Void

for soprano, viola, and piano

on text by Emily Dickinson

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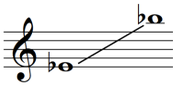
Approximate Duration: 6'30"

Instrumentation:

Soprano 

Viola

Piano

Notes:
The "inside" piano materials is to be played with the fingernail and has been worked out for a Steinway B. For other pianos, please accommodate as best as possible and make necessary alterations if needed.

Text:

Void (XXXVII. from *Time and Eternity*)
By Emily Dickinson (1830 – 1886)

Great streets of silence led away
To neighborhoods of pause;
Here was no notice, no dissent
No universe, no laws.

By clocks 't was morning, and for night
The bells at distance called;
But epoch had no basis here,
For period exhaled.

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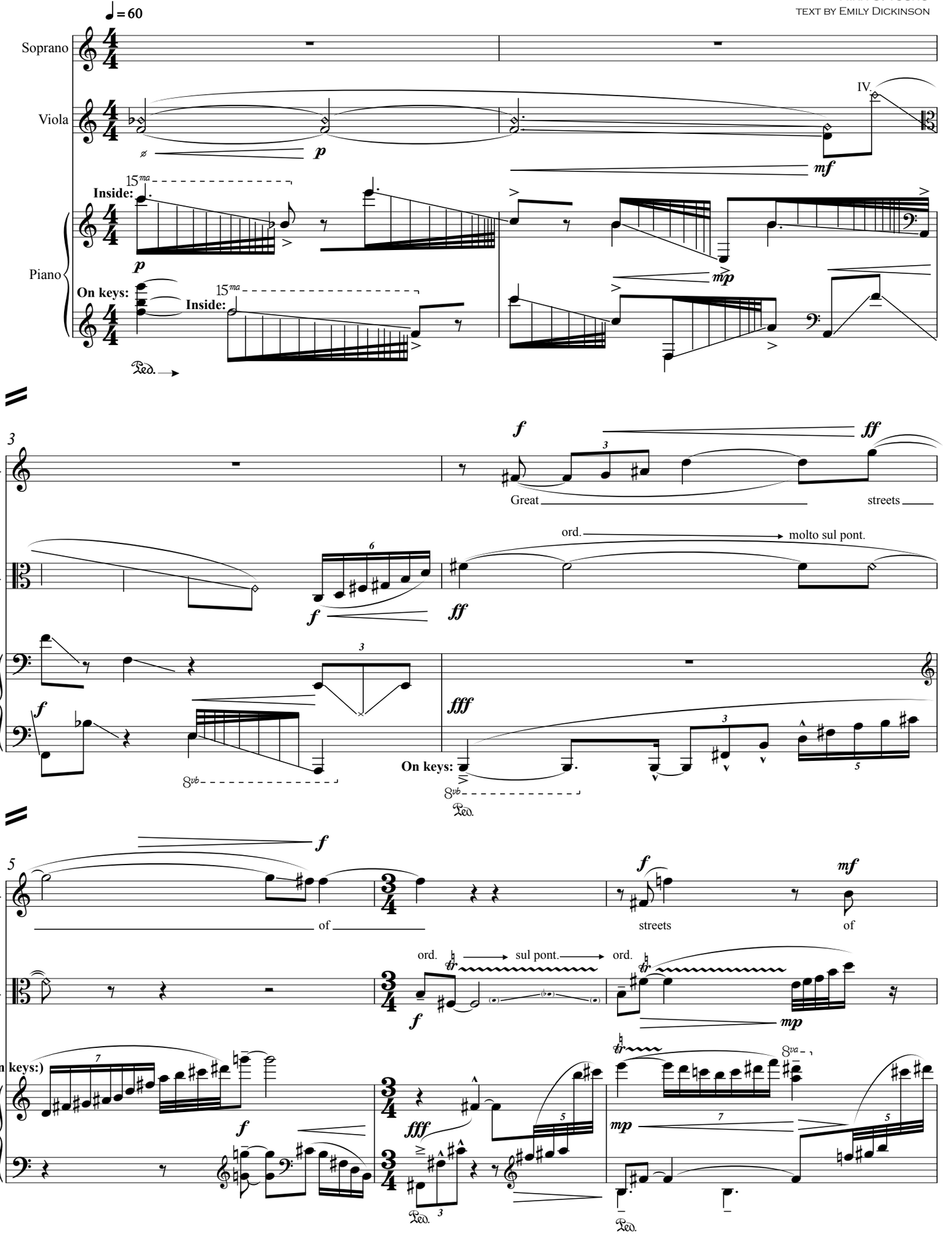

