

# String Quartet op. 21 no. 1 in B flat major

Score

George Onslow (1784 - 1853)

A few remarks by the type setter:

Originally my intention was to use the historic set of parts published on IMSLP to assemble a score of this quartet for study purposes. However, while doing the work it seemed to me that the published scans of the old parts are not always very readable and that there are some discrepancies in dynamics and articulation (mostly the latter). These "defects" make it harder for people to play the piece, particularly if they try to sight read it.

I decided therefore to generate a new set of parts from the type set score and to post them alongside the score in order to make it easier for people who want to play the piece.

The score was typeset by literally transcribing the four parts of the original. All dynamic and articulation marks were typeset exactly as they are found in the parts.

For the new parts however these markings were straightened out. Missing dynamic signs were placed and a few were corrected in order to make the dynamic markings consistent between the parts. Most notably in each of the measures 55 and 166 two *sfz* were substituted for the *f* markings in order to clarify the meaning. Articulation markings were added--and in rare instances corrected--in the spirit of the ones that were present in the original.

The dynamic markings in the new parts may be said to reflect the intention of the composer but the articulation markings represent rather a best guess due to the fragmentary nature of the articulation in the original. However by comparing the parts with the score everybody can easily see what was added or altered and what was found in the original.

The type setting was performed using MuseScore (version 1.3., web site: [MuseScore.org](http://MuseScore.org)).

I hope the score and parts will be useful for interested people.

**Allegro moderato M.M. ♩ = 106**

Musical score for strings (Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello) in C minor, 2/4 time. The score shows four staves with dynamic markings *p*, *crescendo*, and *fz*.

Violin 1: Starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Violin 2: Starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Viola: Starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Violoncello: Starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Musical score for strings (Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc.) in C minor, 2/4 time. The score shows four staves with dynamic markings *p*, *crescendo*, and dynamic changes at measure 8.

Vln. 1: Measure 8 starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Vln. 2: Measure 8 starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Vla.: Measure 8 starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Vlc.: Measure 8 starts with a dotted quarter note followed by eighth notes. Dynamic *p*. Crescendo arc over the next measures.

Musical score for strings (Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc.) in C minor, 2/4 time. The score shows four staves with dynamic markings *tr*, *f*, and *f*.

Vln. 1: Starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Dynamic *f*.

Vln. 2: Starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Dynamic *f*.

Vla.: Starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Dynamic *f*.

Vlc.: Starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Dynamic *f*.

14

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*p*

18

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*crescendo*

22

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*f*

24

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

26

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

28

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

30

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

32

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

34

Vln. 1

*diminuendo*

**p**

Vln. 2

**p**

*dolce*

Vla.

*diminuendo*

**p**

Vlc.

*diminuendo*

**p**

39

Vln. 1 *con espressione*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

46

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

50

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

53

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*crescendo*

*f*

*crescendo*

*crescendo*

57

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

*f*

Vla.

*f*

Vlc.

*f*

59

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

*fp*

Vla.

*p*

Vlc.

*dolce*

*p*

64

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla.

Vlc.

This section shows four staves for string instruments. Vln. 1 has eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note patterns. Vln. 2 starts with a sustained note. Vla. has eighth-note pairs. Vlc. has eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note patterns. Measure number 64 is indicated at the top left.

69

Vln. 1

*f*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

This section shows four staves for string instruments. Vln. 1 has eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note patterns. Vln. 2 has eighth-note pairs. Vla. has eighth-note pairs. Vlc. has eighth-note pairs. Dynamics *f*, *f*, *f*, and *f* are indicated below the staves.

72

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

This section shows four staves for string instruments. Vln. 1 has eighth-note pairs. Vln. 2 has eighth-note pairs. Vla. has sixteenth-note patterns. Vlc. has sixteenth-note patterns. Measure number 72 is indicated at the top left.

74

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

1.

*fz* *diminuendo*

*f*

78

Vln. 1

*fz* *diminuendo*

*f*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

2.

*f*

82

Vln. 1

*pp*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

87

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

93

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

99

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

105

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*pp*

109

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

112

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*ff con fuoco*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

114

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

116

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

118

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

120

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla.

Vlc. *pp*

124

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

128

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla.

Vlc. *p*

136

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*crescendo*

*p*

*p*

*crescendo*

*p*

*crescendo*

139

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

142

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*p*

*f*

*f*

*p*

*p*

*fp*

145

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*dolce*

*p*

150

Vln. 1

*con espressione*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

157

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

161

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

165

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*crescendo*

*f*

*crescendo*

*crescendo*

*crescendo*

168

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

*f*

*f*

*f*

170

Vln. 1

*fp*

Vln. 2

*fp*

Vla.

*p*

Vlc.

*p*

*dolce*

175

Vln. 1

> >

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

181

Vln. 1

*f*

Vln. 2

*f*

Vla.

*f*

Vlc.

*f*

184

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

187

Vln. 1

*fz*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

190

Vln. 1

*fz*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

193

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

197

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

201

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

205  
 Vln. 1      
  
 Vln. 2  
 Vla.  
 Vlc.  
  
 210  
 Vln. 1      
  
 Vln. 2  
 Vla.  
 Vlc.

