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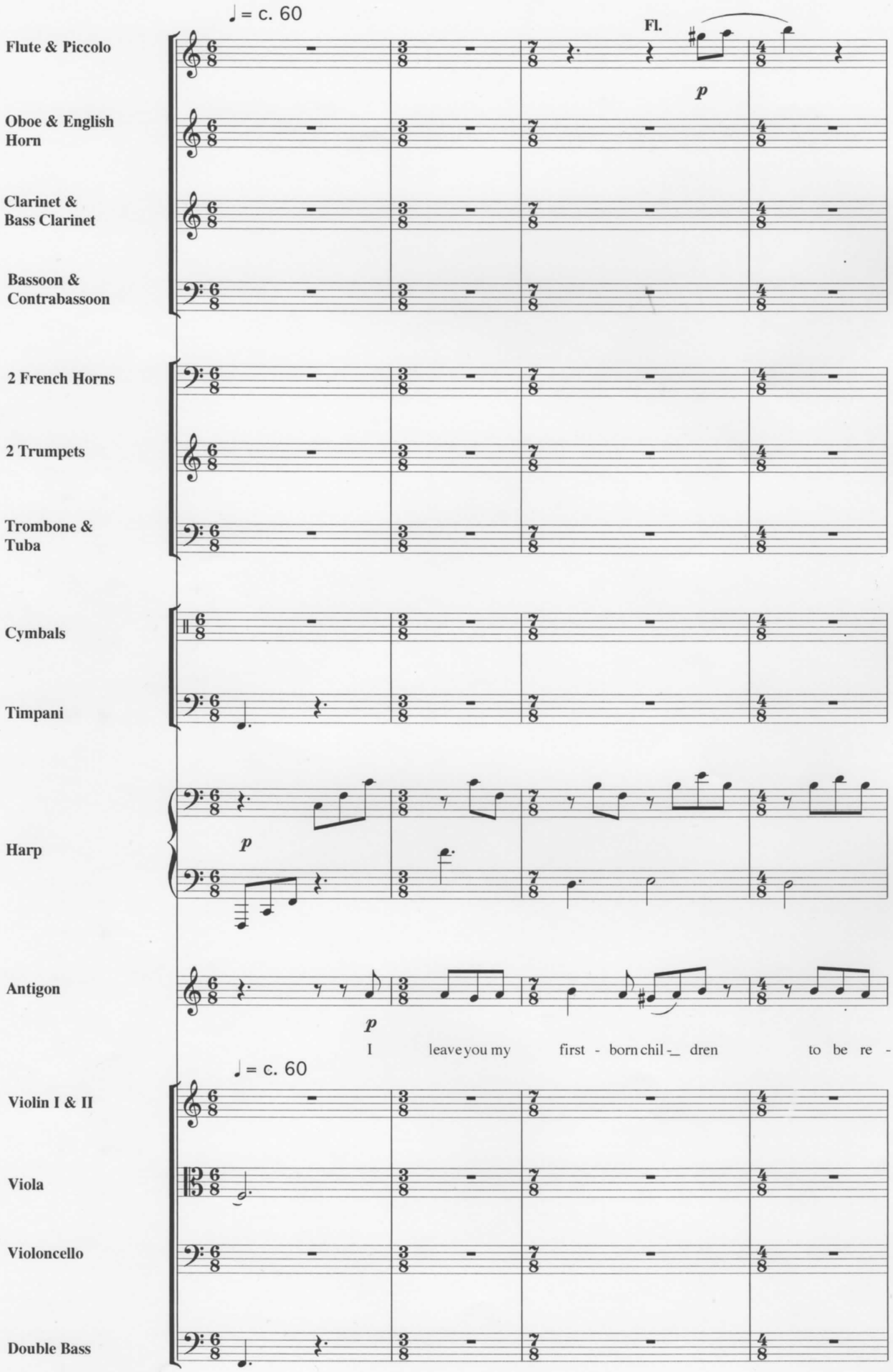
21. I leave you my first-born children

Music and libretto
by David Walther
after Sophocles



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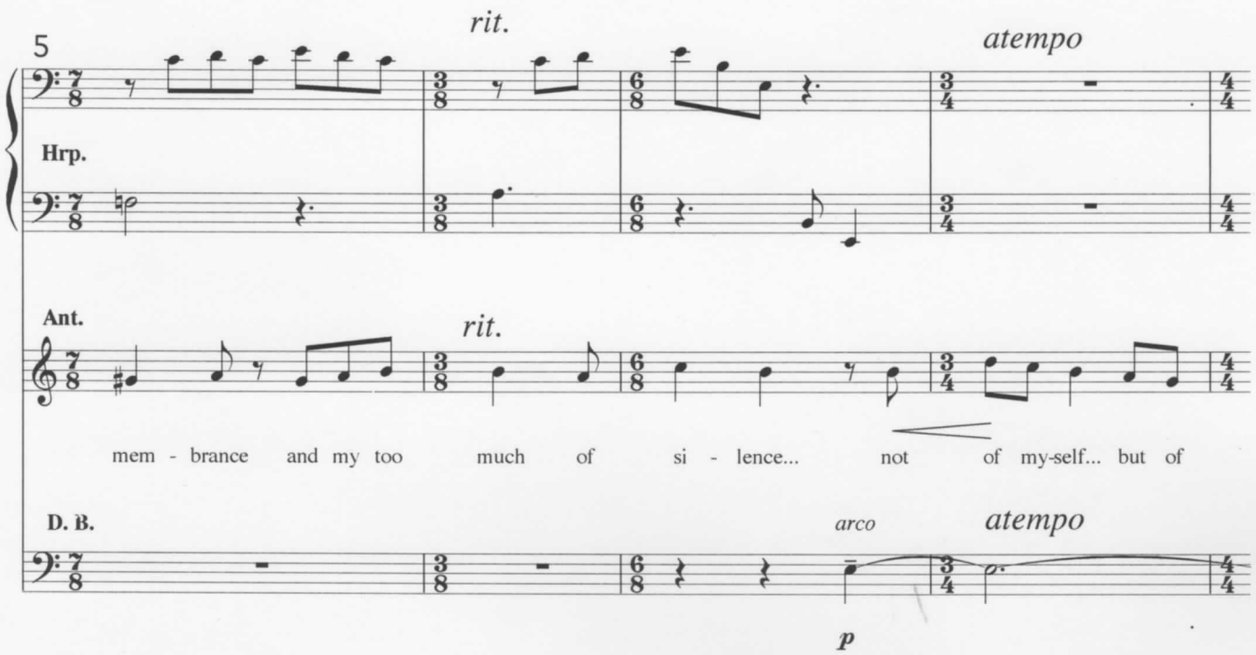
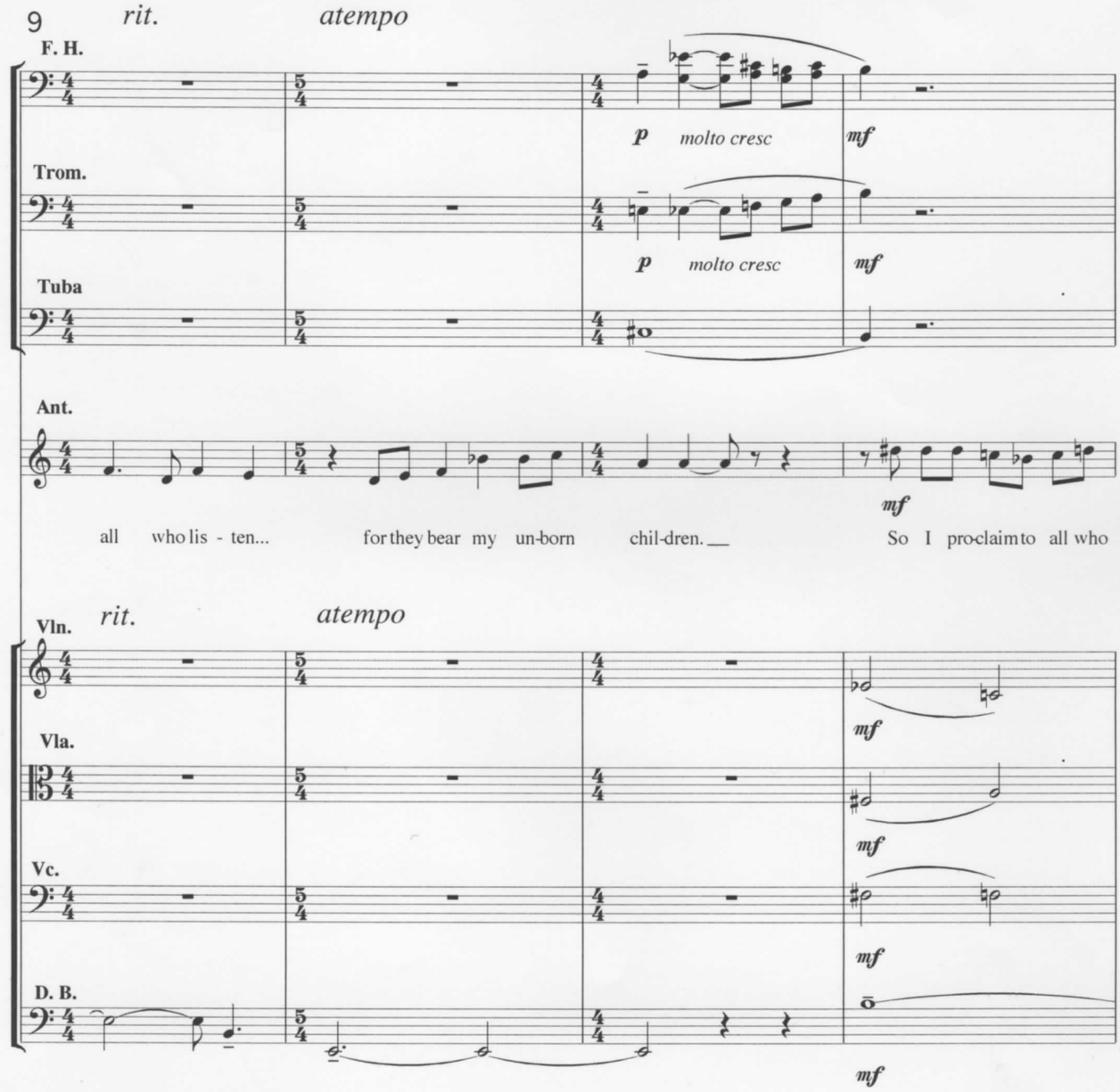
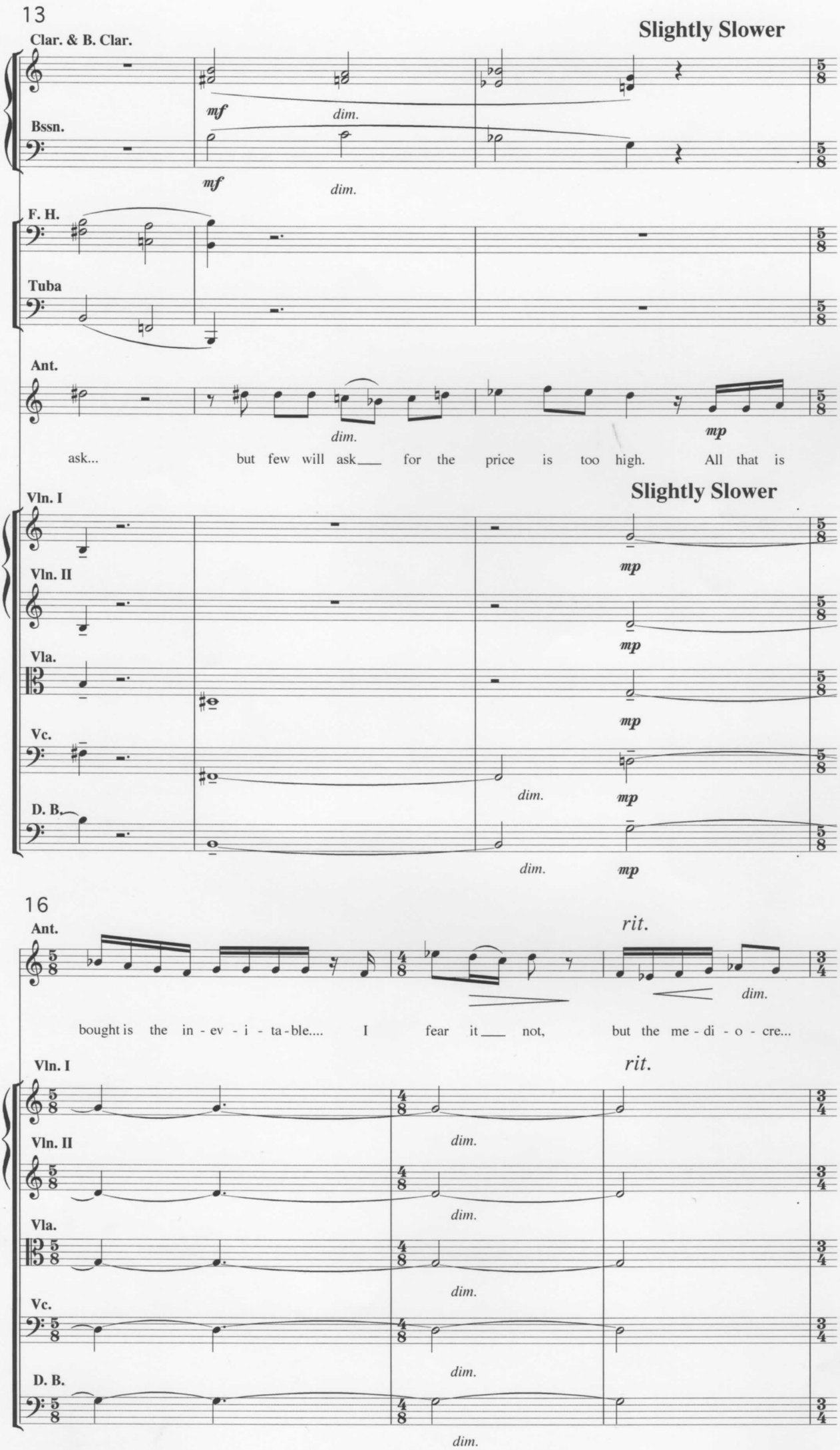
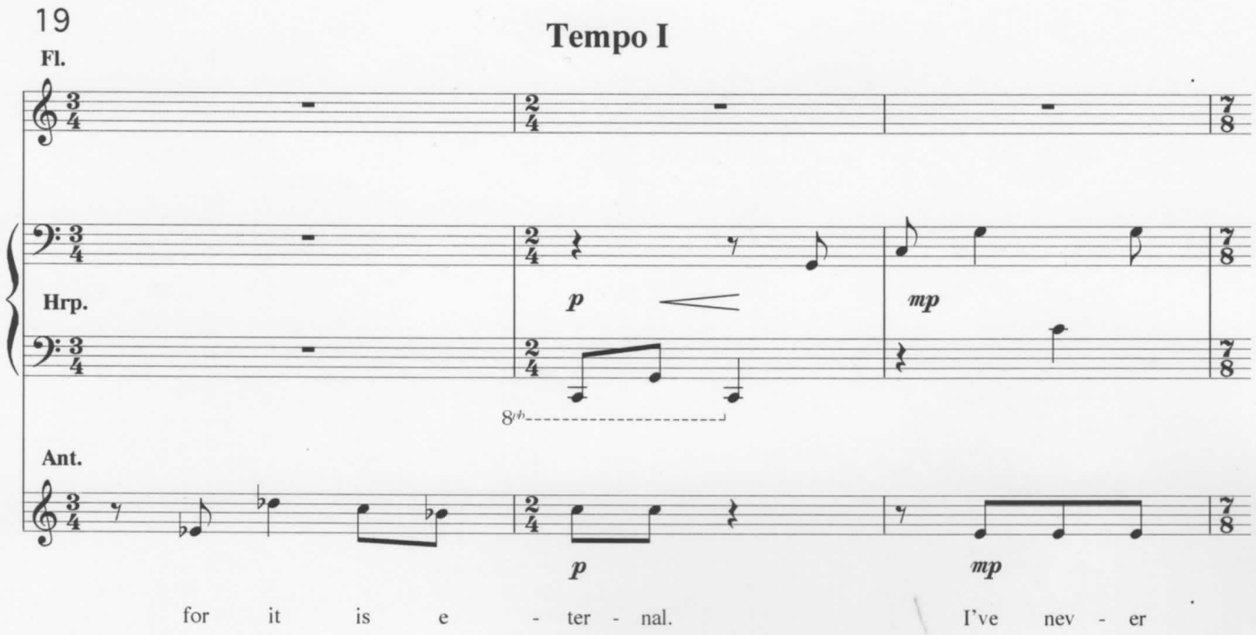

