

Violin 1.

Arsenic & Old Lace

for

Microtonally tuned Harpsichord and String Quartet

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Performance note:

- . *staccato*, about half of the written note length
- ' *staccatissimo*, always very short regardless of written note length
- *tenuto*, play the note to the full written length (only, no accent is intended).
- ／ The *glissandi* are played continuously at even speed during the indicated time (*not* portamento). Note-stems without head in the middle of a glissando are for orientation only, they are not to be articulated.
- a quick glissando downwards.



very slow fluctuations (ca. a quarter-tone above and below the main note).

Accidentals apply to the remainder of the measure, but are sometimes repeated for easier reading.

- ♯ ♭ Quarter-tone sharp and flat, respectively. However, the strings should adapt to the tuning of the harpsichord as much as possible. Special care should be taken when playing in unison with the harpsichord (e.g. bars 20-21 and 47).

tr All trills and other ornaments are semintonal and start on the main note. They trill continues till the end of the note even when this is tied over several bars.

b.220-226: Each player will do an individual *calando*. The 1/16-notes must not be synchronised and the players will arrive to bar 225 (and fade out) at different times.

Balance: The strings should adapt their dynamics to that of the harpsichord. Amplification of the harpsichord is recommended.

Harpsichord: diamond-shaped note-heads indicate keys to be played on the upper keyboard.

Although not indicated, a *let vibrate* is recommended throughout the piece, especially in slow sections (excluding naturally the *staccato* notes and notes separate by rests).

Cadenza: The harpsichordist can start his *cadenza* (a free improvisation) on B^b as soon as the string players have reached their final unison. The *cadenza* should finish with thirds D-F/D-F# (with optional microtonal variations) and preferably overlap (ad lib.) with the entrance of the violins in bars 227-228.

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1 $\text{♩} \sim 42$
pizz.
mp +8' +8' *f*

10 *arco* *p* *tr*

20 (cmb)

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33 $\text{♩} \sim 36$

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Musical score for measures 41-47. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains whole rests for measures 41-46, followed by a 2/2 time signature change in measure 47. The lower staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note triplets in measures 41-42, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns in measures 43-46, and a sequence of four eighth notes (labeled 1, 2, 3, 4) in measure 47. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present in measure 47.

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Musical score for measures 48-52. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains whole rests for measures 48-52. The lower staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 48-51, and a sequence of four eighth notes (labeled 1, 2, 3, 4) in measure 52. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present in measure 52.

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Musical score for measures 53-57. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains a half note in measure 53, followed by whole rests for measures 54-57. The lower staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 53-57. A dynamic marking of *p* is present in measure 53.

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Musical score for measures 58-62. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains whole rests for measures 58-61, followed by a half note in measure 62. The lower staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 58-62. A dynamic marking of *poco rit.* is present in measure 58. A dynamic marking of *pp* is present in measure 61. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present in measure 62. A dynamic marking of *poco rit.* is present in measure 62.

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Musical score for measures 63-68. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 63-68. The lower staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 63-68. A dynamic marking of *pp* is present in measure 63. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present in measure 64. A dynamic marking of *pp* is present in measure 65. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present in measure 66.

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Musical score for measures 69-72. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 69-72. The lower staff has a treble clef and contains eighth-note patterns in measures 69-72. A dynamic marking of *pizz.* is present in measure 69. A dynamic marking of *f* is present in measure 70. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present in measure 71. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present in measure 72.

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Measures 111-114. Treble clef. Measure 111 has a whole rest. Measure 112 has a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 113 has a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 114 has a triplet of eighth notes. The bass line features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes.

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Measures 115-120. Treble clef. Measure 115 has a whole rest. Measure 116 has a whole rest. Measure 117 has a whole rest. Measure 118 has a whole rest. Measure 119 has a whole rest. Measure 120 has a whole rest. The bass line continues with a complex rhythmic pattern. A box containing "+4" is in the bottom right corner.

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Measures 121-126. Treble clef. Measure 121 has a whole rest. Measure 122 has a whole rest. Measure 123 has a whole rest. Measure 124 has a whole rest. Measure 125 has a whole rest. Measure 126 has a whole rest. The bass line continues with a complex rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *f* and *pp*.

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Measures 127-130. Treble clef. Measure 127 has a whole rest. Measure 128 has a whole rest. Measure 129 has a whole rest. Measure 130 has a whole rest. The bass line continues with a complex rhythmic pattern. A crescendo hairpin is in the bottom right corner.

