Trial by Fire

PETER BLAIR

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	3
Viola	5
Cello	5
Bass	5
Piano (Rehearsal only)	1

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About the Composer

Peter Blair has an extensive and varied background in music education, composition, and performance. He holds a BA from Carroll University (Waukesha, WI) and an MA from the University of Wisconsin.

Currently, Blair is the Jazz Editor at Excelcia Music Publishing & Kendor Music Publishing. An accomplished composer and arranger, he has over 70 compositions and arrangements in print, as well as many commissions for college, high school, and middle school groups throughout the United States. His music for jazz ensemble has been published by Hal Leonard, Lorenz/Heritage JazzWorks, Alfred and Kendor.

Blair has been recognized by ASCAP for his compositions for jazz ensemble and vocal jazz choir. His music has appeared in many network and cable TV shows including Blind Spot, CSI, Agents of SHIELD and Las Vegas. His movie credits include “The Imitation Game” and “The Box”.

As a performer, Blair has worked with artists including Natalie Cole Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin, the Temptations and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. He has worked with the Broadway touring companies of 42nd Street, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Annie, Chicago, A Chorus Line, and Guys and Dolls. As a clinician, he has presented workshops for Ohio, Colorado, Minnesota, Illinois, California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida Music Educator Conferences as well as being the featured speaker for sessions in London, Toronto, and Vancouver.

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This is an aggressive piece for younger players that should be played with rhythmic drive and intensity. It does have a contrasting flowing melodic section starting at 24, but the tempo should remain constant. Measure 40 contains some transitional material that should be played with confidence to set up the B major chord at 44. Measure 65 should have a big *crescendo* to the last two bars.

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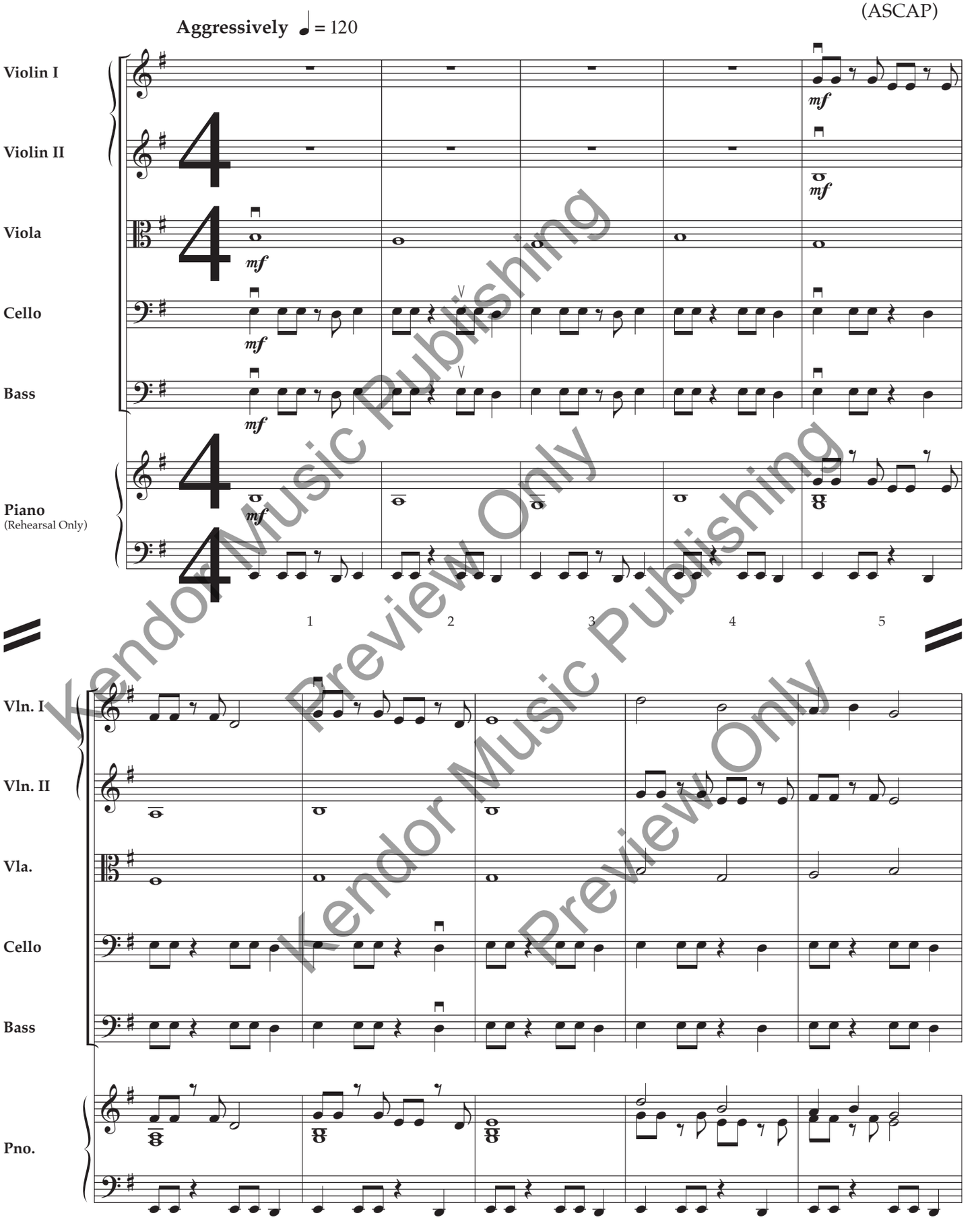

