Flute Sonata BWV 1032

by J. S. Bach

Transposed from A major to G Major

For Descant Recorder and Keyboard

Completed and typeset by Peter Billam

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Johann Sebastian Bach has left us three flute sonatas with obbligato keyboard parts. There are also two or three flute sonatas with continuo accompaniments; the authenticity of one of these is contested.

In writing the Sonata in A, BWV1032, Bach respected the range of the recorder. Owners of a Voice Flute, which is a recorder between the Tenor and Alto whose lowest note is D, may play the sonata in its original form without changing a single note. This arrangement transposes the sonata into G major so that it can be played on the Descant recorder; also, if a Tenor recorder with a sufficiently good sound is available, that could be used to give the Largo a contrasting sound. Www.pjb.com.au also offers versions in the original key A for Flute or Voice Flute, as well as in C major for Alto recorder.

The manuscript of the Sonata in A is titled *Sonata a 1 Traversa è Cembalo obligato di J. S. Bach* in Bach's handwriting. It was discovered by von Winterfeld in an antique shop in Breslau and presented to the *Preuß. Staatsbibliotek* in Berlin; during the second world war it was moved to the monastery of Grüssau in central Silesia. At the end of the war, it was removed by the Polish government to the Jagiellon University in Cracow, and in 1977 was presented to the *Deutsche Staatsbibliotek* in Berlin. The manuscript is written on nineteen staves, and apart from this sonata it also contains a concerto for two keyboards and string orchestra. The concerto occupies the top sixteen staves on each page, and, with typical economy, the Sonata fills up the lowest three staves. Eight of the manuscript pages are intact, but unfortunately, on six of the pages the lowest part has been cut away, so that we lack some forty-five bars at the end of the first movement.

Completions of the first movement have been published by Gustav Schreck (Peters), Georges Barrère (Boston), Alfred Dürr (Bärenreiter), William Bennett (Chester), and Bart Kuijken (Breitkopf u. Härtel). The copyright status of these completions being unclear, this edition provides a new completion, bars 63 to 87, by Peter Billam. Also, since the manuscript leaves the right hand of the keyboard part blank in bars 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 25, 26, 27, and in the last beat of bar 37, these bars have also been completed by Peter Billam.

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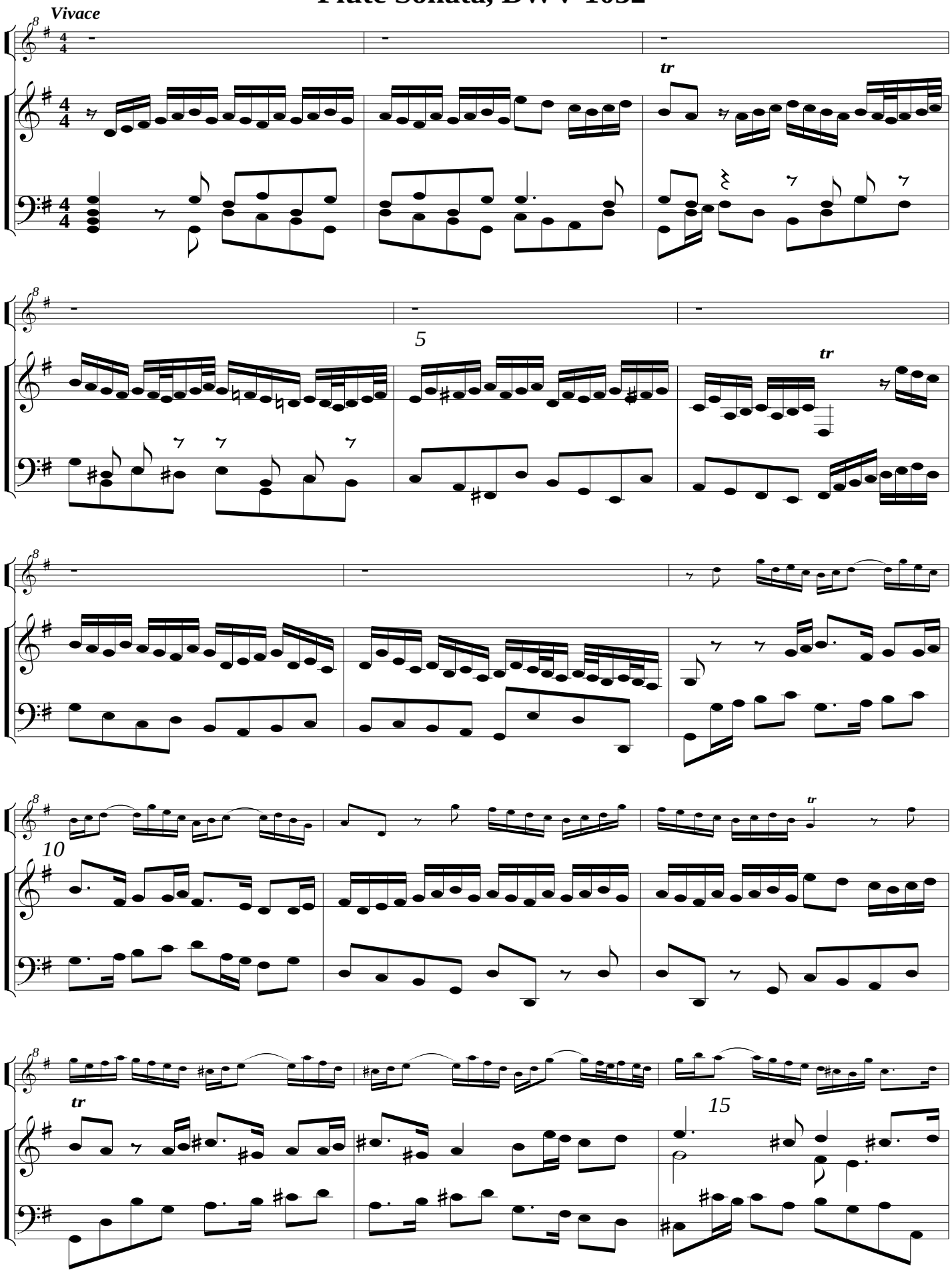

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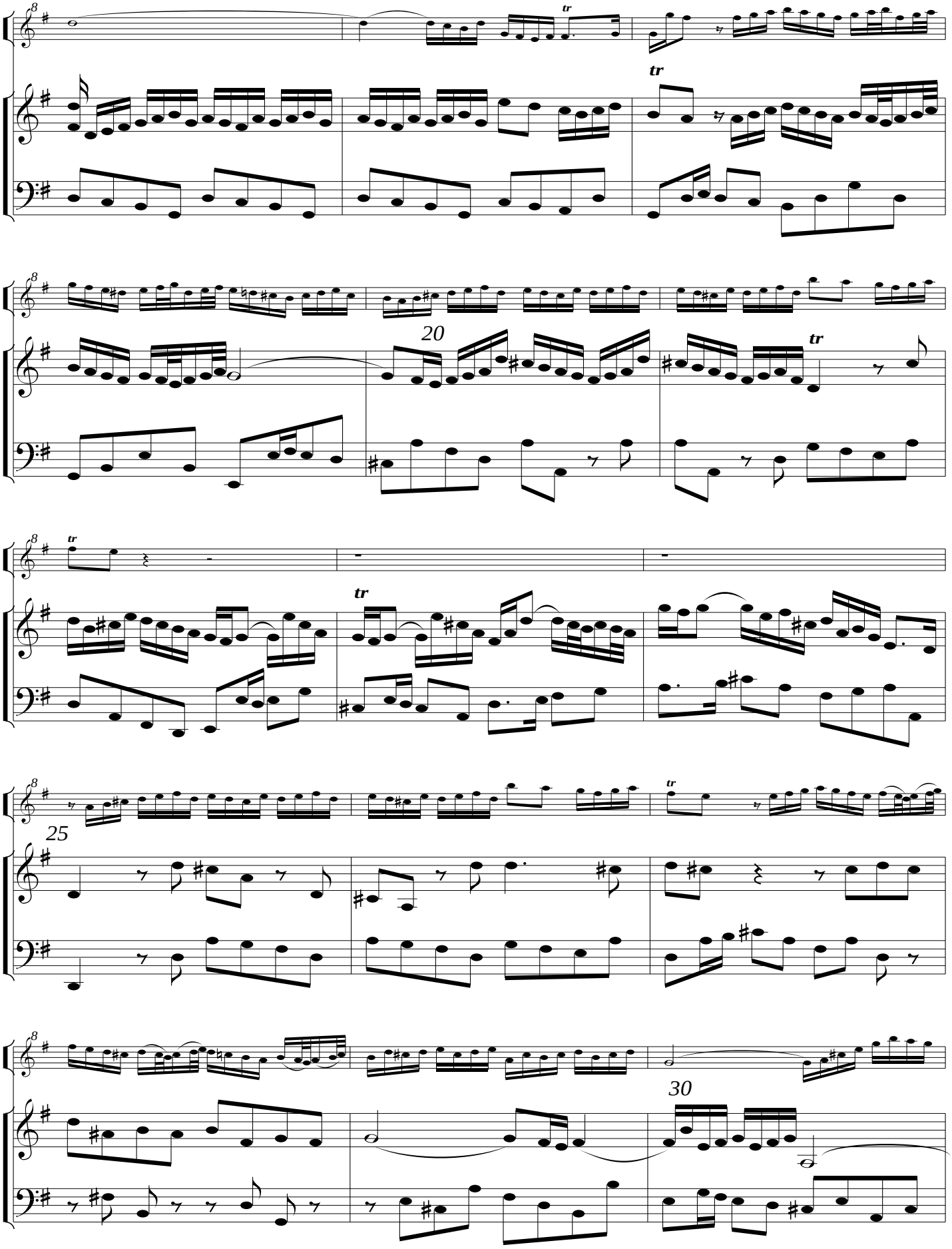

