Exhibition Series

Icefire

Solo Saxophone and Concert Band

Brian Rhodes

C1092 Grade Level 5 $58.00

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Instrumentation

Solo Alto Saxophone - 1
Flute - 6, Oboe - 1, Bassoon - 1, Clarinet 1 - 4, Clarinet 2 - 4, Clarinet 3 - 4
Bass Clarinet - 2, Alto Saxophone 1 - 2, Alto Saxophone 2 - 2
Tenor Saxophone - 2, Baritone Saxophone - 1

Trumpet 1 - 3, Trumpet 2 - 3, Trumpet 3 - 3, F Horn 1 - 2, F Horn 2 - 2
Trombone 1 - 2, Trombone 2 - 2, Baritone BC - 2, Baritone TC - 2, Tuba - 4

Percussion 1 - 2, Percussion 2 - 2, Bells - 1

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A Note From The Composer

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Icefire for alto saxophone and band was originally written for alto sax and piano in the winter of 2000. A brutal ice storm hit our house and knocked out the power for several days. During this time, by the light of our fireplace, I began this work, hence the name Icefire. I sent this work to my saxophone mentor, Dr. Jackie Lamar and she premiered this work at the 2000 Region 4 North American Saxophone Alliance Conference. Later that year, Dr. Lamar sent me a CD of the performance and a quick note saying "You should orchestrate this for band." After 5 years, I've completed her request. I dedicate this composition Dr. Lamar and her continuing support of my compositions.

The overall nature of this work is light yet majestic. The form is roughly sonata form with a few variations. There are several altissimo patterns in the solo saxophone part, so a thorough knowledge of the extended range is required. Even though there is no key signature, the work is tonal in nature with several tonal centers. This work is orchestrated with a small wind ensemble in mind but may be used with a large concert band as long as the alto saxophone can be heard.

- Brian Rhodes

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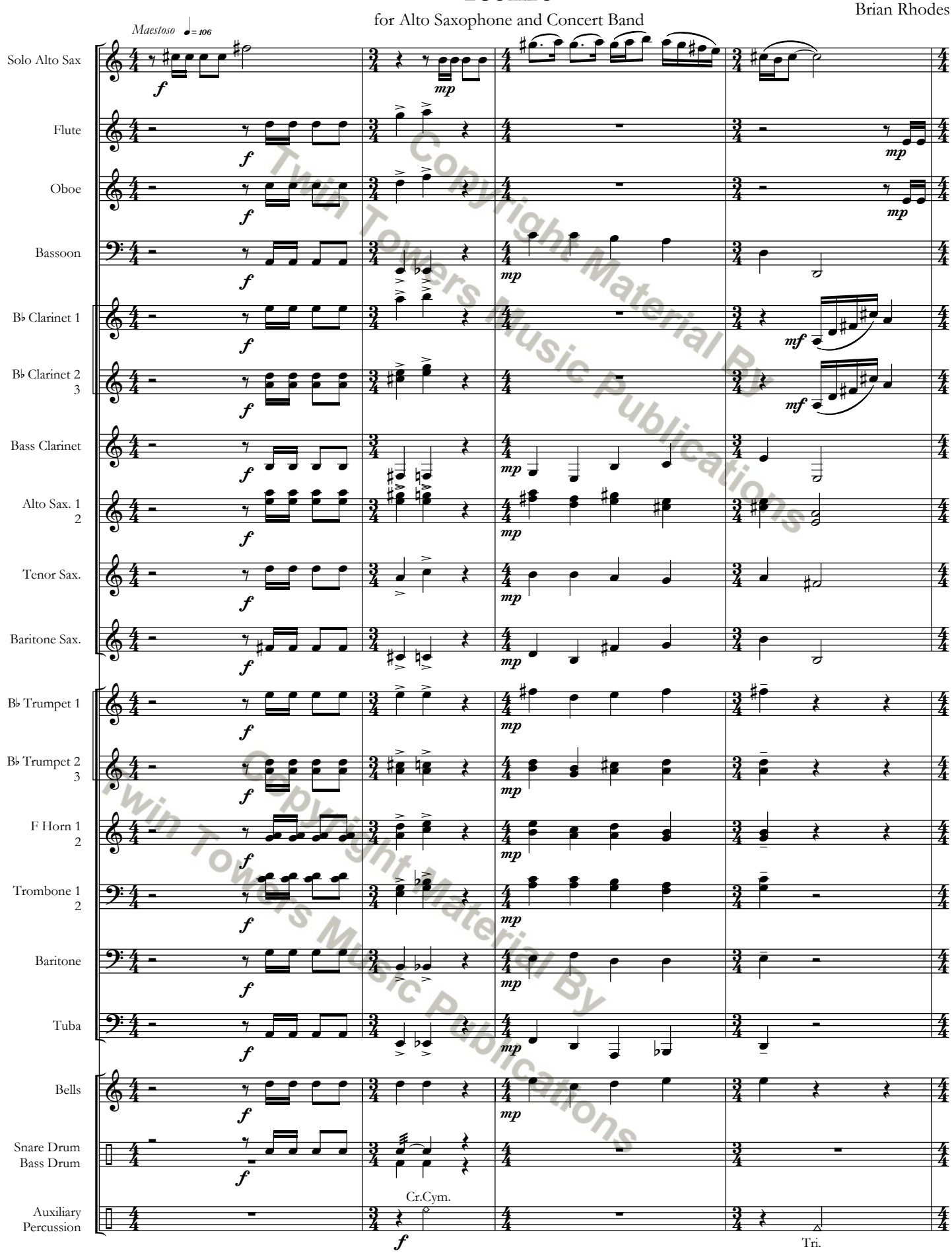

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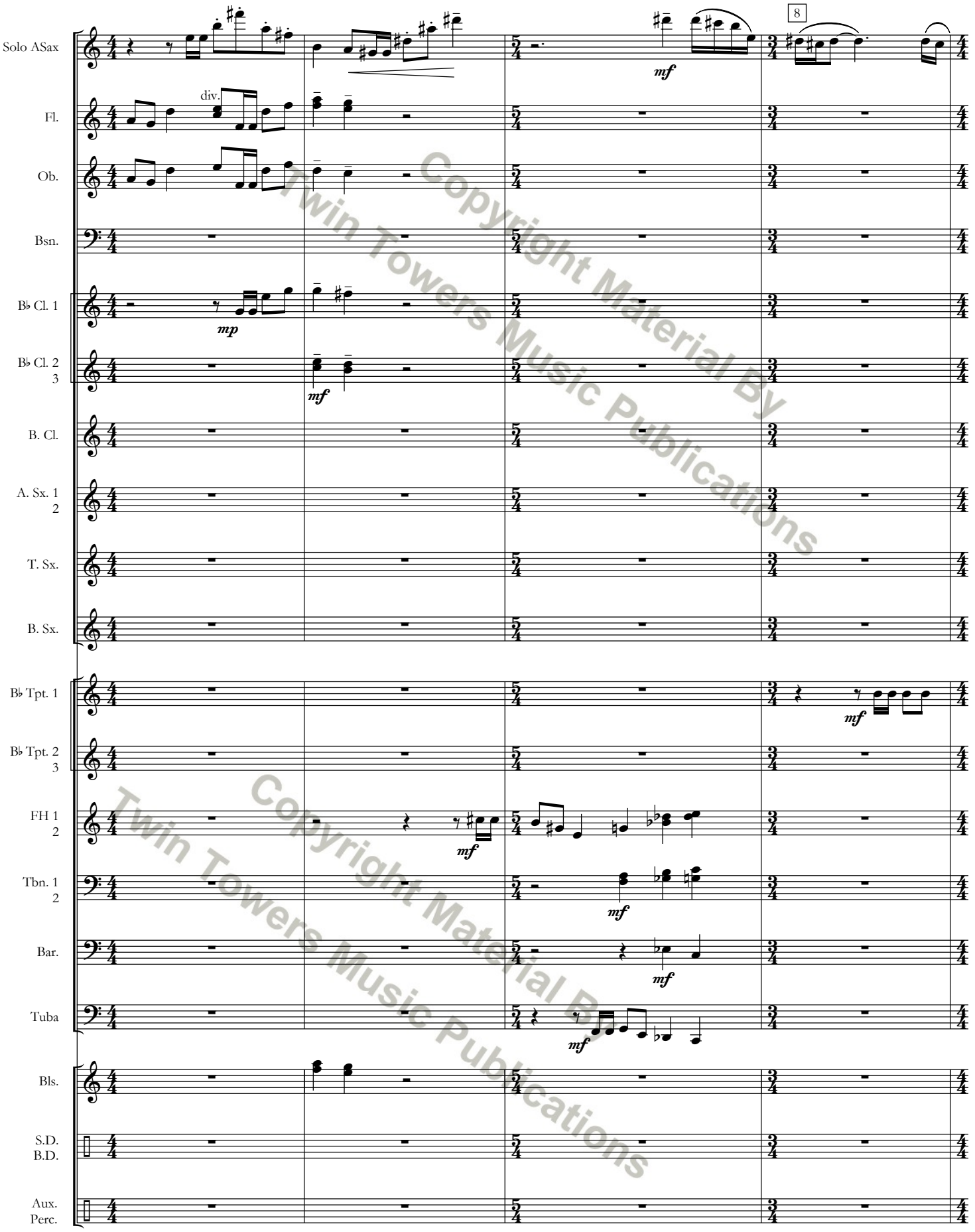

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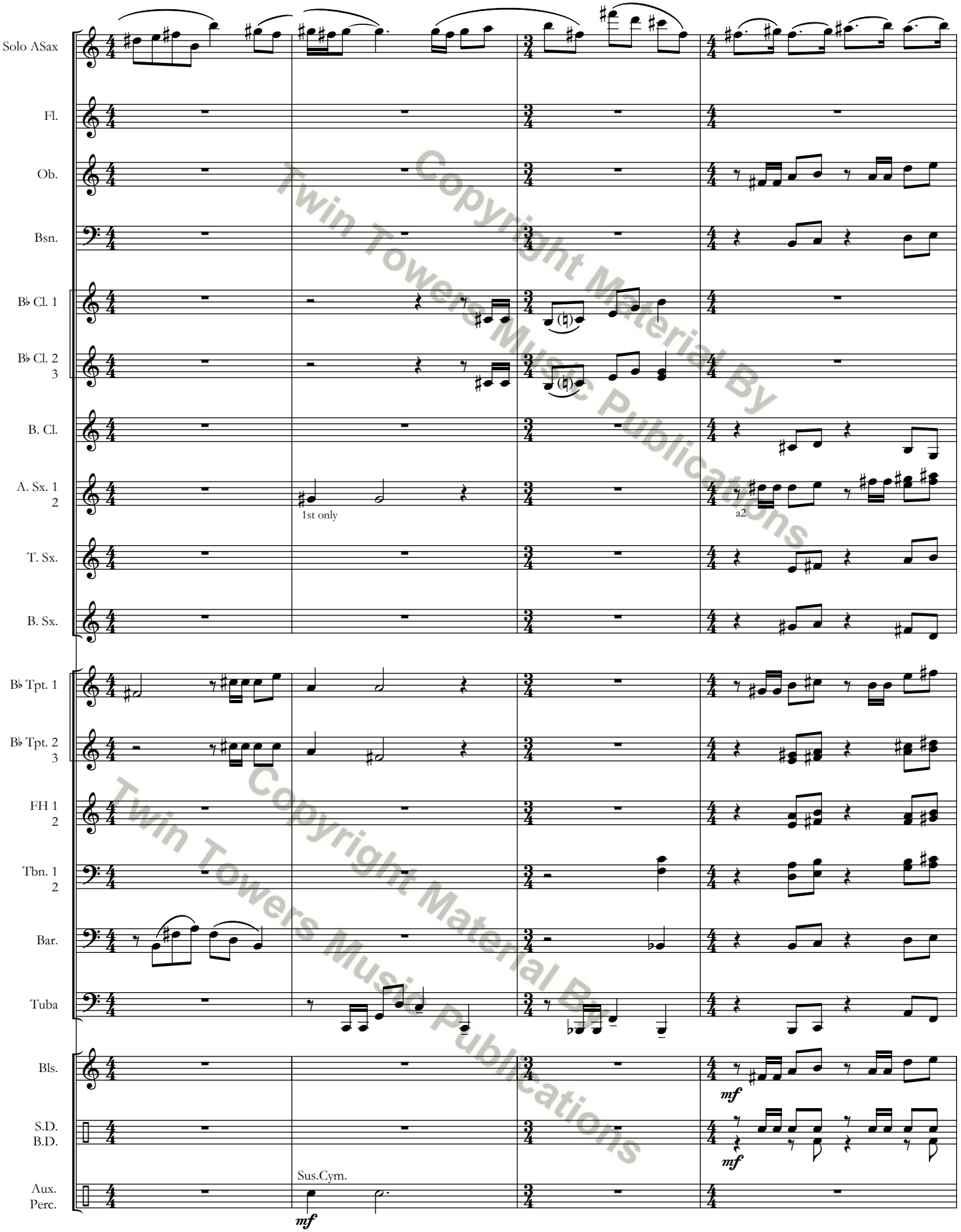

