Etudes for Piano

Book 1

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These Etudes are studies in ways of playing as well as studies in musical materials. Some are more obviously virtuosic, others more contemplative. There are three Books, each comprising 9 short pieces. Although there are correspondences and connections between the etudes across the three sets, each book has its own character, and can be played independently. The first three etudes can also be played as a short independent set.

The set of three books, when played as a whole, have something of a cyclical character, with the middle book acting a bit like a "development" section in the structure, and the final set bringing back materials from the first two.

The work began as a group of three etudes composed for pianist Eunbi Kim. Book Two is dedicated to my wife, pianist Yoshiko Sato.

The Etudes touch on a variety of moods, and chart an emotional journey. But above all, they are about the pleasure of playing the piano.

Allen Shawn
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Book 1

for Piano Solo

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for Eunbi Kim

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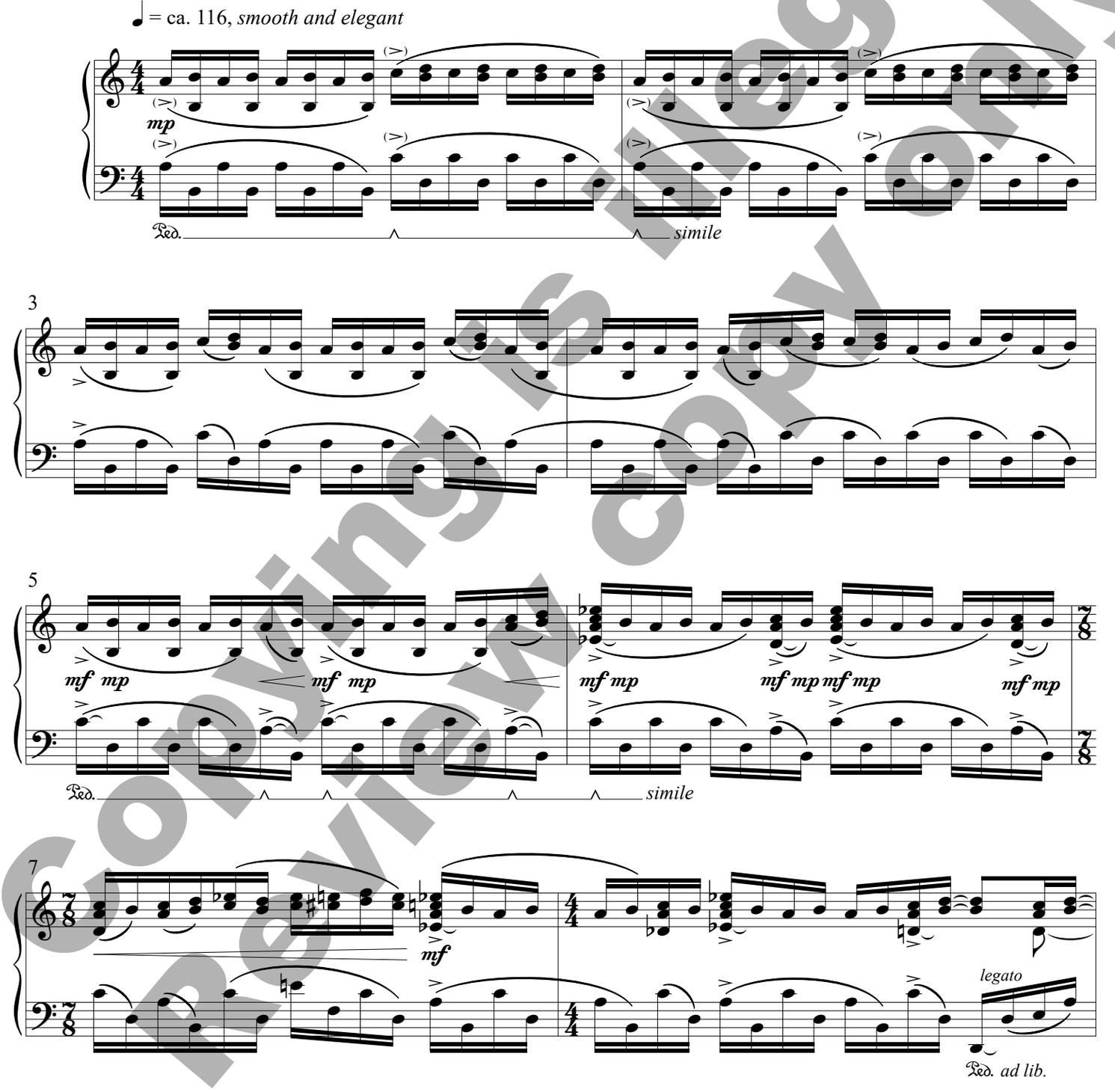

