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PALIMPSEST

(1979)

Pour hautbois, clarinette, basson, cor, piano, percussion et quintette à cordes

For oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, piano, percussion and string quintet

PALIMPSEST : a été composée en 1979 à l'initiative de, et commandée
 par l'Accademia Filarmonica Romana, l'Unione Musicale di Torino, la Società
 Aquilana dei Concerti, l'Associazione Siciliana Amici della Musica di Palermo,
 l'Associazione Amici della Musica di Perugia. Elle fut créée à Aquila le 3 mars
 1979 par le Divertimento Ensemble placé sous la direction de Sandro Gorli,
 puis en tournée dans plusieurs villes d'Italie dans un programme comprenant
 Anaktoria et deux pièces de Sylvano Bussotti.

Elle est dédiée à Adriana Panni.

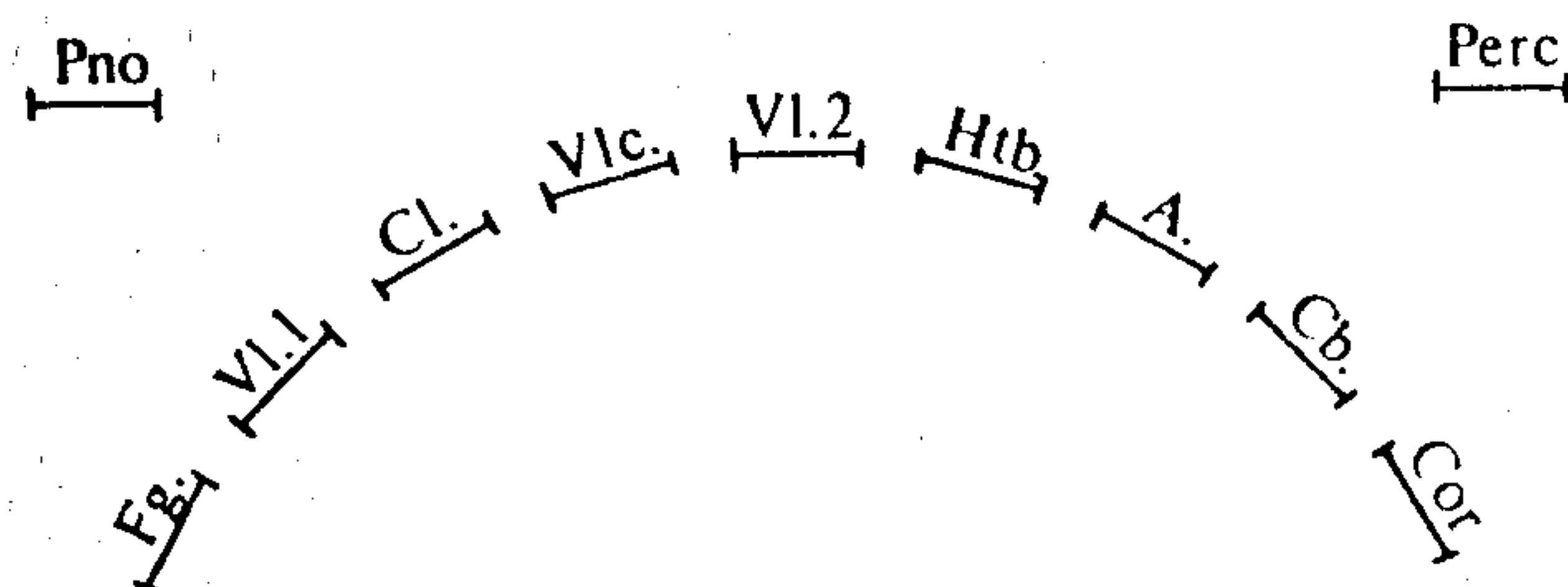
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 at Aquila on the 3 March 1979 by the Divertimento Ensemble conducted by
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Disposition de l'orchestre / *Orchestral layout*



Hautbois
+ cor anglais

Clarinette Si b
+ clar. basse

Basson

Cor en Fa

Piano

Percussion

Violon 1

Violon 2

Alto

Violoncelle

Contrebasse

$\text{♩} = 40 \text{ MM}$

2

2/3

②

Pno

4

2/1

④

Pno

⑥

Pno

7/5

3/2

ff

7/5

⑧

Pno

9/7

9/7

9/7

ff

7/6

7/6

7/6

10

- 2 -

Score for measures 10-11, featuring woodwinds, piano, percussion, and strings.

