Shattered

MICHAEL HOPKINS

INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor
8 1st Violin
8 2nd Violin
5 Viola
5 Cello
5 String Bass
1 Percussion
(Tubular Bells)

Written to honor the victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook School shooting that shattered the town but not their spirit, this piece will provide the needed mood for any commemorative time or serve as an expressive piece for a festival.

PROGRAM NOTES

"The peace and tranquility that everyone in the town had shared was shattered."
– Doug Bonjour, Westport News, December 19, 2012

"Although we grieve with shattered hearts, we will never be shattered in spirit."
– Emily Grier, describing her Newtown community in USA Today, *December 16, 2012*

On December 14, 2012, 20-year-old Adam Lanza fatally shot twenty children and six adult staff members in a mass murder at Sandy Hook Elementary School in the village of Sandy Hook in Newtown, Connecticut. Before driving to the school, Lanza shot and killed his mother Nancy at their Newtown home. As first responders arrived, he committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

This piece is dedicated to the family and friends of the Sandy Hook victims: first-graders Charlotte, Daniel, Olivia, Josephine, Dylan, Madeleine, Catherine, Chase, Jesse, Ana, James, Grace, Emilie, Jack, Noah, Caroline, Jessica, Avielle, Benjamin, and Allison, and staff-members Rachel, Dawn, Anne Marie, Lauren, Mary, and Victoria.

"Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee…"
– From Meditation 17 *by John Donne (1572–1631)*

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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The enclosed parts are now sorted by page count, rather than score order.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 6:20

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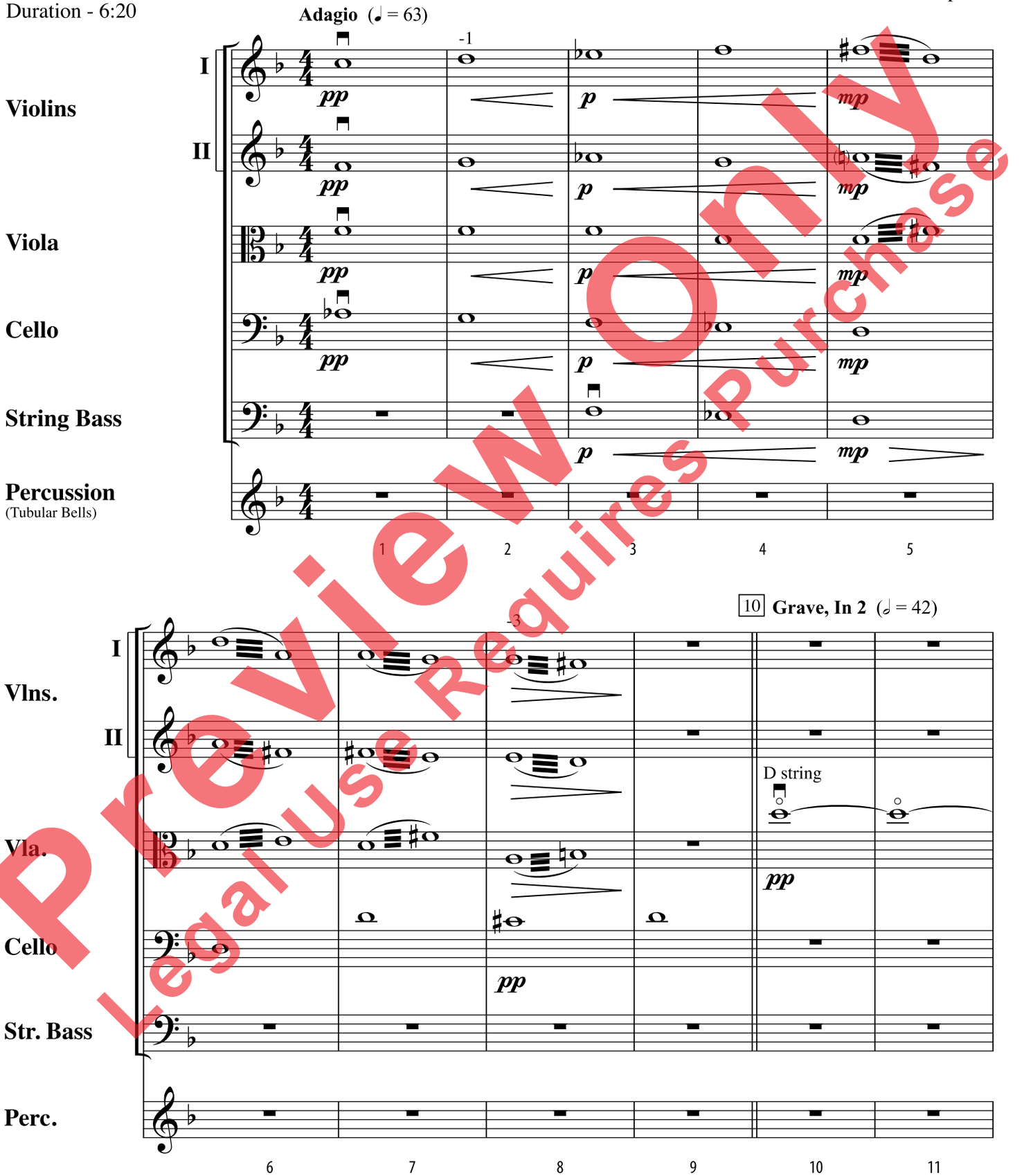

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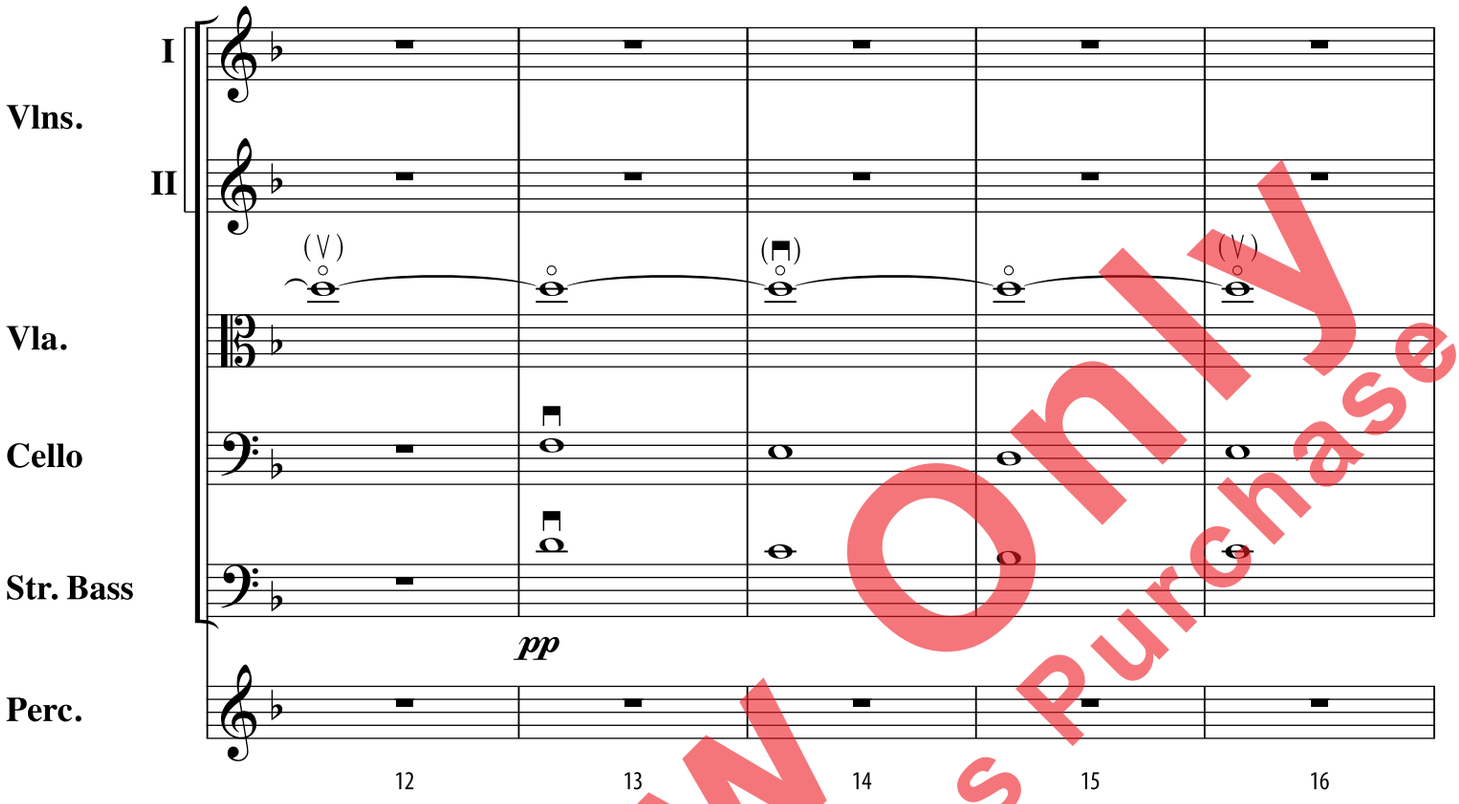

