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à Monsieur J. Zimmermann.

MÉDITATION

sur le 1er Prélude de Piano
DE

S. BACH

Composée
POUR PIANO et VIOLON SOLO
OU VIOLONCELLE
Avec acc. d'Orgue ou d'un 2d Violoncelle ad lib
PAR

CH. GOUNOD.

[Dedicated to Monsieur J. Zimmermann.
"MEDITATION on the Piano Prelude No. 1 by J. S. Bach", for Piano and Violin solo (or cello), with optional accompaniment by Organ (or by a second cello), composed by Charles Gounod.]

About this work.
This is the original 1853 version of Charles Gounod's "Ave Maria", before it was called "Ave Maria". Gounod wrote everything except the piano part, which is a slightly-altered version of Johann Sebastian Bach's Prelude in C from **The Well Tempered Clavier**, BWV846. Later, Gounod adapted his "Meditation" to be a setting for "Ave Maria" (1859). For that edition, Gounod made some changes to his melody and gave it to the voice instead of to violin or cello.

Source for this edition: A scan of the piano part of the first edition (Germany), Mainz: B. Schott's Söhne, n.d.(ca.1853), Plate 12832, in the public domain, in the Petrucci Music Library, www.IMSLP.org, downloaded in January, 2011. That piano part contains the violin, cello 2, and organ parts as well as the piano music.

Parts in this score.
VIOLON (Solo Violin)
VIOLONCELLE (Solo Cello, an octave transposition of the violin part)
VIOLONCELLE 2 (Optional Cello 2)
ORGUE (Optional Organ)
PIANO

Performance notes.
(1) Piano part is required.
(2) Use solo violin or solo cello but not both.
(3) Cello 2 and Organ are optional. Use either or neither (but probably not both).

Typesetting and editing.
The score has been completely reset using Finale 2007. The solo cello part does not appear in the 1853 source, probably because the cellist would simply read from the violin part and play an octave lower.

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Score

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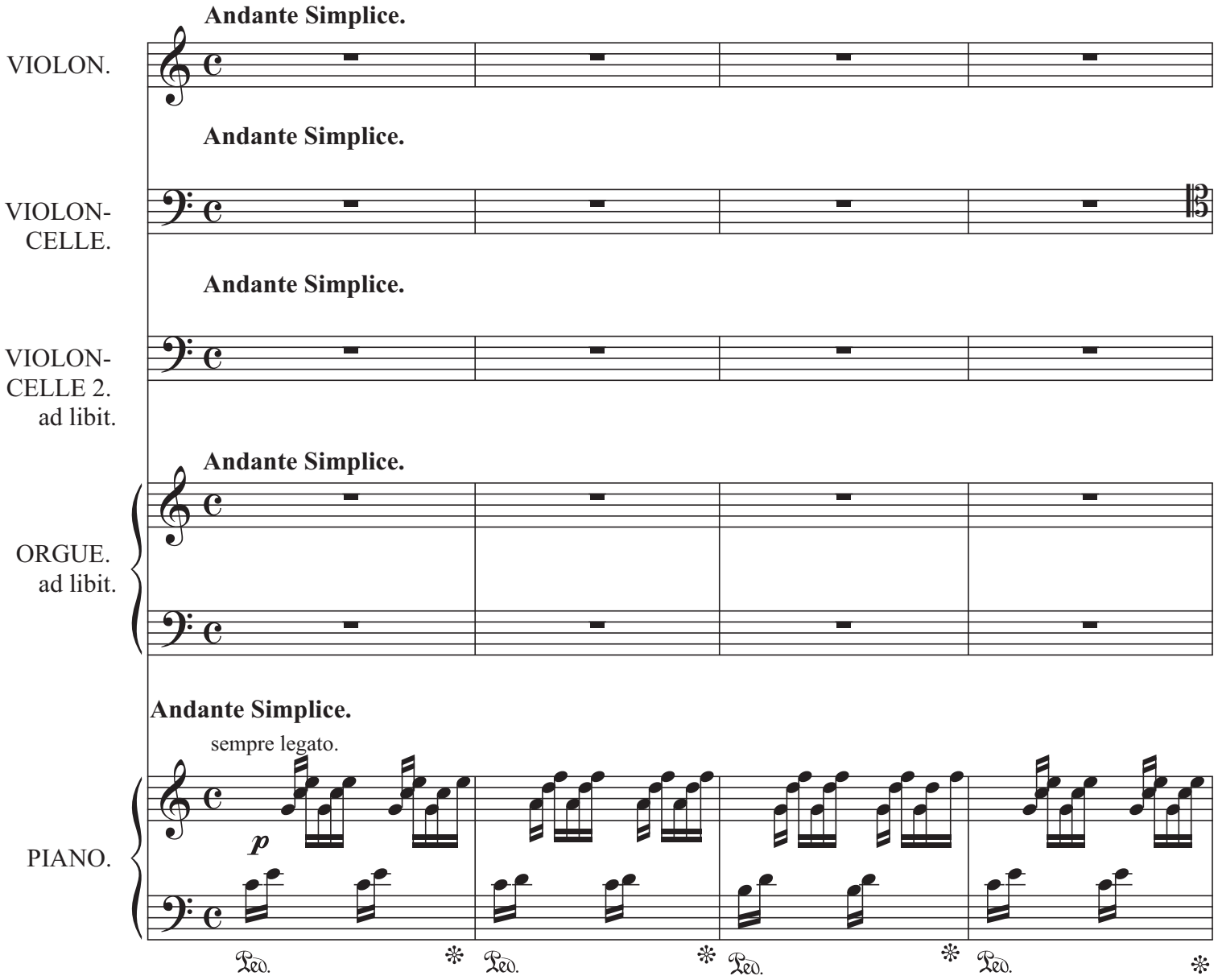
Charles Gounod



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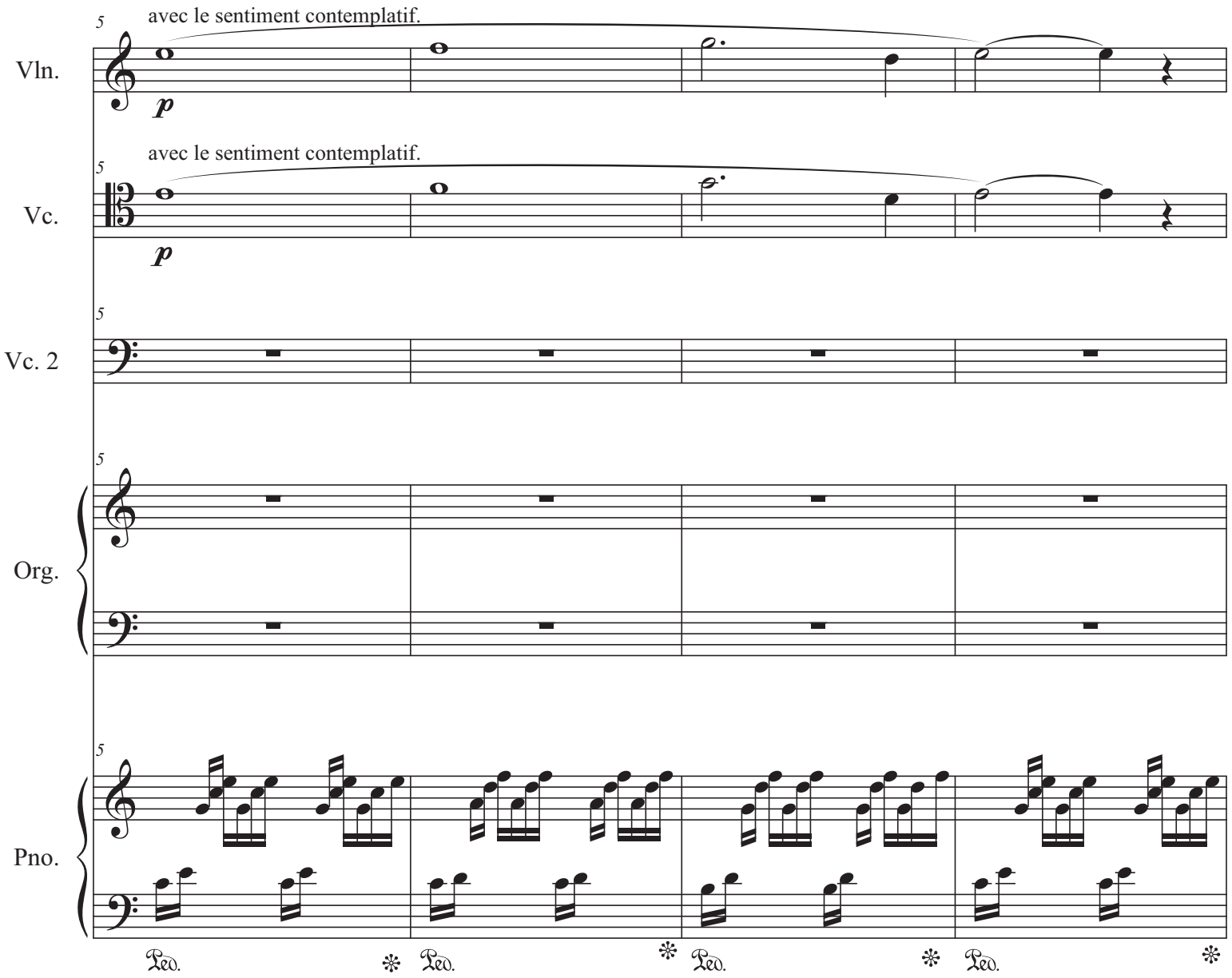
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avec le sentiment contemplatif.
