A Holst Christmas

Featuring *In the Bleak Midwinter, Lullay My Liking* and excerpts from *Christmas Day*

GUSTAV HOLST
Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor
1 1st Flute
1 2nd Flute
2 Oboe
1 1st B♭ Clarinet
1 2nd B♭ Clarinet
2 Bassoon
1 B♭ Bass Clarinet
4 F Horn
1 1st B♭ Trumpet
1 2nd B♭ Trumpet
3 Trombone
1 Tuba
2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes, Bells)
1 Timpani (C-F)
1 Percussion (Suspended Cymbal/ Triangle)
8 1st Violin
8 2nd Violin
5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
5 Viola
5 Cello
5 String Bass

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Written as a sequel to the highly successful *A Vaughan Williams Christmas* (BFOM03002), this artfully crafted medley includes rich scoring that creates a satisfying musical experience, with care taken to insure that all technical demands are well within the parameters at this level. The arrangement may be played by strings alone, or with the addition of any combination of wind and/or percussion parts.

PROGRAM NOTES

This diverse sampling of Christmas music by Gustav Holst includes three items from his catalog of works. First we hear "In the Bleak Midwinter" (m. 3). No doubt Holst's most famous carol tune, this was written in 1904 at the request of R. Vaughan Williams for inclusion in the first edition of the English Hymnal. The music is paired to a text by Christina Rossetti (1830–1894). Next comes "Lullay My Liking" (m. 43), which was first published in 1919. Holst's original music supports an anonymous fifteenth-century text. We finish with excerpts from "Christmas Day." Most of *A Holst Christmas* is based on material drawn from the composer's tightly woven 1910 medley of standard carol tunes, a work that was written specifically for performance by his adult music students at Morley College. Titles excerpted are "Good Christmas Men, Rejoice" (m. 26), "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (m. 51), "Come Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly" (m. 73), and "The First Nowell" (m. 86).

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Bob Phillips
Belwin/Pop String Editor

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CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 4:15

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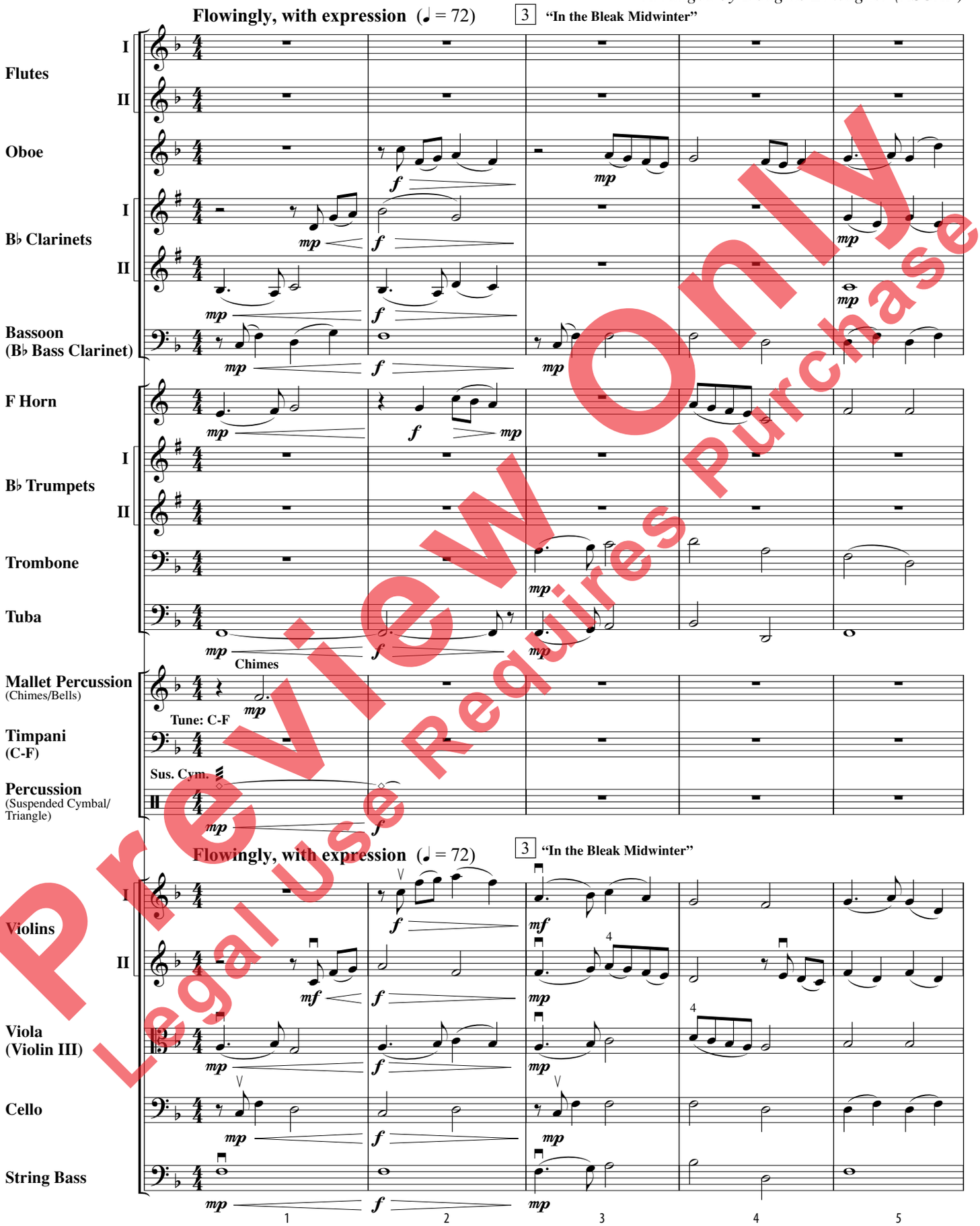

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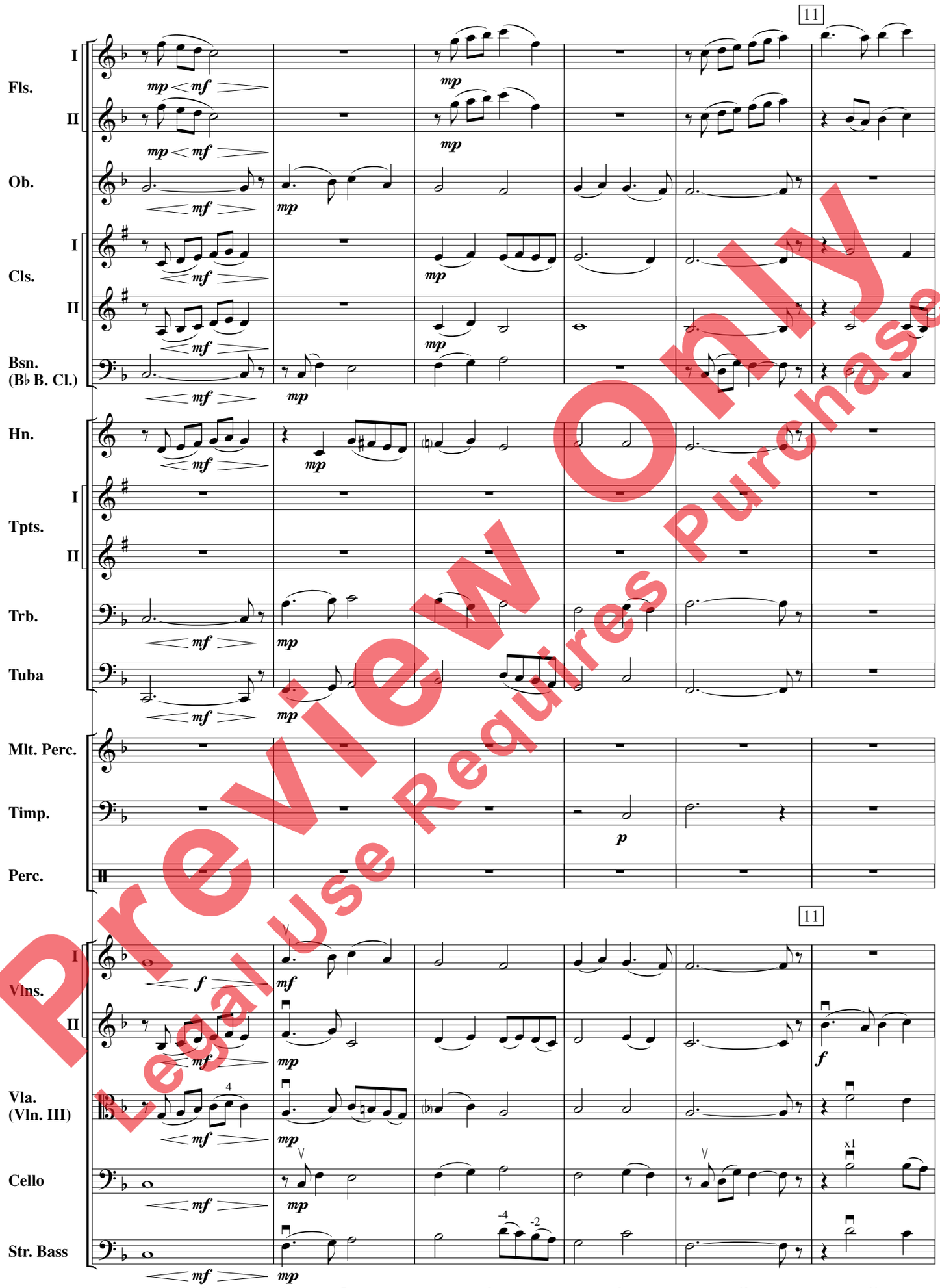

