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# Compose Yourself!

*full symphonic version*

*A young-audience interactive and educational exploration*

by James M. Stephenson

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**Instrumentation: *2222 - 3221 - t + 2 - hp - str - narrator**

**Hn 3 optional; trombones = 1 tenor and 1 bass; percussion playable by one player if needed**

**Duration: 50-55 minutes**

**Description and summary:**

*Compose Yourself!*, commissioned by the Naples Philharmonic in 2002, is an interactive, educational and entertaining show designed to introduce children of all ages to the instruments of the symphony orchestra. The 50 minute presentation combines humor and information throughout its narrative to maintain the students' interest right to the thrilling conclusion. The innovative focal point of the show allows the children to compose their very own piece of music, thereby instructing them in the creation of classical music, followed by their first world premiere!

Composed with flexibility in mind, the piece can be done with conductor and narrator in a concert setting, or can travel as a self-narrated chamber ensemble (using the original 15-player chamber version).

Scenes:

1) Overture
2) demo of sections
3) strings, solos
4) Flute with bottles, Oboe - snake charmer, then clarinet, bassoon
5) Brass solos
6) Brass with hoses
7) percussion (audience counts instruments)
8) World premiere of kids' piece
   (students pick favorite melody, harmony and rhythm, and then play along!)
9) Finale (play-off from concert setting)

As of 2014, the piece has been performed over 250 times since 2002.

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**Conductor's Score**

*Commissioned by the Naples Philharmonic, 2002*

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**Maestoso** (♩ = 60)

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Piccolo

Flute

Oboe 1-2

B♭ Clarinet 1-2

Bassoon 1-2

Horn 1-2

Horn 3 [opt.]

C Trumpet 1-2

Trombone 1-2 (Bass)

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion

Harp

(C Major)

Narration

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Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Contrabass

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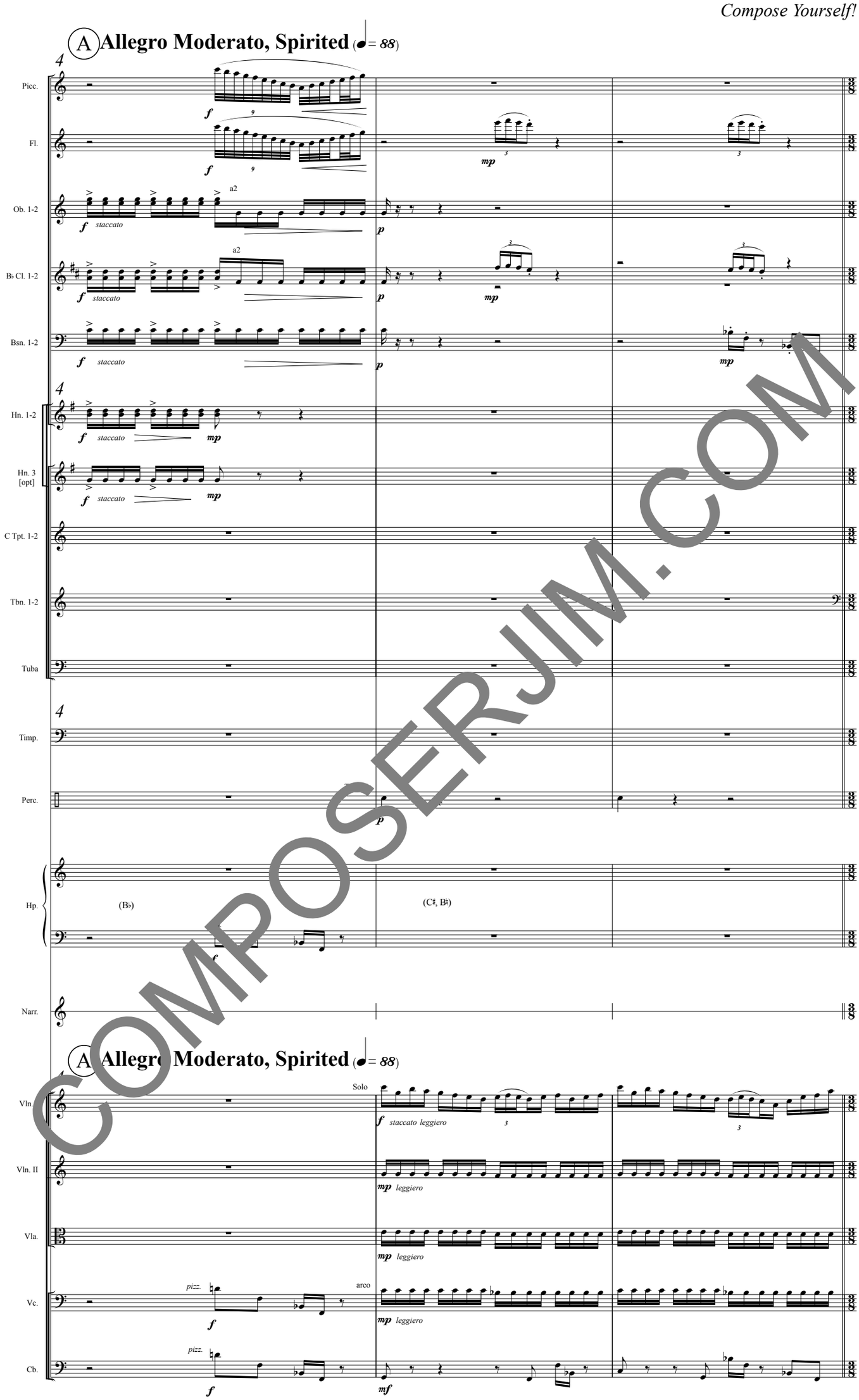


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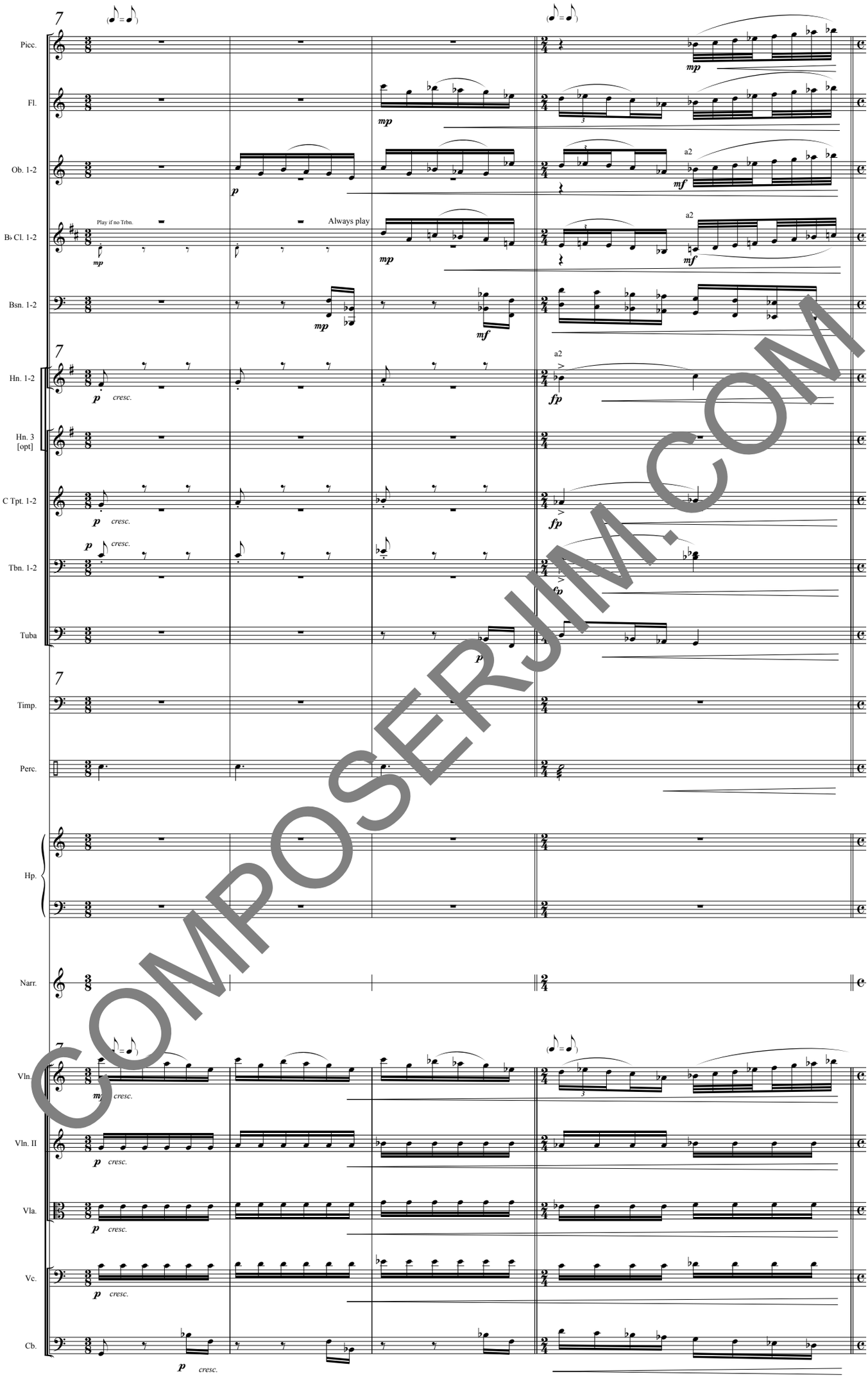


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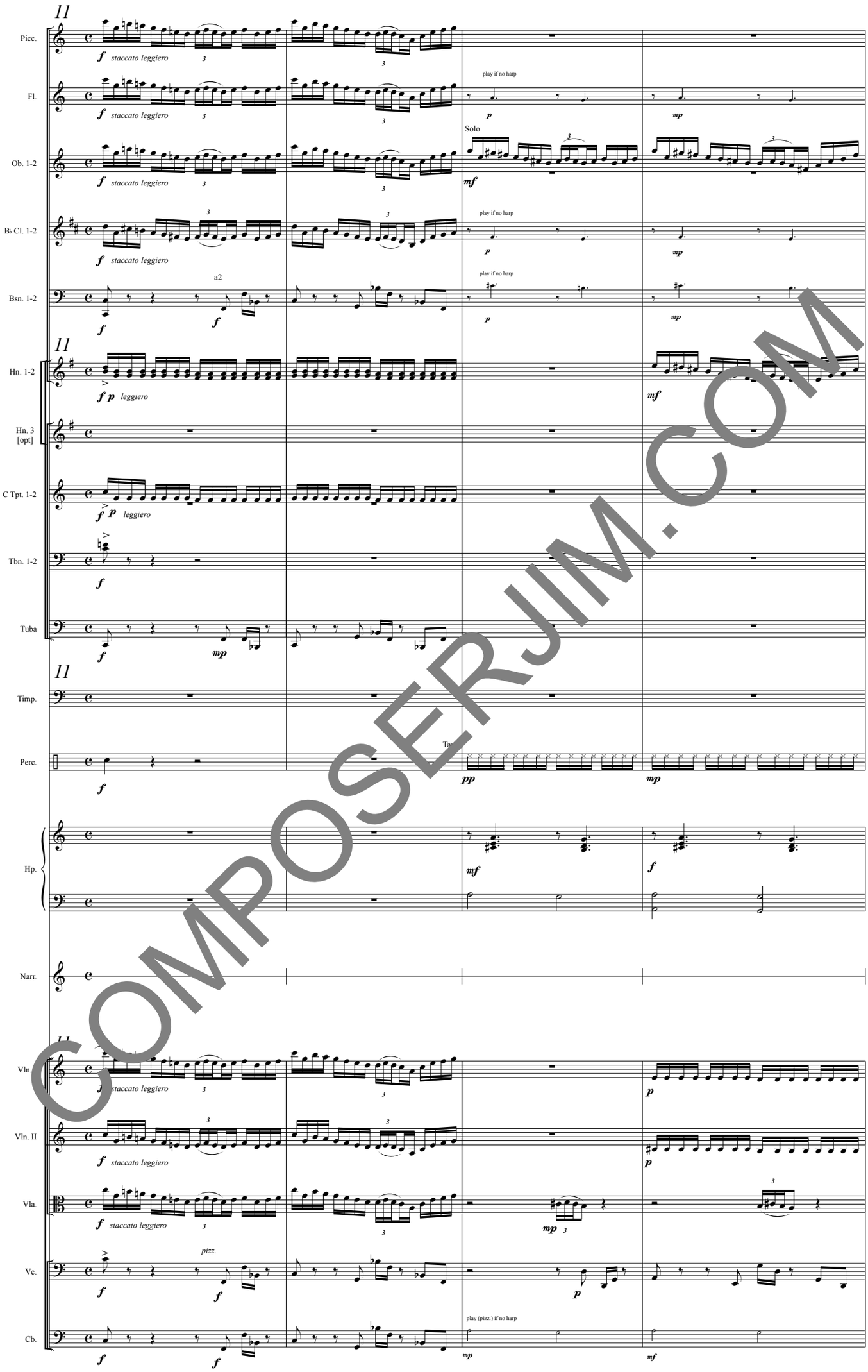


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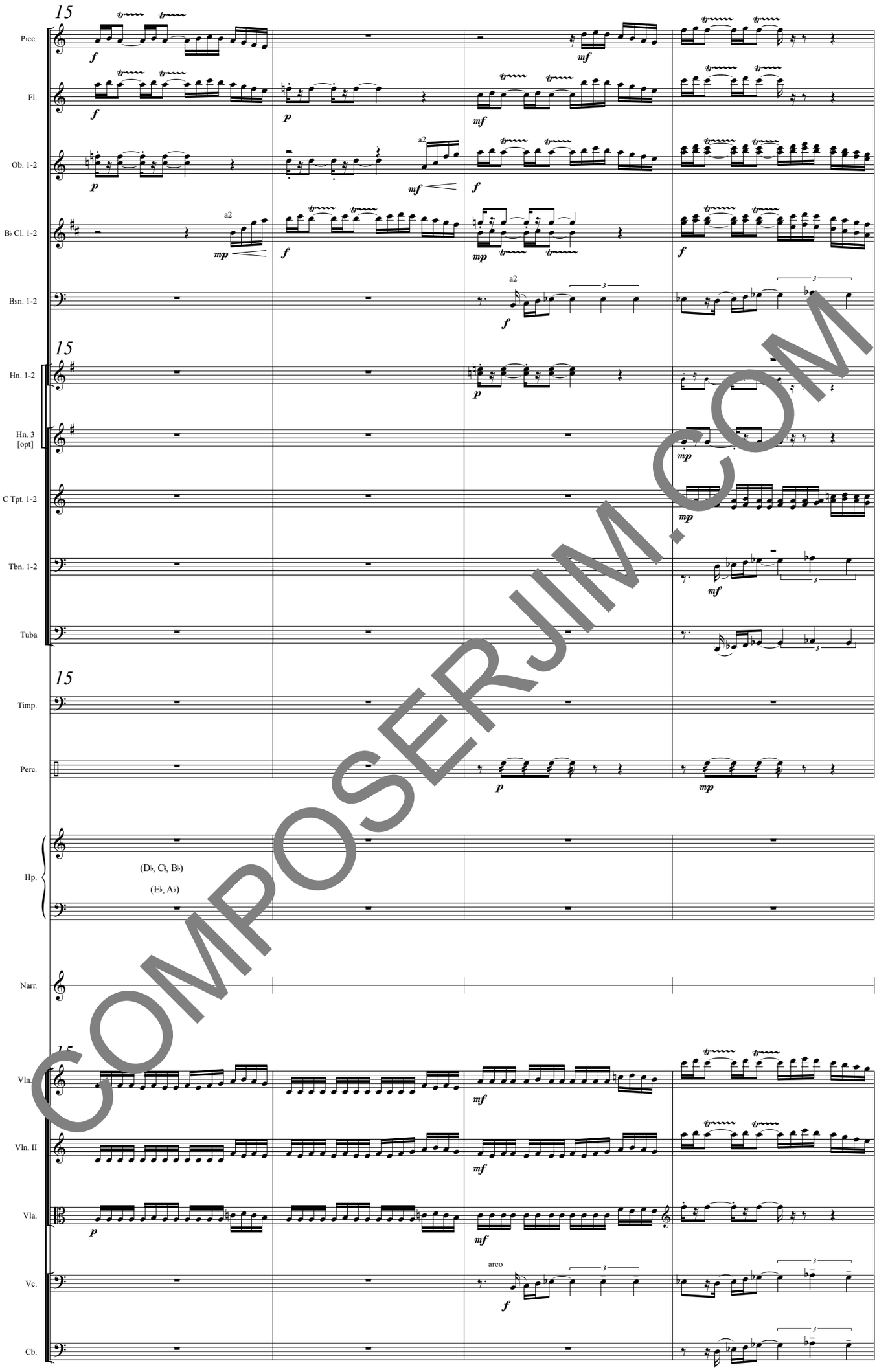


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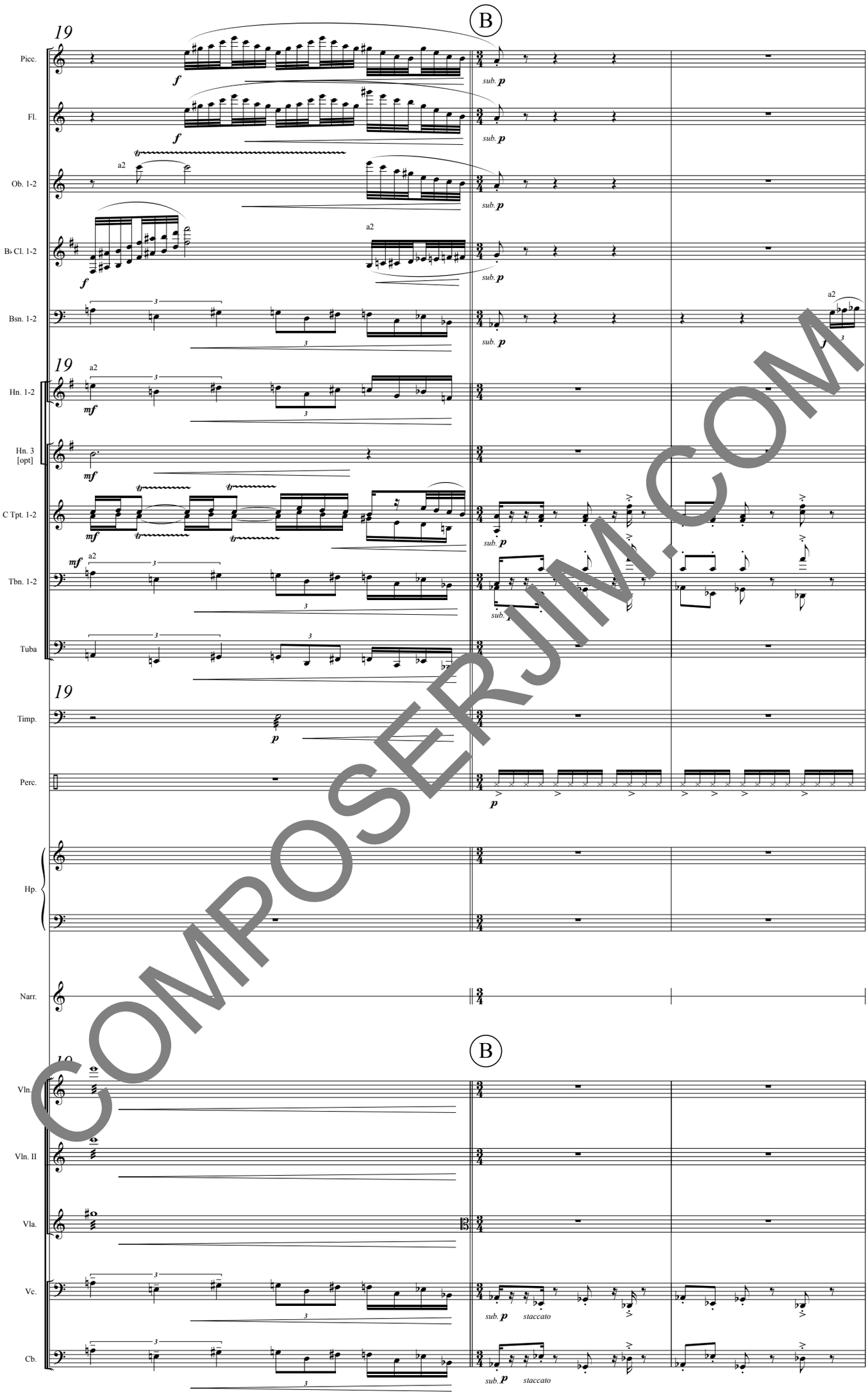


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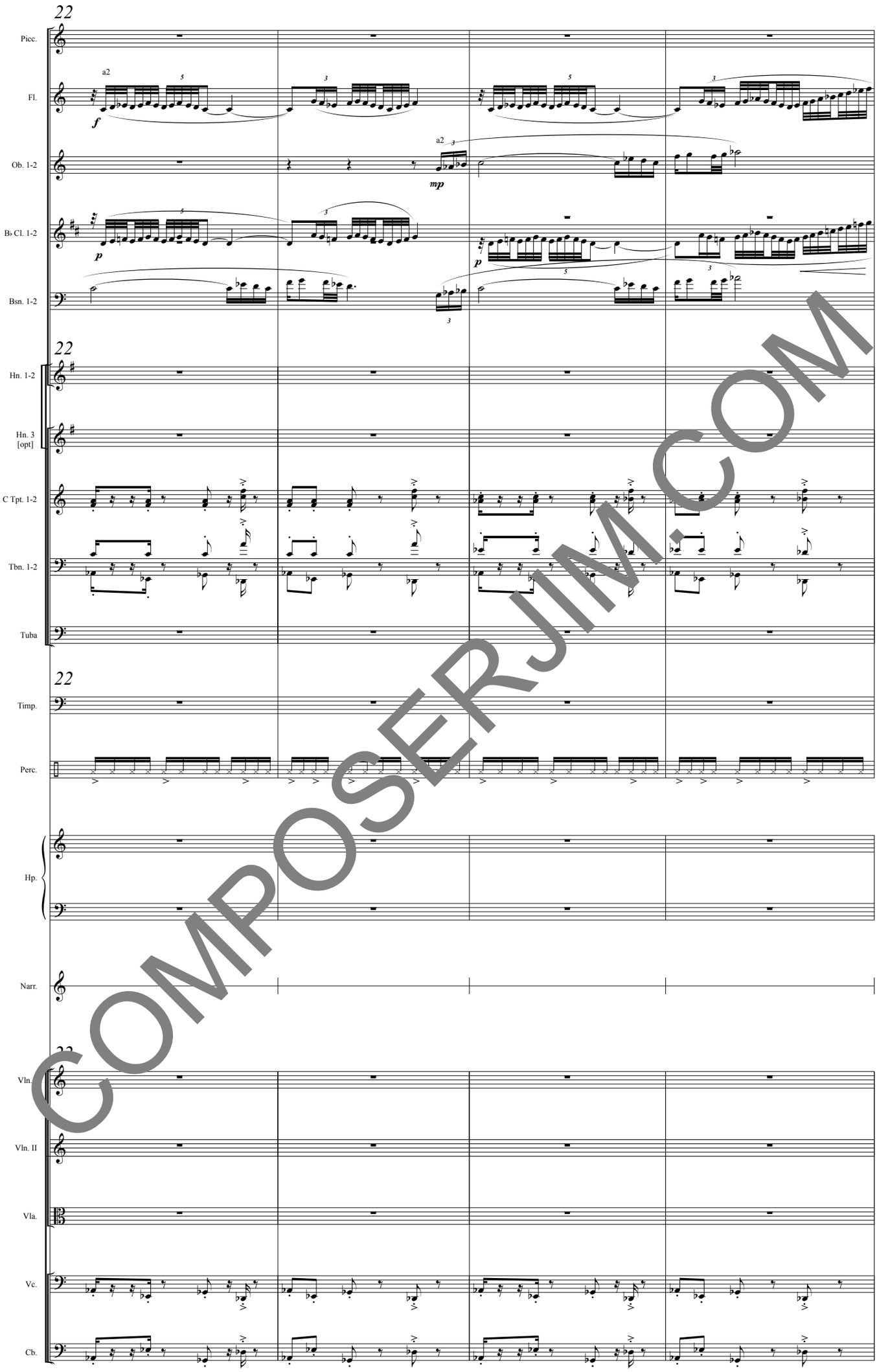


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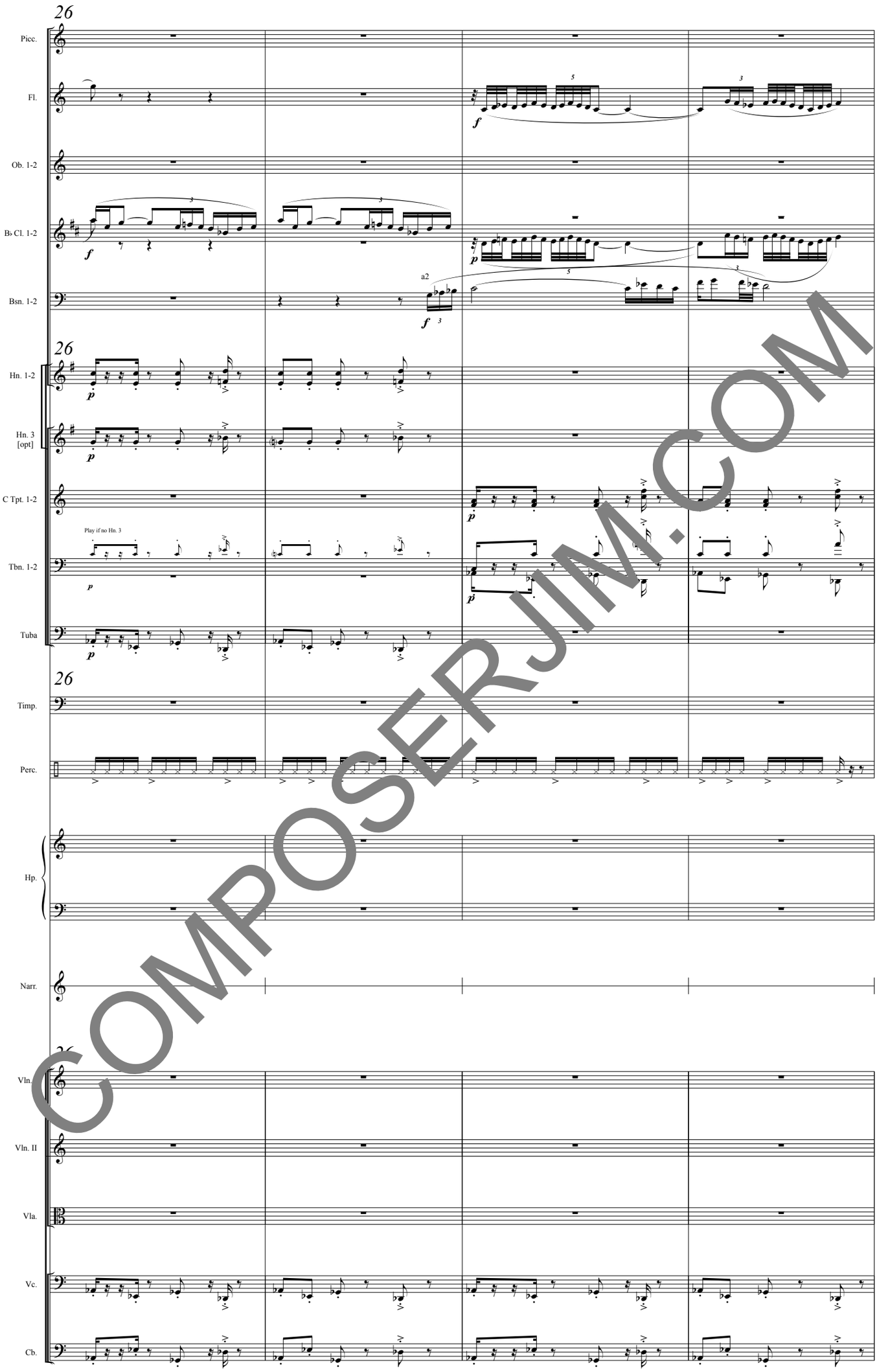


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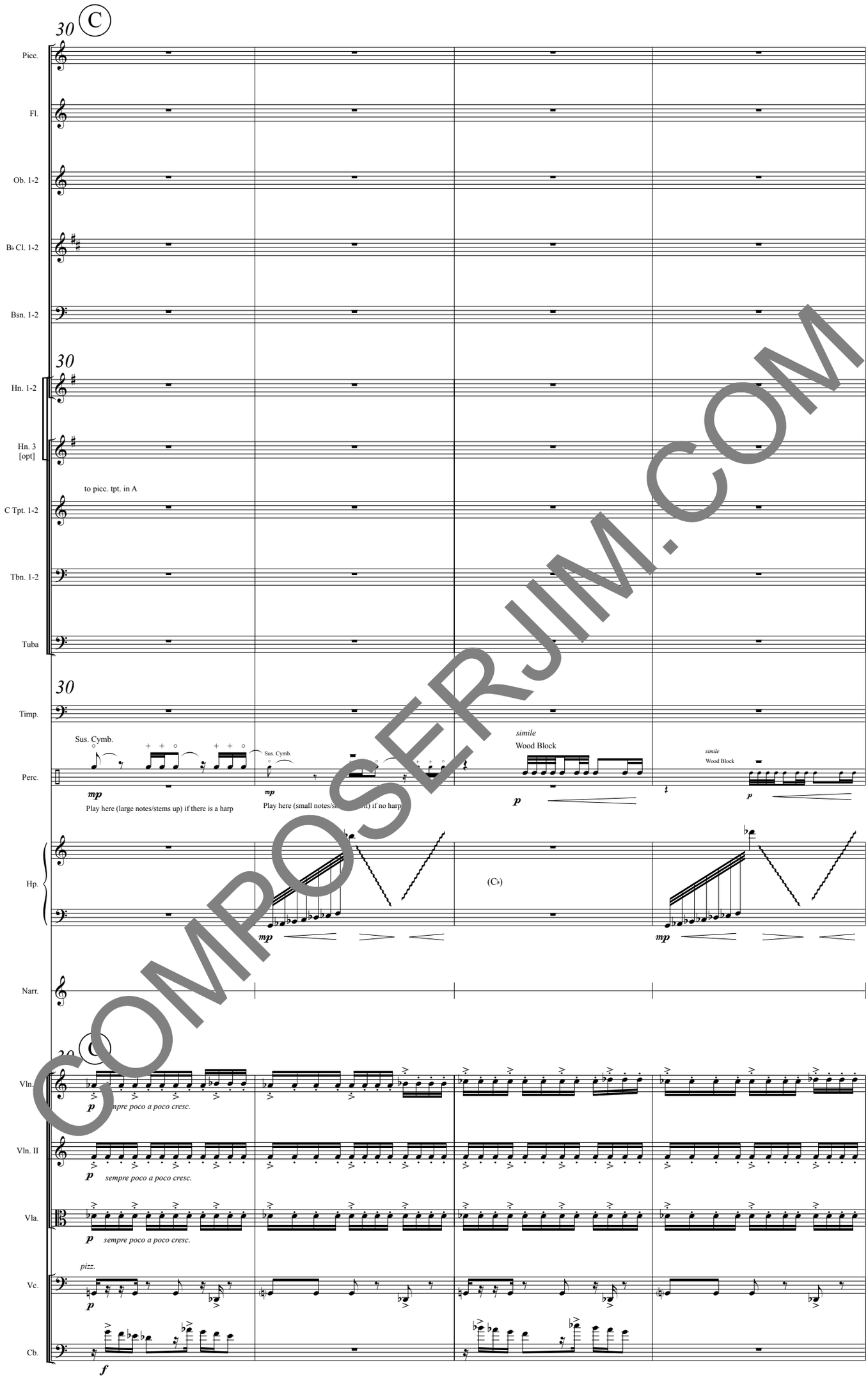


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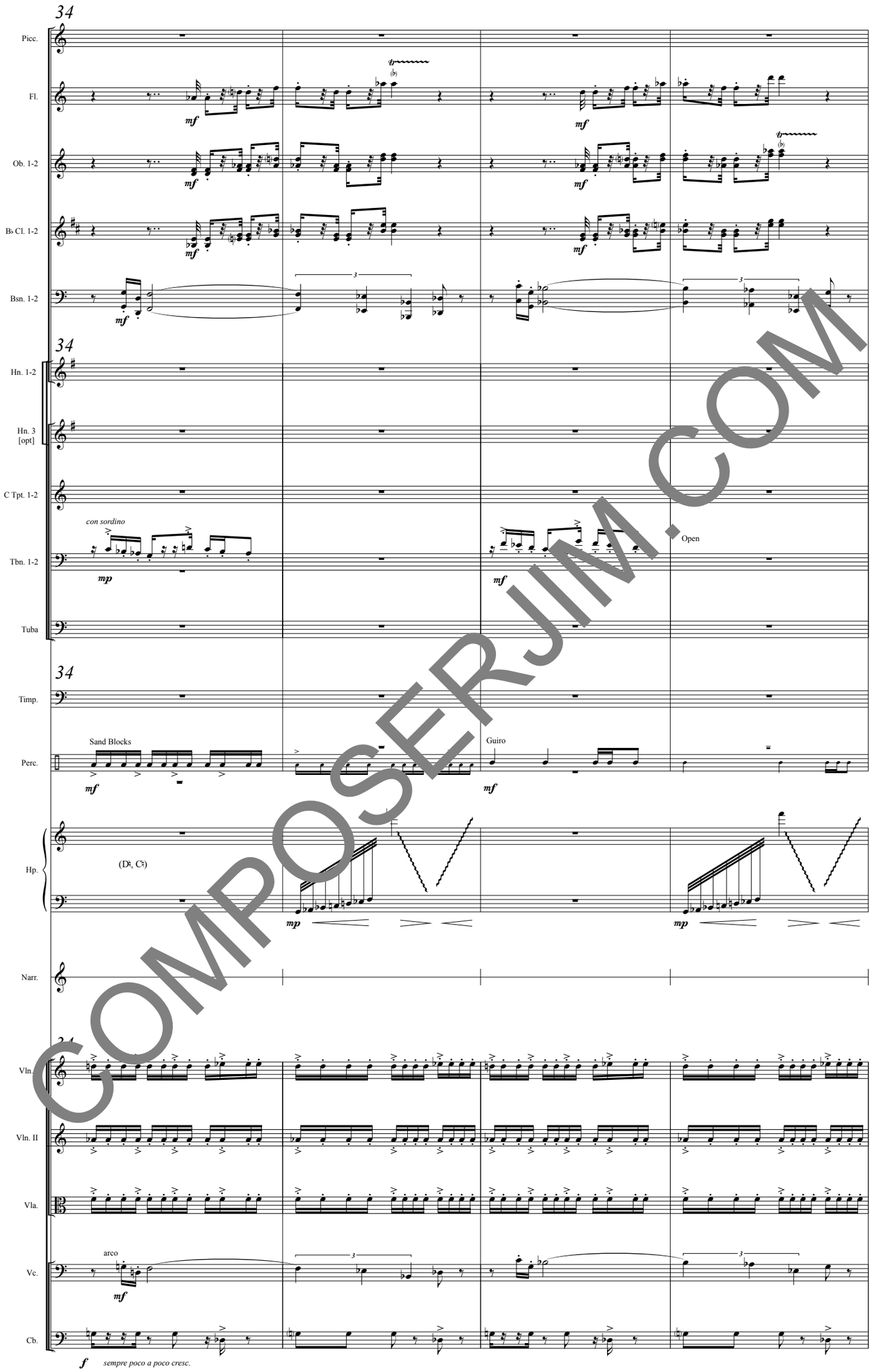


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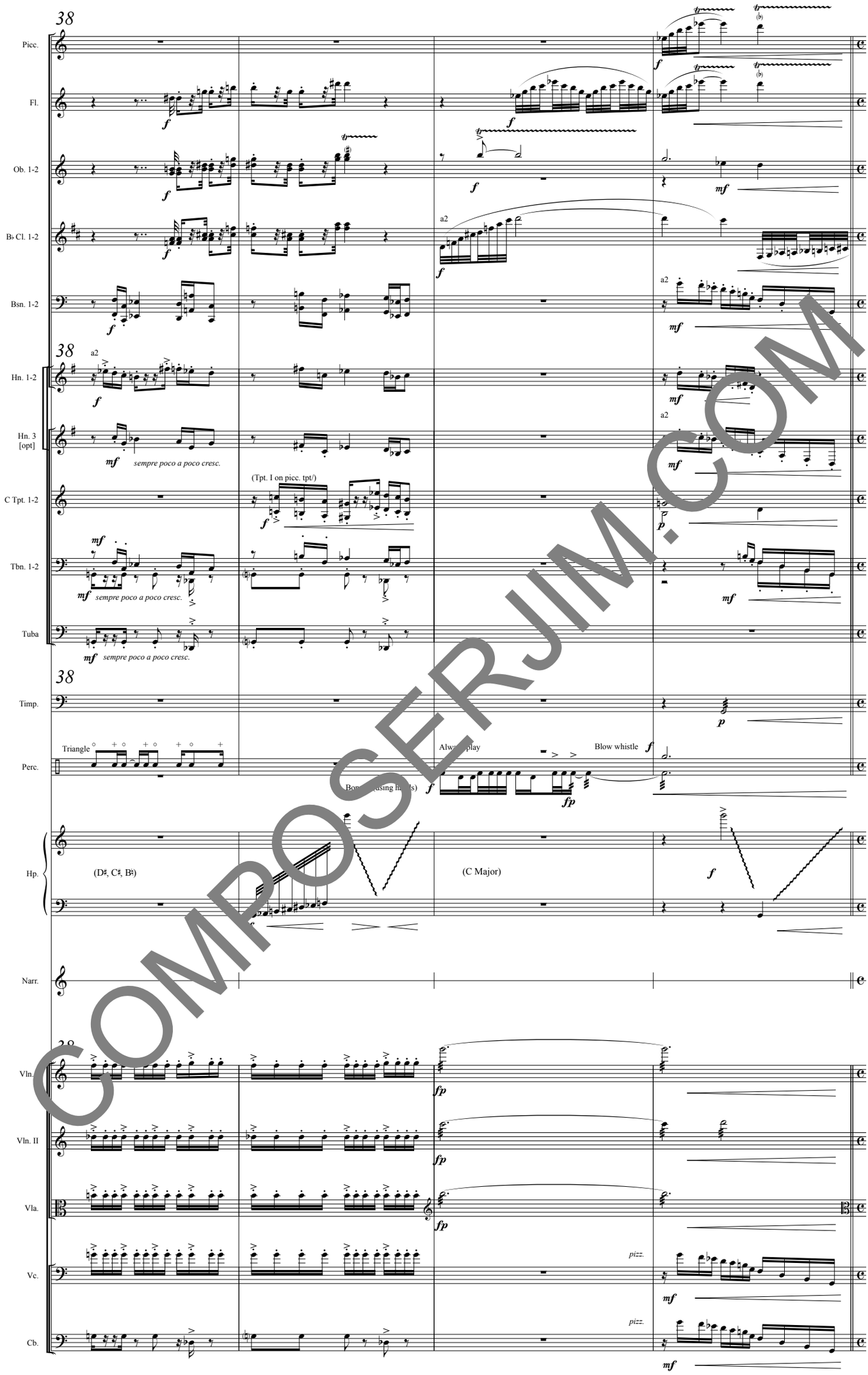


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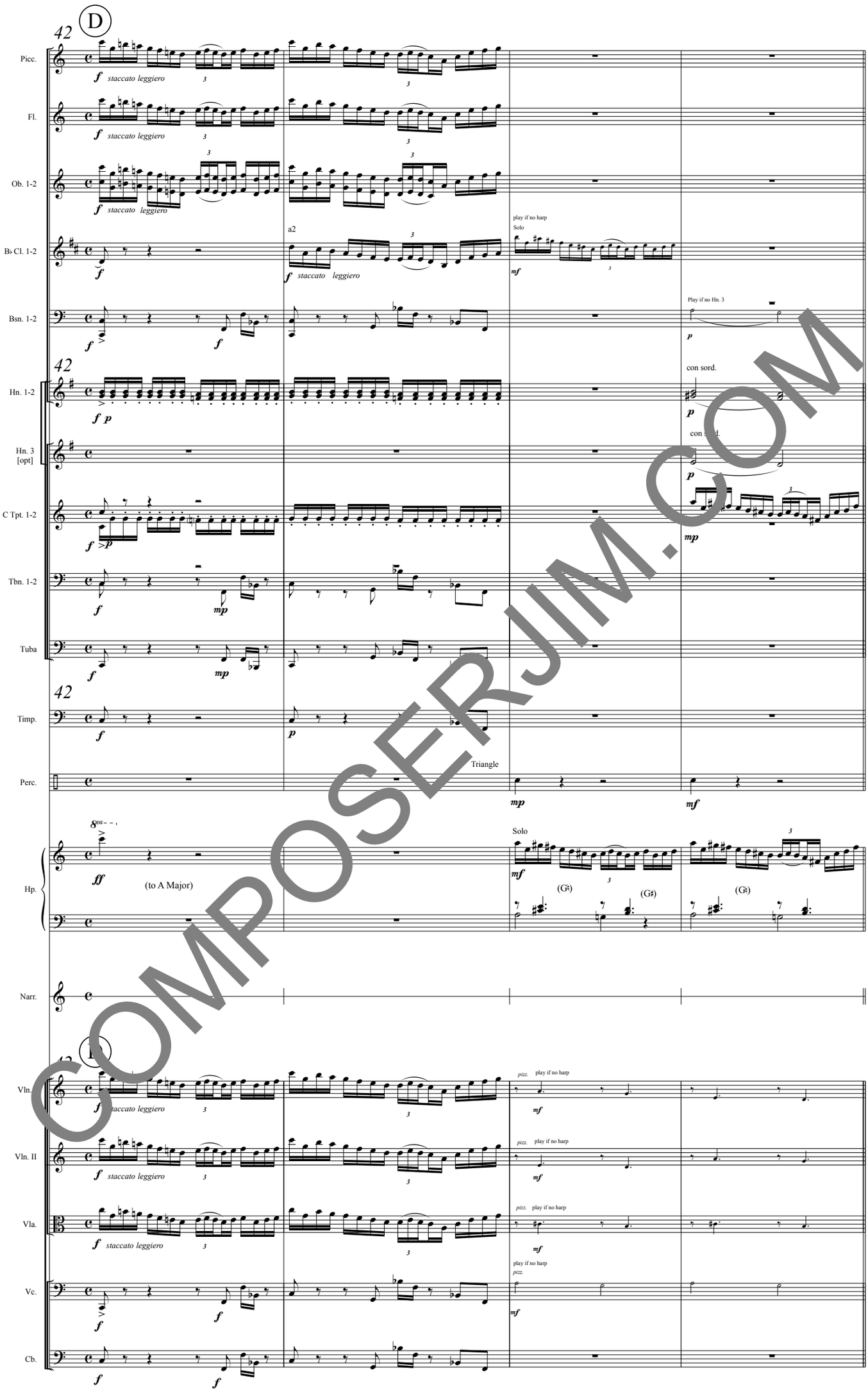


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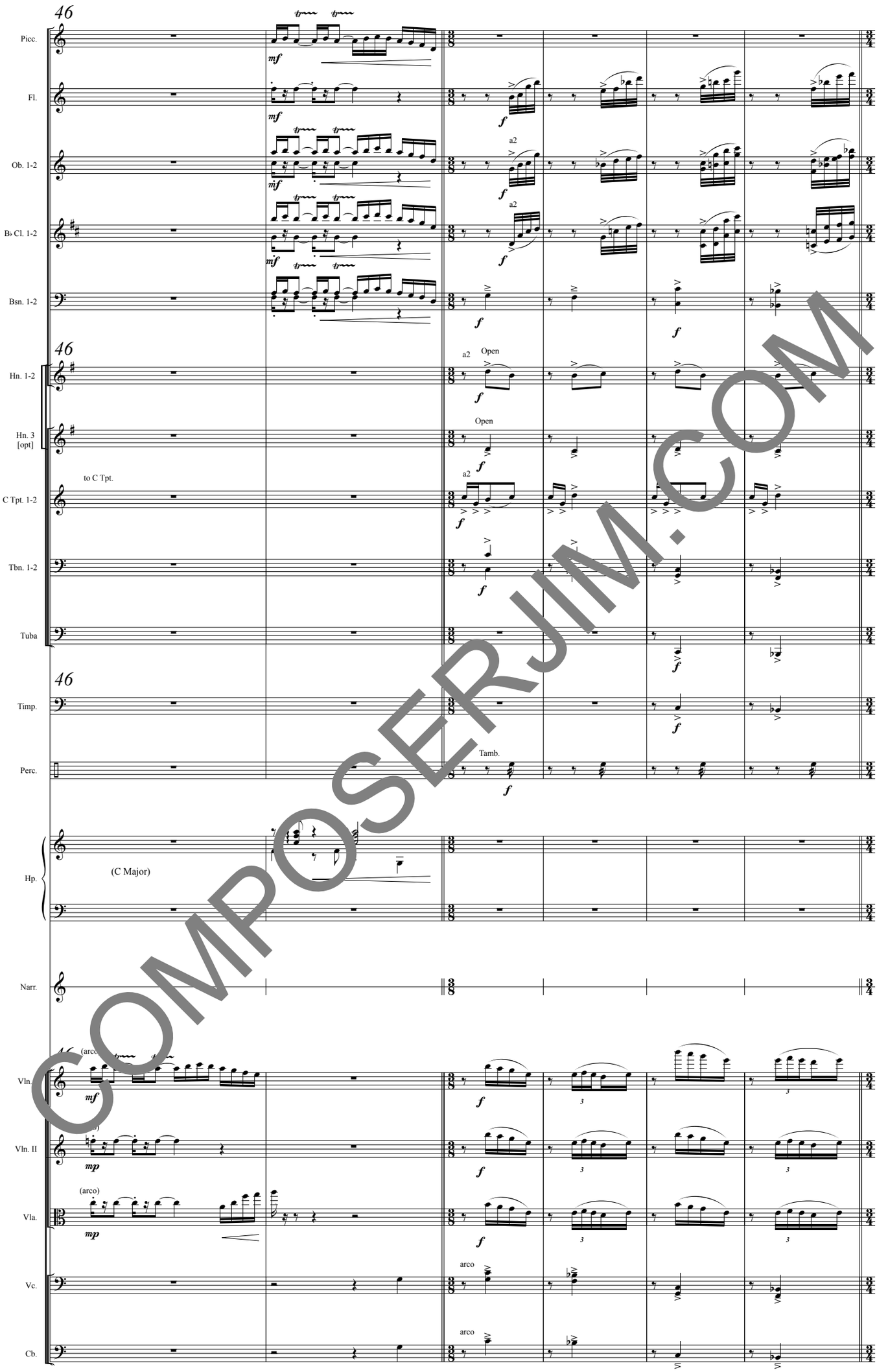


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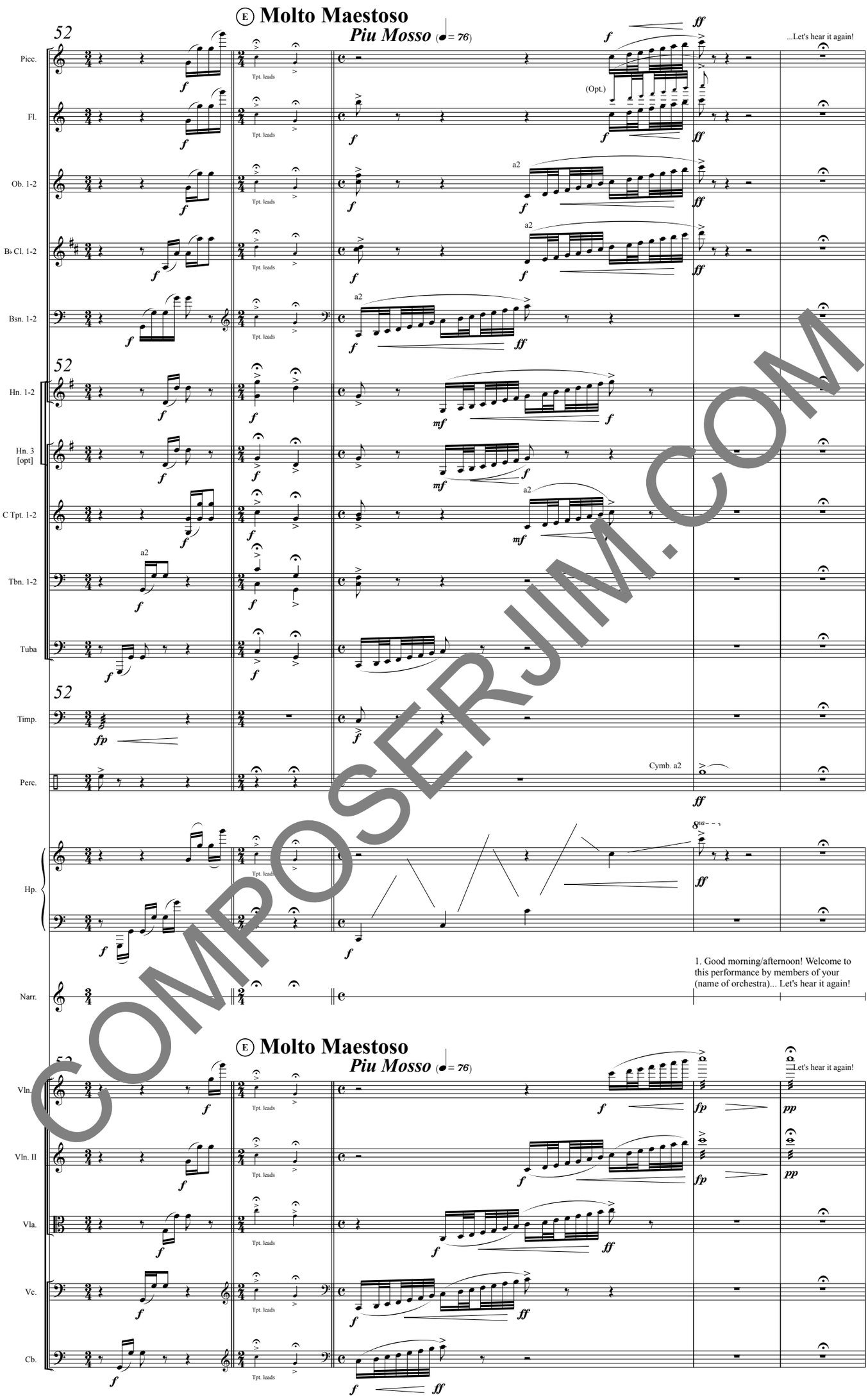


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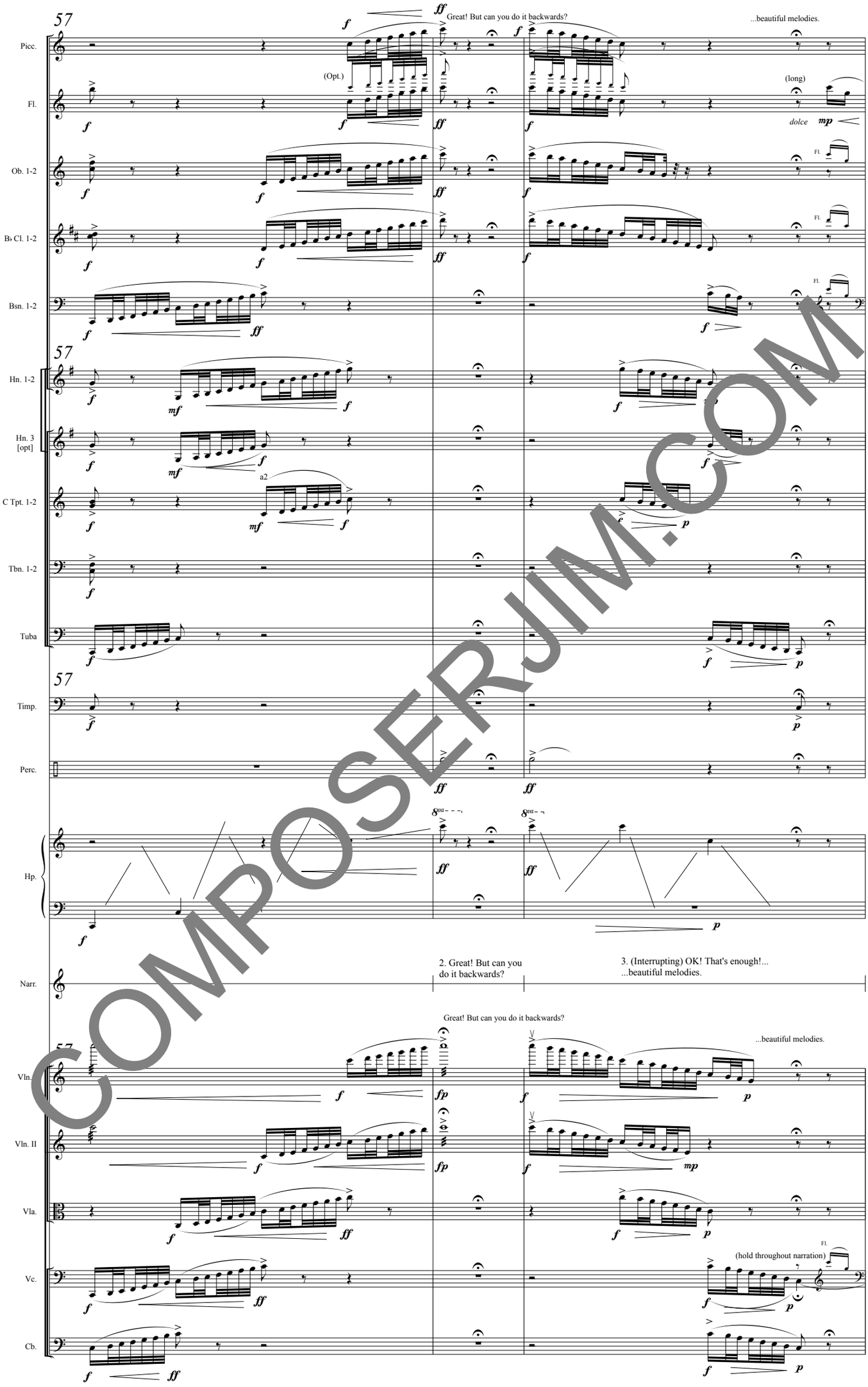


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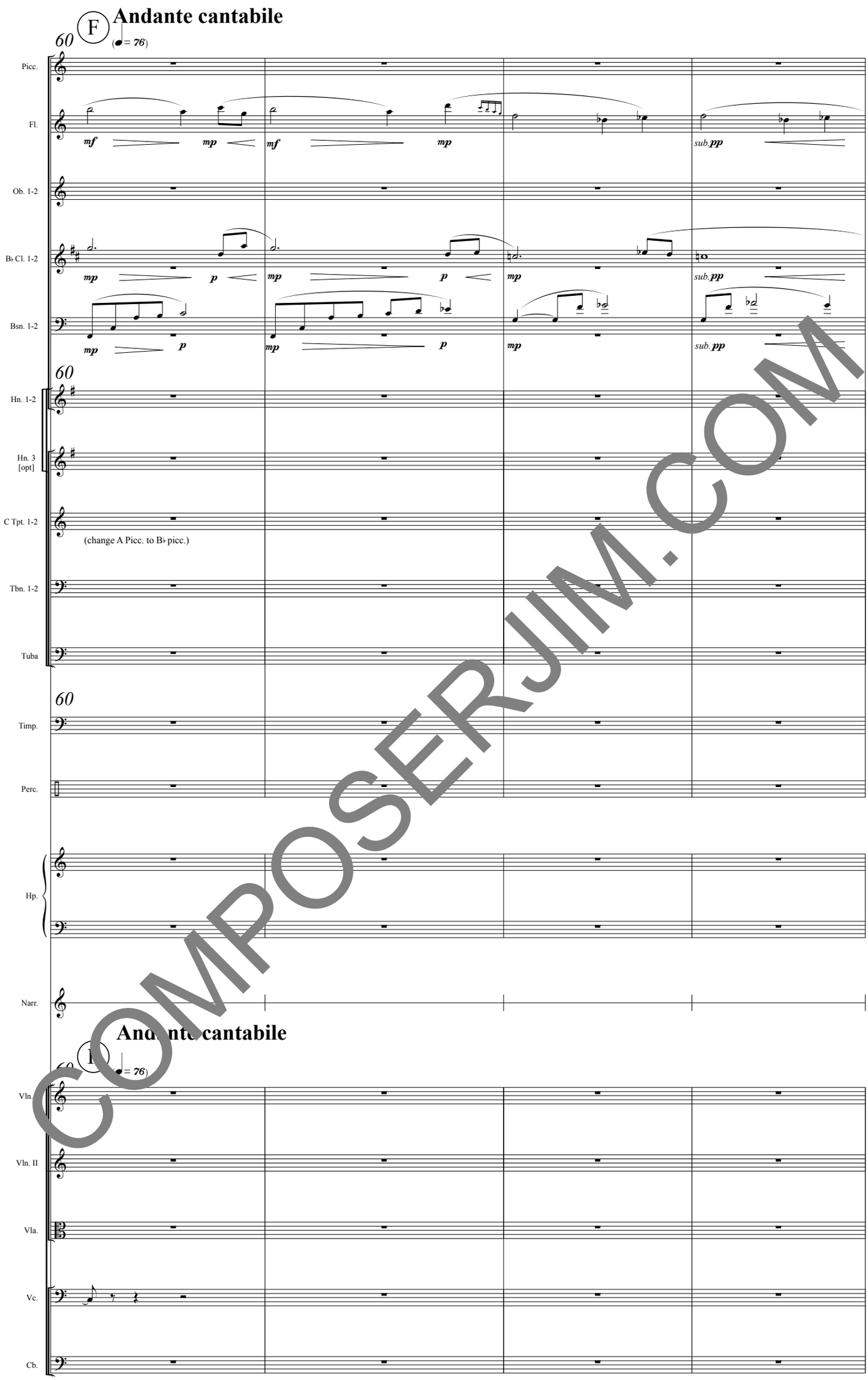


