O MAGNA RES

MUSIC BY

PATRICIA VAN NESS

TEXT BY

HILDEGARD VON BINGEN

dedicated to

The Heidelberg Festival Ensemble

1998, 2005

O M A G N A R E S

Text by Hildegard von Bingen
Music by Patricia Van Ness

	Latin	*English*
I.	O magna res que in nullo constituto latuit, ita quod non est facta nec creata ab ullo sed in se ipsa permanet.	O greatness Neither made nor created but only itself.
II.	O vita que surrexisti in aurora, in qua magnus rex sapientiam que in antiquo apud virum sapientem fuit misericorditer manifestavit, quia mulier per foramen antiqui perditoris mortem intravit	O life arising at dawn through the grace of the eternal one who gave the wisdom of the ancient sages to a woman who, like Eve, entered death's kingdom
III.	O luctus! Ach meror! He planctus, qui in muliere edificati sunt!	O grief! Ah sorrow! Alas, the suffering, built in the woman!
	O aurora, hec abluisti in forma prime coste.	O dawn, you washed it away As light erases darkness.
IV.	O feminea forma, soror Sapientie, quam gloriosa es, quoniam fortissima vita in te surrexit, quam mors nunquam suffocabit.	O feminine form, sister of wisdom, the power of life triumphs through you and death will never prevail.
V.	Te Sapientia erexit, ita quod omnes creature per te ornate sunt, in meliorem partem quam in primo acciperent.	Wisdom exalts you so that all creatures become better through you than in the beginning.

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scored for
flute, clarinet, guitar, viola, and alto

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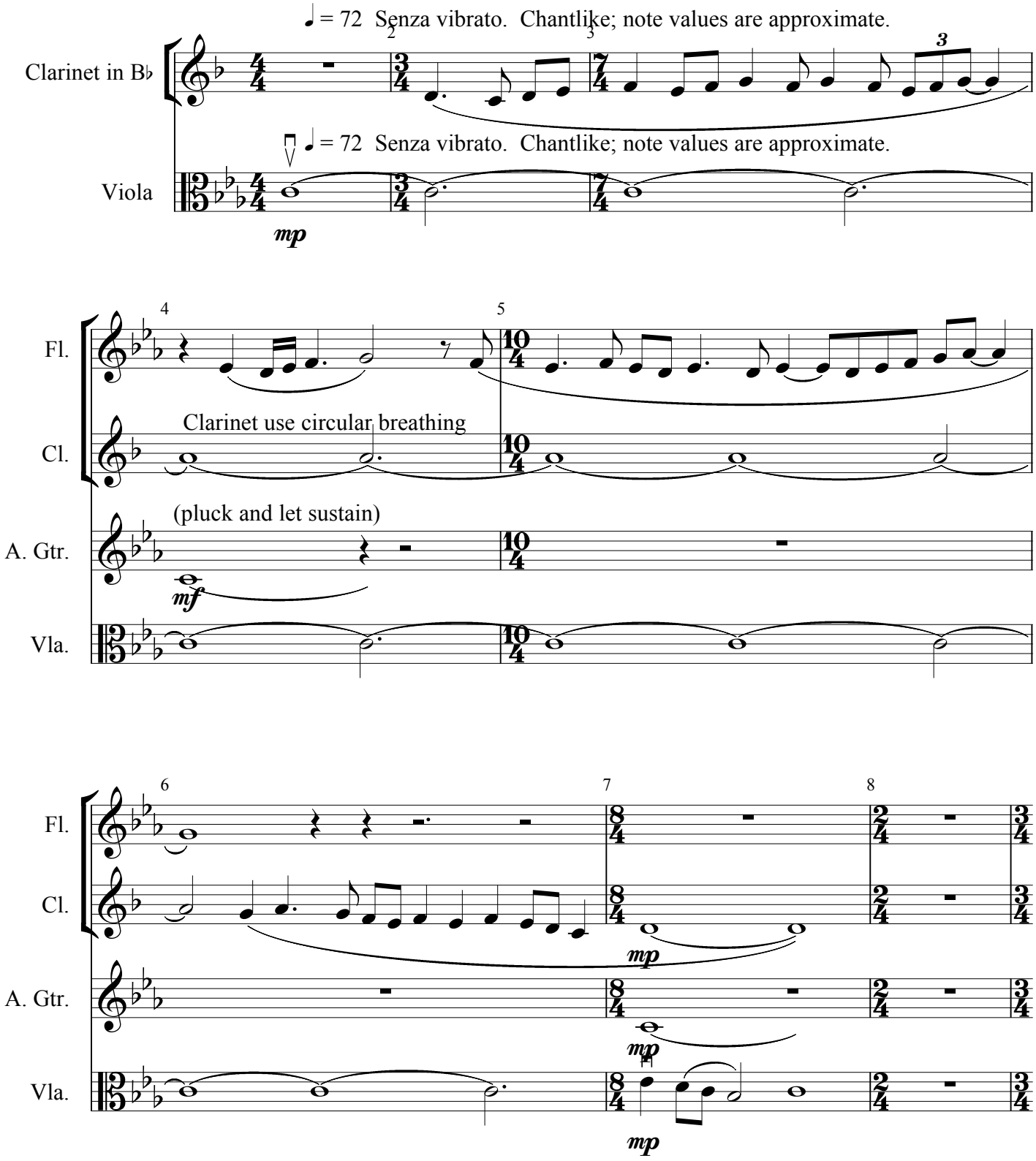

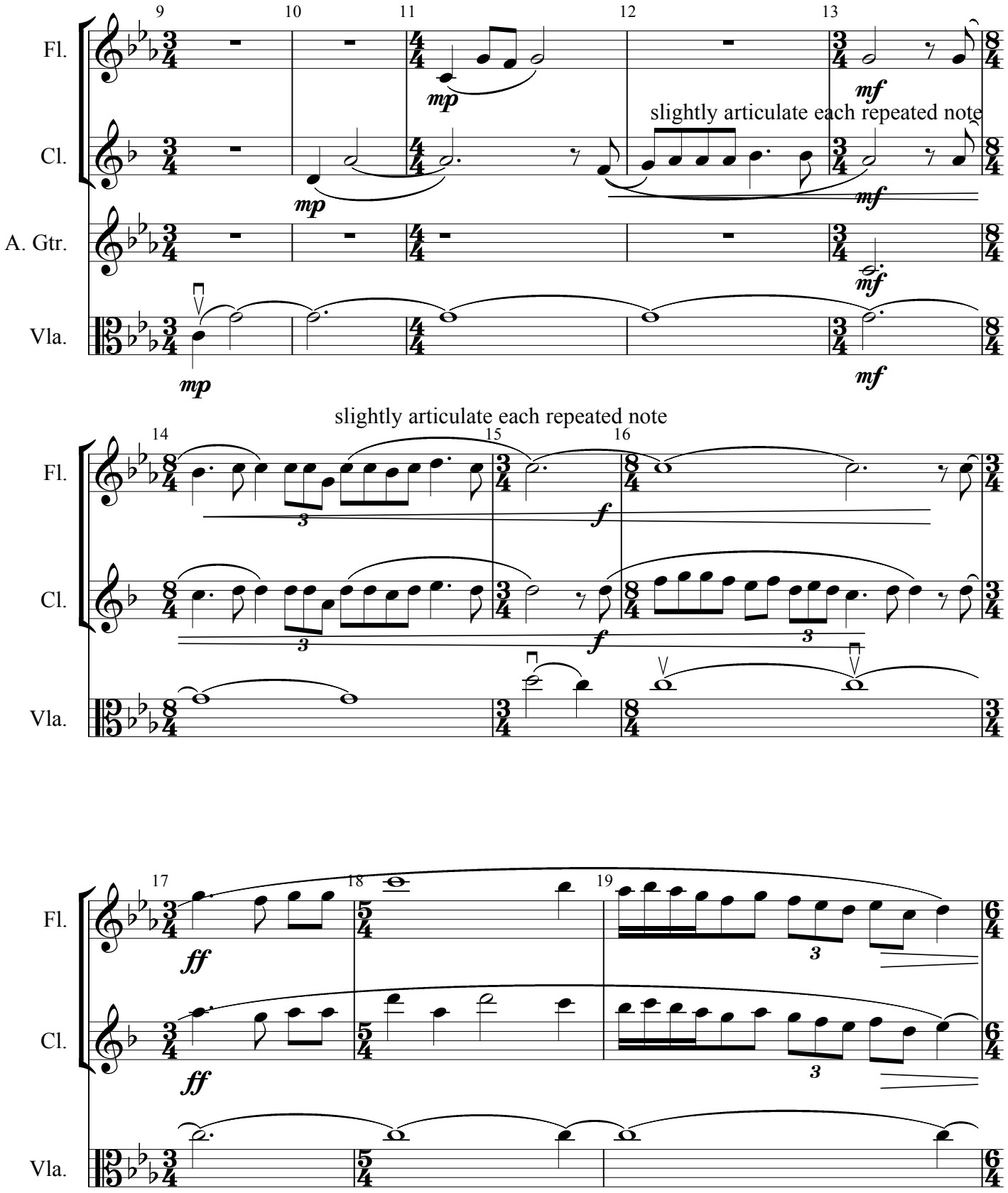
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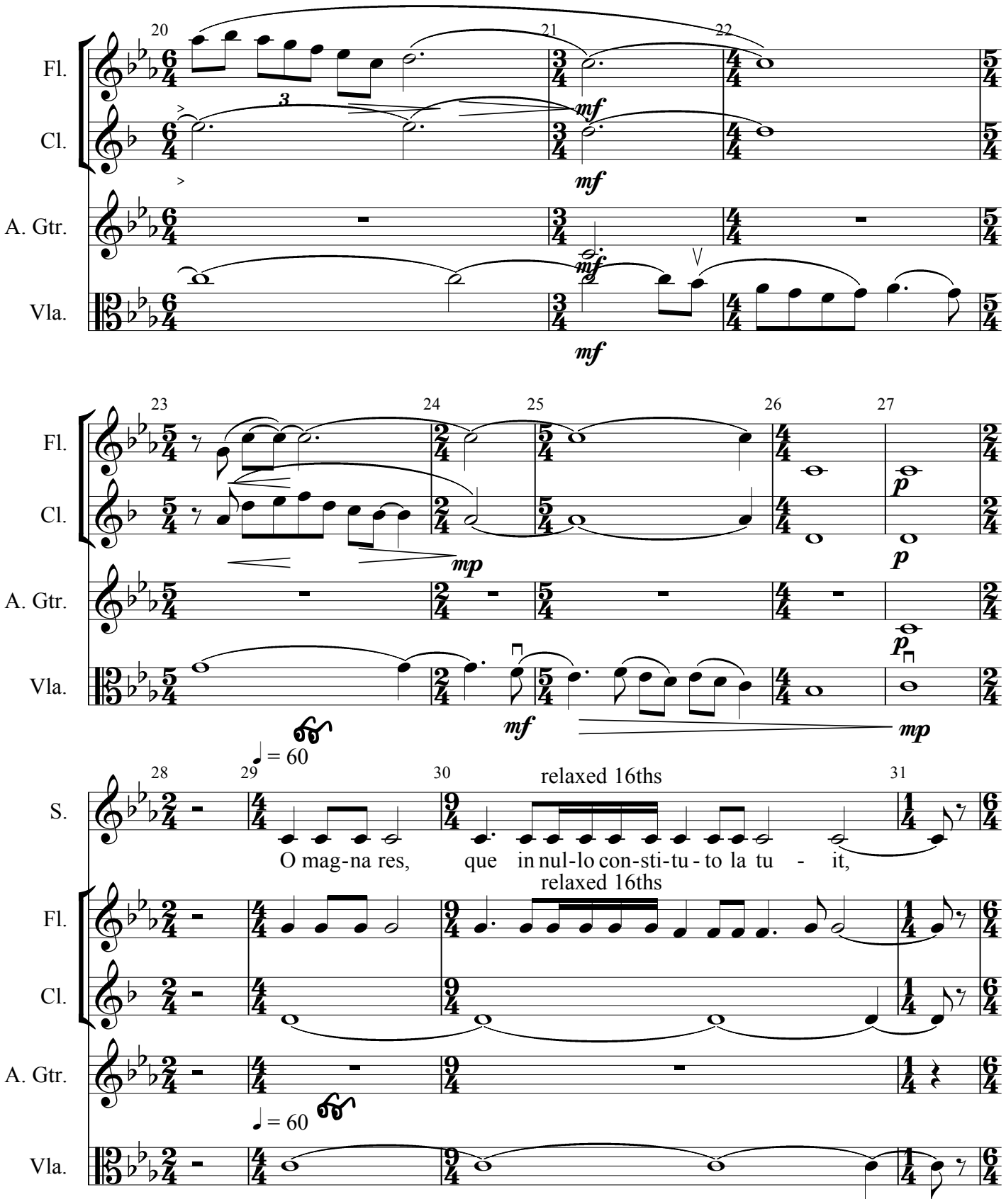
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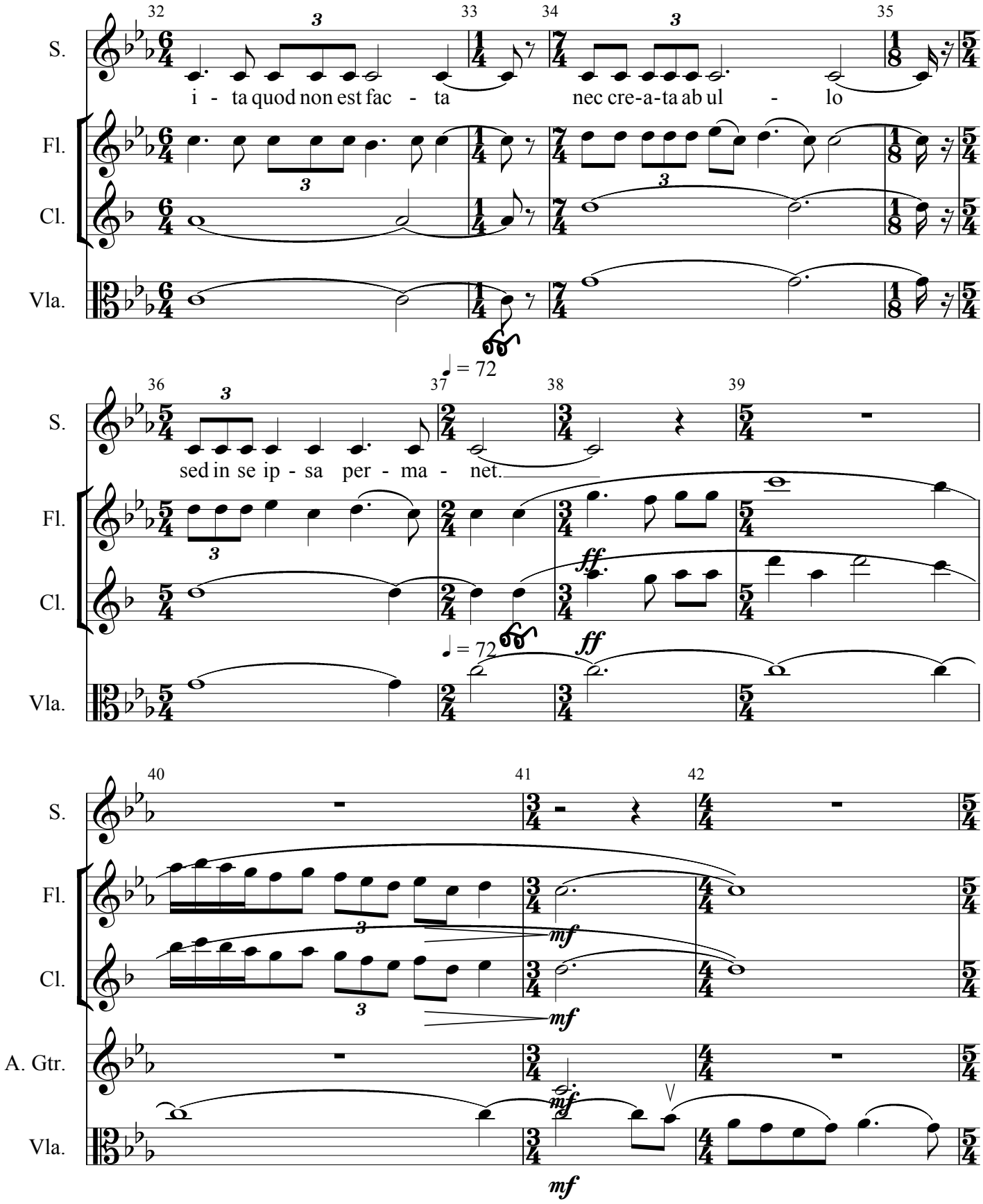
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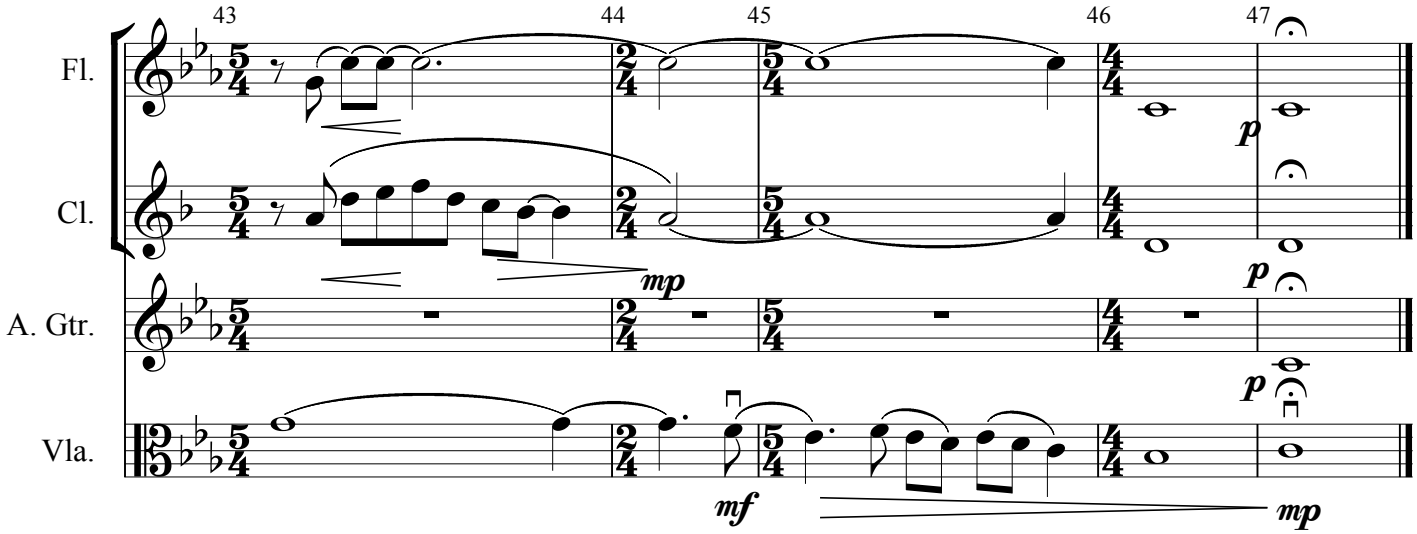
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O magna res II. O vita