*smorzando*

*smorzando*

*smorzando*

*smorzando*      ***pp***

**Minuetto. Allegretto grazioso. M.M.  $J = 144$**

Musical score for the first section of the Minuetto, featuring four staves:

- Violin 1:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.
- Violin 2:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.
- Viola:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.
- Violoncello:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.

Musical score for the second section of the Minuetto, featuring four staves:

- Vln. 1:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes. A dynamic **f** is indicated at the end of the measure.
- Vln. 2:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes. A dynamic **f** is indicated at the end of the measure.
- Vla.:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes. A dynamic **f** is indicated at the end of the measure.
- Vlc.:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes. A dynamic **f** is indicated at the end of the measure.

Musical score for the third section of the Minuetto, featuring four staves:

- Vln. 1:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.
- Vln. 2:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.
- Vla.:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.
- Vlc.:** Starts with a dynamic **p**. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes.

17

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

**p**

23

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

29

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

**pp**

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**pp**

\*) Probable error: The crotchet should be on the second beat, corrected in the parts.

35

Vln. 1      *tr*      *pp*      *fz*      *tr*      *fz*      *tr*

Vln. 2      -      -      *pp*

Vla.      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*

Vlc.      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*

40

Vln. 1      *fz*      *tr*      *fz*      *crescendo*      *fz*

Vln. 2      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *crescendo*

Vla.      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *crescendo*

Vlc.      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *p*      *crescendo*

45

Vln. 1      *tr*      *fz*      *f*      *tr*

Vln. 2      *p*      *p*      *f*

Vla.      *p*      *p*      *f*

Vlc.      *p*      *p*      *f*

1.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

50

*diminuendo*

*diminuendo*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

54

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*tr*

*pp*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

59

*tr*

*tr*

64

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

70

Vln. 1

f

fz

fz crescendo sempre

Vln. 2

f

crescendo sempre

Vla.

f crescendo sempre

Vlc.

f crescendo

76

Vln. 1

>

ff >

diminuendo dolcissimo

Vln. 2

ff

diminuendo p

Vla.

ff

diminuendo p

Vlc.

ff

diminuendo

82

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

**p**

88

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

**f**

**tr**

94

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

**p**

**tr**

99

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

106

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

112

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

118

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

123

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

129

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

**Adagio cantabile. M.M. ♩ = 60**

Violin      *p*      *tr*

Violin      *fz*

Viola      *p*

Violoncello      *fz*

Vln.      *fz*

Vln.      *pp*

Vla.      *fz*

Vlc.      *pp*

Vln.      *ff*

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.      *crescendo*

15

Vln.  *crescendo*

Vln.  *crescendo*

Vla.  *crescendo*

Vlc.  *ff*

19

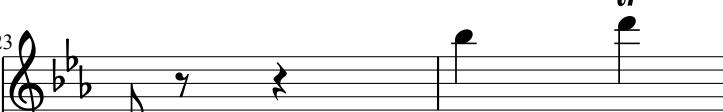
Vln.  *pp*

Vln. 

Vla.  *p*

Vlc.  *pp* *crescendo*

23

Vln.  *f* *tr* *p* *pp*

Vln.  *mf* *tr* *p* *pp*

Vla.  *crescendo* *f* *p* *pp*

Vlc.  *f* *p* *pp*

Musical score for strings (Vln., Vlc., Vla.) in 2/4 time, key signature of B-flat major (two flats). The score consists of four staves. Measure 27 starts with a dynamic of **p**. Measure 28 starts with a dynamic of **dolce**.

Musical score for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello) in 32nd-note time signature. The score shows four staves of music. The violins play eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The viola and cello provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for strings (Vln., Vla., Vlc.) showing measures 36-40. The score is in common time, key signature of B-flat major. Measure 36 starts with a sixteenth-note grace followed by eighth-note pairs. Measures 37-38 show eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 39 begins with a sixteenth-note grace followed by eighth-note pairs. Measure 40 concludes with a sixteenth-note grace followed by eighth-note pairs.

40

Vln. *fz*

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc. 8

44

Vln. *crescendo* *f* *pp*

Vln. *crescendo* *f* *pp*

Vla. *crescendo* *fz* *f* *pp*

Vlc. *fz* *crescendo* *f* *fz* *pp*

48

Vln. *dolce*

Vln.