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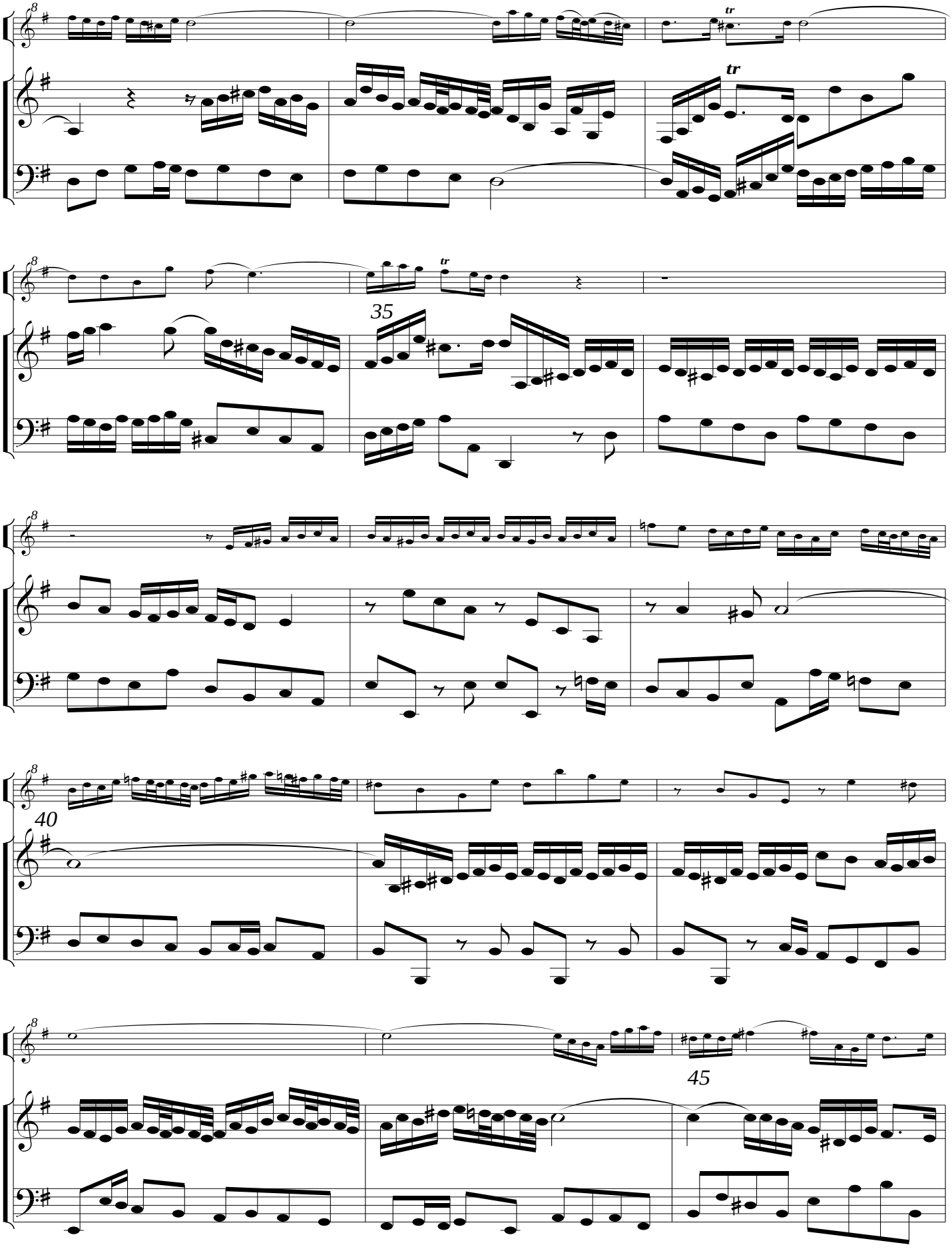

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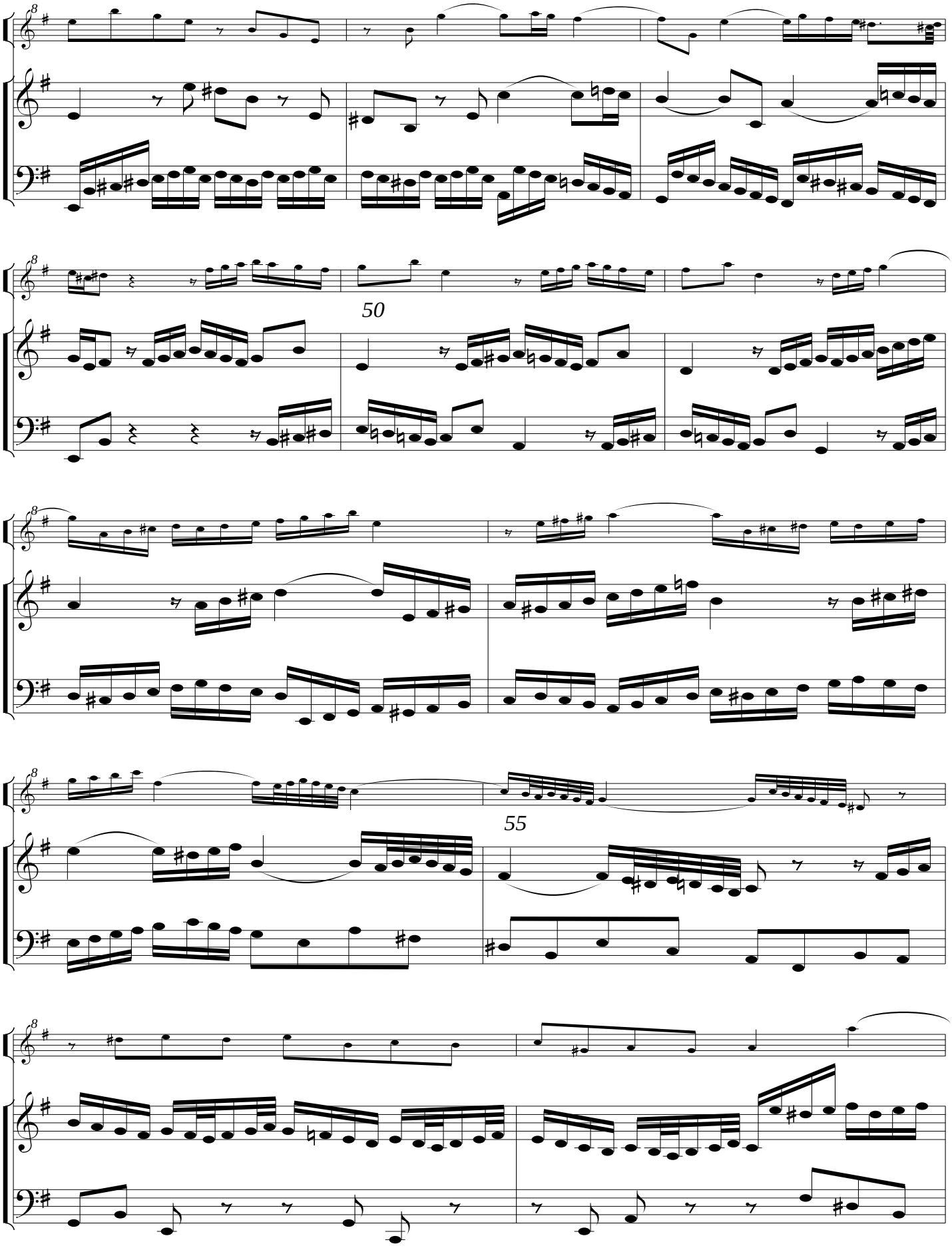

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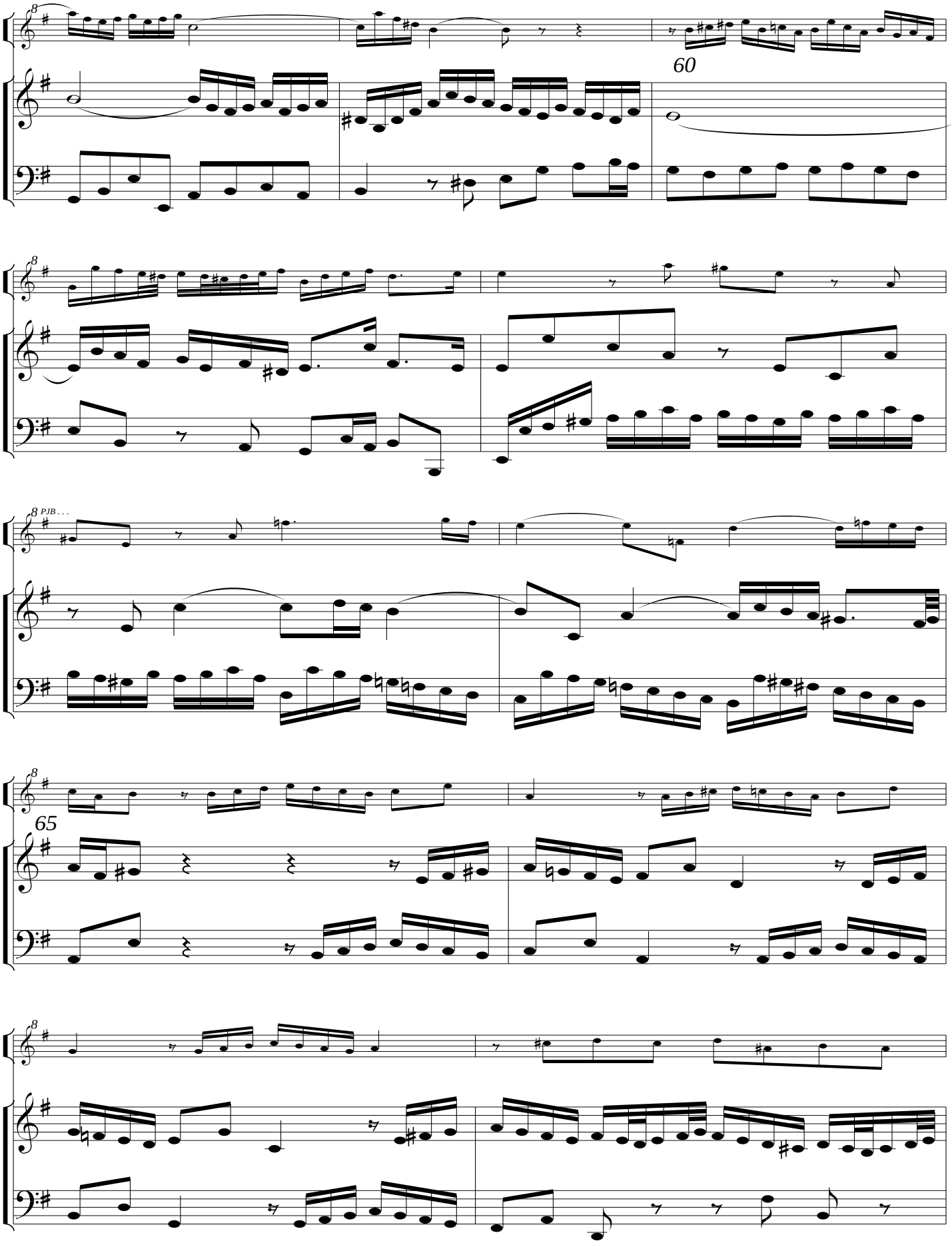

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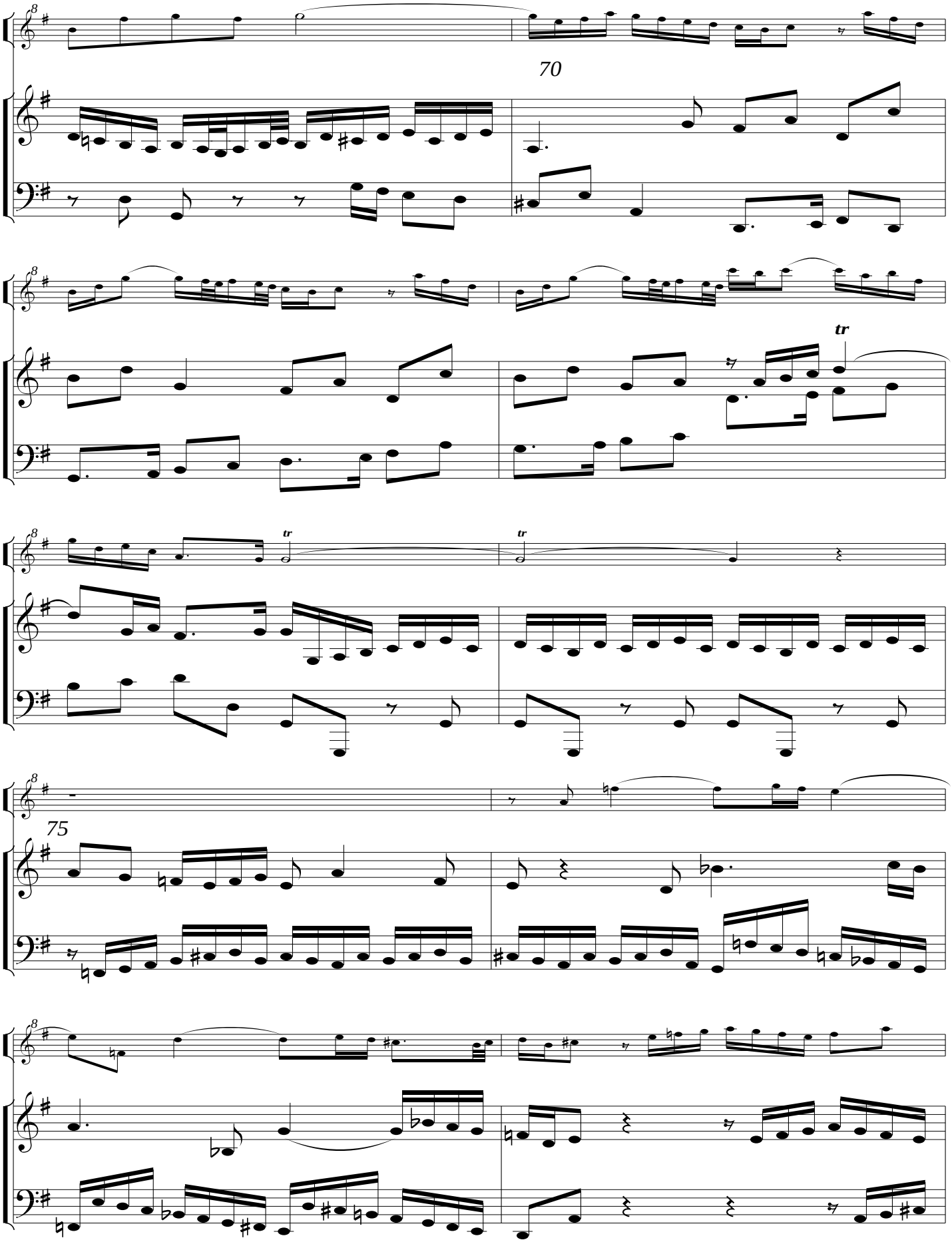

