External assessment 2025

Stimulus book

Music Extension

General instruction

- Work in this book will not be marked.

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Stimulus 1

Let It Go as performed by The Piano Guys (music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez)

Play and/or read Stimulus 1 (length: 4 minutes and 1 second).

Note: Some sounds are not scored but are part of the audio stimulus and may be used in responses where relevant.

Contextual information

The Piano Guys, an instrumental ensemble from the United States of America, are known for their innovative and energetic covers of popular works. *Let It Go*, as performed by The Piano Guys, is a mash-up[1] of Vivaldi's *Winter* from *The Four Seasons* (Stimulus 2) and *Let It Go* from the movie *Frozen* (Stimulus 3). The Piano Guys' recording uses 90 tracks of instrumentation.

1 a music composition that weaves together themes and motifs from two or more works, resulting in a distinctive and unique composition

Score

Source: Anderson-Lopez, K and Lopez, R 2013

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Audio can be found online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Dakd7EIgBE&list=RD6Dakd7EIgBE&start_radio=1

Stimulus 2

Excerpts from *Winter* from *The Four Seasons* by Antonio Vivaldi

Play and/or read Stimulus 2 (length: 1 minute and 50 seconds).

Note: The stimulus contains two excerpts from Vivaldi's concerto: an excerpt from the opening of Movement 1 (0:00–1:25) and an excerpt from the coda of Movement 3 (1:26–1:50).

Contextual information

Antonio Vivaldi composed *Winter* in 1723 as one of a group of four concertos[2] titled *The Four Seasons*. Each concerto is named for one of the seasons and is accompanied by a poem that paints an image of the season. *Winter* is one of the original works used in the Stimulus 1 mash-up and is provided as a reference only.

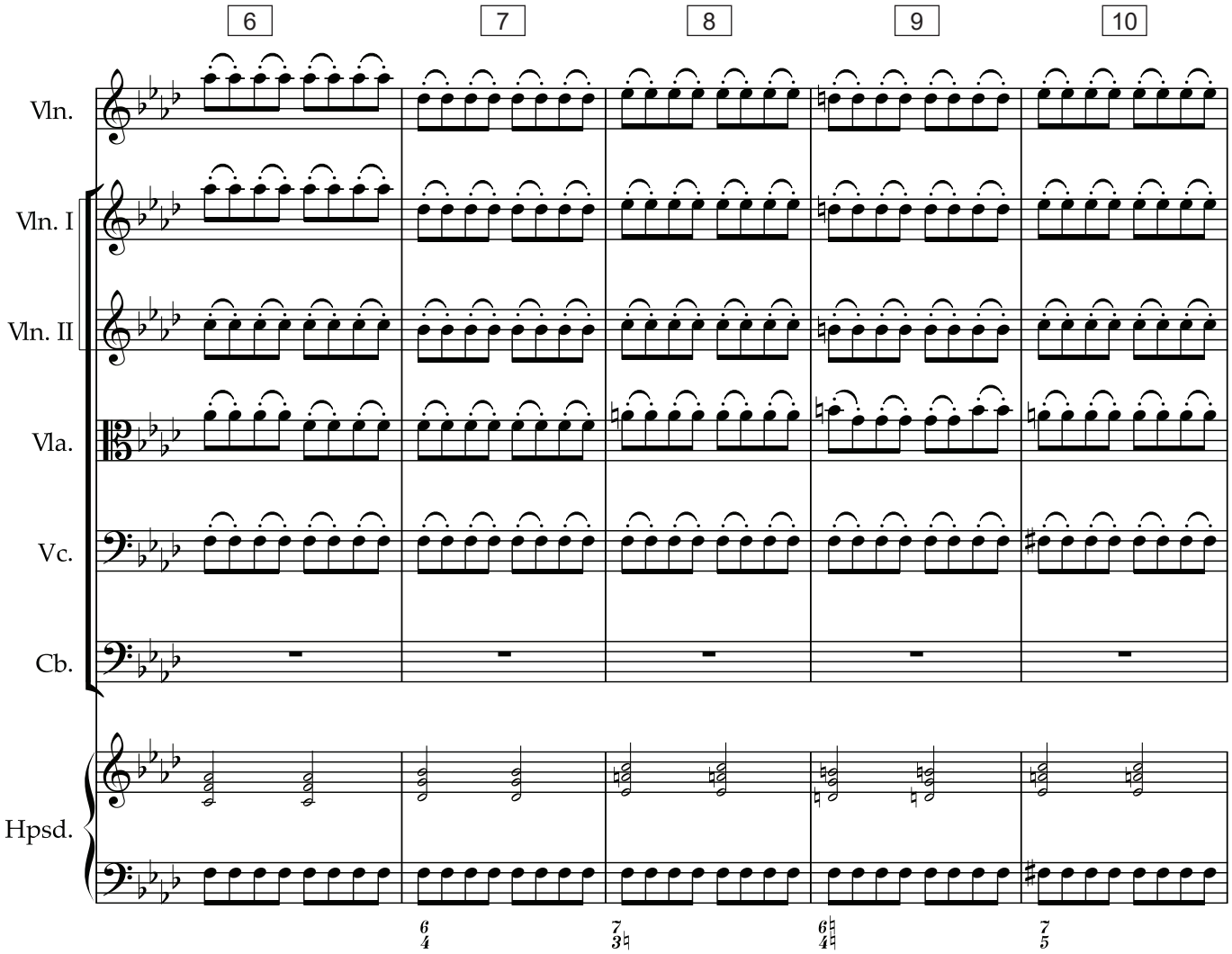
'Frozen and trembling in the icy snow,
In the severe blast of the horrible wind,
As we run, we constantly stamp our feet,
And our teeth chatter in the cold.
This is winter, but it brings joy.'

