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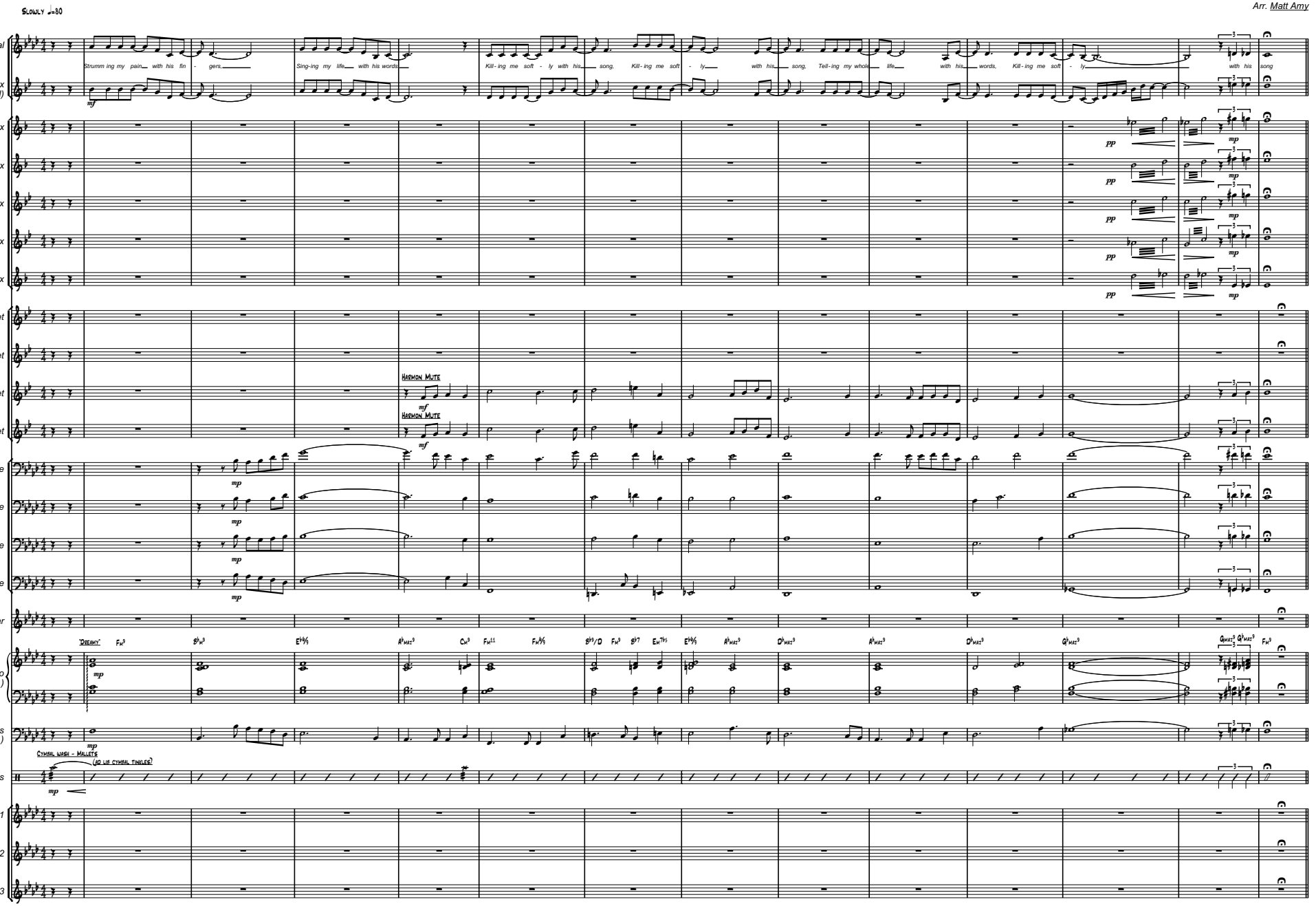
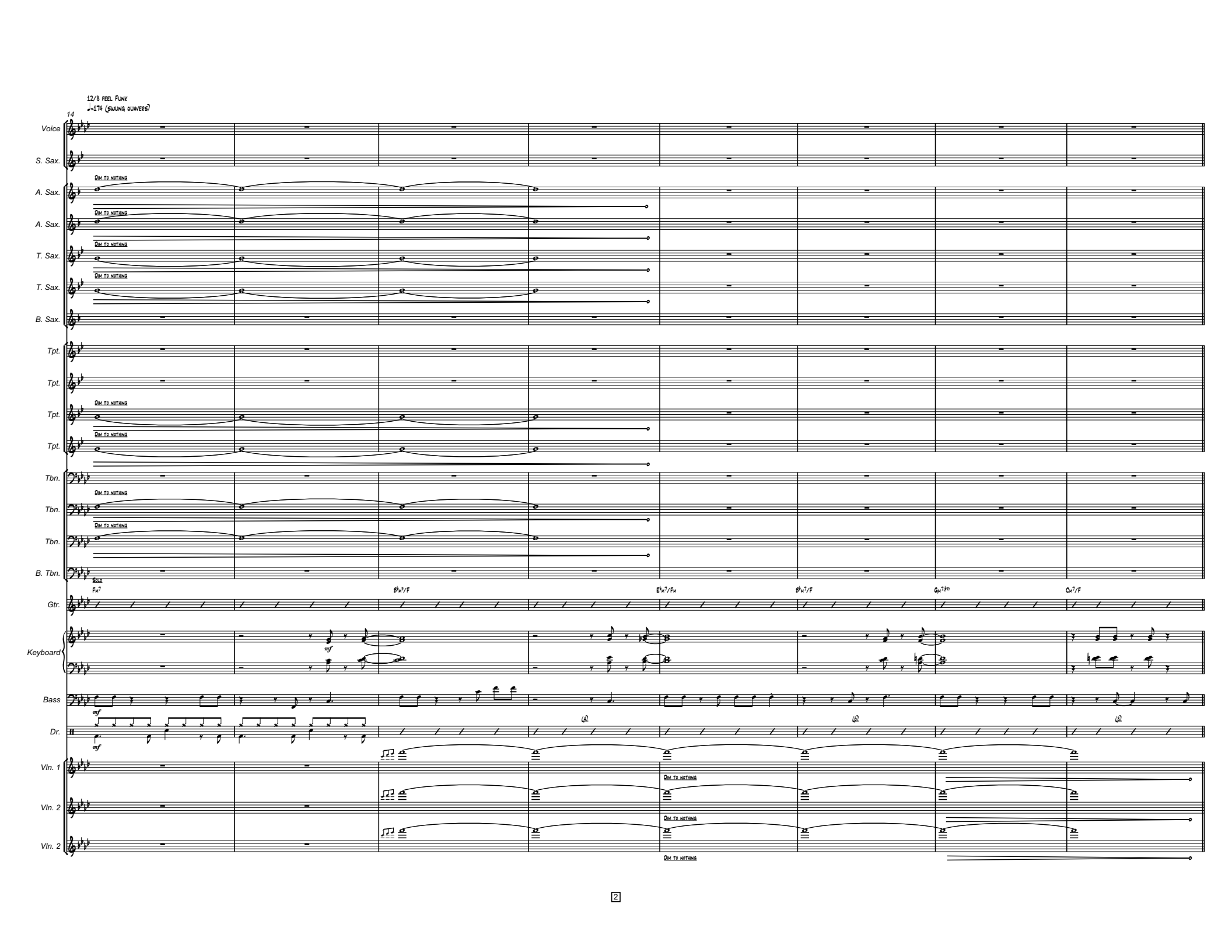
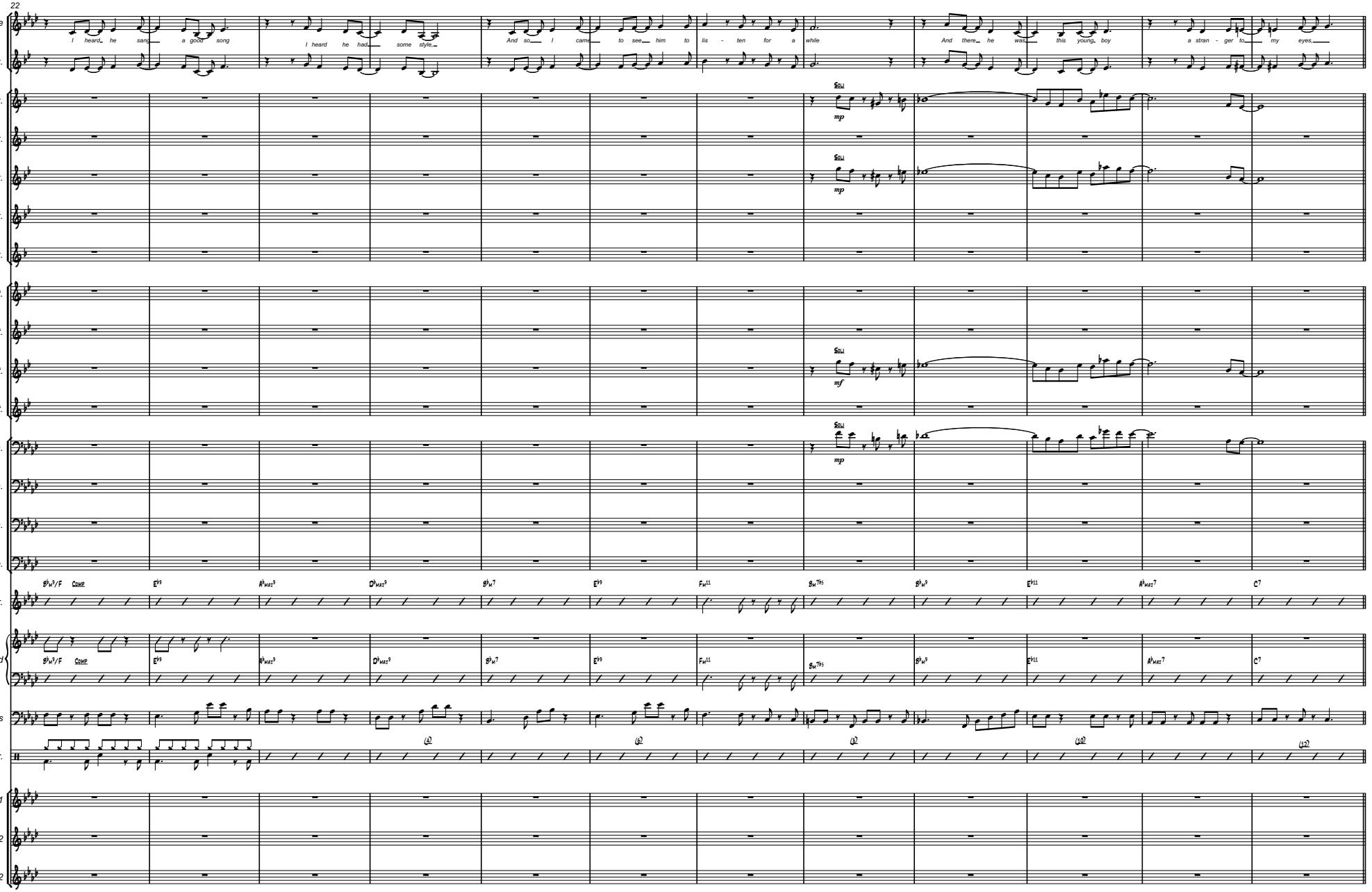
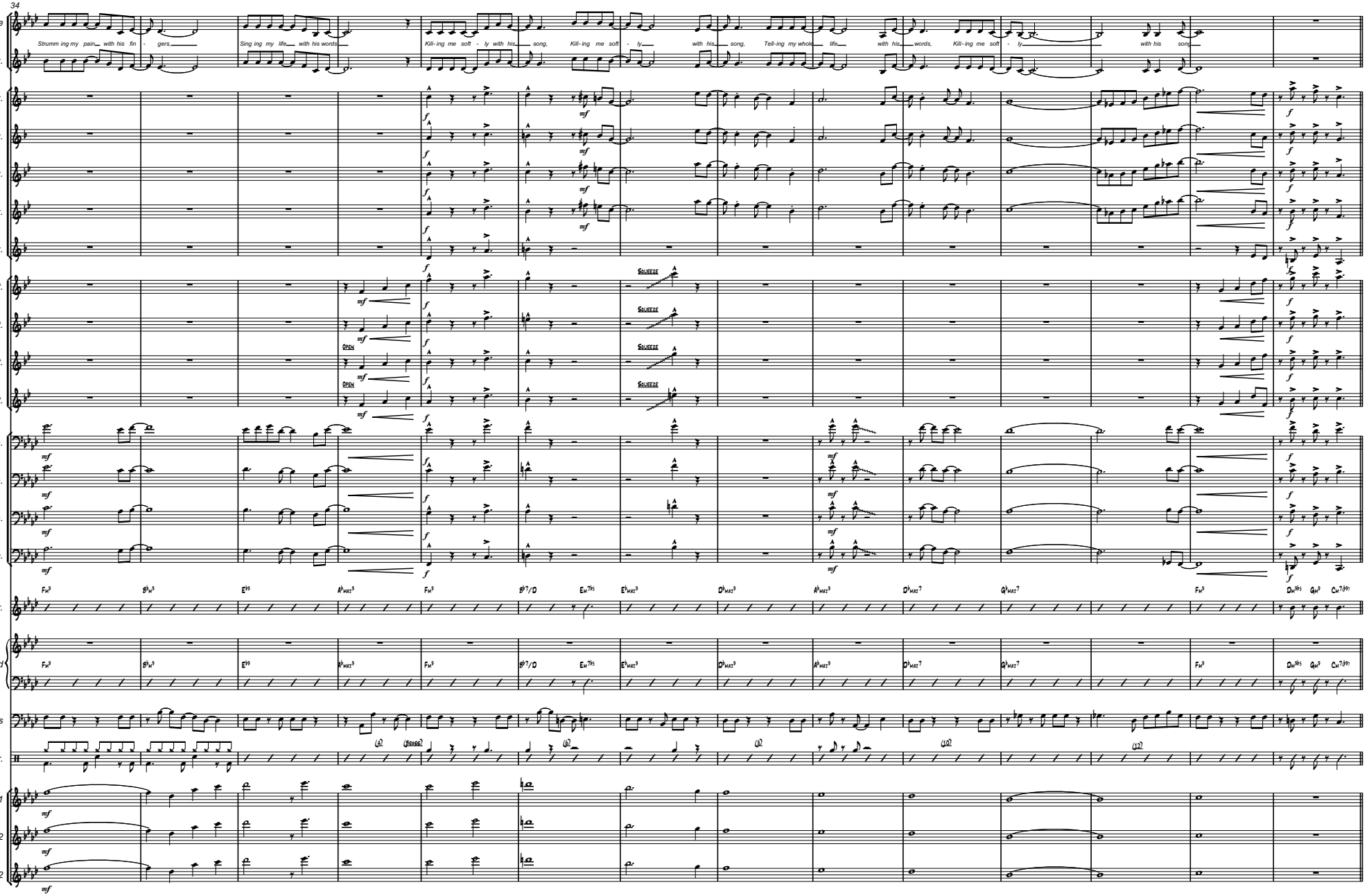
KILLING ME SOFTLY WITH HIS SONG

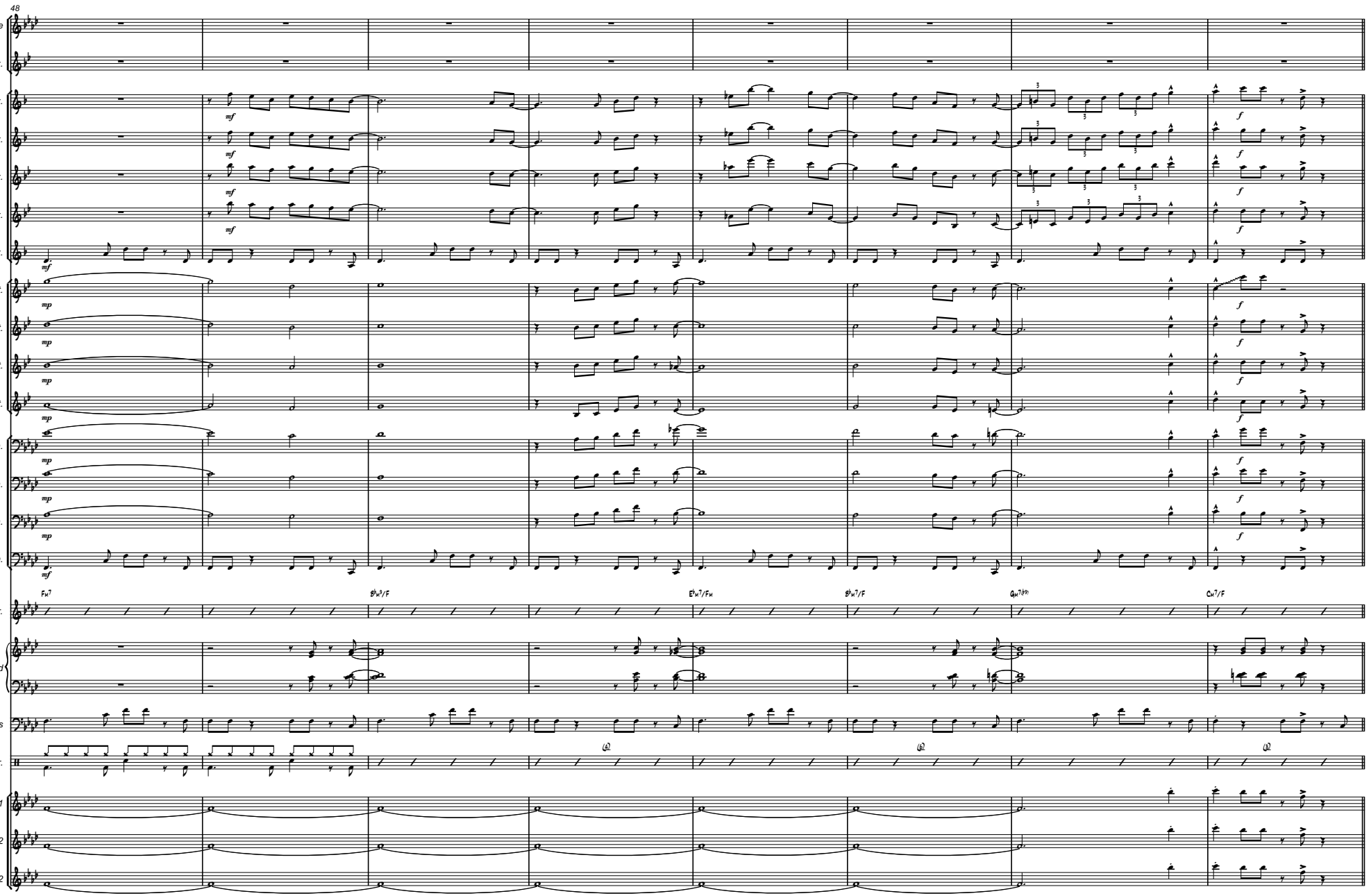
Fox/Gimbel
Arr. Matt Amy

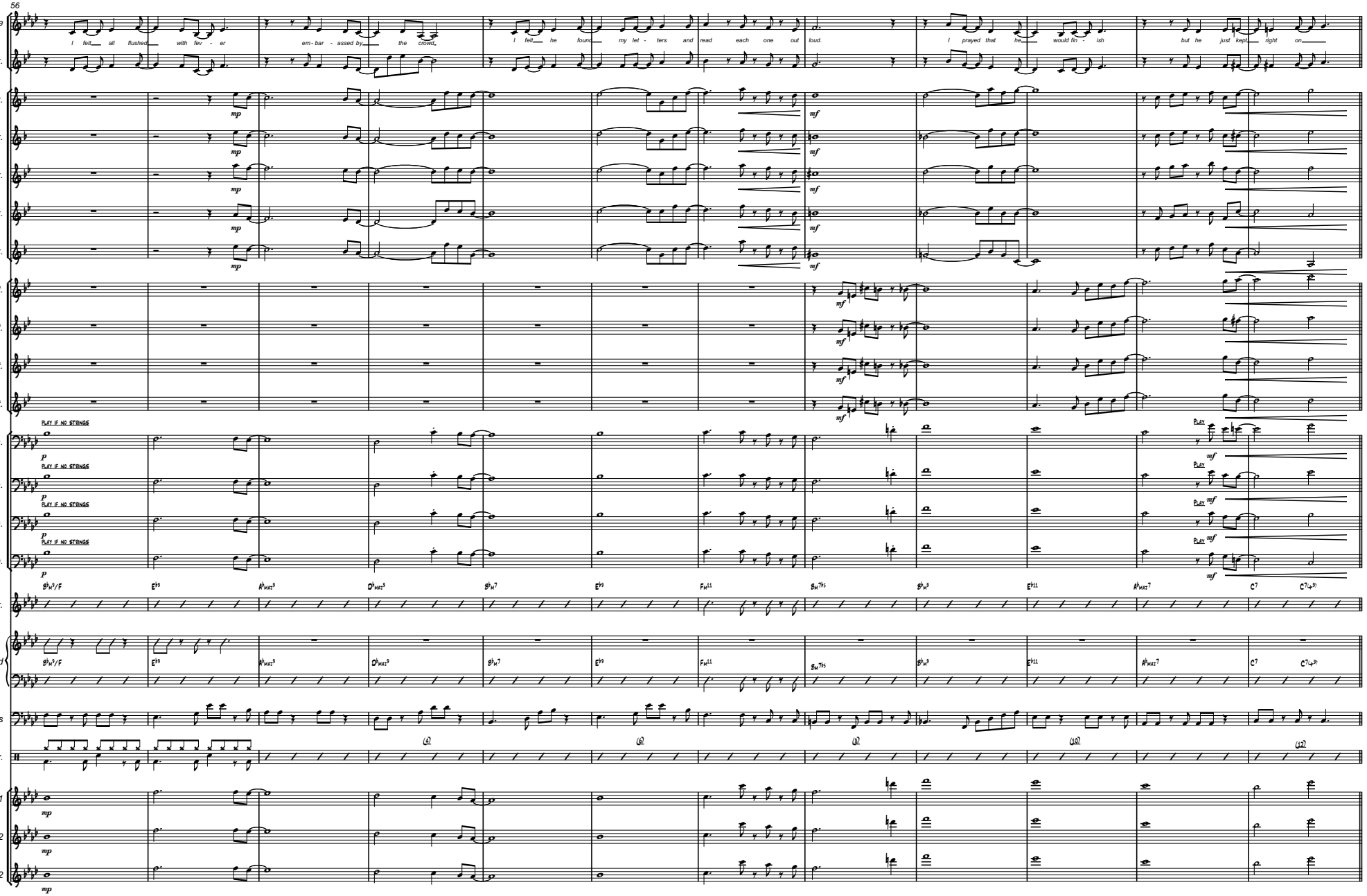


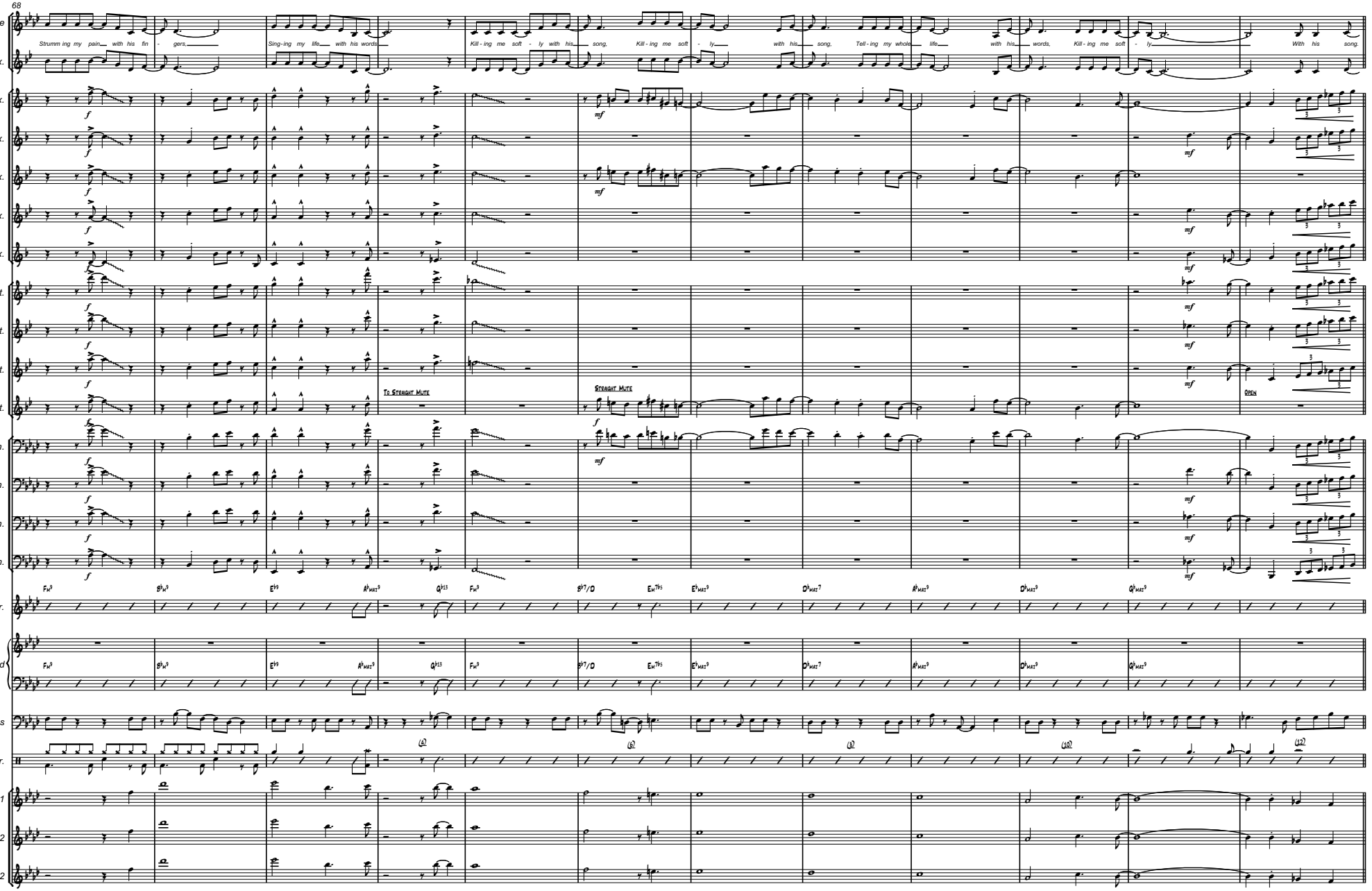

12/8 feel Funk
♩=174 (swung quavers)
14
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
Dim to nothing
Solo
Fm7
B♭m7/F
E♭m7/Fm
B♭m7/F
Gm7(b5)
Cm7/F
mf

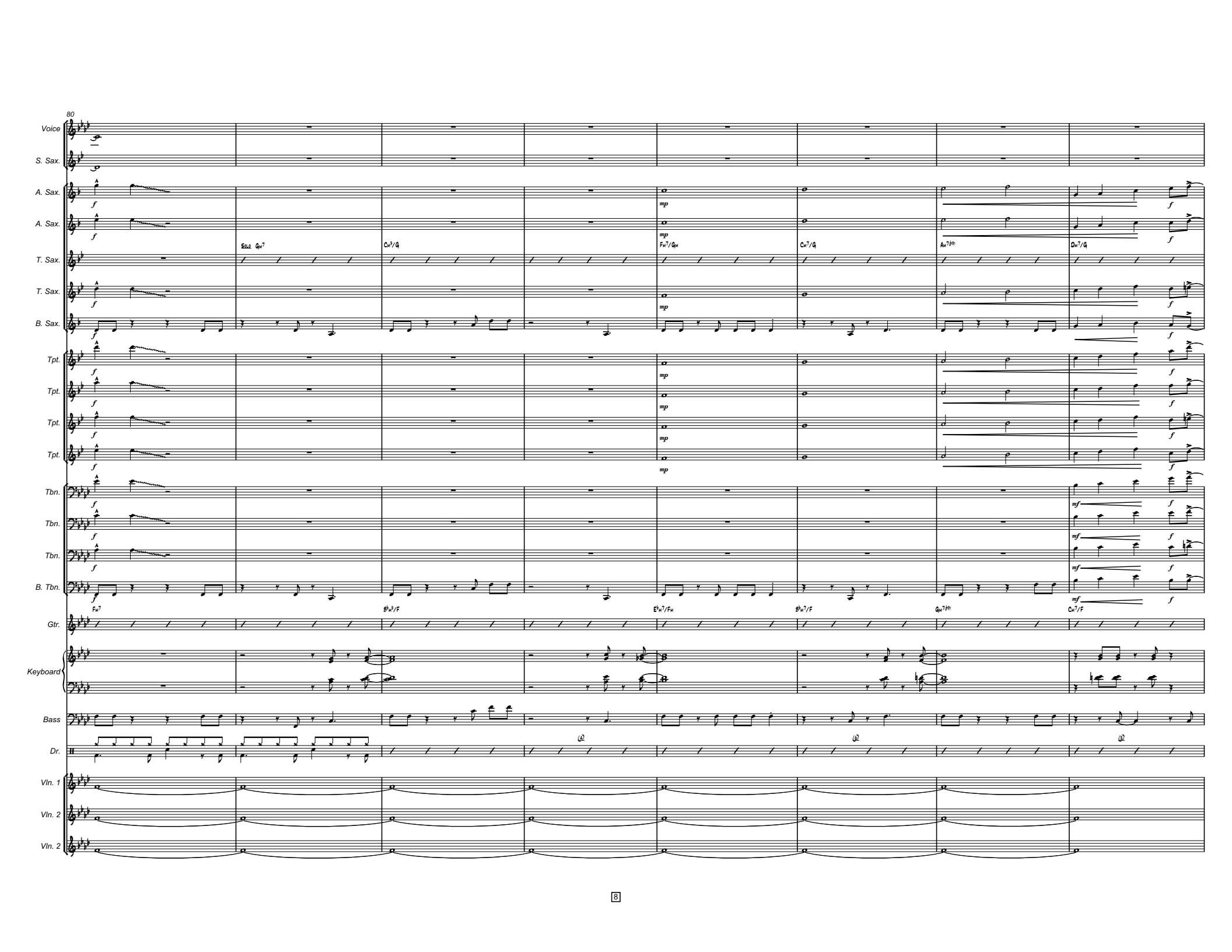

22
Voice
I heard he sang a good song
I heard he had some style.
And so I came to see him to lis - ten for a while
And there he was this young boy
a stran - ger to my eyes.
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
SOLI
mp
mf
COMP

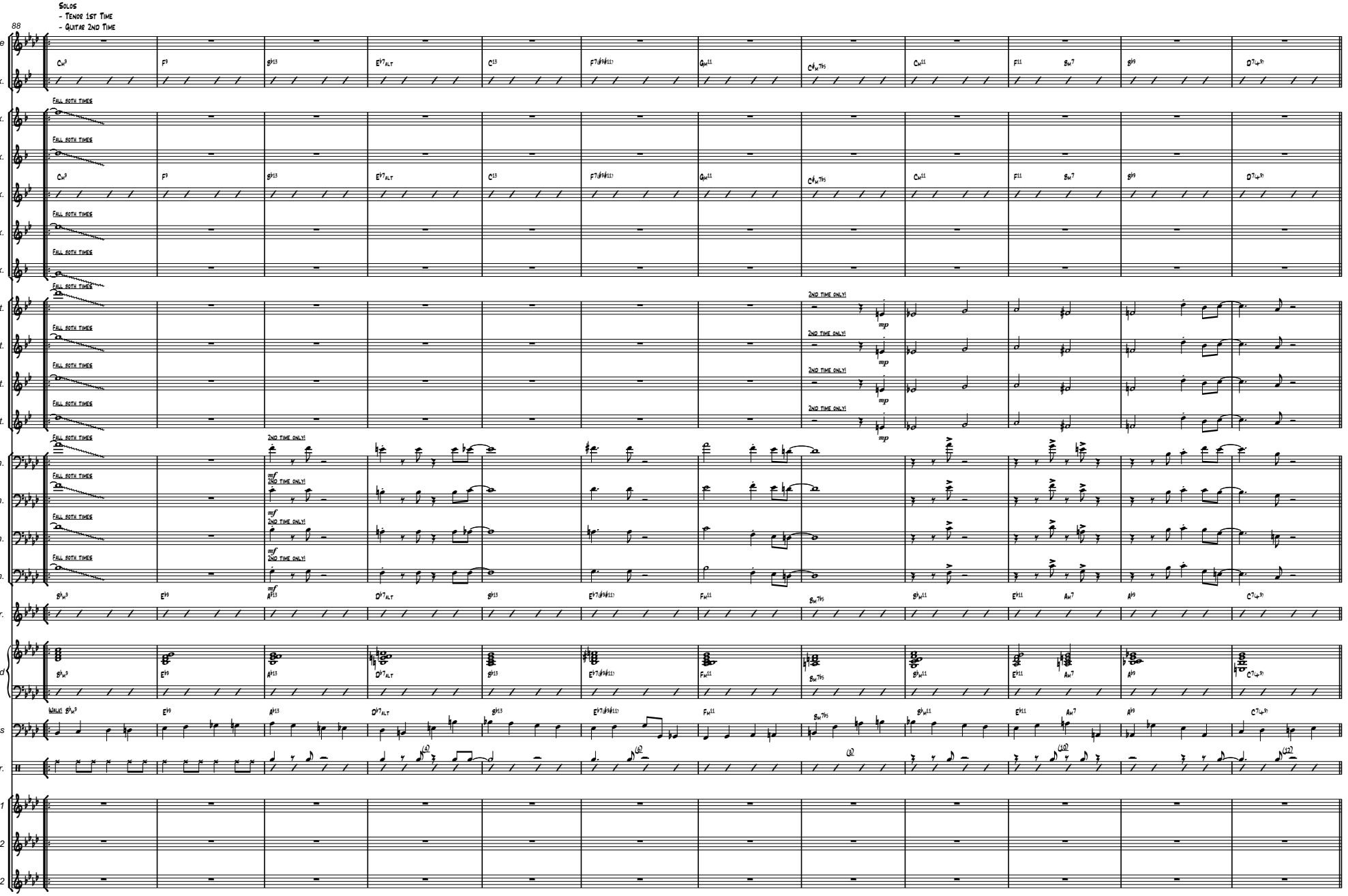

34
Voice
Strumm ing my pain with his fin - gers,
Sing ing my life with his words
Kill- ing me soft - ly with his song,
Kill- ing me soft - ly with his song,
Tell- ing my whole life with his words,
Kill- ing me soft - ly with his song
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
SQUEEZE
OPEN
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
(BRASS)
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2

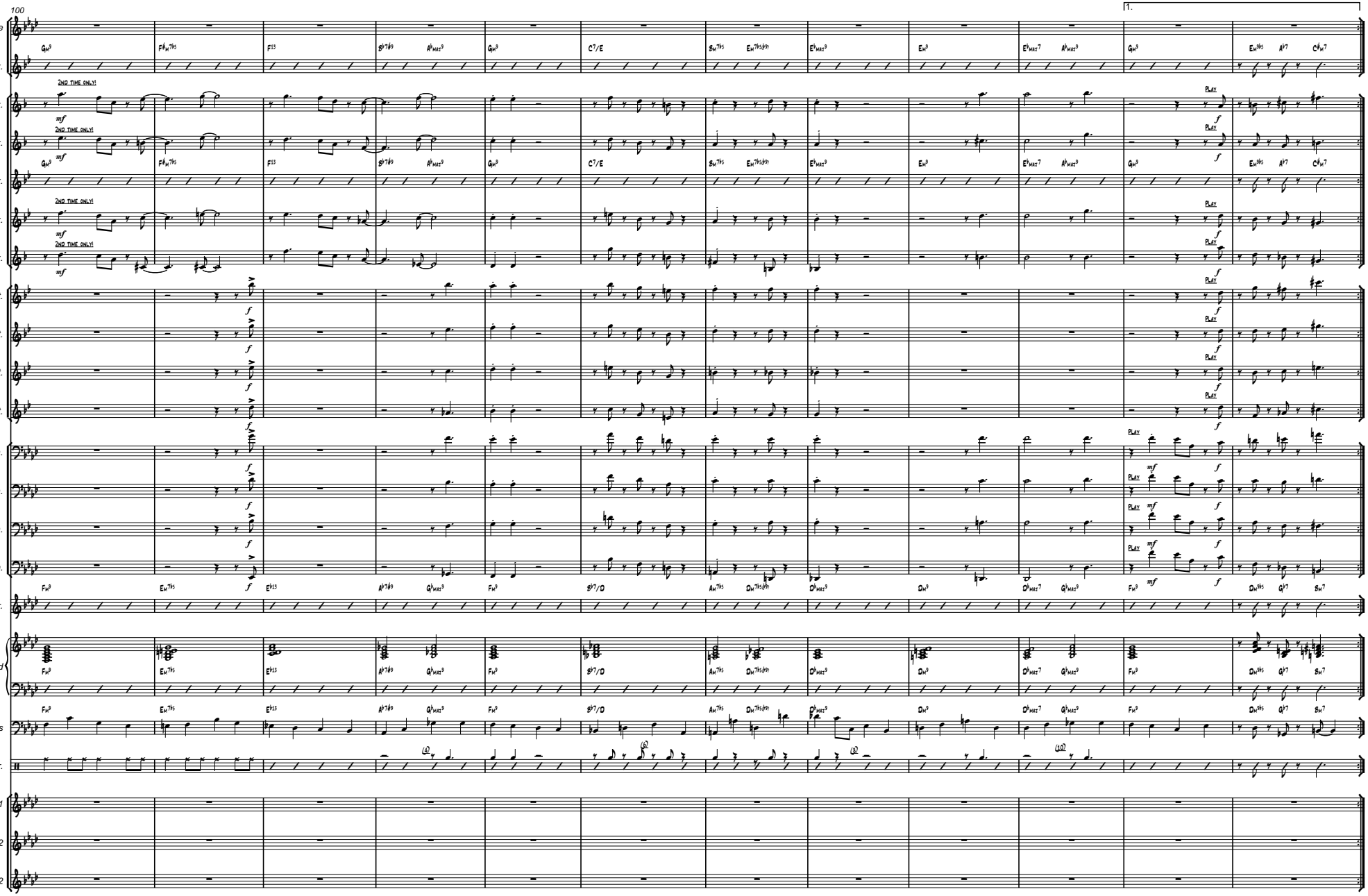

48
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
mf
mp
f

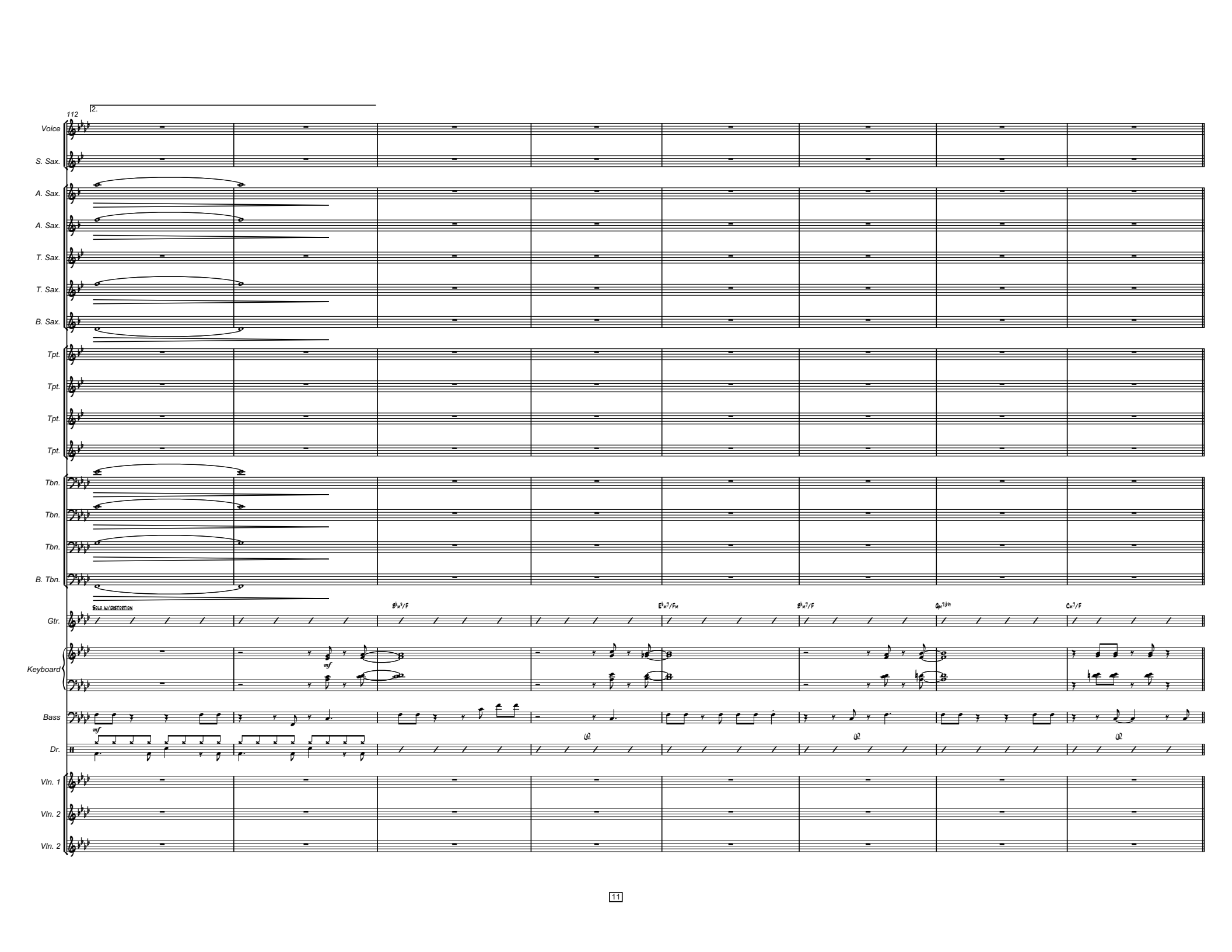

56
Voice
I felt all flushed with fev - er
em - bar - assed by the crowd.
I felt he found my let - ters and read each one out loud.
I prayed that he would fin - ish
but he just kept right on
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
PLAY IF NO STRINGS
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2

