'Twas the Night Before...

9 Piano Duet Arrangements for the
Elementary Student and Teacher or Parent

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Foreword

Christmas is truly a time of sharing, and expressing the beauty and wonder of the Christmas season through music is an experience which provides many happy memories for years to come. These special duet arrangements have primo parts designed for any age first-year student while the secondo parts can be played by the teacher, parent or more advanced student. The primo is complete in itself, but when the secondo part is added, a big smile is sure to appear on both performer's faces! The words for each selection are also included so that friends and family may join in the celebration of Christmas and this very special holiday season! Merry Christmas to all of you, and "to all a goodnight!"

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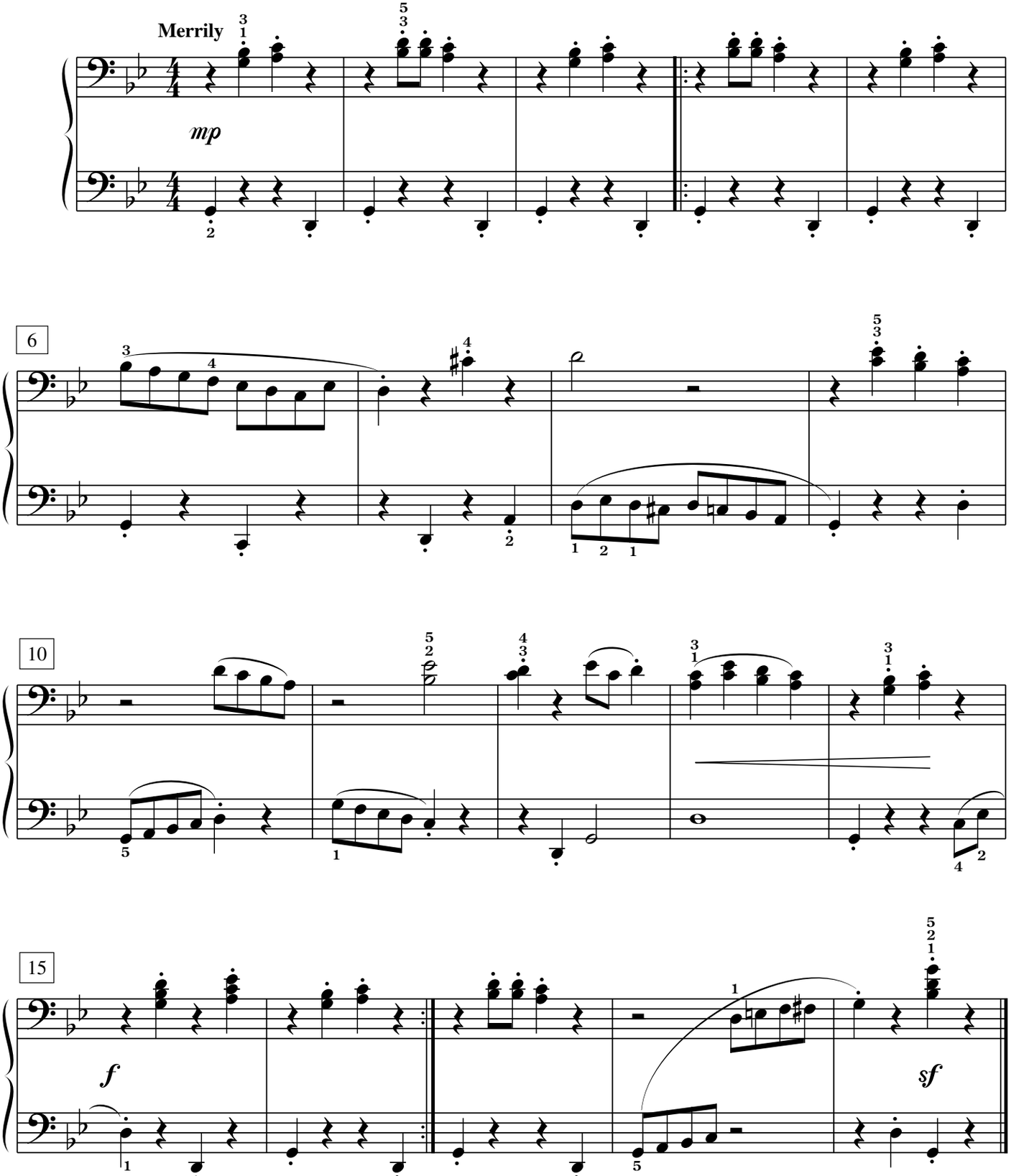
Patapan

Secondo

Willie take your little drum, Robin take your flute and play.
Let us hear the joyful sound.
Tu-re-lu-re-le, pa-ta-pa-ta-pan.
Merry, merry Christmas time,
Take your flute and your drum, and play.