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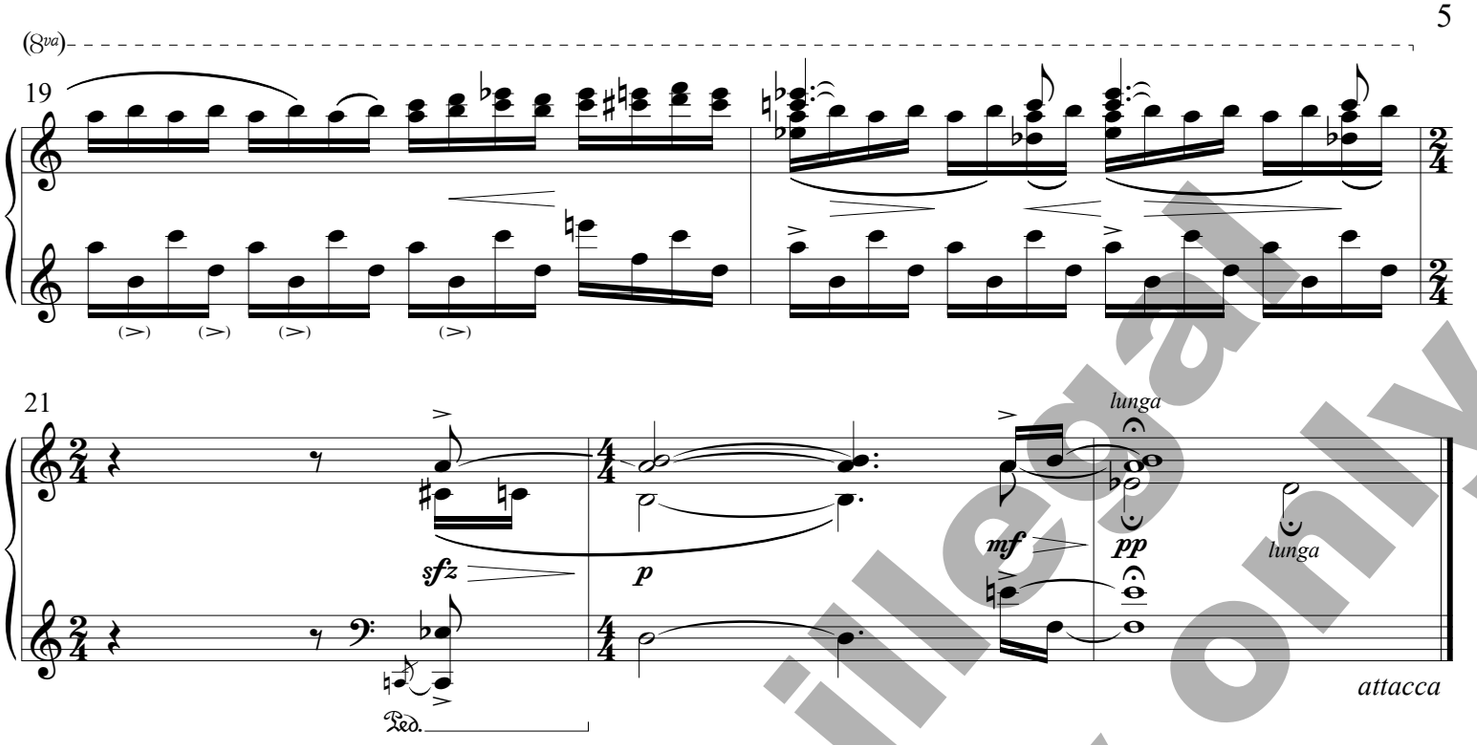

