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for solo piano
for Ruth Rose

The “minute etudes” are a series of one minute long piano pieces written as etudes not for the pianist but for myself as a composer. Each explores a single idea as thoroughly as possible in the given time. I intend to keep writing these throughout my life so that eventually I will have a book of dozens of these, from which pianists can make their own sets for performance.

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furtive

♪ = 240

fast and furtive

legato , but not too much pedal

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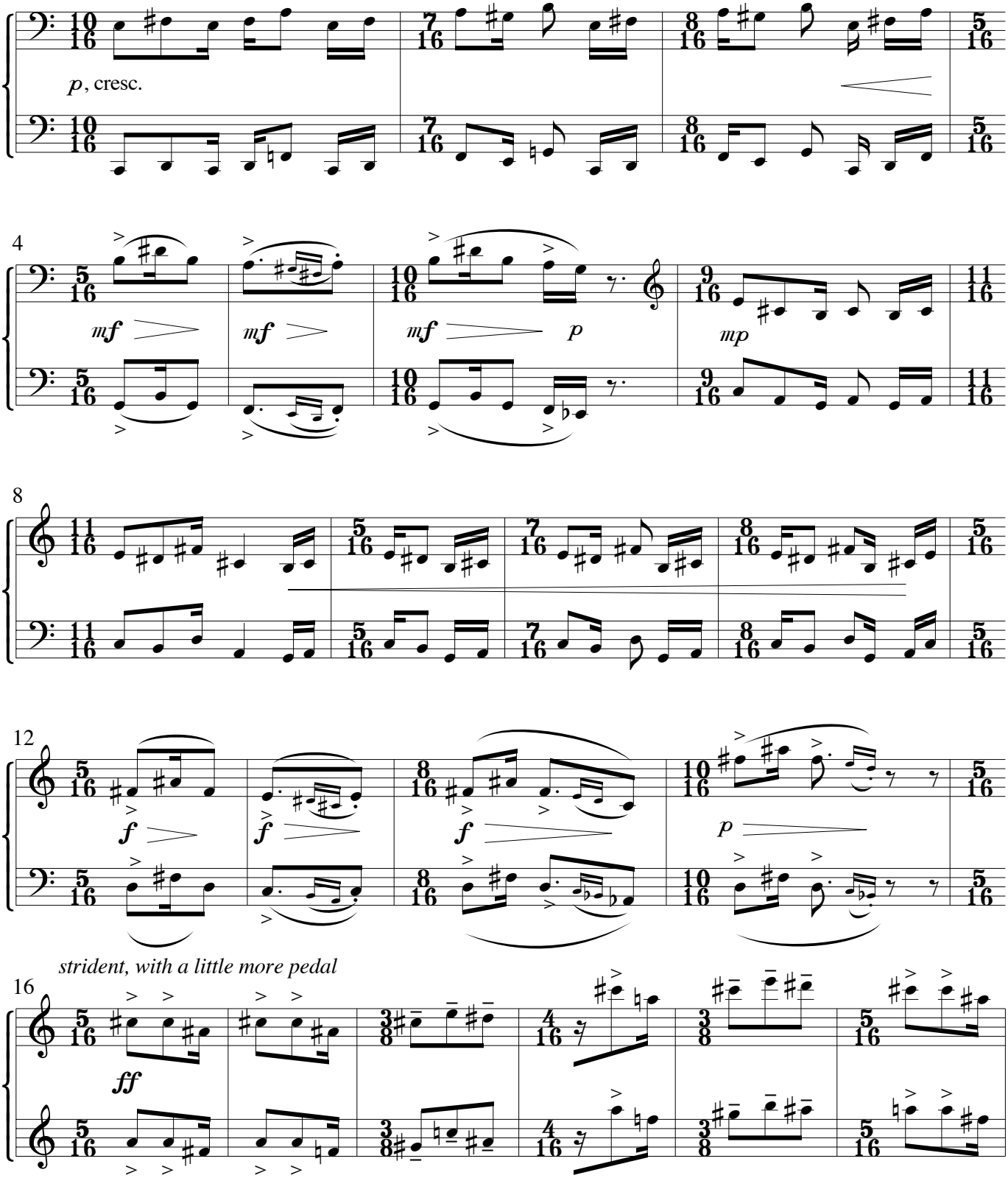

