Northern Menagerie

Intermediate Piano Solos

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Preface

This collection of solo piano pieces was inspired by wild creatures of Canada. Many make their home on the west coast of British Columbia and I encounter some of them when I hike in the nearby forest or even in my own yard.

Several of the pieces were written during my early composition studies when I was experimenting with a variety of styles and forms. I hope you enjoy playing them as much as I enjoyed composing them!

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Cover Art by Myles Mathis

Myles Mathis is a self-taught artist who lives in Mission, B.C. He is a member of the Fraser Valley Watercolour Society in Abbotsford and has been involved with the Mission Arts Council, the Mission Arts Society and the Arts Alive Tours. His works, which have been exhibited in numerous art shows throughout the lower mainland, feature a wide scope of subject material including seascapes, animals, and human interest. He has received several awards for his art including B.C. Wildlife Artist of the Year for 2009.

Many thanks to Myles for painting the cover art for this collection.

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Bear Cubs	Two mischievous bear cubs wander away from home. When mother bear finds them, she scolds them with a big growl.	6
The Fawn	This fawn is learning to walk. He is very cautious and even a bit clumsy at first, but he is gradually able to move faster and roam more freely.	8
Spirit Bear	The spirit bear wanders through the rainforest. He becomes a little dizzy when he arrives at a rocky cliff but makes it down safely and continues to merrily roam.	10
Tundra Swan	This beautiful animal lives in the arctic. Listen to her flapping wings as she takes flight.	13
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Squirrels

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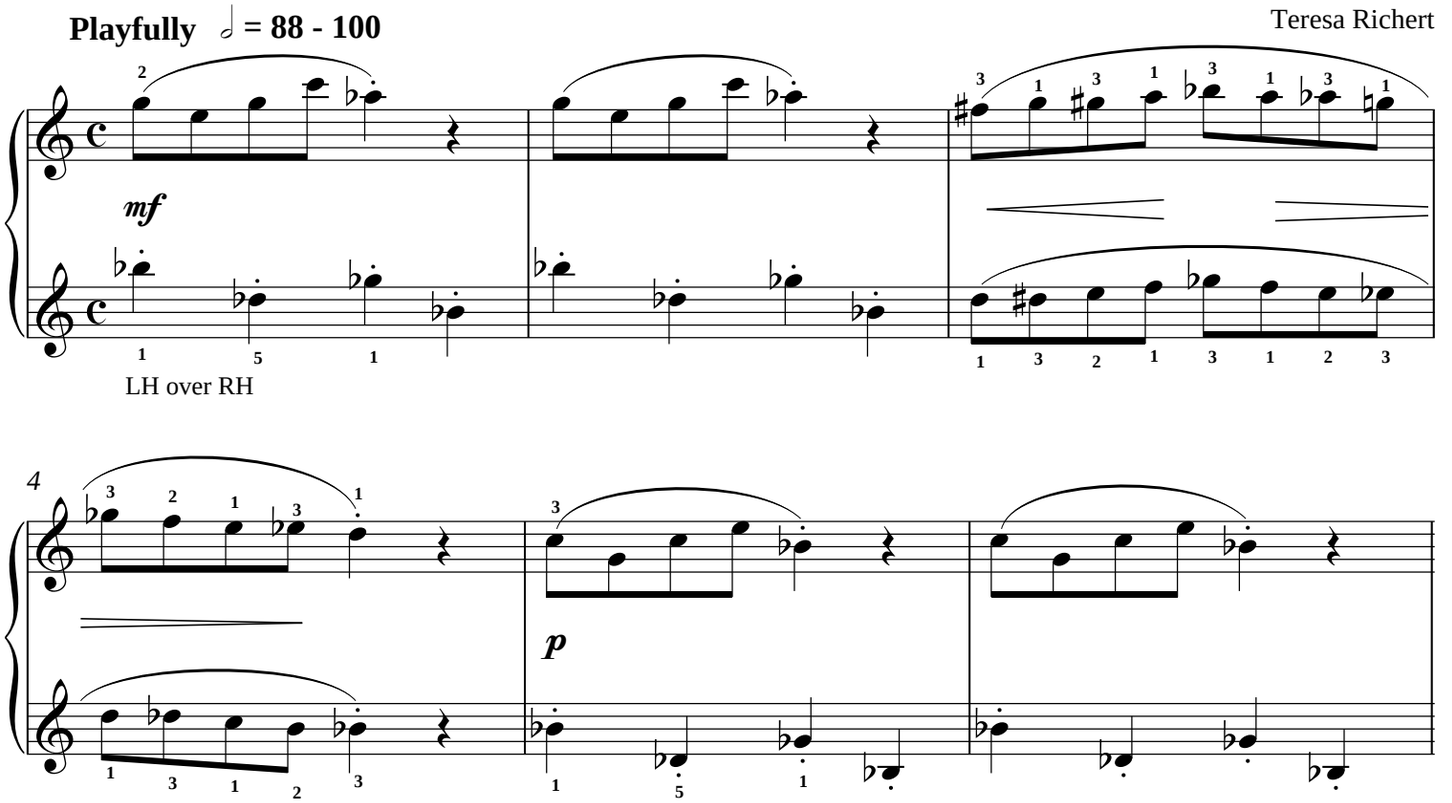

