IMAGINARY LOVER

for Tenor and Piano

Music by
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Text compiled from poems by
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Imaginary Lover was commissioned by Kantegh Ensemble to commemorate 25 years of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Armenia.

The first performance was given by Berj Karazian (tenor) and Arpine Kalinina (piano) at the Komitas Museum-Institute in Yerevan, Armenia on 22nd September 2017.

Duration: 7-9 minutes

THE TEXT

I *(from* "Fate"*)*
Like the stars, you and I are tied together by dreams.

II *(Little melody 1)*

III *(from* "Ararat"*)*
Earthbound, soaring, floating,
you are an angel winged in light.
You are not matter, you are flight

IV *(Little melody 2)*

V *(from* "To An Unknown Girl"*)*
Light is failing, night is falling.
House to house the dark comes calling.
A stranger walks toward me, alone,
her face familiar as my own.

VI *(Scales 1)*

VII *(from* "Ghosts"*)*
you and I
I am you.
And perhaps neither of us exists.

VIII *(Scales 2)*

IX *(from* "Words At Farewell"*)*
Without tears, without sobs, though you mourn,
let it go, let it flow to the past.

PERFORMANCE NOTE

The nine movements are to be performed together as one continuous piece. There should be pauses between the movements but *without any release of tension*. When *attacca* is indicated, the pauses should be shorter.

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I

(*from* "Fate")

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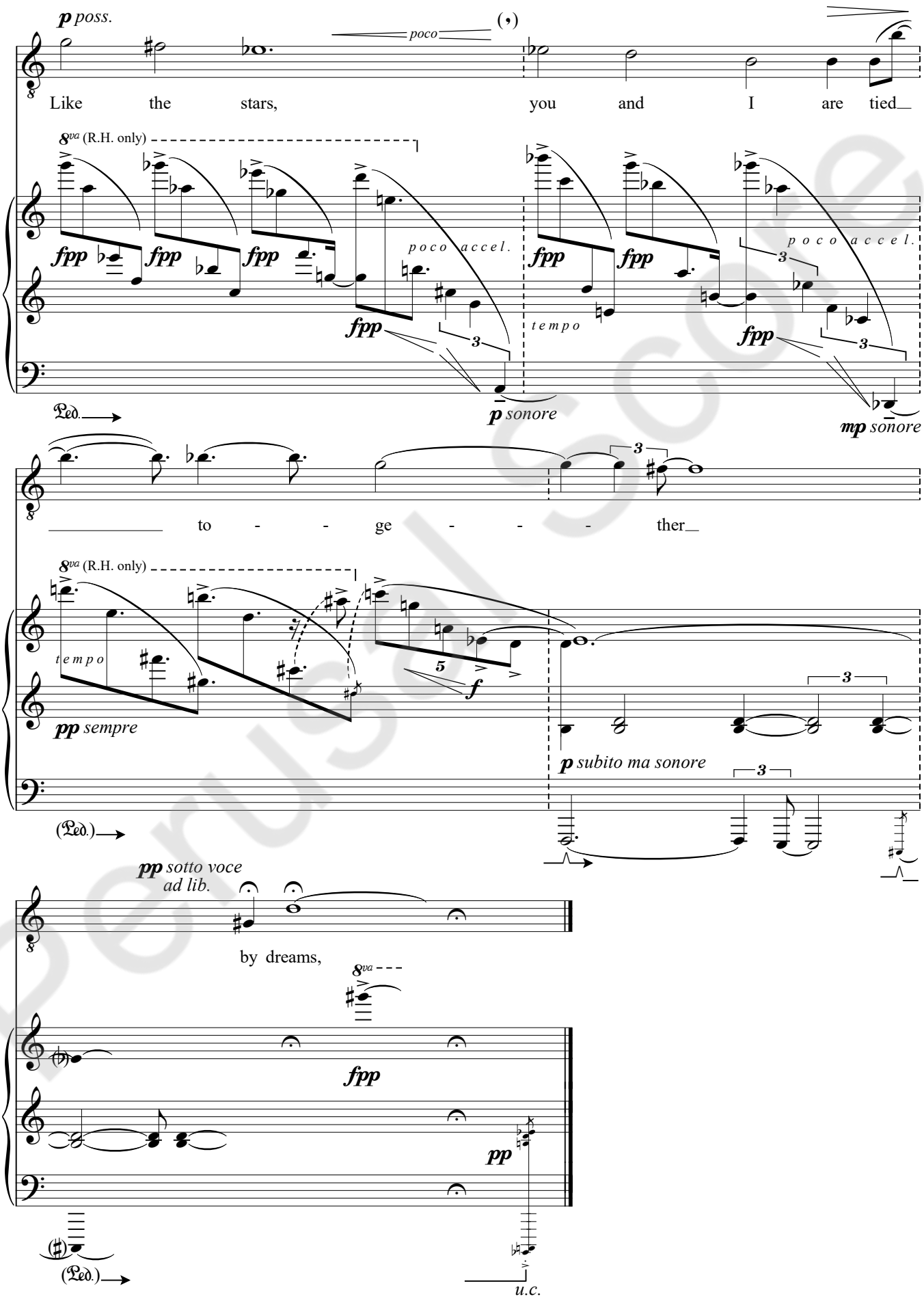

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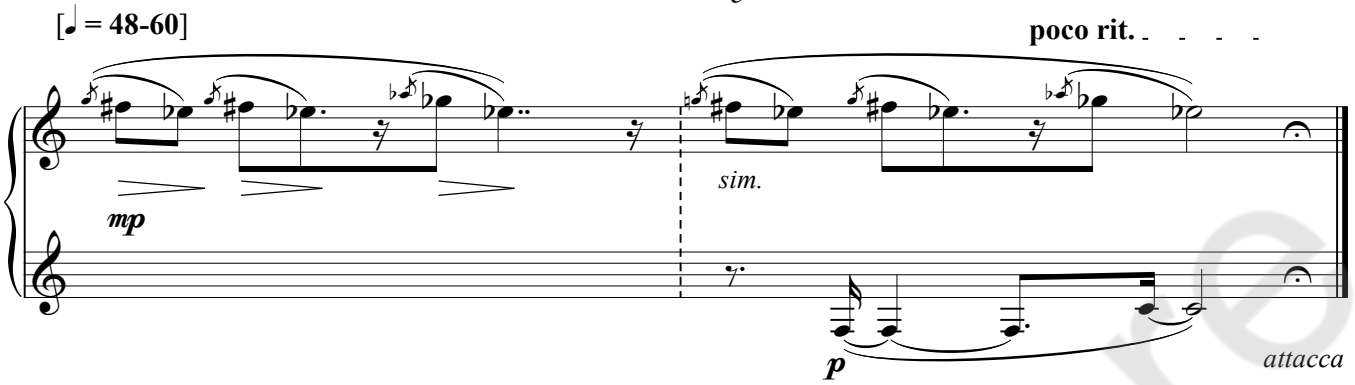
II
(Little melody 1)