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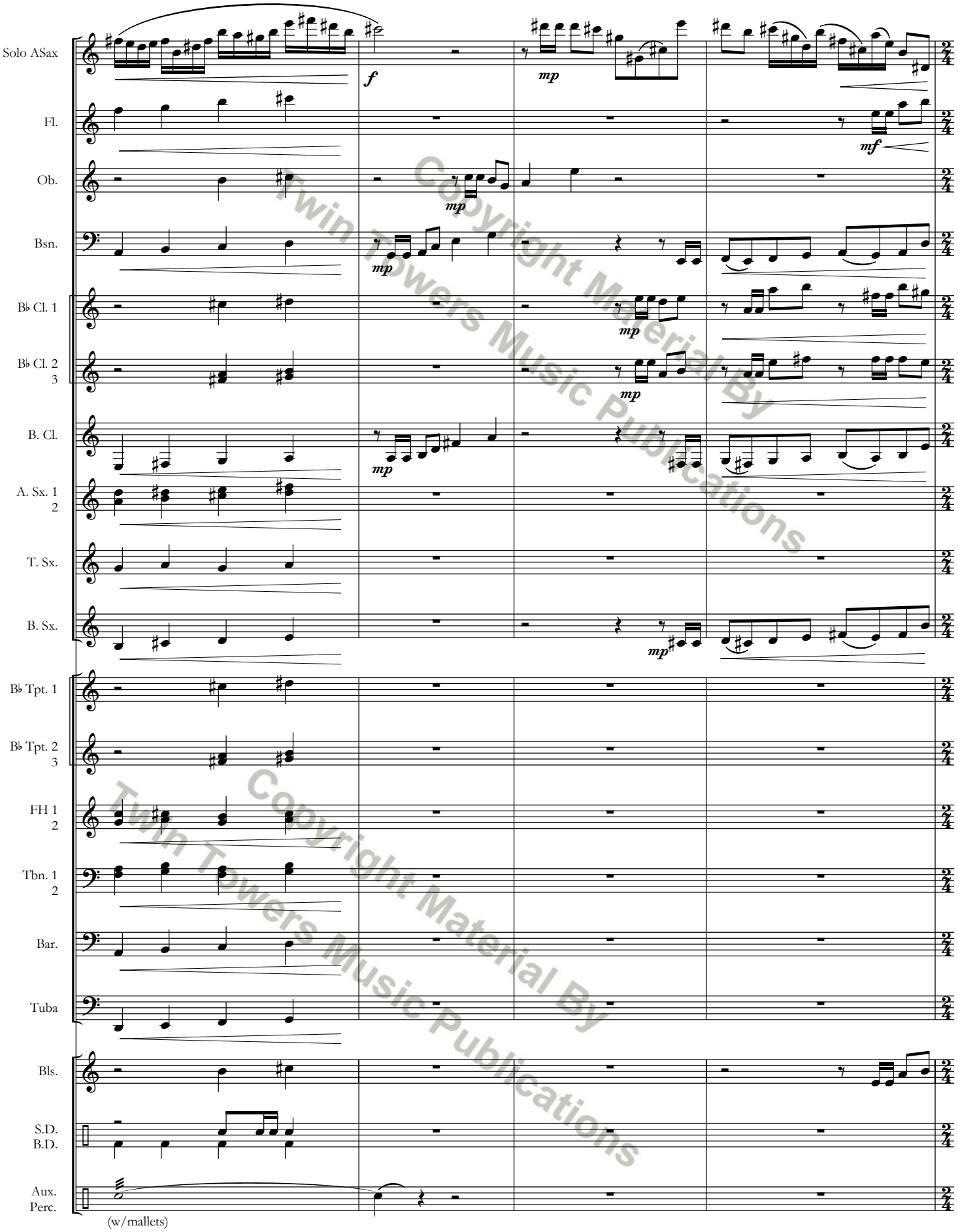

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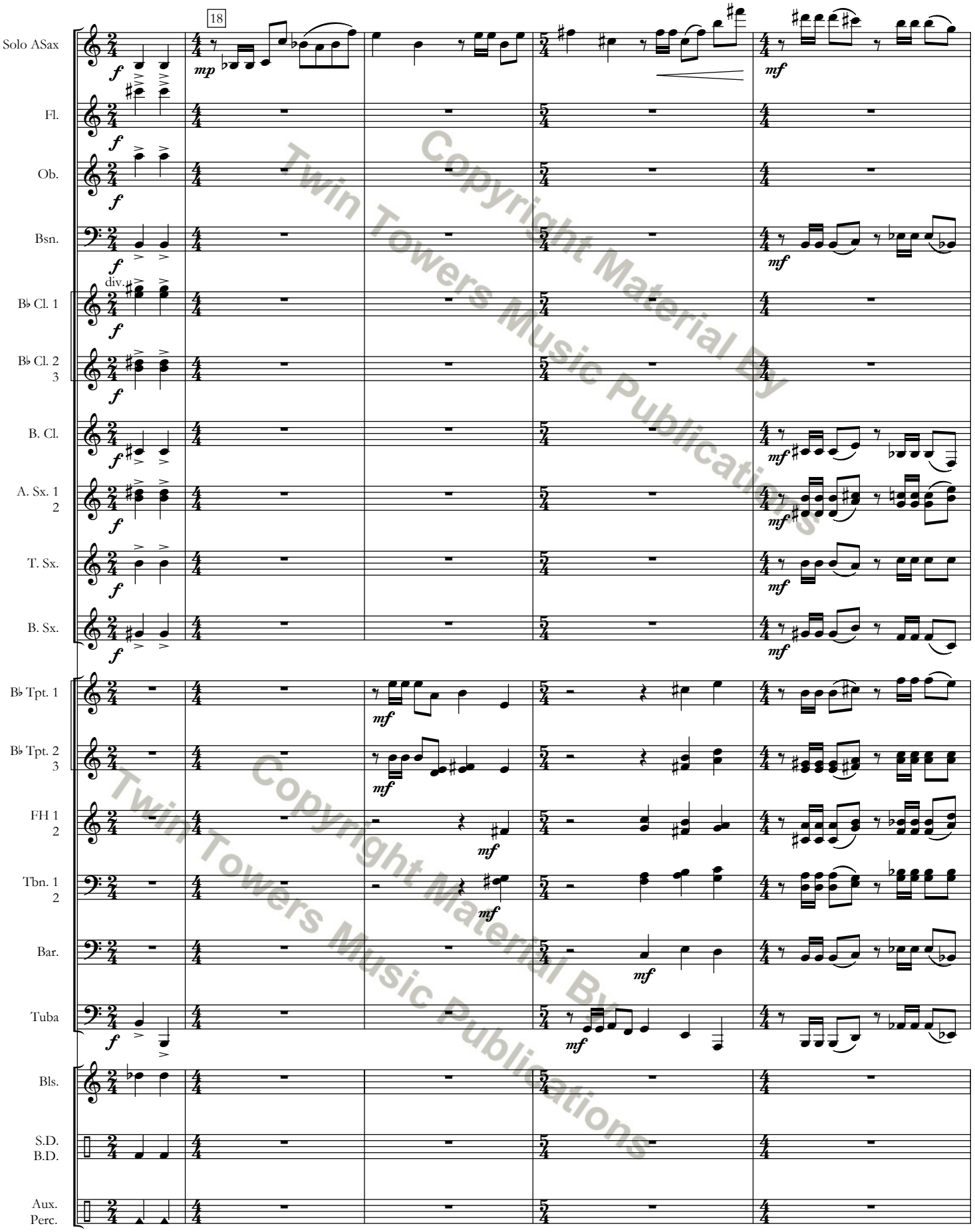

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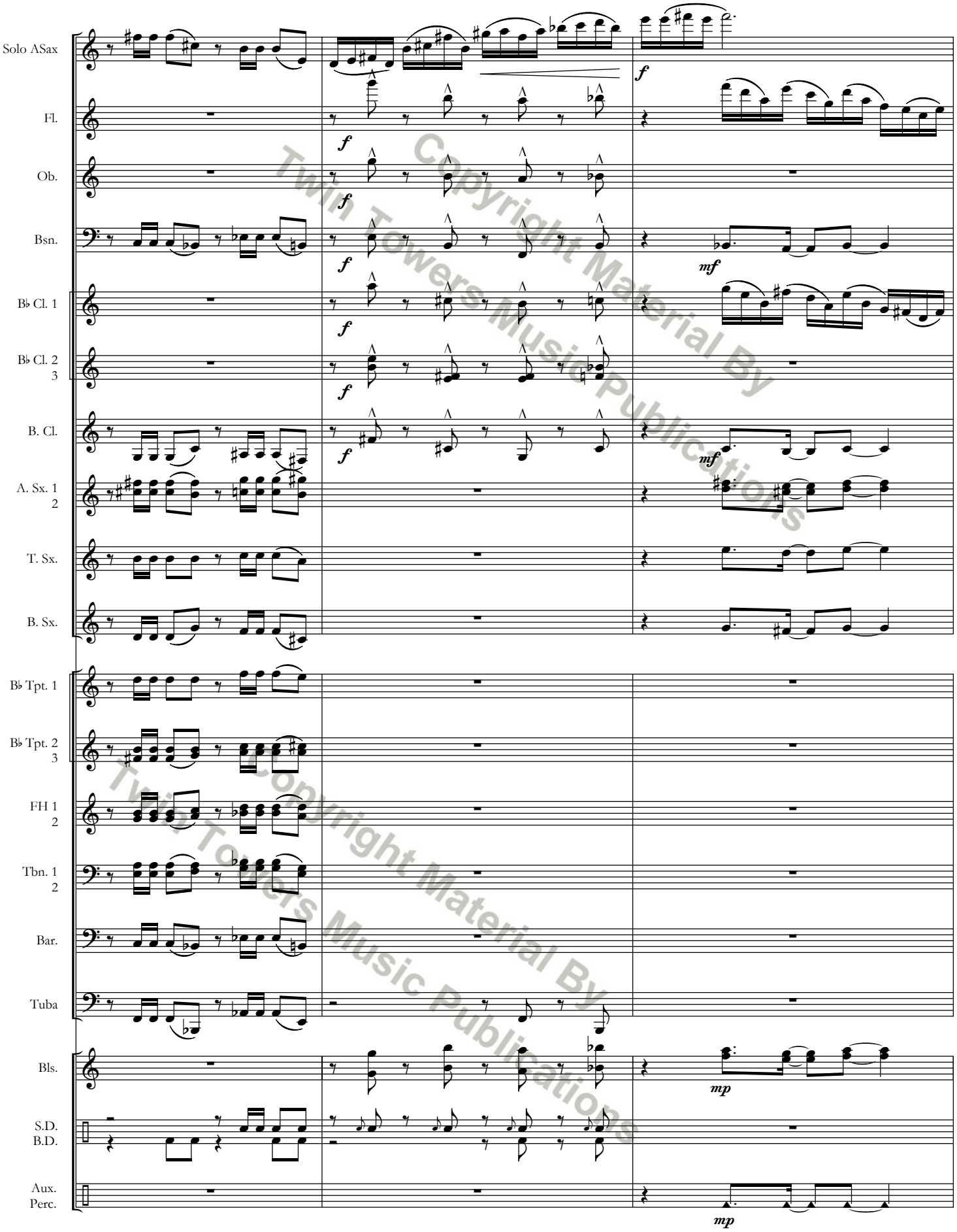

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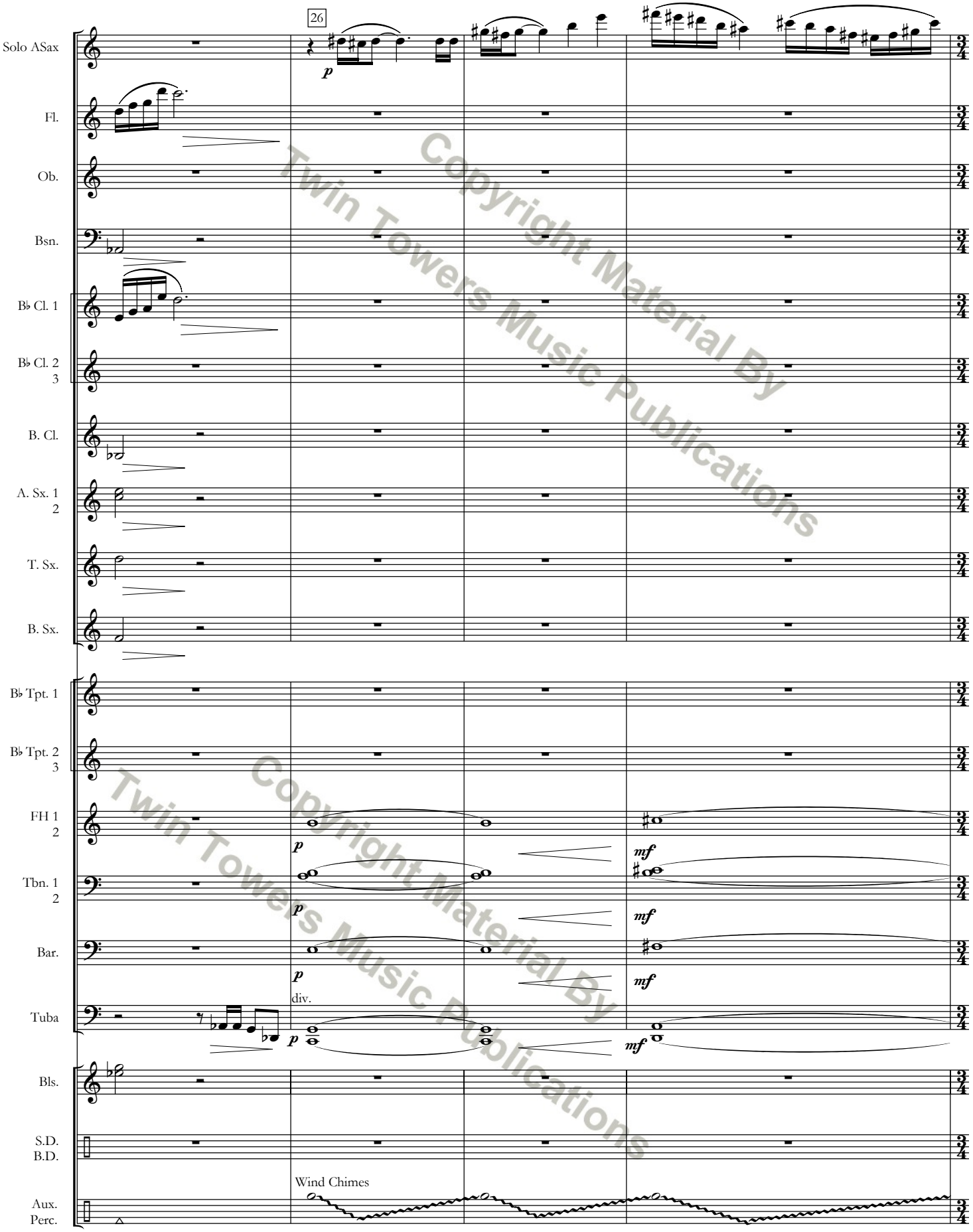