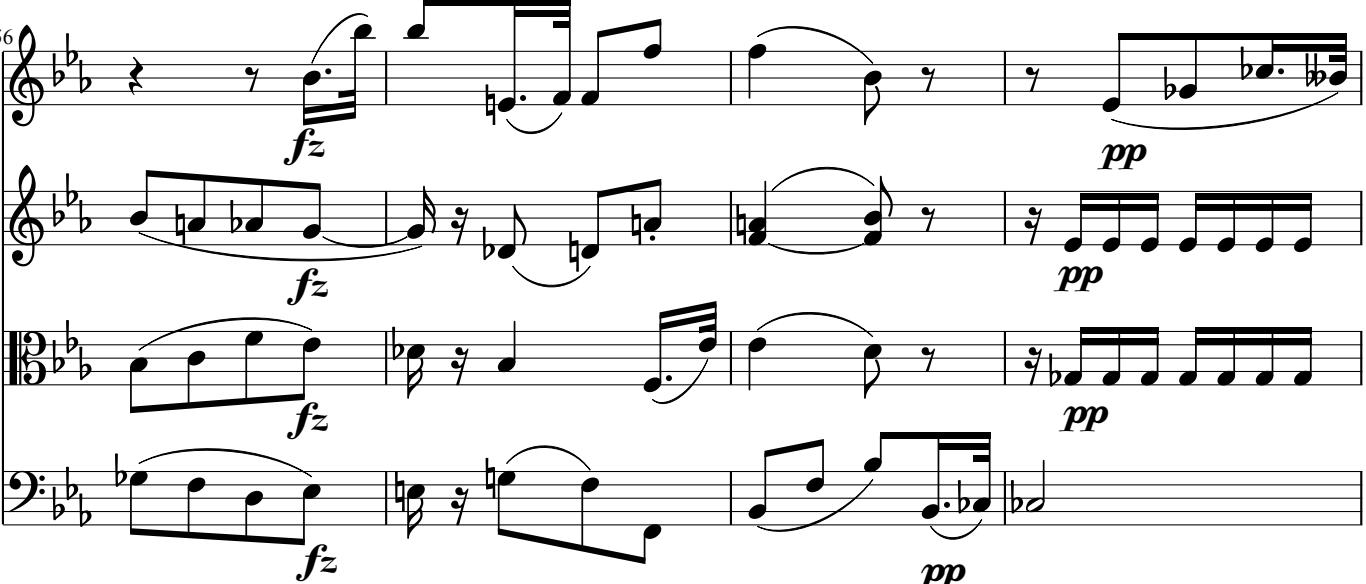
Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

52

Vln. 

56

Vln. 

60

Vln. 

64

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

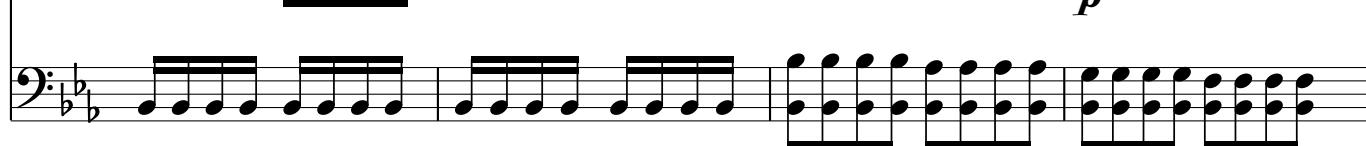
Vlc. 

68

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

72

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

76

Vln. Vln. Vla. Vlc.

Vln. Vln. Vla. Vlc.

82

*ff* *tr* *p* *pp*

*ff* *pp*

*ff* *pp*

*ff* *pp*

**FINALE. Allegro scherzo. M.M. ♦ = 126**

Violin      **p**

Violin      **p**

Viola      **p**

Violoncello

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.      **p**

12

Vln. 

16

Vln. 

20

Vln. 

25

Vln. *tr*

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc. *p*

*p*

*fp*

31

Vln.

Vln.

Vla. *p*

Vlc.

36

Vln. *crescendo*

Vln. *crescendo*

Vla. *tr* *crescendo*

Vlc. *tr* *mf* *crescendo*

42

Vln. *f*

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

46

Vln.

*diminuendo*

Vln.

*diminuendo*

Vla.

*p*

Vlc. *diminuendo*

50

Vln. *p*

Vln. *p*

Vla.

Vlc. *p*

57

Vln. 

63

Vln. 

67

Vln. 

71

Vln. 

Vln. 

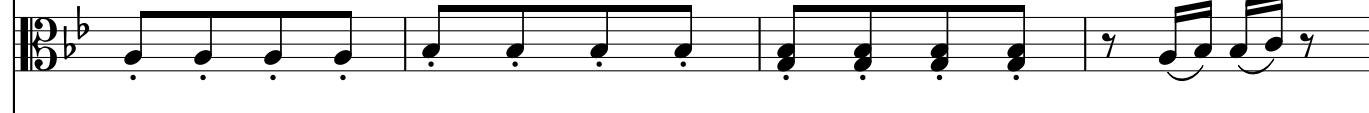
Vla. 

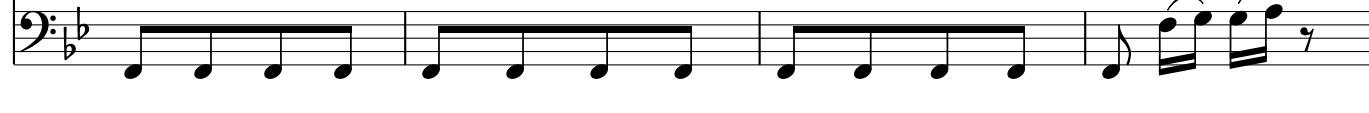
Vlc. 

