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in The Moment Too

For Concert Band

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Commissioned by Downers Grove South HS Wind Ensemble; Craig Alan Roselieb, director

duration: 6'

instrumentation:

2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 bassoons, 3 B♭ clarinets, bass clarinet
saxophones: 2 altos, tenor, baritone
2 B♭ trumpets, 2 french horns, 2 trombones, bass trombone, euphonium, tuba
timpani, double bass
percussion (5 players):
- Glockenspiel,
- Chimes
- Marimba
- Cymbals (suspended and a2)
- Bass Drum

The music:

First - to set the stage for why this piece is composed as it is, perhaps it is best to quote the words of Craig Roselieb (for whom it is dedicated). Craig writes:

> *"We all as music educators, myself included after 33 years, are still searching for ways to keep students engaged in moments of music making. With all of life's distractions, ie. social media, racial and political tension, and the average pressure put on high school students to produce good grades, high test scores and AP credits, it is increasingly difficult to keep music making a priority in our daily lives. I am grateful, as are the many different music students in our school, that we have 50 minutes each day to pull ourselves out of the pressures and distractions of our environment, and create musical moments together. The true blessing of being a music teacher for so many years is that each day has at least one of these moments, and these are what keep us coming back to work each day for more."*

I wrote another piece first ("In the Moment"), and decided I needed to add this one. I just wanted to write something beautiful. It was composed in 12 hours, and inserted into the program, and seemed to achieve the desired effect - there were tears.

Jim Stephenson; May 4, 2018

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These musical moments are commissioned for the students of the
Downers Grove, IL South High School Wind Ensemble, and Craig Alan Roselieb, Director, 1994 - 2018

Score

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Adagio ♩ = c.40

Flute 1 2
Oboe 1 2
Bassoon 1 2
1
B♭ Clarinet
2
3
Bass Clarinet
Alto Sax 1 2
Tenor Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone
1
B♭ Trumpet
2
Horn 1-2
Trombone 1 2
Bass Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba

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Timpani
Glockenspiel
Chimes
Marimba
if 5-octave marimba available, play one octave lower through meas. 13
Sus Cymb. + Cymb a2
Perc.
Bass Drum
Double Bass

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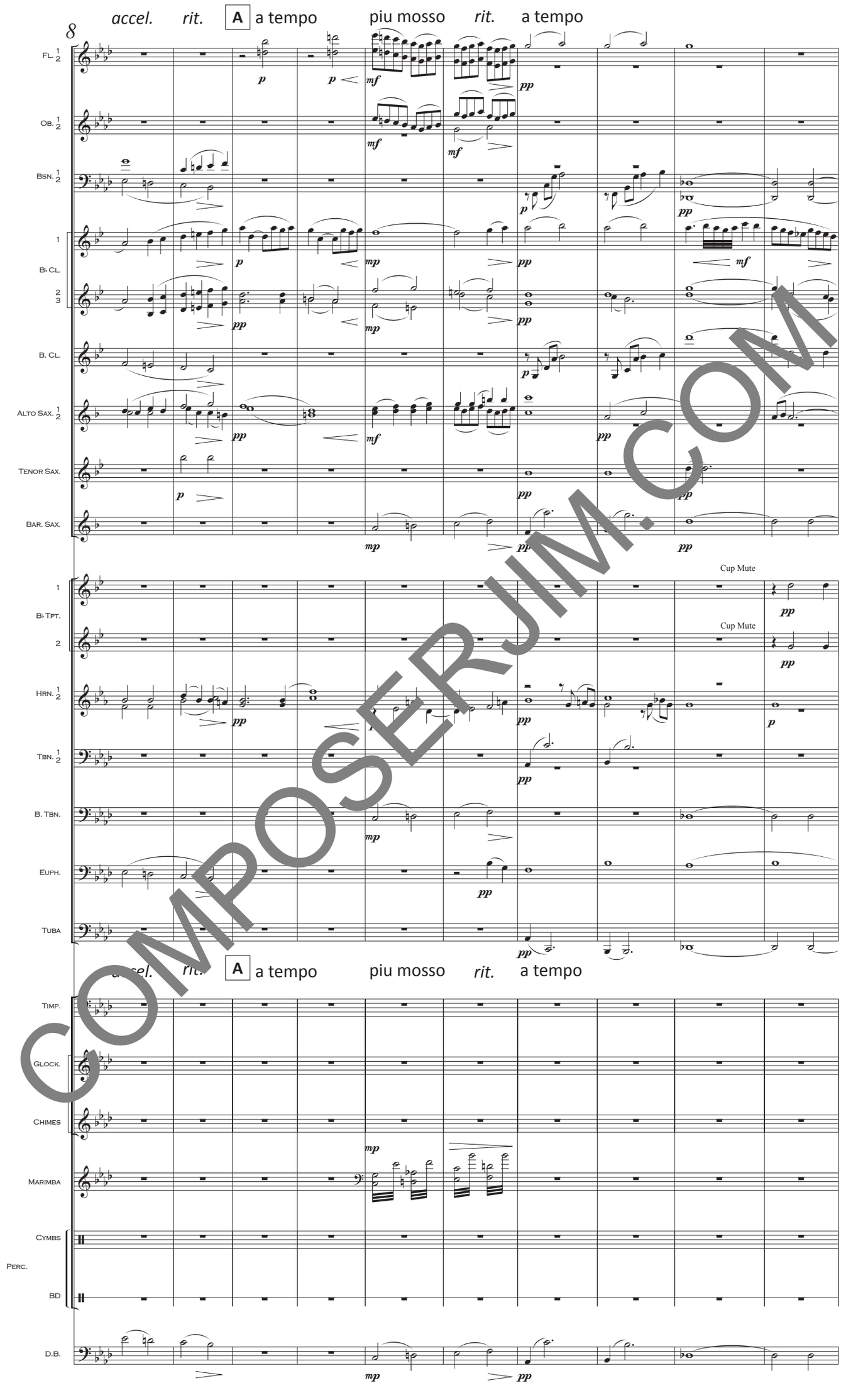