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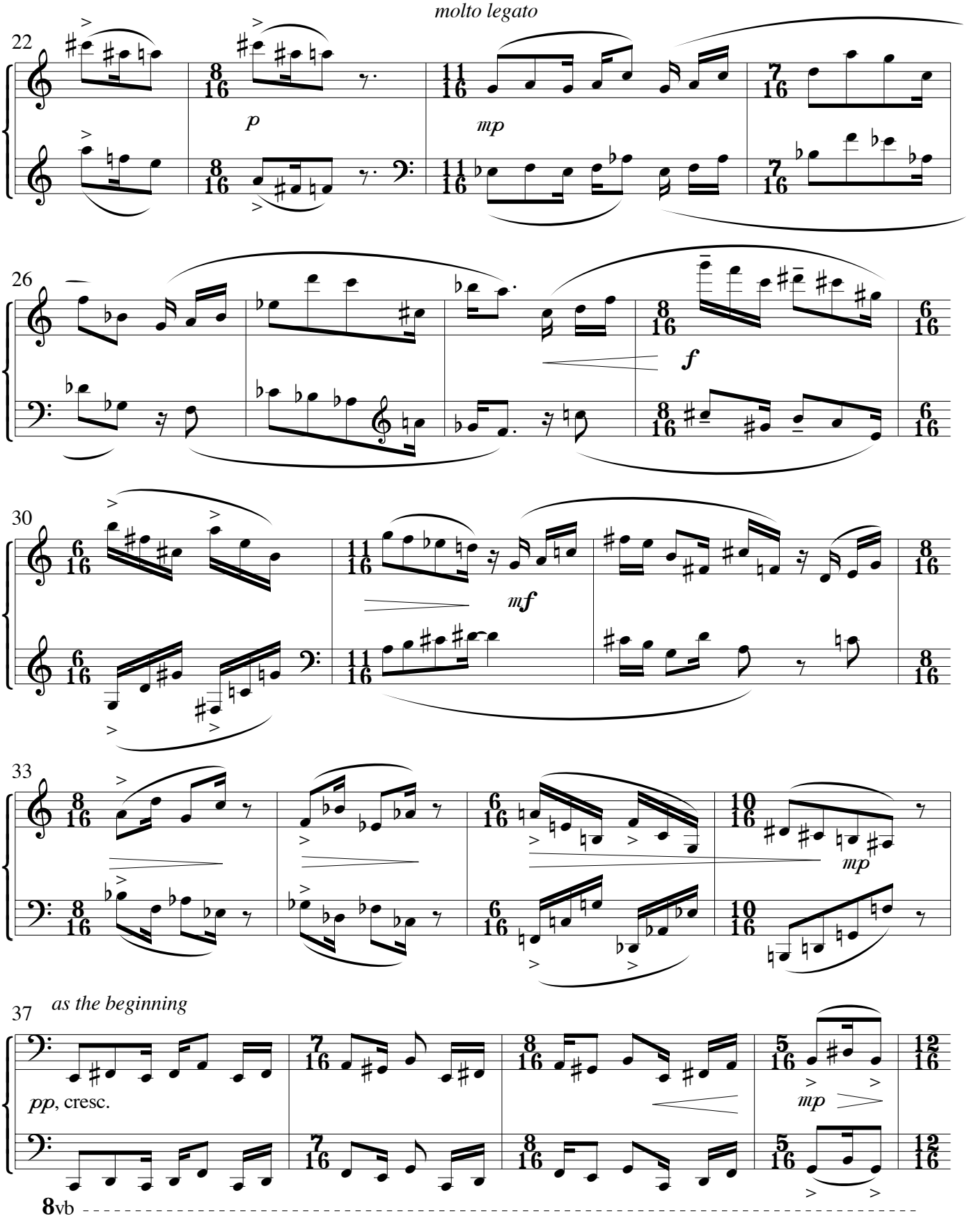
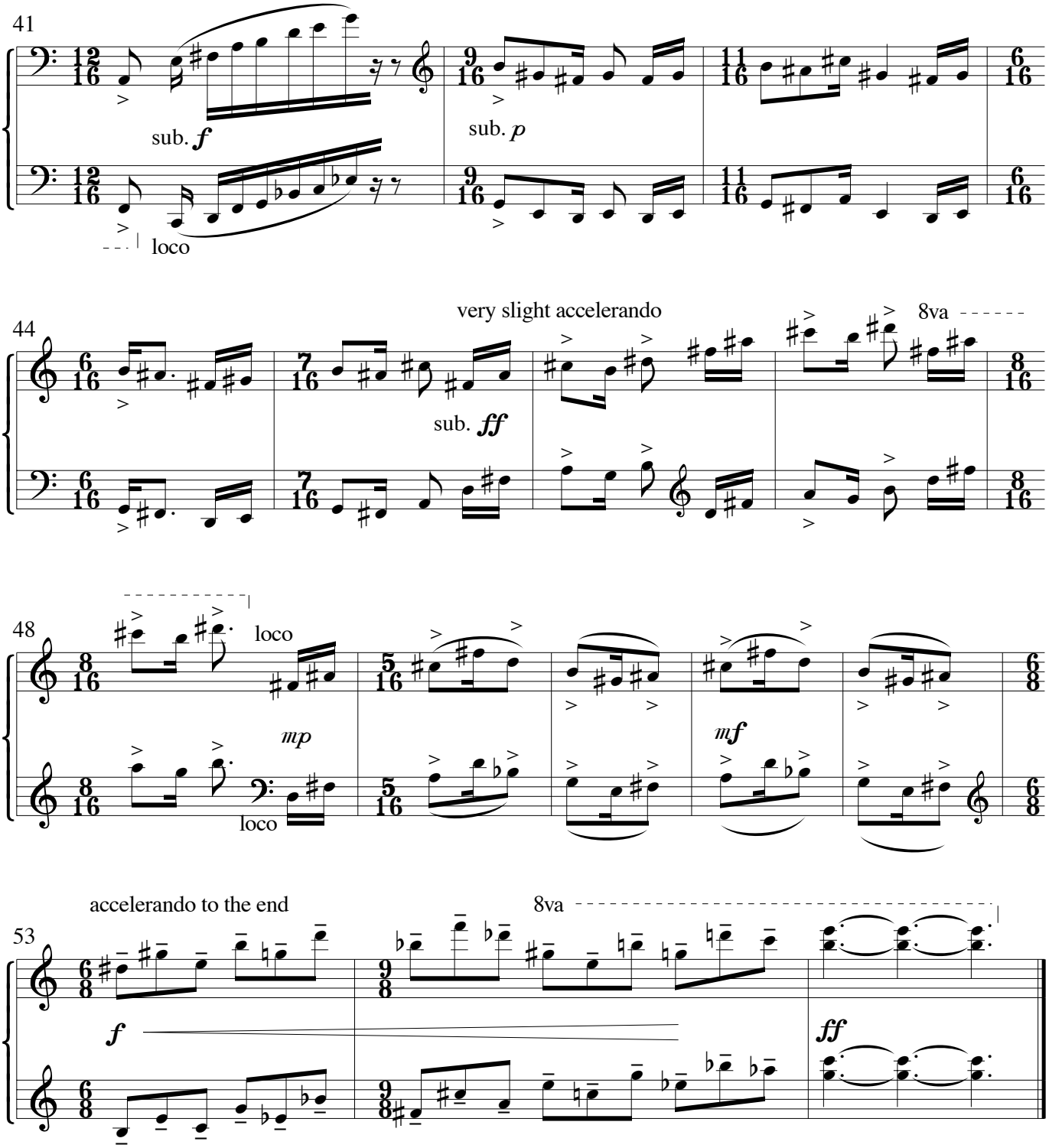
