Unmeasured Preludes From the Bauyn Manuscript (ca. 1658)

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From the Editor:

This edition of the Unmeasured Preludes of Louis Couperin was prepared from a facsimile of the 2nd part of the Bauyn Manuscript as published by Fuzeau, and incorporates all 14 preludes from this volume, in the original order. Obvious errors in the manuscript have been corrected here without comment.

The typesetting of these unmeasured preludes using computerized notation software is a difficult endeavor, and the various lines and slurs in the original manuscript are almost impossible to duplicate exactly. Therefore, I have made many compromises in the placement and shapes of the various lines throughout the preludes. Although I believe that this edition will allow for a reasonably authentic performance of the preludes, I must emphasize that this is by no means a scholarly edition of these works, and serious performers and students are urged to obtain a copy of the original manuscript.

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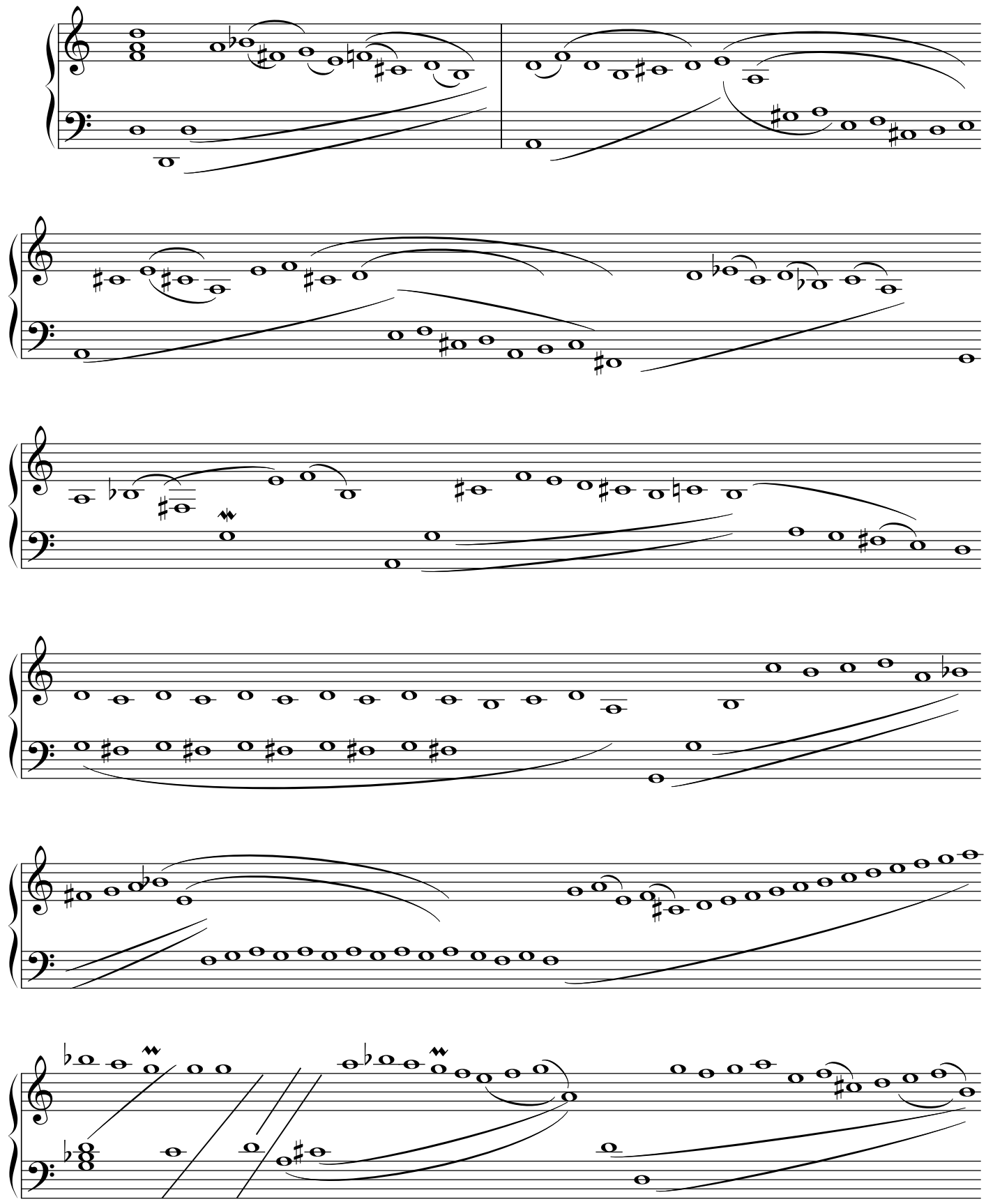

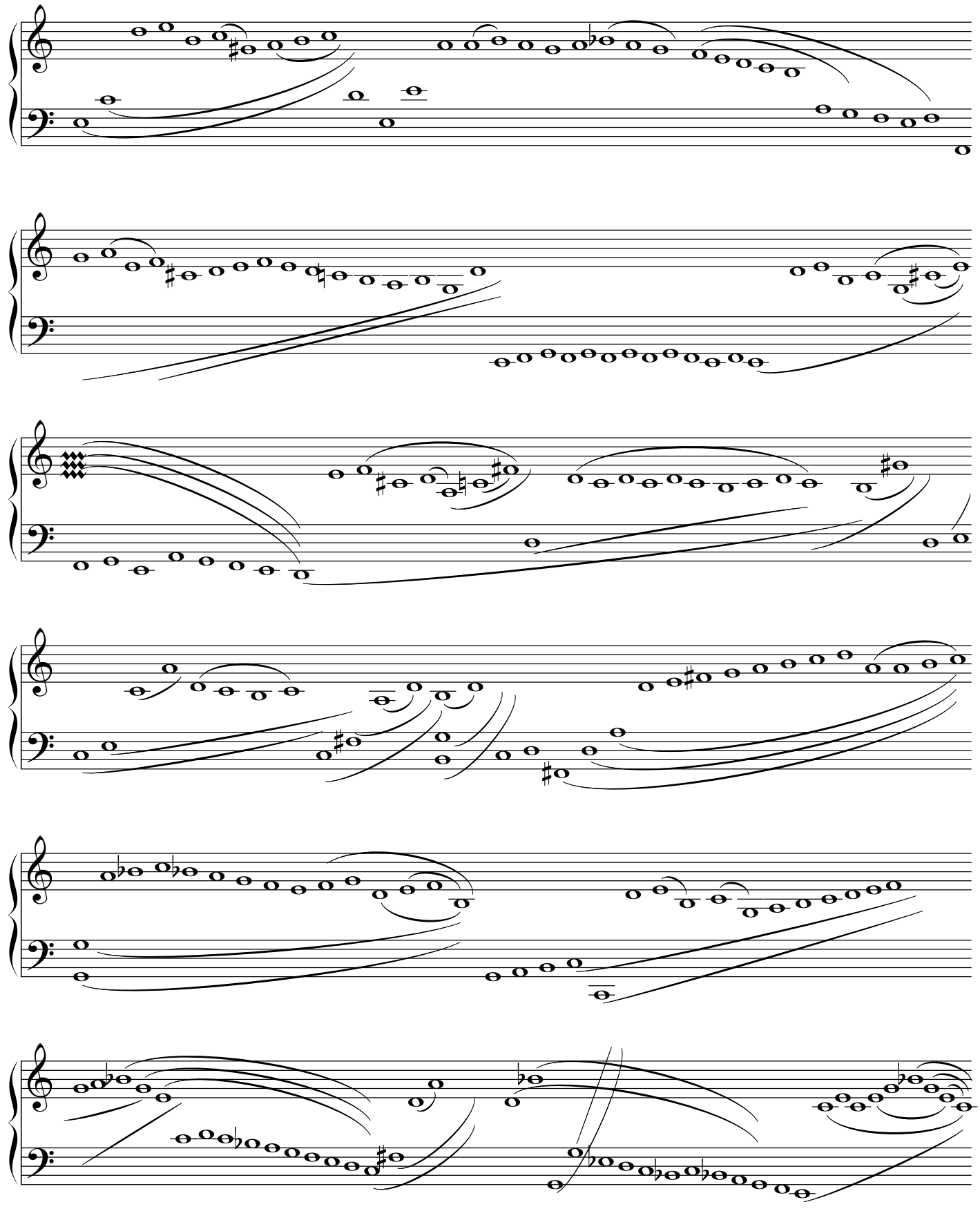

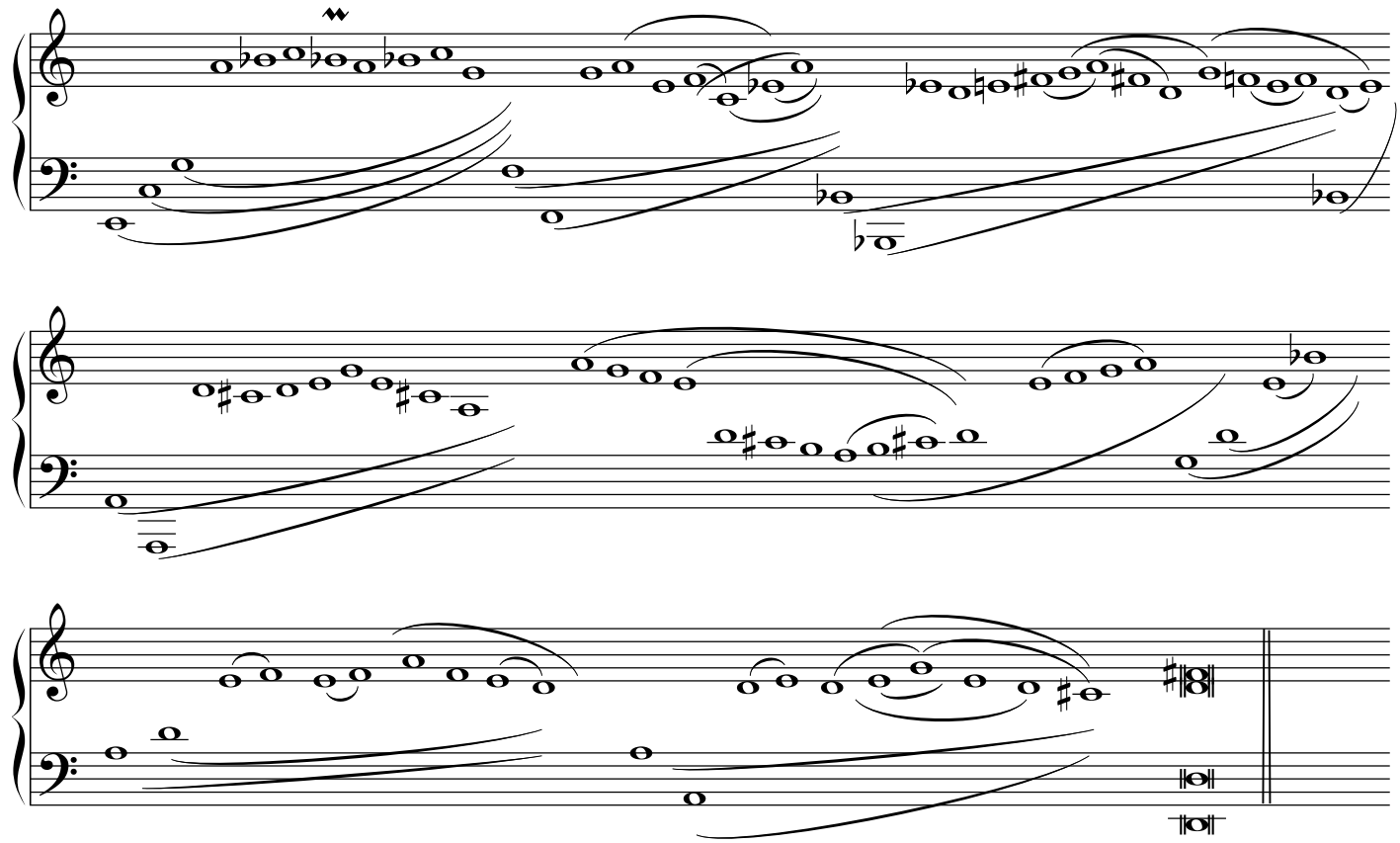

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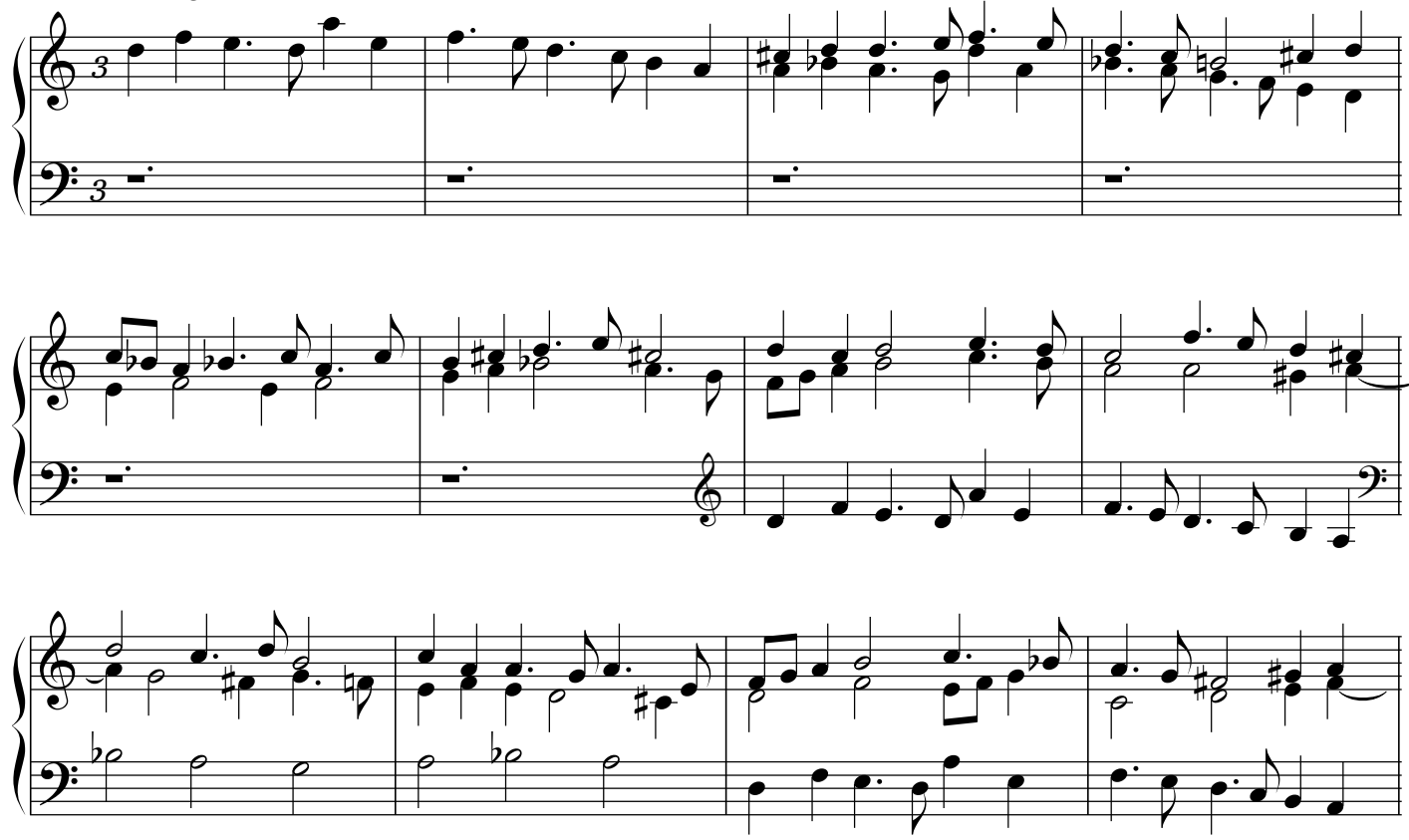

