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10 Miniatures

for solo piano

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The first performance of *5 Miniatures* for solo piano (*#1*, *#2*, *#4*, *#5*, & *#9* – commissioned for the 'Living Composers' project) was given by Paul Cassidy at The Space, London, on the 9th March 2007.

The first performance of *10 miniatures* for solo piano was given by Philip Thomas at St. Paul's Hall, Huddersfield, UK, on the 7th June 2007.

Duration: c. 10 minutes

Performance Note

Part of the conception of this work involves idiomatic musical materials. Whilst some passages of music are designed to 'sit under the fingers' with great efficiency, others will prove problematic. It is expected that the exact indications of tempo/rhythm (etc.) will be compromised during performance of certain sections of material, although at all times the performer should endeavour to give an exact account of the score as possible paying particular attention to articulation.

Programme Note

10 Miniatures for solo piano (2006). Initially I composed five miniatures (*#1*, *#2*, *#4*, *#5*, & *#9*) in response to the first 'Living Composers' project spearheaded by Stephen Crowe:

> Living Composers: 60 miniatures […] 12 avant-garde composers are given a platform to exhibit their wares in an unusual form. They are commissioned to write five piano pieces with the stipulation they can't be longer than one minute each. From the delicately simple to the ferociously complex, the evening will showcase contemporary music at its most provocative.[1]

Crowe's project requested no titles. However, in order to generate materials, pitch class, rhythmic models, my miniatures had working titles that steadfastly acknowledge ten named stars found in the constellation of Boötes. They are:

1. *Arcturus*
2. *Nekkar*
3. *Seginus*
4. *Izar*
5. *Mufrid*
6. *Asellus Primus*
7. *Asellus Secondus*
8. *Asellus Tertius*
9. *Alkalurops*
10. *Merga*

Consequently, five more miniatures quickly followed.

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[1] Posted by the arts council <http://www.artsjobs@listmail.artsfb.org.uk> accessed 08/12/06.

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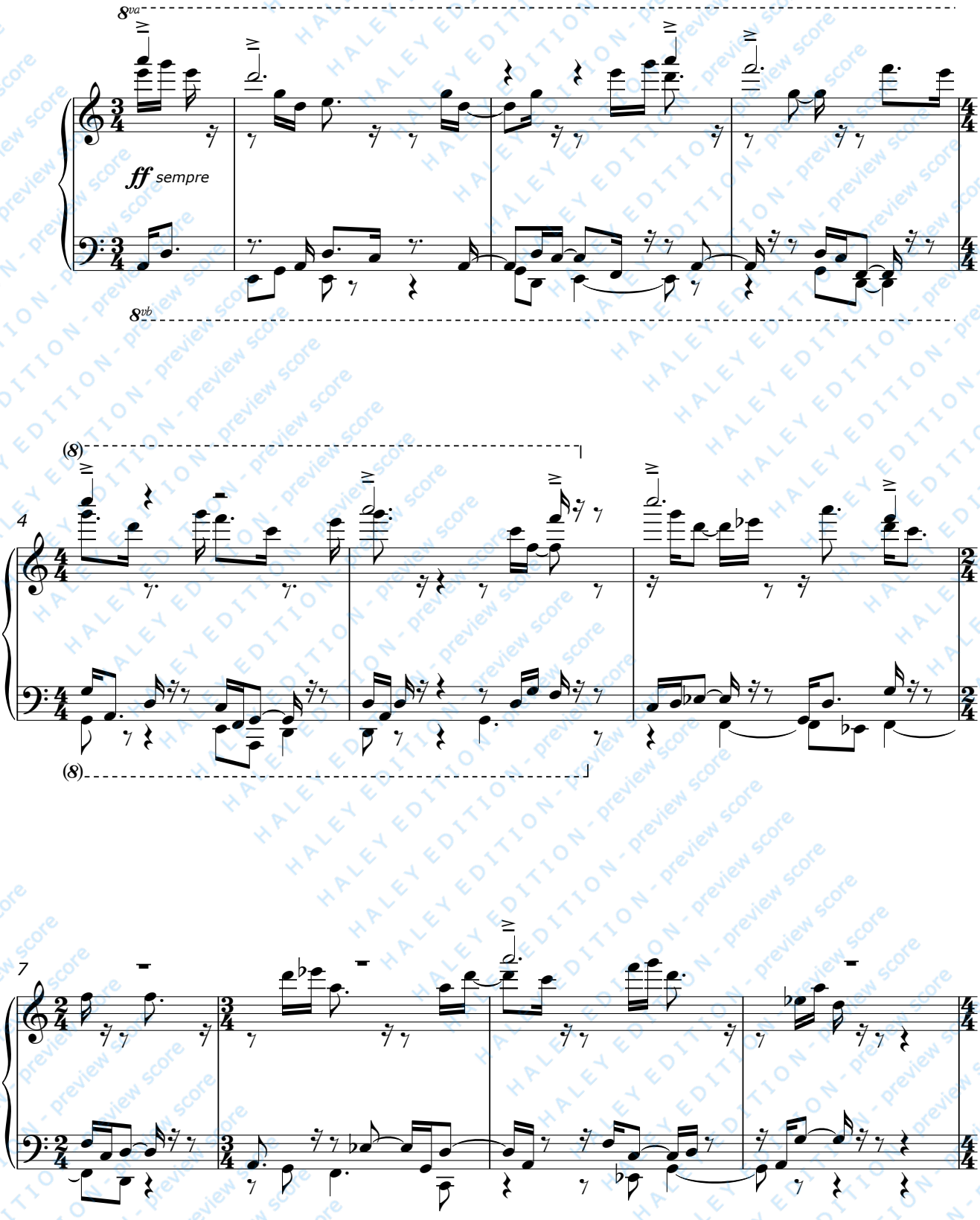
#1 Arcturus

Agitato (♩. = 72)



