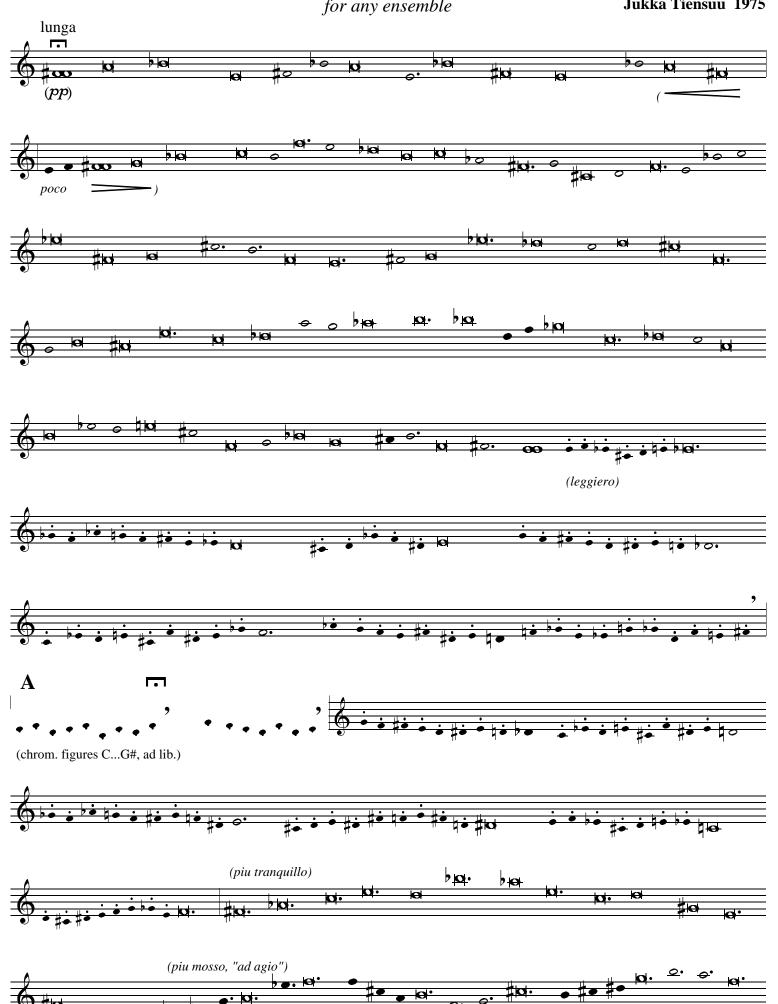
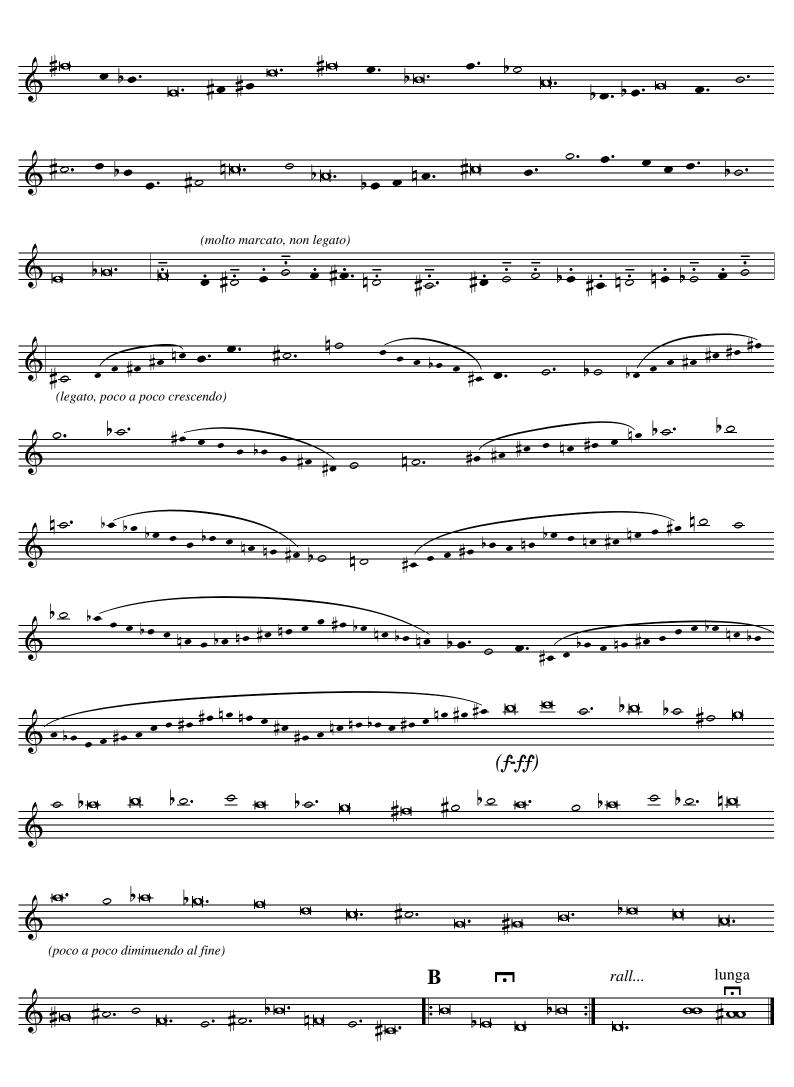
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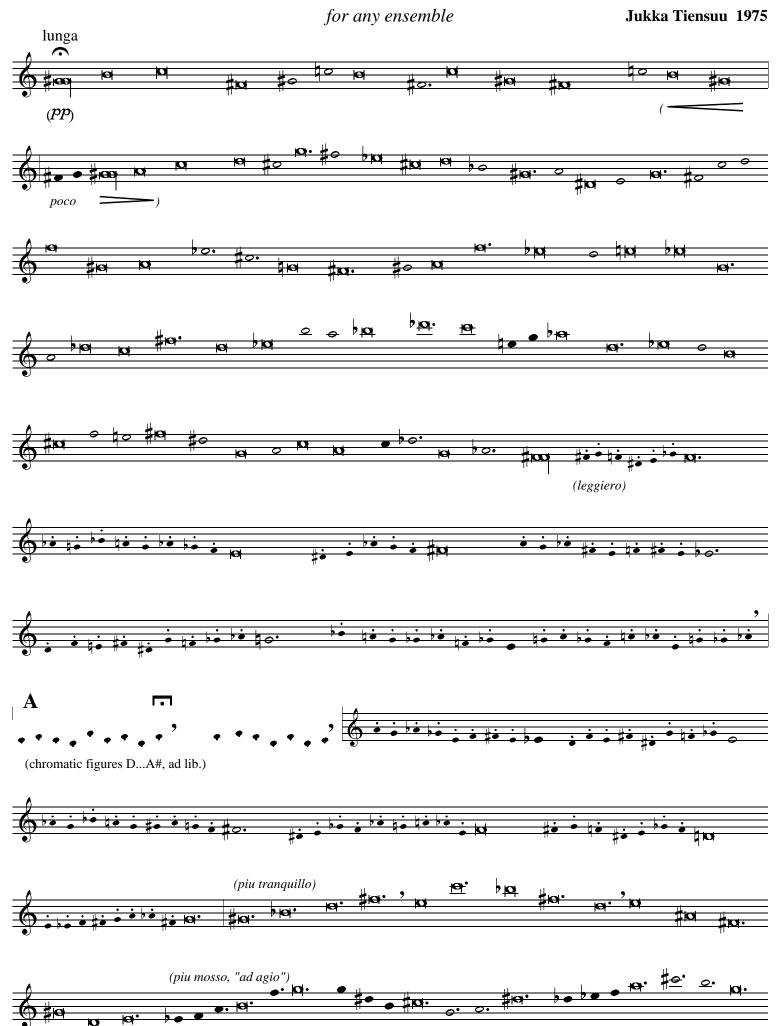
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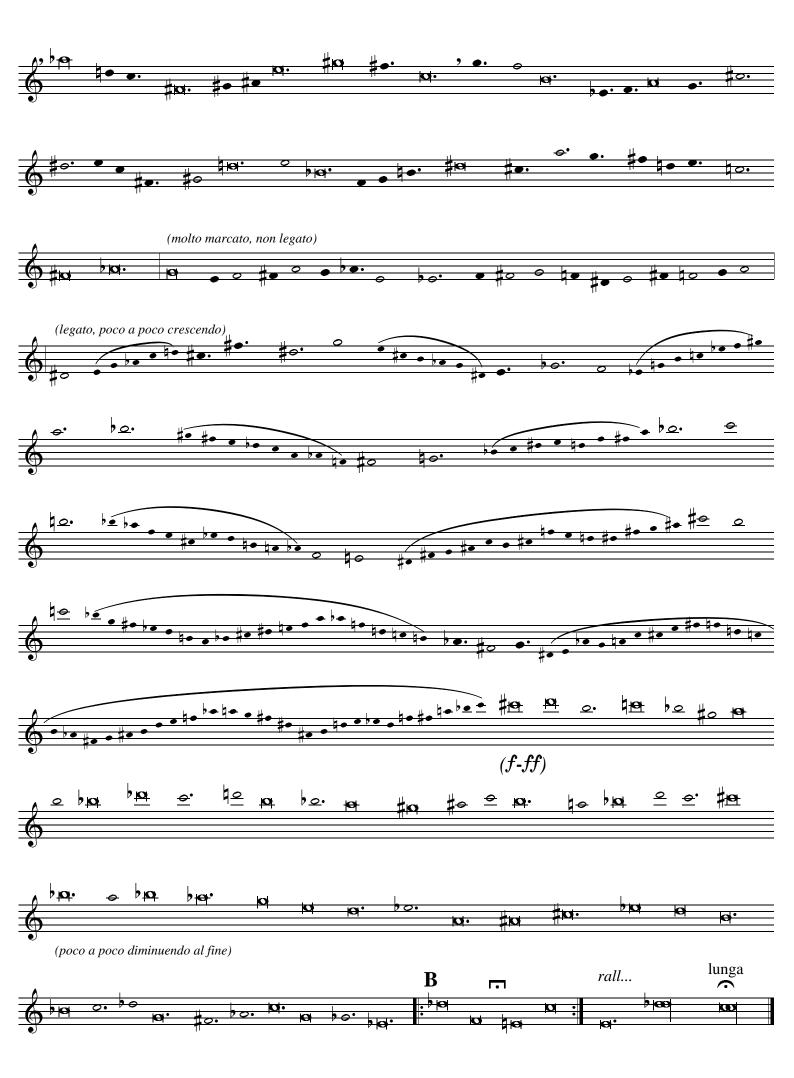


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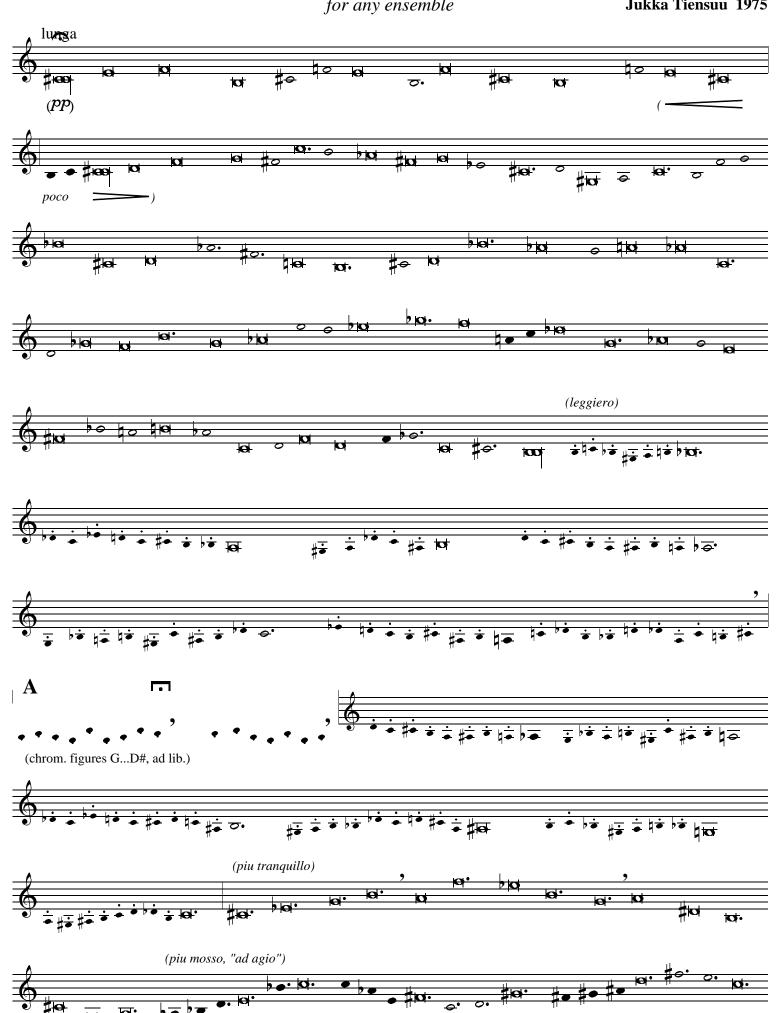


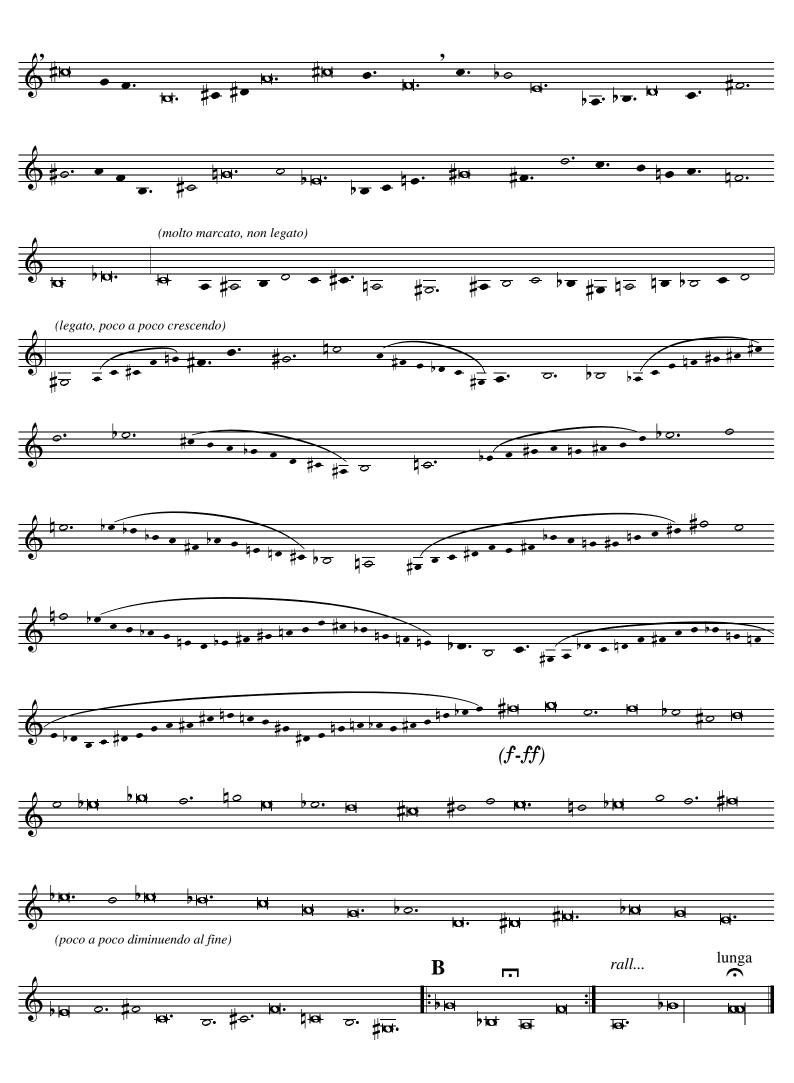
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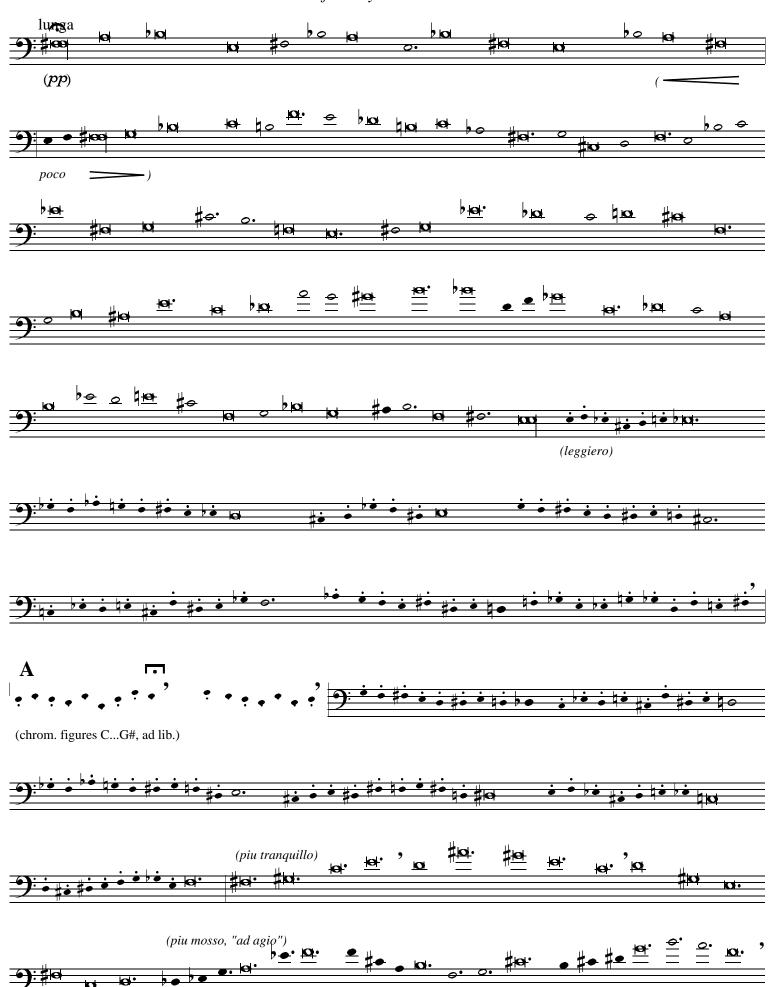