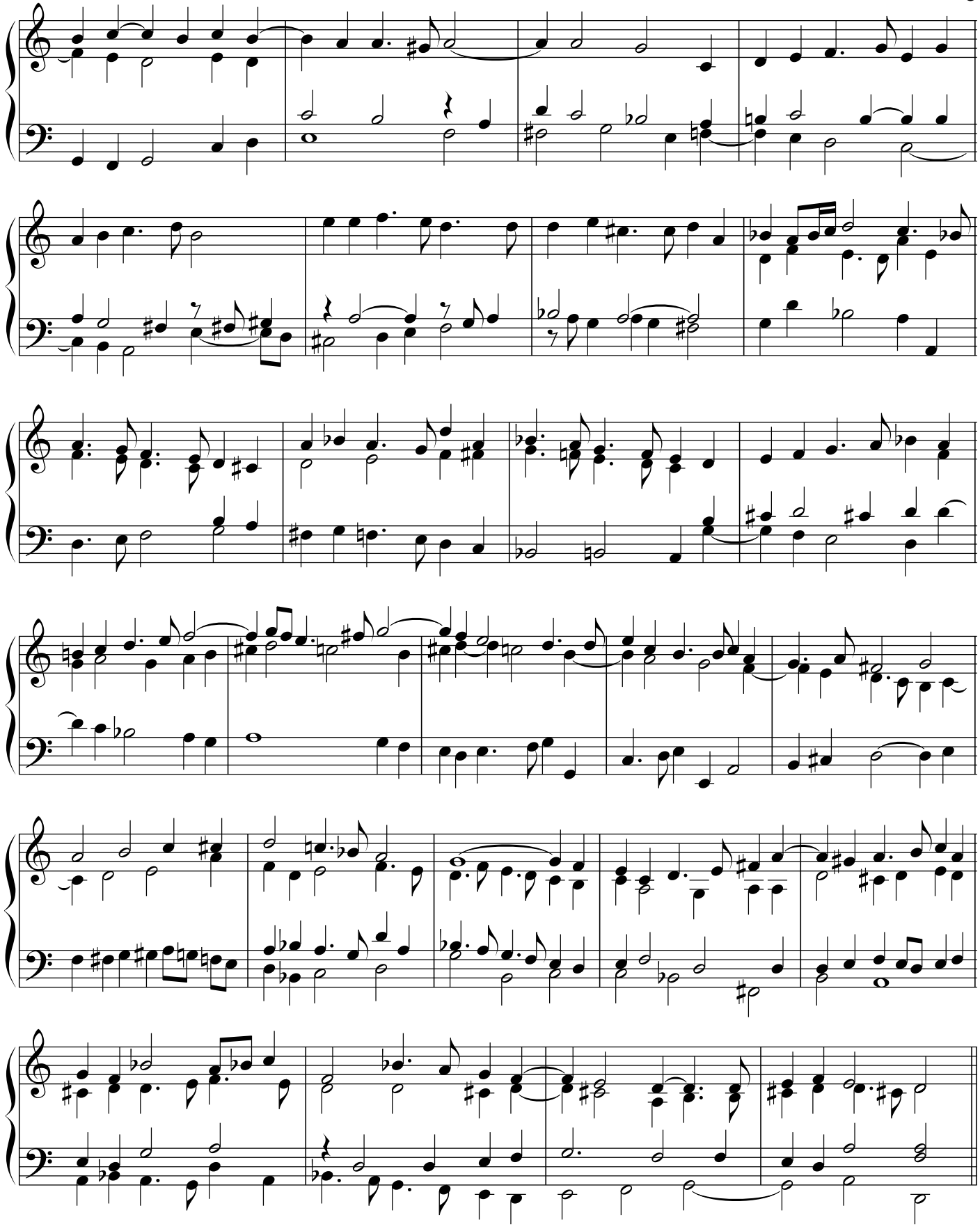

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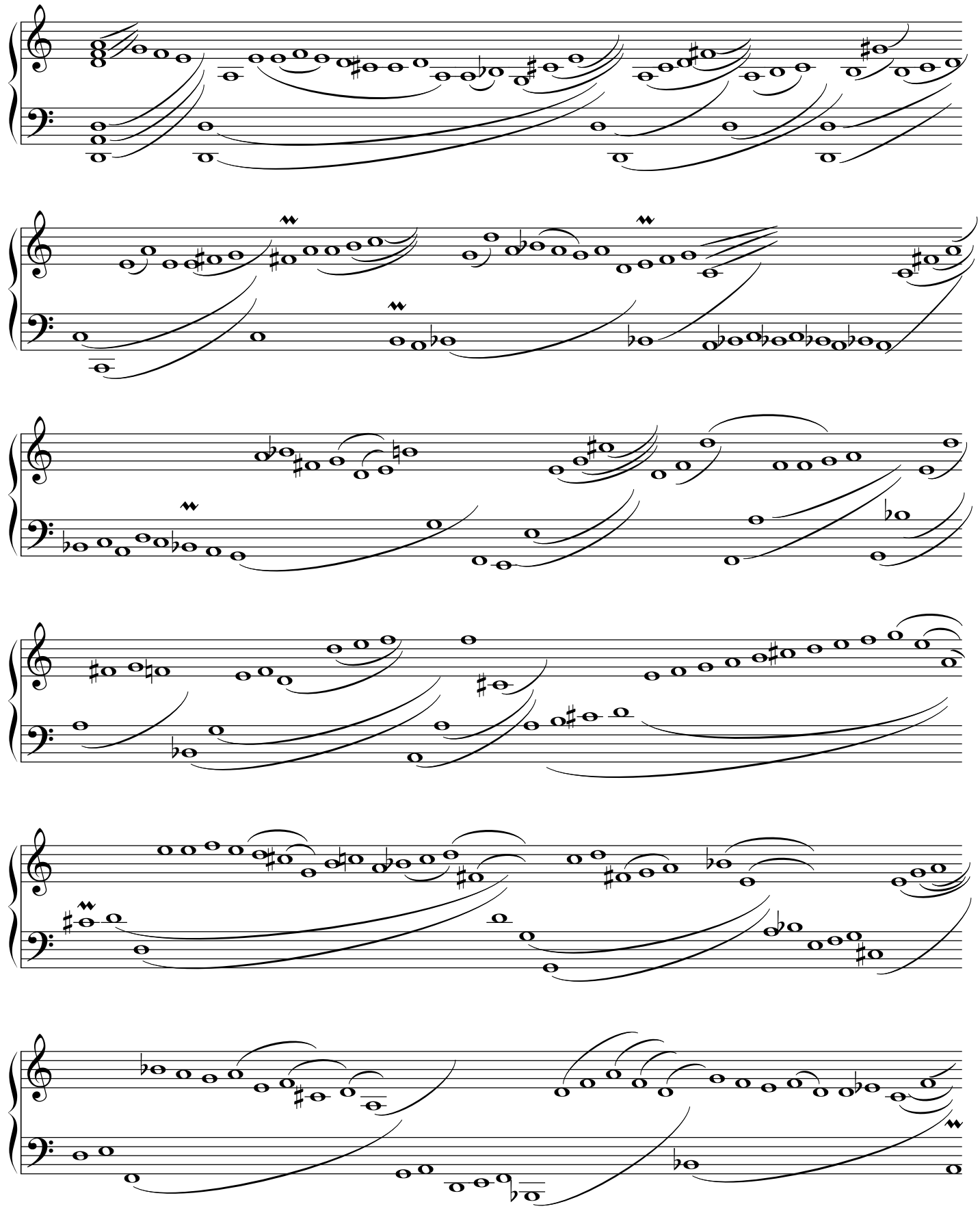

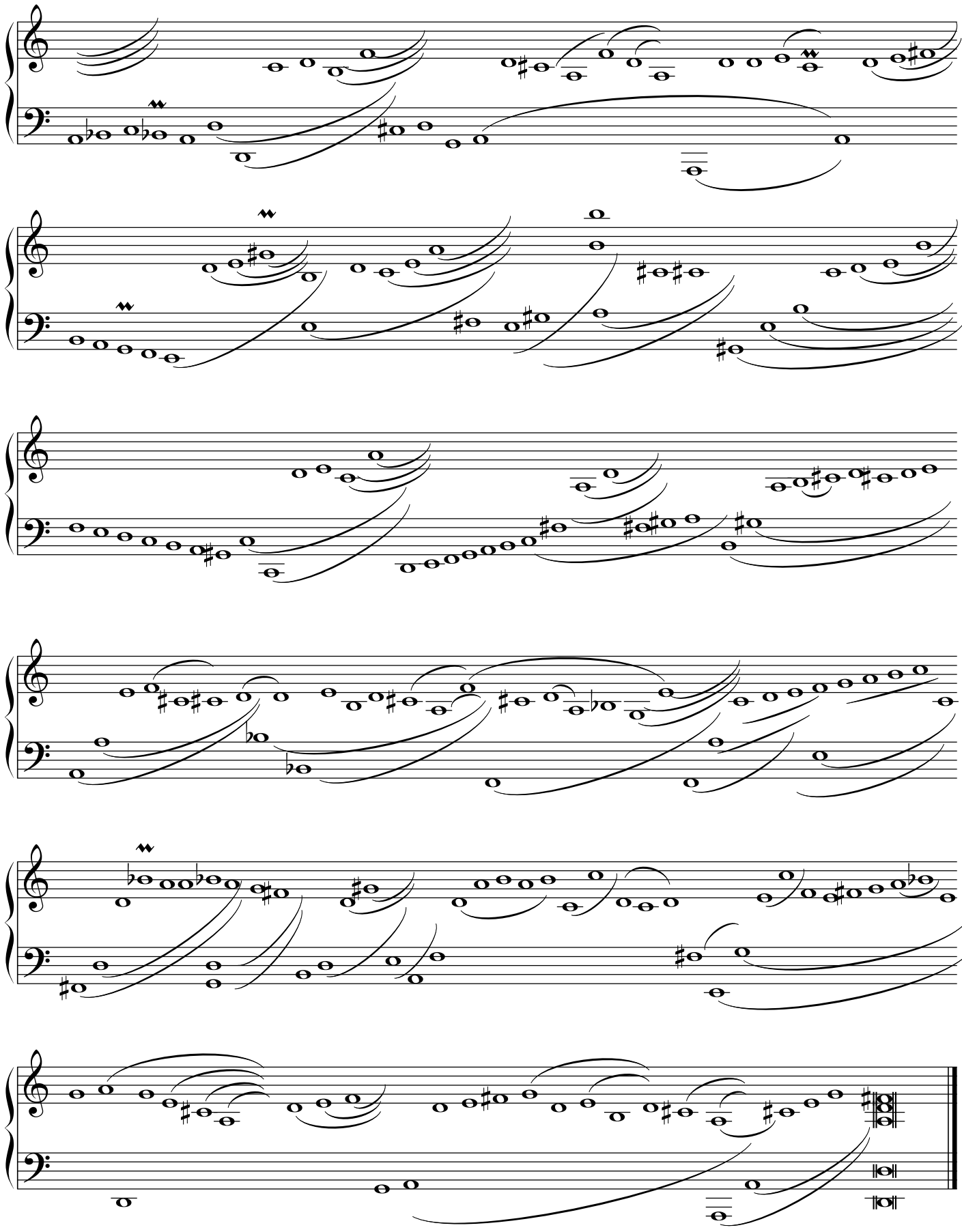

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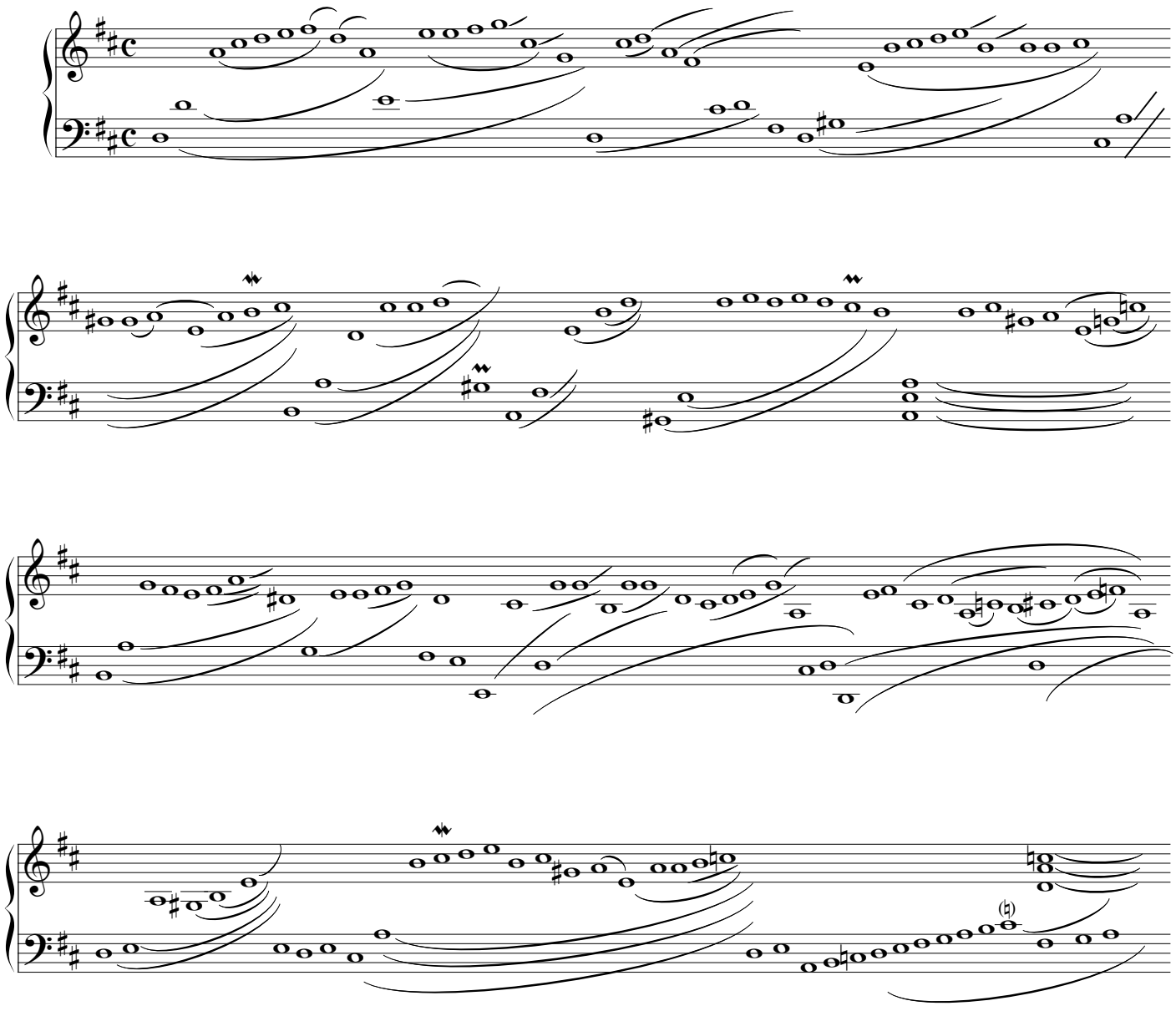

