A Perfect 10

10 Piano Solos in 10 Styles

Melody Bober

What could be more exhilarating than receiving the score of a perfect "10"? Olympic athletes, as well as competitors in sports, dance, and music, strive for those high marks. In fact, we all work to achieve perfection in the activities we enjoy. Wouldn't it be wonderful to find a resource that offers pianists a chance to shine at any level—solos in all styles and from all periods of music history that promote technical skills and offer the dream to succeed in performance?

Introducing *A Perfect 10*, Book 4, a collection of solos designed to promote musical excellence for the intermediate pianist. I chose a favorite teaching piece from the four stylistic periods—Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. I then wrote six original pieces in jazz, blues, ragtime, Latin, ballad, and showstopper styles. These 10 solos provide students with technical challenges as well as expressive opportunities for musical growth in mood, rhythm, melody, harmony, form, articulation, and dynamics.

You do not have to be an Olympic hopeful to achieve a perfect "10," but you might feel like one as you practice and perform these selections!

Best wishes for successful music making,

Melody Bober

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Stadium Rag

Ragtime

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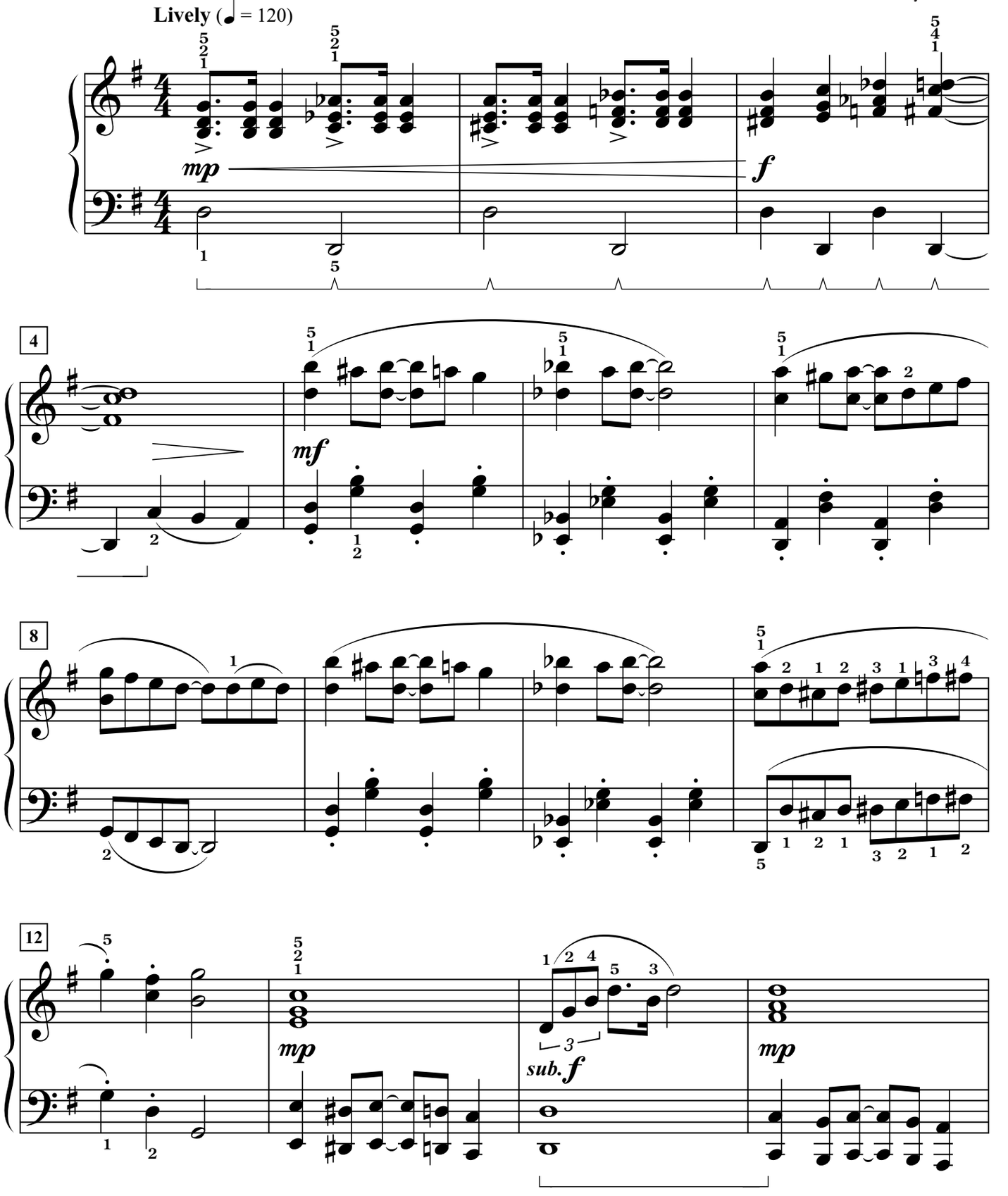

Shades of Blue

Blues

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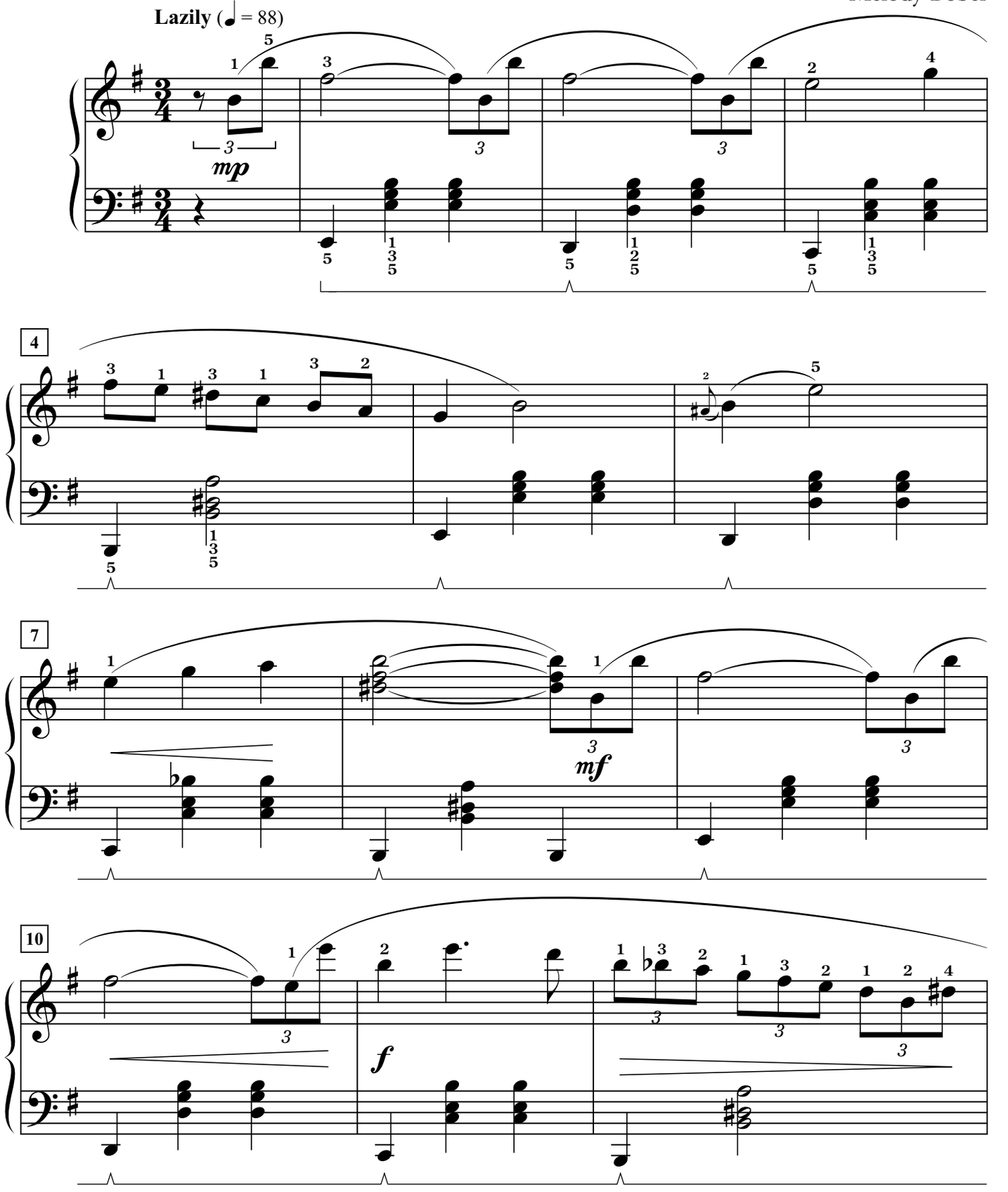