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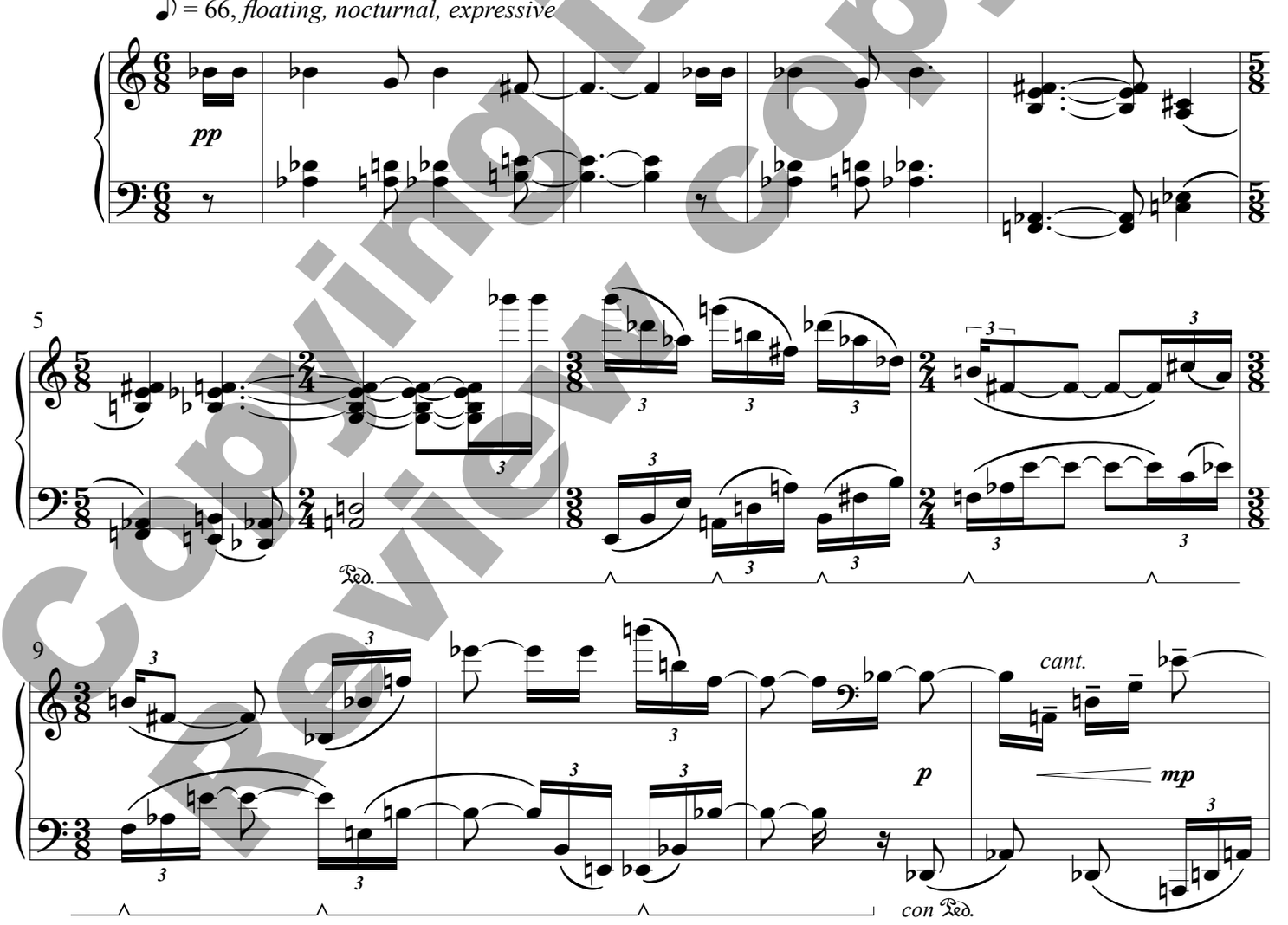

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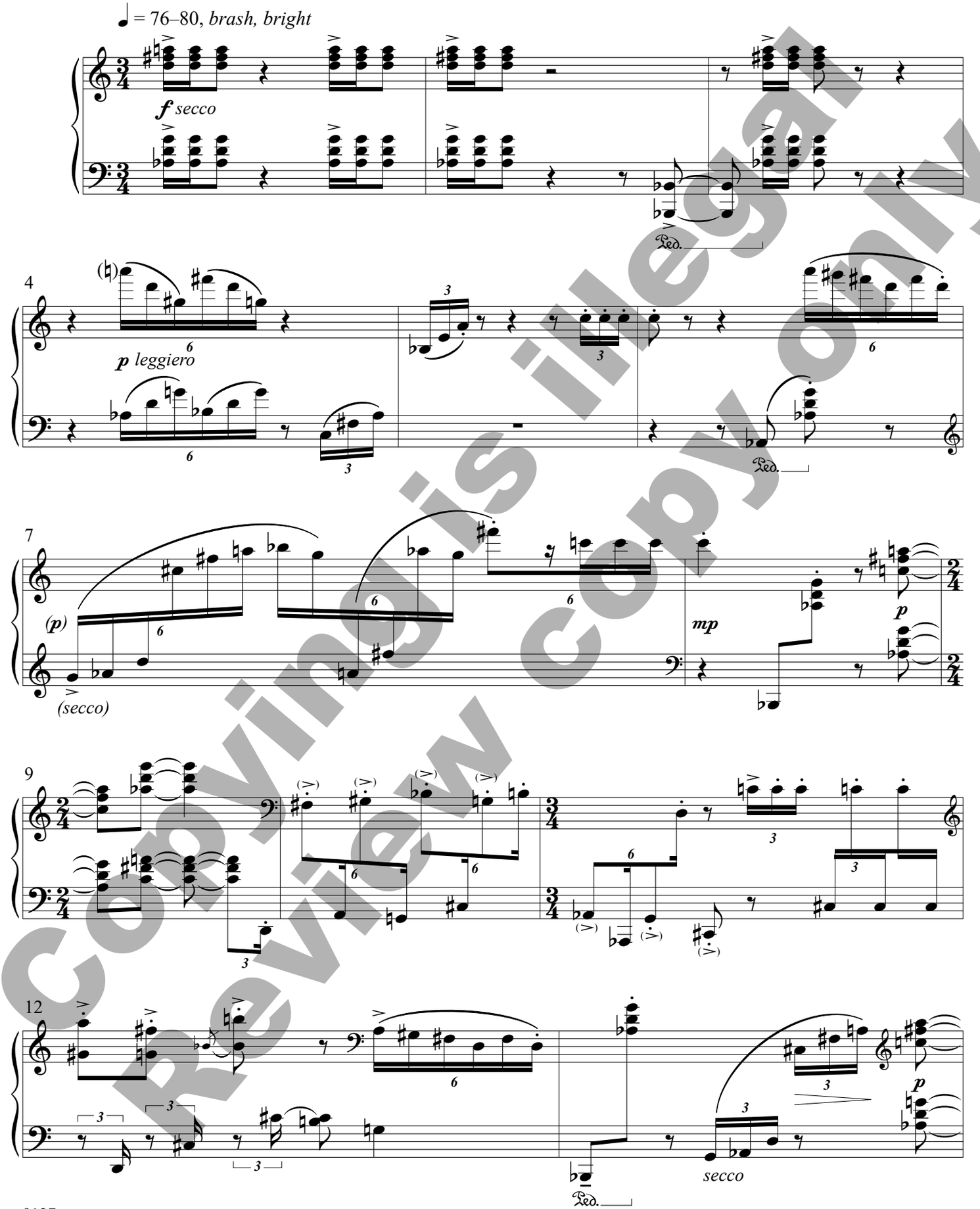

