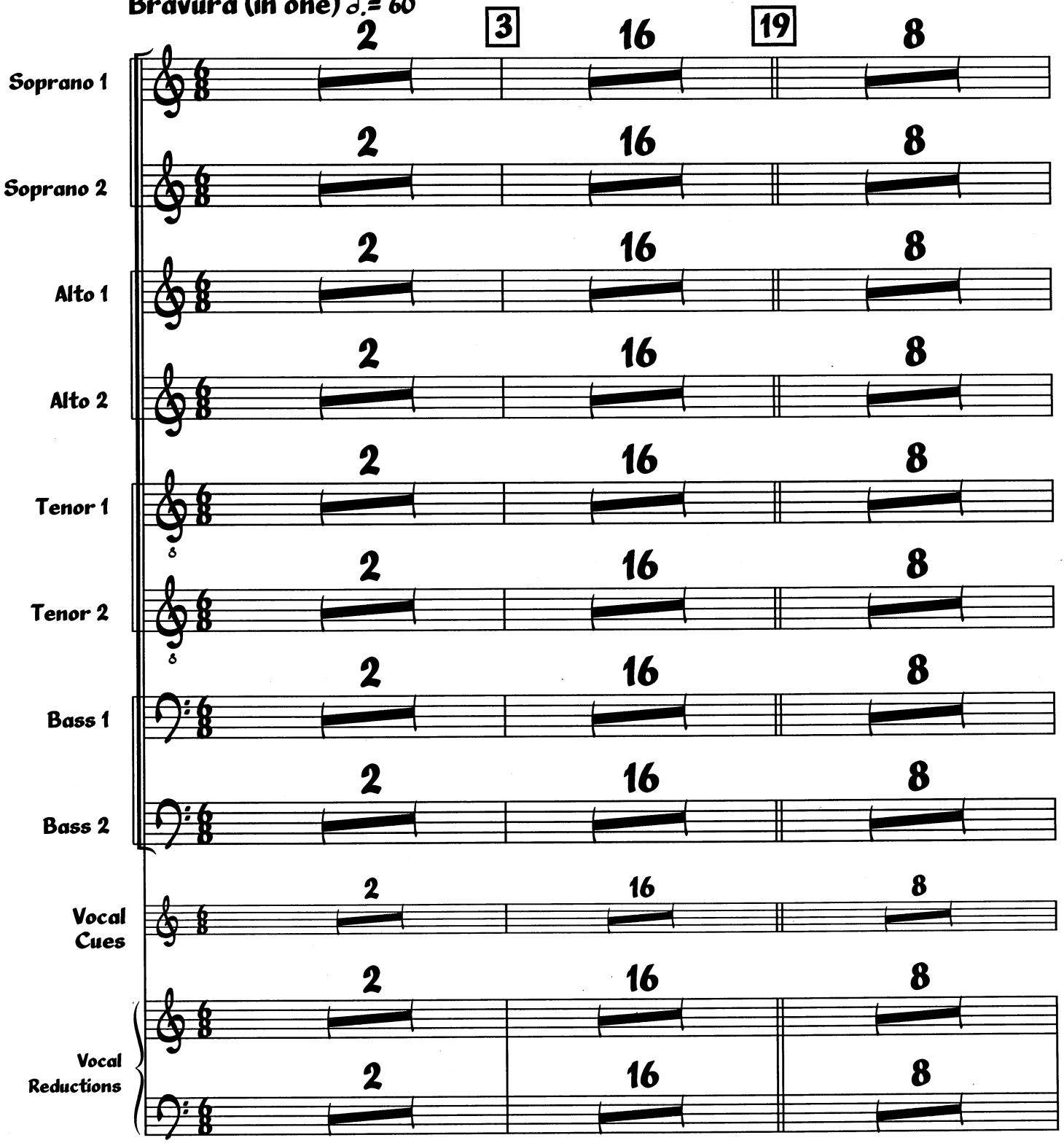
CHORUS

BIRDS OF THUNDER

*** Eight solo voices:**
pure, clear tone throughout (falsetto where needed), without vibrato;
always to remain within the sound of the ensemble, i.e.