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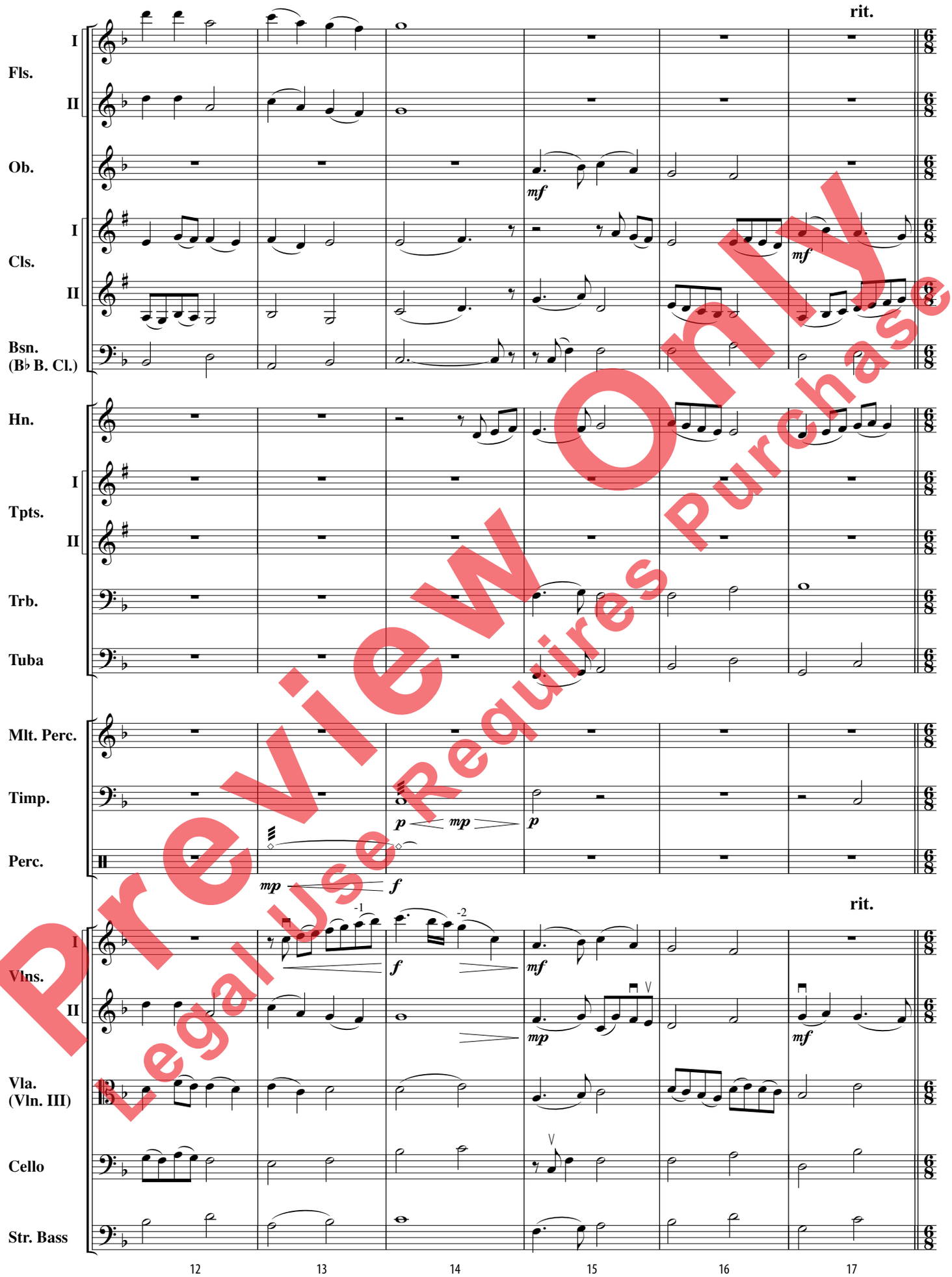

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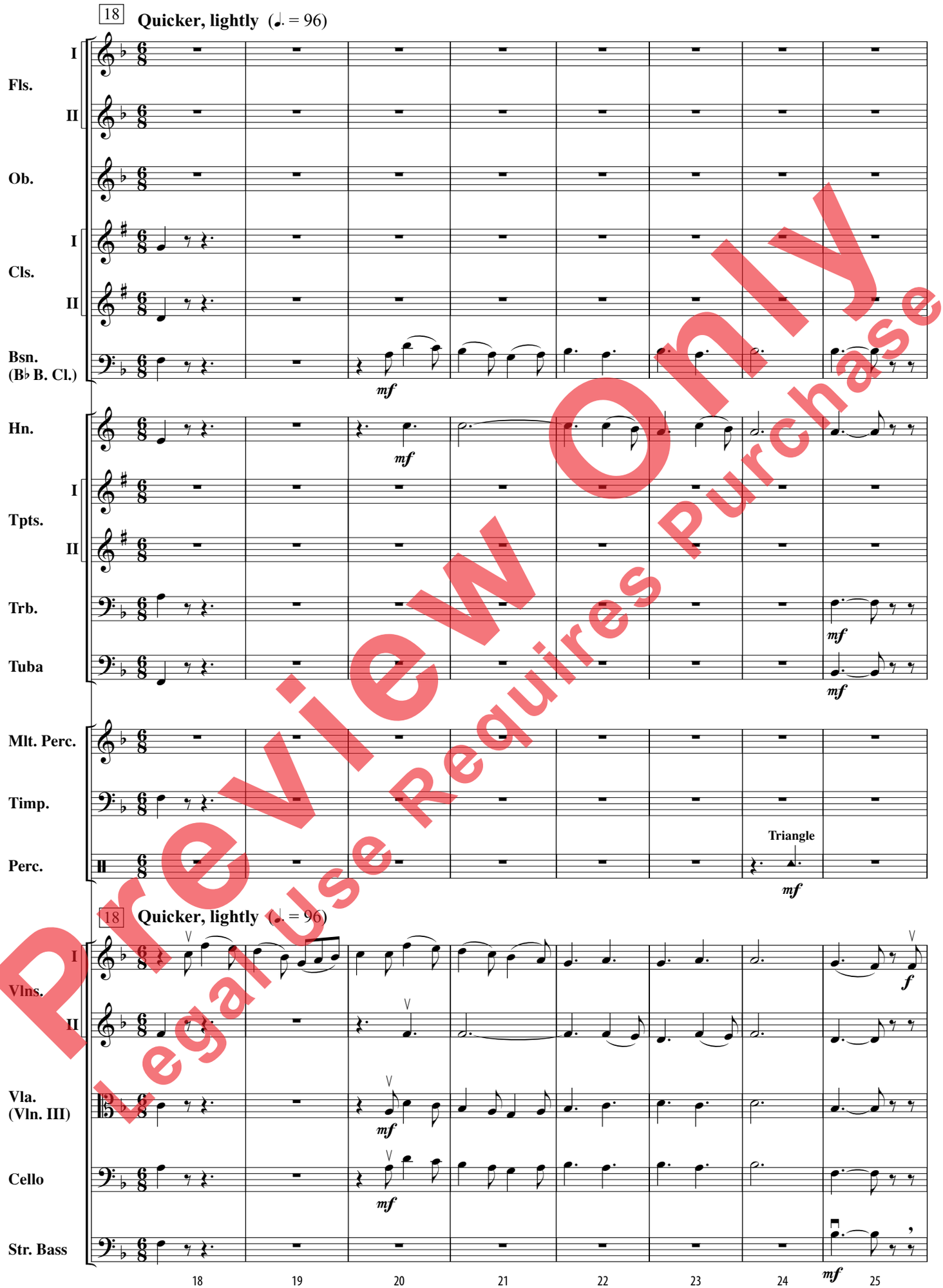

