Overjoyed

For String Orchestra, Grade 4
by Katie O'Hara LaBrie (ASCAP)

Instrumentation

1 - Full Score
8 - Violin 1
8 - Violin 2
3 - Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
5 - Viola
5 - Cello
5 - Bass*

Note from the Editor:

This Grade 4 piece uses syncopated accents as a driving motor rhythm overlaid with celebratory melodies and developing hints of Beethoven's Ode to Joy theme.
*A Cello 2 part that doubles the Bass is available as a free download at randallstandridge.com.
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Program Notes:

Overjoyed was inspired by the glory and unifying nature of the Summer Olympics Games. The piece is full of energy from start to finish. The fast tempo and accented rhythms propel the piece forward, while later a calmer melody represents the solemnity and importance of coming together for these global events. Hidden throughout the piece are snippets of Beethoven's 9th symphony, specifically the famous "Ode to Joy" theme, which over history has been used as a unifying theme among people of the world, even at the Olympic Games themselves. The apex of the piece occurs at the key change from D major to G major when the Ode to Joy theme is finally presented in its full glory, though rhythmically modified, on top of the original celebratory theme of the work. This piece was written for the 2023 Vienna Summer Strings camp as they explored a summer where "music unites us."

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About the Composer

Katie O'Hara LaBrie is a composer, conductor, clinician, and cellist from Northern Virginia and is the Orchestra Editor for Randall Standridge Music Publications. An educator at heart, Mrs. LaBrie spent the first 15 years of her career teaching orchestra in Fairfax County, Virginia. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from St. Olaf College, where she studied under Steven Amundson, and Masters of Music in Instrumental Conducting from George Mason University, where she studied with Anthony Maiello.

As a composer, Mrs. LaBrie's inspiration grows from many sources such as family and nature, but primarily draws from her experiences as a music educator. She enjoys creating new music with the goal of being educationally sound, pleasing to audiences, and above all, fun for the players. She is passionate about sharing music with others and teaching students how to practice with purpose.

Mrs. LaBrie is the founding conductor of the Fairfax Chamber Players and co-creator of "the Big IDEA" practice method. In 2022, she was honored as one of Yamaha's "40 Under 40," for her action, courage, creativity, and commitment to growth in the music education field. She lives in Fairfax, VA with her husband Joe, who is a middle school band director, and their budding musician, Liam. Learn more at www.katieoharalabrie.com.

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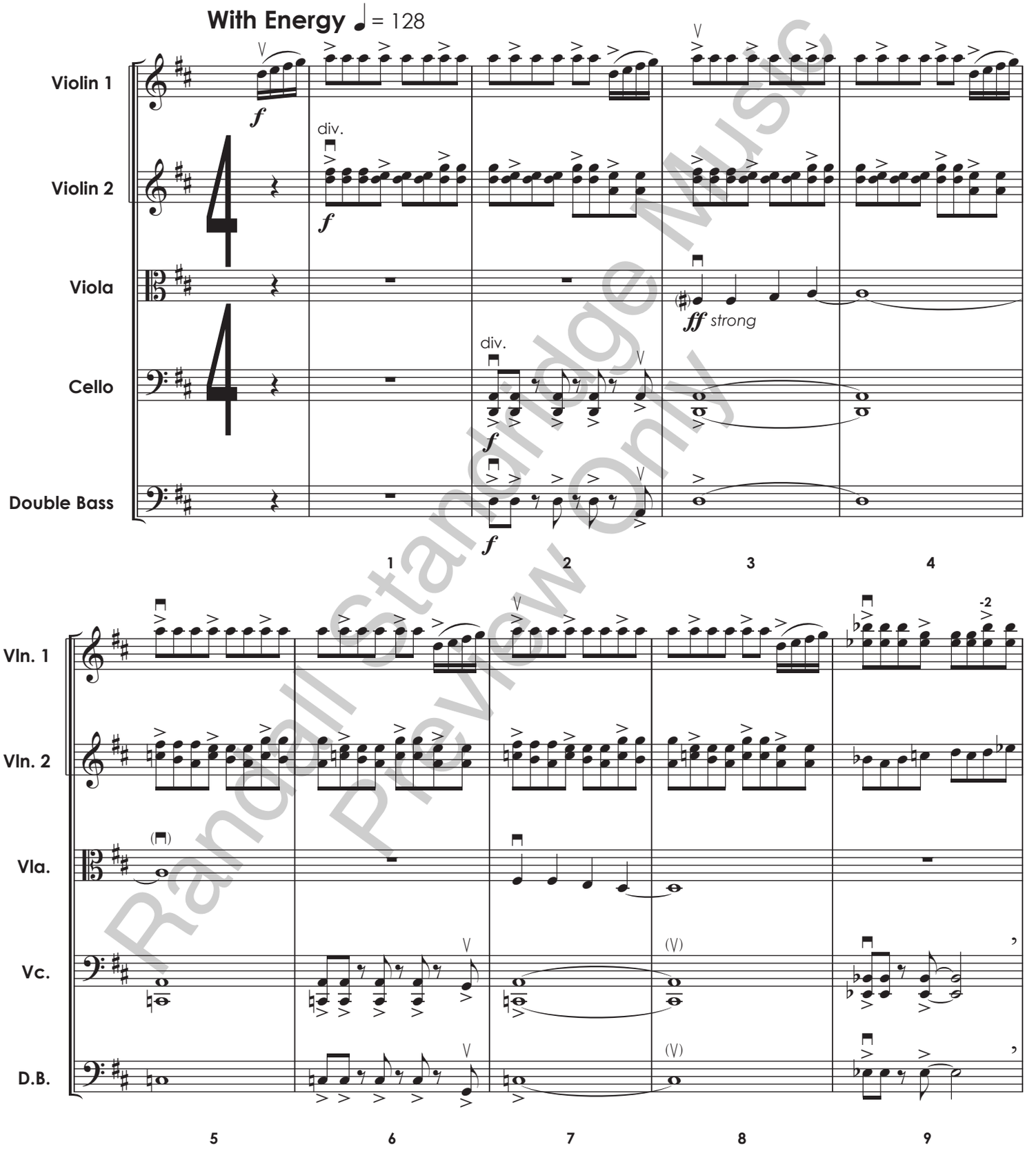

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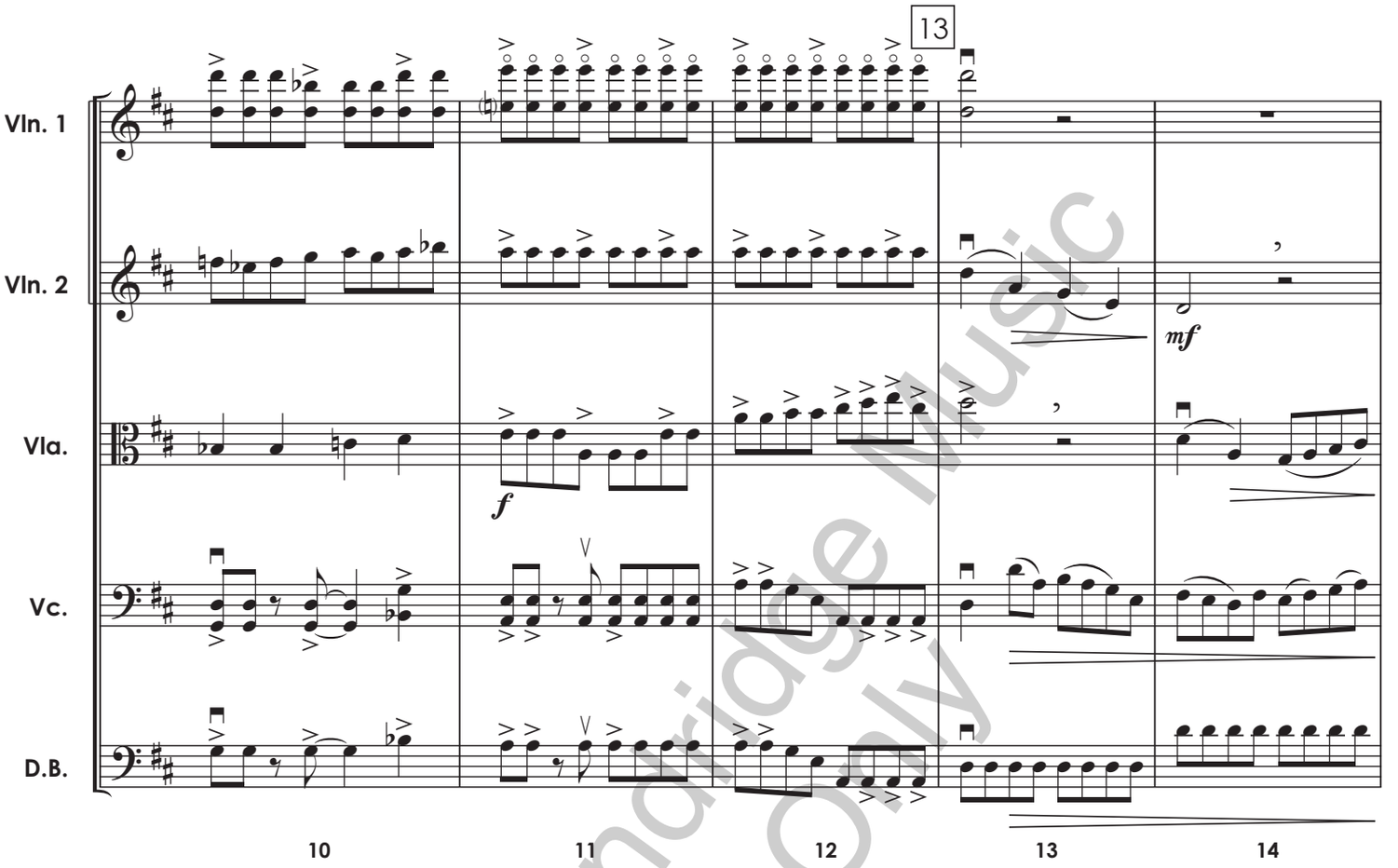