Excerpt from the poem for *Winter* by Antonio Vivaldi

2 a piece of music for a solo instrument and an orchestra

Score

Source: Vivaldi, A 1723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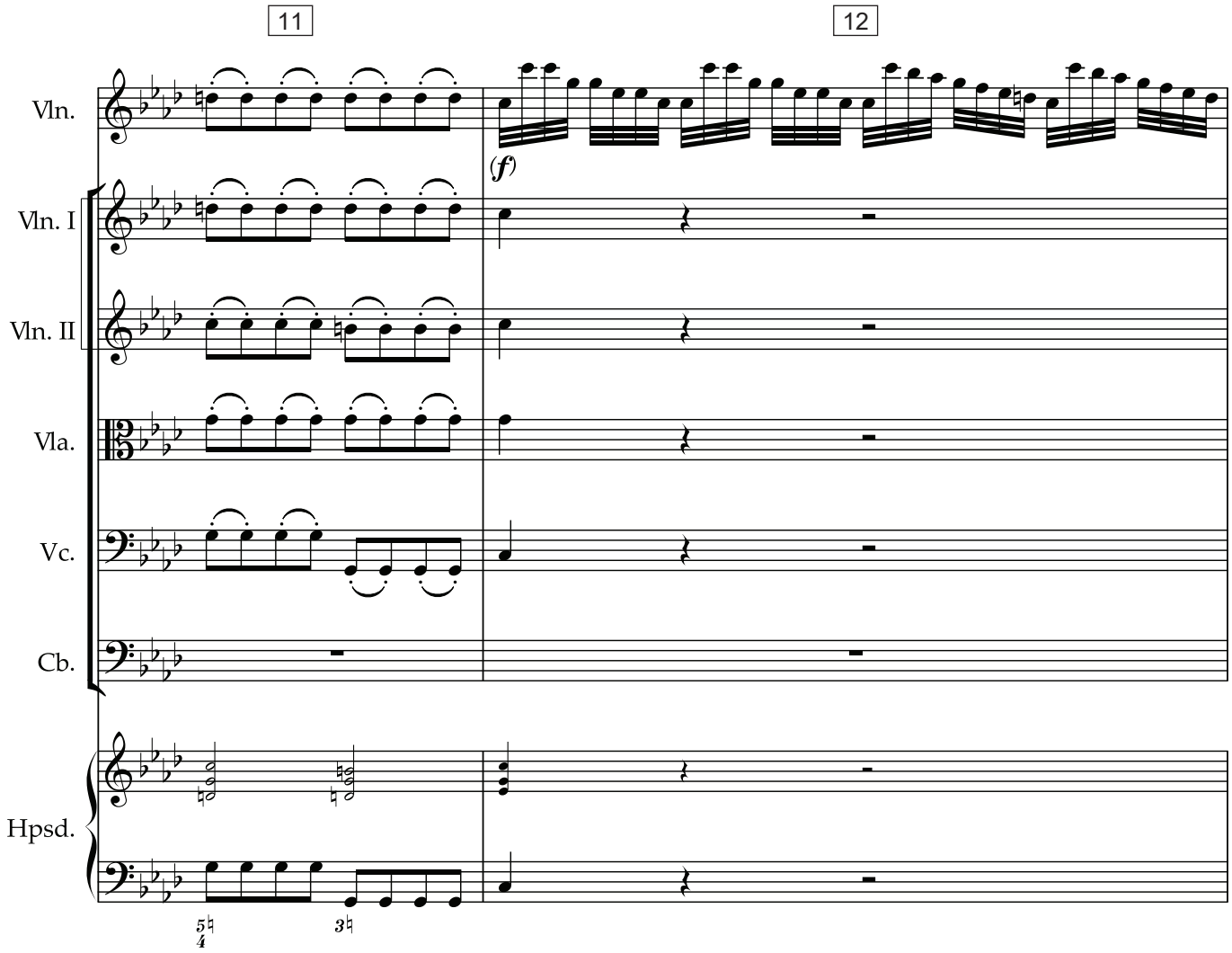
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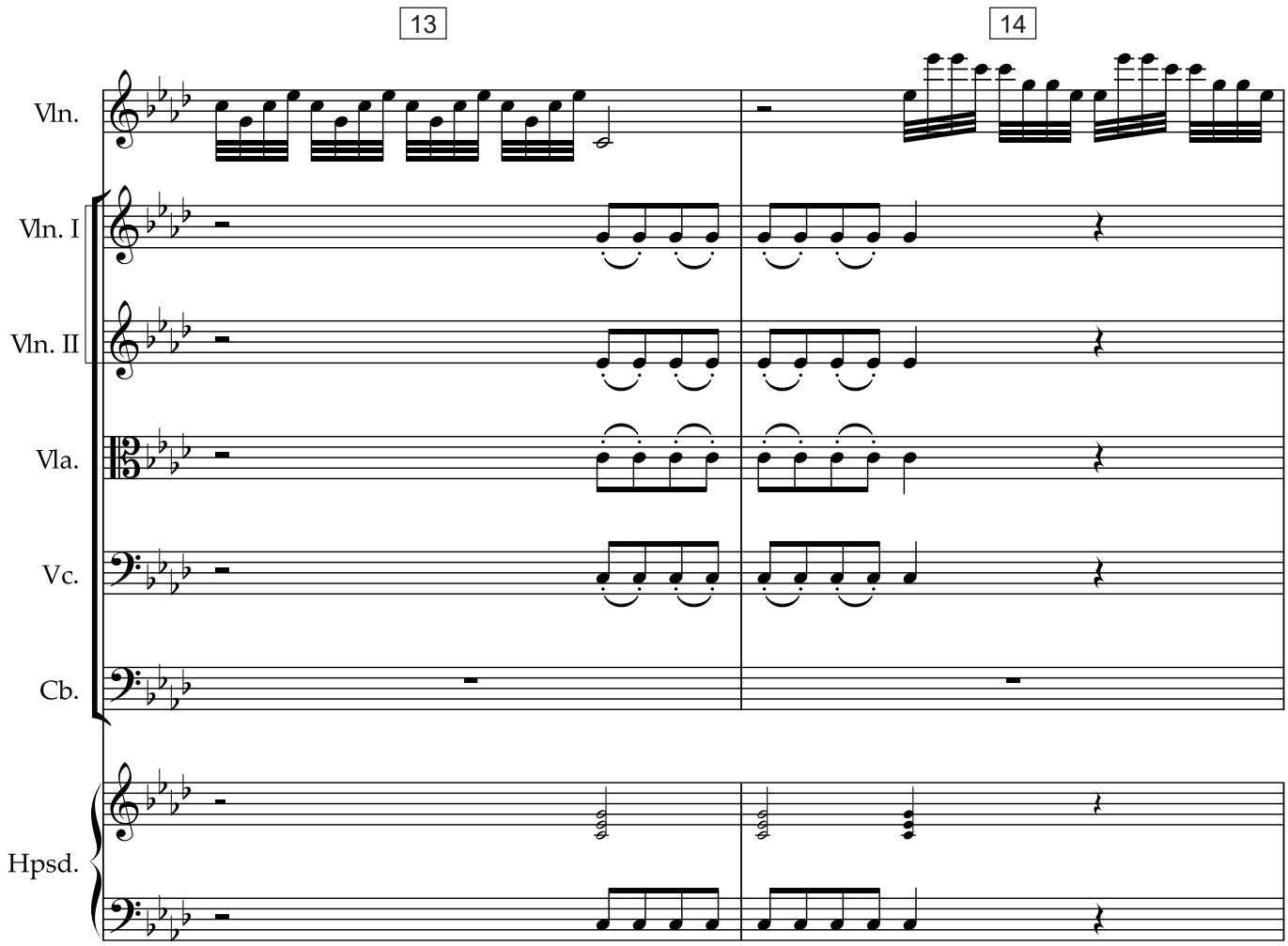