Bunnies

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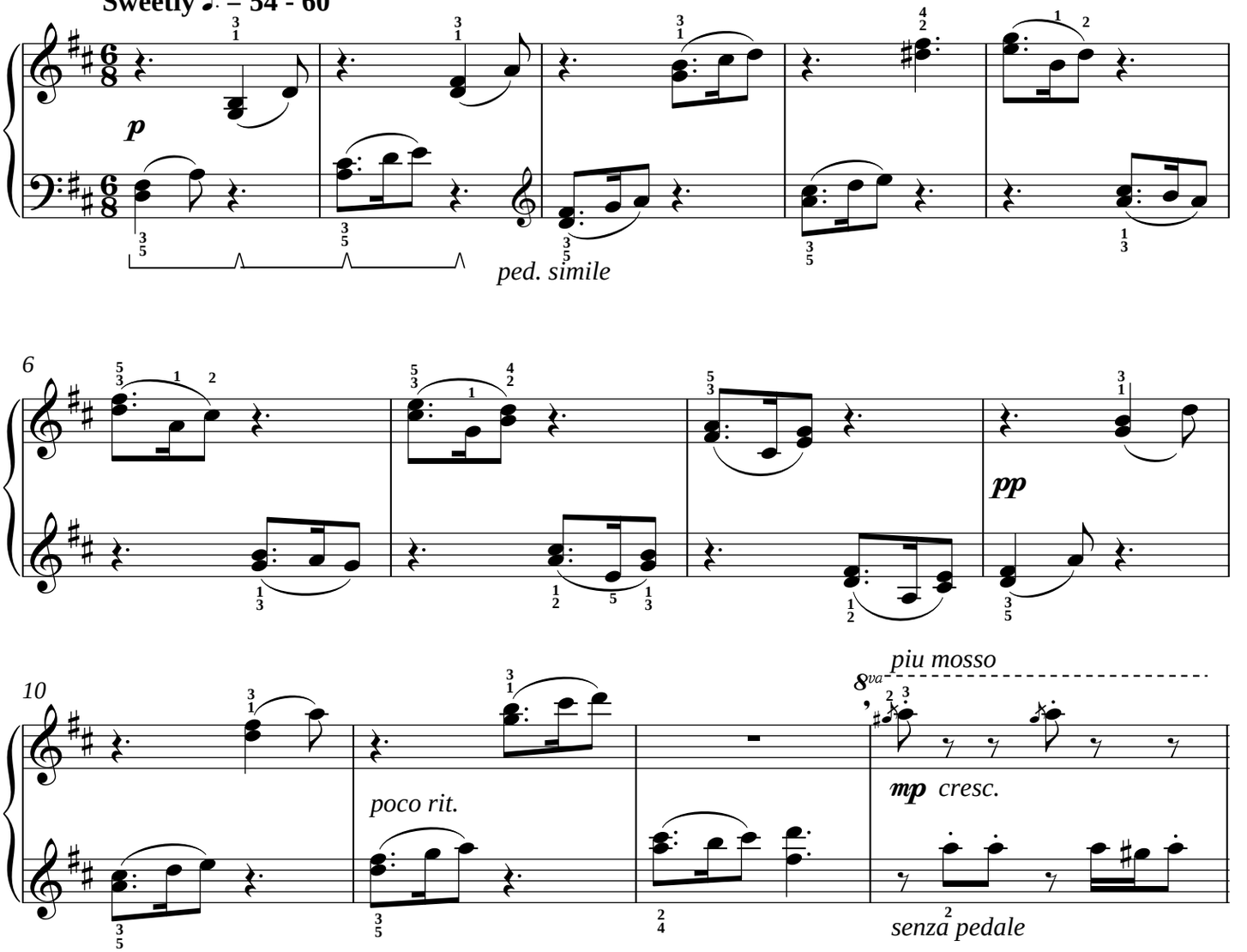

Bear Cubs

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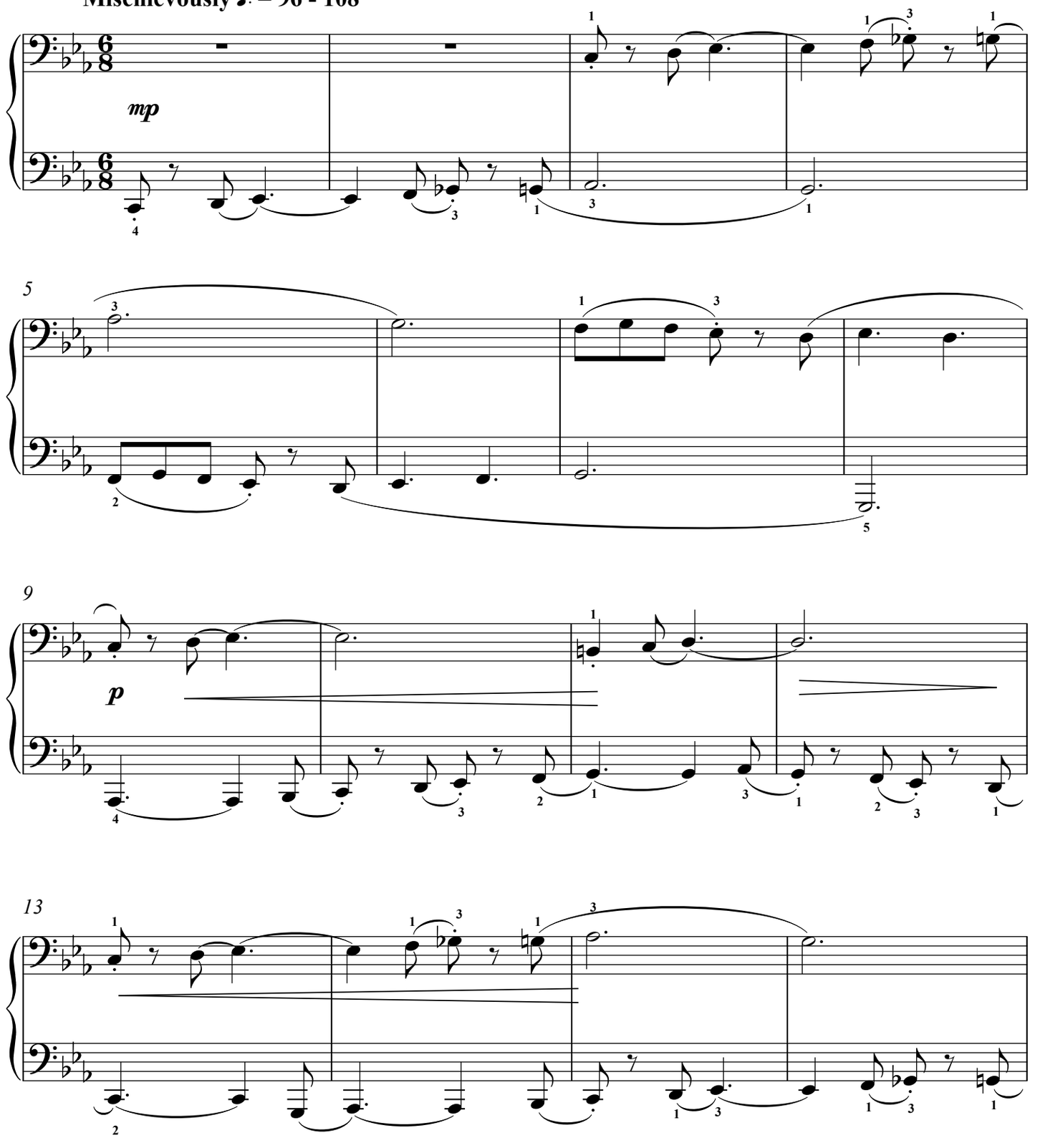
Mischievously ♩. = 96 - 108