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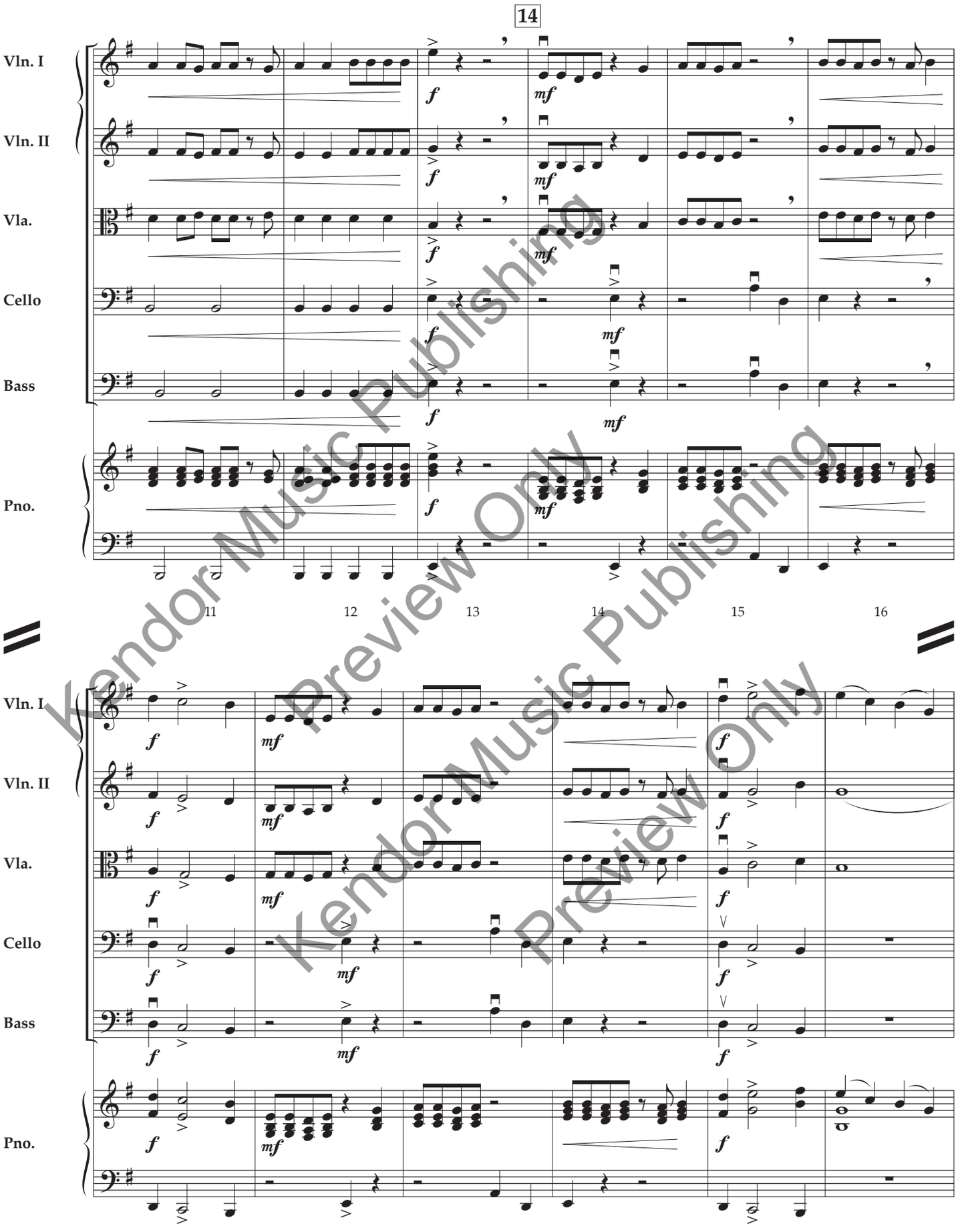

