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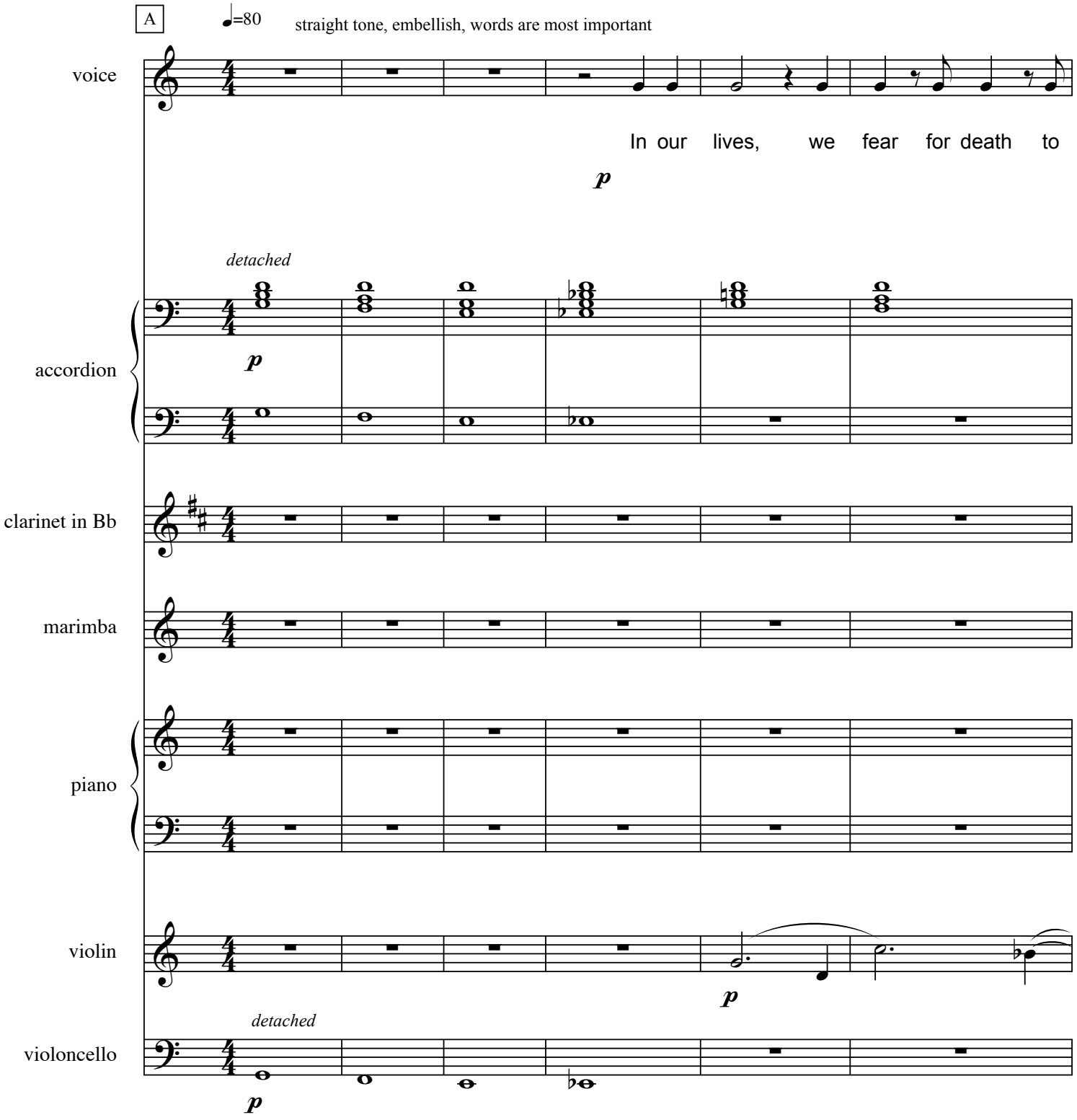
# Proem

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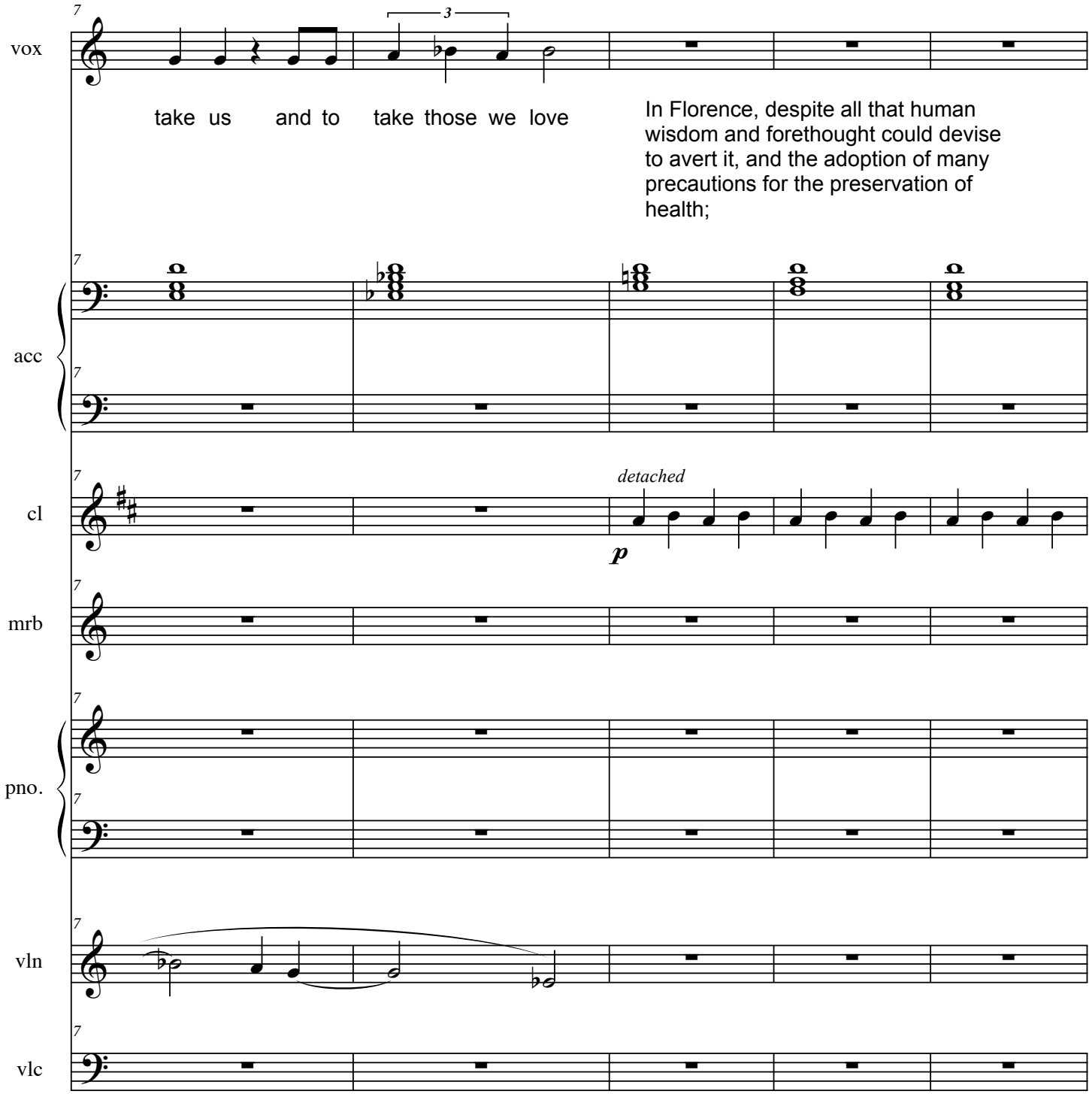
vox
take us and to take those we love
In Florence, despite all that human wisdom and forethought could devise to avert it, and the adoption of many precautions for the preservation of health;
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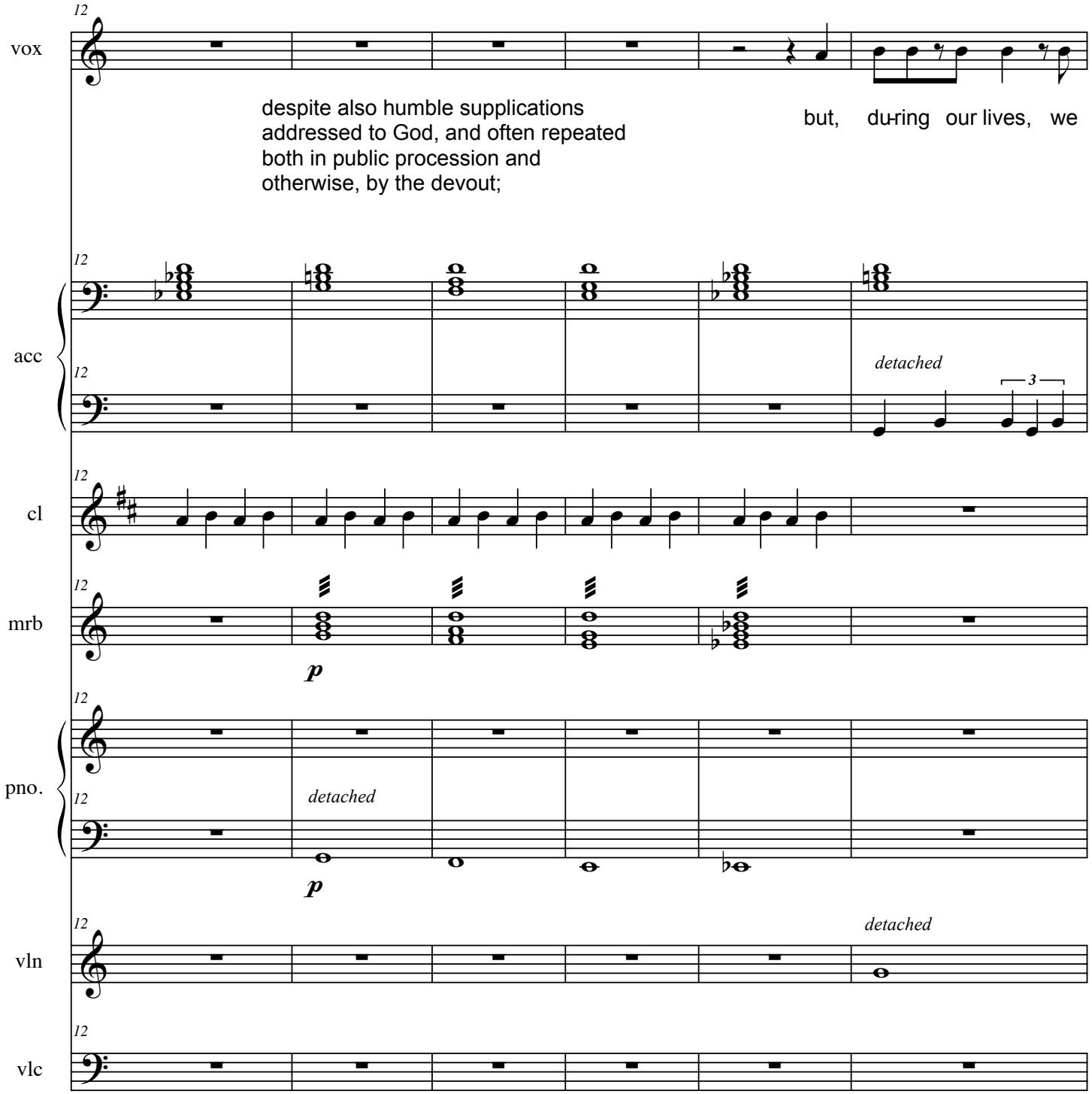
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despite also humble supplications
addressed to God, and often repeated
both in public procession and
otherwise, by the devout;
but, du-ring our lives, we
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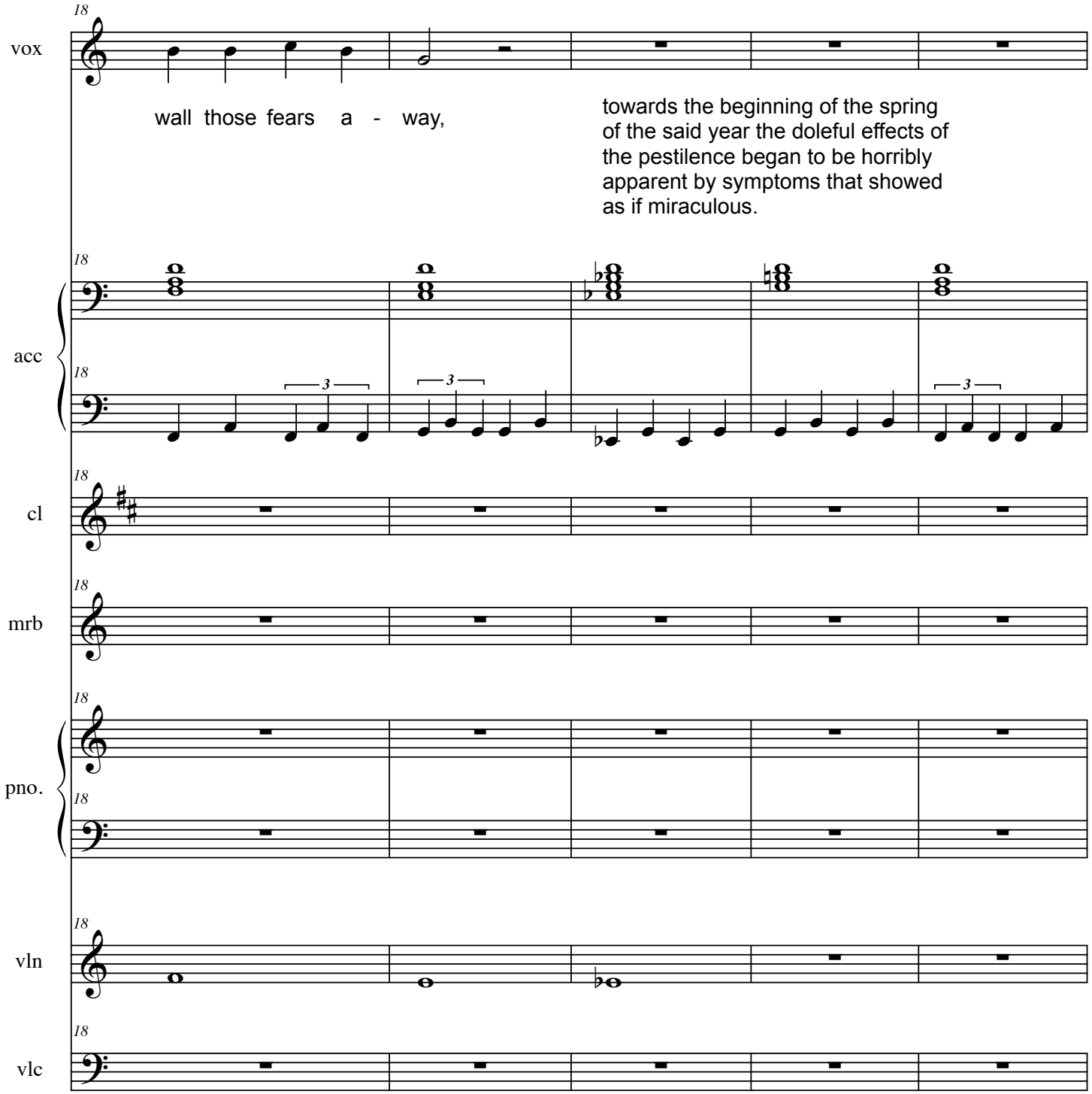
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wall those fears a - way,
towards the beginning of the spring of the said year the doleful effects of the pestilence began to be horribly apparent by symptoms that showed as if miraculous.
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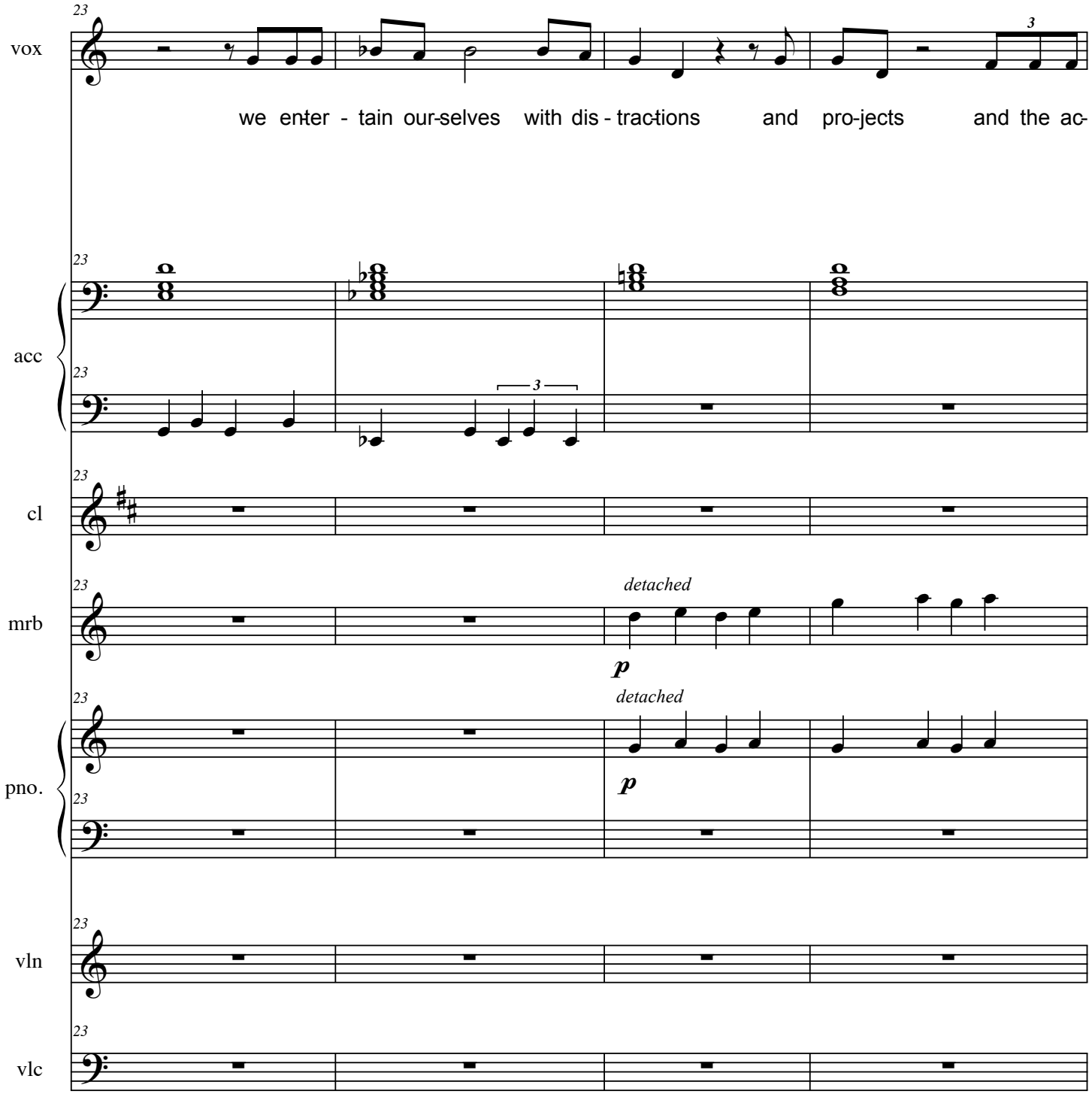
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we en-ter - tain our-selves with dis - trac-tions and pro-jects and the ac-
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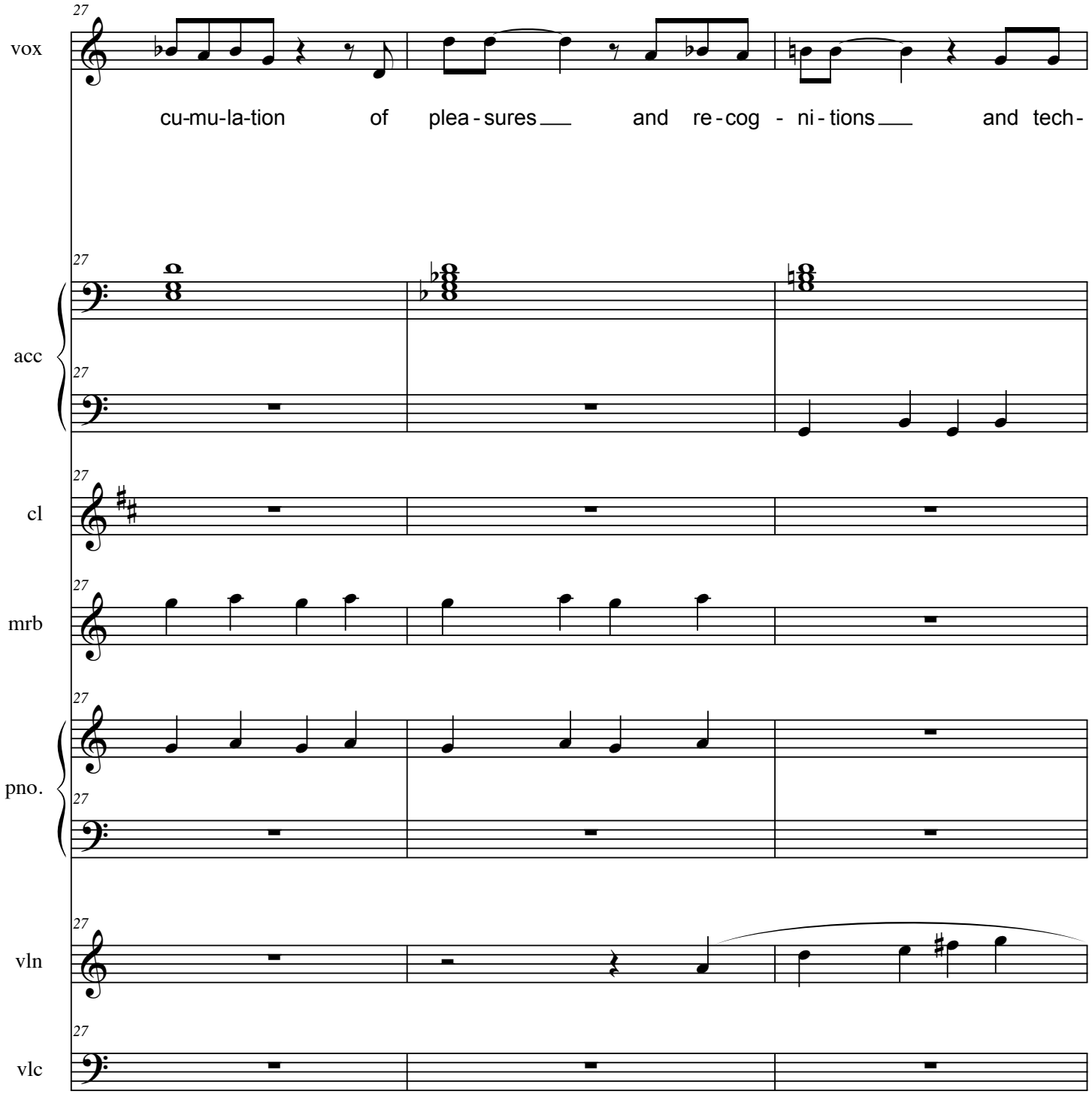
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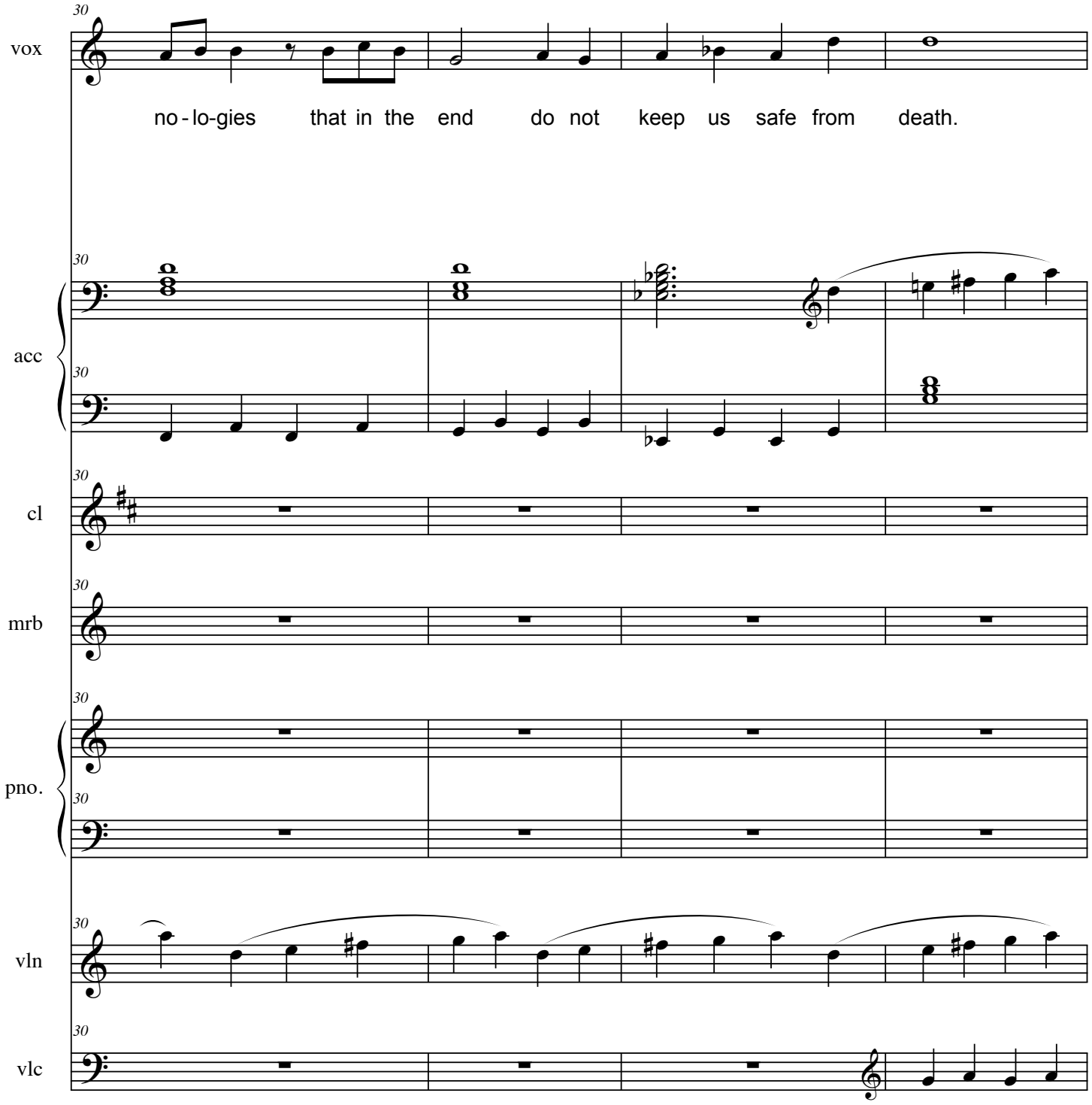
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no - lo-gies that in the end do not keep us safe from death.