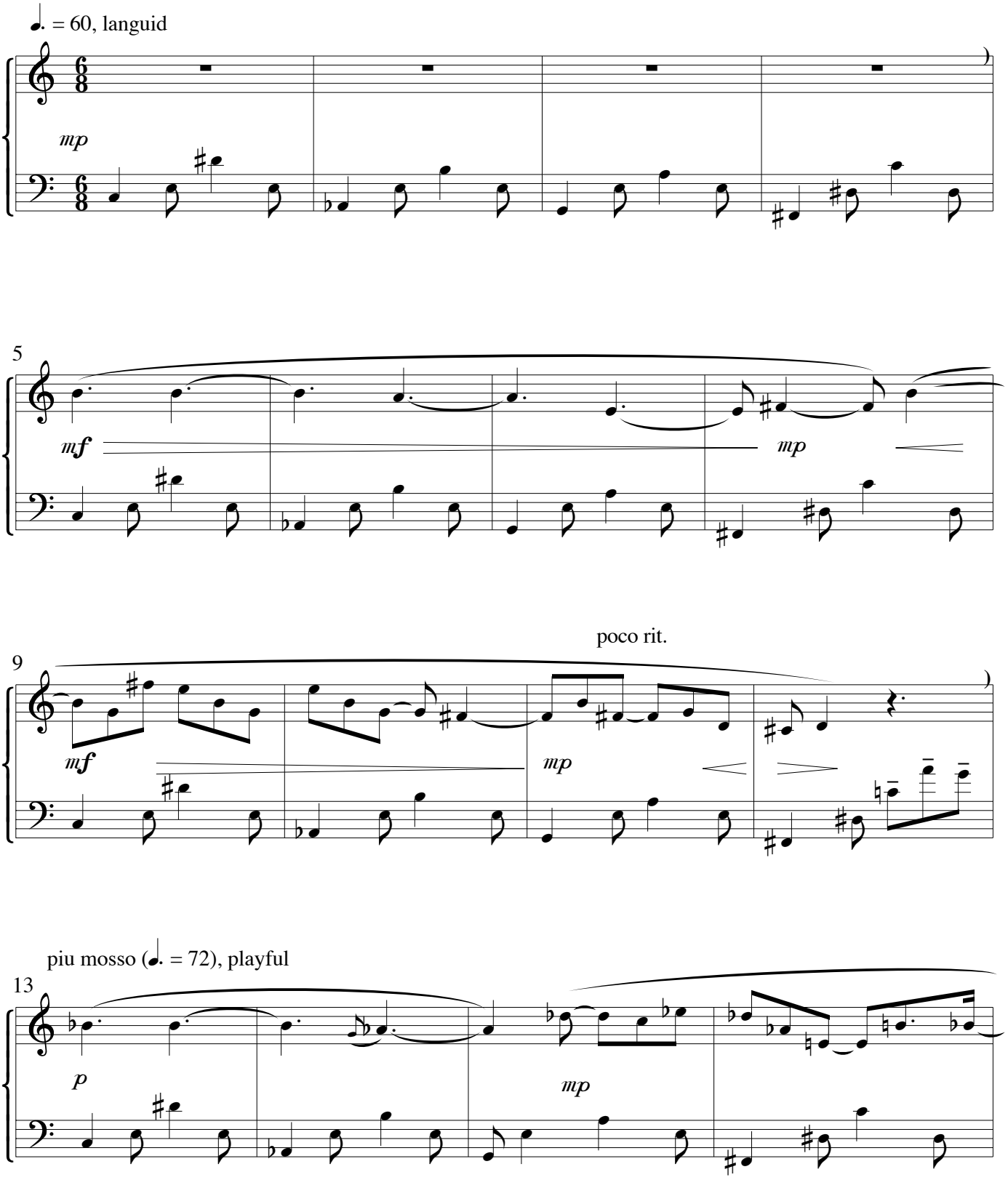
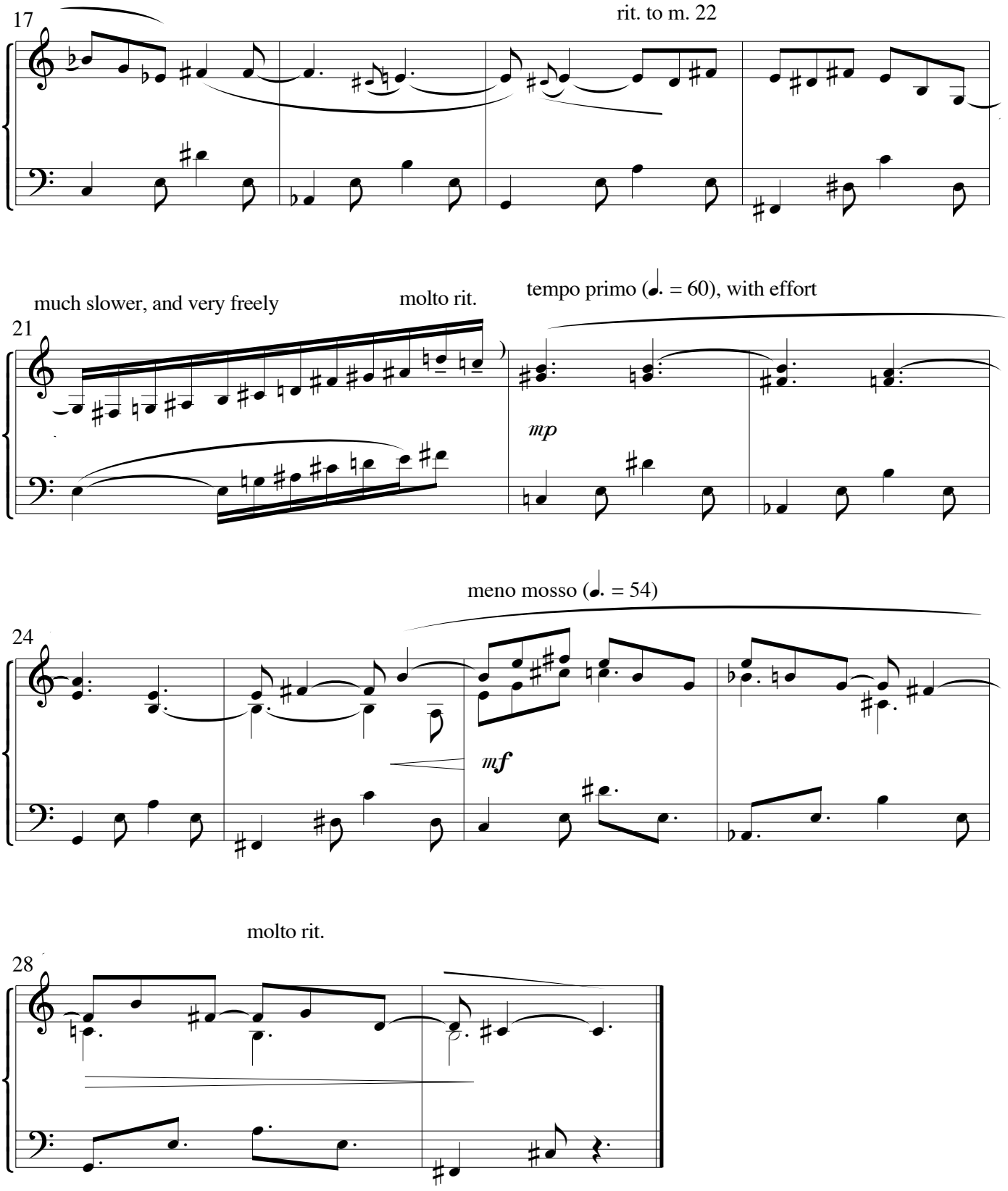