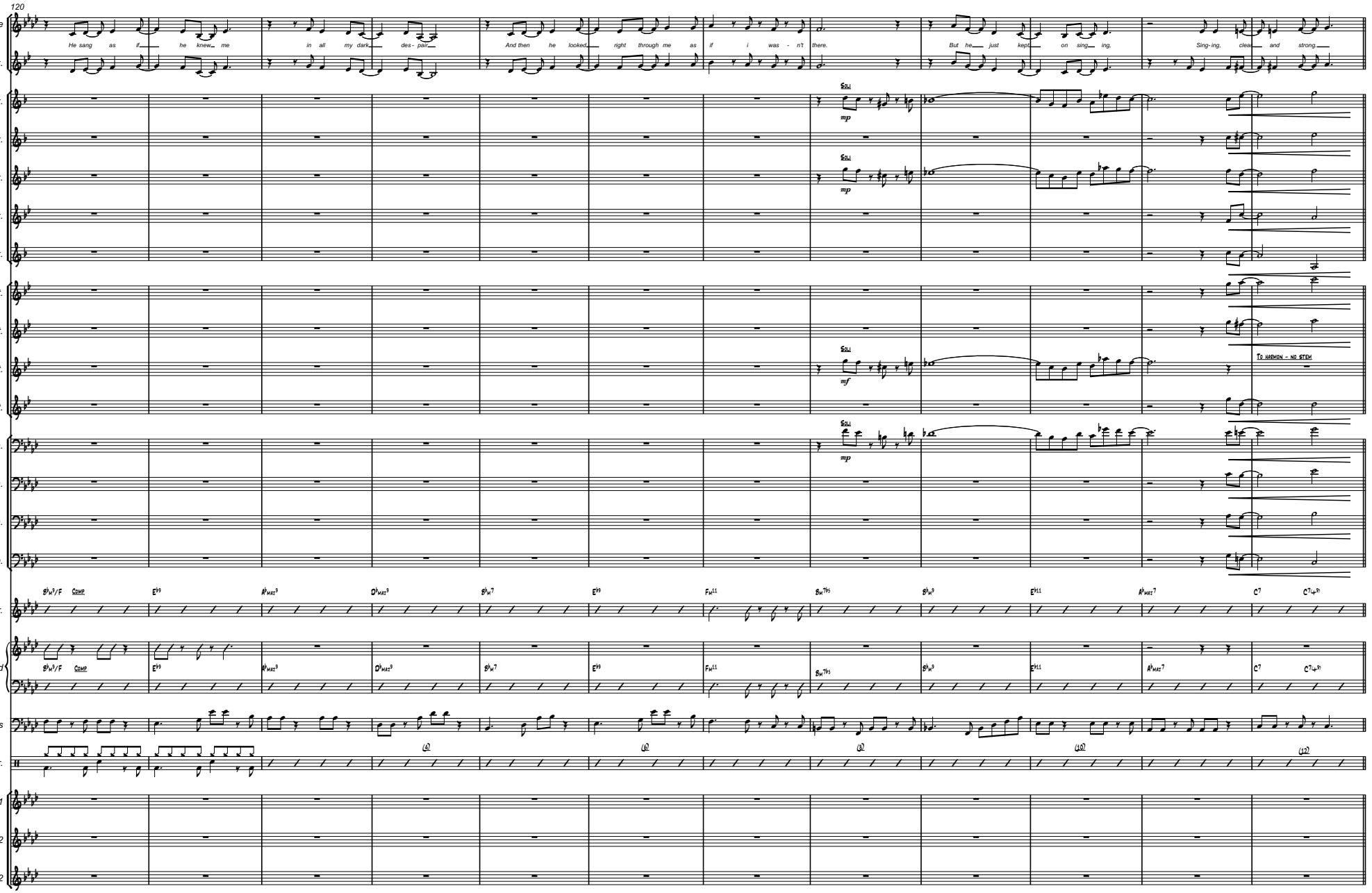

68
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
Strumm ing my pain with his fin - gers,
Sing-ing my life with his words
Kill - ing me soft - ly with his song, Kill - ing me soft - ly with his song, Tell - ing my whole life with his words, Kill - ing me soft - ly
With his song.
To Straight Mute
Straight Mute
Open

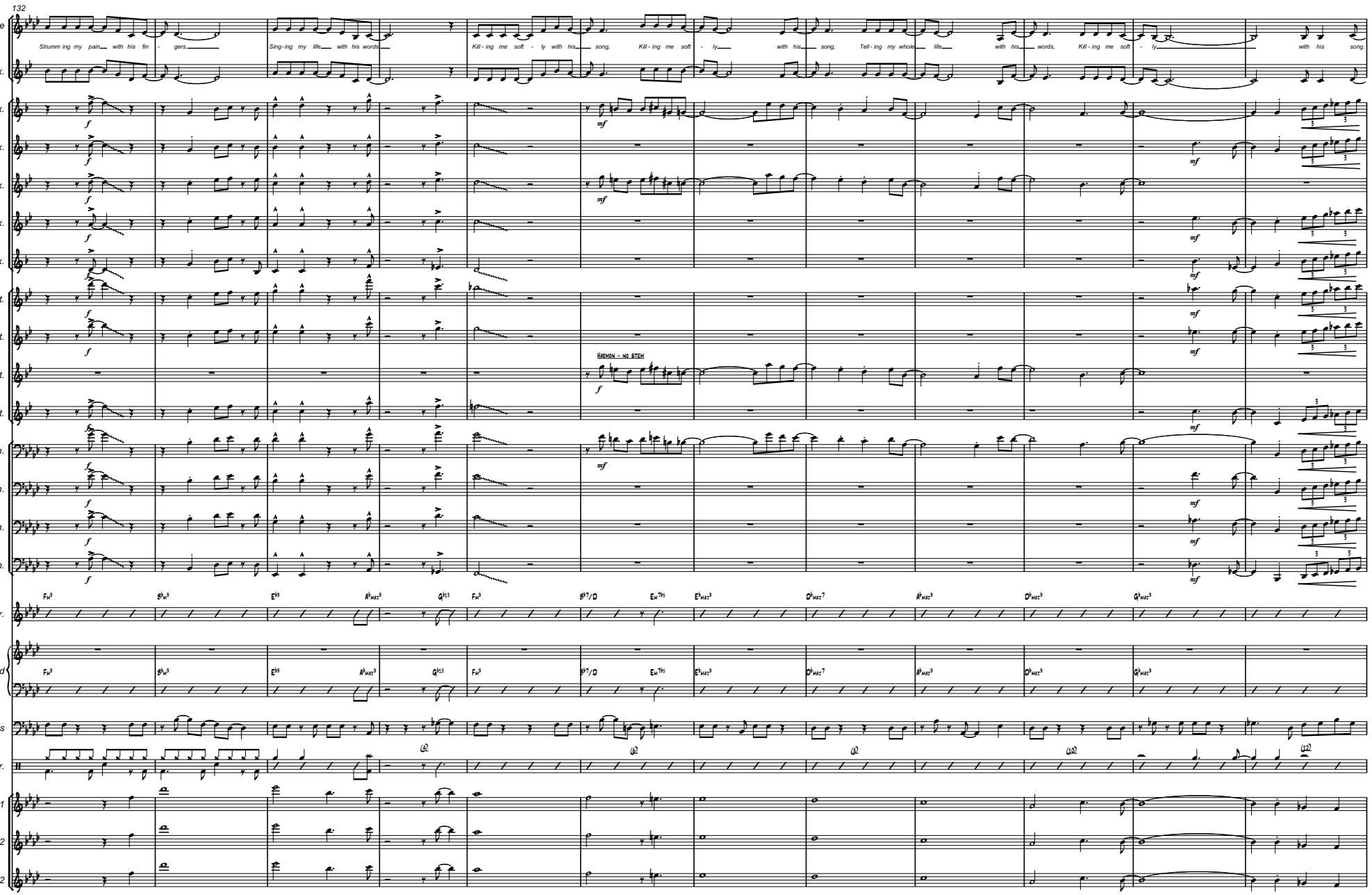

80
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
Solo
f
mp
mf


Solos
- Tenor 1st Time
- Guitar 2nd Time
88
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
Fall both times
2nd time only!
mp
mf
Walk!


100
1.
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2
2ND TIME ONLY!
PLAY
mf
f


112
2.
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Solo w/DISTORTION
Gtr.
Keyboard
mf
Bass
mf
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2


120
Voice
He sang as if he knew me in all my dark des- pair
And then he looked right through me as if i was - n't there.
But he just kept on sing ing,
Sing- ing, clear and strong
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
To harmon - no stem
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Comp
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2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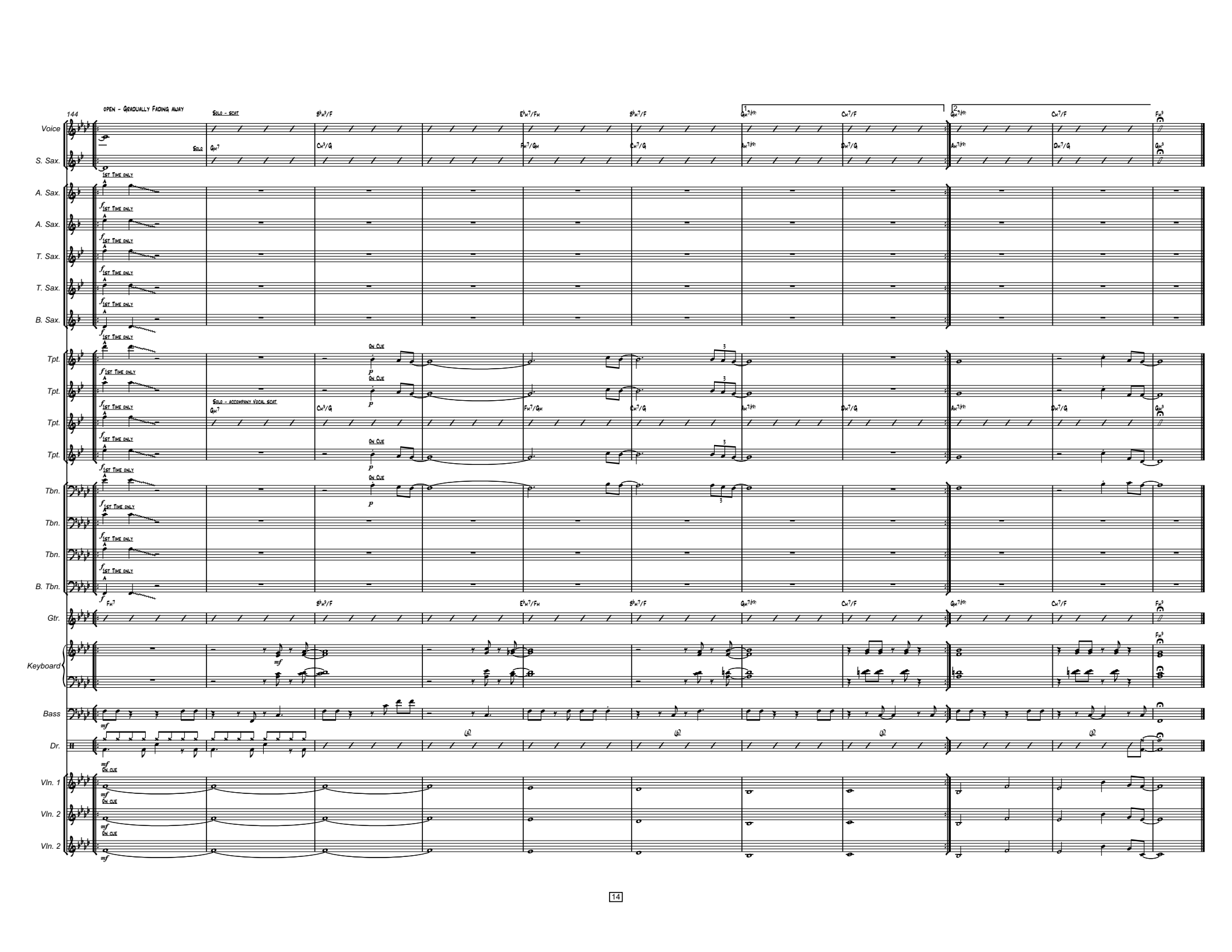
Voice
Strumm ing my pain with his fin - gers,
Sing-ing my life with his words
Kill-ing me soft - ly with his song,
Kill-ing me soft - ly with his song,
Tell-ing my whole life with his words,
Kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tpt.
Tpt.
HARMON - NO STEM
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tbn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vln. 2


144
open - Gradually Fading away
Solo - scat
Solo
1st Time only
On Cue
Solo - accompany Vocal scat
Voice
S. Sax.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Gtr.
Keyboard
Bass
Dr.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2

Vocal

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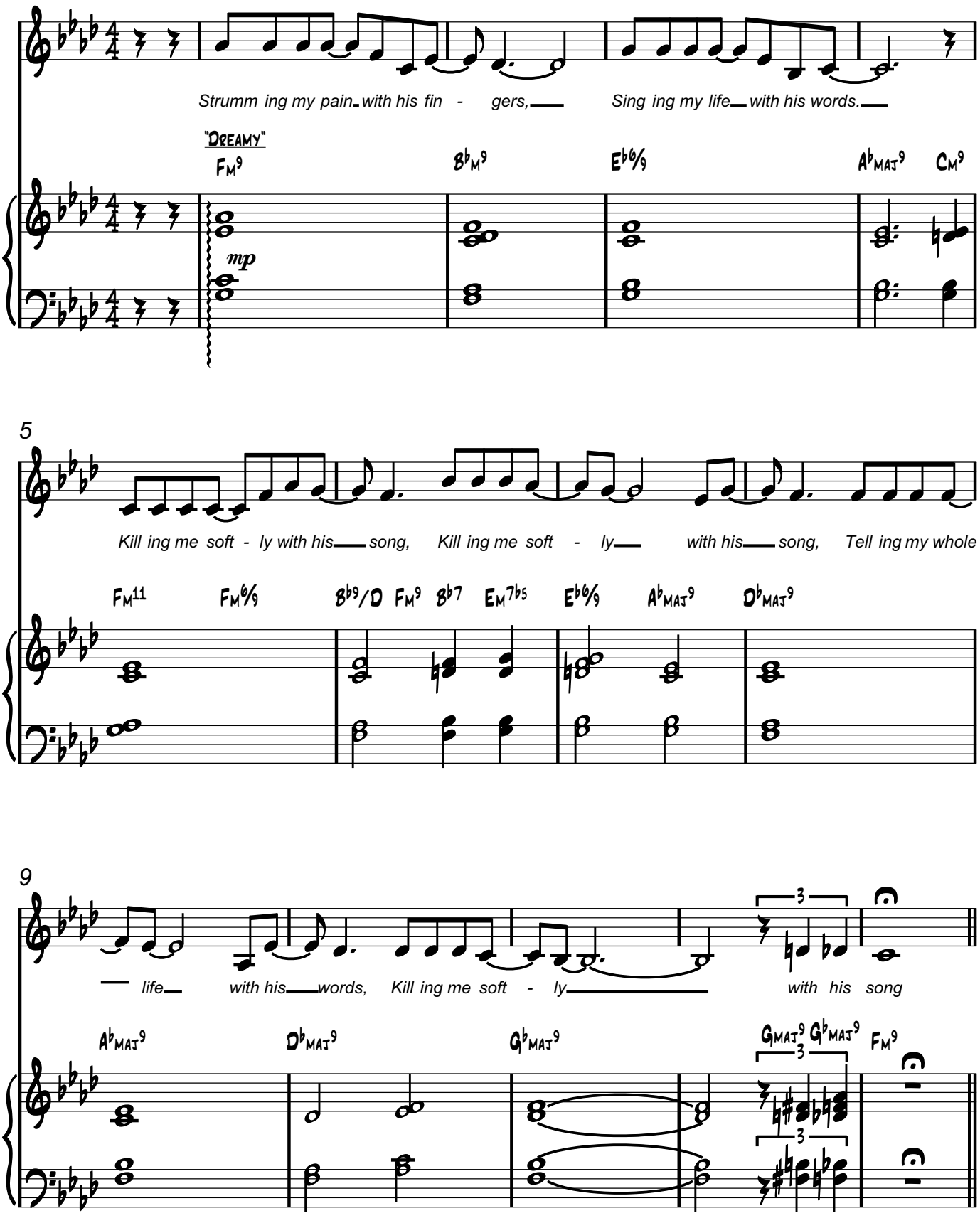
Slowly ♩=80



KILLING ME SOFTLY

12/8 FEEL FUNK

♩.=174 (SWUNG QUAVERS)

14

mf

18

22

I heard he sang a good song

I heard he had some style,

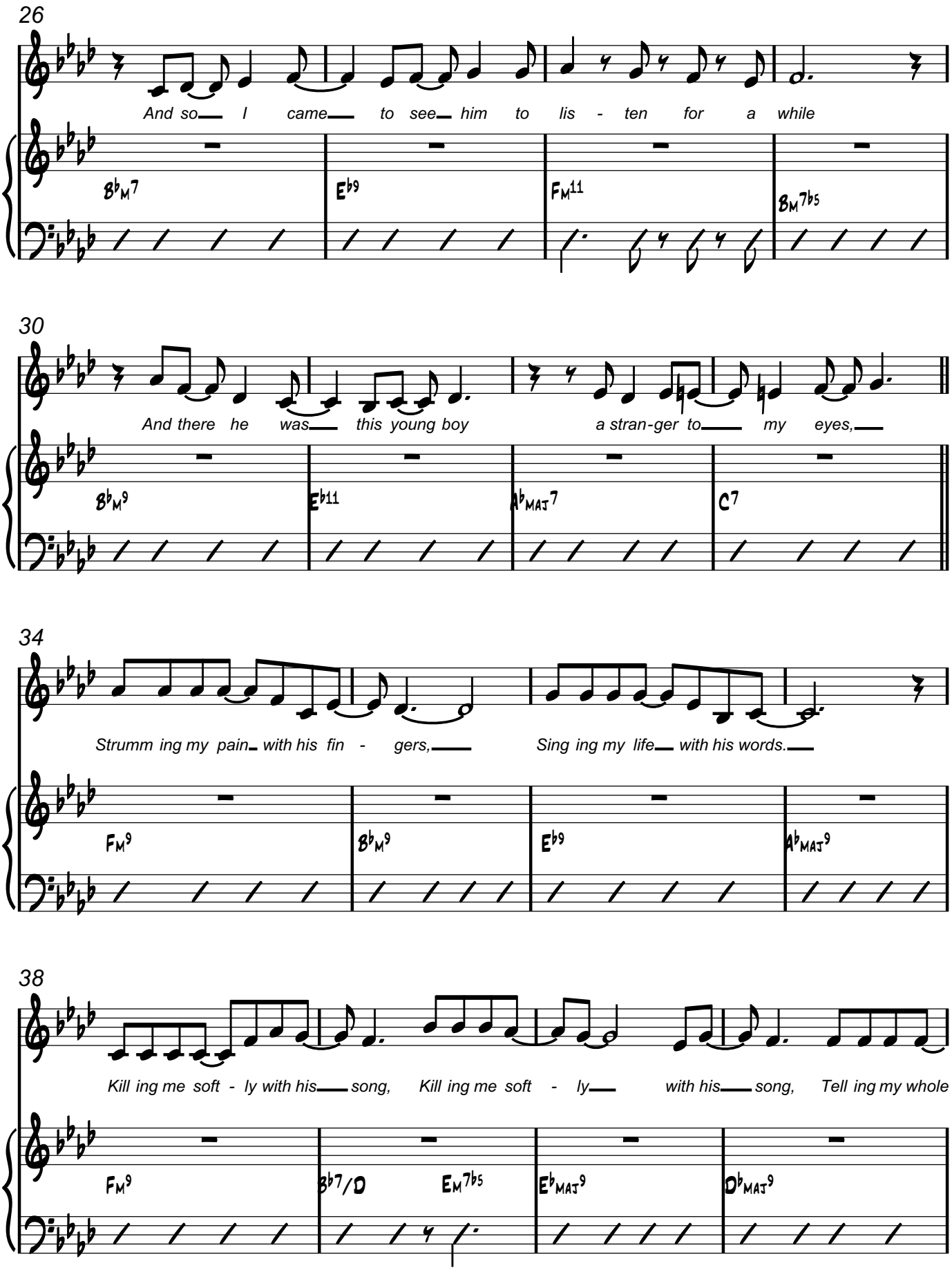
$B^{\flat}M^{9}/F$ COMP

$E^{\flat 9}$

$A^{\flat}MAJ^{9}$

$D^{\flat}MAJ^{9}$

Vocal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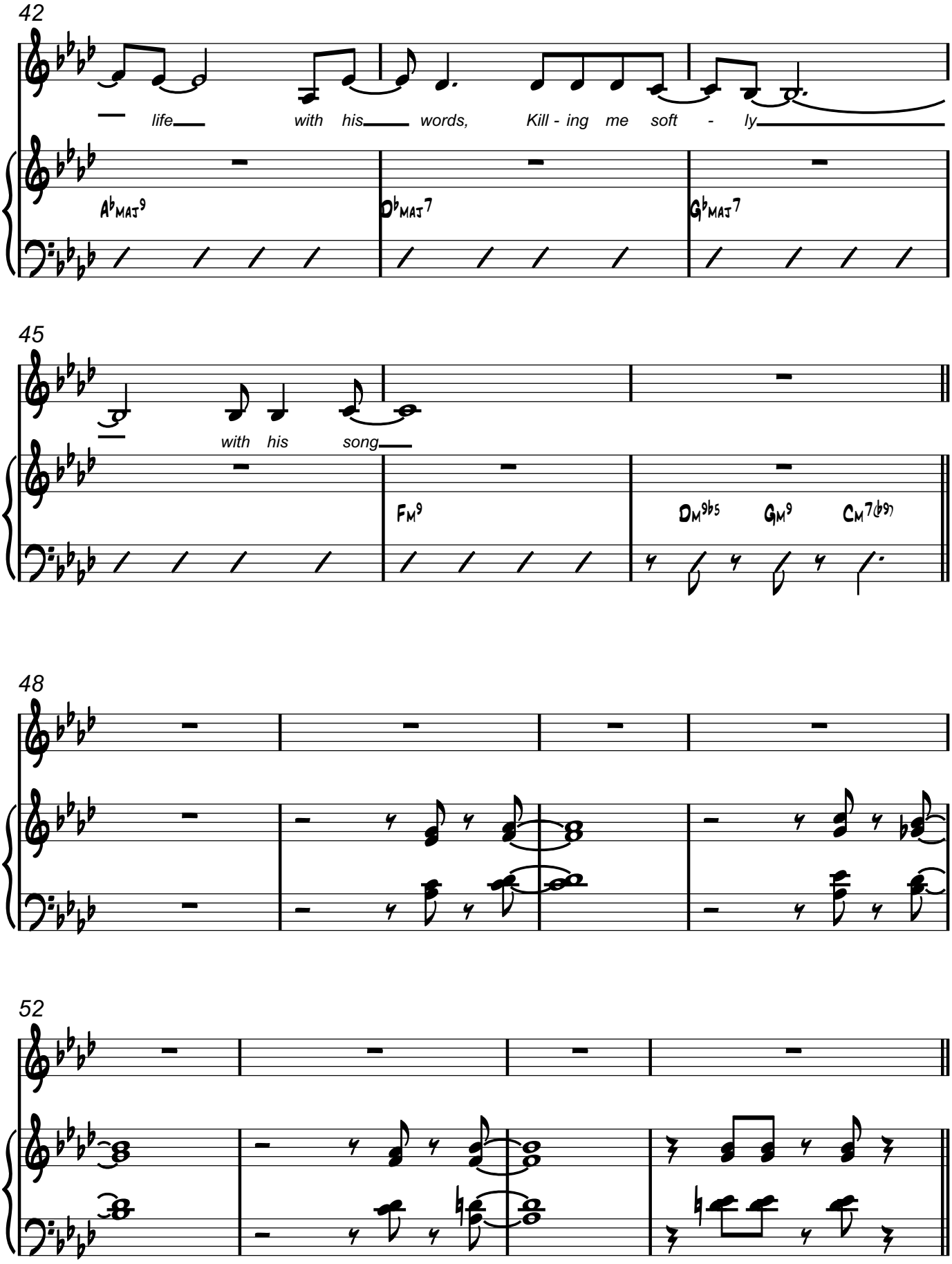
And so I came to see him to lis - ten for a while
B♭M7
E♭9
FM11
BM7♭5
30
And there he was this young boy a stran-ger to my eyes,
B♭M9
E♭11
A♭MAJ7
C7
34
Strumm ing my pain with his fin - gers, Sing ing my life with his words.
FM9
B♭M9
E♭9
A♭MAJ9
38
Kill ing me soft - ly with his song, Kill ing me soft - ly with his song, Tell ing my whole
FM9
B♭7/D
EM7♭5
E♭MAJ9
D♭MAJ9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life with his words, Kill - ing me soft - ly
A♭MAJ9
D♭MAJ7
G♭MAJ7
45
with his song
FM9
DM9♭5
GM9
CM7(♭9)
48
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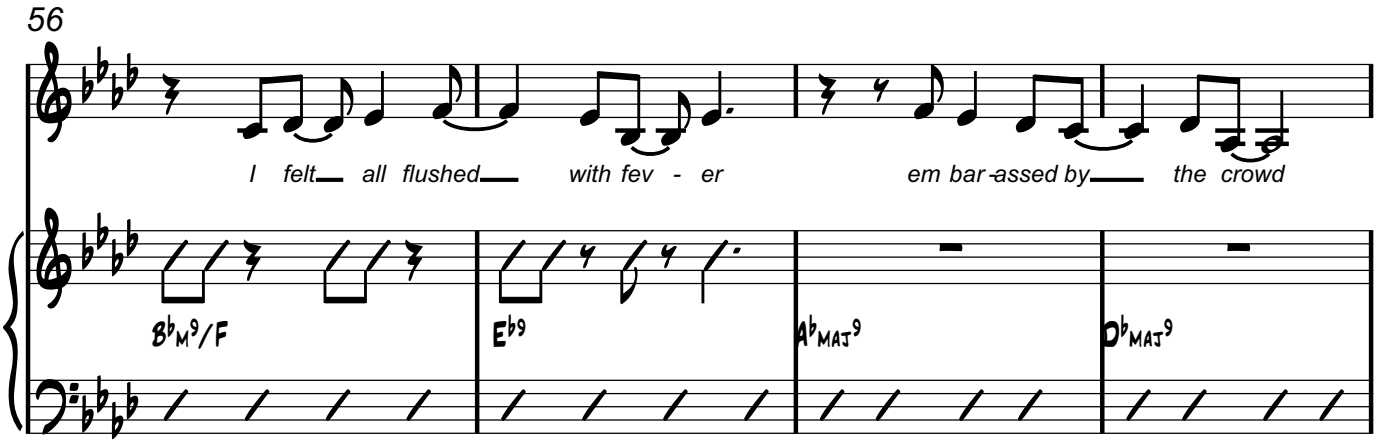
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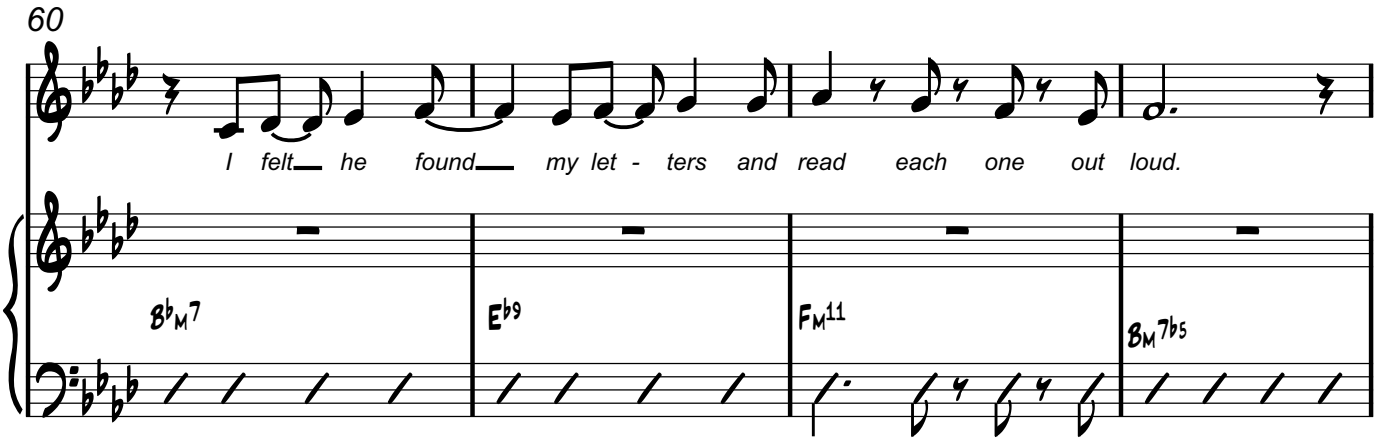
I felt all flushed with fev - er em bar-assed by the crowd
B♭m9/F
E♭9
A♭MAJ9
D♭MAJ9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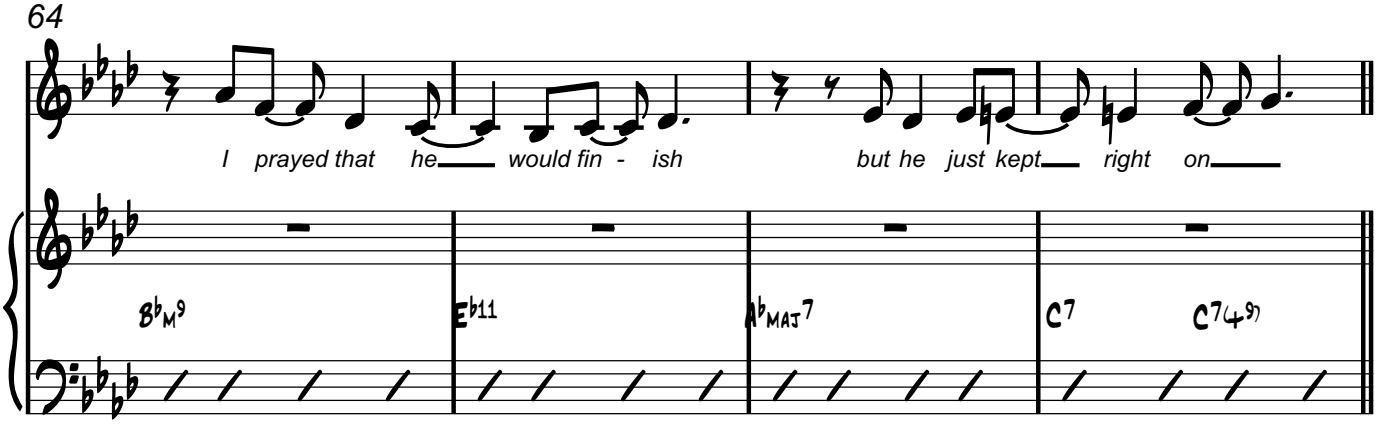
I felt he found my let - ters and read each one out loud.
B♭m7
E♭9
Fm11
Bm7♭5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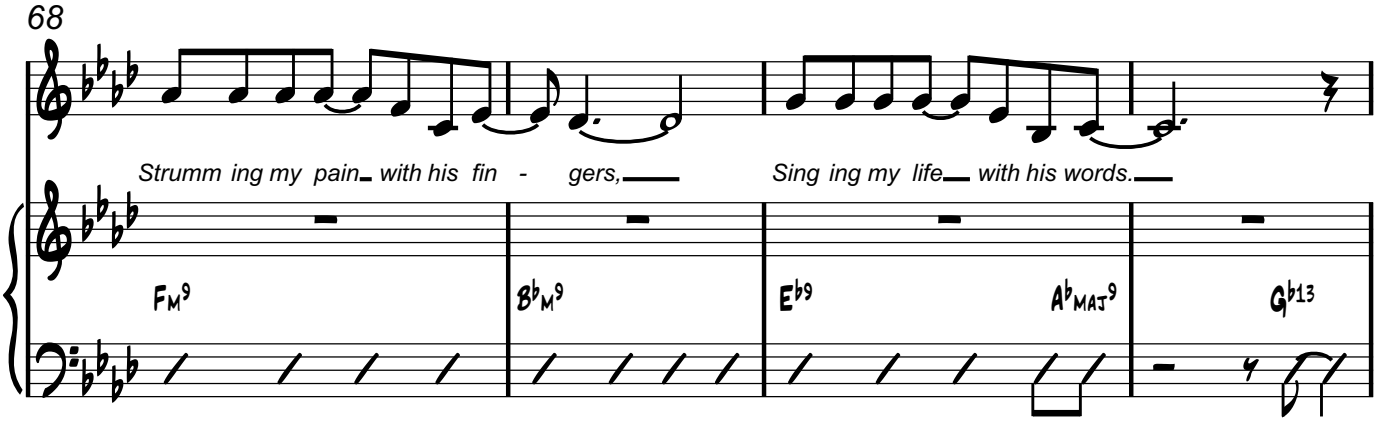
I prayed that he would fin - ish but he just kept right on
B♭m9
E♭11
A♭MAJ7
C7
C7(4♭9)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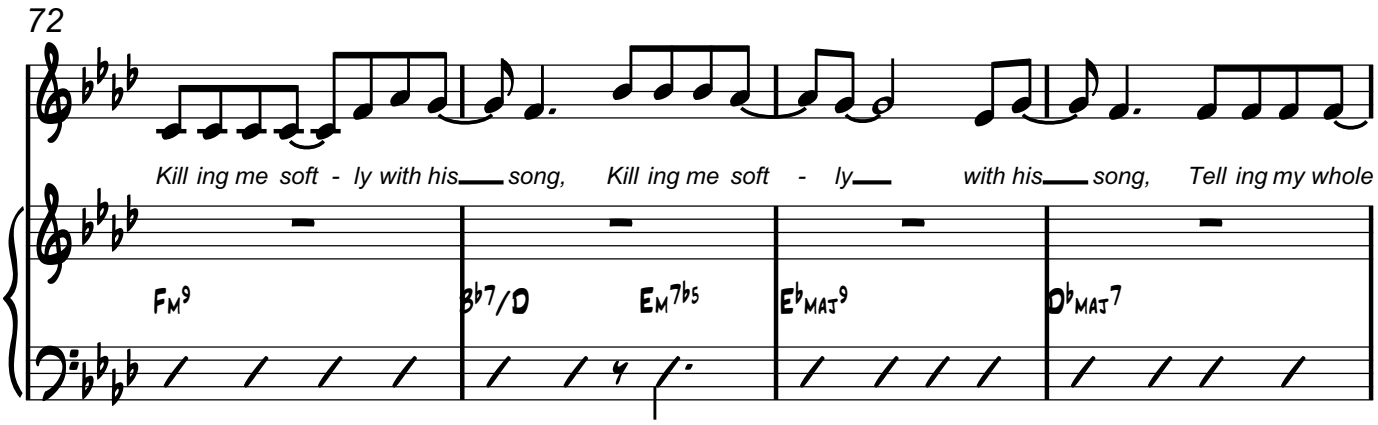
Strumm ing my pain with his fin - gers, Sing ing my life with his words.
Fm9
Bbm9
Eb9
AbMAJ9
Gb13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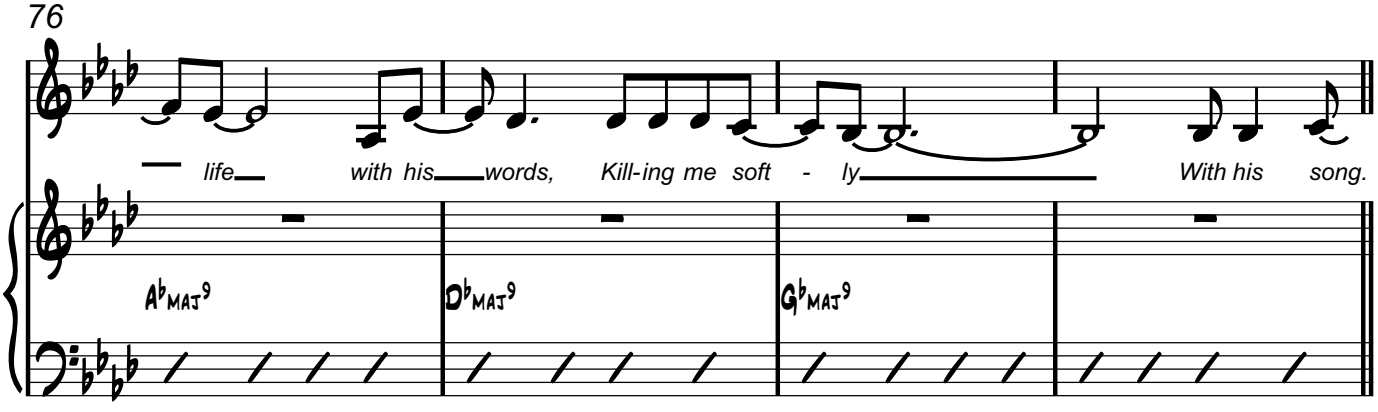
Kill ing me soft - ly with his song, Kill ing me soft - ly with his song, Tell ing my whole
Fm9
Bb7/D
Em7b5
EbMAJ9
DbMAJ7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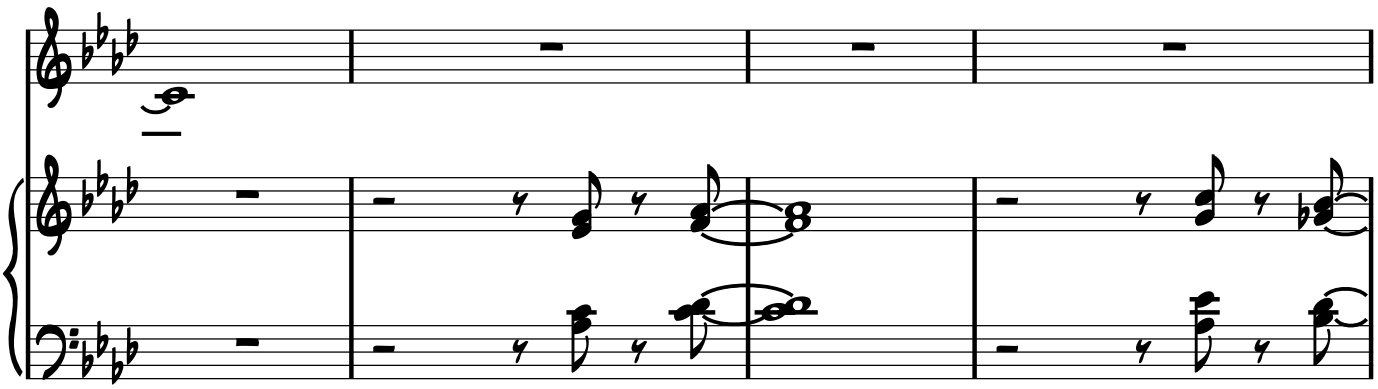
life with his words, Kill-ing me soft - ly With his song.
AbMAJ9
DbMAJ9
GbMAJ9

80



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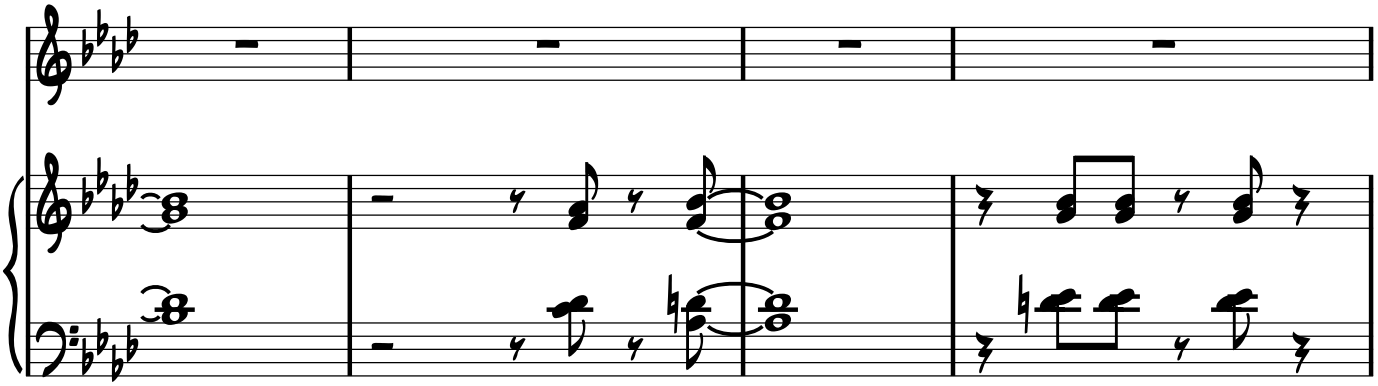

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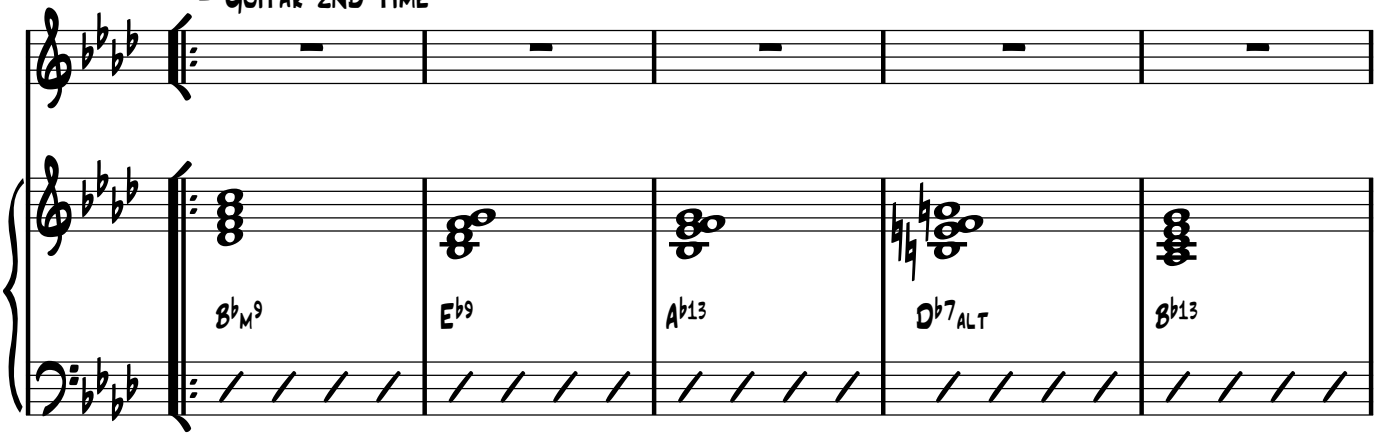
Solos
- Tenor 1st Time
- Guitar 2nd Time



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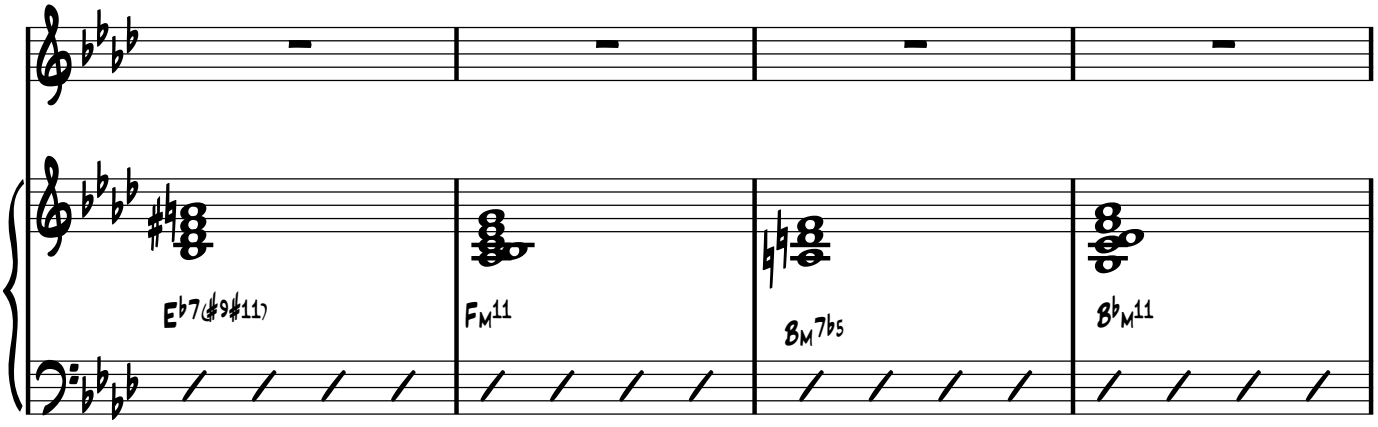
Eb7(#9#11)
Fm11
Bm7b5
Bbm11