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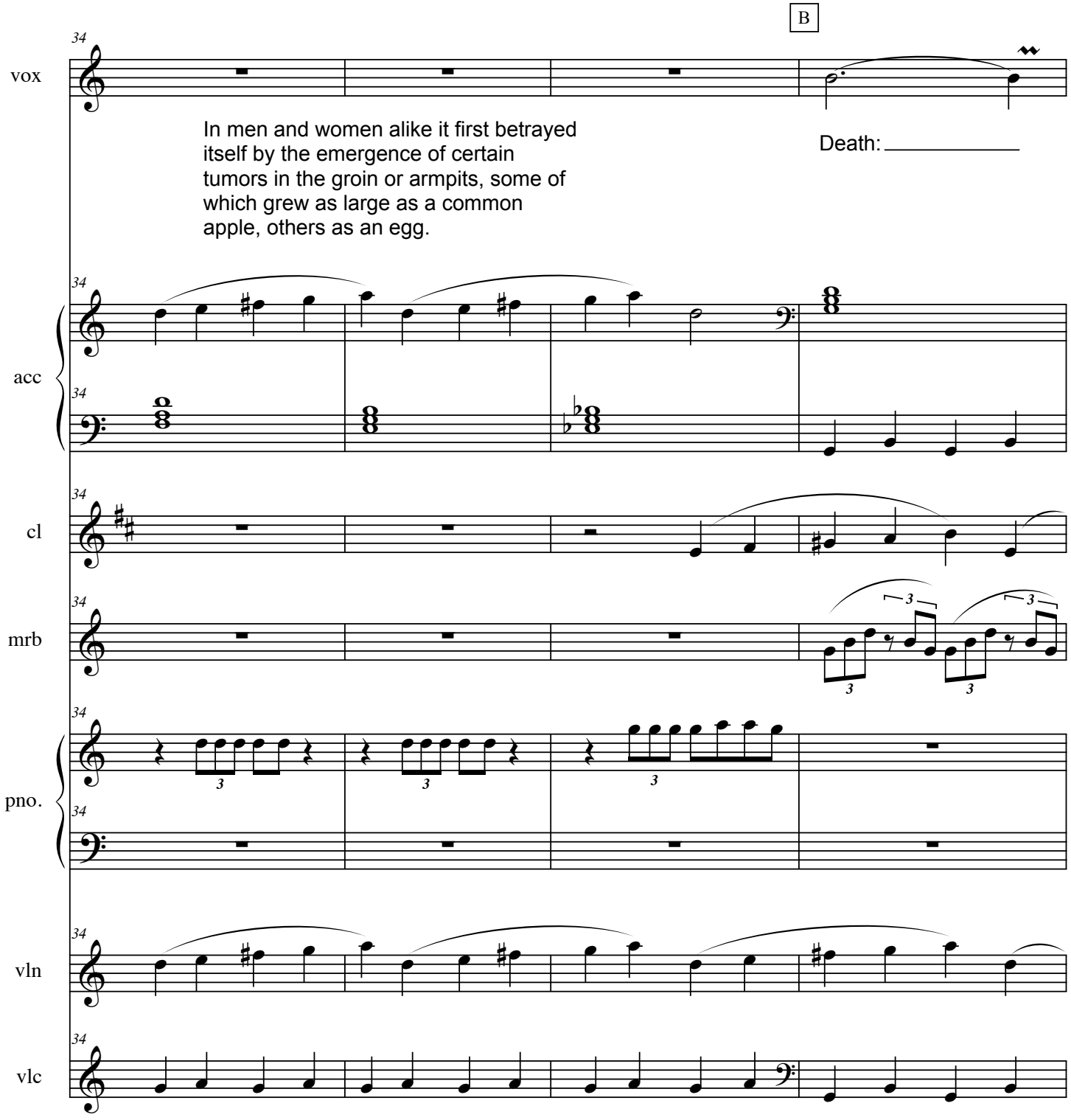
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In men and women alike it first betrayed itself by the emergence of certain tumors in the groin or armpits, some of which grew as large as a common apple, others as an egg.
Death: _____
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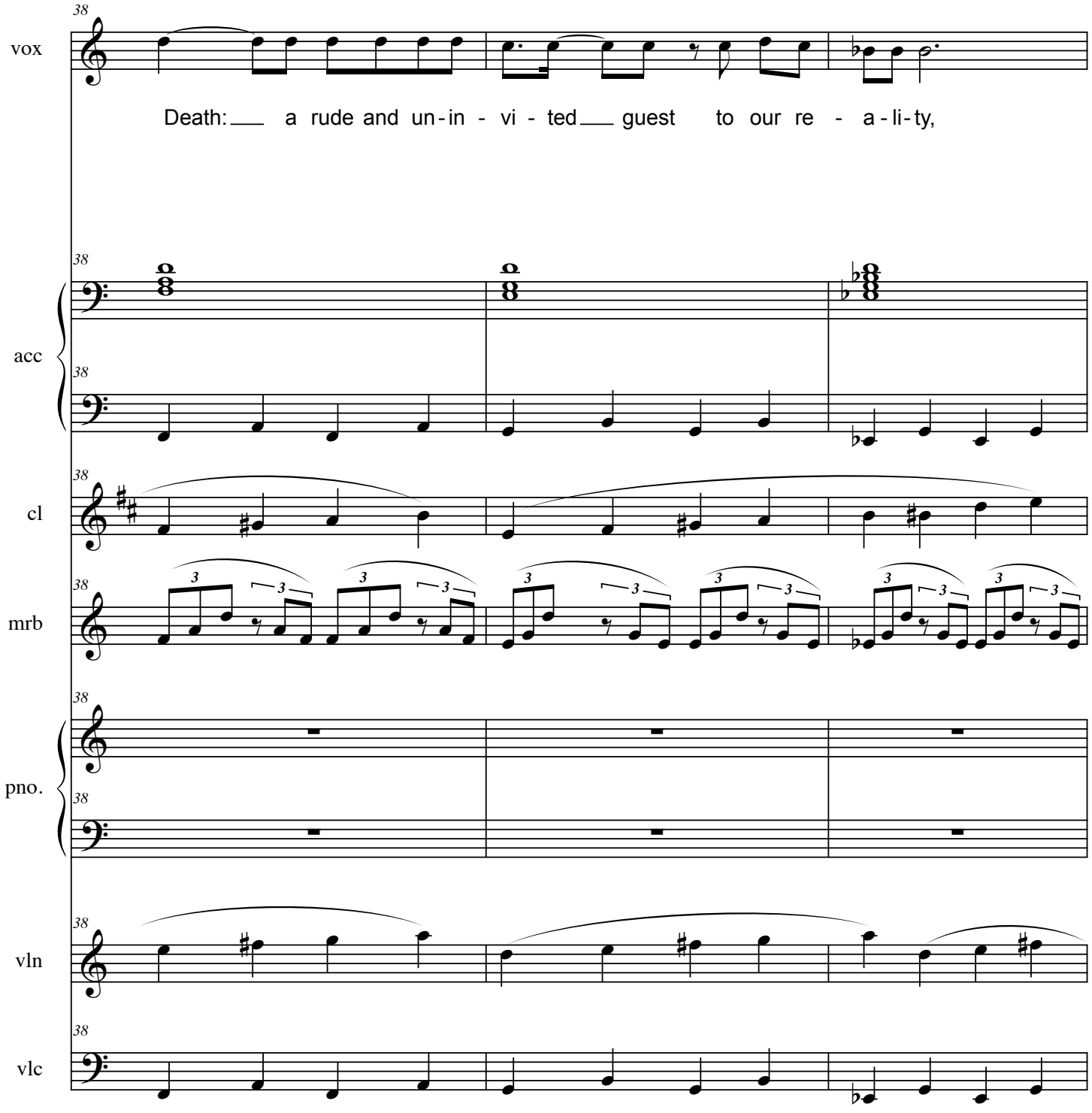
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Death: a rude and un - in - vi - ted guest to our re - a - li - ty,
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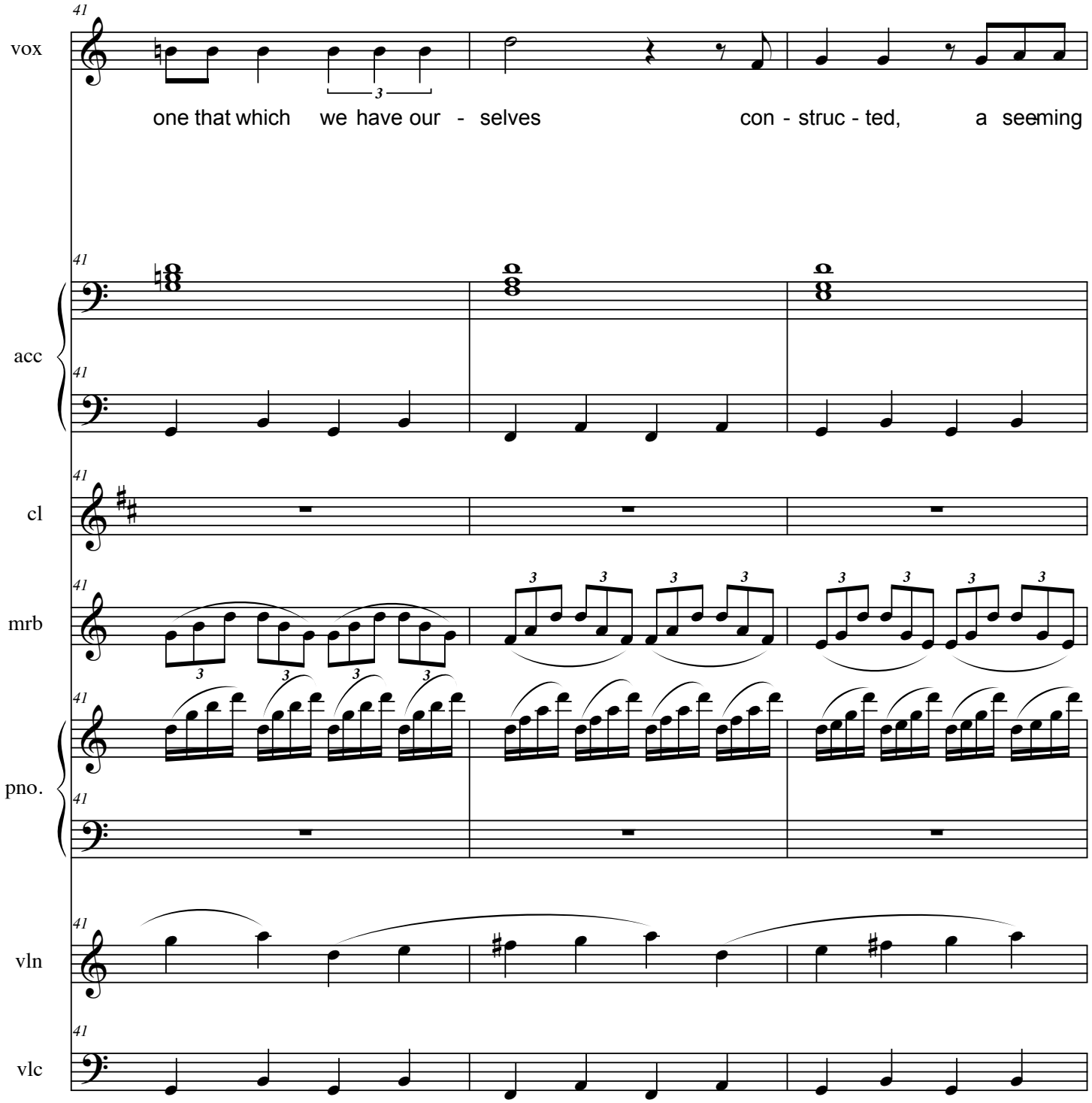
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one that which we have our - selves con - struc - ted, a seeming
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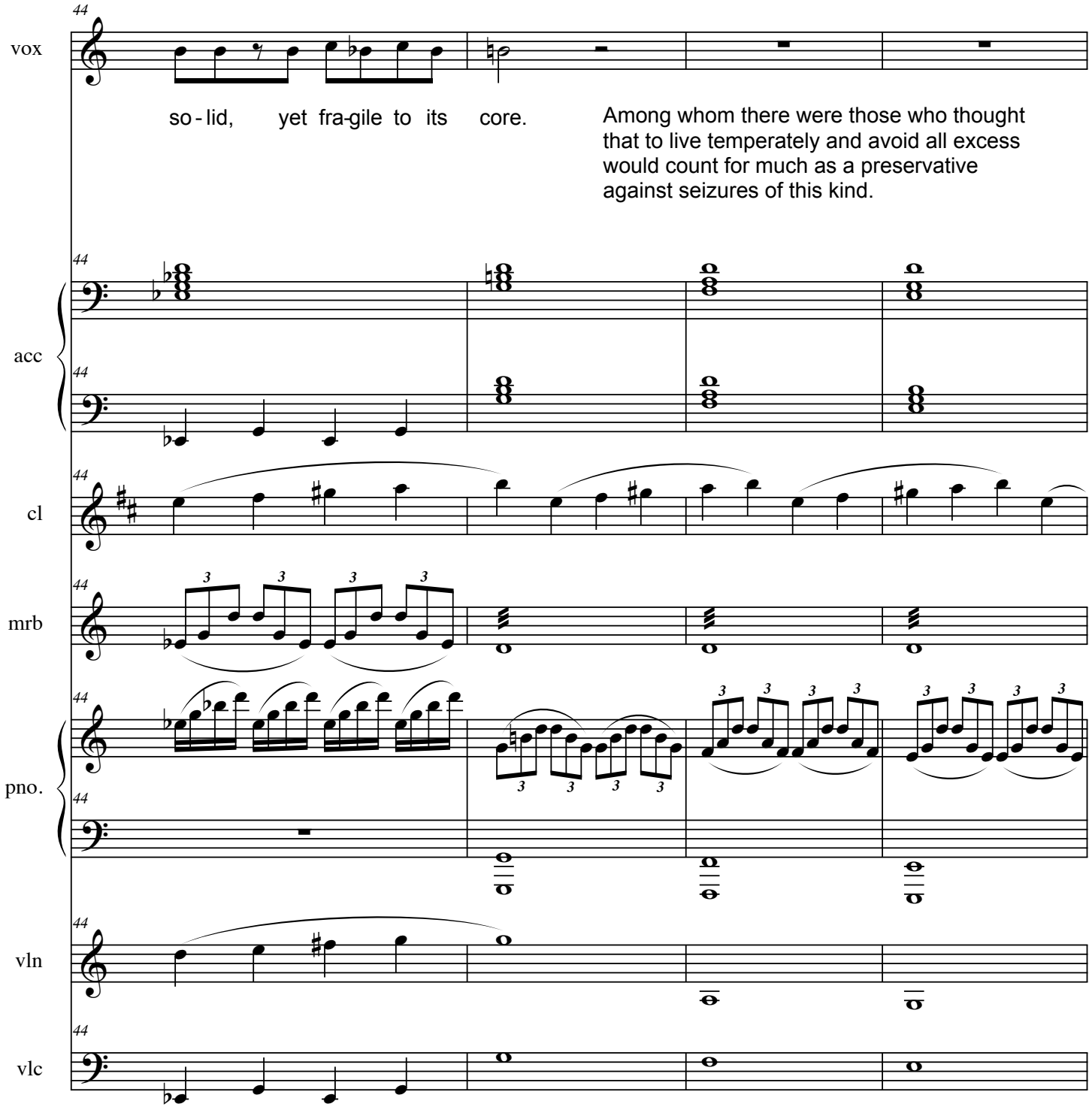
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so - lid, yet fra-gile to its core.
Among whom there were those who thought that to live temperately and avoid all excess would count for much as a preservative against seizures of this kind.
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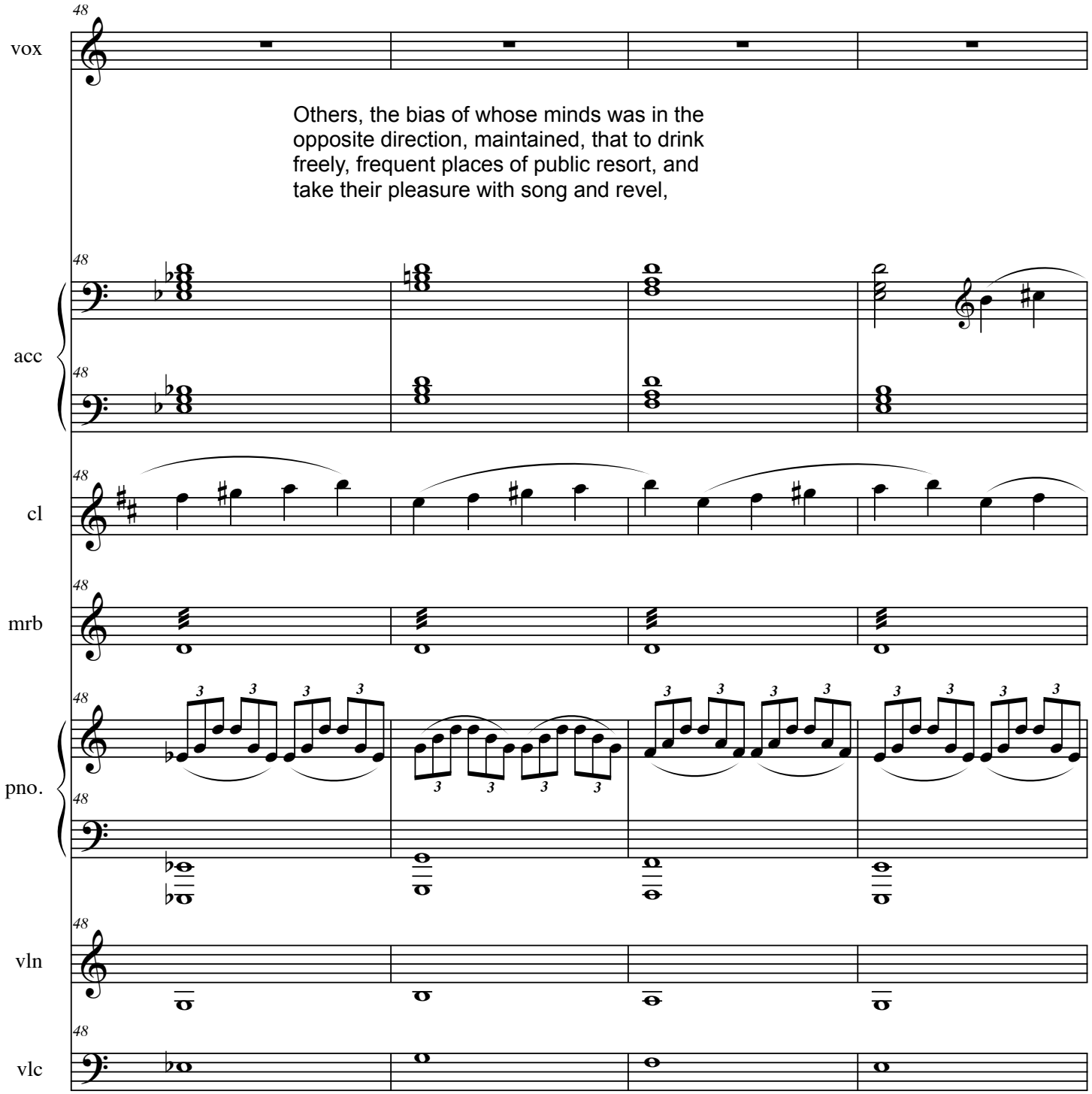
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Others, the bias of whose minds was in the opposite direction, maintained, that to drink freely, frequent places of public resort, and take their pleasure with song and revel,
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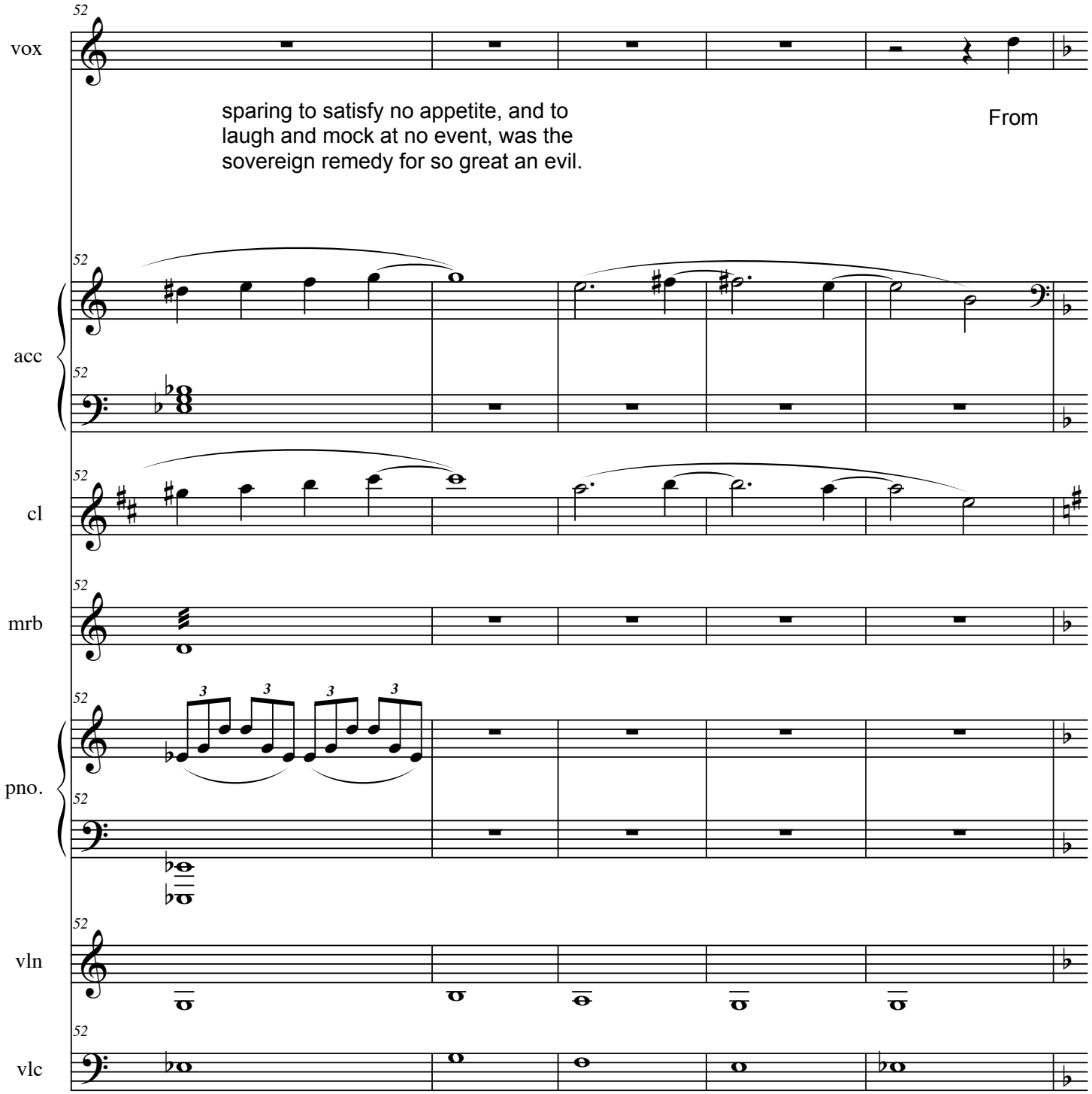
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sparing to satisfy no appetite, and to
laugh and mock at no event, was the
sovereign remedy for so great an evil.