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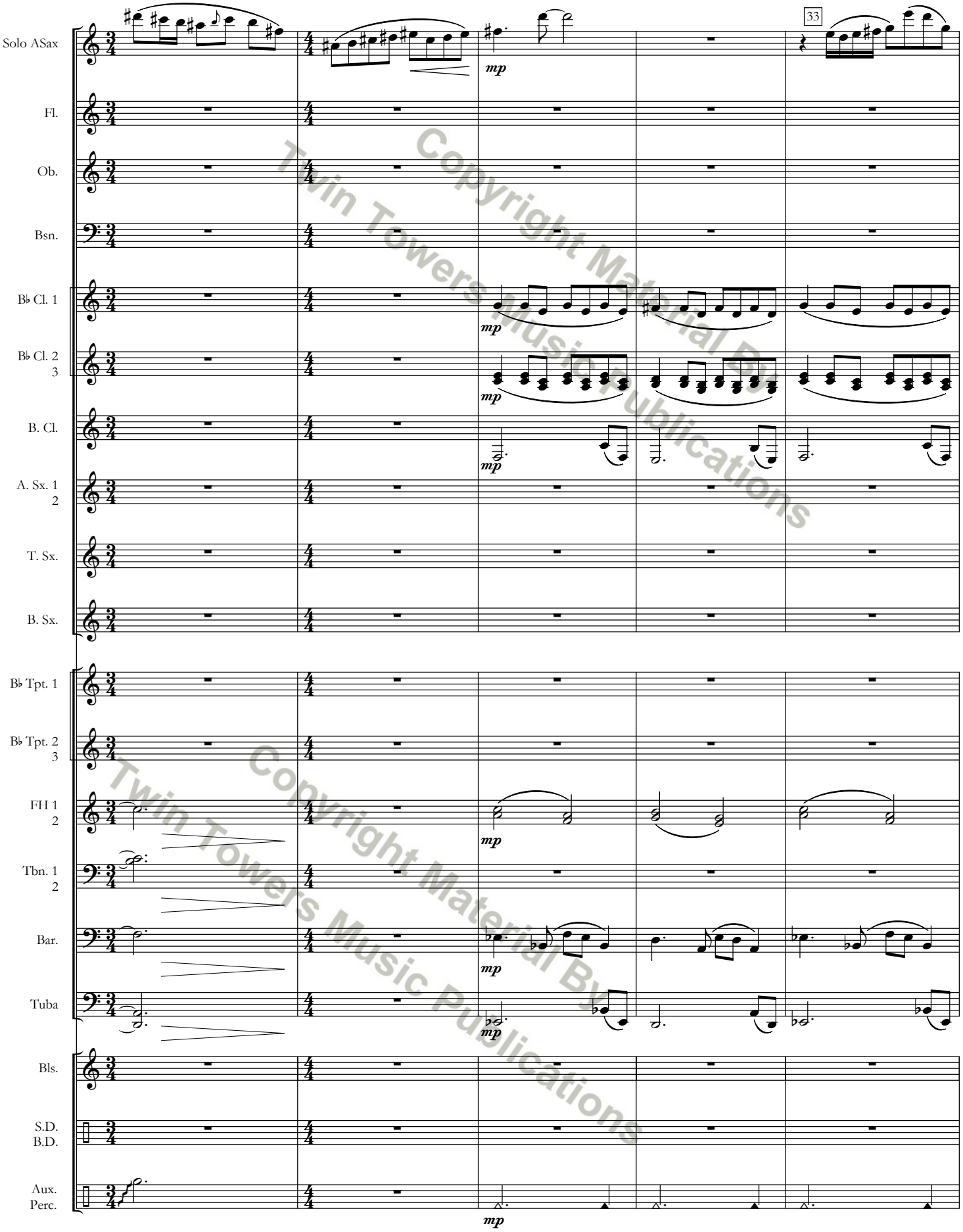

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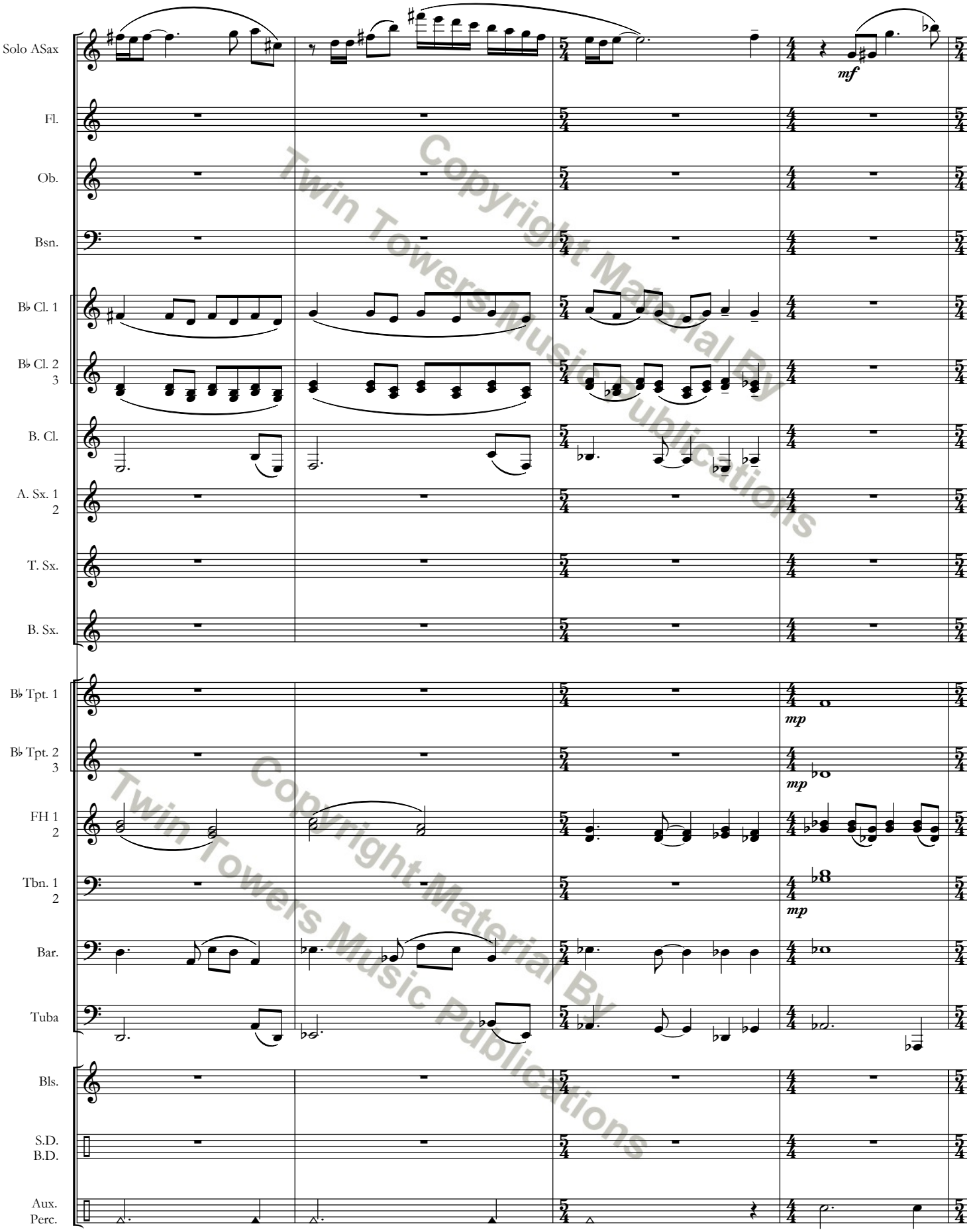

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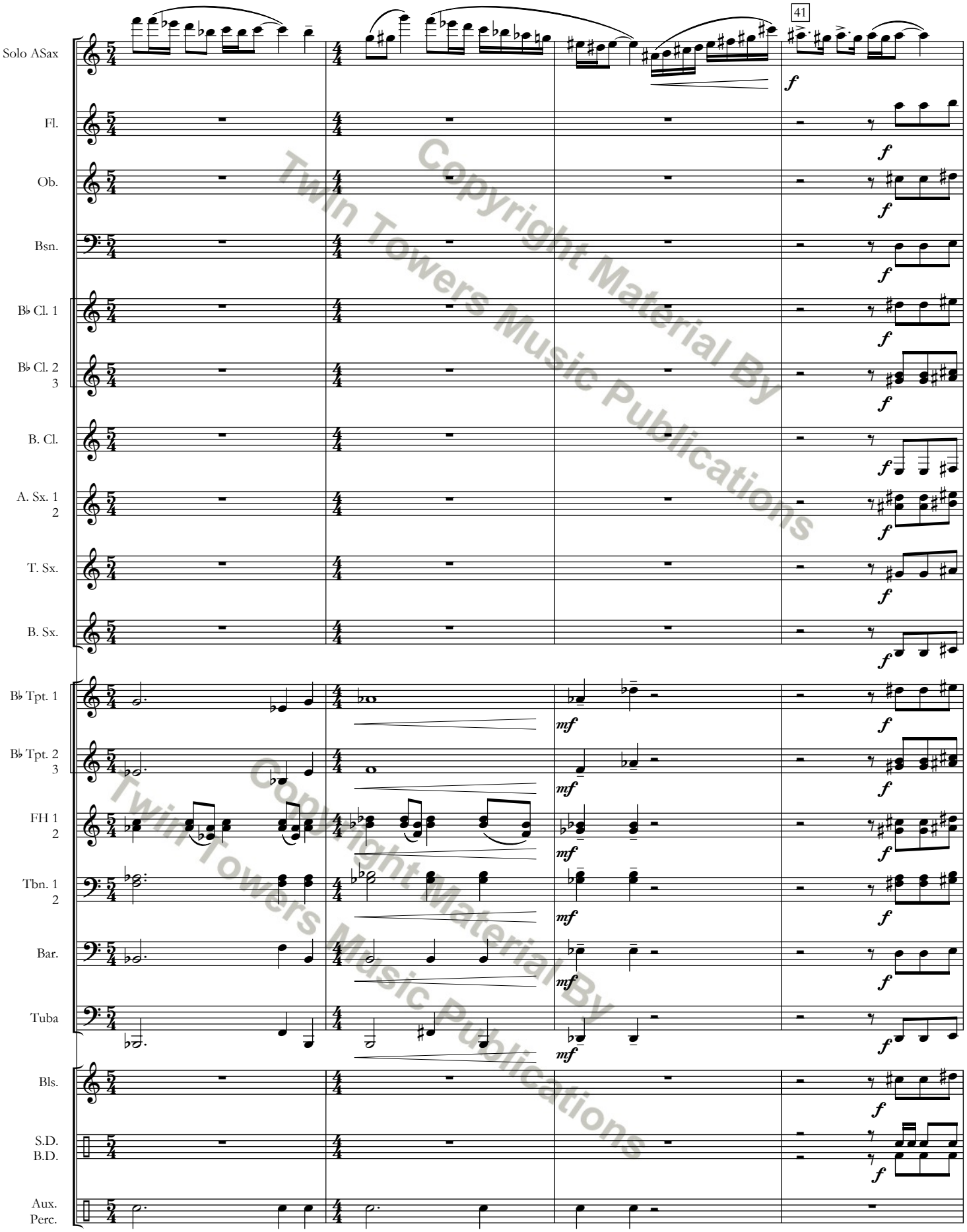