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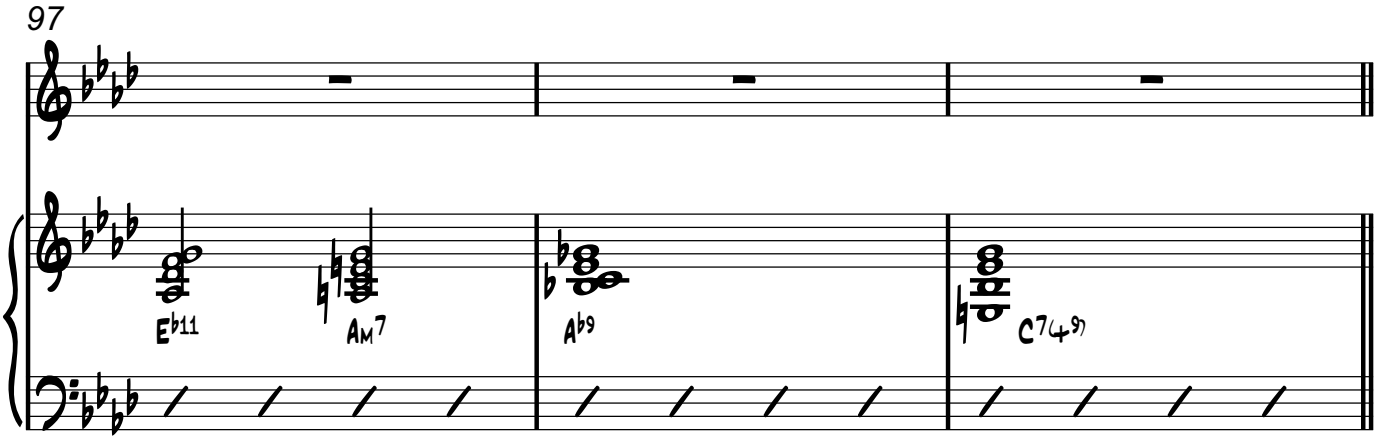
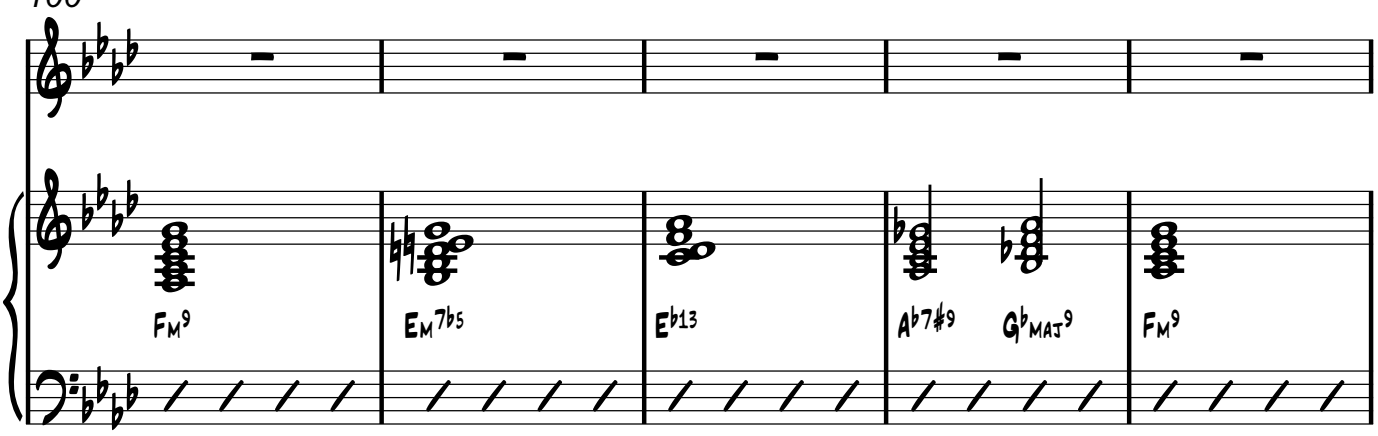
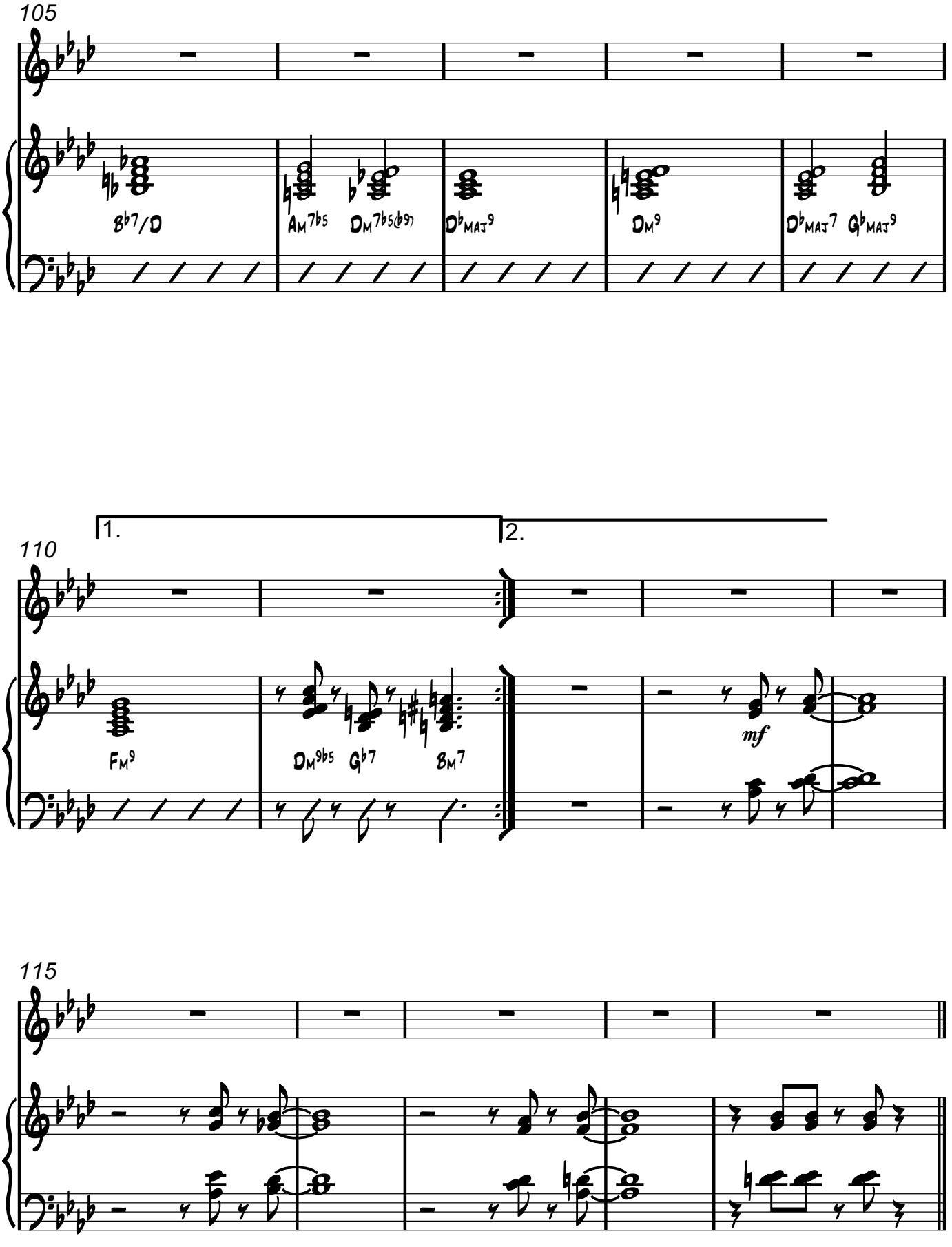

Eb11
Am7
Ab9
C7(+9)

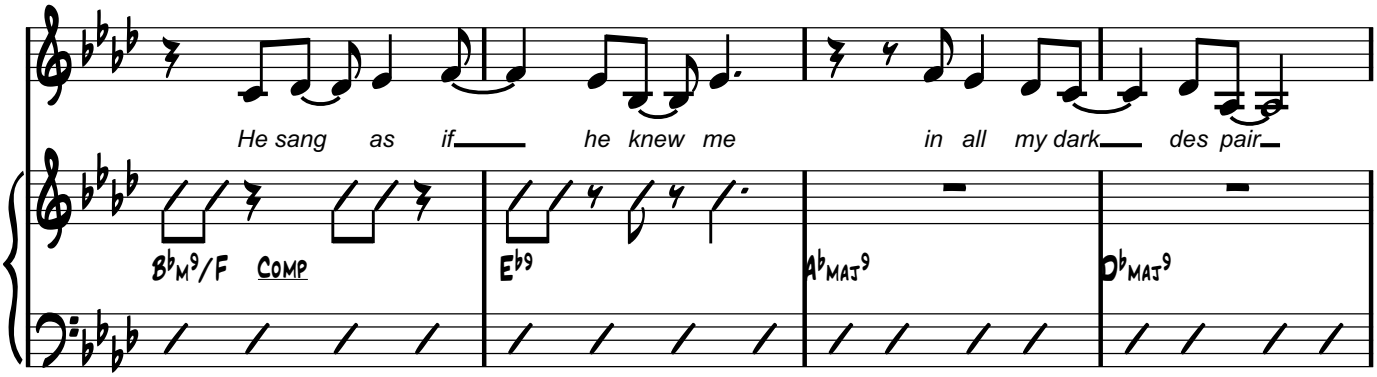
100


Fm9
Em7b5
Eb13
Ab7#9
Gbmaj9
Fm9


105
Bb7/D
Am7b5
Dm7b5(b9)
Db MAJ9
Dm9
Db MAJ7
Gb MAJ9
1.
2.
110
Fm9
Dm9b5
Gb7
Bm7
mf
115

Vocal

120



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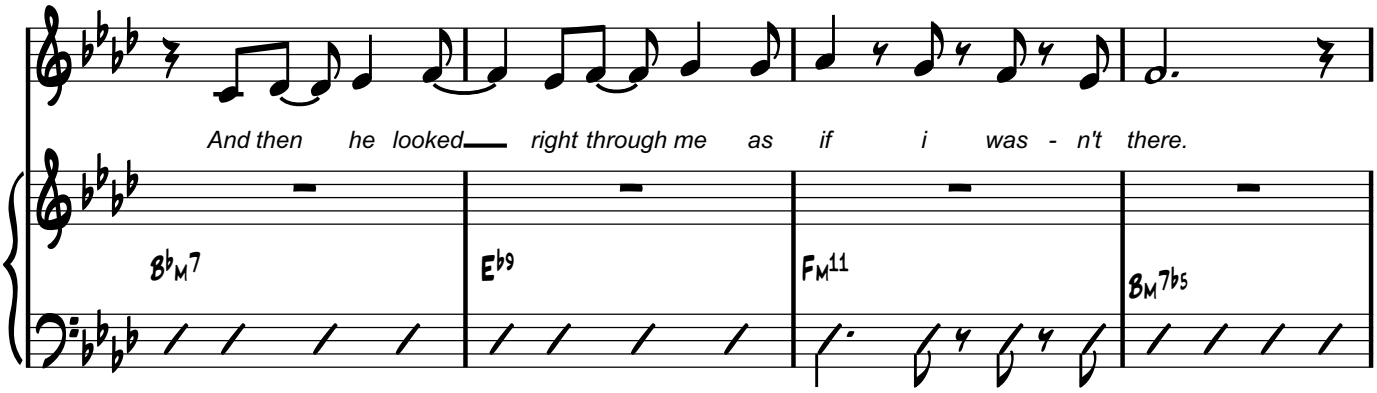

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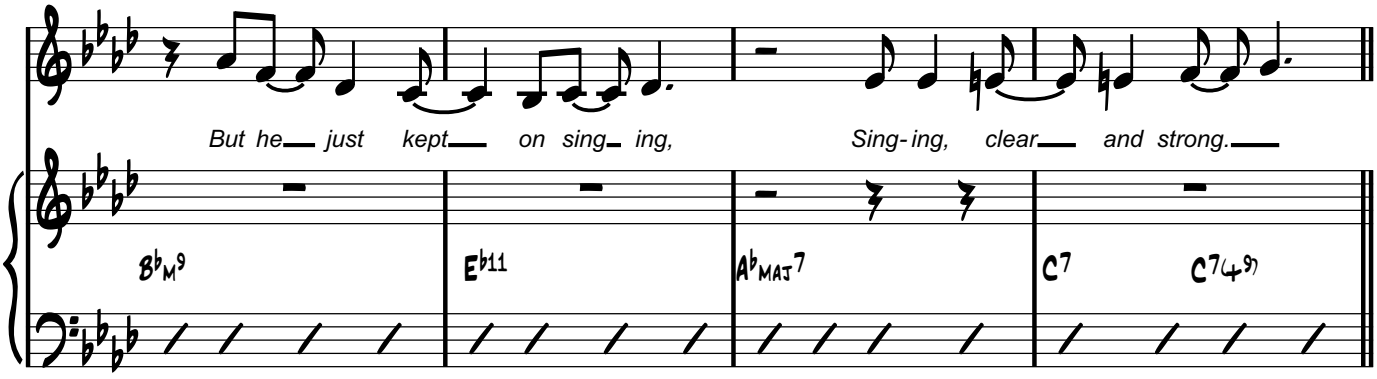

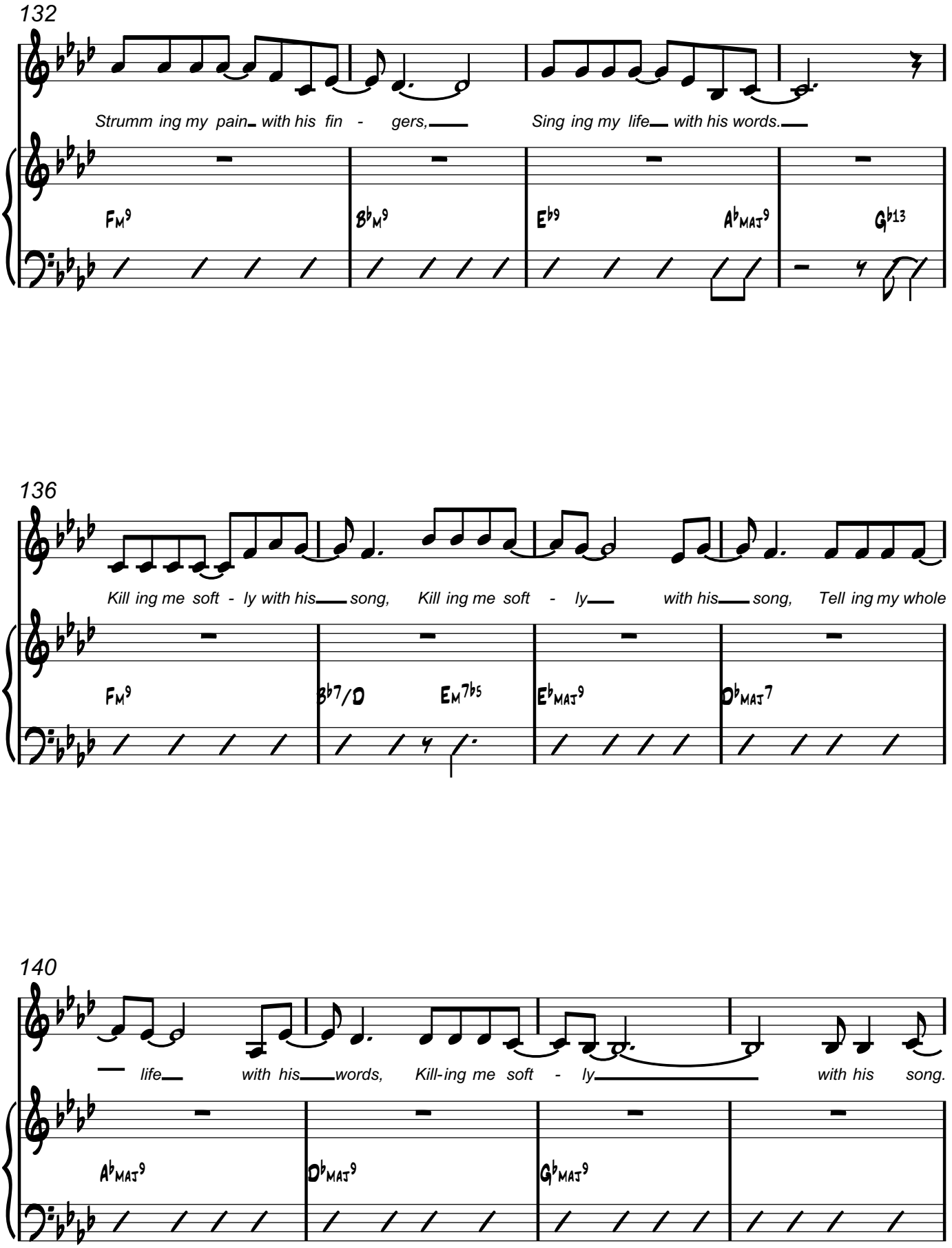
132
Strumm ing my pain with his fin - gers, Sing ing my life with his words.
Fm9 Bb9 Eb9 AbMAJ9 Gb13
136
Kill ing me soft - ly with his song, Kill ing me soft - ly with his song, Tell ing my whole
Fm9 Bb7/D Em7b5 EbMAJ9 DbMAJ7
140
life with his words, Kill-ing me soft - ly with his song.
AbMAJ9 DbMAJ9 GbMAJ9

Vocal

OPEN - GRADUALLY FADING AWAY

144 Solo - scat $B^{\flat}M^{9}/F$ $E^{\flat}M^{7}/FM$

mf

149 $B^{\flat}M^{7}/F$ 1 $GM^{7(\flat 9)}$ CM^{7}/F

152 2 $GM^{7(\flat 9)}$ CM^{7}/F FM^{9} FM^{9}

Solo Soprano Sax
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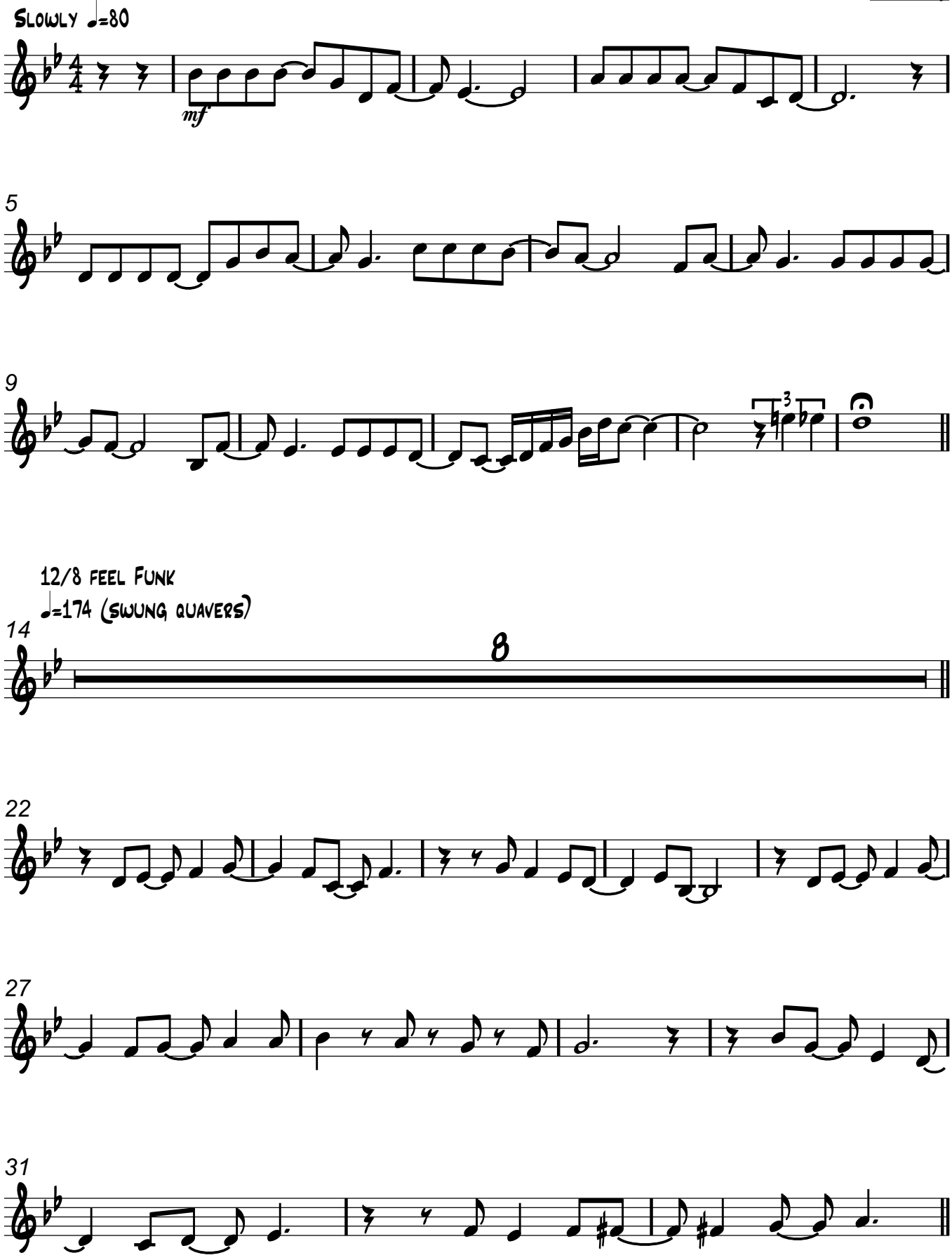

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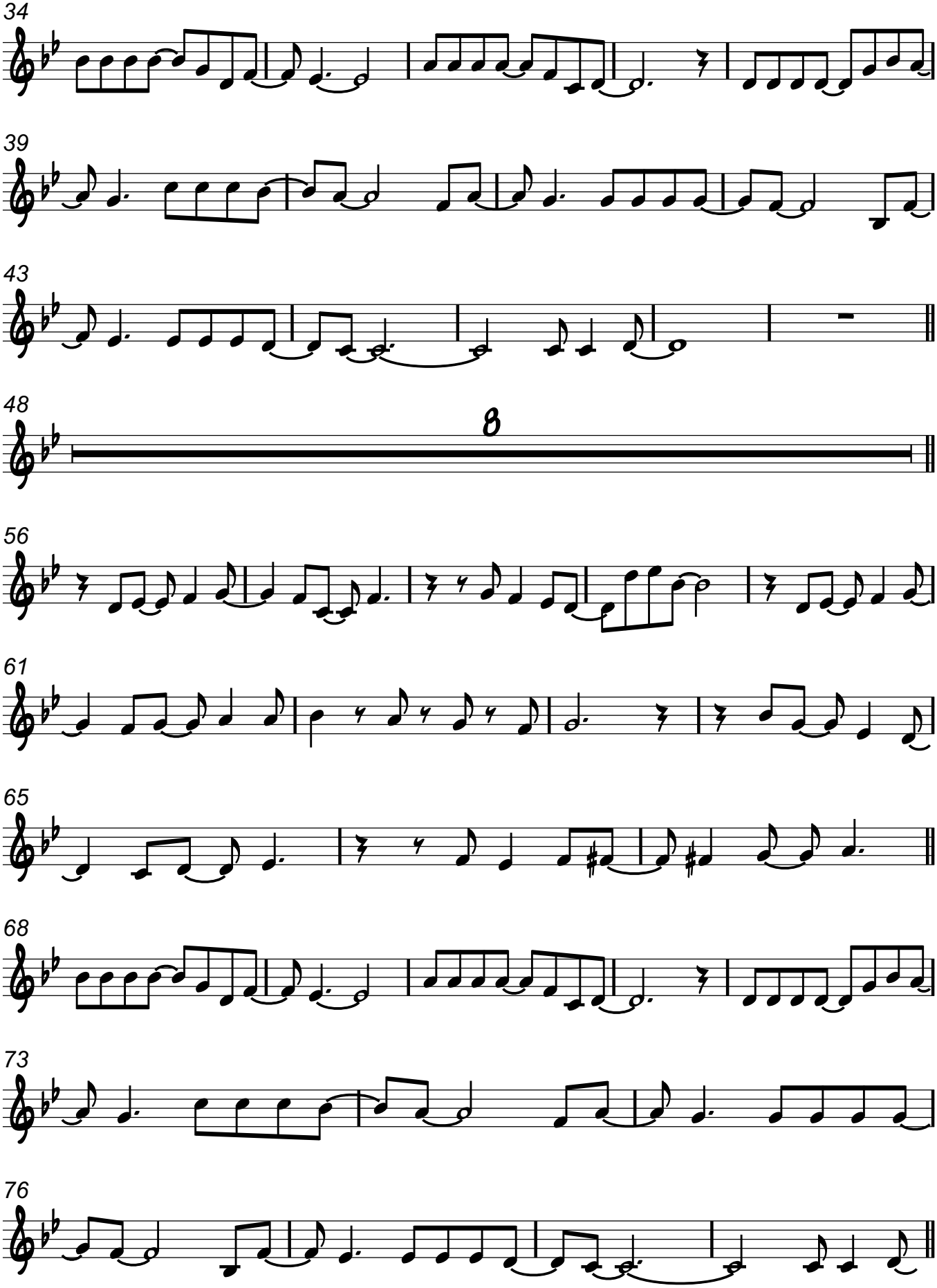
Solo Soprano Sax
(If No Vocal)



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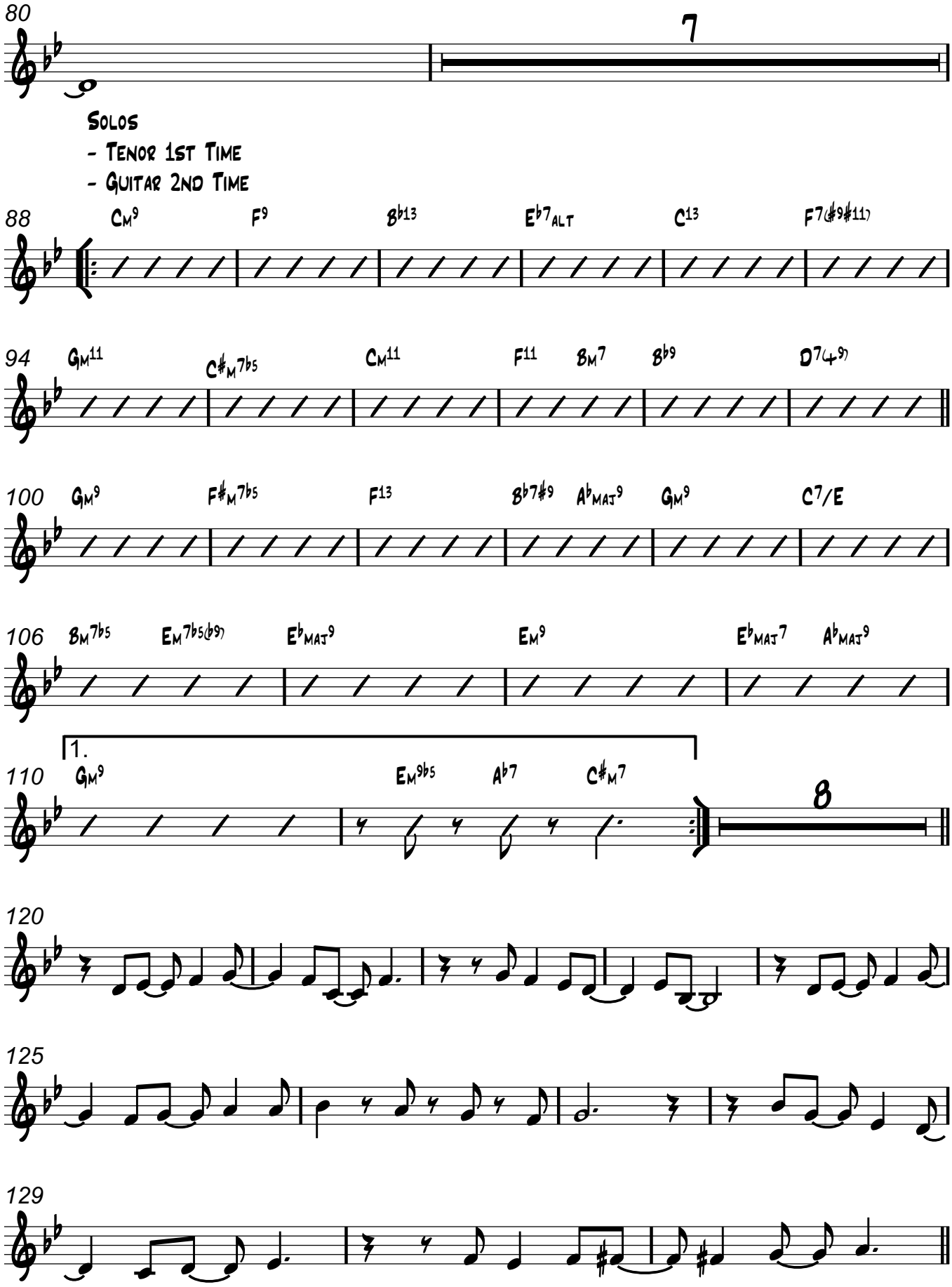

Solo Soprano Sax
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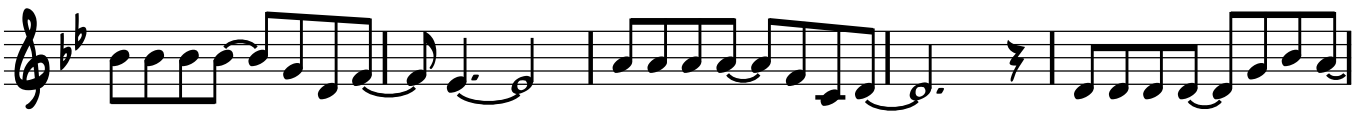

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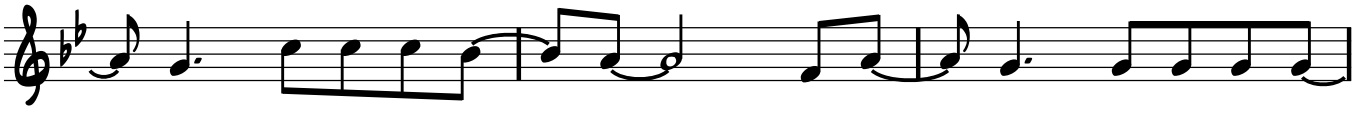

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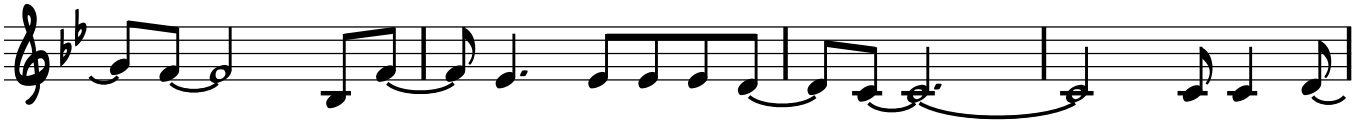

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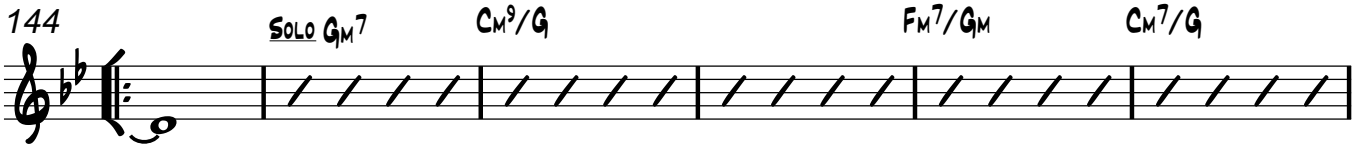

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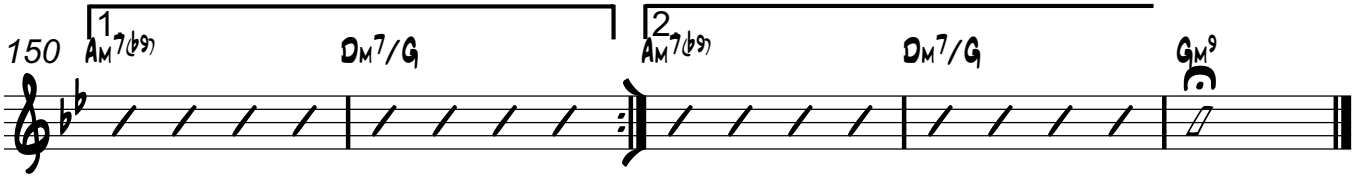

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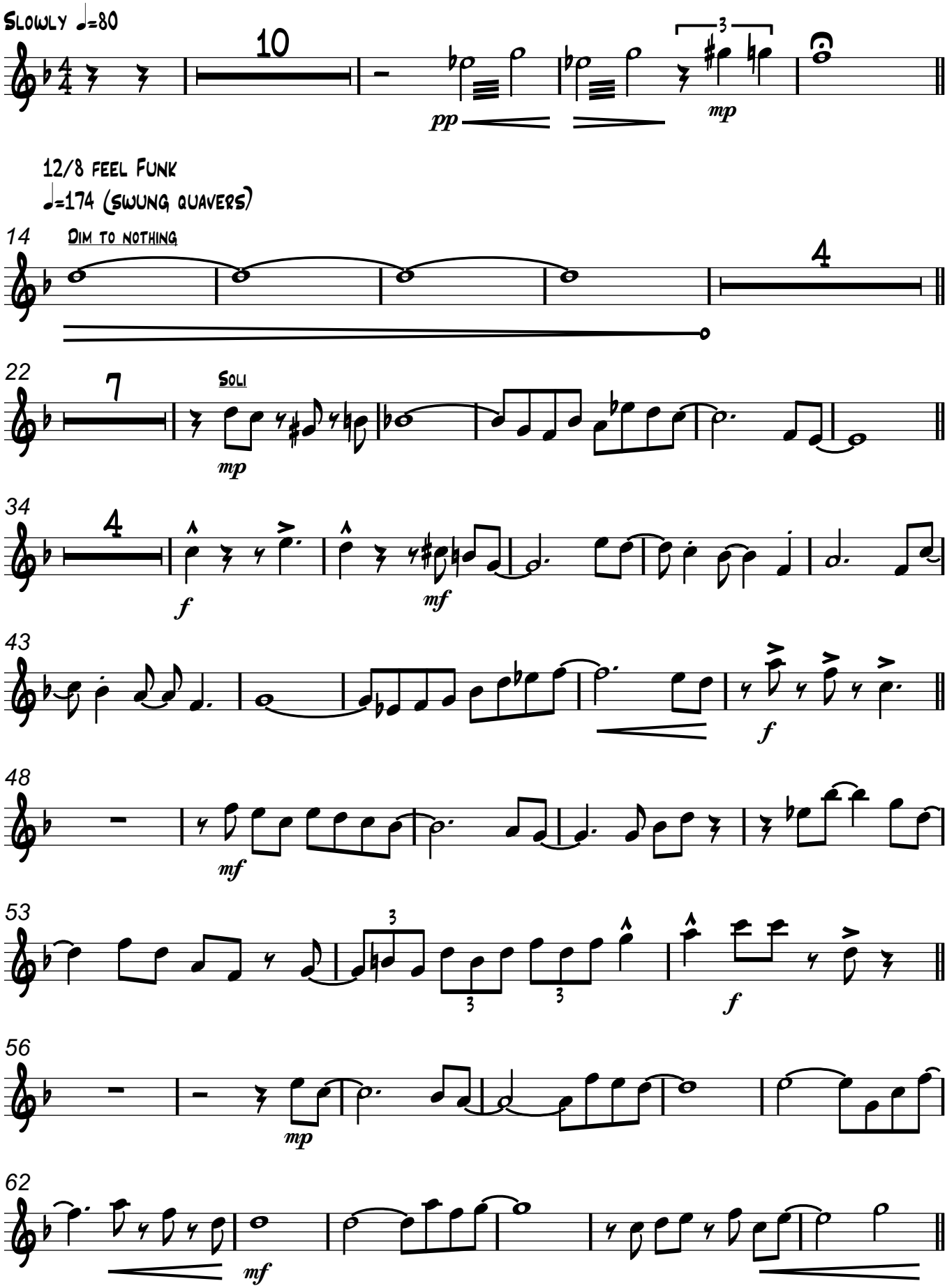
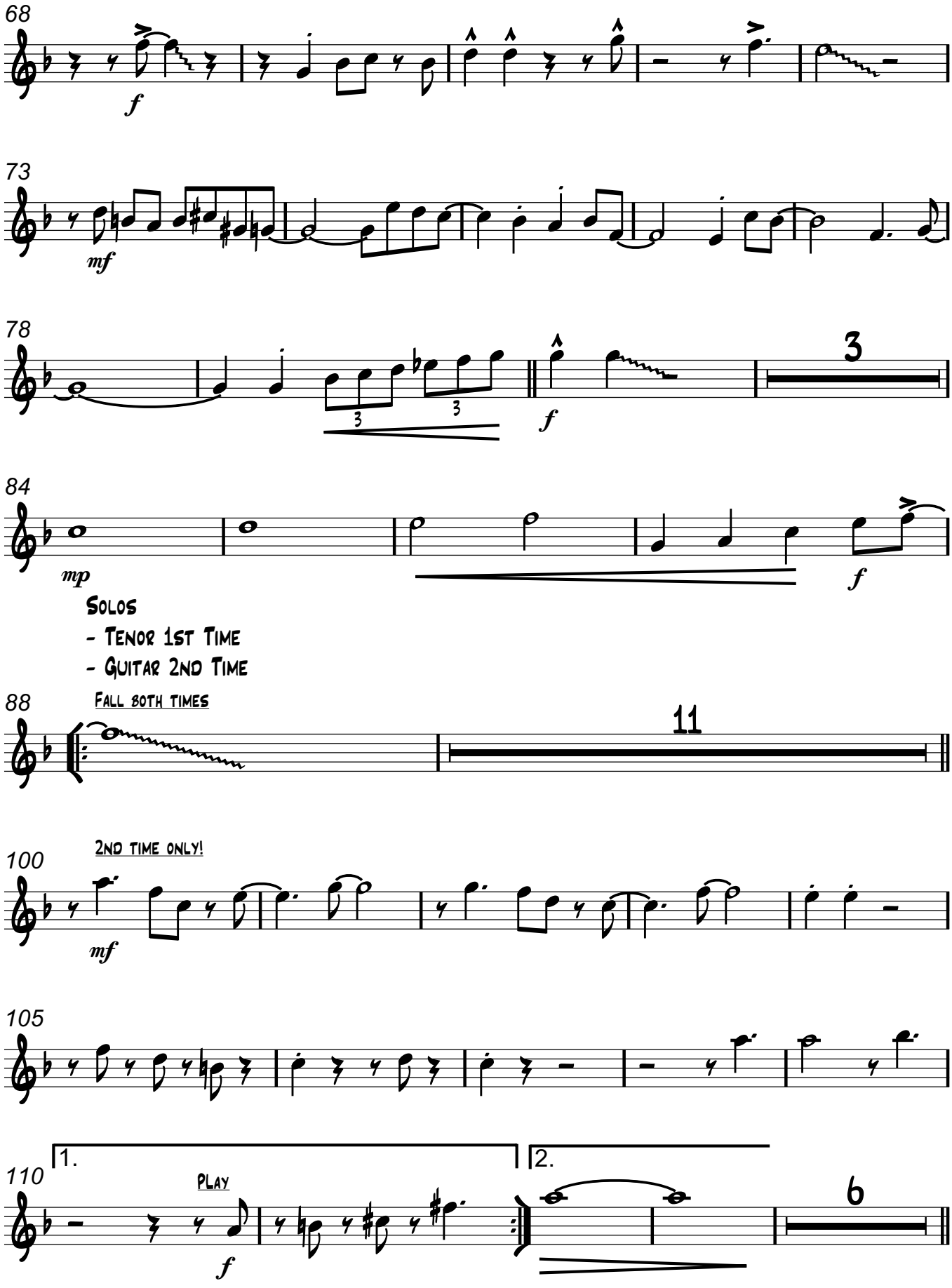


1st Alto Sax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Solos
- Tenor 1st Time
- Guitar 2nd Time
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Fall both times
11
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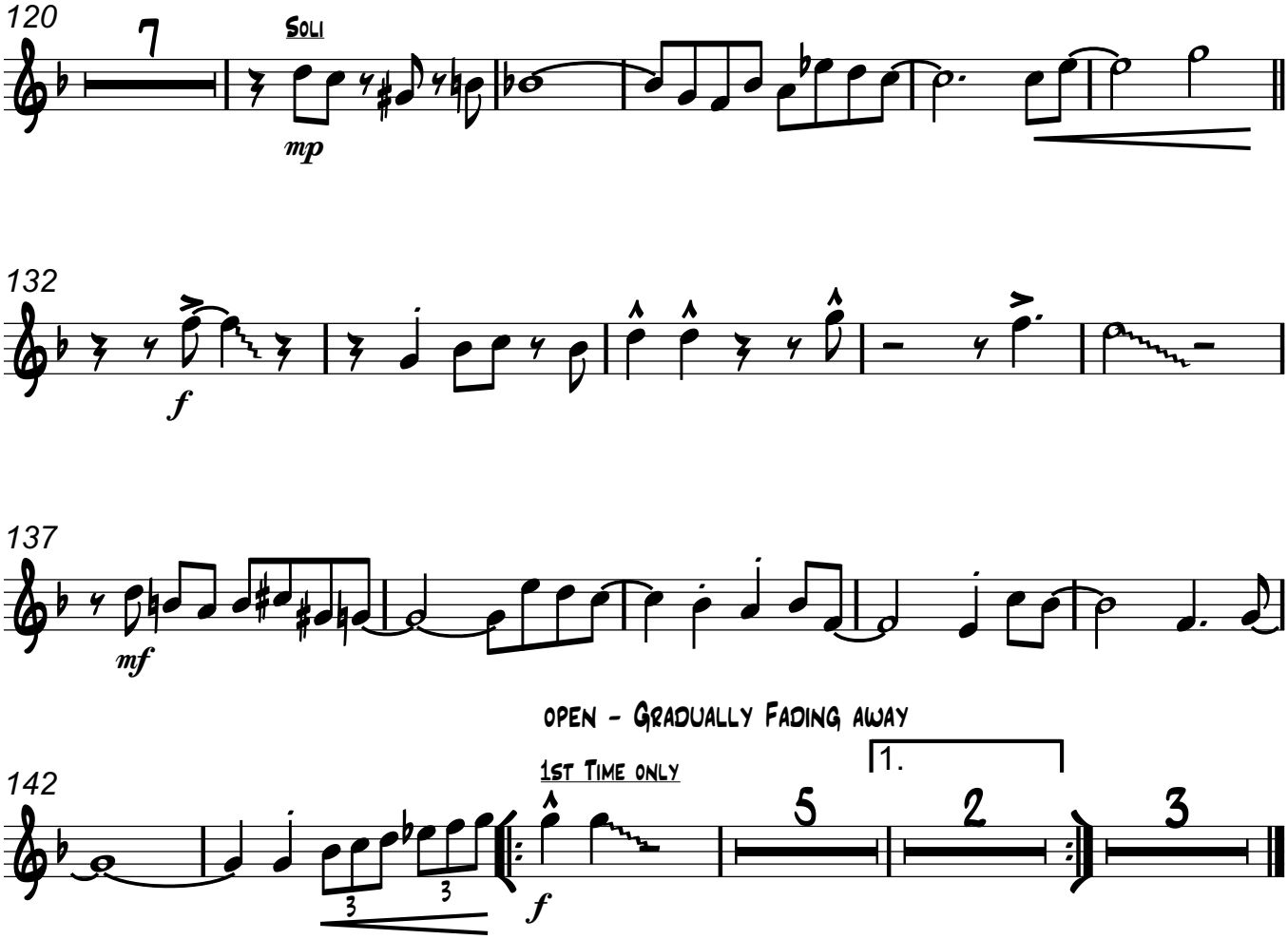
2nd time only!
mf
105
110
1.
2.
Play
f
6