Vln.
p
5
avec le sentiment contemplatif.
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Org.
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Pno.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
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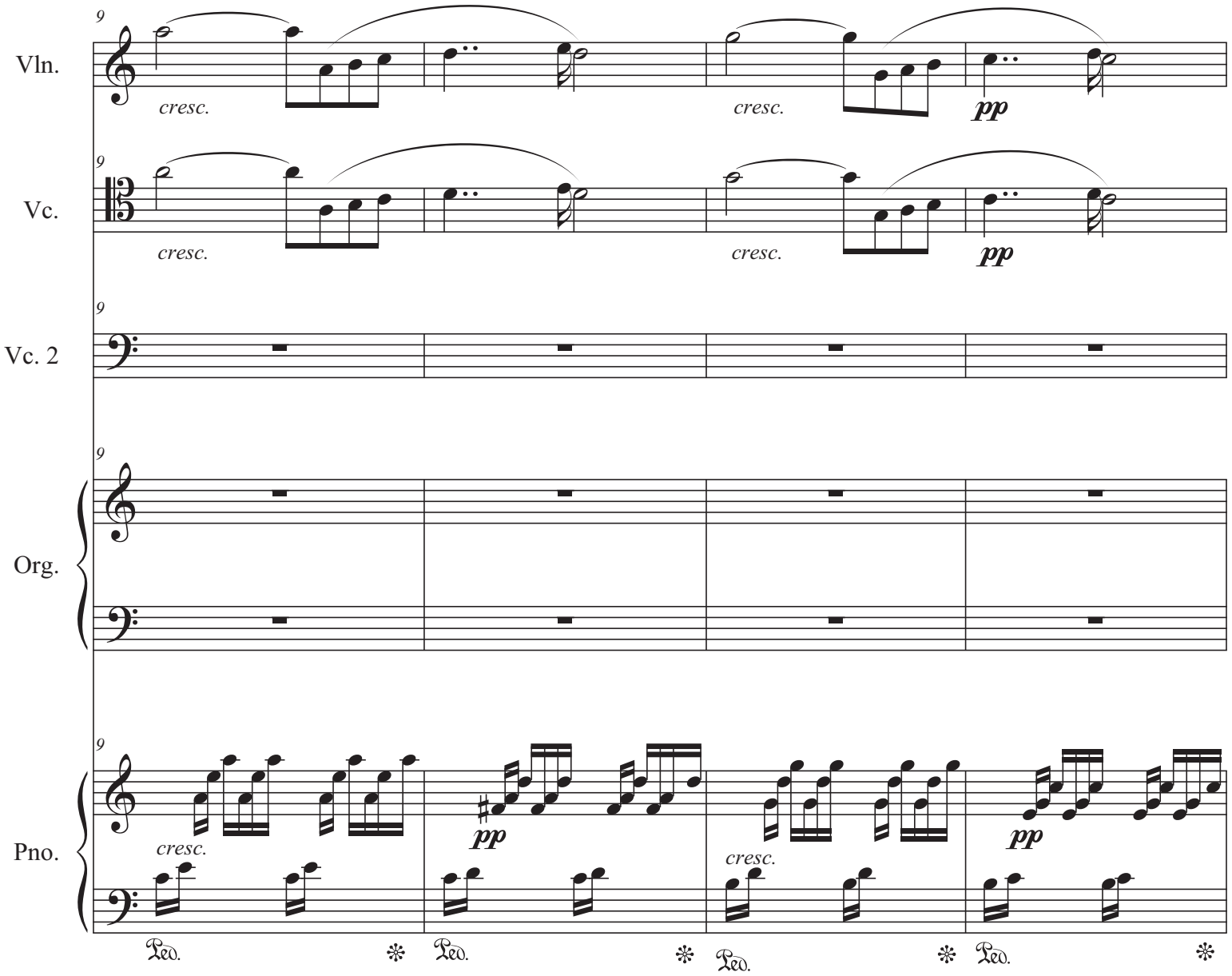
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Vln.
cresc.
cresc.
pp
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Vc.
cresc.
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pp
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Org.
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pp
cresc.
pp
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
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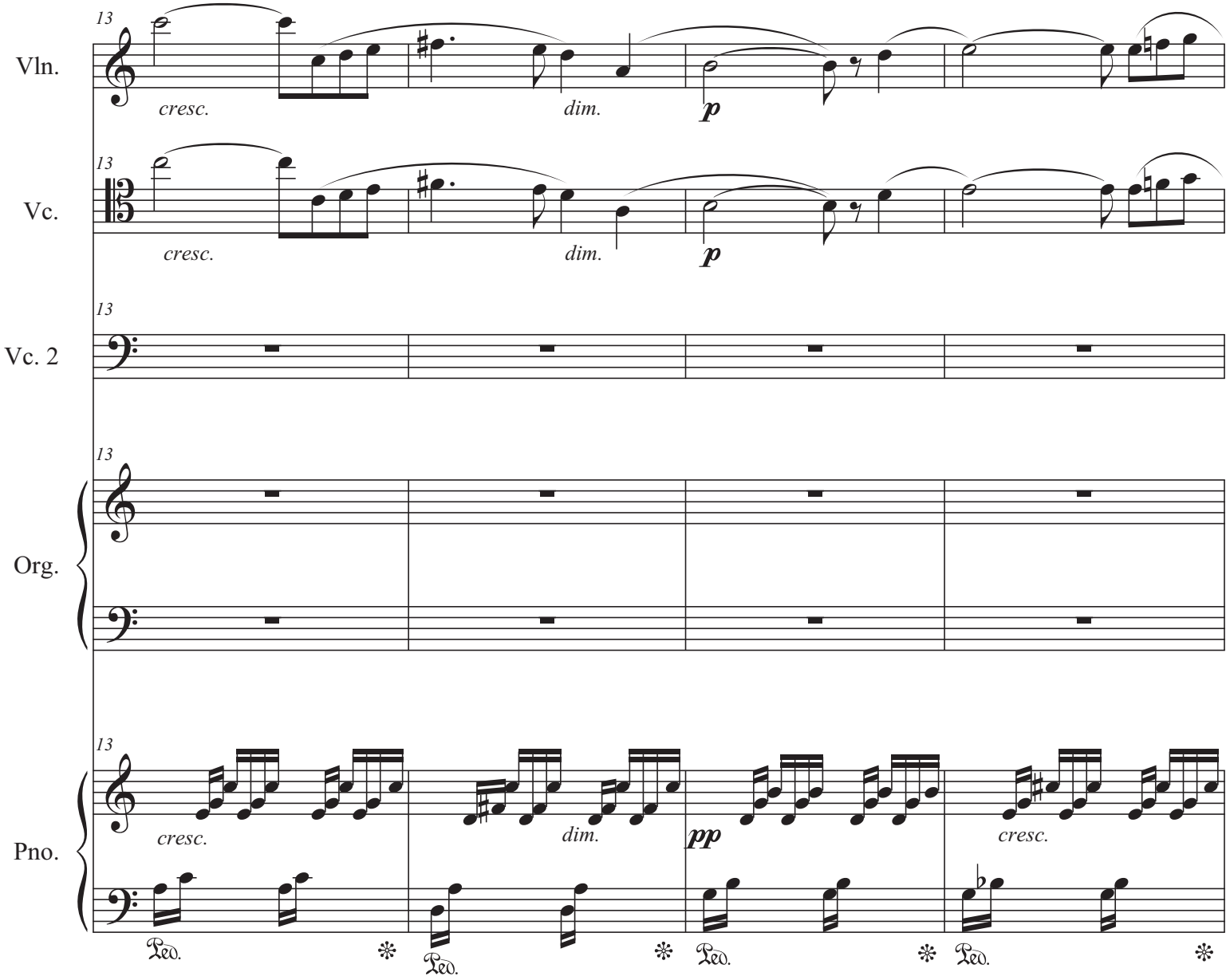
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Vln.
cresc.
dim.
p
13
Vc.
cresc.
dim.
p
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Org.
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Pno.
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dim.
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cresc.
Ped.