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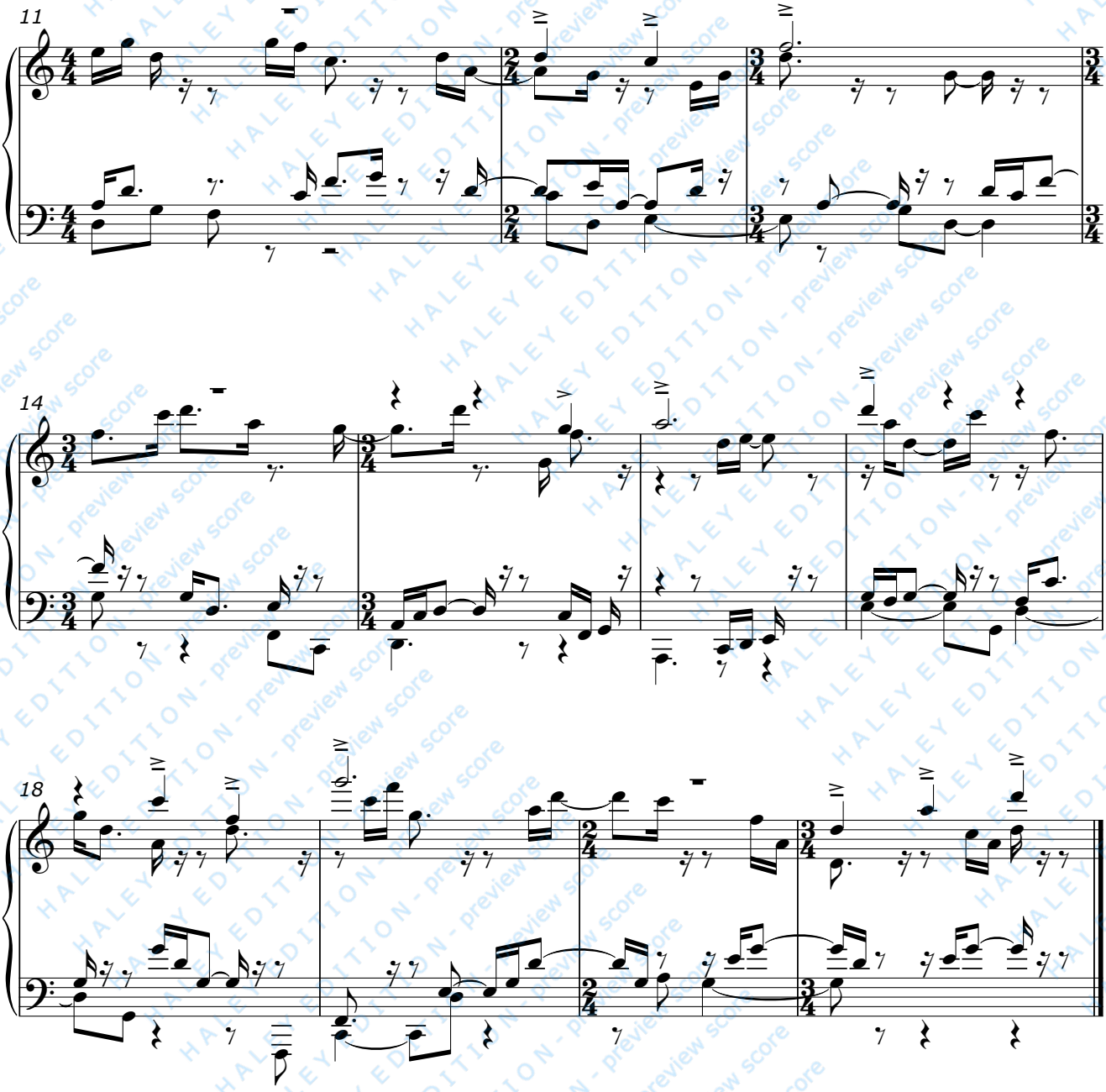
