Tum Balalaika

TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN JEWISH FOLK SONG
Arranged by STEVEN H. BROOK

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INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor
8 1st Violin
8 2nd Violin
5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
5 Viola
5 Cello
5 String Bass

What can age yet never grow old, and grip yet always pursue? The very popular *Tum Balalaika*, a traditional Yiddish riddle song with deep Russian roots, contains the answer: a haunting melody. This arrangement combines that mesmerizing melody with rich harmonies to produce a lushness that will encourage and inspire your students to play with passion and purpose. Beware! It may haunt you all of your days.

PROGRAM NOTES

Tum Balalaika is the story of a young man desiring joy and happiness in marriage. To test a young lady's wisdom and worthiness as a bride, he puts forth three questions: "Young maiden, can you tell me what grows without rain, what can yearn and weep without tears, and what can burn forever without being consumed?" "Silly boy," she replies, "a stone can grow without rain, a heart can yearn and weep, though there be no tears, and love can burn always, through countless years."

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The melodic material should always be played with lots of bow and lush vibrato, bringing out the richness of the tone and maintaining long phrases. The accompaniment material, in general, can use a more contained bow stroke and vibrato.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

Bob Phillips
Belwin/Pop String Editor

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Dedicated to the Grand Haven Middle School Orchestra, Tatyana Walters, Director

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CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 2:30

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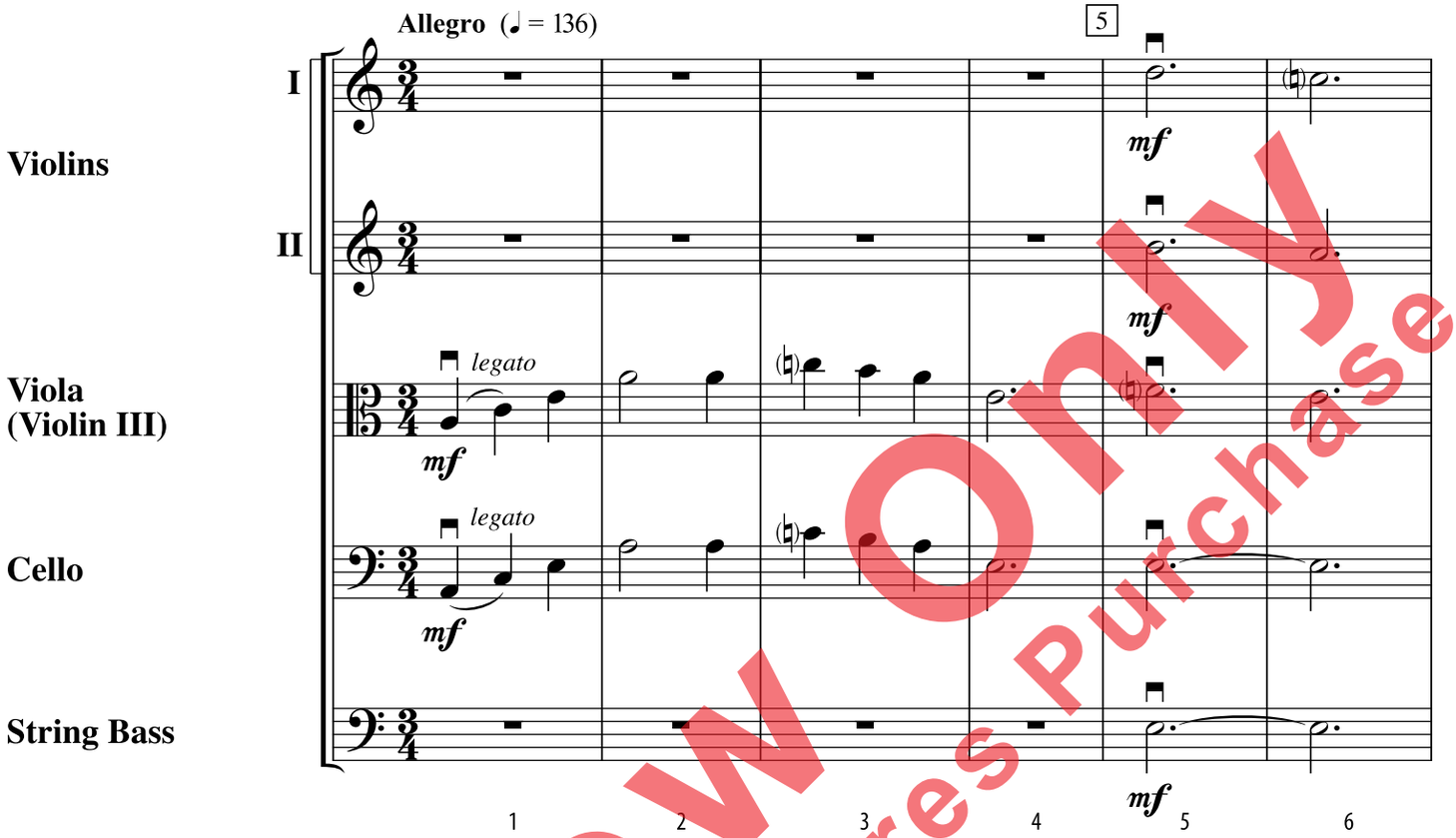