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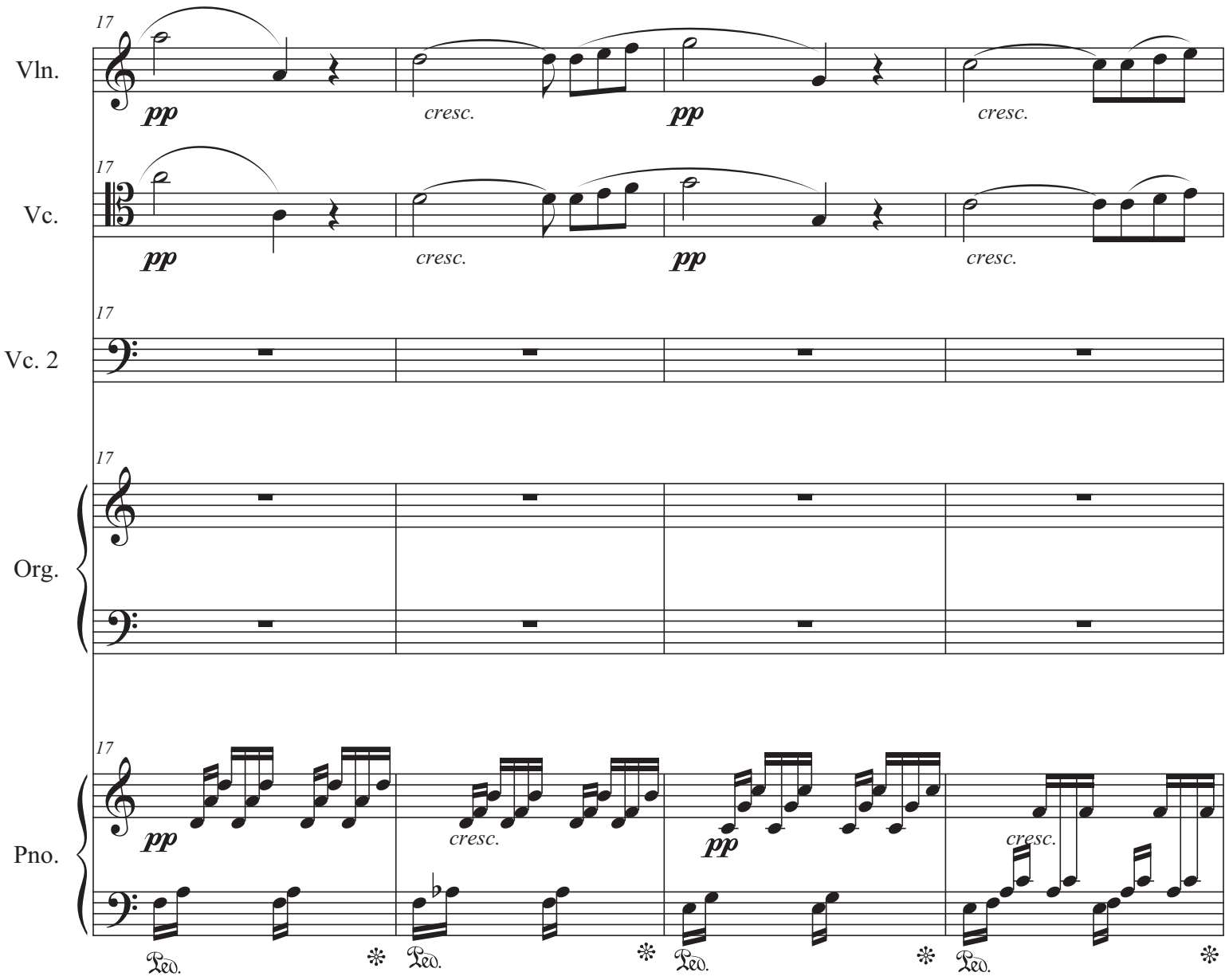
Ped.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pp
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pp
cresc.
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Vc.
pp
cresc.
pp
cresc.
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Org.
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Pno.
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pp
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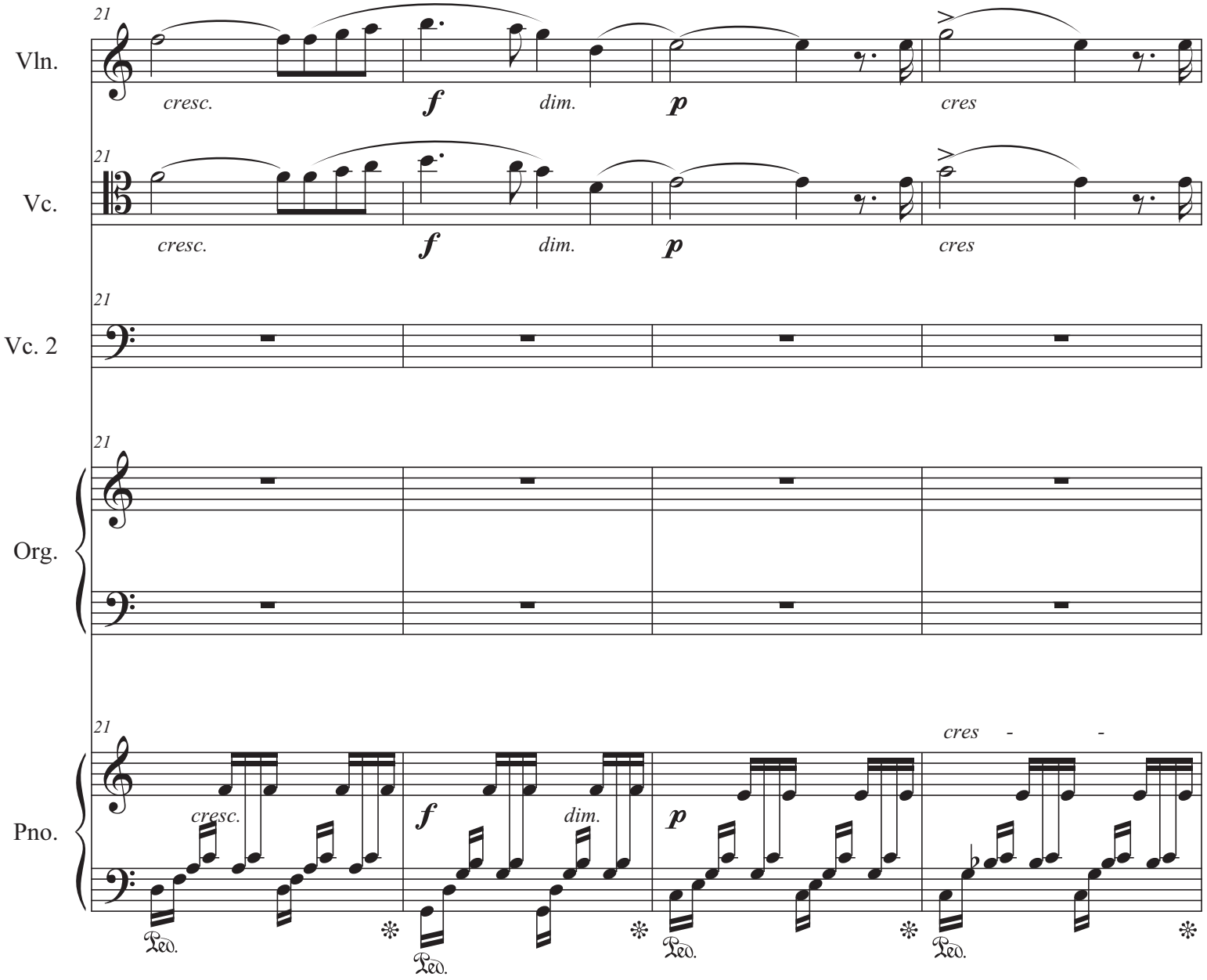
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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cresc.
f
dim.
p
cres
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Vc.
cresc.
f
dim.
p
cres
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Vc. 2
21
Org.
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Pno.
cresc.
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dim.
