

## DENSITY 21.5\*

**Flute Solo**

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$\text{♩} = 72^{**}$

The music is composed of seven staves of musical notation for flute. The first six staves are in common time (indicated by 'C') and the last staff is in 2/4 time (indicated by '2/4'). The key signature varies throughout the piece. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and beams. Performance instructions such as 'mf', 'f', 'p', 'fff', 'mf subito', and 'sforzando' (indicated by a double bar line with a sforzando bow) are placed below the staves. The music is marked with 'Density 21.5'.

\* Written in January, 1936, at the request of Georges Barrère for the inauguration of his platinum flute. Revised April, 1946. 21.5 is the density of platinum.

\*\* Always strictly in time—follow metronomic indications.

\*\*\* Notes marked + to be played softly, hitting the keys at the same time to produce a percussive effect.

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A page of sheet music for piano, consisting of 12 staves. The music is divided into sections by vertical bar lines and includes various dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *f*, *ff*, *p subito*, *cresc. molto*, and *ten.*. Articulation marks like  $\nearrow$  and  $\searrow$  are used throughout. Tempo changes are indicated by  $\text{d} = 60$ ,  $\text{d} = 72$ , and *loco*. Measure numbers 1 through 12 are present above the staves. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.