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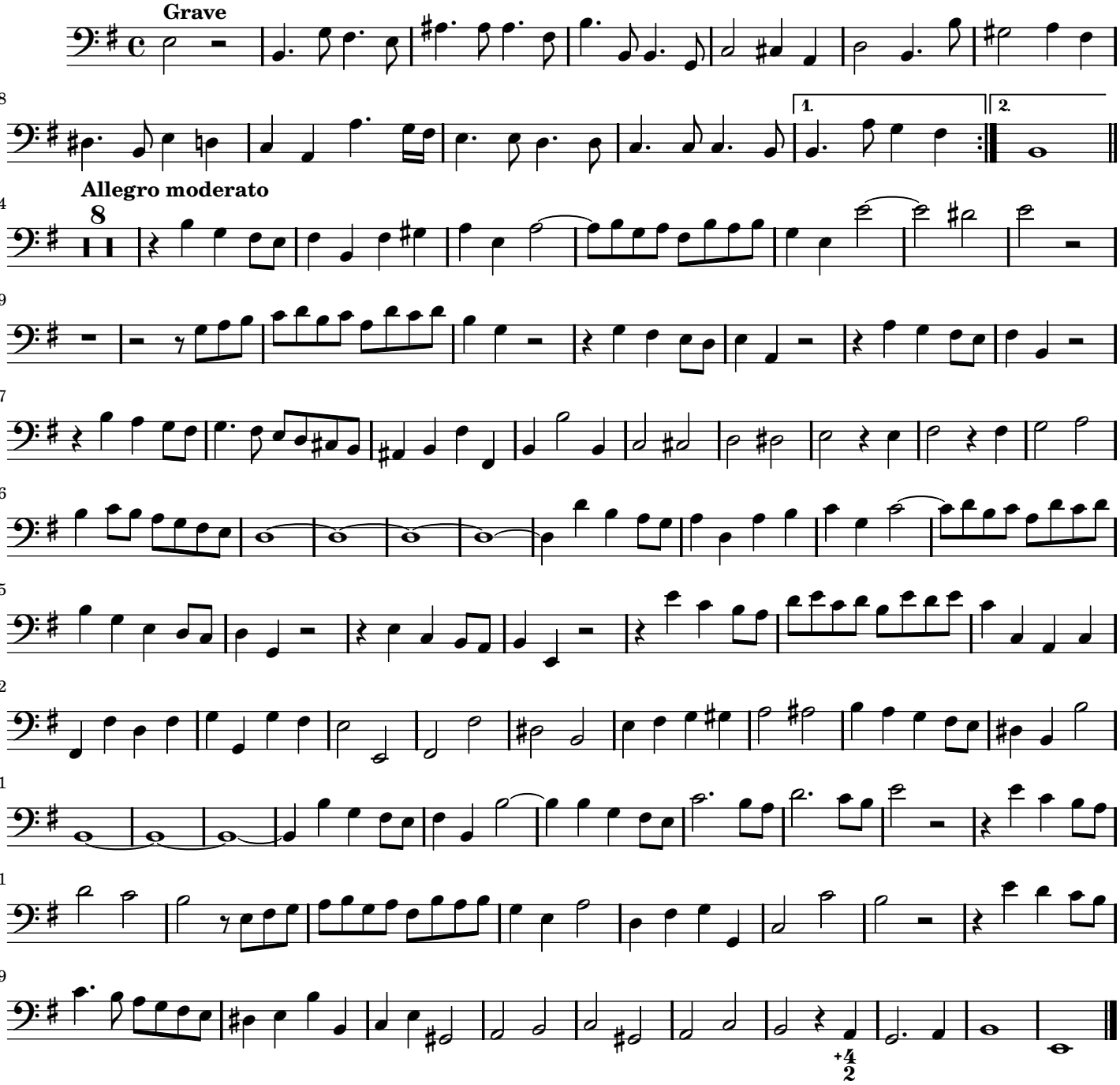

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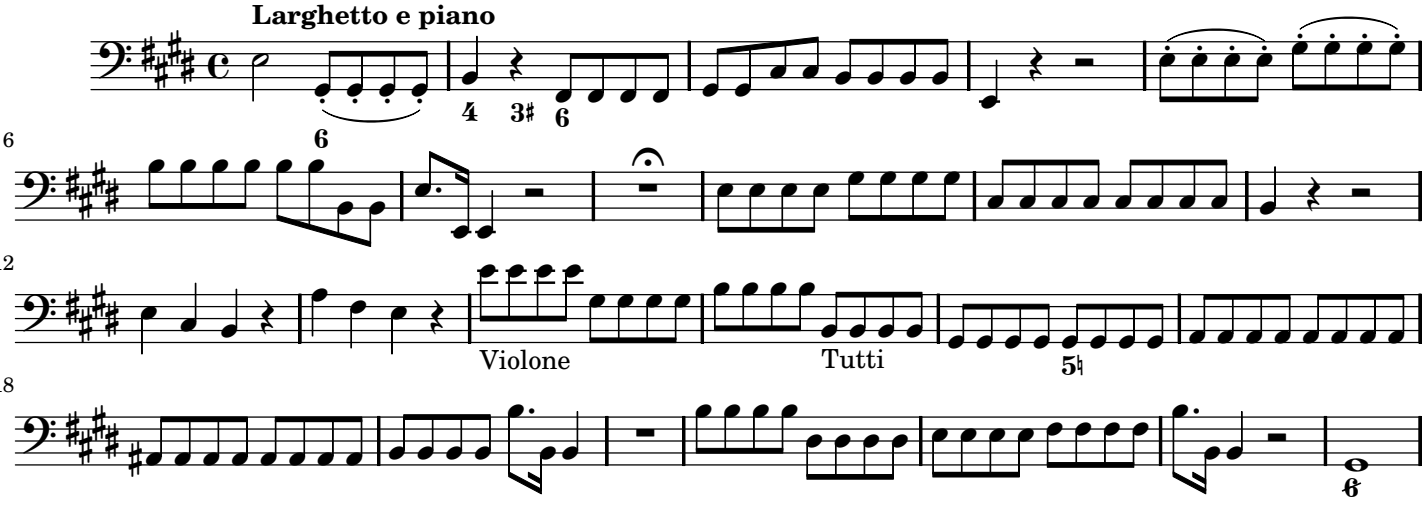

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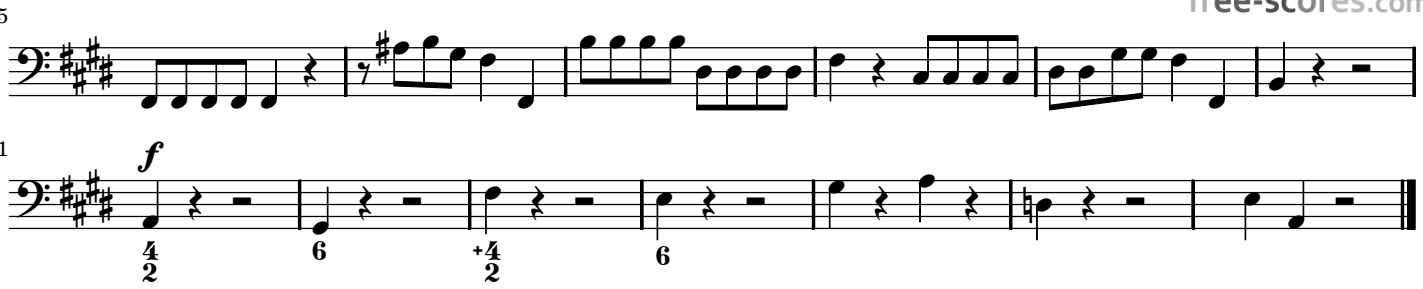

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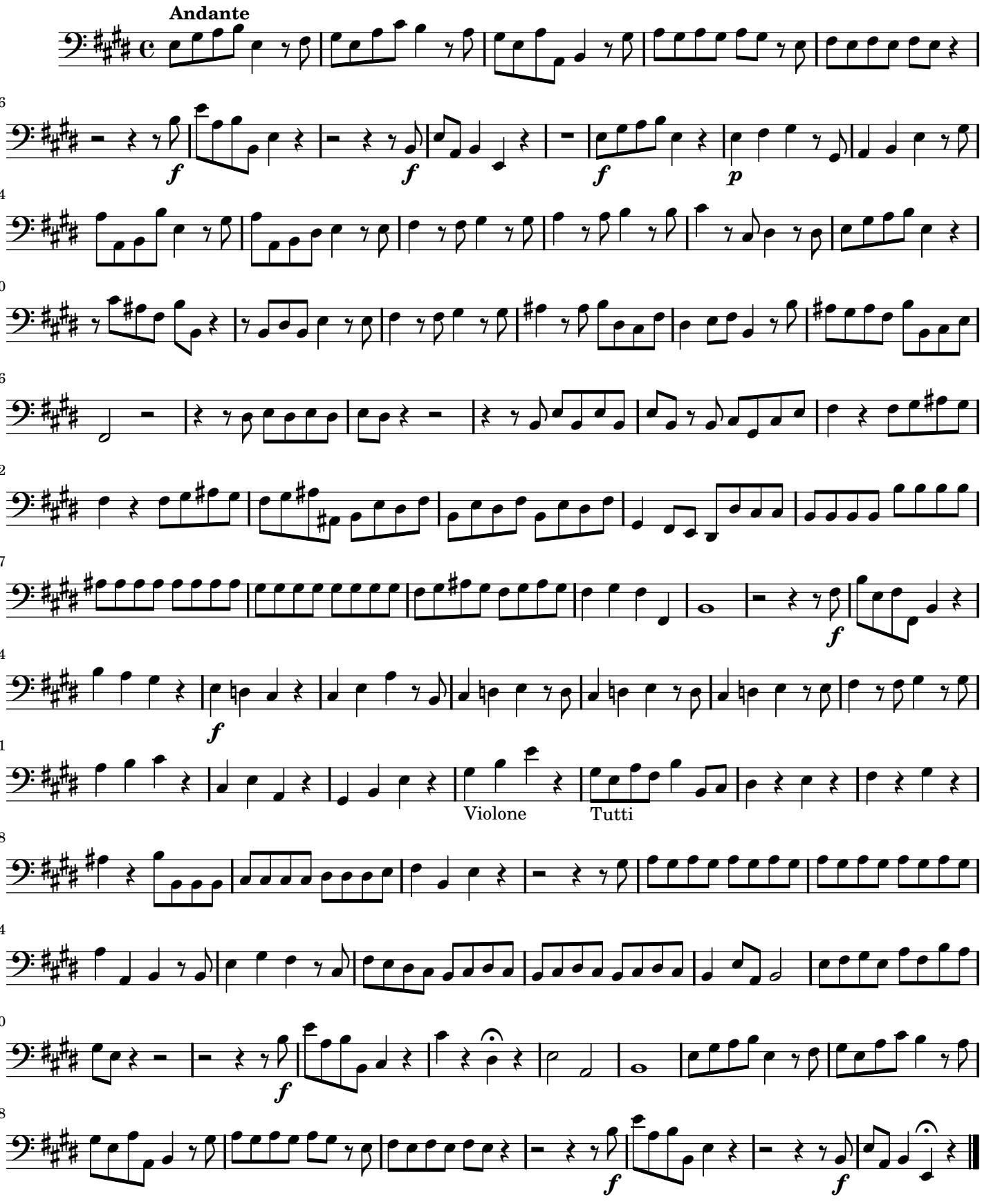

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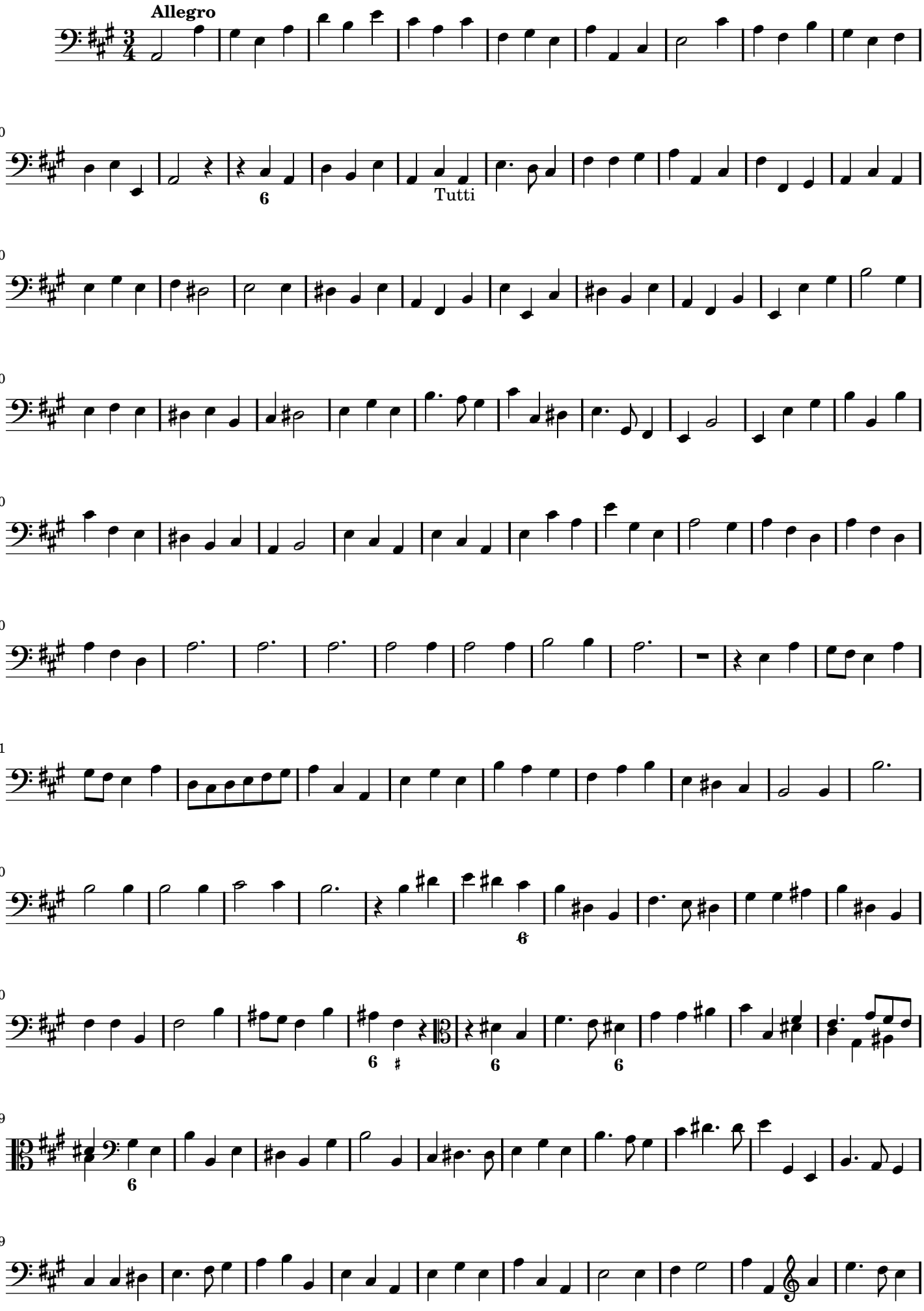

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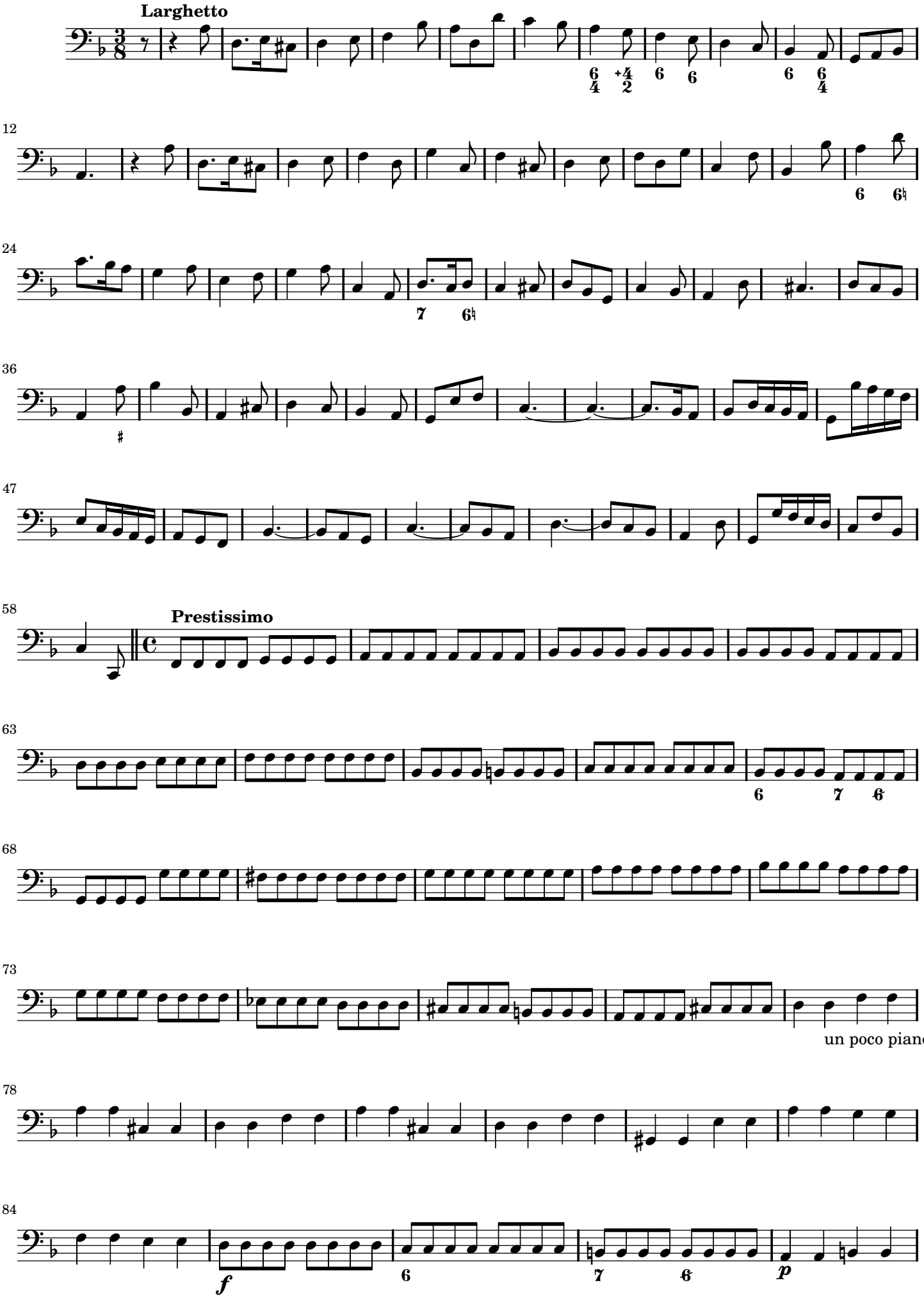

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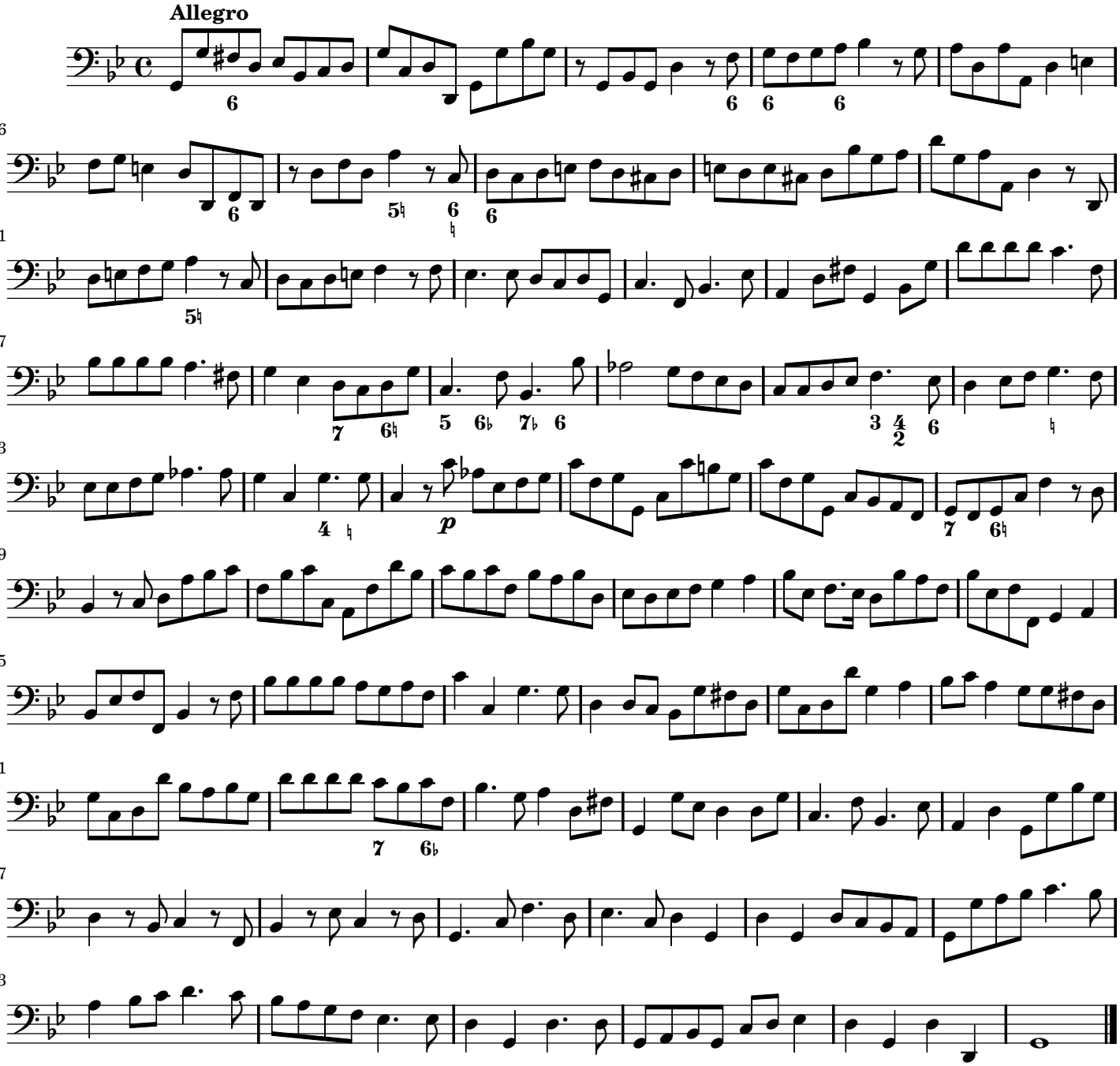

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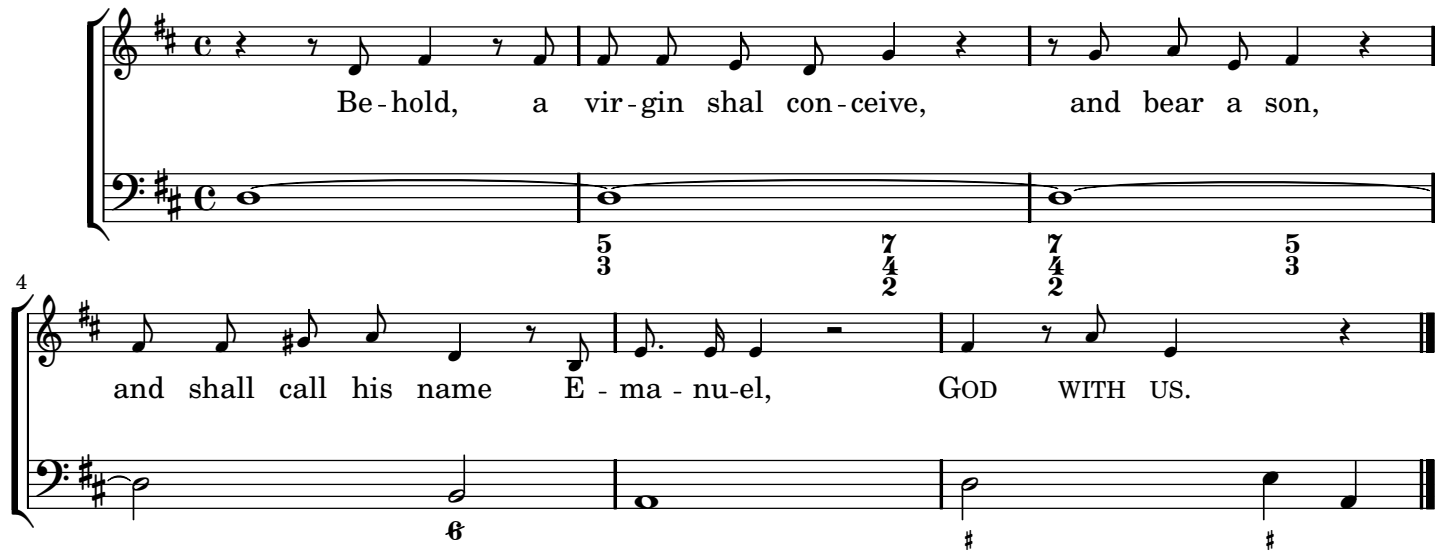