5
rit.
atempo
Hrp.
Ant.
rit.
mem - brance and my too much of si - lence... not of my-self... but of
D. B.
arco
atempo
p


9
rit.
atempo
F. H.
p molto cresc
mf
Trom.
p molto cresc
mf
Tuba
Ant.
mf
all who lis - ten... for they bear my un-born chil-dren. So I pro-claim to all who
Vln.
rit.
atempo
mf
Vla.
mf
Vc.
mf
D. B.
mf


13
Slightly Slower
Clar. & B. Clar.
Bssn.
F. H.
Tuba
Ant.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
D. B.
mf
dim.
mp
ask... but few will ask___ for the price is too high. All that is
16
rit.
bought is the in - ev - i - ta - ble.... I fear it___ not, but the me - di - o - cre...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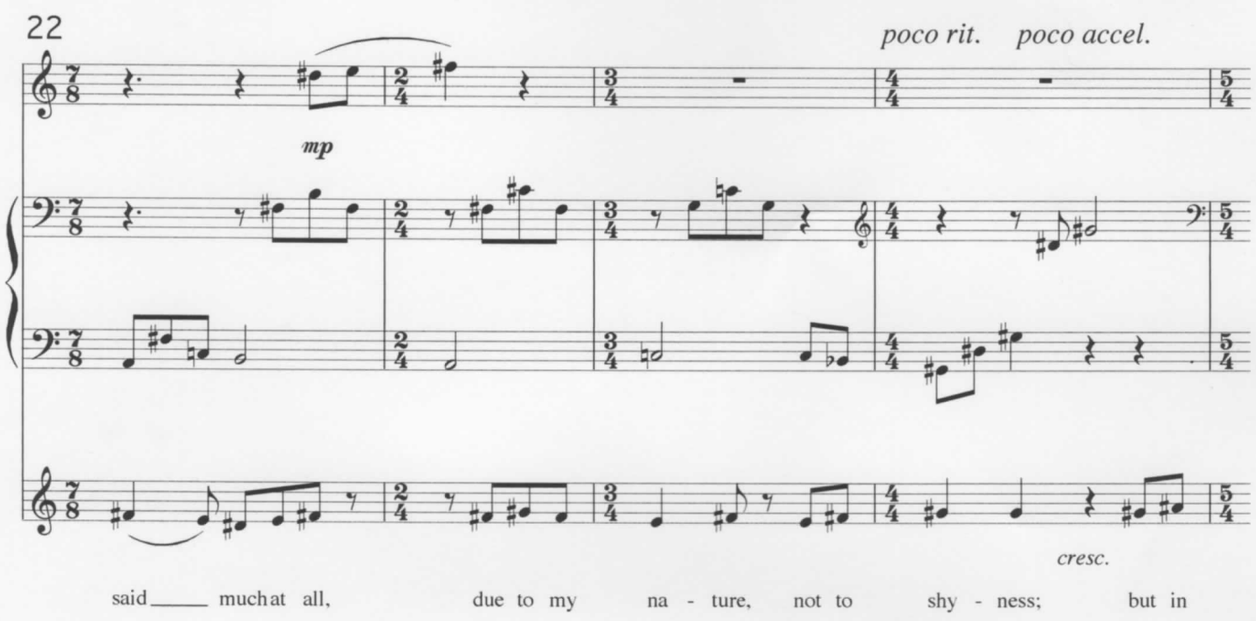
Tempo I
Fl.
Hrp.
p
mp
8va
Ant.
p
mp
for it is e - ter - nal.