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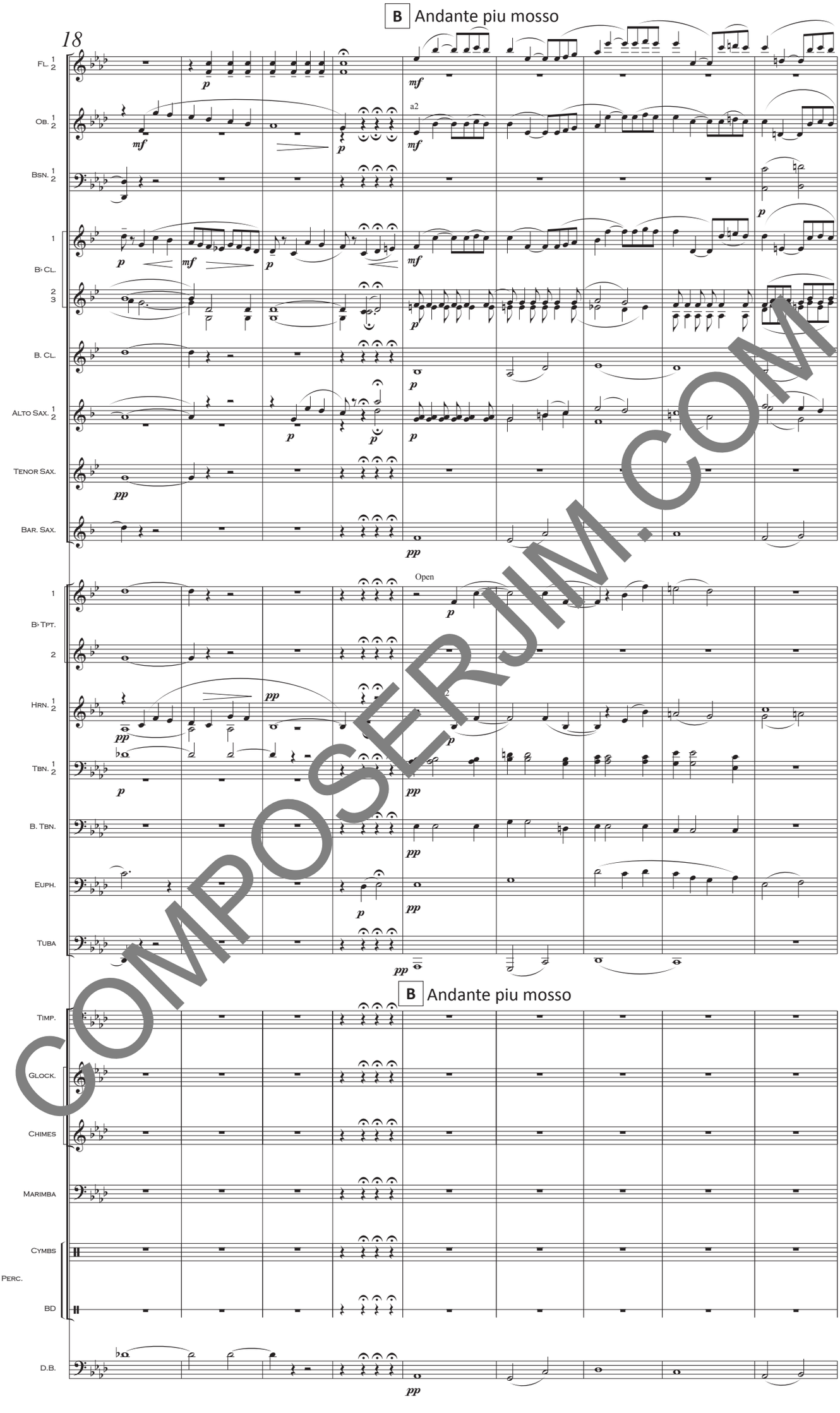