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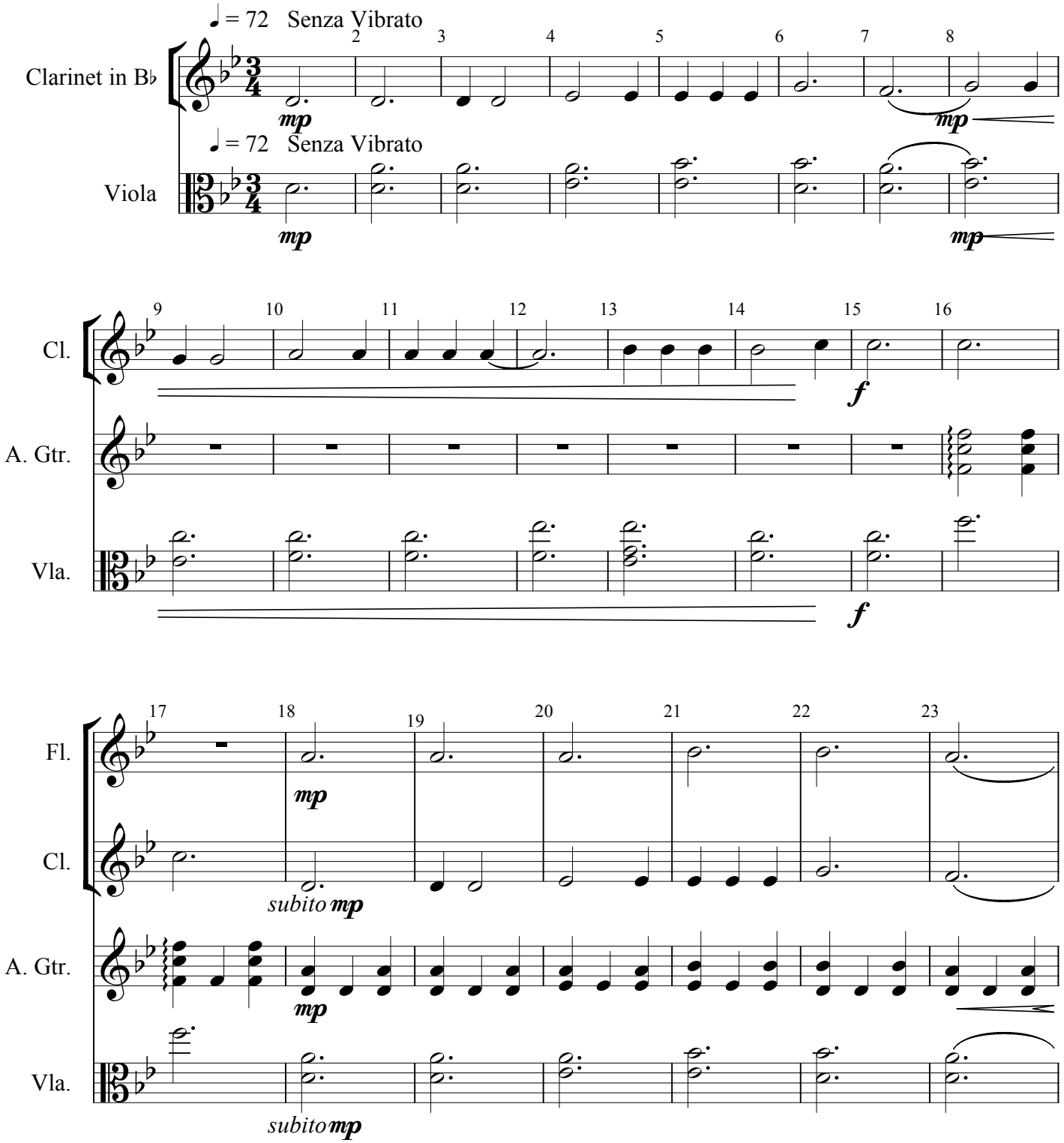

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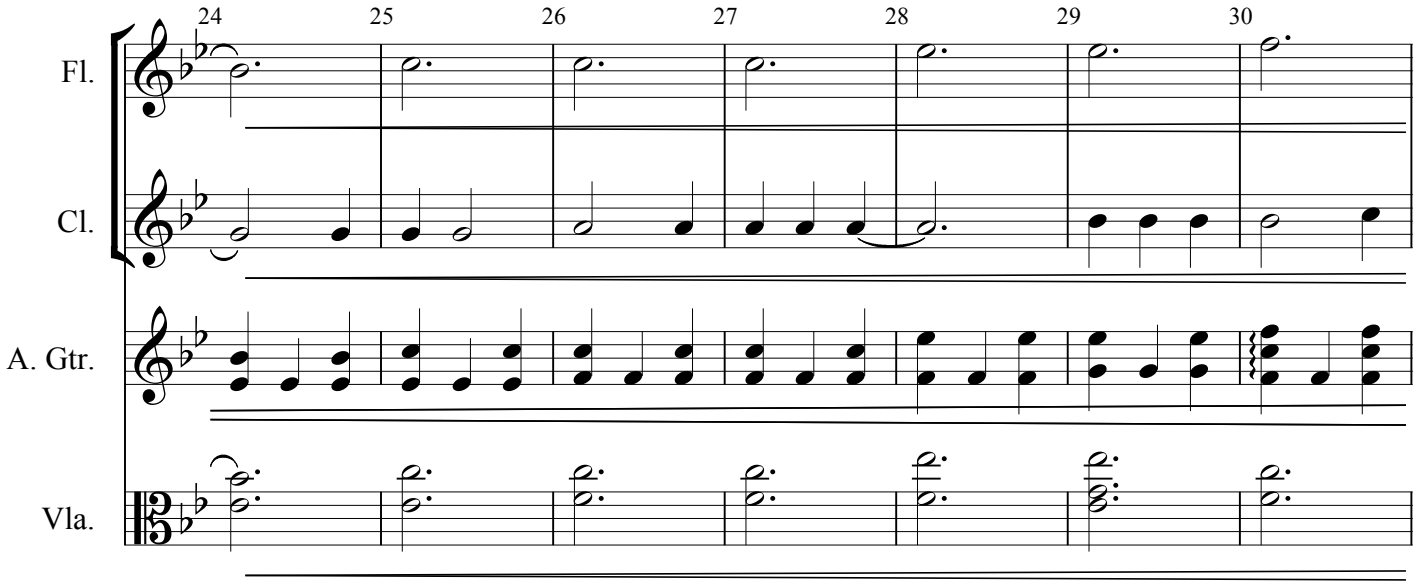

