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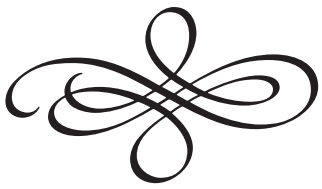

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ASHKENAZIC NIGUNIM

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Introduction

The melodies in this collection were inspired by music of Eastern European Jewish weddings before the Holocaust. *Nigunim*, or songs without words – played mostly on violin –were the heart and soul of *Ashkenazic* culture. The violinist's role was more than merely playing the melody. Using techniques such as *dreydlekh* (ornamentation), *nusekh* (style), and *krekhtsn* (imitation of sobs), listeners were transported to the realm of *dveykes* (spiritual union with the divine).

For those who already play traditional klezmer music in the style of *tish nigunim*, I hope you will enjoy discovering new melodies. If you are taking your first steps into this style, I highly recommend *KLEZMER FIDDLE: a how-to guide*, by Ilana Cravitz (Oxford University Press, 2008).

To play any folk style with more authenticity and enjoyment, you'll want to listen to as many recordings as possible. All but two of these pieces are recorded by Naye Strunes on our free CD (available on Soundcloud) and also on the video documentary “Garden of the Righteous” (available on YouTube).

Among my favorite recordings are:

Budowitz: "Mother Tongue" and "Wedding Without A Bride"
Leon Schwartz: "Like In A Different World"
Khevrisa: "European Klezmer Music"
Steven Greenman: "Stempenyu's Dream" and "Stempenyu's Neshome"
Strauss/Warschauer: "Rejoicing"
Alicia Svigals: "Fidl"
Cookie Segelstein, Joshua Horowitz, Stuart Brotman: “Veretski Pass”

And finally, there are many on-line workshops and classes available.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my music with you.
I hope you derive as much pleasure playing these tunes as I have by composing them.

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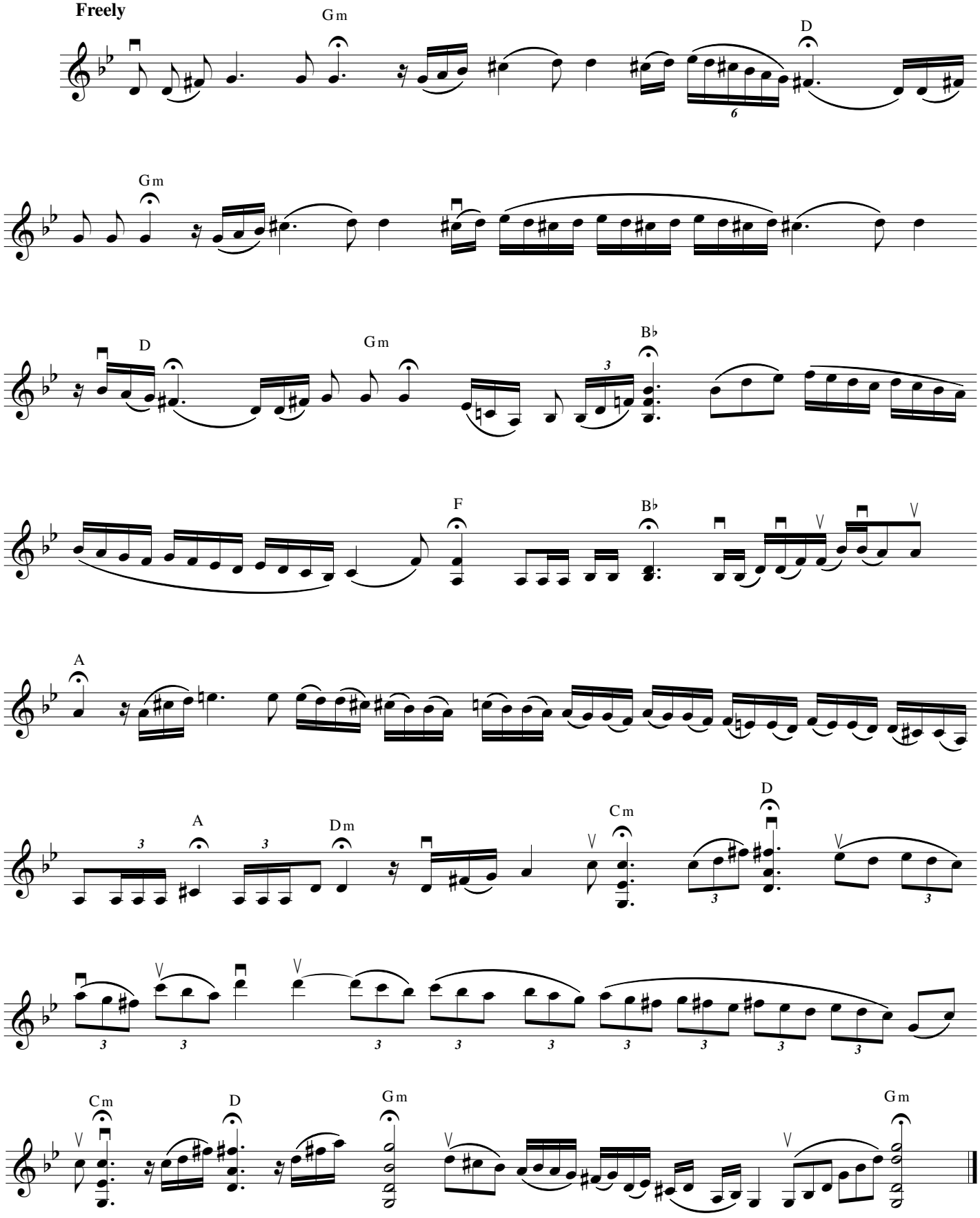

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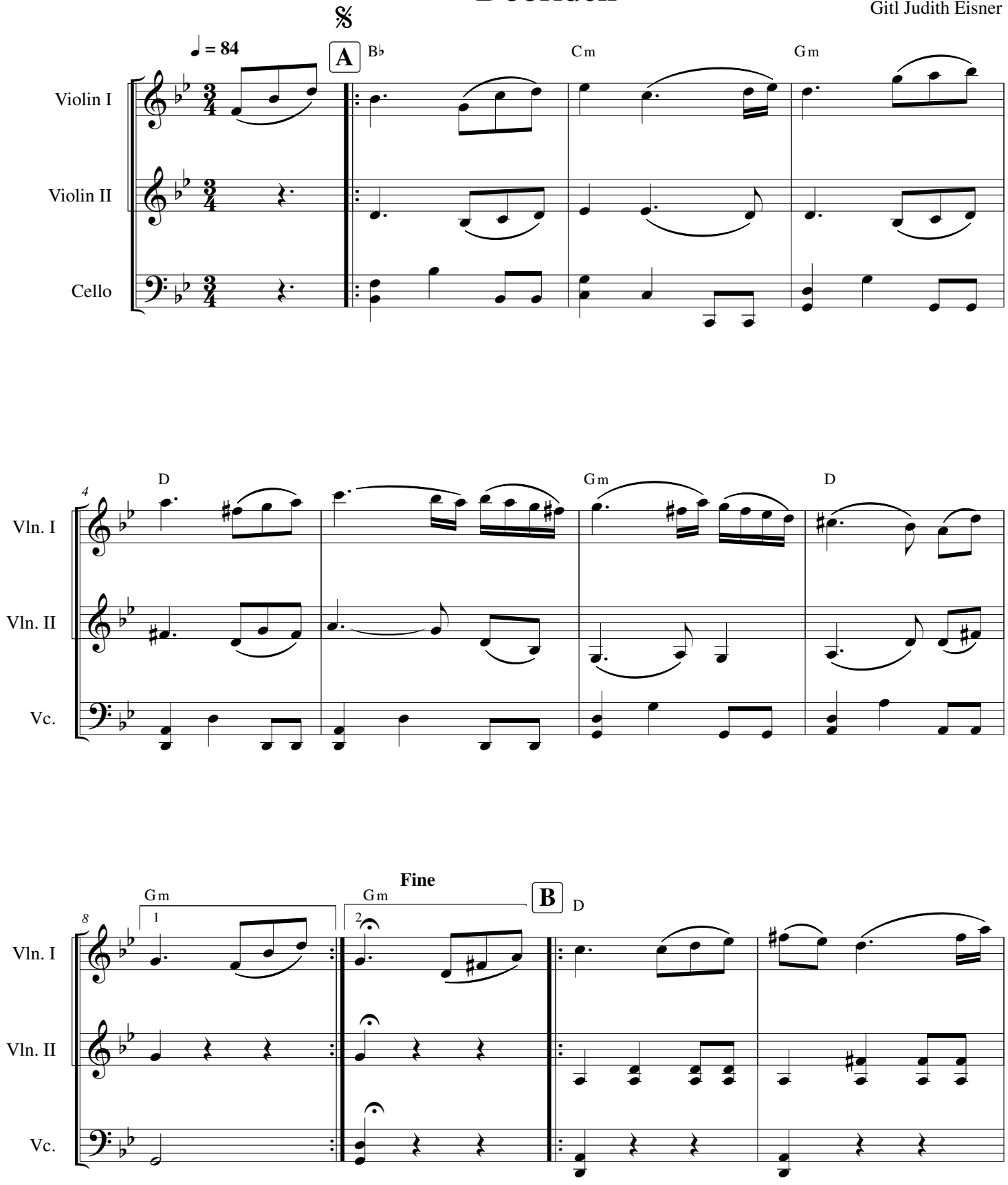

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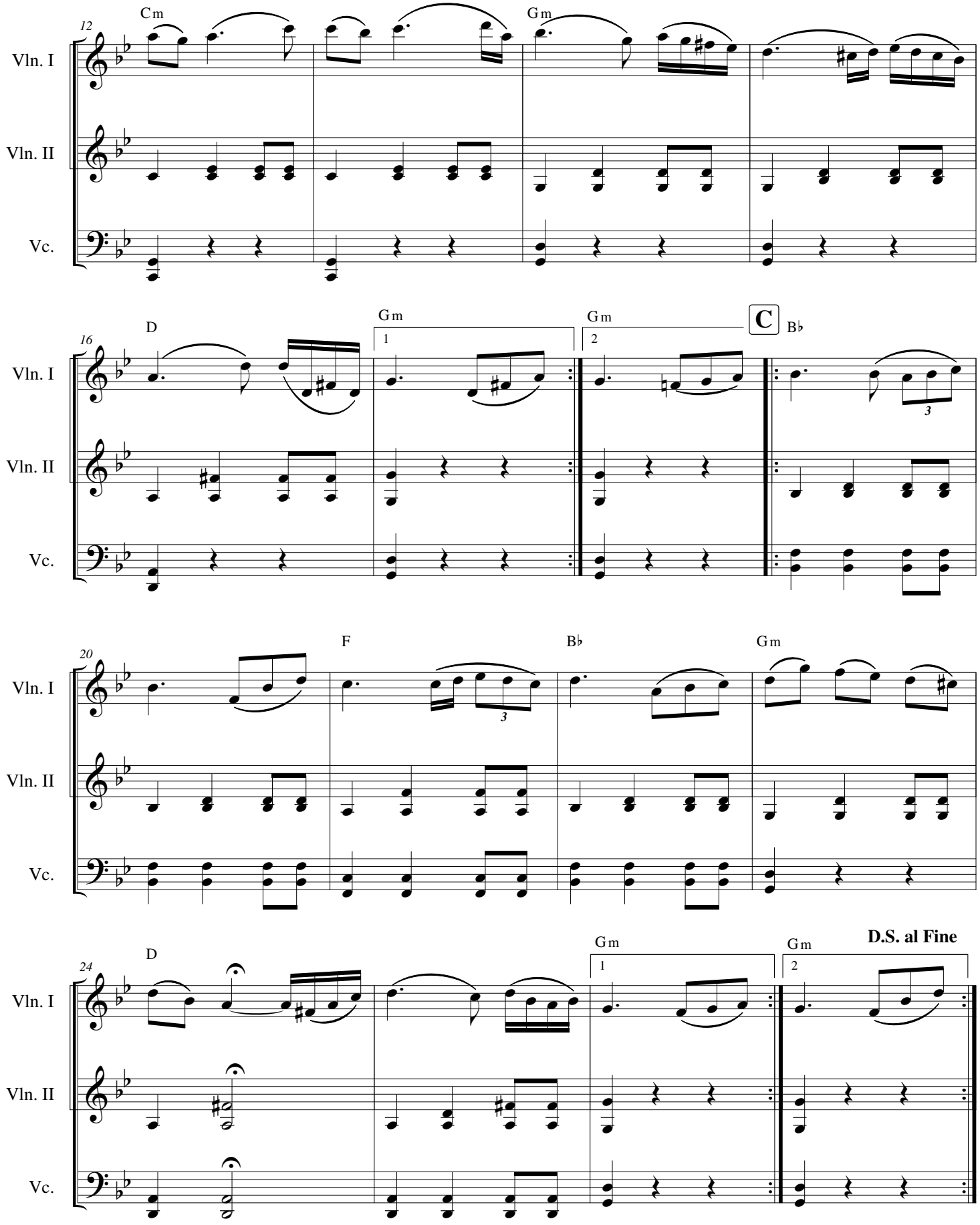

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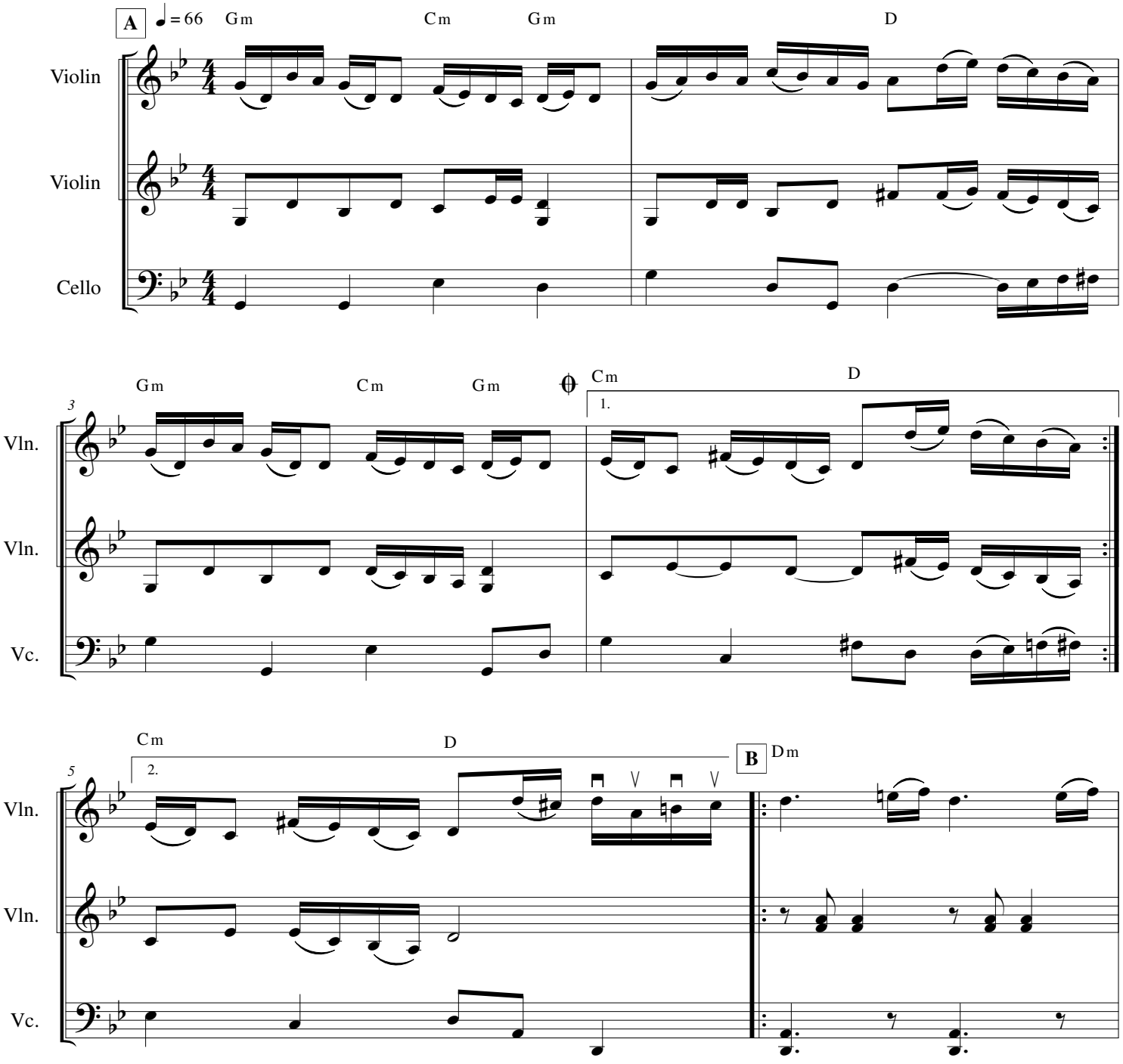

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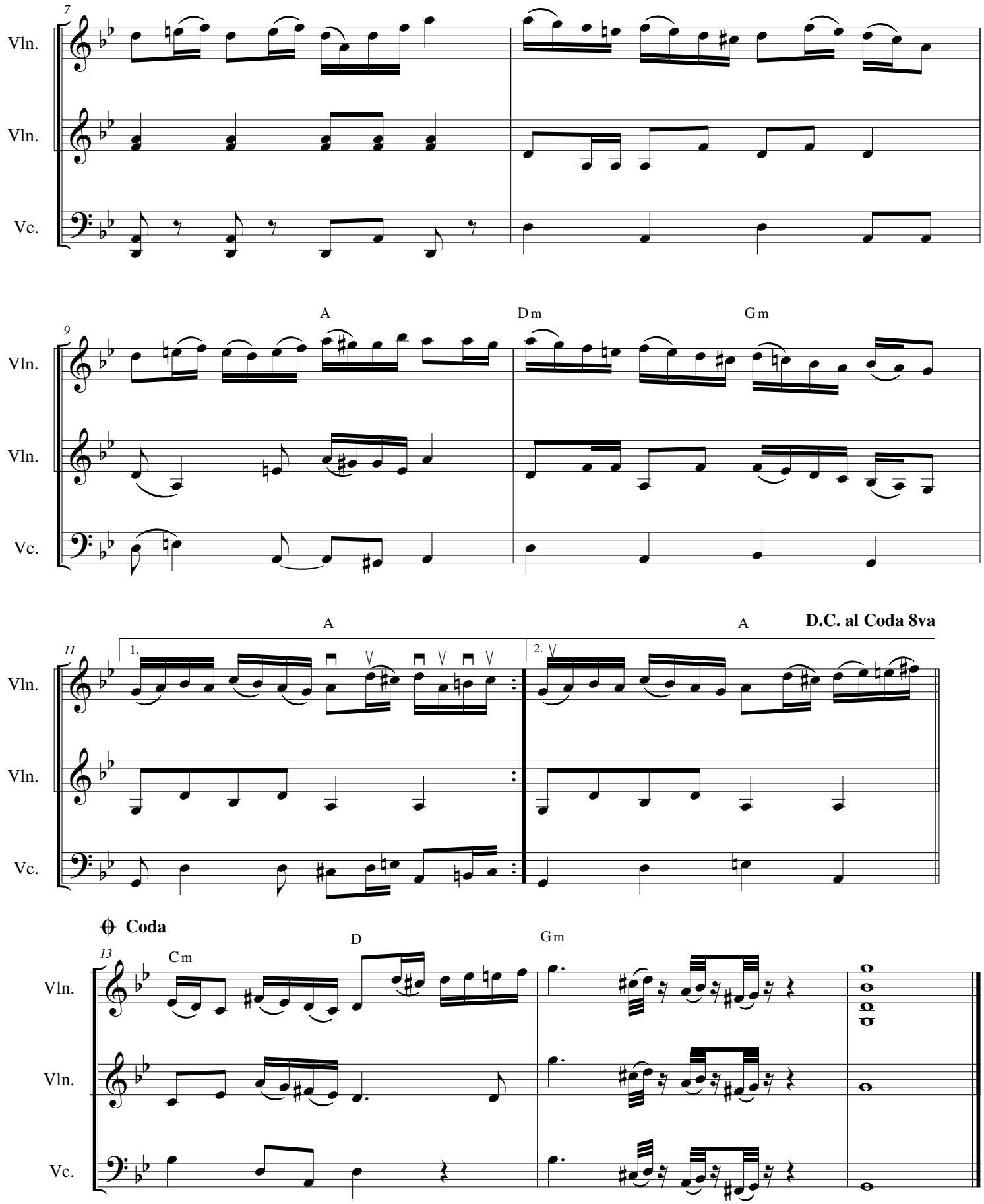