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Measures 131-133. Treble clef. Measure 131 has a whole rest. Measure 132 has a whole rest. Measure 133 has a whole rest. The bass line continues with a complex rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *p*.

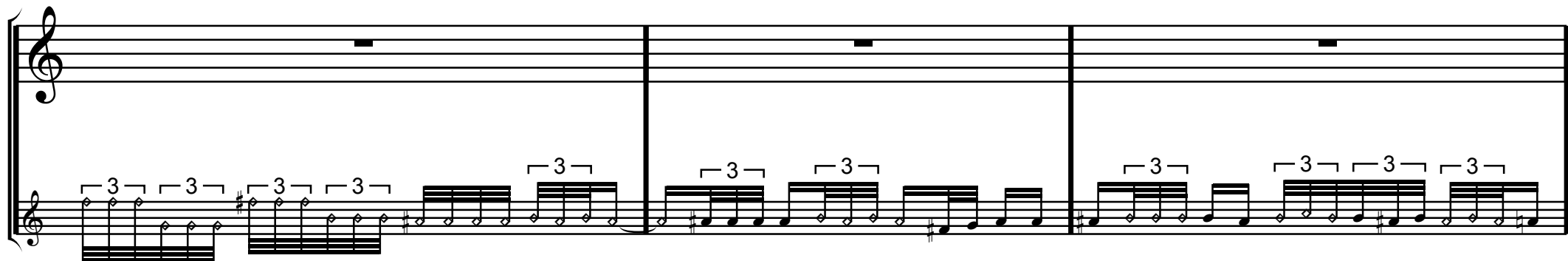
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Measures 134-138. Treble clef. Measure 134 has a whole rest. Measure 135 has a whole rest. Measure 136 has a whole rest. Measure 137 has a whole rest. Measure 138 has a whole rest. The bass line continues with a complex rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *pp*.

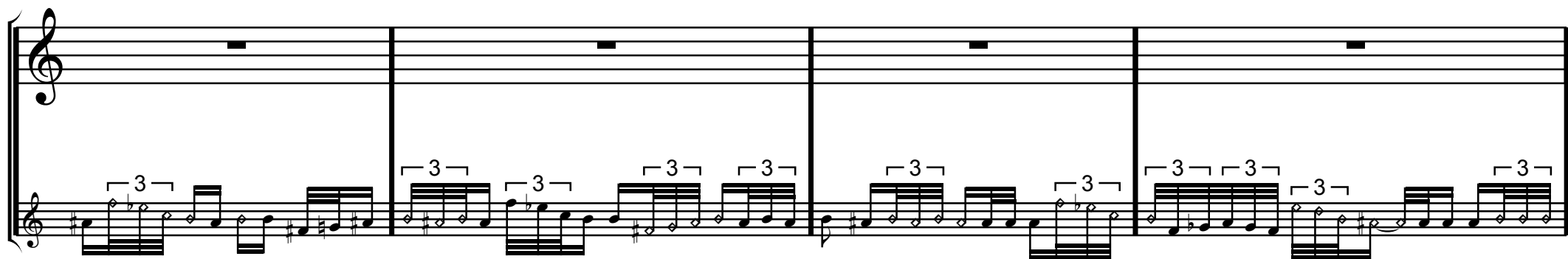
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Measures 139-142. Treble clef. Measure 139 has a whole rest. Measure 140 has a whole rest. Measure 141 has a whole rest. Measure 142 has a whole rest. The bass line continues with a complex rhythmic pattern. A crescendo hairpin is in the bottom right corner.