Stargazer

Ballad

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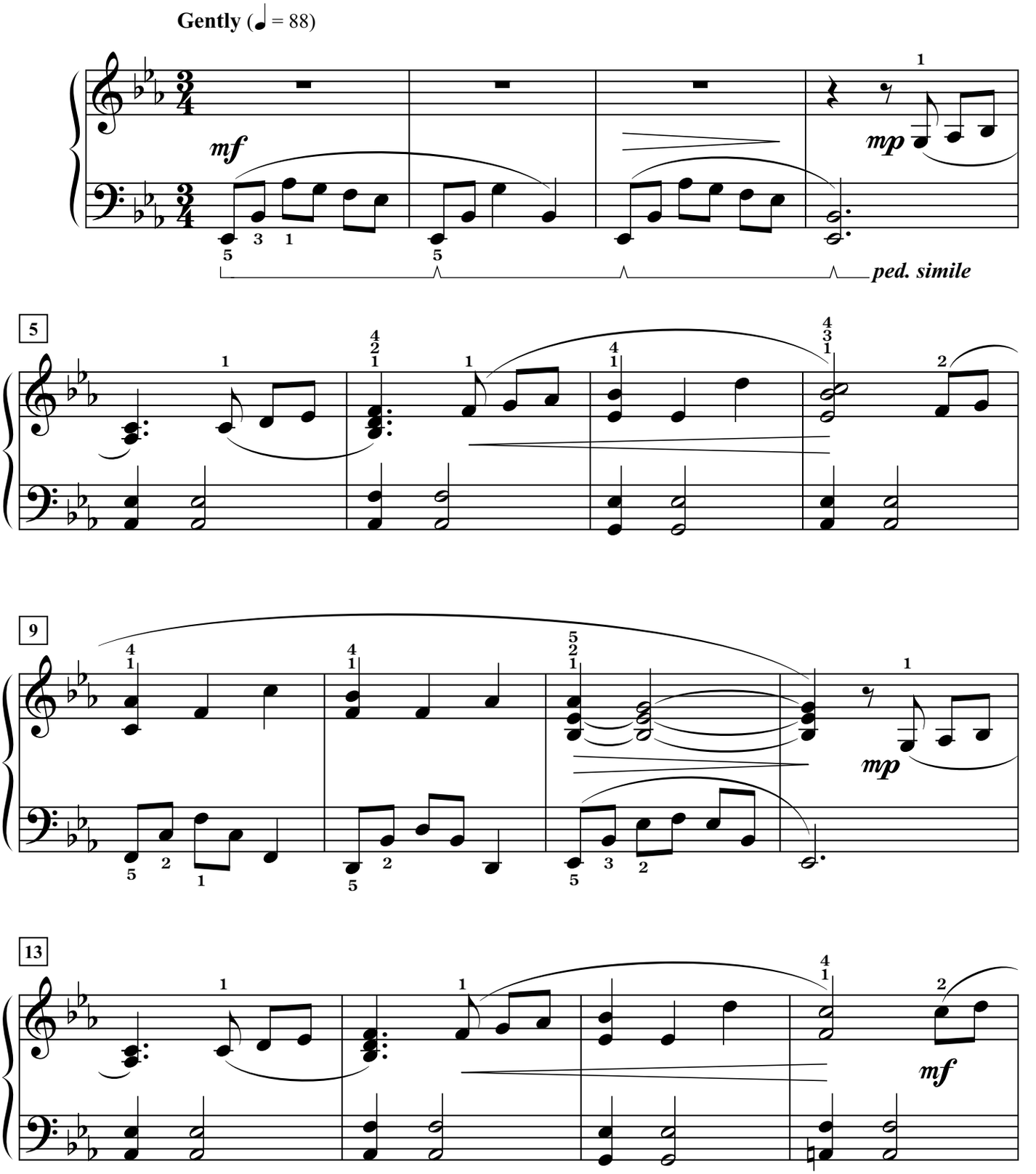
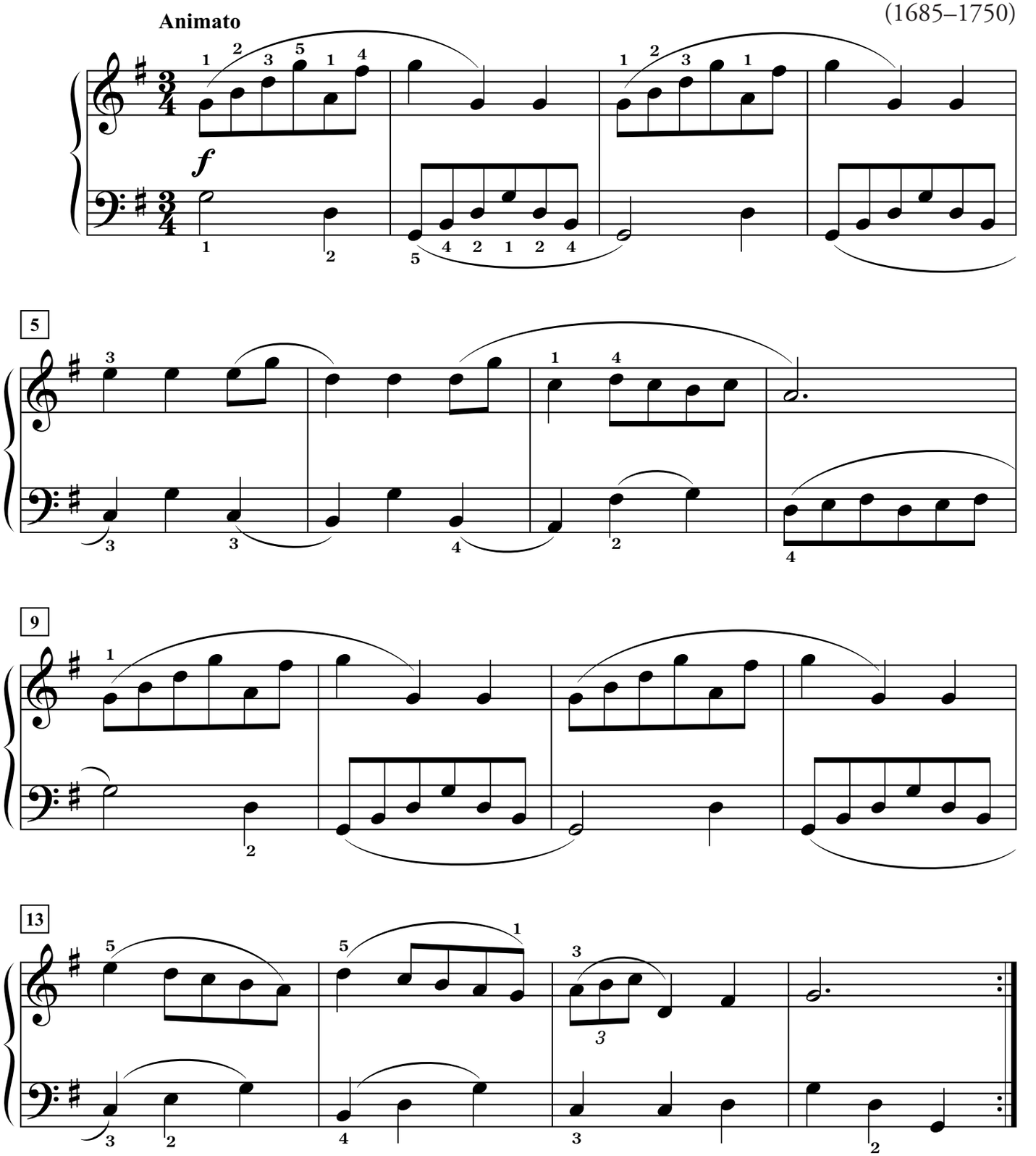