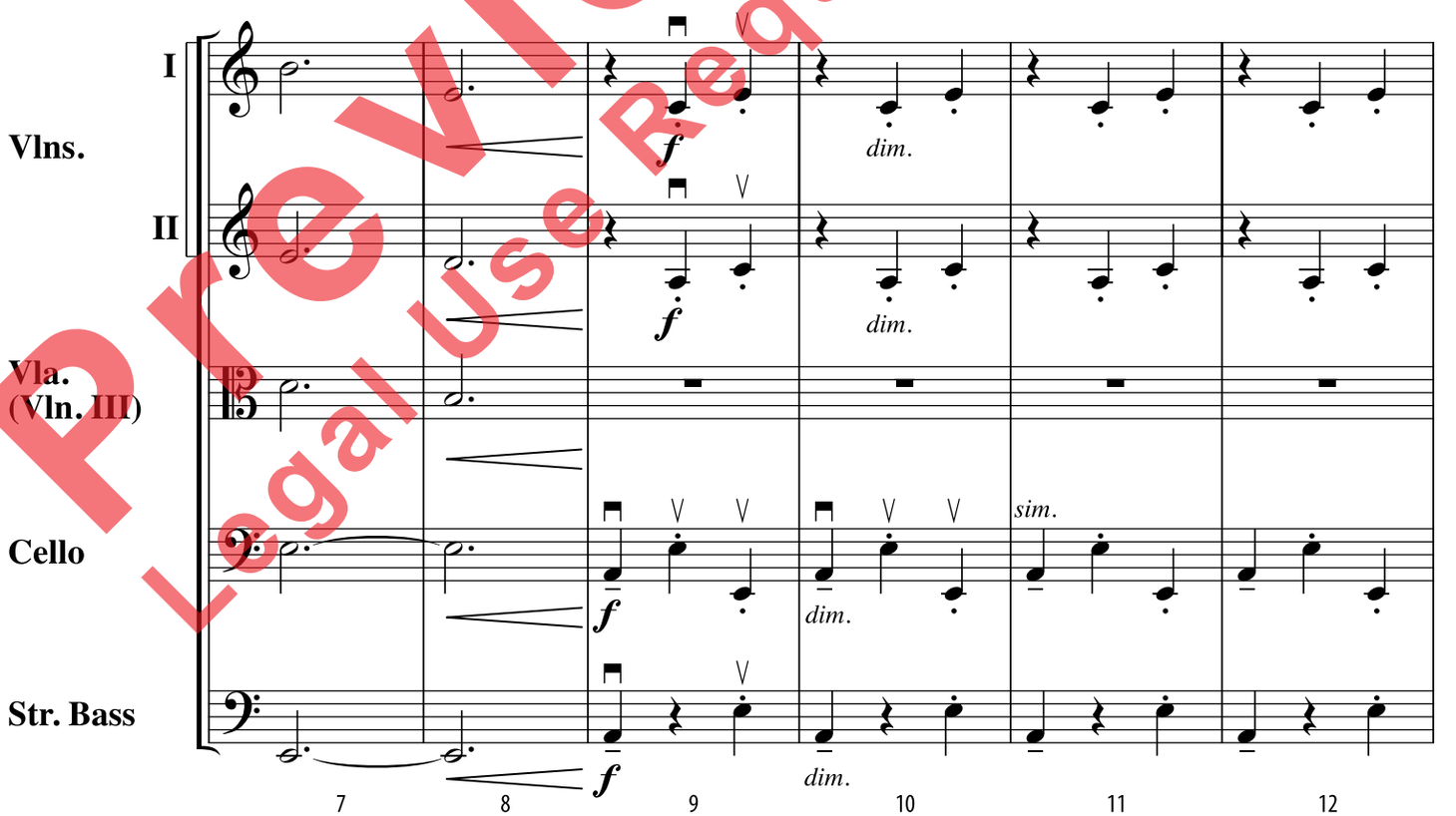

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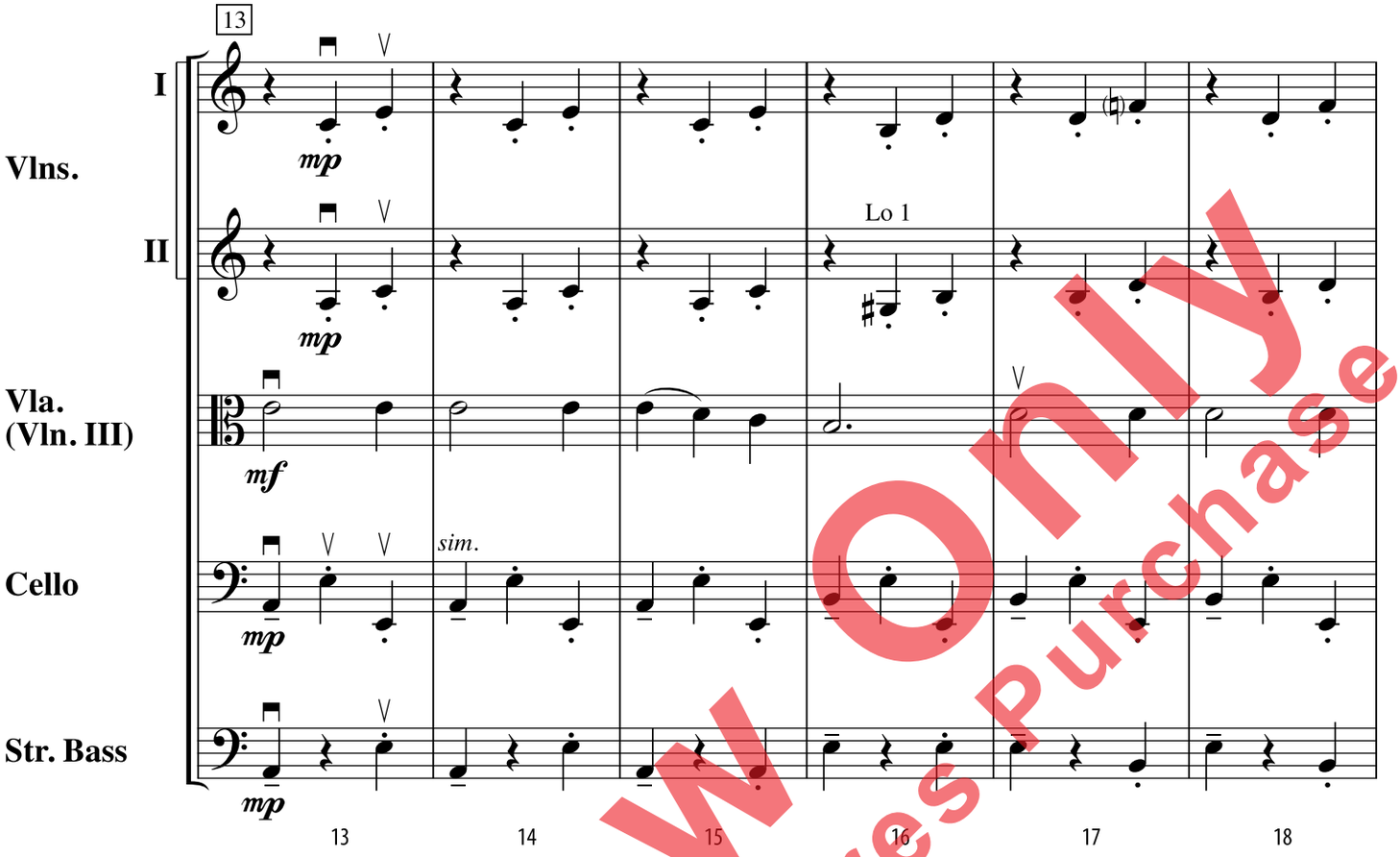

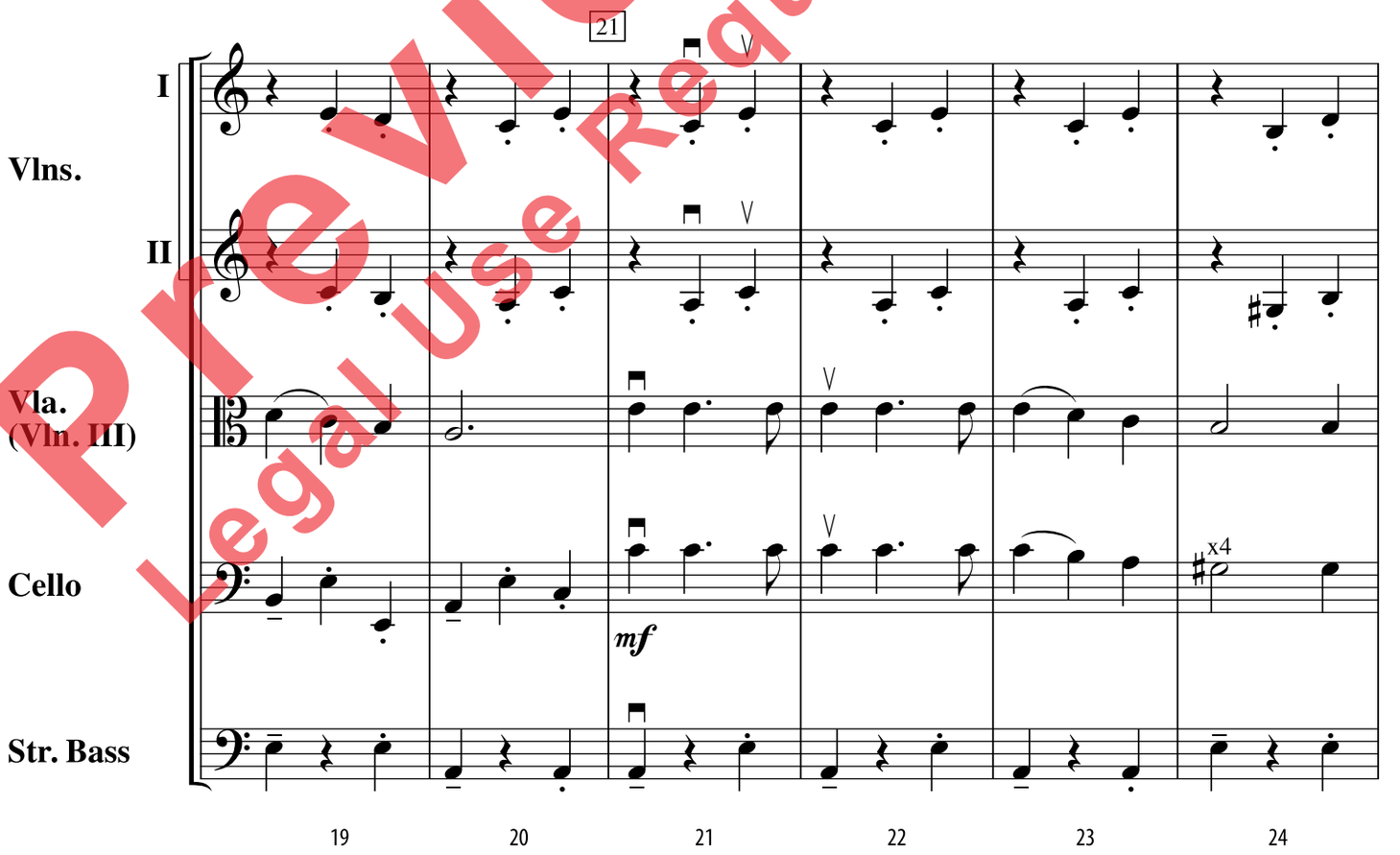

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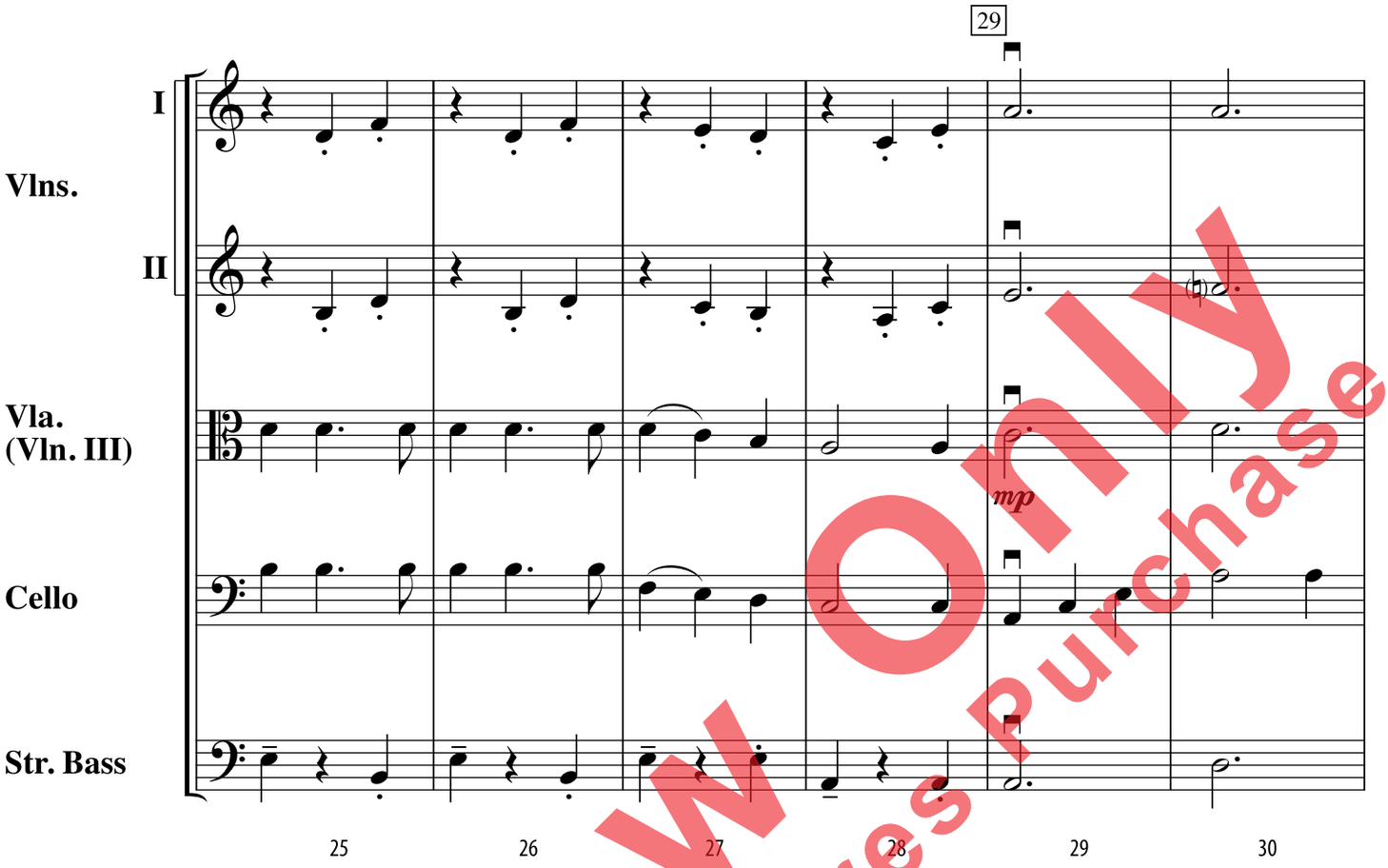