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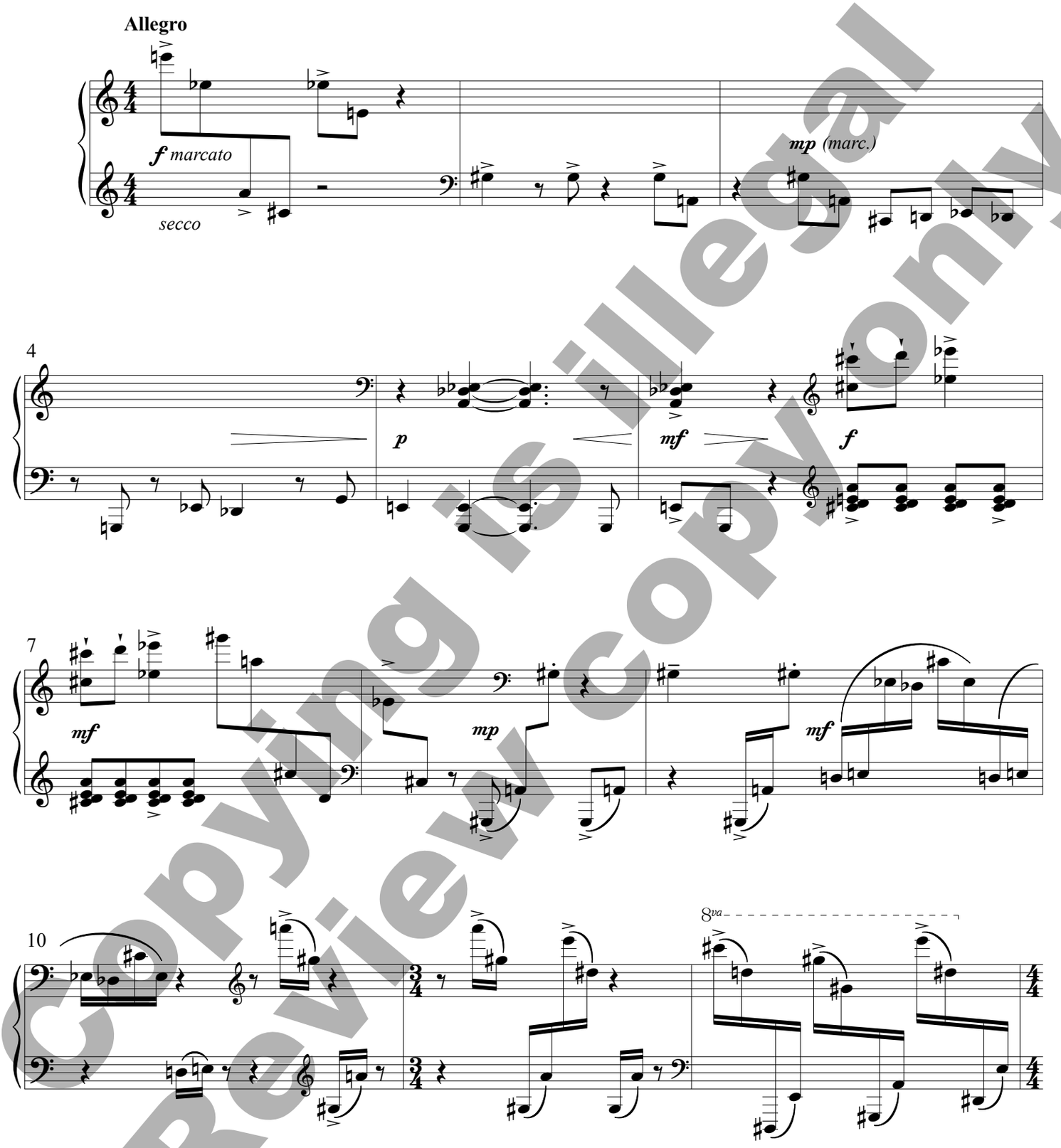