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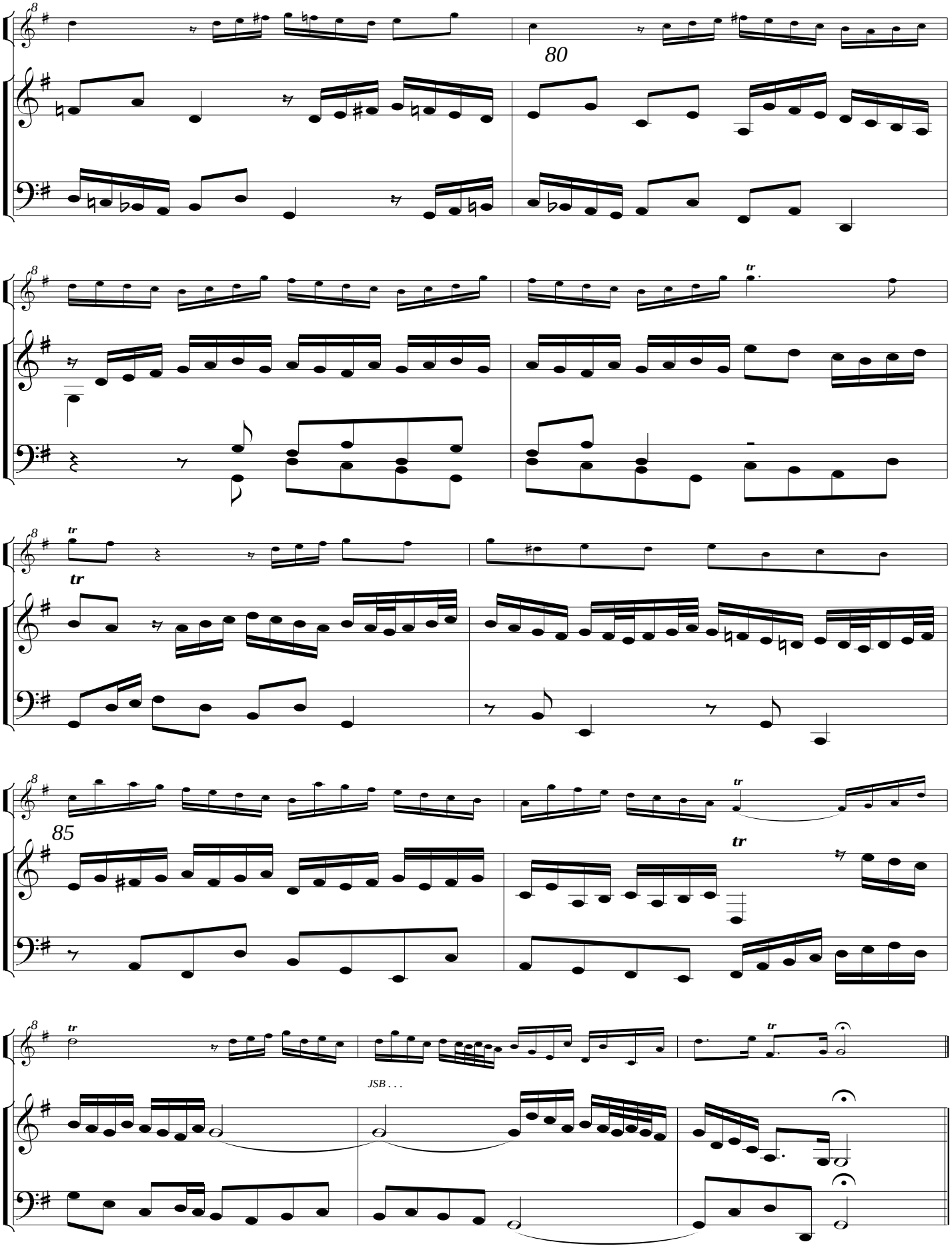

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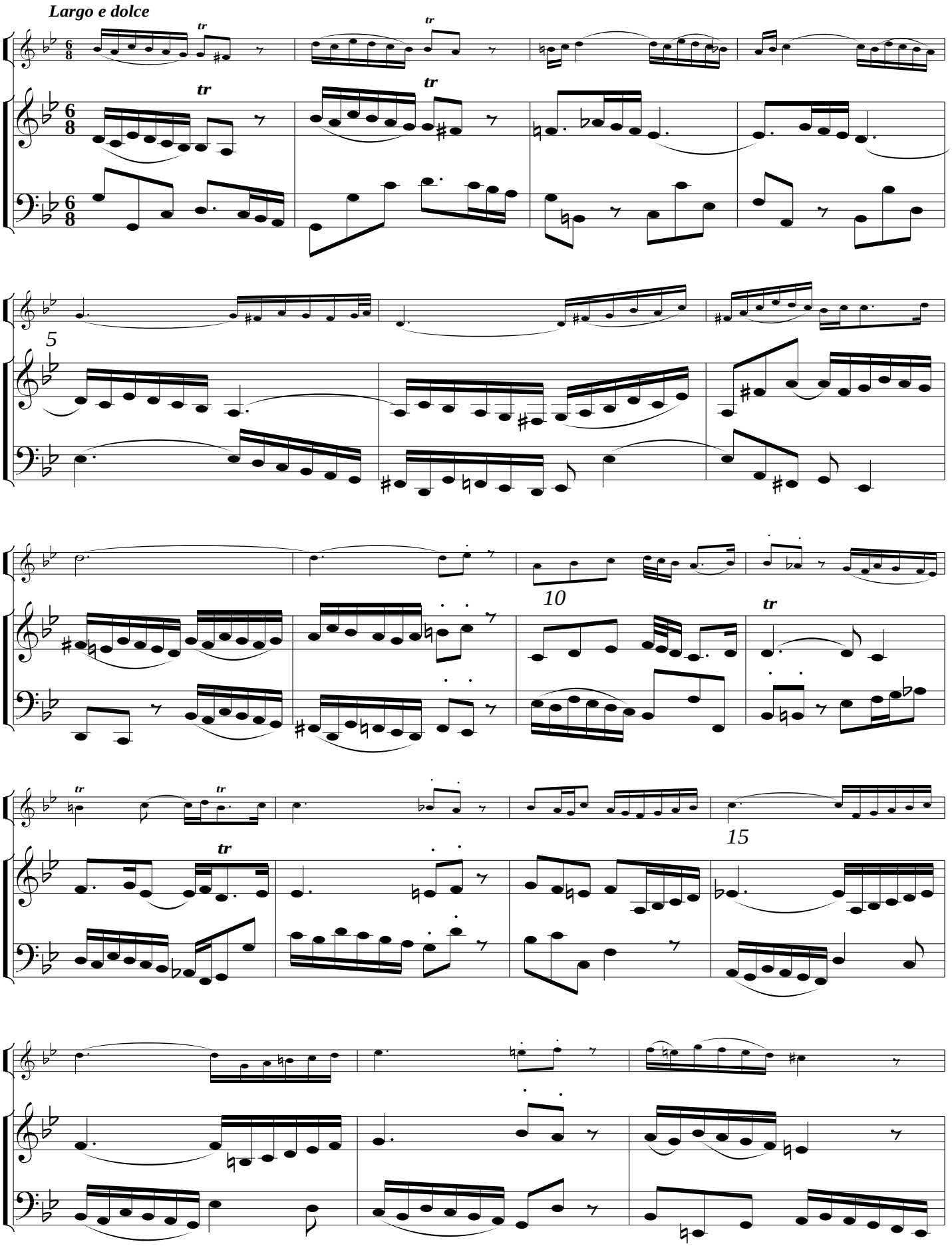

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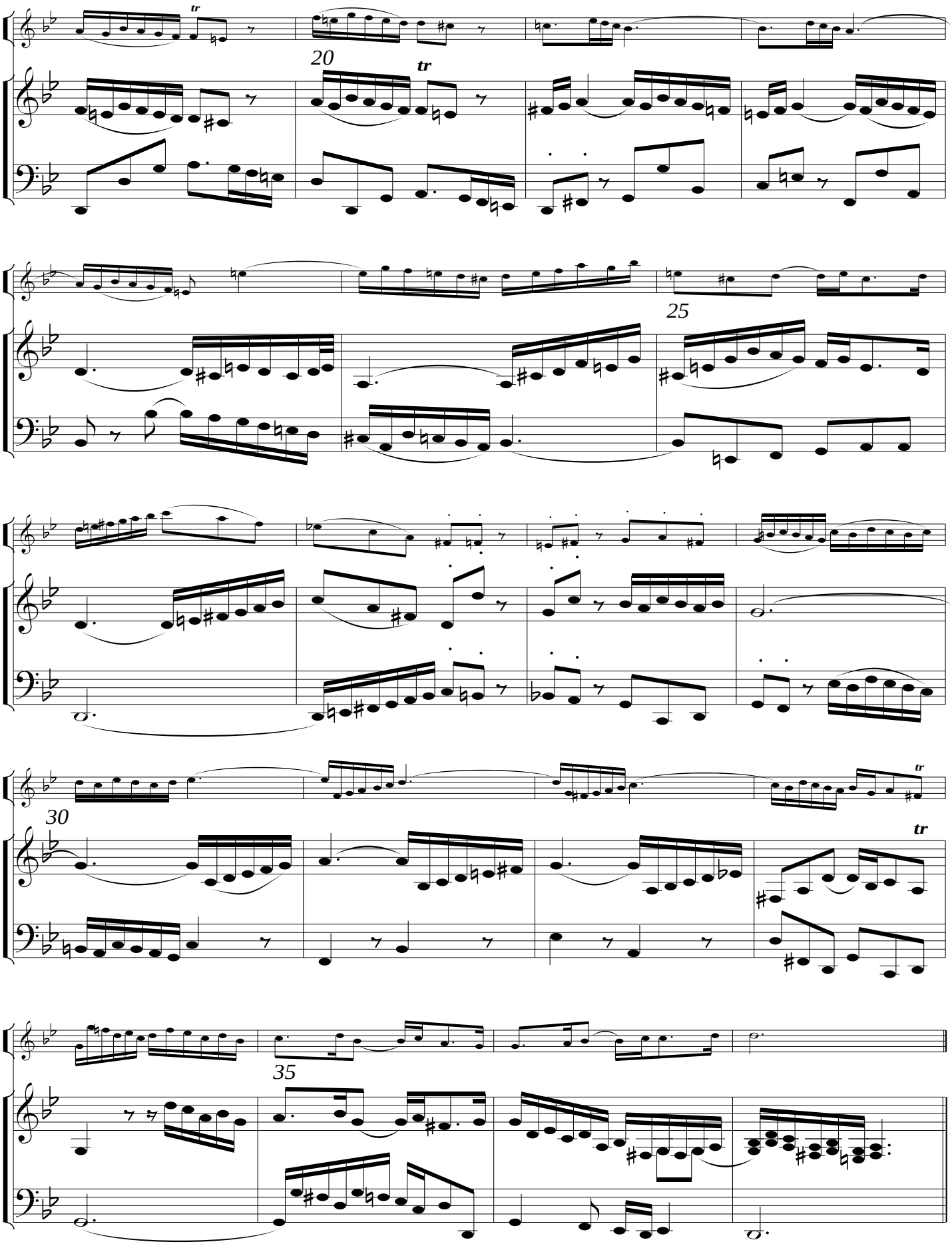