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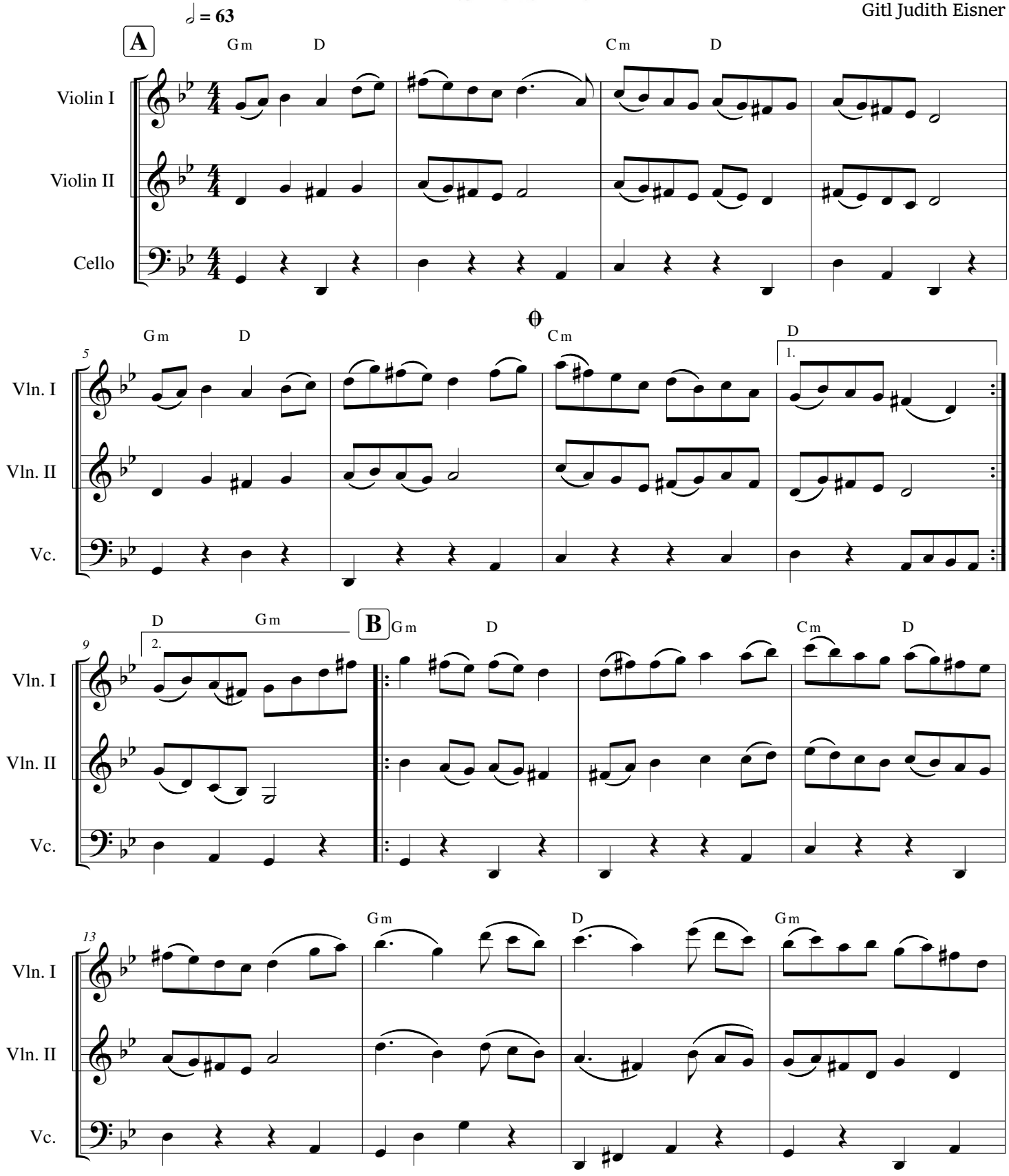

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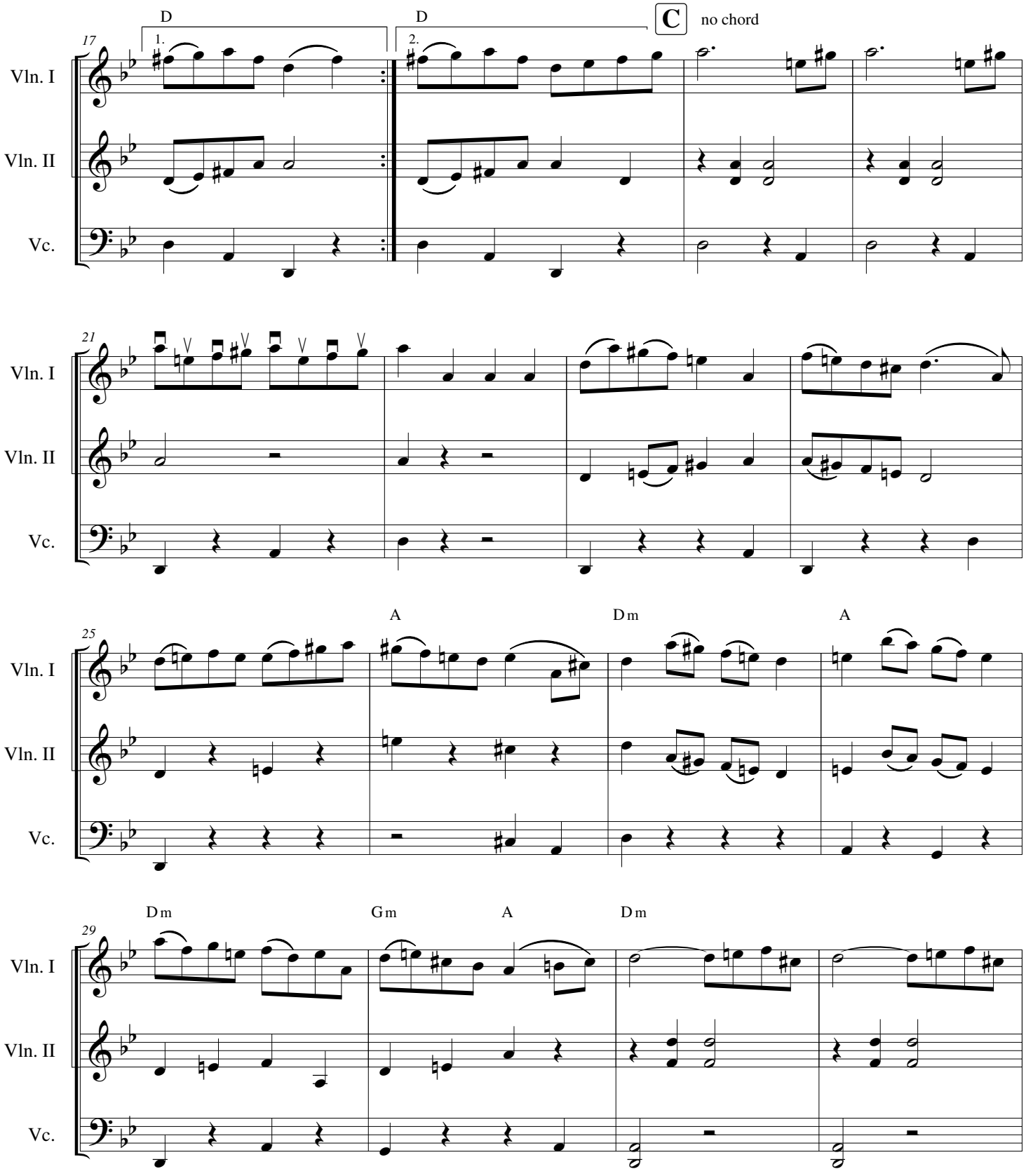

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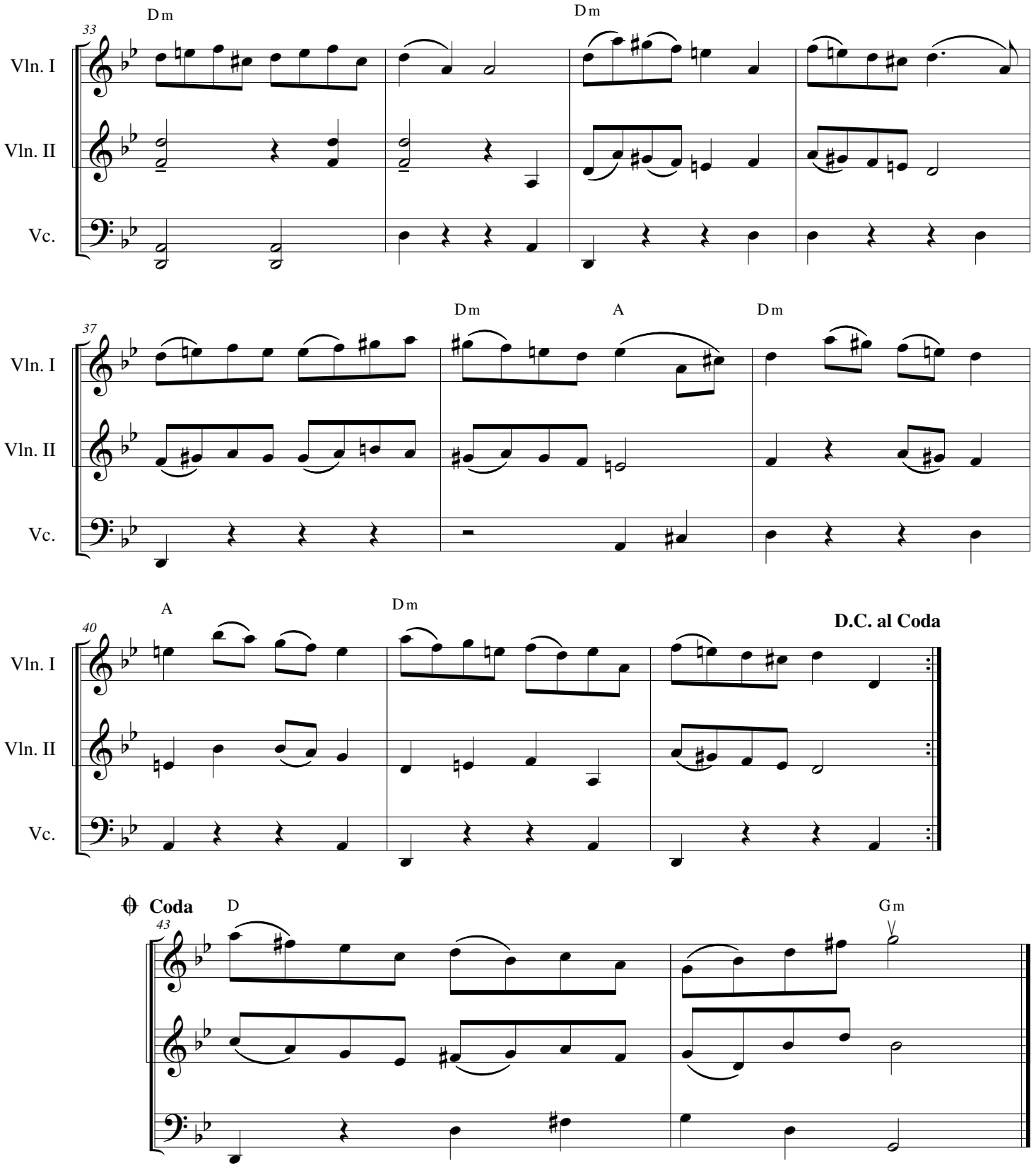

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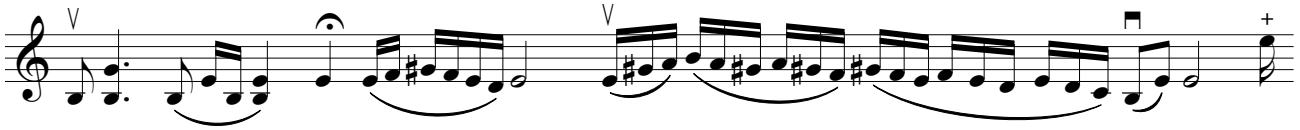

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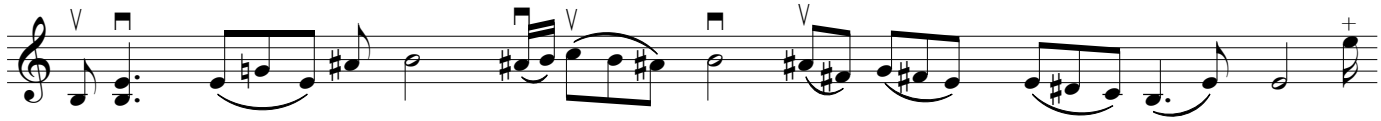

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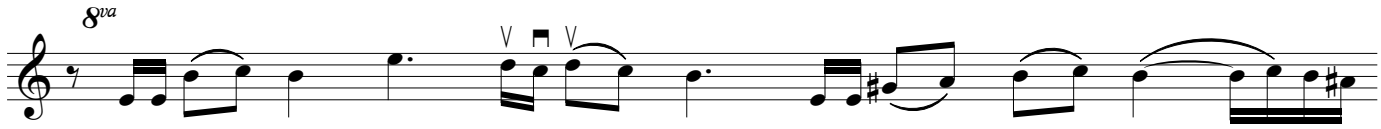

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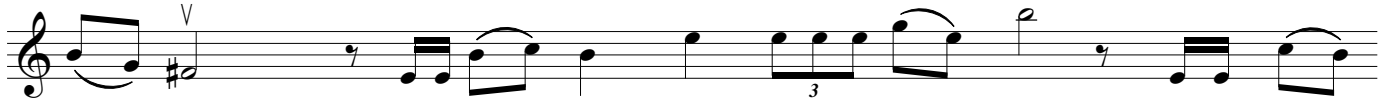

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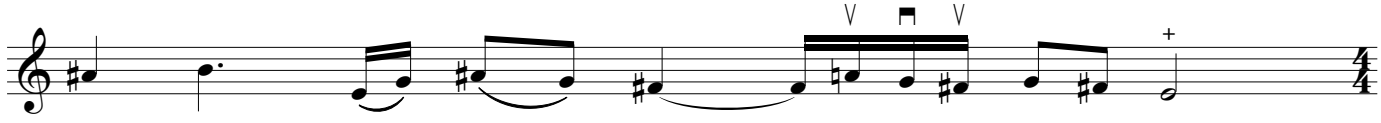

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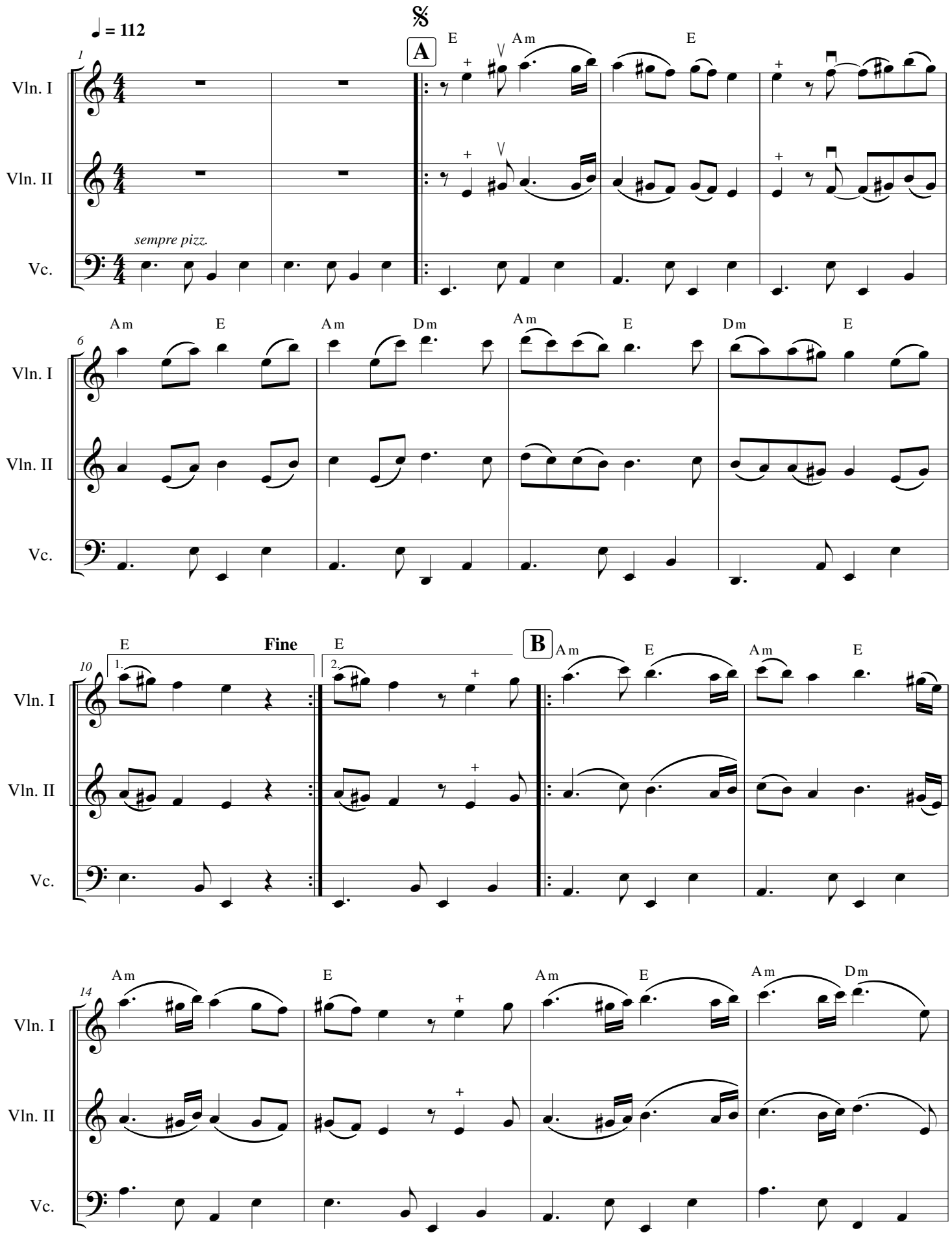

