Midwestern Mandolin Duos

29 easy to intermediate pieces for two mandolins

by

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Introduction

Two mandolins are often better than one. In harmony, in tune, a pair of mandolins can produce a sound like no other. I love to play mandolin duos and I have ventured to compose a few myself. This collection contains twenty-nine pieces that I have either written specifically for two mandolins or that I have arranged for mandolin duo.

I think of the music presented here as falling into three main categories: 1) simple fiddle tunes with a second part added; 2) pieces of a more "classical" nature; 3) pieces that reflect my interest in early music, especially 18th century duos.

The tunes in Category 1 ("Alice's", "Bighorn", "Smitten", etc.) all have guitar chord symbols included so that more players can join in if desired. The pieces in Category 2 are sometimes very simple ("Clifty Falls", "Stonehead") but can be a little more complicated ("Turn of the Century, A & B", "Sometimes"). The early music pieces are either vaguely medieval ("Pilgrim Dance", "Woodhaven") or intentionally in imitation of 18th century composers like James Oswald or William Bates.

Most of these pieces can also be played on a variety of other treble clef instruments, especially violin. I hope you enjoy playing some of them as much as I enjoyed writing them.

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Alice's Garden

(arr. for two mandolins)

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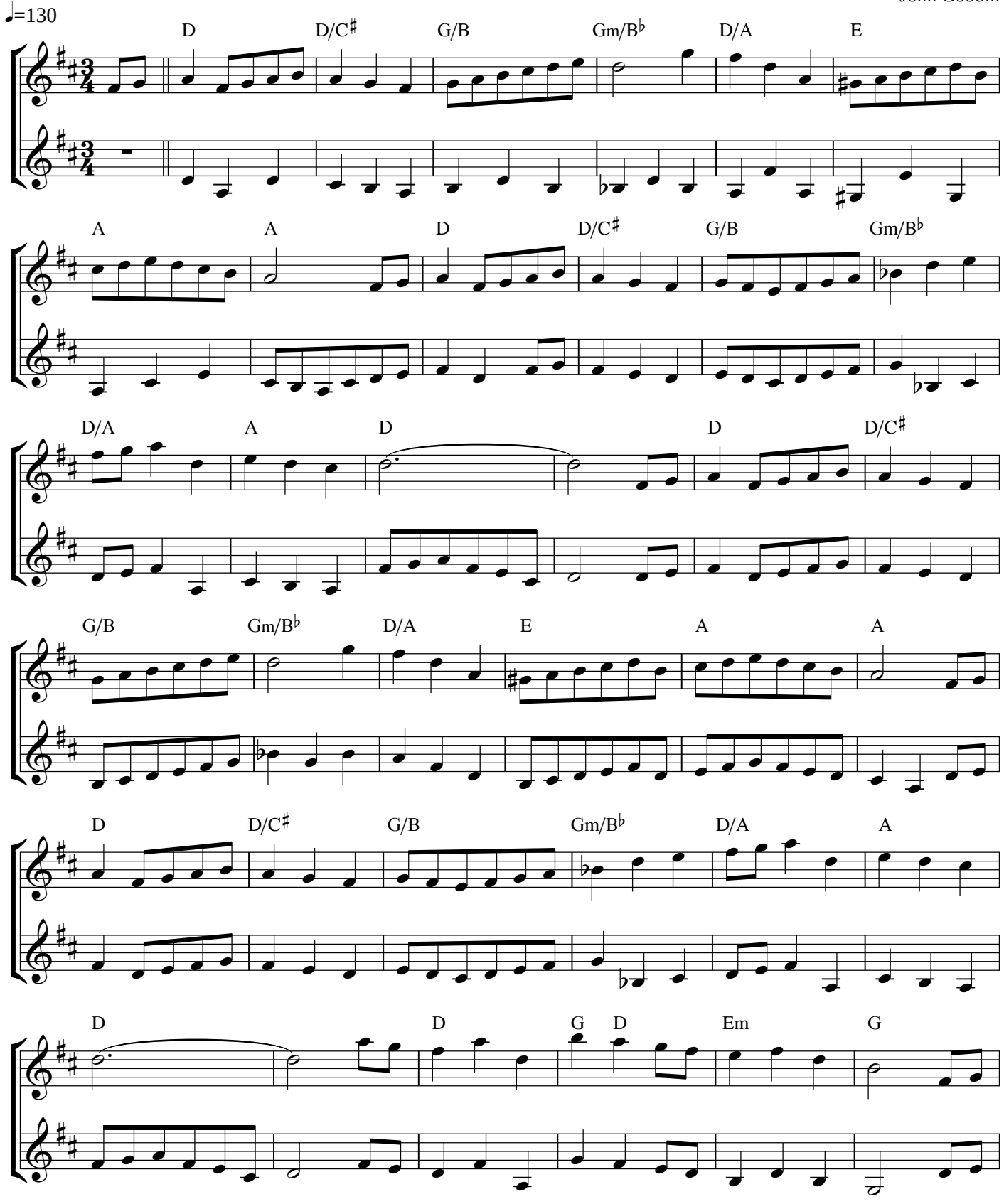

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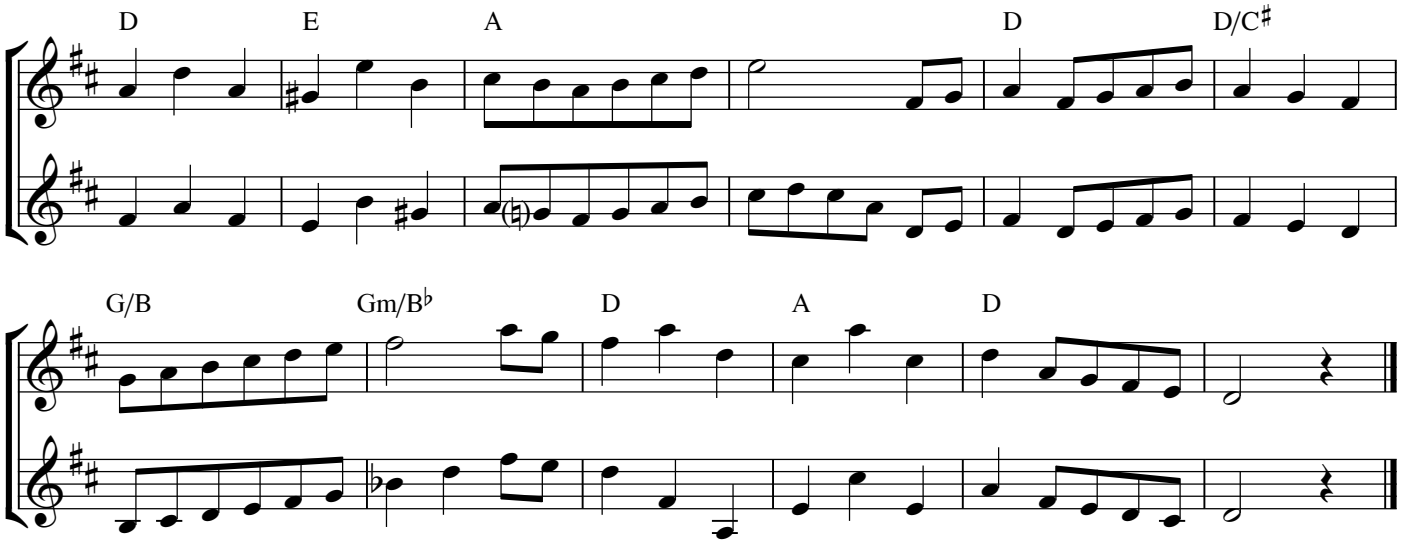
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Casselman by Rail

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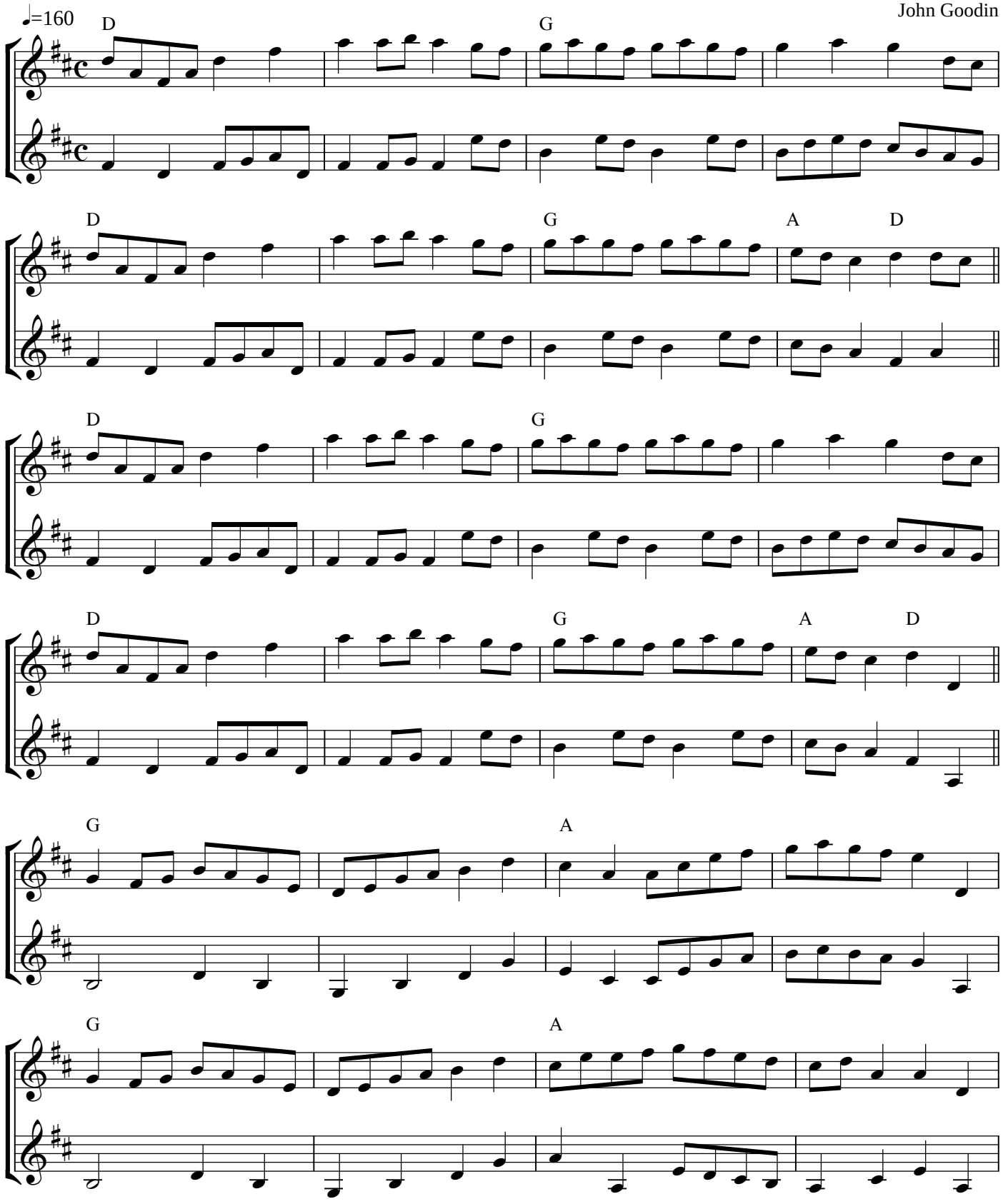

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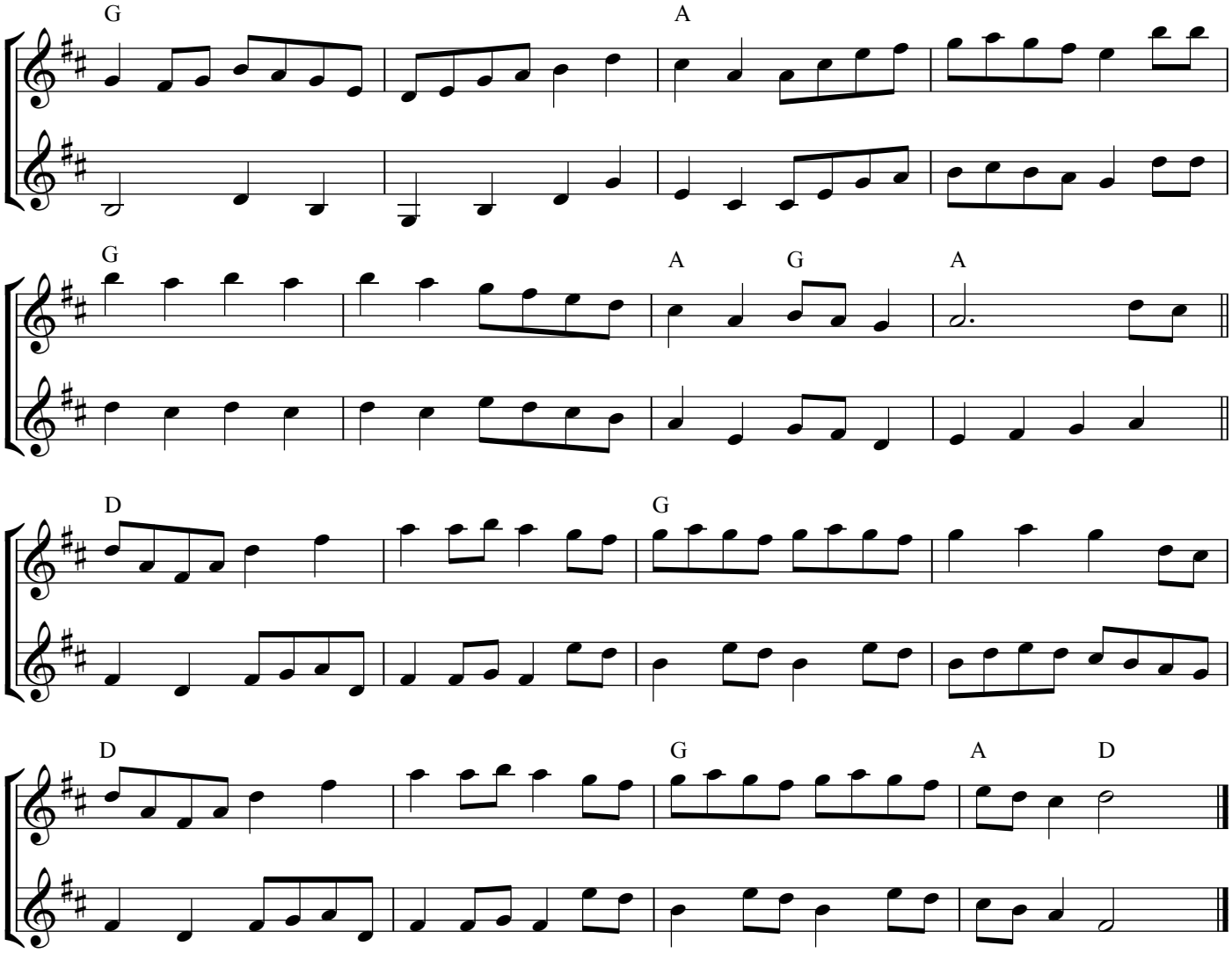
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Clifty Falls

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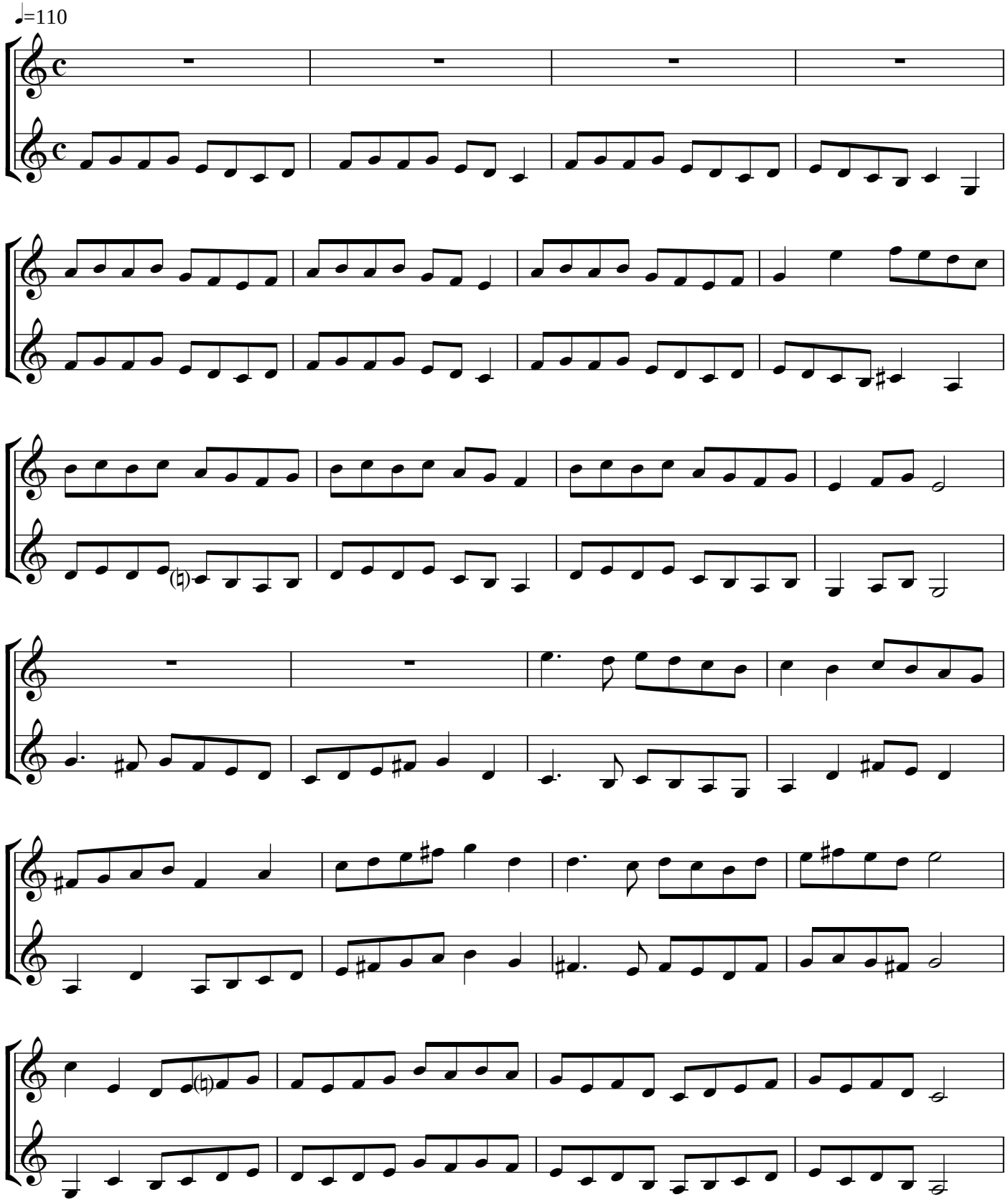

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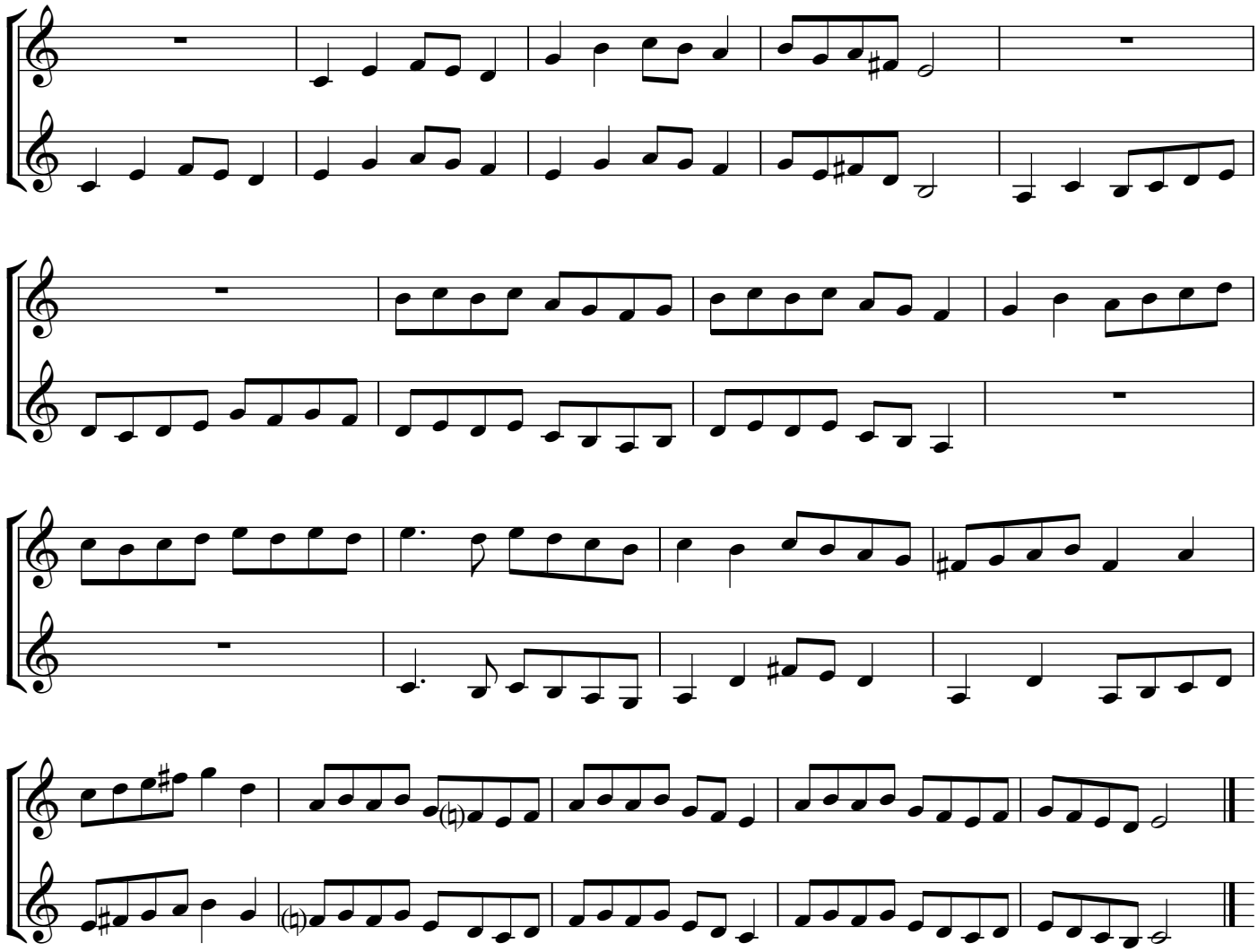

