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The Art of the Hymn At the Piano

Concept and Arrangements by

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Foreword

Like great works of art, hymns have maintained their artistic integrity across many generations. This collection of eight well-known hymn tunes is the piano adaptation from the best-selling choral collection, The Art of the Hymn. Each selection carefully interprets the timeless texts with challenging but satisfying technical features.

Unique to this collection is its versatility for the church pianist. Each arrangement may be played as written for inclusion in a worship service. In addition, we have provided an orchestral accompaniment CD which allows you the opportunity to play each arrangement in grand style! The brackets in each tune signify sections in which the orchestra plays alone. Other performance options are listed in various tunes throughout the collection.

CD index numbers are provided to give you practice and performance options. A well-tuned piano, a good monitor system and careful attention to orchestral tempos are all you need to use these hymn arrangements at church, in concert, or for your own personal enjoyment.

However you choose to use this collection, it is my prayer that the music from my heart will be a blessing to yours. May God be honored by our offerings in song.

— Mary McDonald

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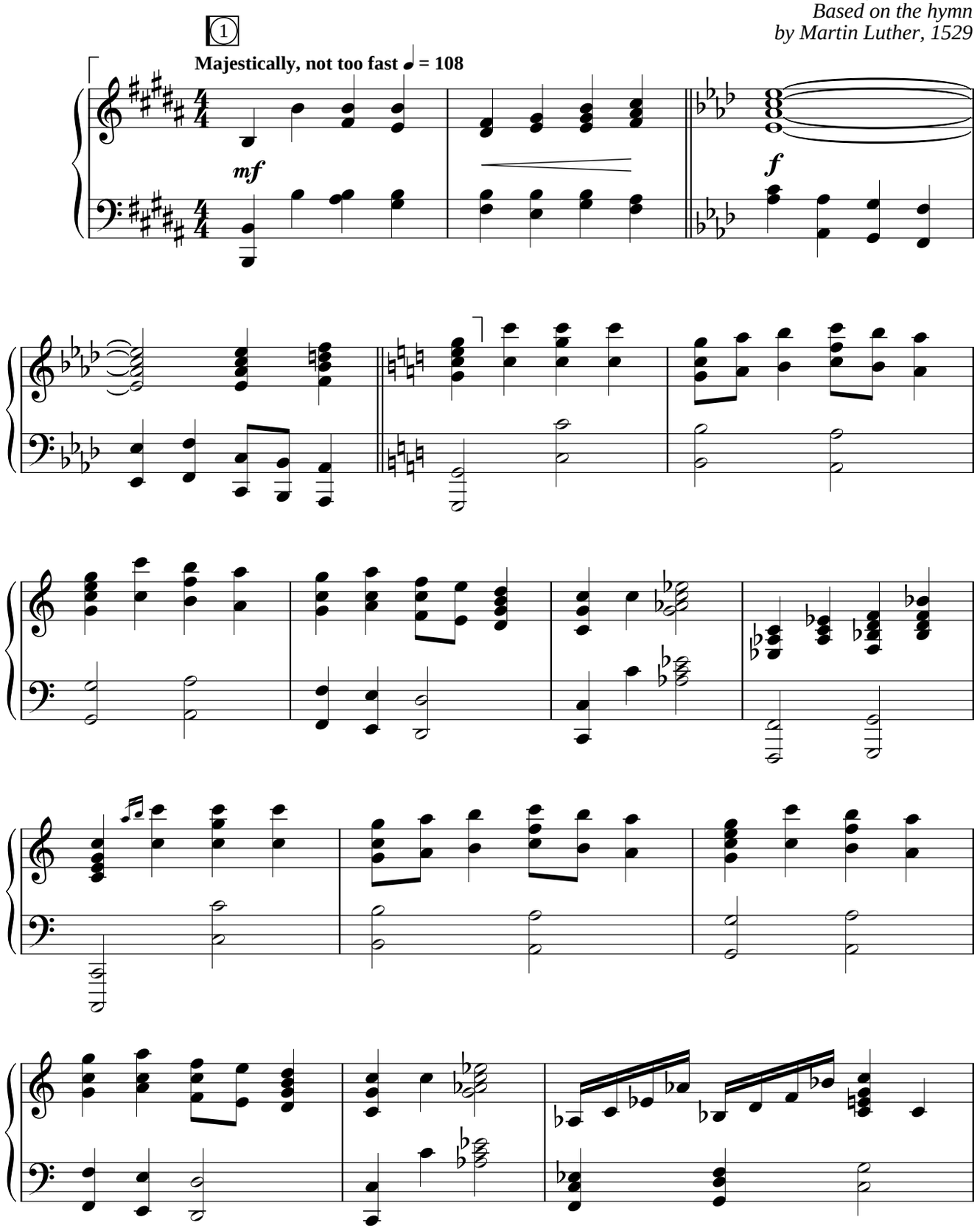
