Gratitude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A When we are no longer hungry,
When our thirst has been quenched,
When we are safe from the elements and from danger,

B Still we want more...
More money, more possessions, more prestige.

These desires are inevitable, but for some, the ambition for more never stops and the complaining never fades.

For some of us, our ambition for *more* never stops and our complaining is never quieted.

The one sure way to stop complaining and to restore a life of contentment is…

C GRATITUDE.

Gratitude sets aside our struggle for more and celebrates the blessings of our lives.

Gratitude warms the heart and brings a sweet aroma to our souls.

When we name each blessing and give thanks to God, we are saying: we did not earn this, but we enjoy these blessings that come only by God.

D These moments of gratitude can grow into a lifestyle of continuous thanksgiving. Our discontent may be quenched; our complaining will cease; we no longer fuel our unhappiness by counting all we do not have and by measuring the reasons we should be unhappy.

Our minds will be rescued from our fueling our despair by taking inventory of all our unfilled needs and our difficulties.

E Then we can bask in the glow of God's blessings: the people we love, our needs that are filled, the blessed moments we enjoy, and the beauty of thanksgiving itself will lift up our spirits, disperse our anger, and inspire us to tune our hearts and raise a fresh new song. A song of gratitude to the Source of all goodness, the one True Fountain of *every* blessing.

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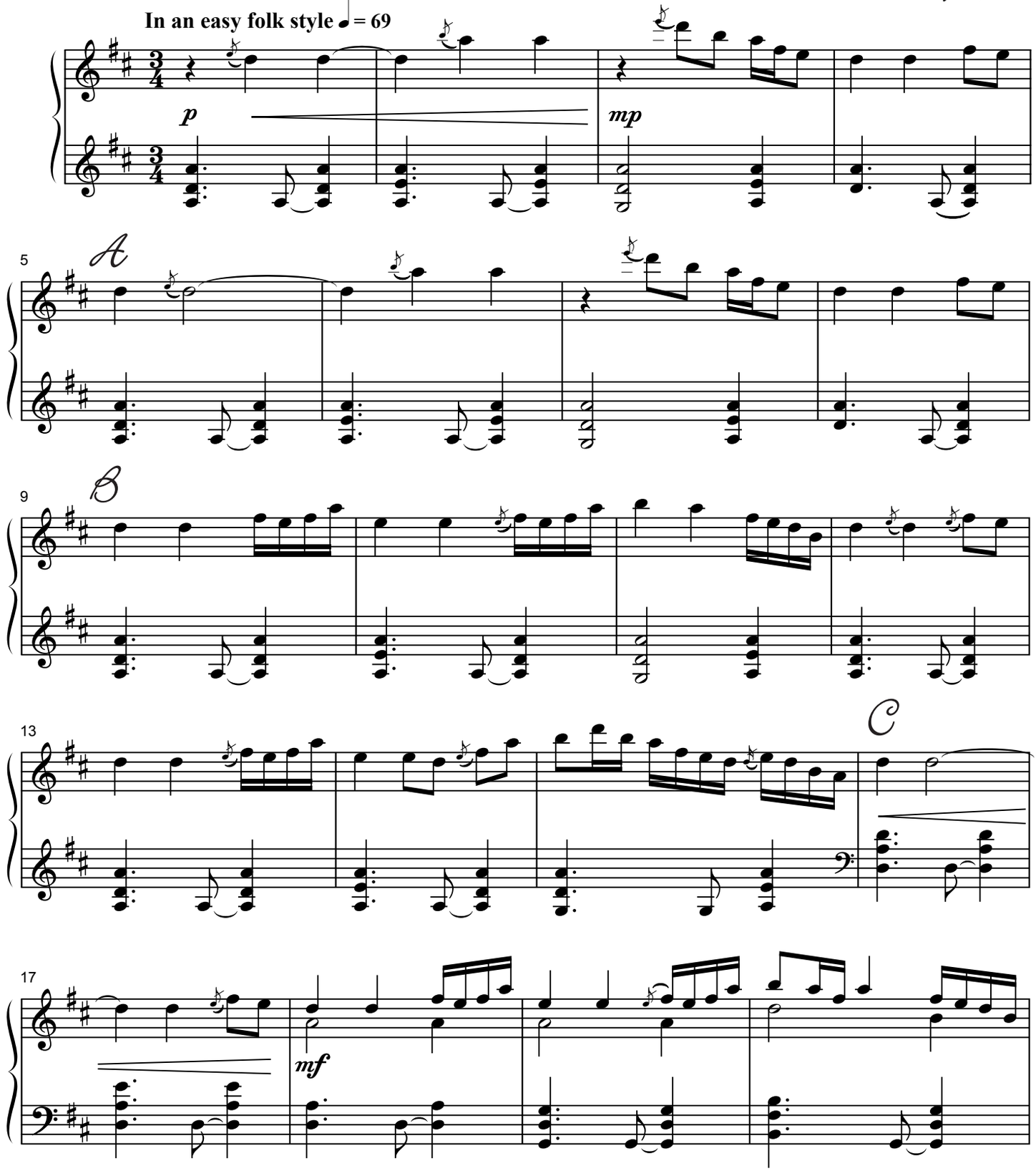
Pepper Choplin
Tune: **NETTLETON**
John Wyeth, 1813