I've nev - er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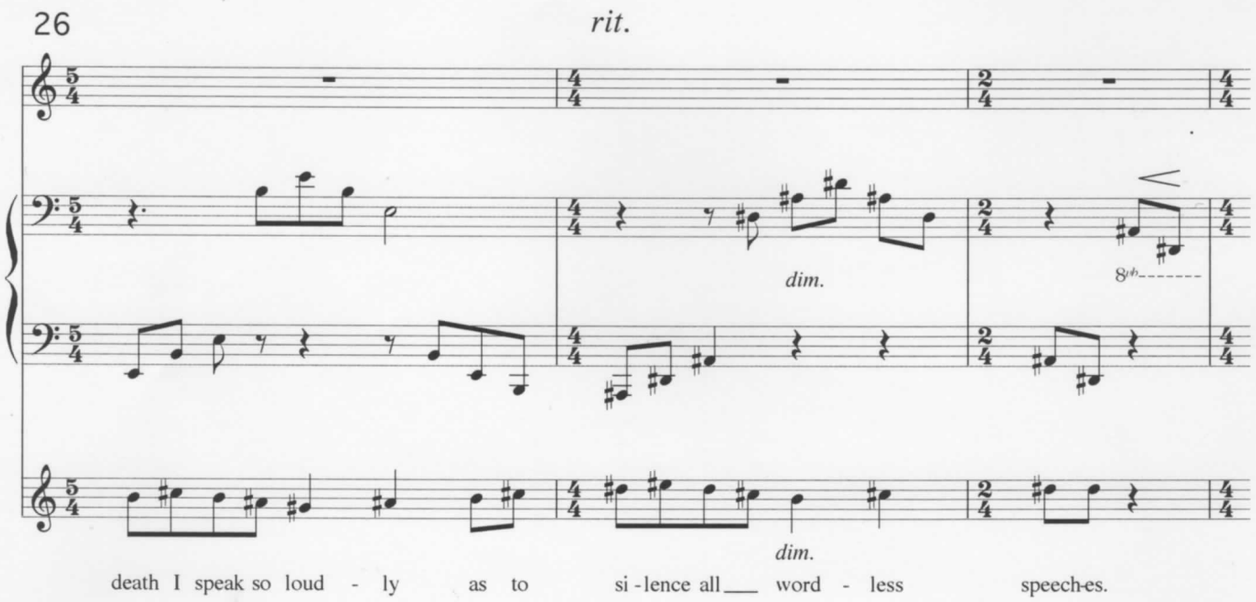
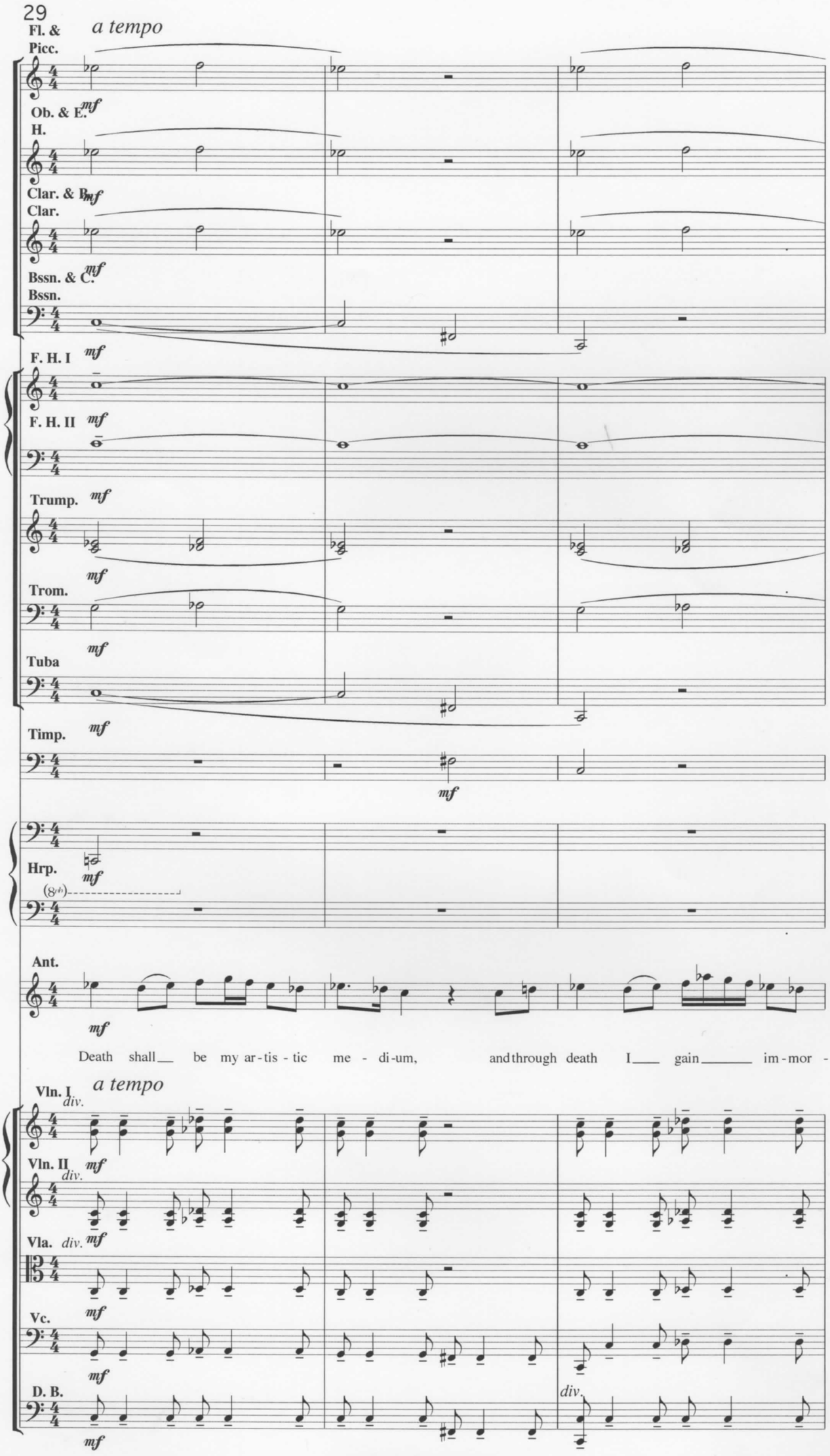
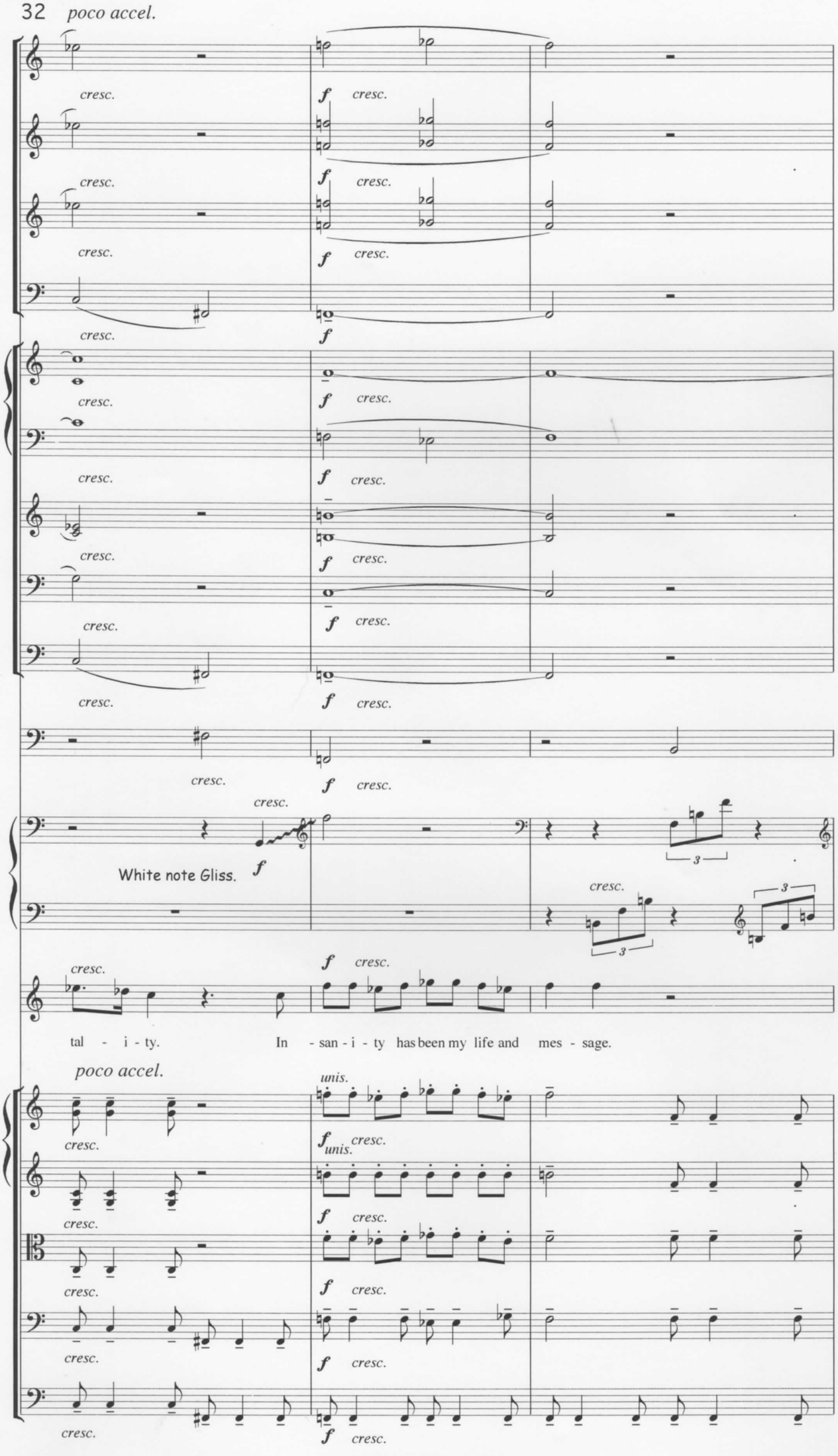
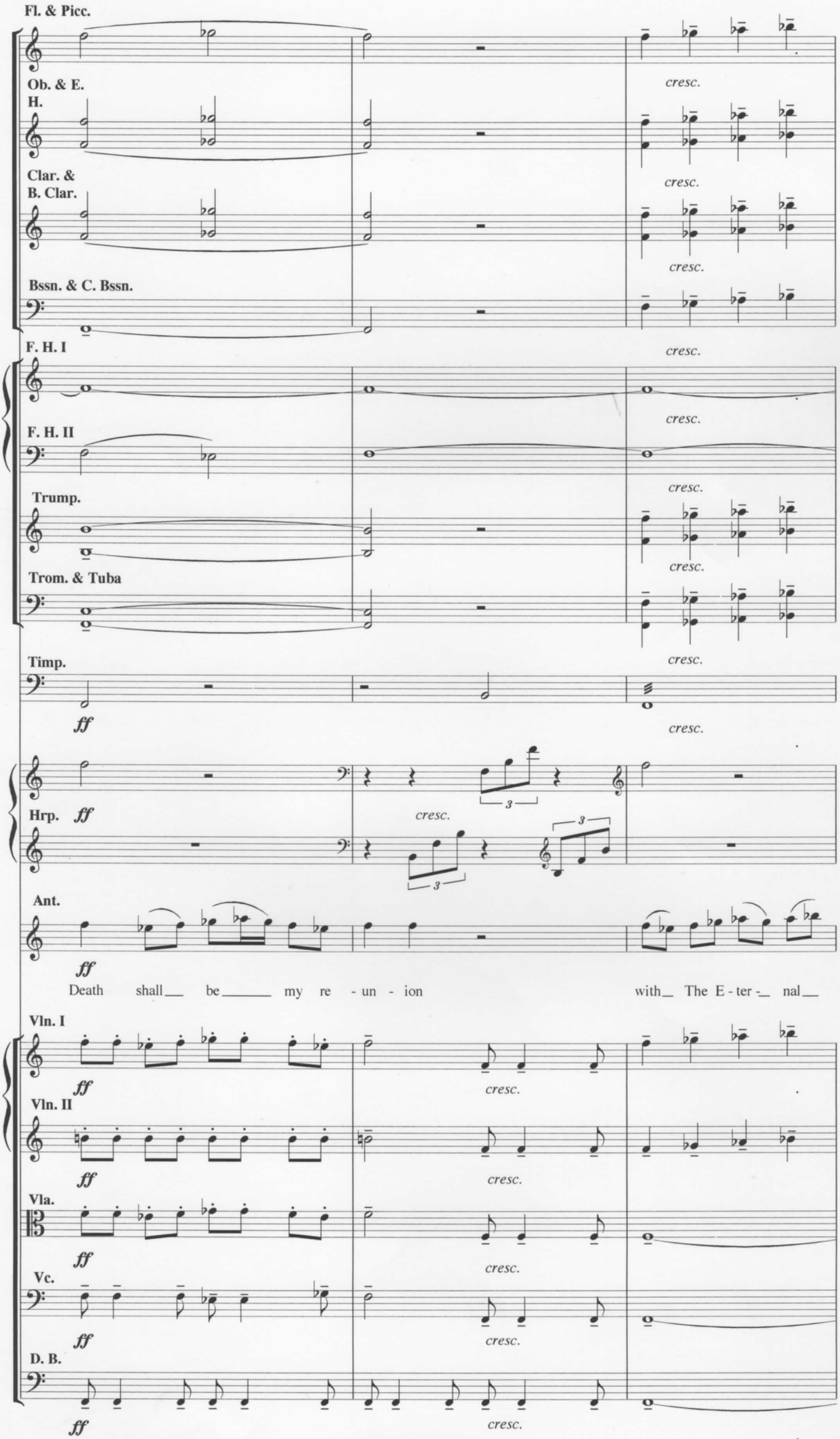
poco rit. poco accel.
mp
cresc.
said much at all, due to my na - ture, not to shy - ness; but in


26
rit.
dim.
8va
dim.
death I speak so loud - ly as to si - lence all word - less speech-es.


29
Fl. & Picc.
a tempo
mf
Ob. & E. H.
Clar. & B. Clar.
Bssn. & C. Bssn.
F. H. I
F. H. II
Trump.
Trom.
Tuba
Timp.
Hrp.
(8va)
Ant.
Death shall be my ar-tis-tic me-di-um, and through death I gain im-mor-
Vln. I
div.
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
D. B.


32 poco accel.
cresc.
f
White note Gliss.
3
tal - i - ty. In - san - i - ty has been my life and mes - sage.
poco accel.