Minuet in G Major

(Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach)

Baroque

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)



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One of a Kind Solos

8 Unique Piano Pieces

by Wynn-Anne Rossi

Foreword

What does it mean to be one of a kind? Wonderful words and phrases come to mind like *unique*, *original*, *outside-the-box*, even *extraordinary*. These represent values that I have understood since I was a young child. Colorful family stories made it obvious that being different was a good thing! As an adult, I understand these also represent the values of a musician. A performer reaches for special, one-of-a-kind ways to play a piece. A composer explores new territory, discovering one-of-a-kind musical ideas to express emotions, imagination, and the world around us.

One of a Kind Solos represents a very personal journey with music. Some pieces reveal a quirky, playful side. Others delve into the mysterious, exhilarating, or beautiful. Throughout the series, you will discover musical surprises, from humorous lyrics and unusual modes to odd meters and interpretative challenges. This is what I love most about music—the adventure of self-discovery that allows me to be myself. My hope is that these pieces will also guide you in your voyage to being *one of a kind*!

Wynn-Anne Rossi

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Asymmetry

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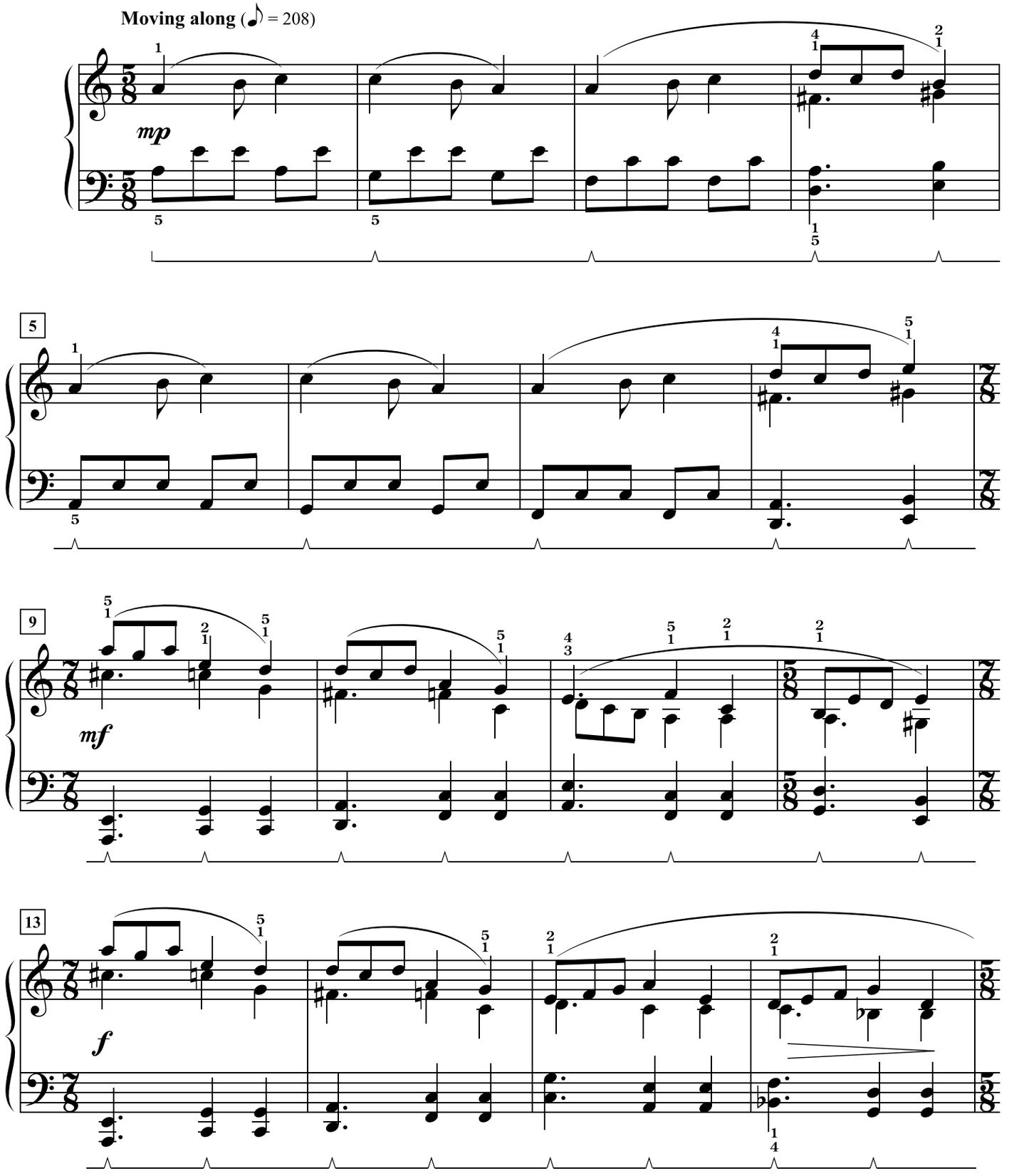