Woodwinds: Htb, Cl, Fg, Cor. Each part includes staccato markings and dynamic markings (f, fff).

Piano (Pno): Features complex chordal textures with dynamic markings (f, fff) and articulation (acc.).

Percussion (Perc): Includes a snare drum (H) and a bass drum (B) part.

Strings: VI 1, VI 2, A, Vlc, Cb. These parts are mostly silent in this section.

11

Score for measure 11, featuring woodwinds and strings.

Woodwinds: Htb, Cl, Fg, Cor. Continuation of the previous section.

Strings: VI 1, VI 2, A, Vlc, Cb. These parts are mostly silent in this section.

Cb

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

12

This musical score page contains measures 12 through 15 of a symphony. The instruments are arranged in the following order from top to bottom: Cb (Contrabass), Htb (Horn in B-flat), Cl (Clarinet), Fg (Flute), Cor (Cor Anglais), Pno (Piano), Perc (Percussion), VI 1 (Violin I), VI 2 (Violin II), A (Viola), Vlc (Violoncello), and Cb (Contrabass). Measure 12 begins with a forte (f) dynamic and features complex rhythmic patterns in the woodwinds and strings. Measure 13 continues the rhythmic intensity with various articulations. Measure 14 shows a shift in dynamics, with some instruments marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). Measure 15 concludes the section with a *fff* (fortississimo) dynamic. The score includes numerous performance markings such as *fff*, *mp*, *sec* (secco), and various articulation marks like accents and slurs. Chordal structures are indicated by numbers like 7f.6, 6f.7, 9f.7, 7f.6, 9f.6, 8f.7, and 6f.5.

14

$\text{♩} = 50 \text{ MM}$

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Score for multiple instruments and voices, including:

- b
- l
- g
- or
- no
- Perc
- VI 1
- VI 2
- A
- Vlc
- Cb

Key features of the score include:

- Staff **g**: $3f:2$
- Staff **or**: $-(7f:5)$
- Staff **no**: $7f:6$, f , $7f:8$, $6f:7$, $5f:6$, $4f:5$, $3f:2$, $5f:7$, $9f:8$, $7f:6$, $5f:4$
- Staff **Vlc**: $-(6f:5)$

C6

Pno

Perc

17

sf:7 6f:7 5f:2 4f:5 6f:7 6f:7 4f:3

7f:5 4f:5 5f:6 5f:7 3f:8 5f:8 7f:5 7f:6=5f:7 5f:4

f 5f:7 7f:5

20

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

4f:3 3f:2 1f:1 3f:8 6f:5

mf 3f:2 3f:2 3f:2 3f:2 3f:2 3f:7 p 7f:5

ff 4f:5 4f:5 4f:5

22

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

cuivré stacc.

stacc.

fff

stacc.

mf

mf

24

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

stacc.

fff

Score for the first system, measures 1-4. The instruments are Flute (Fg), Cor Anglais (Cor), Piano (Pno), and Percussion (Perc).

Fg: Measures 1-4. Measure 1 has a *stacc.* marking. Measures 2-4 feature triplets and sixteenth-note patterns.

Cor: Measures 1-4. Measure 1 has a *ff* marking. The part consists of eighth-note and sixteenth-note runs.

Pno: Measures 1-4. The right hand plays chords and eighth-note patterns, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

Perc: Measures 1-4. The part is mostly rests, with a few notes in measure 4 marked with a *f* dynamic.

Score for the second system, measures 5-8. The instruments are Horn in B-flat (Htb), Clarinet (Cl), Flute (Fg), Cor Anglais (Cor), Piano (Pno), and Percussion (Perc). Measure 5 is circled with the number 26.

Htb: Measures 5-8. Measures 5-6 are rests. Measures 7-8 have a *stacc.* marking and a *fff* dynamic. A slur with *sf: 8* spans measures 7-8.

Cl: Measures 5-8. Measures 5-6 are rests. Measures 7-8 have a *stacc.* marking and a *fff* dynamic. A slur with *sf: 5* spans measures 7-8.

Fg: Measures 5-8. Measures 5-6 have triplets. Measures 7-8 have a *fff* dynamic and a slur with *sf: 6*.

Cor: Measures 5-8. Measures 5-6 have triplets. Measures 7-8 have a *fff* dynamic and a slur with *sf: 2*.