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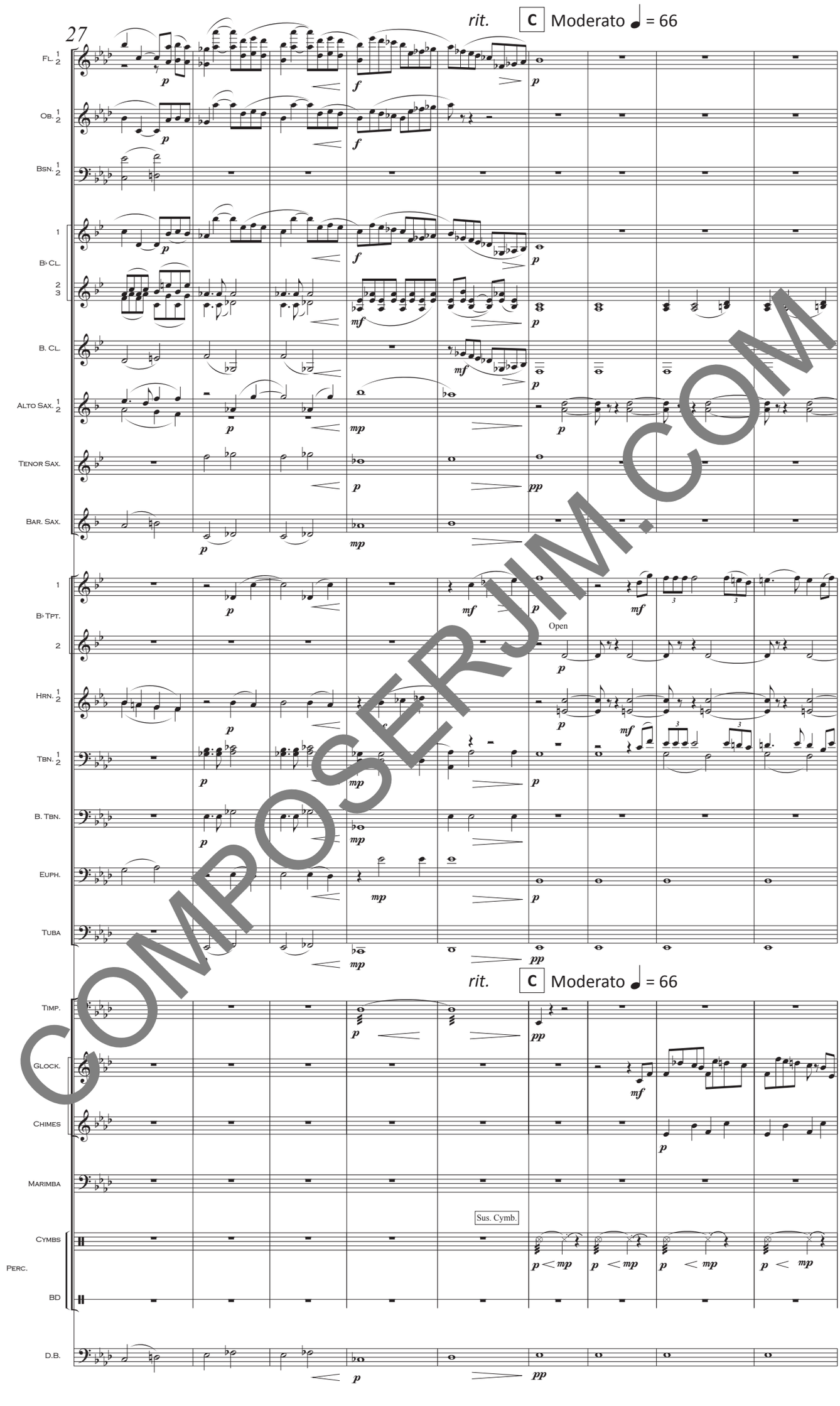