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The Fawn

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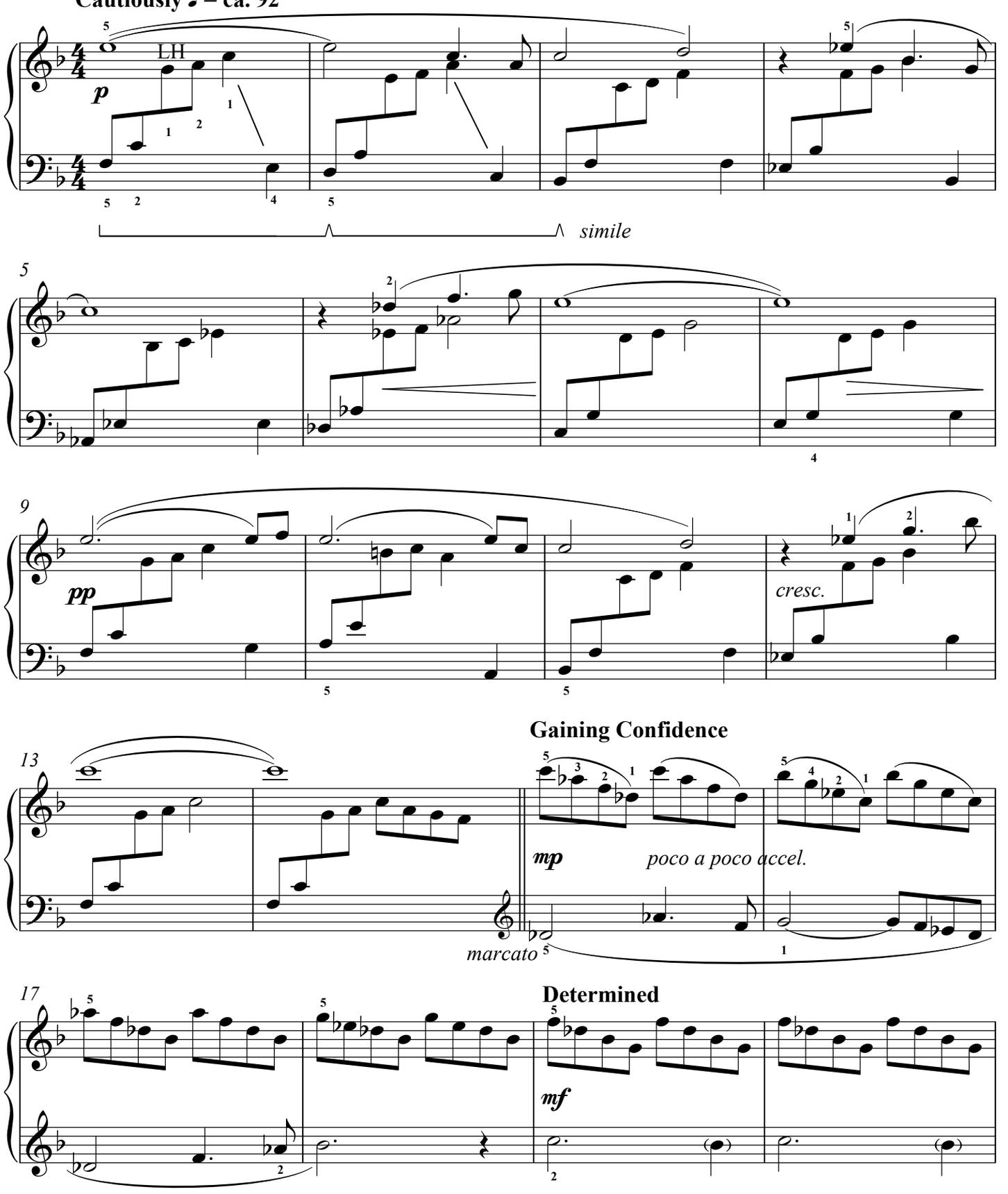
Cautiously ♩ = ca. 92