Divertimento in G

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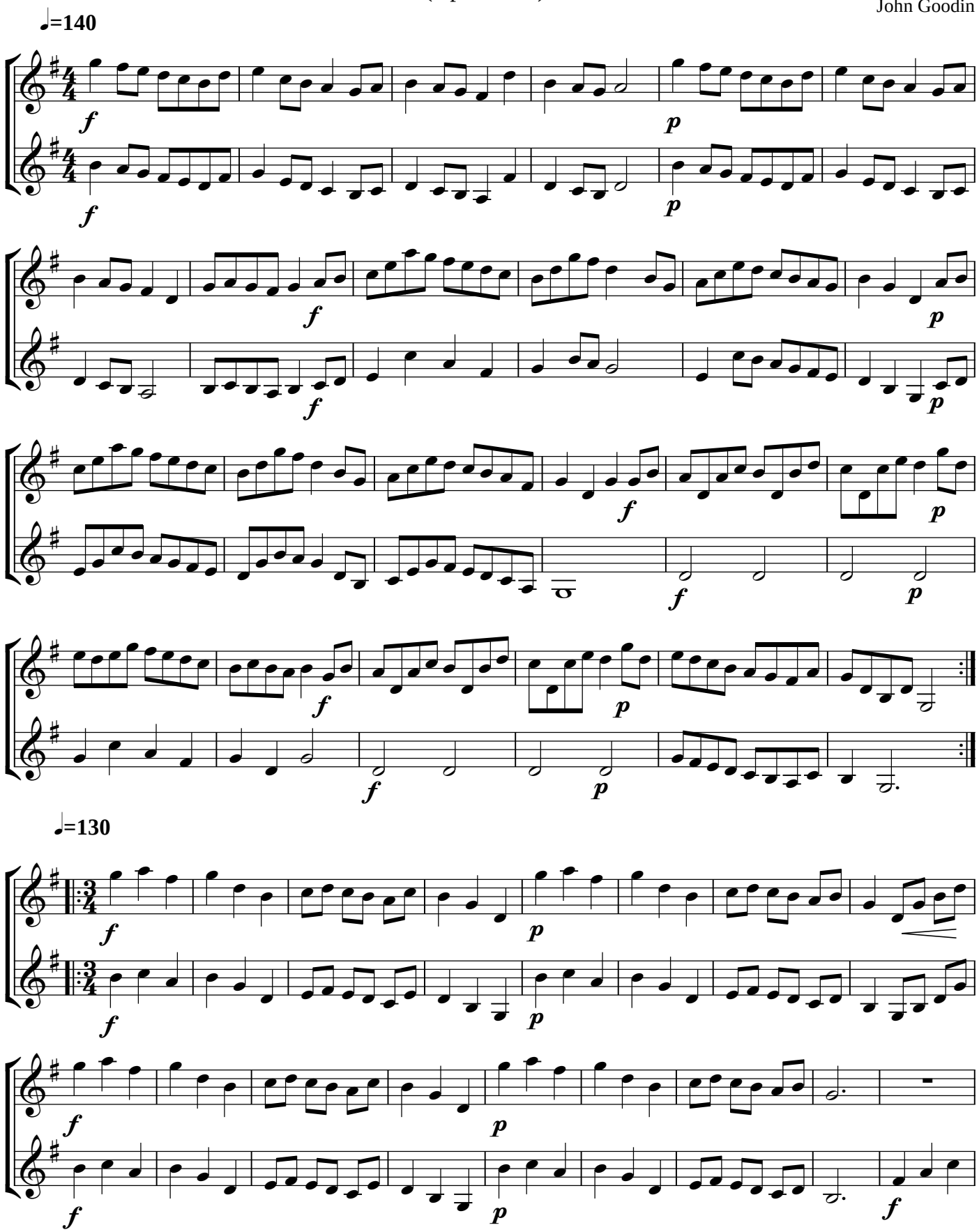

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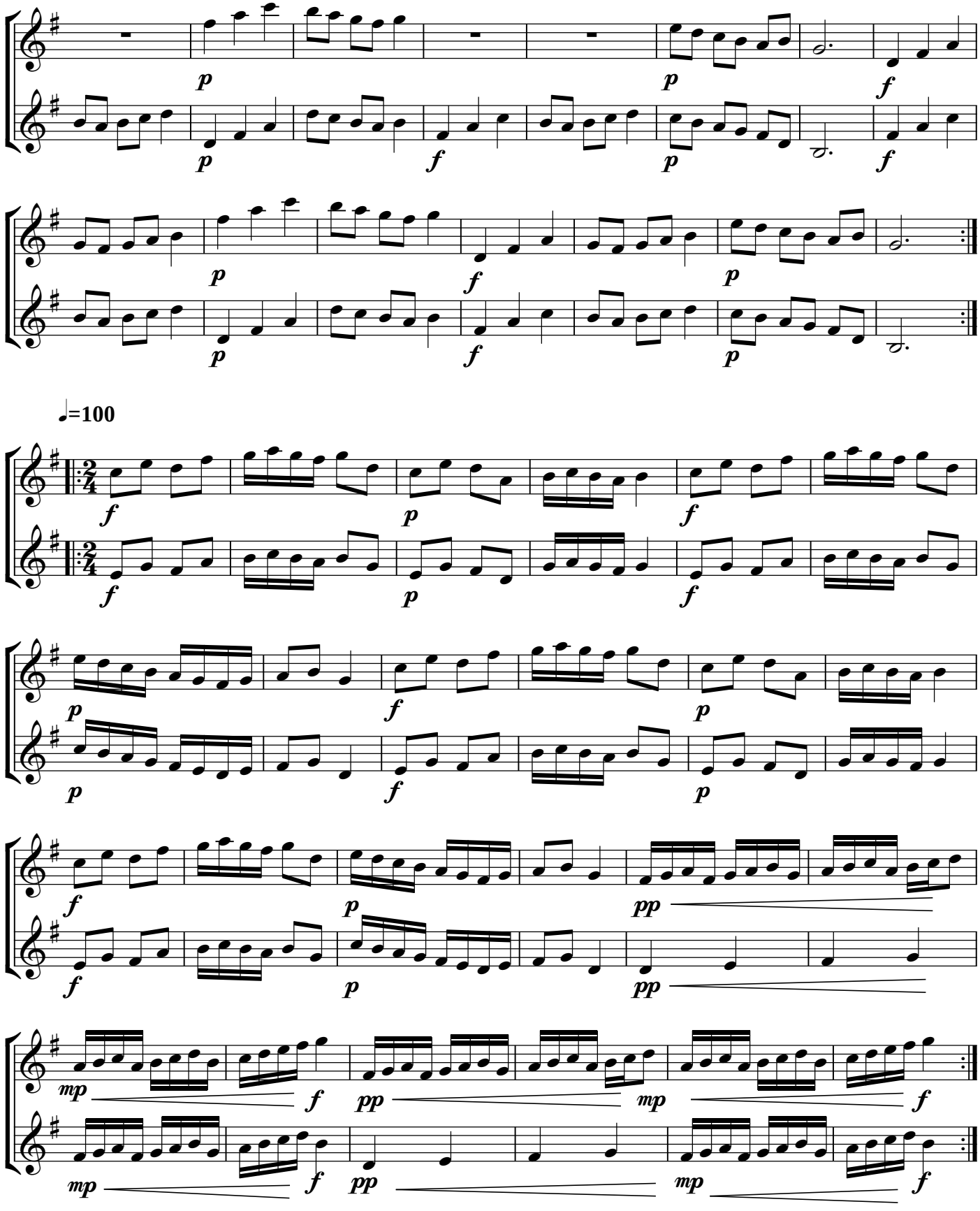
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(arr. for two mandolins)

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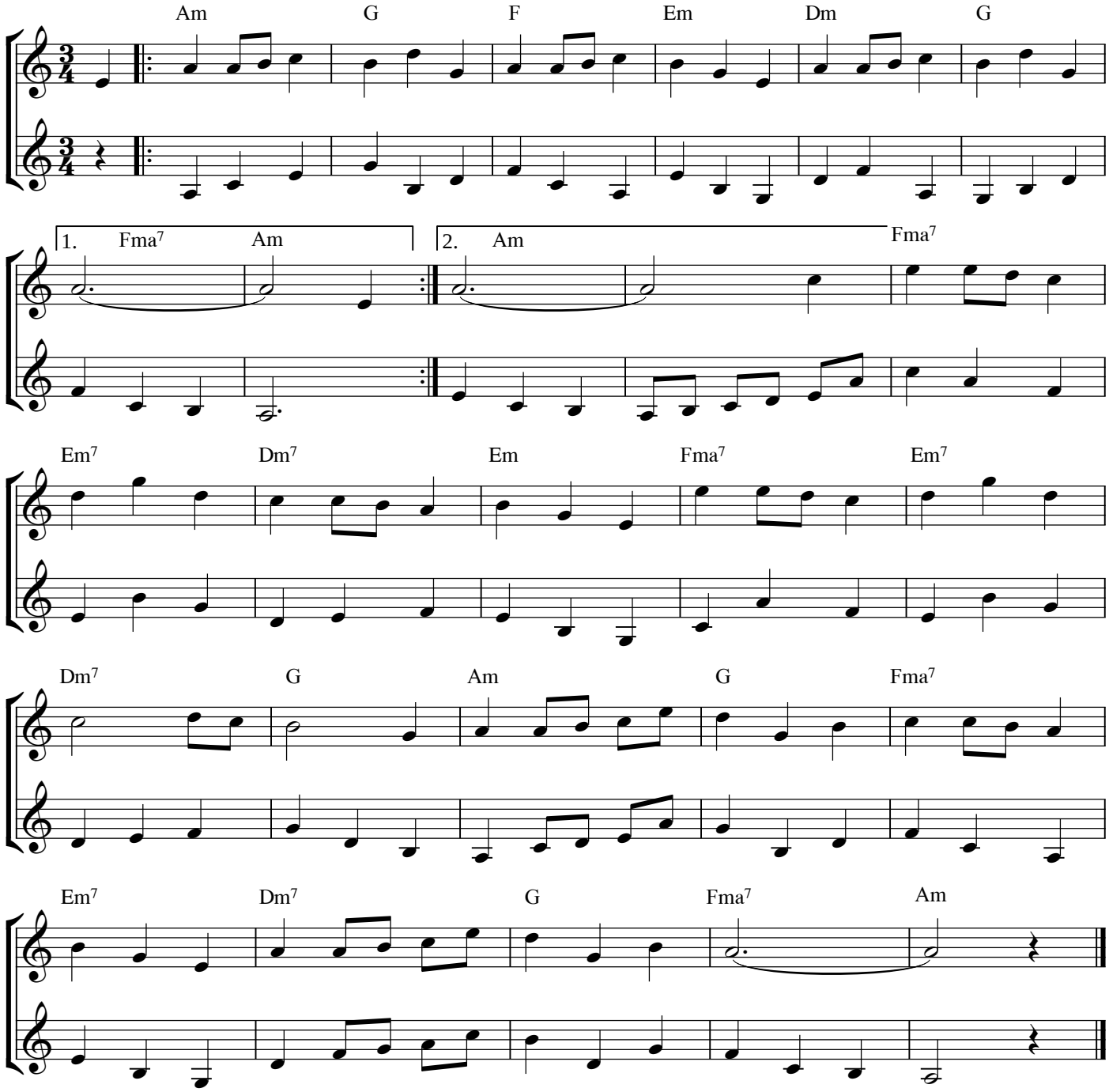

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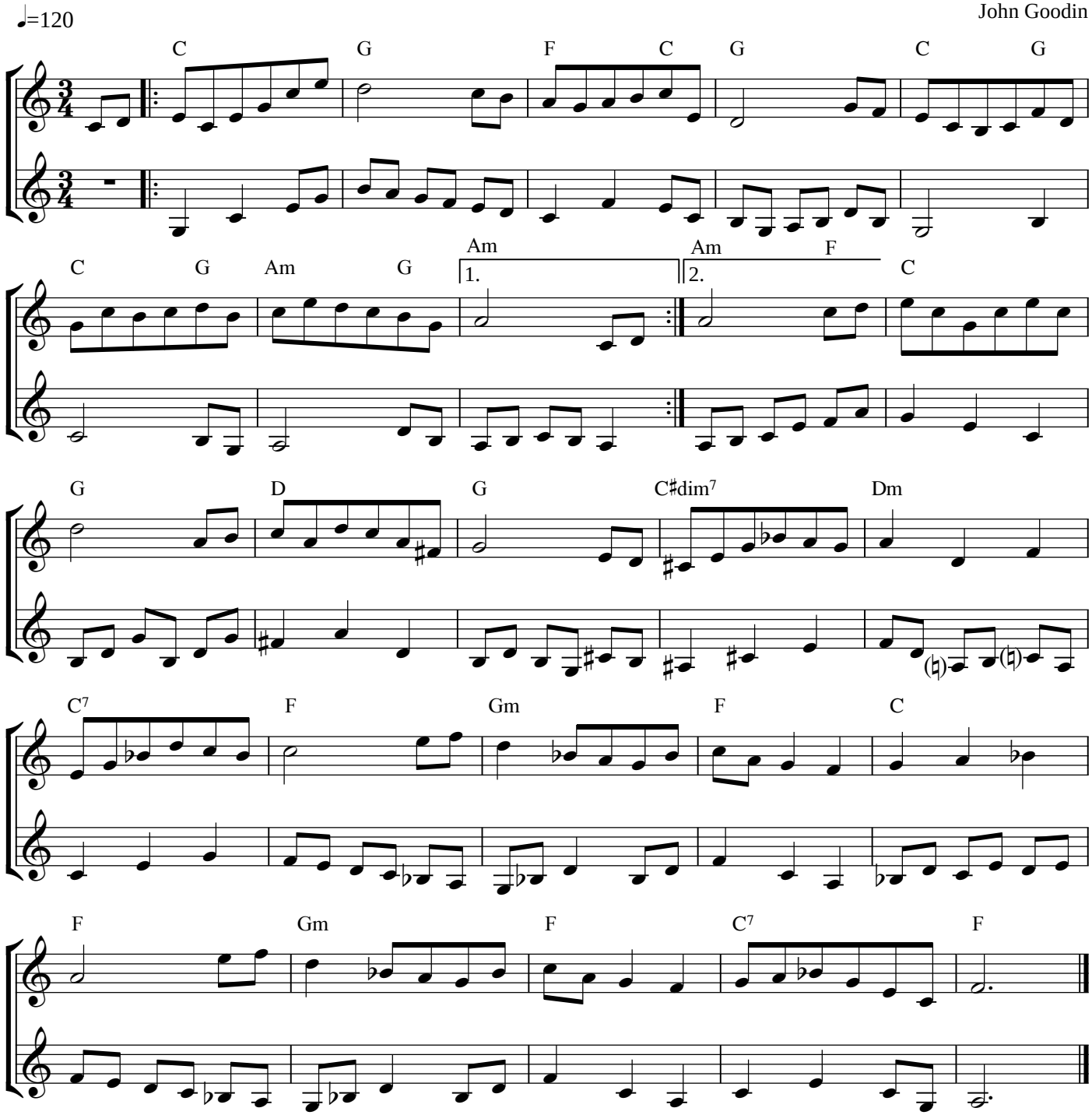

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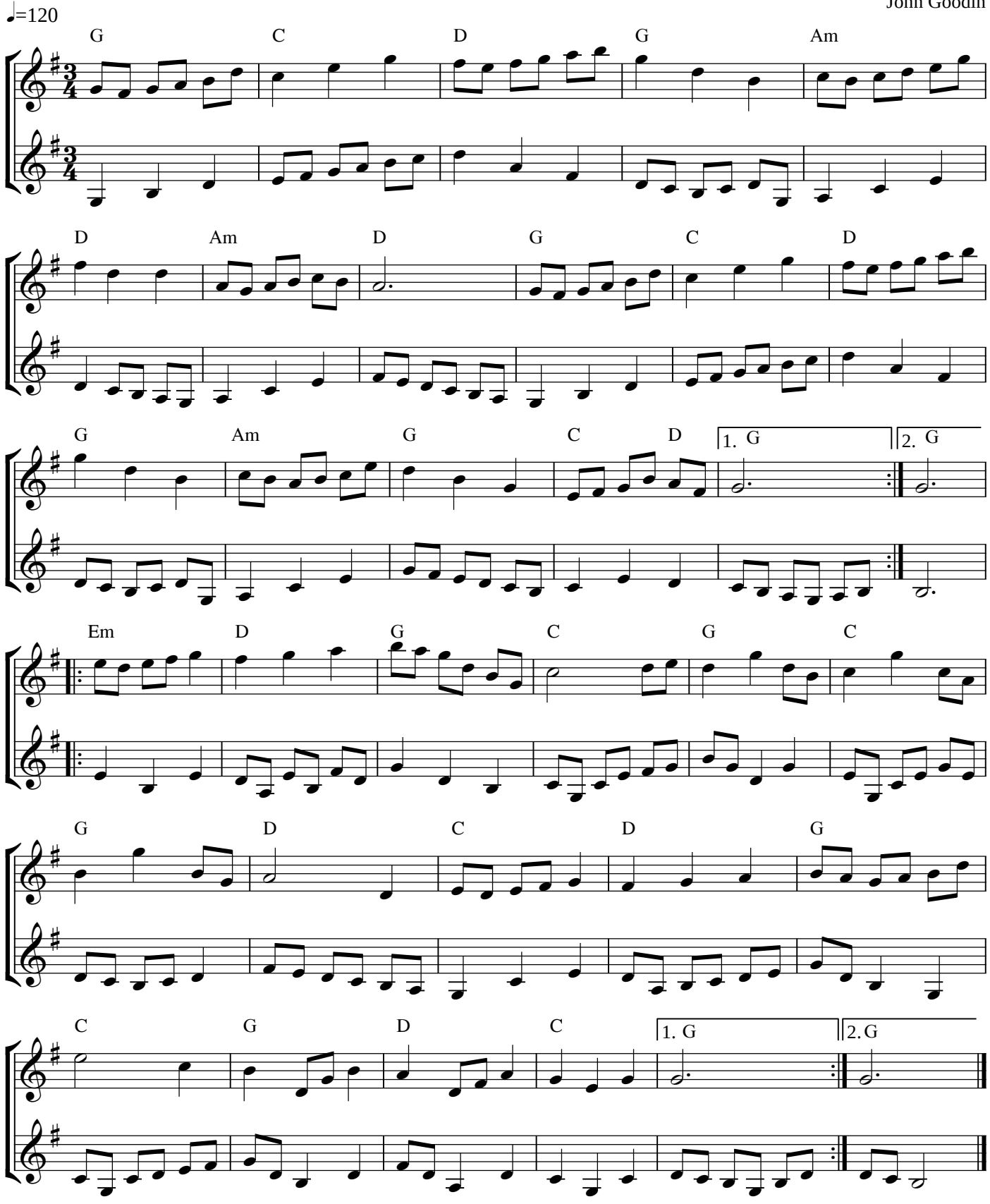

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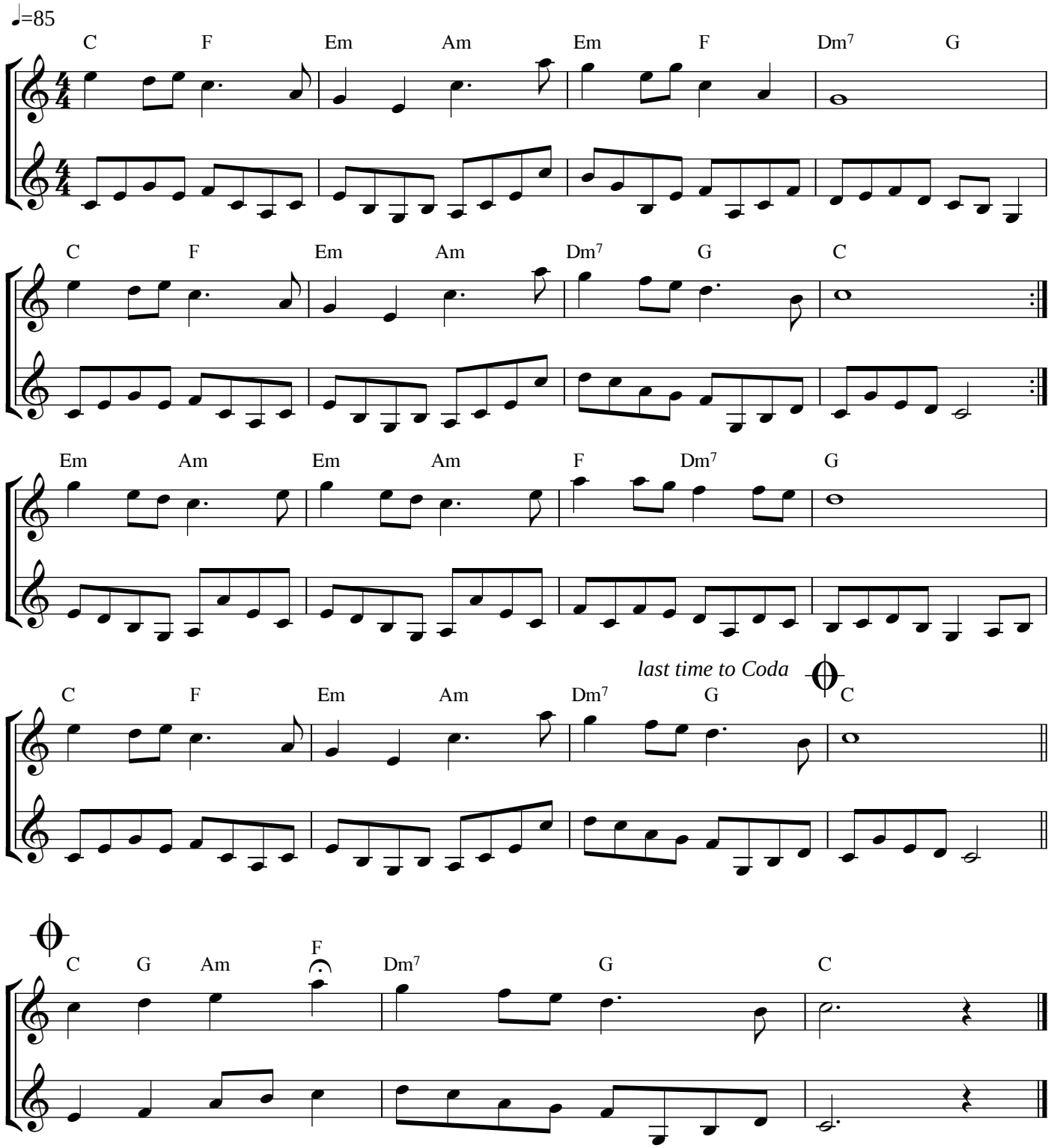

