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Introduction

This book is a collection of common and not so common tunes as played by some of the finest Texas style fiddlers. The tunes are written in standard music notation. I have taken great care to transcribe not only the notes but also the bowing as accurately as I can. While I'm sure I'm not 100% accurate with the bowing, I am confident these are very close to how these players bowed these tunes.

The beginning of each section is marked with a double bar line, except the very beginning. 4th fingers and changes in left hand positions are marked based on how the player plays the tune. You may wish to experiment with different fingerings if this is easier for you.

Chords indicated in the transcriptions are basic chords only. Texas style guitarists often play many other chords as well, but it beyond the scope of this book to show how the chords are played. Chords are written once for each section. Thus, repeating chord sections are not written in the music.

Because these are transcriptions of great players, I would not recommend this book for beginning players. Some of these pieces are quite challenging to play. In my private lesson teaching, I make sure the student can easily play a number of old time tunes before going on to any tune in this book.

When learning each tune, play through the music slowly, and watch the bow directions! Don't expect to learn these in one play through. Play them many times, and listen to Texas style players to learn the phrasing.

I would appreciate any comments you may have on this book. Drop me a line at the address on the next page.

Thank you and good music to all.

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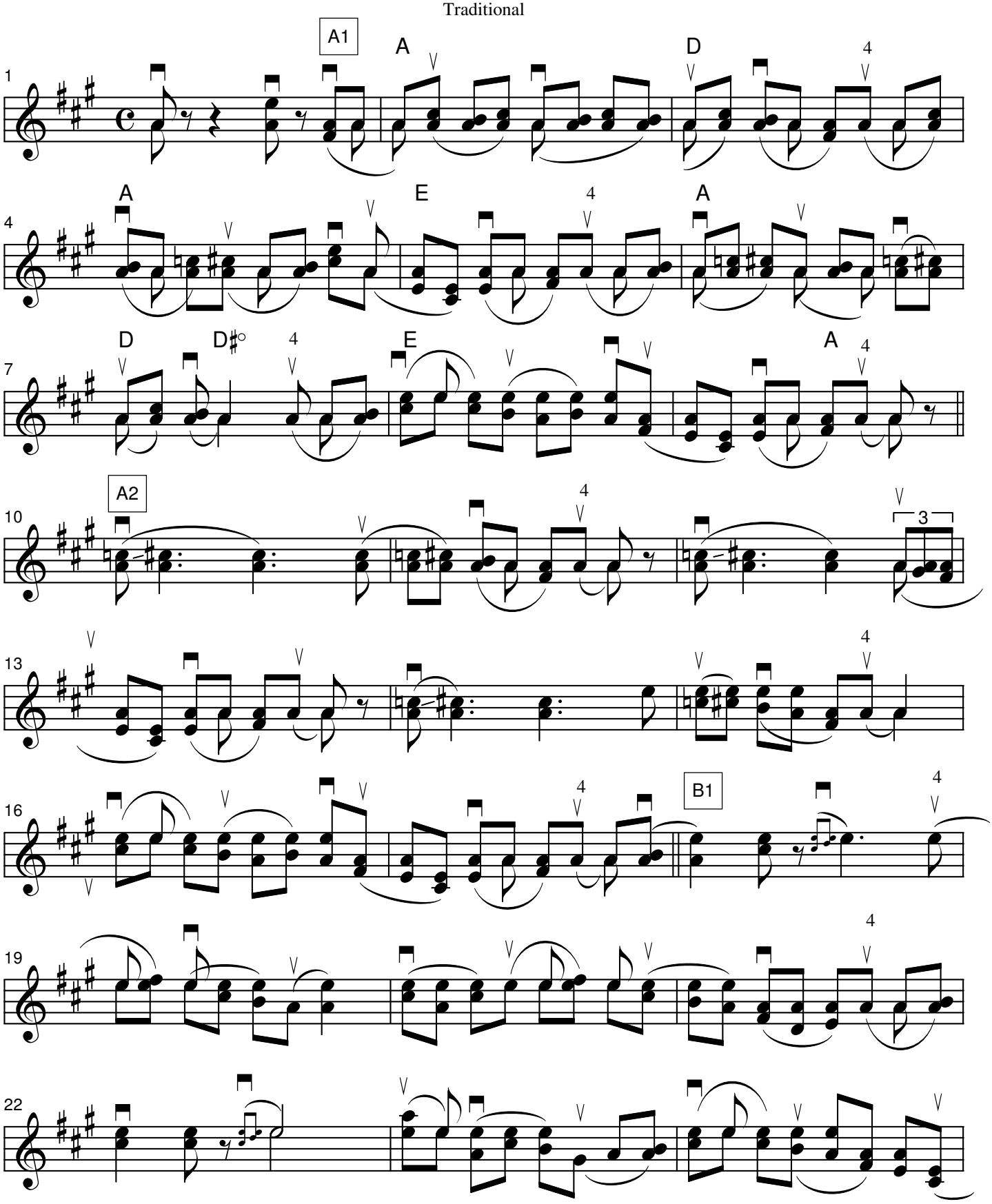

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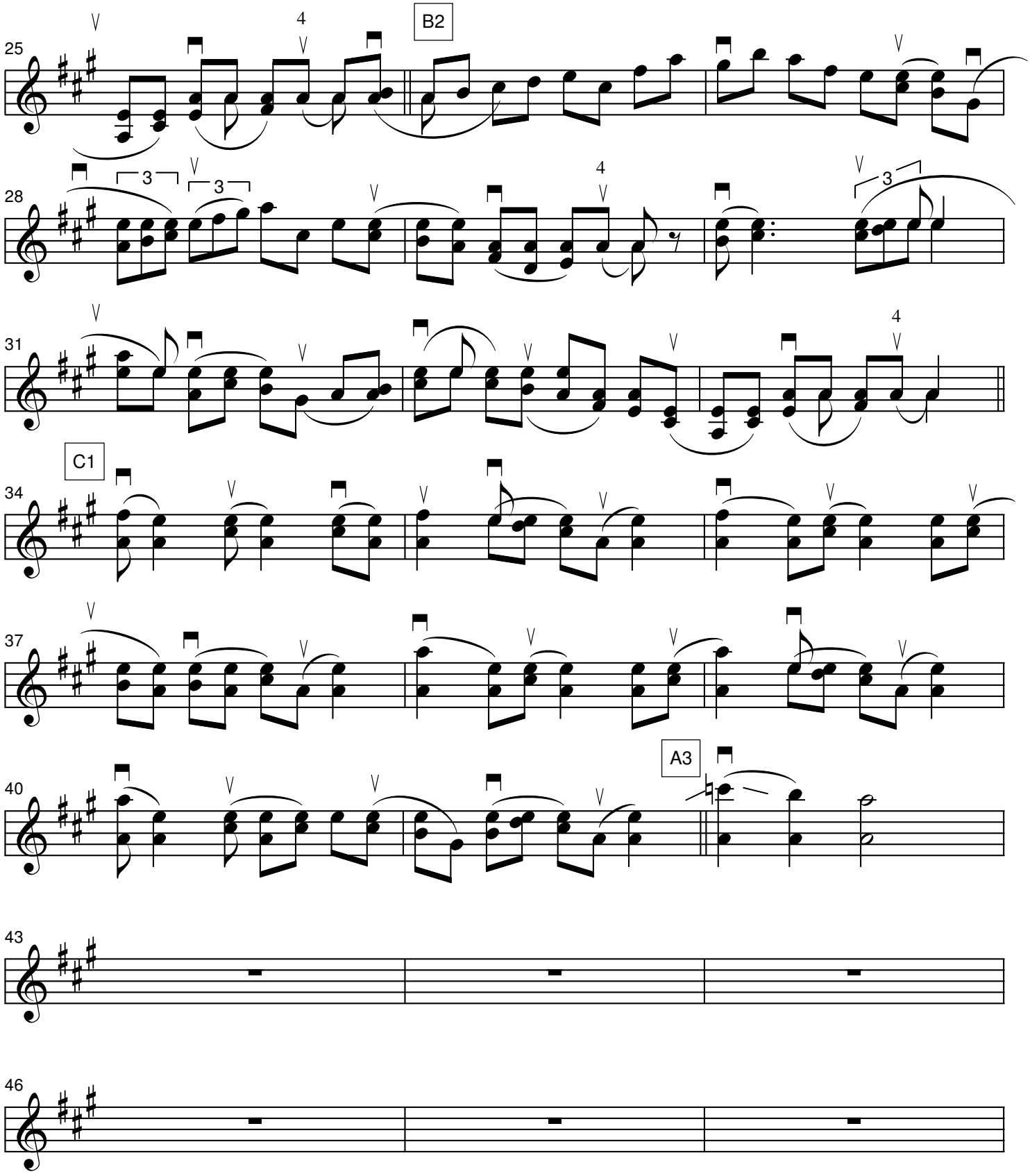

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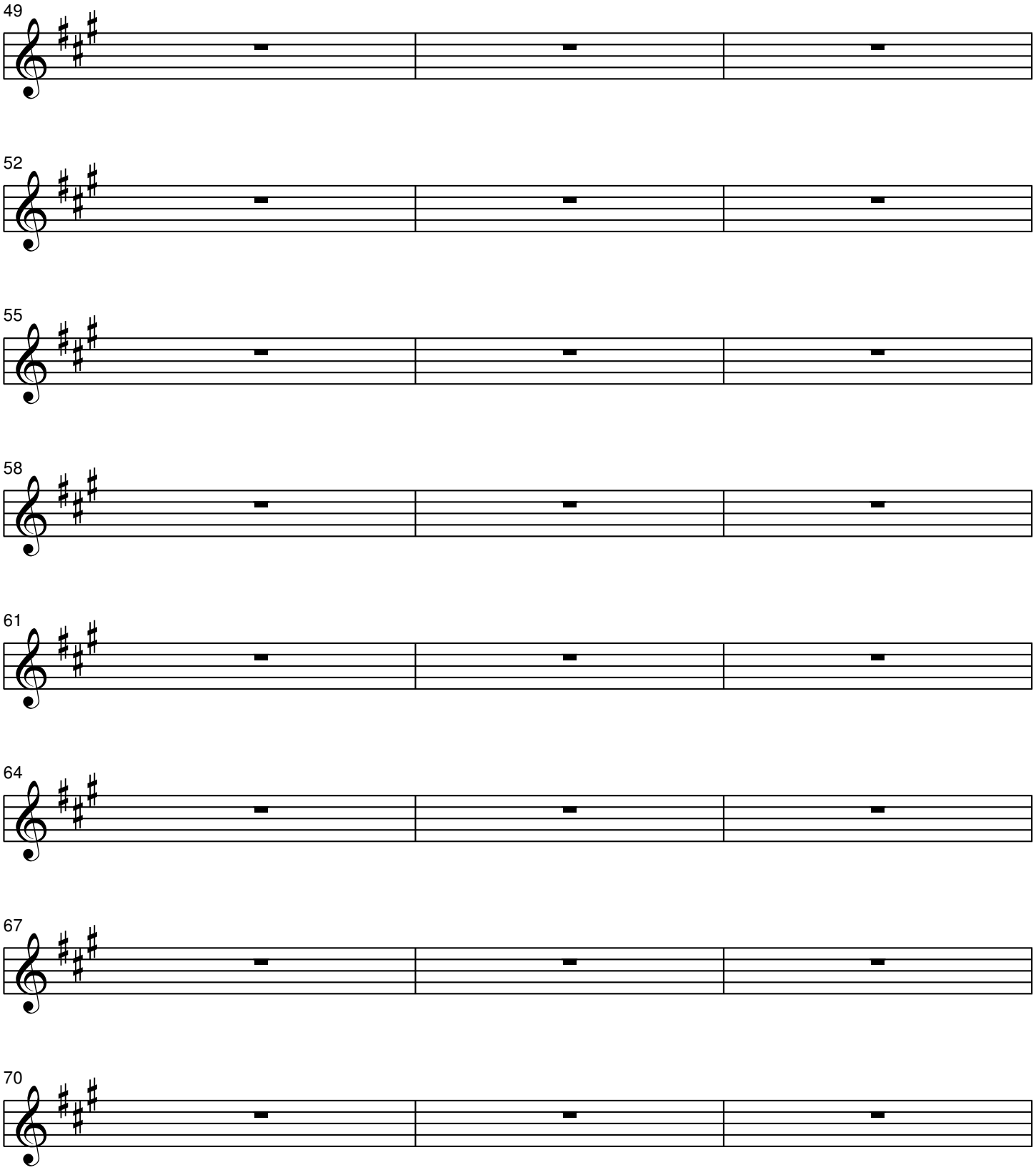

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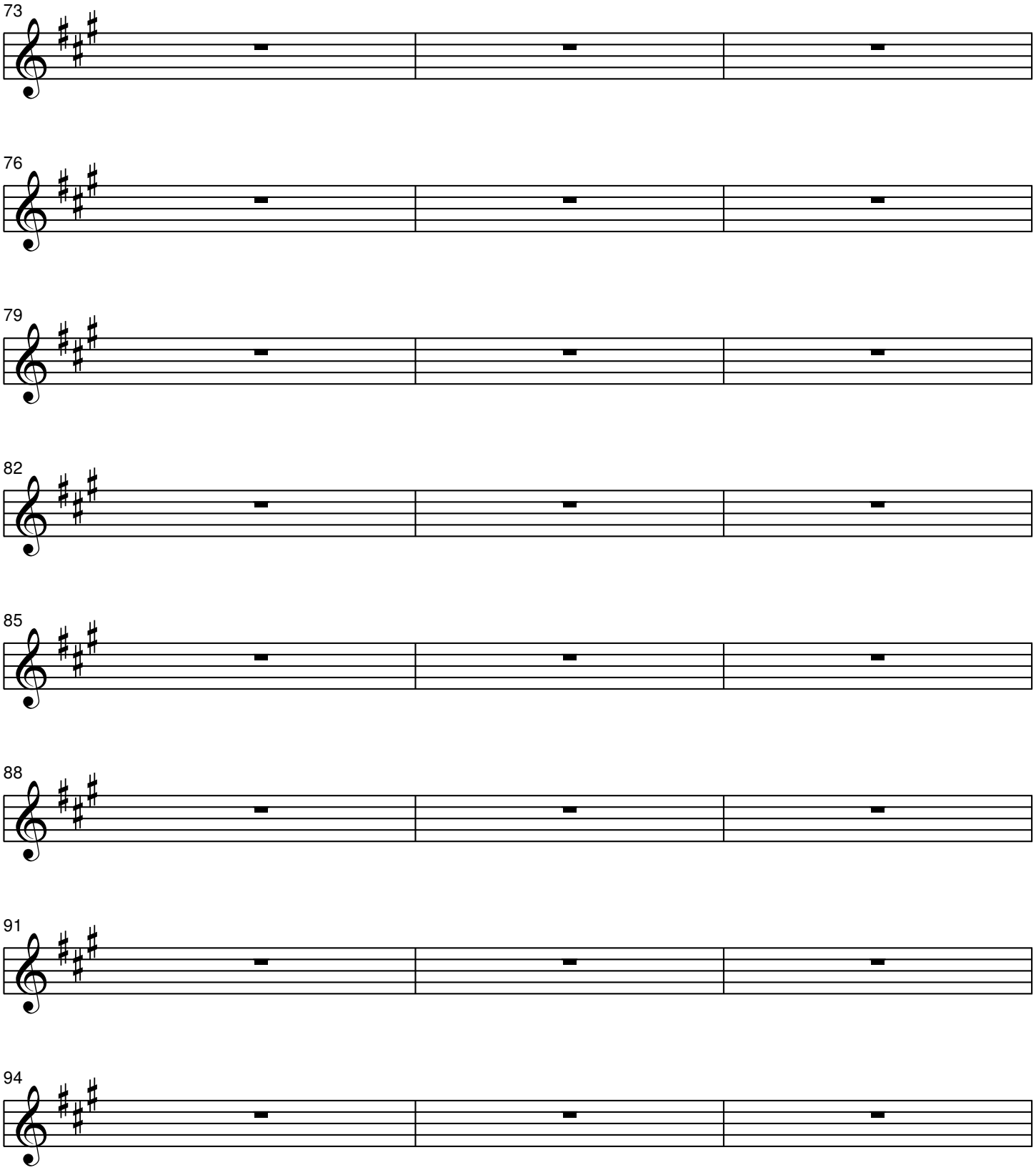

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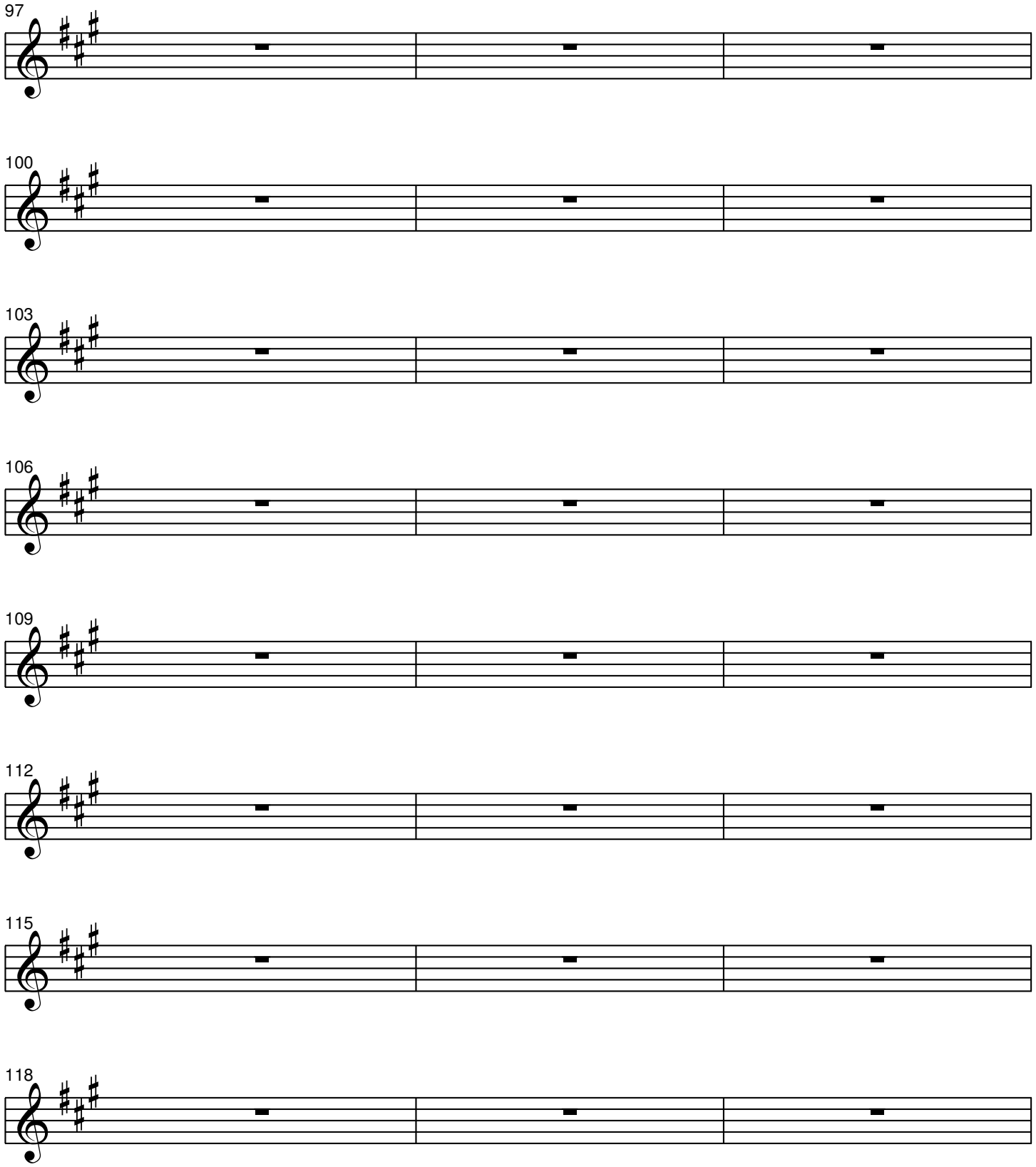

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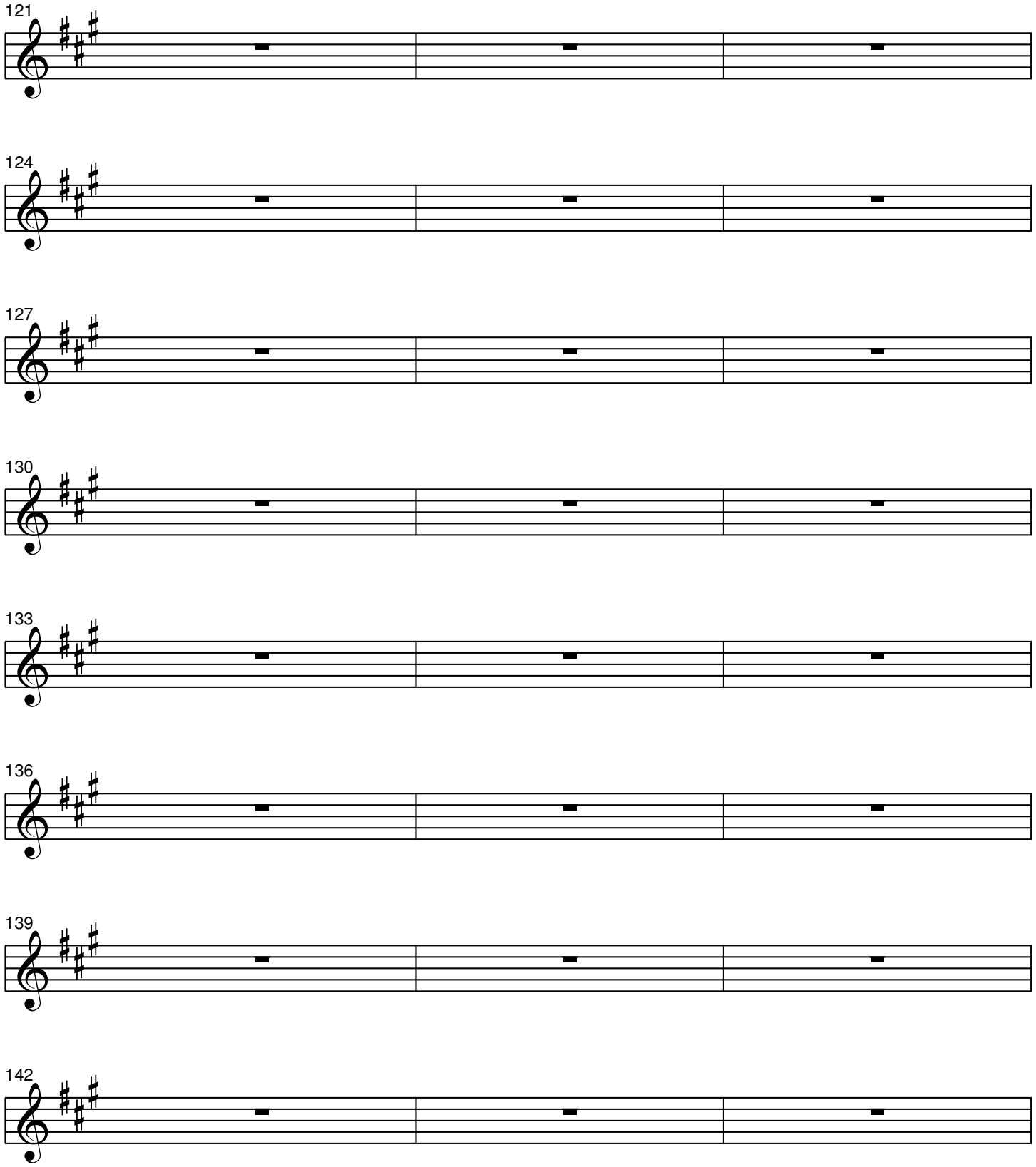