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cres
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
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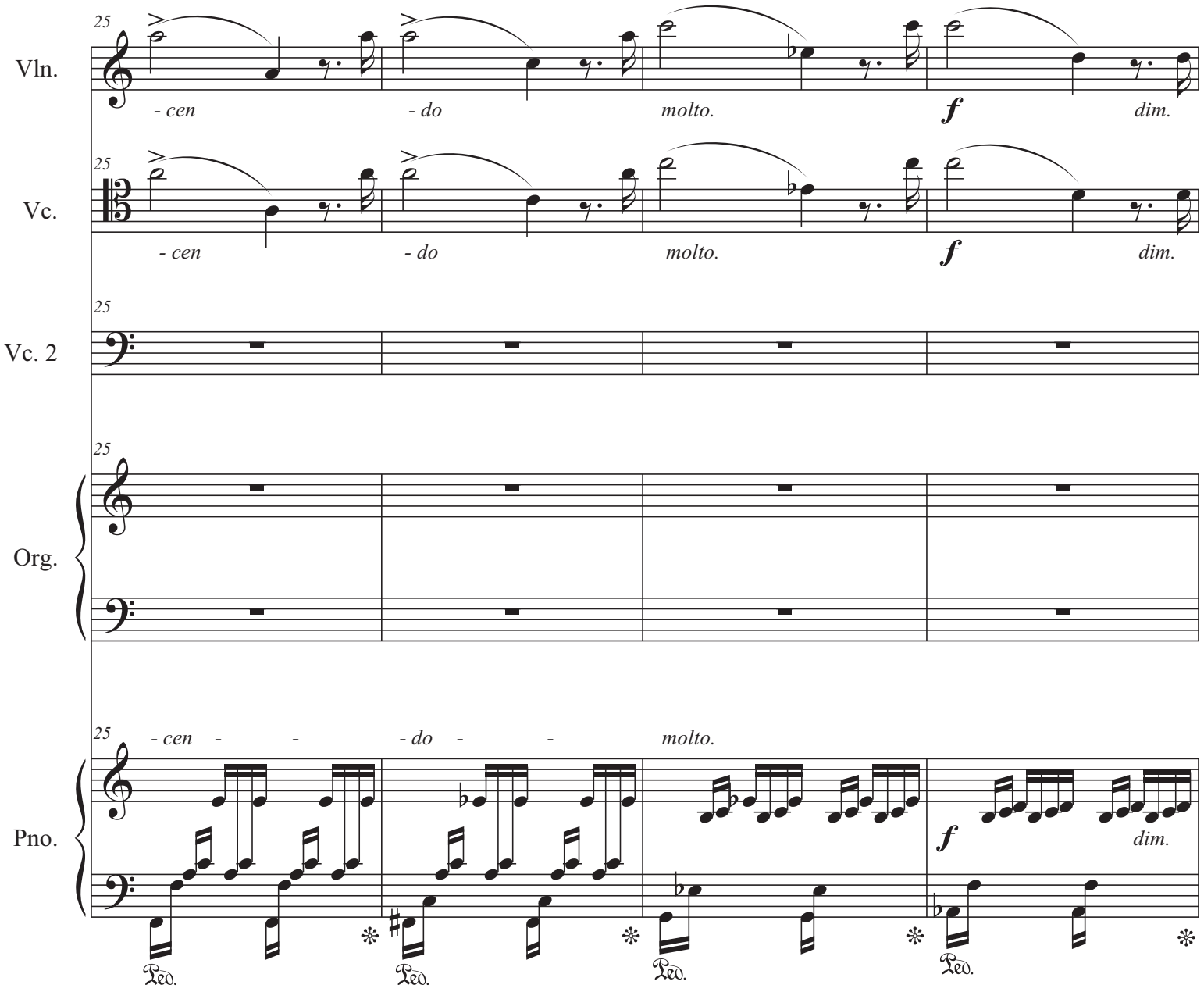
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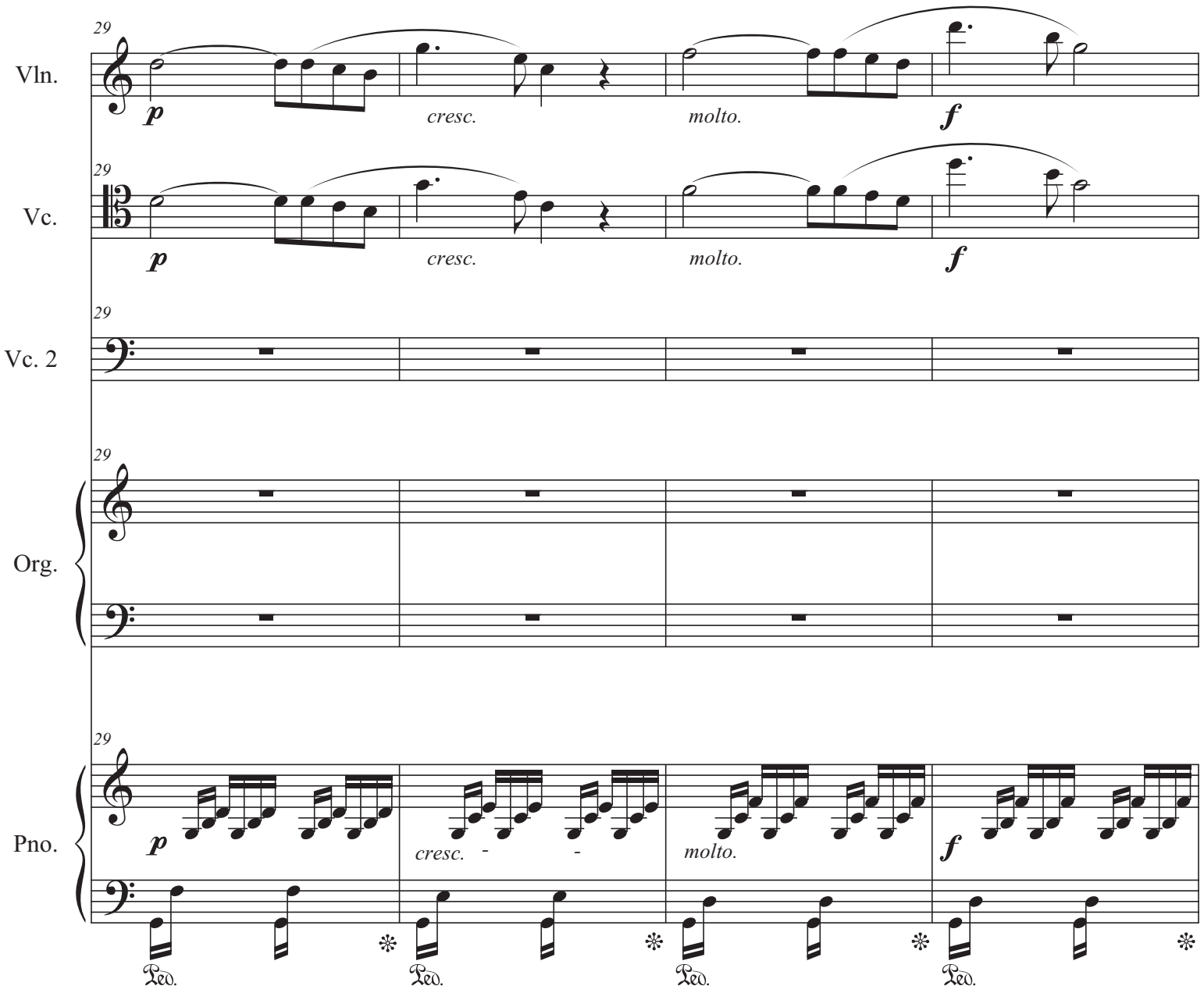
- cen
- do
molto.
f
dim.
25
Vc.
- cen
- do
molto.
f
dim.
25
Vc. 2
25
Org.
25
- cen - - - do - - molto.
Pno.
f
dim.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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p
cresc.
molto.
f
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Vc.
p
cresc.
molto.
f
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Org.
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Pno.
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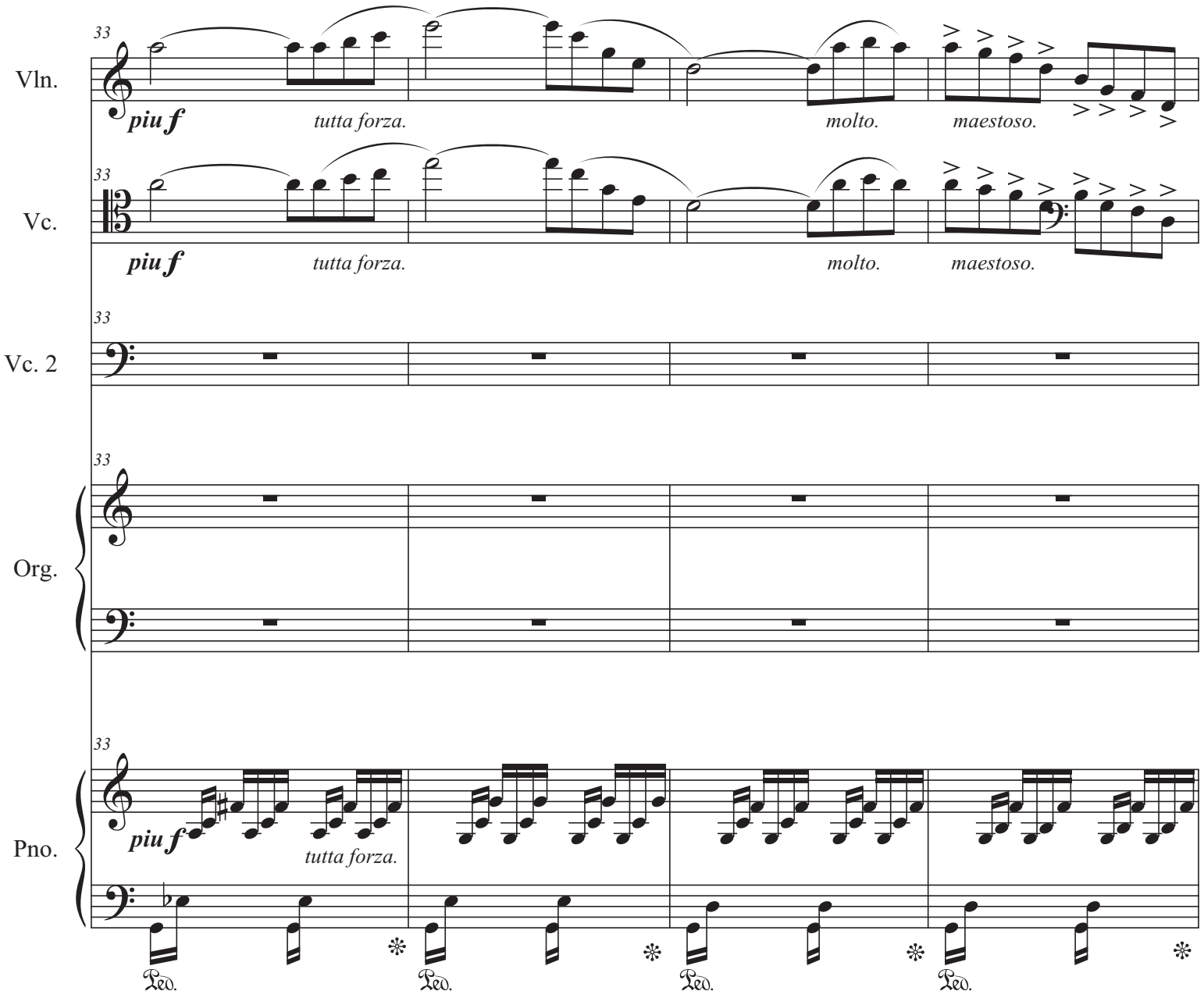
cresc.
molto.
f
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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tutta forza.
molto.
maestoso.