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November Duo, 2005

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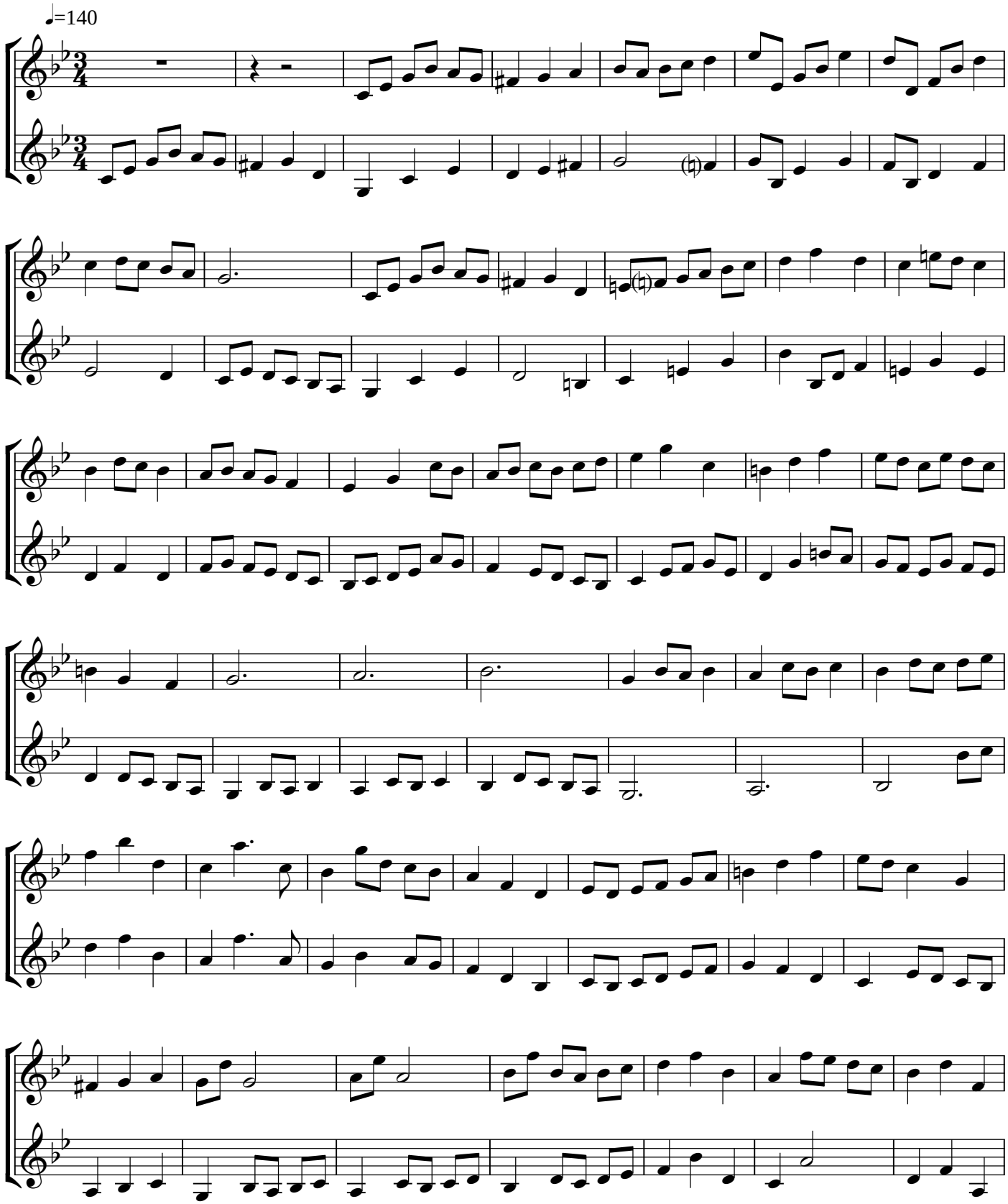

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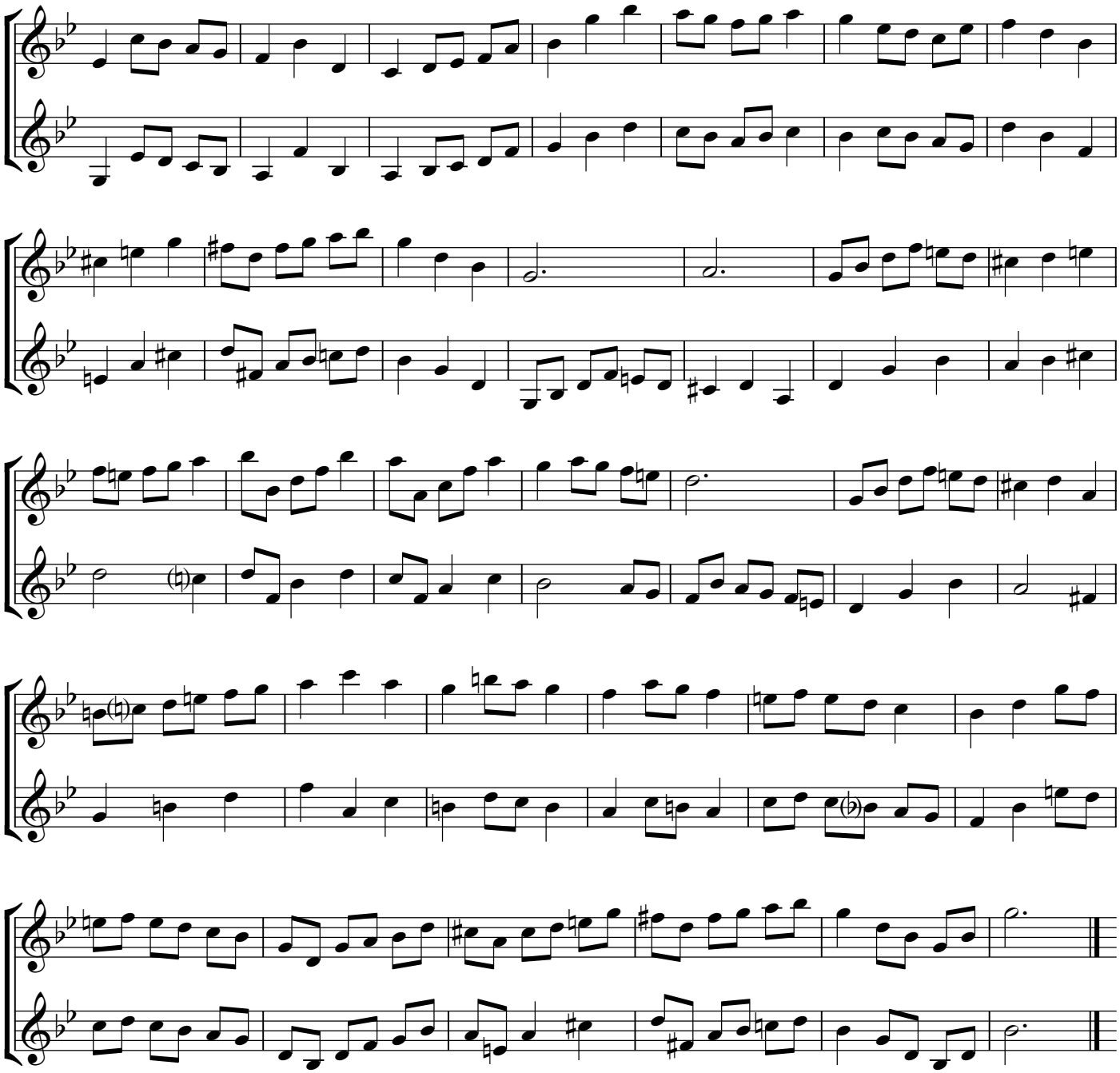

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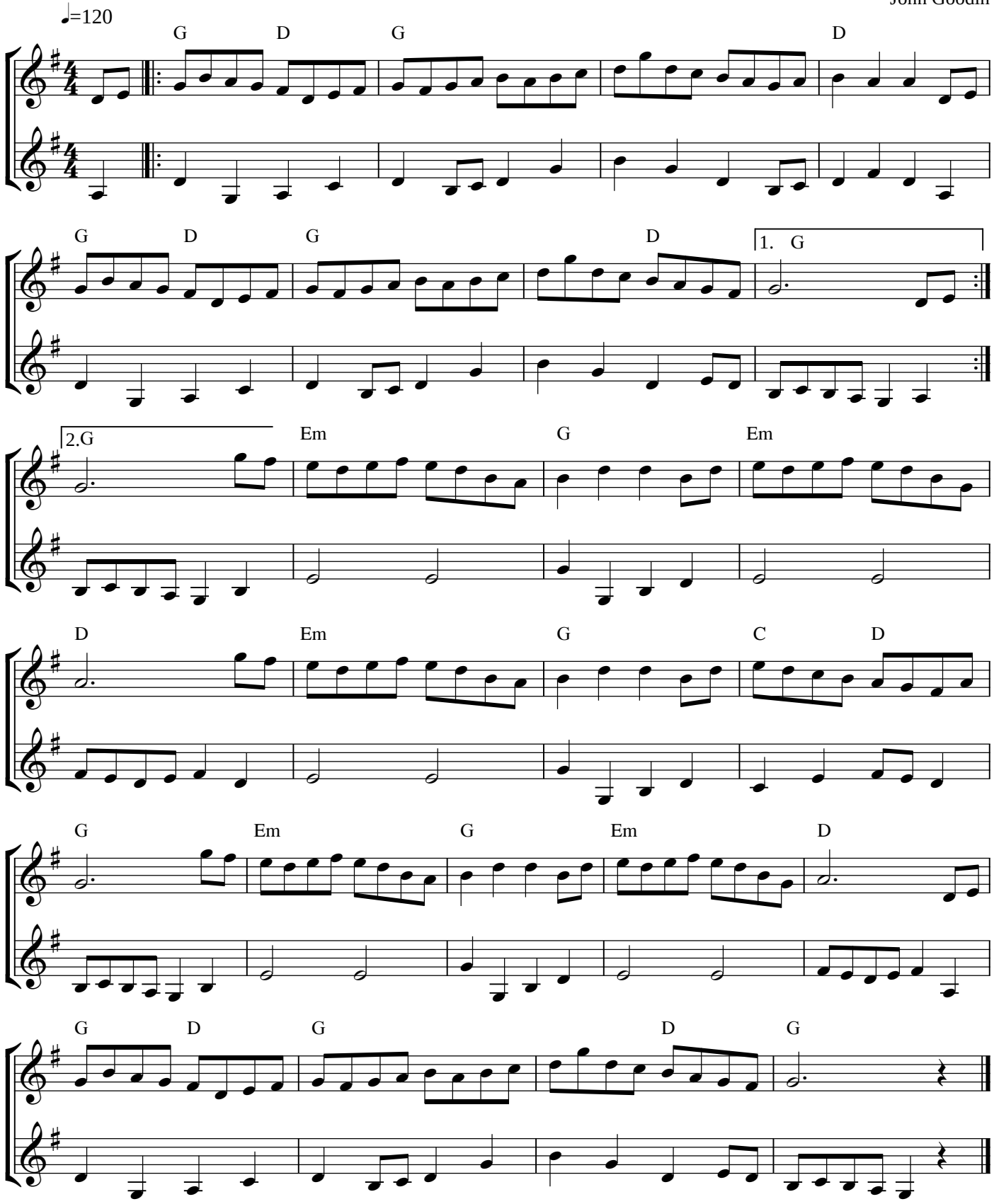

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Palmer's House

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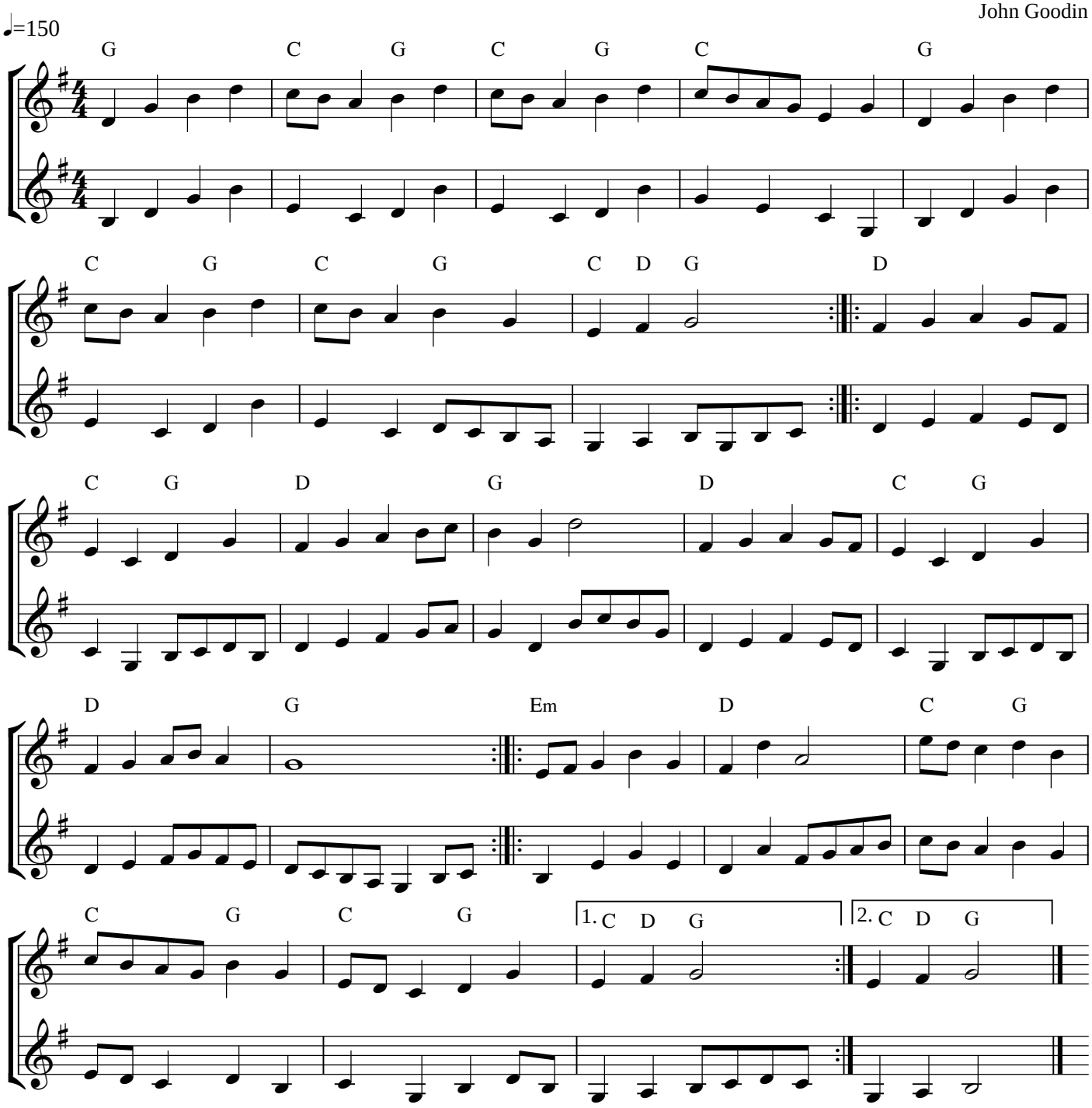

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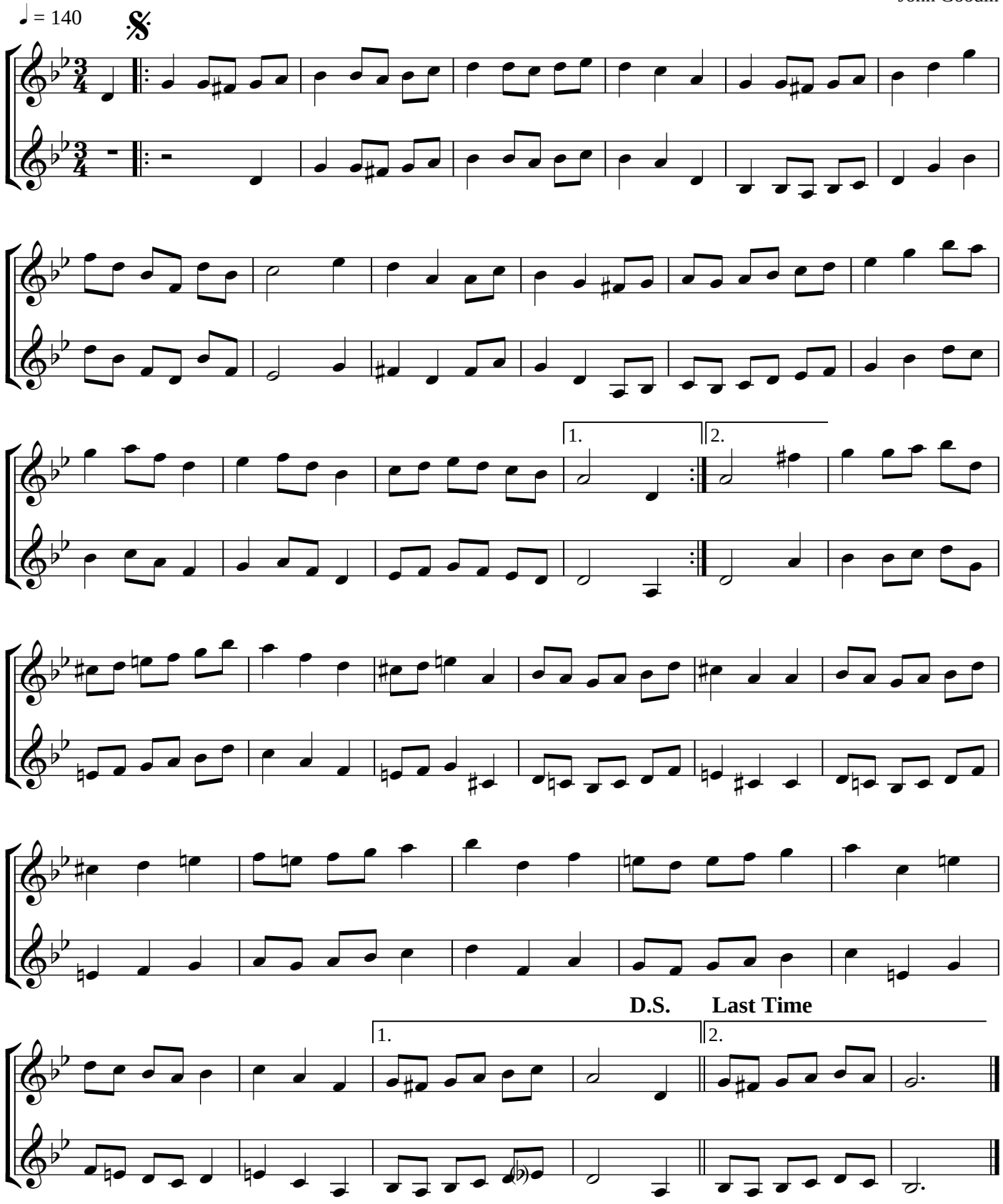

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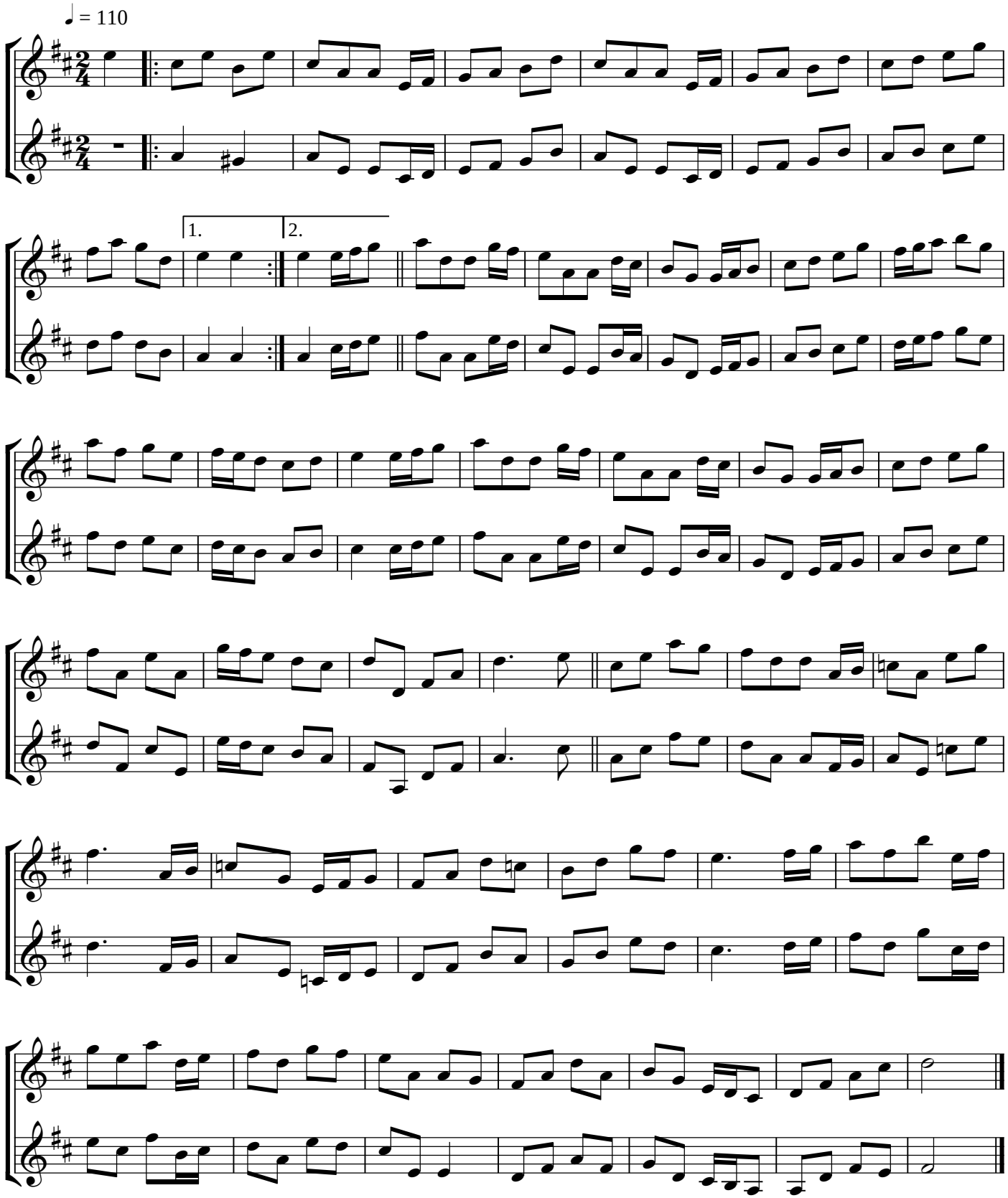

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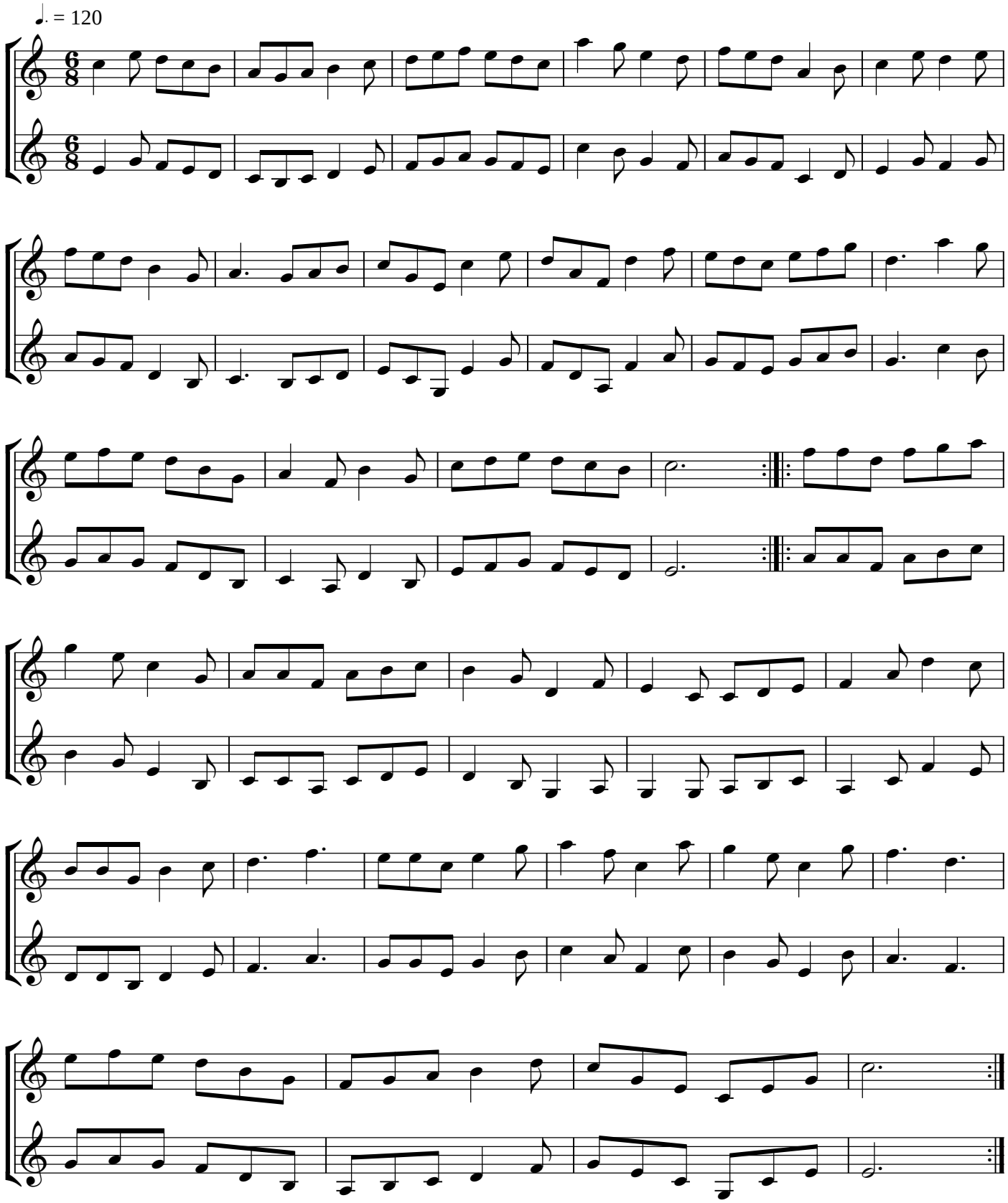

