Grade Level: 3

THE HIGHLAND/ETLING STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

A WISCONSIN TABLEAU

By Carrie Lane Gruselle

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5

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Notes to the Conductor

A beautiful exploration of programmatic music and tonality/modality in four movements! Although all four snapshots of Wisconsin appear to be in the key of G (one sharp), closer examination finds four contrasting tonal centers and modes, allowing students to experience varying keys/modes and their inherent expressive tendencies, while using similar pitches and finger patterns.

I. The Wisconsin River

A flowing 6/8 depicts the Wisconsin River, the longest river in Wisconsin. The tonal centers are G major and its relative E minor.

II. The Peshtigo Fire

C Lydian (C major with a raised 4th scale degree) is the setting of this remembrance of the fire in Peshtigo and surrounding acreage. On October 8, 1871, the same night as the more famous Chicago fire (as reportedly begun by Mrs. O'Leary's cow!), this Wisconsin fire claimed more deaths than any other fire in U.S. history.

III. The Sandhill Crane

A Dorian (A natural minor with a raised 6th scale degree) provides a bittersweet tonality to the depiction of an actual event in Wisconsin history. In the fall of 2008, a sandhill crane with an arrow through its body was captured. The arrow had missed vital organs and the crane had miraculously survived. It was nursed back to health over the winter, and when it was released, its mate immediately called for her.

IV. Rib Mountain

According to local legend, Rib Mountain in central Wisconsin is the burial site of Paul Bunyan. D Mixolydian (D major with a lowered 7th scale degree) is the setting for this majestic finish to the tableau.

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A Wisconsin Tableau

CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 9:30

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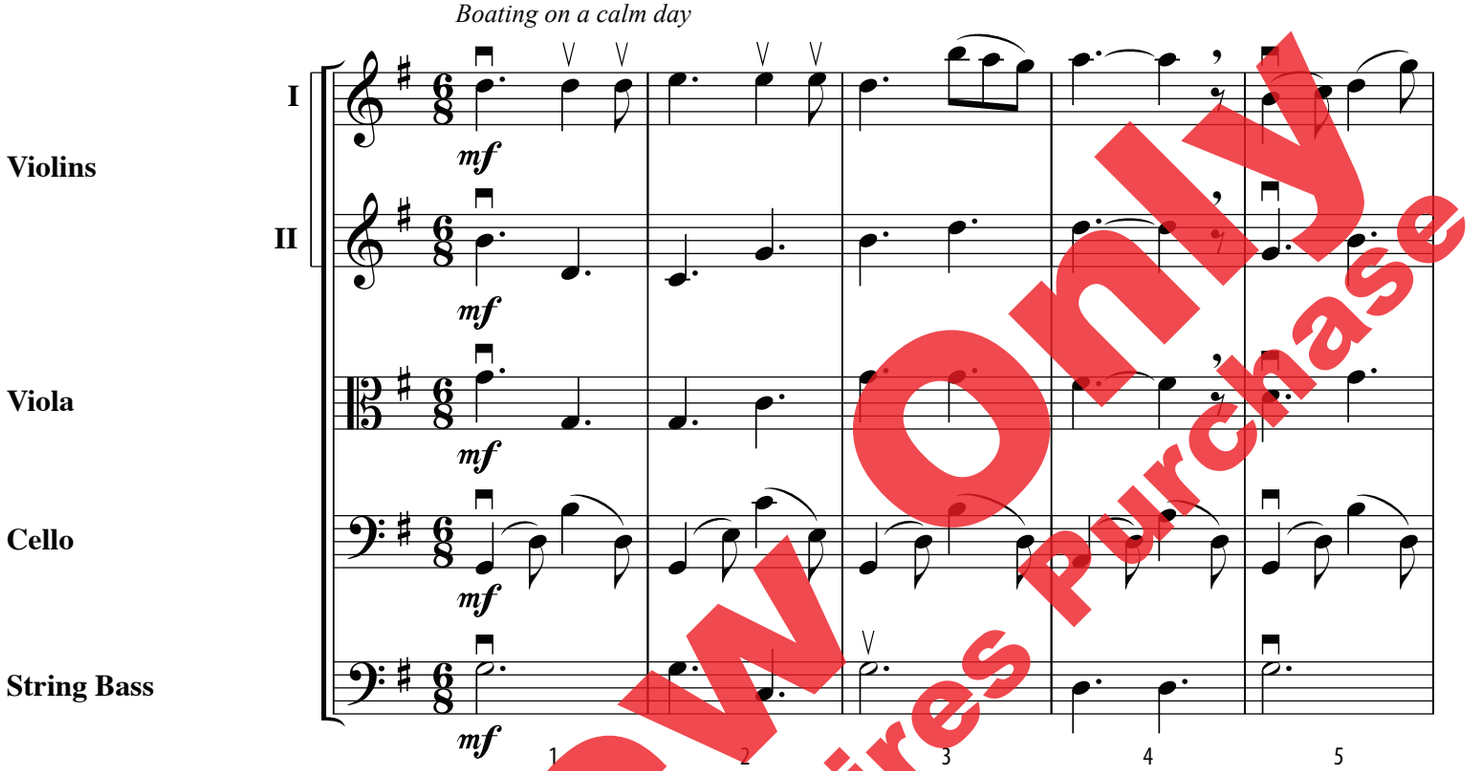
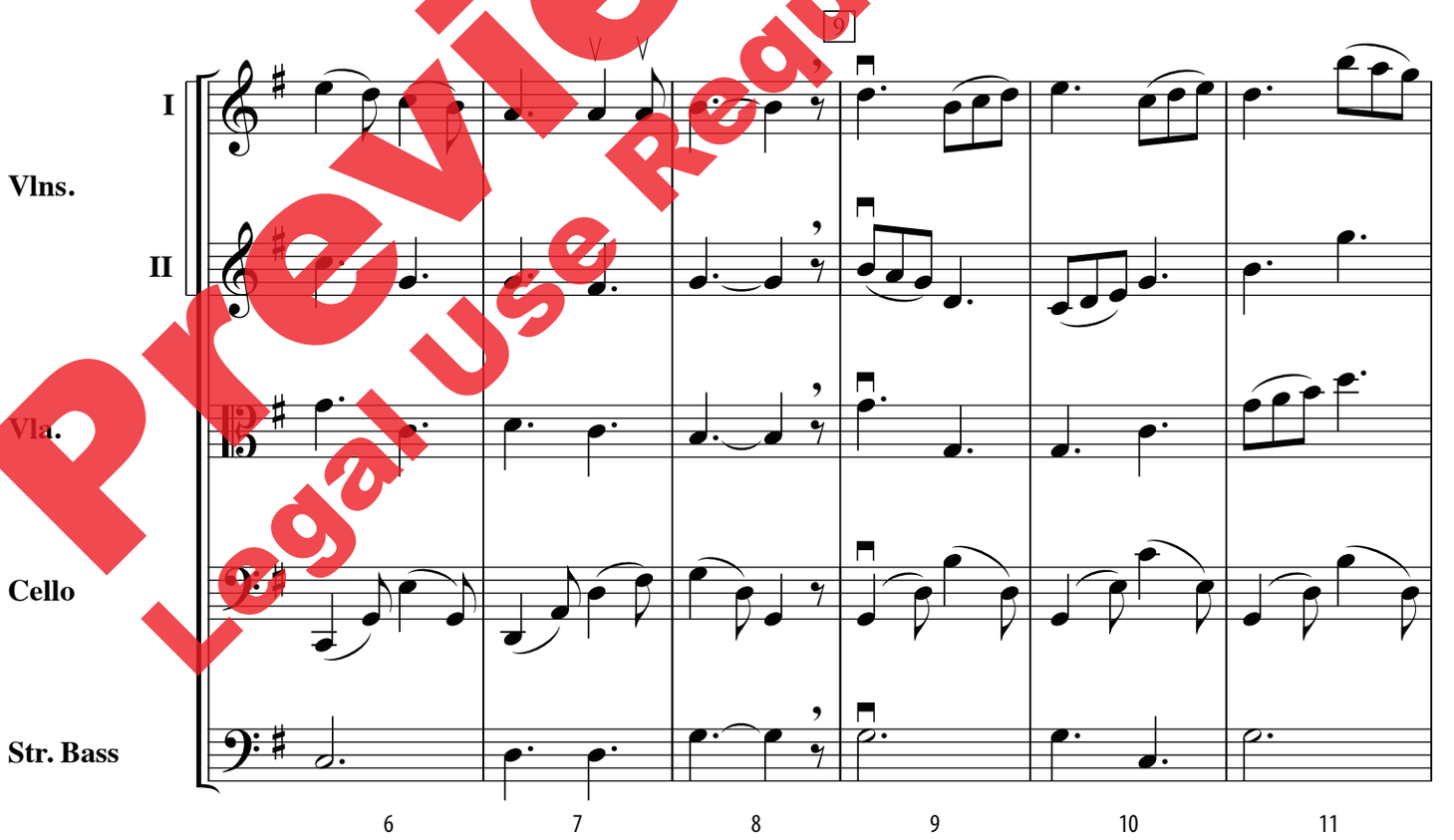
I. The Wisconsin River

Flowing (♩. = 80)

Boating on a calm day





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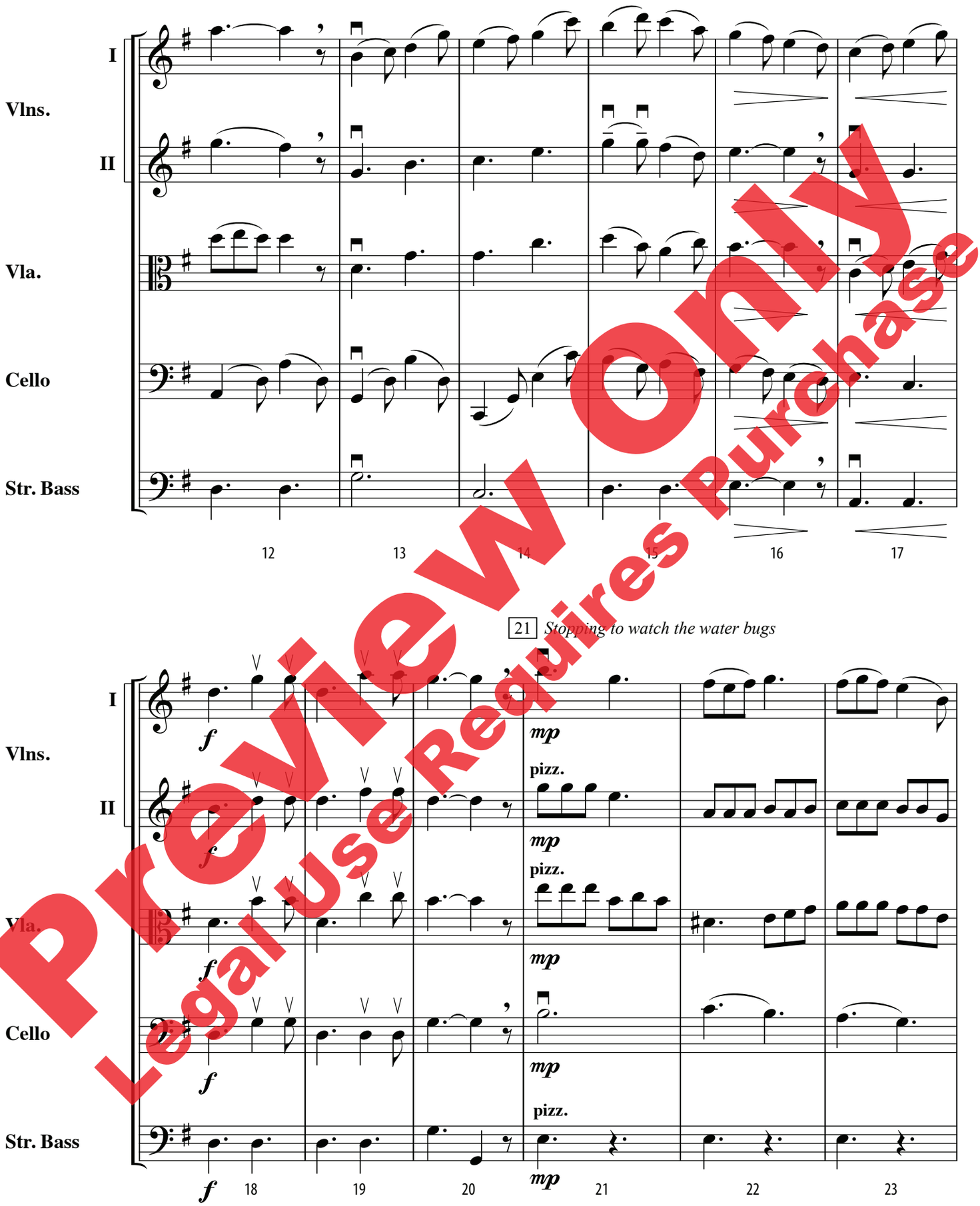

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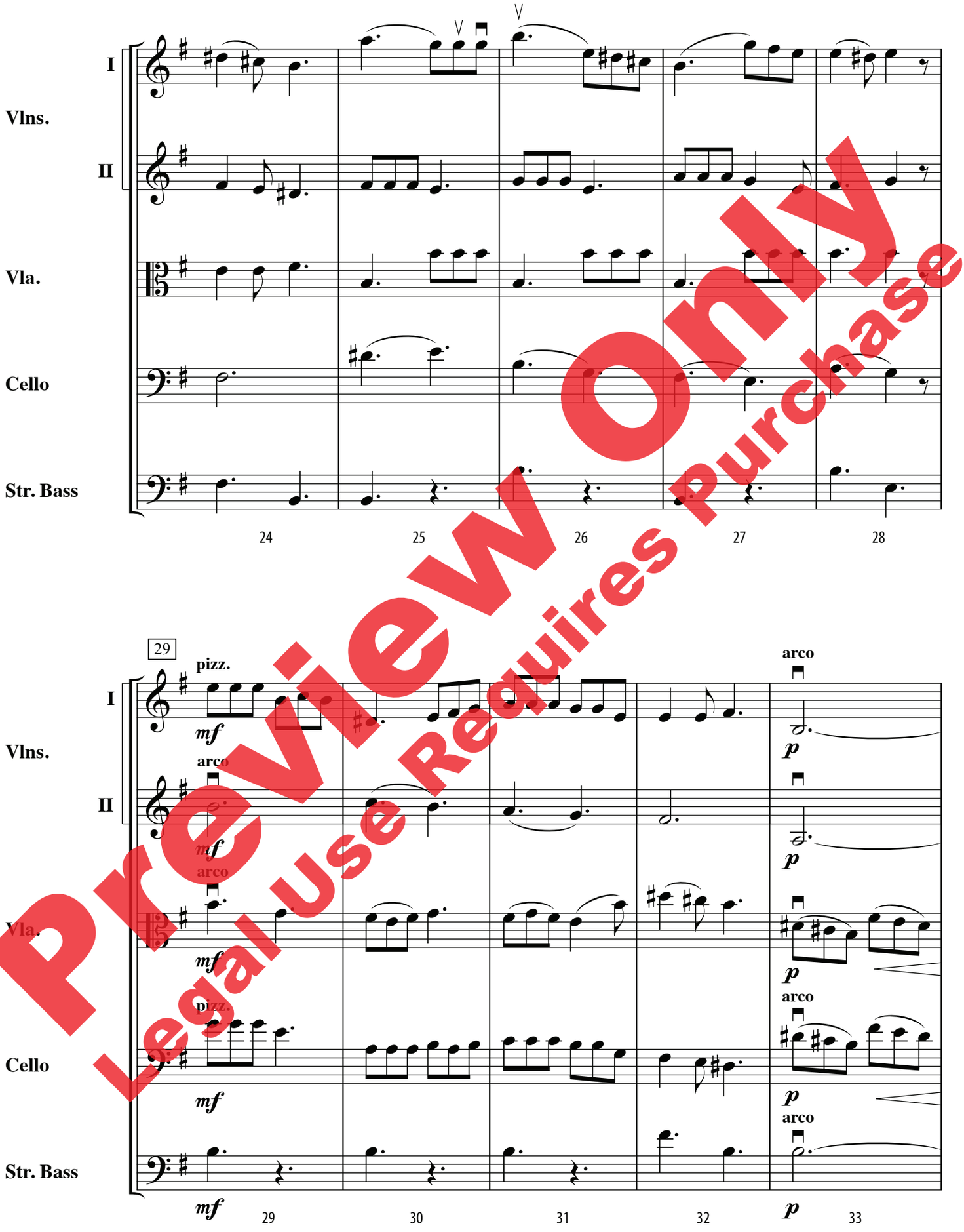

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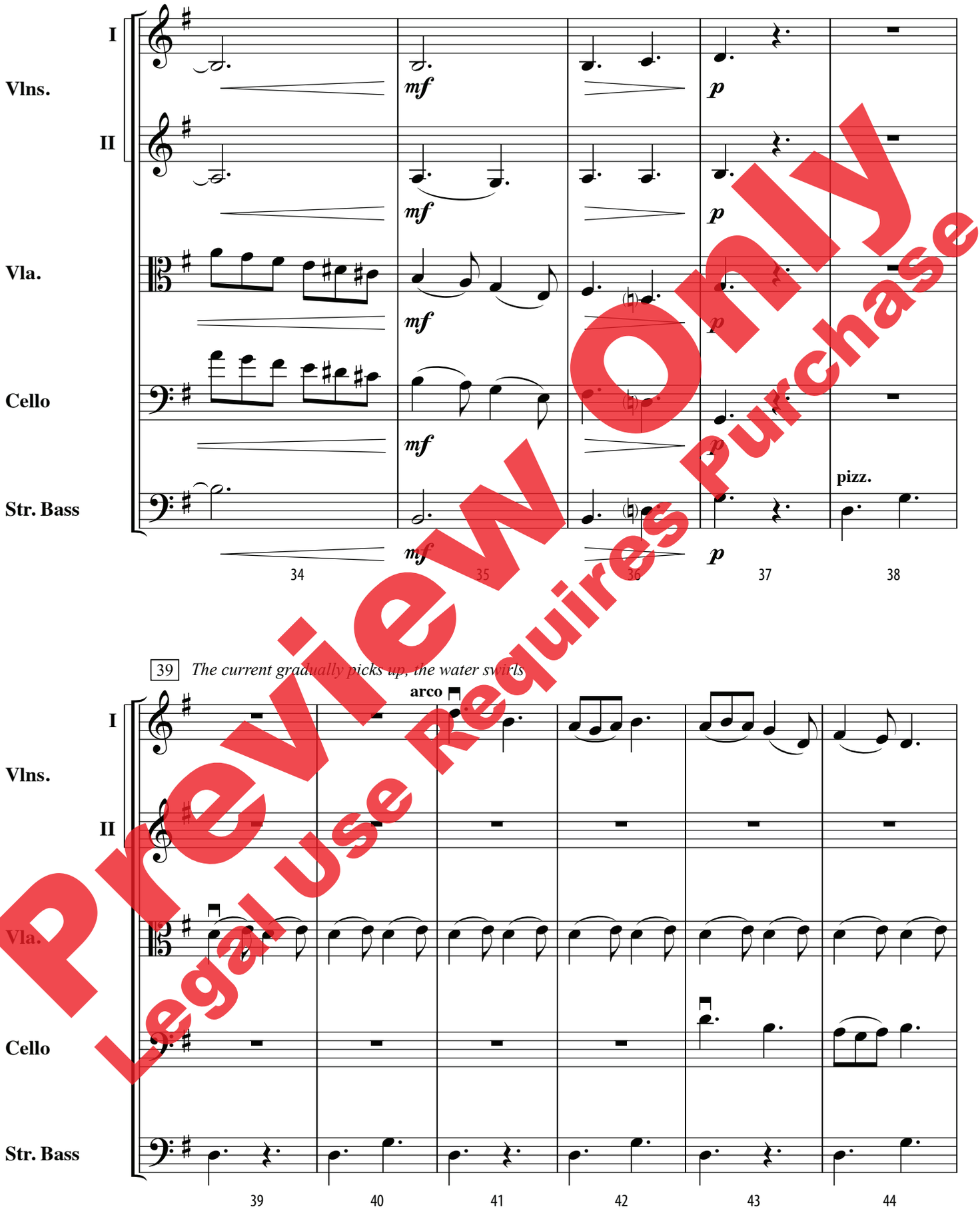

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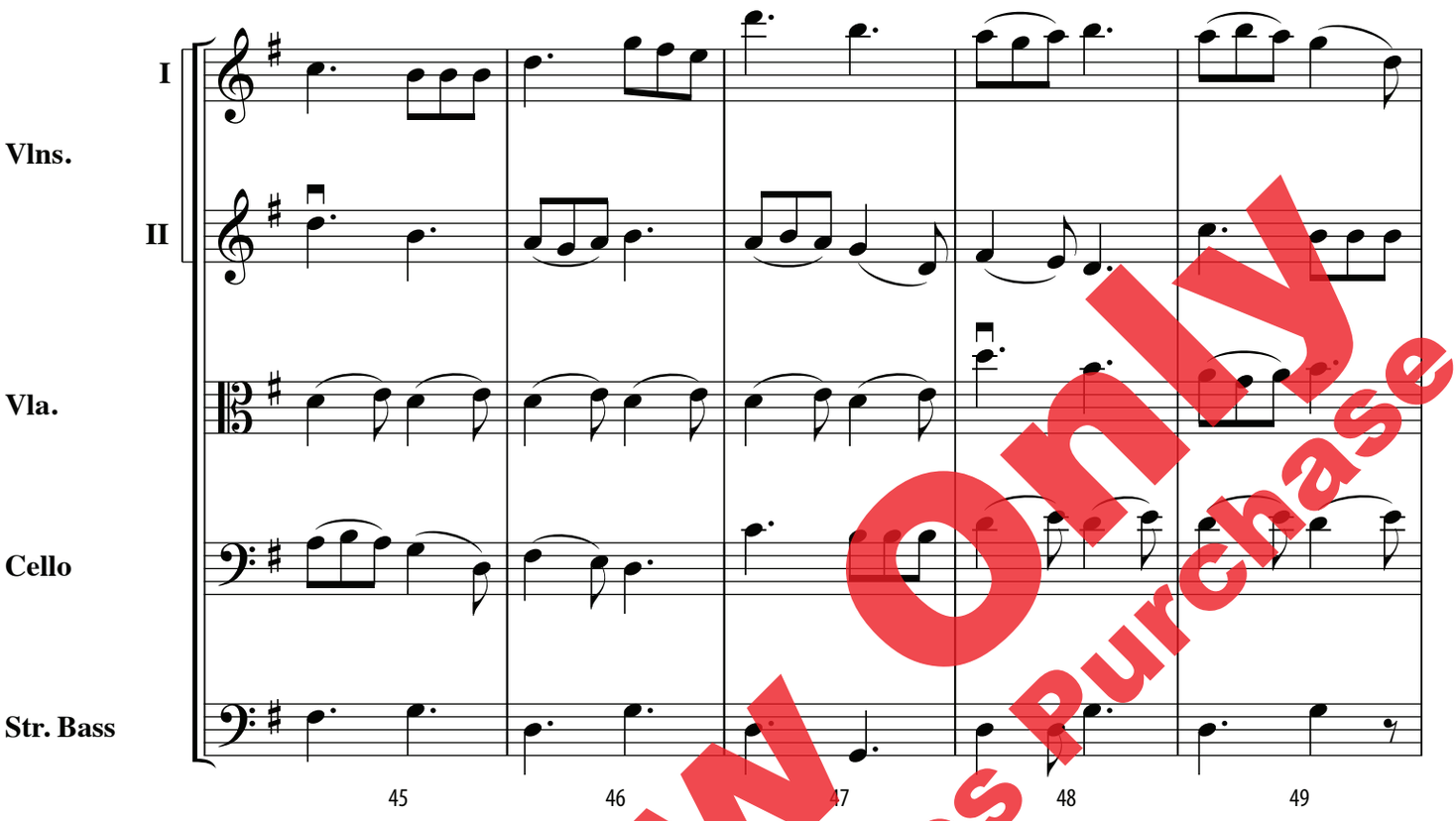