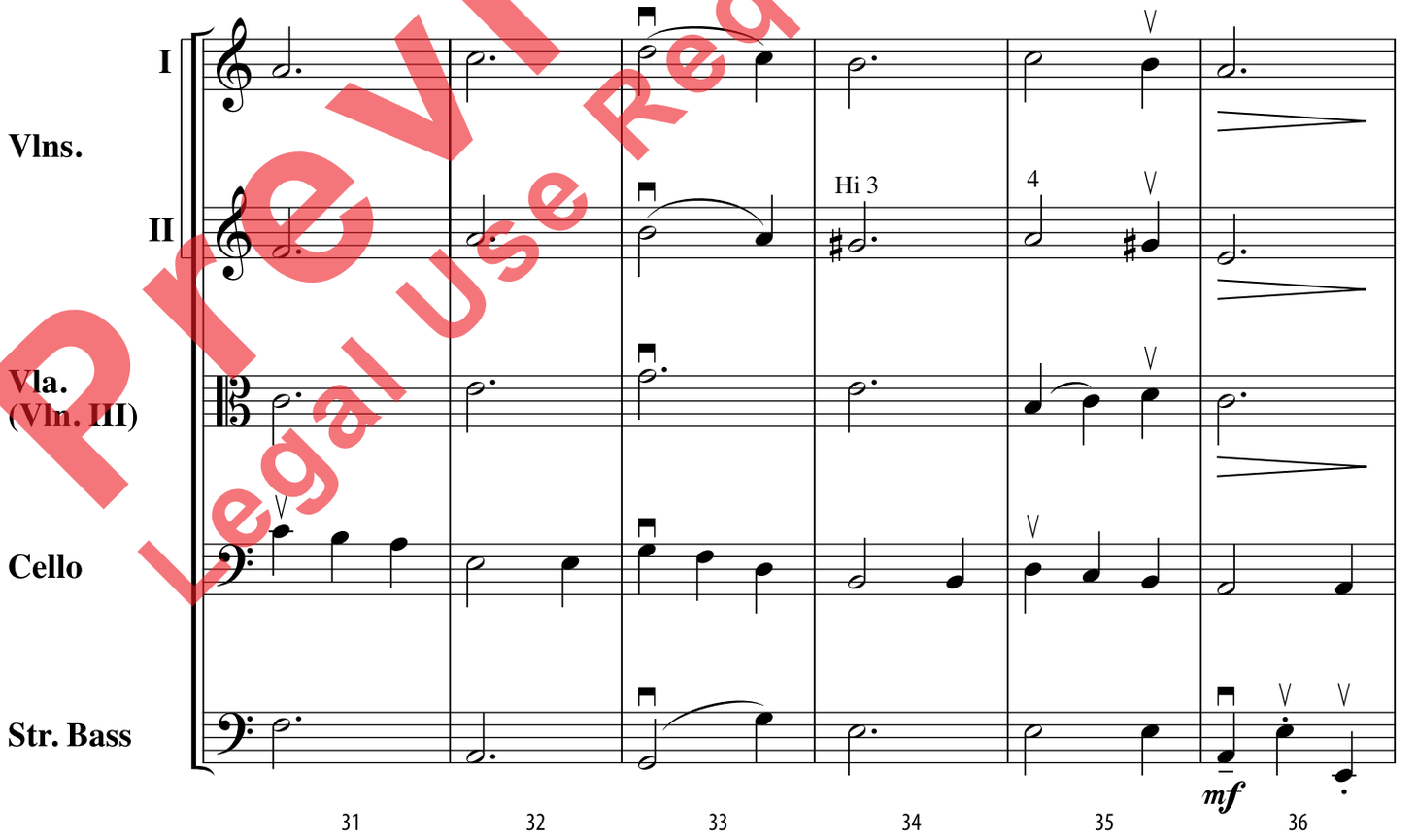

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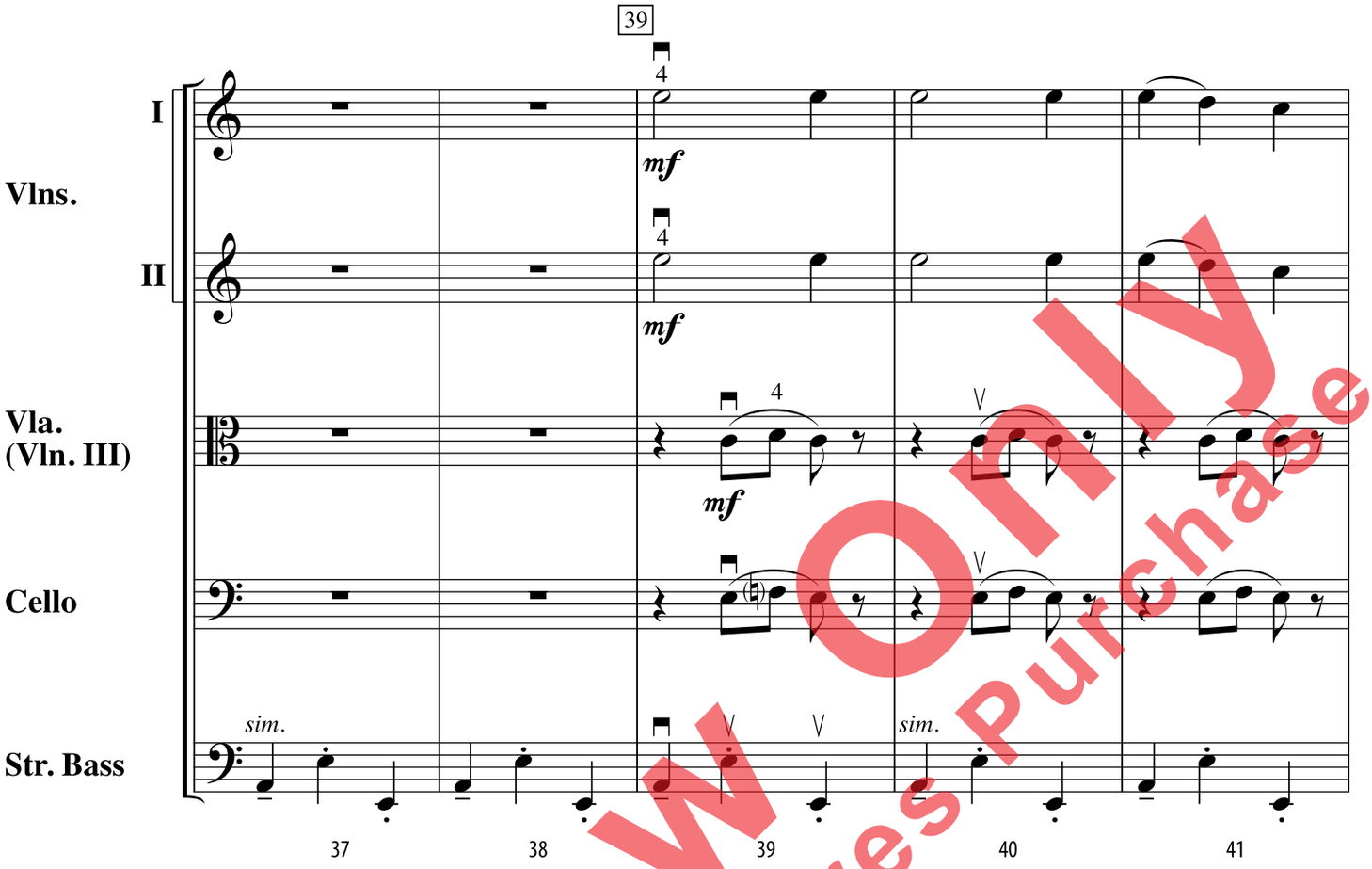