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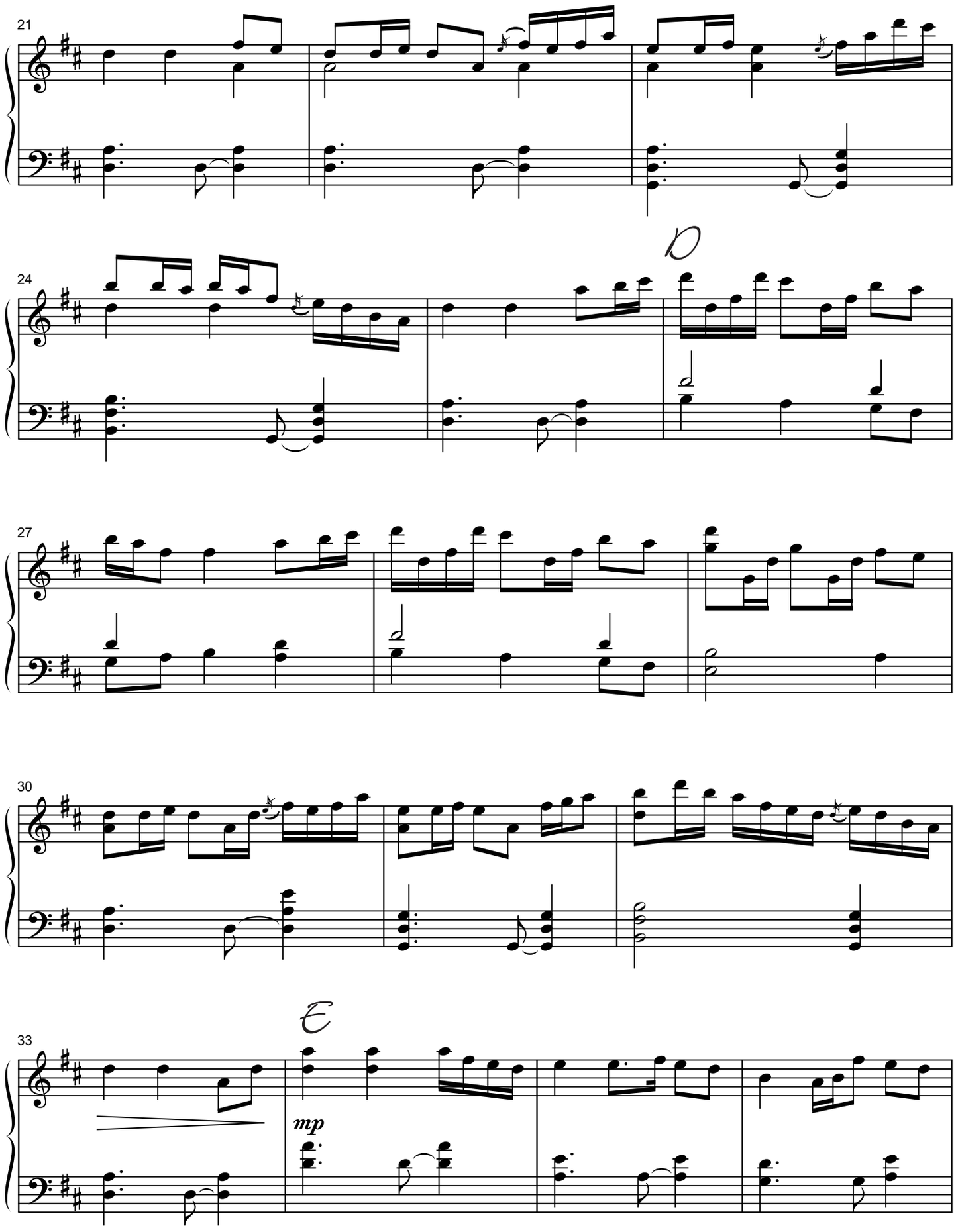