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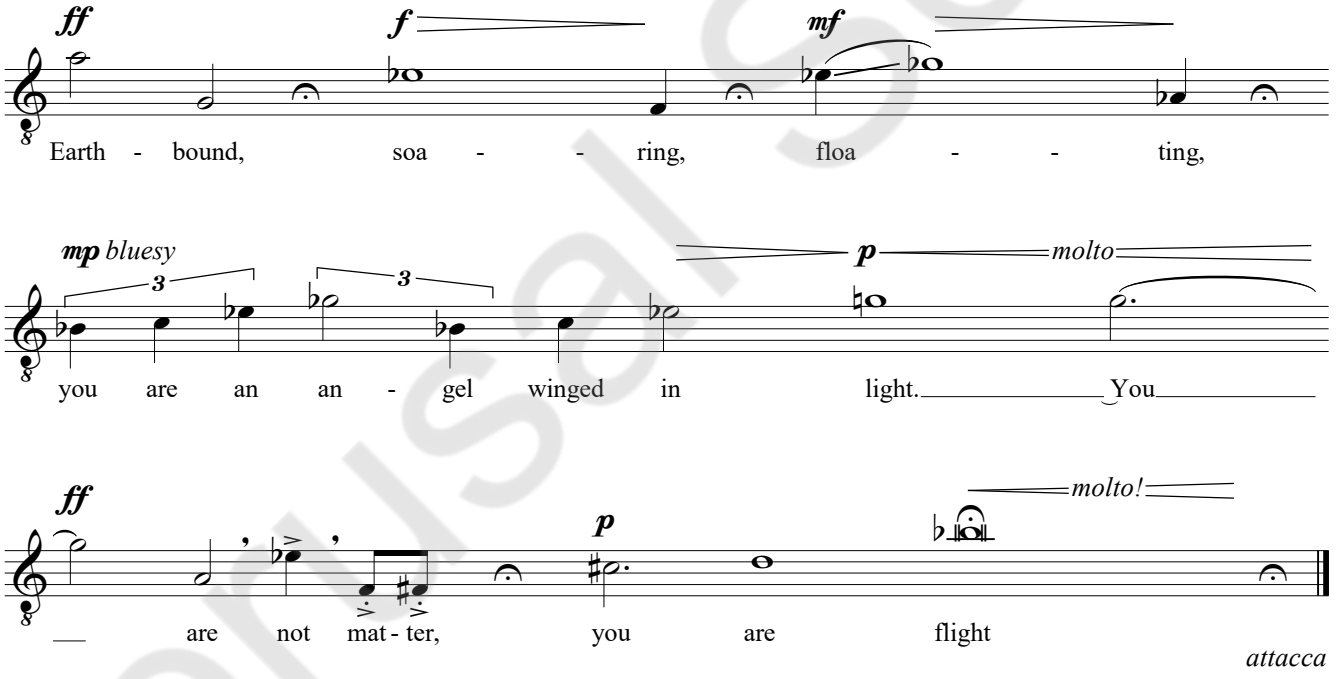
(*from* "Ararat")

Energico, poco liberamente [♩ = 100-120]



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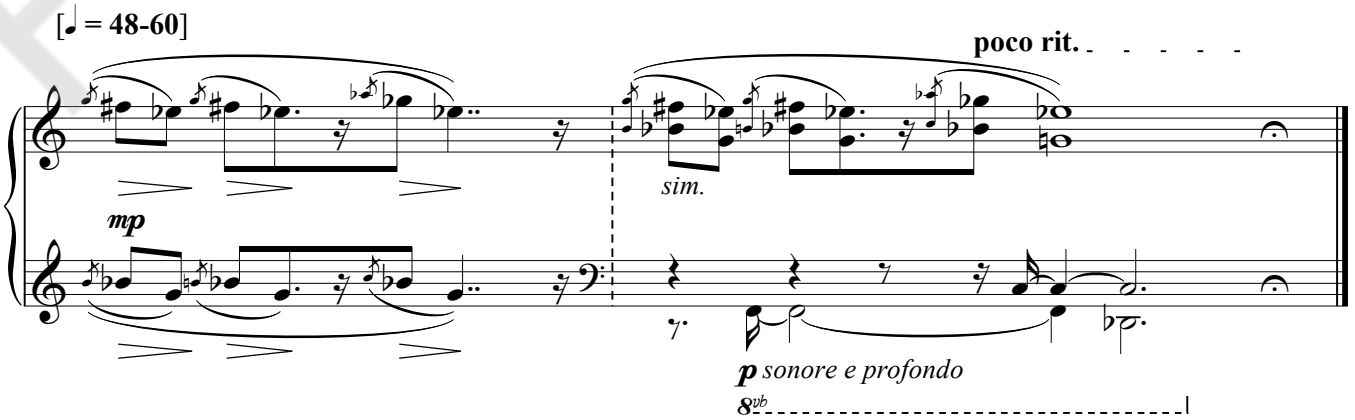