molto legato
22
p
mp
26
f
30
mf
33
mp
37
as the beginning
pp, cresc.
mp
8vb


41
sub. f
loco
sub. p
44
very slight accelerando
8va
sub. ff
48
loco
mp
loco
mf
53
accelerando to the end
8va
f
ff

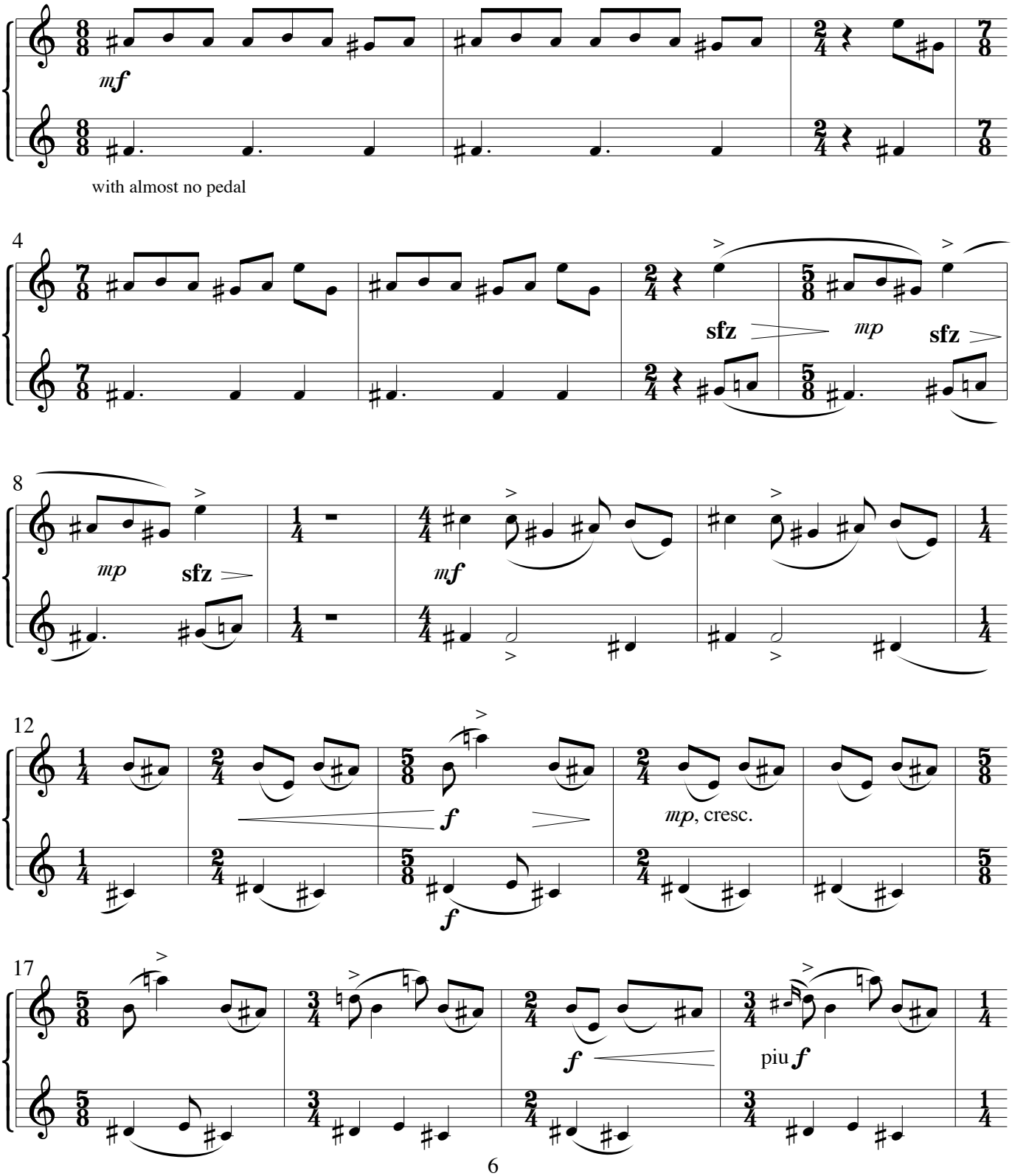
languid

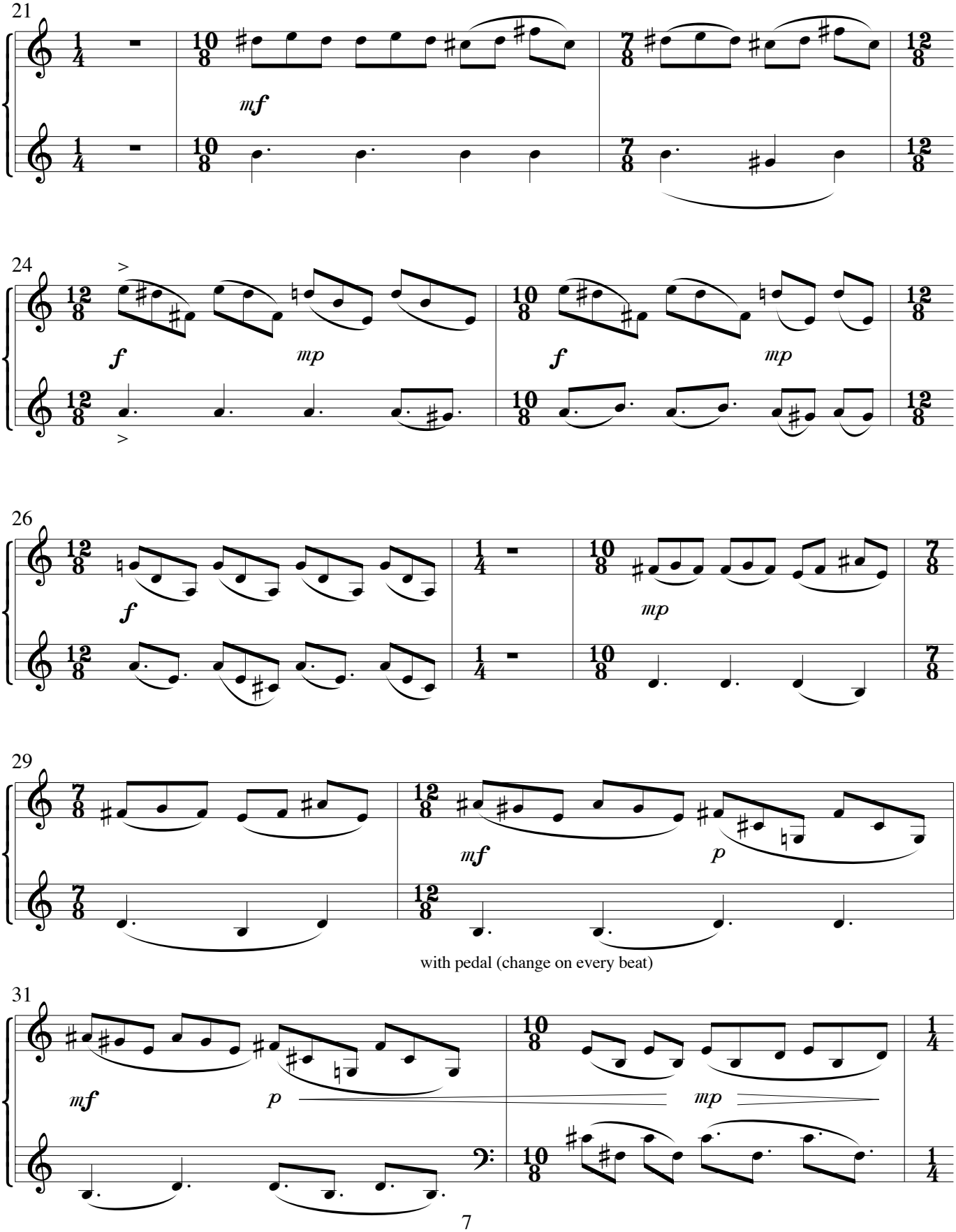

♩. = 60, languid
mp
5
mf
mp
9
poco rit.
mf
mp
piu mosso (♩. = 72), playful
13
p
mp