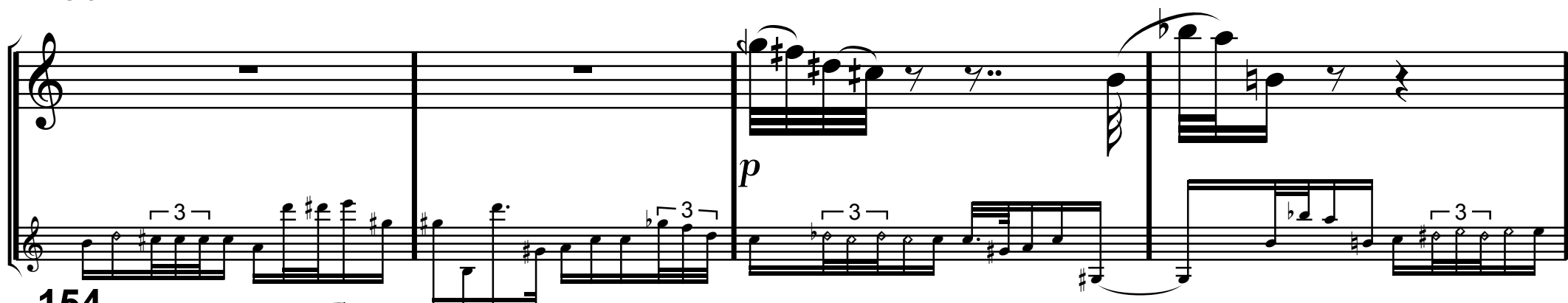
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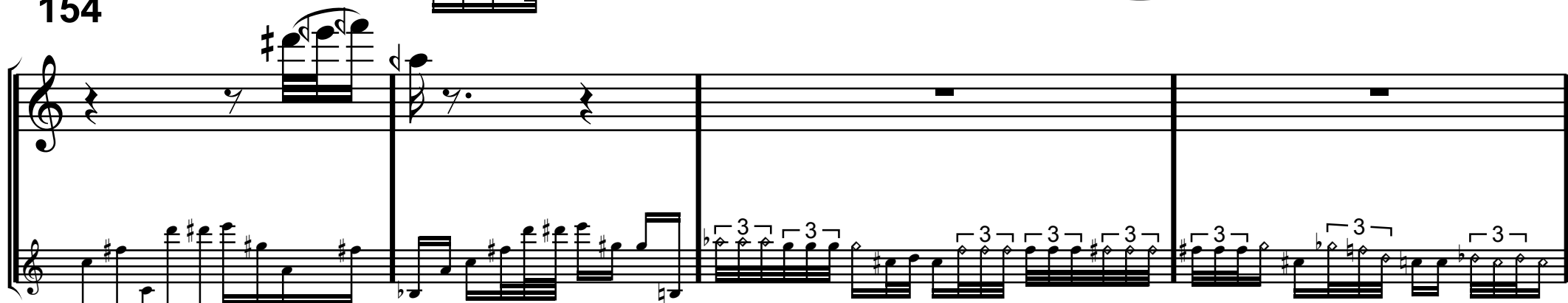
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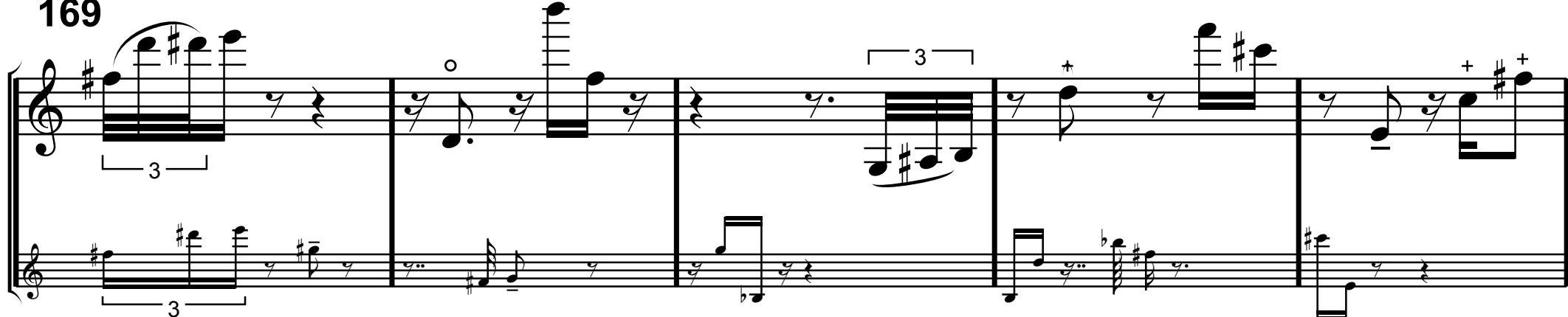
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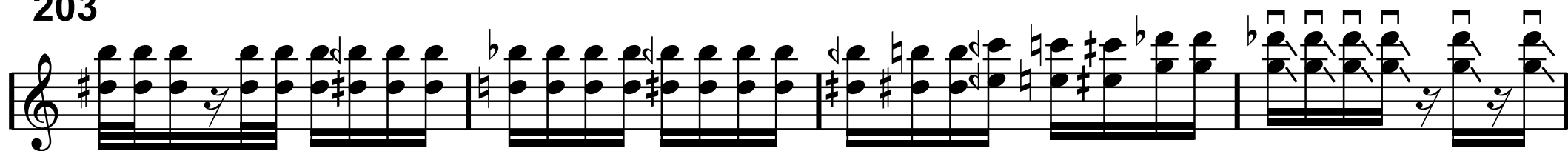