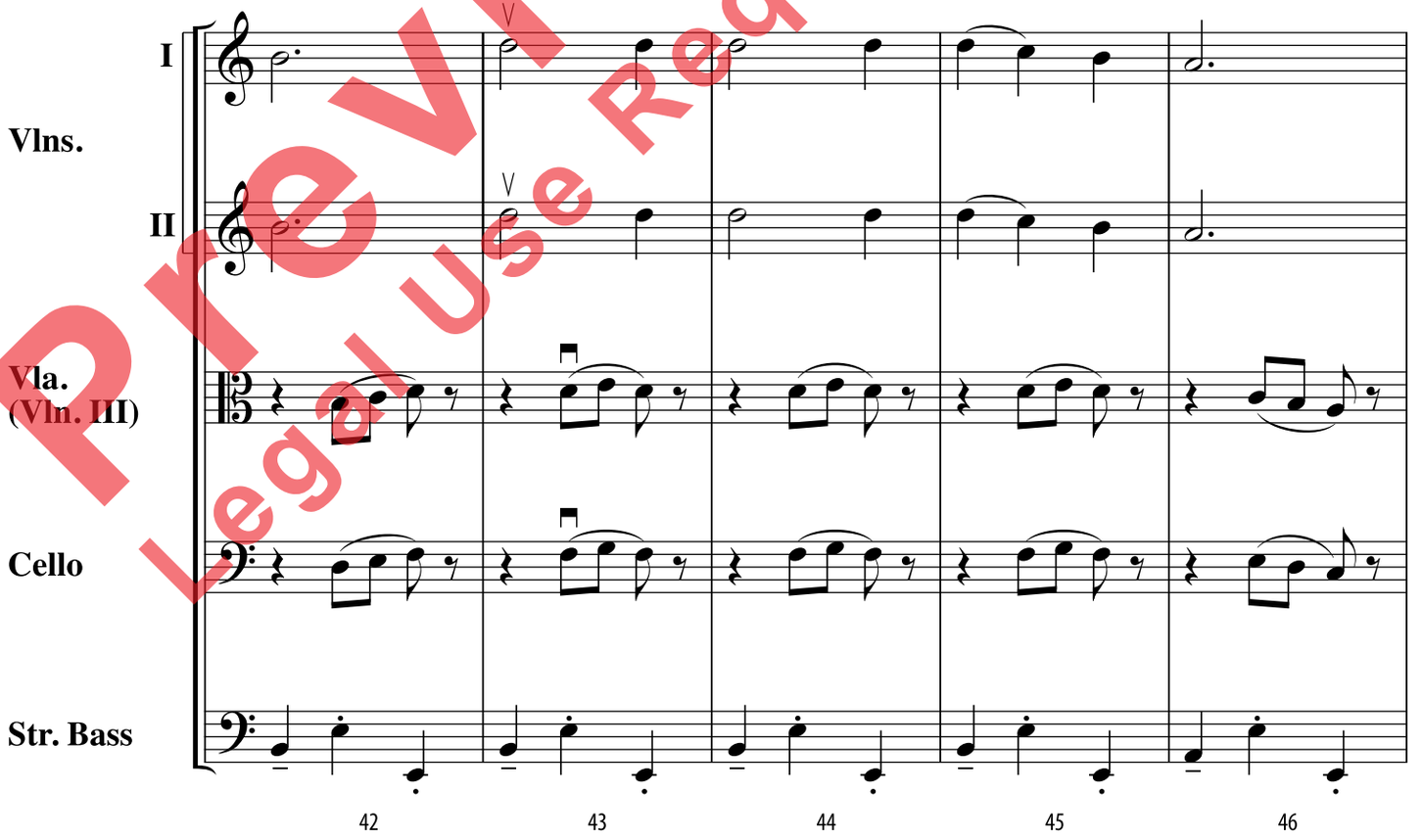

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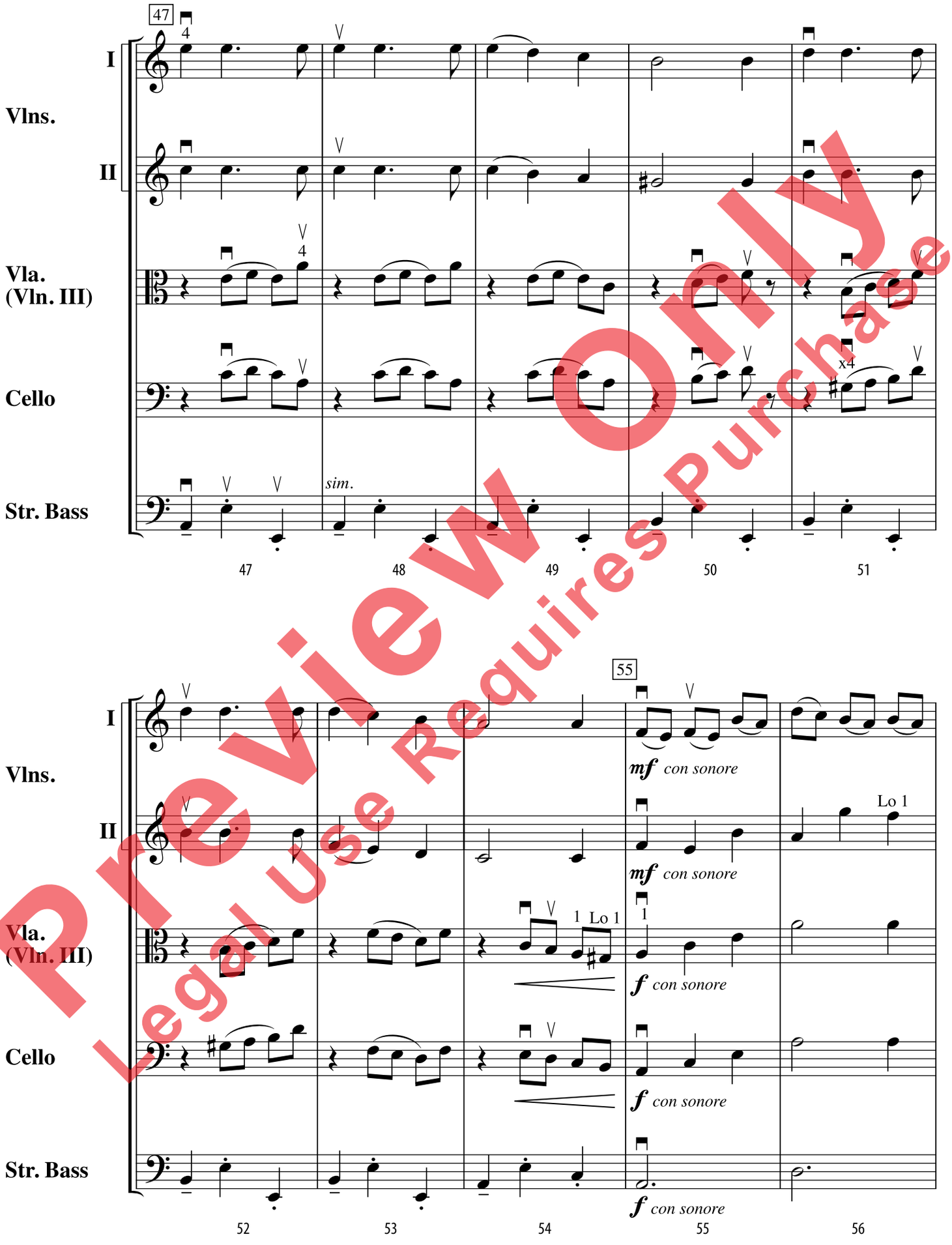

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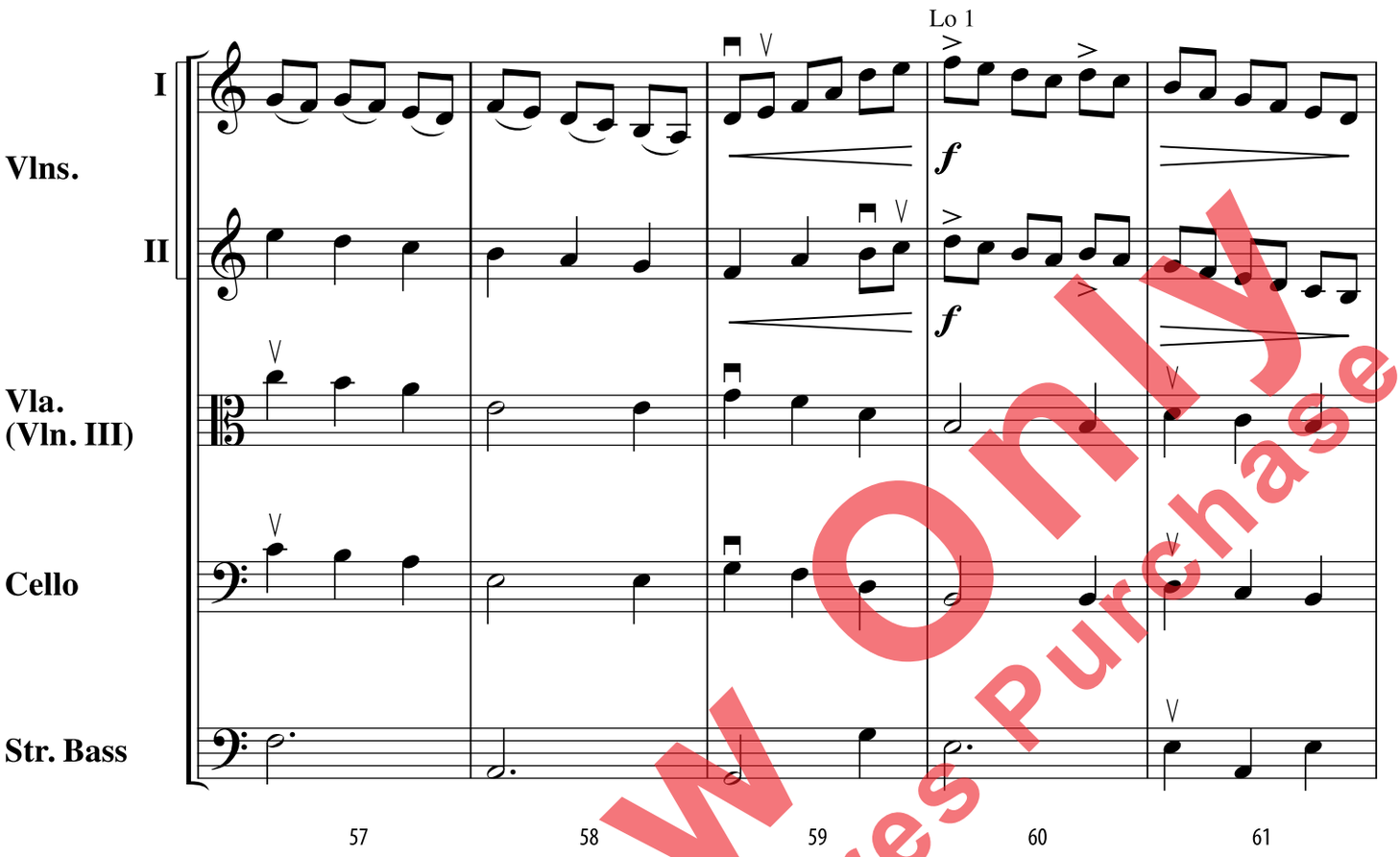