75

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

79

Vln. 
 crescendo **f**

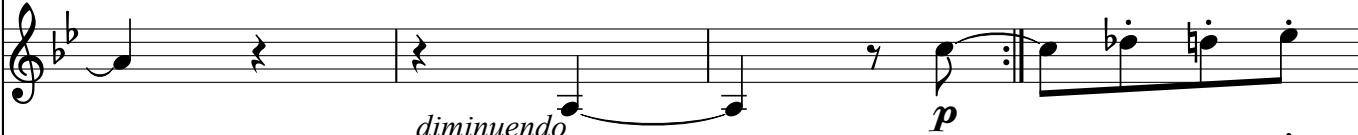
Vln. 
**f**

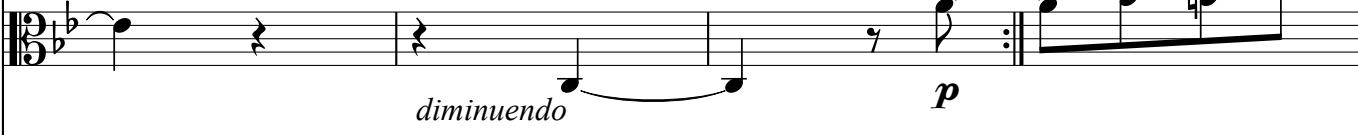
Vla. 
**f**

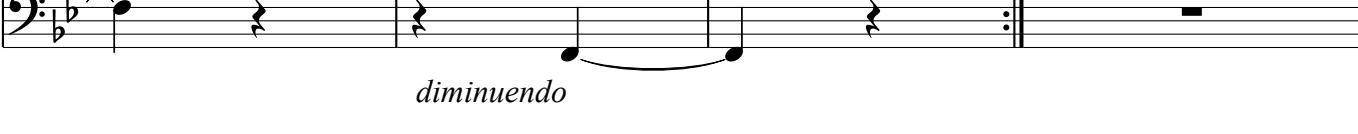
Vlc. 
**f**

83

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

87

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

91

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

Musical score for strings section 97. The score consists of four staves: Violin (Vln.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), and Cello/Bass (Vlc.). The key signature is two sharps. Measure 97 starts with sixteenth-note patterns in the violins, followed by a dynamic ***f***. The violins play eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The viola and cello provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords. The violins' eighth-note patterns are connected by a brace, indicating they play simultaneously. The violins end with a dynamic ***f***. The viola and cello continue with eighth-note chords. The violins re-enter with eighth-note patterns, leading to a dynamic ***crescendo f***.

103

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

*sotto voce*

*sotto voce*

*p* *tr*

Musical score for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello) in 2/4 time, key signature of A major (three sharps). Measure 109 starts with a melodic line in Violin I. Measure 110 begins with a rhythmic pattern in Violin II.

116

Vln. *tr*

Vln.

Vla. *p fz*

Vlc. *fz*

122

Vln. *fz*

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc. *f*

127

Vln. *fz*

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

131

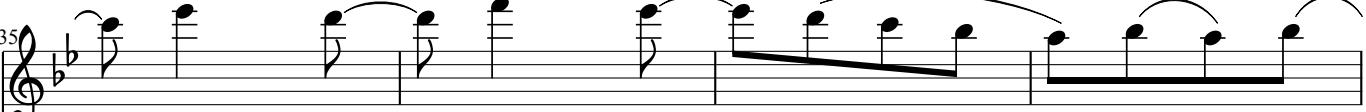
Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

135

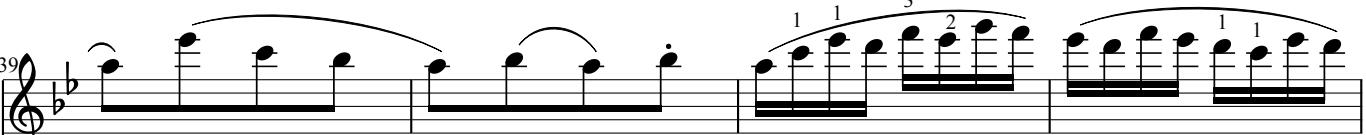
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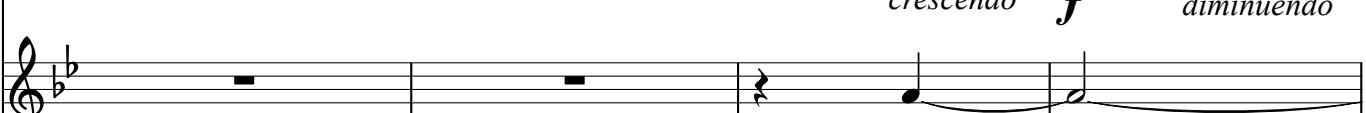
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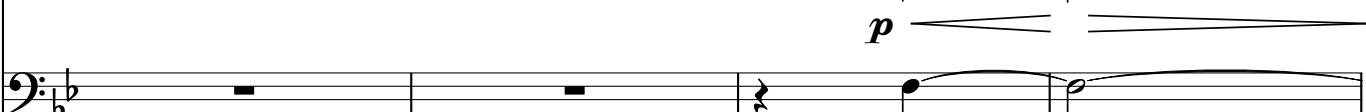
Vlc. 

139

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

143

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

147

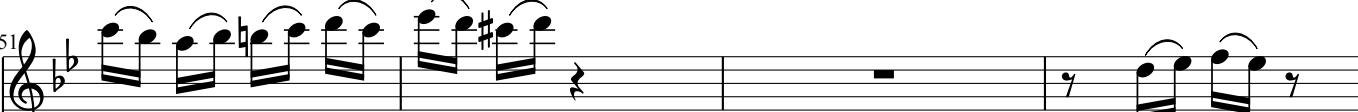
Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

151

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

155

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

159

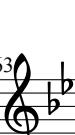
Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

163

Vln. 