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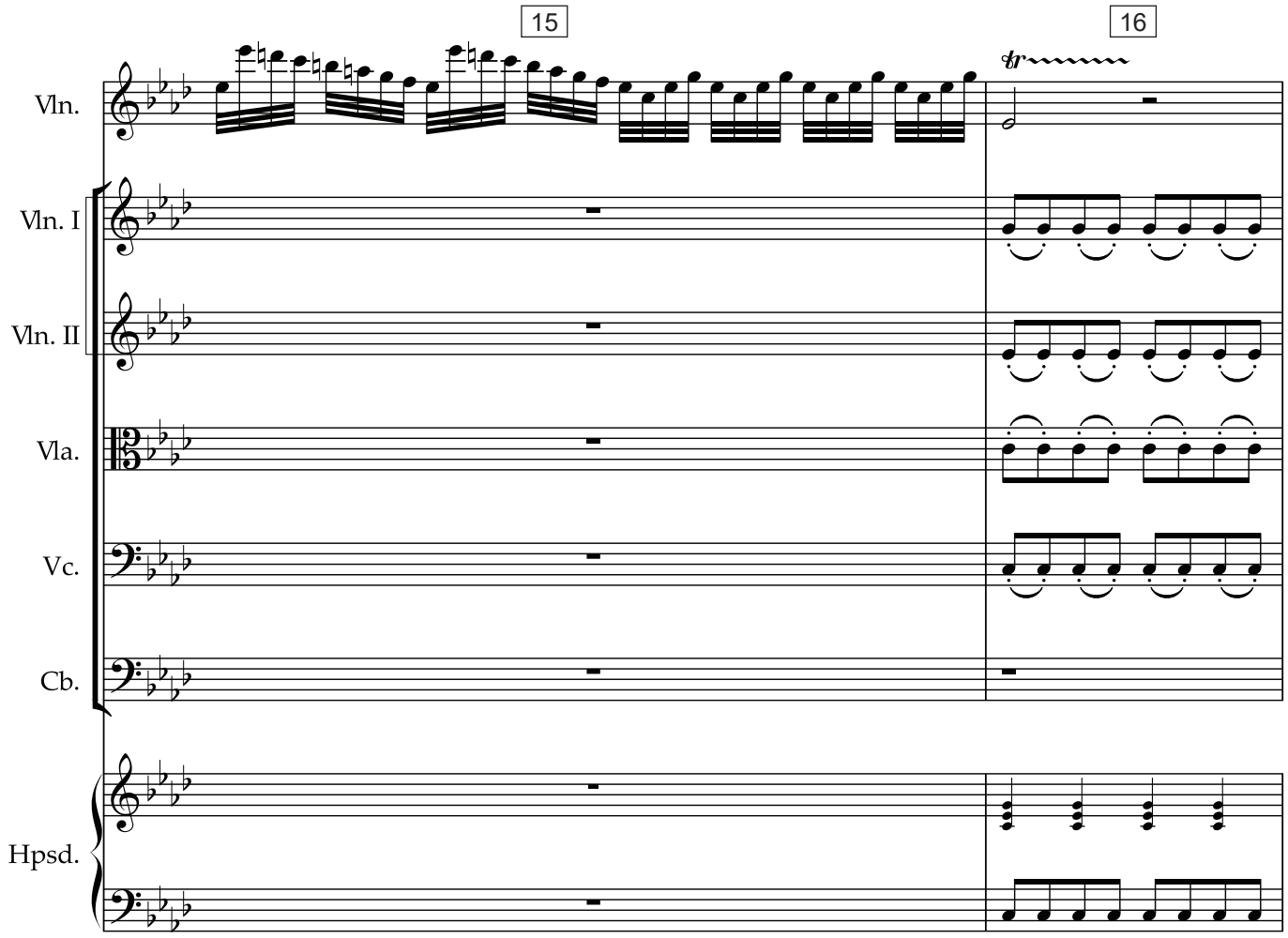
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