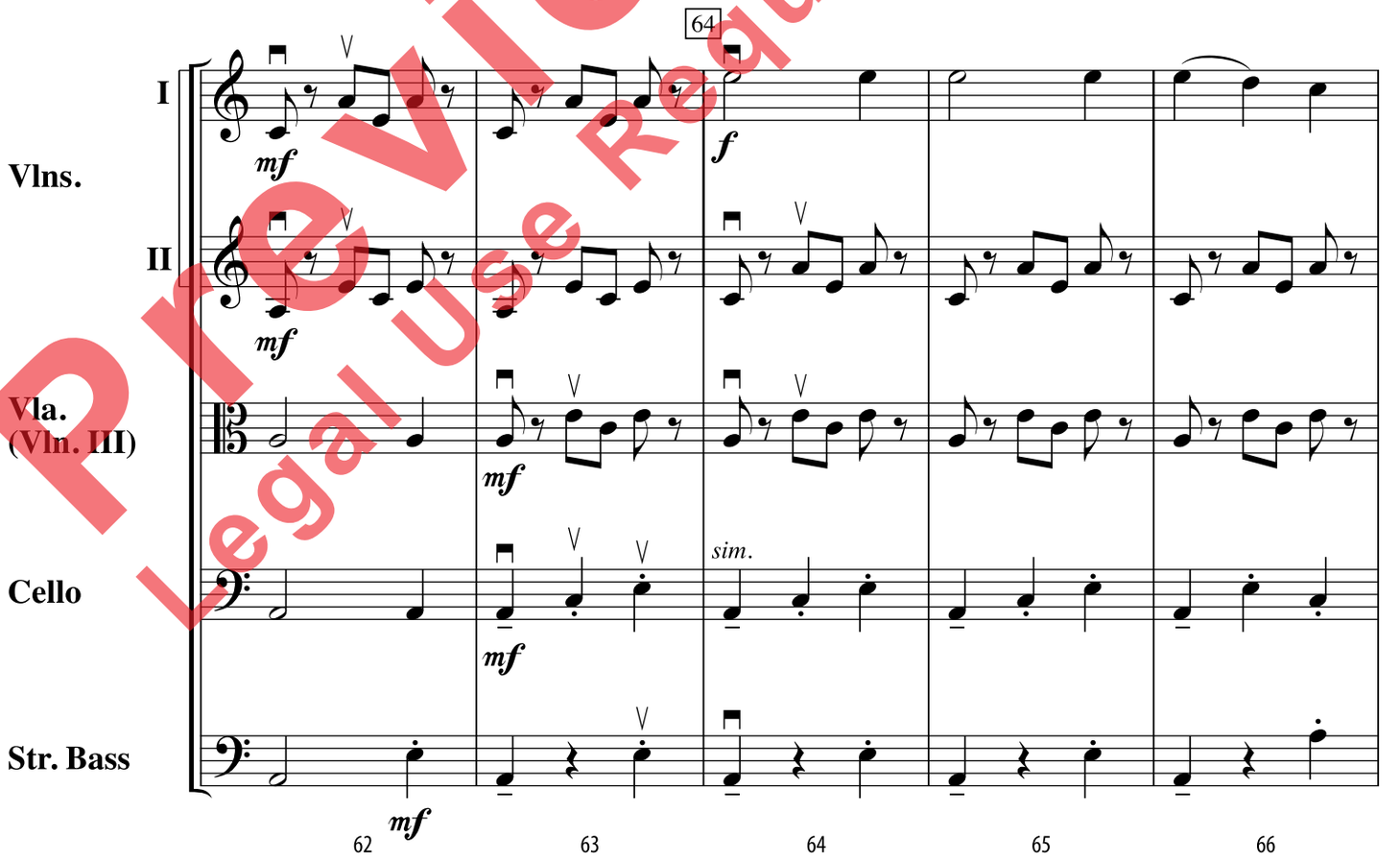

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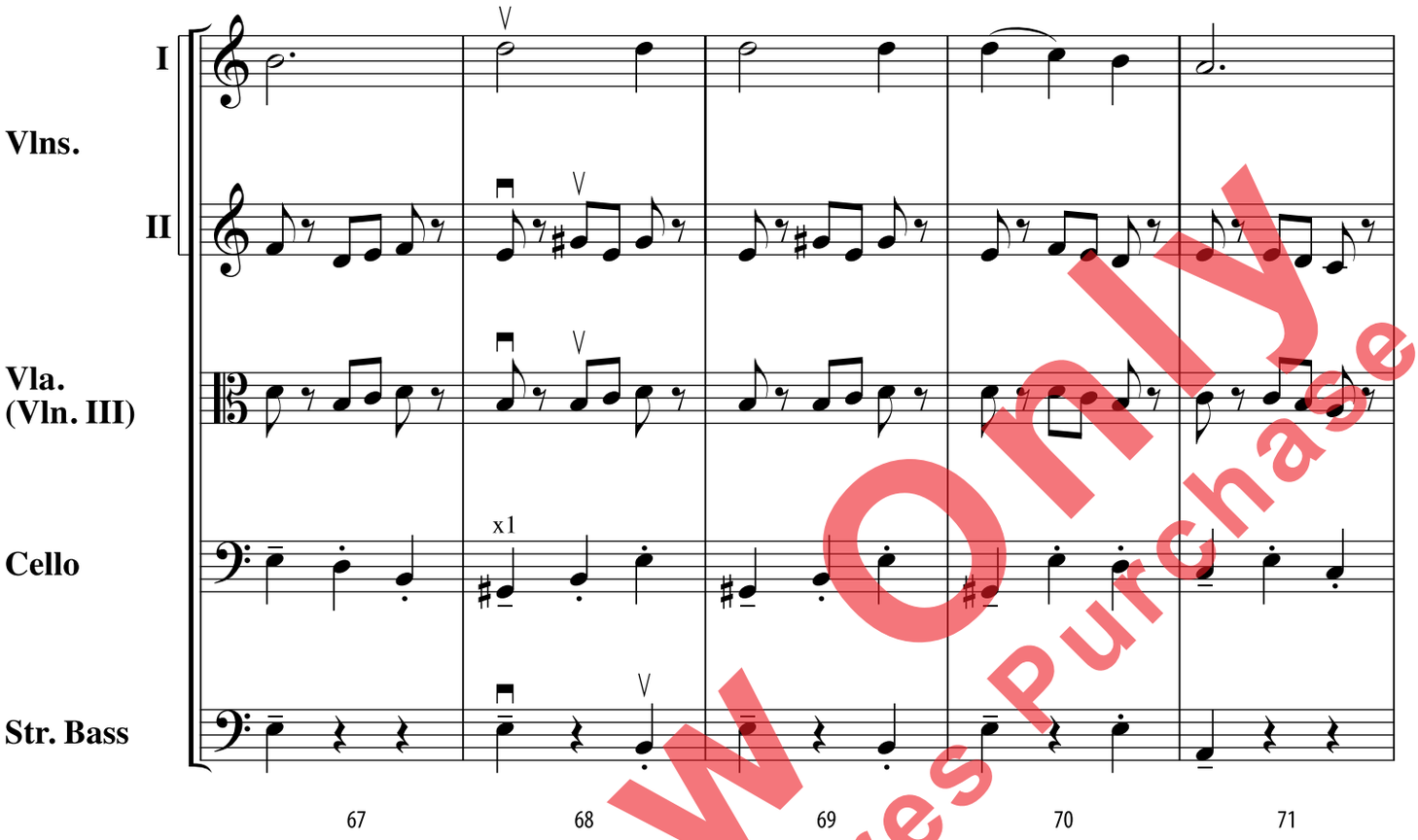