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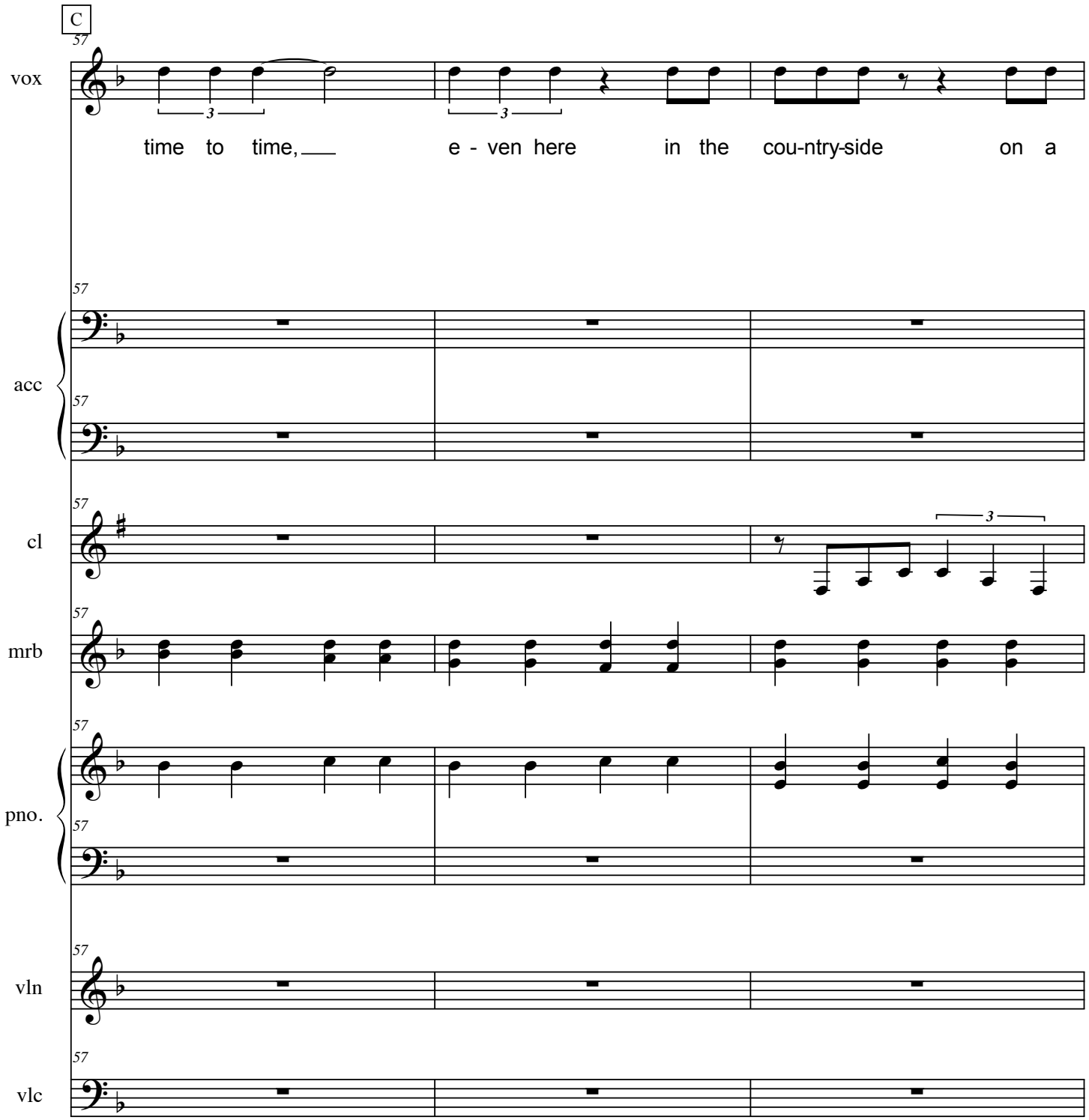
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time to time, e - ven here in the cou-ntry-side on a
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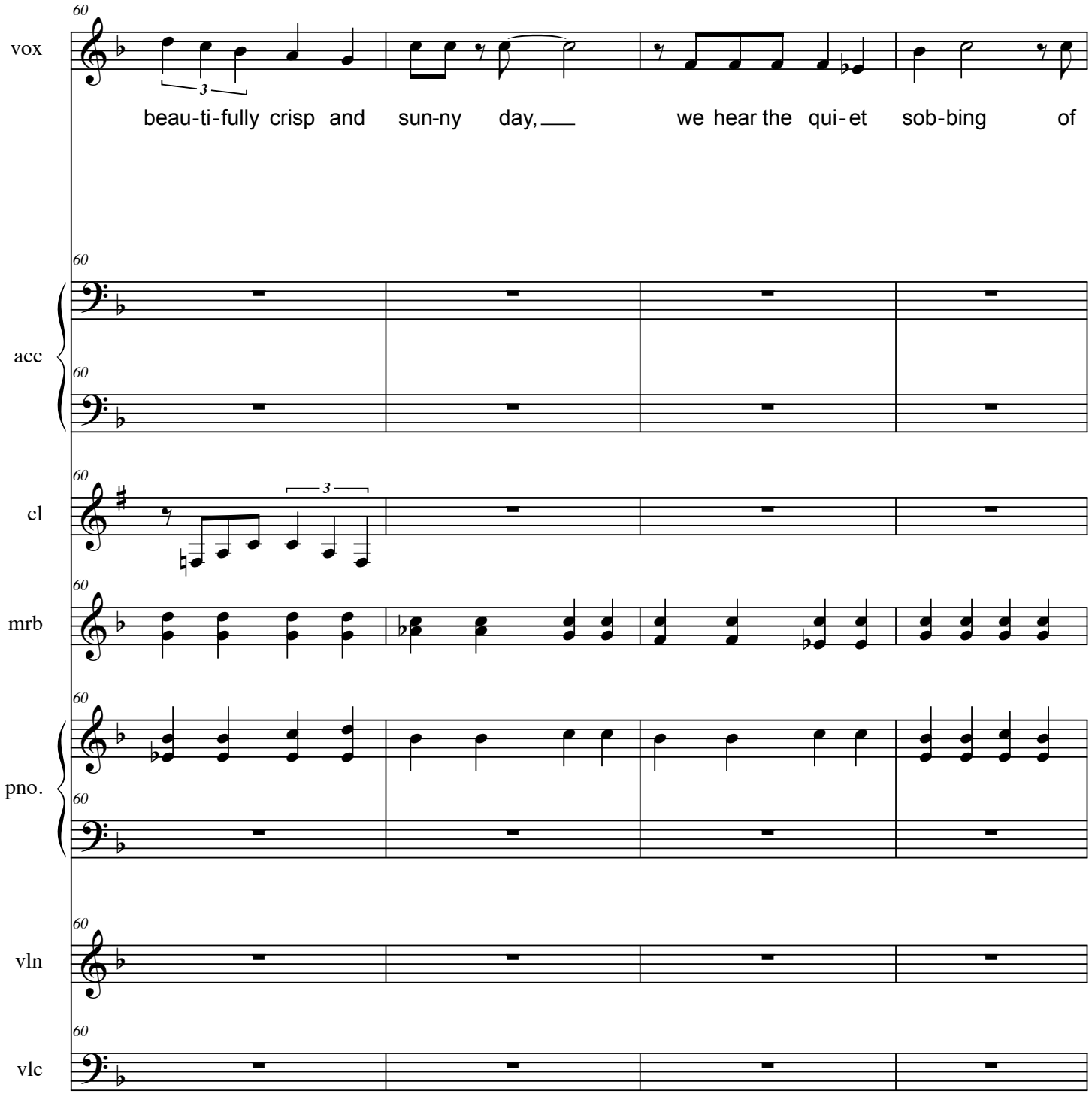
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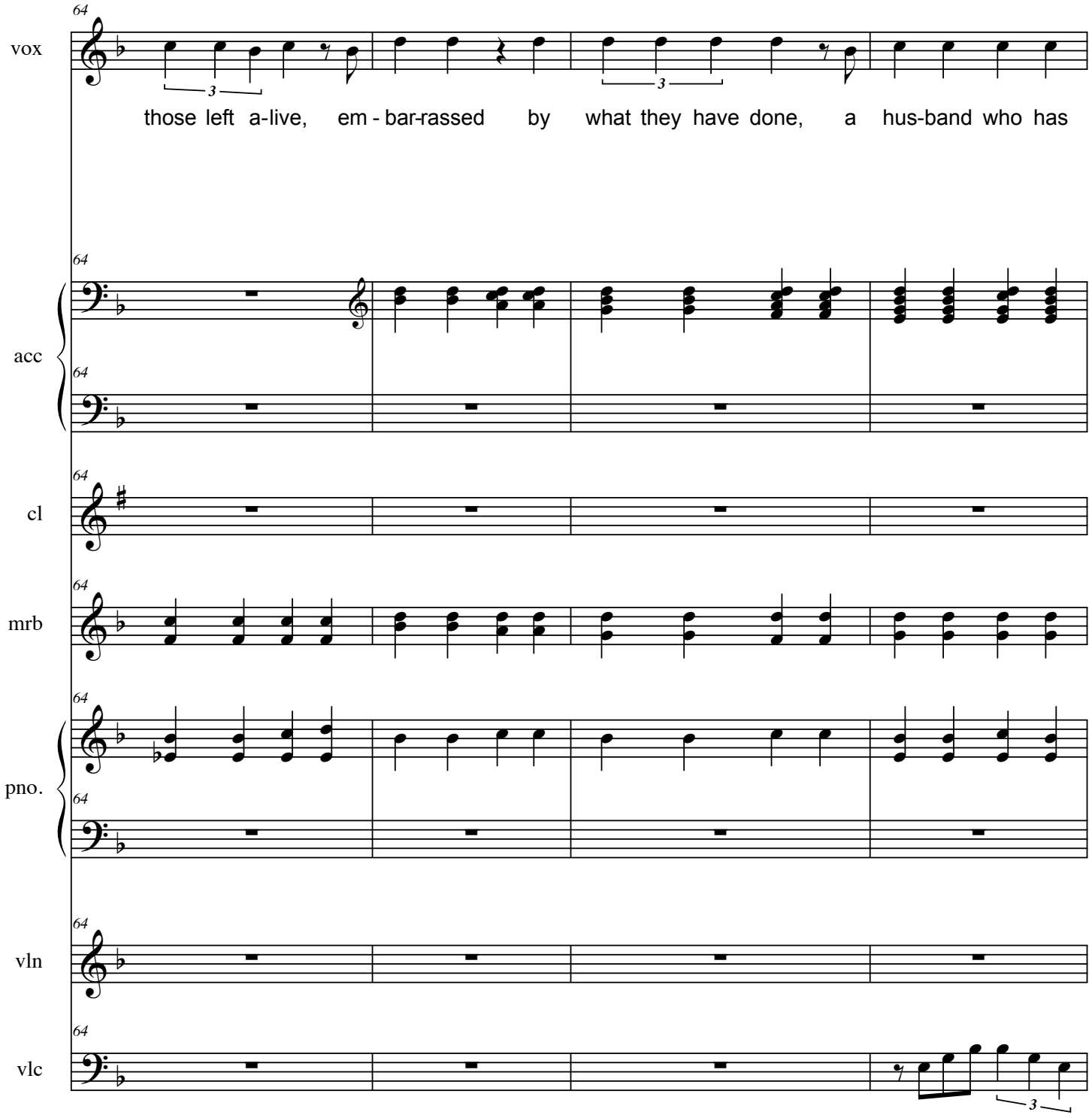
beau-ti-fully crisp and sun-ny day, we hear the qui-et sob-bing of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those left a-live, em - bar-rassed by what they have done, a hus-band who has
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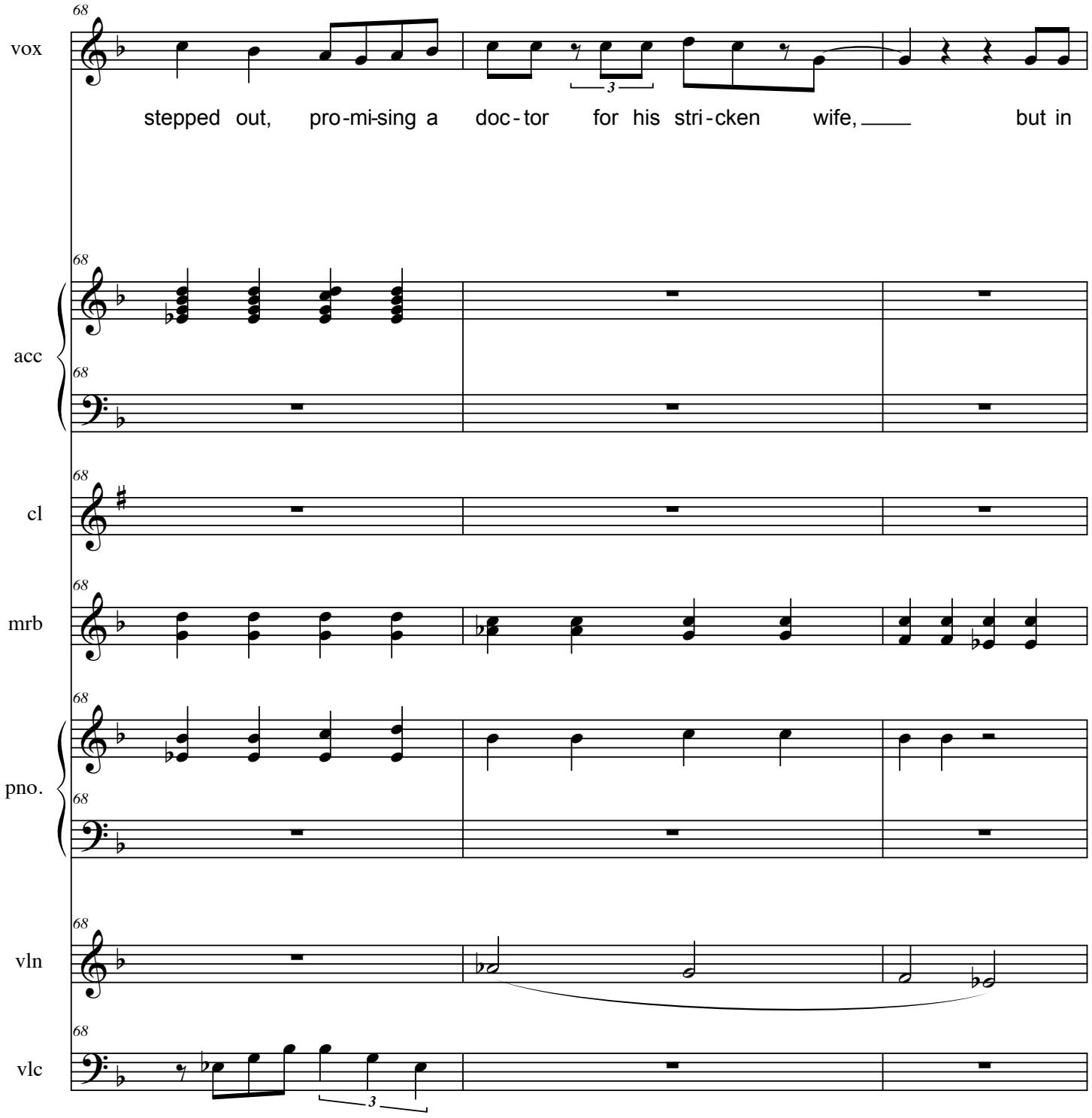
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stepped out, pro-mi-sing a doc-tor for his stri-cken wife, but in
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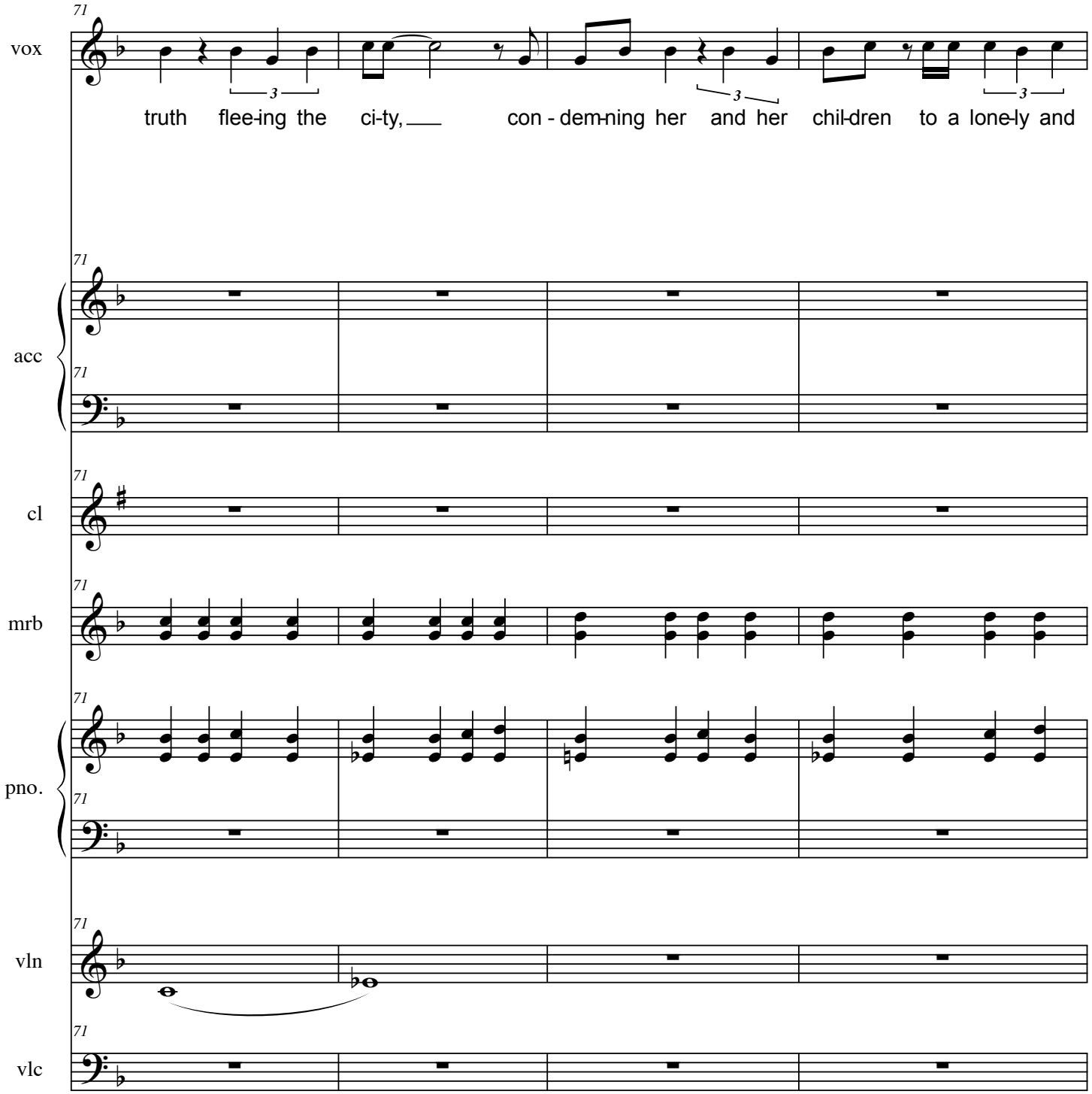
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truth flee-ing the ci-ty, con - dem-ning her and her chil-dren to a lone-ly and
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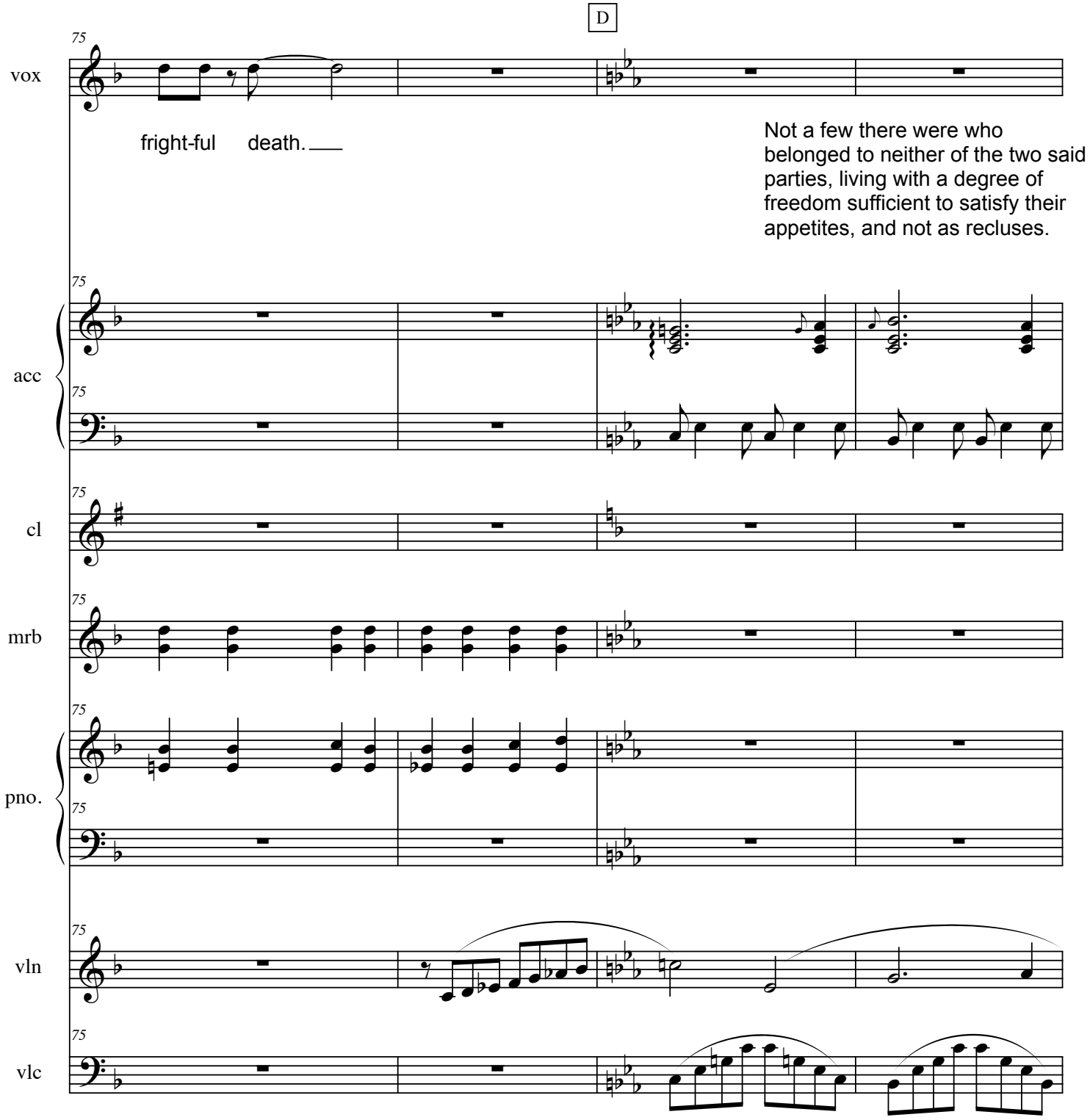
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fright-ful death.