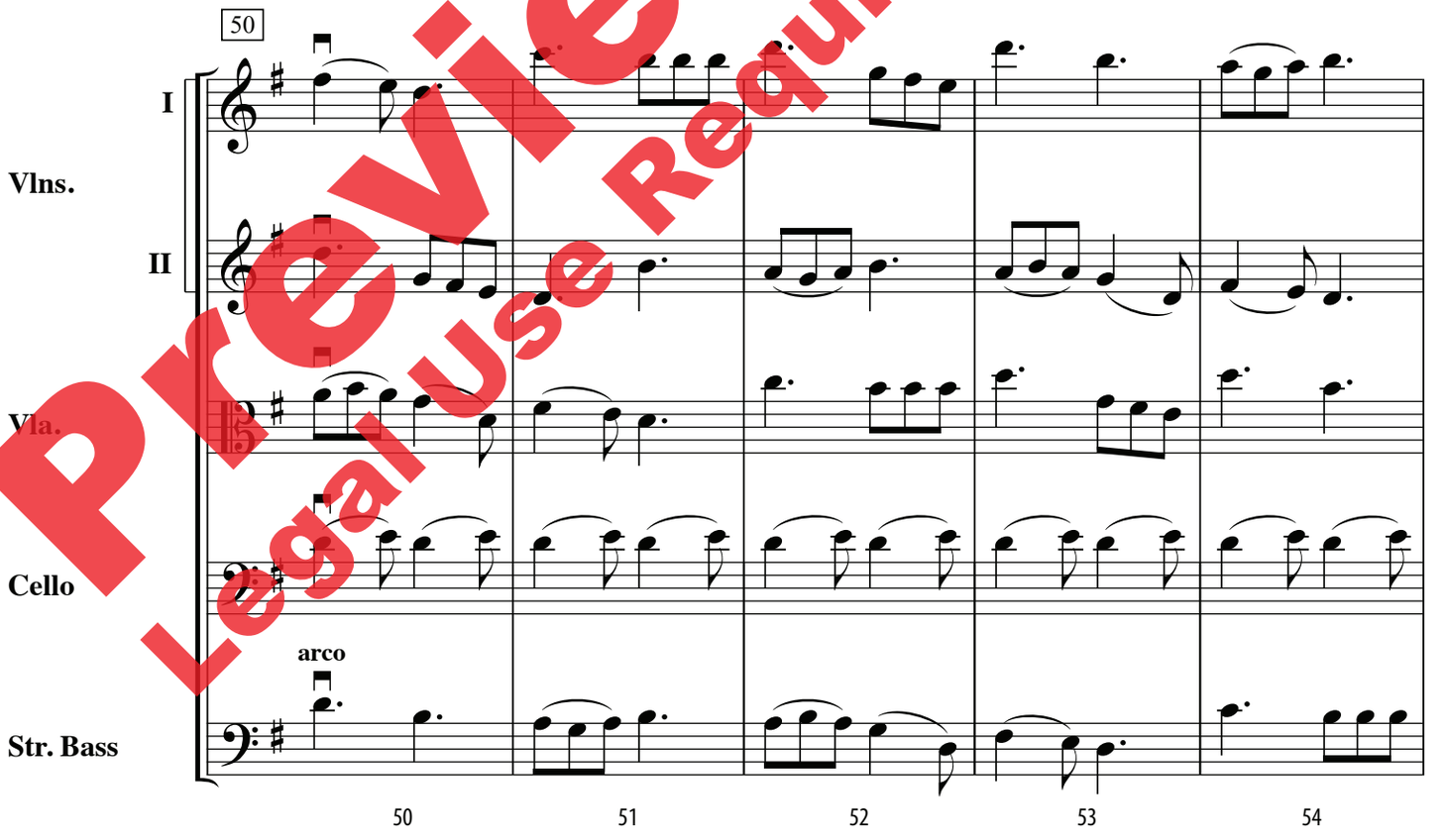

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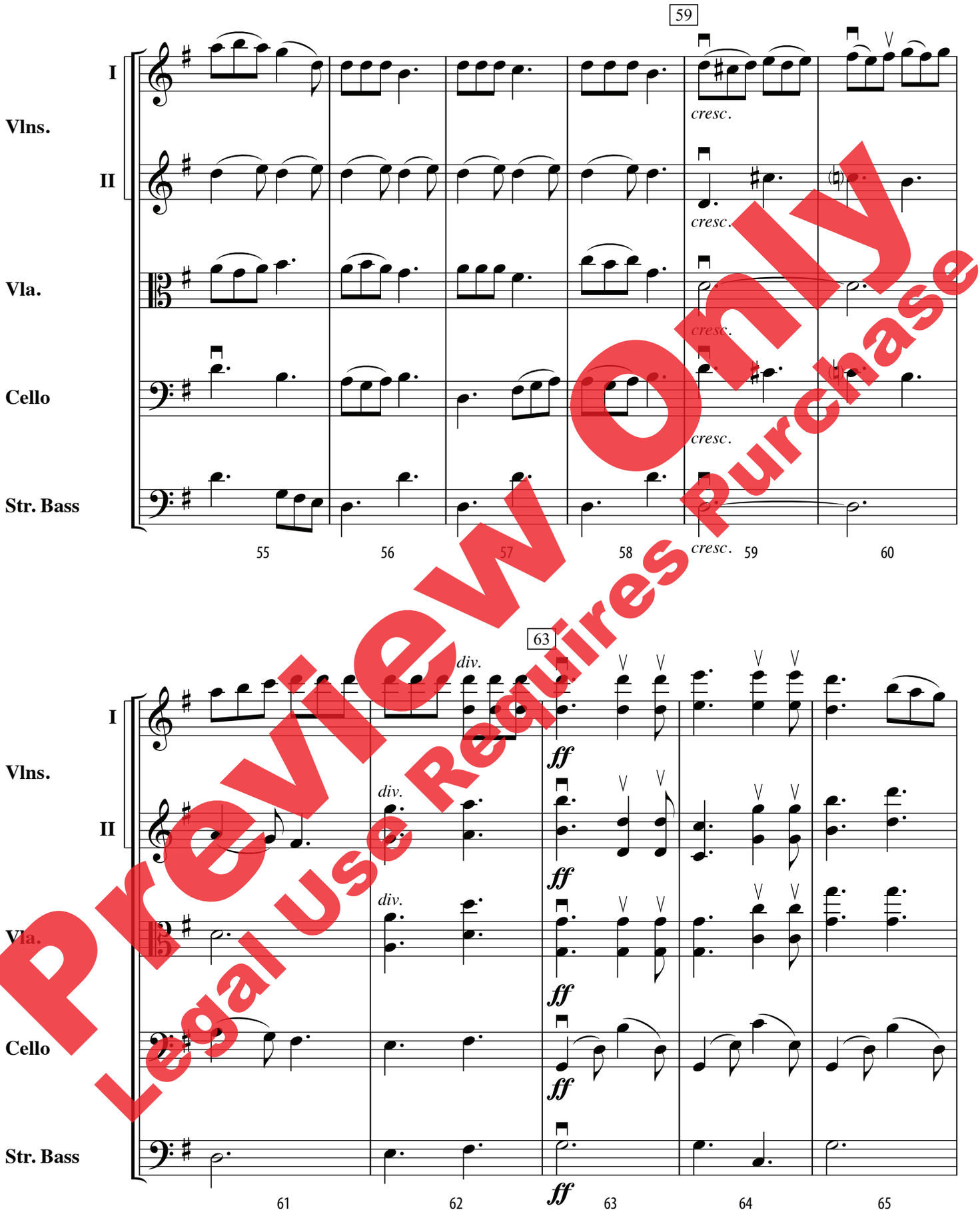

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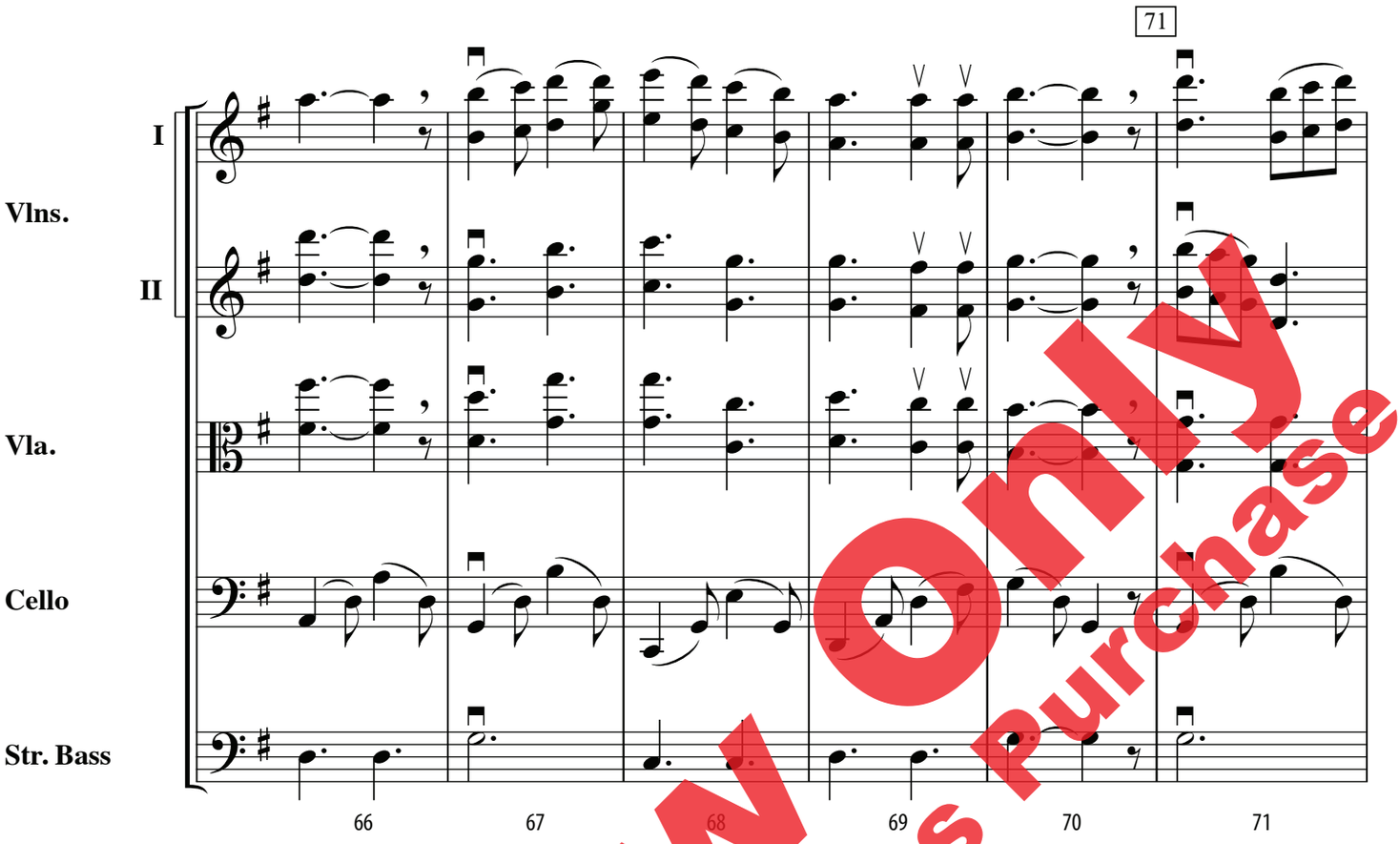

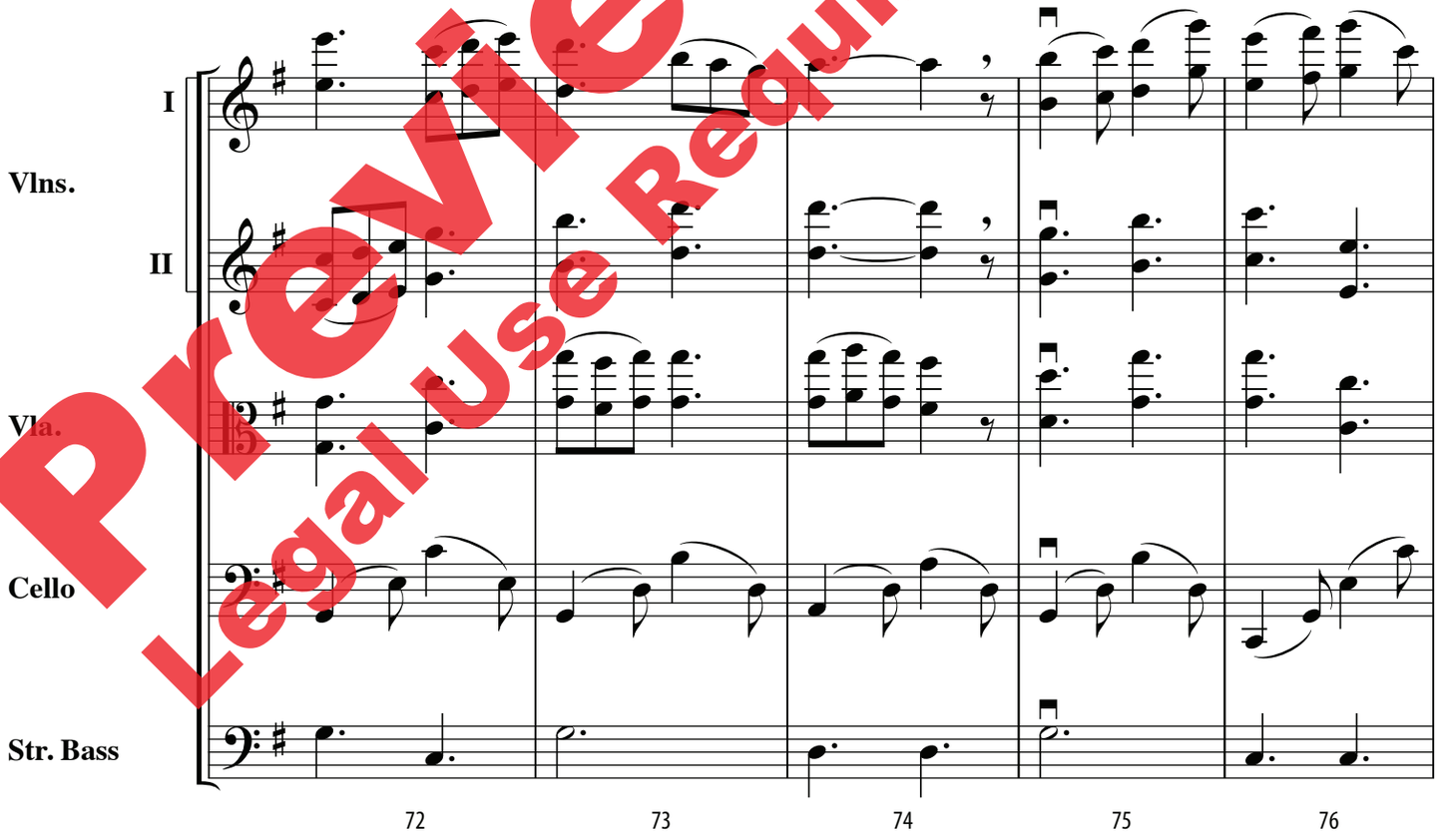

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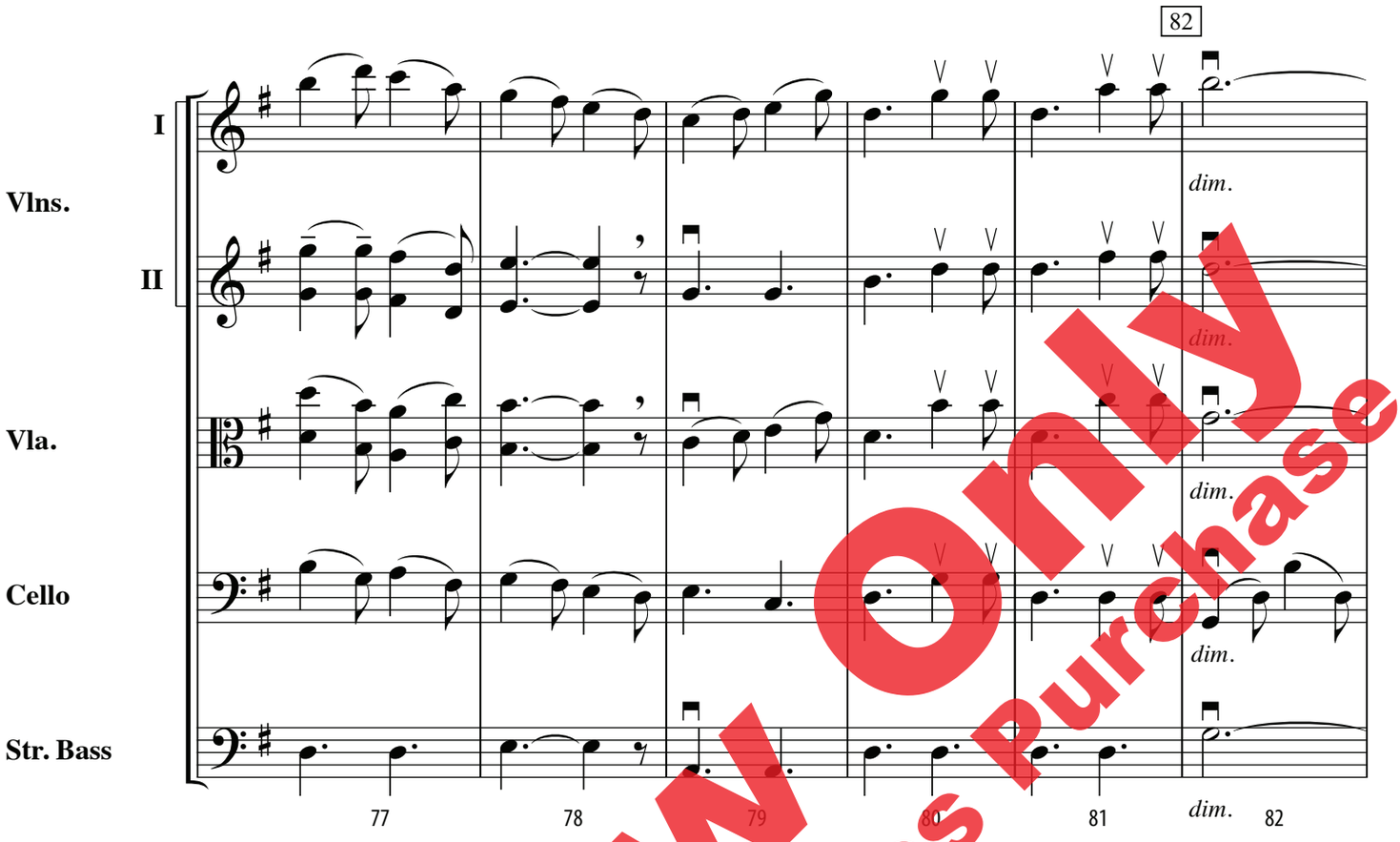