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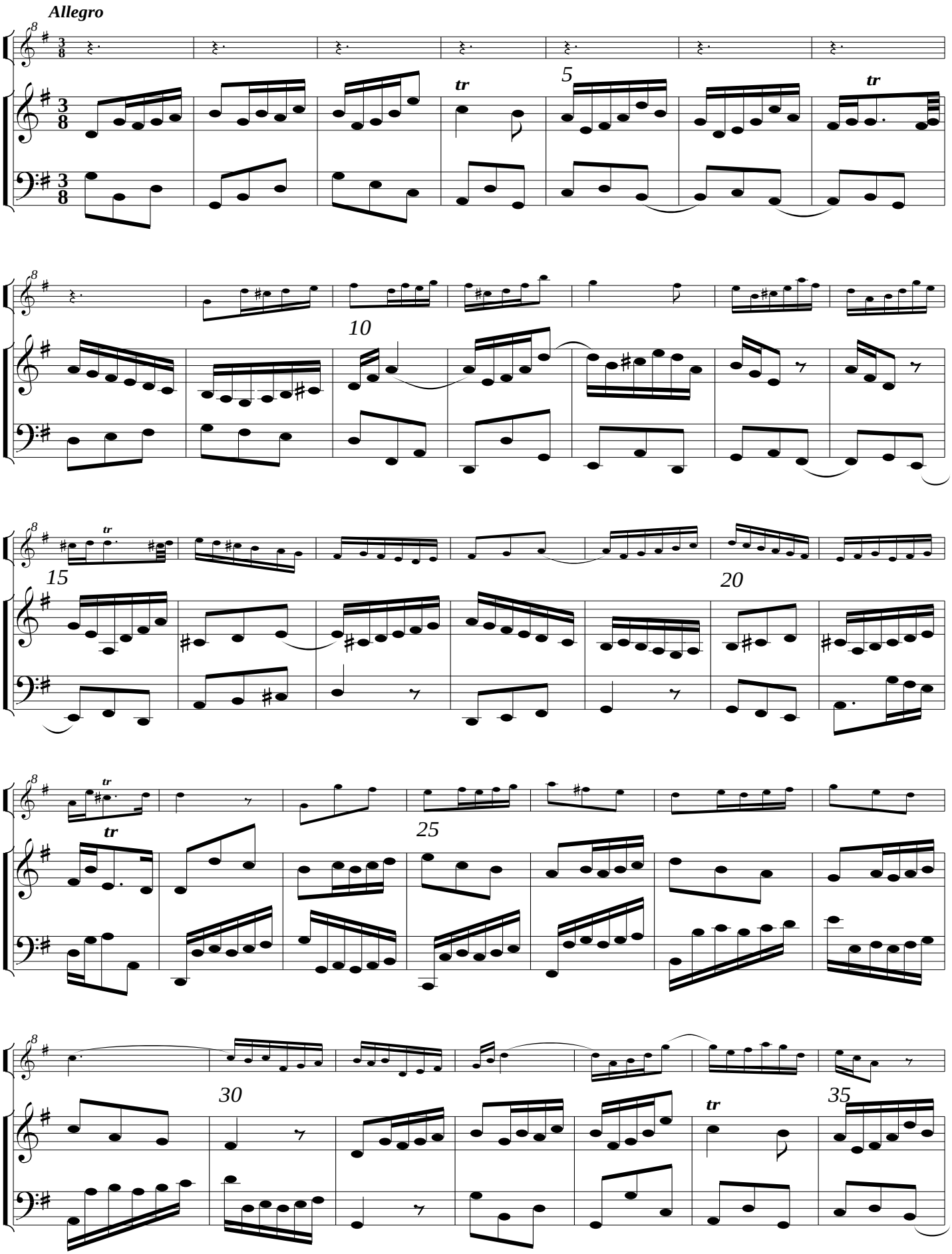

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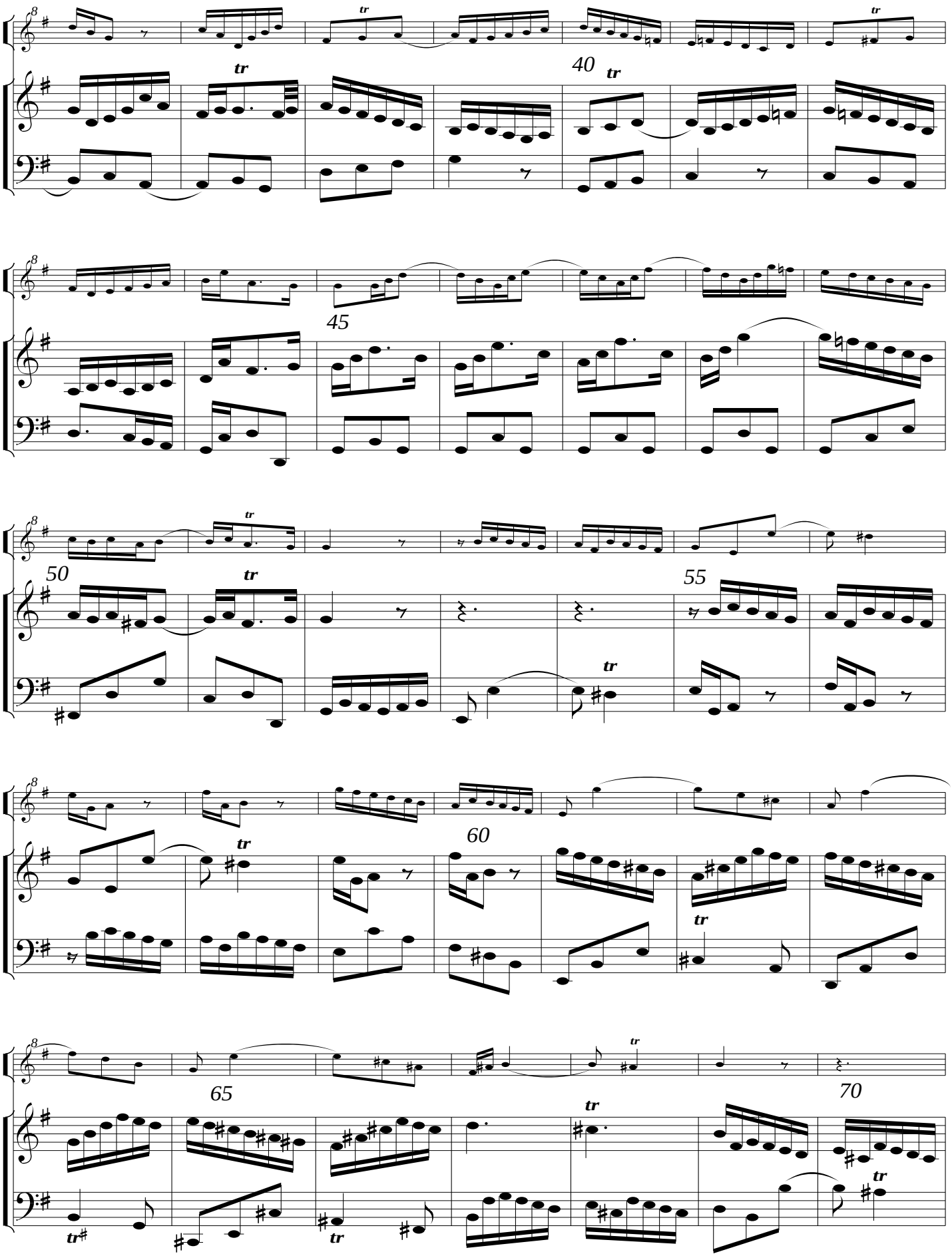

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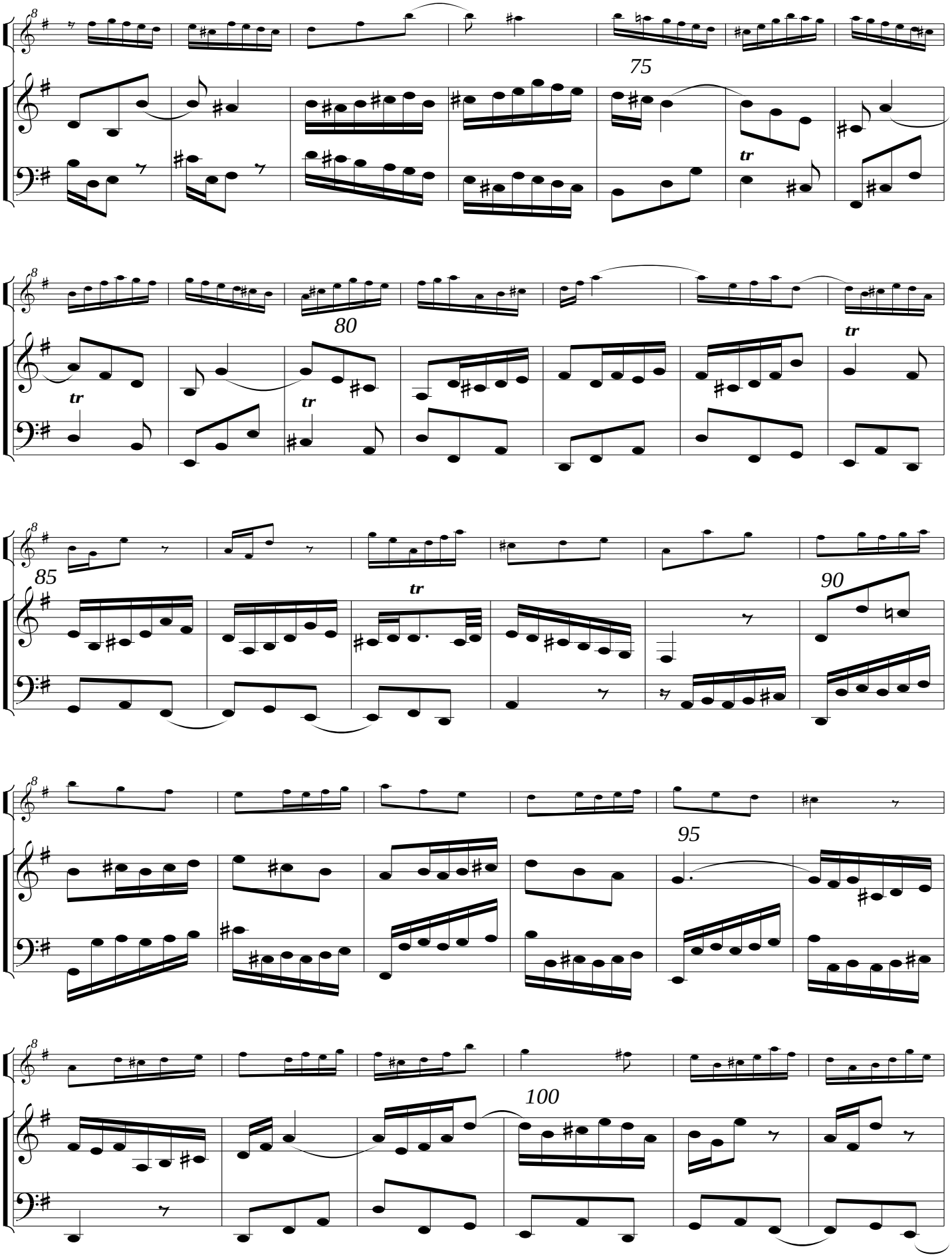