Pno: Measures 5-8. Measures 5-6 have triplets. Measures 7-8 have a *fff* dynamic and a slur with *sf: 2*. A *f* marking is present in measure 7.

Perc: Measures 5-8. Measures 5-6 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 7-8 have a *f* marking and a slur with *sf: 7*. A *Ped* marking is at the end of measure 8.

29

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

Measure 29: Htb (sf, sf), Cl (sf, sf), Fg (sf, sf), Cor (sf, sf), Pno (sf, sf), Perc (sf, sf), VI 1 (sf, sf), VI 2 (sf, sf), A (sf, sf), Vlc (sf, sf), Cb (sf, sf). Measure 30: Htb (sf, sf), Cl (sf, sf), Fg (sf, sf), Cor (sf, sf), Pno (sf, sf), Perc (sf, sf), VI 1 (sf, sf), VI 2 (sf, sf), A (sf, sf), Vlc (sf, sf), Cb (sf, sf).

30

Htb

Measure 30: Htb (sf, sf), Cl (sf, sf), Fg (sf, sf), Cor (sf, sf), Pno (sf, sf), Perc (sf, sf), VI 1 (sf, sf), VI 2 (sf, sf), A (sf, sf), Vlc (sf, sf), Cb (sf, sf).

Cb

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

30

(sf.8)

4f.5

4f.5

4f.5

(sf.6)

5f.6

5f.6

3f.2

3f.2

3f.2

3f.2

3f.2

15

8f.7

8f.7

8

simile

pp

ff

simile

pp

ff

simile

pp

ff

simile

pp

ff

simile

pp

ff

(notes réelles)

Score for measures 34-36, measures 1-3 of the system.

Instrument parts shown:

- Htb (Horn in B-flat): *p*
- Cl (Clarinet): *p*
- Fg (Flute): *p*
- Cor (Cor Anglais): *p*
- Pno (Piano): *p*

Measure 34 includes a fermata over the piano part and a marking *← Ped. — ** at the end of the system.

Score for measures 34-36, measures 4-6 of the system.

Instrument parts shown:

- VI 1 (Violin I): *pp* to *fff*
- VI 2 (Violin II): *pp* to *fff*
- A (Viola): *pp* to *fff*
- Vlc (Violoncello): *pp* to *fff*
- Cb (Contrabass): *pp* to *fff*

Measures 4-6 show a continuous melodic line for the strings, with dynamics ranging from *pp* to *fff*.

Score for measure 35, measure 7 of the system.

Instrument parts shown:

- Htb (Horn in B-flat): *ff*

Measure 35 includes a melodic line for the Horn in B-flat, starting with a *ff* dynamic.

Cb

35

Hlb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

10

Measures 10-12 of a musical score, systems 1-4. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Measure 10 features a complex rhythmic pattern with many beamed sixteenth notes. Measure 11 continues this pattern with some changes in articulation. Measure 12 shows a more melodic line with some rests. Dynamic markings include *sf* (sforzando) and *f* (forte). Chordal indications like *5/2*, *6/7*, and *7/5* are present above some notes.

rc

Measure 10 of a musical score, system 5. This system contains a single staff with a few notes and rests. Dynamic markings *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte) are visible. The measure is mostly empty, suggesting a rest or a very sparse texture.

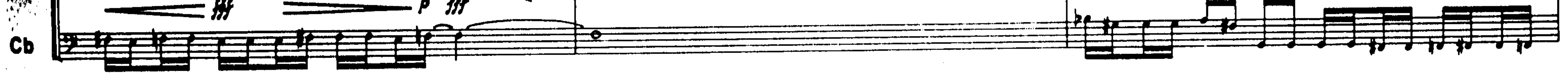
1
2
A
lc
b

Measures 10-12 of a musical score, systems 6-10. This system block contains five staves, each with a label on the left: 1, 2, A, lc, and b. Each staff has a similar rhythmic pattern of beamed sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings *fff* (fortississimo) and *p* (piano) are used to indicate volume changes. The notation is consistent across all five staves, suggesting a multi-measure rest or a homophonic texture.

11

Measure 10 of a musical score, system 11. This system contains a single staff with a few notes and rests. Dynamic markings *sf* (sforzando) and *f* (forte) are visible. The measure is mostly empty, suggesting a rest or a very sparse texture.