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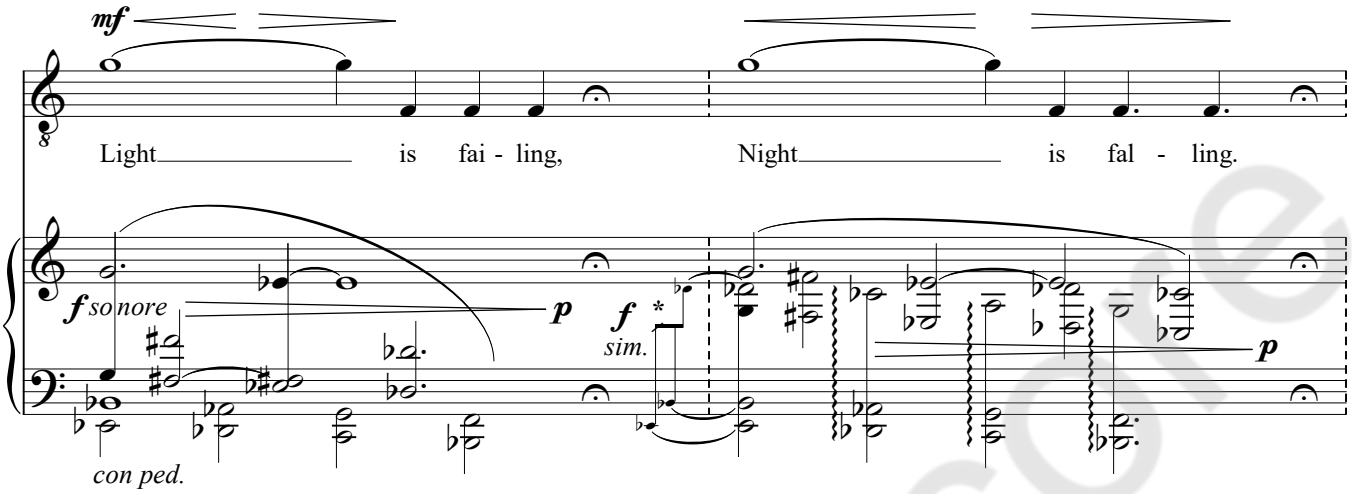
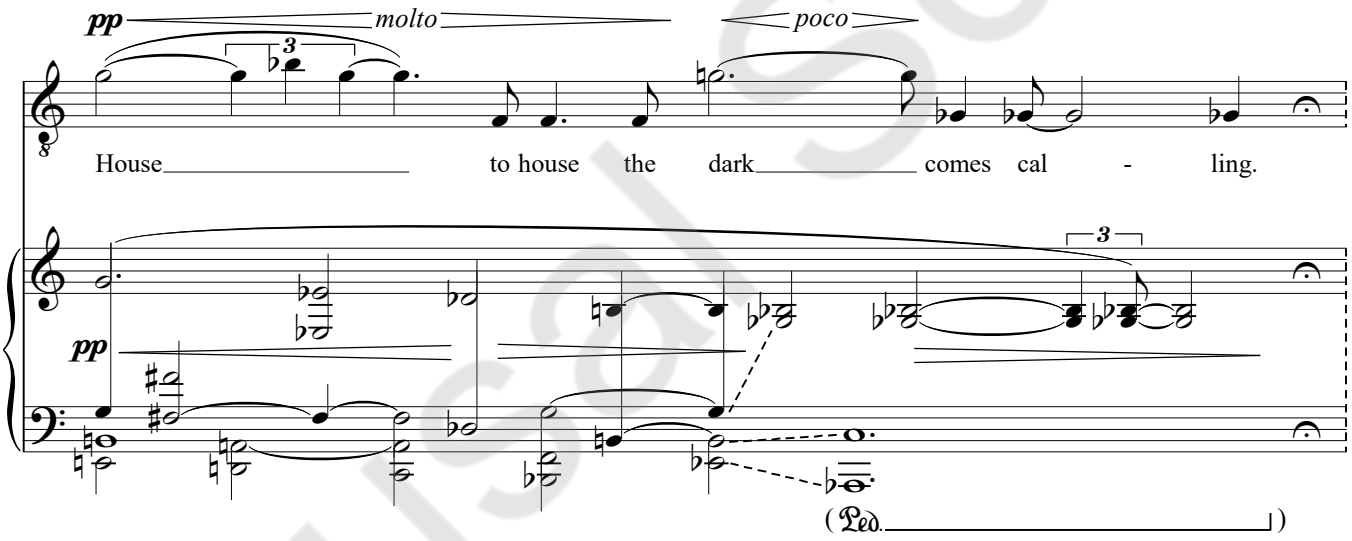
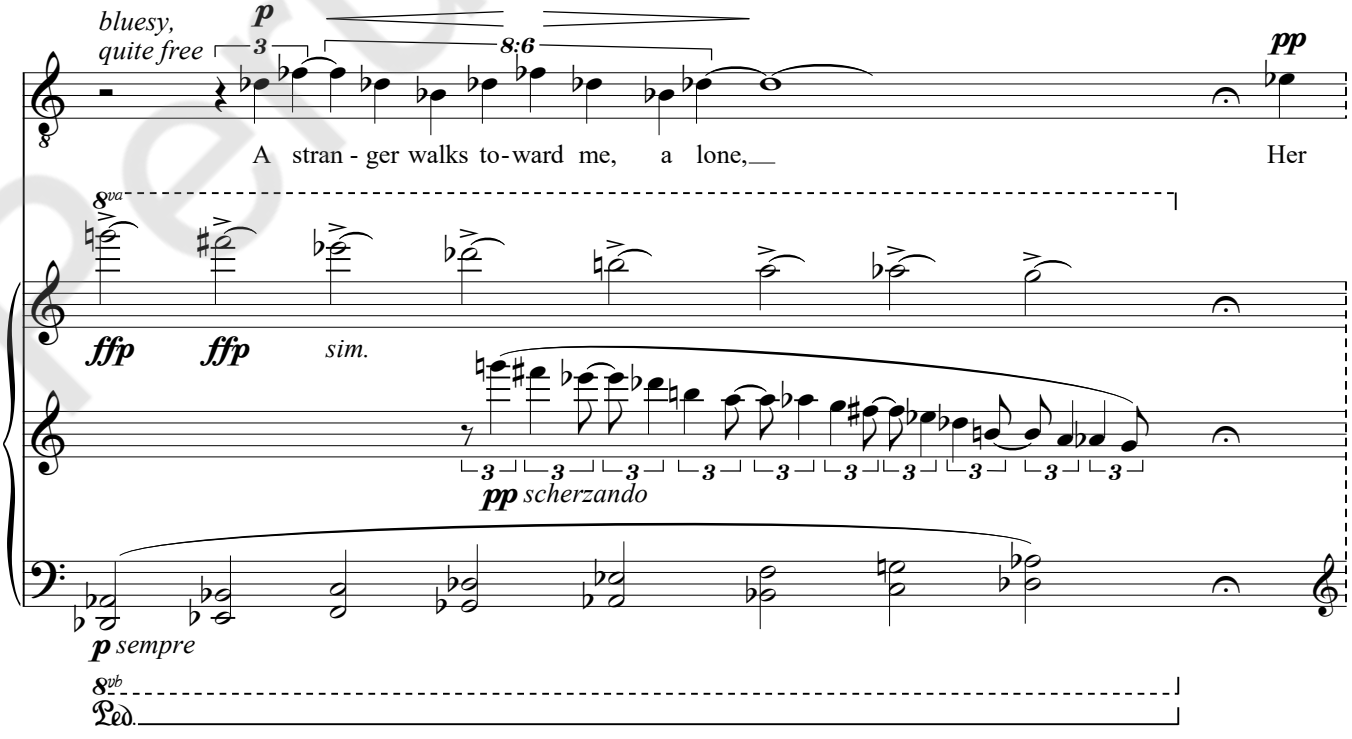
V
(*from* "To An Unknown Girl")

