THE HIGHLAND/ETLING STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

A Southwest Serenade

By Richard Meyer

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5

Notes to the Conductor

A Southwest Serenade is a colorful depiction of the sounds of New Mexico, the "Land of Enchantment." The first theme is a gentle lullaby in 3/4 time, based on the notes ABEE, the musical spelling of "Albuquerque." These four notes (and their transposition) appear again and again throughout the piece, as both melodic and transitional material. Following this main theme, three Hispanic folk songs are used: "Don Simon" (heard in viola, cello and bass), "Valse de Cadena" (played by the violin section) and "A La Ru" (introduced by viola and cello, and then taken up by the entire orchestra). The initial theme then returns, this time presented majestically in 4/4 time. A brief, energetic coda, combining material from "Don Simon" and the main theme, ends the piece with an exciting flair. *Hispanic Folk Songs of New Mexico* by John Donald Robb was the source material for the traditional folk tunes used in the piece, and this book would be a fantastic resource for further Hispanic songs.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 5:10

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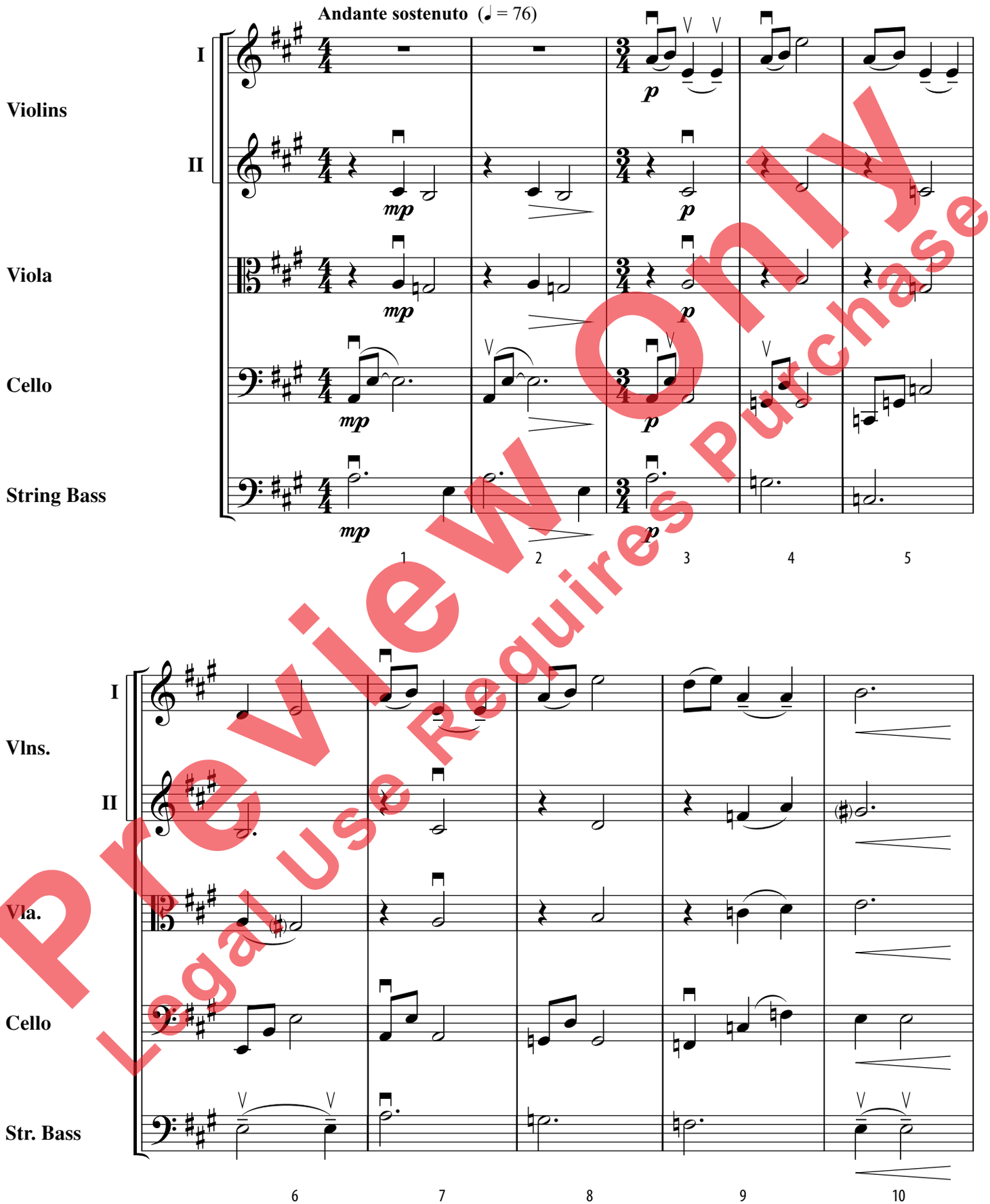

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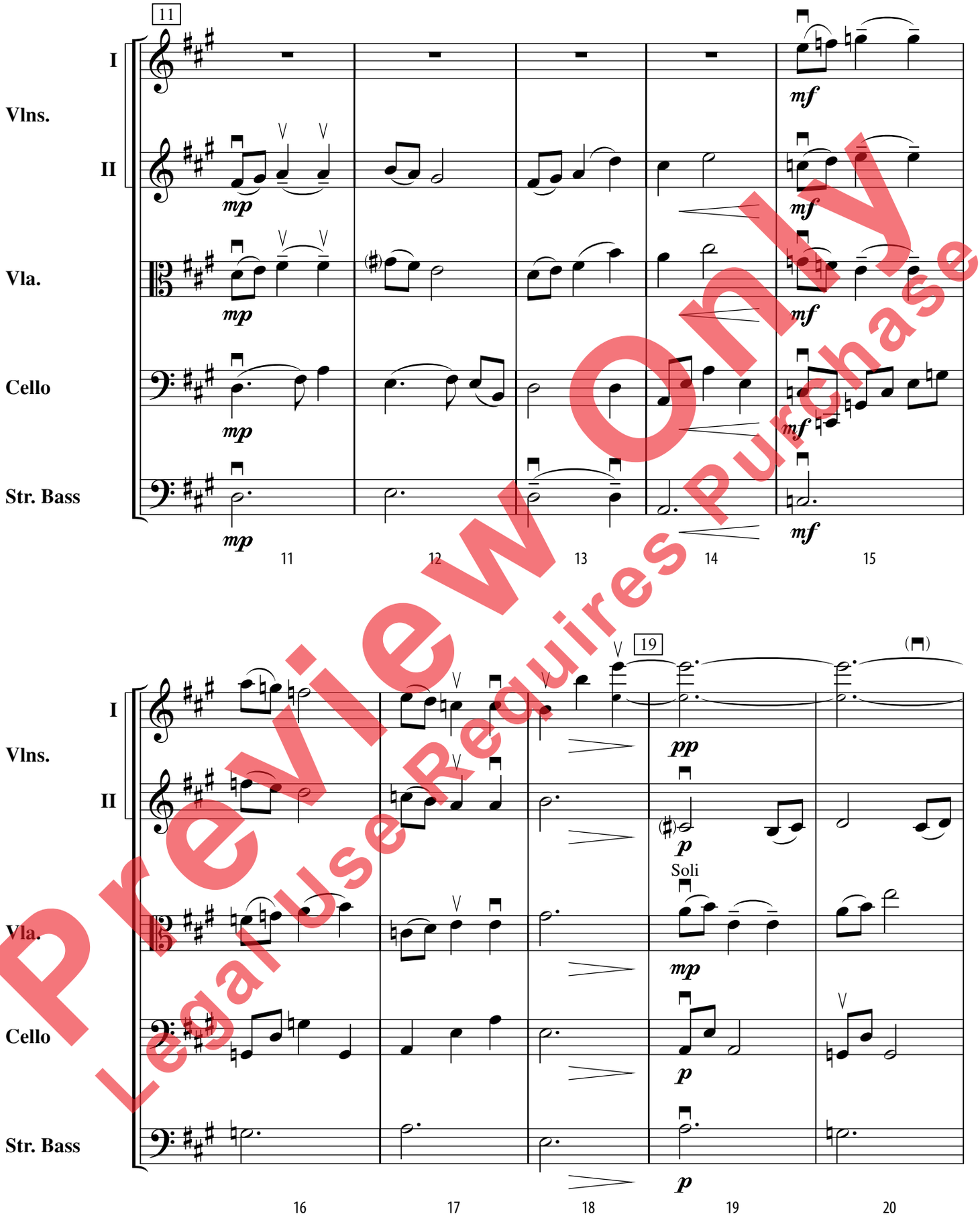

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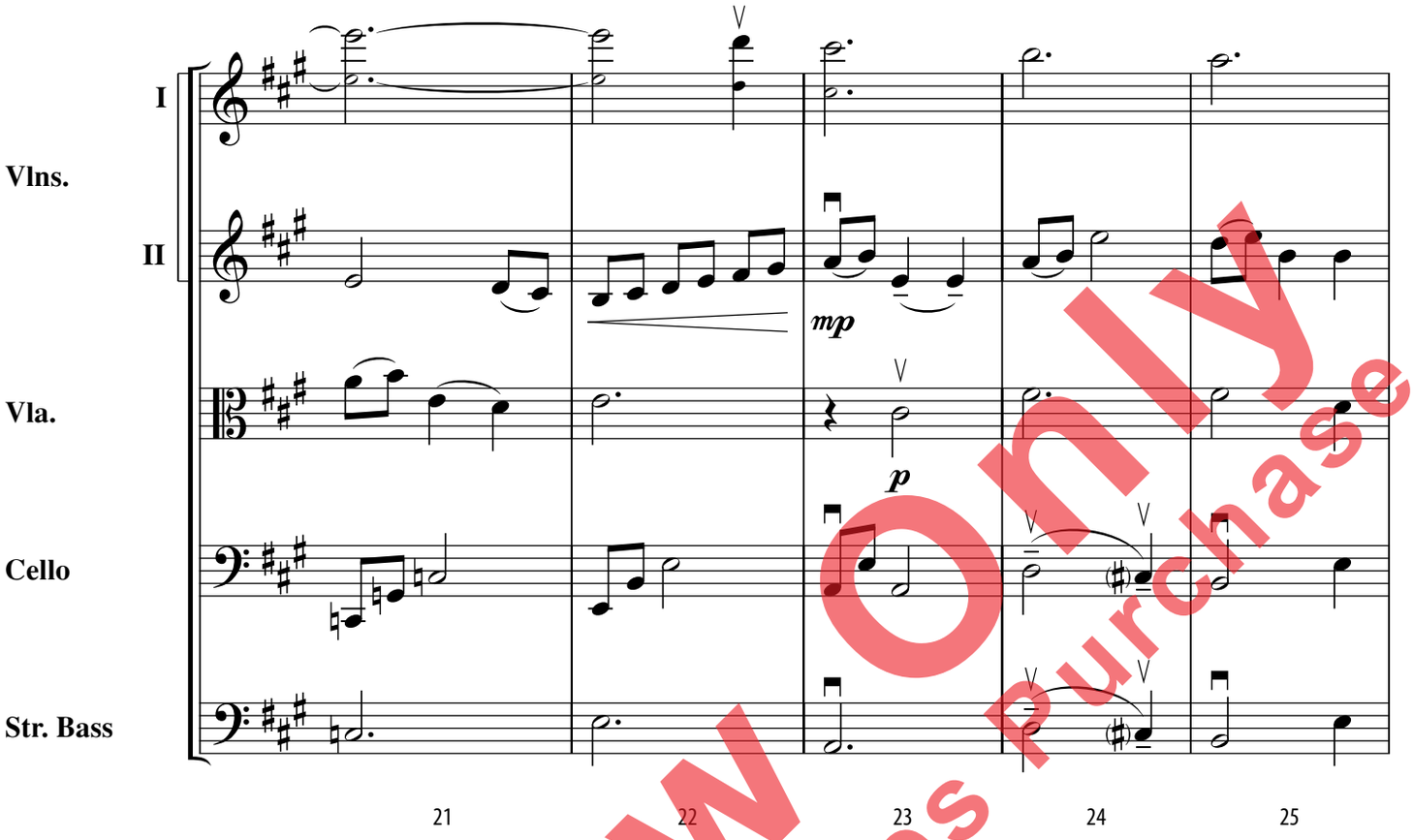