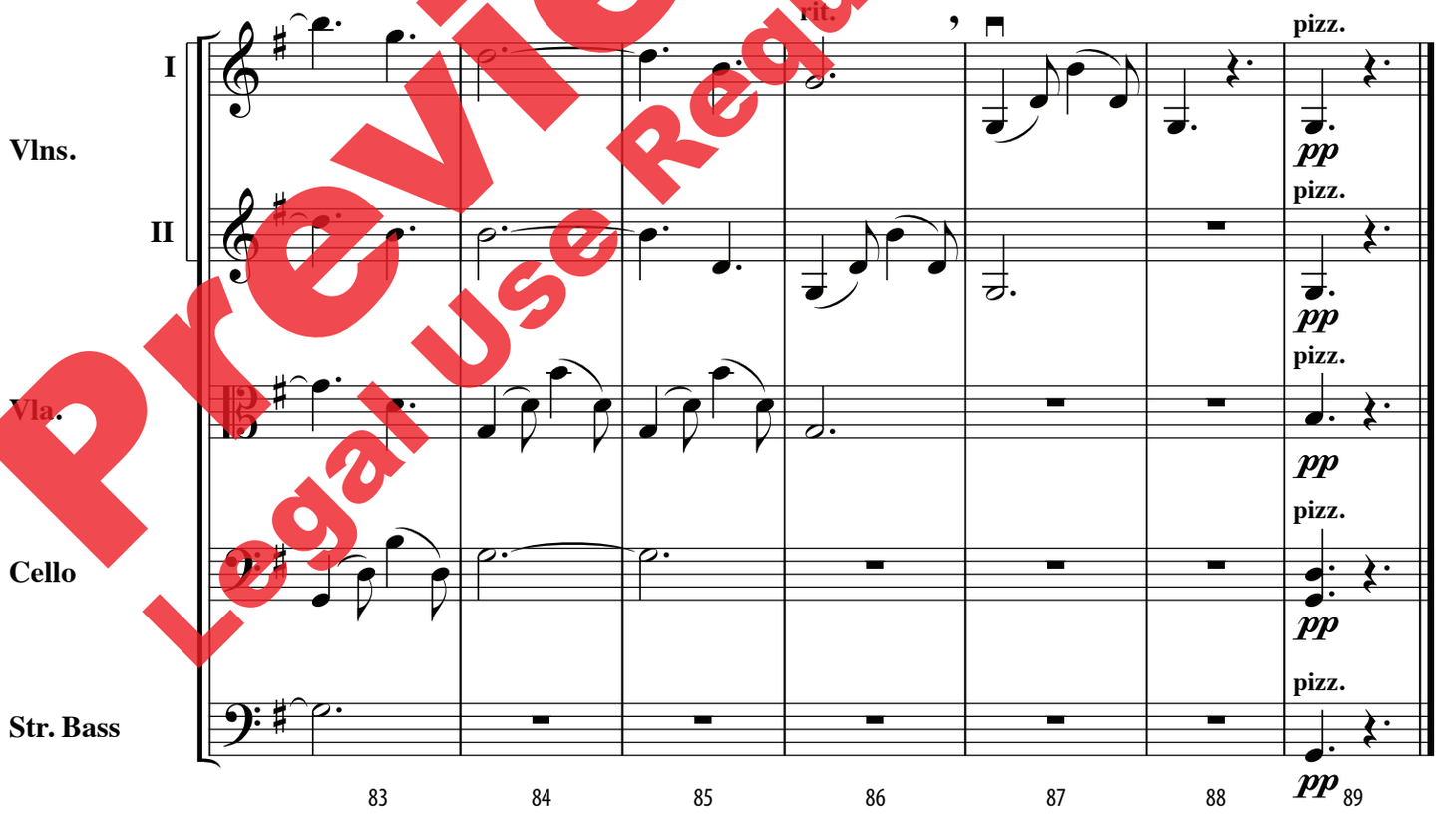

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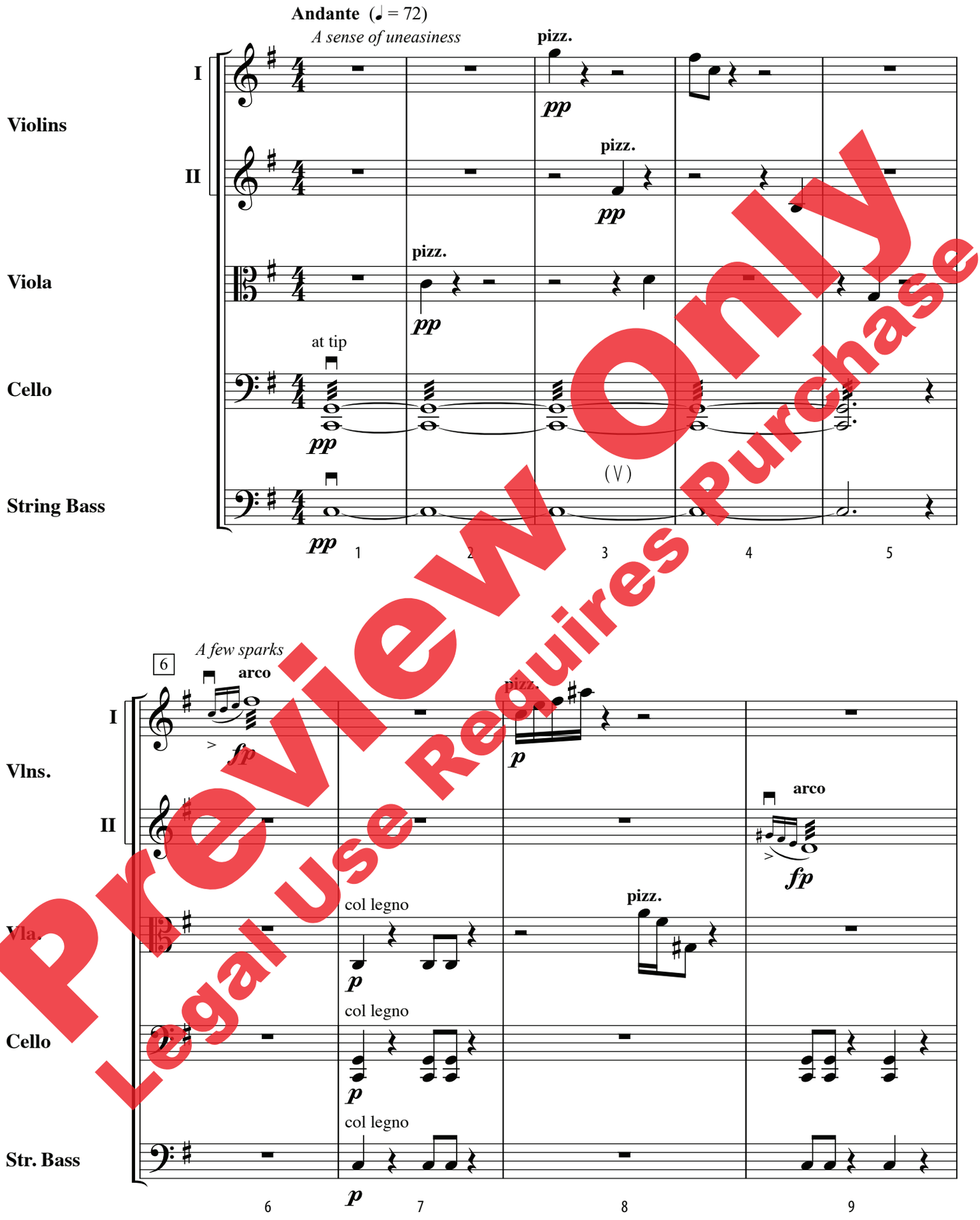

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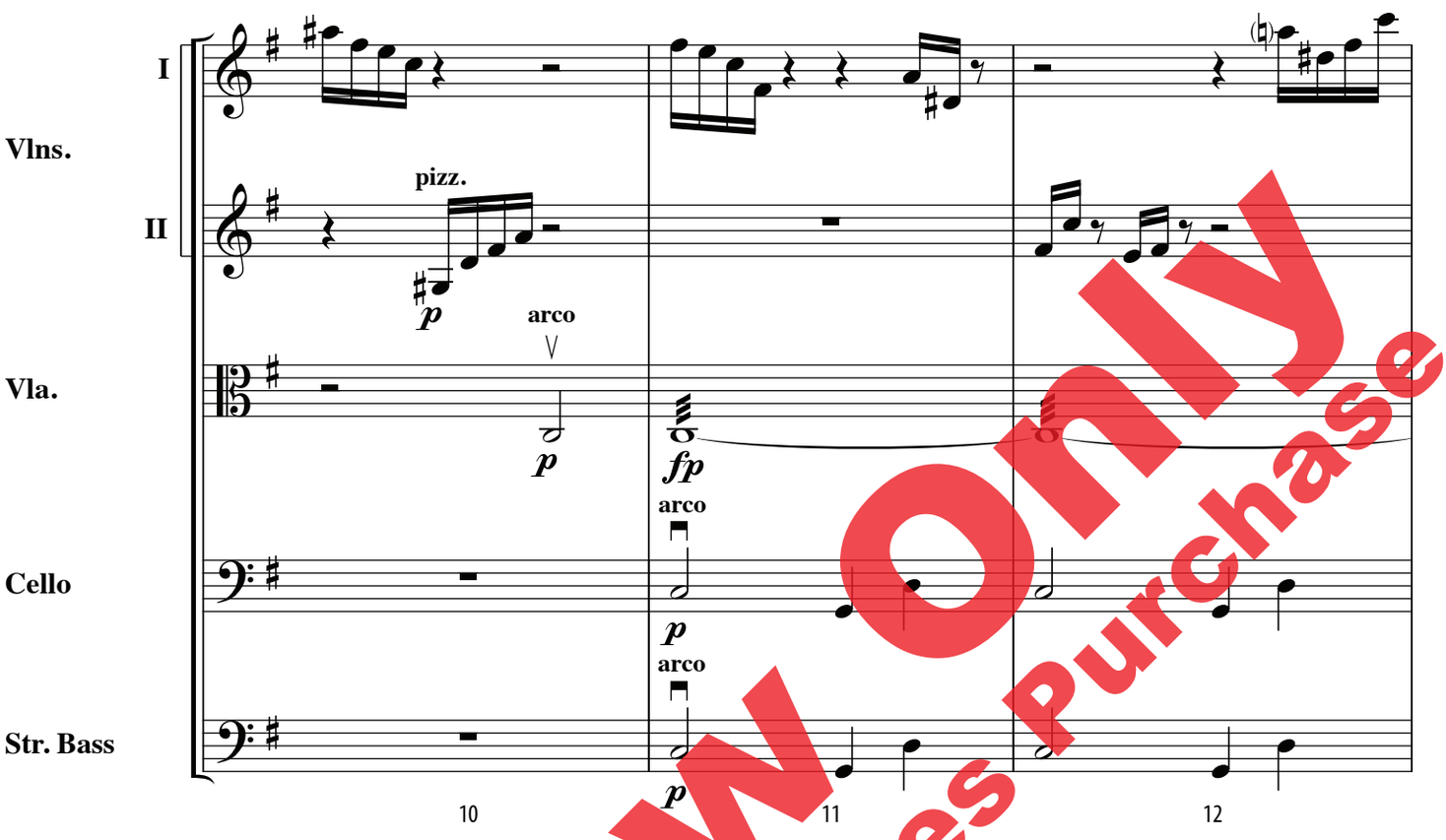

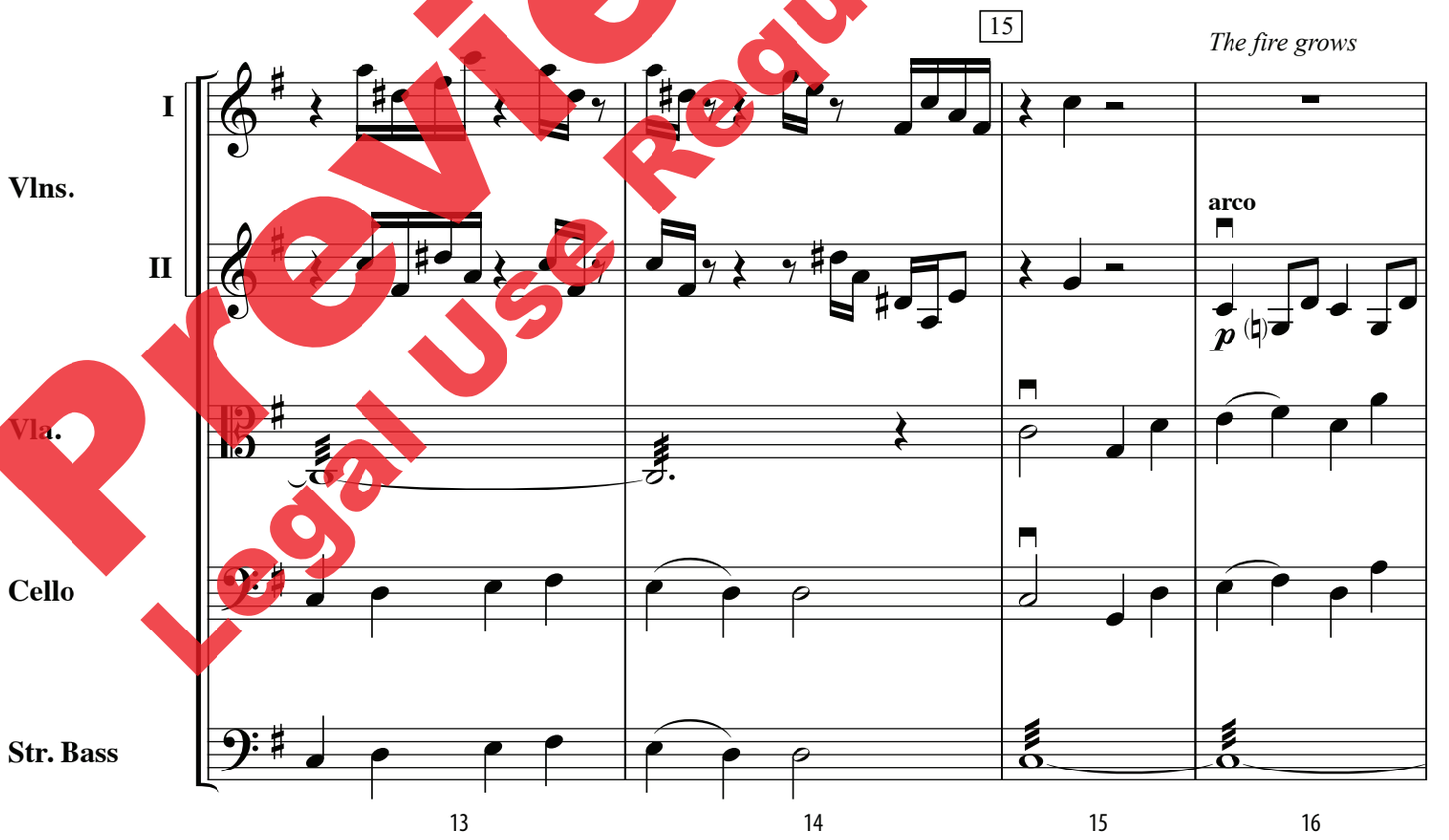

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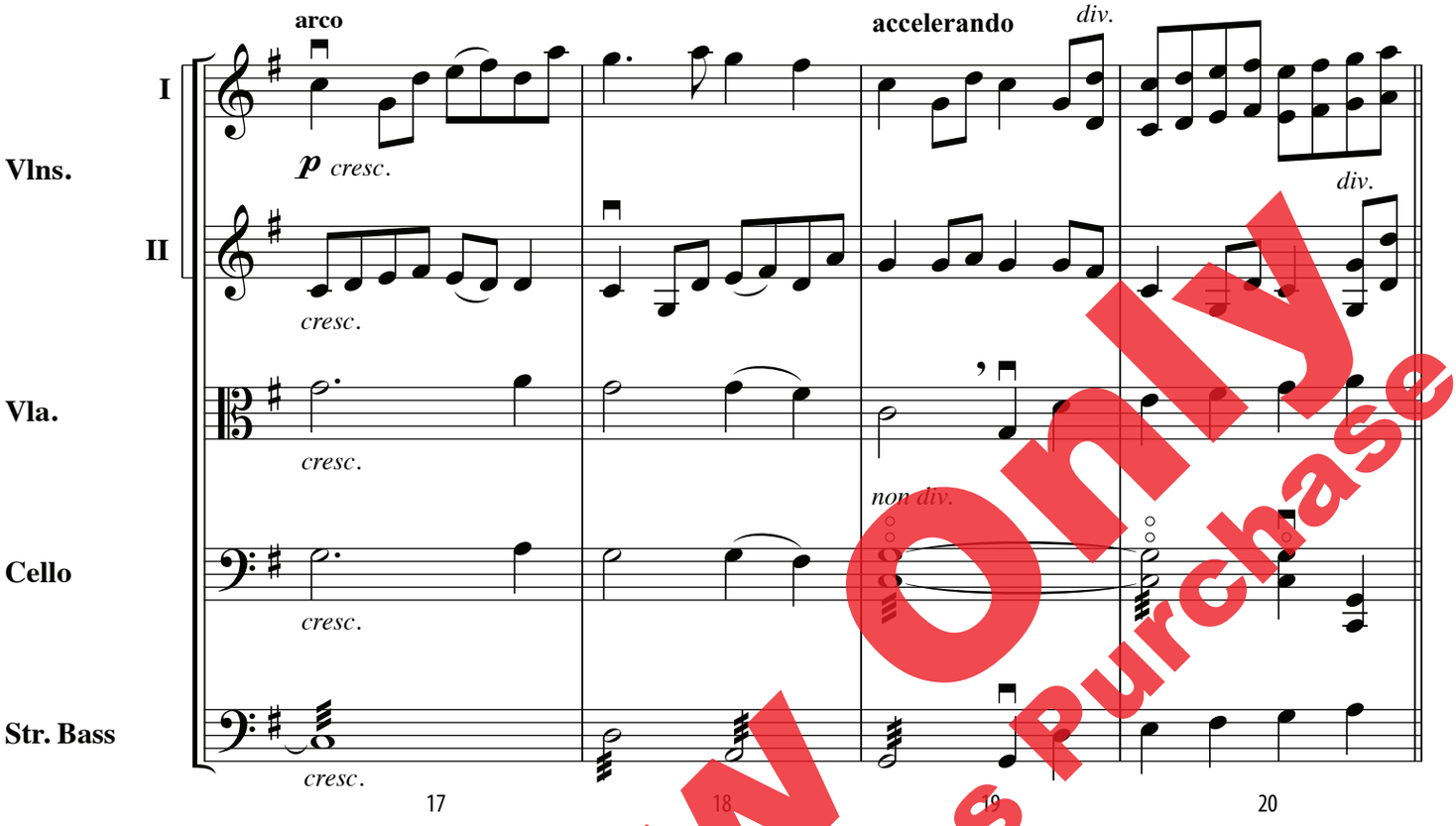

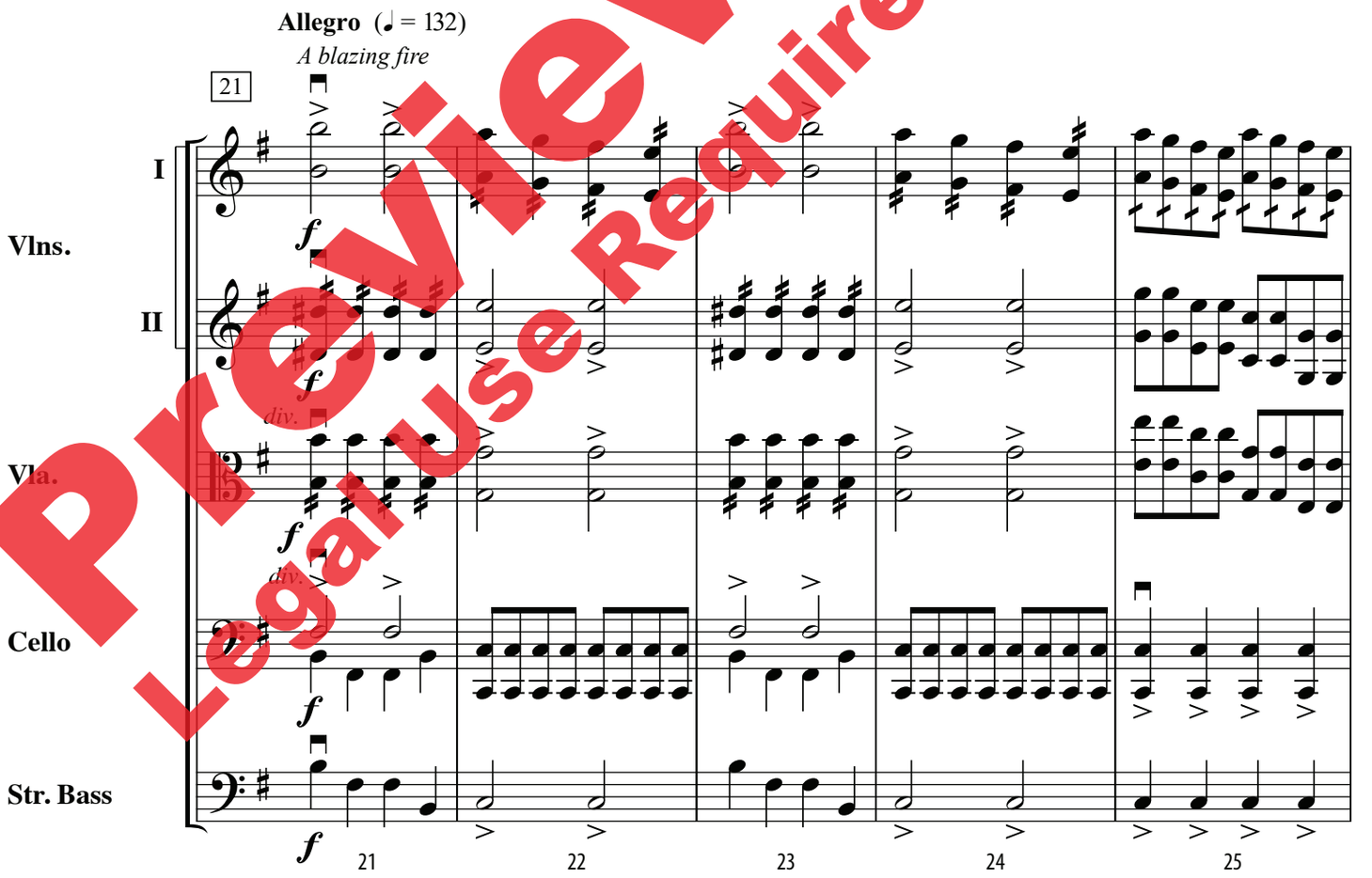

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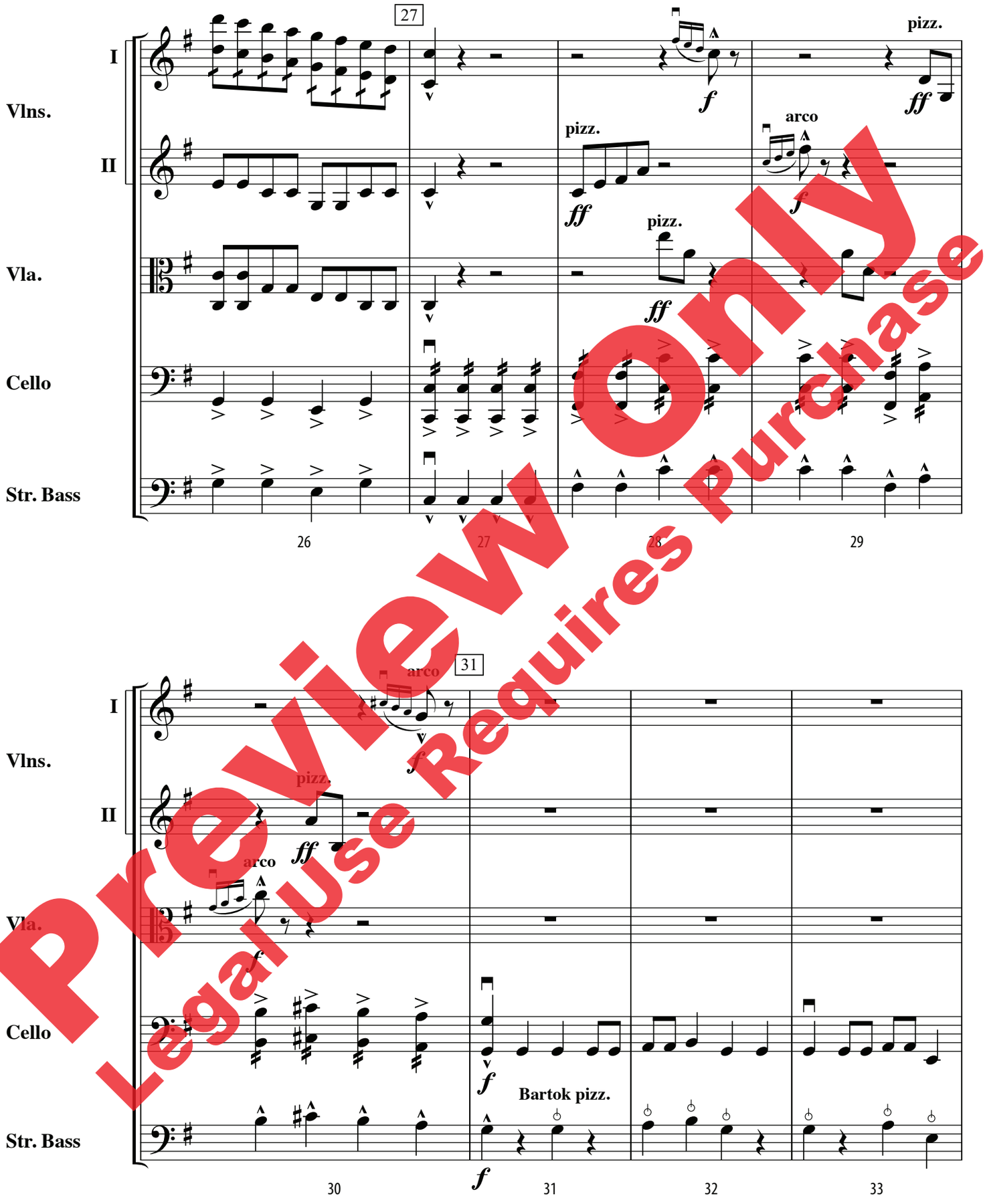