Cb



41

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc



VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

non legato

ff

5 $\sharp$:7

5 $\sharp$:7

5 $\sharp$:7

4 $\sharp$:5

4 $\sharp$:5



Cb

(notes réelles)

Measures 45-47 of the Cb part. Measure 45 contains a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 46 contains a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 47 contains a half note and a quarter note. The notes are marked with 'notes réelles'.

47

Hrb

Cl

(#)

Fg

Cor

(#)

Pno

Measures 45-47 of the woodwind and piano parts. The Clarinet (Cl) and Cor parts have a key signature change to one sharp (F#) indicated by a (#) in parentheses. The Piano (Pno) part is silent. The Horns (Hrb) part is silent.

Perc

Measures 45-47 of the Percussion part. Measure 45 contains a half note. Measure 46 contains a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 47 contains a triplet of eighth notes. The notes are marked with 'v' for accents.

VI 1

VI 2

(fff)

A

(fff)

Vlc

Cb

Measures 45-47 of the string parts. The Violins (VI 1, VI 2) and Viola (A) parts have a dynamic marking of **fff** (fortissimo) indicated by (fff) in parentheses. The Violoncello (Vlc) and Contrabass (Cb) parts are silent.

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Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

(ff)

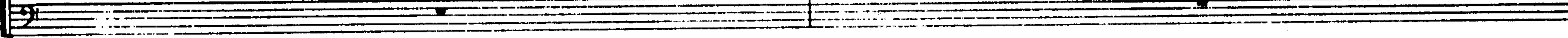
(ff)

(p)
(ff)

52

Htb

Cb



52

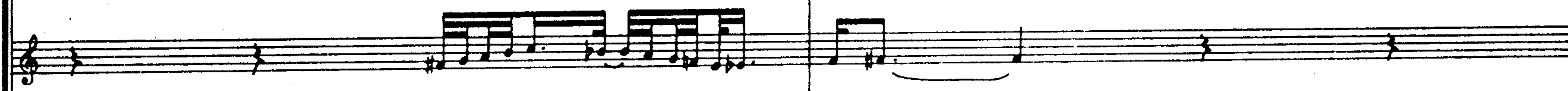
Htb



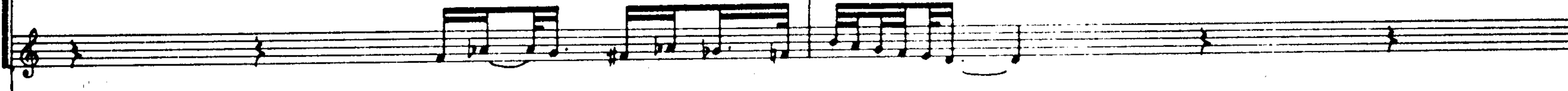
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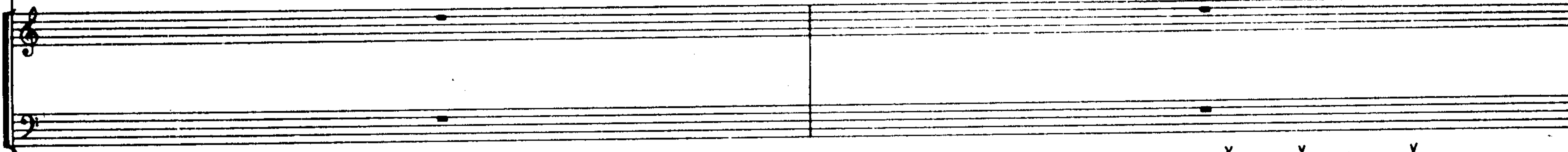
Fg



Cor



Pno



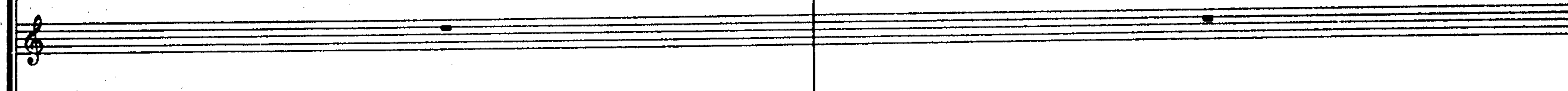
Perc



VI 1



VI 2



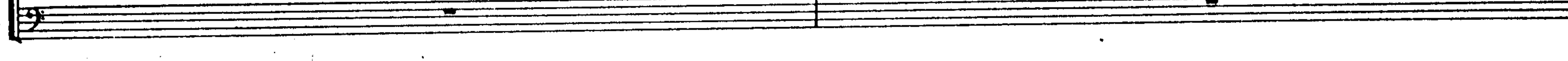
A



Vlc



Cb



④

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

(fff)