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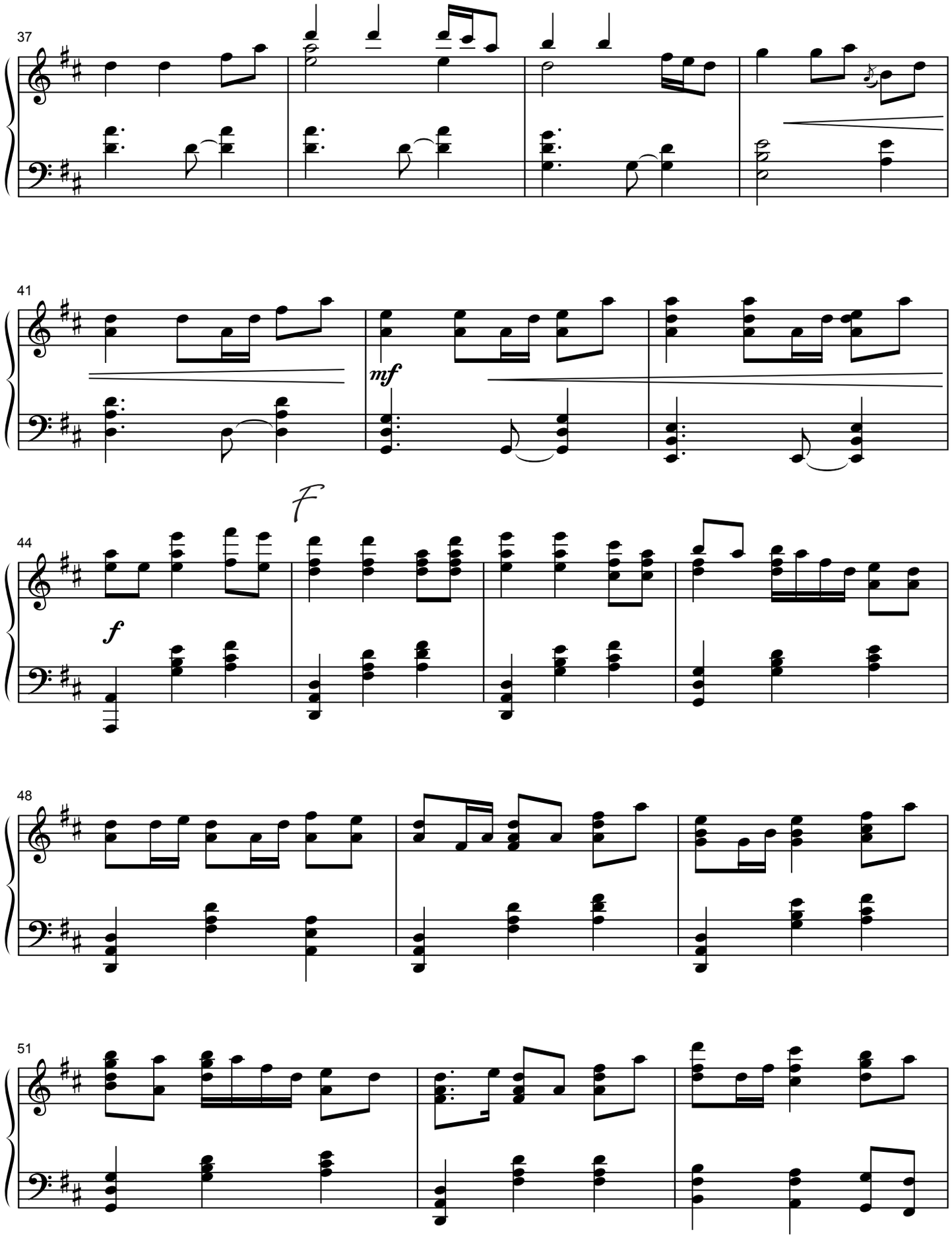
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