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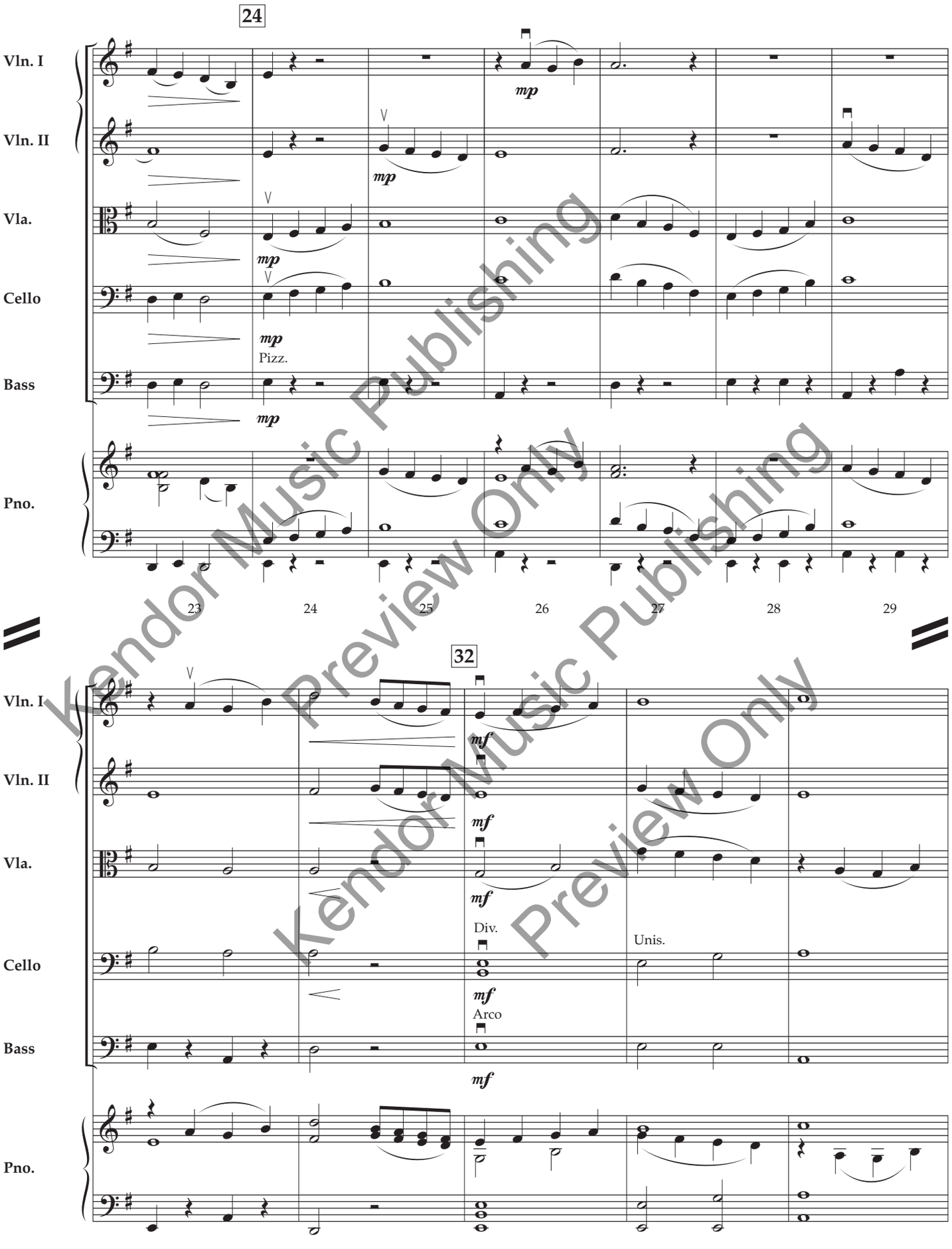