(notes réelles)

⑤

Htb

Cb (fff) (notes reales)

58
Htb
Cl
Fg
Cor

Pno

Perc Tutti staccato

VI 1
VI 2
A
Vlc
Cb
pp
fff
7♯:8
5♯:6
3♯:4
5♯:7
5♯:8
son ne 8^{va}

④

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

⑤

⑥

⑦

①

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

5f.8

3f.5

4f.7

5f.9

5f.9

4f.3

②

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

3f.4

4f.5

7f.6

5f.6

5f.4

4f.3

Score for measures 87-88, featuring the following instruments:

- Htb (Horn in B-flat)
- Cl (Clarinet)
- Fg (Flute)
- Cor (Cor Anglais)
- Pno (Piano)
- Perc (Percussion)
- VI 1 (Violin I)
- VI 2 (Violin II)
- A (Viola)
- Vlc (Violoncello)
- Cb (Contrabasso)

Key musical markings and dynamics include:

- Piano (Pno):** *f* (forte) dynamic, triplets, and a *Ped* (pedal) marking.
- Violins (VI 1, VI 2):** *tutti slacc* (tutti slaccando) marking, with various slurs and fingerings (e.g., 3/4, 3/5, 4/7, 5/8, 5/9).
- Viola (A):** *(5/6)* marking.
- Violoncello (Vlc):** *(5/6)* marking.
- Contrabasso (Cb):** *(5/6)* marking.

Cb

59

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

72

Itb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

75

log

Cb

75

Htb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

Itb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

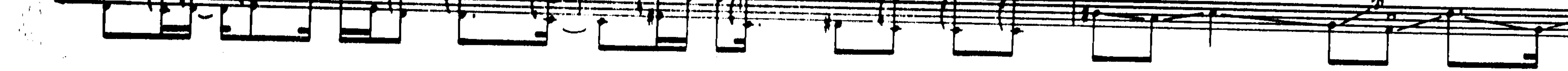
VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

Htb



11

Hrb

Cl

Fg

Cor

Pno

erc

11

12

A

C

B

This page contains a musical score for a large ensemble. The staves are arranged vertically. The top four staves are for Hrb, Cl, Fg, and Cor, each with a single note. The fifth staff is for Pno, with a complex melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The sixth staff is for Perc, with a single note. The bottom four staves are for strings (11, 12, A, C, B), each with a complex melodic line. The score is marked with dynamics such as *leg*, *mf*, *f*, and *sf*. The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Htb
 Cl
 Fg
 Cor
 Pno
 Perc
 VI 1
 VI 2
 A
 Vlc
 Cb

Cor Anglais
 Clar. basse

- 15 -

Musical score for measures 15-16. The score includes parts for Htb, Cl, Fg, Cor, Pno, Perc, VI 1, VI 2, A, Vlc, and Cb. The Pno part features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both marked *mf*. The Perc part is marked *mf*. The string parts (VI 1, VI 2, A, Vlc, Cb) are marked *mf* and feature a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The woodwind parts (Htb, Cl, Fg, Cor, Cor Anglais, Clar. basse) are marked *mf* and feature a melodic line.

CA 

Cb

84 *legatissimo*

CA *mp* *legatissimo* 3 $\sharp$:2 3 $\sharp$:2 3 $\sharp$:2 3 $\sharp$:2 3 $\sharp$:2 3 $\sharp$:2 3 $\sharp$:2