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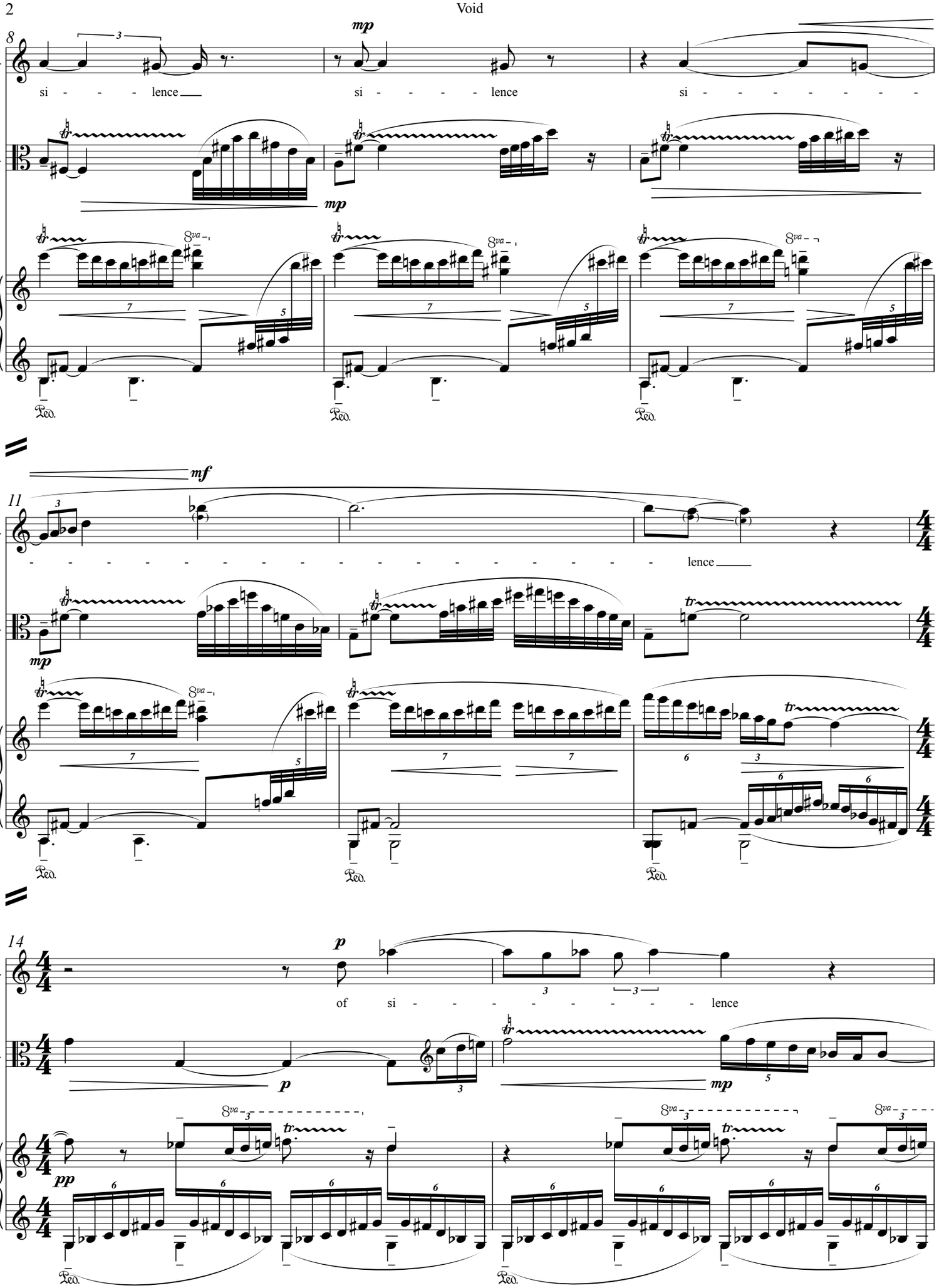