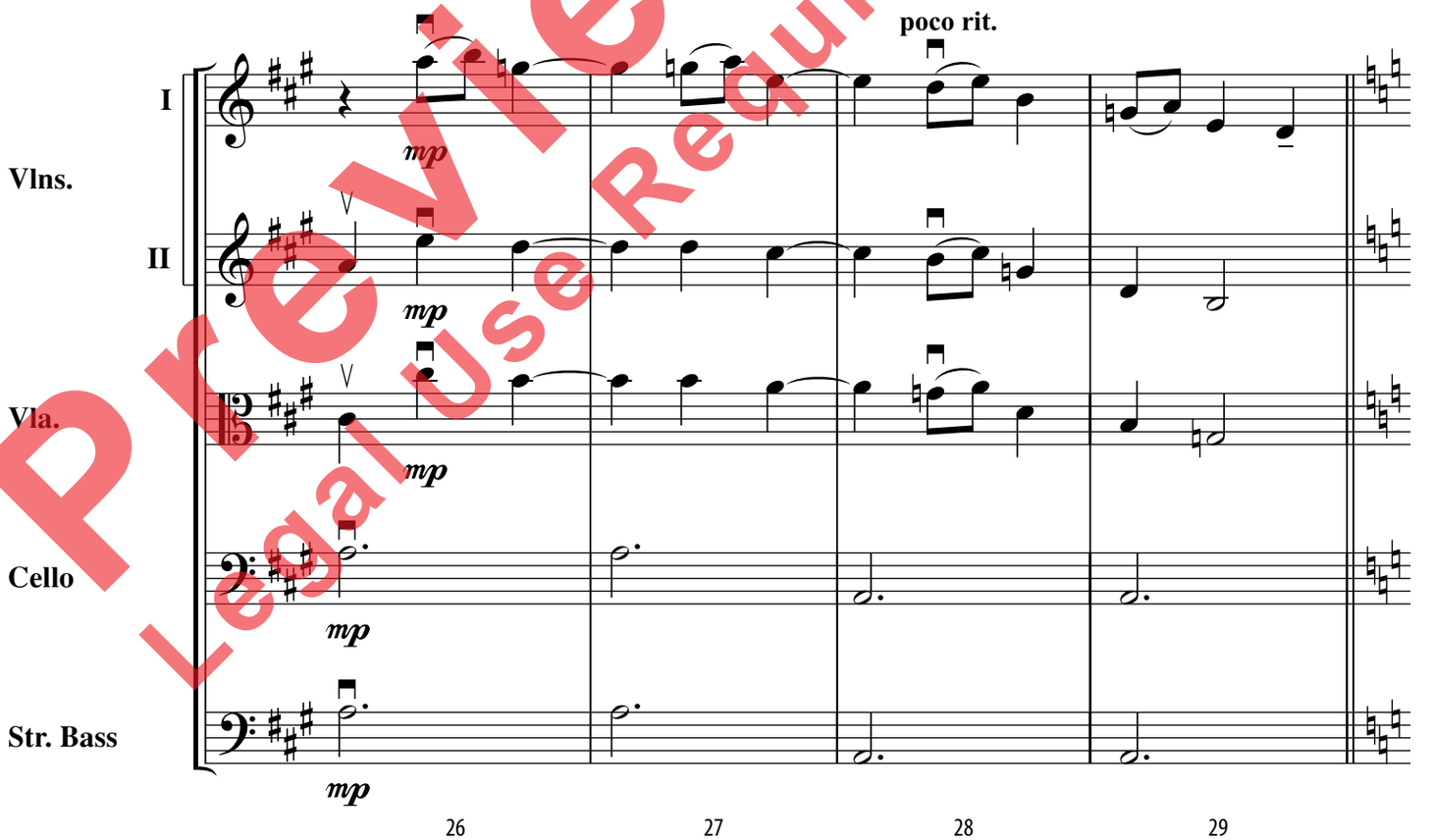

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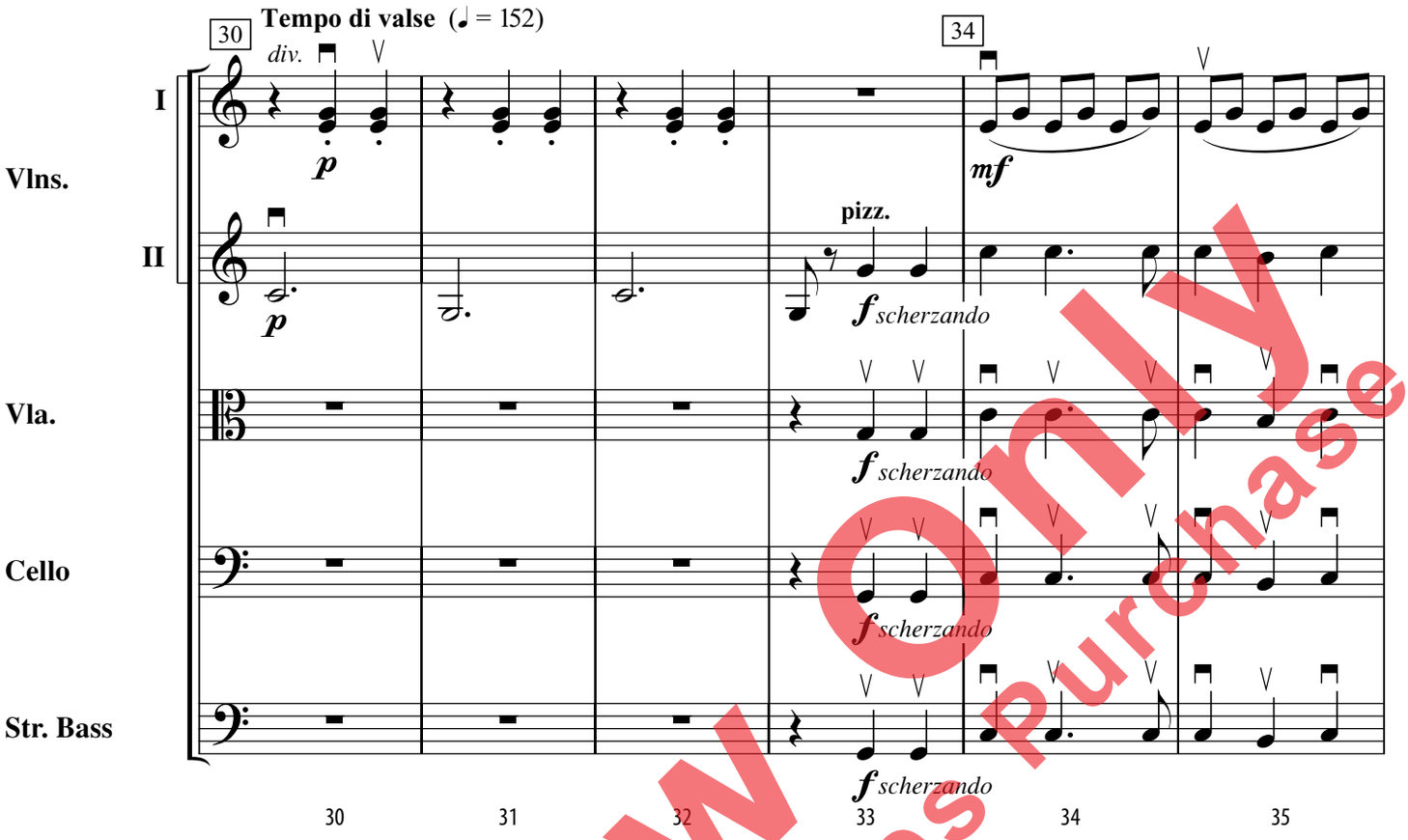

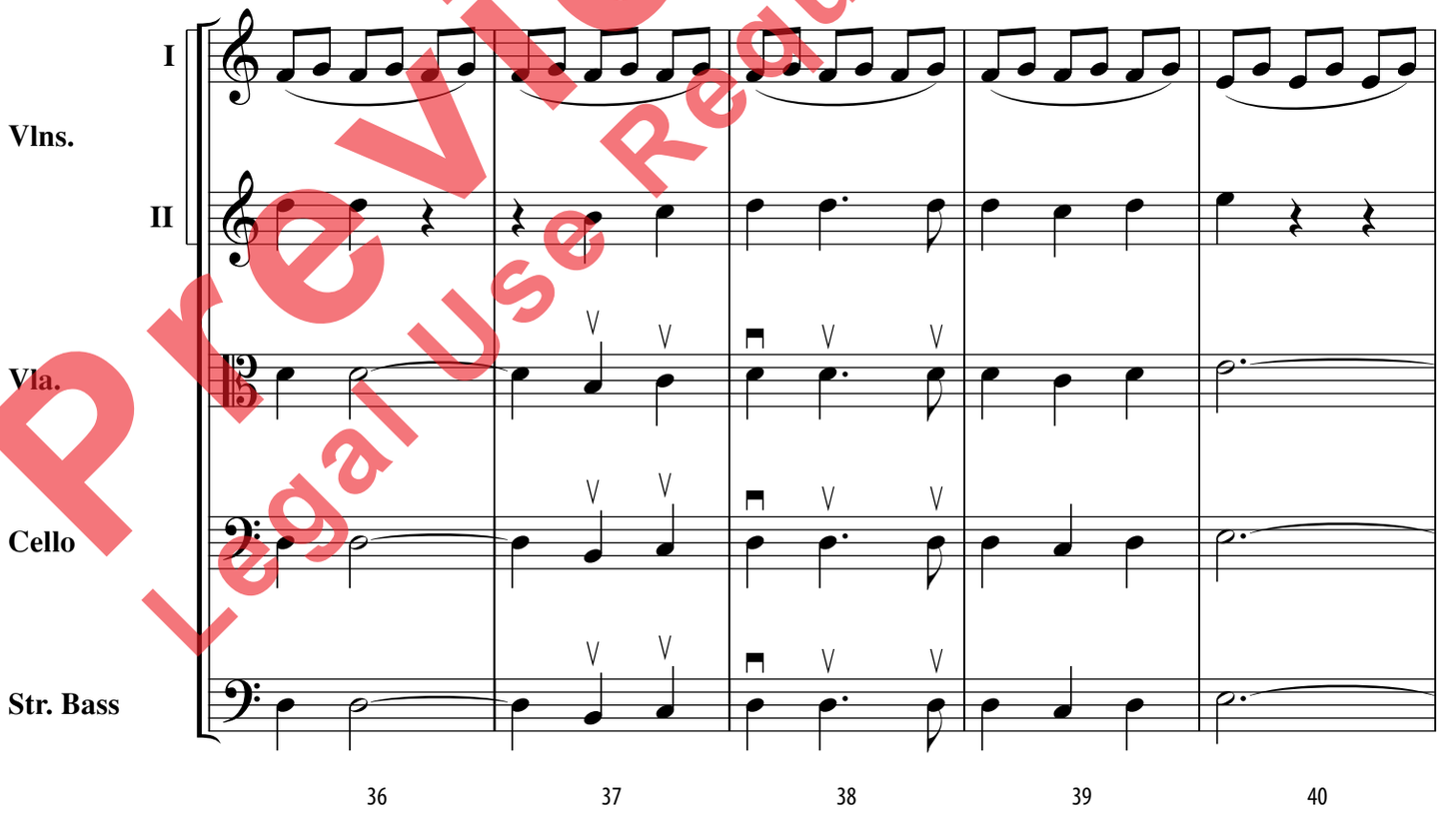

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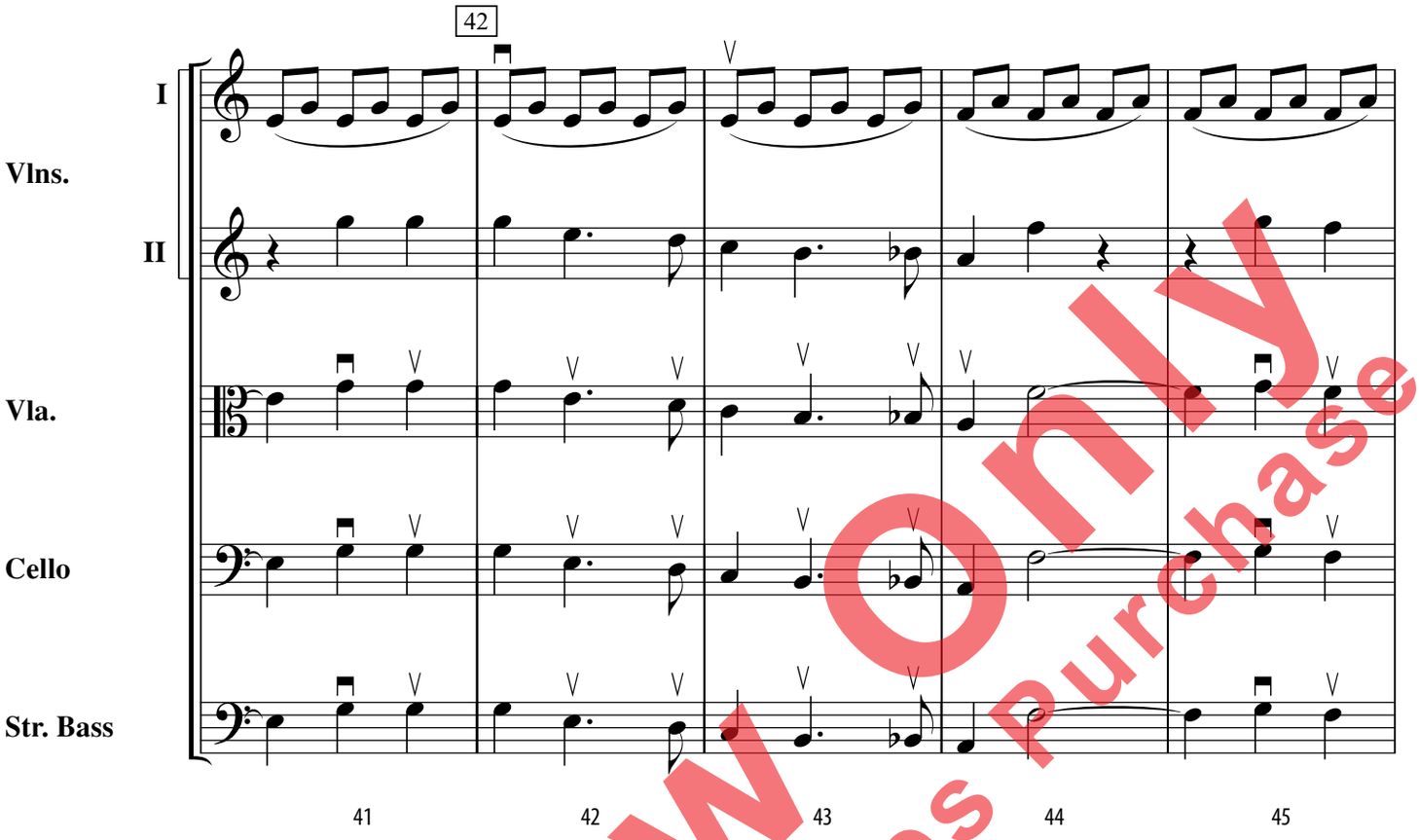