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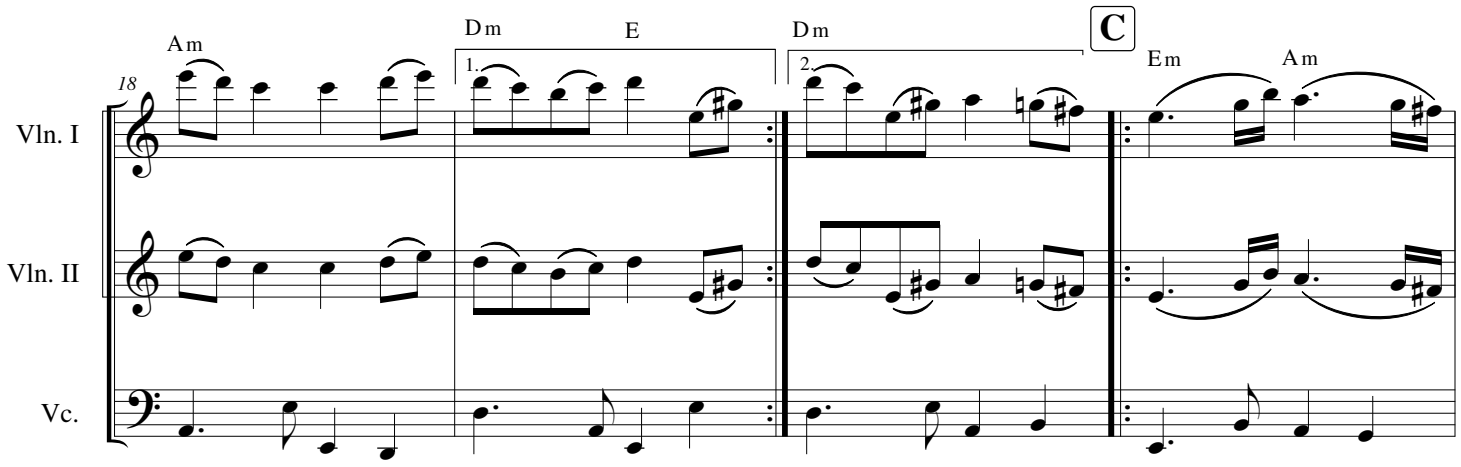

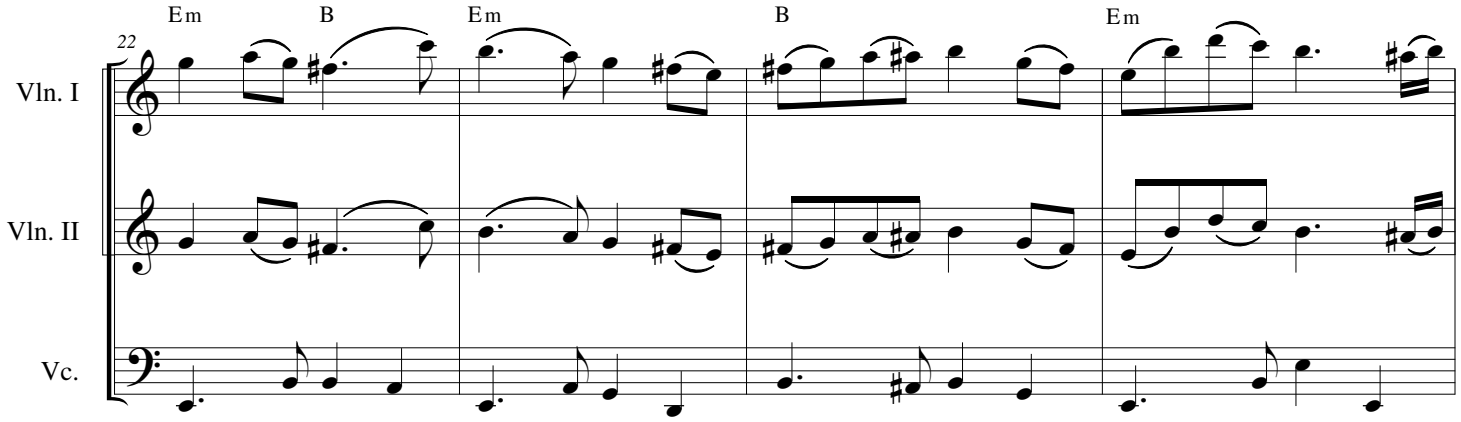

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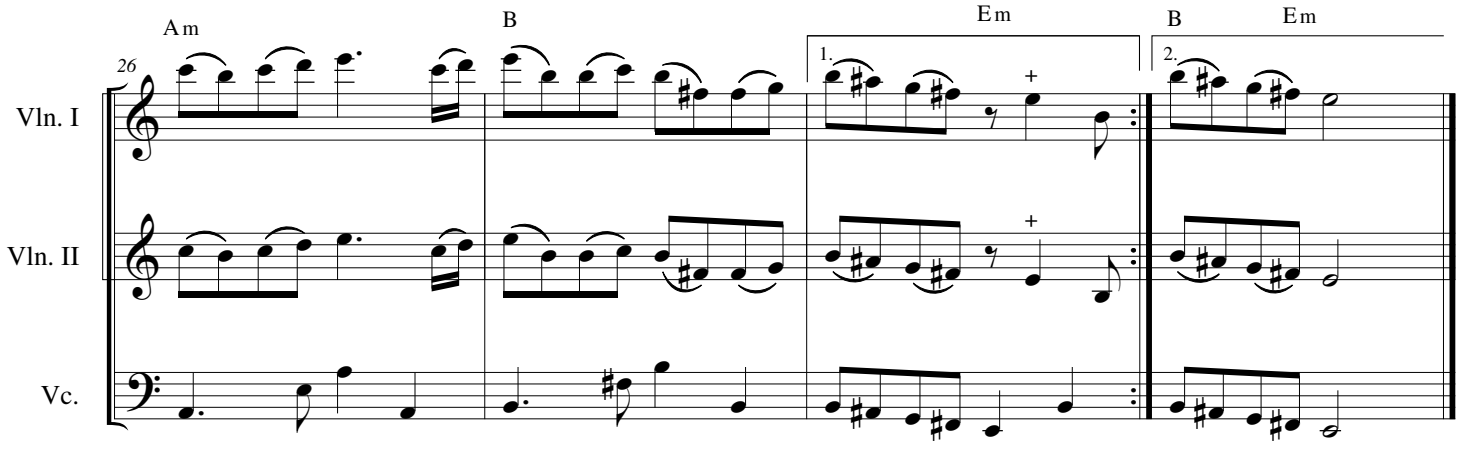

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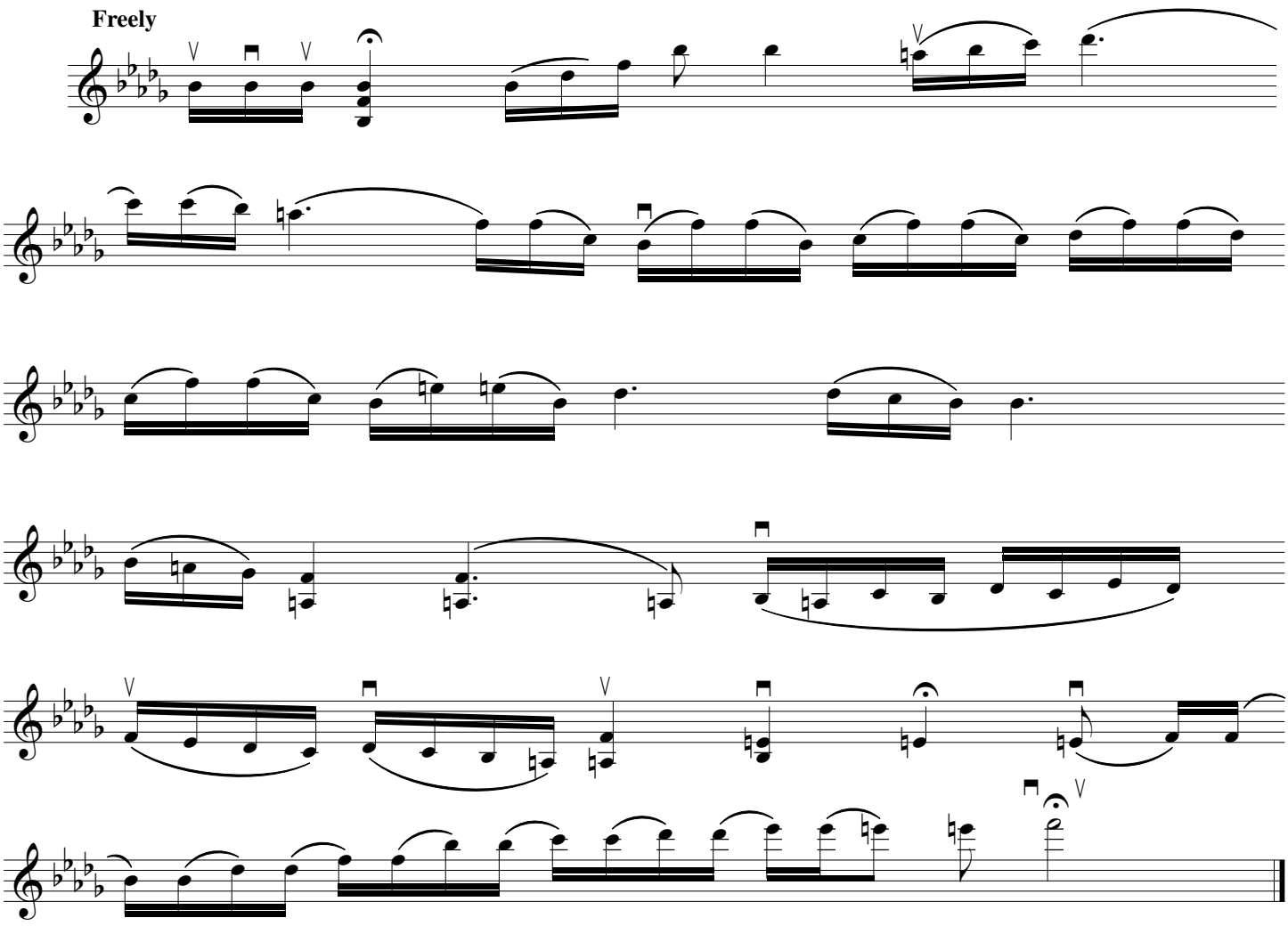

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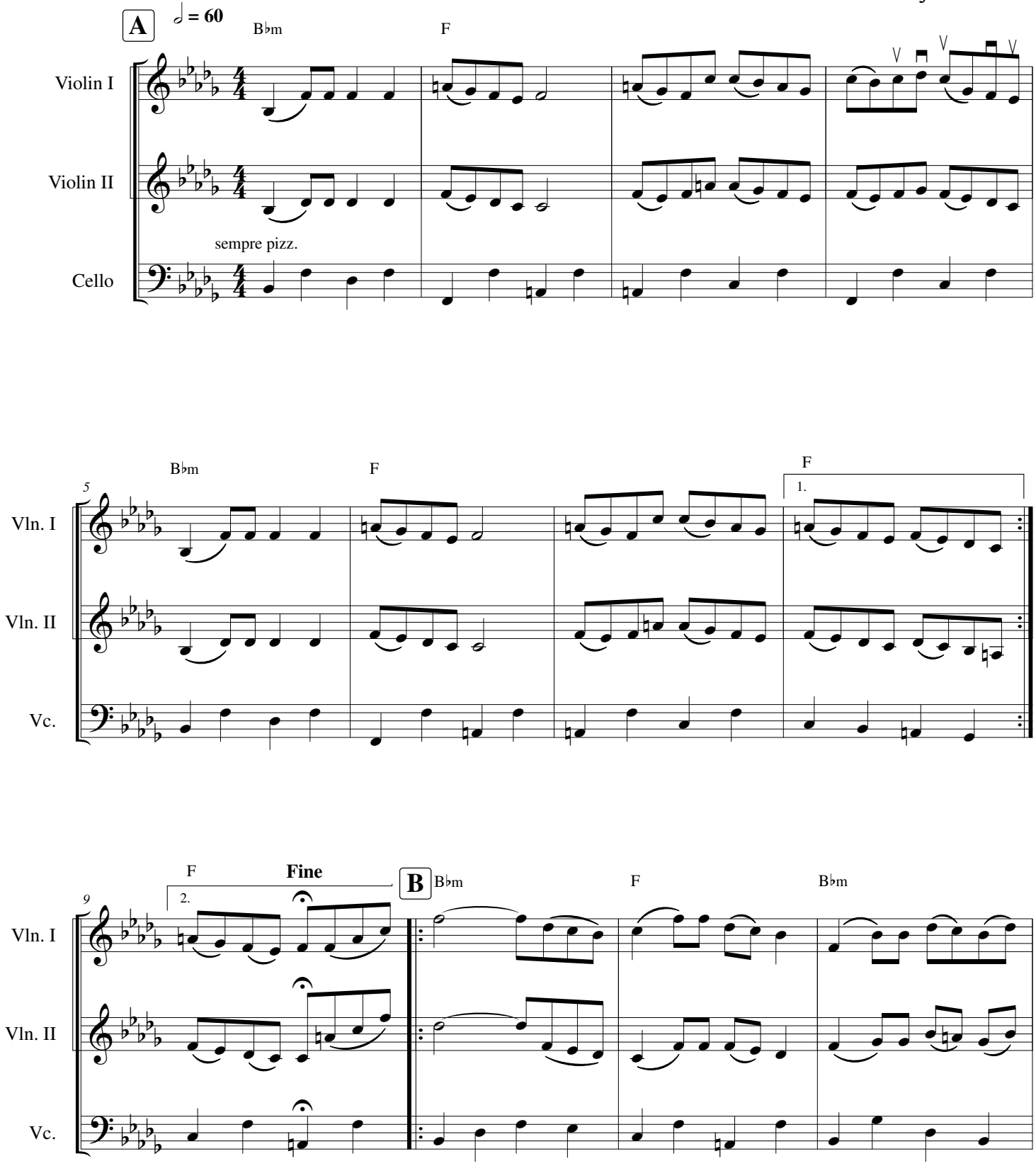

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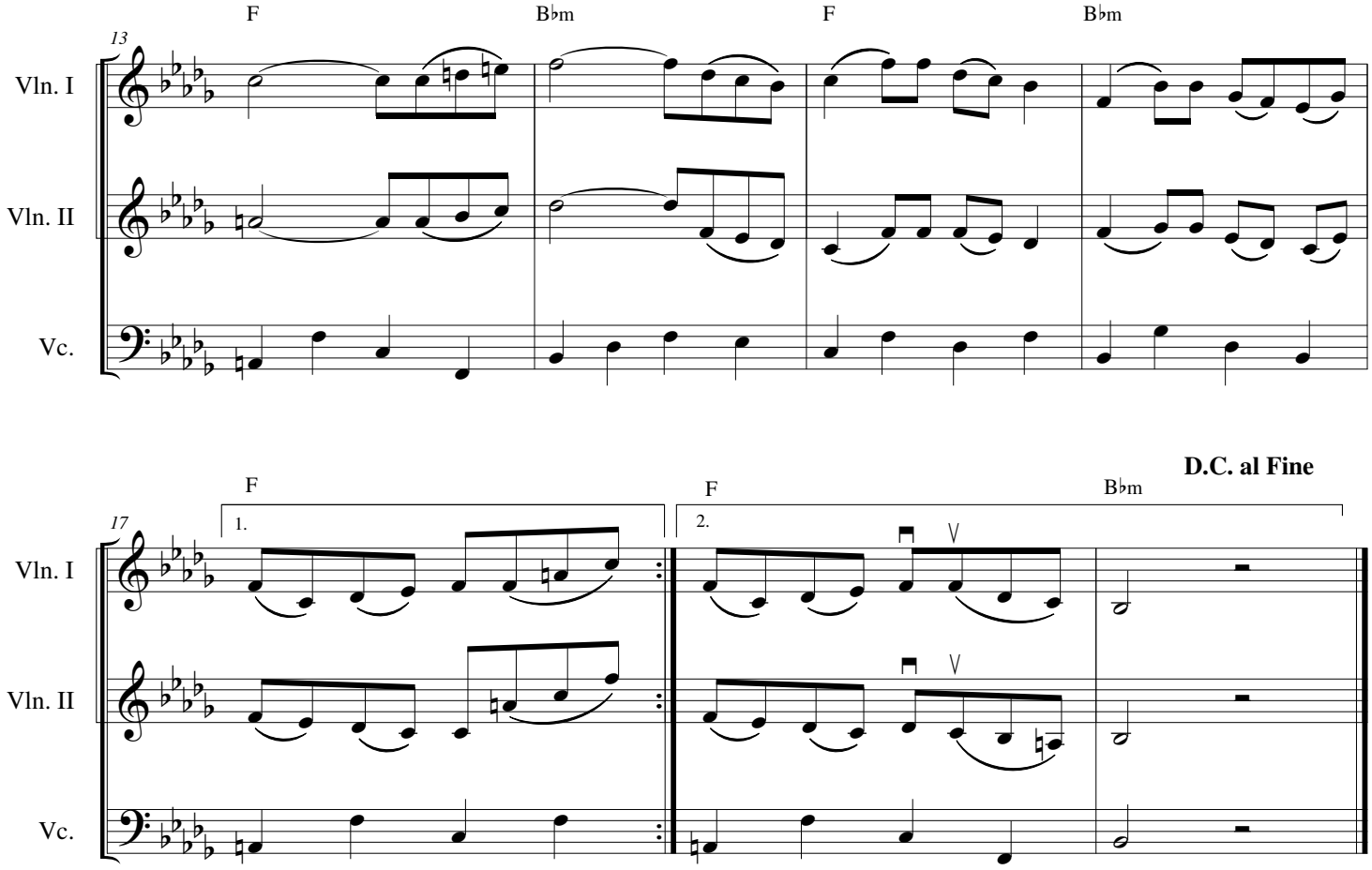