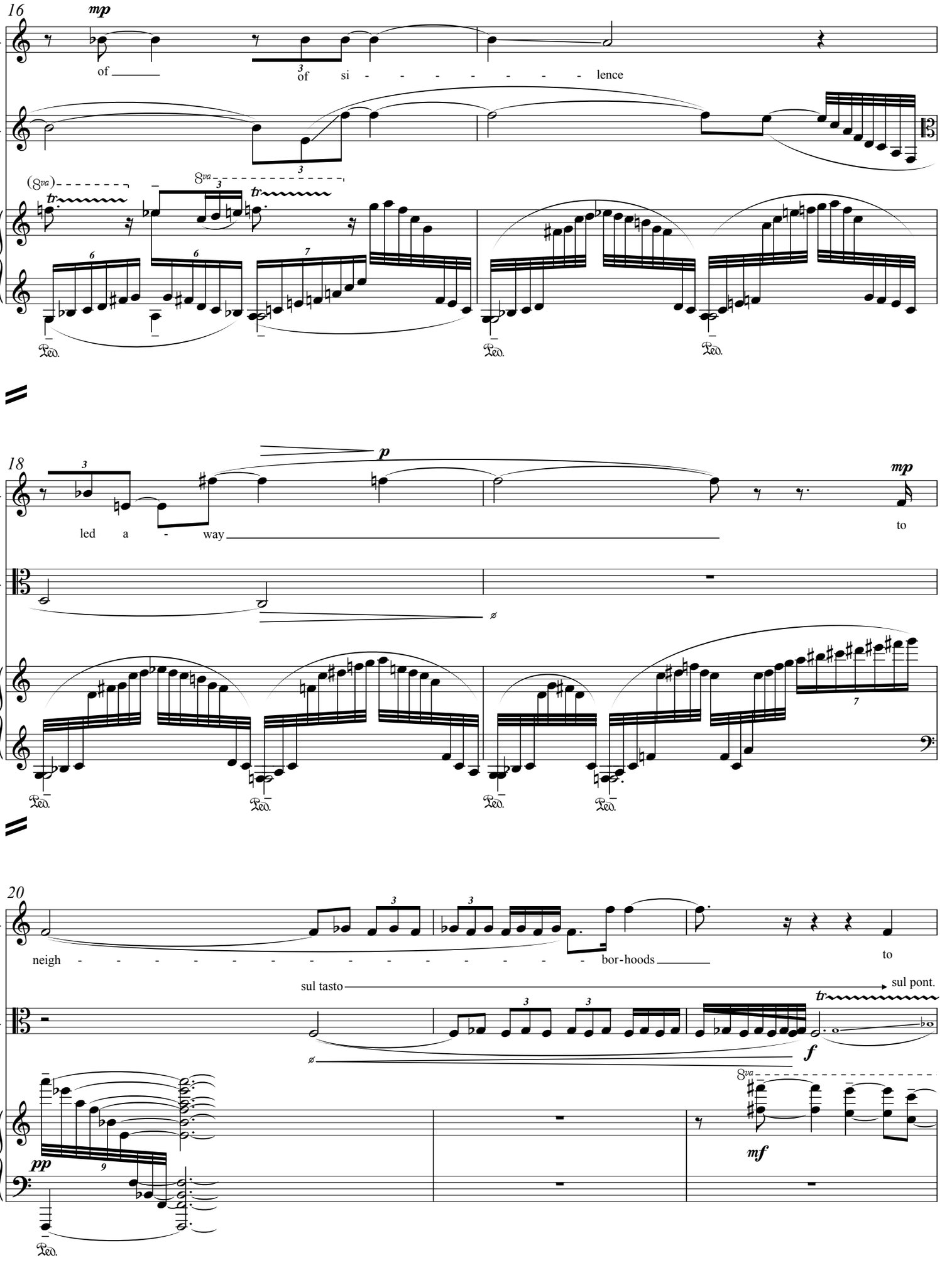