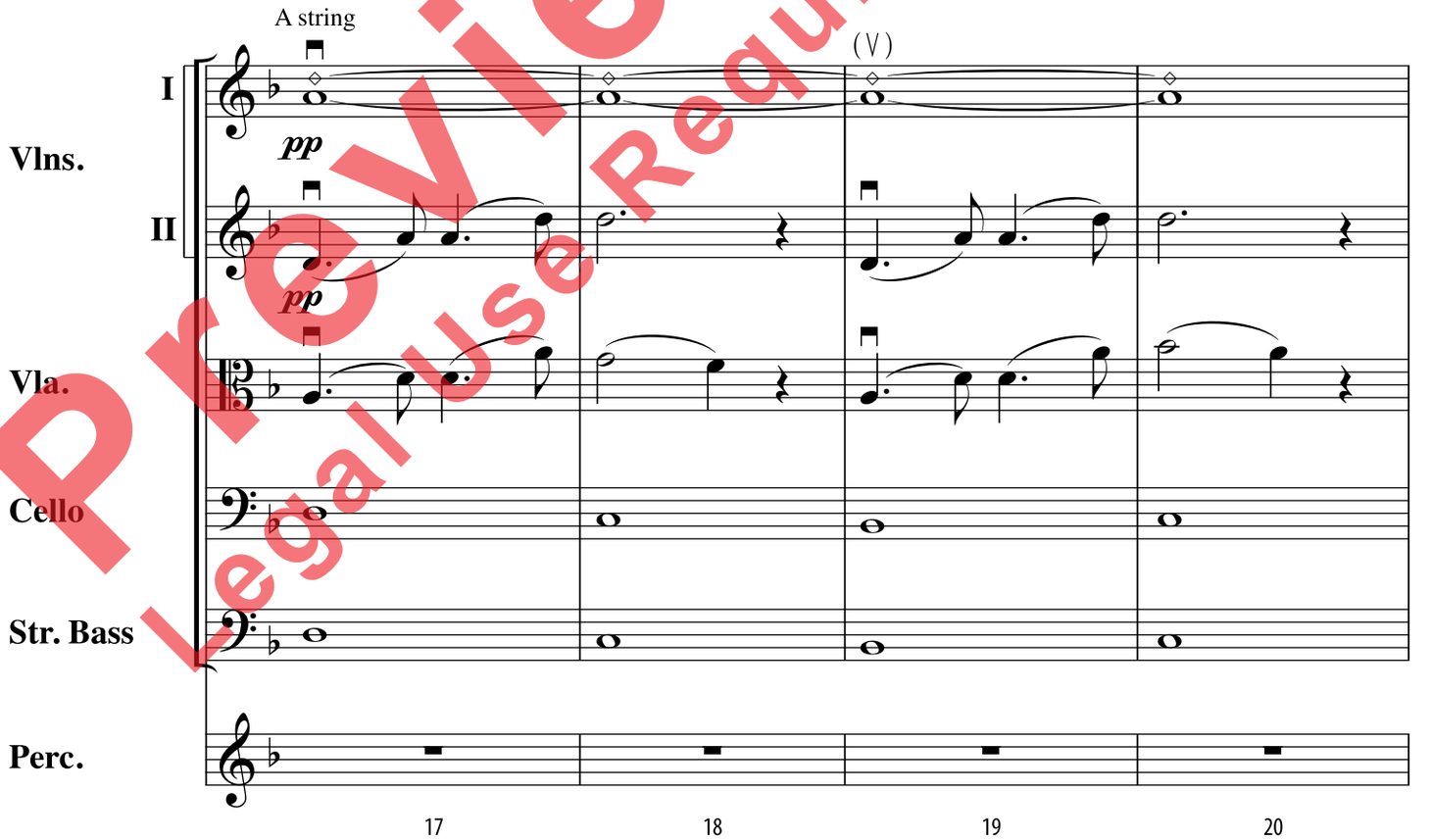

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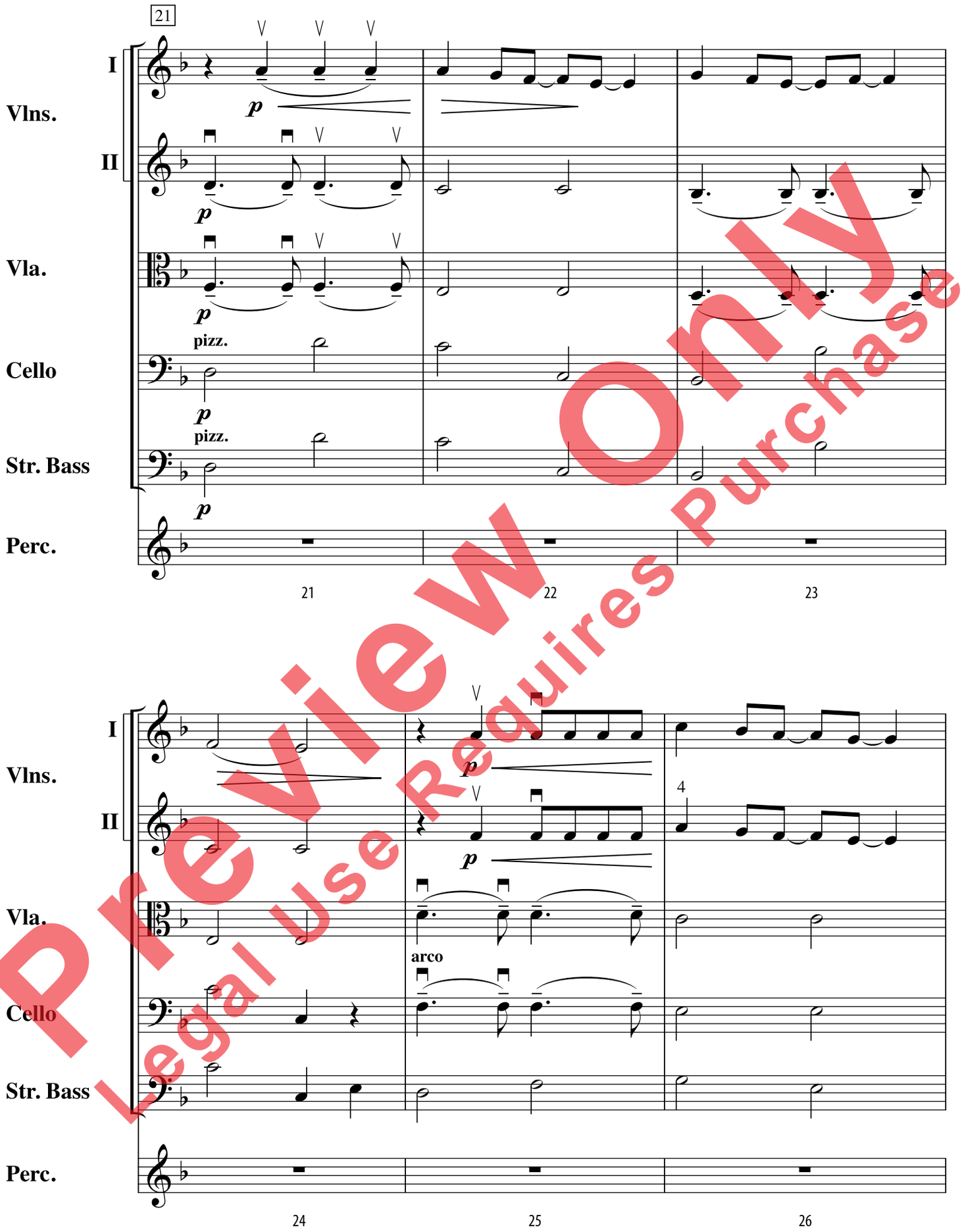

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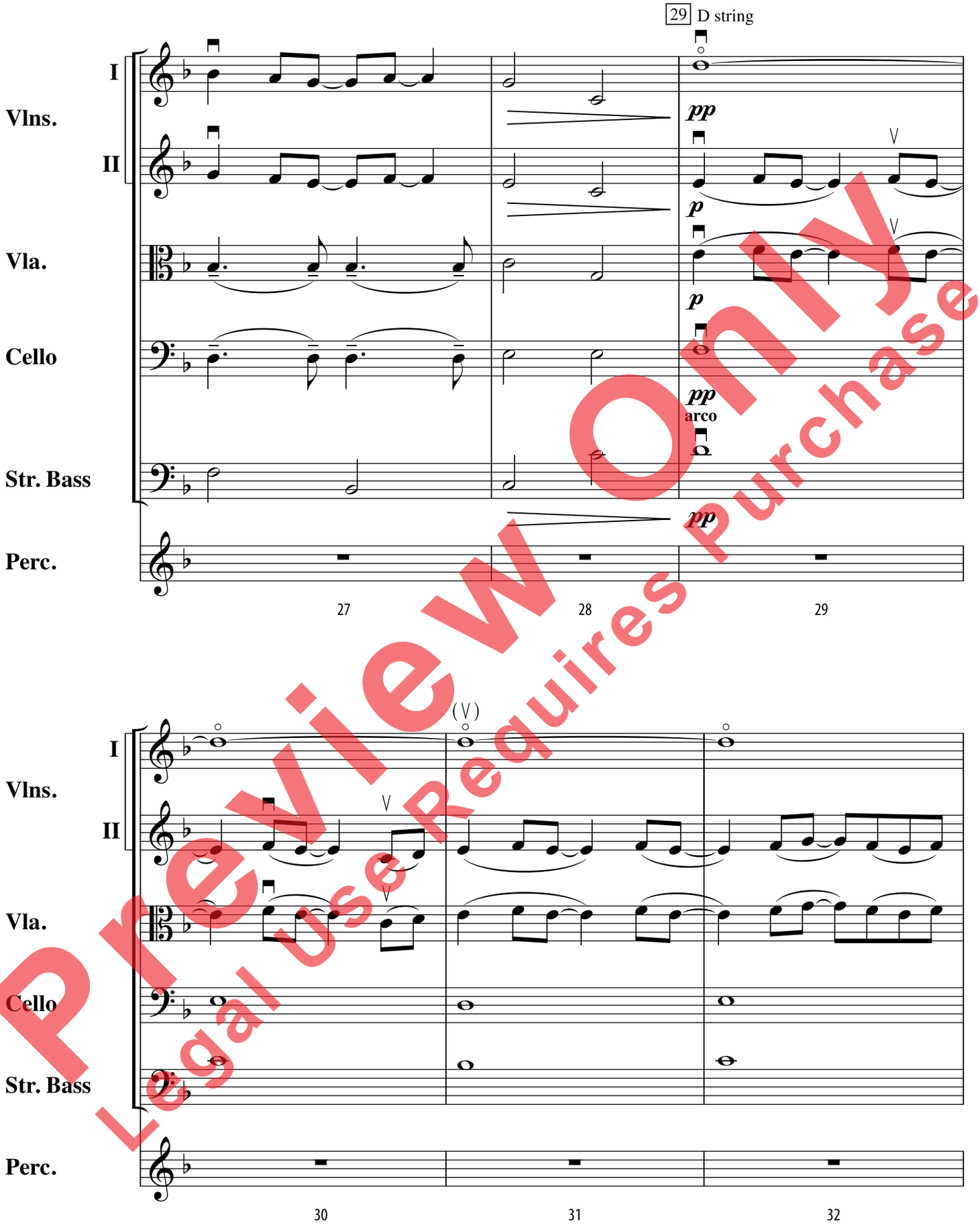

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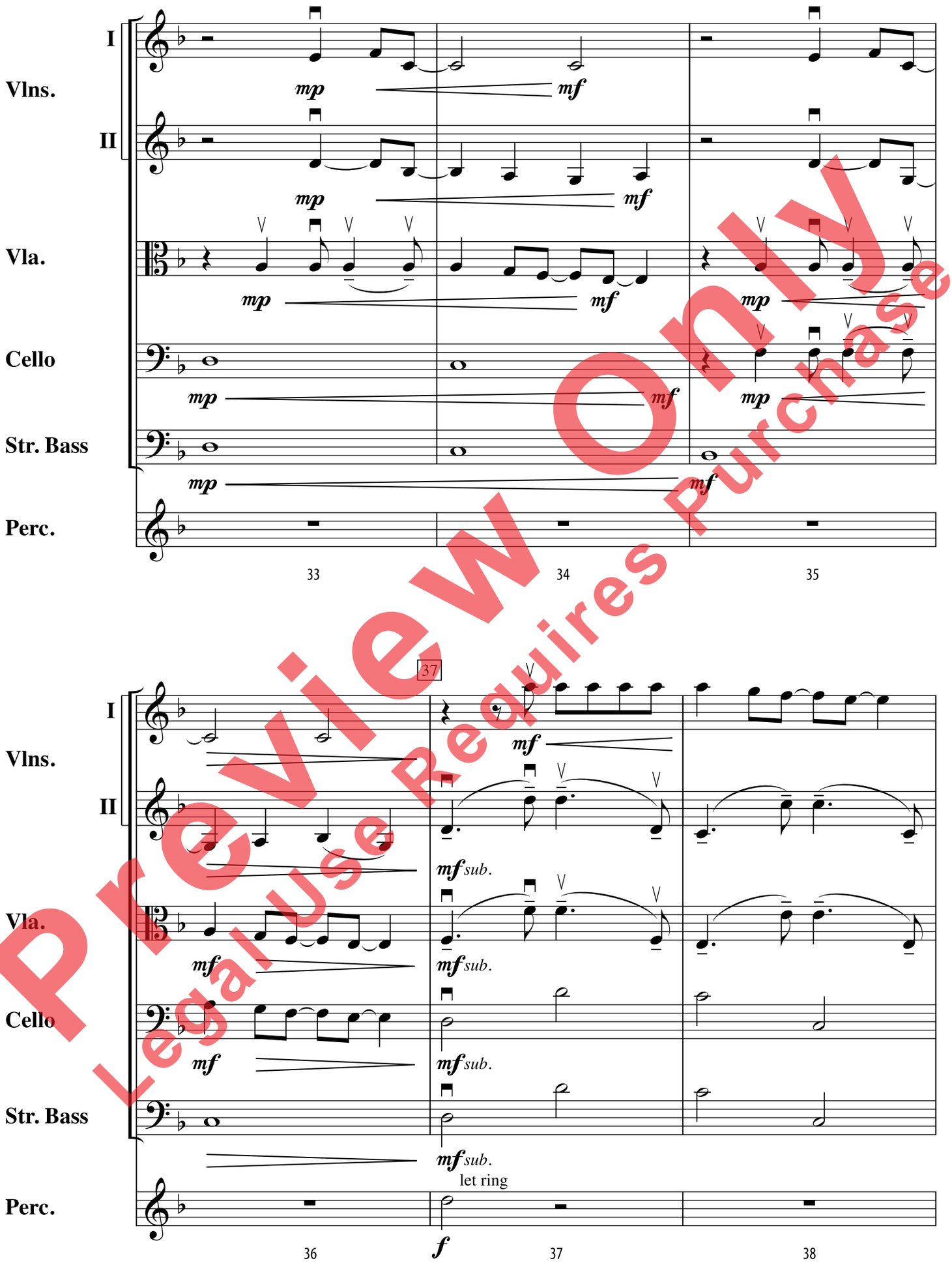