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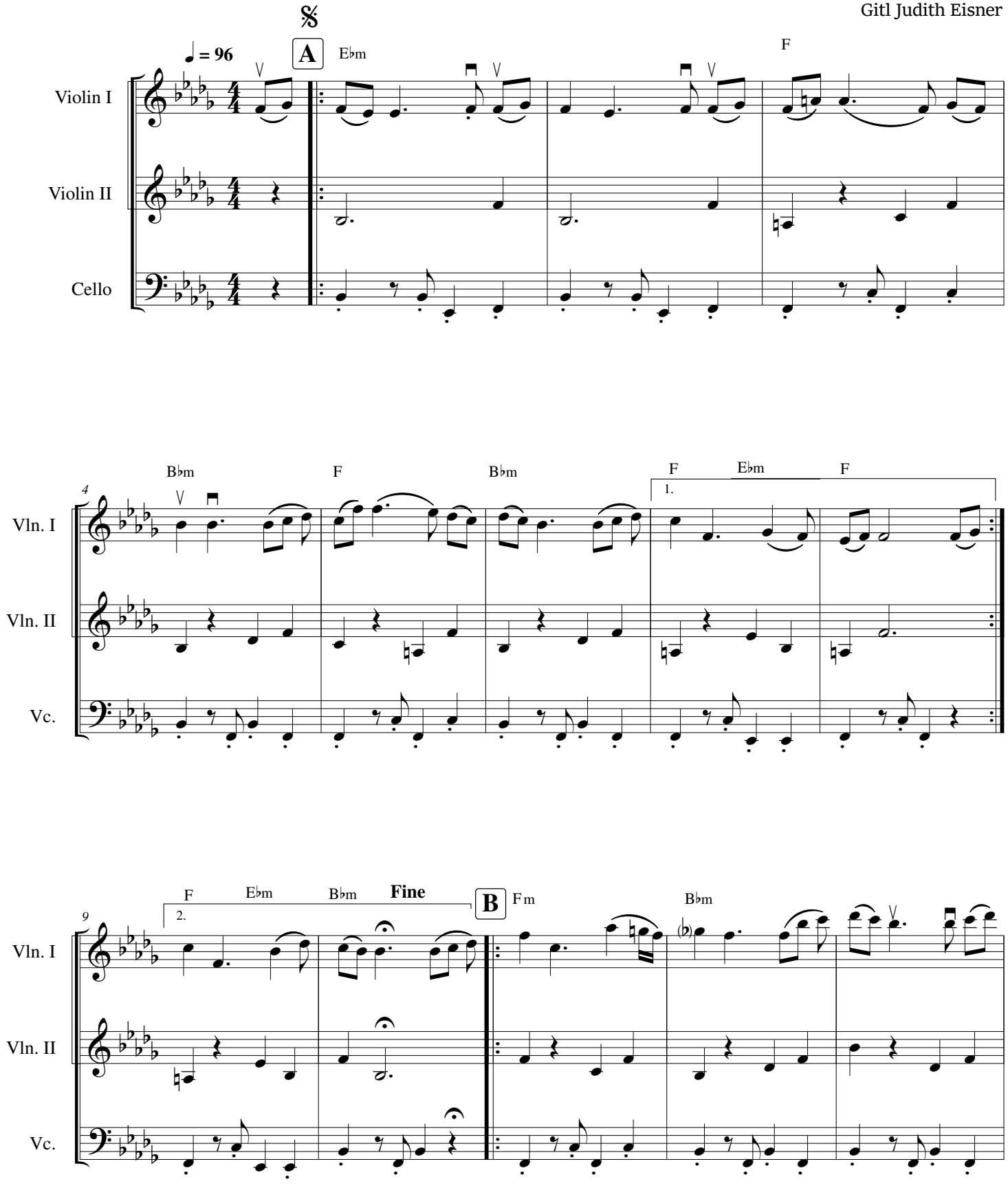

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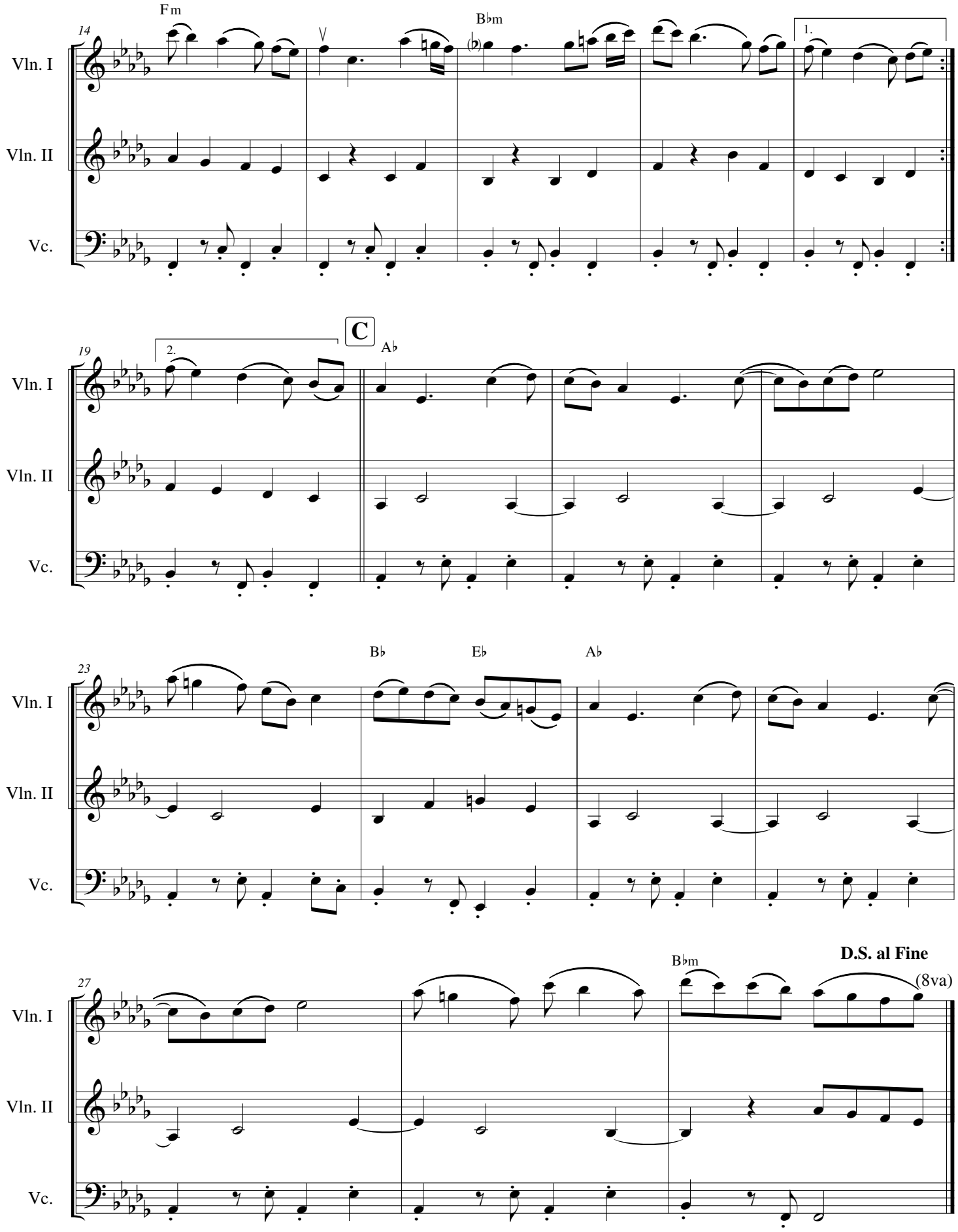

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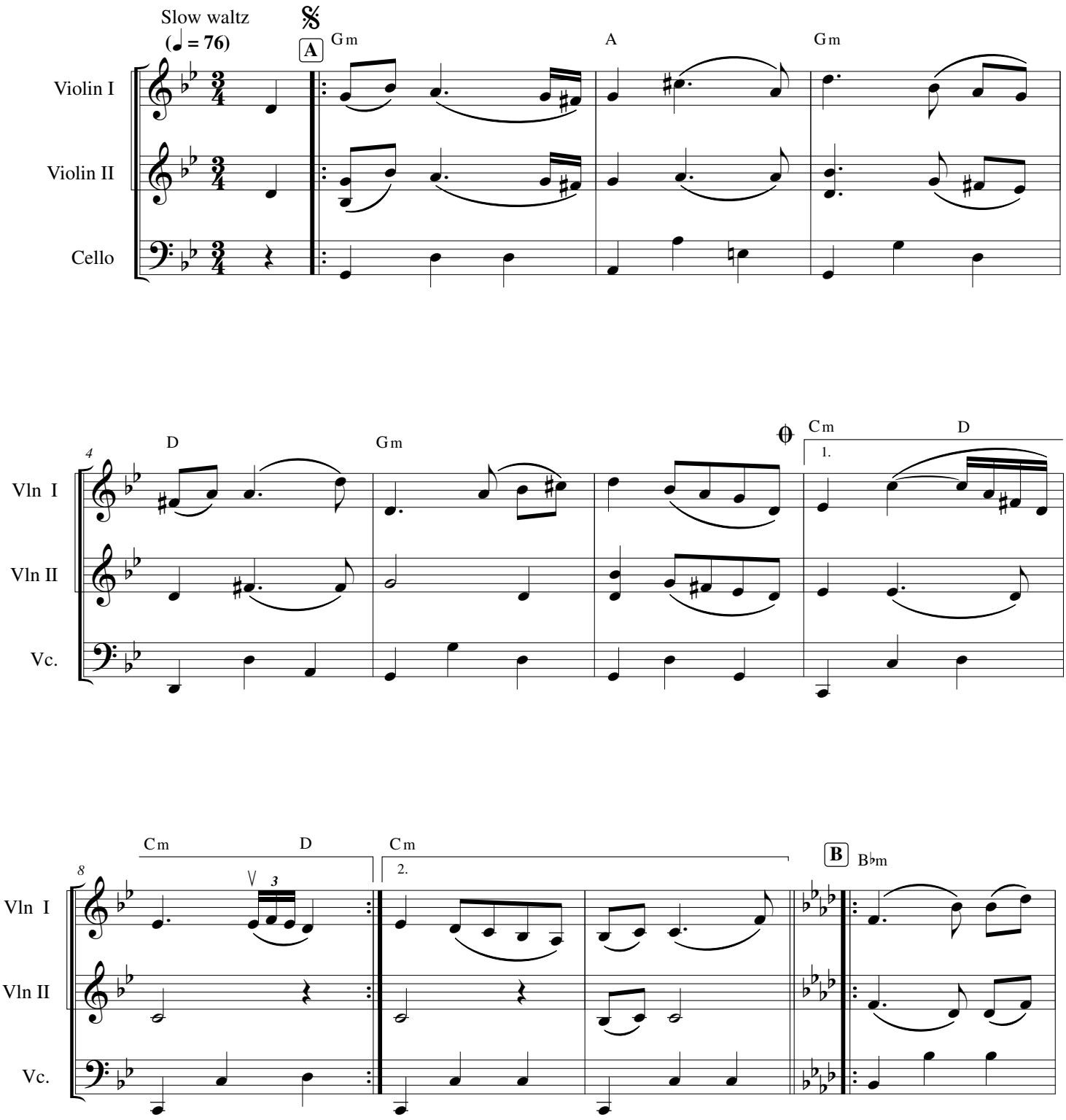

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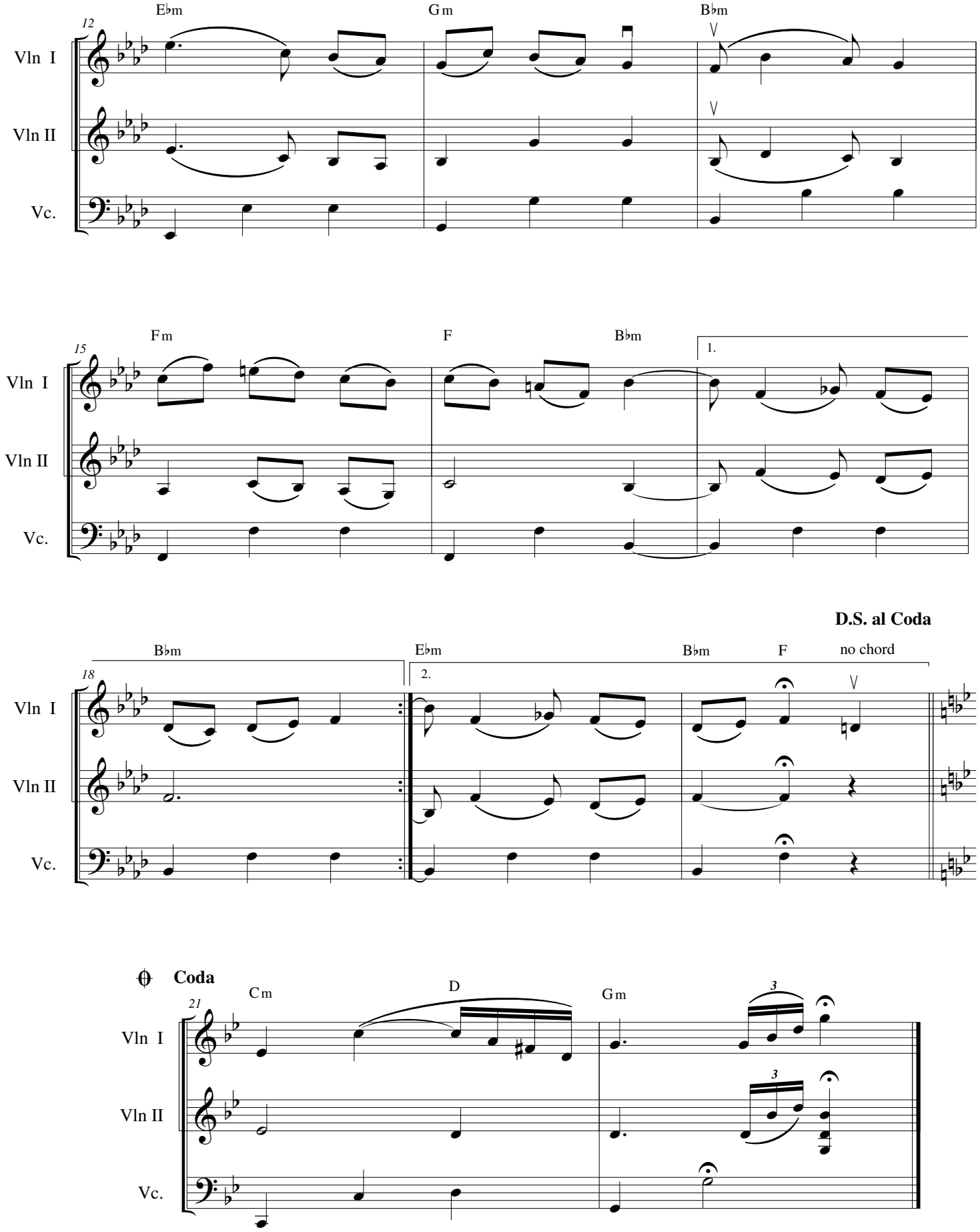

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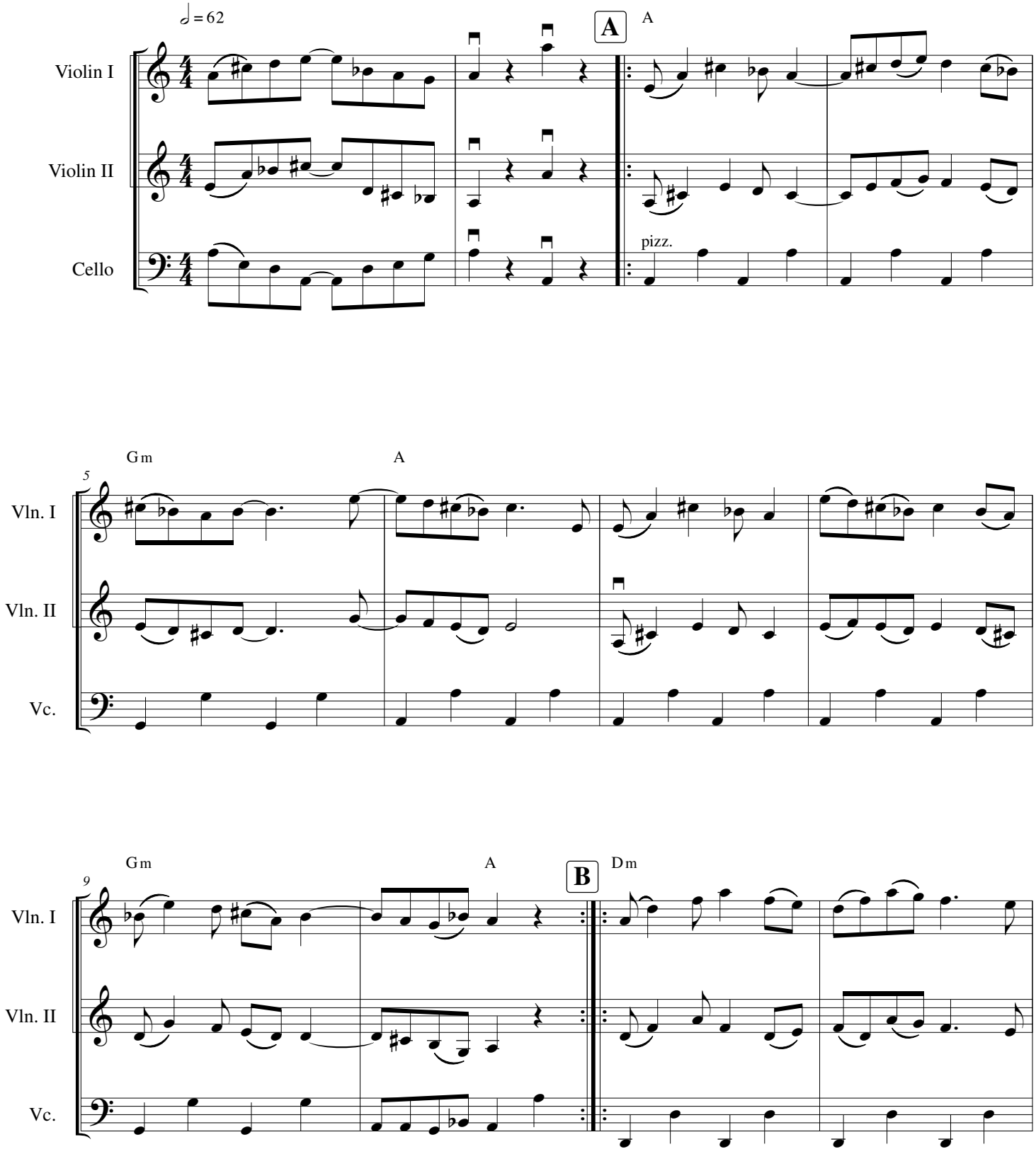

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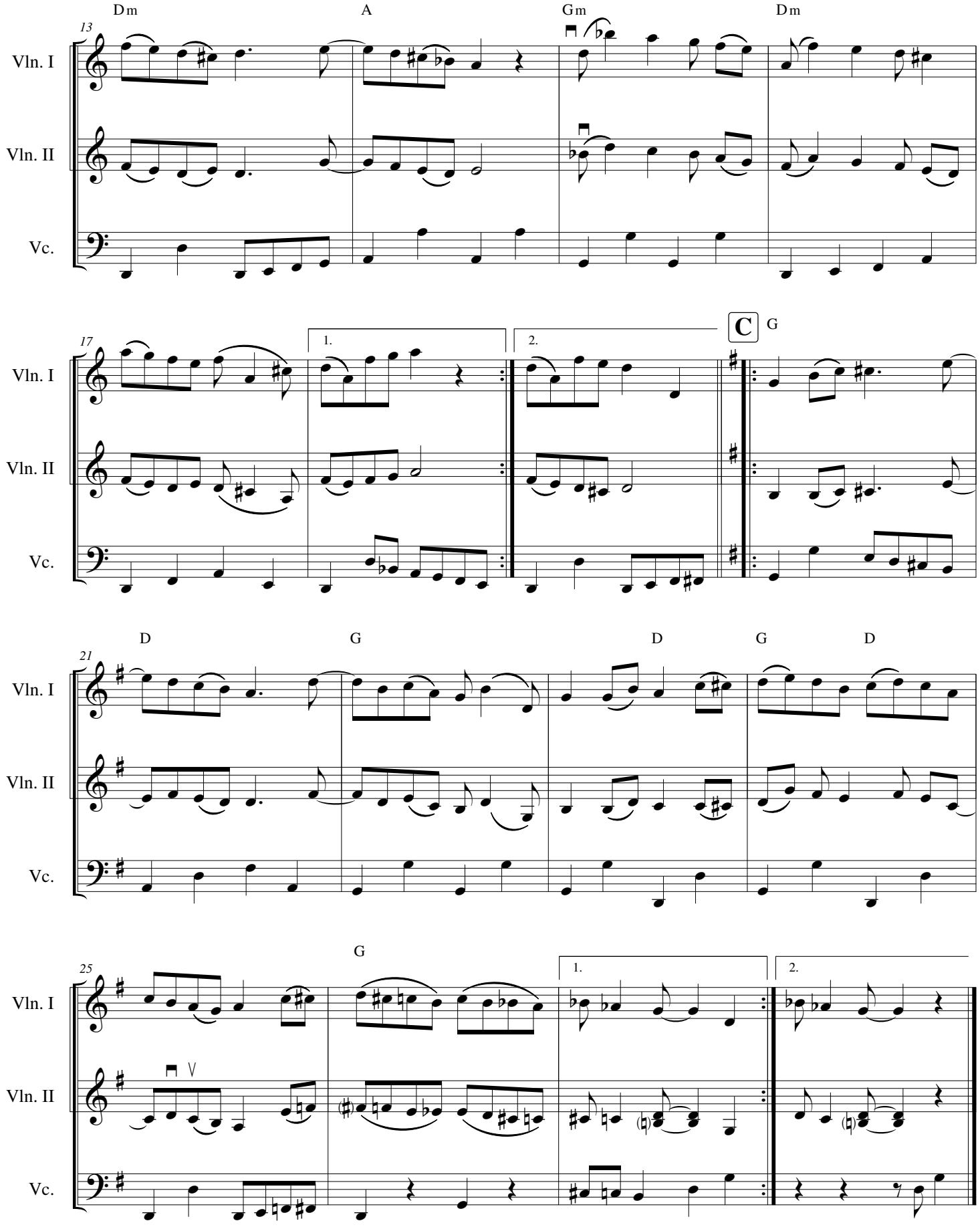