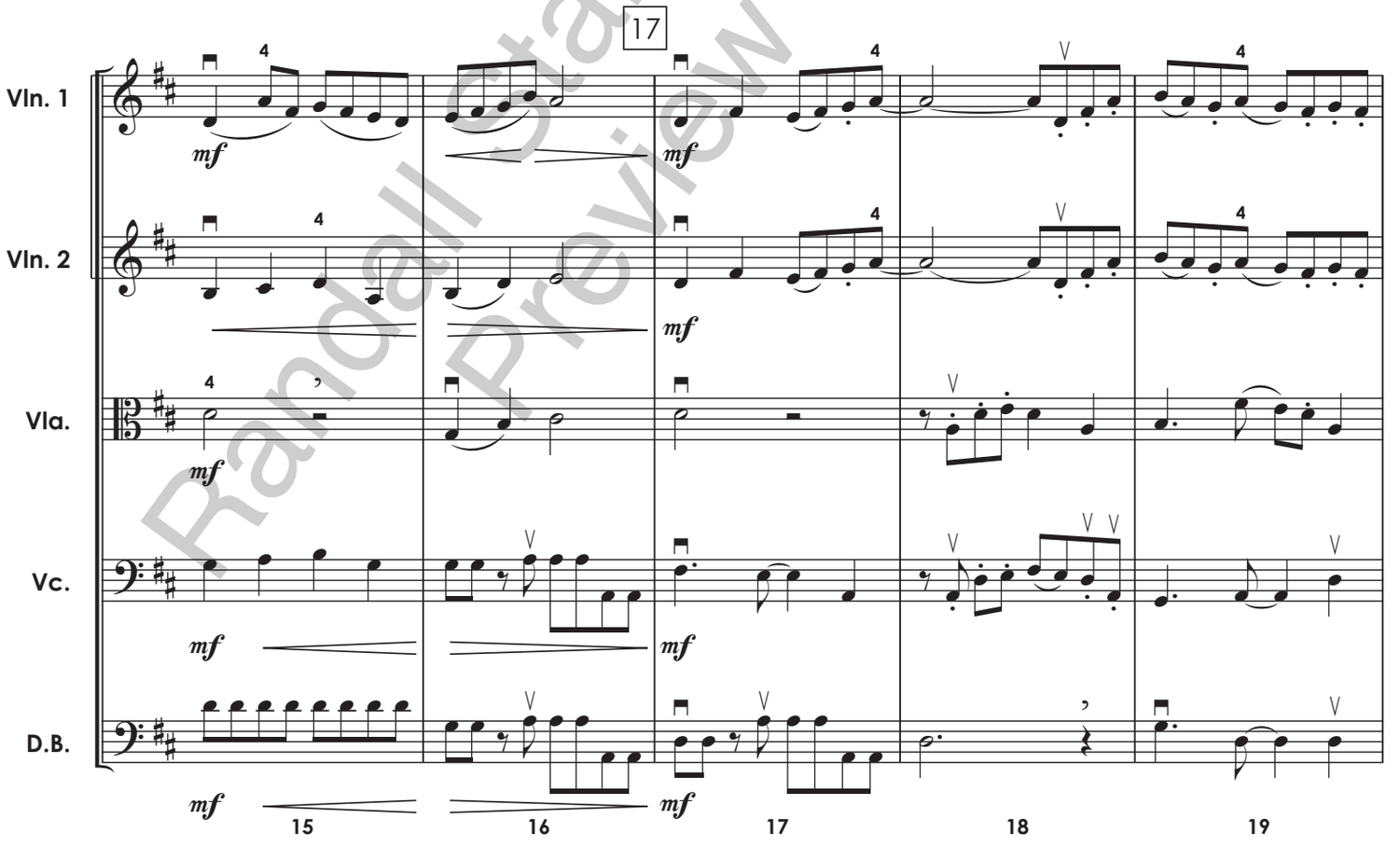

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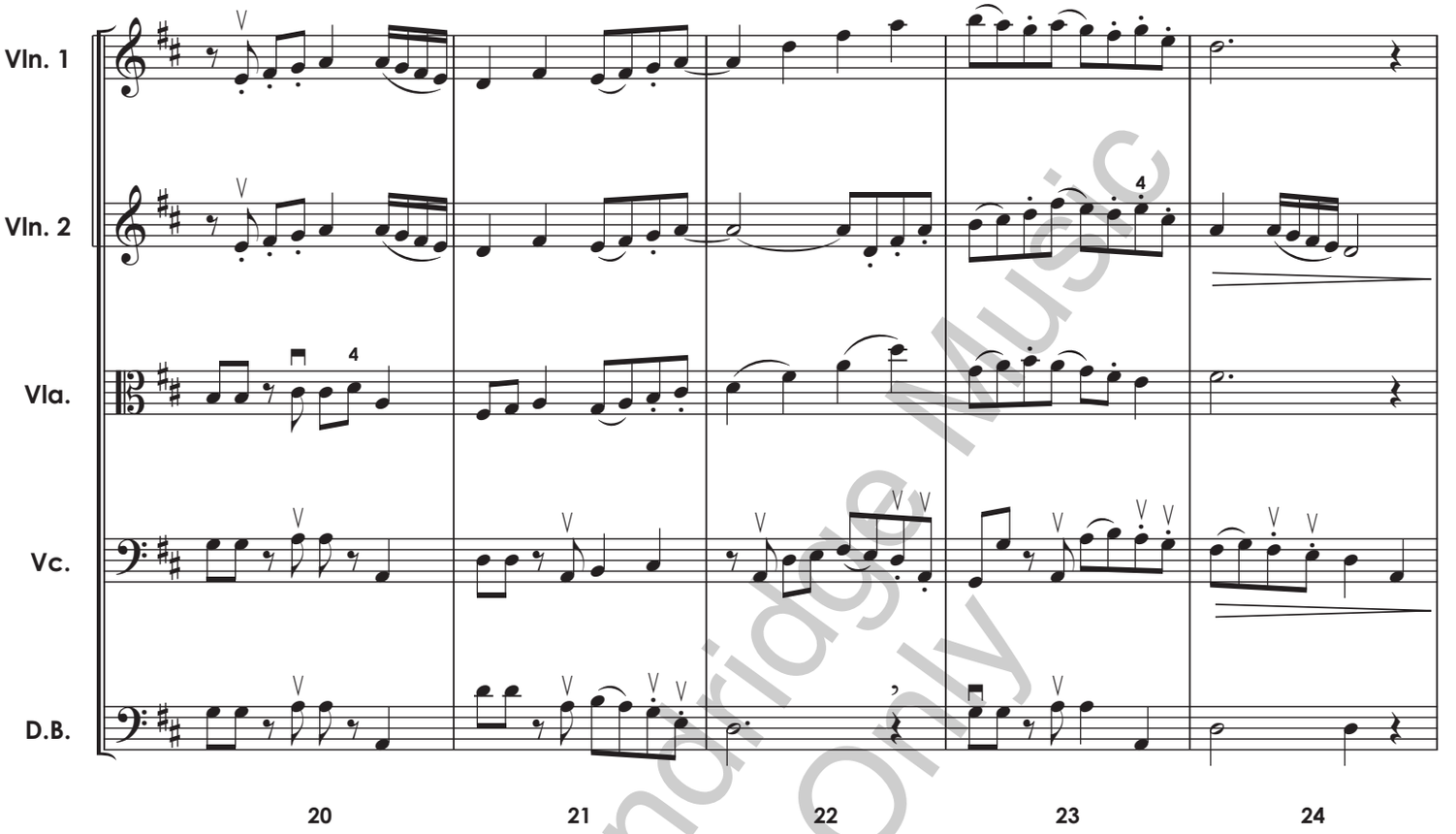