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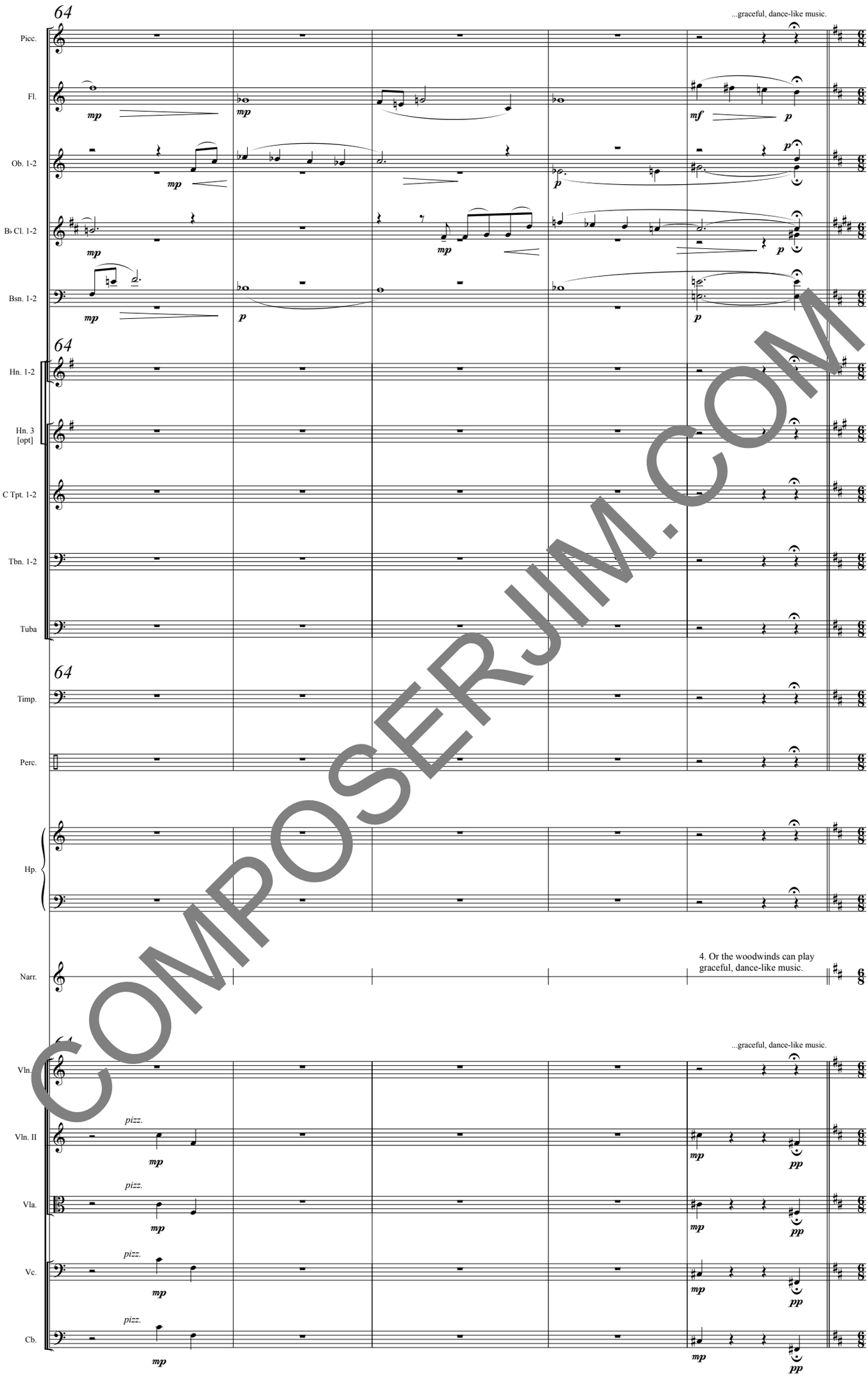


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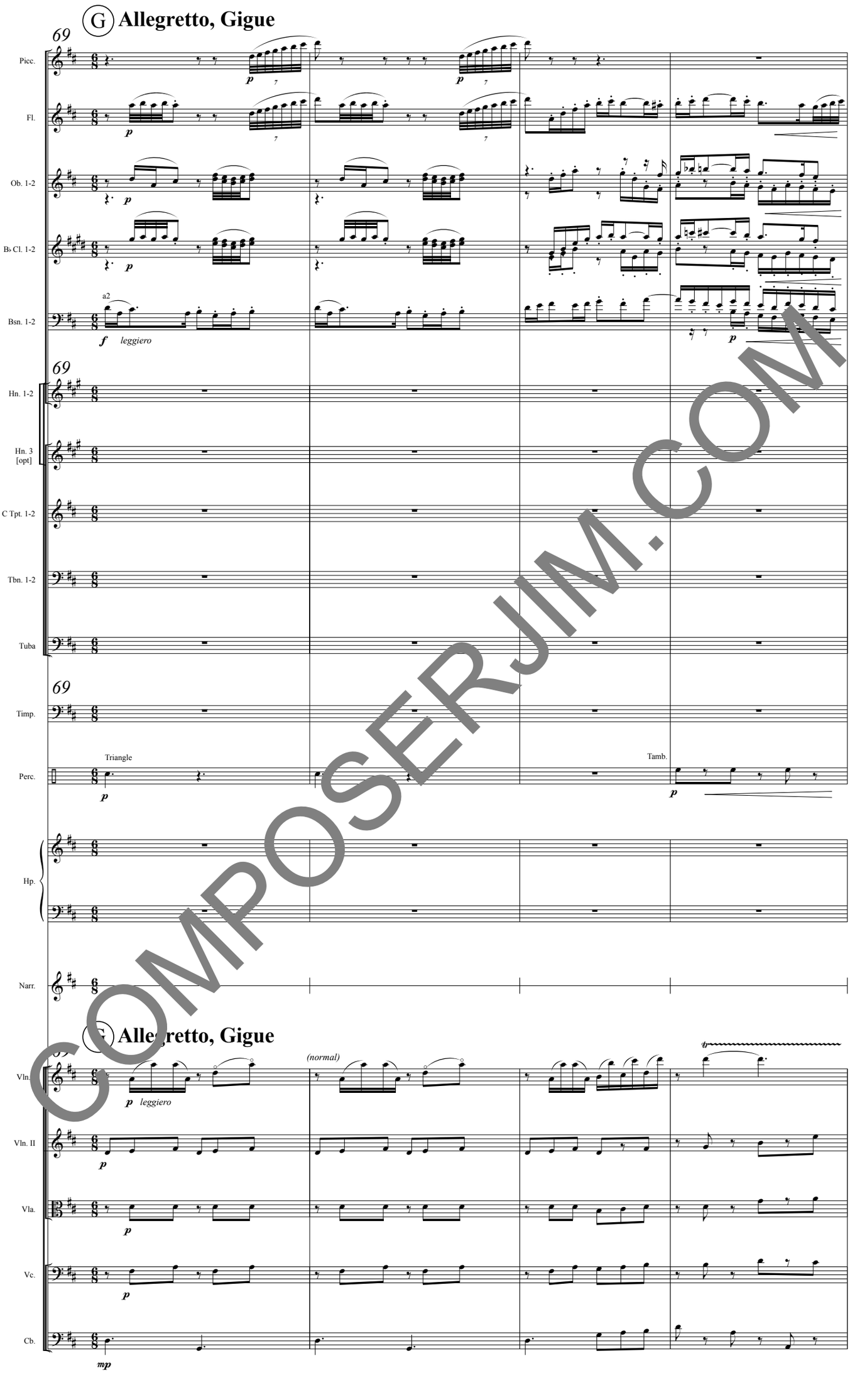


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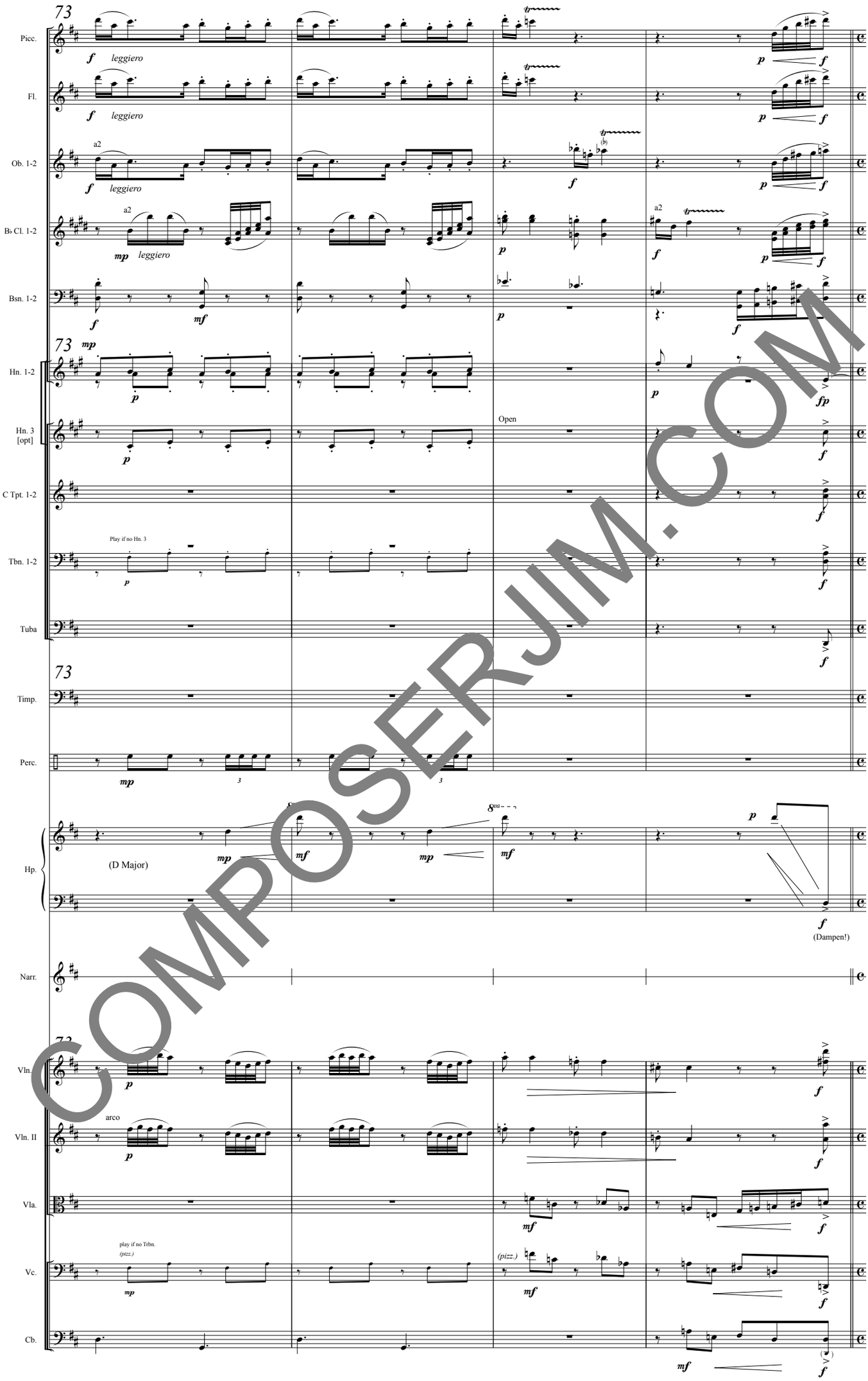


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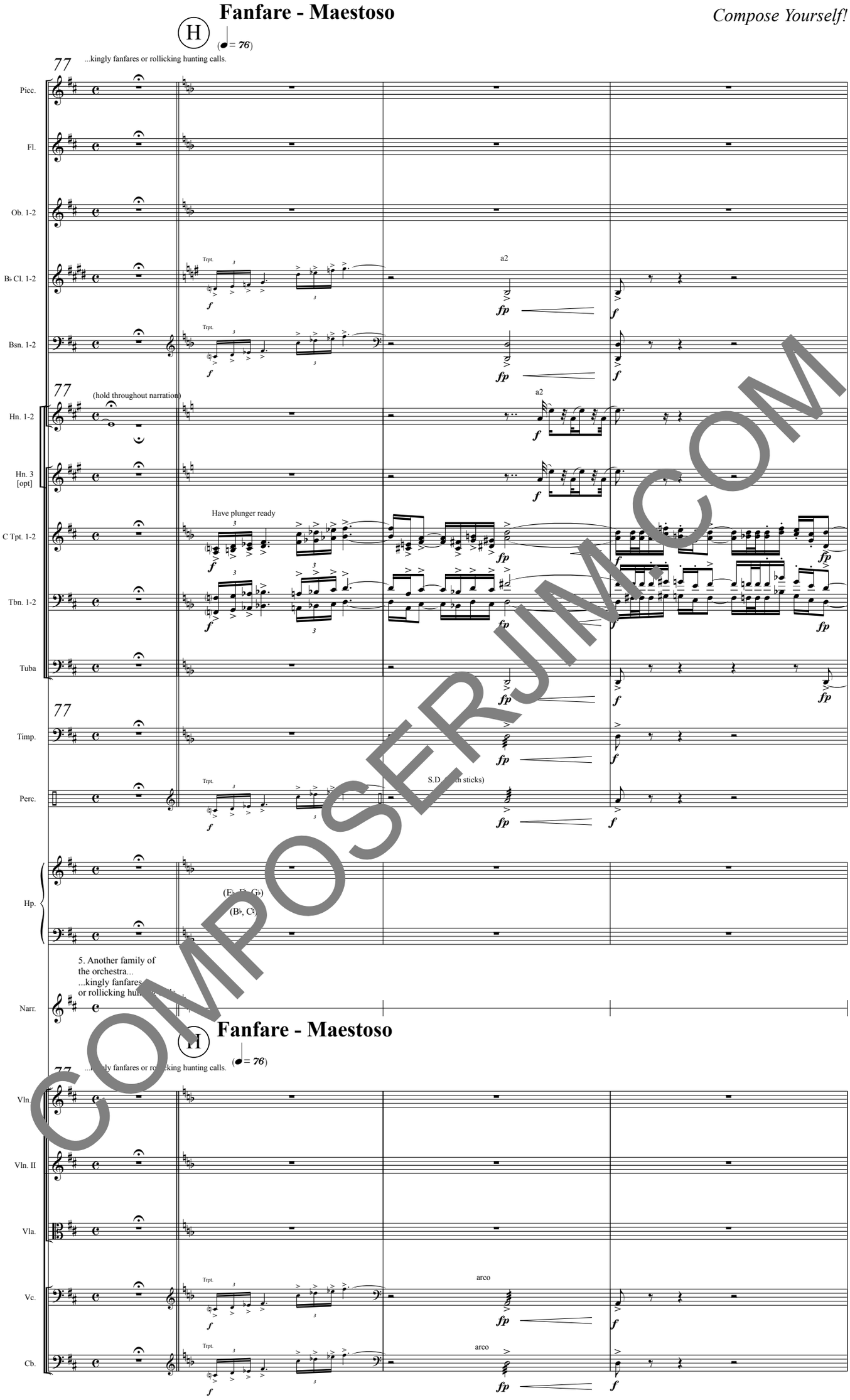


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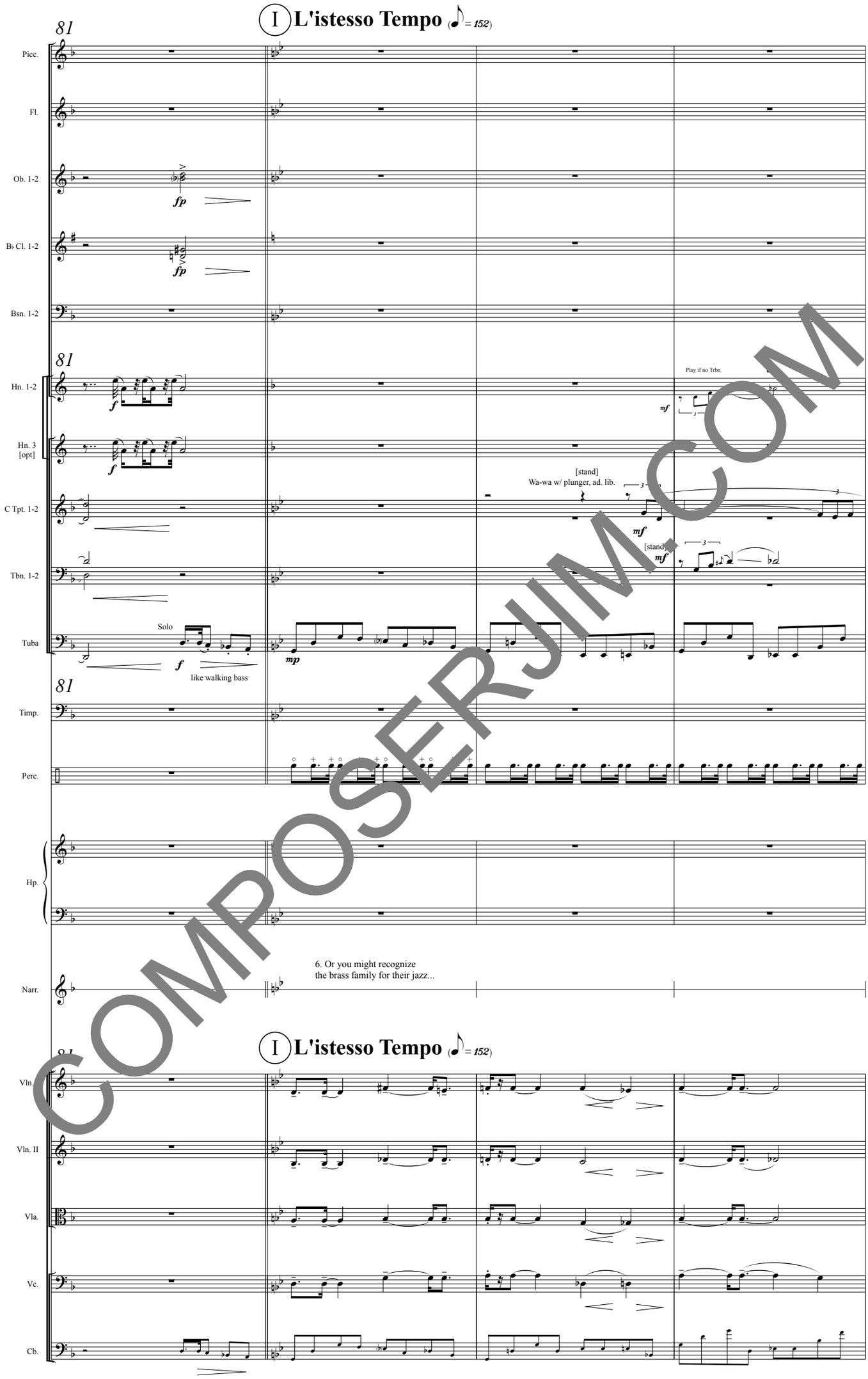


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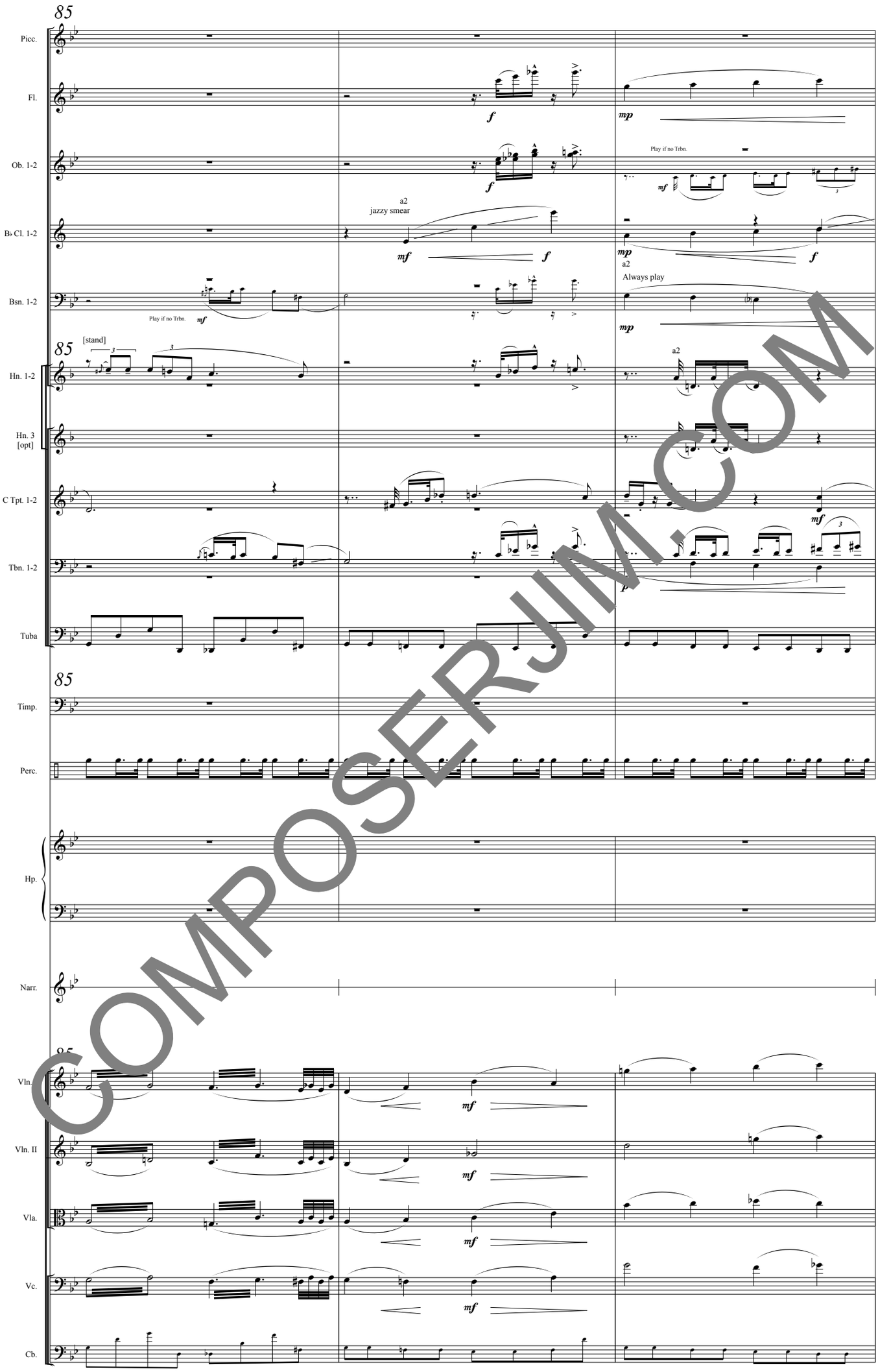


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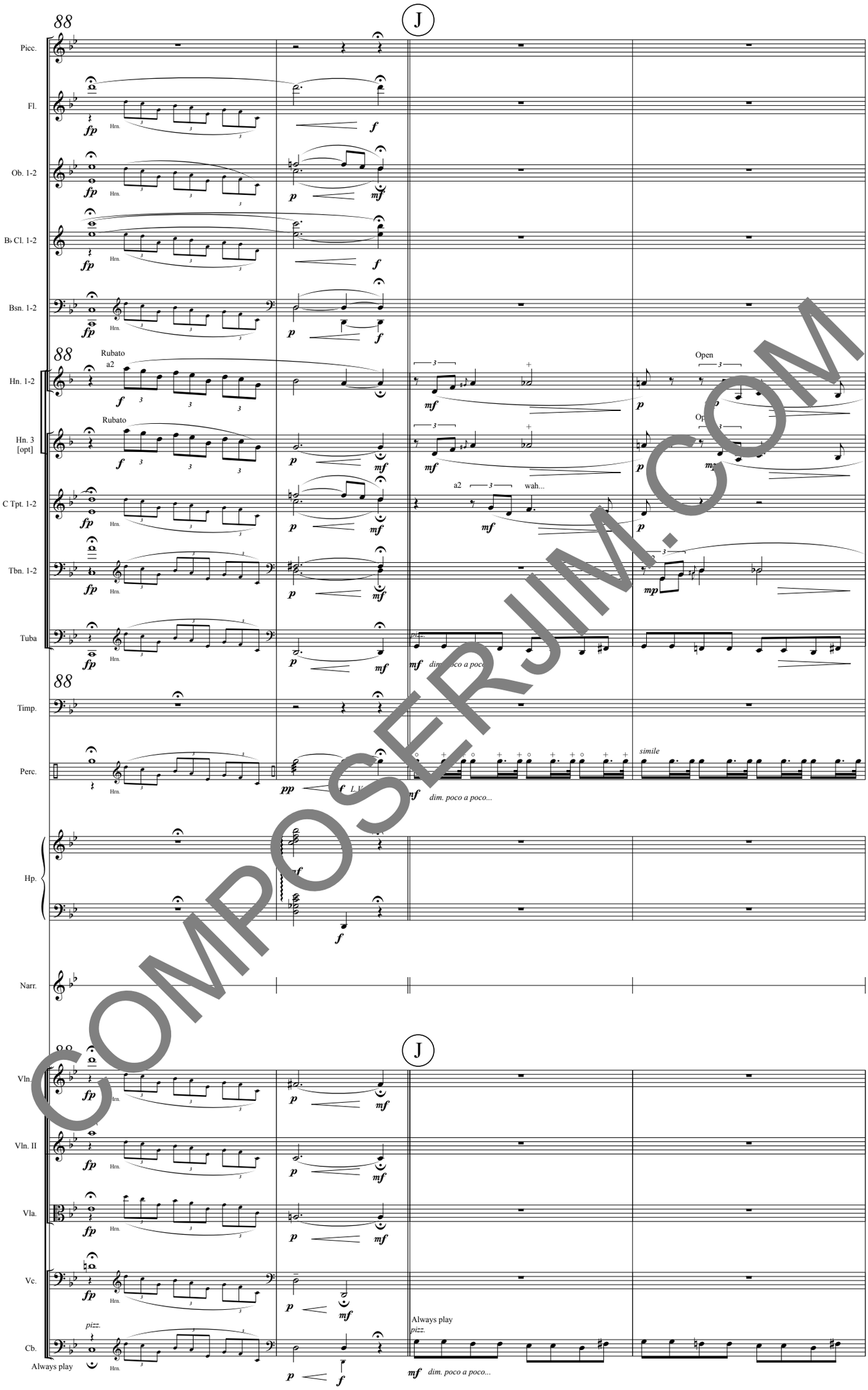


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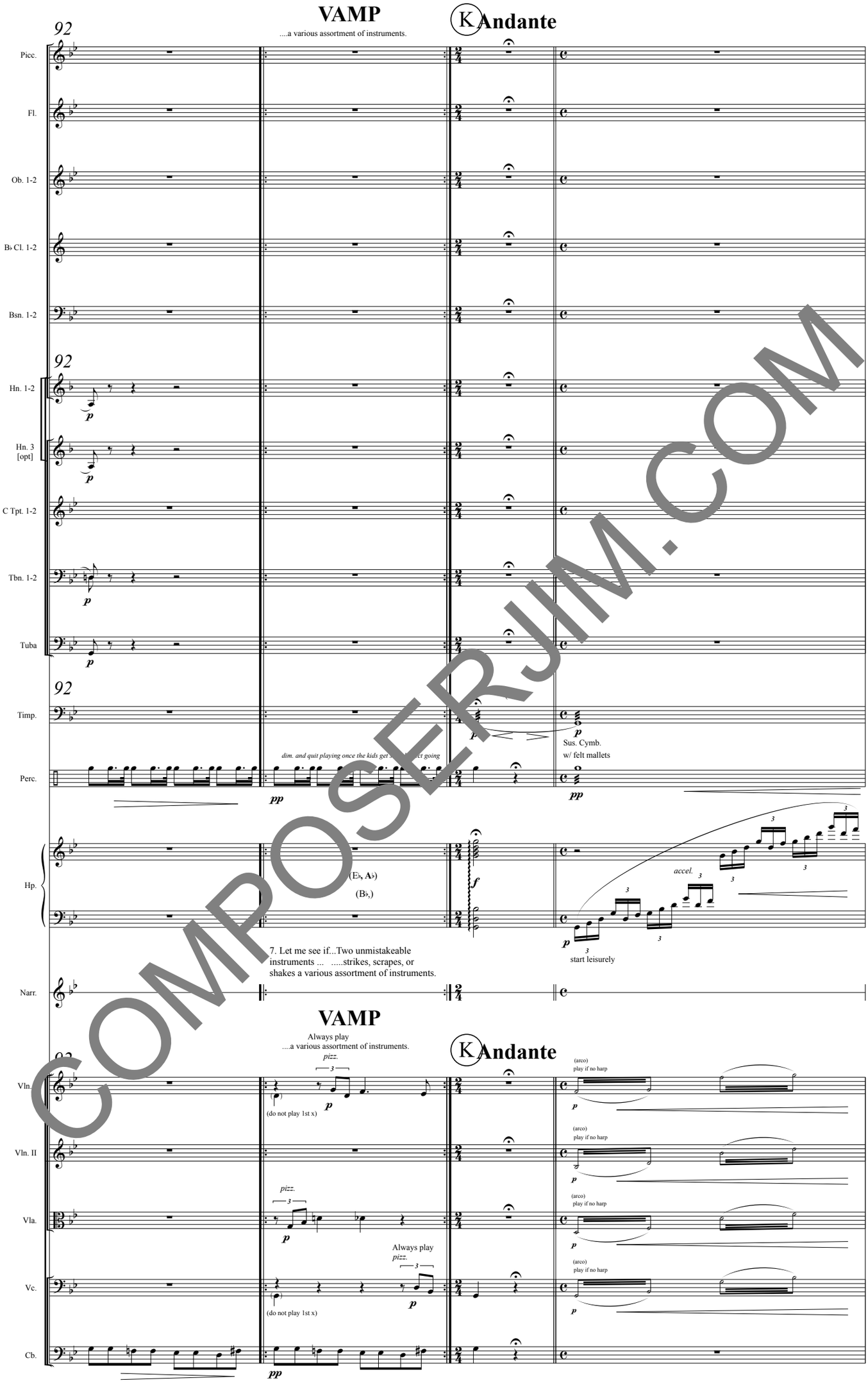


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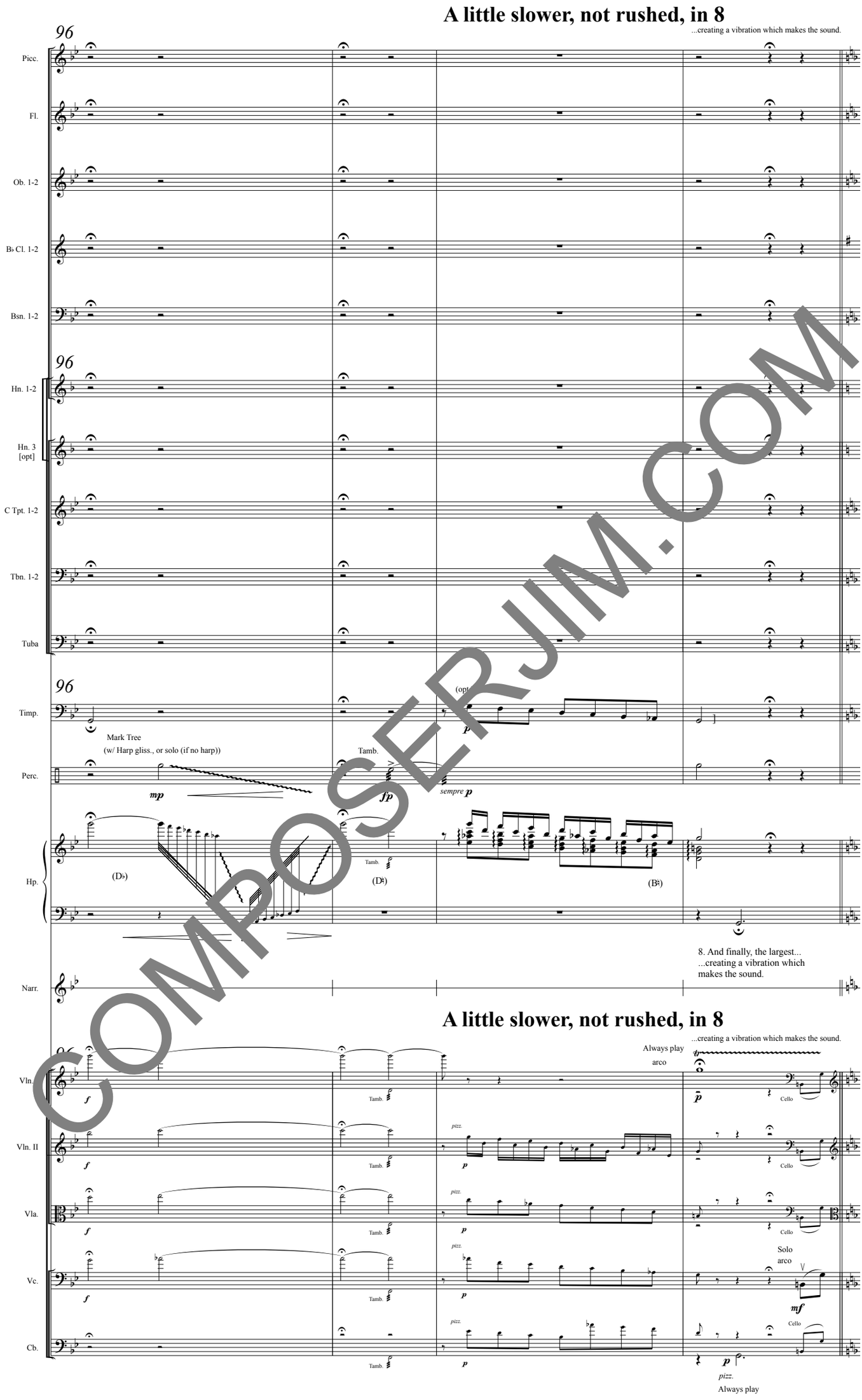


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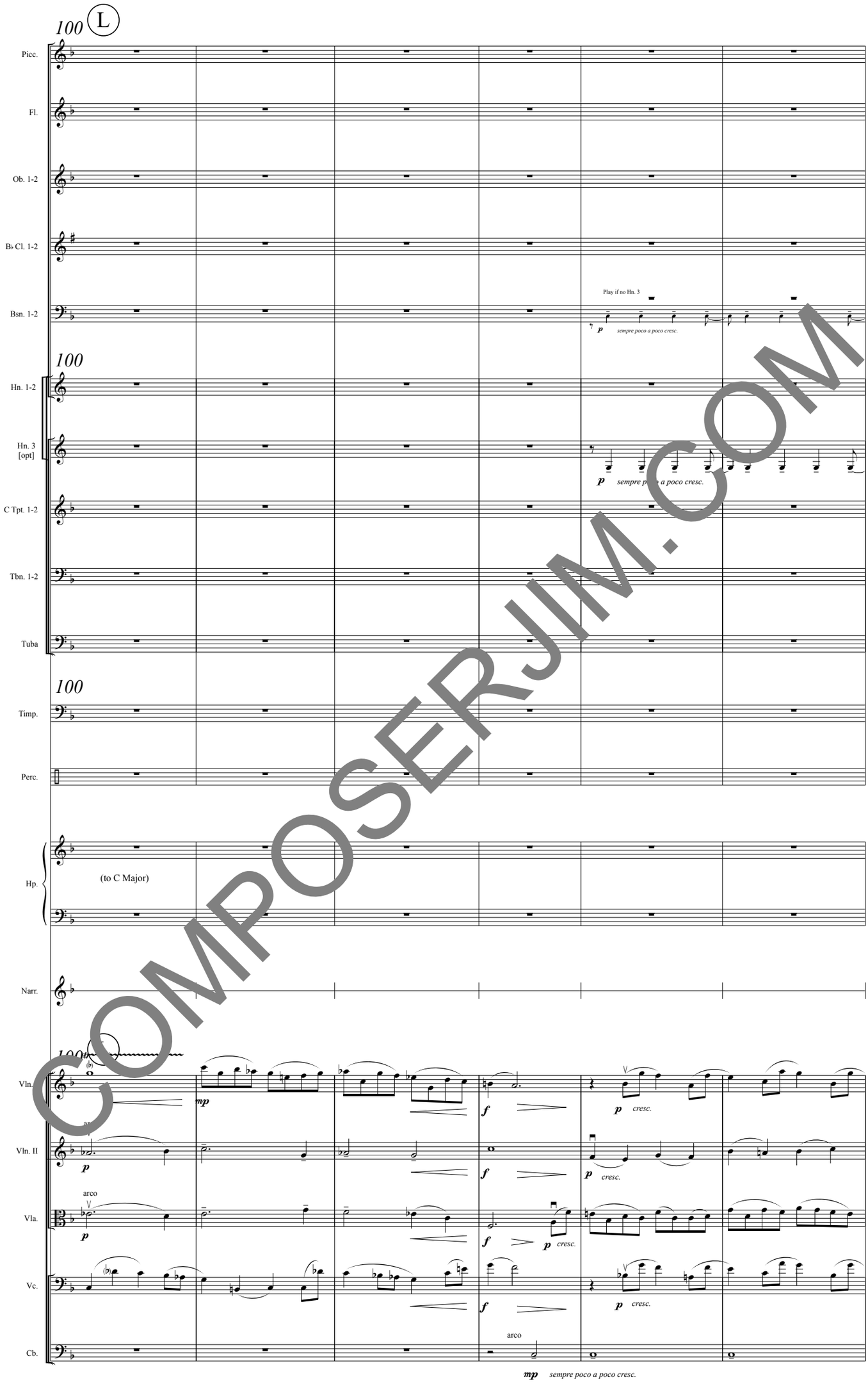


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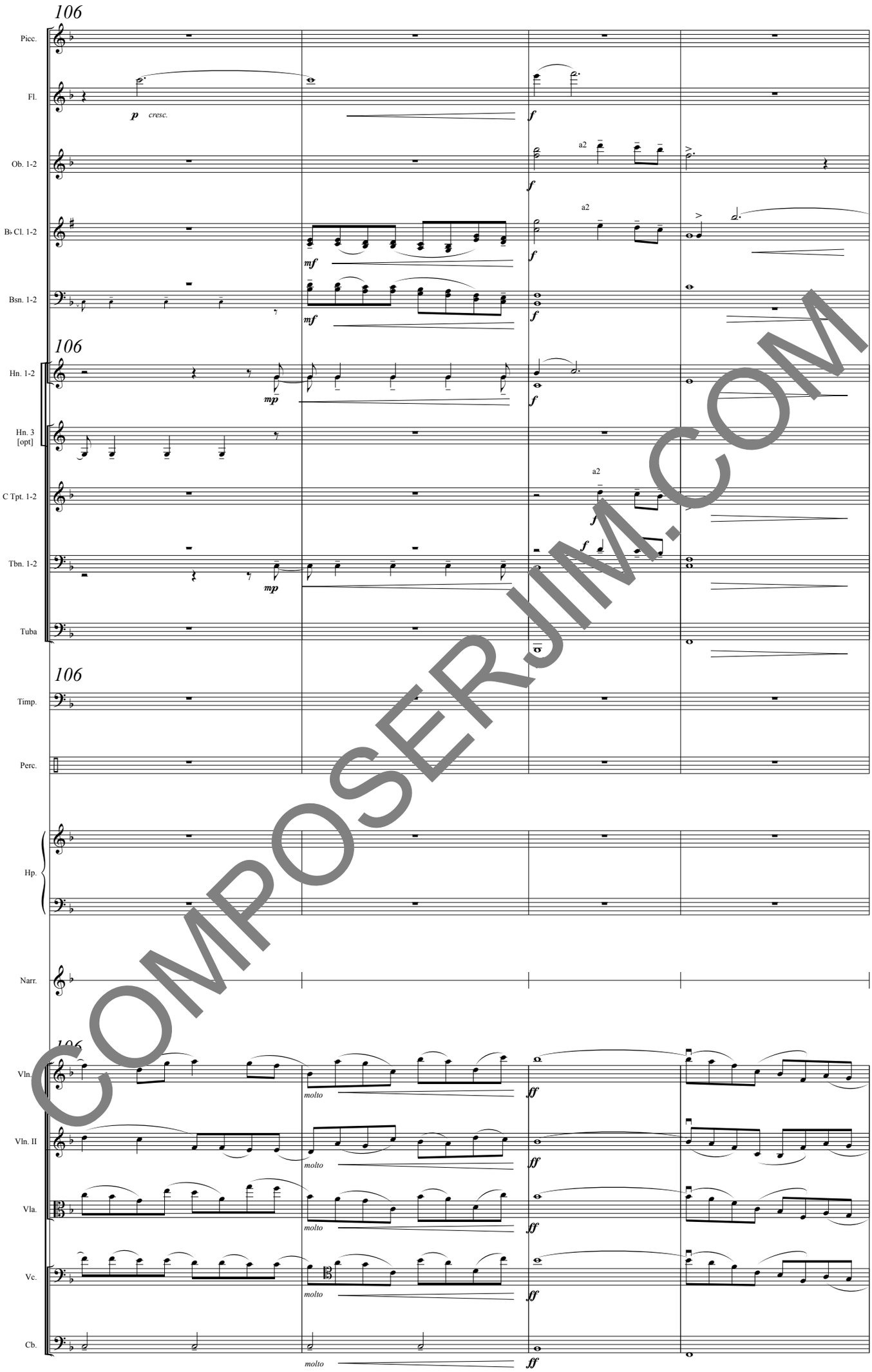


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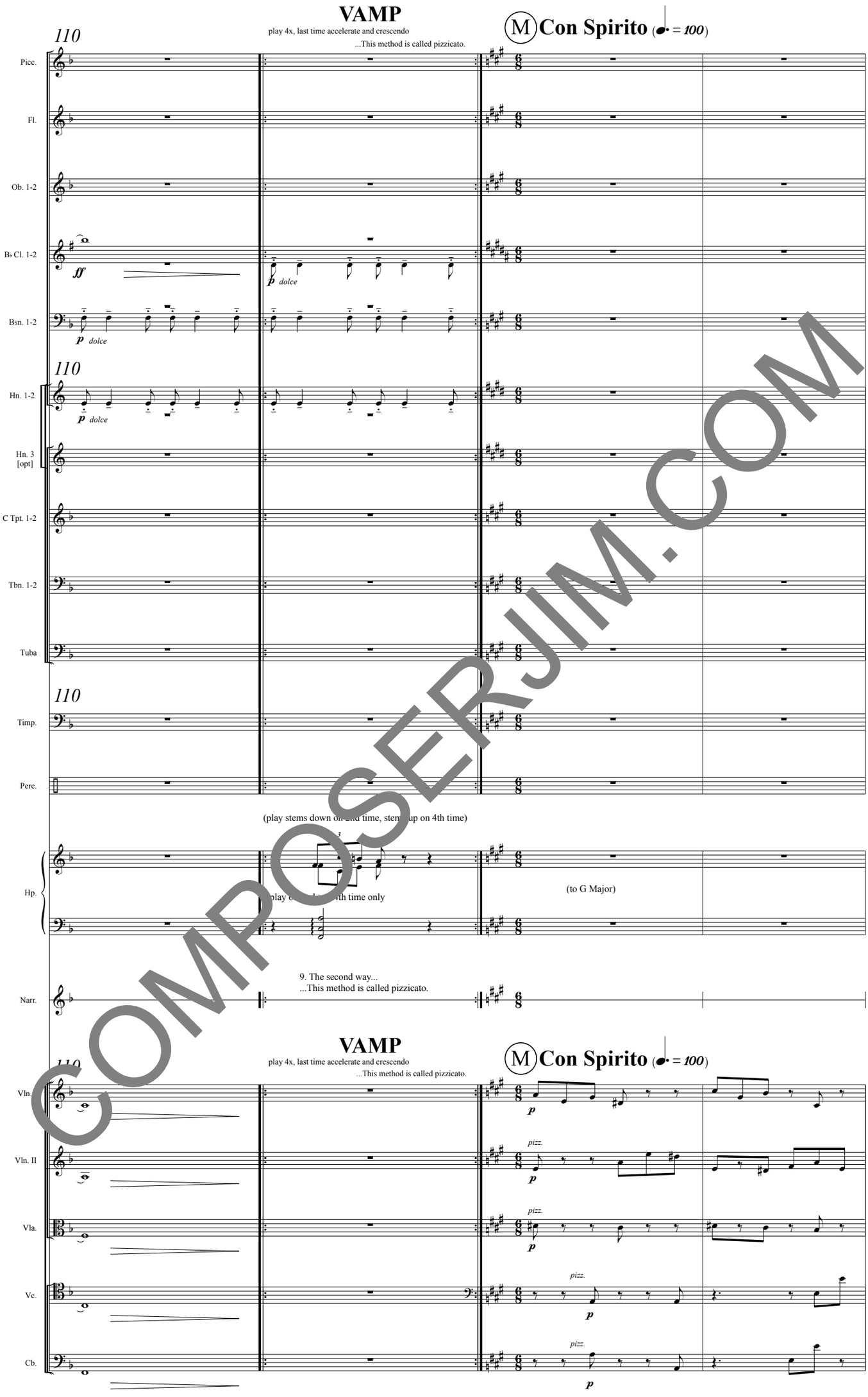


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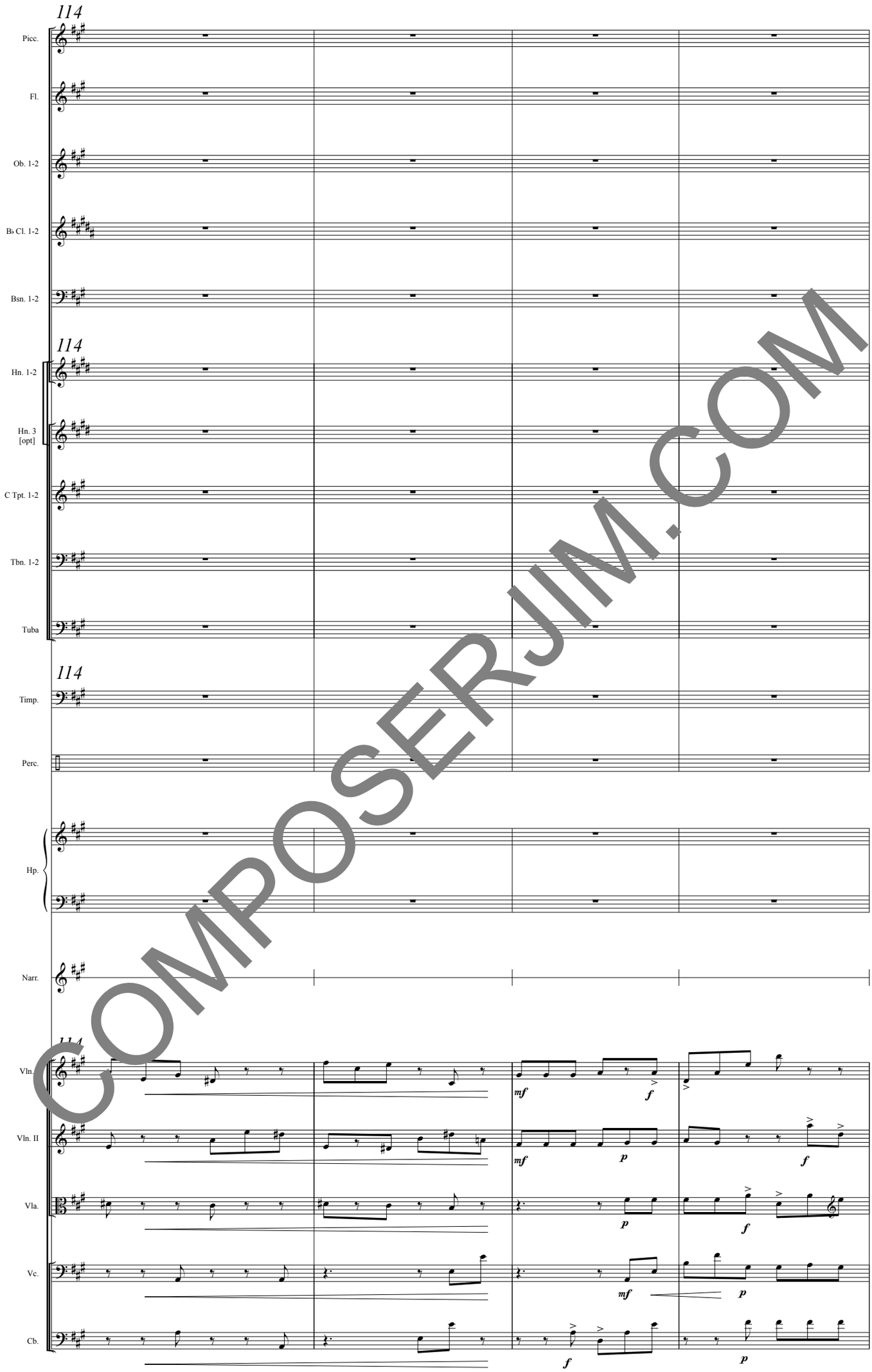


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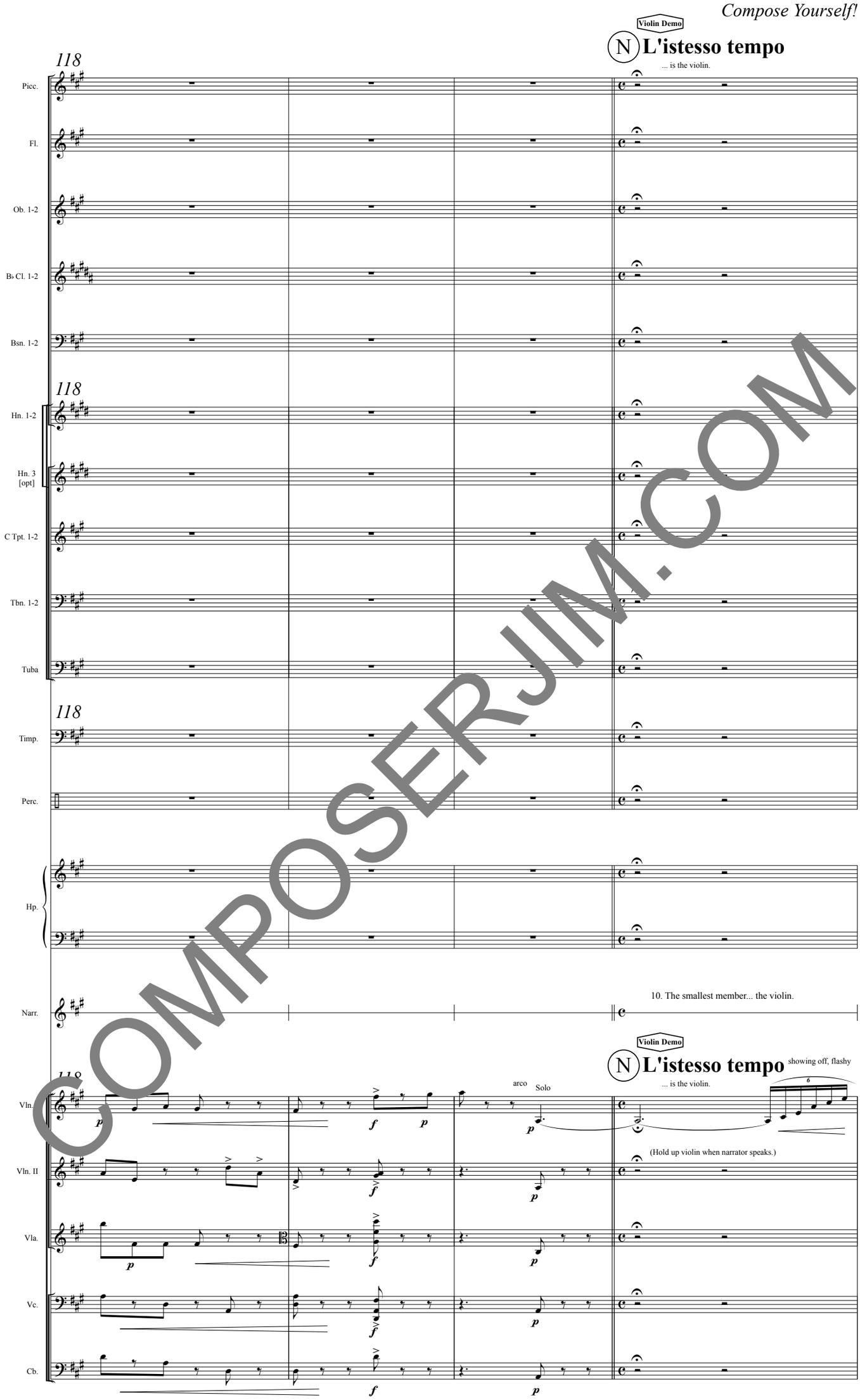


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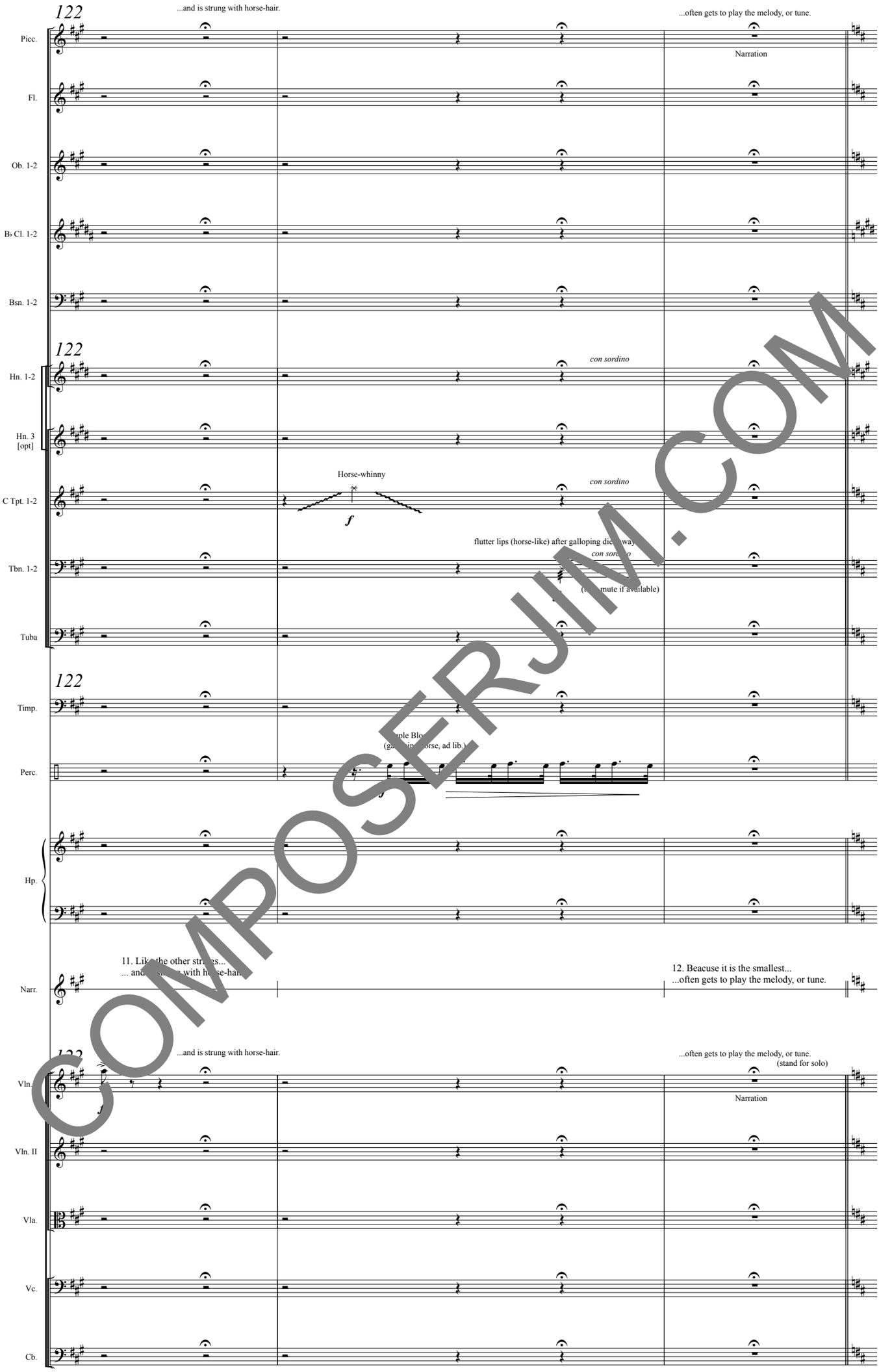