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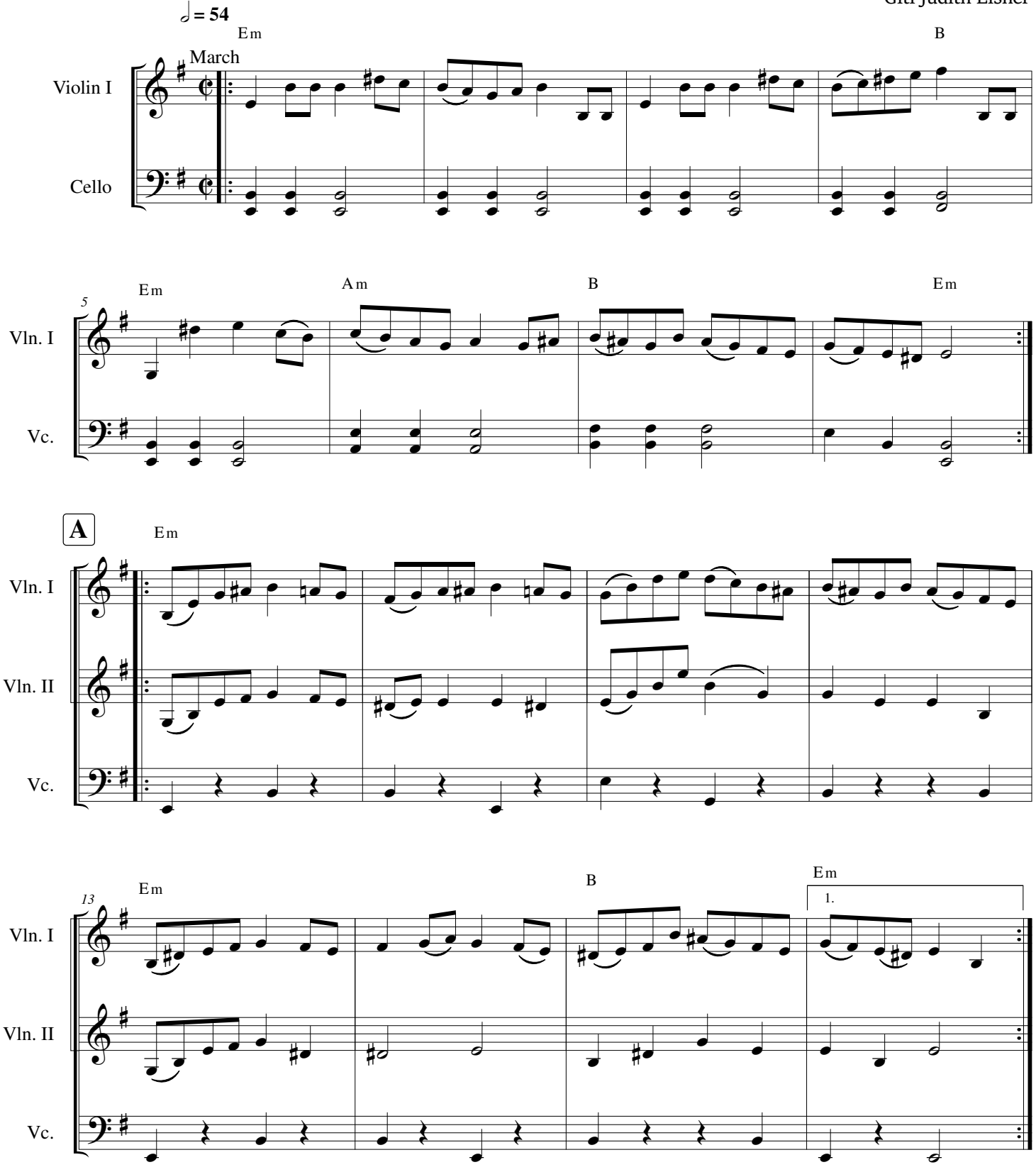

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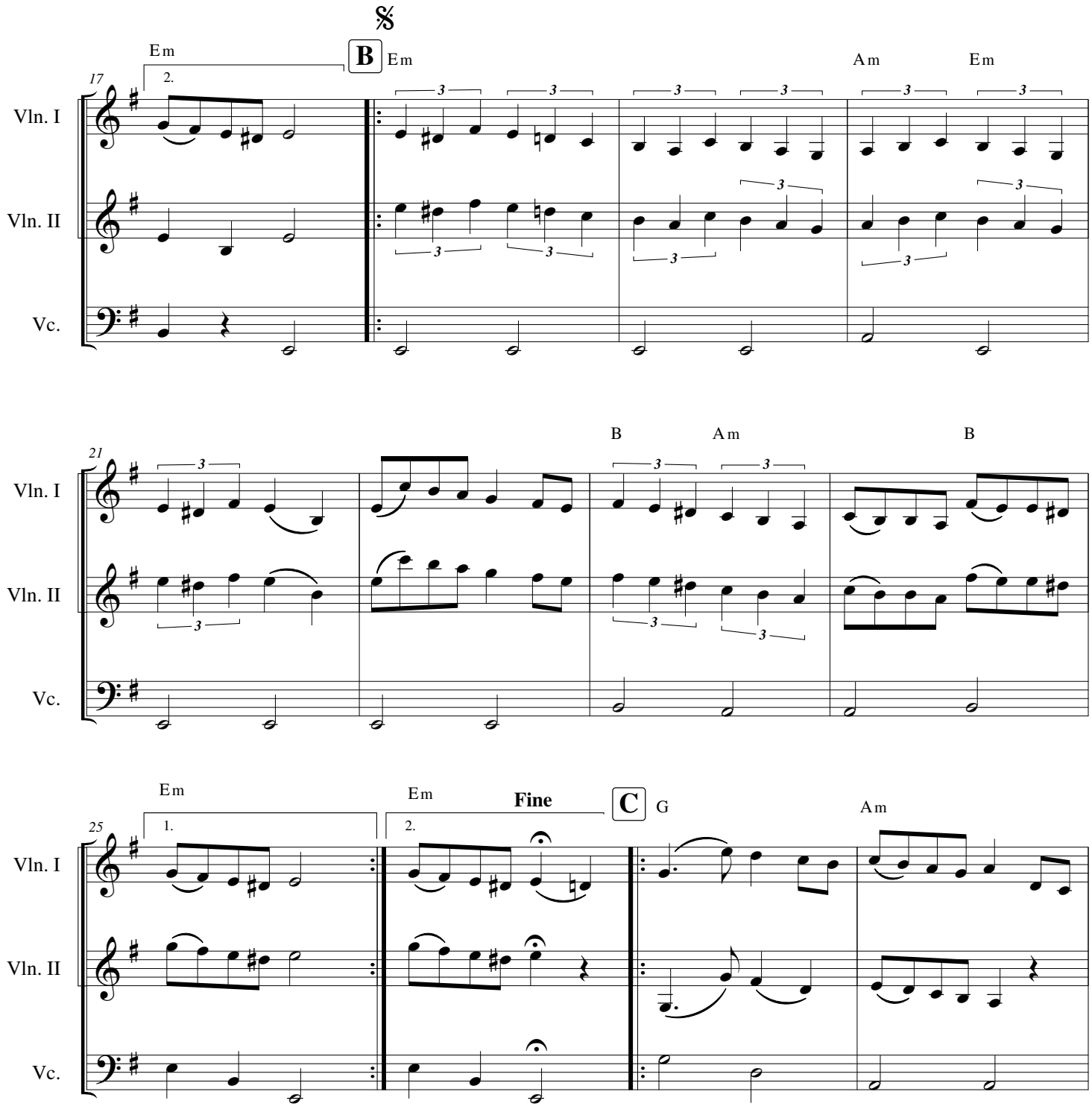

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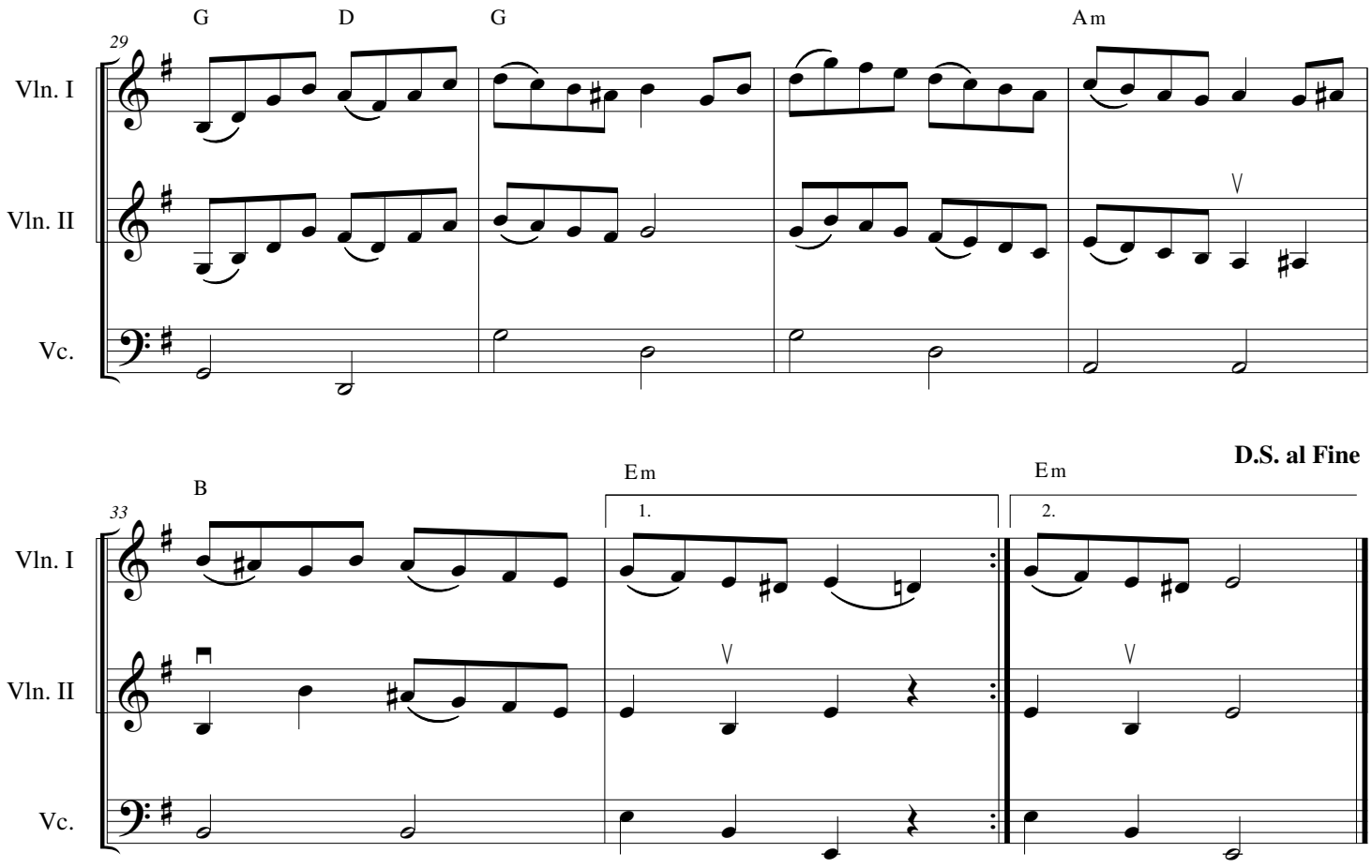

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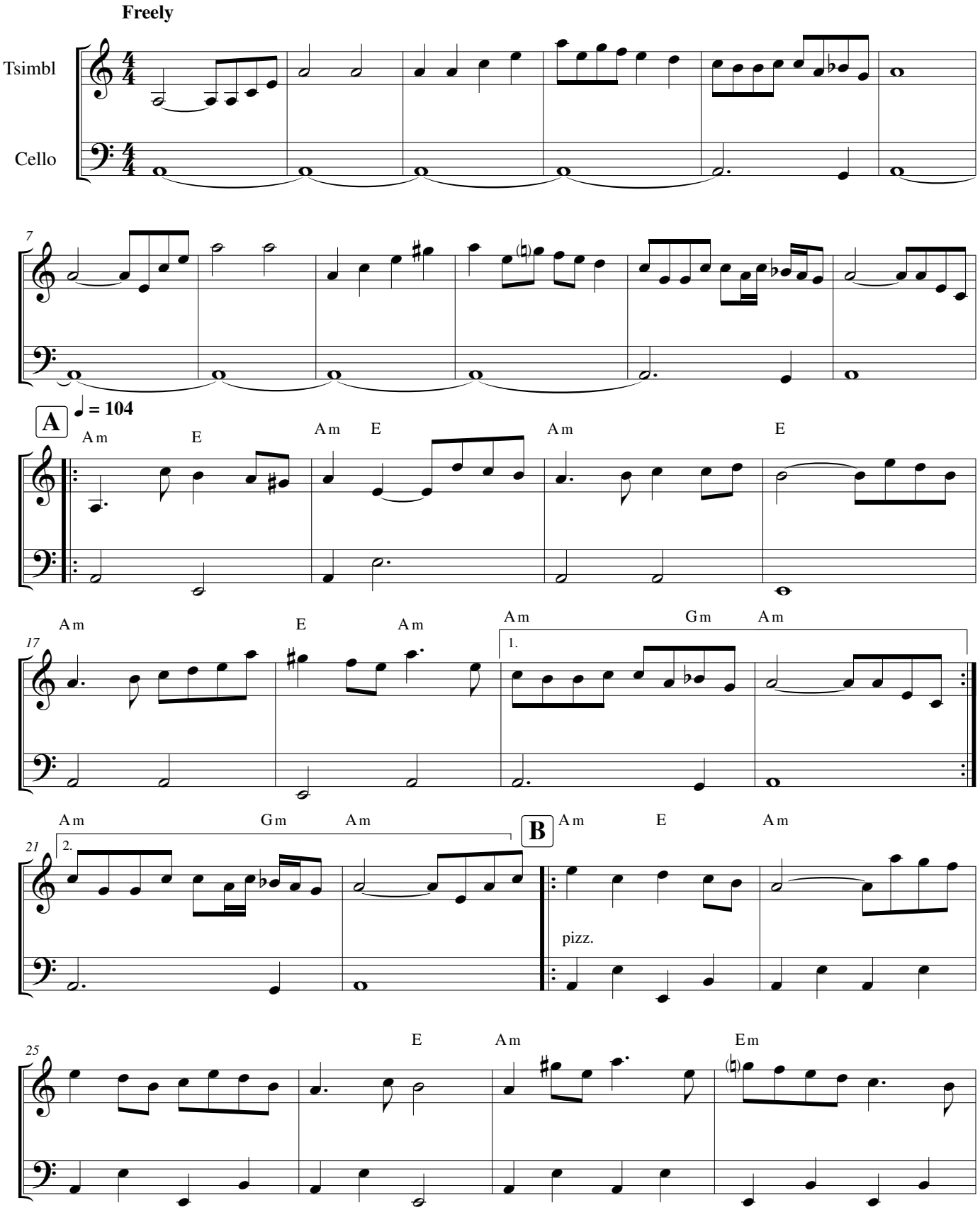

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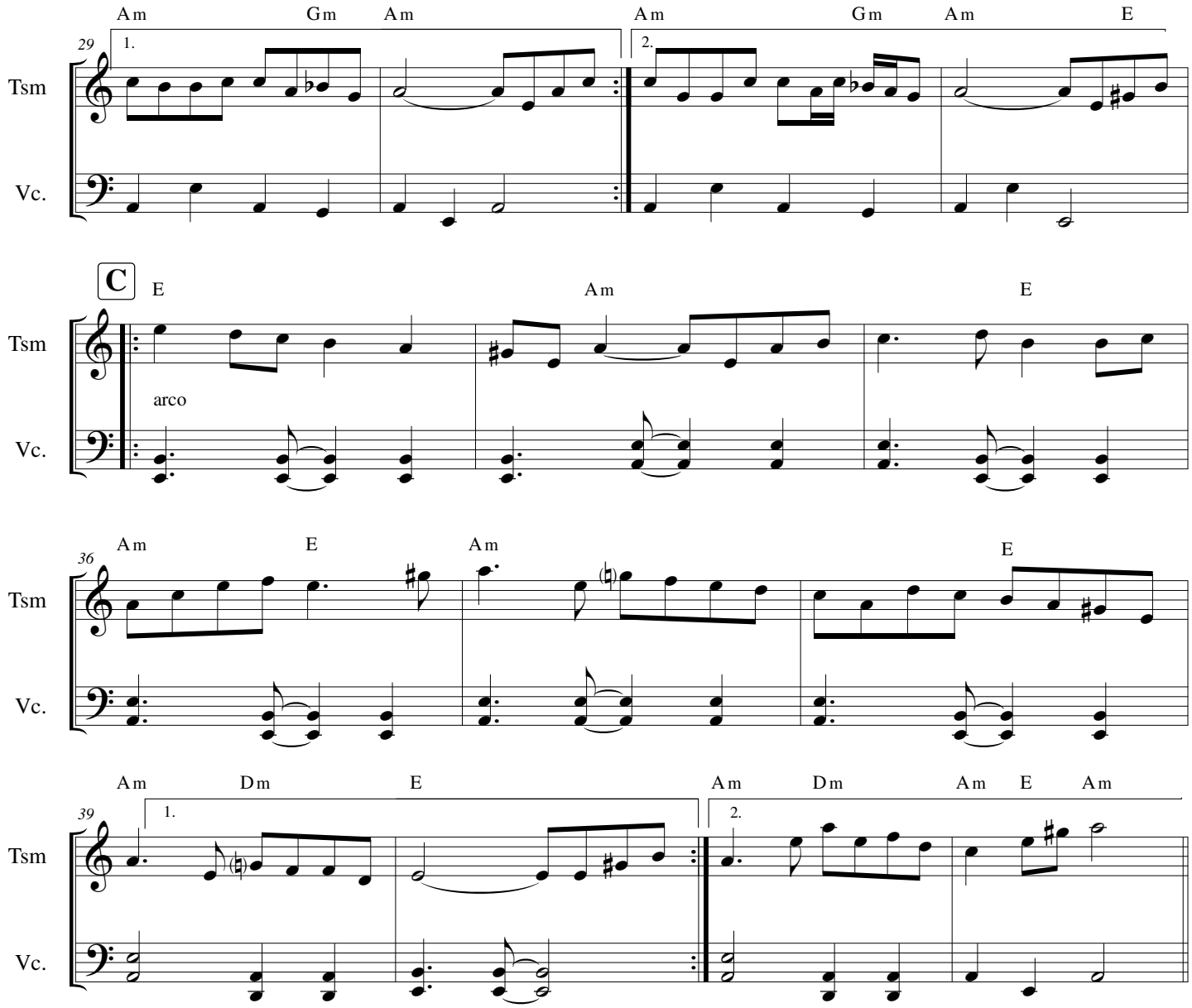