1st Alto Sax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2nd Alto Sax

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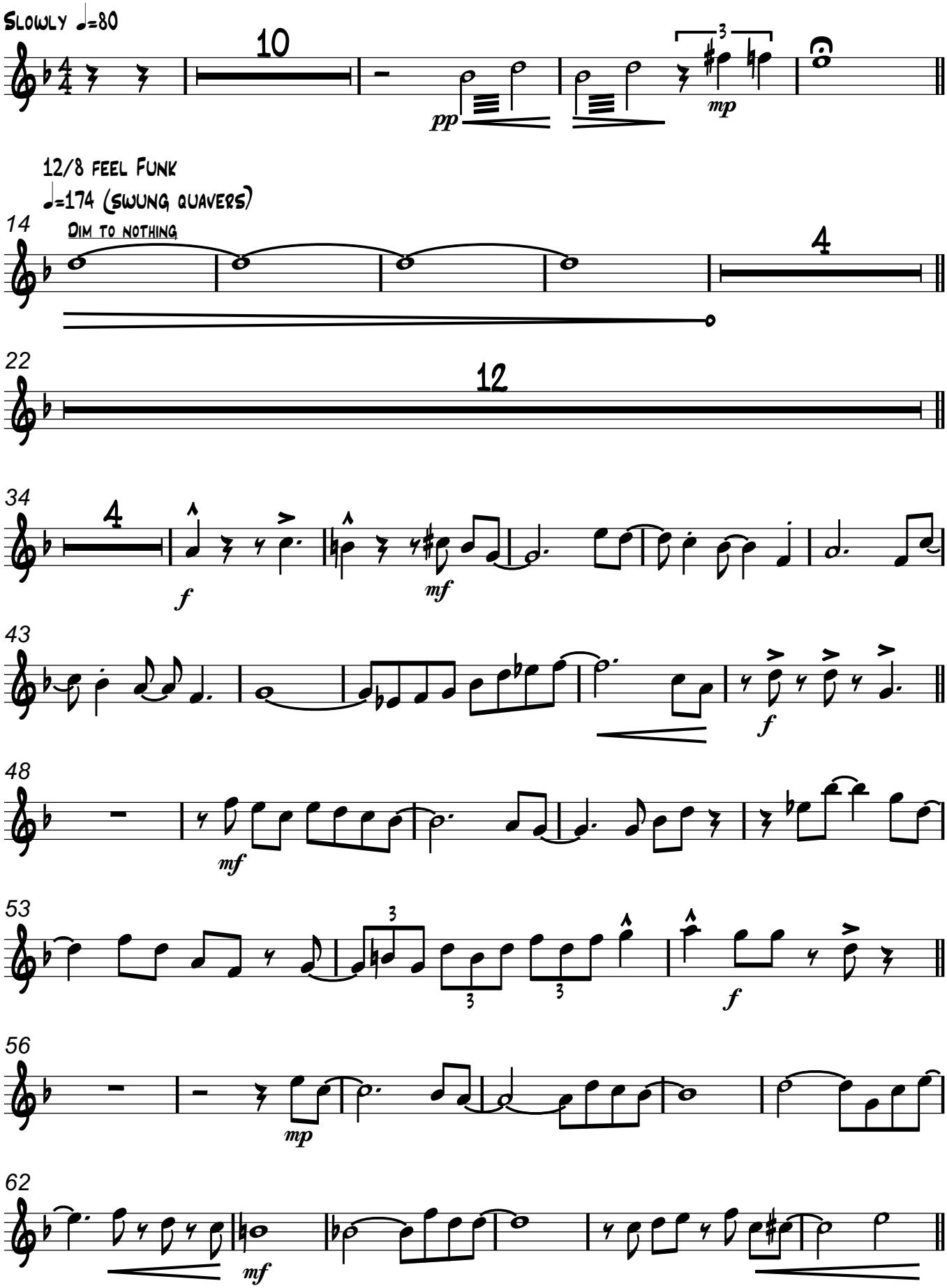

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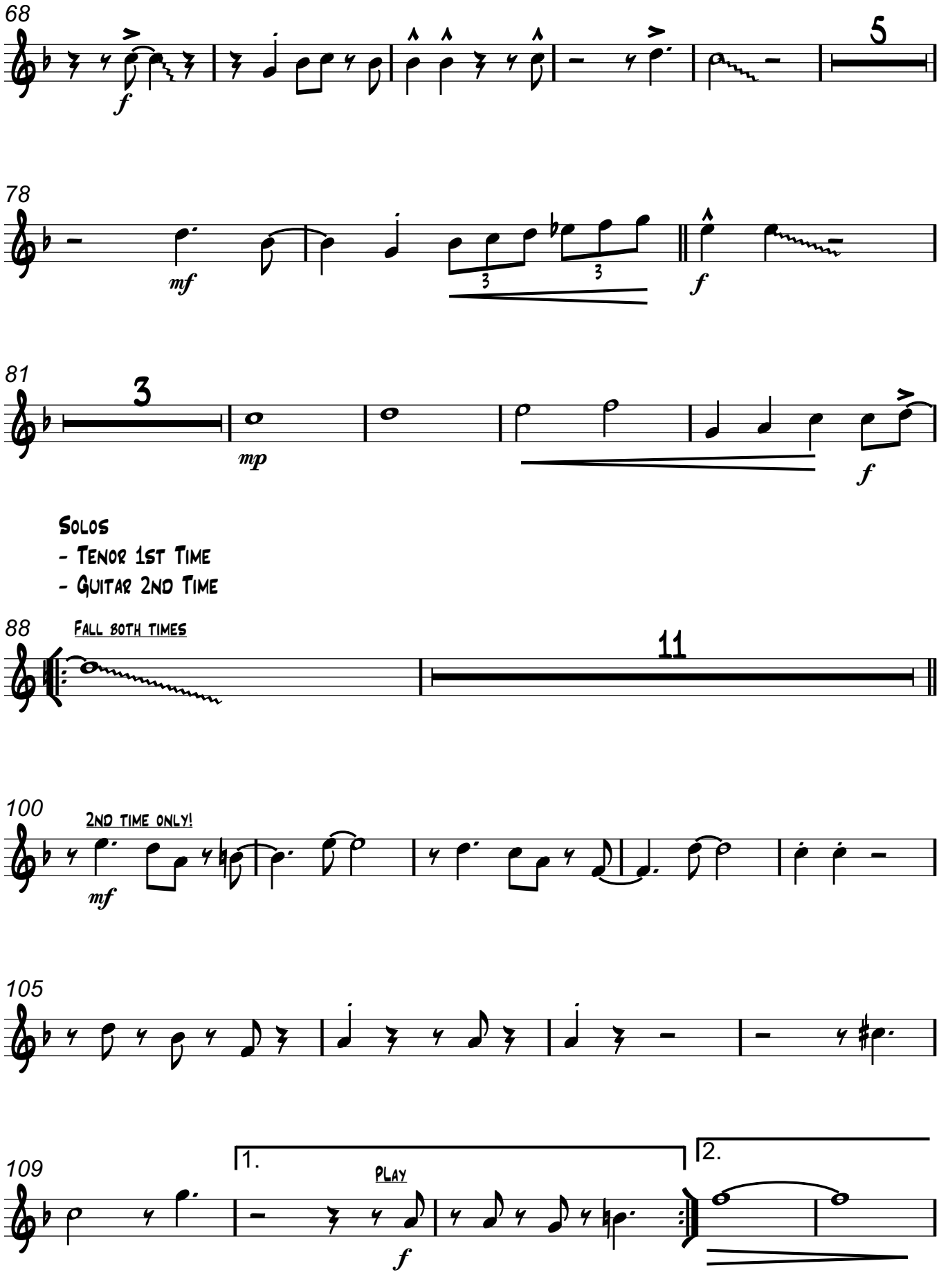
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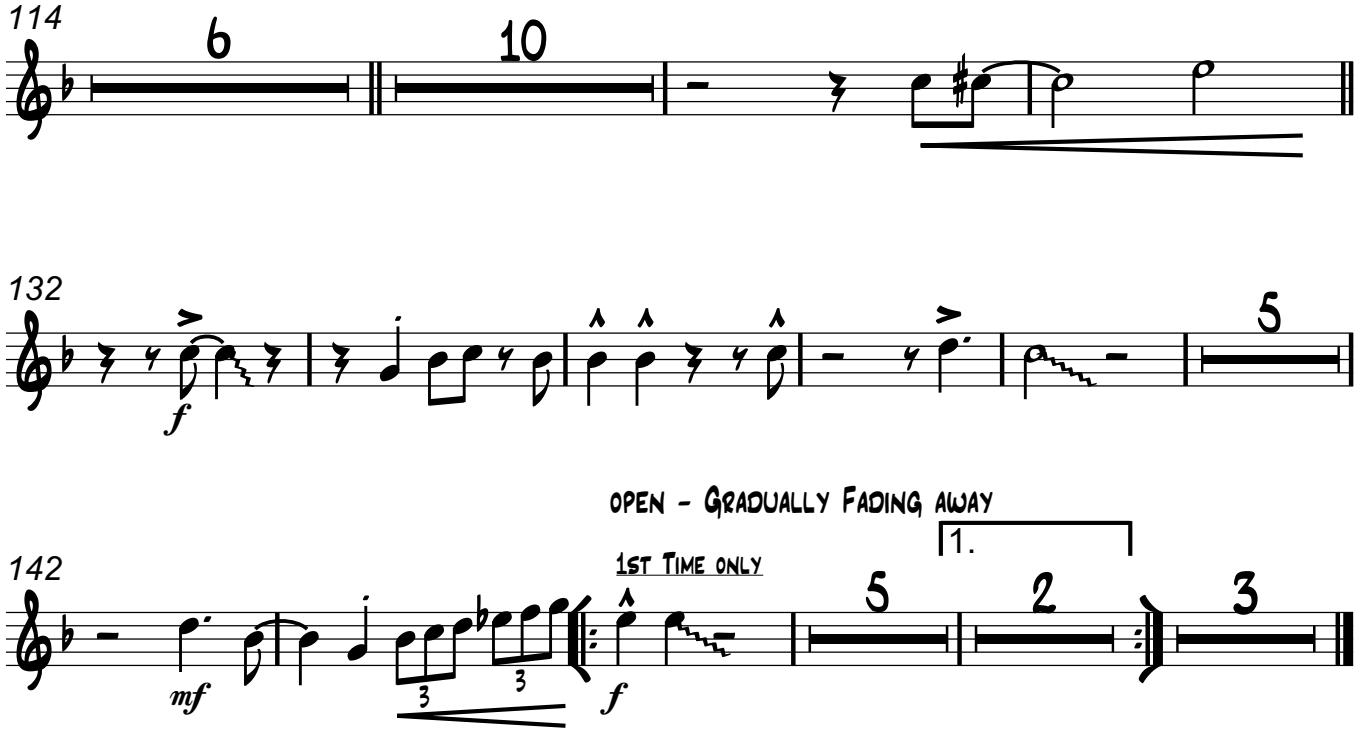
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1ST TIME ONLY
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1st Tenor Sax

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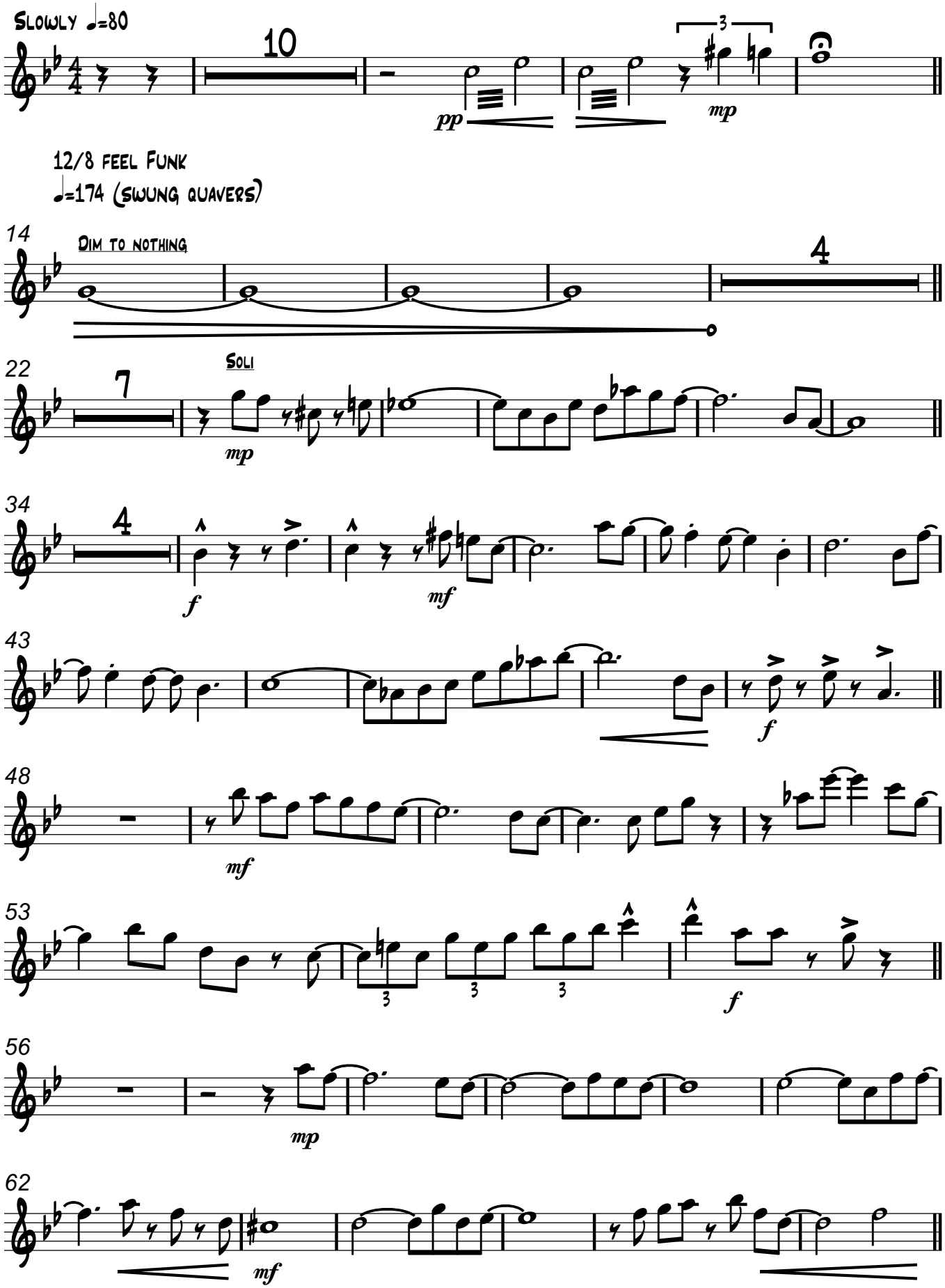

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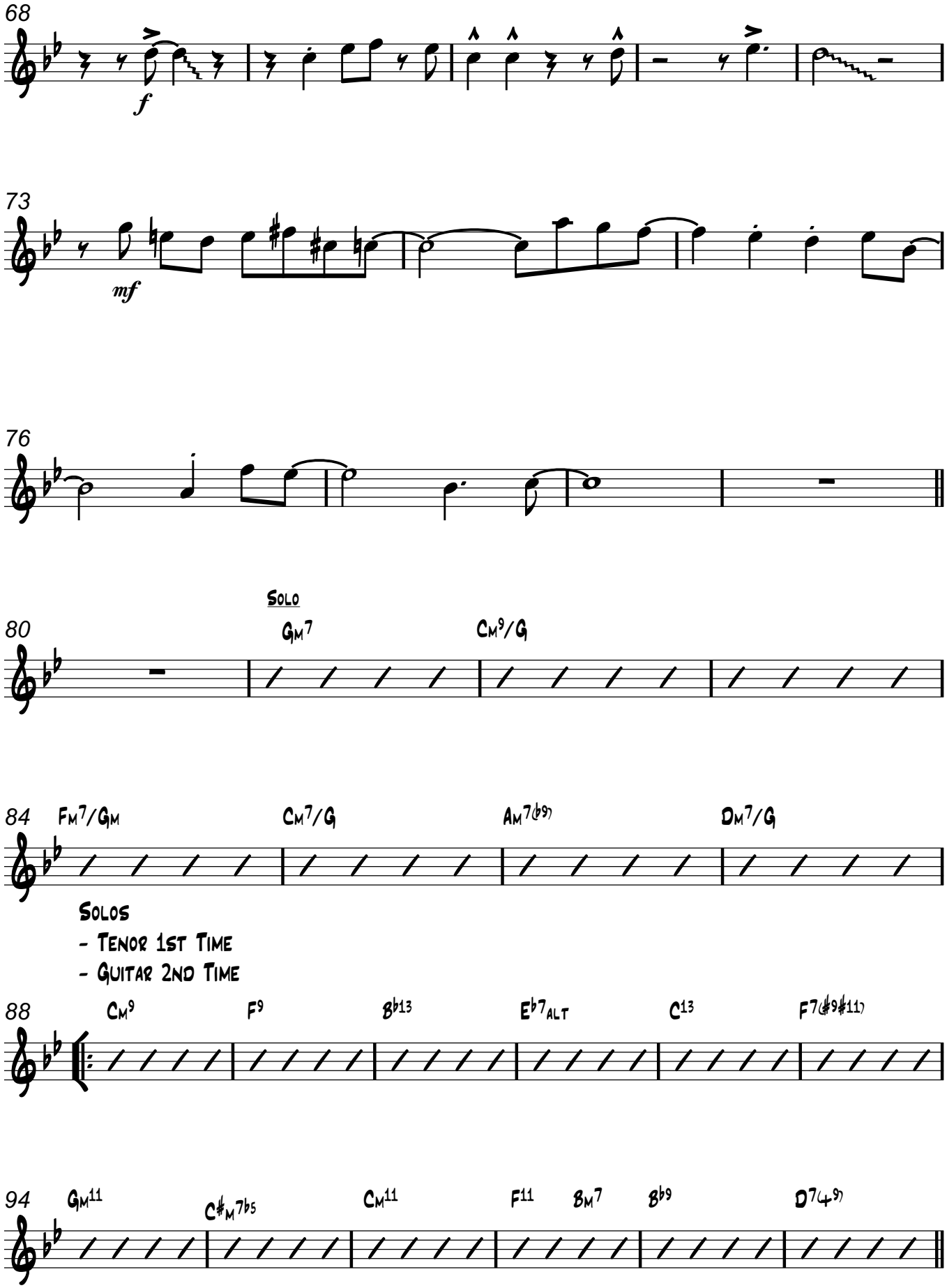

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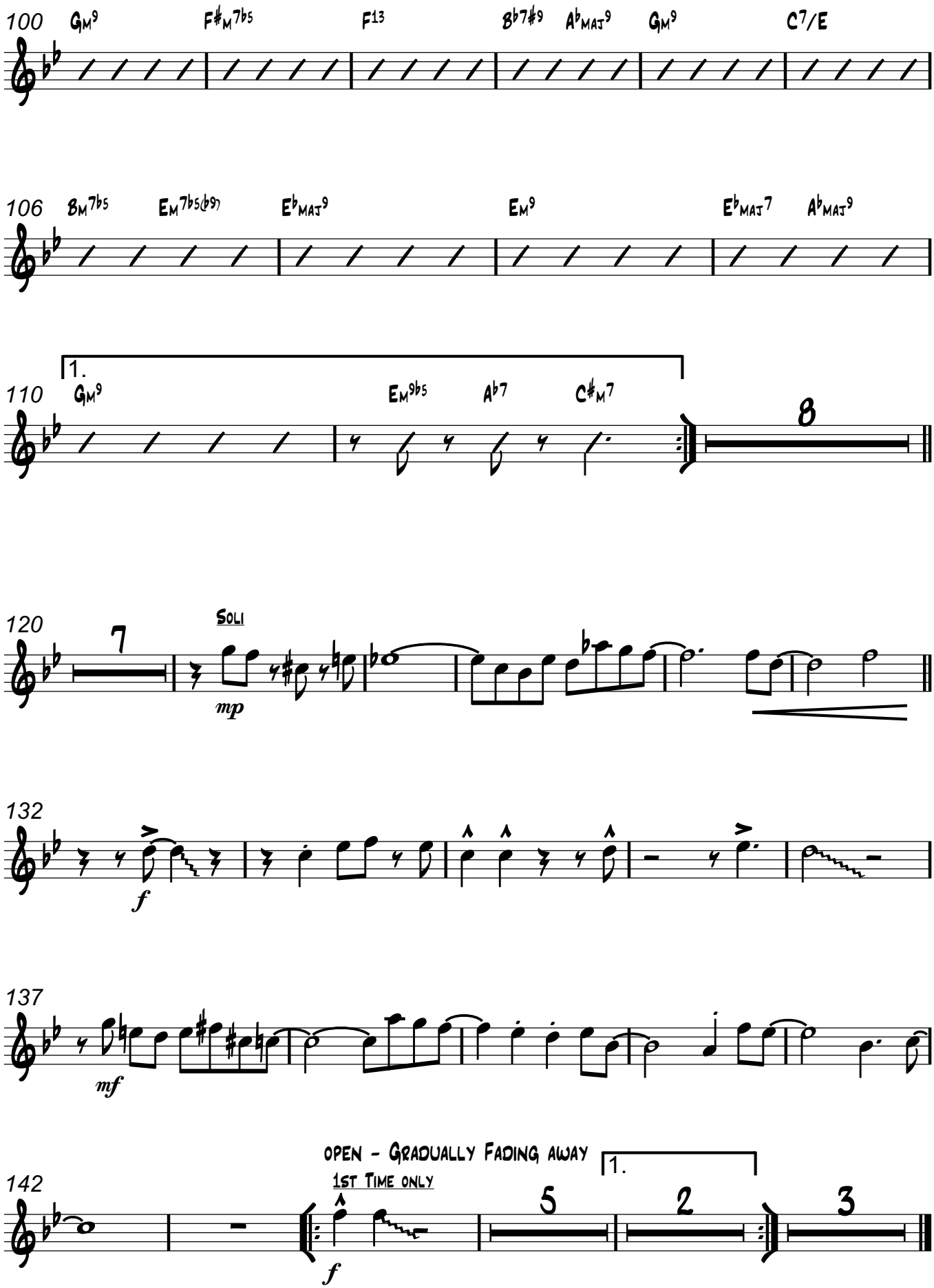

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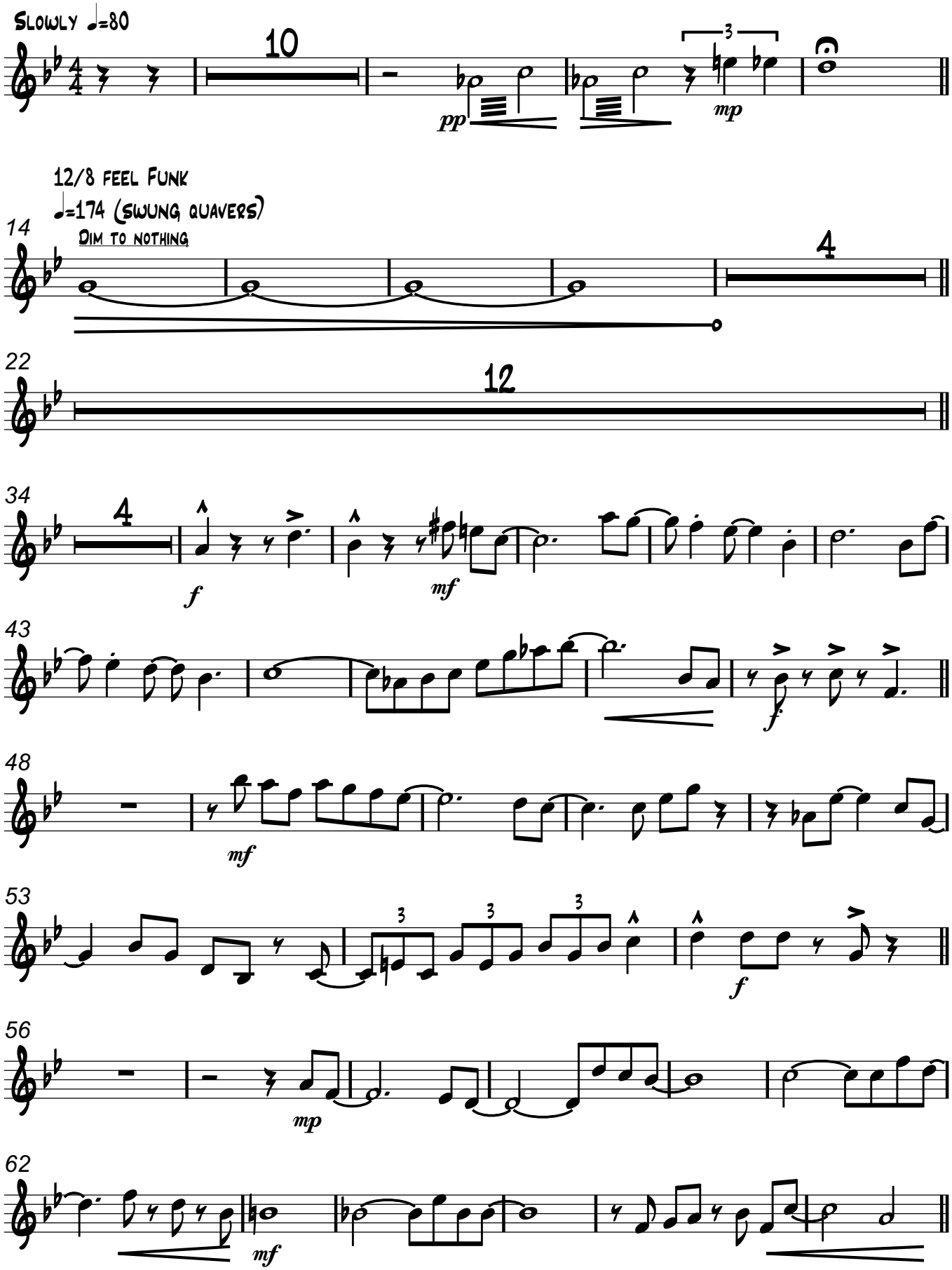

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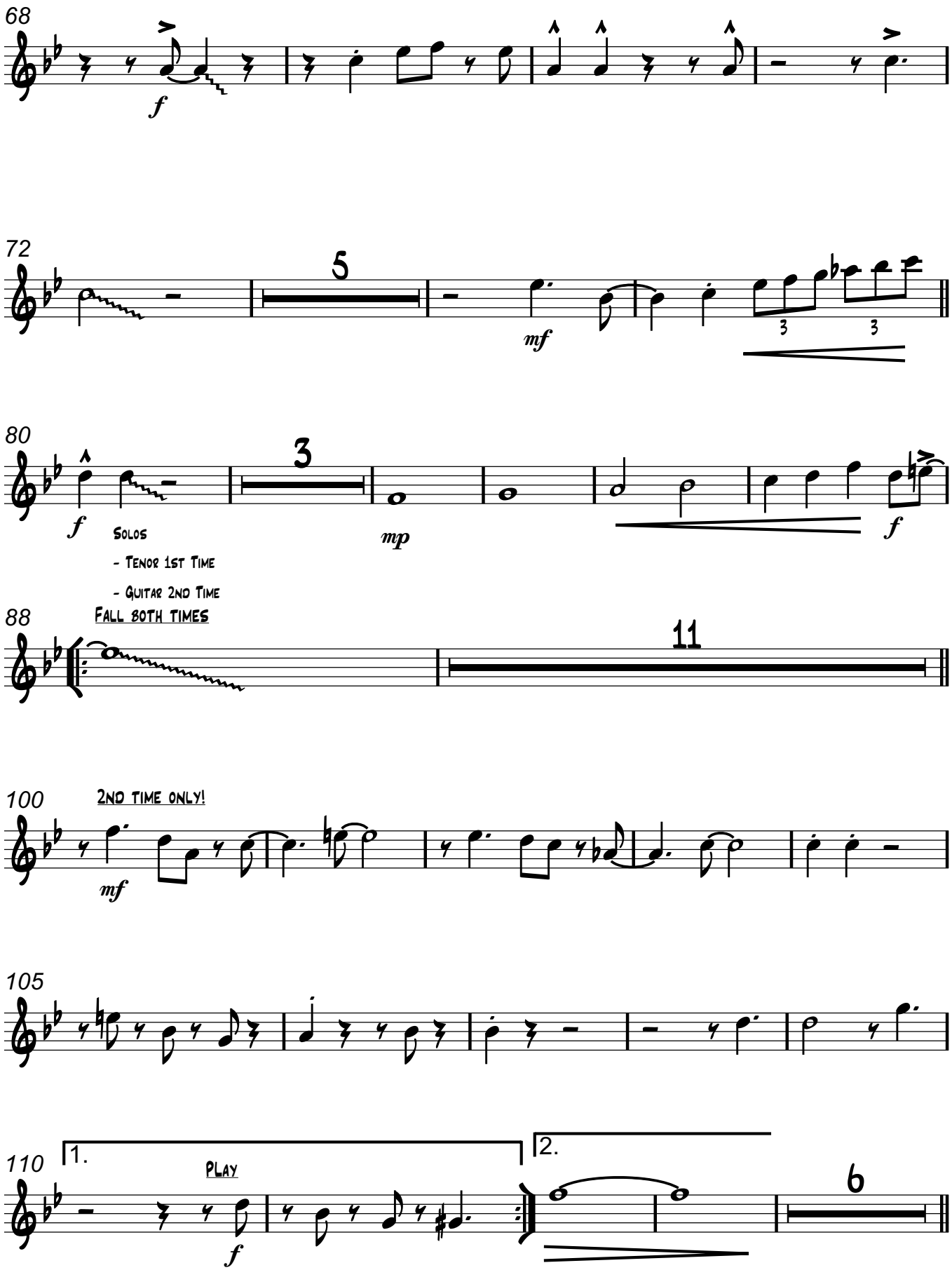

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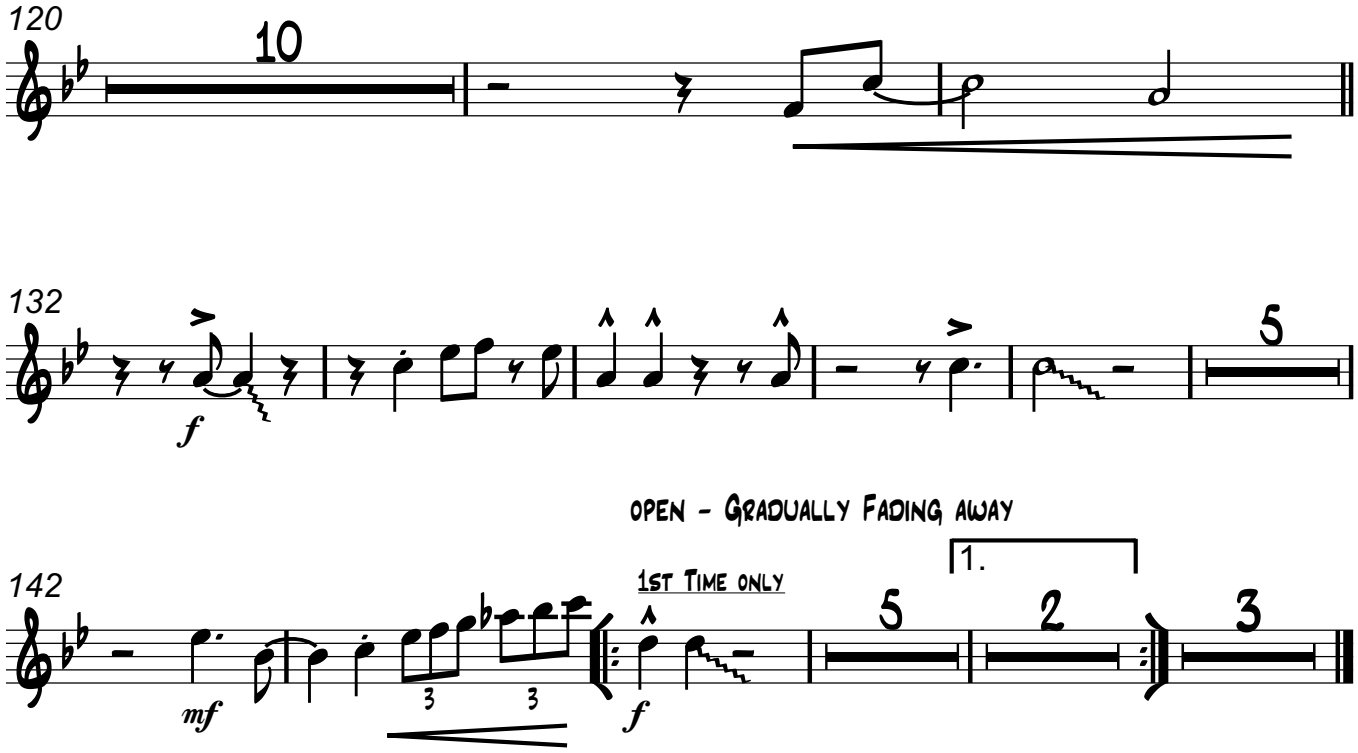

Bari Sax

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Fox/Gimbel

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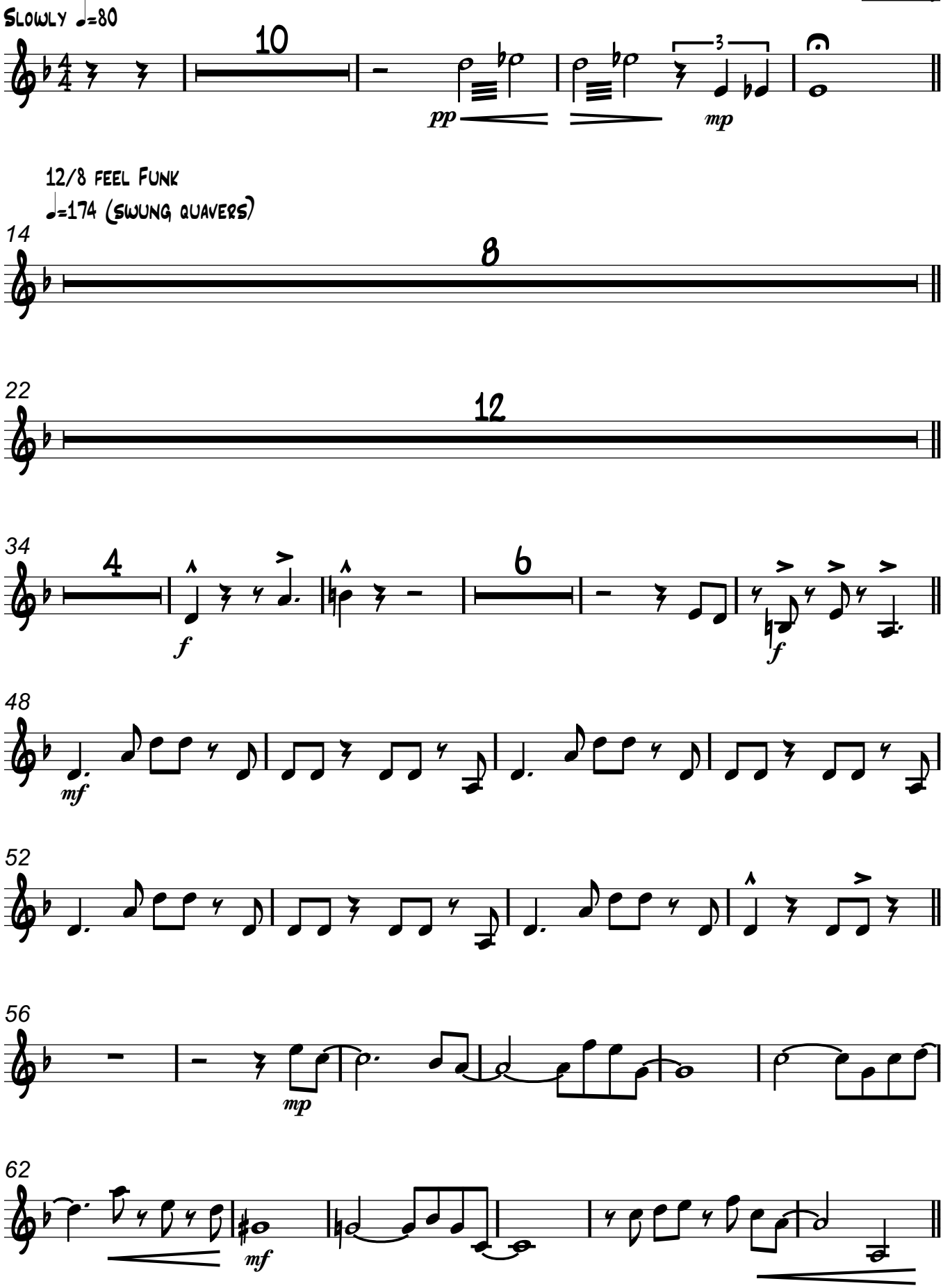

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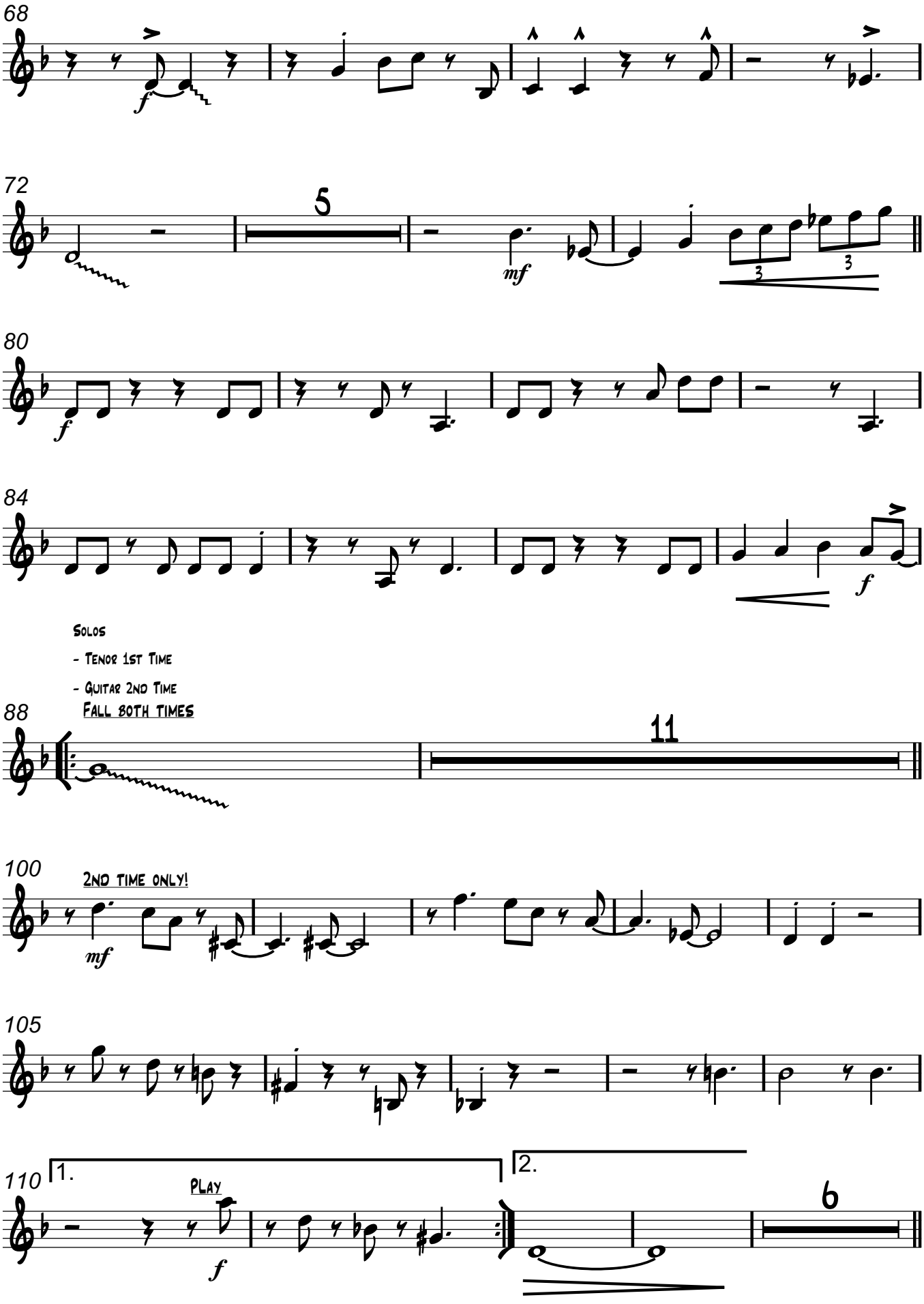
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- Tenor 1st Time
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Fall both times
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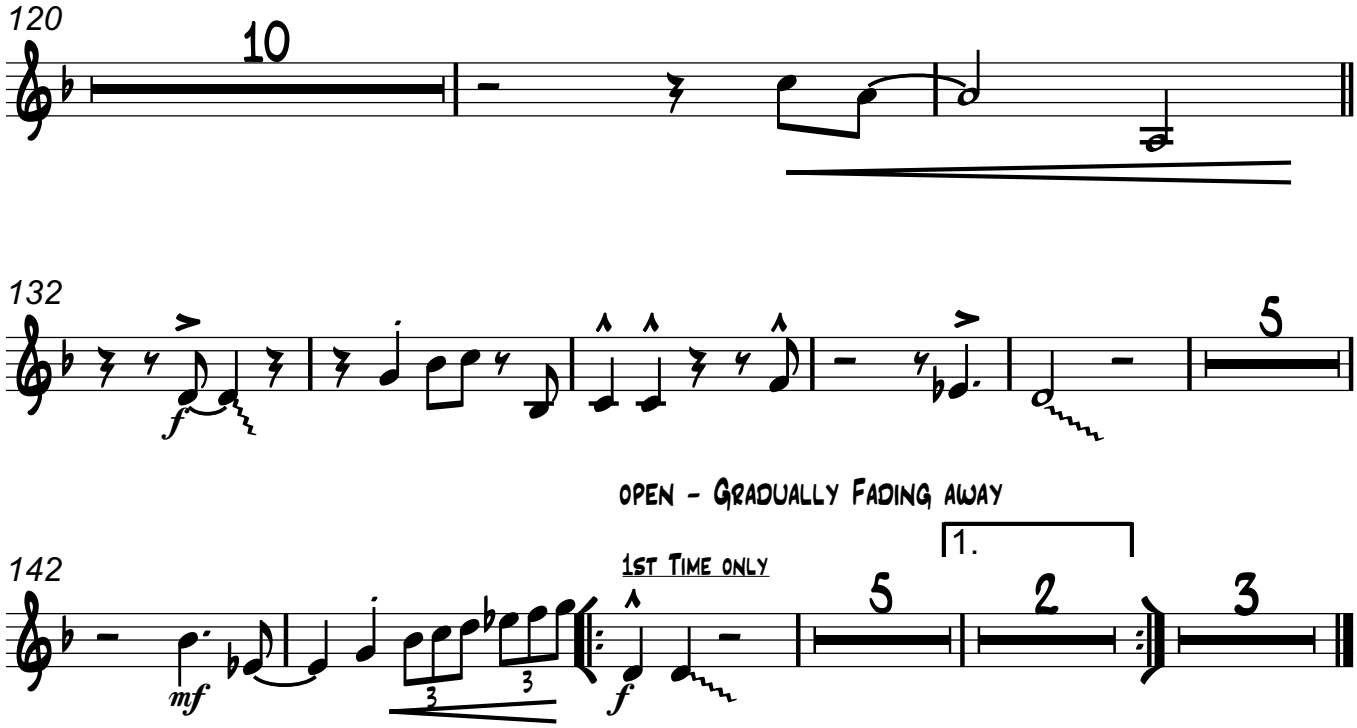
100
2nd time only!
mf
105
110
1.
Play
f
2.
6

Bari Sax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OPEN - GRADUALLY FADING AWAY
142
1ST TIME ONLY
1.
mf
f
5
2
3

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Slowly ♩=80

12

2

12/8 feel Funk
♩=174 (swung quavers)

14

8

22

12

34

3

mf

f

40

Squeeze

5

f

48

mp

52

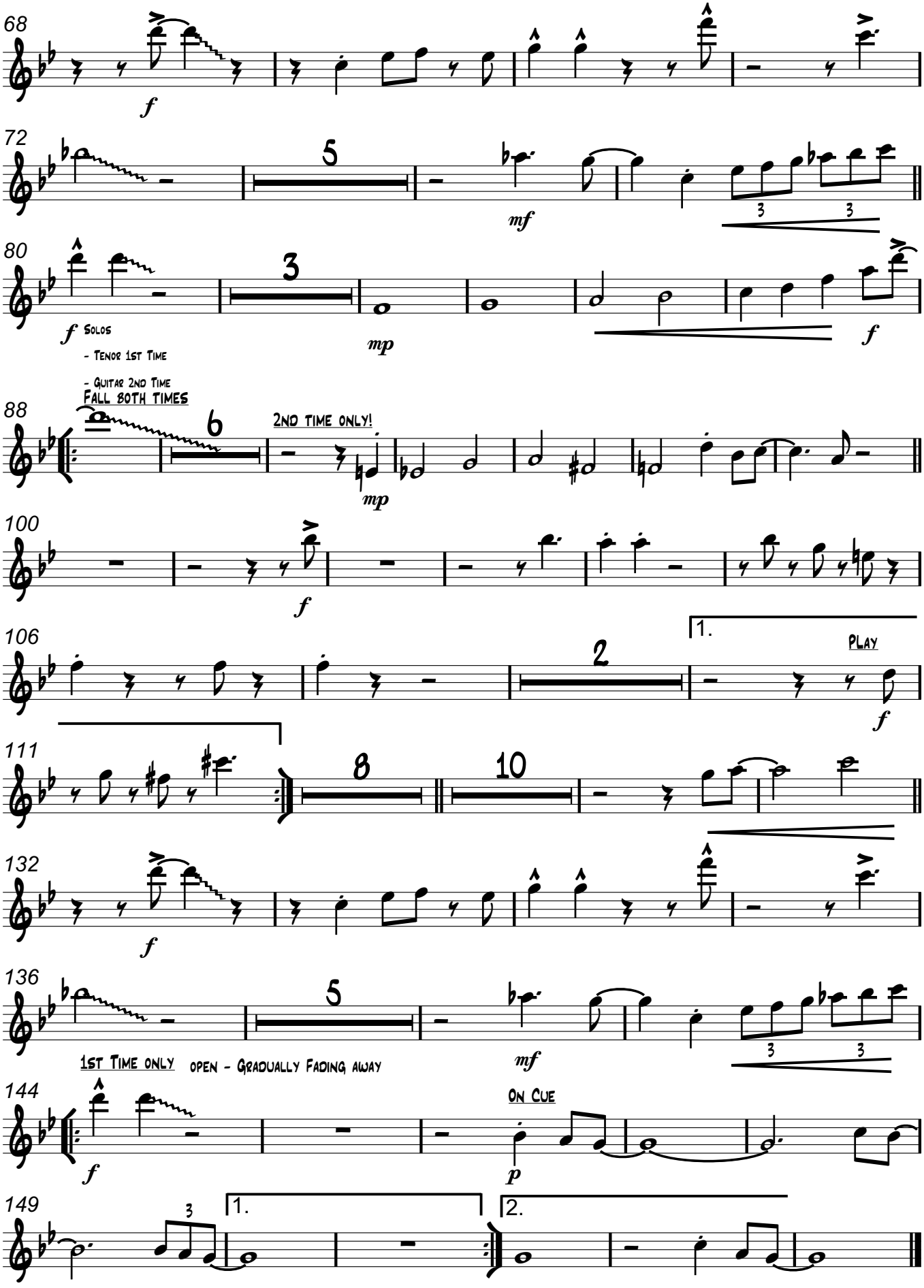
f

56

7

mf

1st Trumpet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1st Time only
open - Gradually Fading away
144
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On Cue
p
149
3
1.
2.