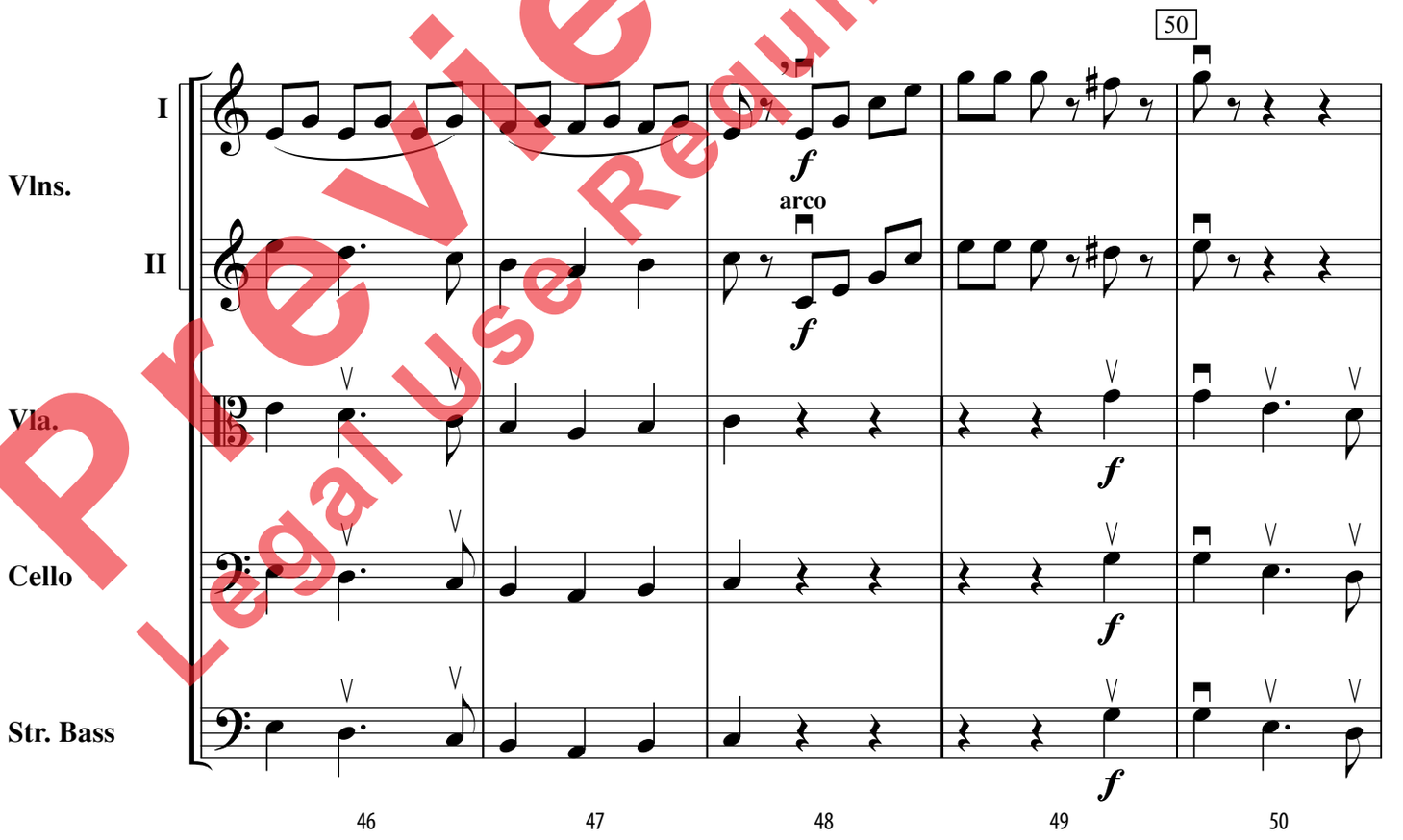

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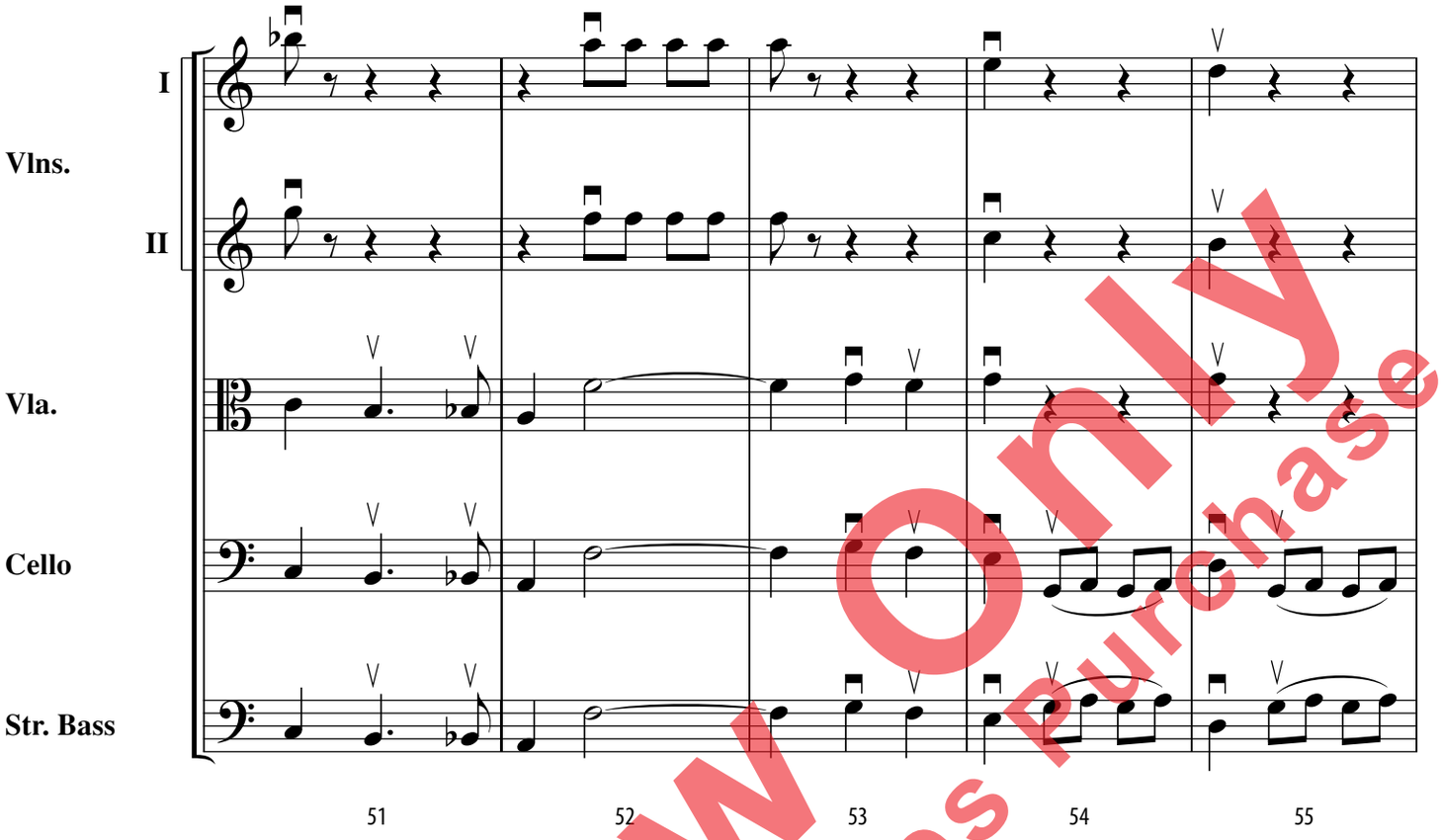

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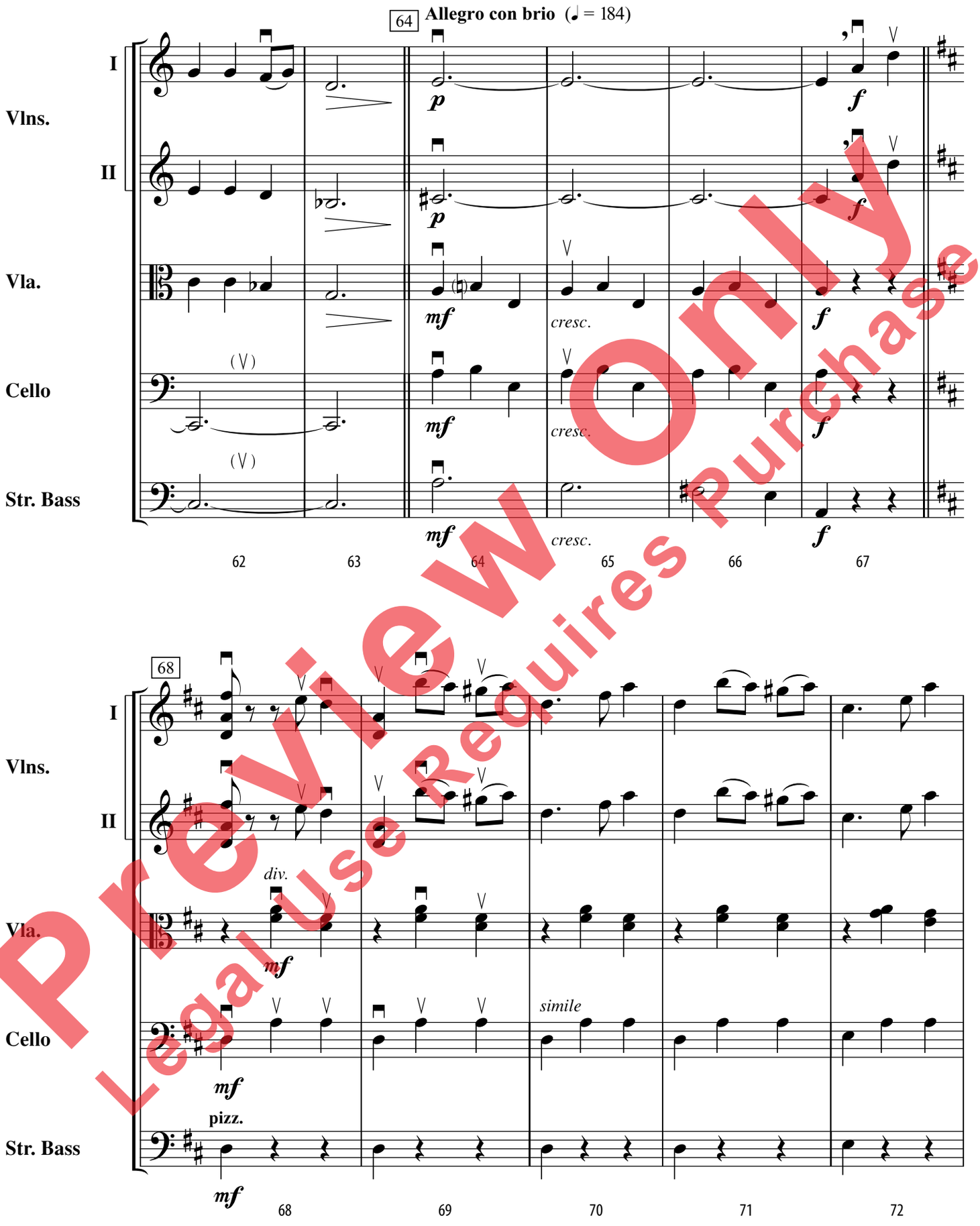