Not a few there were who belonged to neither of the two said parties, living with a degree of freedom sufficient to satisfy their appetites, and not as recluses.
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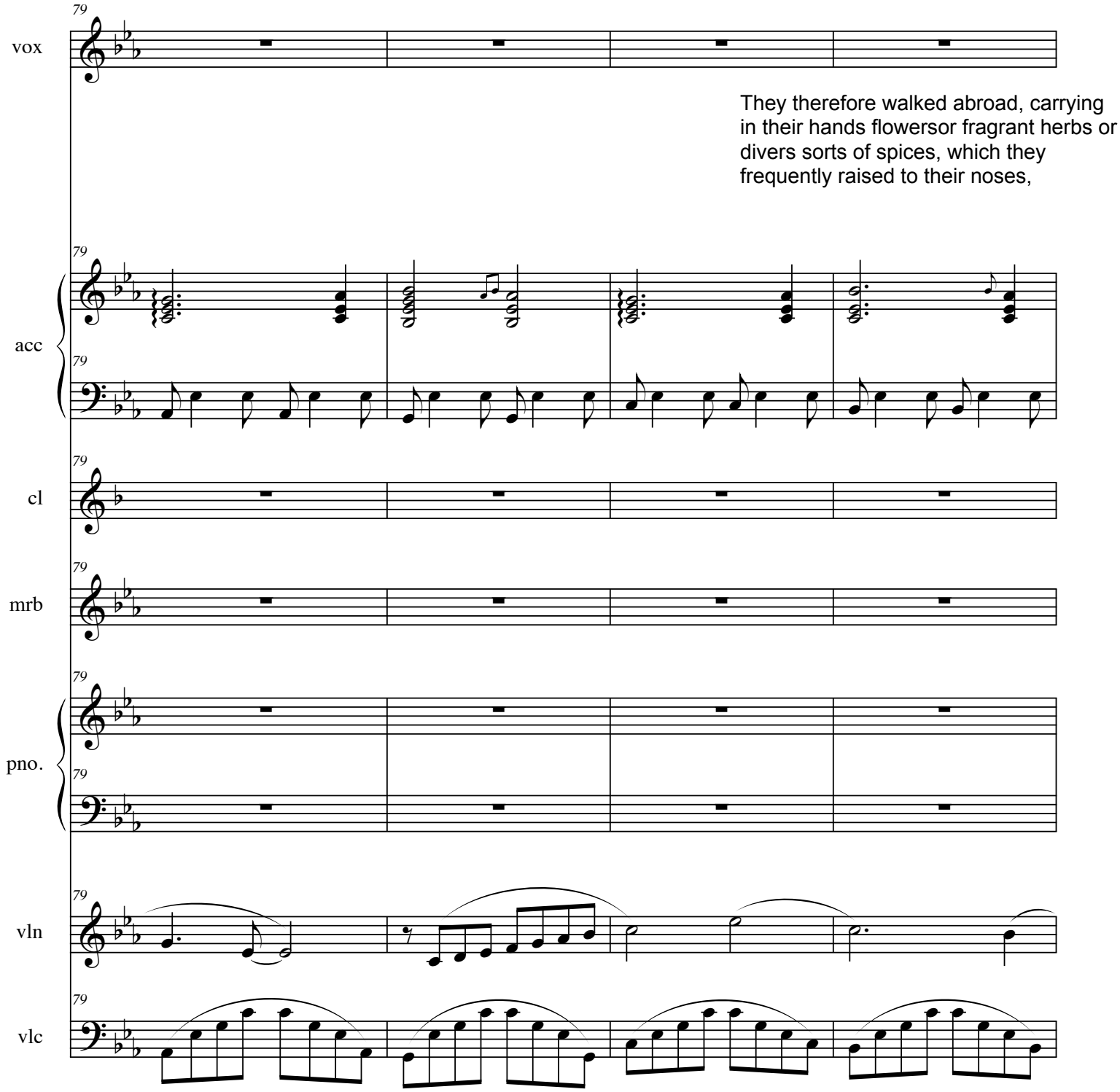
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They therefore walked abroad, carrying in their hands flowersor fragrant herbs or divers sorts of spices, which they frequently raised to their noses,
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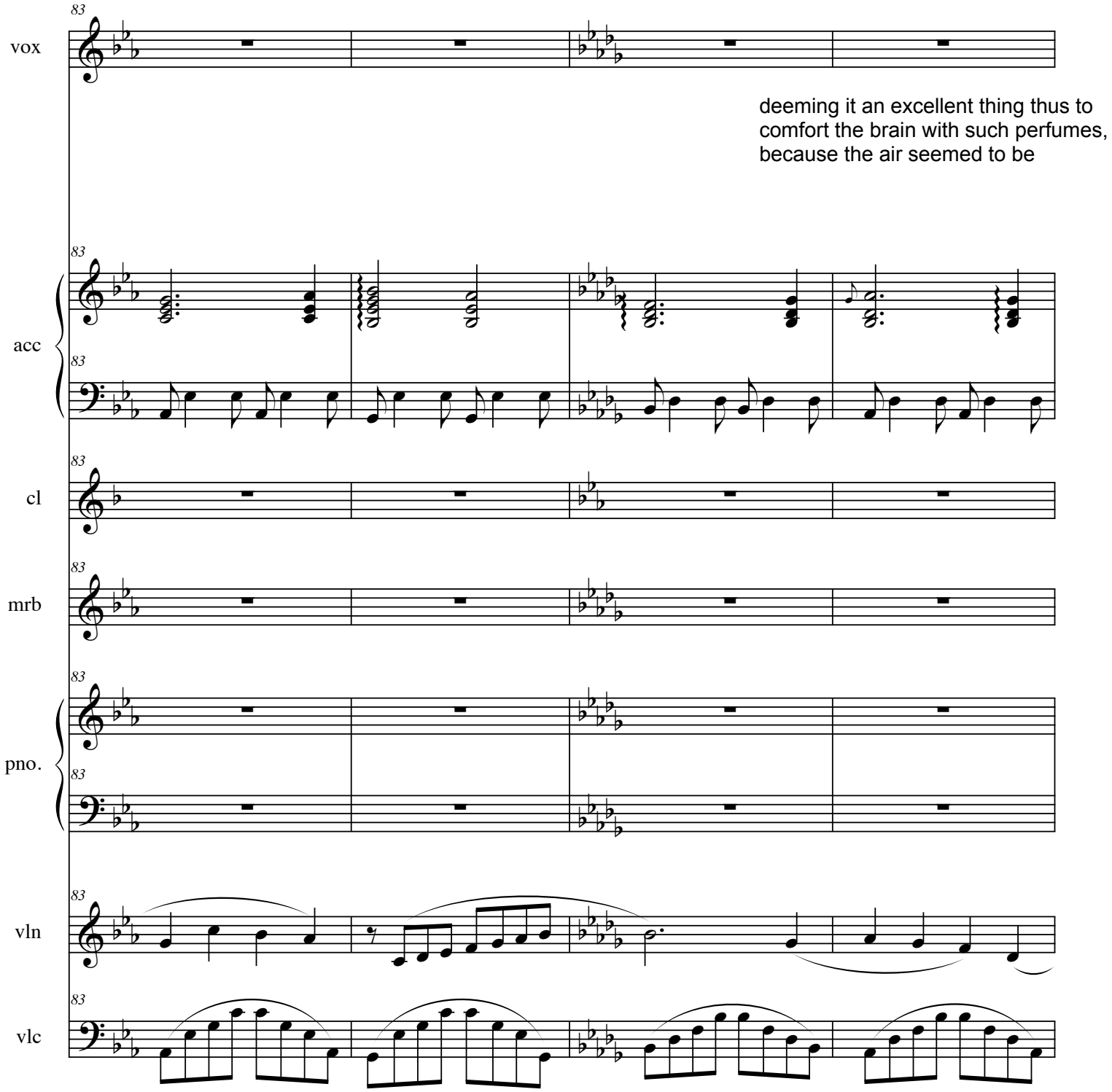
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deeming it an excellent thing thus to
comfort the brain with such perfumes,
because the air seemed to be
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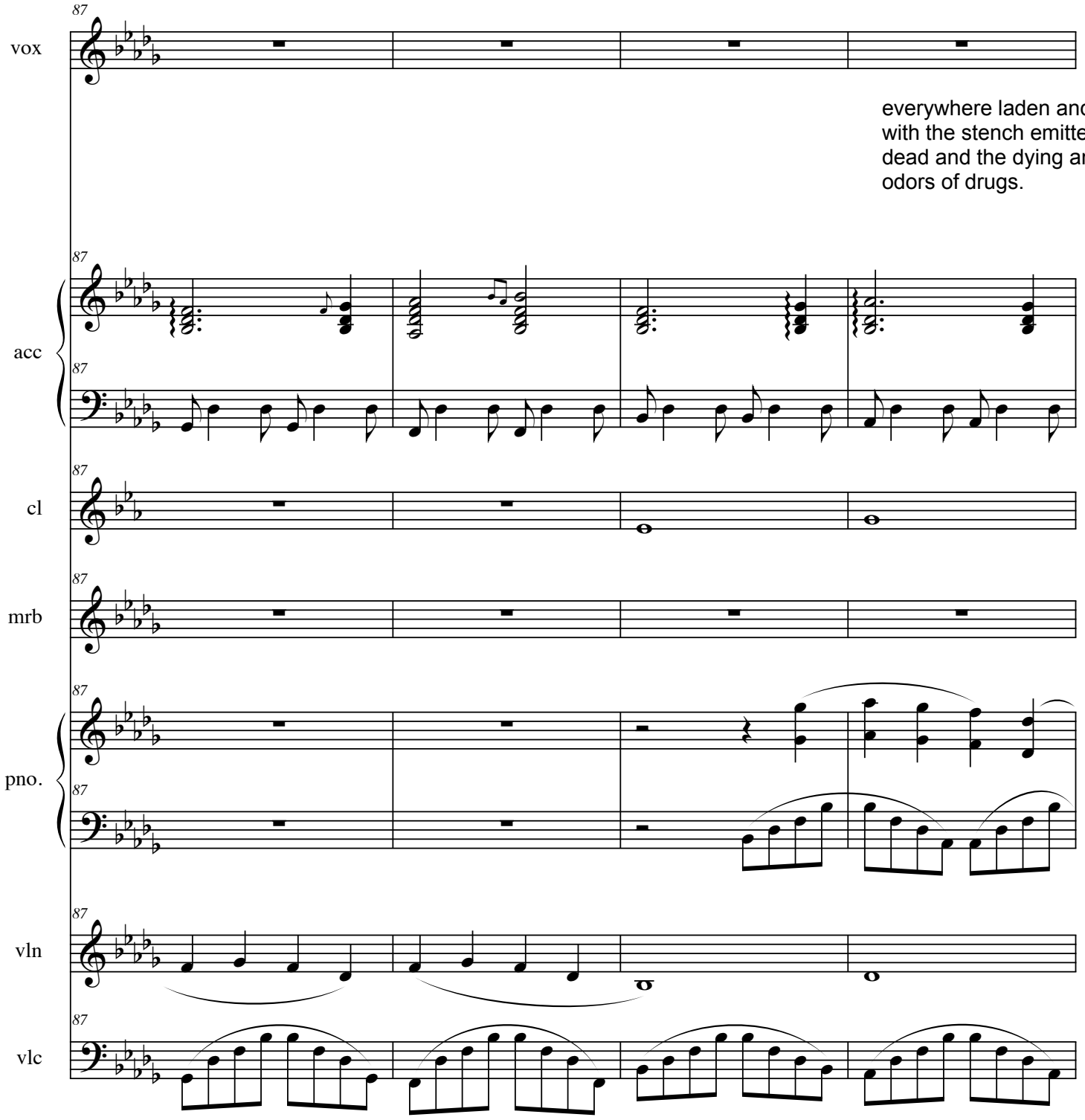
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everywhere laden and reekin
with the stench emitted by th
dead and the dying and the
odors of drugs.
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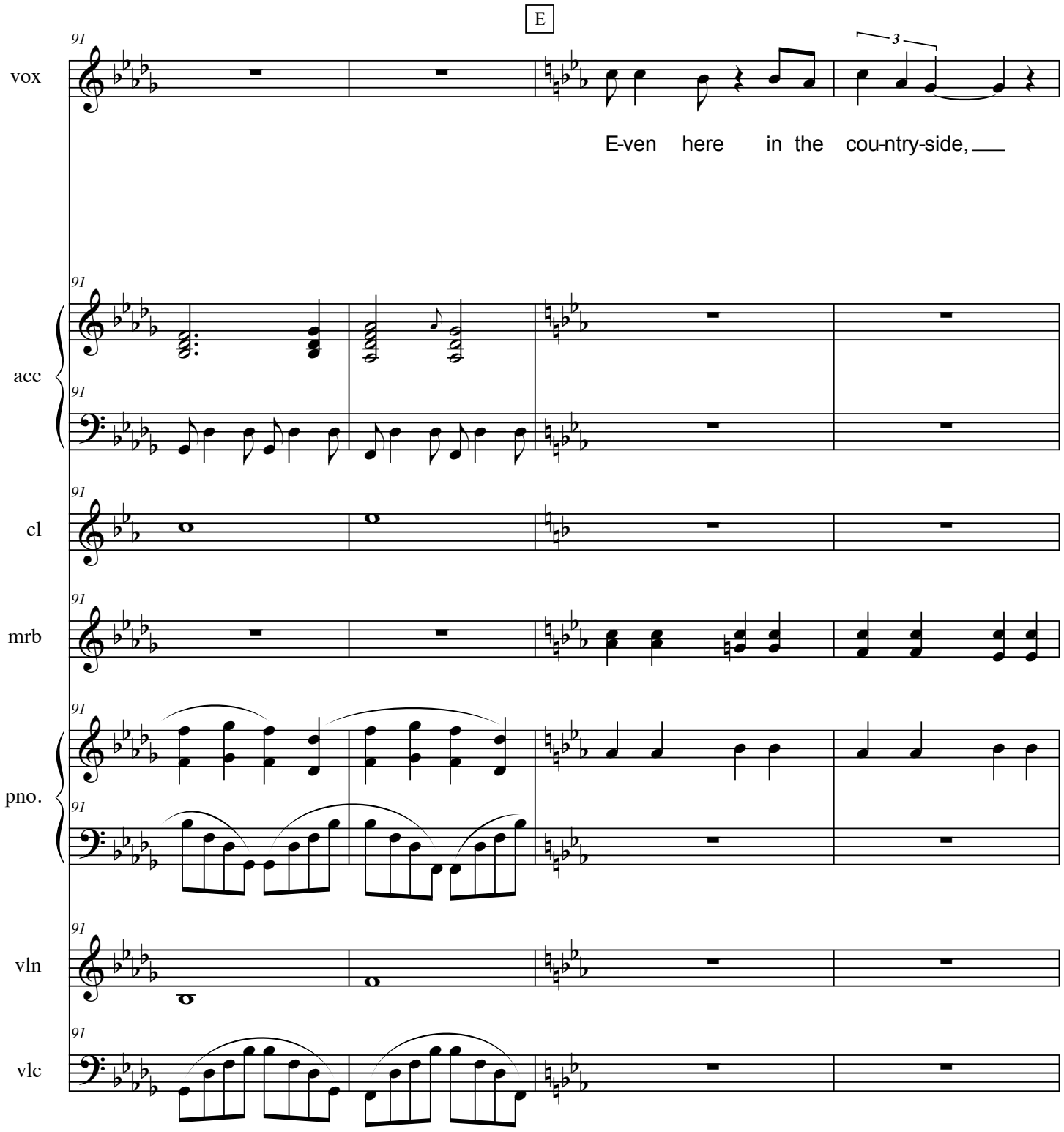
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E-ven here in the cou-ntry-side,
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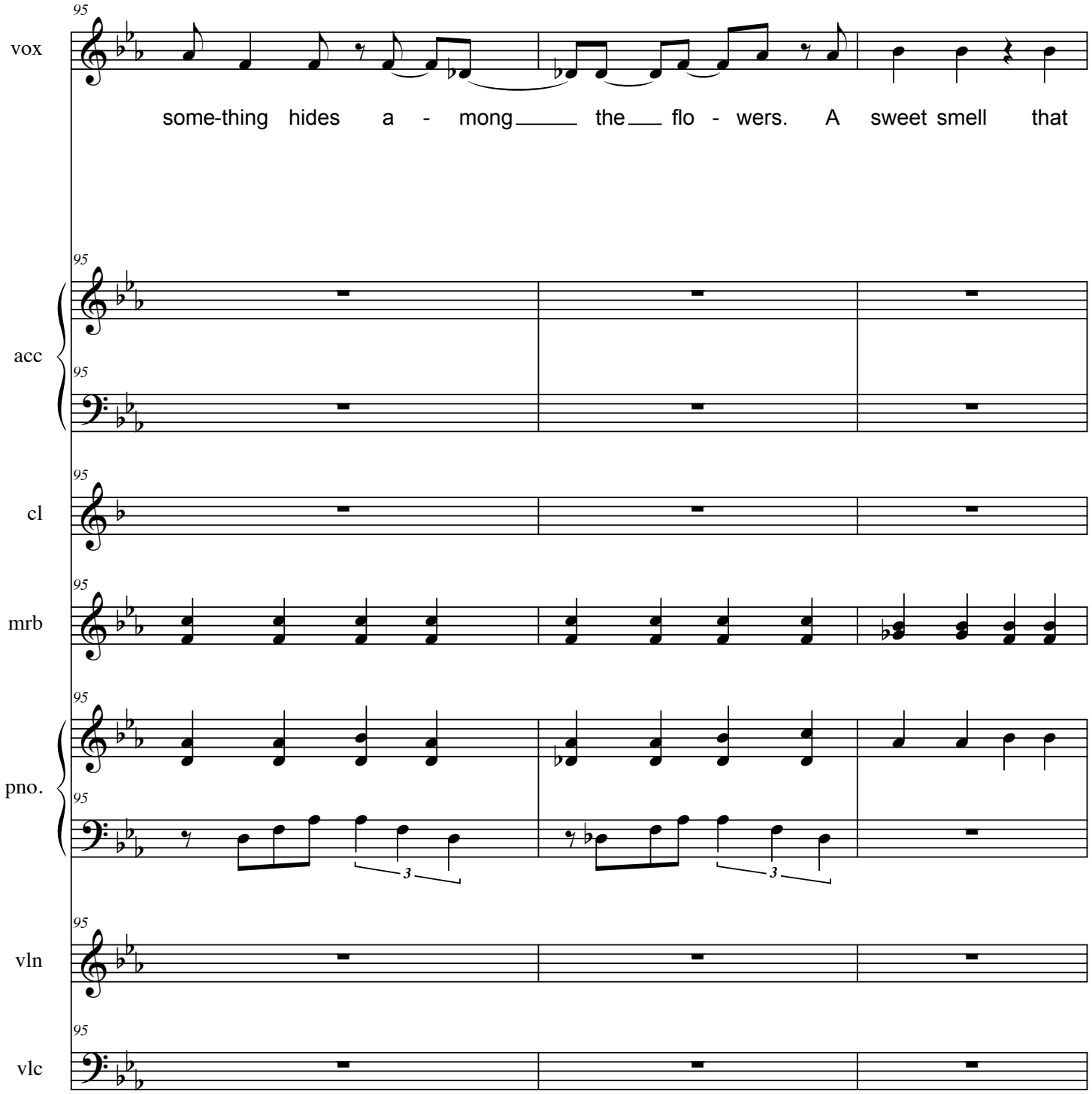
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some-thing hides a - mong the flo - wers. A sweet smell that
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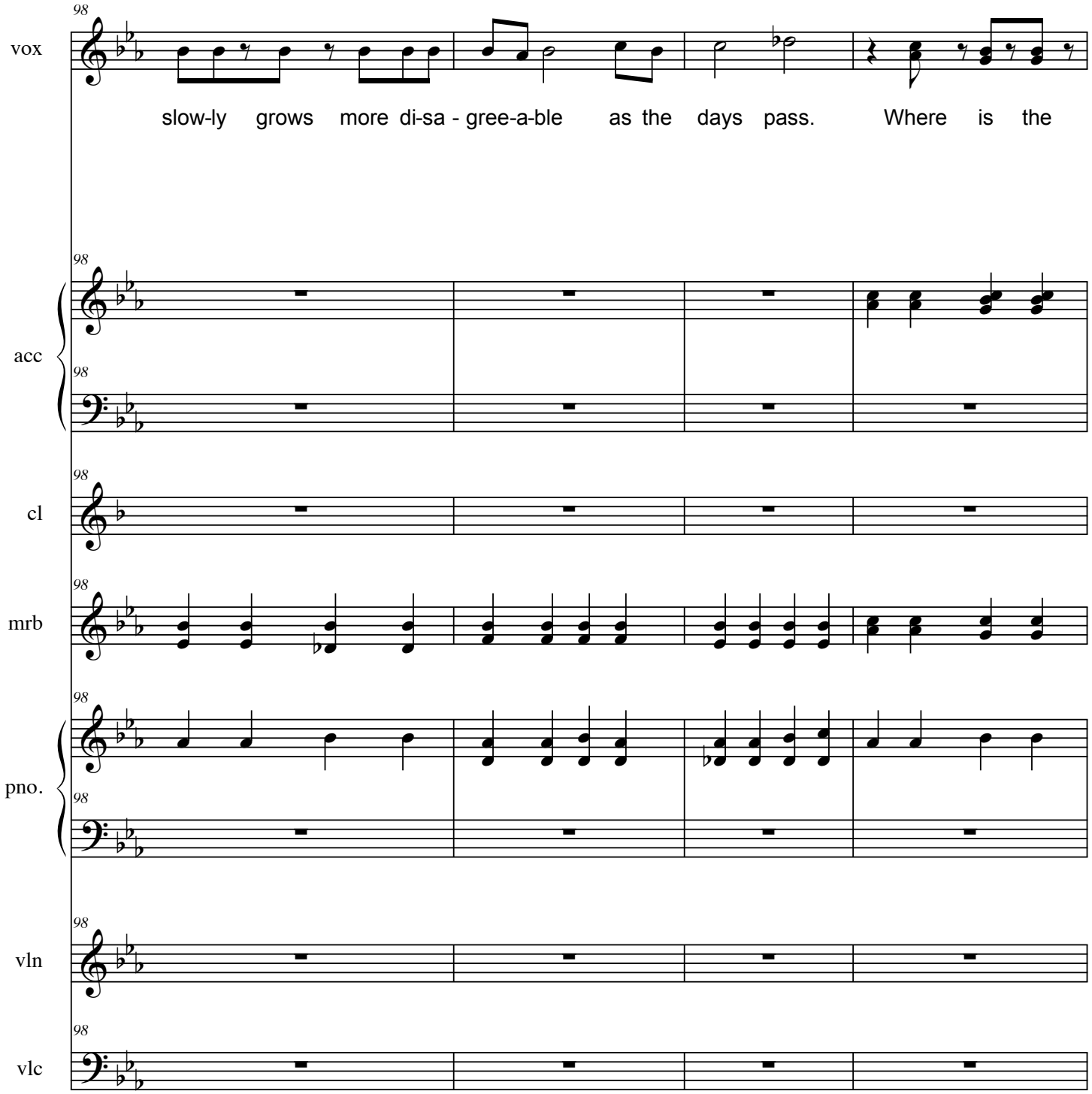
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slow-ly grows more di-sa - gree-a-ble as the days pass. Where is the