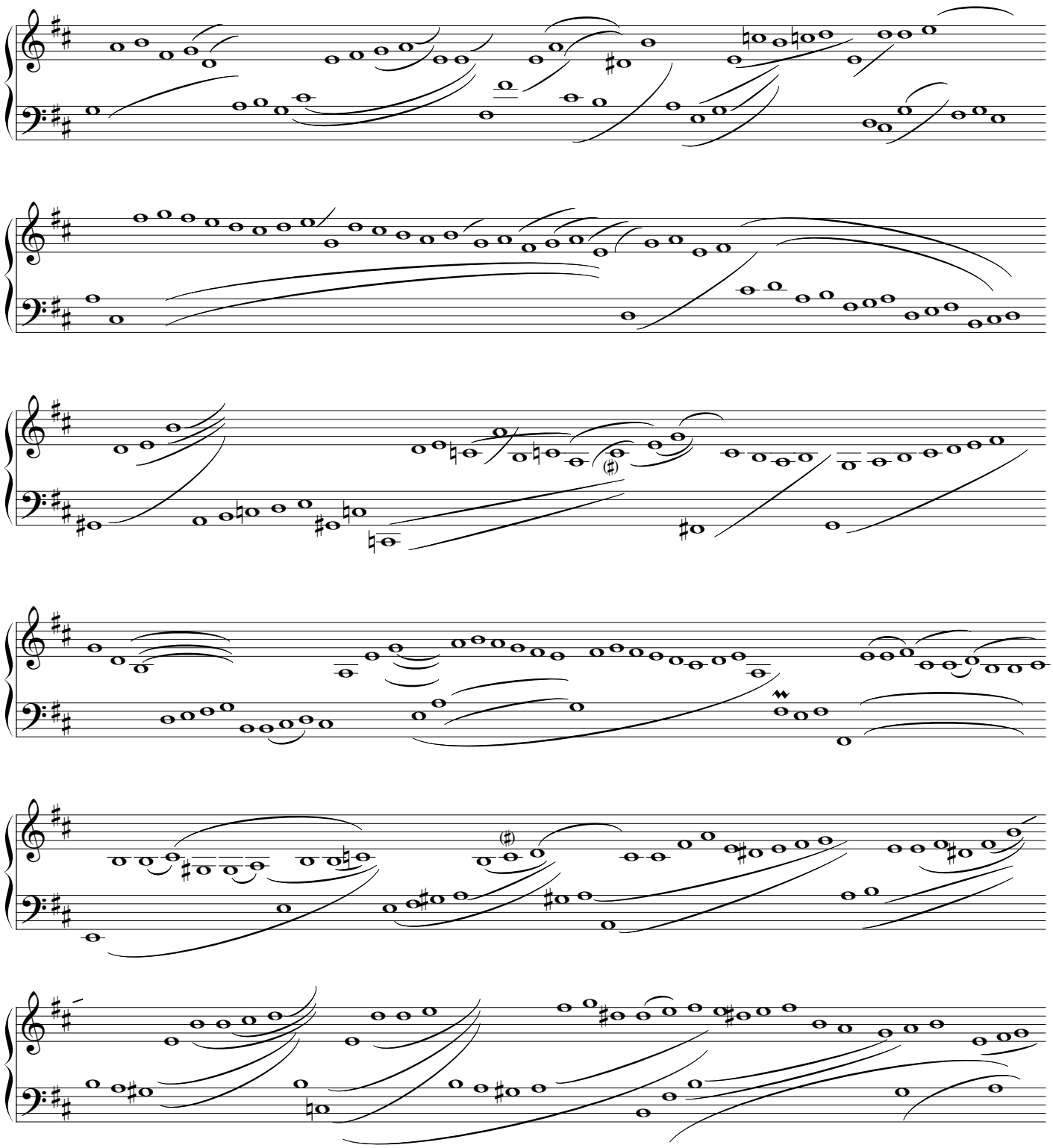

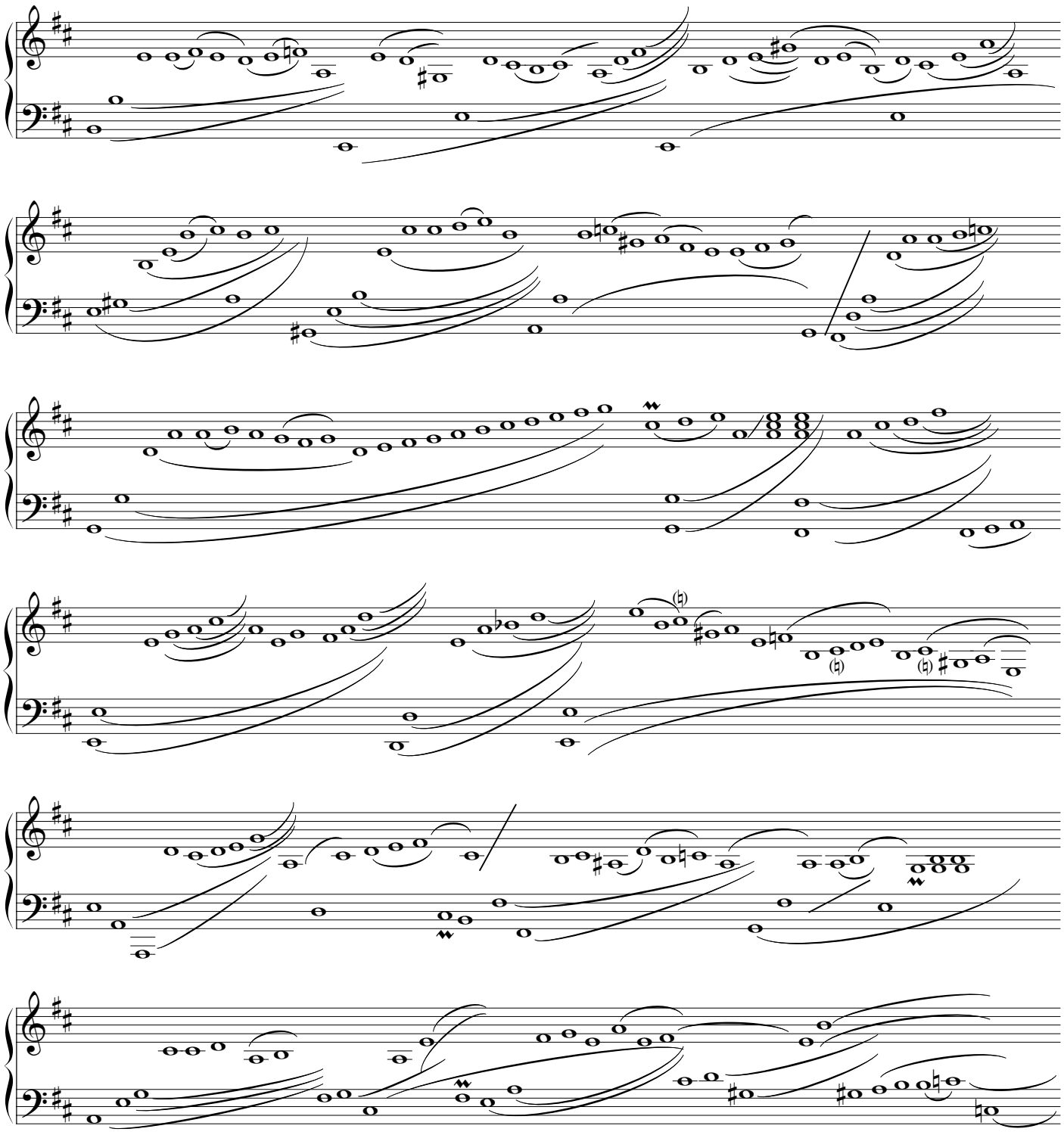

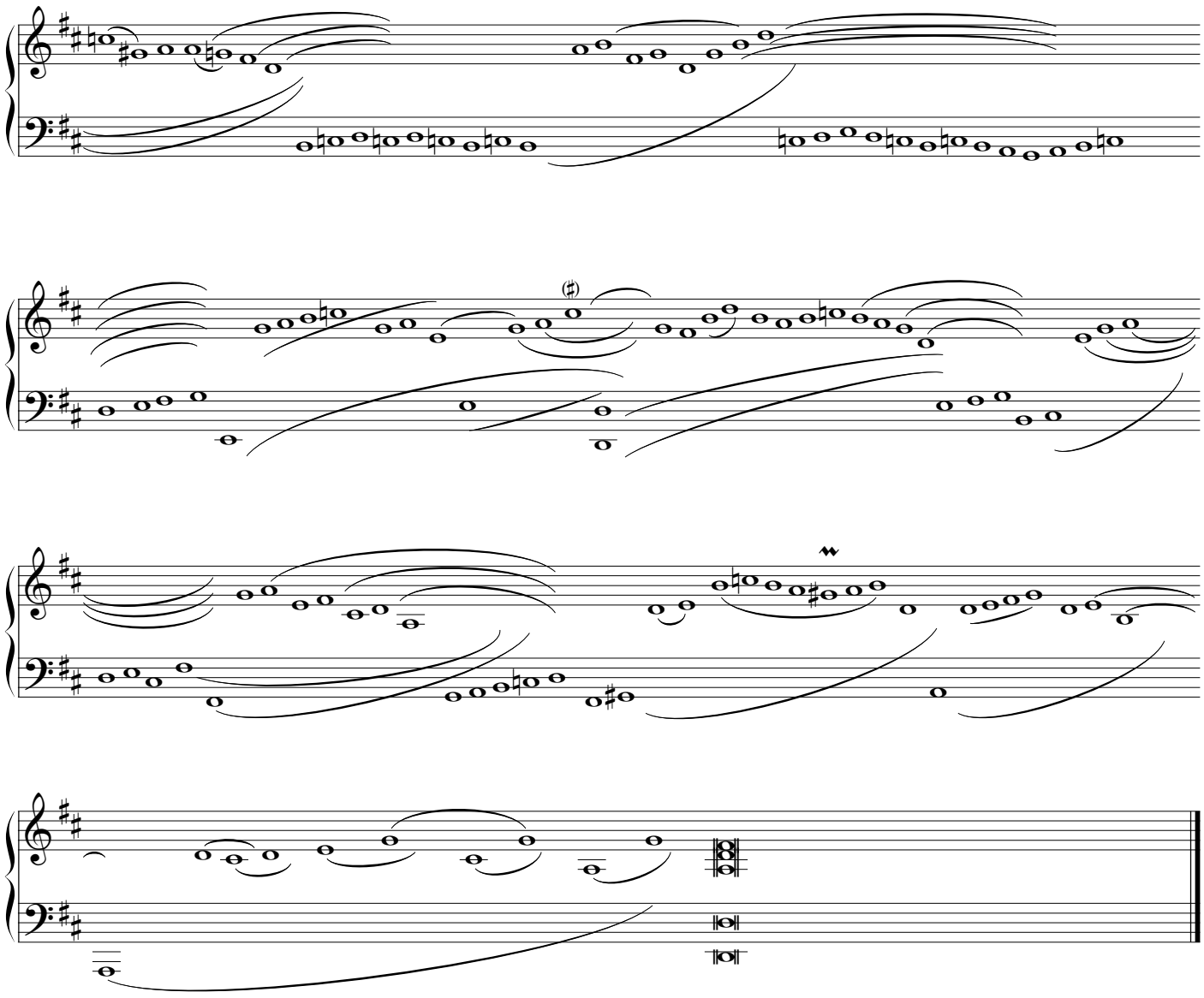

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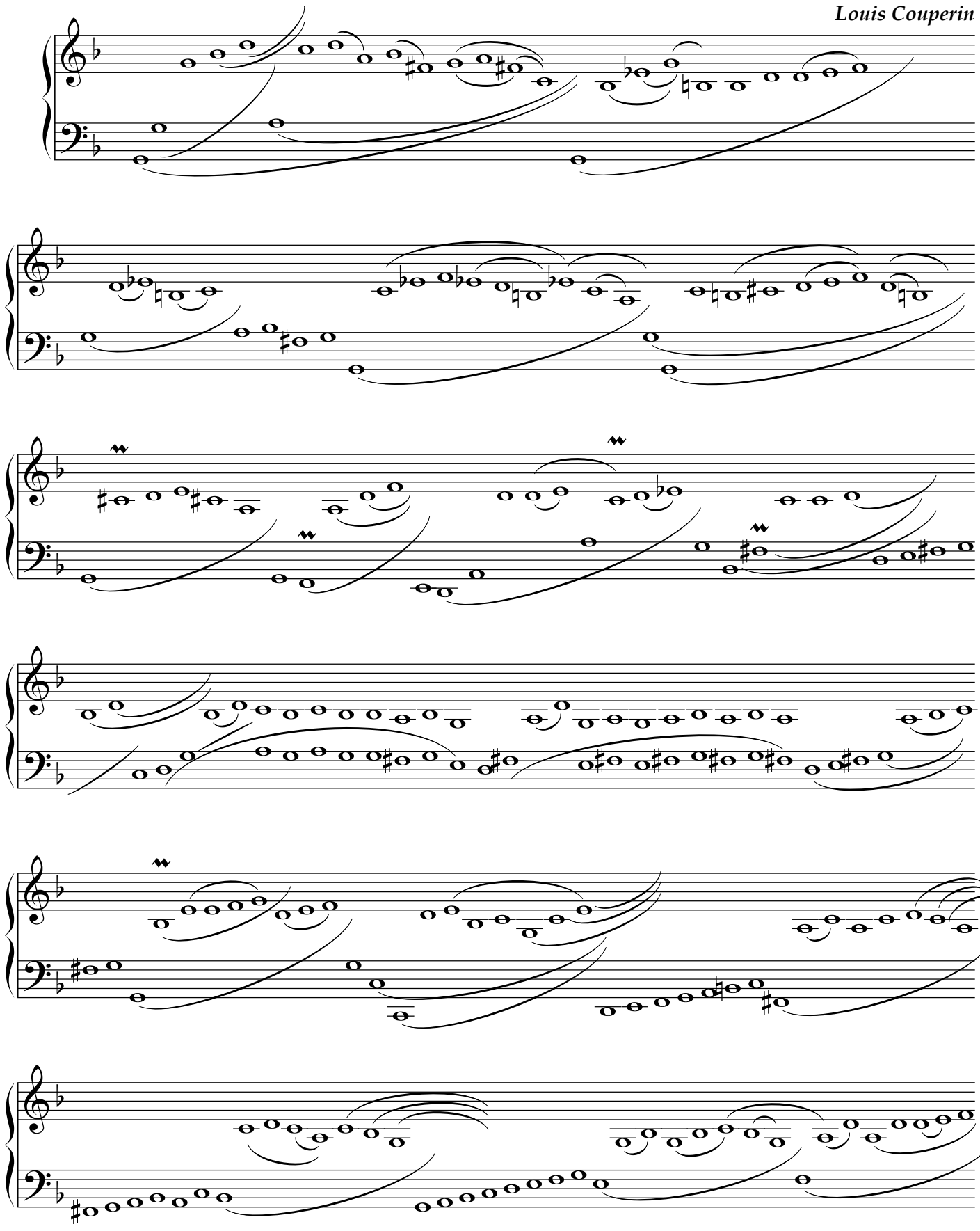

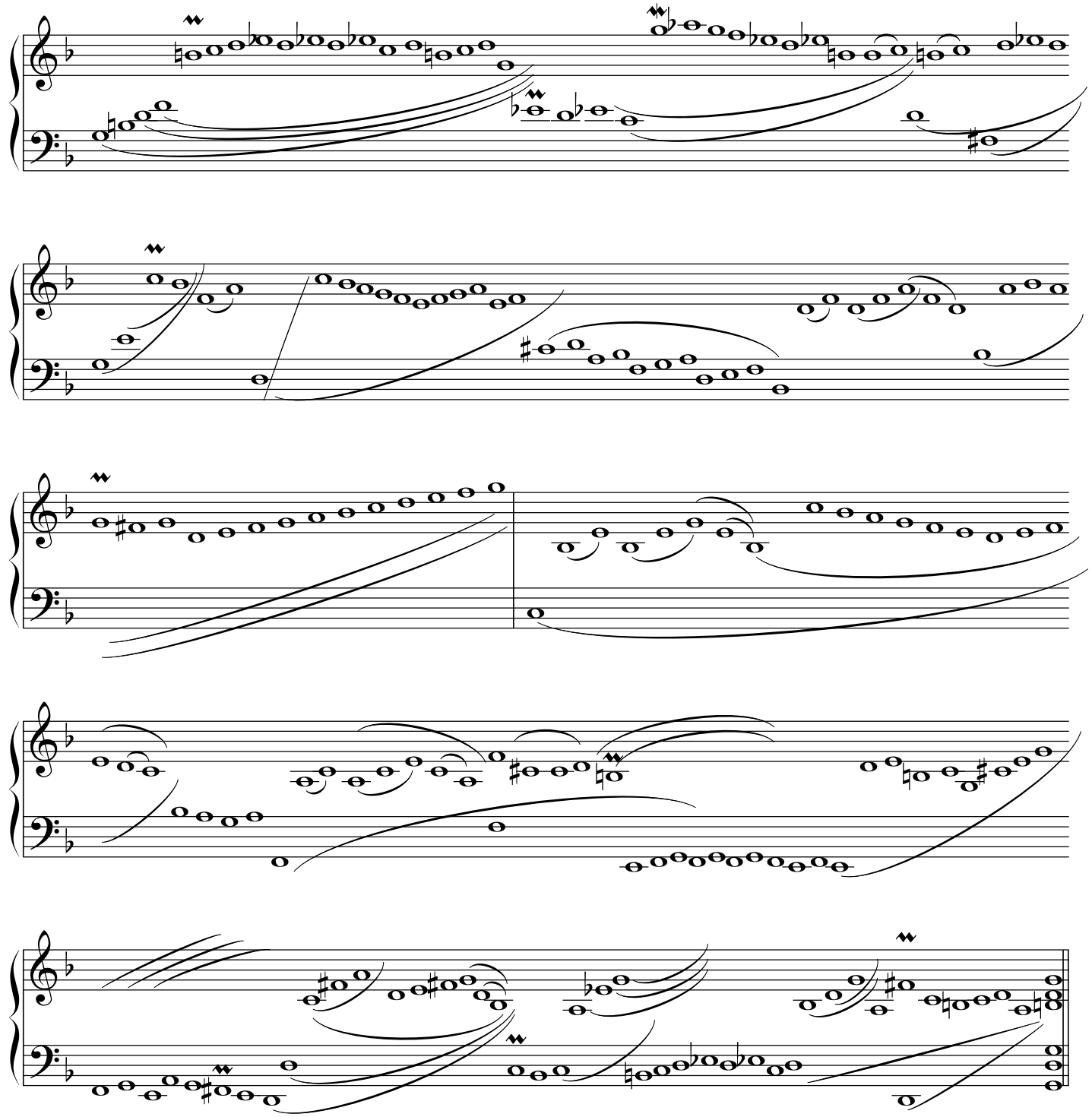

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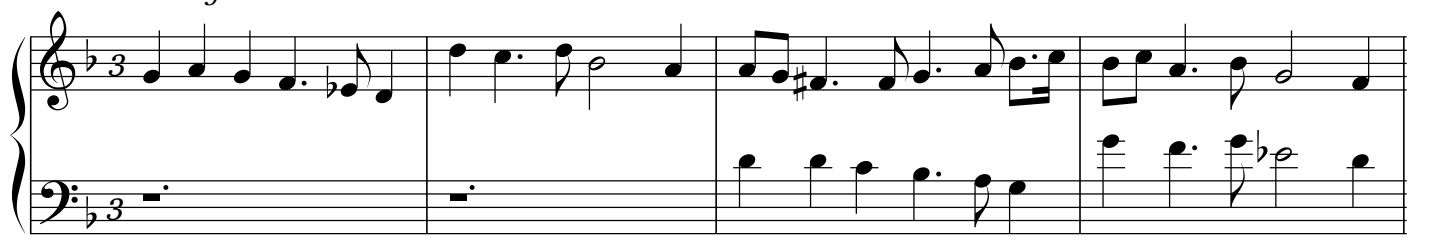

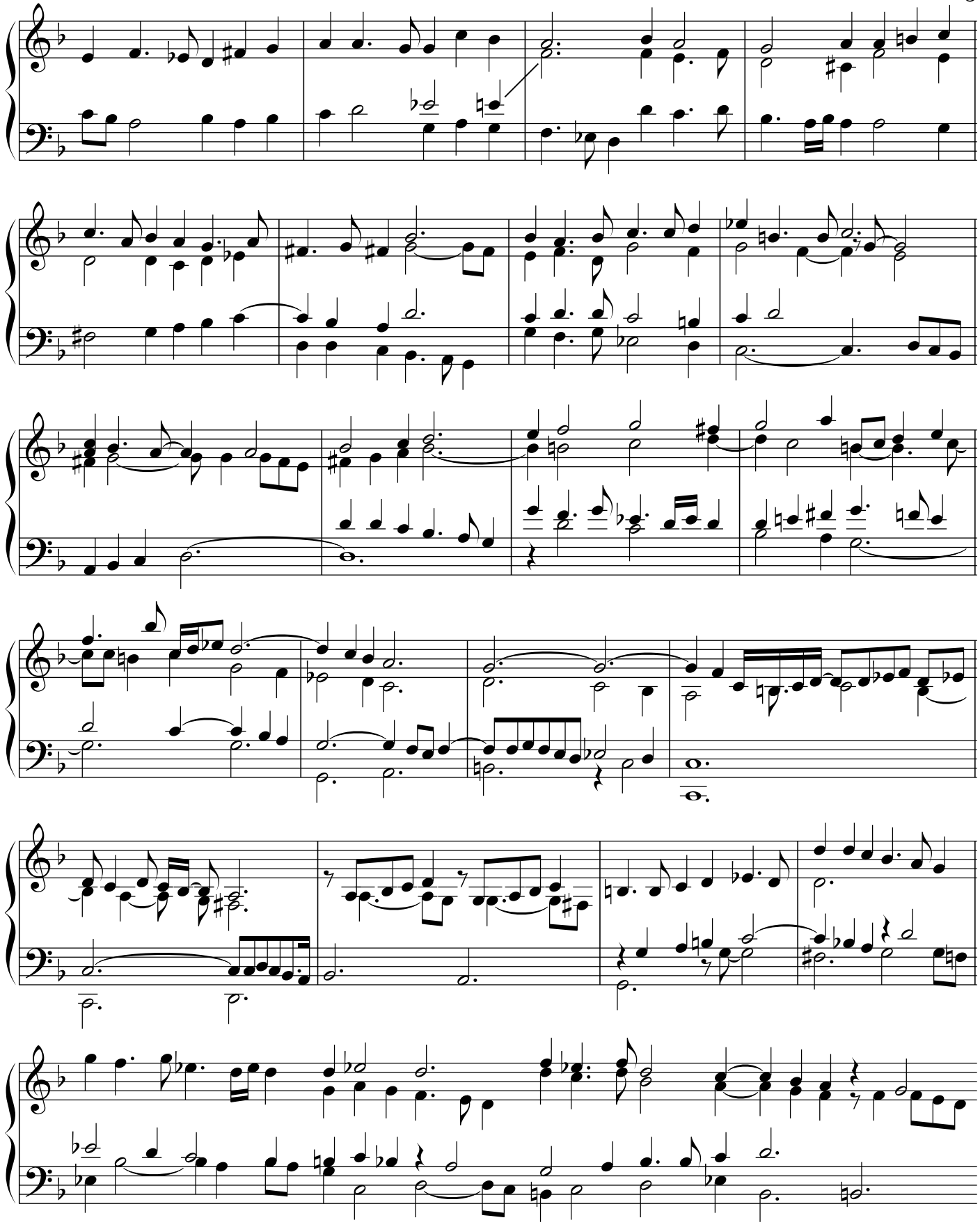

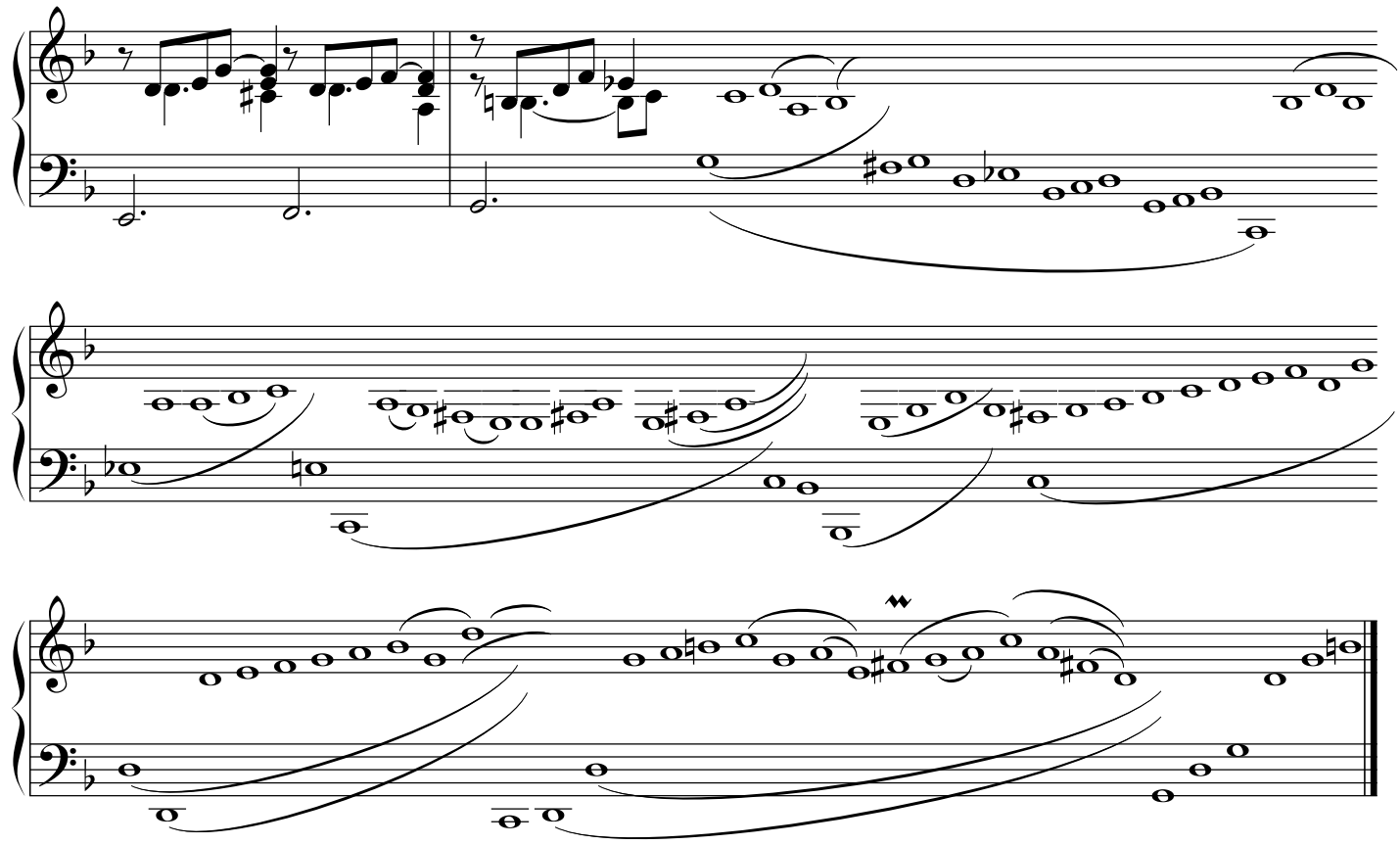

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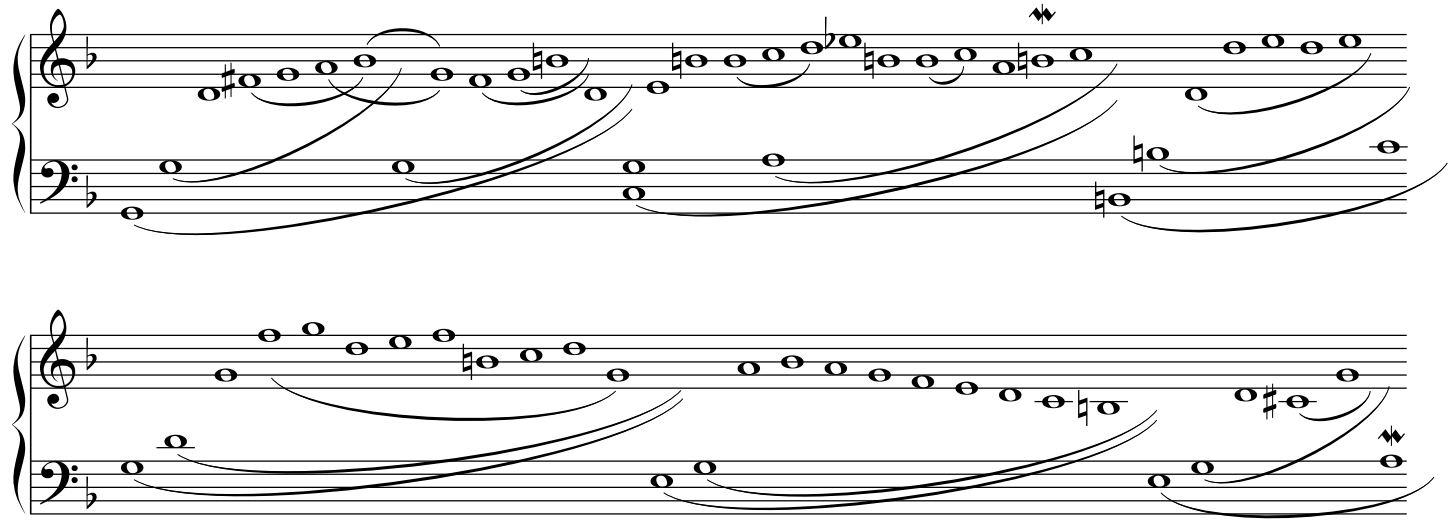