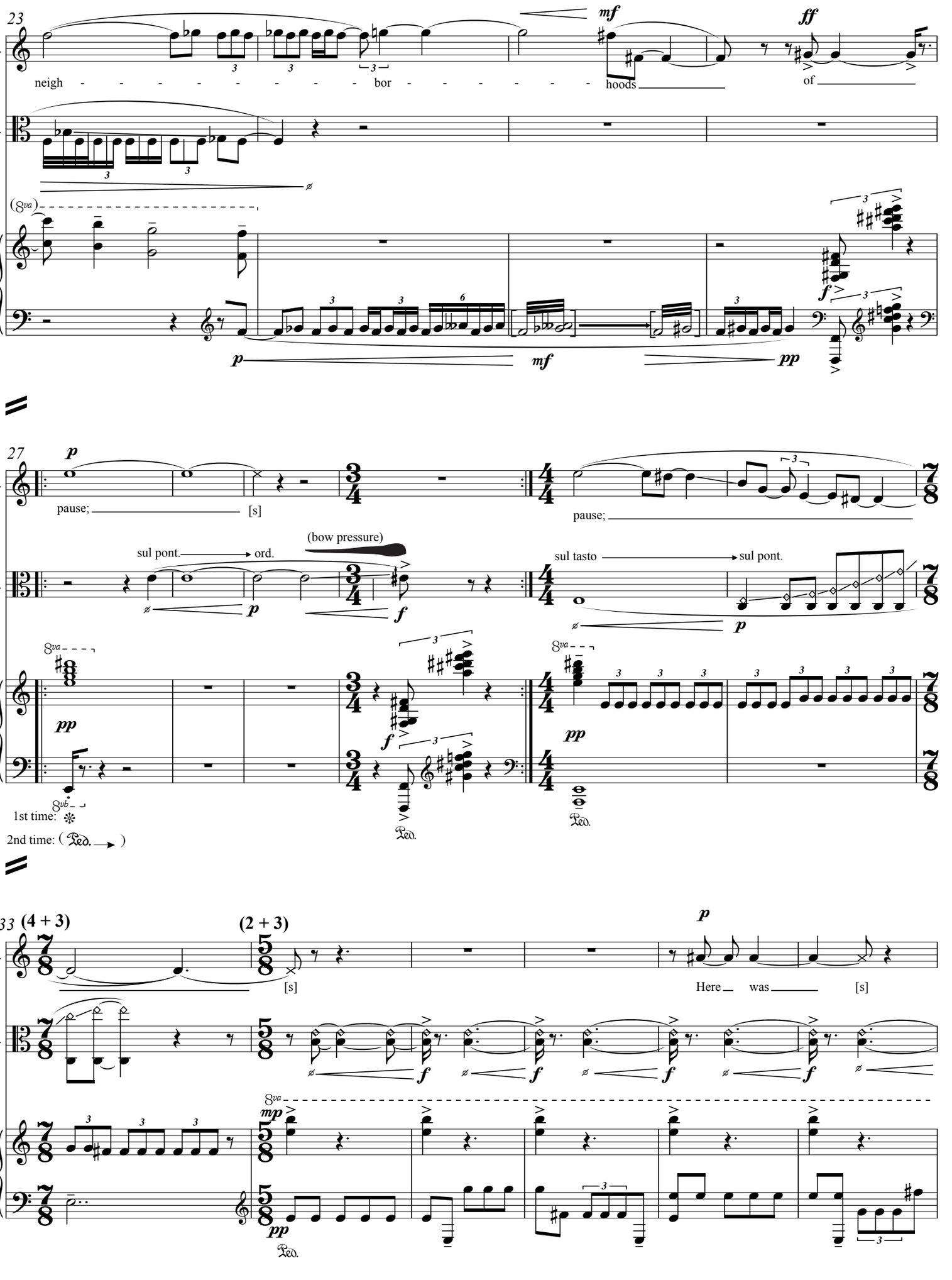
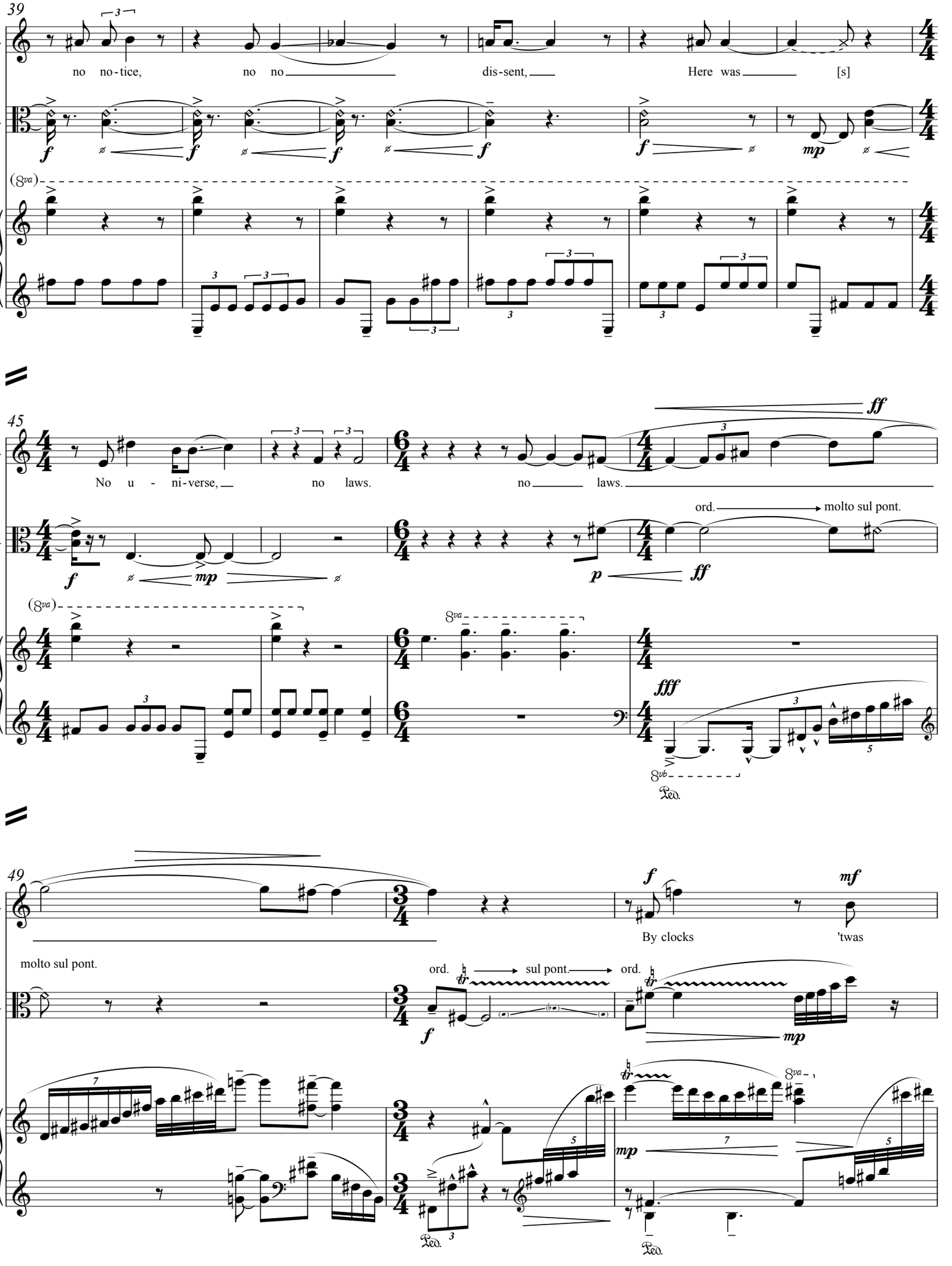