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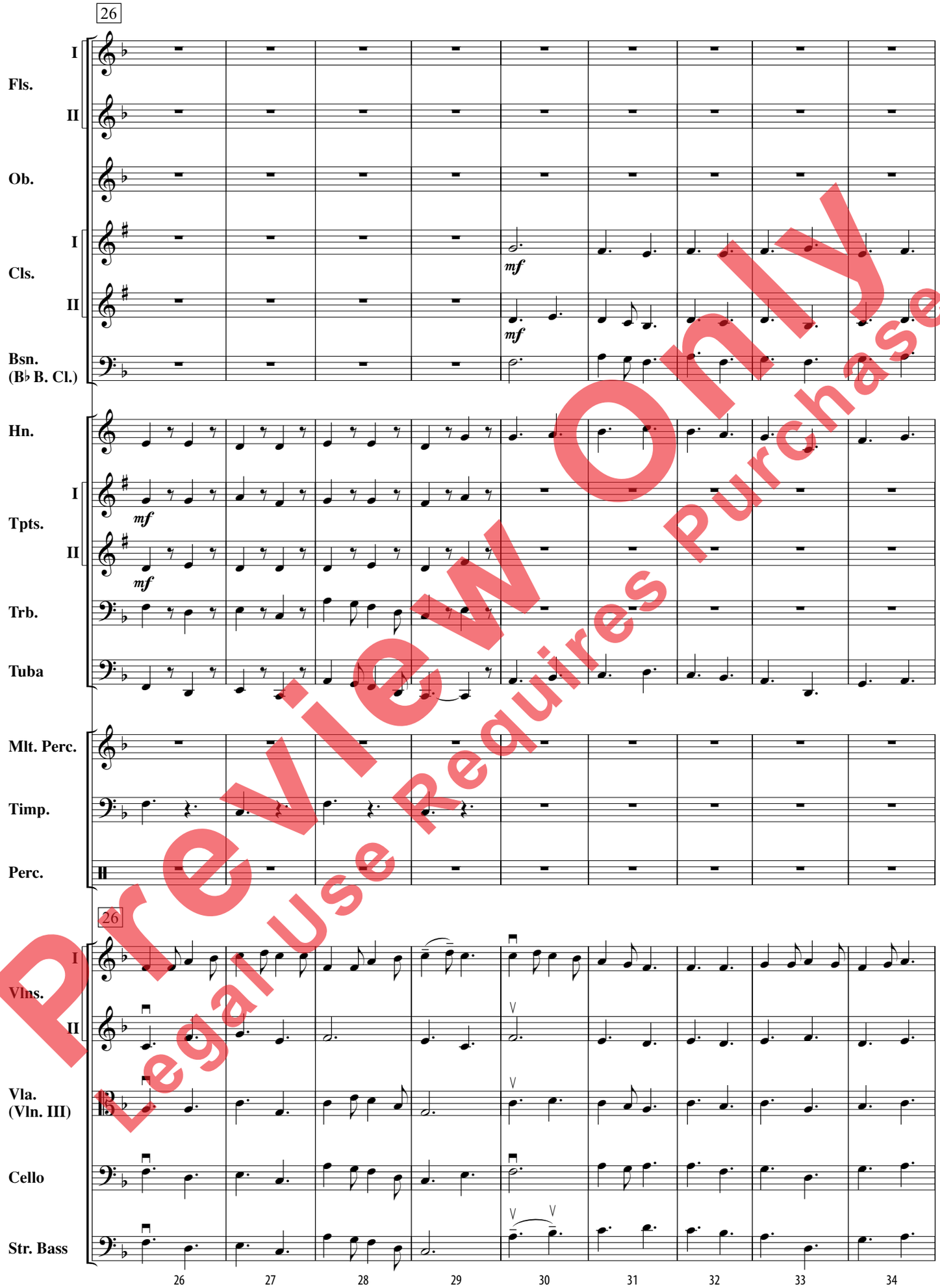

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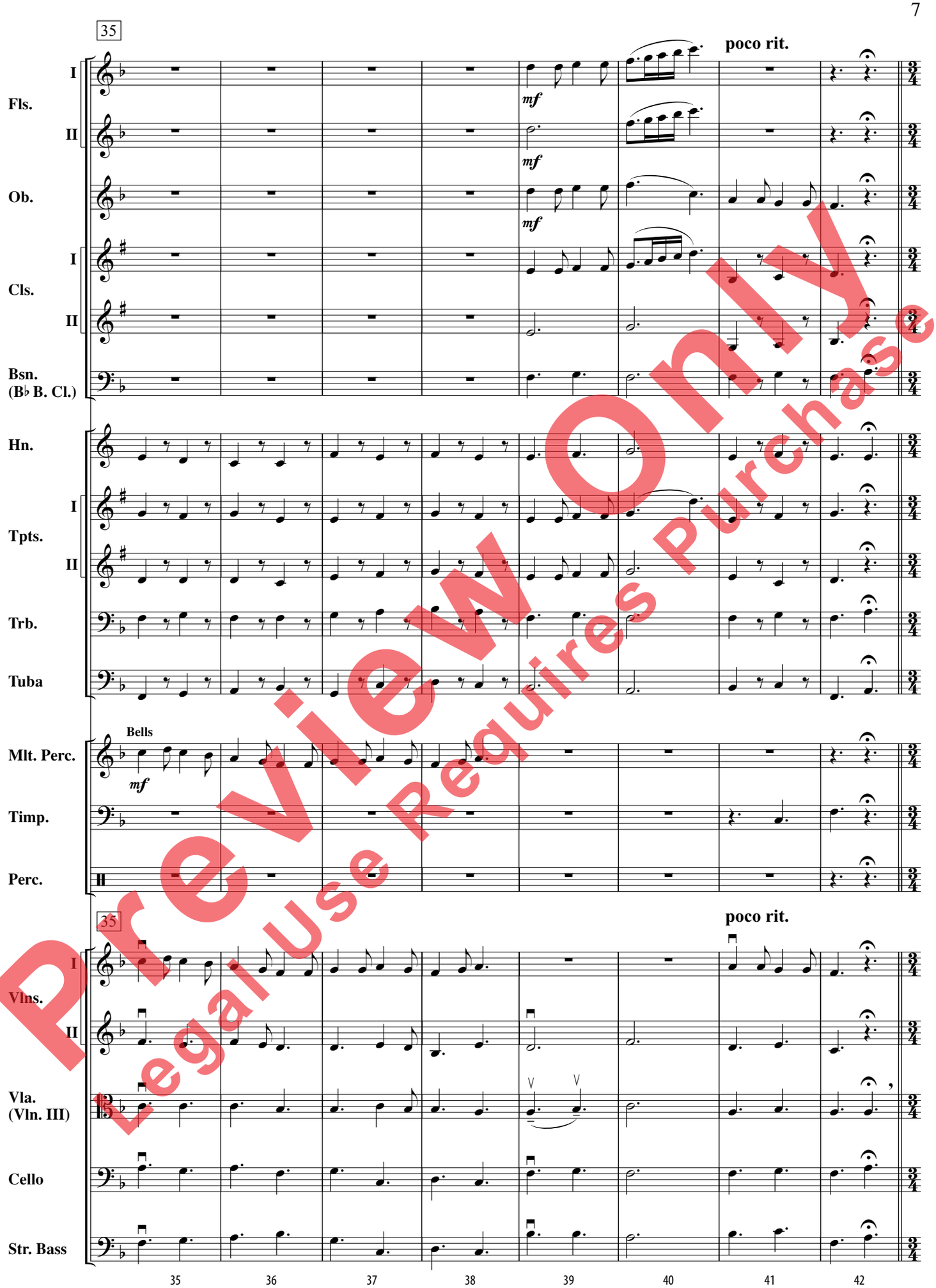

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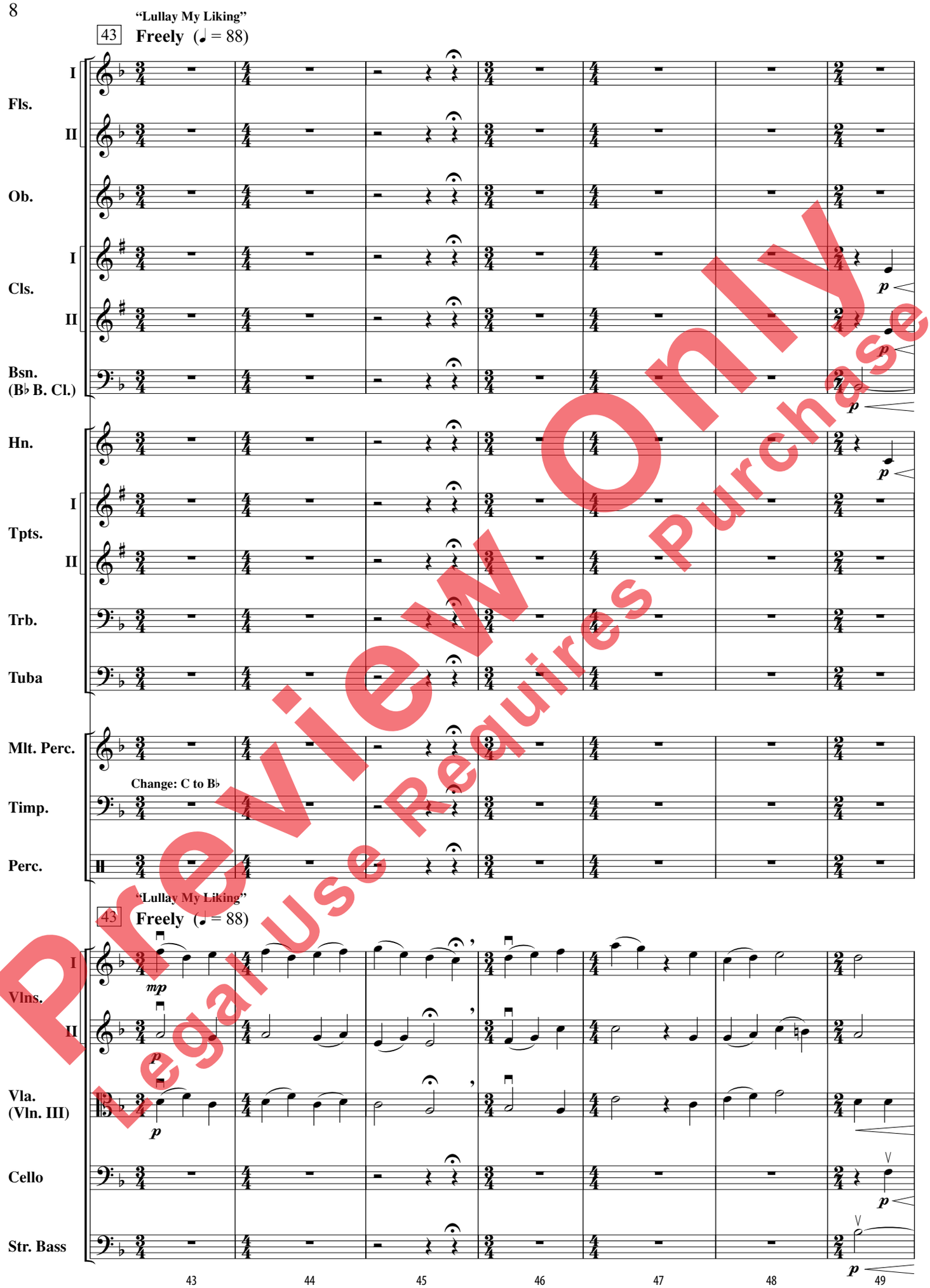