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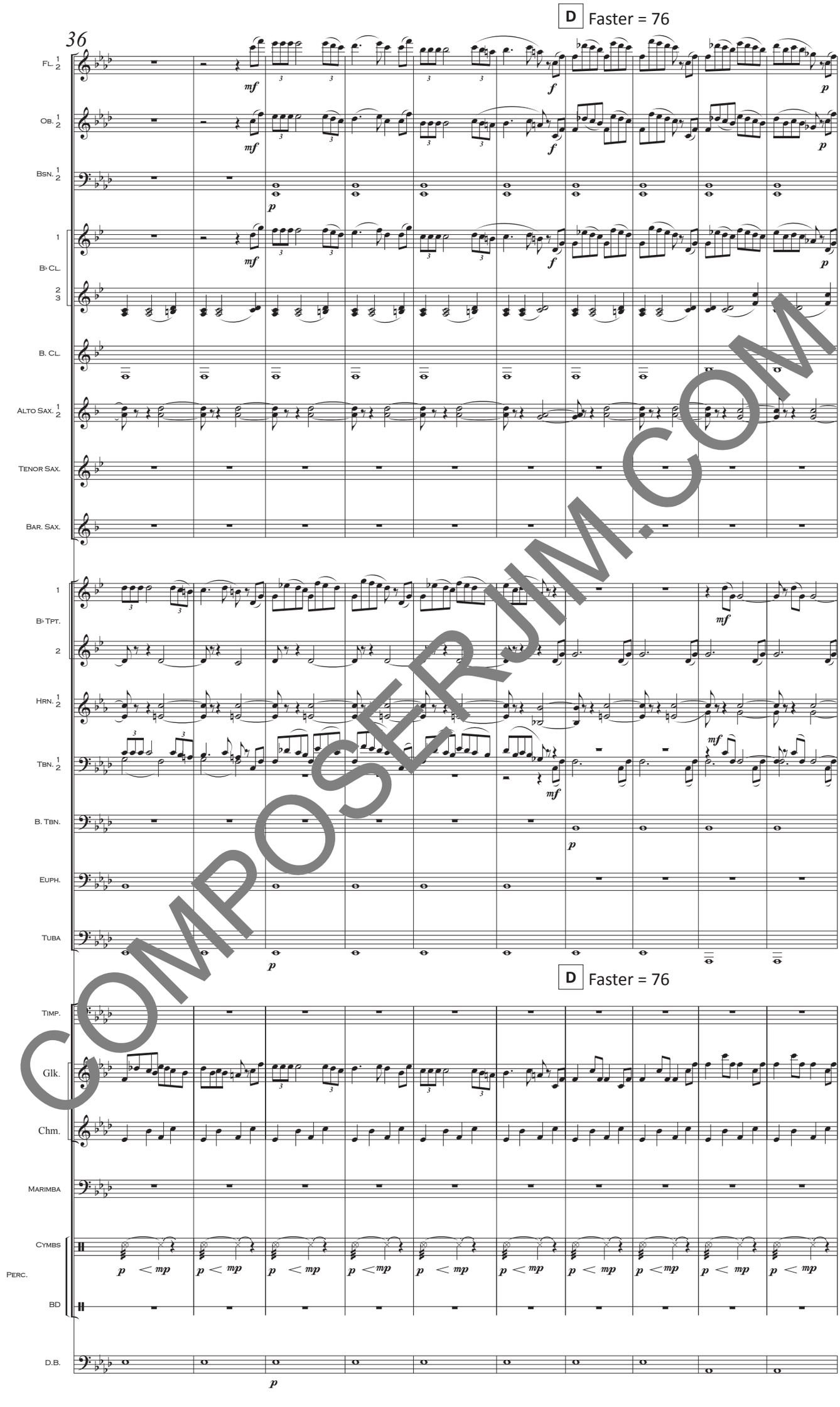