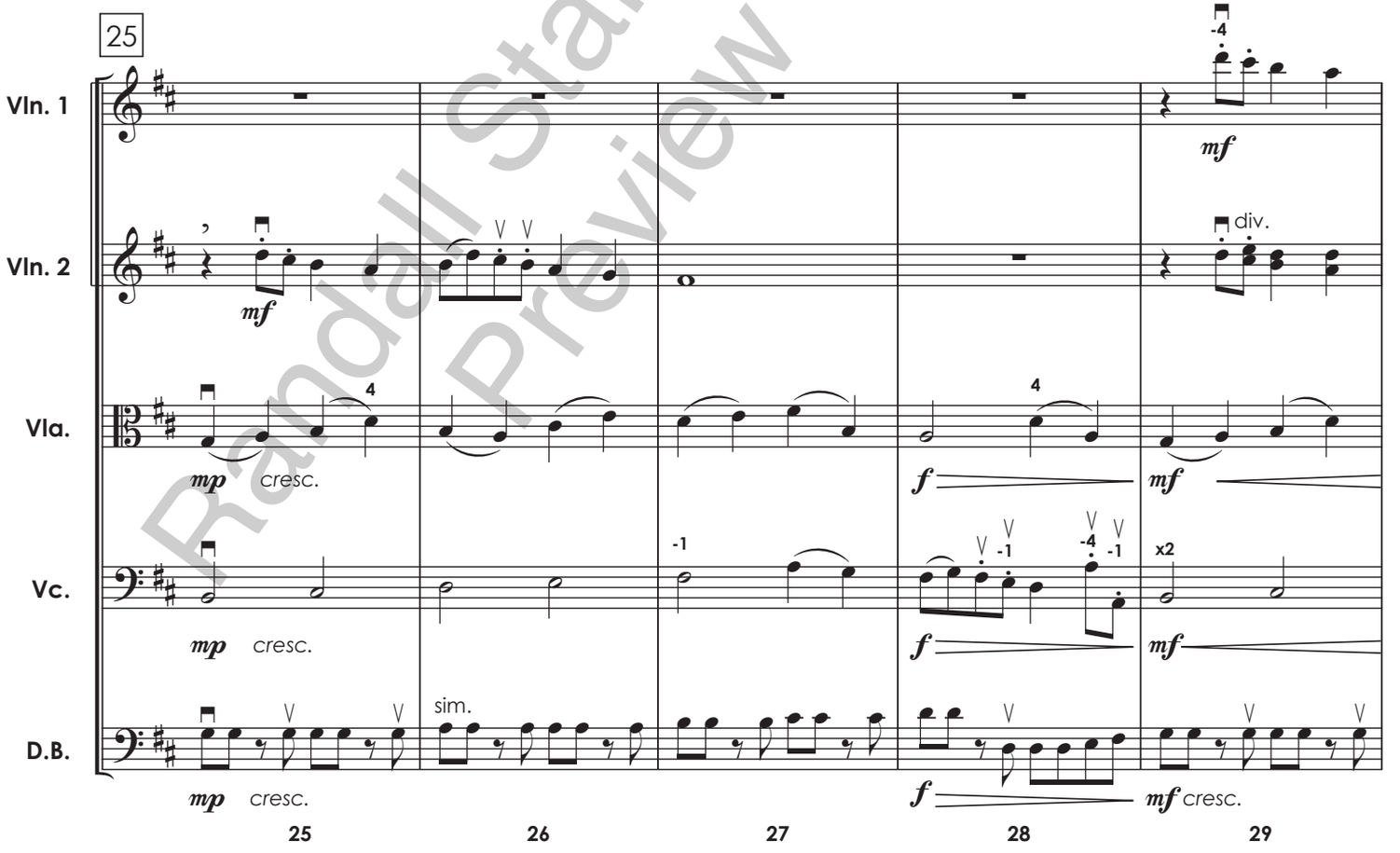

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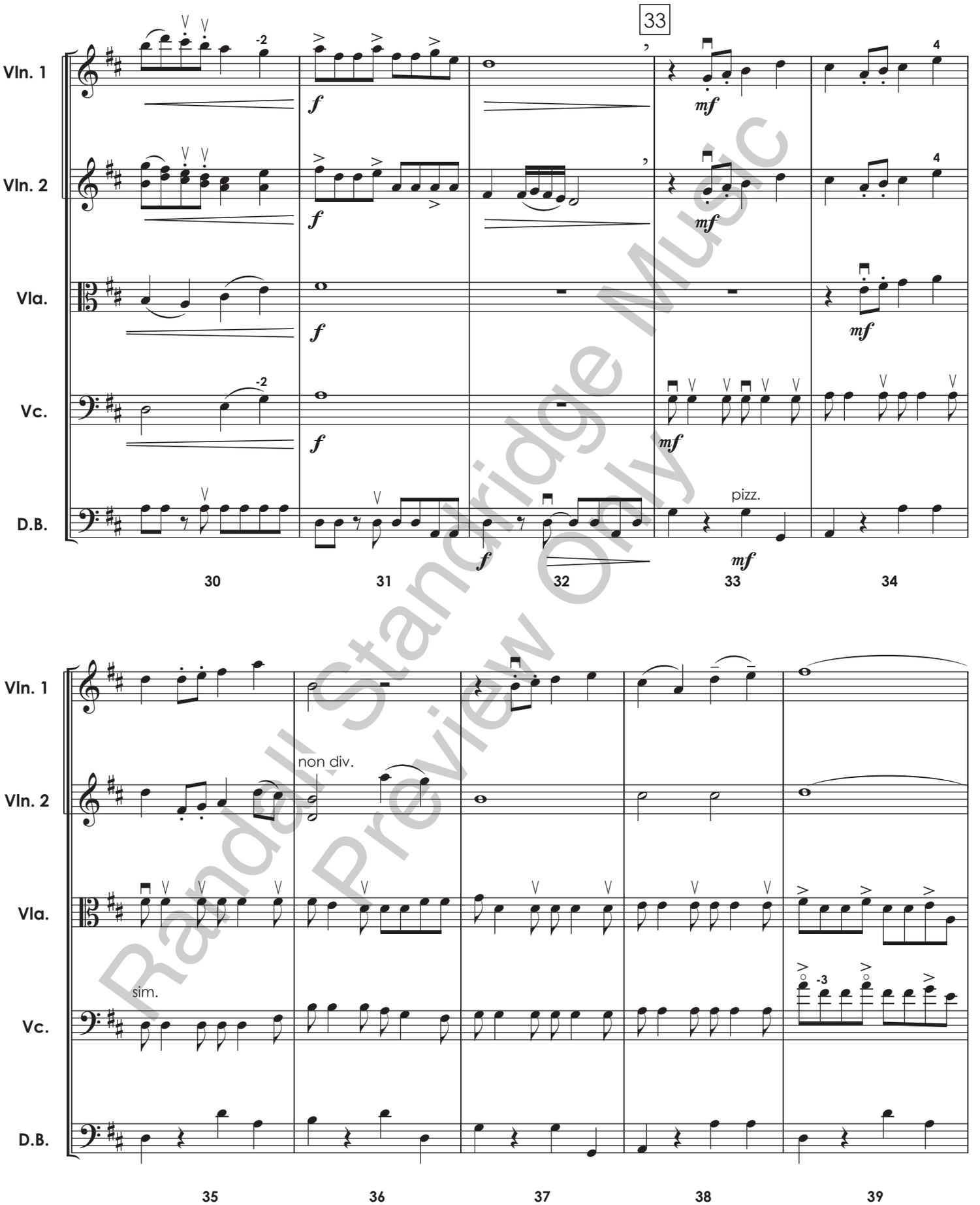

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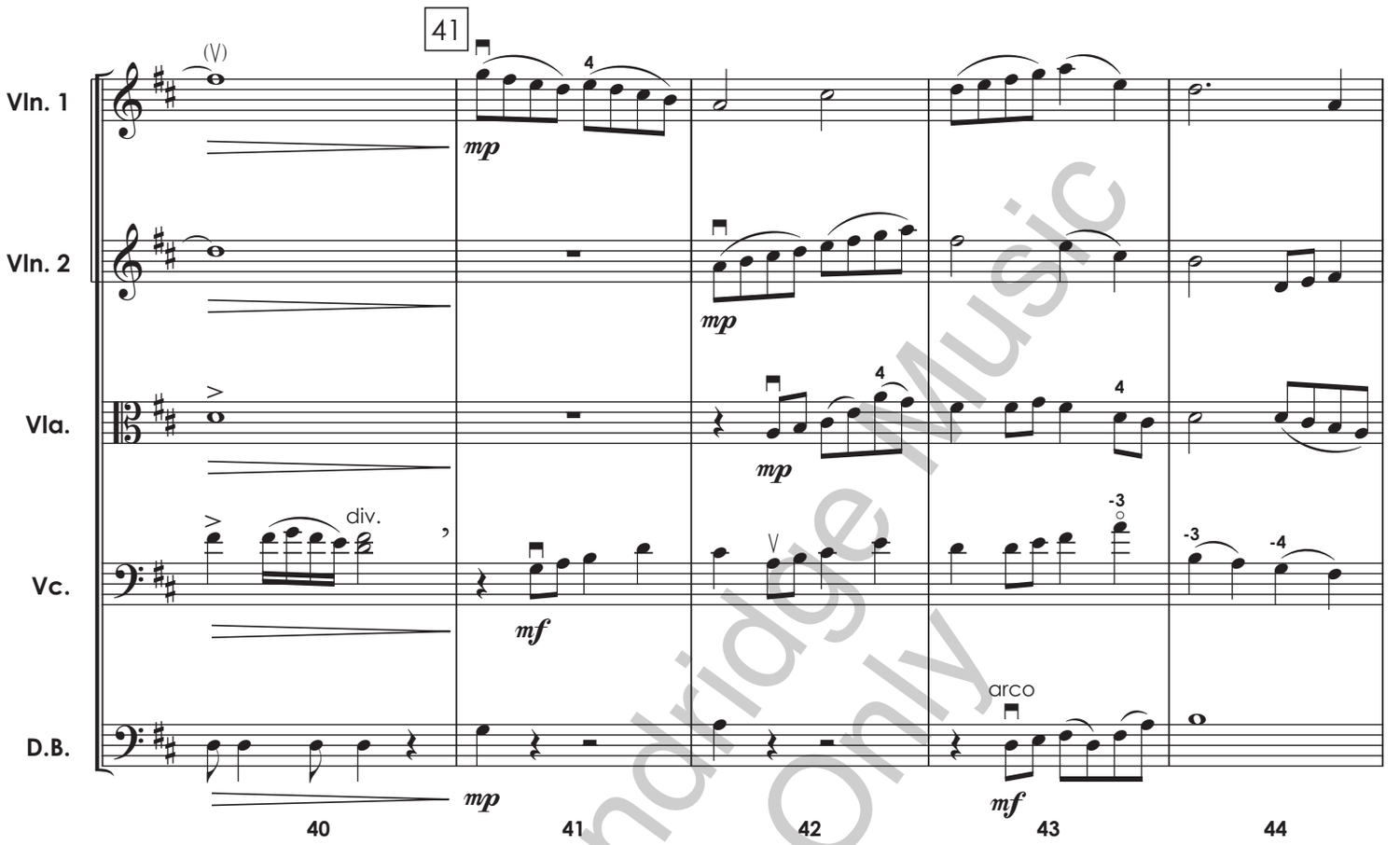