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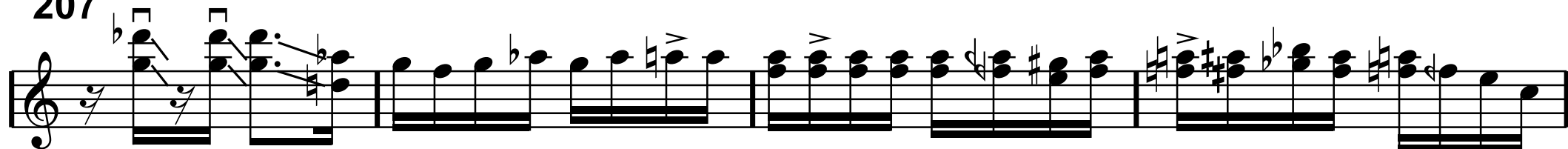
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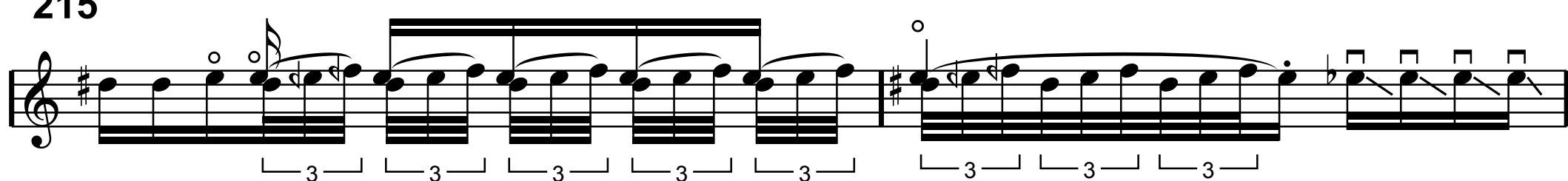
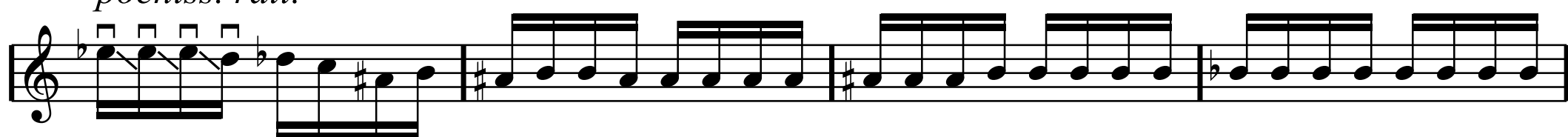
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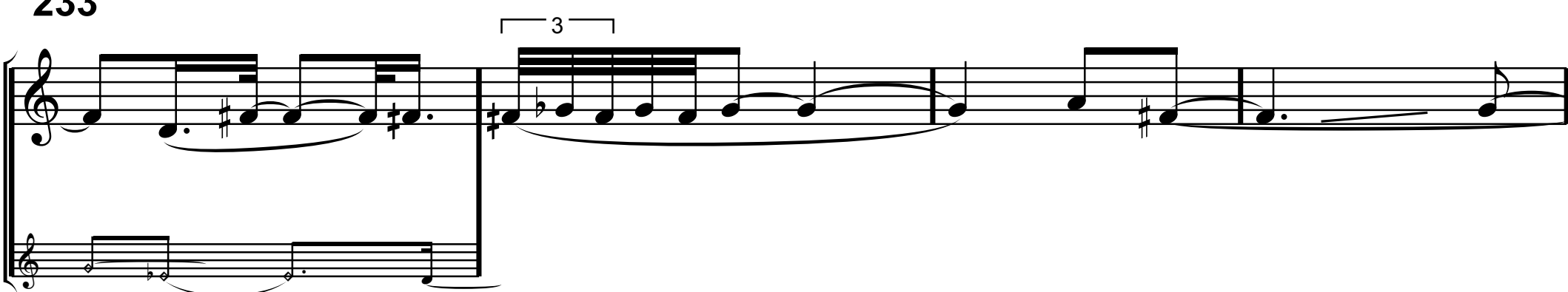


