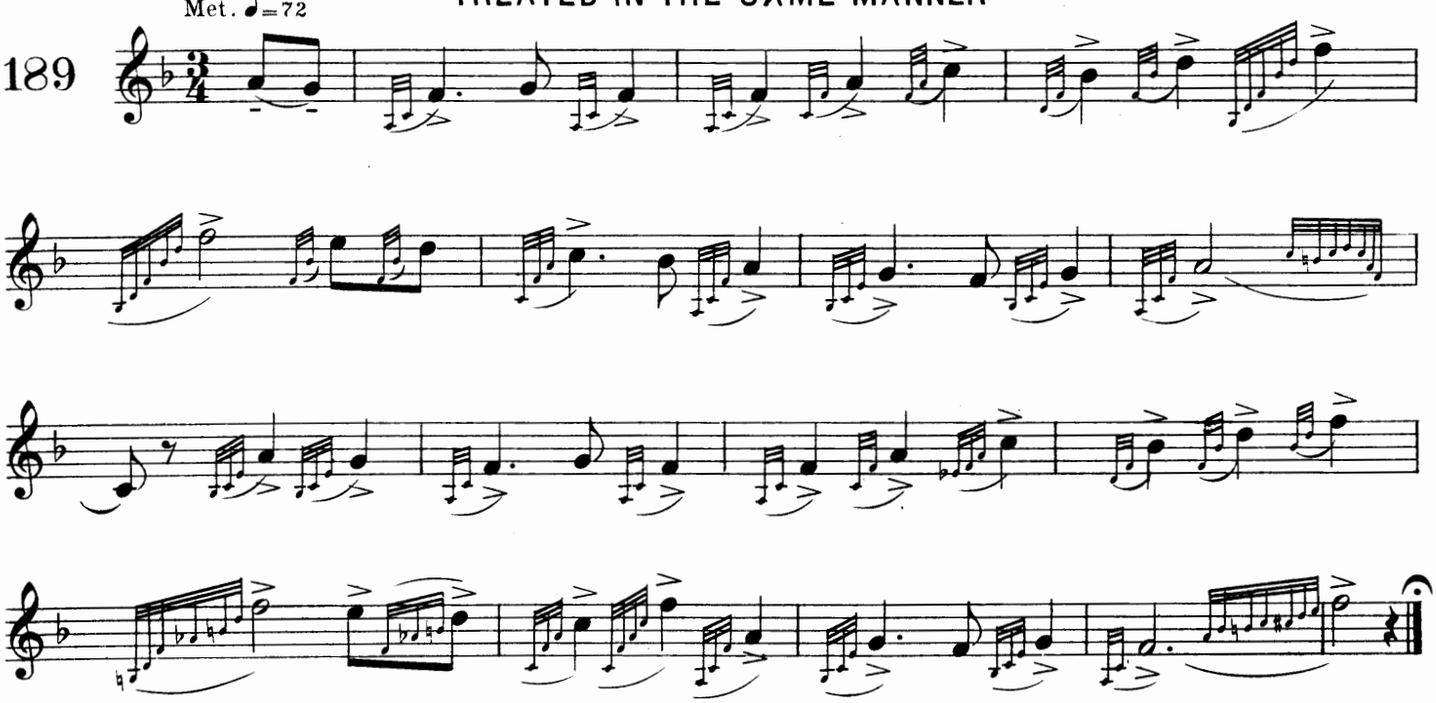
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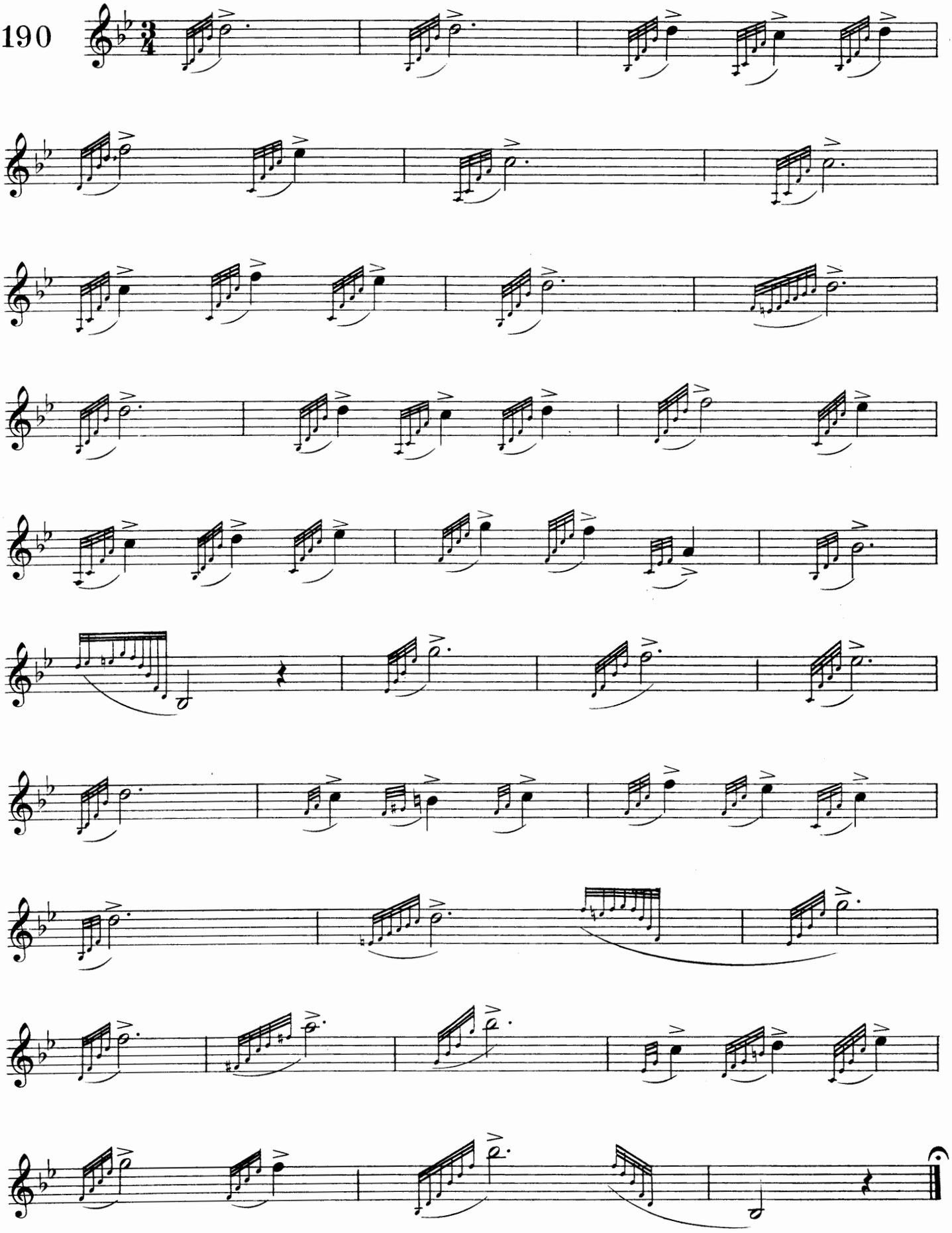
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