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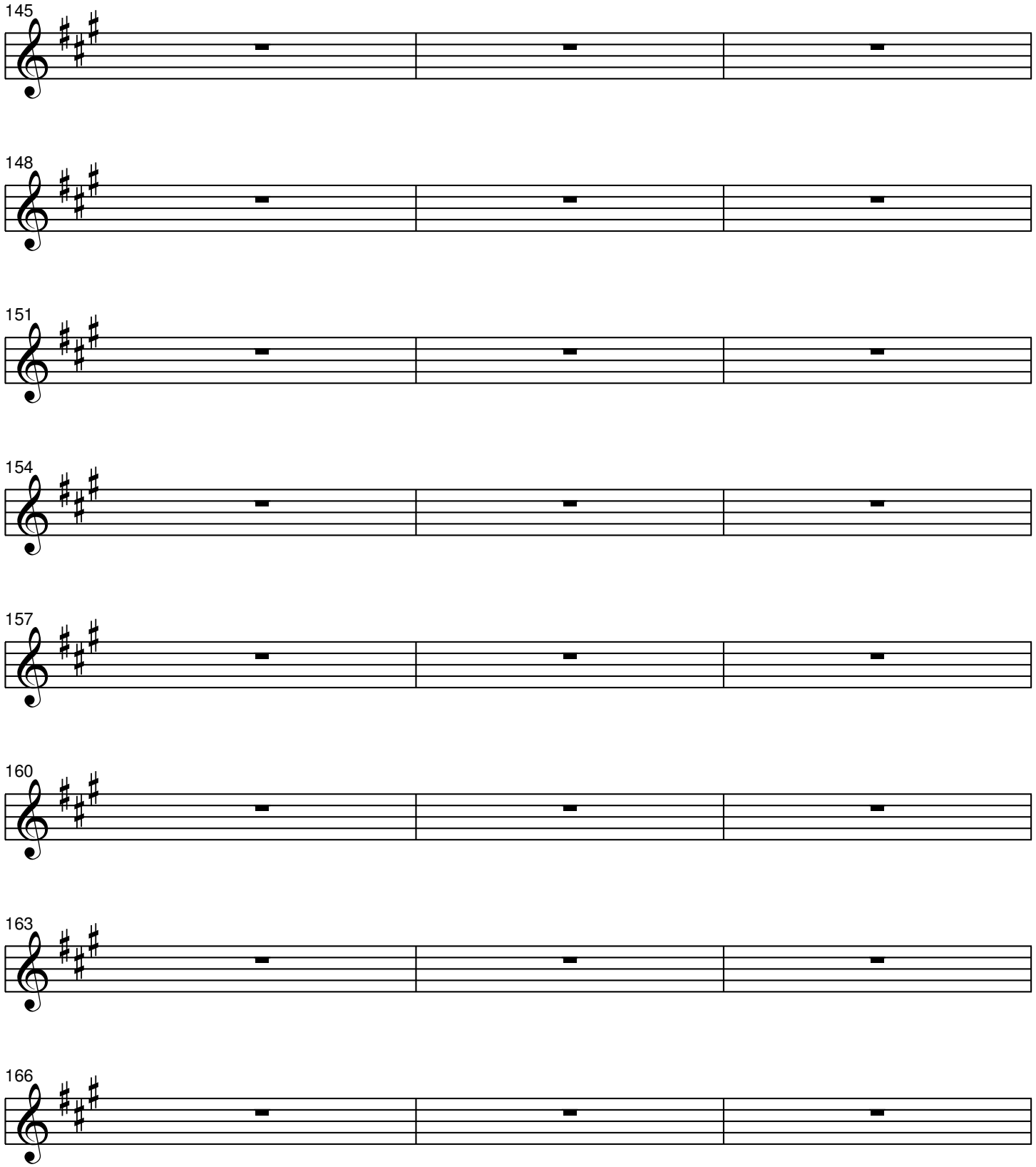

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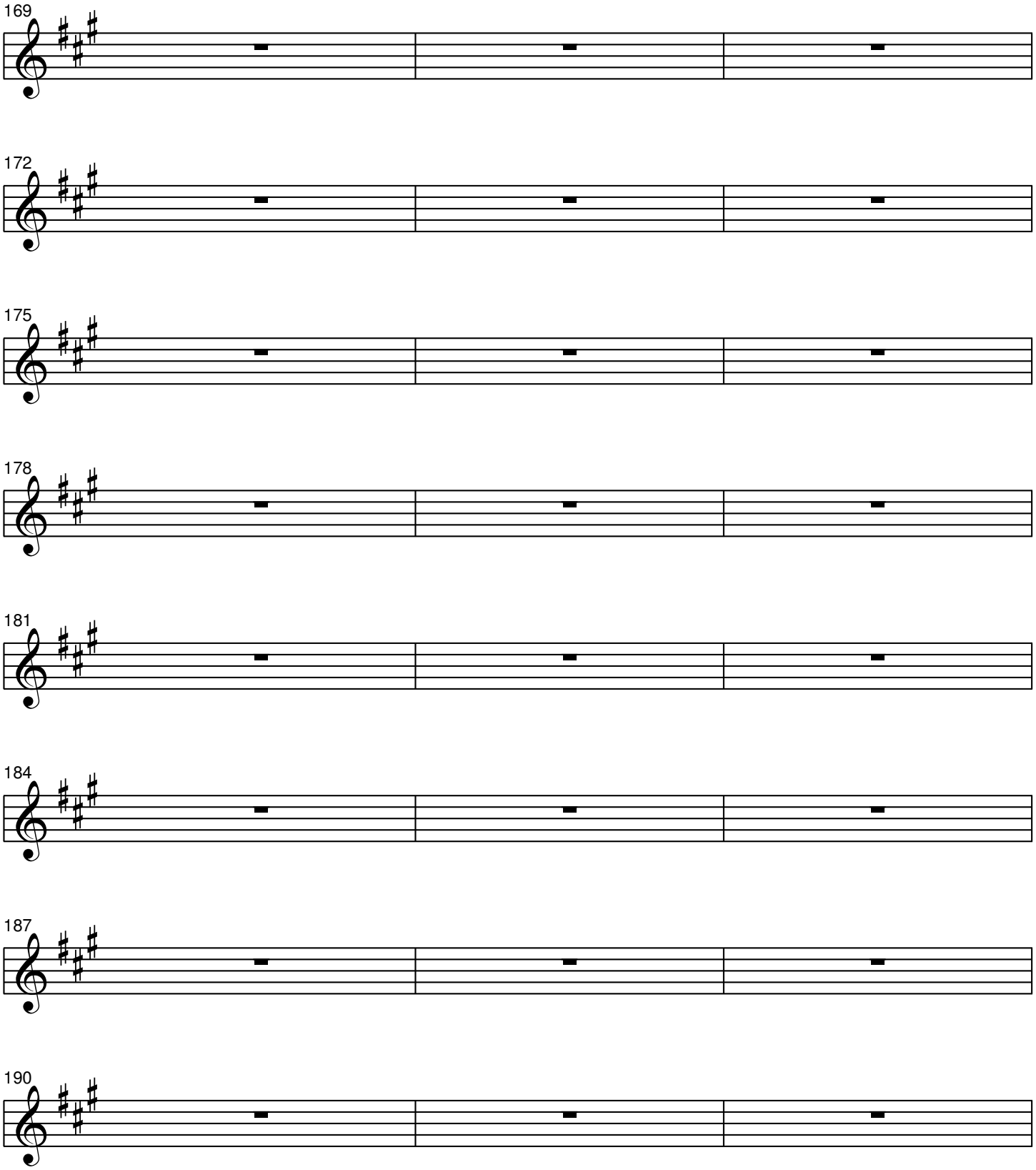

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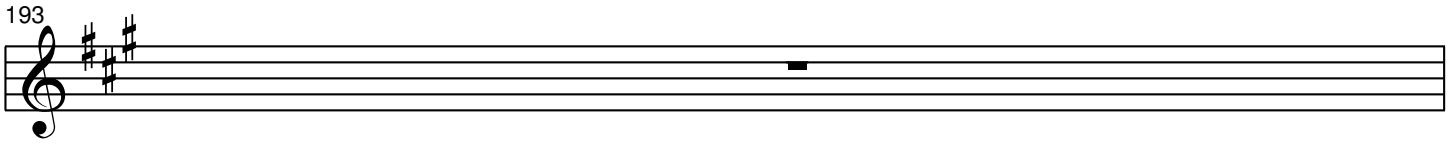

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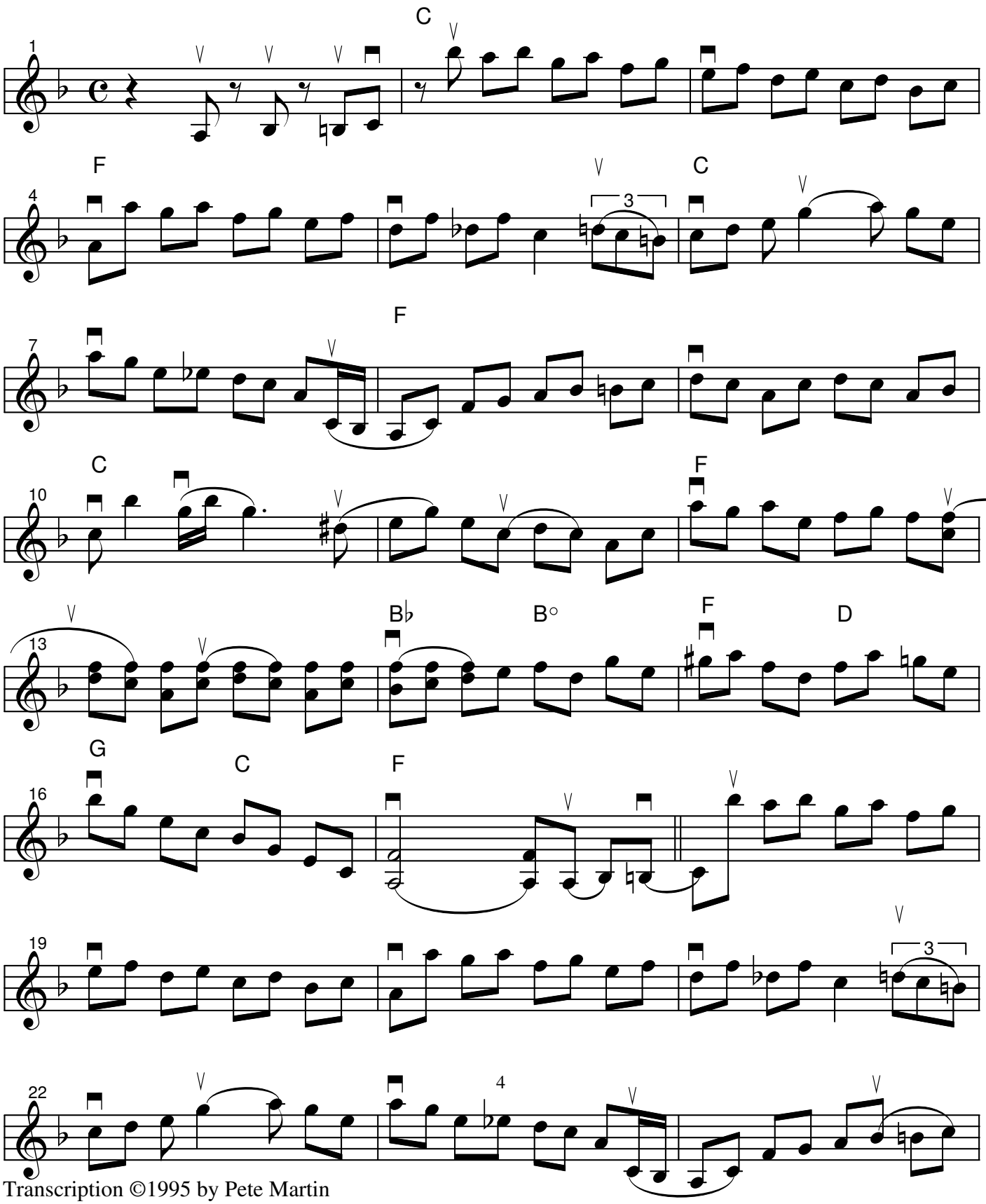

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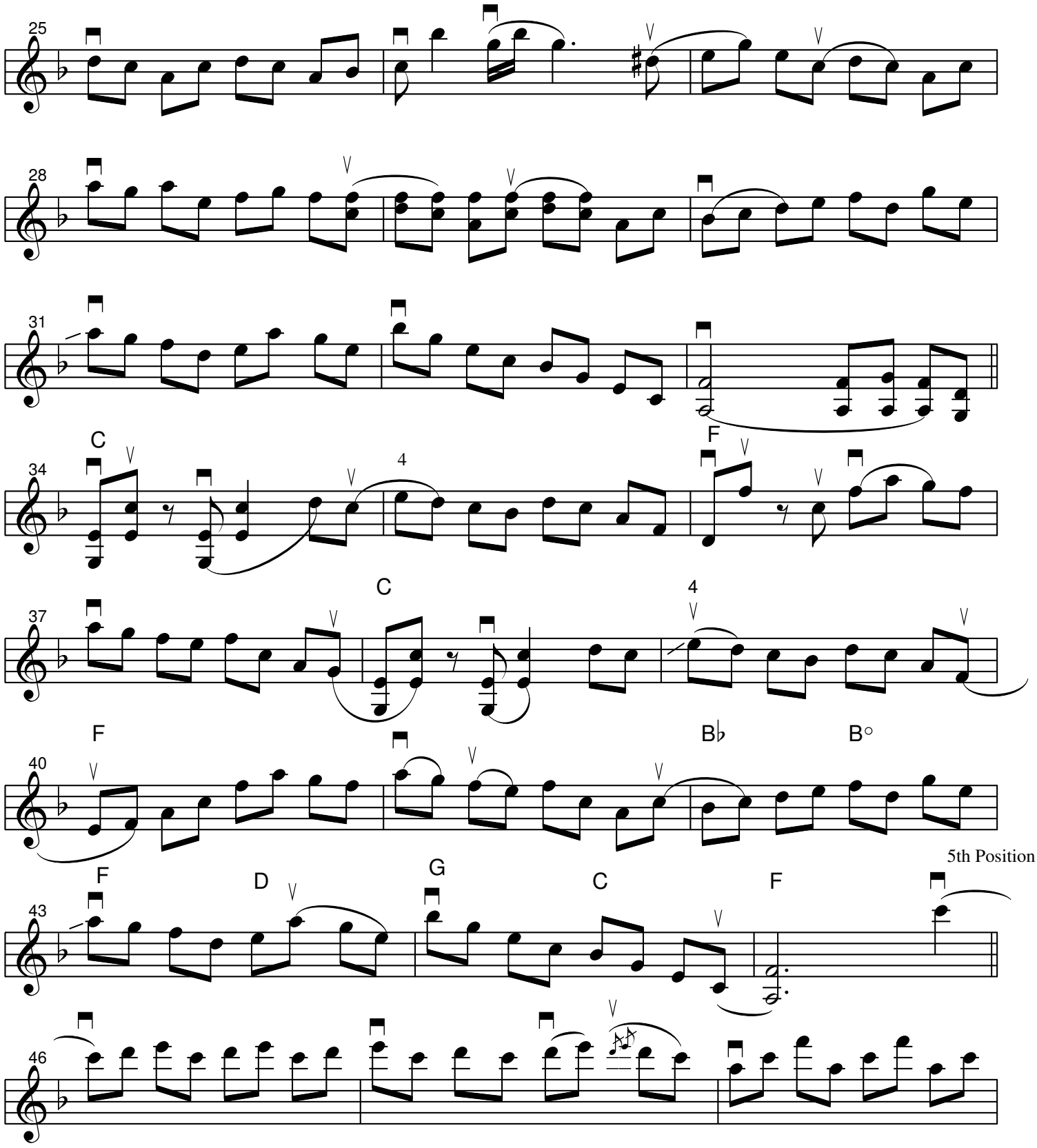

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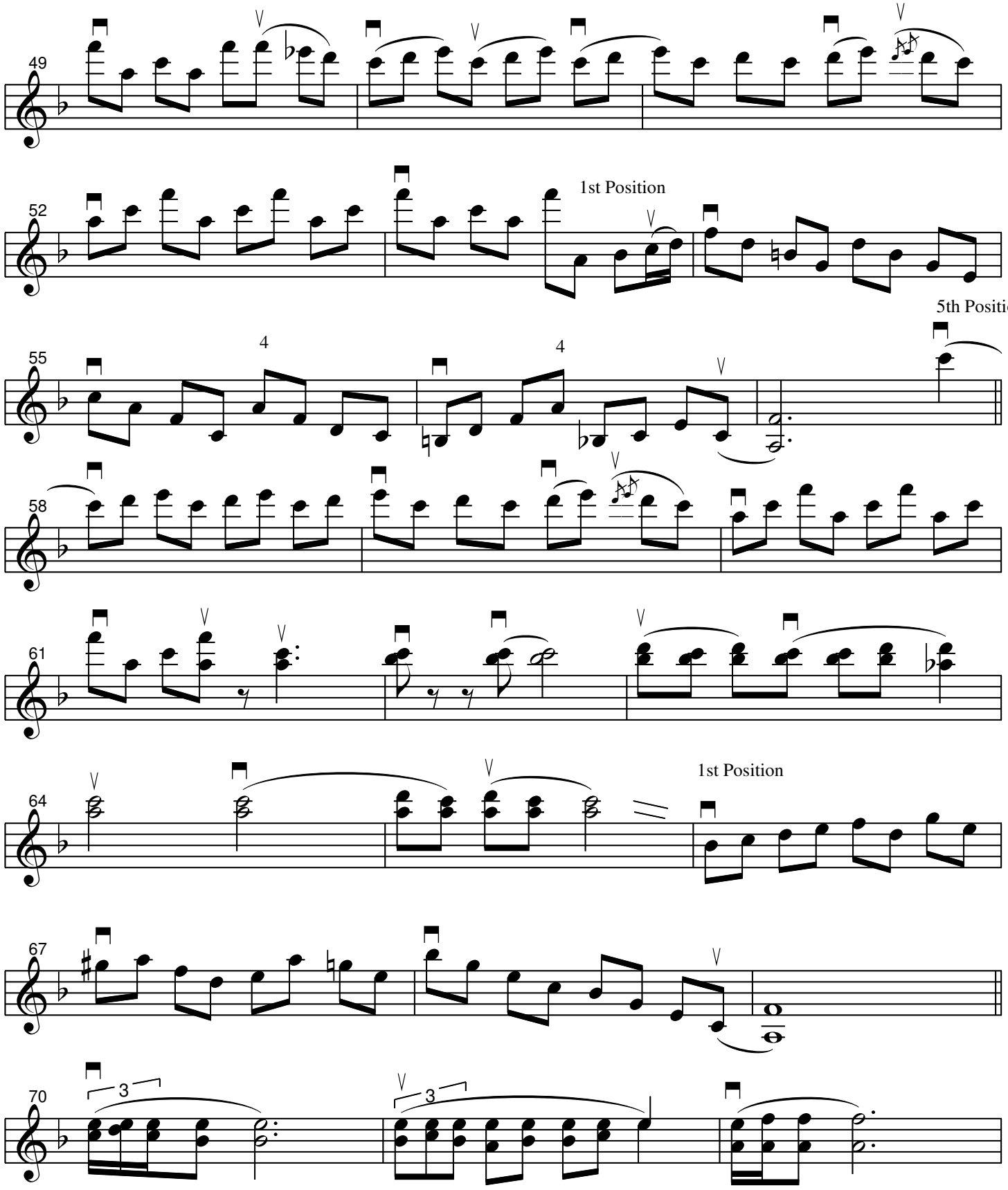

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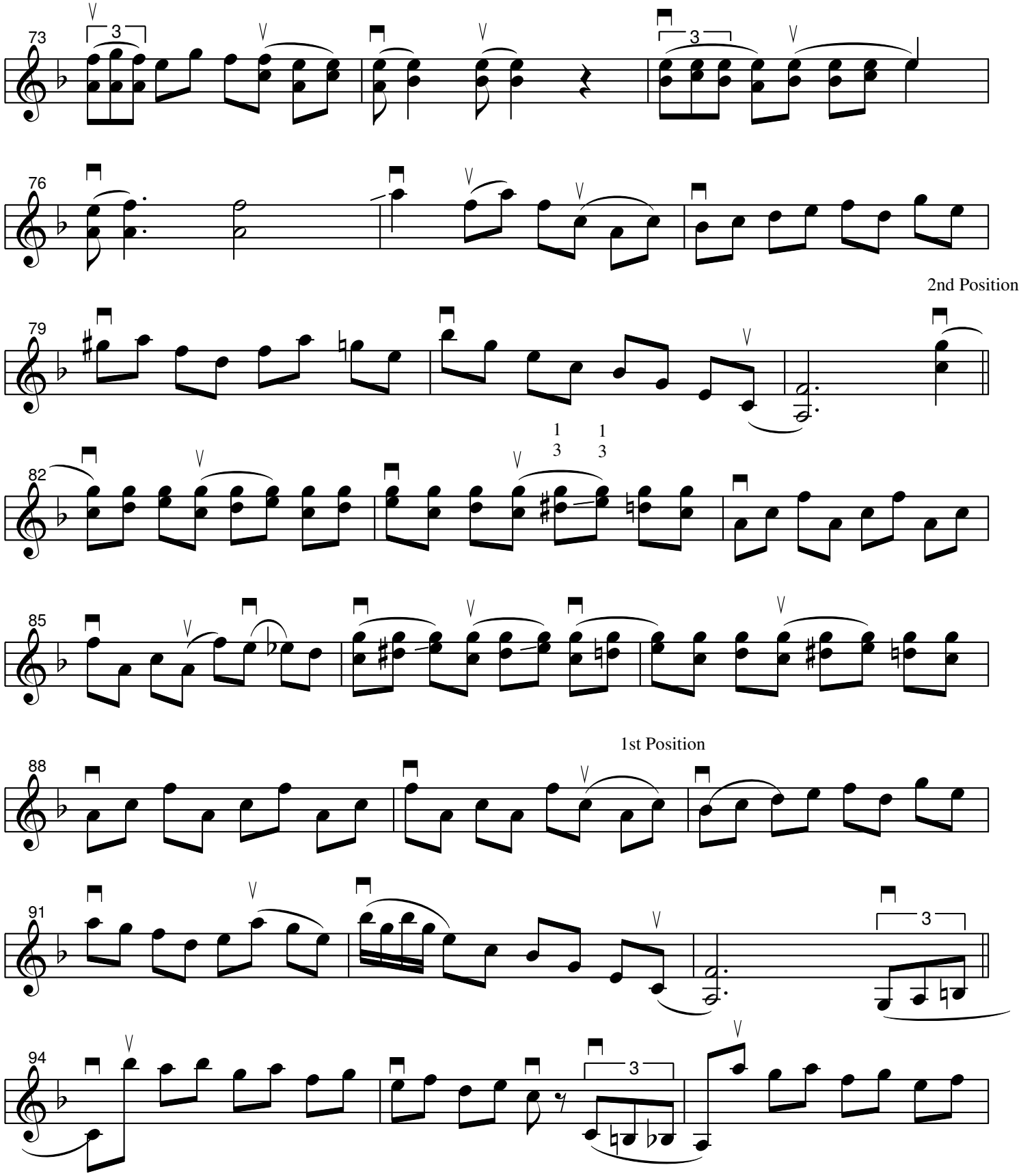