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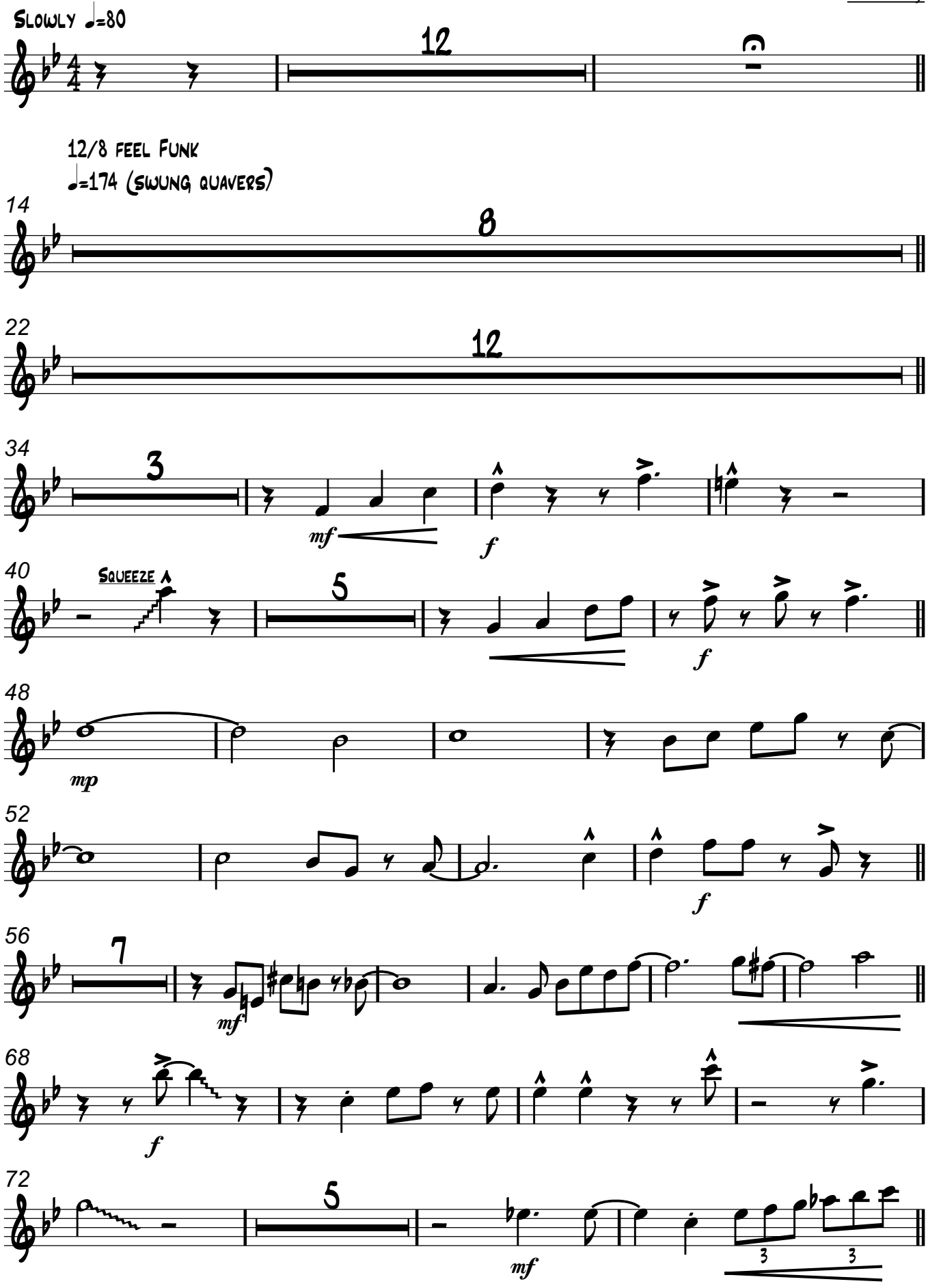
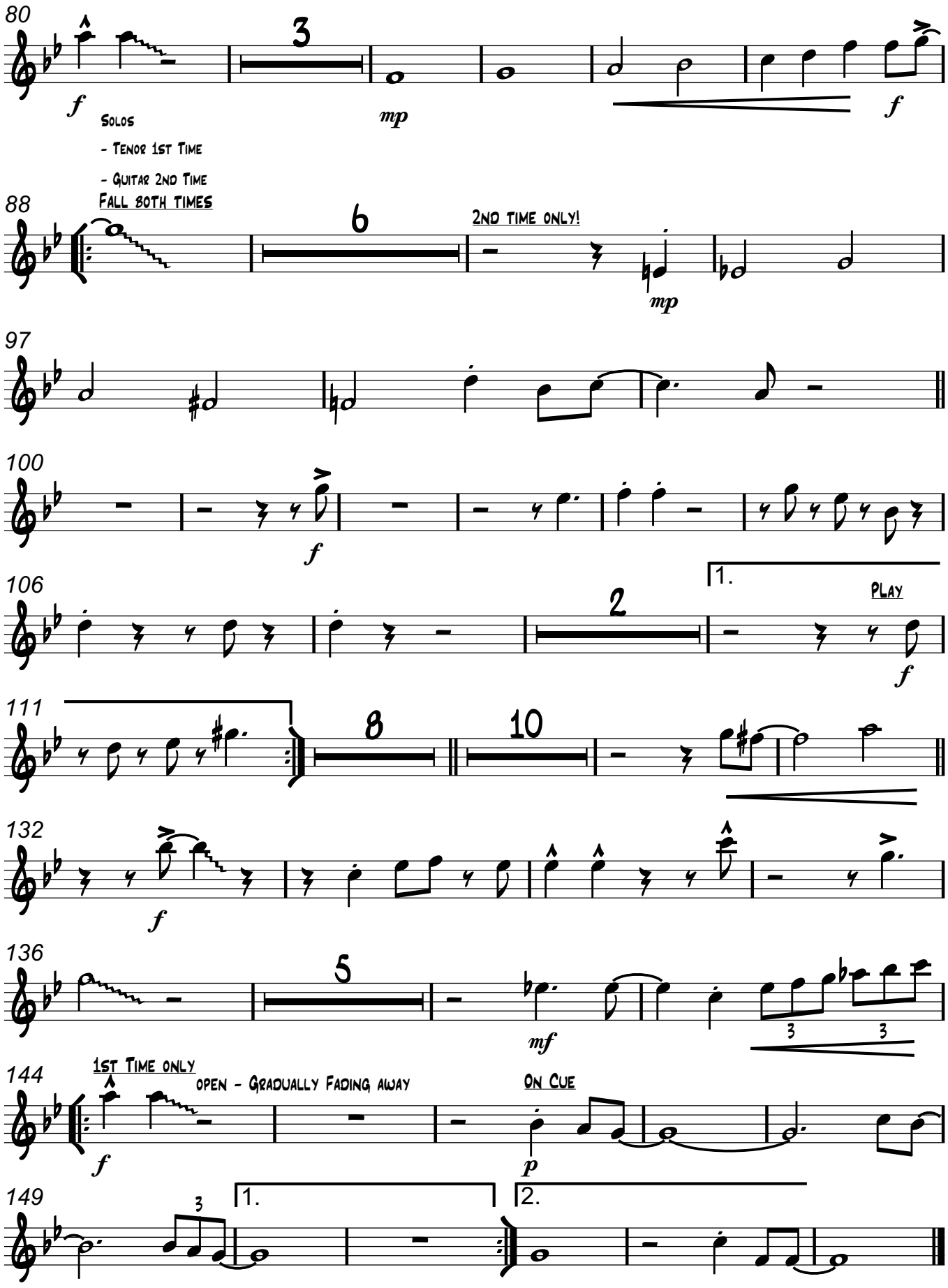


2nd Trumpet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Fall both times
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2nd time only!
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f
106
1.
2
Play
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1st Time only
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On Cue
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3
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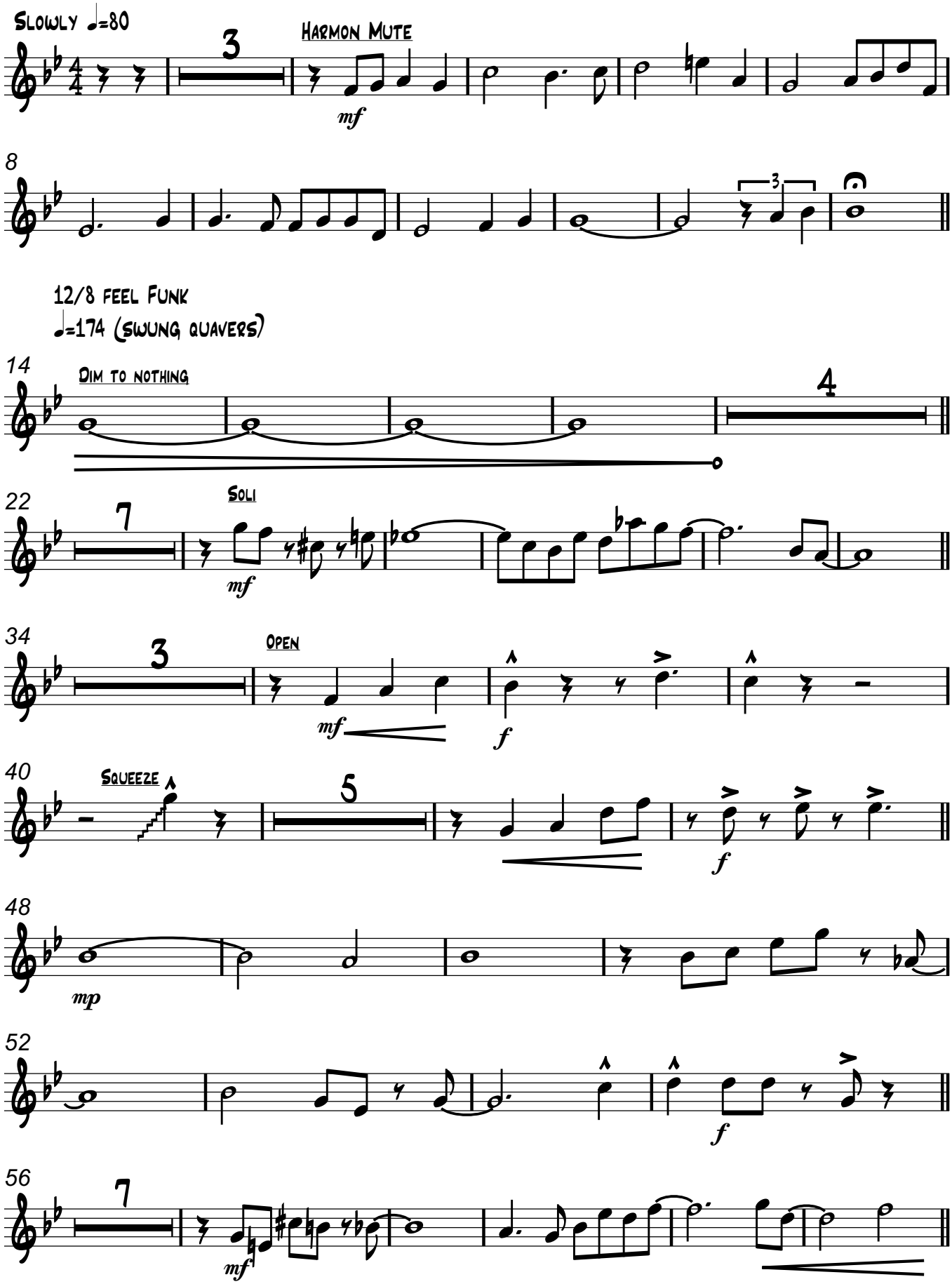

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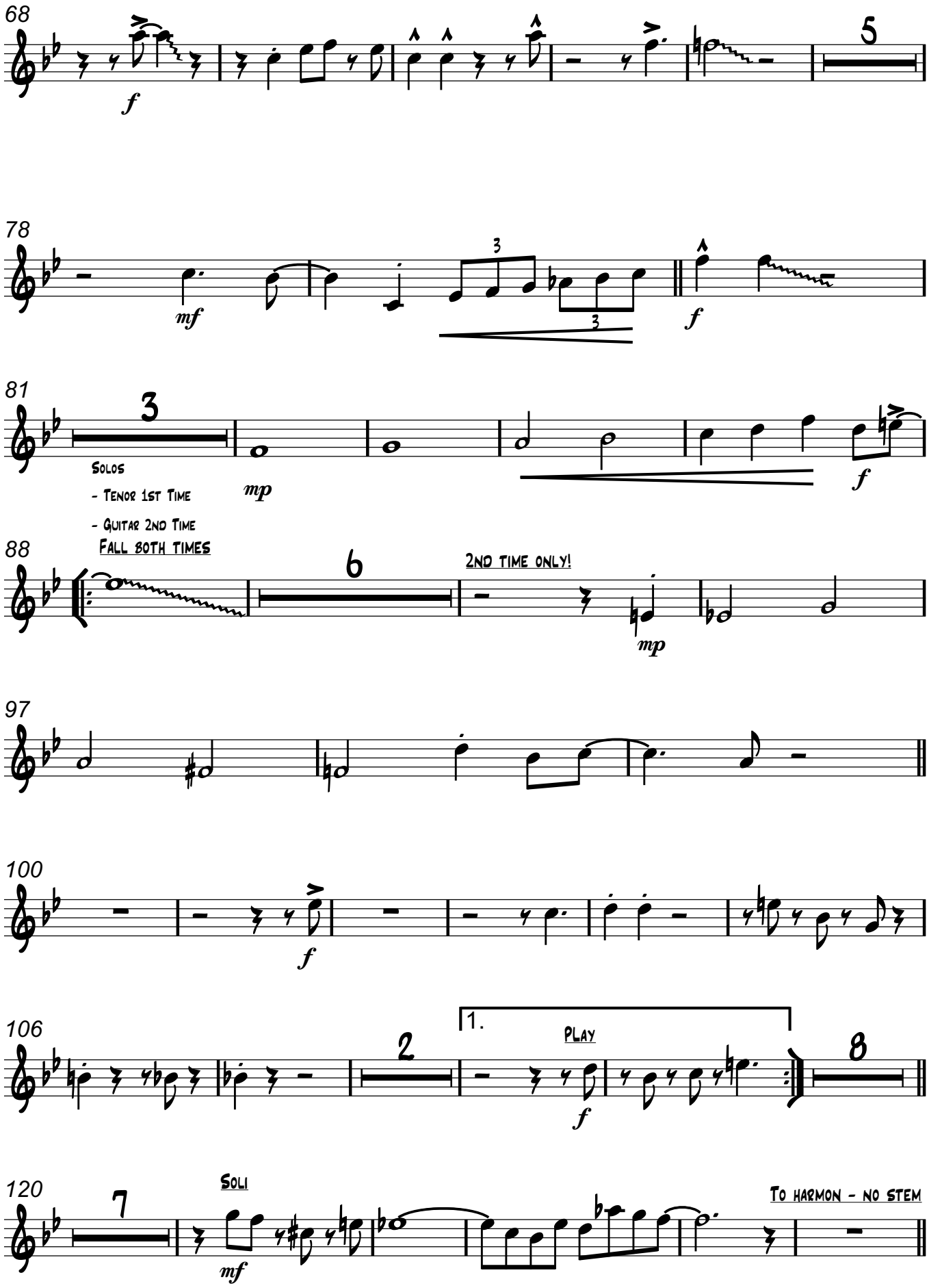
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Fall both times
6
2nd time only!
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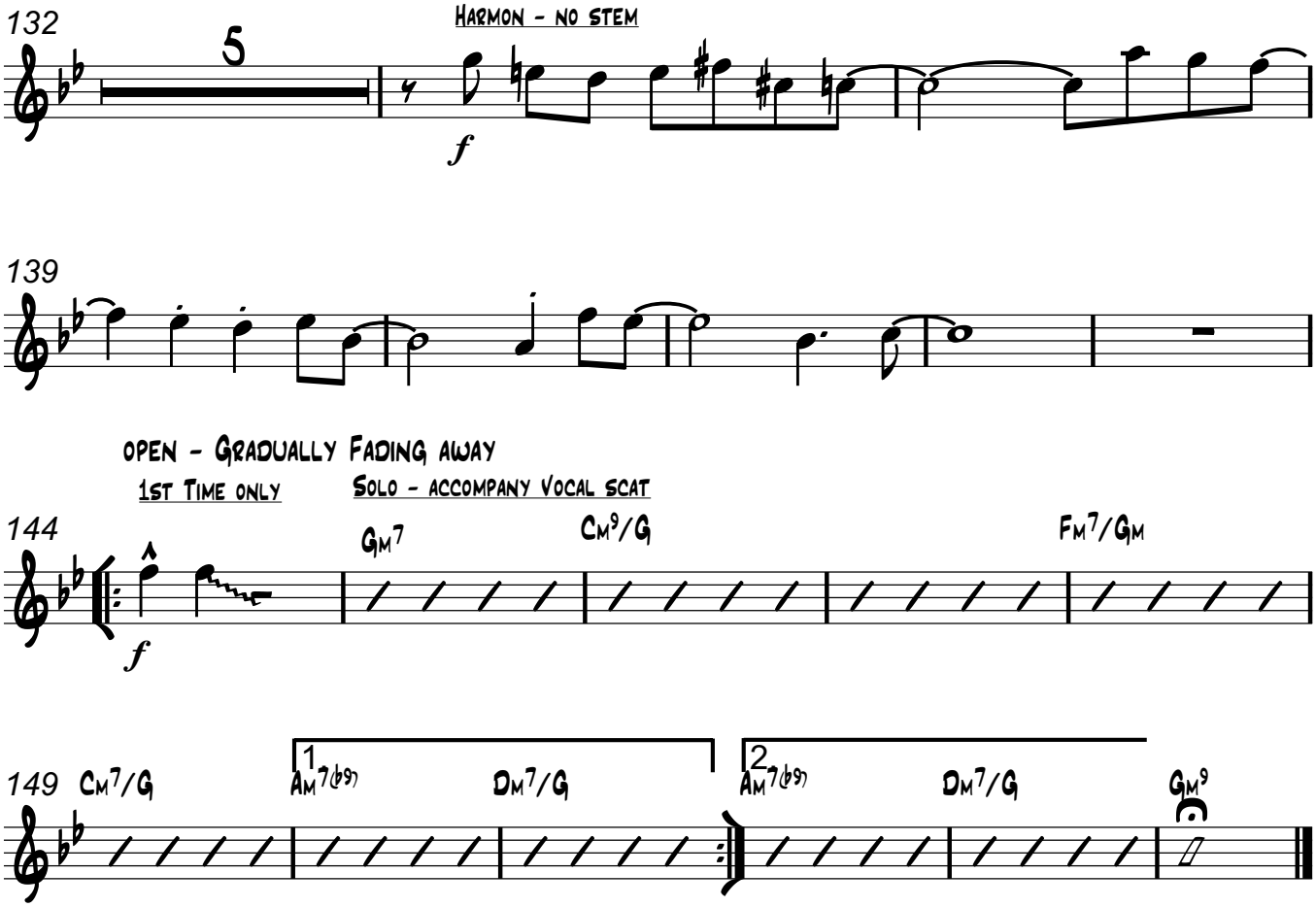
f
106
2
1.
Play
f
8
120
7
Soli
mf
To harmon - no stem

3rd Trumpet


132
5
HARMON - NO STEM
f
139
OPEN - GRADUALLY FADING AWAY
1ST TIME ONLY
SOLO - ACCOMPANY VOCAL SCAT
144
GM7
CM9/G
FM7/GM
f
149
CM7/G
1
AM7(b9)
DM7/G
2
AM7(b9)
DM7/G
GM9

4th Trumpet

Killing Me Softly With His Song

Fox/Gimbel

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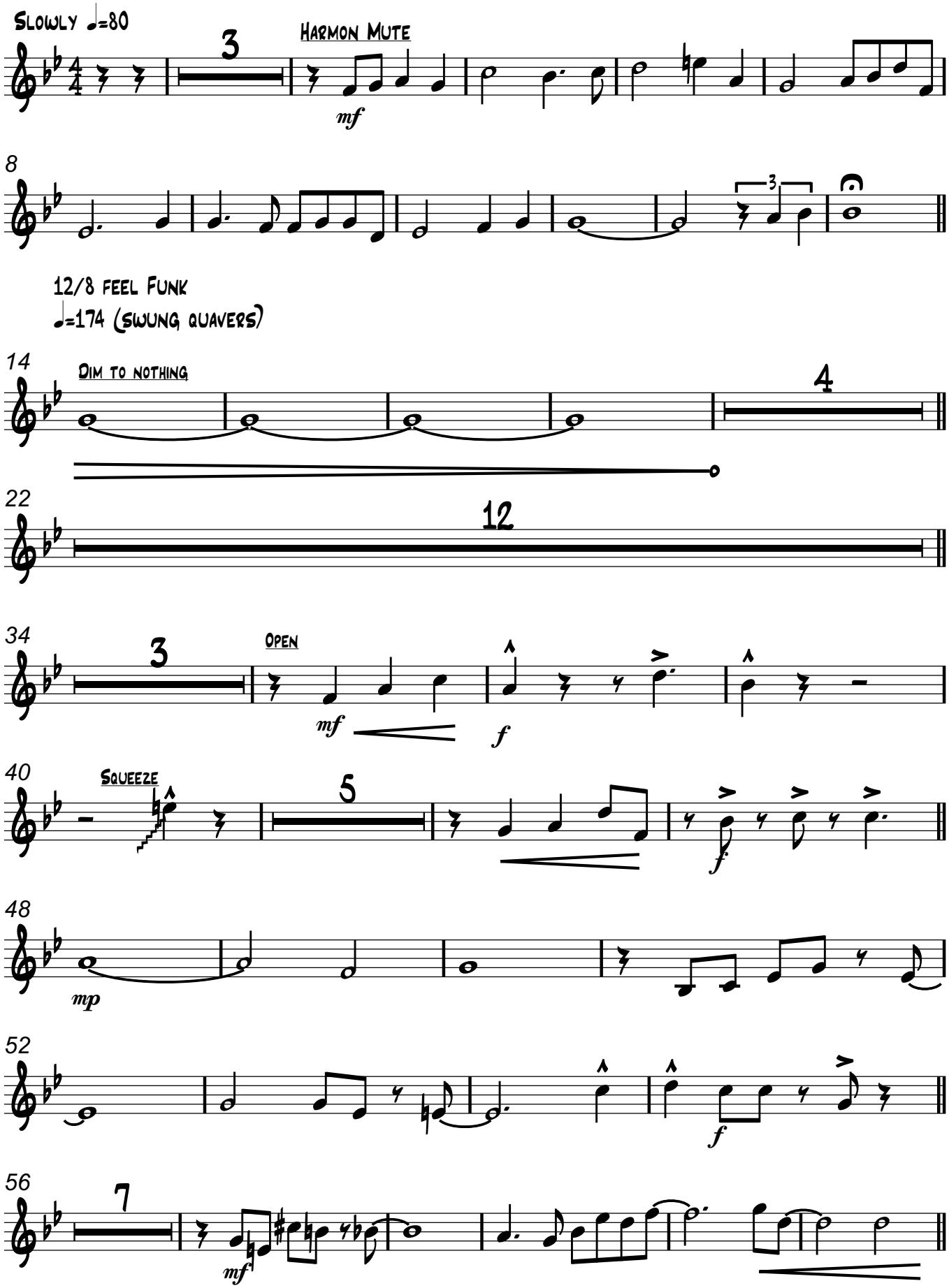
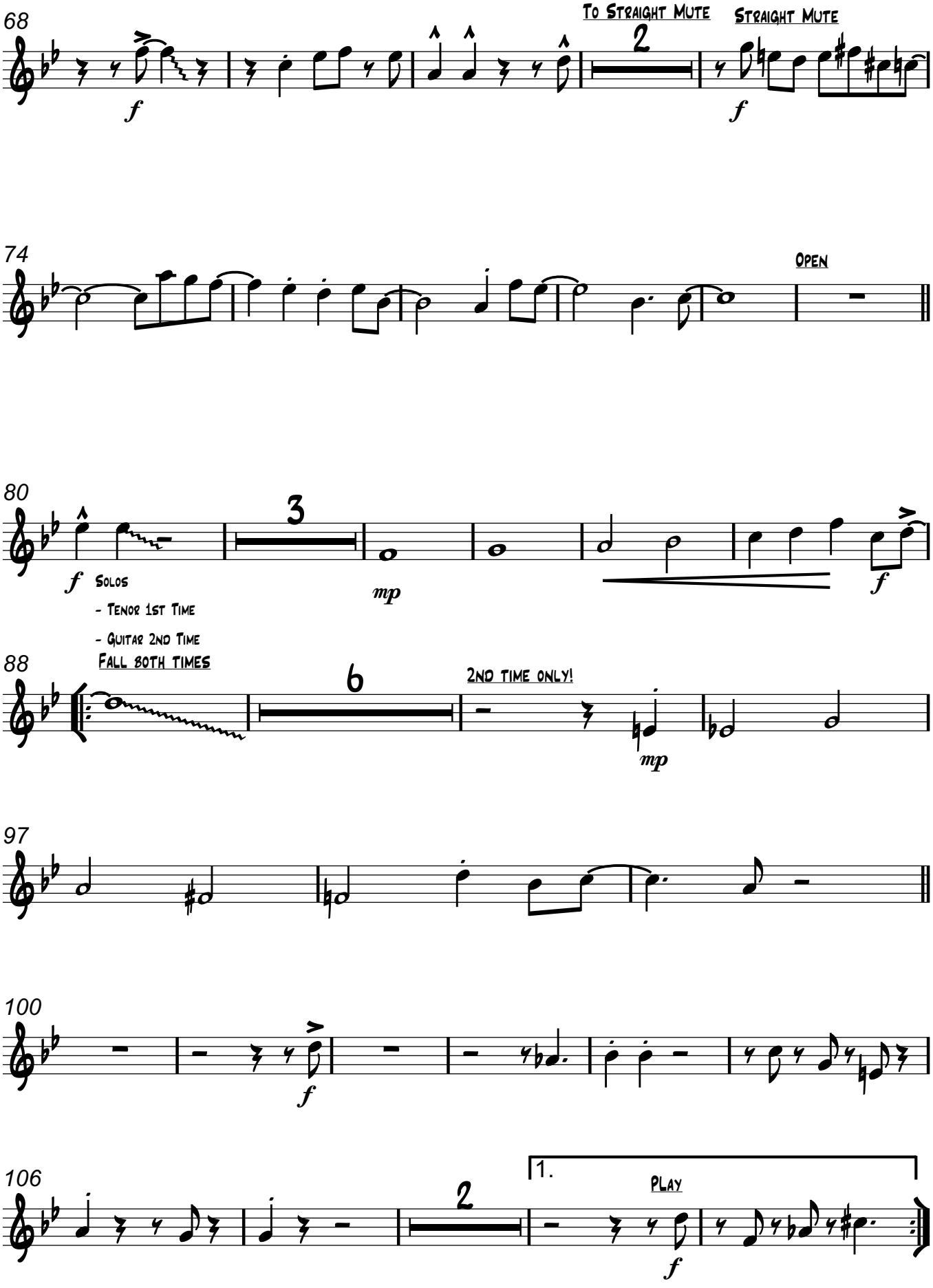


4th Trumpet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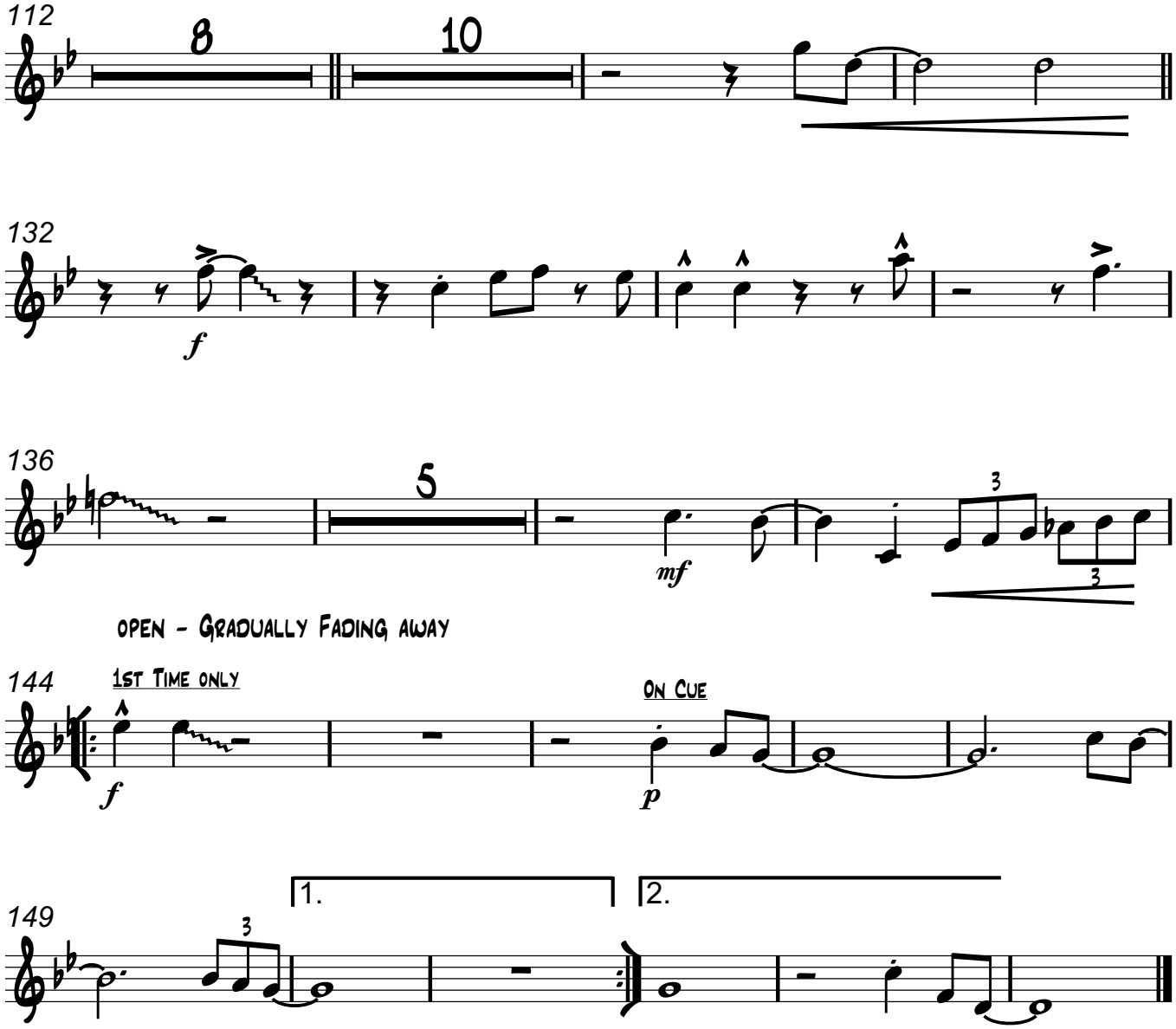
To Straight Mute
Straight Mute
2
f
f
74
Open
80
3
f
mp
f
Solos
- Tenor 1st Time
- Guitar 2nd Time
88
Fall both times
6
2nd time only!
mp
97
100
f
106
2
1.
Play
f

4th Trumpet


112
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144
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1st Trombone

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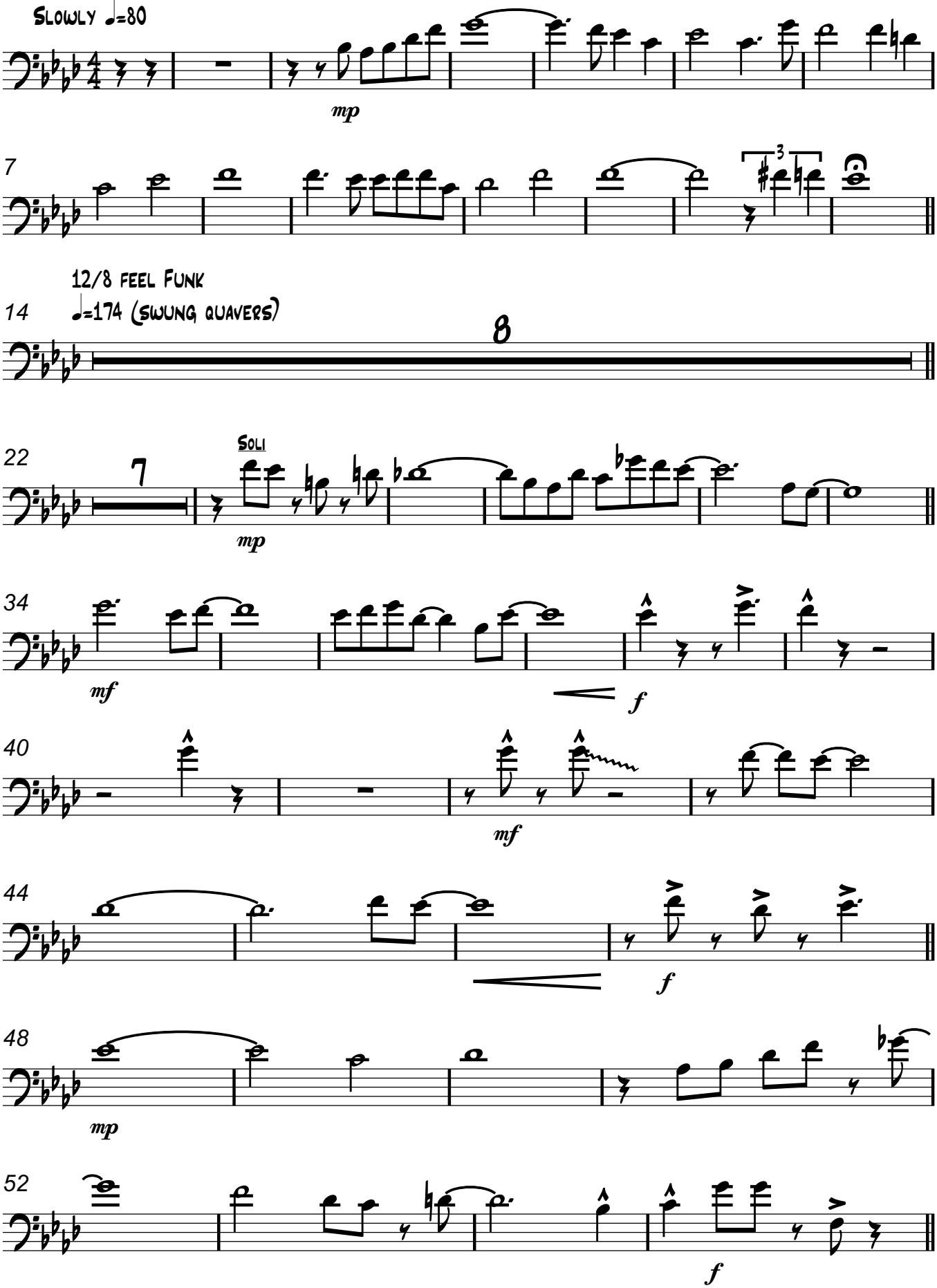