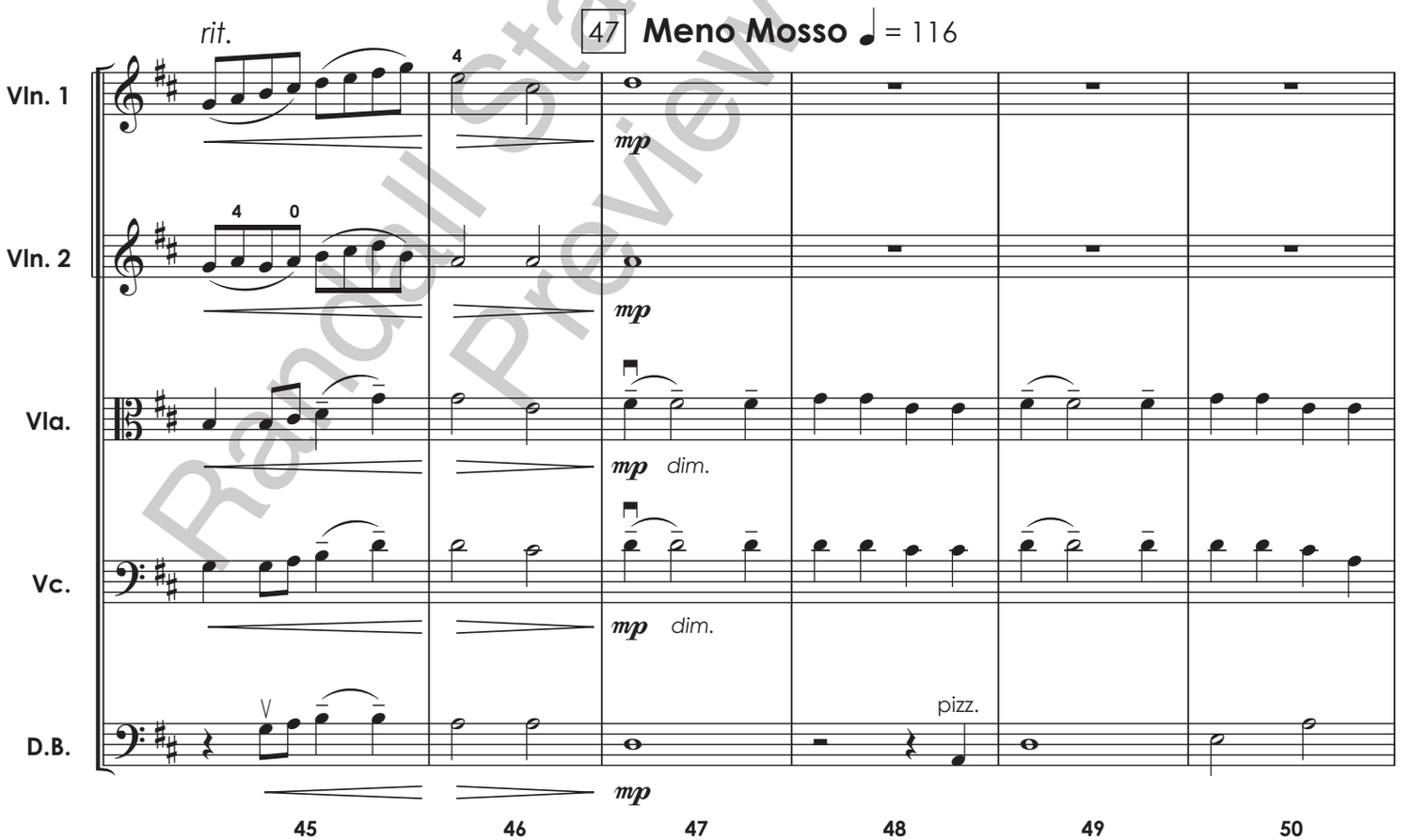

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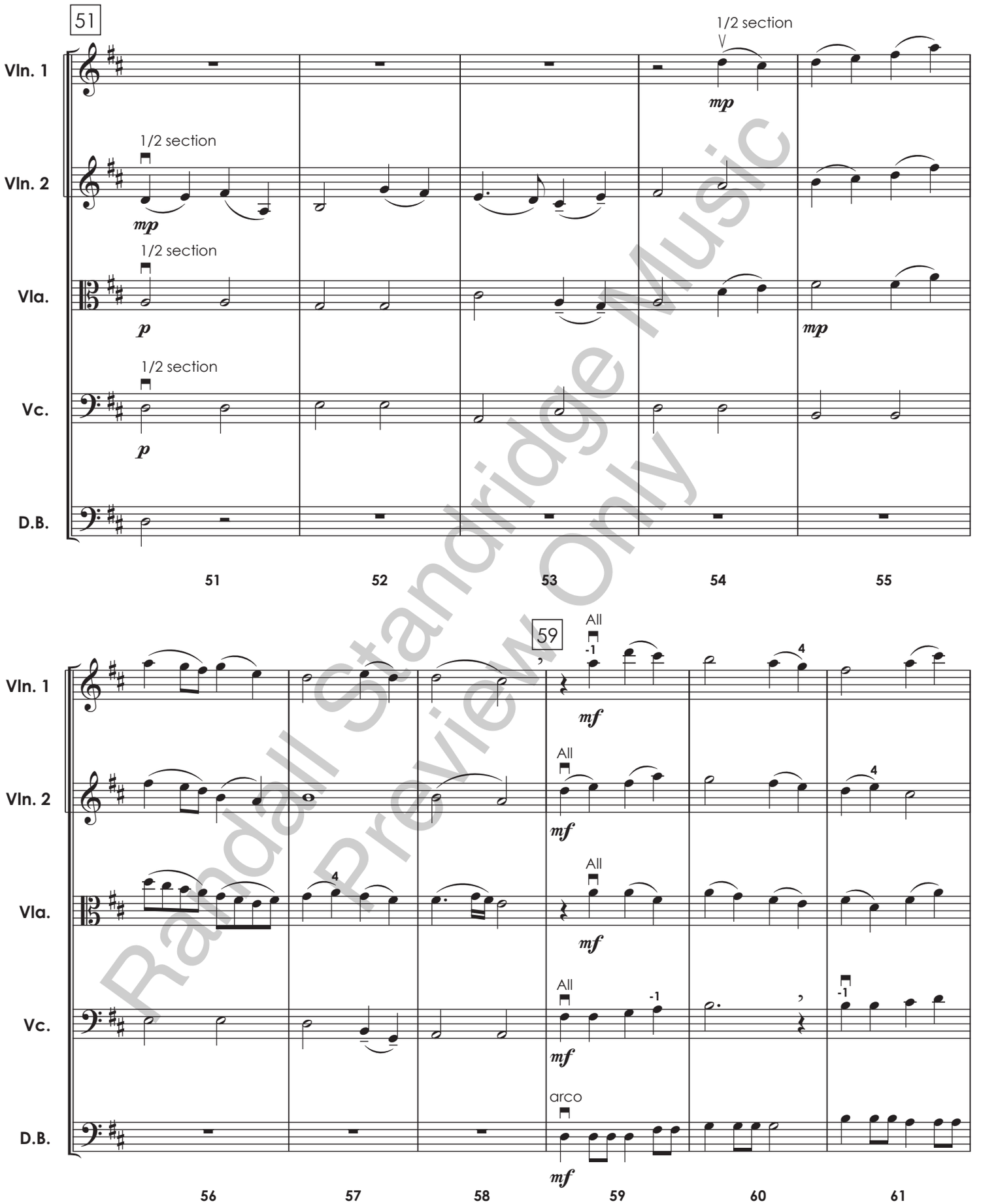

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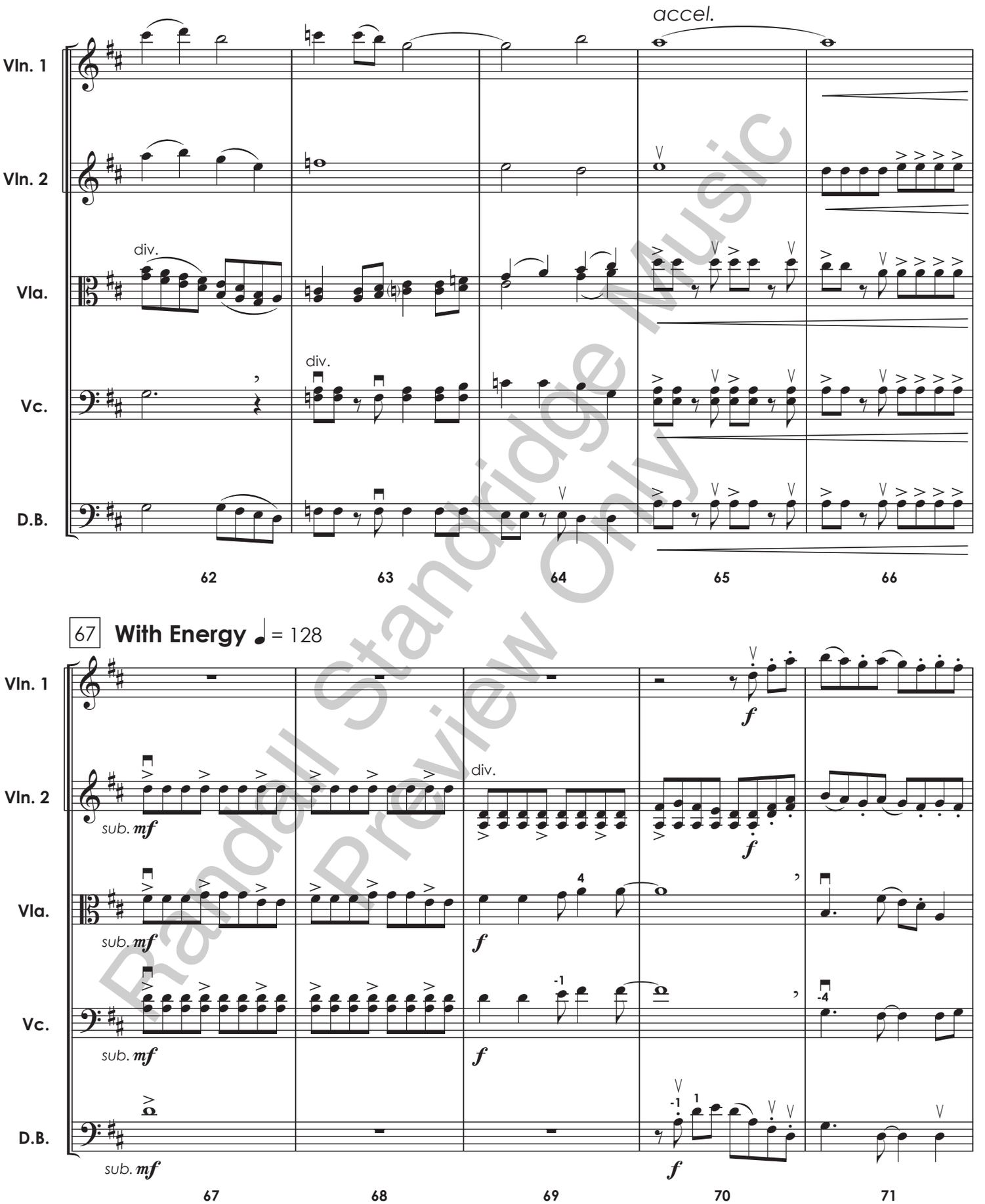