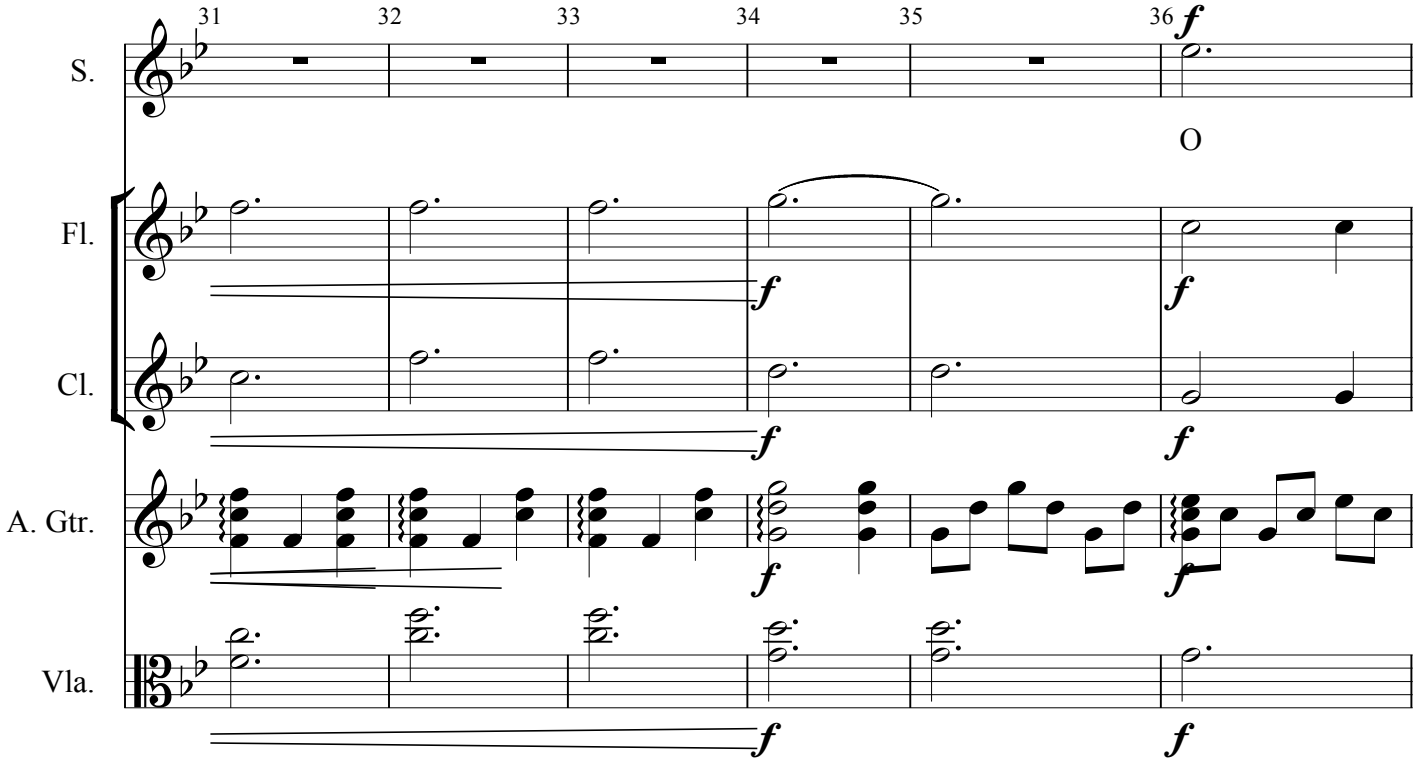

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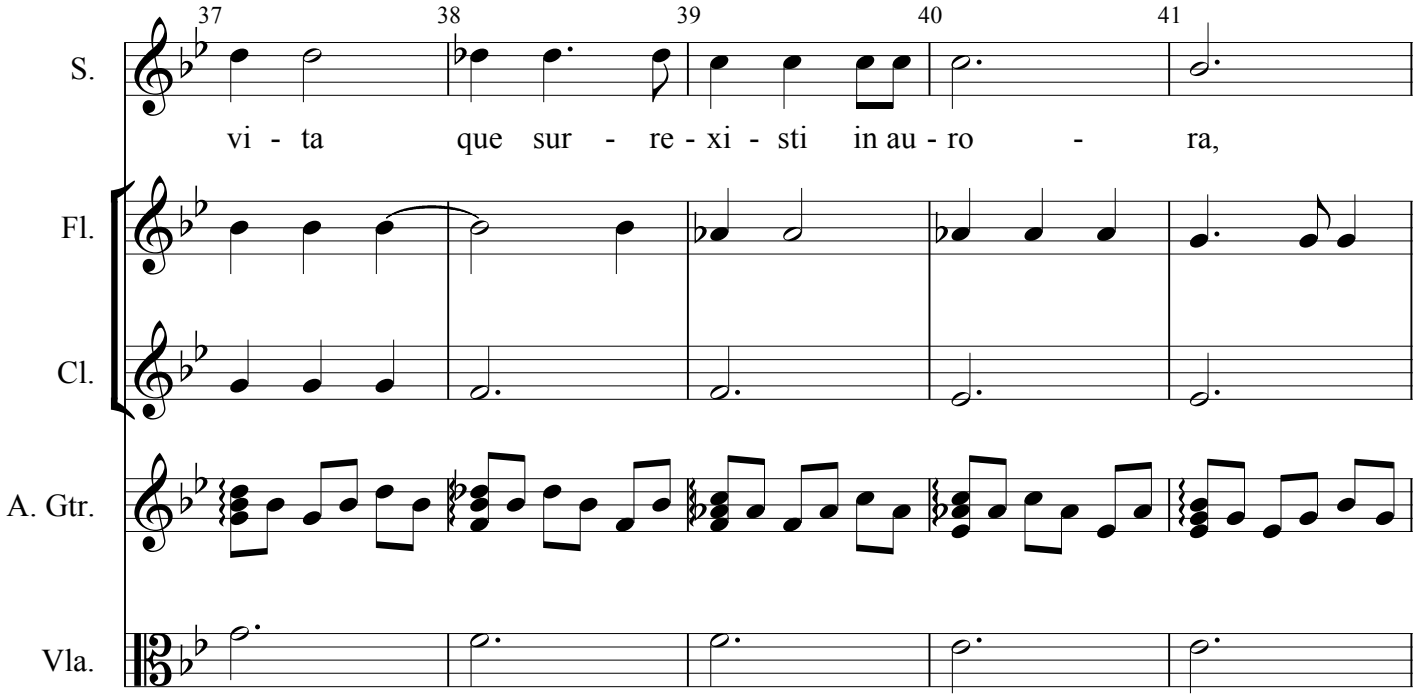

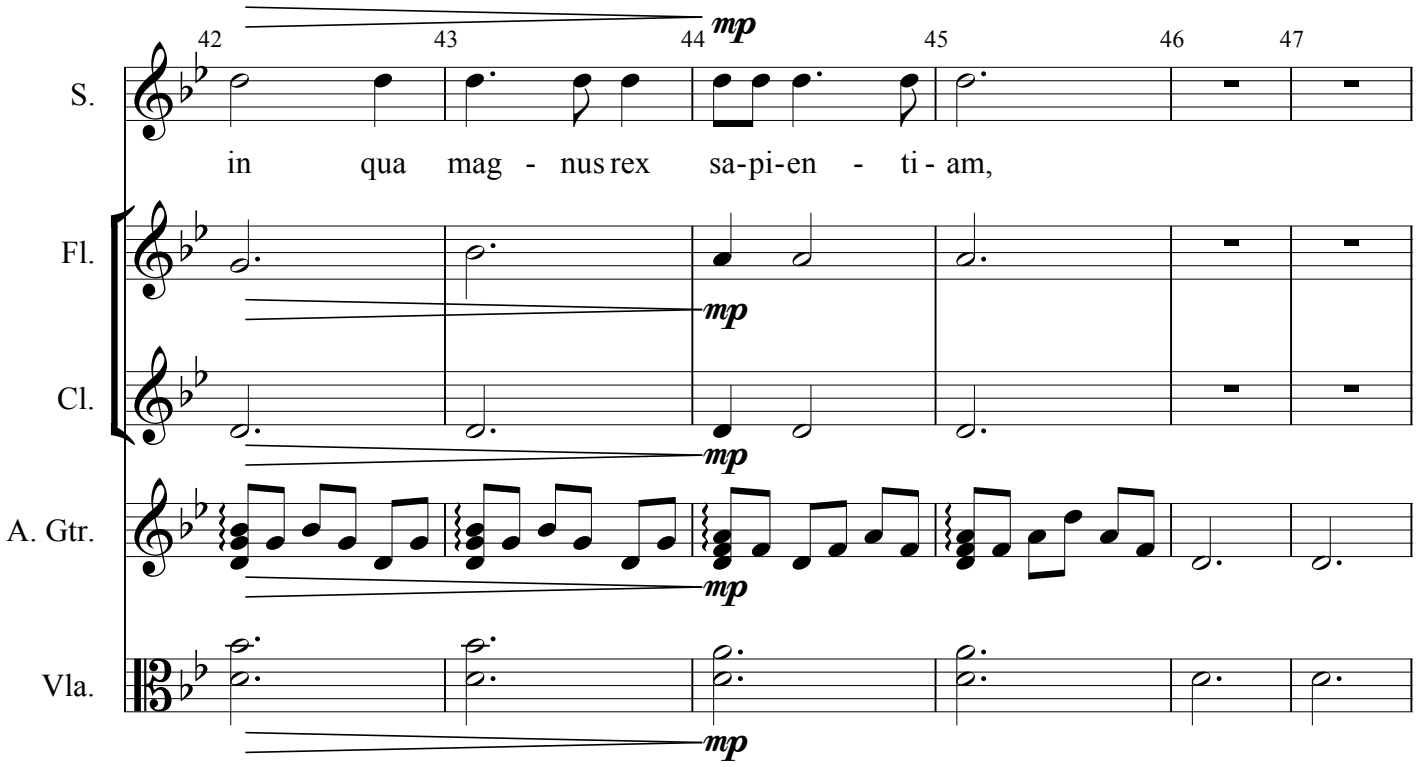

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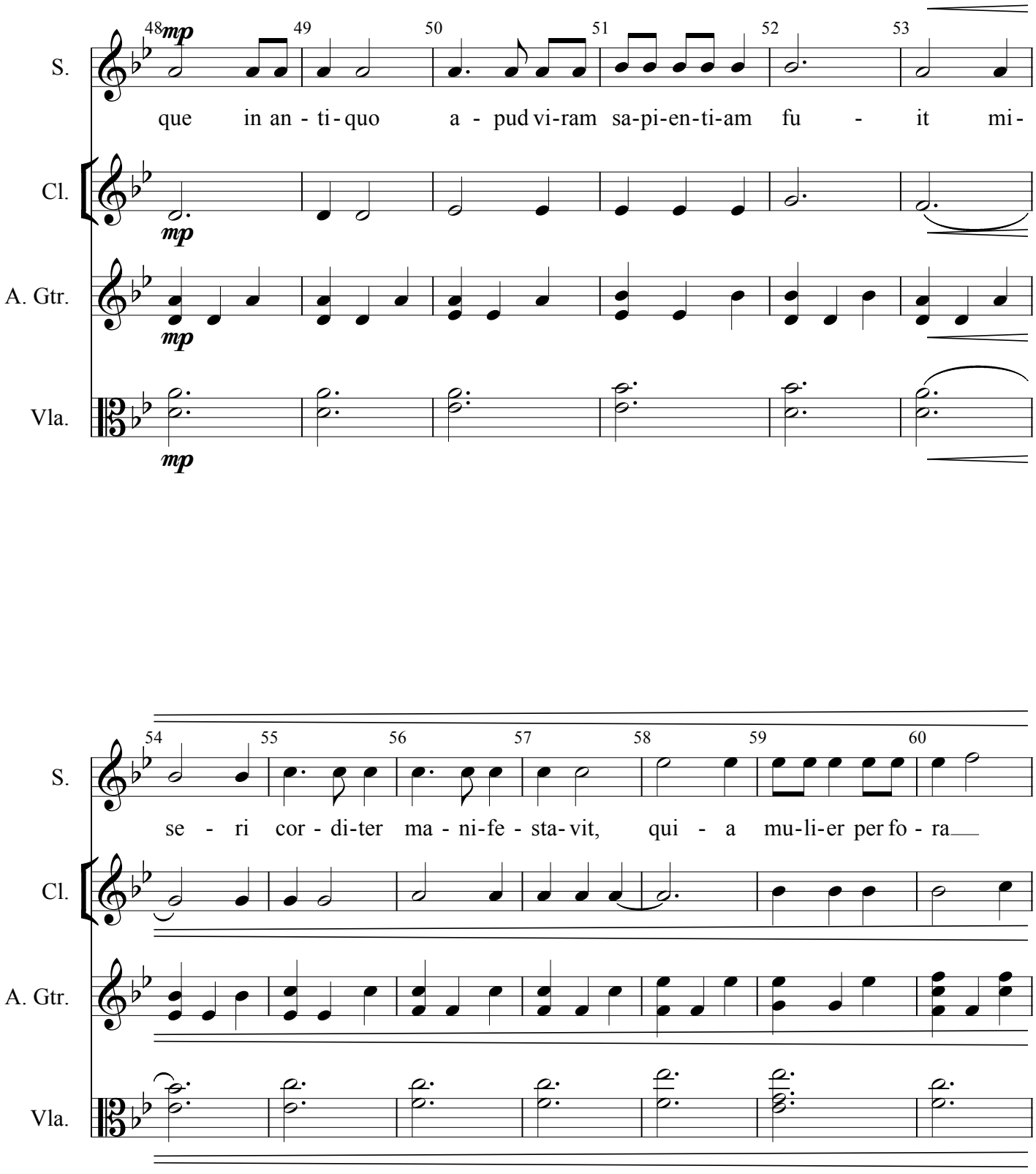

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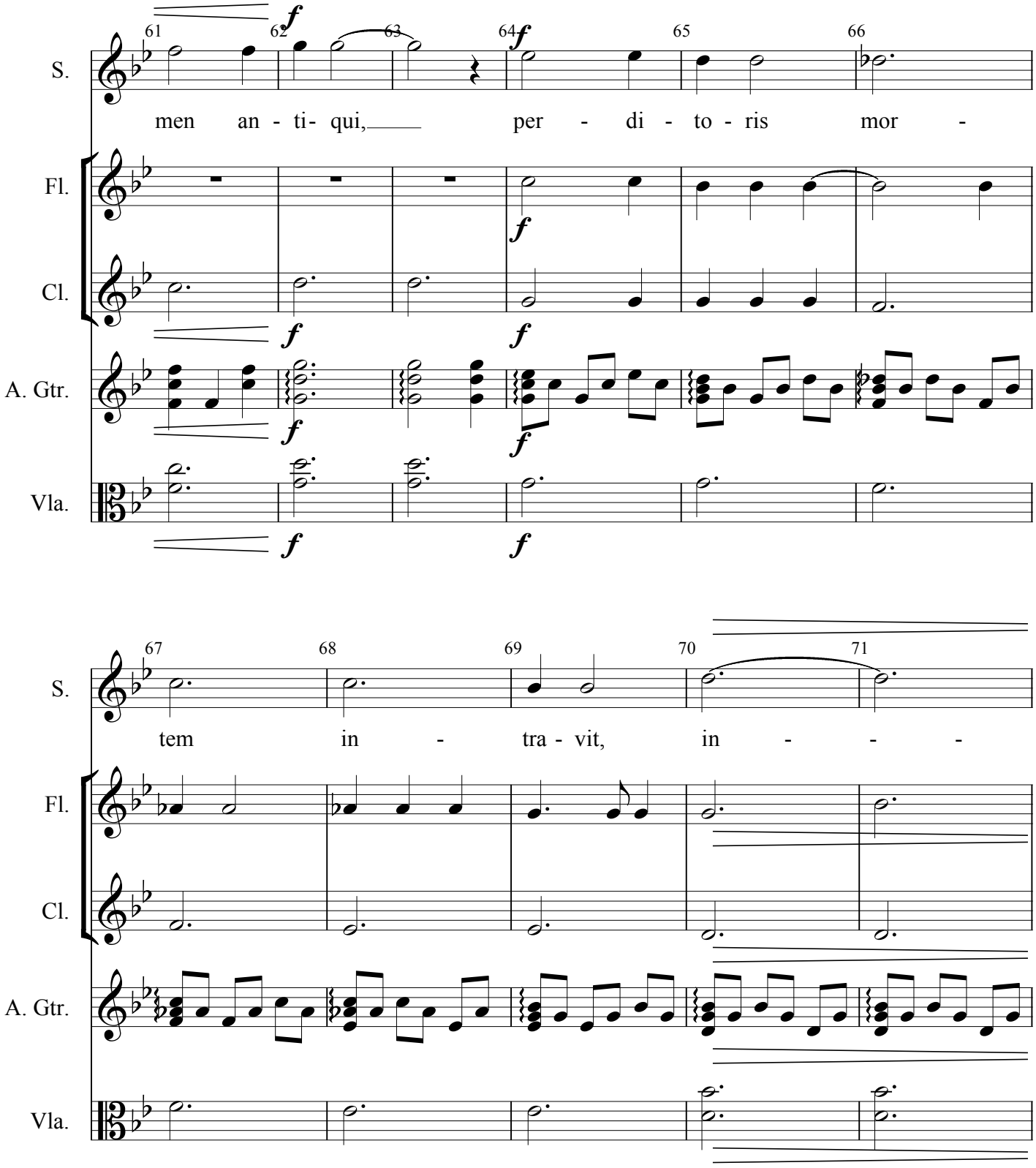