Burgundian Carol
Arr. by Dennis Alexander



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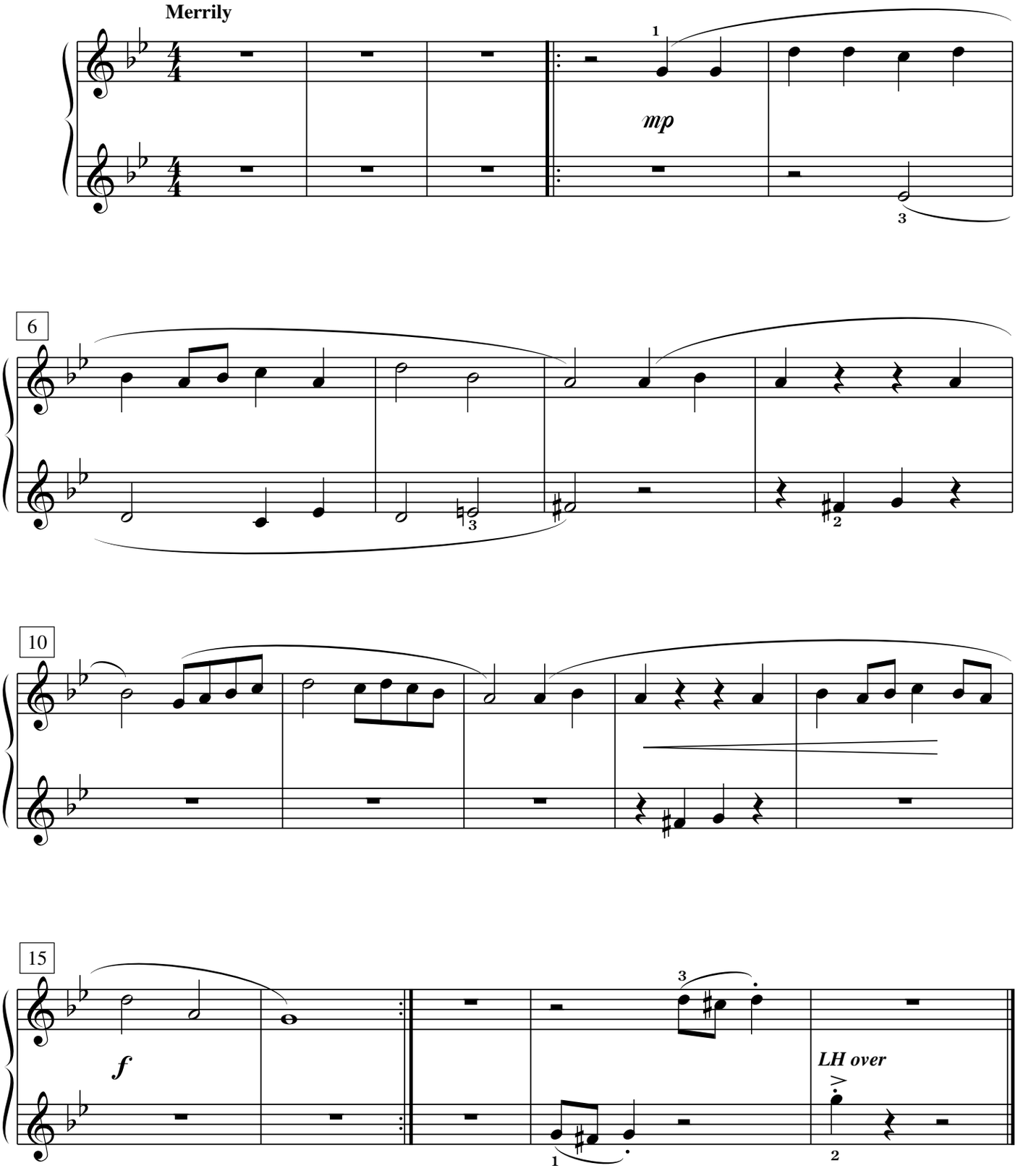

Winds Through the Olive Trees

Secondo

Winds through the olive trees softly did blow;
'Round little Bethlehem, long, long ago.
Sheep on the hillside lay whiter than snow;
Shepherds were watching them long, long ago.