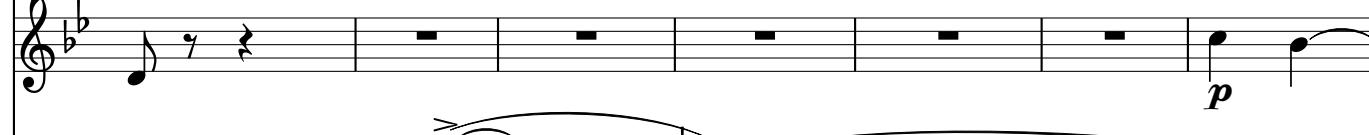
Vln. 

Vla. 

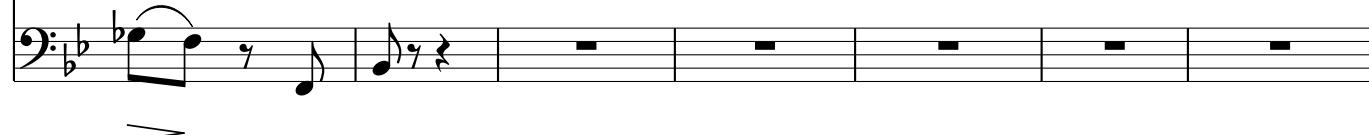
Vlc. 

167

Vln. 

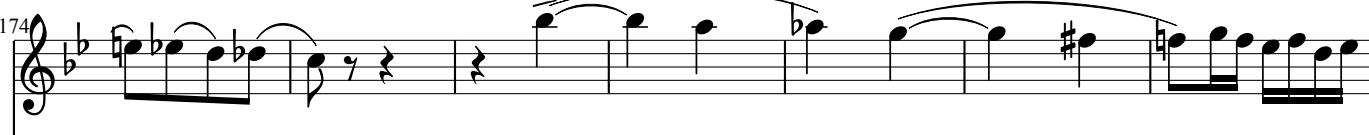
Vln. 

Vla. 

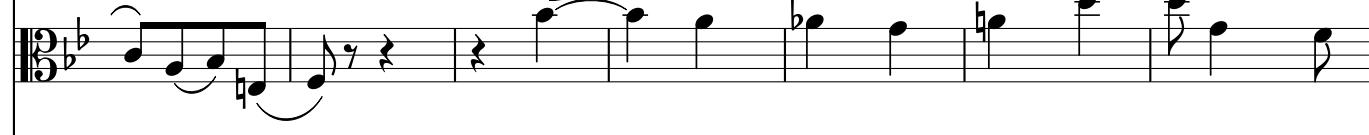
Vlc. 

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174

Vln. 

Vln. 

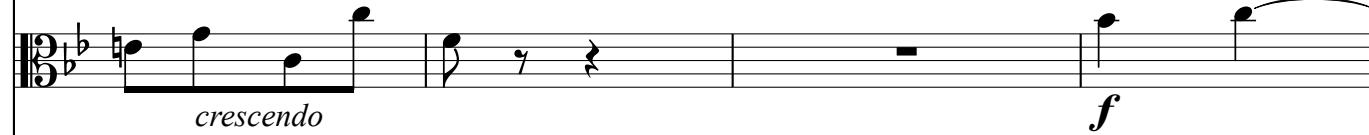
Vla. 

Vlc. 

181

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

185

Vln. 

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

190

Vln. 

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

*p*

*p*

*p*

194

Vln. 

Vln.

Vla.

Vlc.

*p*

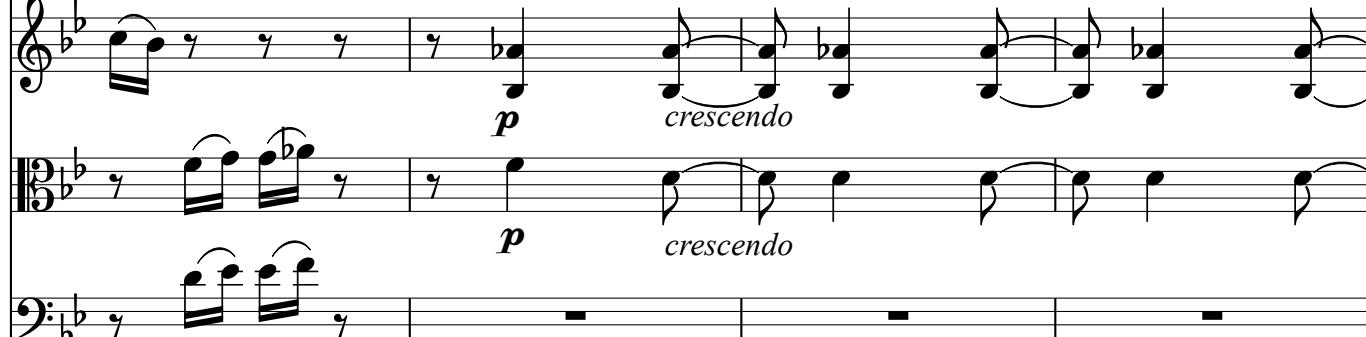
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*p*