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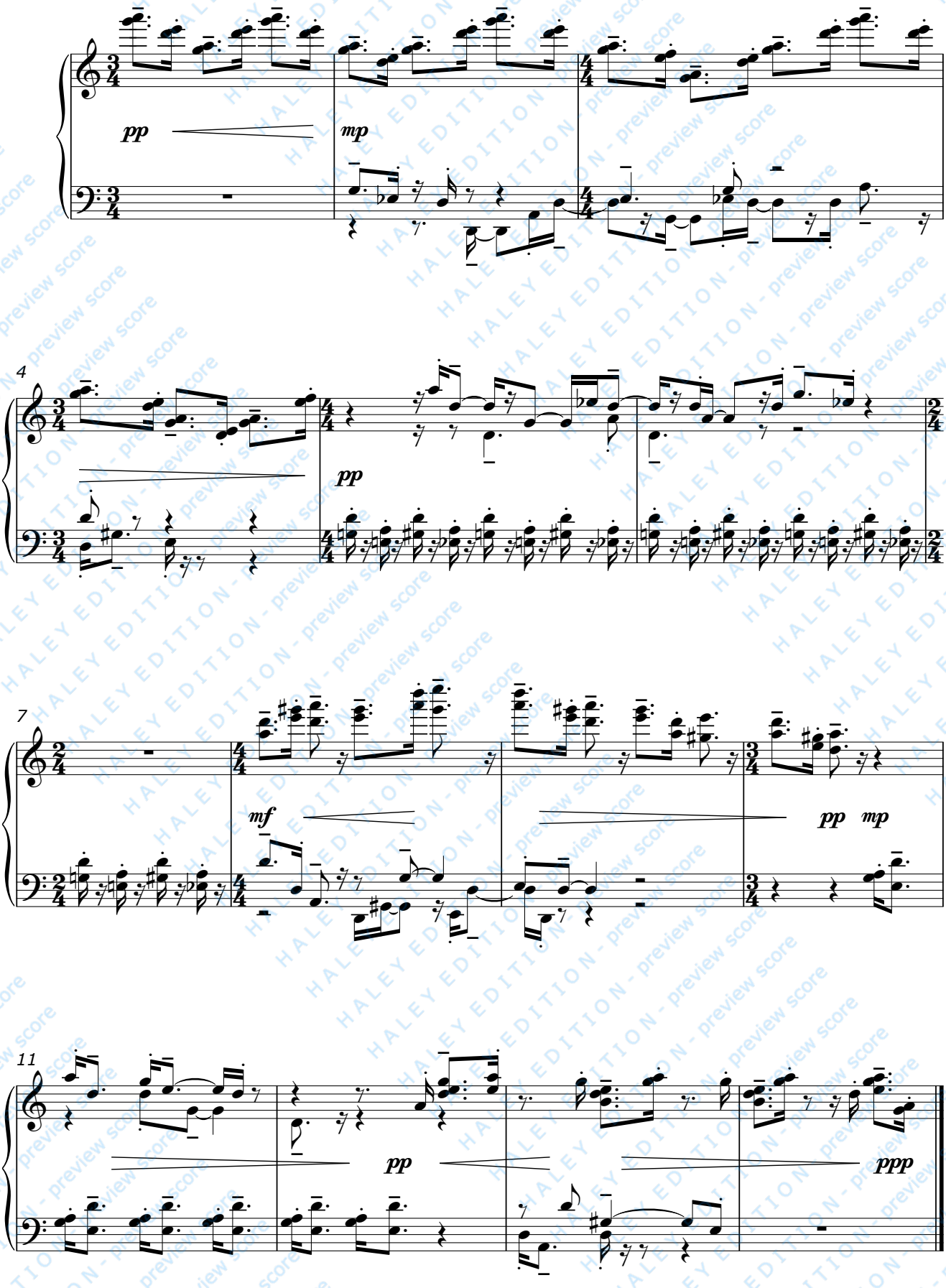
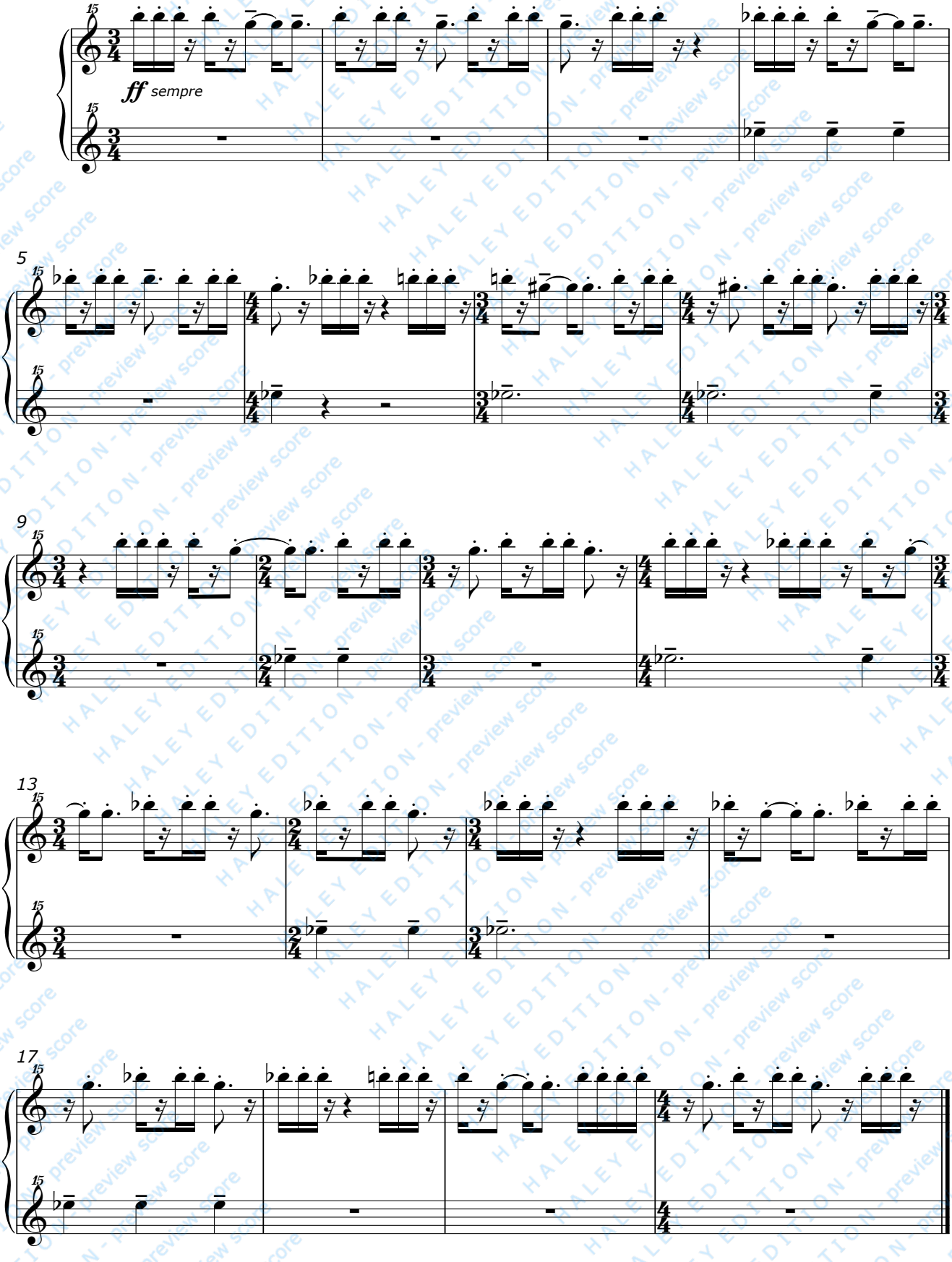
#2 Nekkar