Traditional
Arr. by Dennis Alexander

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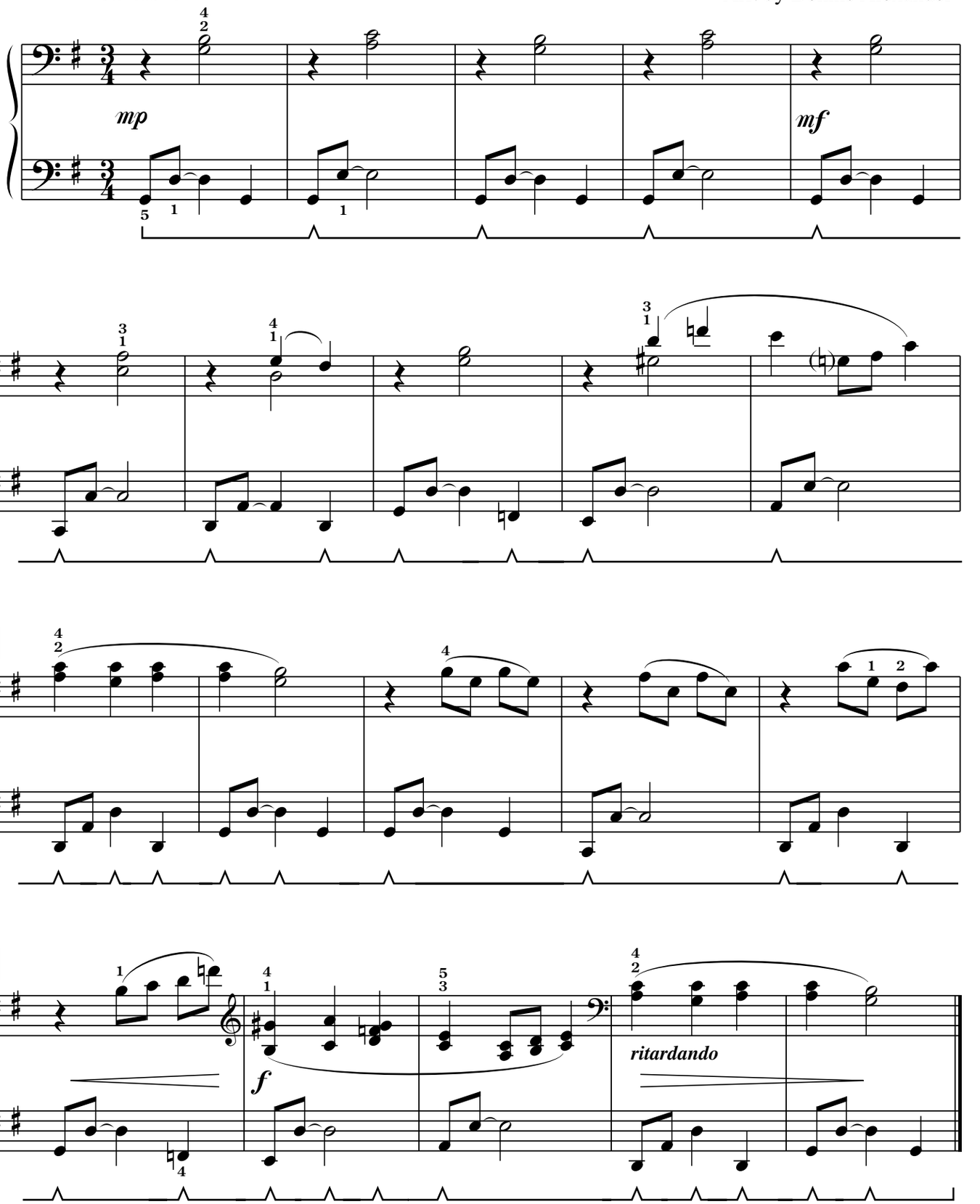