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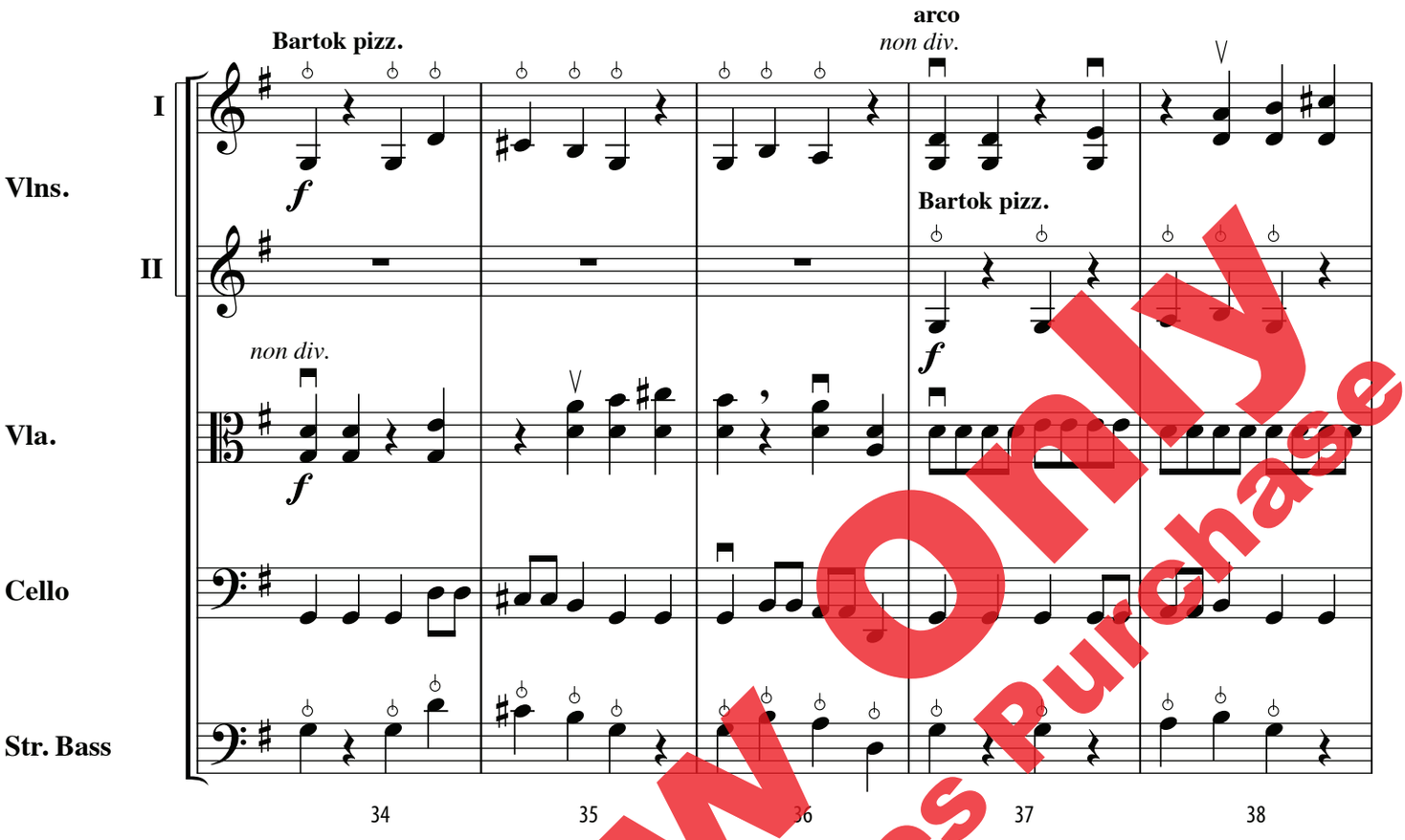

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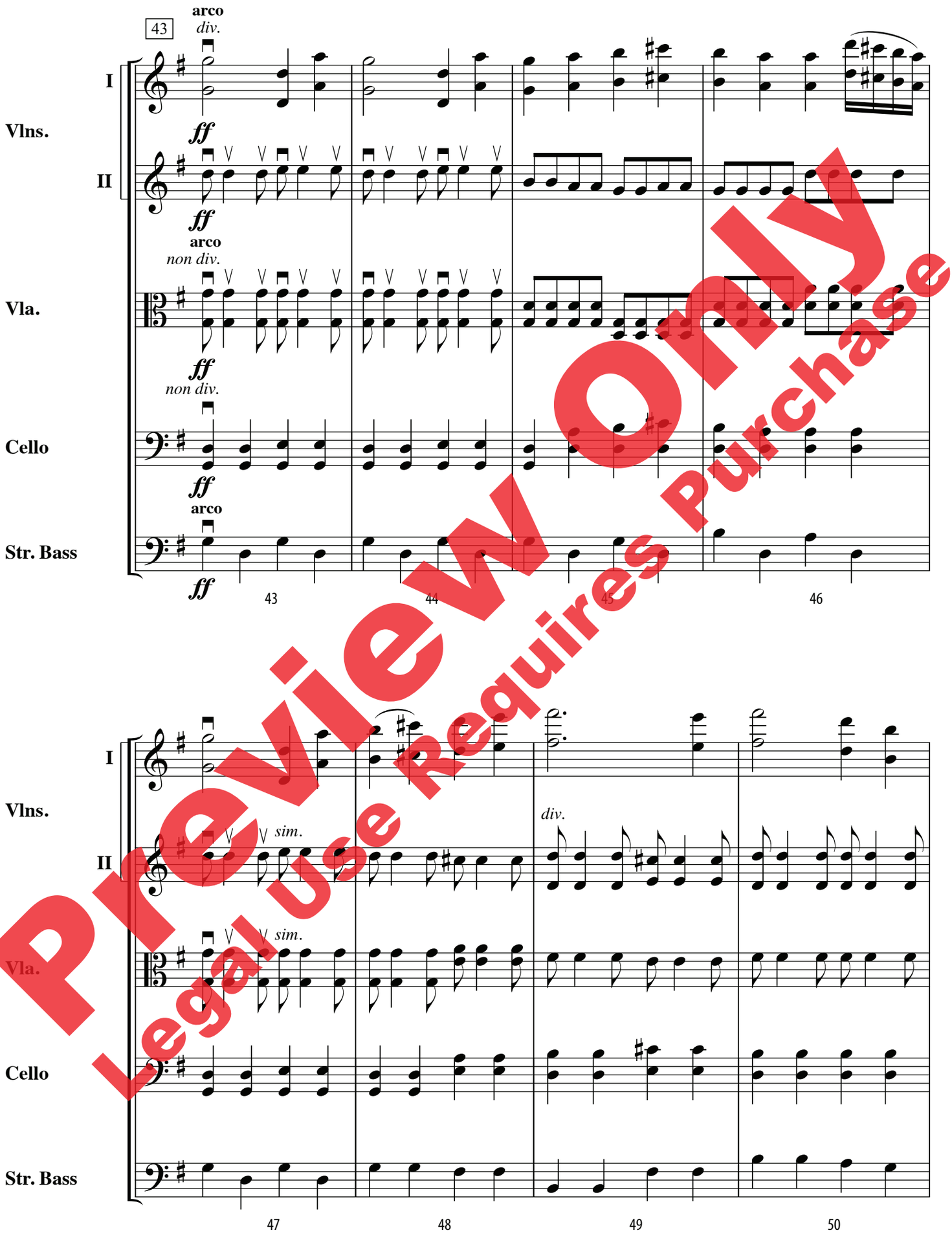

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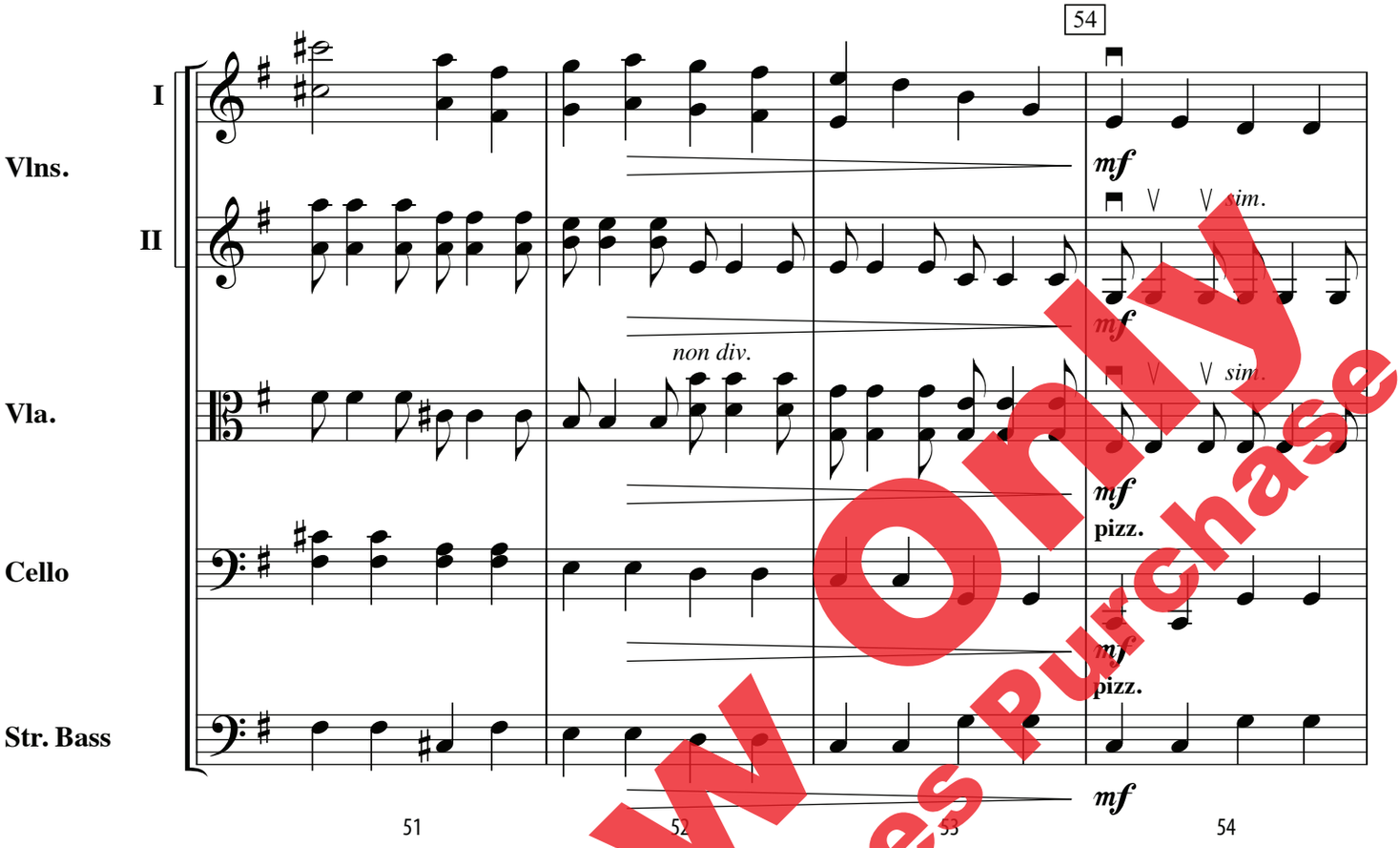

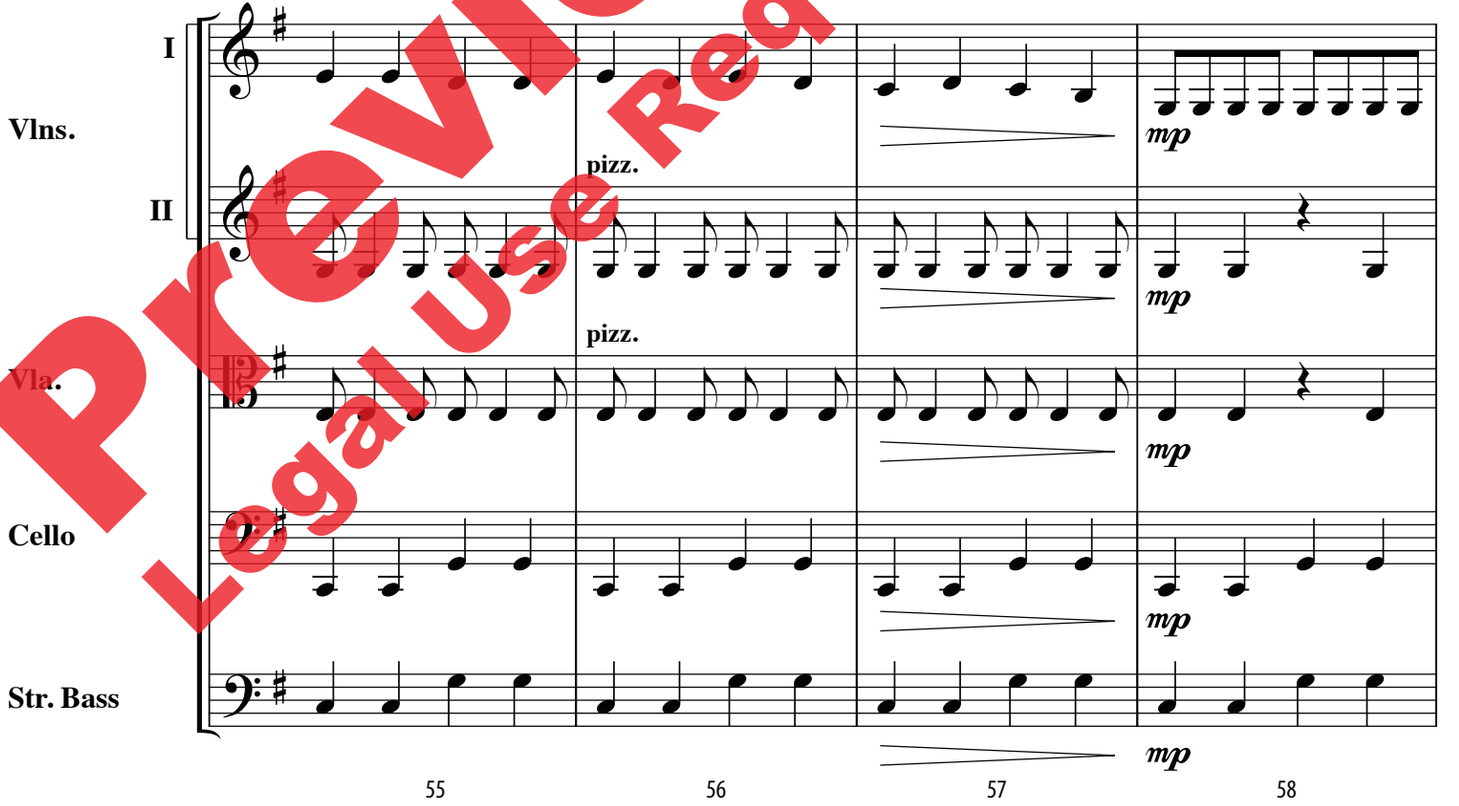

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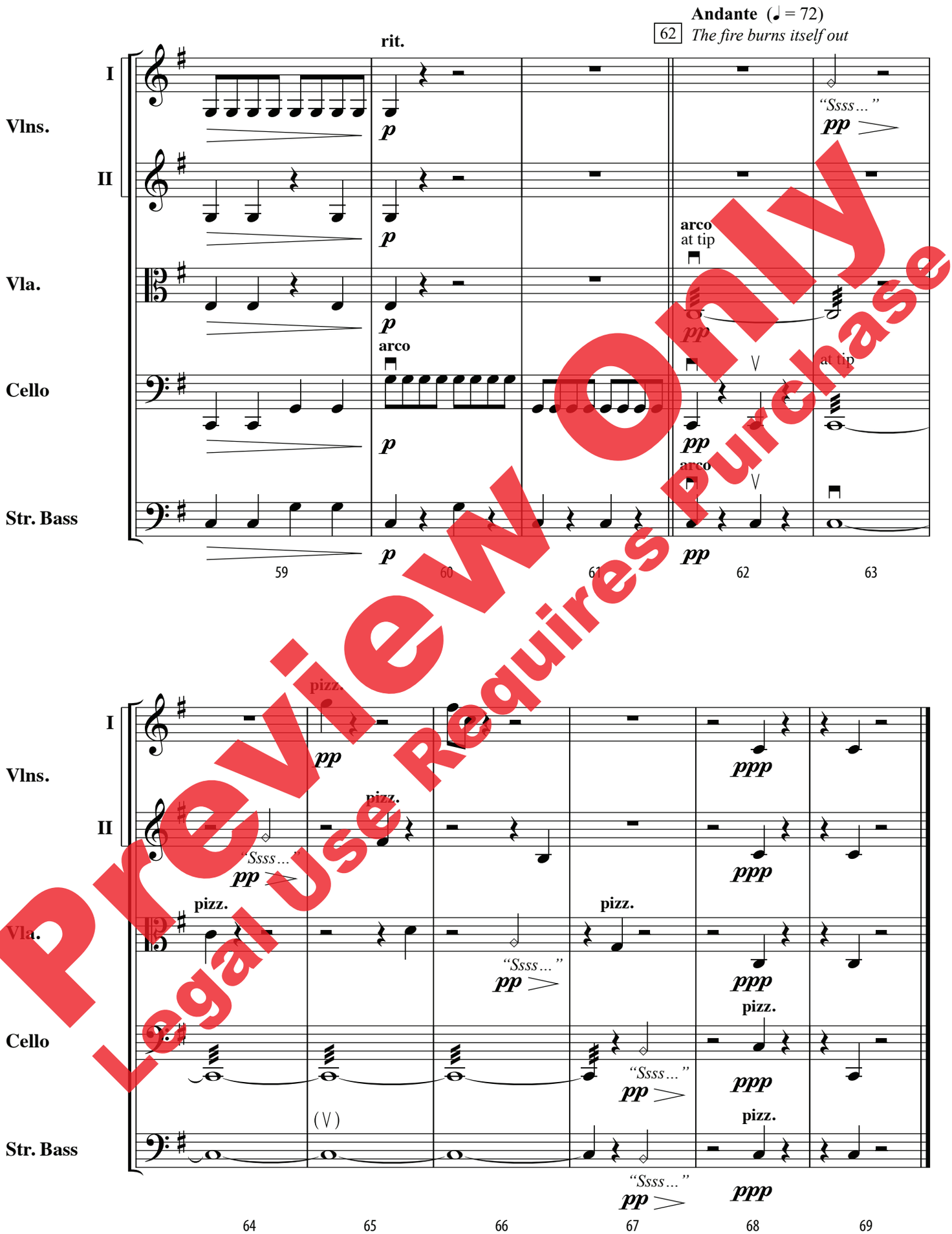