Scherzando (♩. = 66)



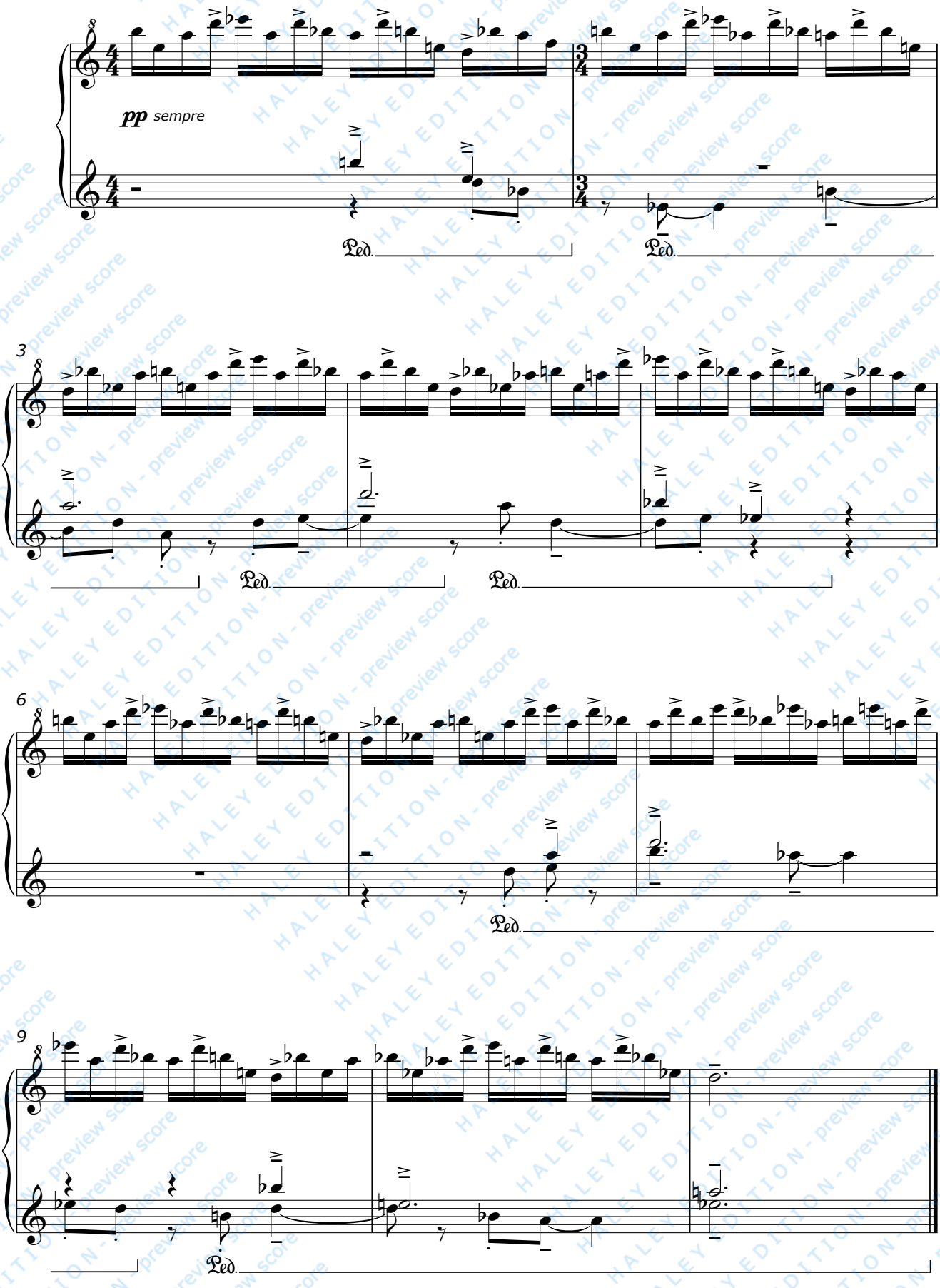
#3 Seginus

Giusto (♩ = 132)



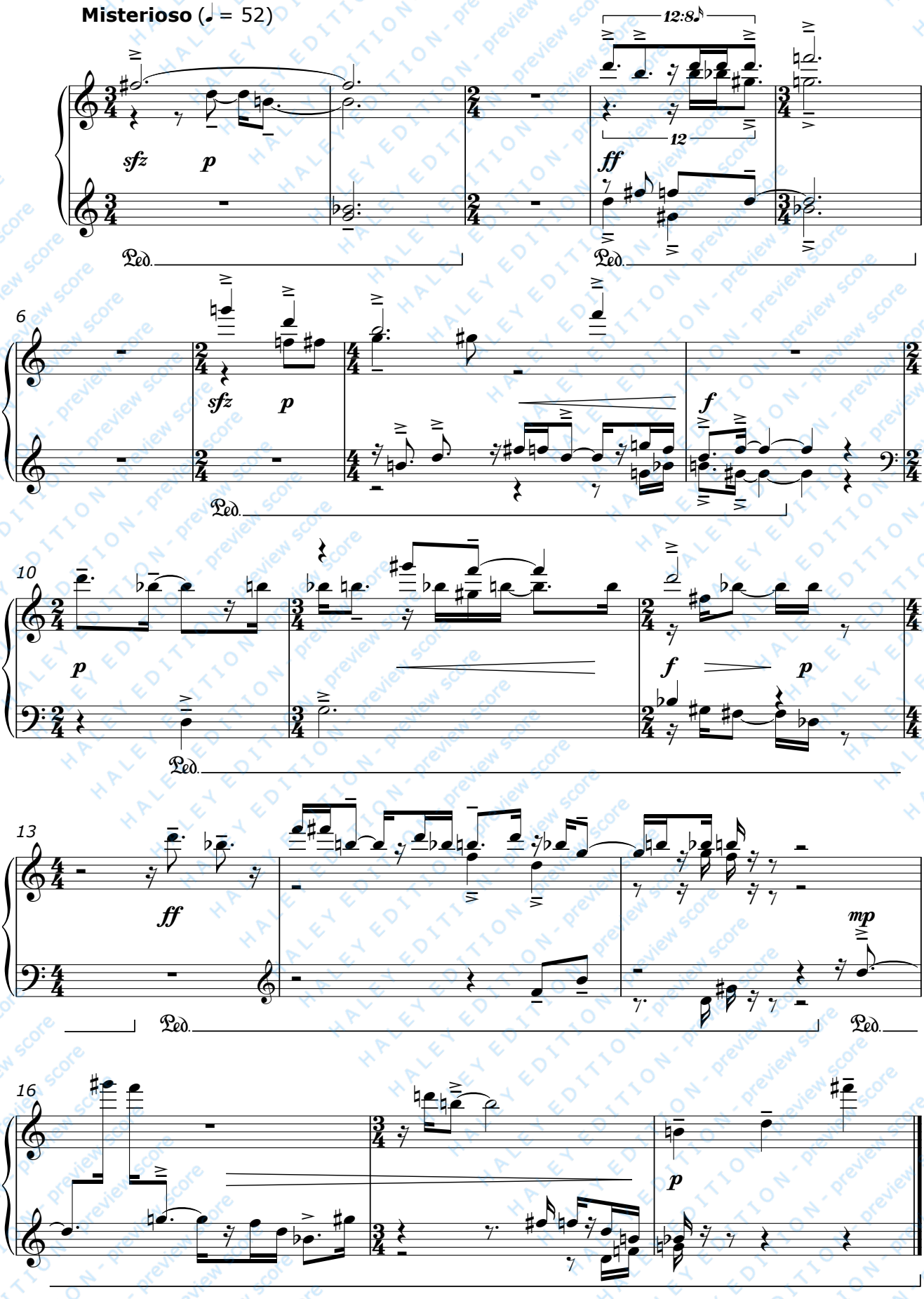
#4 Izar

Dolce (♩. = 48)



#5 Mufrid

Misterioso (♩ = 52)