unis.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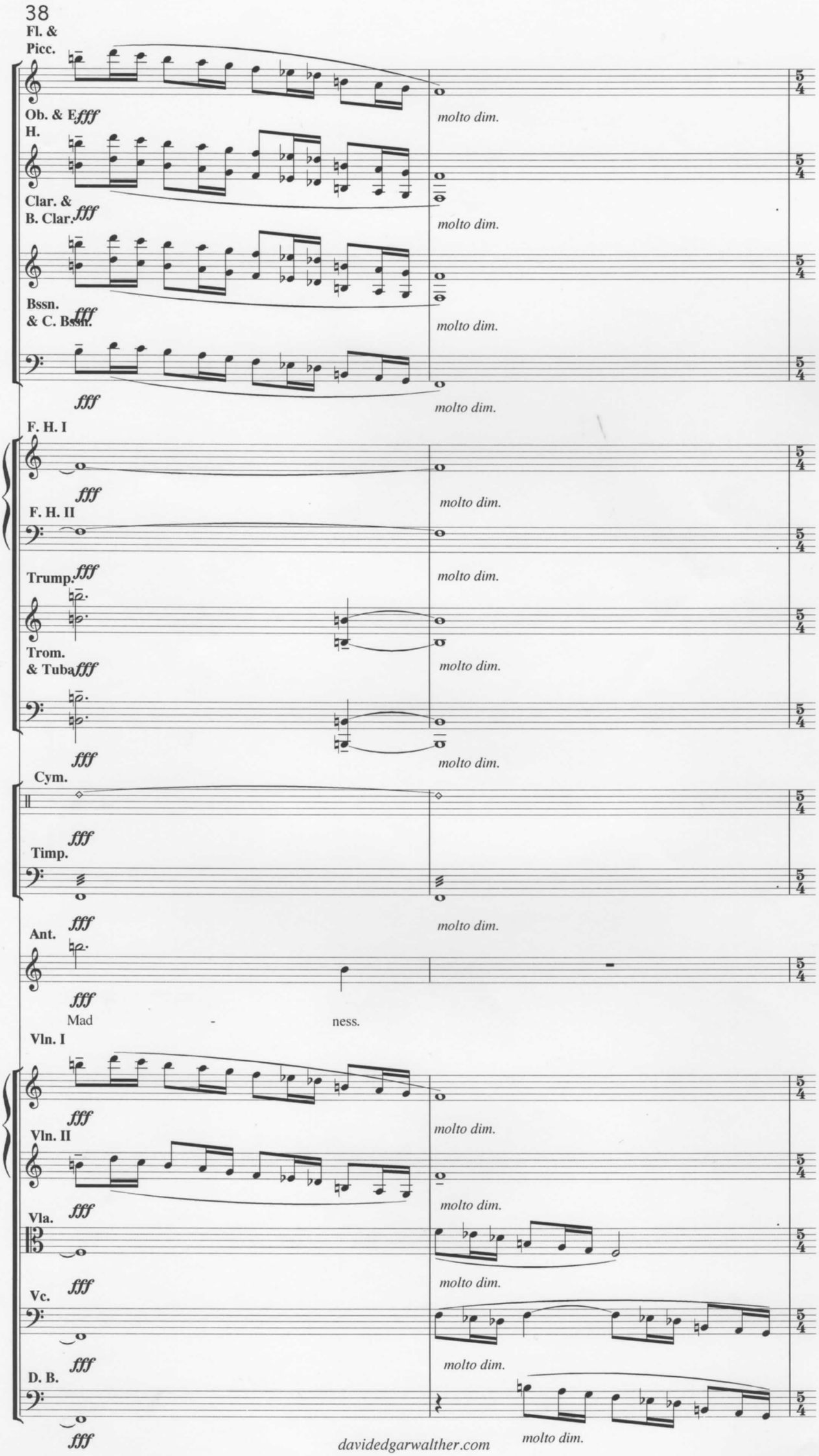
Fl. & Picc.
Ob. & E. H.
Clar. & B. Clar.
Bssn. & C. Bssn.
F. H. I
F. H. II
Trump.
Trom. & Tuba
Timp.
Hrp.
Ant.
Death shall be my re - un - ion with The E - ter - nal
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
D. B.
cresc.
ff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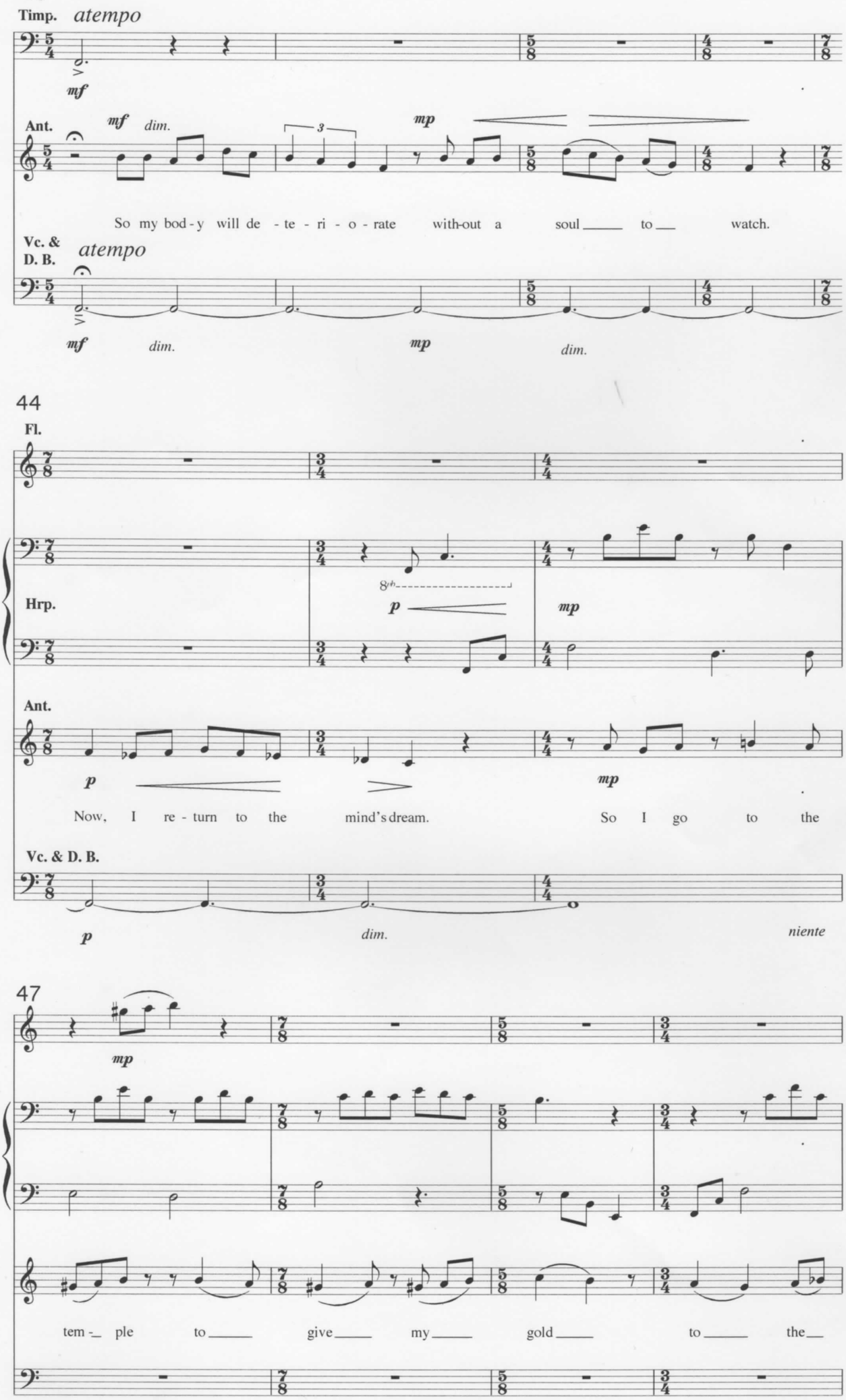
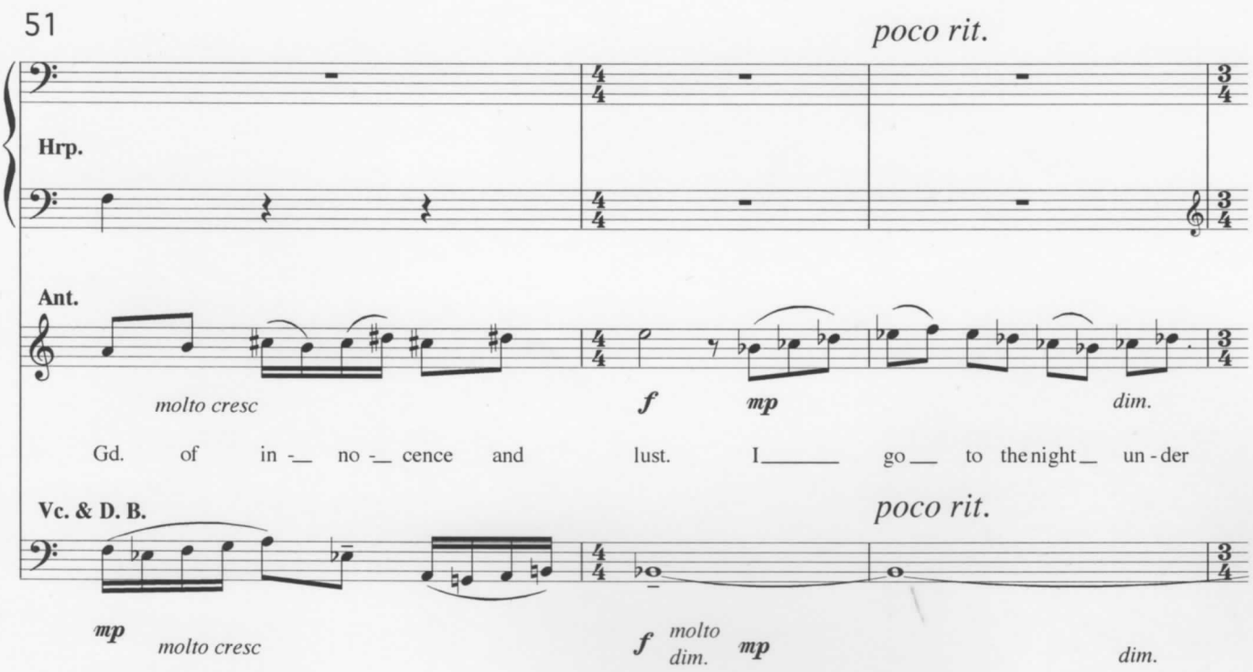
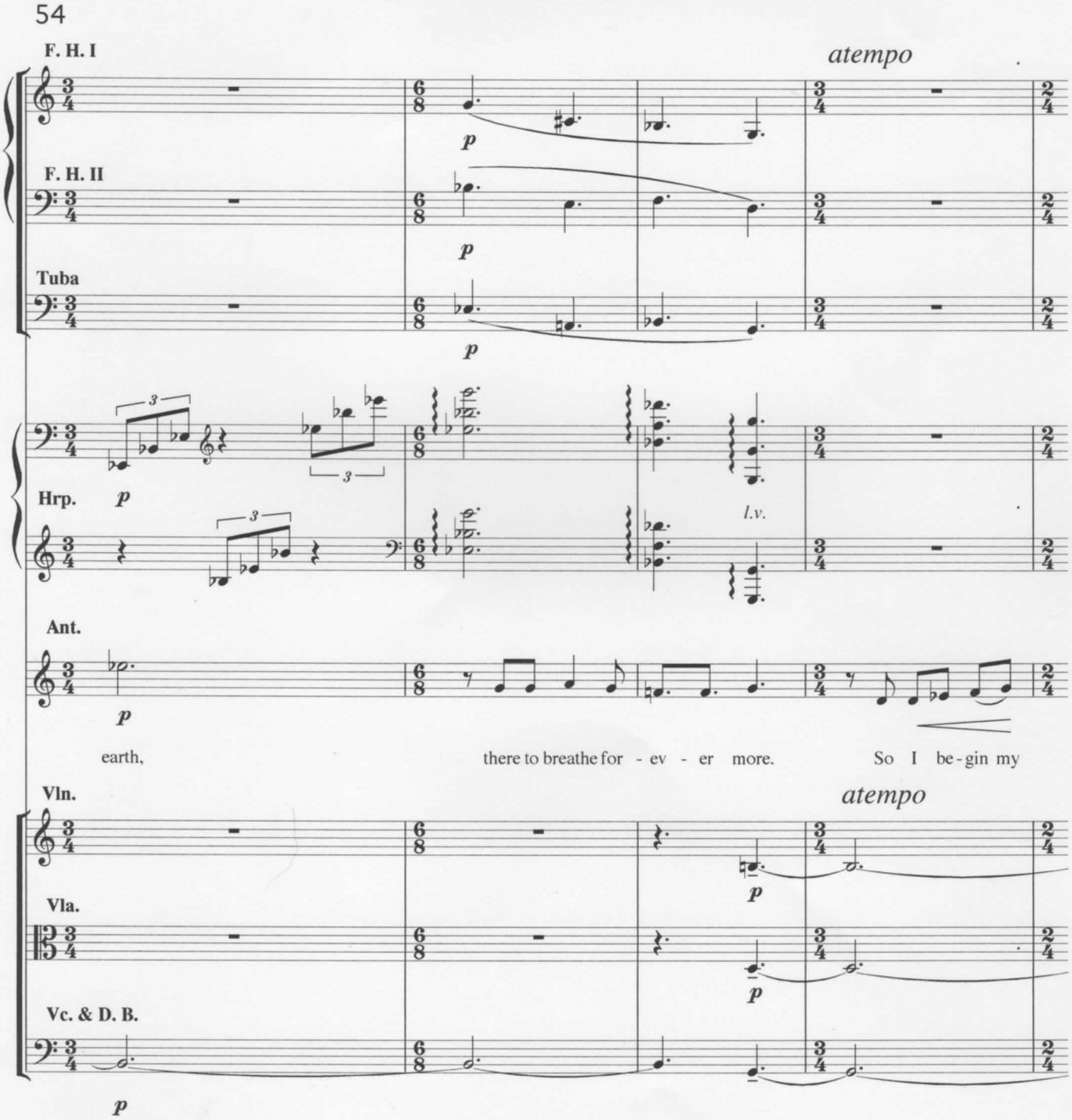
Fl. &
Picc.
Ob. & E.H.
Clar. &
B. Clar.
Bssn.
& C. Bssn.
F. H. I
F. H. II
Trump.
Trom.
& Tuba
Cym.
Timp.
Ant.
Mad - ness.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
D. B.
fff
molto dim.
5
4


40
Timp.
atempo
mf
Ant.
mf
dim.
3
mp
So my bod - y will de - te - ri - o - rate with-out a soul to watch.
Vc. &
D. B.
atempo
mf
dim.
mp
dim.
44
Fl.
Hrp.
8va
p
mp
Ant.
p
mp
Now, I re - turn to the mind's dream. So I go to the
Vc. & D. B.
p
dim.
niente
47
mp
tem - ple to give my gold to the


51
poco rit.
Hrp.
Ant.
molto cresc
f
mp
dim.