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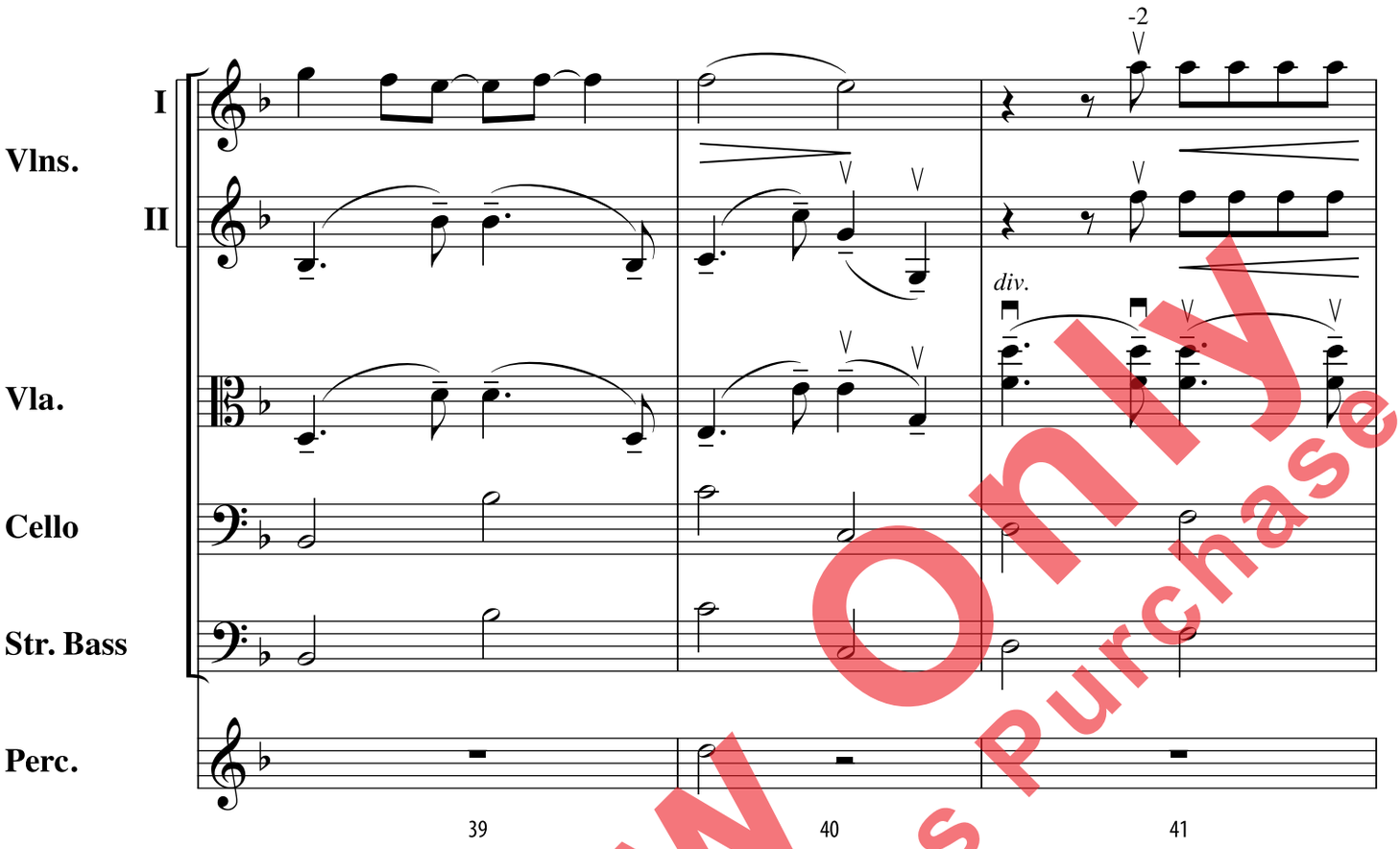

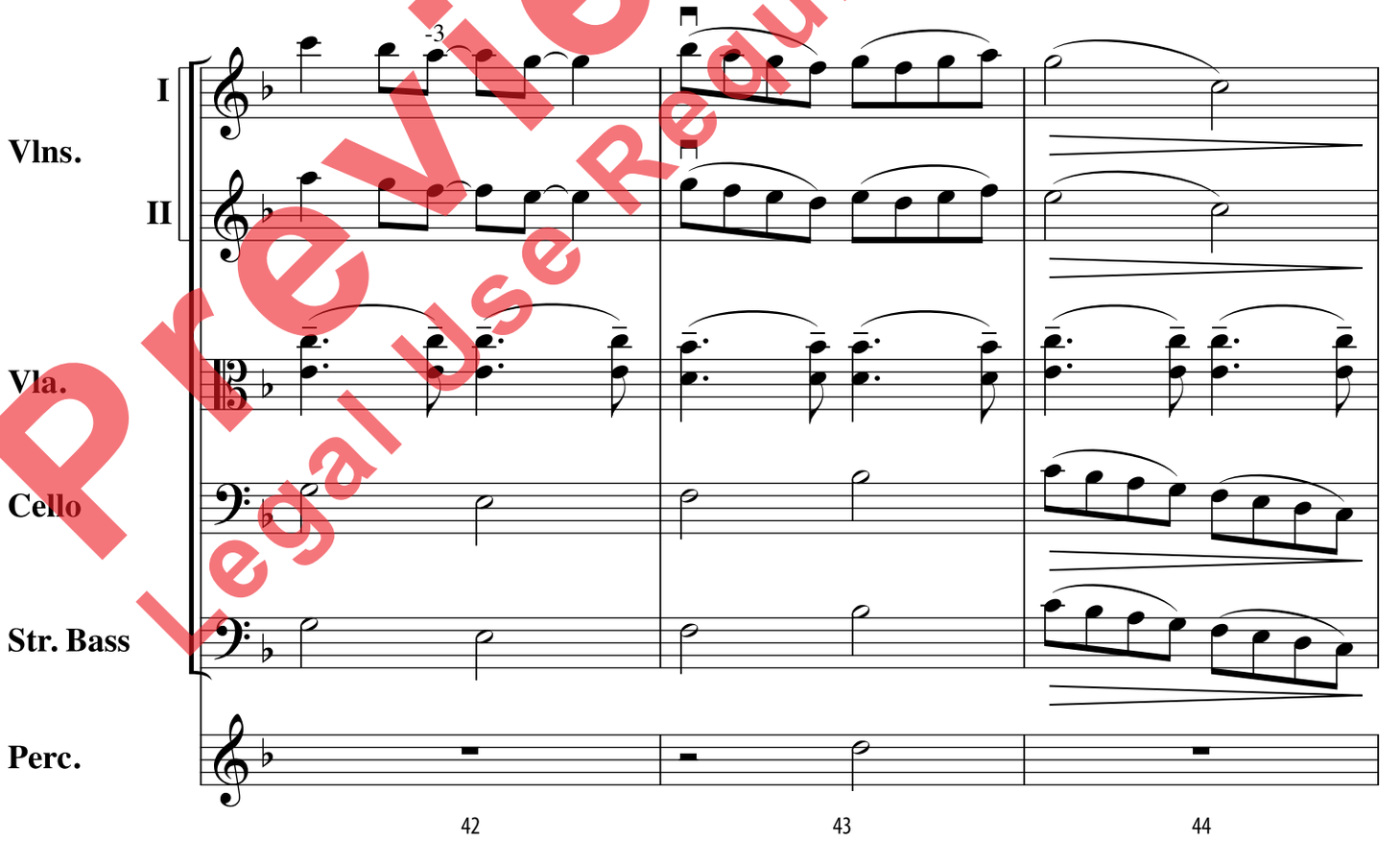

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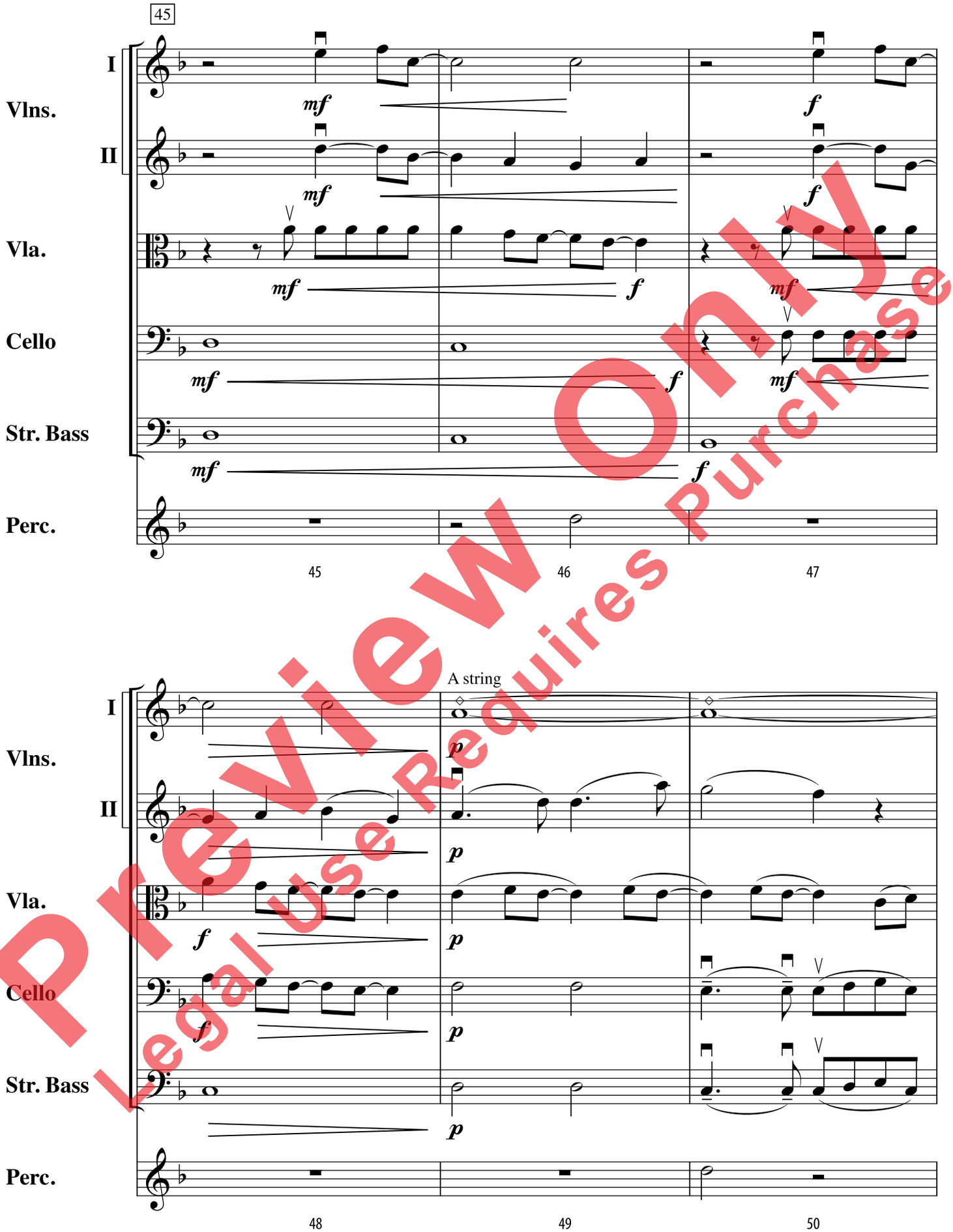