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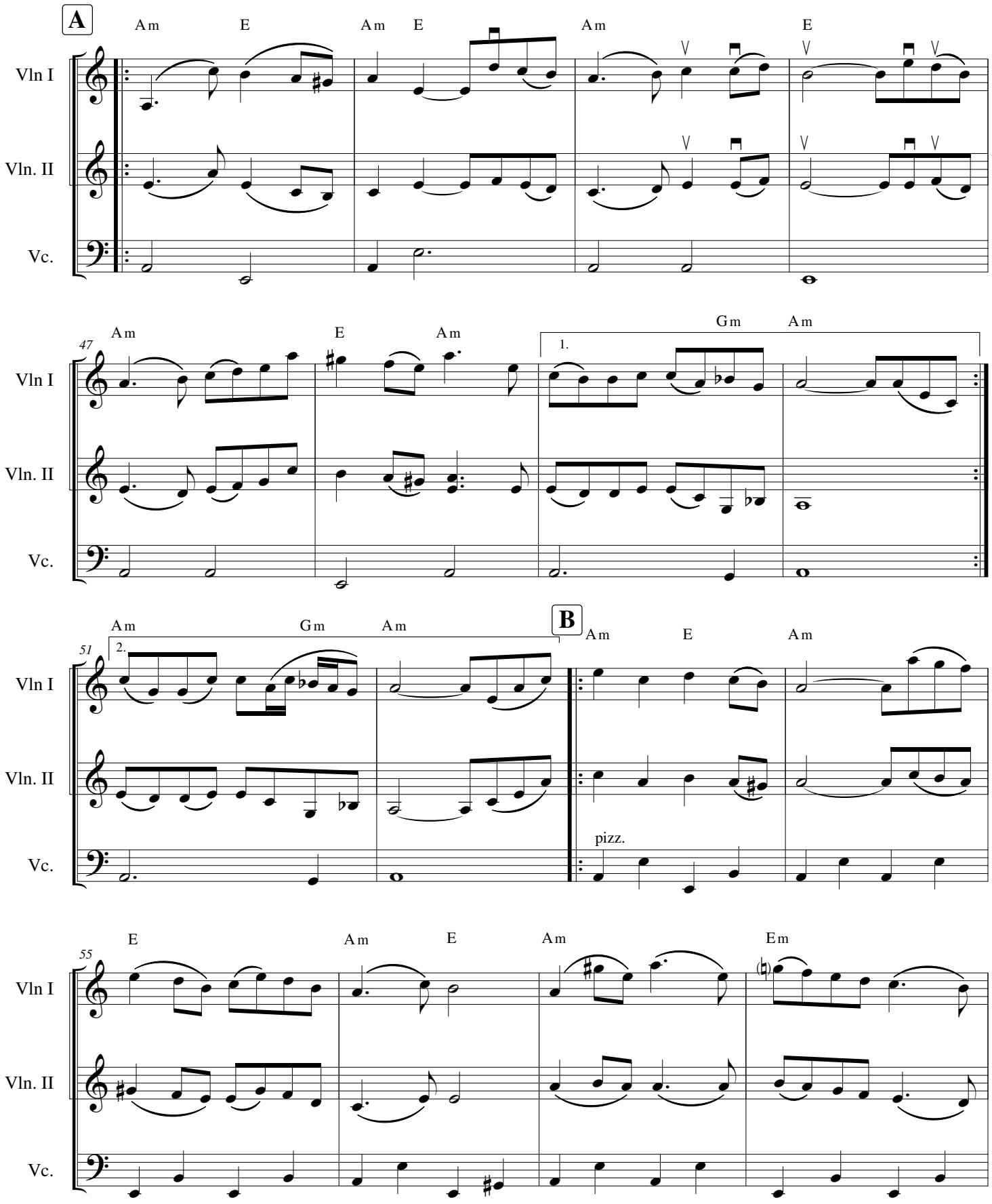

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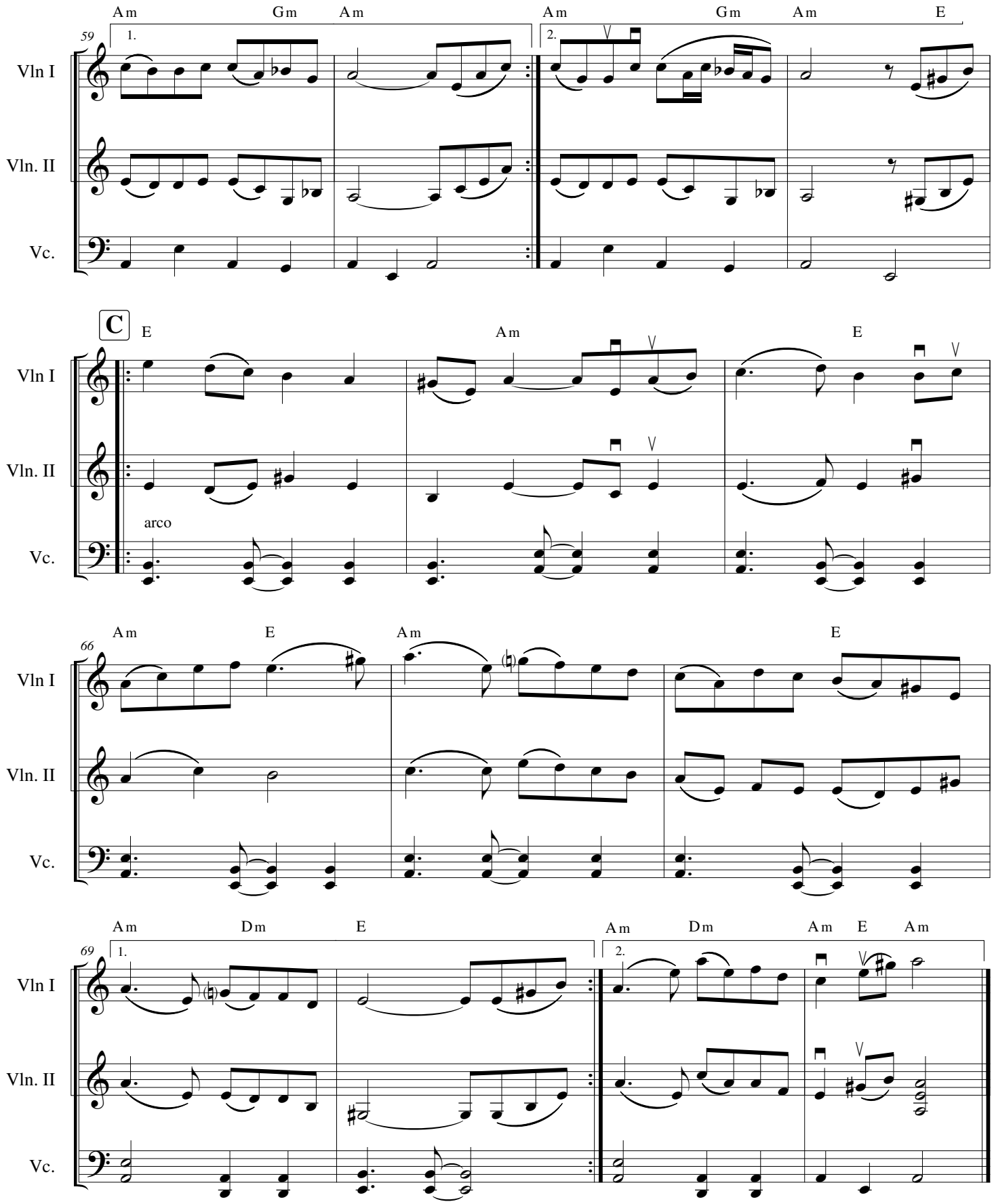

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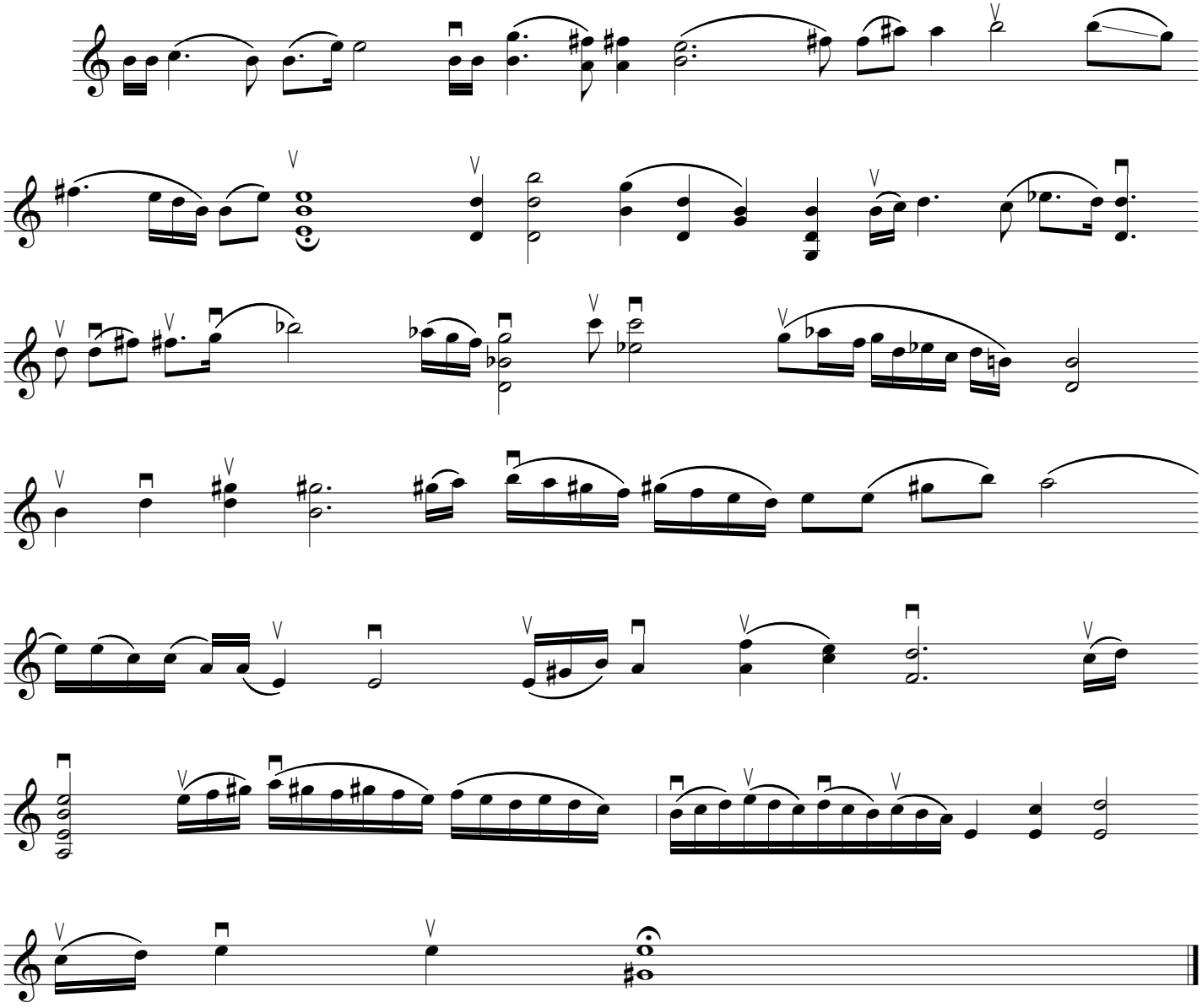

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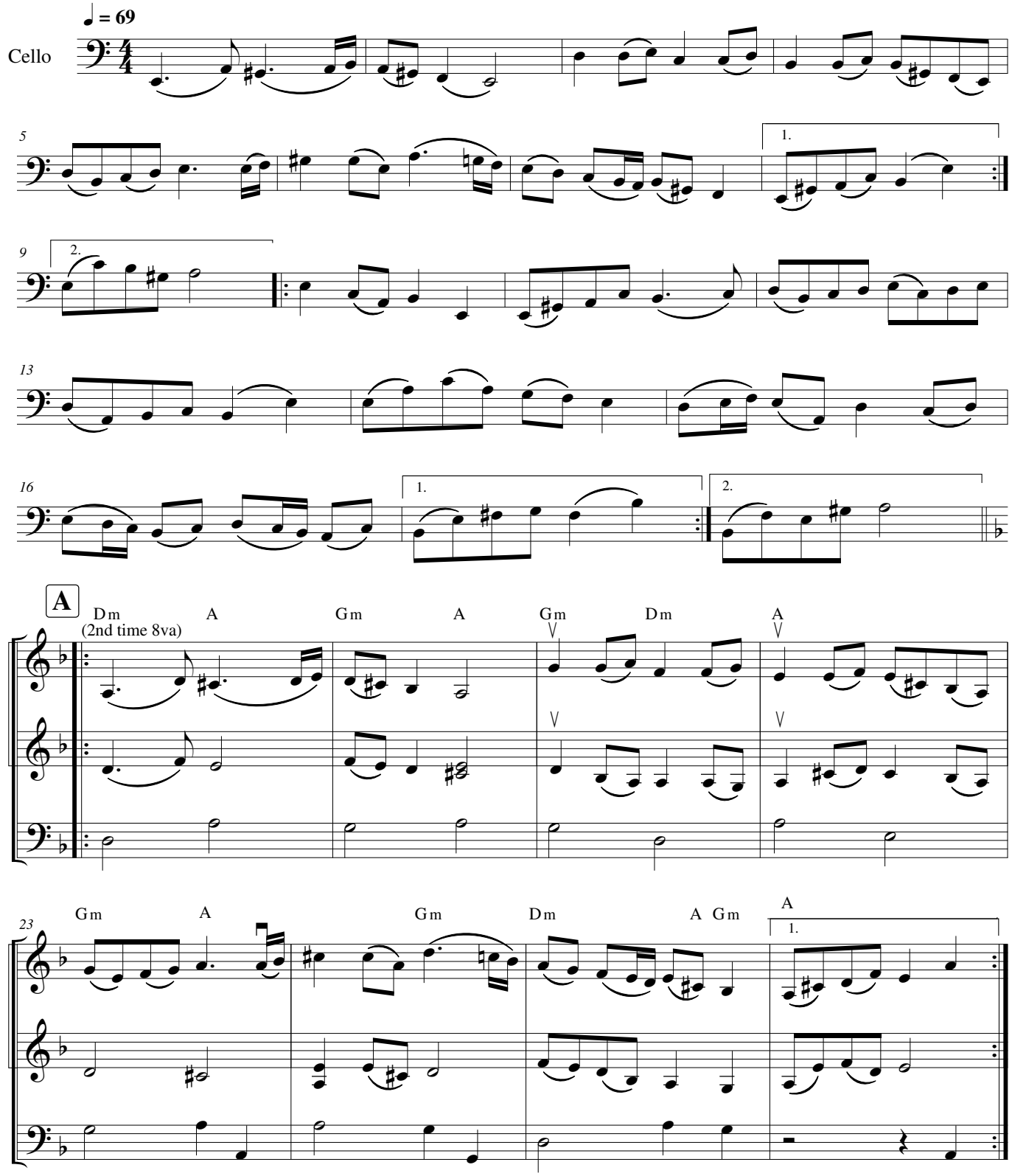

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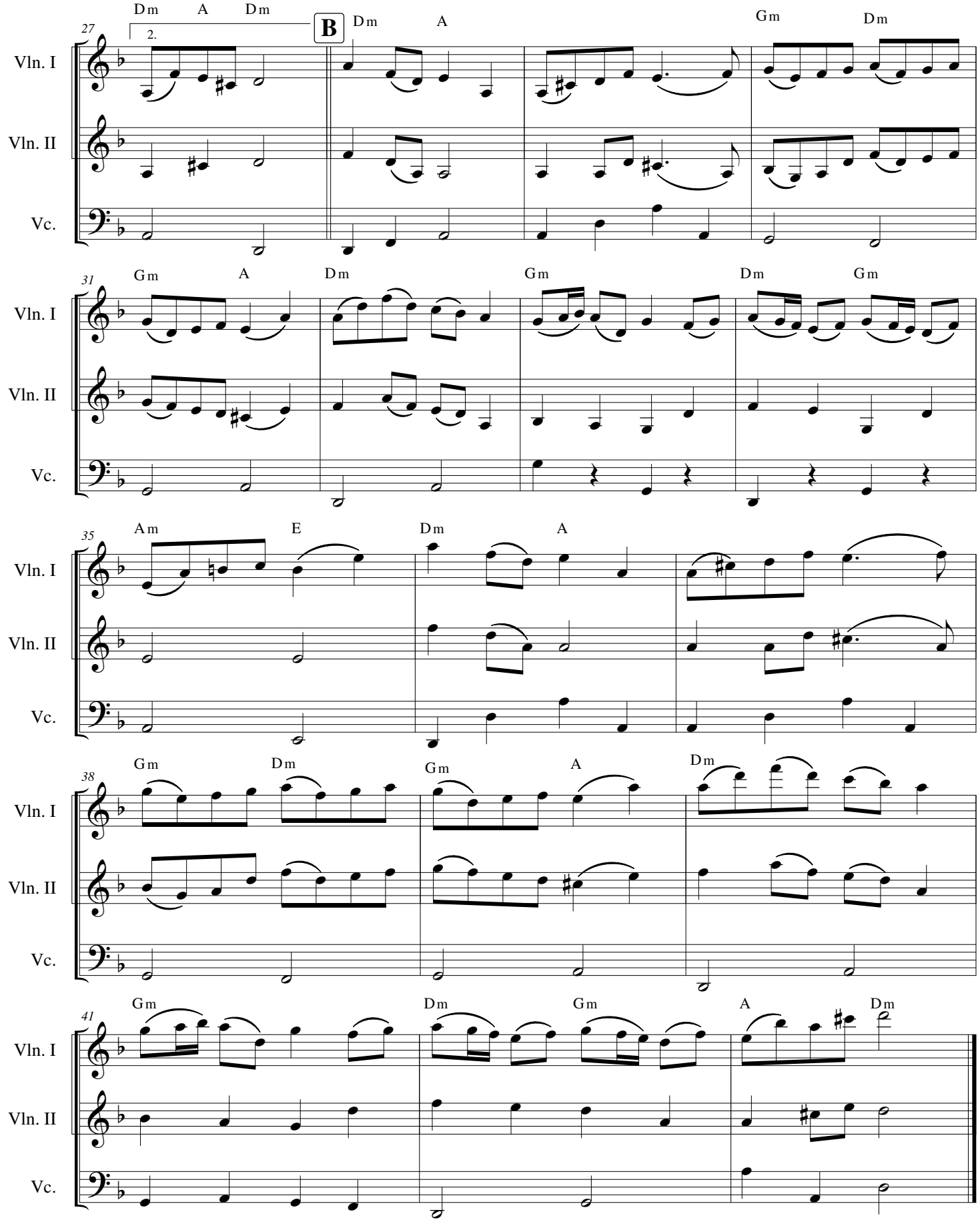

