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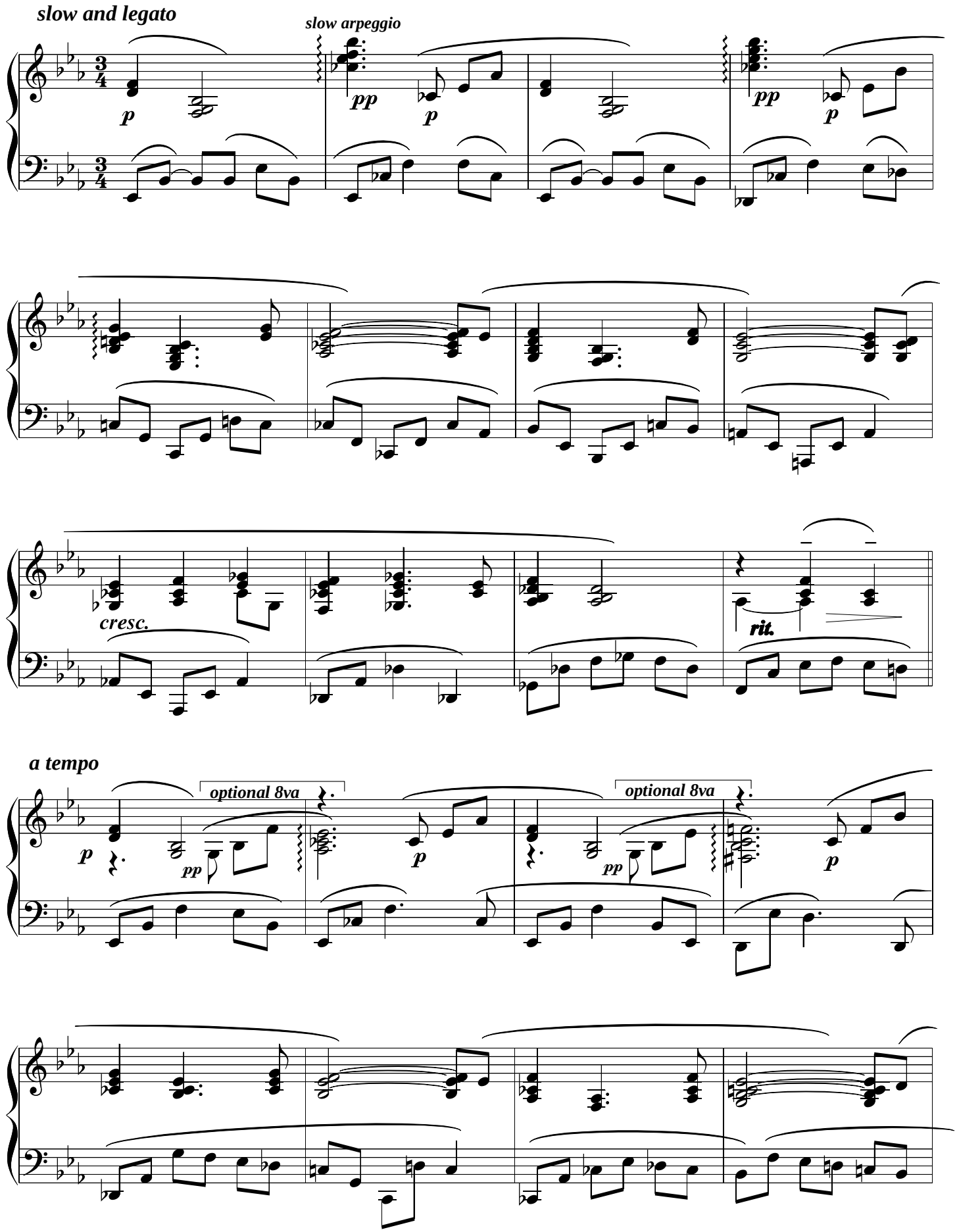