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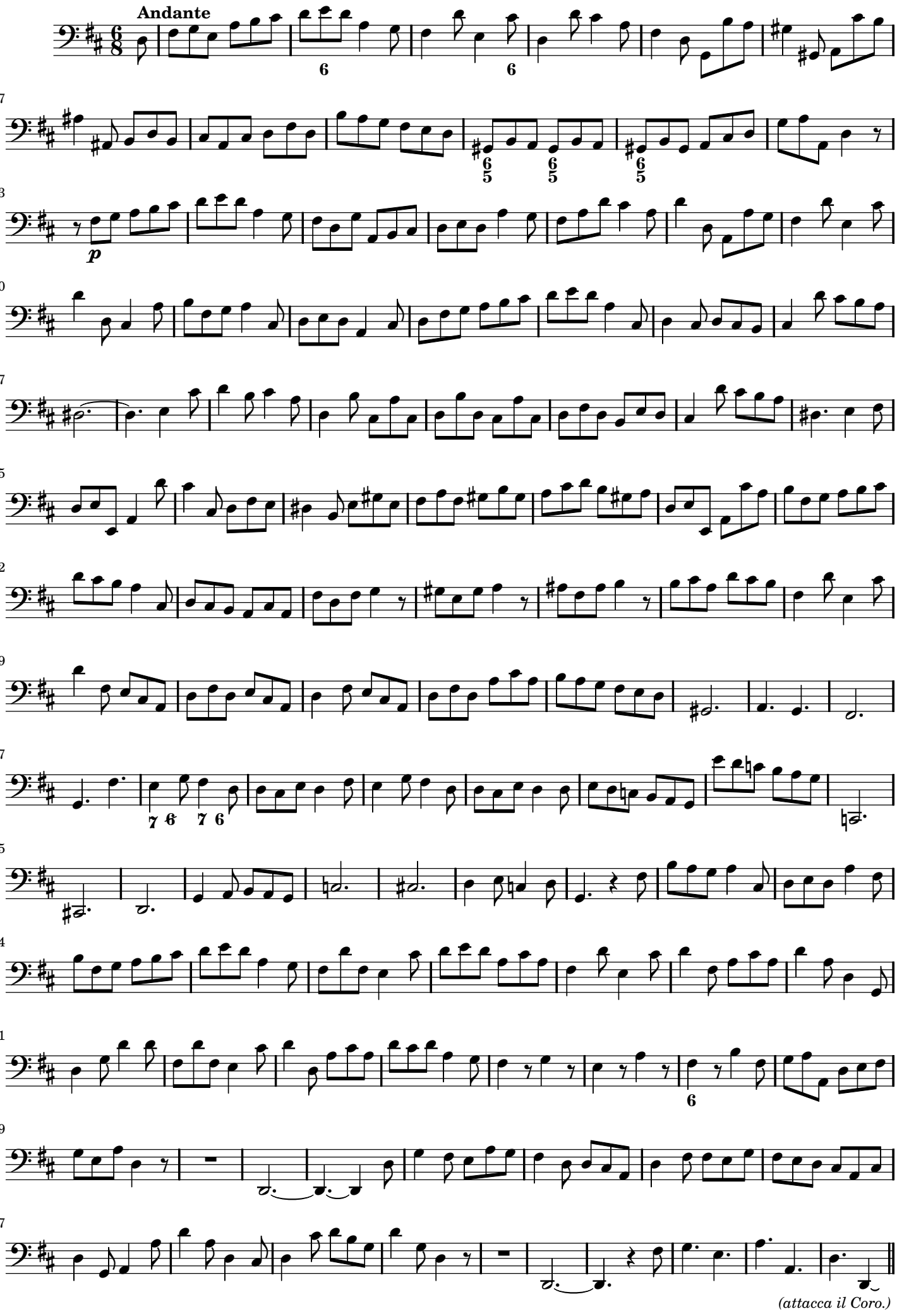

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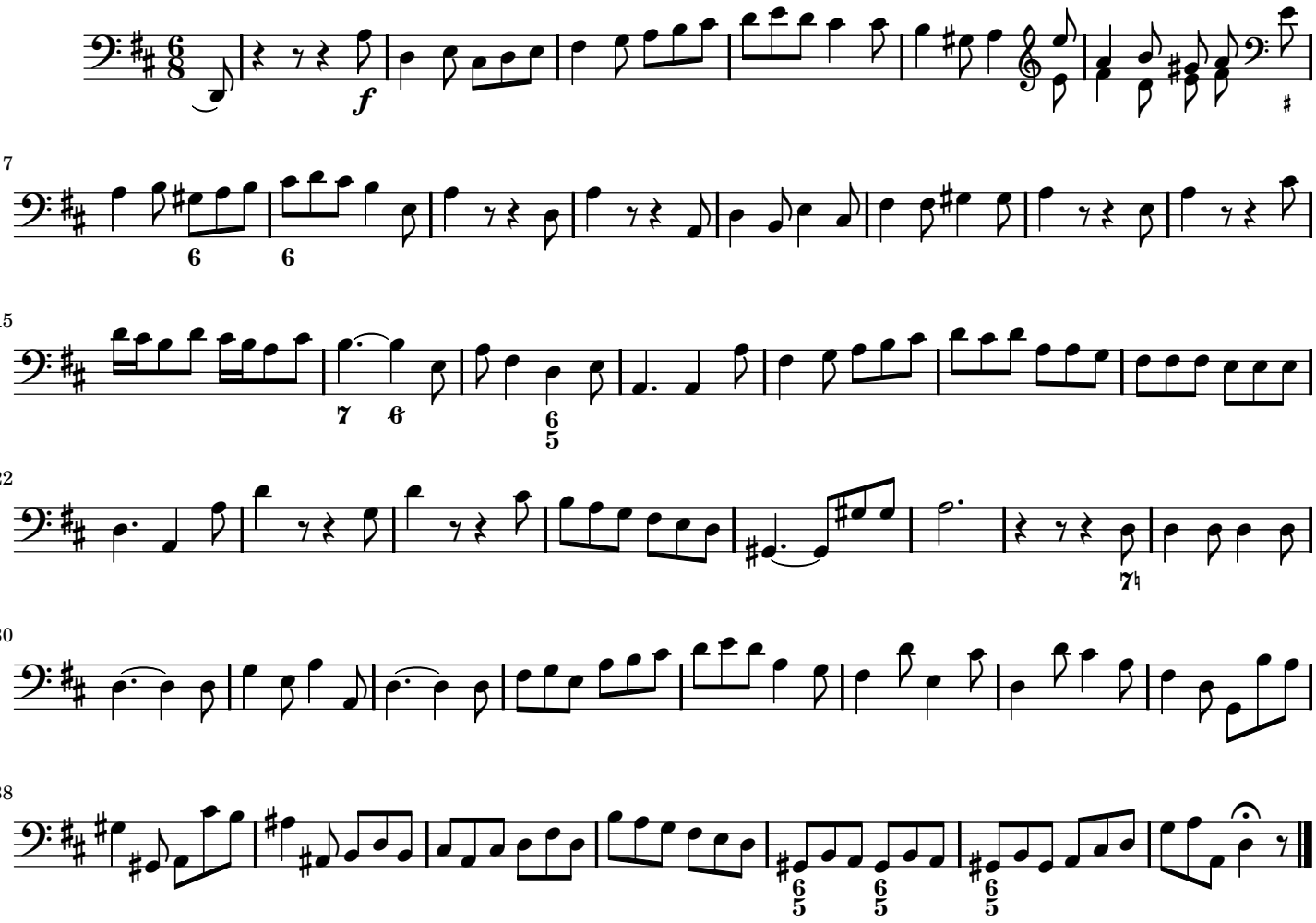

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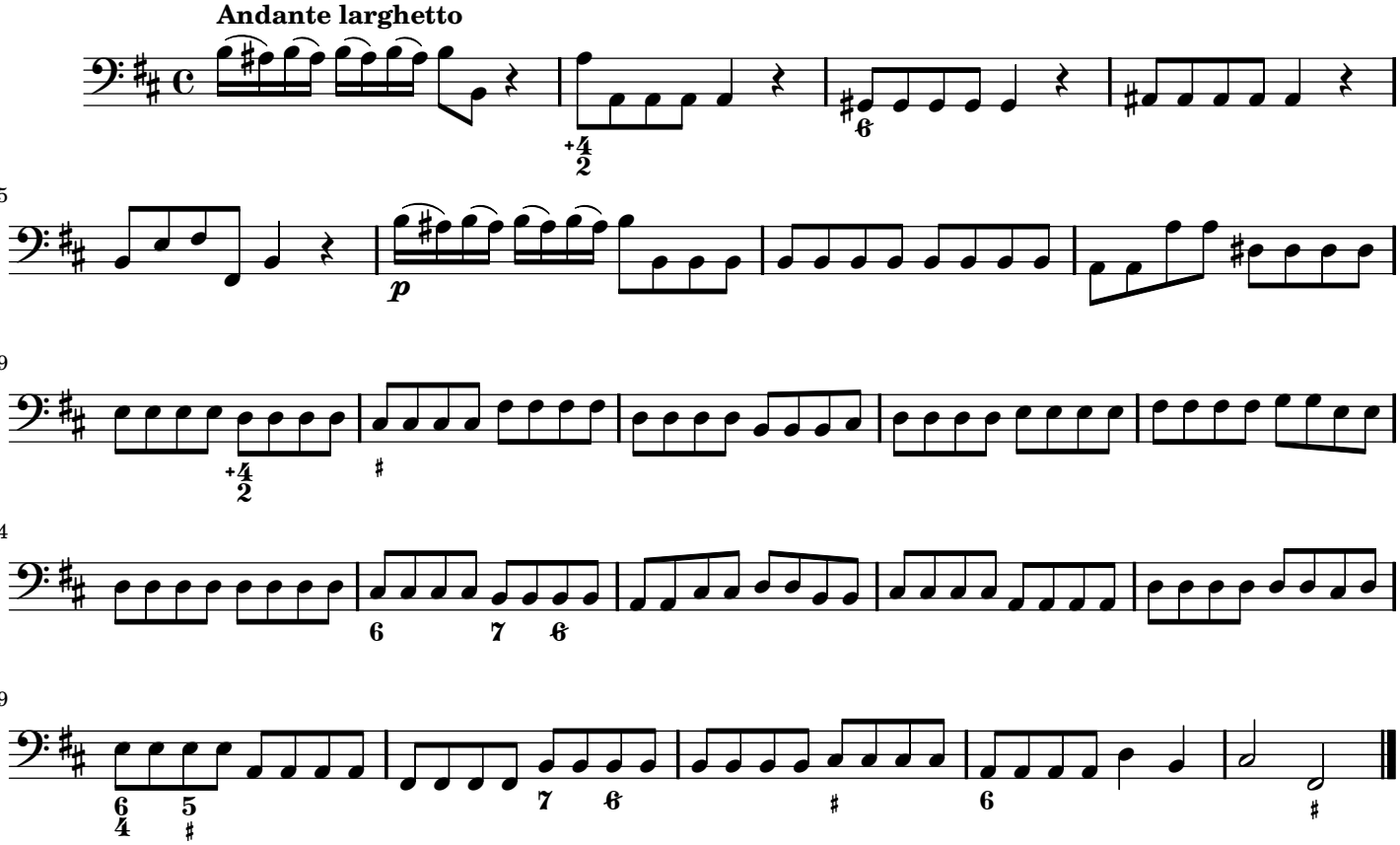

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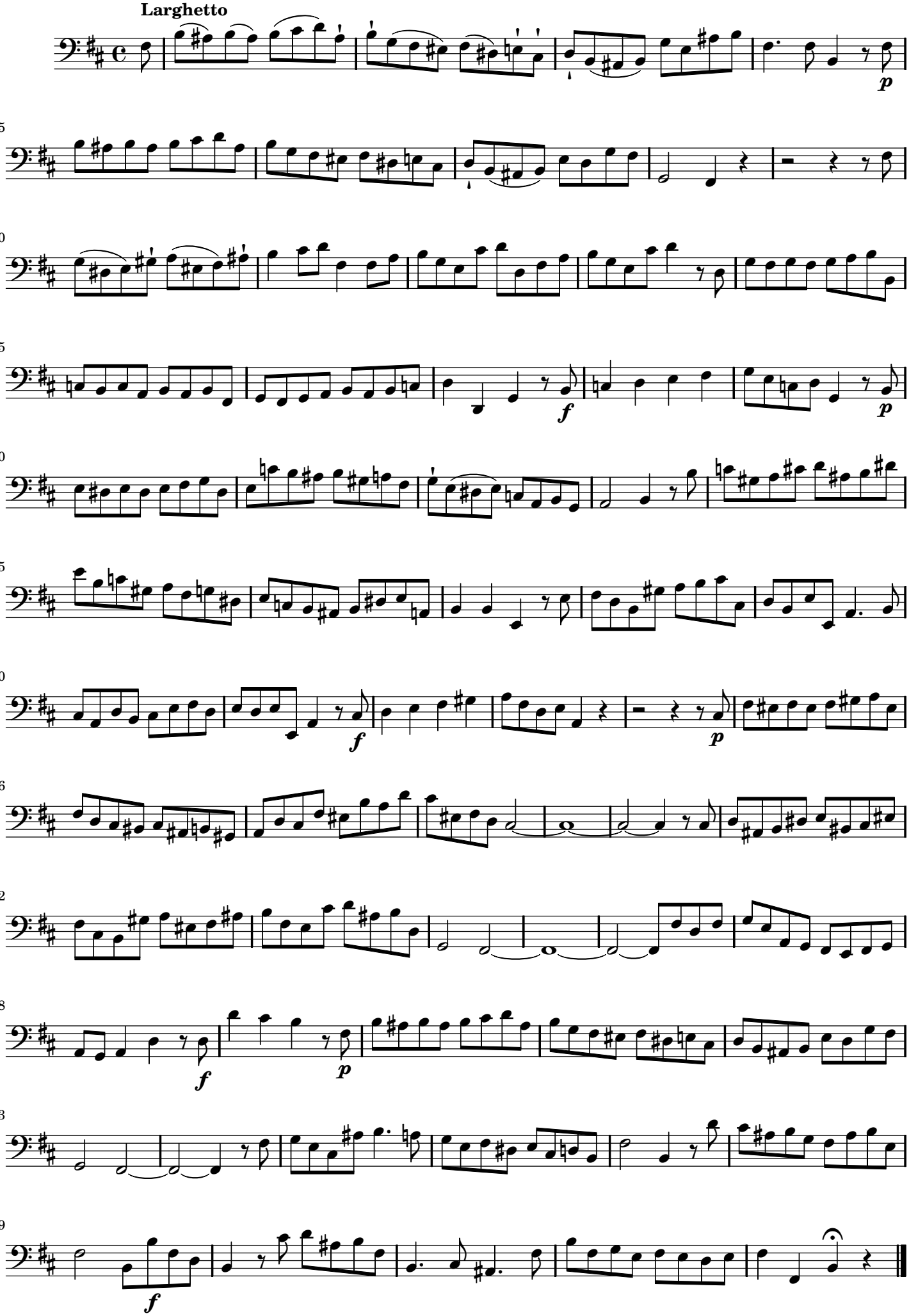

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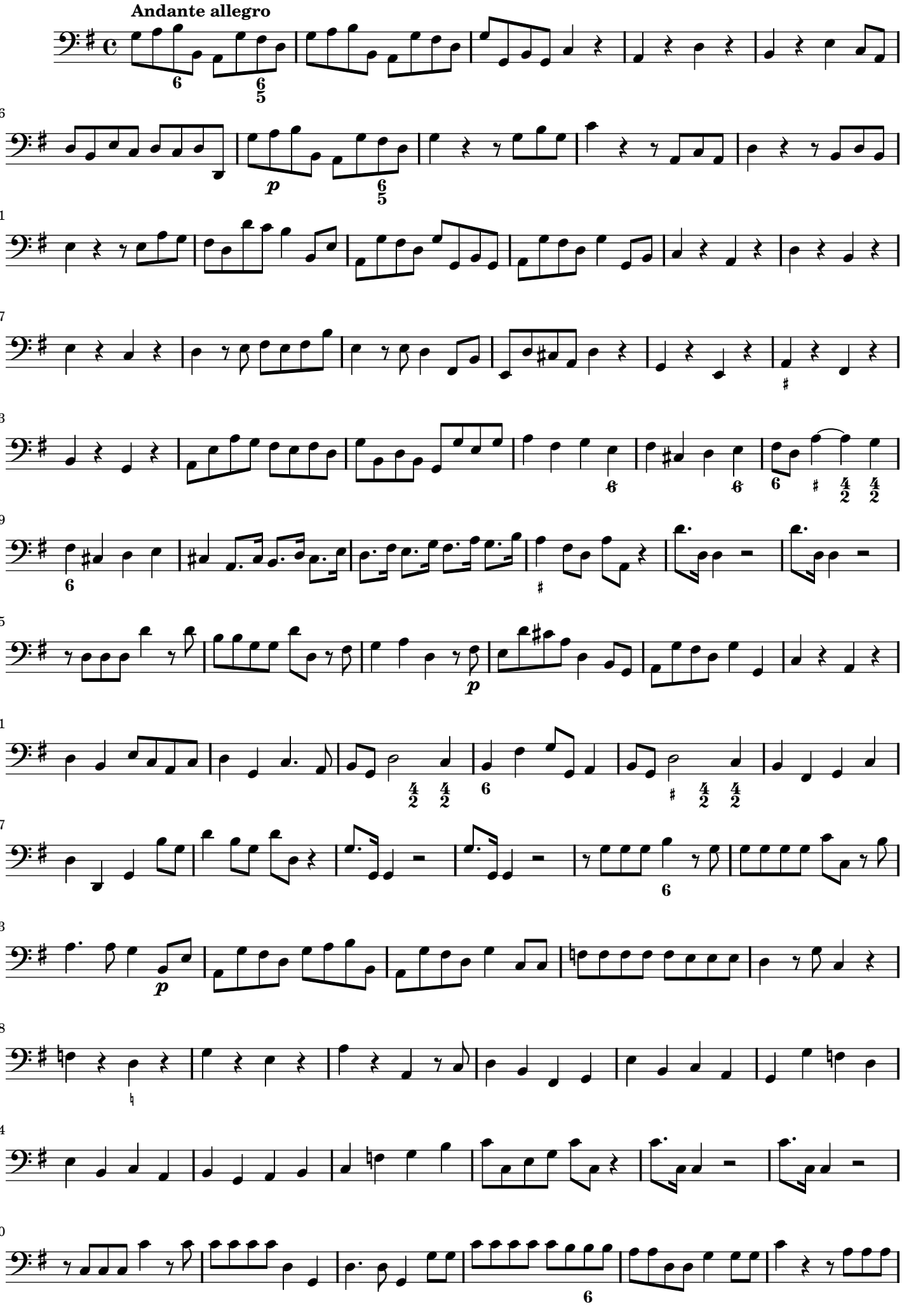

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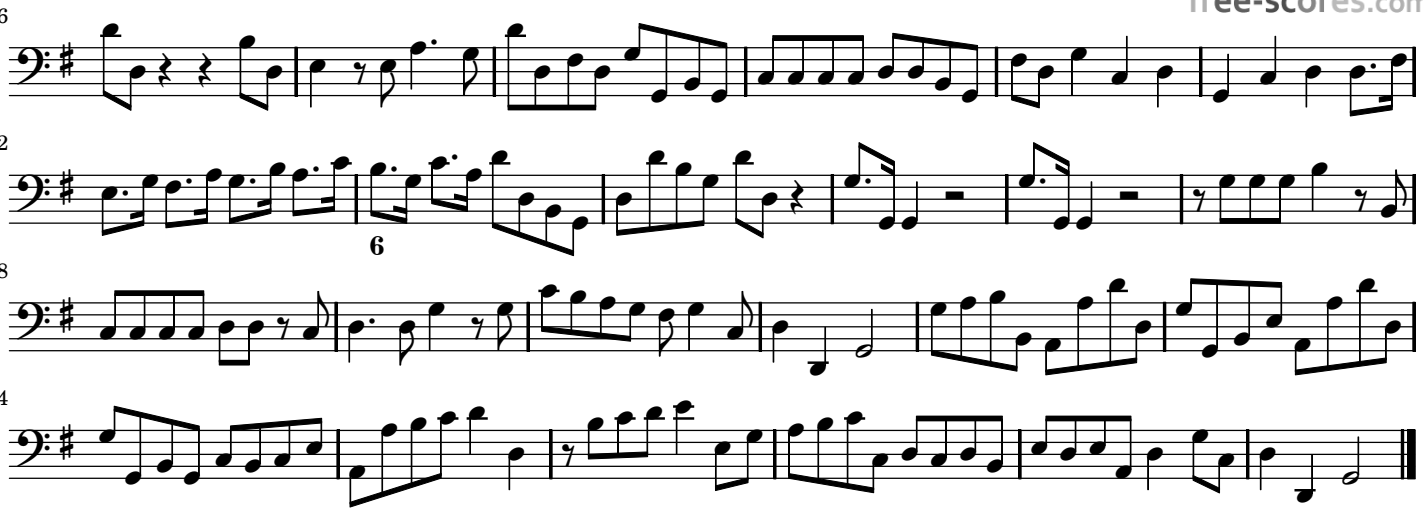

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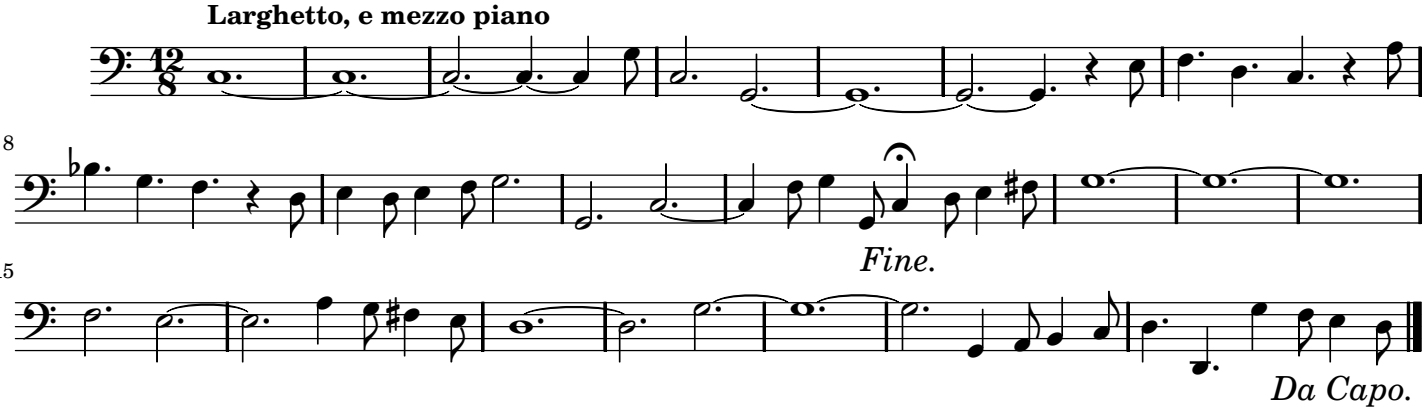

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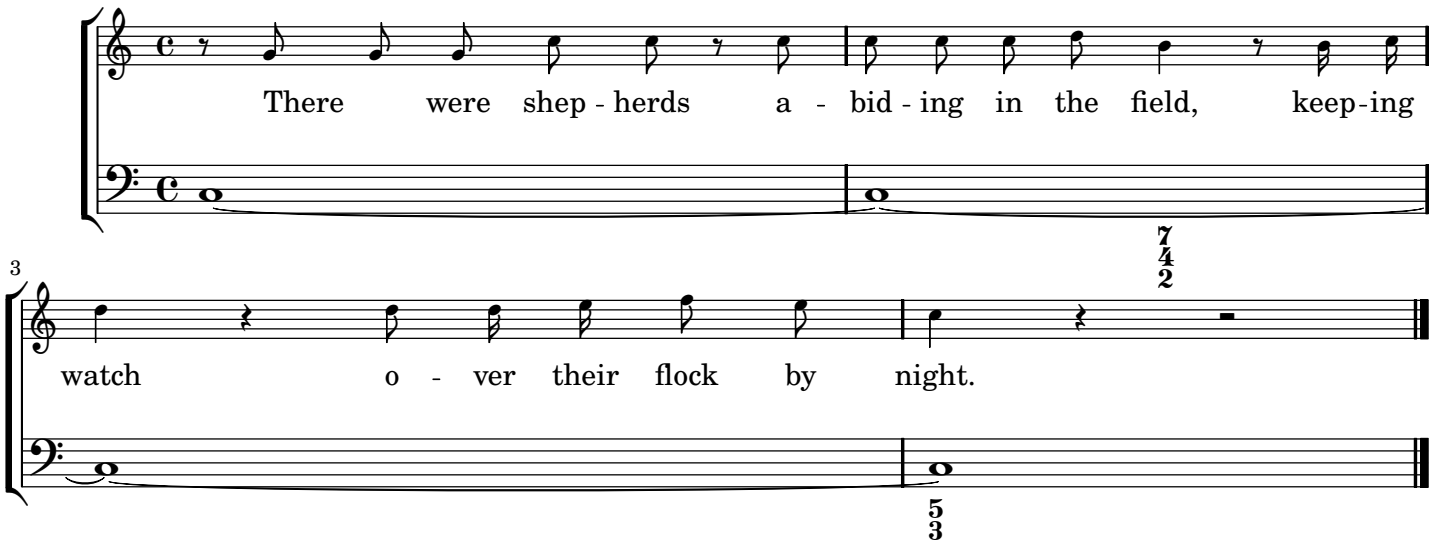

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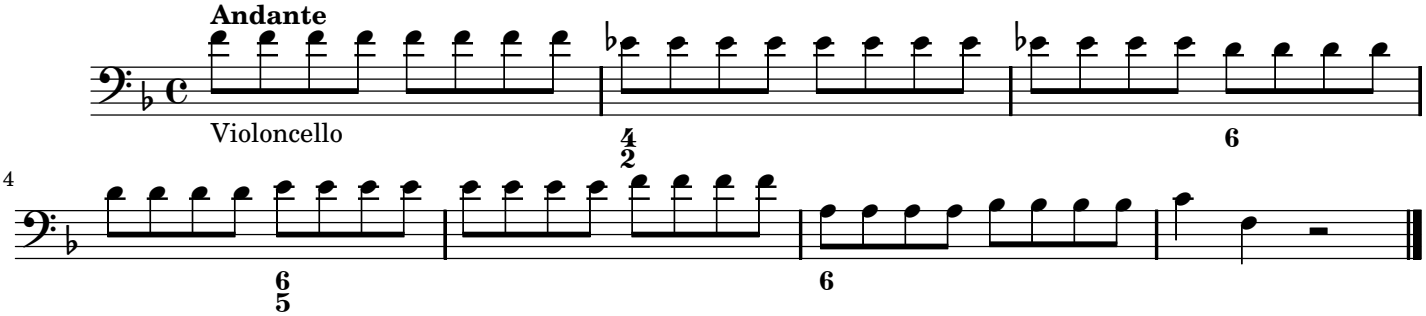