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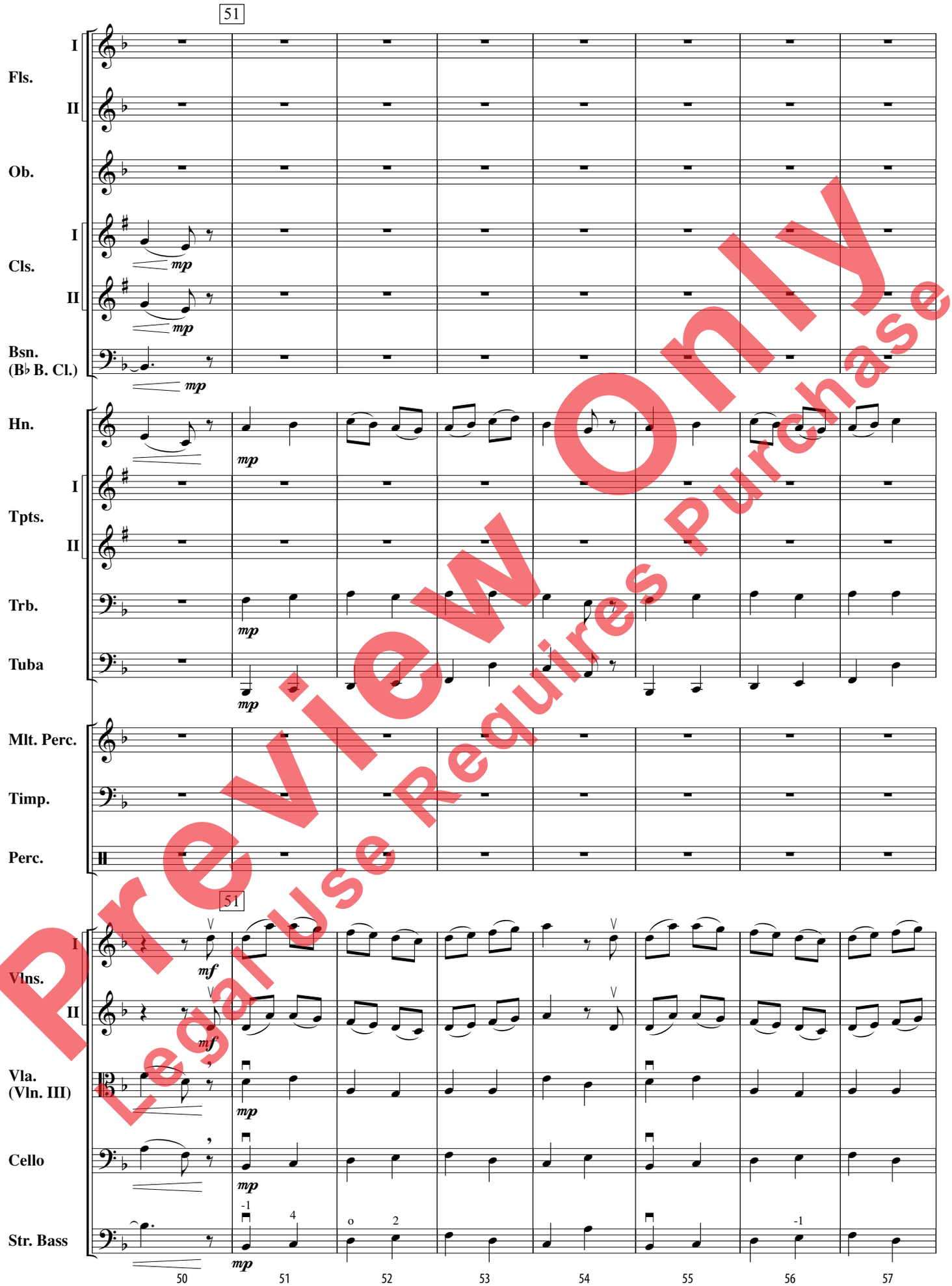

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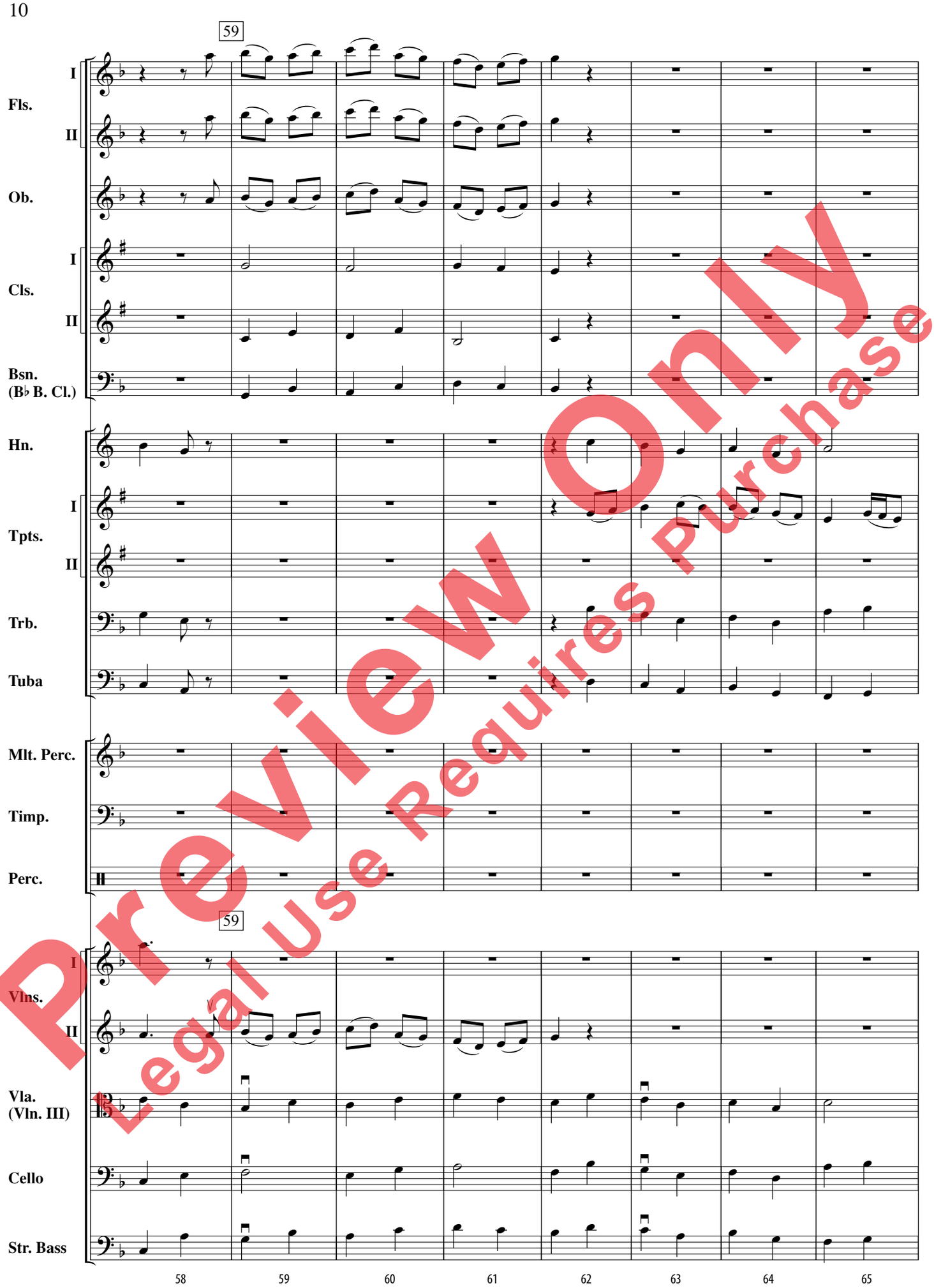