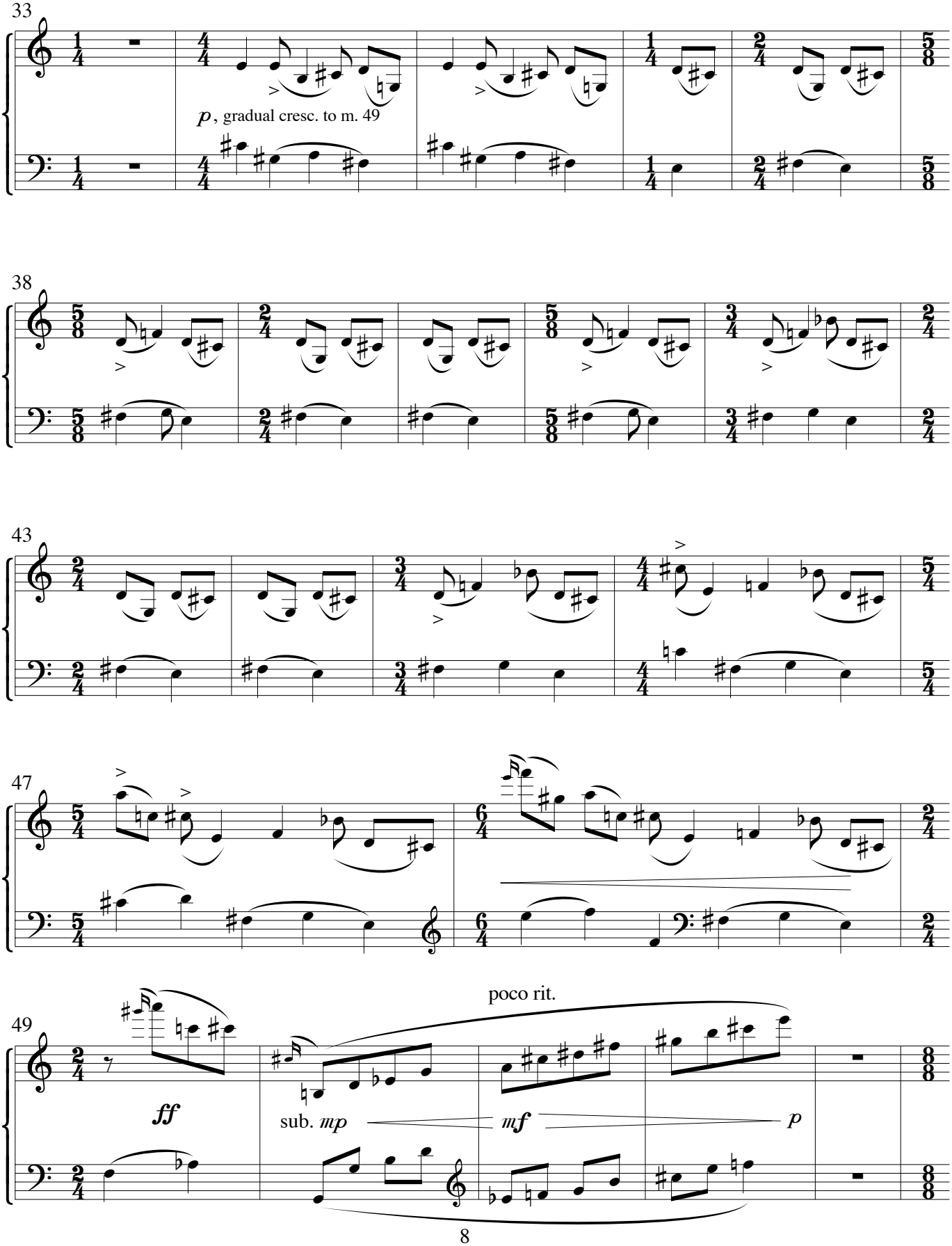

17
rit. to m. 22
much slower, and very freely
molto rit.
21
tempo primo (♩. = 60), with effort
mp
meno mosso (♩. = 54)
24
mf
molto rit.
28

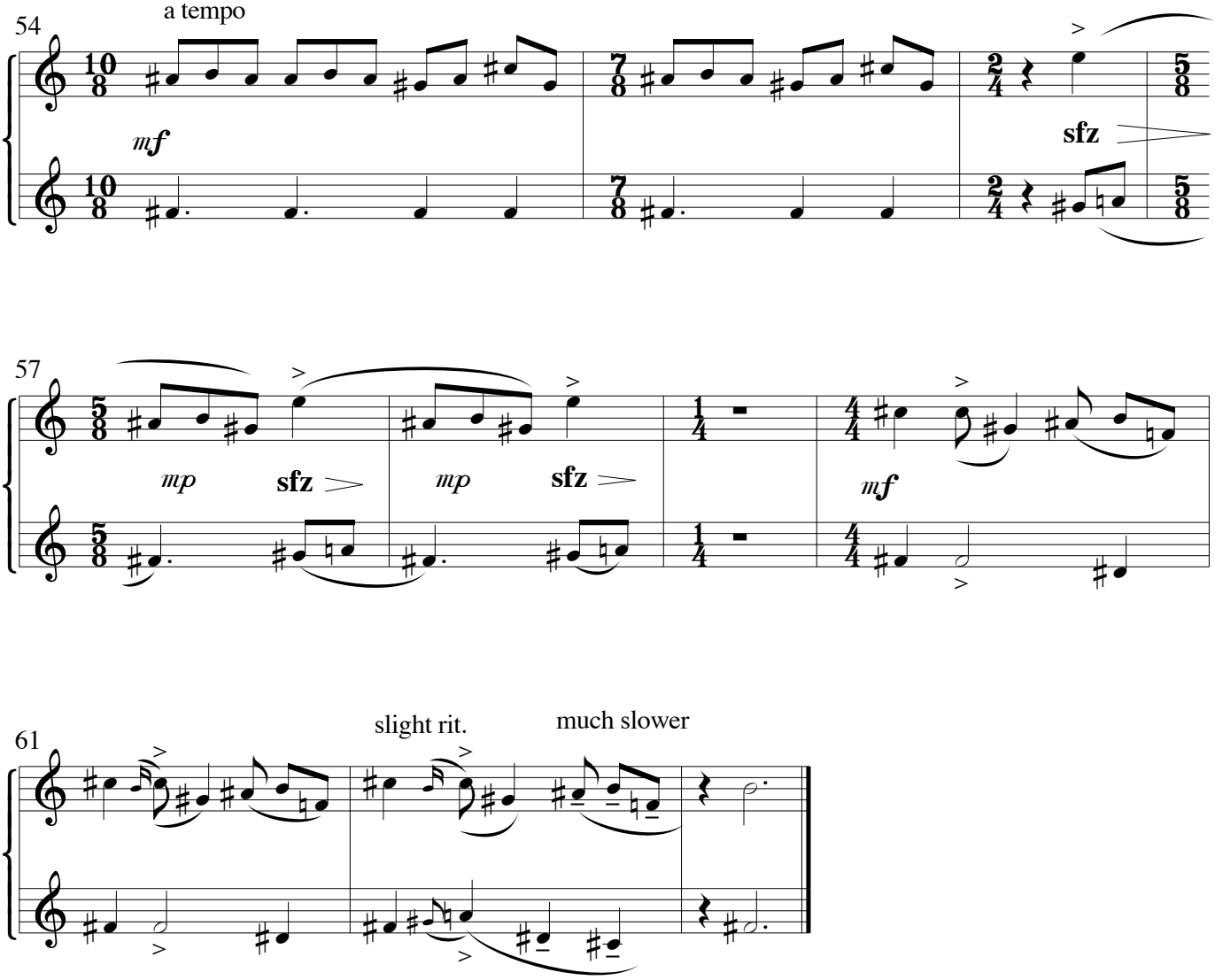
lively

♩ = 208 (♩. = approx. 136)