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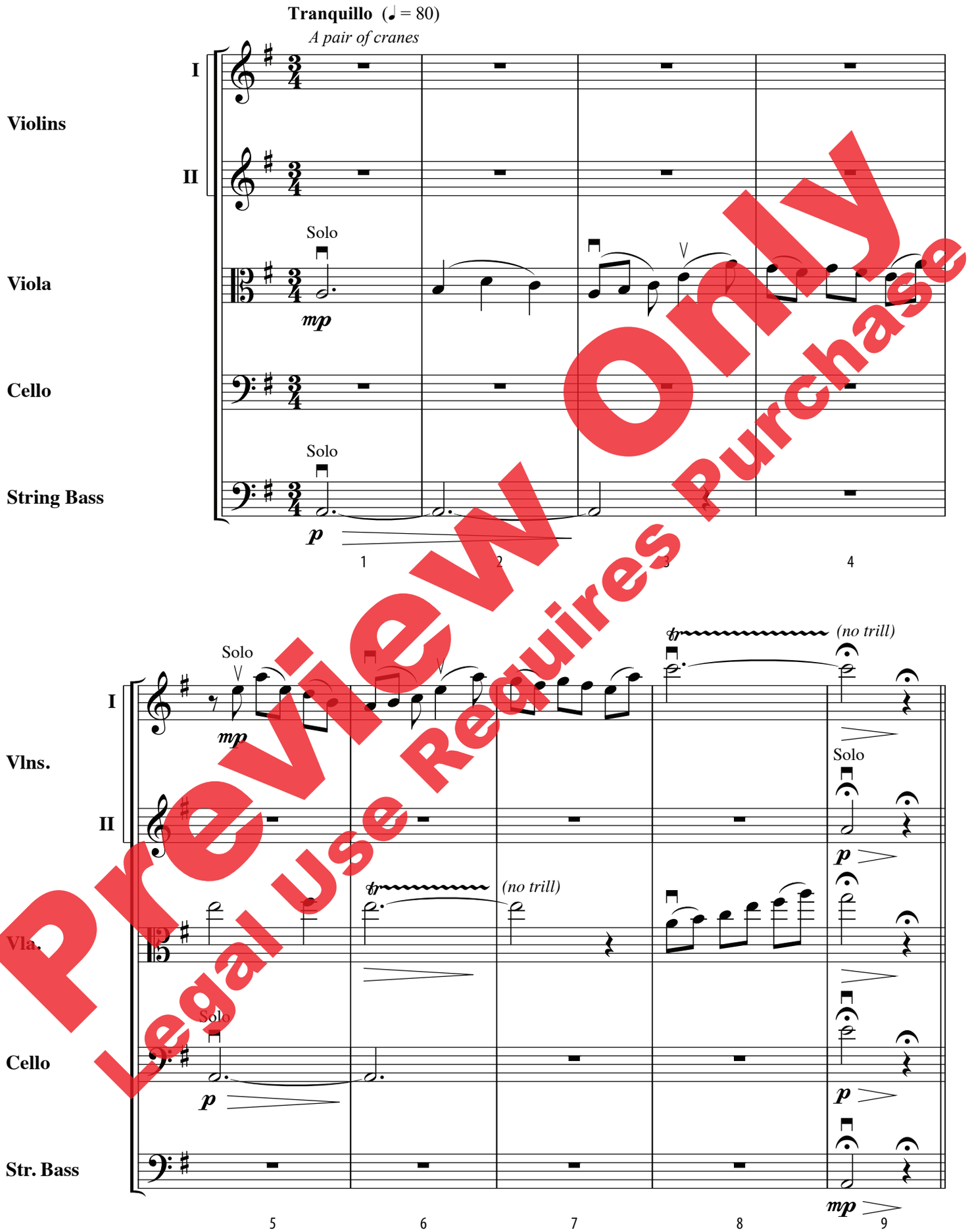

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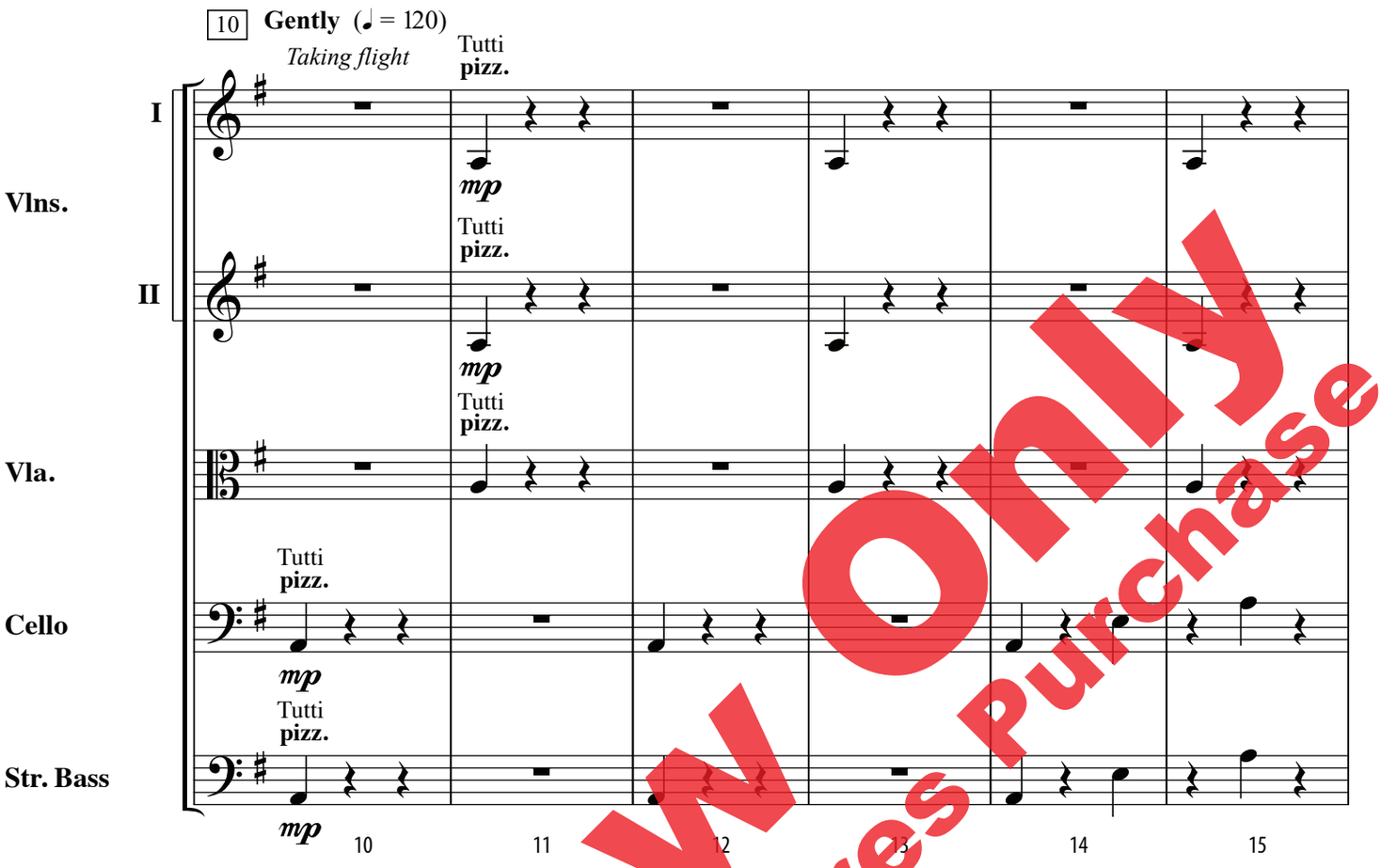

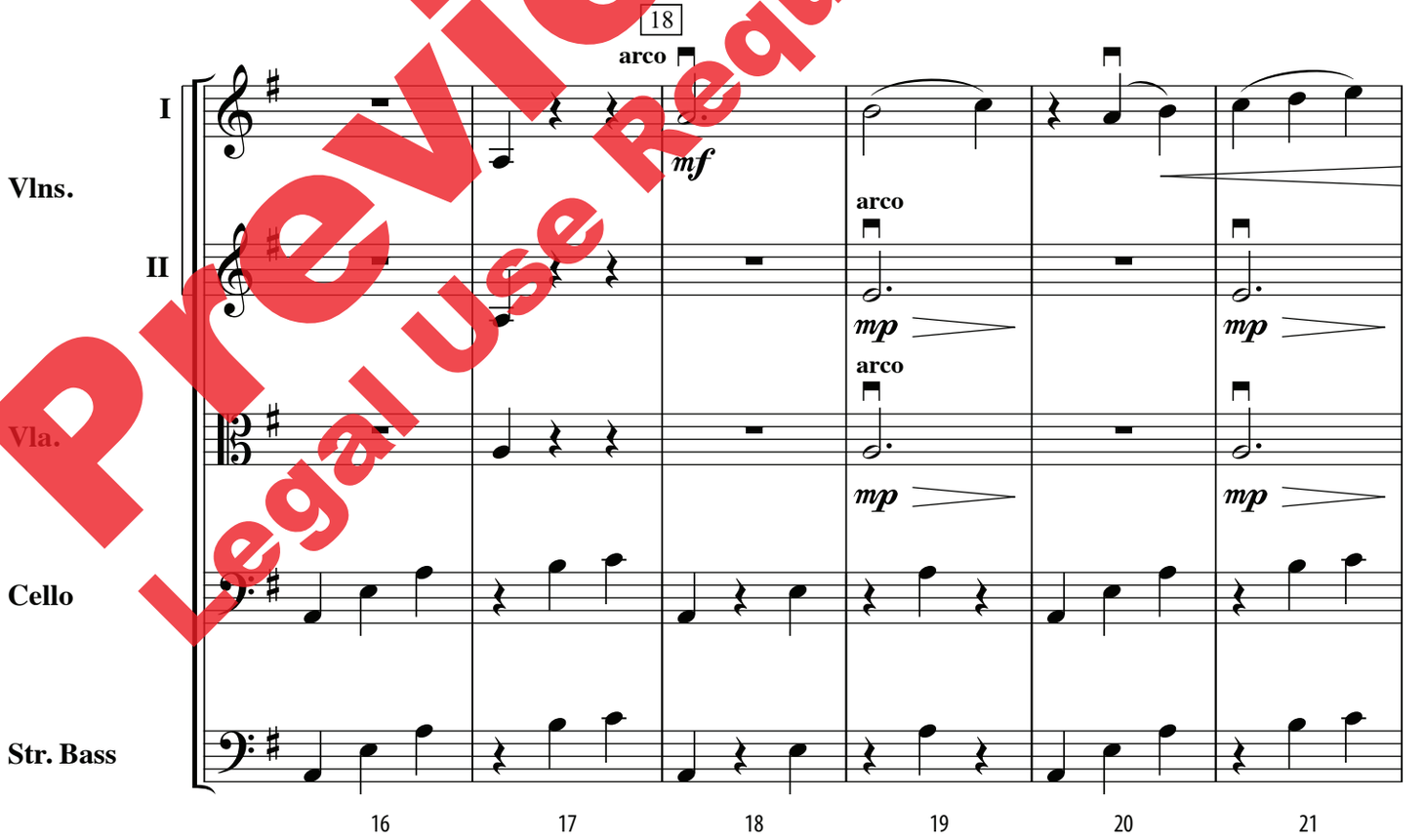

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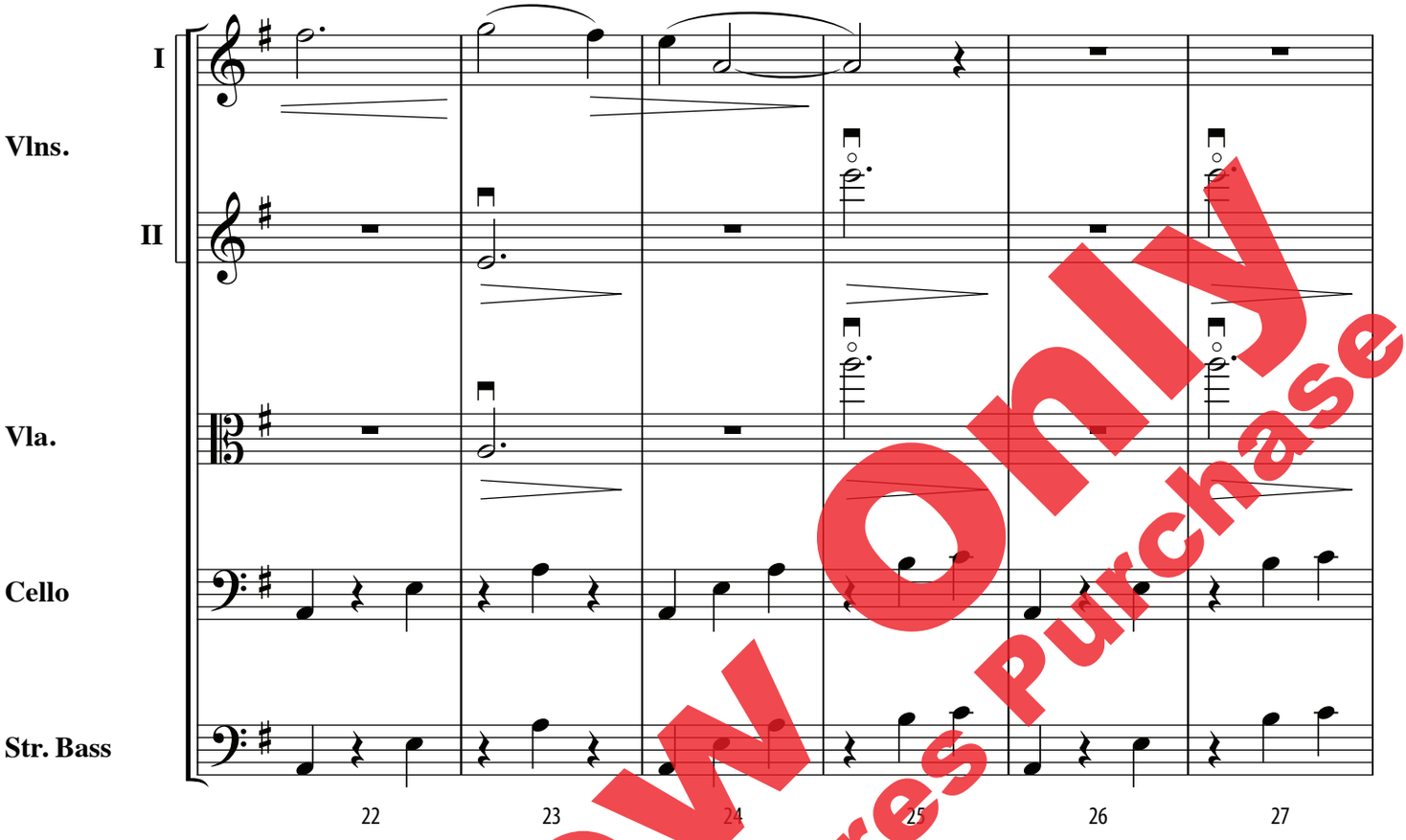

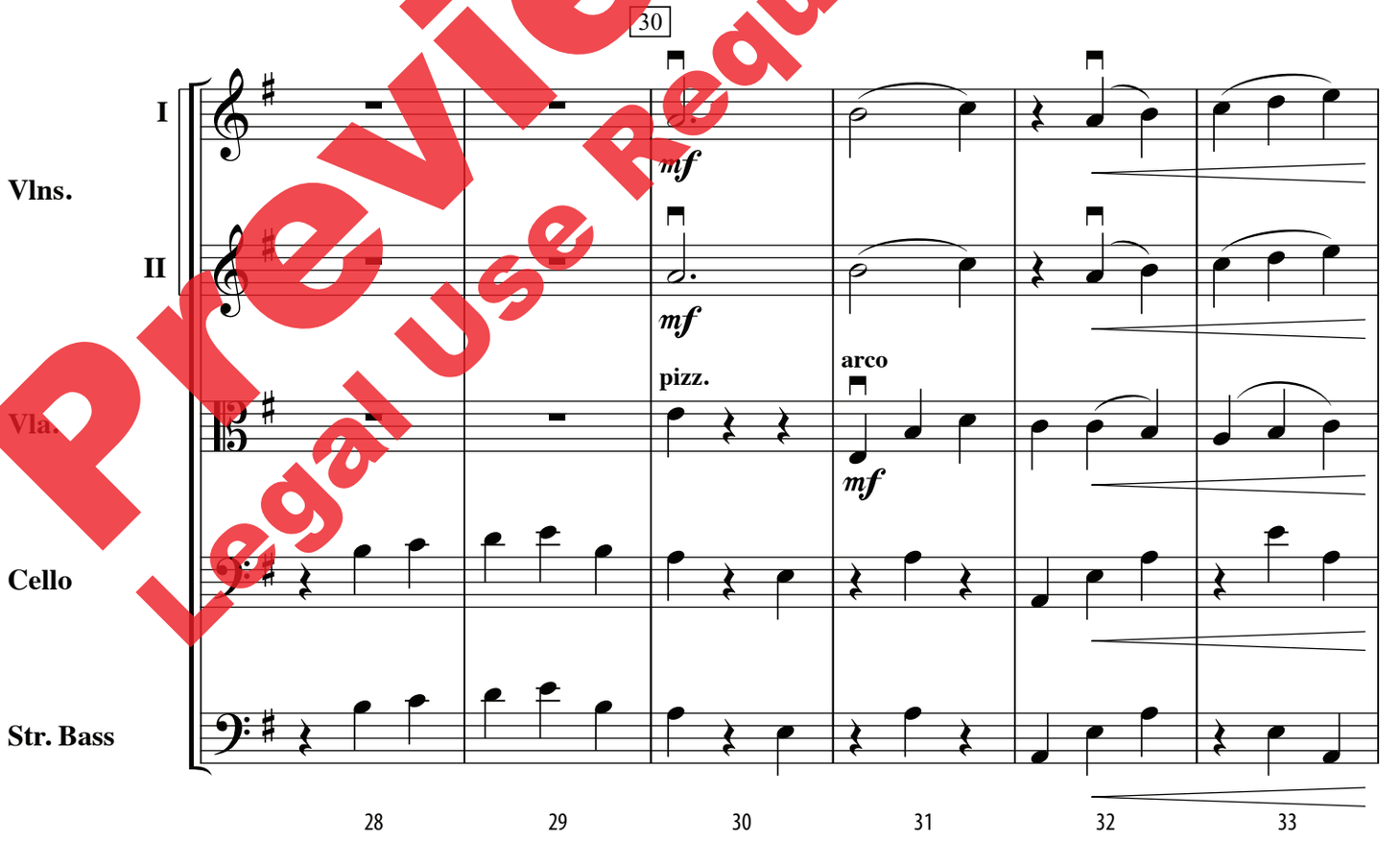

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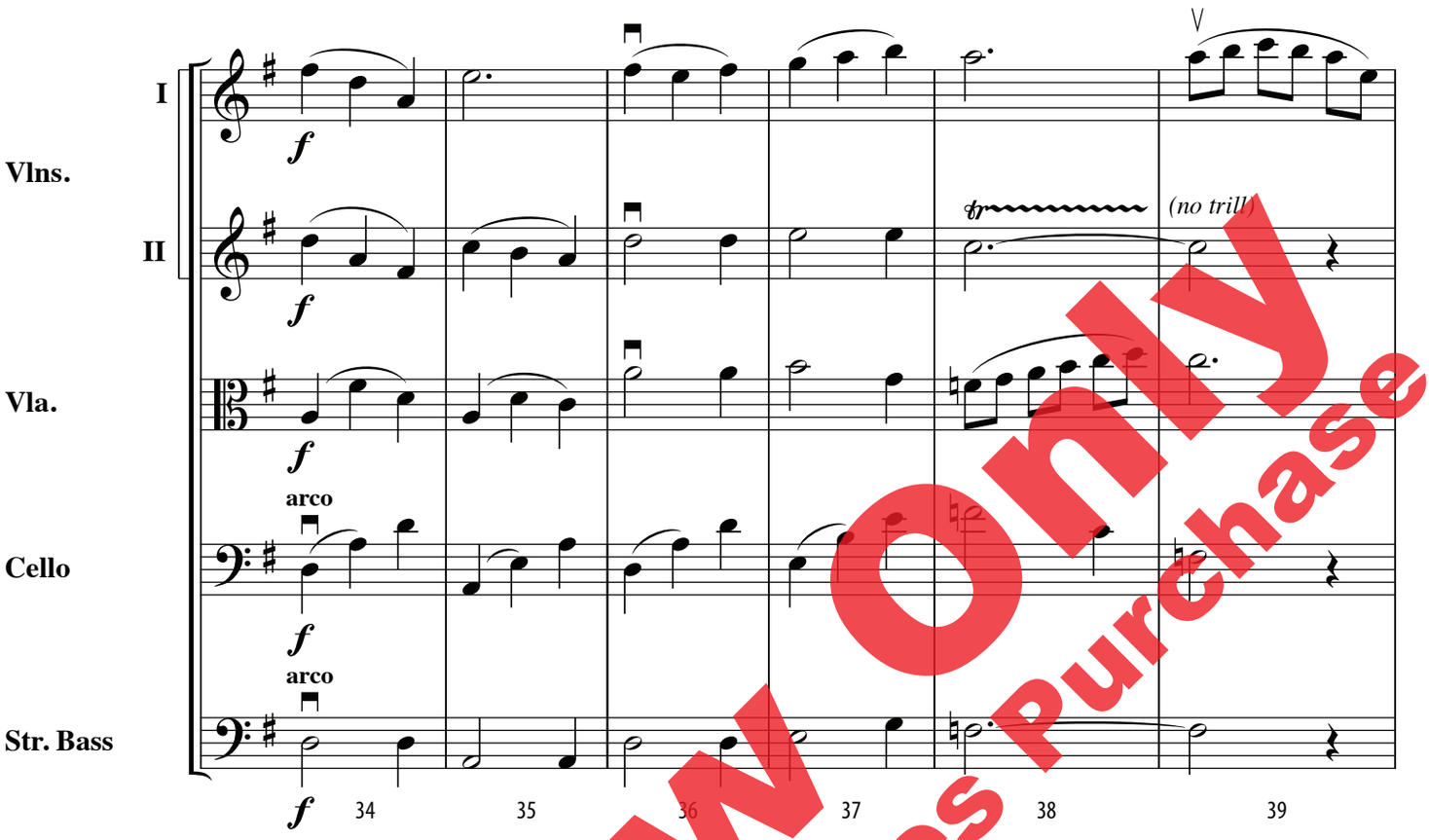