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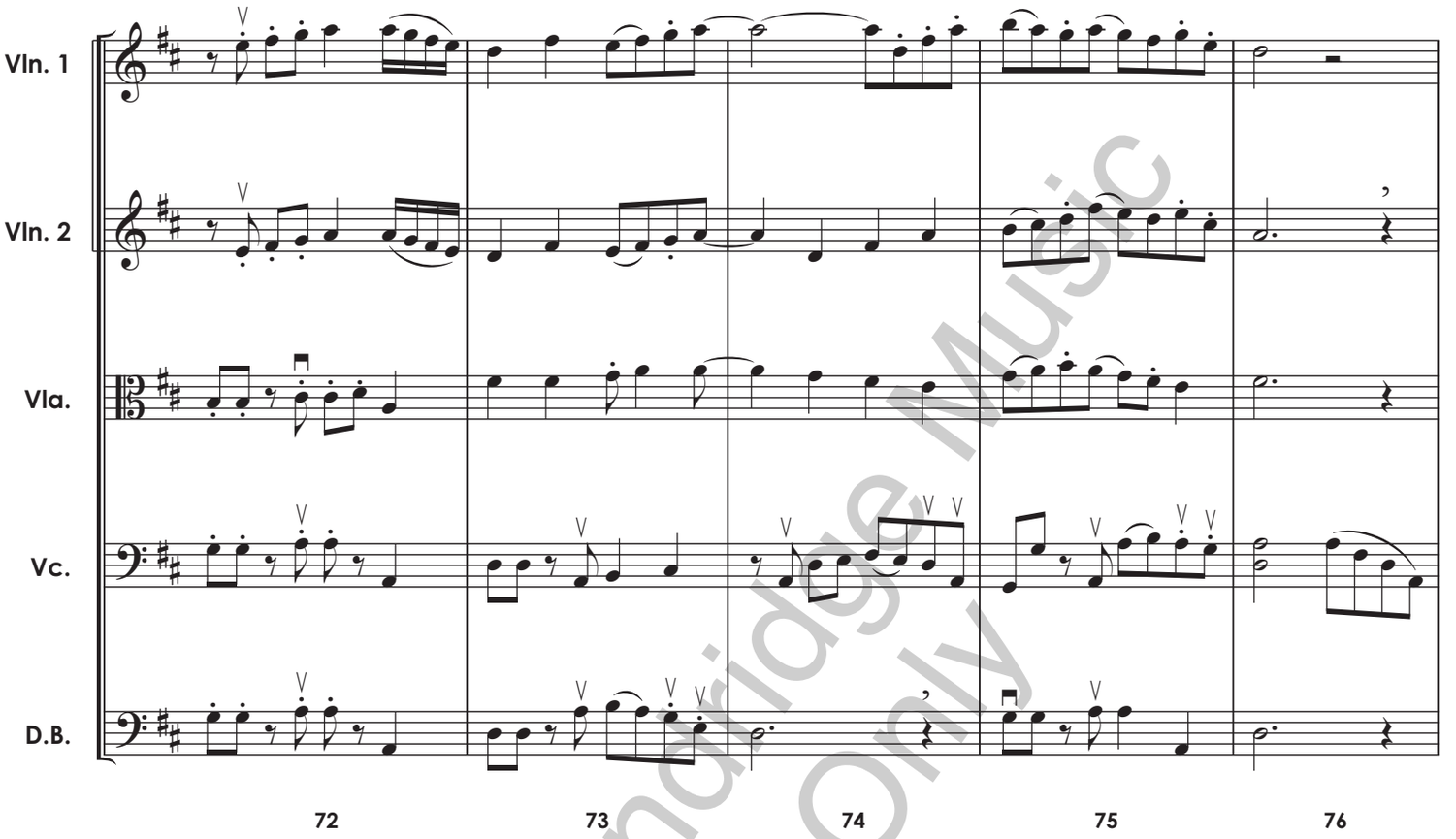

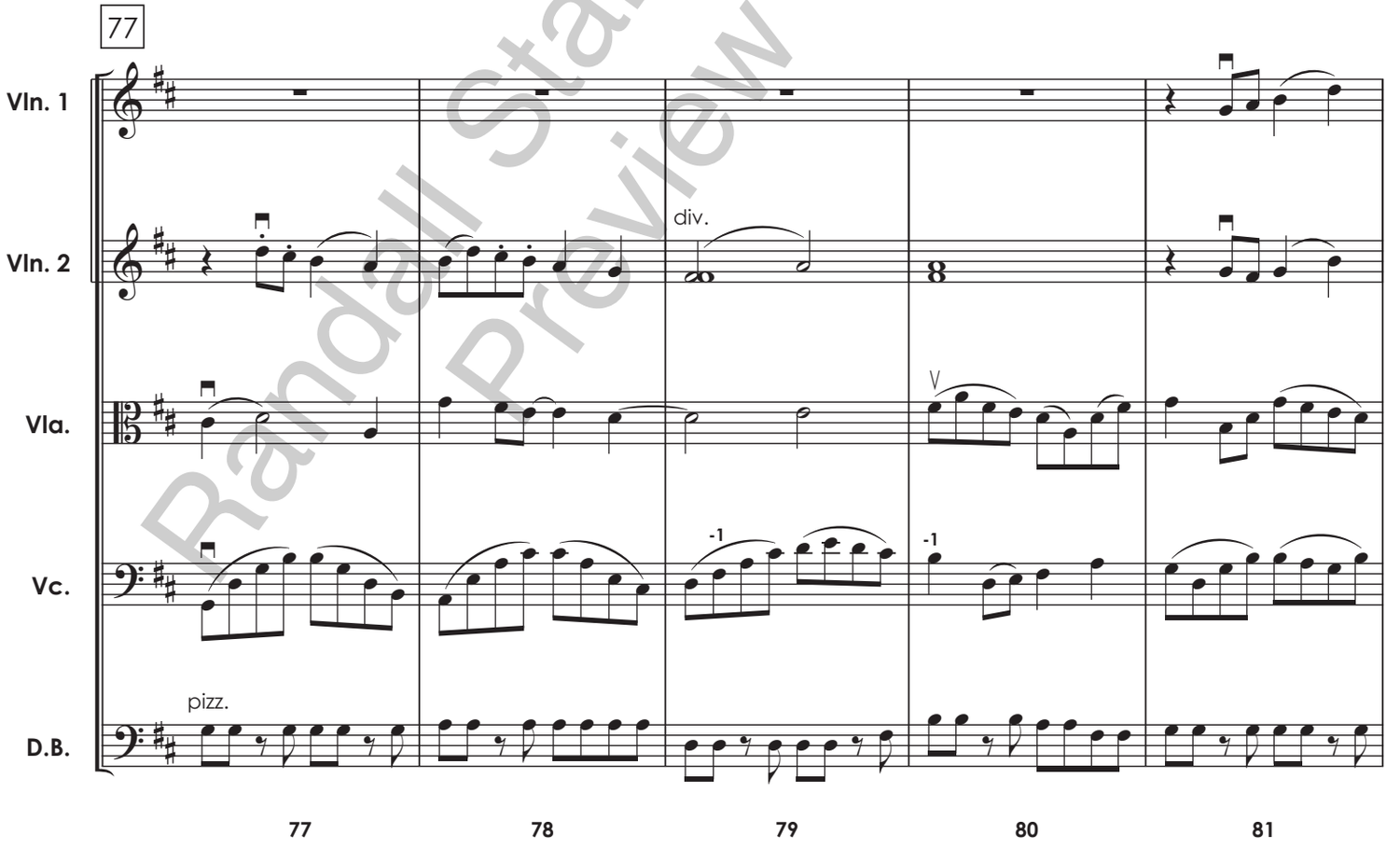

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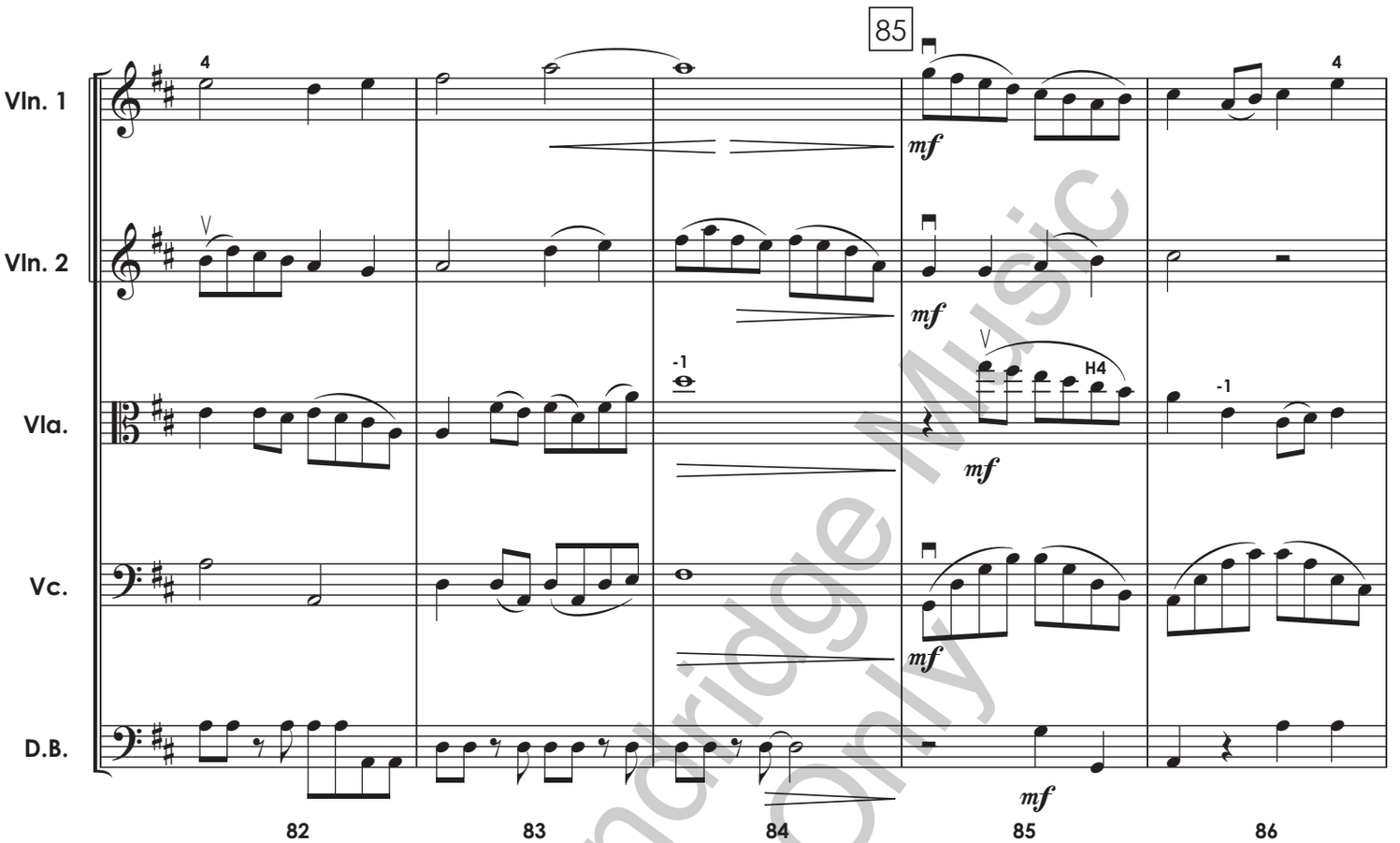