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Featherweight Waltz

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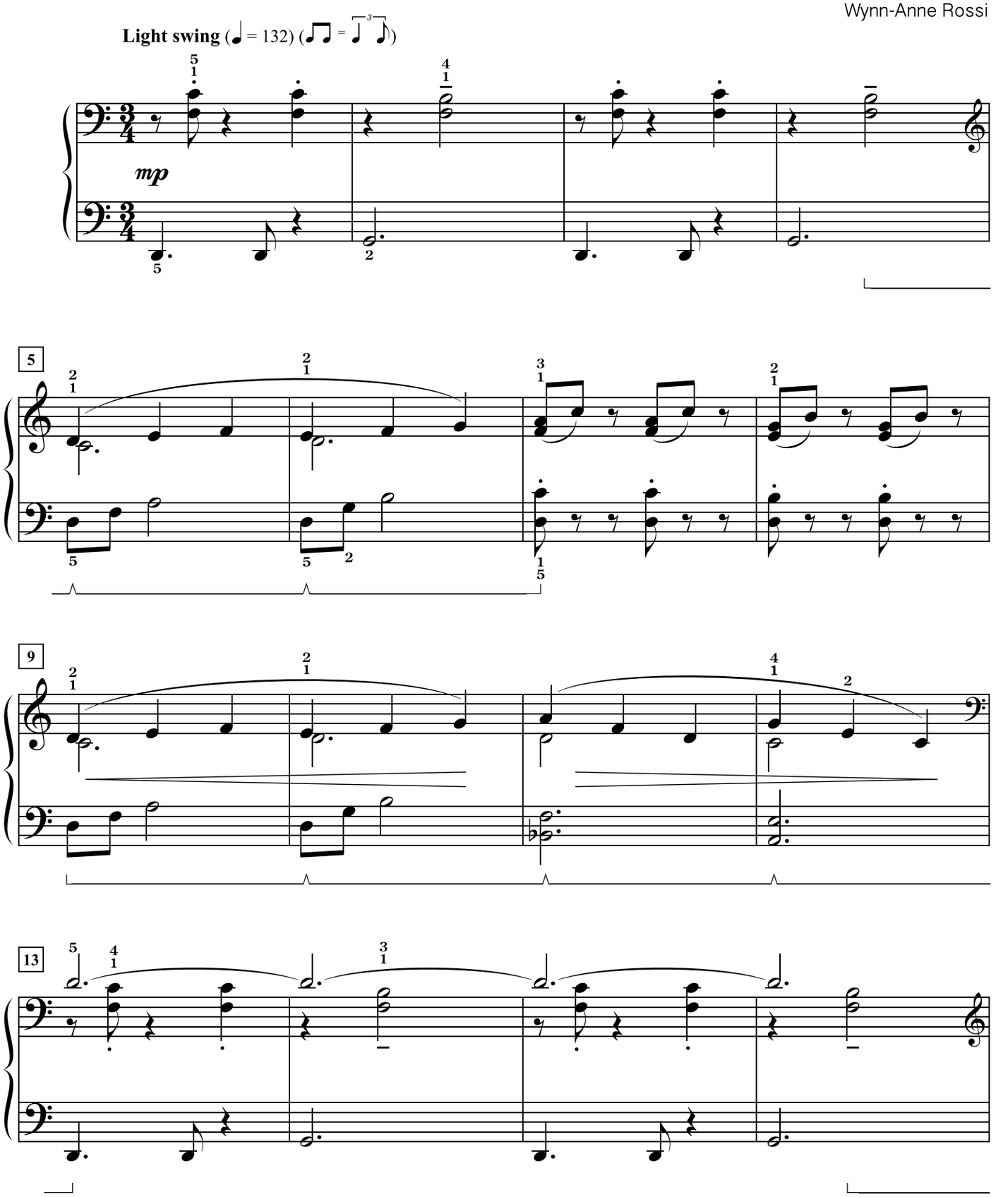

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Warrior's Vow

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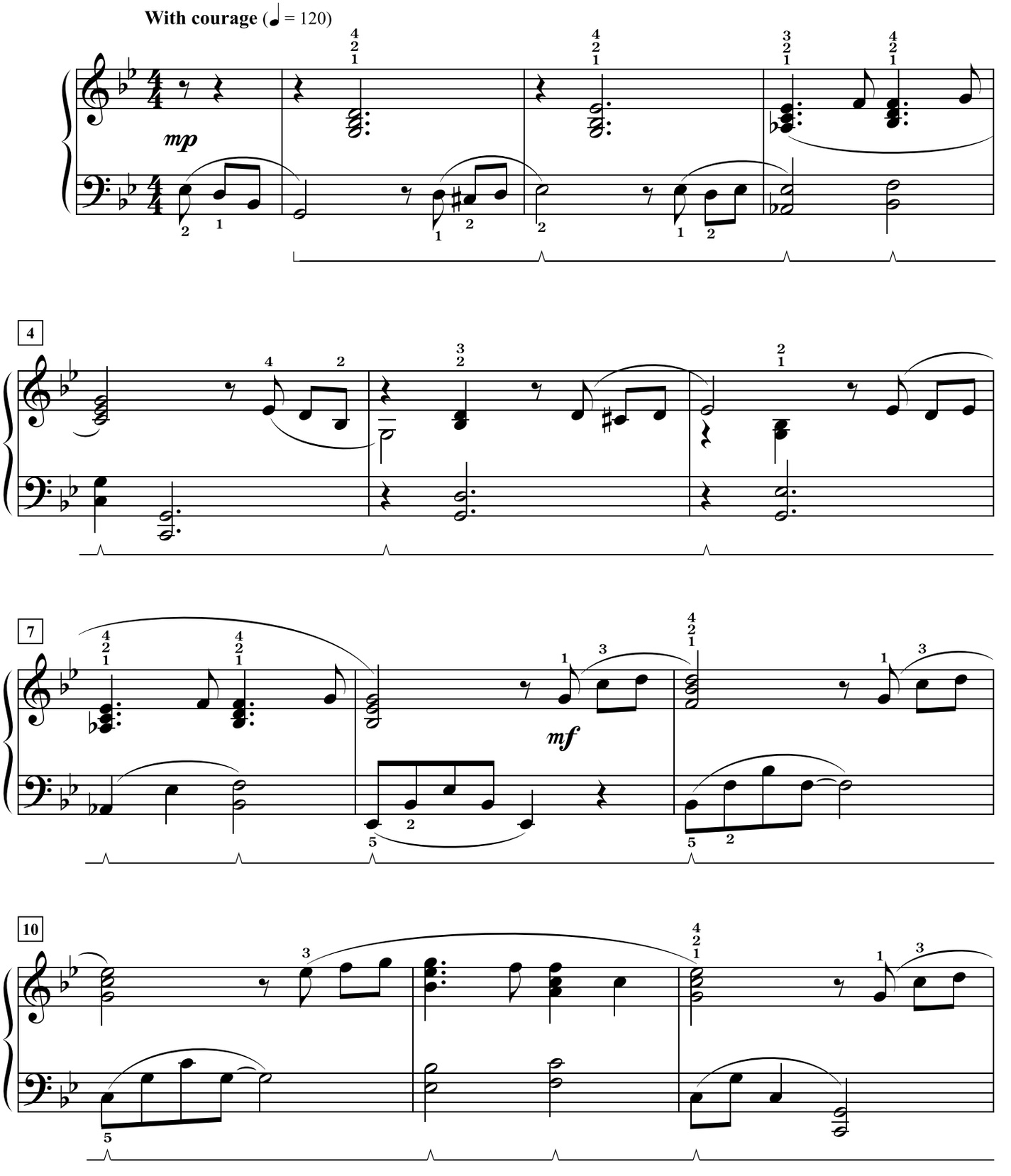