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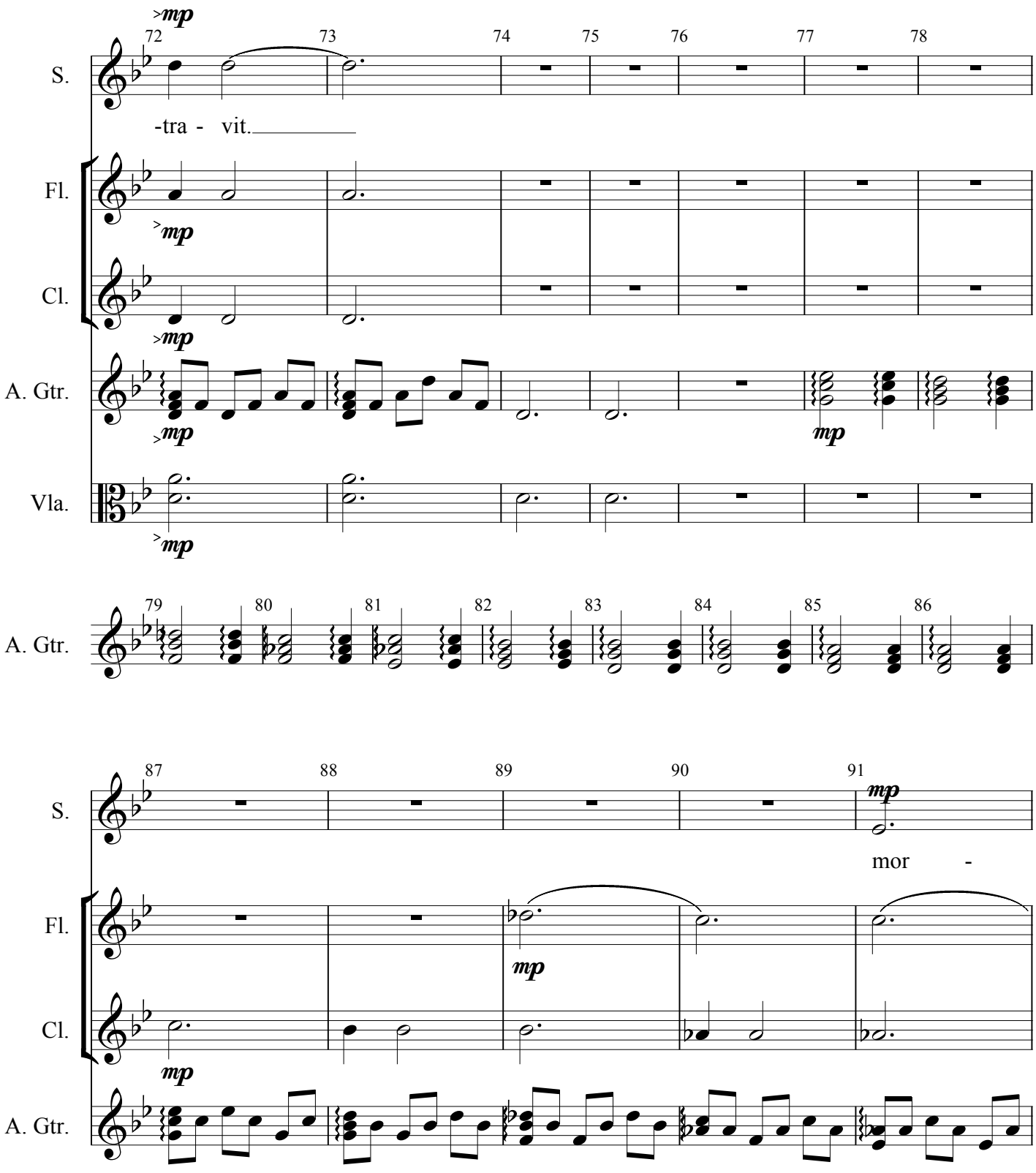

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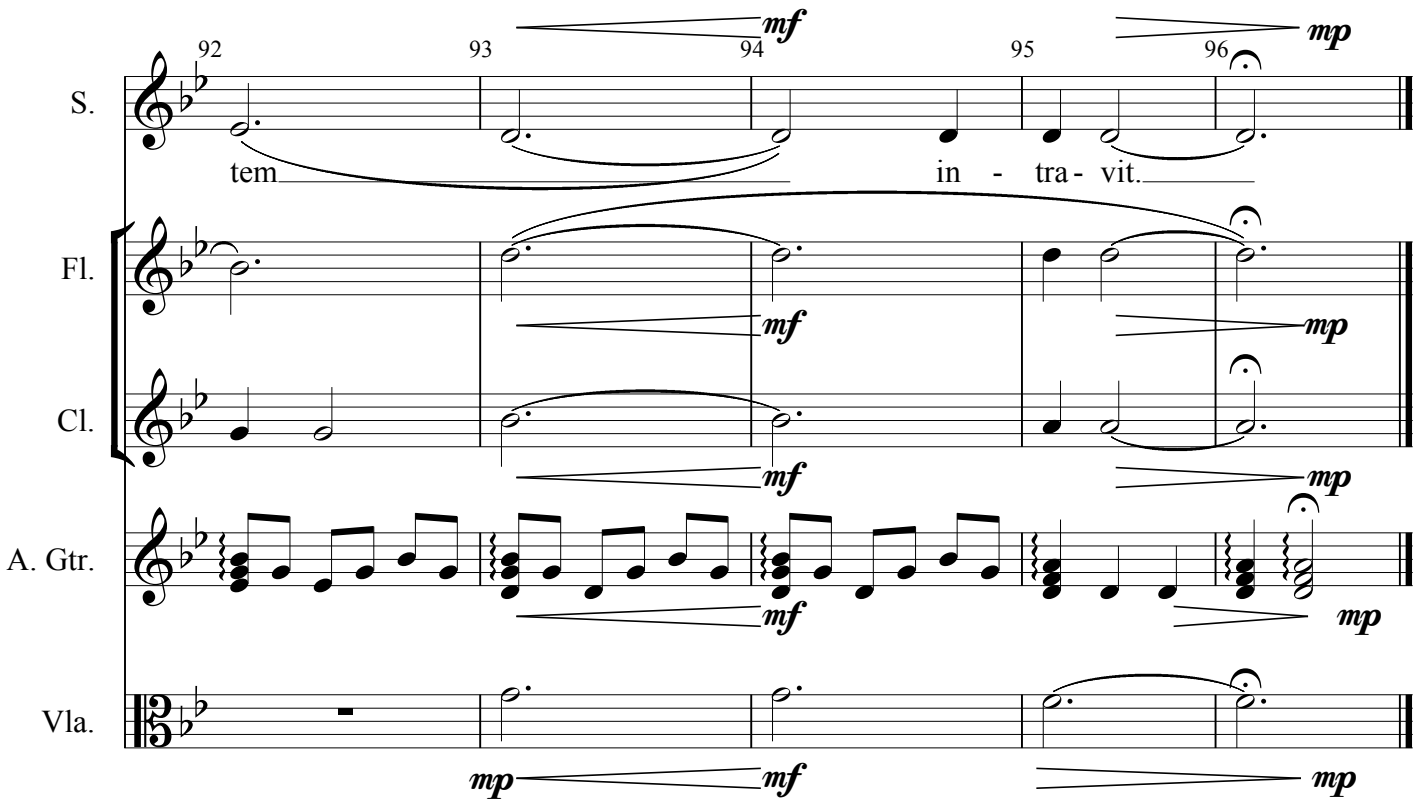

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O magna res III. O luctus

O grief! Ah sorrow! Alas, the suffering, built in the woman!
O dawn, you washed it away, as light erases darkness.

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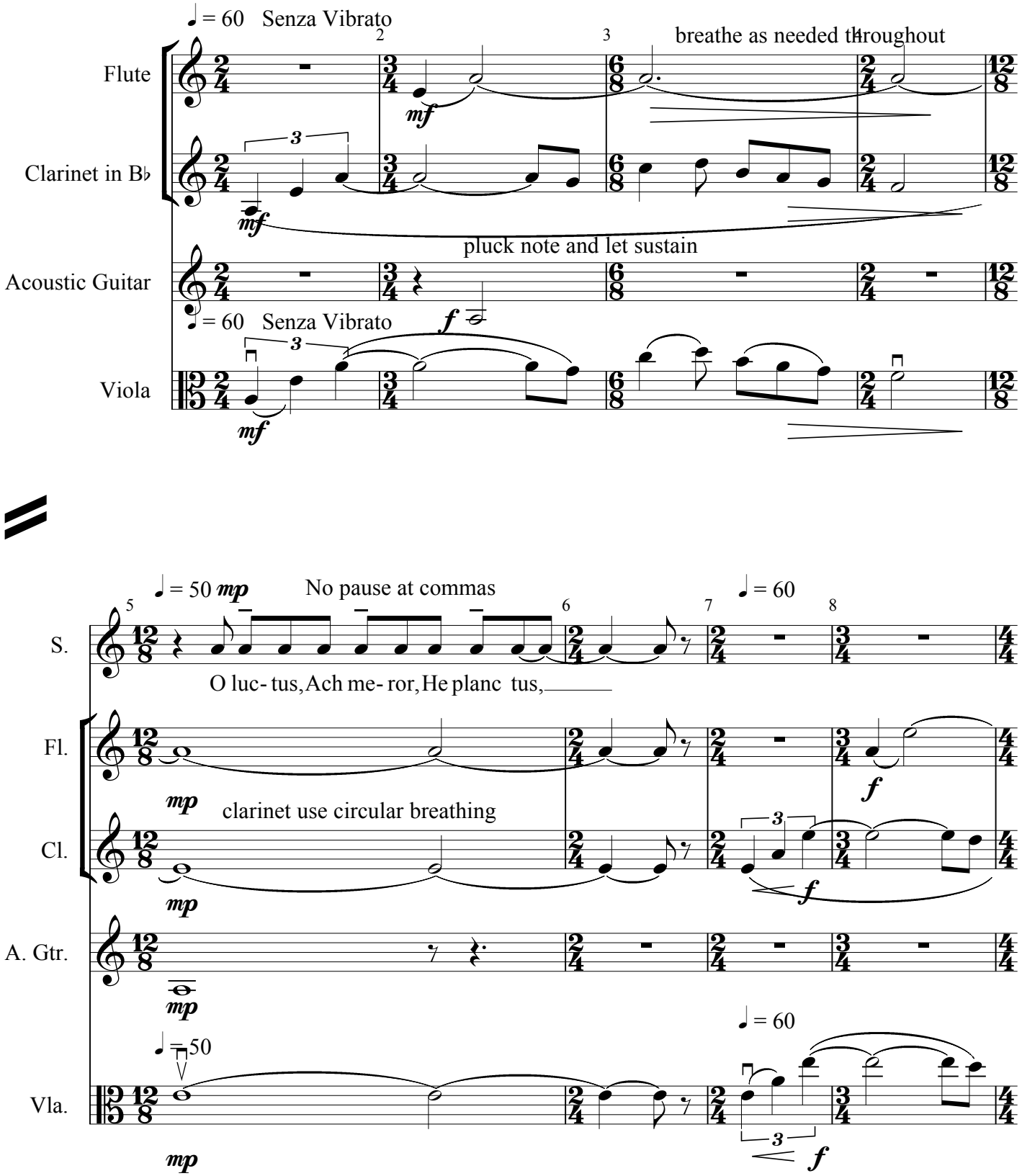

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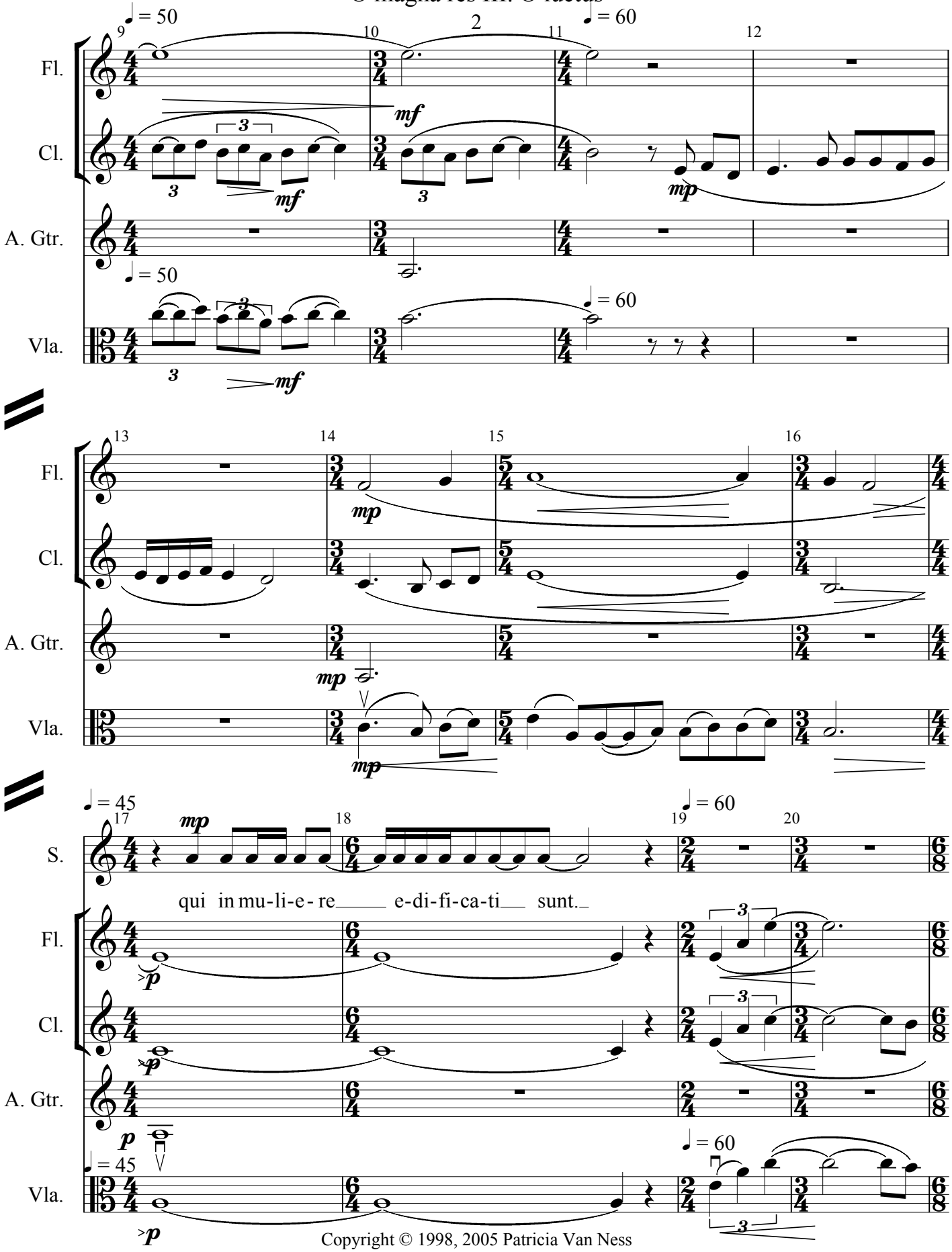