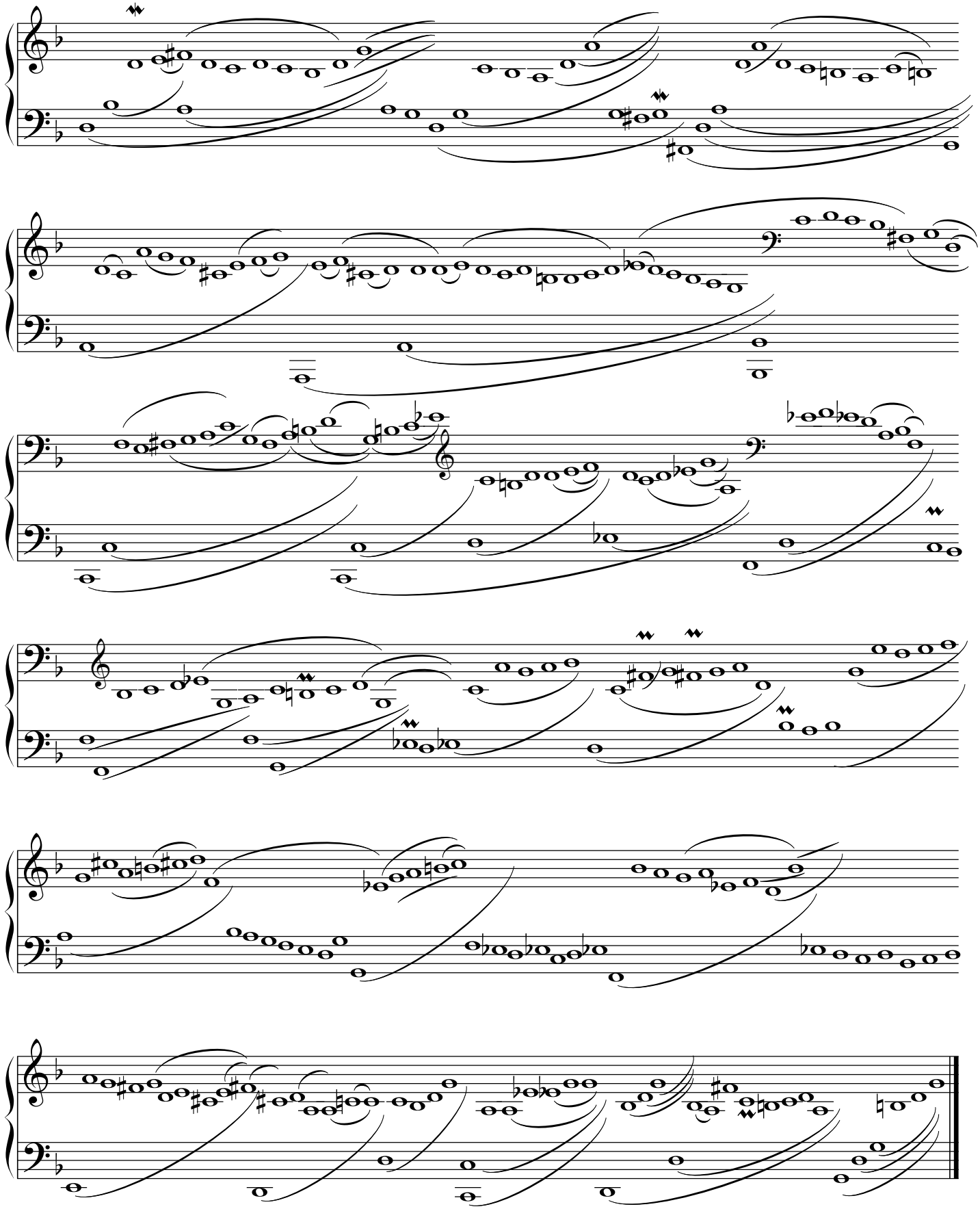

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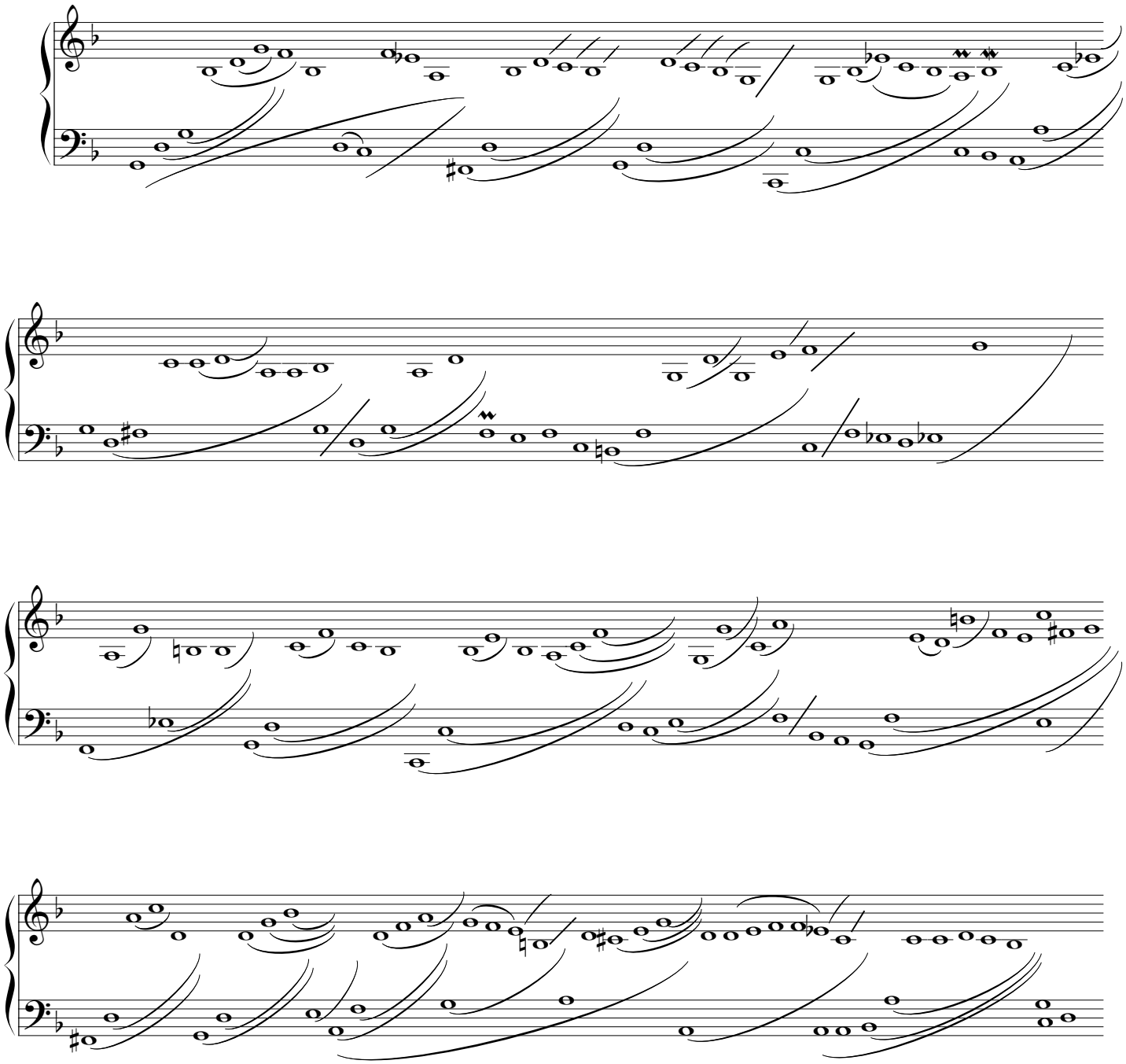

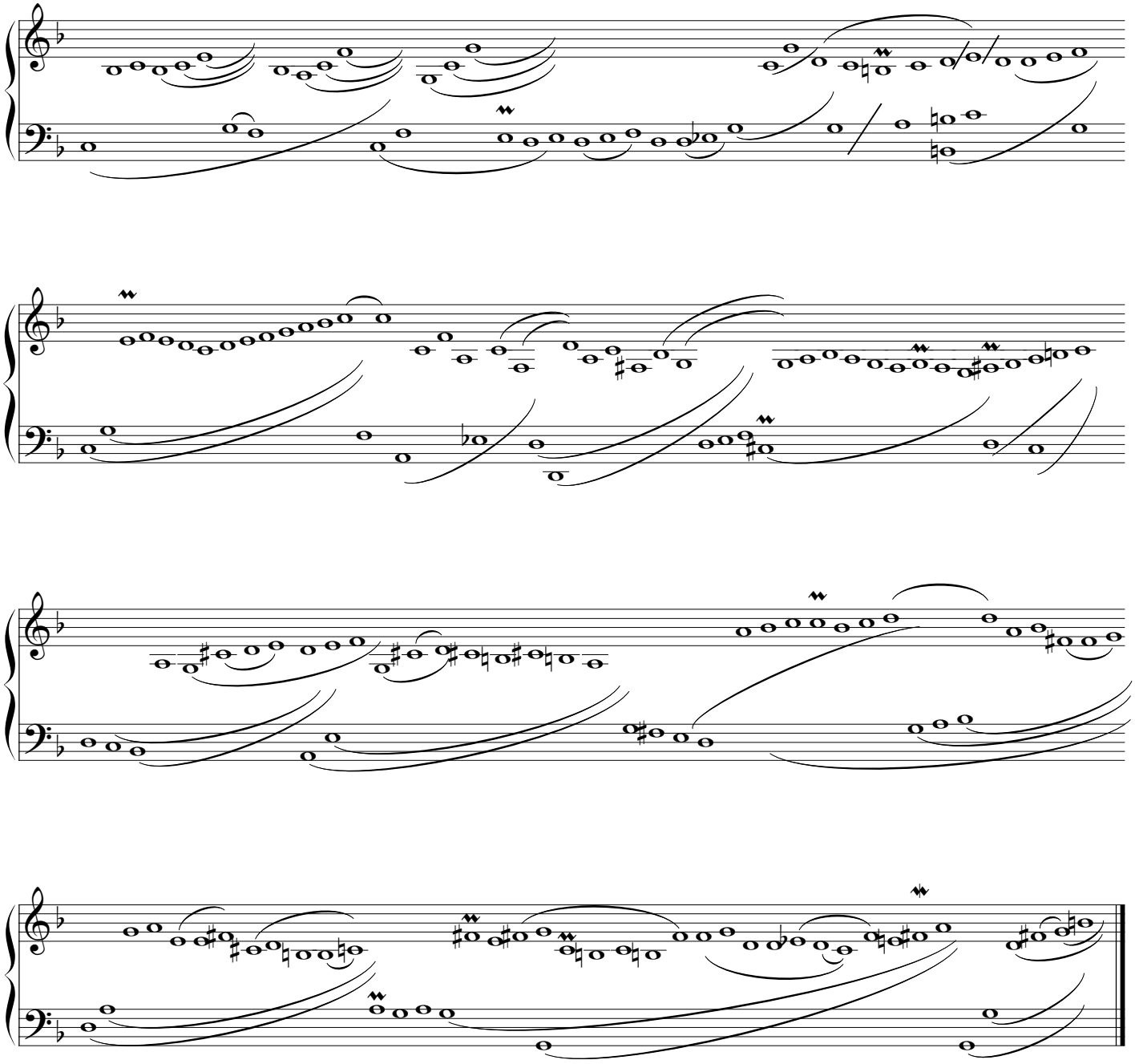

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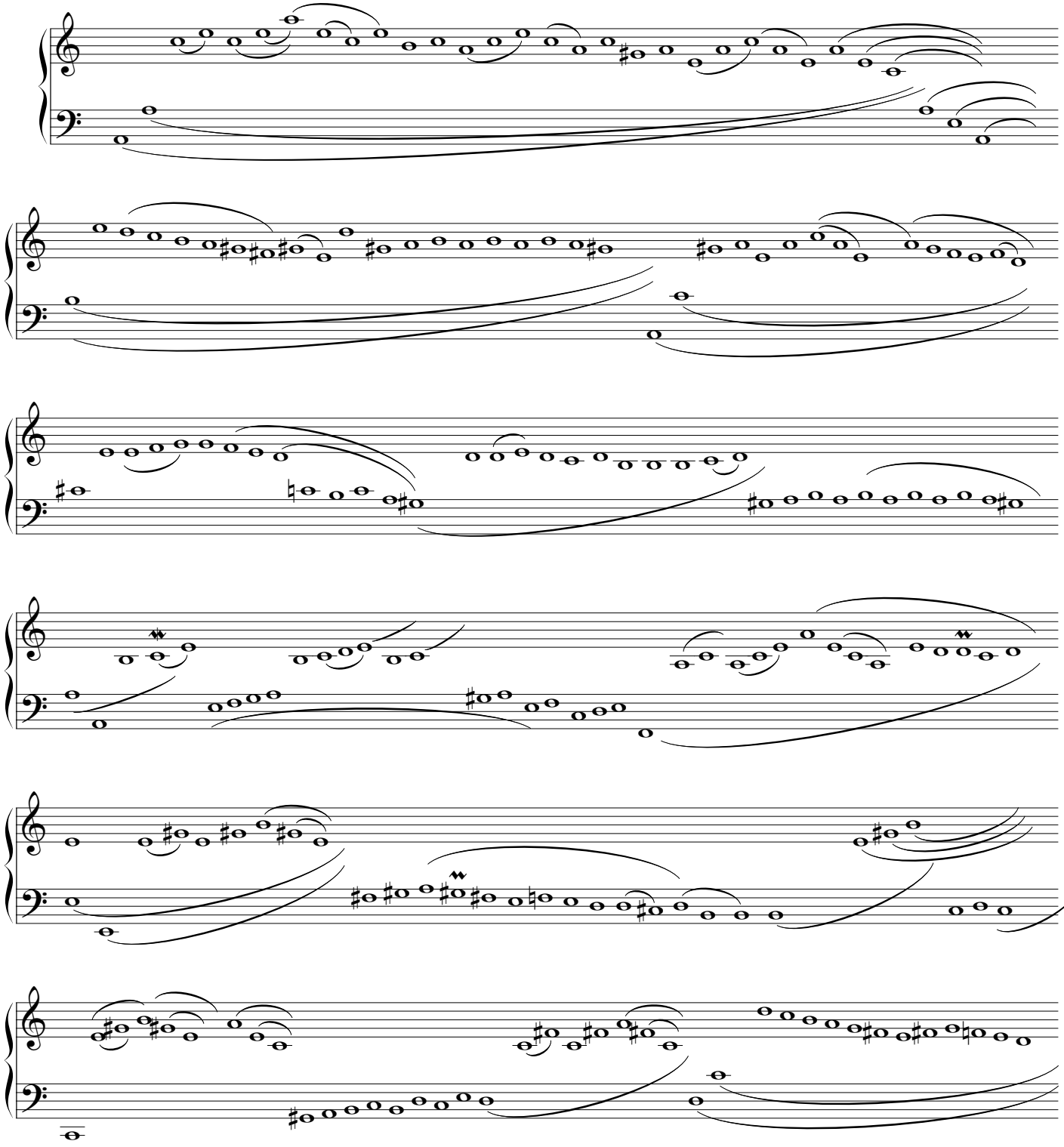