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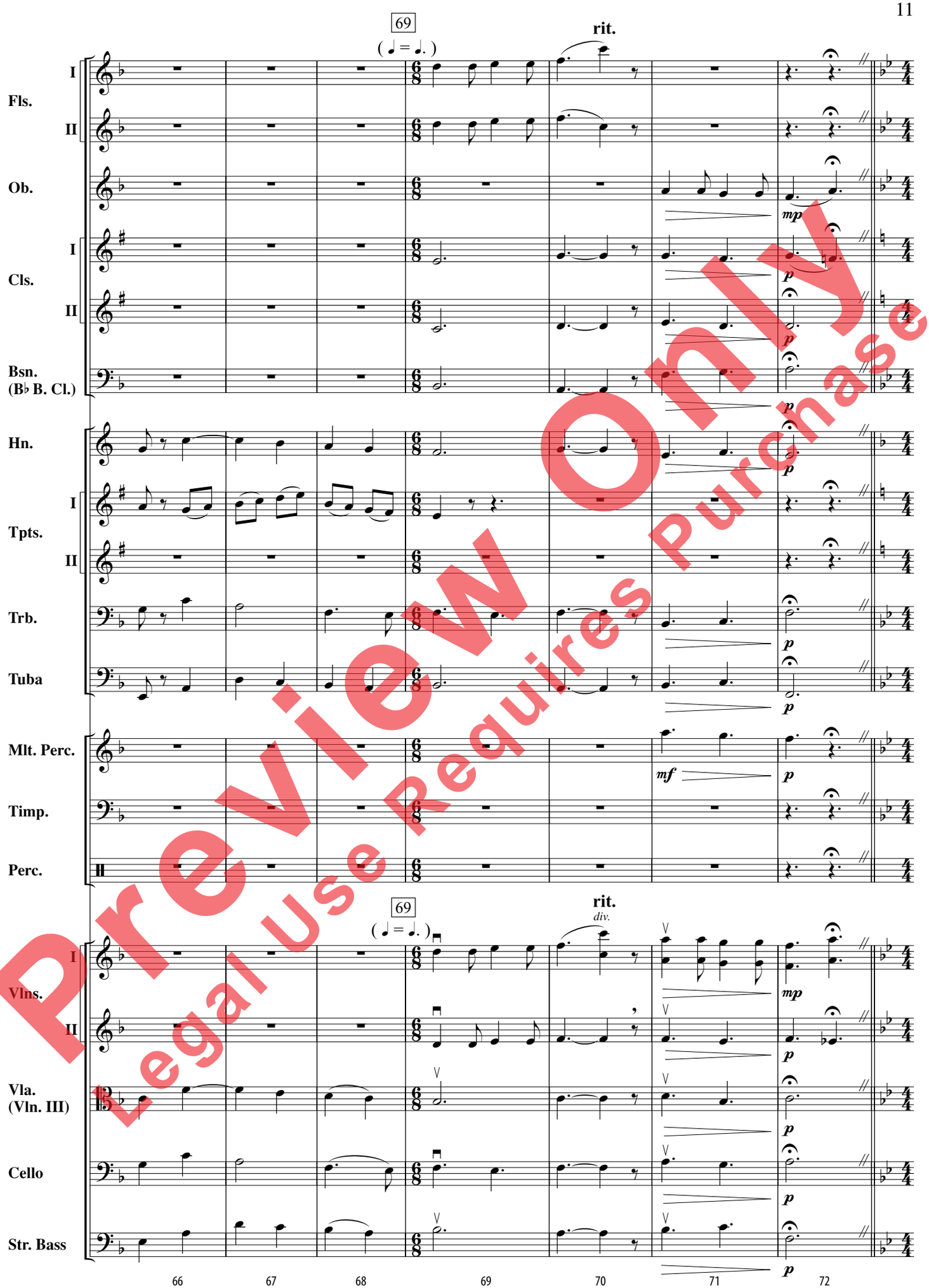

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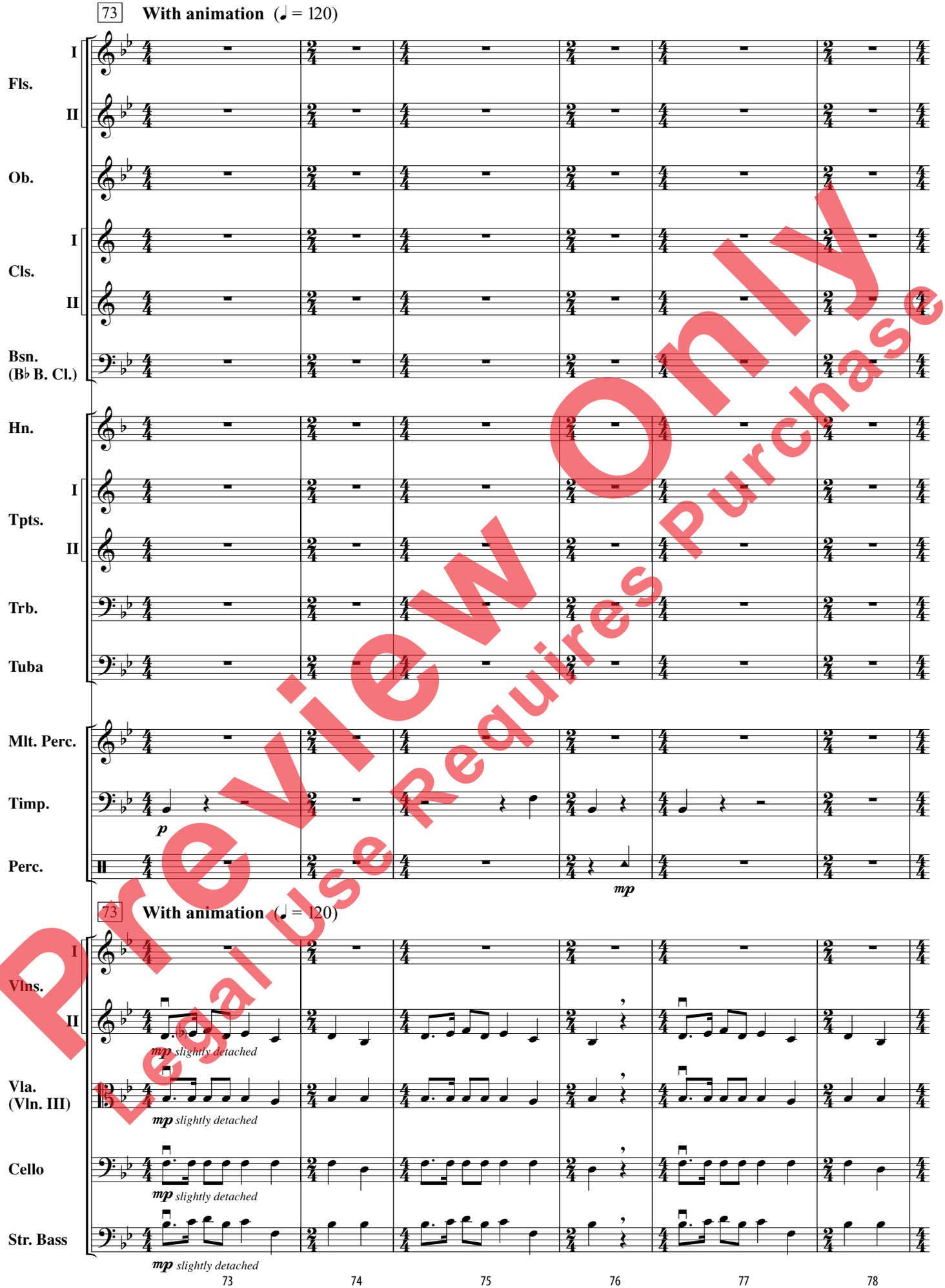

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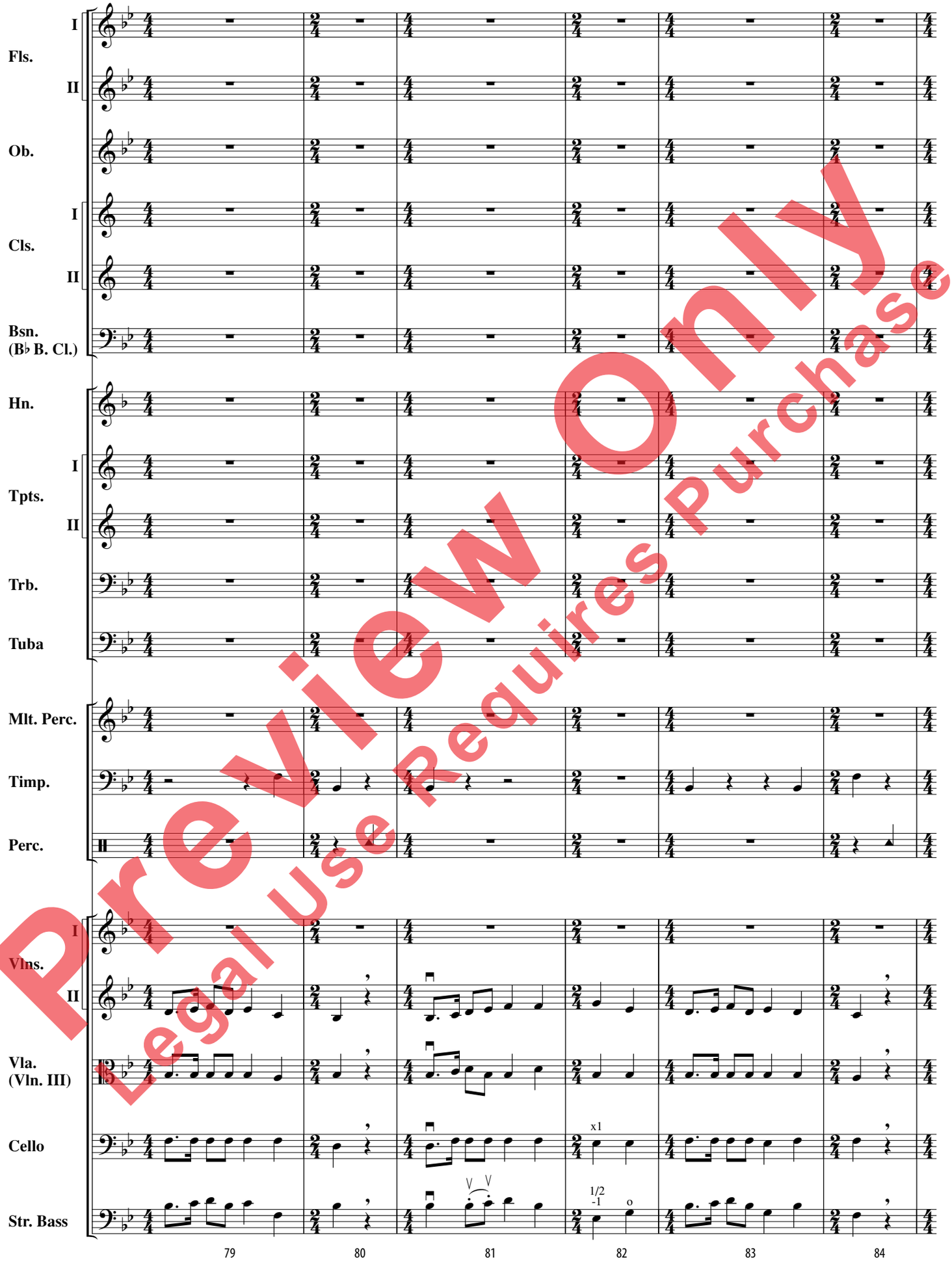