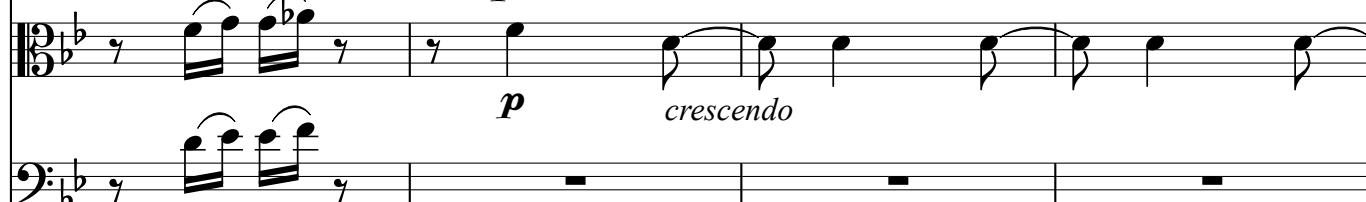
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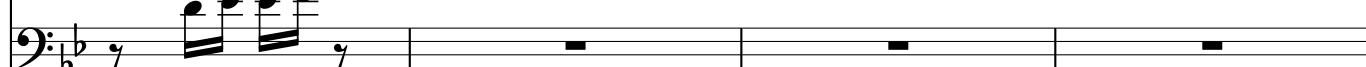
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Vln. 

p      *crescendo*

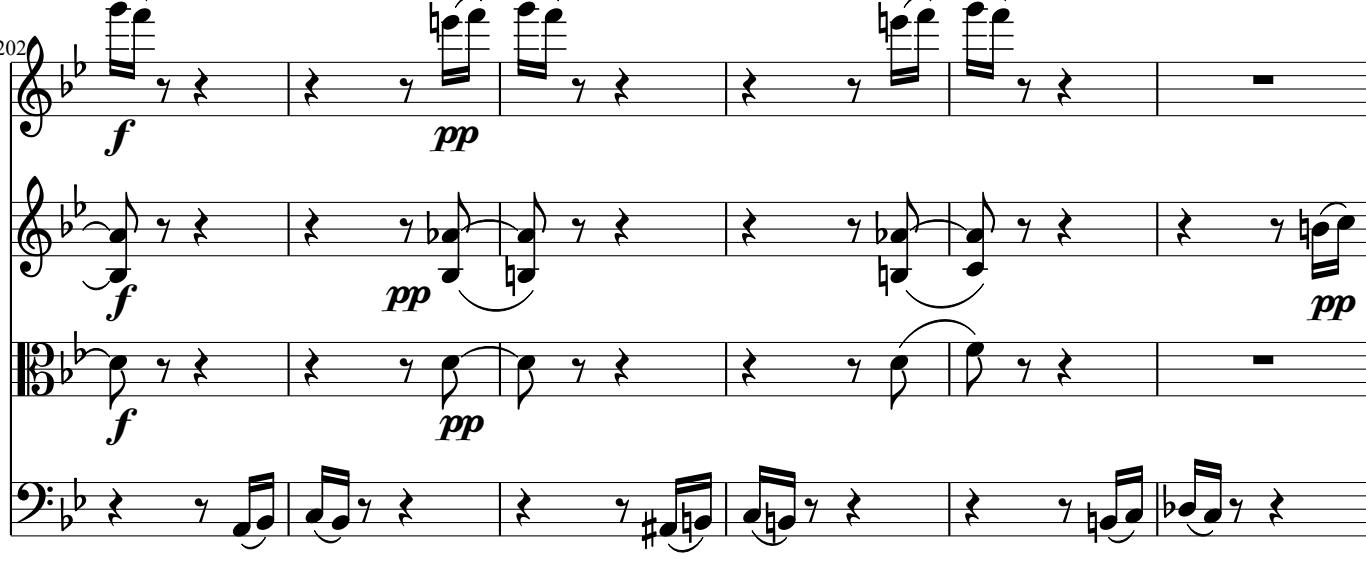
Vla. 

p      *crescendo*

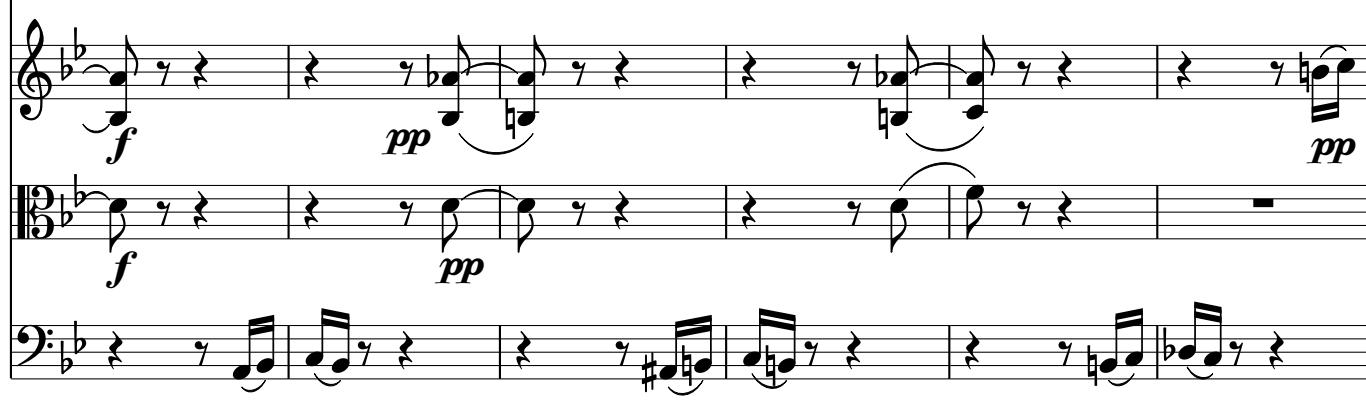
Vlc. 