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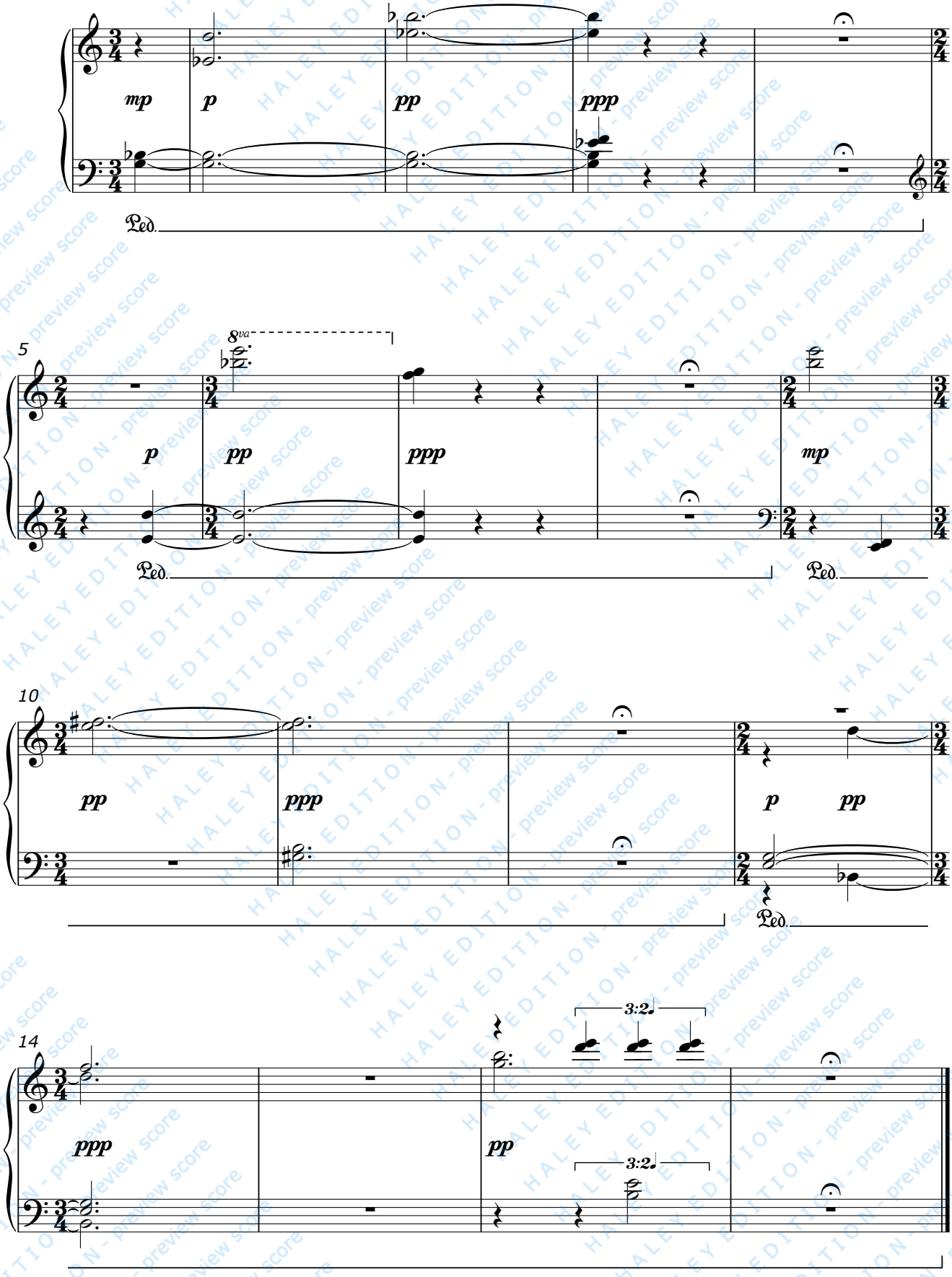

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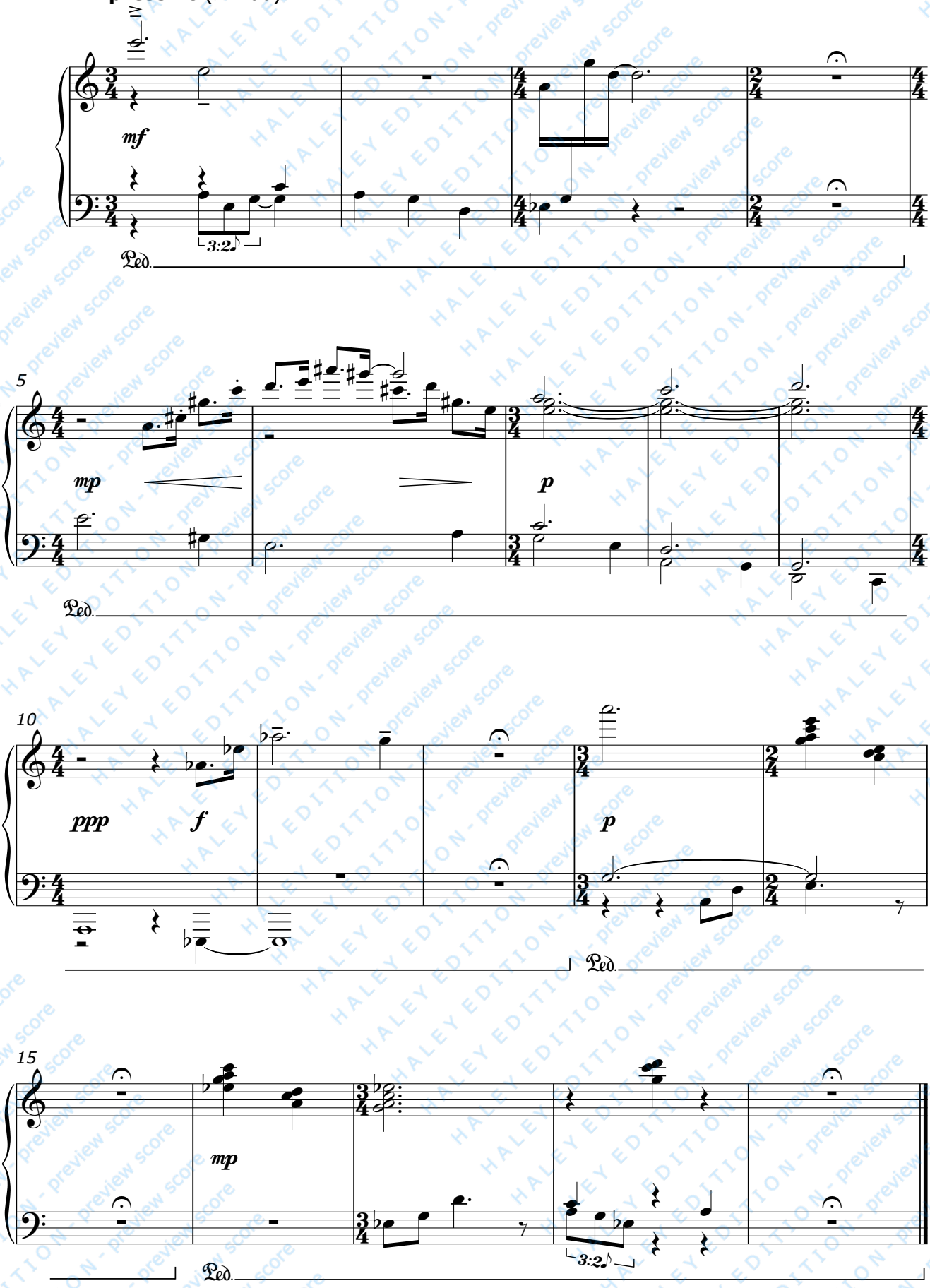
Expressive (♩. = 60)