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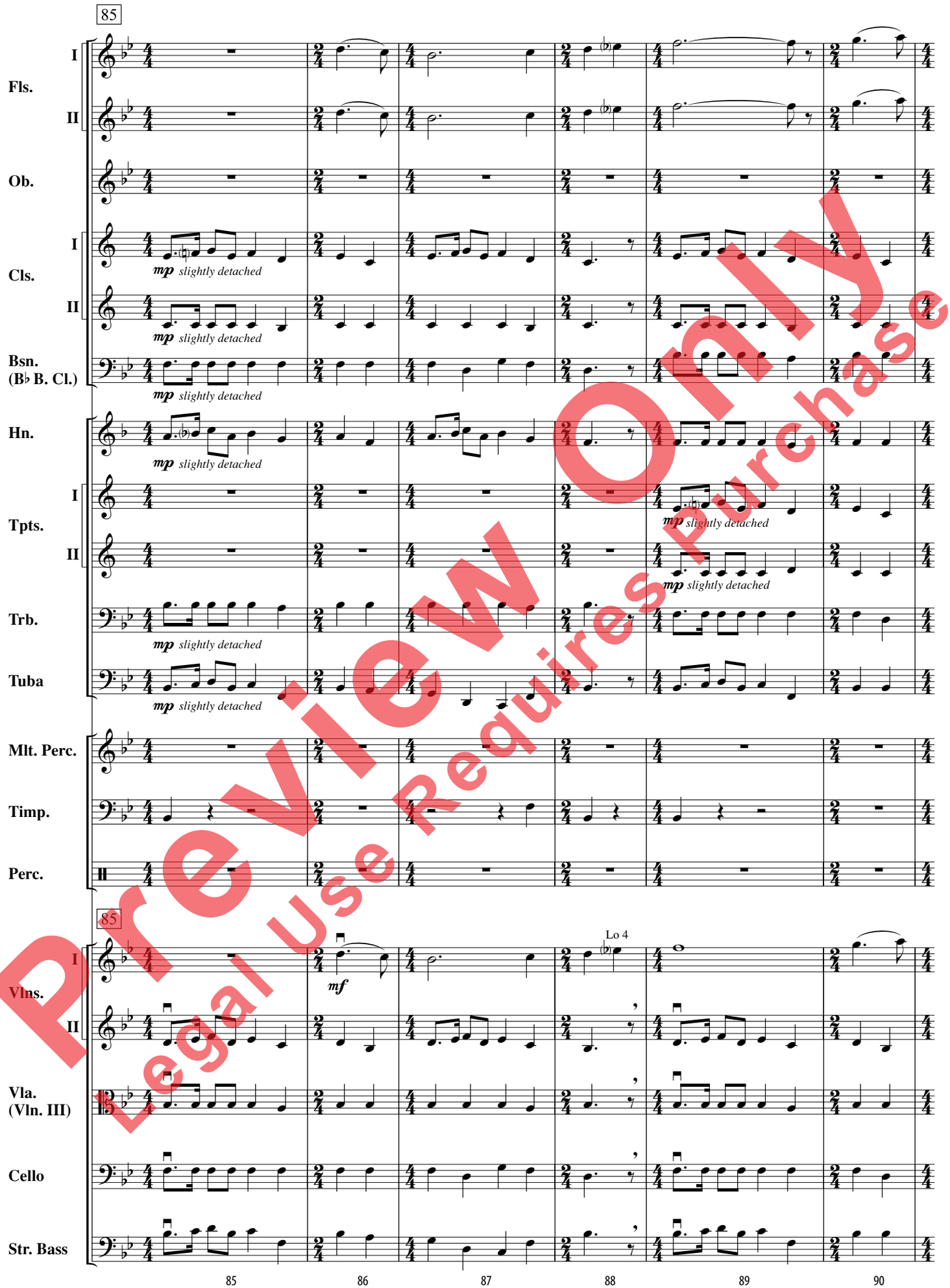

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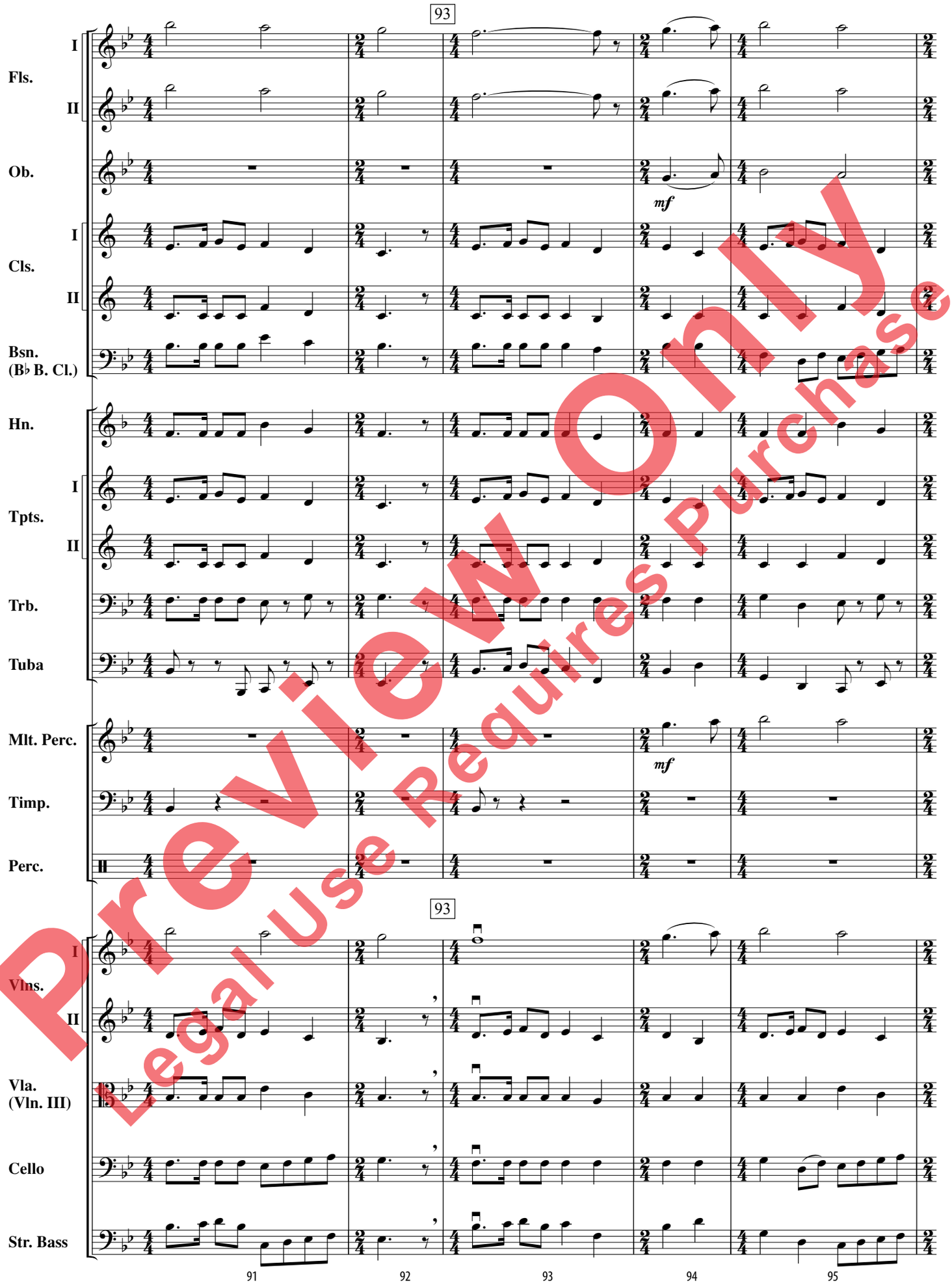