1st Trombone

56 PLAY IF NO STRINGS

p

62 Play

mf

68

f

73

mf

78

f *mf* *f*

Solos

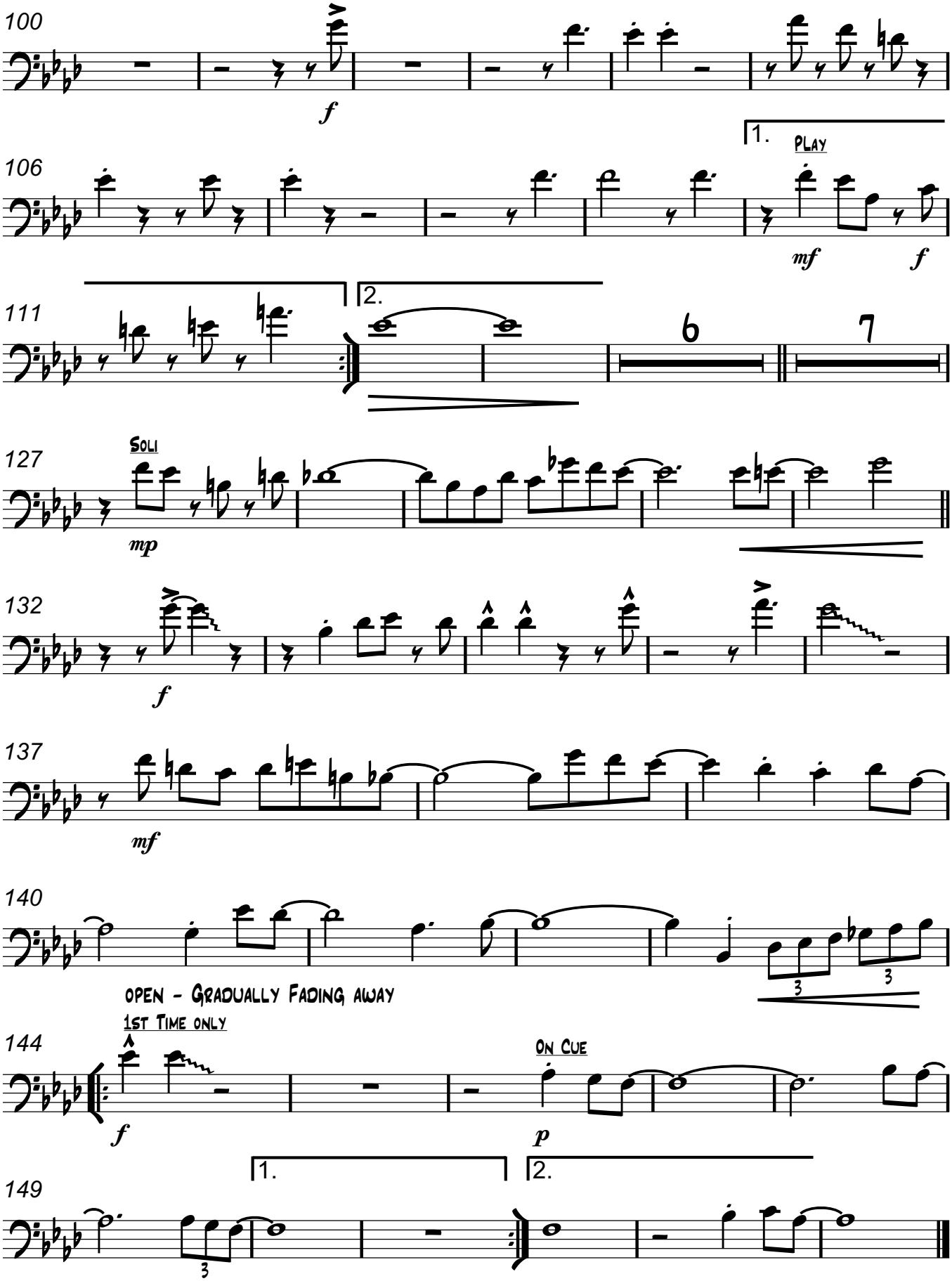
- Tenor 1st Time
- Guitar 2nd Time

88 Fall both times 2nd time only!

mf

94

1st Trombone



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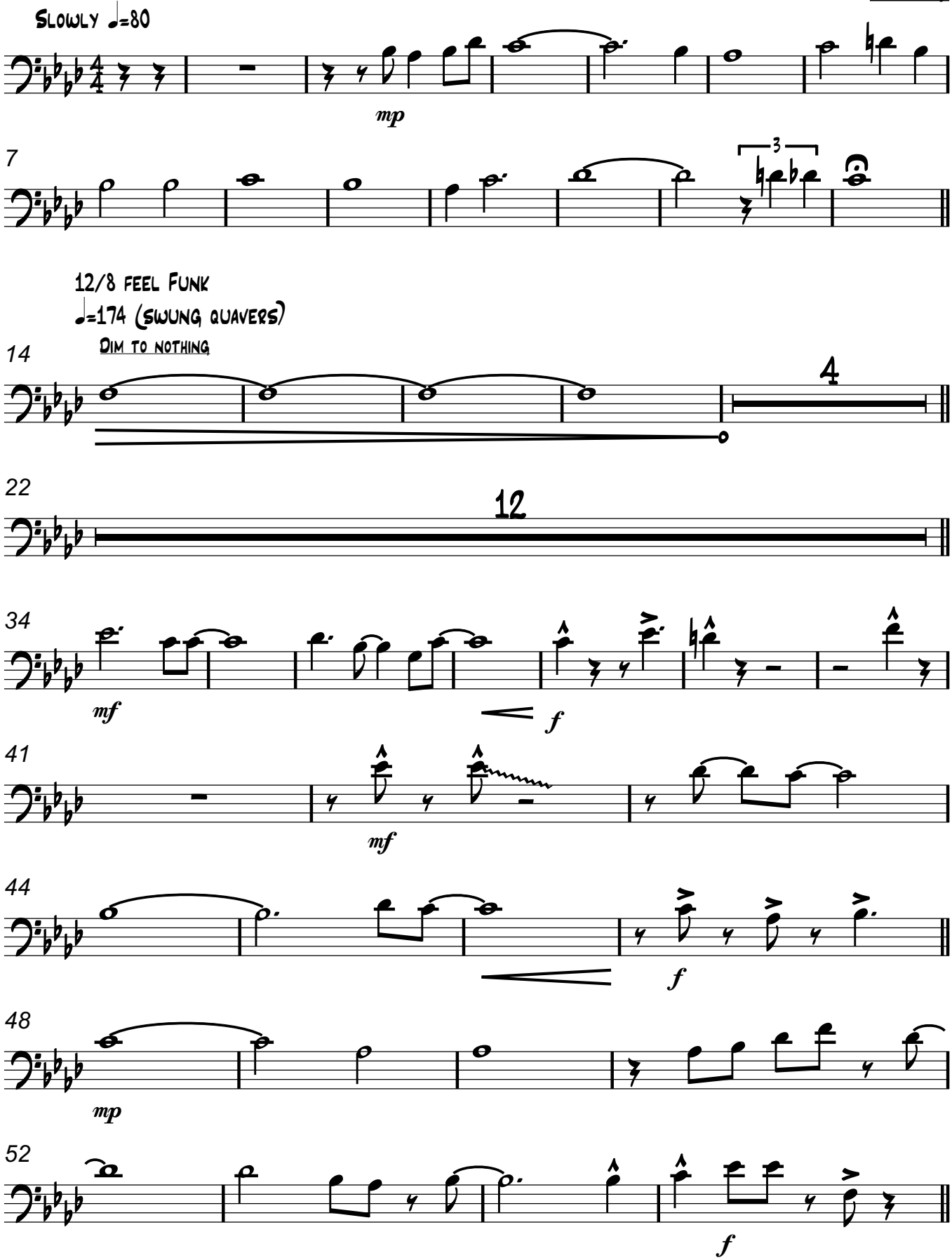

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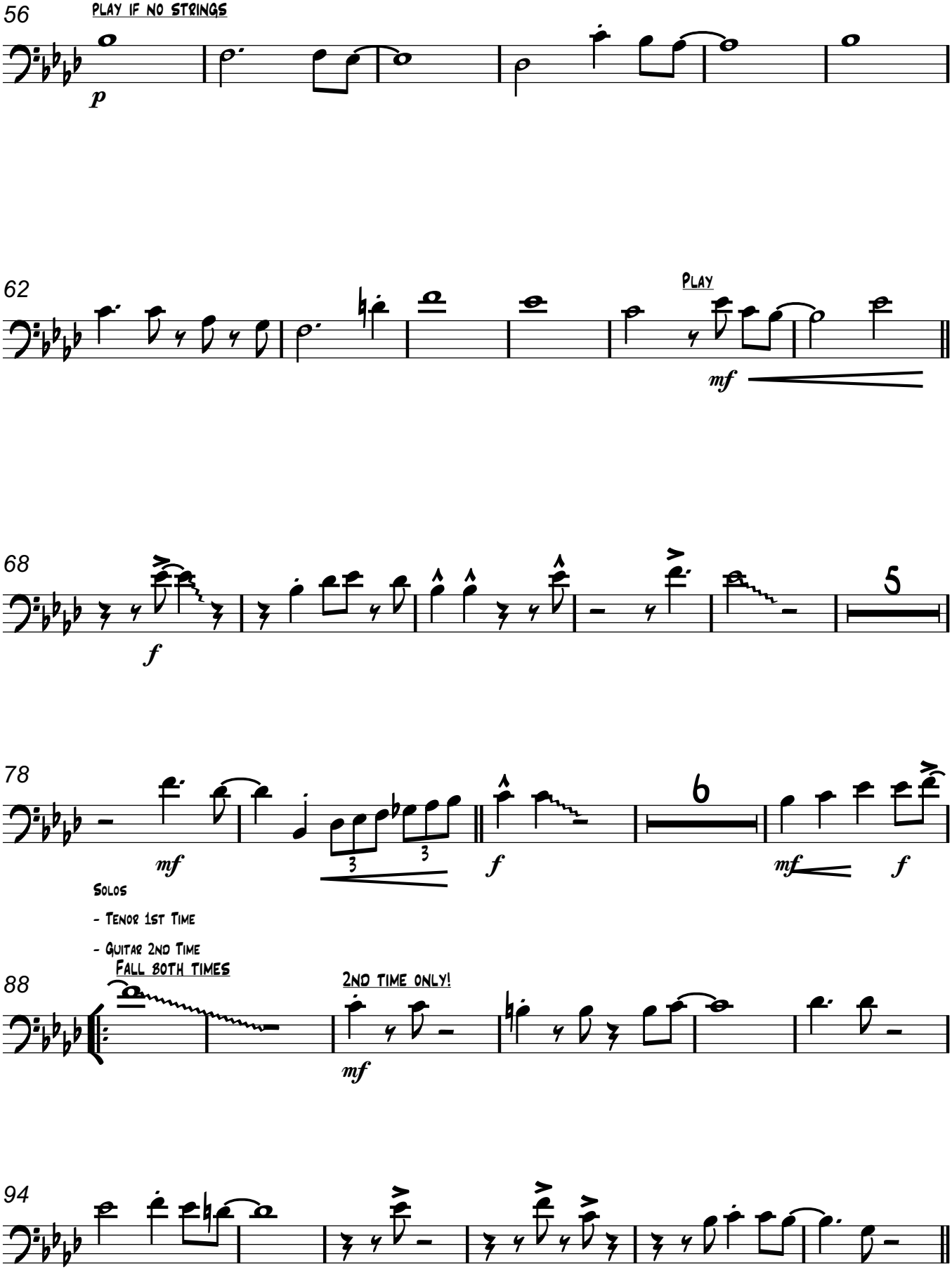

2nd Trombone

100

f

106

1. PLAY

mf *f*

111

2.

6 10

132

f

5

142

OPEN - GRADUALLY FADING AWAY

1ST TIME ONLY

1.

mf *f*

5 2 3

3rd Trombone

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Fox/Gimbel

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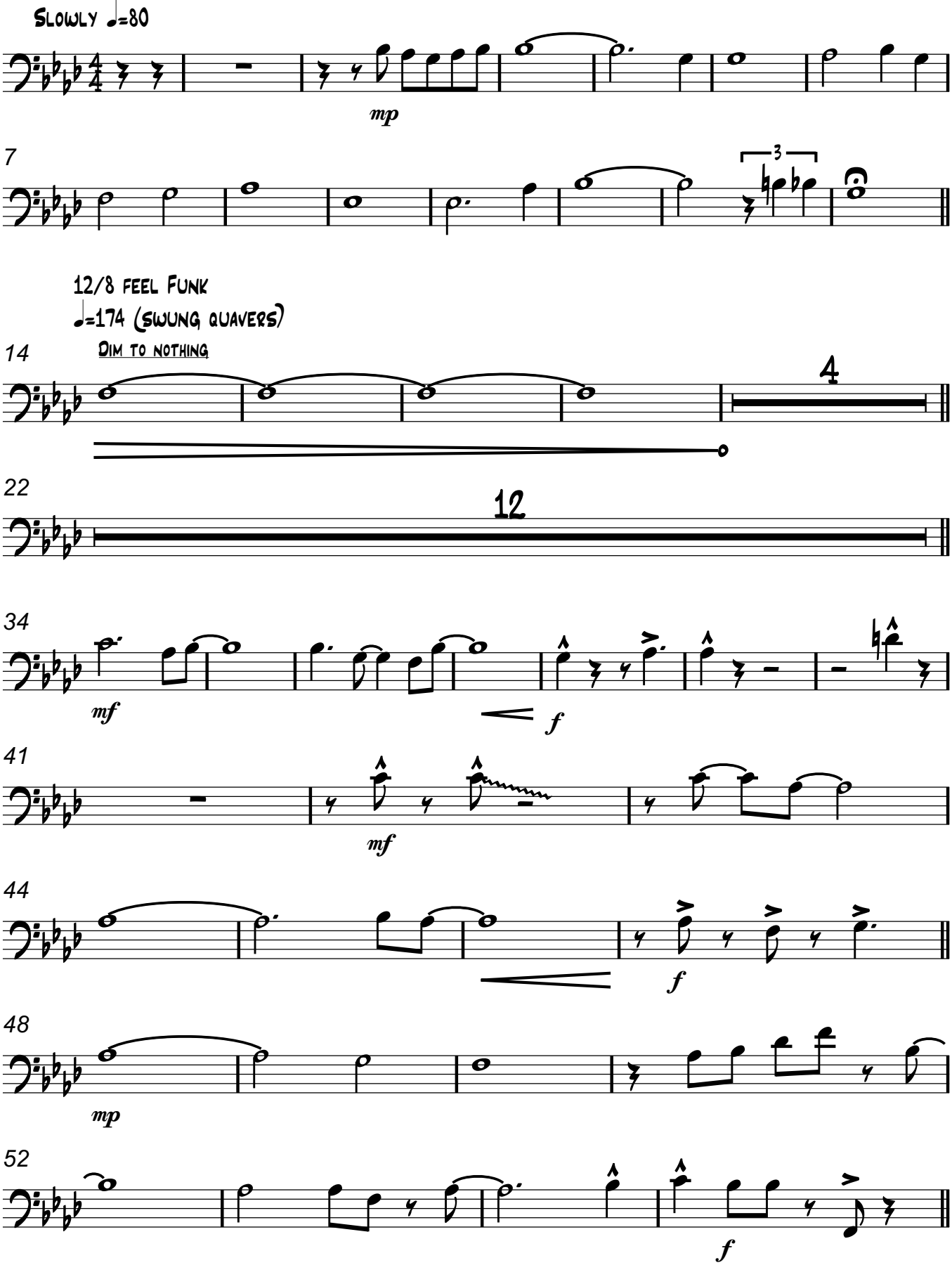

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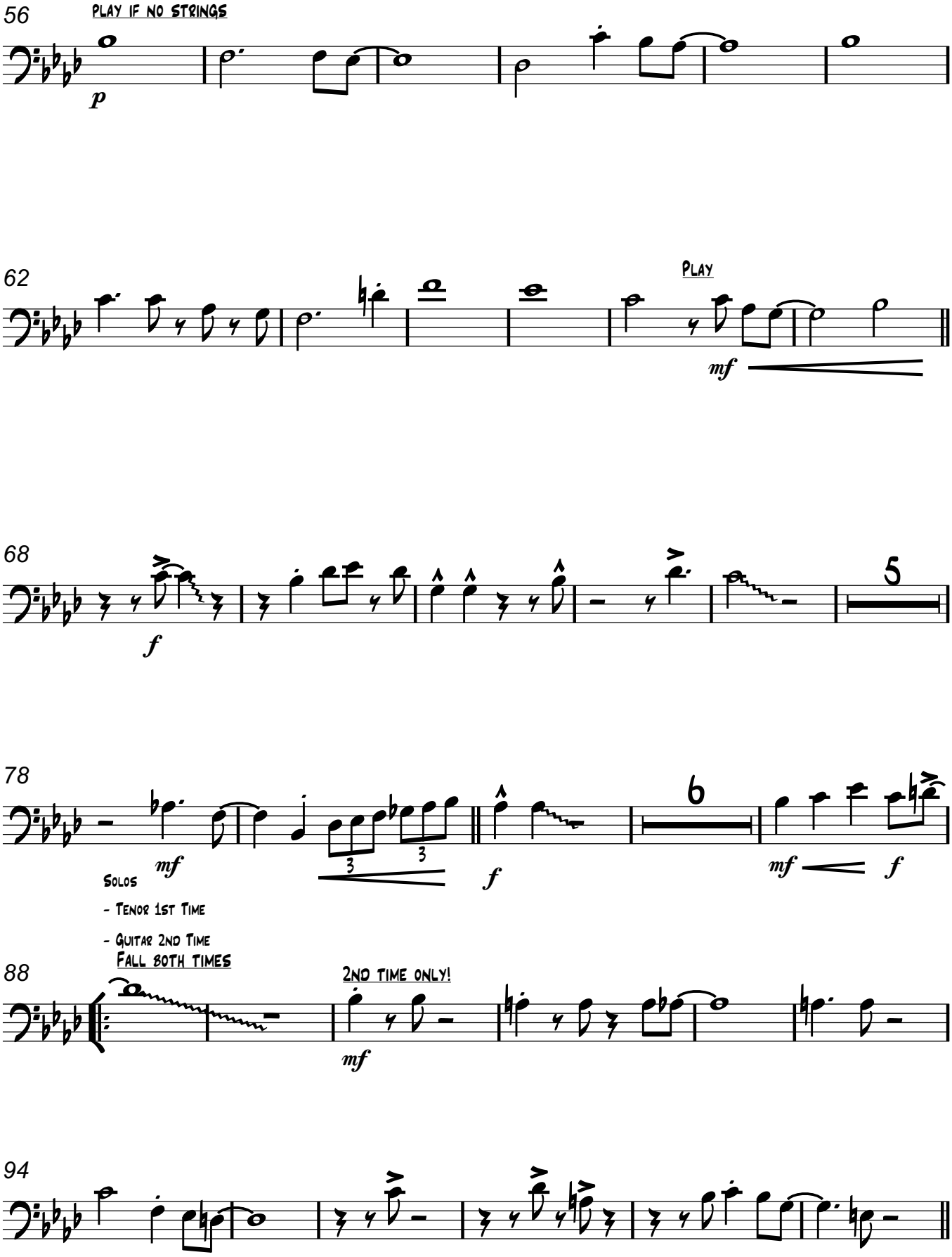

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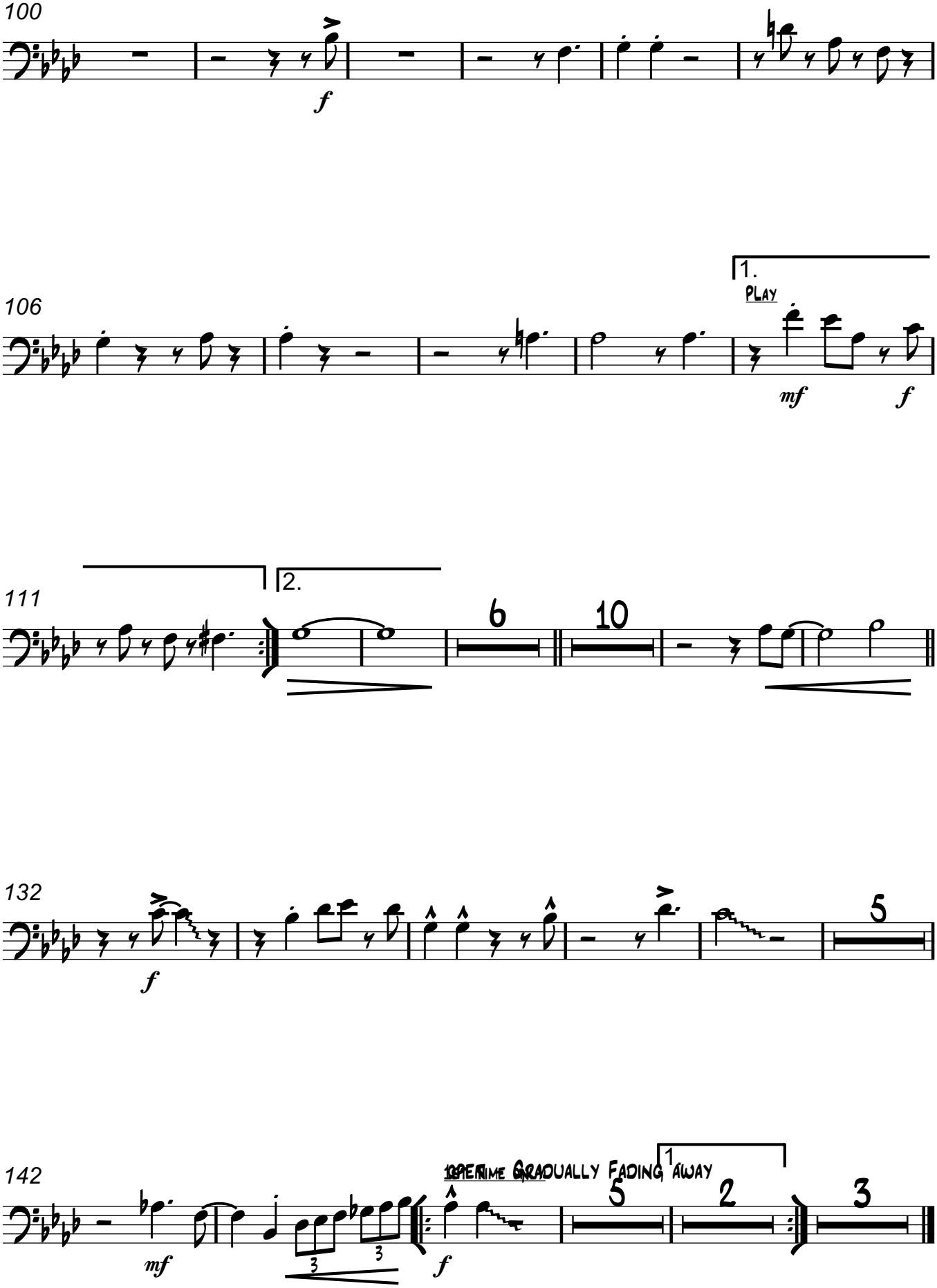

Bass Trombone

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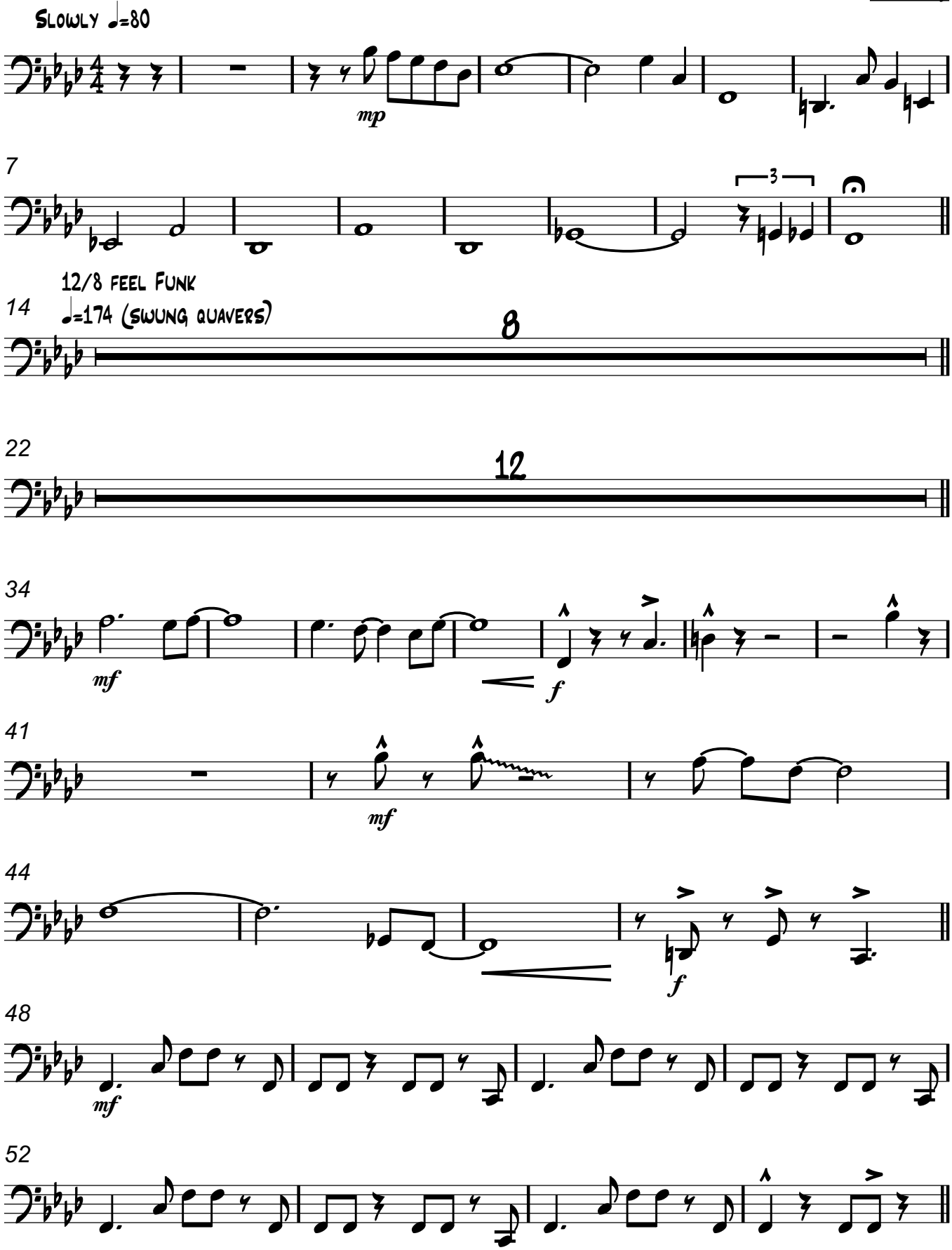
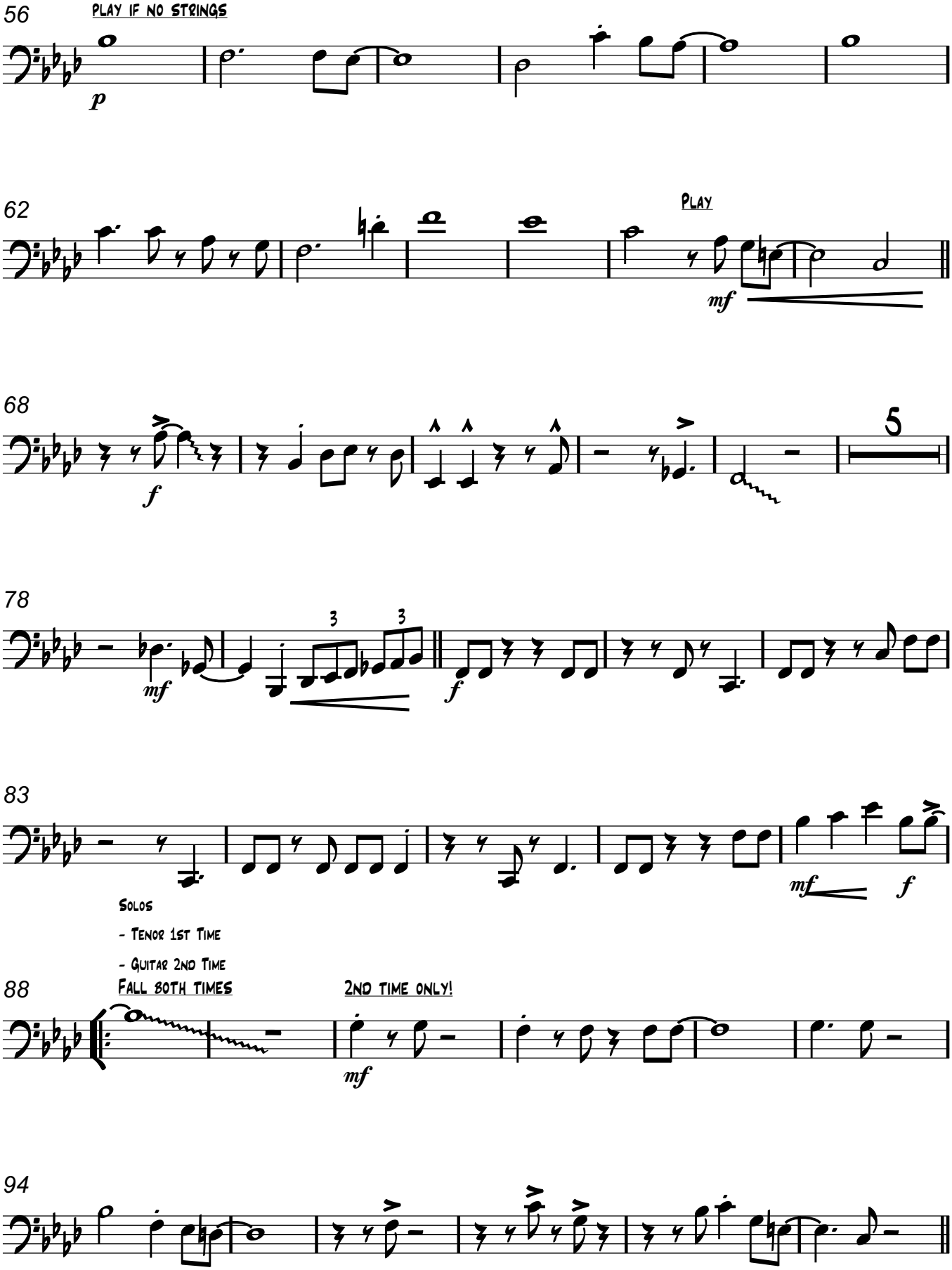
KILLING ME SOFTLY WITH HIS SONG

Fox/Gimbel

Arr. Matt Amy



Bass Trombone



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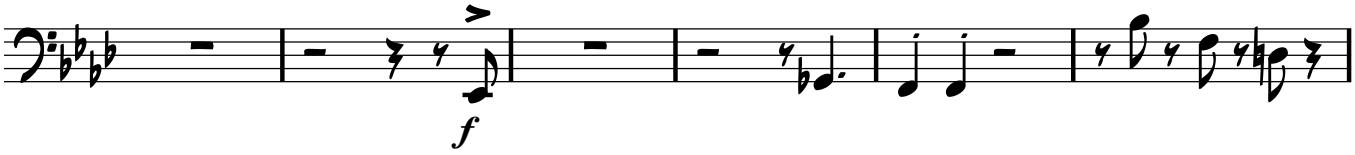

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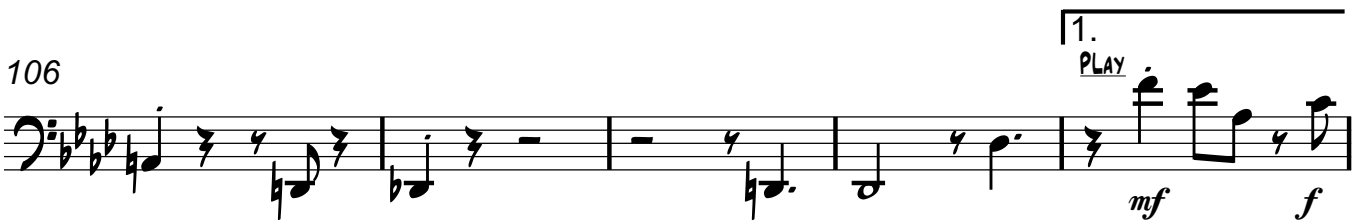

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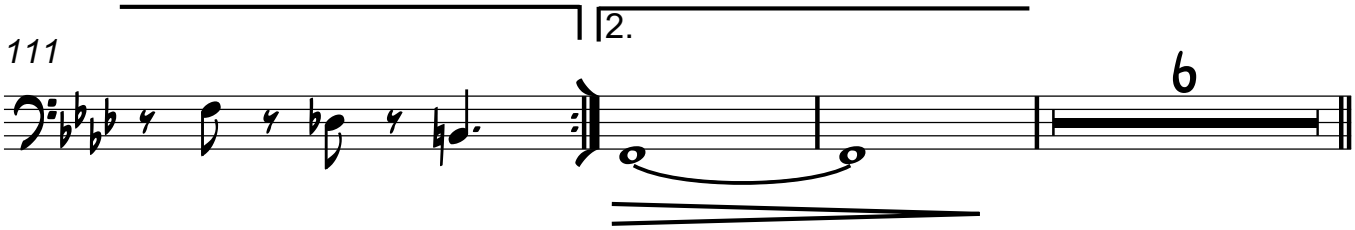

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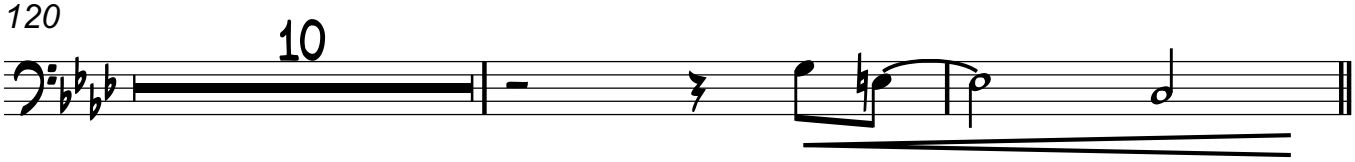

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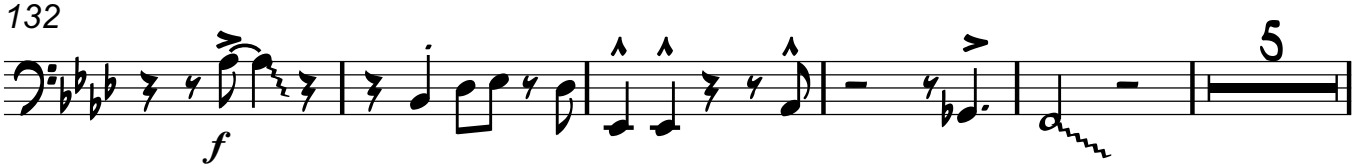

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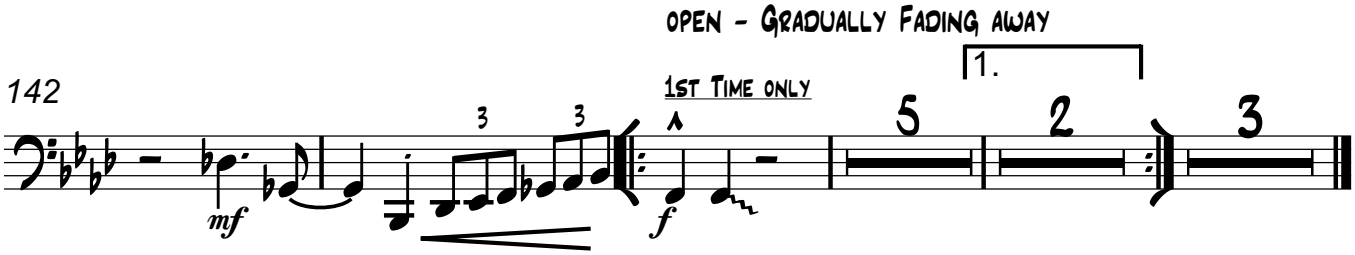

Guitar

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Slowly ♩=80

12

12/8 feel Funk

♩=174 (swung quavers)

14 Solo Fm^7 B^bm^9/F

18 E^bm^7/Fm B^bm^7/F $Gm^{7(b9)}$ Cm^7/F

22 Comp B^bm^9/F E^{b9} A^bMAJ^9 D^bMAJ^9 B^bm^7 E^{b9}

28 Fm^{11} Bm^{7b5} B^bm^9

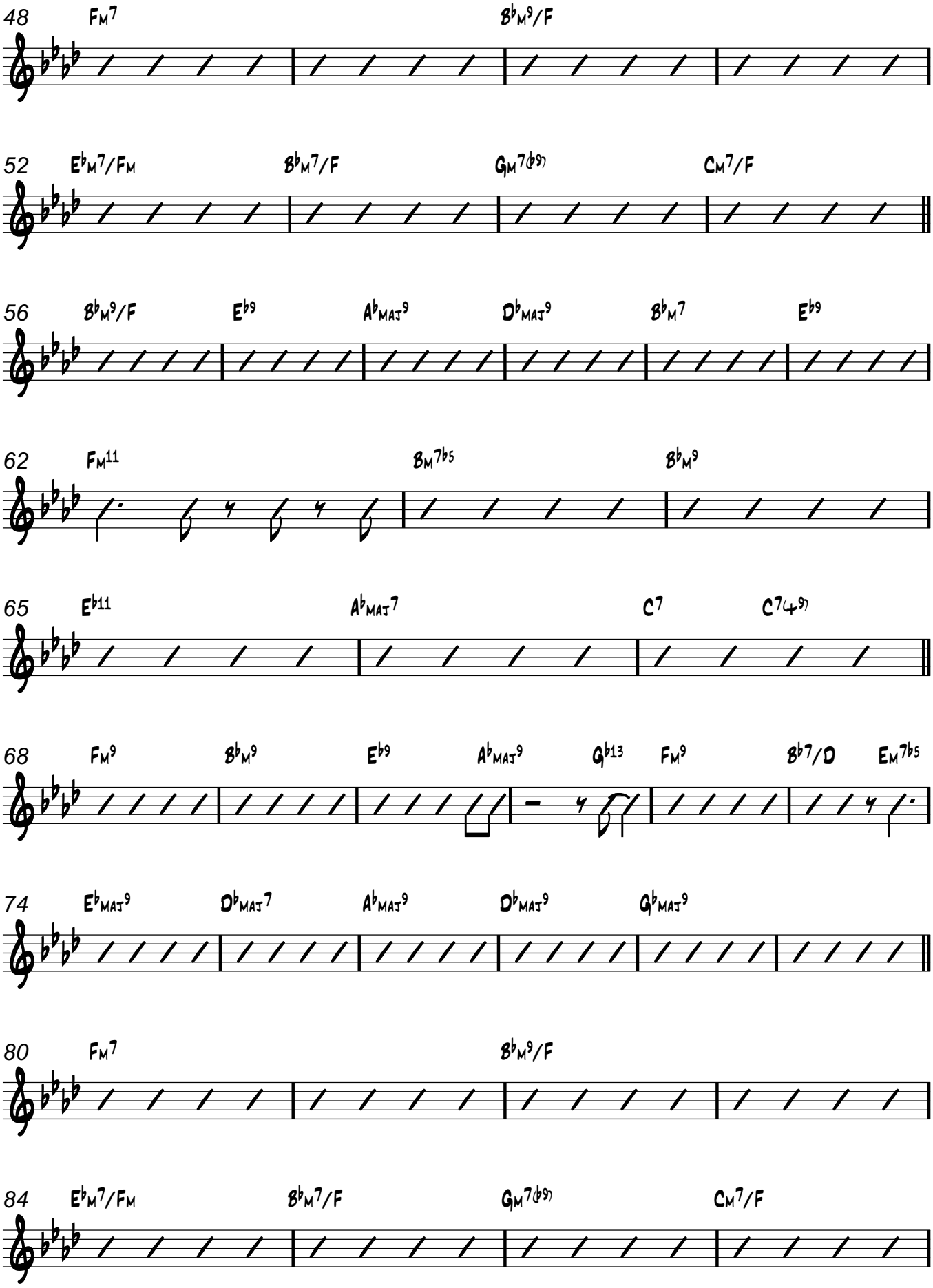
31 E^{b11} A^bMAJ^7 C^7

34 Fm^9 B^bm^9 E^{b9} A^bMAJ^9 Fm^9 B^{b7}/D Em^{7b5}

40 E^bMAJ^9 D^bMAJ^9 A^bMAJ^9 D^bMAJ^7

44 G^bMAJ^7 Fm^9 Dm^{9b5} Gm^9 $Cm^{7(b9)}$

Guitar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Dbmaj9
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C7
C7(+9)
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80
Fm7
Bbm9/F
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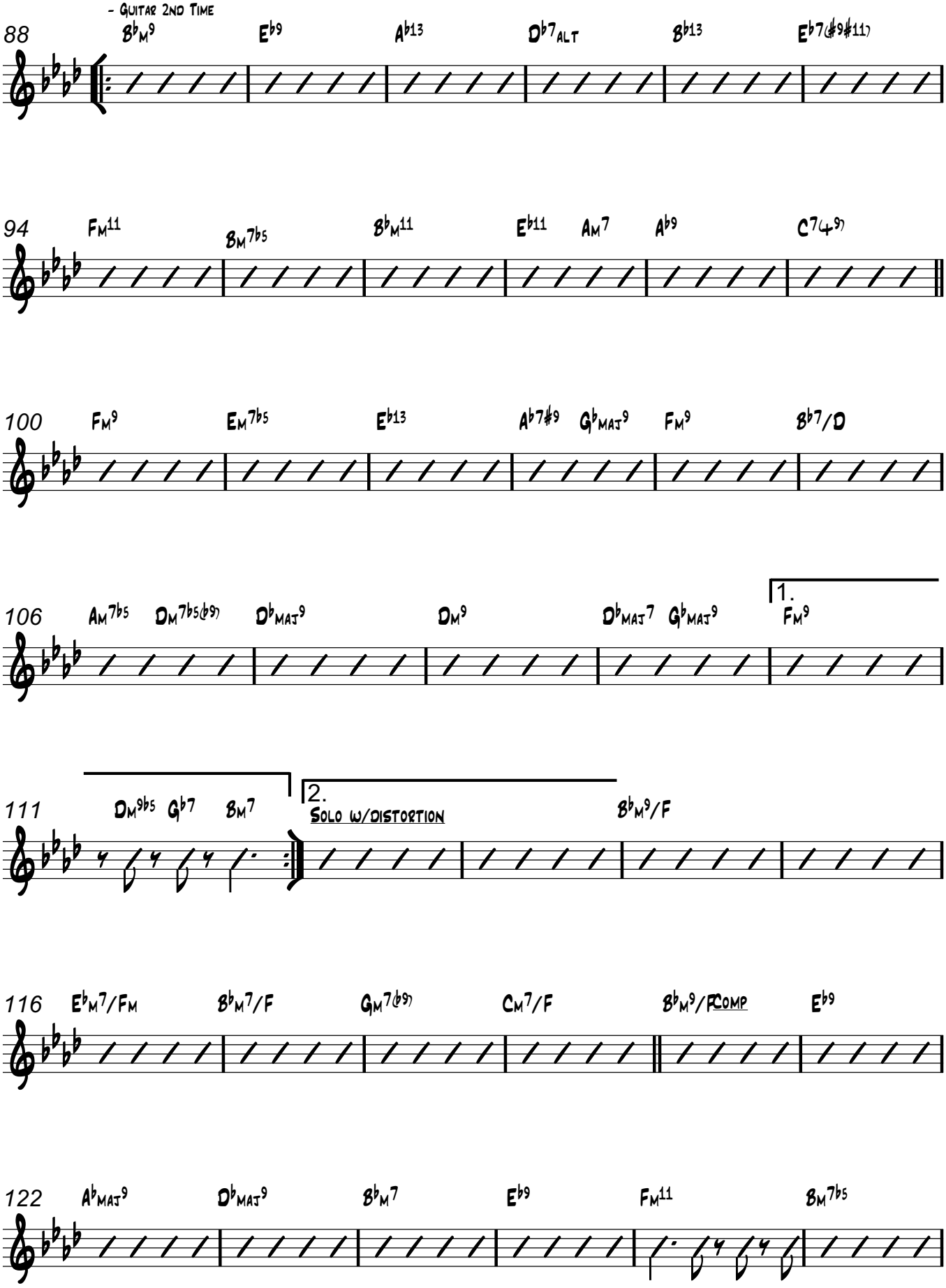
Guitar

Solos

- Tenor 1st Time
- Guitar 2nd Time



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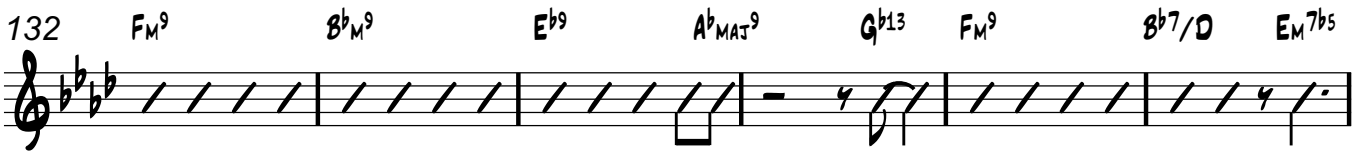

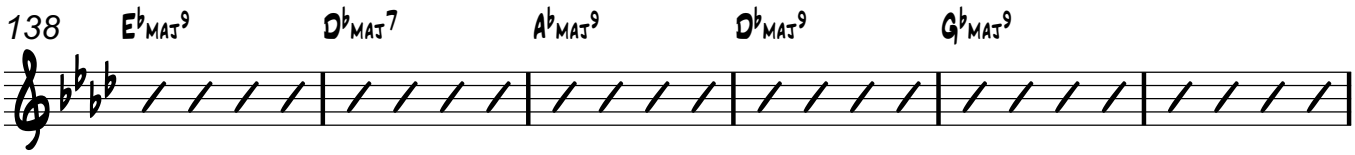

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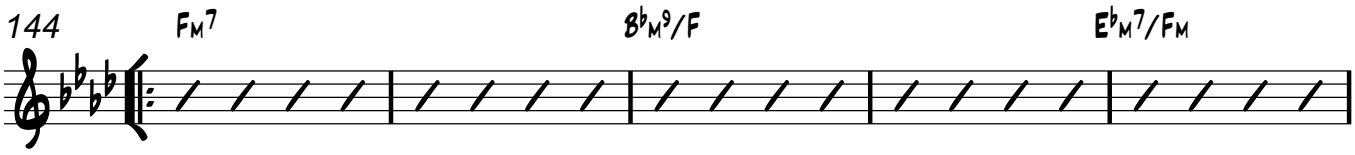