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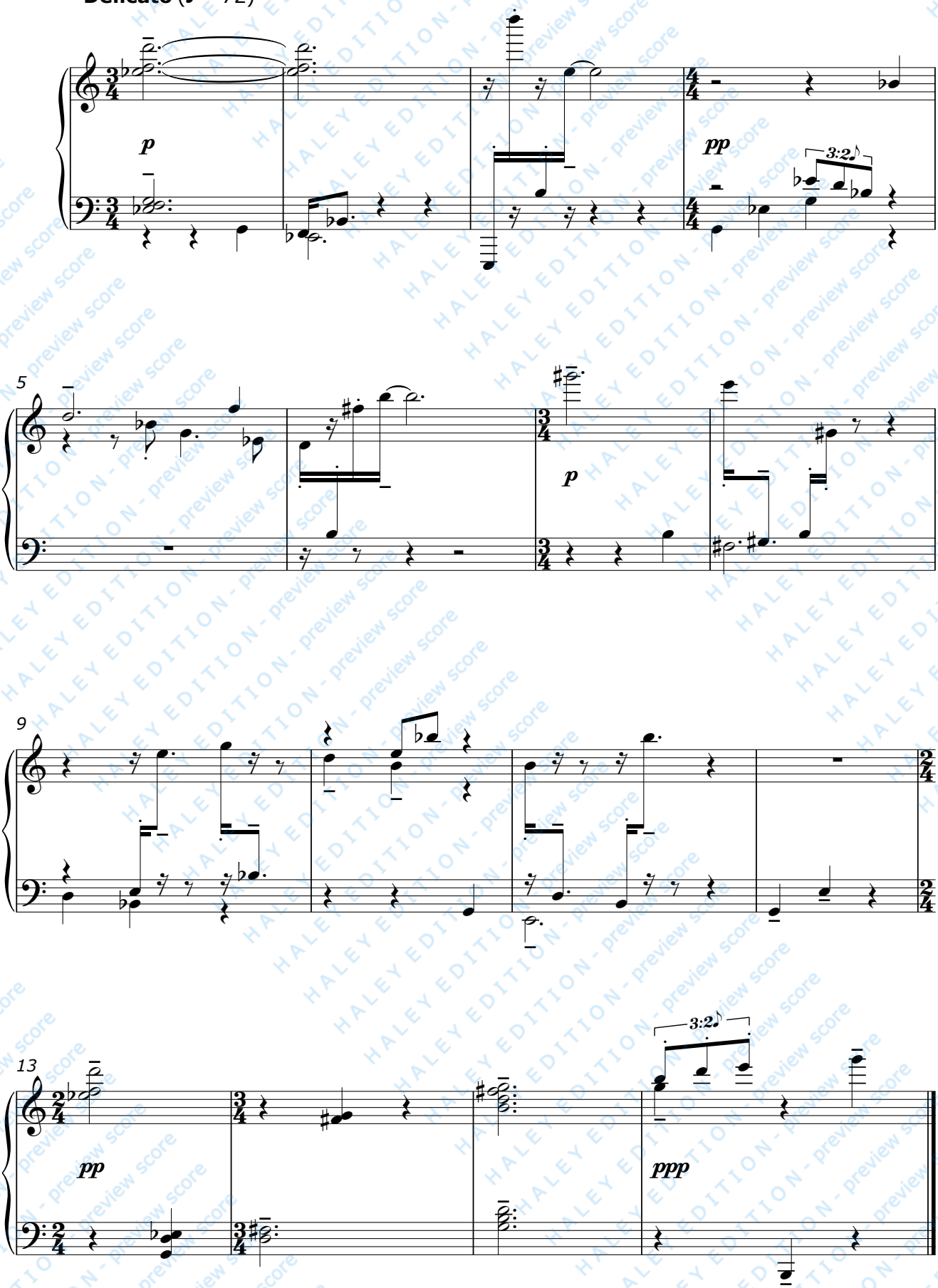

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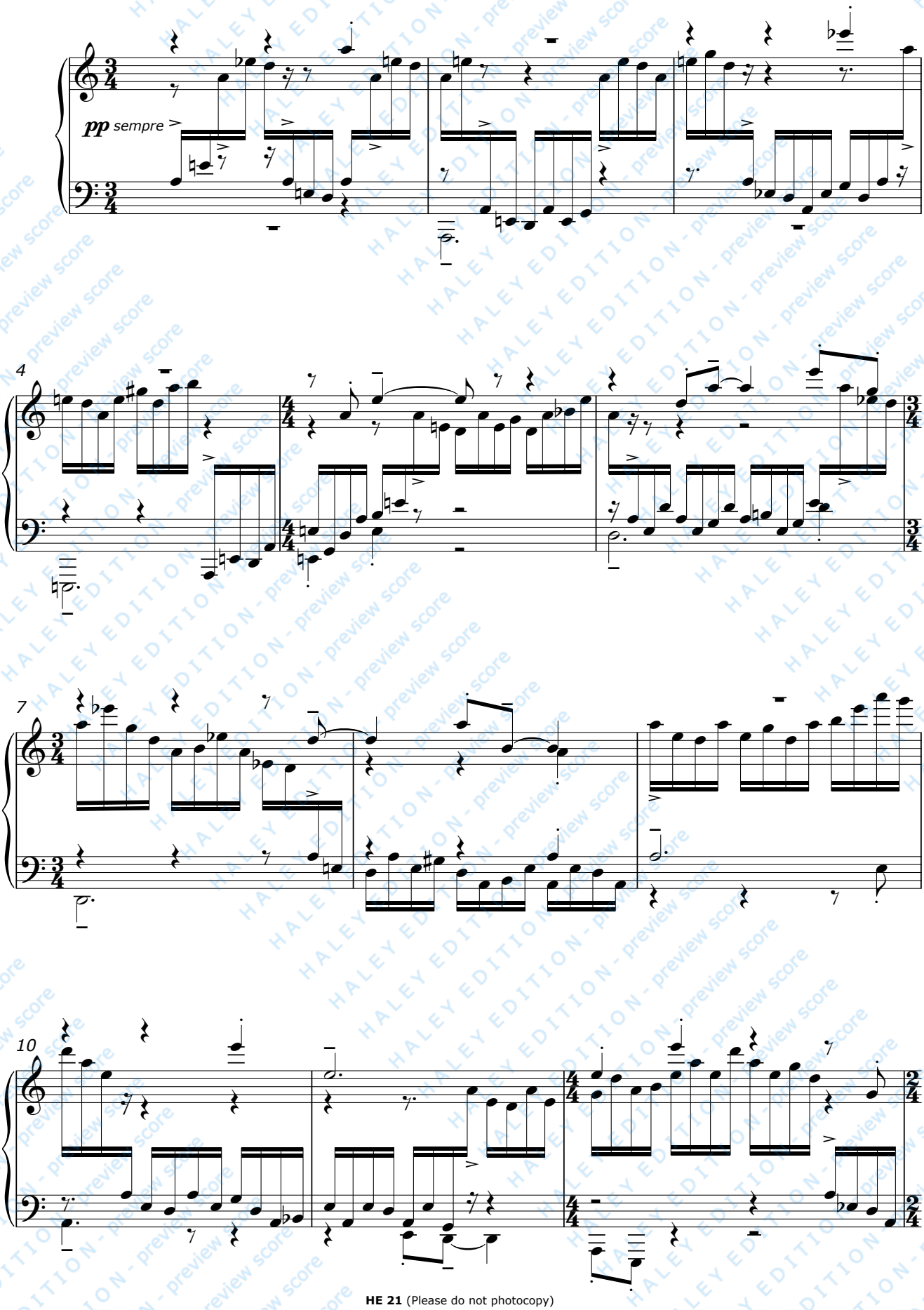