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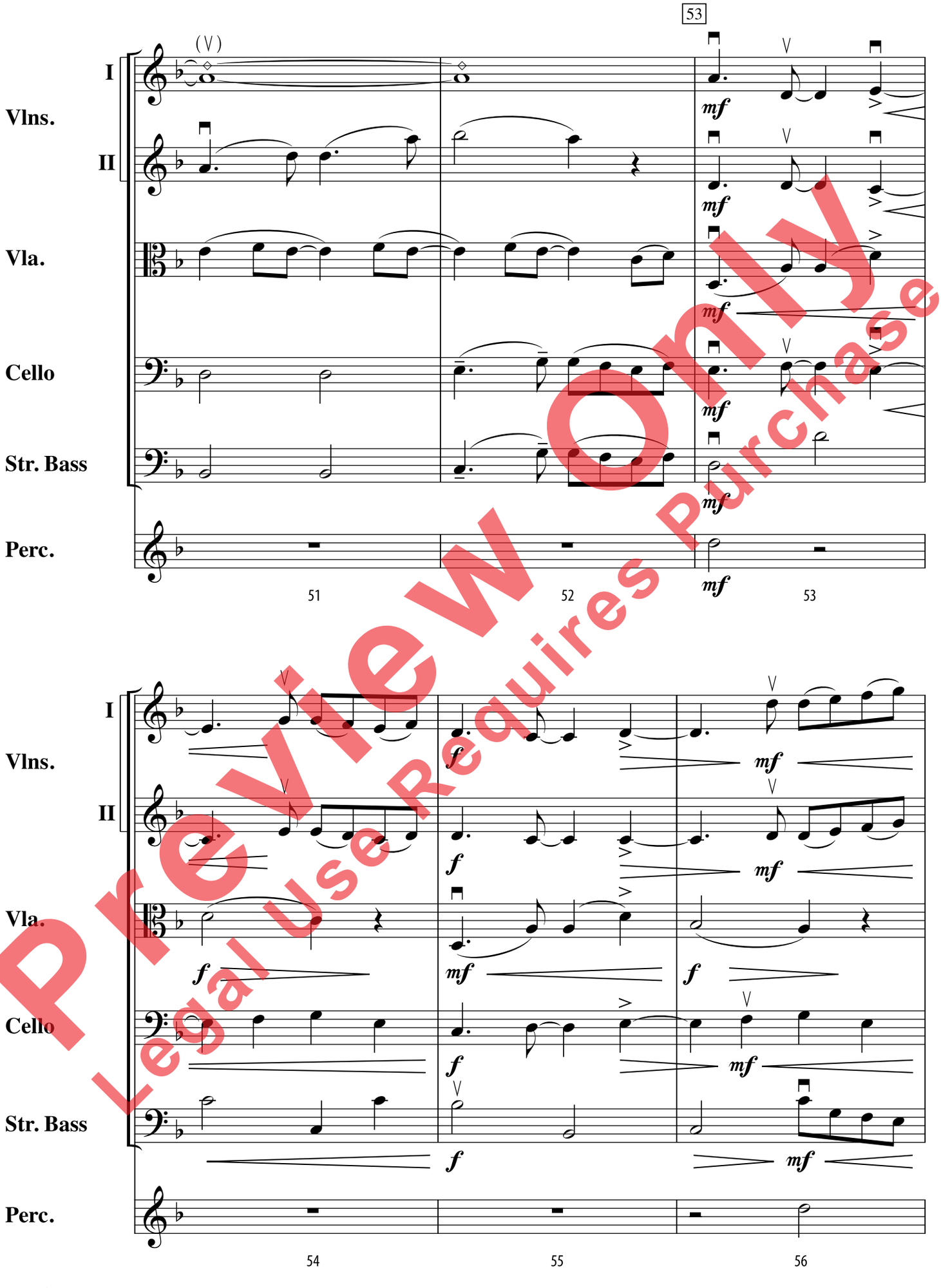

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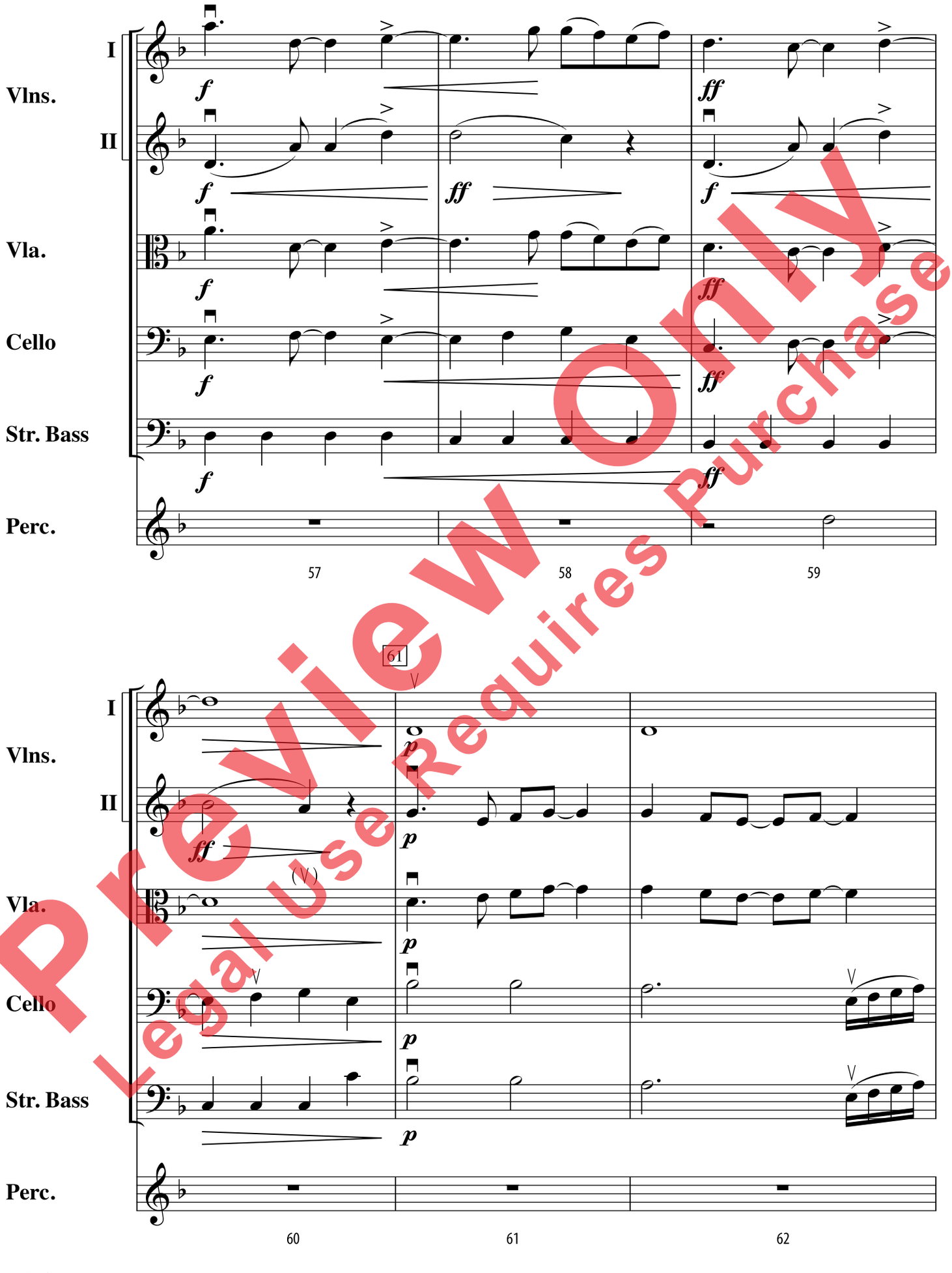

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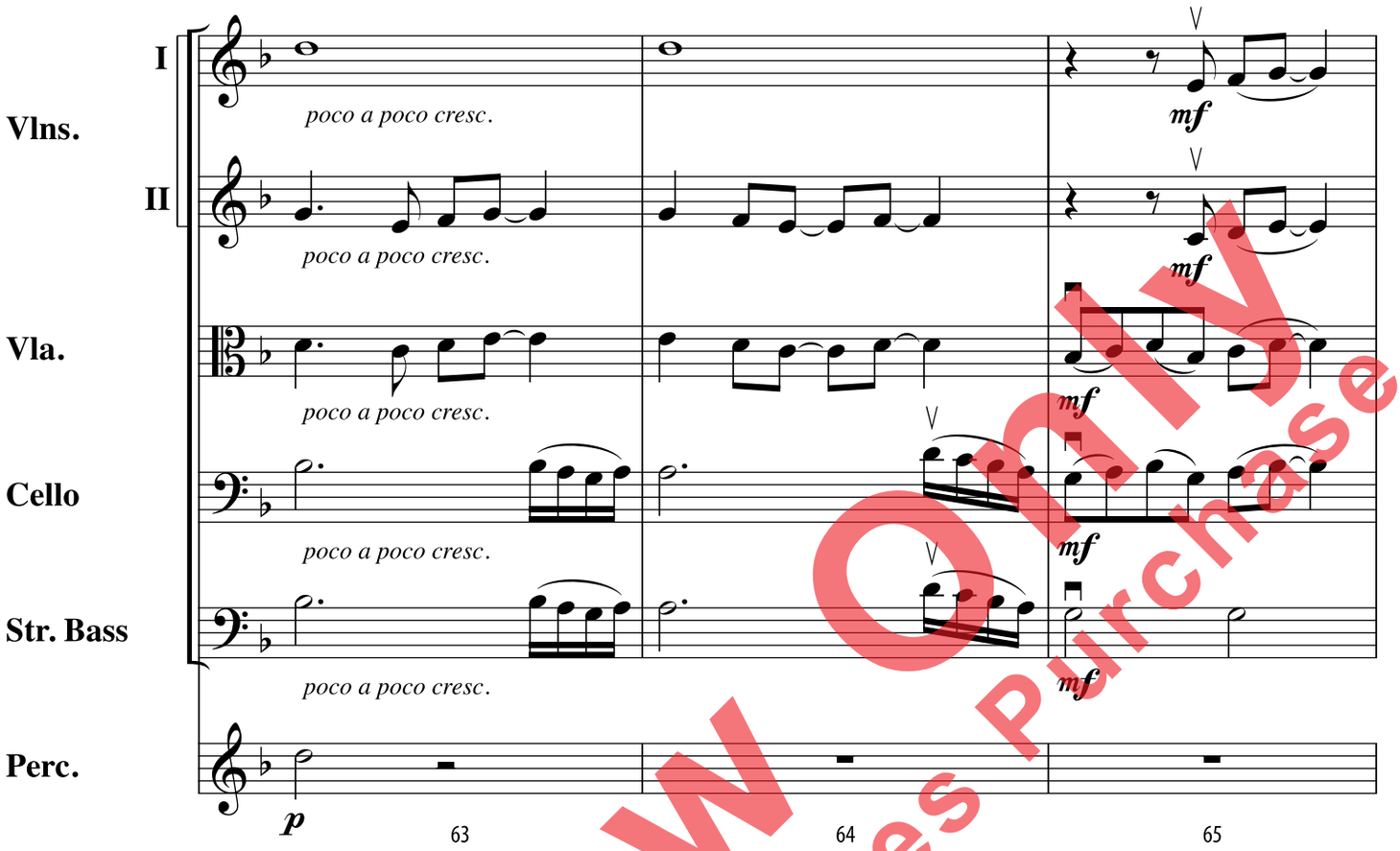