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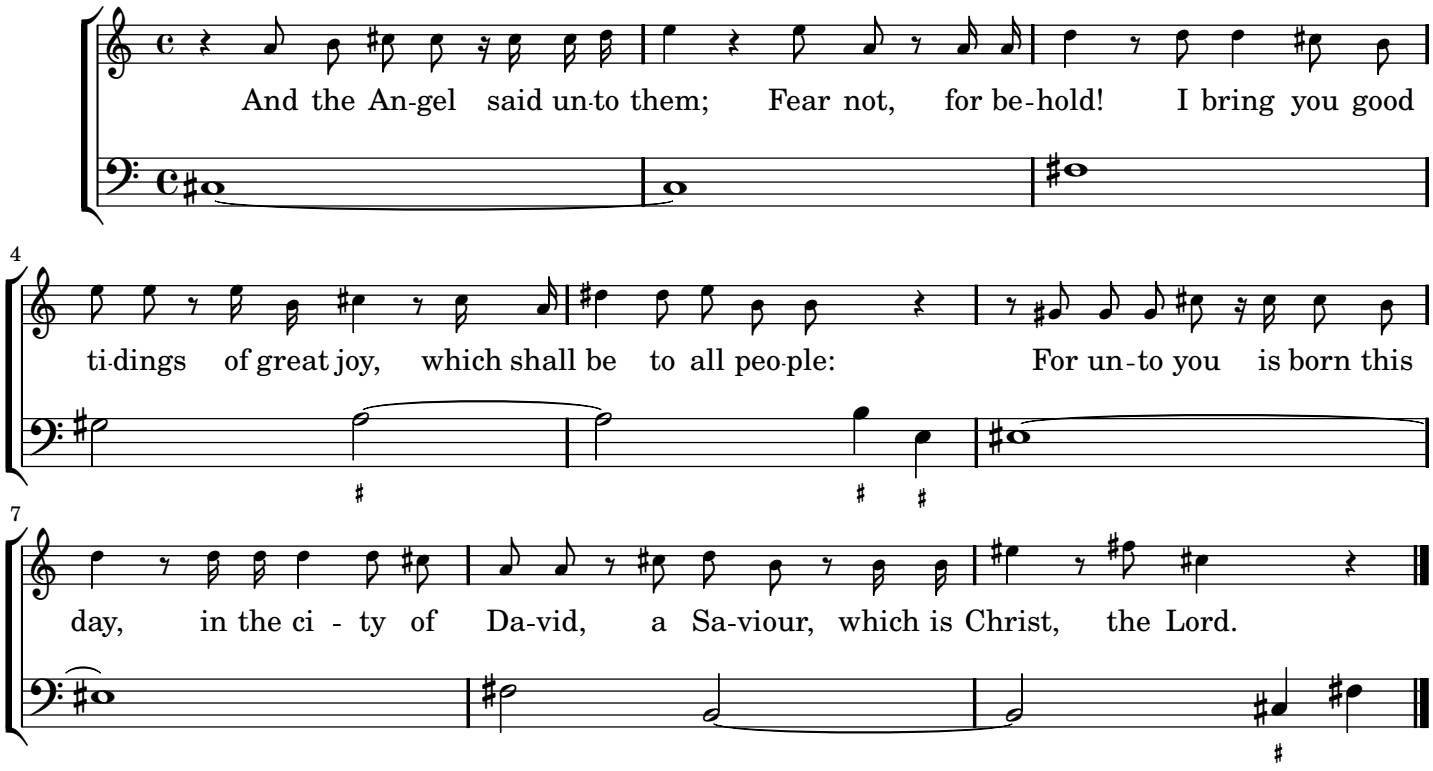

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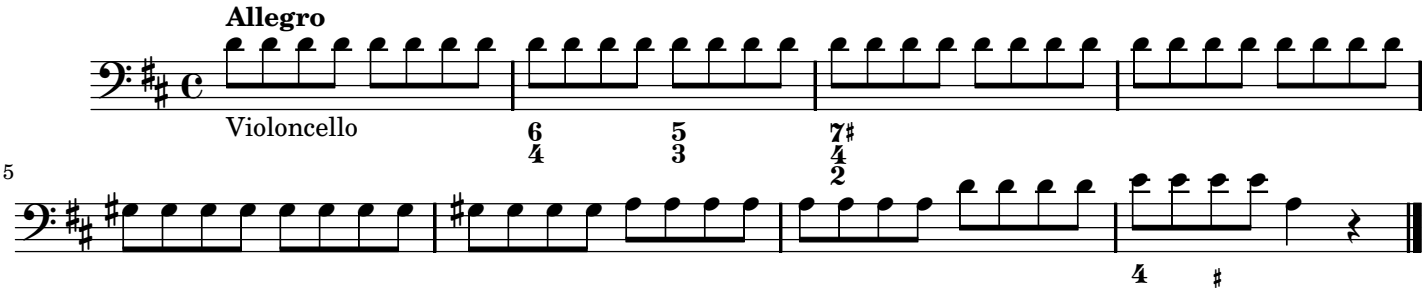

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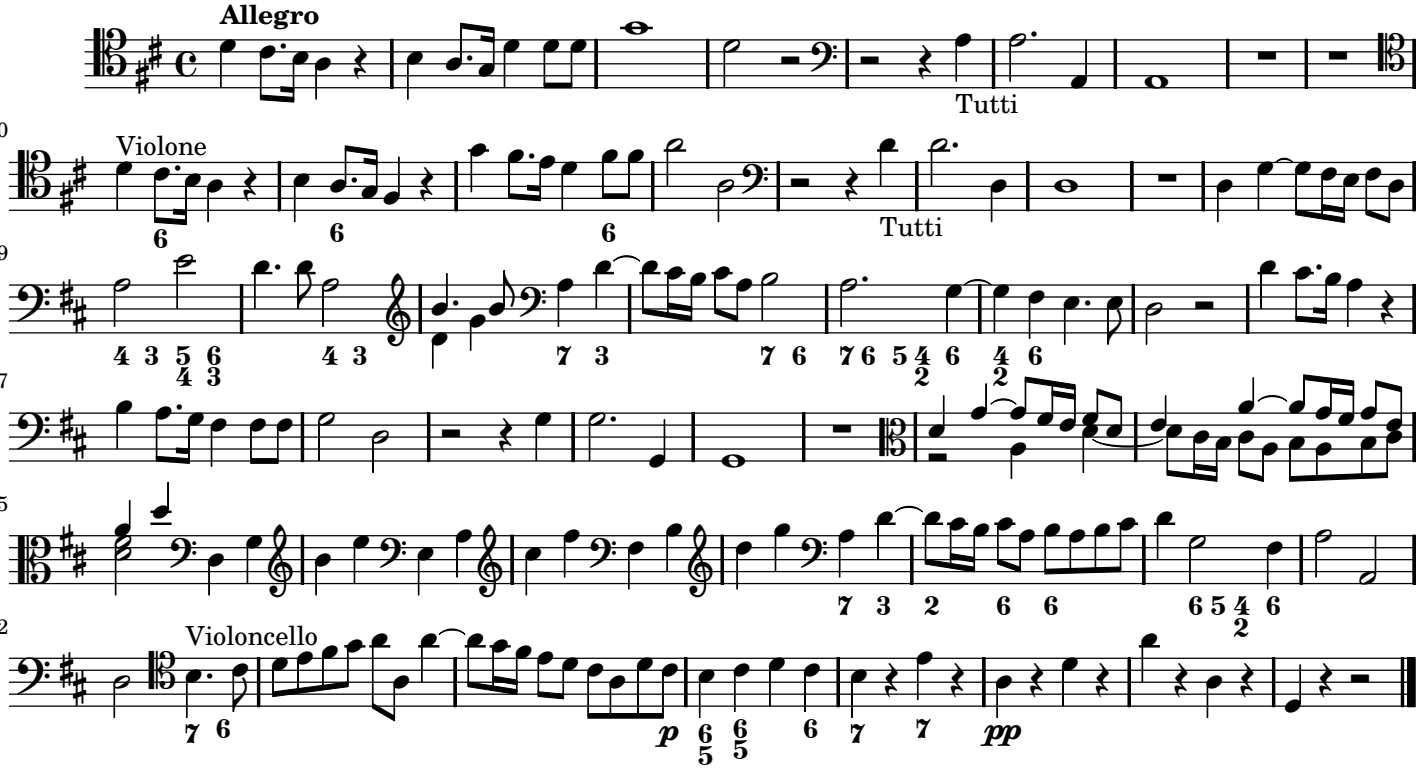

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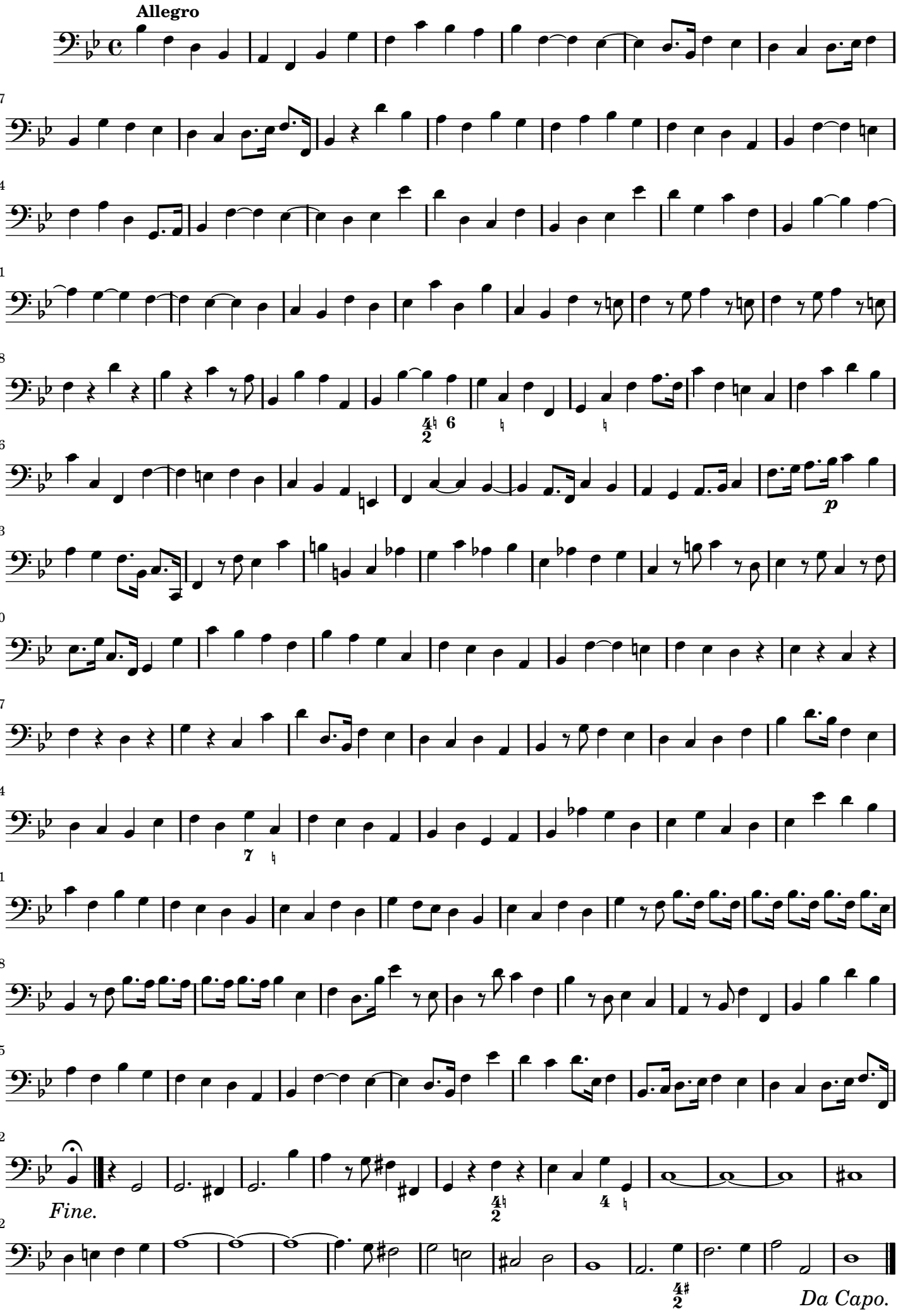

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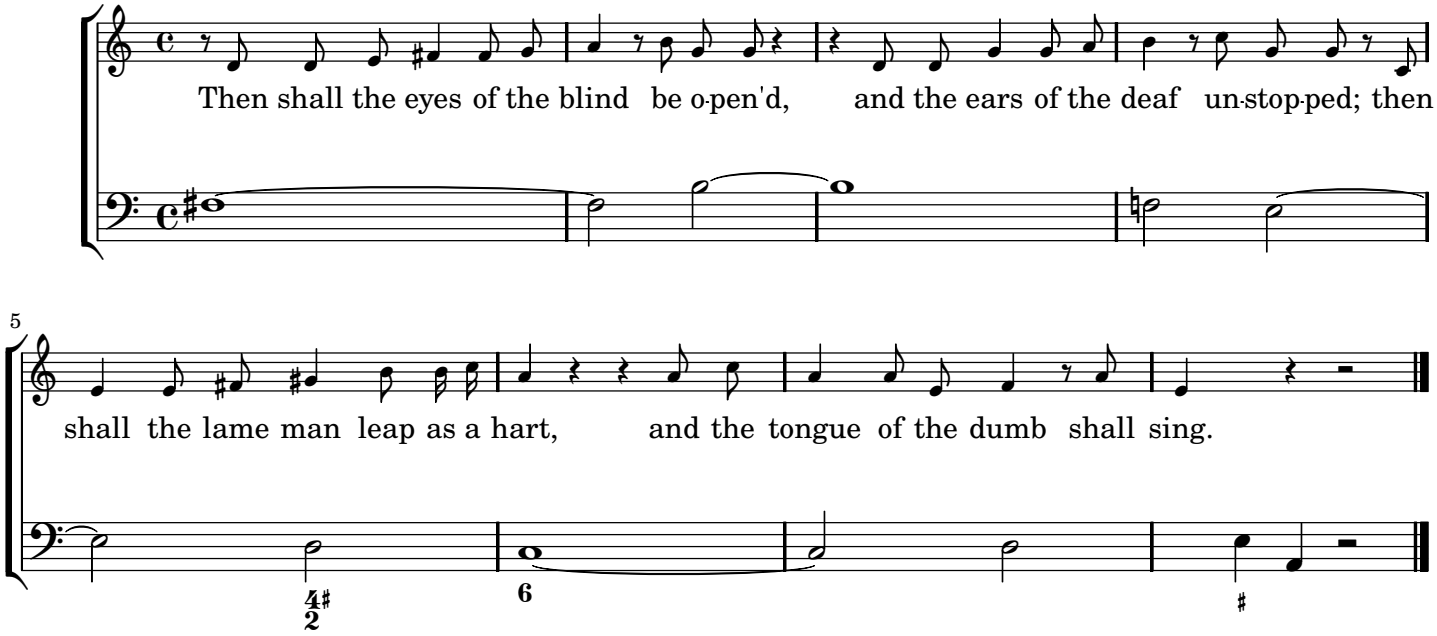

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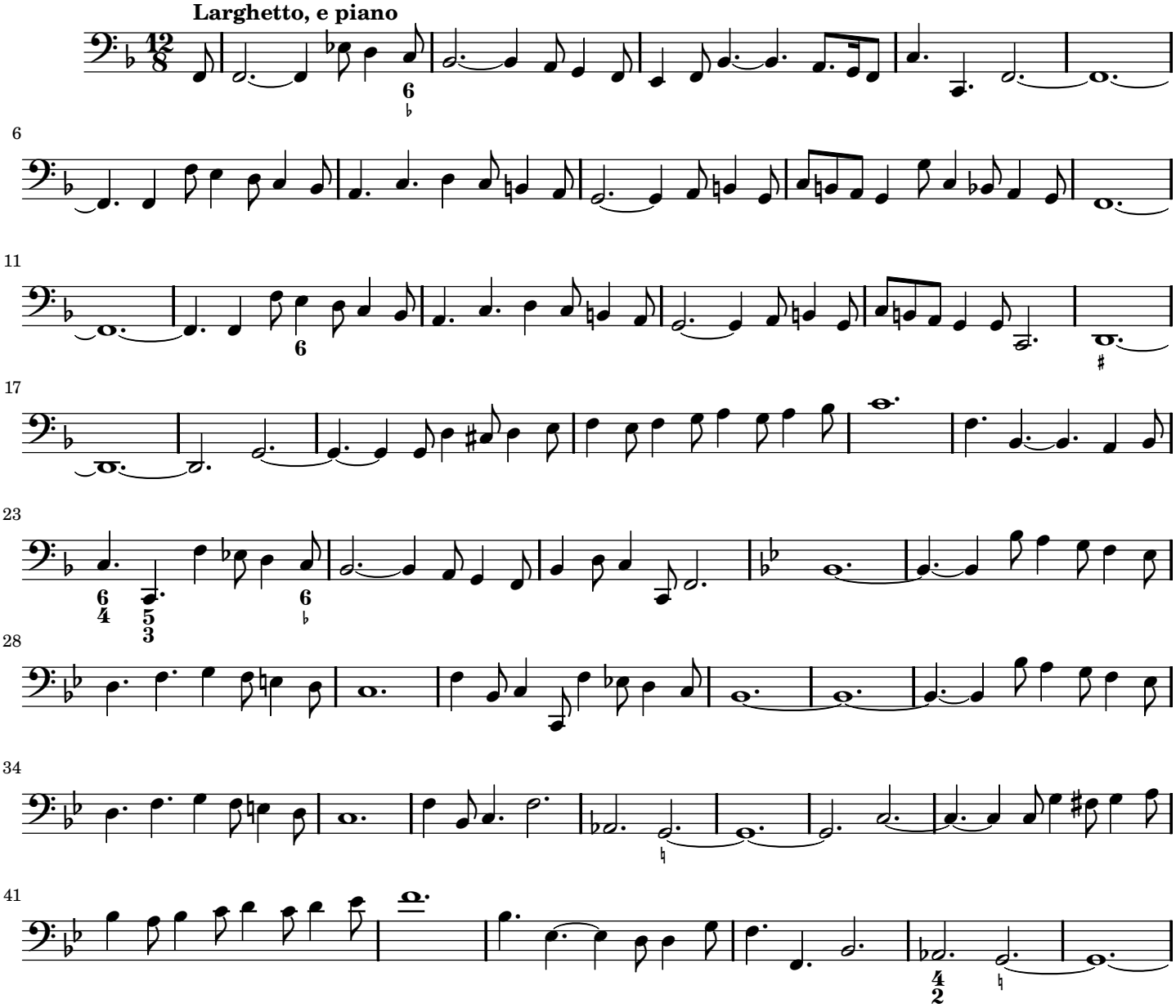

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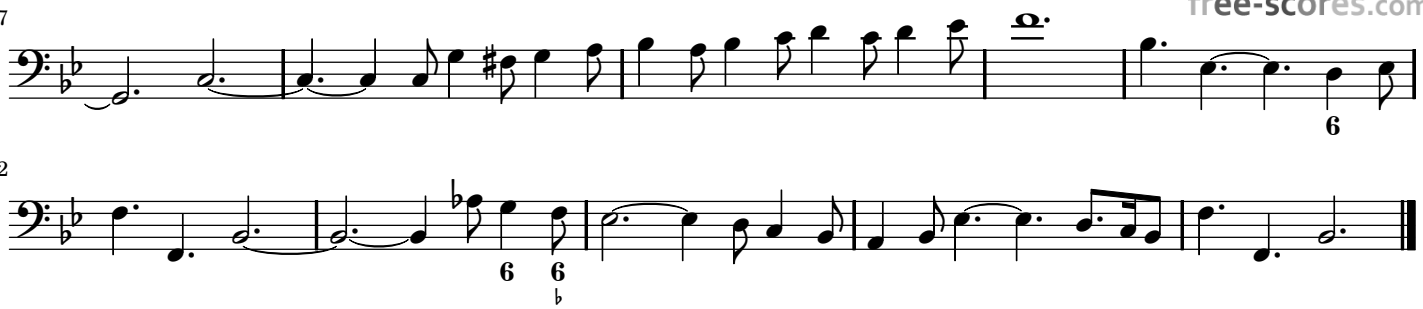

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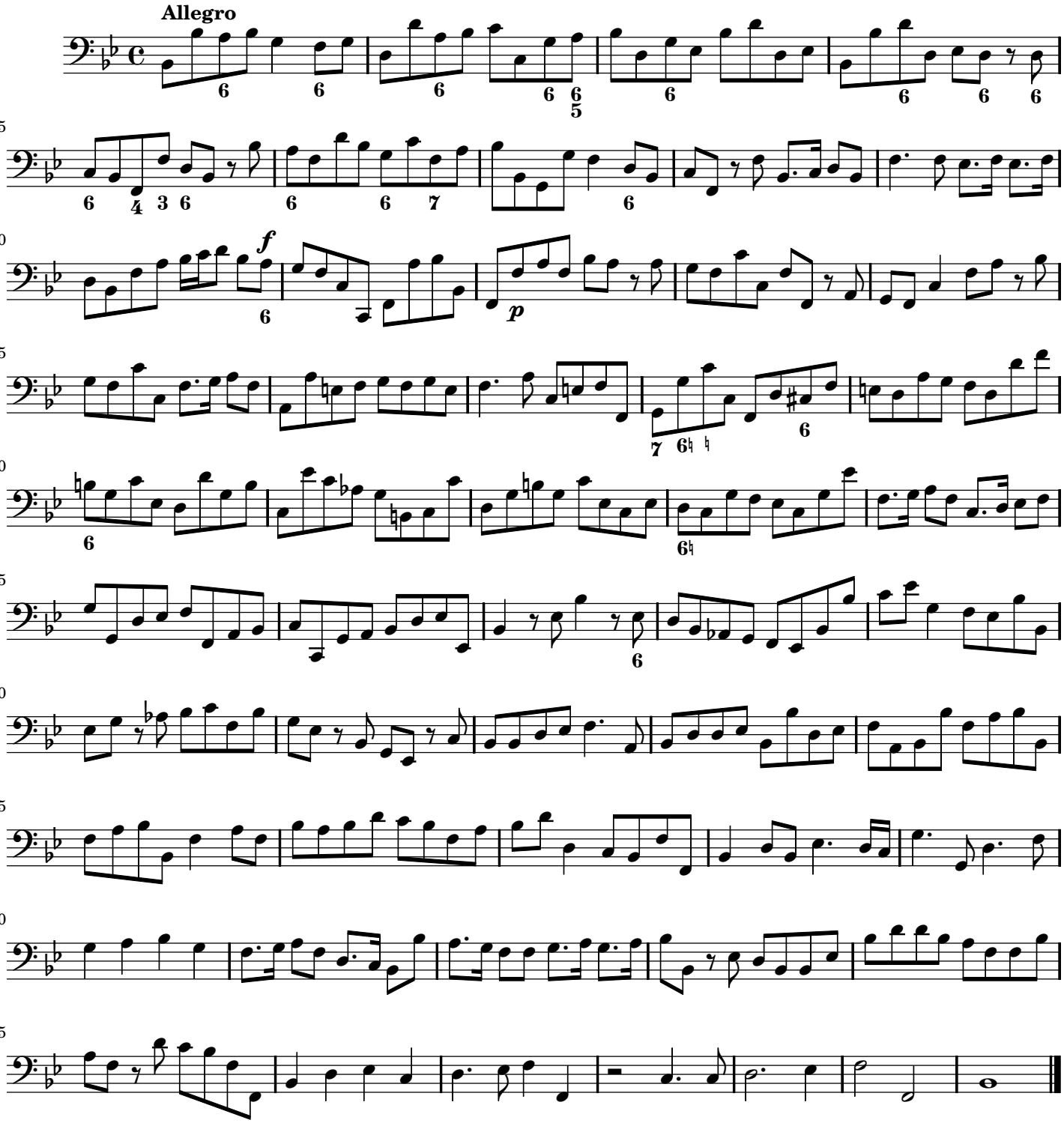