Cl *mp* *legatissimo* 5 $\sharp$:6 6 $\sharp$:7 6 $\sharp$:7 6 $\sharp$:7

Fg *mp* *legatissimo*

Cor *mp* *sonne bois*

Pno

Perc

VI 1 *sec.* *f*

VI 2 *sec.* *f*

A

Vlc

Cb

CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

f

ff

5f.4

7f.6

5f.7

6f.5

7f.5

6f.5

4f.5

7f.5

7f.6

sec

3f.8

5f.2

5f.7

2f.3

legalissimo

ff

CA

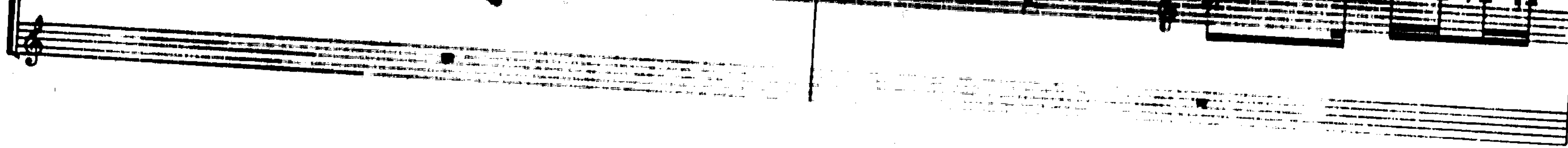
7f.5

4f.3

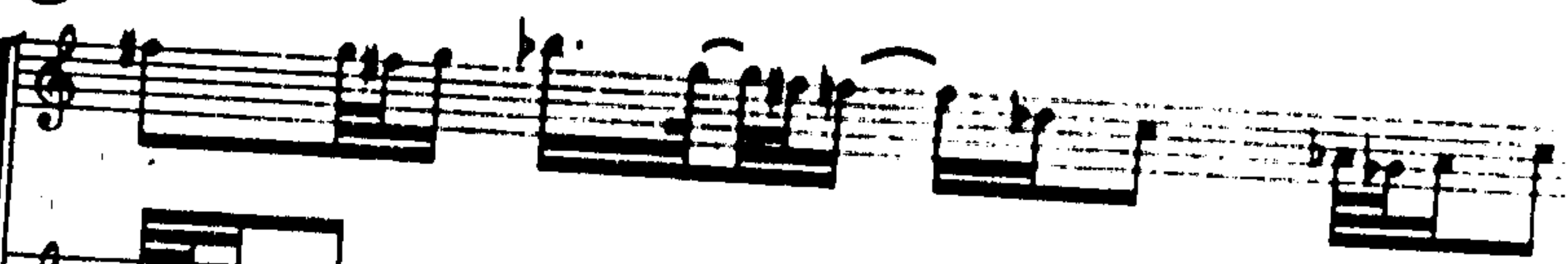
7f.6

[illegible]