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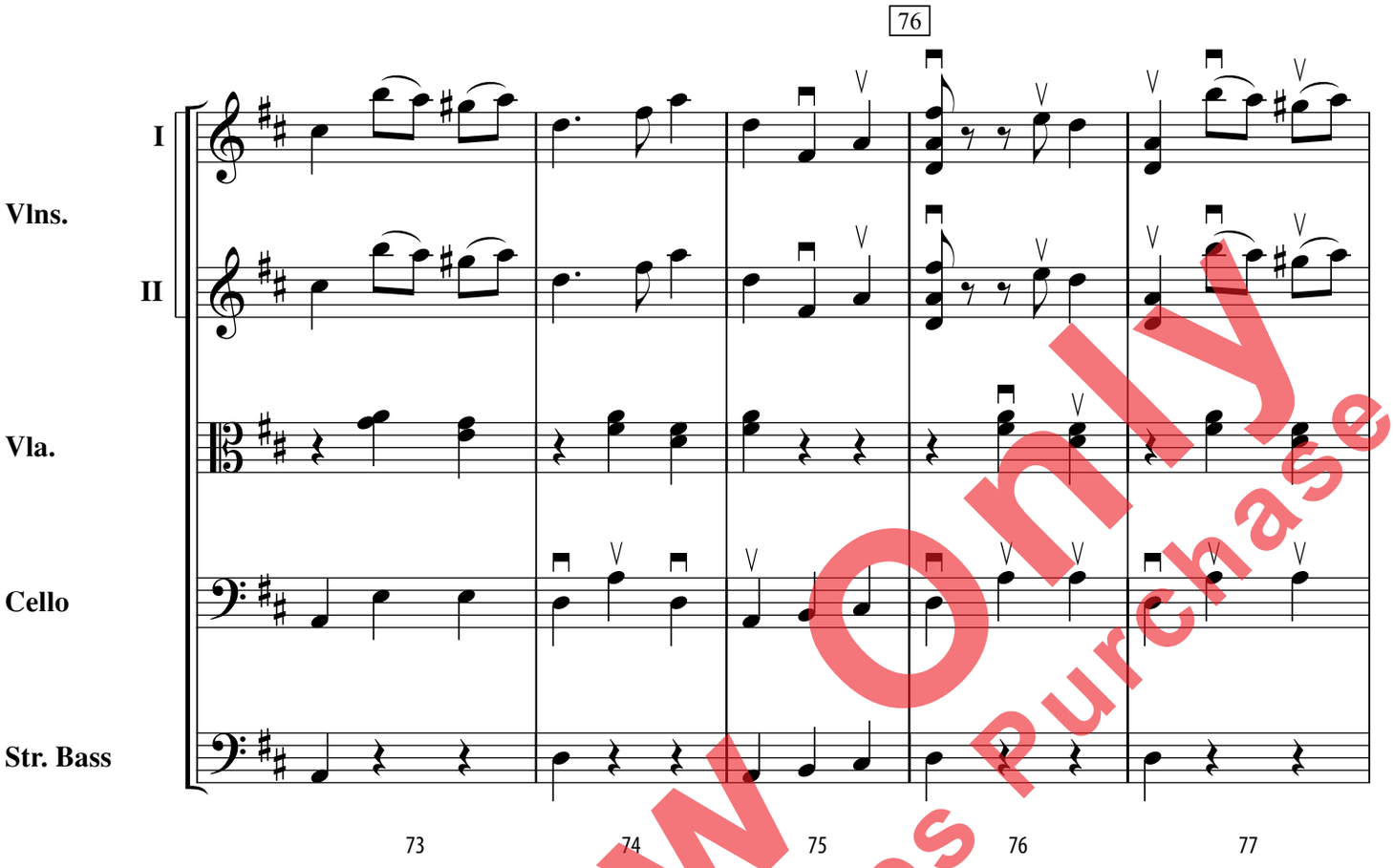

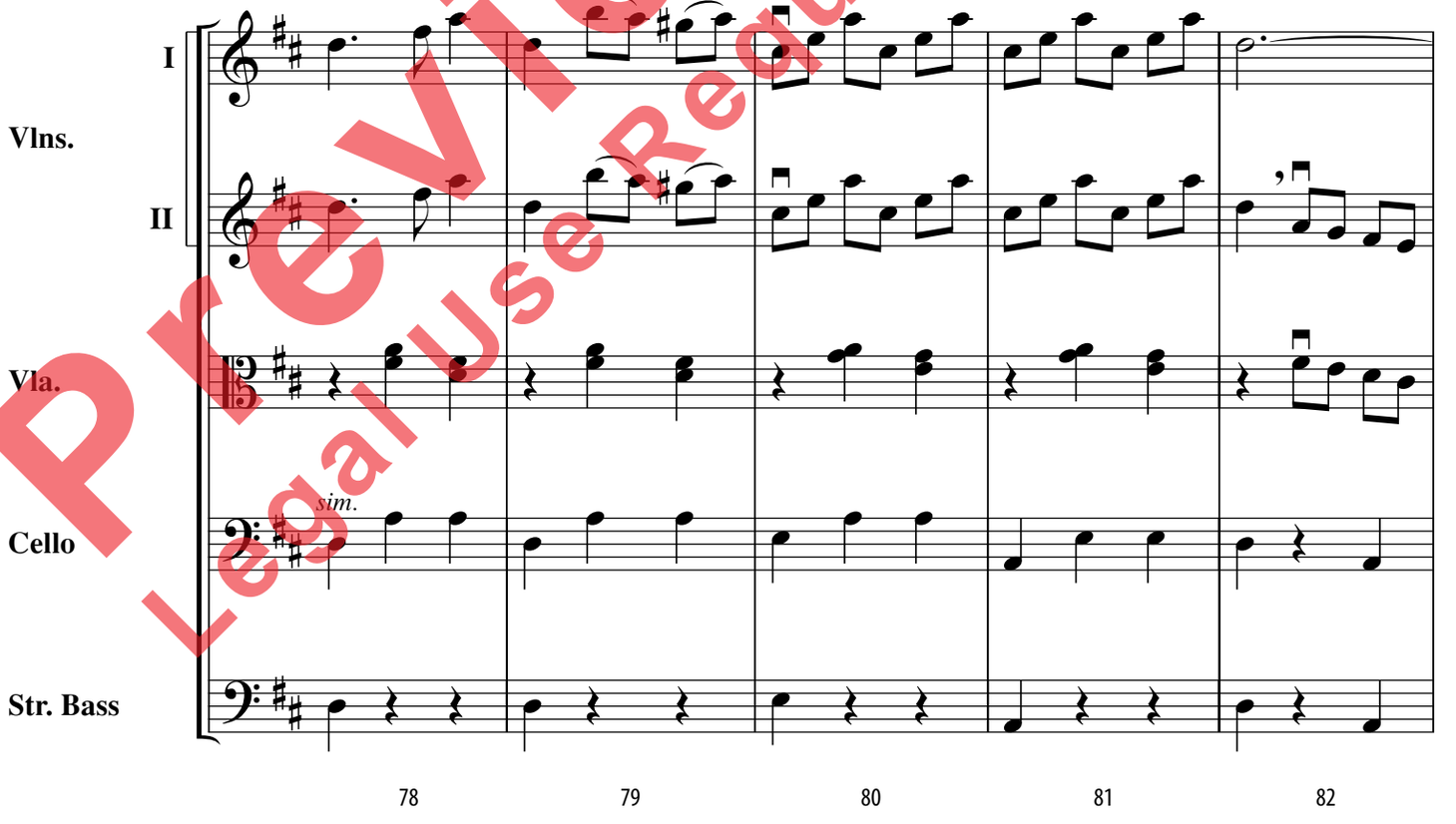

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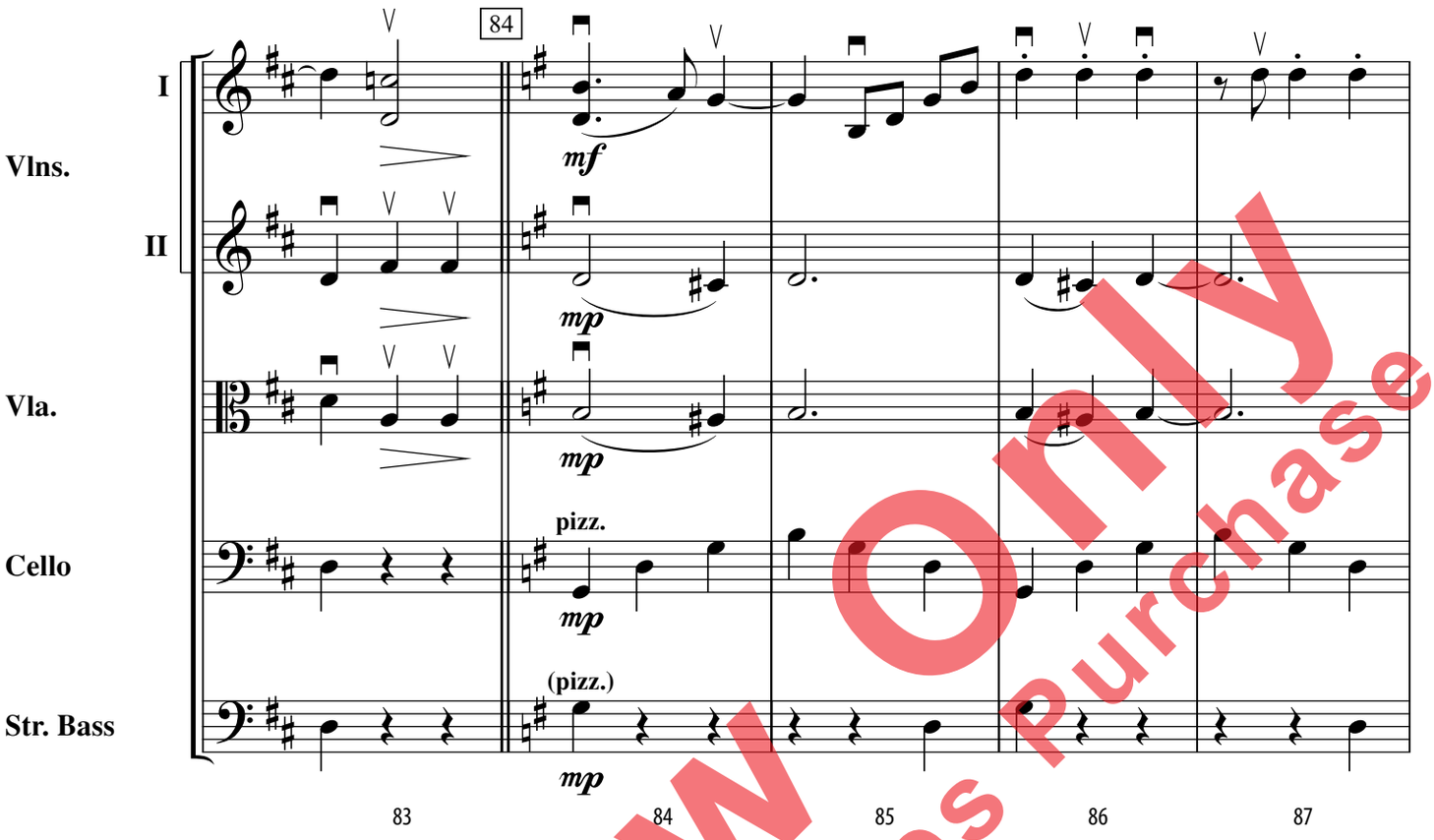