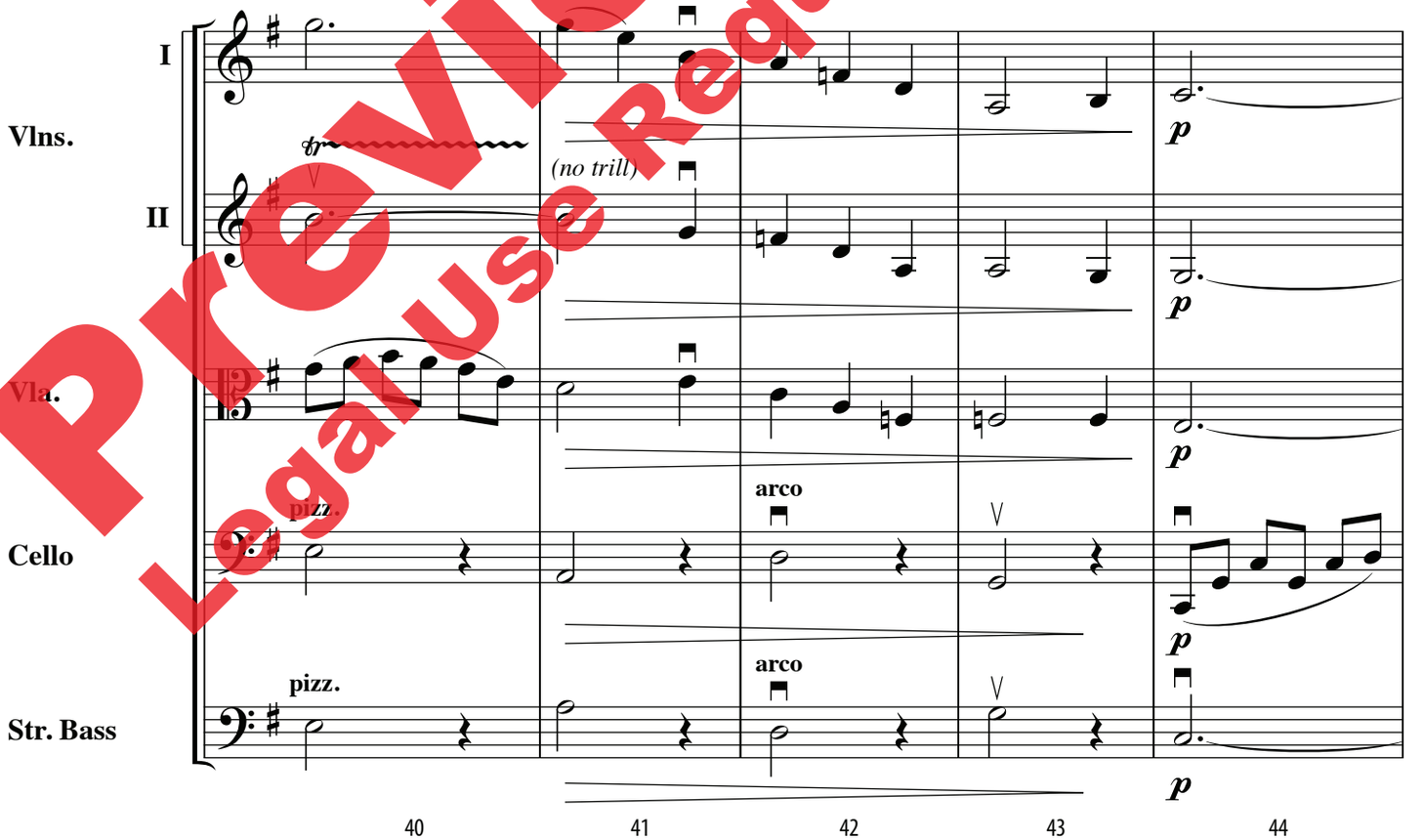

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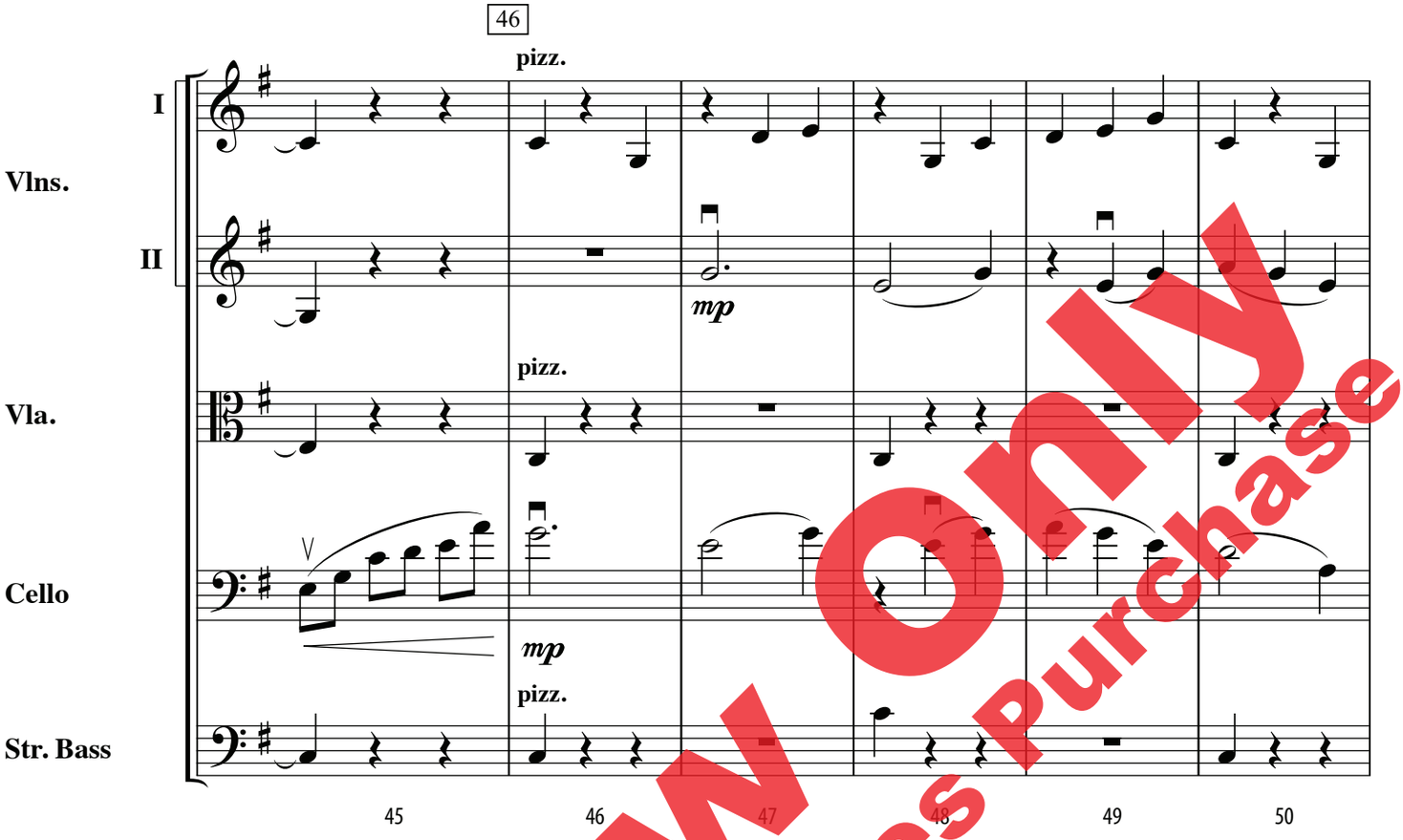

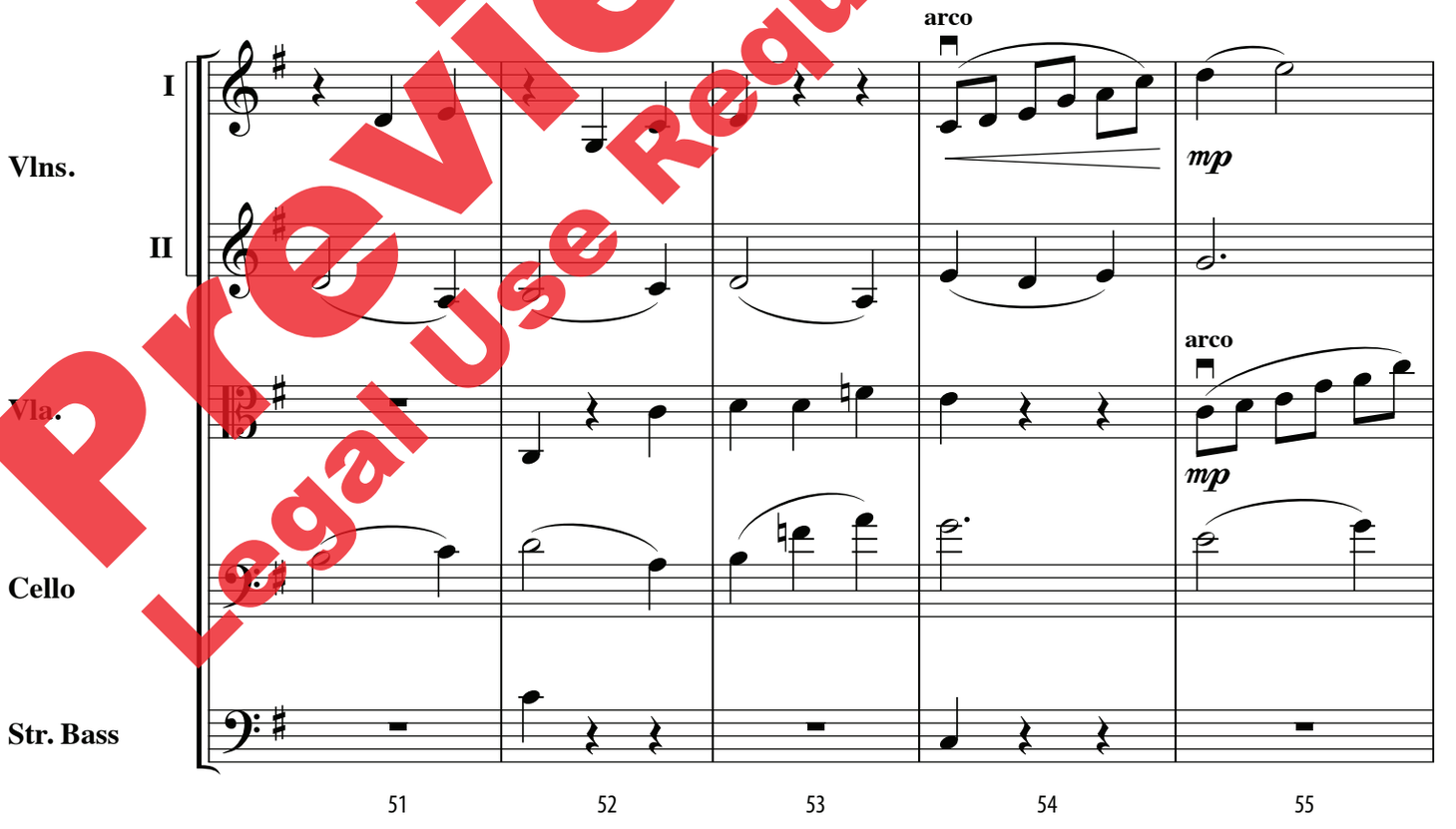

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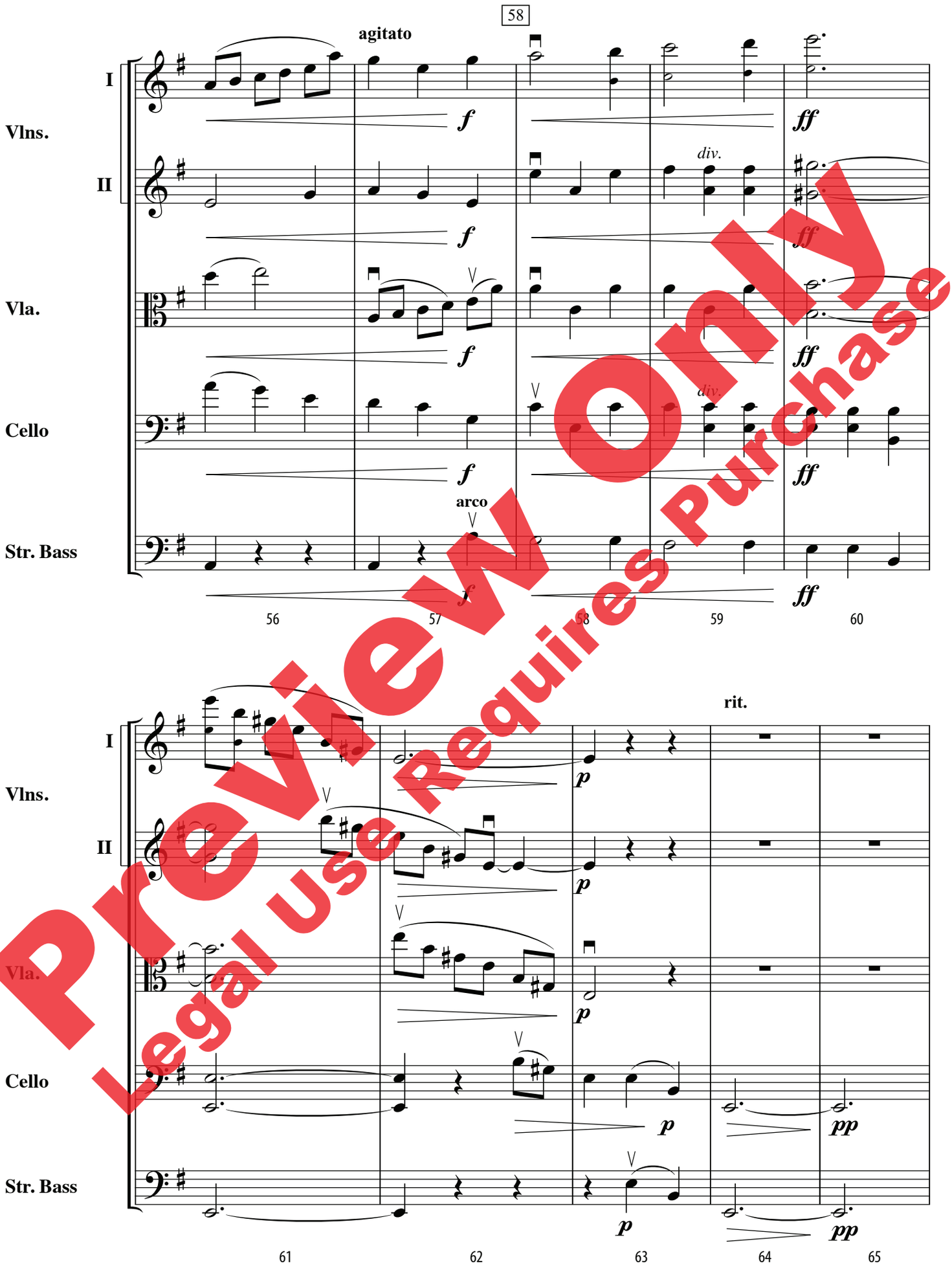

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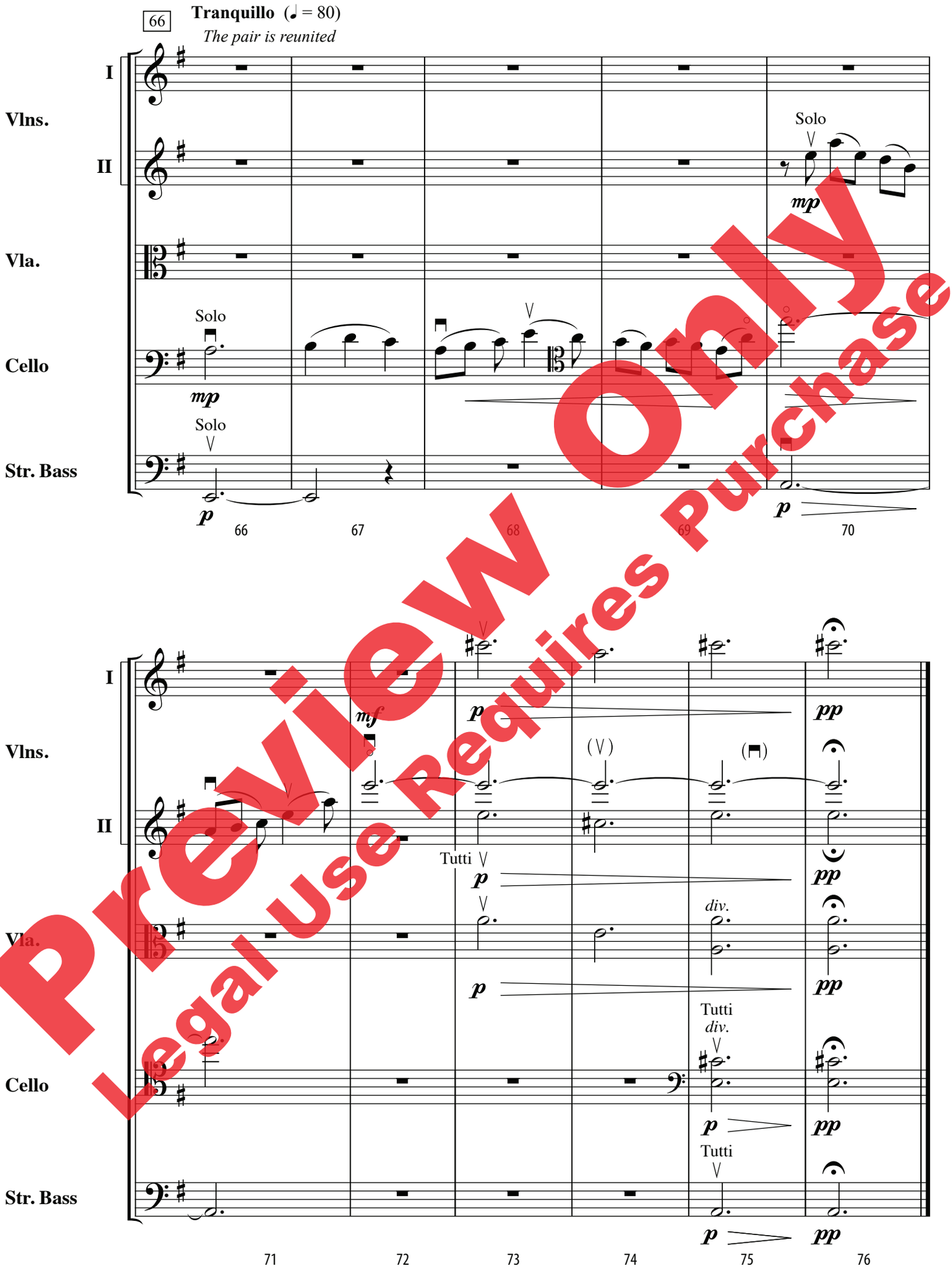

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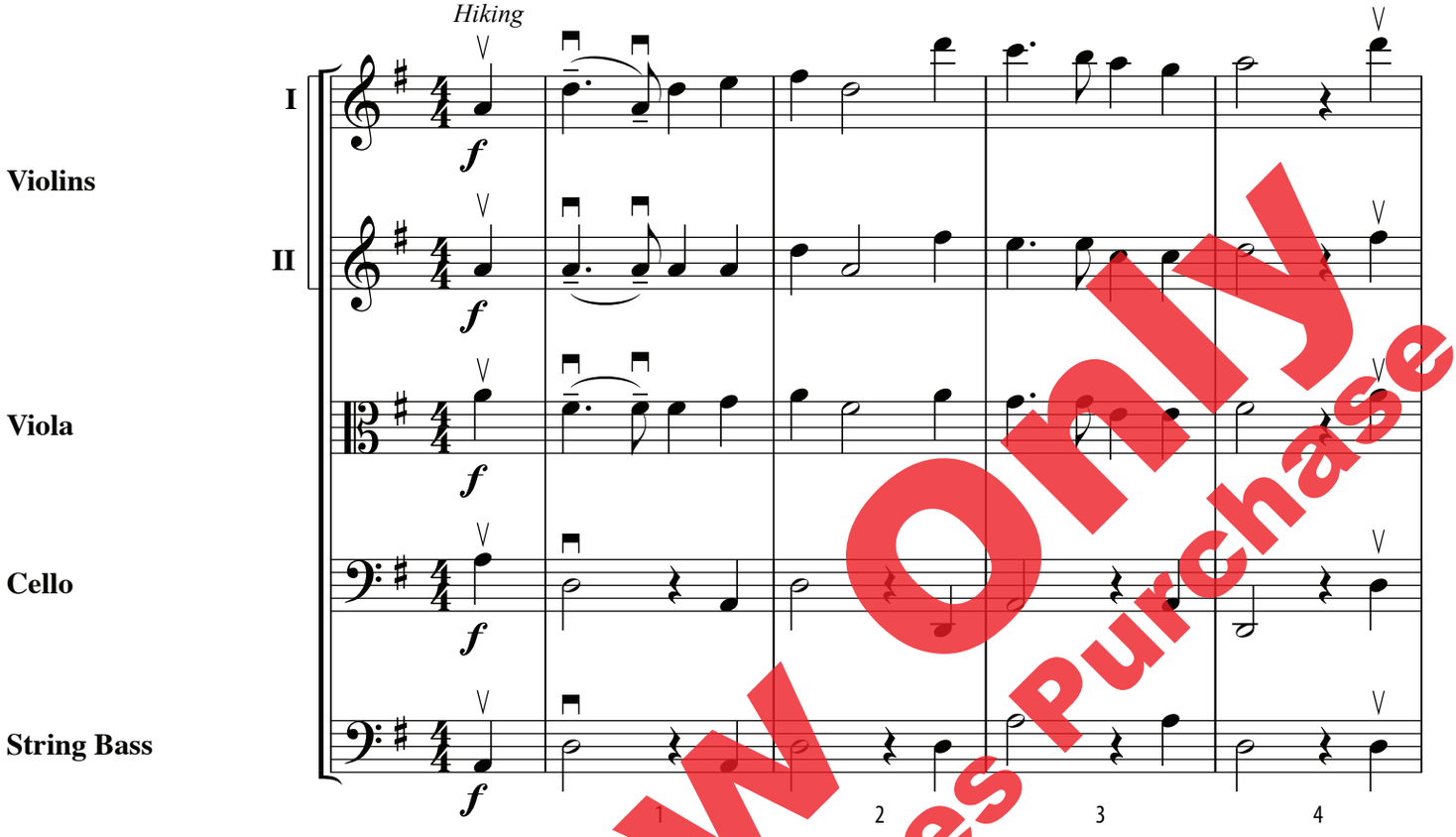
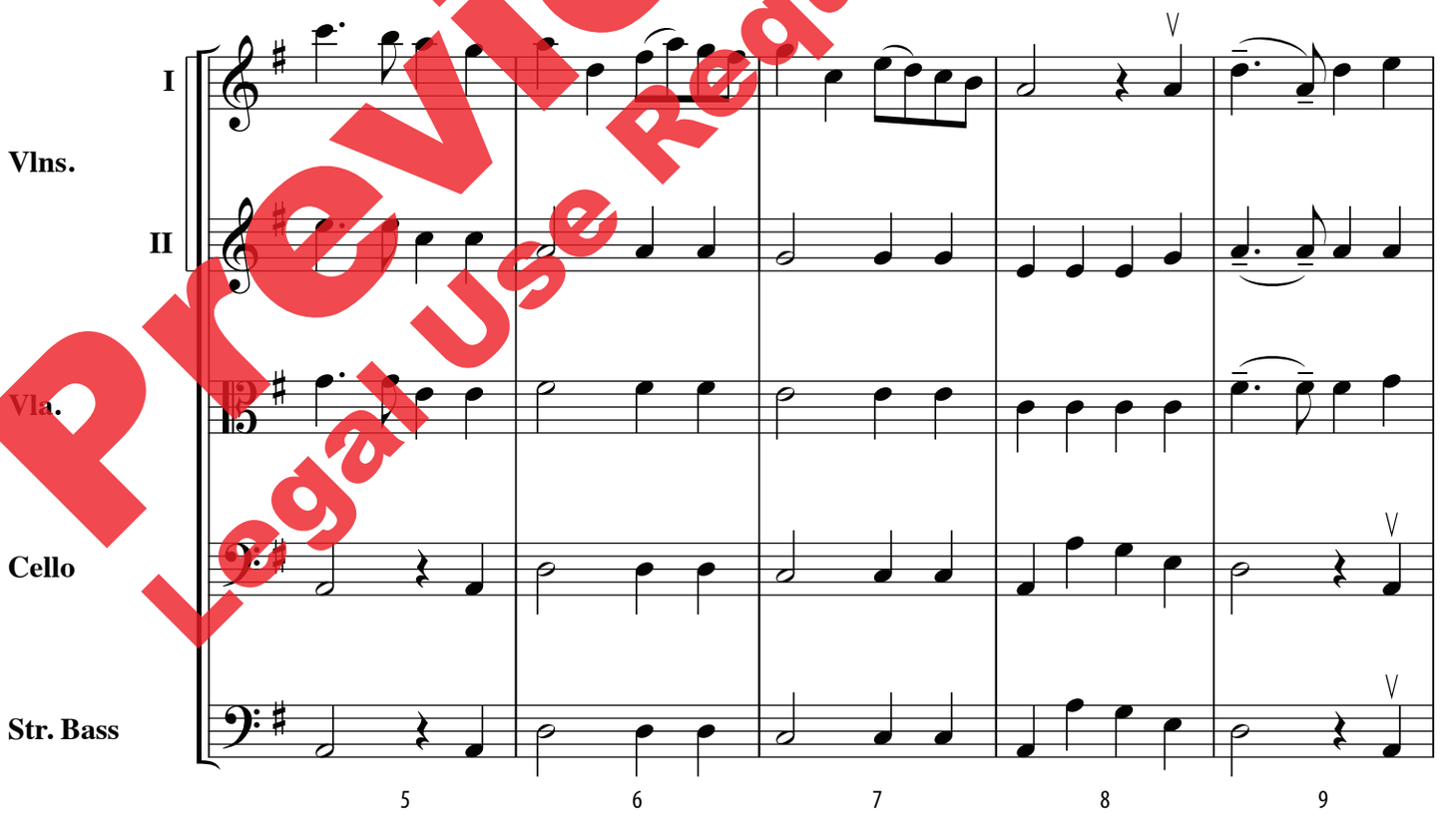
Stately (♩ = 120)