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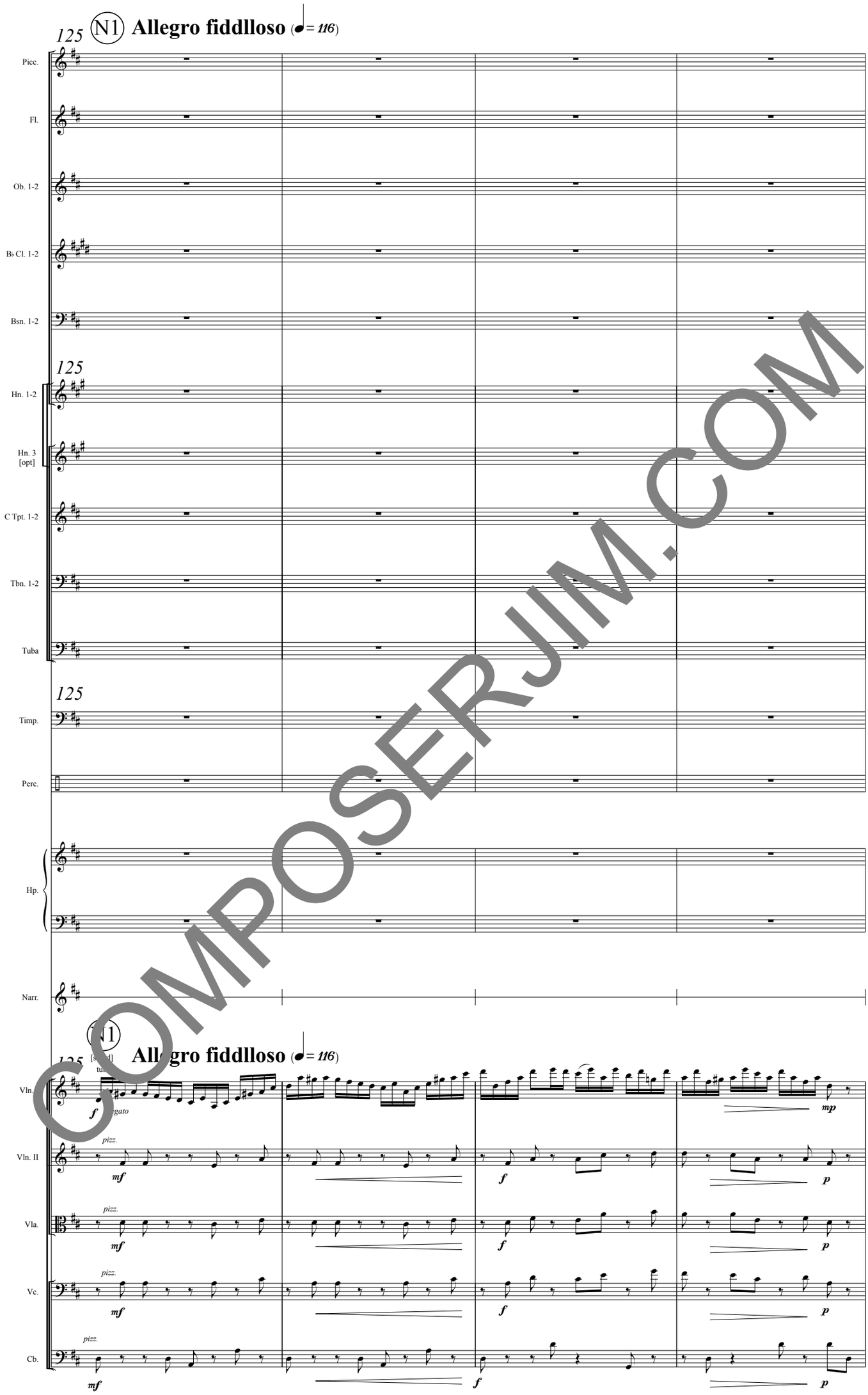


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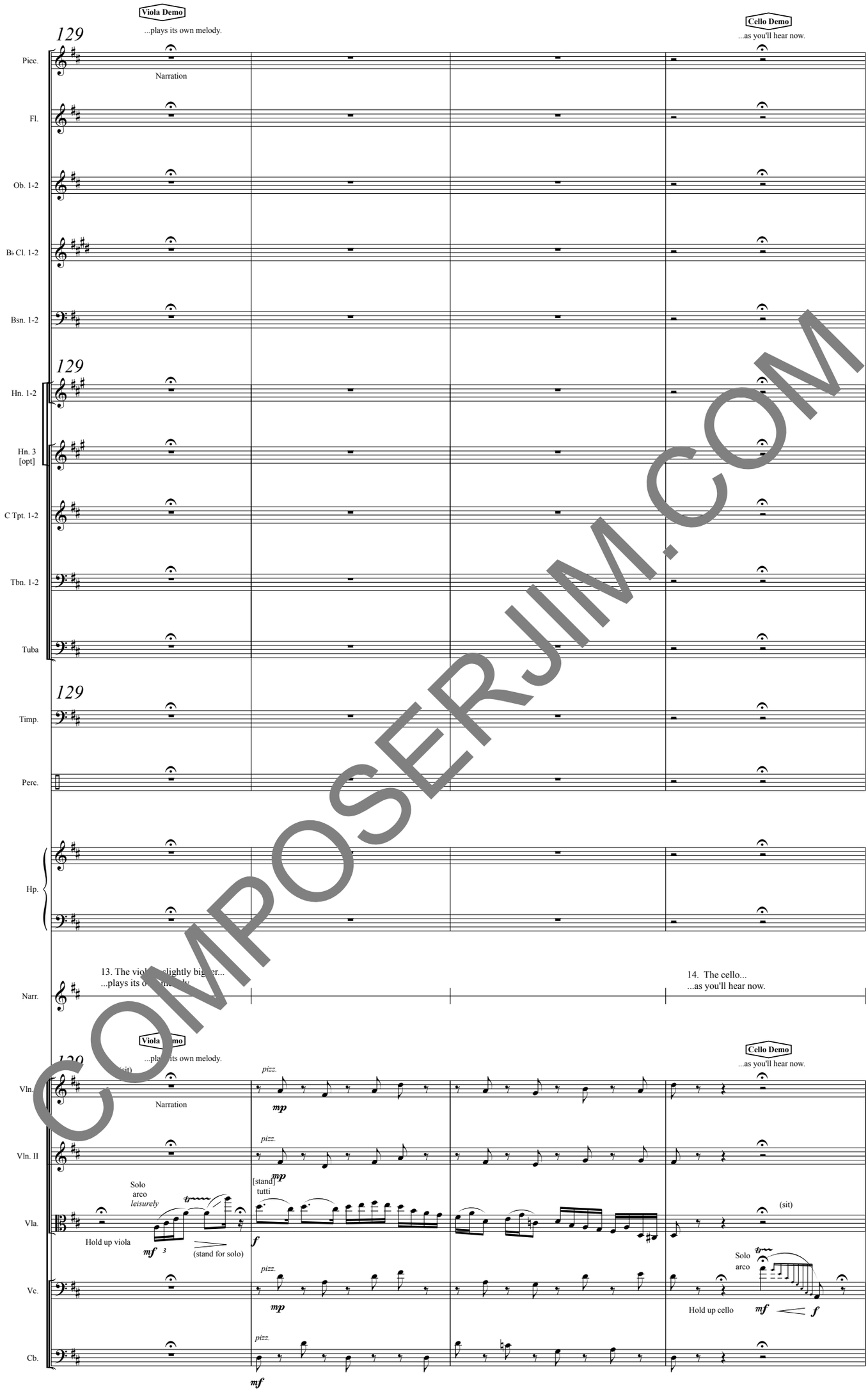


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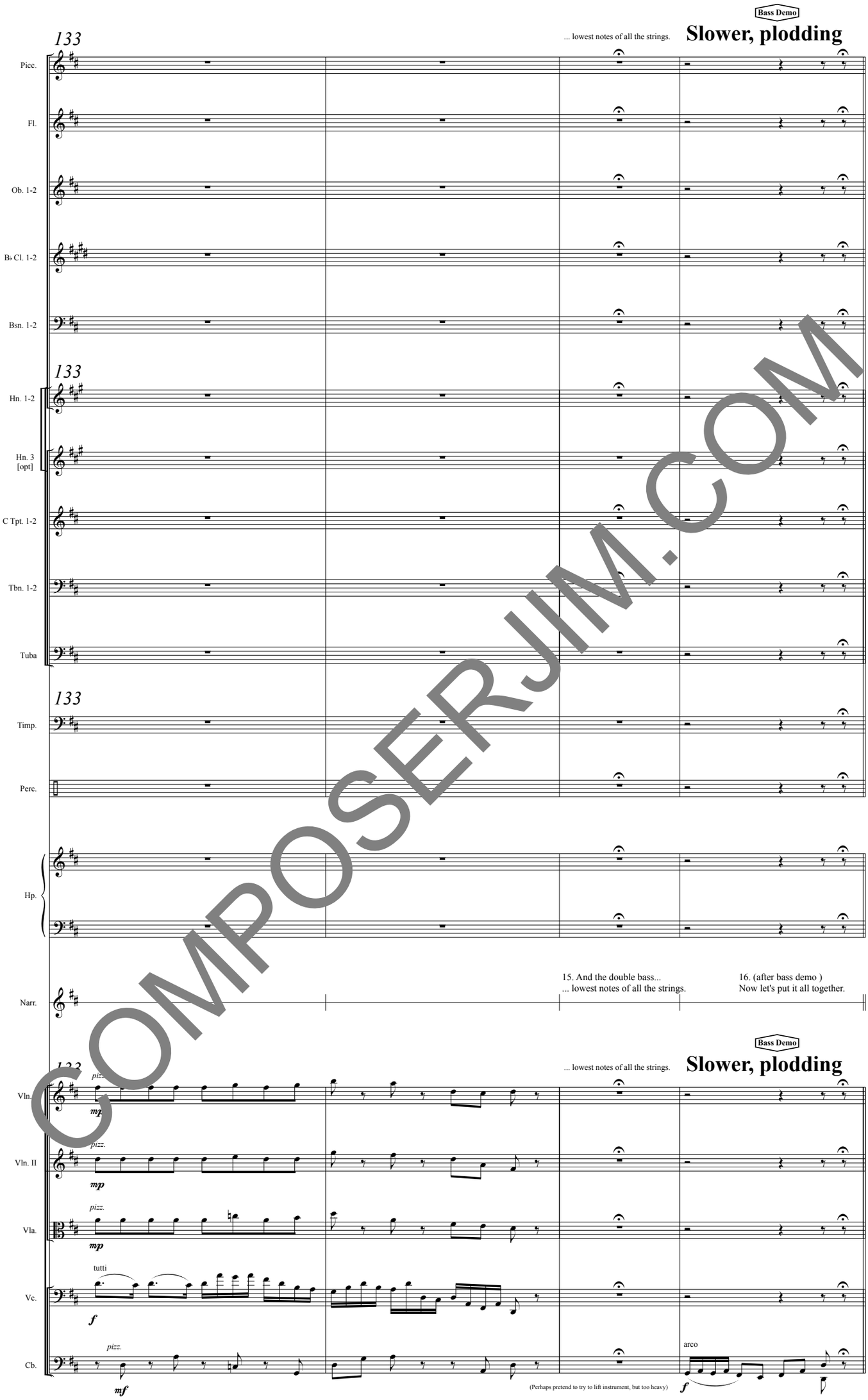


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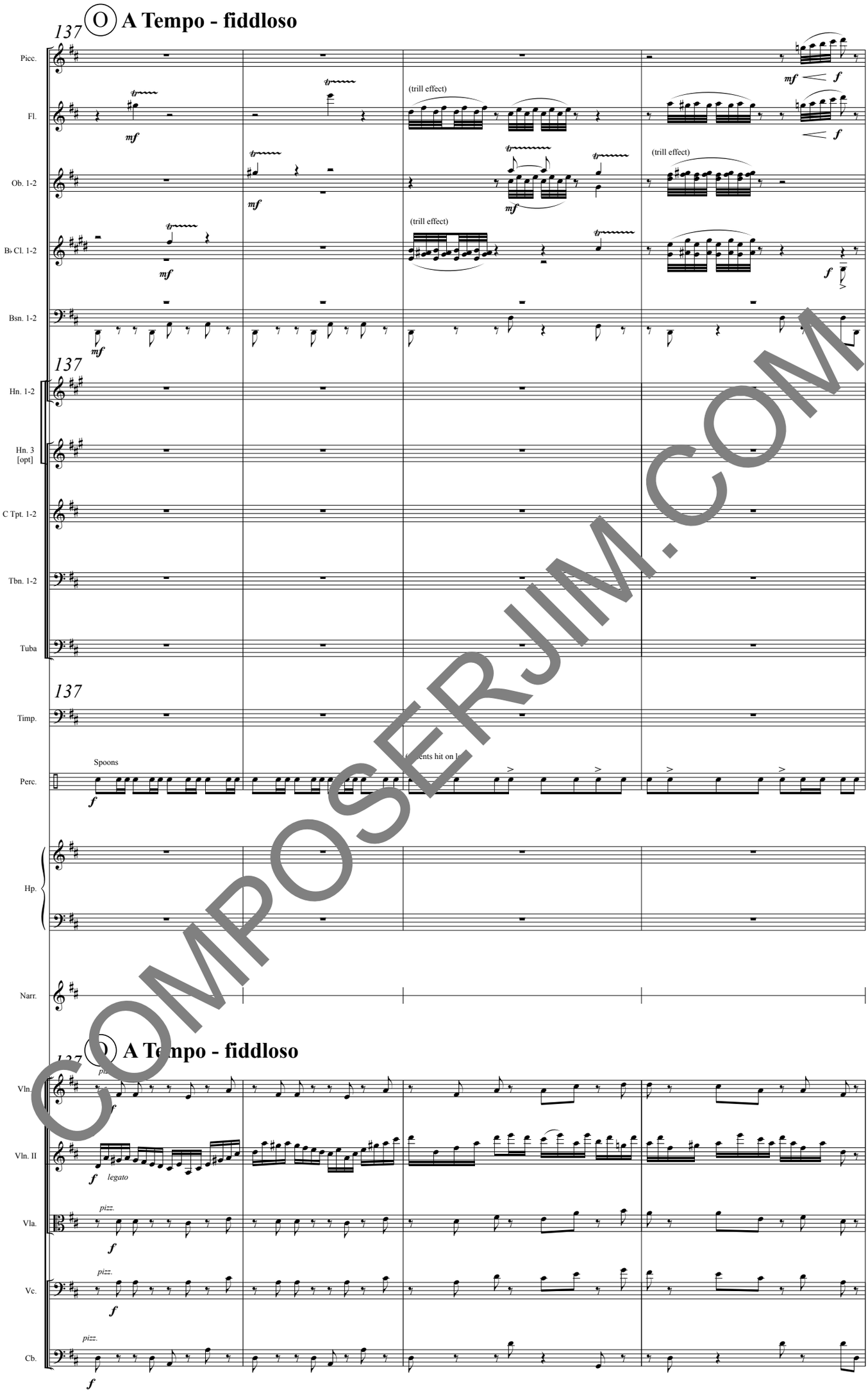


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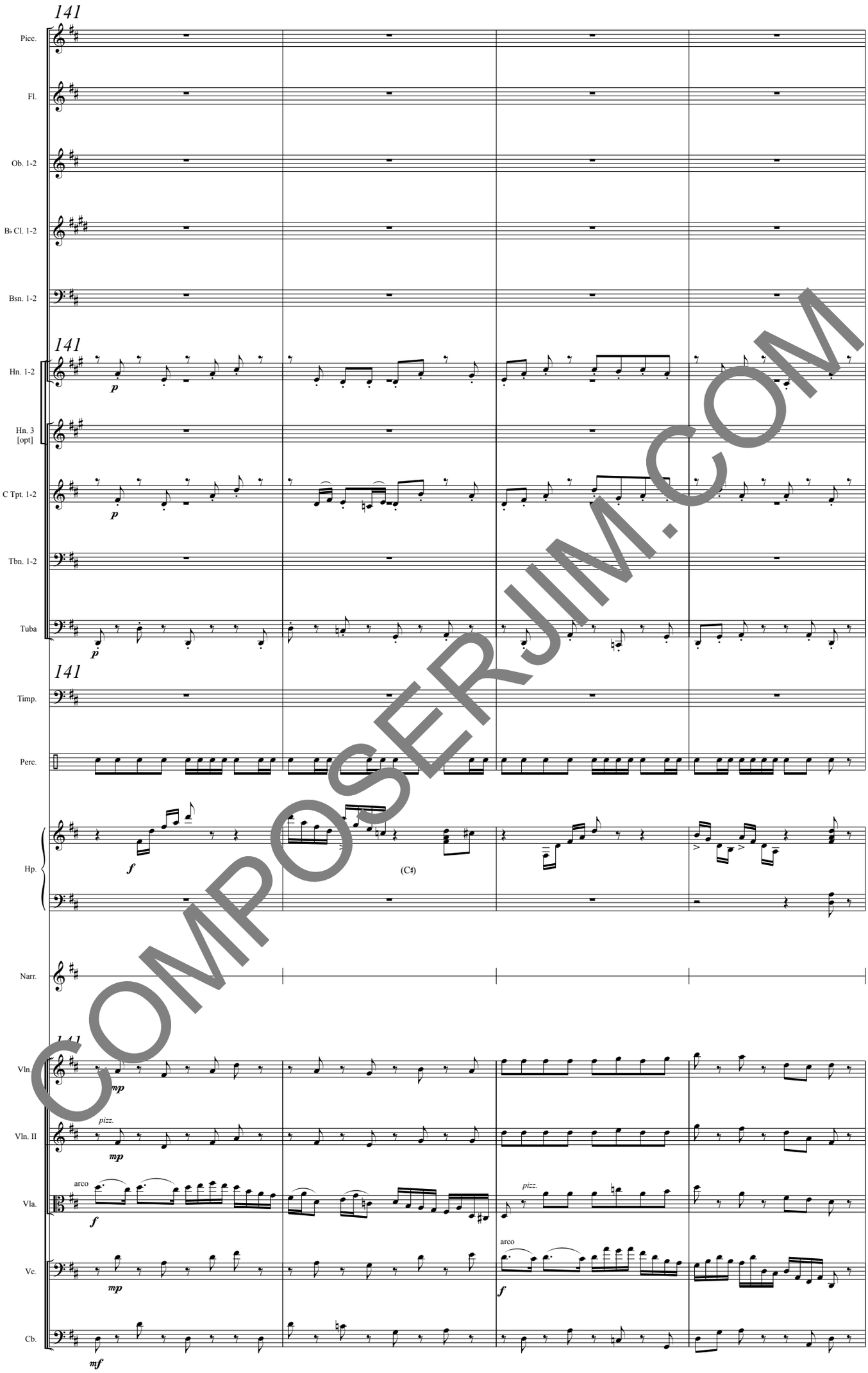


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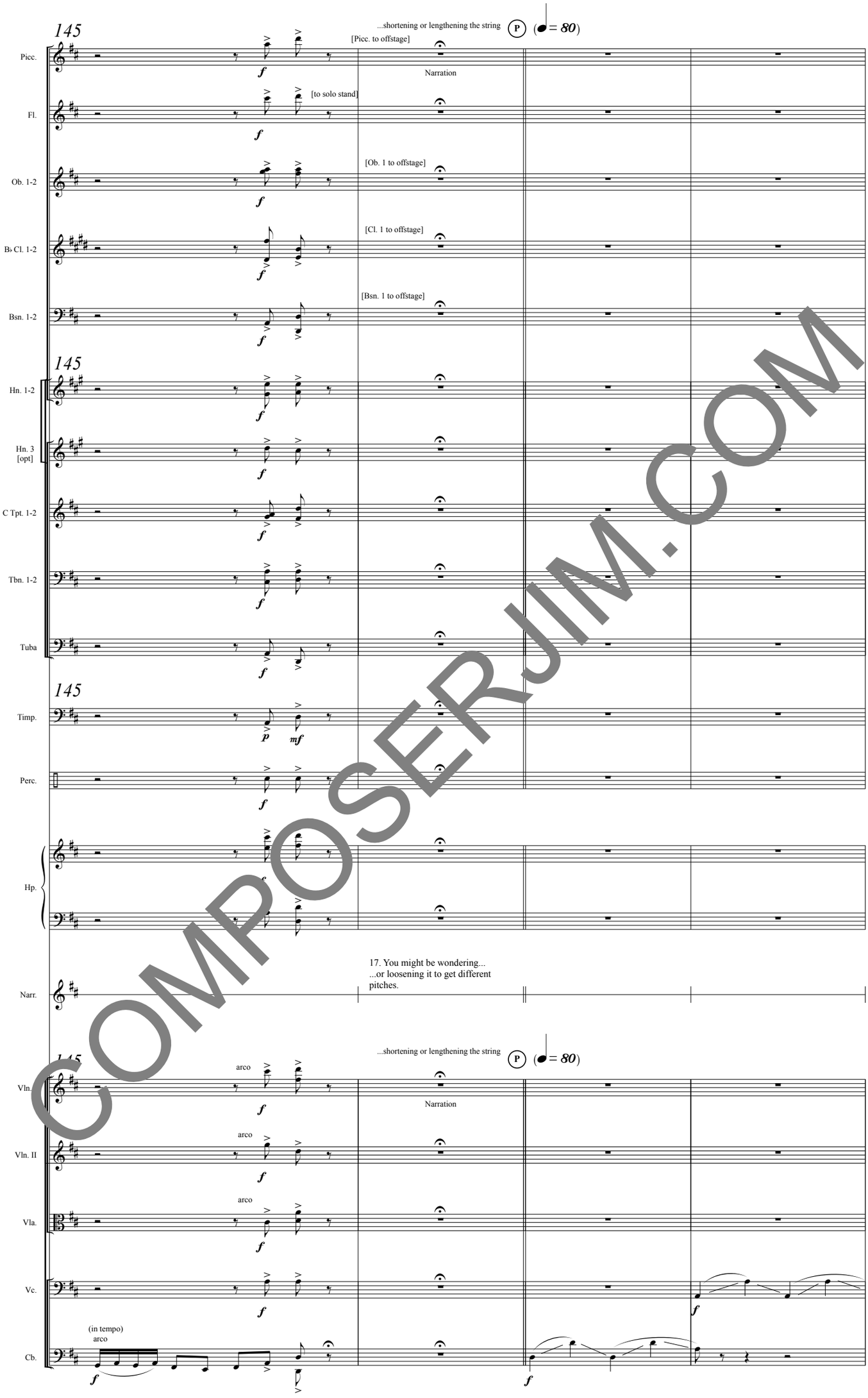


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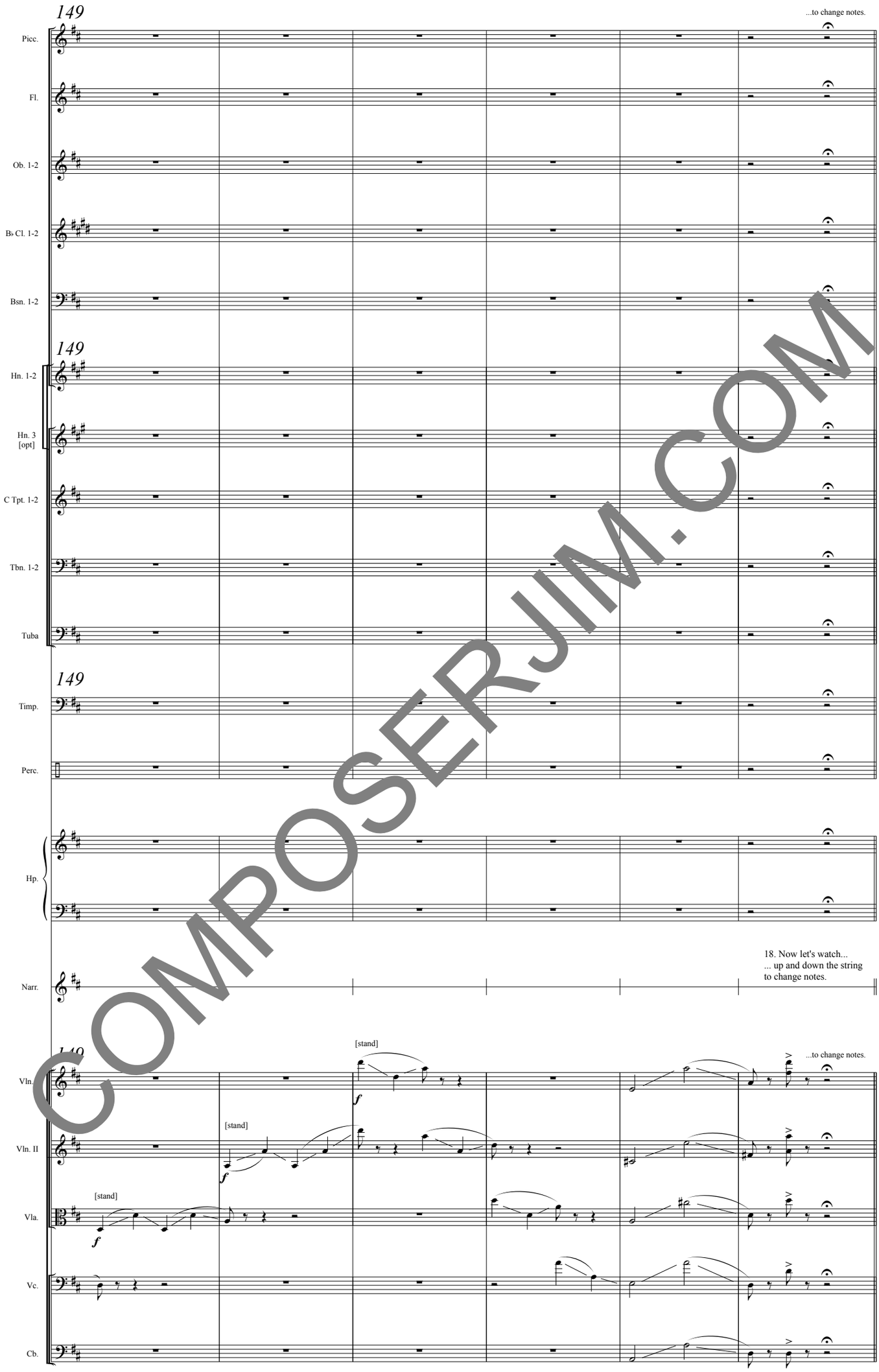


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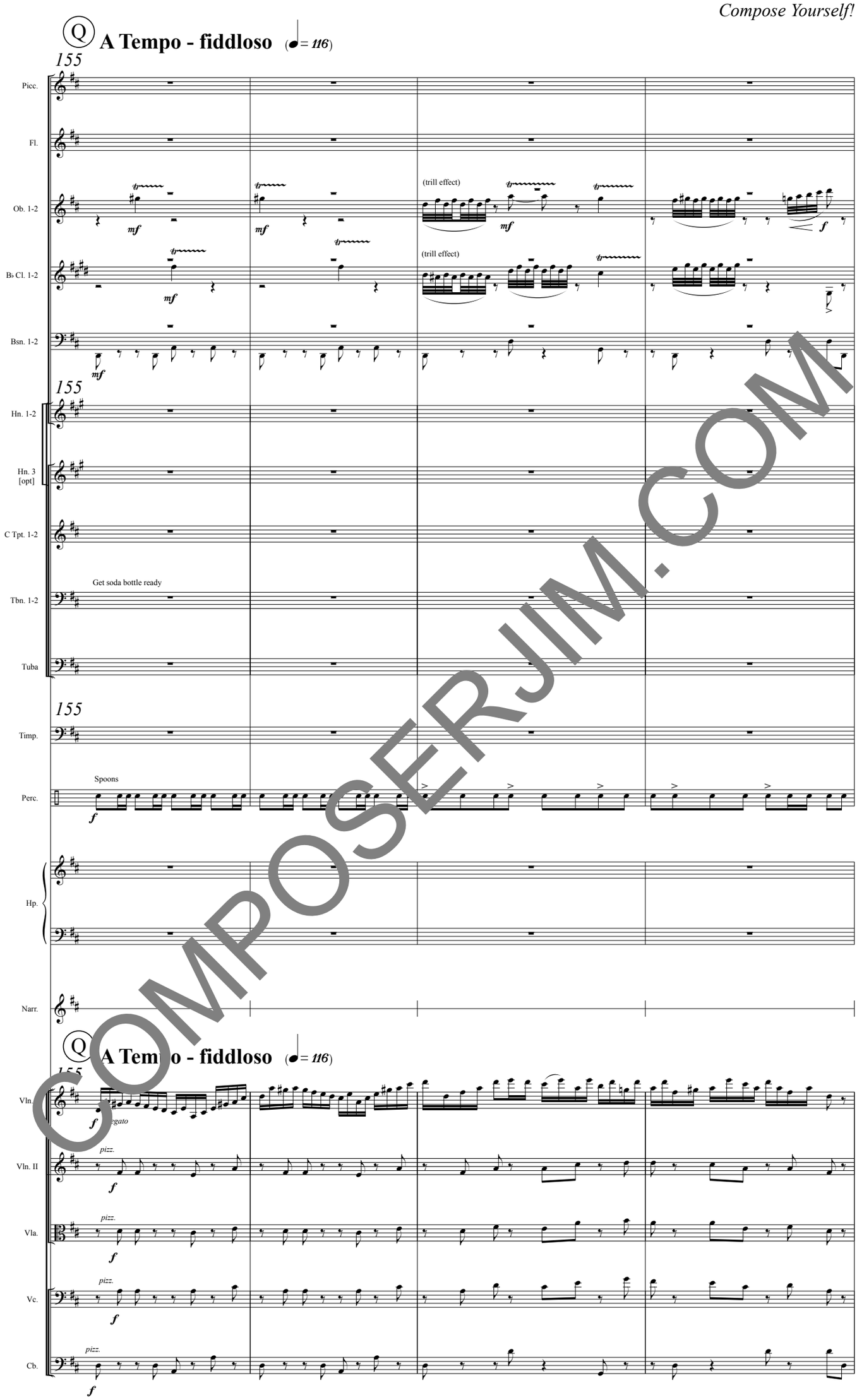


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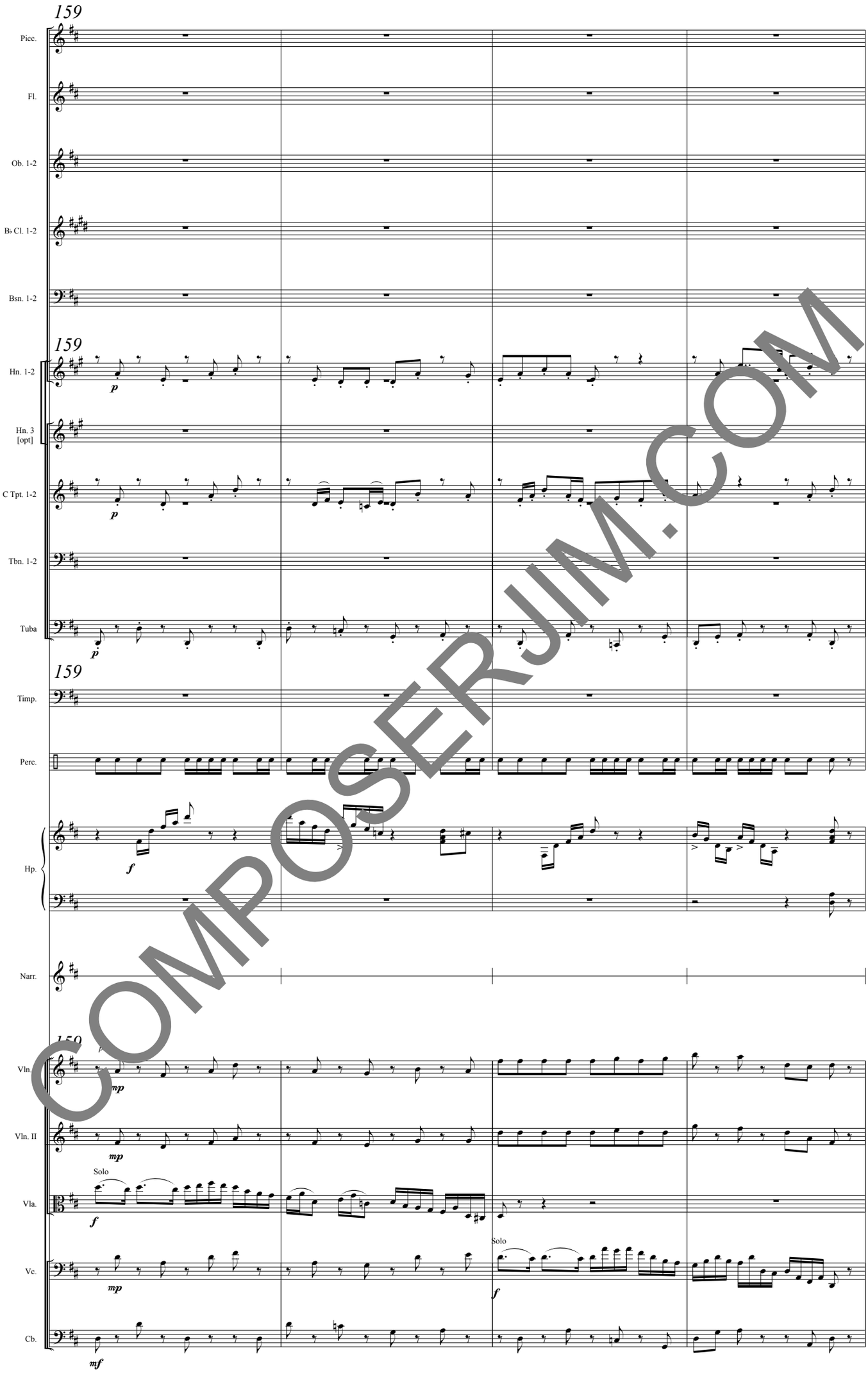


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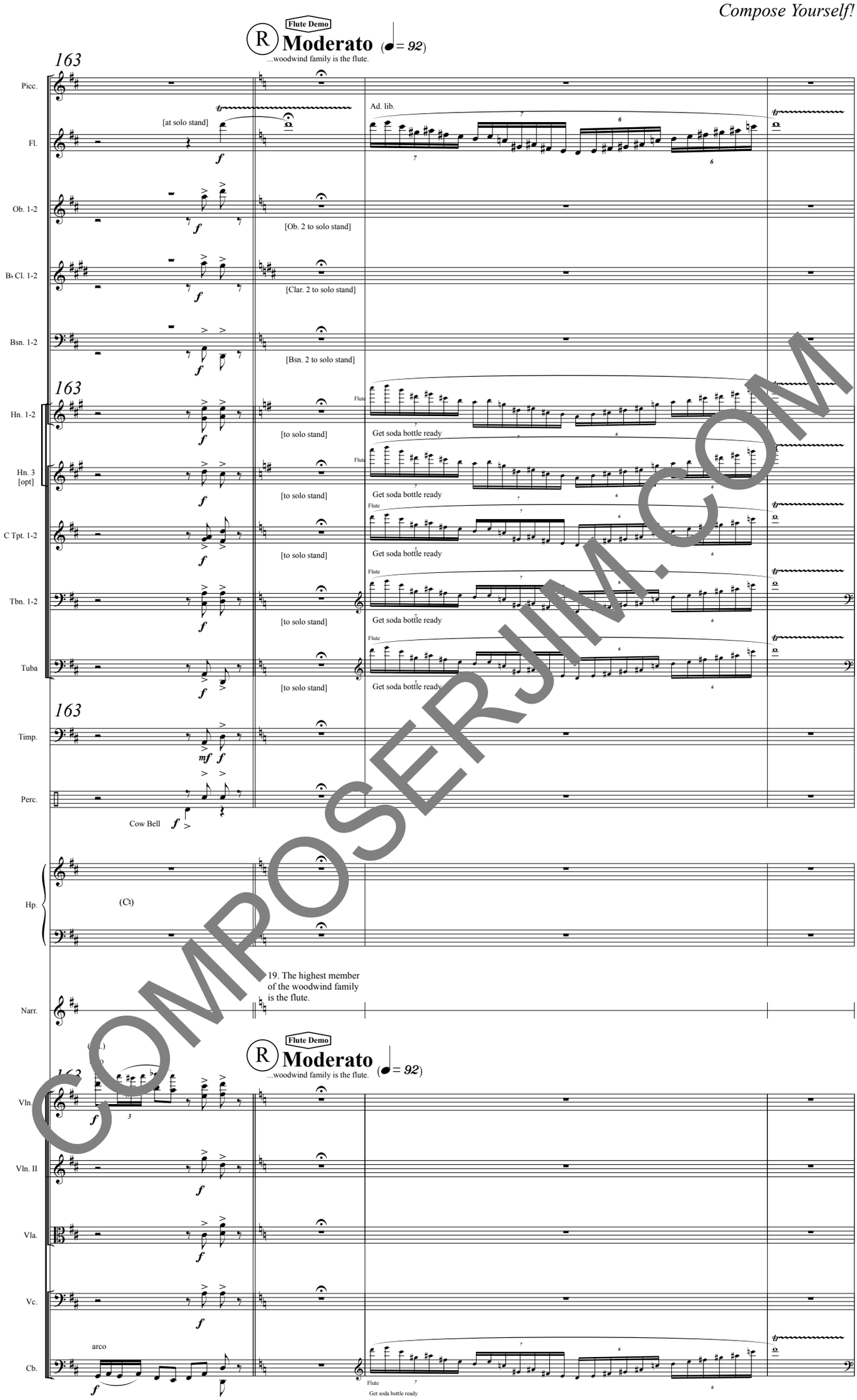


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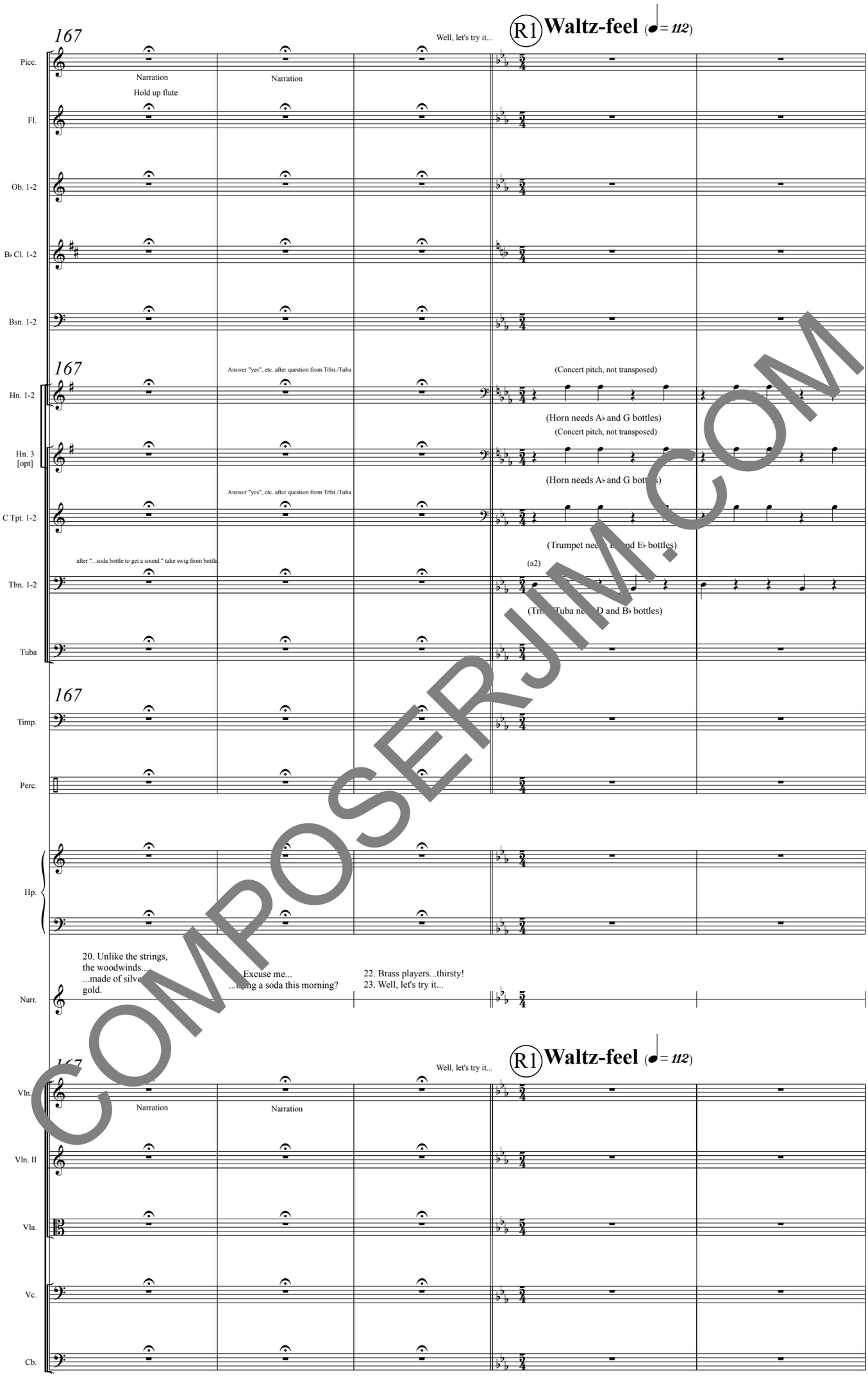


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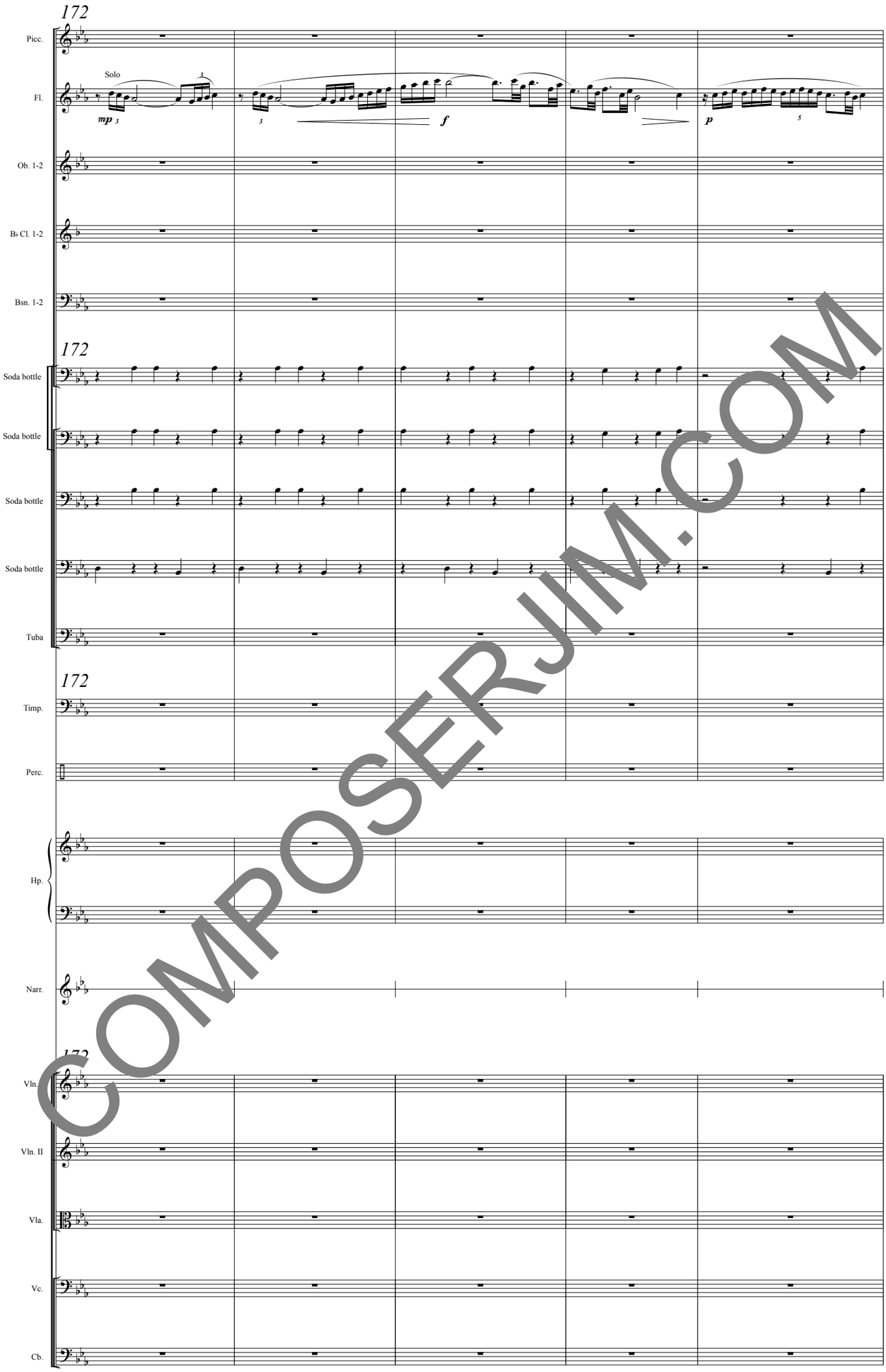


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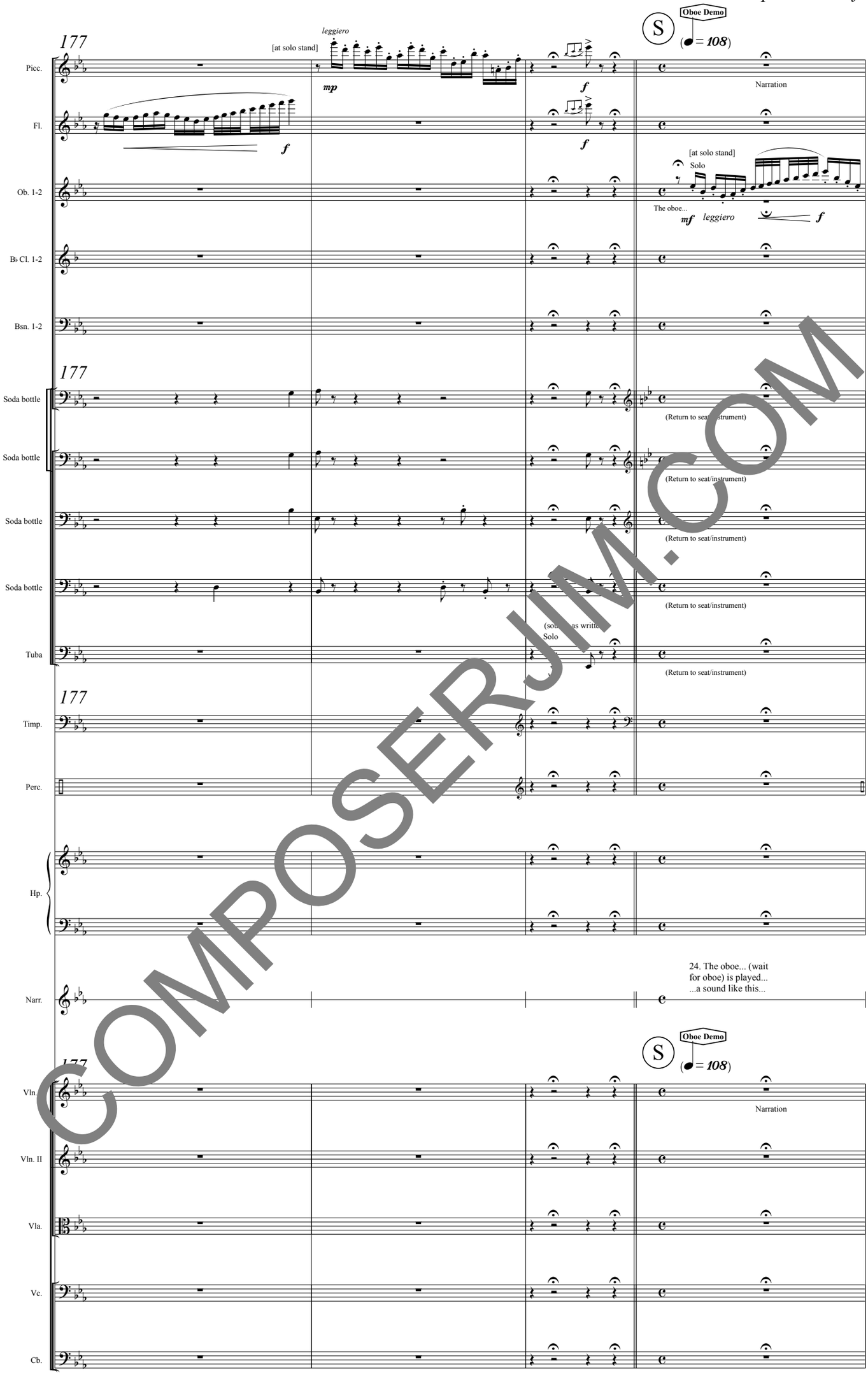


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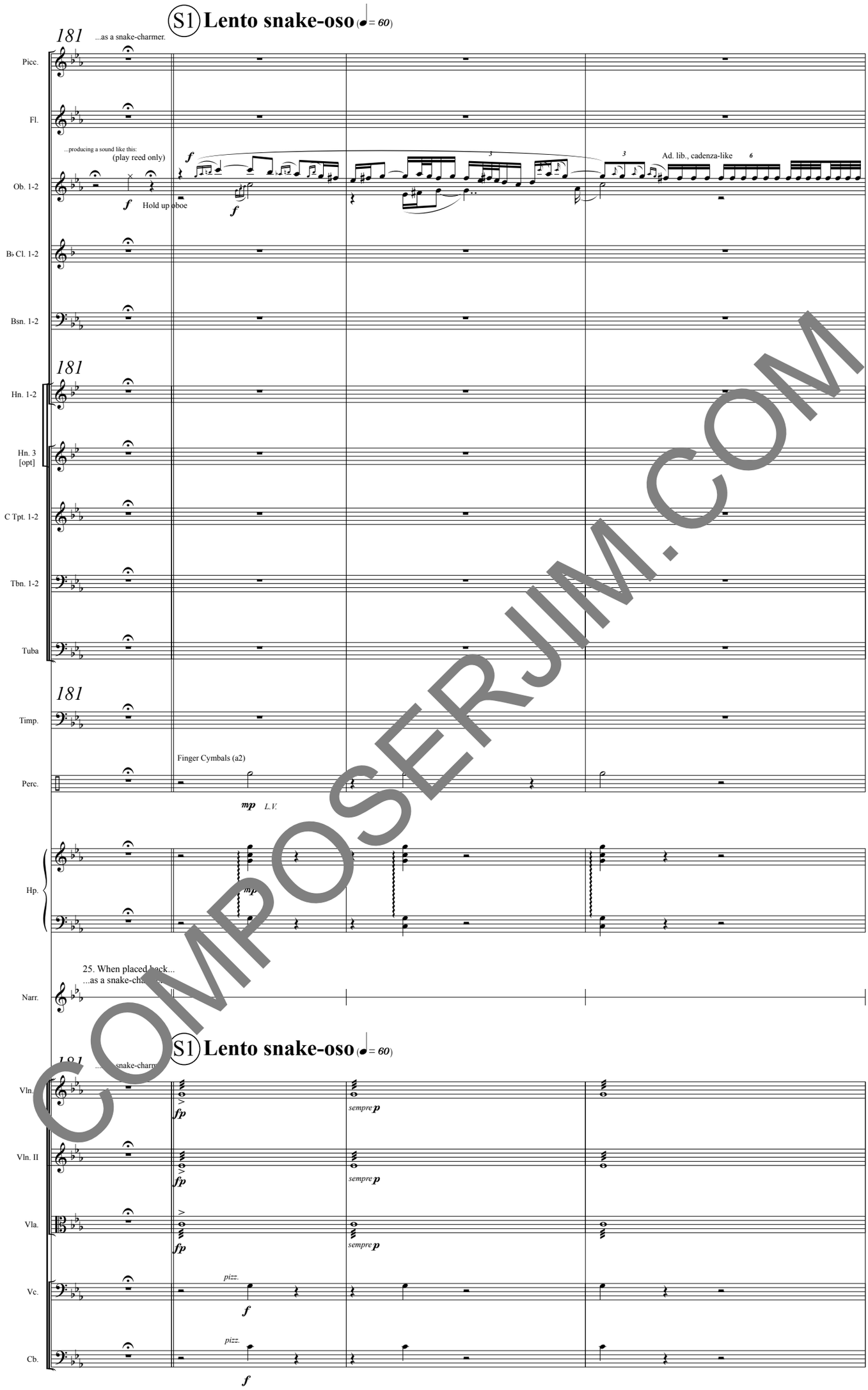


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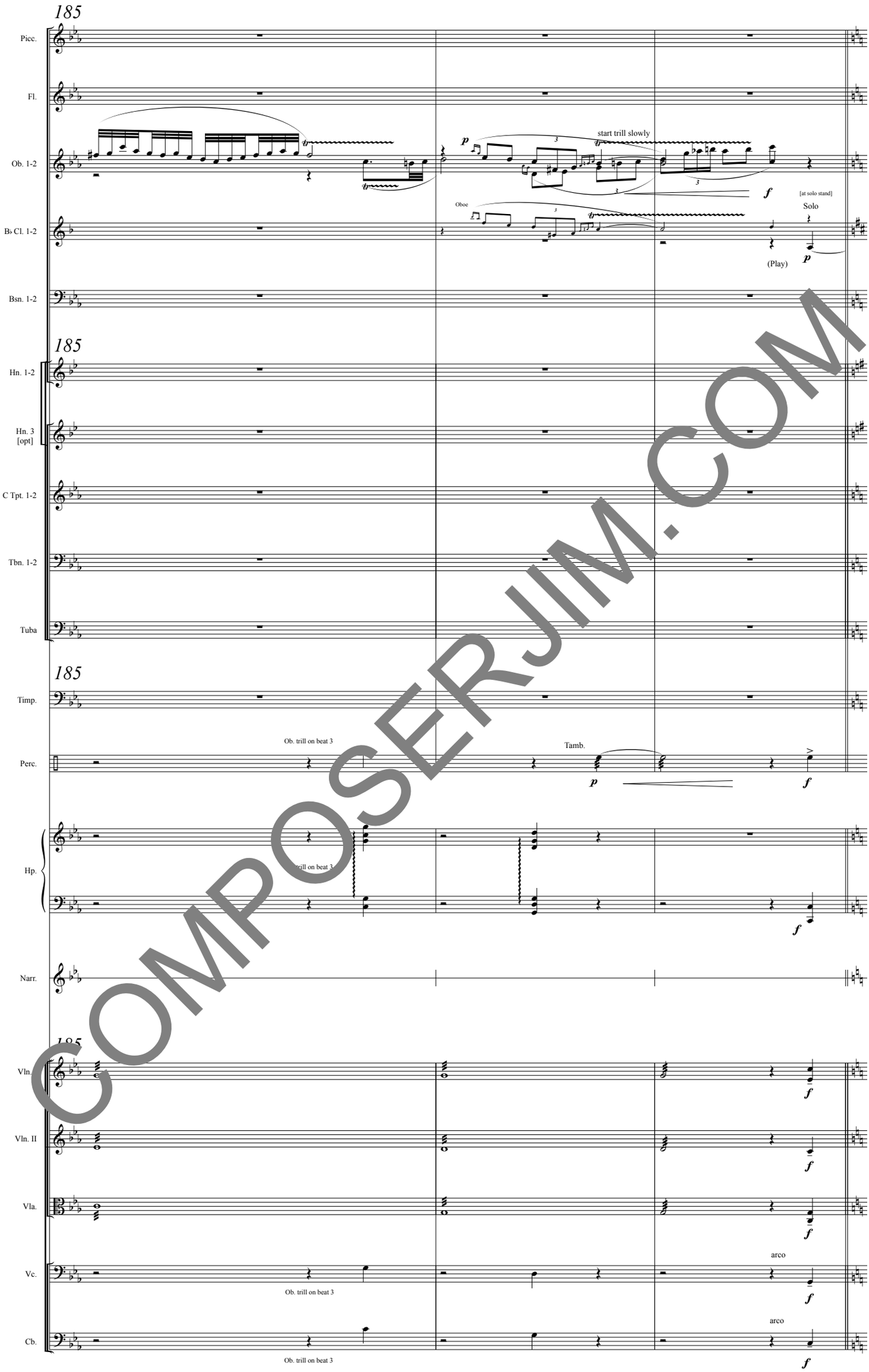


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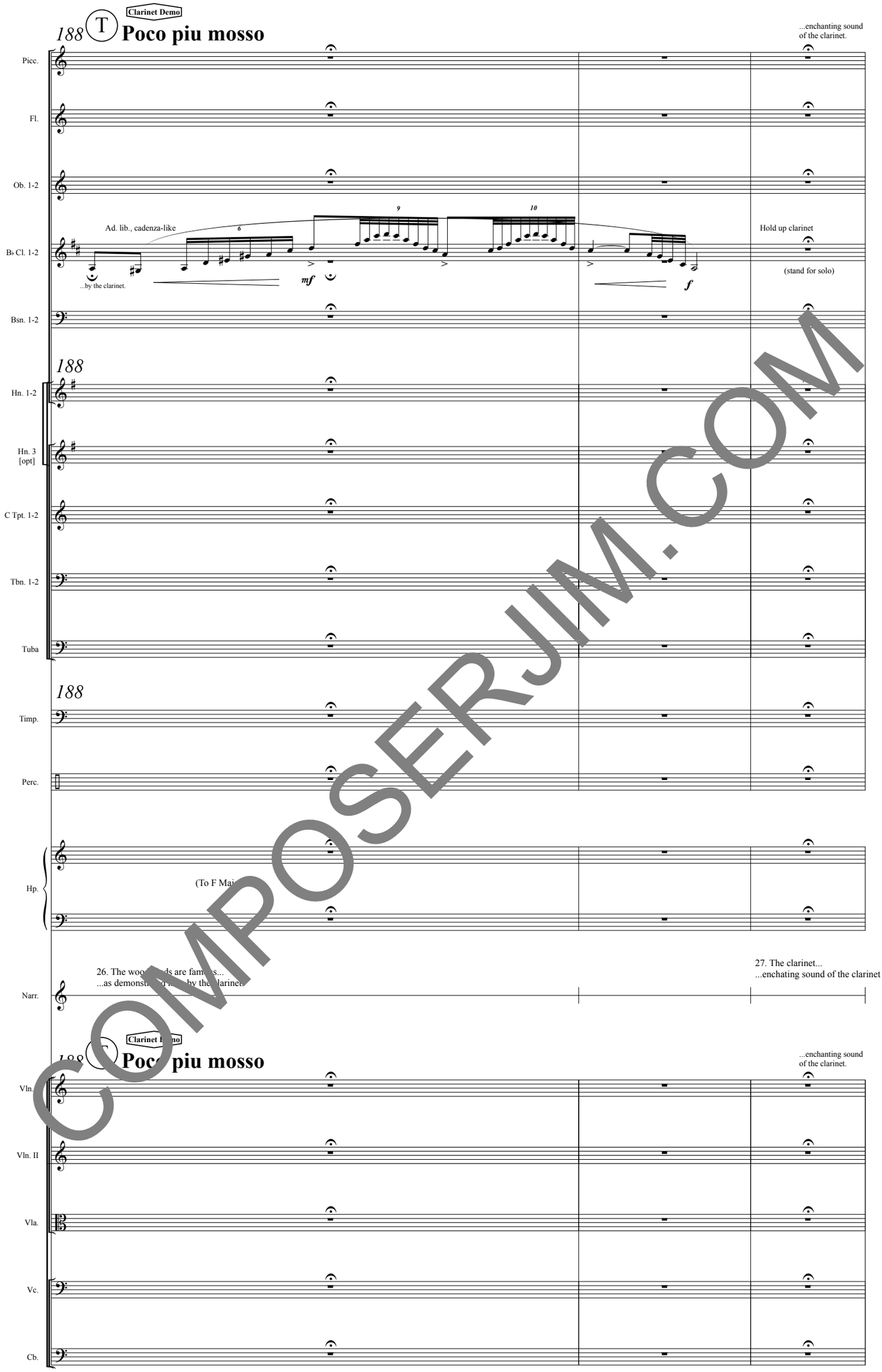