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Mary McDonald
Based on the hymn
by Martin Luther, 1529



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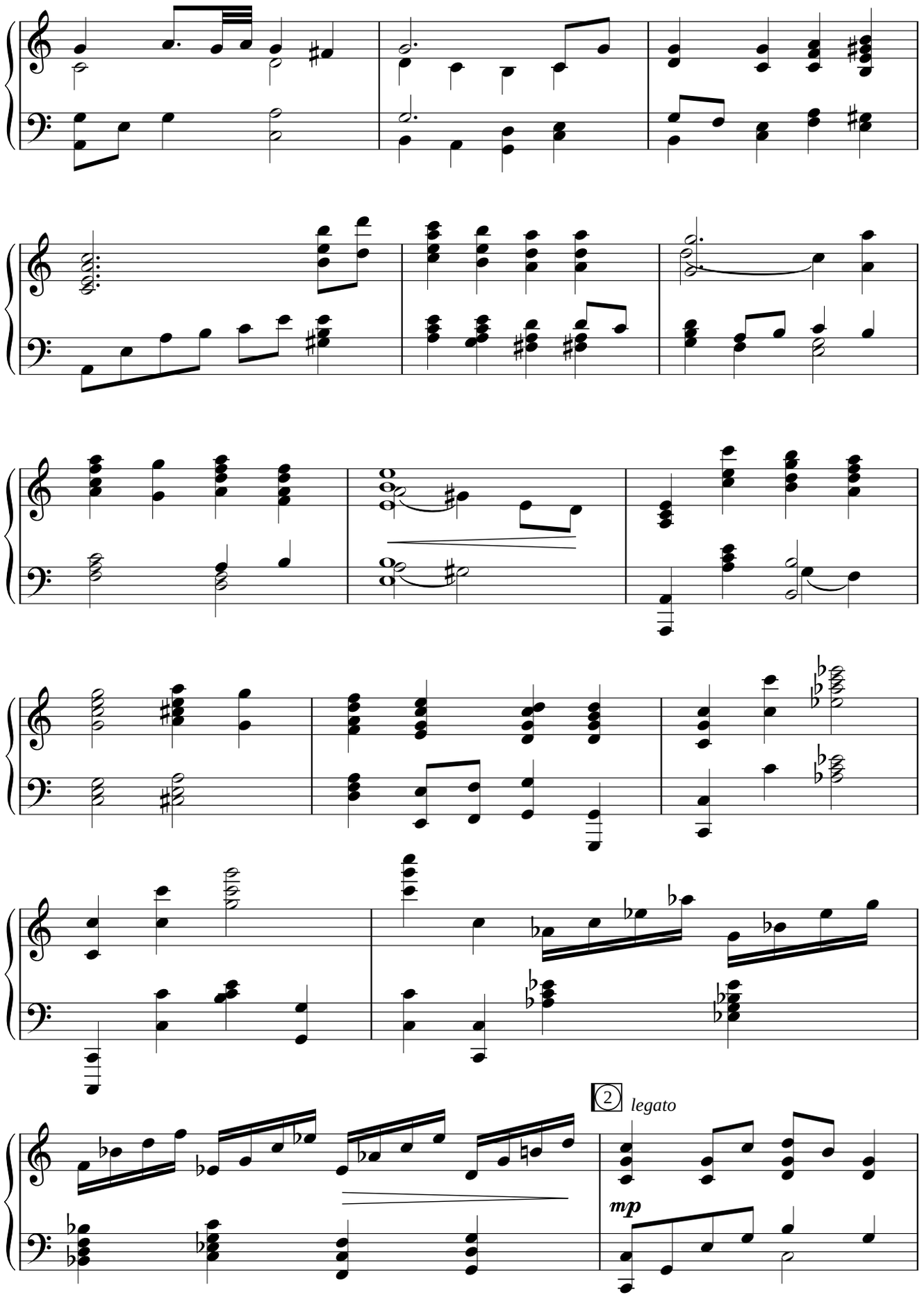
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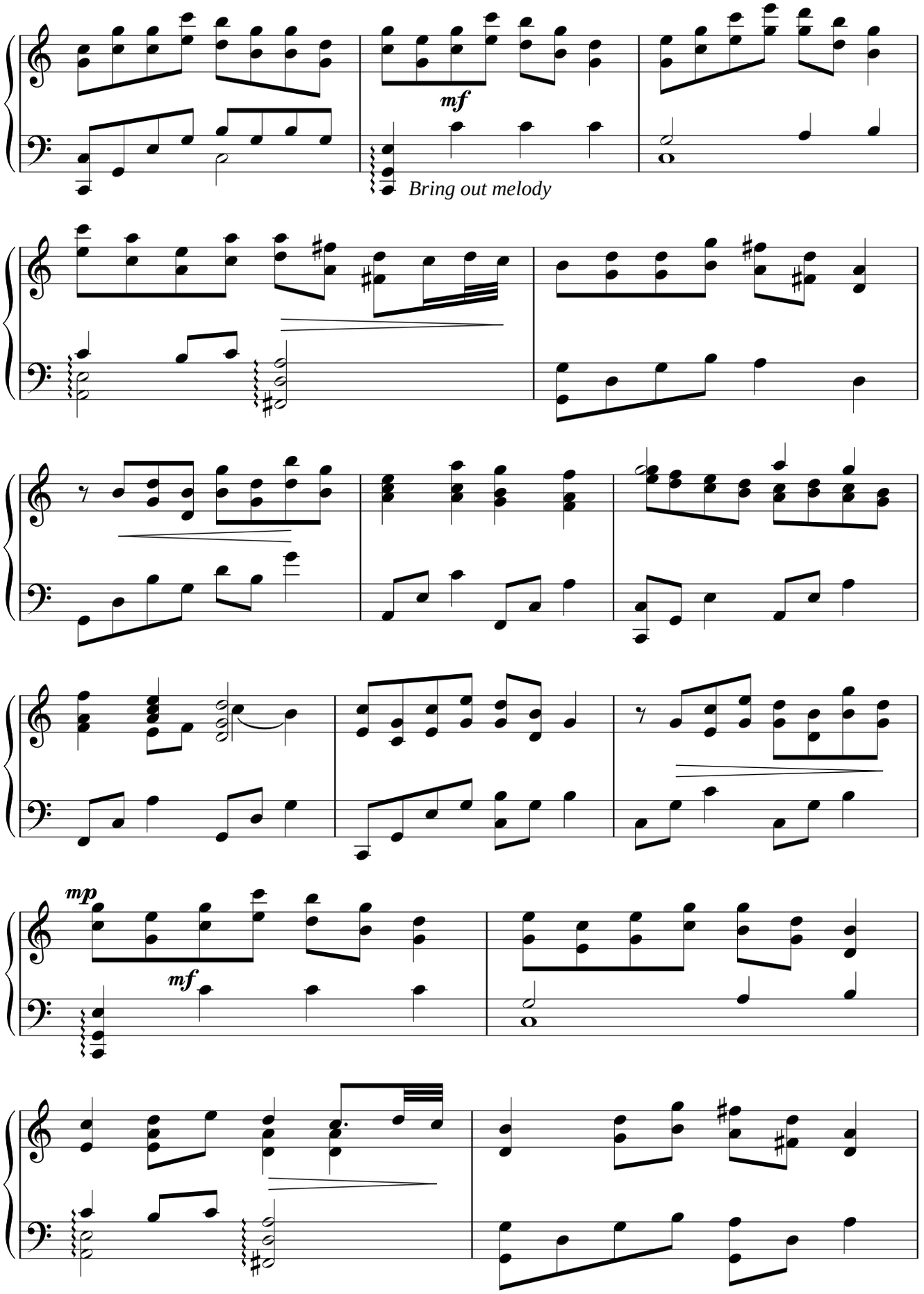
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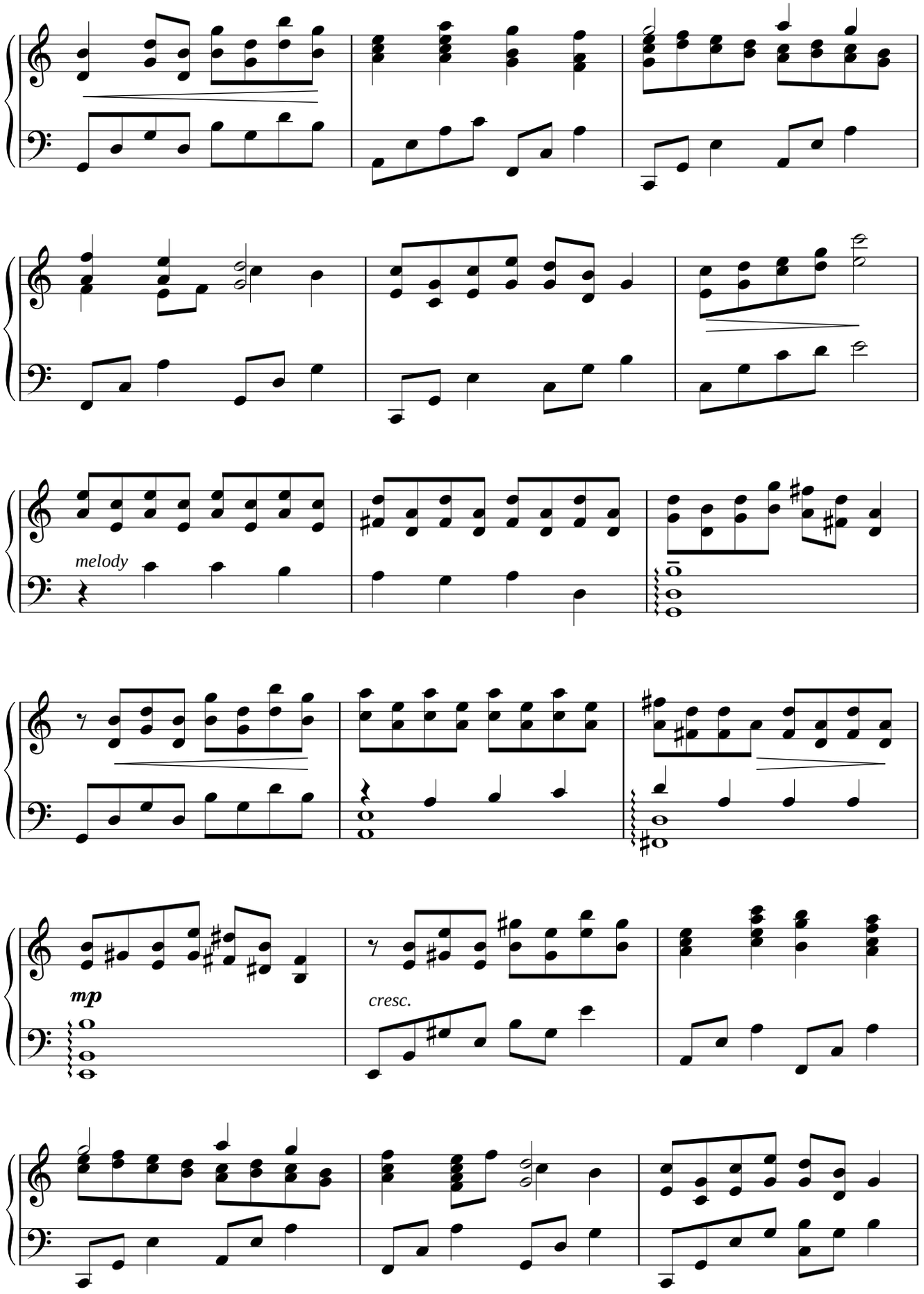