Scorrevole ma stentando (!) [♩. = 60-72]



* *Very* fast grace notes and arpeggiations.





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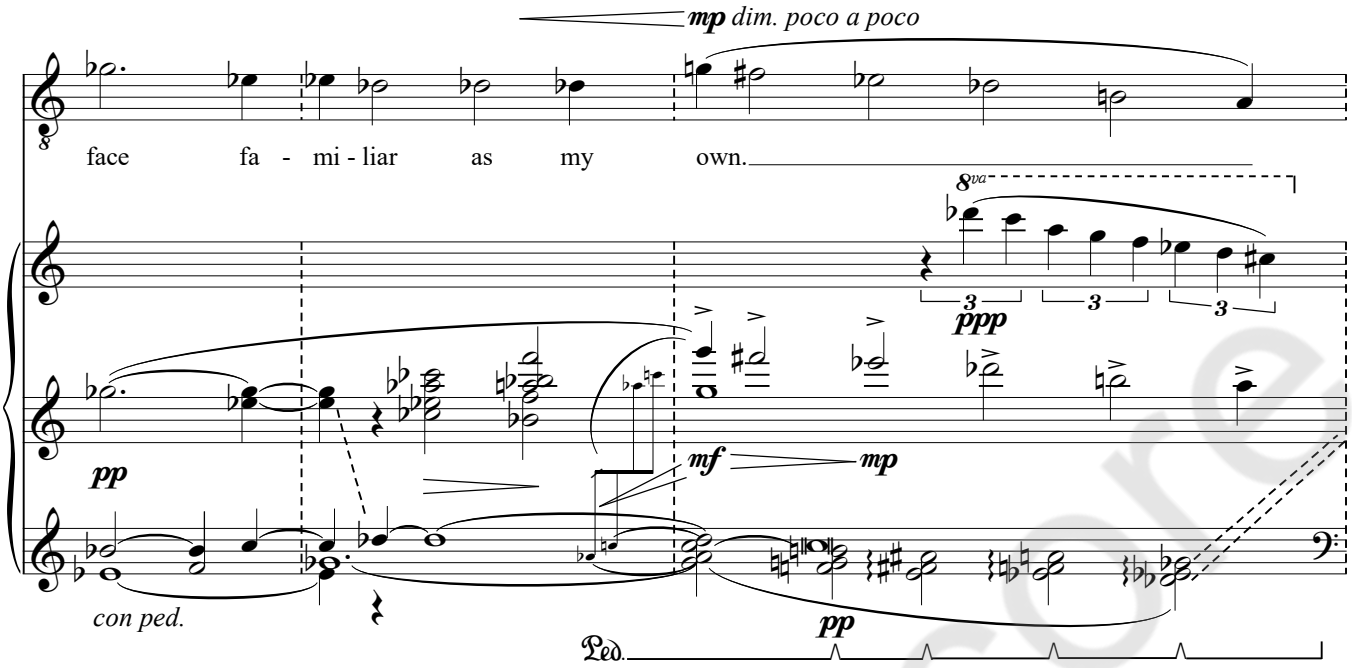