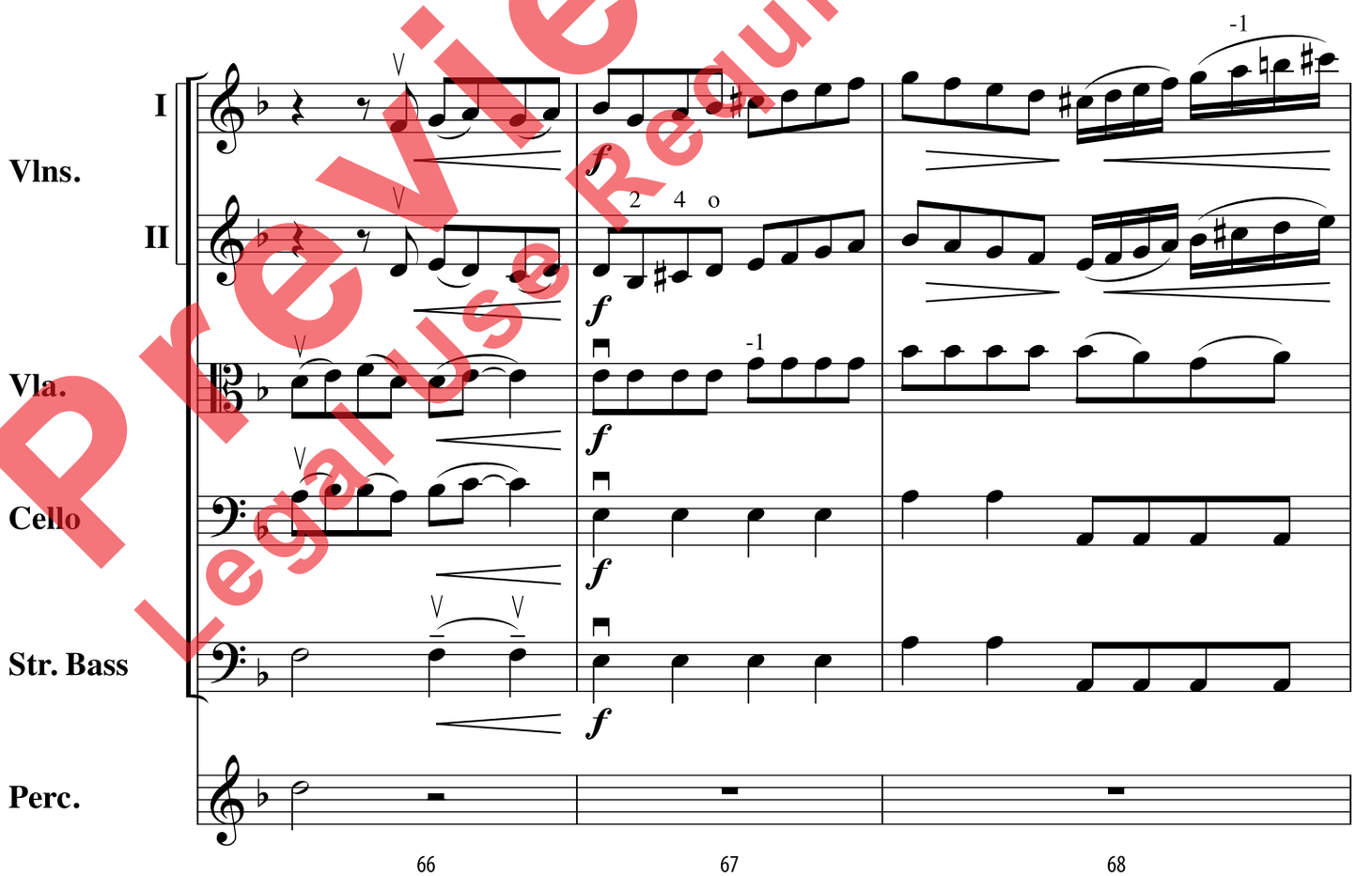

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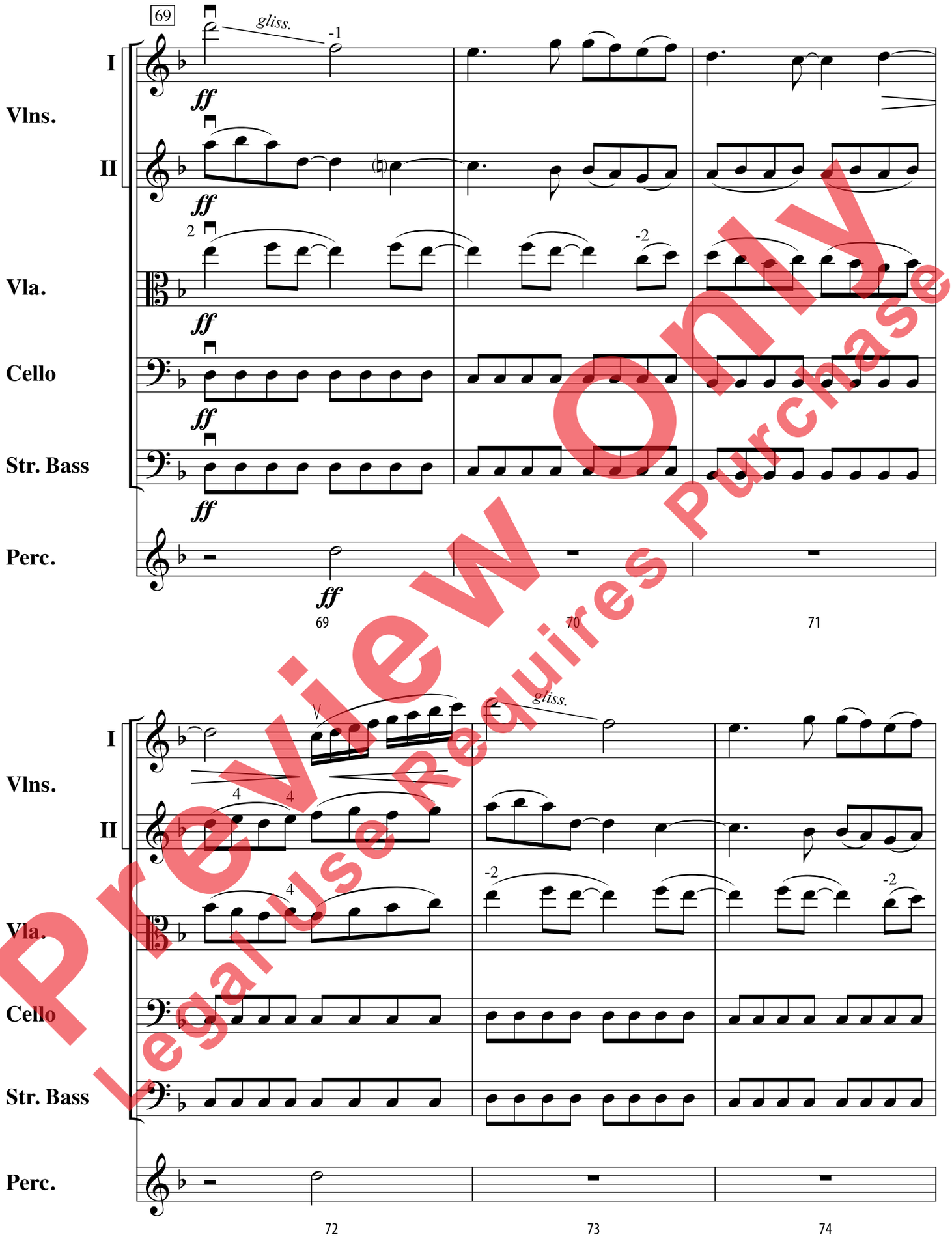

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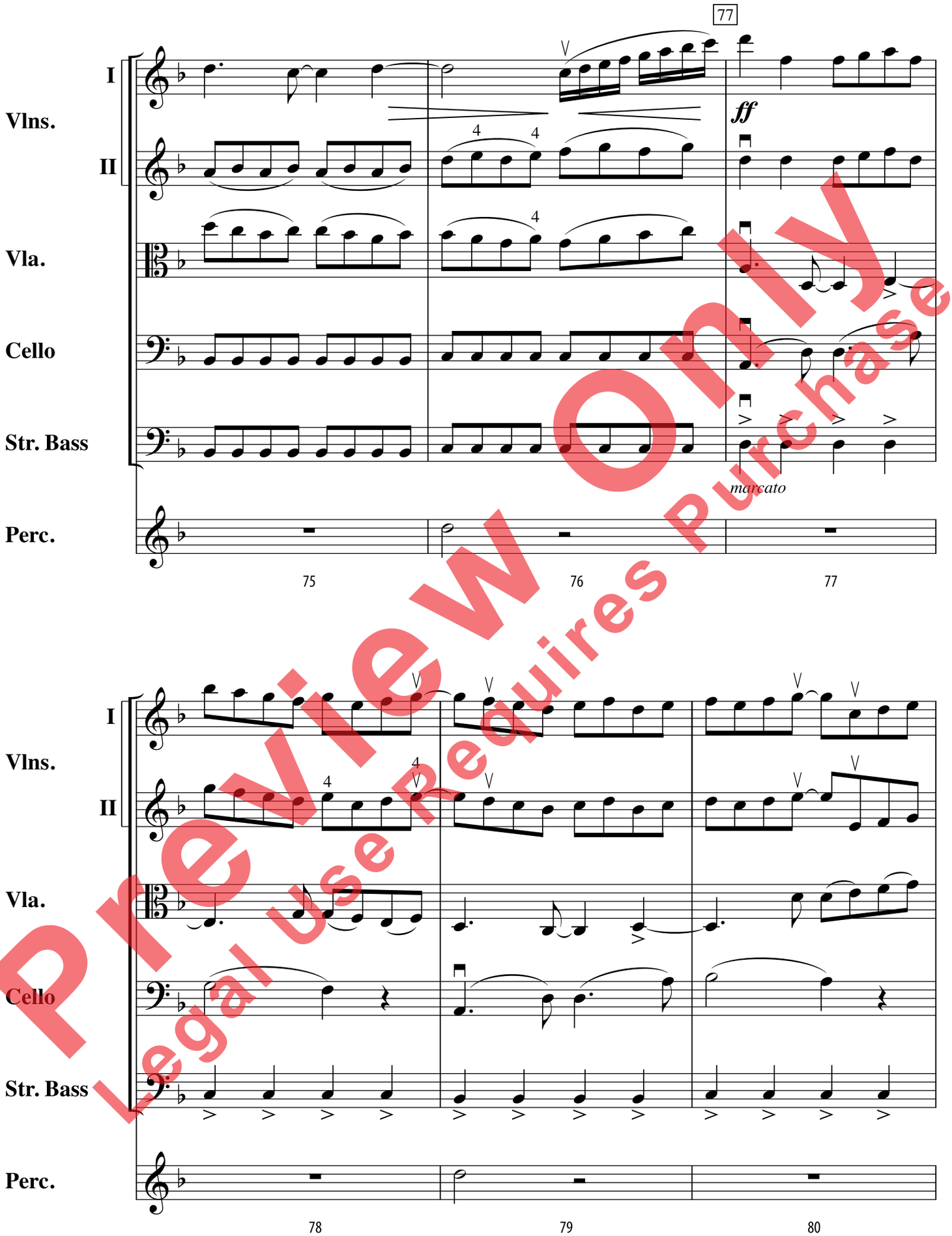