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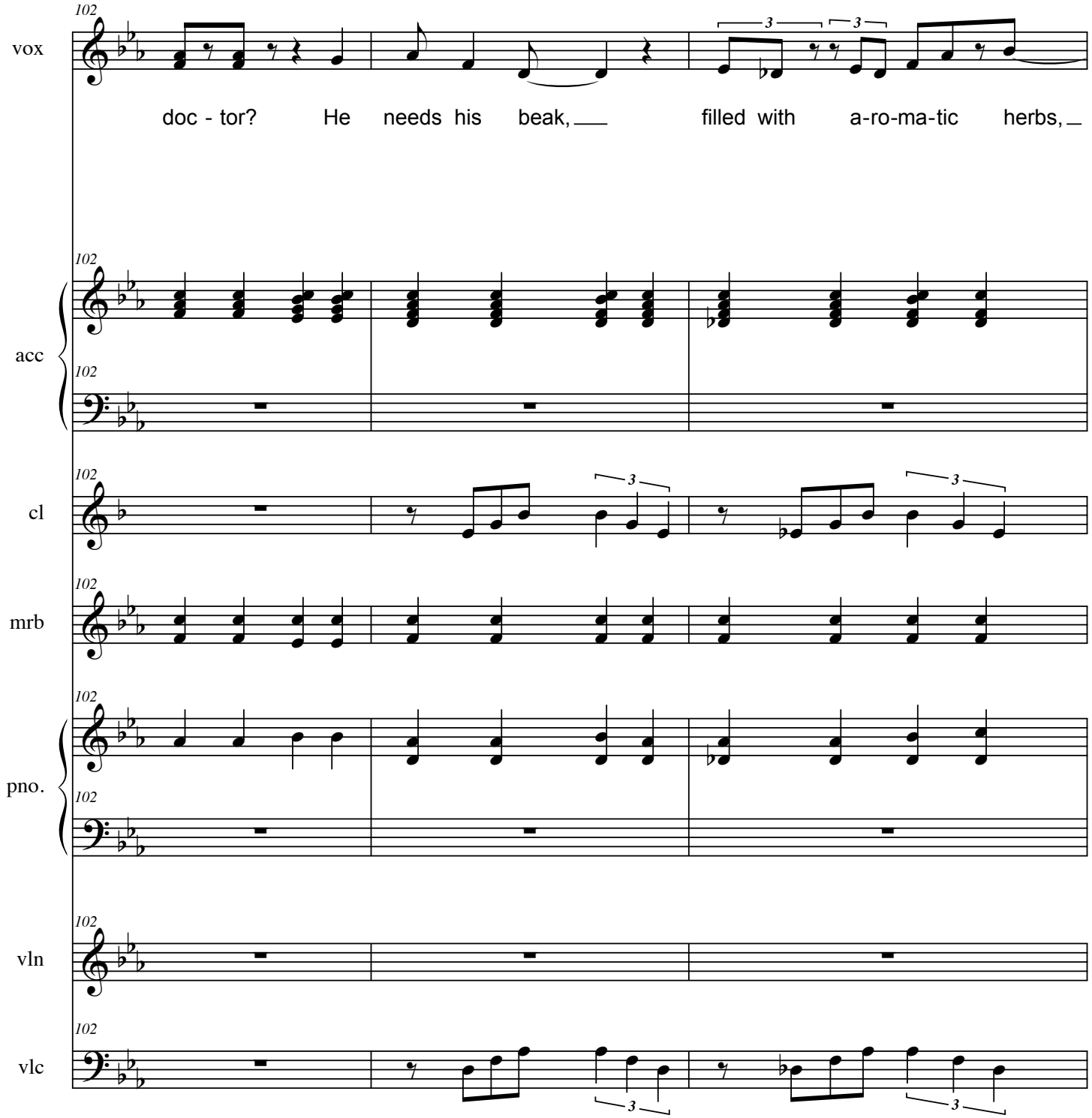
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doc - tor? He needs his beak, filled with a-ro-ma-tic herbs,
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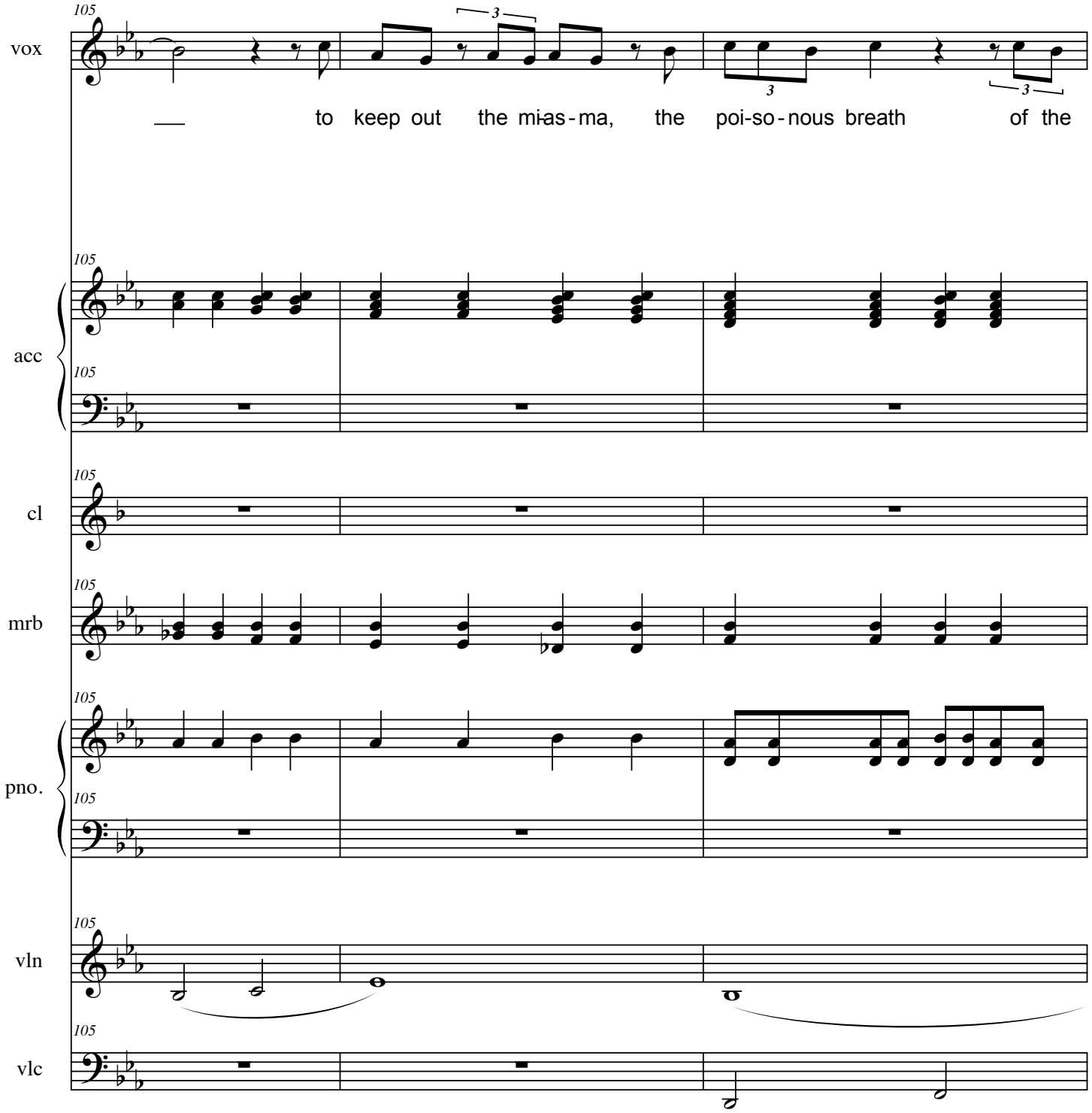
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___ to keep out the mi-as-ma, the poi-so-nous breath of the
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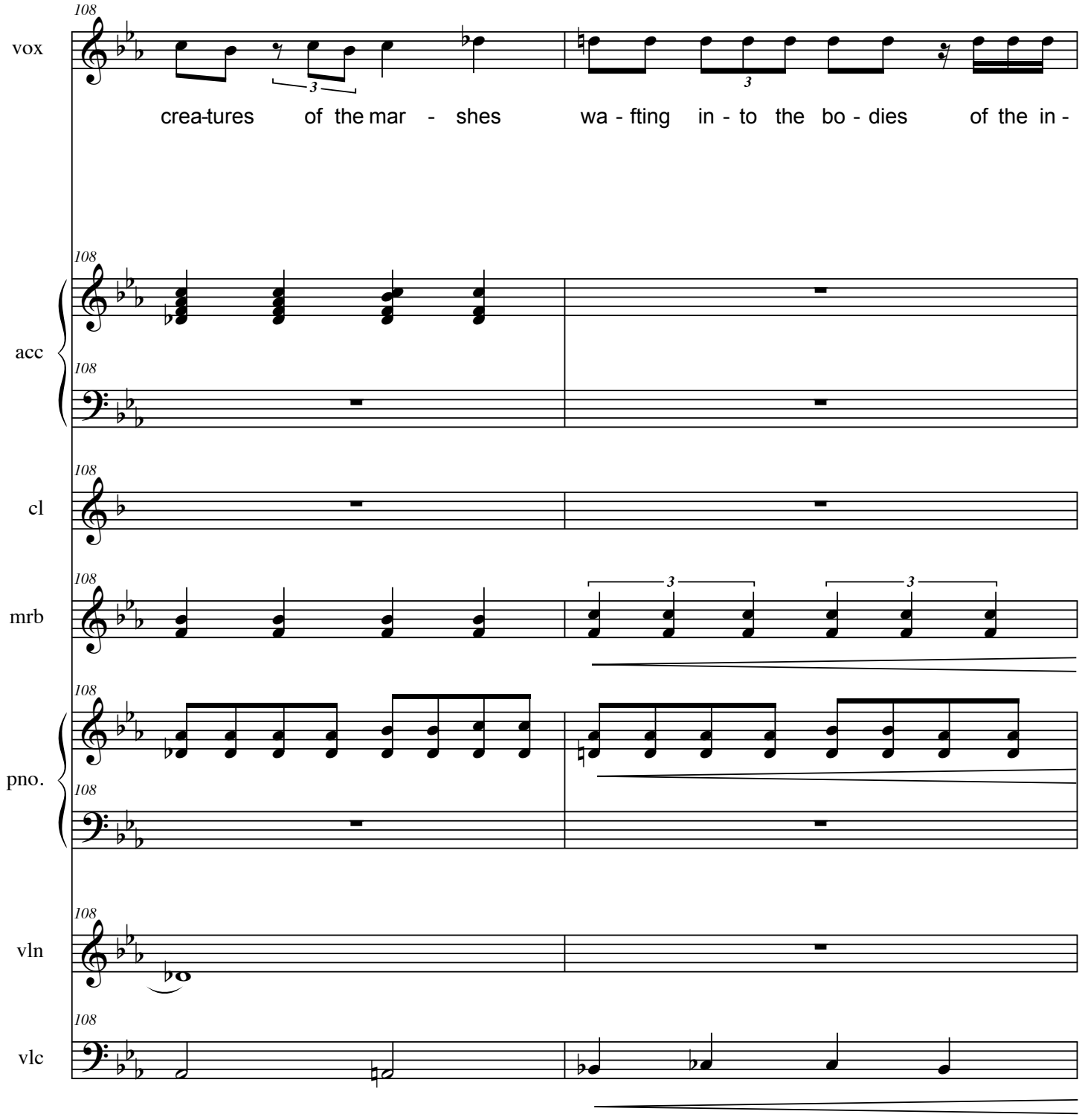
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creatures of the marshes wafting into the bodies of the in-
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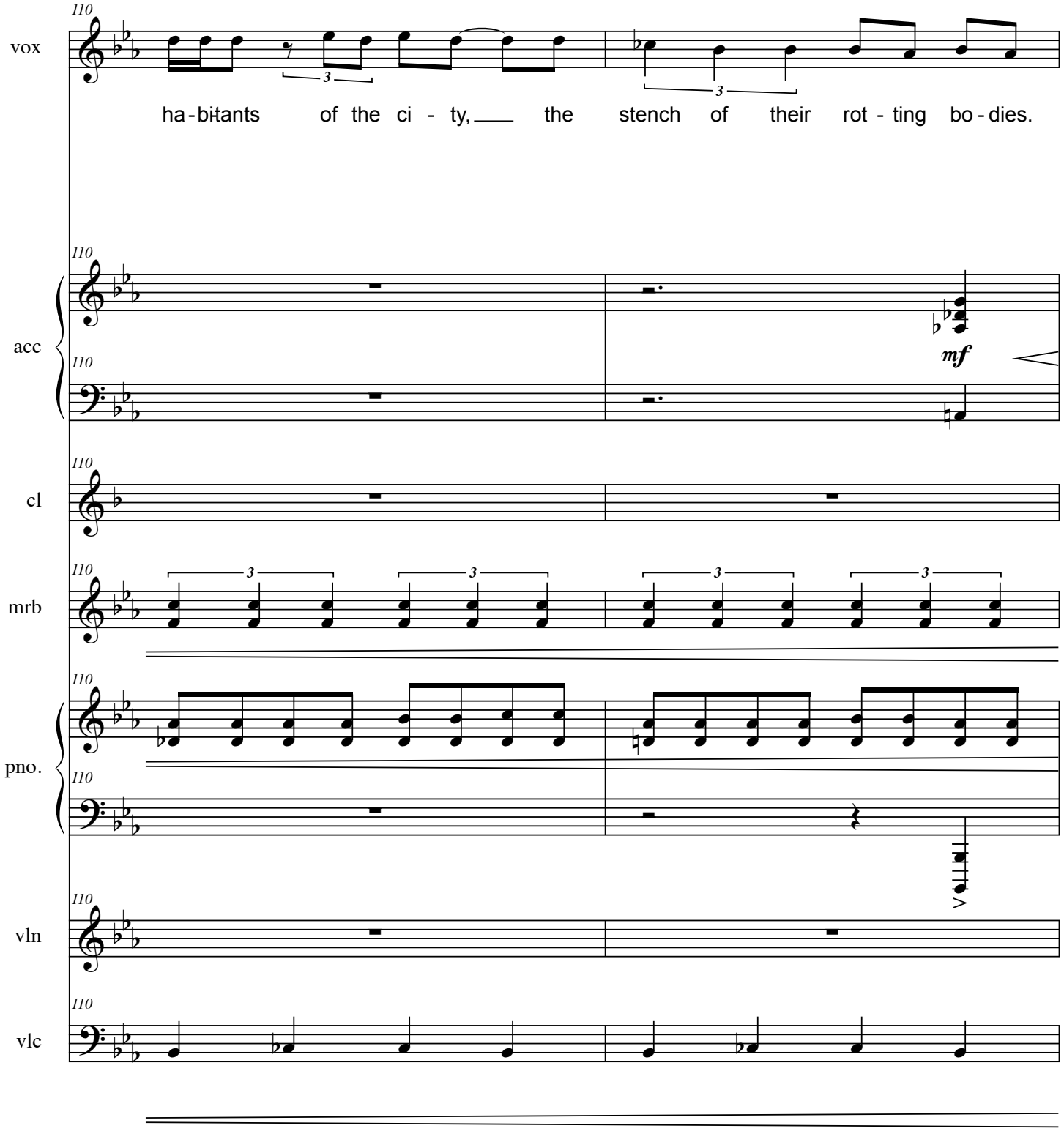
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ha - bi - tants of the ci - ty, the stench of their rot - ting bo - dies.
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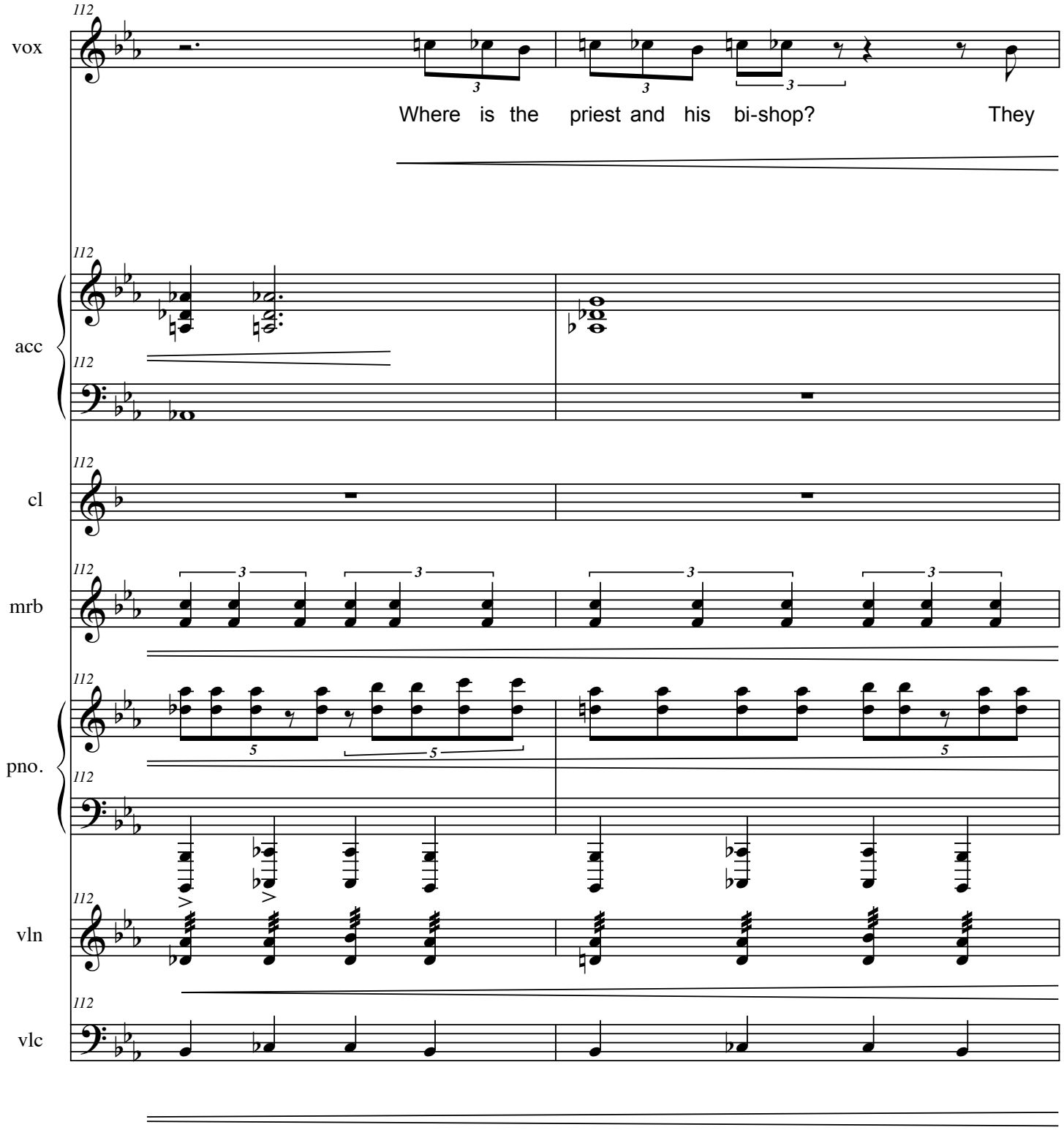
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Where is the priest and his bi-shop? They
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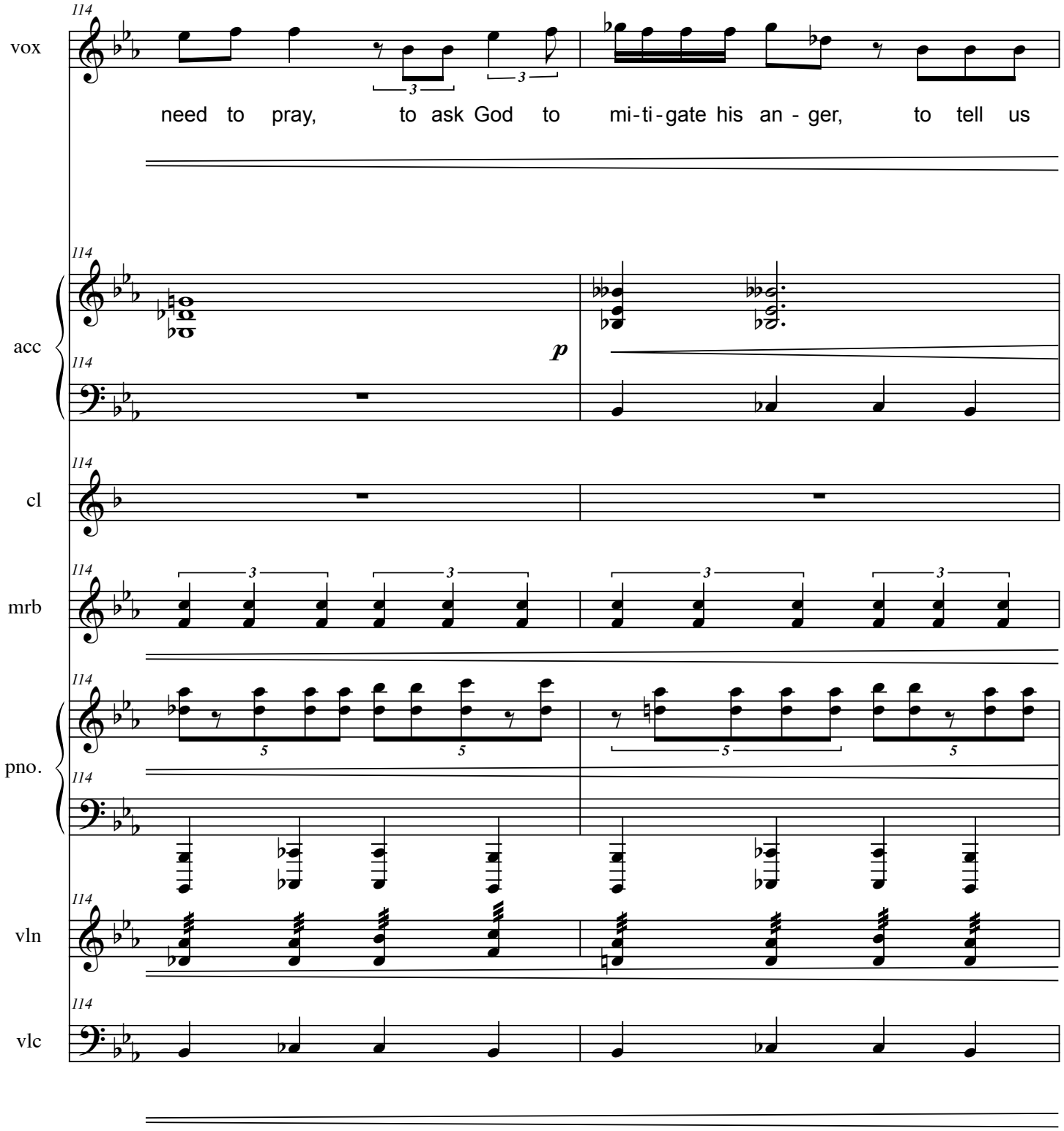
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need to pray, to ask God to mi-ti-gate his an-ger, to tell us
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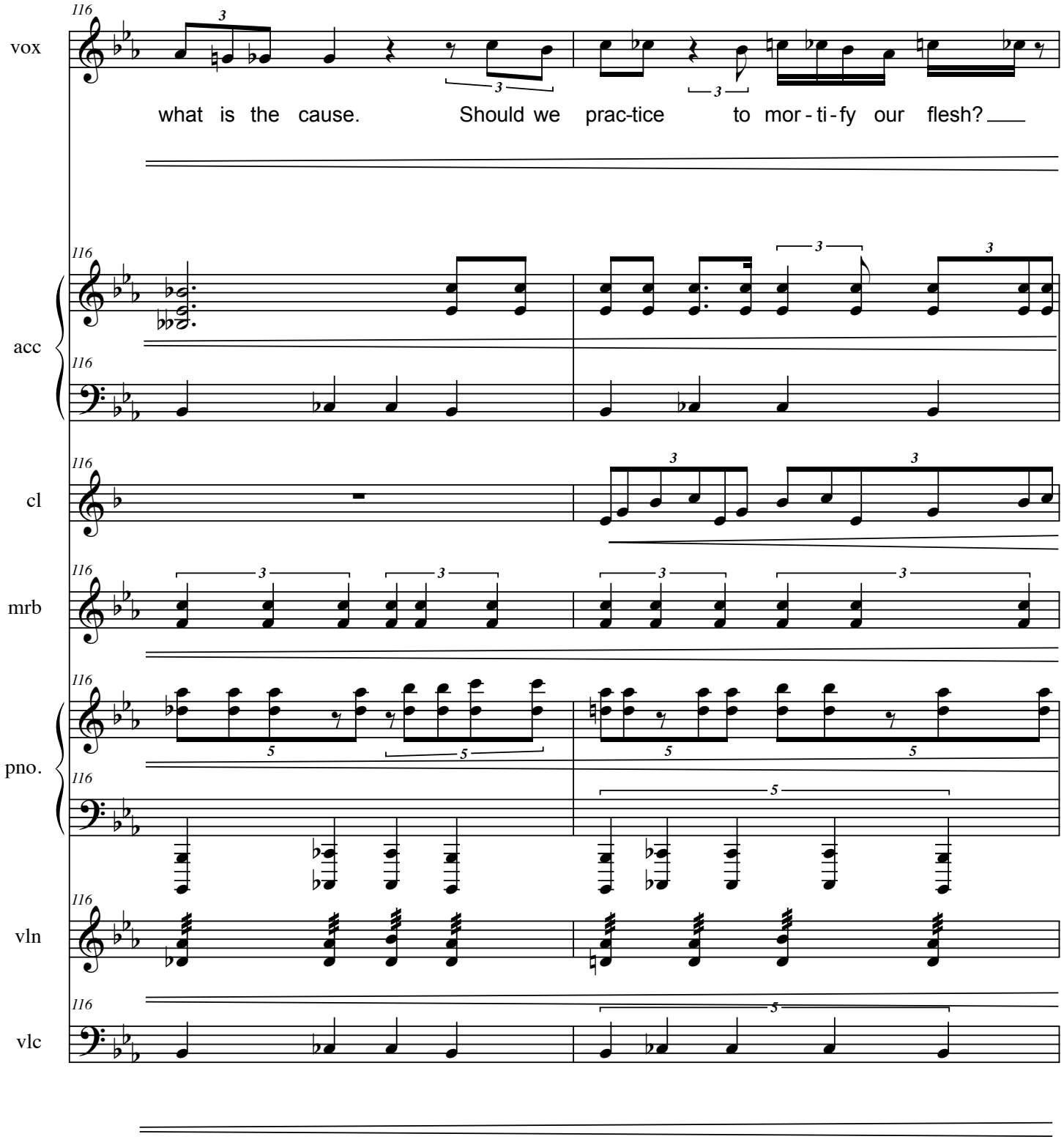
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what is the cause. Should we prac-tice to mor-ti-fy our flesh?