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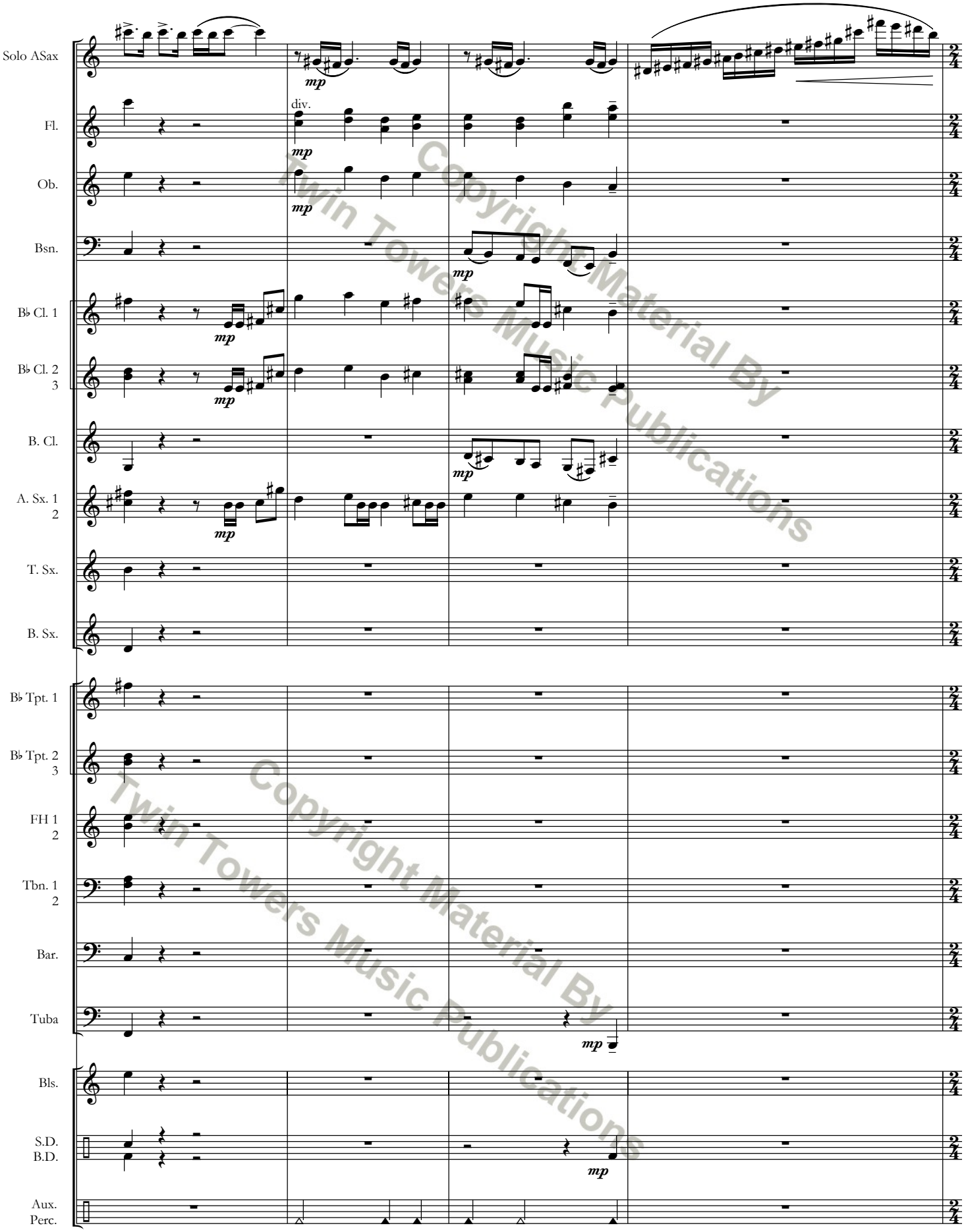

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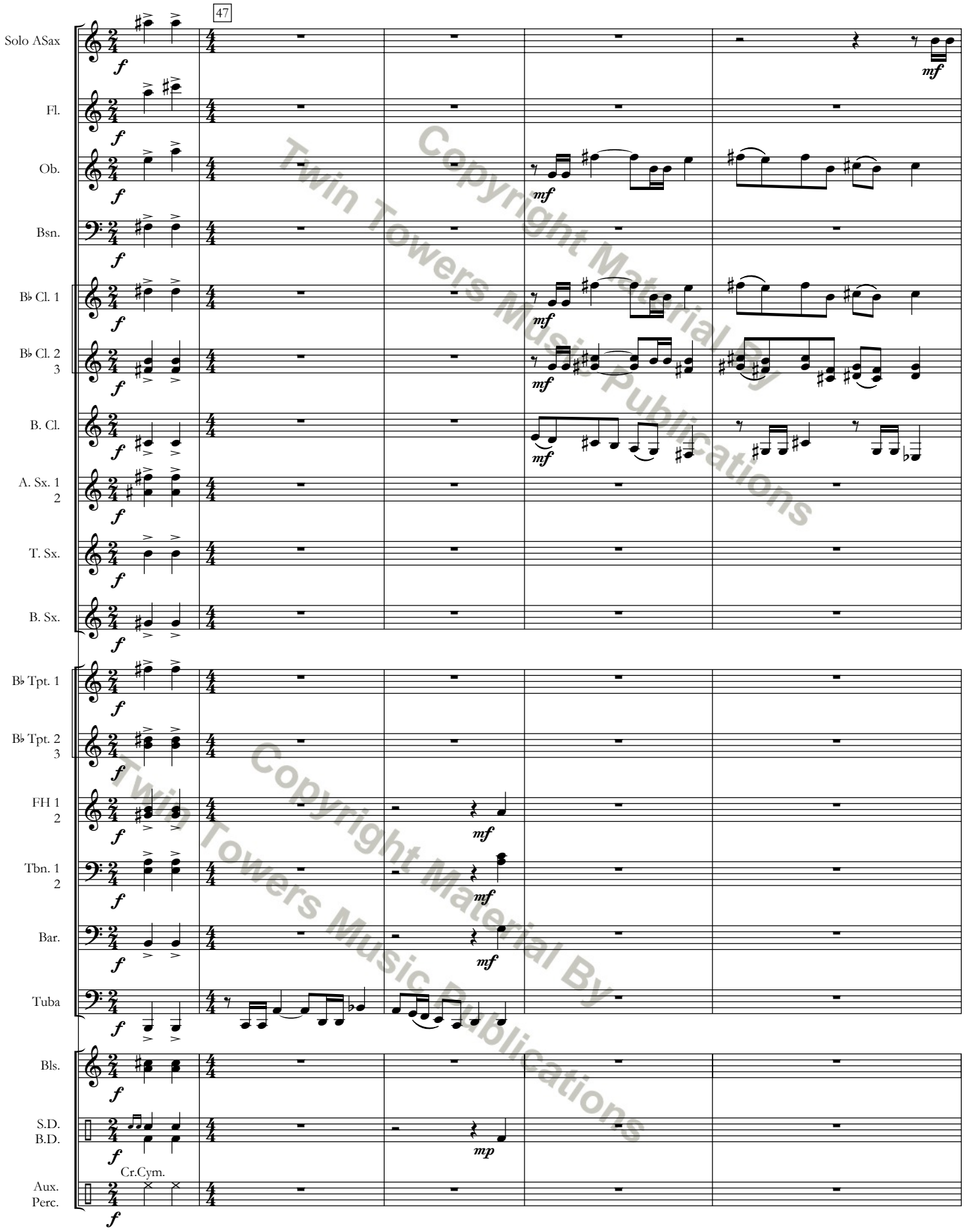

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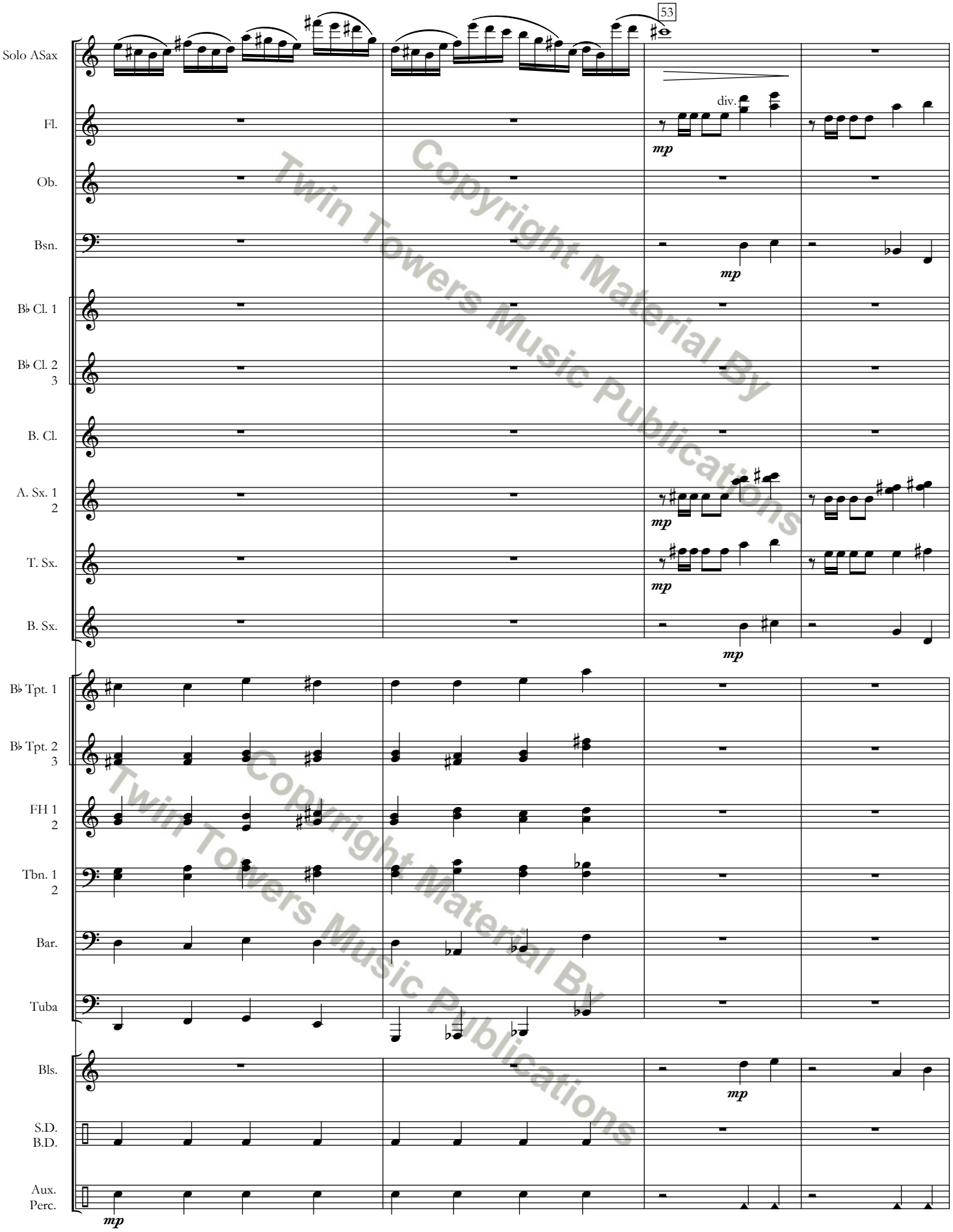

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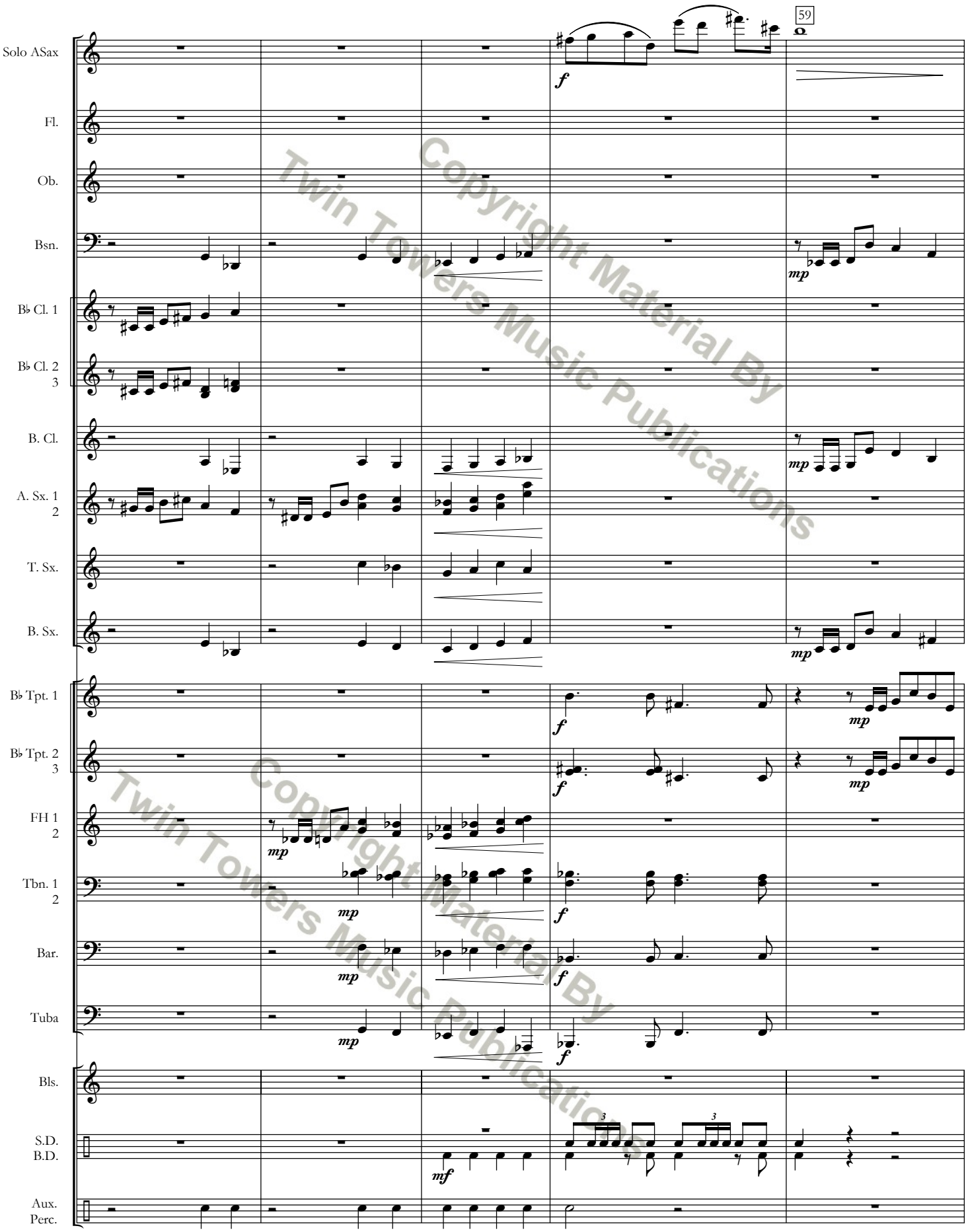