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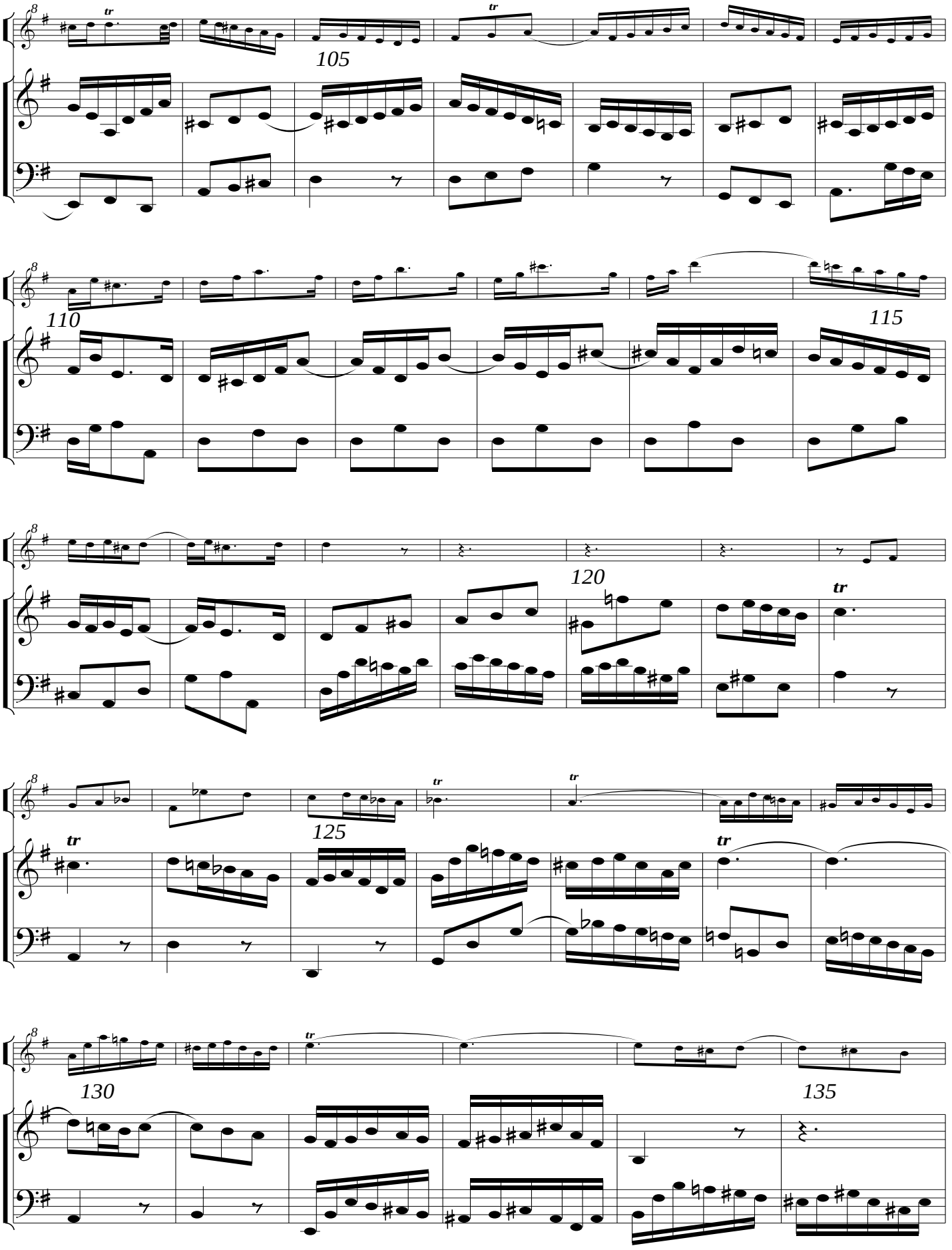

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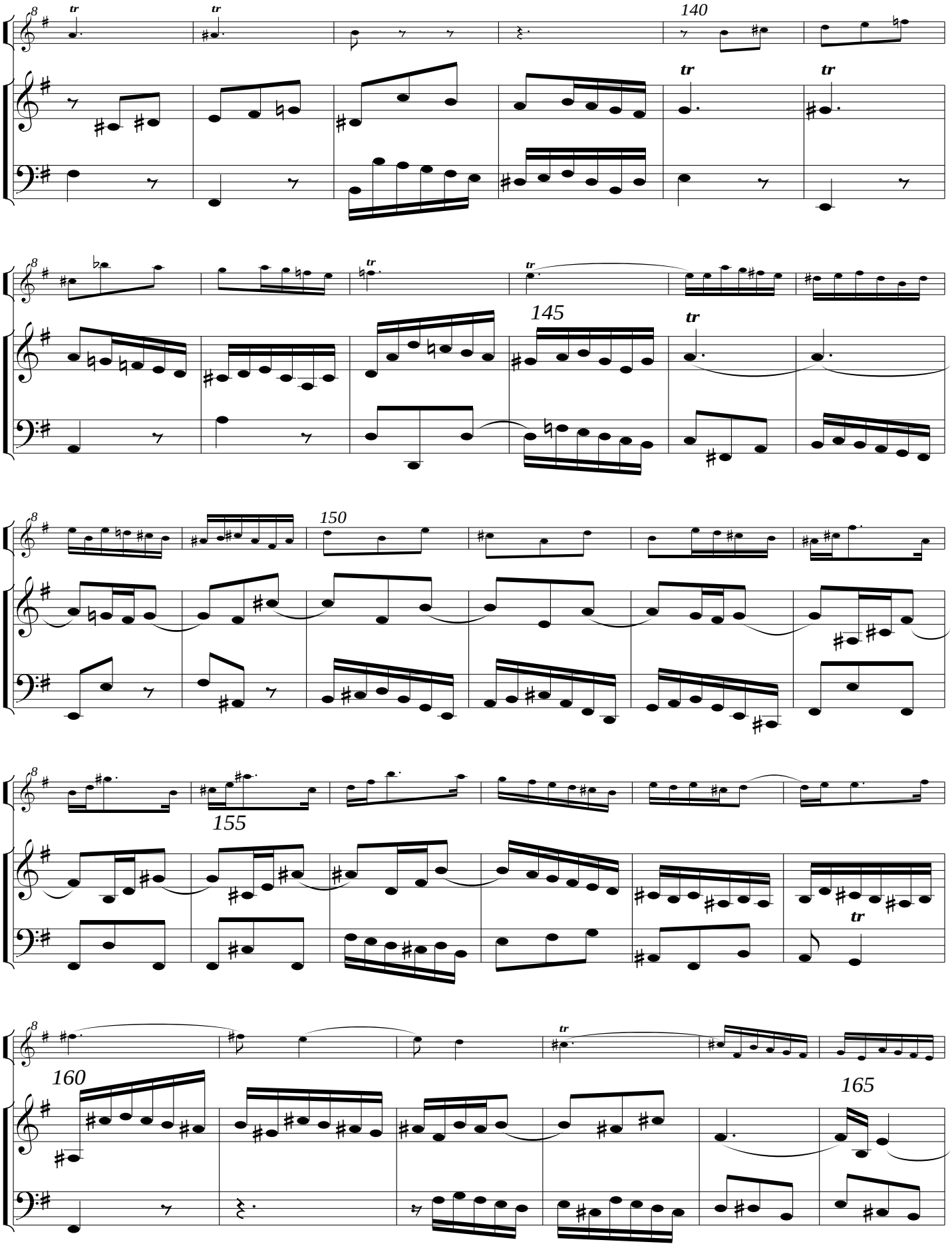

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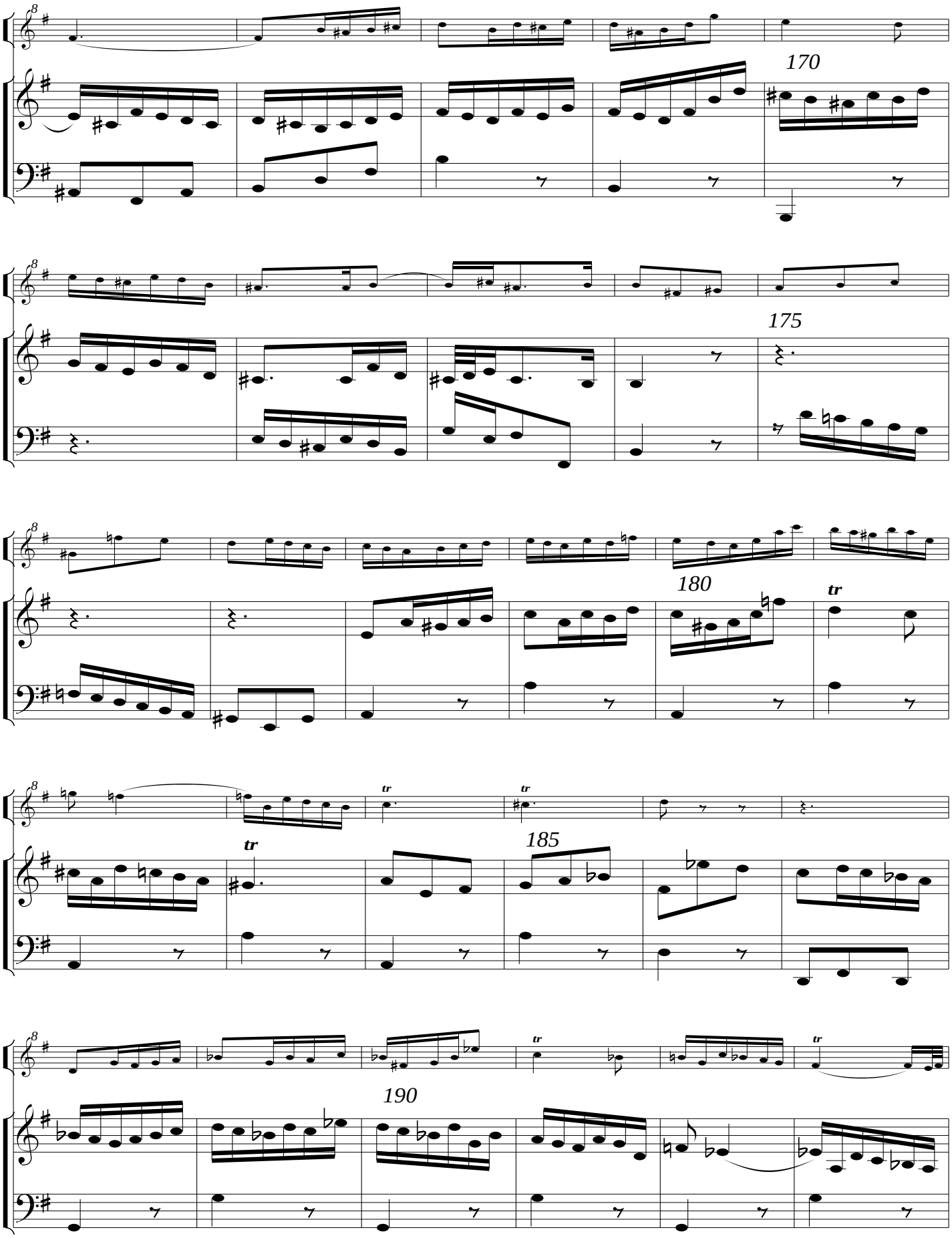