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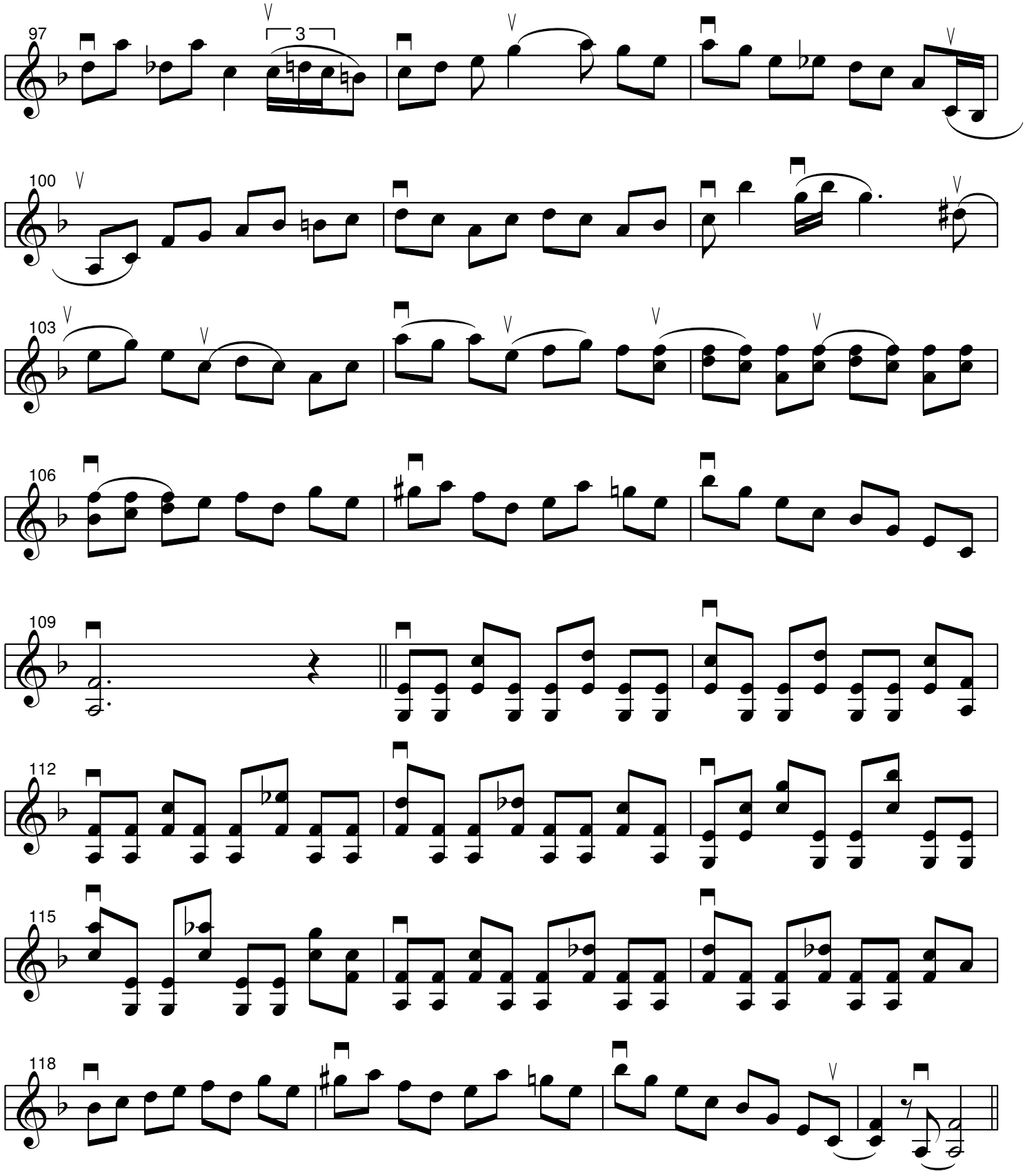

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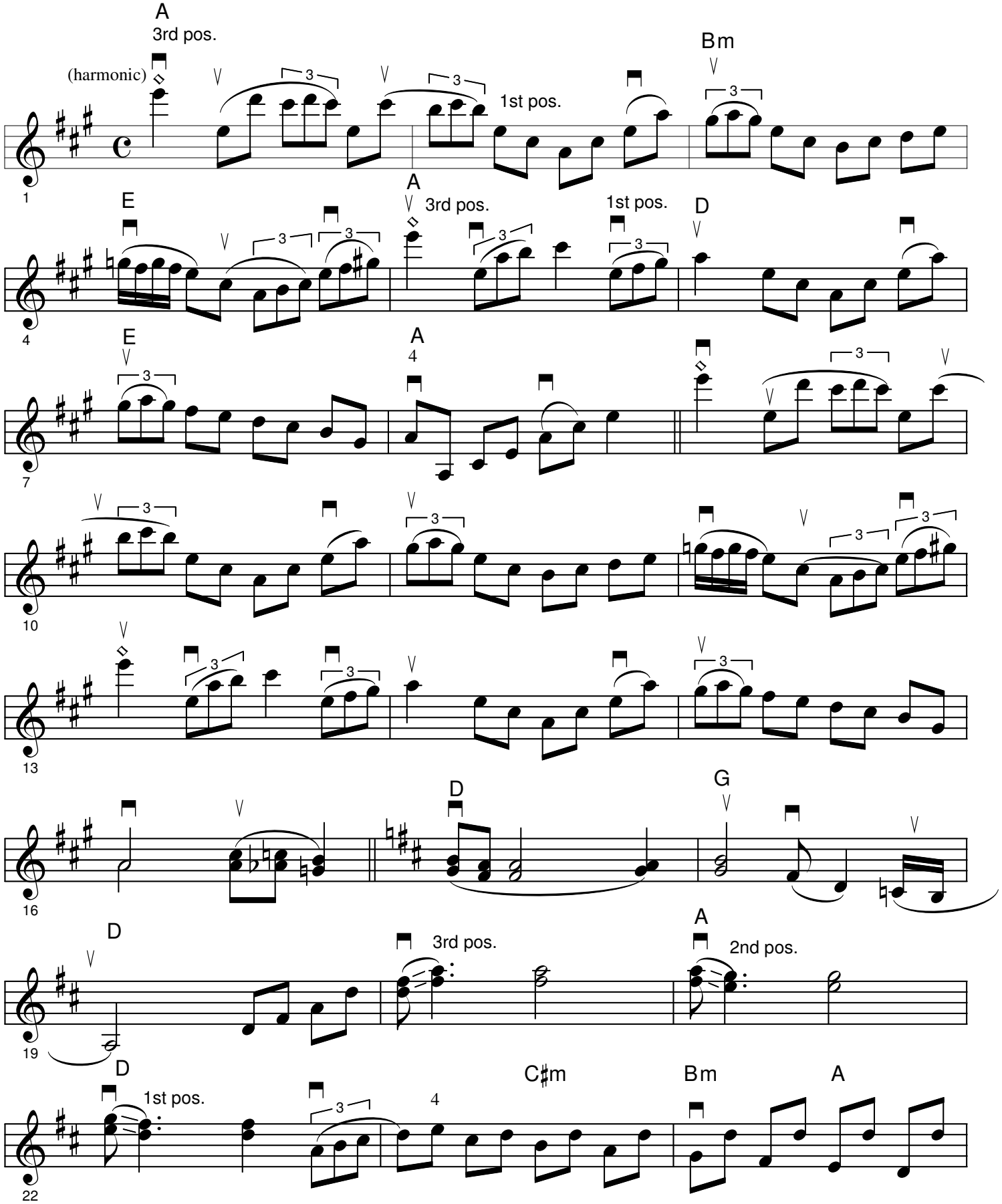

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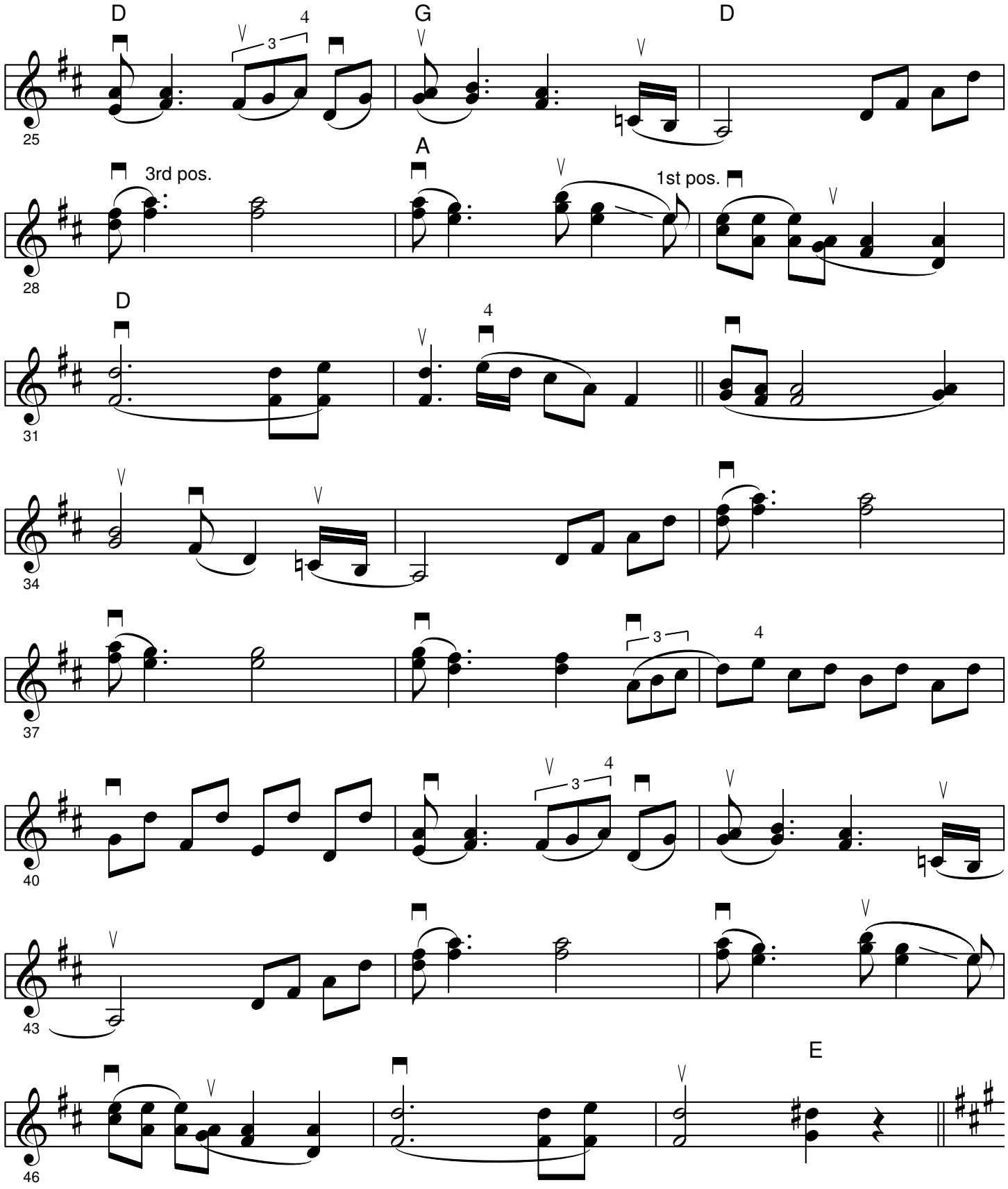

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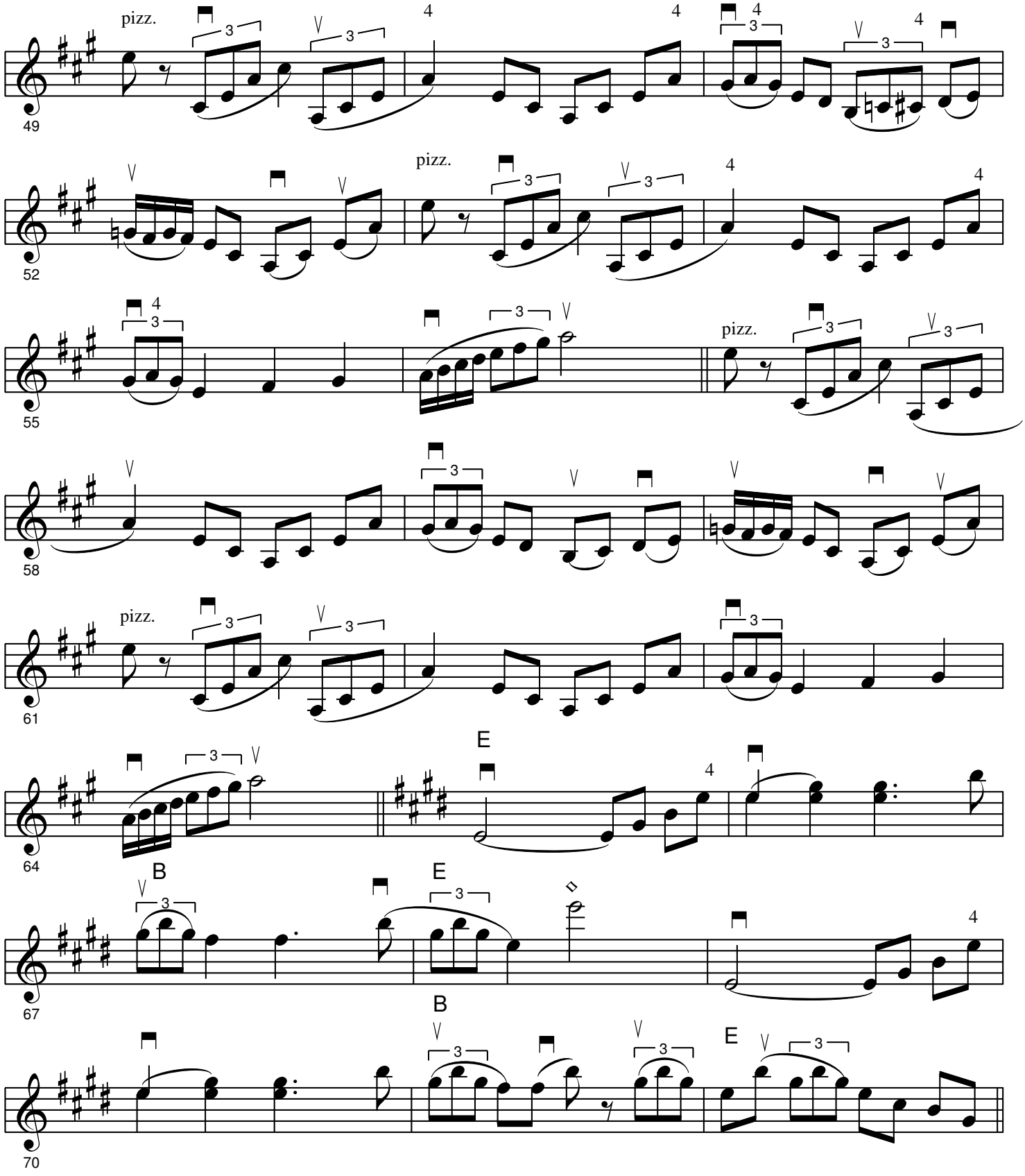

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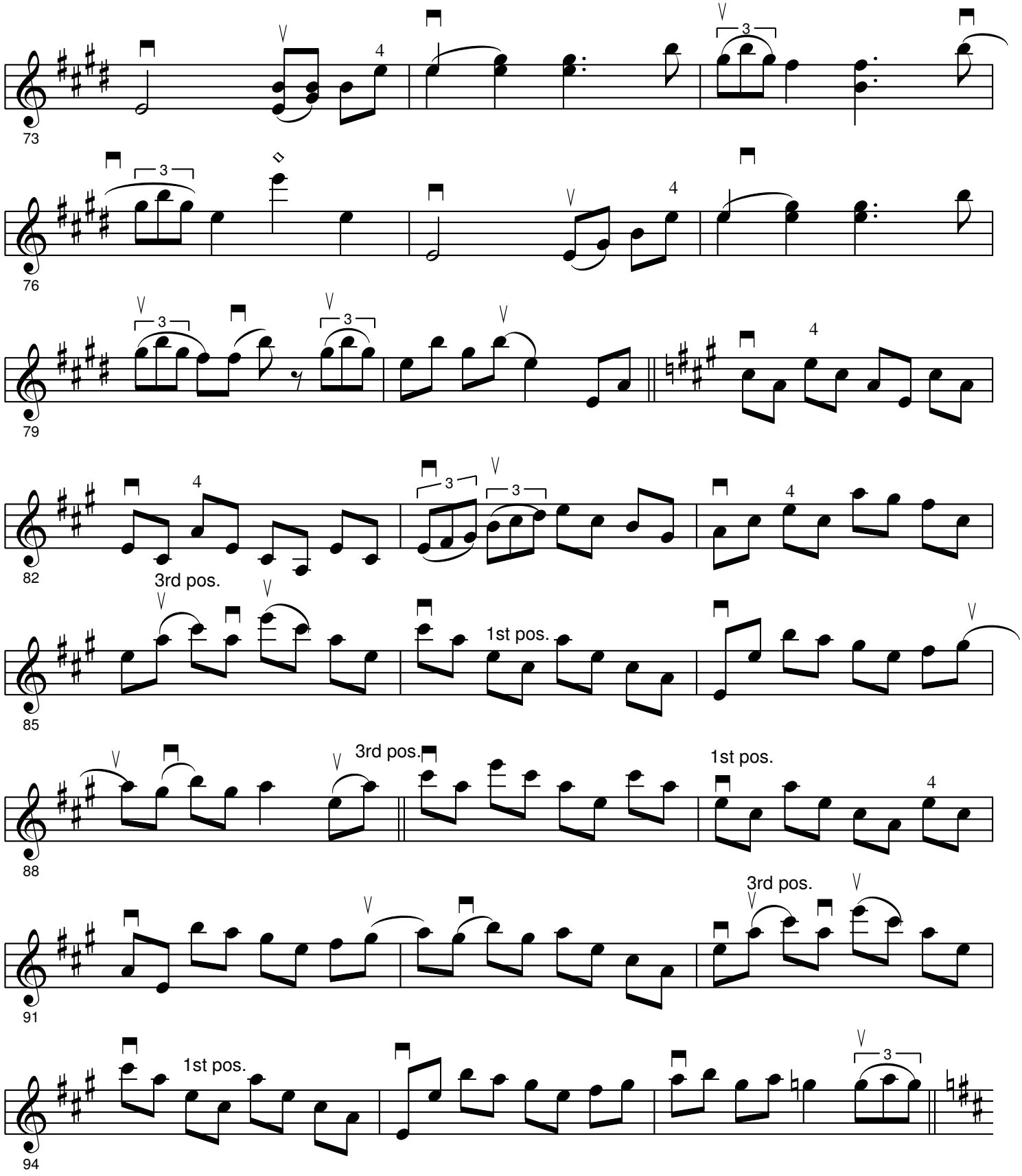

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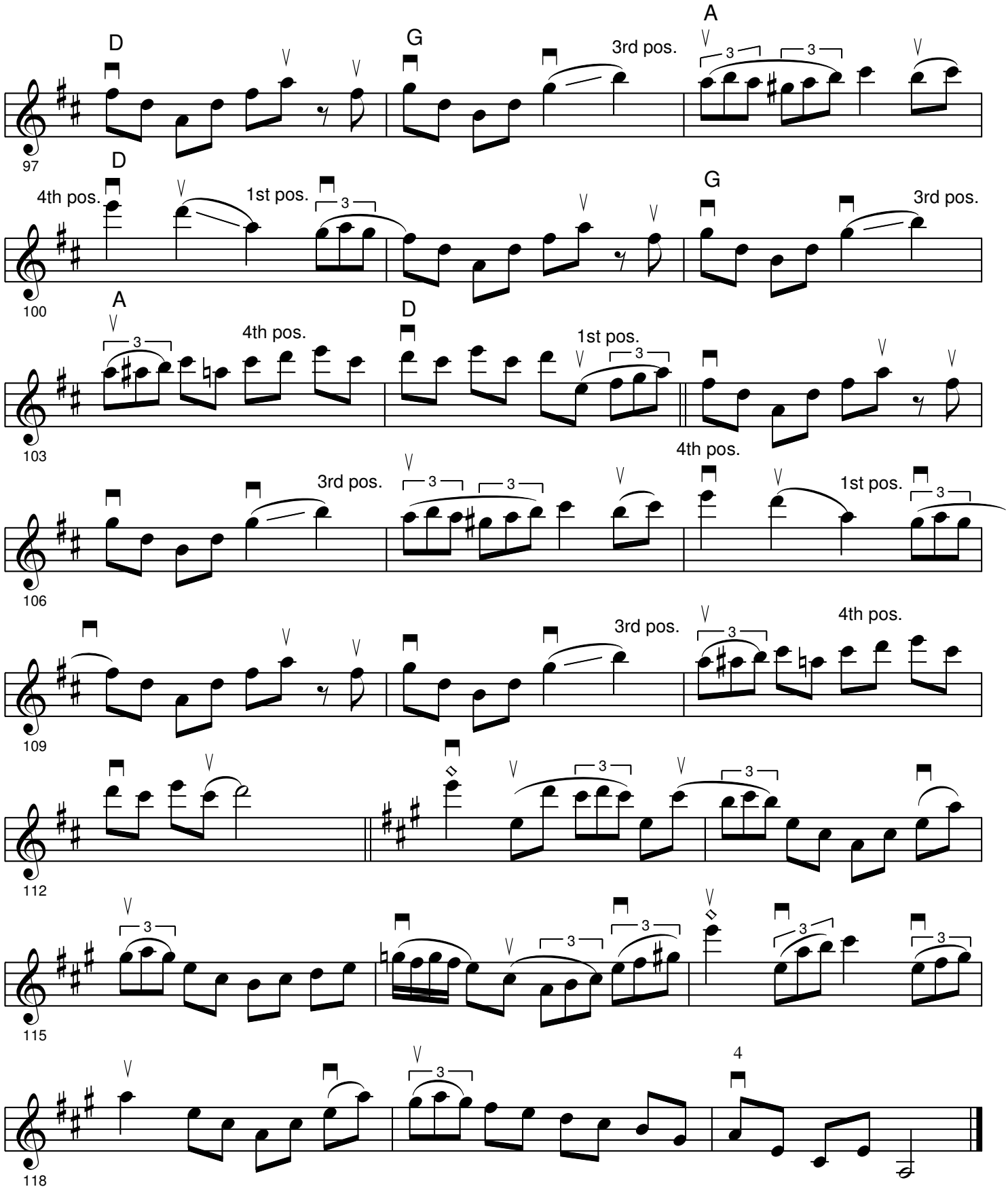