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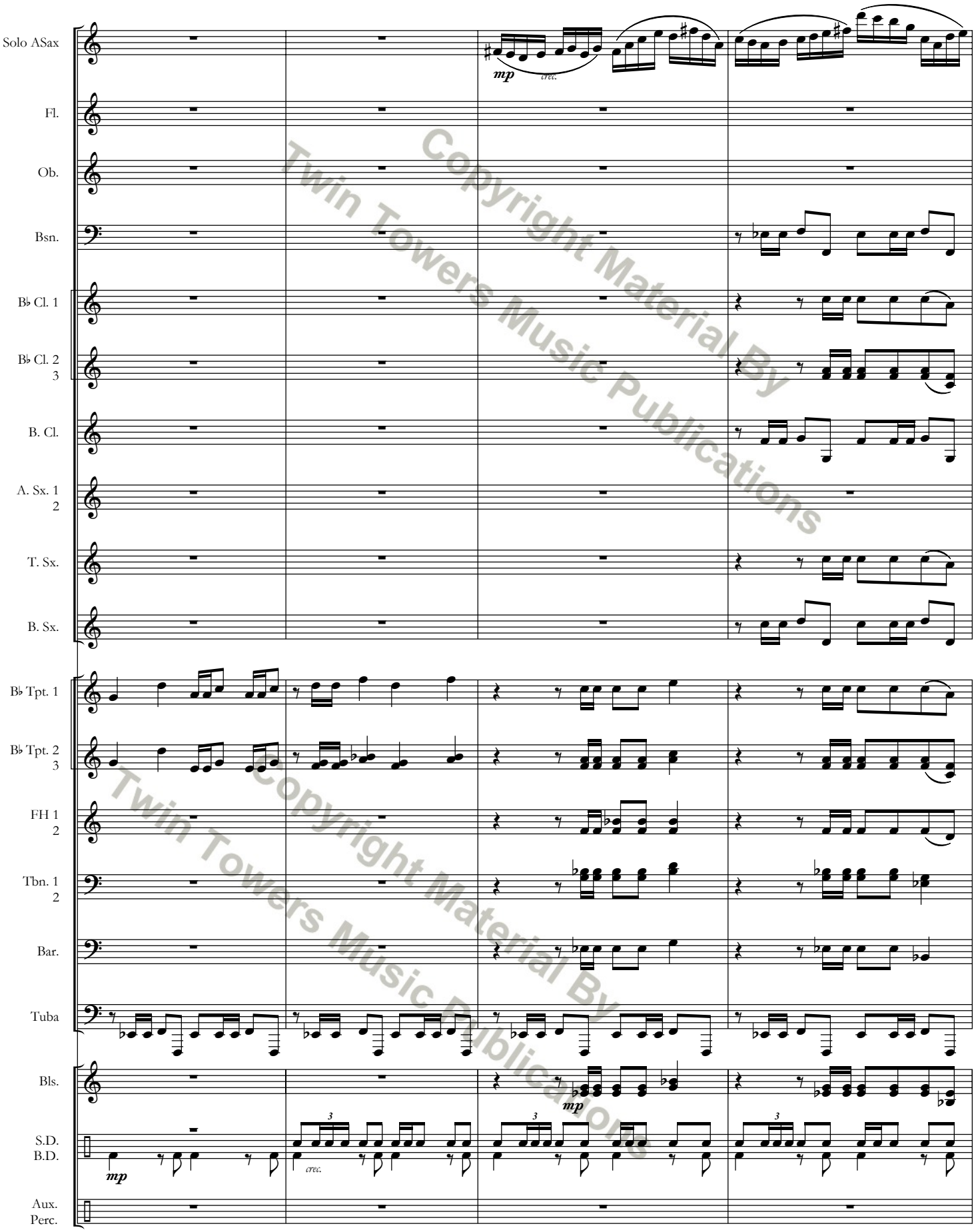

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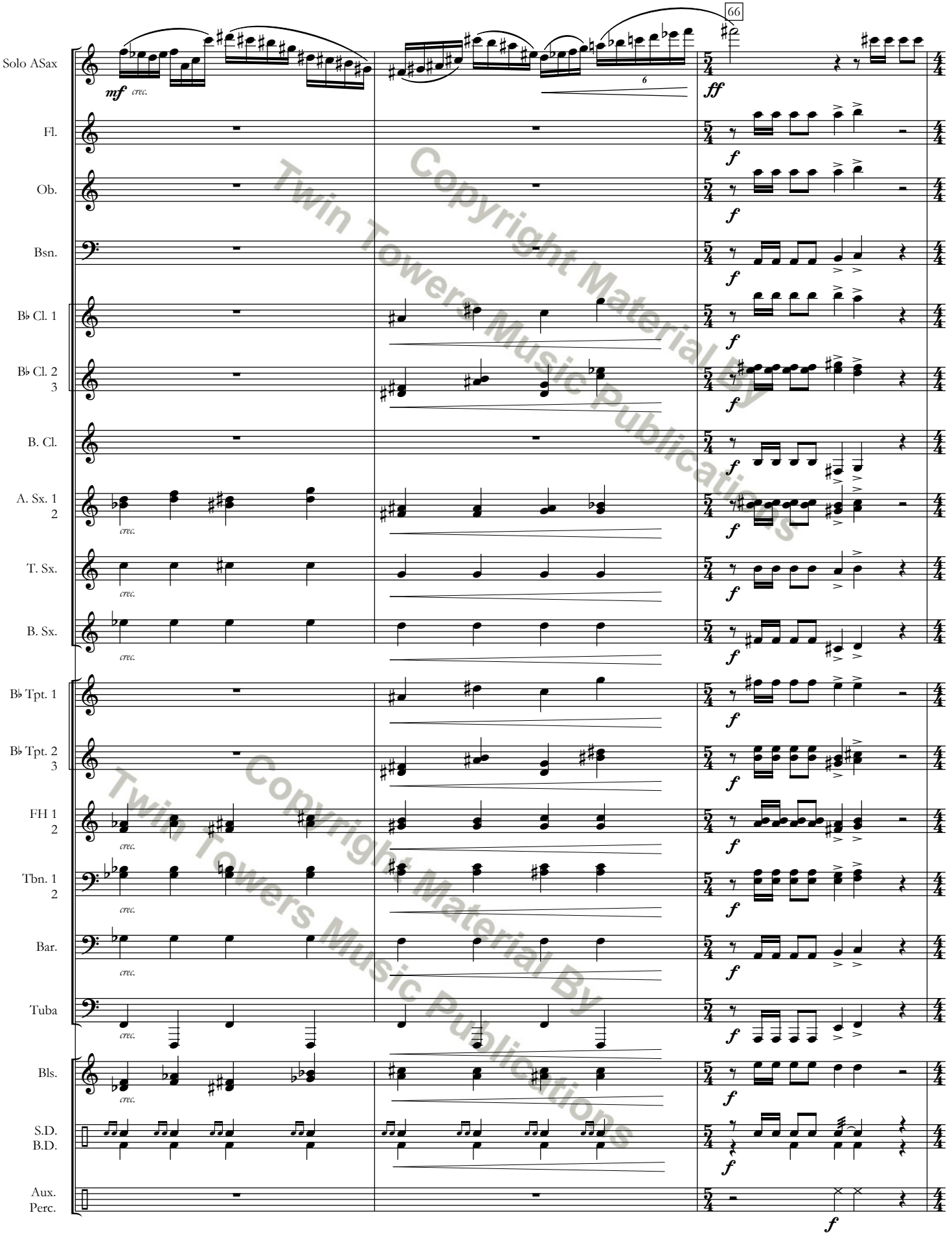

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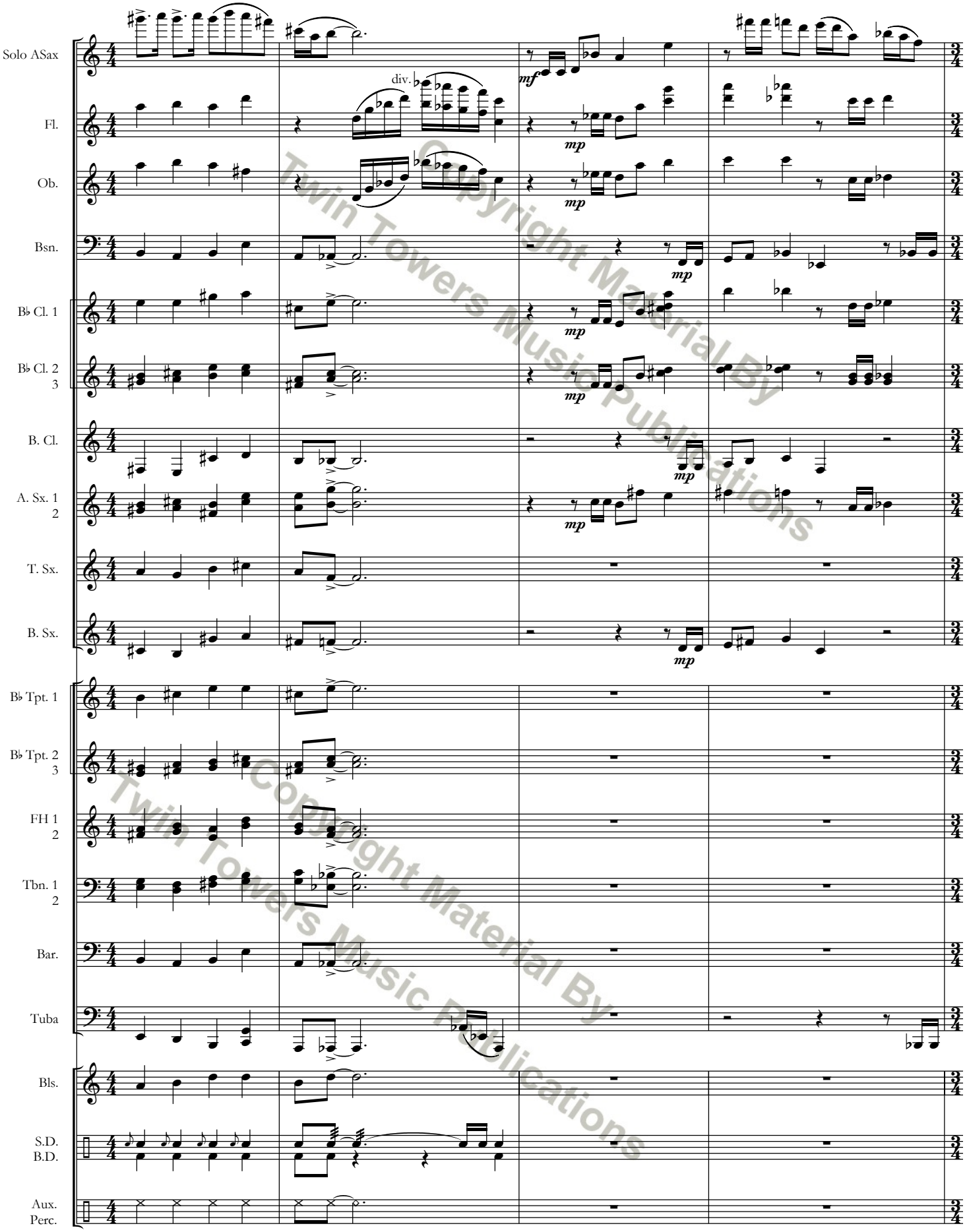