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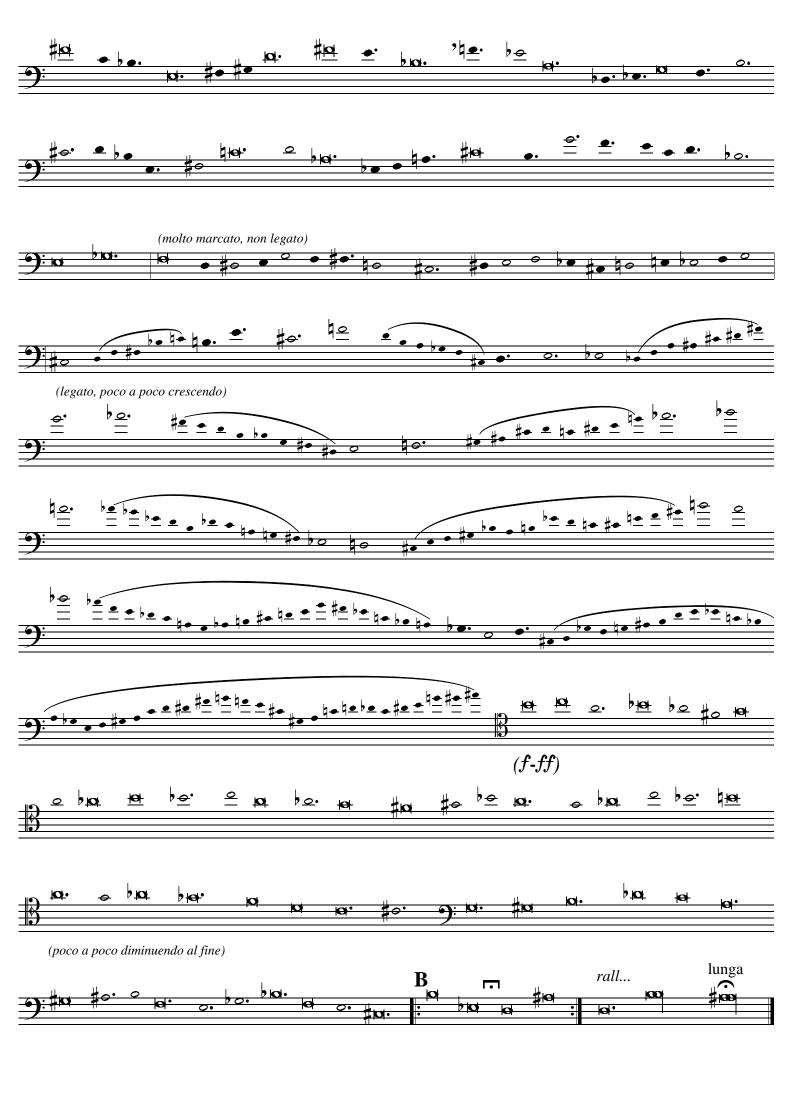


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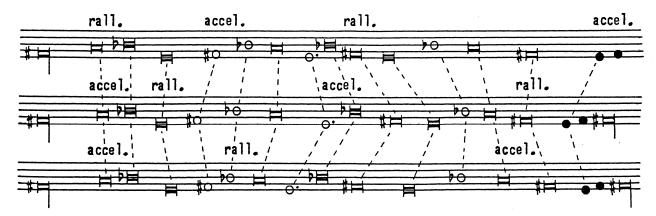
Rubato is a study on heterophony. Its performance is based on the following rules:

- 1. There is only one part for any number of players, i.e. everybody plays the same part.
- 2. All players begin and end the piece simultaneously, and the last note should be held at least ten seconds after the last player has reached it. .