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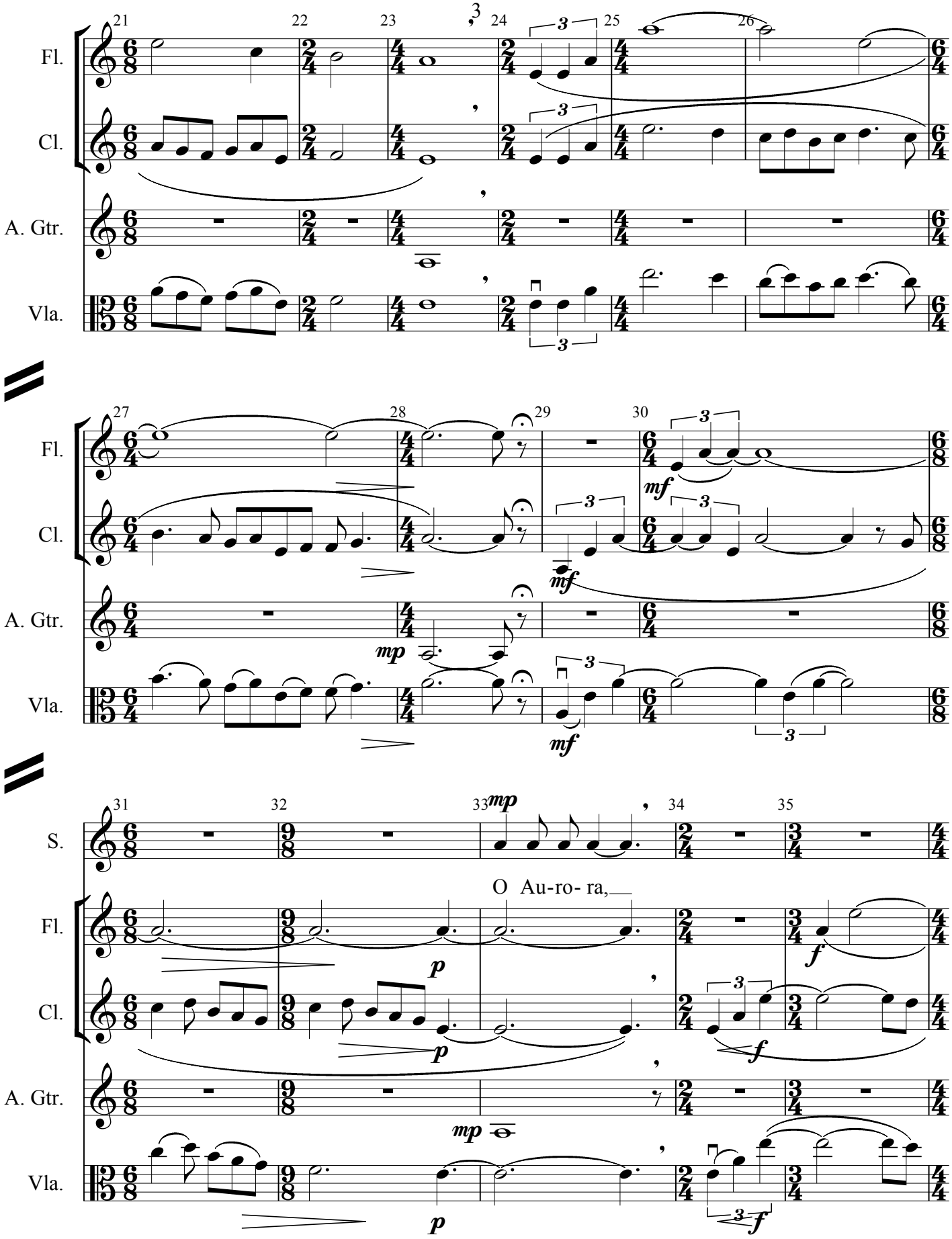

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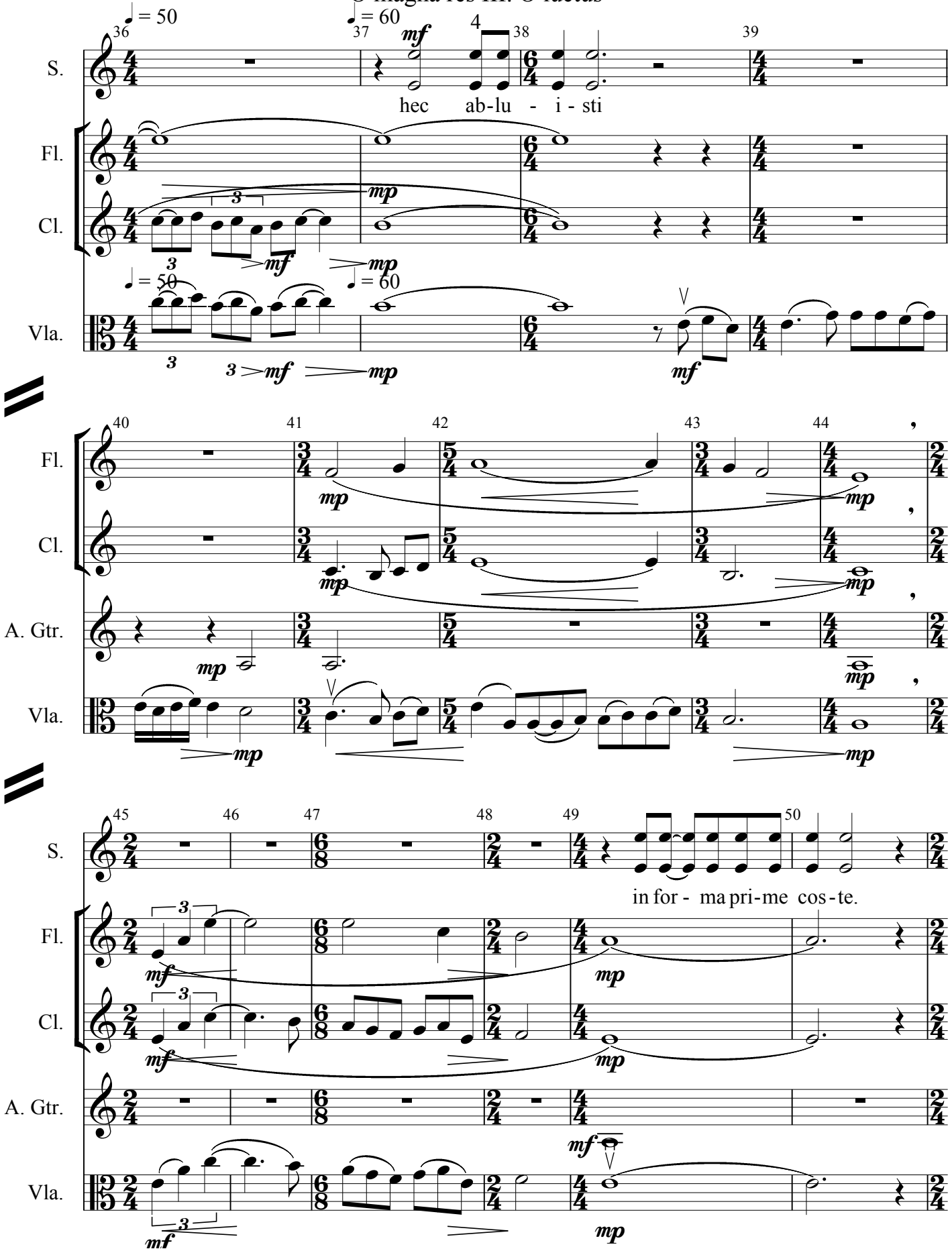

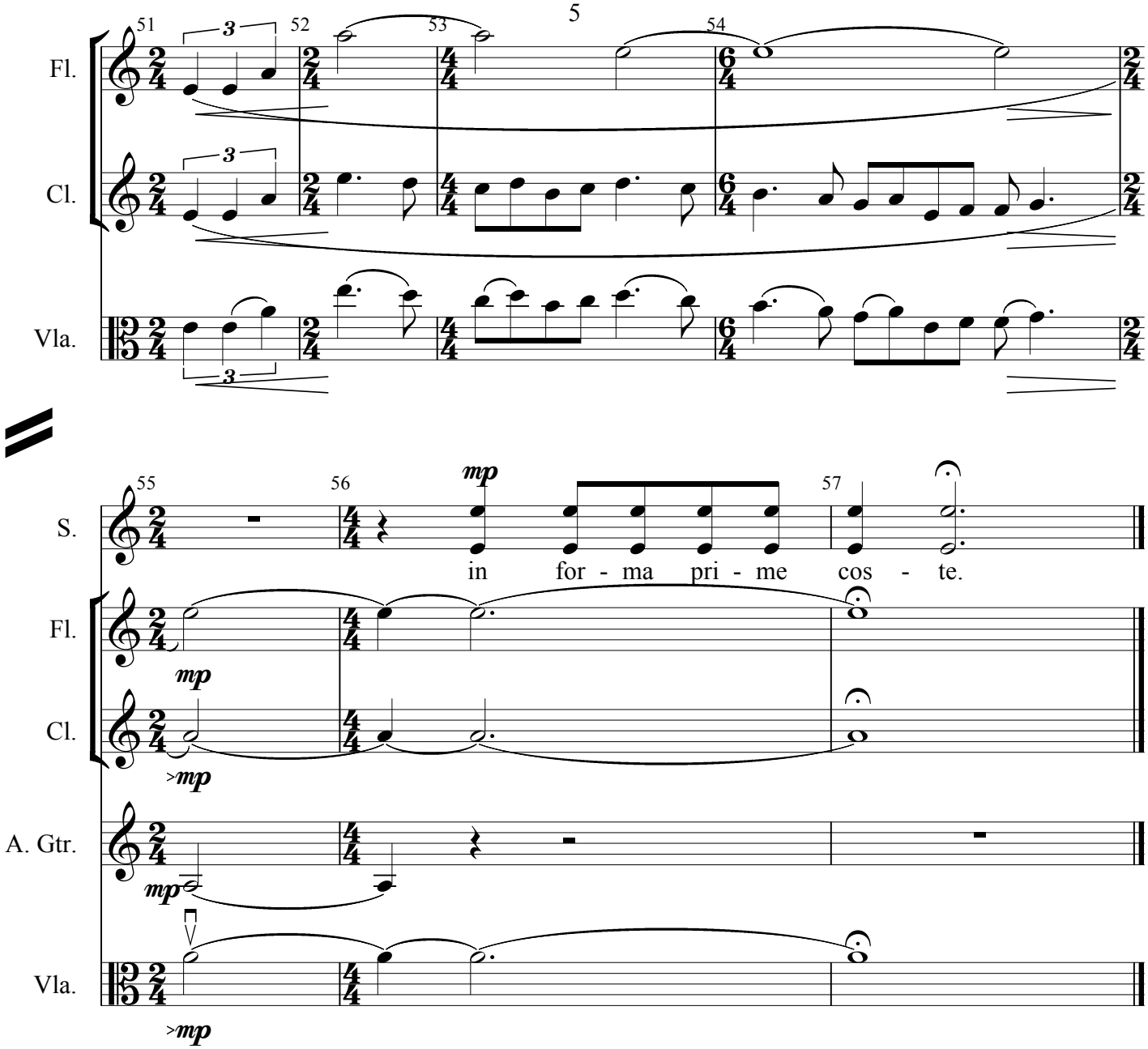

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O magna res IV. O feminea forma

O feminine form, sister of wisdom, the power of life
triumphs through you, and death will never prevail.

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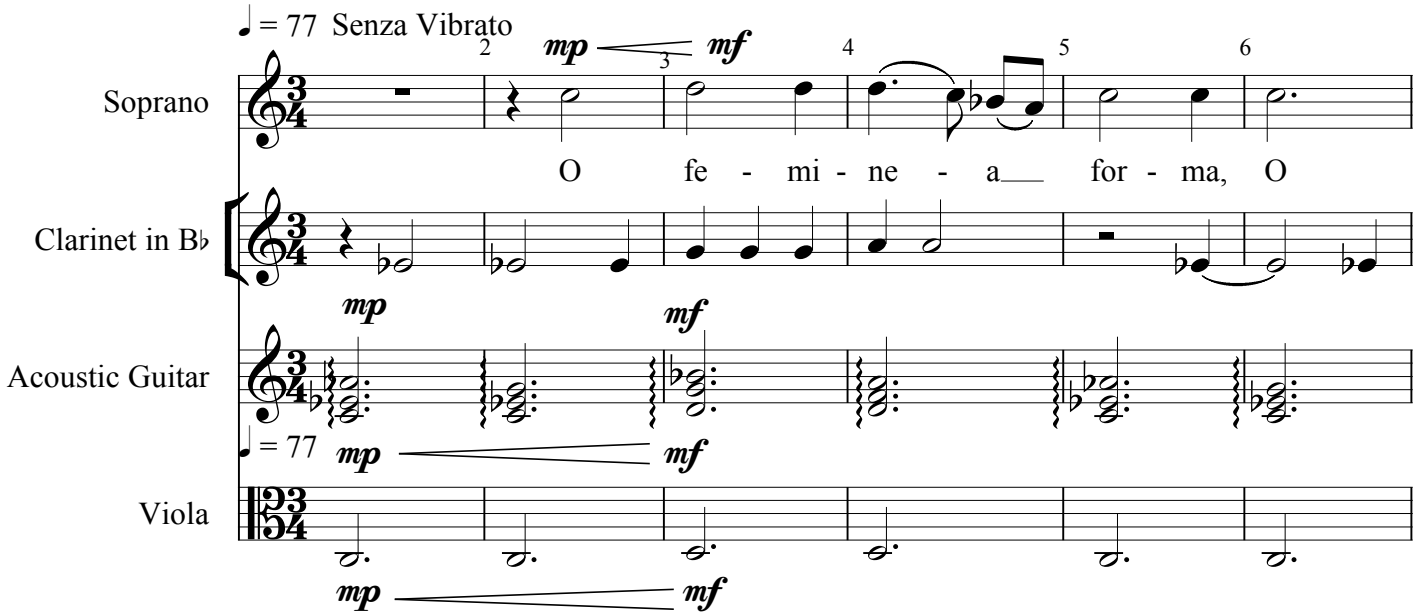