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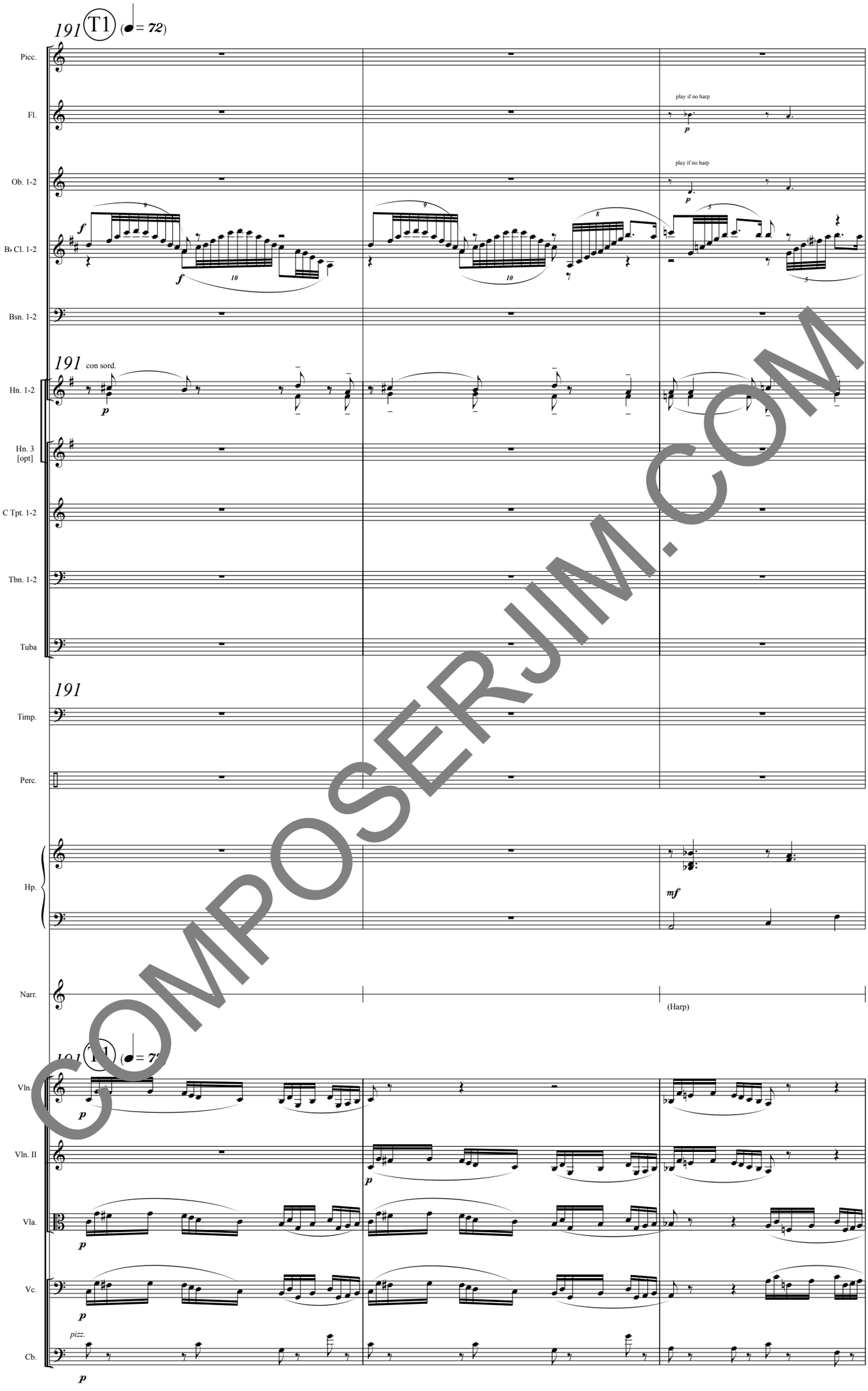


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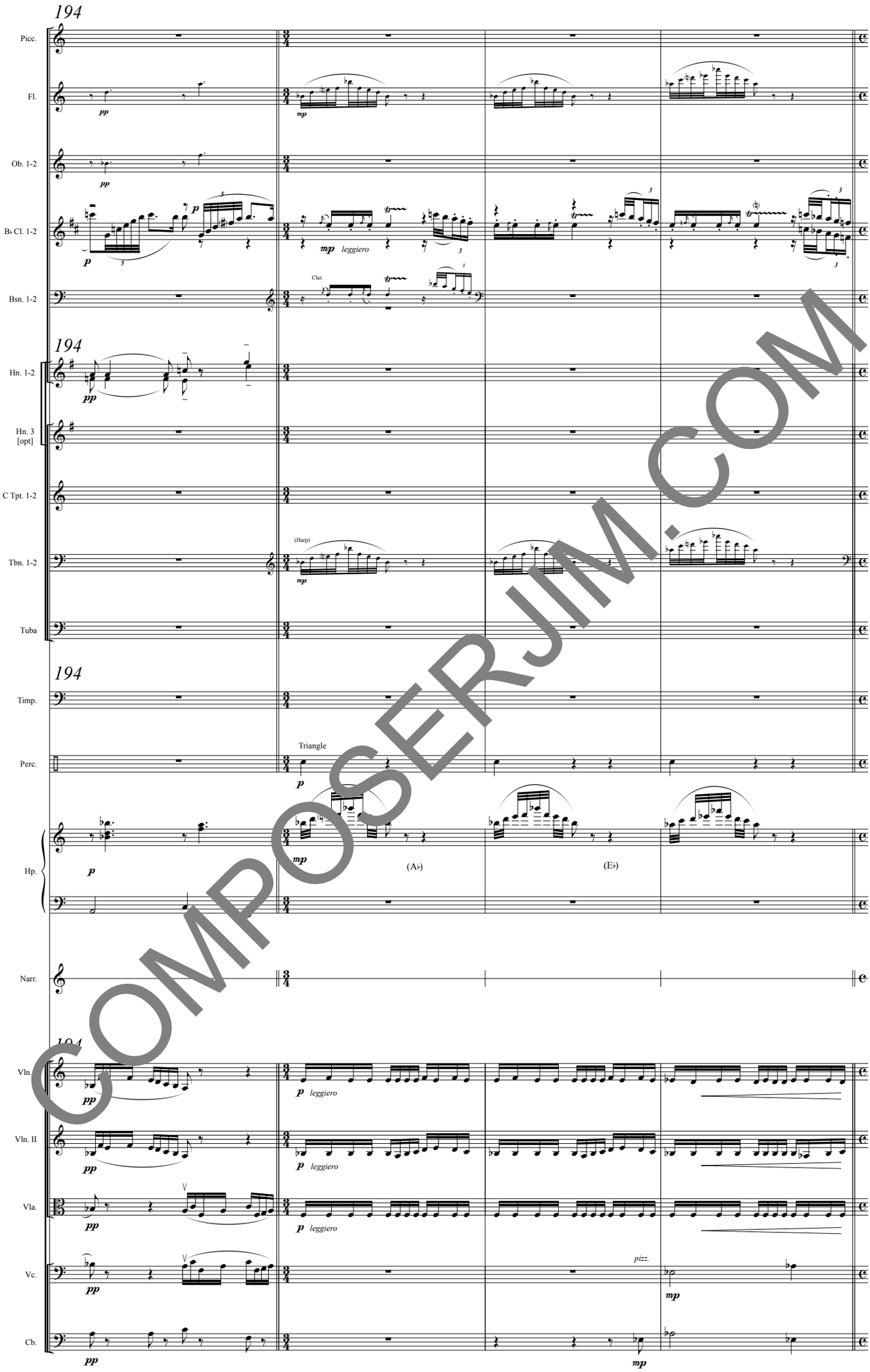


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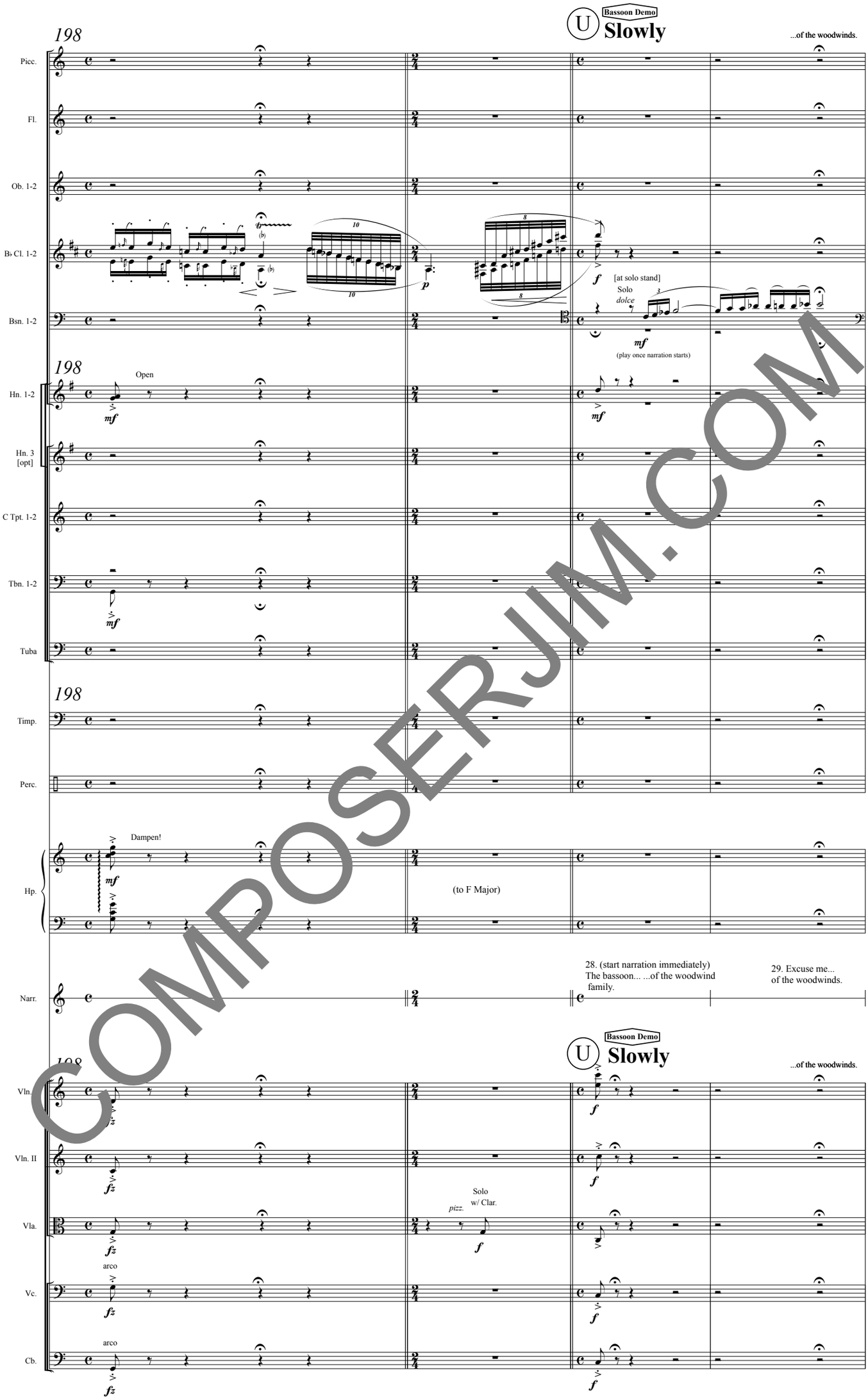


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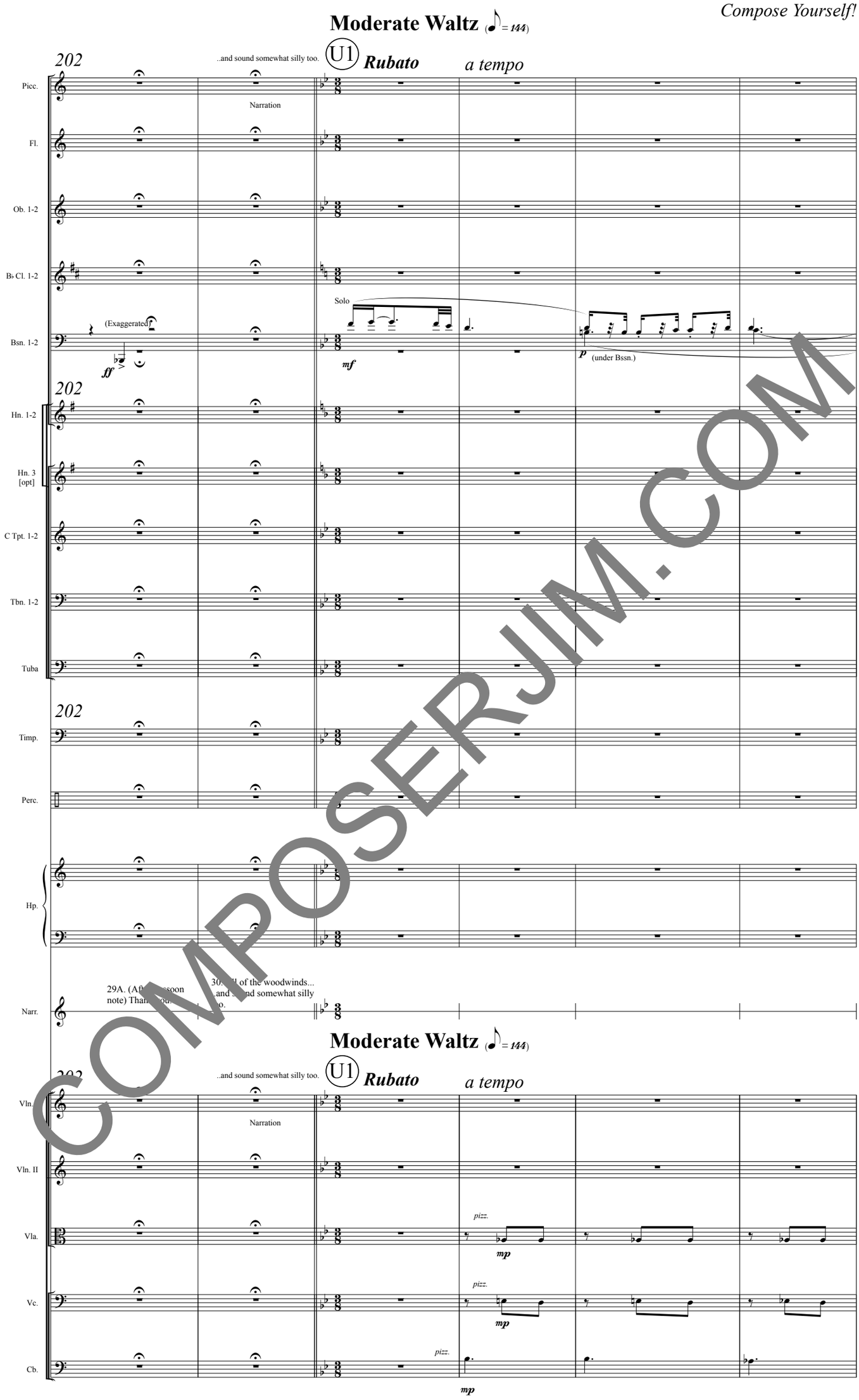


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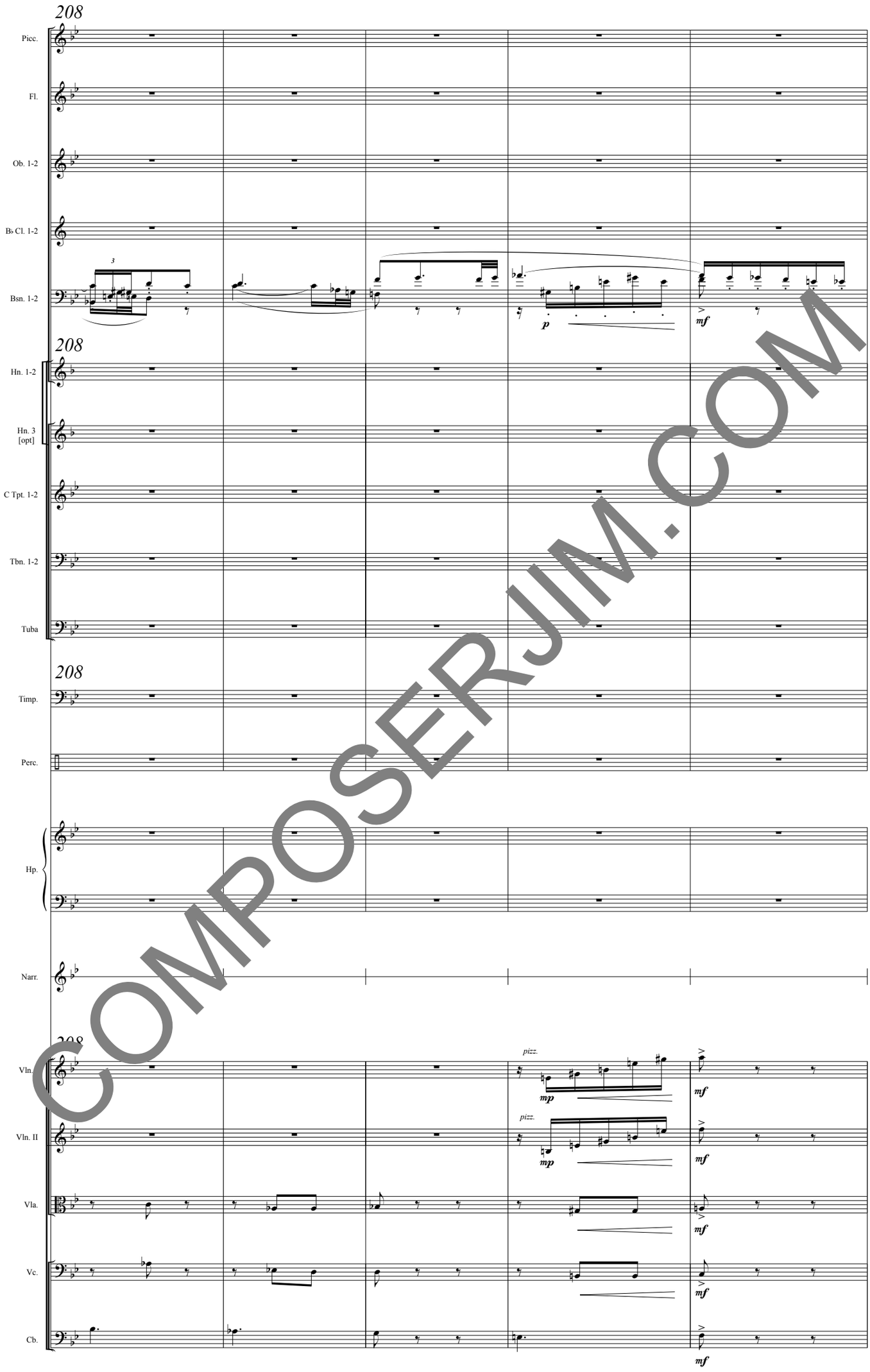


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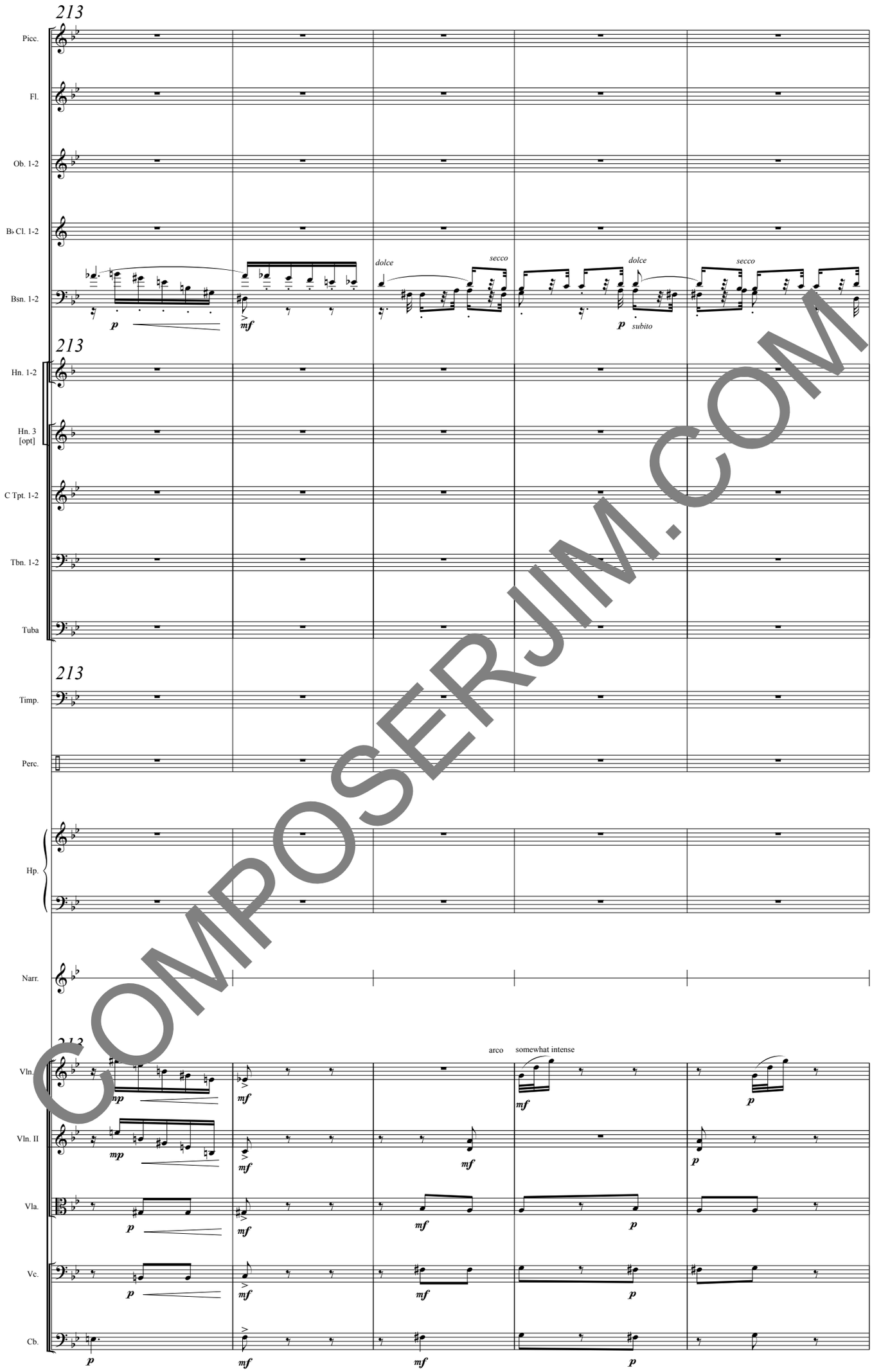


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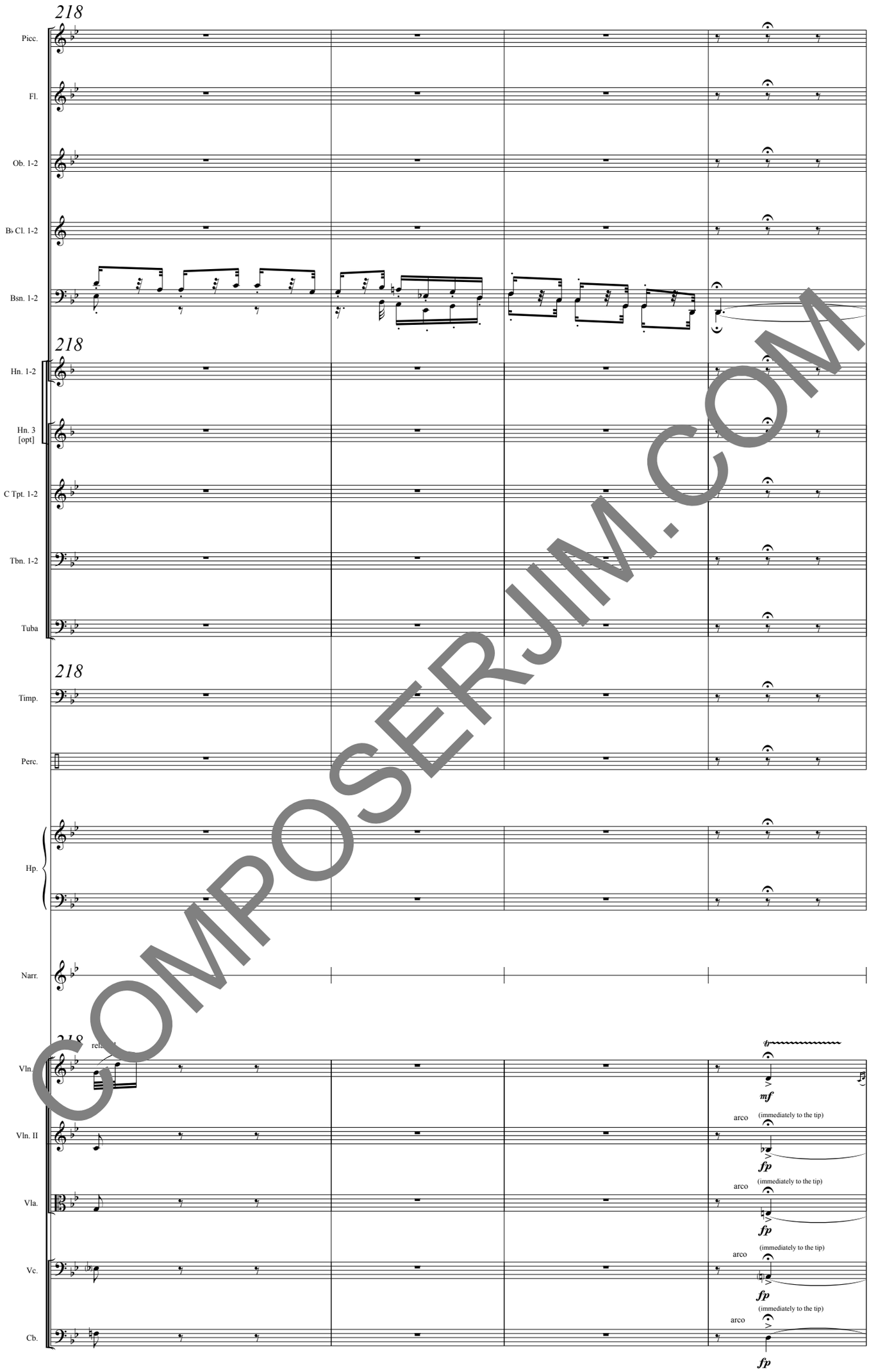


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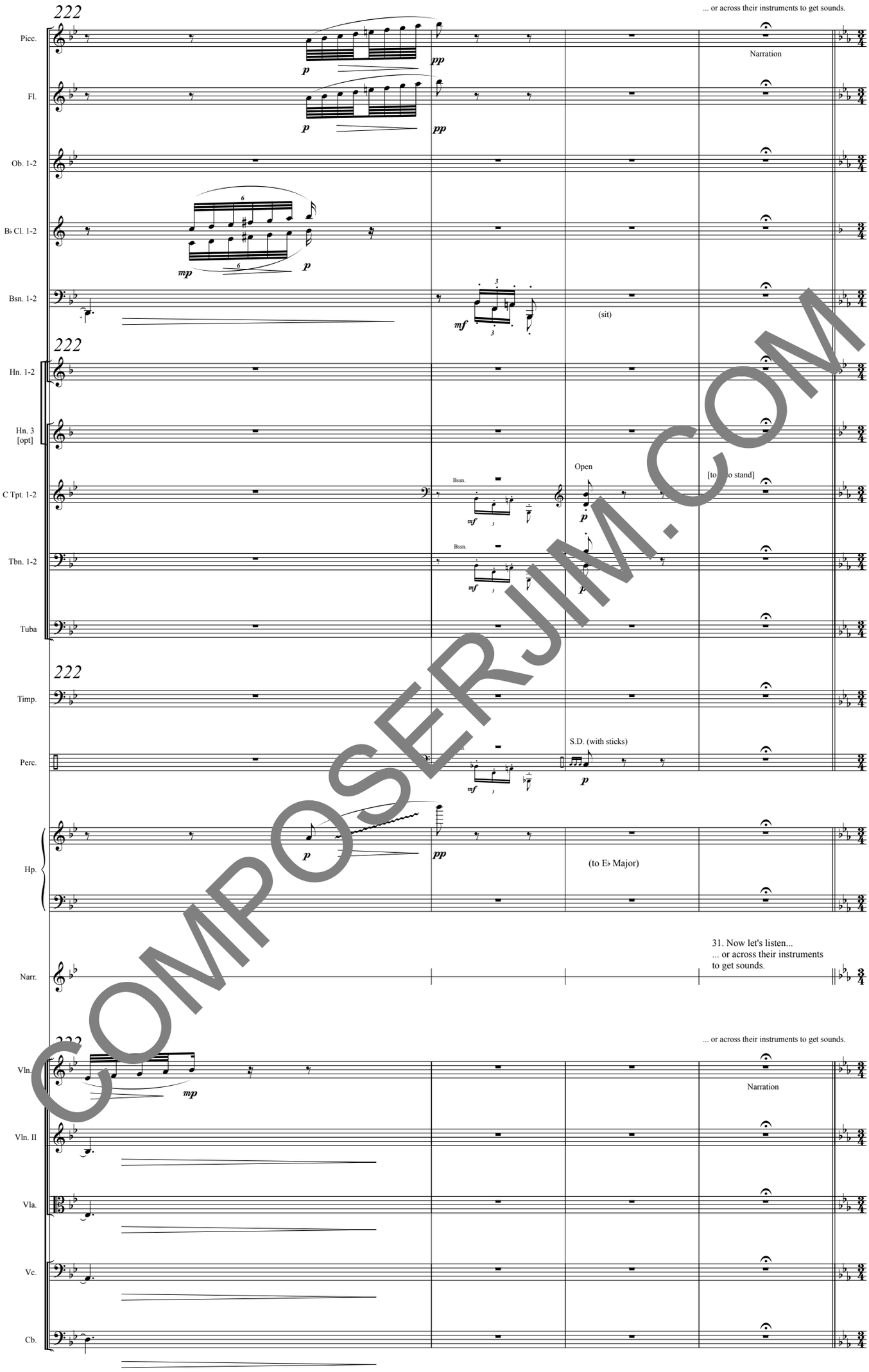


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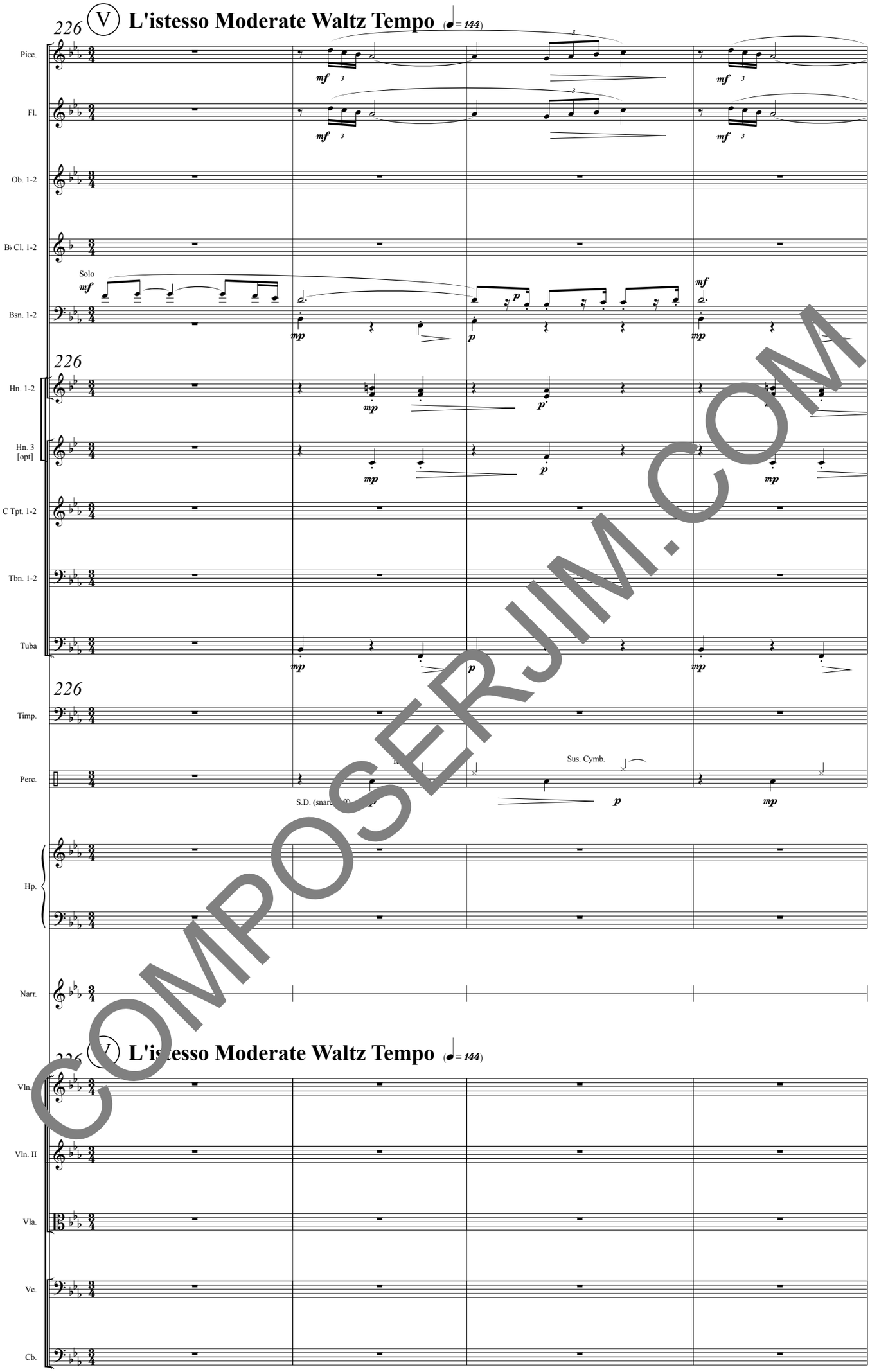


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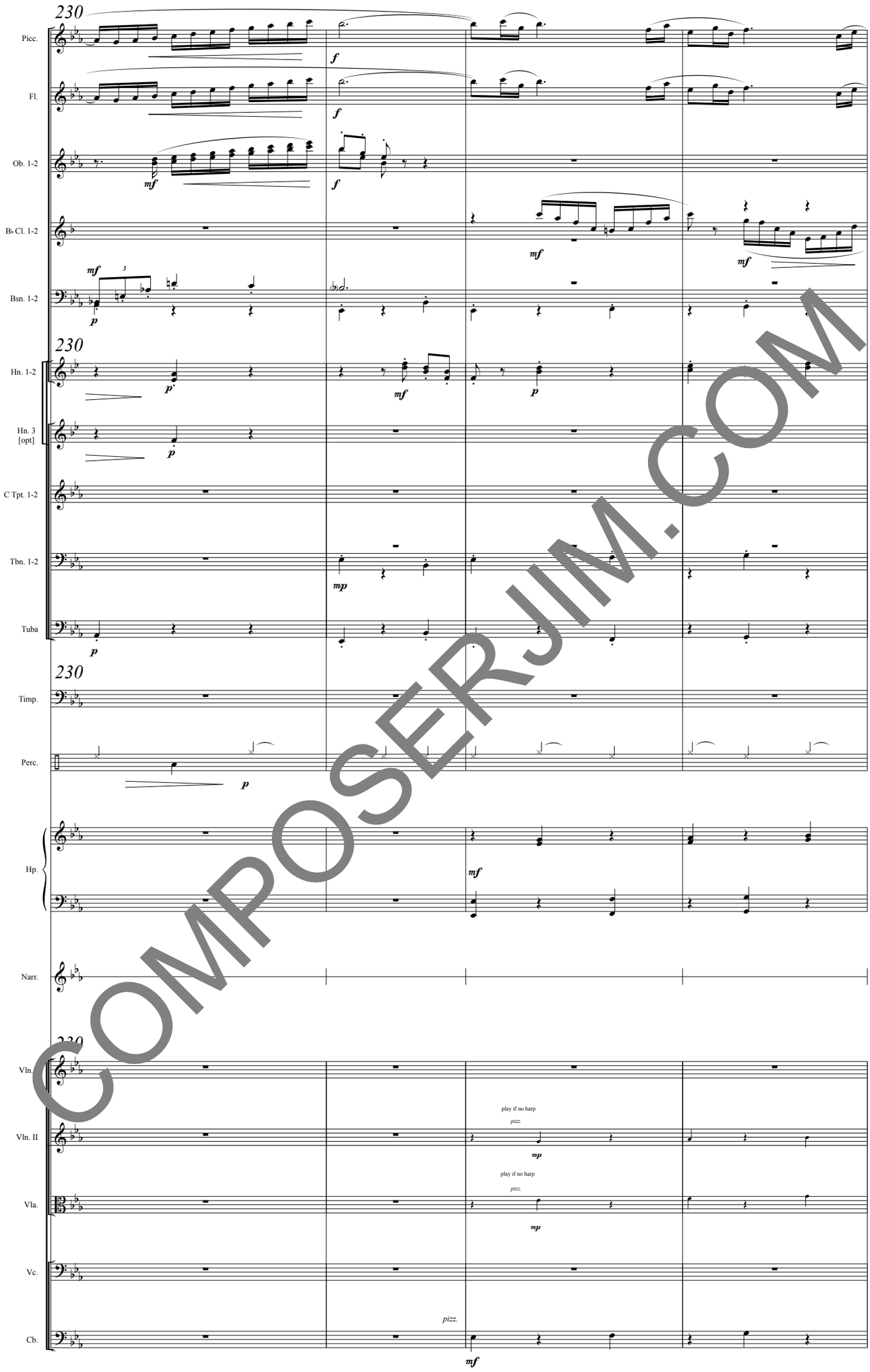


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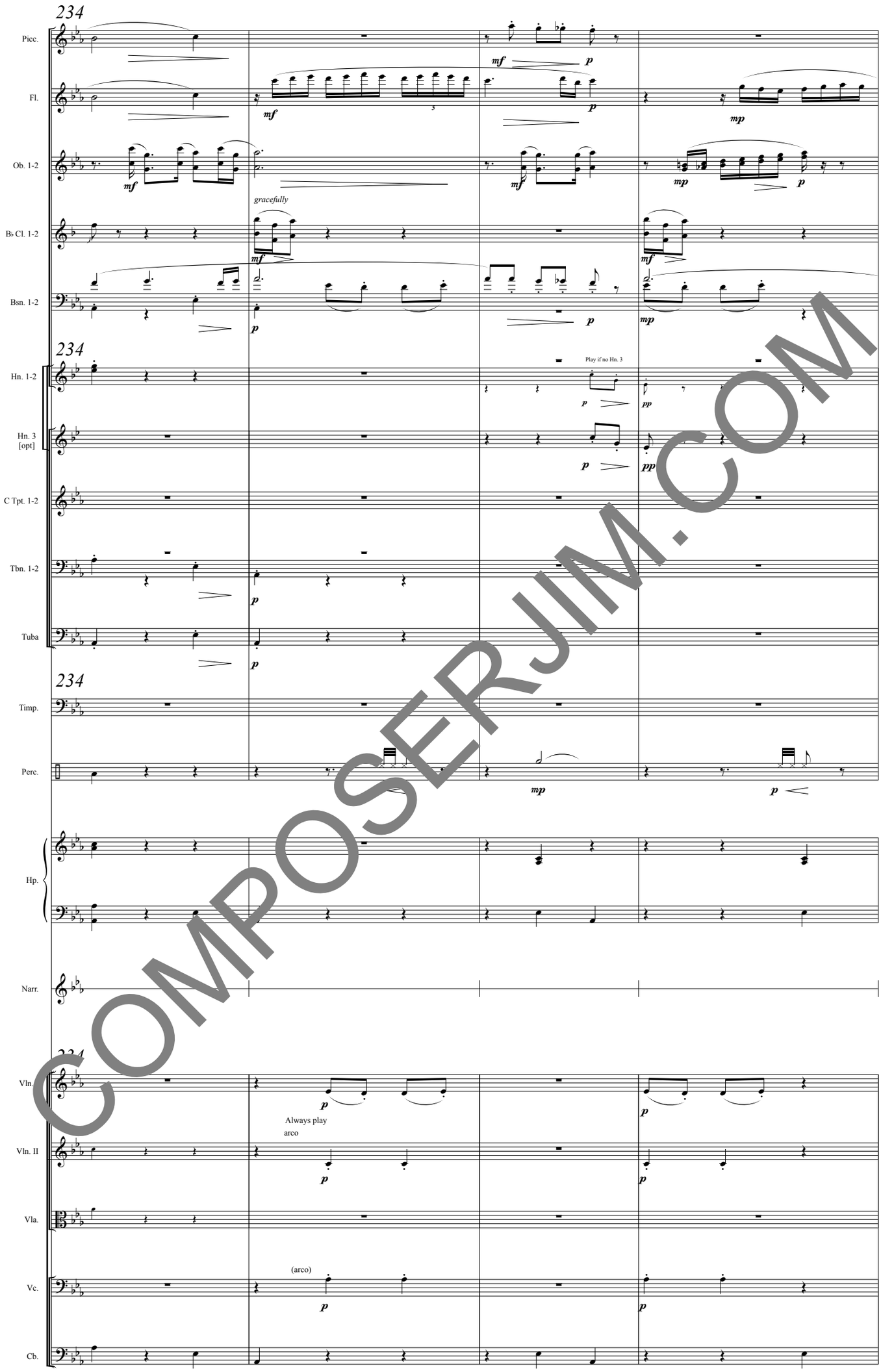


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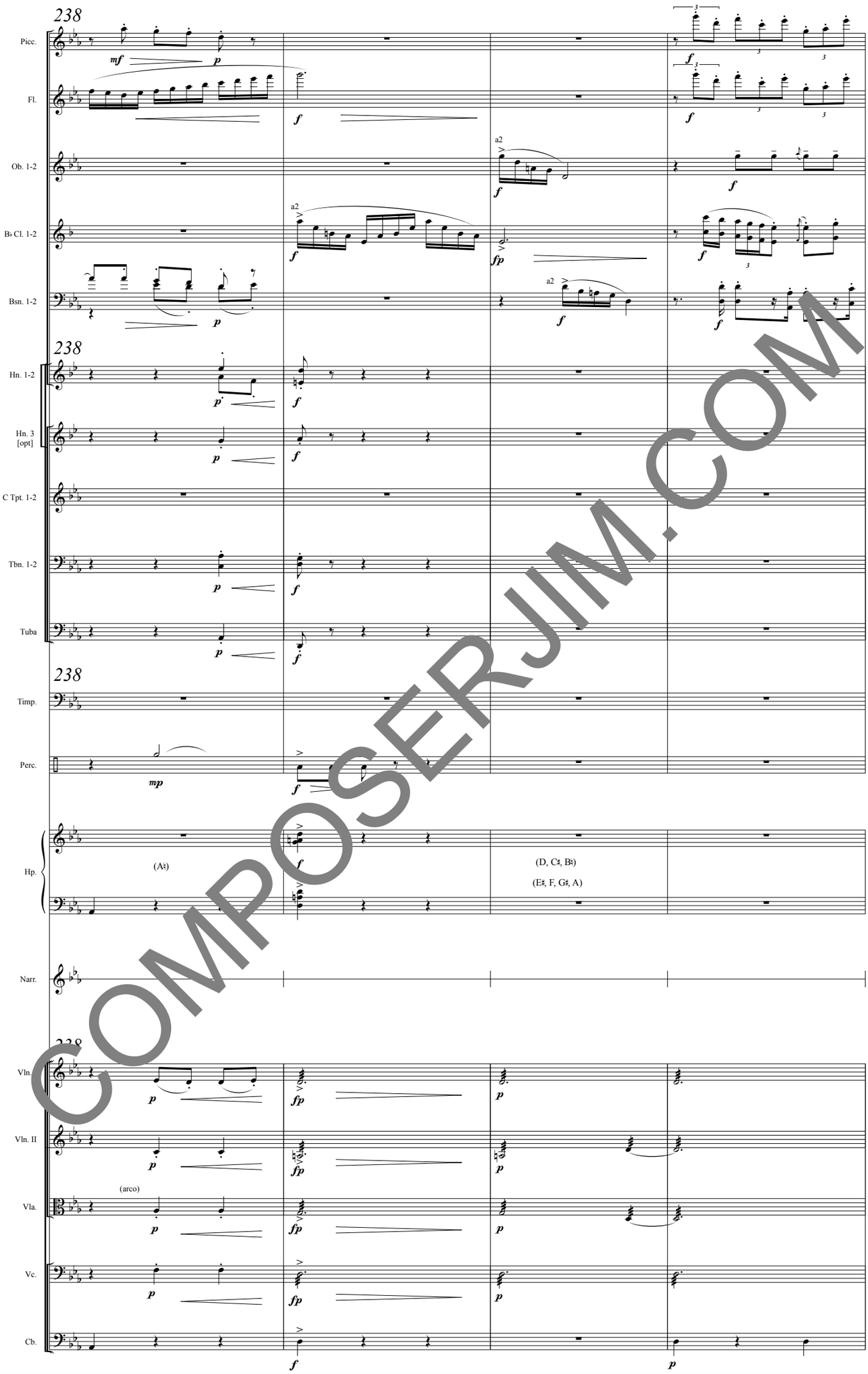


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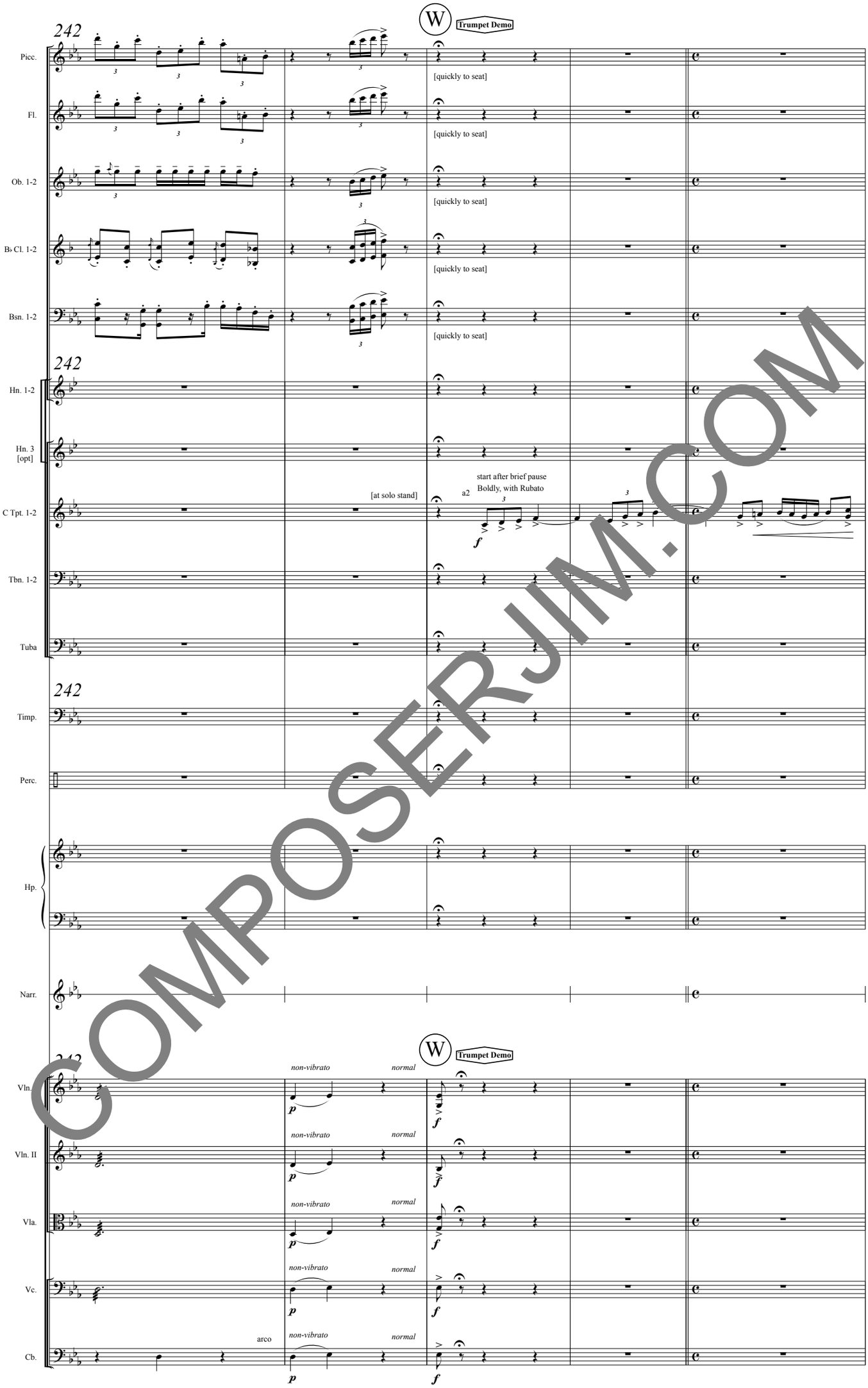


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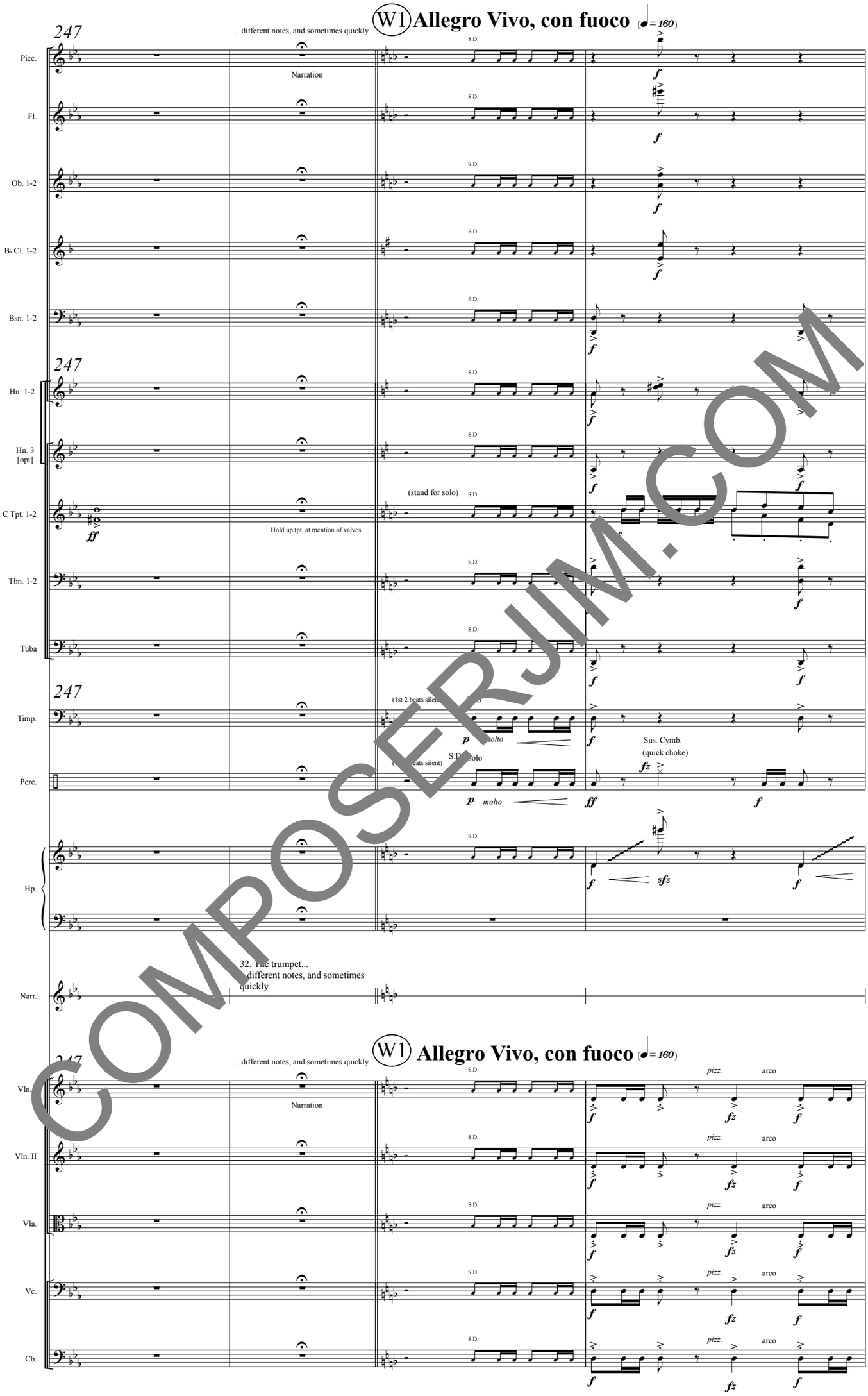


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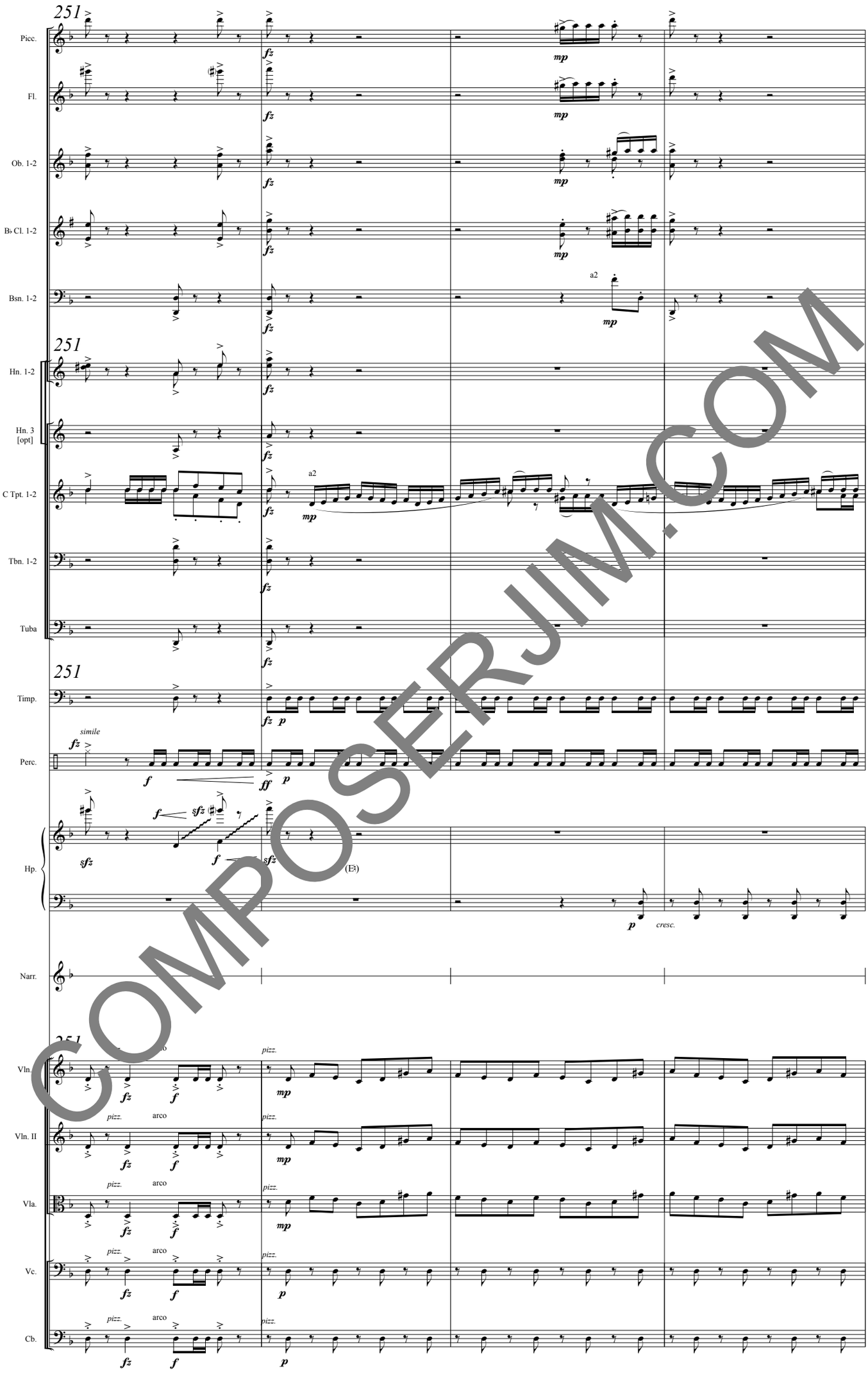