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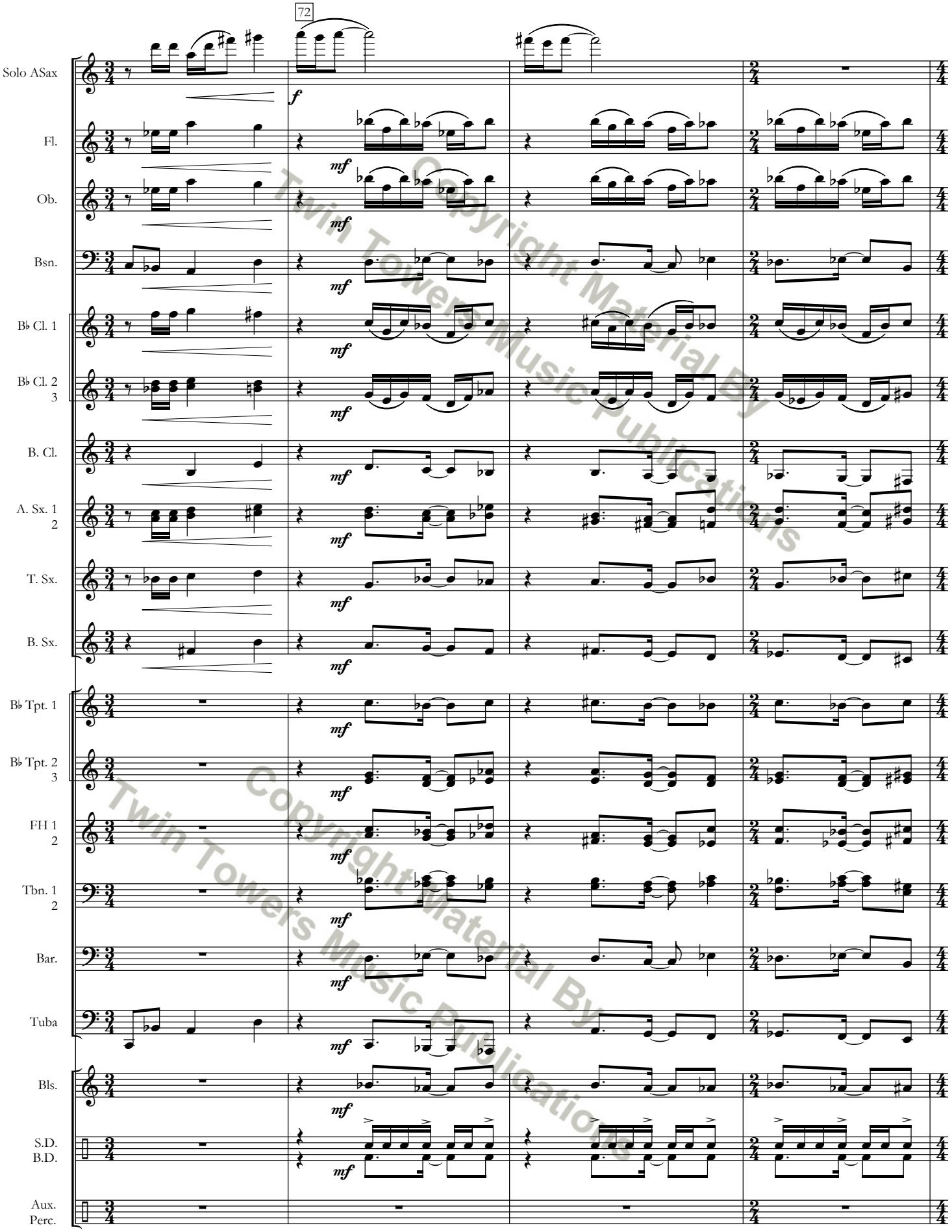

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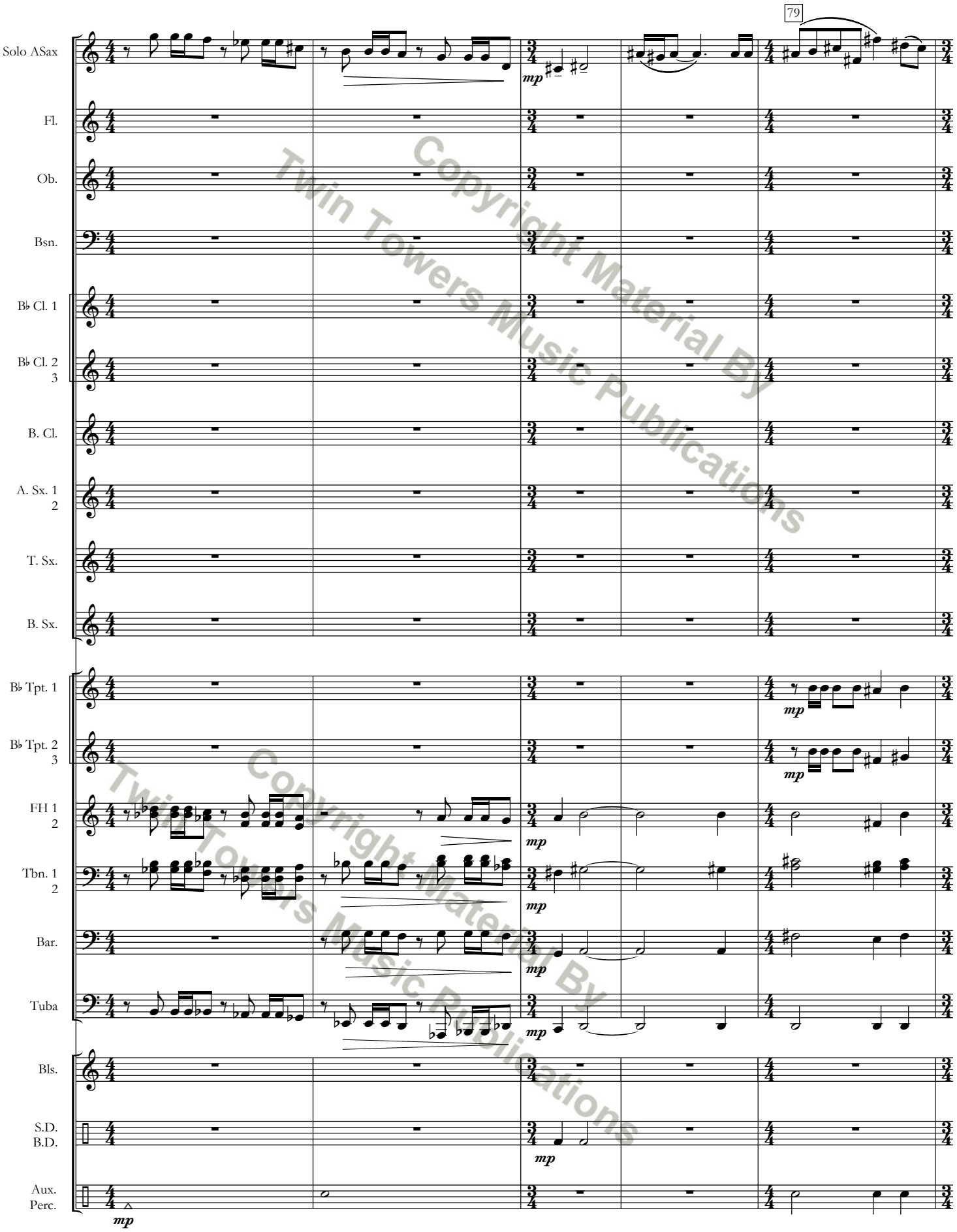

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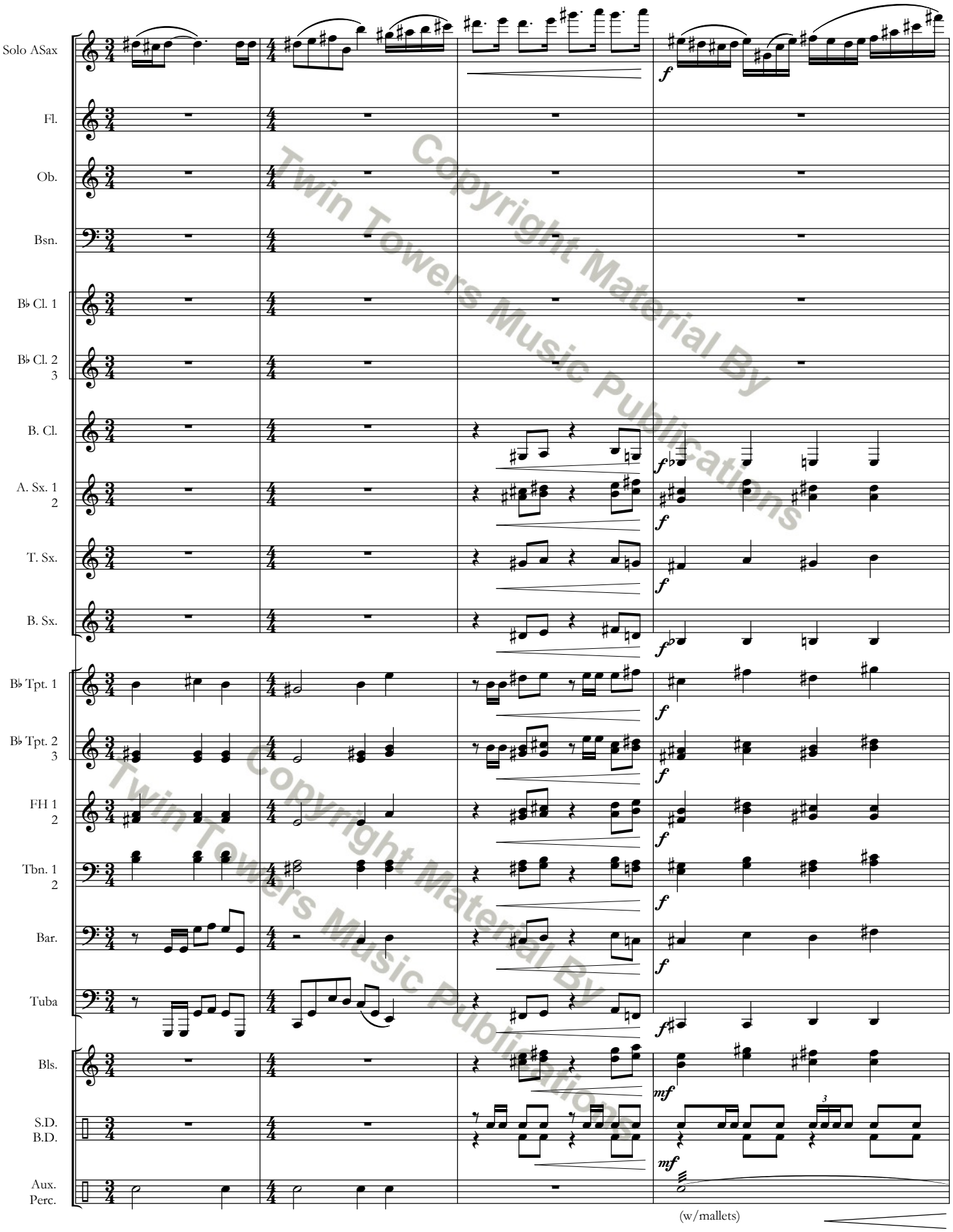

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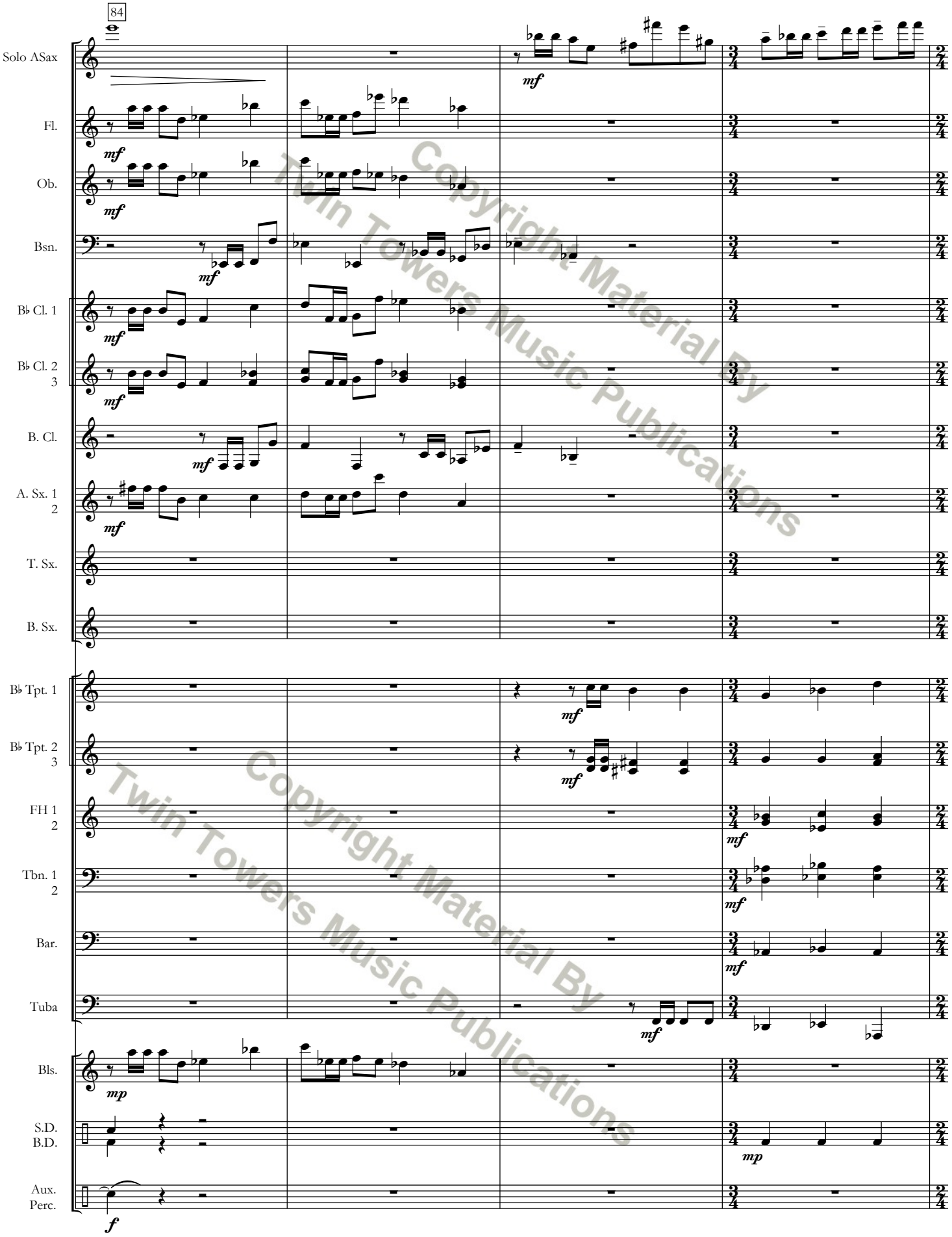