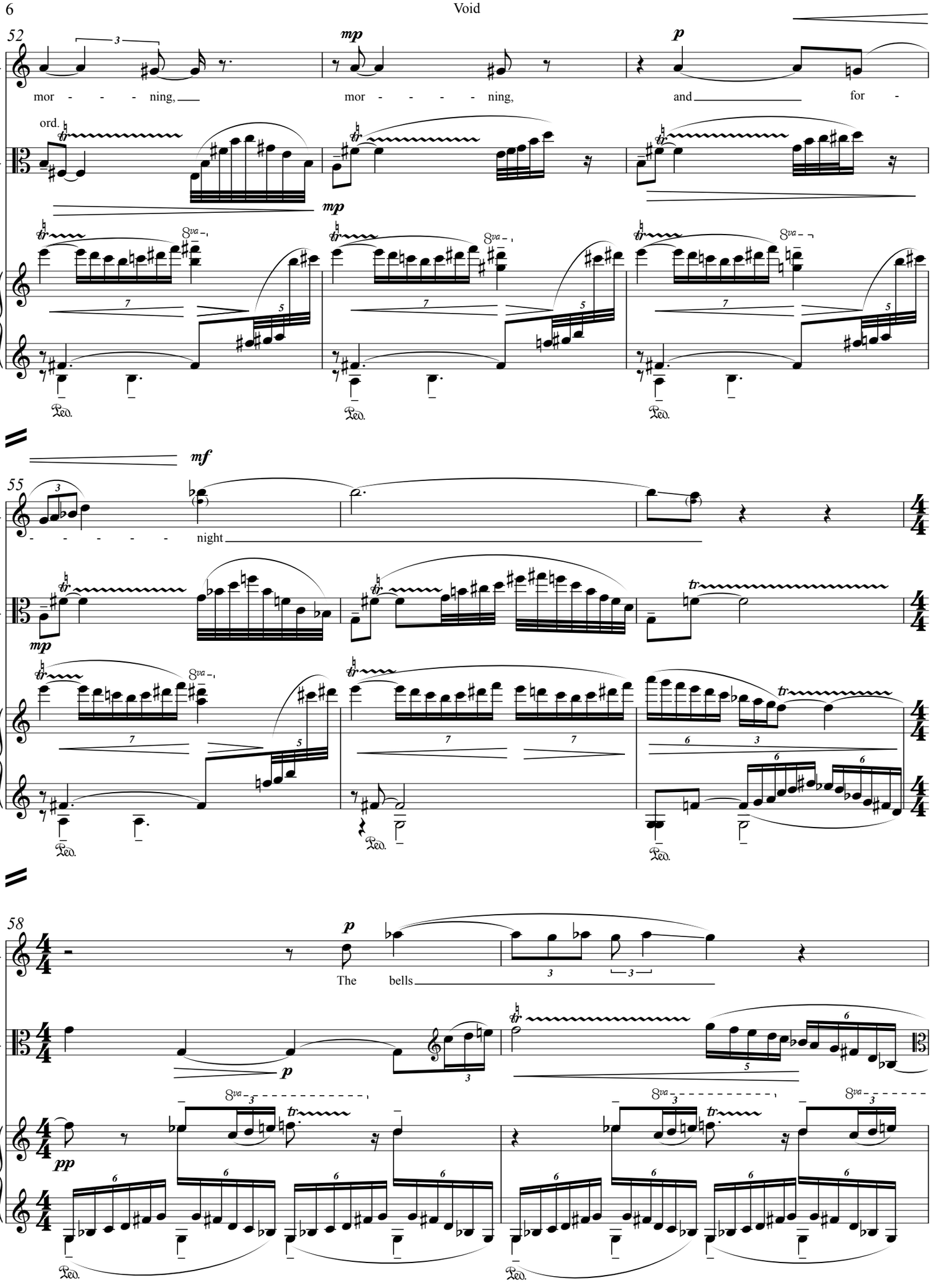
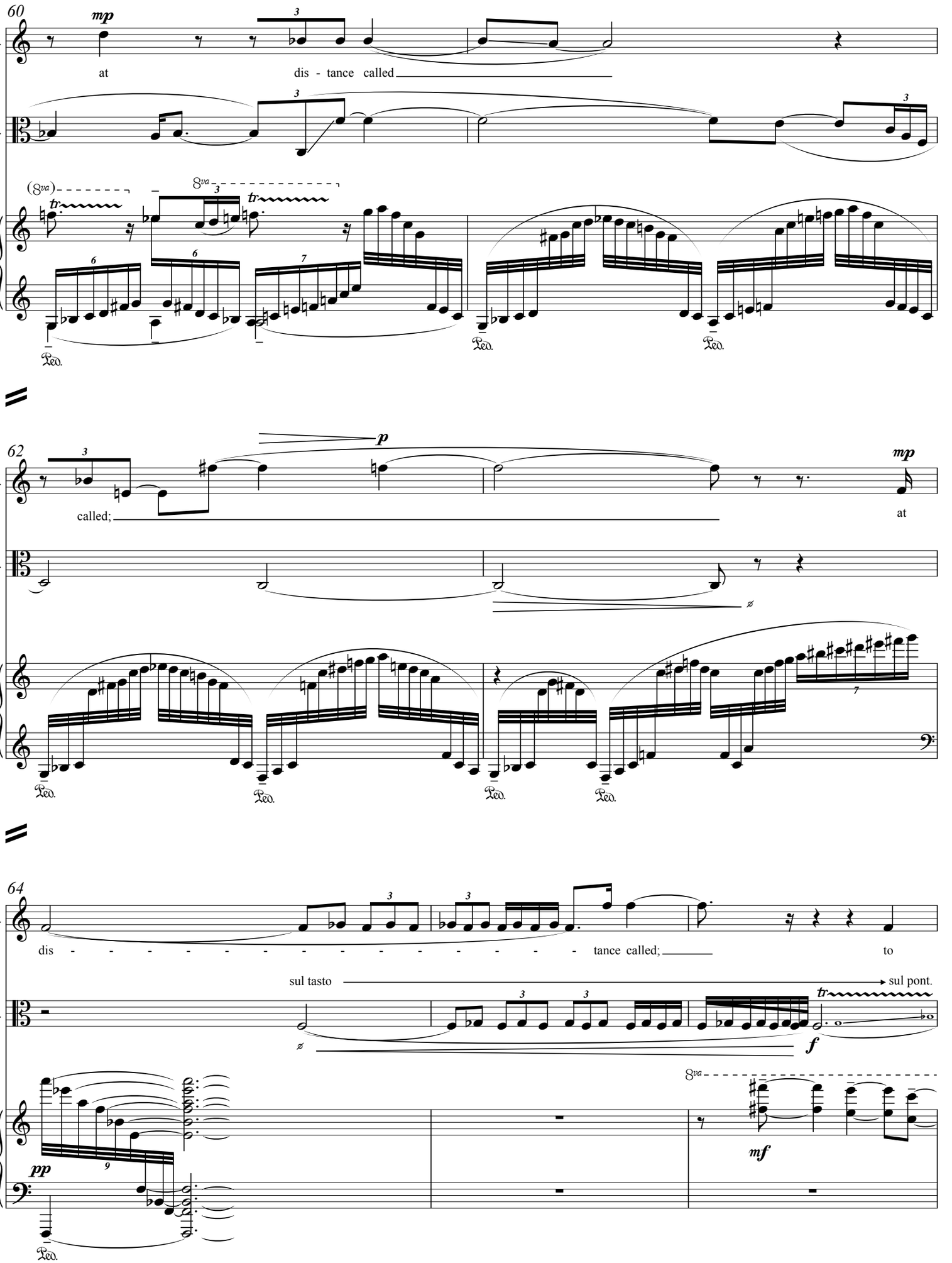