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Vc.
piu f
tutta forza.
molto.
maestoso.
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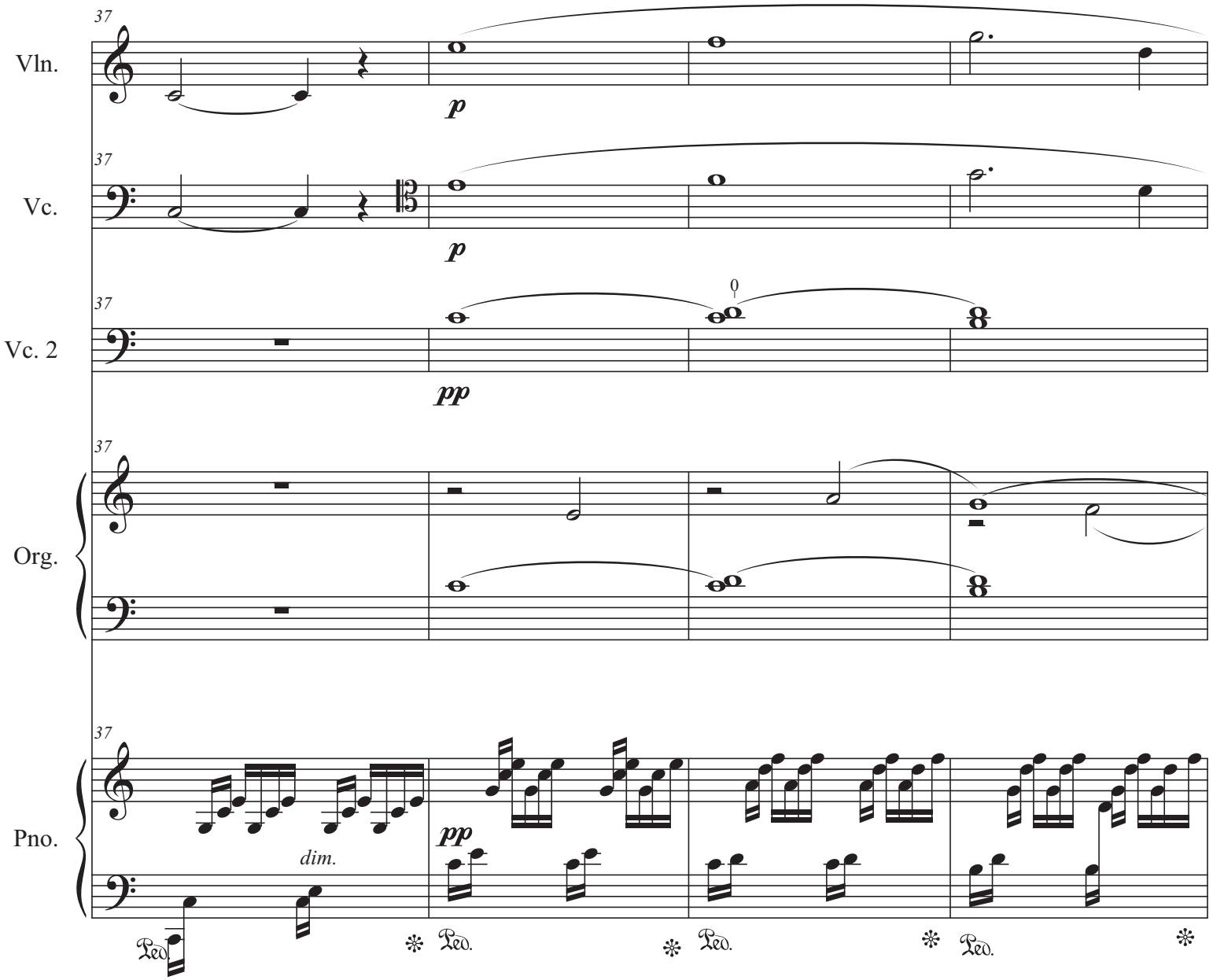
Vc. 2
33
Org.
33
Pno.
piu f
tutta forza.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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Vln.
p
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Vc.
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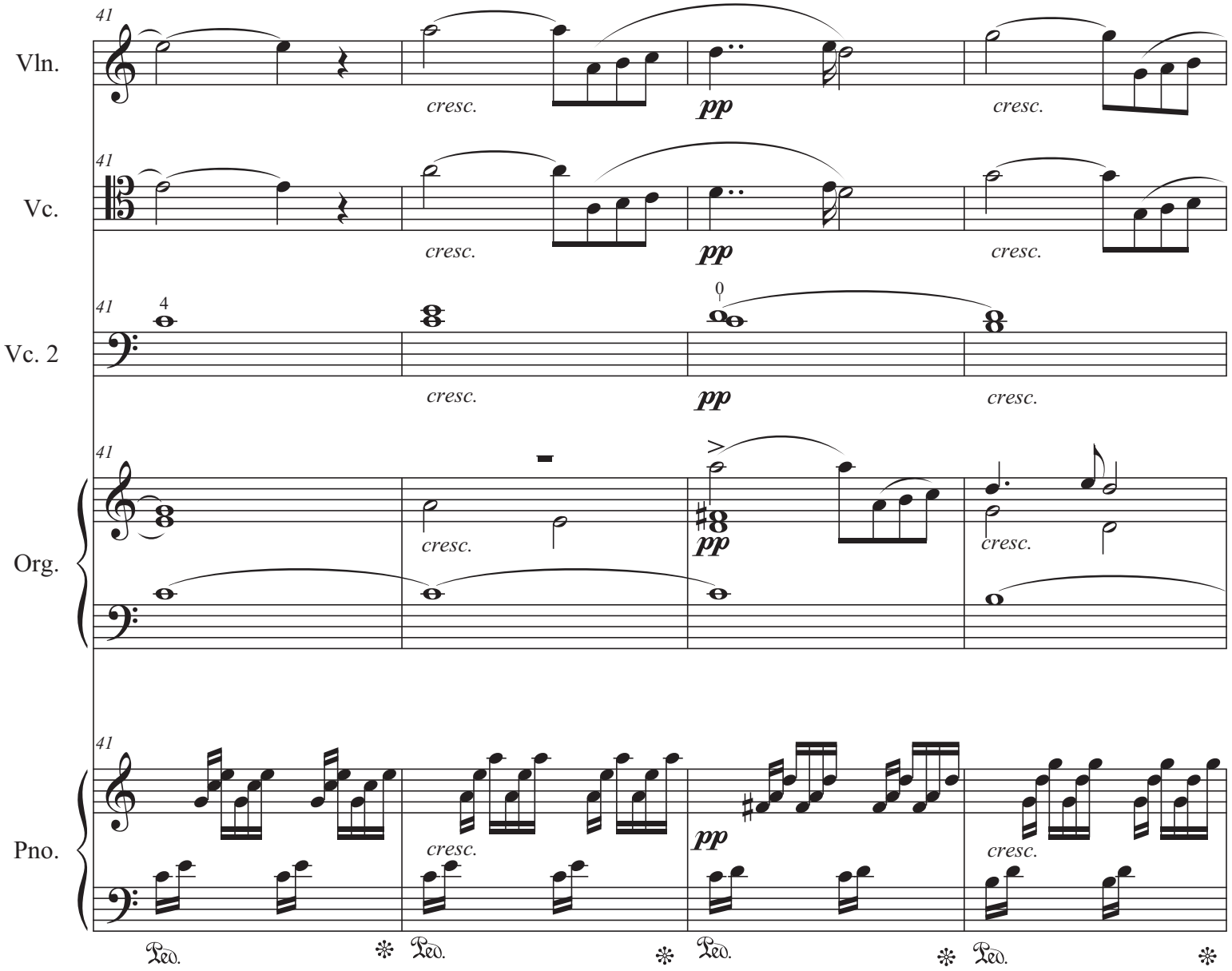
Vc. 2
pp
37
Org.
37
Pno.
dim.
pp
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.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cresc.