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Ups and Downs

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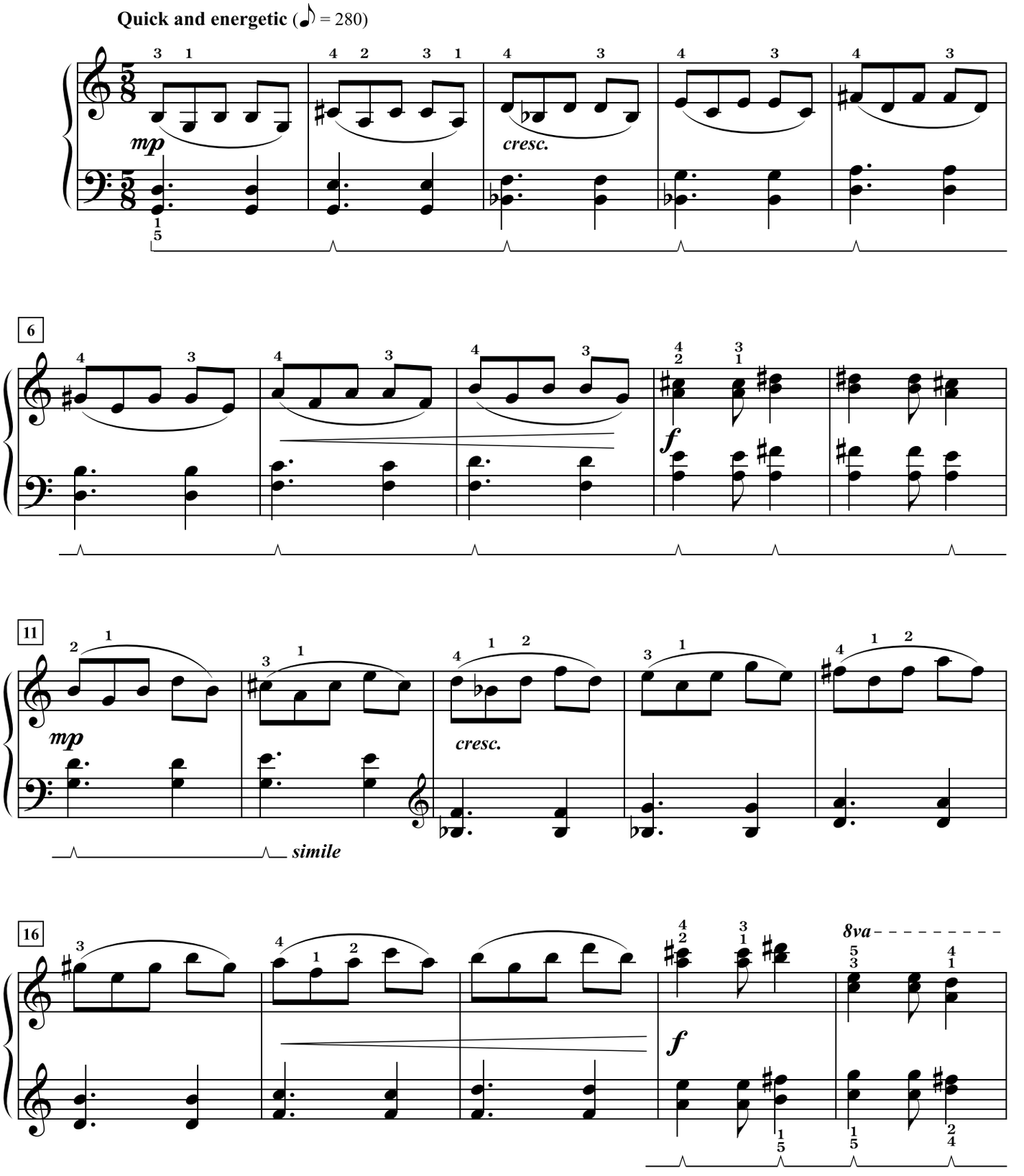

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for Benjamin David Grier and Chau Tu Grier

Washington Crossing the Delaware

collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

artist: Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze (1816–1868)

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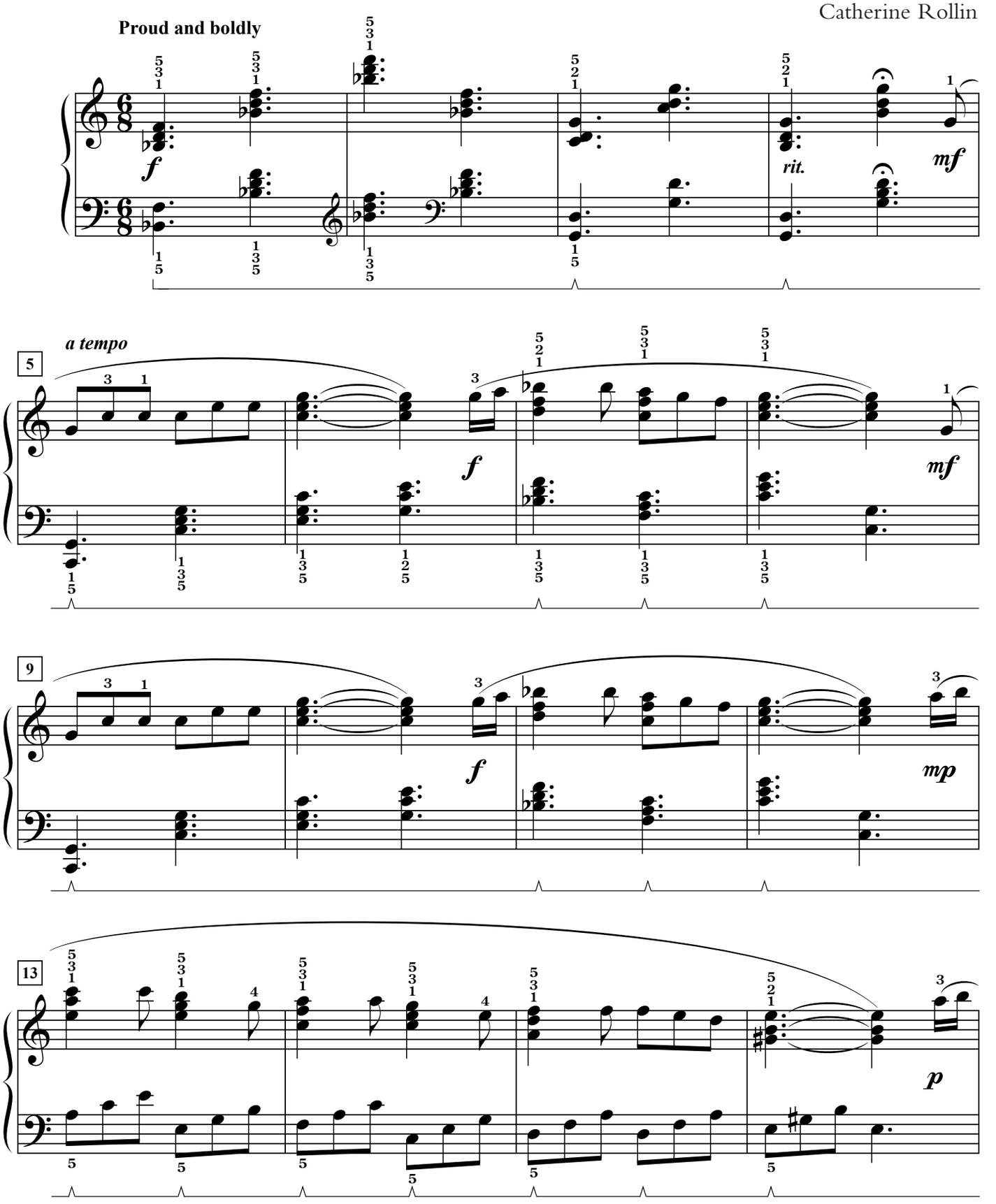

for Karen Resnick

Girl with a Pearl Earring

collection of Mauritshuis, The Hague

artist: Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675)