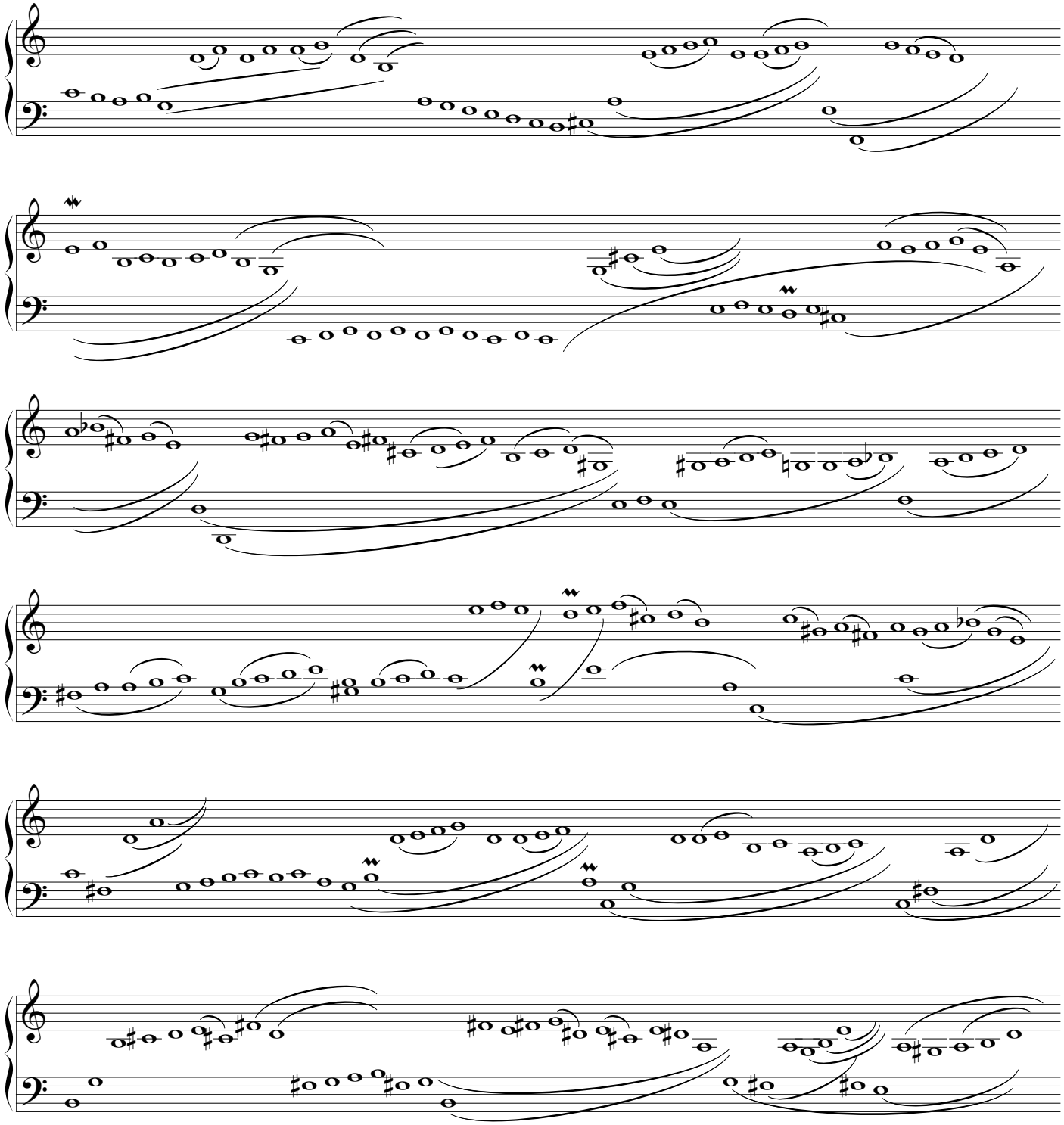

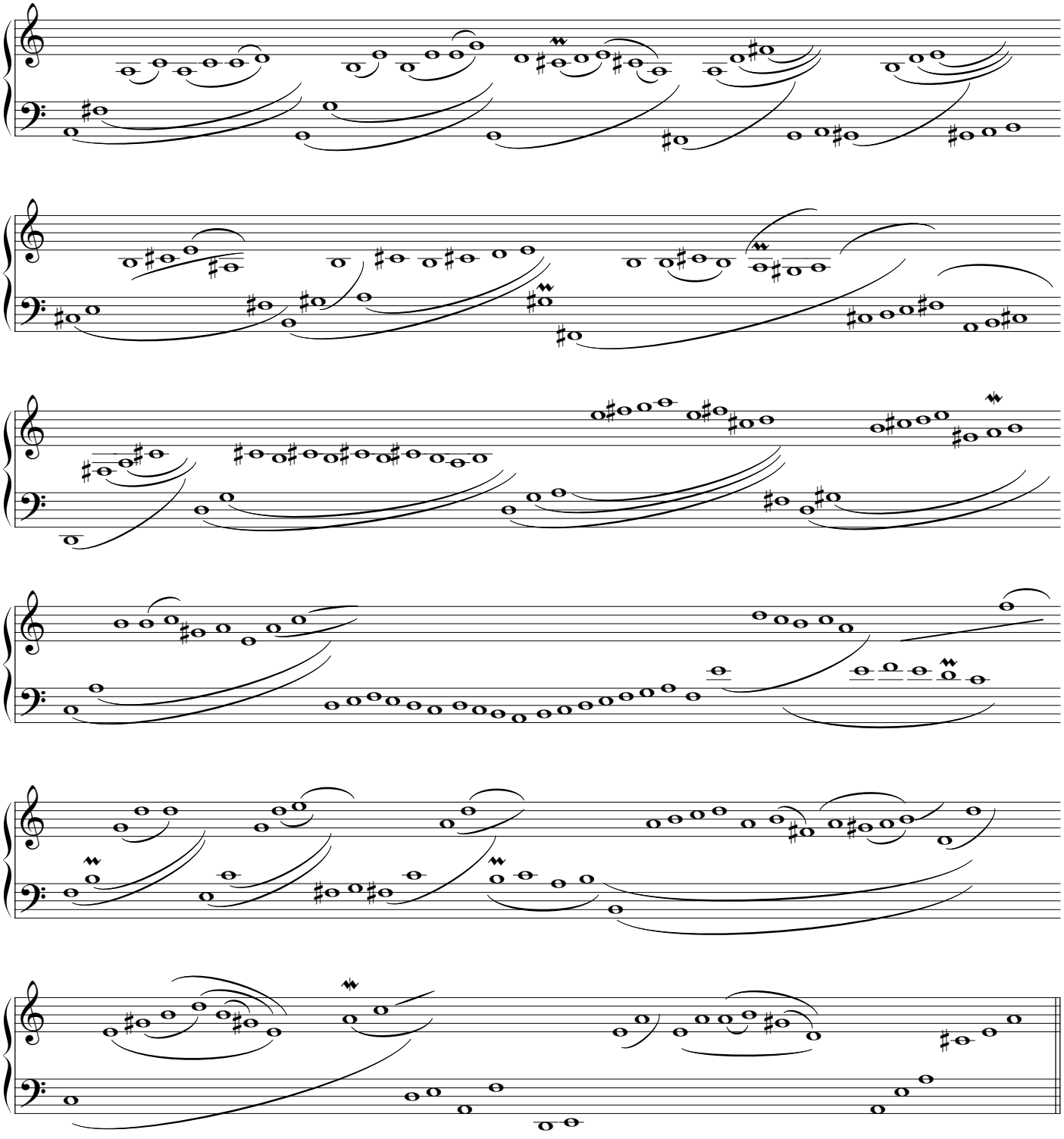

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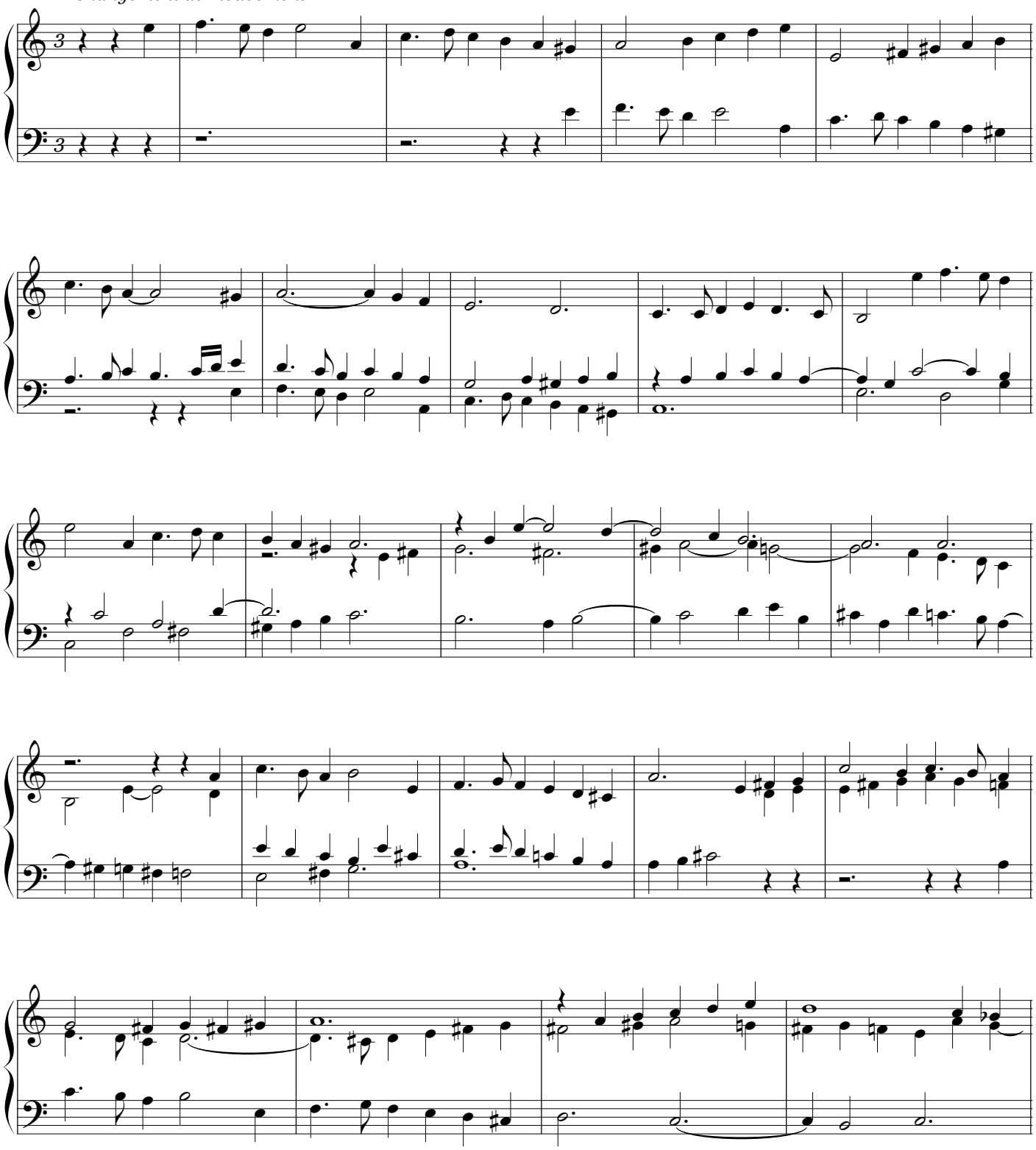