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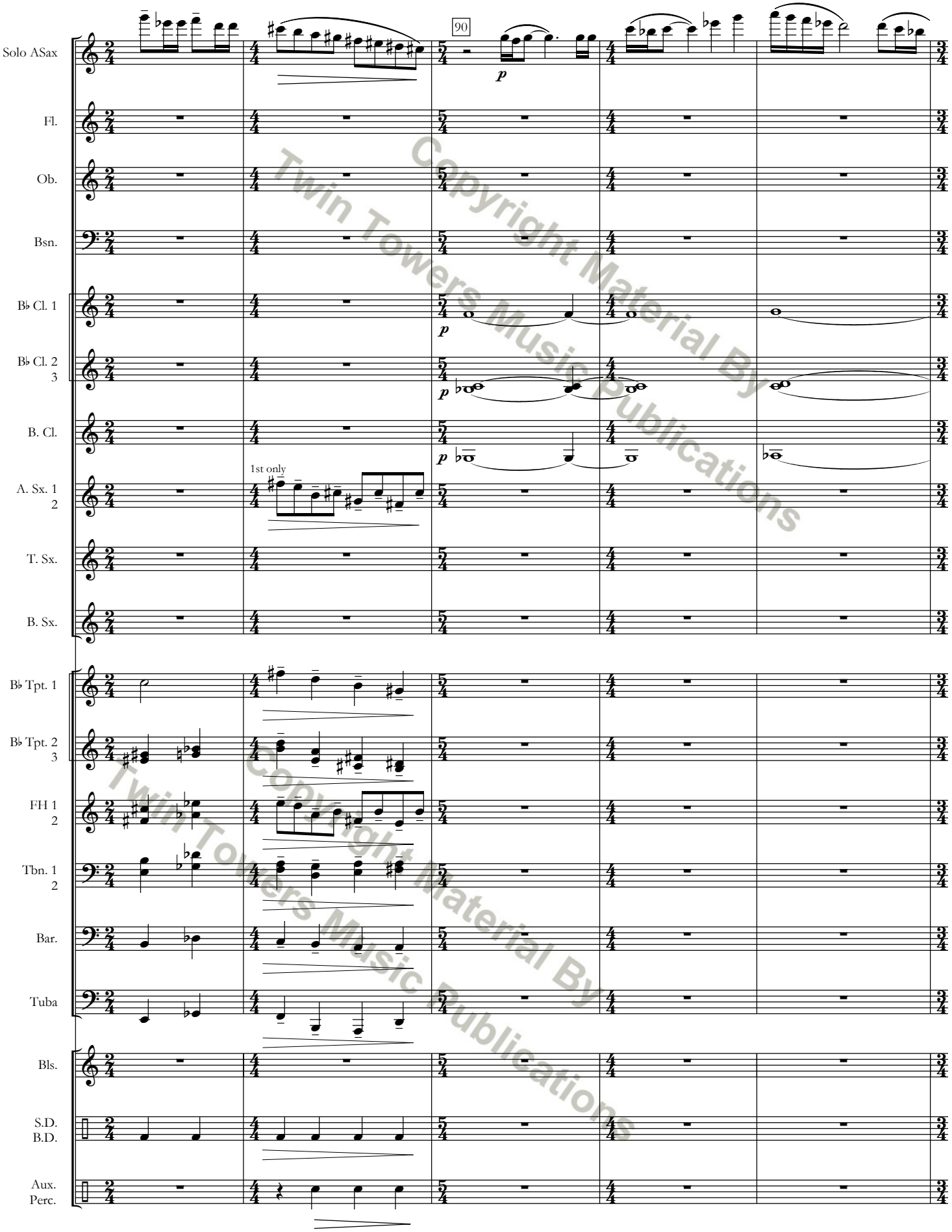

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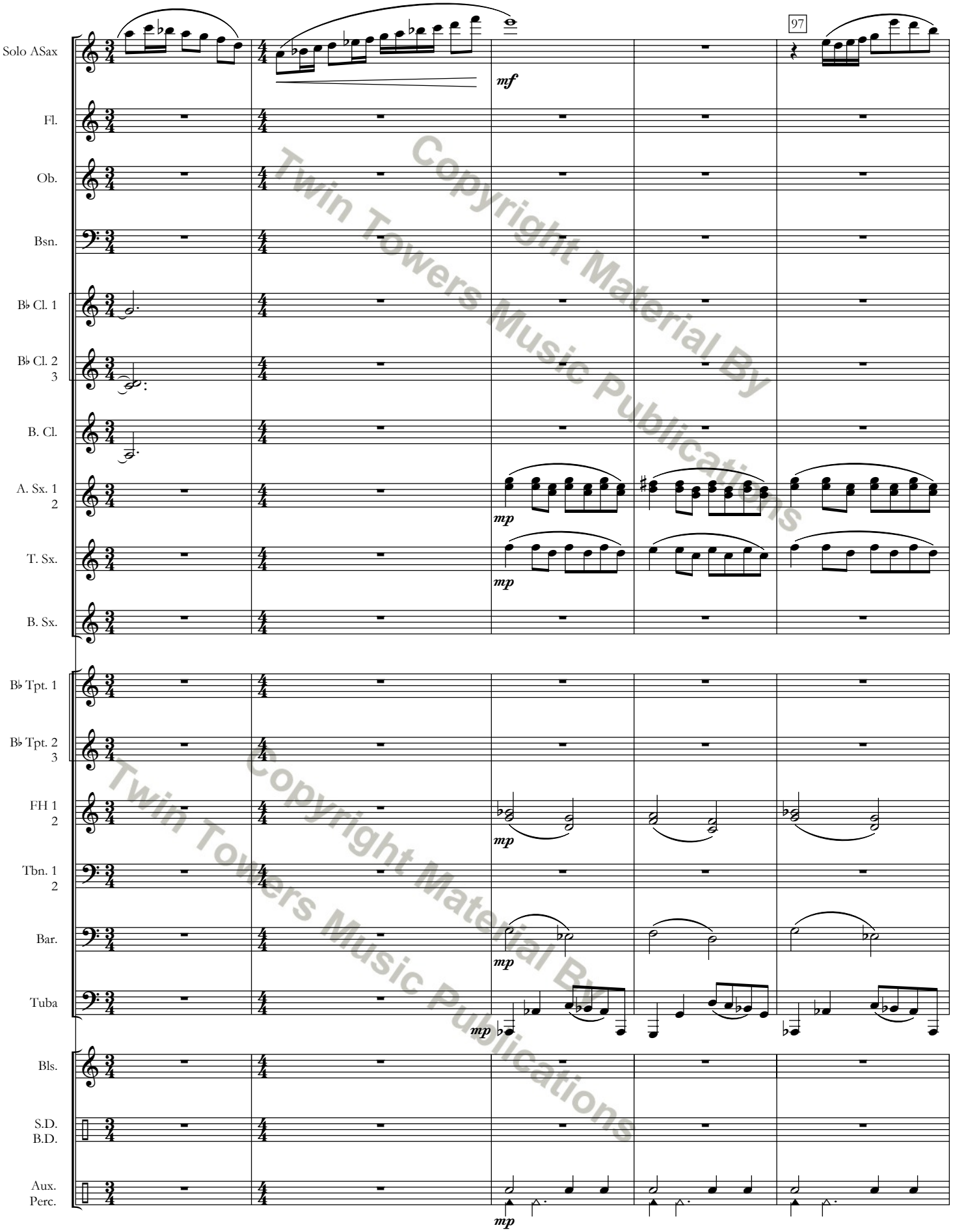

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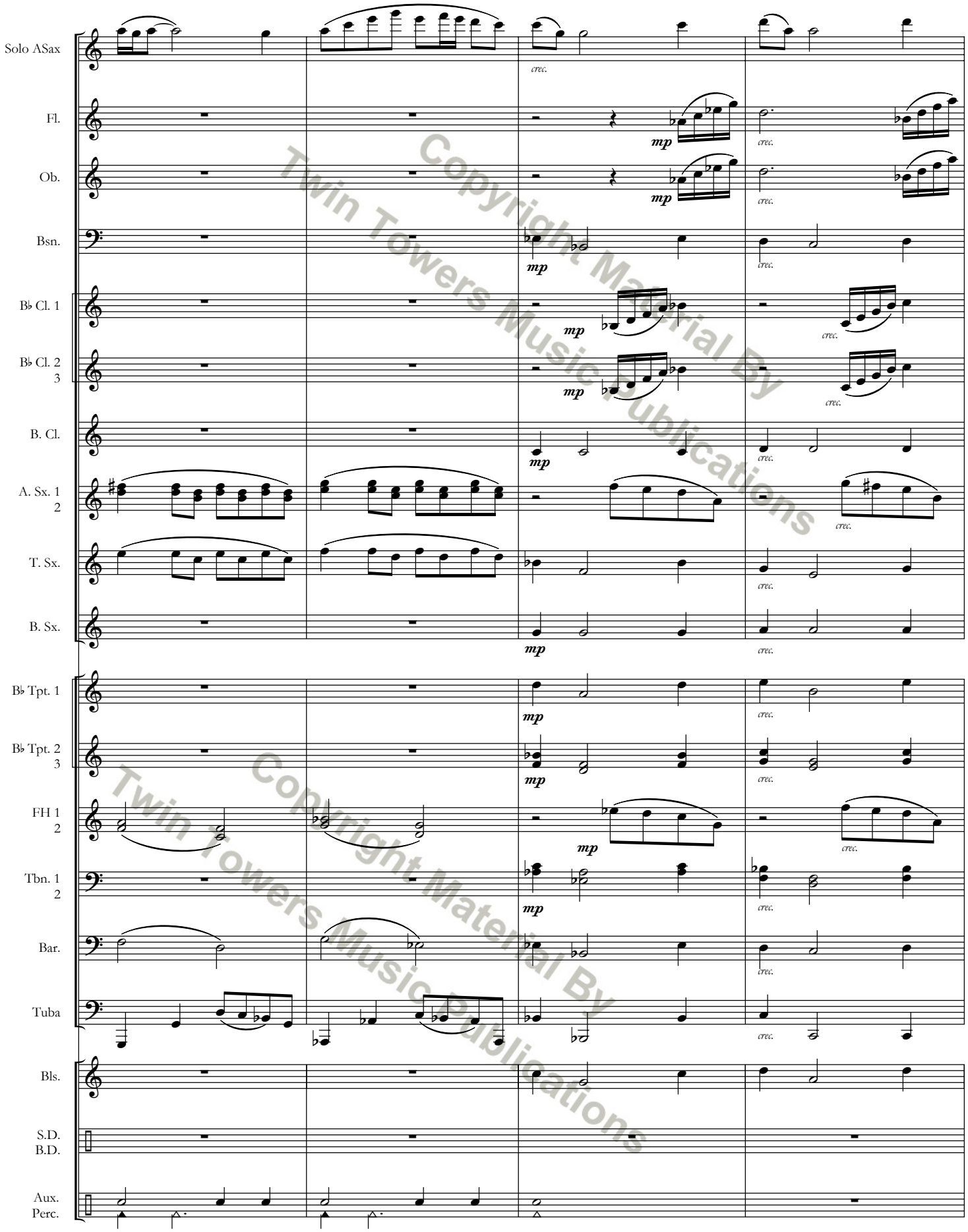