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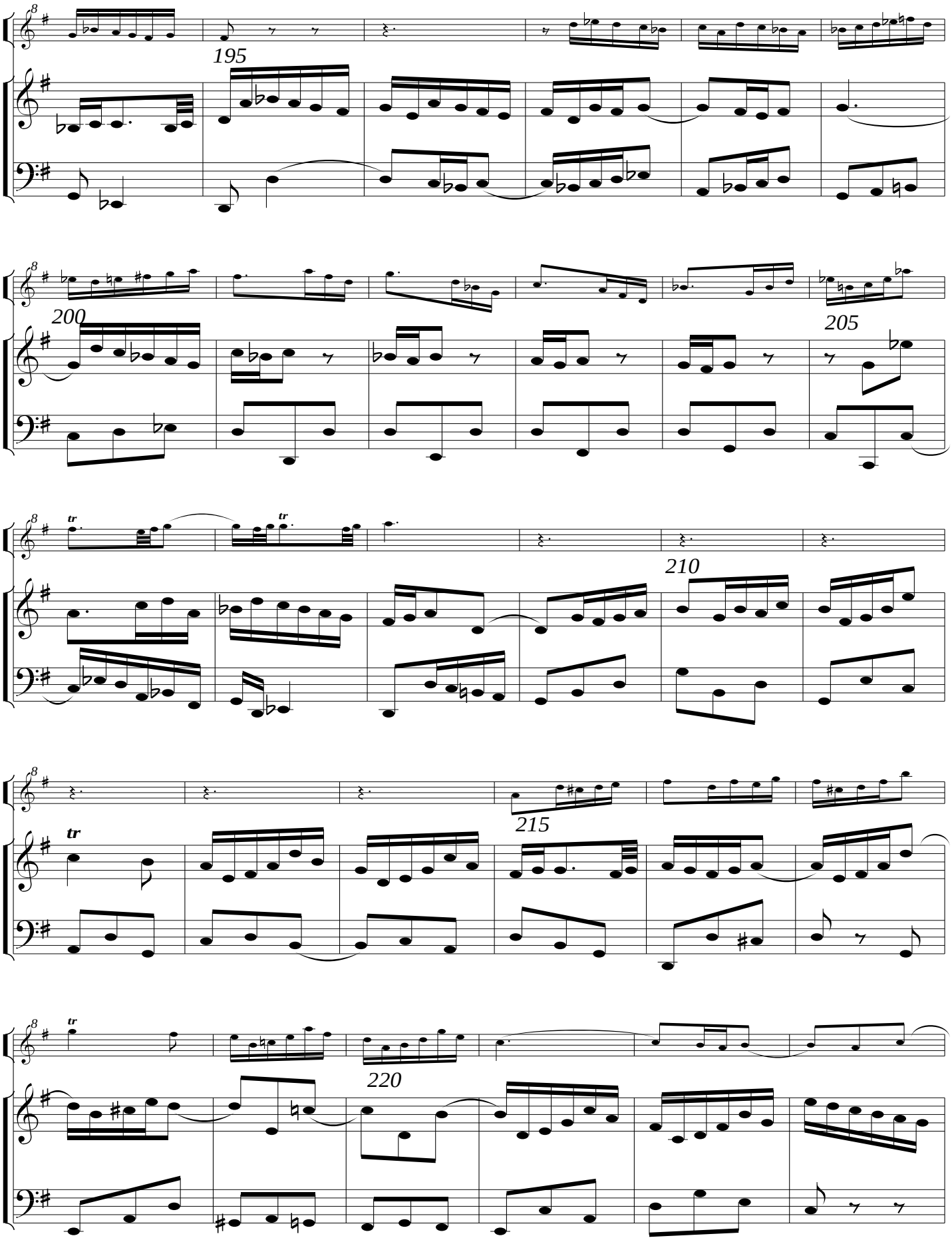

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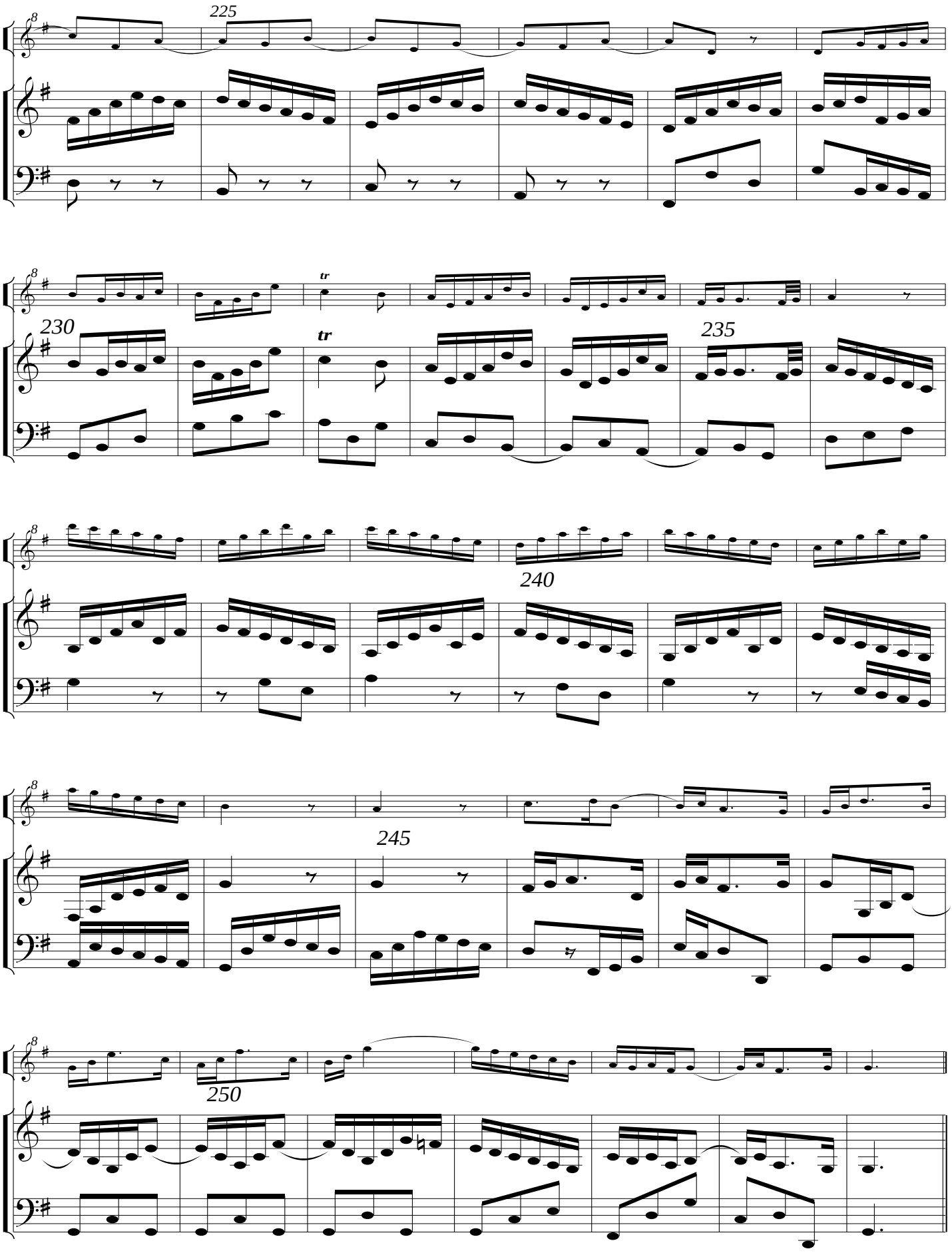

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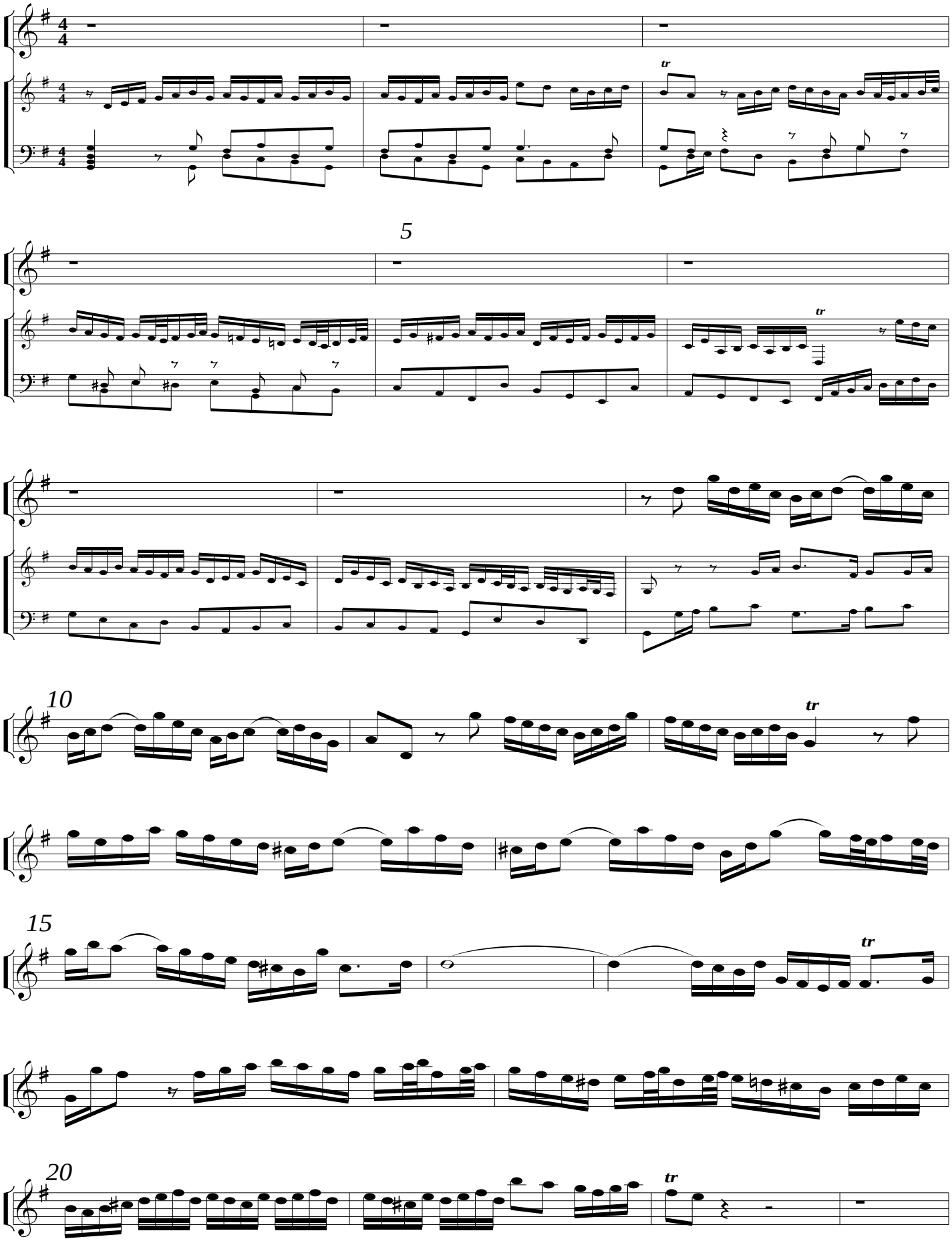