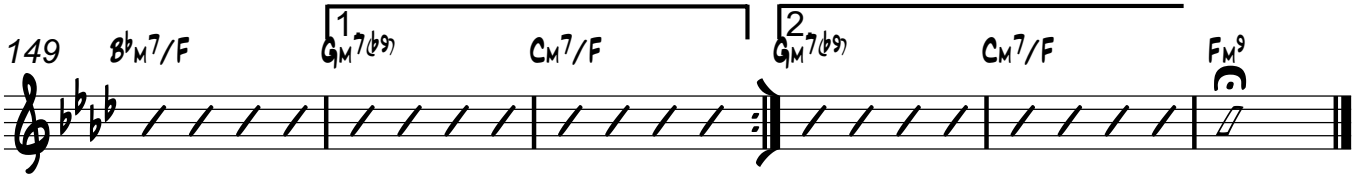

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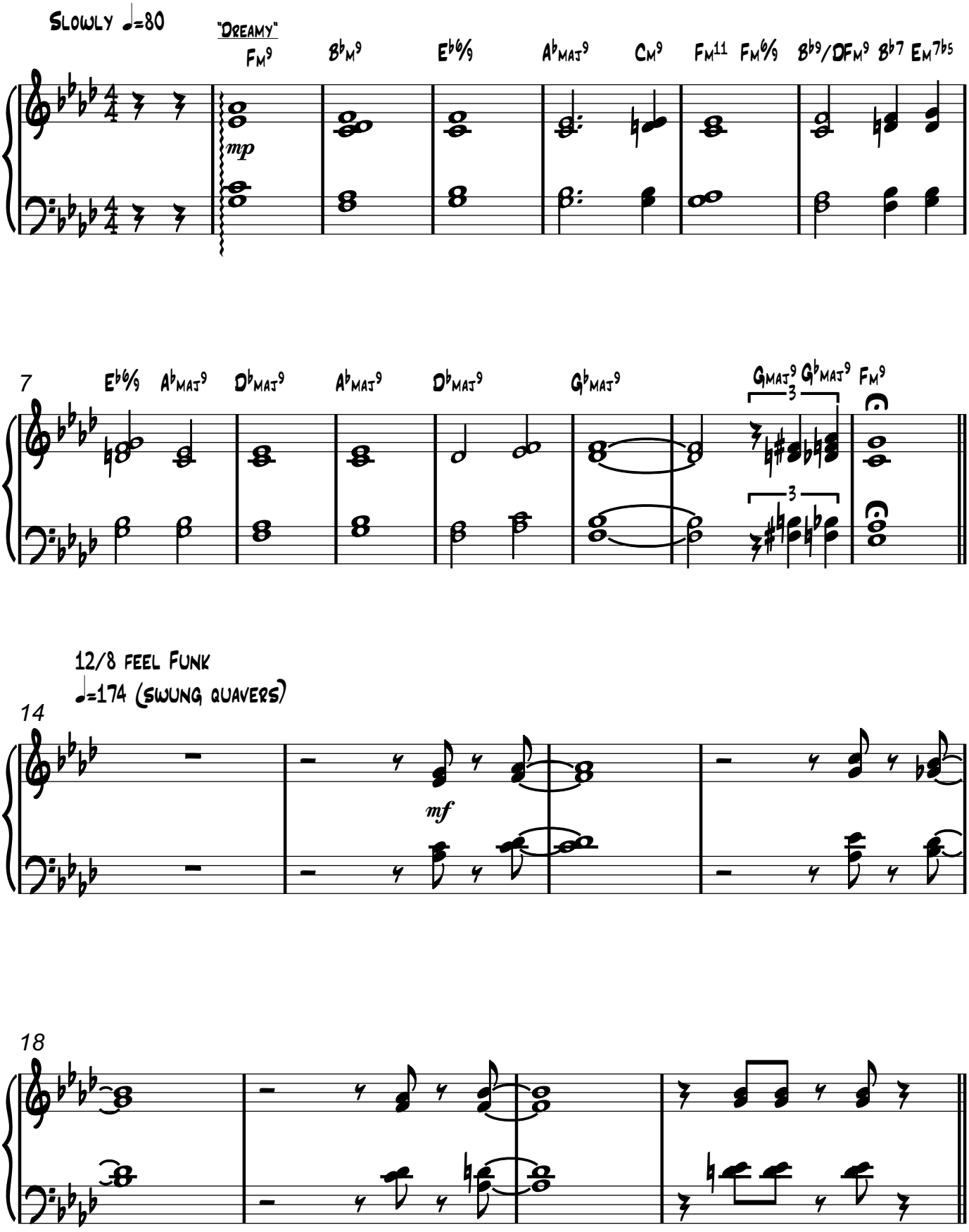

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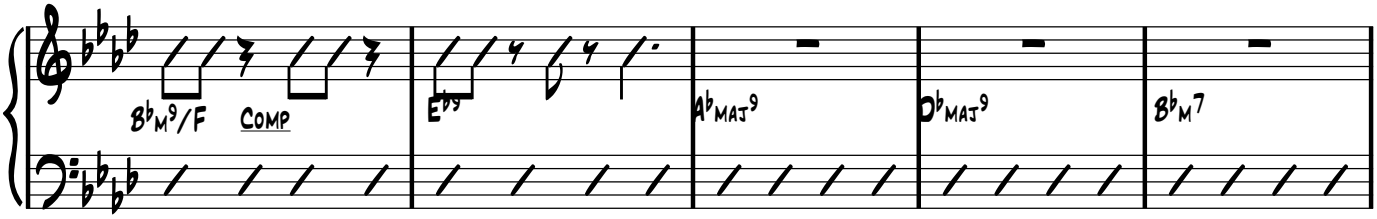

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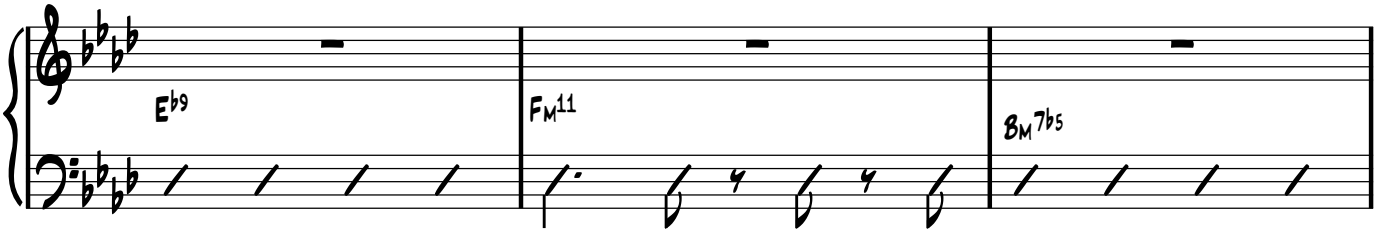

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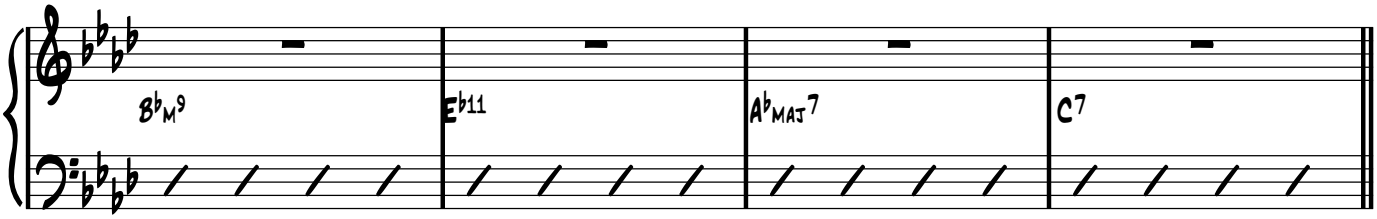

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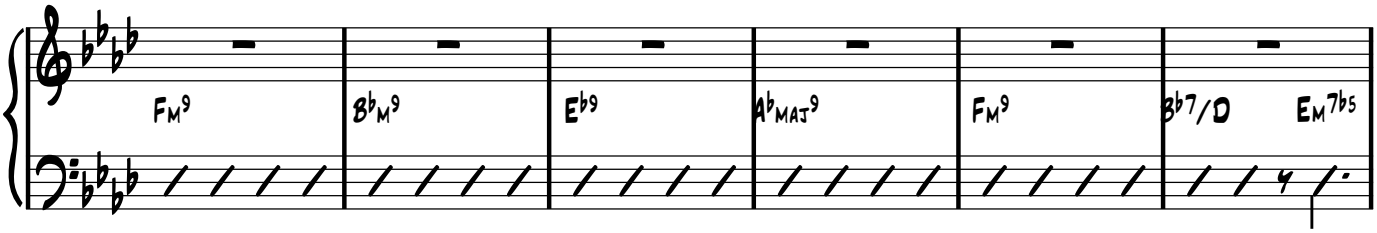

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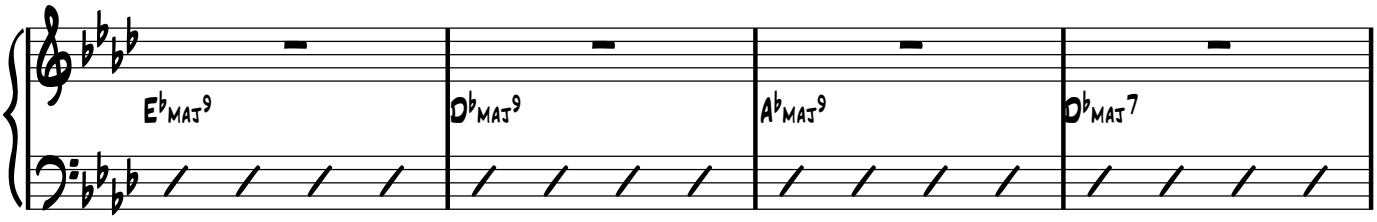

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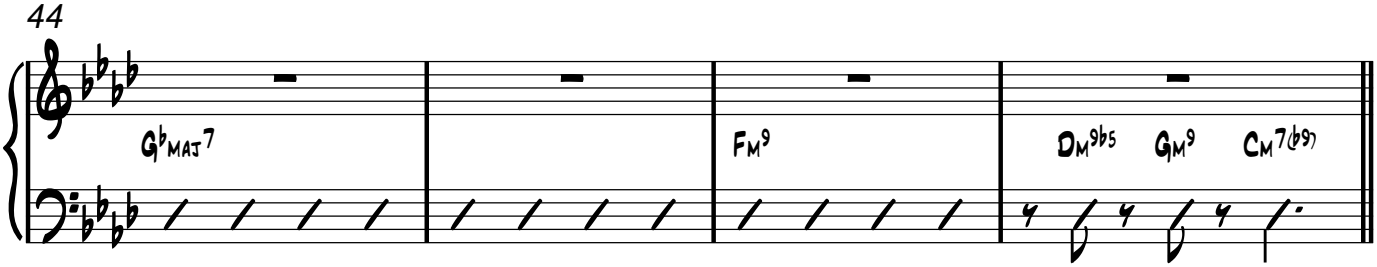

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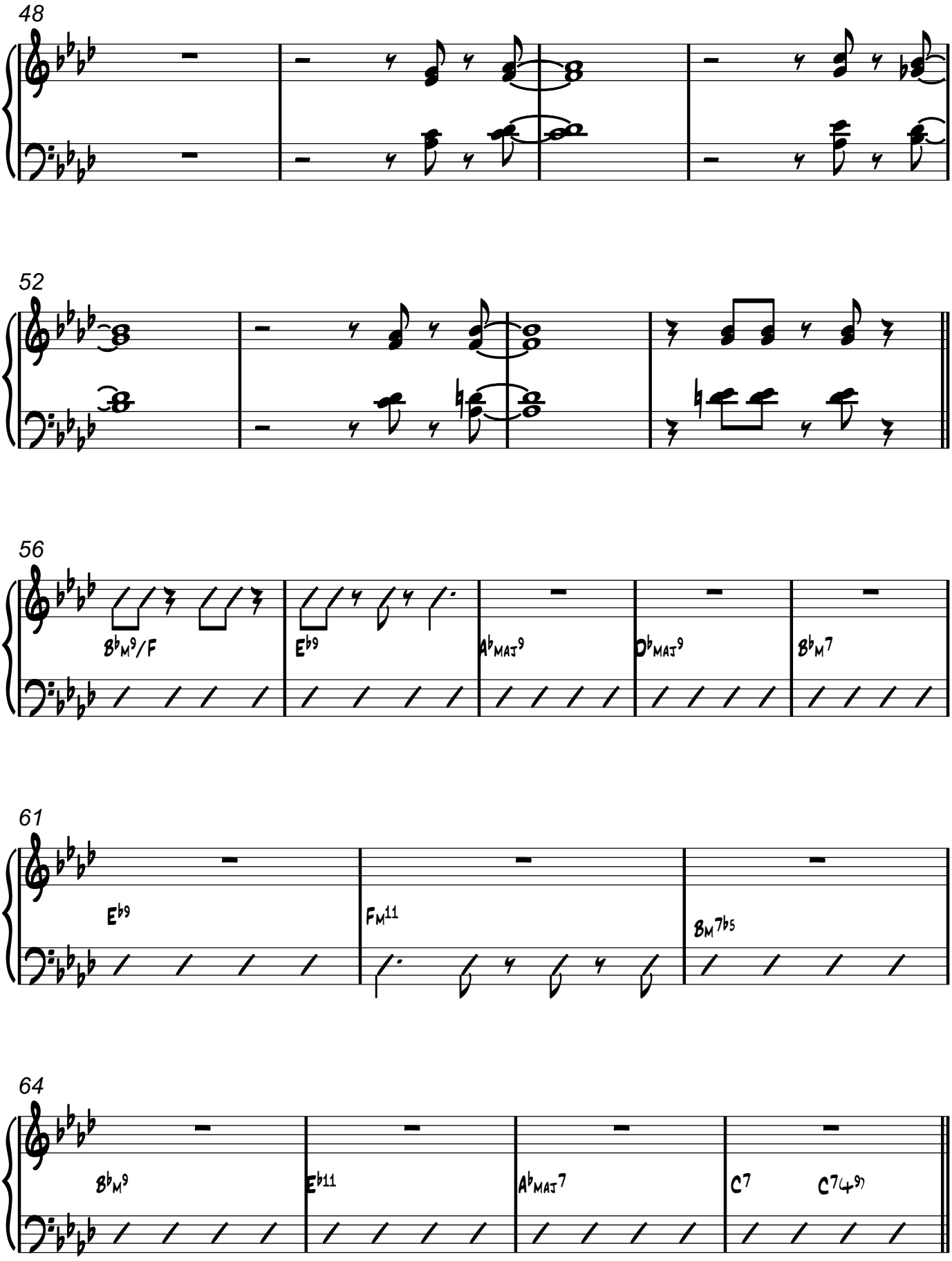

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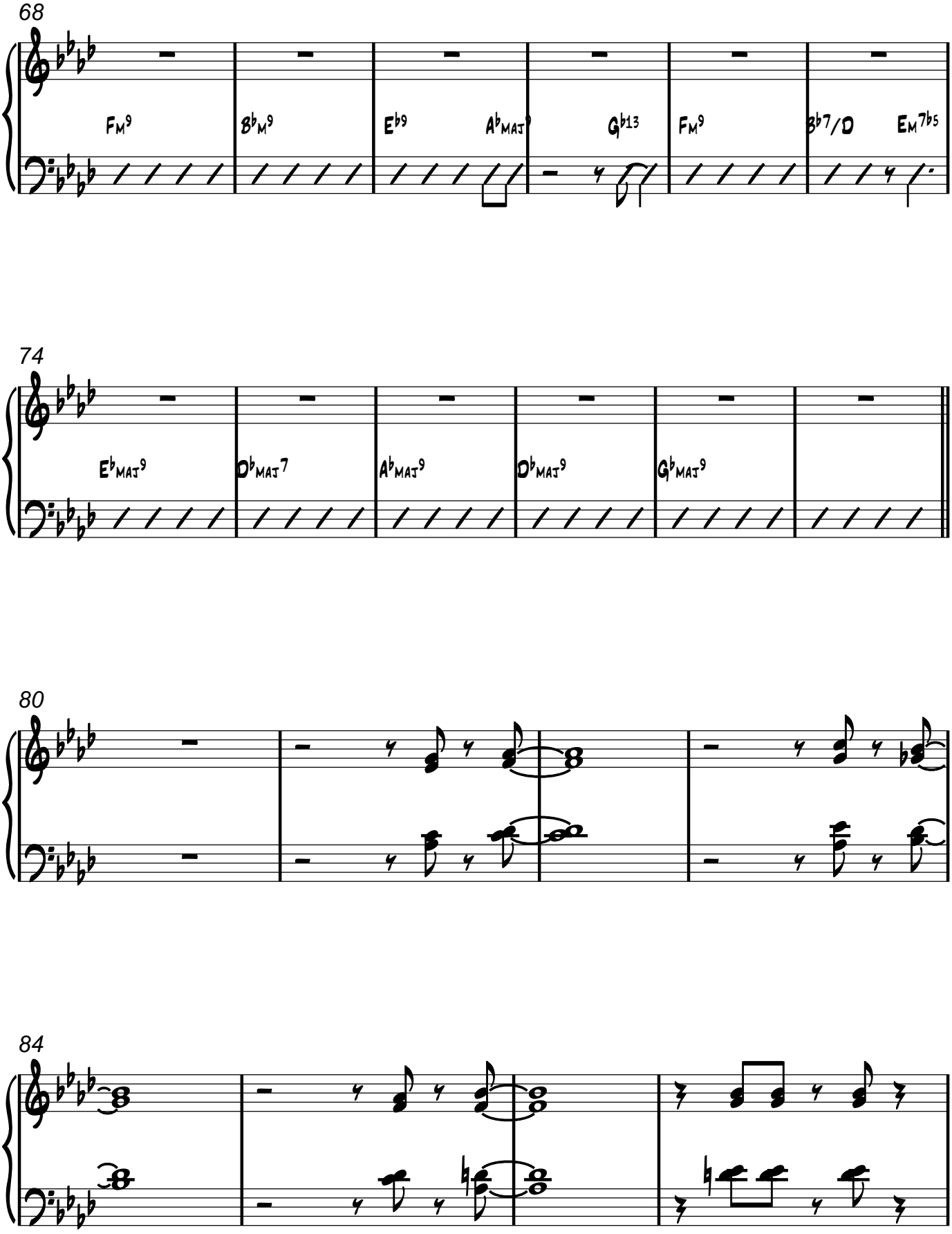

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Solos
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- Guitar 2nd Time

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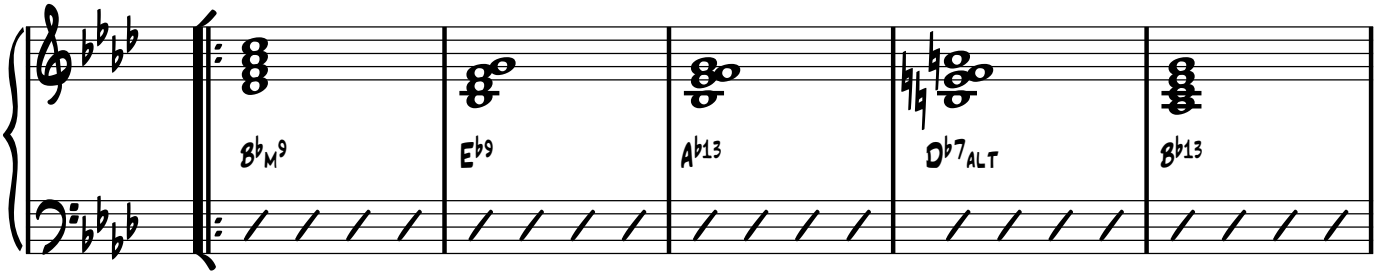

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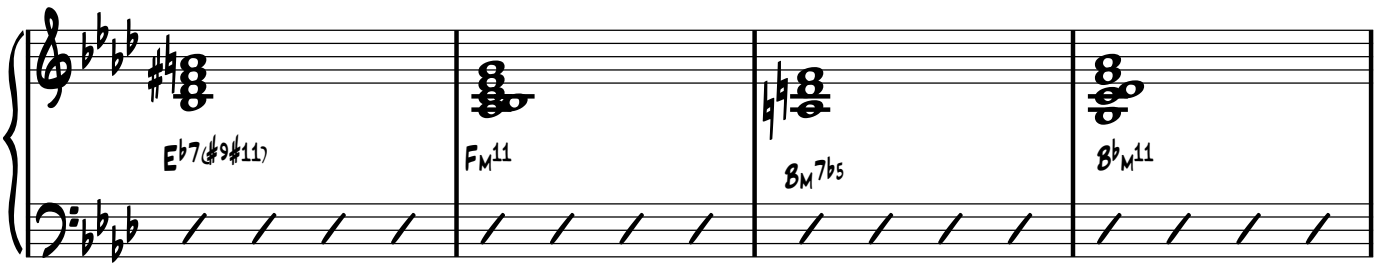

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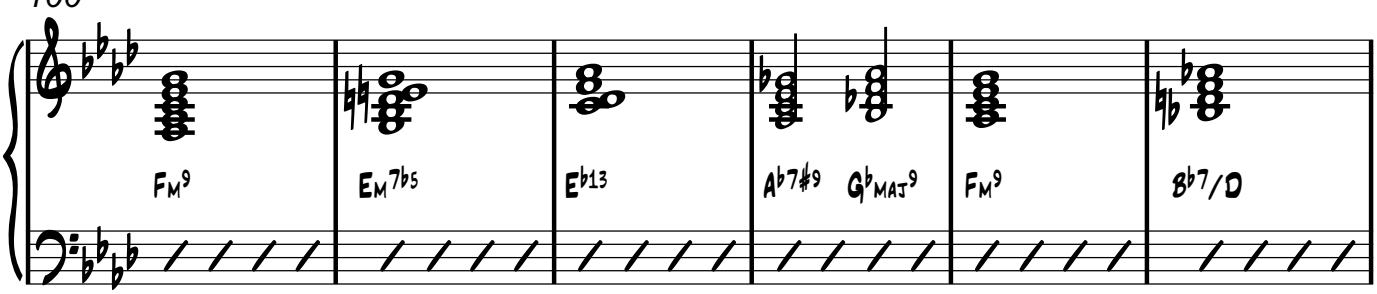

Piano
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1.

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2.

Dm9b5 Gb7 Bm7

mf

115

120

Bbm9/F COMP Eb9 Ab MAJ9 Db MAJ9 Bbm7

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Eb9 Fm11 Bm7b5

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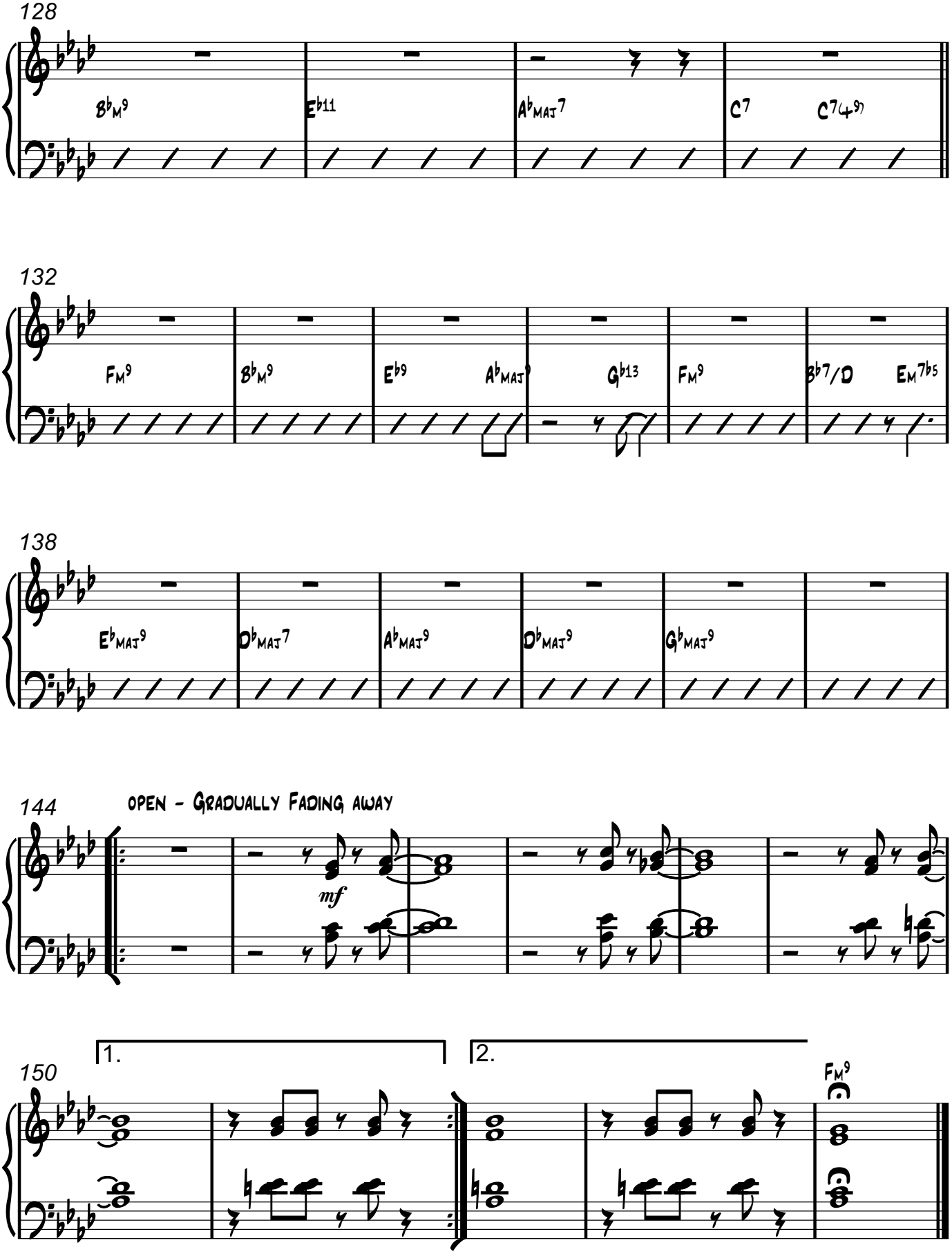

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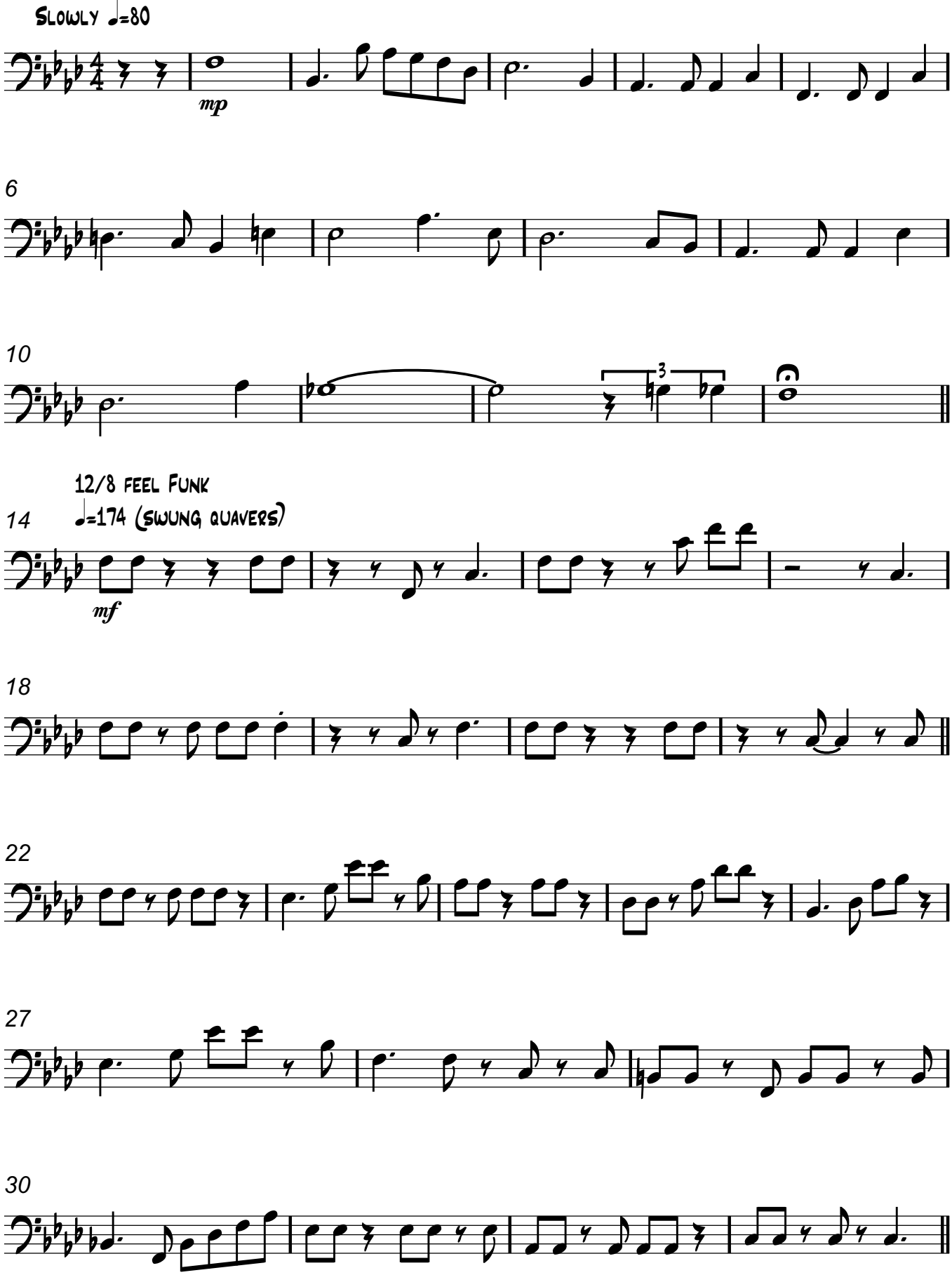

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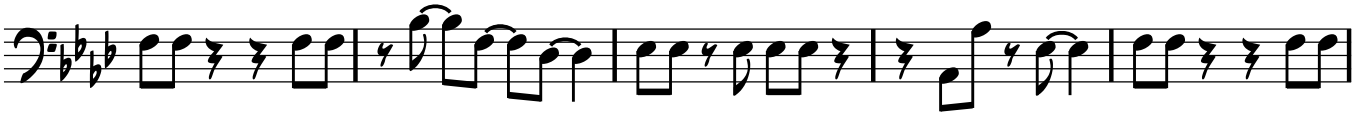

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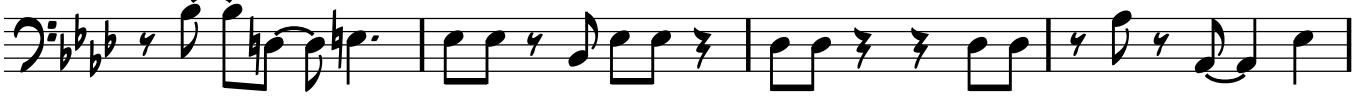

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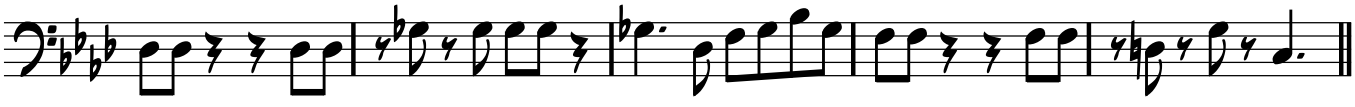

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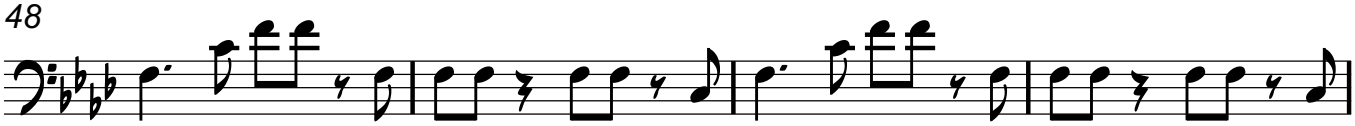

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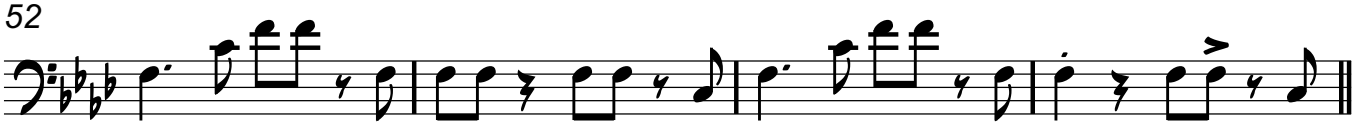

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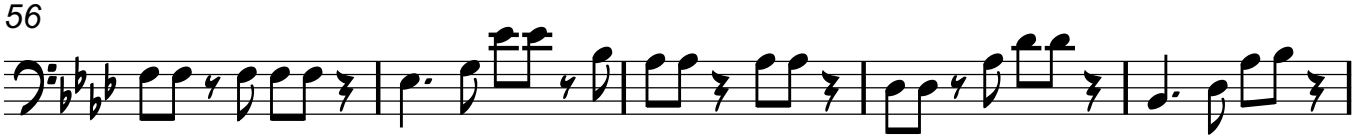

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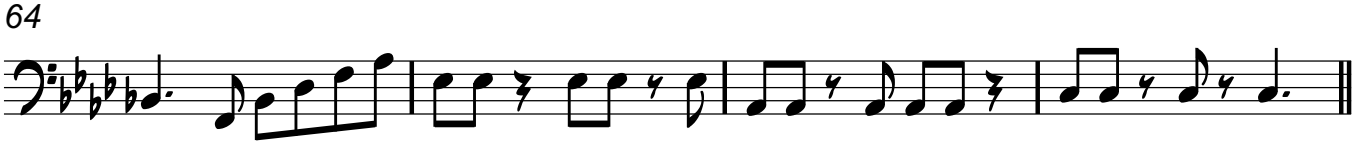

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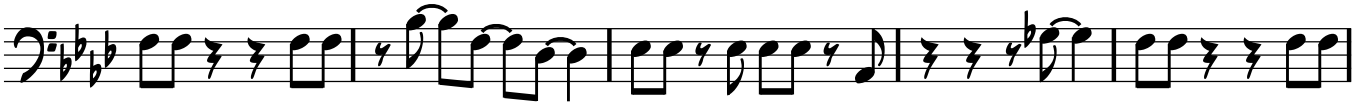

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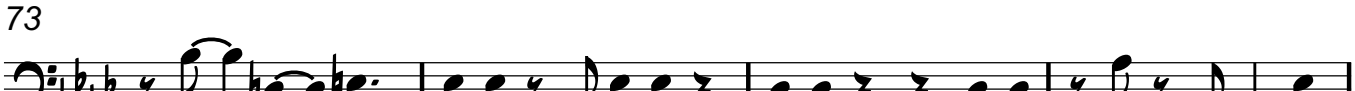

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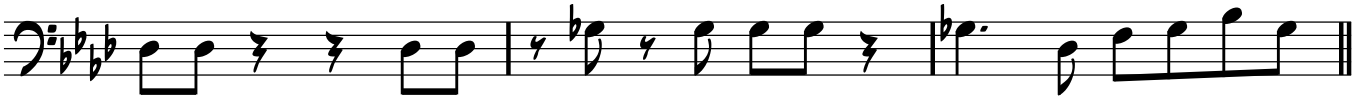

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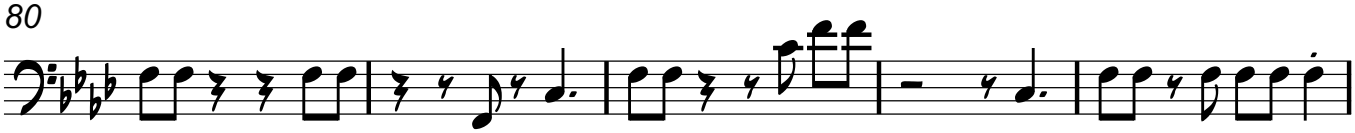

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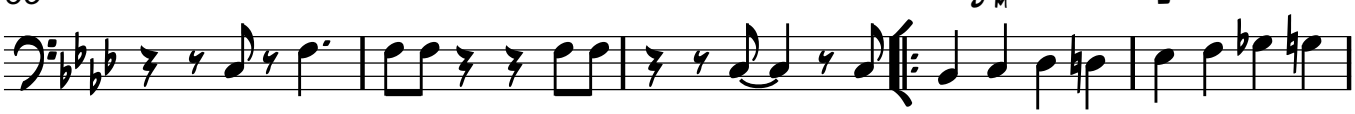

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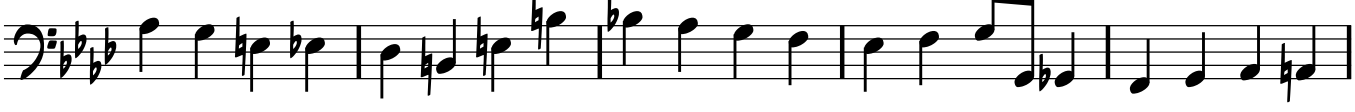

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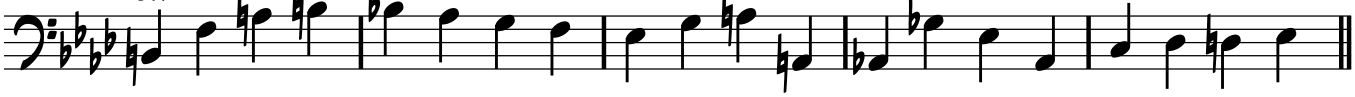

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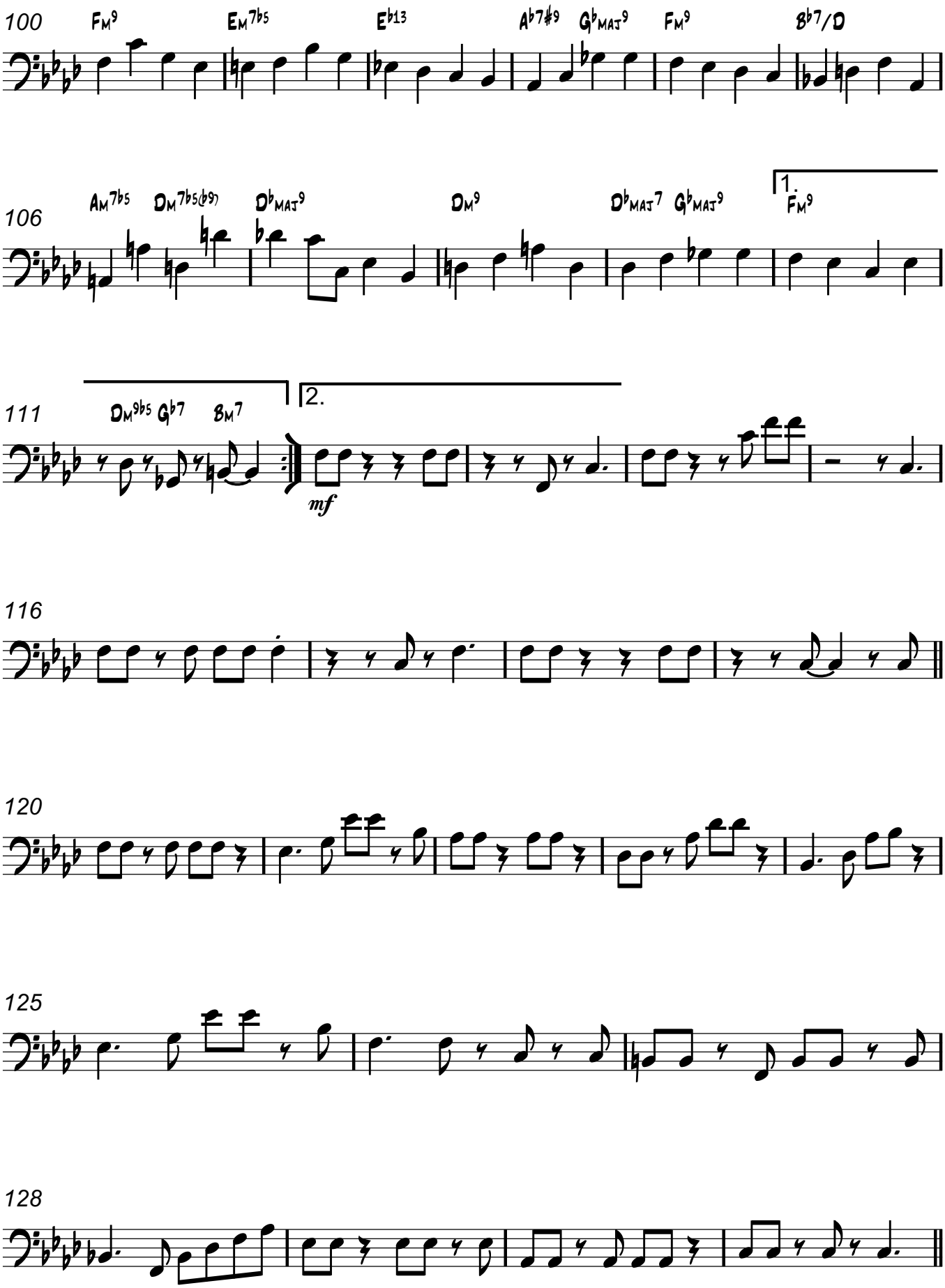

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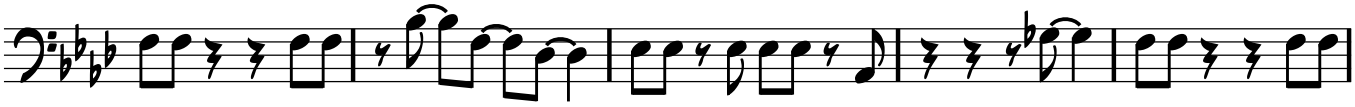

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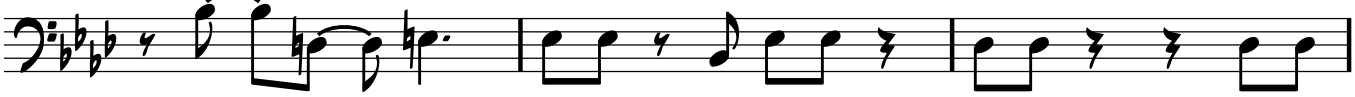

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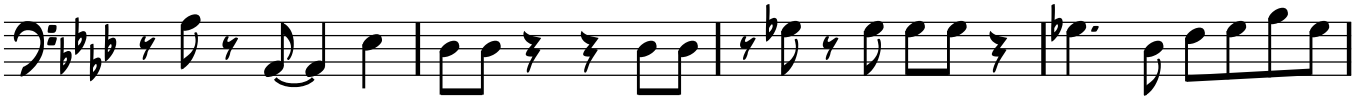

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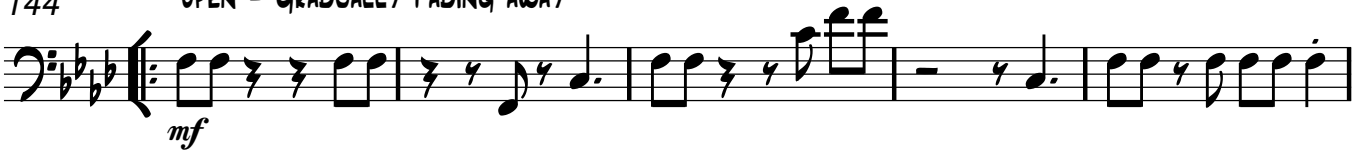