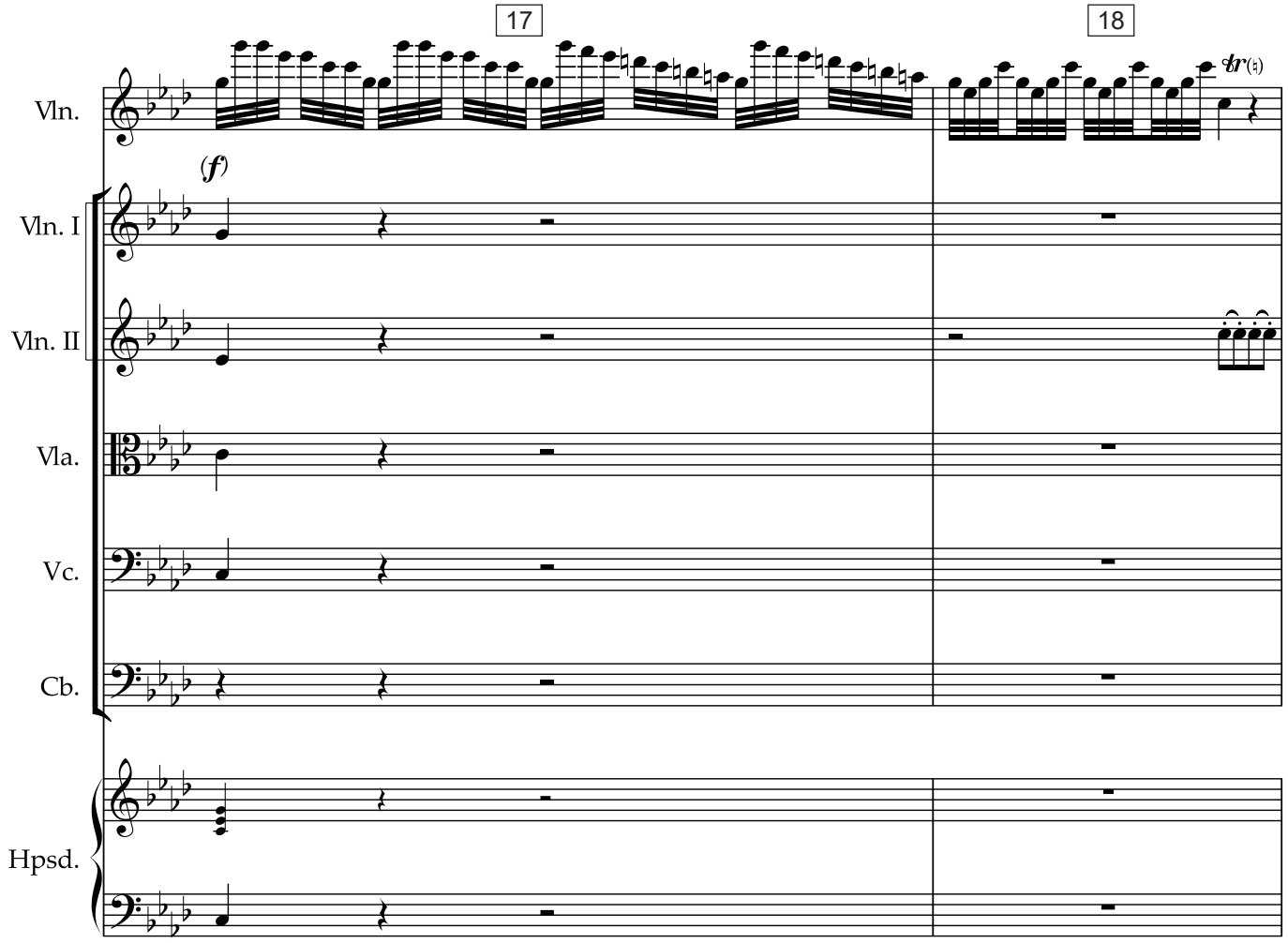
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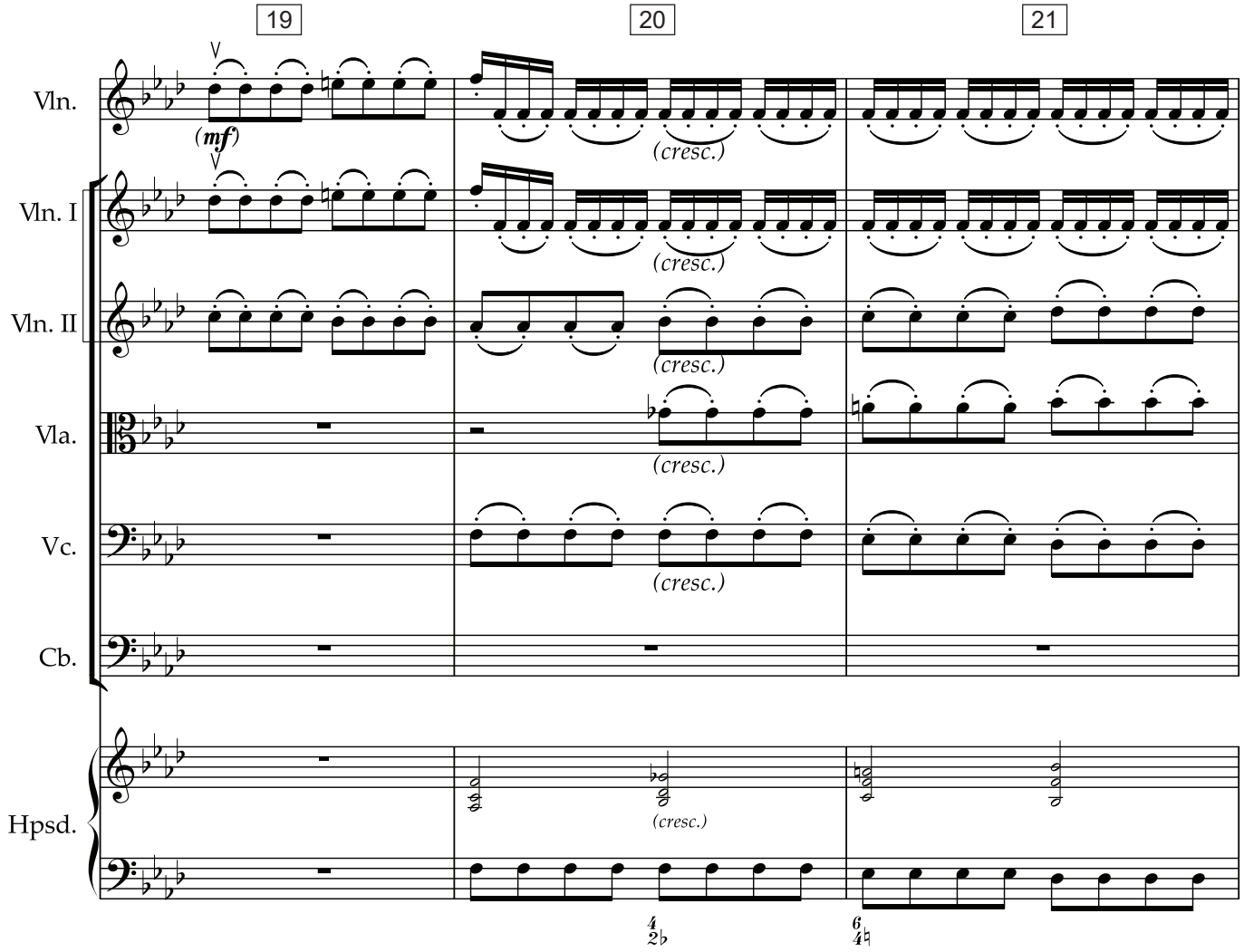
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