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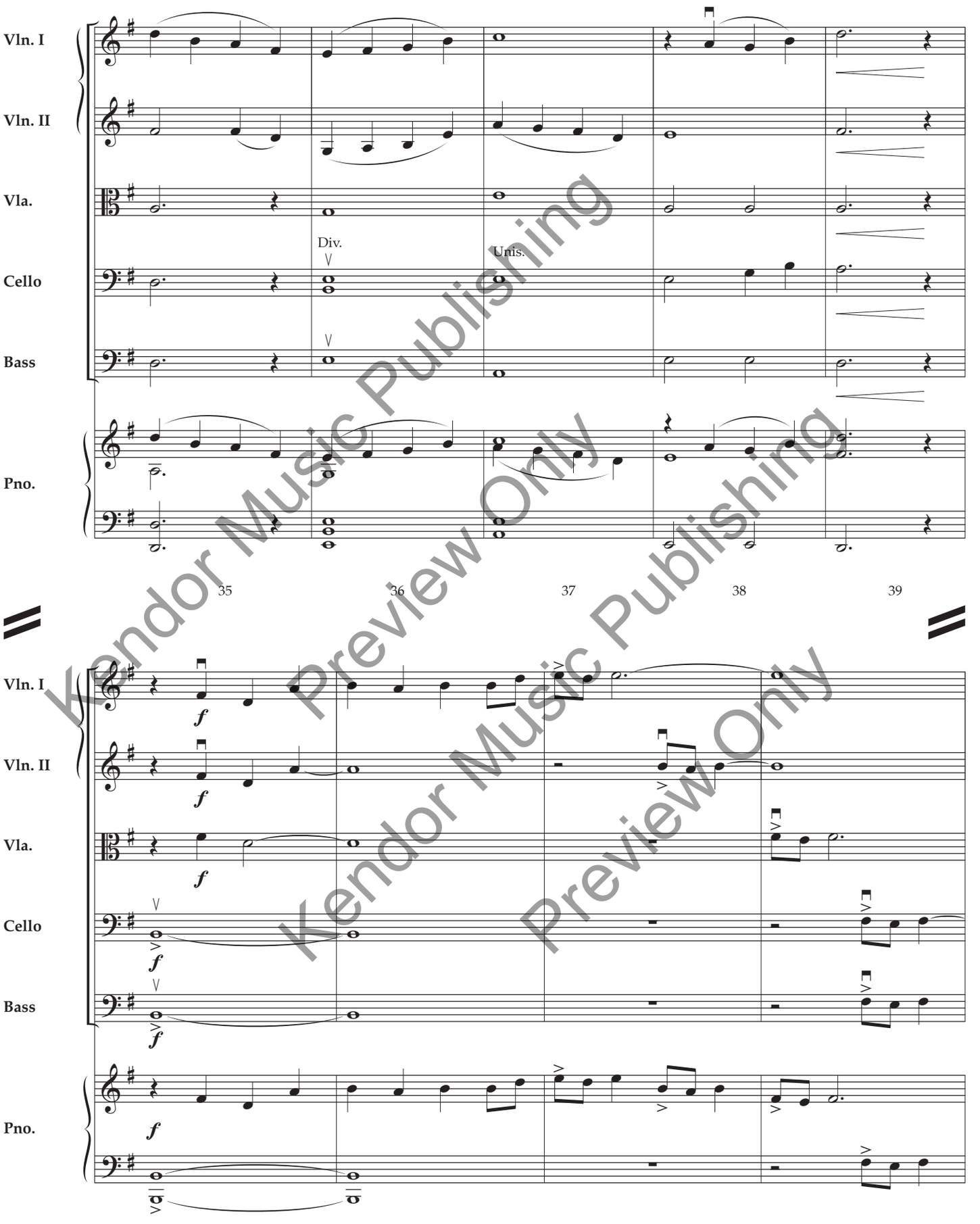