8
Sop.
si - - - lence
si - - - - - lence
si - - - - - - - - -
Vla.
Pno.
11
lence
14
of si - - - - - - - - - lence

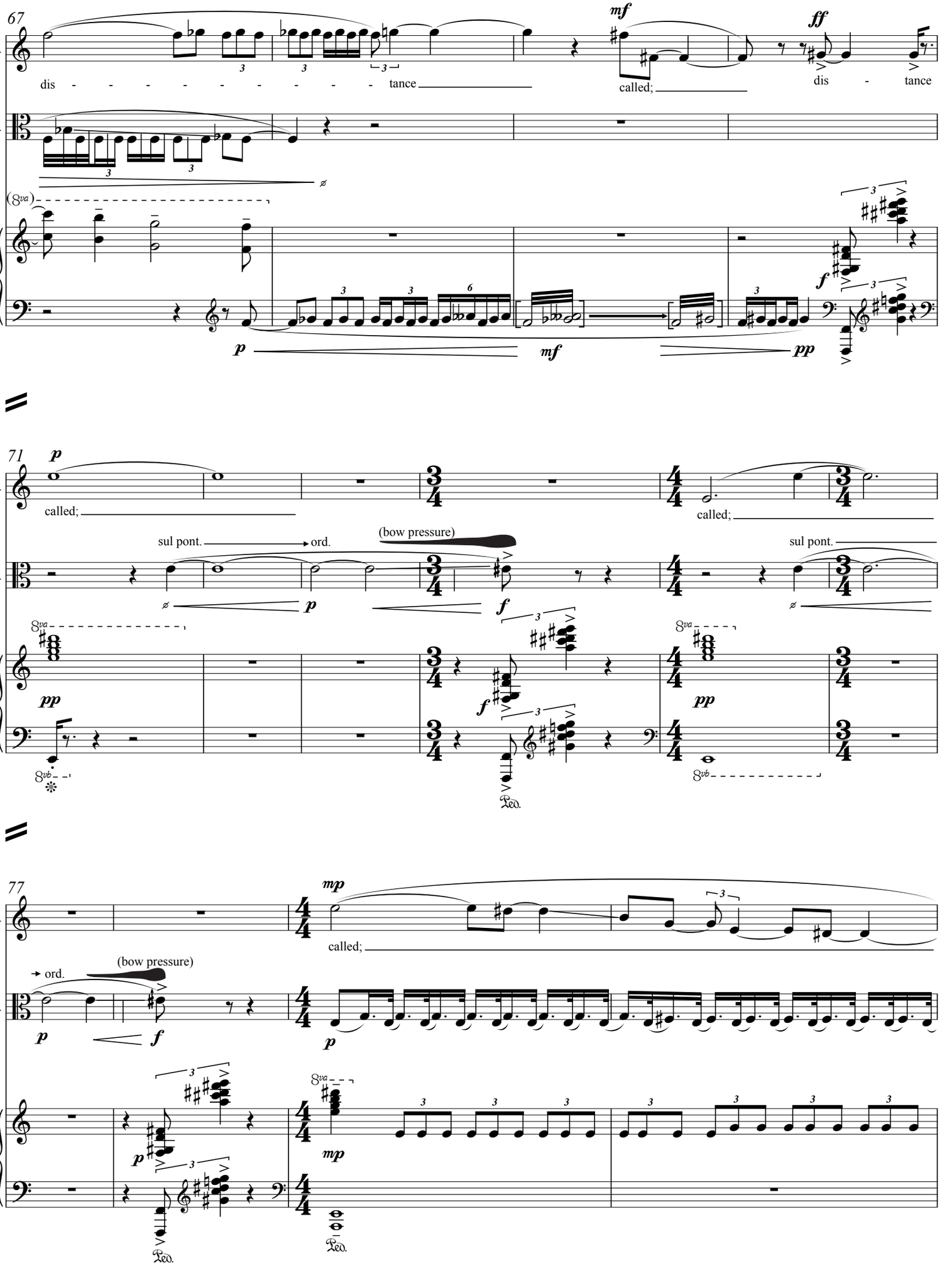

16
mp
Sop.
of
of si - - - - - - - - lence
Vla.
(8va)
8va
tr
Pno.
Ped.
18
p
led a - way
mp
to
20
neigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - bor-hoods
to
sul tasto
sul pont.
f
pp
mf