21
mf
24
f
mp
f
mp
26
f
mp
29
mf
p
with pedal (change on every beat)
31
mf
p
mp


33
p, gradual cresc. to m. 49
38
43
47
49
poco rit.
ff
sub. mp
mf
p


54
a tempo
mf
sfz
57
mp
sfz
mp
sfz
mf
61
slight rit.
much slower

lonely

♪ = 88

slightly hesitant, with rubato at the ends of phrases

moving forward

p *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

with some pedal

4

slowing

piu *f* *mp* *p*

7

sfz *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

p *sfz* *p* *p* *mp*

9

sfz *mf* *mf* *sfz* *f*

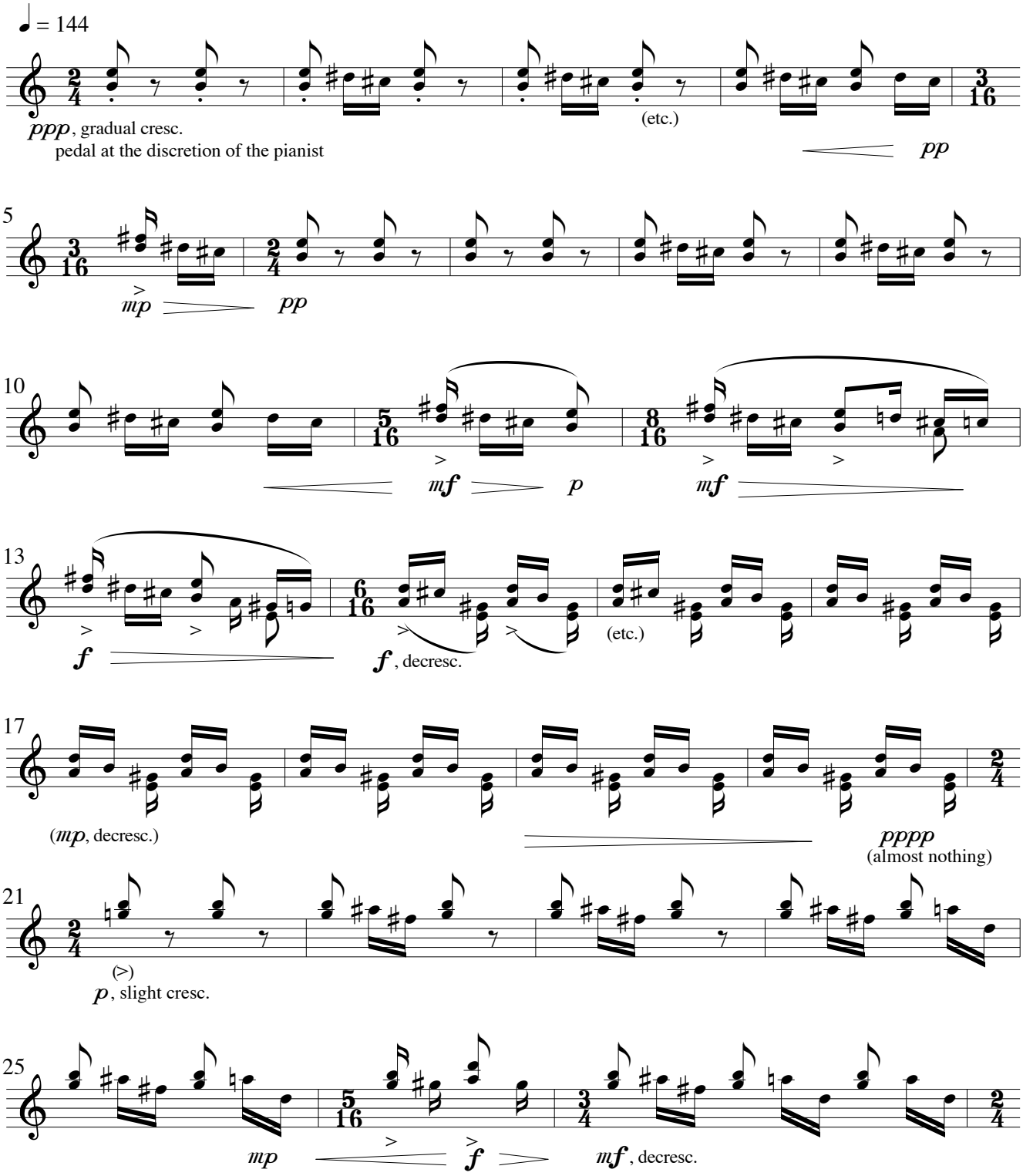
p *mf* 3 *p* *sfz* 3

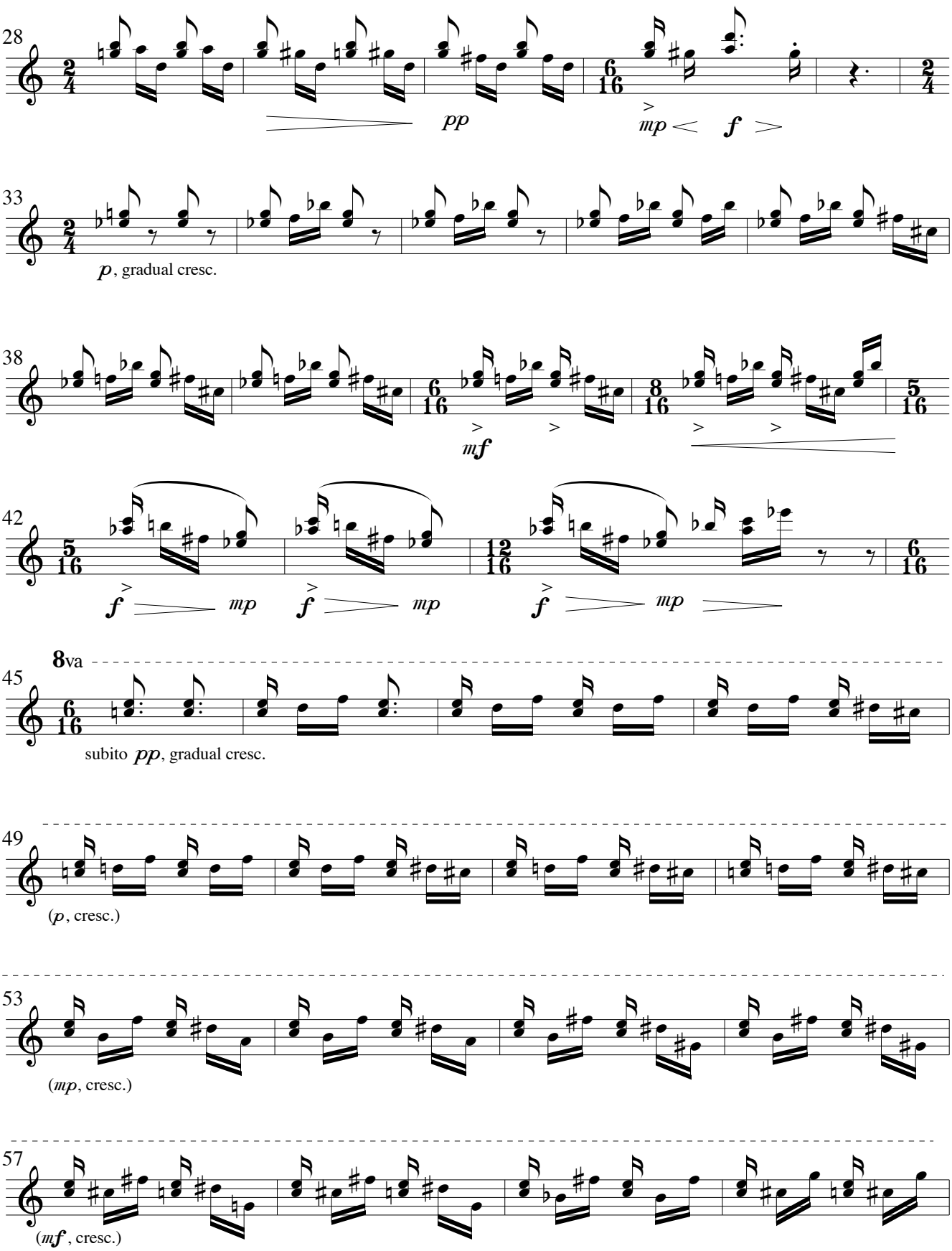
slower (♪ = 72), and with a slight rit. to the end