Cb



CA



Cl



Fg



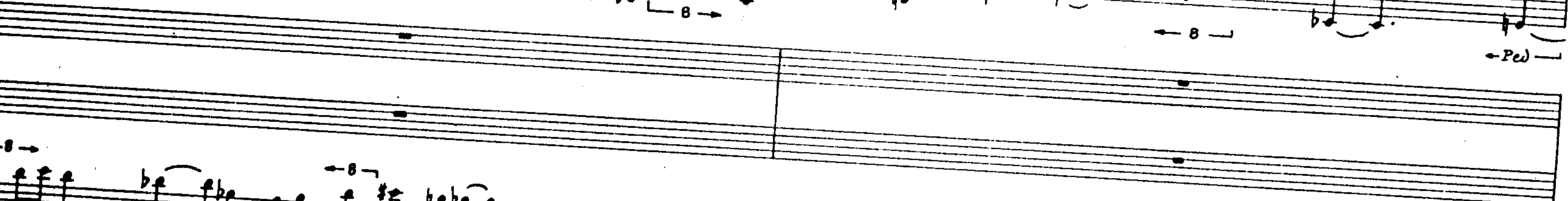
Cor



Pno



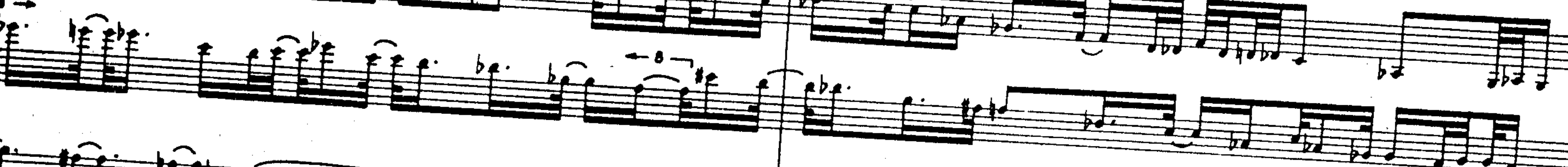
Perc



VI 1



VI 2



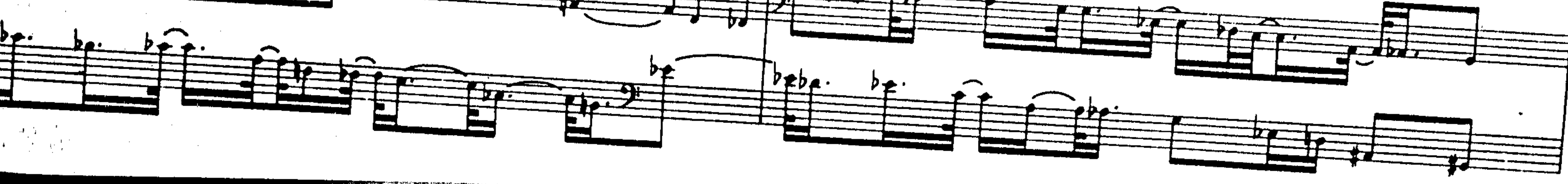
A



Vlc



Cb



A

Cl
b

g

or

no

rc

1

2

C

89

Musical score for page 18, measures 88-92. The score includes staves for A, Cl b, g, or, no, rc, and numbered staves 1, 2, and C. Measures 88-92 show complex musical notation with many triplets and sixteenth notes.

Musical score for page 89, measures 93-94. The score includes staves for A, Cl b, g, or, no, rc, and numbered staves 1, 2, and C. Measures 93-94 show complex musical notation with many triplets and sixteenth notes.

Cb

18

CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

180

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CA

Cl_b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

legatissimo

f

3/2

3

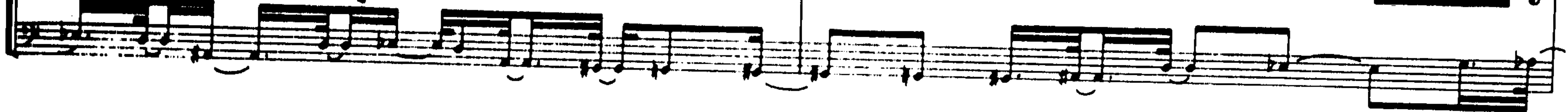
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3/2