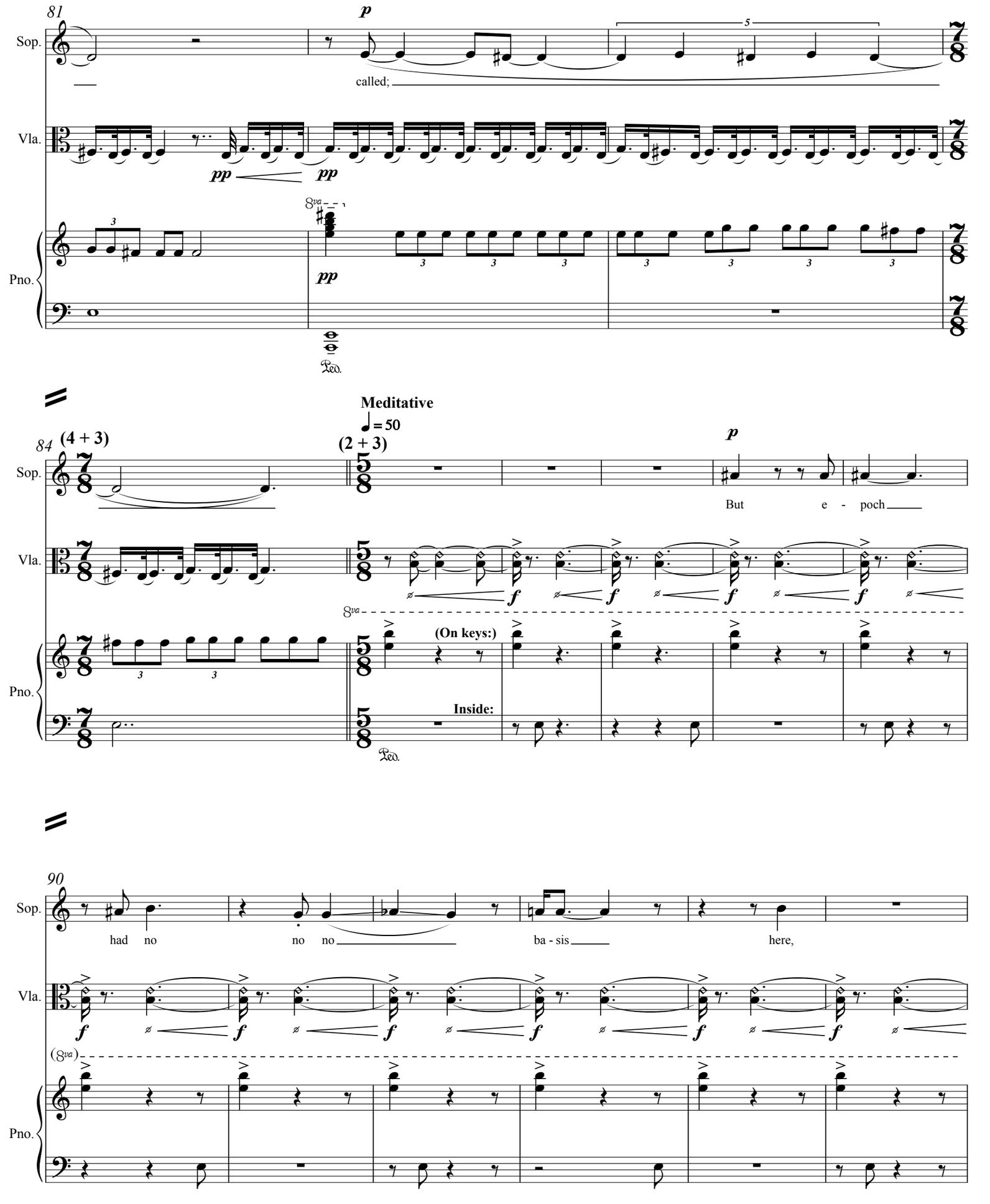

23
Sop.
neigh - - - - - - - - - bor - - - - - - - hoods
of
Vla.
Pno.
27
pause;
[s]
pause;
sul pont.
ord.
(bow pressure)
sul tasto
sul pont.
1st time:
2nd time:
33 (4 + 3)
(2 + 3)
[s]
Here was
[s]