Hiking





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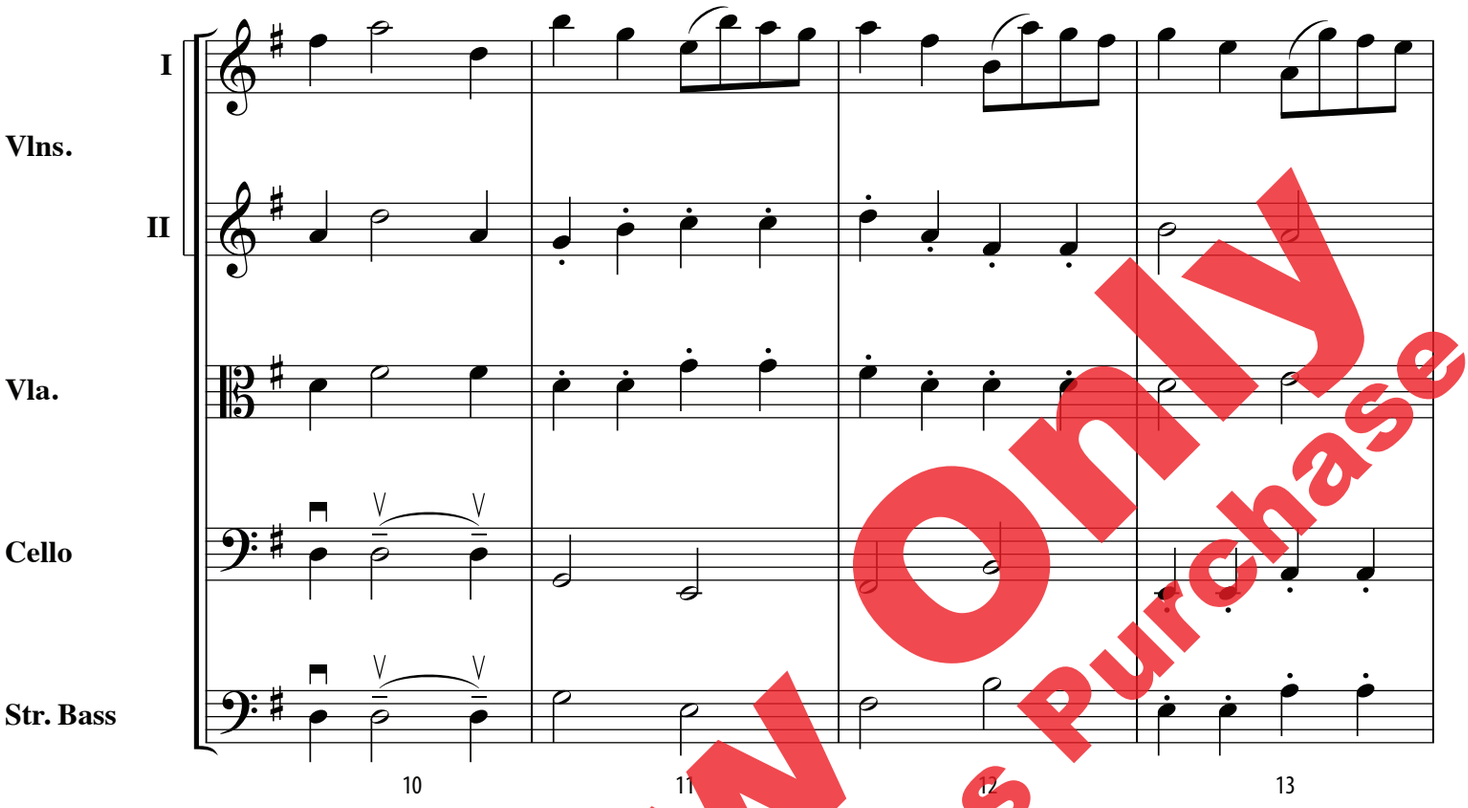

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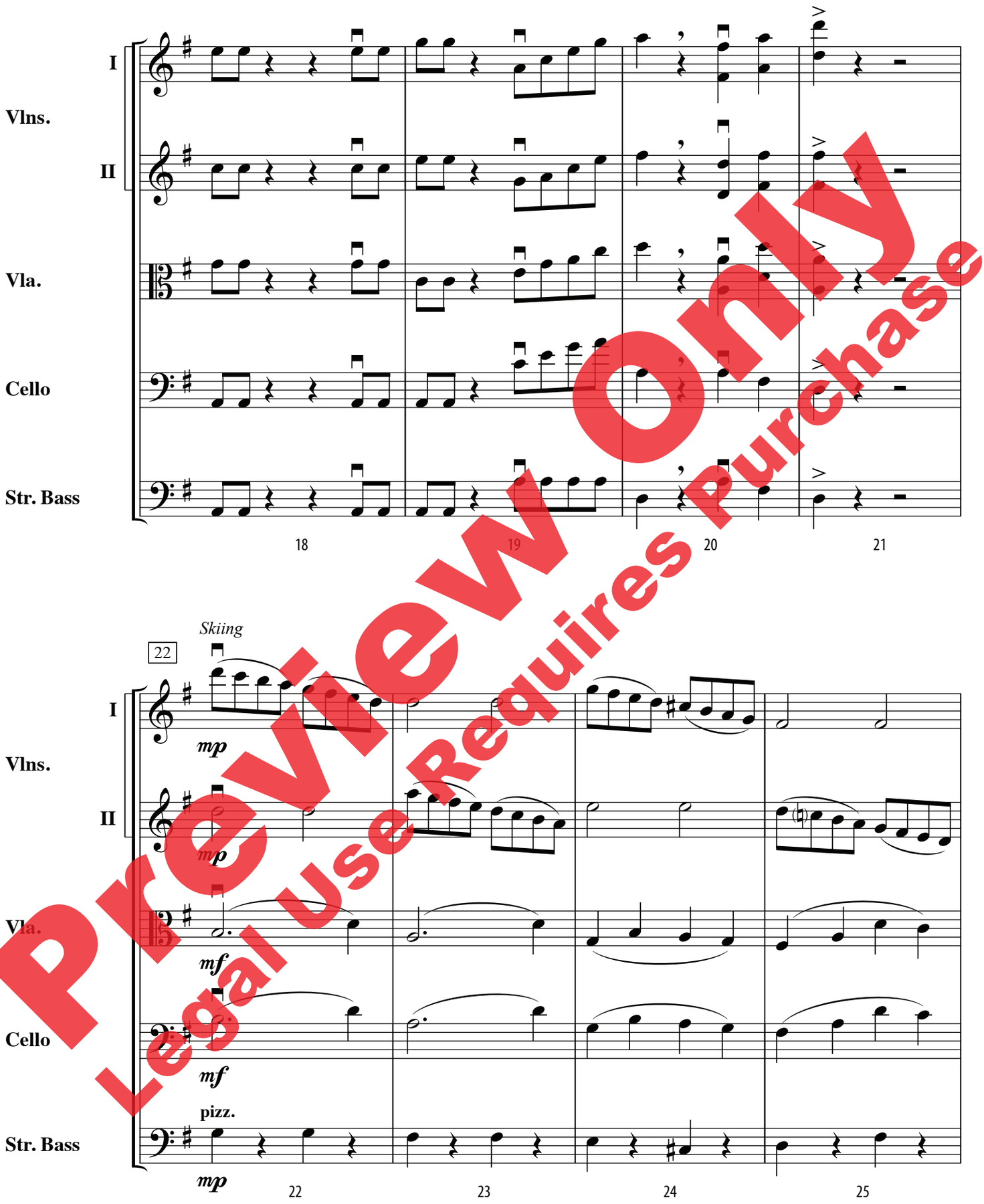

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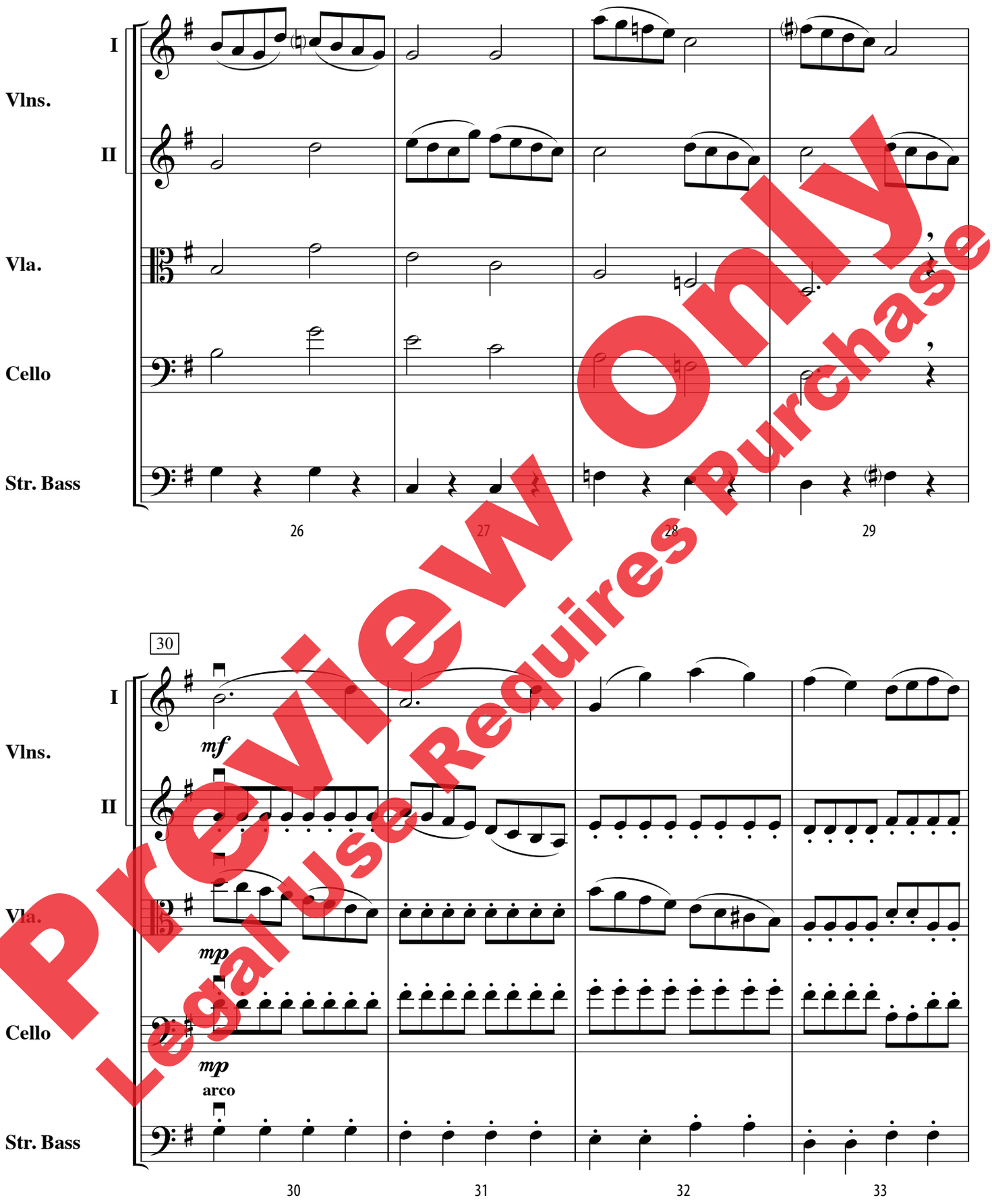

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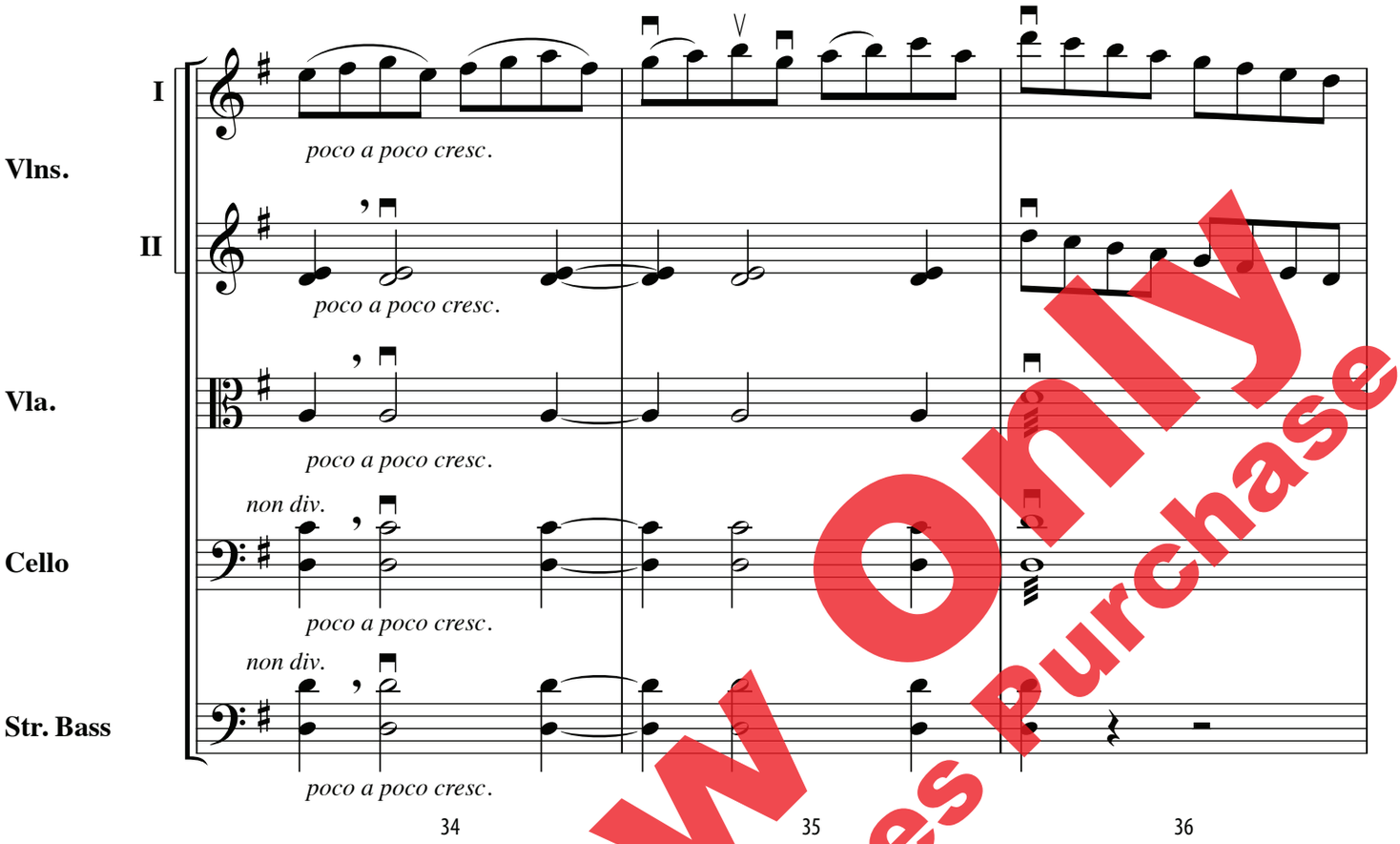