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202

Vln. 

f      *pp*

Vln. 

f      *pp*

Vla. 

f      *pp*

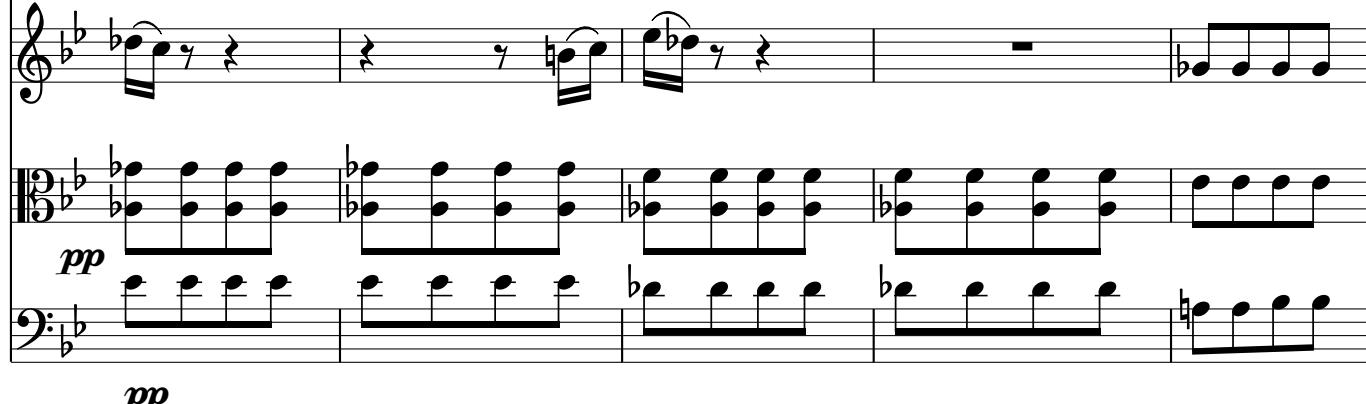
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*pp*

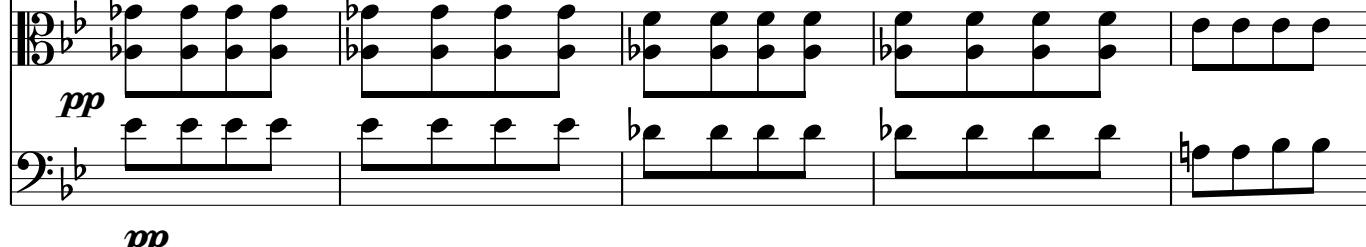
208

Vln. 

*pp*

Vln. 

*pp*

Vla. 

*pp*

Vlc. 

*pp*

213

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vla. 

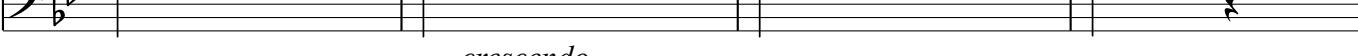
Vlc. 

217

Vln.   
*crescendo sempre*

Vln.   
*crescendo sempre*

Vla.   
*crescendo sempre*

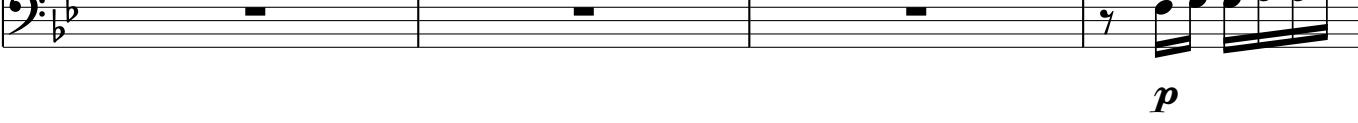
Vlc.   
*crescendo*

221

Vln.   
*fp*

Vln.   
*fp*

Vla.   
*fp*

Vlc.   
*p*

225

Vln. 

Vln. 