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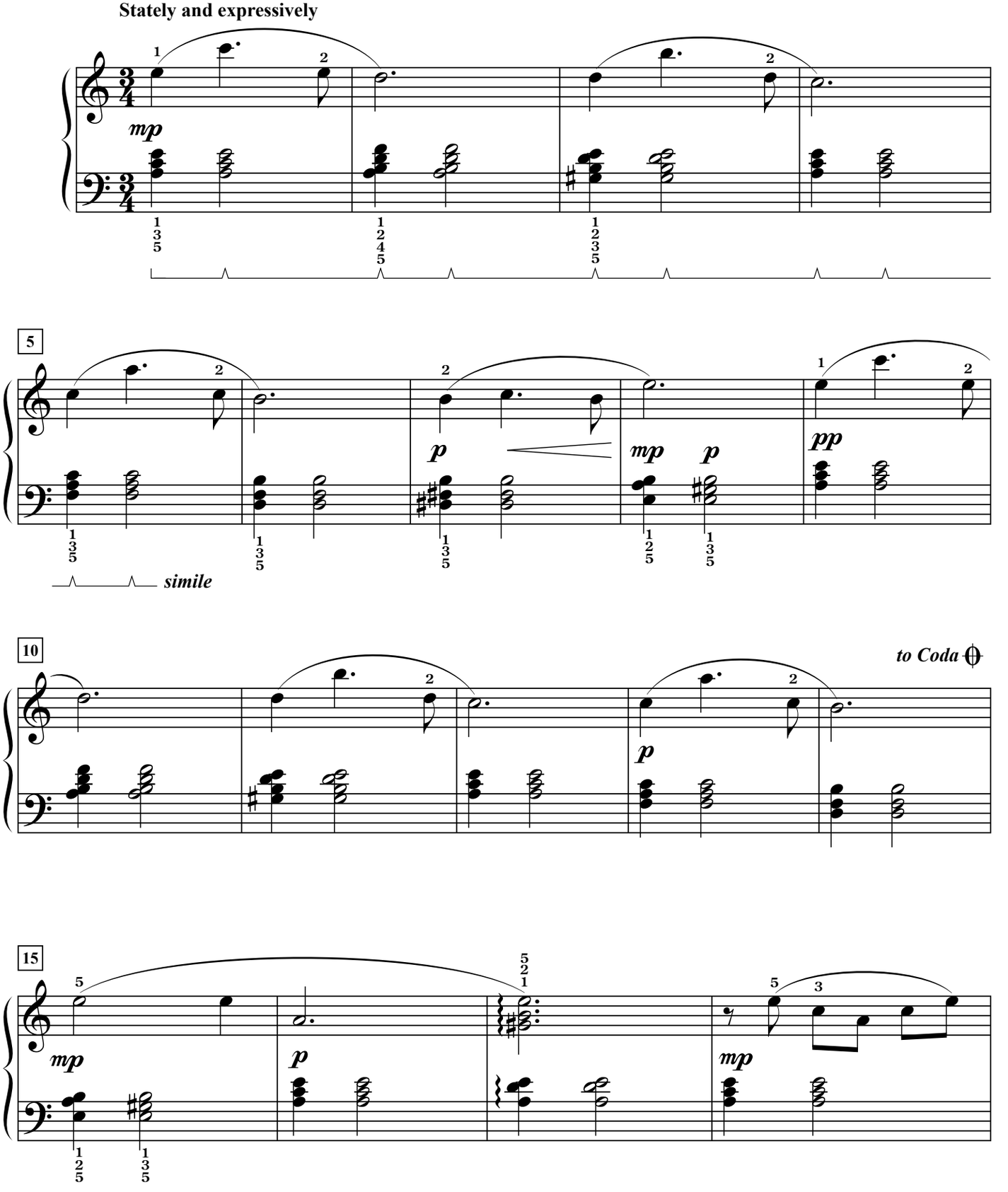

for Andrea Sachs

La charmeuse de serpents (The Snake Charmer)

collection of Musée d'Orsay, Paris

artist: Henri Rousseau (1844–1910)

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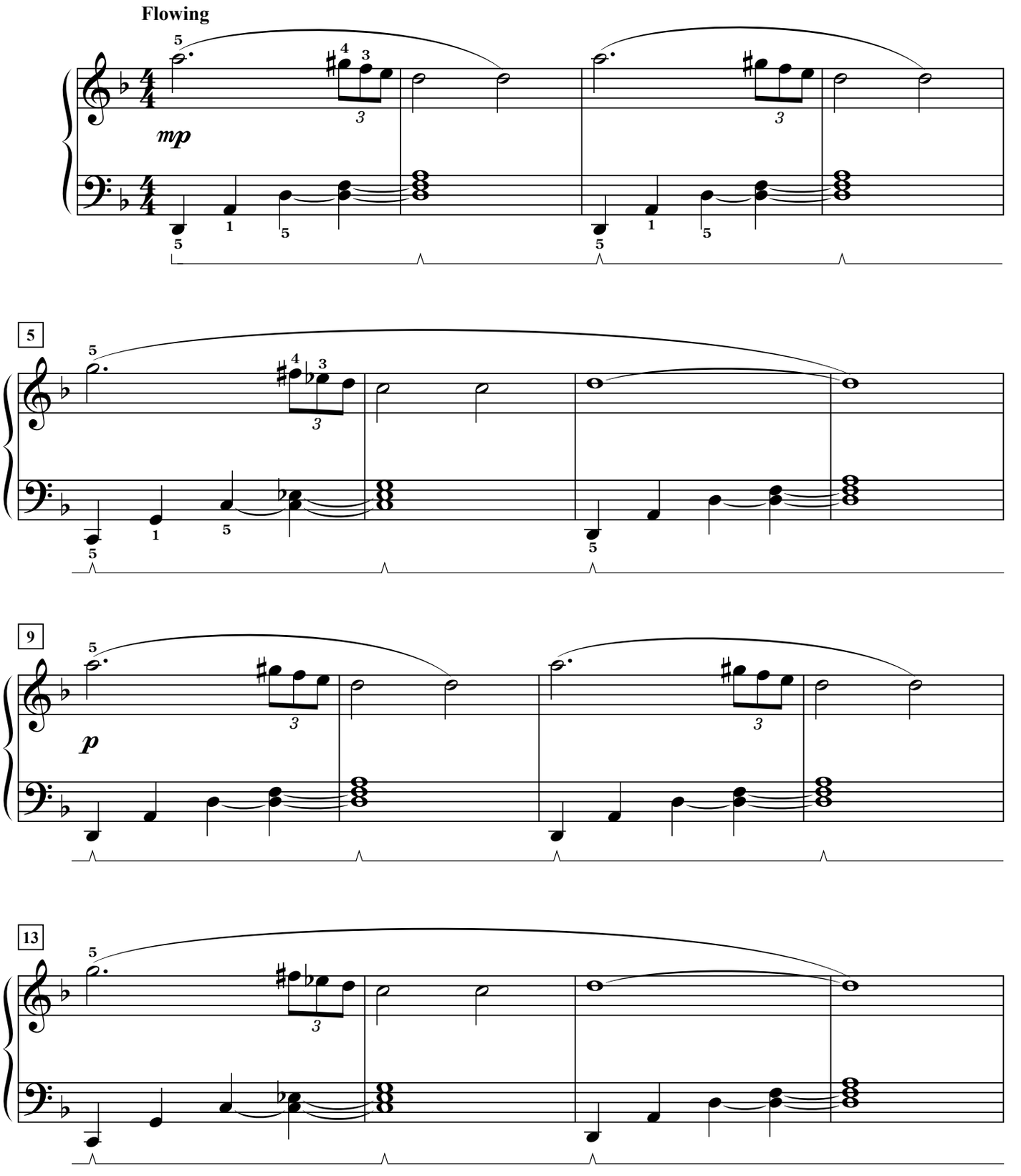

in memory of Clarissa Fineman

Jeunes filles au piano (Young Girls at the Piano)

collection of Musée d'Orsay, Paris

artist: Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841–1919)