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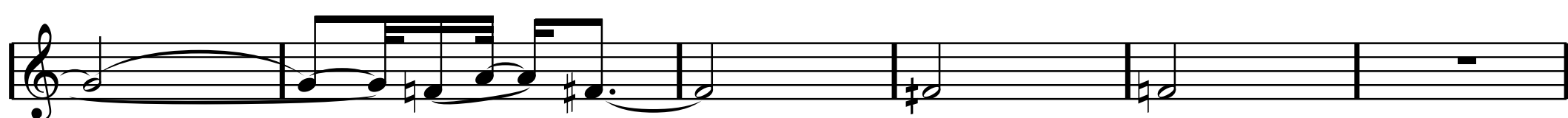
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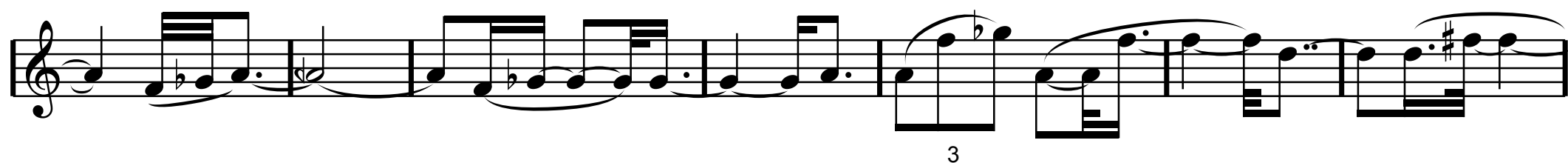
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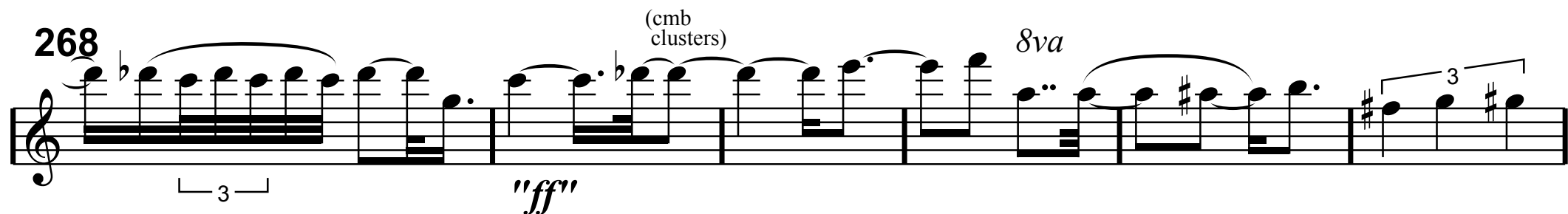
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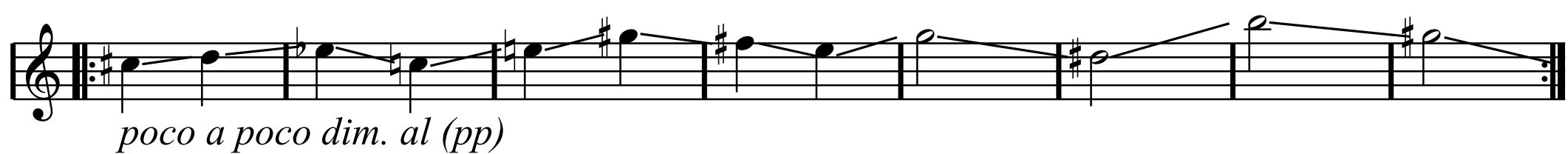
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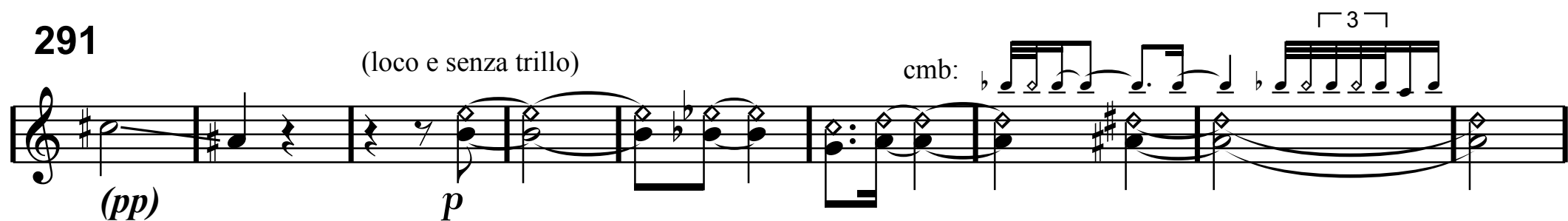
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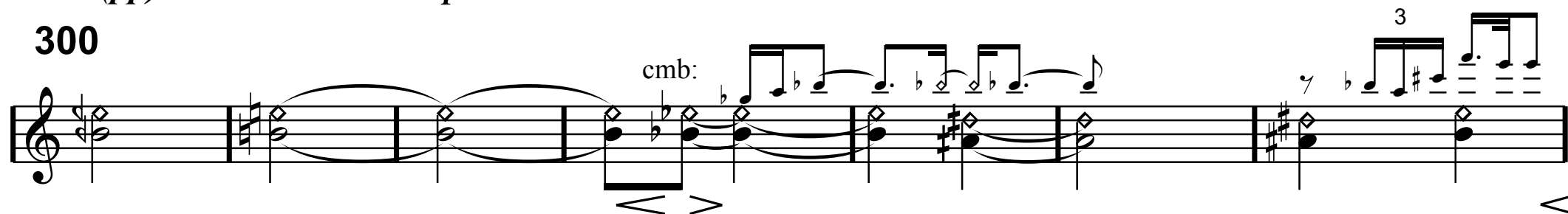
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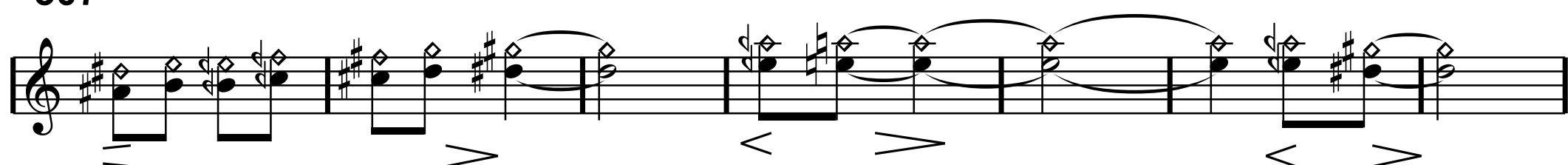
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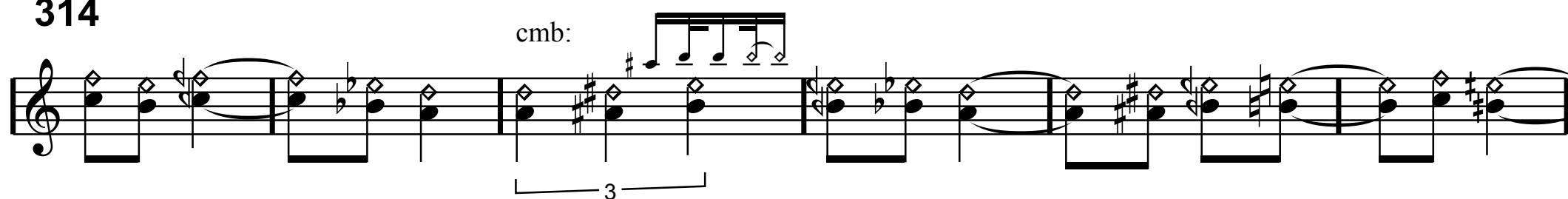