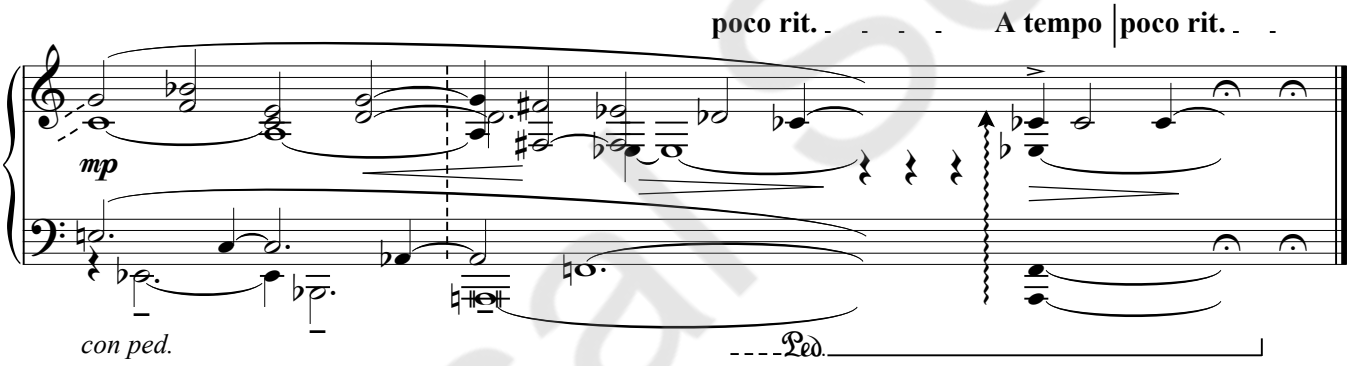

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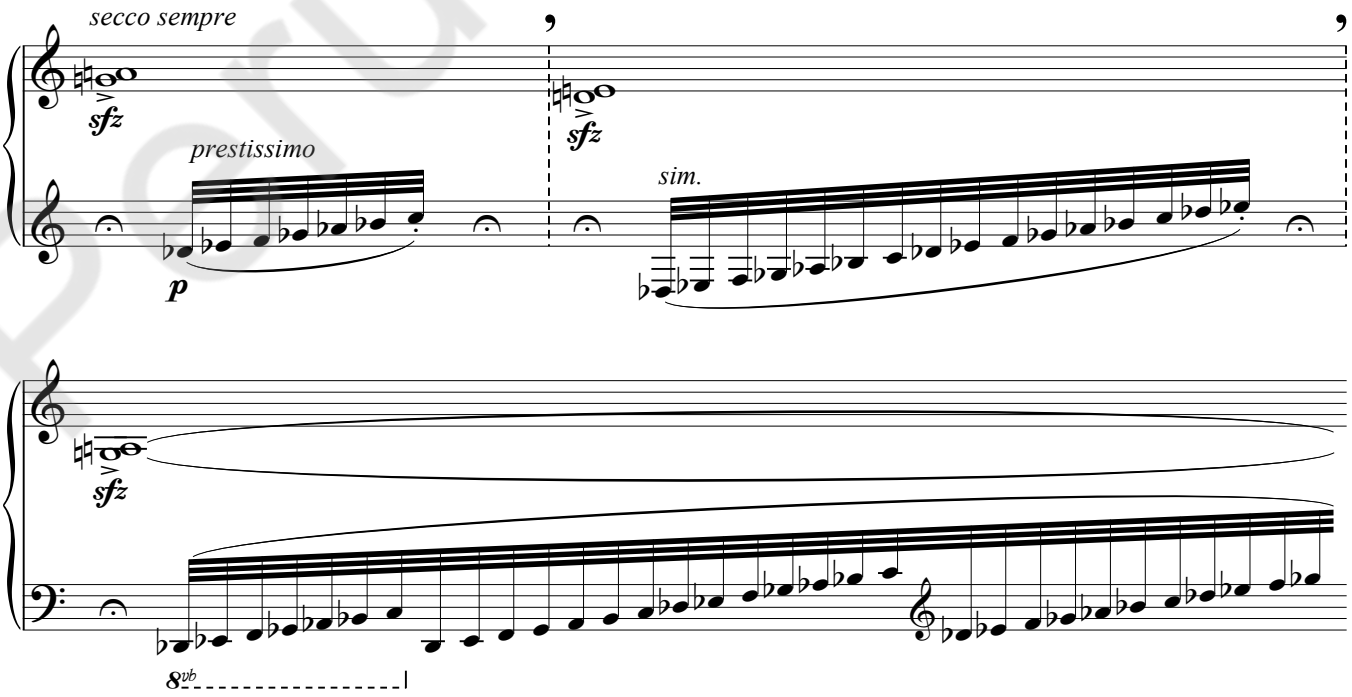

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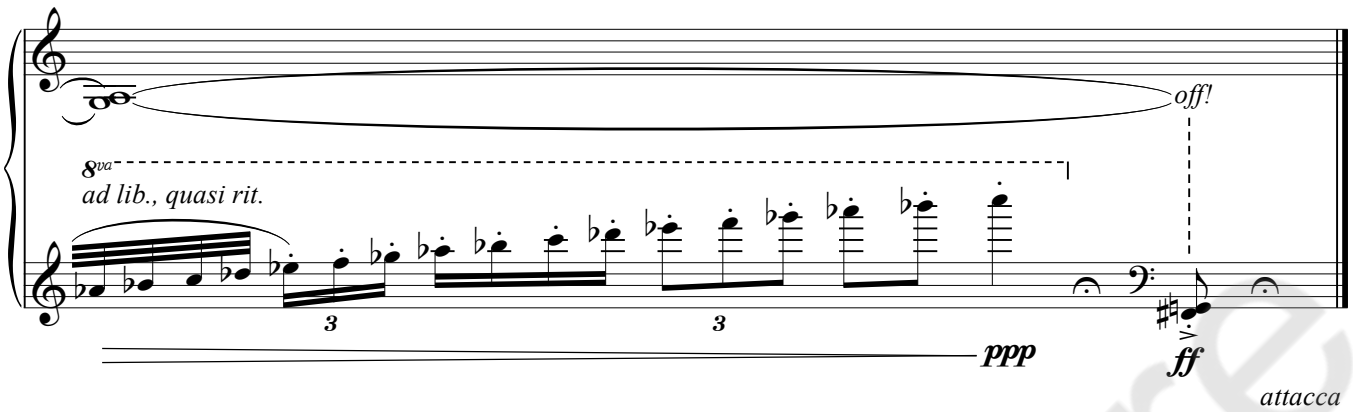