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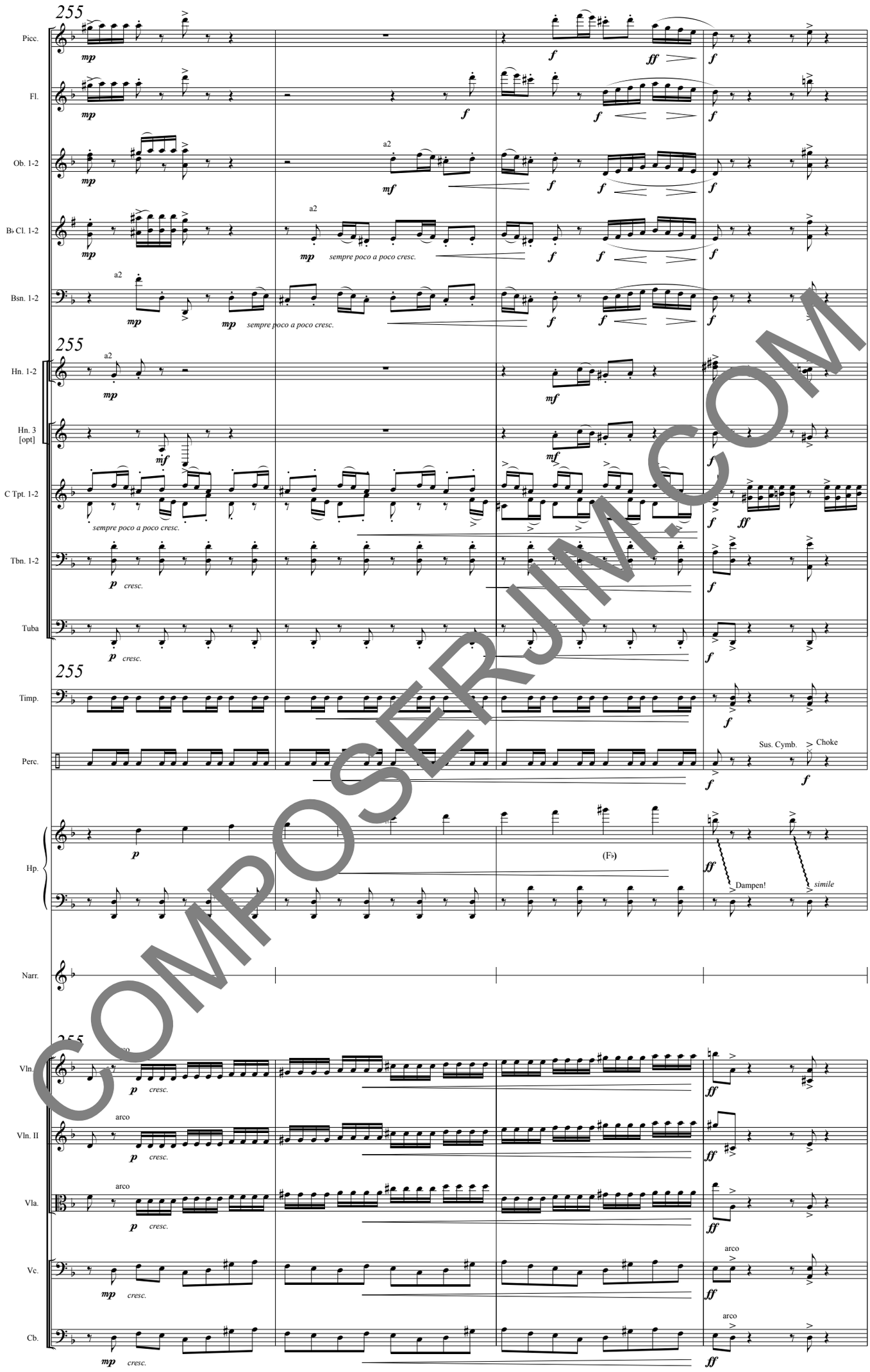


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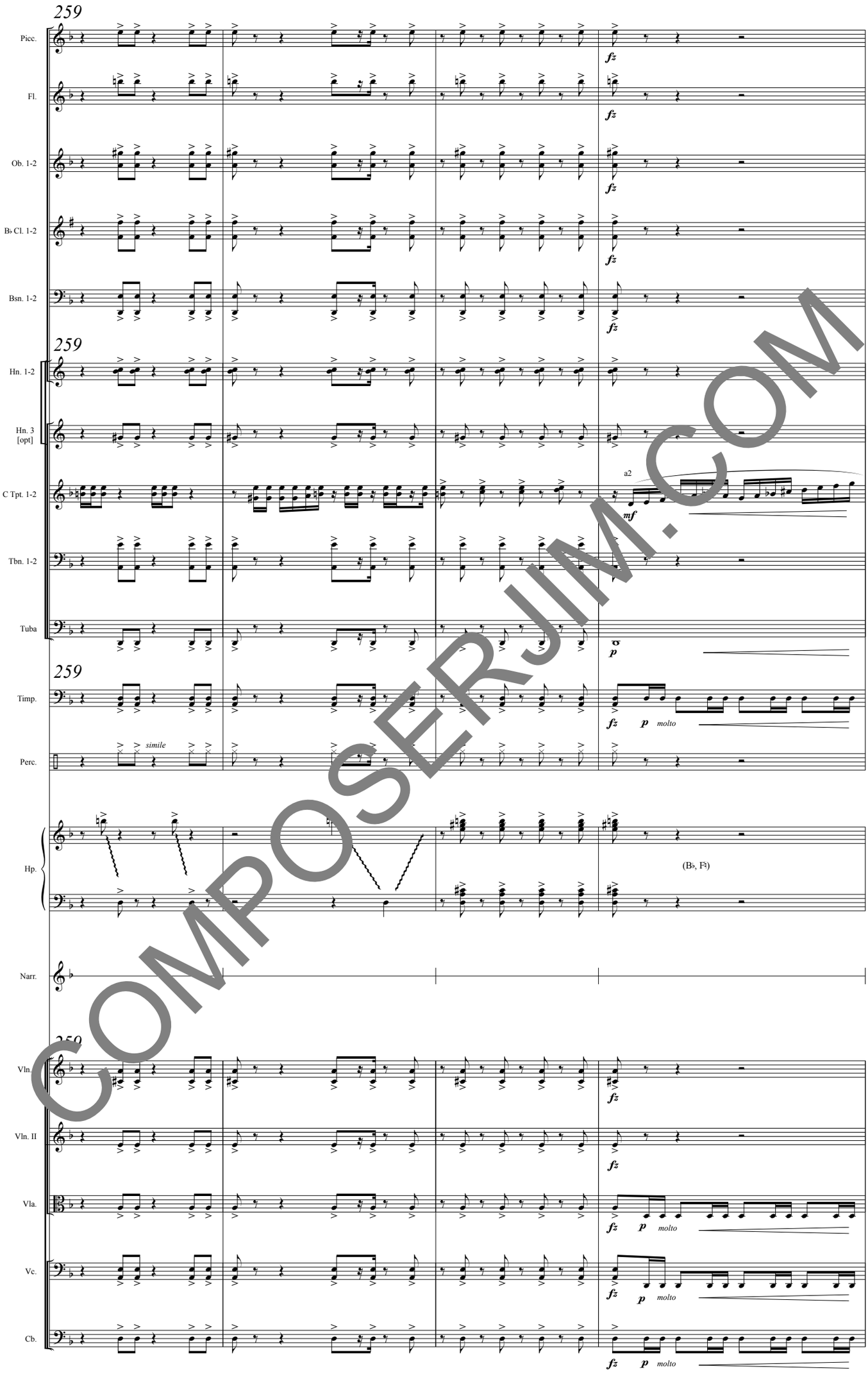


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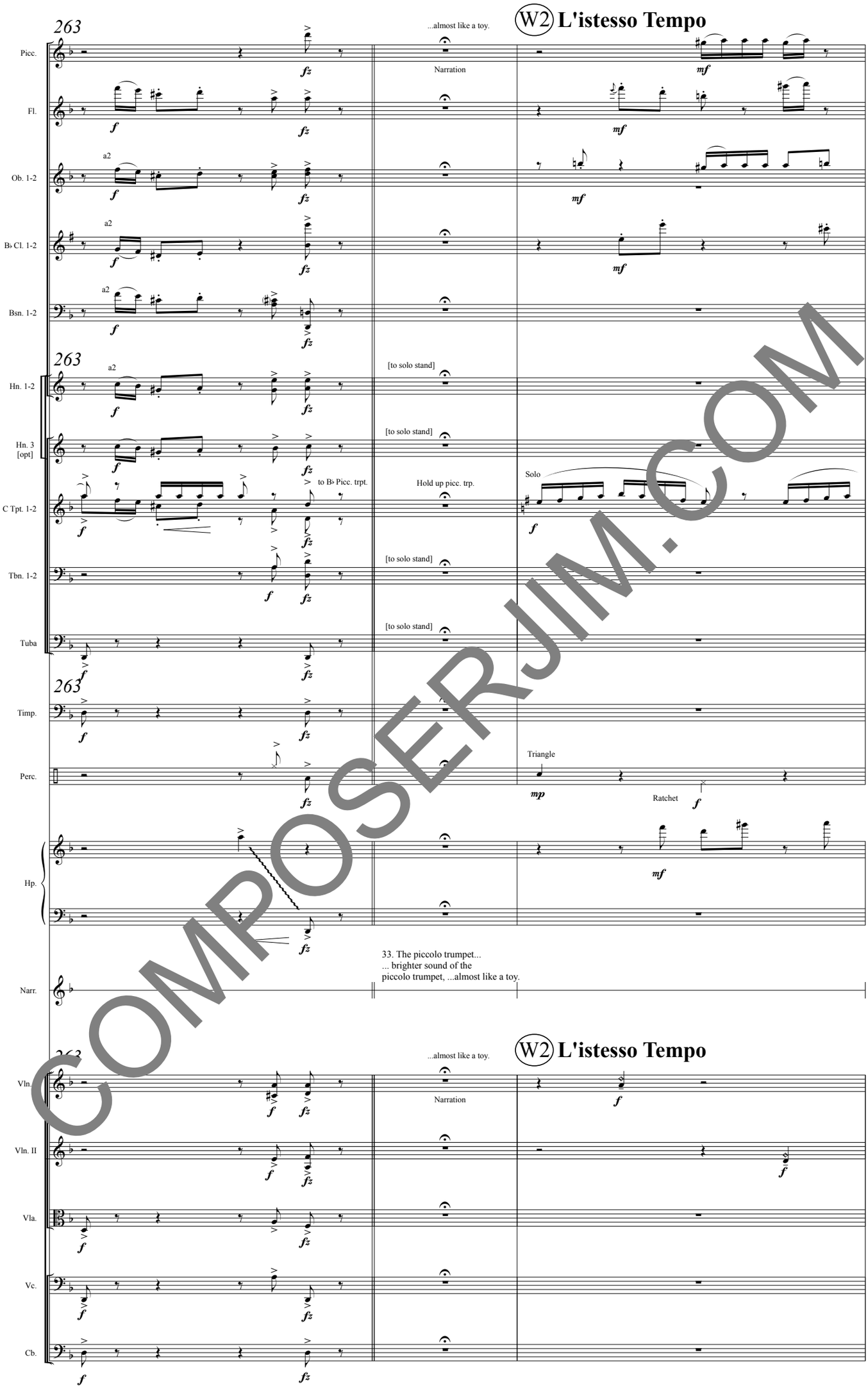


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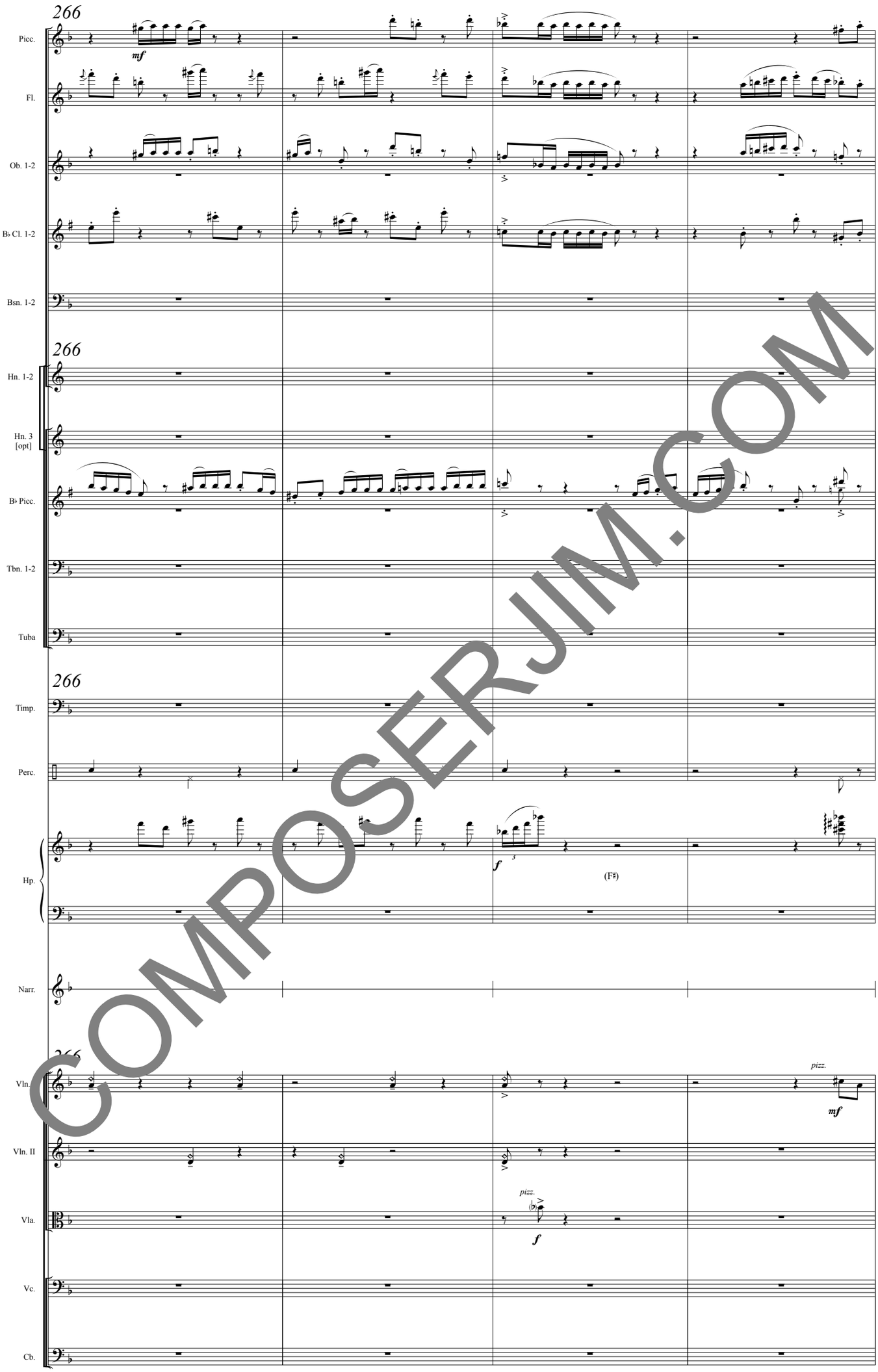


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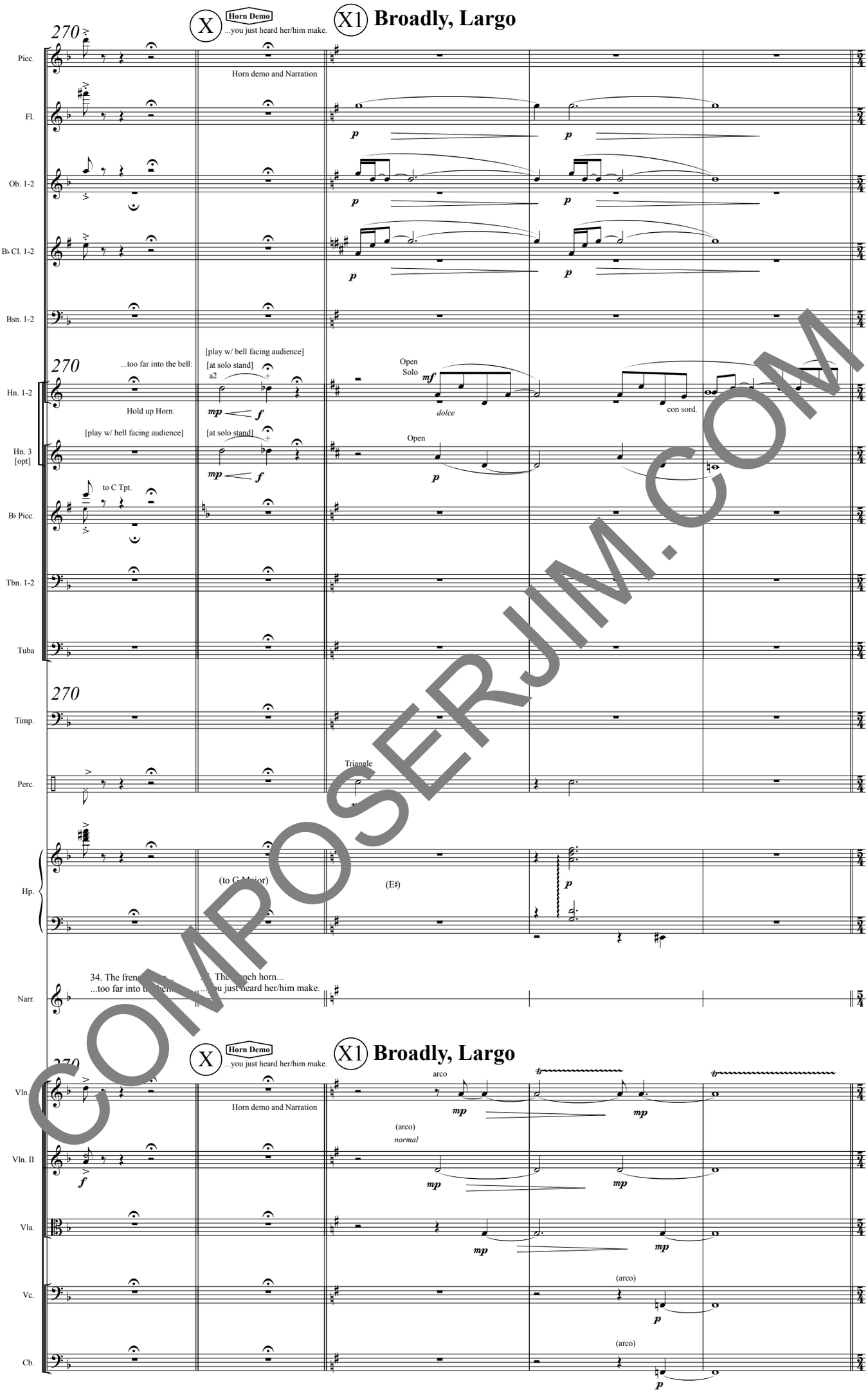


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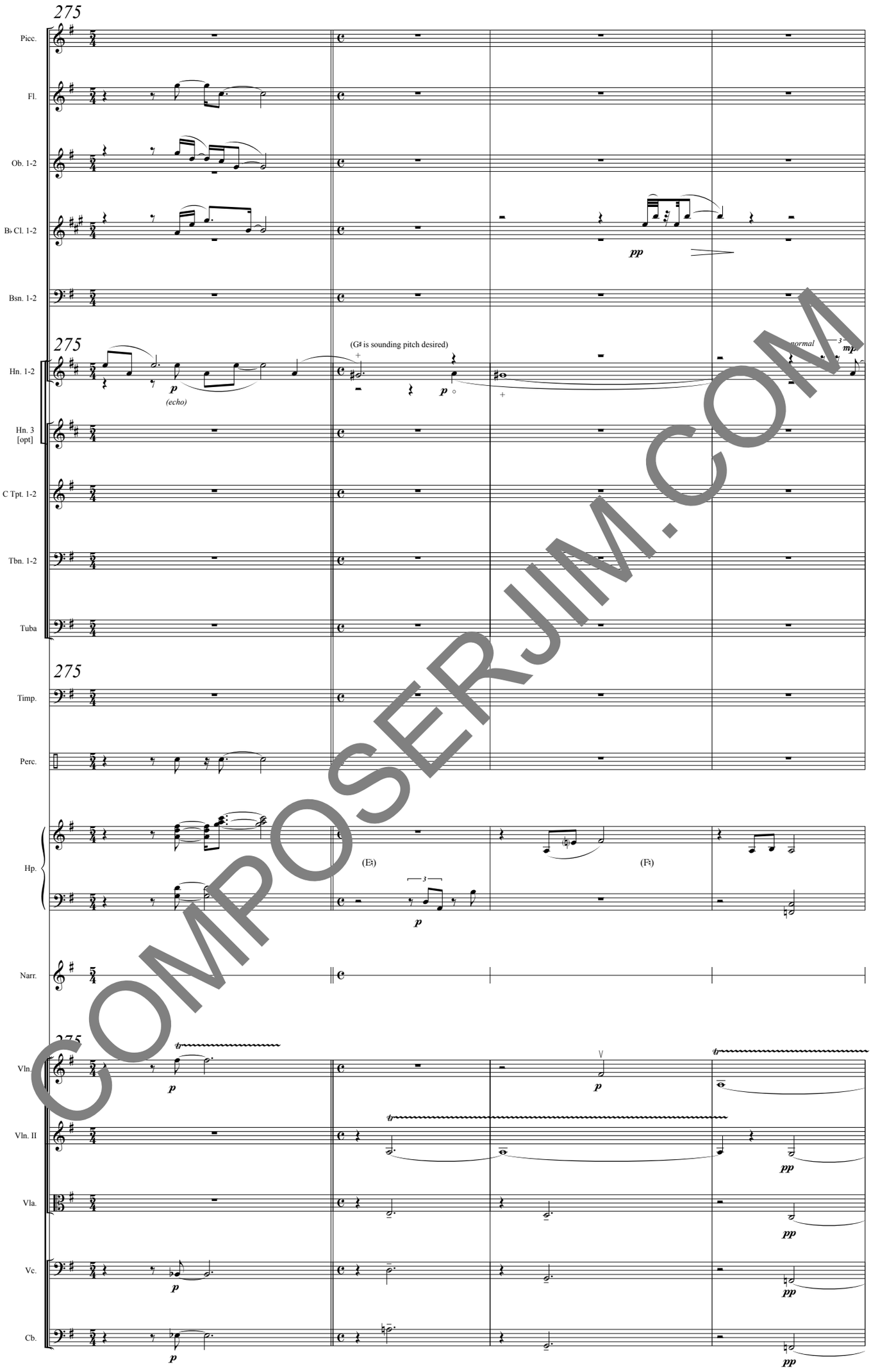


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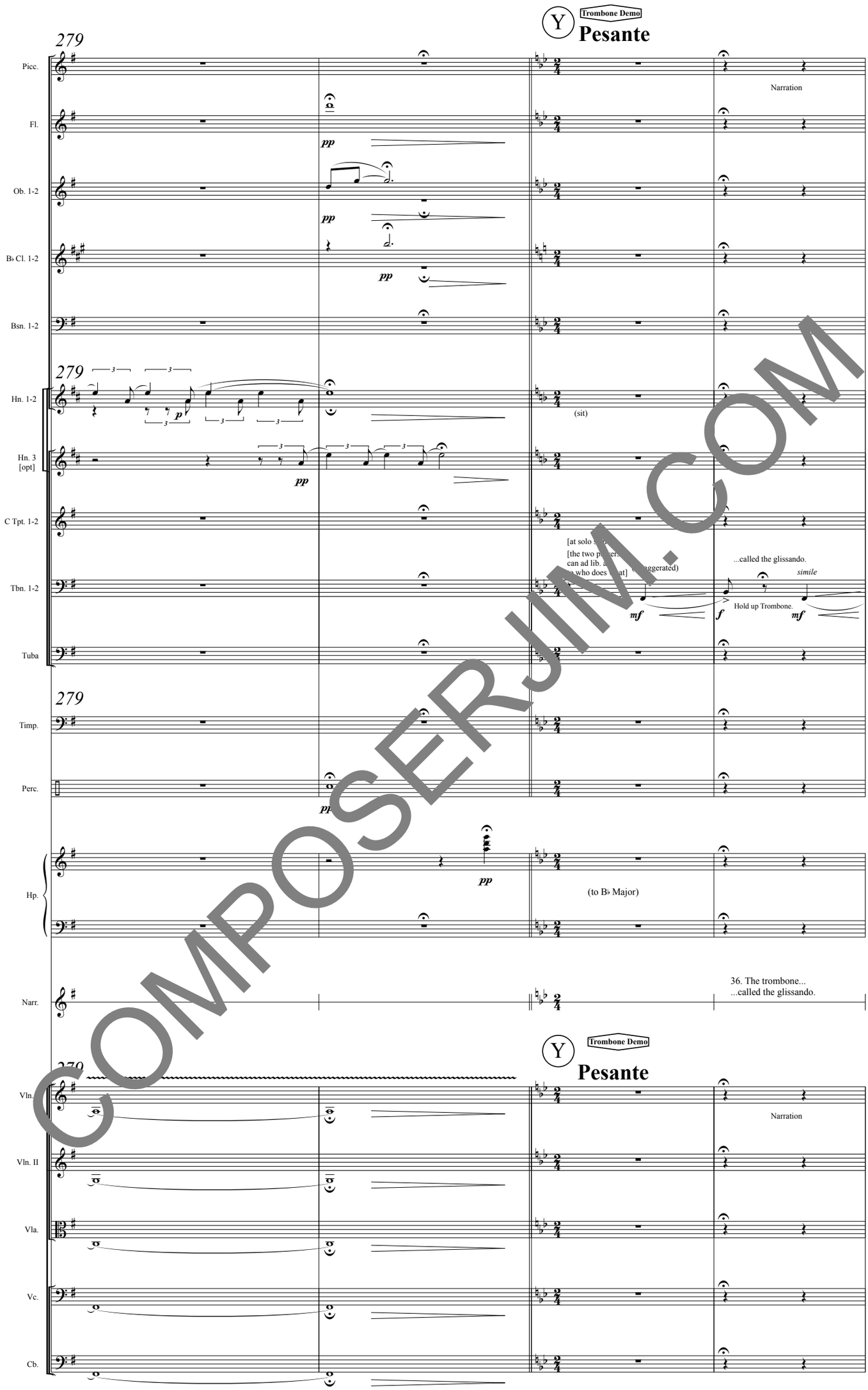


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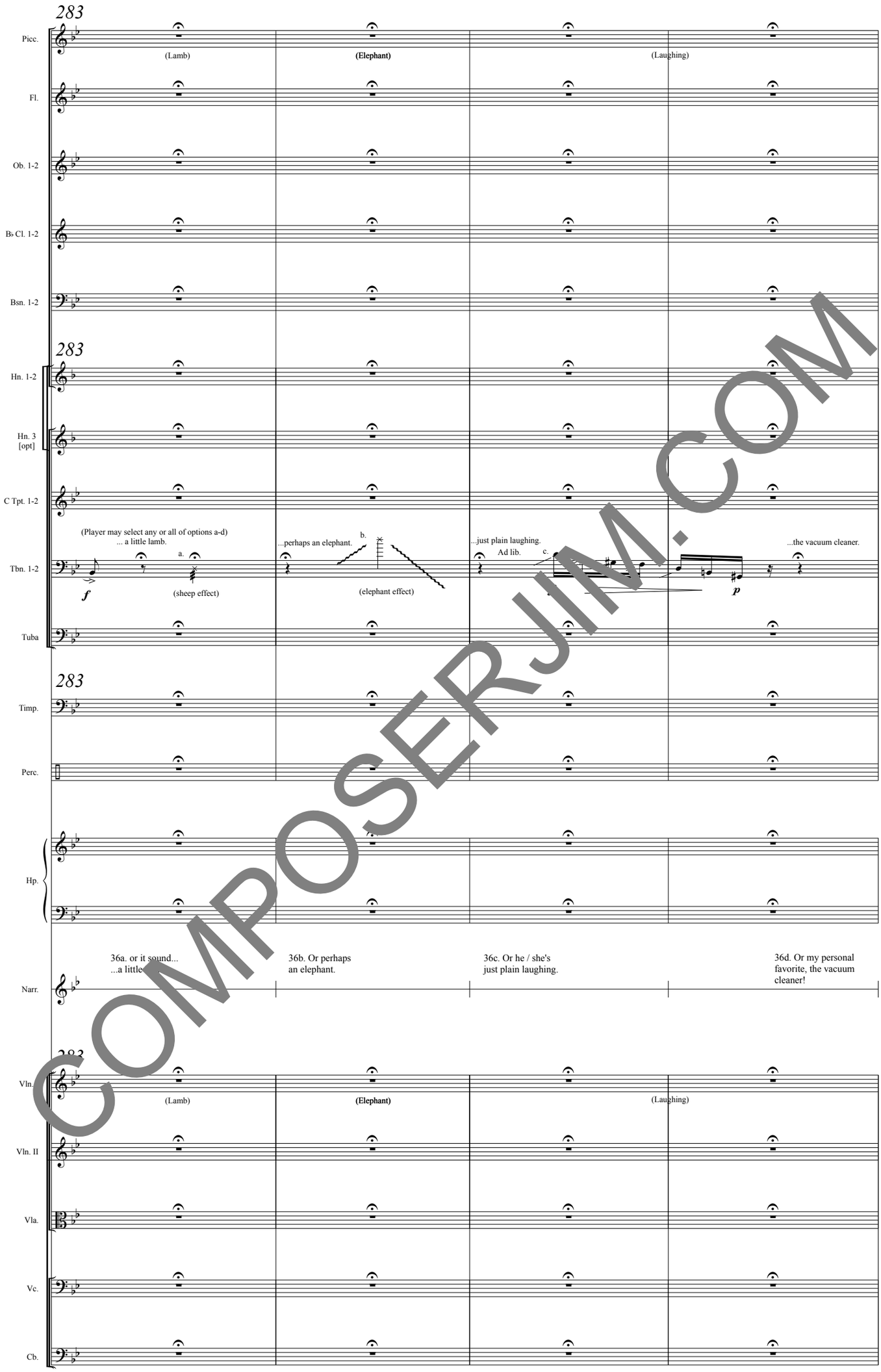


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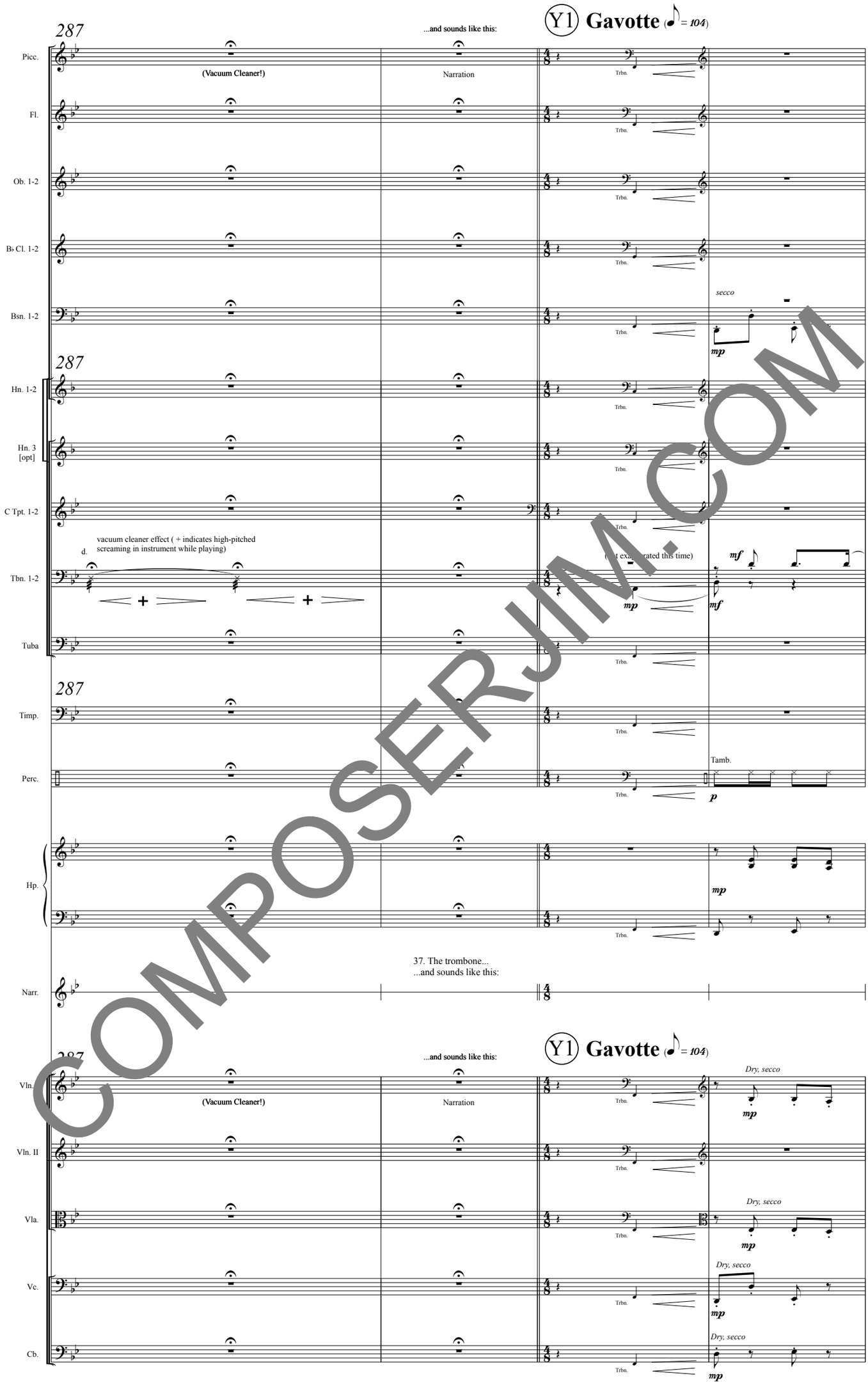


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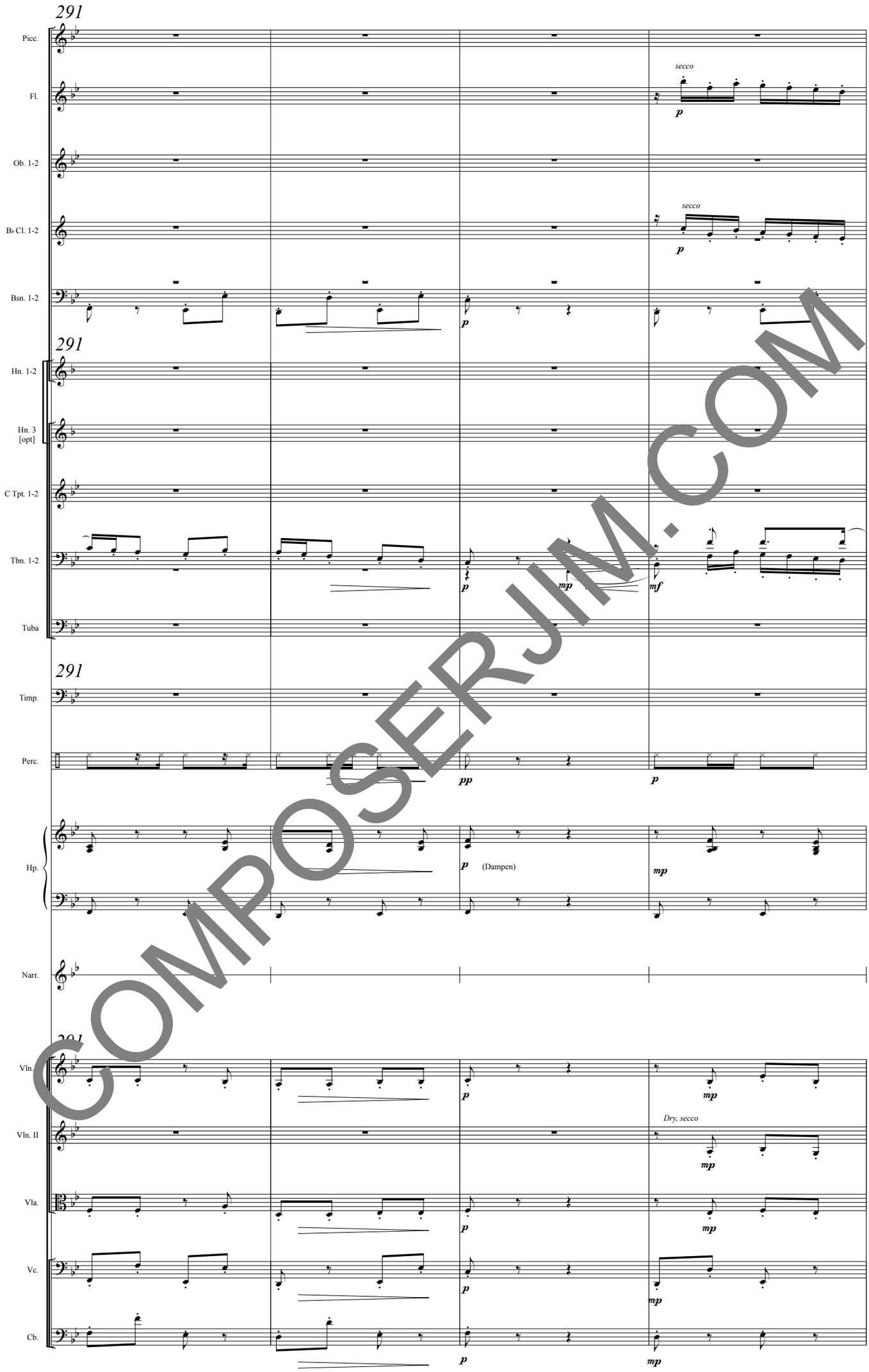


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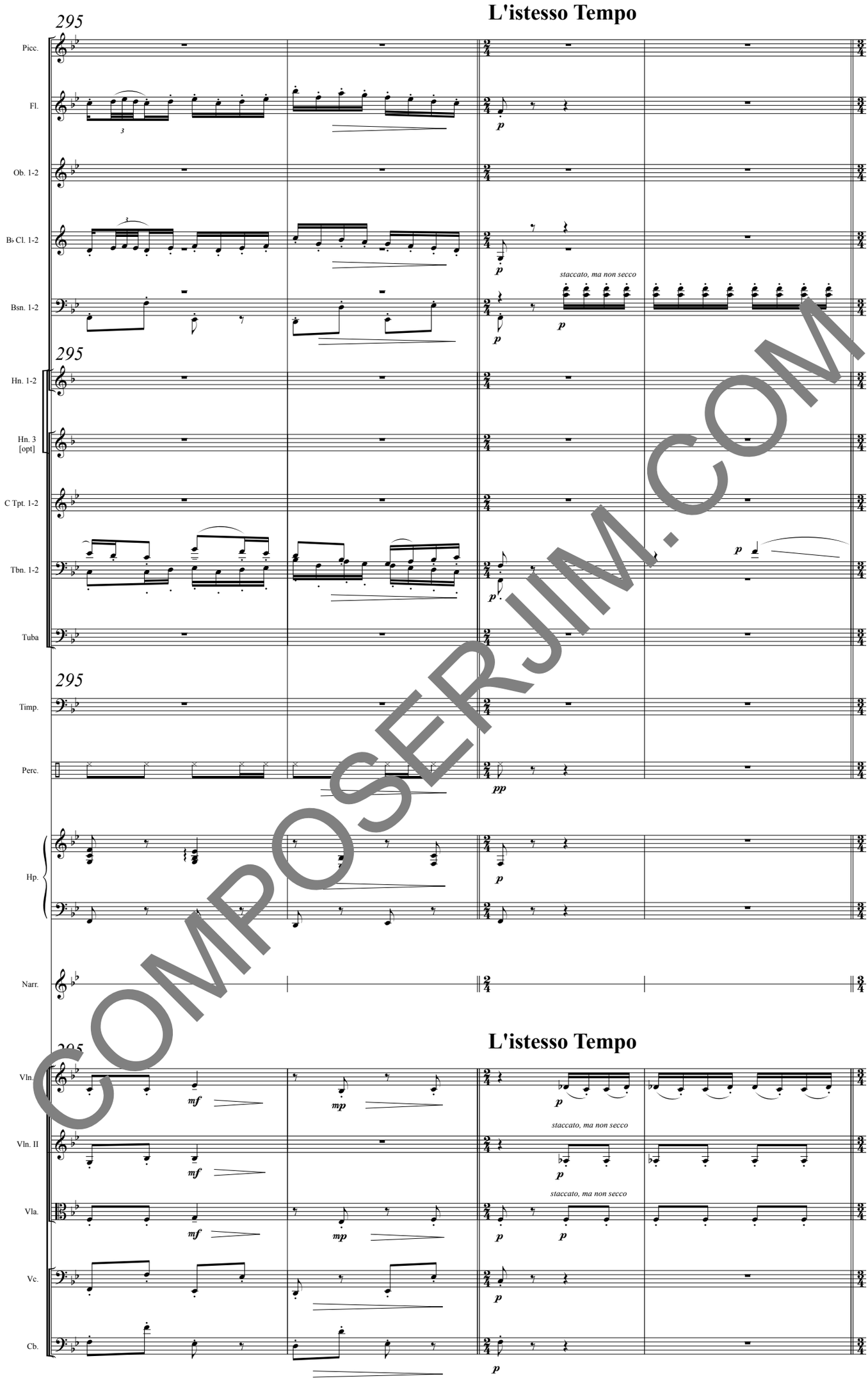


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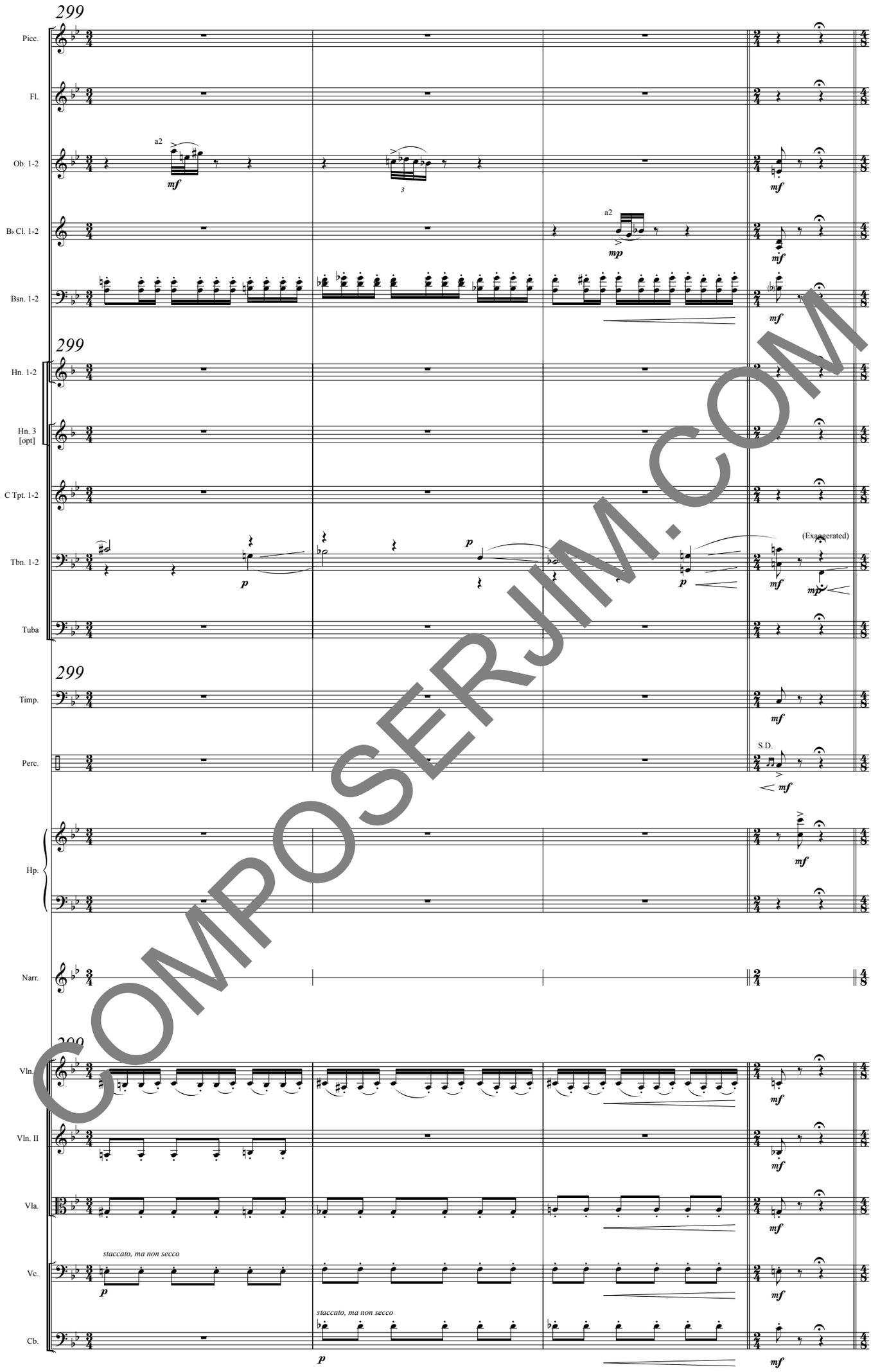


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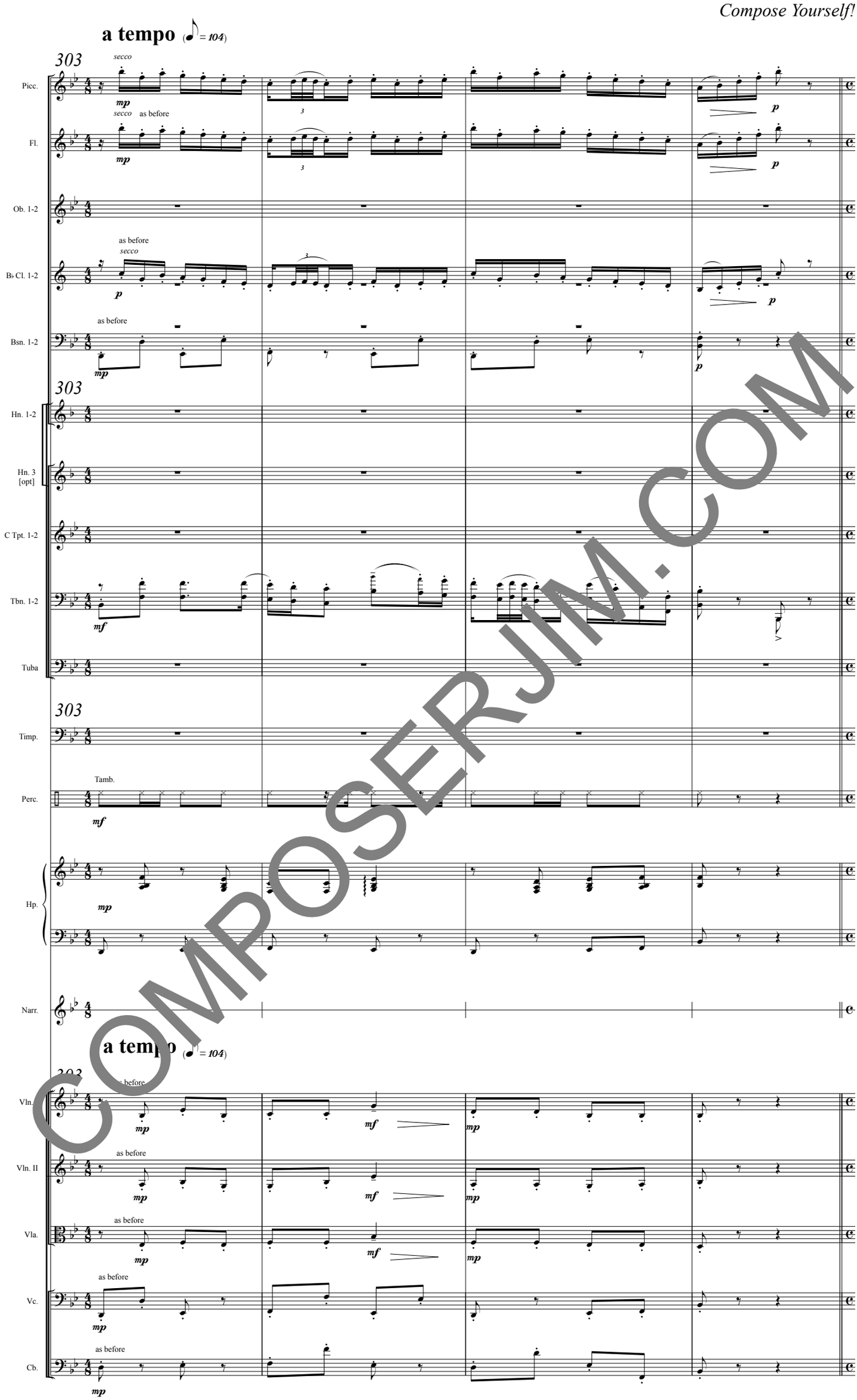


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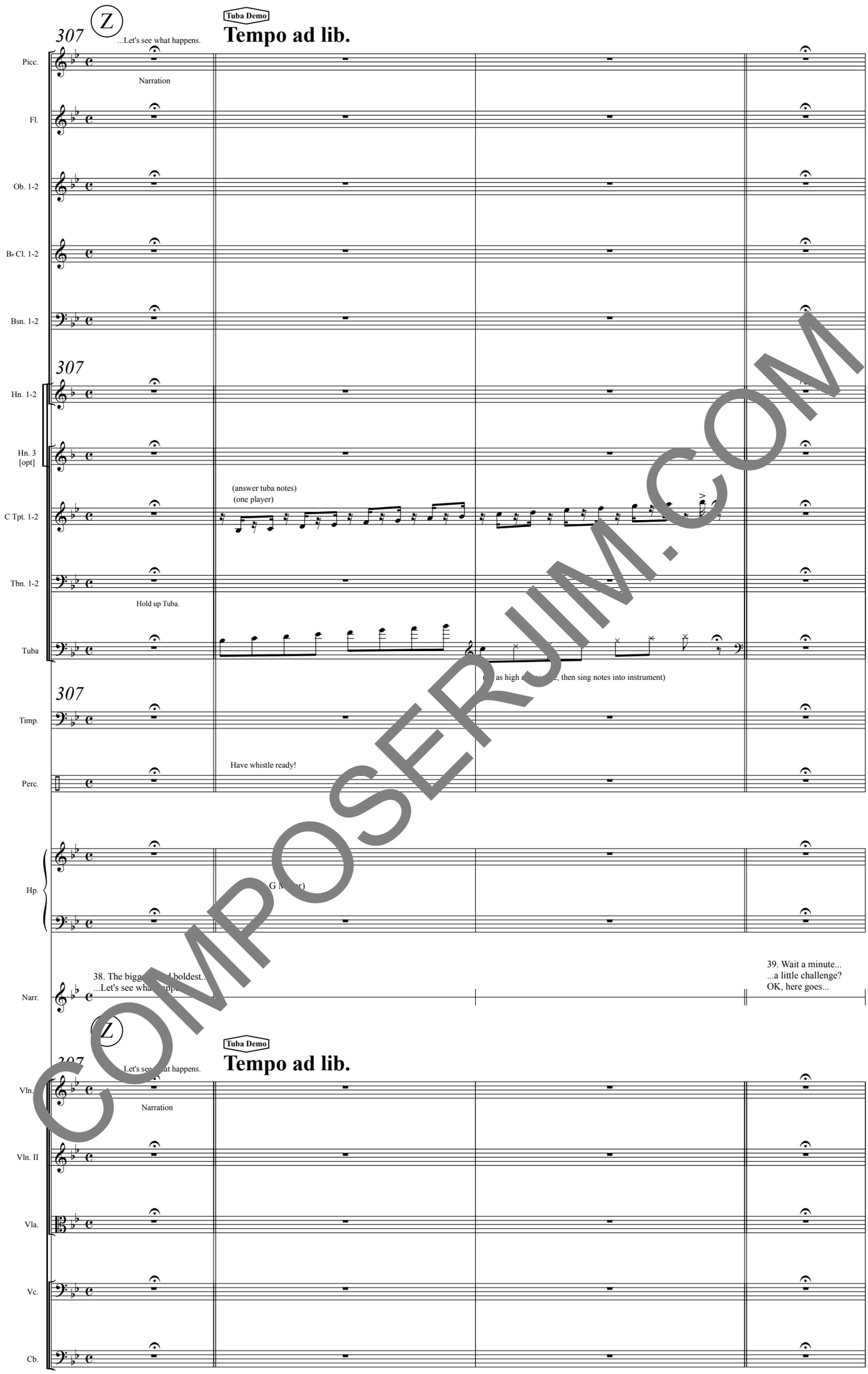


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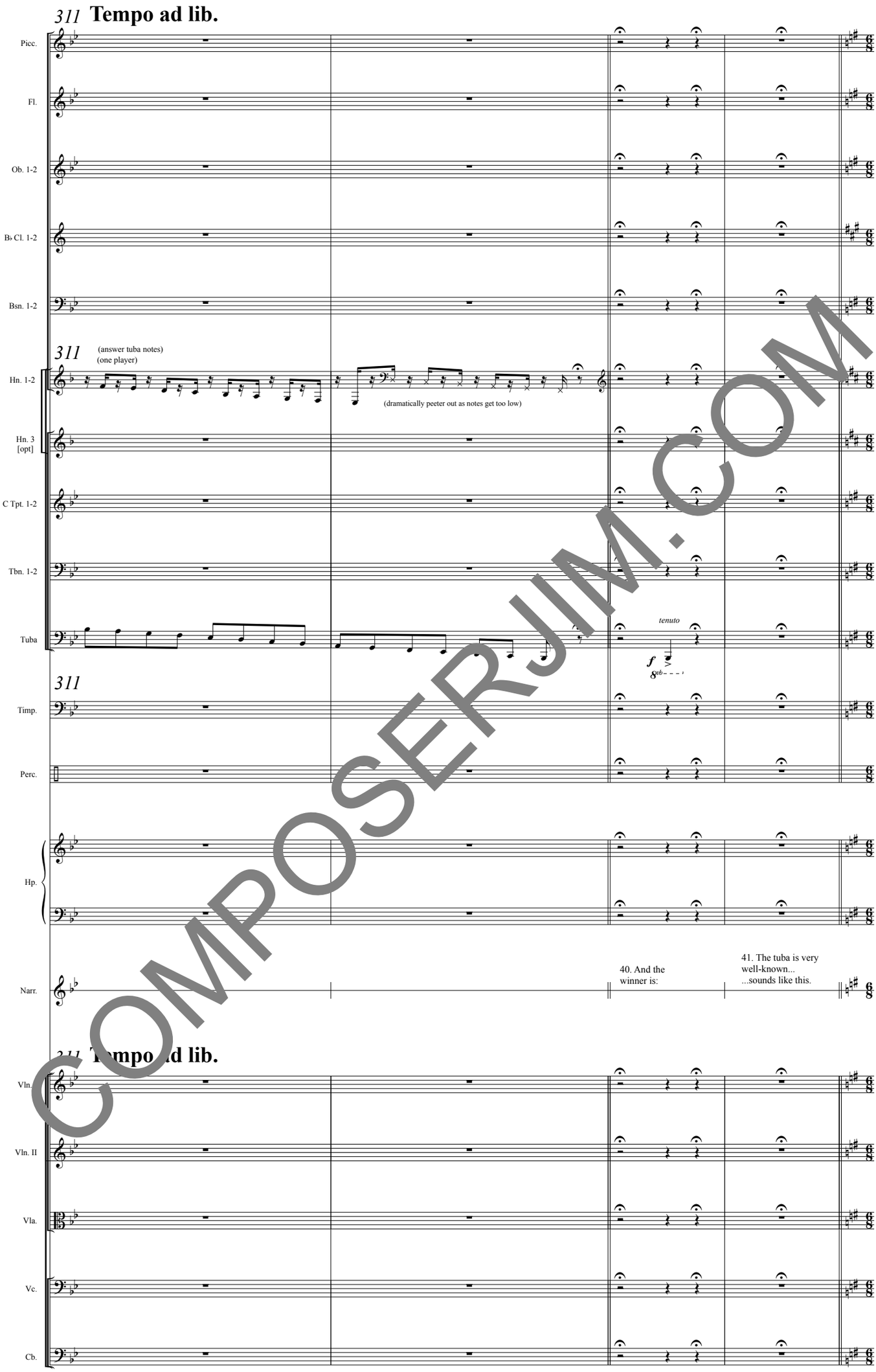