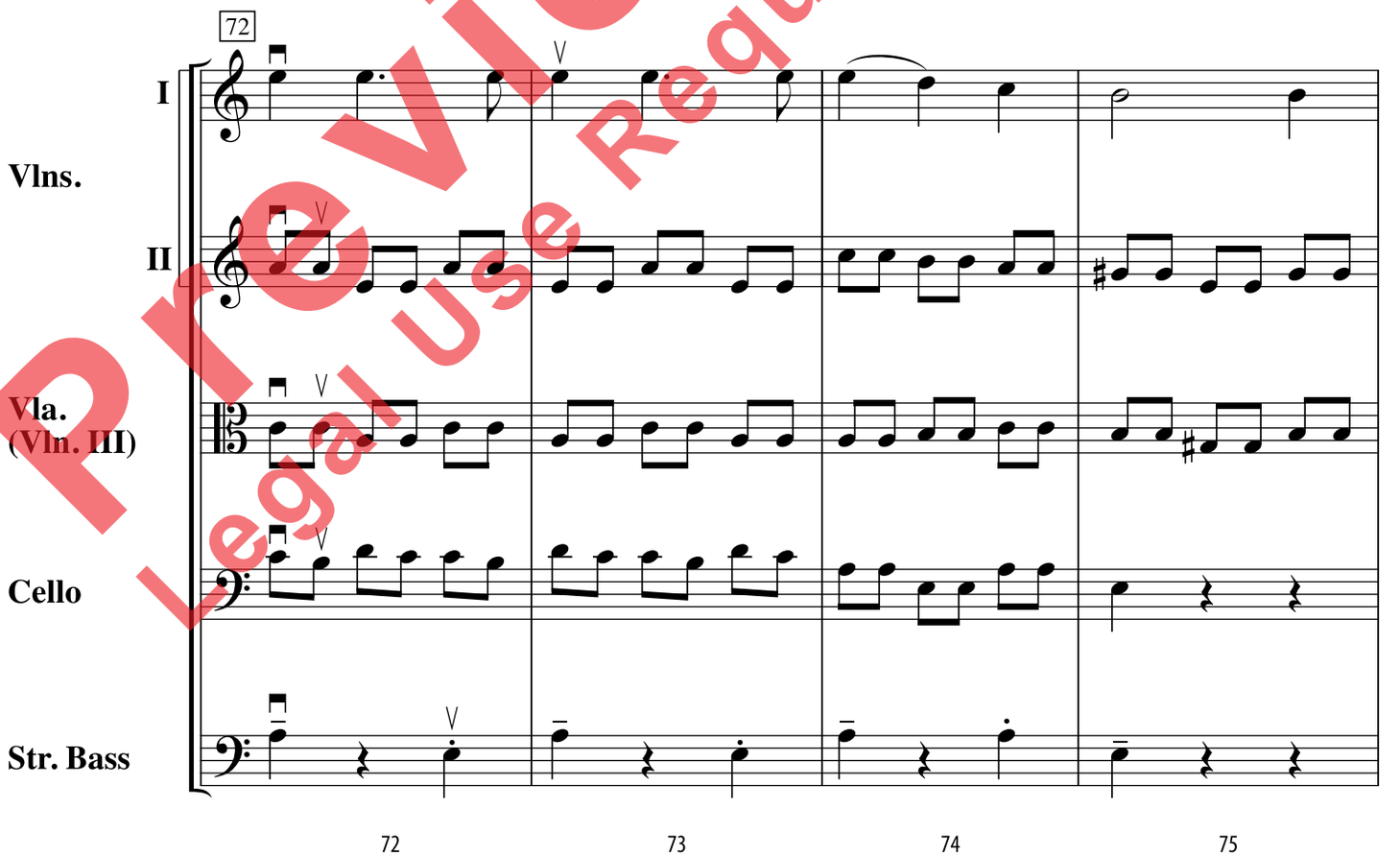

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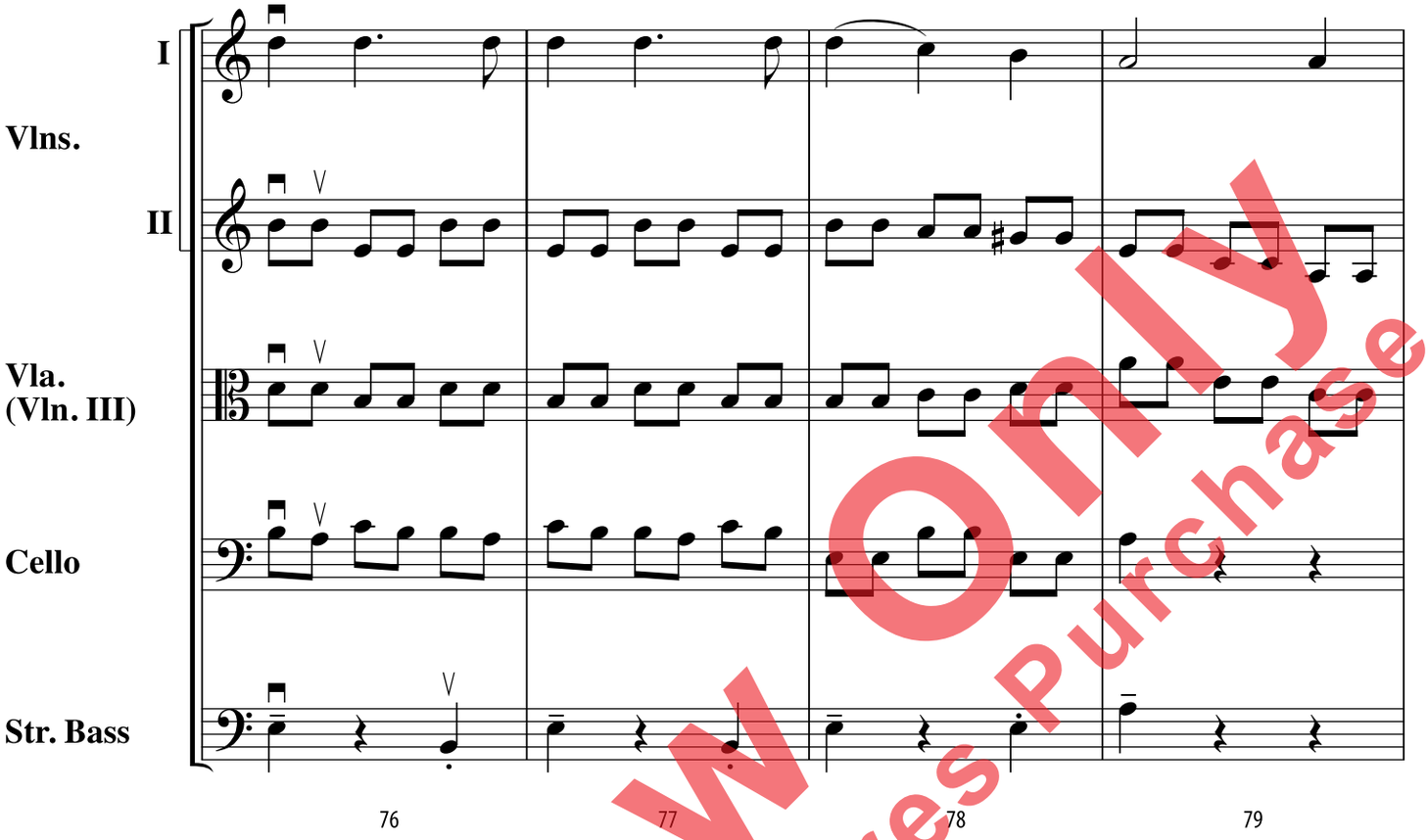

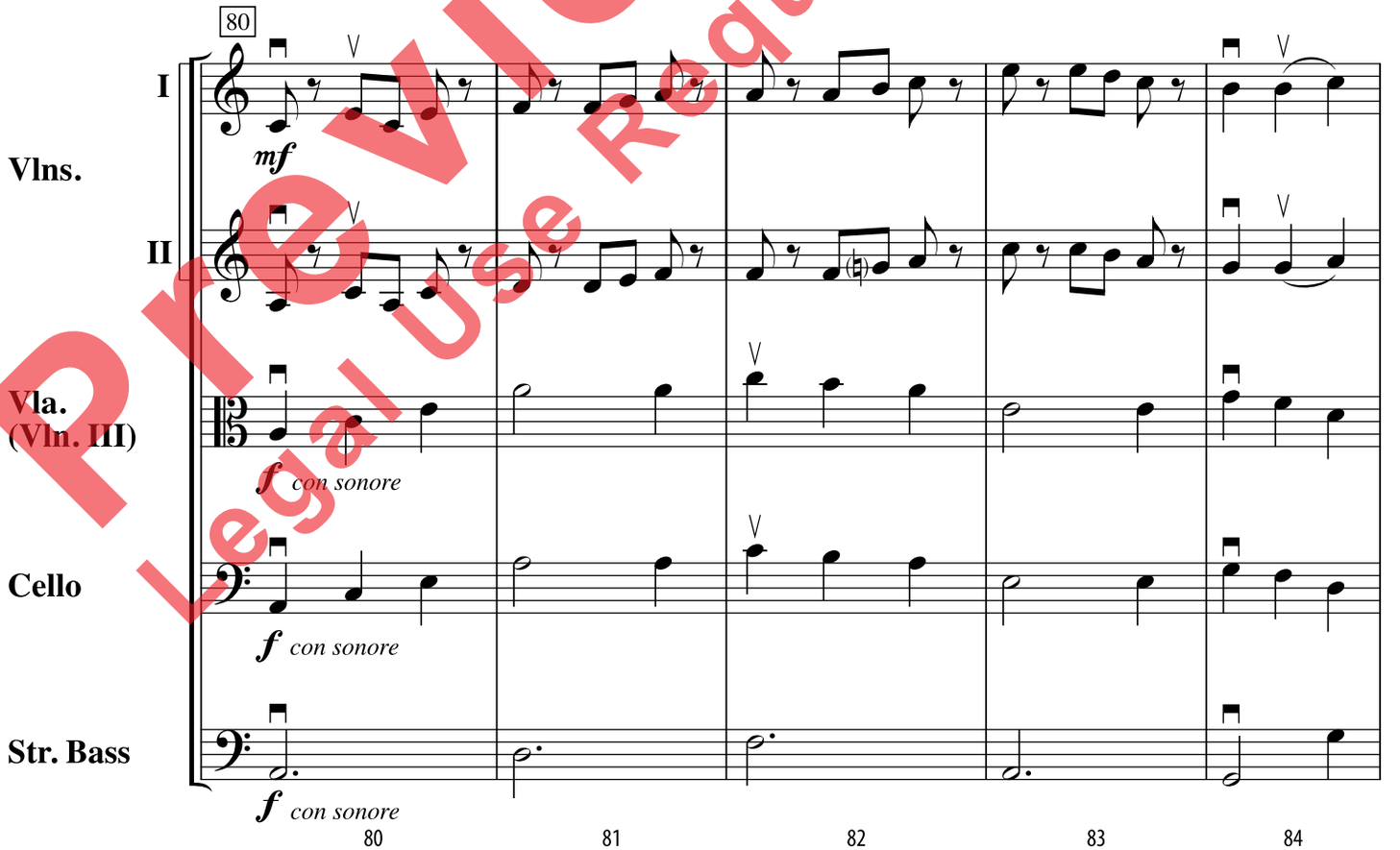

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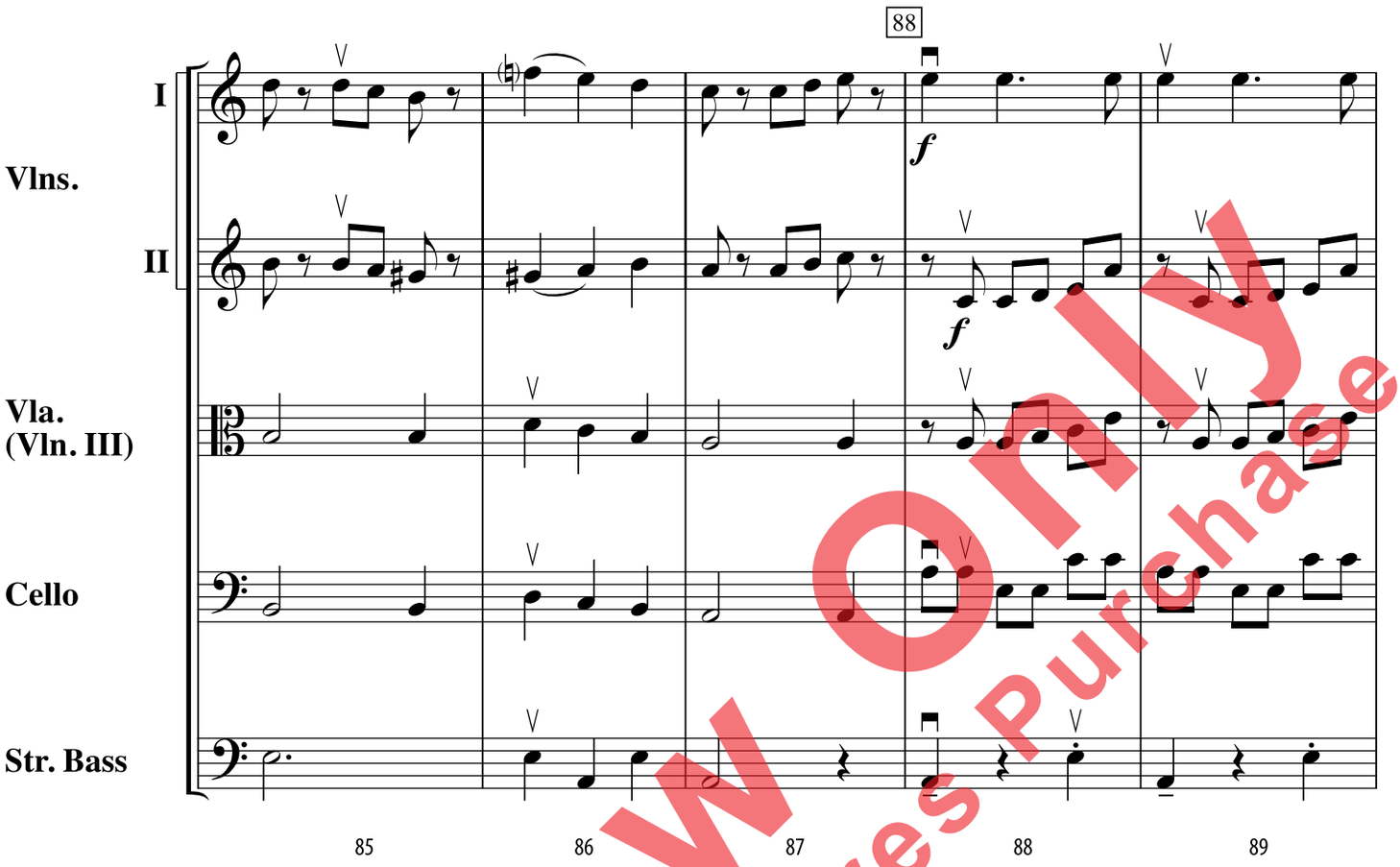