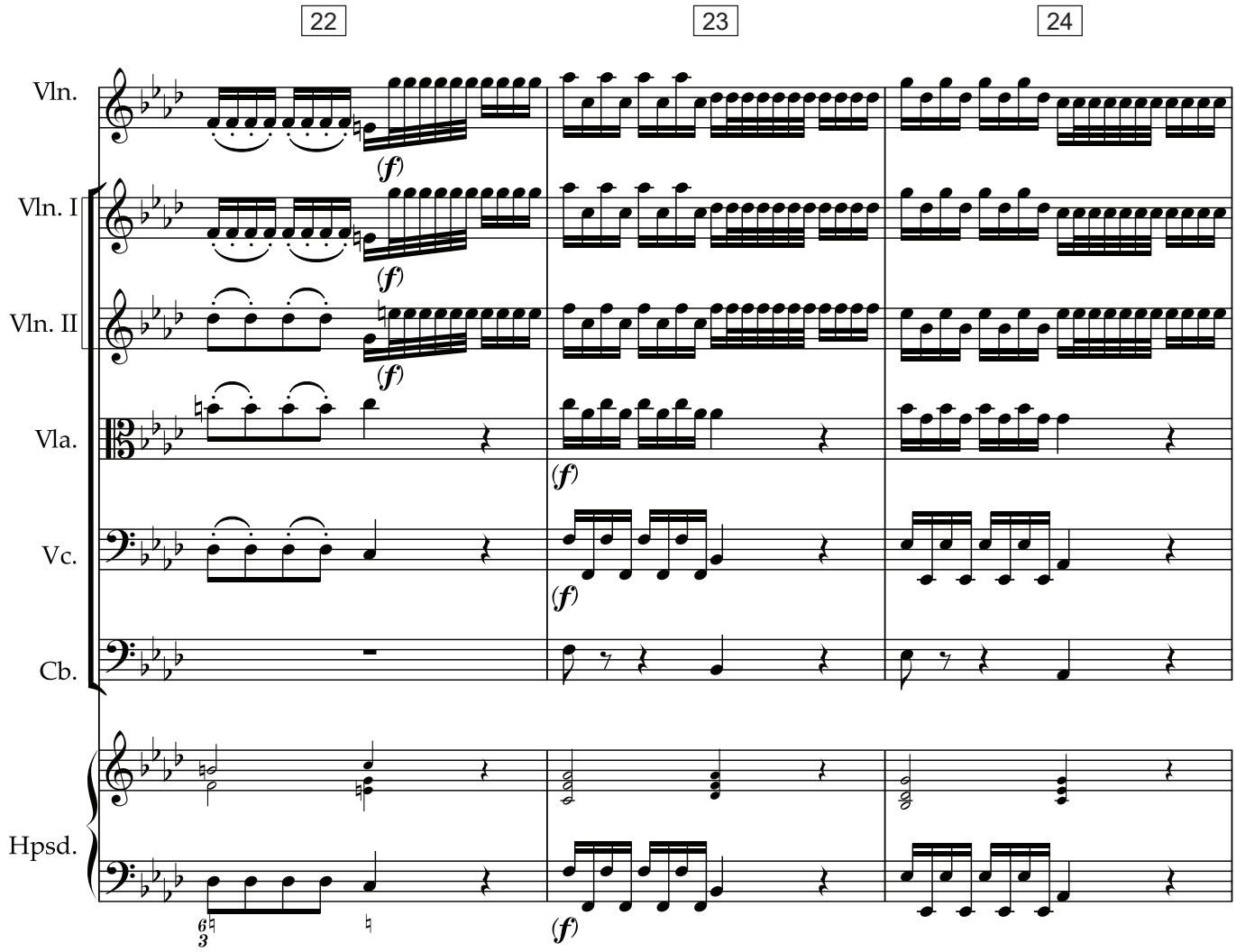
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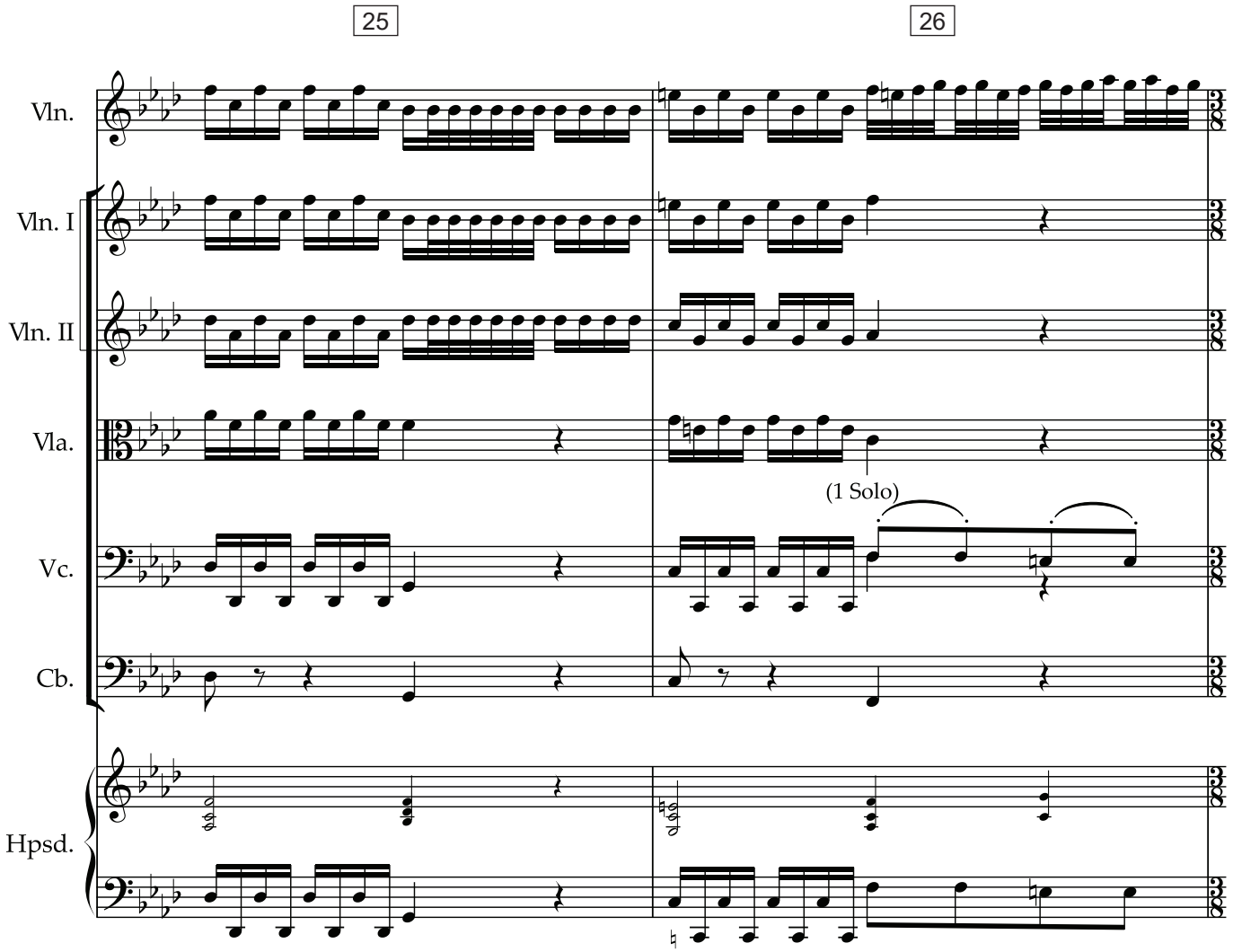