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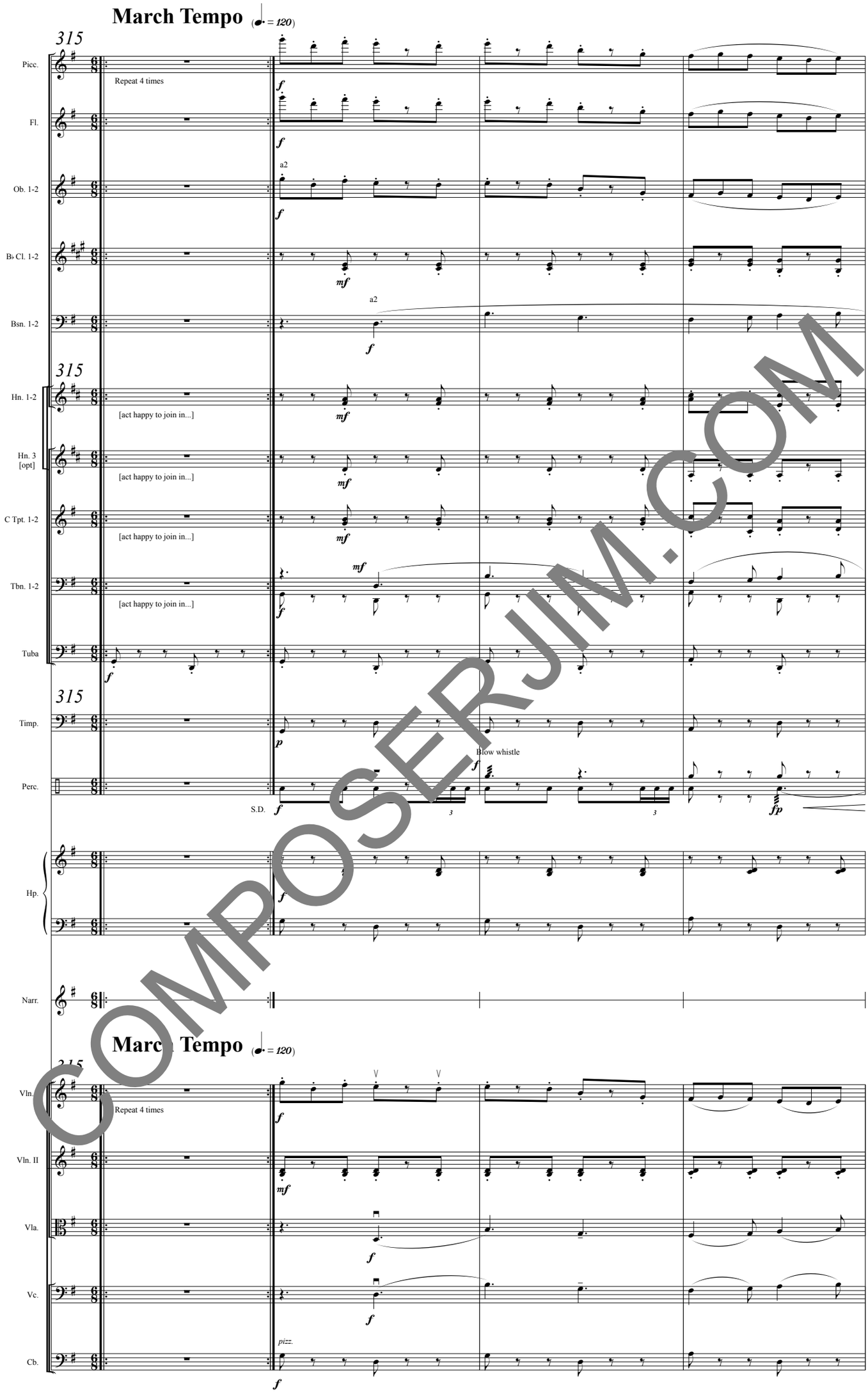


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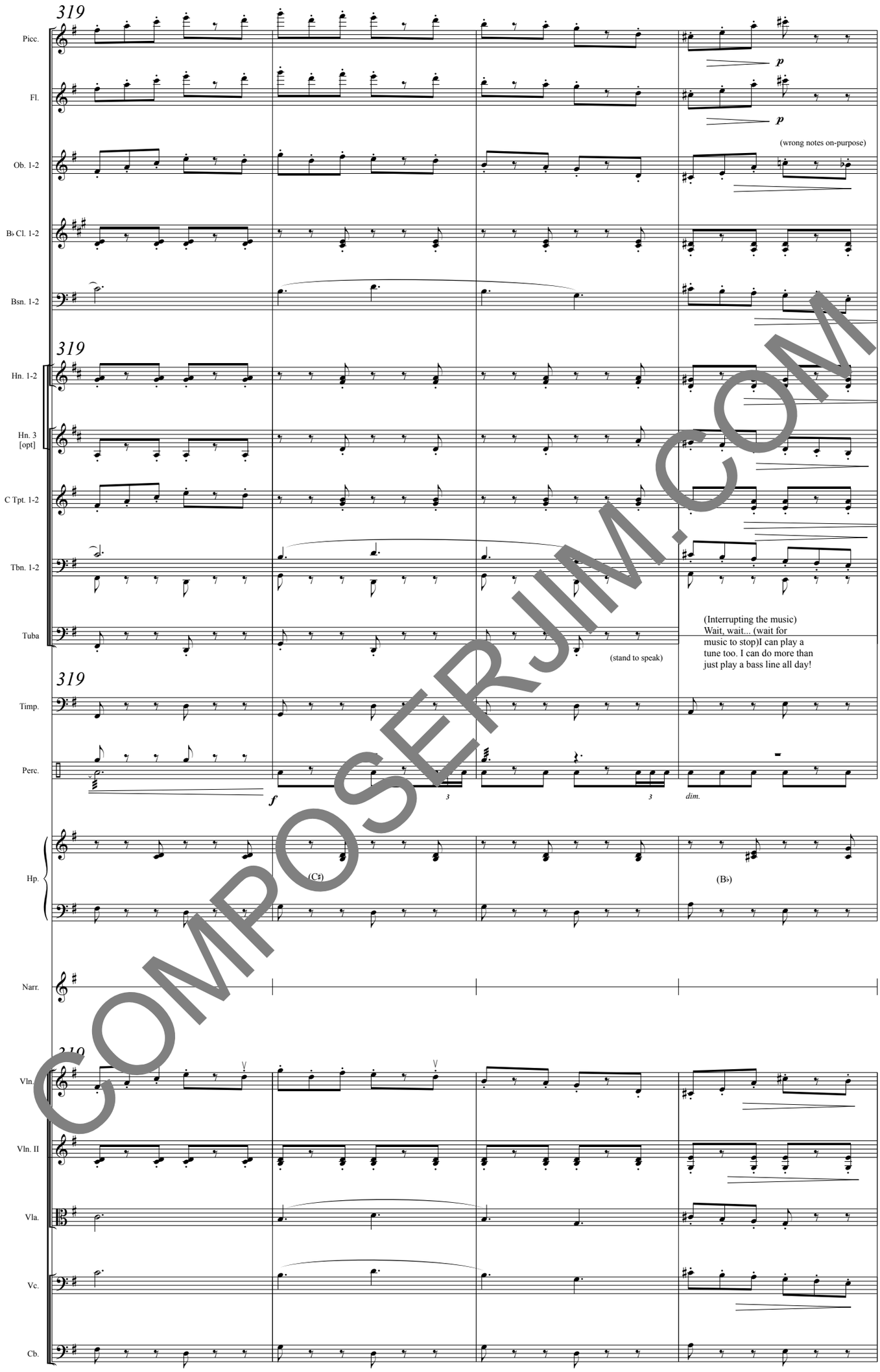


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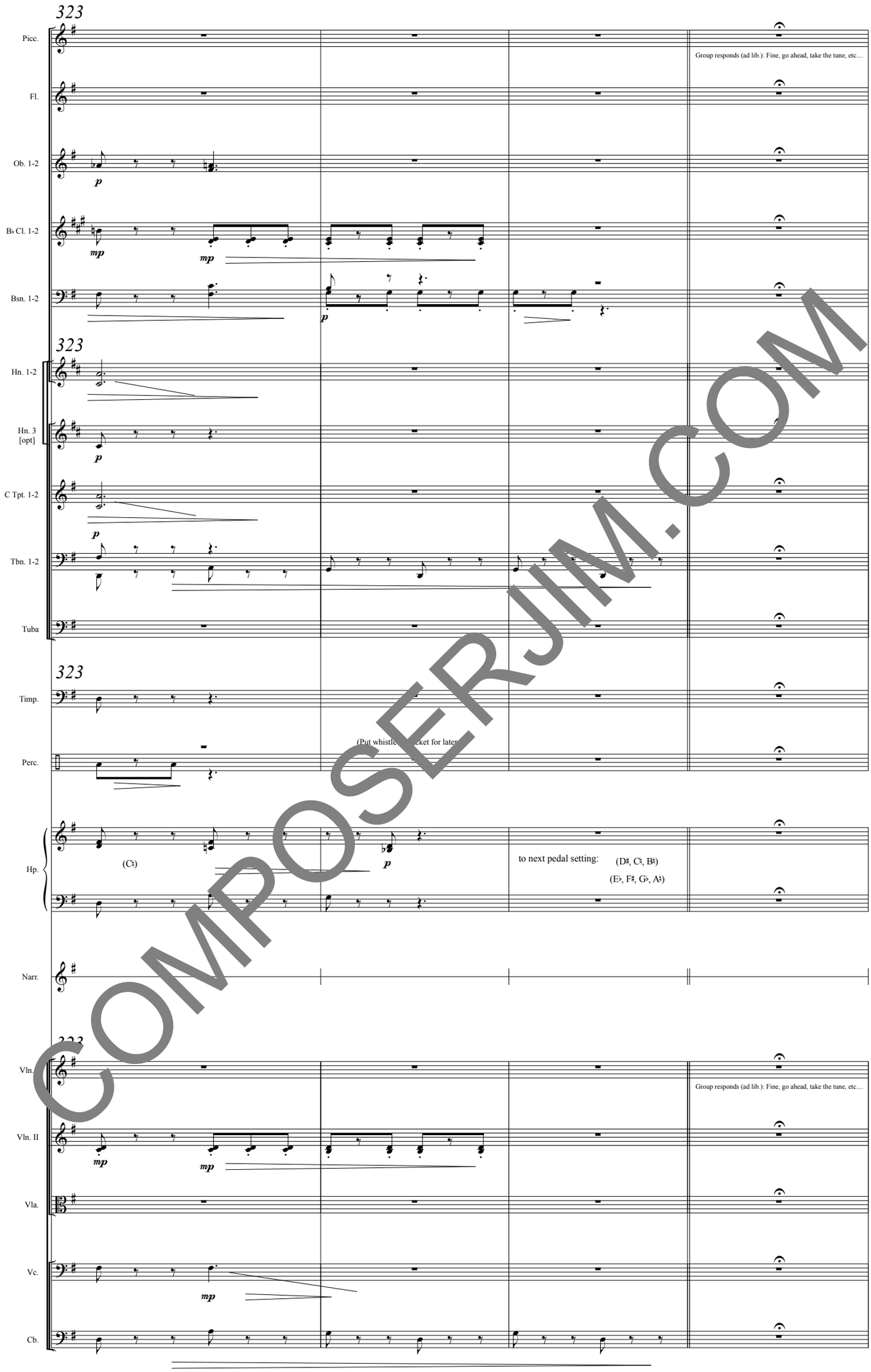


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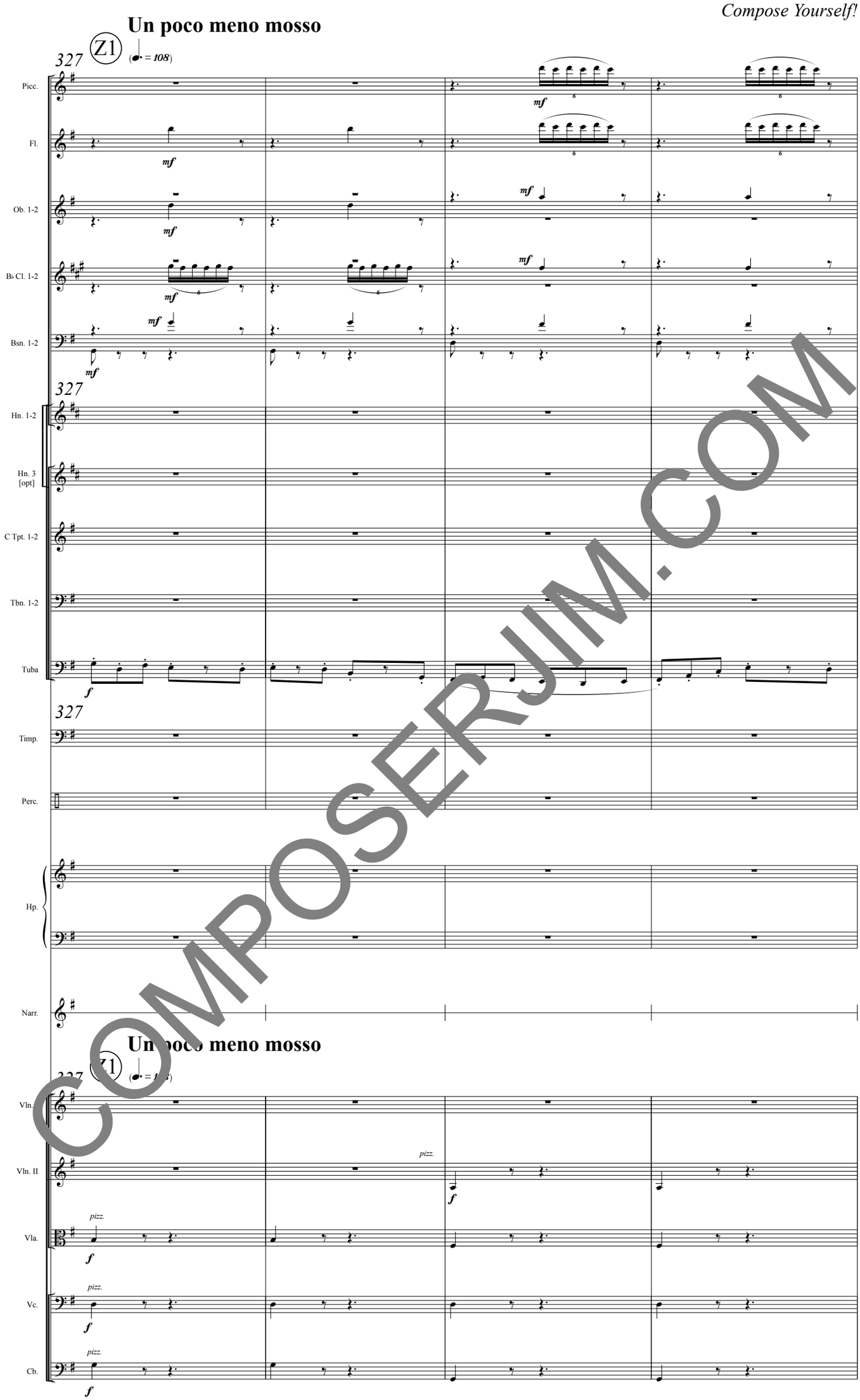


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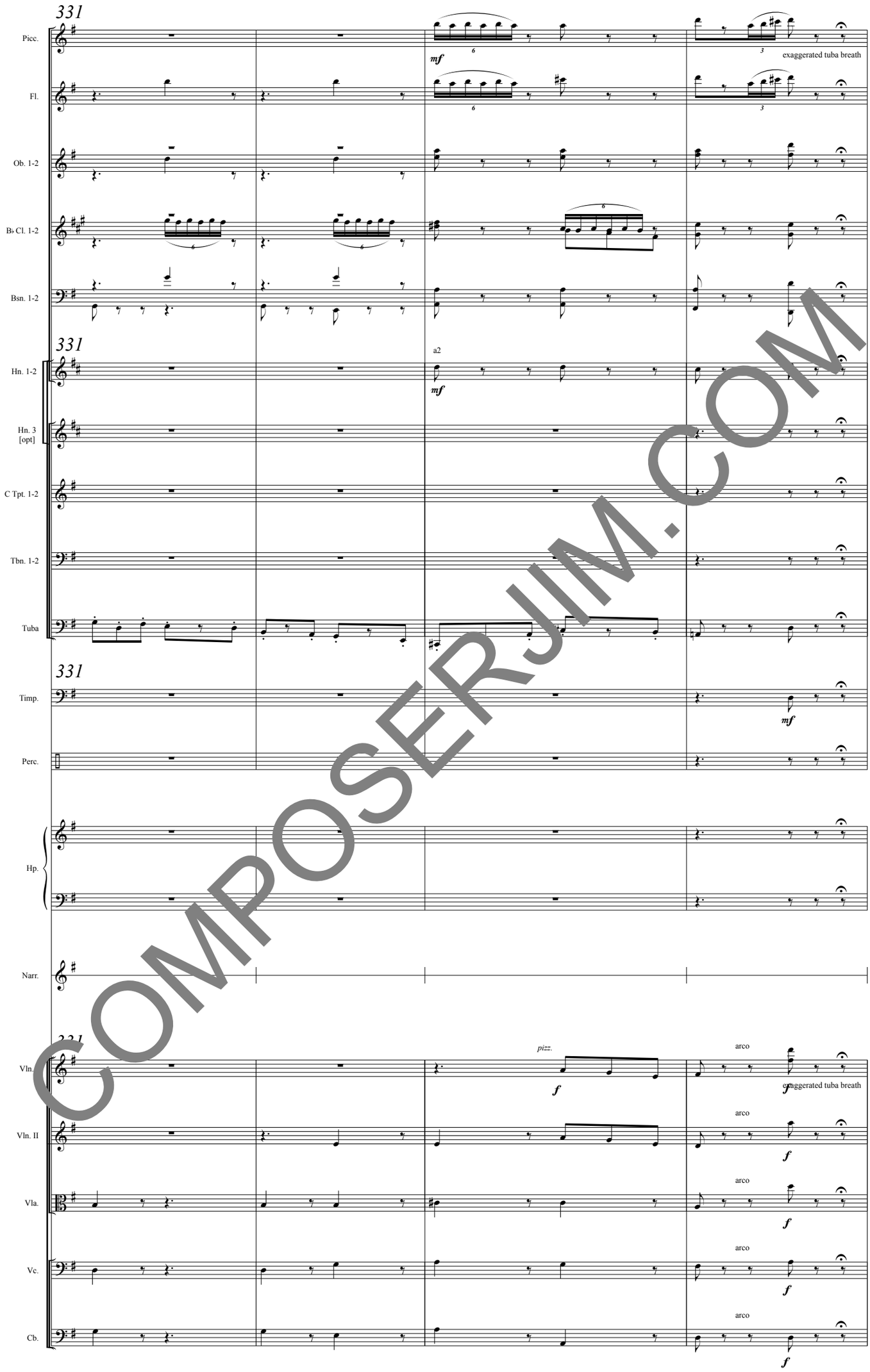


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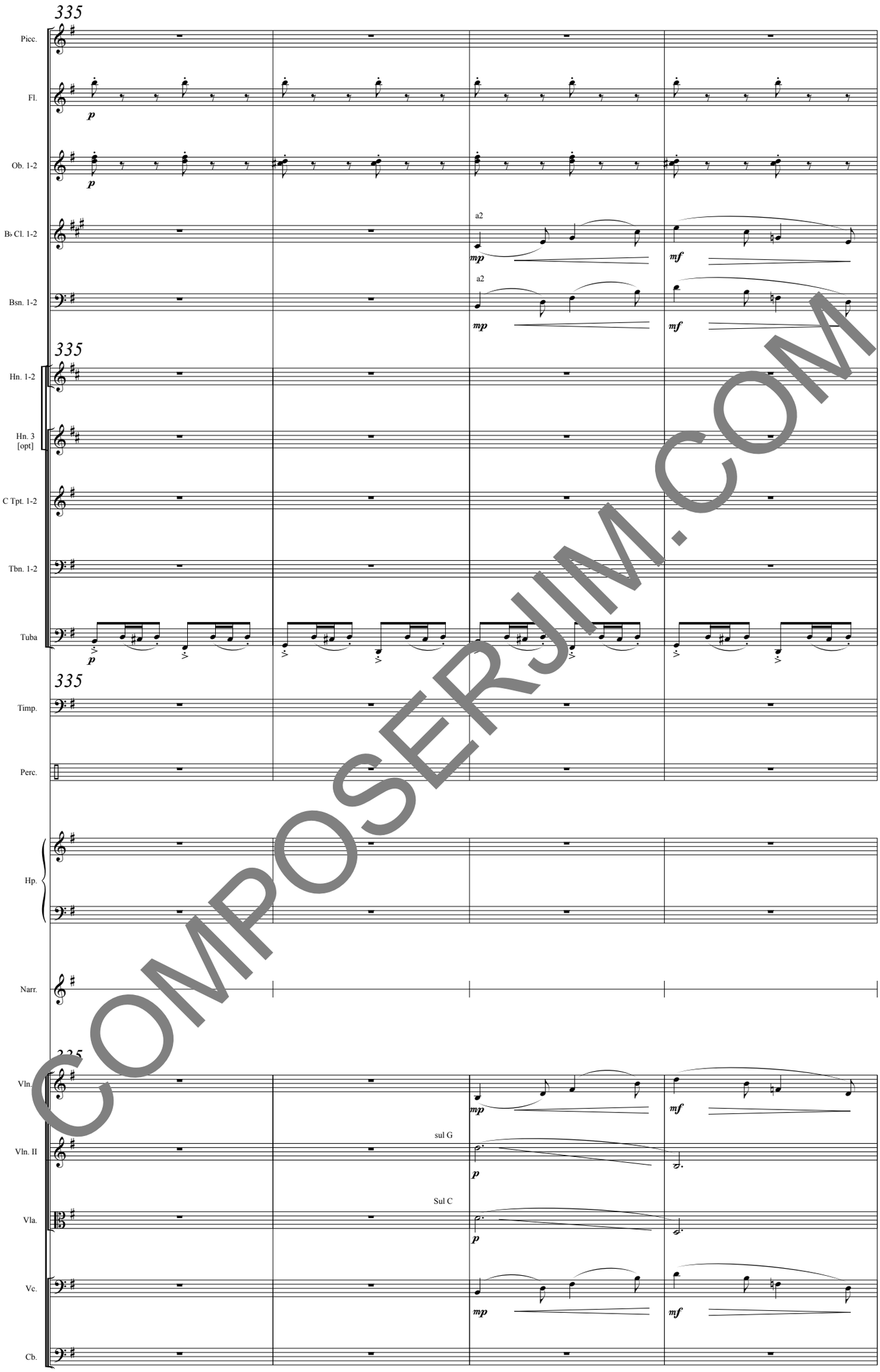


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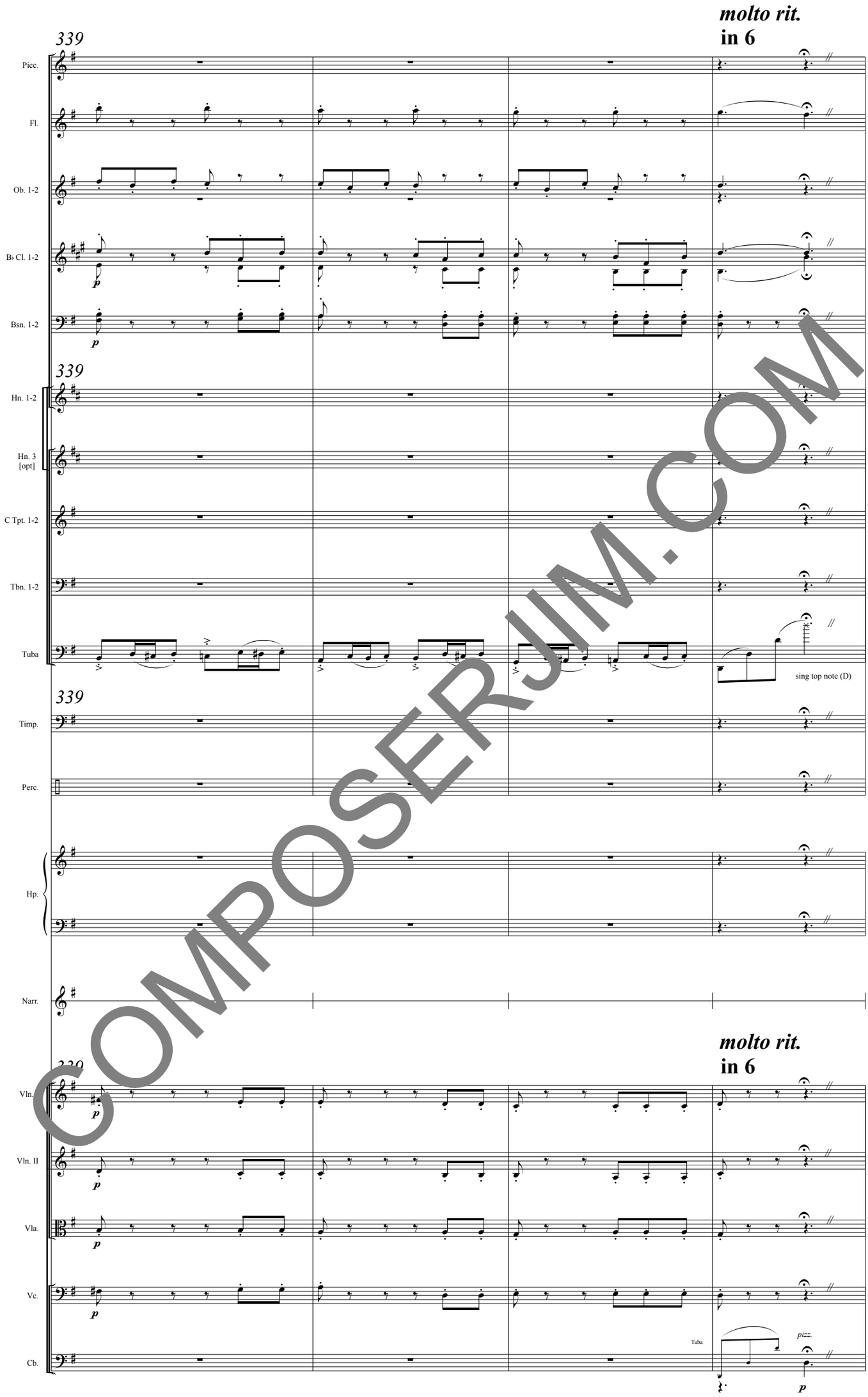


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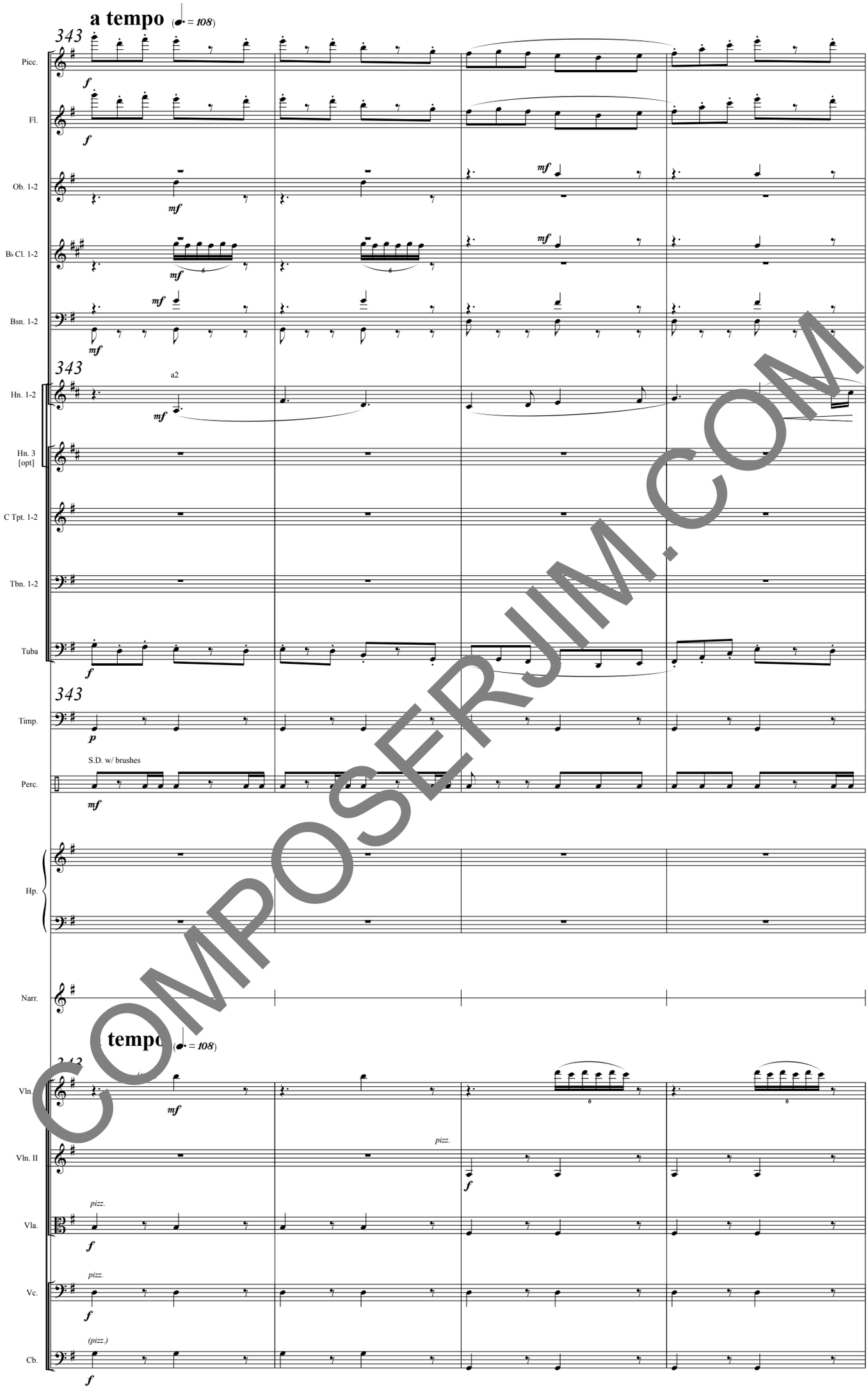


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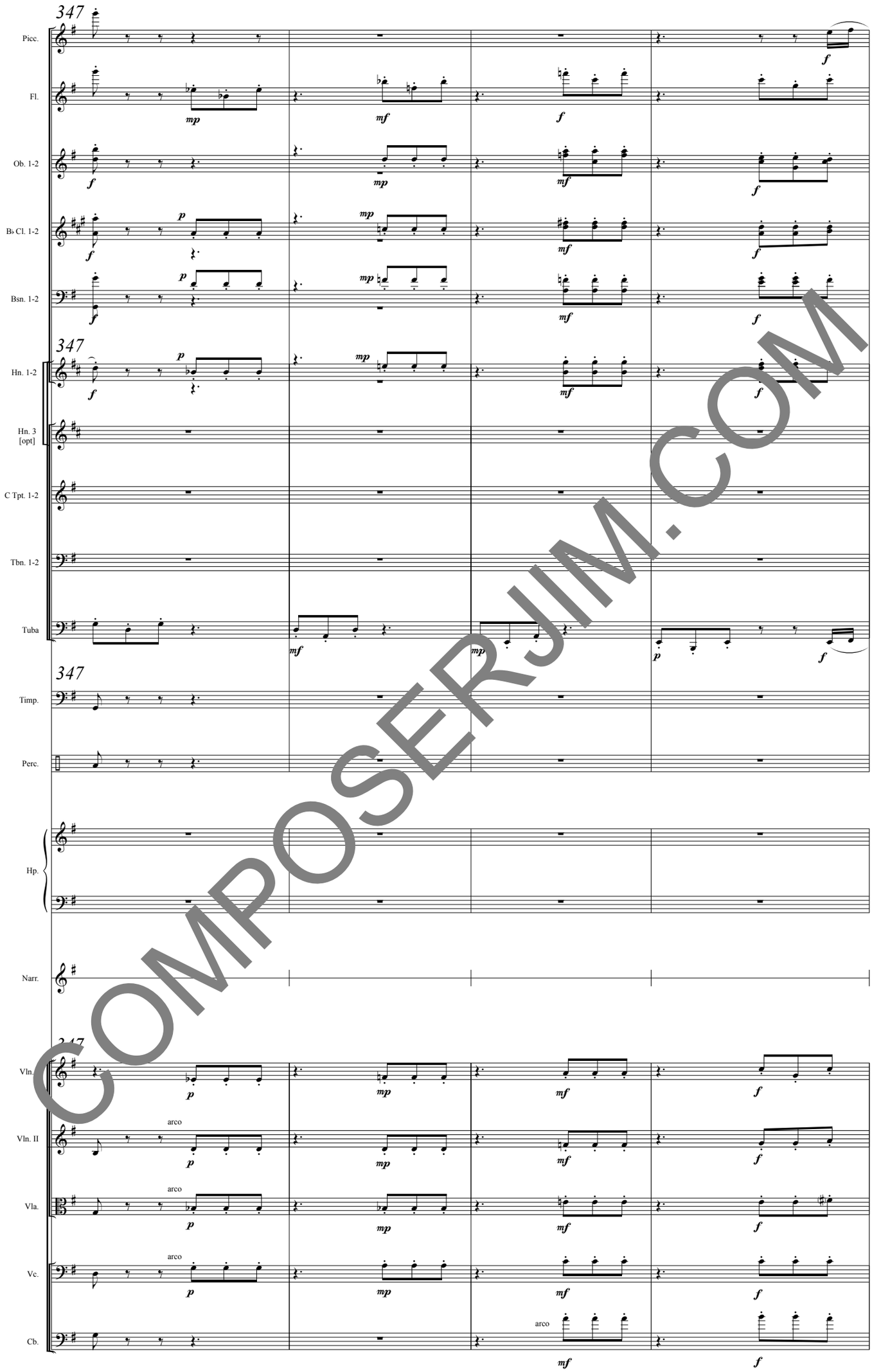


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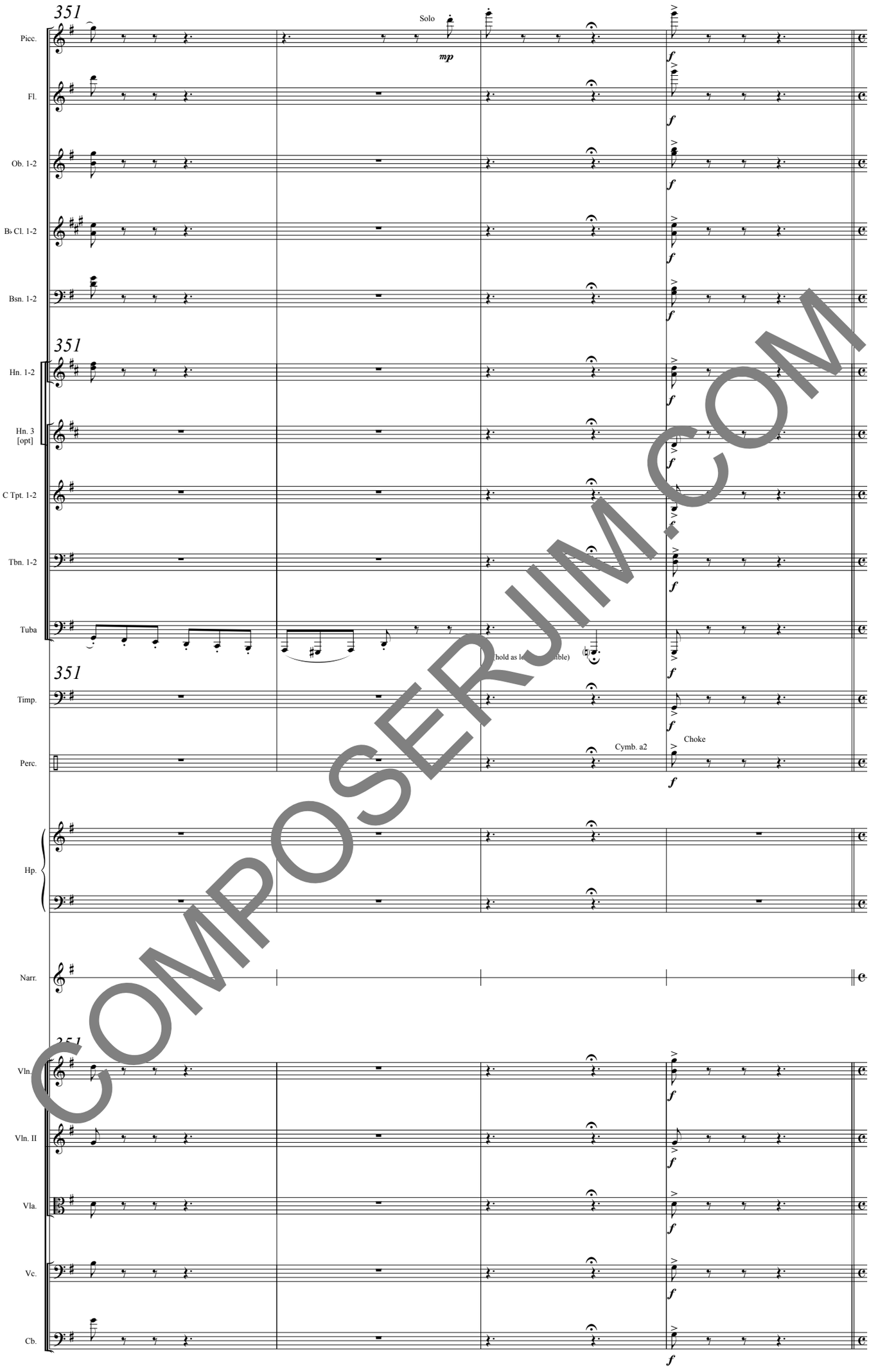


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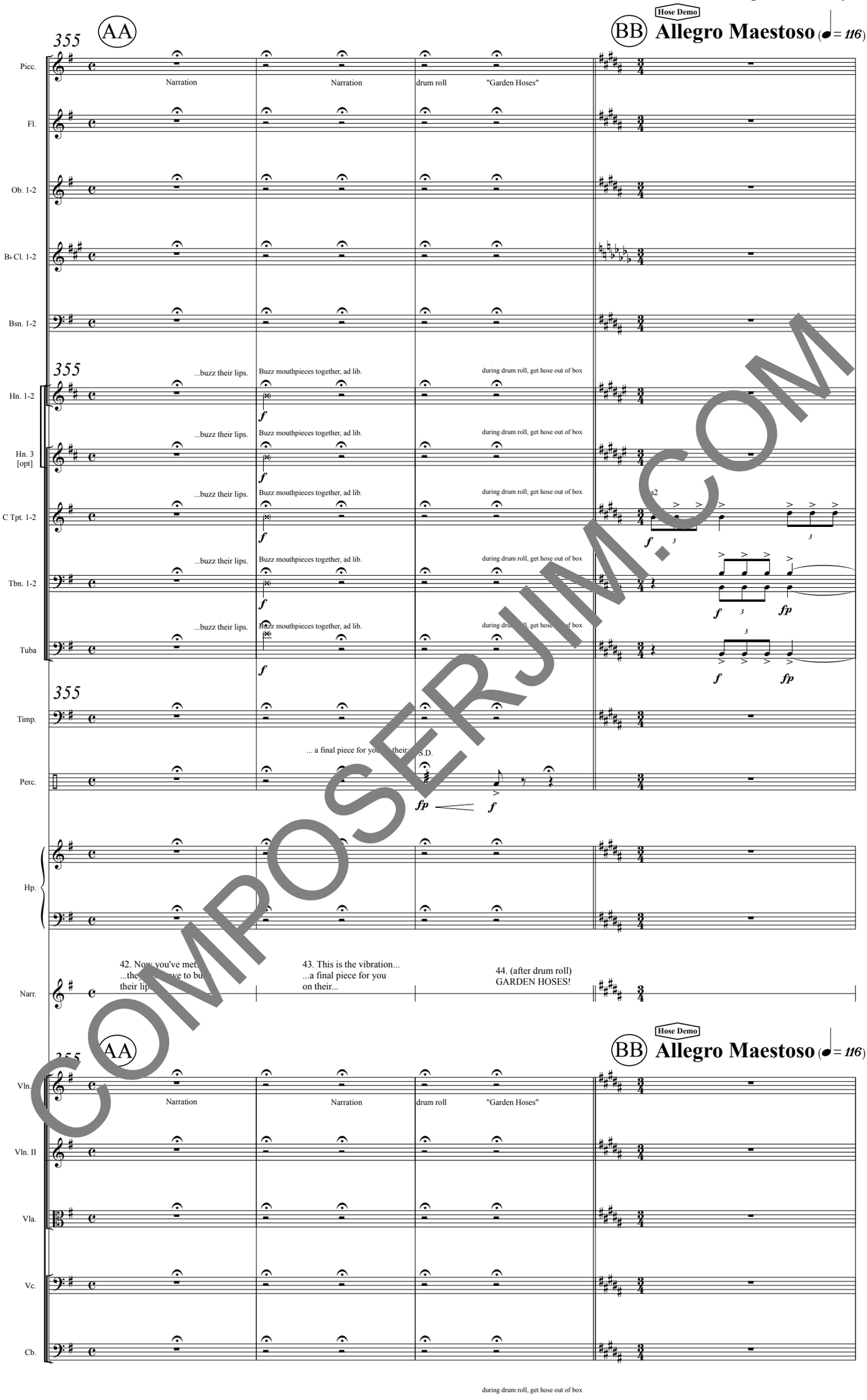


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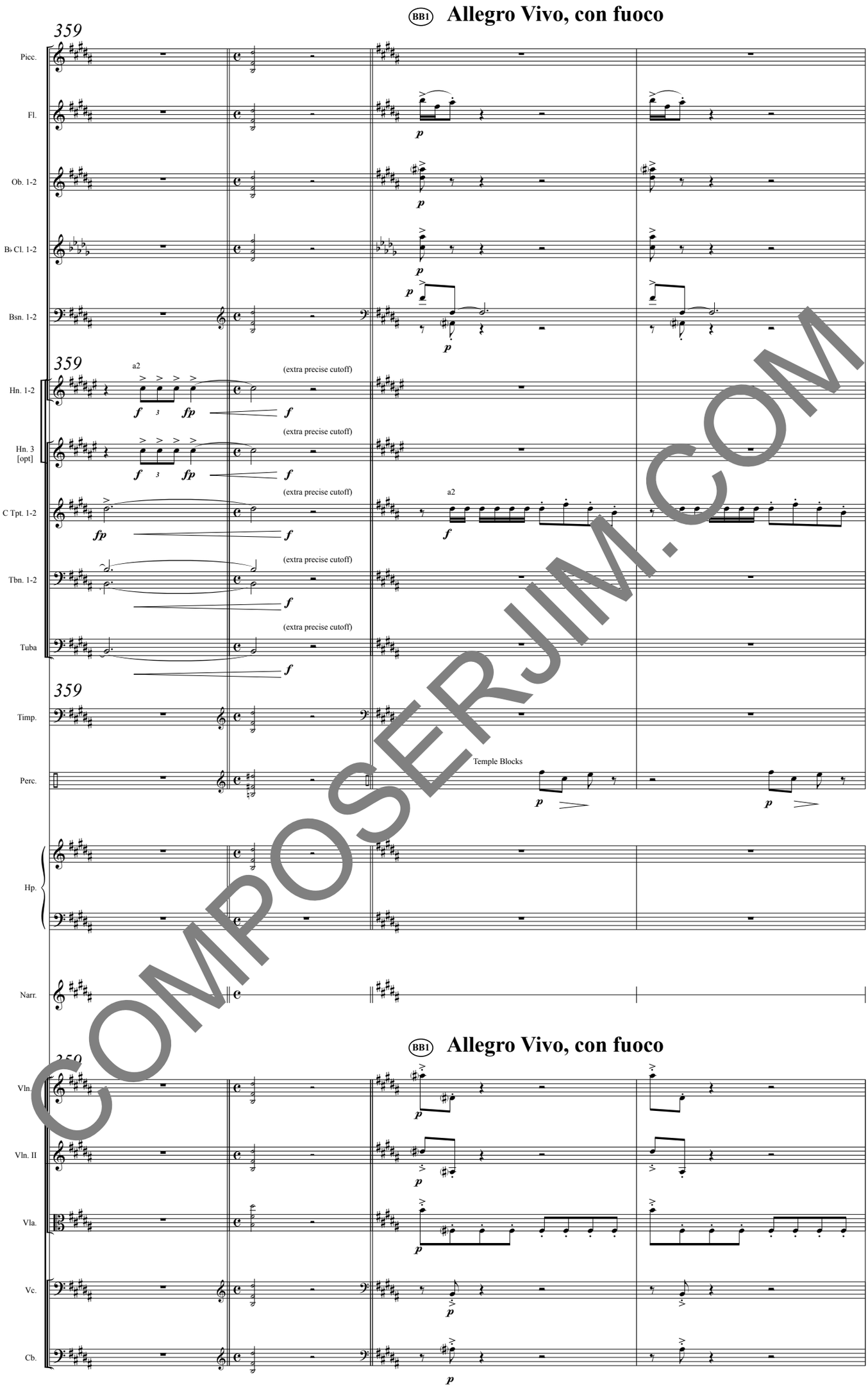


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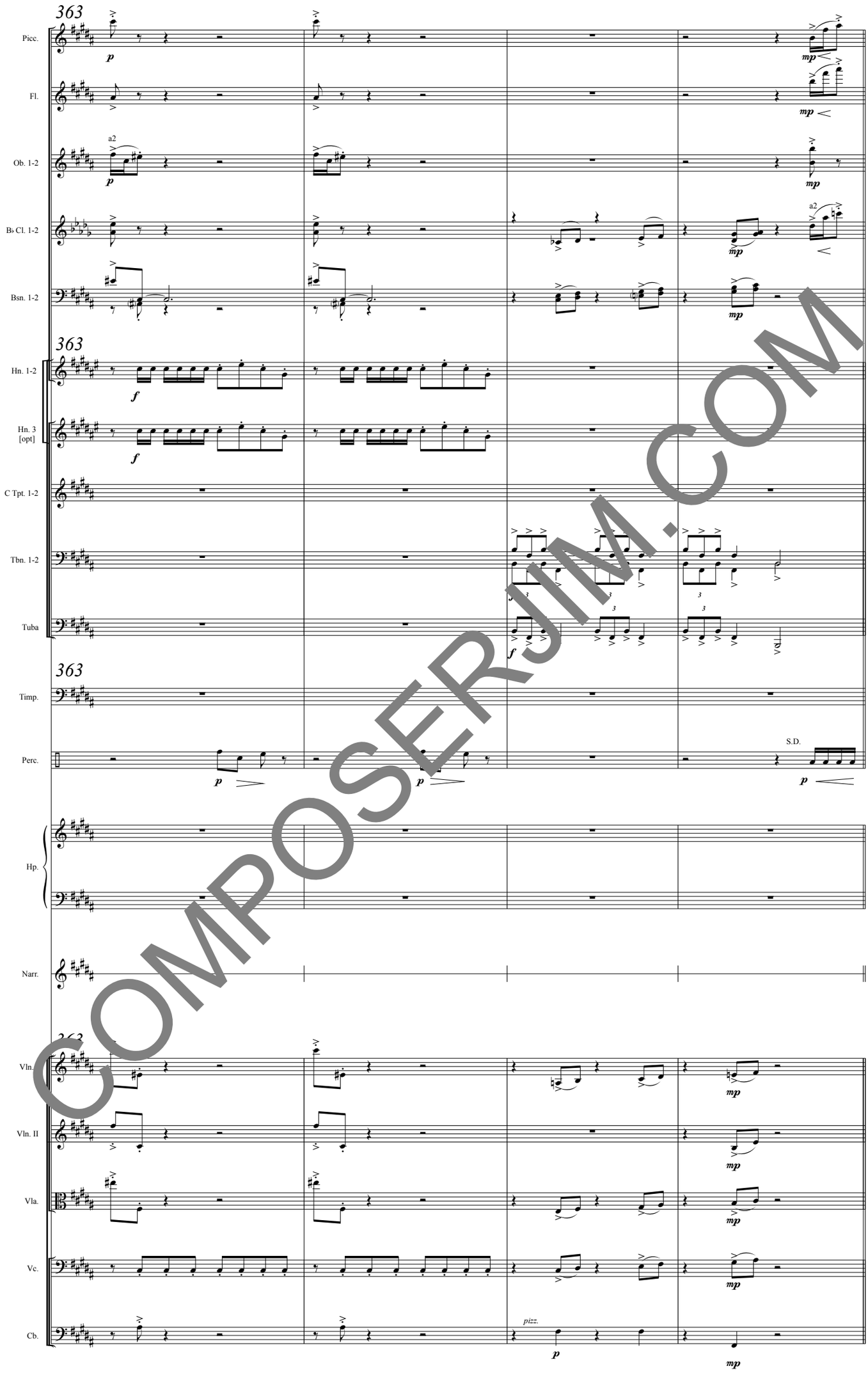


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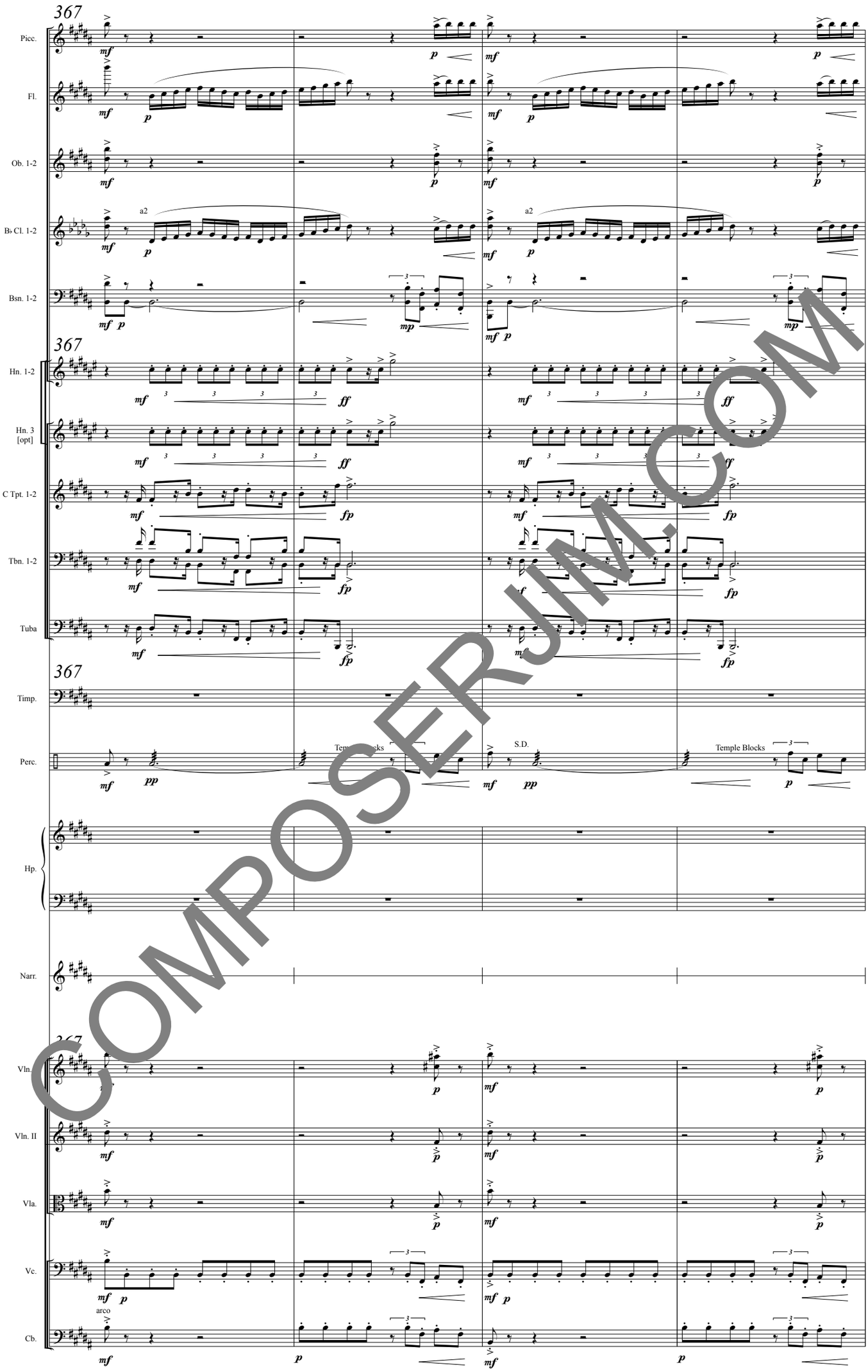


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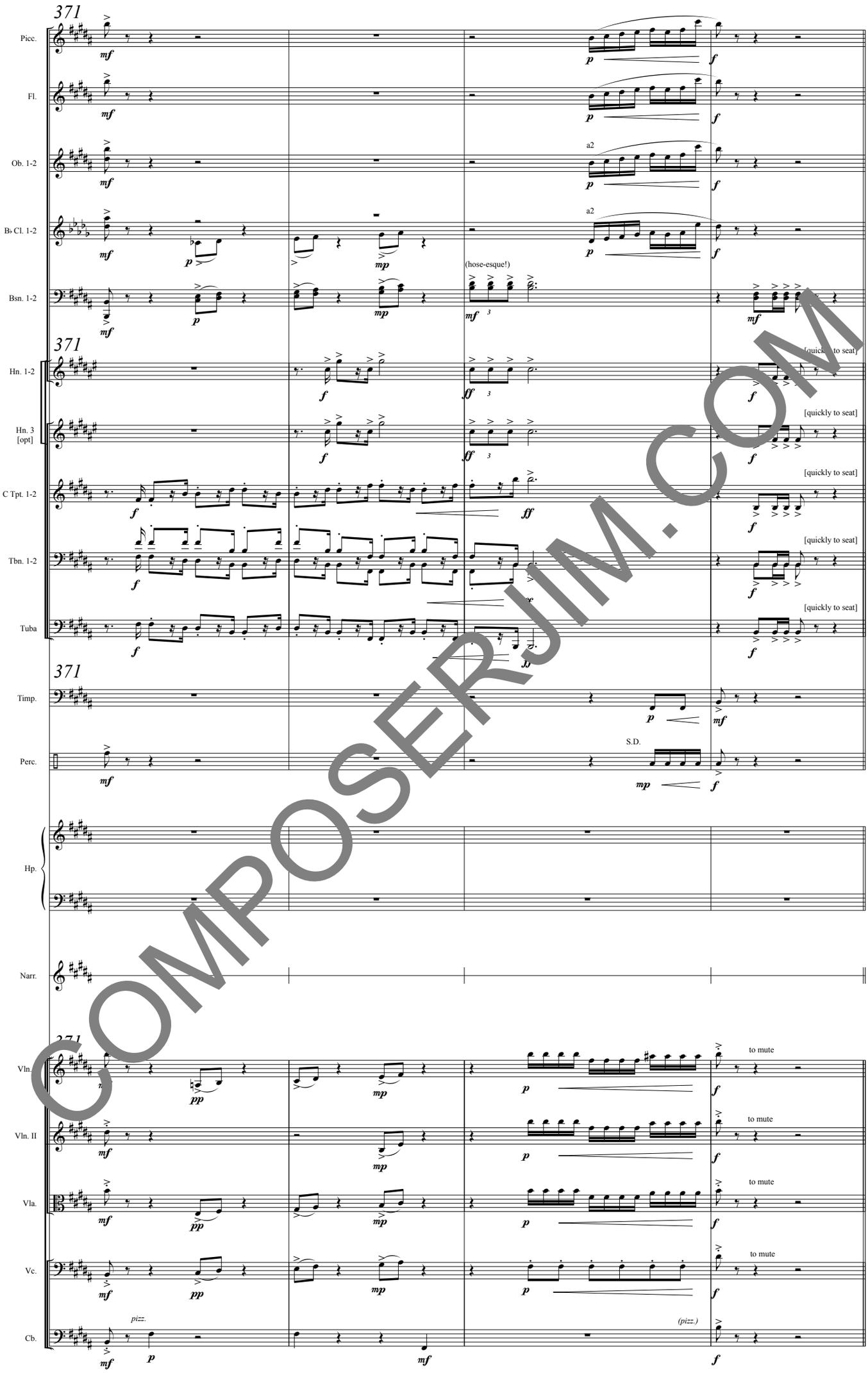