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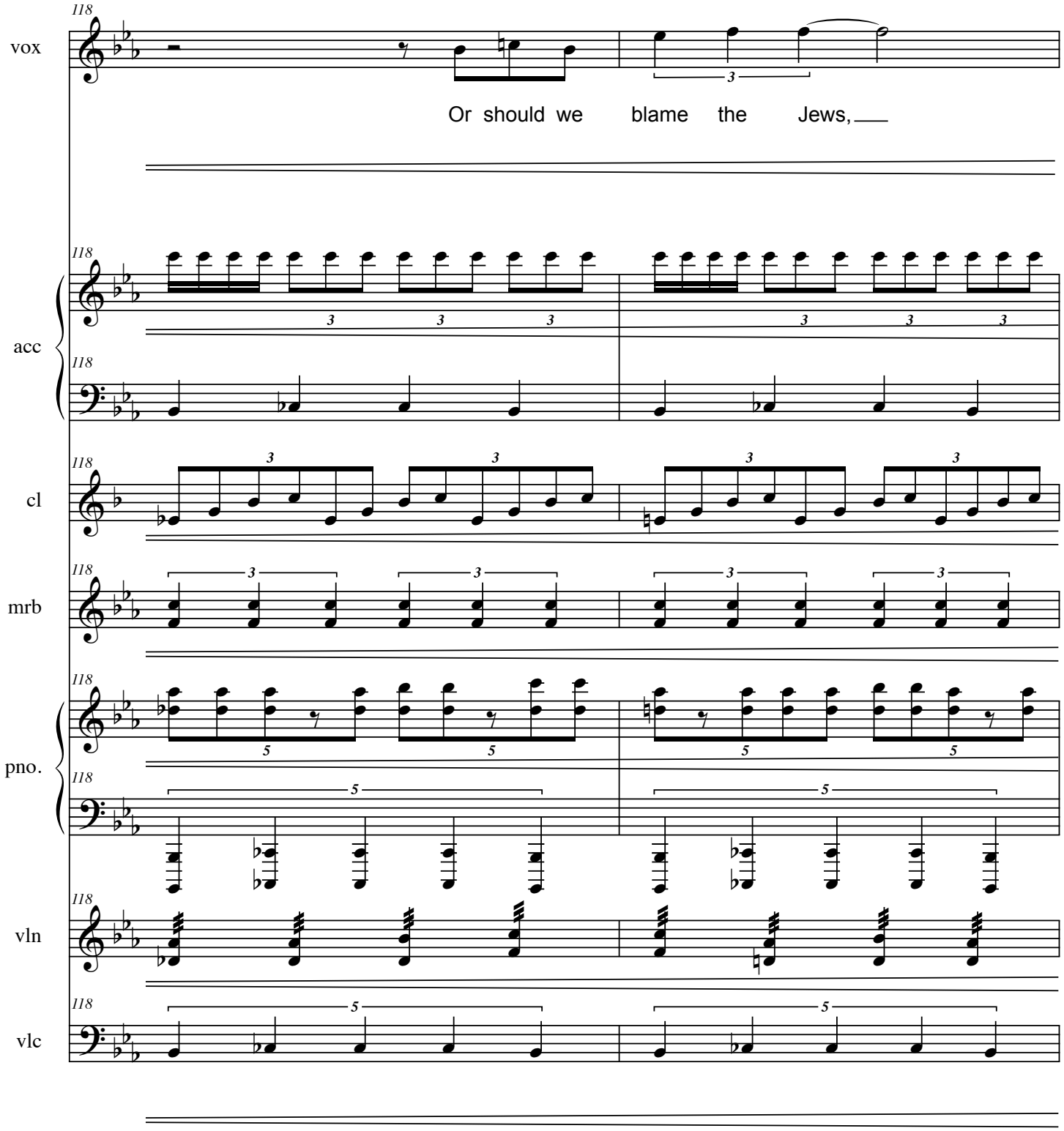
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Or should we blame the Jews,
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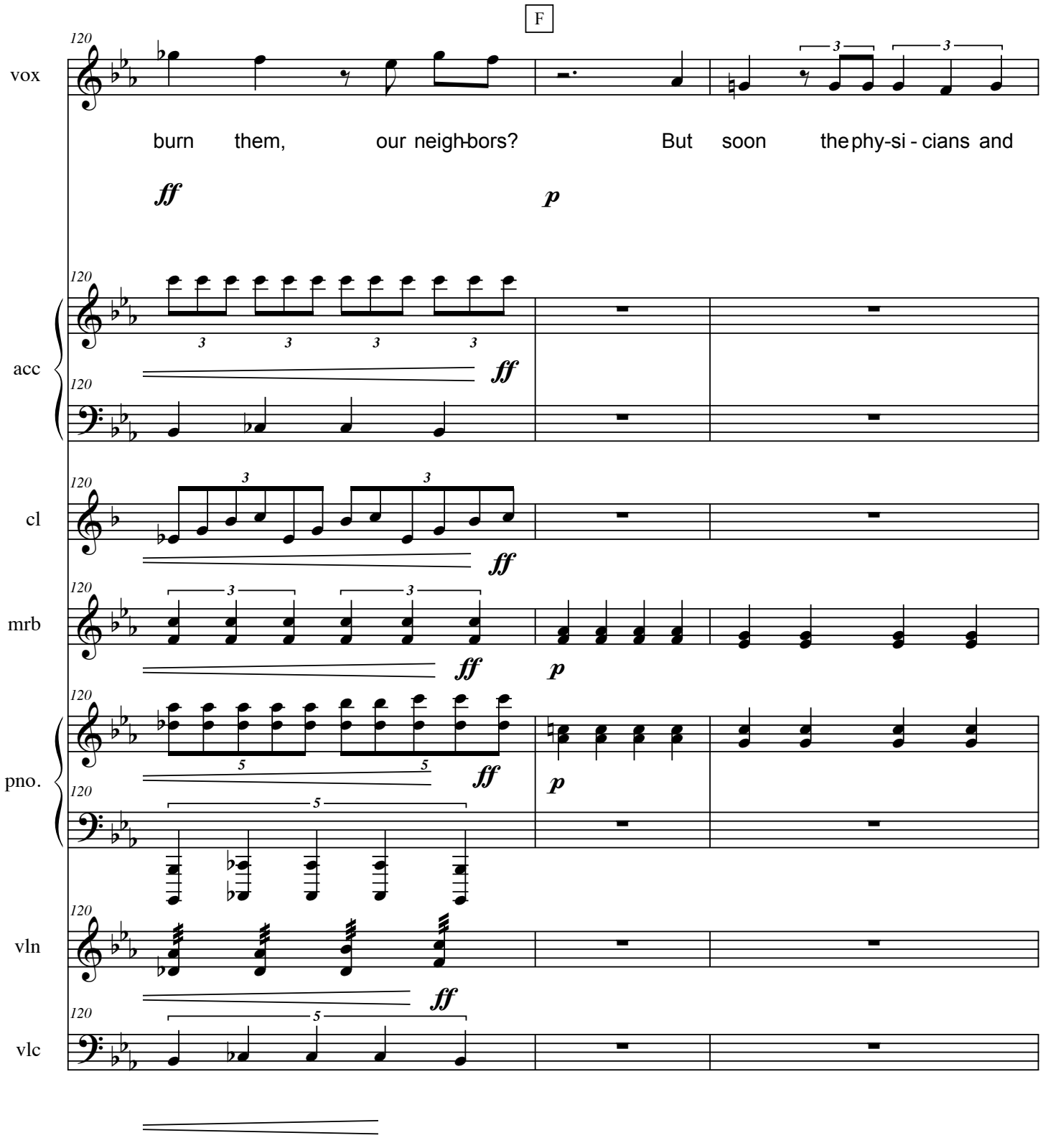
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burn them, our neigh-bors? But soon the phy-si - cians and
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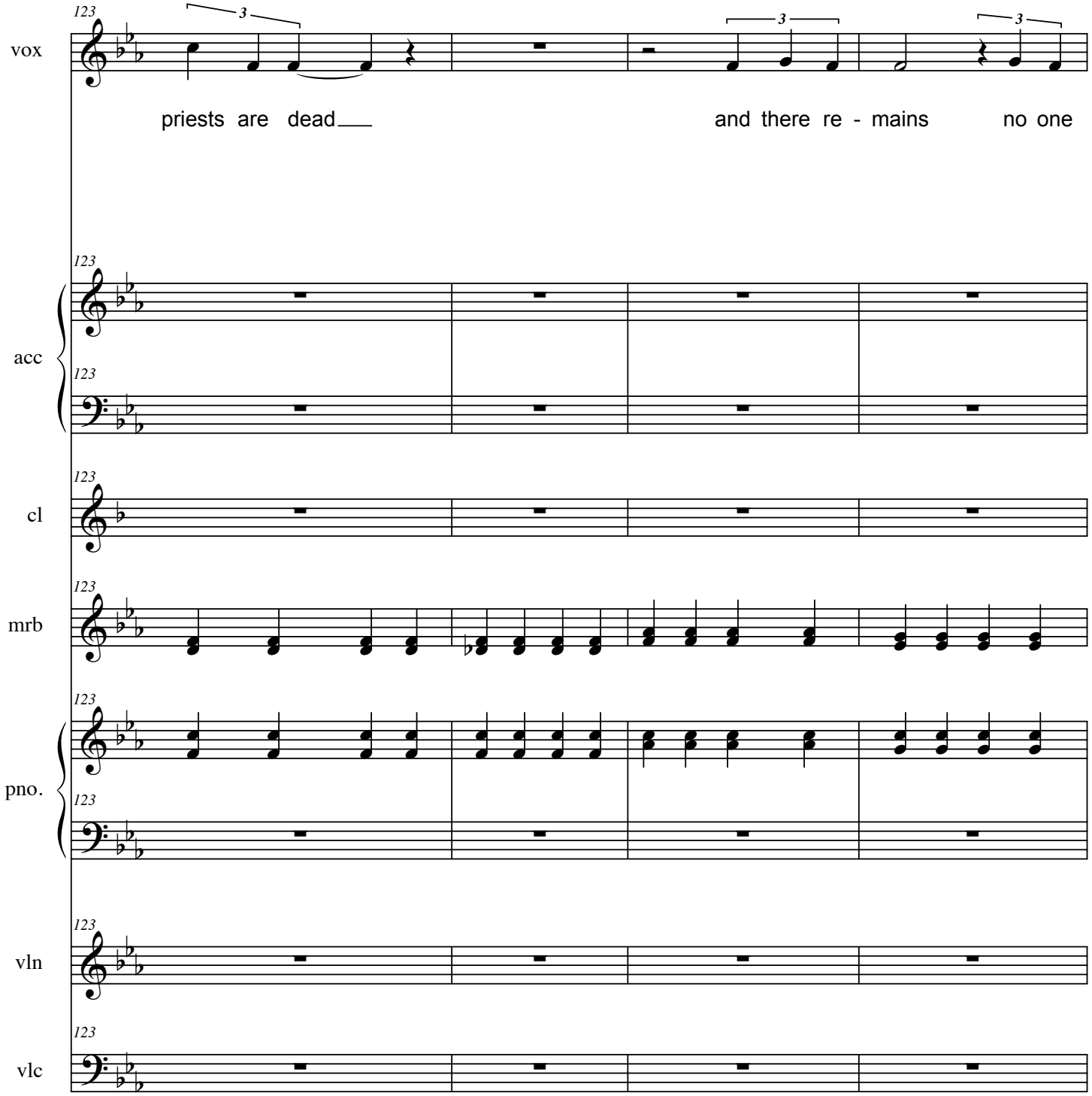
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priests are dead
and there re - mains no one
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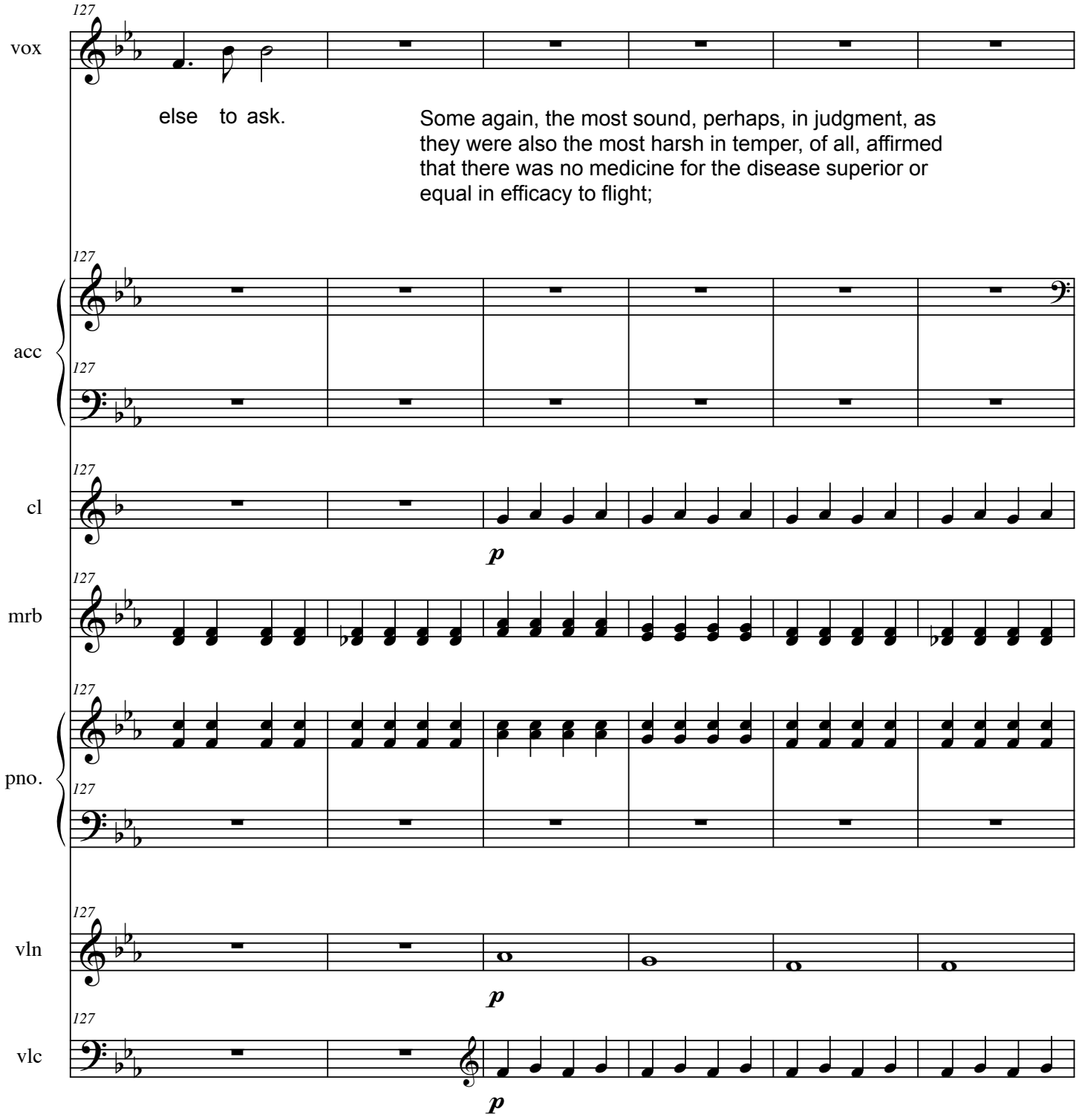
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else to ask.