VII
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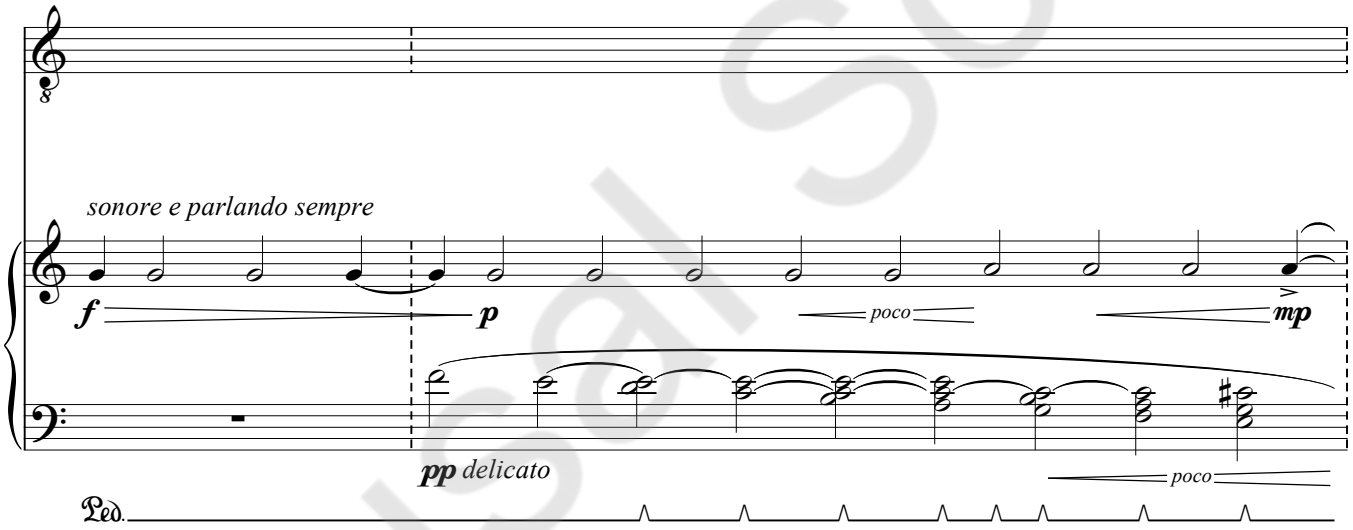
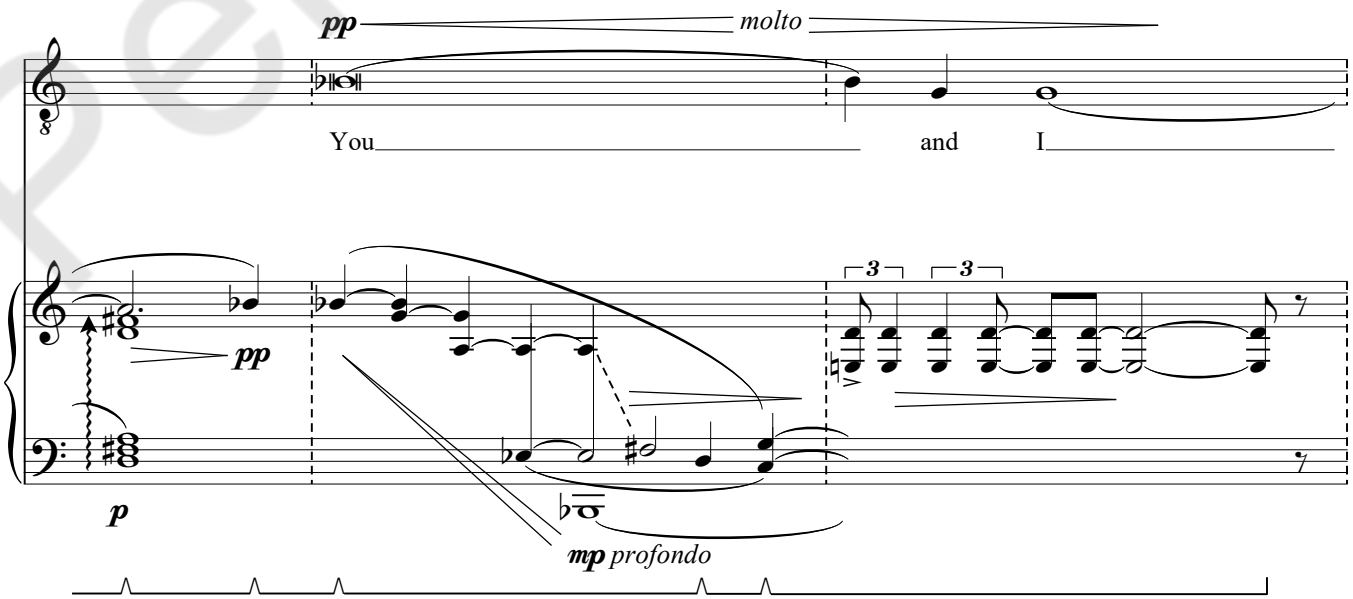
Sostenuto [♩. = 60-72]





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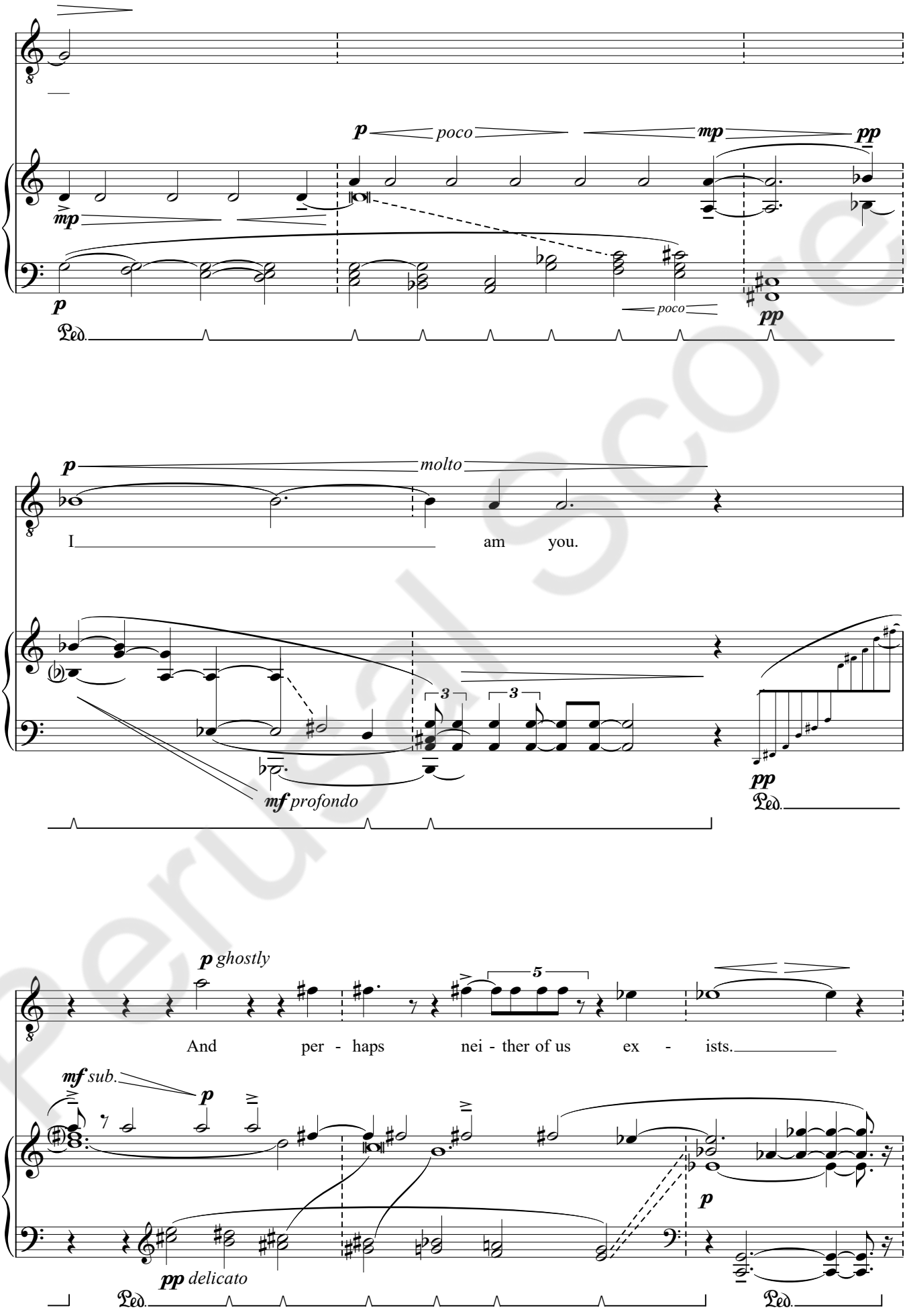