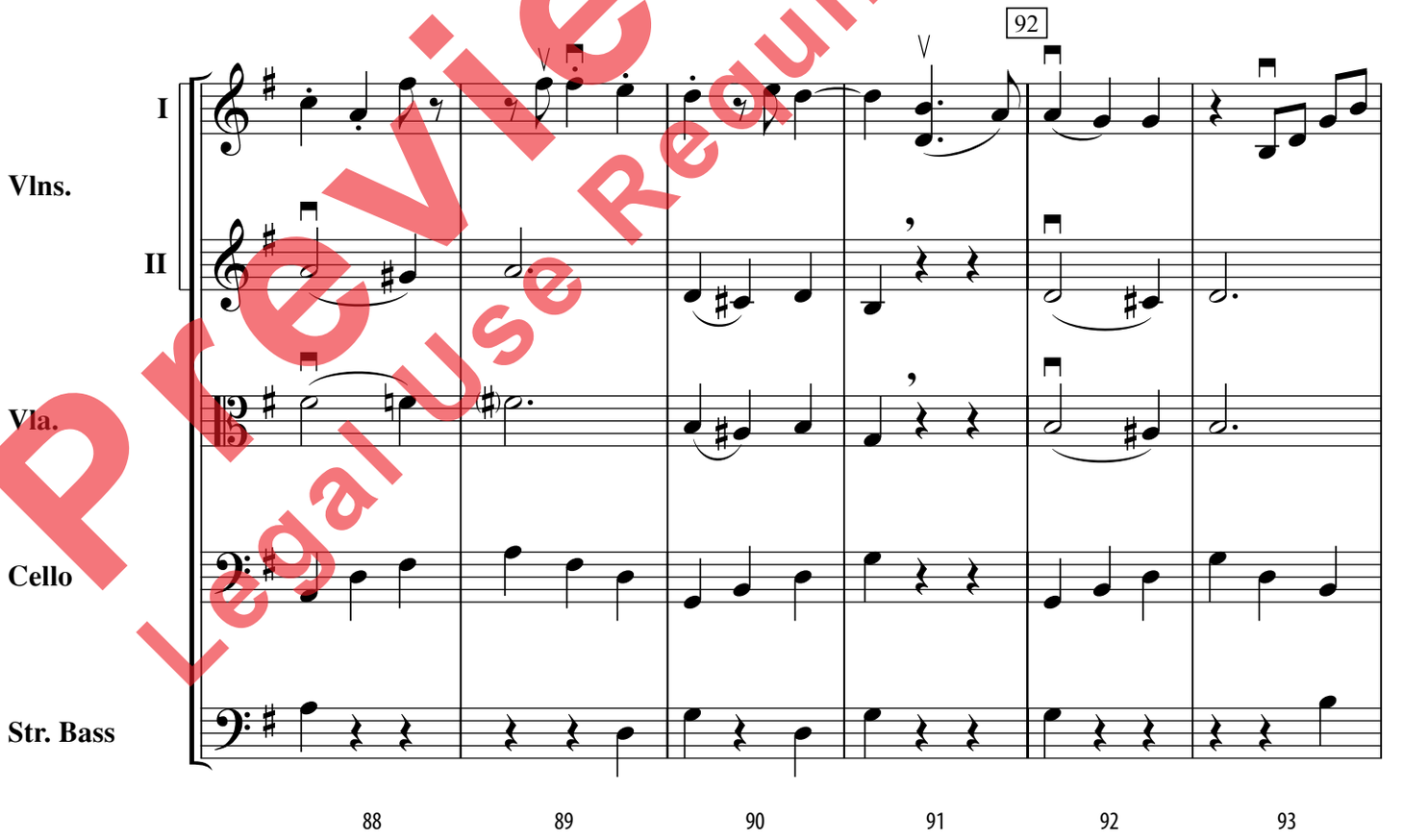

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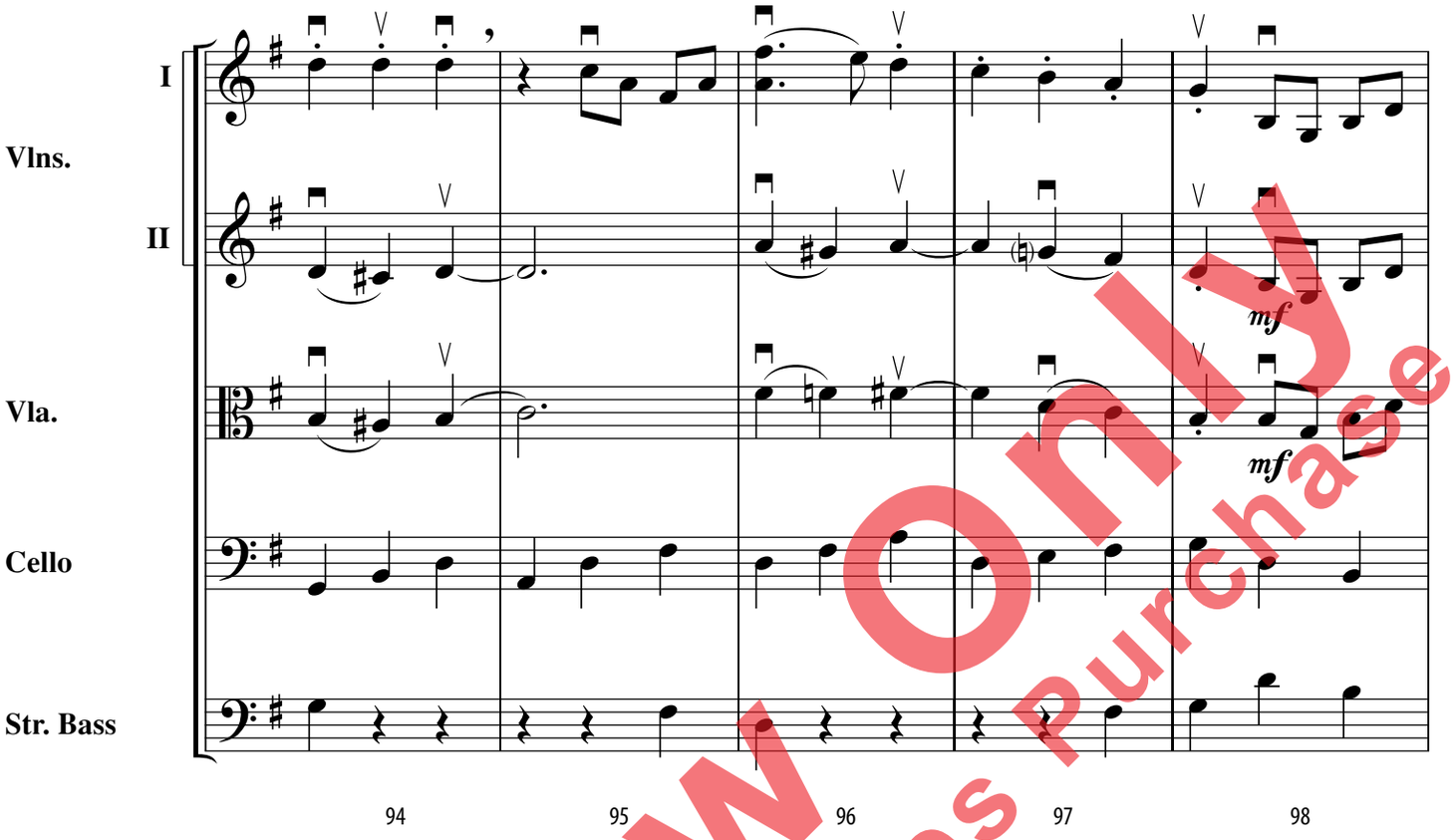

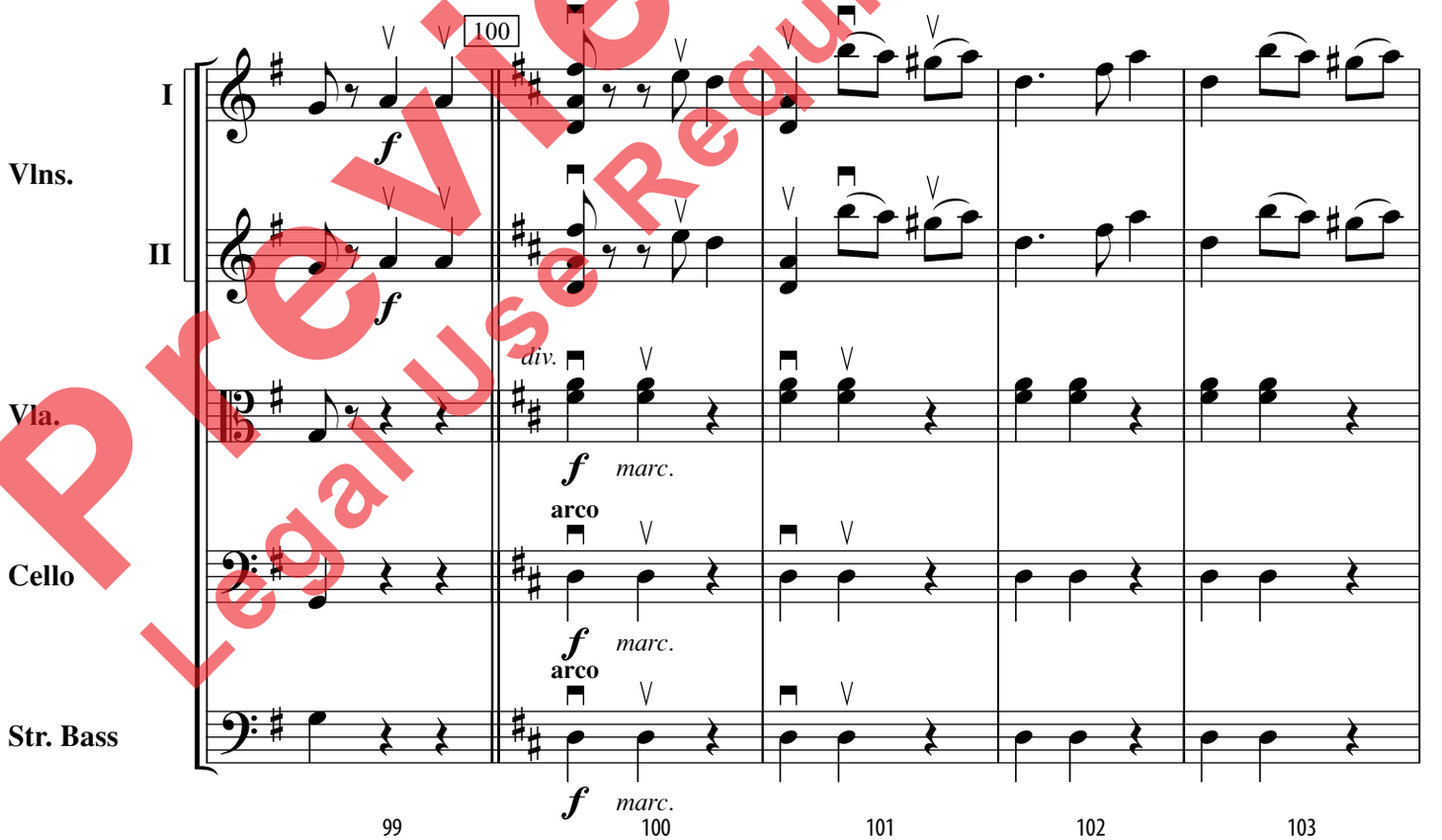

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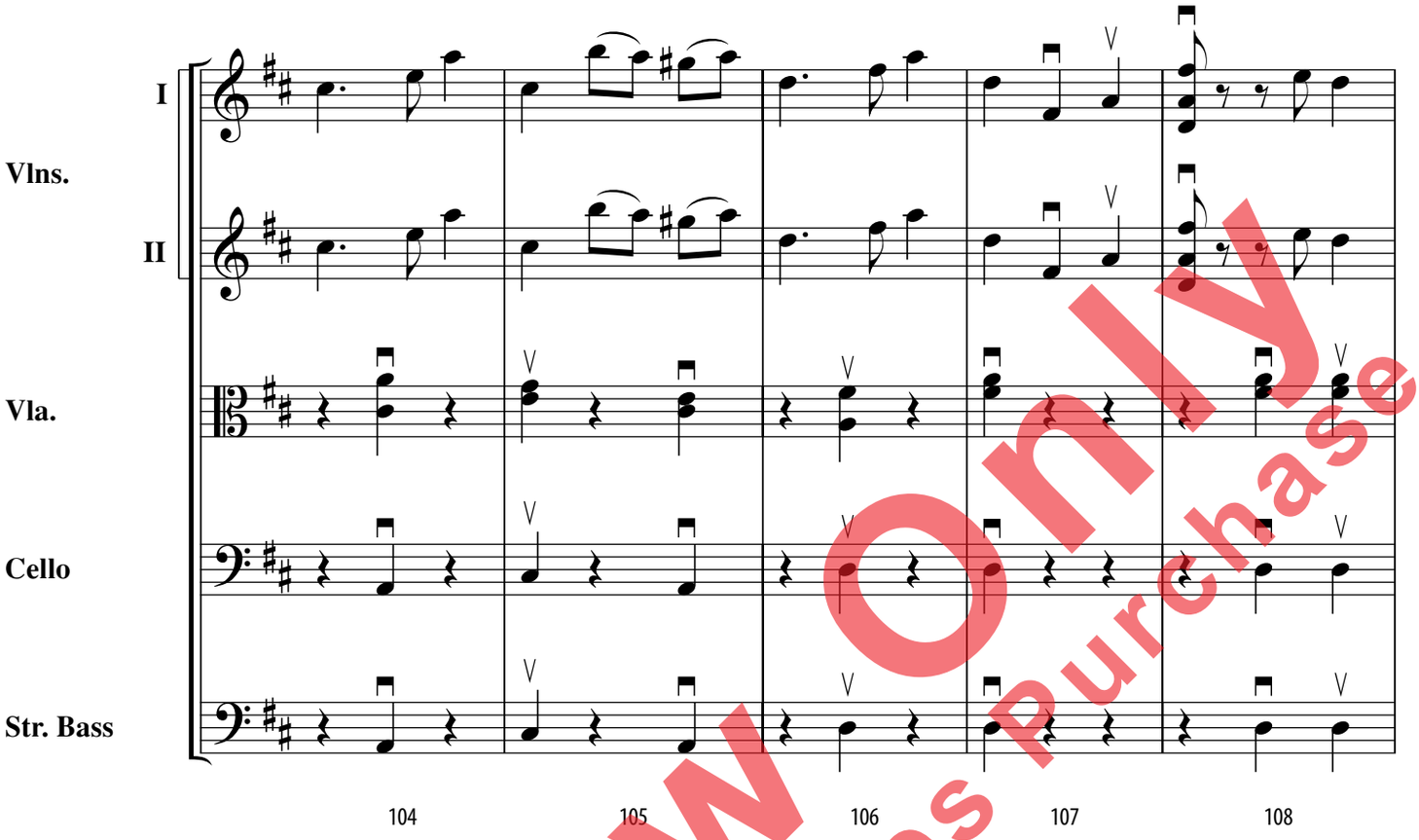