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Spirit Bear

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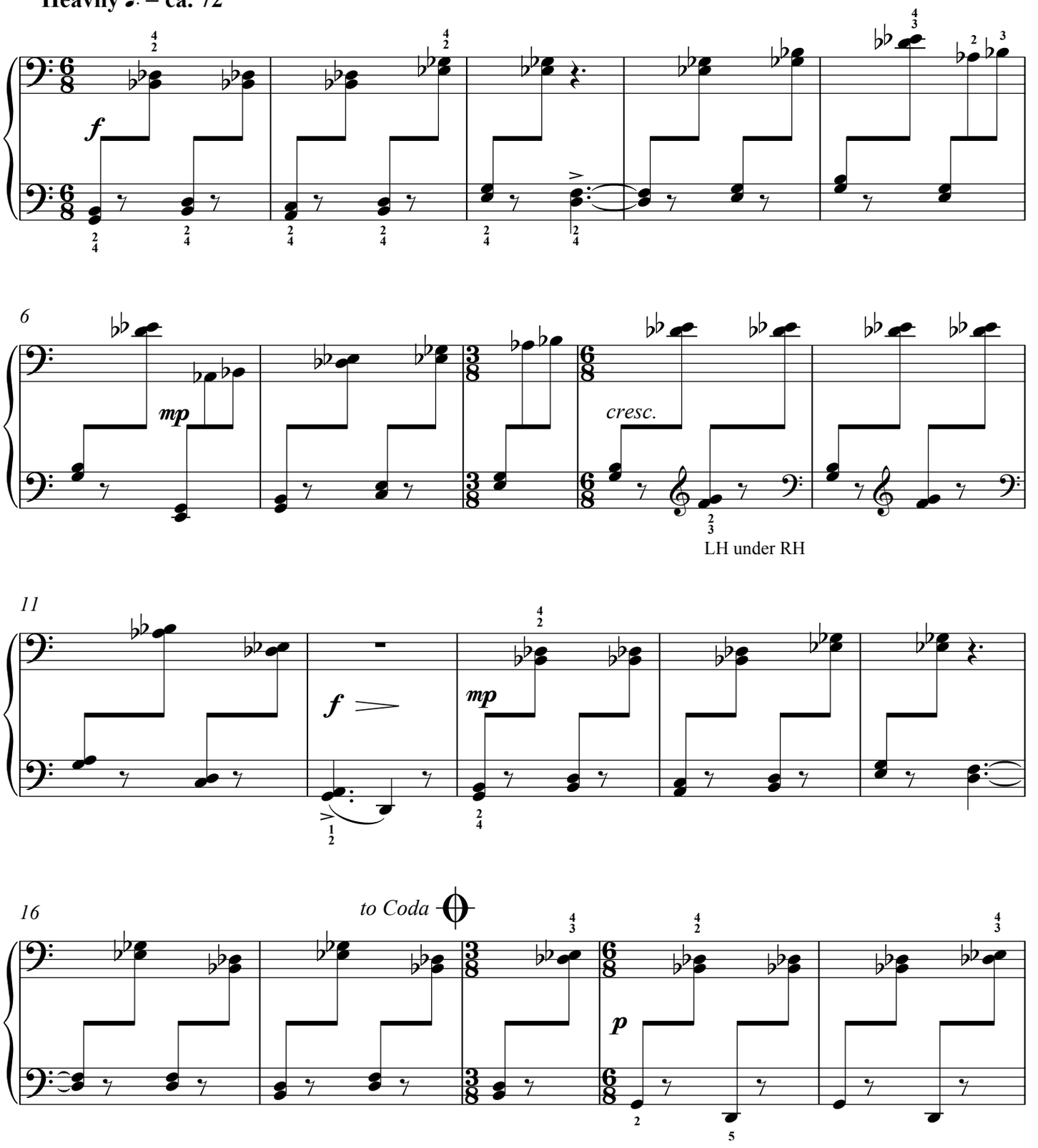
Heavily ♩. = ca. 72



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Tundra Swan

Expressively ♩ = ca. 104

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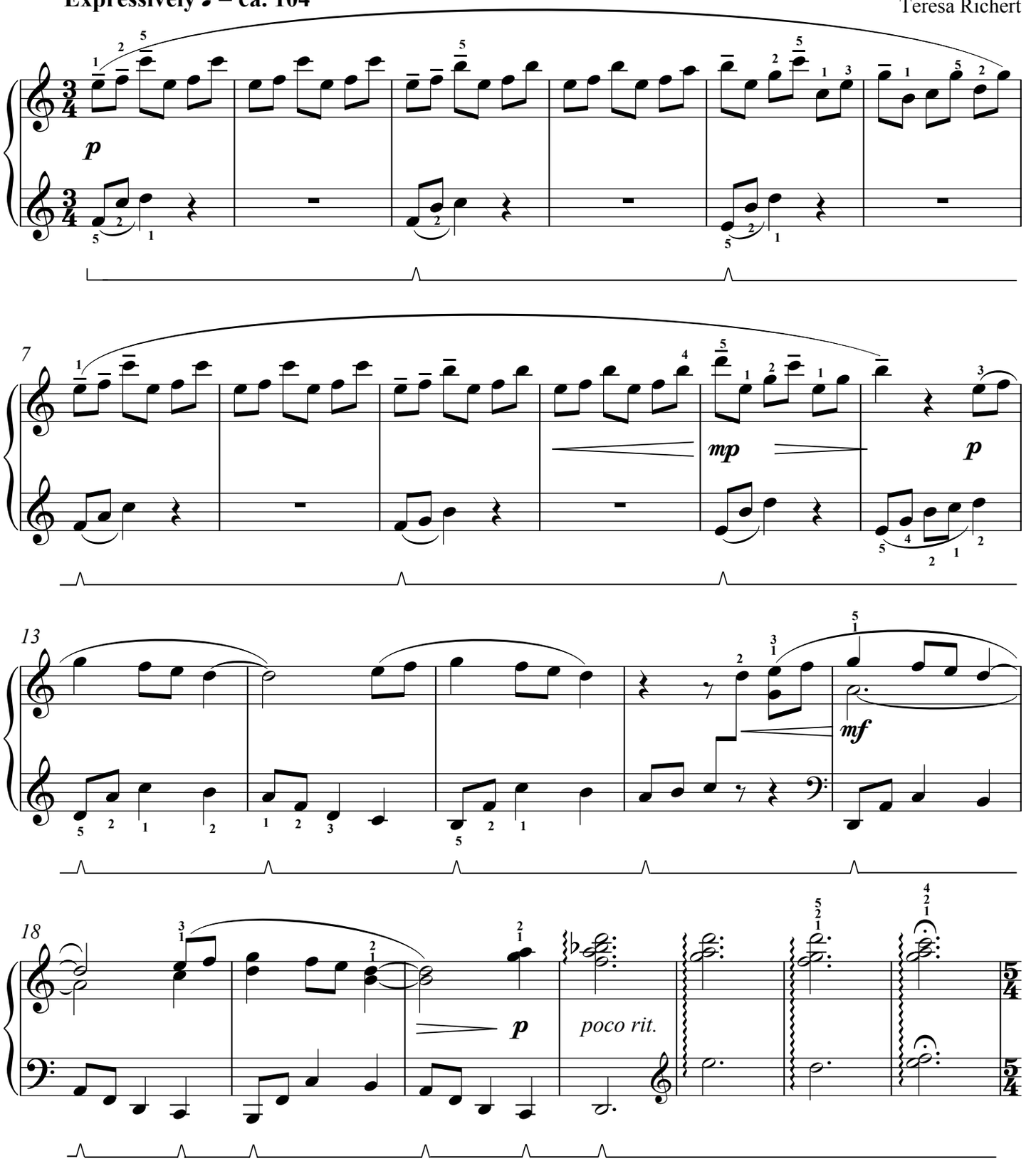