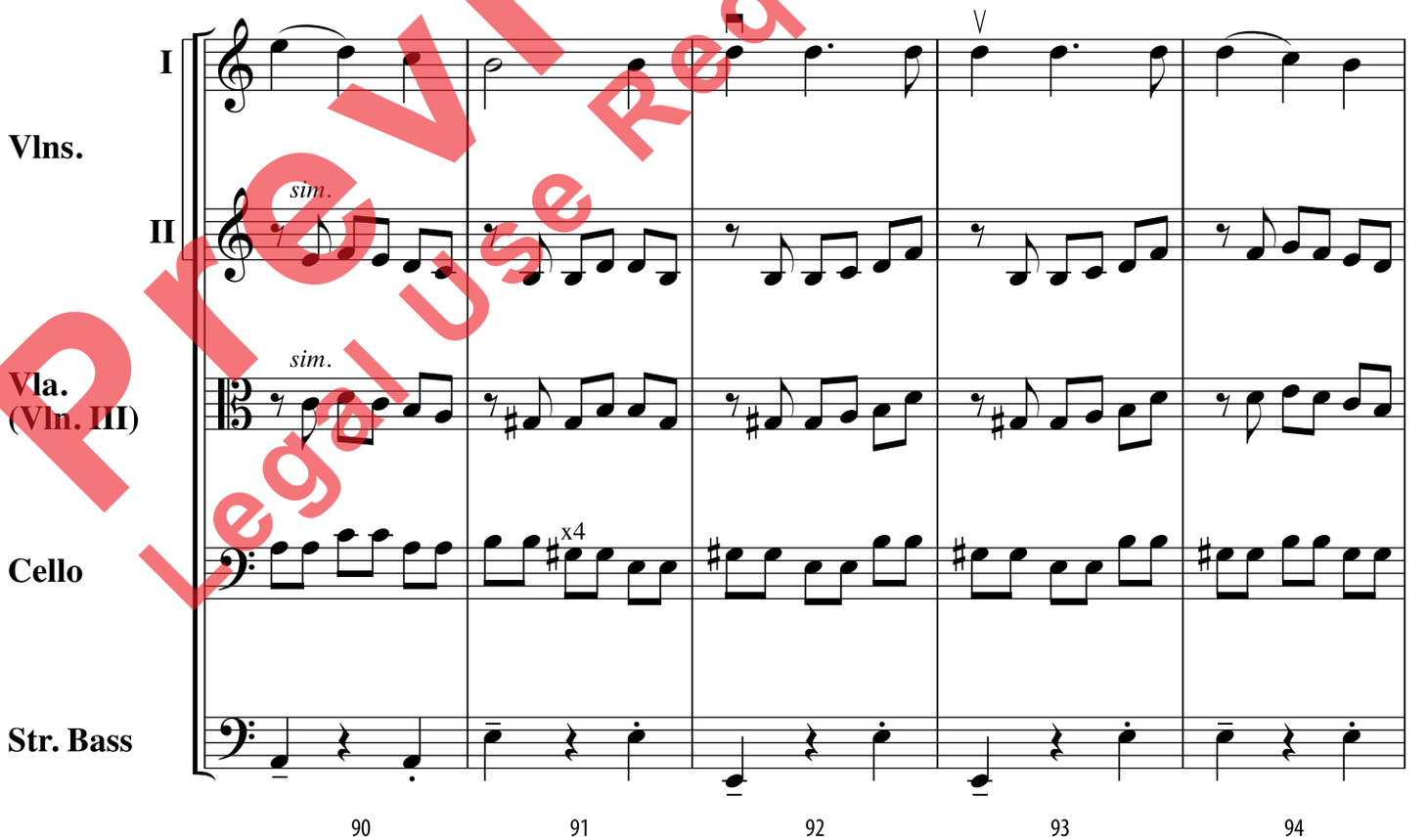

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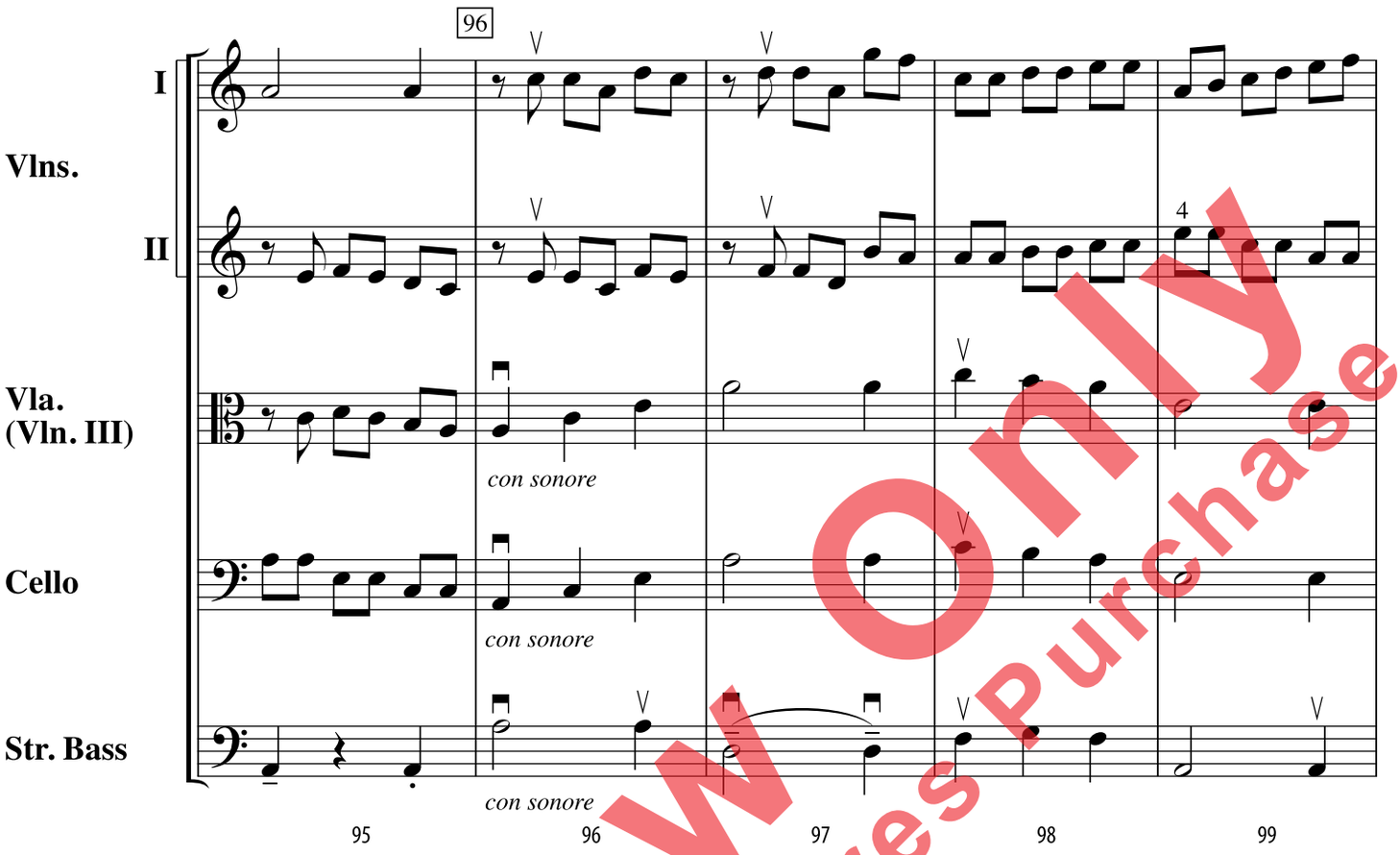