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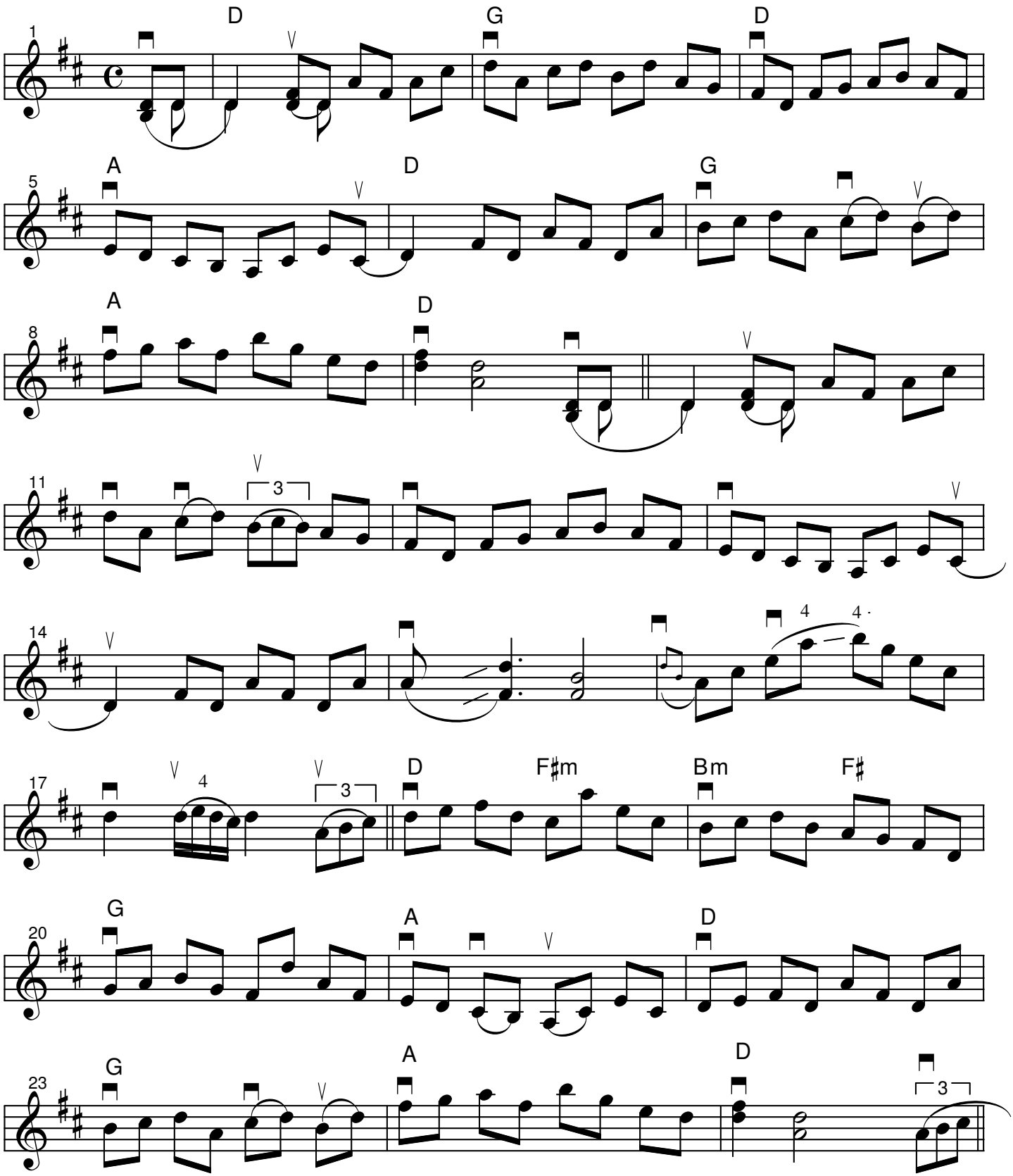

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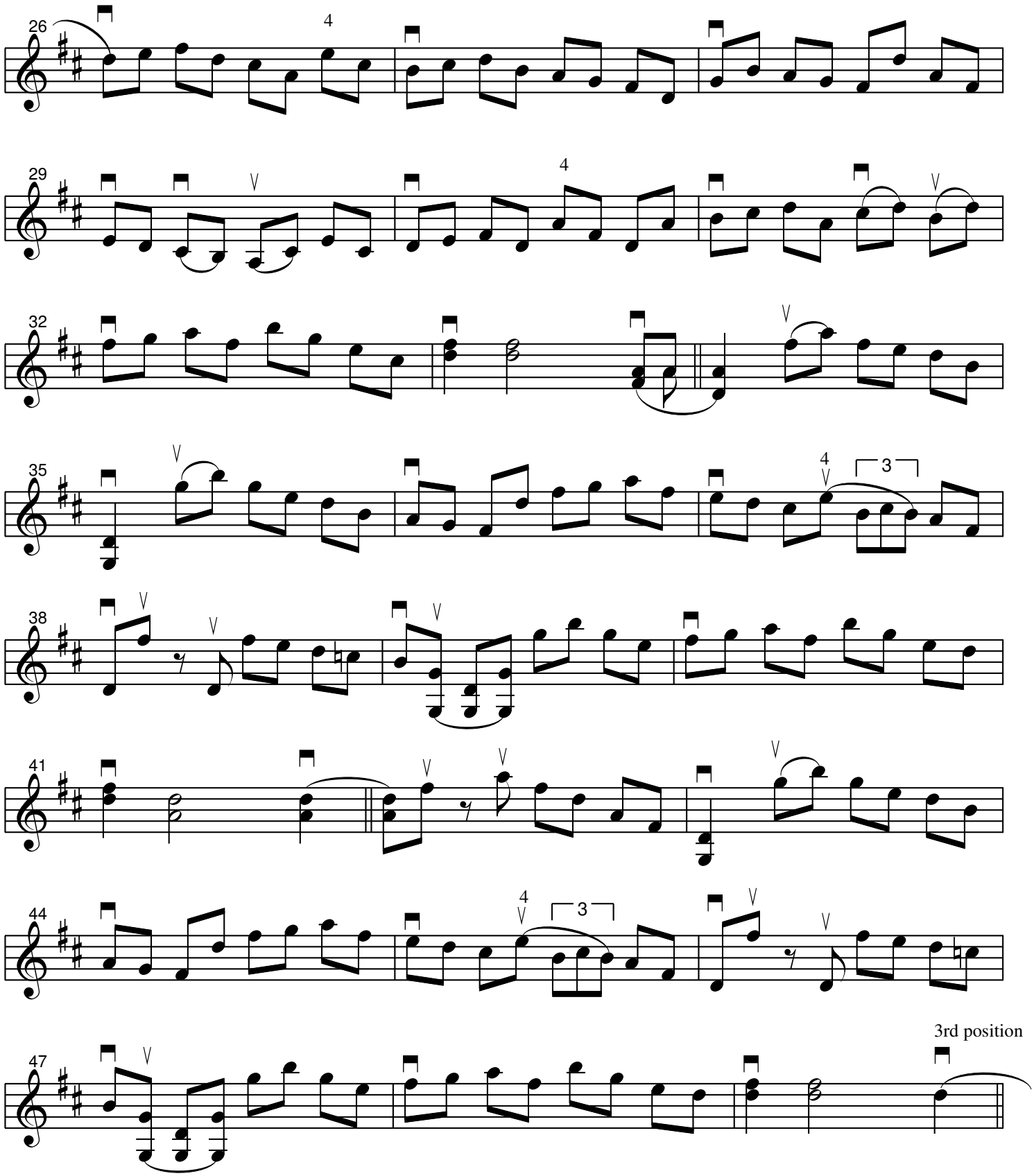

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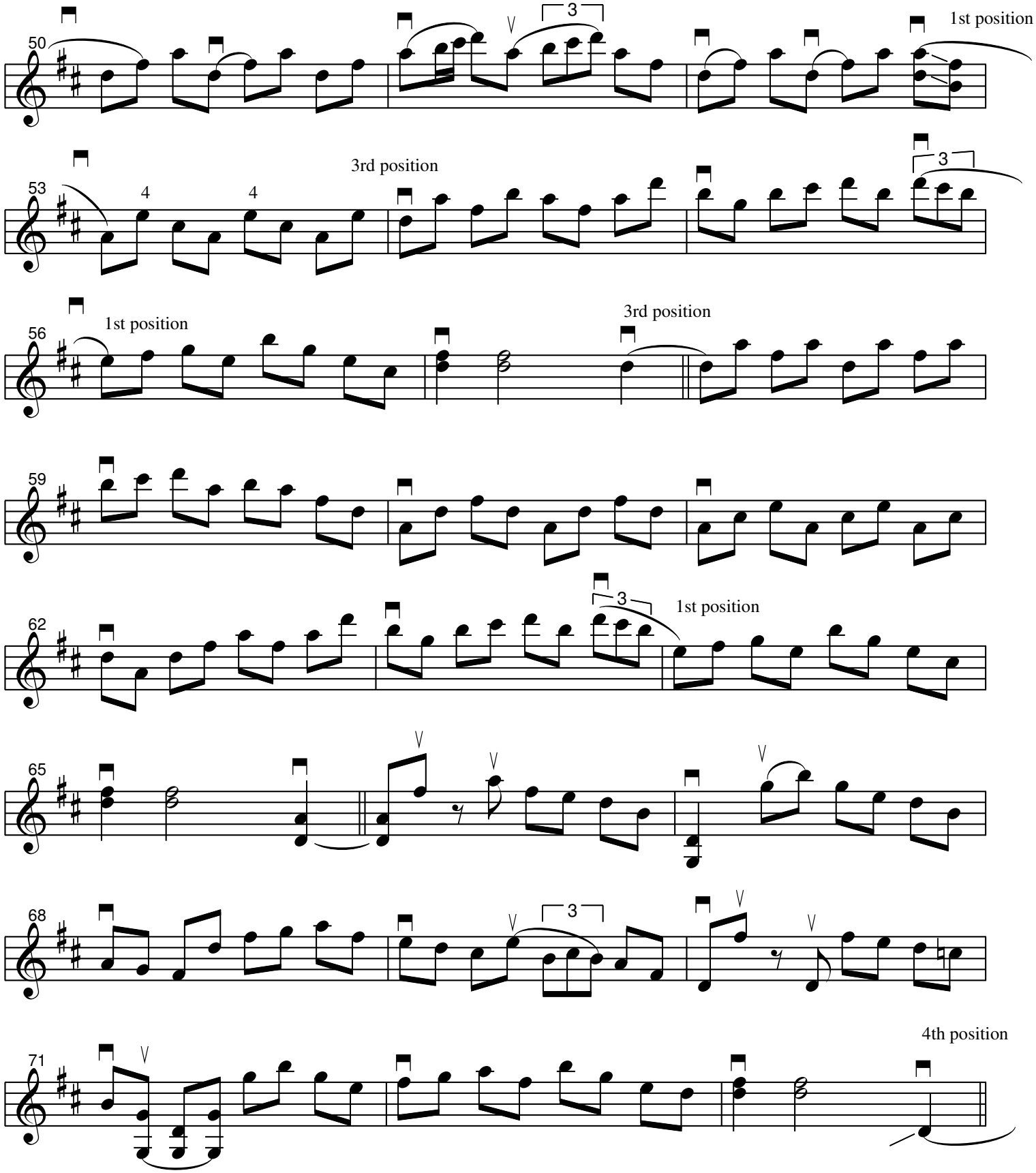

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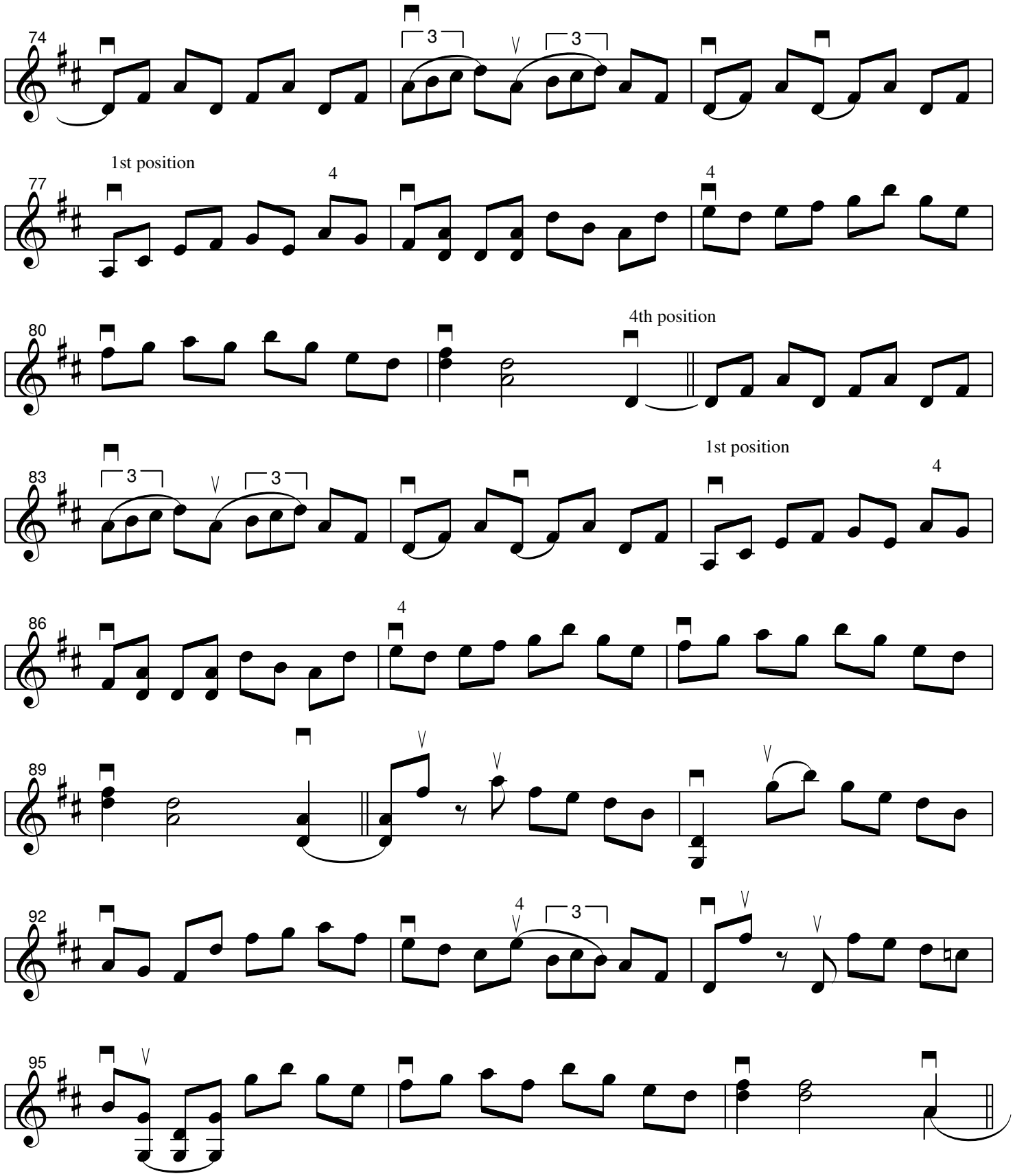

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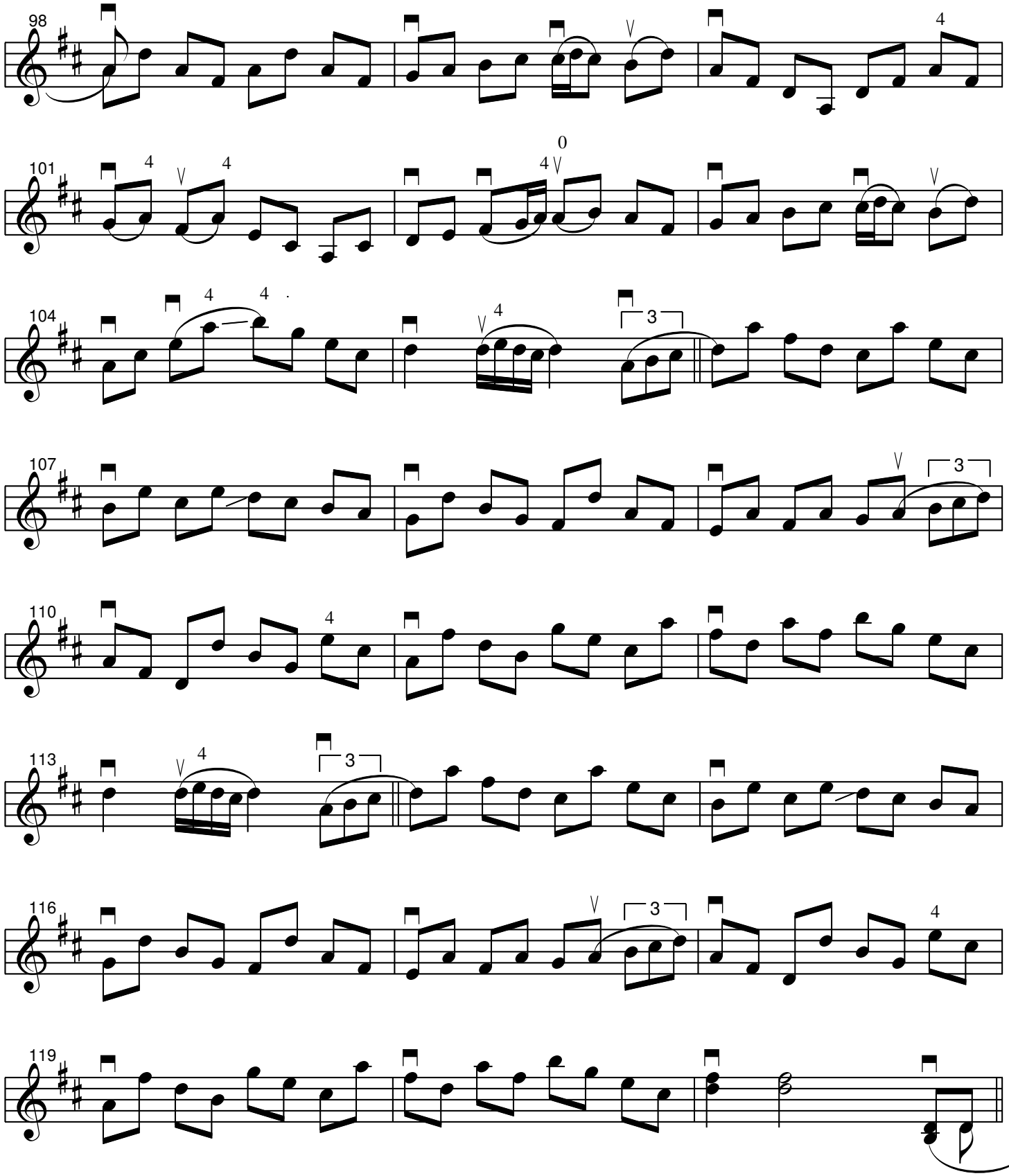

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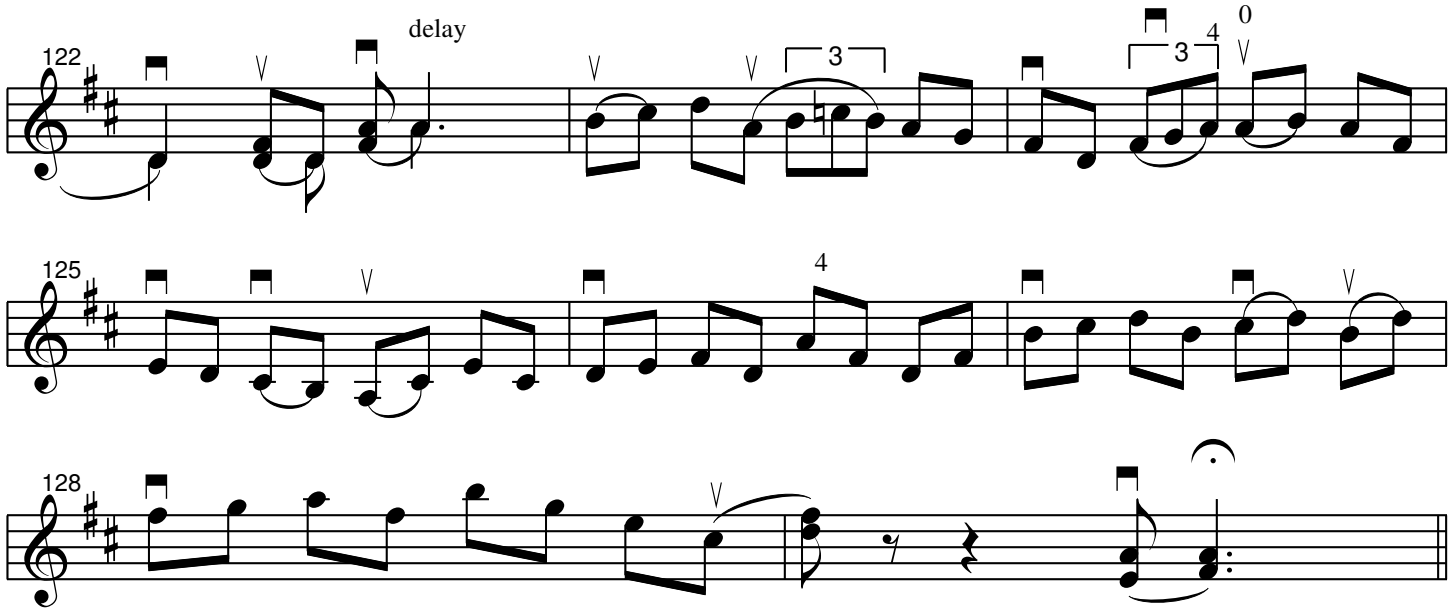

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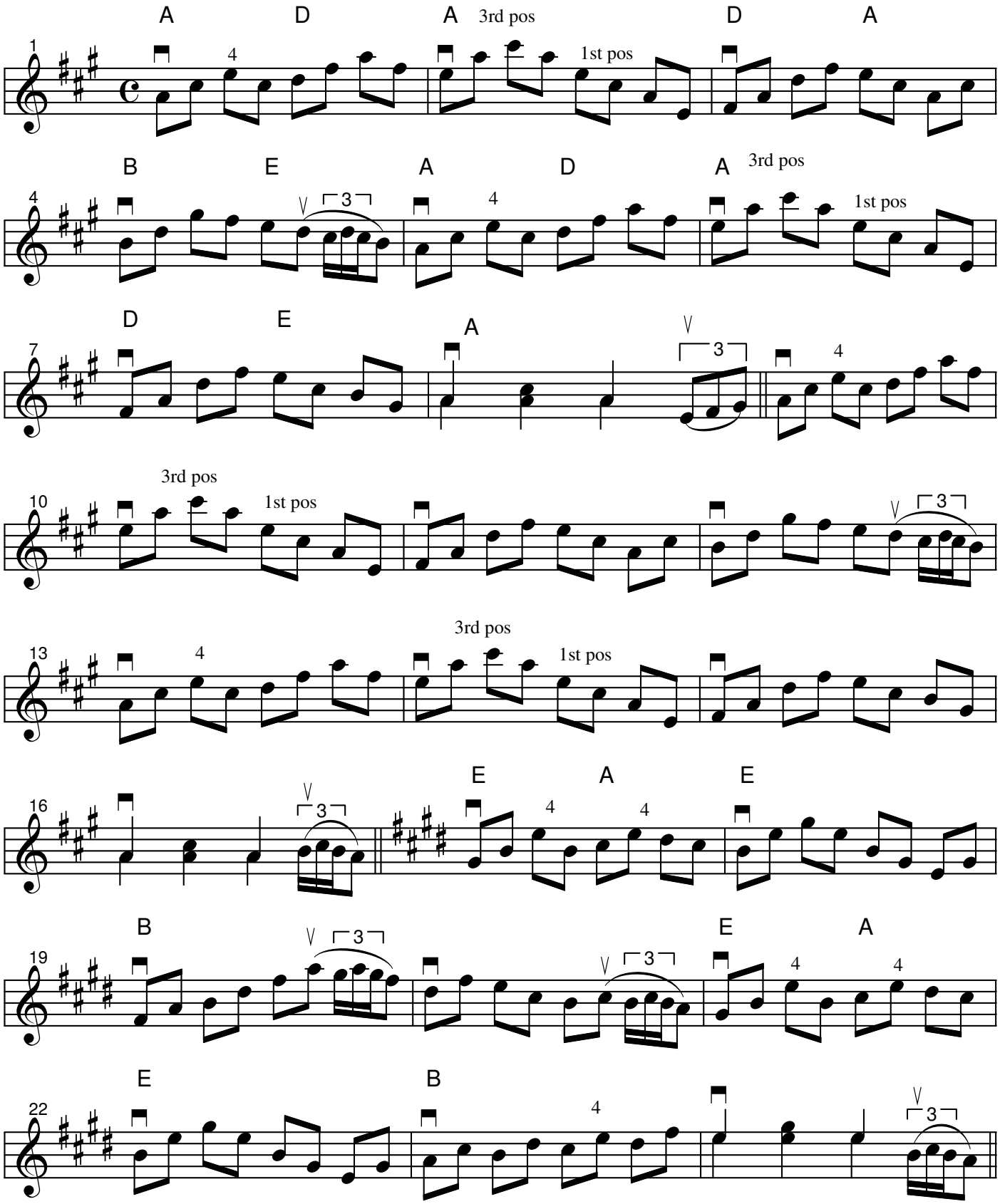