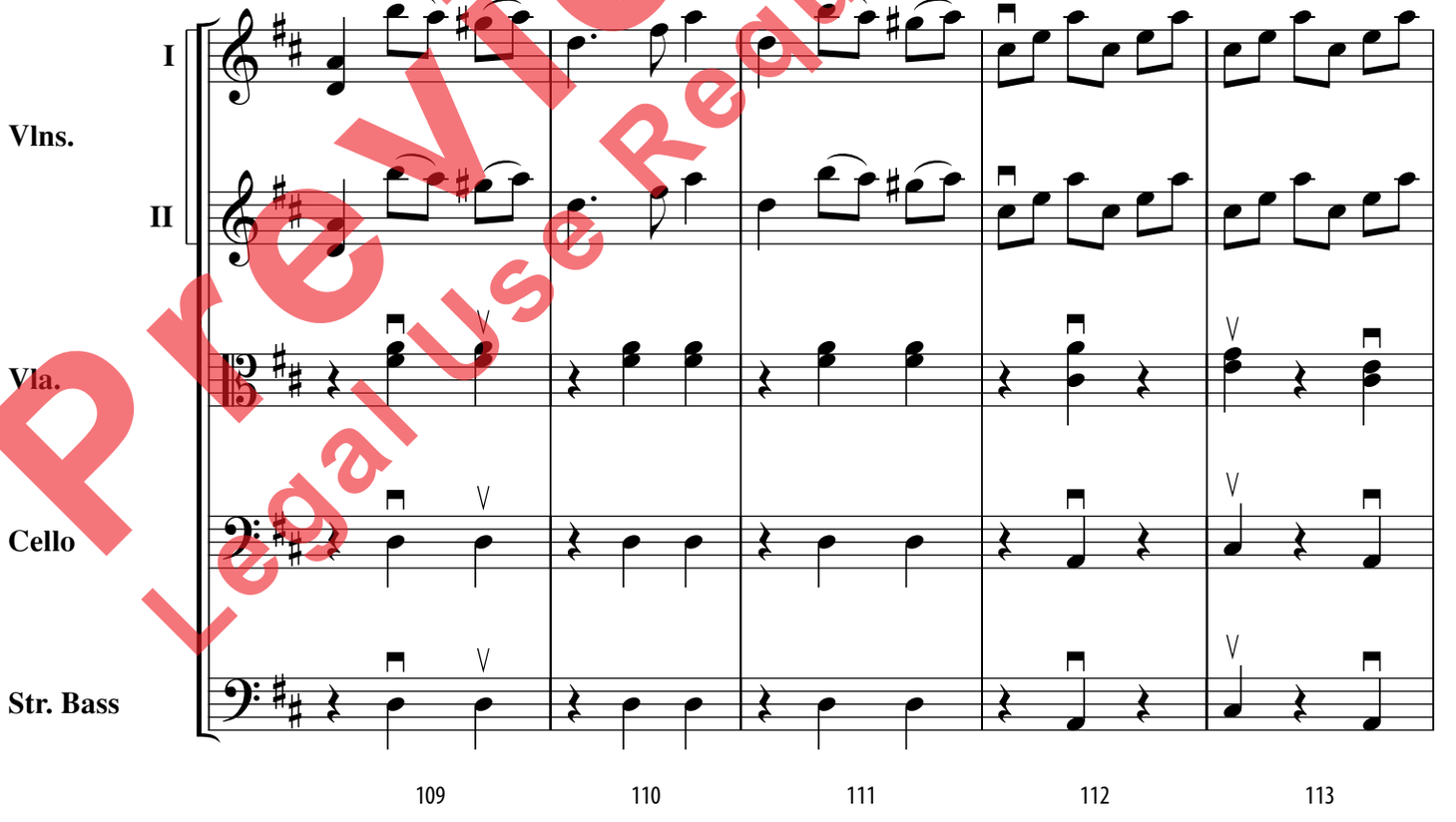

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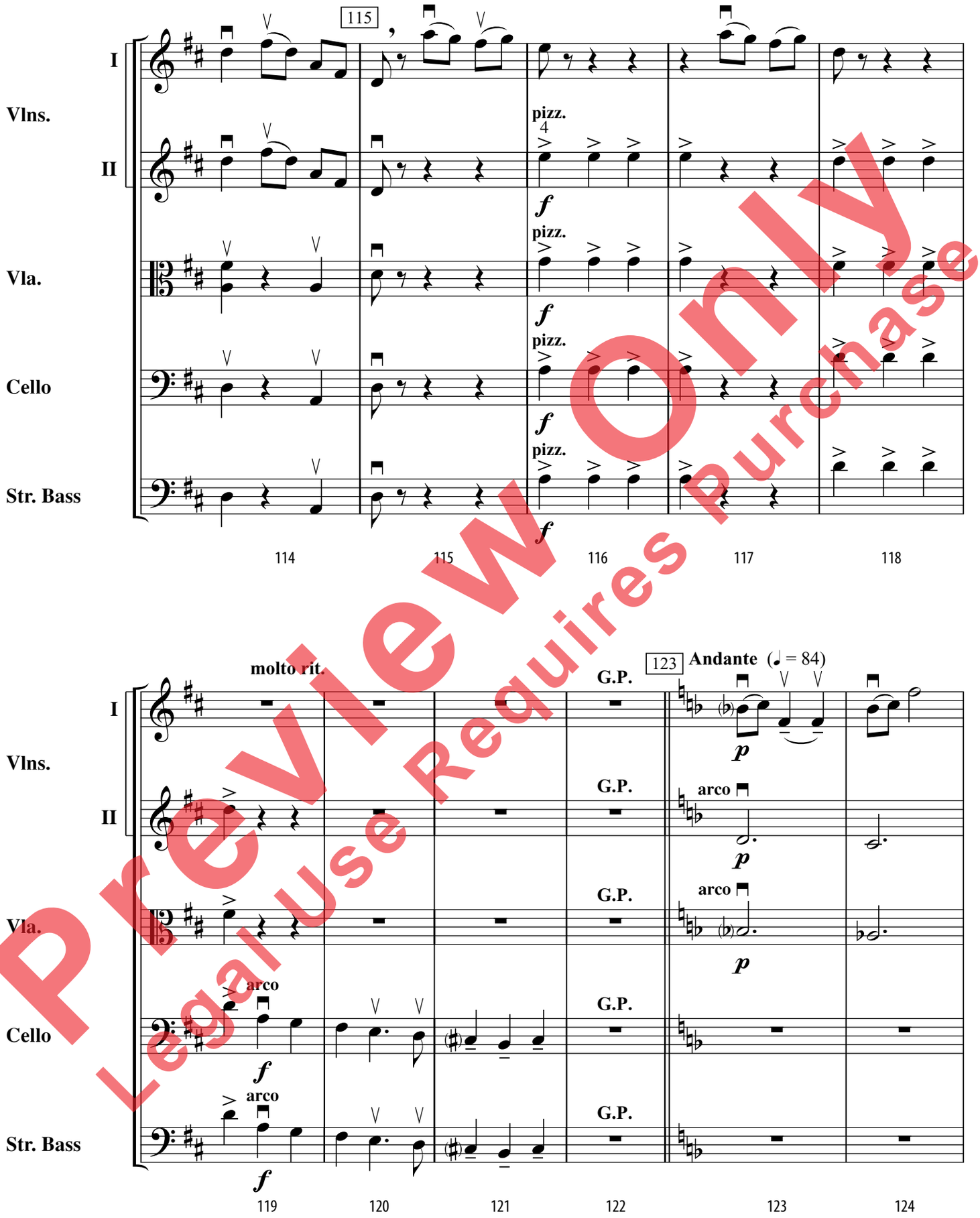

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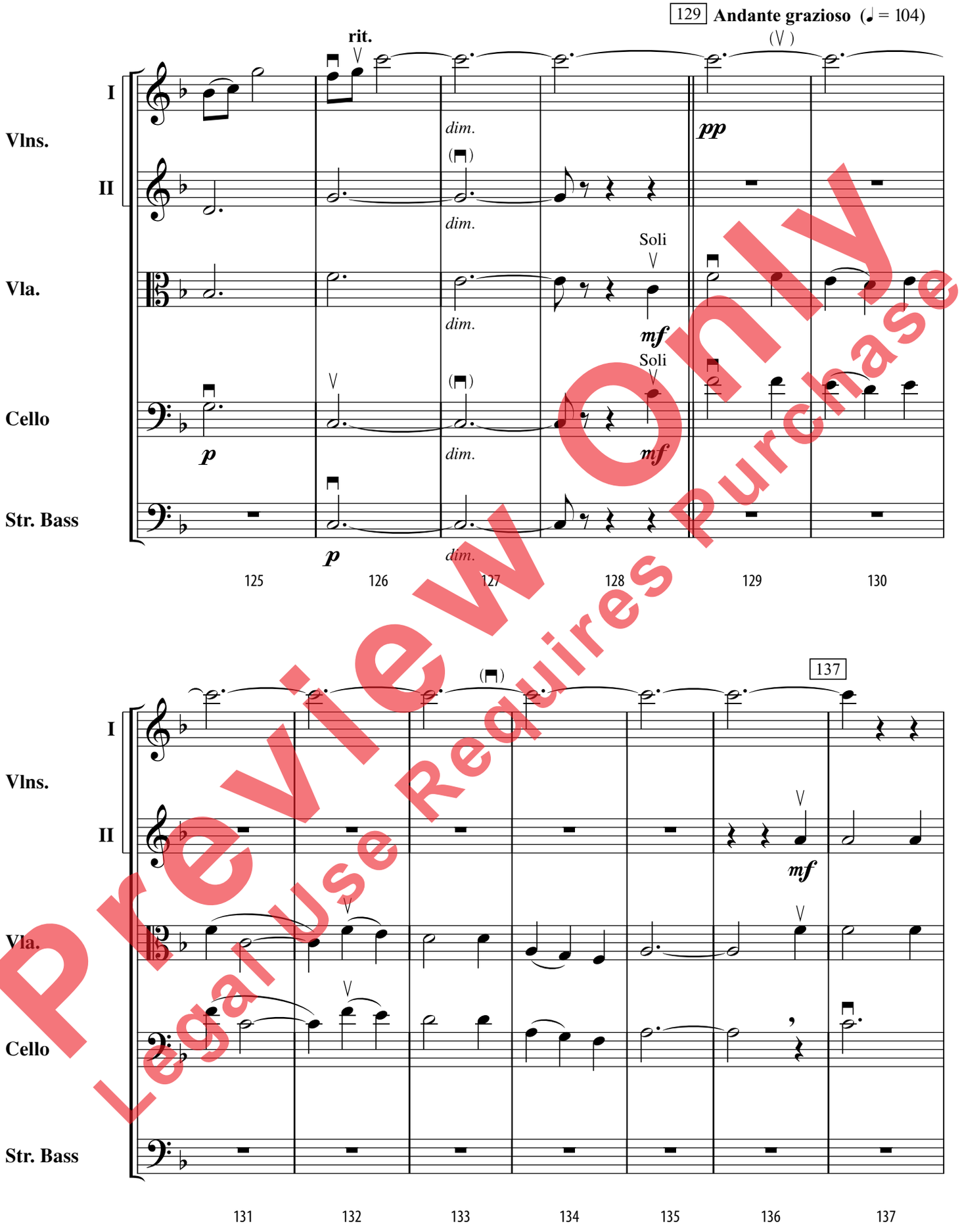