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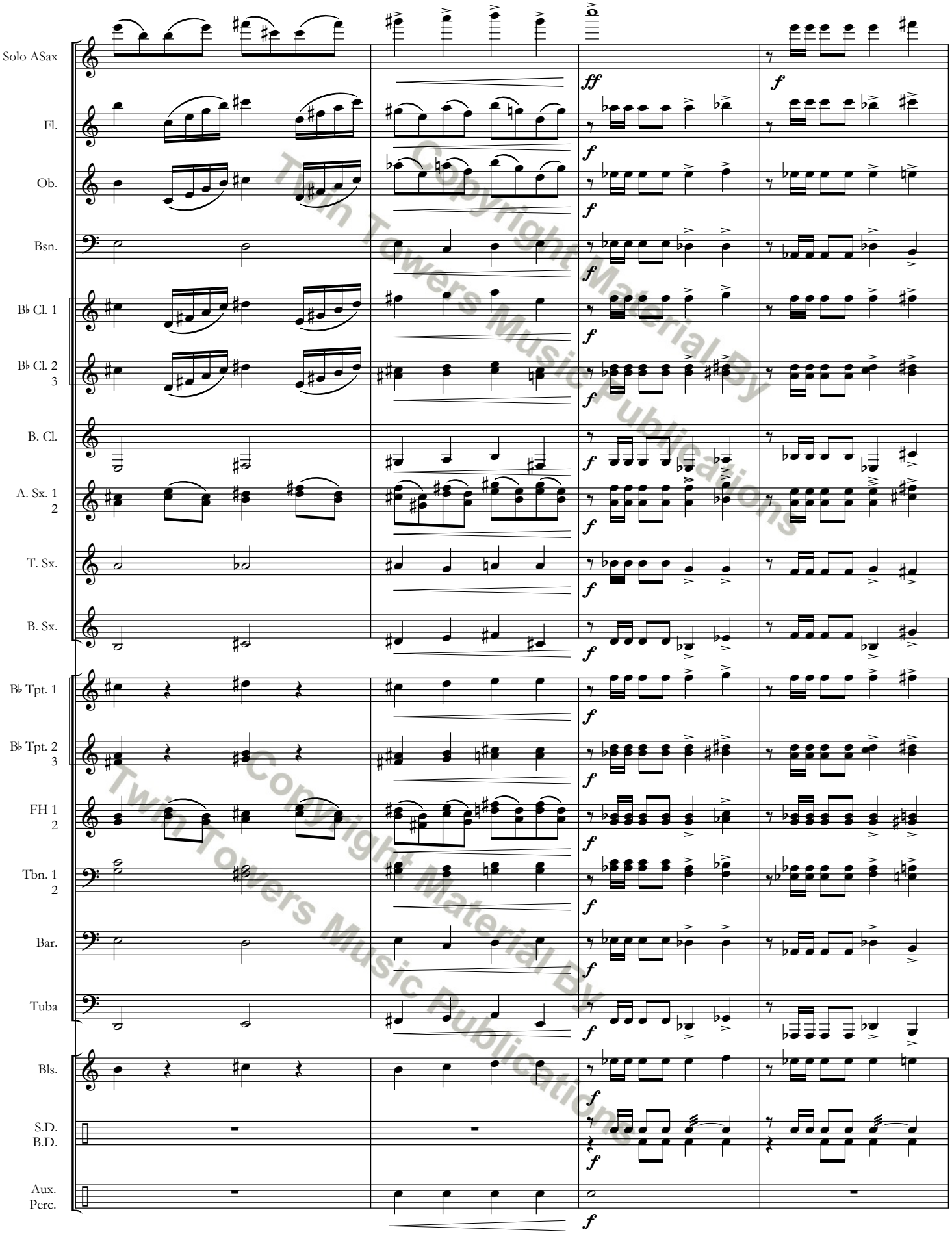

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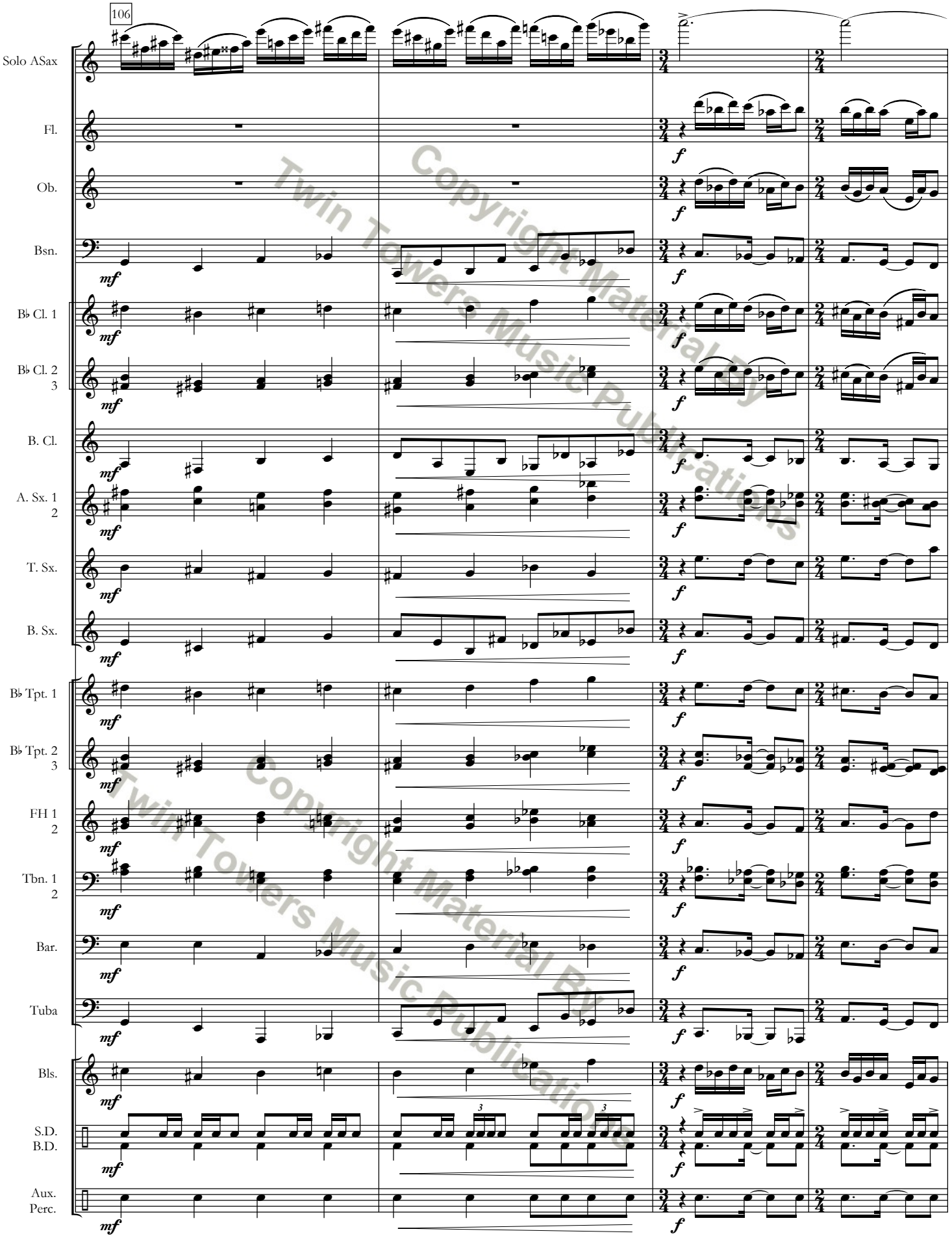

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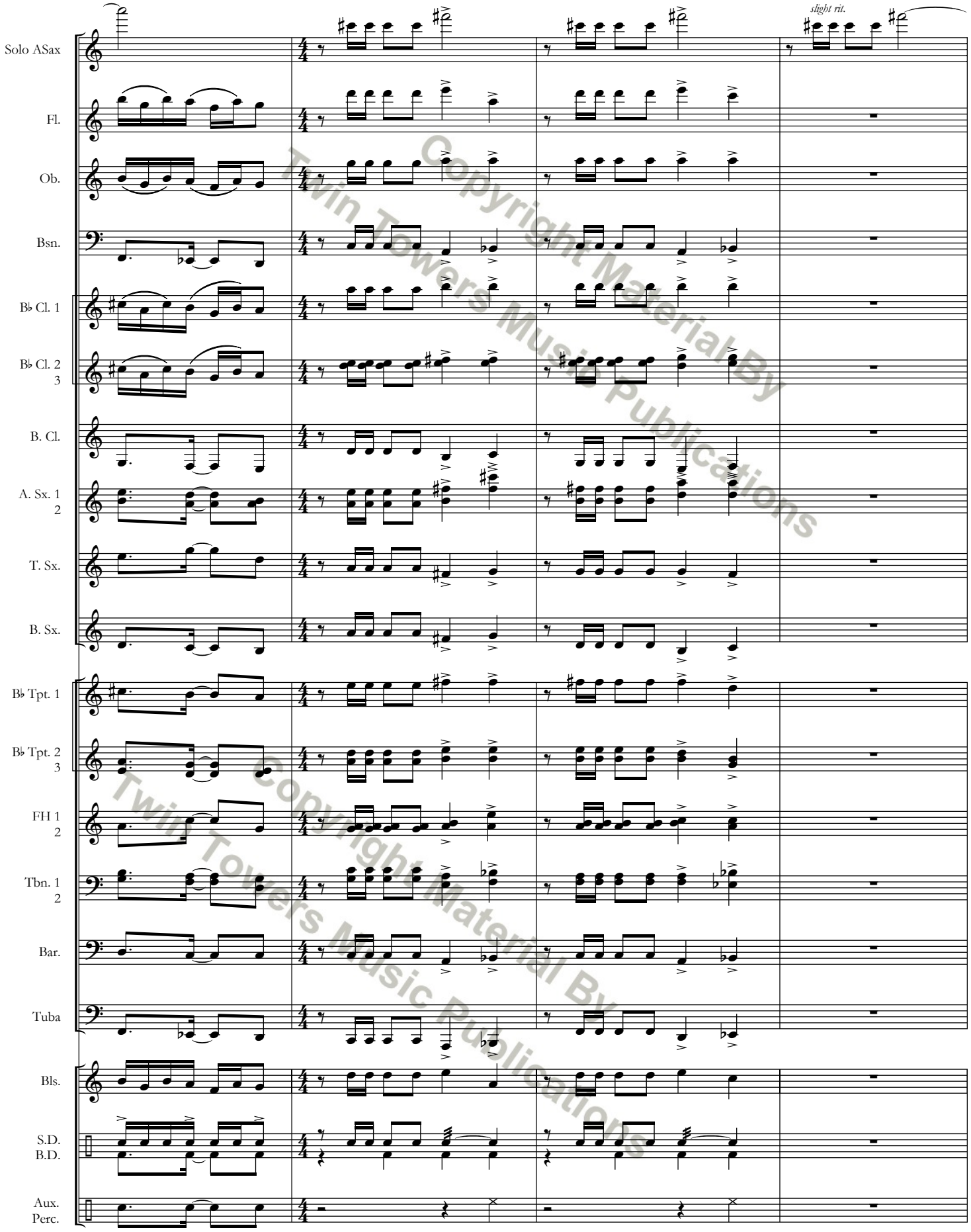

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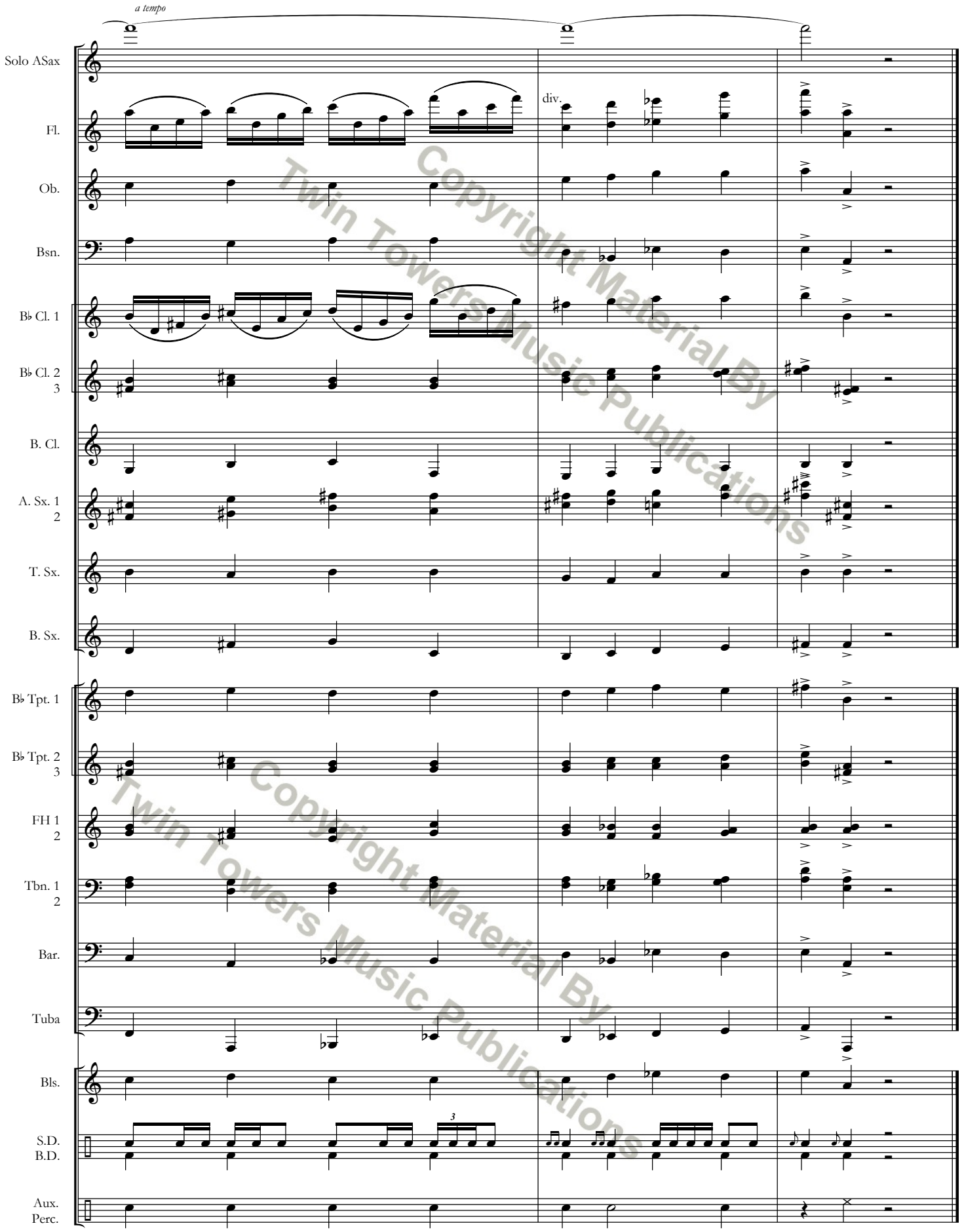

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