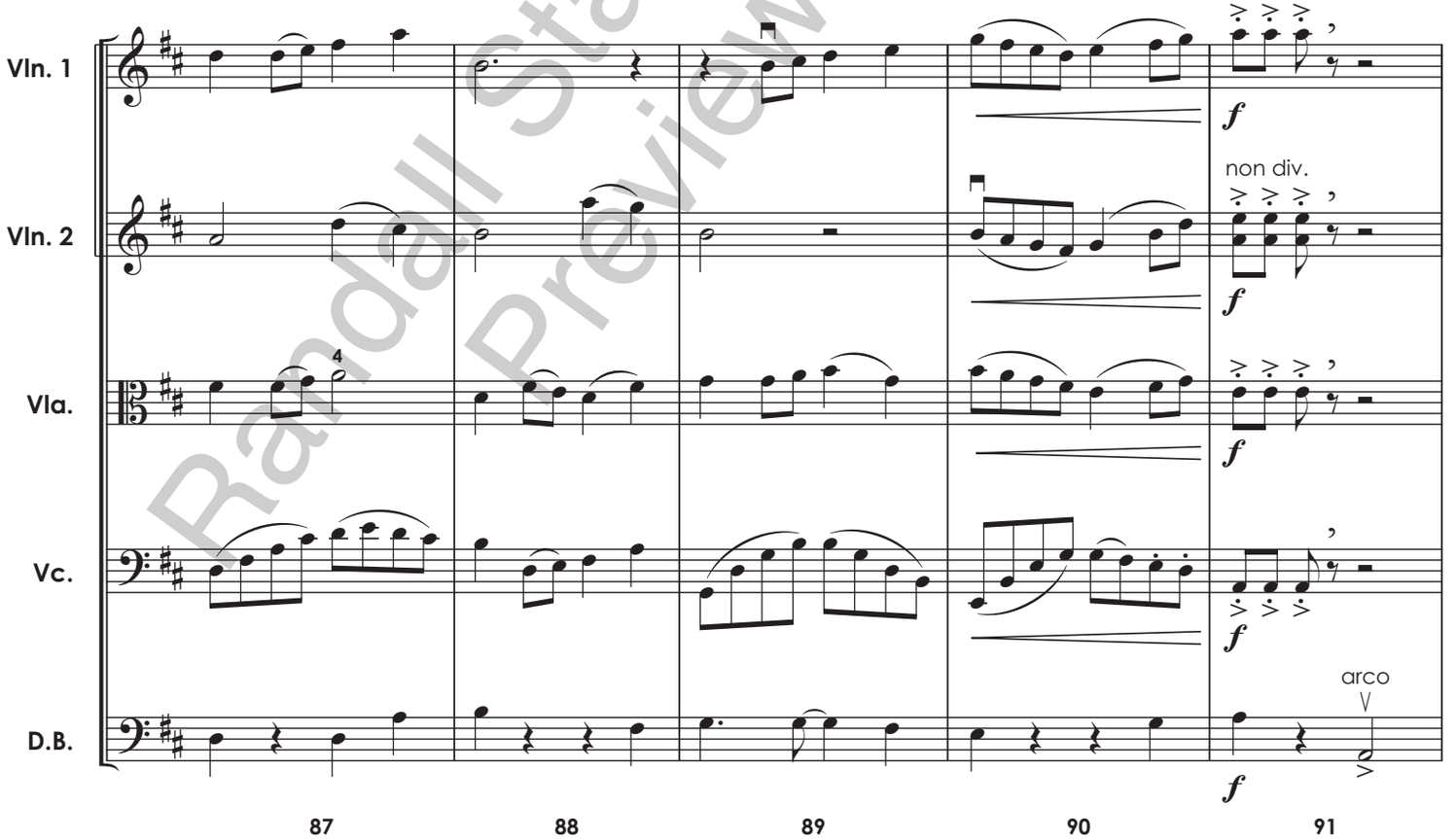

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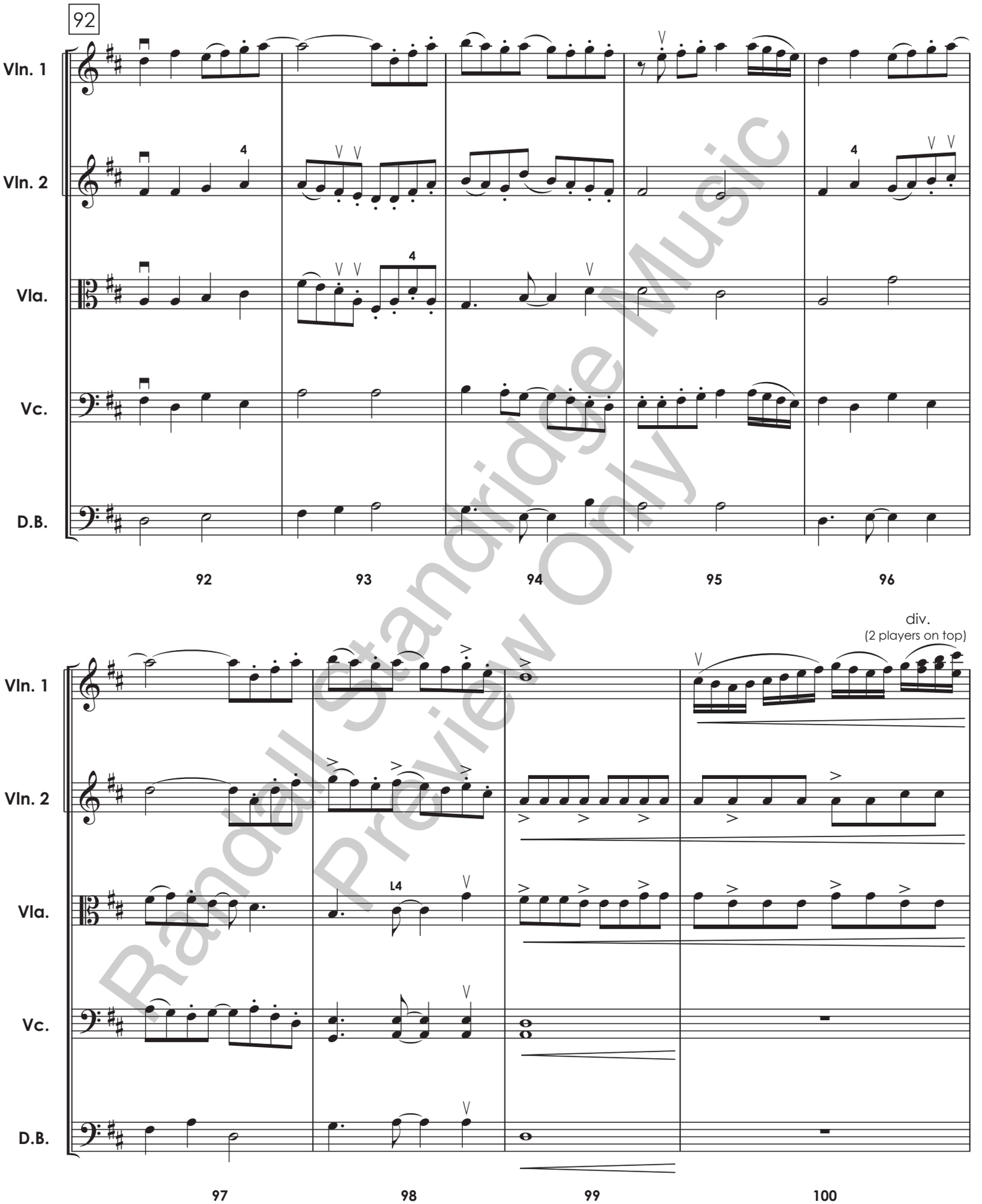

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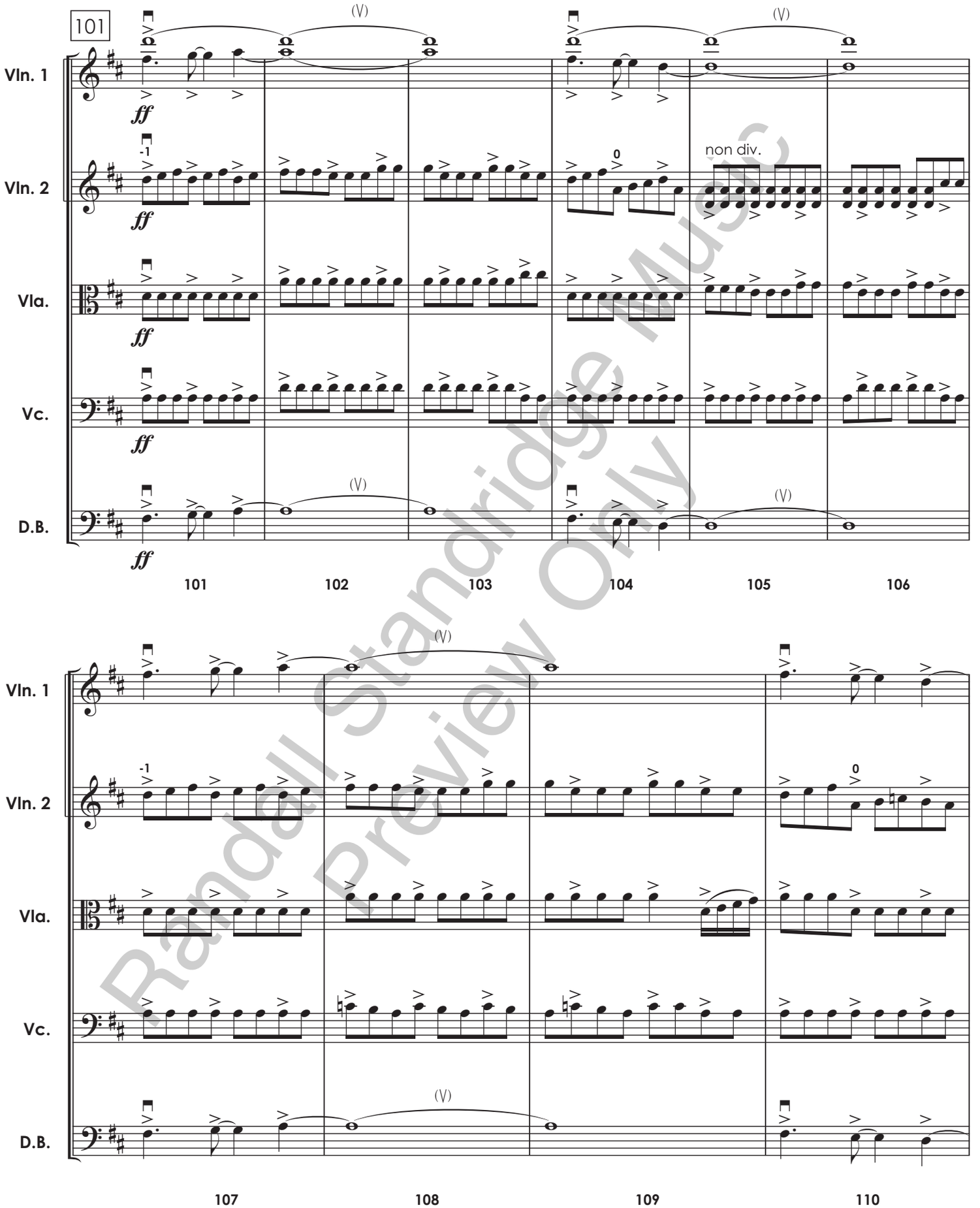