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The Owl and the Sparrow

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Animato ♩. = ca. 63

mf *p* *simile*

6

p

11

pp

17

cresc. *pp*

22

p *cresc.* *p*

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Garter Snakes

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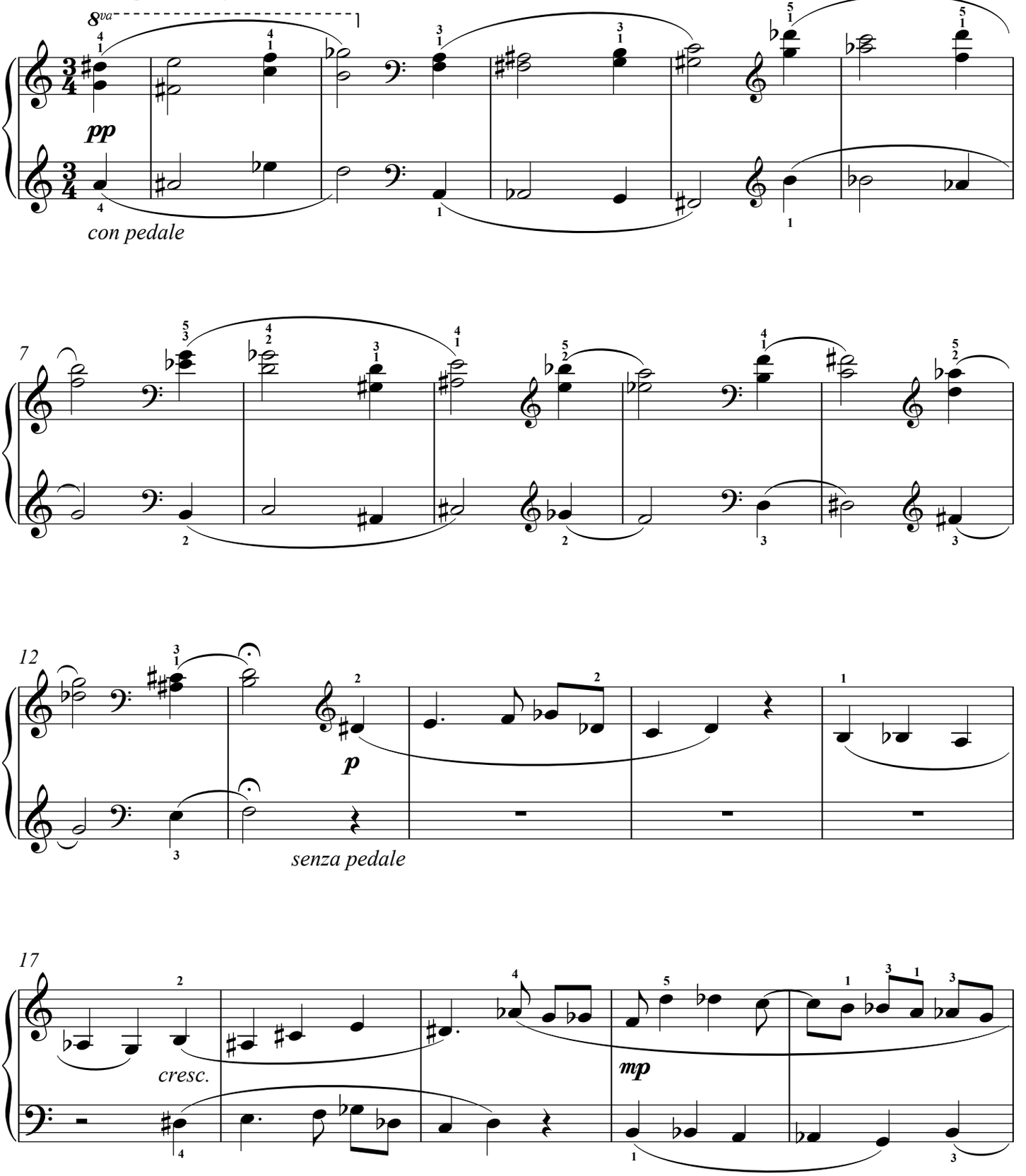
Slithering sneakily ♩ = ca. 84