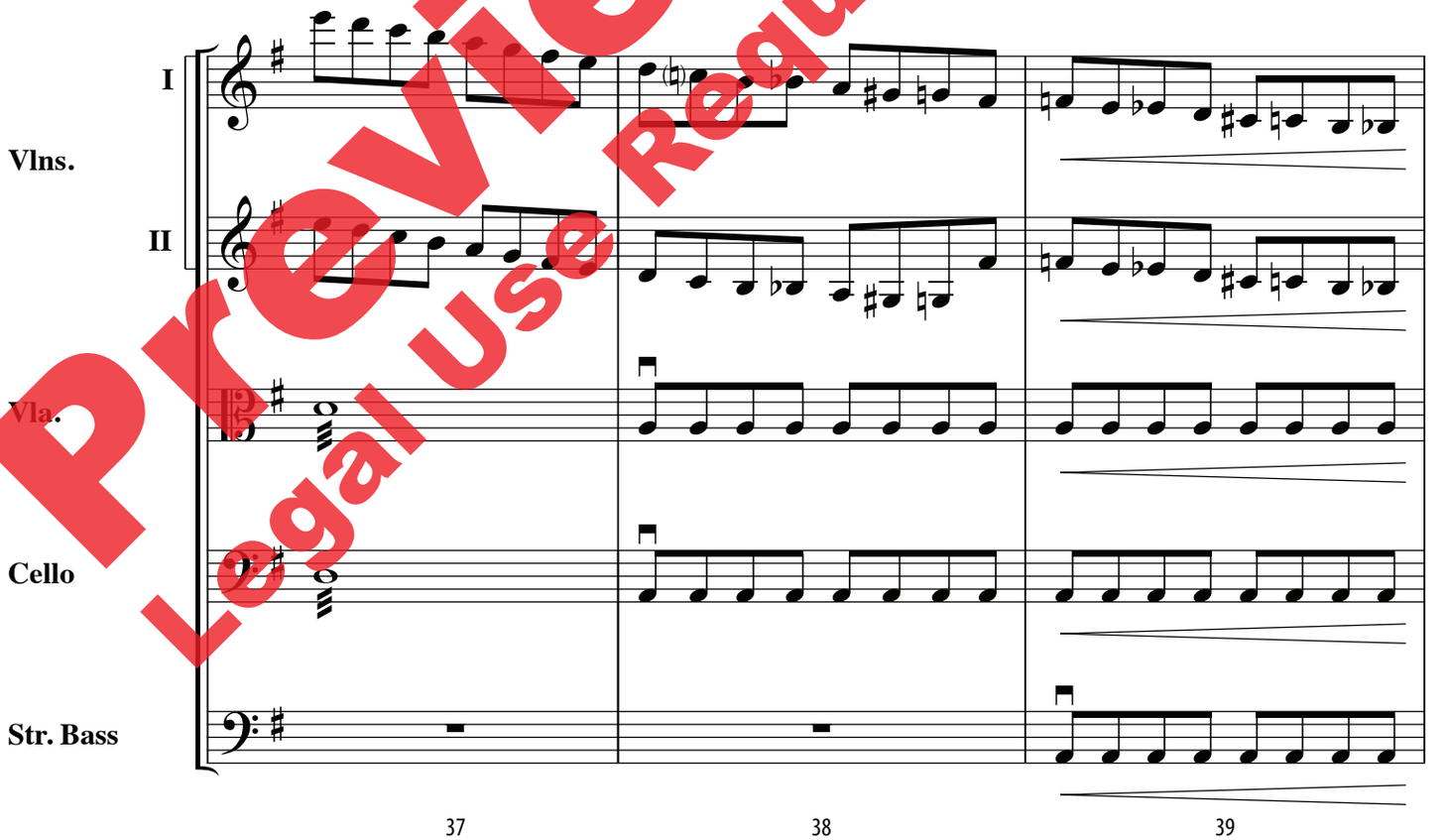

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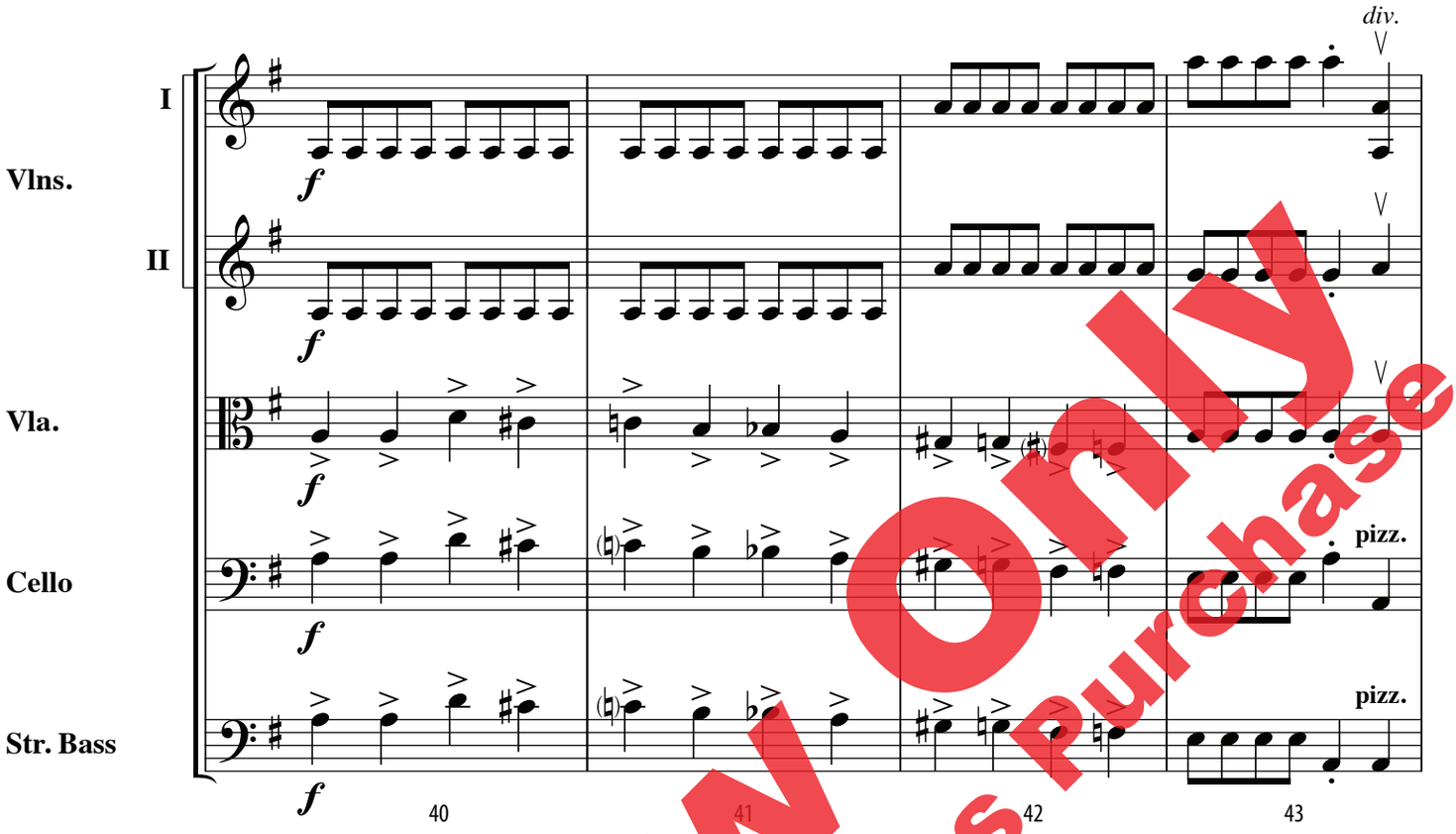

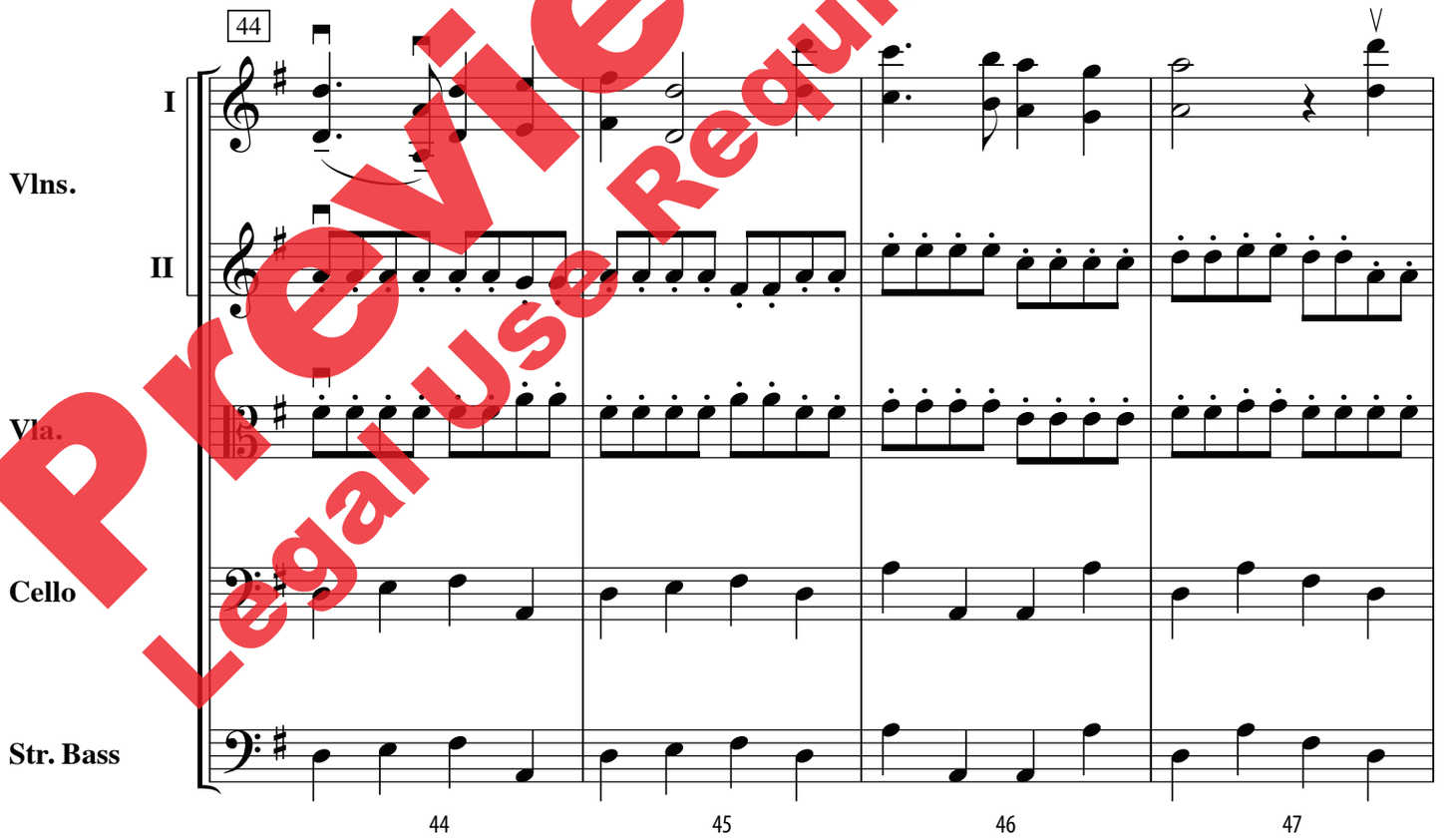

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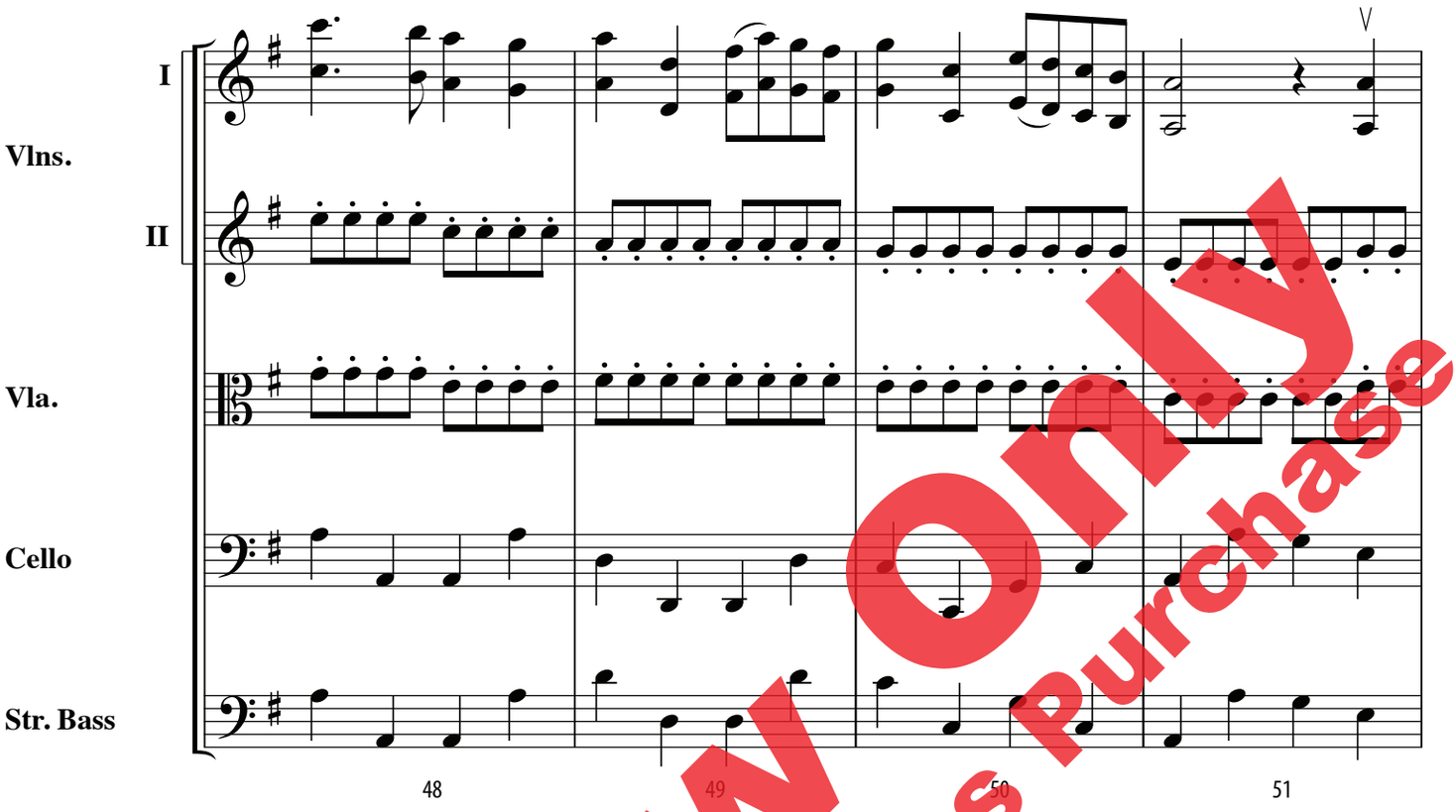

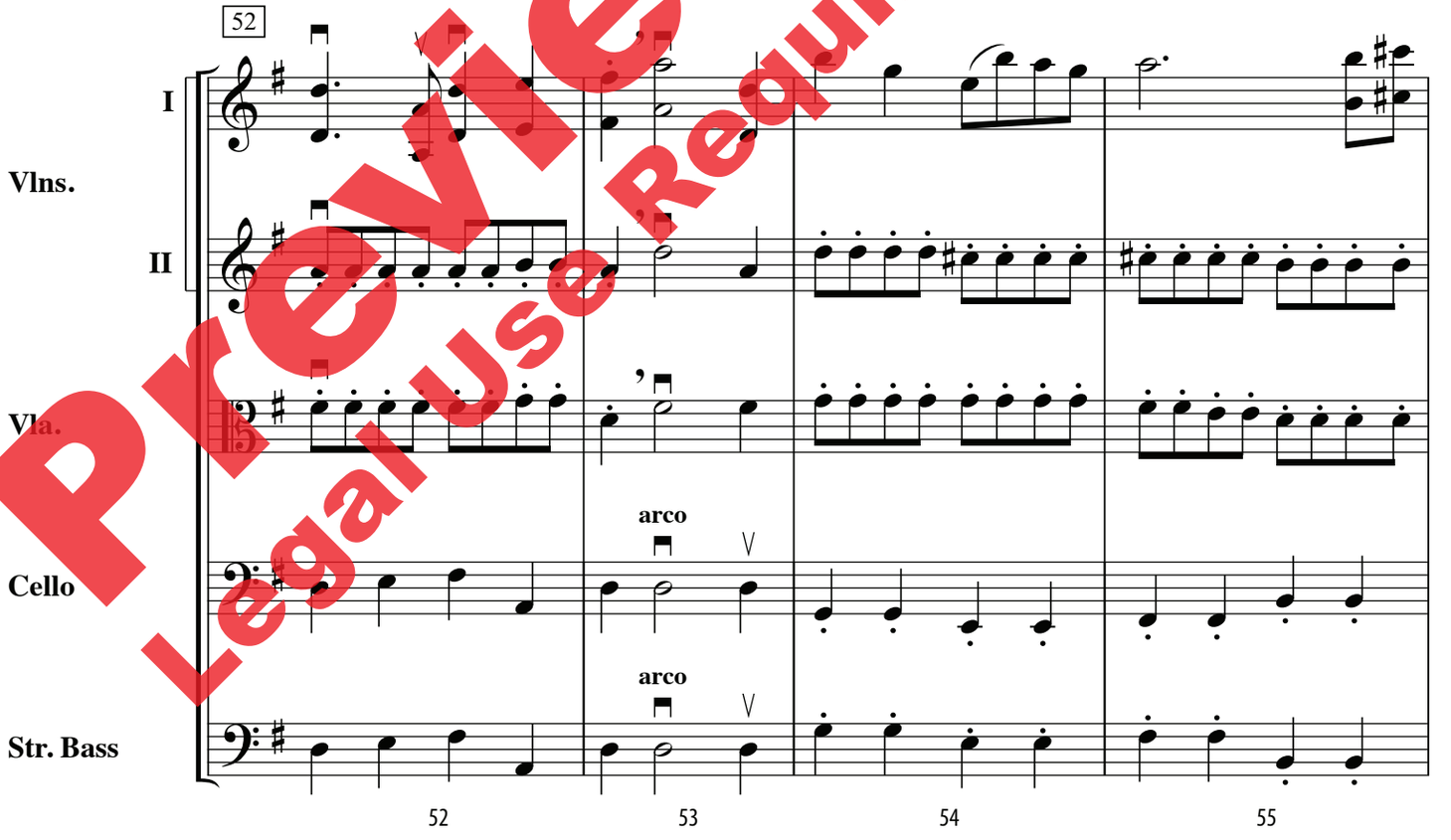

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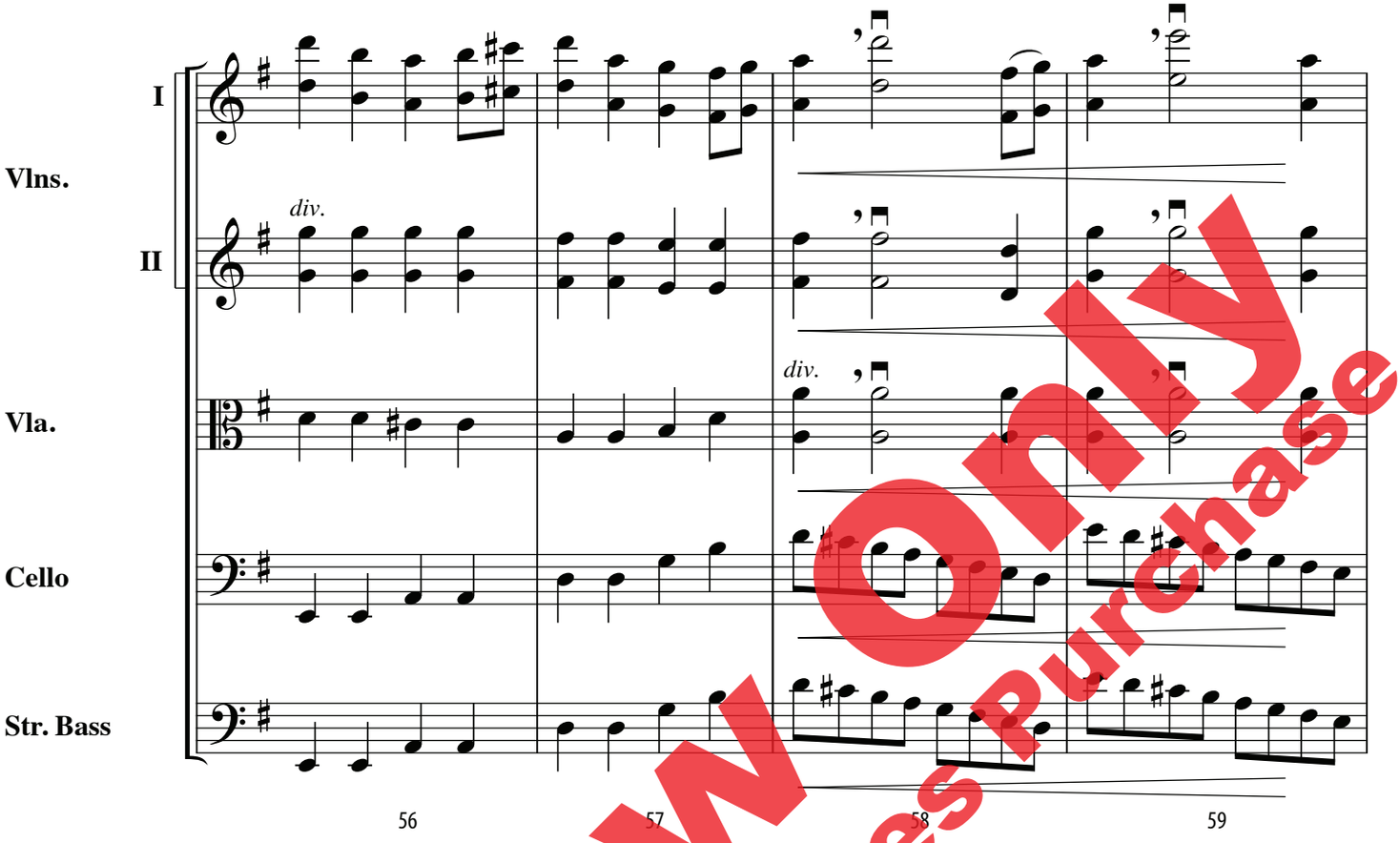

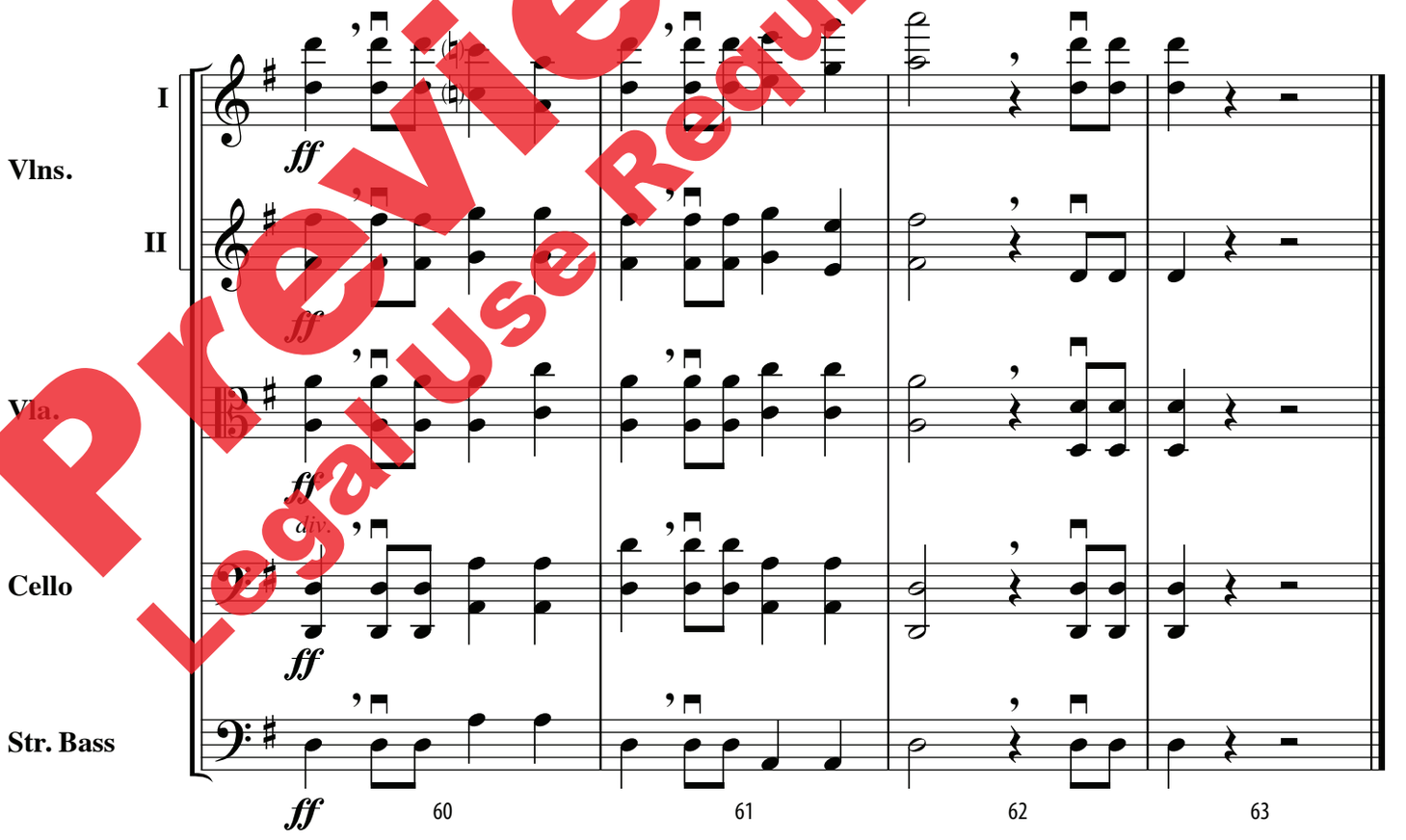

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