Some again, the most sound, perhaps, in judgment, as they were also the most harsh in temper, of all, affirmed that there was no medicine for the disease superior or equal in efficacy to flight;
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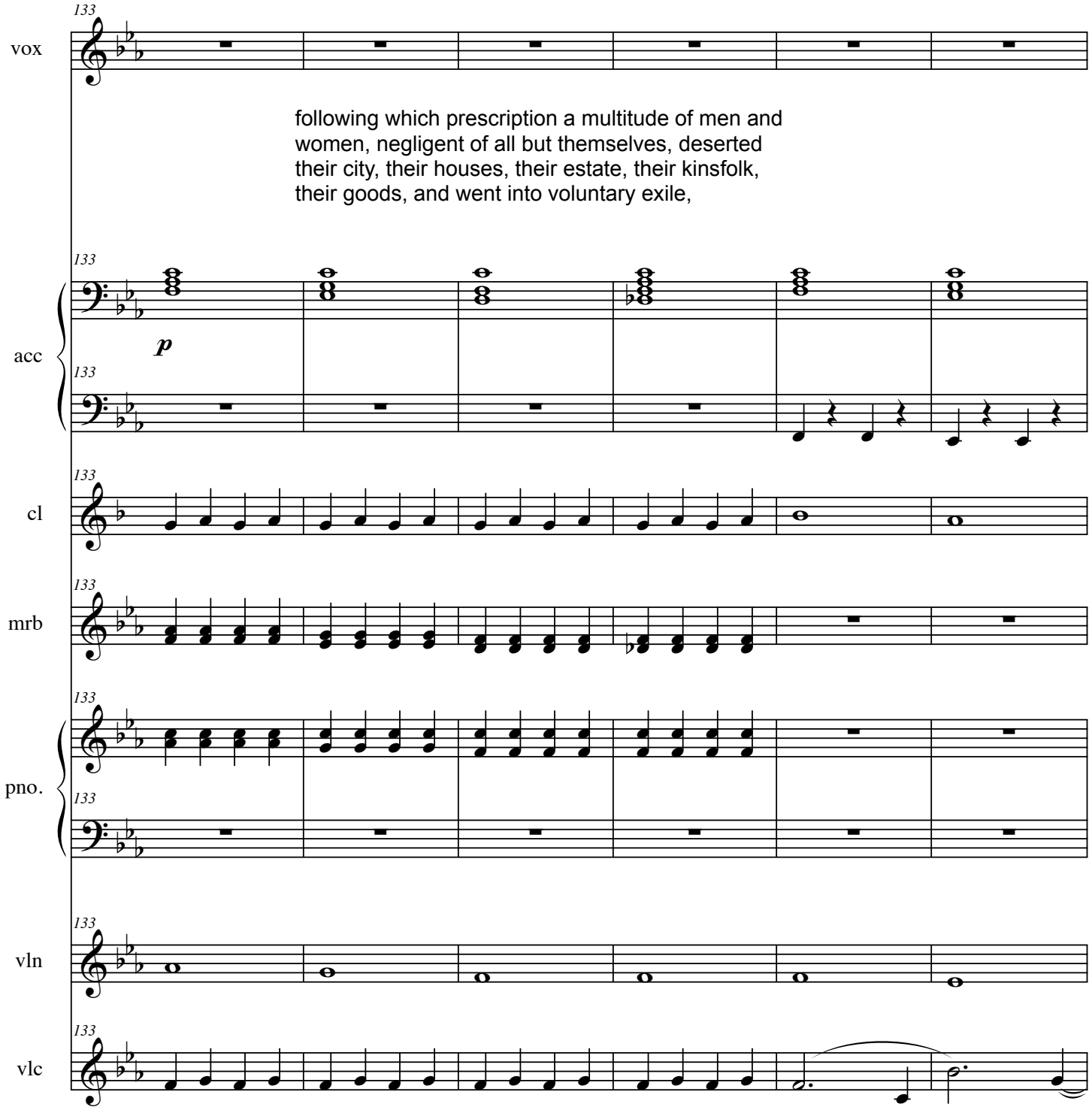
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following which prescription a multitude of men and
women, negligent of all but themselves, deserted
their city, their houses, their estate, their kinsfolk,
their goods, and went into voluntary exile,
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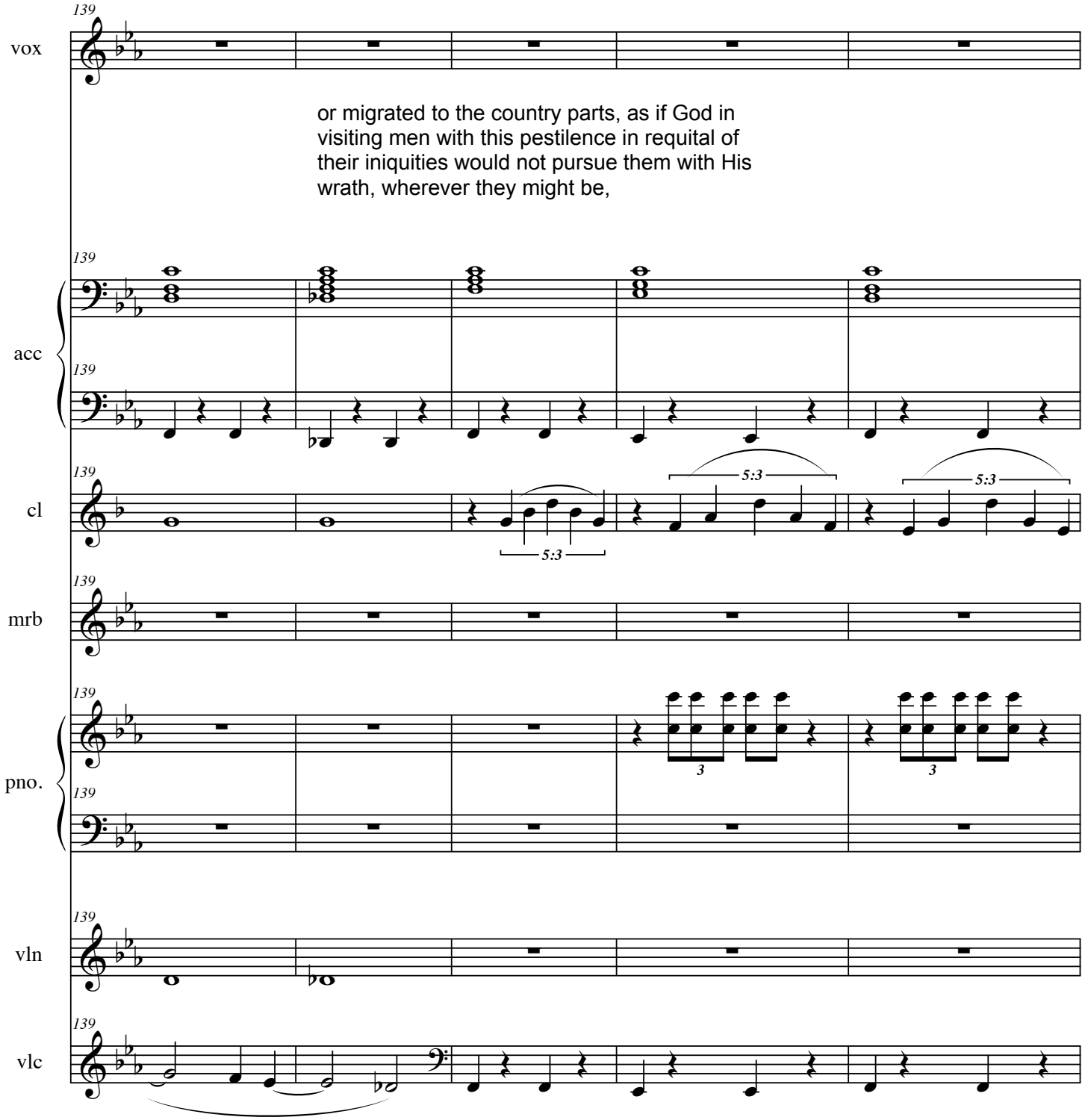
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or migrated to the country parts, as if God in visiting men with this pestilence in requital of their iniquities would not pursue them with His wrath, wherever they might be,
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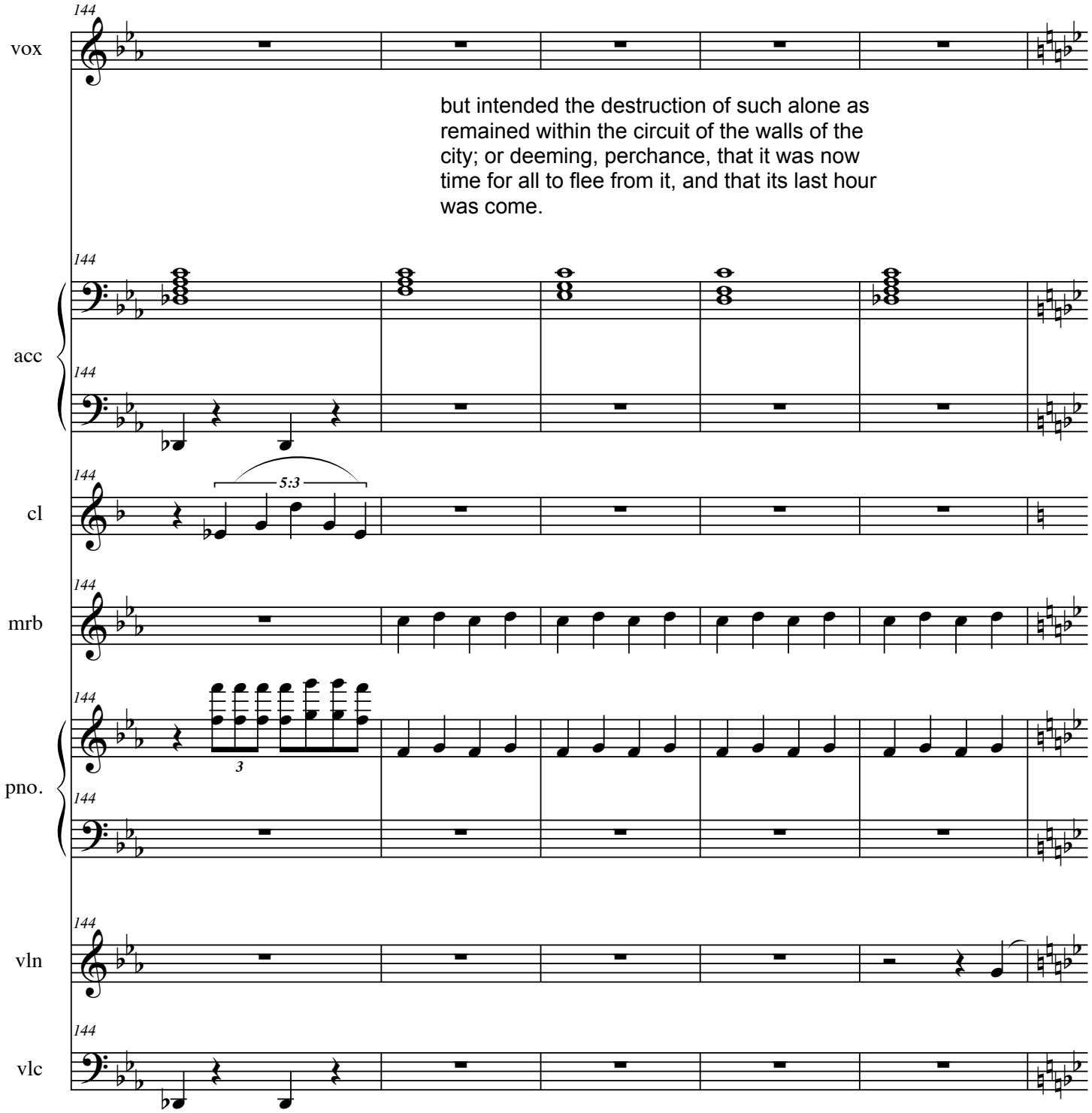
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but intended the destruction of such alone as remained within the circuit of the walls of the city; or deeming, perchance, that it was now time for all to flee from it, and that its last hour was come.
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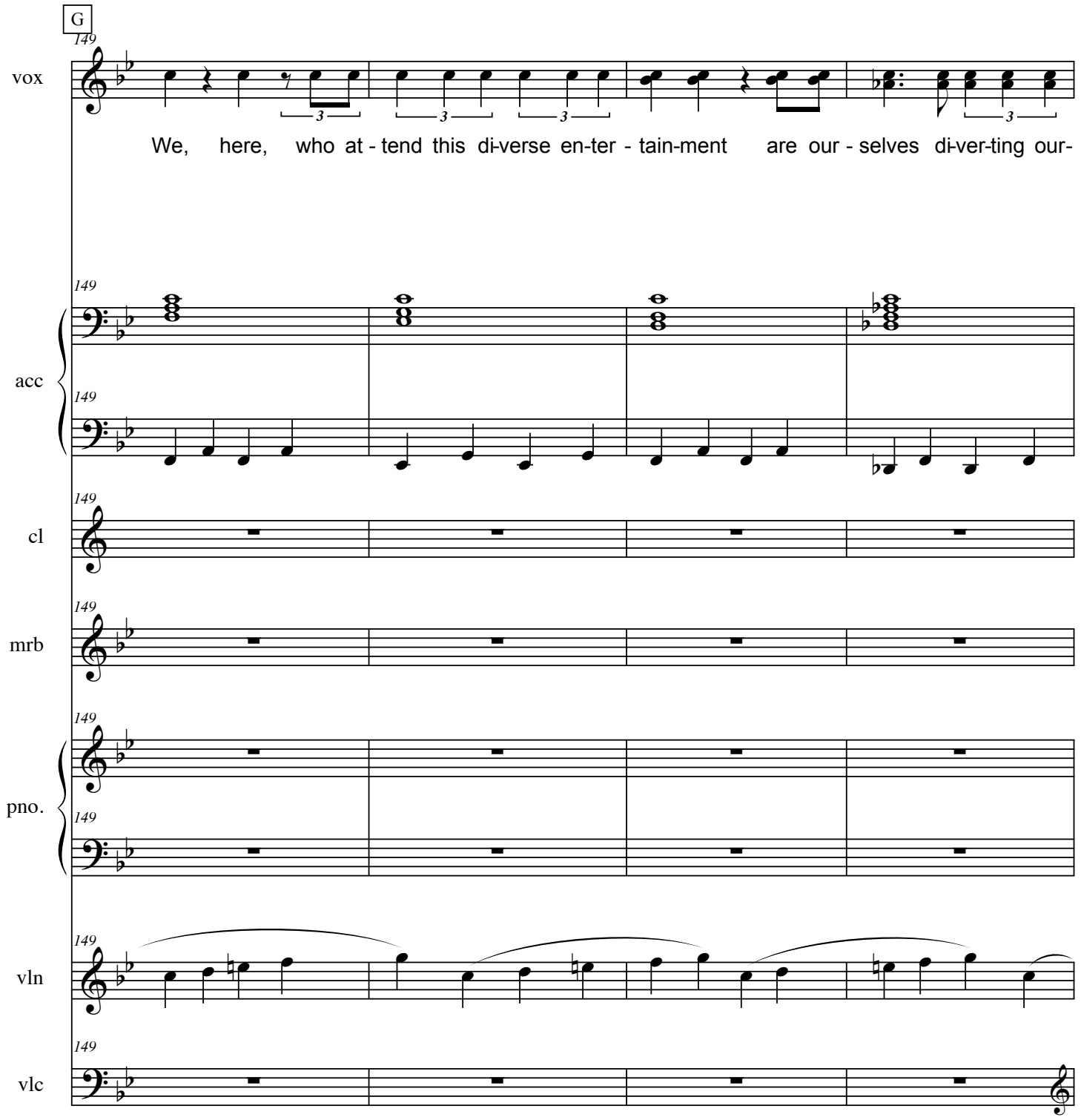
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We, here, who at - tend this di-verse en-ter - tain-ment are our - selves di-ver-ting our-