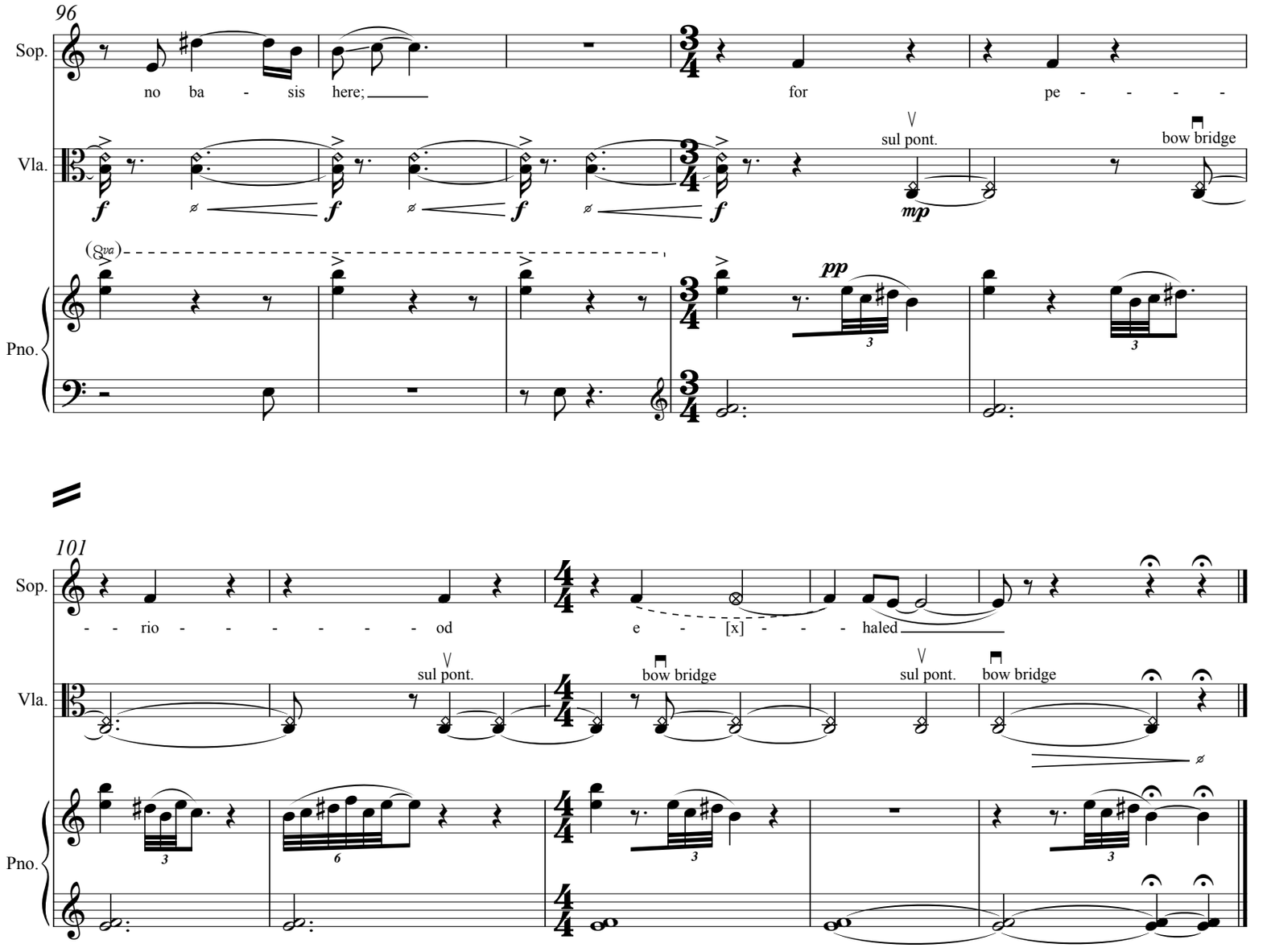

39
Sop.
no no-tice, no no dis-sent, Here was [s]
Vla.
Pno.
(8va)
45
Sop.
No u - ni-verse, no laws. no laws.
ff
Vla.
ord. molto sul pont.
Pno.
8va
fff
8vb
Ped.
49
Sop.
By clocks 'twas
molto sul pont.
Vla.
ord. sul pont. ord.
Pno.
Ped.


52
Sop.
mor - - - ning,
mor - - - - ning,
and for -
Vla.
ord.
Pno.
55
- - - - - - night
58
The bells


60
mp
Sop.
at
dis - tance called
Vla.
(8va)
8va
tr
Pno.
Ped.
62
p
mp
called;
at
64
dis - - - - - - - - - - - - - tance called;
to
sul tasto
sul pont.
f
pp
mf


67
Sop.
dis - - - - - - - - - - tance
mf
called;
ff
dis - tance
Vla.
(8va)
Pno.
p
mf
pp
f
71
p
called;
called;
sul pont.
ord.
(bow pressure)
sul pont.
pp
f
pp
77
mp
called;
ord.
(bow pressure)
p
f
p
p
mp


81
Sop.
Vla.
Pno.
p
called;
pp
pp
8va
pp
Ped.
Meditative
♩= 50
84
(4 + 3)
(2 + 3)
p
But e - poch
(On keys:)
Inside:
90
had no
no no
ba - sis
here,


96
Sop.
no ba - sis here;
for pe - - - - -
Vla.
sul pont.
bow bridge
(8va)
Pno.
pp

101
Sop.
- - rio - - - - - - od
e - [x] - - - haled
Vla.
sul pont.
bow bridge
sul pont.
bow bridge
Pno.