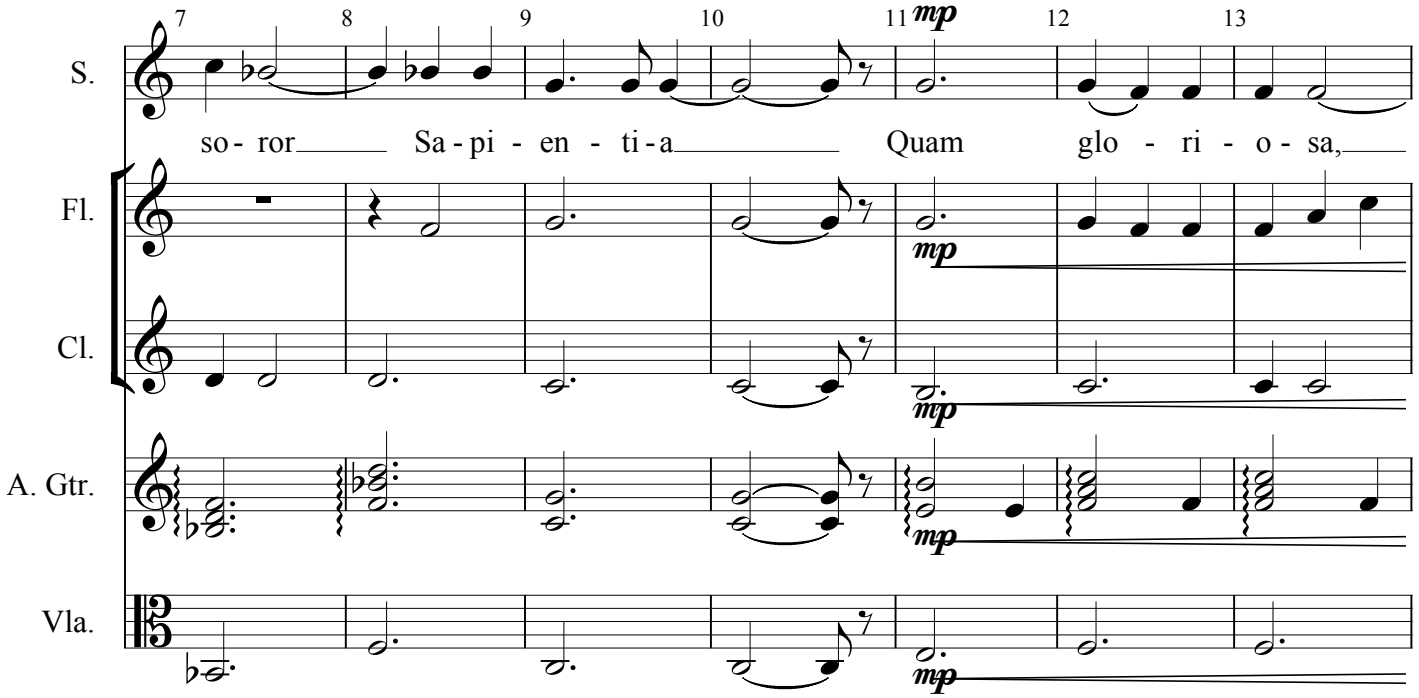

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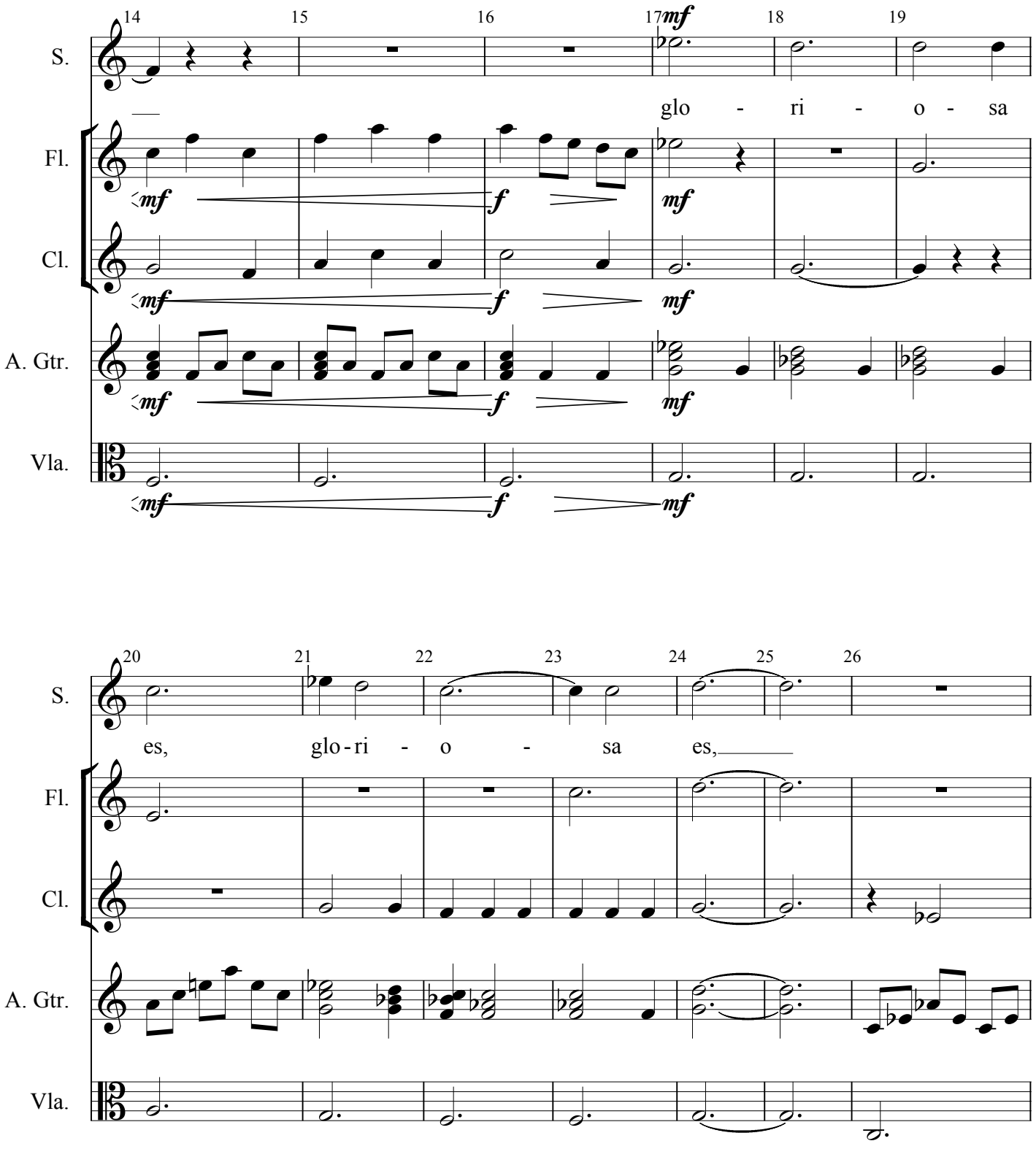

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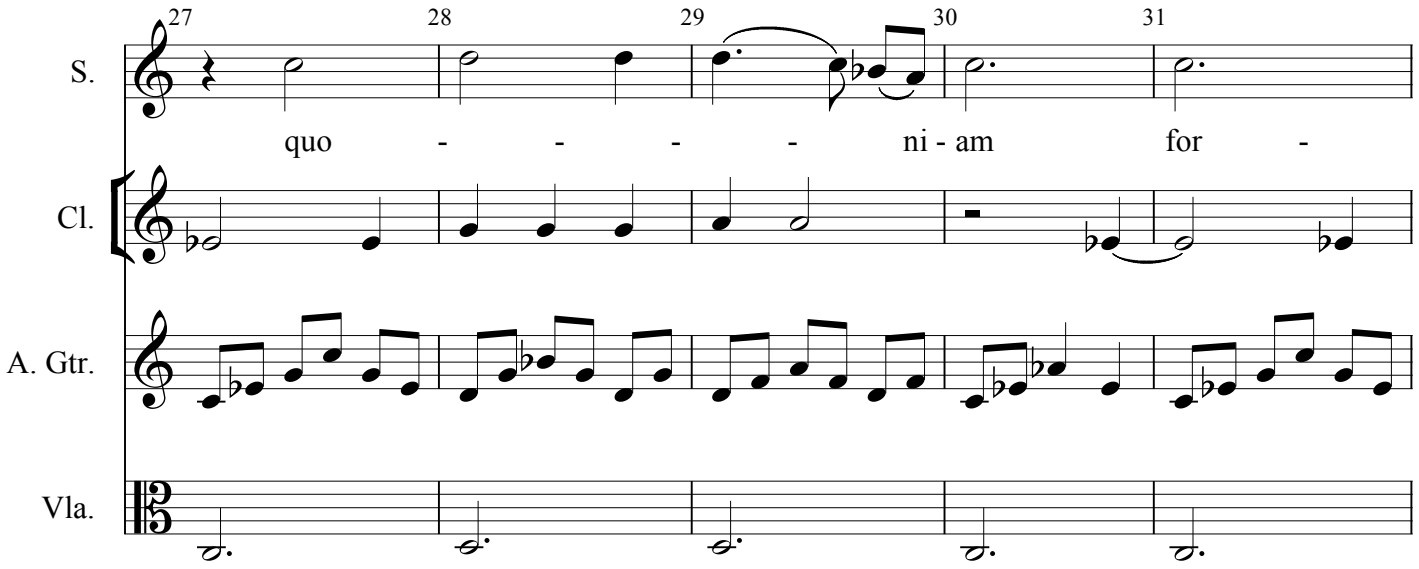

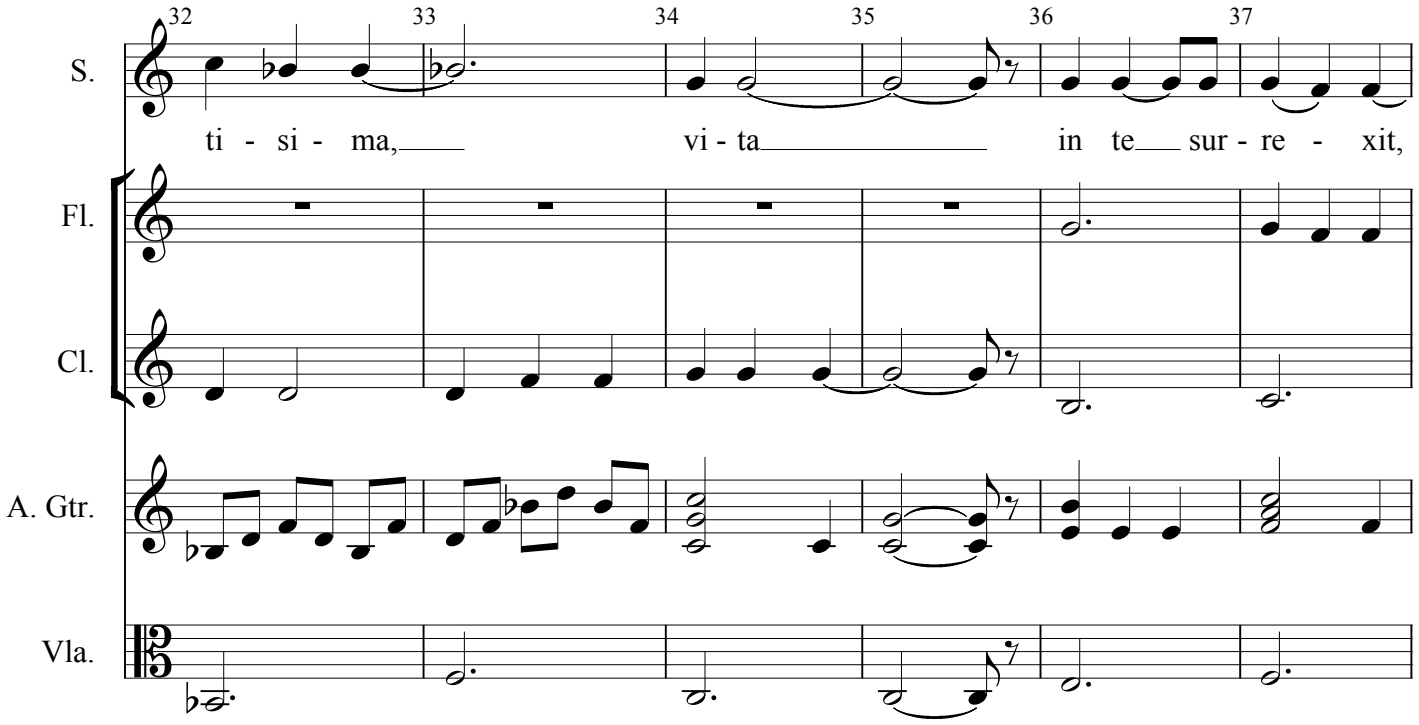

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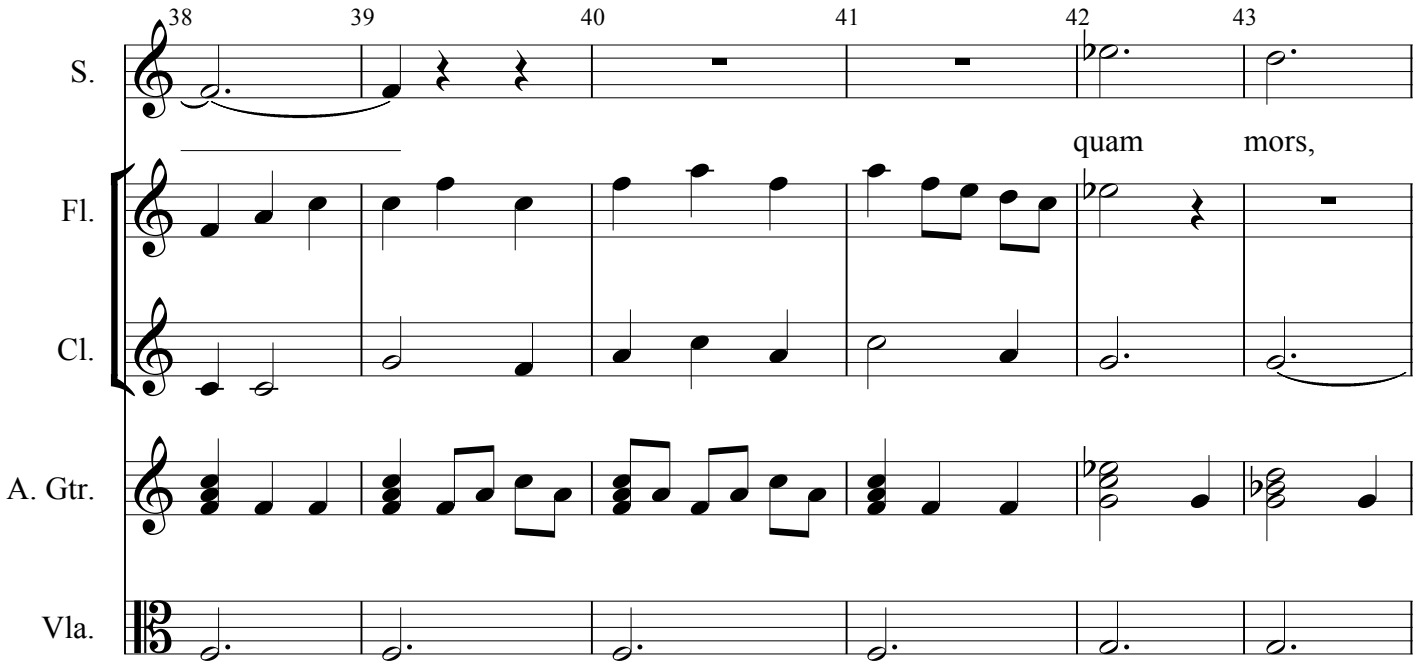