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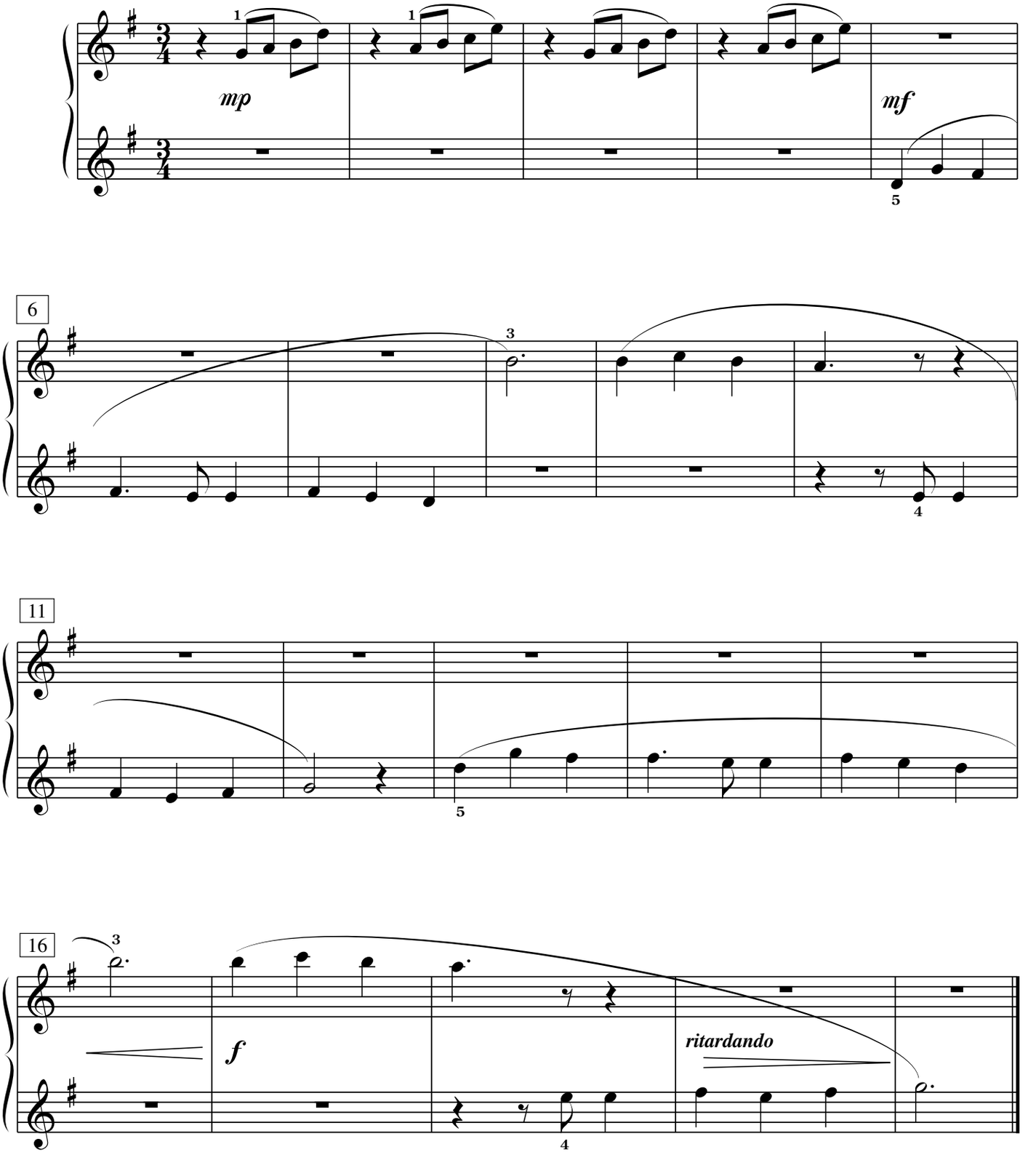
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