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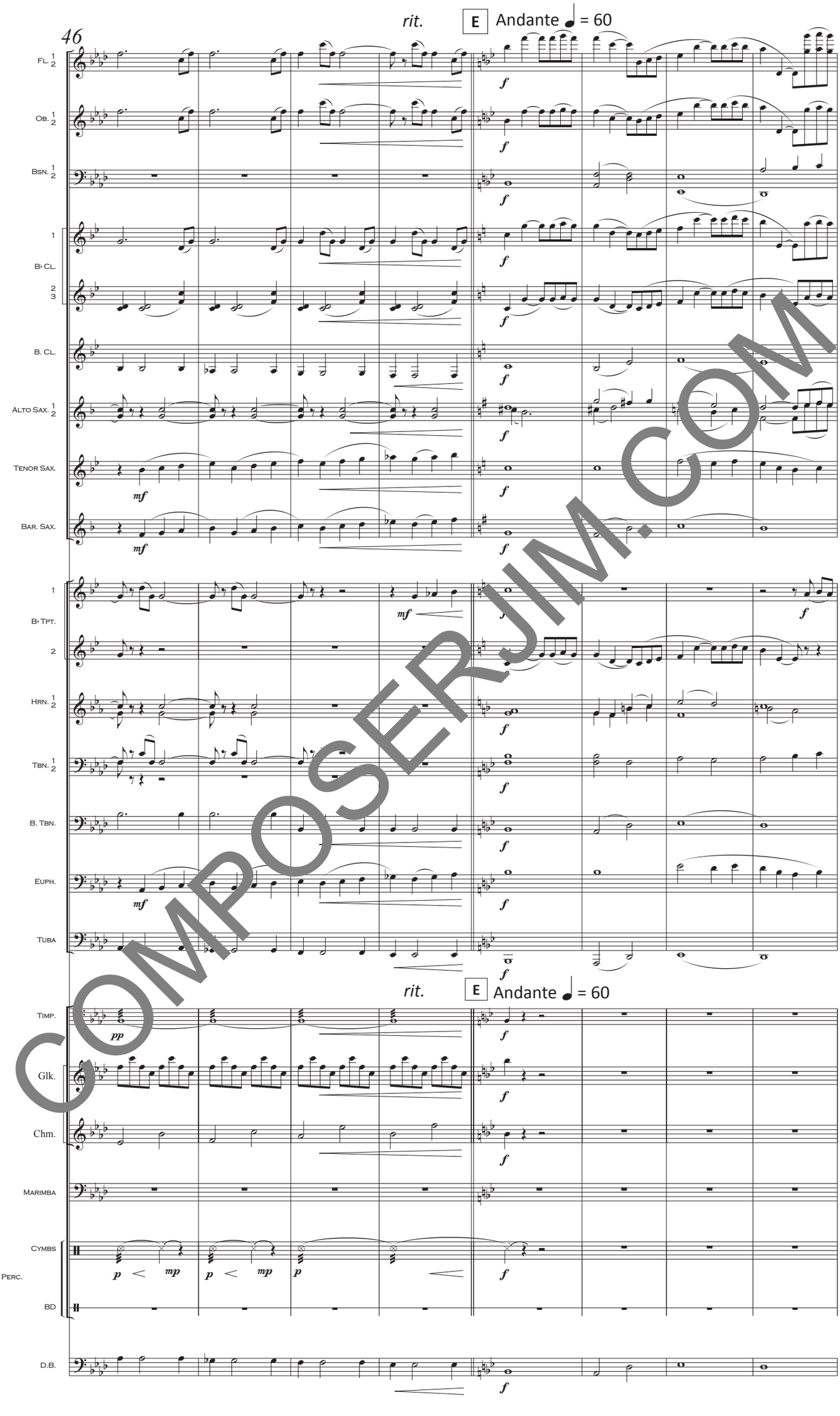