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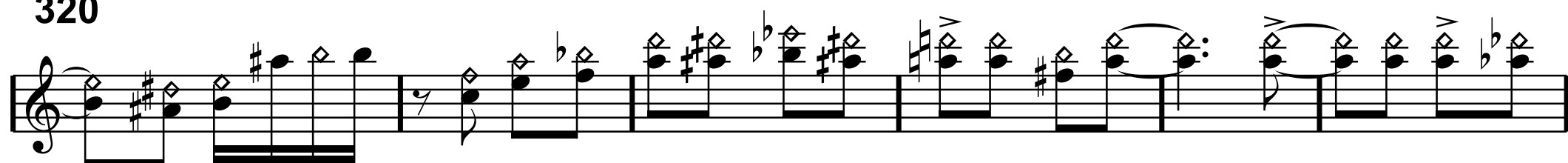


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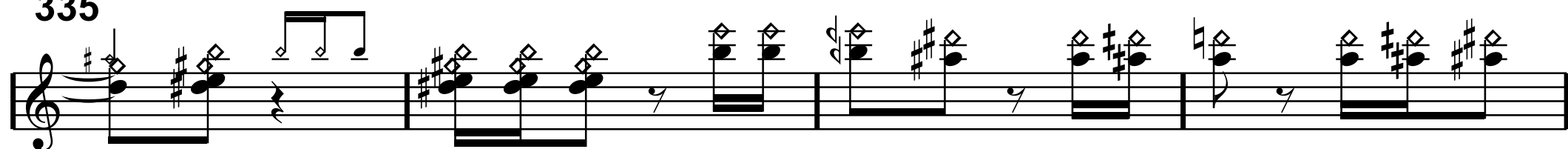
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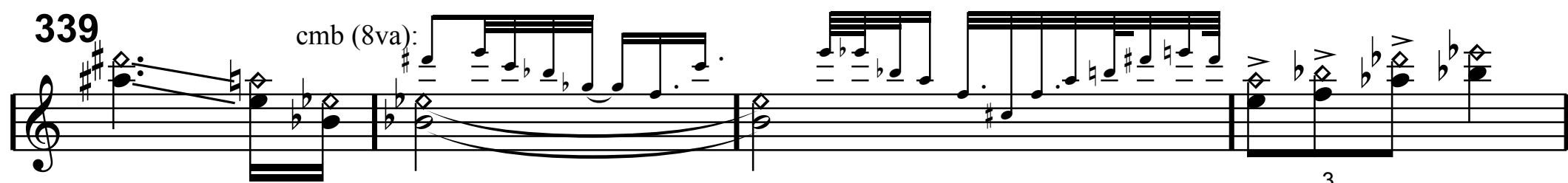