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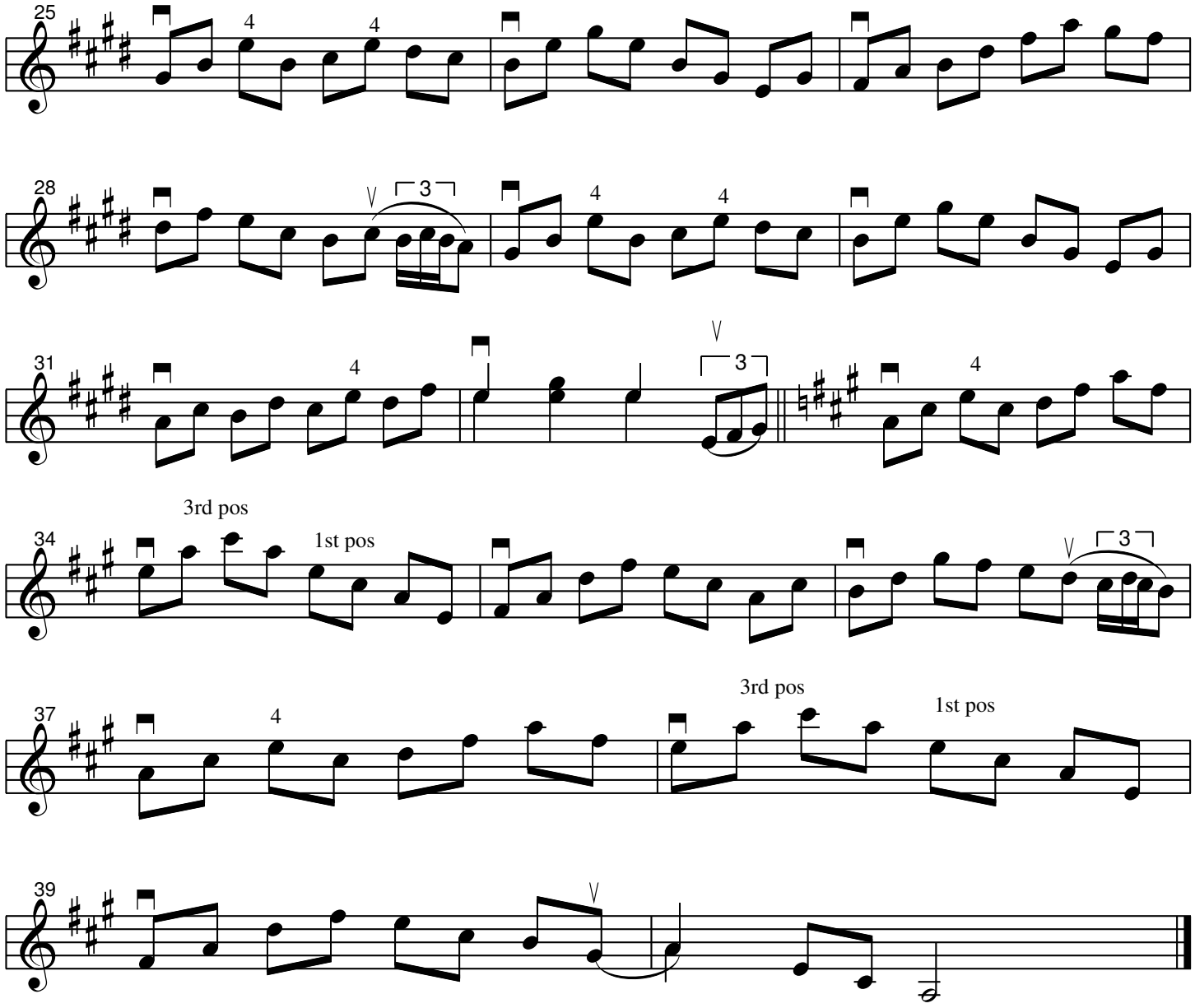

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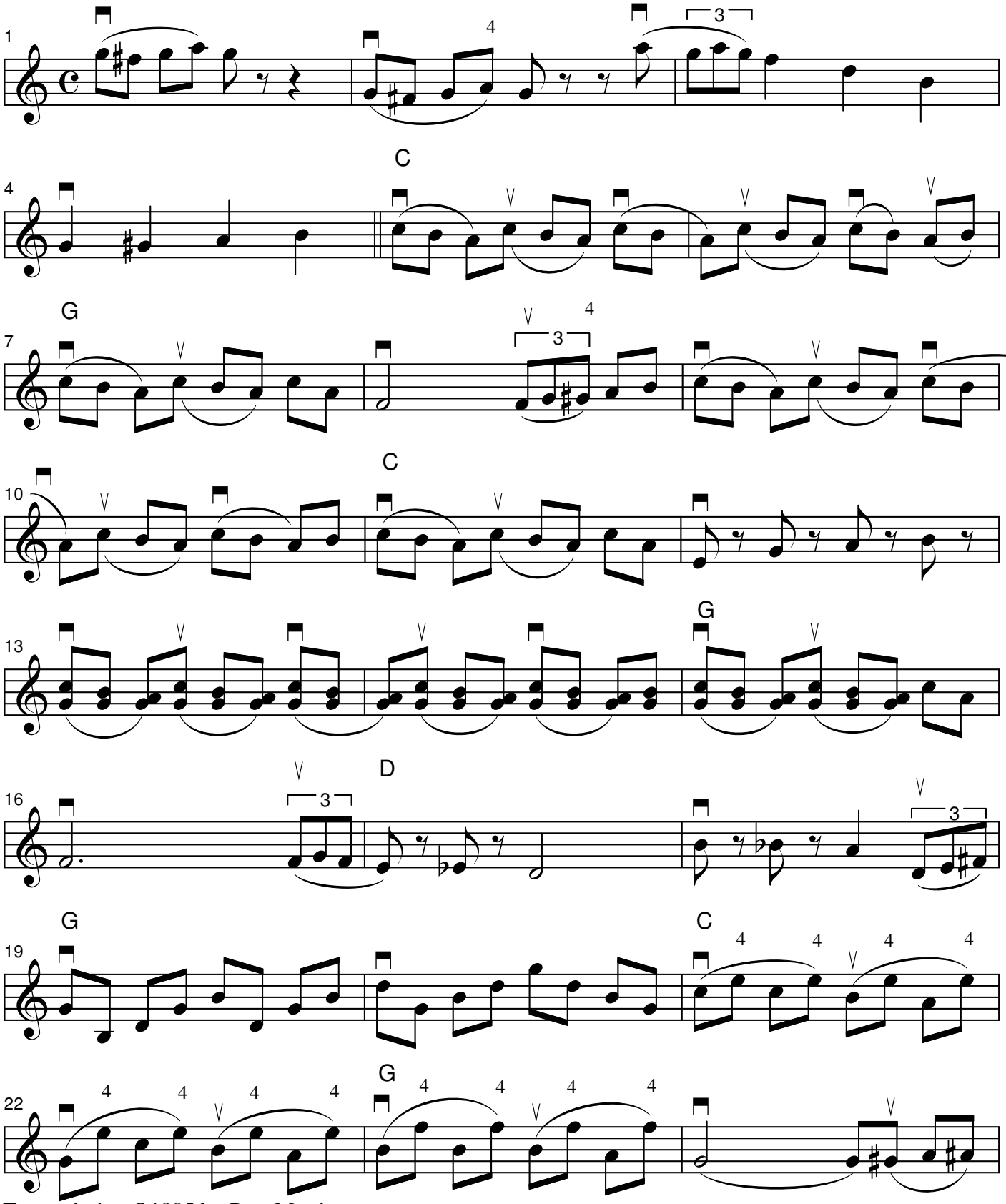

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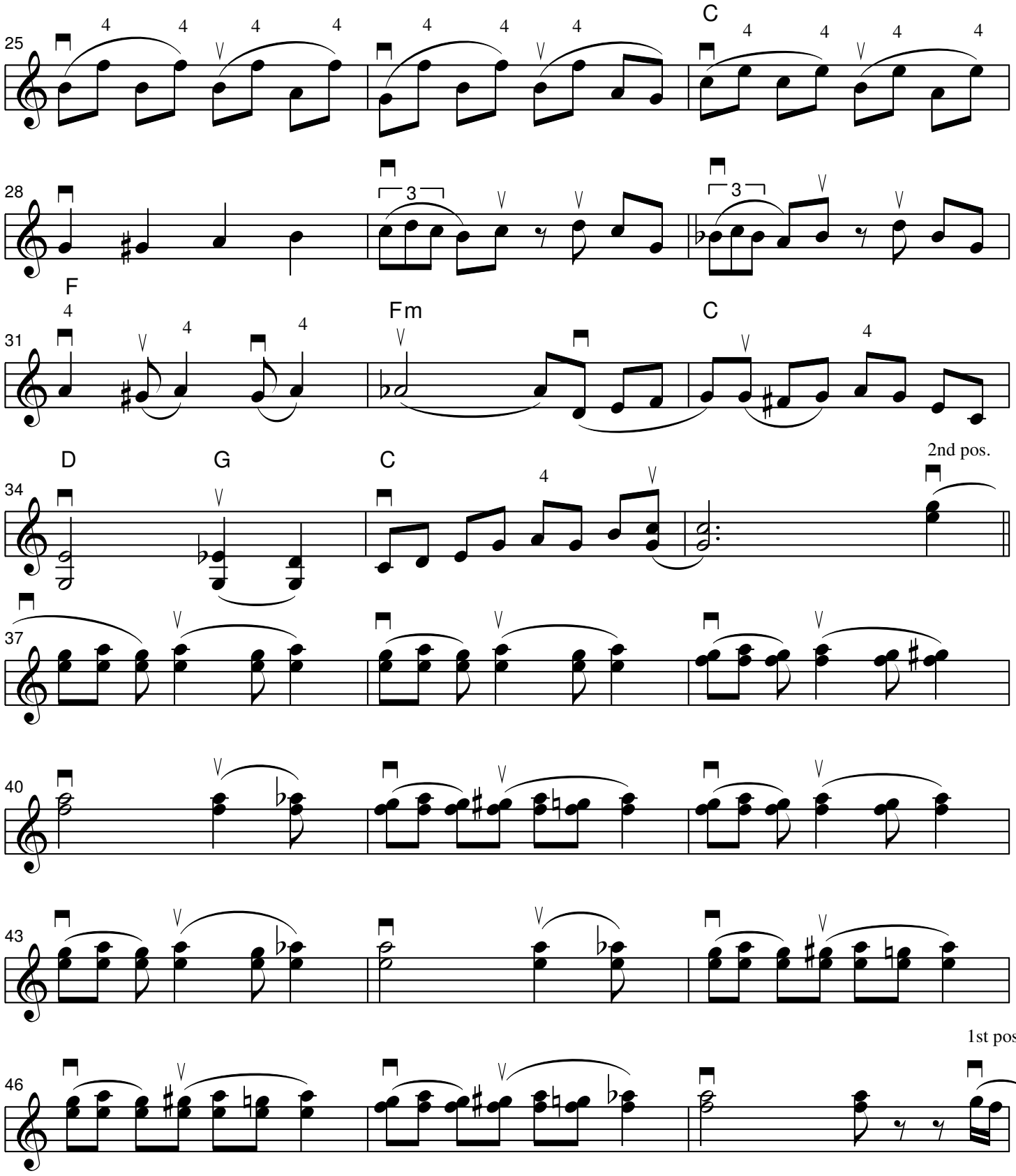

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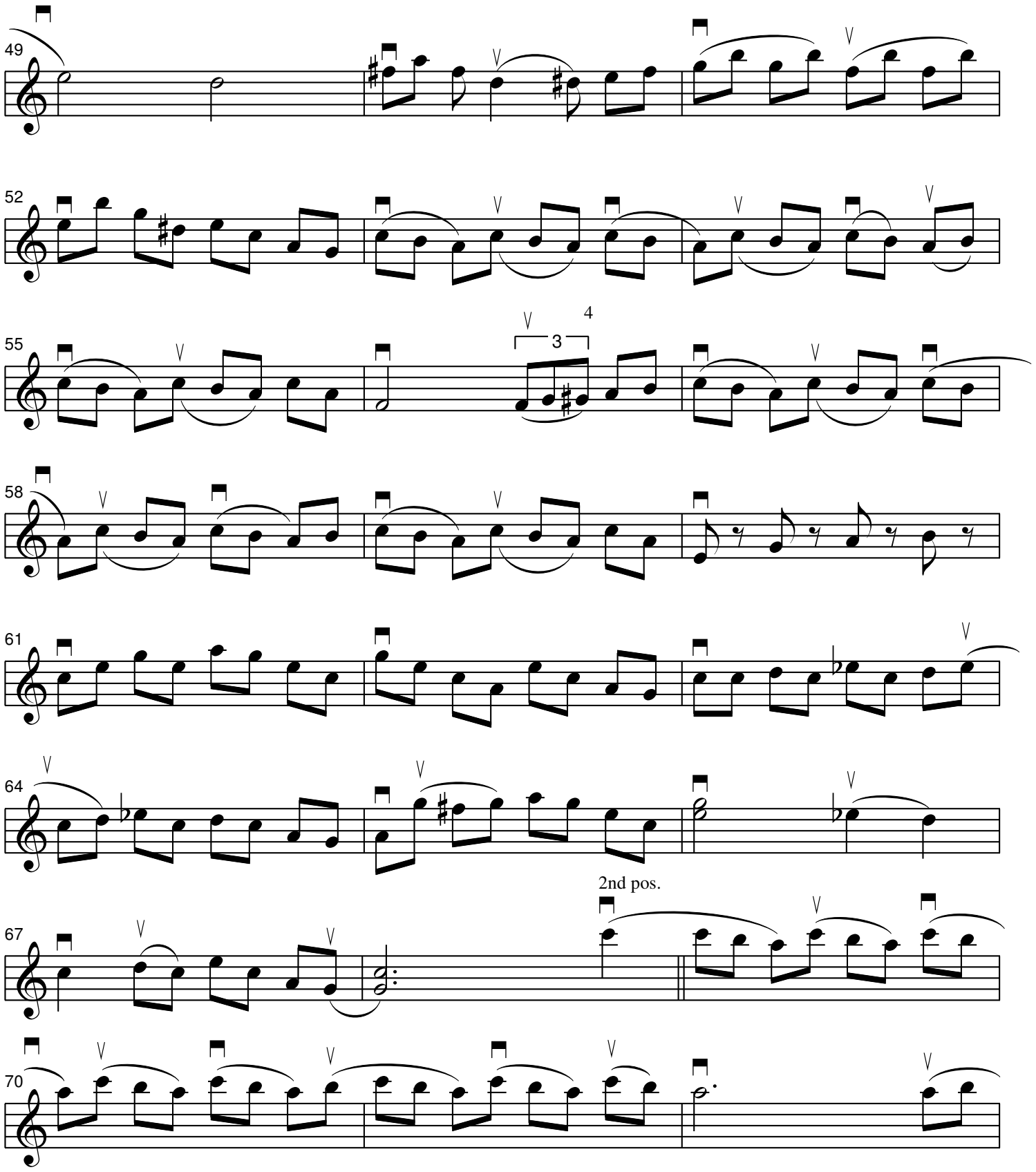

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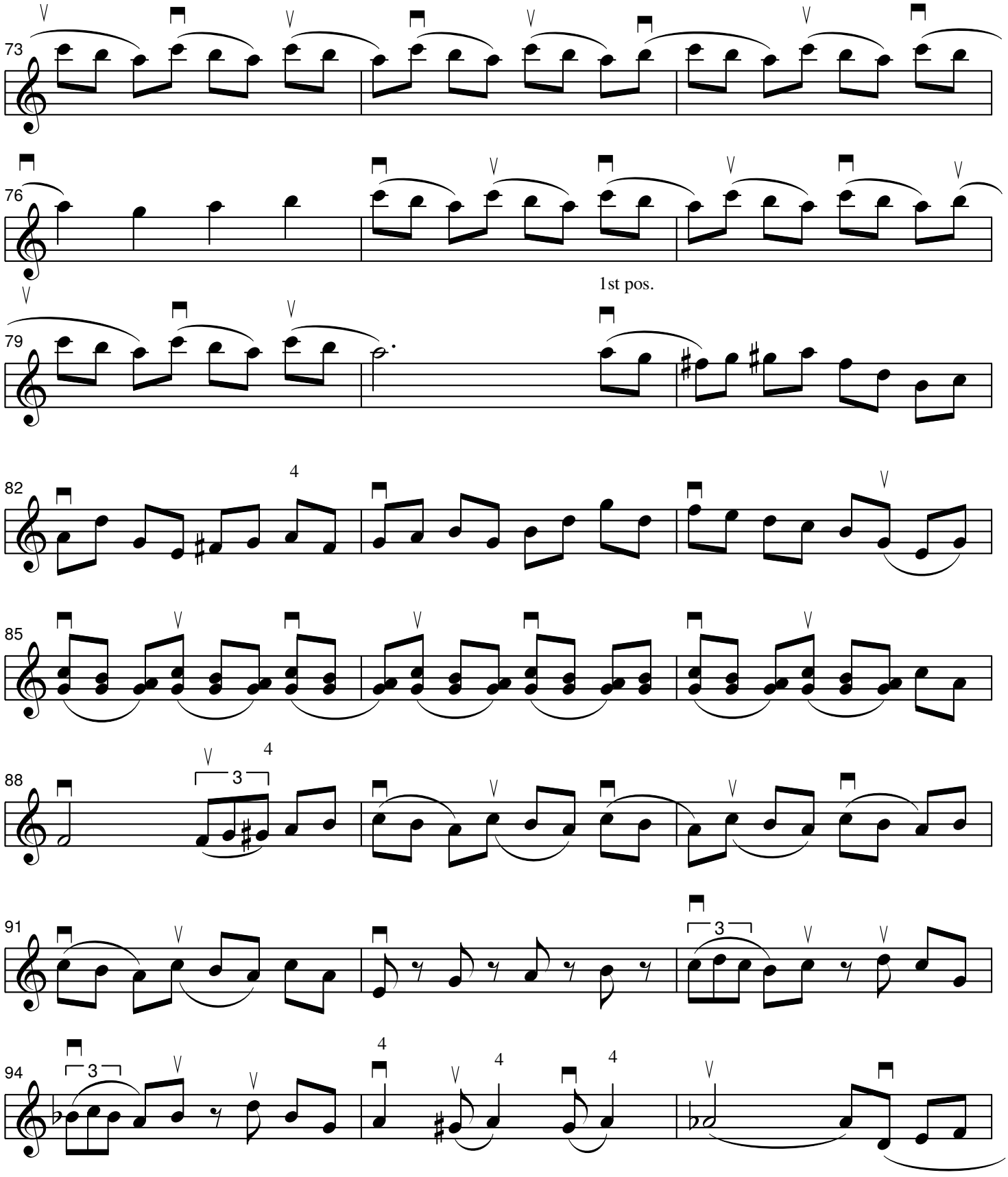

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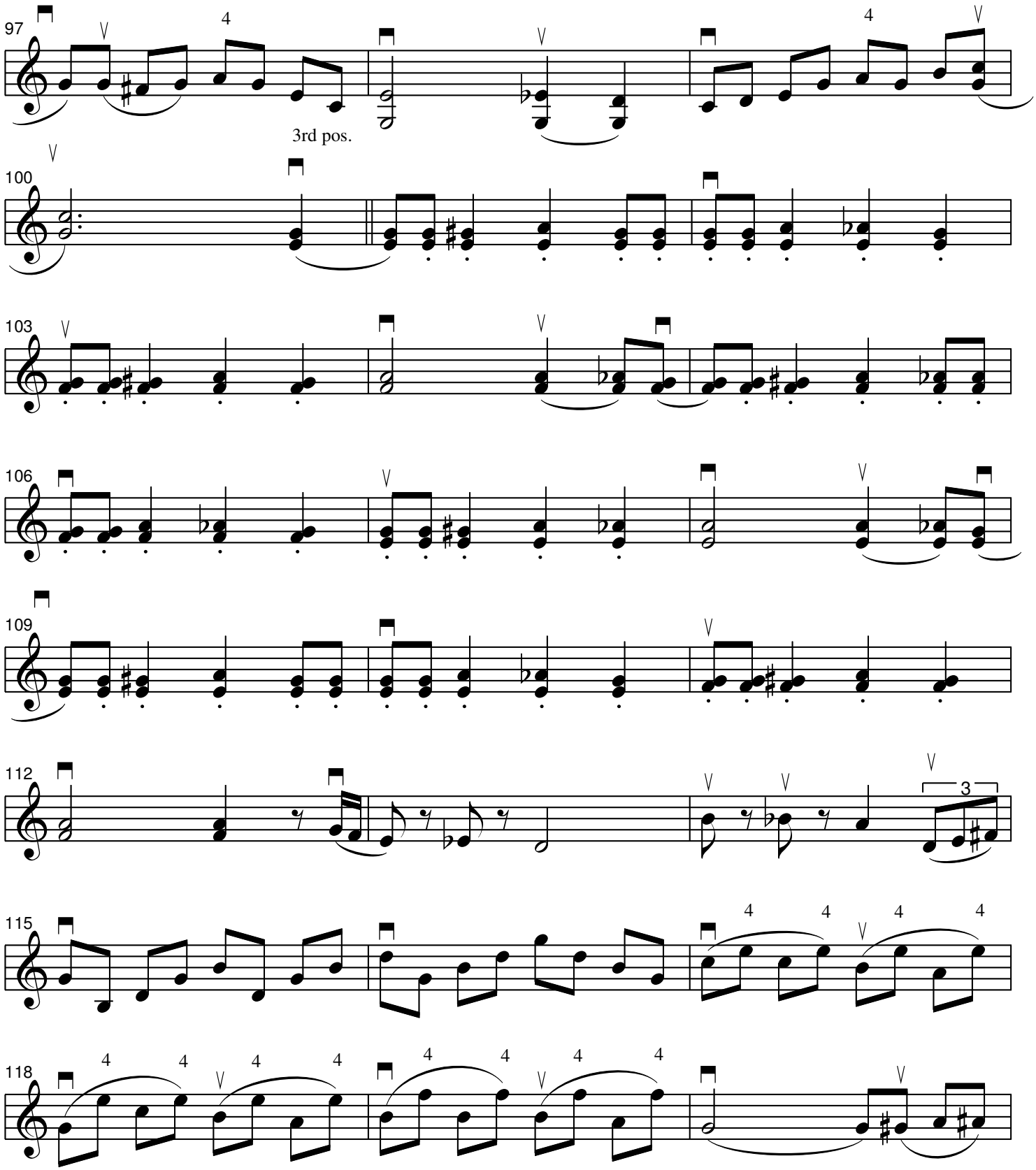