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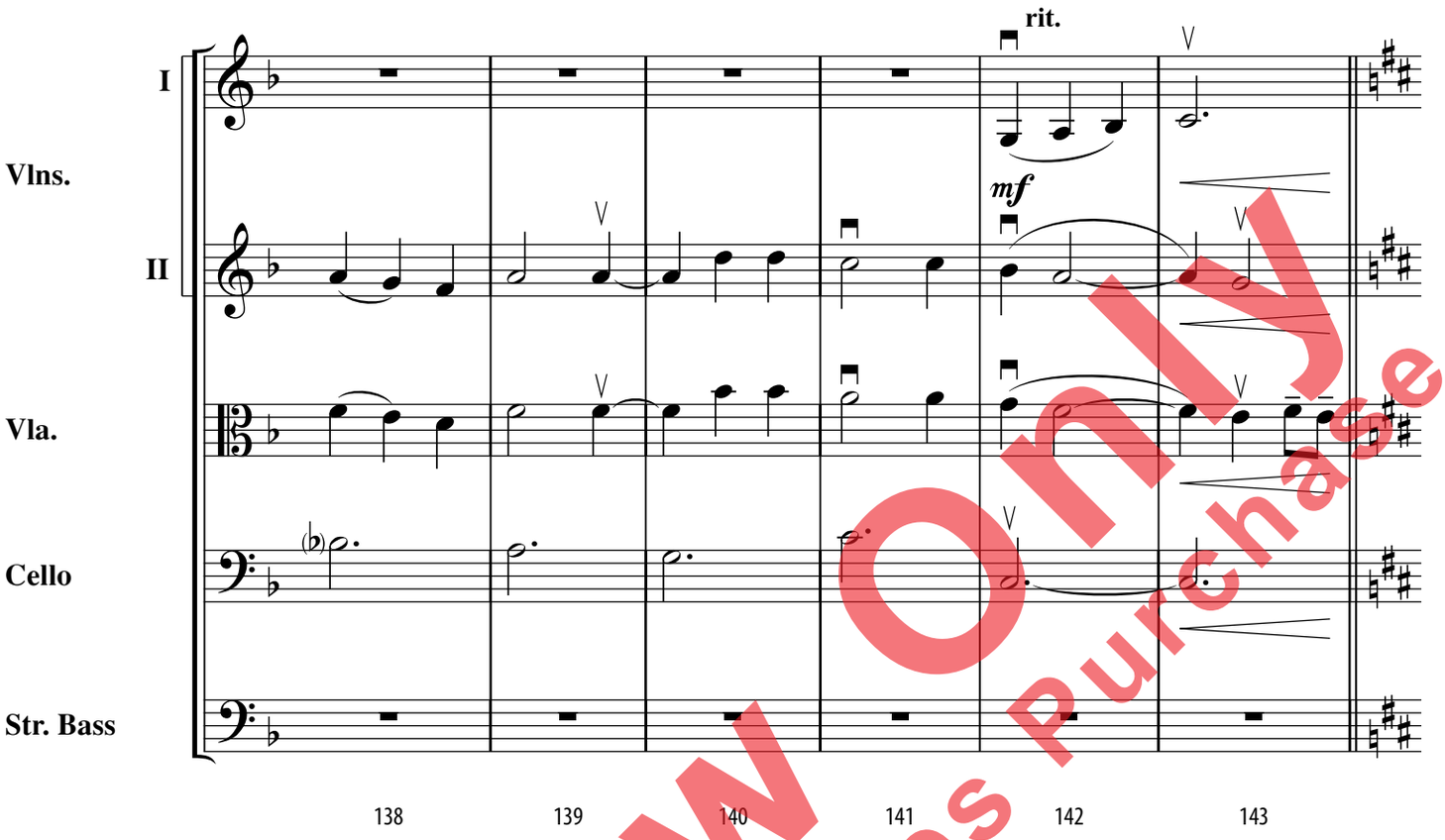

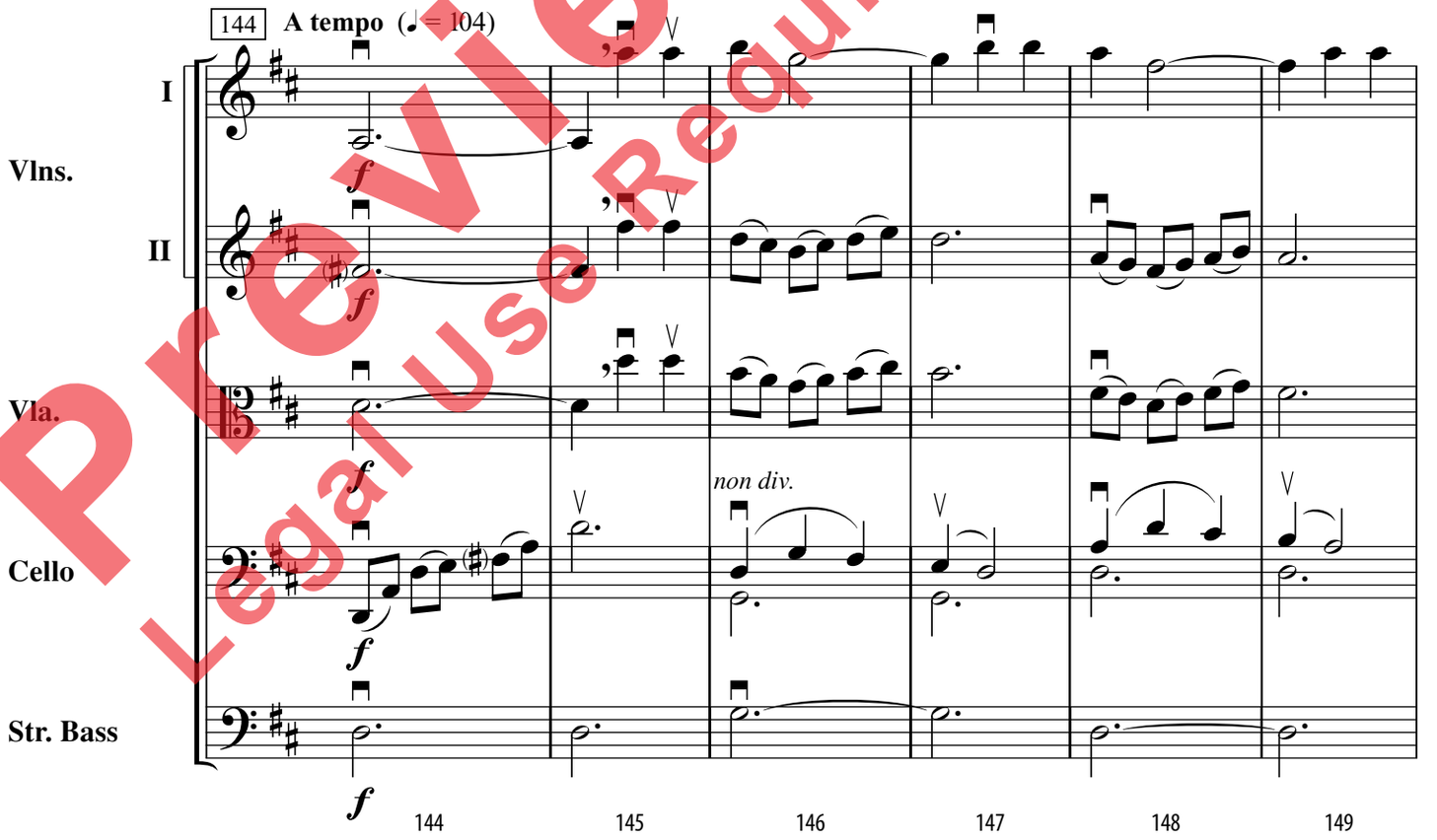

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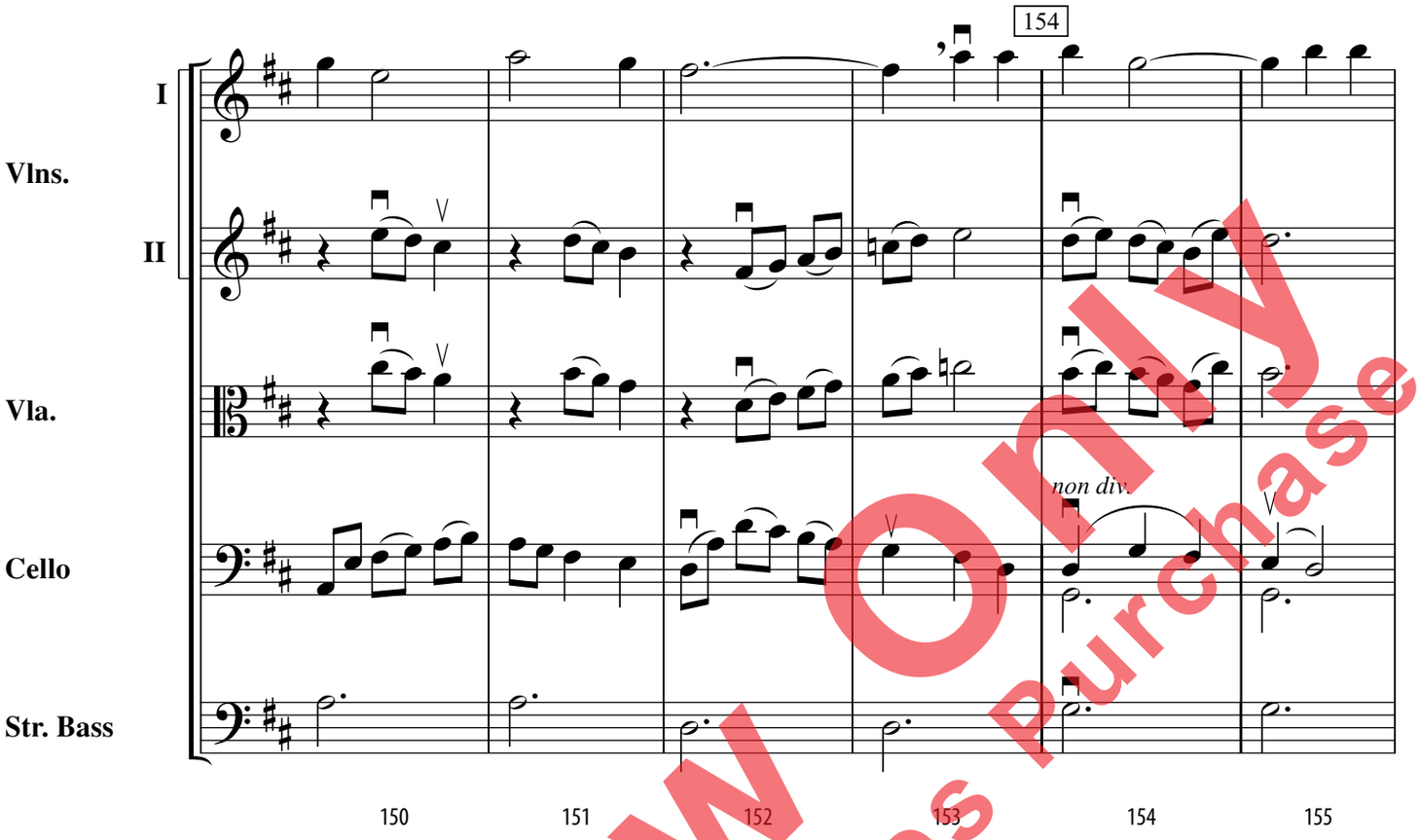