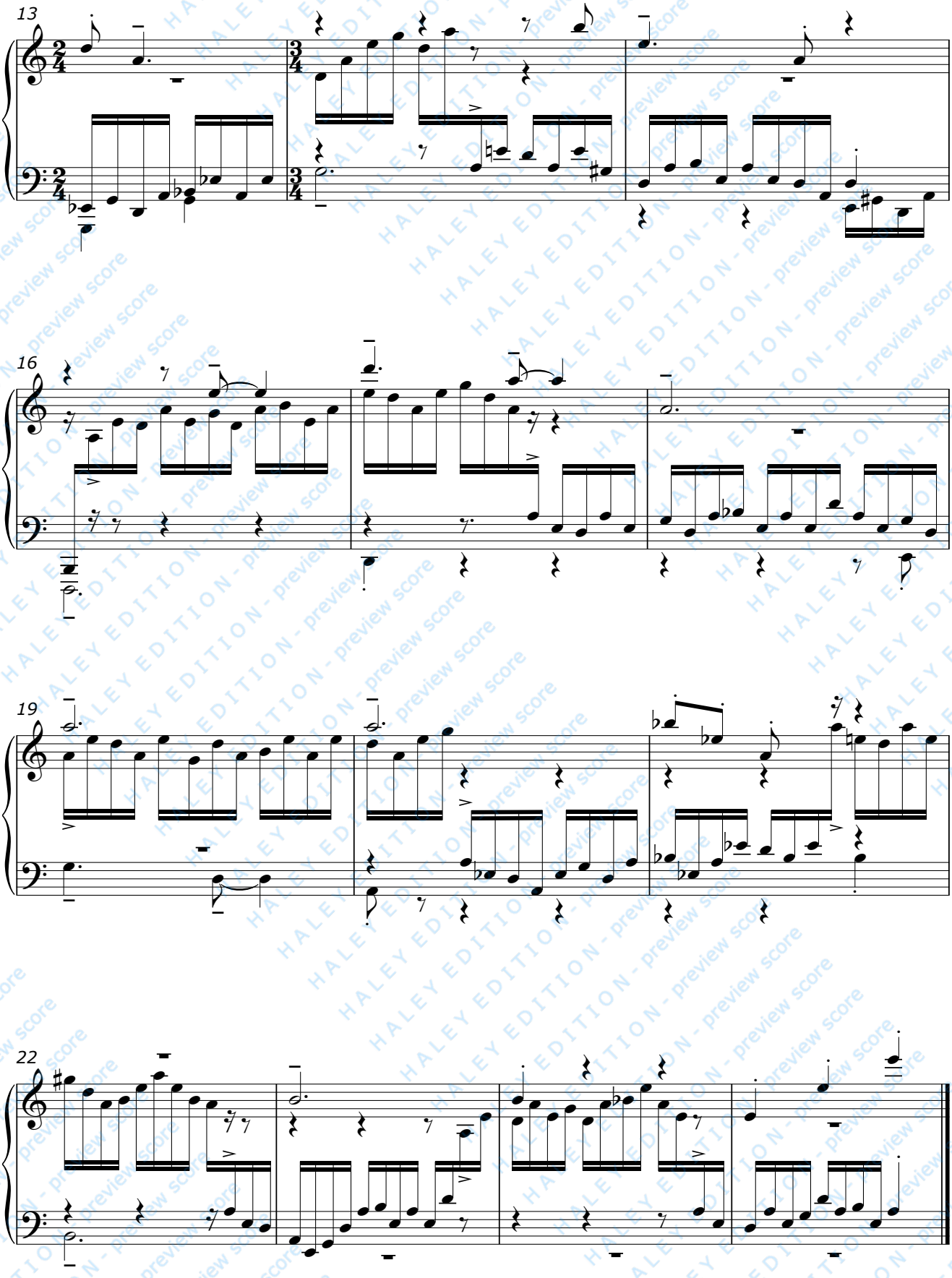
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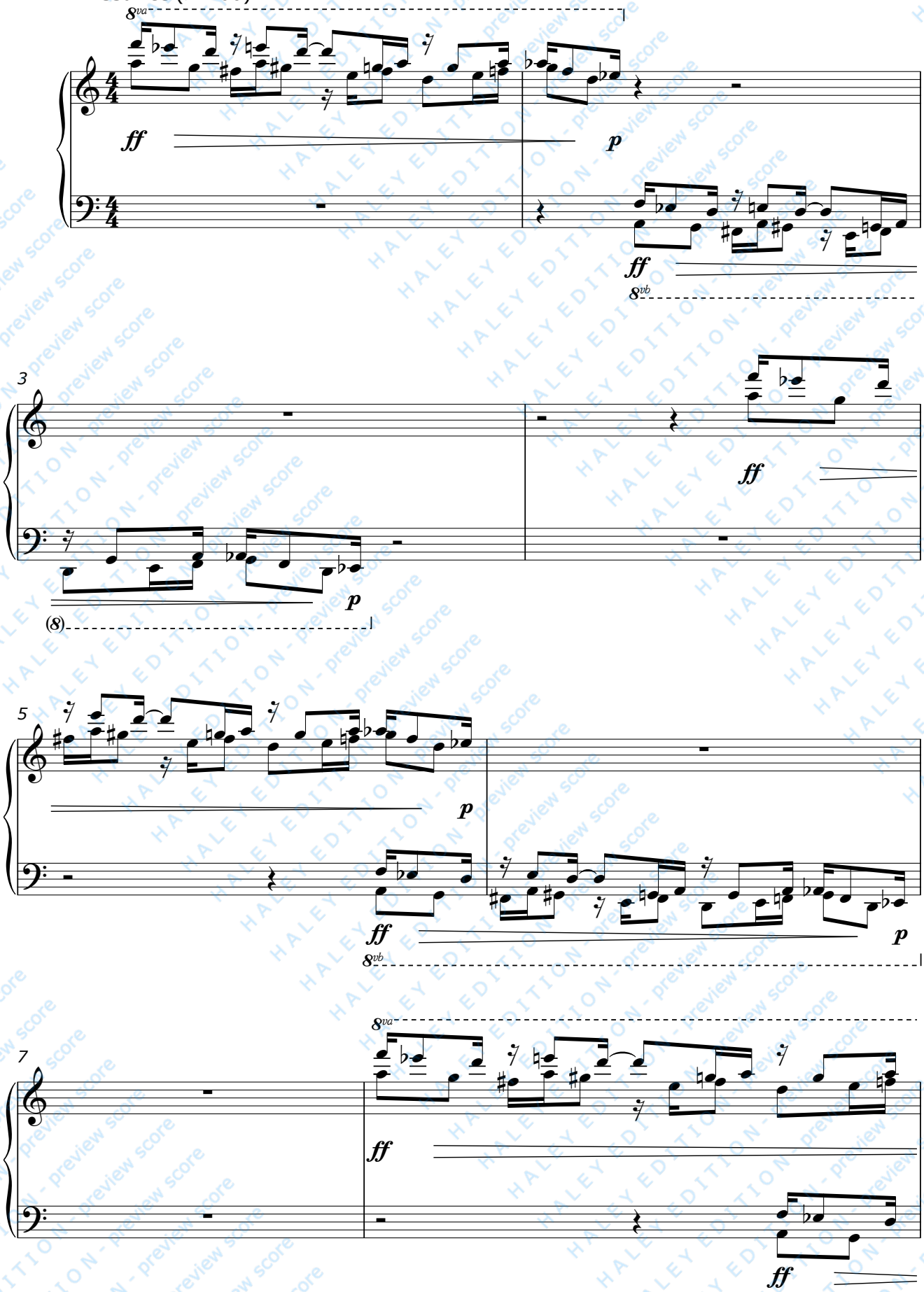