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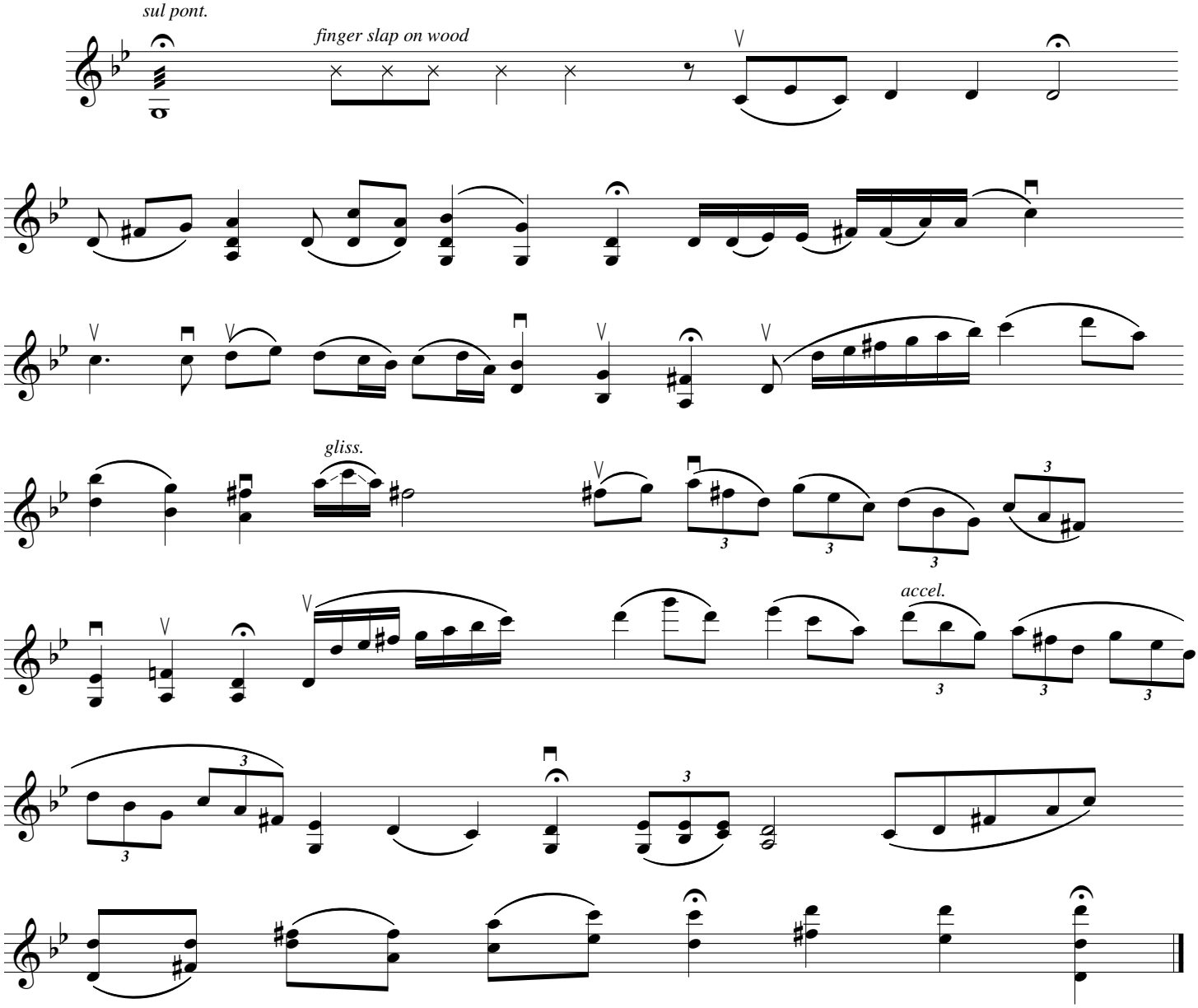

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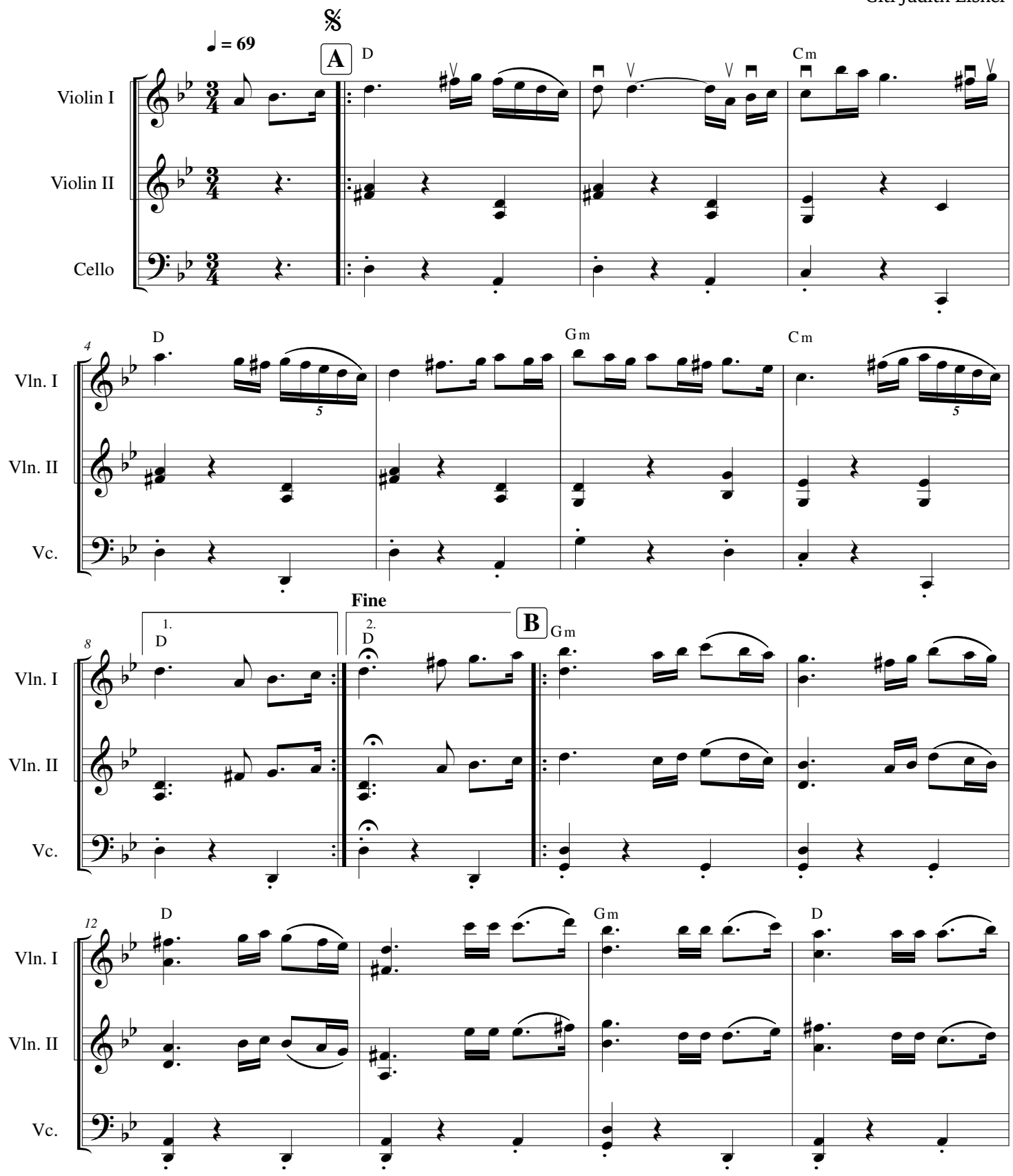

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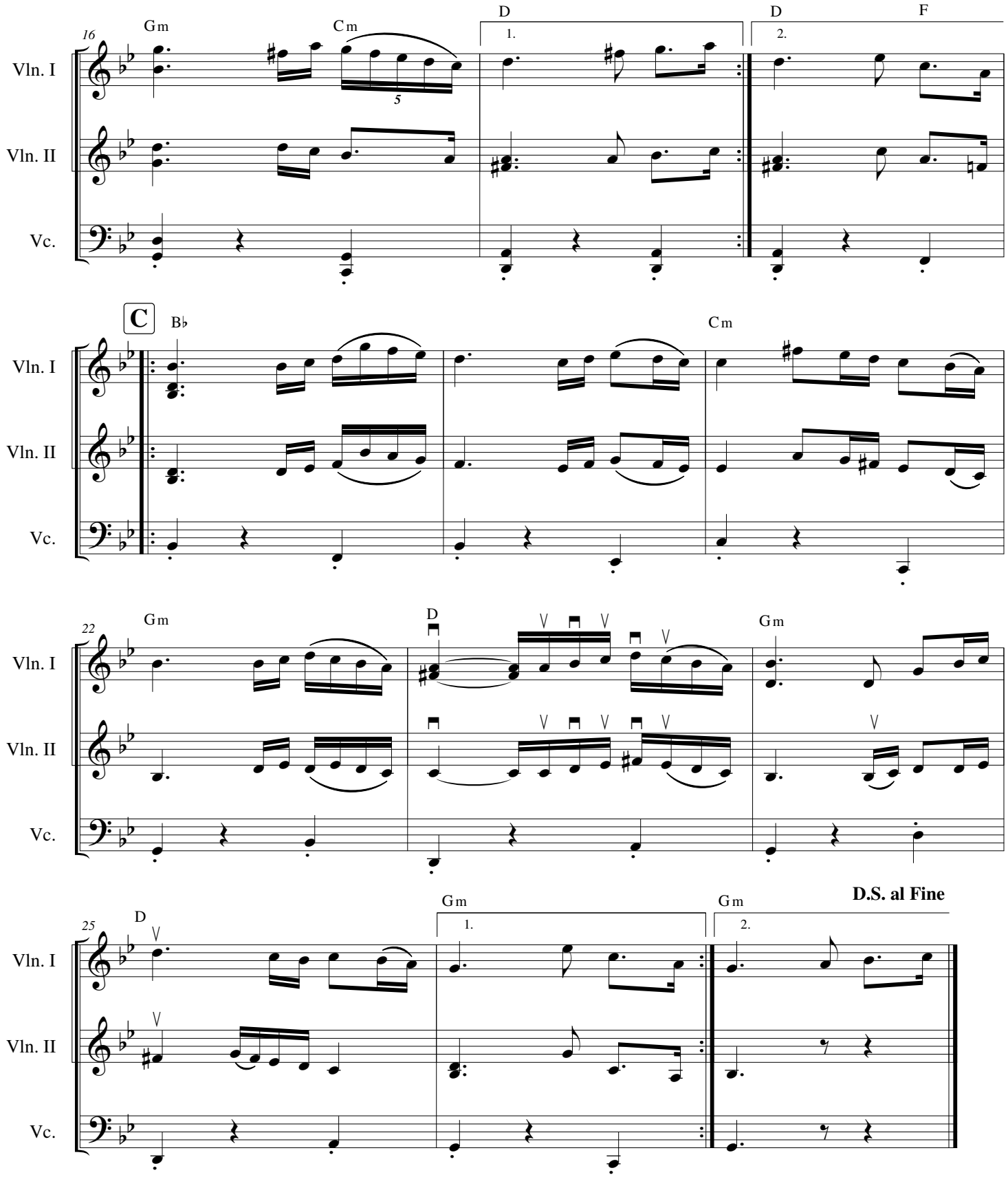

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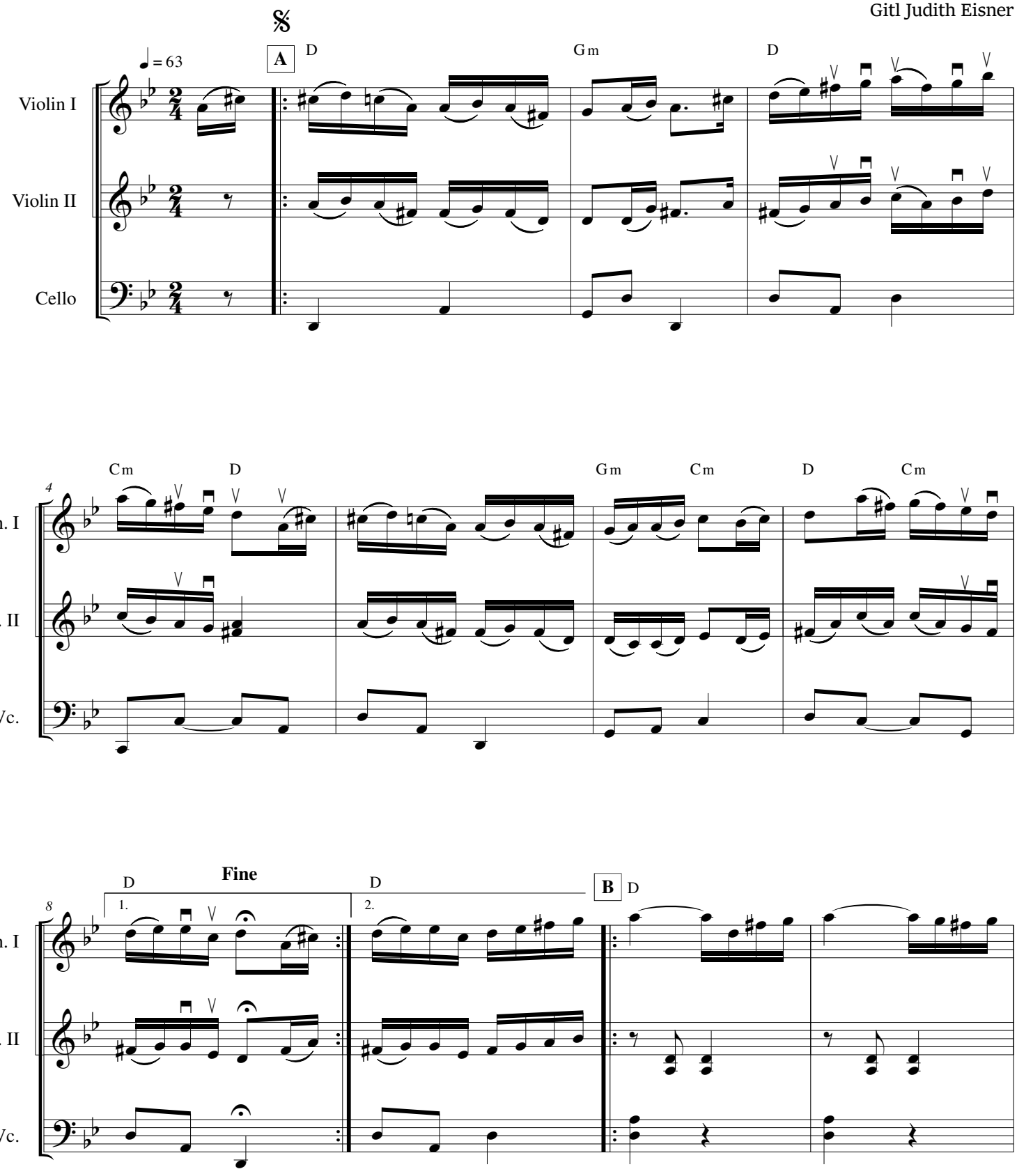

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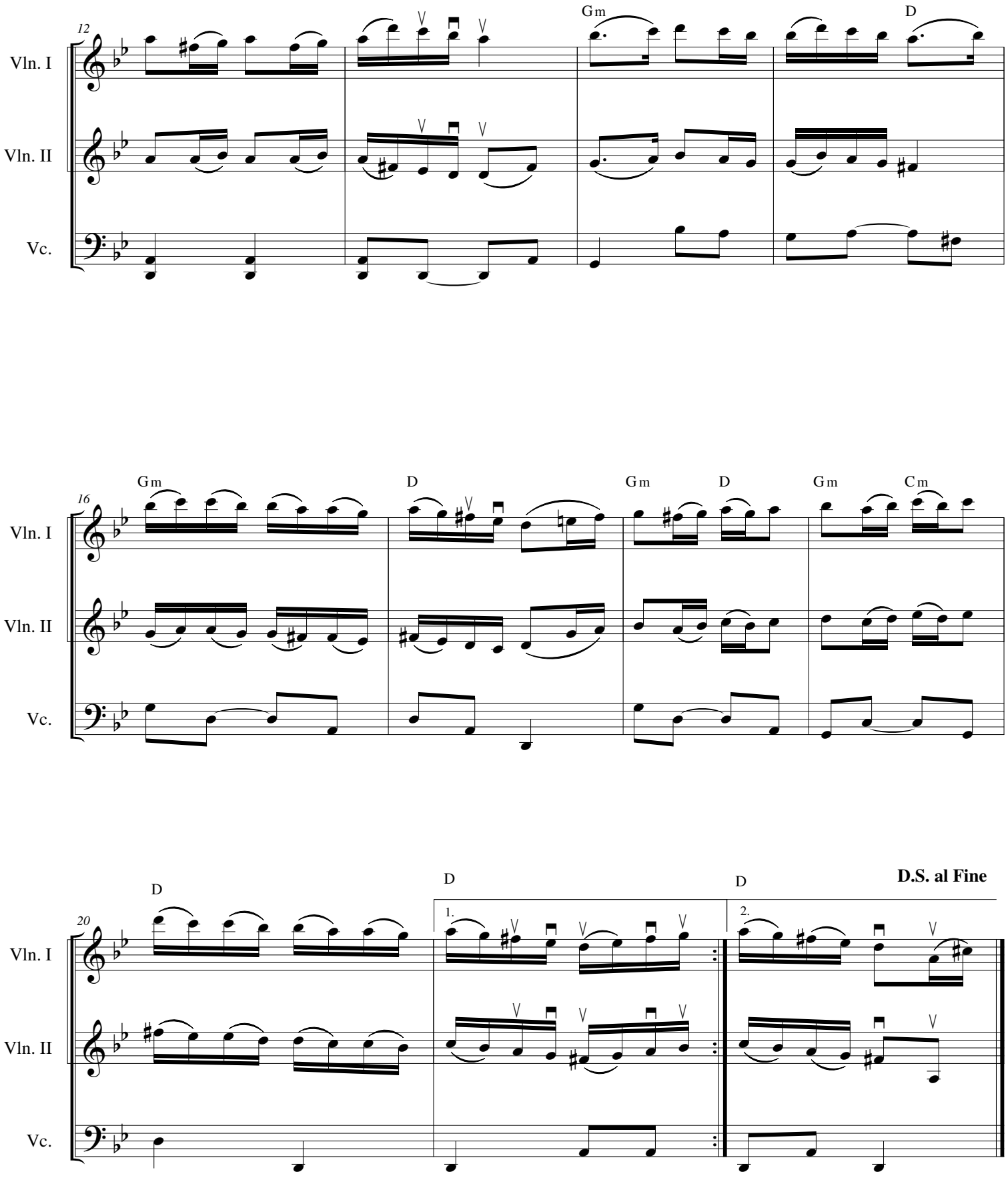