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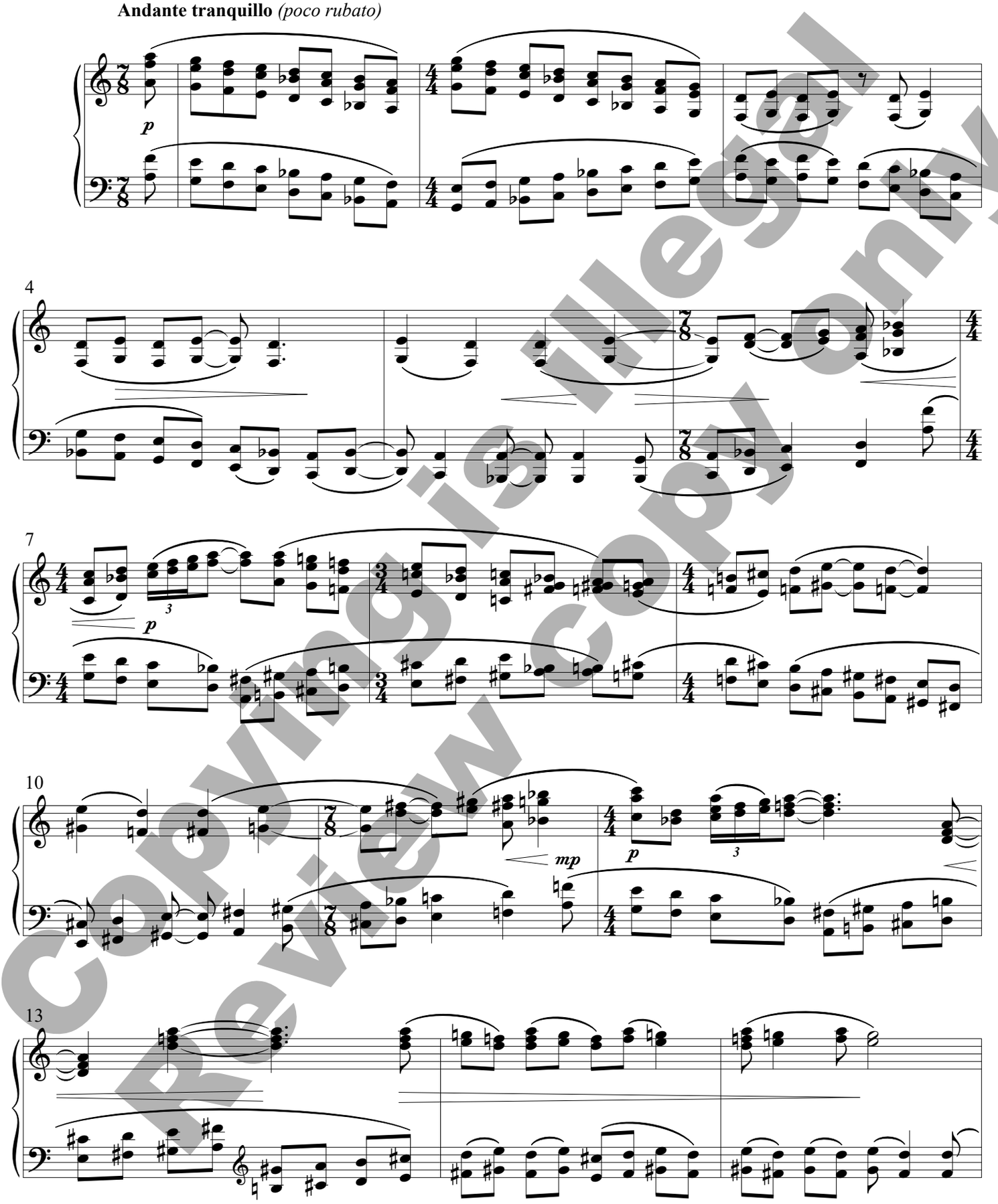