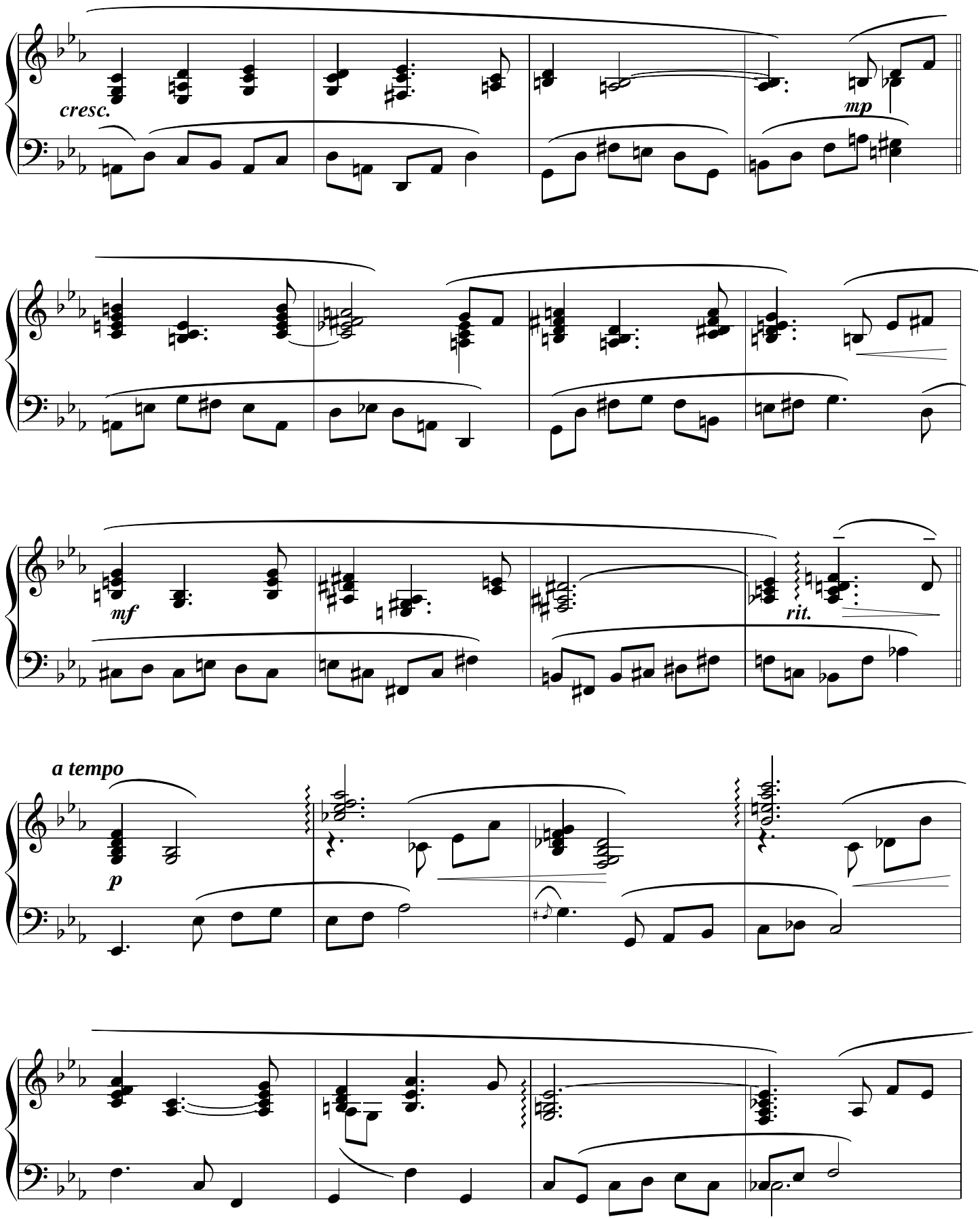
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