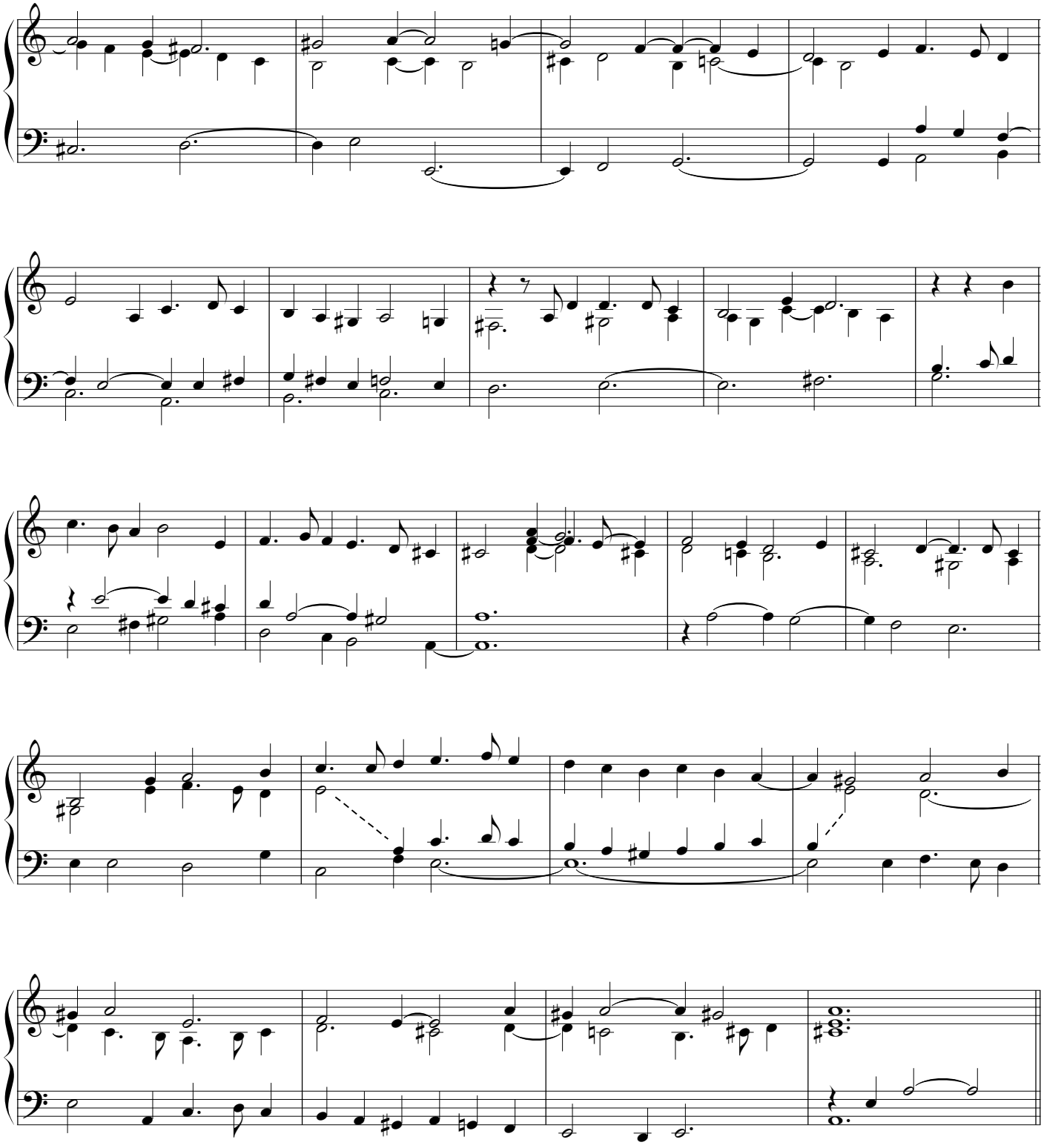

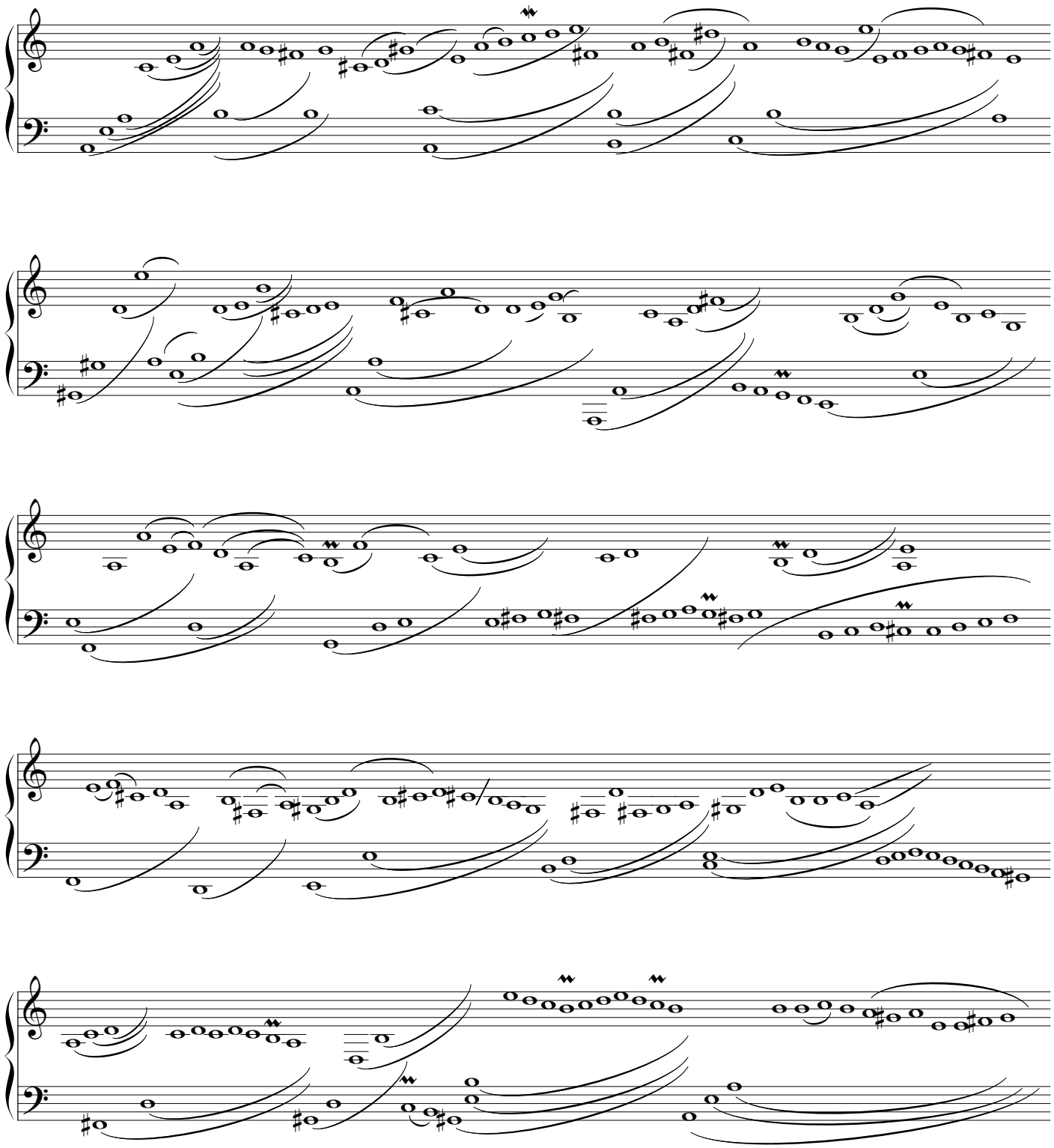

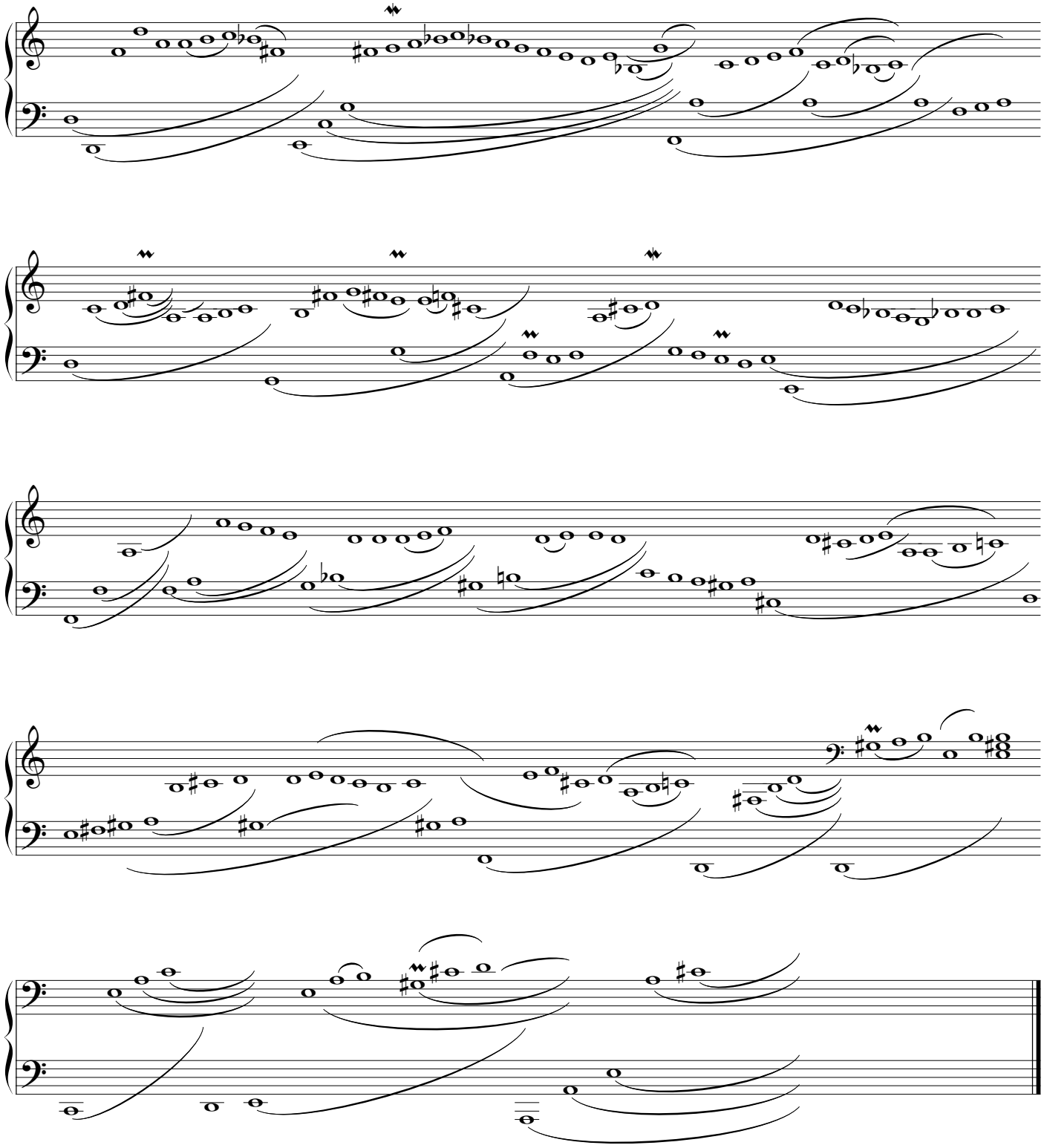

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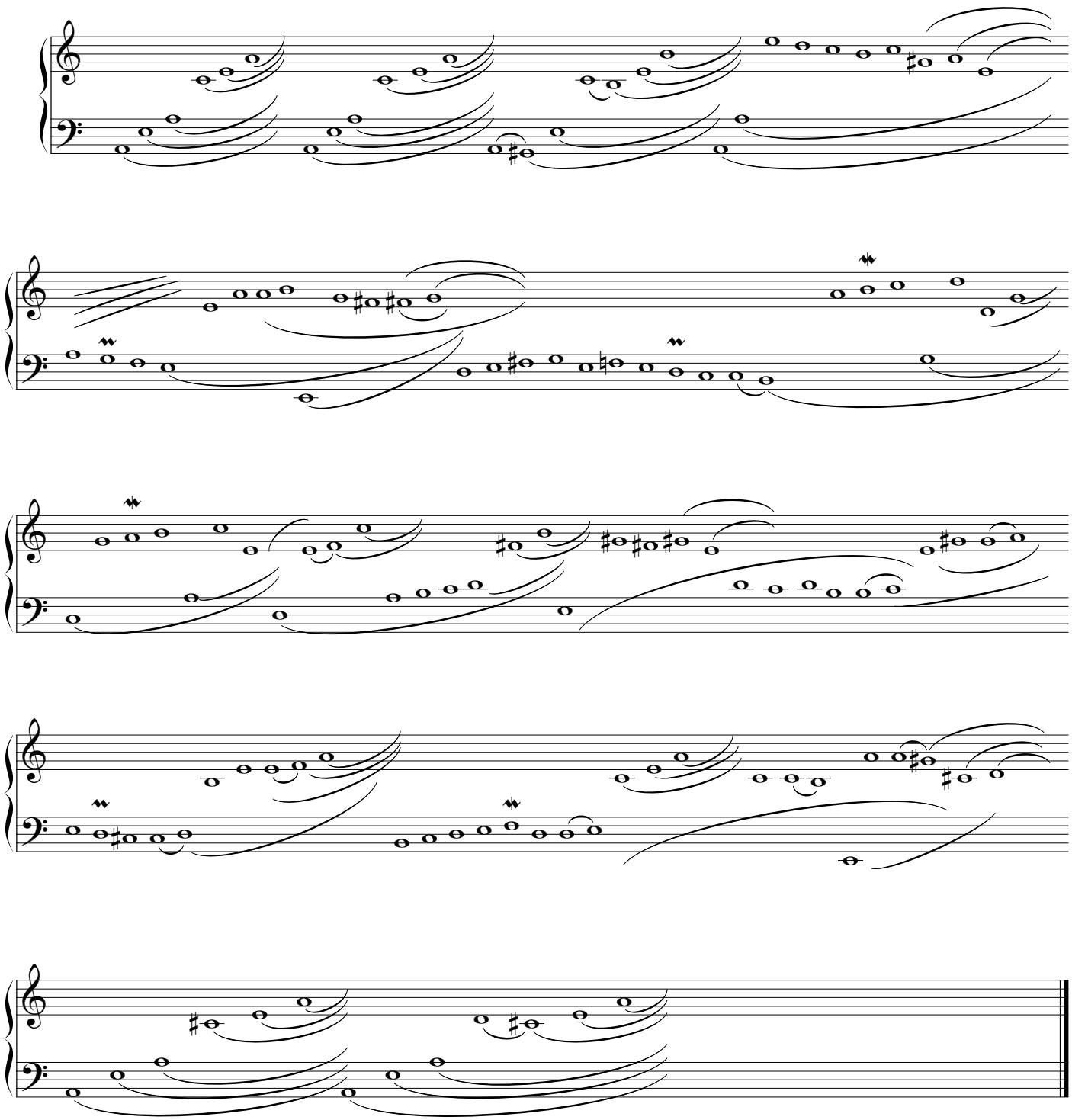

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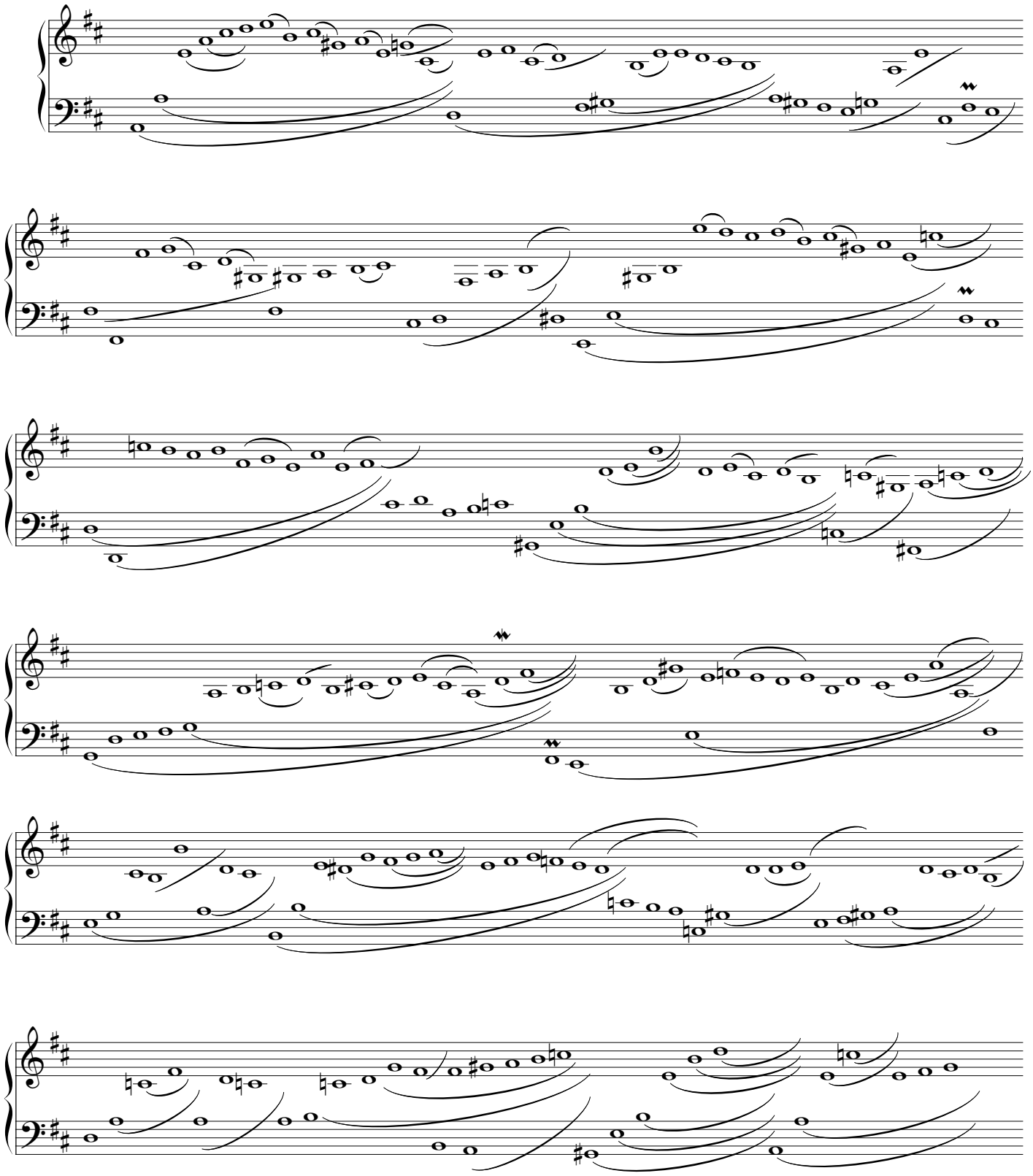

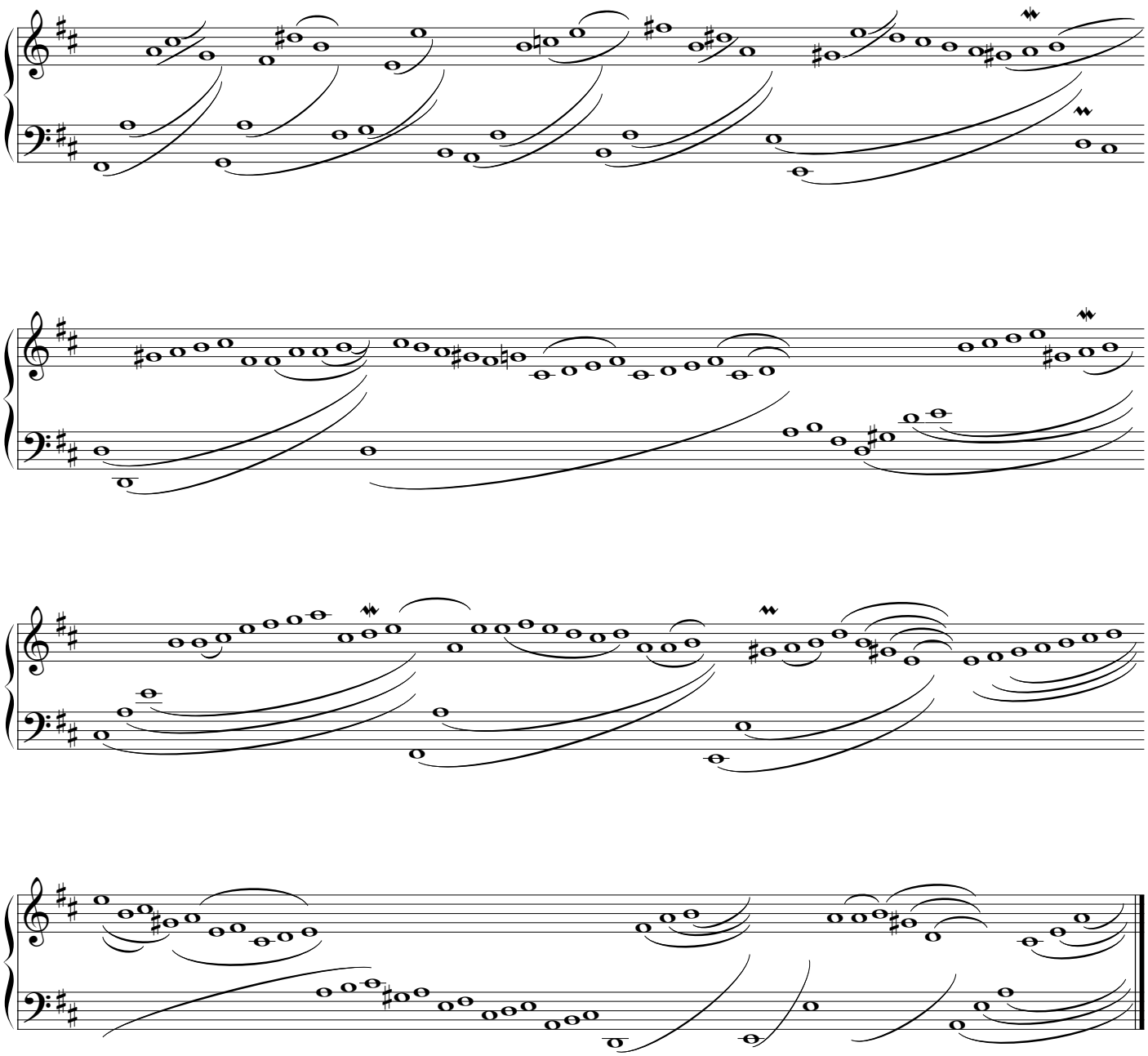

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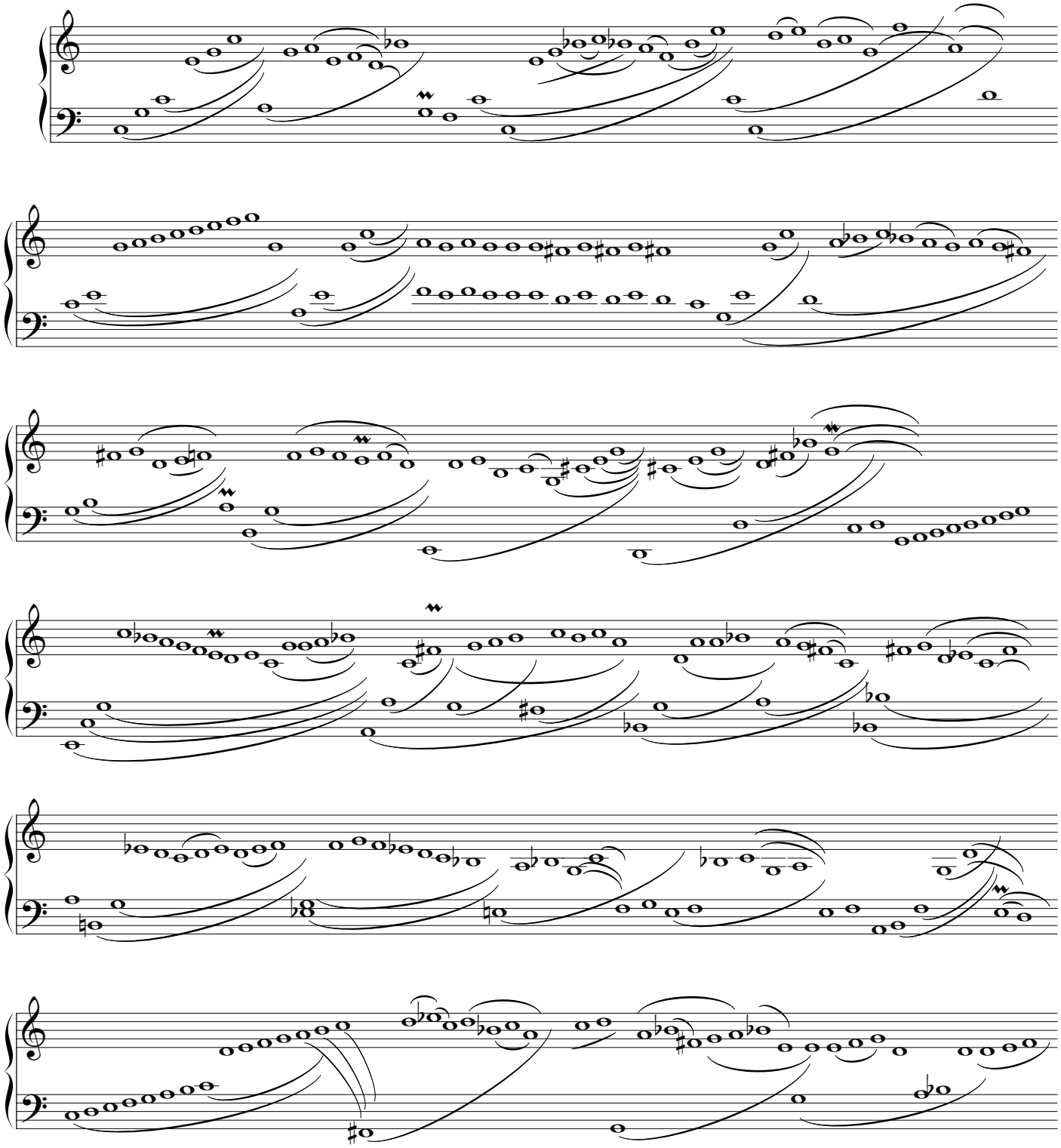