Gd. of in - no - cence and lust. I go to the night un - der
Vc. & D. B.
poco rit.
mp
molto cresc
f
molto dim.
mp
dim.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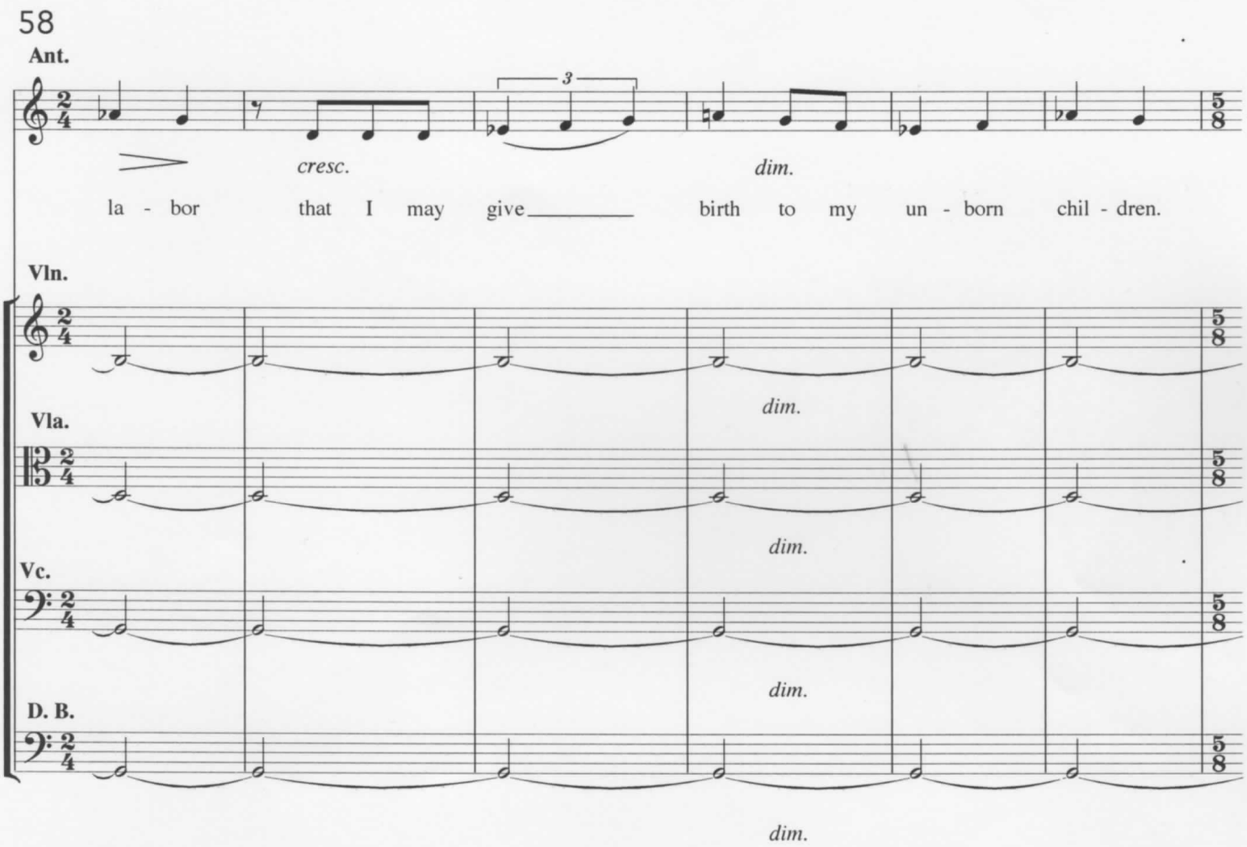
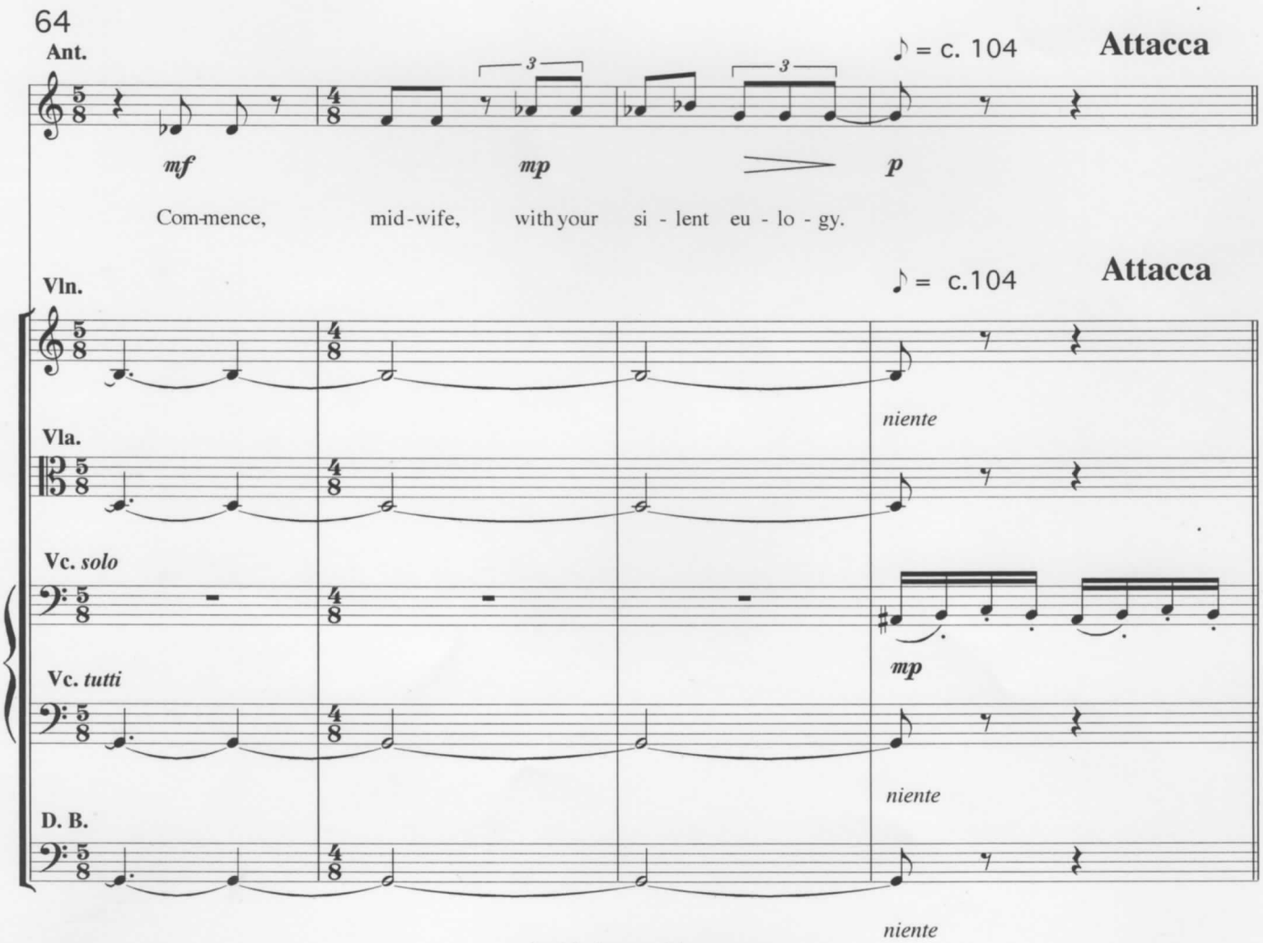
F. H. I
atempo
F. H. II
Tuba
Hrp.
l.v.
Ant.
earth, there to breathe for - ev - er more. So I be - gin my
Vln.
atempo
Vla.
Vc. & D. B.


58
Ant.
cresc.
dim.
la - bor that I may give birth to my un - born chil - dren.
Vln.
dim.
Vla.
dim.
Vc.
dim.
D. B.
dim.


64
Ant.
♪ = c. 104
Attacca
mf
mp
p
Com-mence, mid-wife, with your si - lent eu - lo - gy.
Vln.
♪ = c.104
Attacca
niente
Vla.
Vc. solo
mp
Vc. tutti
niente
D. B.
niente