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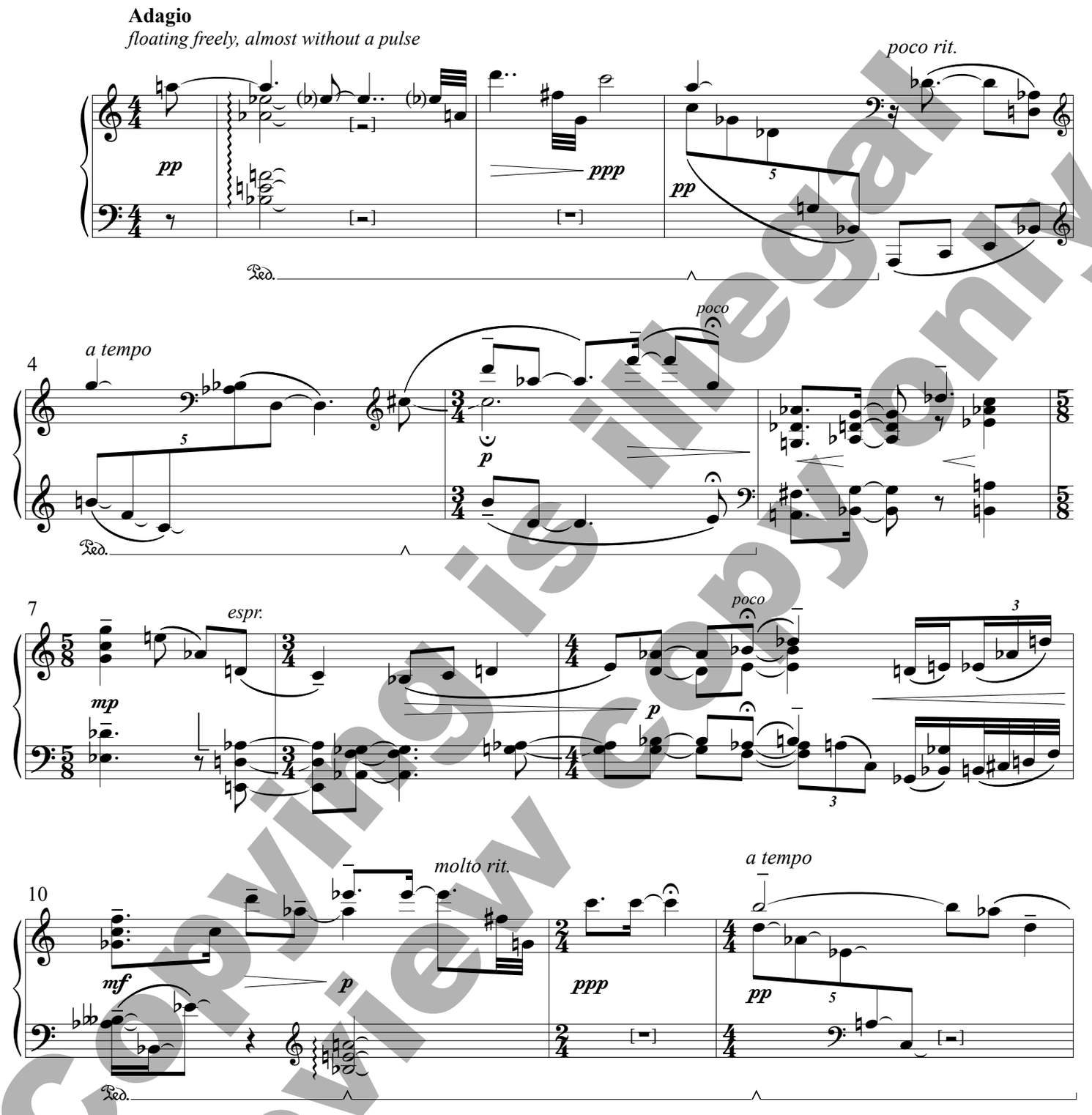