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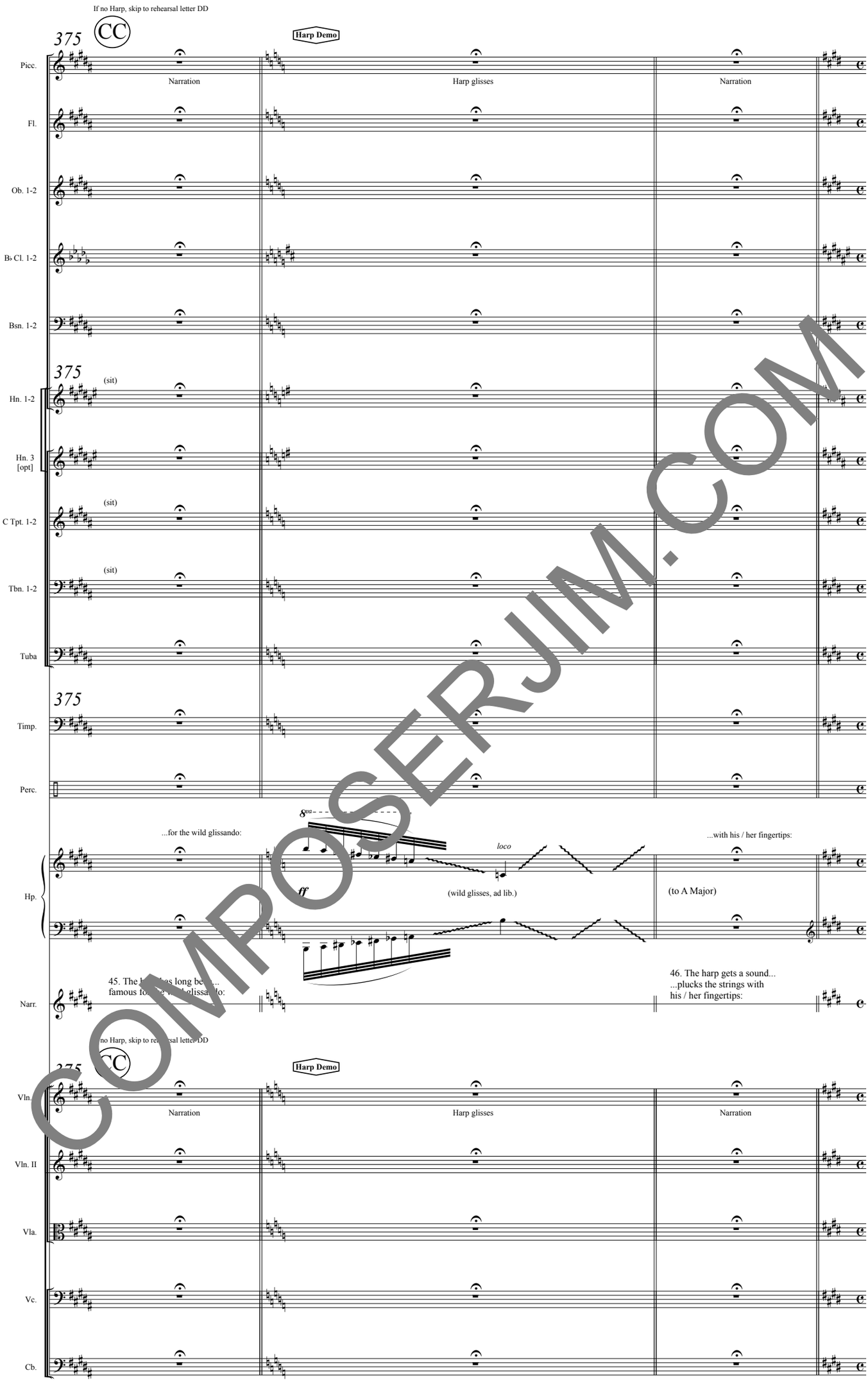


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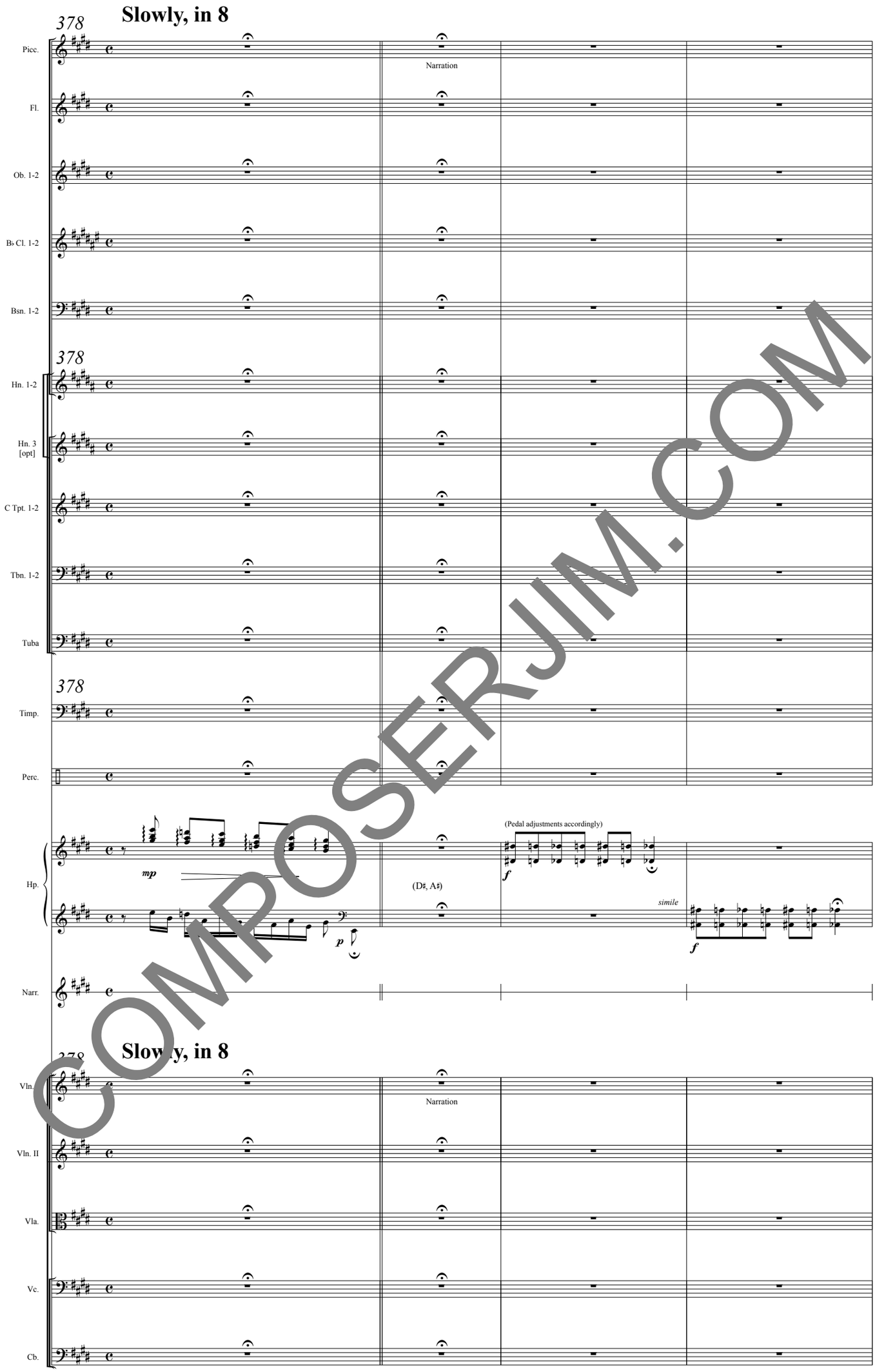


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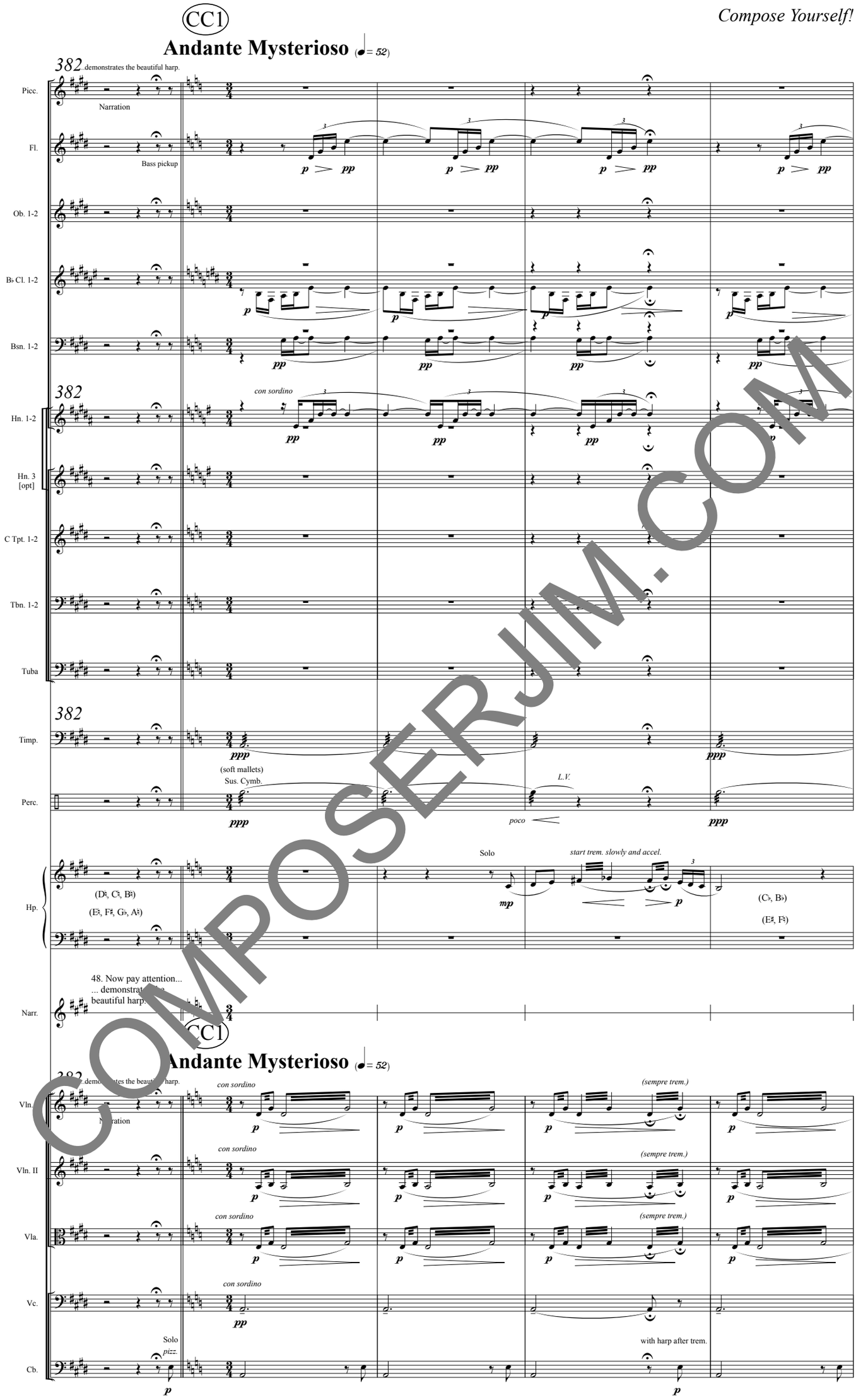


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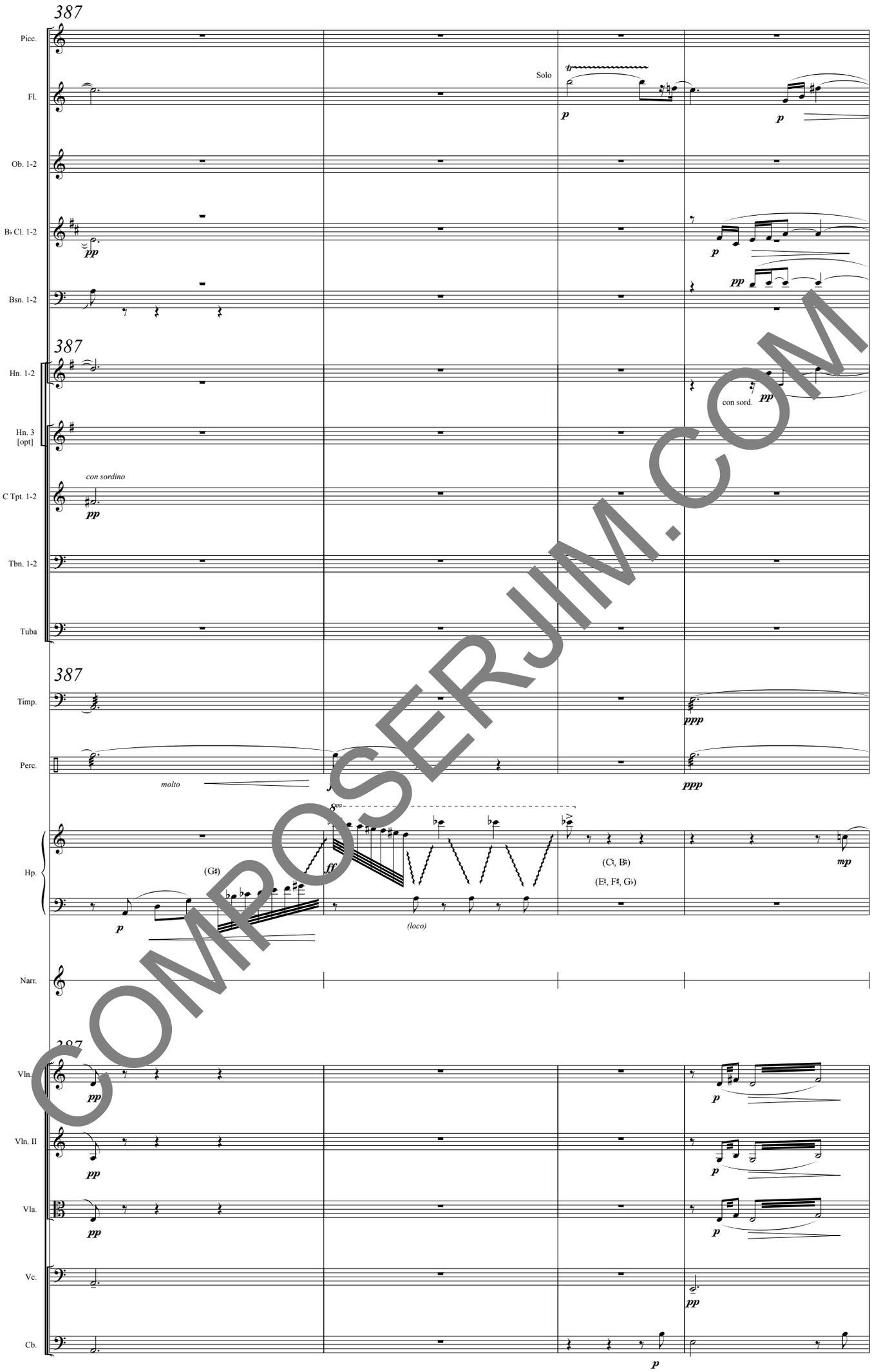


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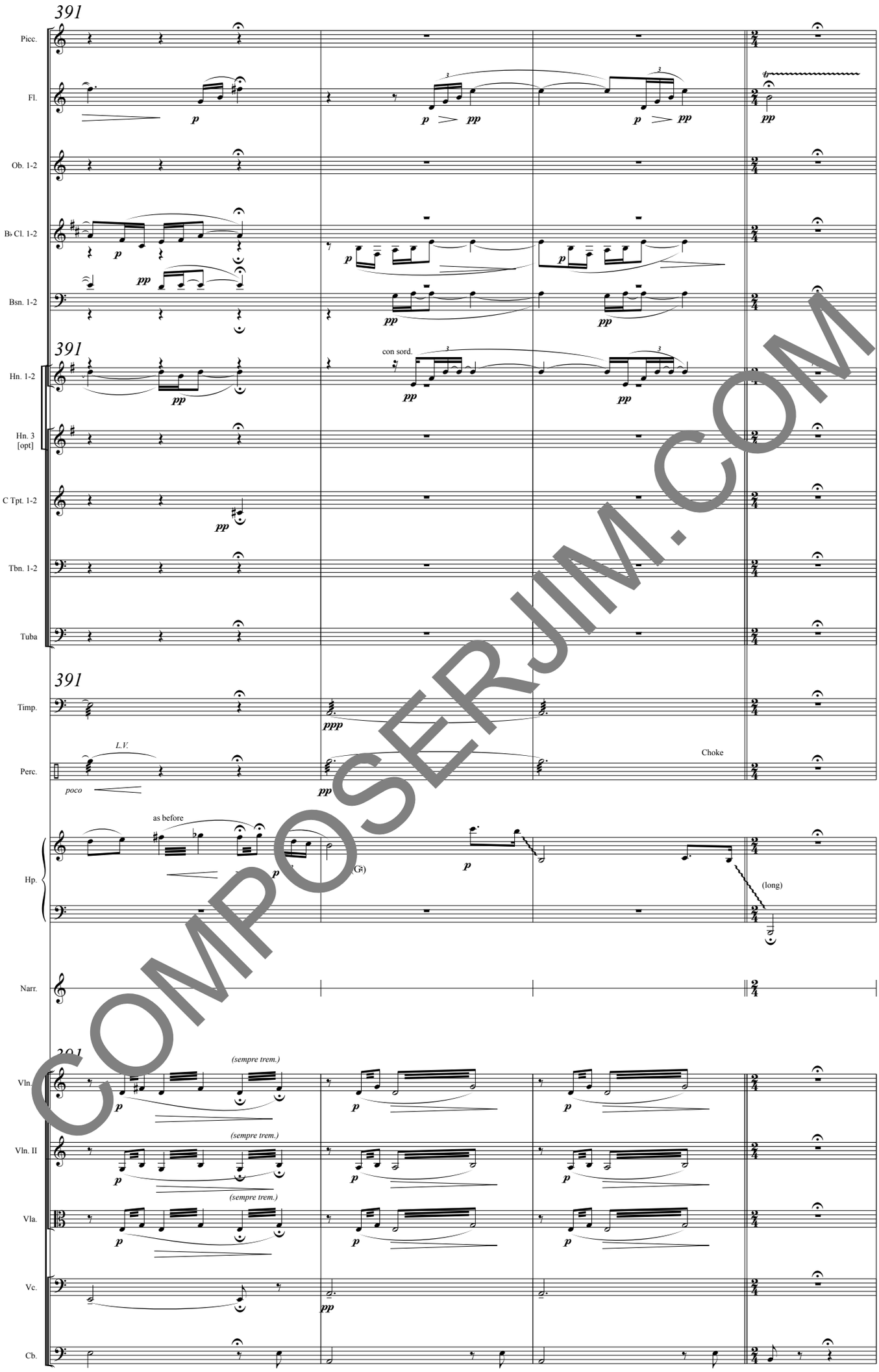


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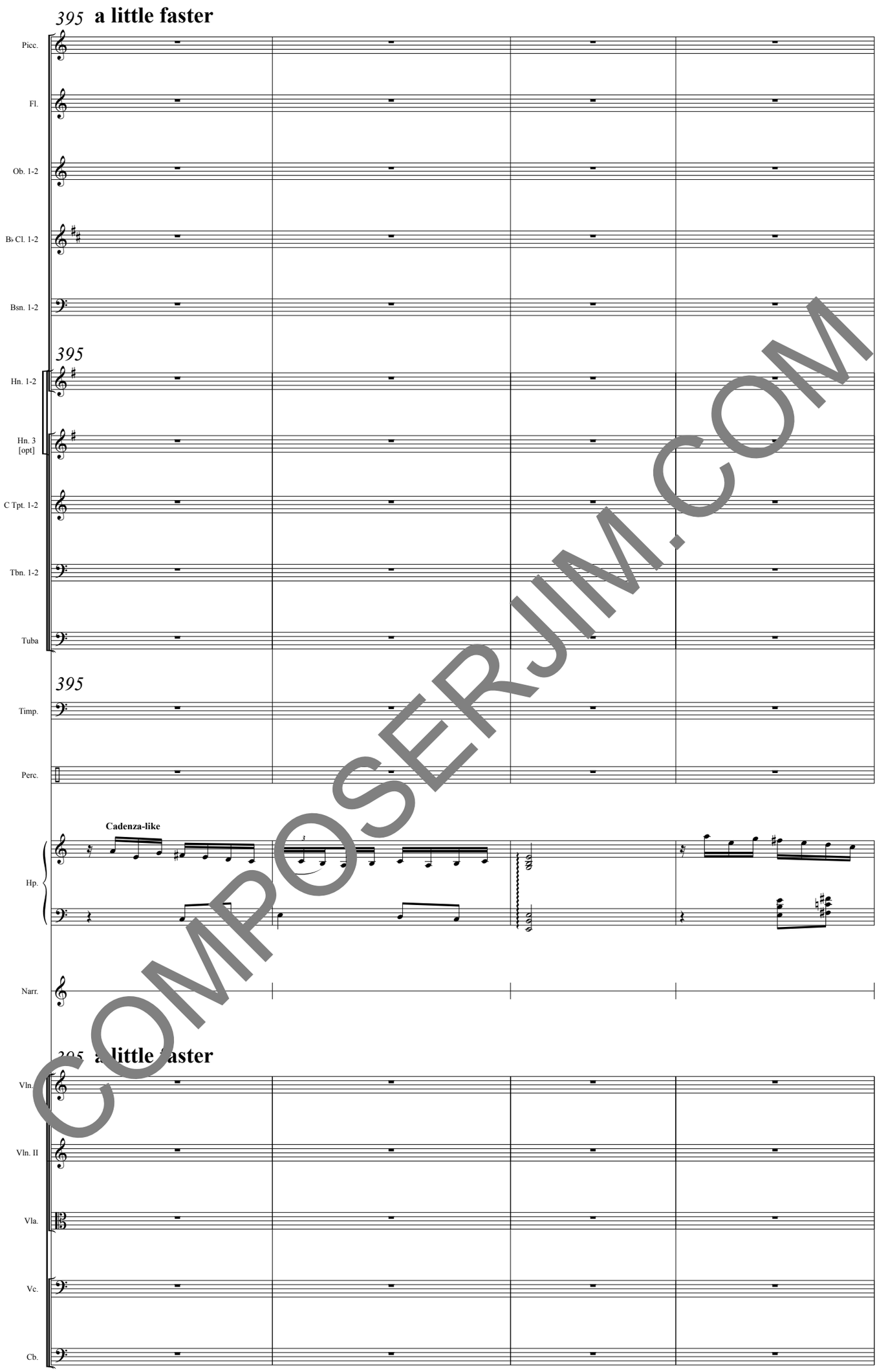


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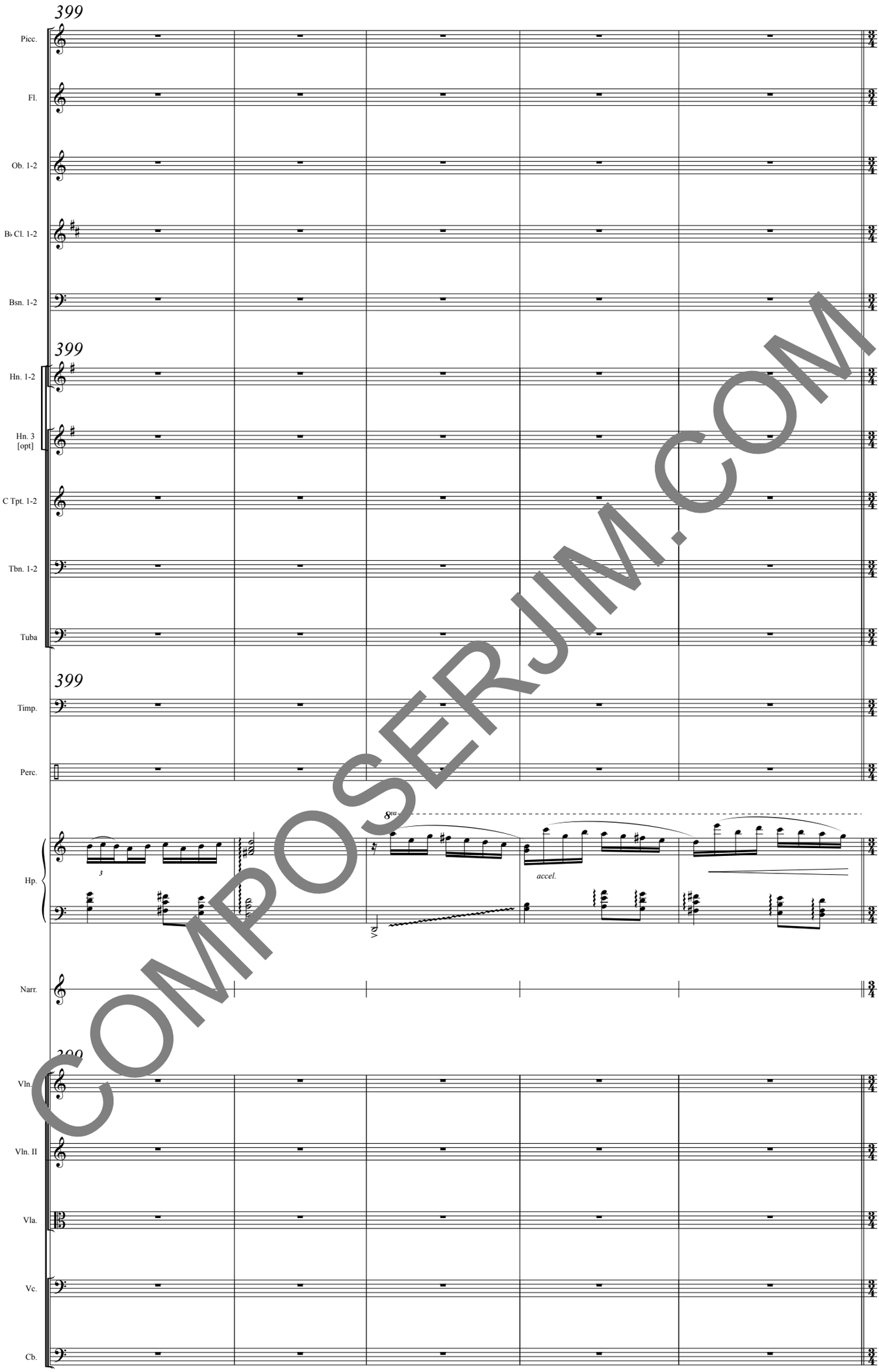


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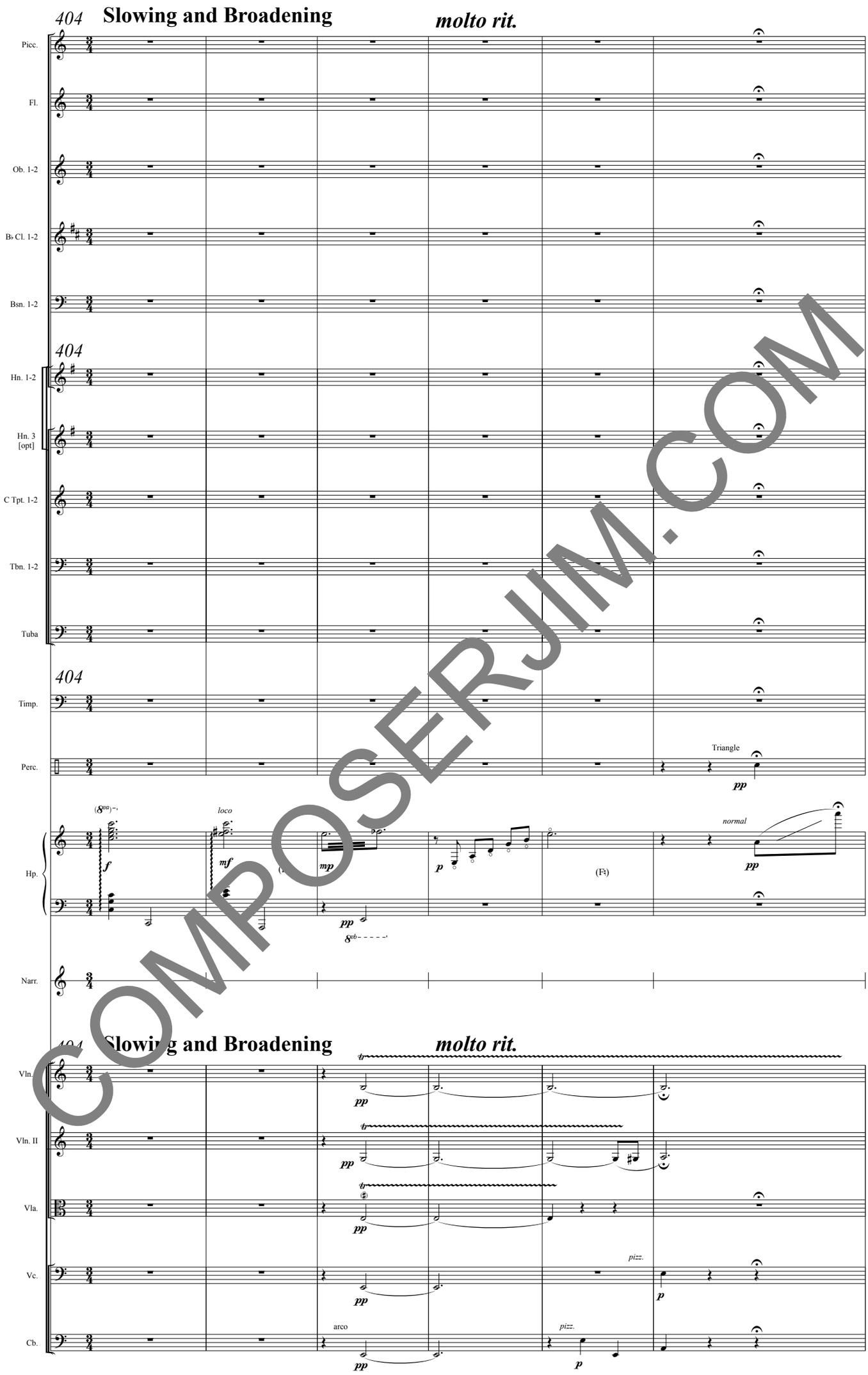


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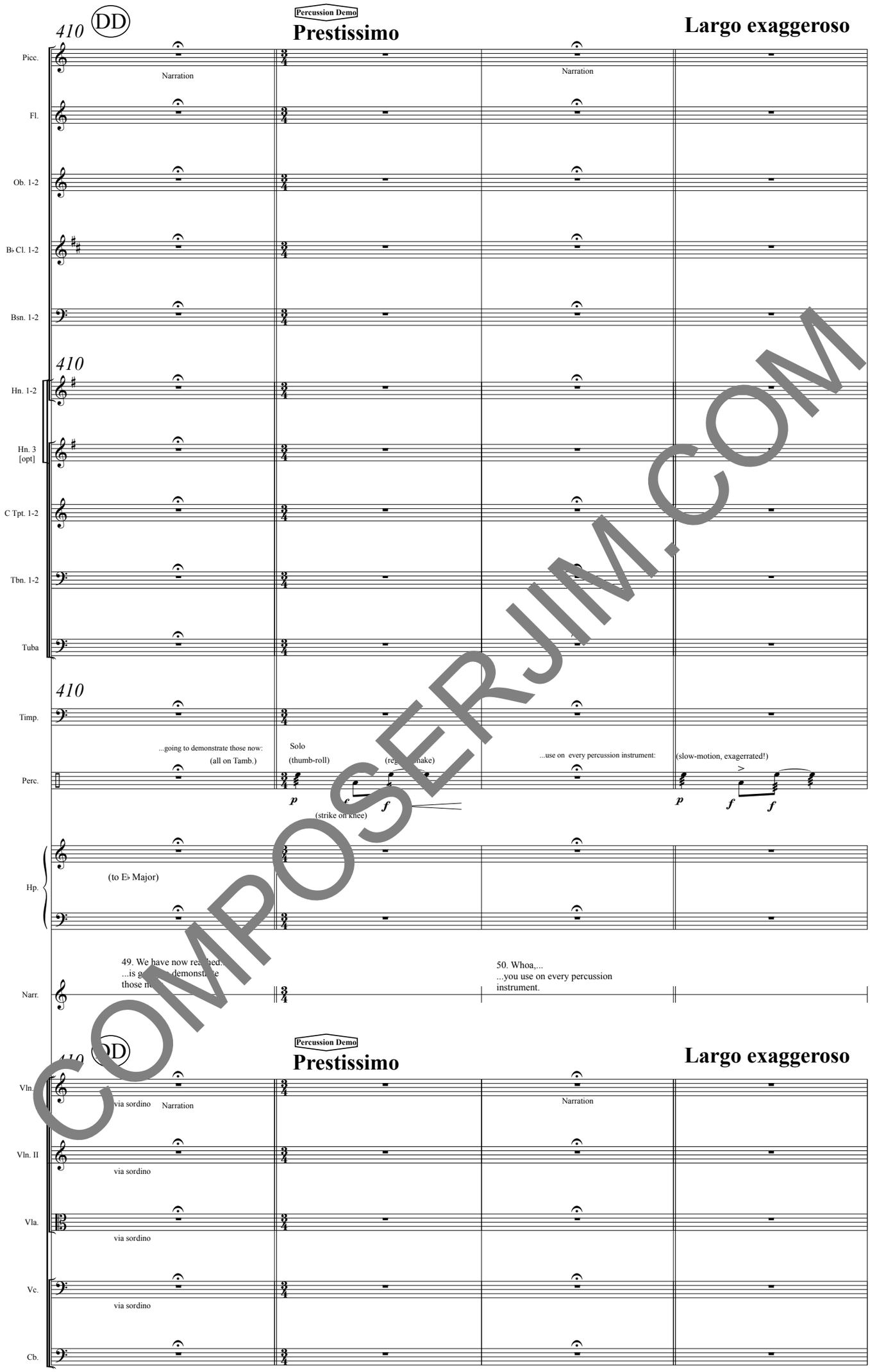


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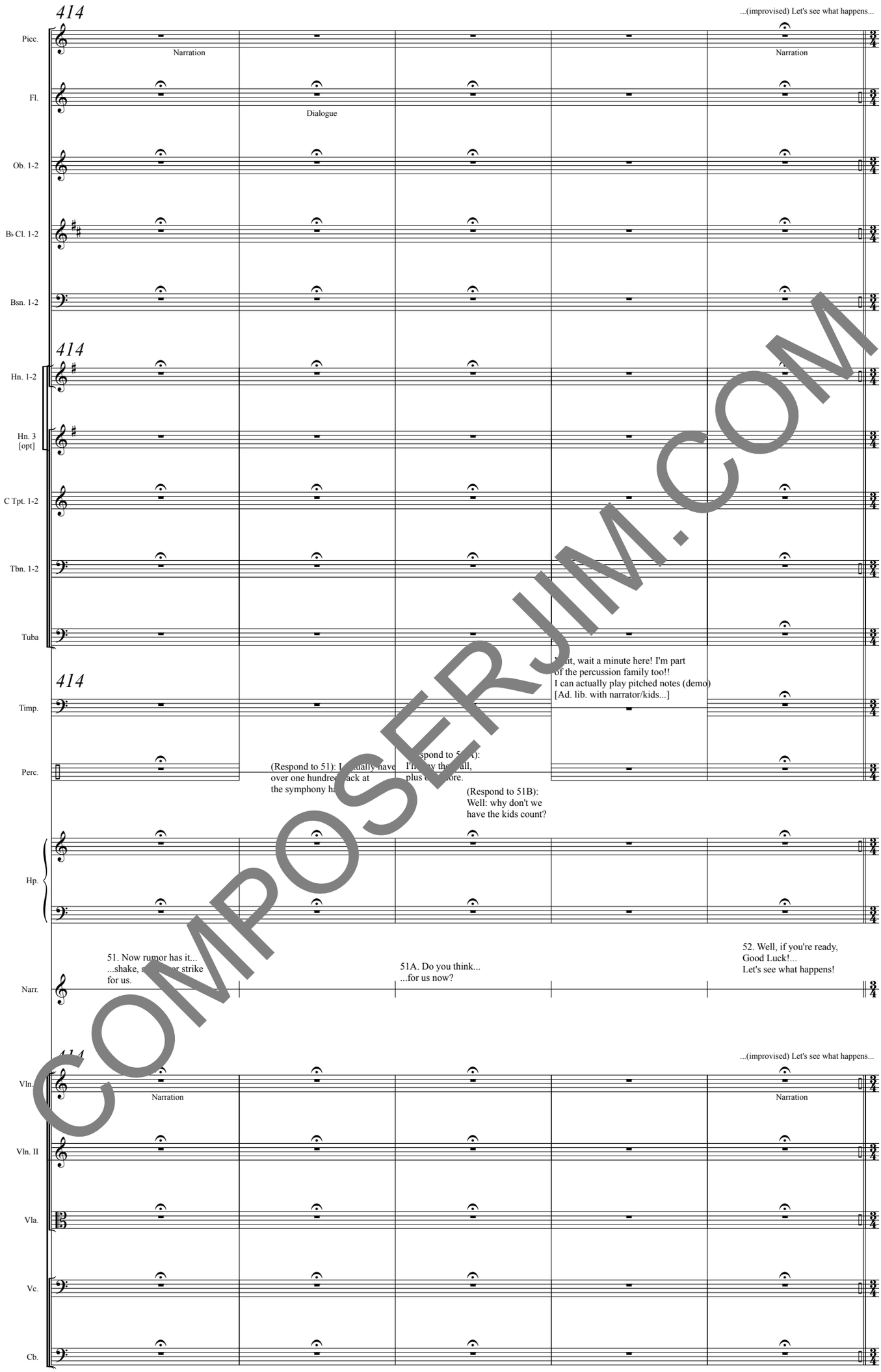


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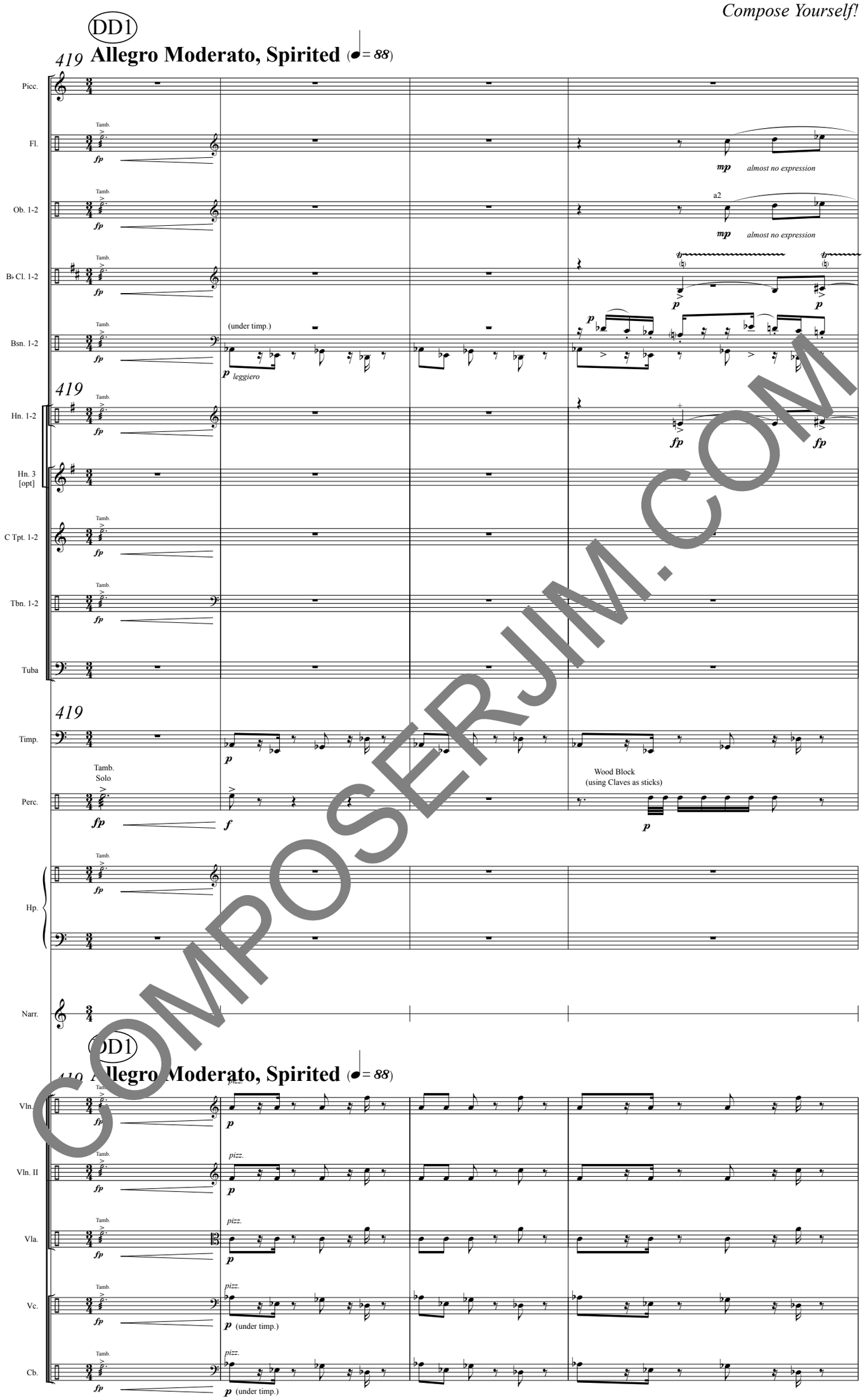


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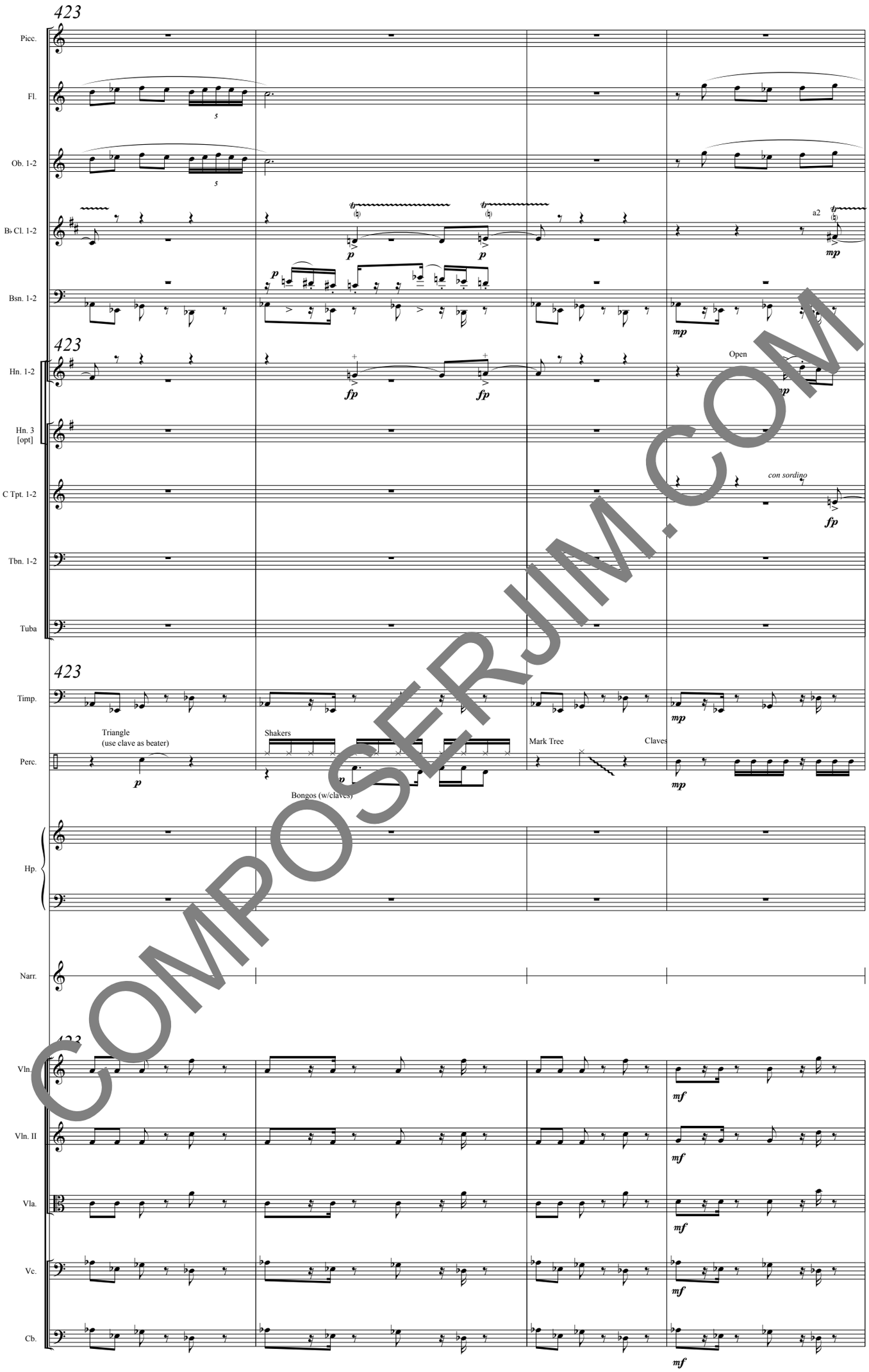


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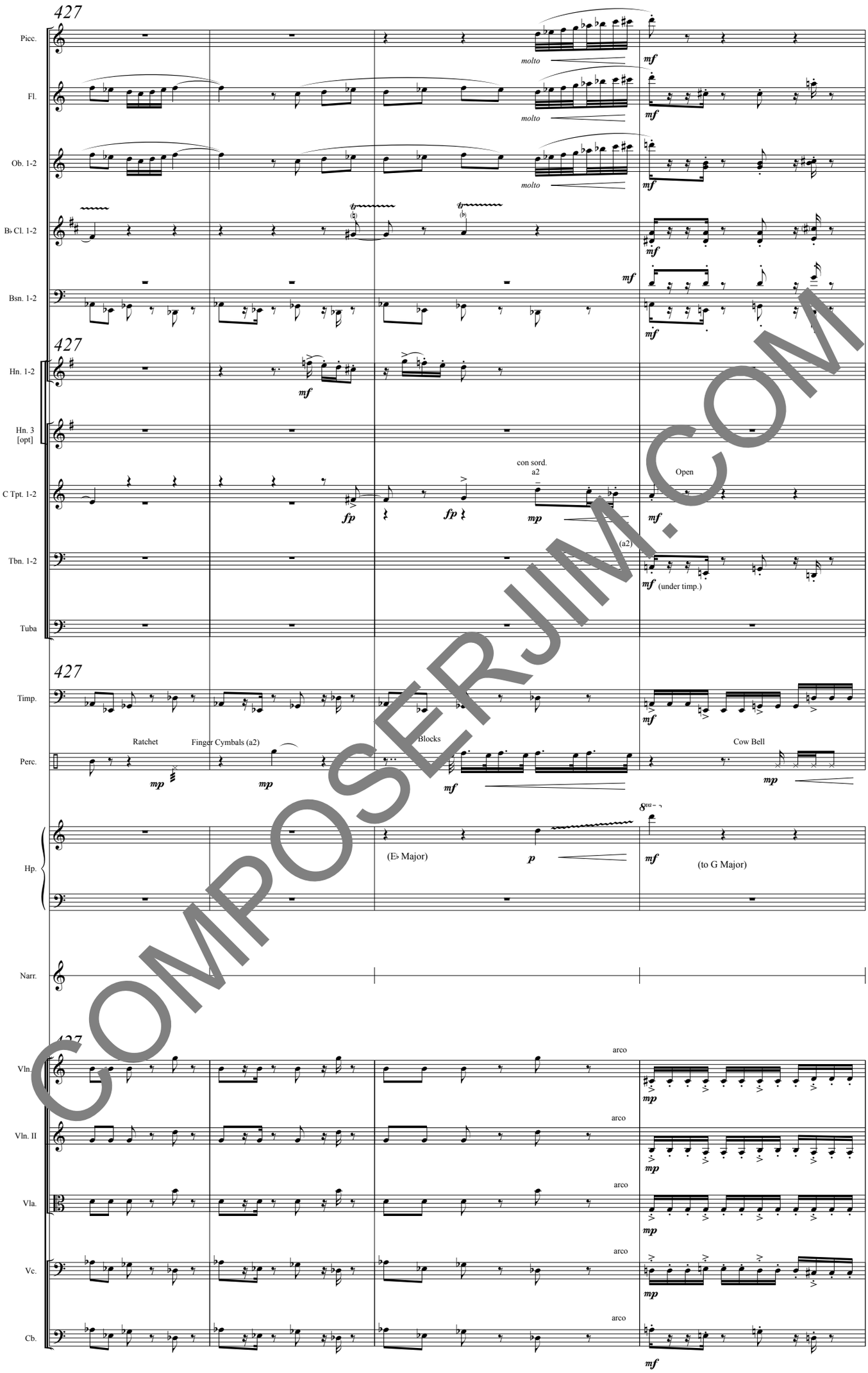


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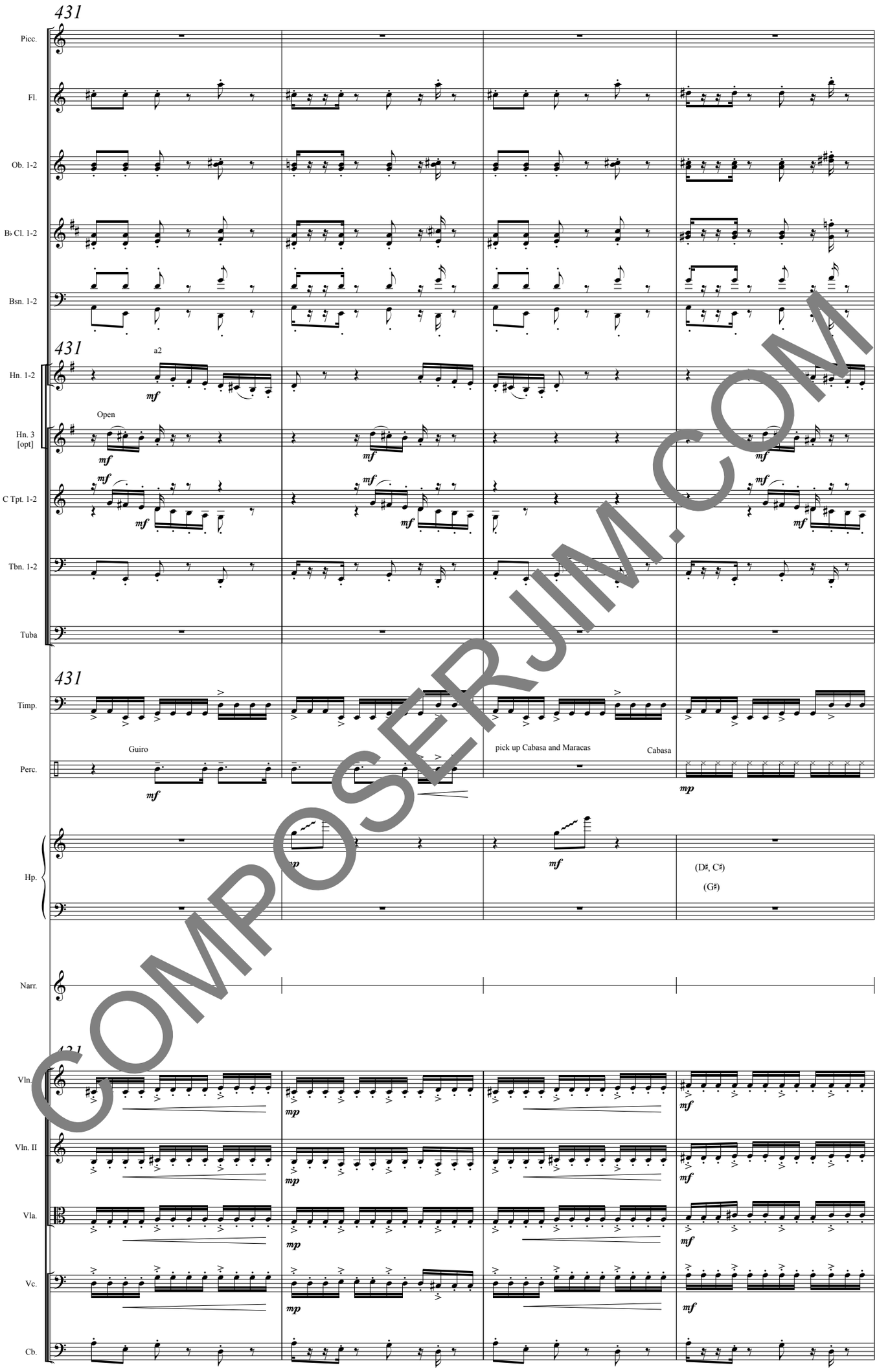


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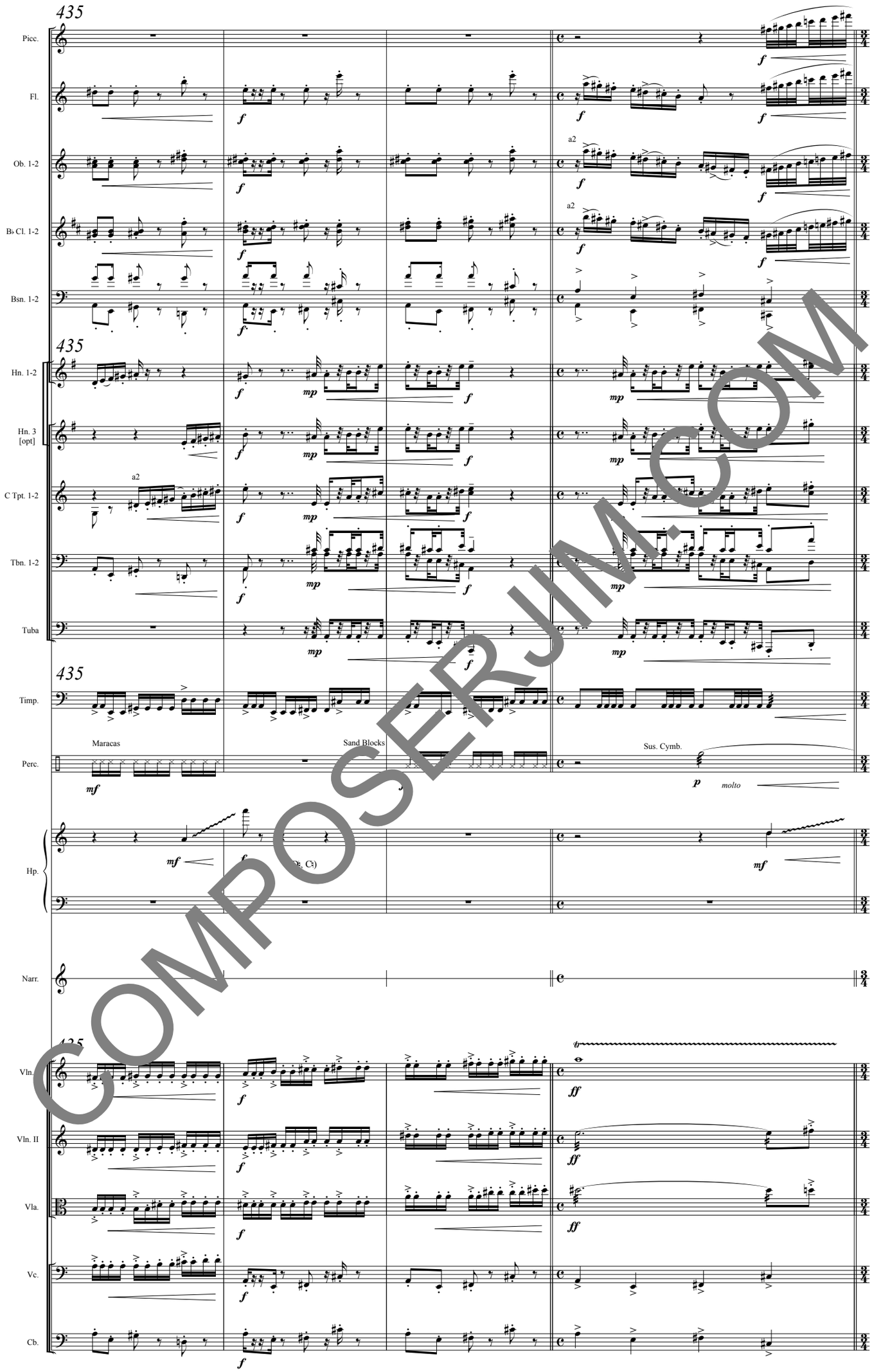


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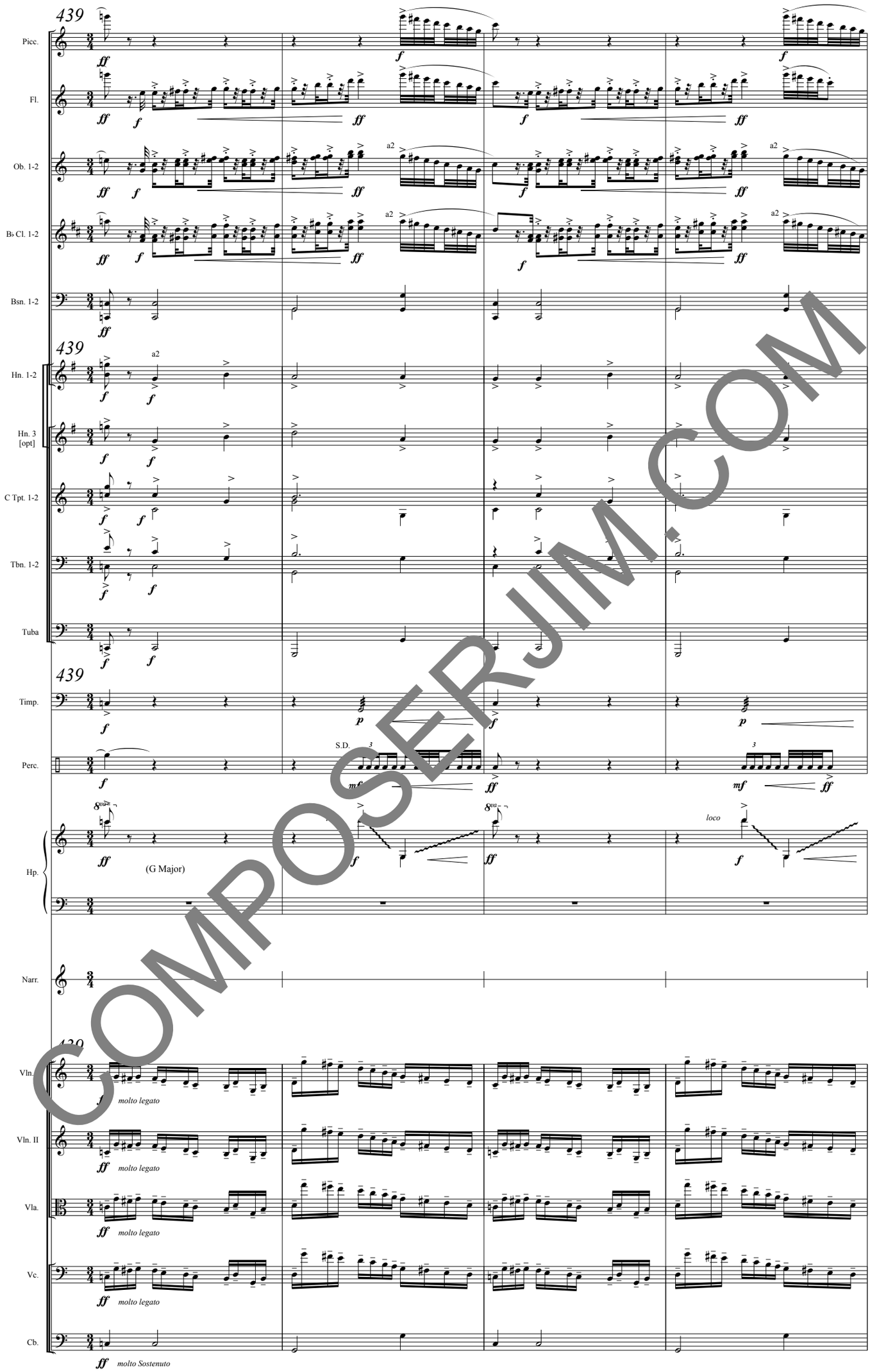