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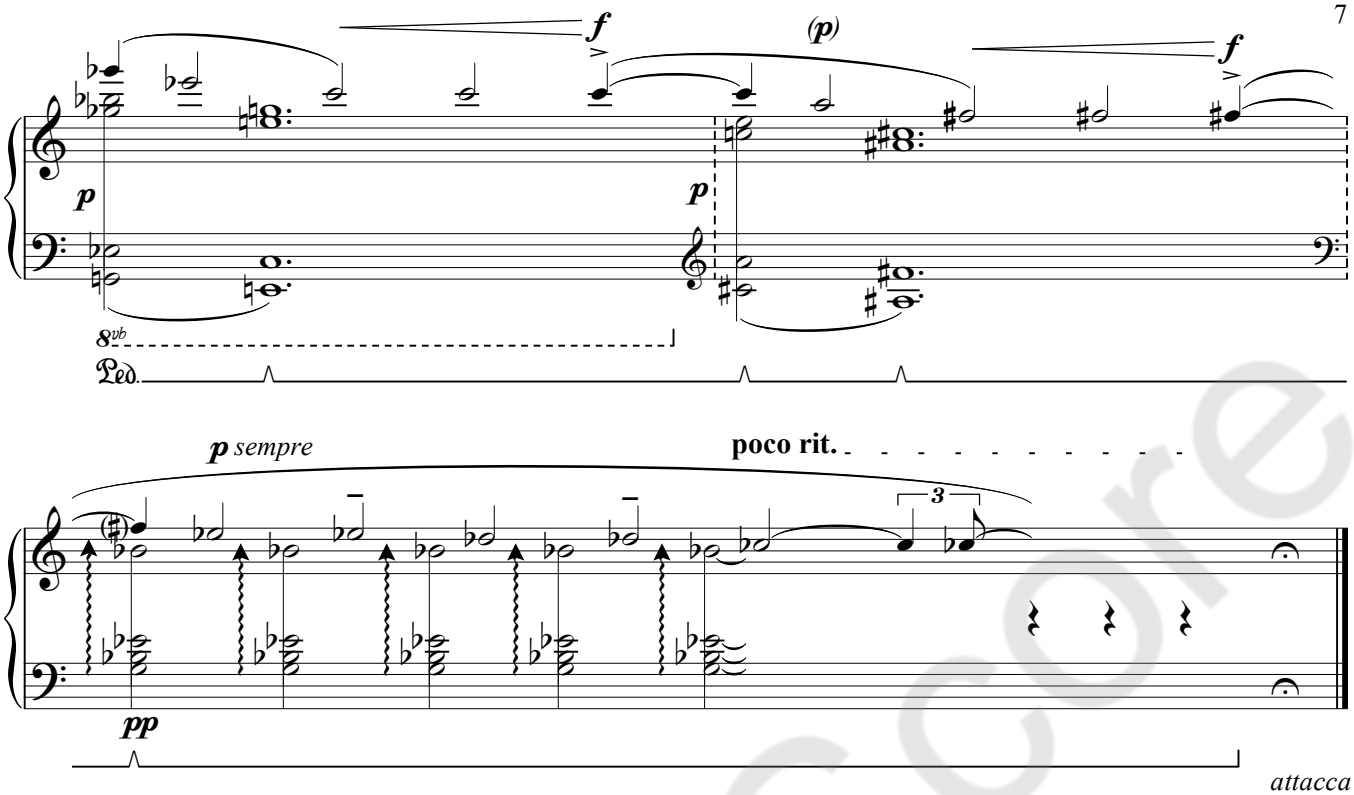
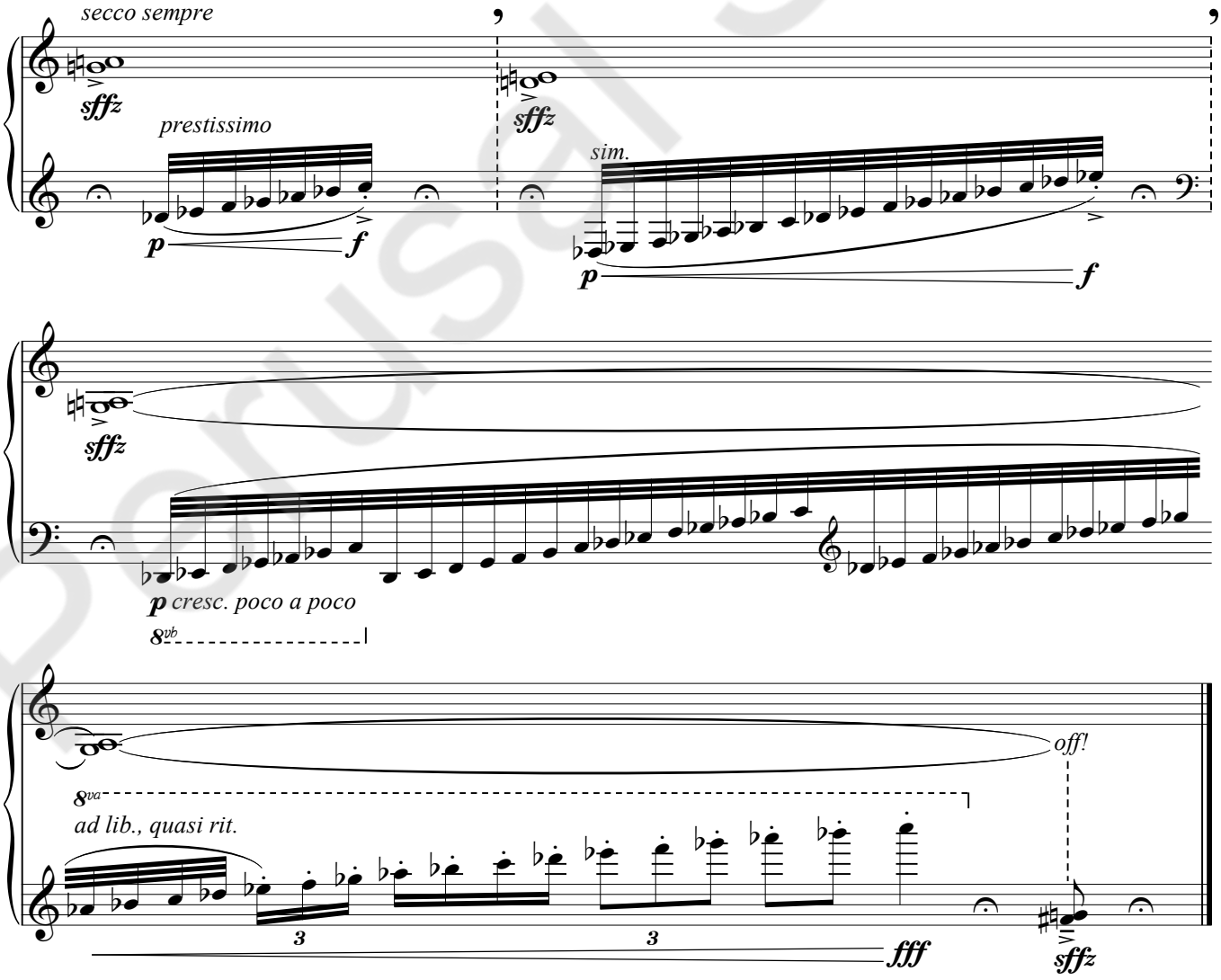