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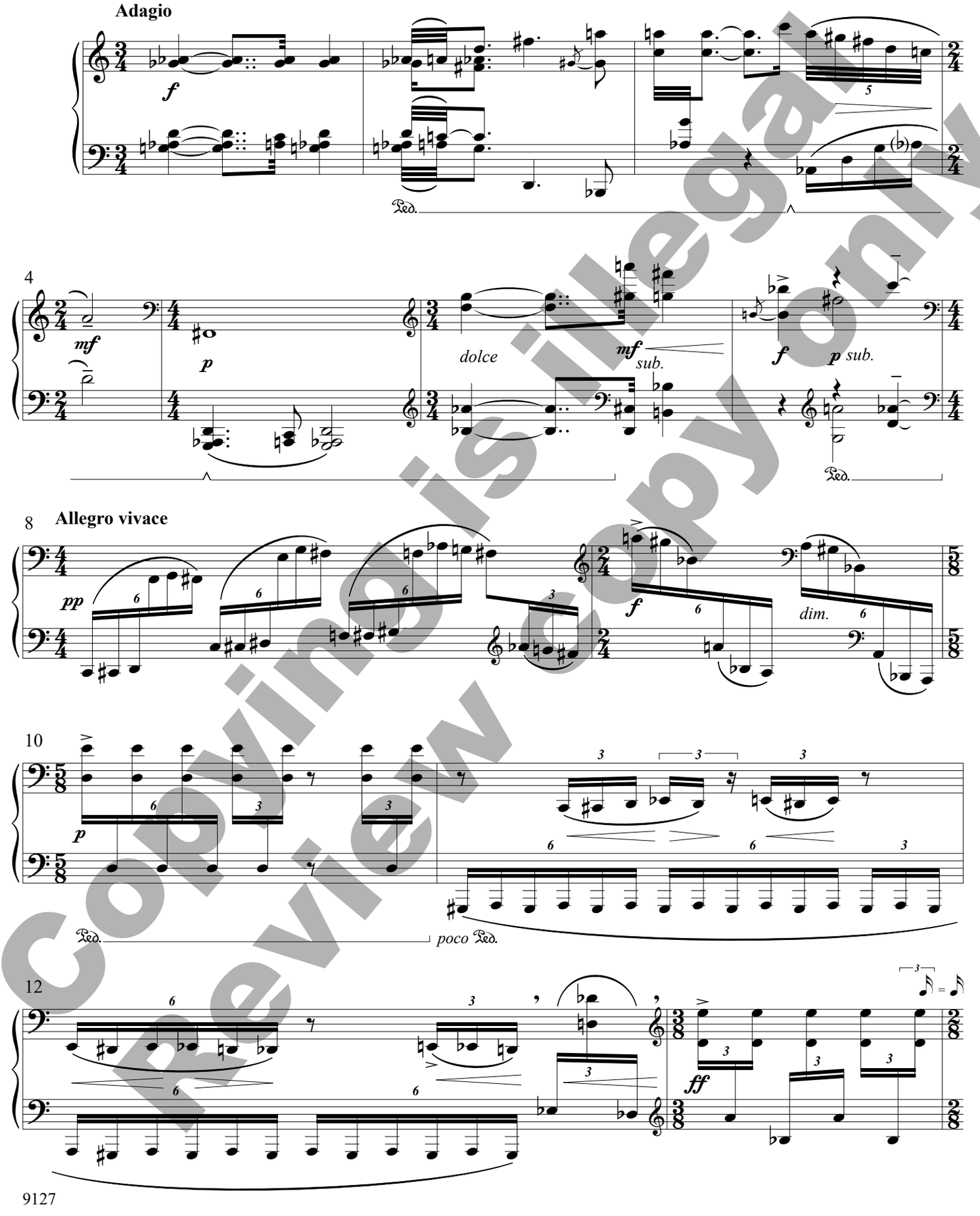

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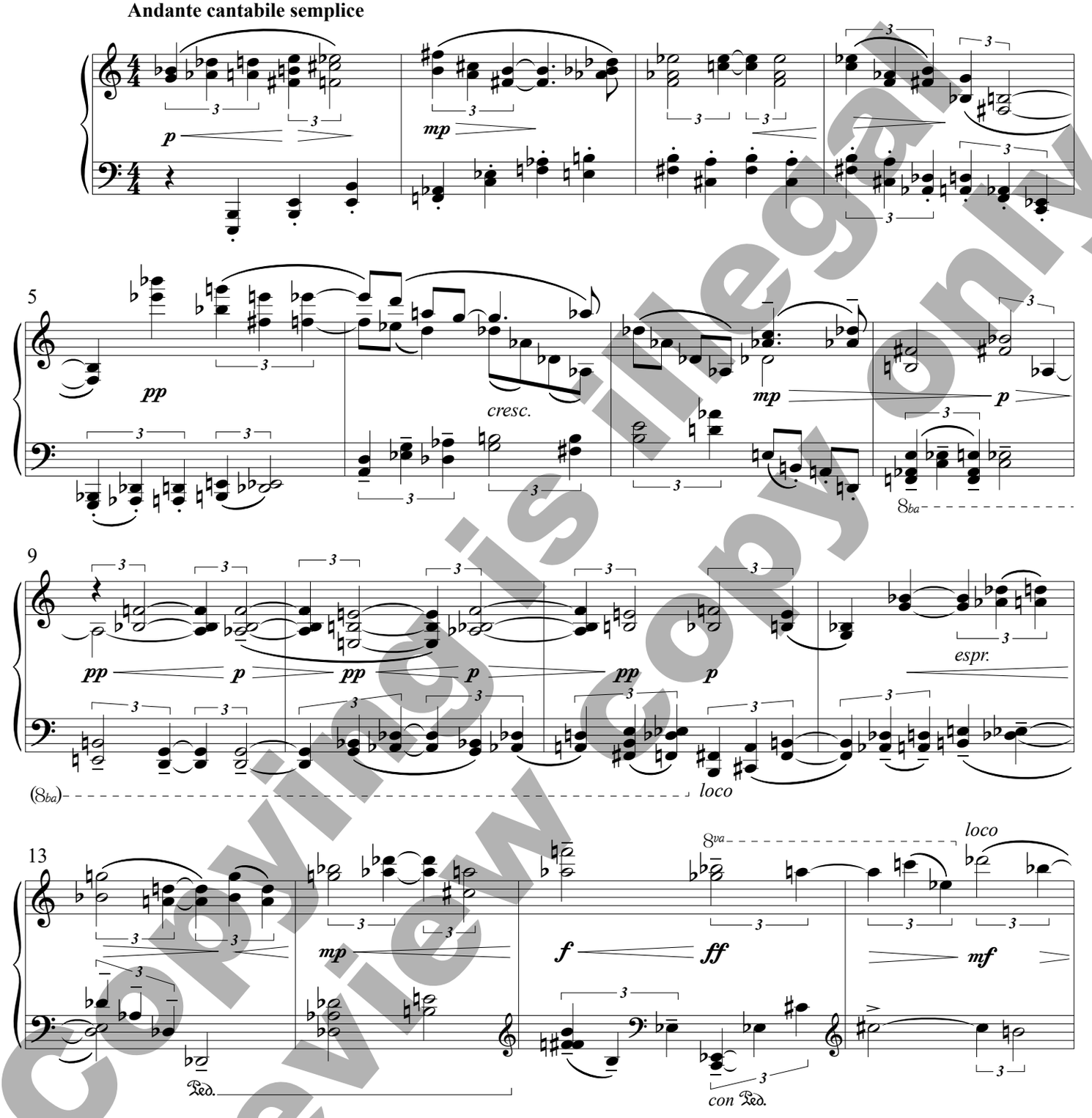