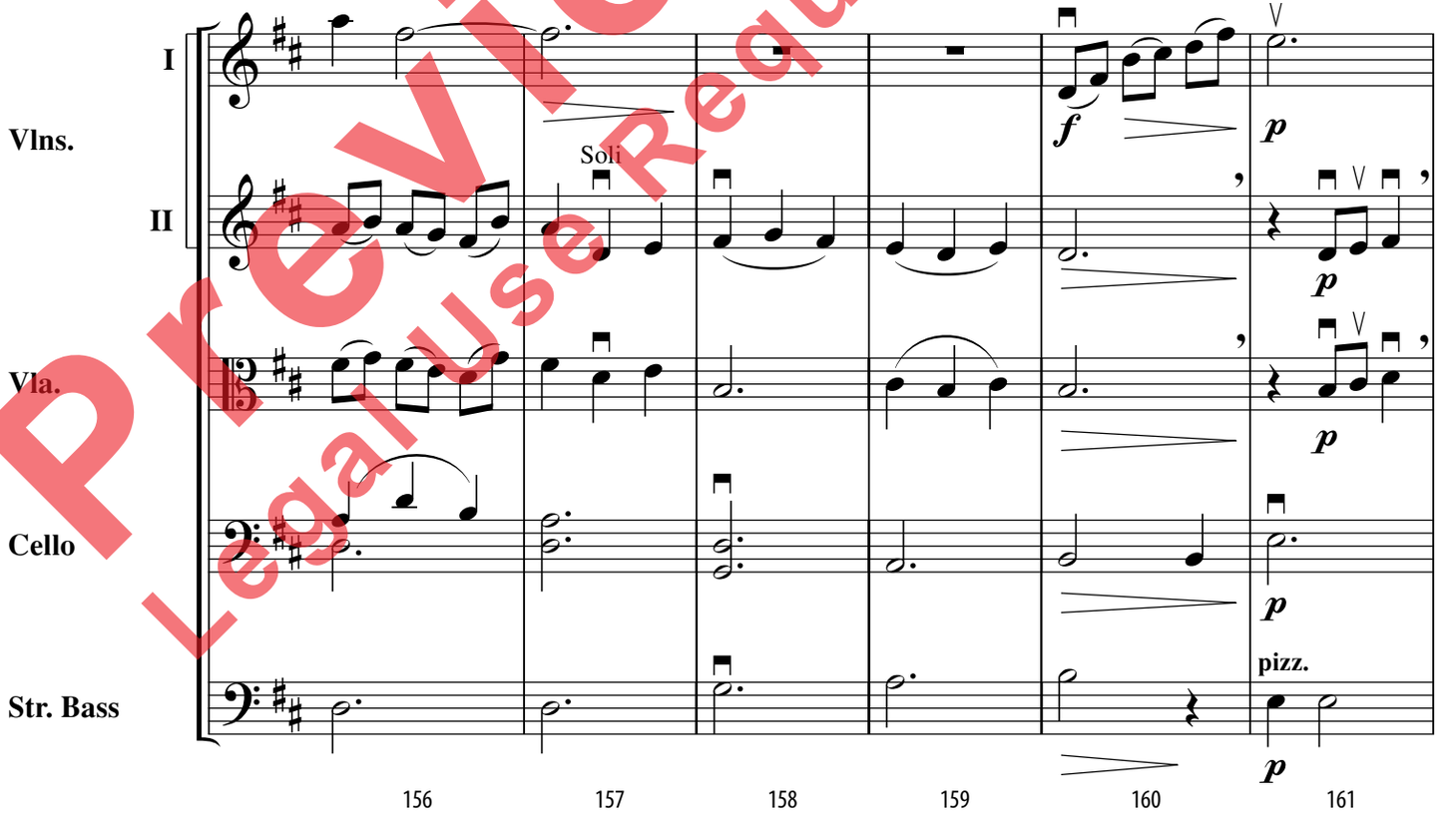

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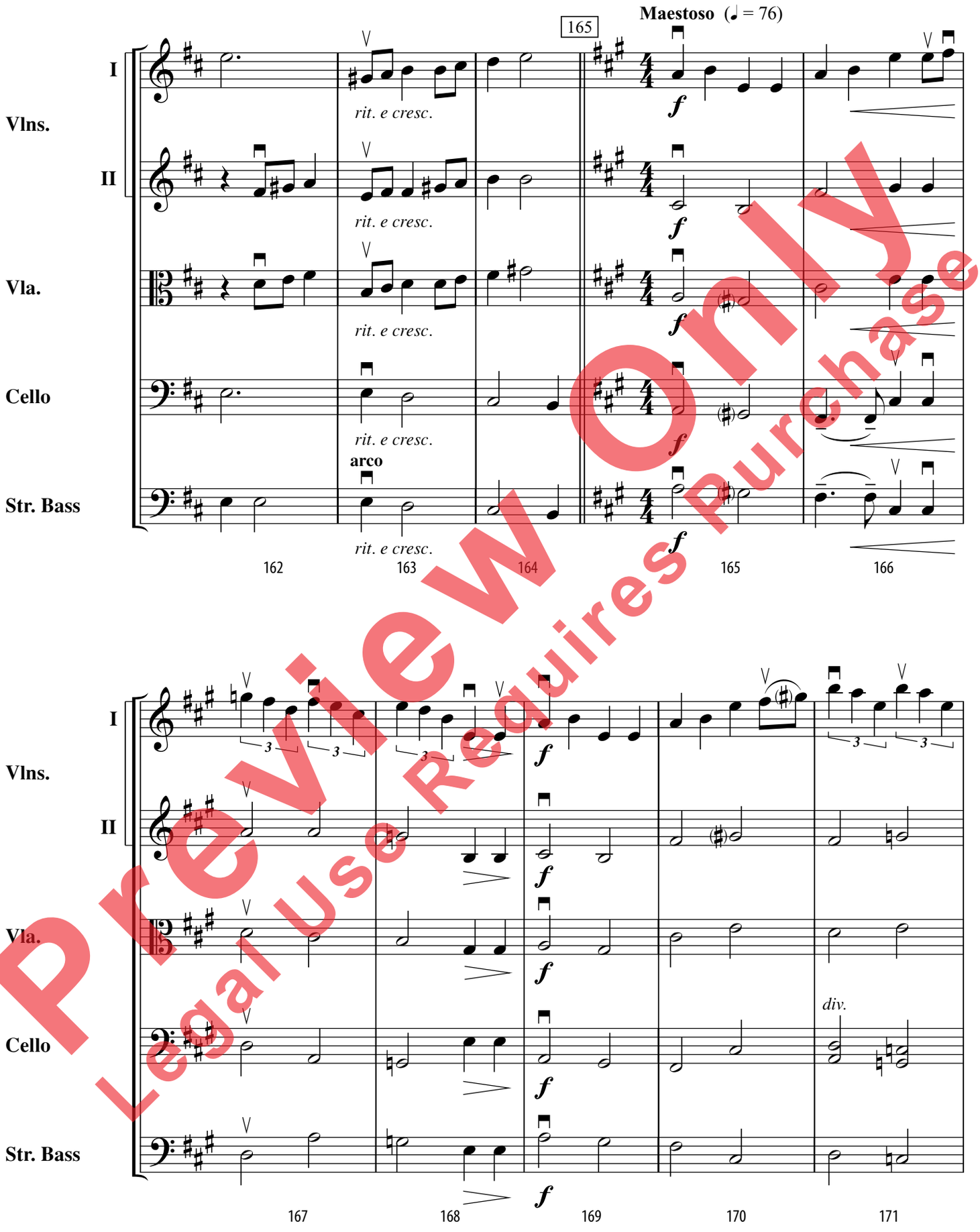

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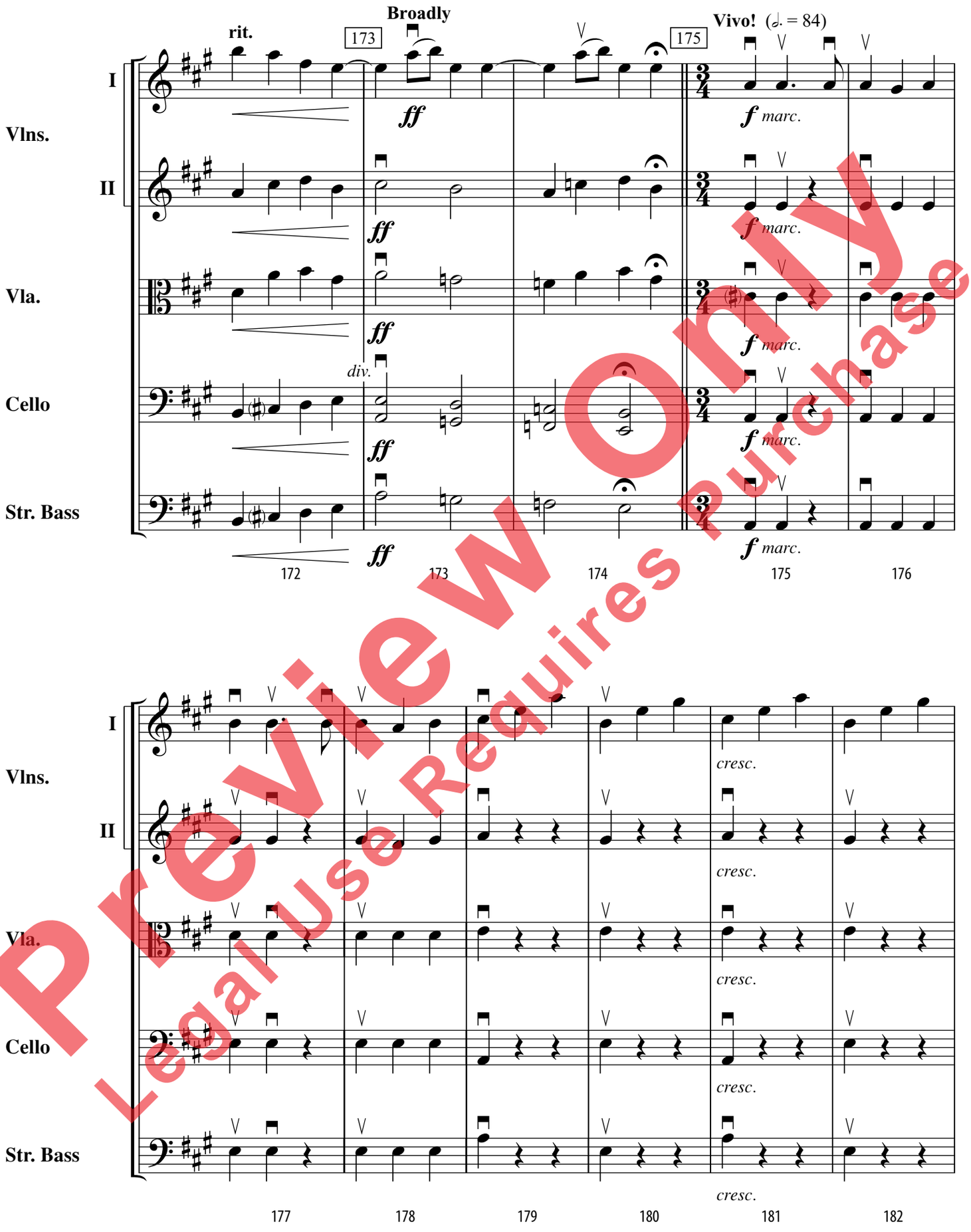

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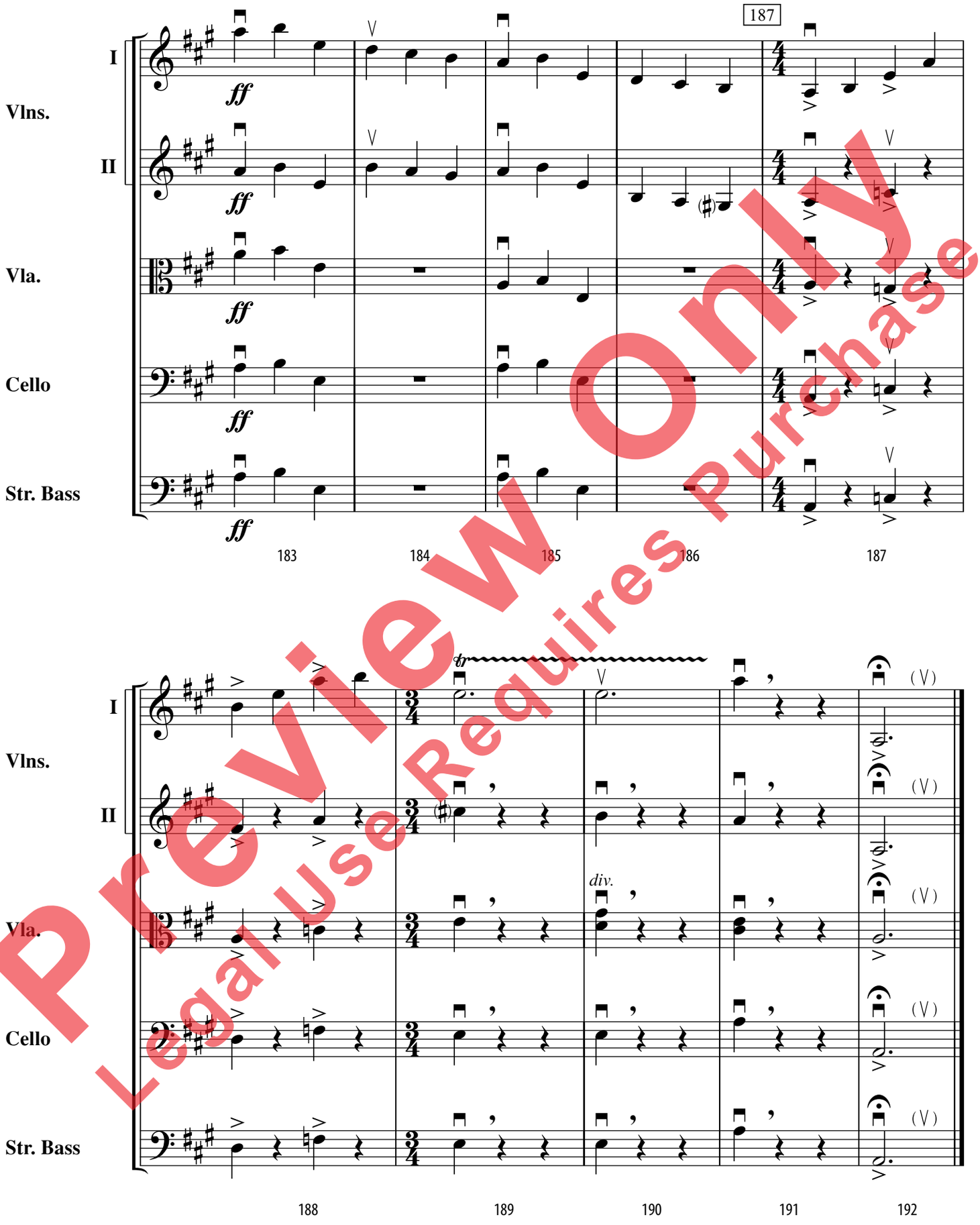

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