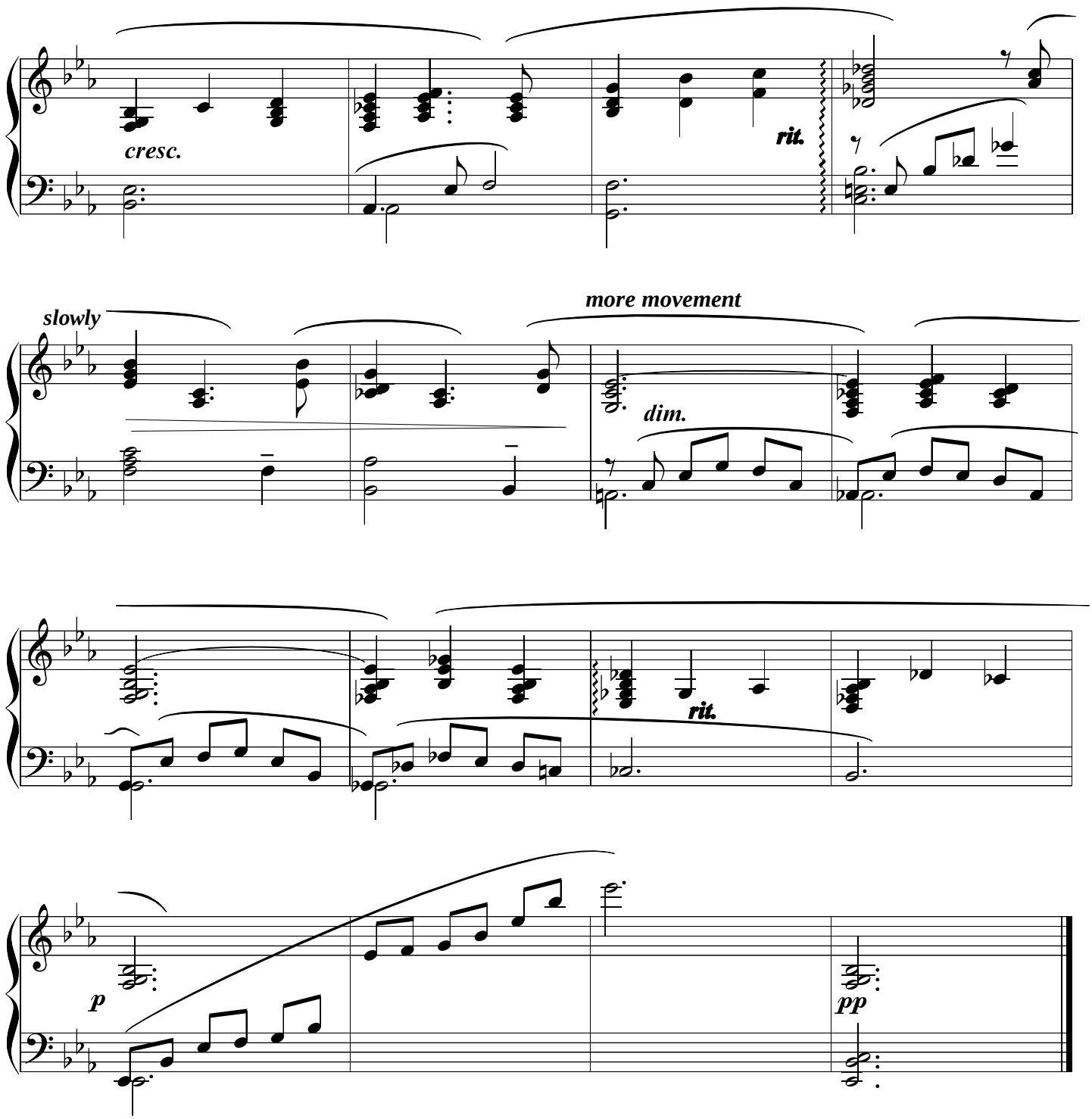
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