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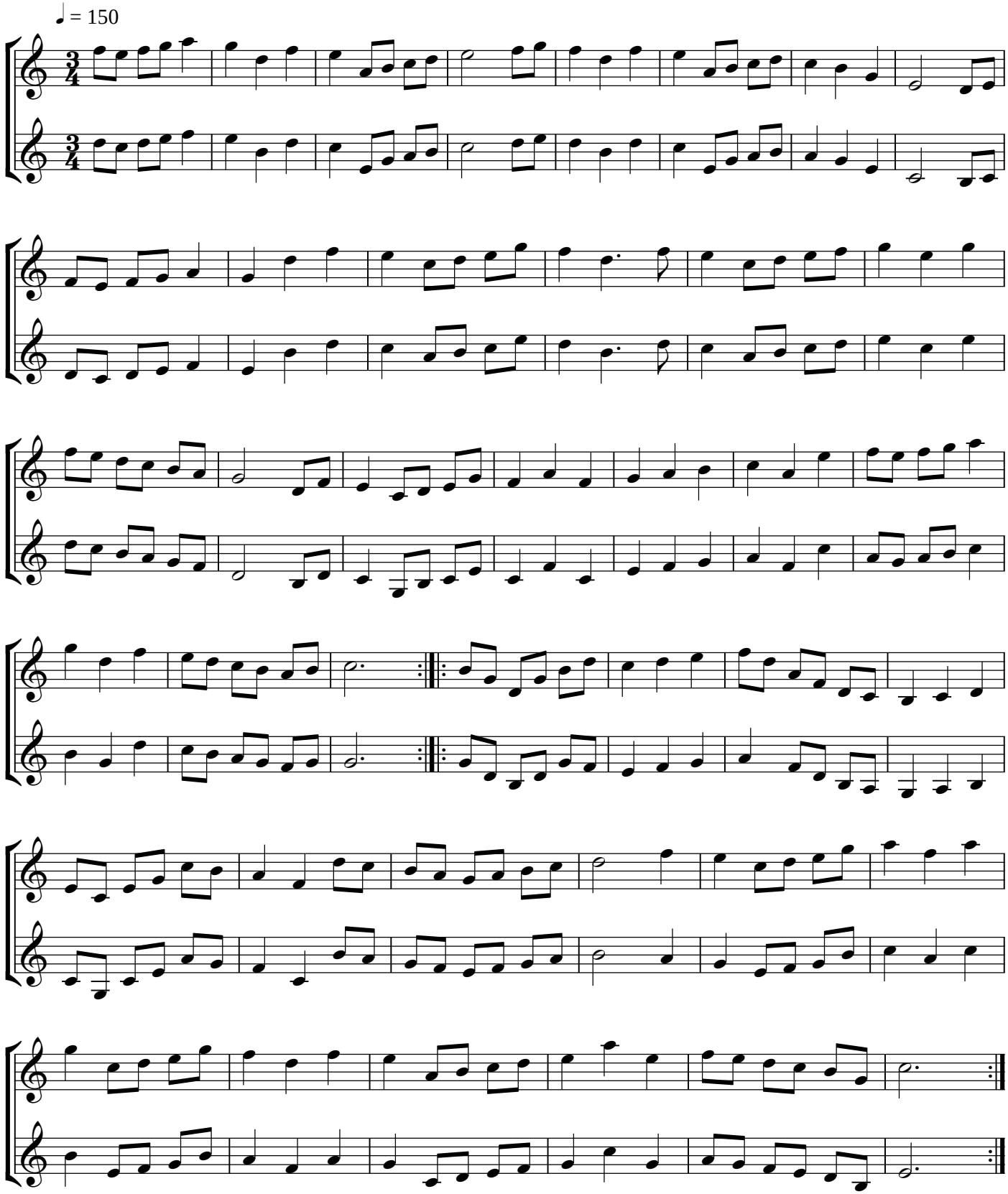

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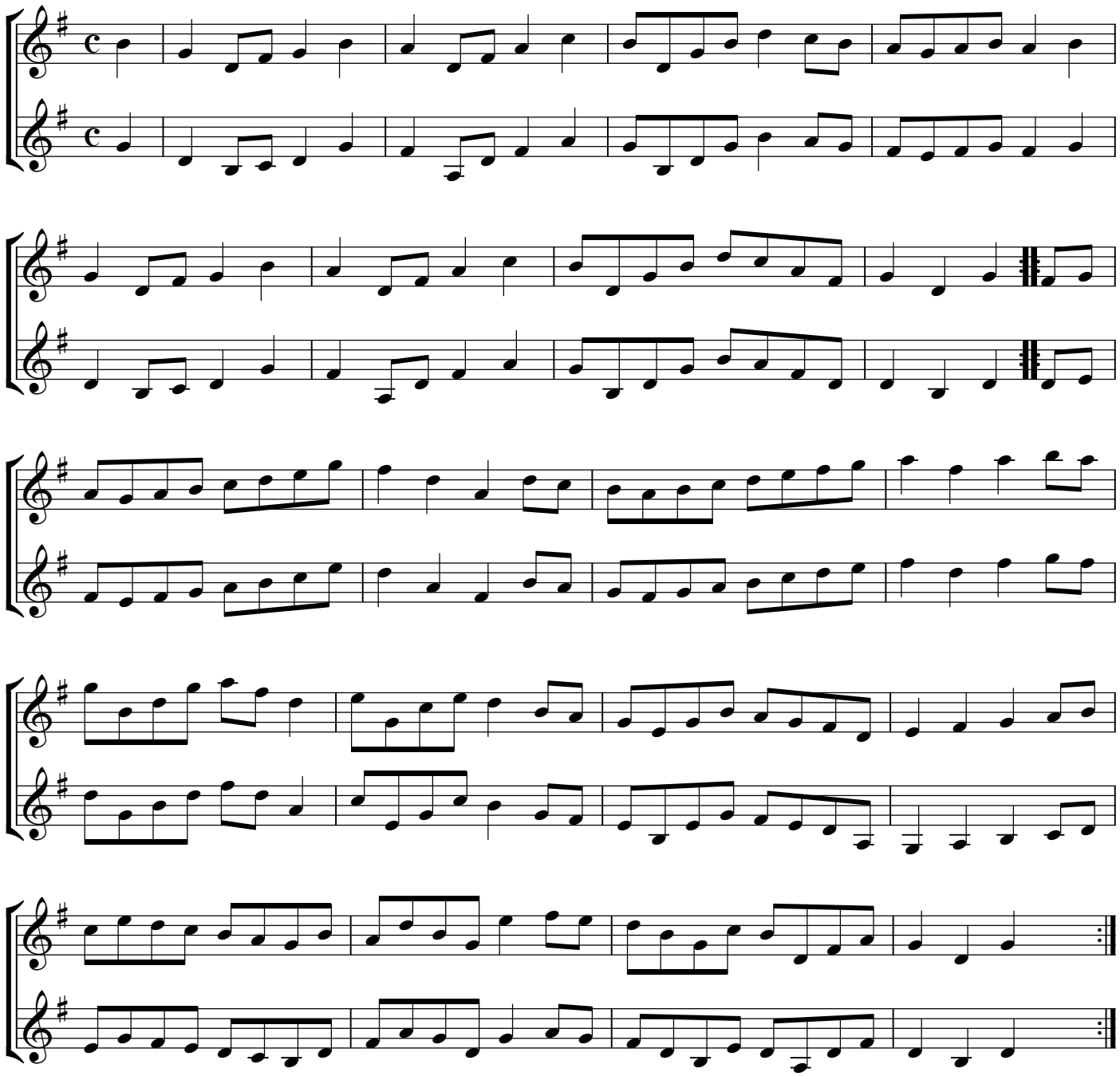

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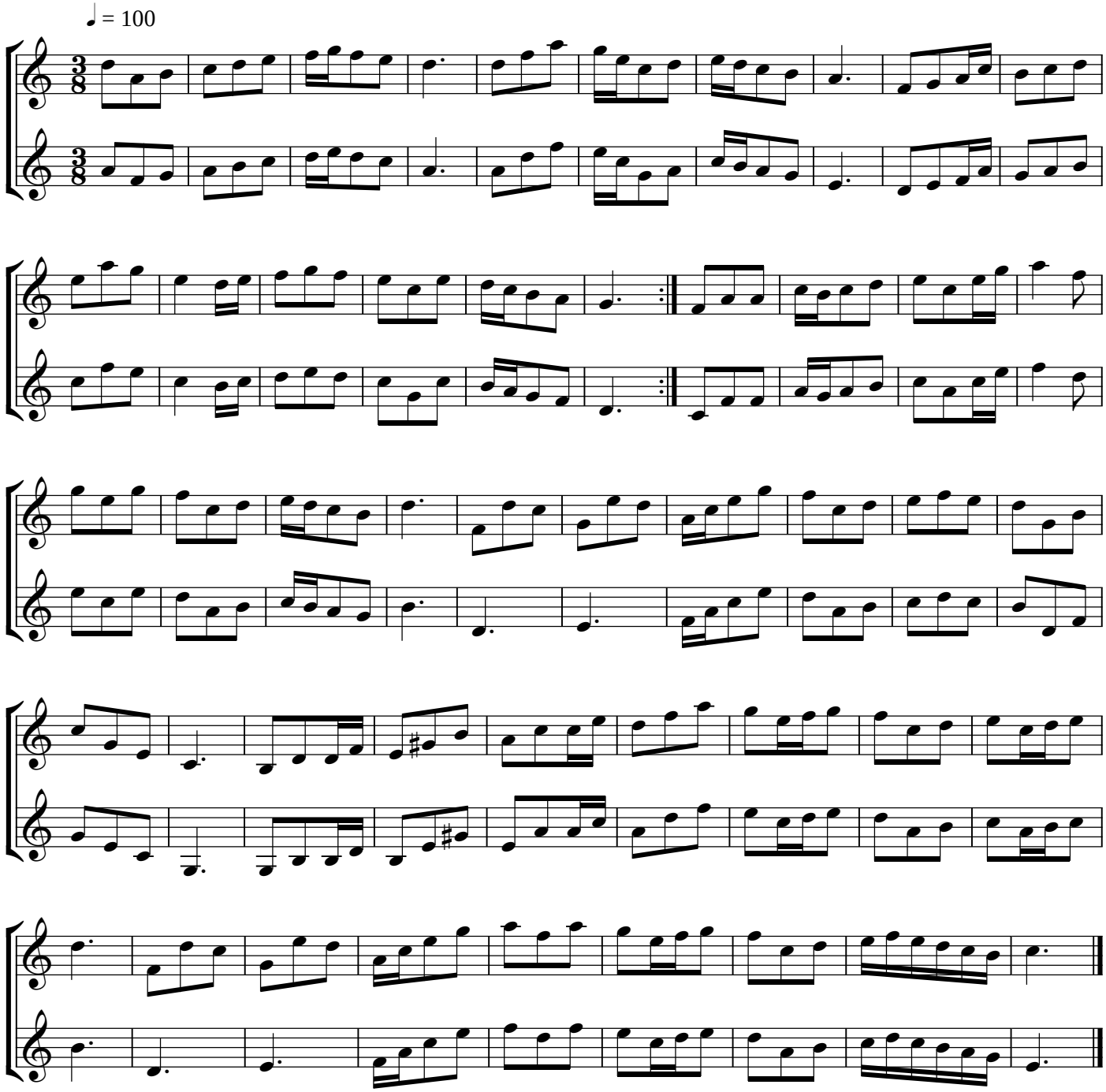

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Smitten

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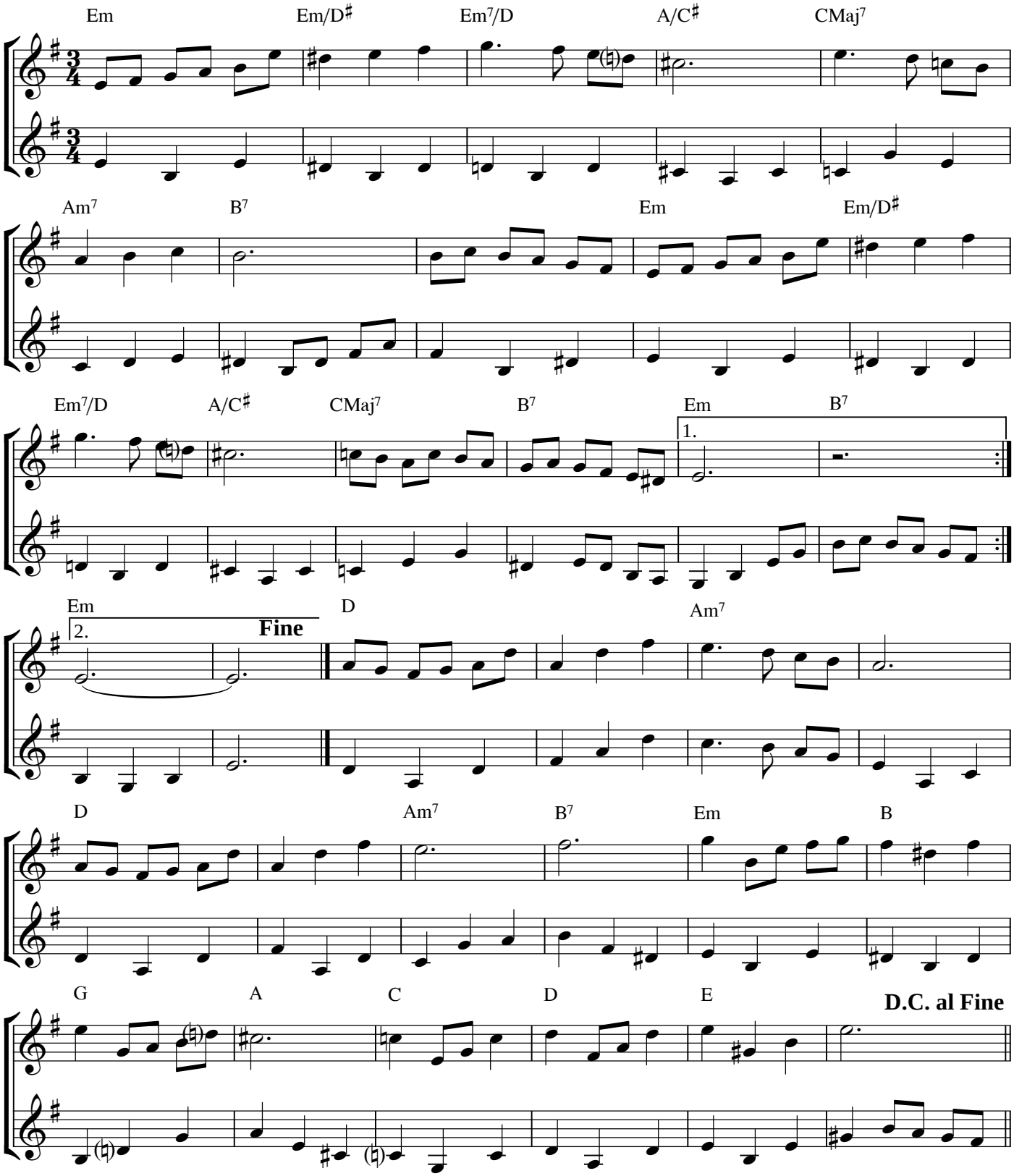

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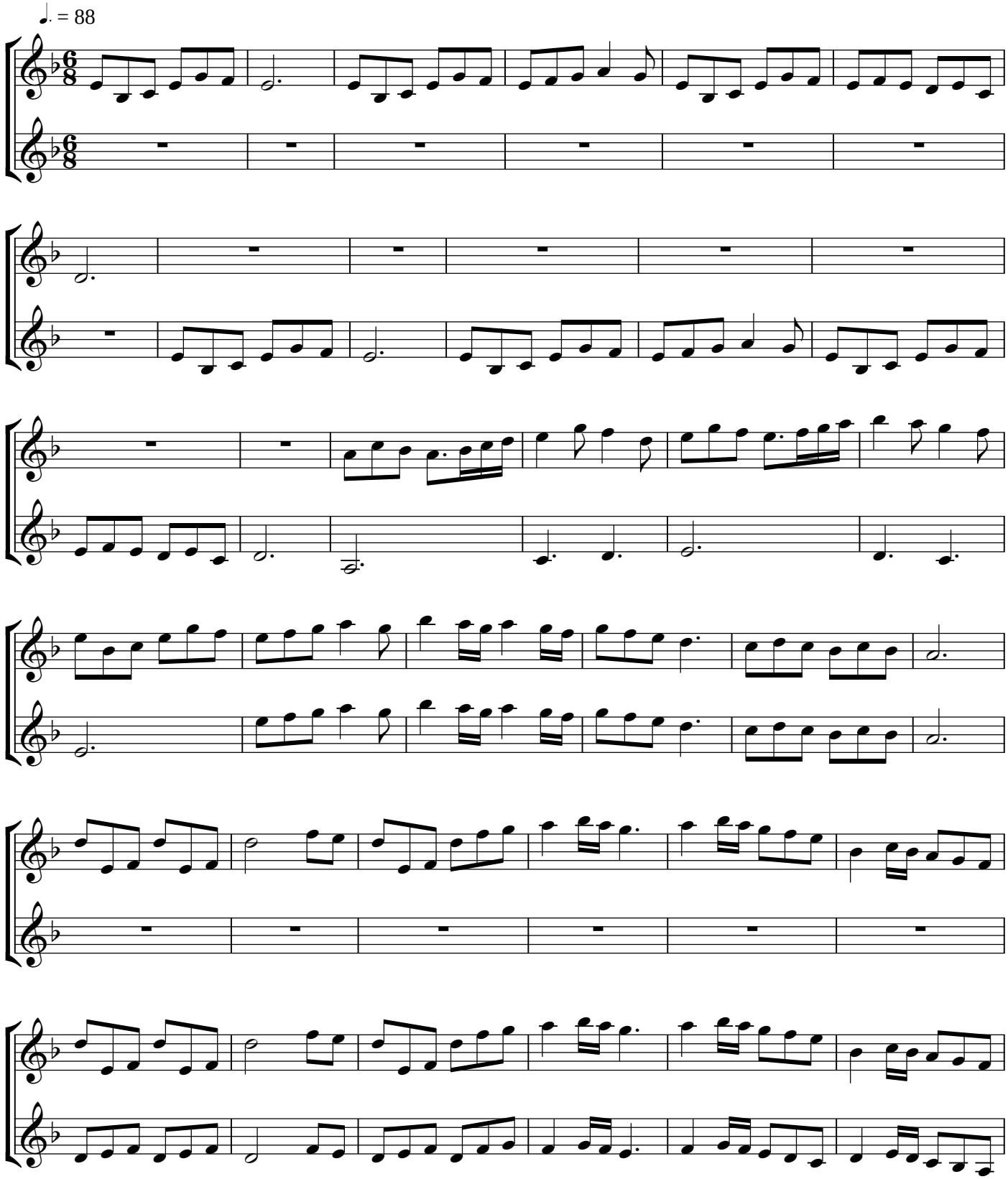

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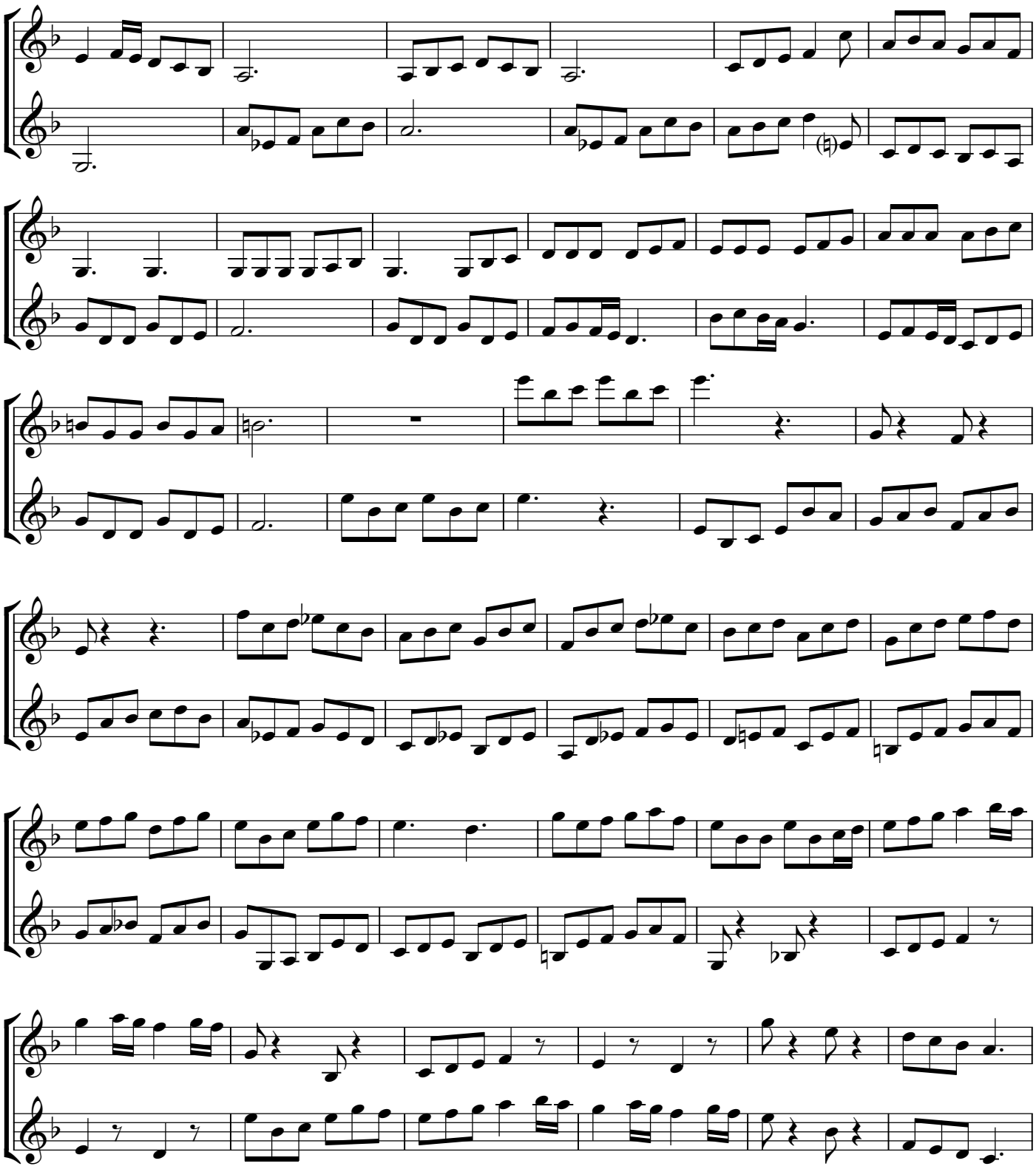