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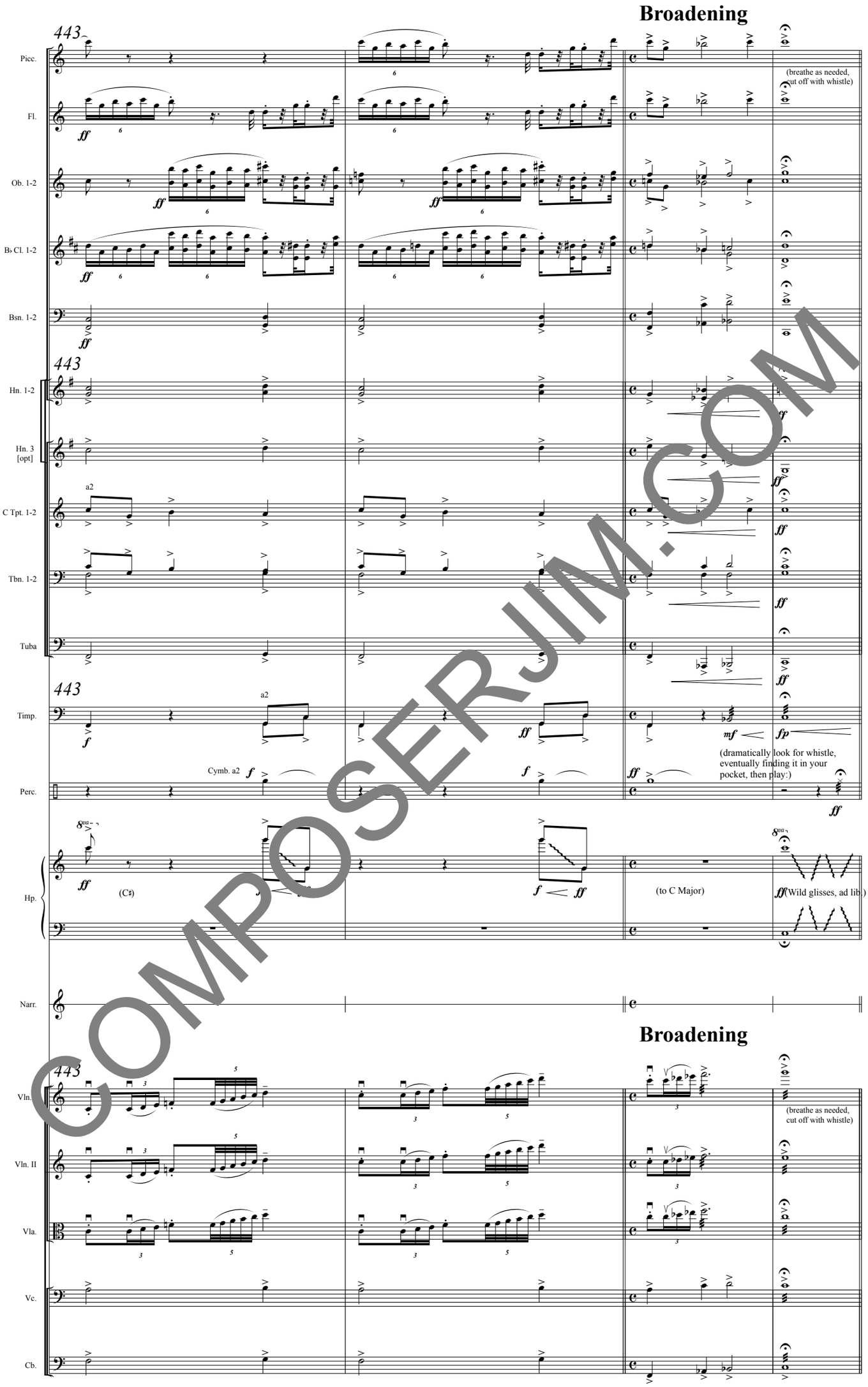


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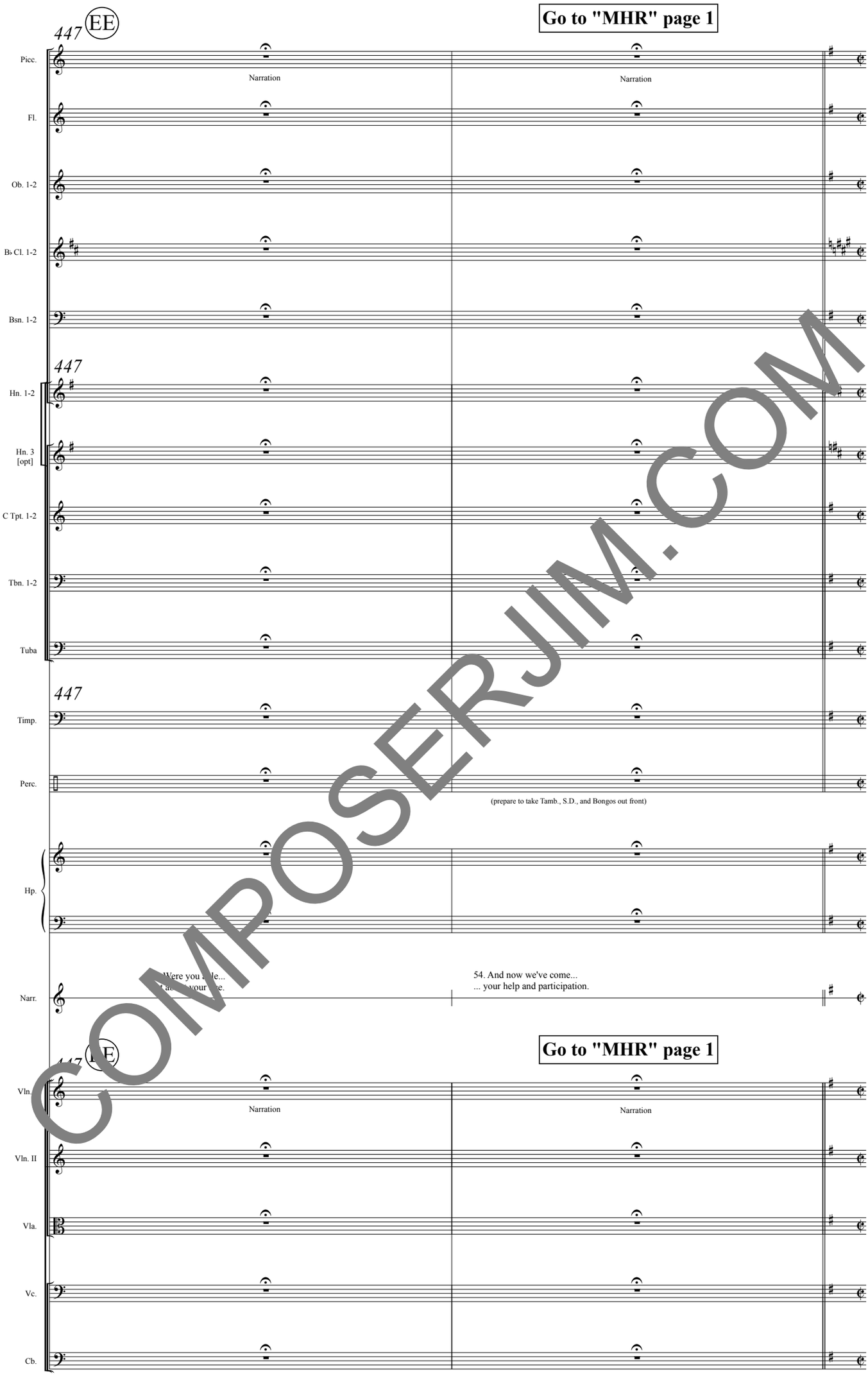


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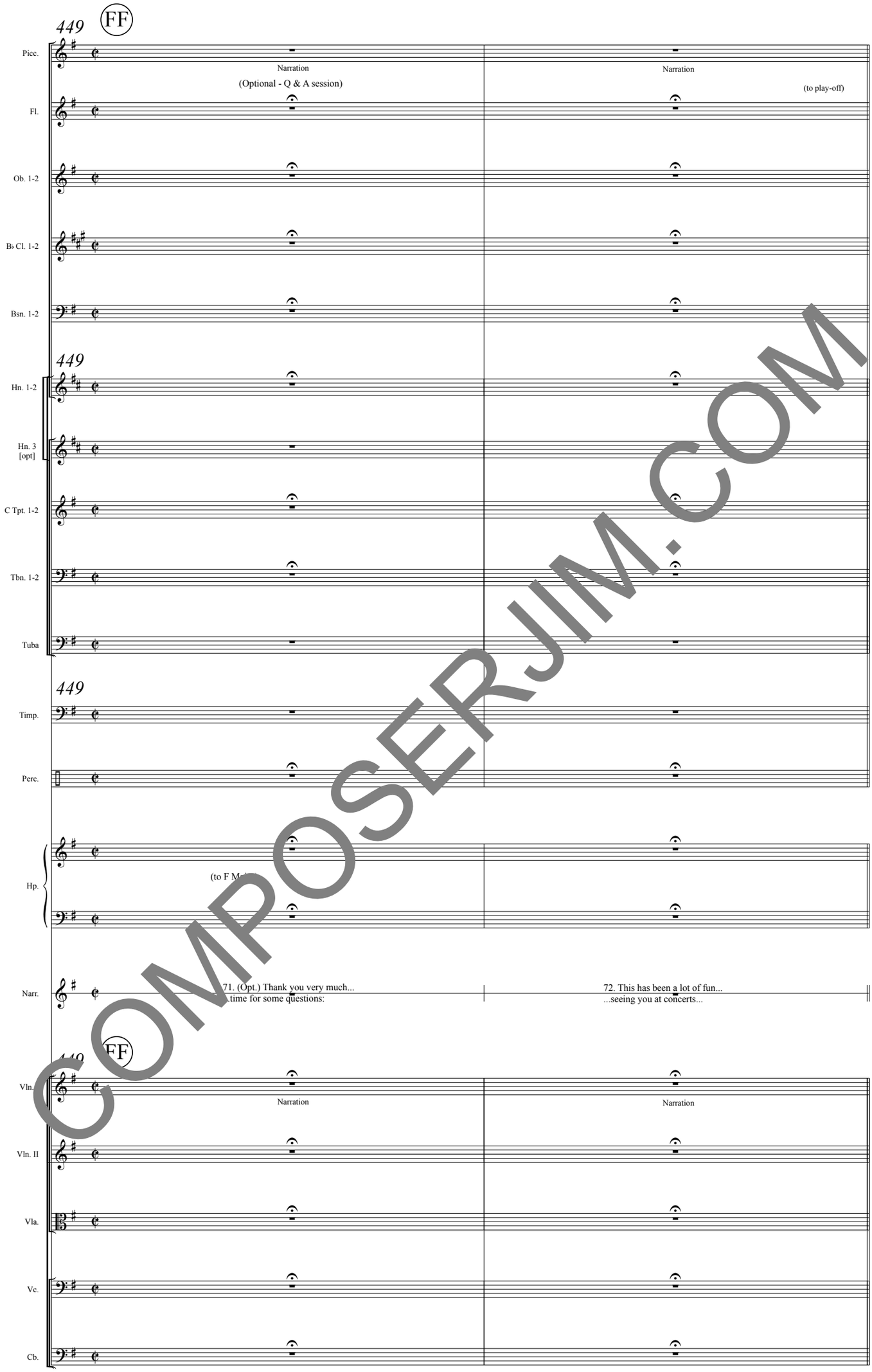


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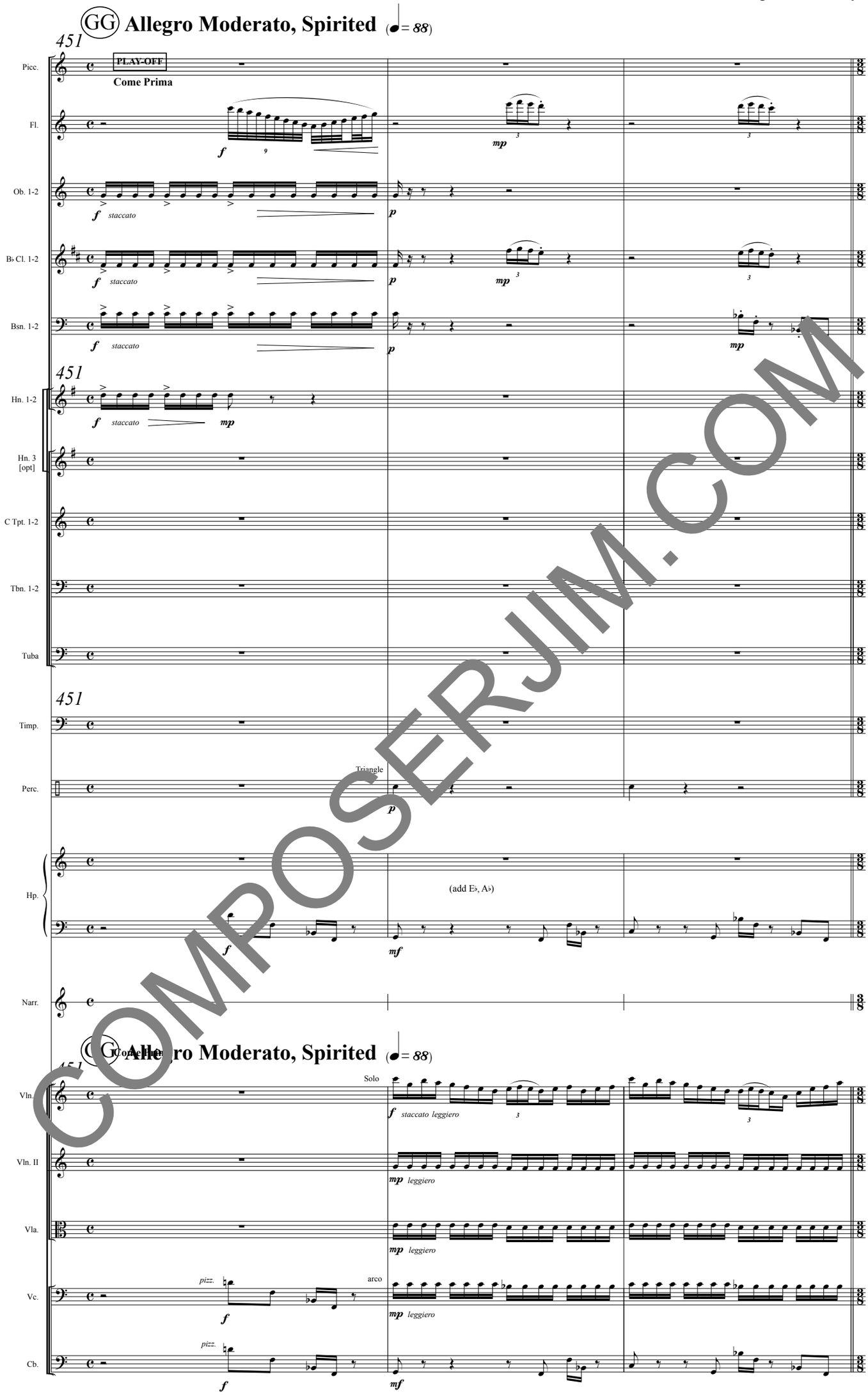


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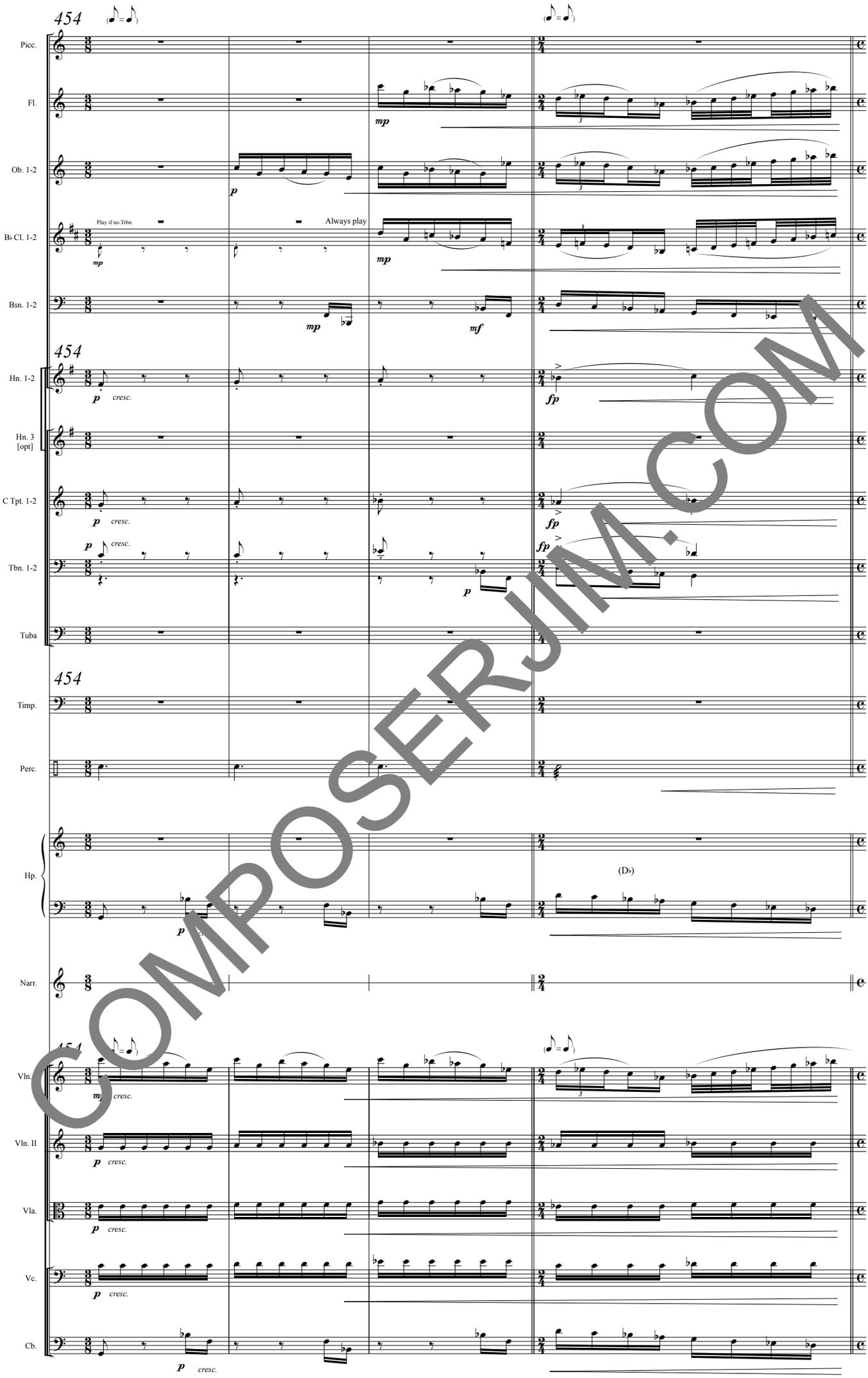


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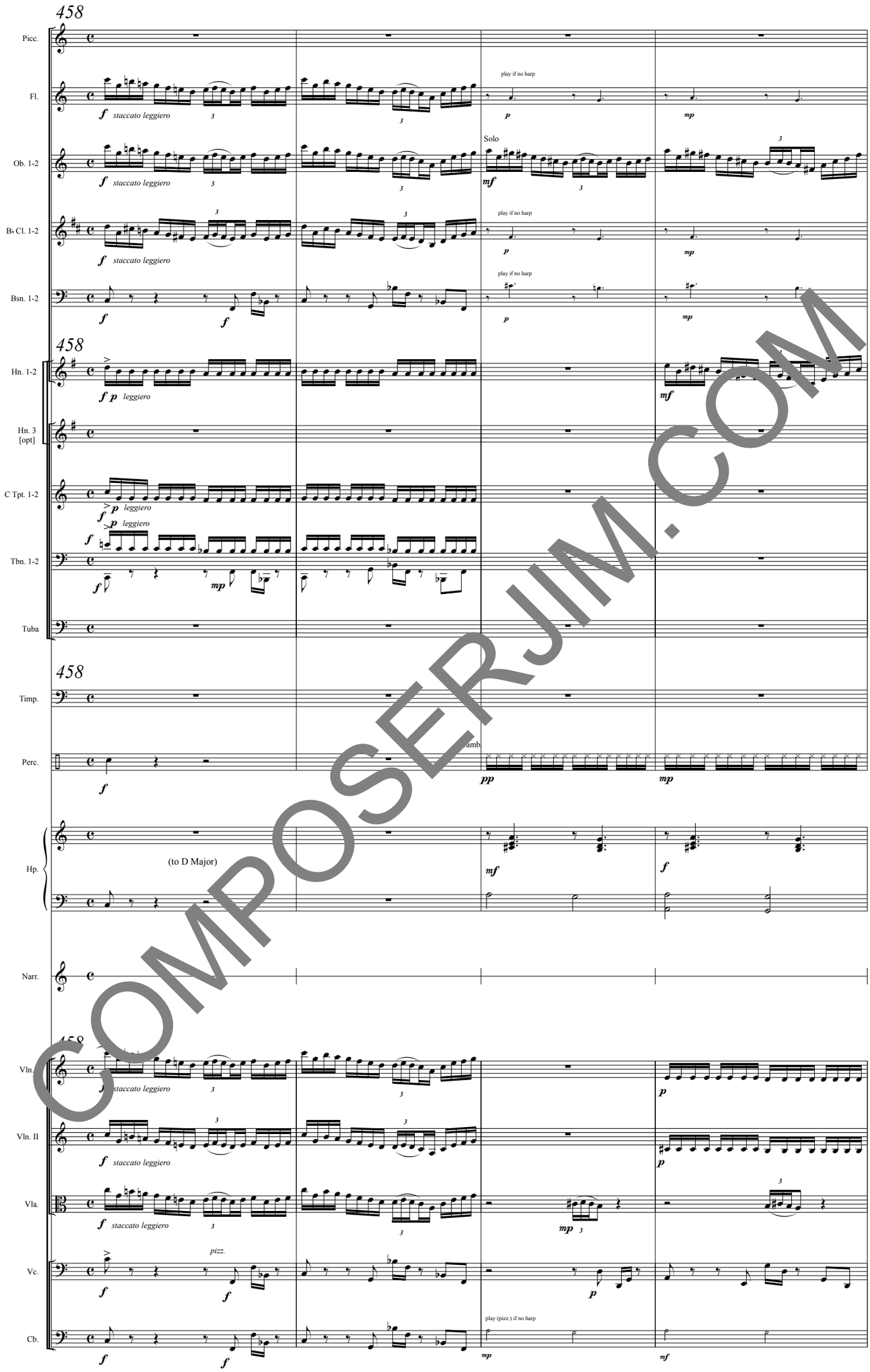


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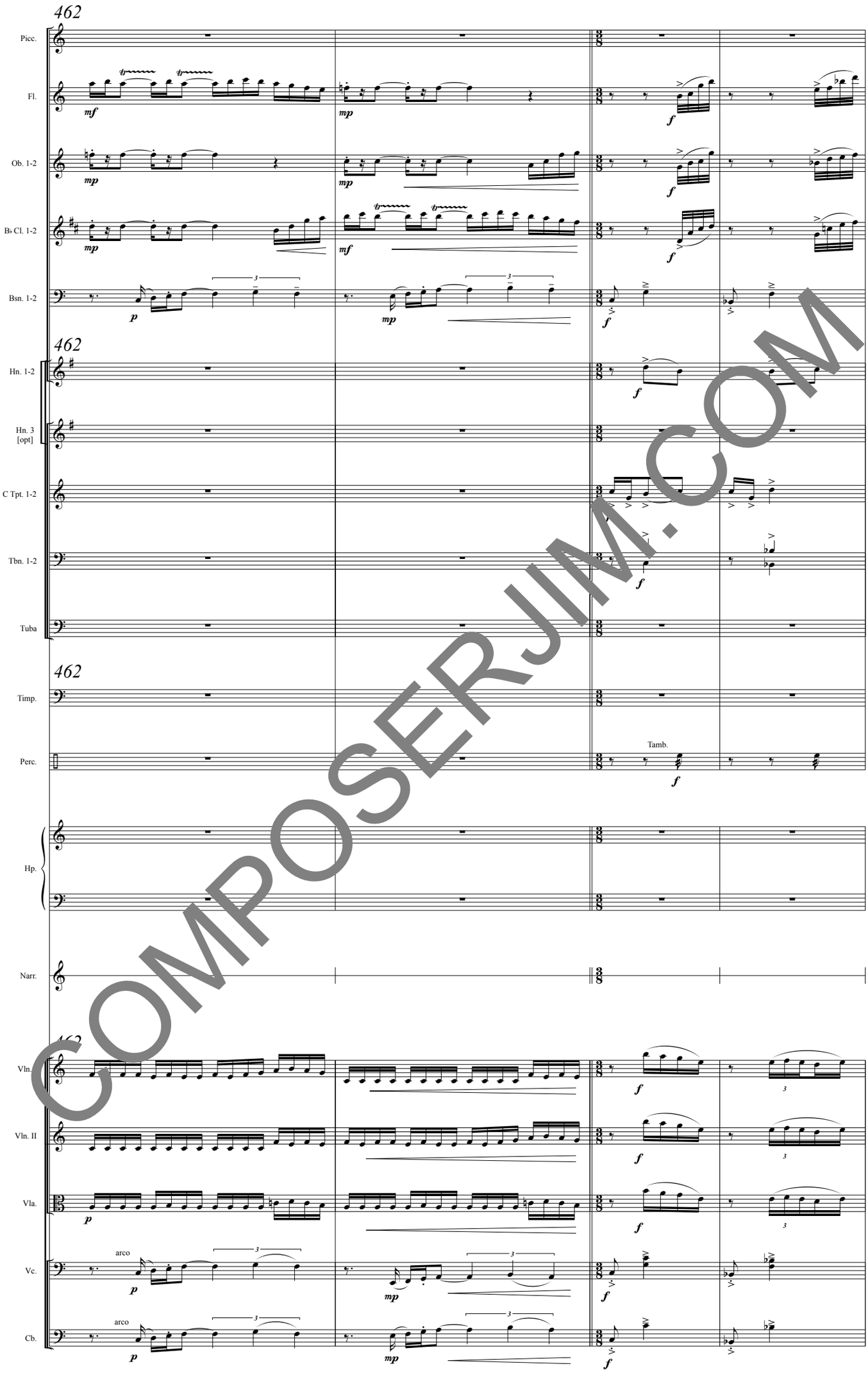


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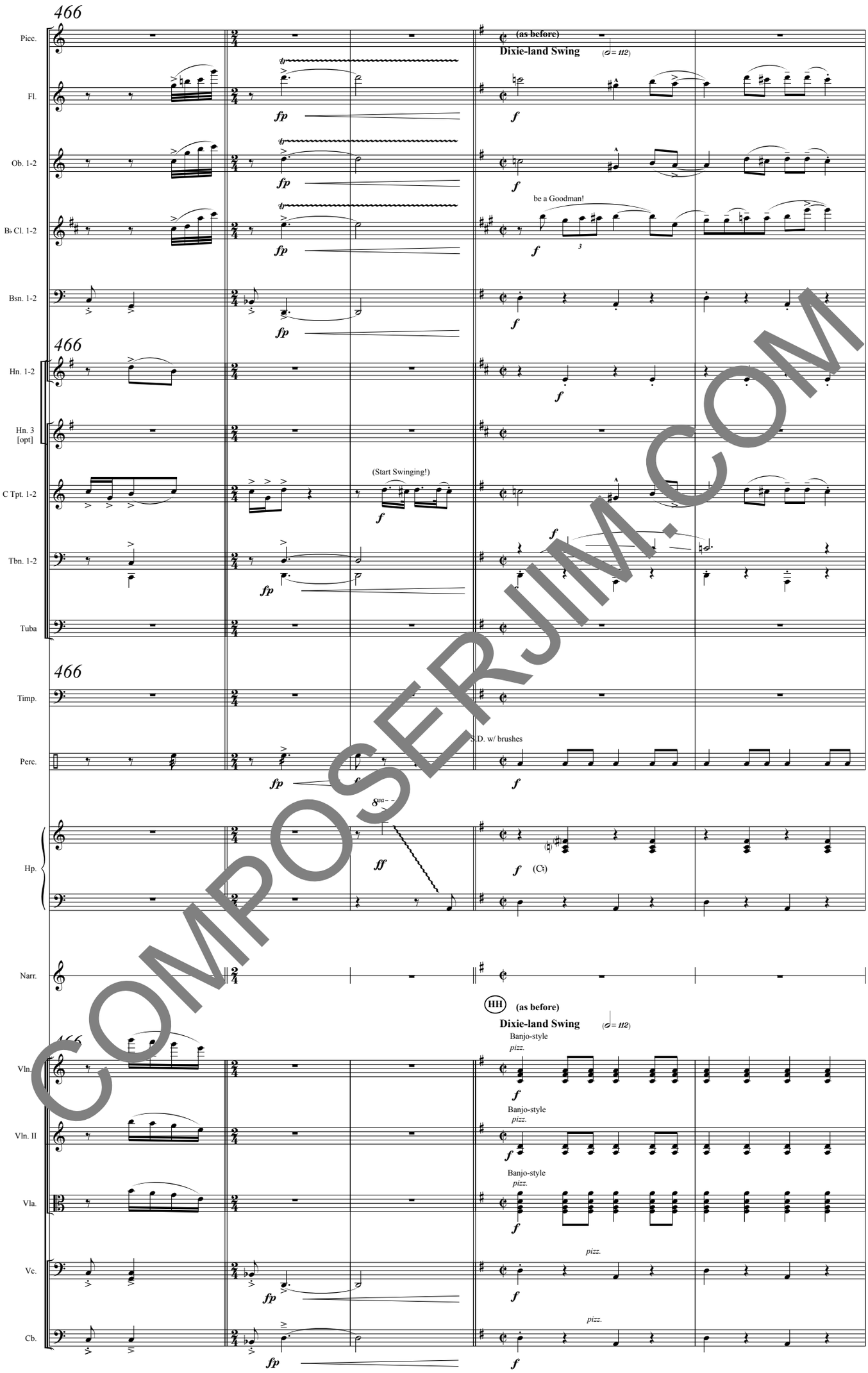


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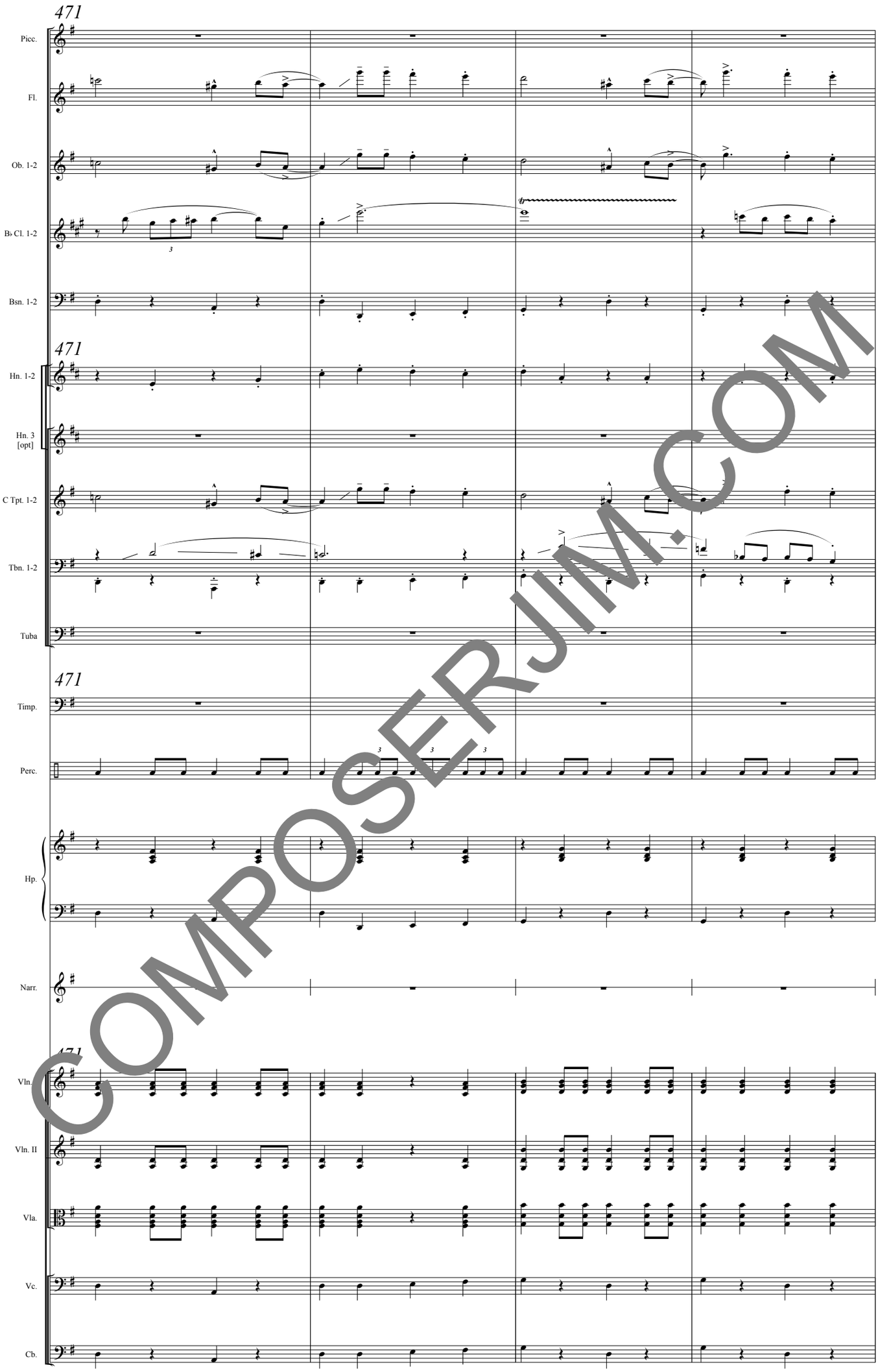


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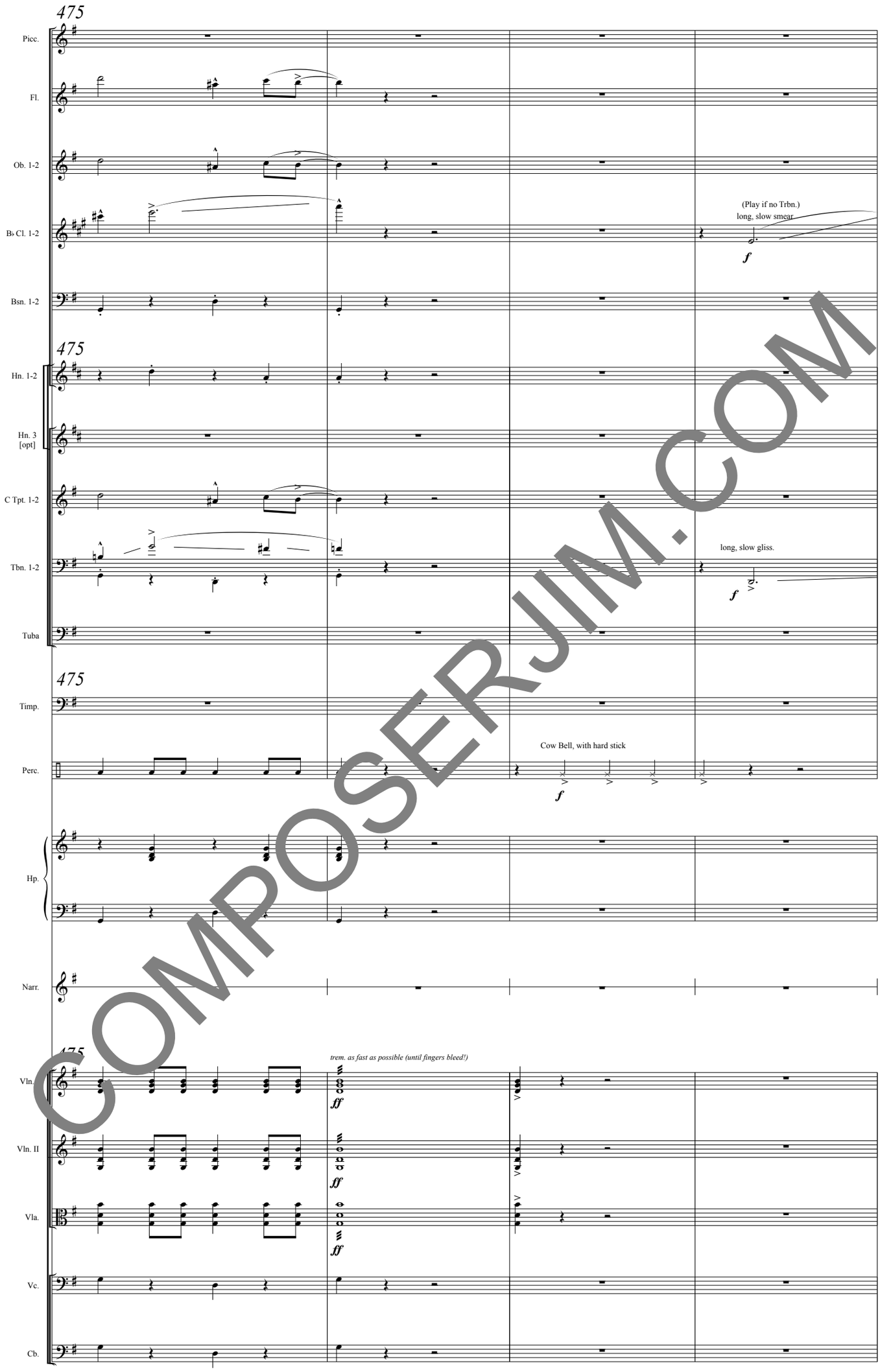


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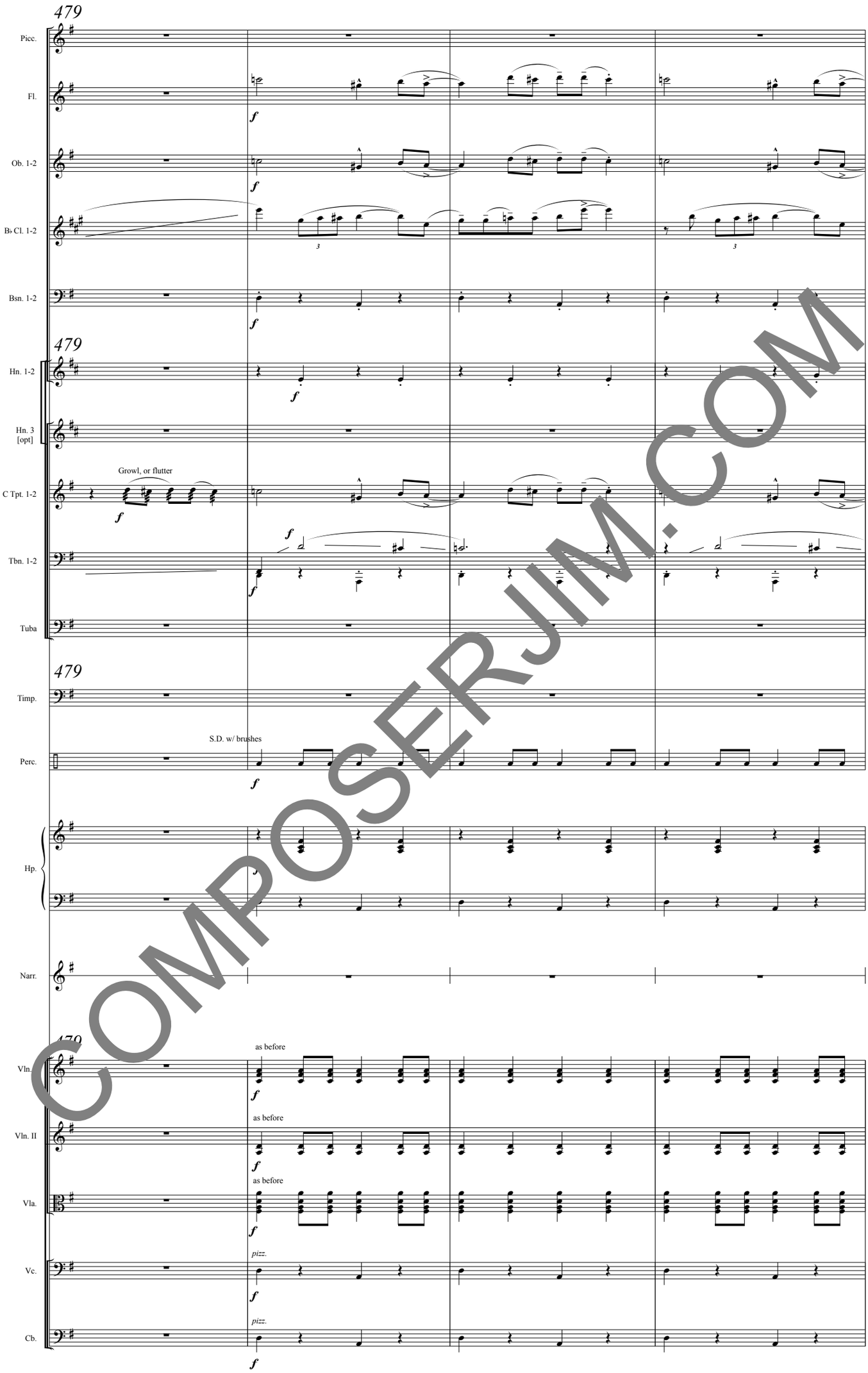


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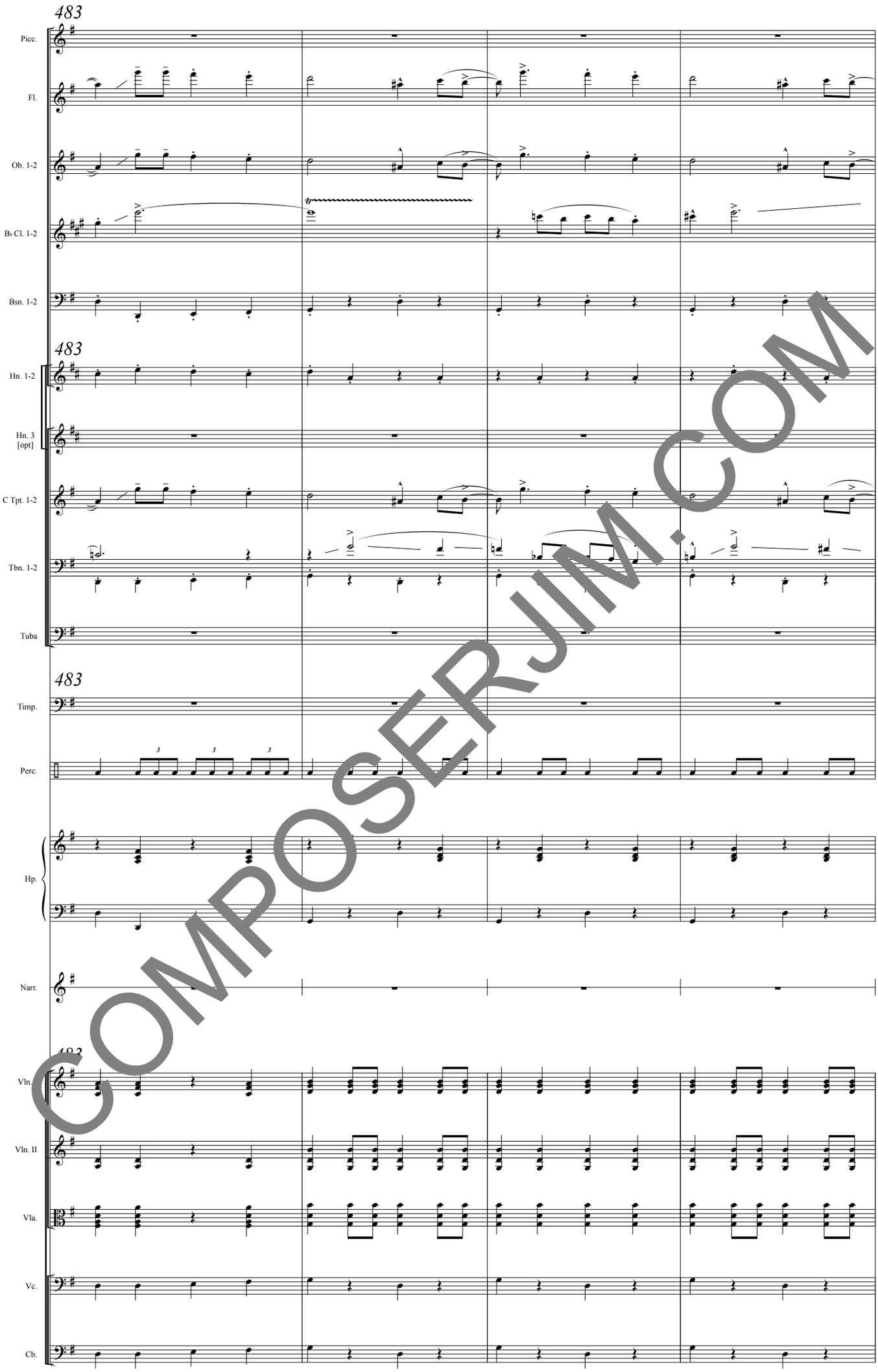


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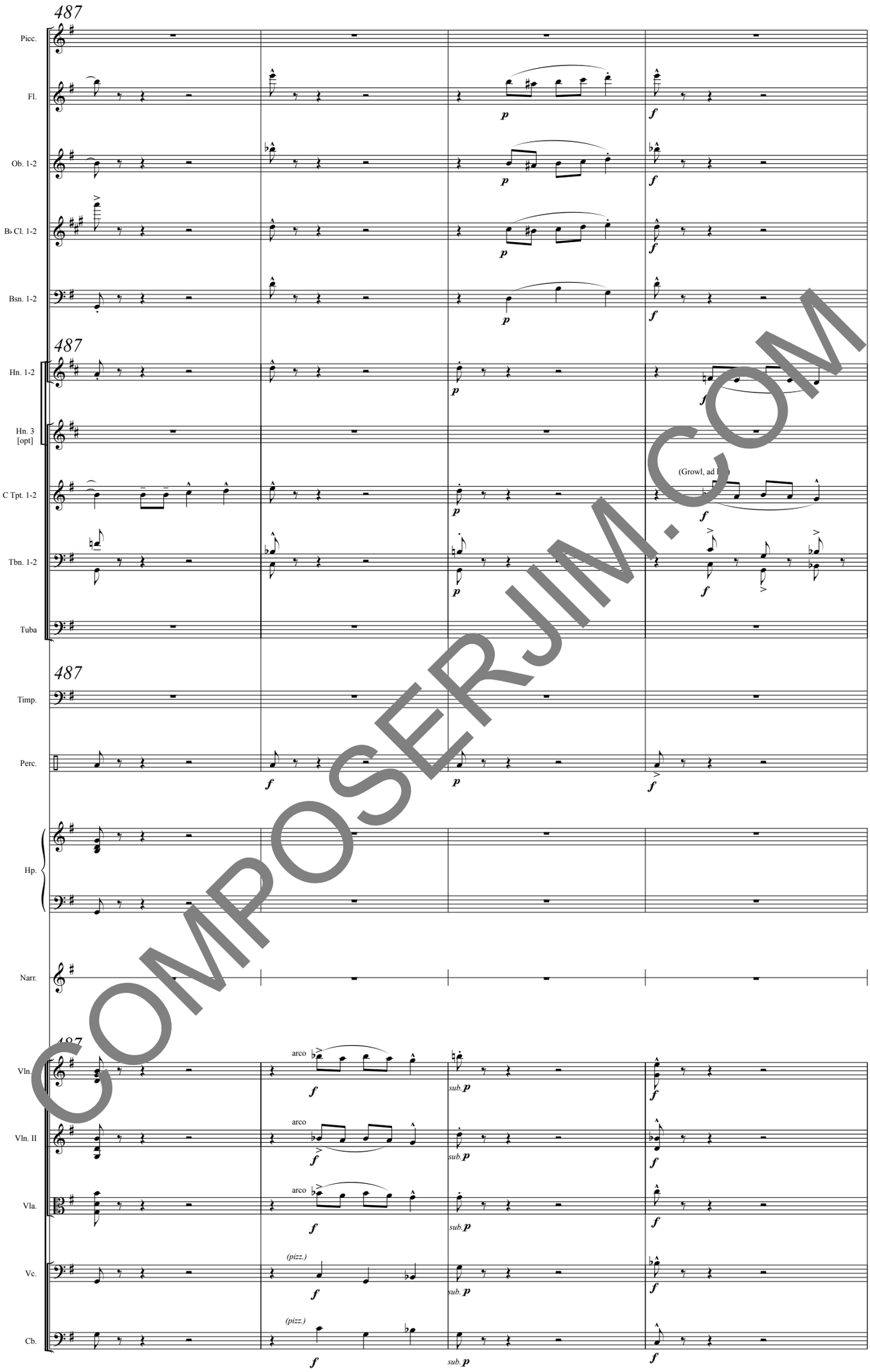


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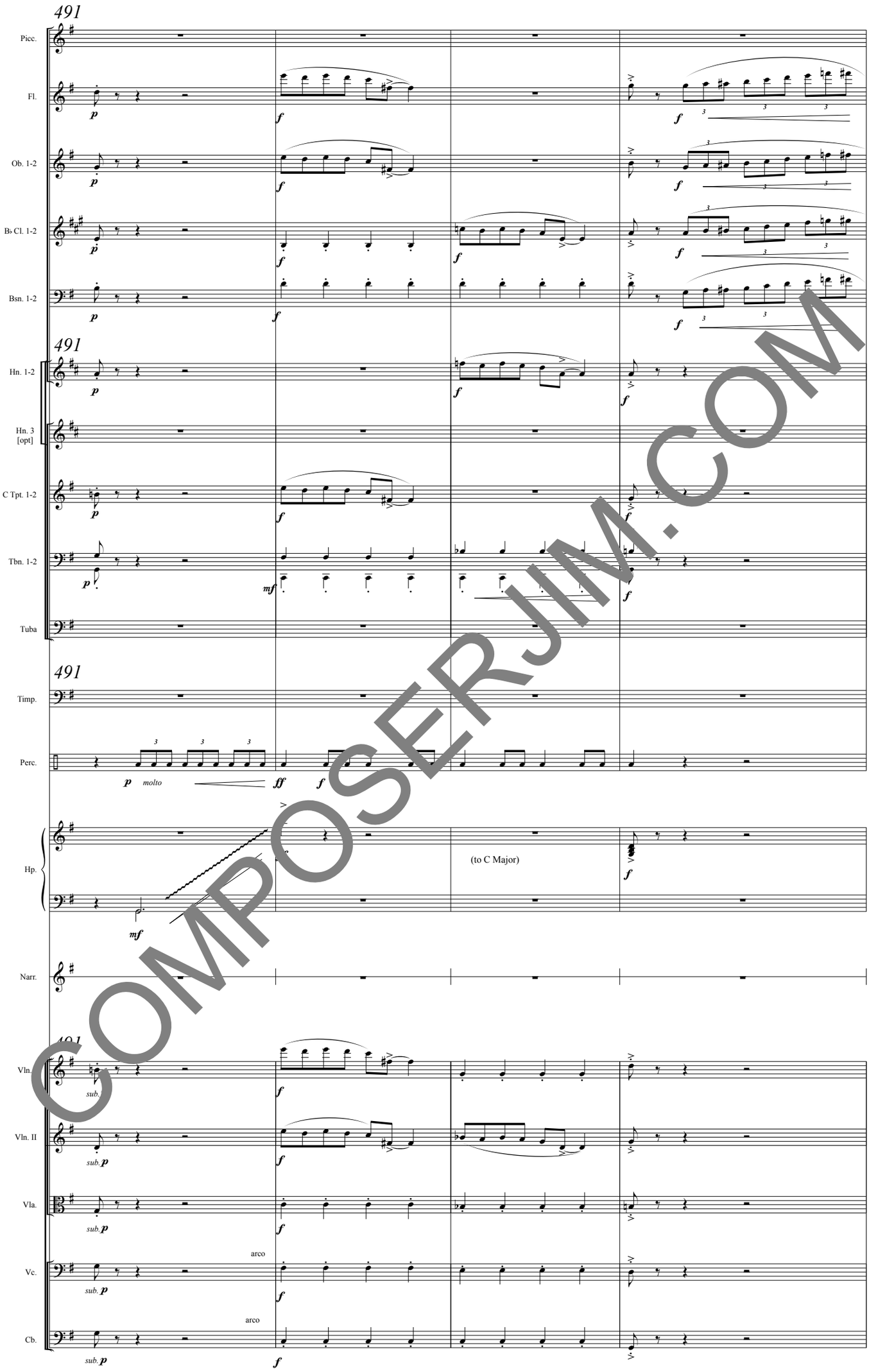


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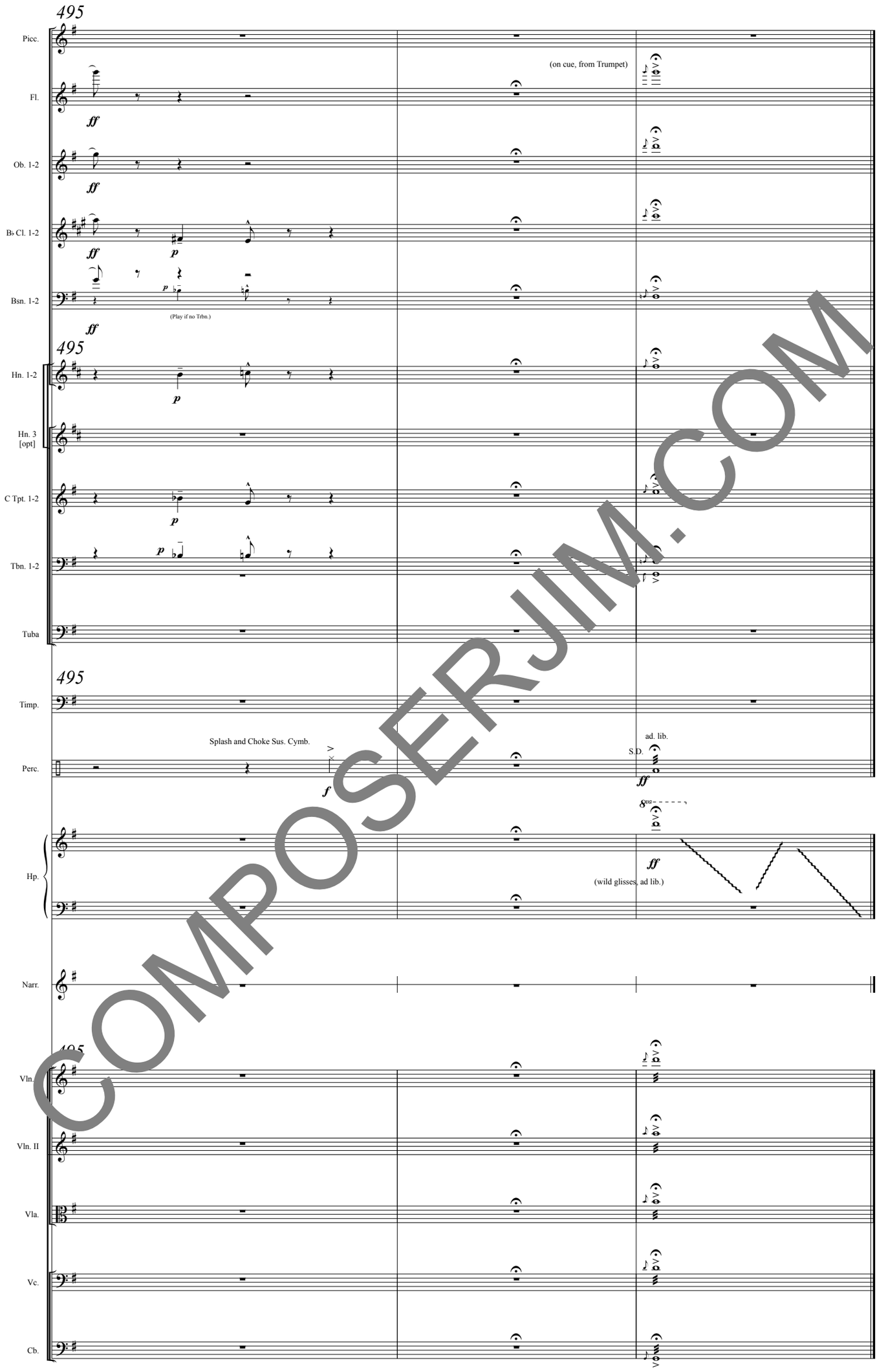


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