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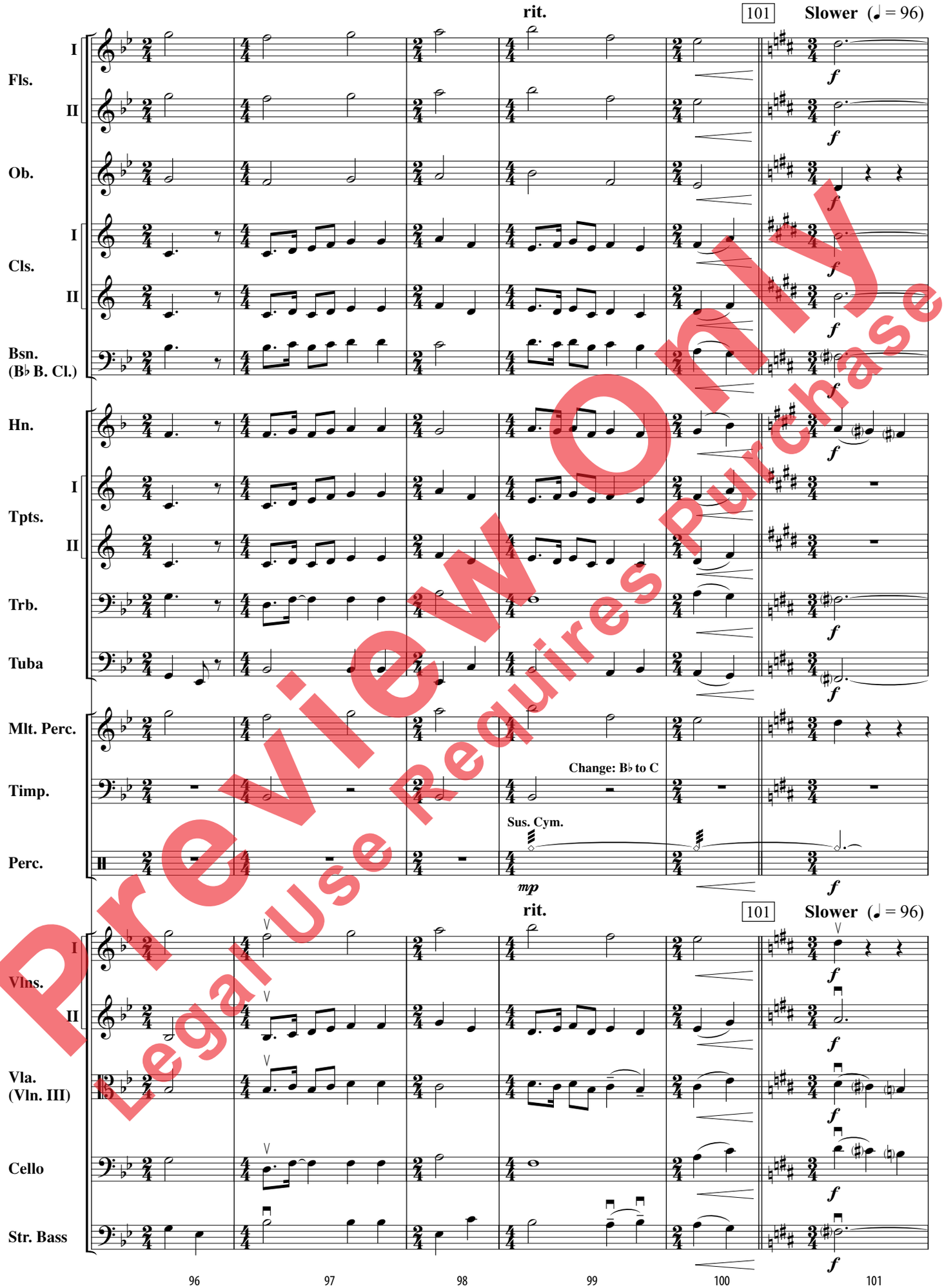

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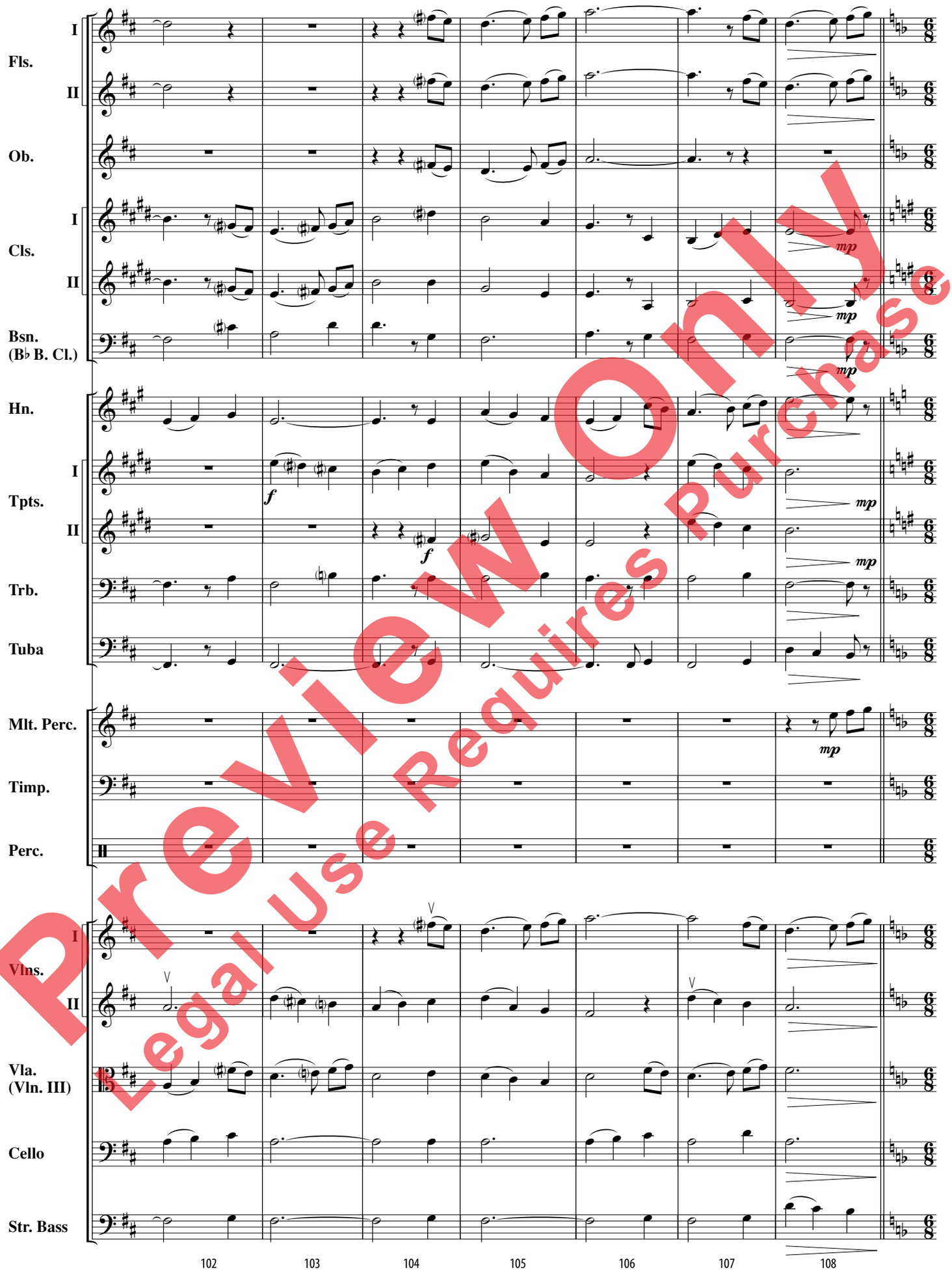

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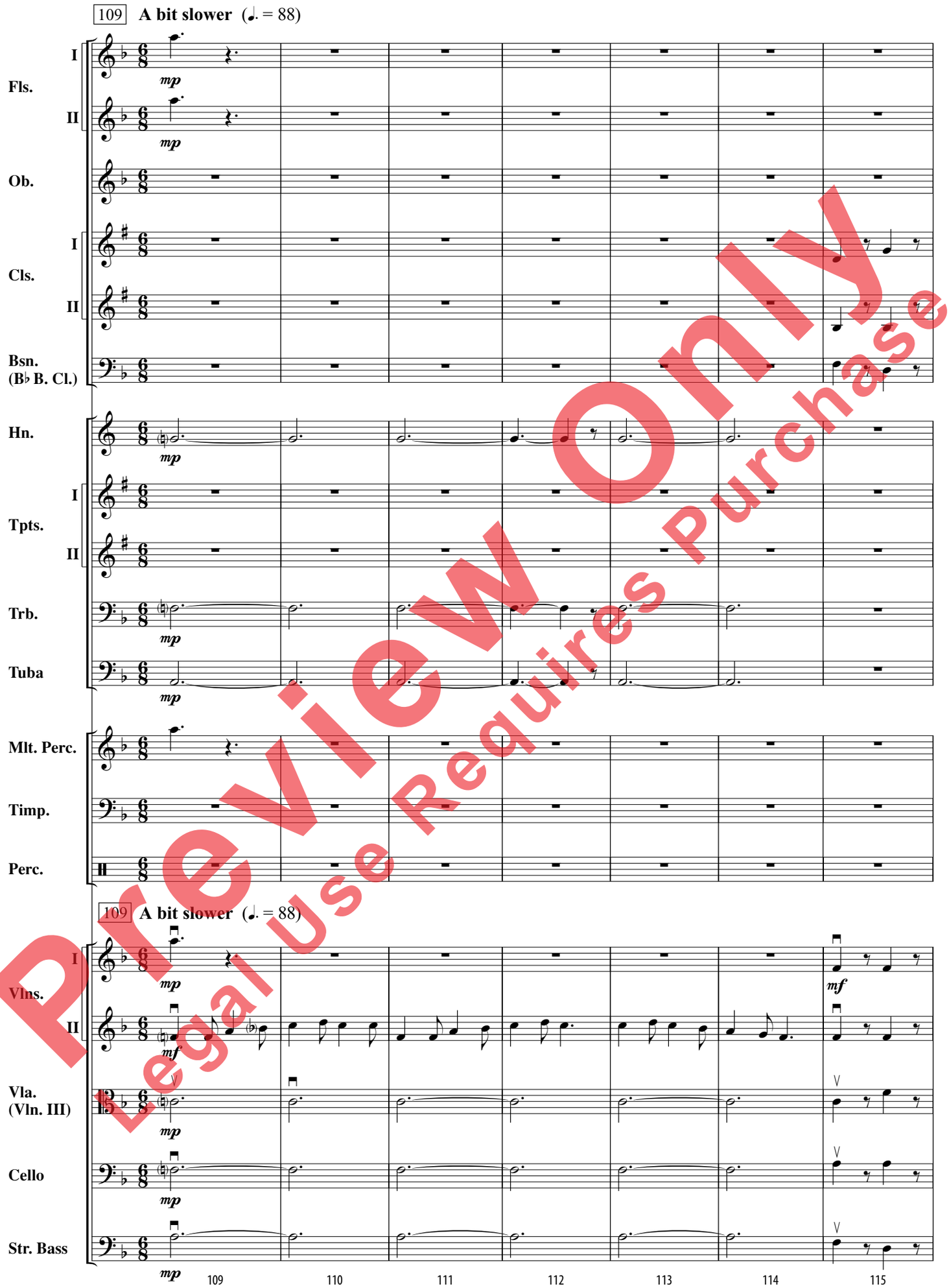