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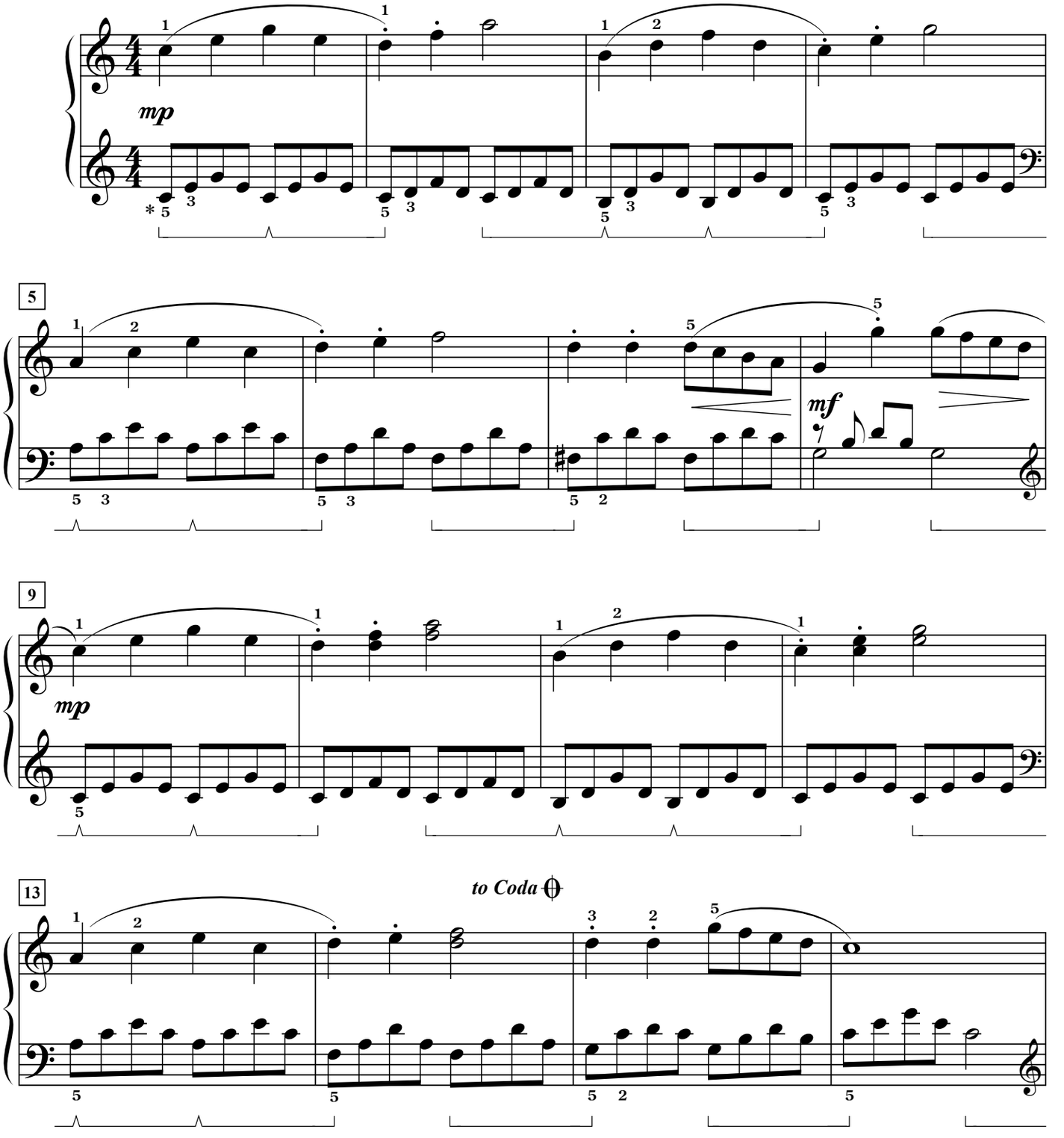
Flowing moderately and happily



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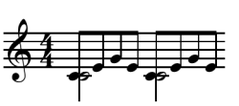
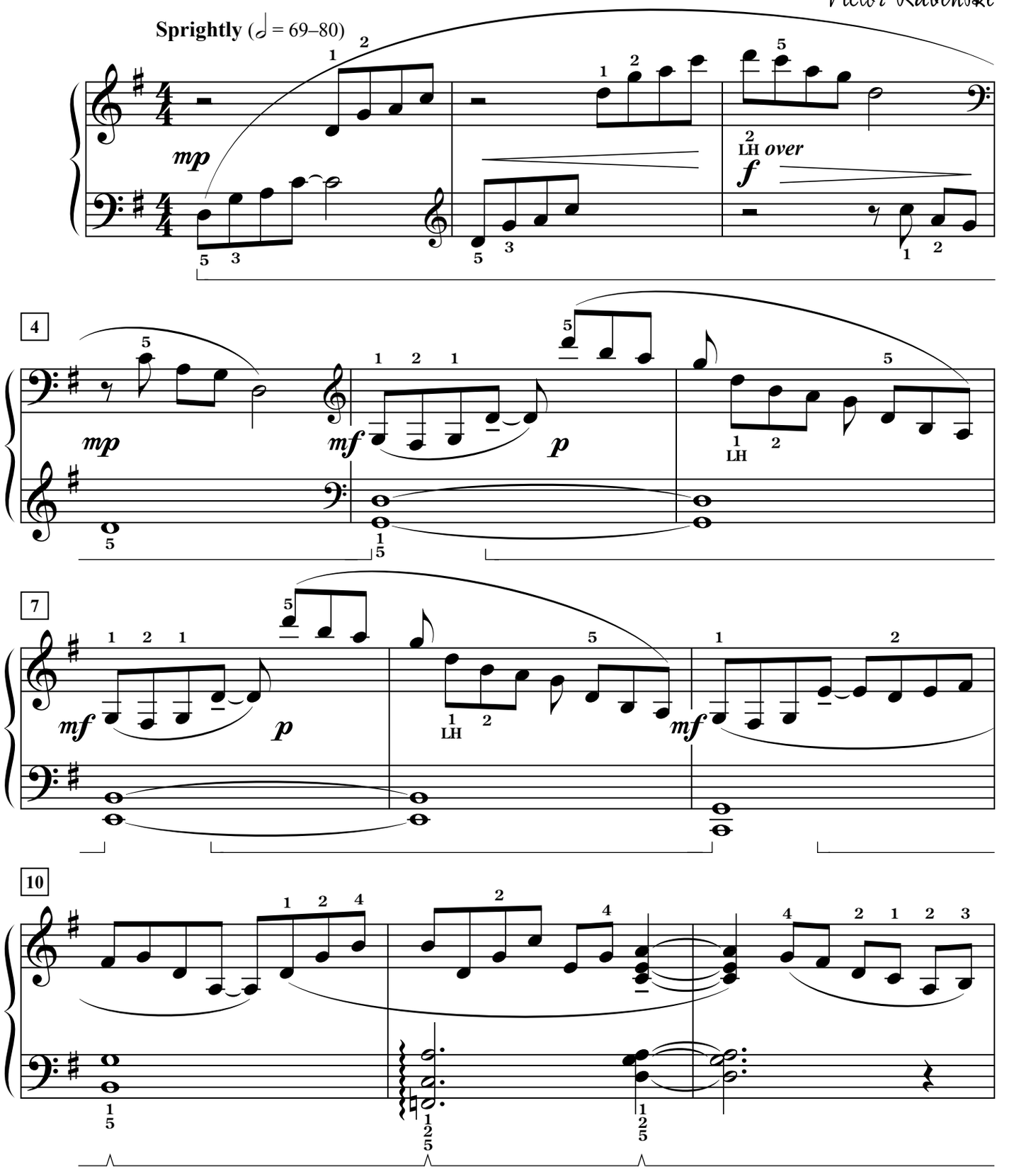


Spokane Falls

The spectacular beauty of the Spokane Falls is a highlight of this Washington city. The Spokane River features two sets of waterfalls, both of which are located near Riverfront Park. This park was home to Expo '74, the World's Fair that helped to bring renovation to downtown Spokane.

Victor Labenske



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In memory of Paul Lee

Seattle Summits

Mount Rainier and the Space Needle are two towering summits that offer spectacular views of Seattle. Located 60 miles south of the city, Mount Rainier National Park was established as the fifth national park on March 2, 1899. The 605-foot Space Needle was built for the 1962 World's Fair and is a distinctive landmark of Seattle.