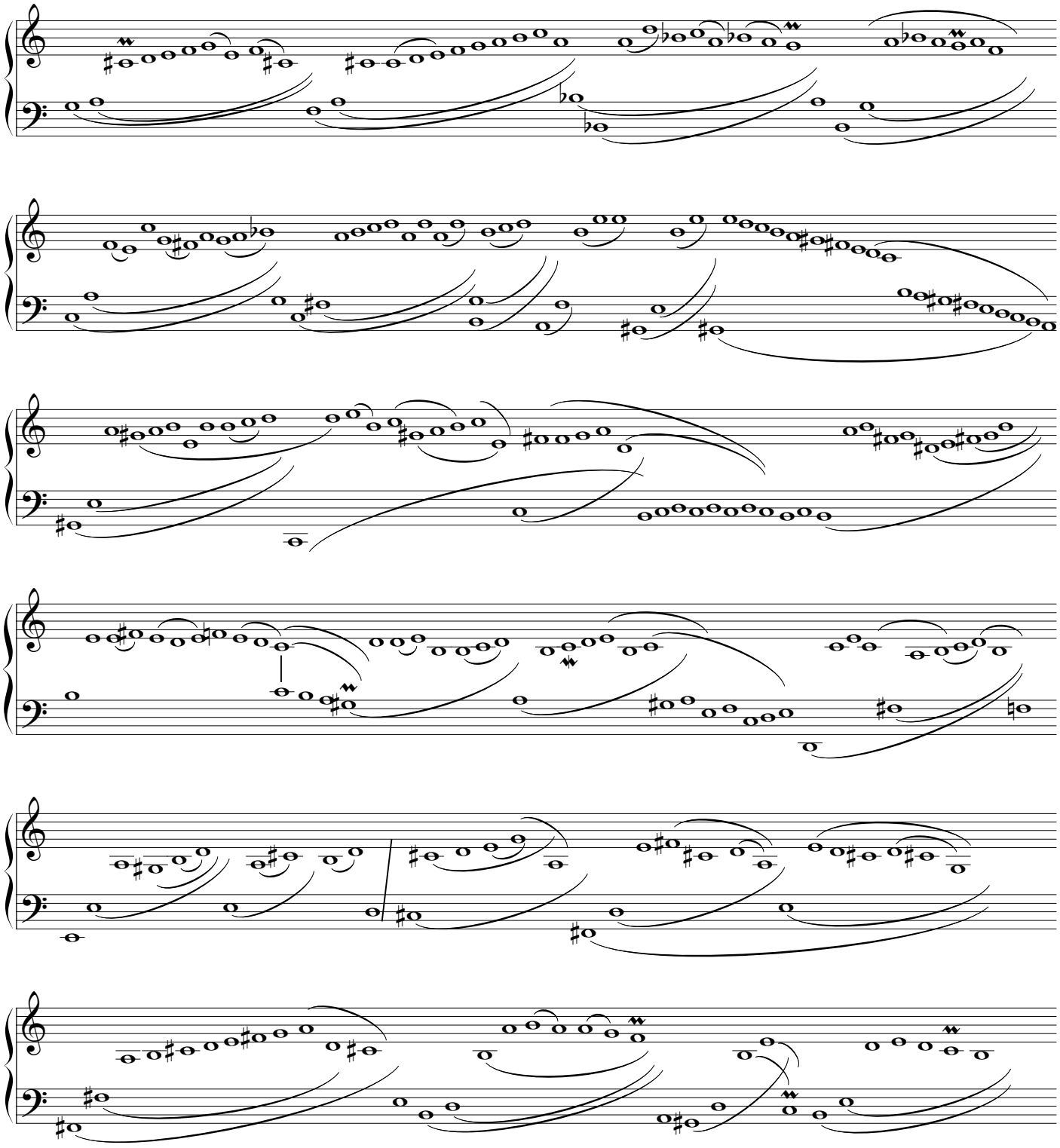

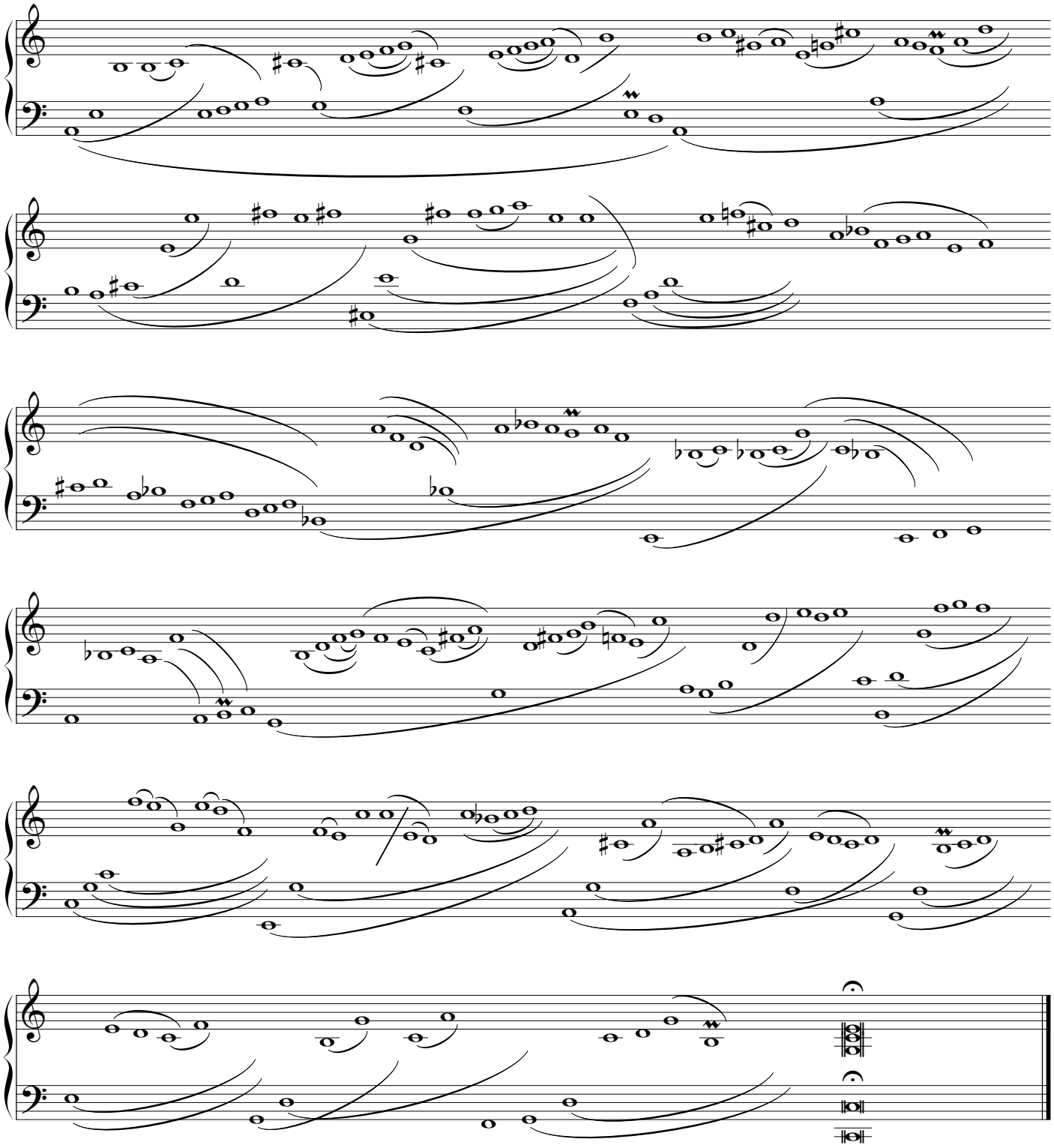

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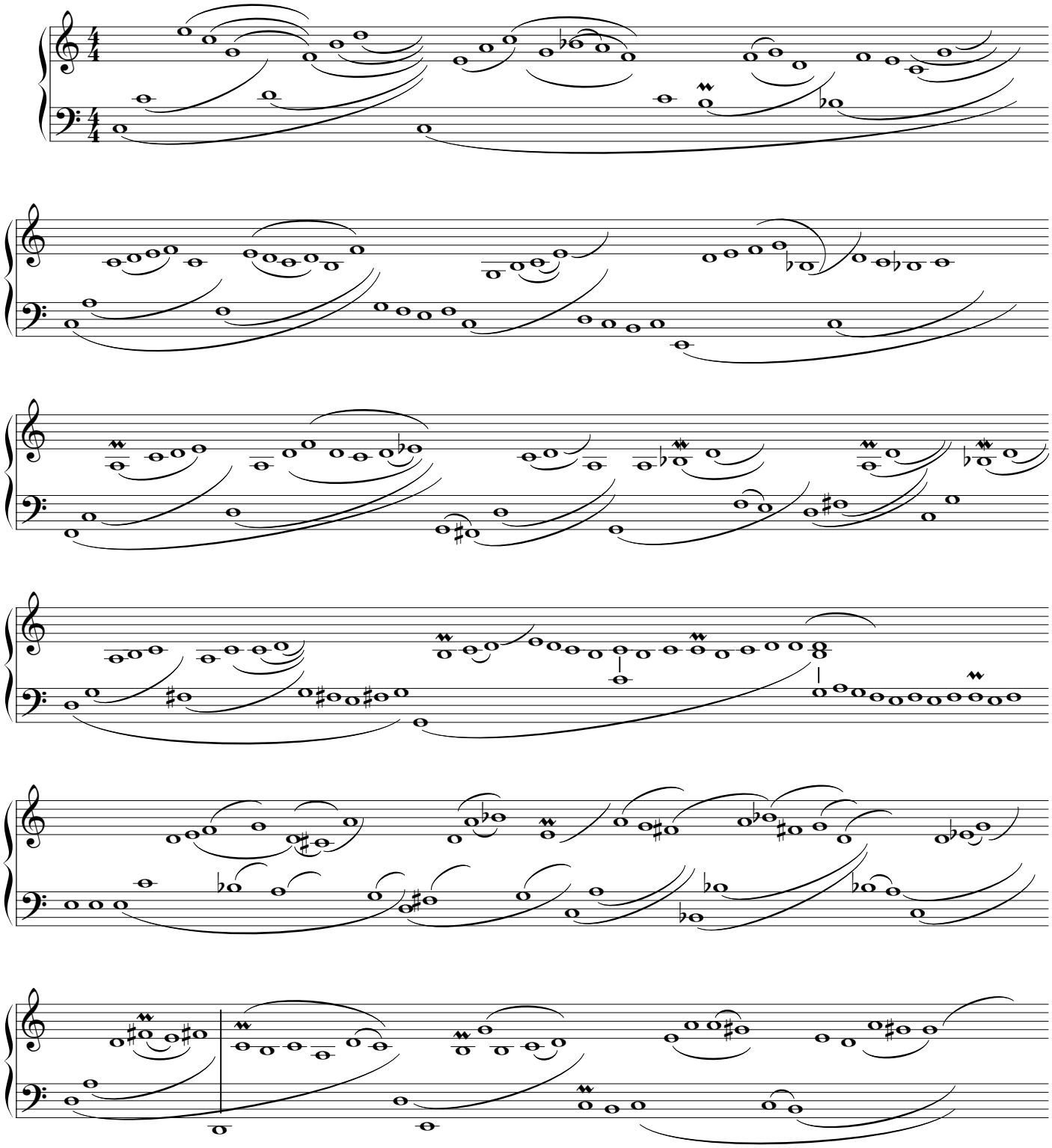

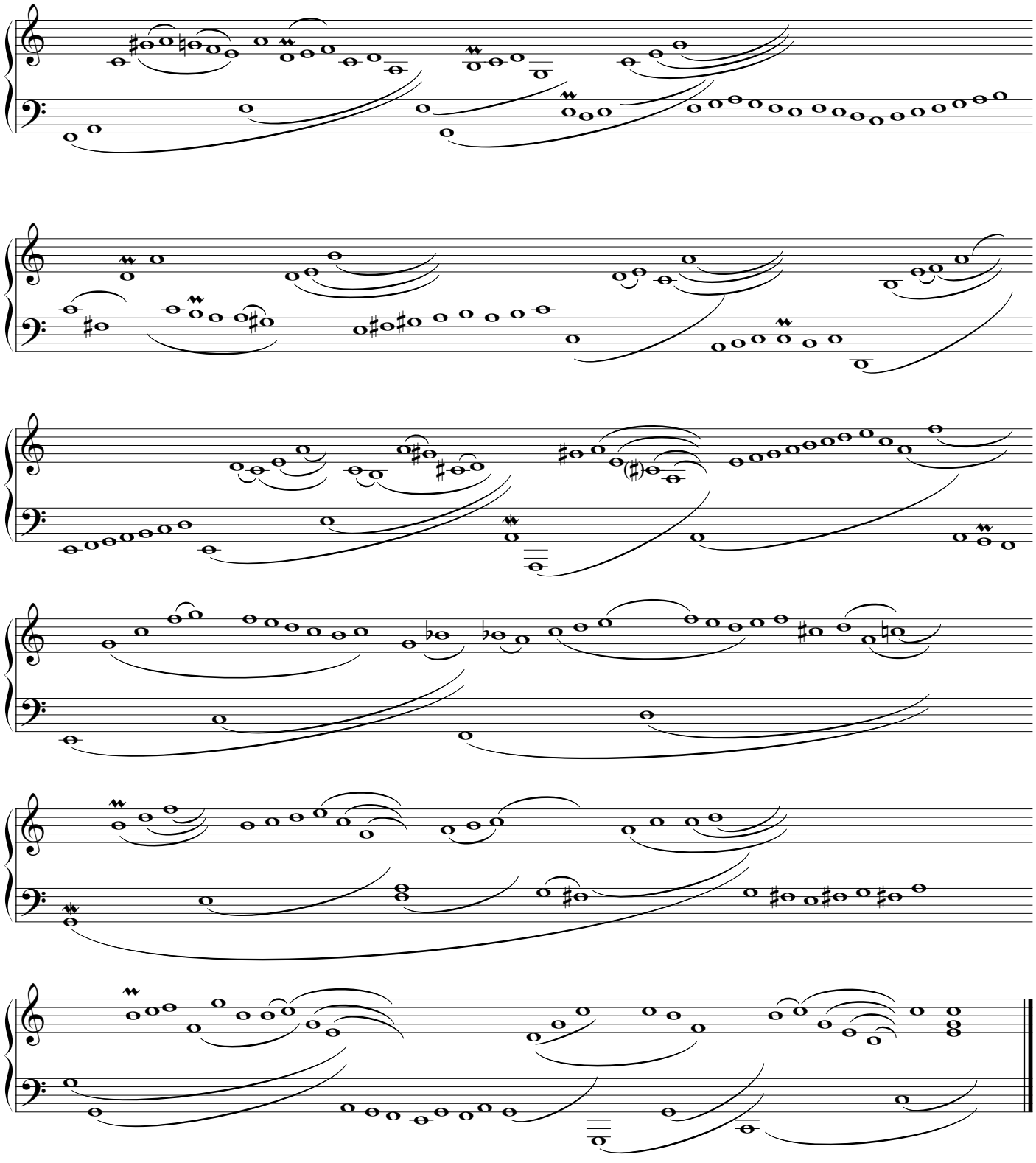

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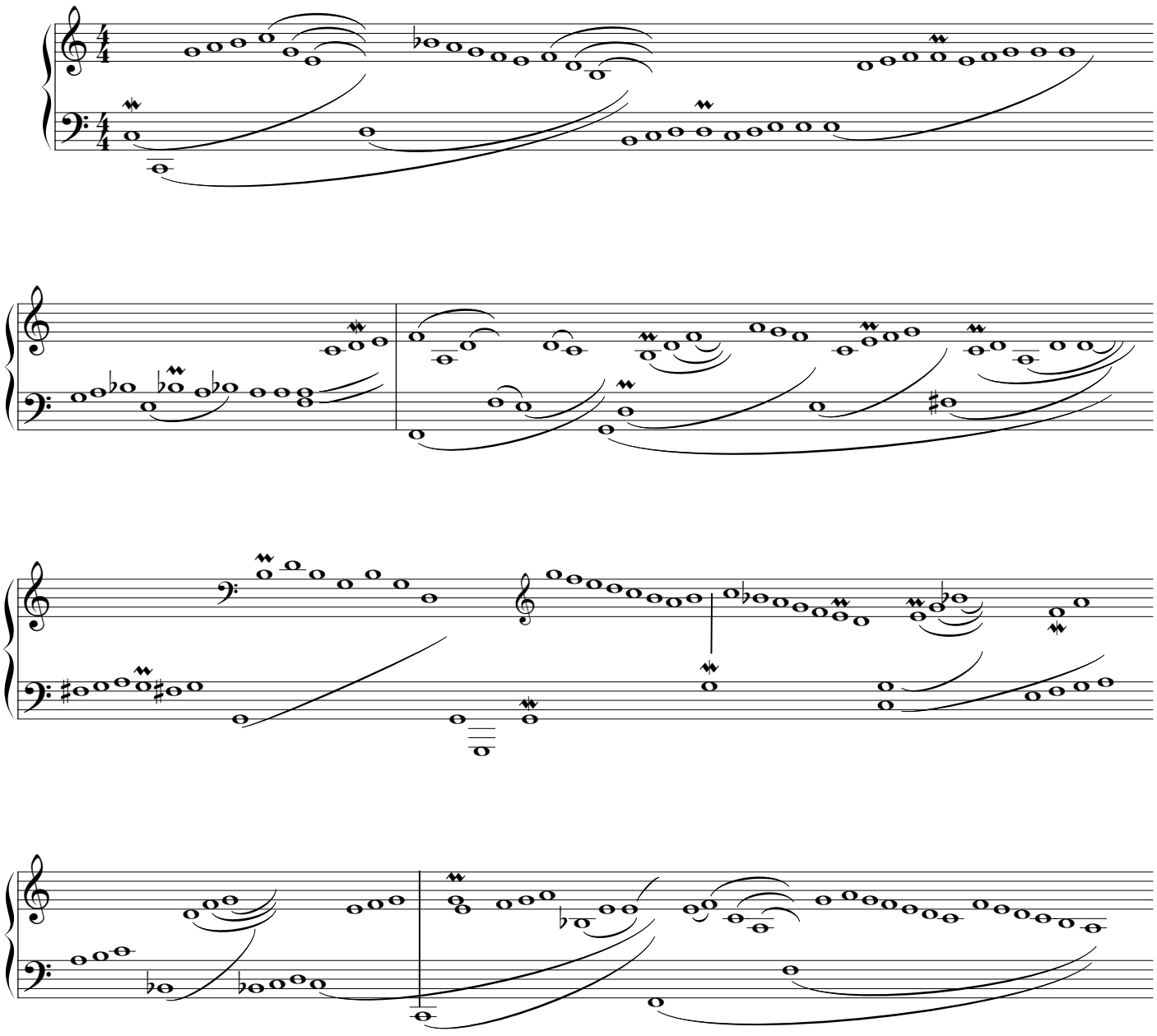