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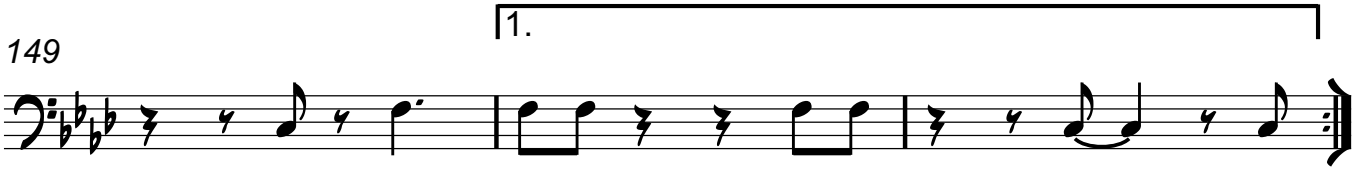

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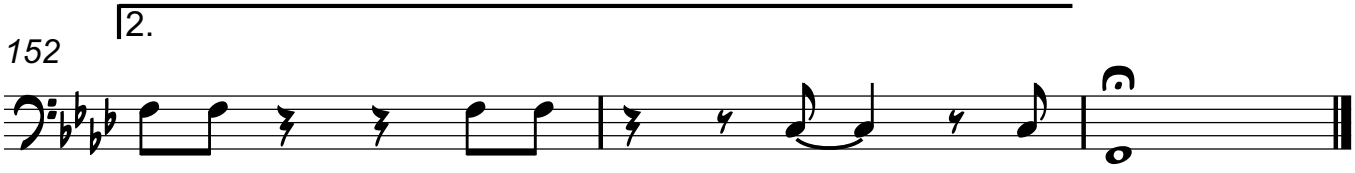

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Slowly ♩=80

Cymbal wash - Mallets

(ad lib cymbal tinkles)

mp

6

10

3

12/8 feel Funk

♩=174 (swung quavers)

14

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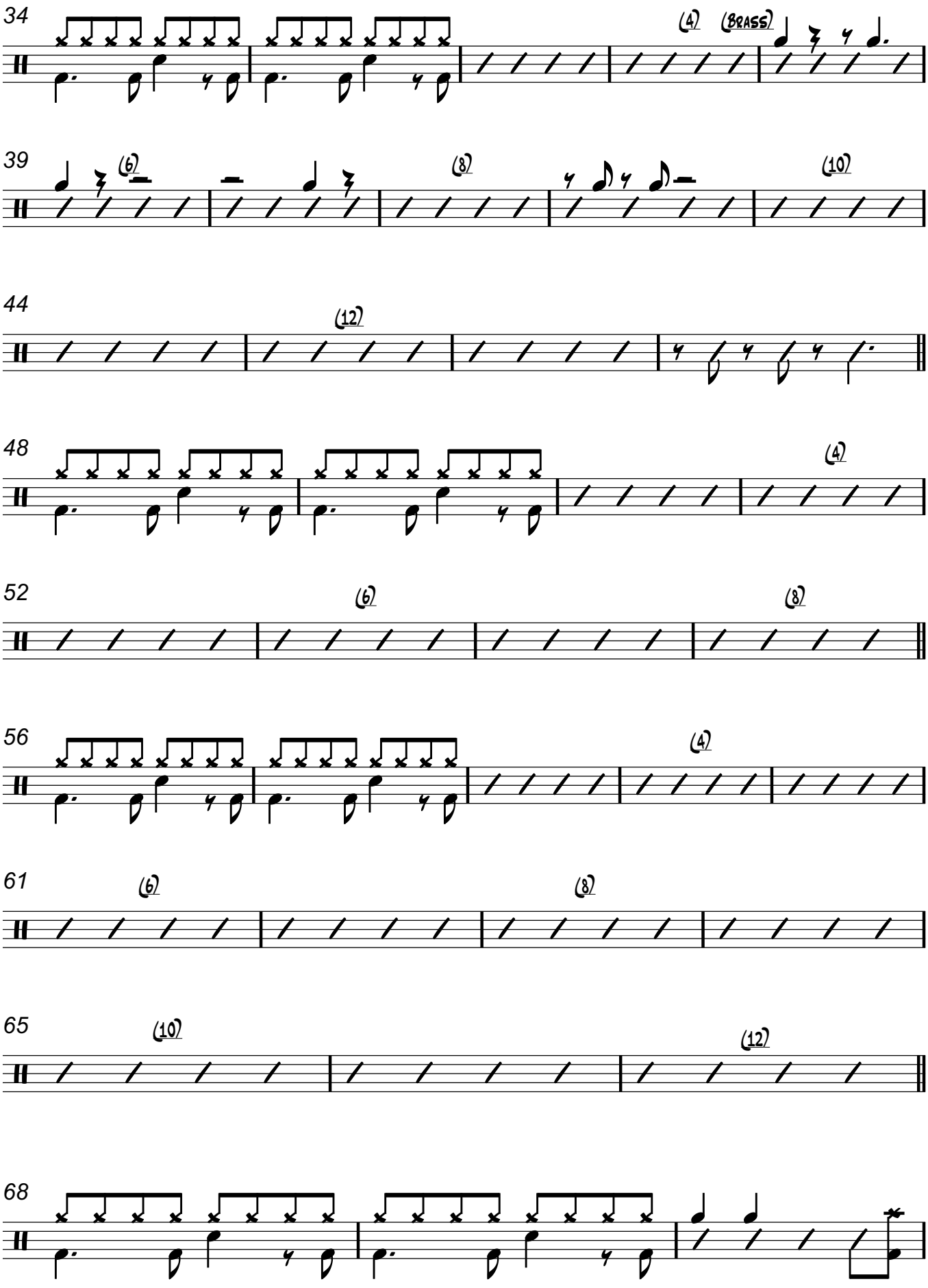

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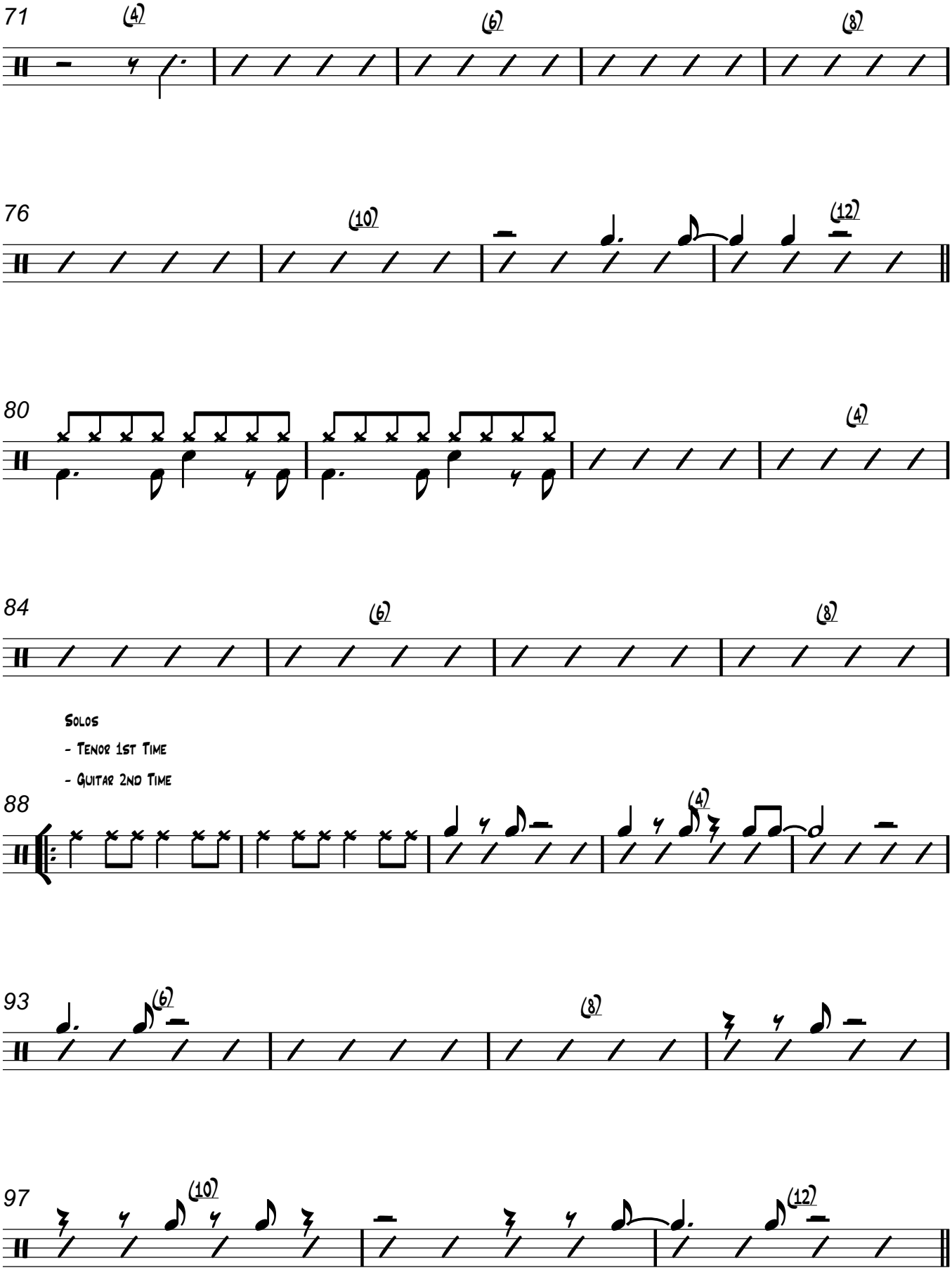
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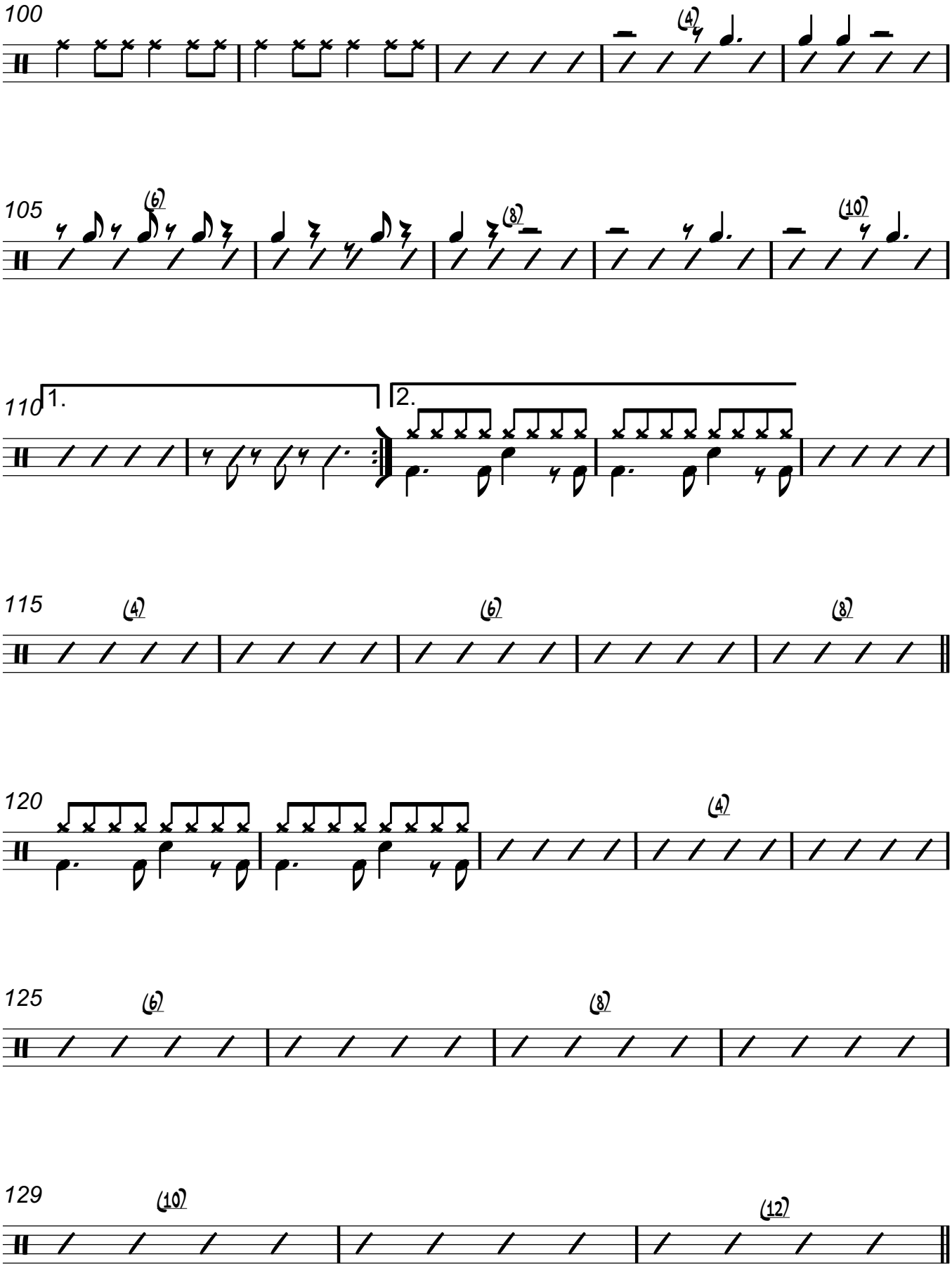

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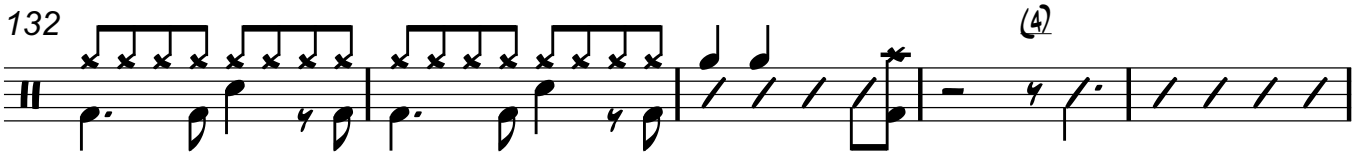

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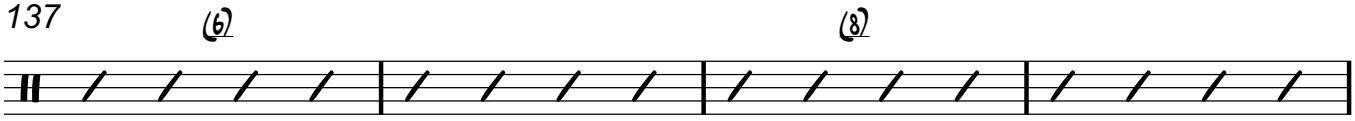

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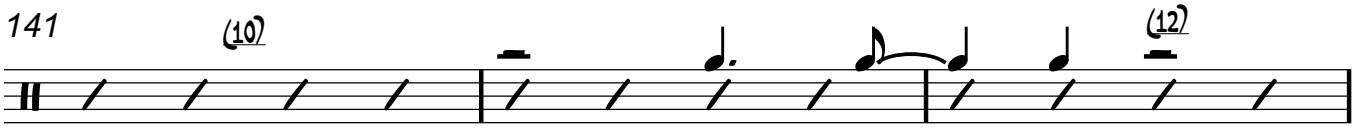

OPEN - GRADUALLY FADING AWAY

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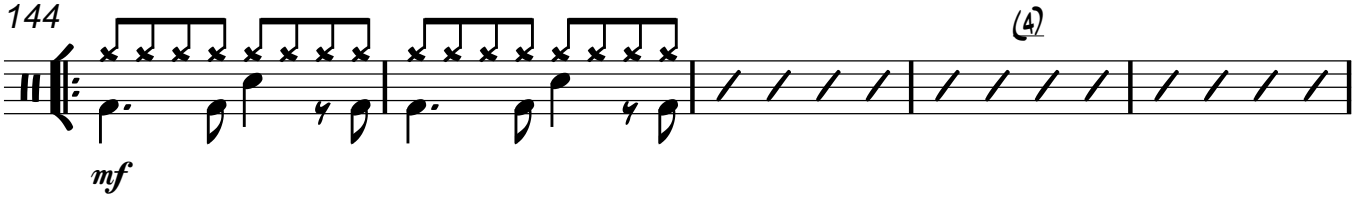

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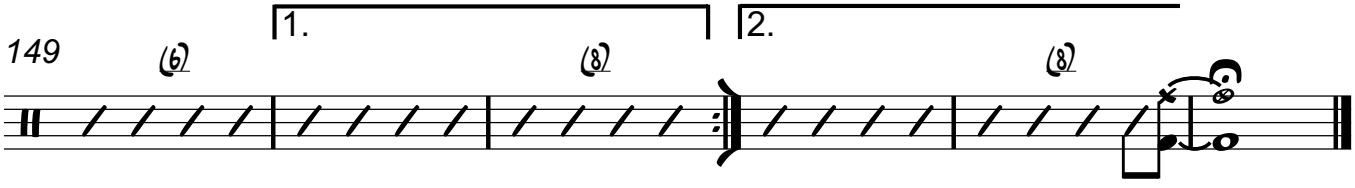

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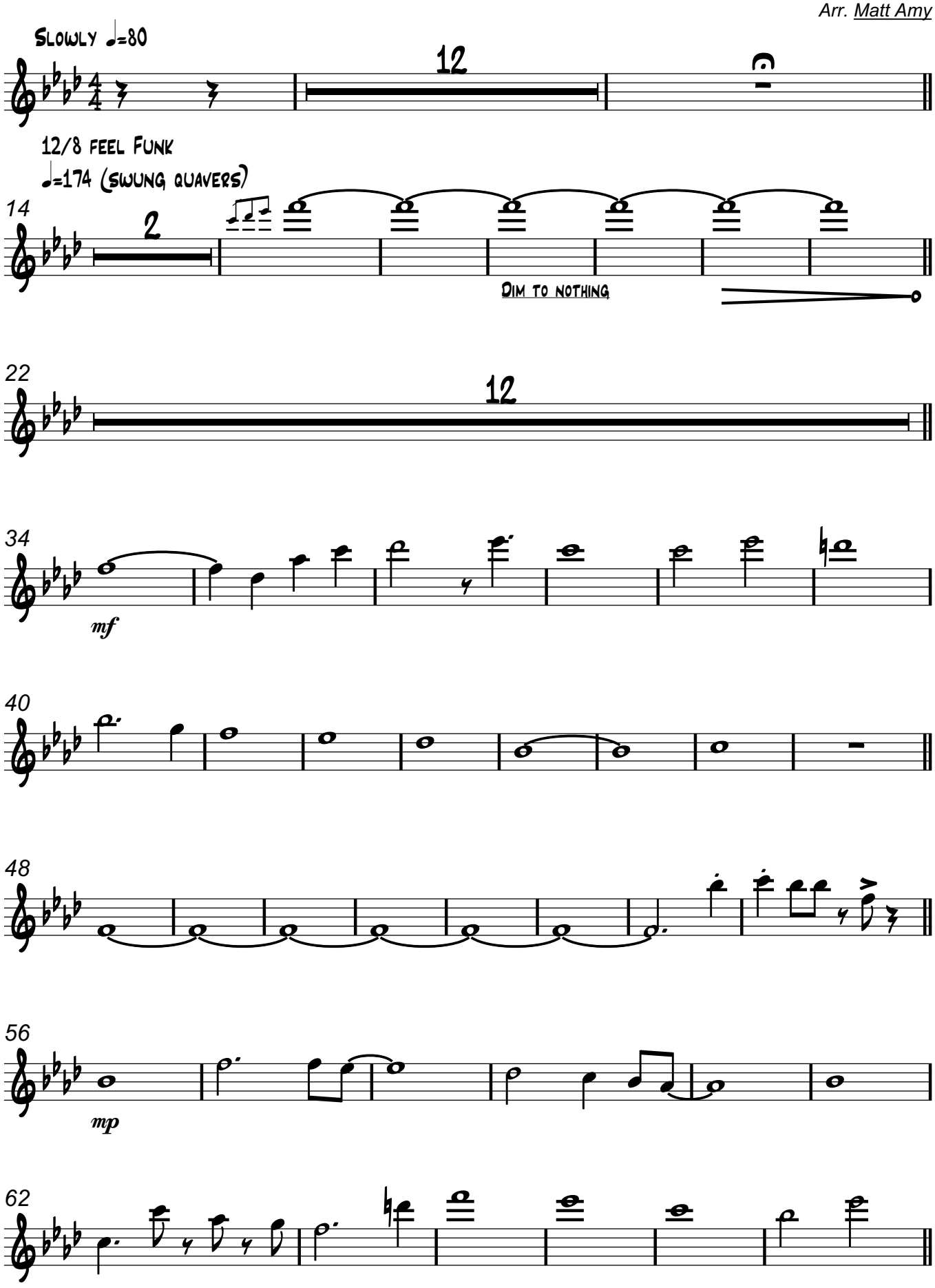

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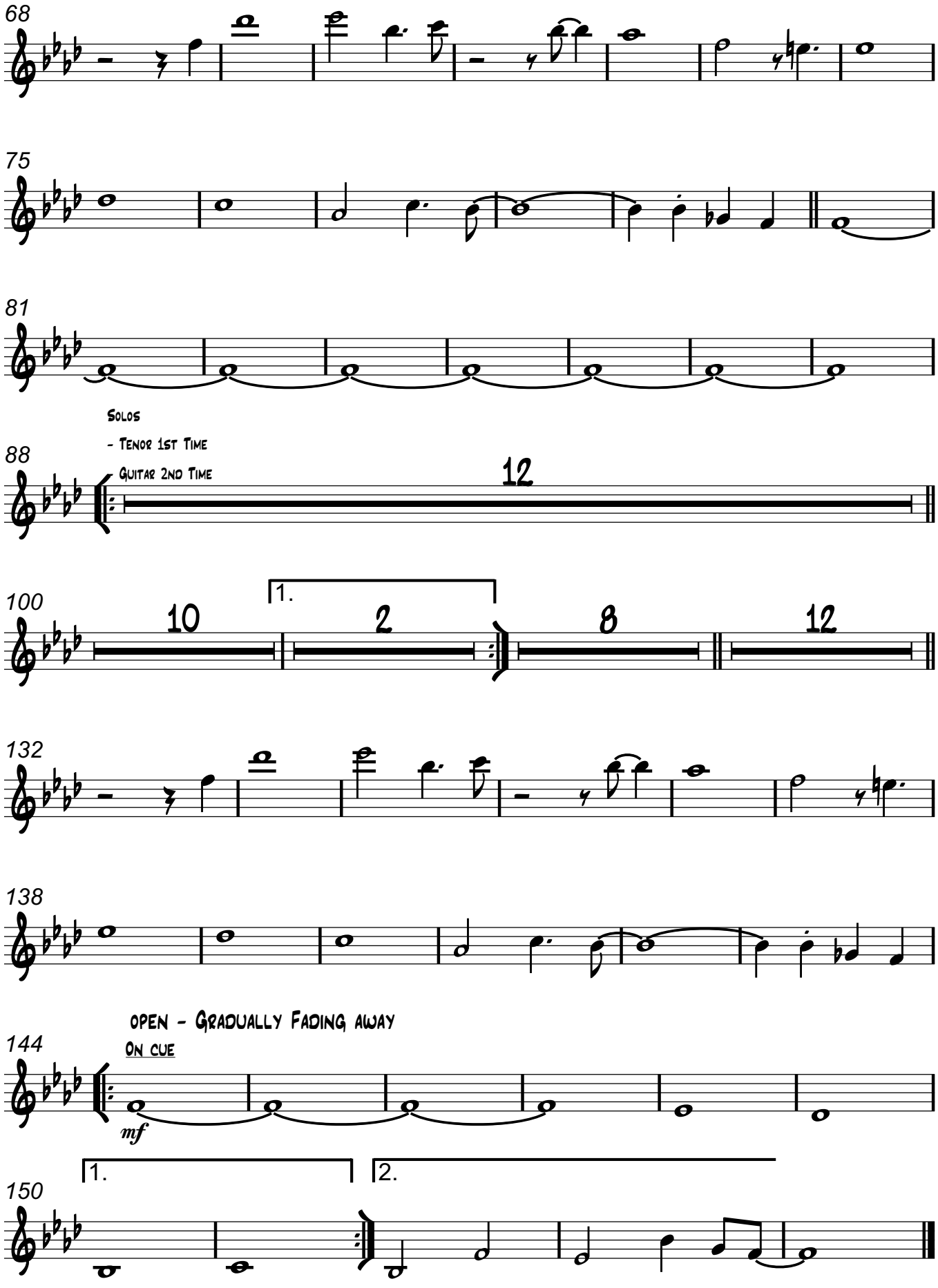
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open - Gradually Fading away
On cue
144
mf
1.
2.
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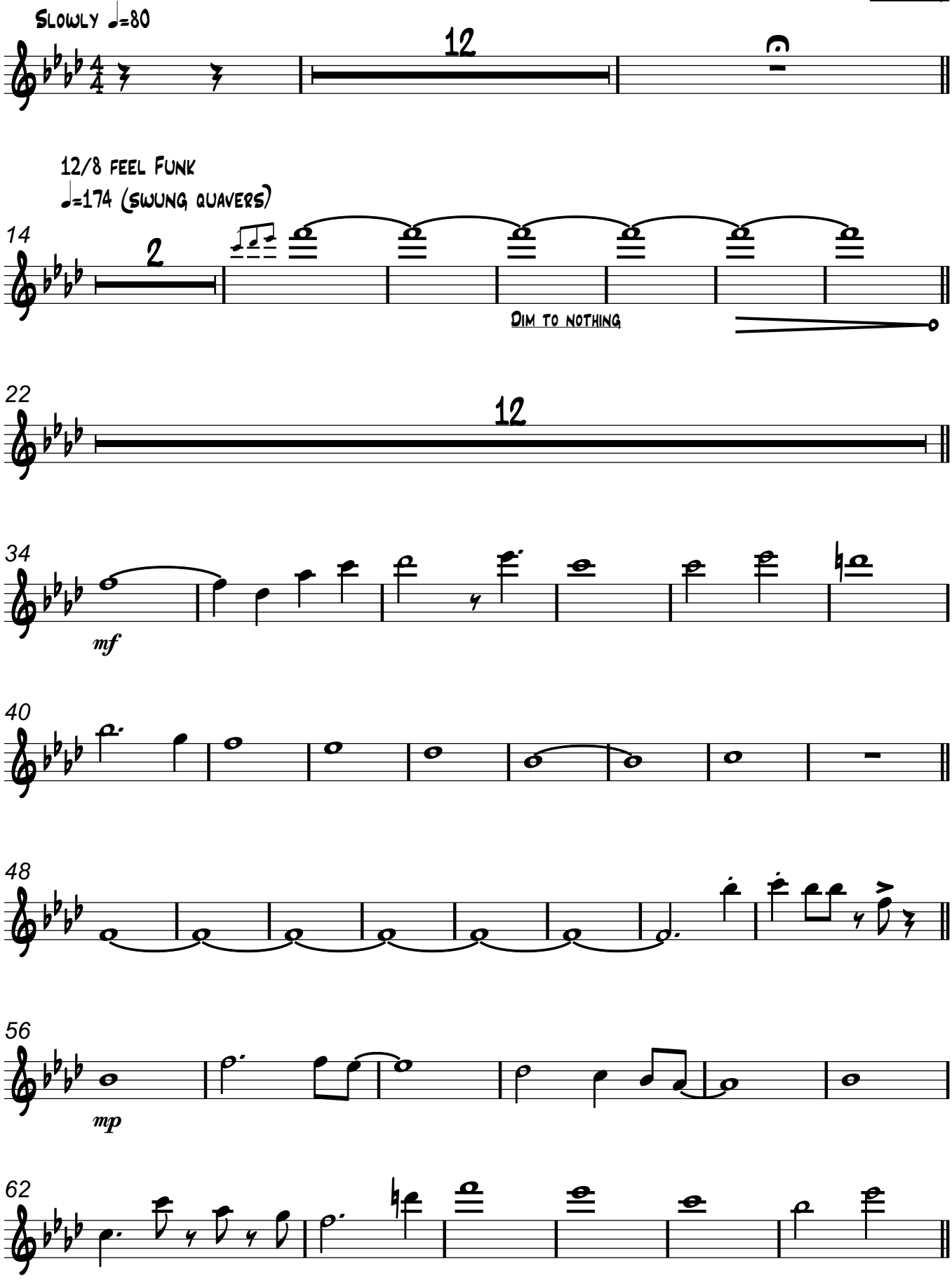

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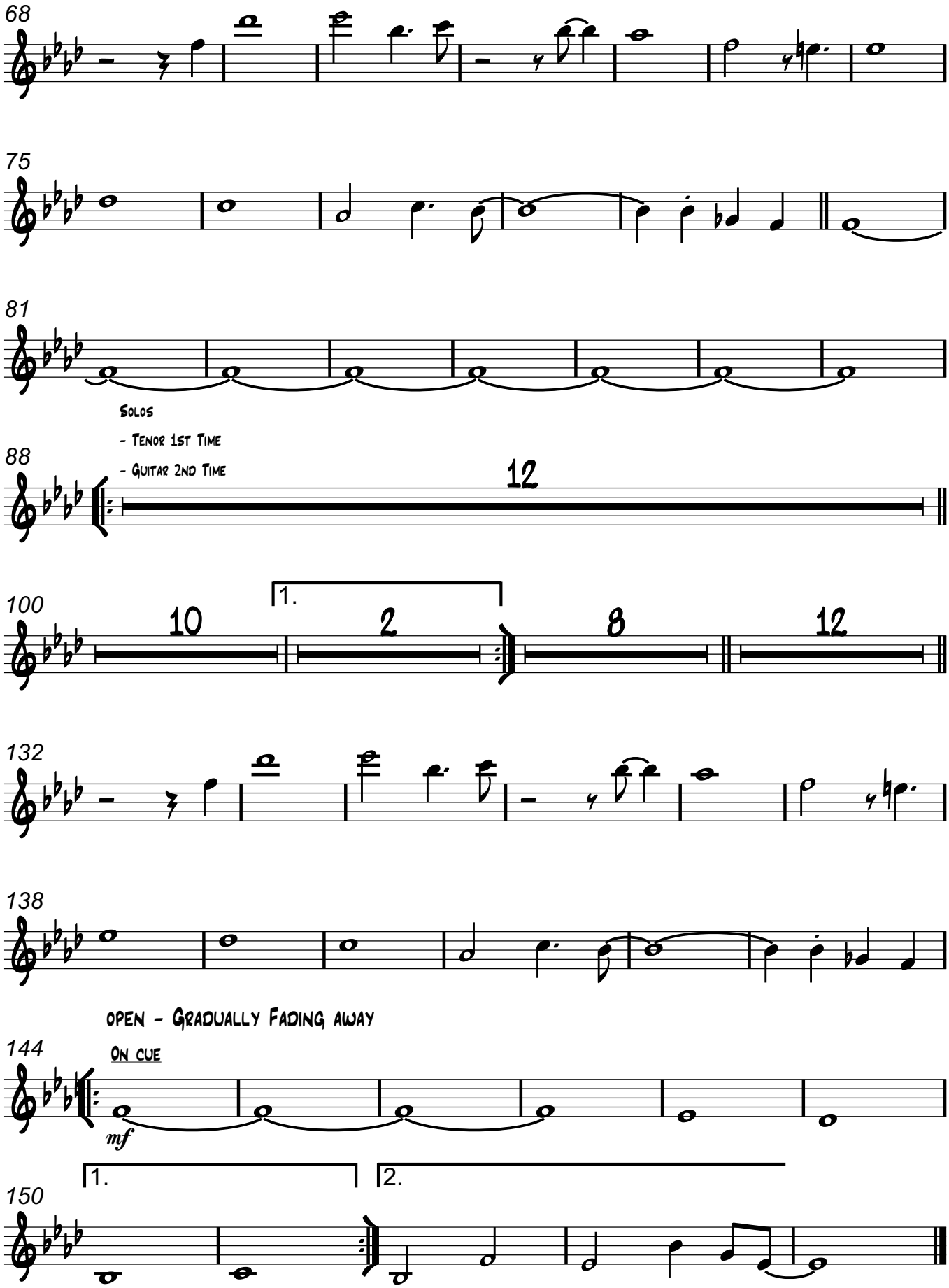
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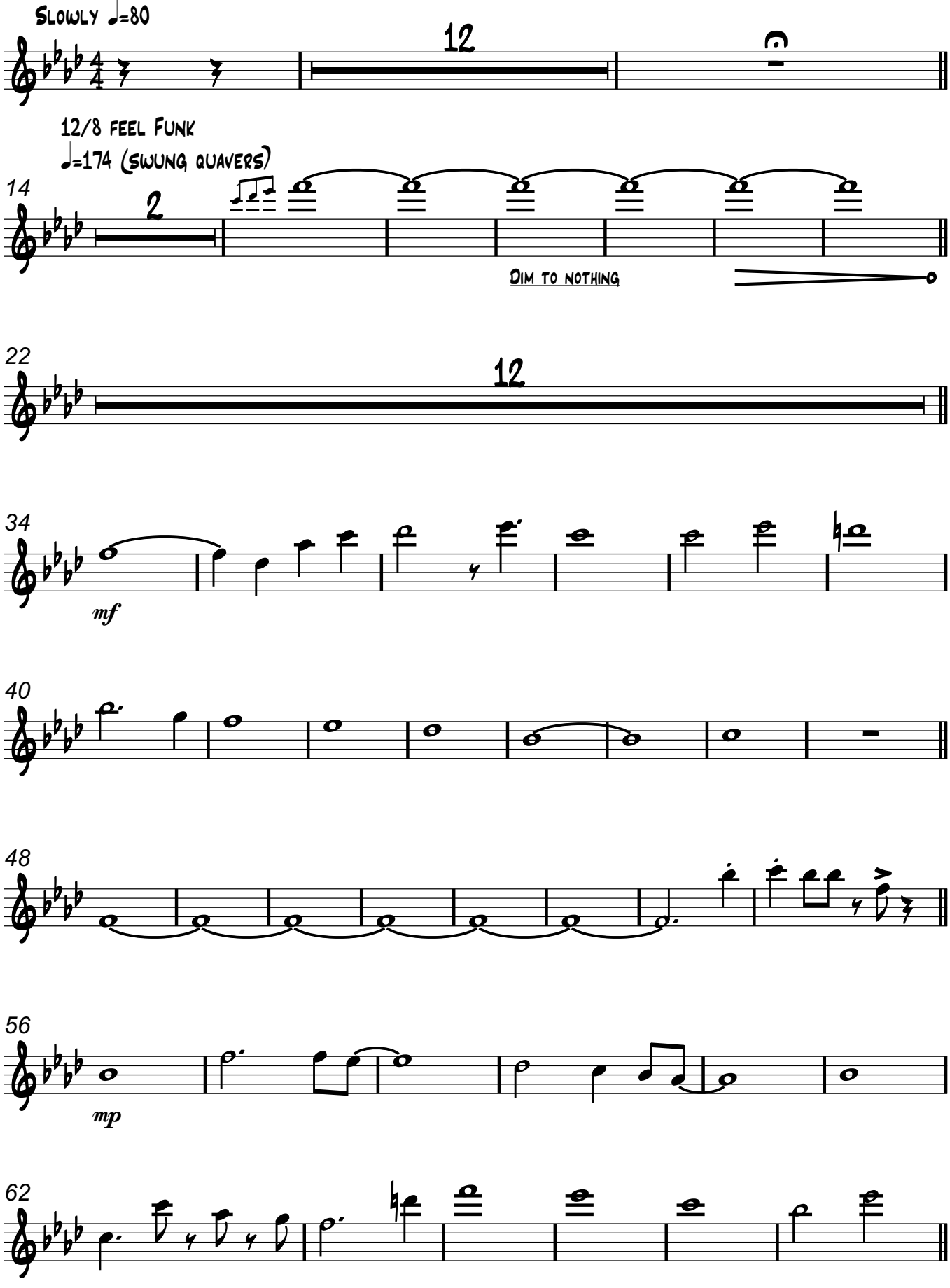

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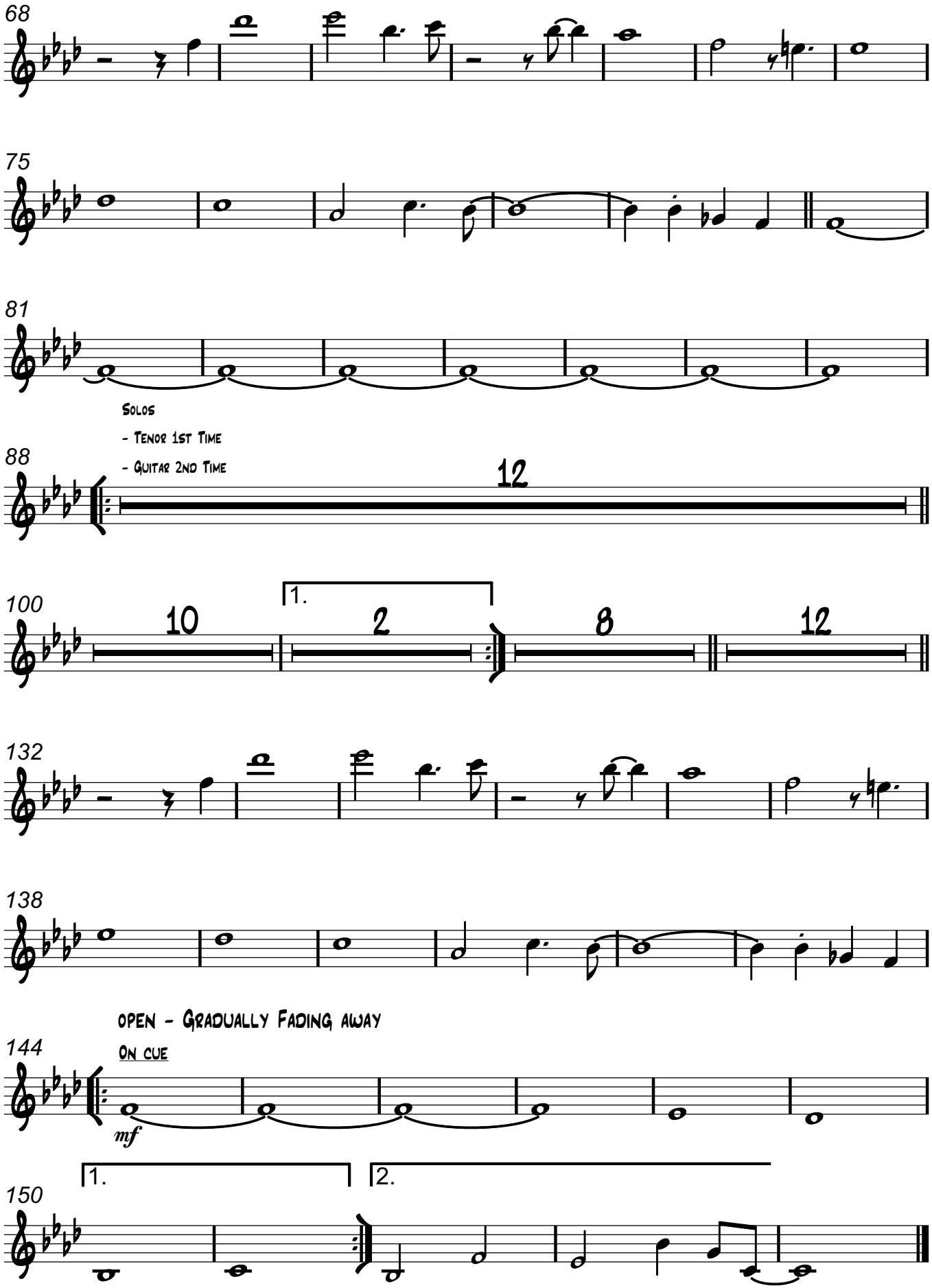
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Suggested Solo - Tenor Sax

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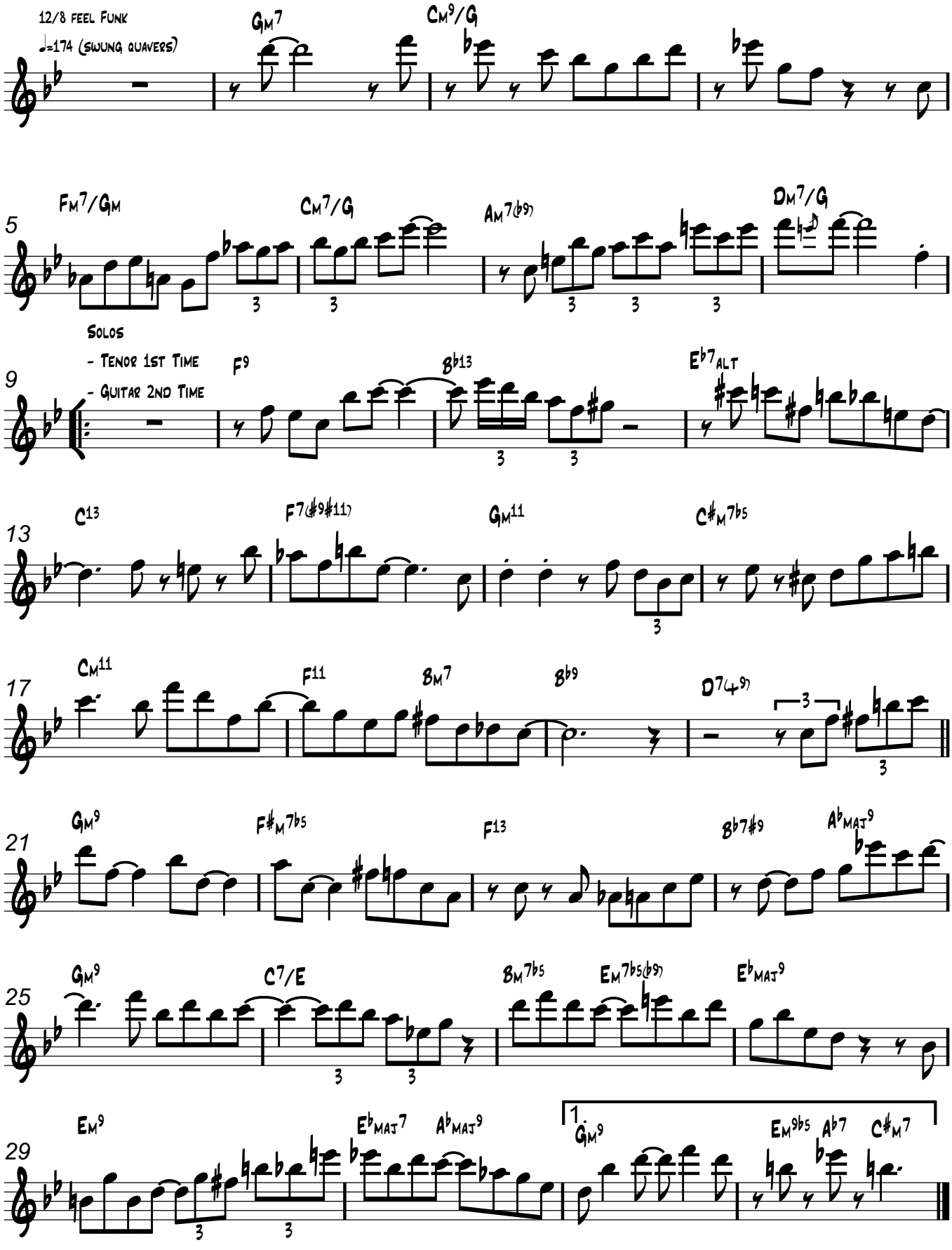
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