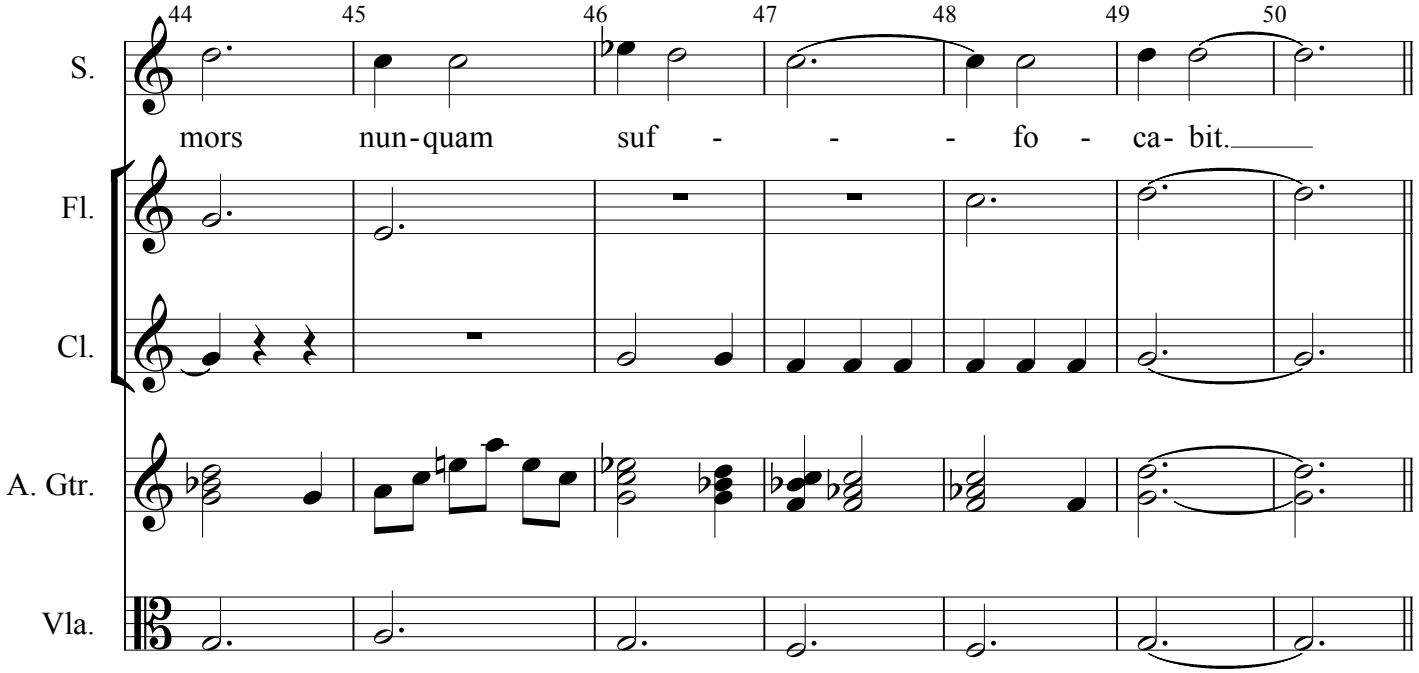

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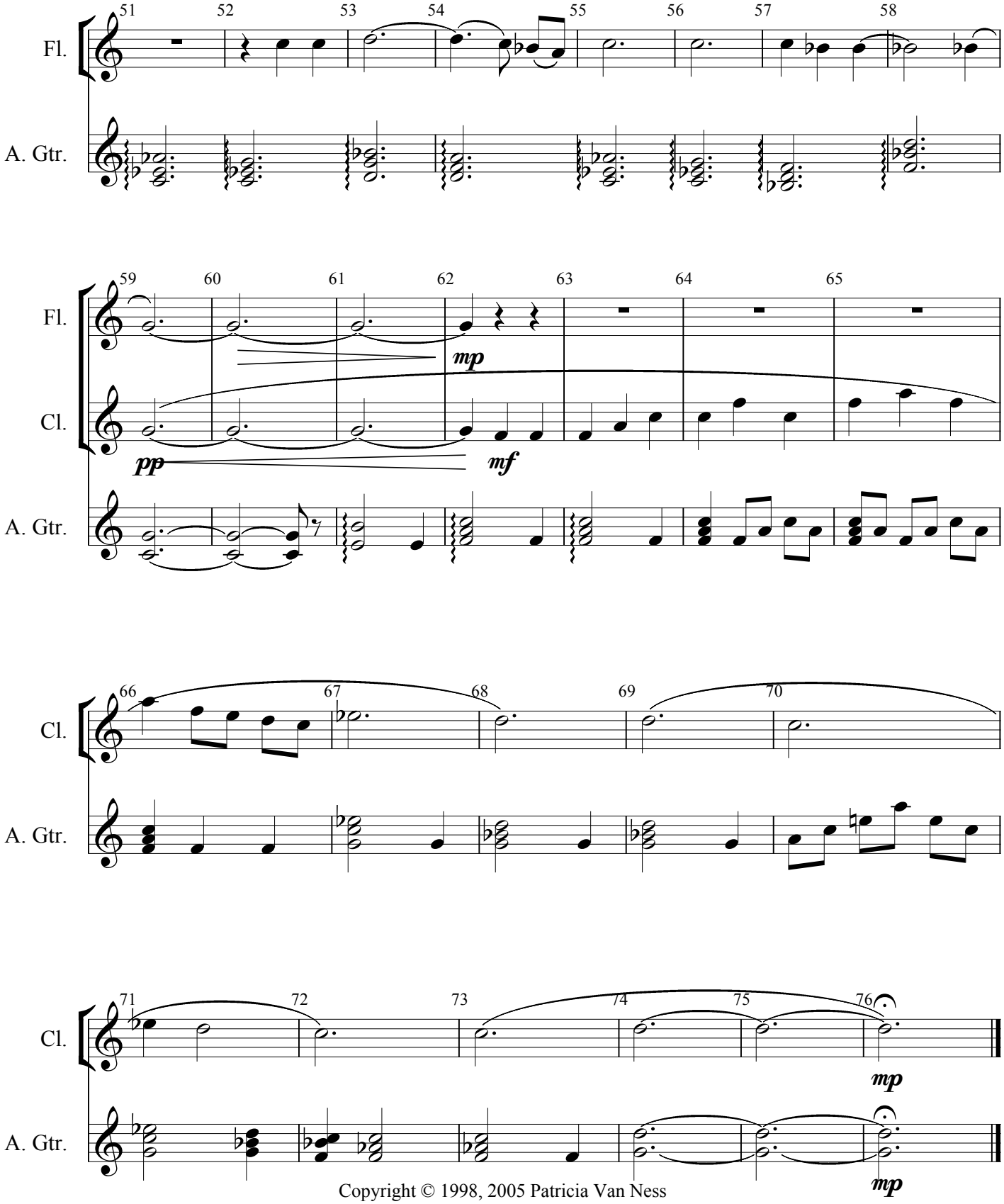

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Wisdom exalts you, so that all creatures become better through you than in the beginning.

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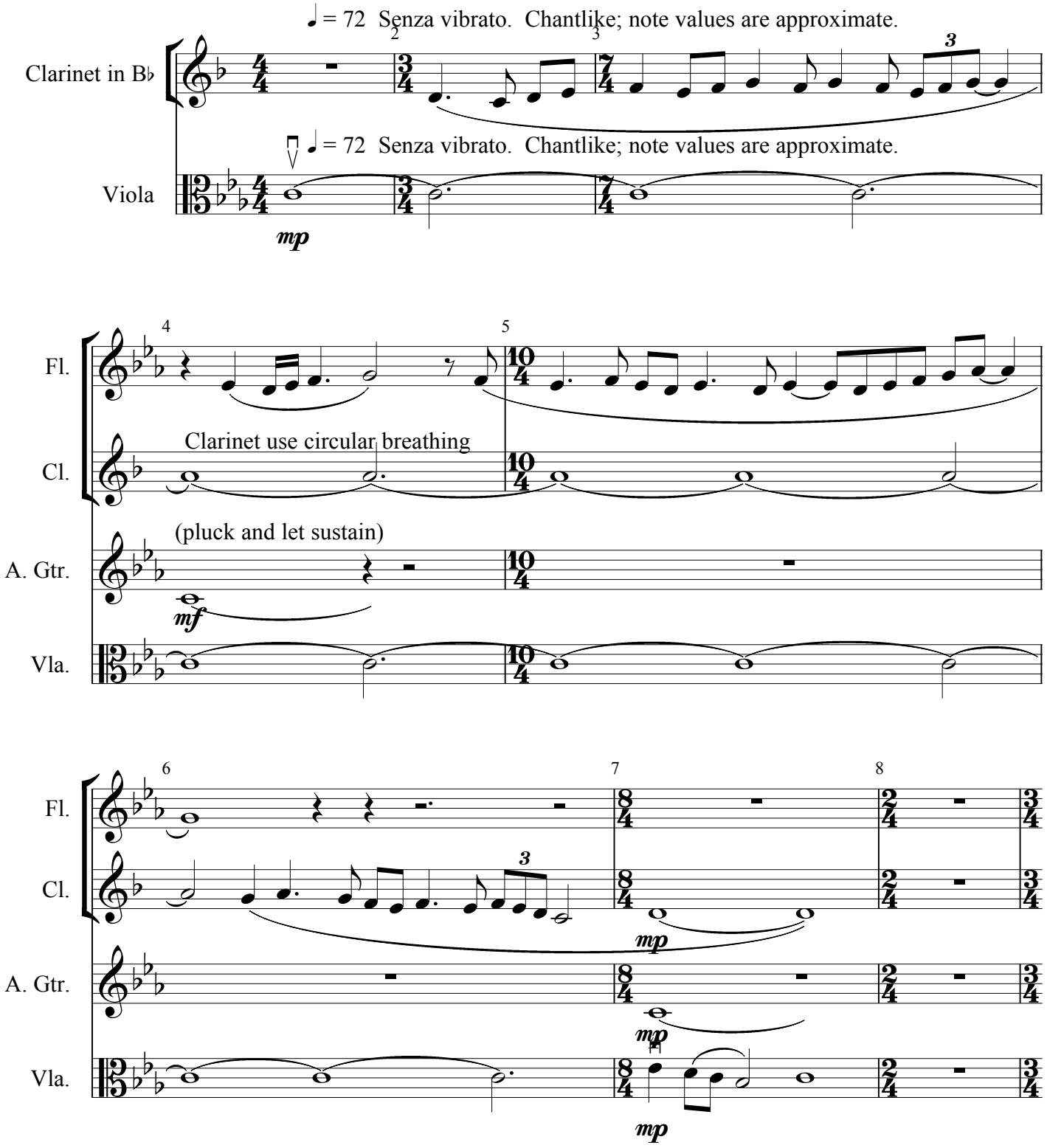