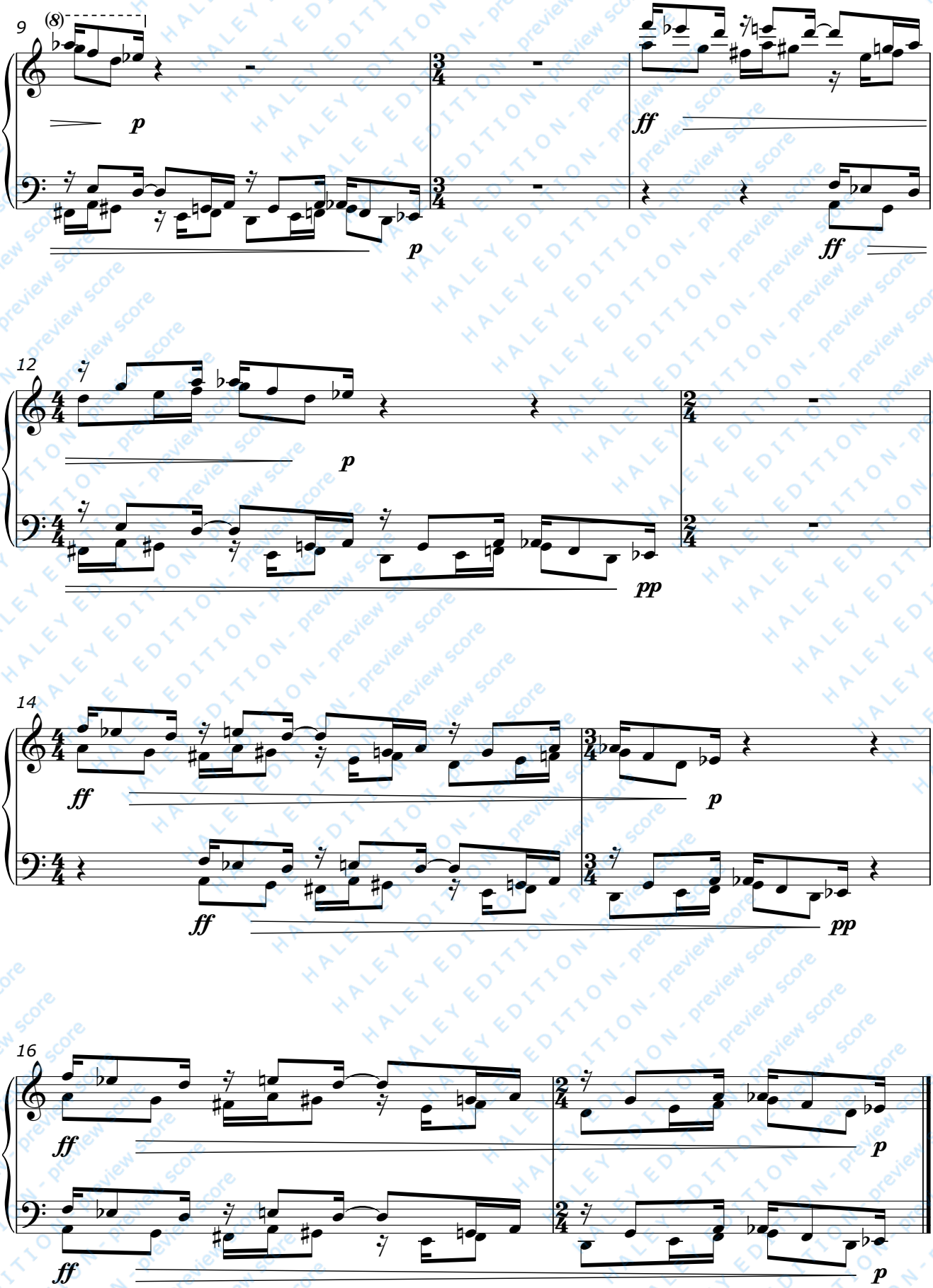
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