"inside" the instrumental sonorities they are coloring

- MSgt John Bliss

Bravura (in one) ♩. = 60



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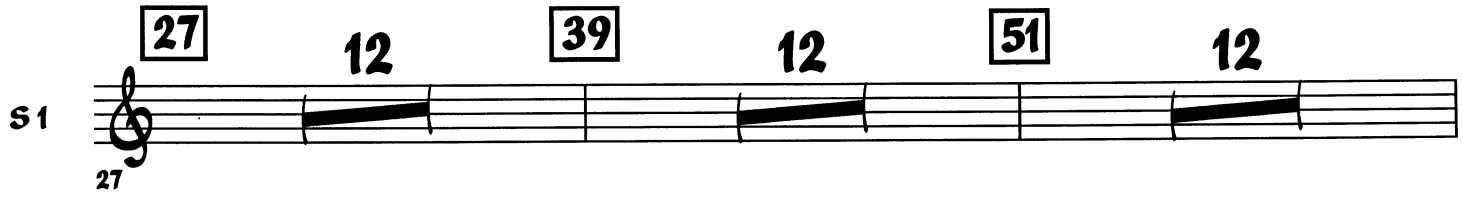
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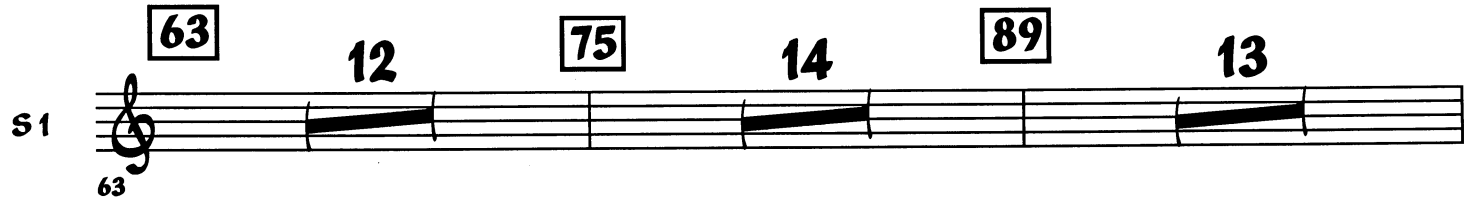
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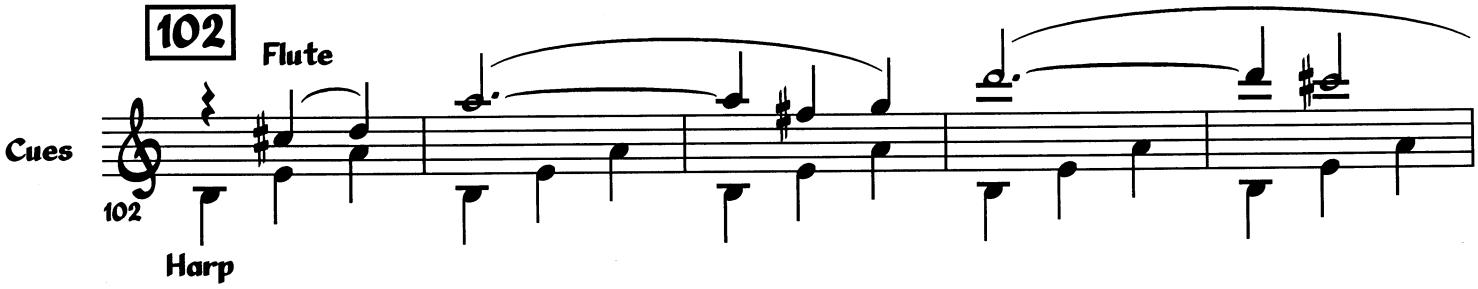