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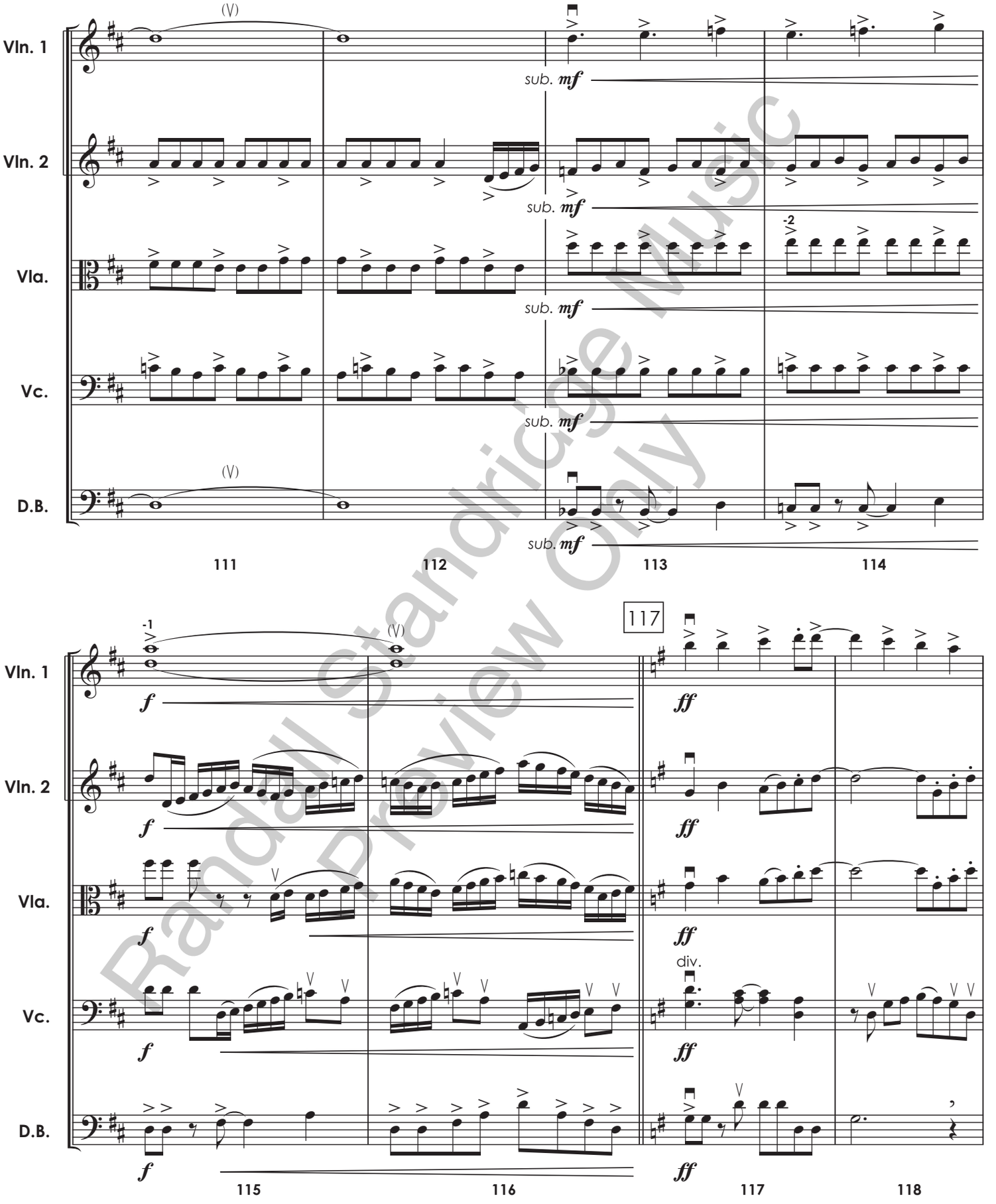

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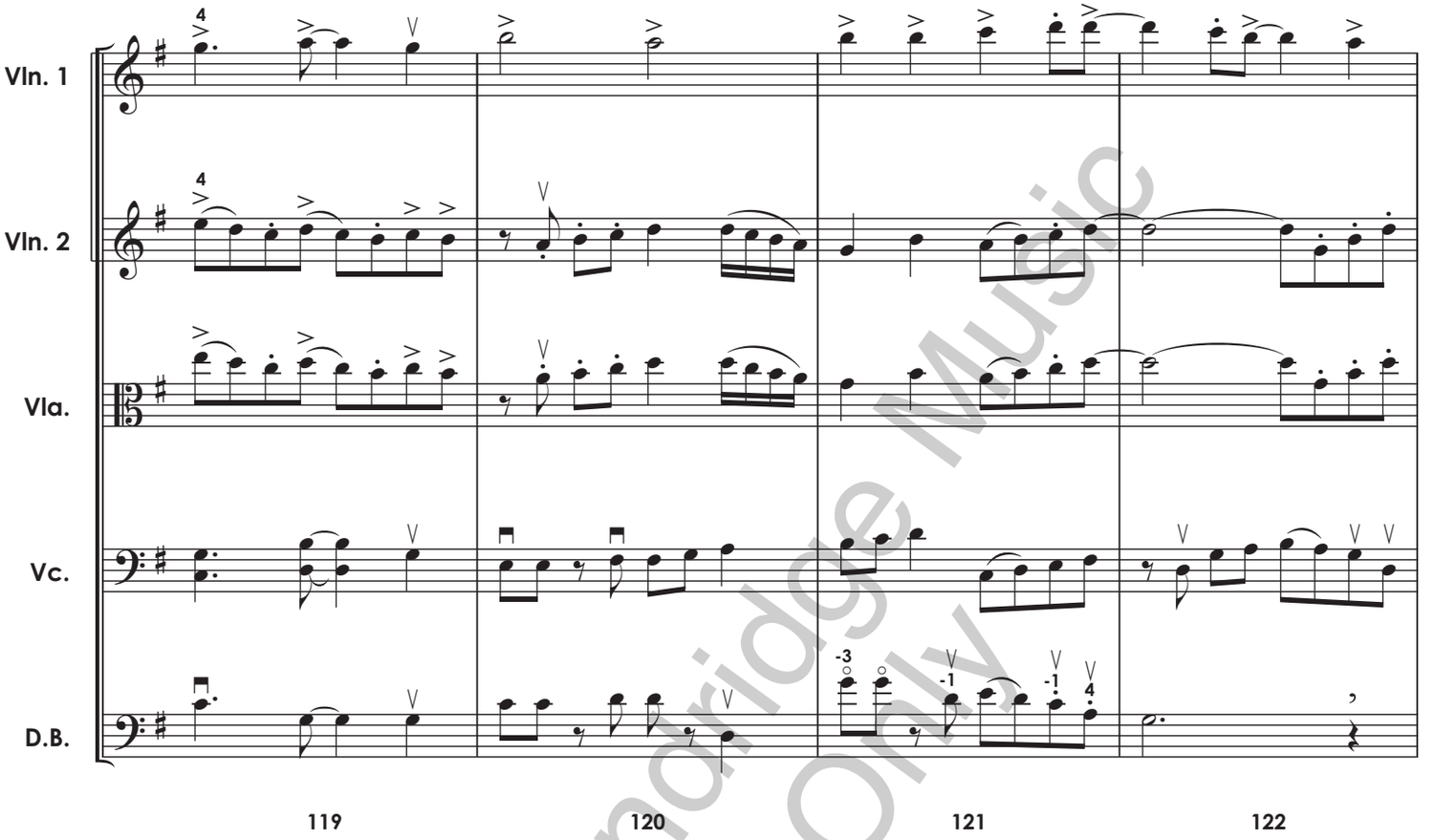