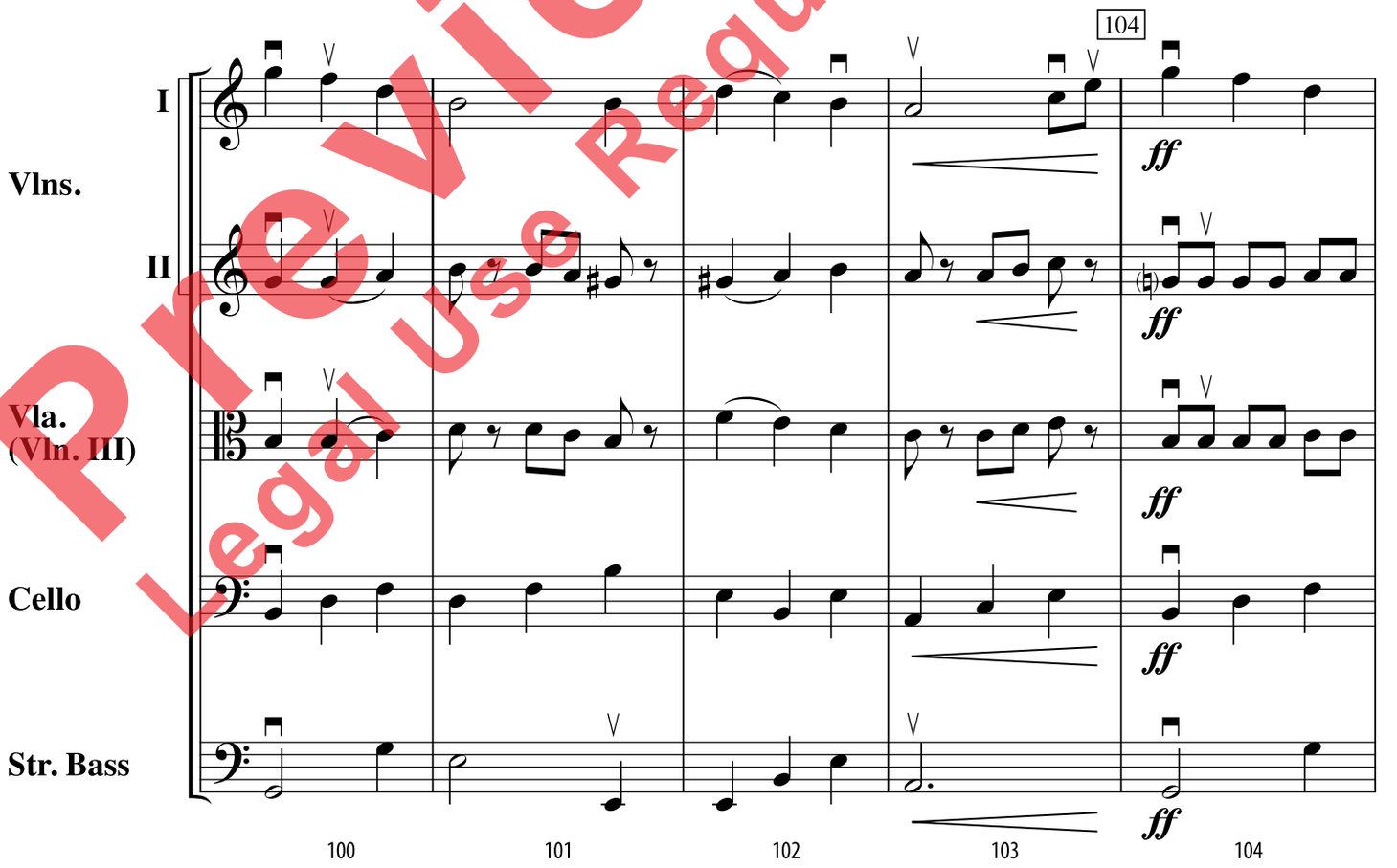

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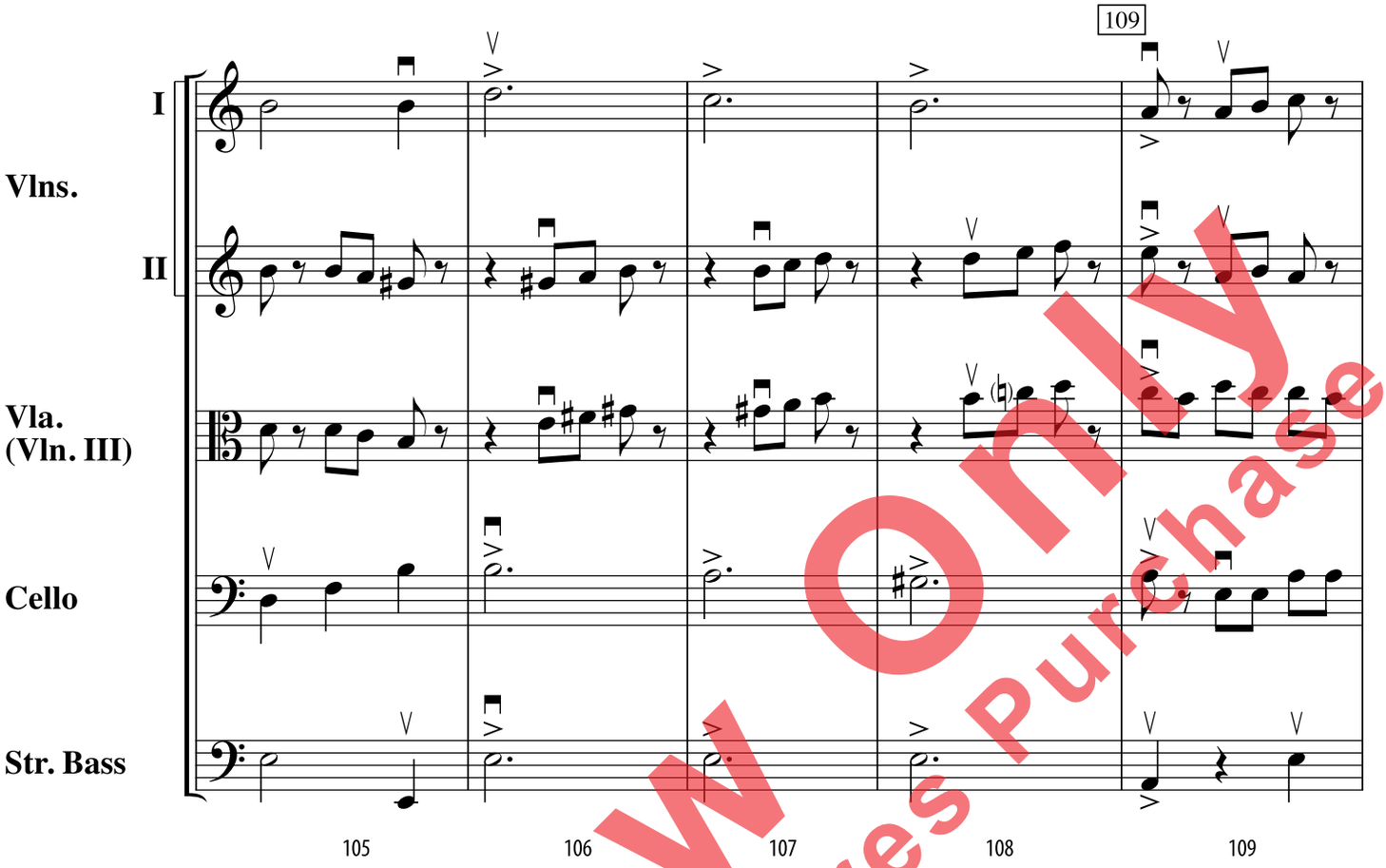

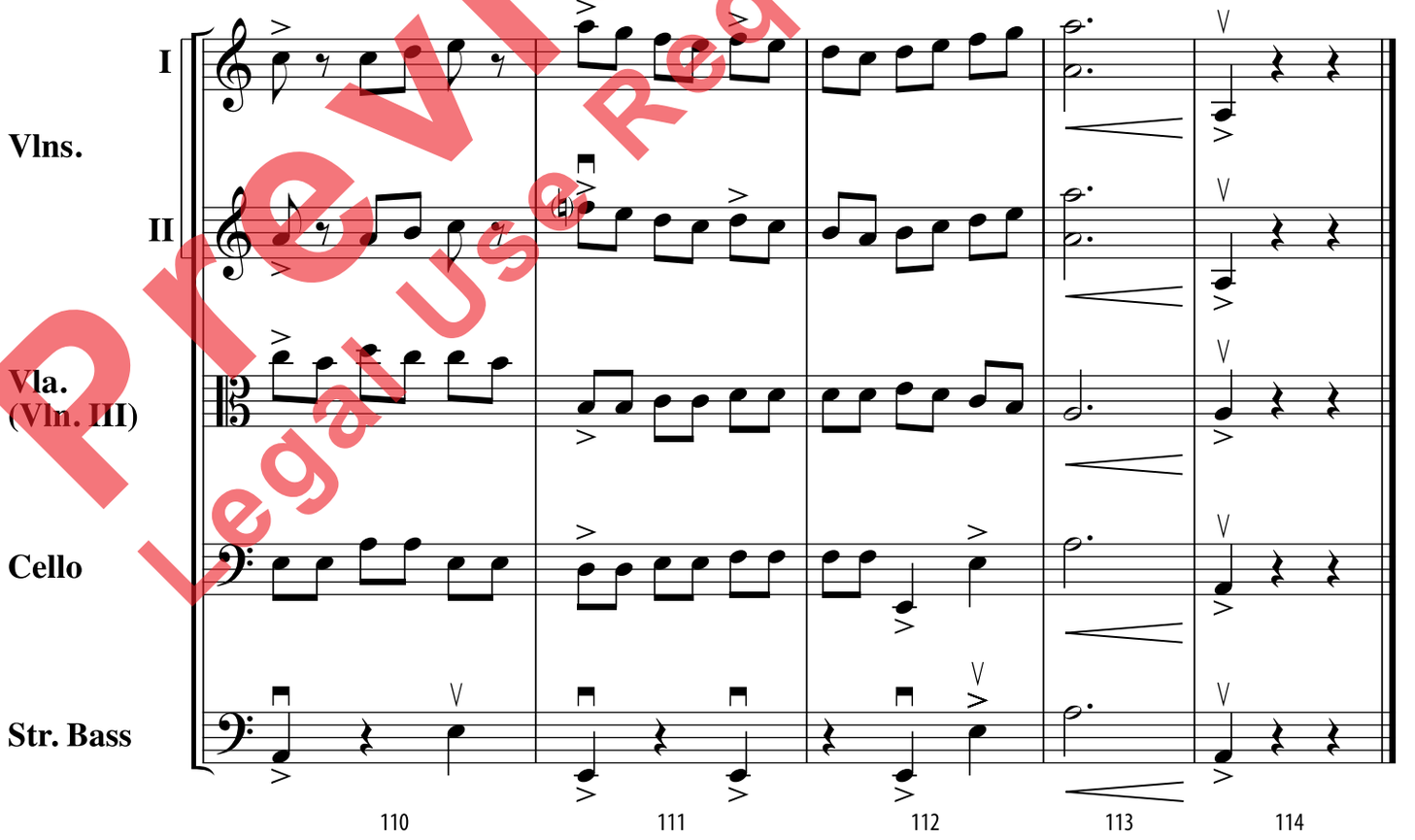

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