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Chickadees

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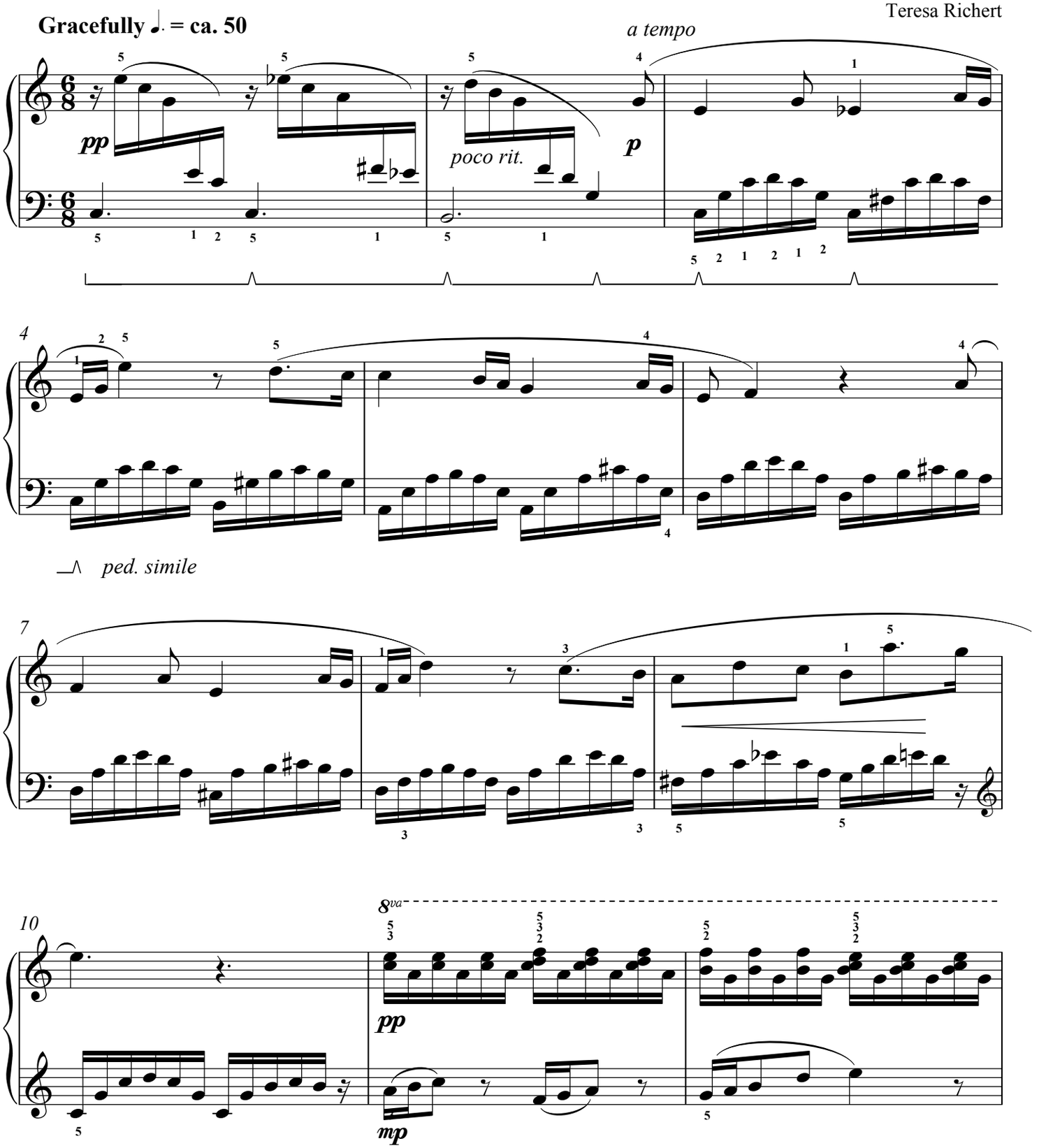

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Bats

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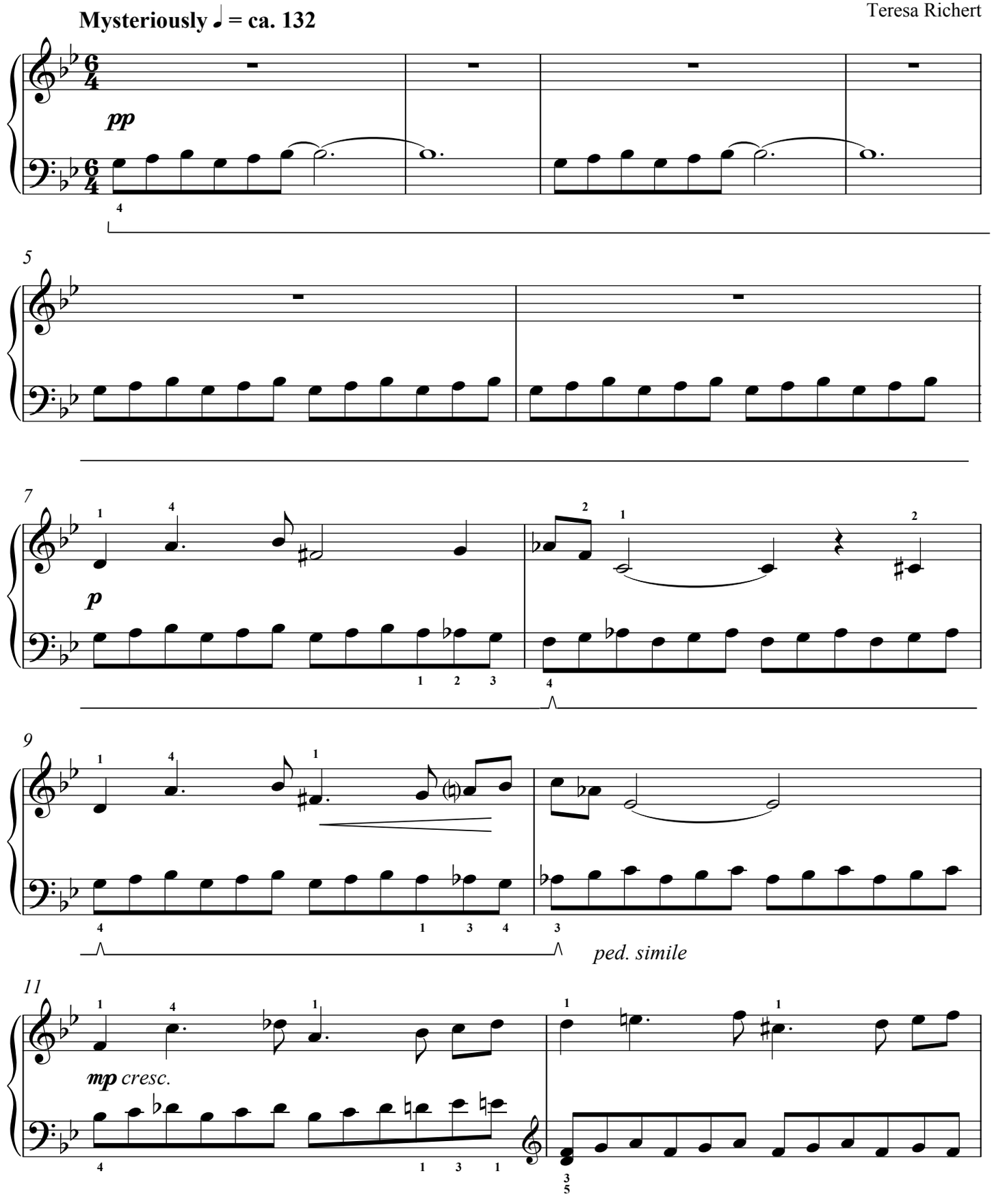