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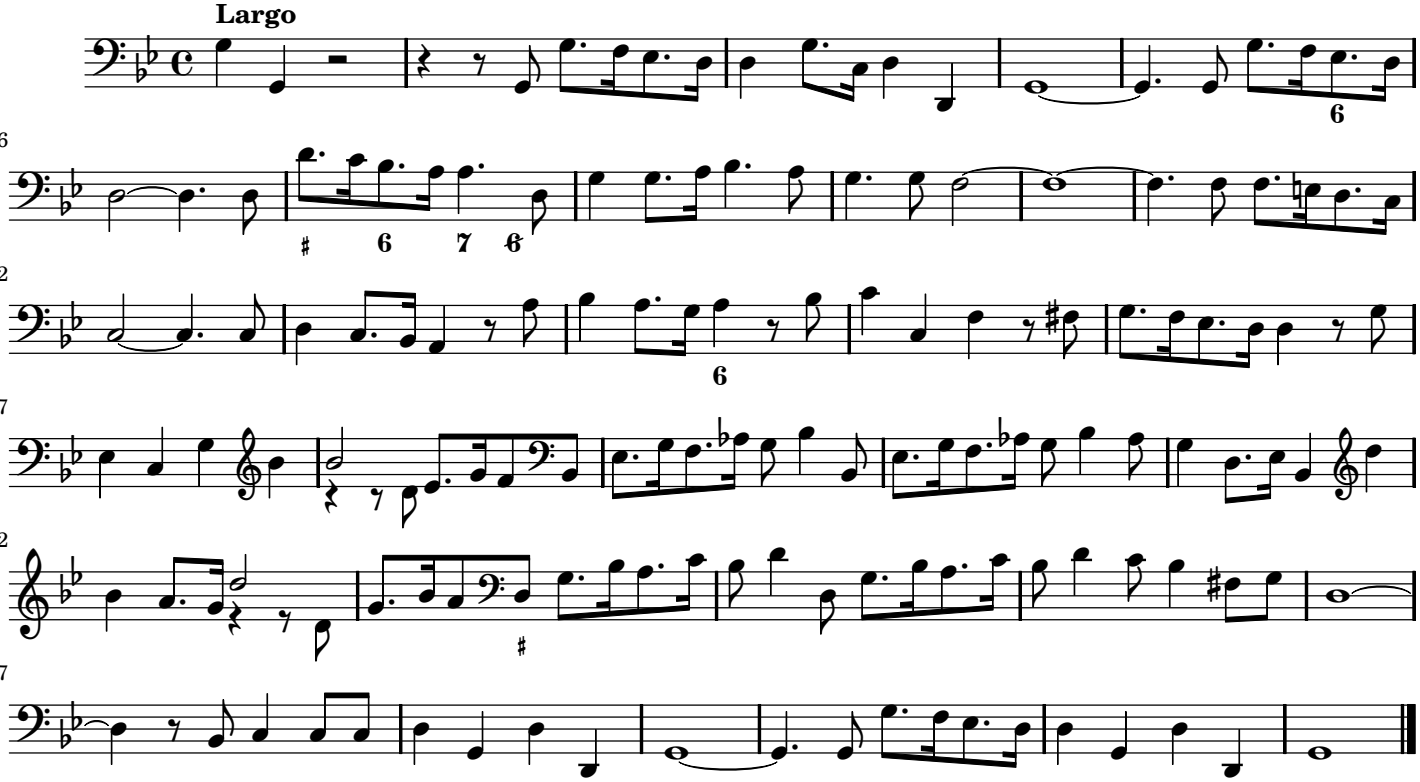

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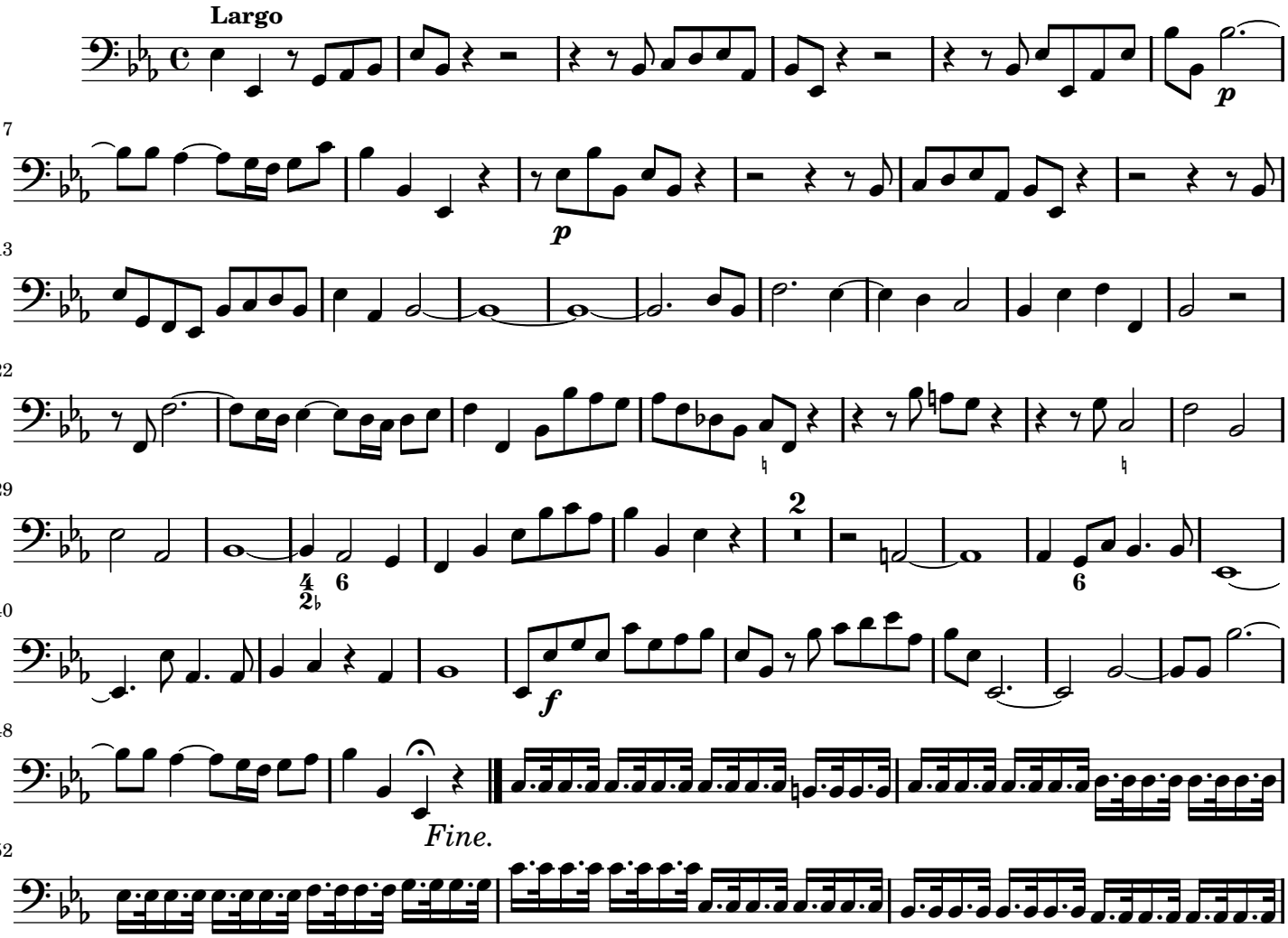

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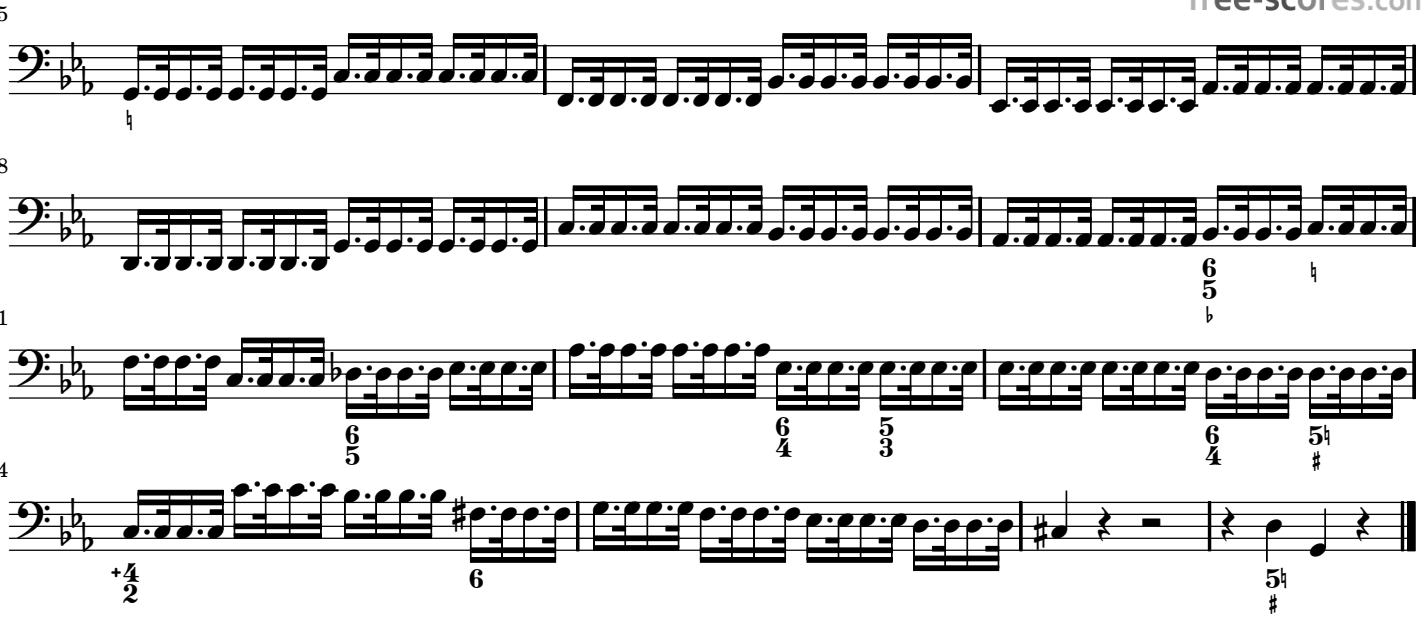

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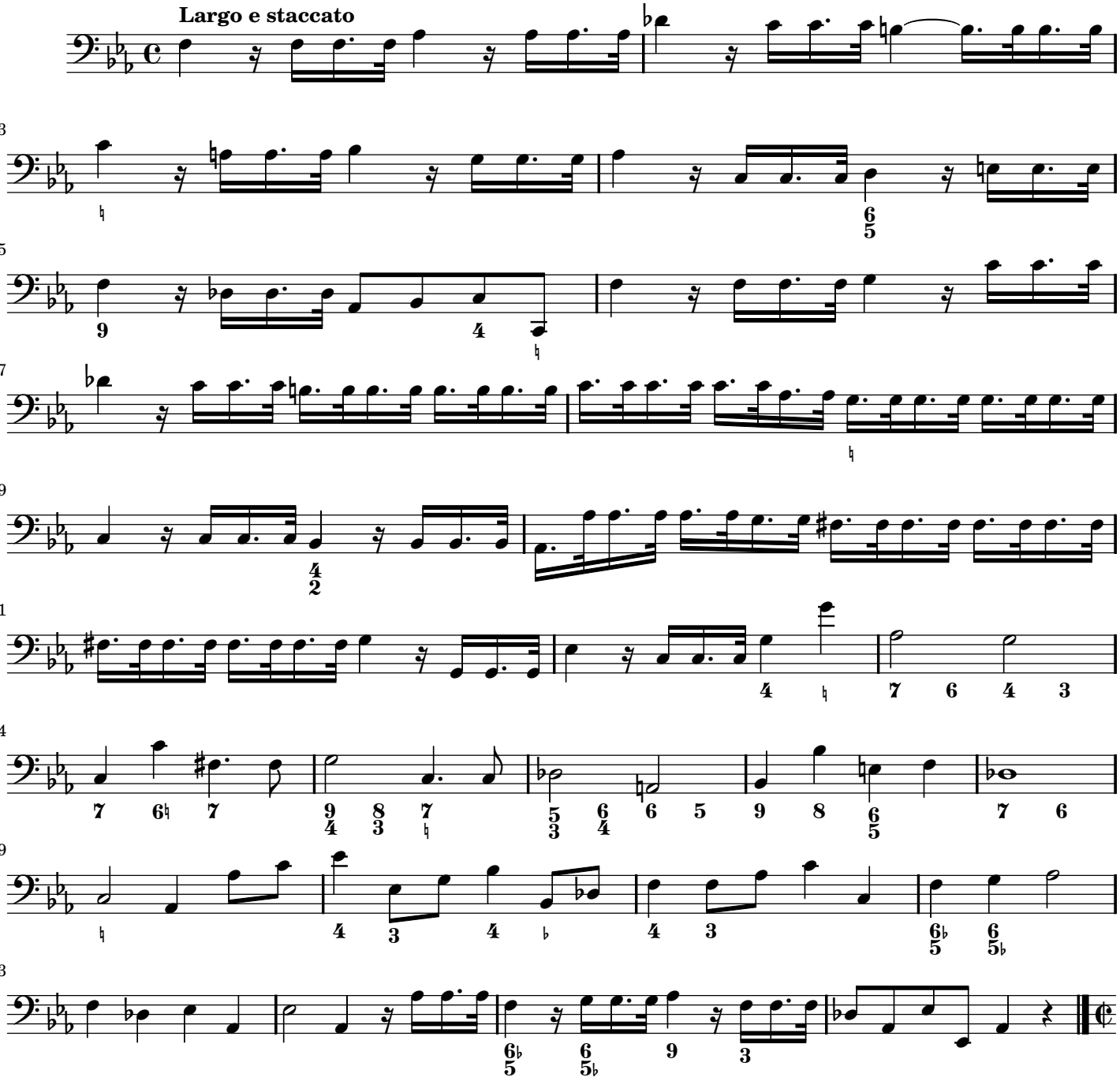

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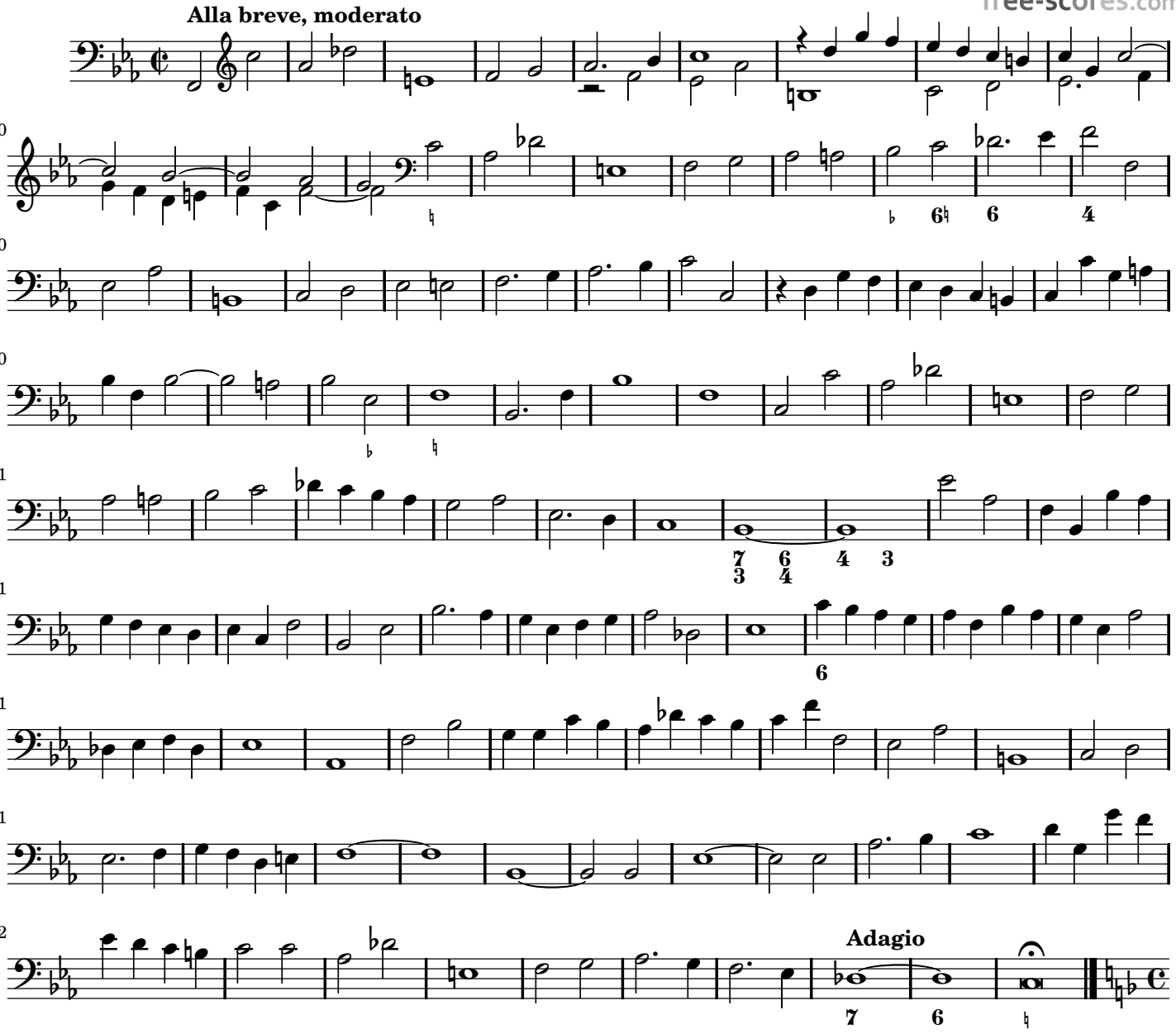

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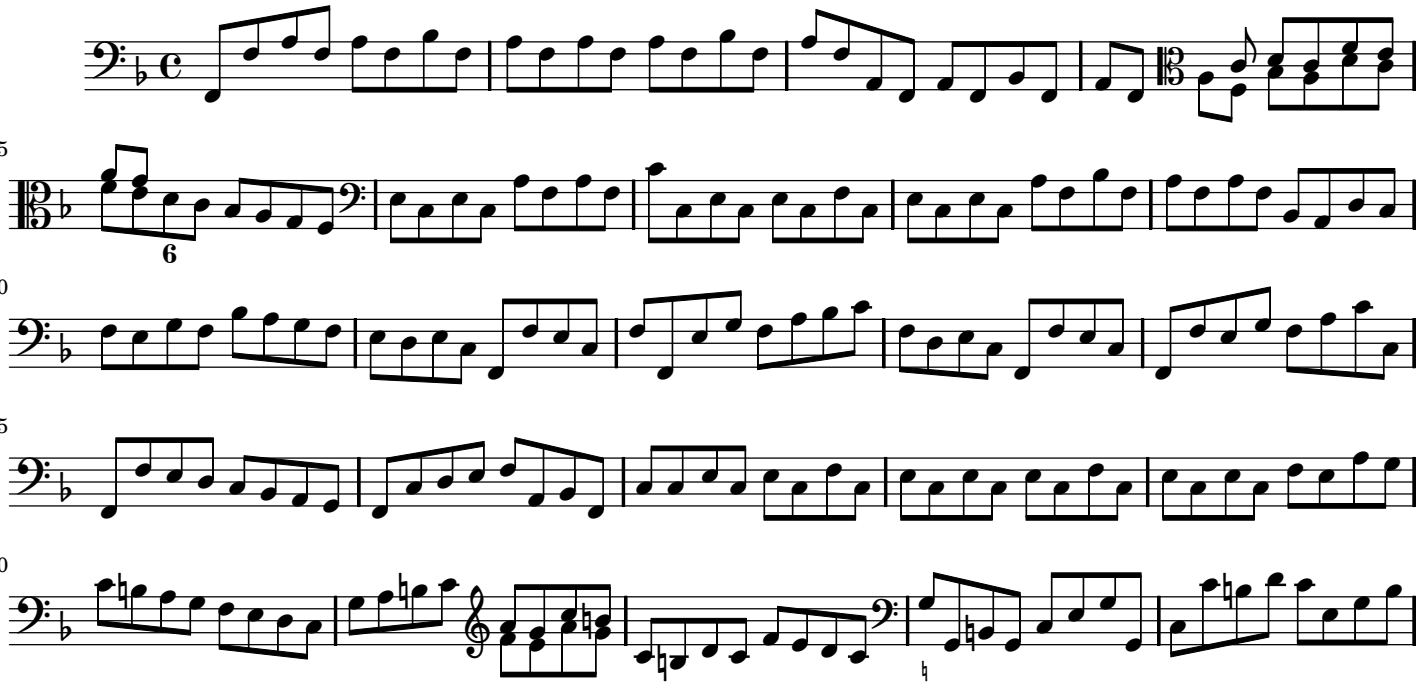

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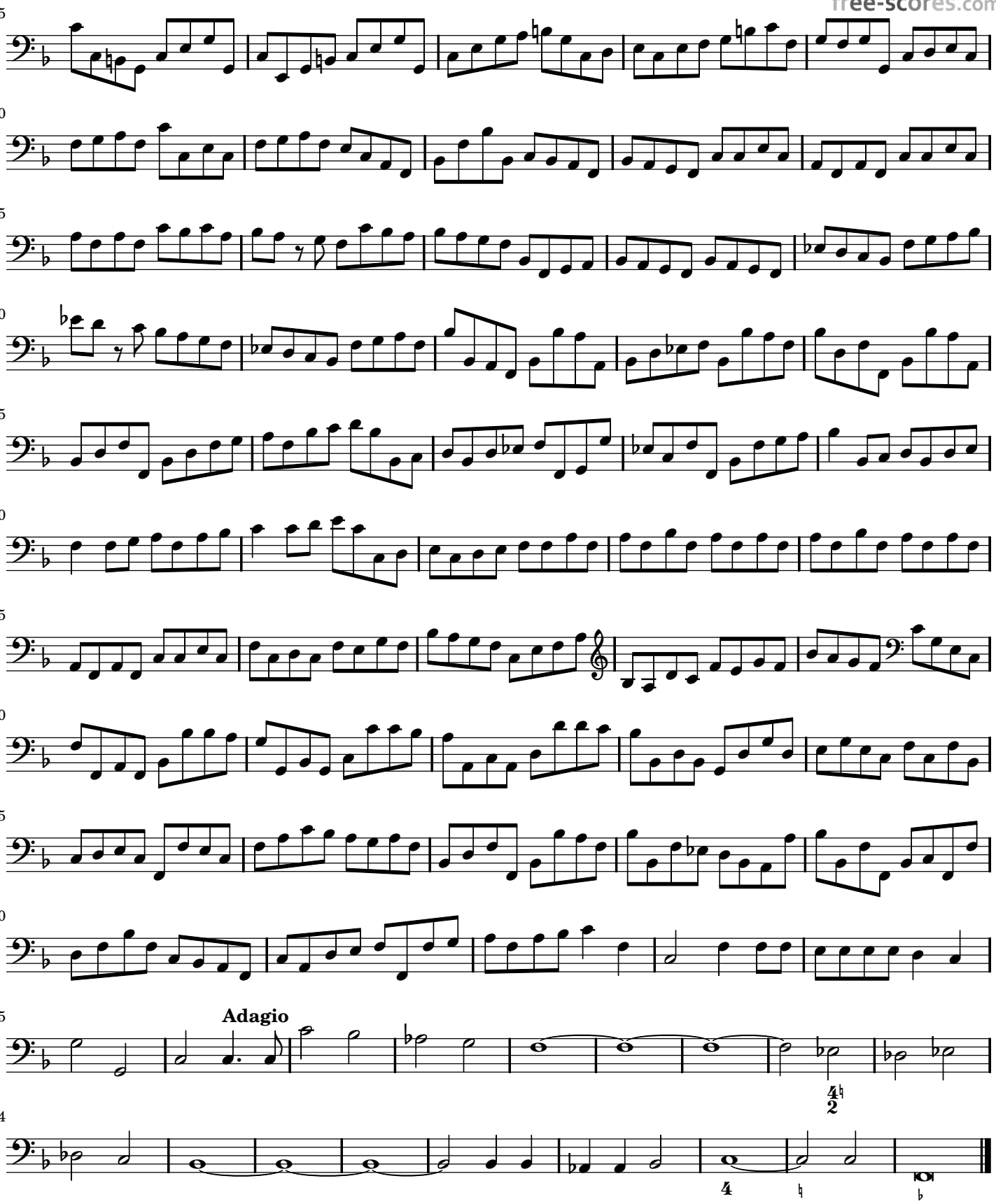

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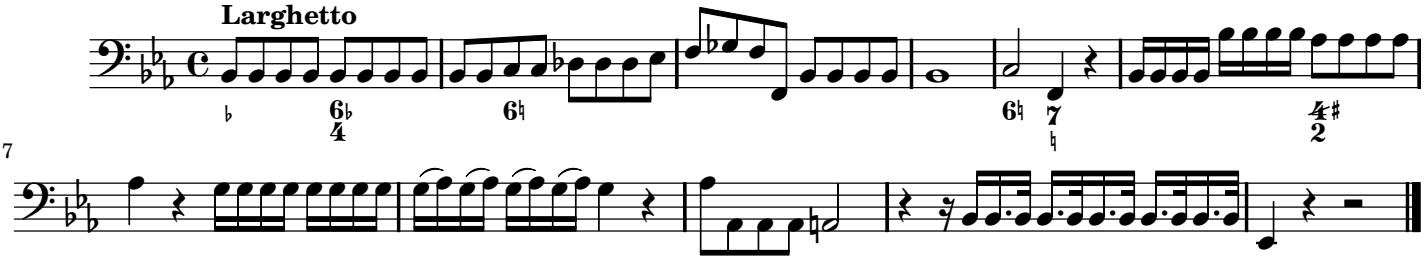