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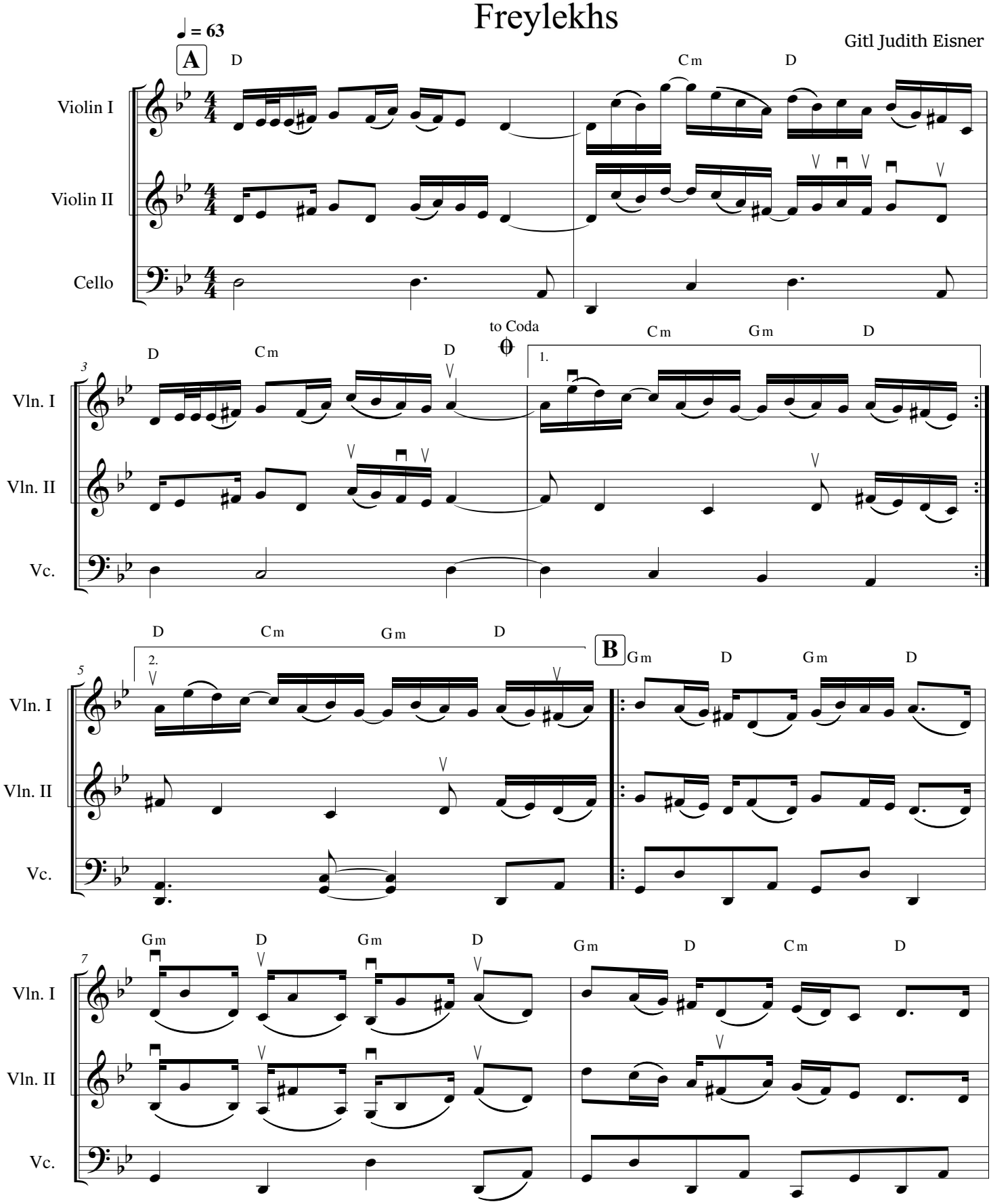

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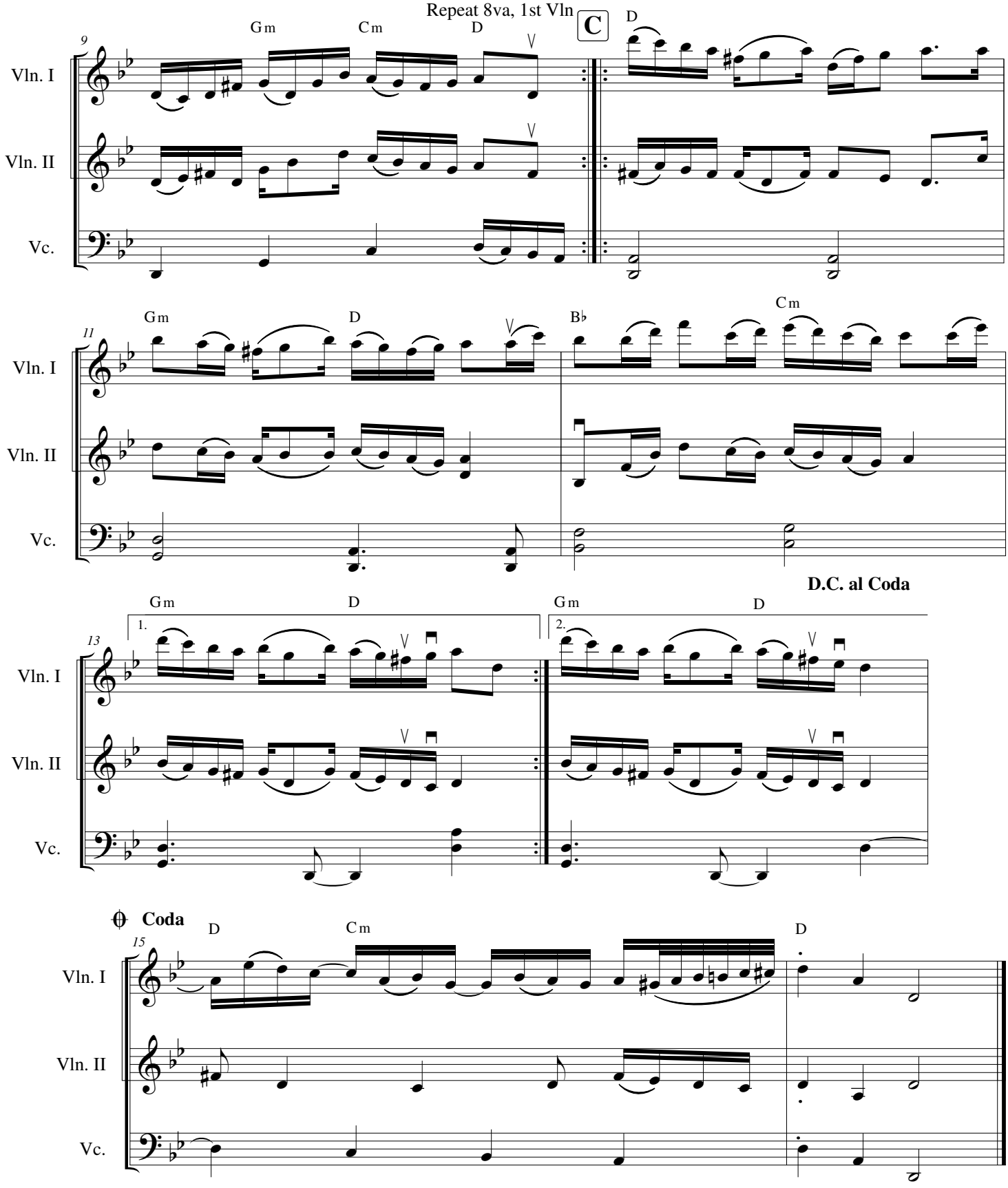

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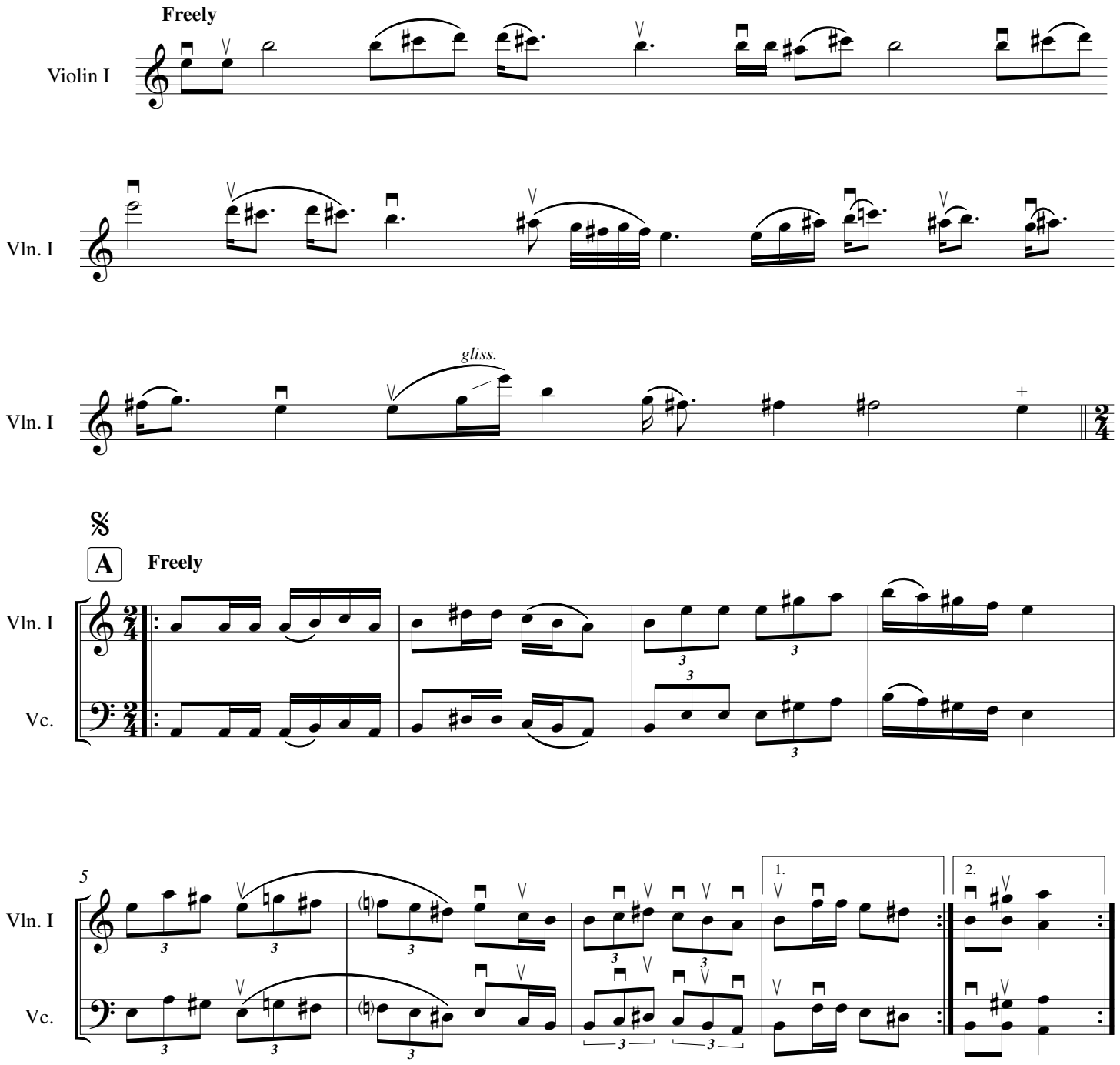

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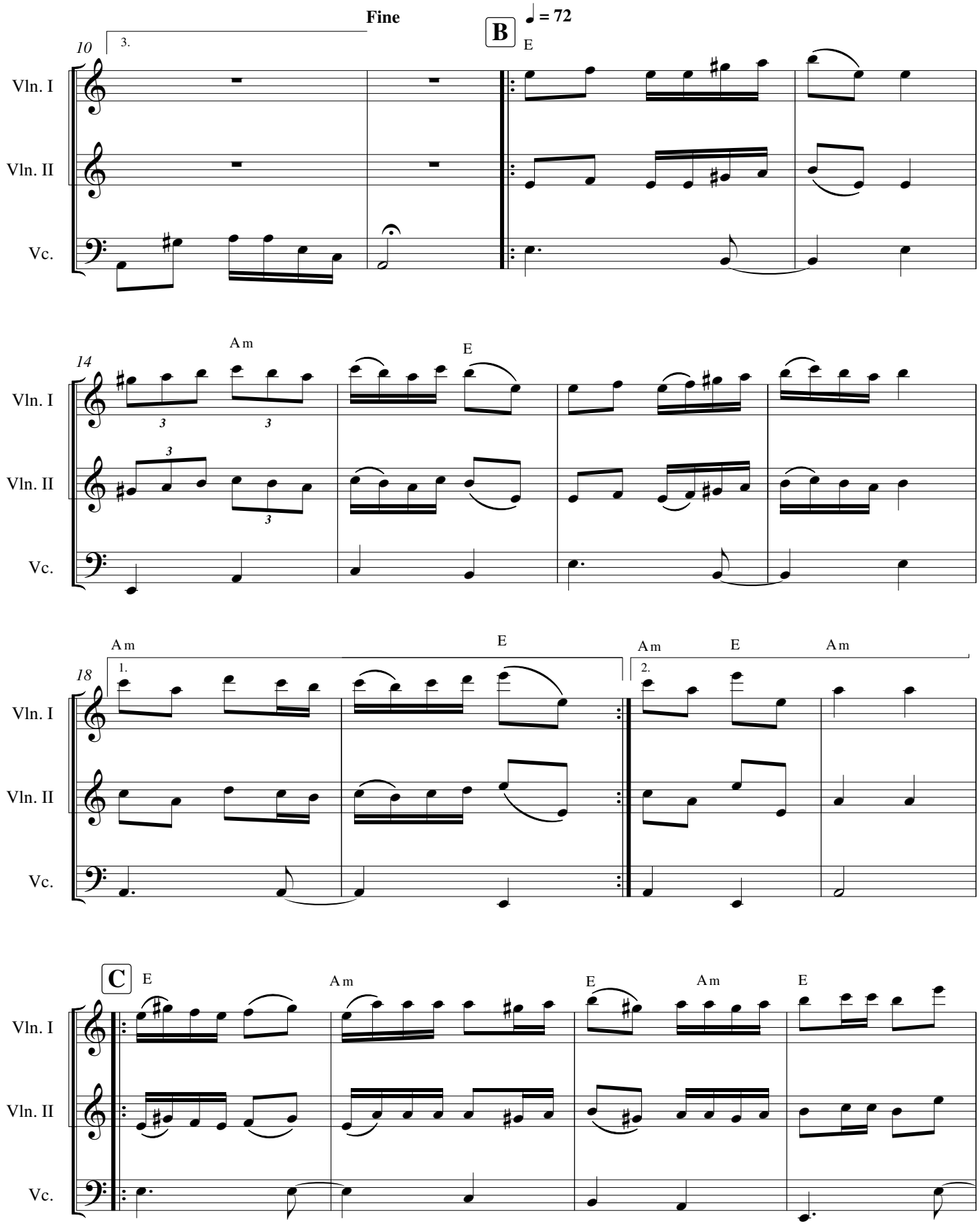

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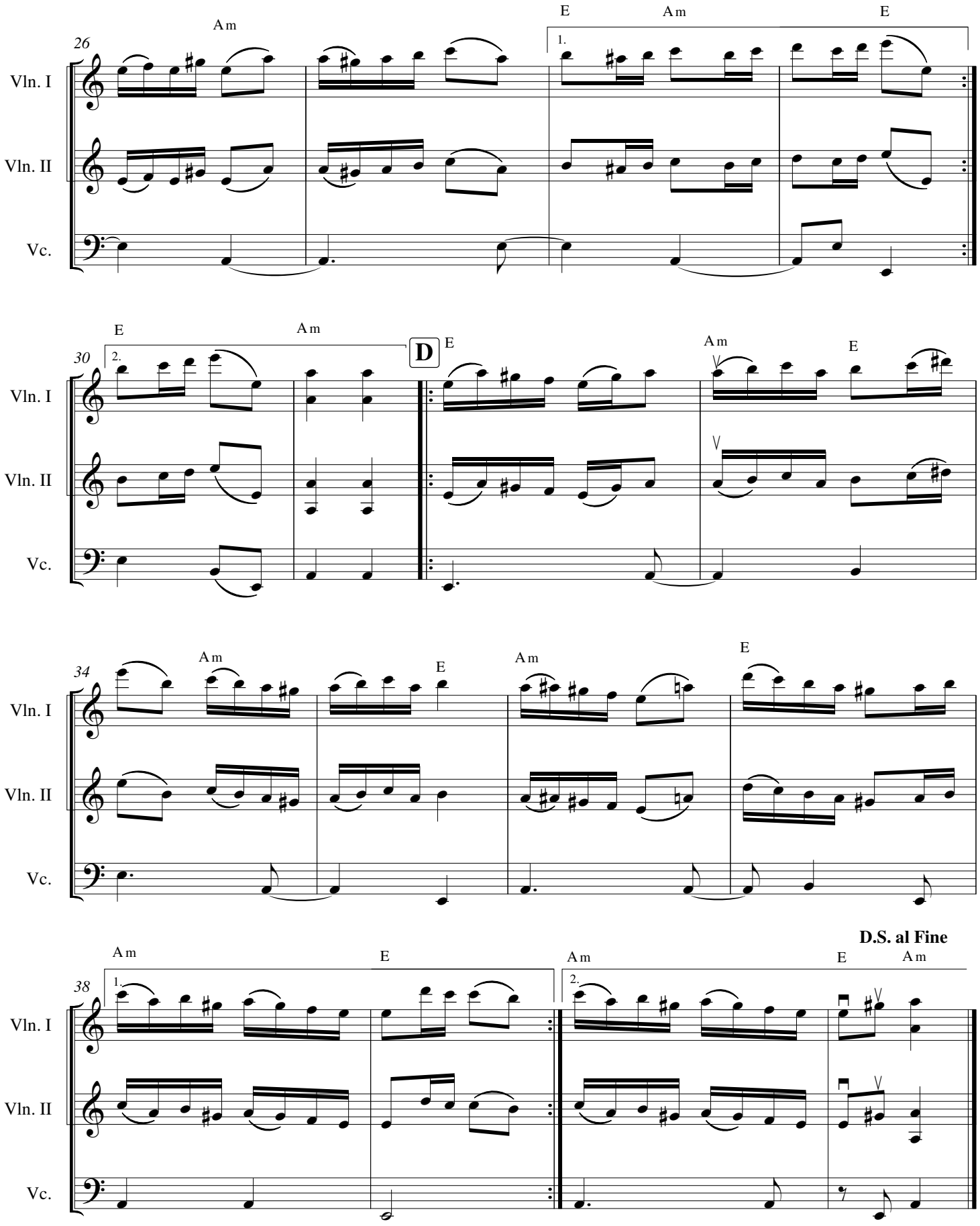

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