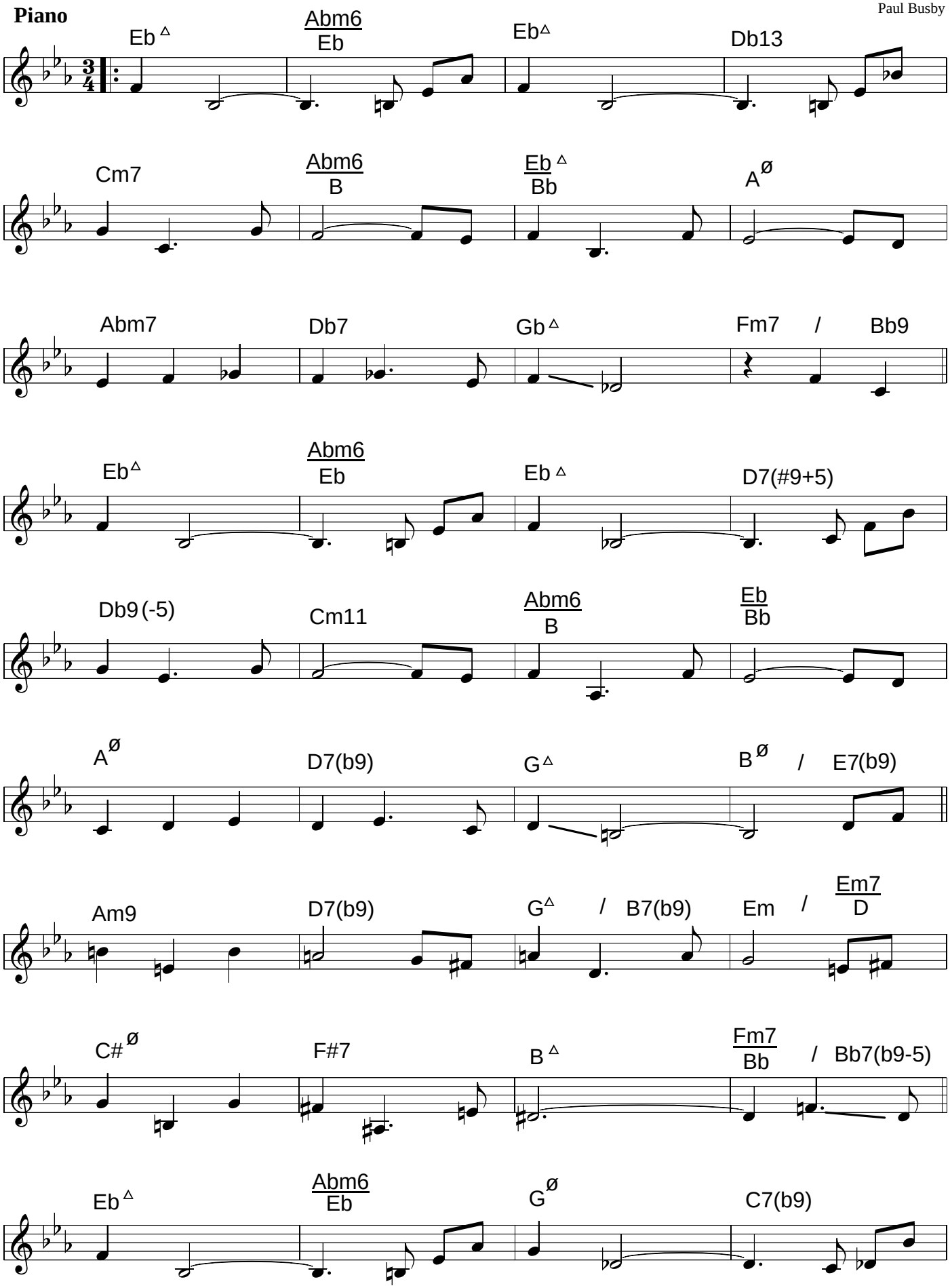
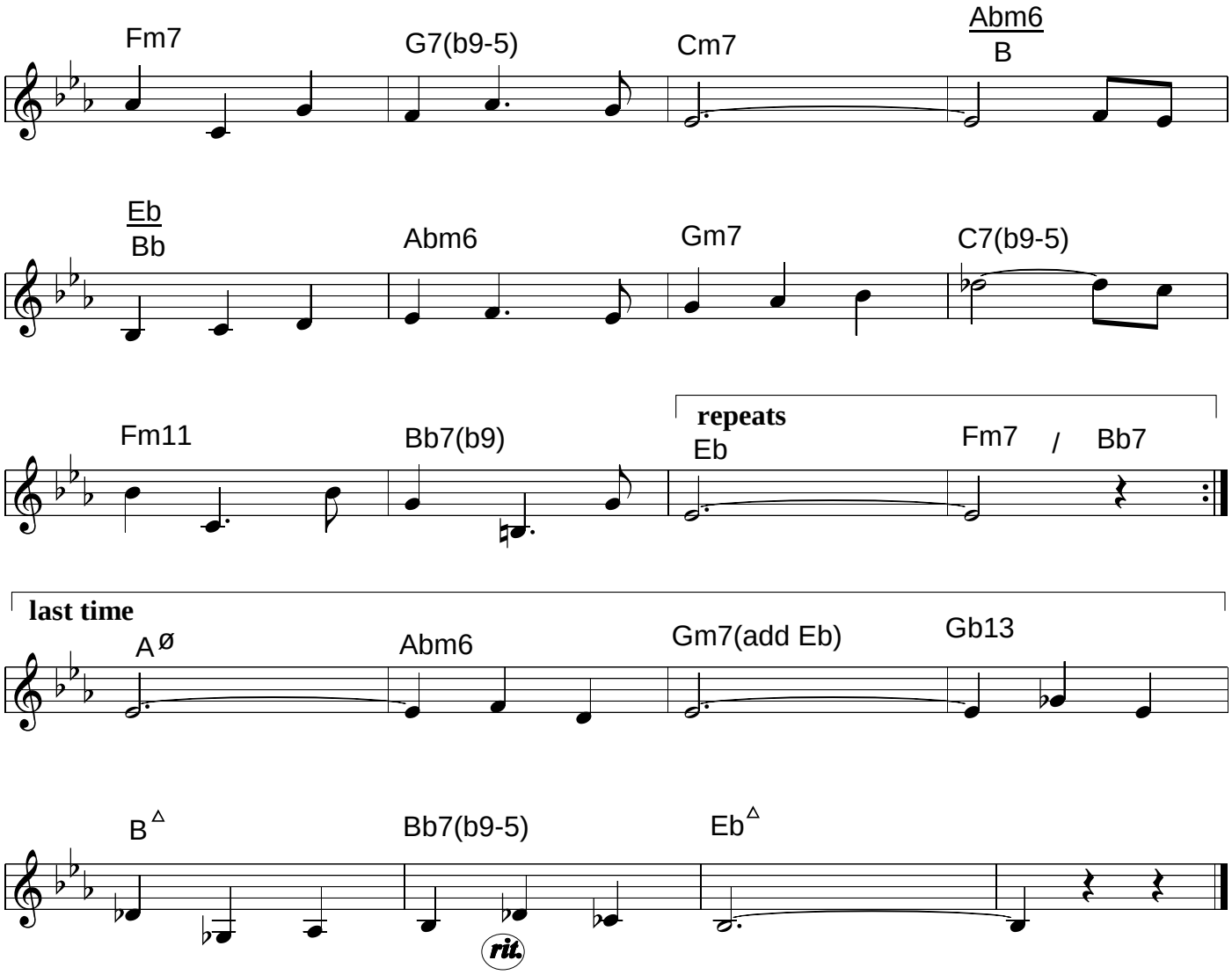
Piano