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cresc.
pp
cresc.
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Org.
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cresc.
Ped.
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Ped.
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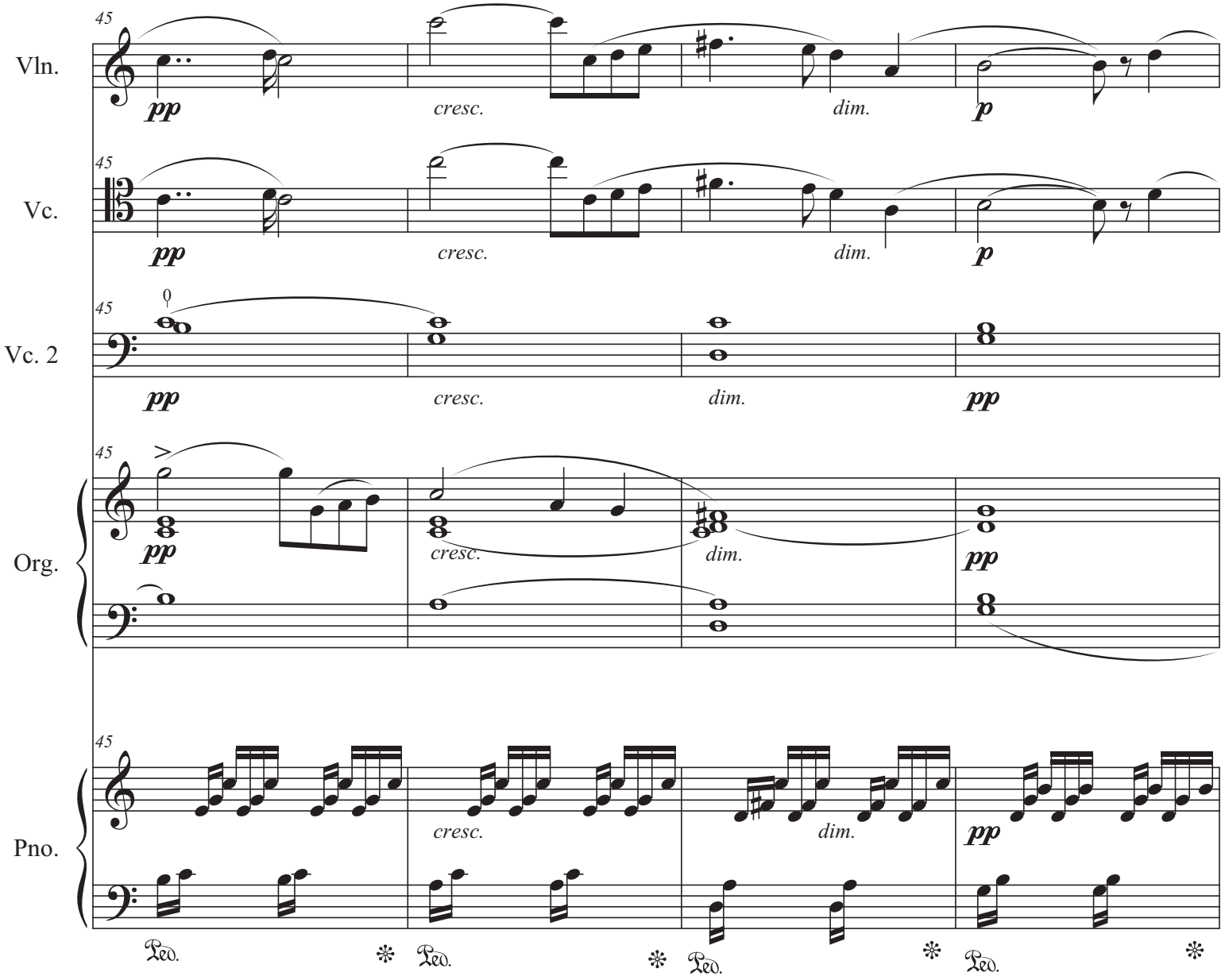
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dim.
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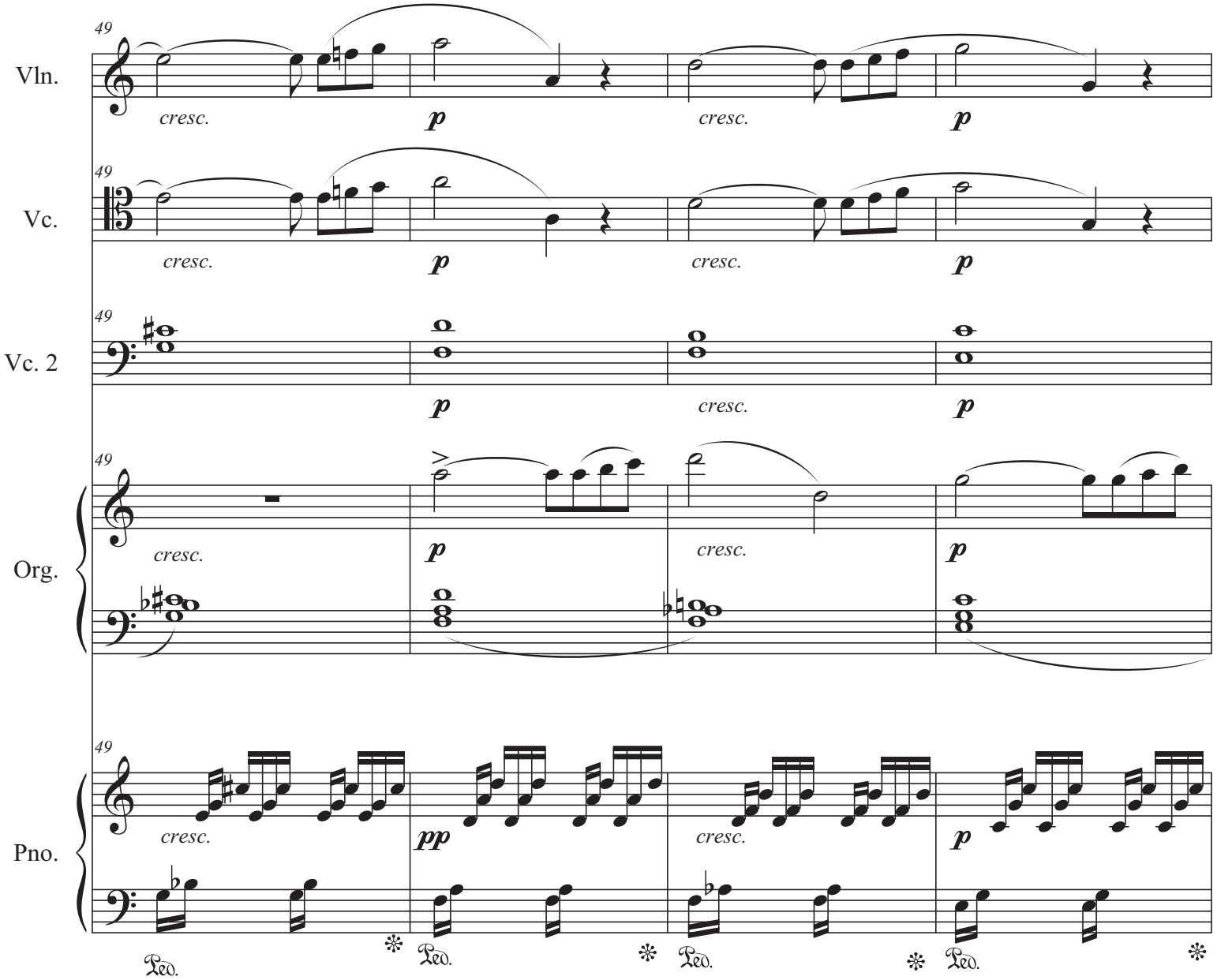
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p
cresc.
p
49
Org.