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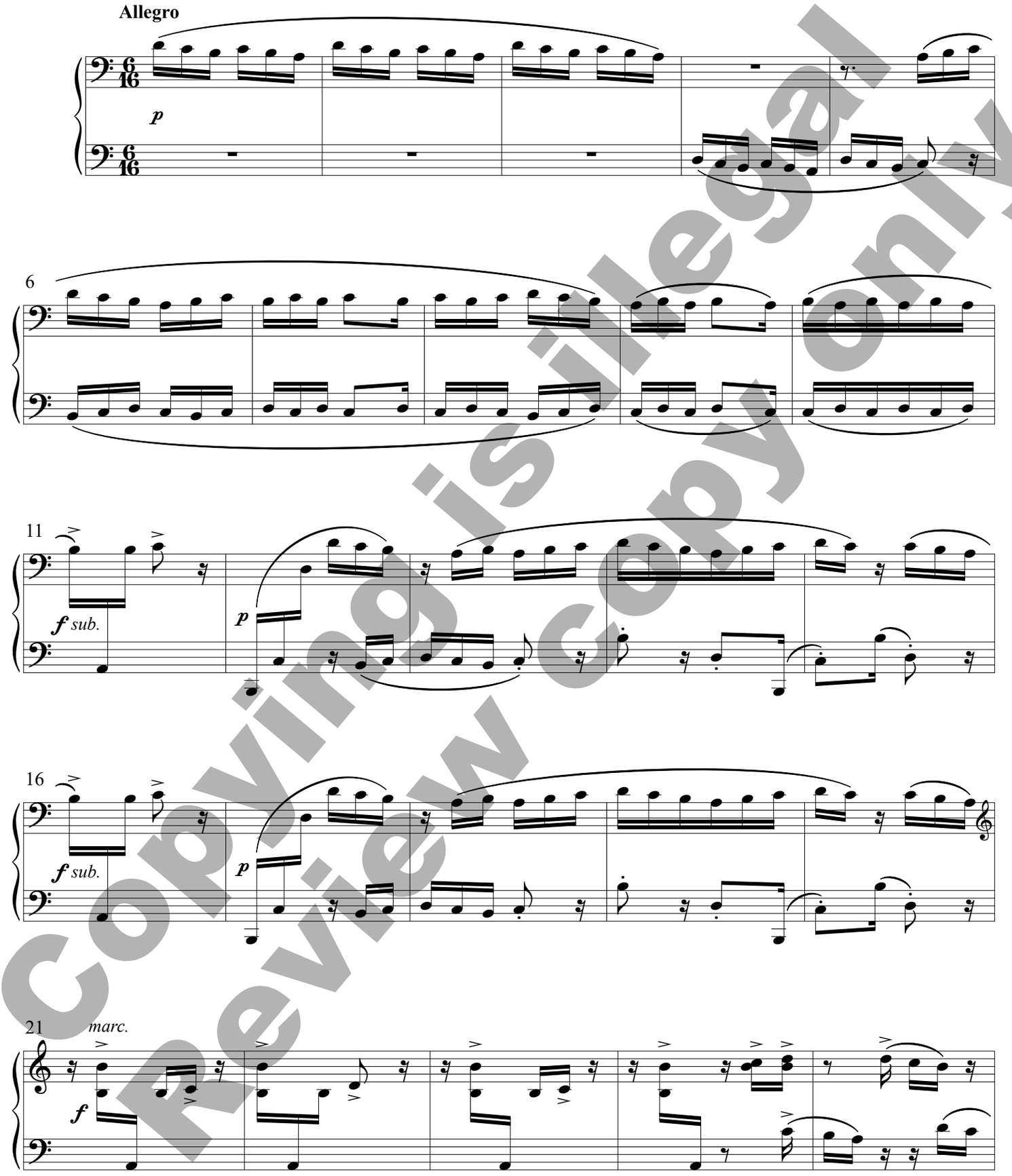

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