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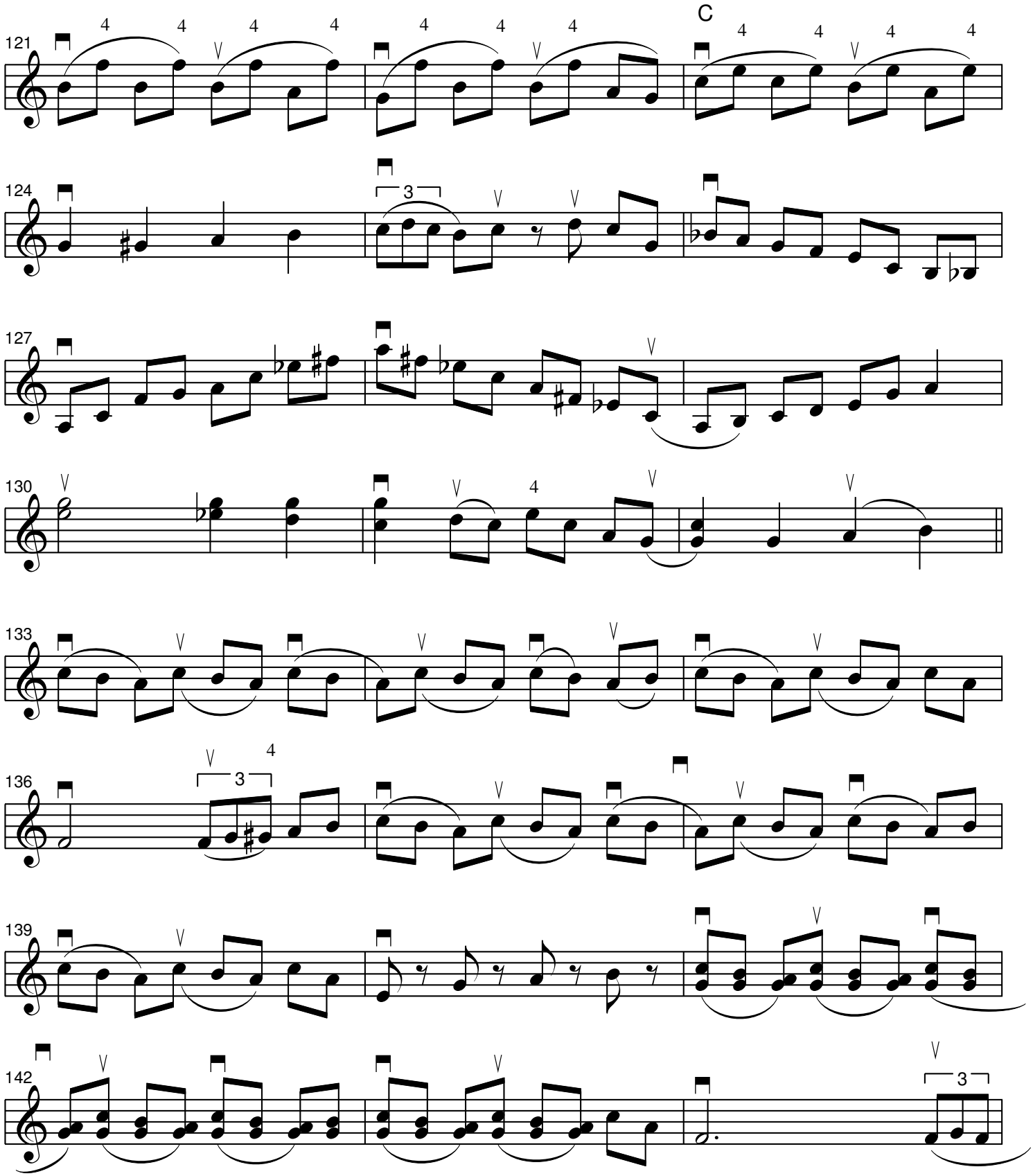

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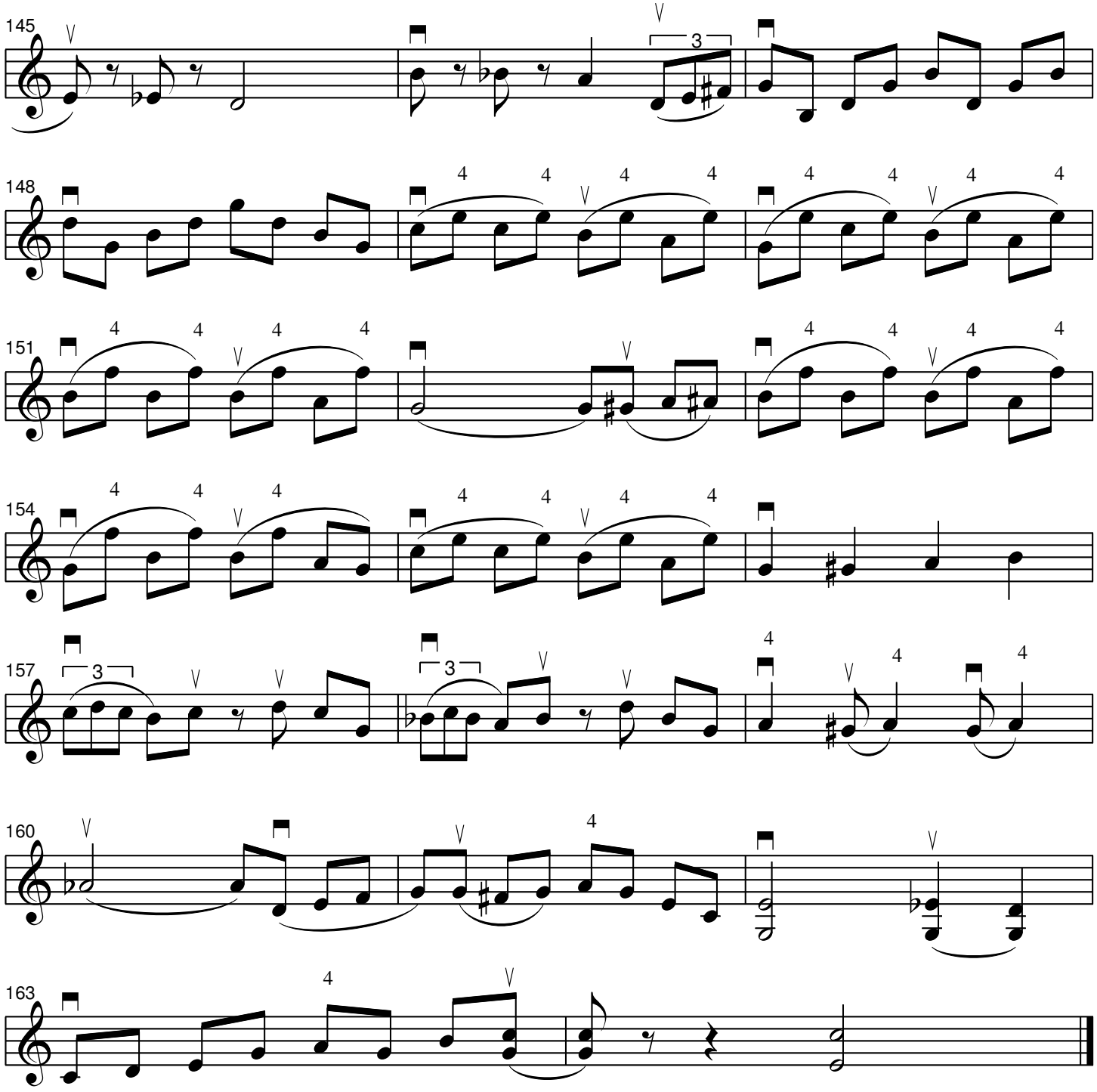

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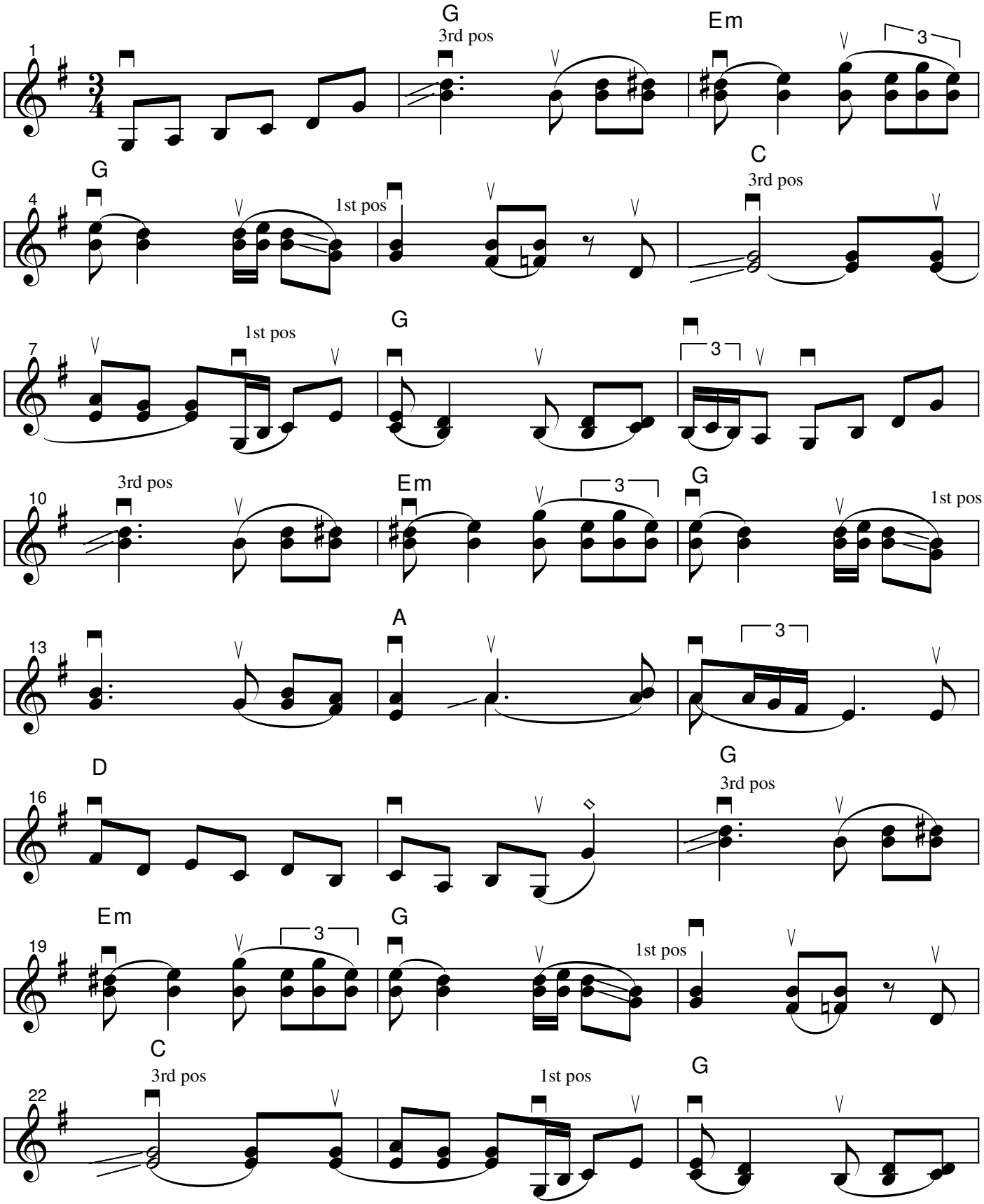

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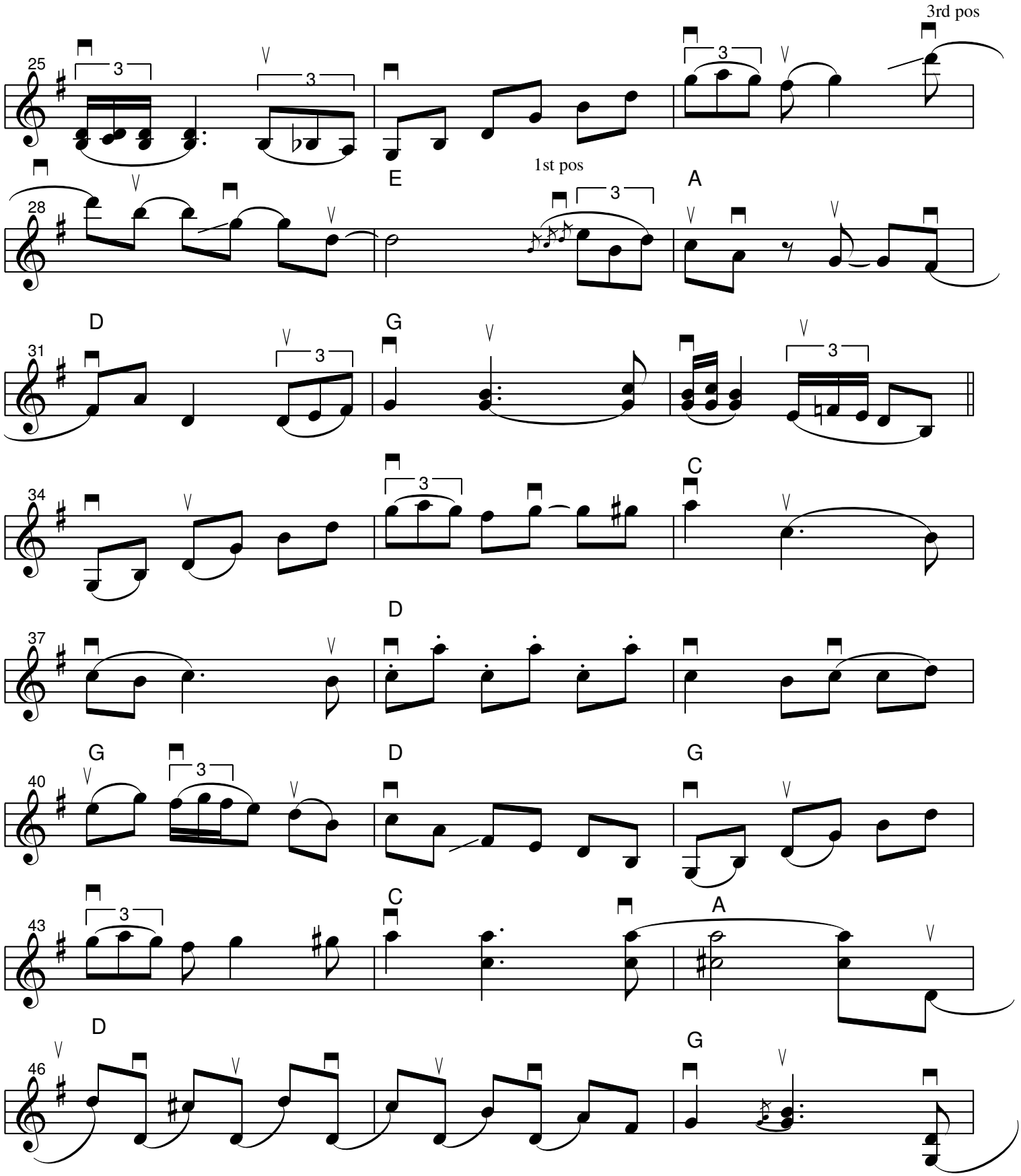

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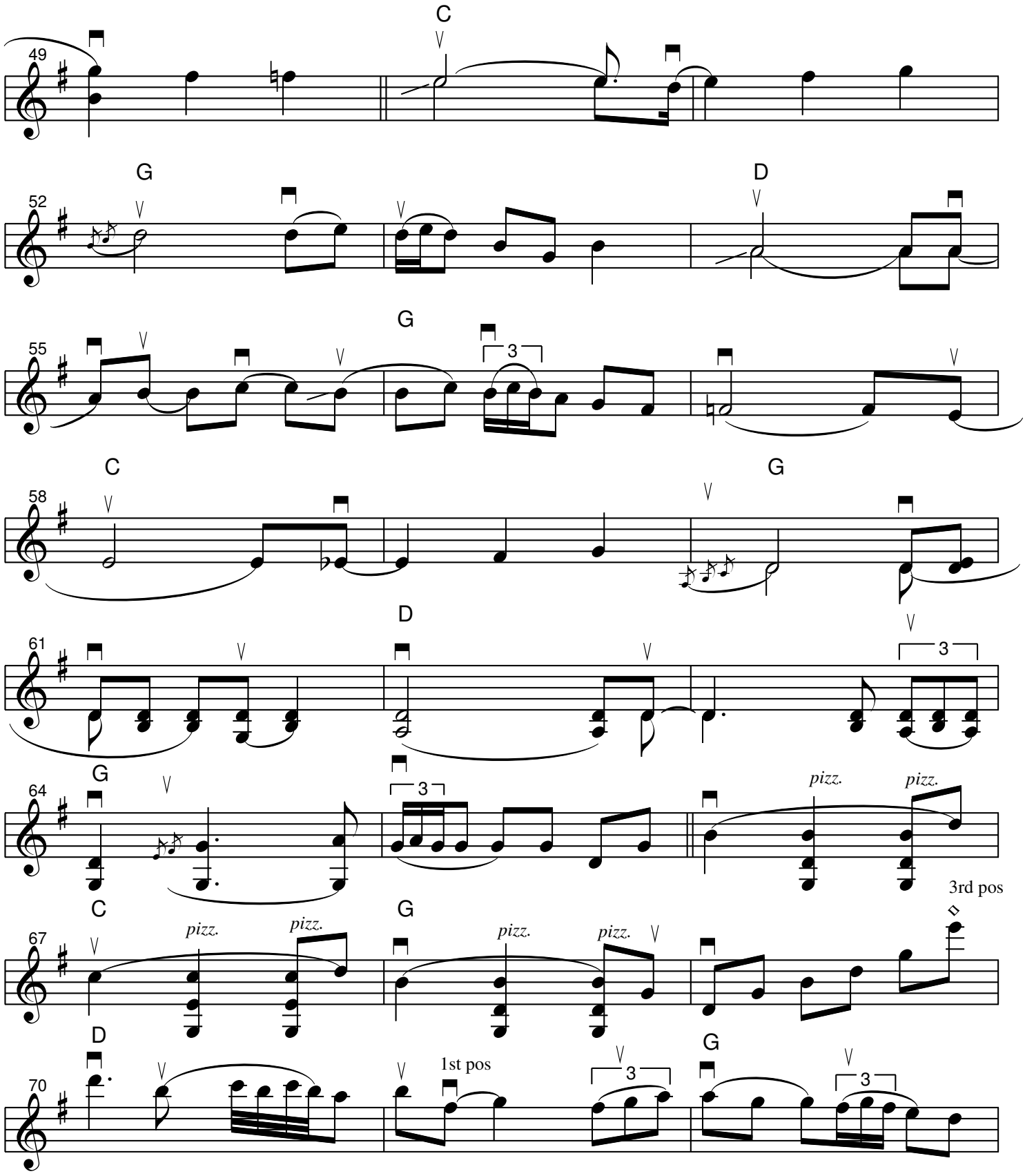

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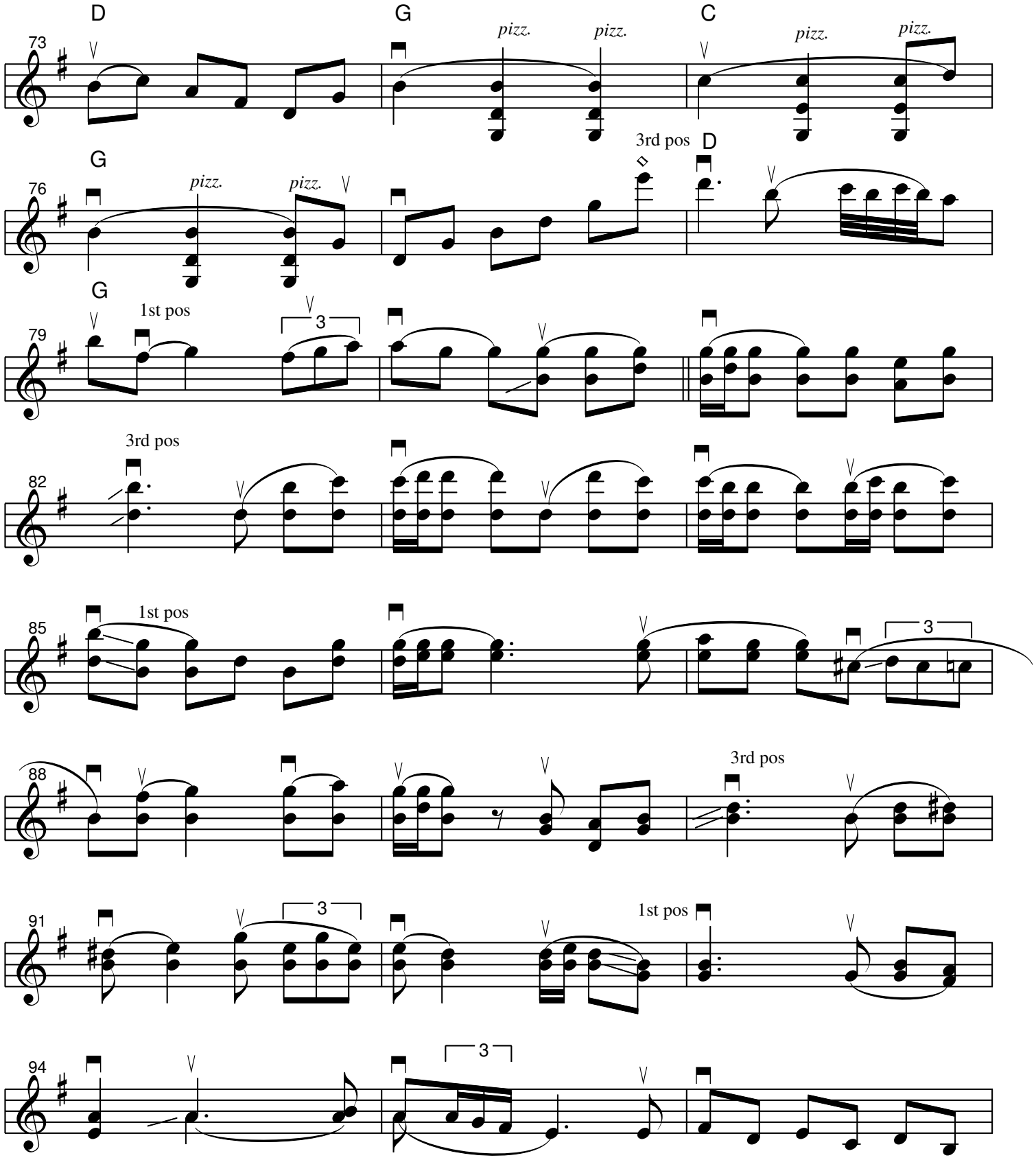