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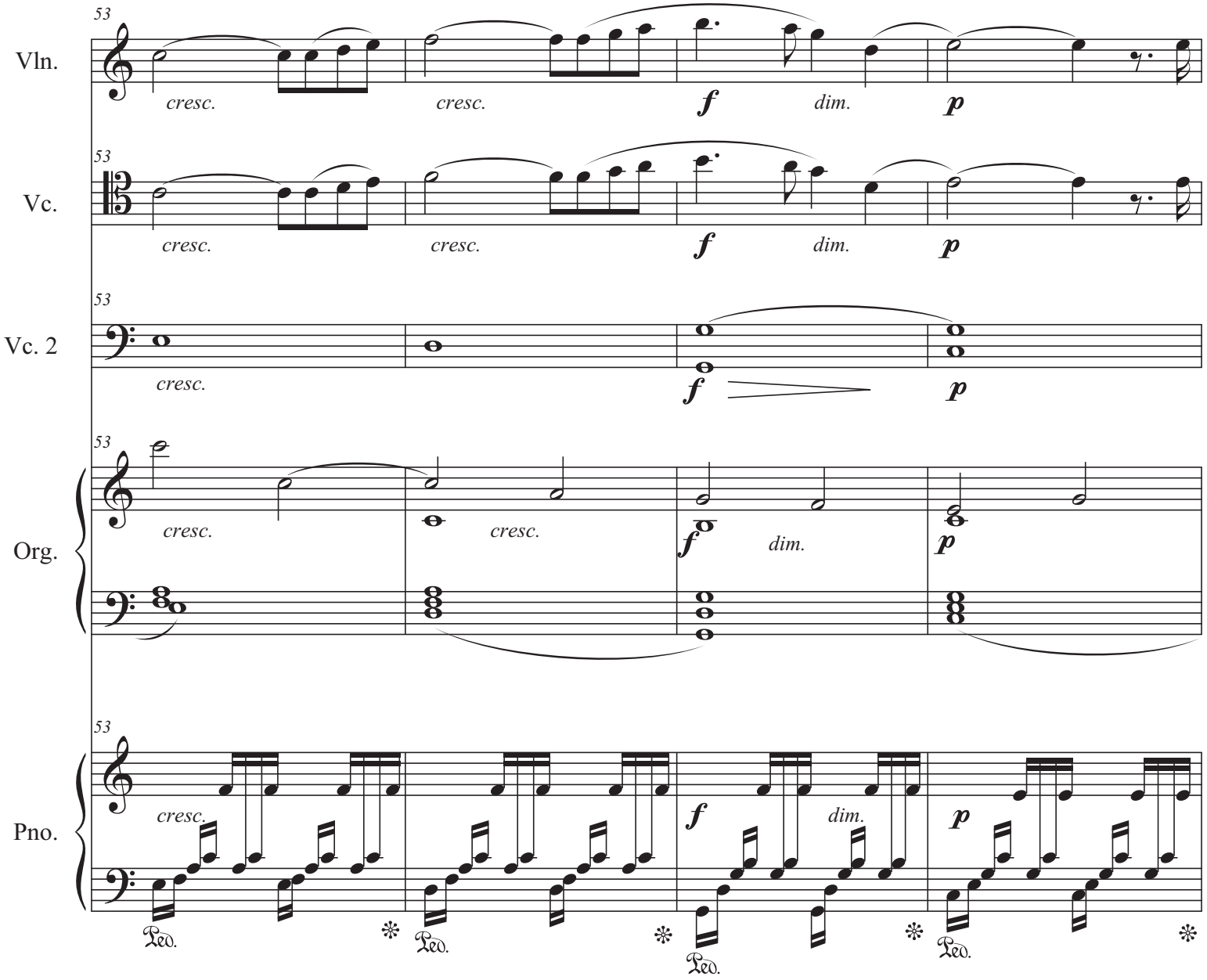
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Vc. 2
cresc.
f
p
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Org.
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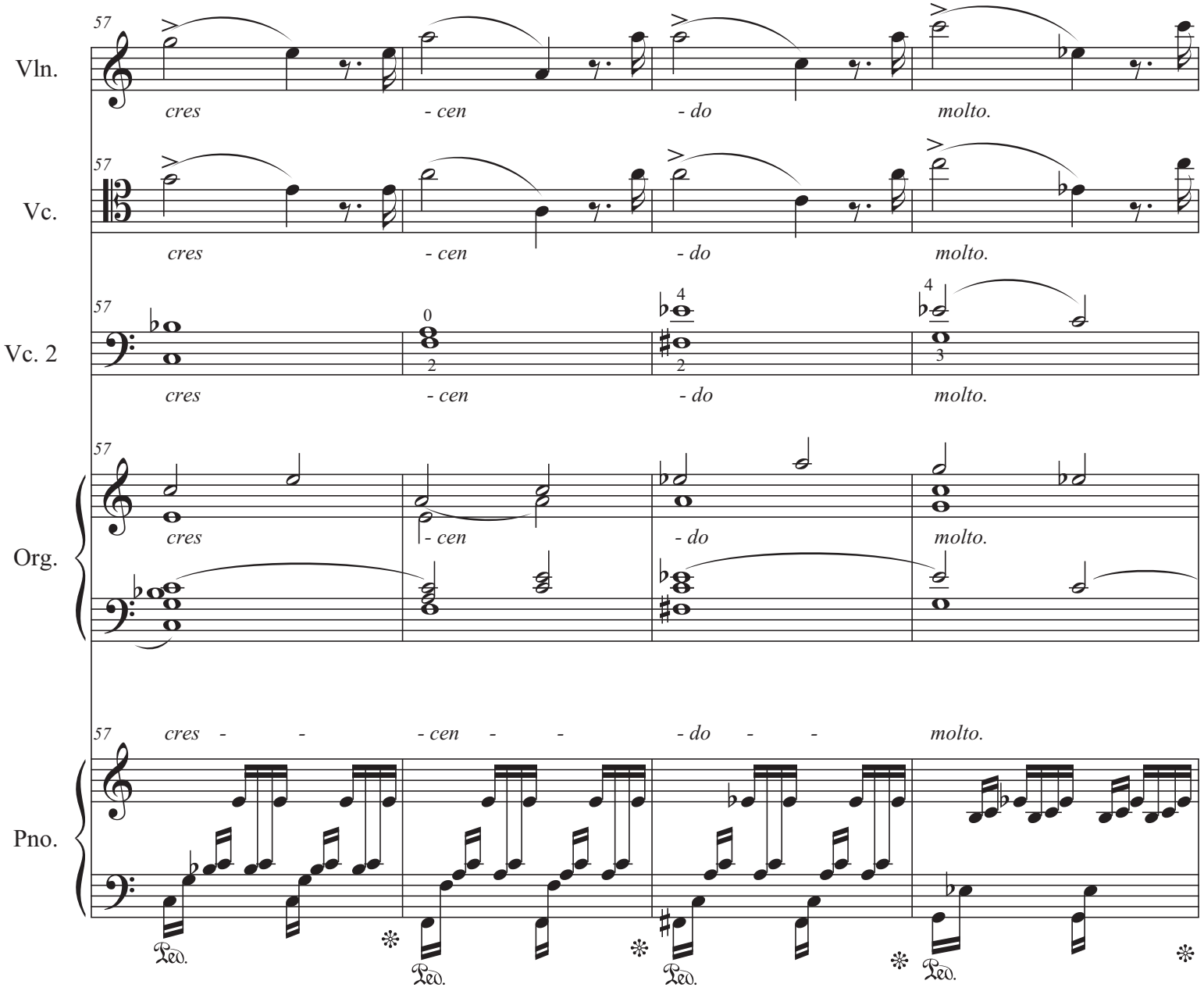
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cres - cen - do molto.
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Vc.
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Vc. 2
cres - cen - do molto.
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Org.
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Pno.