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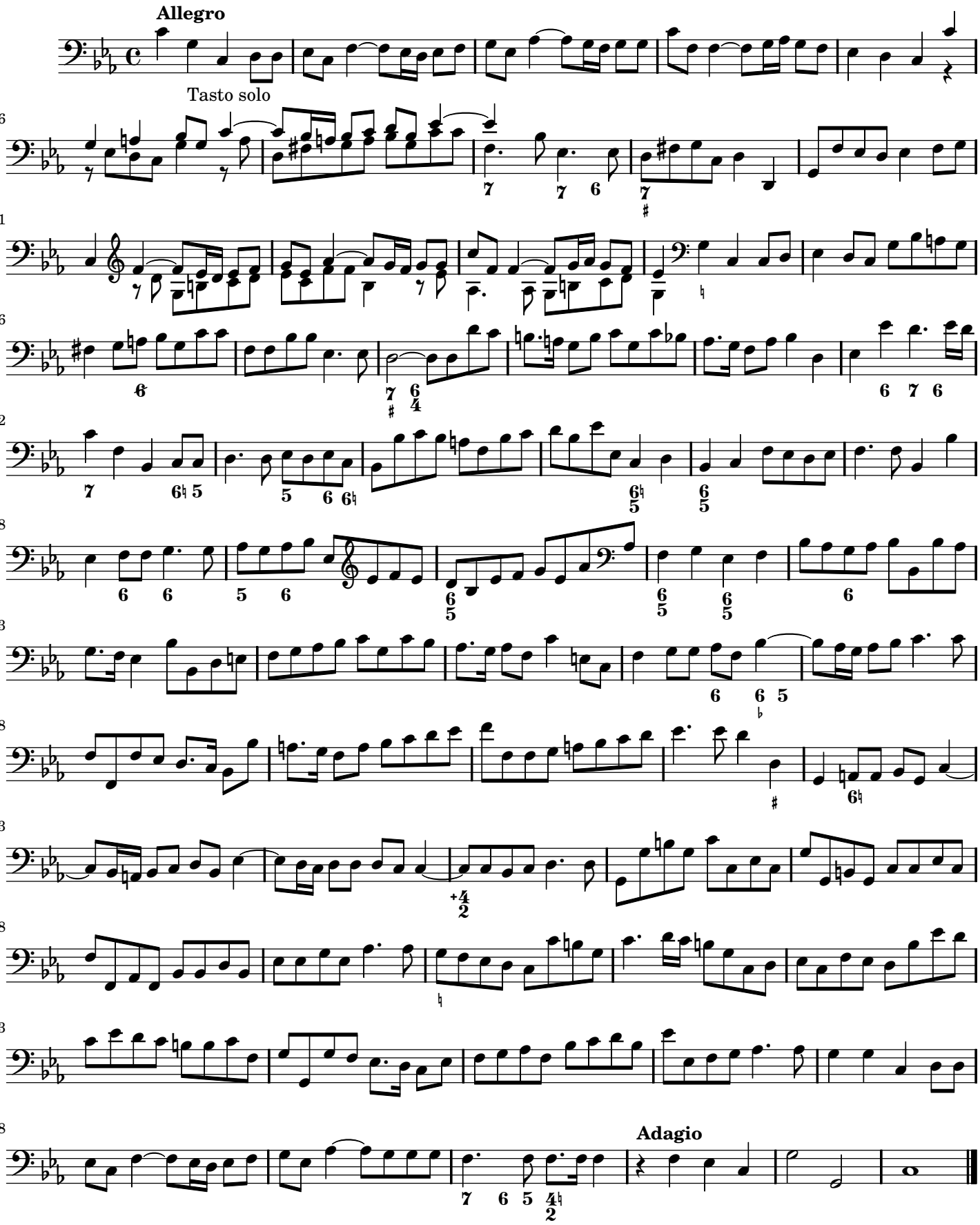

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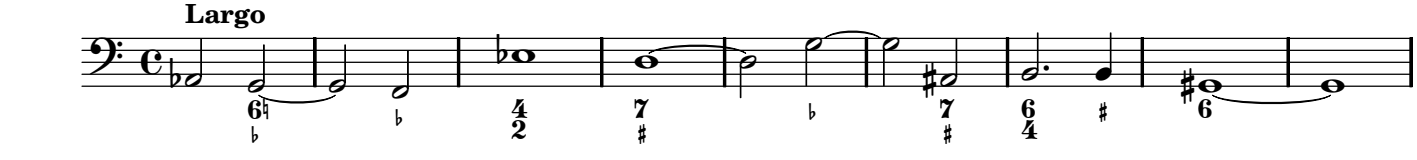

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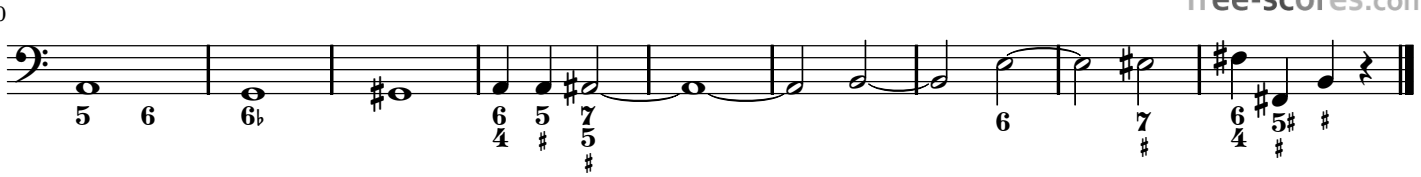

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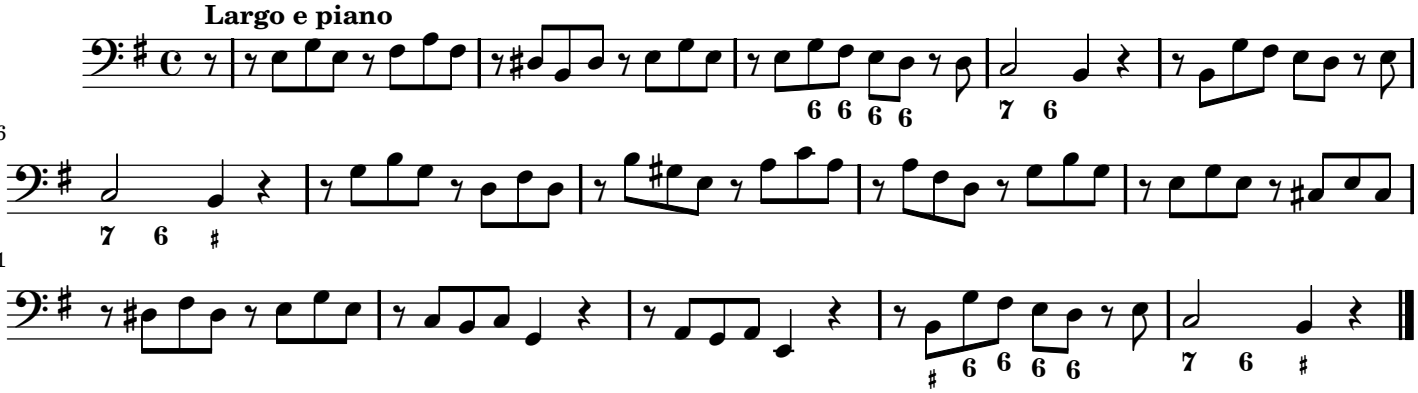

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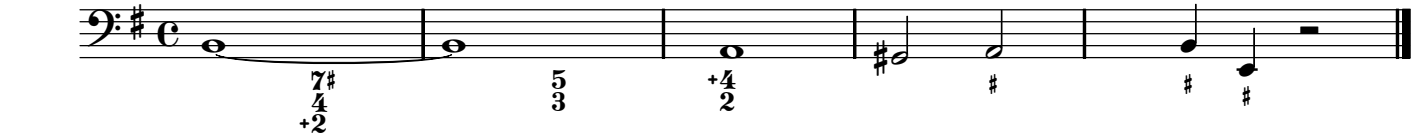

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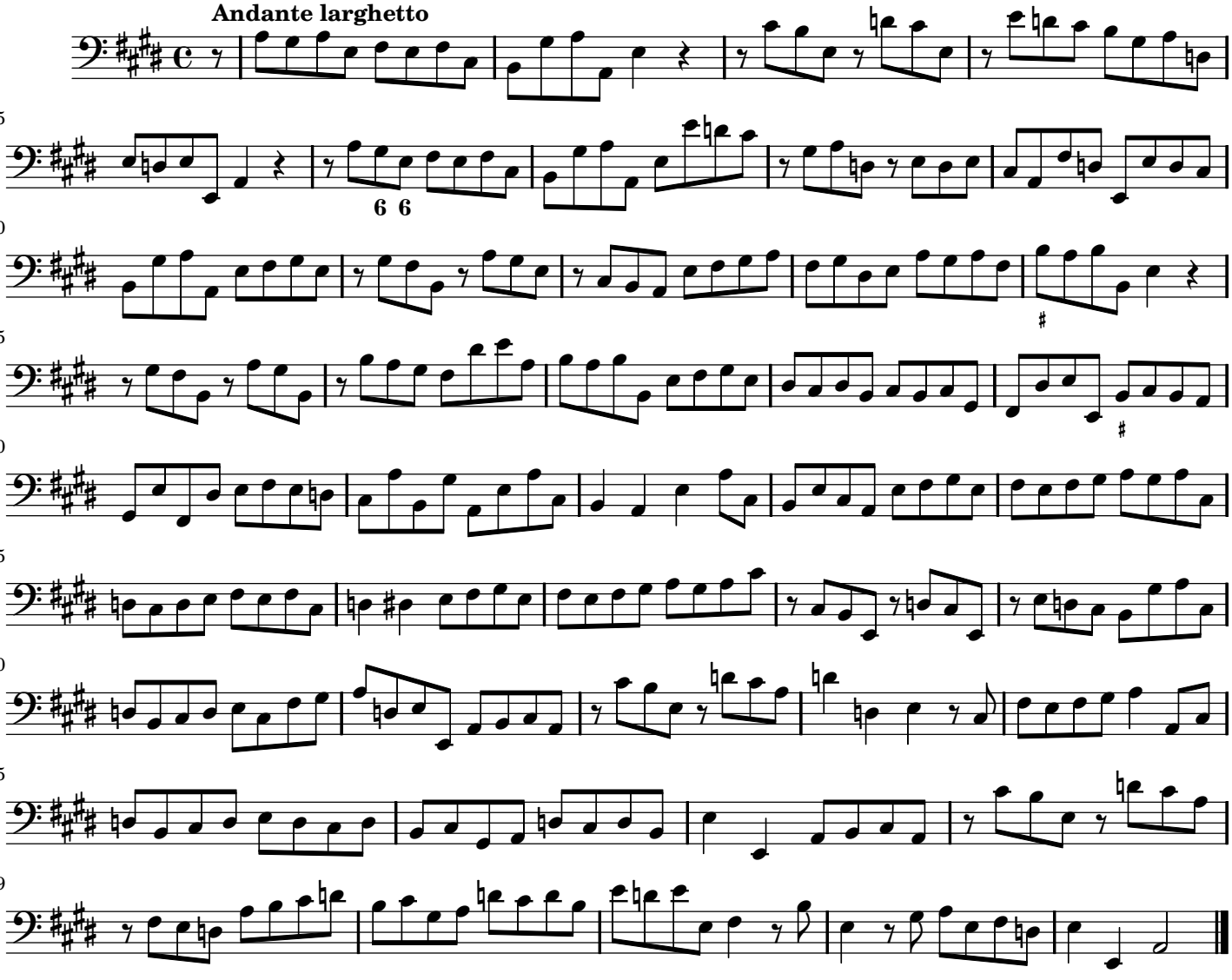

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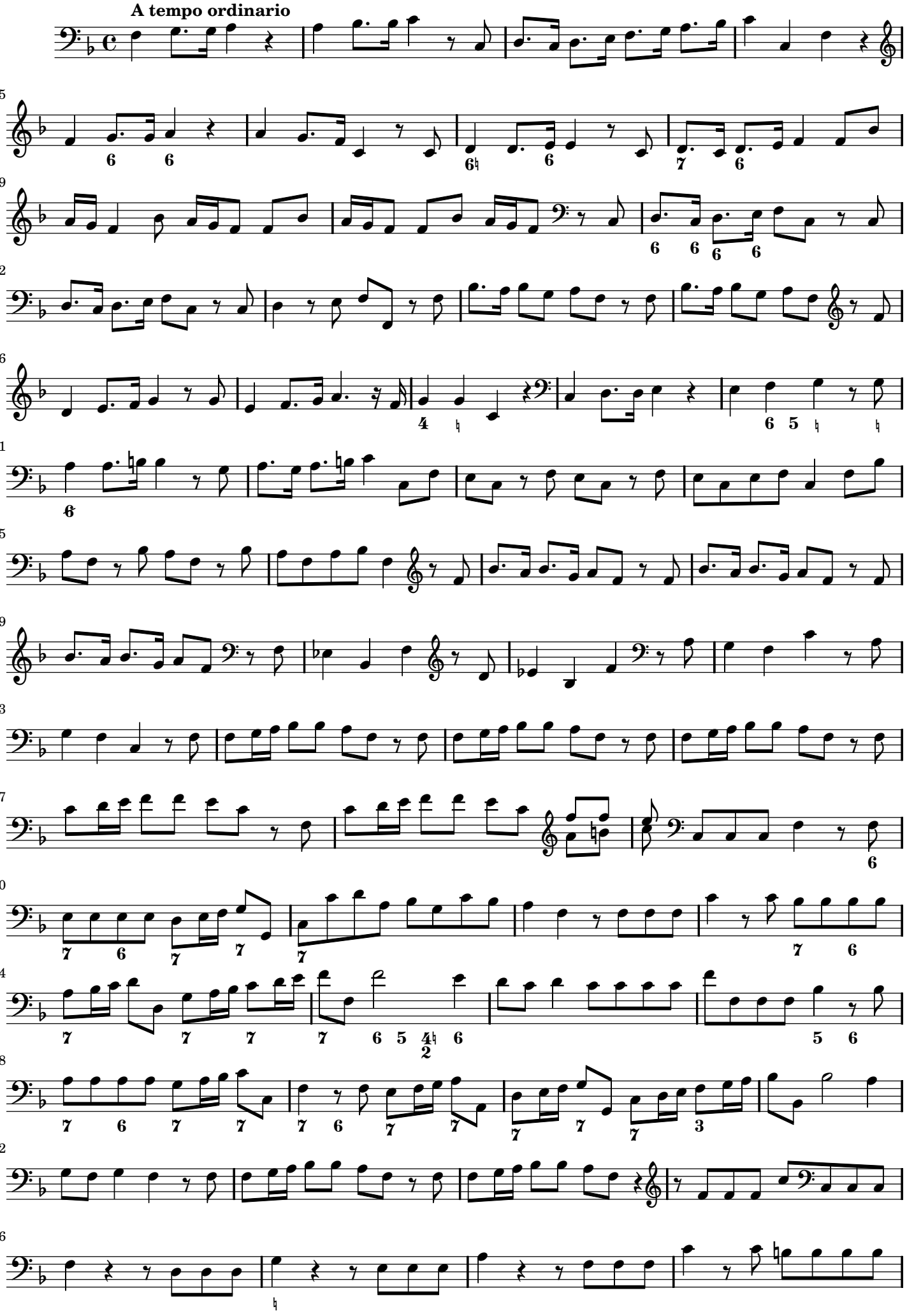

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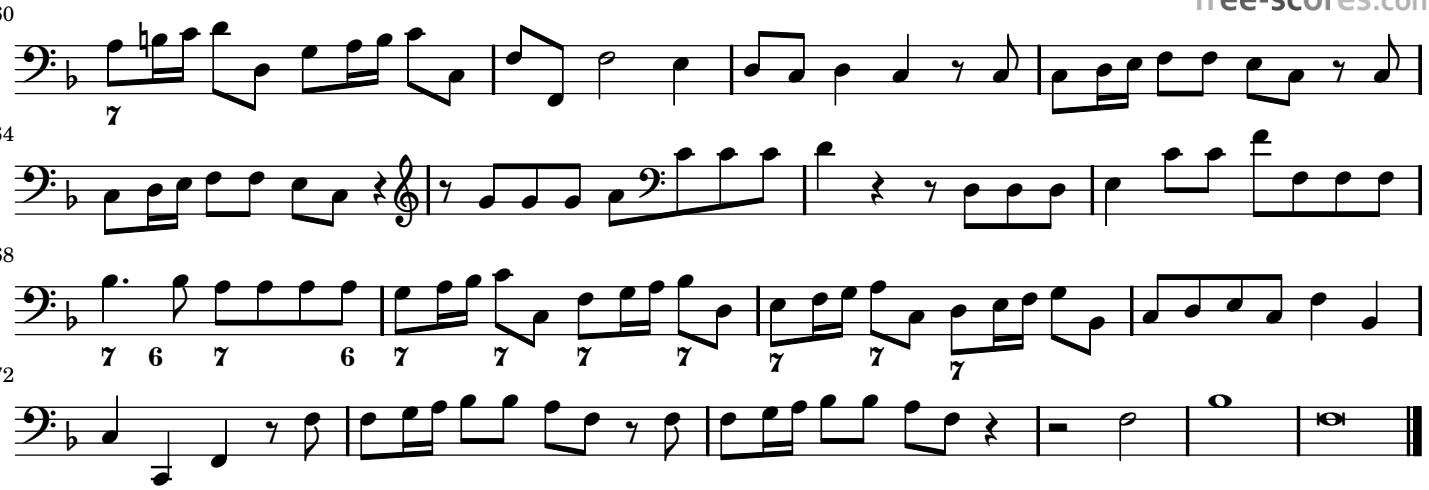

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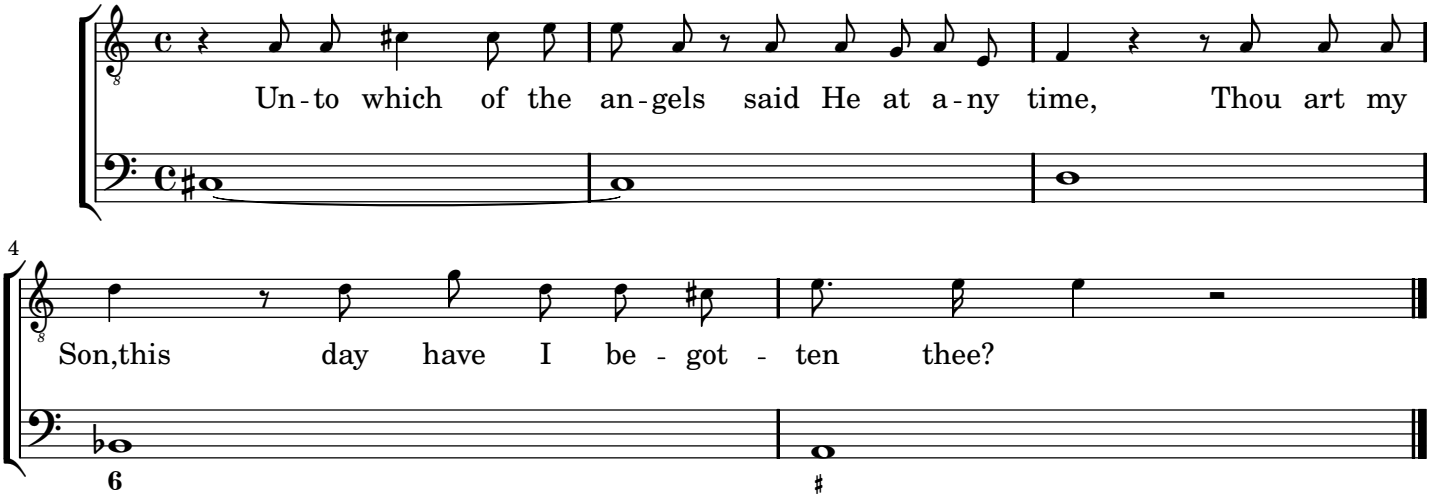
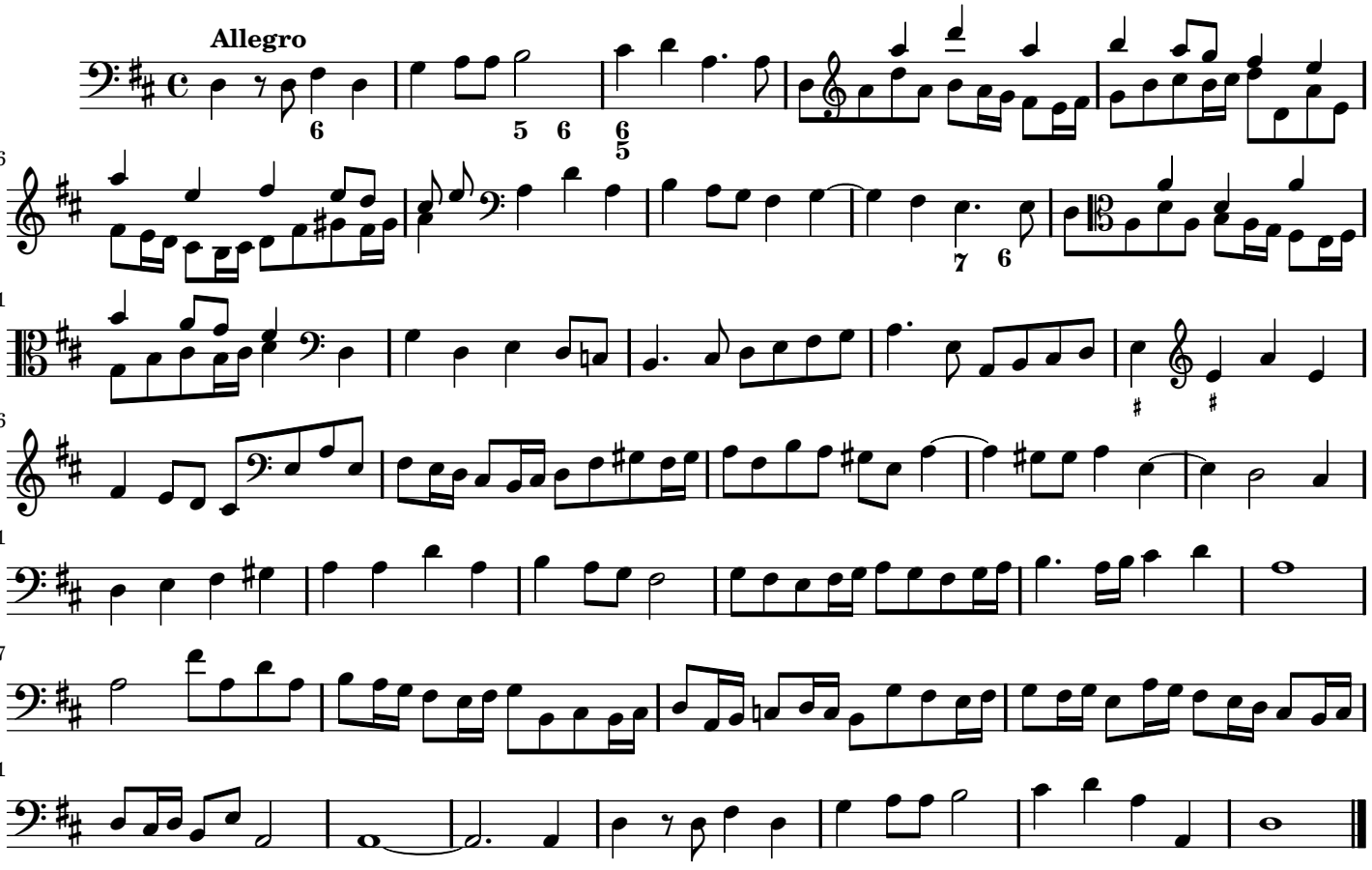


2-13 Chorus: *Let all the angels of God worship*



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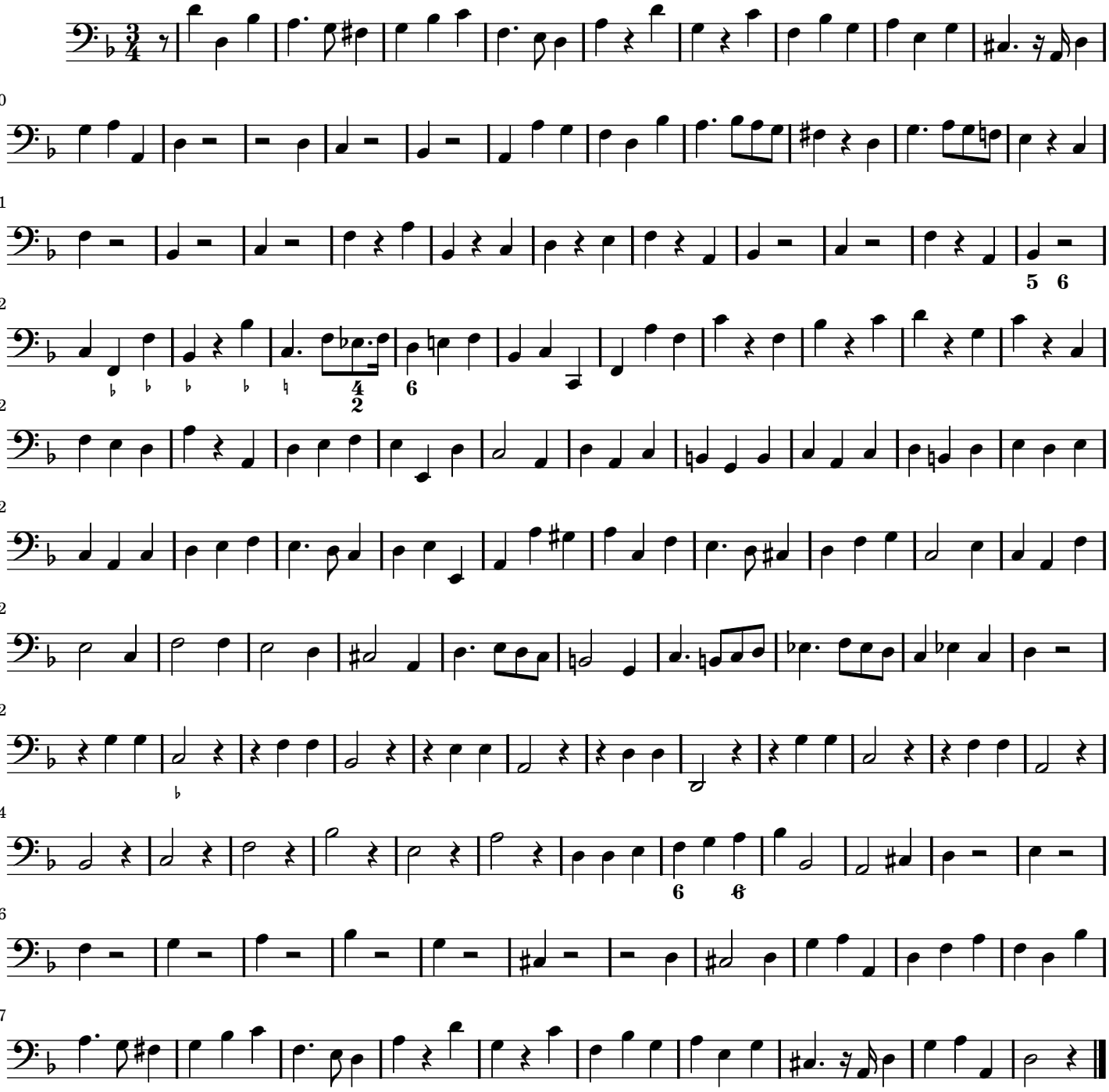
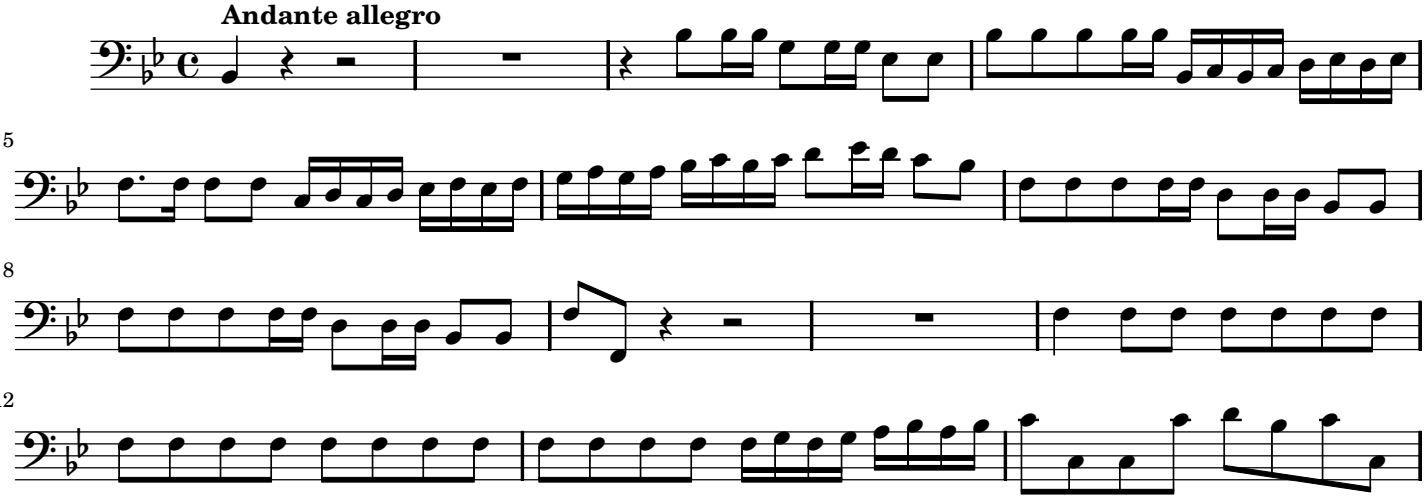
2-14 Air: *Thou art gone up on high* (alto)