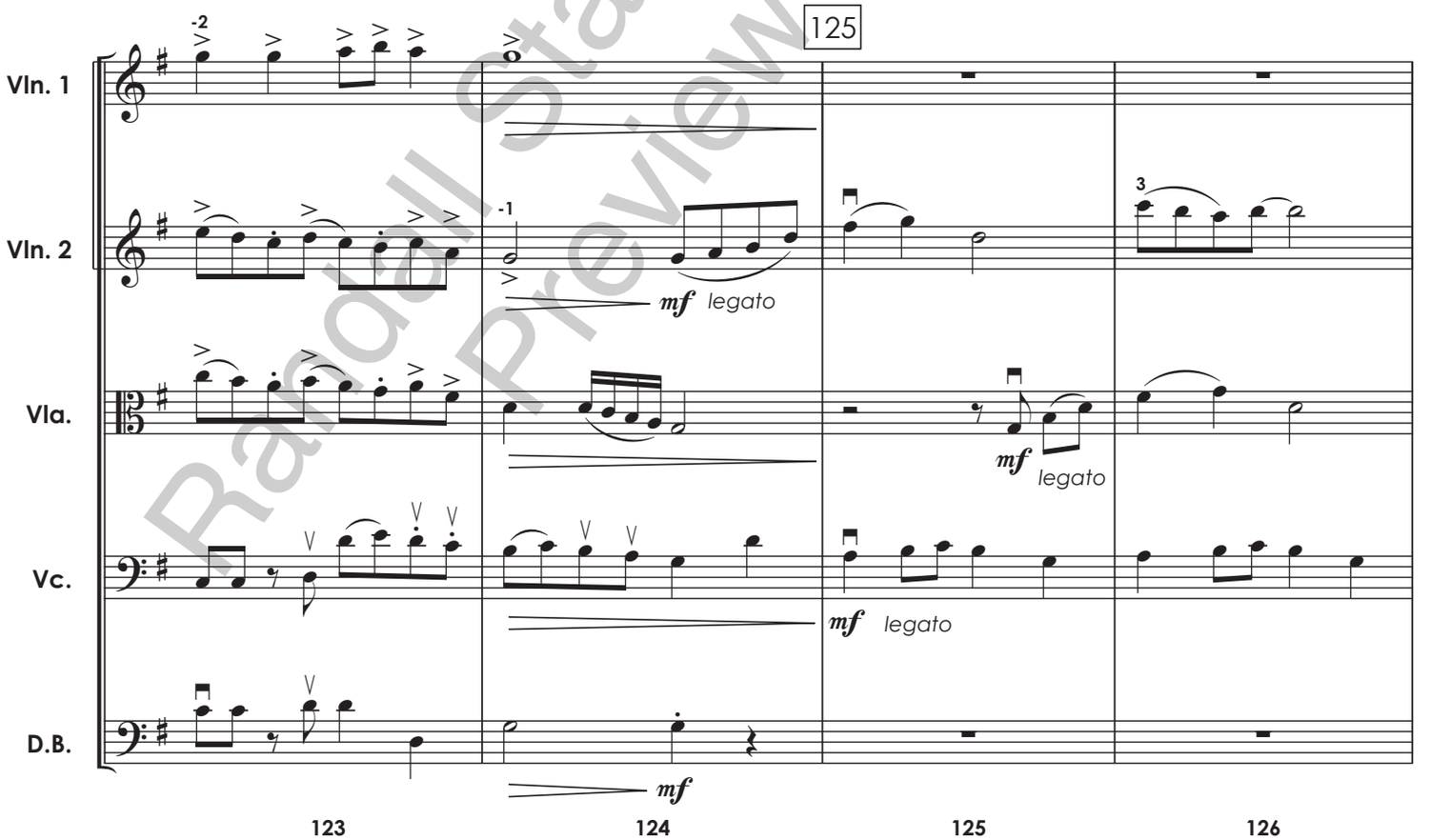

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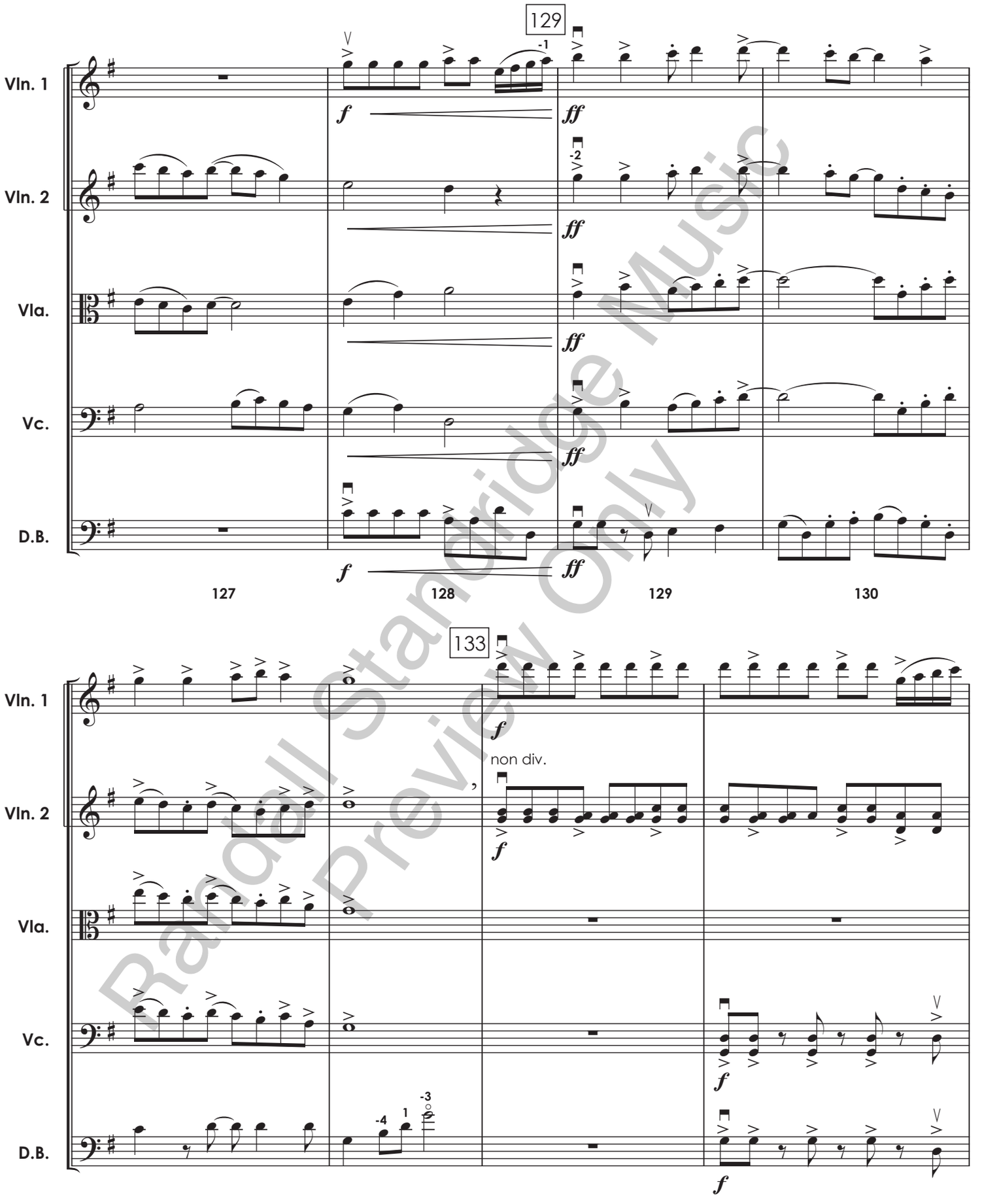

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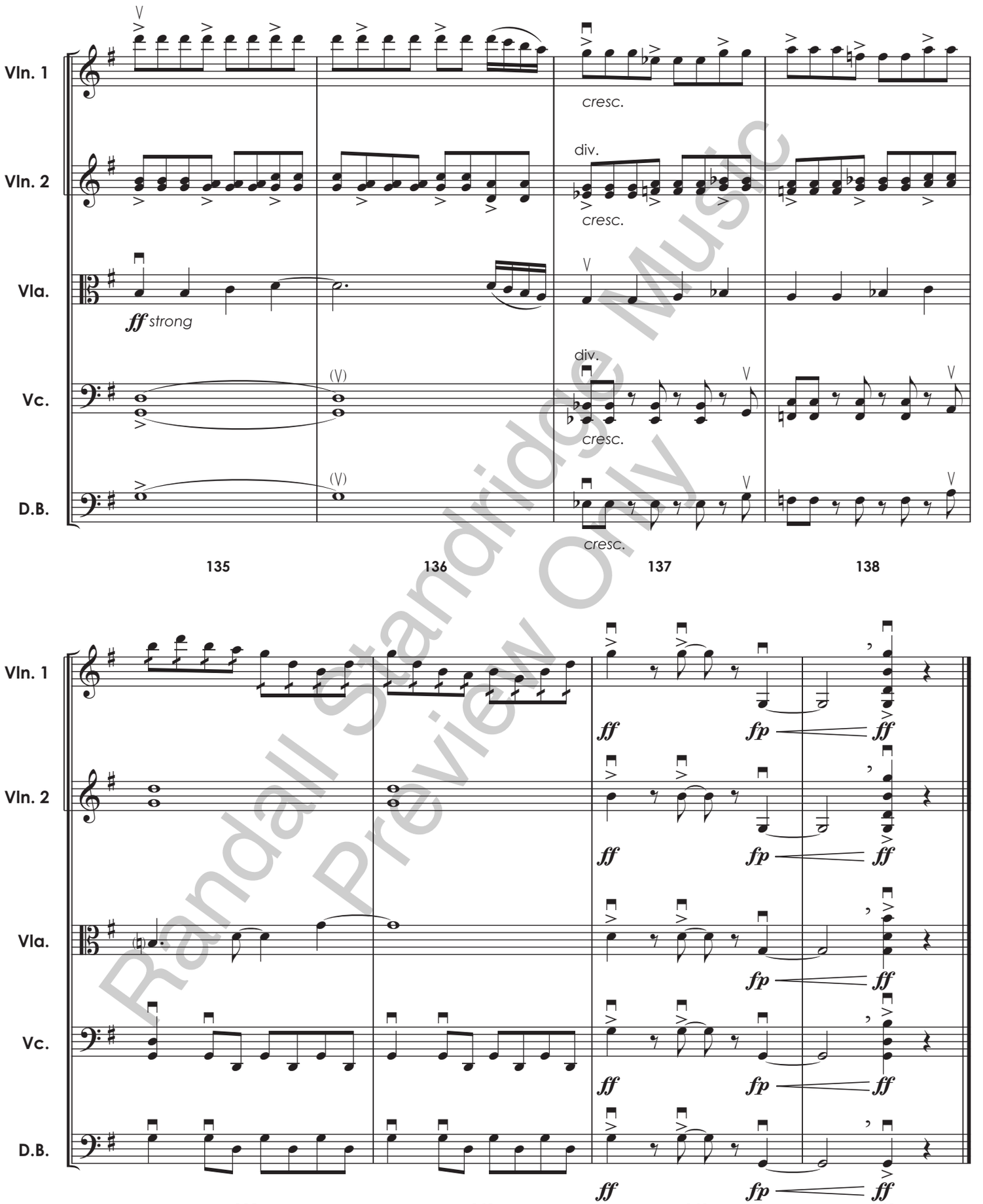

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