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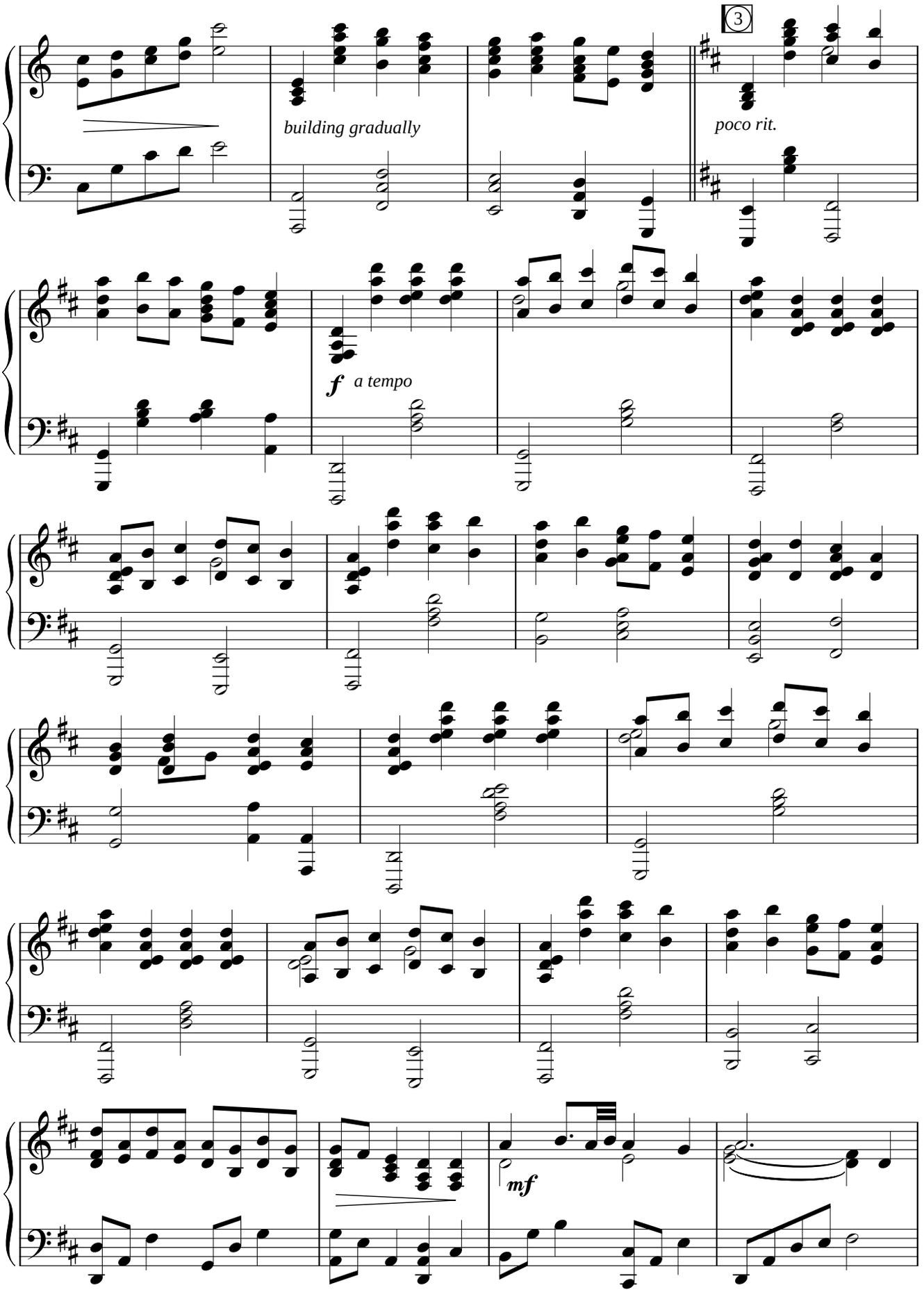
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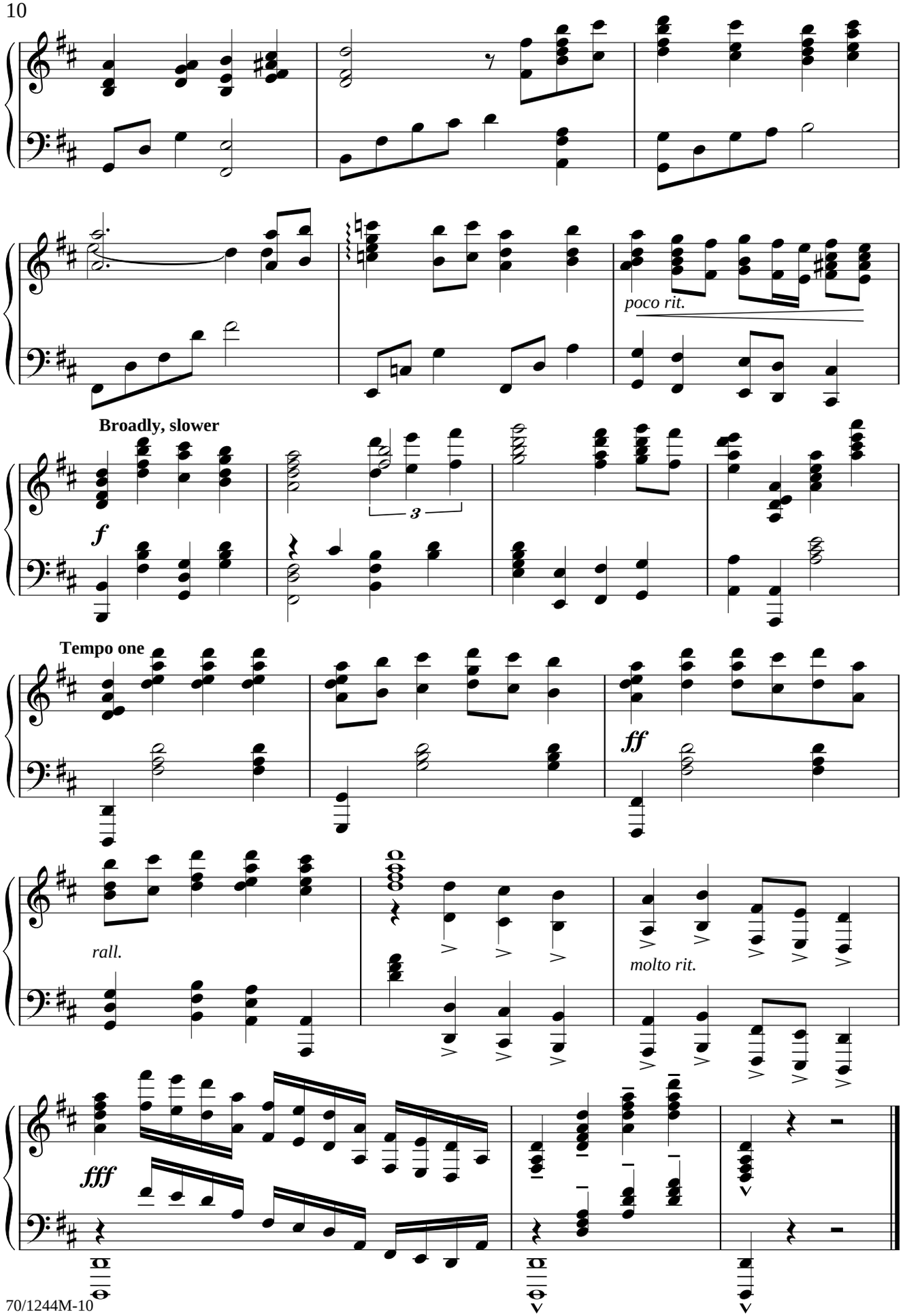
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Broadly, slower
f
3
Tempo one
ff
rall.
molto rit.
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