Allegro larghetto



2-15 Chorus: *The Lord gave the word*

Andante allegro



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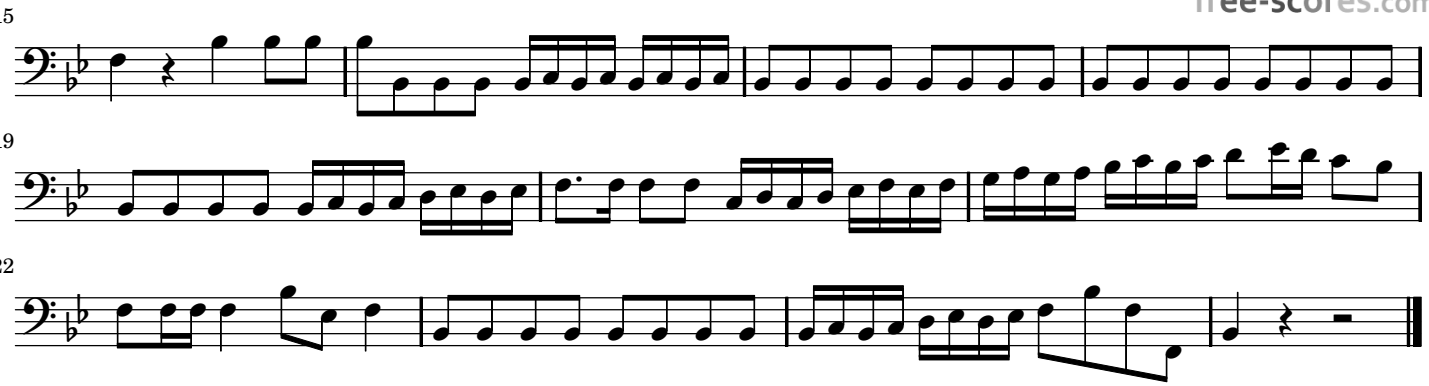
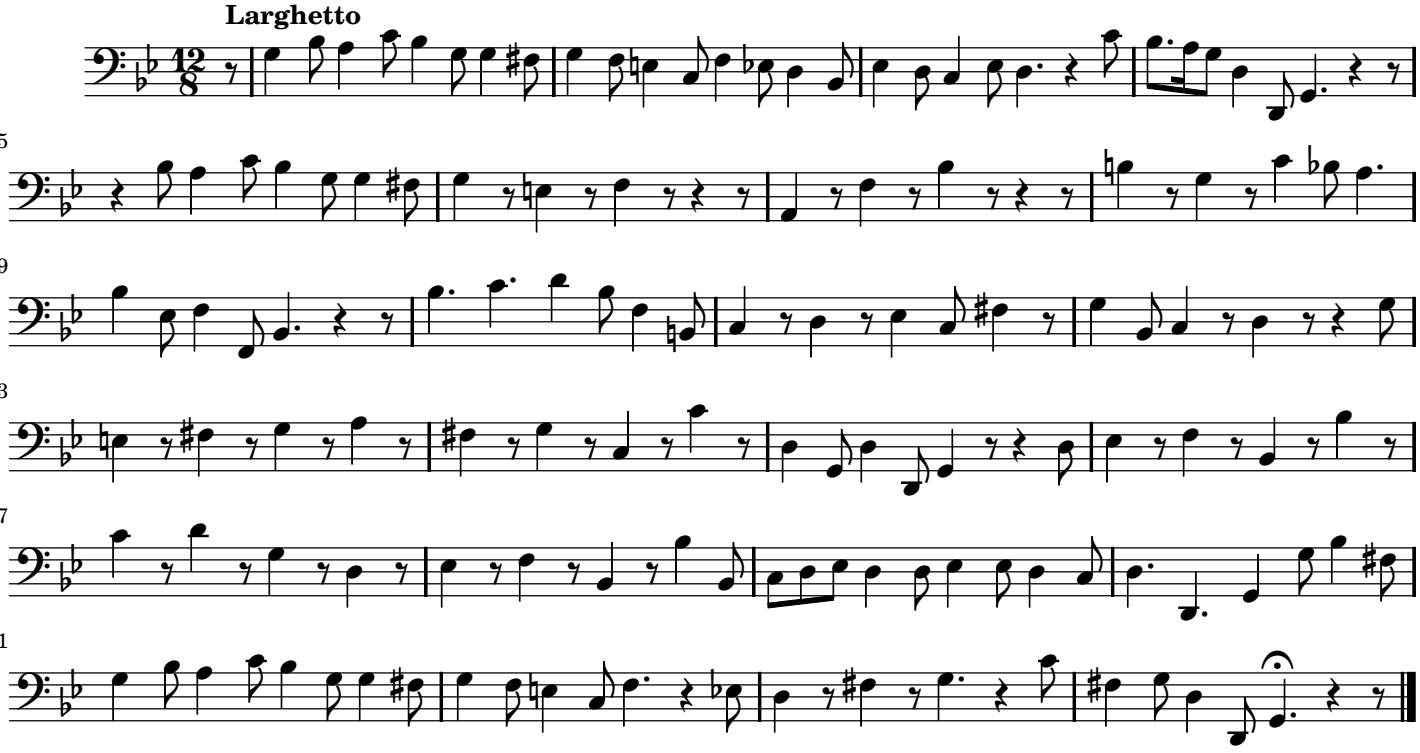
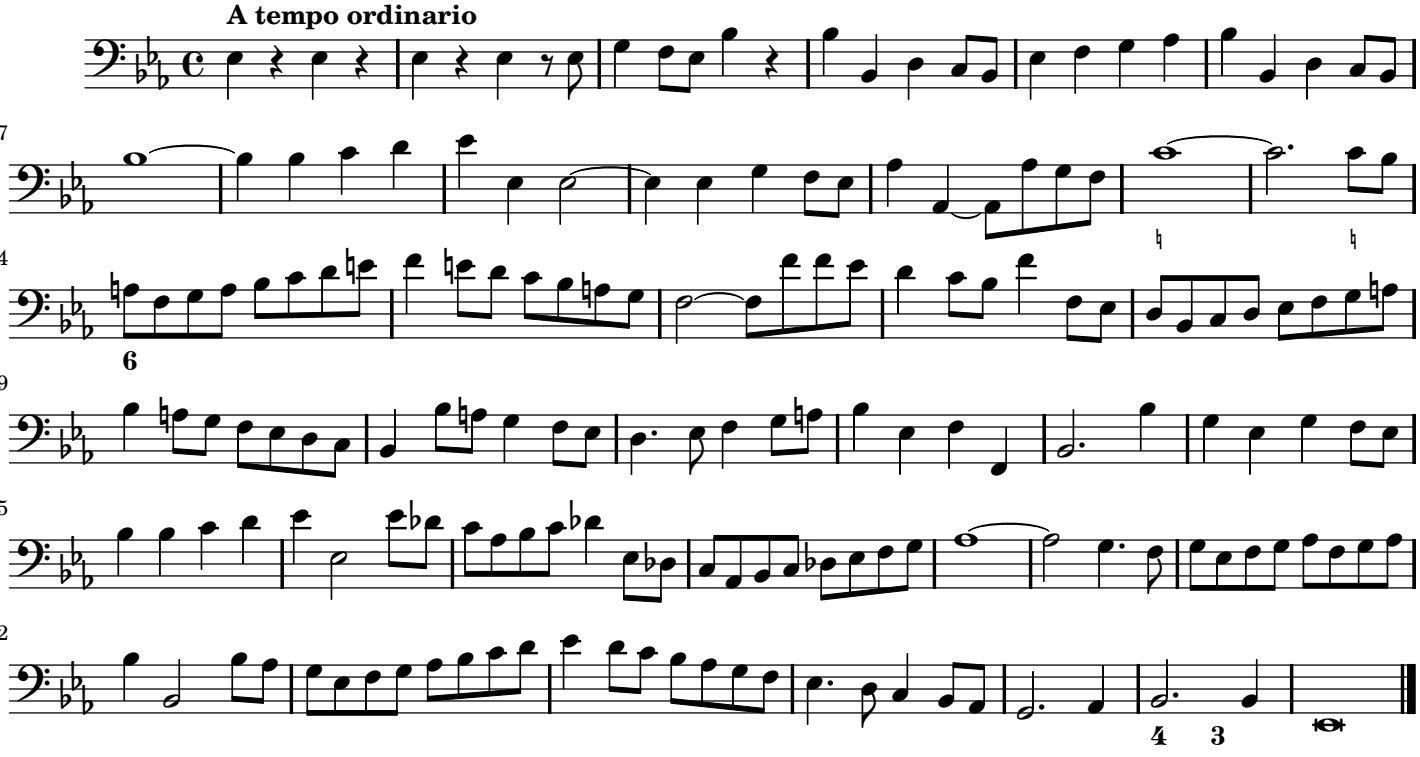


2-16 Air: *How beautiful are the feet* (soprano)



2-17 Chorus: *Their sound is gone out into all lands*



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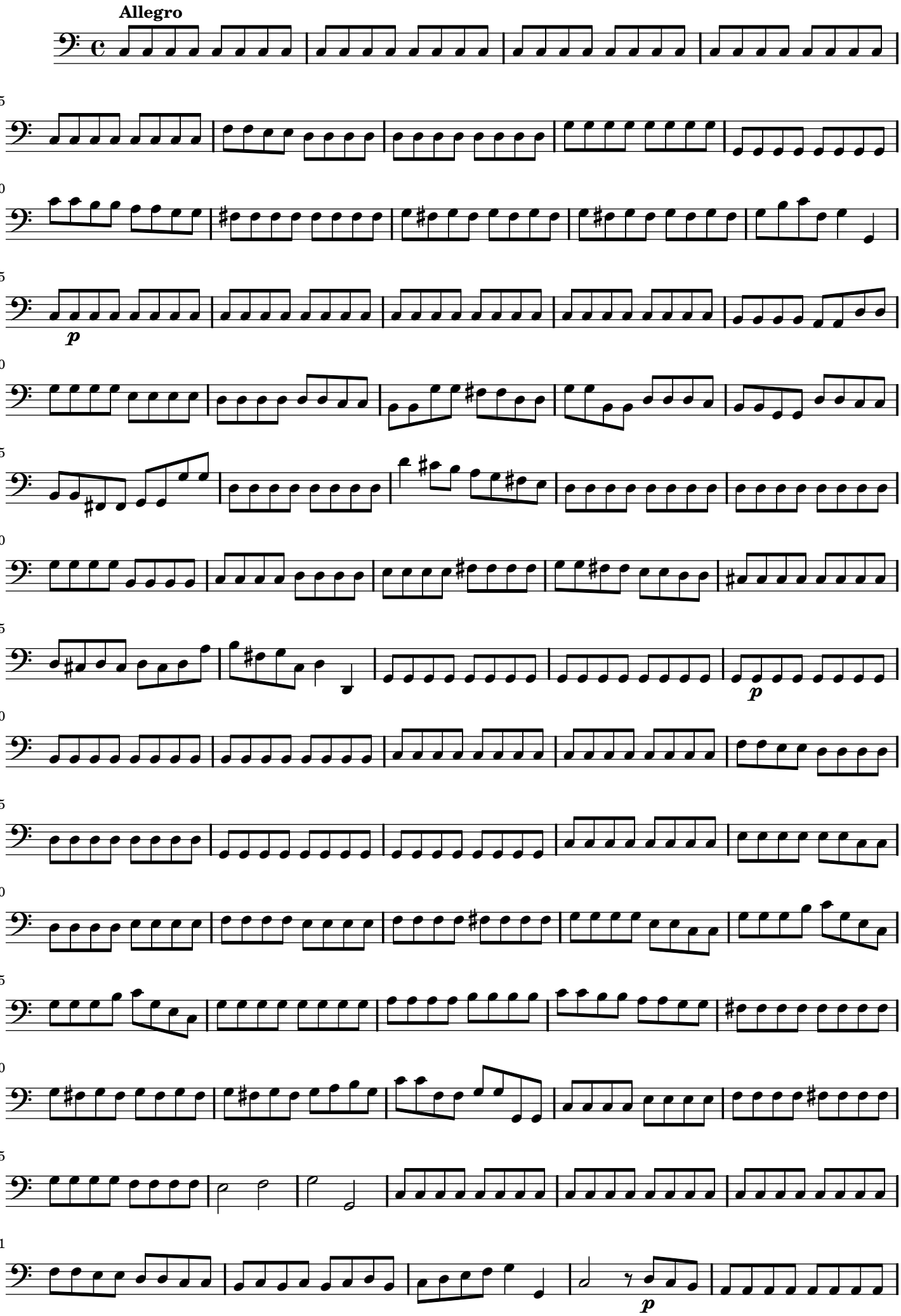
2-18 Air: *Why do the nations so furiously* (bass)



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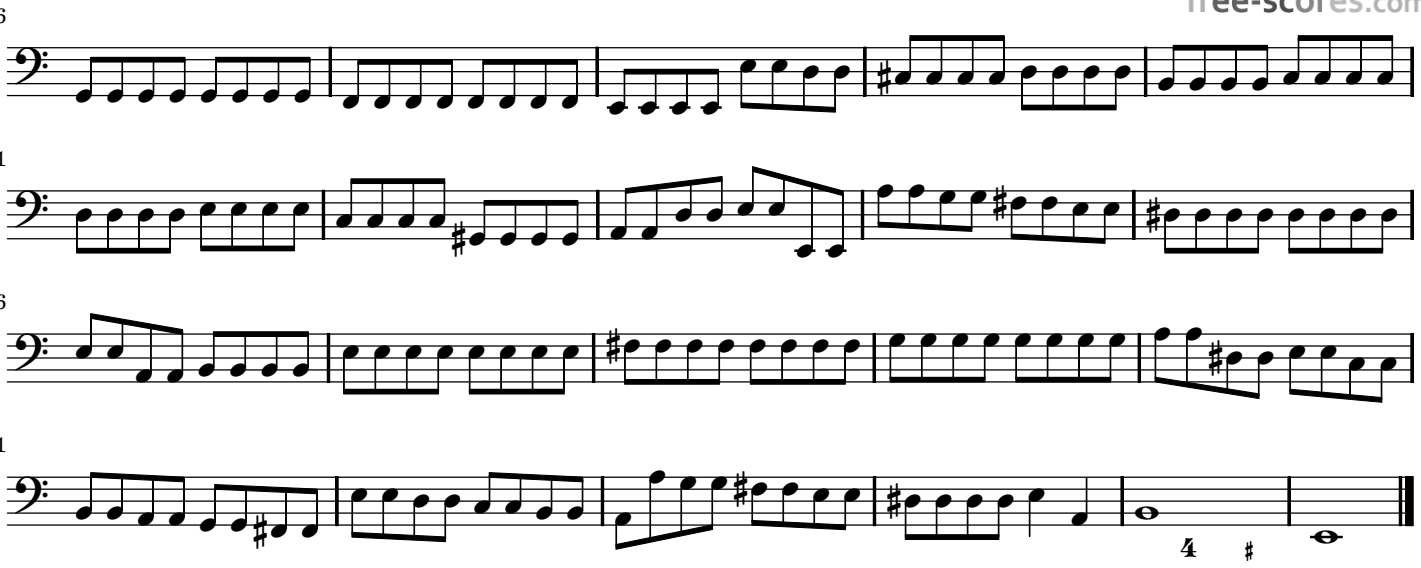
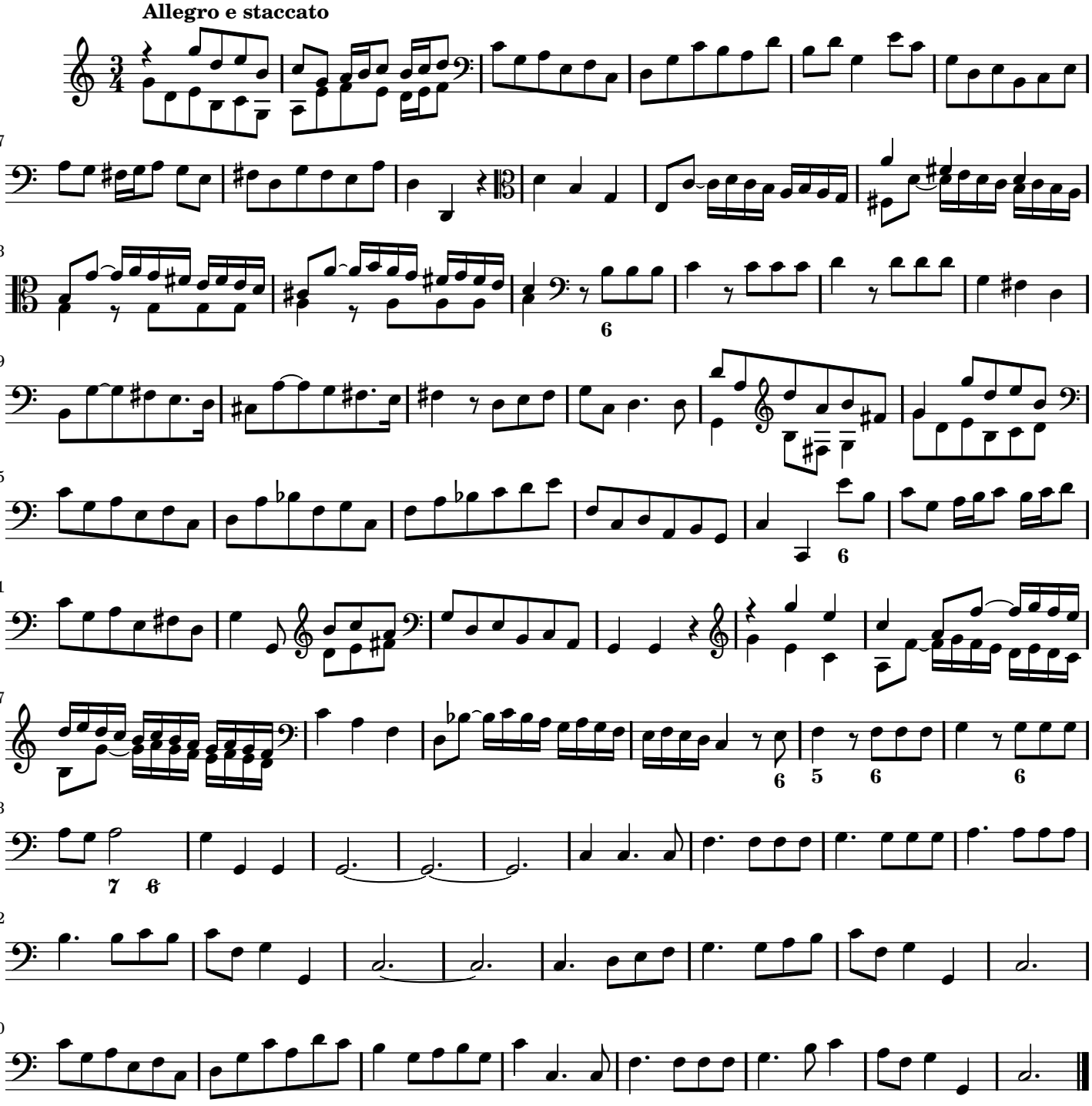


2-19 Chorus: *Let us break their bonds*

Allegro e staccato



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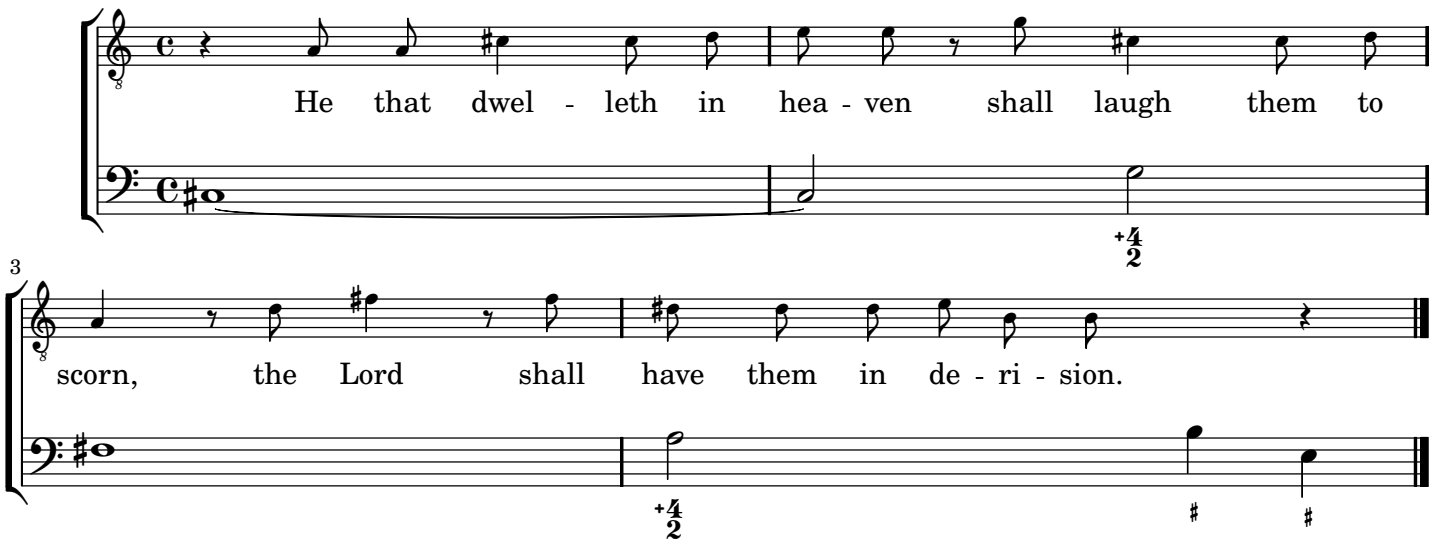
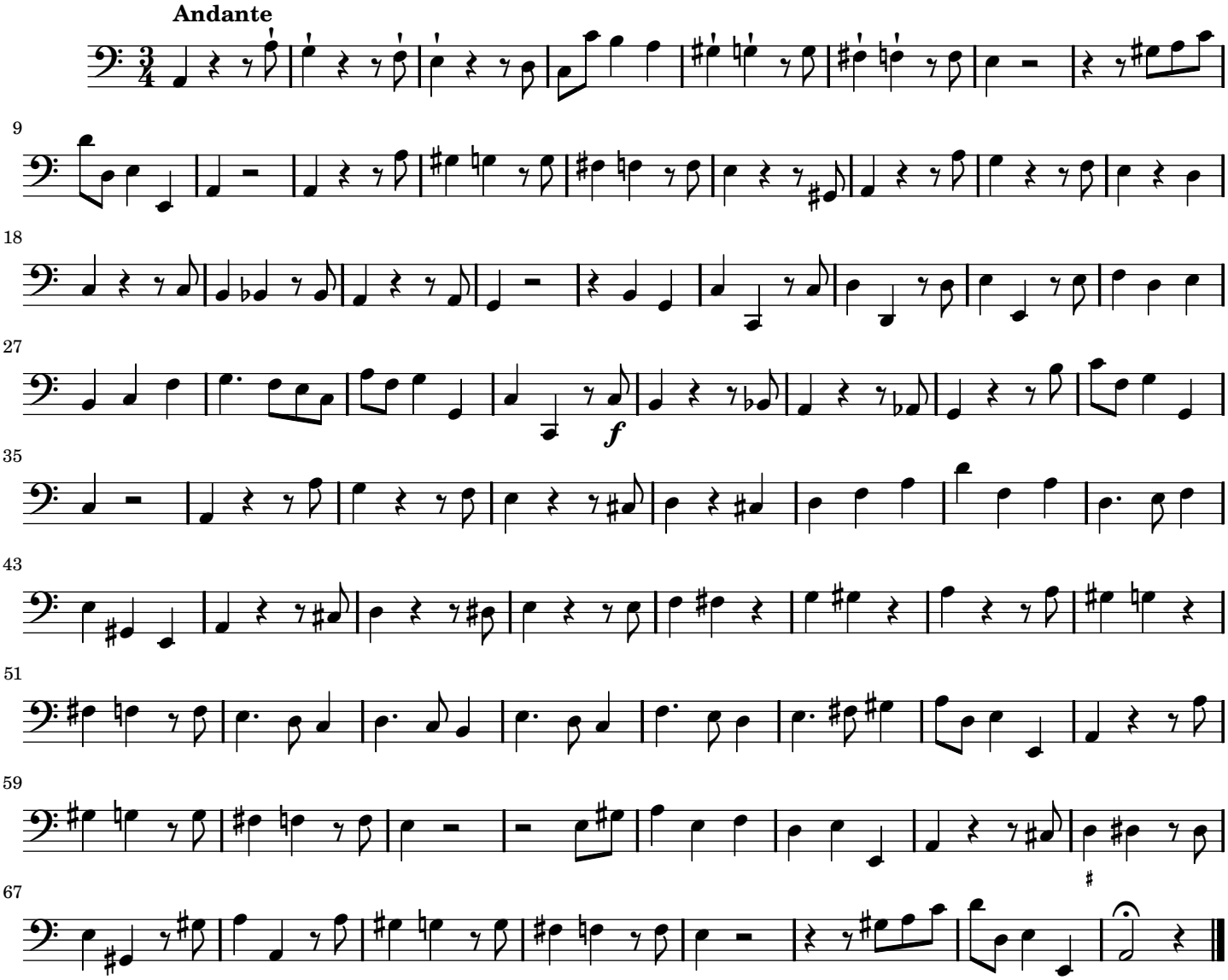
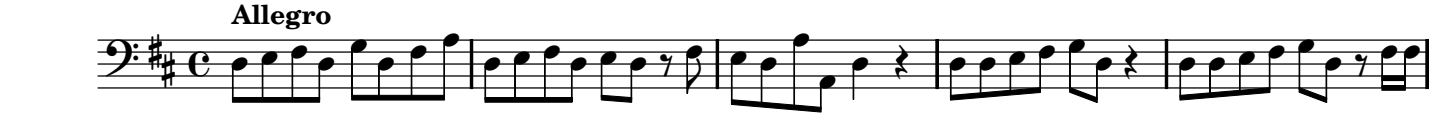
2-20 Recitative: *He that dwelleth in heaven* (tenor)