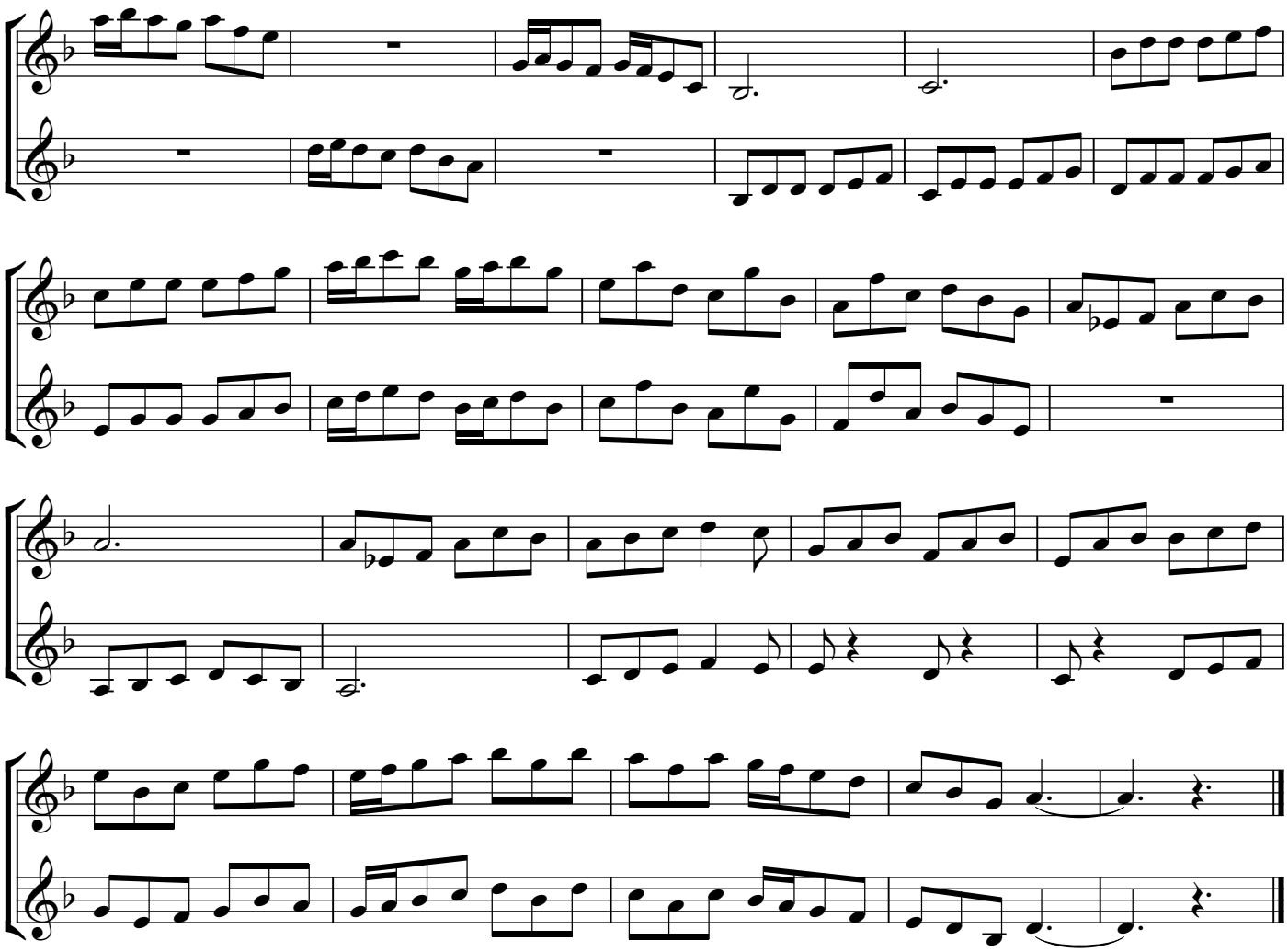

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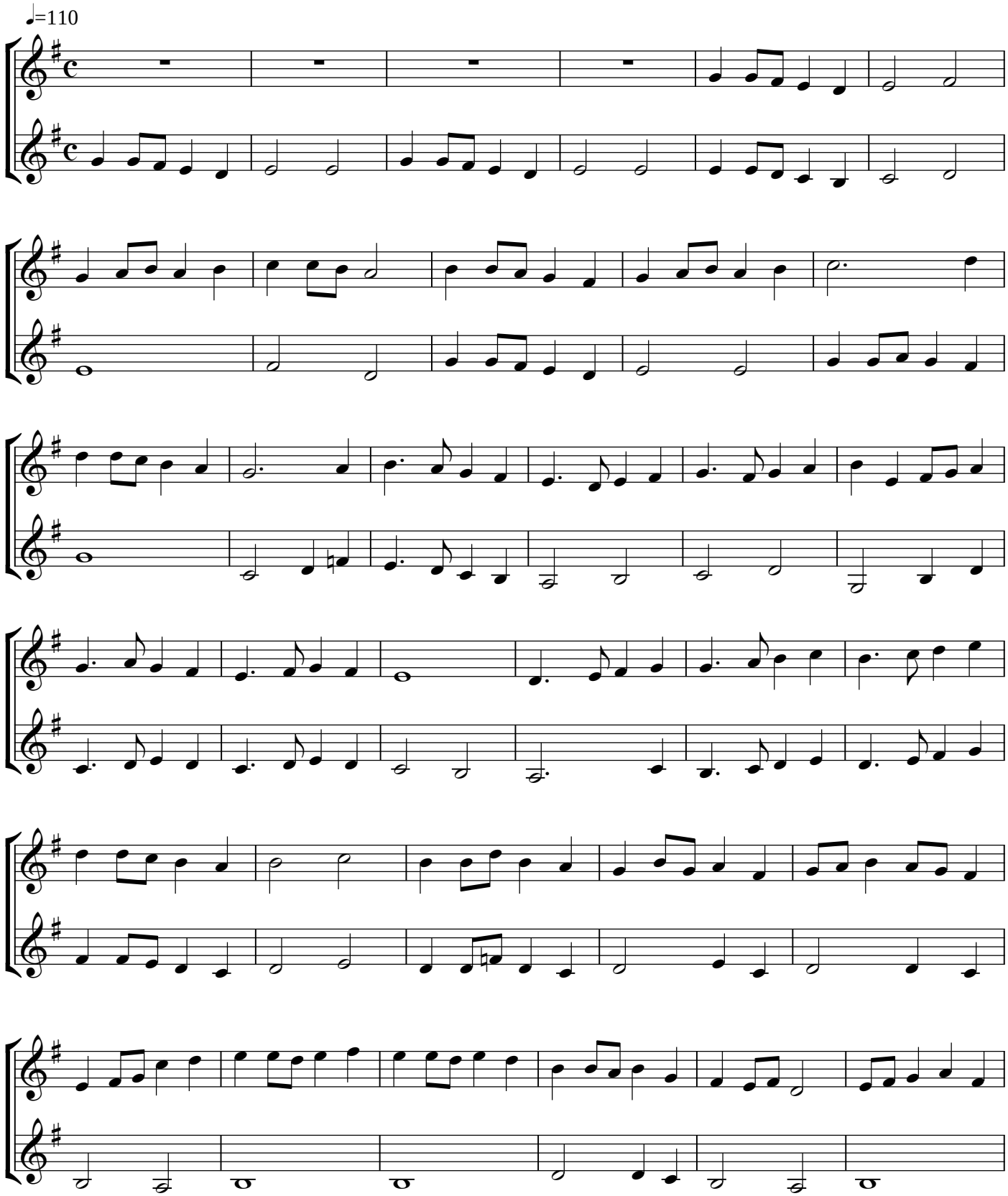

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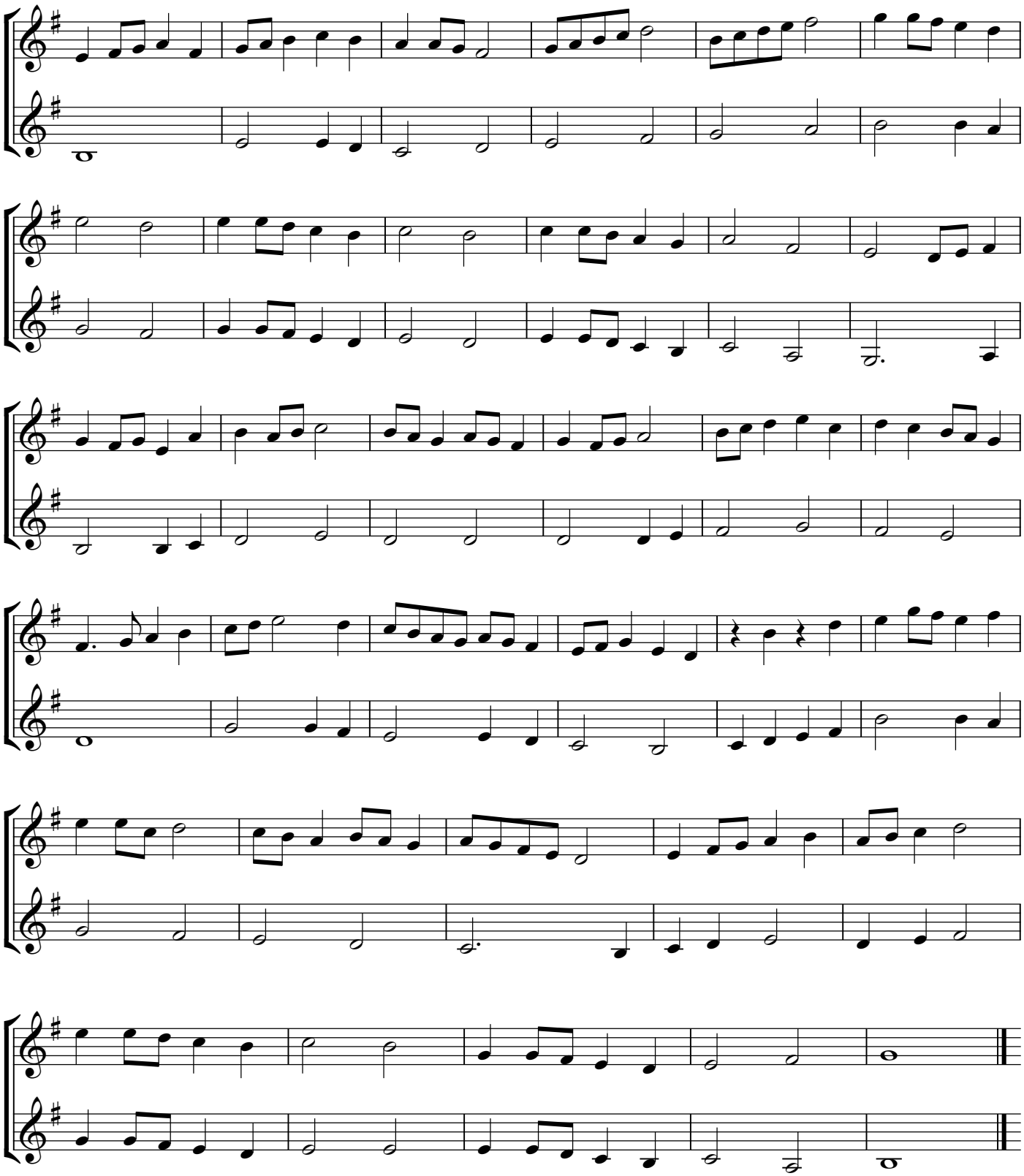

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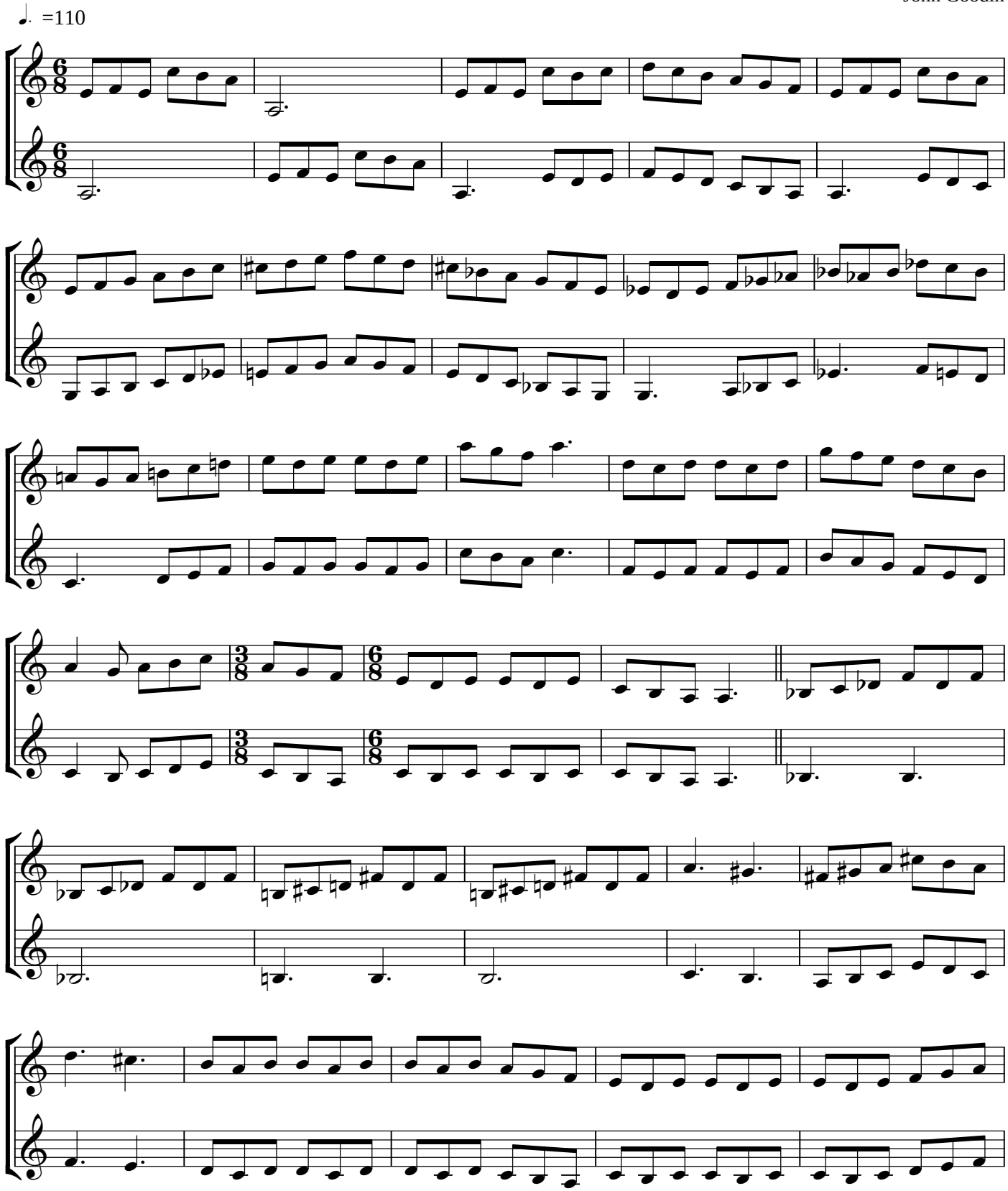

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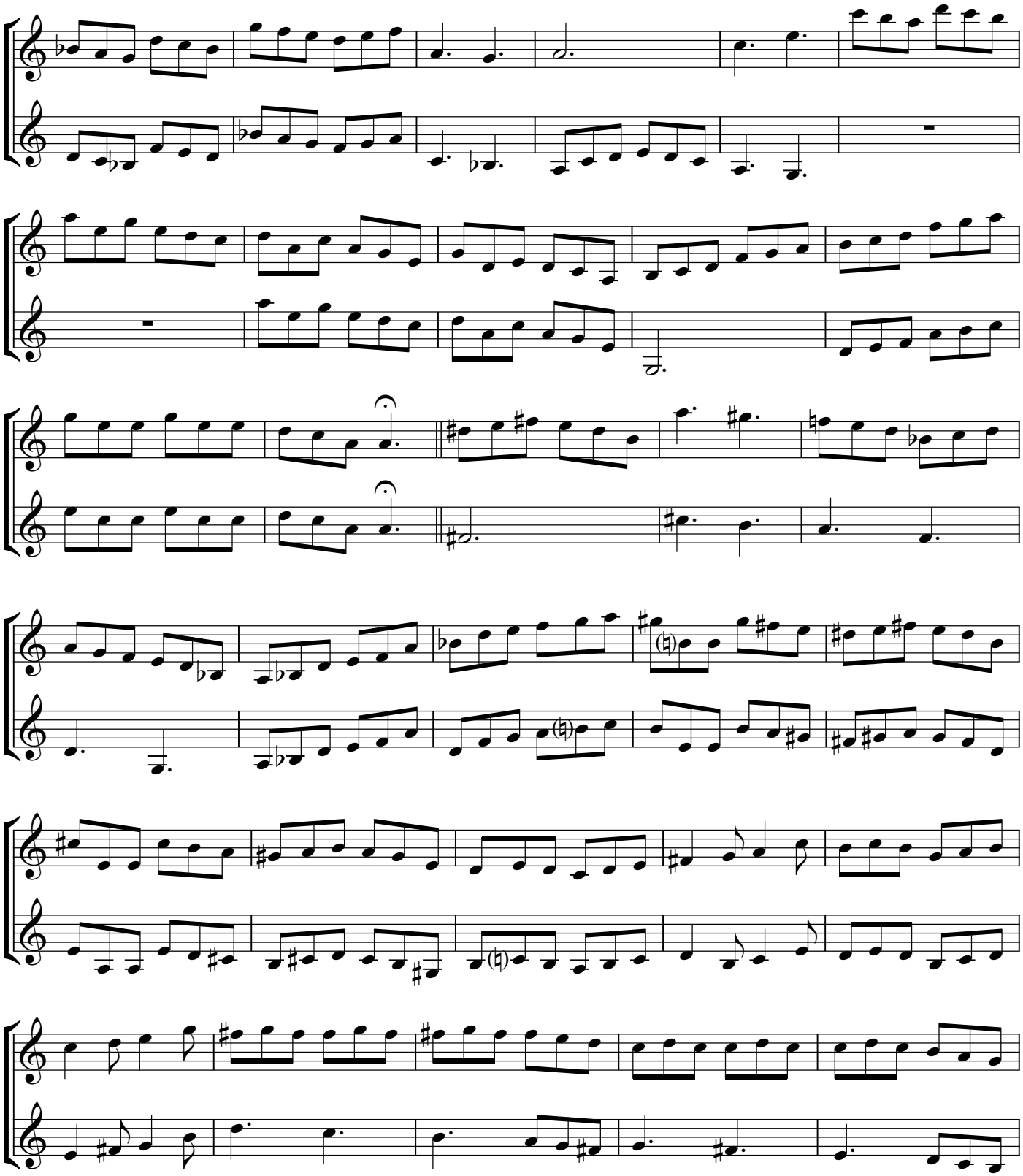