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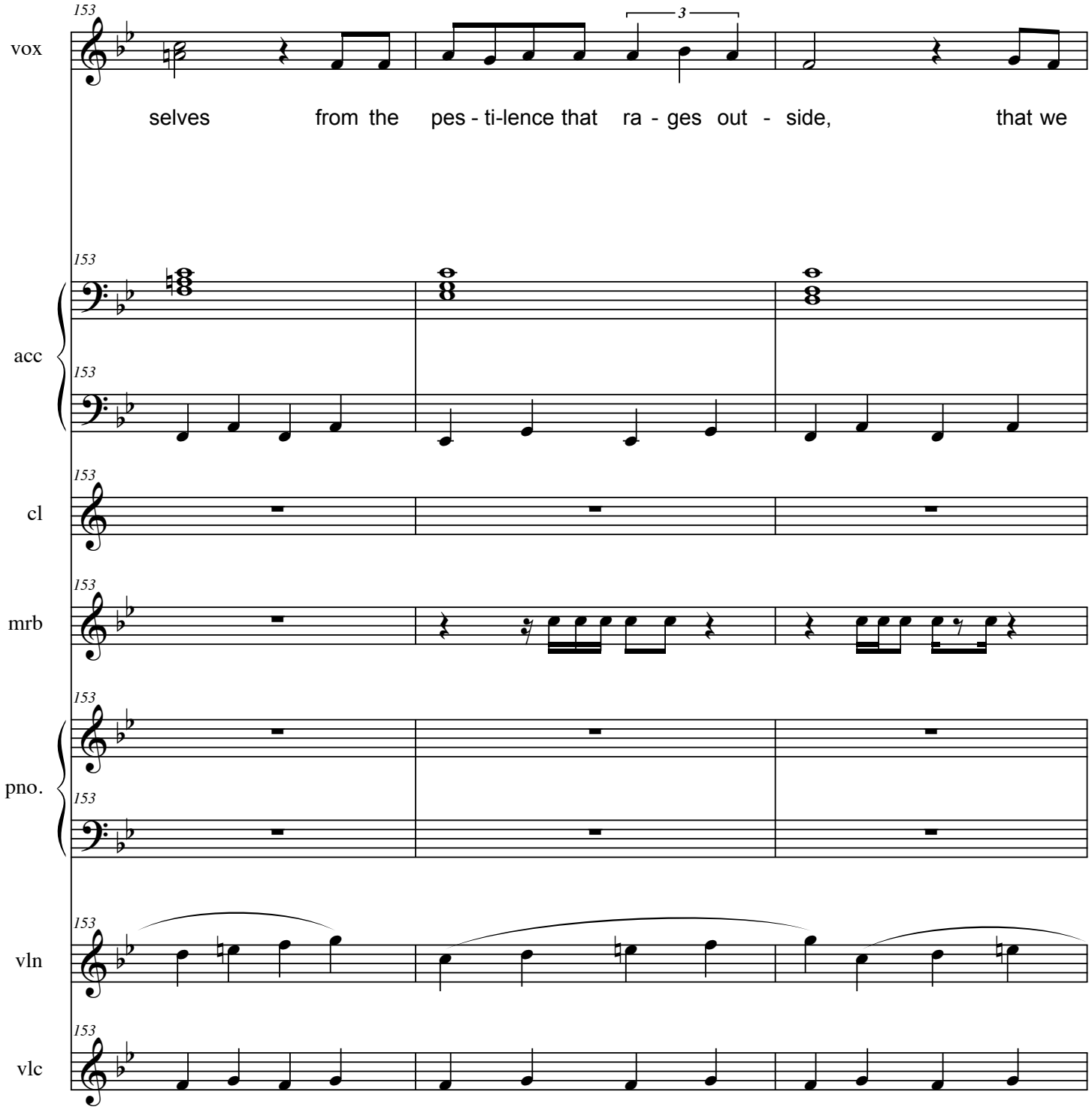
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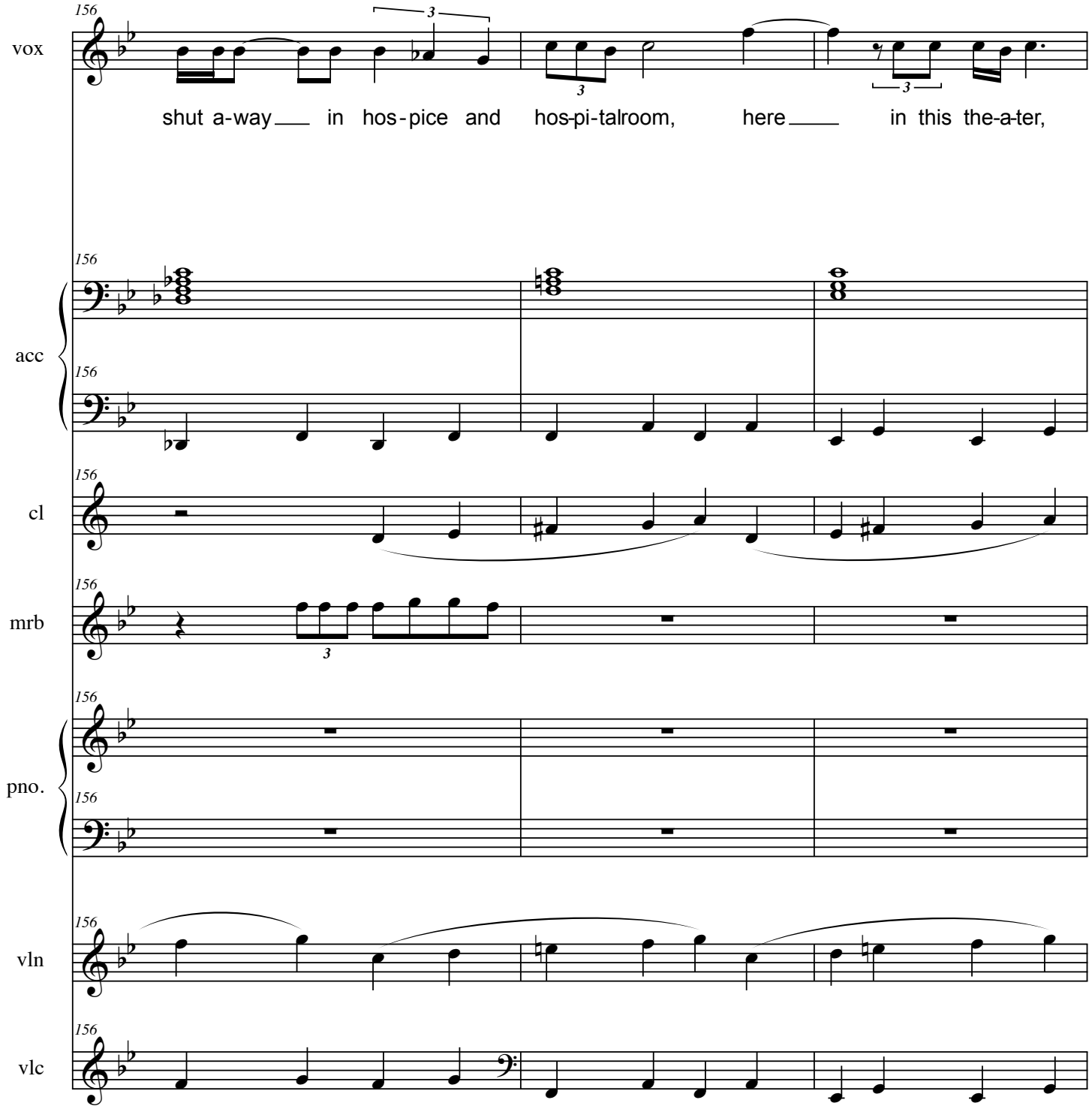
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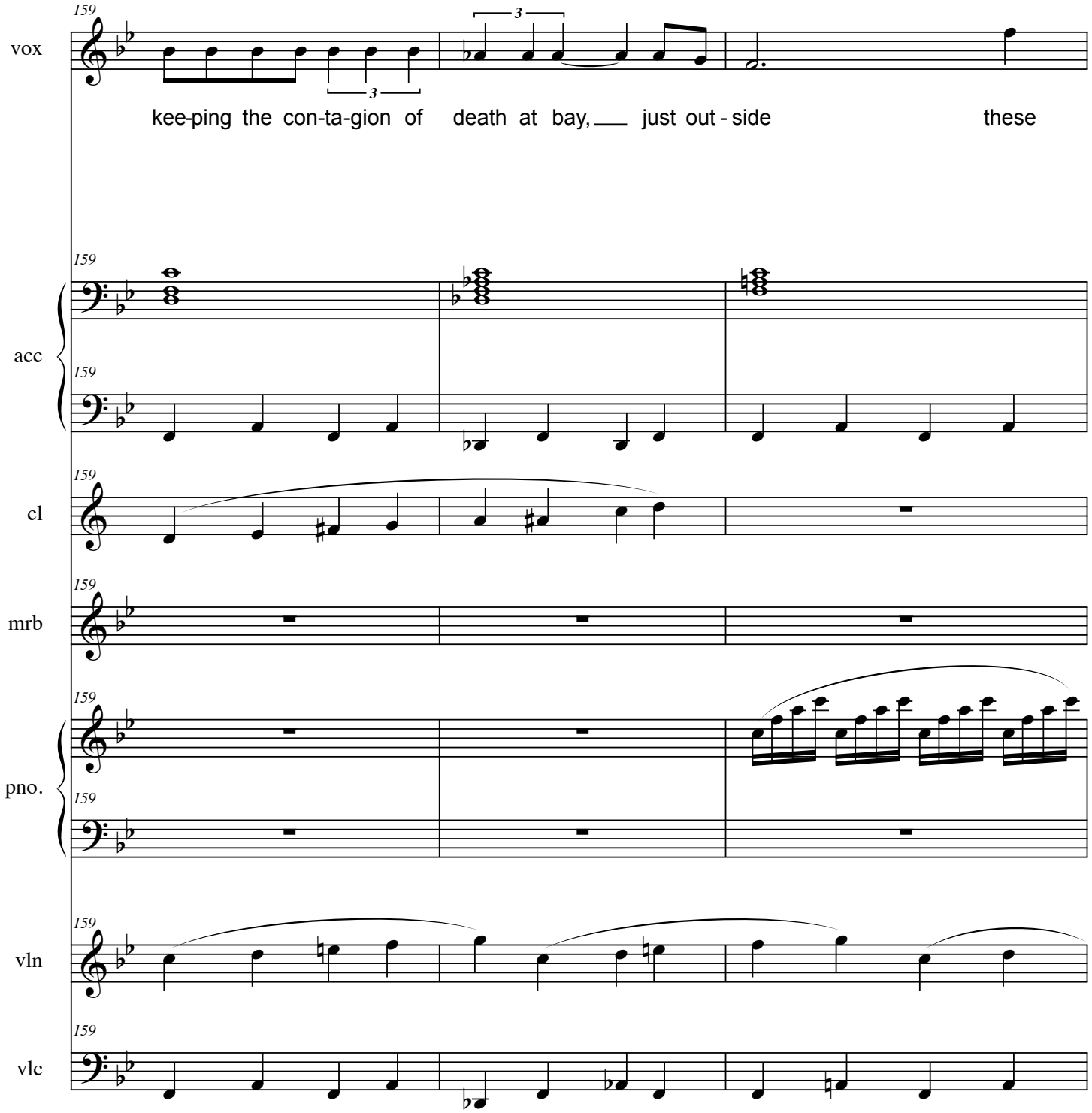
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kee-ping the con-ta-gion of death at bay, just out - side these
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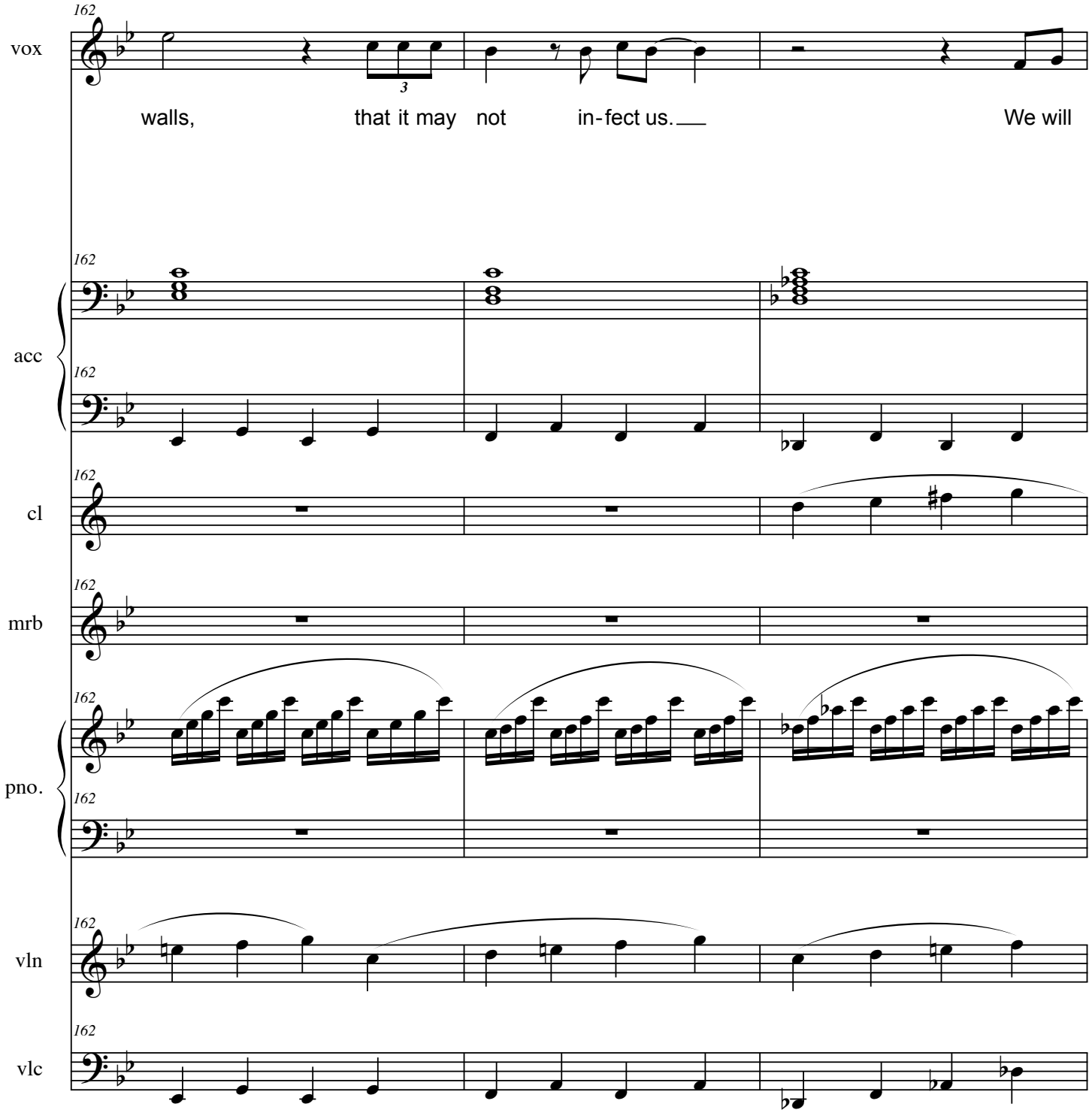
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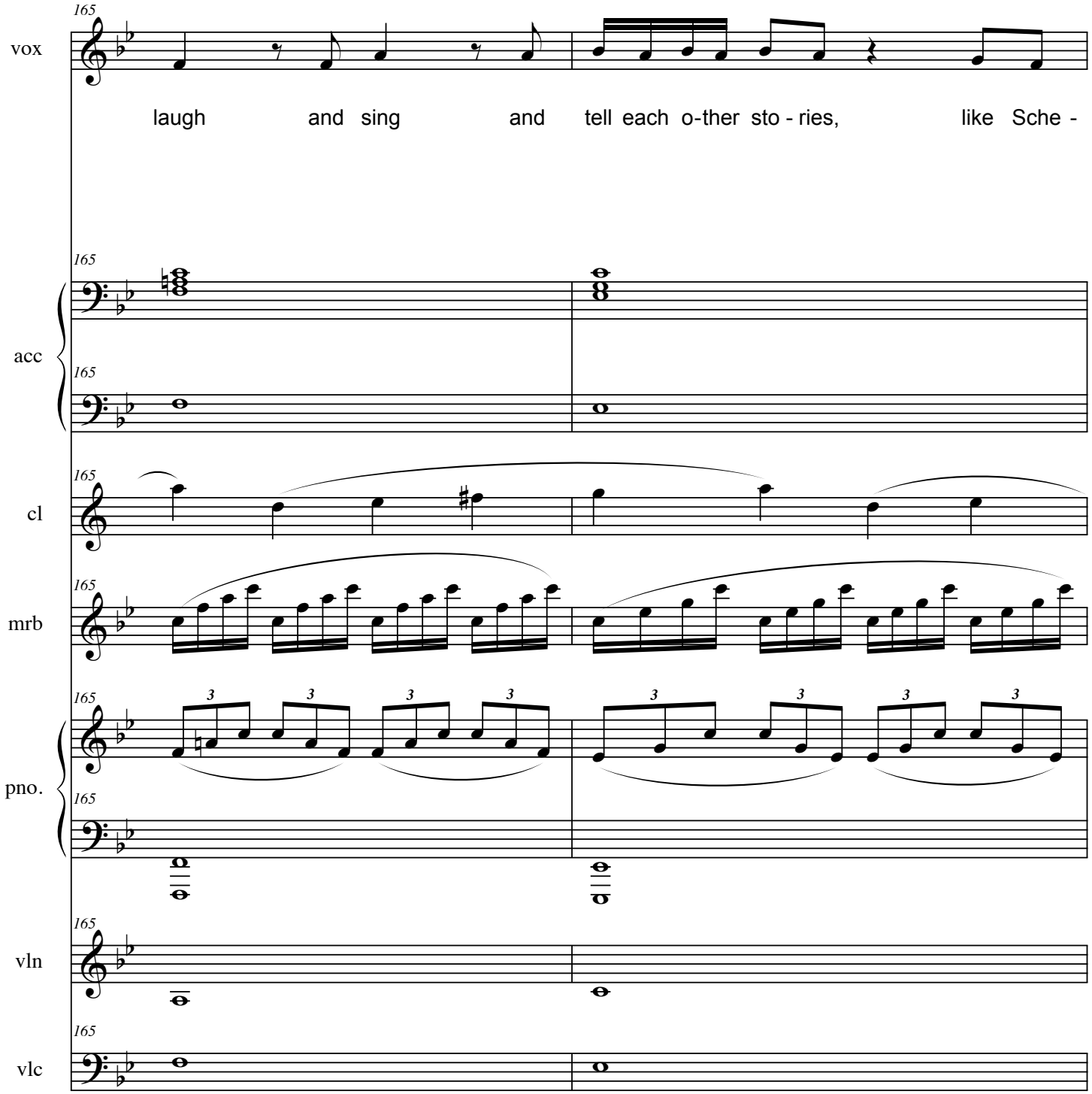
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laugh and sing and tell each o-ther sto - ries, like Sche -
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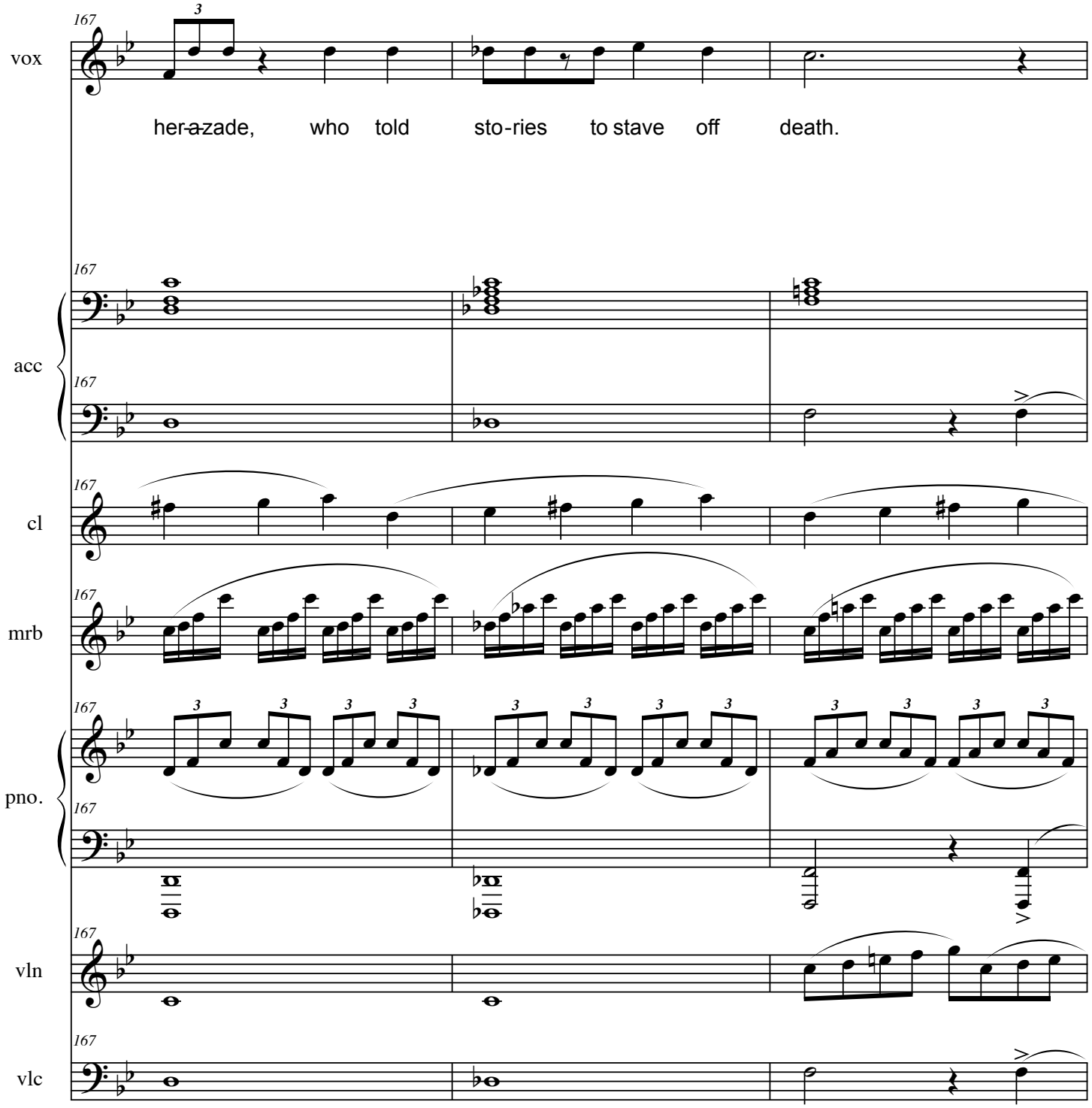
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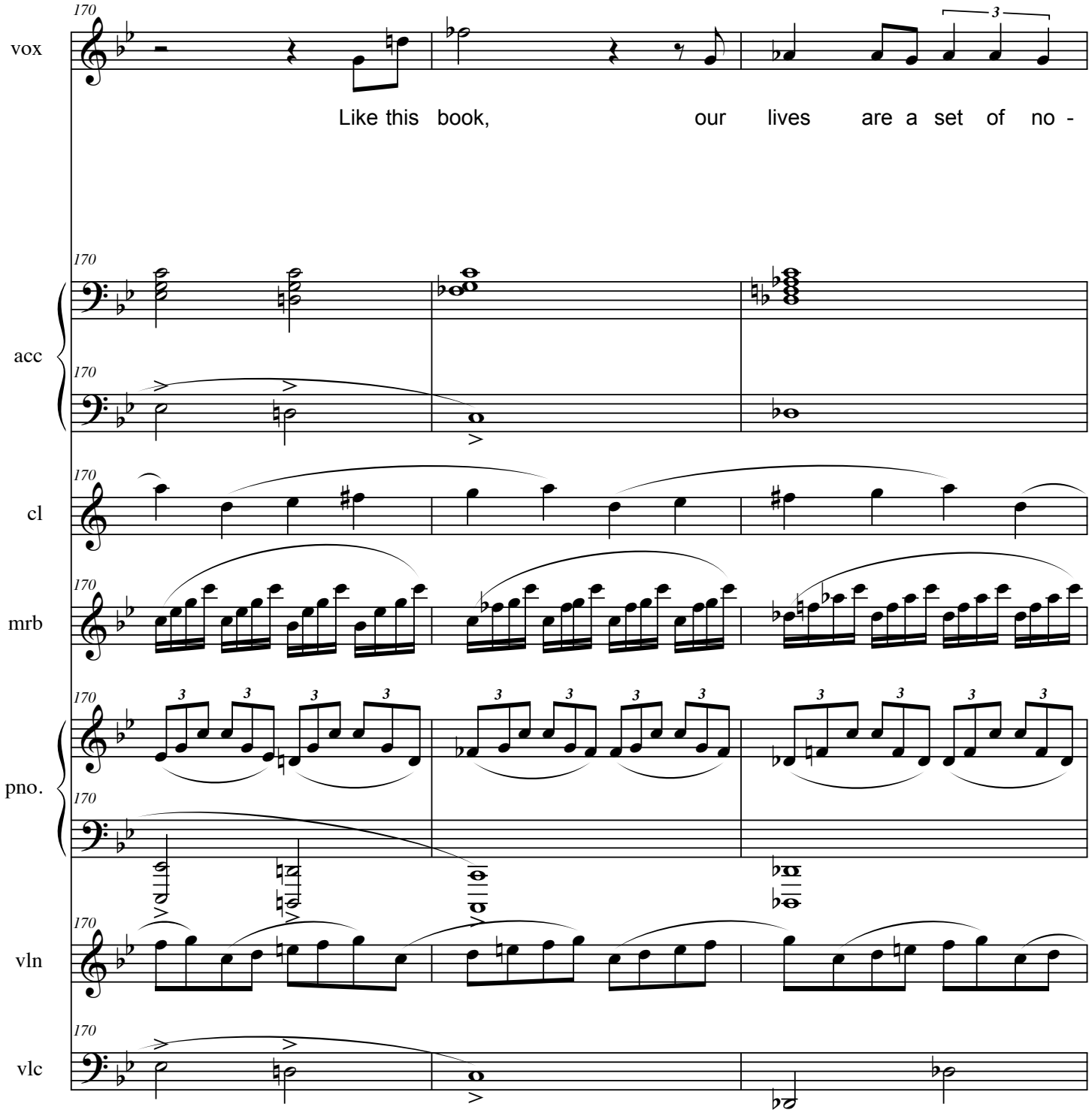
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Like this book, our lives are a set of no -
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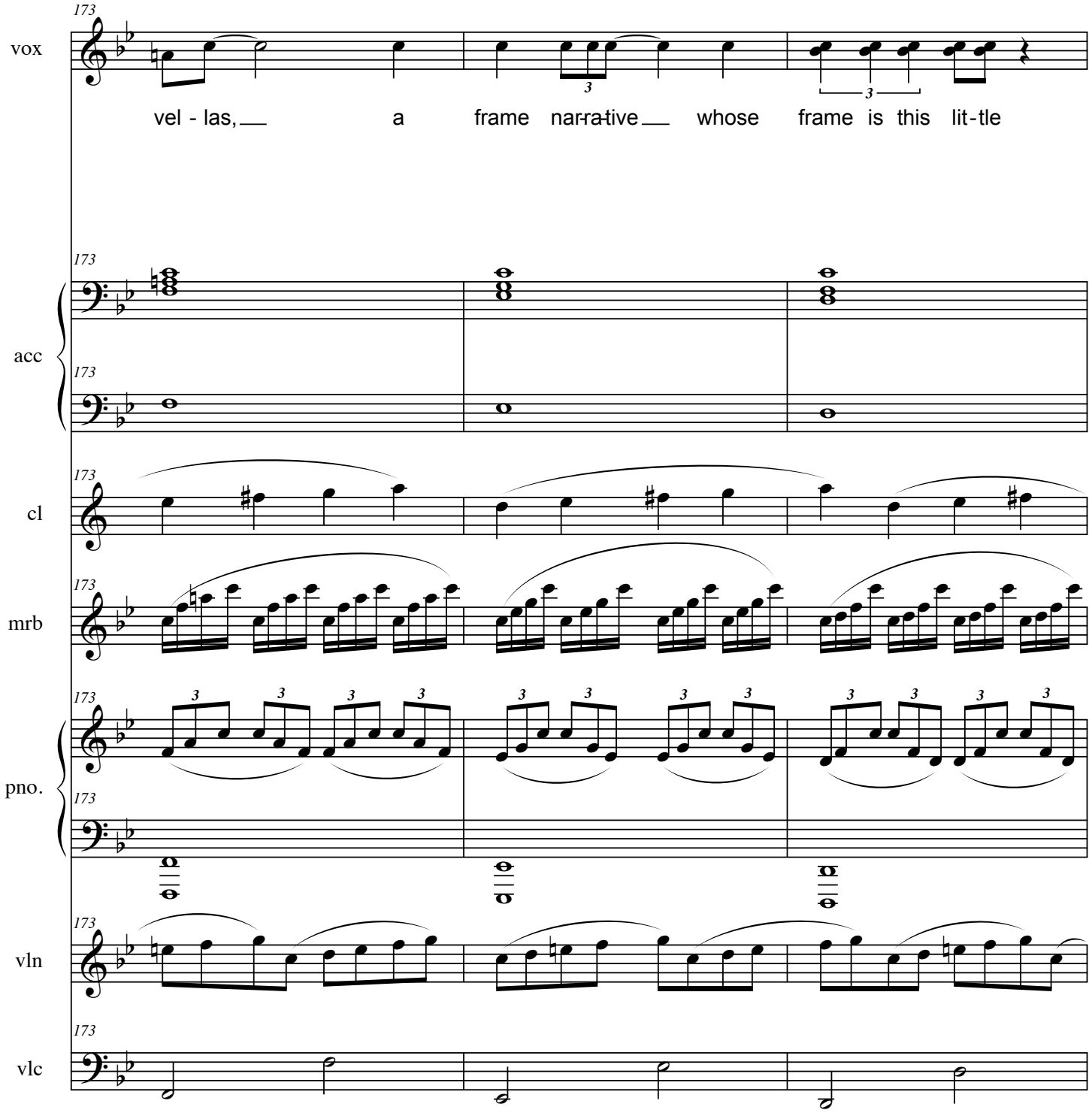
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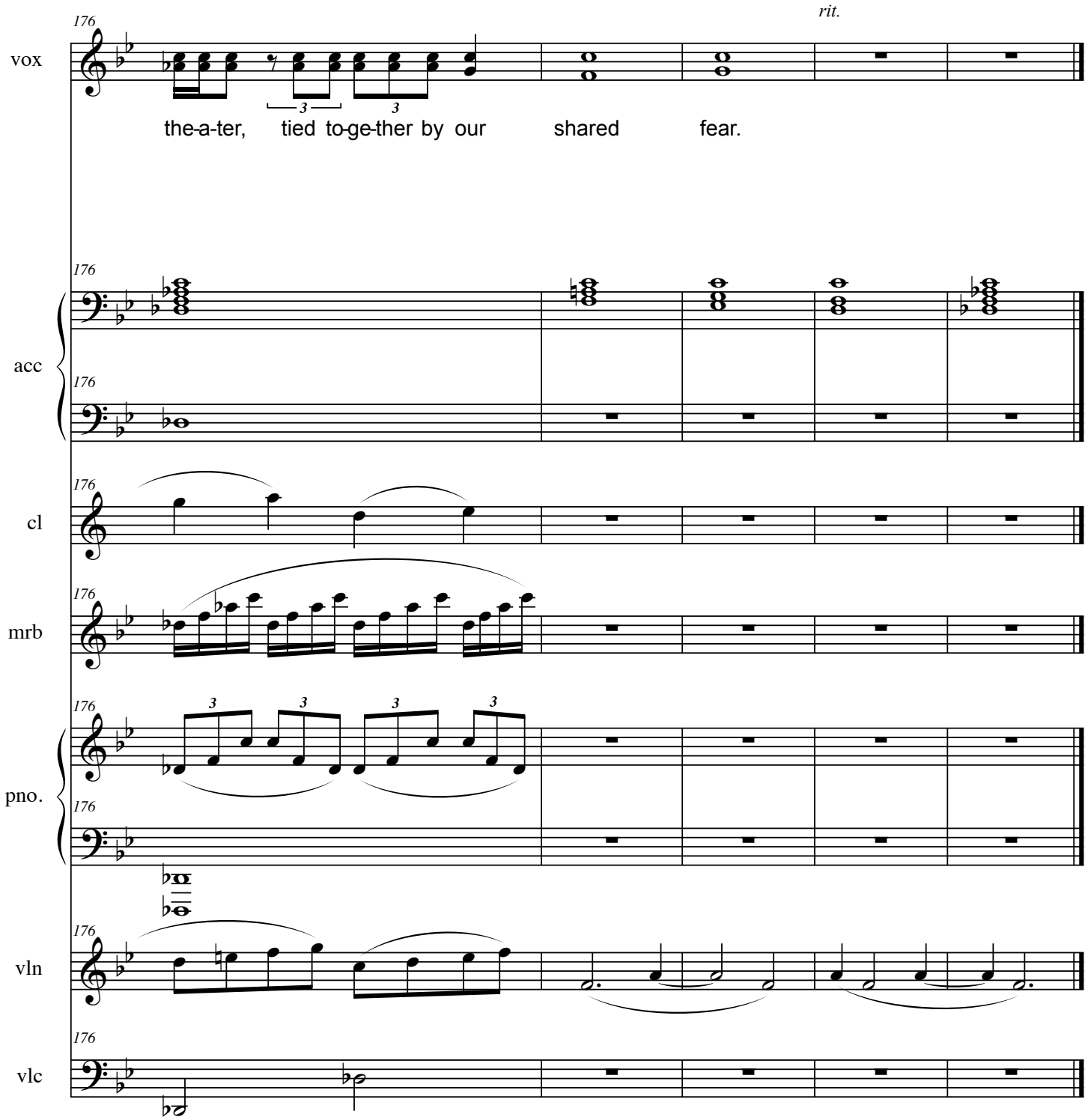
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the-a-ter, tied to-ge-ther by our shared fear.
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mrb
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