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Dancing Bugs

Playfully ♩. = ca. 66

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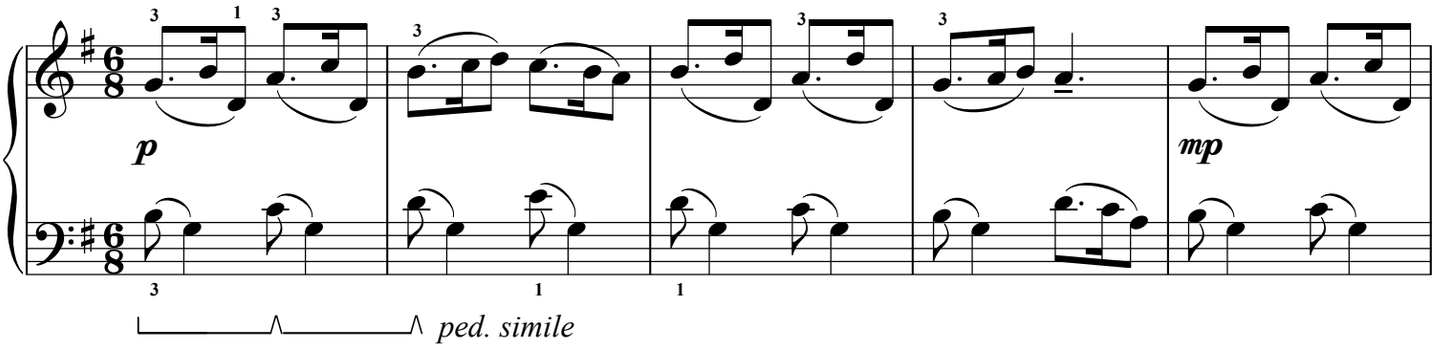
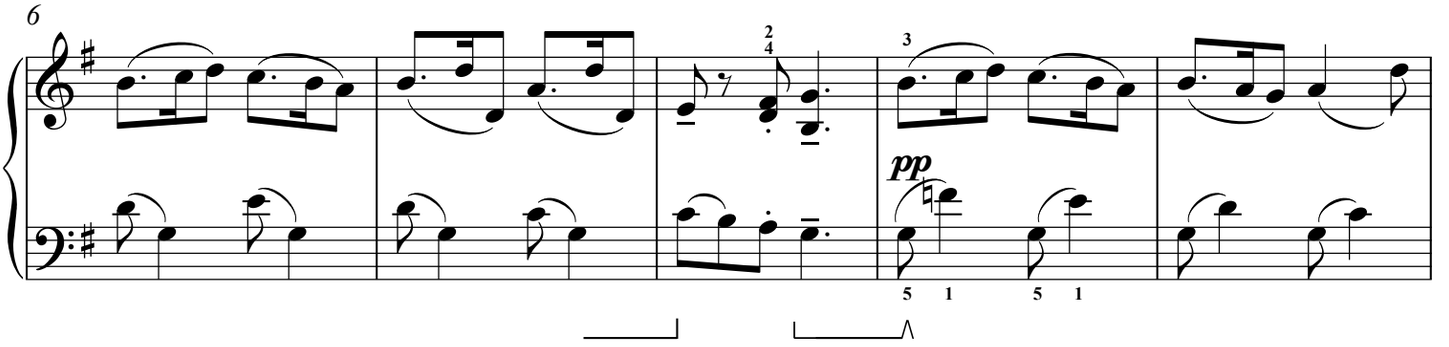
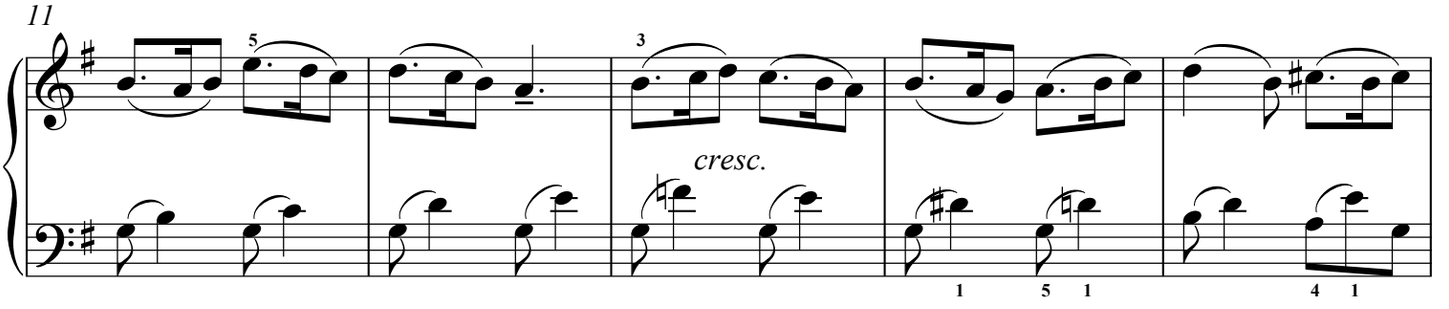
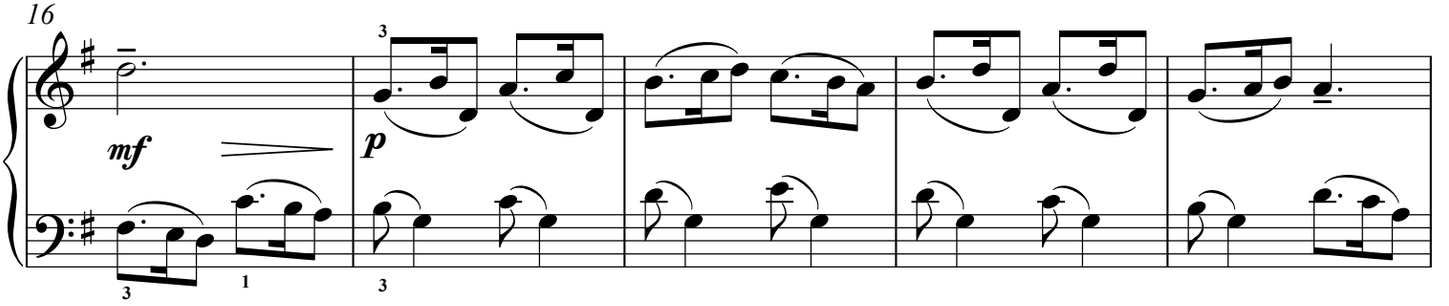
I. Butterflies