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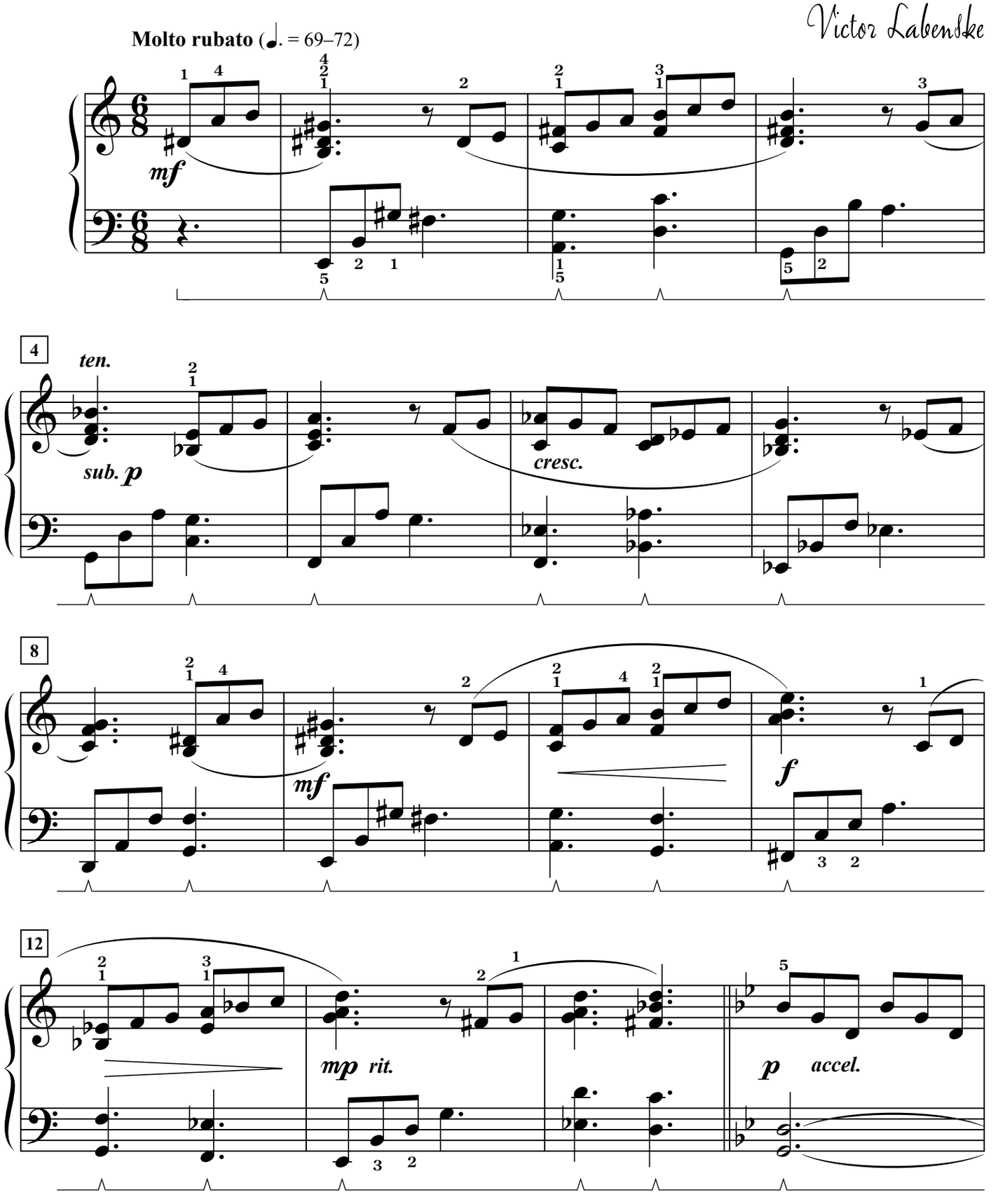

for the Santo family

Walla Walla Sweets

Walla Walla, Washington, is famous for its sweet onions which are available throughout the country during the summer months. The city also produces other crops, including wheat, chick peas, and sweet peas. More recently, the area has become home to a number of vineyards.

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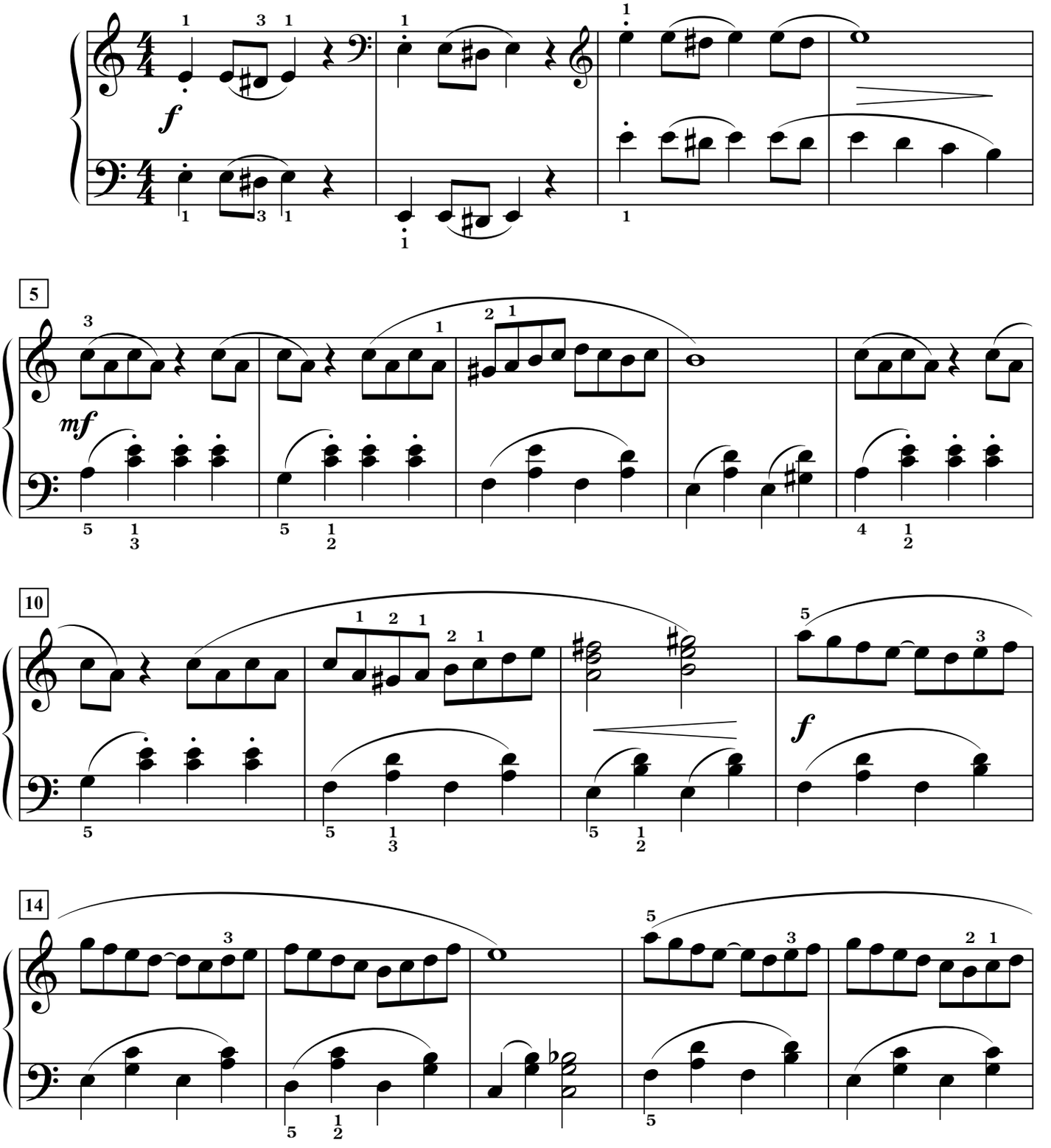
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