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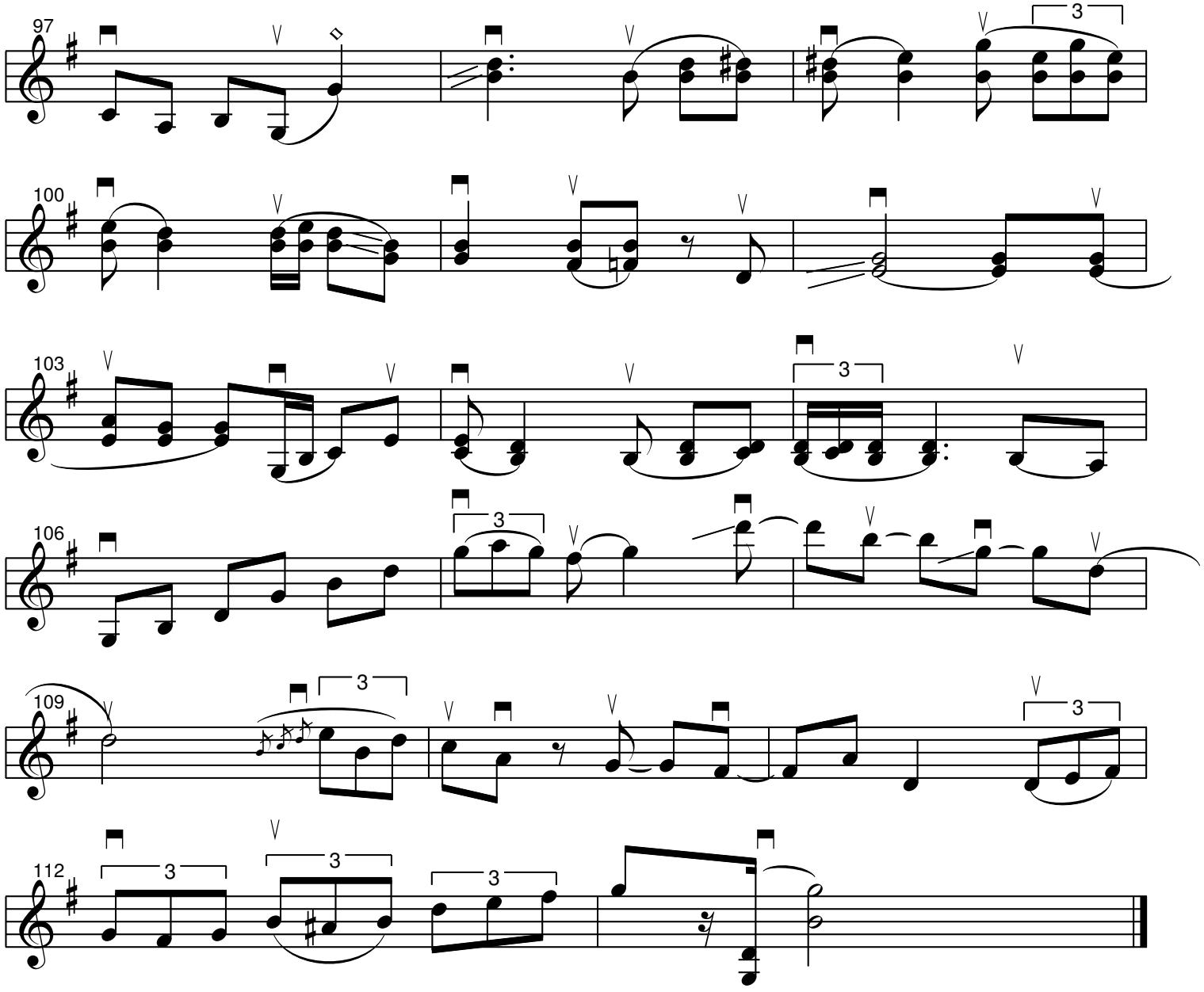

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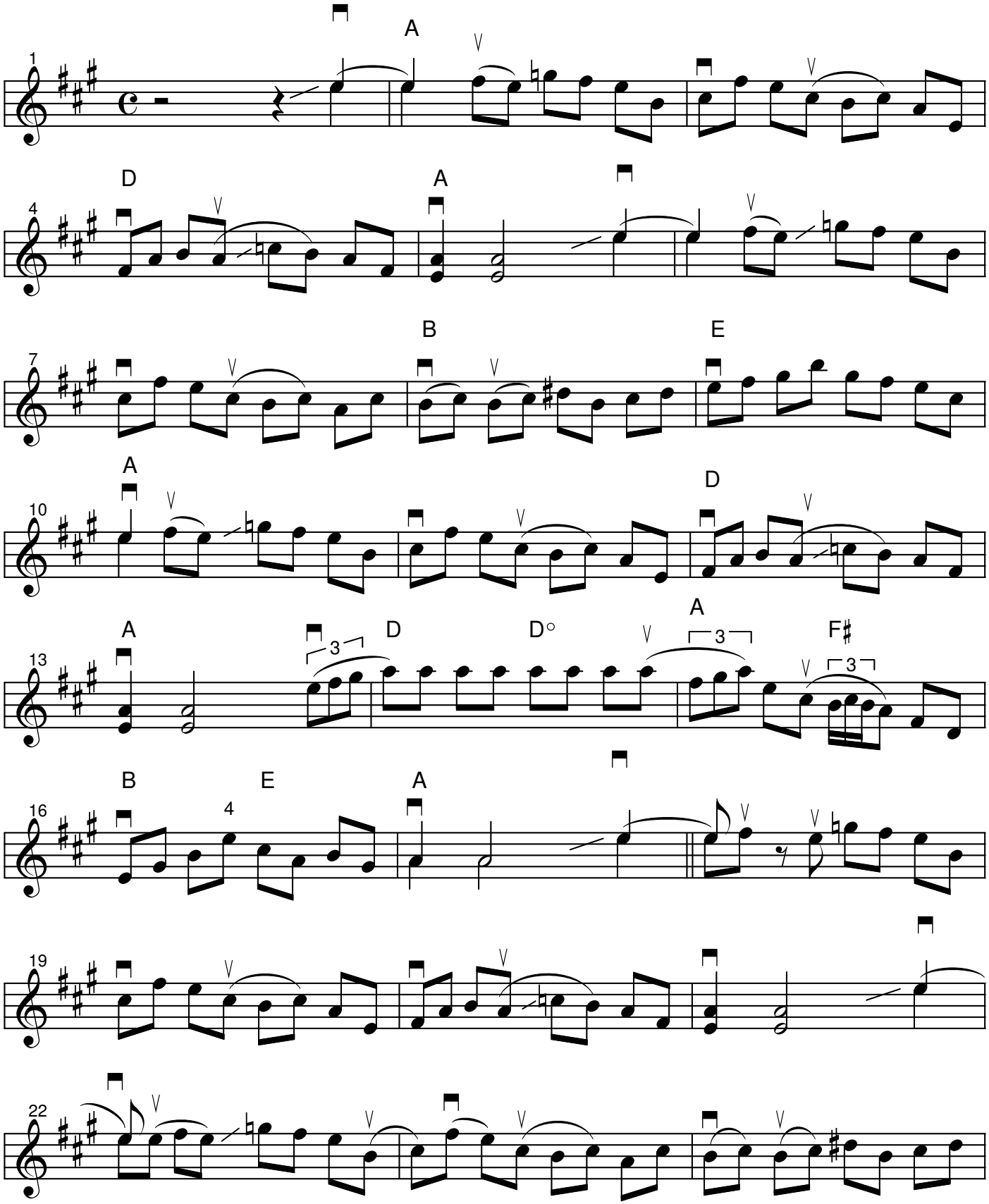

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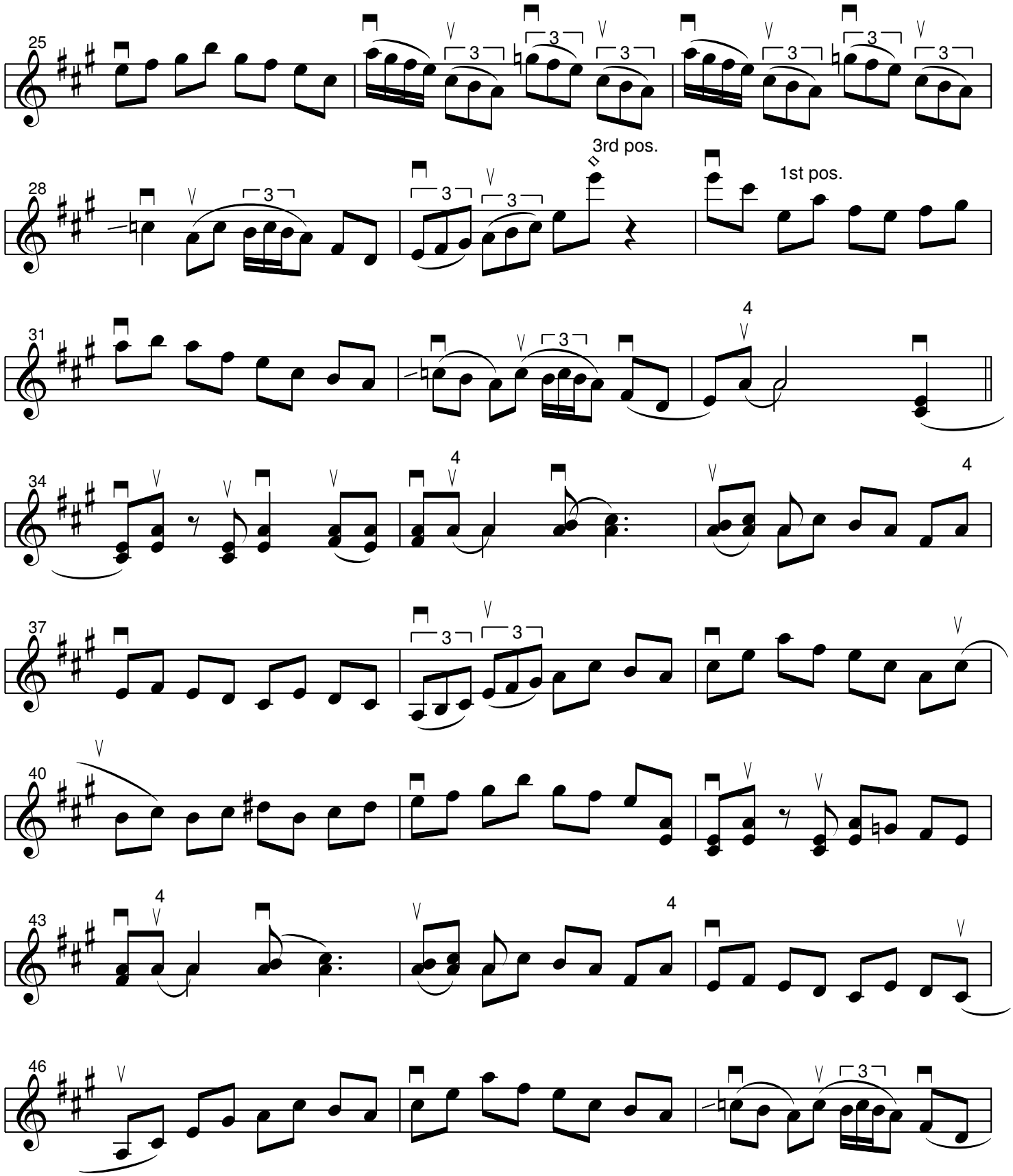

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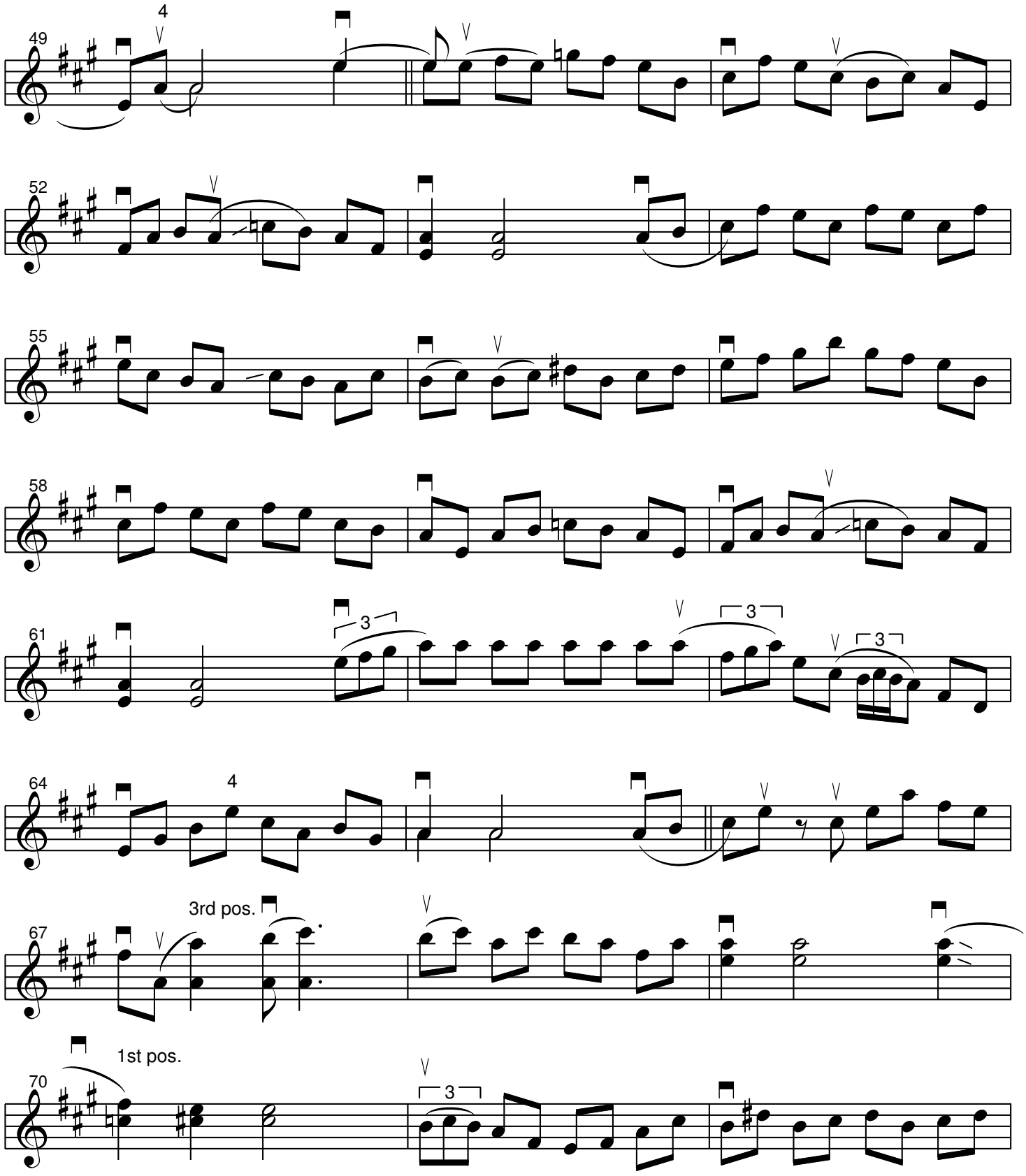

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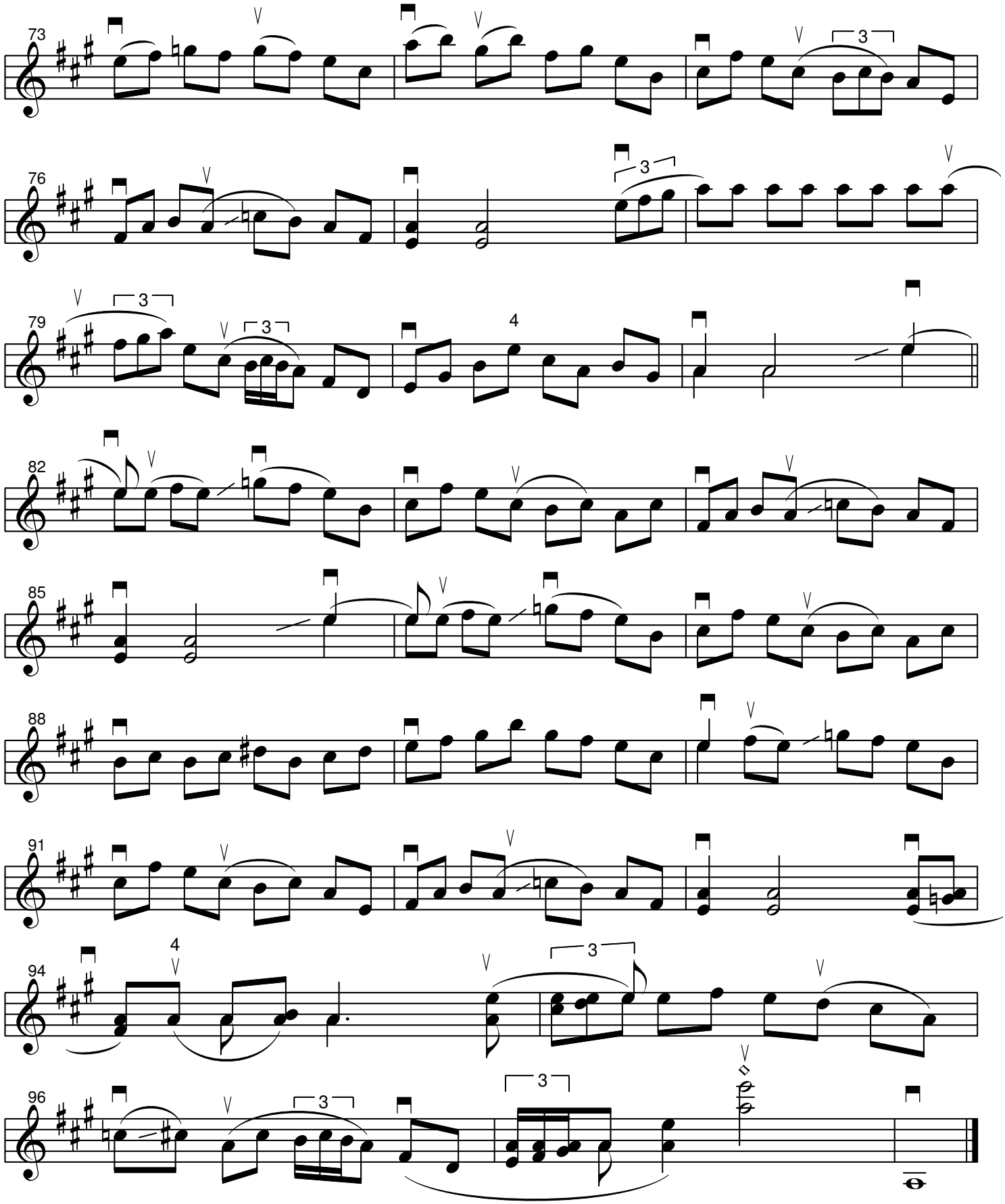

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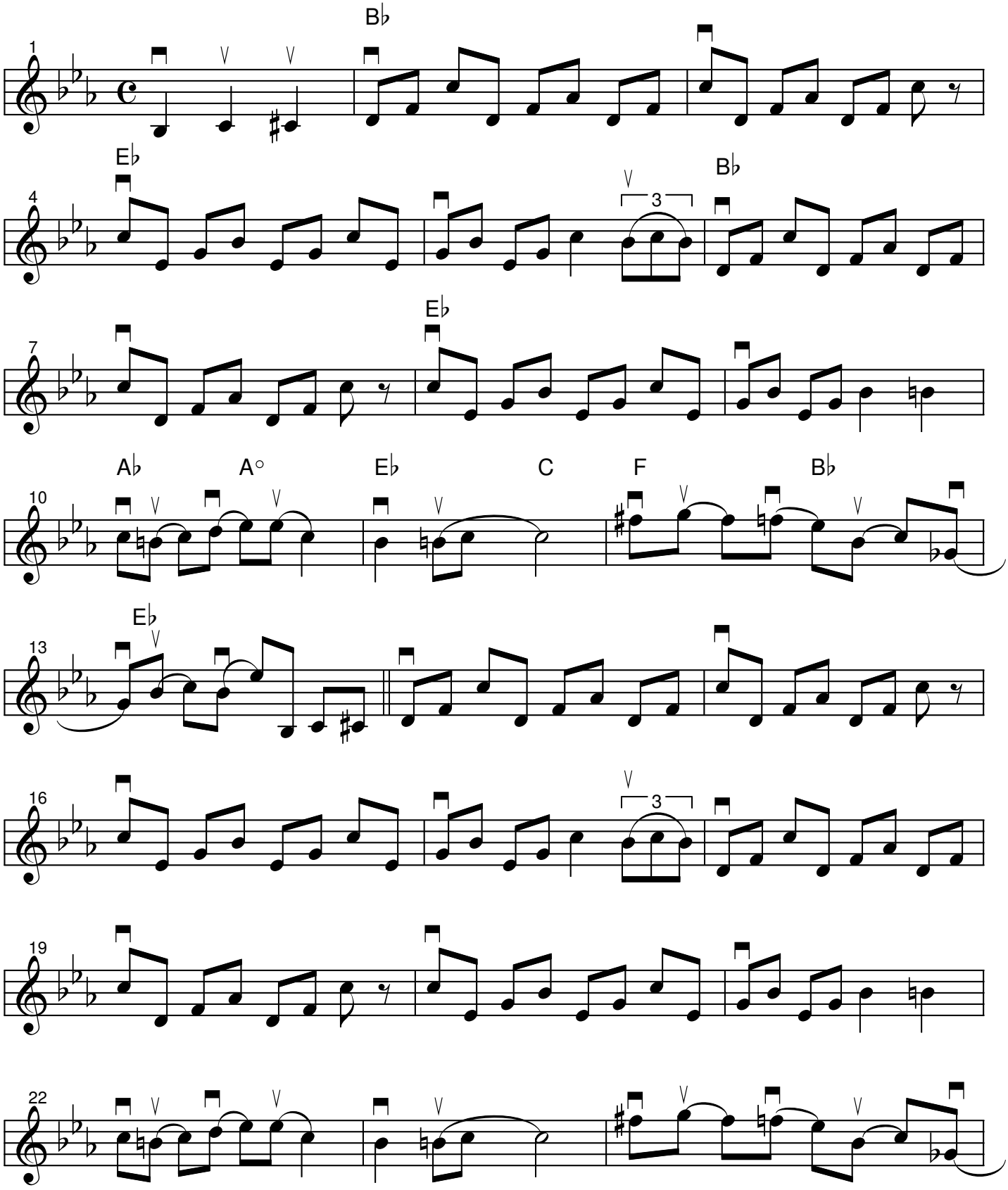