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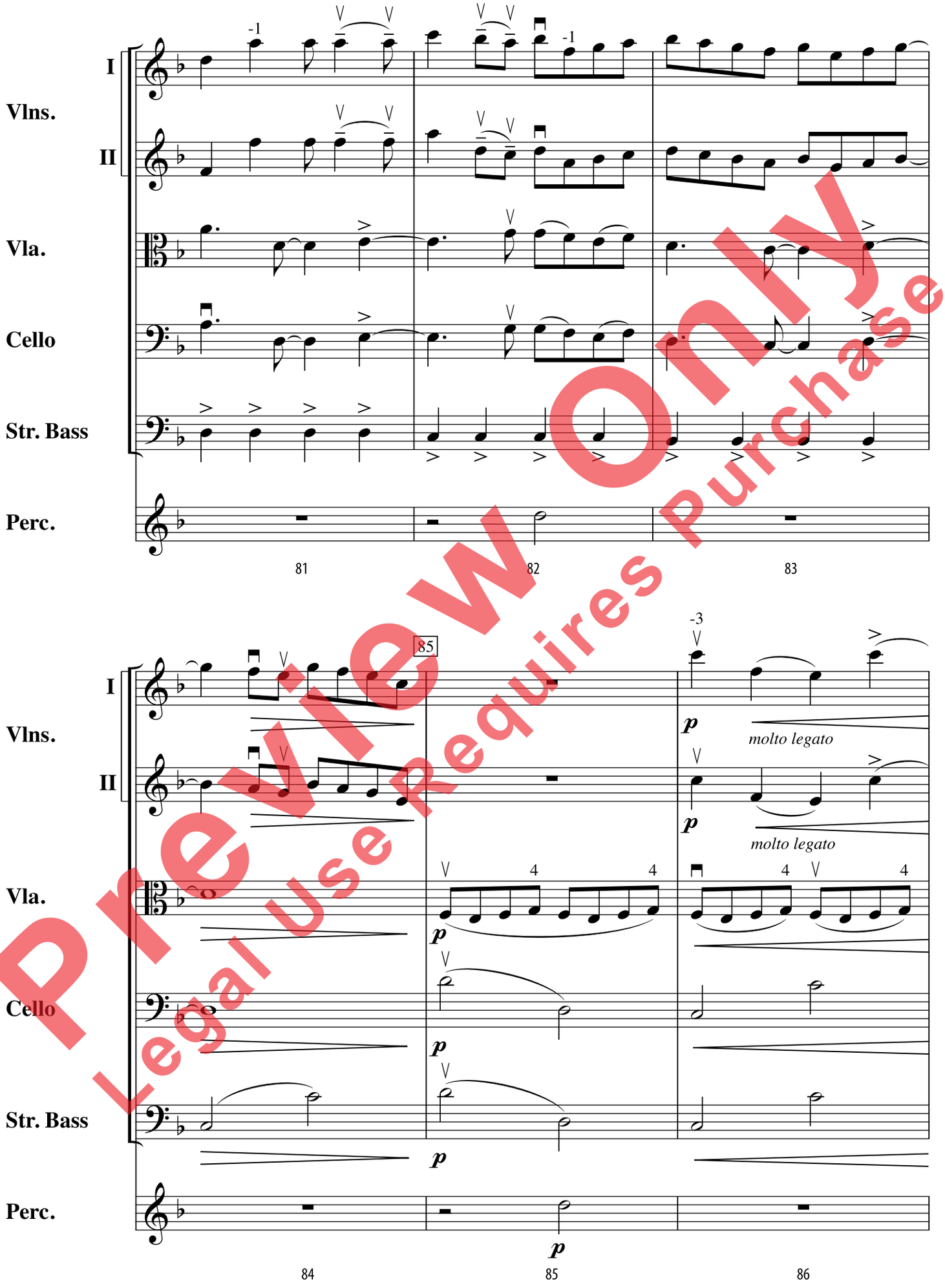

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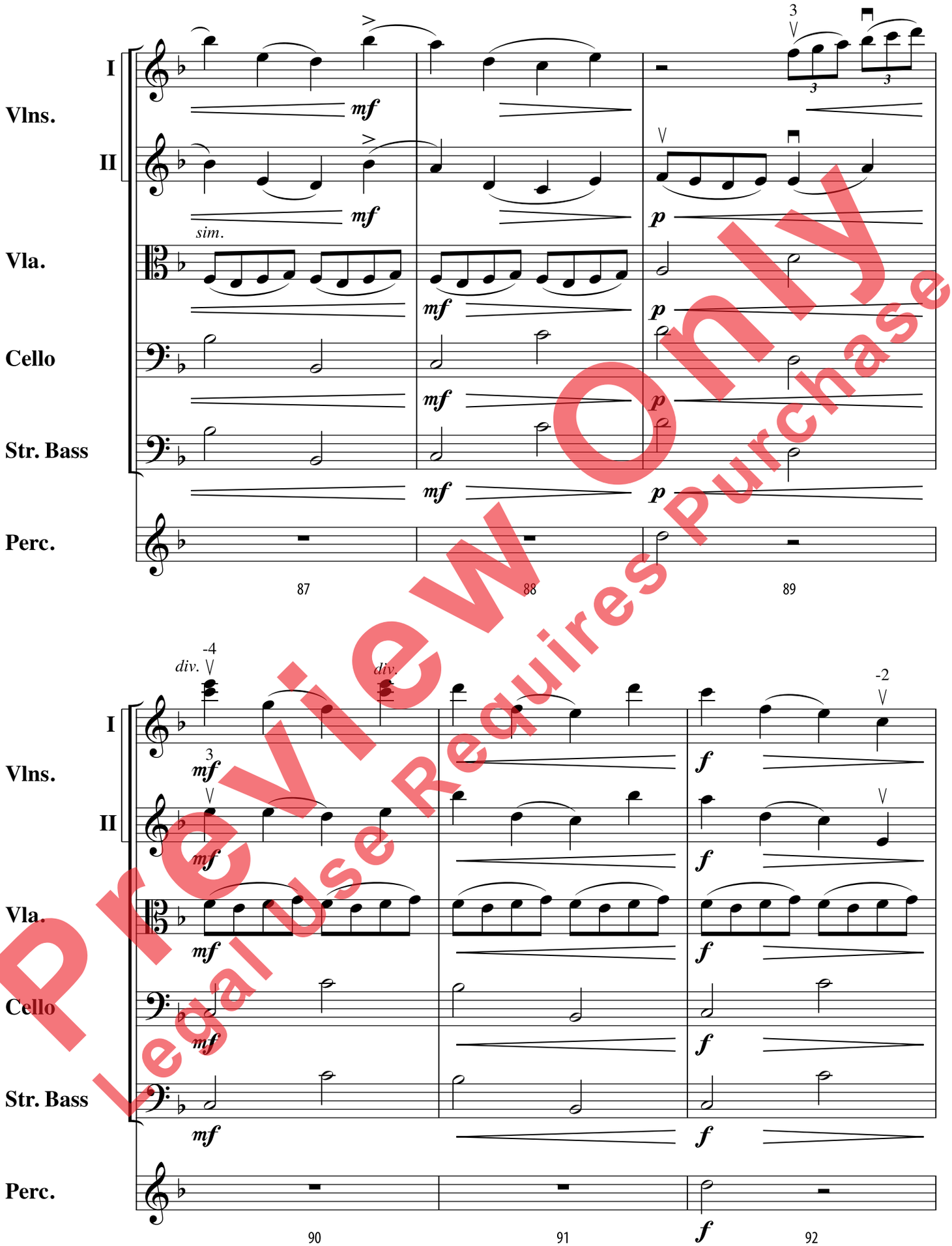

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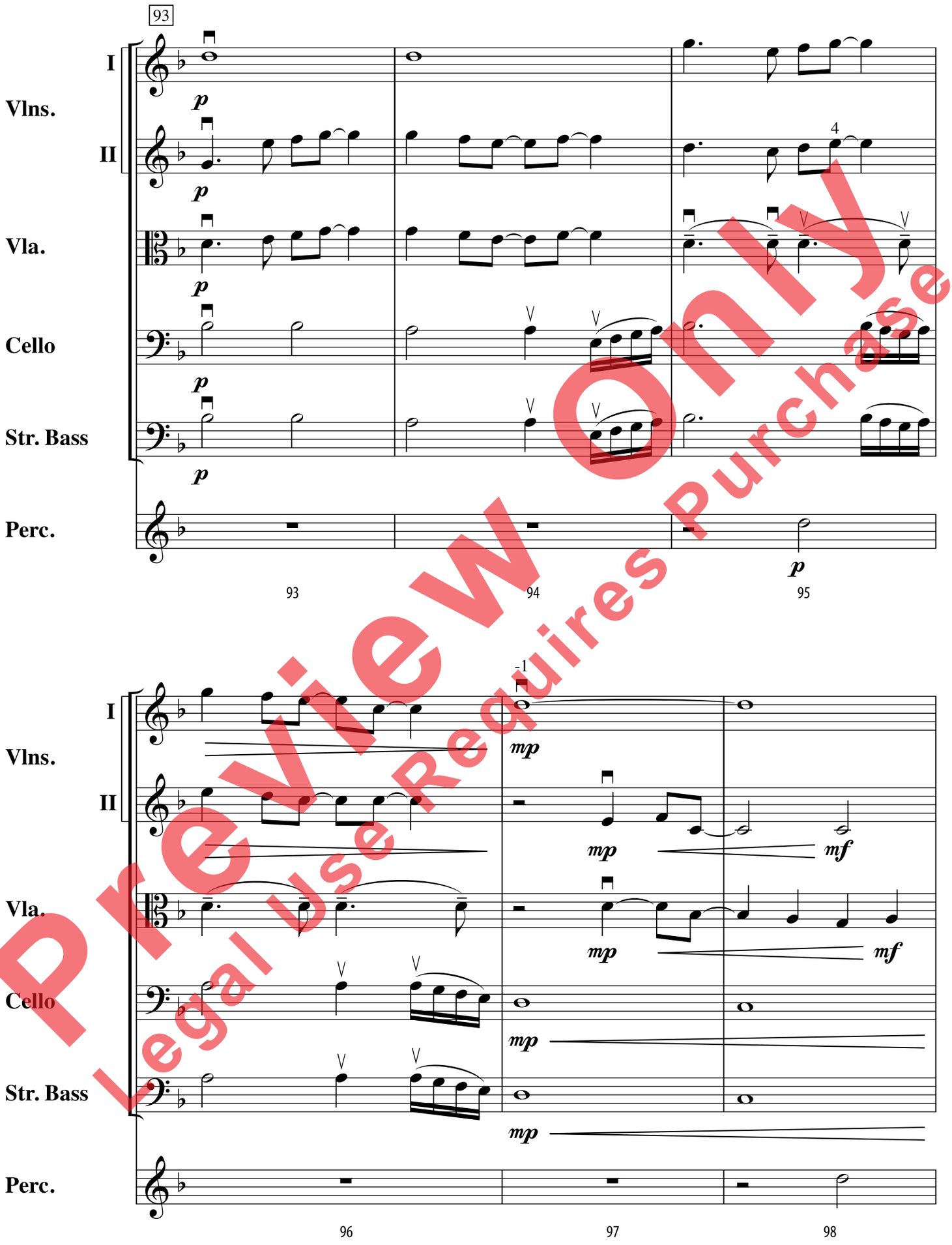