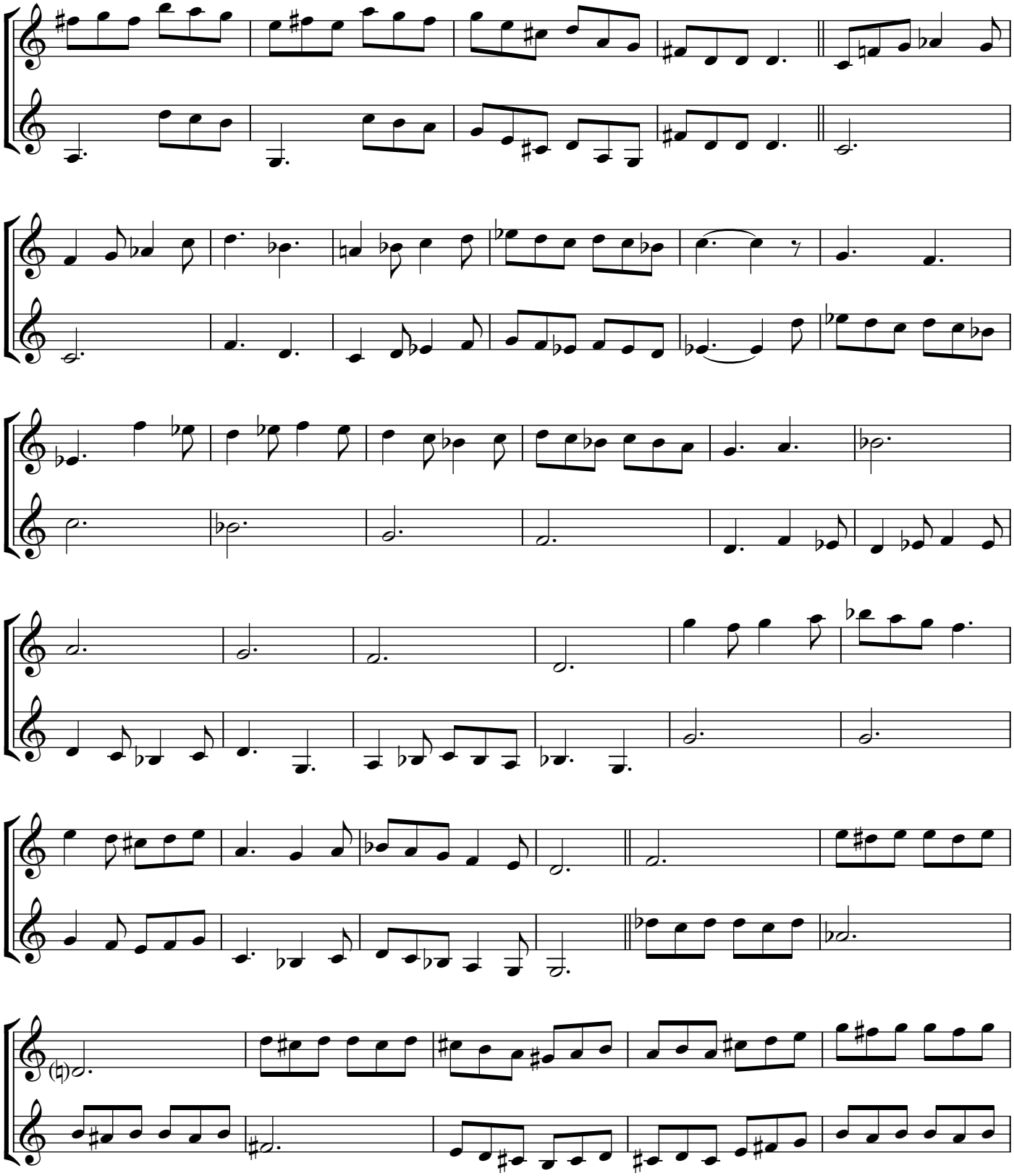

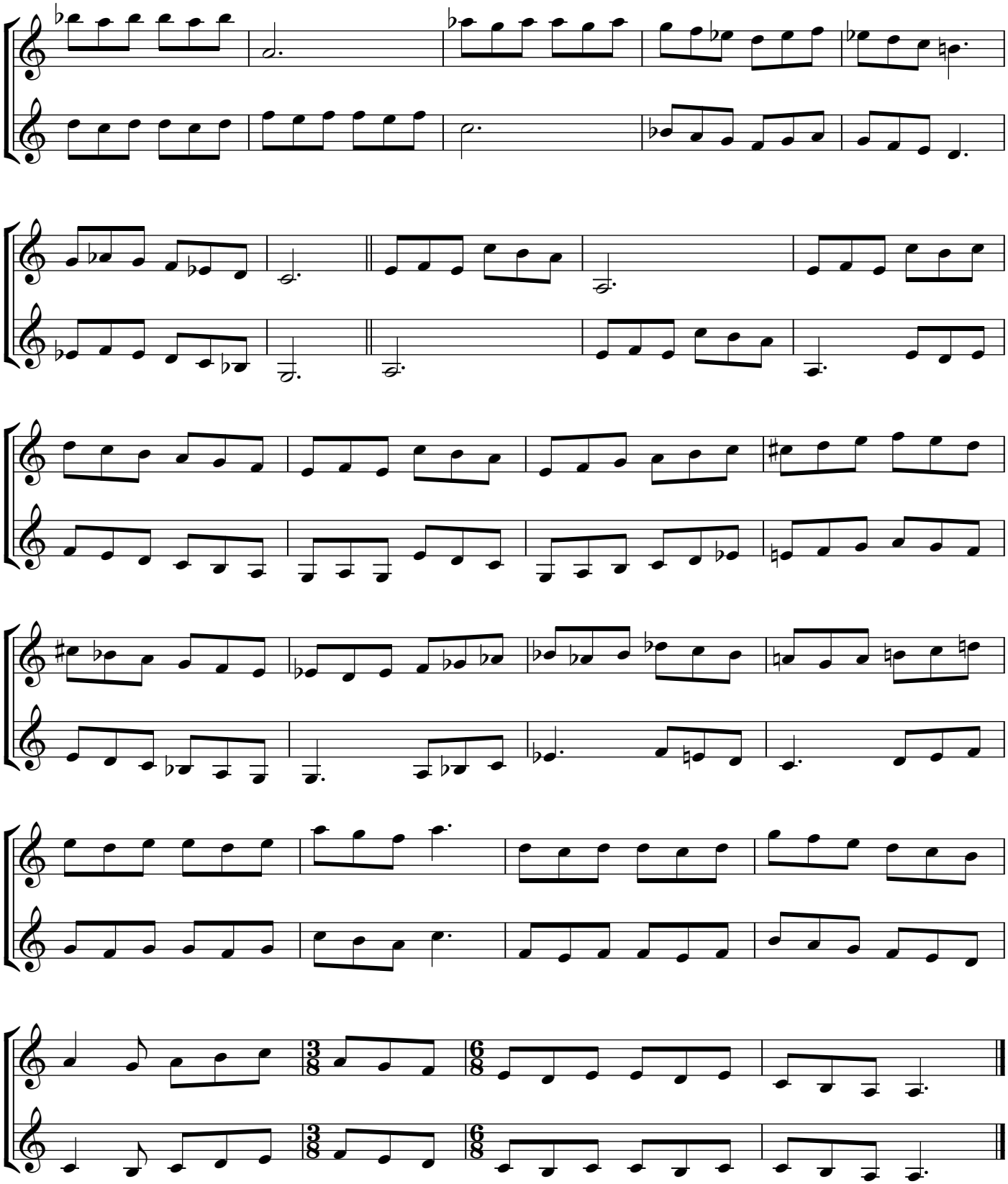

Turn of the Century, A

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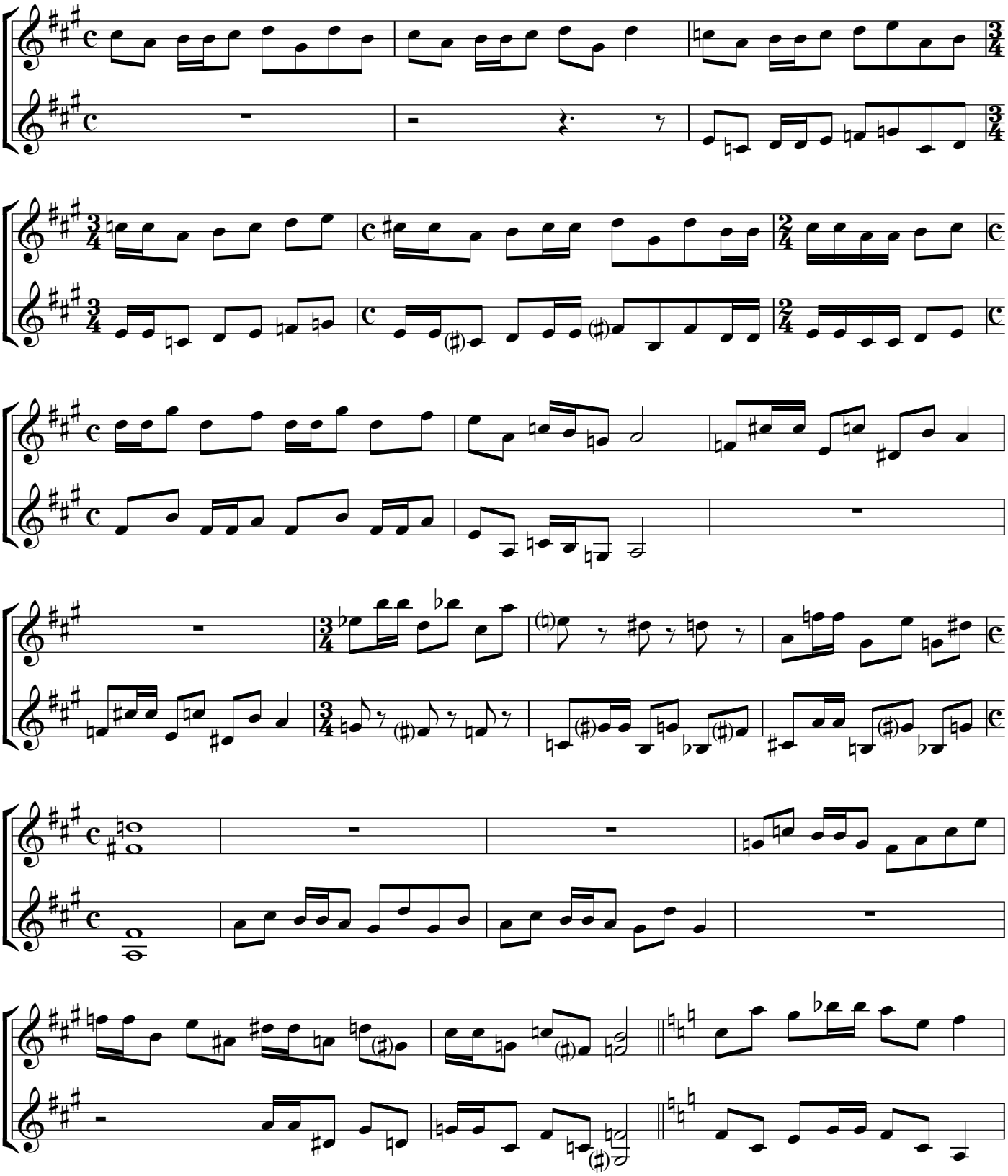

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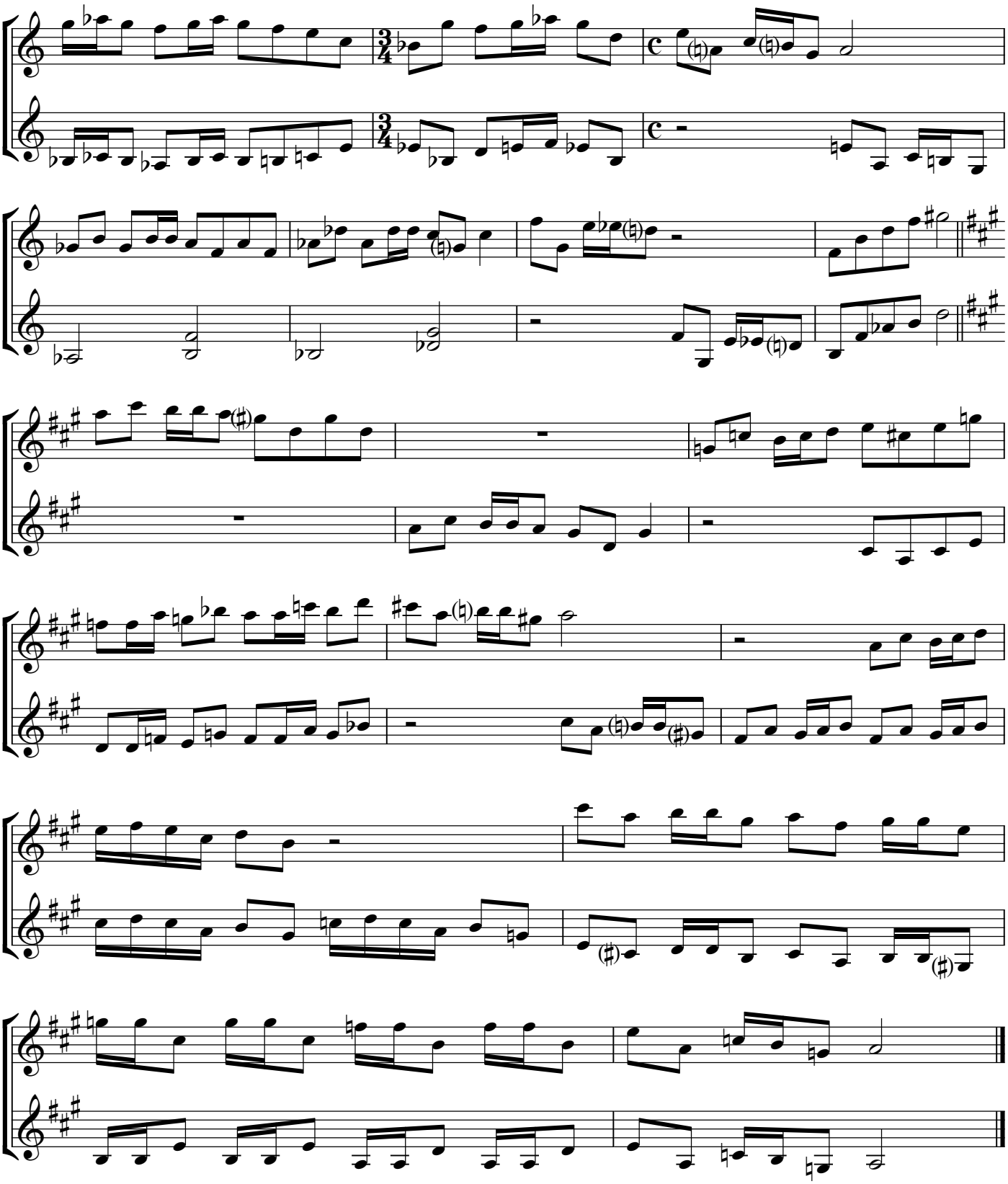

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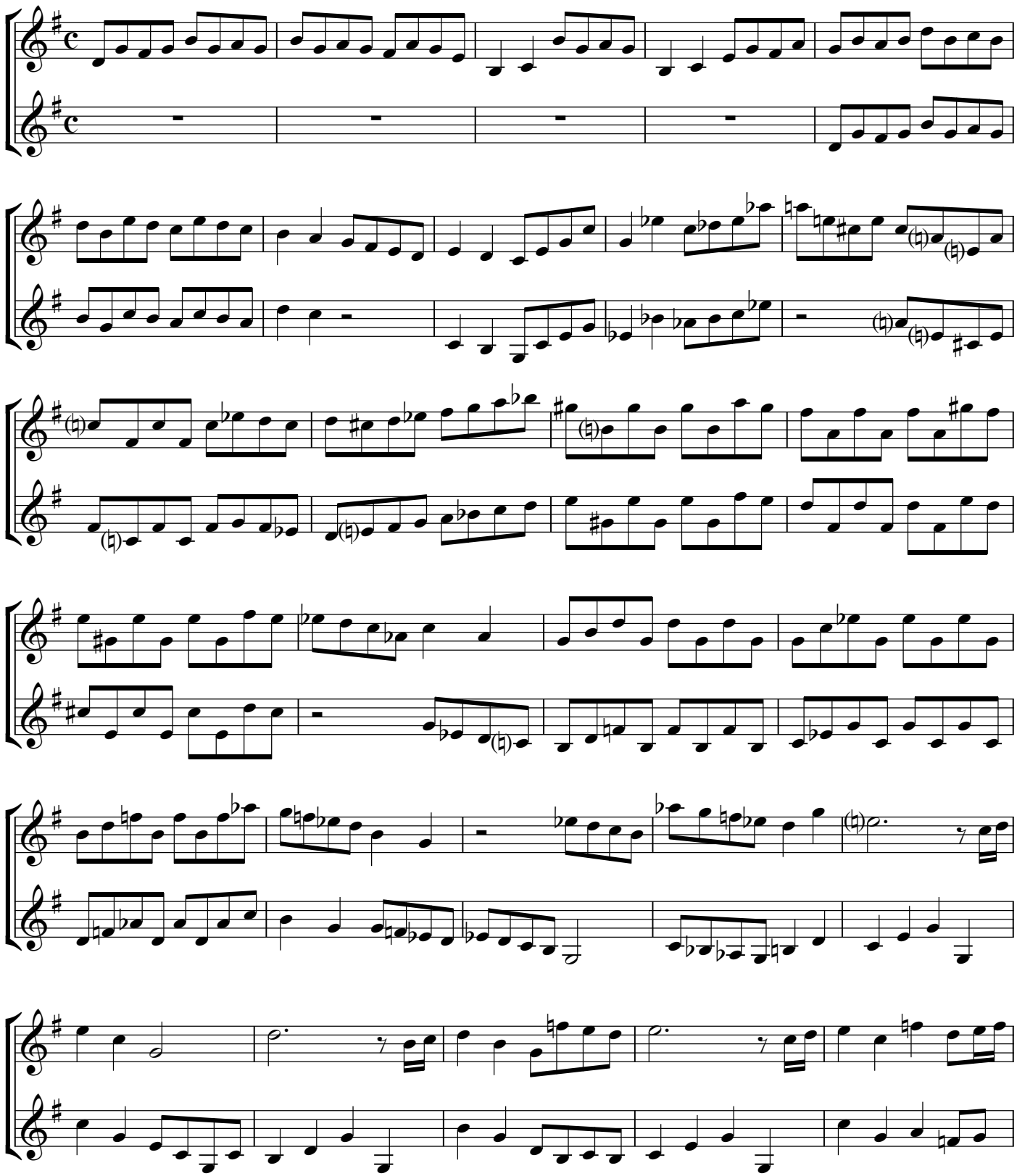

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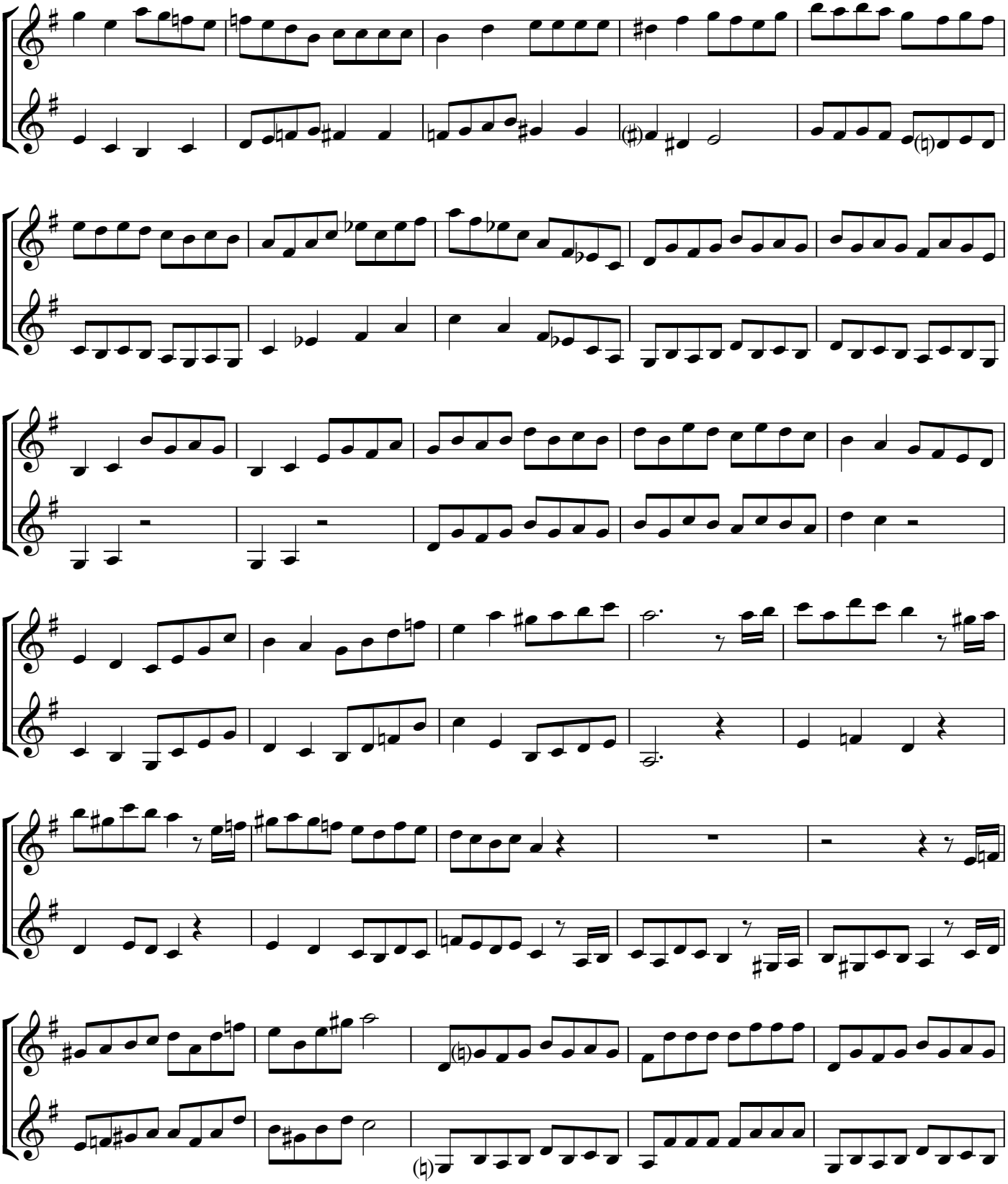

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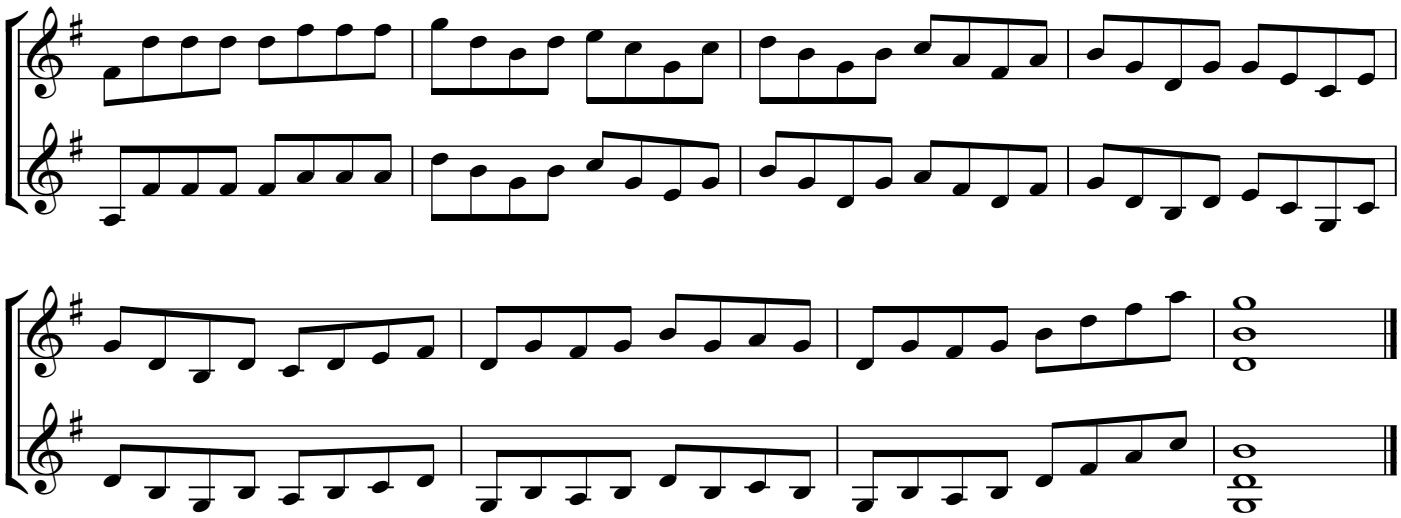

The Wedding Broom

(arr. for two mandolins)

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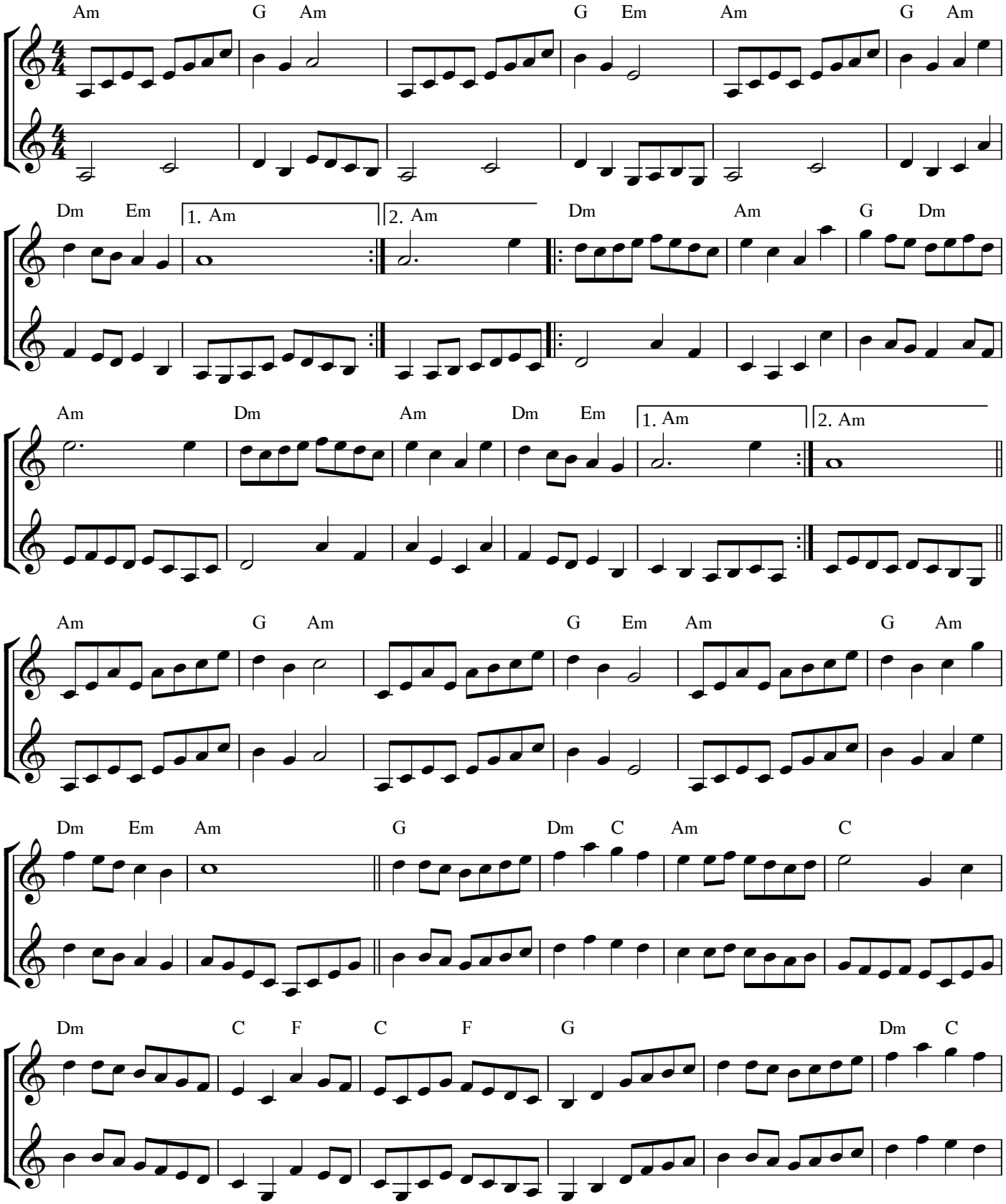