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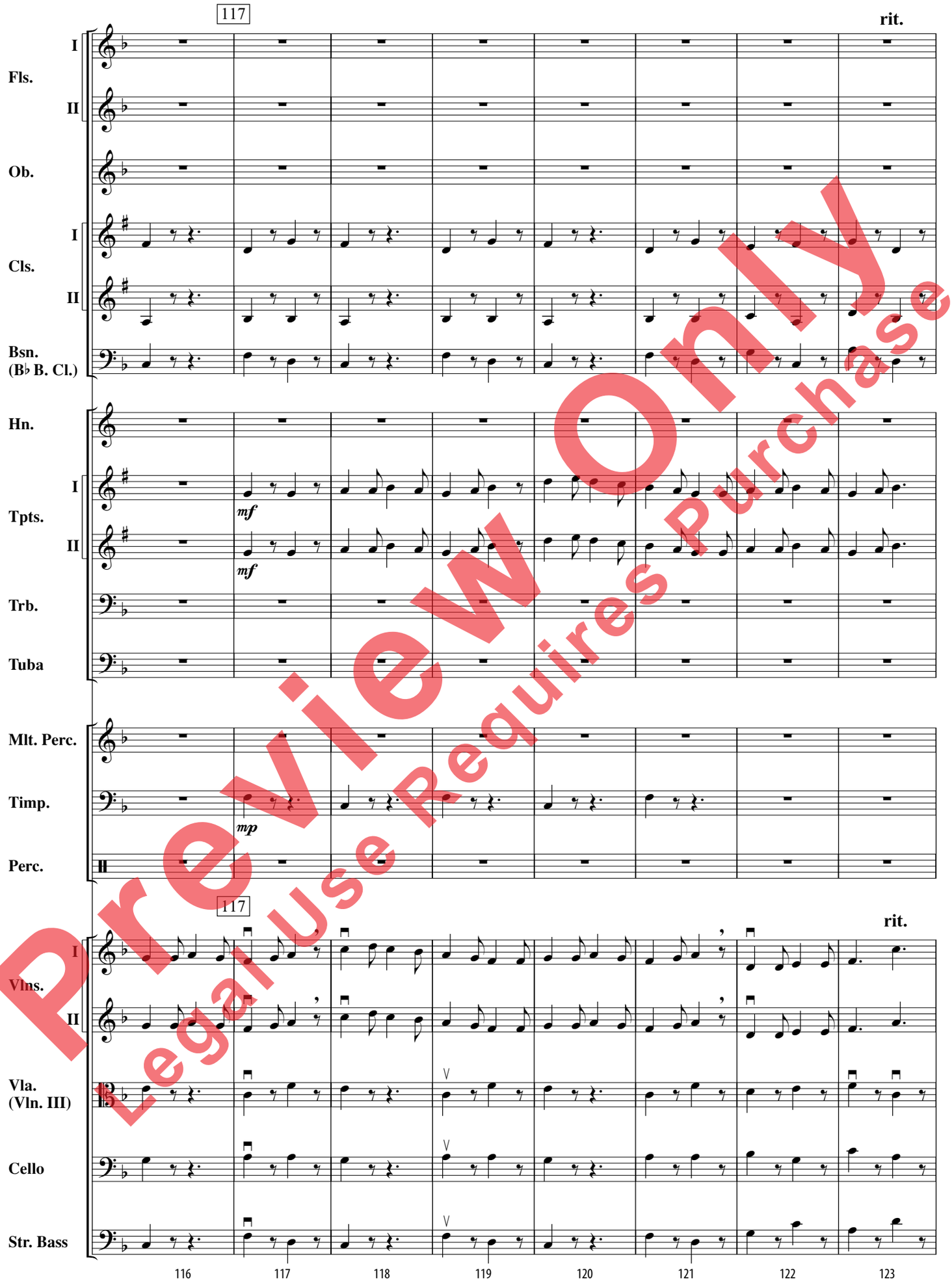

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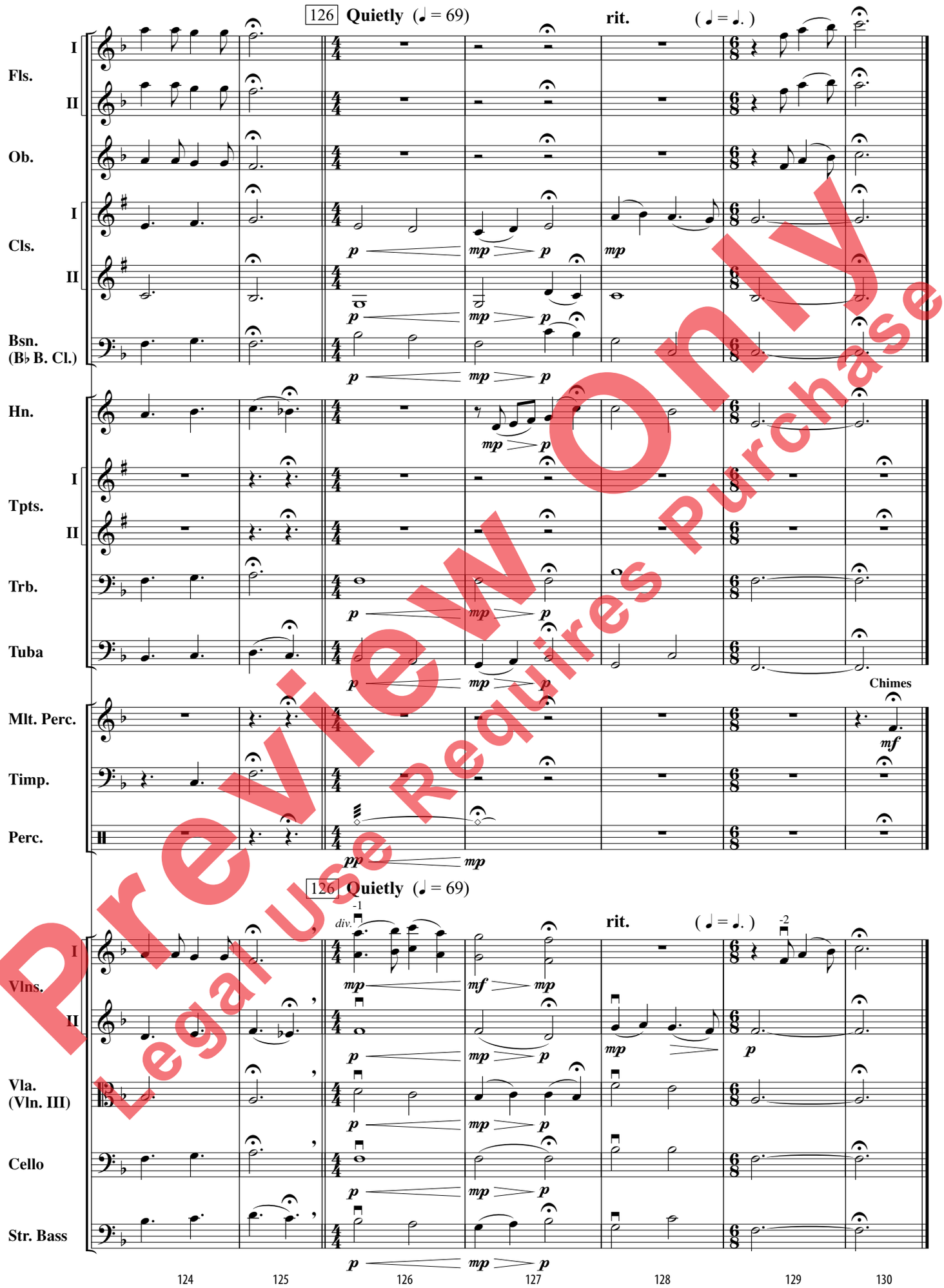

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