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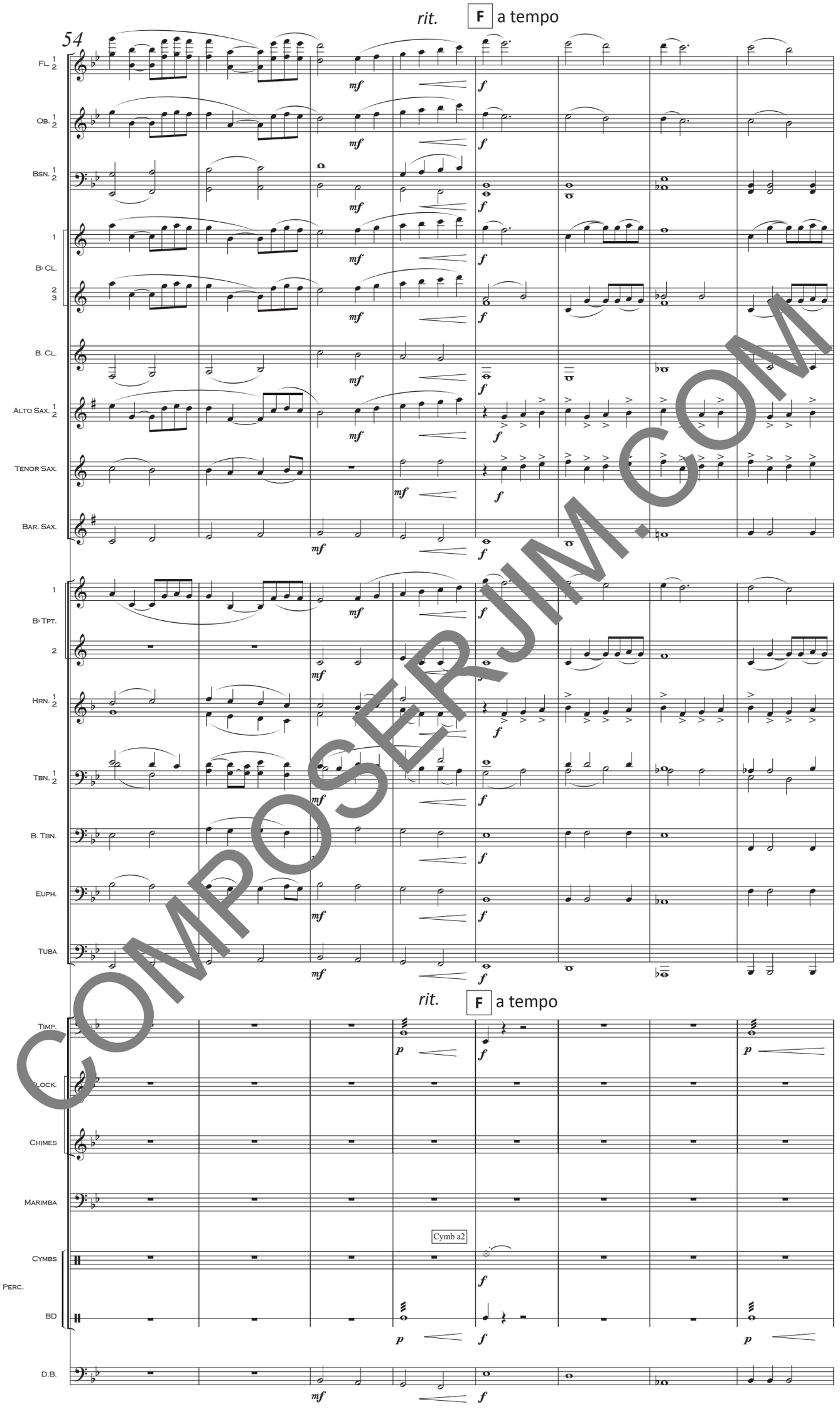