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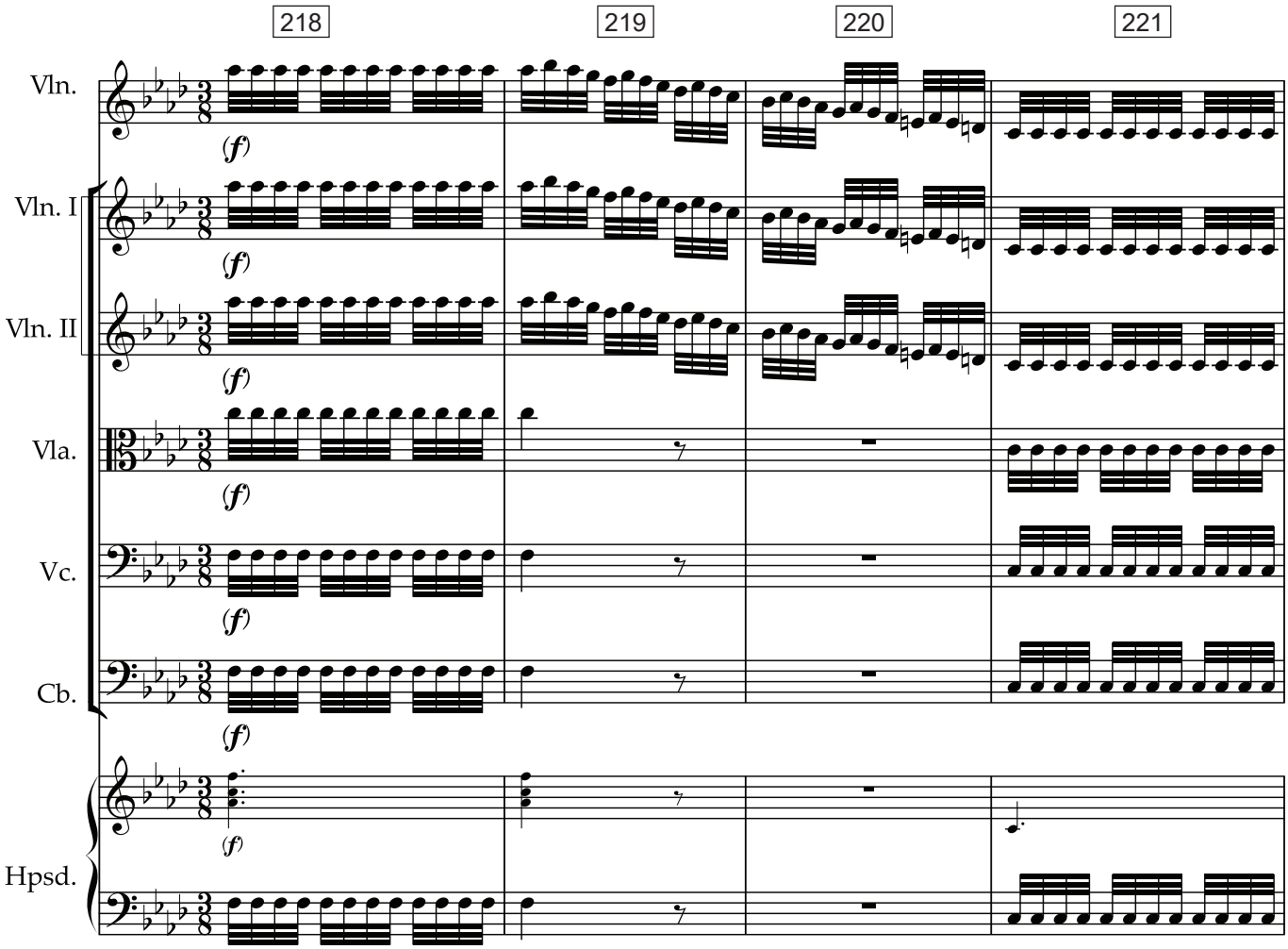
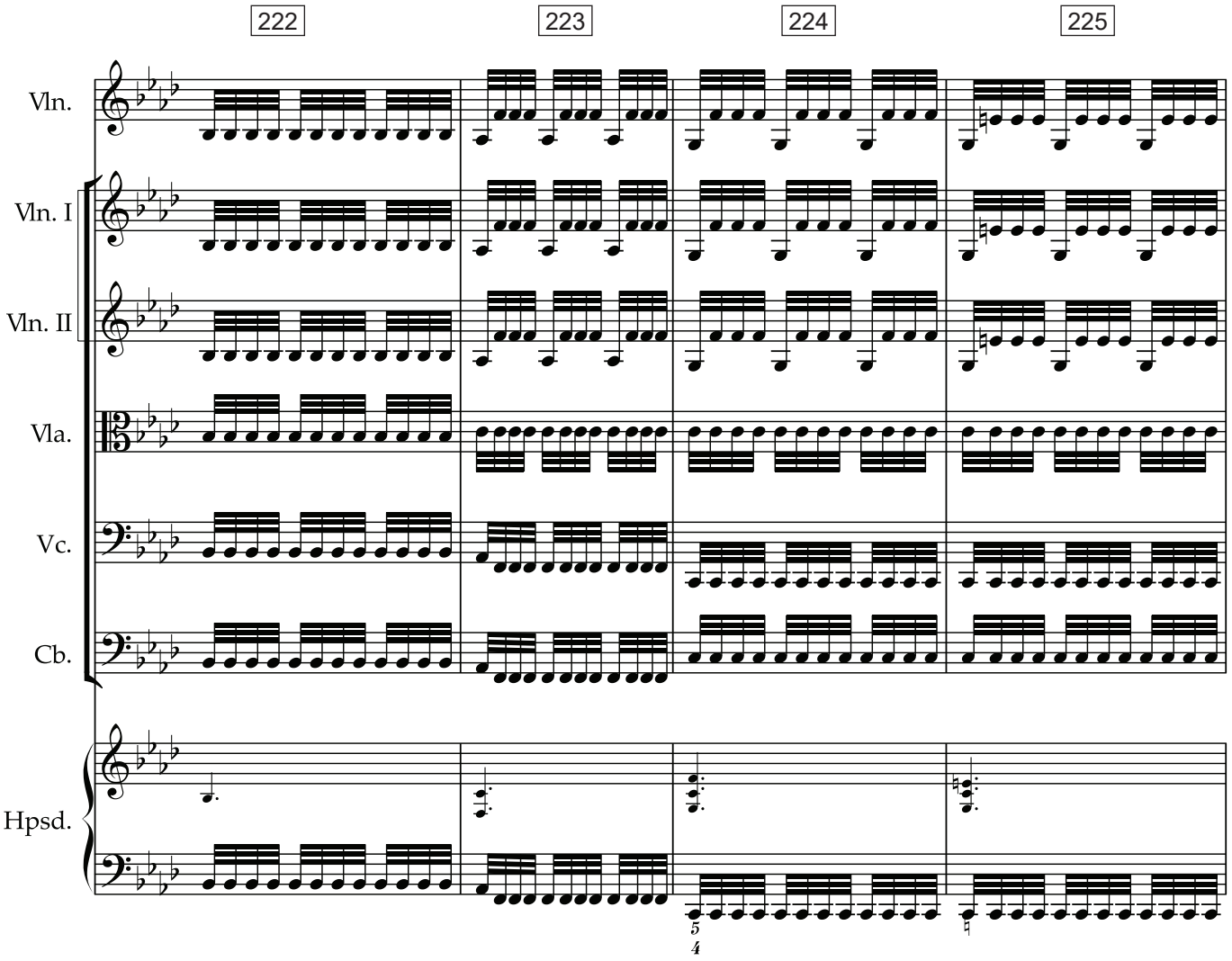
Excerpt from Movement 3 (Coda)