2-21 Air: *Thou shalt break them with a rod* (tenor)



2-22 Chorus: *Hallelujah*



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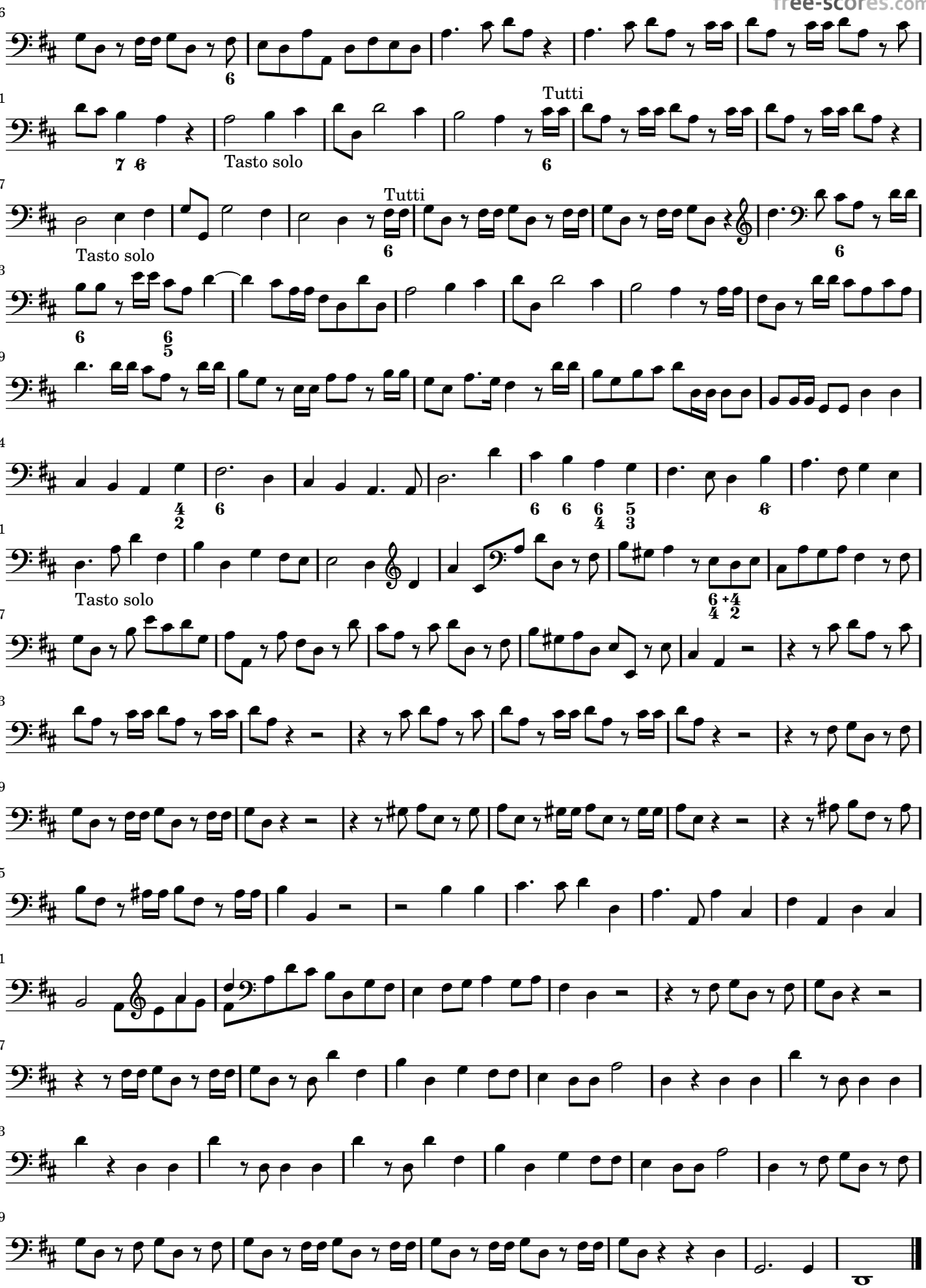

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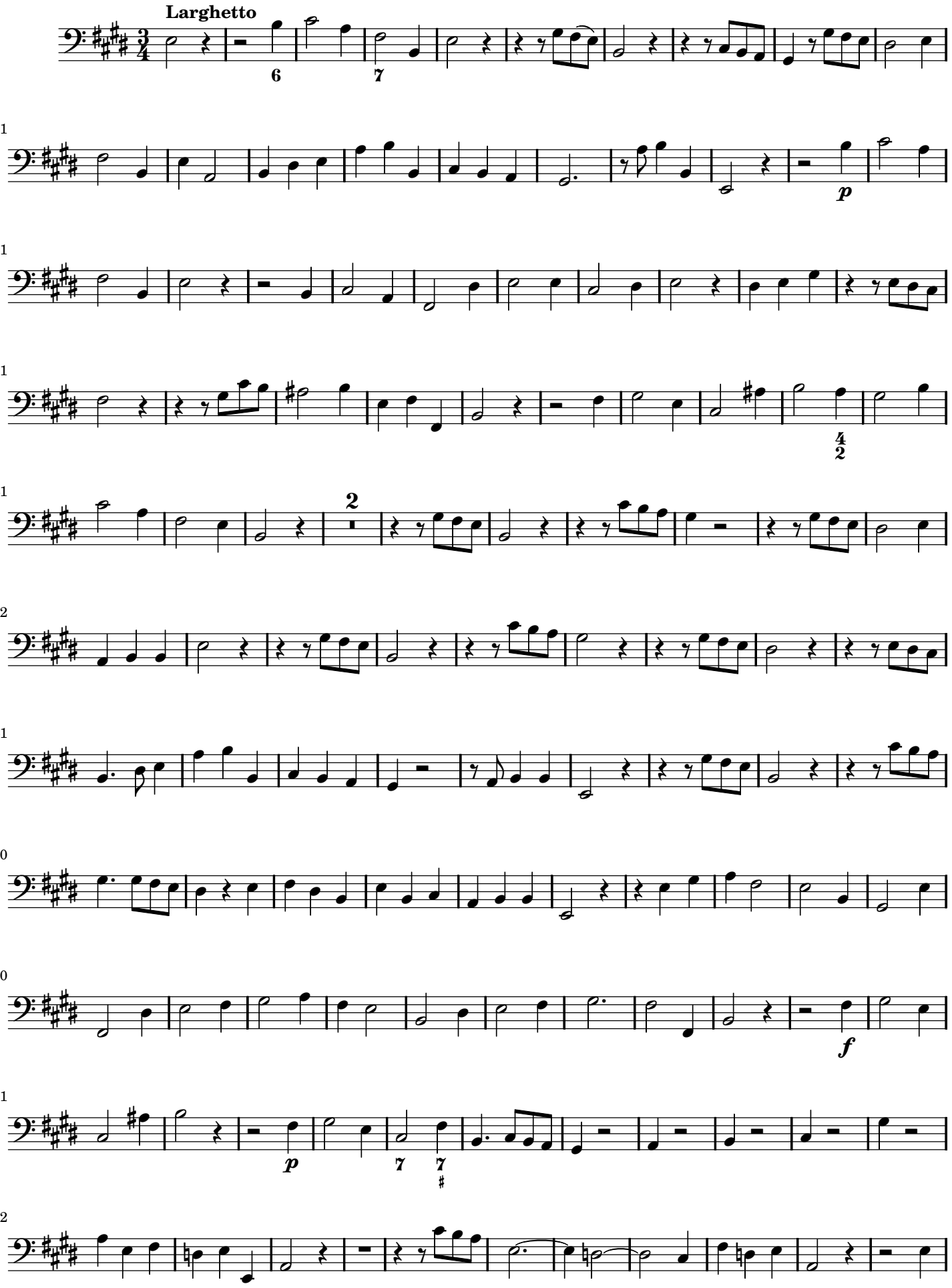
3-1 Air: *I know that my Redeemer liveth* (soprano)



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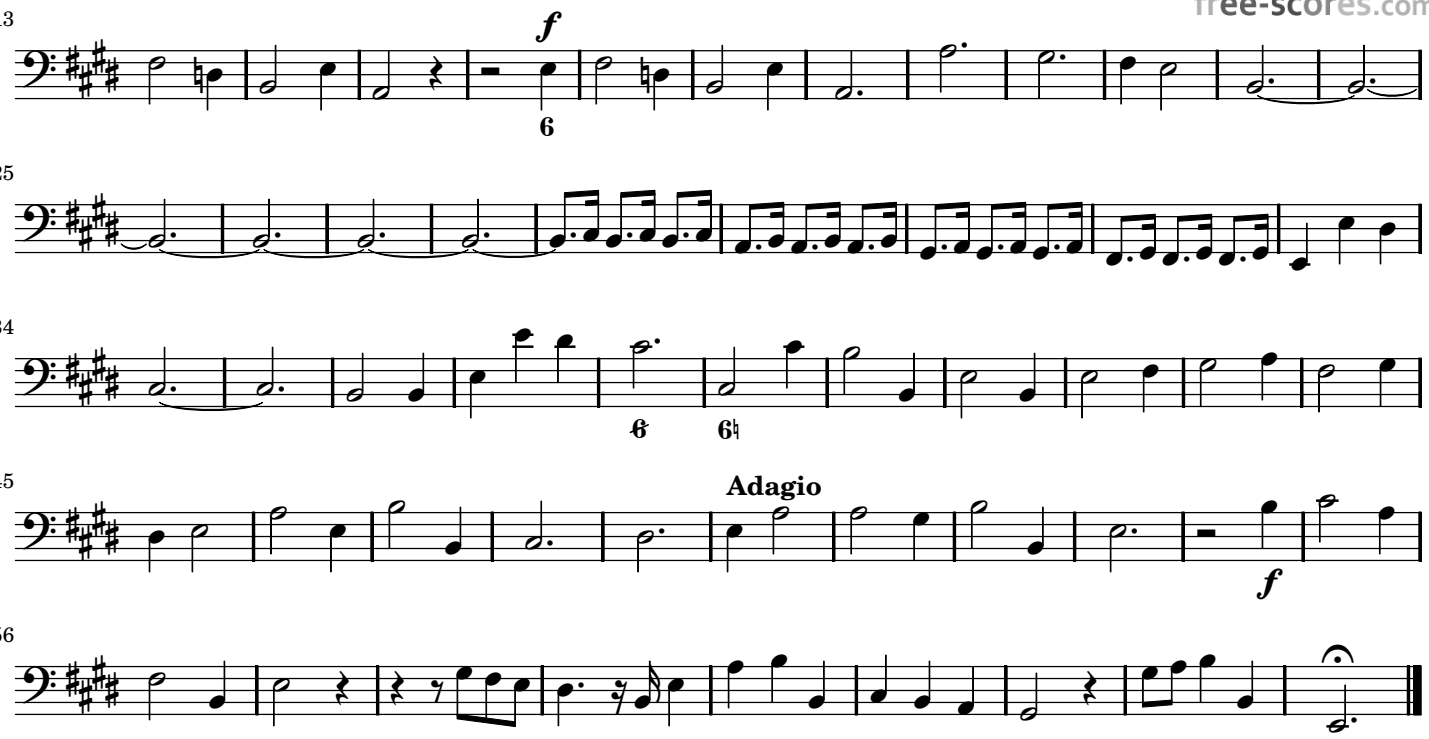
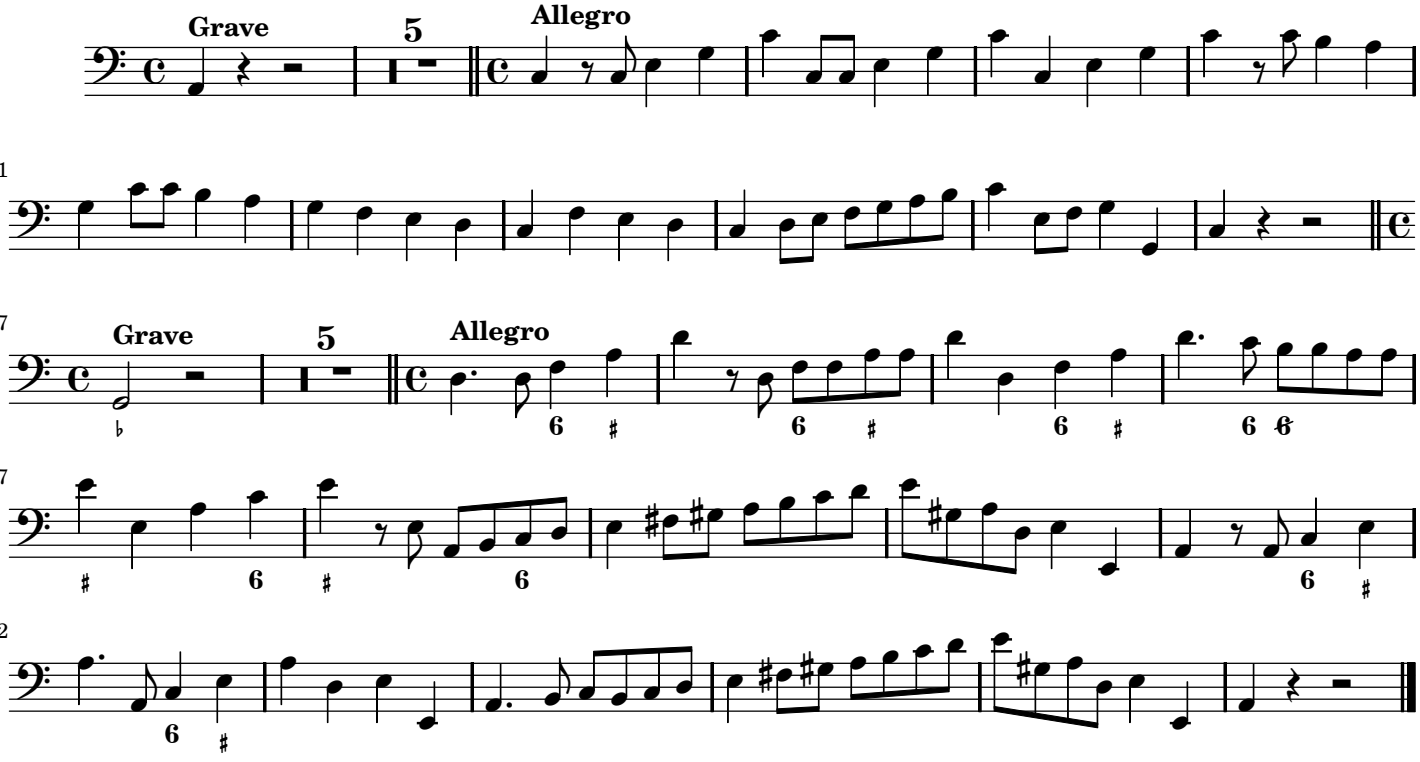
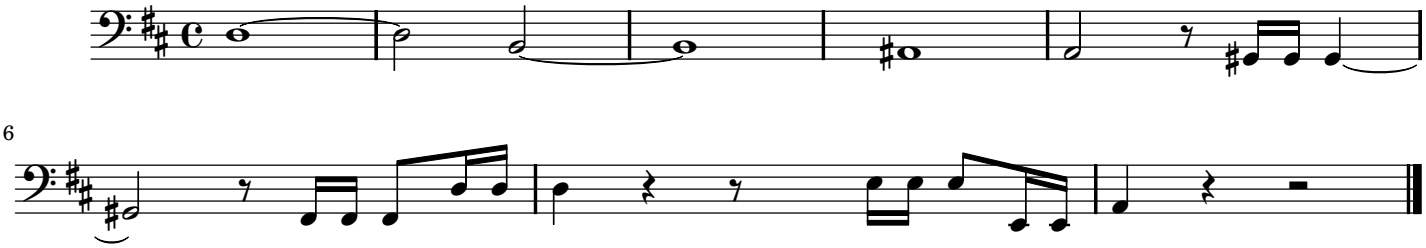


3-2 Chorus and soli: *Since by man came death*



3-3 Recitative: *Behold, I tell you a mistery* (bass)



3-4 Air: *The trumpet shall sound* (bass)

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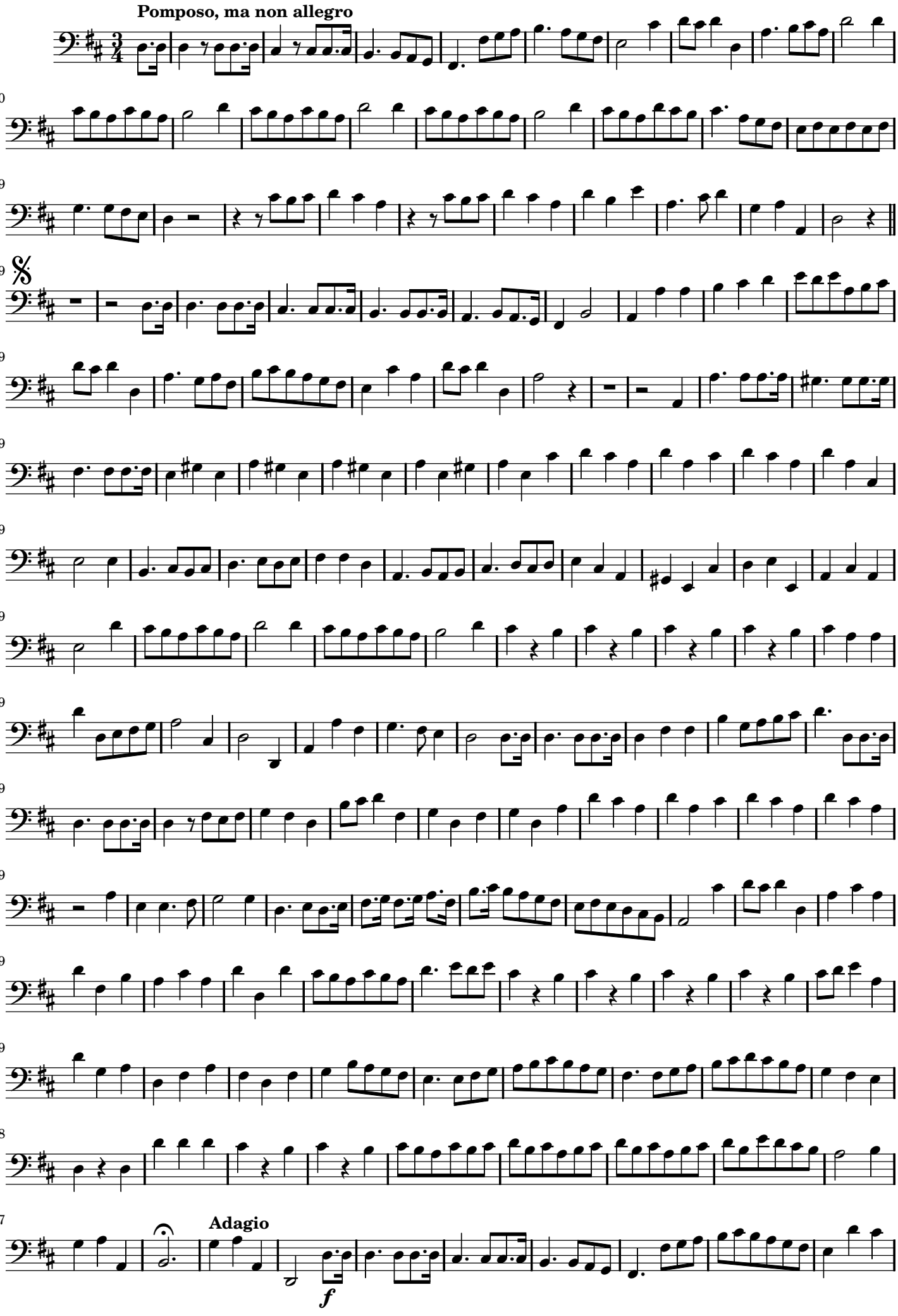