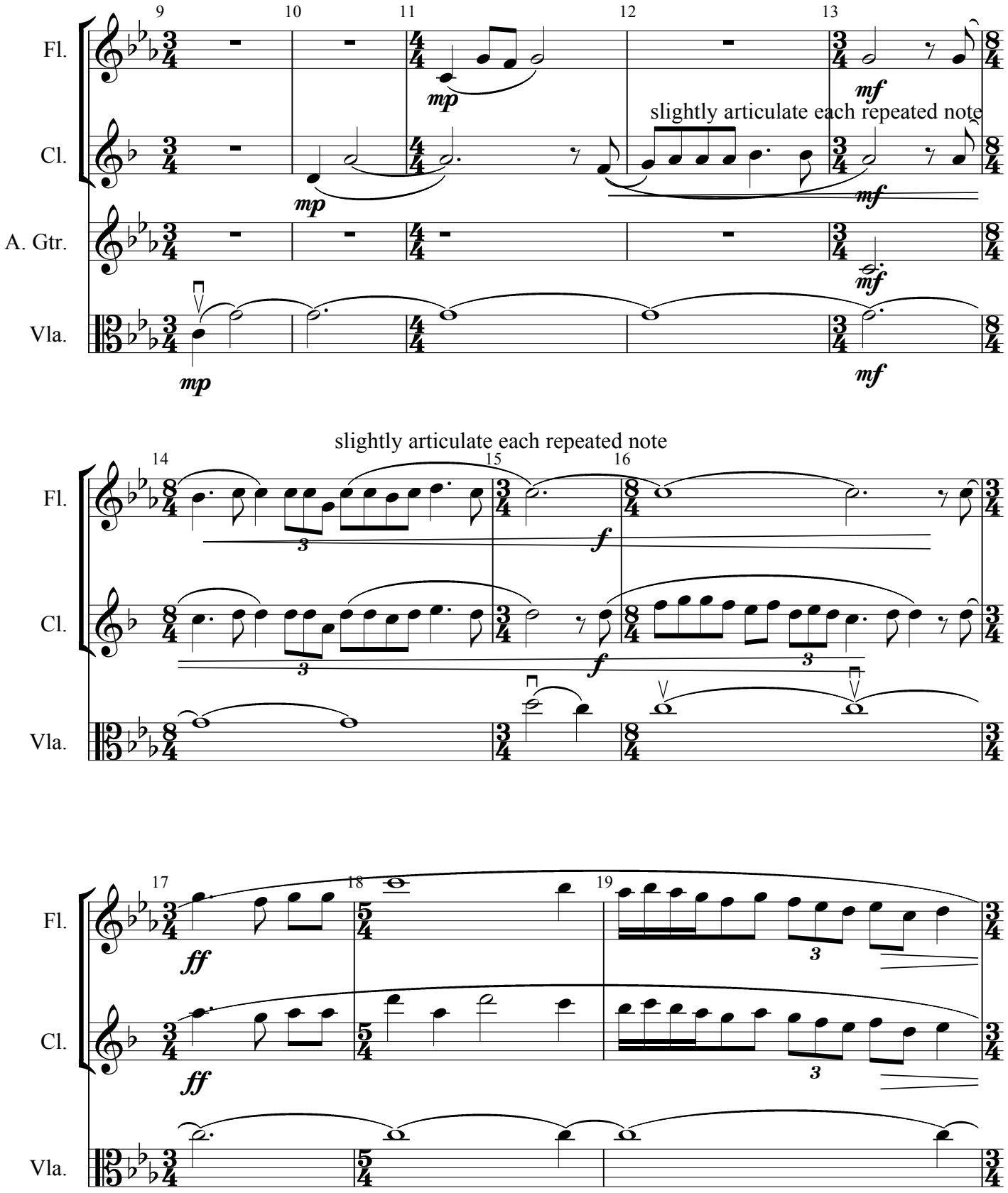
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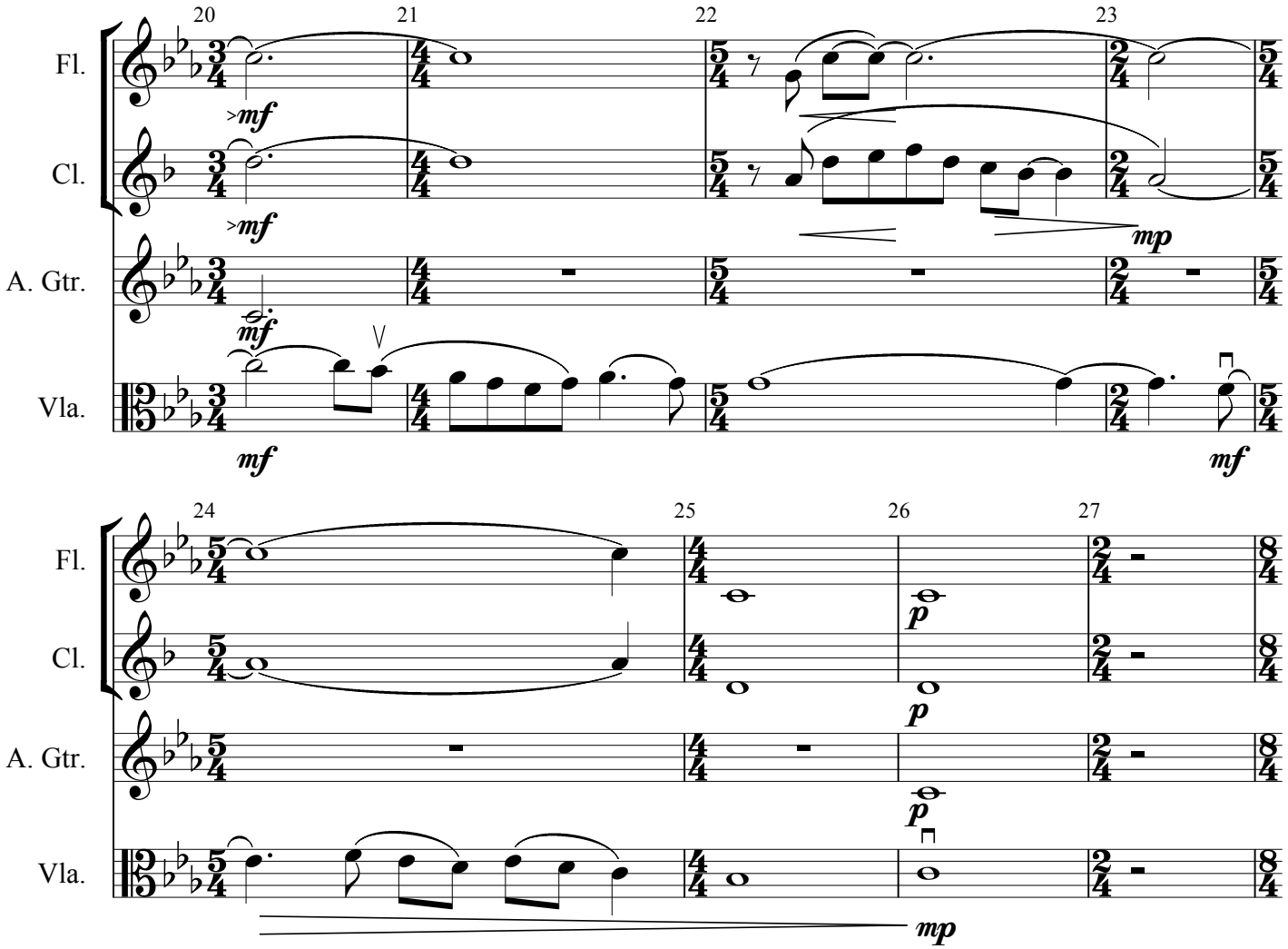
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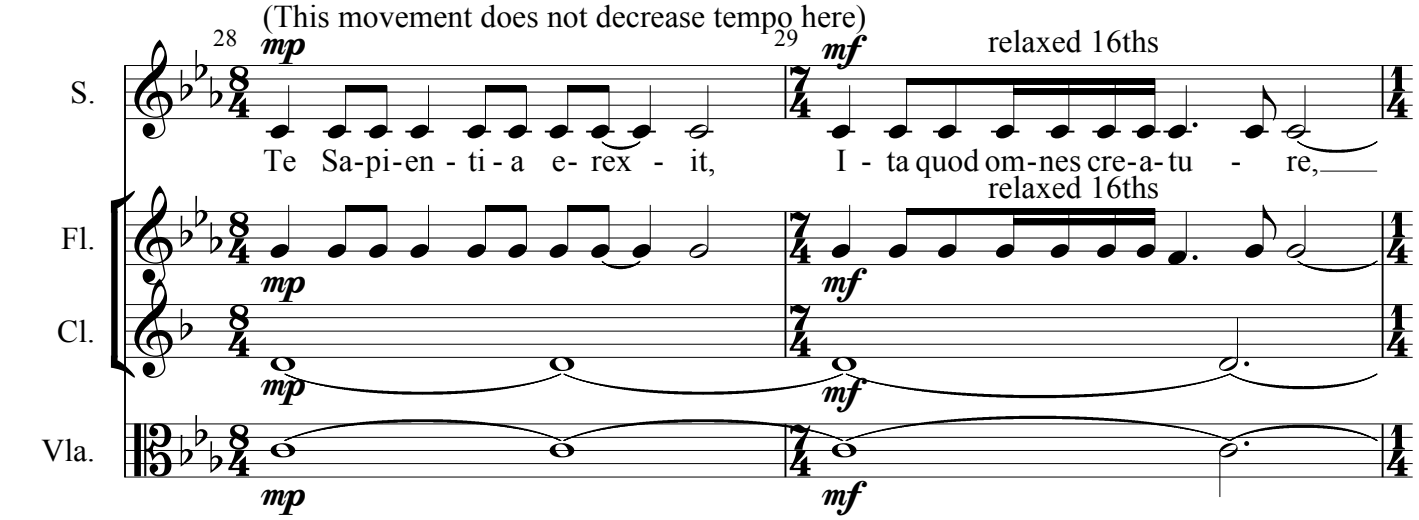
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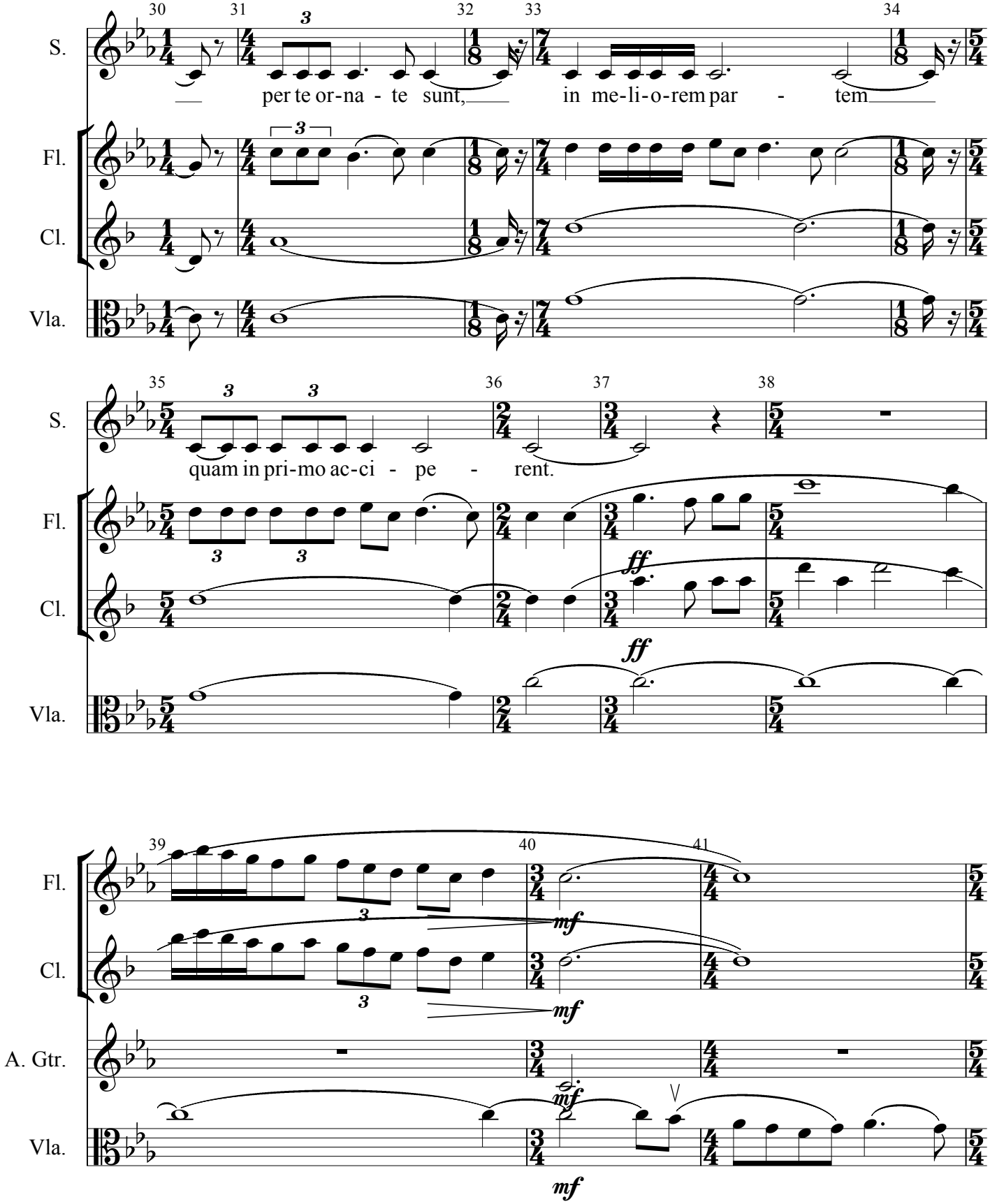
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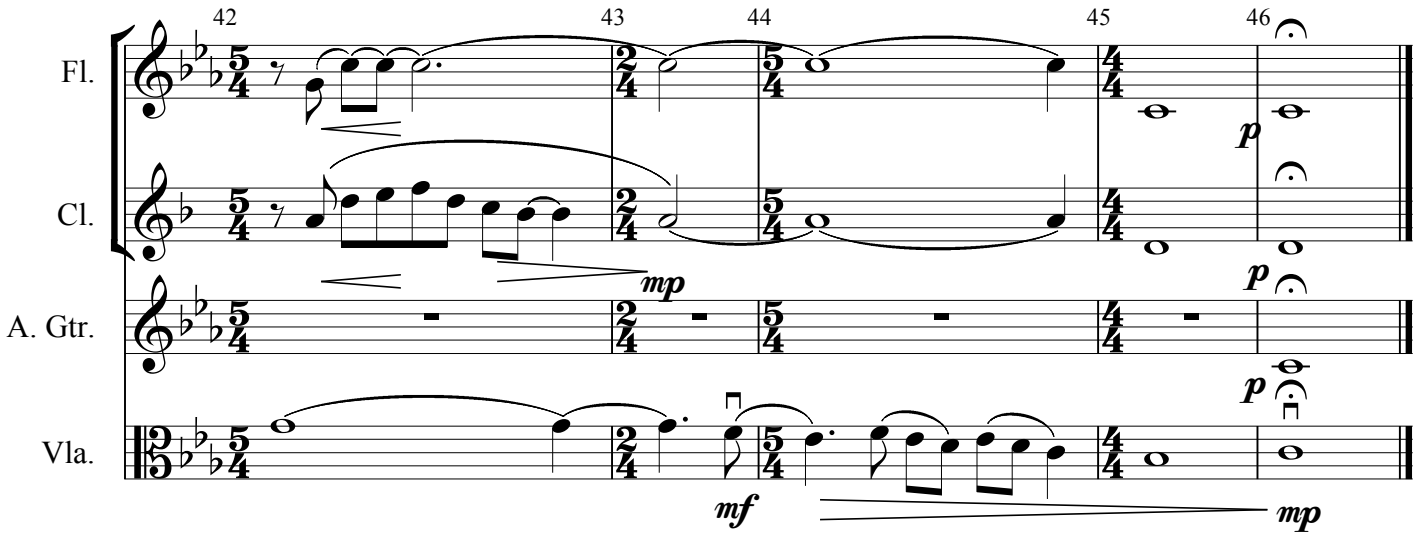
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