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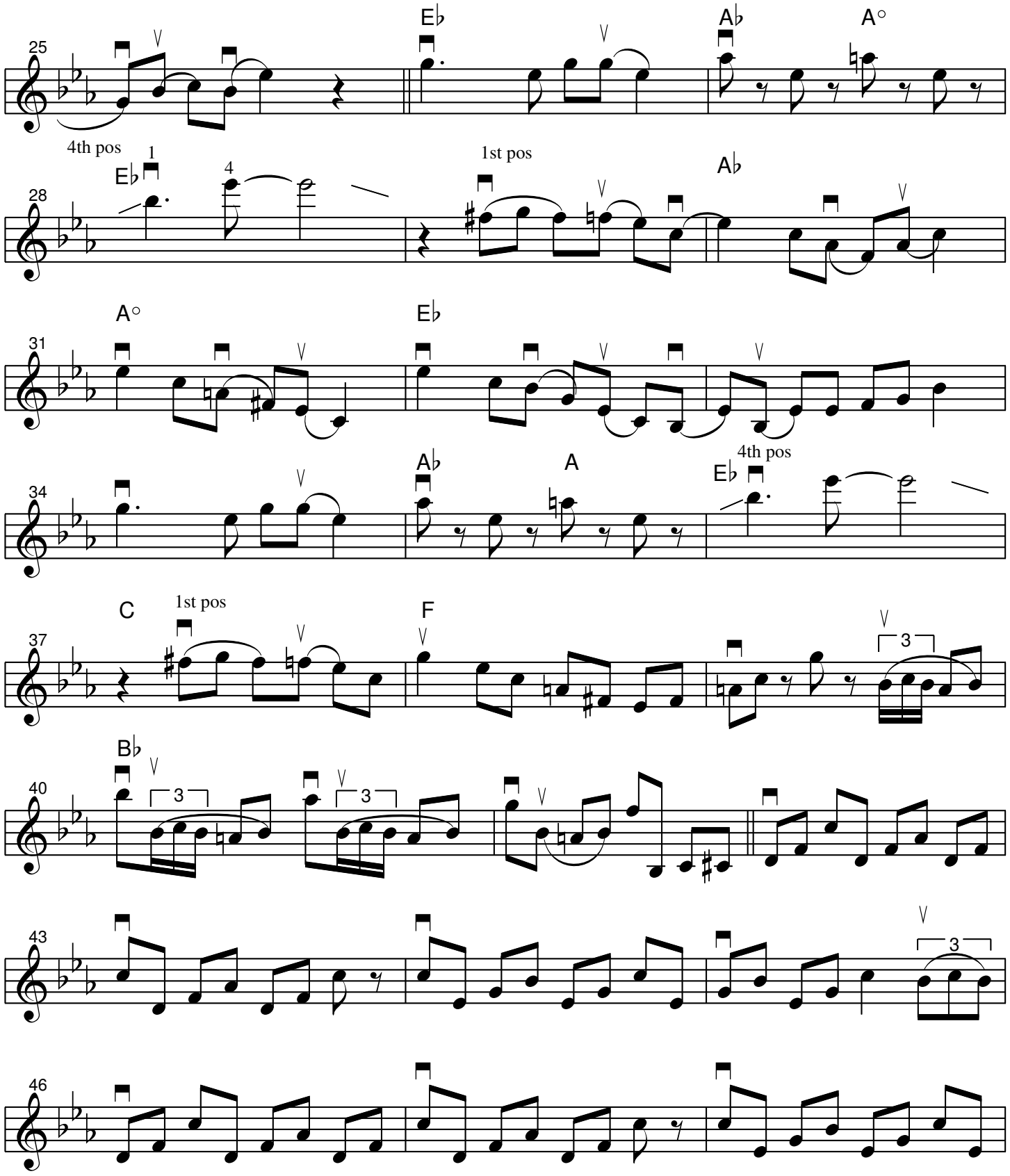

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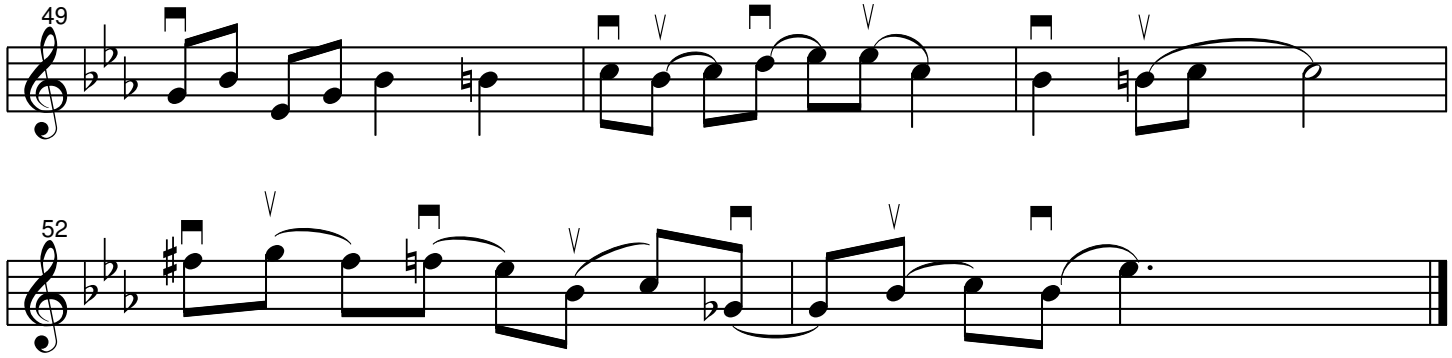

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49 Cats in a Rain Barrel

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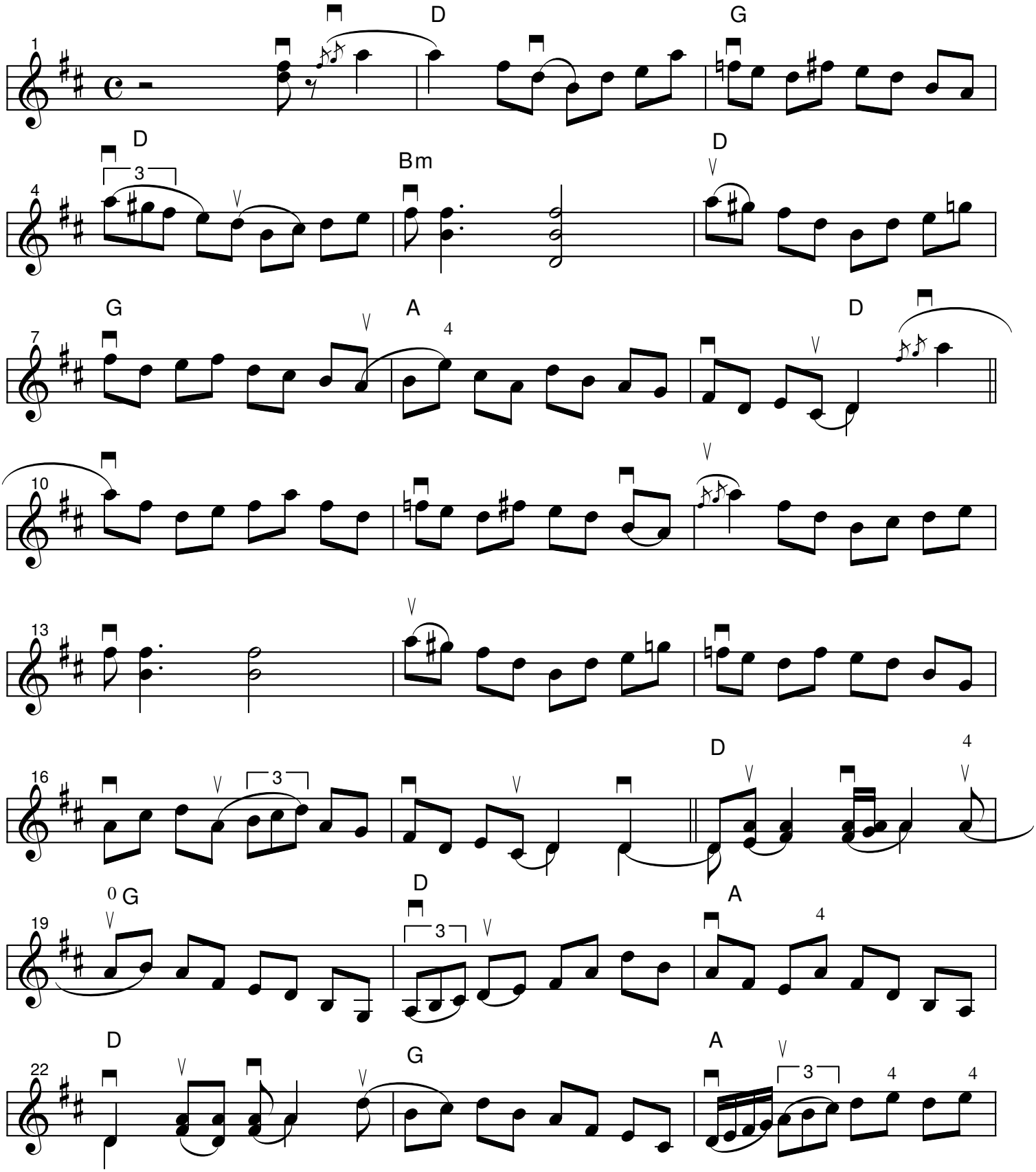

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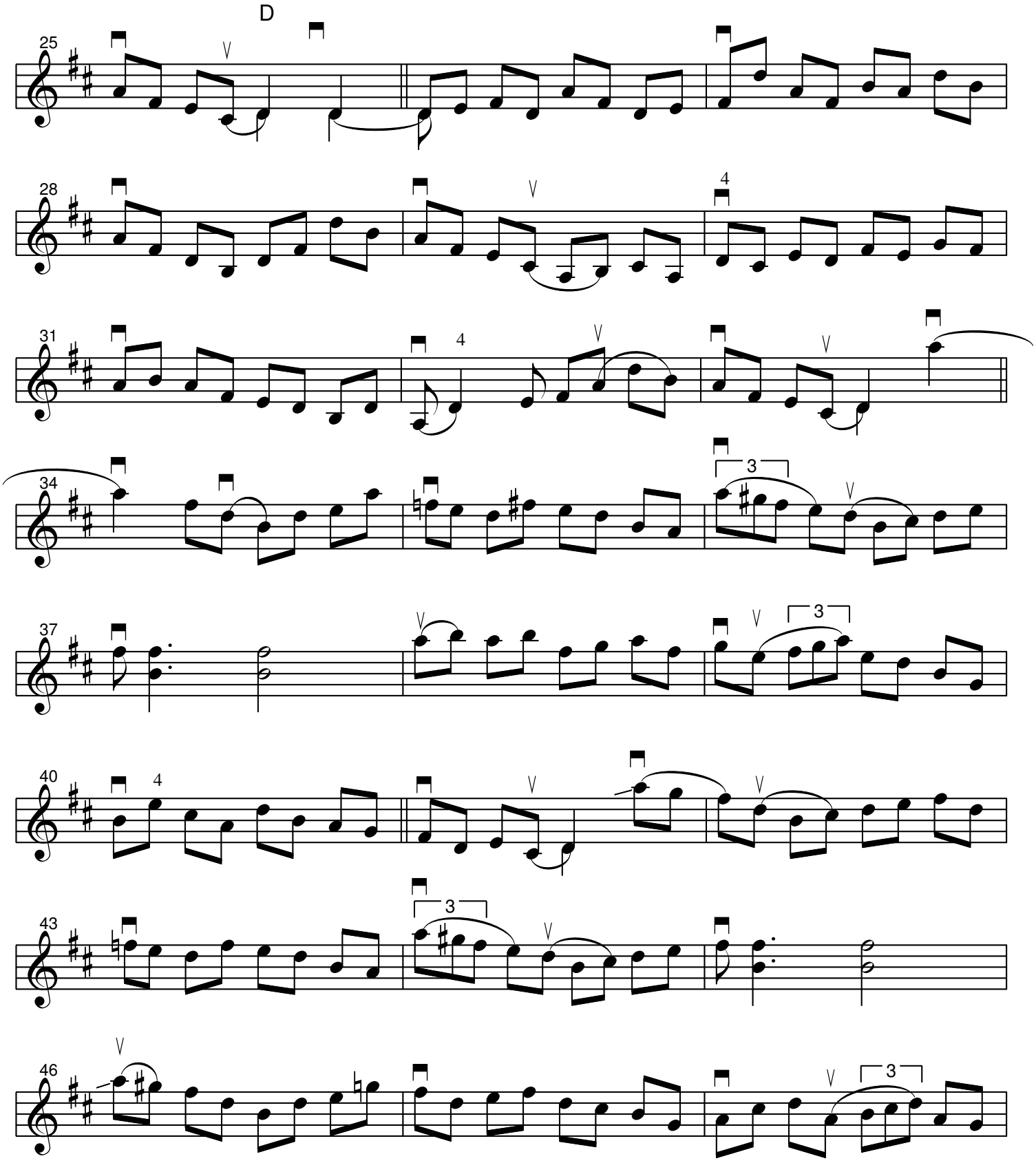

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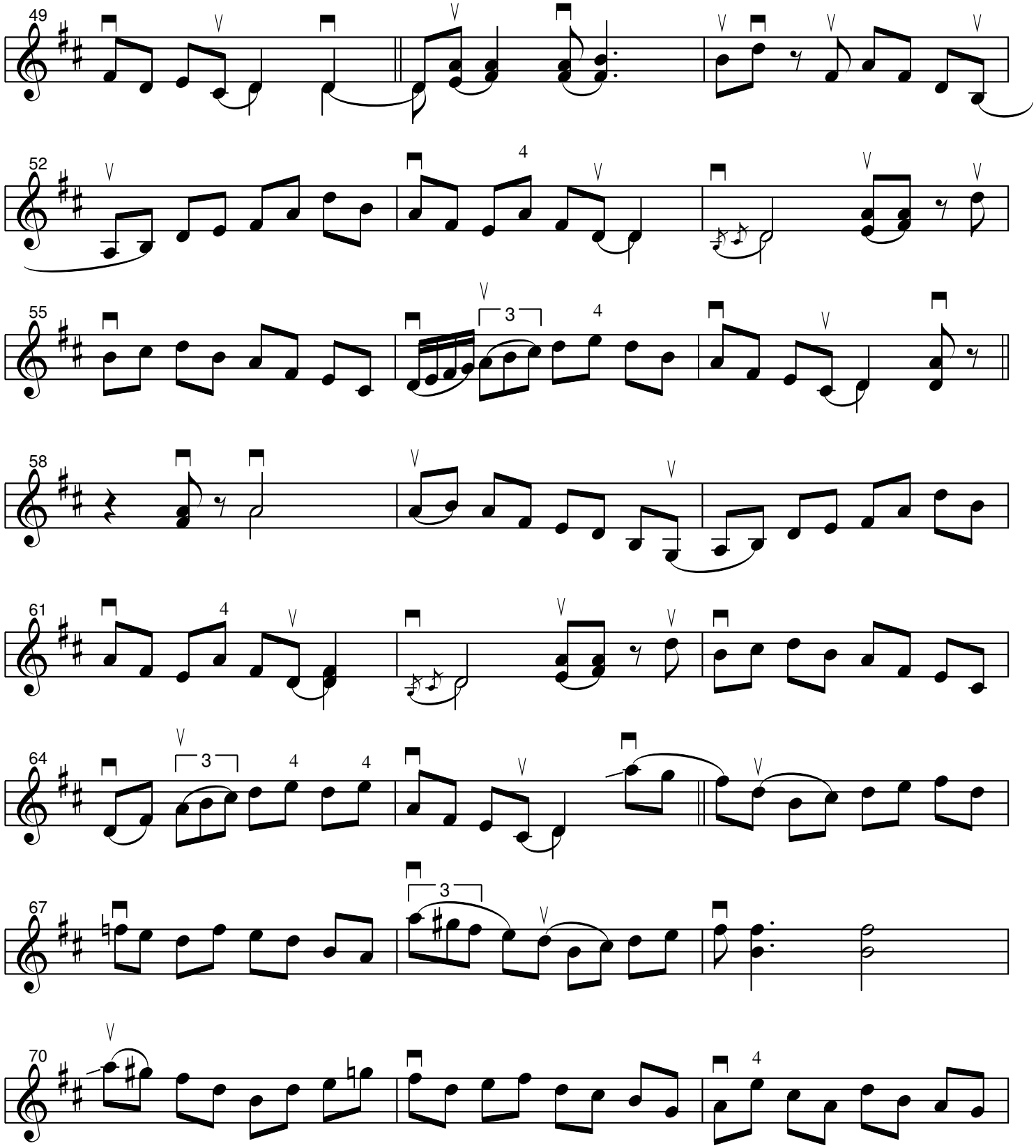

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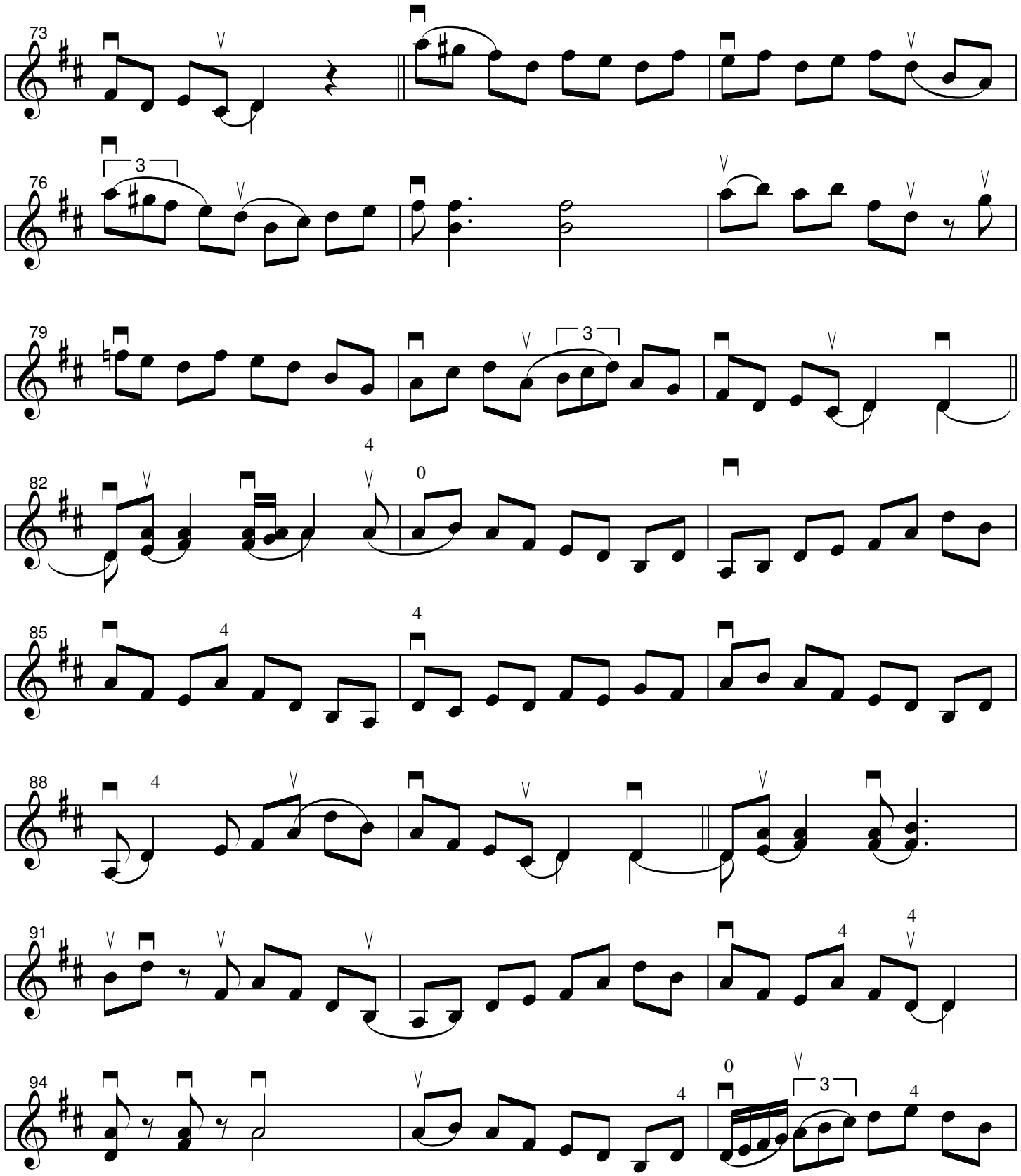

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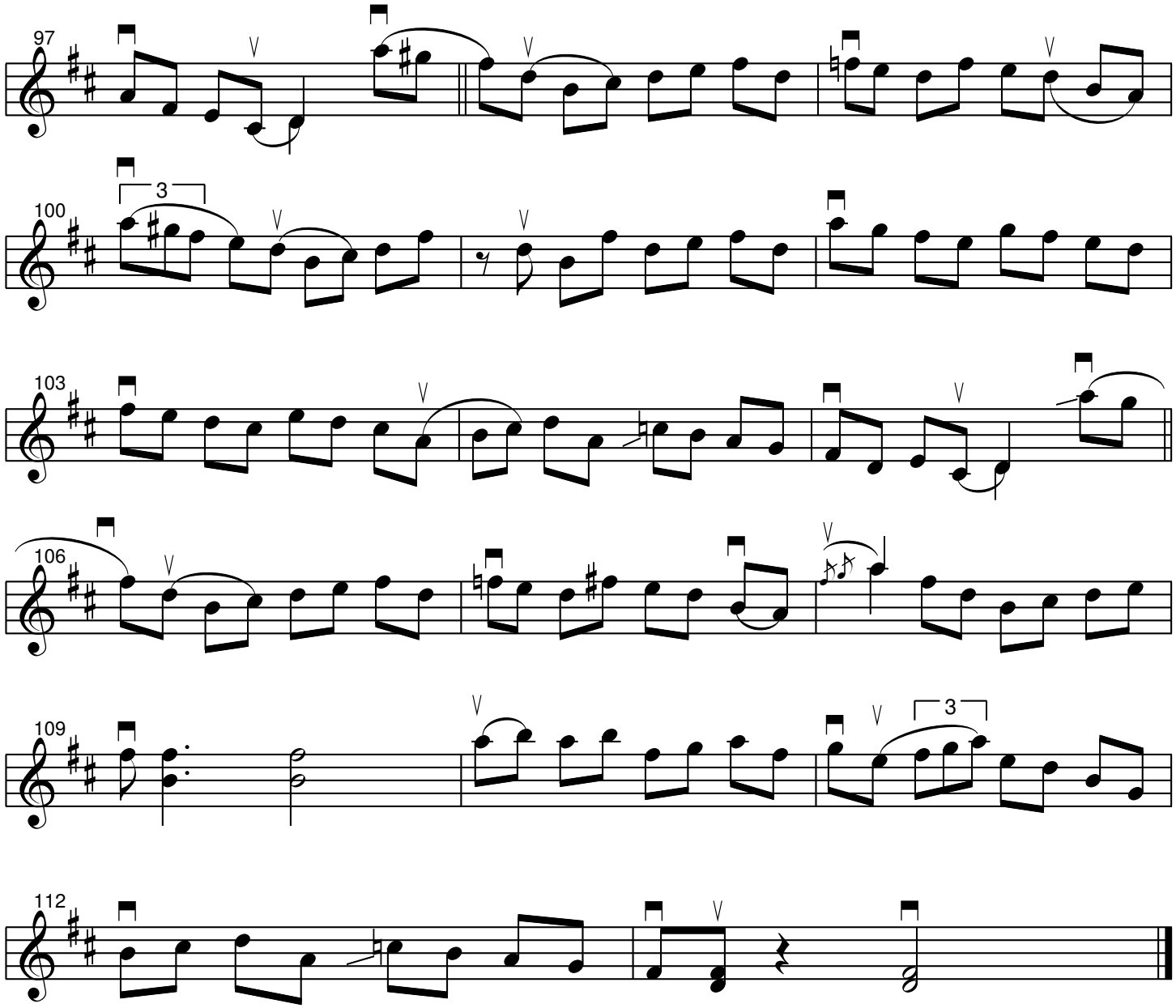

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