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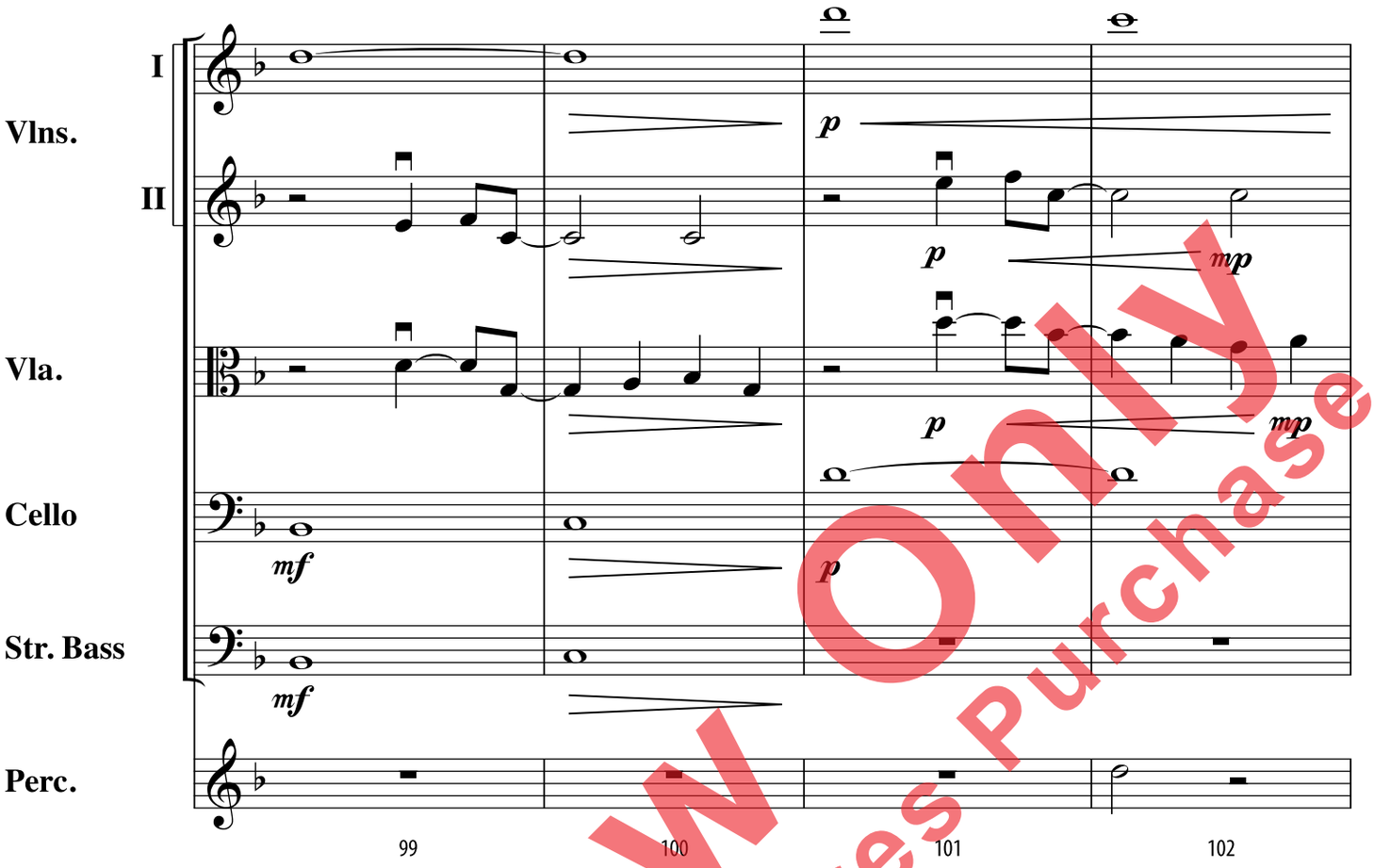

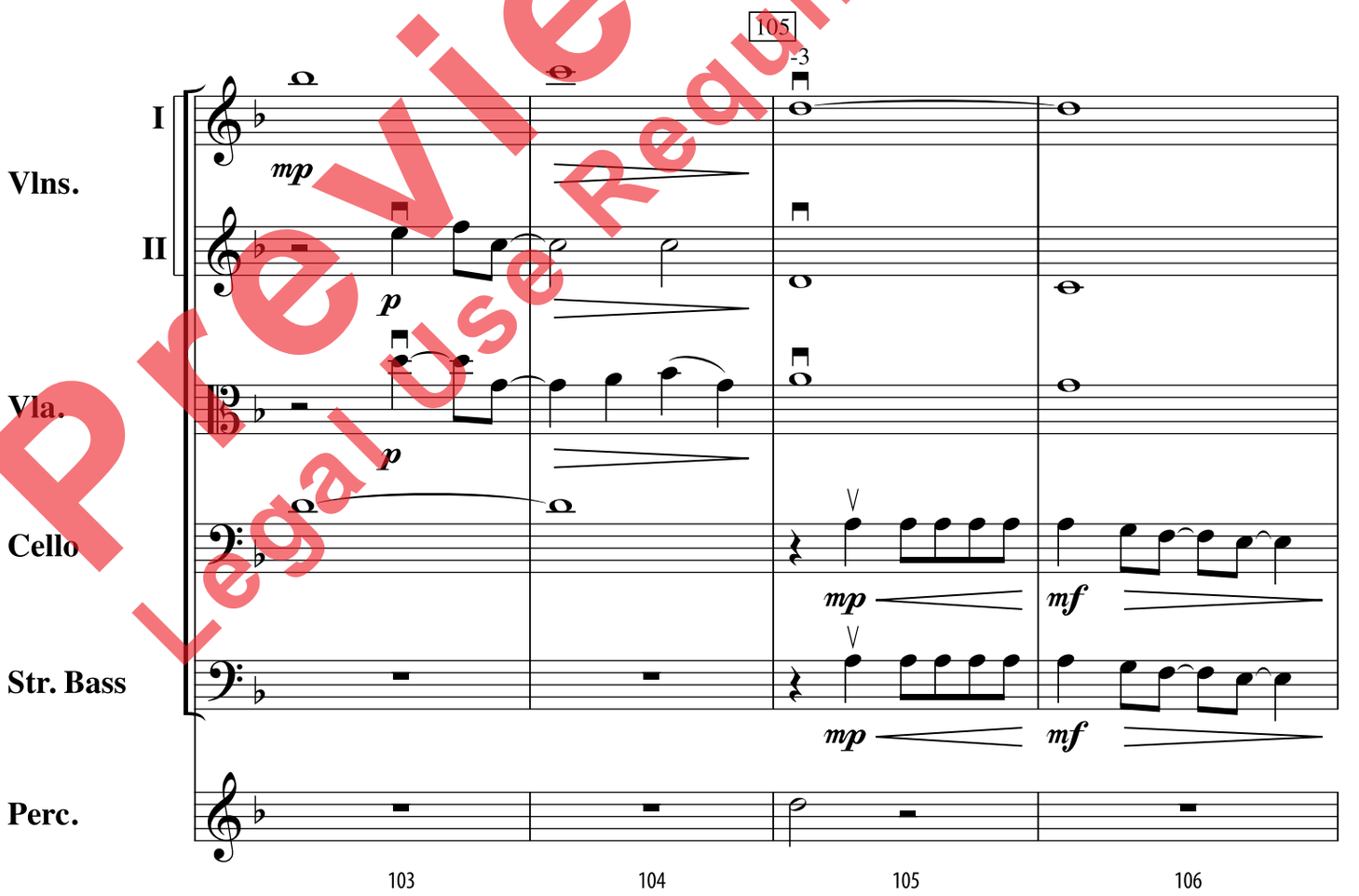

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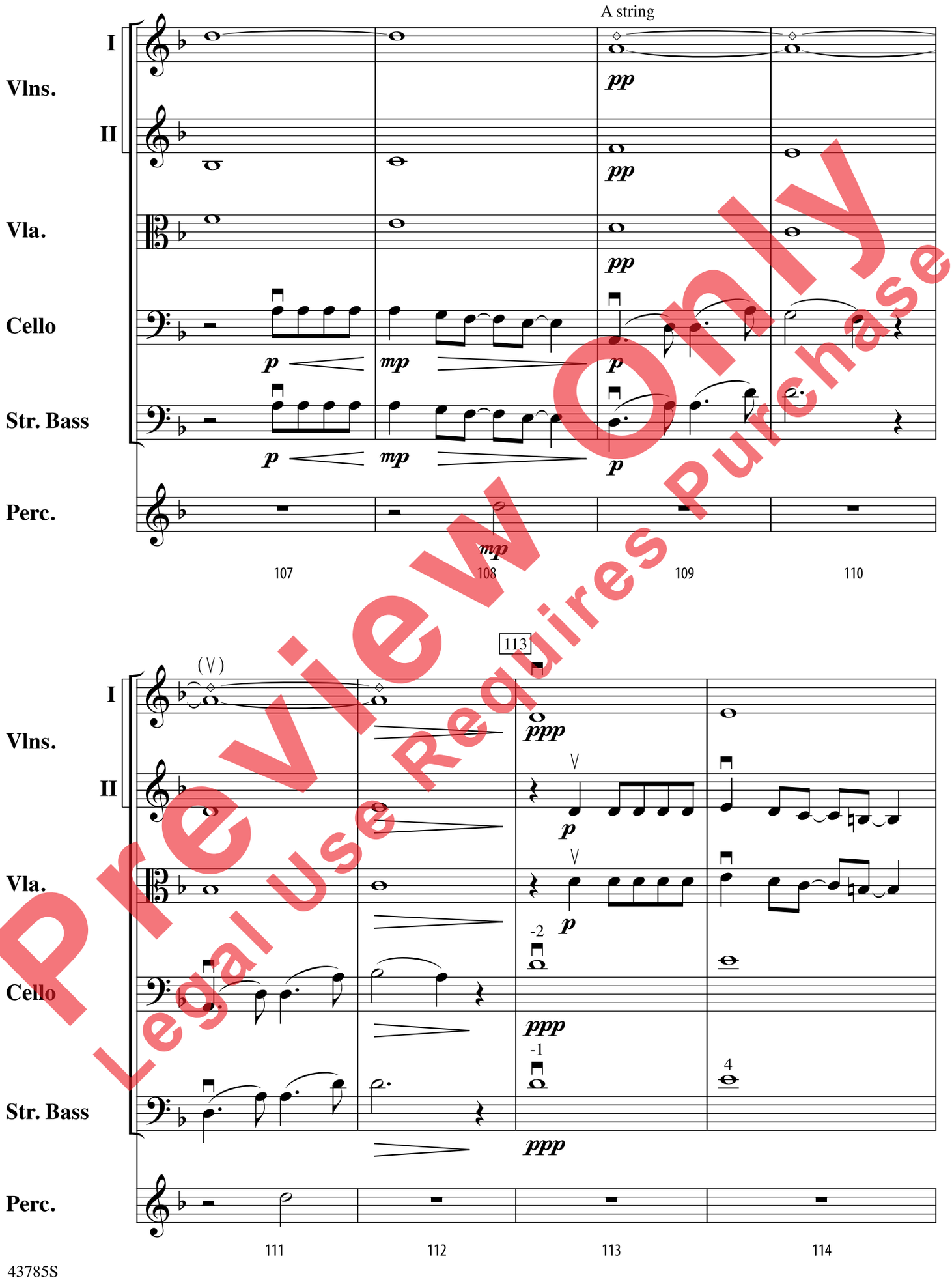