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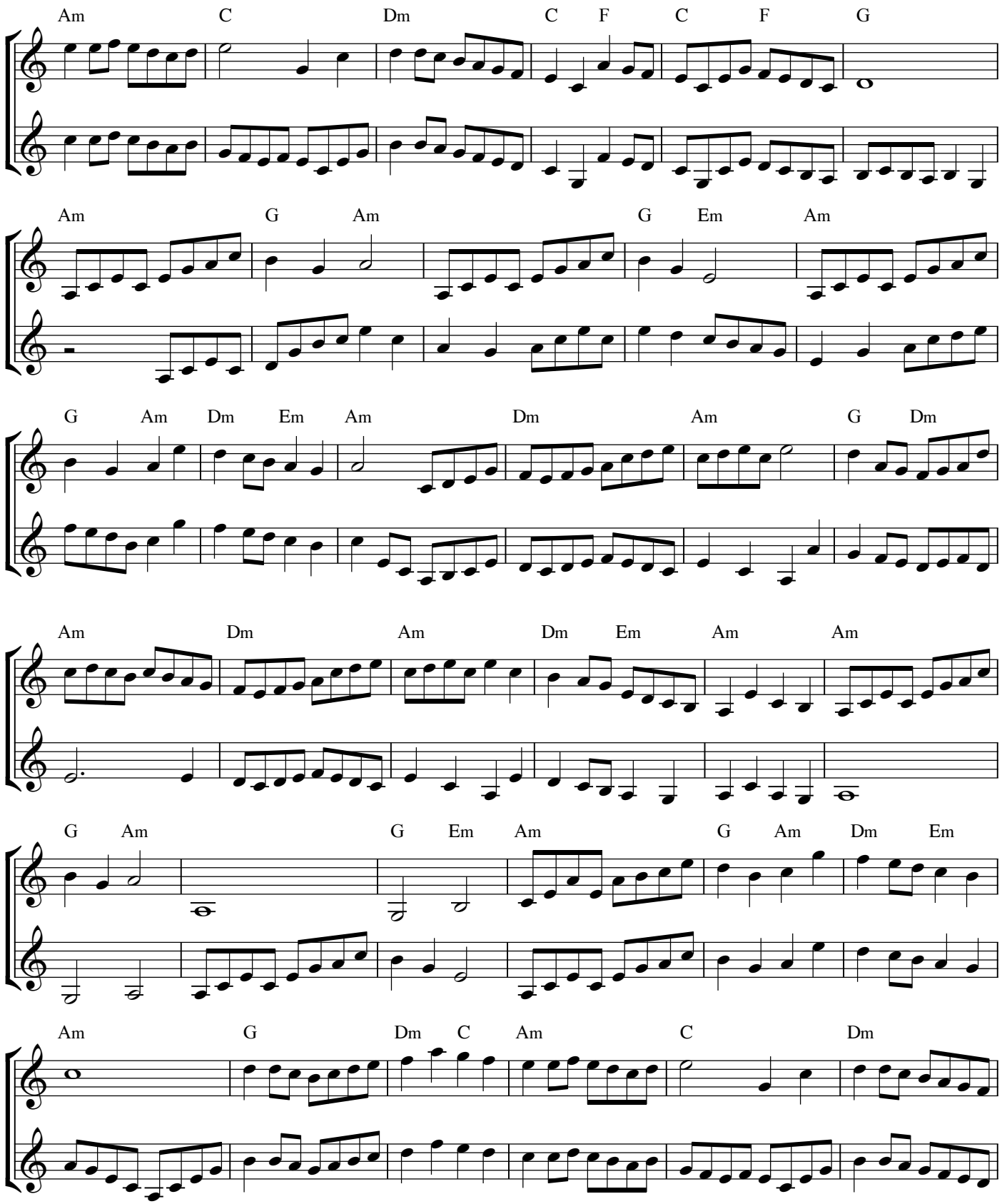
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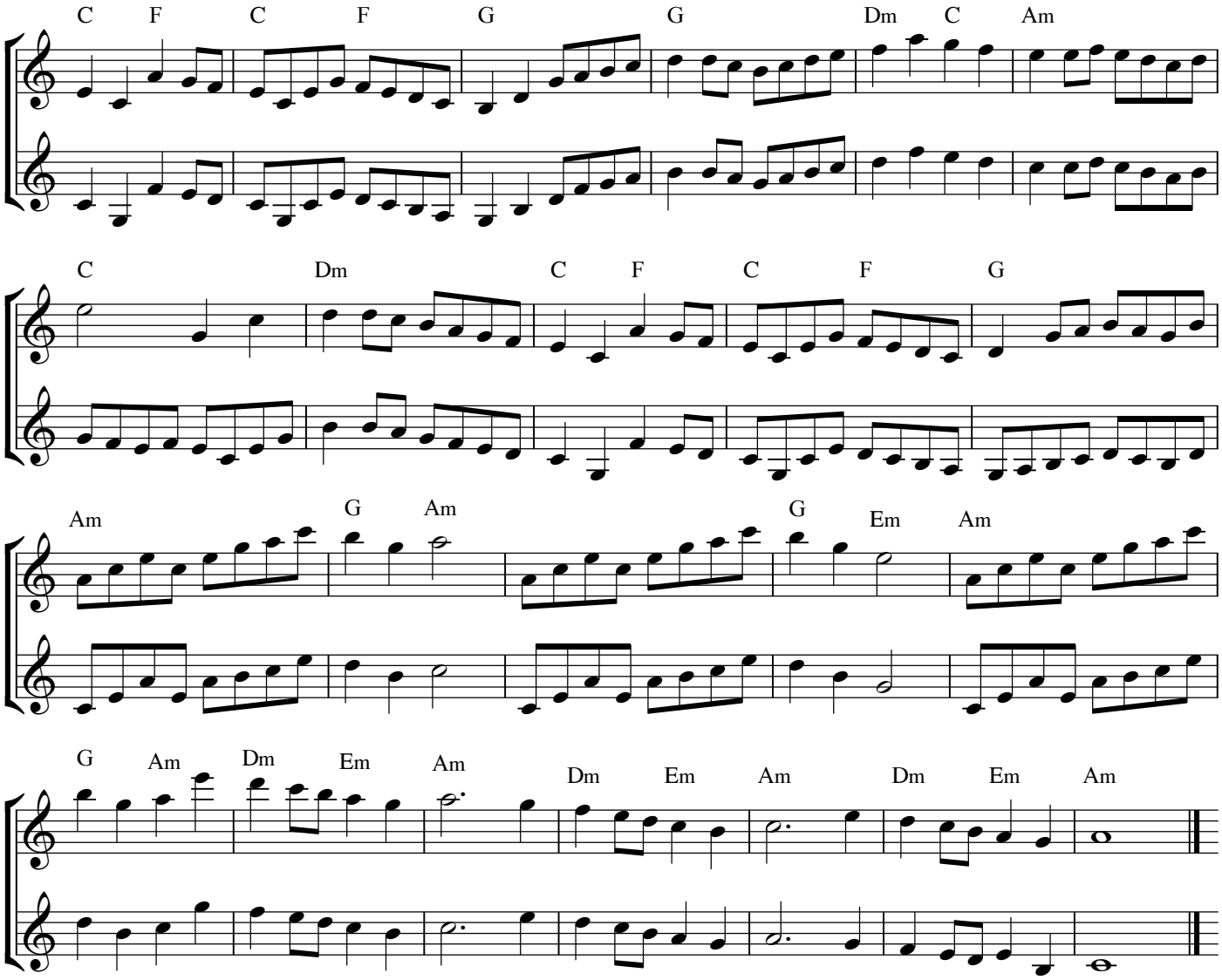
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Wendy's Fancy

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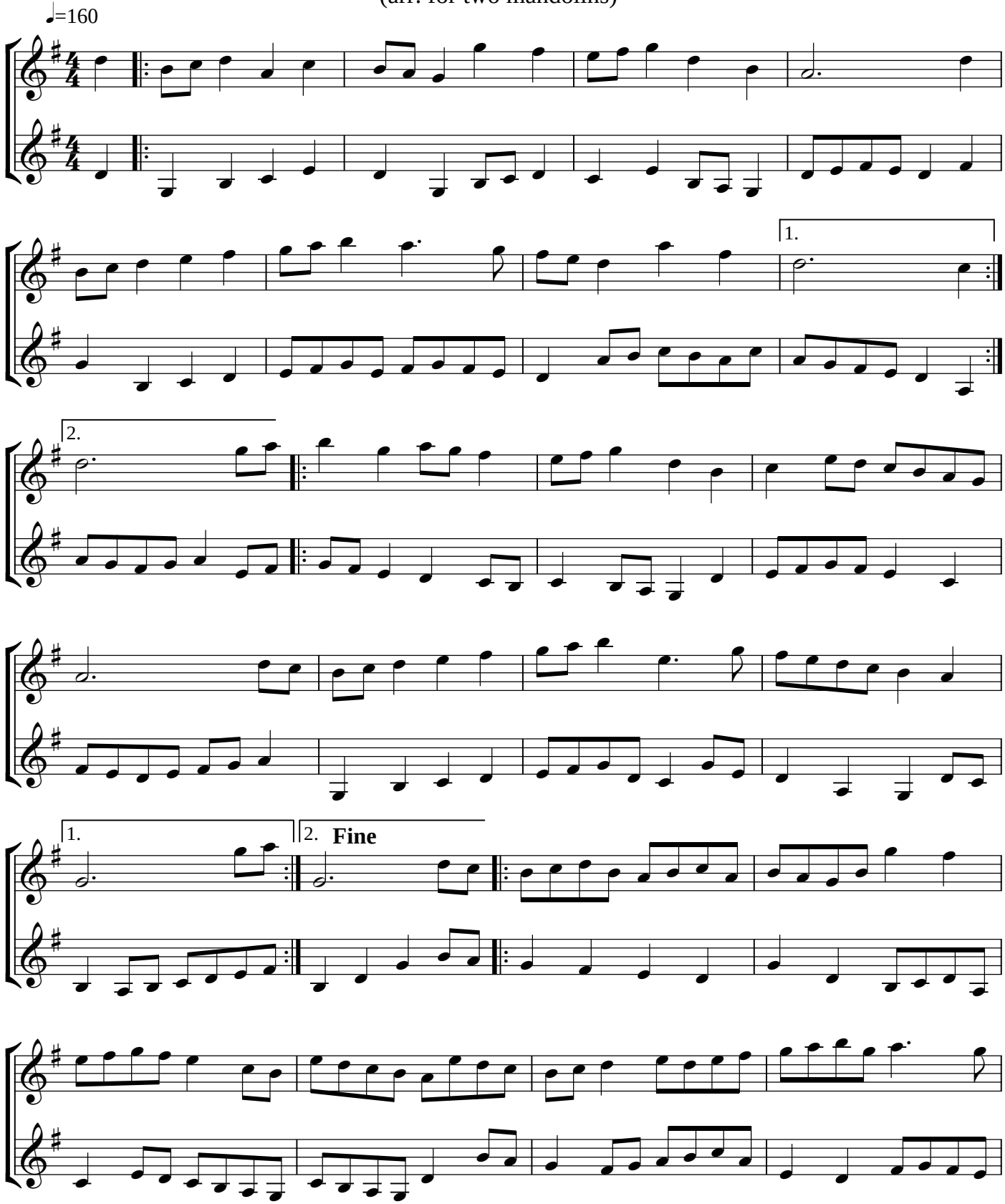

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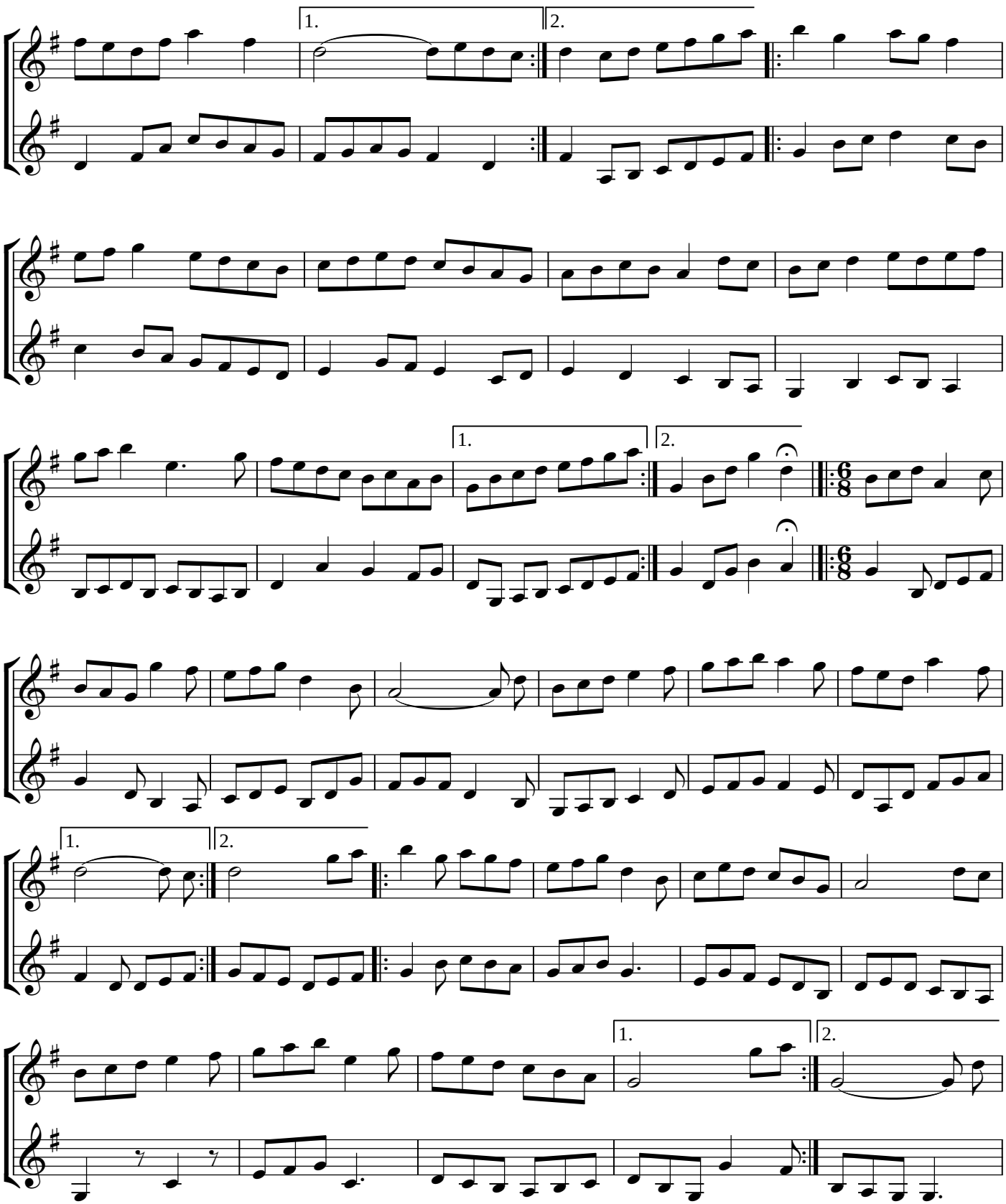
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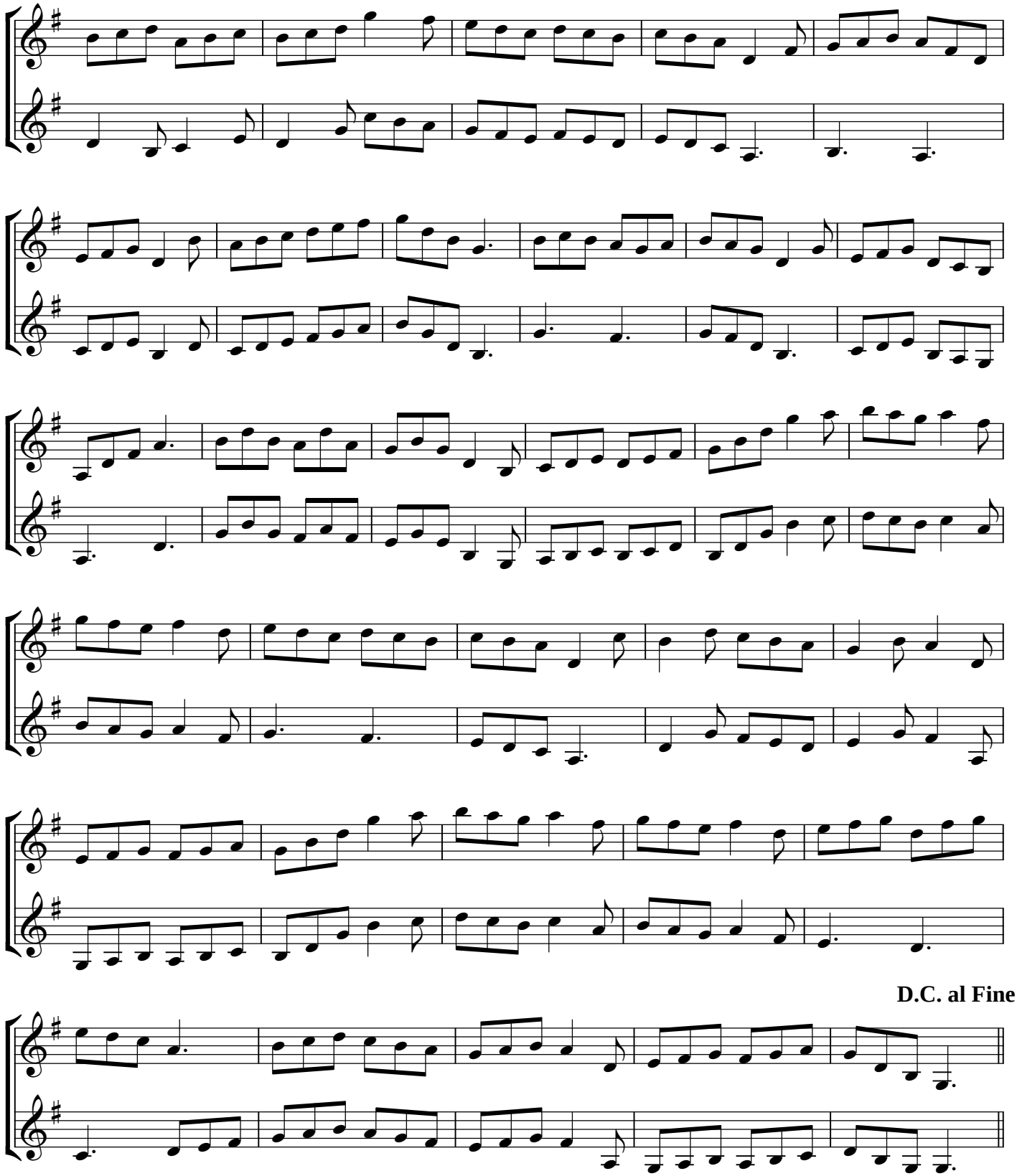

Pilgrim Dance

(arr. for two mandolins)

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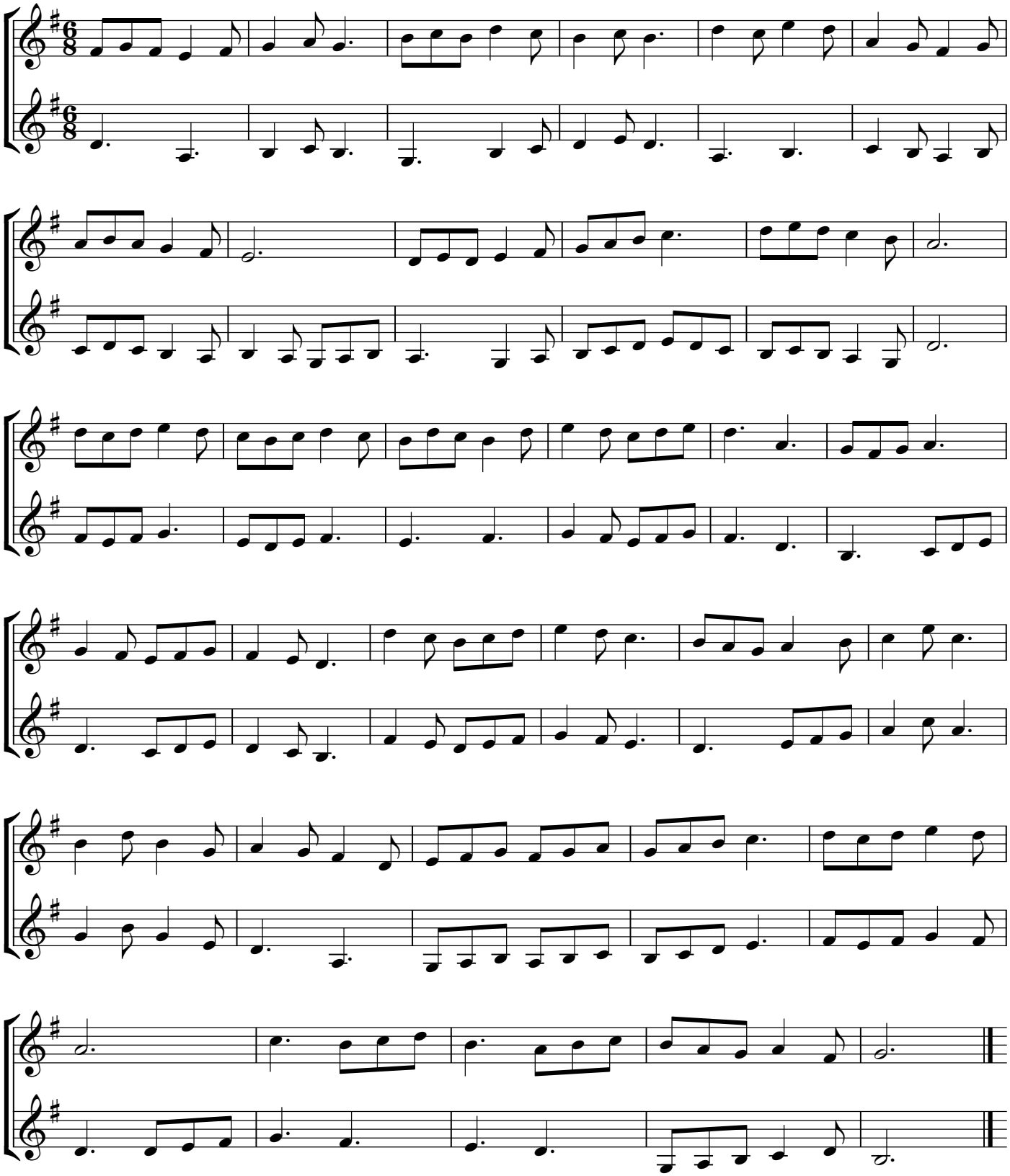