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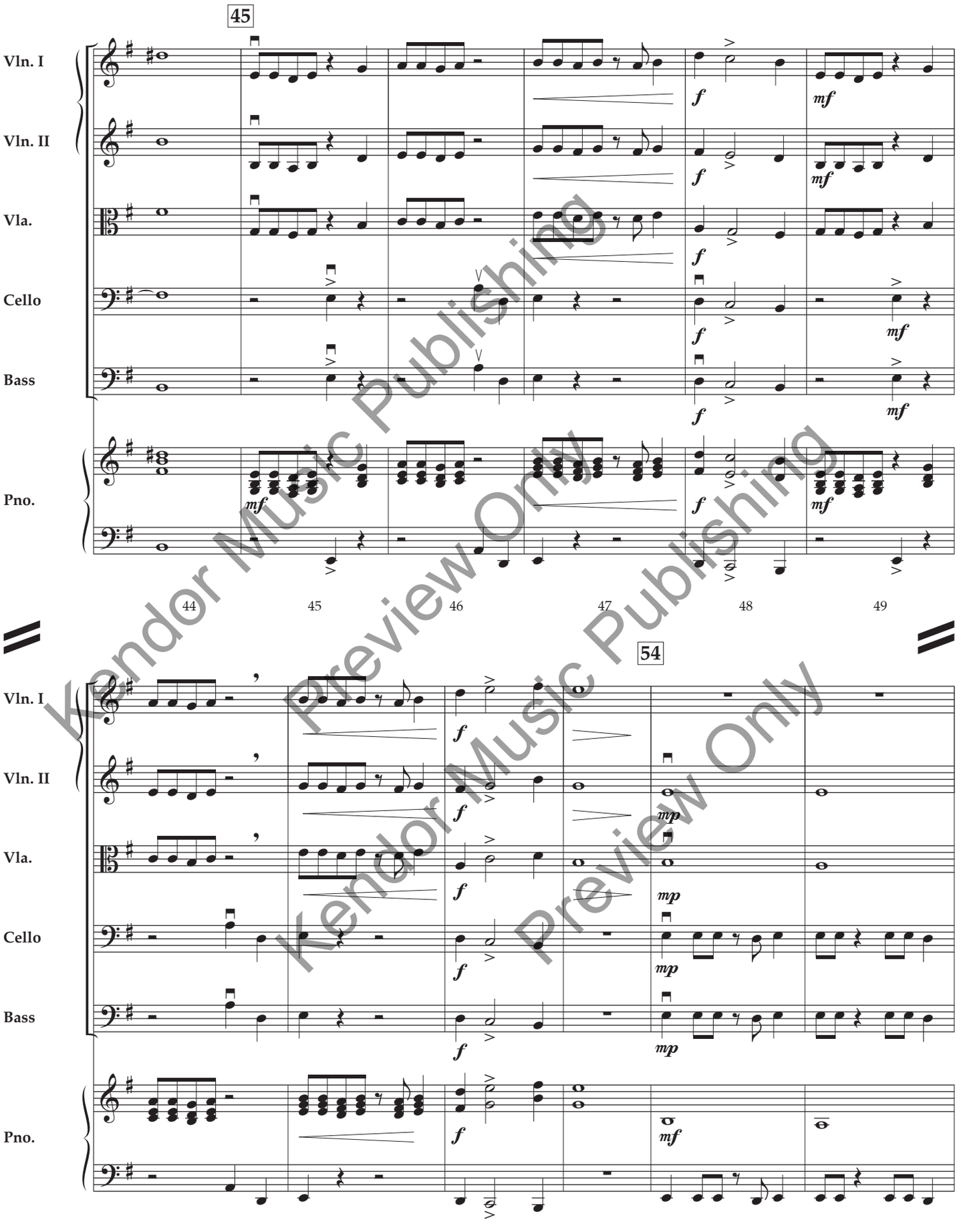