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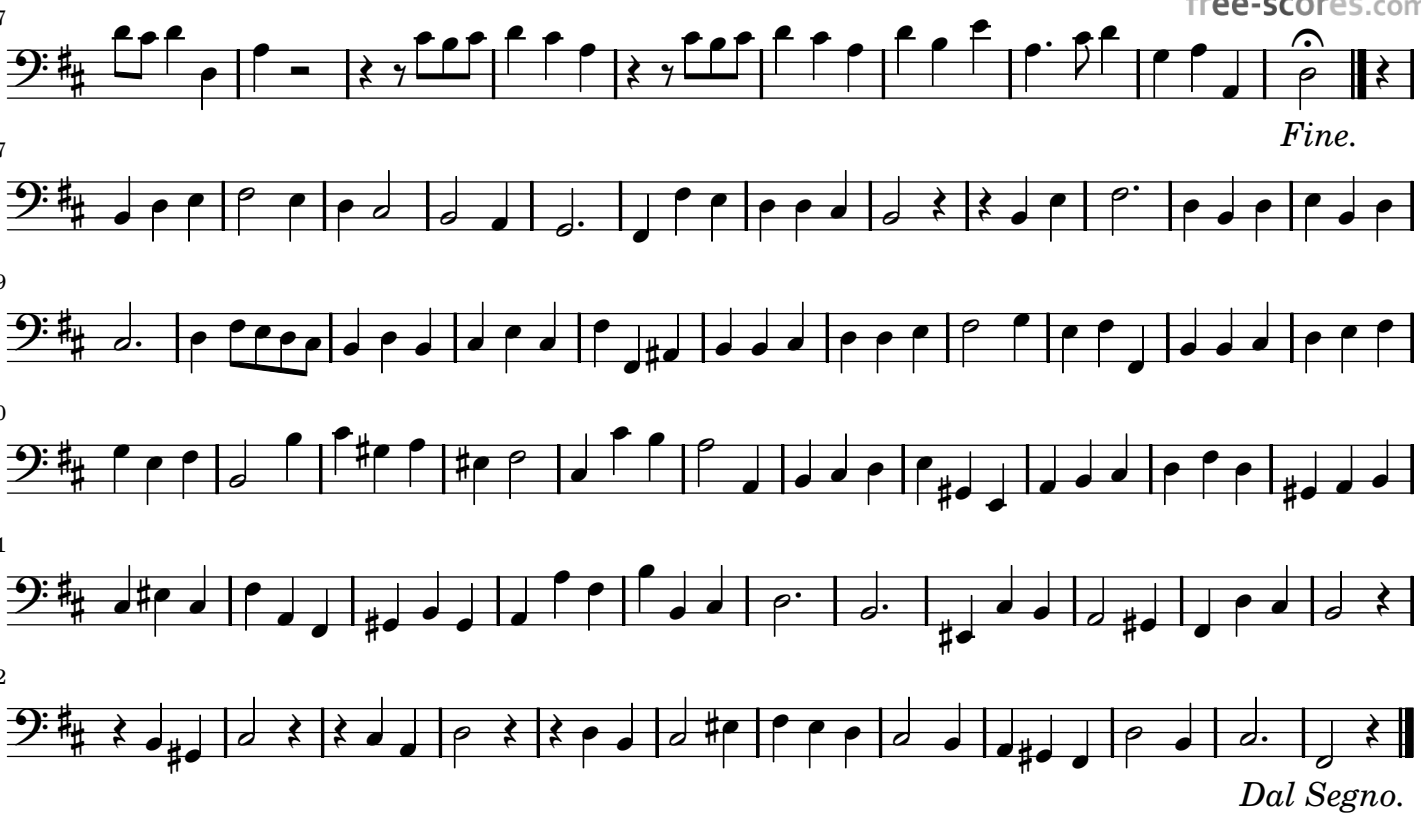
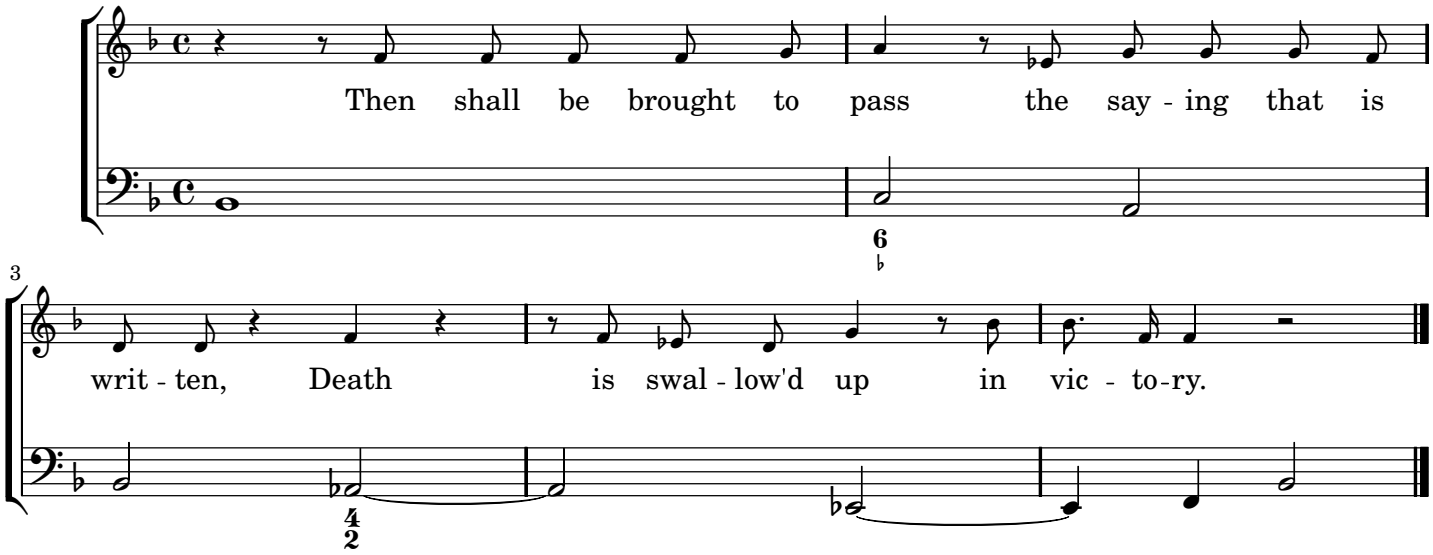
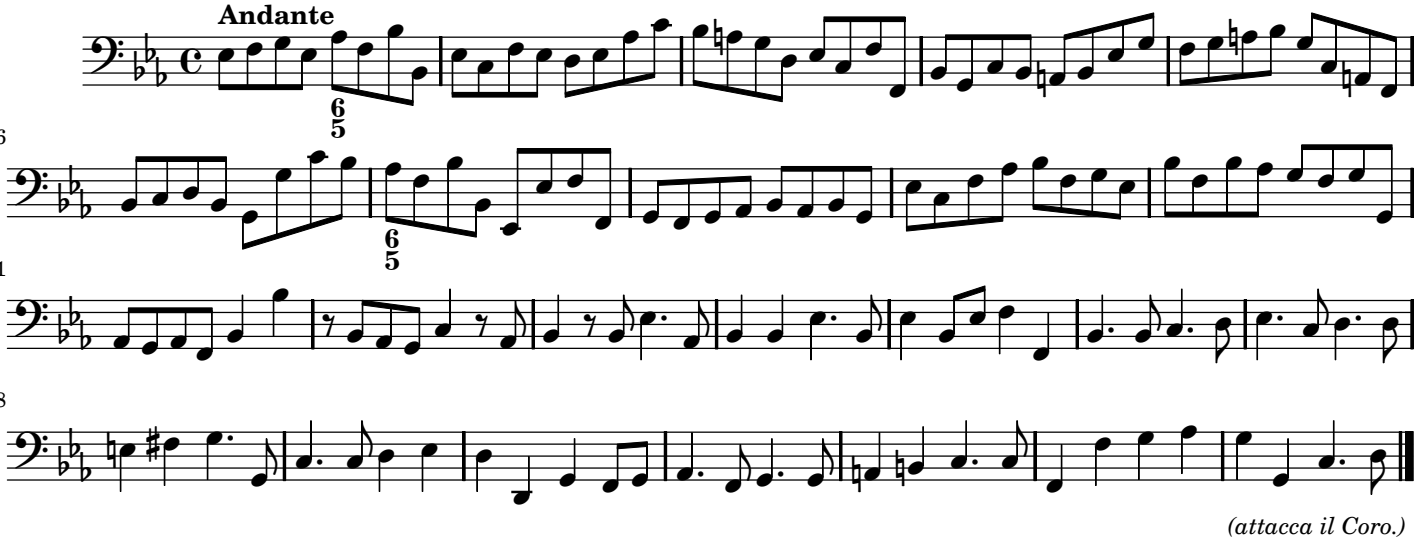


3-5 Recitative: *Then shall be brought to pass* (contr'alto)



3-6 Duet: *O death! where is thy string?* (contr'alto and tenor)



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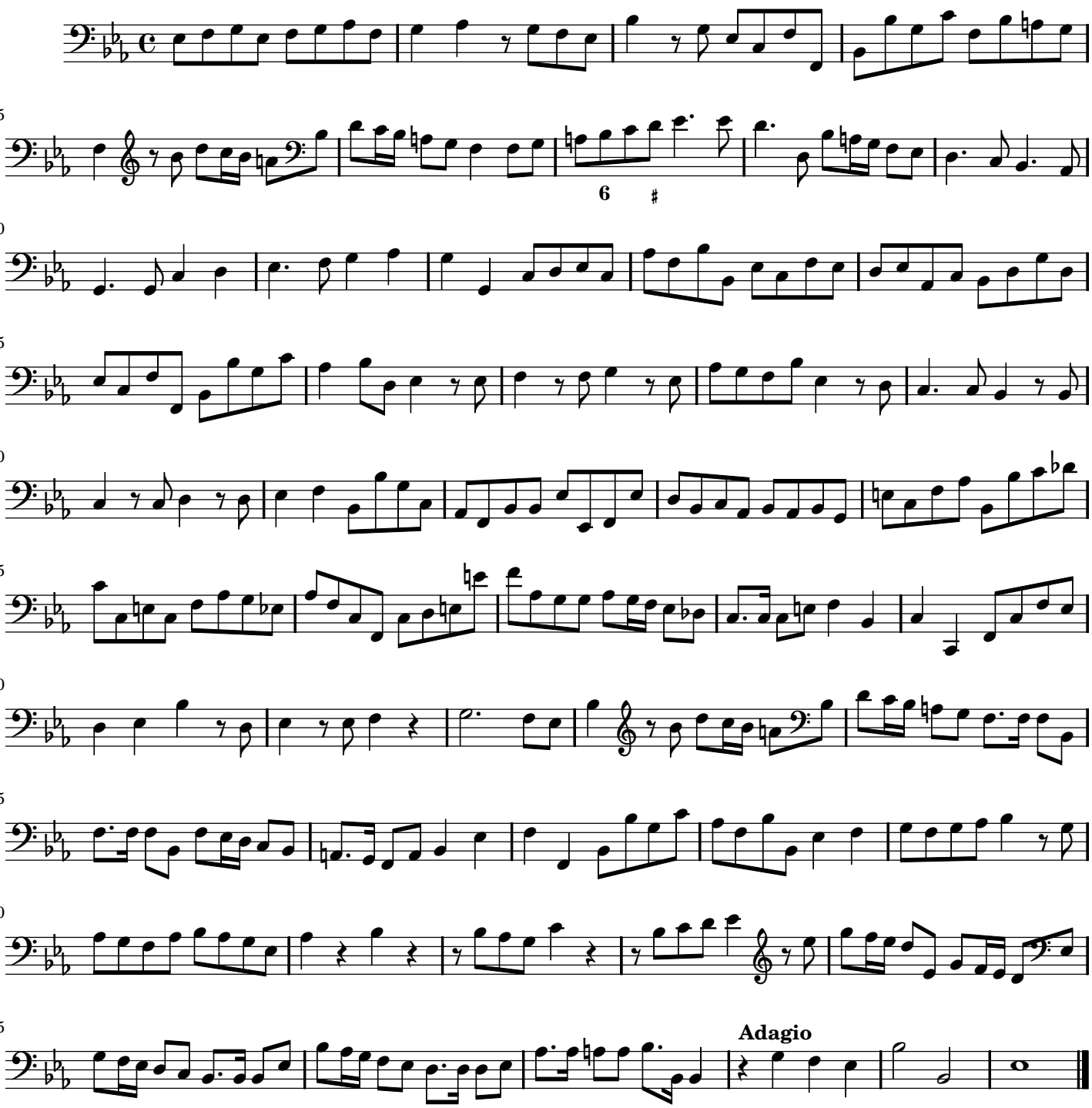
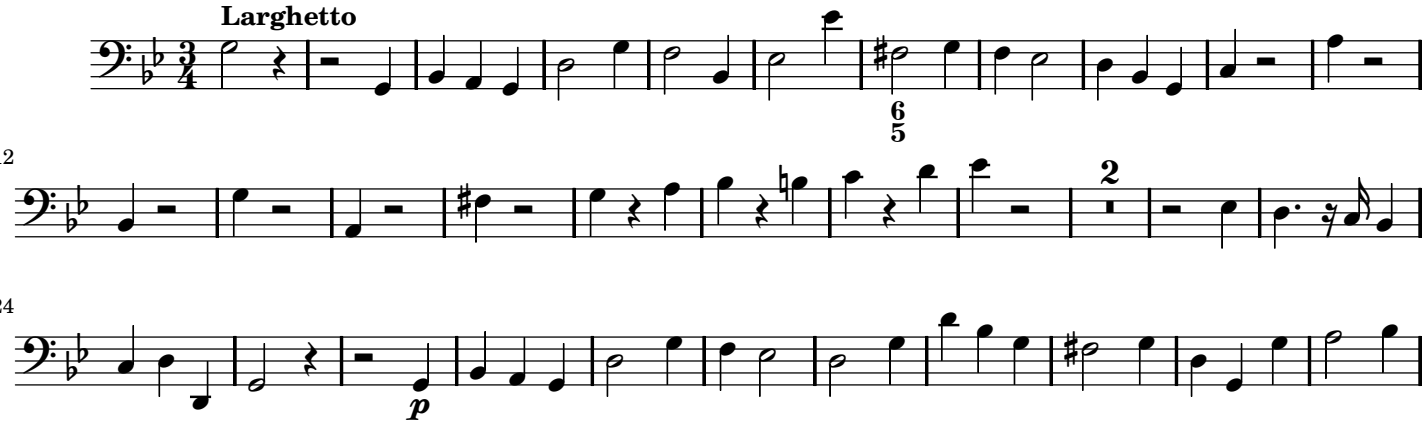
3-7 Chorus: *But thanks be to God*



3-8 Air: *If God be for us* (soprano)



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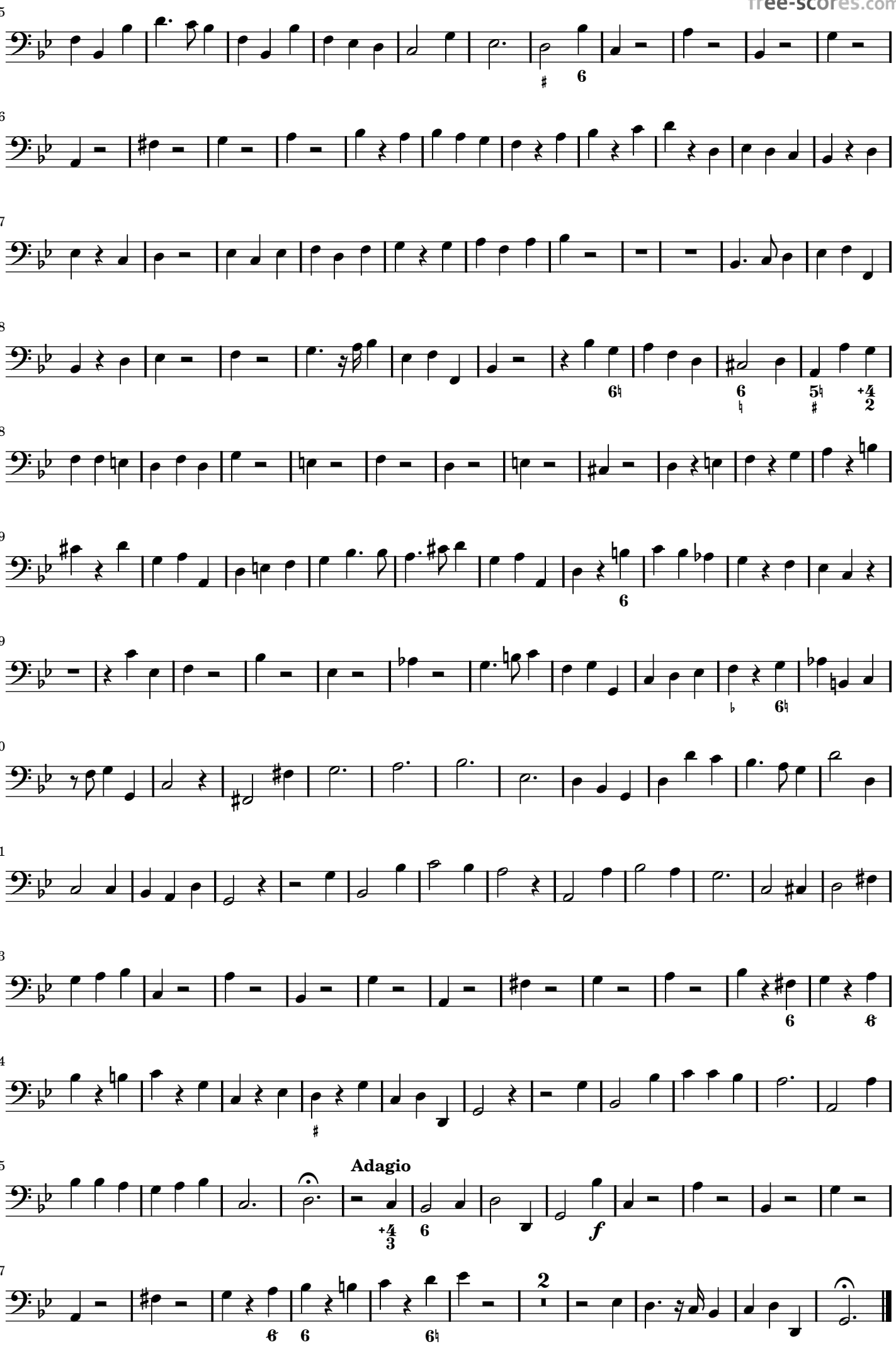

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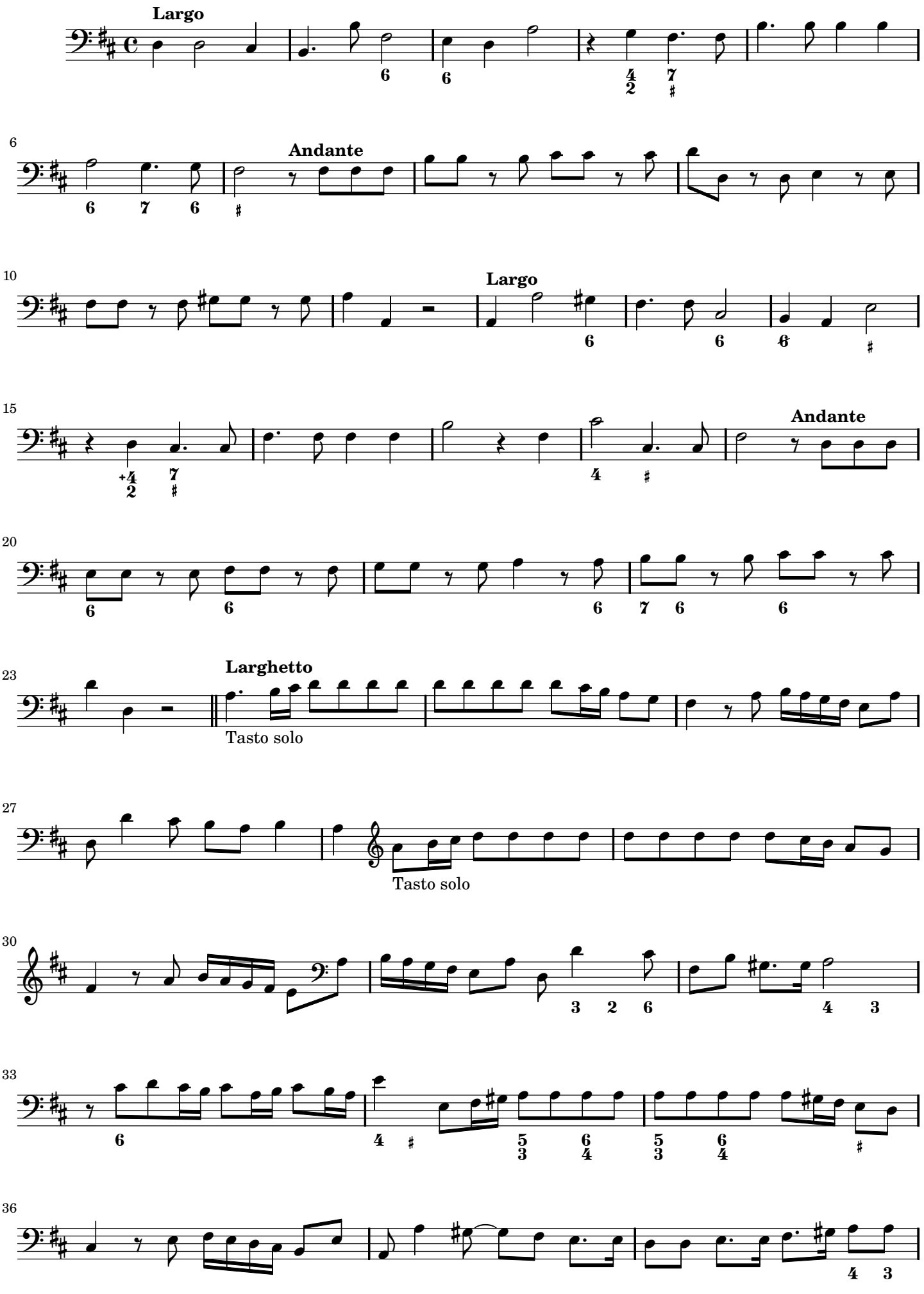
3-9 Chorus: *Worthy is the Lamb*



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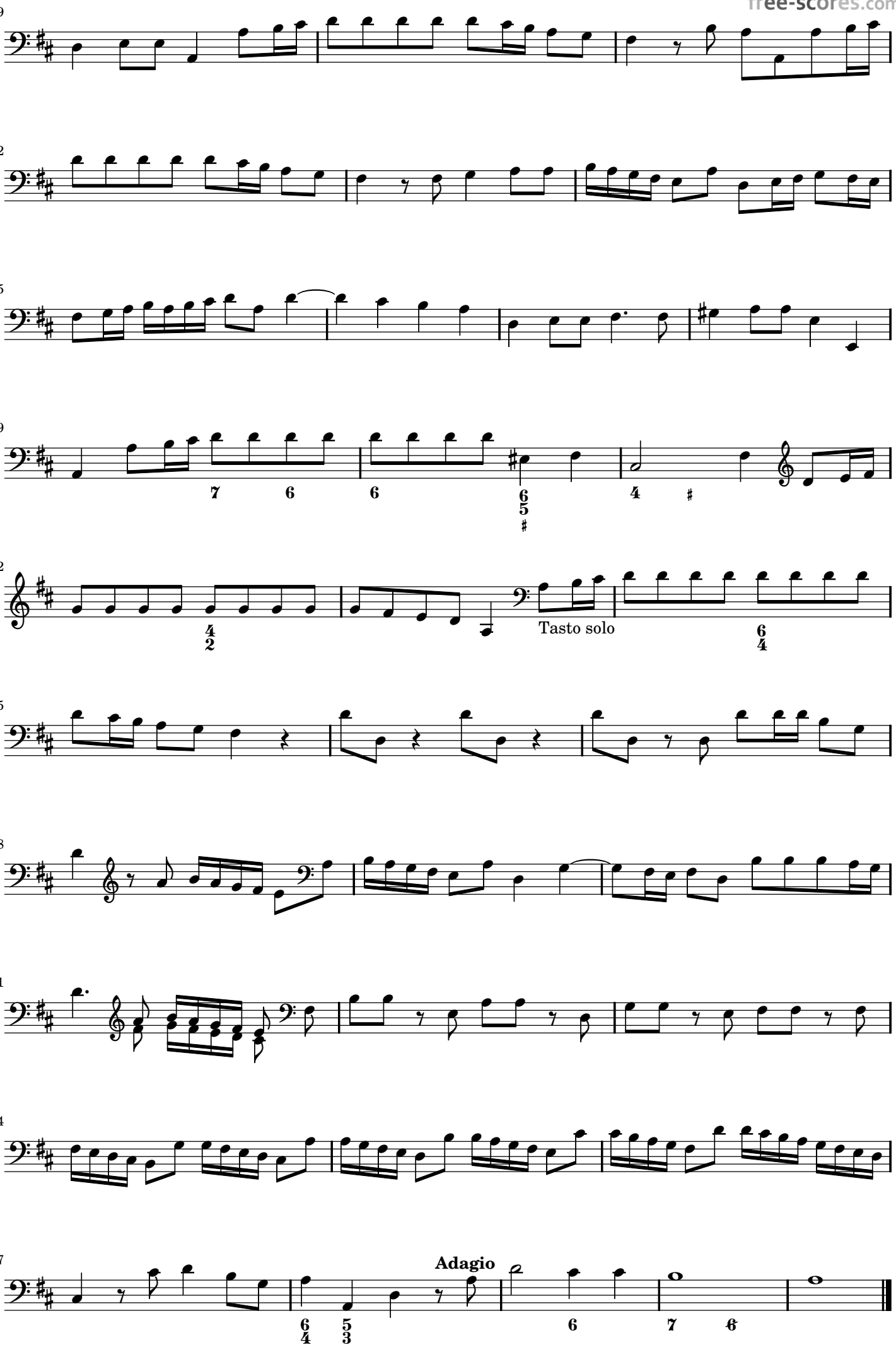

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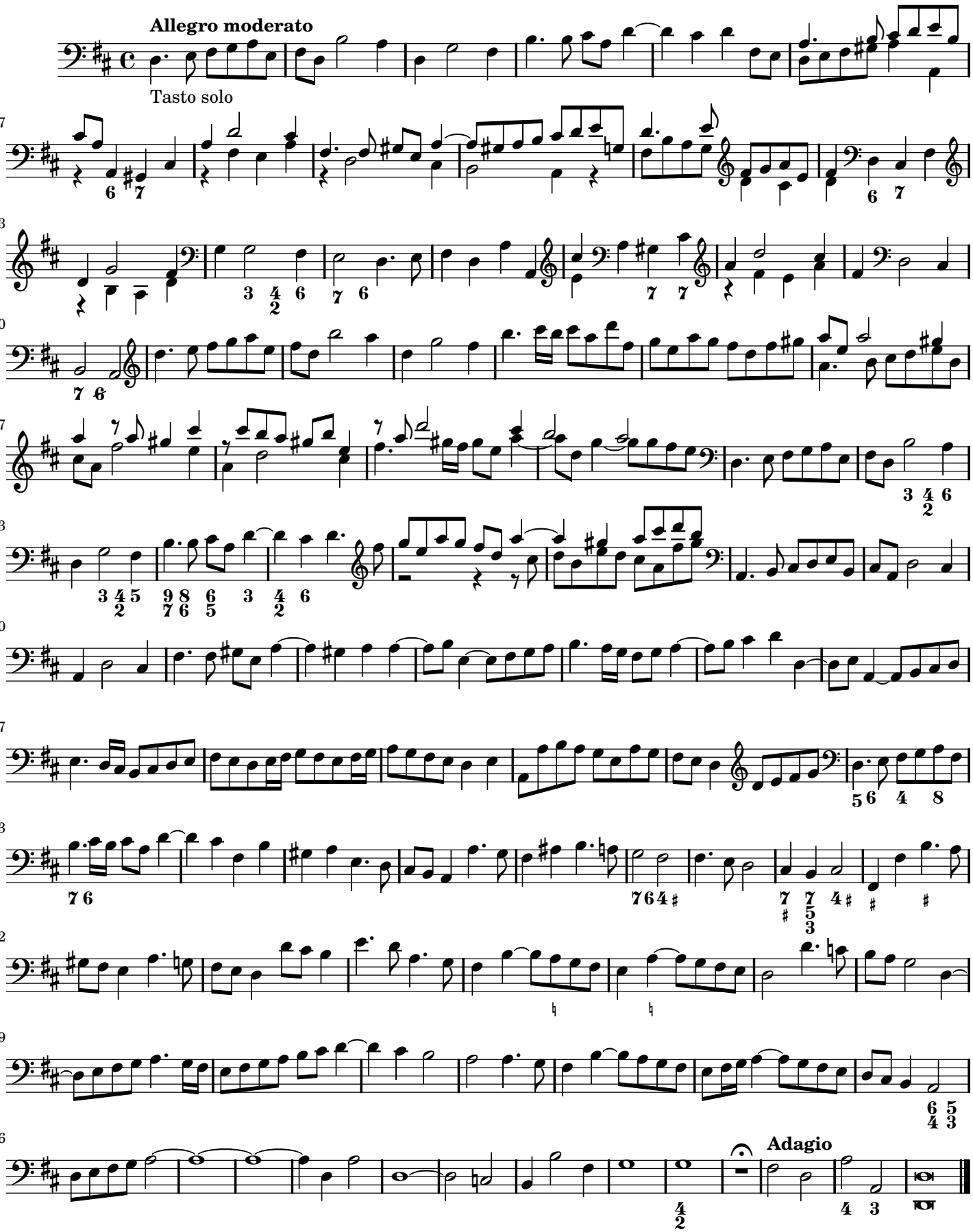
3-10 Chorus: *Amen*



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