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What Hears Follows

(arr. for two mandolin)

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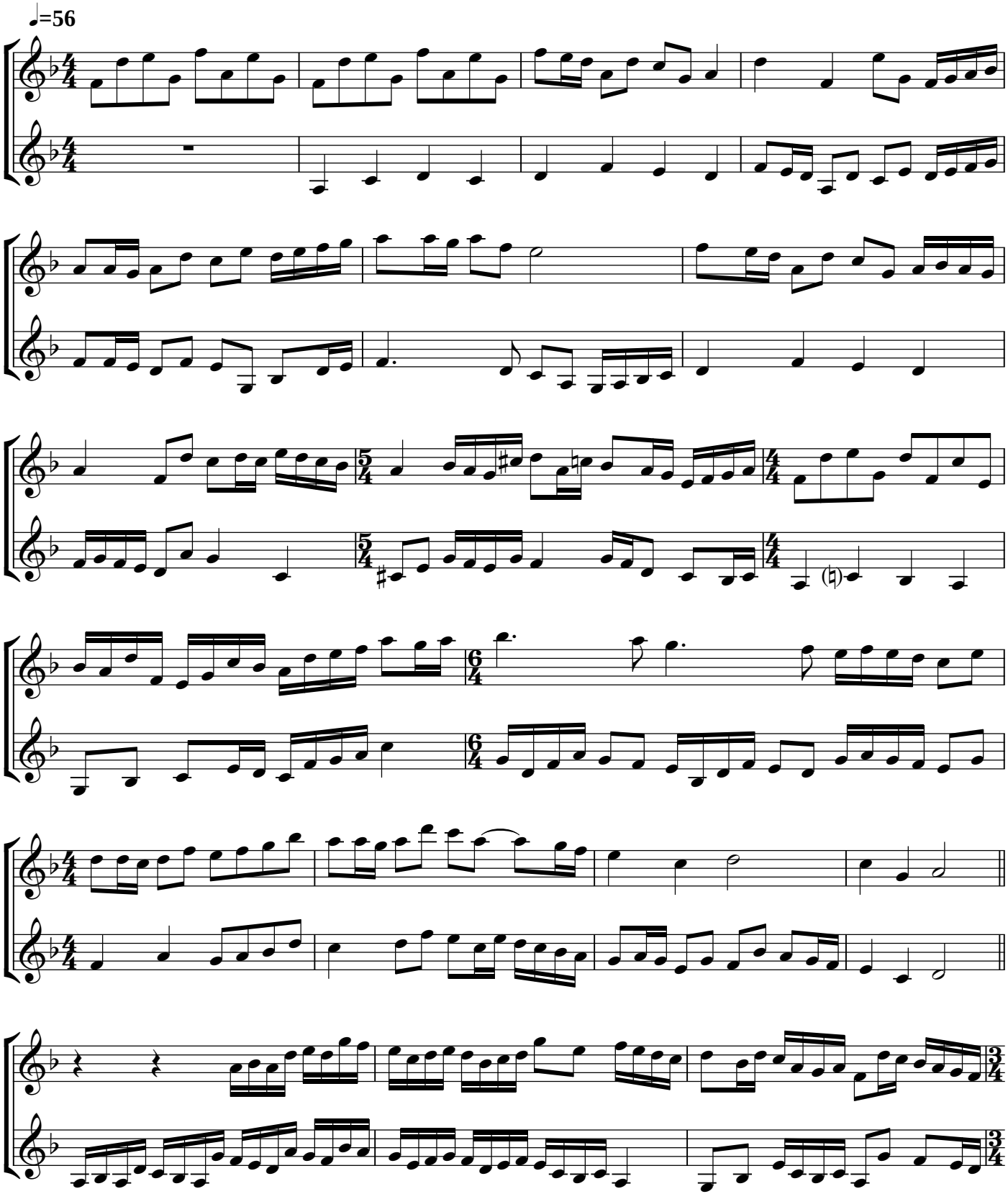

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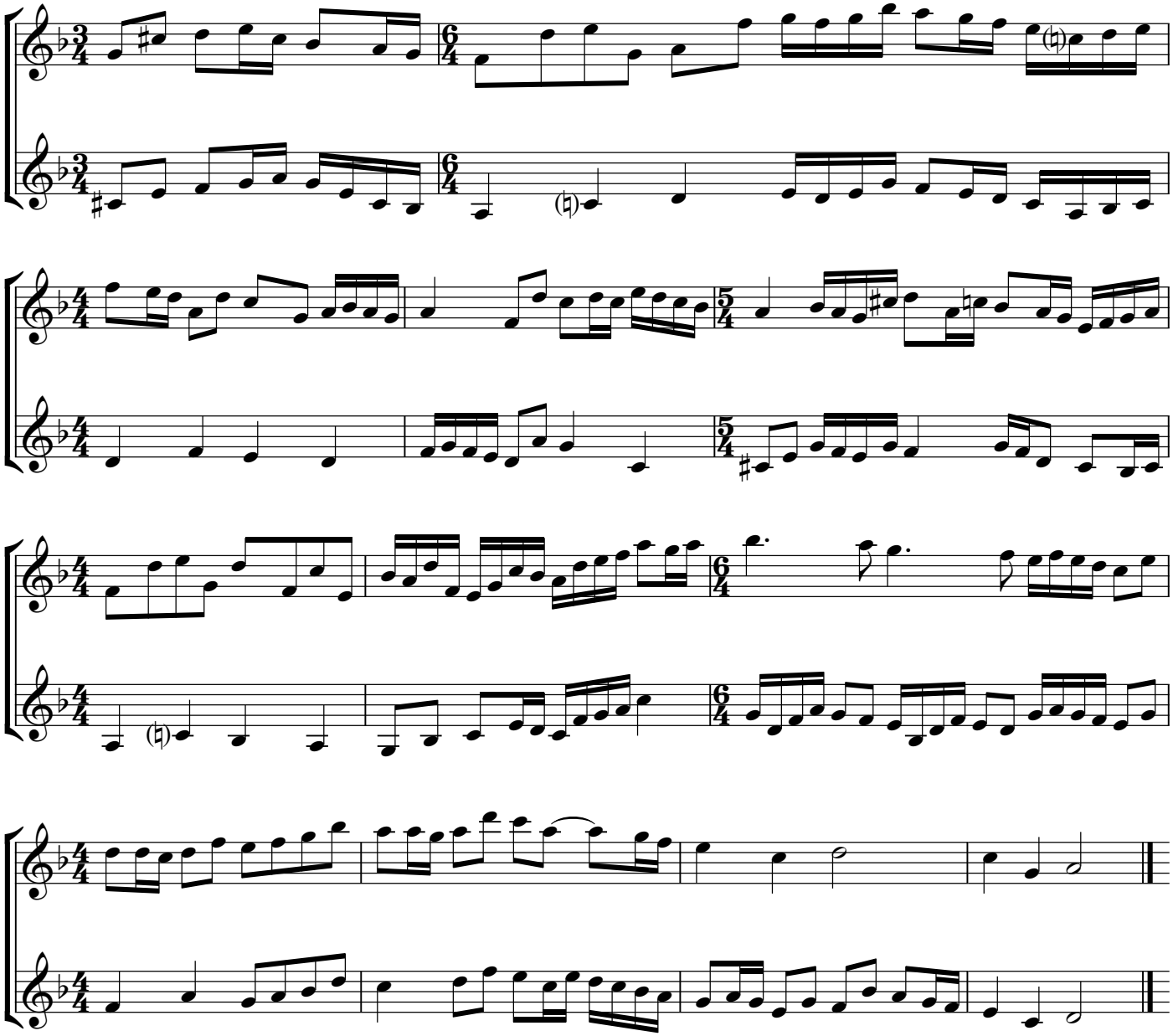

Woodhaven

(arr. for two mandolins)

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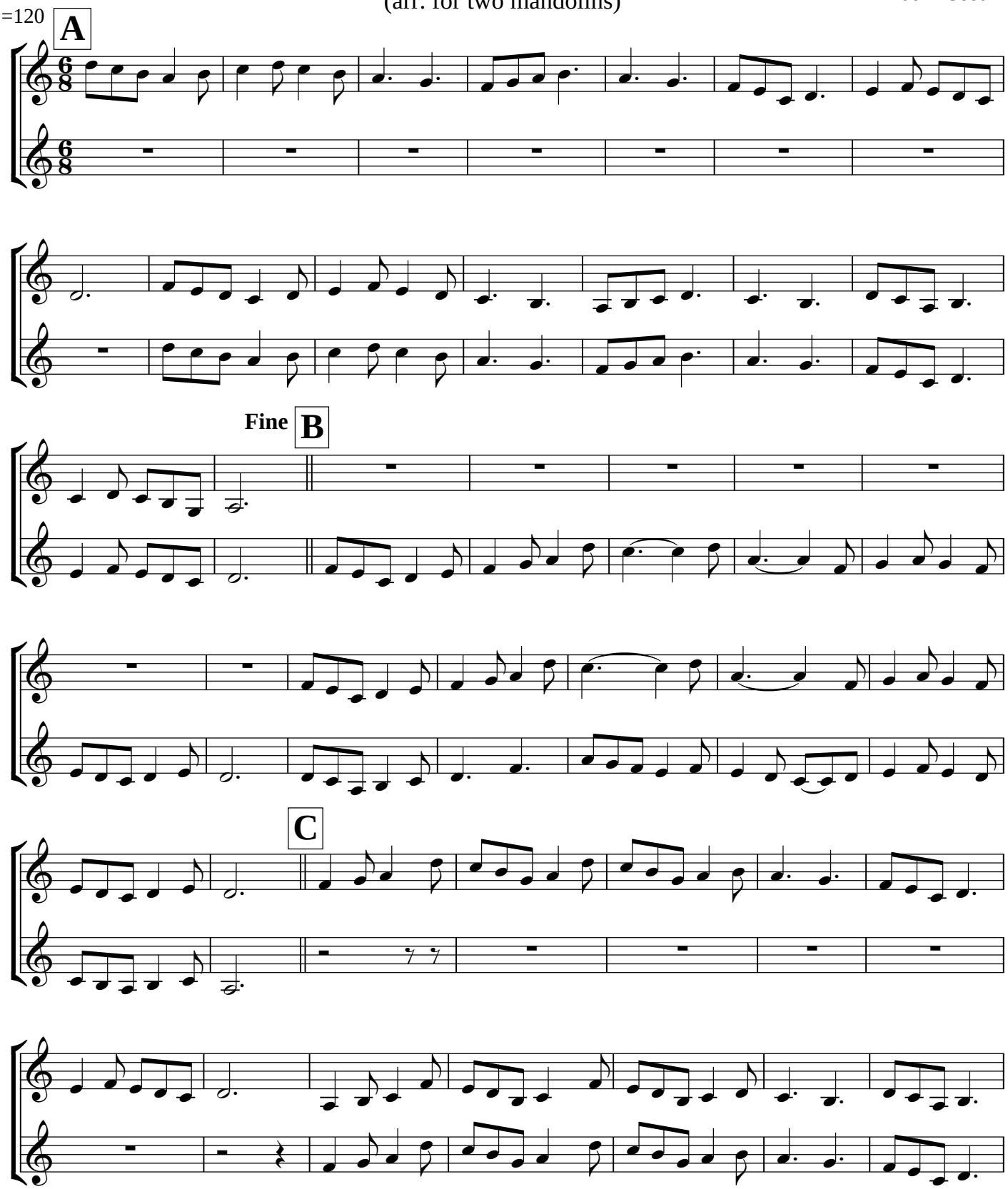

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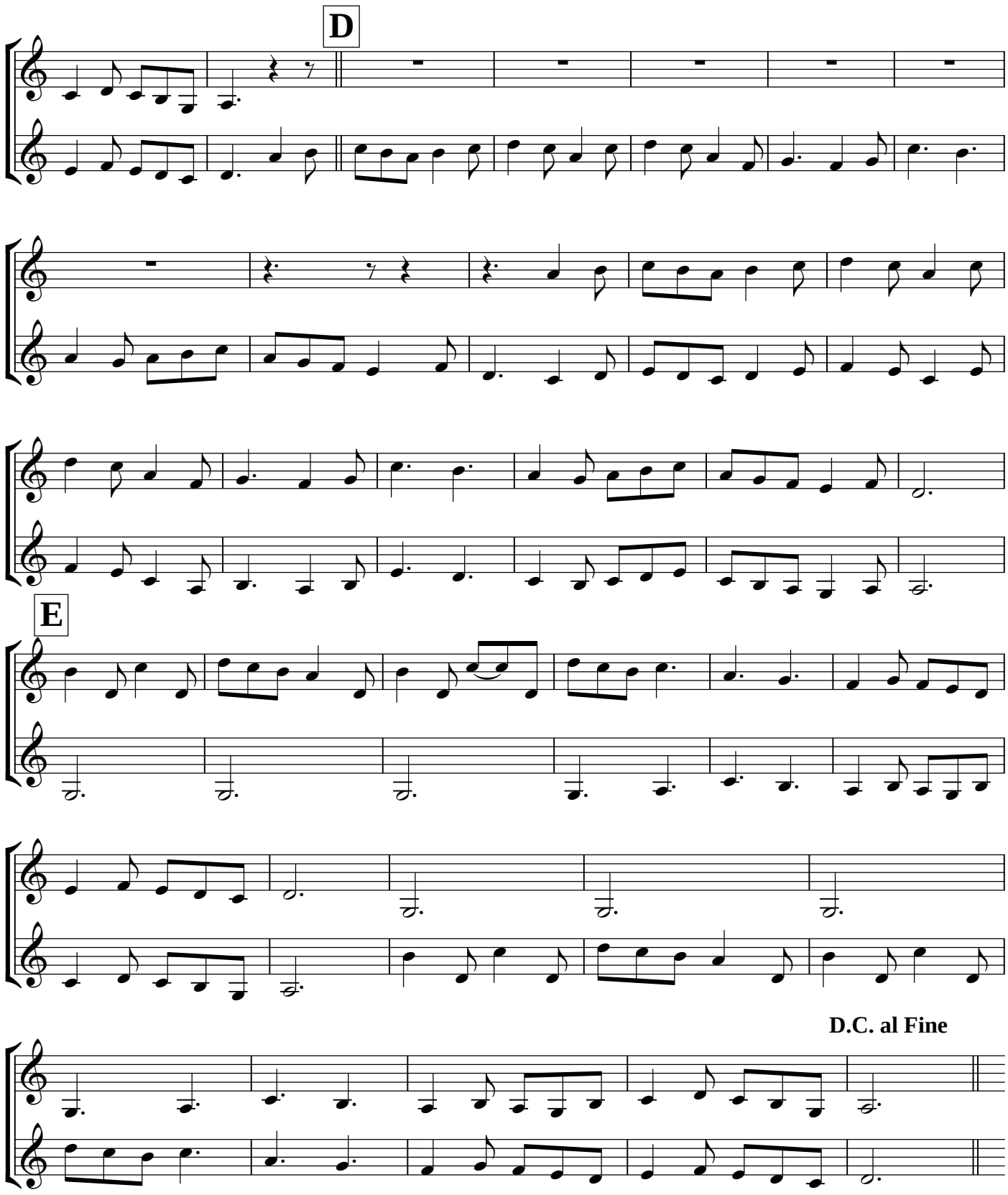
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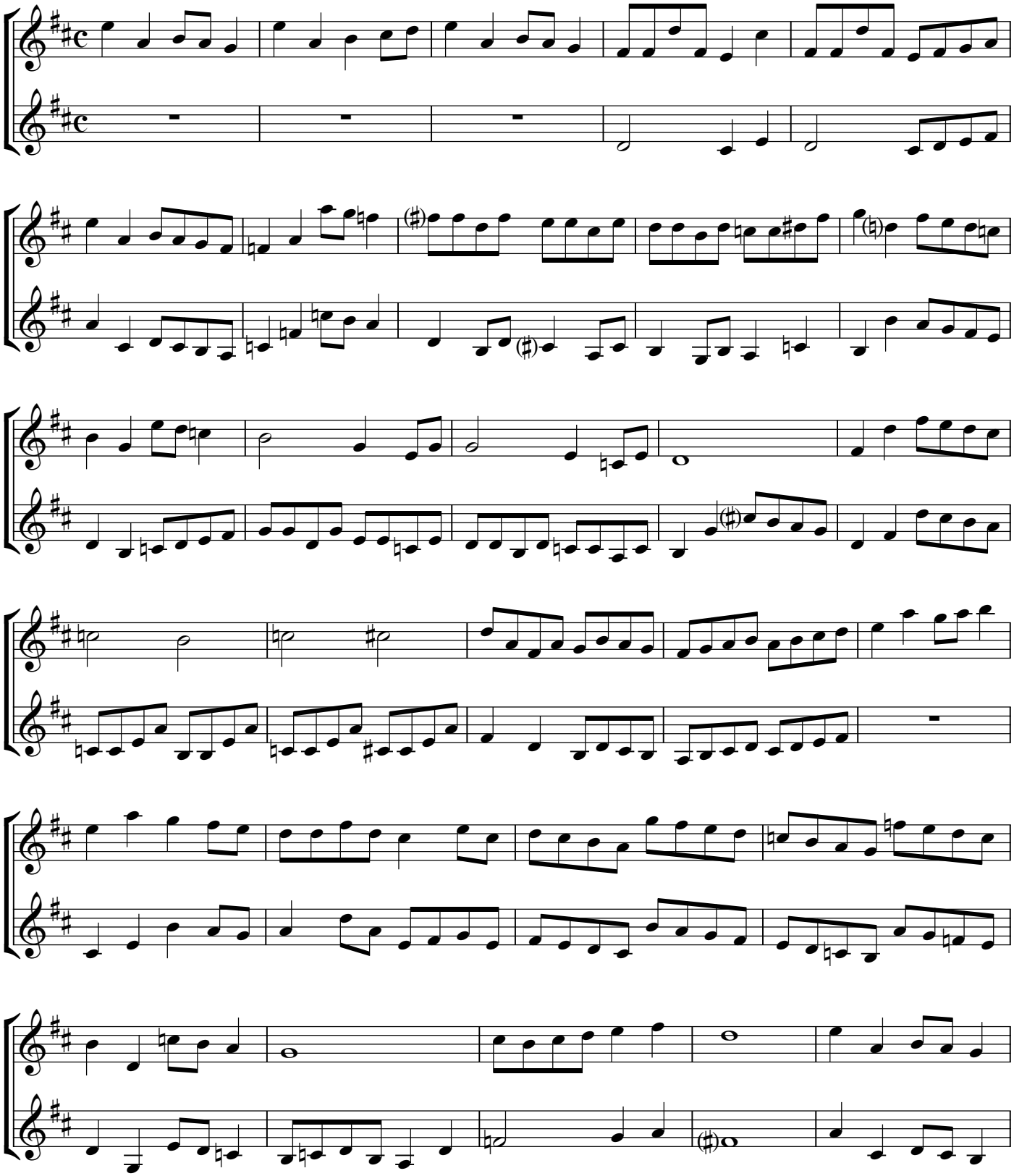
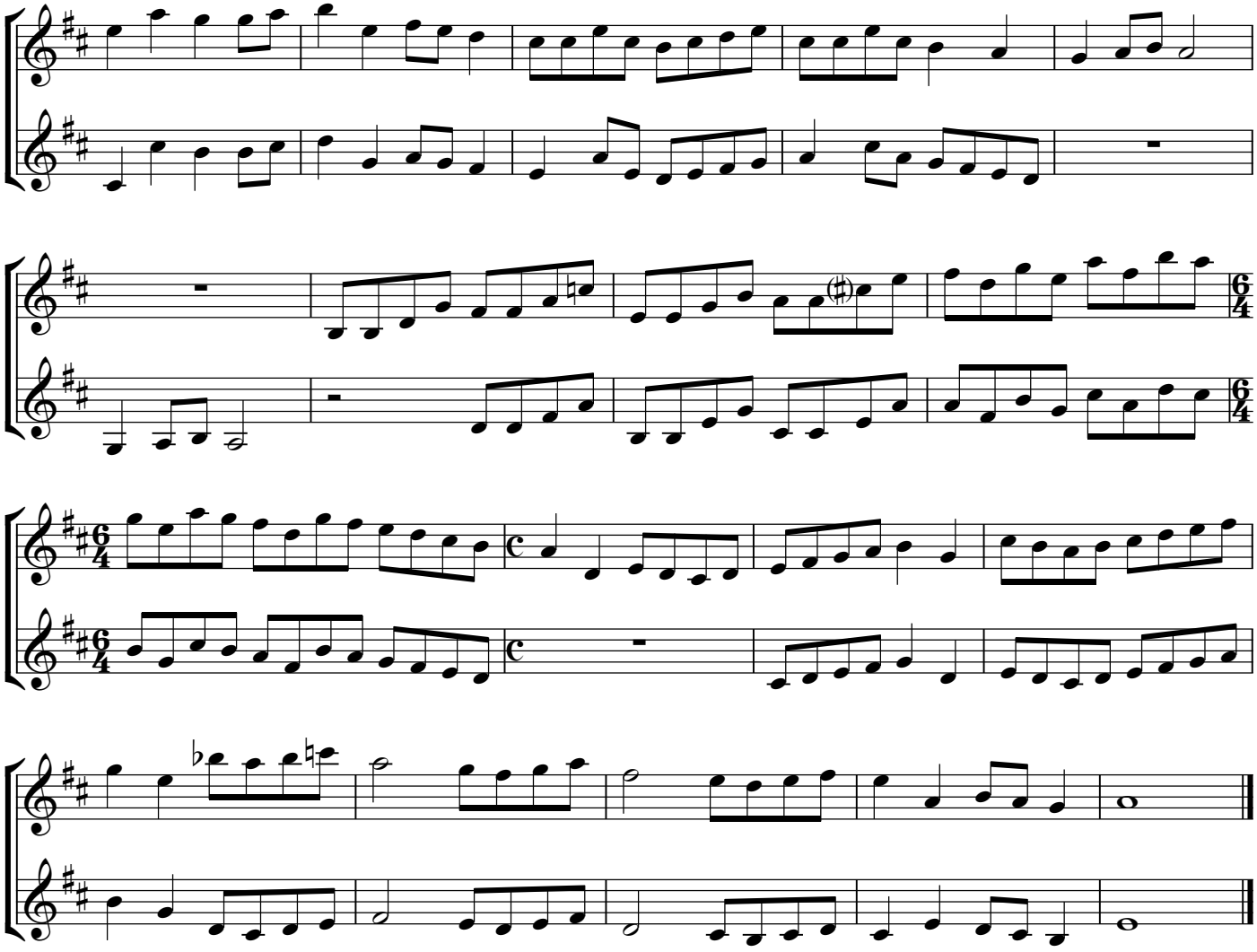
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