VIII

(Scales 2)



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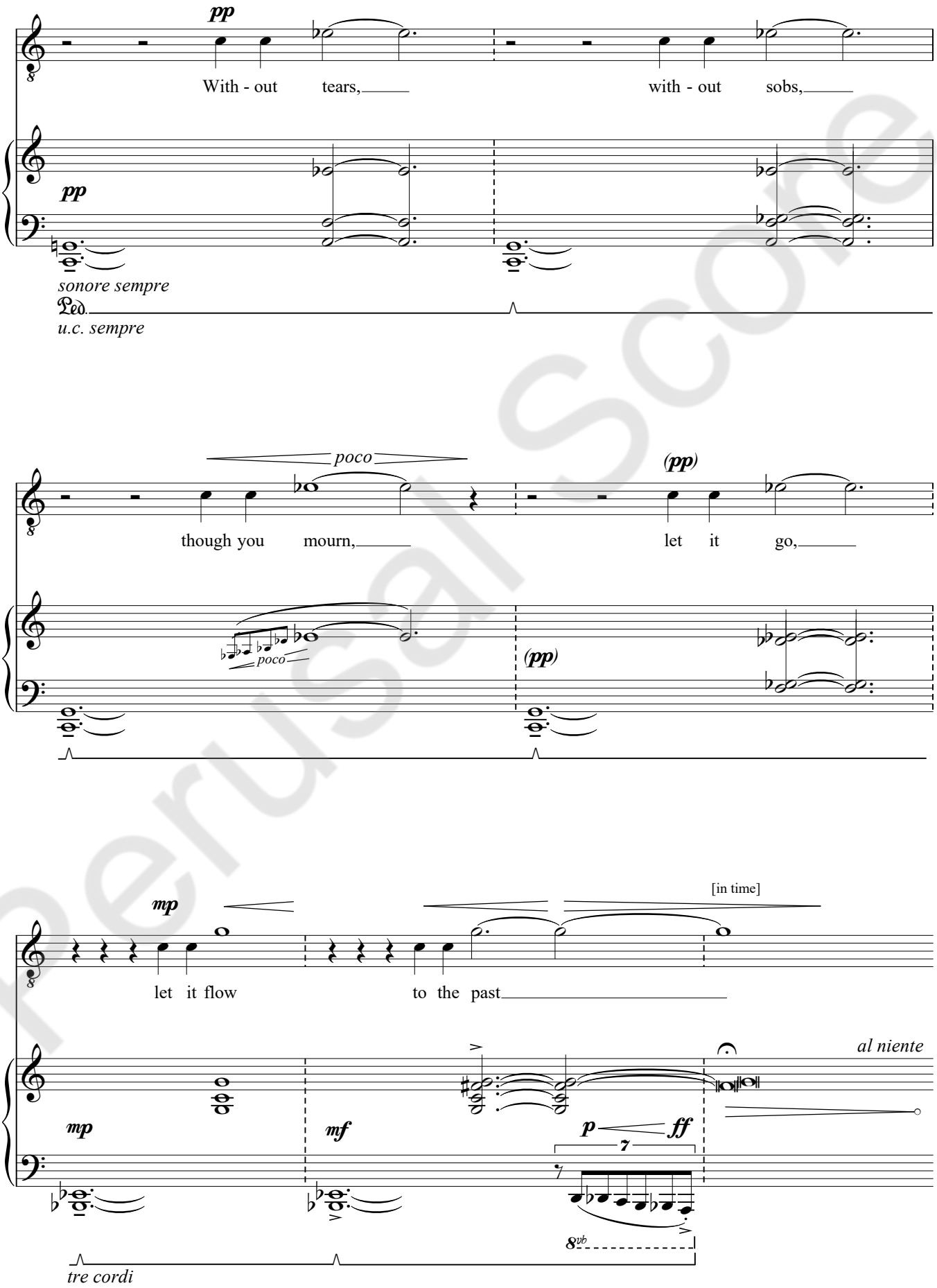
IX
(*from* "Words At Farewell")

Largo, poco liberamente [♩ = **46-60**]



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