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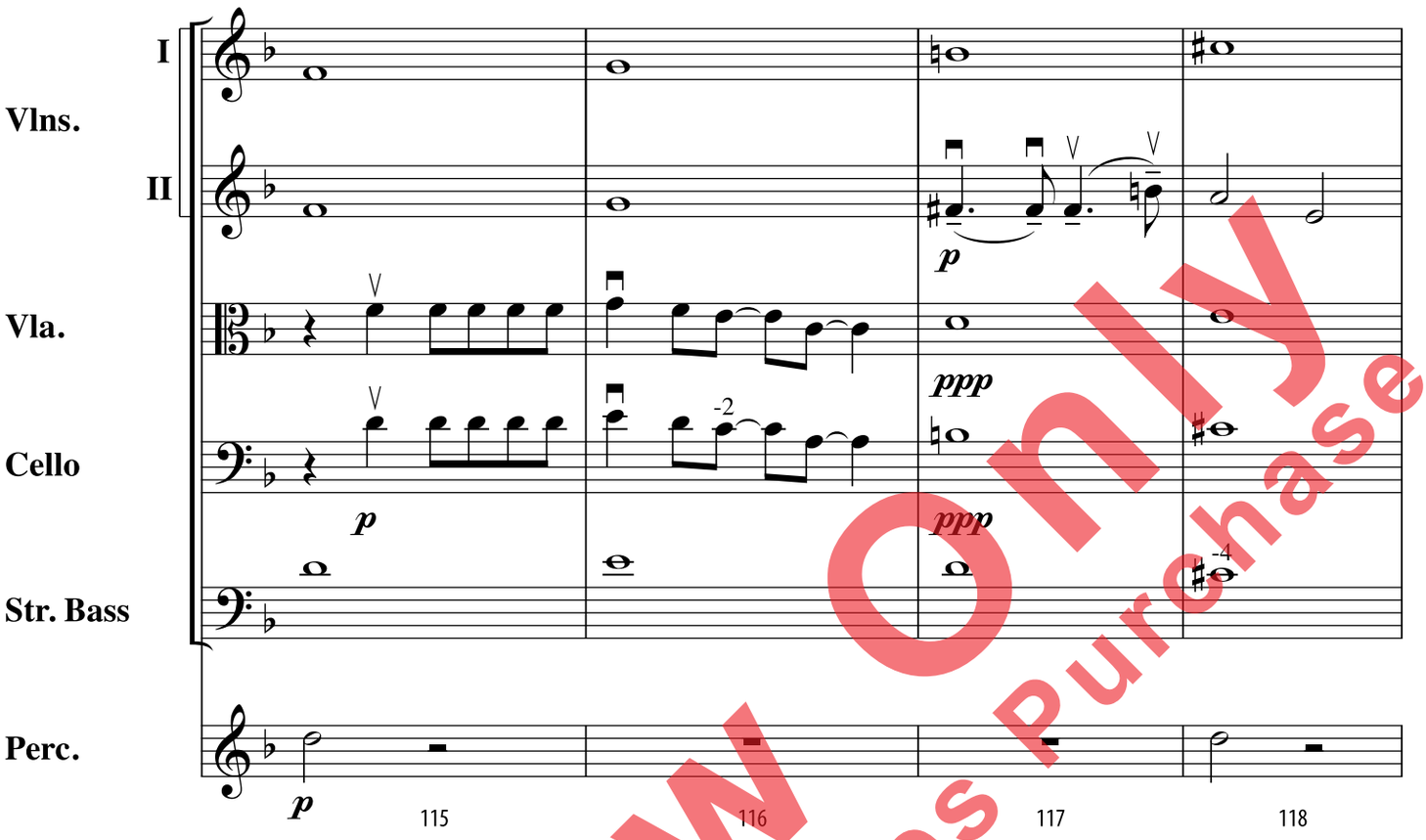

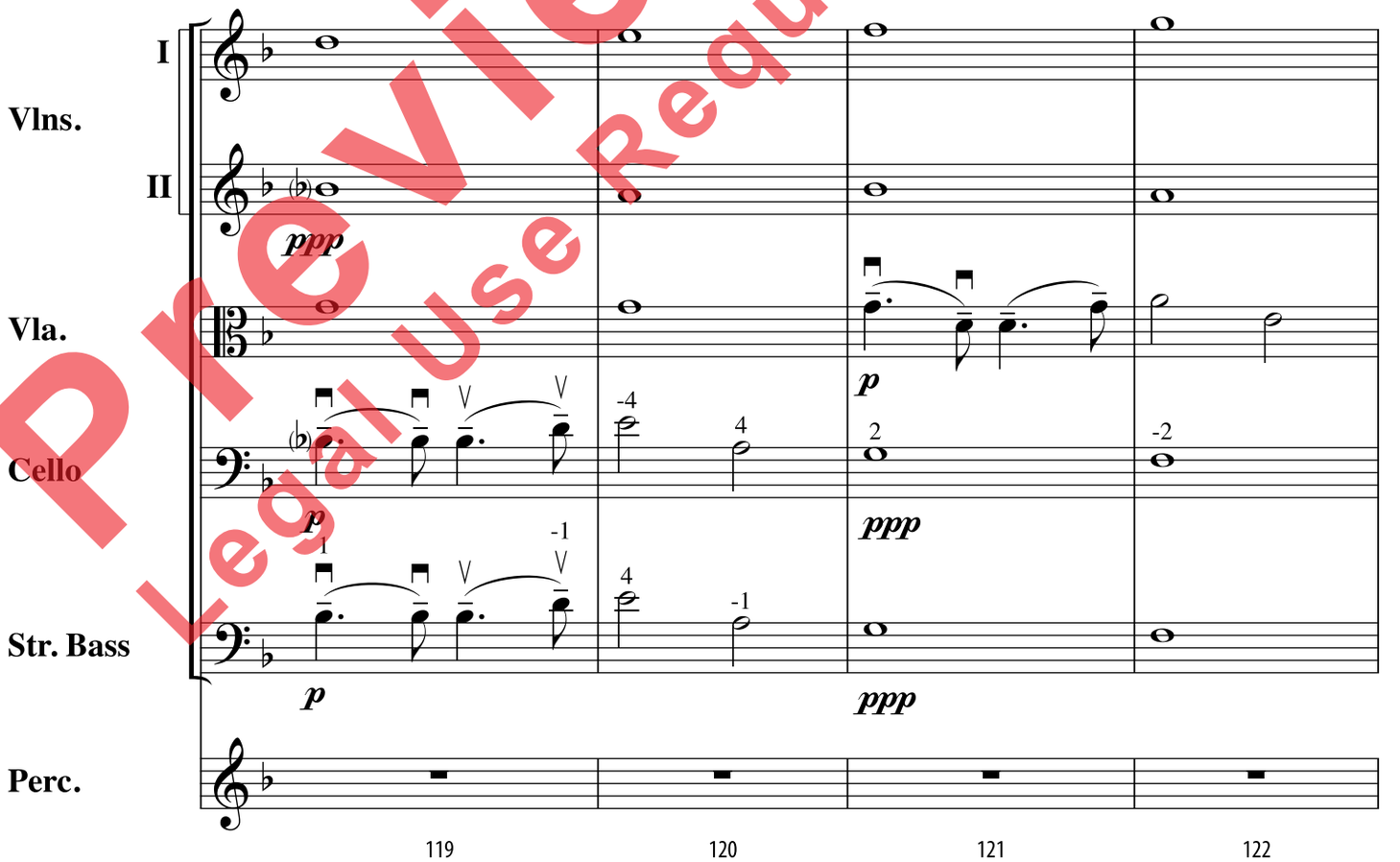

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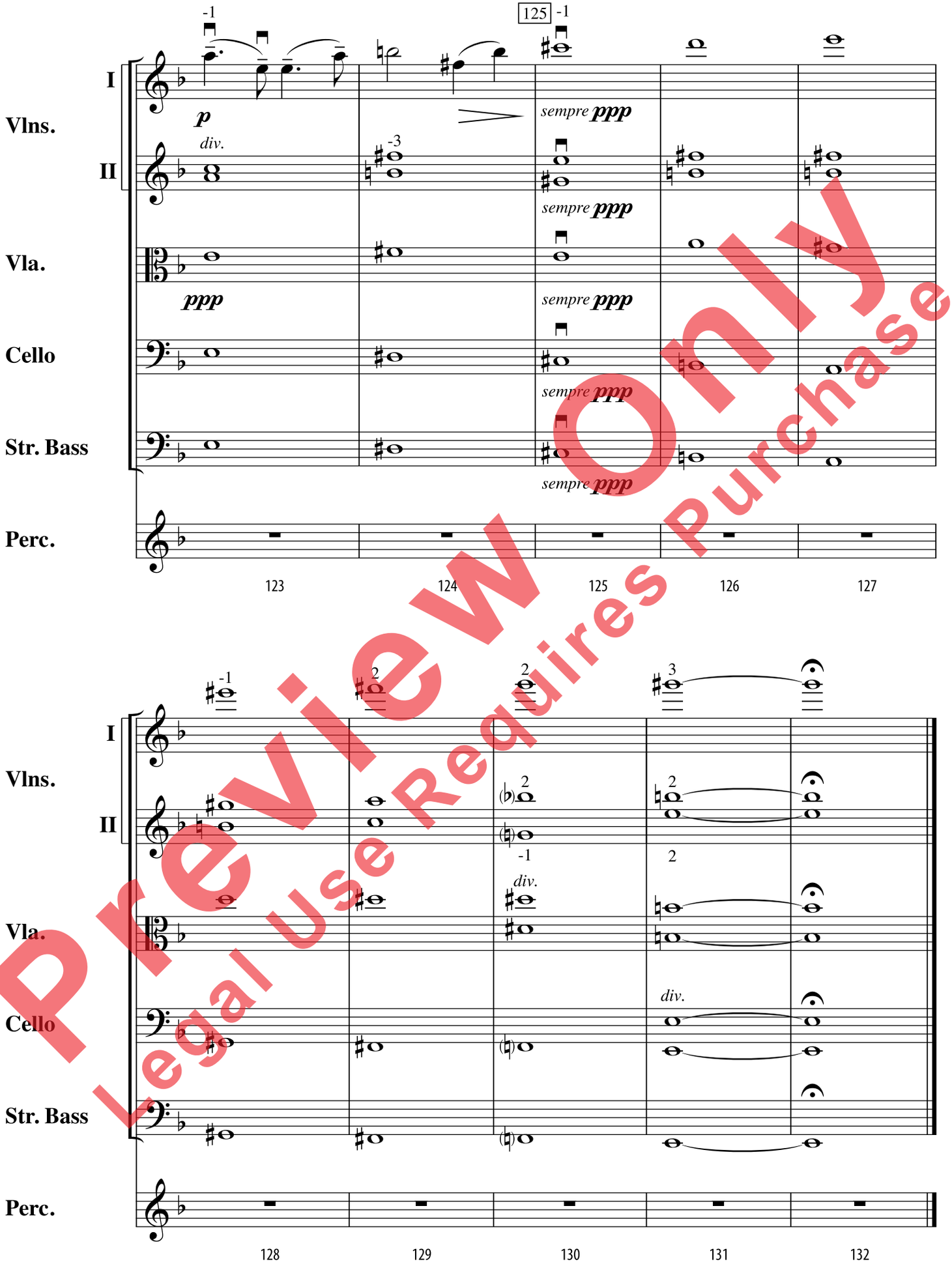

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