182

CA

Cb



CA

100



Cl



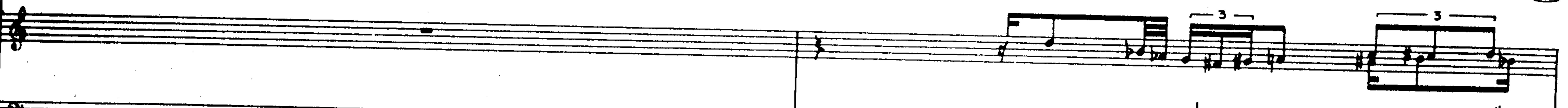
Fg



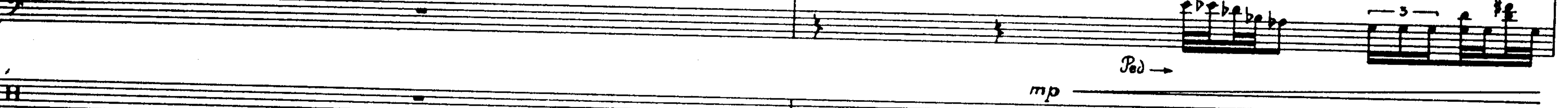
Cor



Pno



Perc



VI 1



VI 2



A



Vlc



Cb



CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

ff

mp

3 *f* 2

3

7 *f* 4

3

3

CA

Cb

100 $\text{♩} = 42 \text{ MM}$

CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

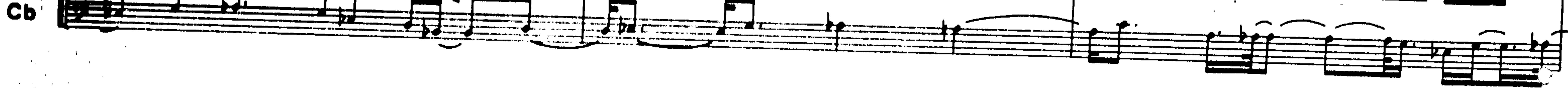
A

Vlc

Cb

CA

Cb



112

CA

Cl
b

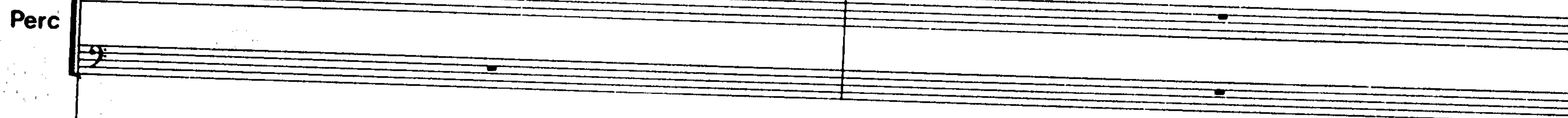
Fg

Cor

Pno



Perc



VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb



CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

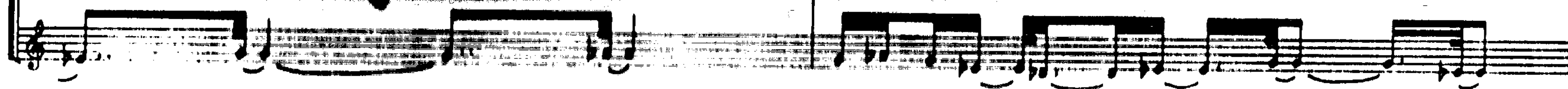
A

Vlc

Cb

CA

Cb



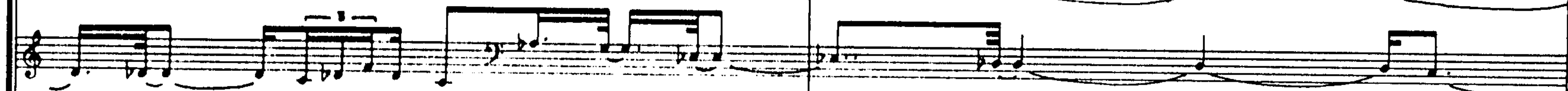
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CA



Cl

b



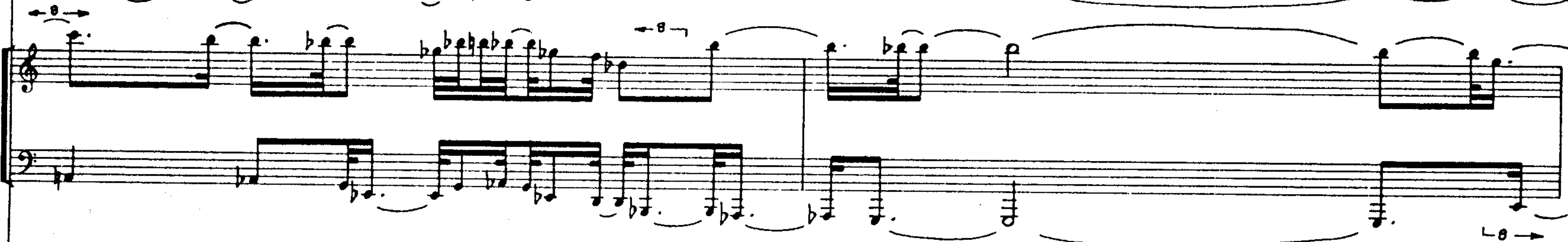
Fg



Cor



Pno



Perc



VI 1



VI 2



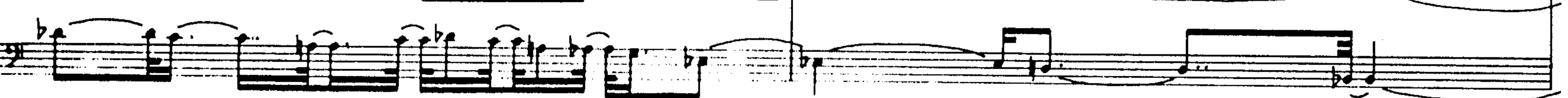
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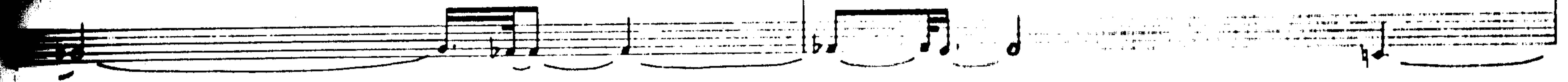


Vlc



Cb





120

CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

122

CA

Cl
b

Fg

Cor

Pno

Perc

VI 1

VI 2

A

Vlc

Cb

Tous les vents :
(f)

fff

Ped. $\frac{1}{2}$ *Ped.*

$\frac{1}{4}$ *Ped.*

Cb

long

II

ppp

long

Pno

long

← Ped.

Perc

mf

(dim. avec le piano)

pp

long

VI 1

VI 2

A

Toutes les cordes:

(ff)

ppp

Vlc

Cb

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