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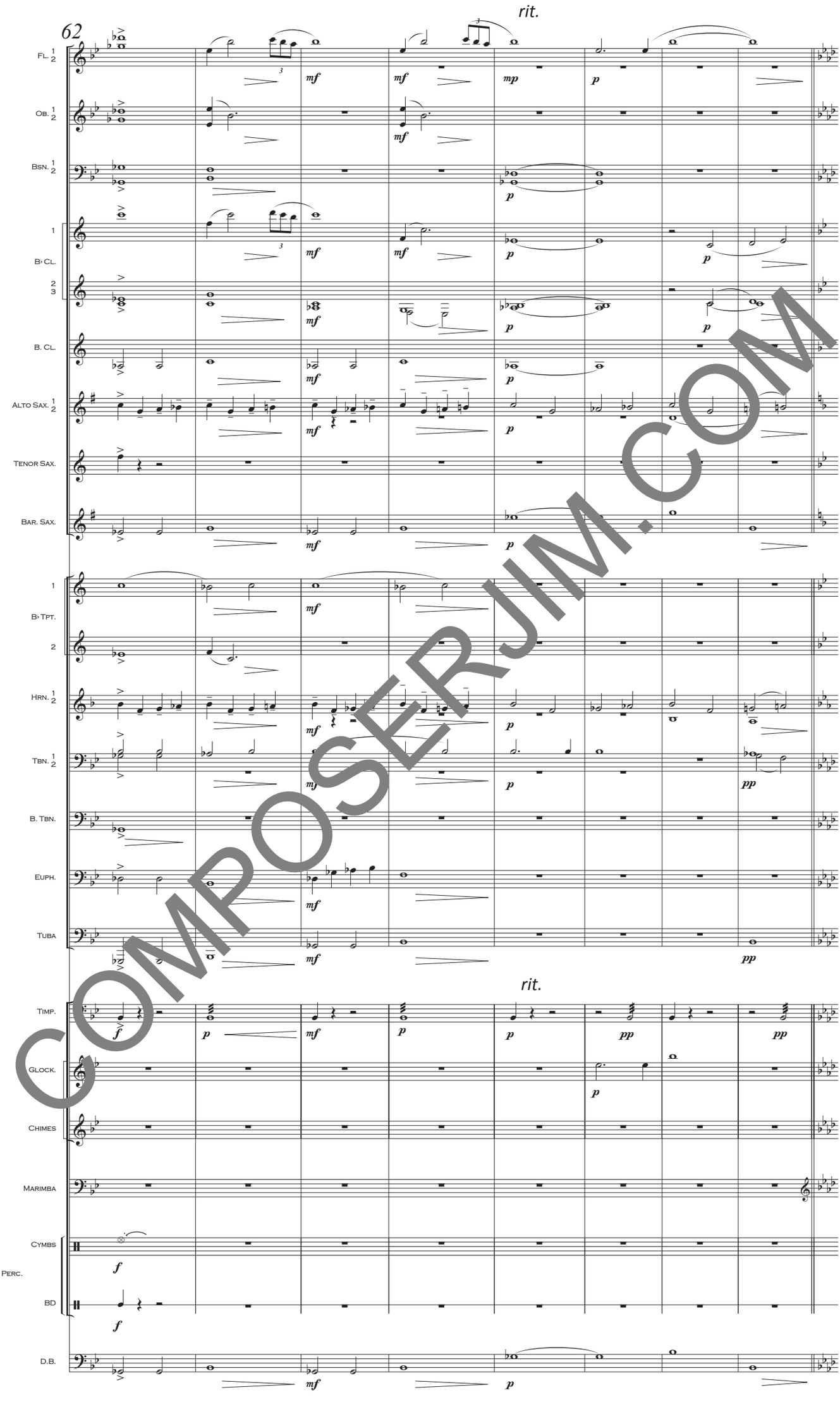