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The Grand Eagle

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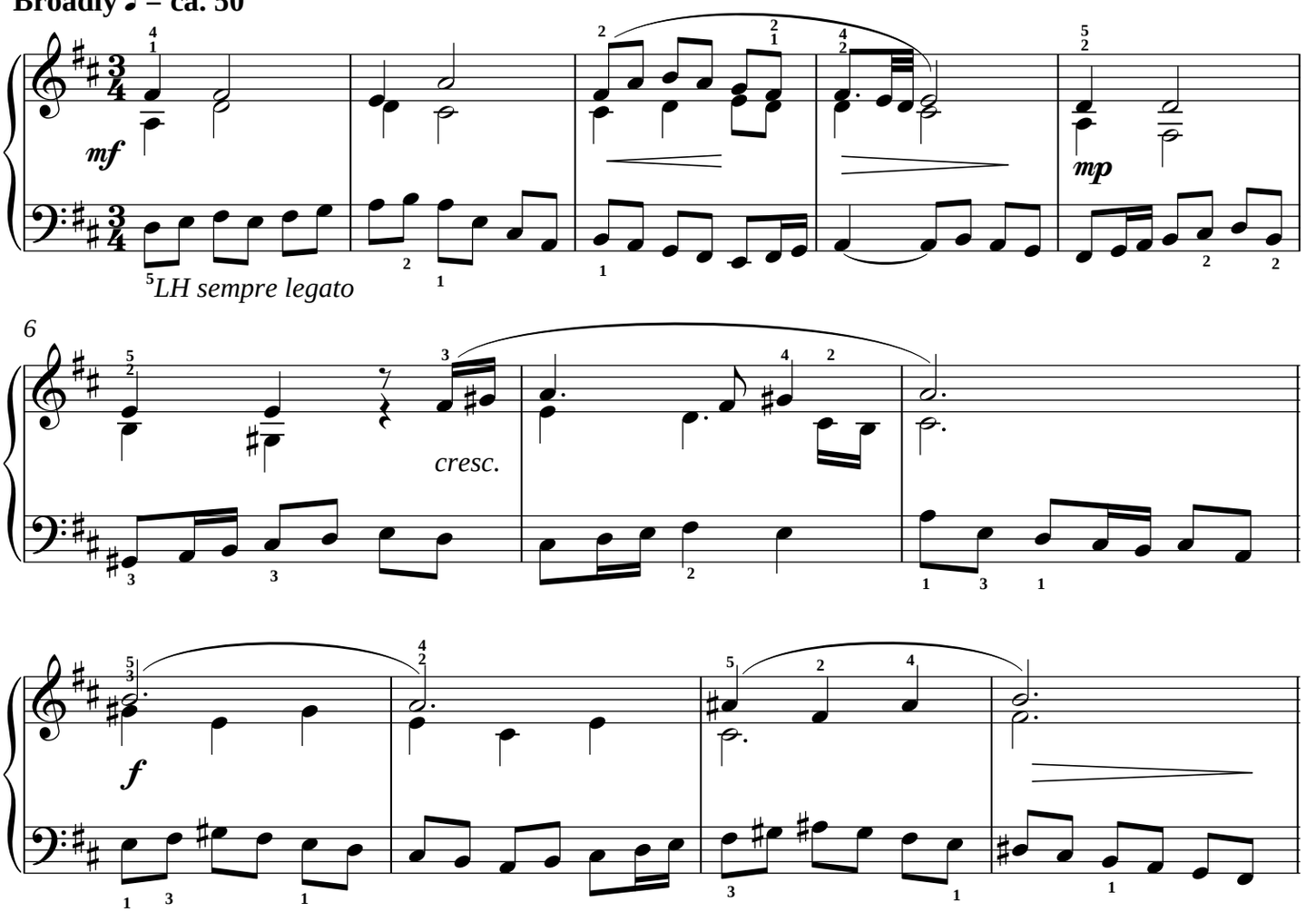
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