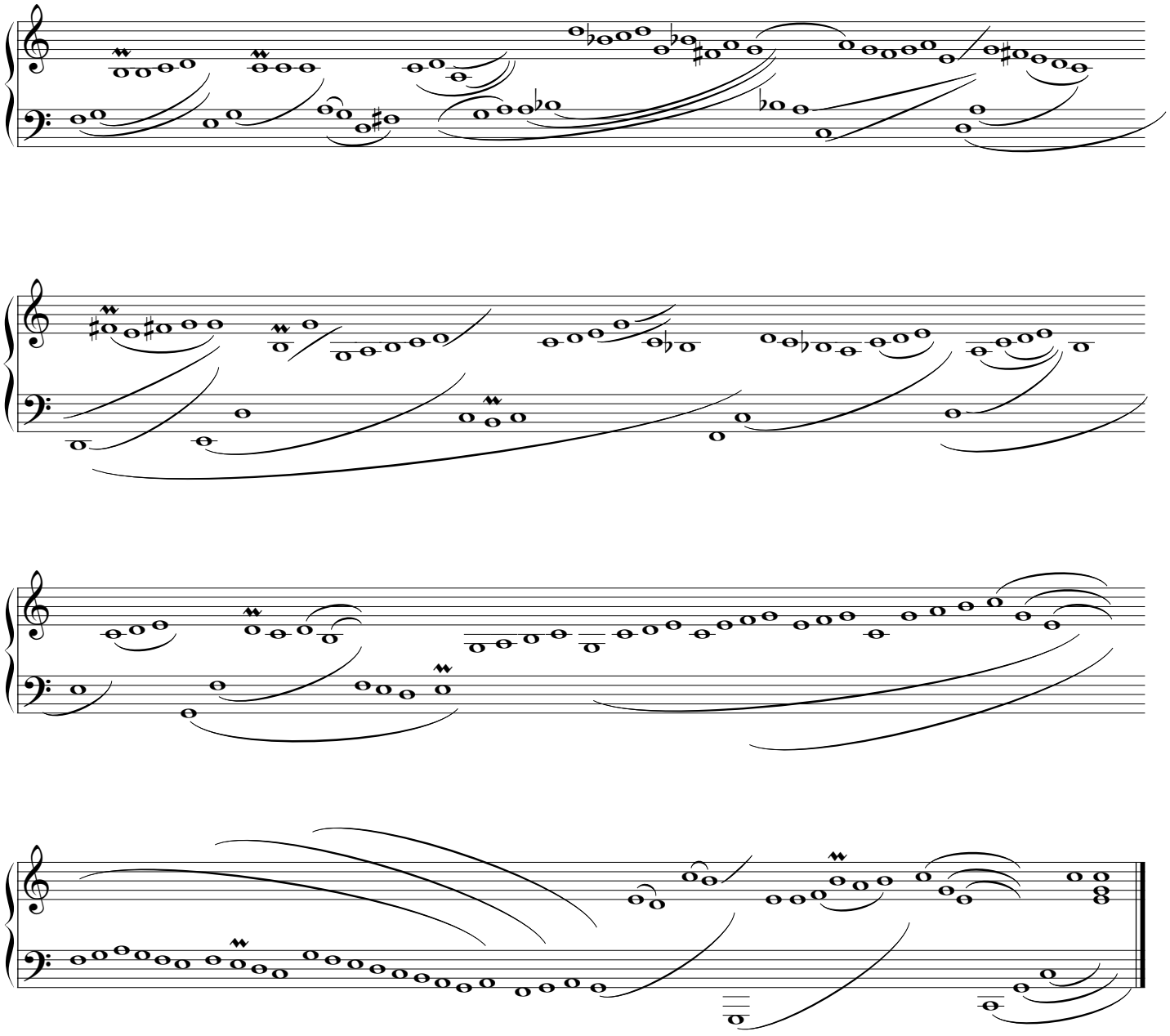

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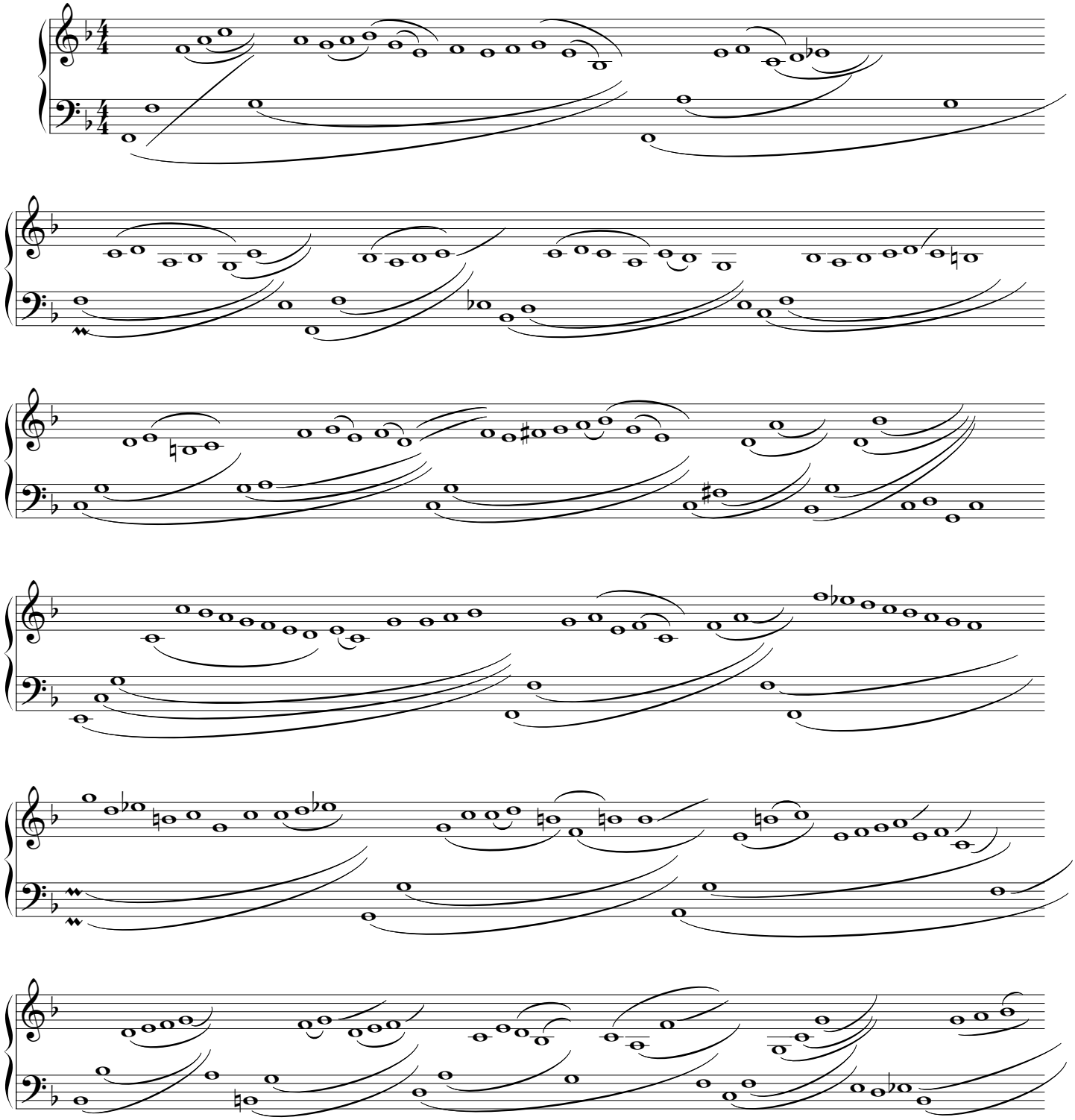

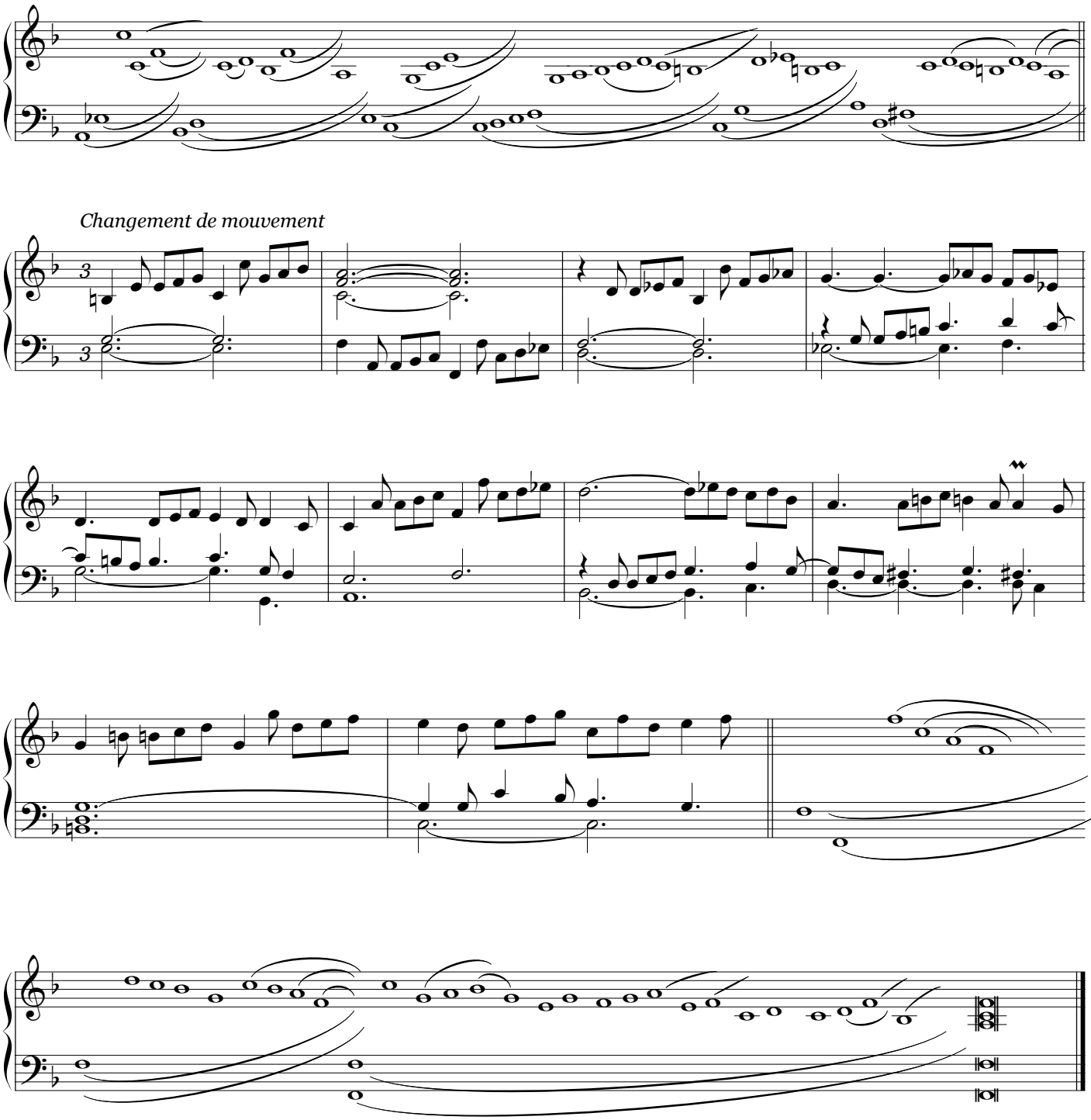
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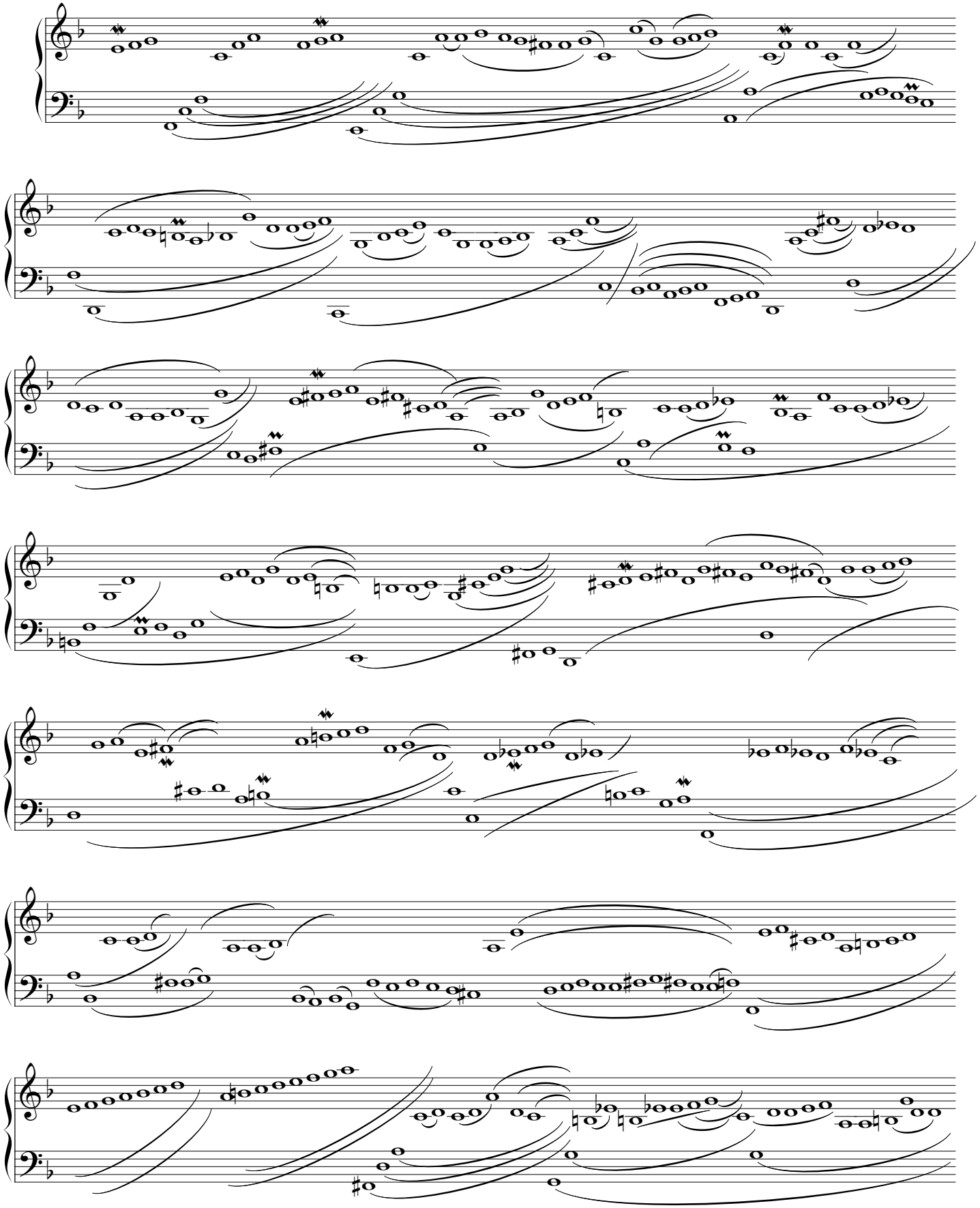

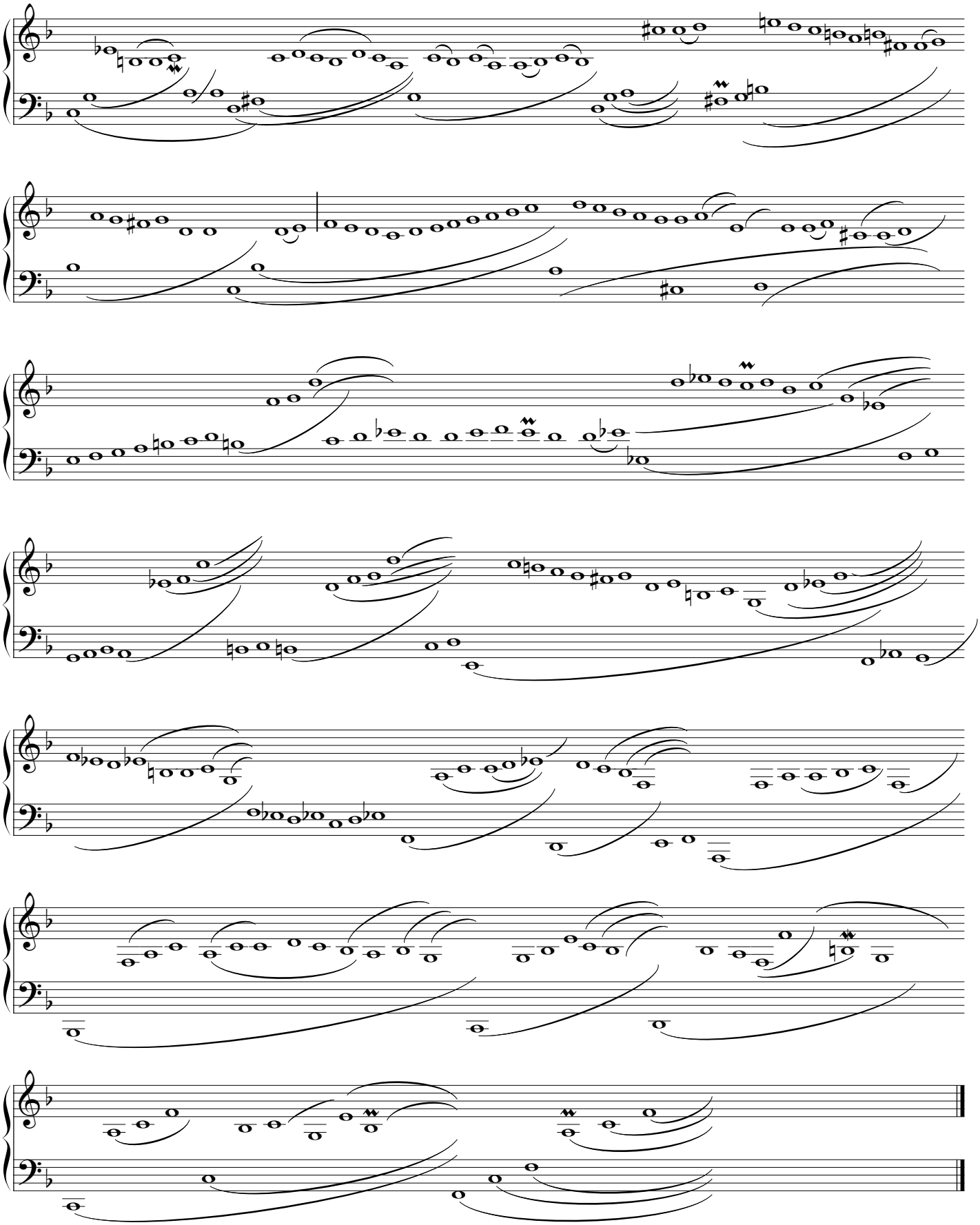

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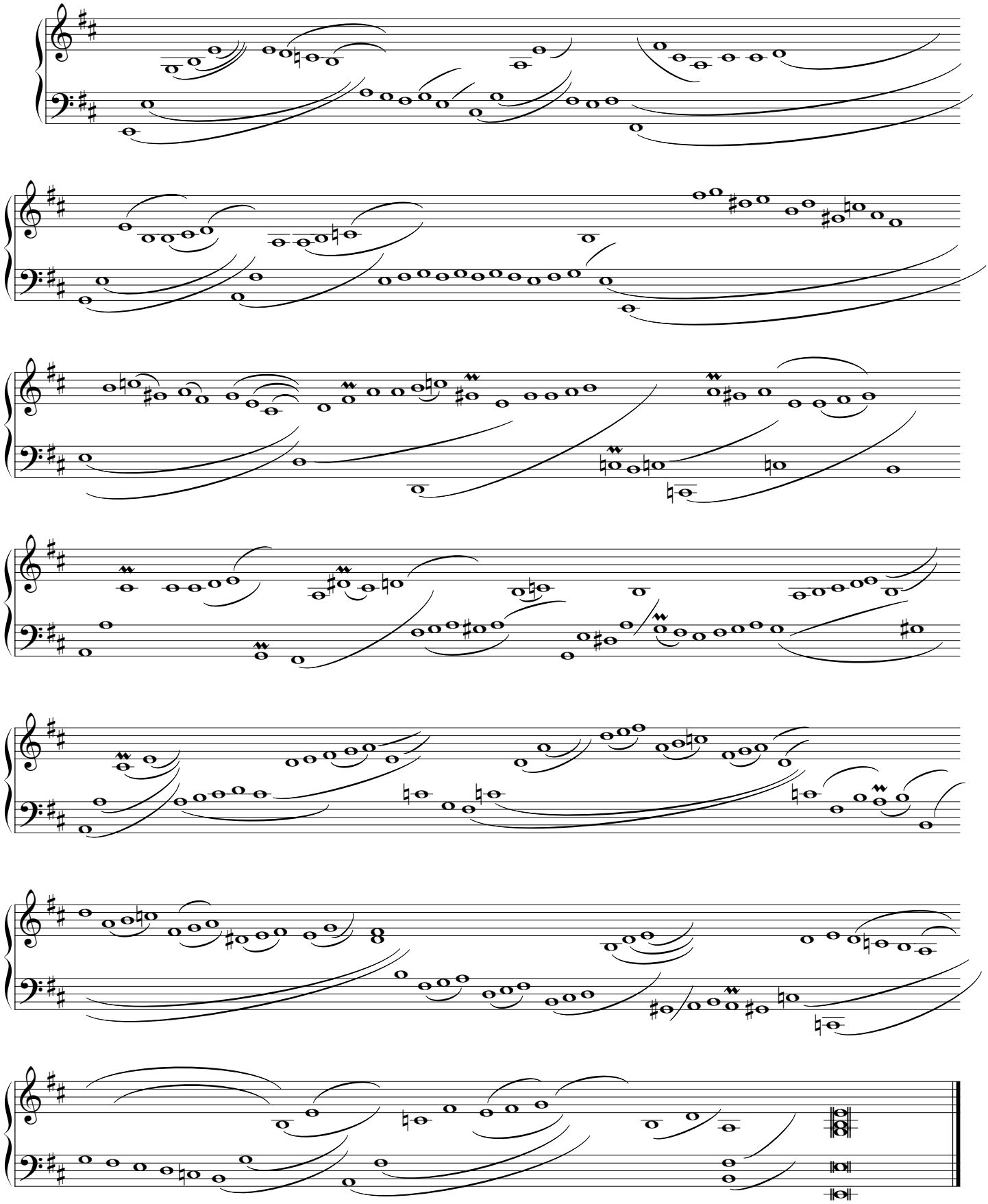
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