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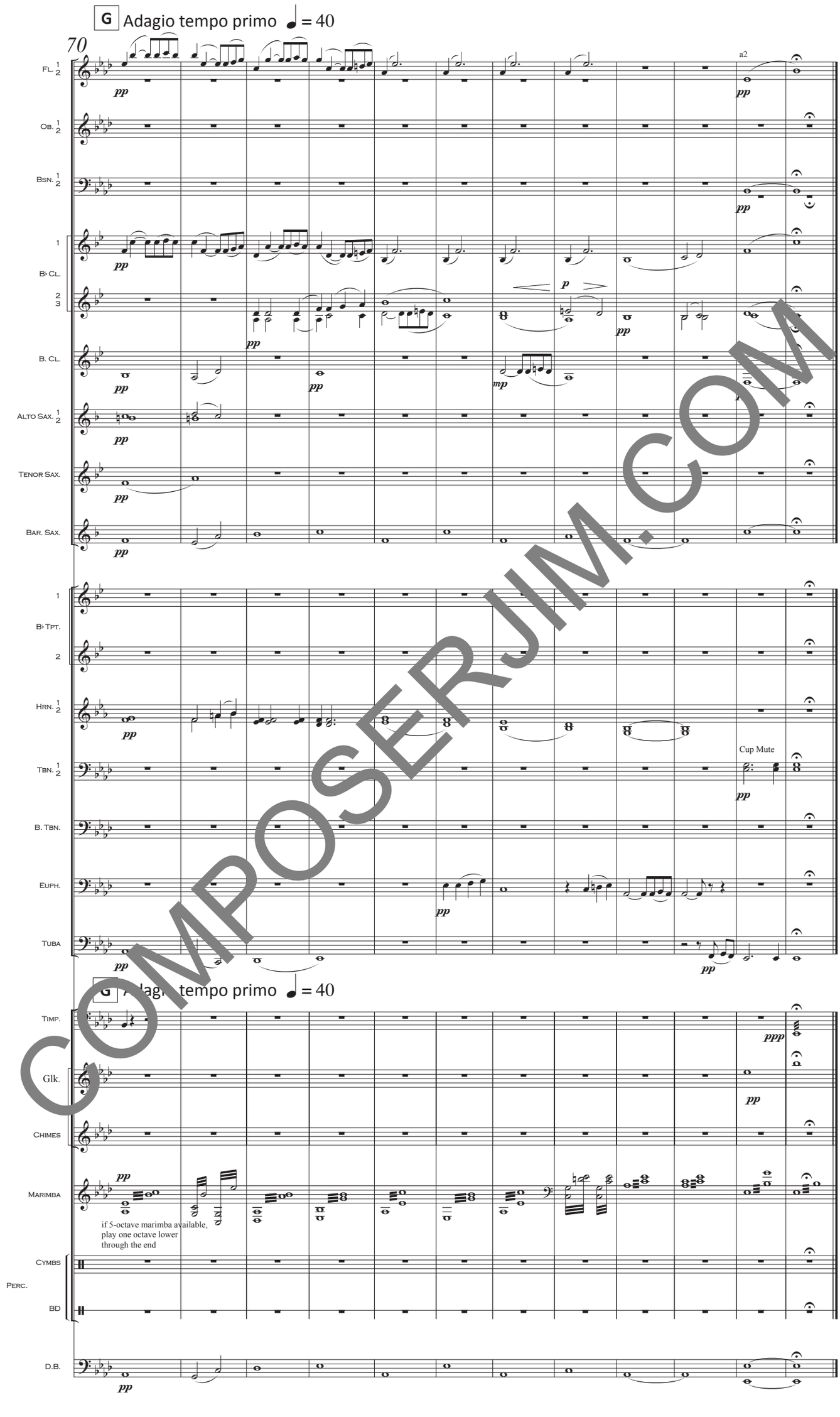

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