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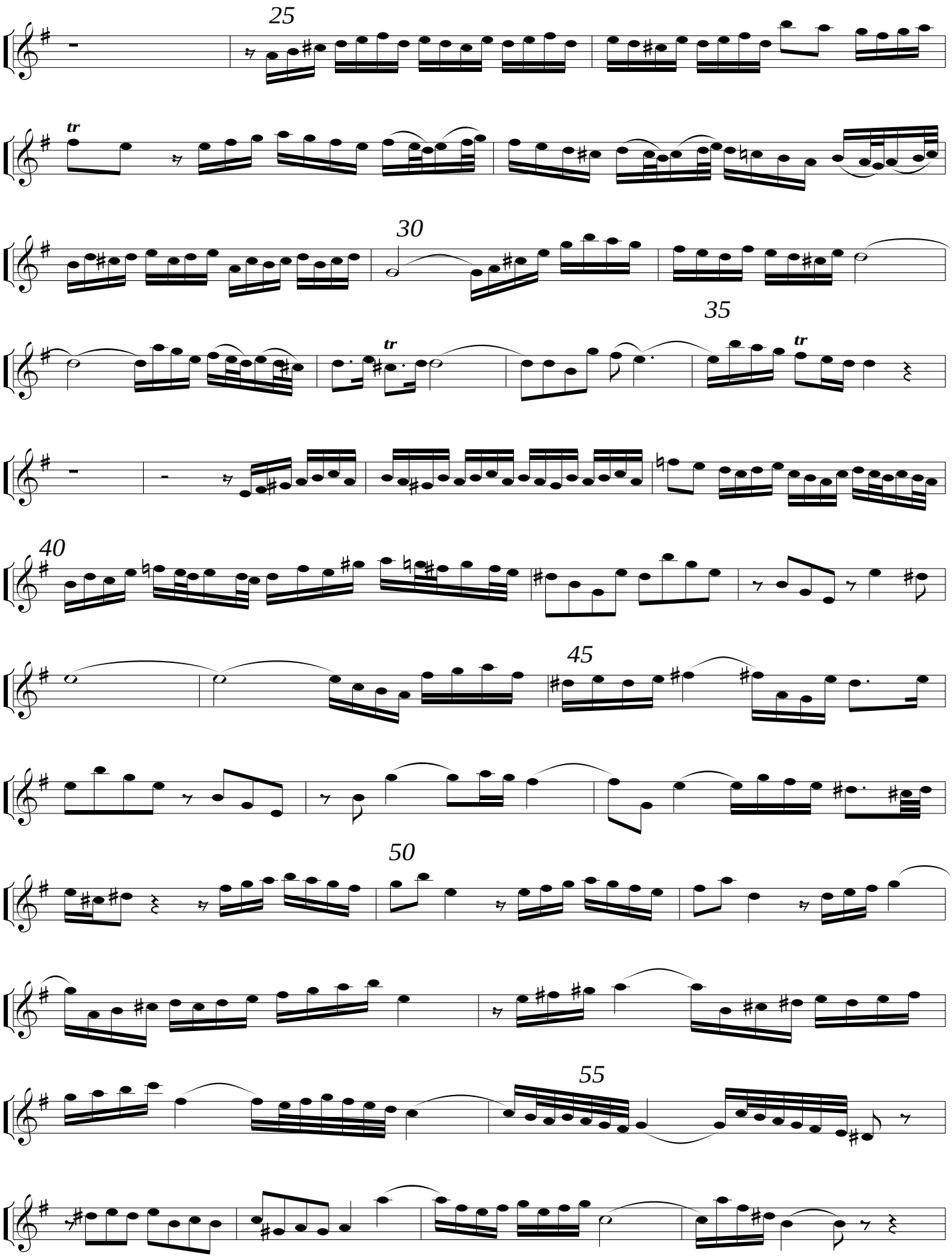

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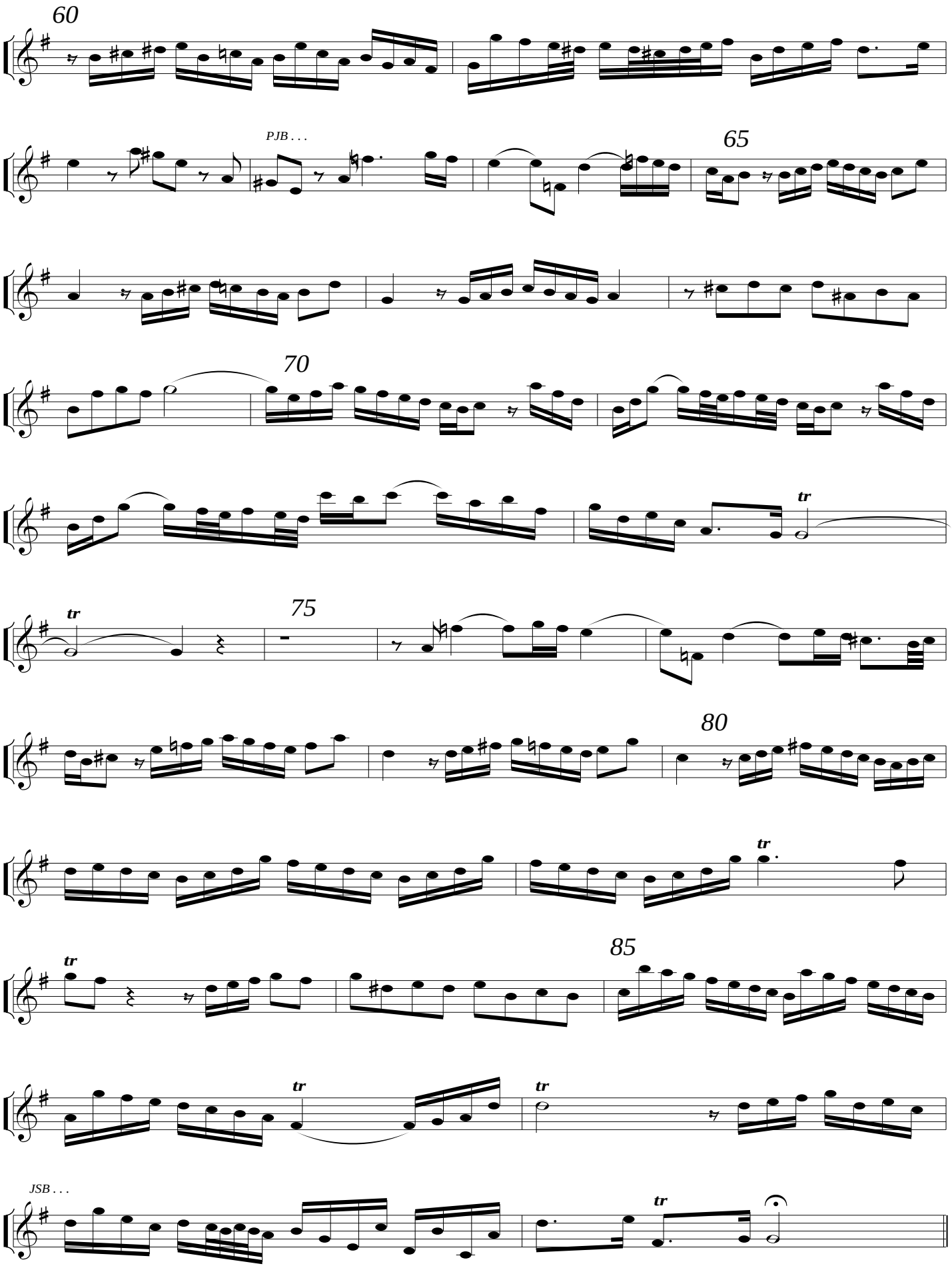

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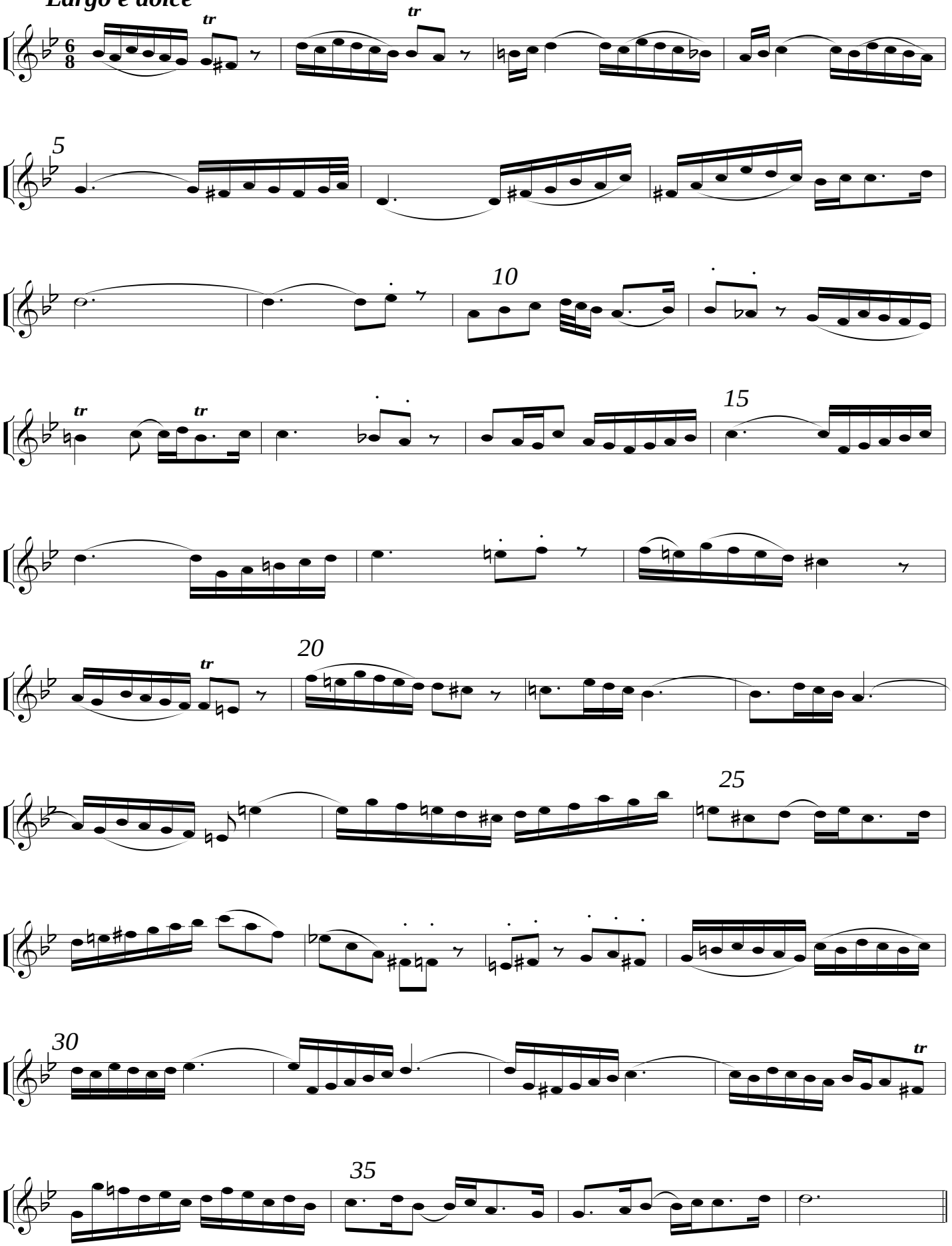