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Flute
Cues
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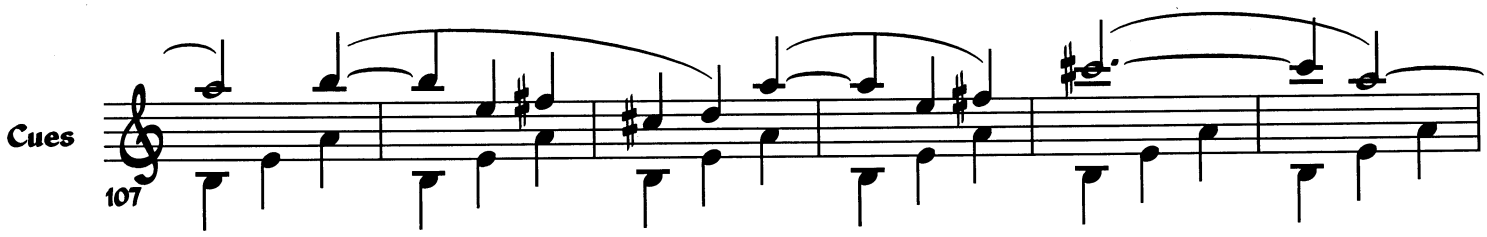
Harp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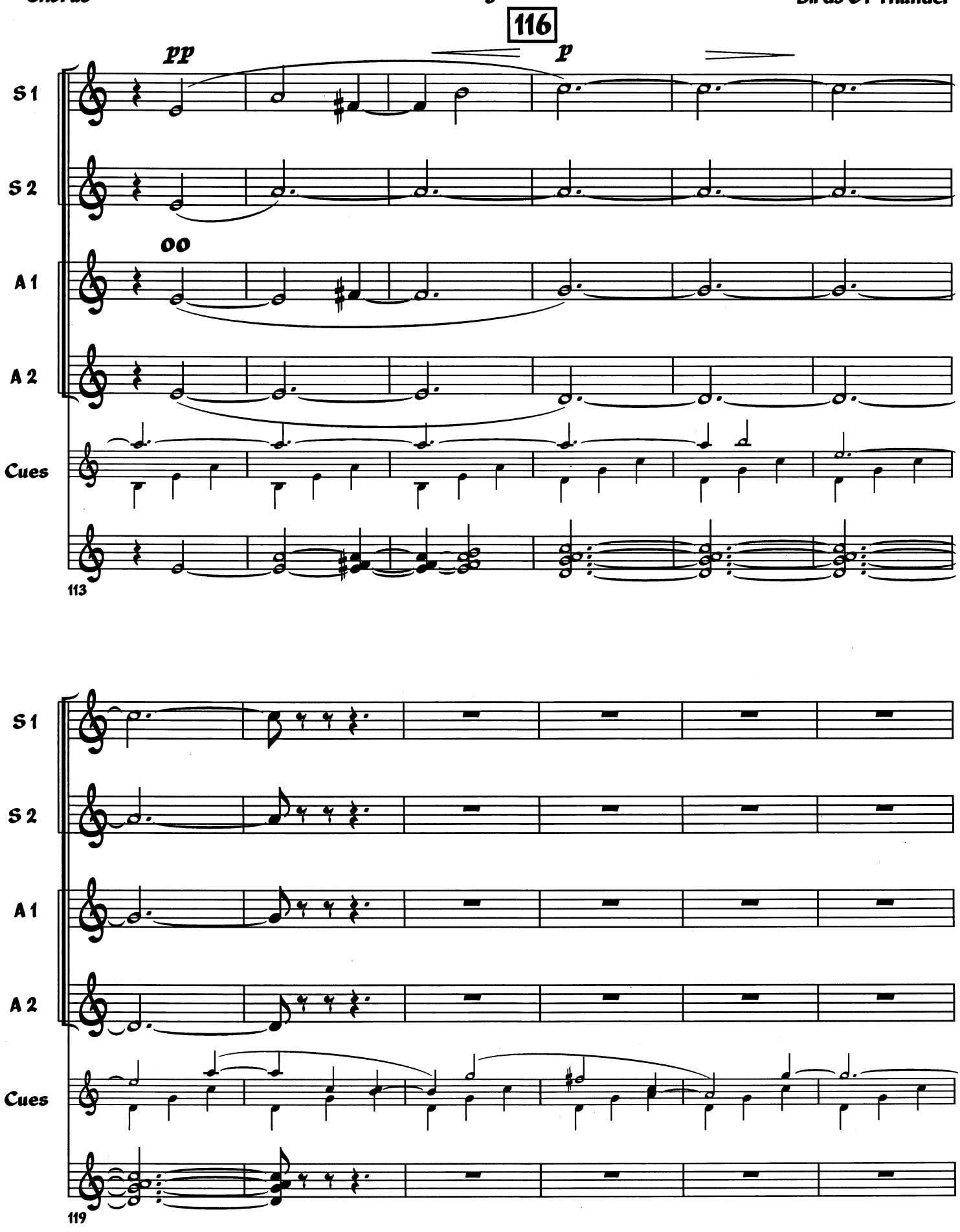
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A 1
A 2
Cues