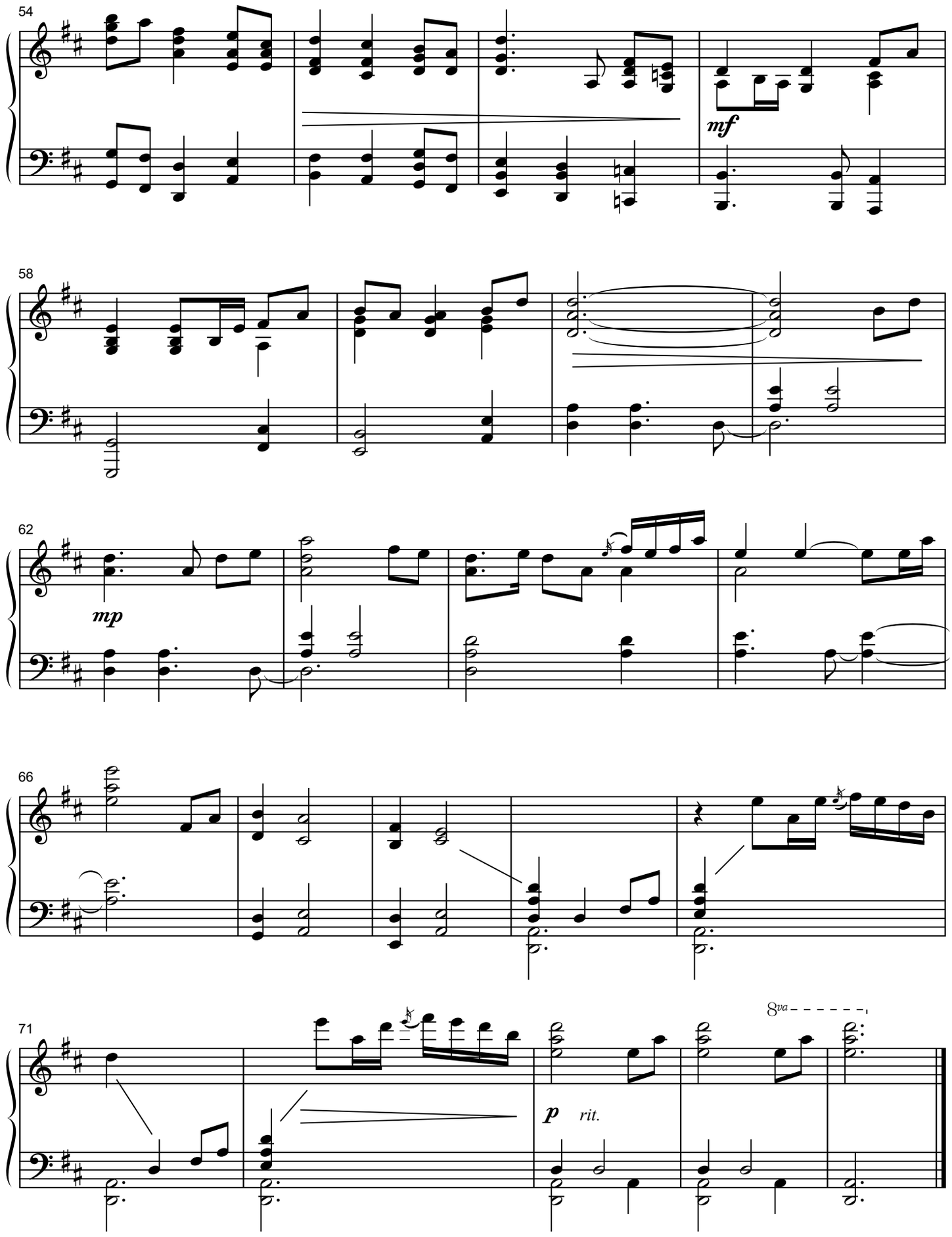
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