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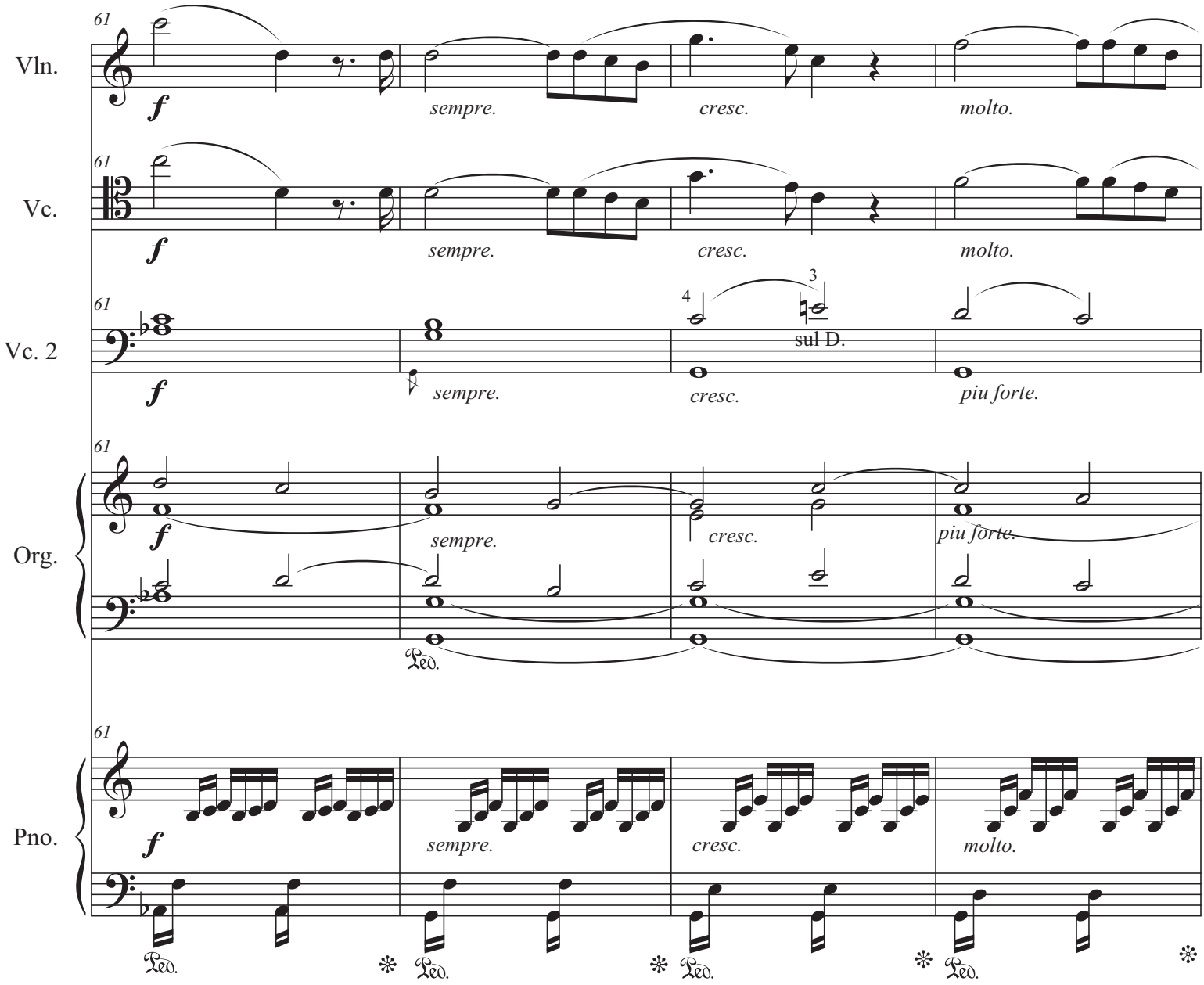
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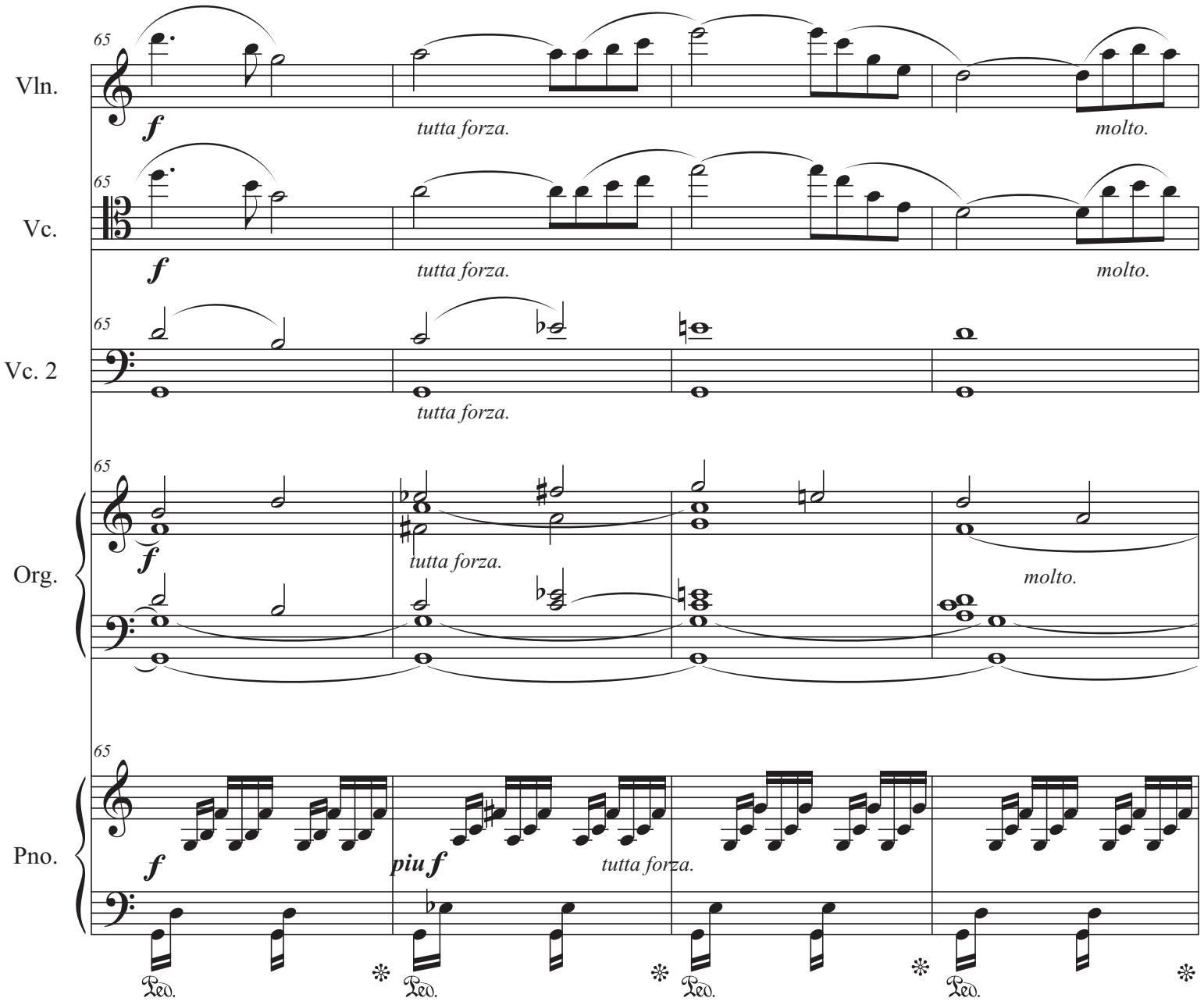
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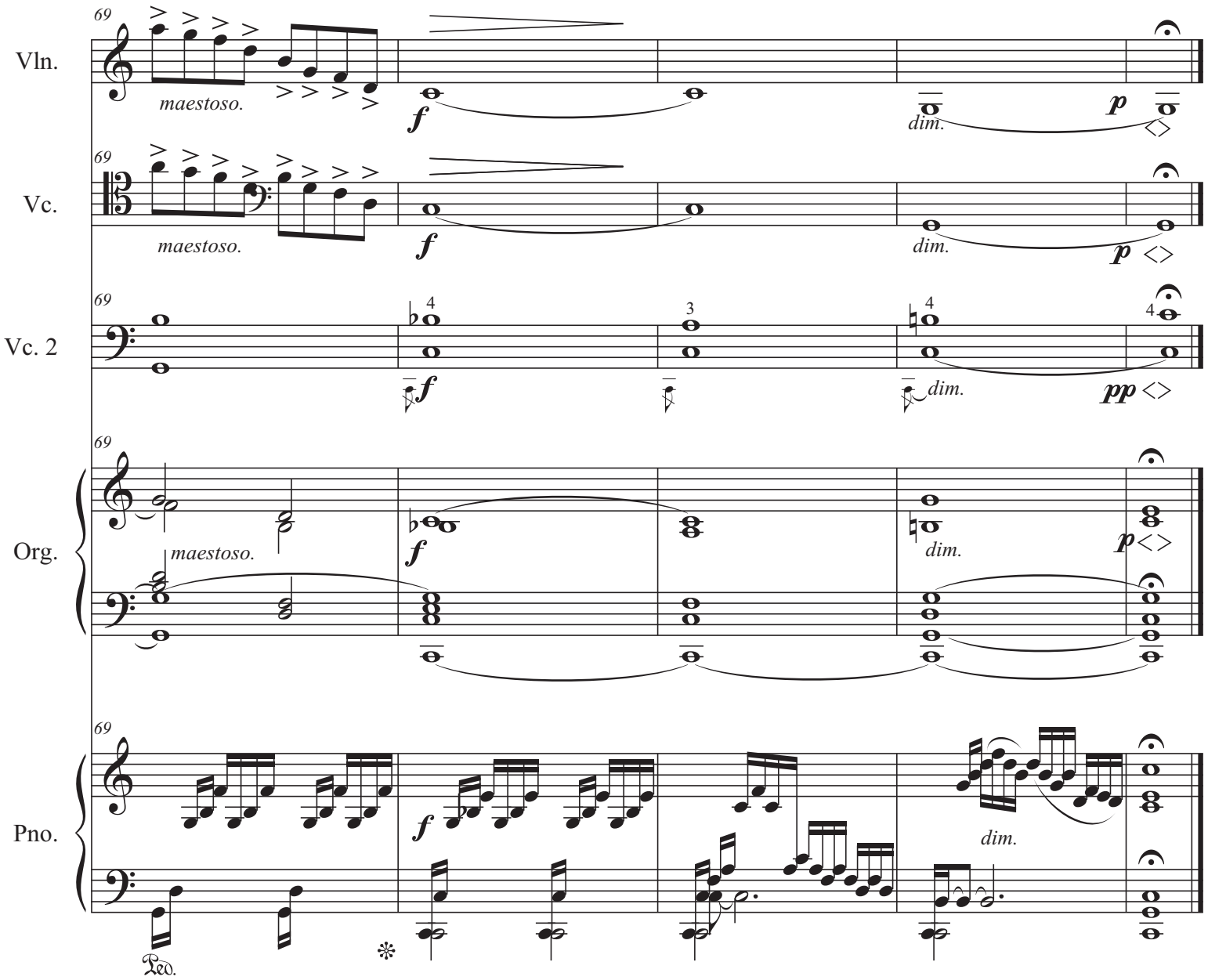
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maestoso.
f
dim.
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Vc.
Vc. 2
Org.
Pno.
pp
Ped.