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Abm6
B
Eb
Bb
Abm6
Gm7
C7(b9-5)
Fm11
Bb7(b9)
repeats
Eb
Fm7
/
Bb7
last time
A ø
Abm6
Gm7(add Eb)
Gb13
B △
Bb7(b9-5)
Eb △
rit.

Doreen

Doreen was a very dear friend of mine. She was the most hip person I know. She trained as a dancer, and only a few weeks before she died was the star dancer in an open-air performance in Lewes in East Sussex. The TV crew remaked on her grace and elegance. She saw all the latest films (not the rubbishy ones) and knew a lot about the technical details of filming. She read a lot of good quality novels, went to art exhitions and had a great interest in so many different things.

It was in the peace movement in Lewes that I first got to know her and her family. She was also very actively involved in environmental issues, particularly where it concerned the local area. When Lewes Links with Eastern Europe was formed in 1990, we worked closely together on the committee and planned various exchange visits, especially with Veszprém County in Hungary. She also came with my wife and I to Prague, Veszprém, and Tatranské Lomnice in Slovakia, all of which she adored. More recently,she provided accomodation to a Spanish university student and visited his family in Barcelona, which made a vivid impression on her.

And of course she loved music, including jazz. Over the years she gave me so much support, I don't think I could have carried onwithout her enthusiasm. When I made a CD to help raise funds for Africa which I put up for sale in different Oxfam shops locally,Doreen bought up 12 of them and gave them as Christmas presents to her friends.

I wrote this tune in 1999 to celebrate her 70th birthday. It is not a jazz tune but a waltz for people to dance to, and so it served its purpose of bringing people together to honour her.

Very recently, we learned that she had been dianosed as having leukemia. She passed away on the 9th July, just three and a half weeks after the diagnosis.

As a tribute to her, I am including this piece here. Help yourself to the music - it's free, and if you ever play it, spare a thought for others suffering from cancer or leukemia, or better still give a donation to one of the charities involved.