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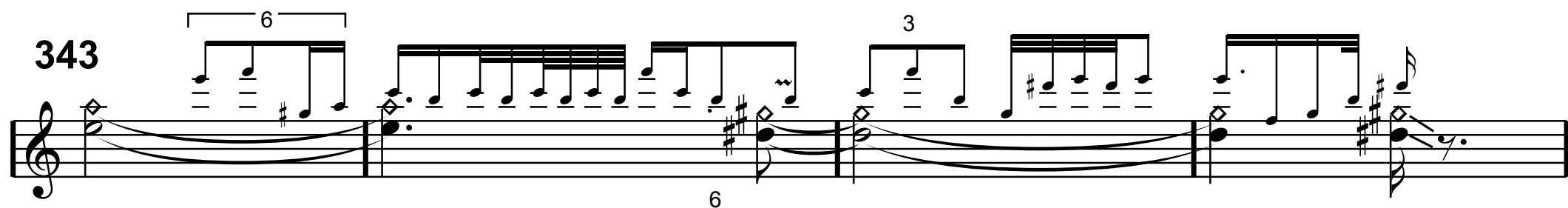


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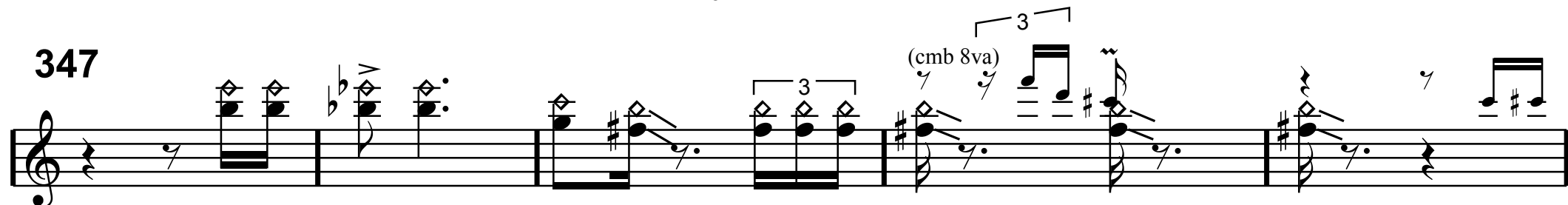
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