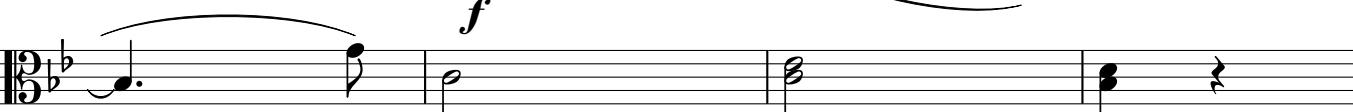
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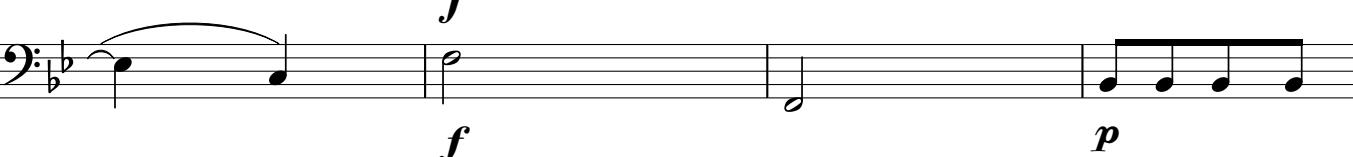
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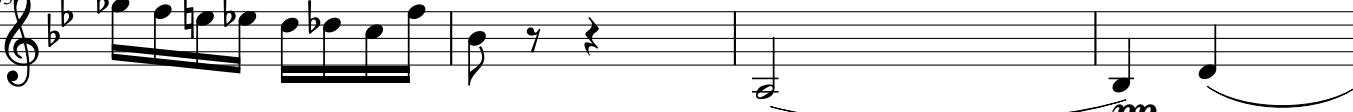
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Vln. 

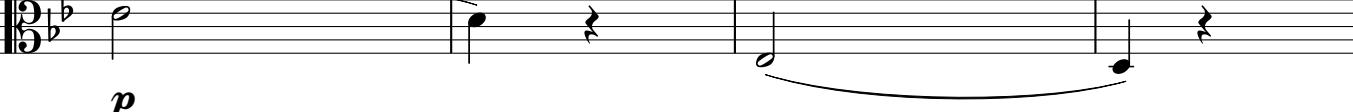
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Vlc. 

233

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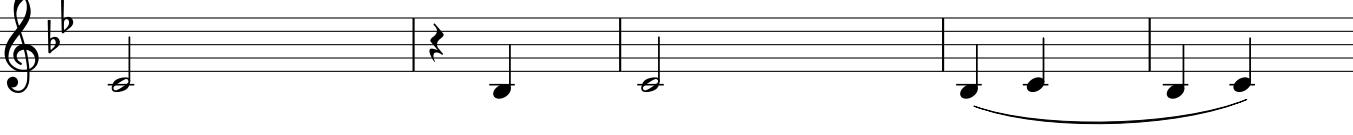
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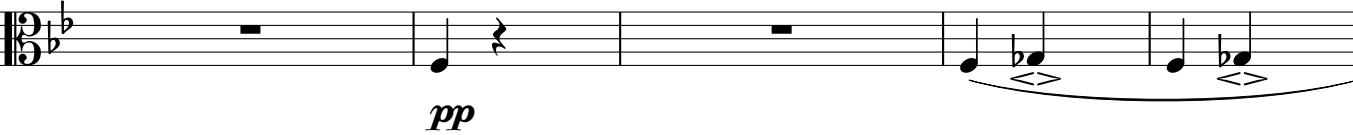
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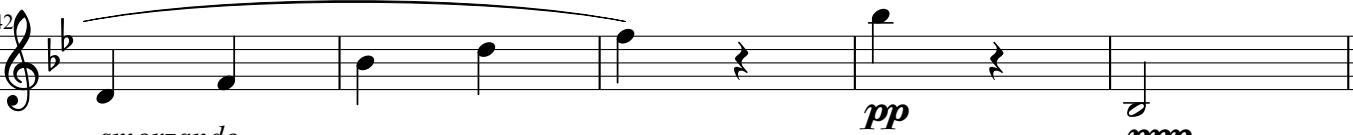
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Vln. 

Vla. 

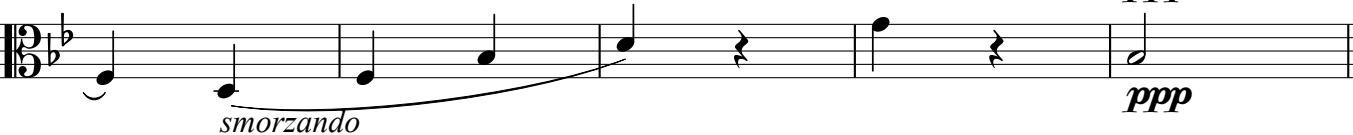
Vlc. 

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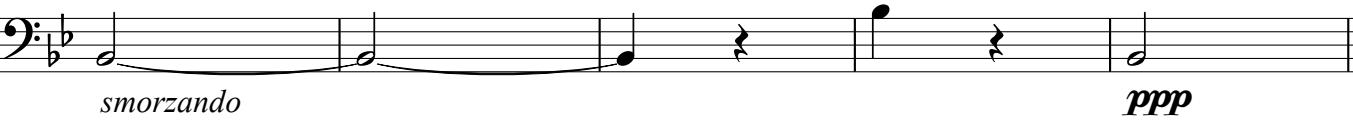
Vln. 

*smorzando*

Vln. 

Vla. 

*smorzando*

Vlc. 

*smorzando* **ppp**