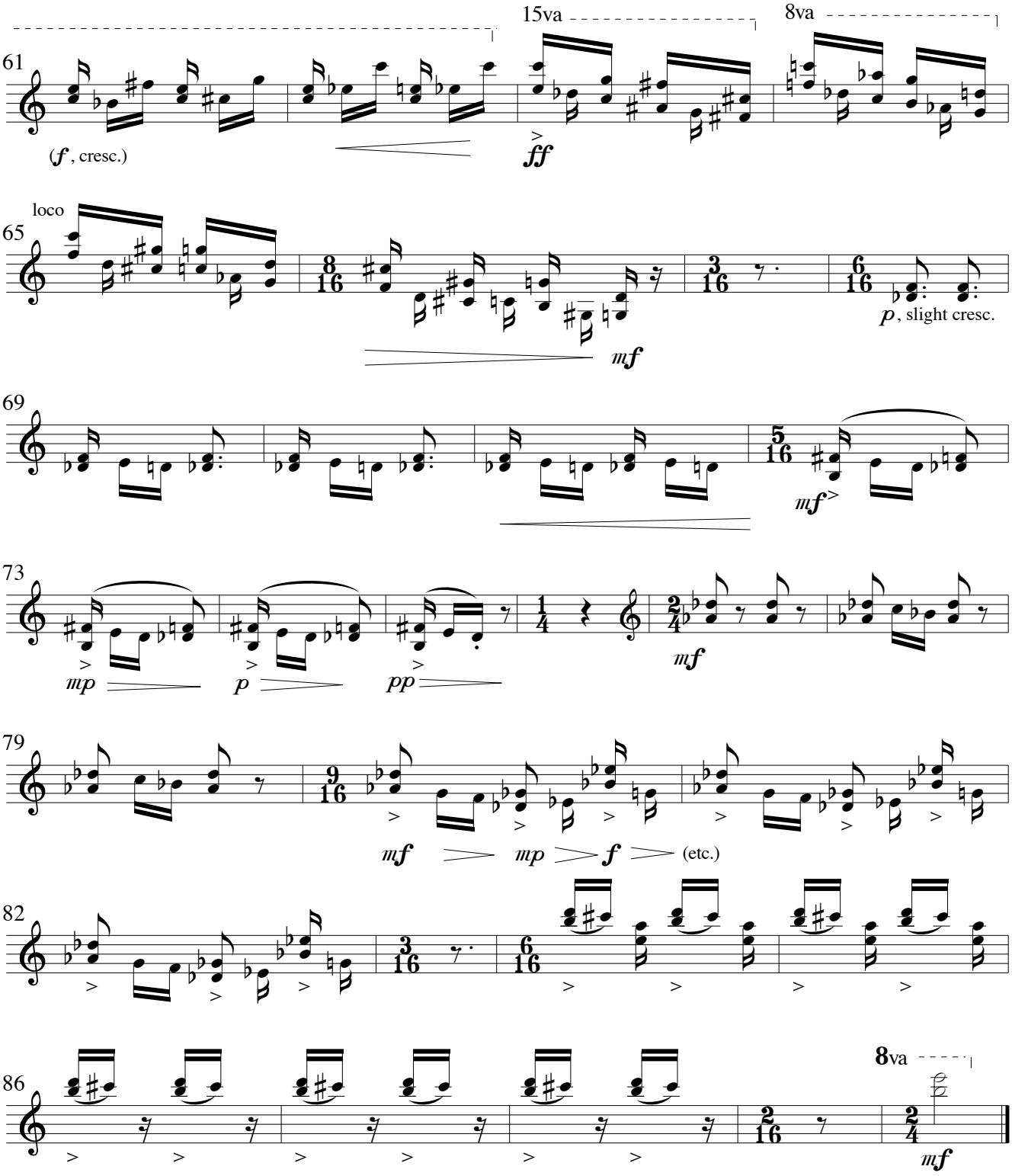
12

f *pp*, una corda

playful


♩ = 144
ppp, gradual cresc.
pedal at the discretion of the pianist
(etc.)
pp
5
mp
pp
10
mf
p
mf
13
f
f, decresc.
(etc.)
17
(mp, decresc.)
pppp
(almost nothing)
21
(>)
p, slight cresc.
25
mp
f
mf, decresc.


28
pp
mp
f
33
p, gradual cresc.
38
mf
42
f
mp
f
mp
f
mp
8va
45
subito pp, gradual cresc.
49
(p, cresc.)
53
(mp, cresc.)
57
(mf, cresc.)


61
15va
8va
(f, cresc.)
ff
loco
65
mf
p, slight cresc.
69
mf
73
mp
p
pp
mf
79
mf
mp
f
(etc.)
82
86
8va
mf