- 3. The hierarchy of the time-values of the notation symbols is (> means: "longer than"):



However, there is no exact proportion between any of these, i.e. \boxminus is not exactly \boxminus or \bigcirc etc.

- 4. A steady tempo is *never* kept. All players play constantly either *accelerando* or *rallentando*, alternating between the two according to the following rules:
- a) When a player notices, that he is ahead of *everybody* else, he should immediately start a *rallentando* (but avoid a sudden "*ritenuto*") and *keep slowing* down *until* he is behind of *everybody* else.
- b) When a player notices, that he is behind of *everybody* else, he should immediately start an *accelerando* (again avoiding a sudden "*piu mosso*") and keep accelerating *until* he is ahead of *everybody* else (then starting to slow down again etc.).
- c) The duration of a brevis () should not be shorter than 1,5 seconds or longer than 3,5 seconds.
- d) The distance between the player who is ahead of *all* others and the player who is behind *all* others should not exceed ten seconds (corresponding to ca. four brevis notes) at any moment of the piece. The distance should preferably be very small during most part of the performance, and even unisons may momentarily appear. The result might then be e.g. as follows (from the beginning of the piece, with only three players):



- 5. If wished, the piece can be transposed to any level to match the range of the instruments, that are used. If more than five performers participate, some of them may play their part an octave higher or lower, but then at least two (preferably three) players should play in each octave.
- 6. A dotted vertical line merely indicates the beginning of a new section (new chordal structure) and should not affect the tempo in any way.
- N.B. A) fast but clearly articulated chromatic figures between c and ab with very short pauses in between.
 - **B**) repeat the four notes in free order and flexible, smooth rhythm (but *sempre piu tranquillo*).