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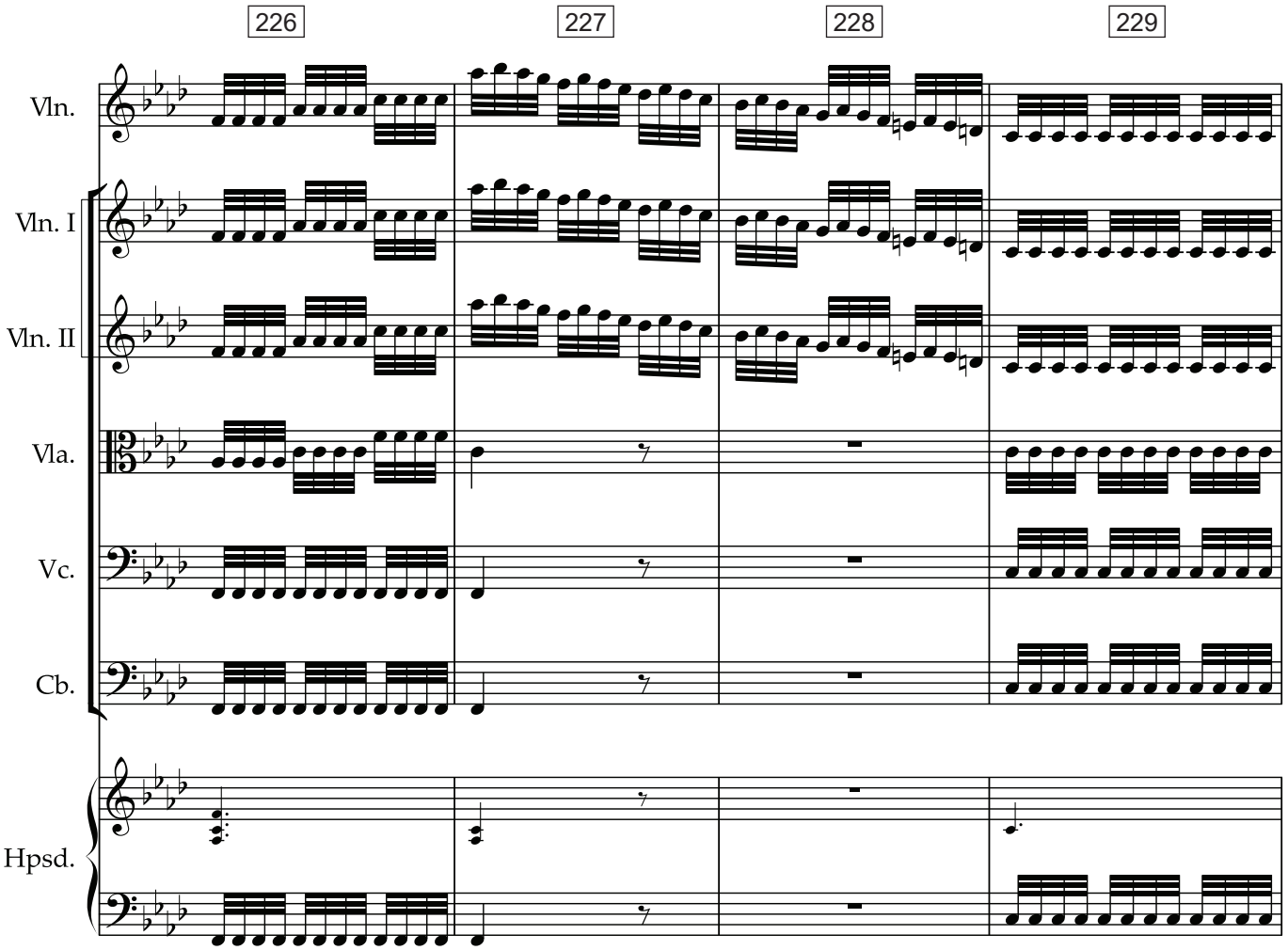
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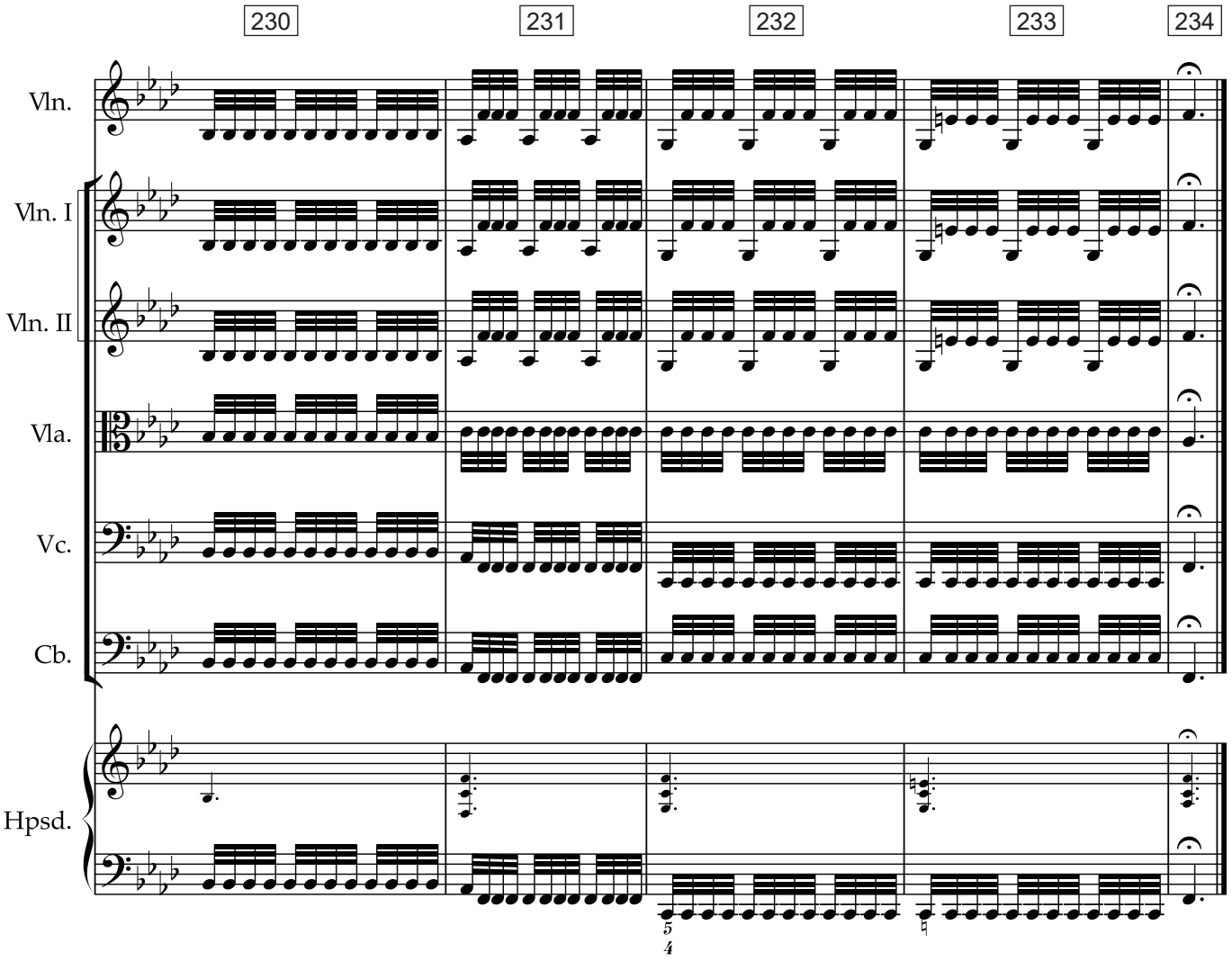
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Stimulus 3

Excerpt from *Let It Go* from *Frozen* by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Play and/or read Stimulus 3 (length: 1 minute and 28 seconds).

Note: Some sounds are not scored but are part of the audio stimulus and may be used in responses where relevant.

Contextual information

Let It Go is a song from the movie *Frozen.* It is sung by Queen Elsa at the end of Act I when she unintentionally unleashes her power to manipulate snow and ice, plunging her kingdom into an eternal winter. She runs away to an isolated mountain. Here she expresses her frustration at years of concealing her abilities and resolves to embrace her powers instead of living in fear. *Let It Go* is one of the original works used in the Stimulus 1 mash-up and is provided as a reference only.

Score

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