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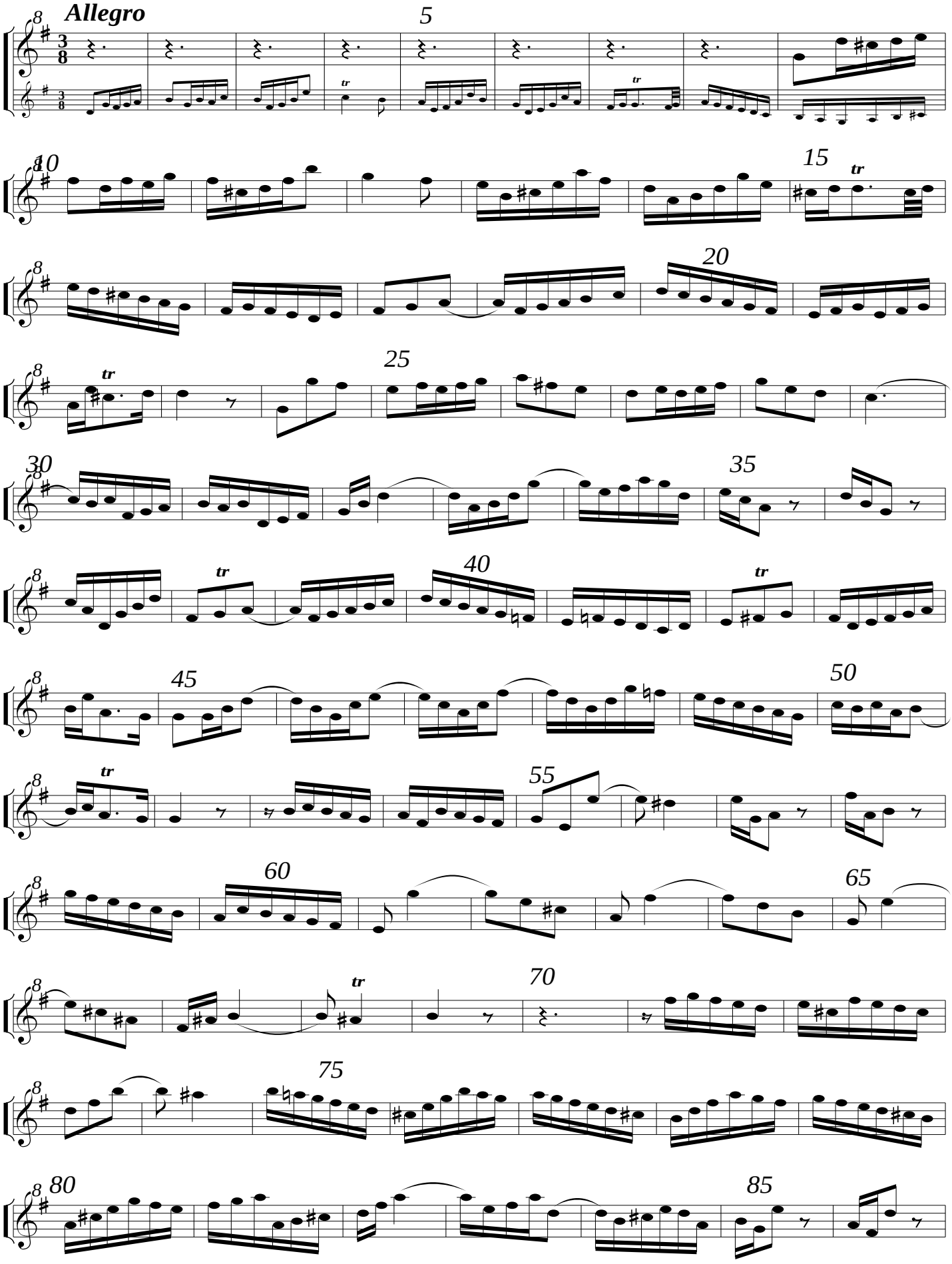

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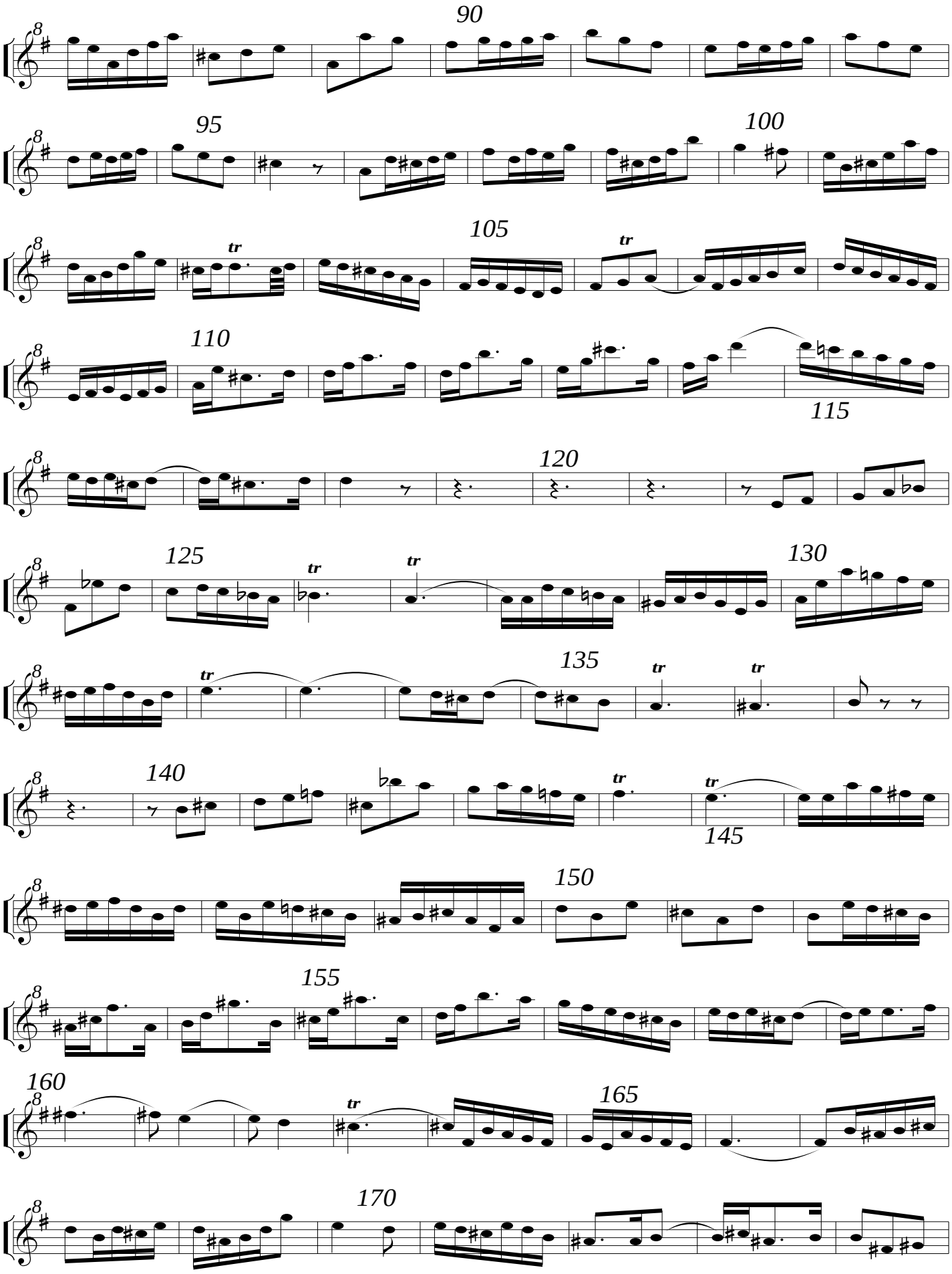

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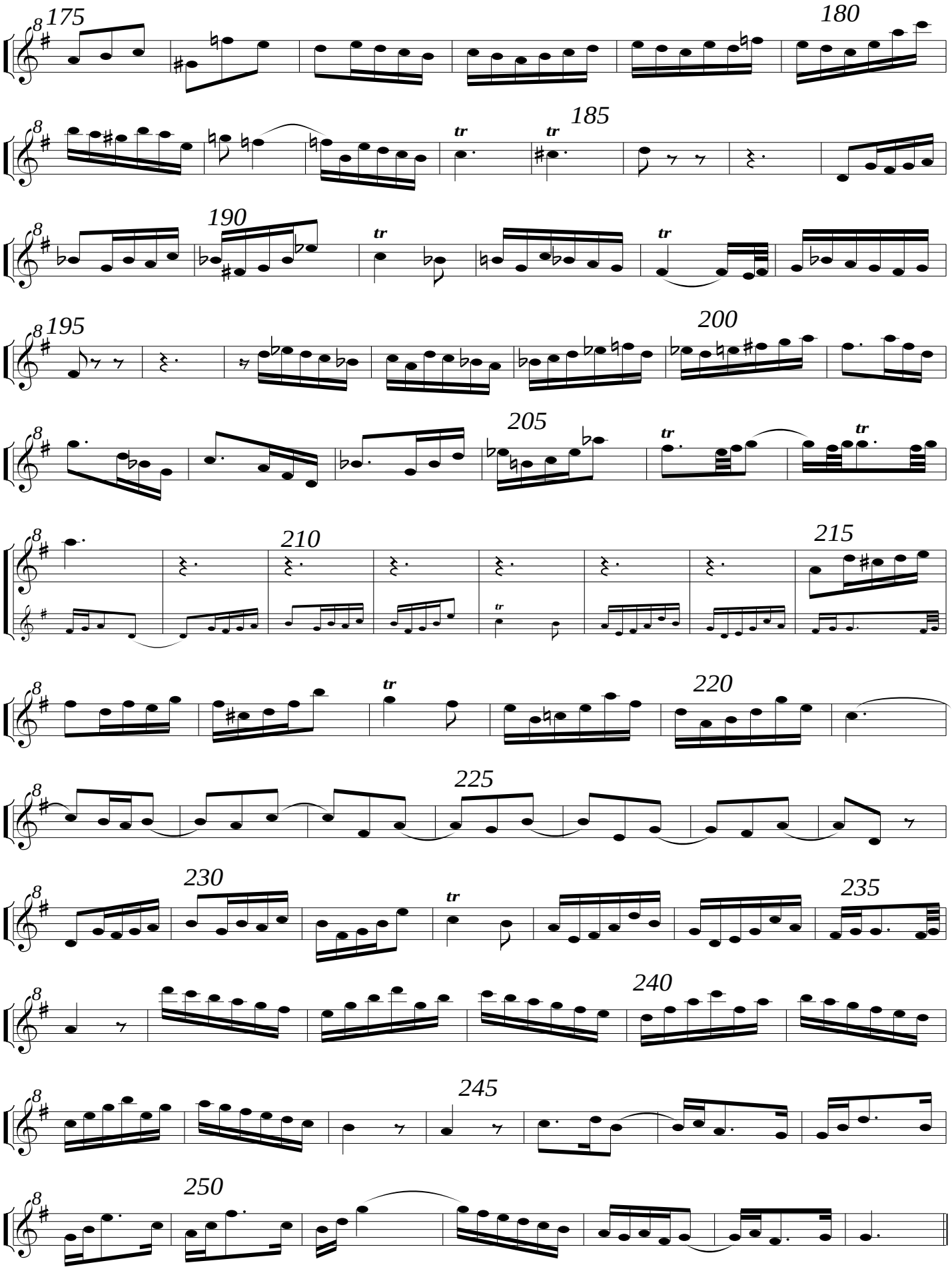

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