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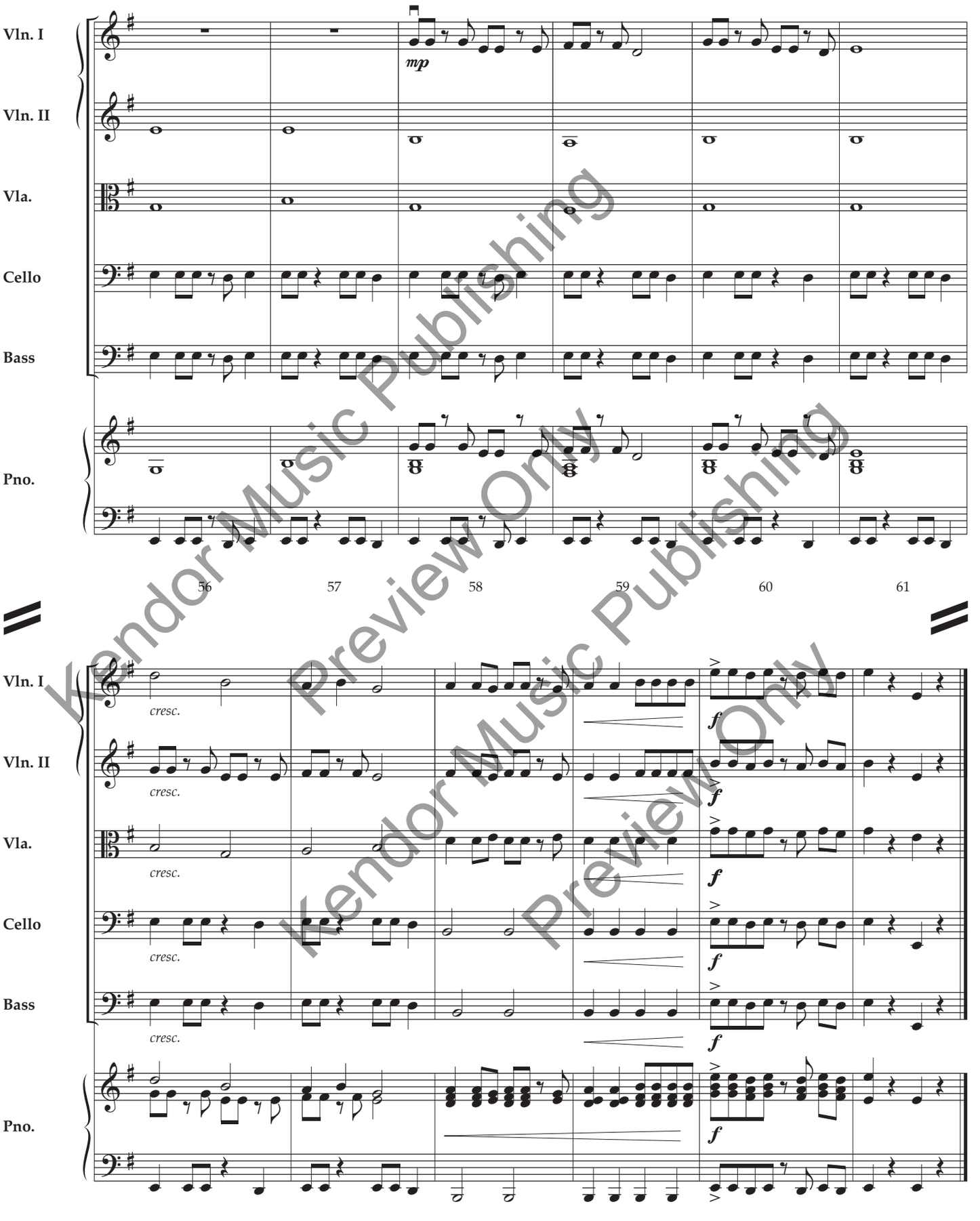

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