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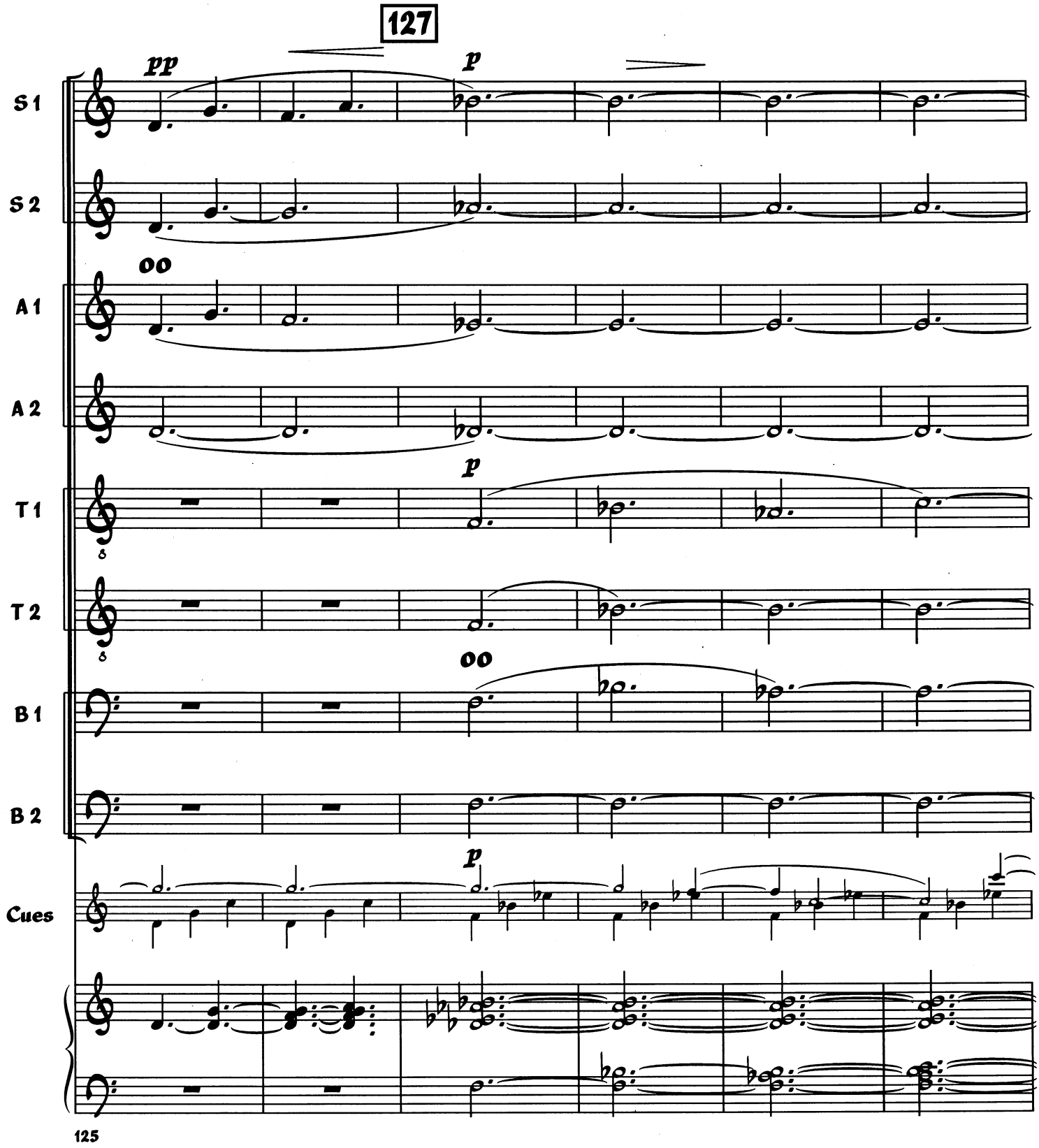
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A 1
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T 1
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B 1
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Cues
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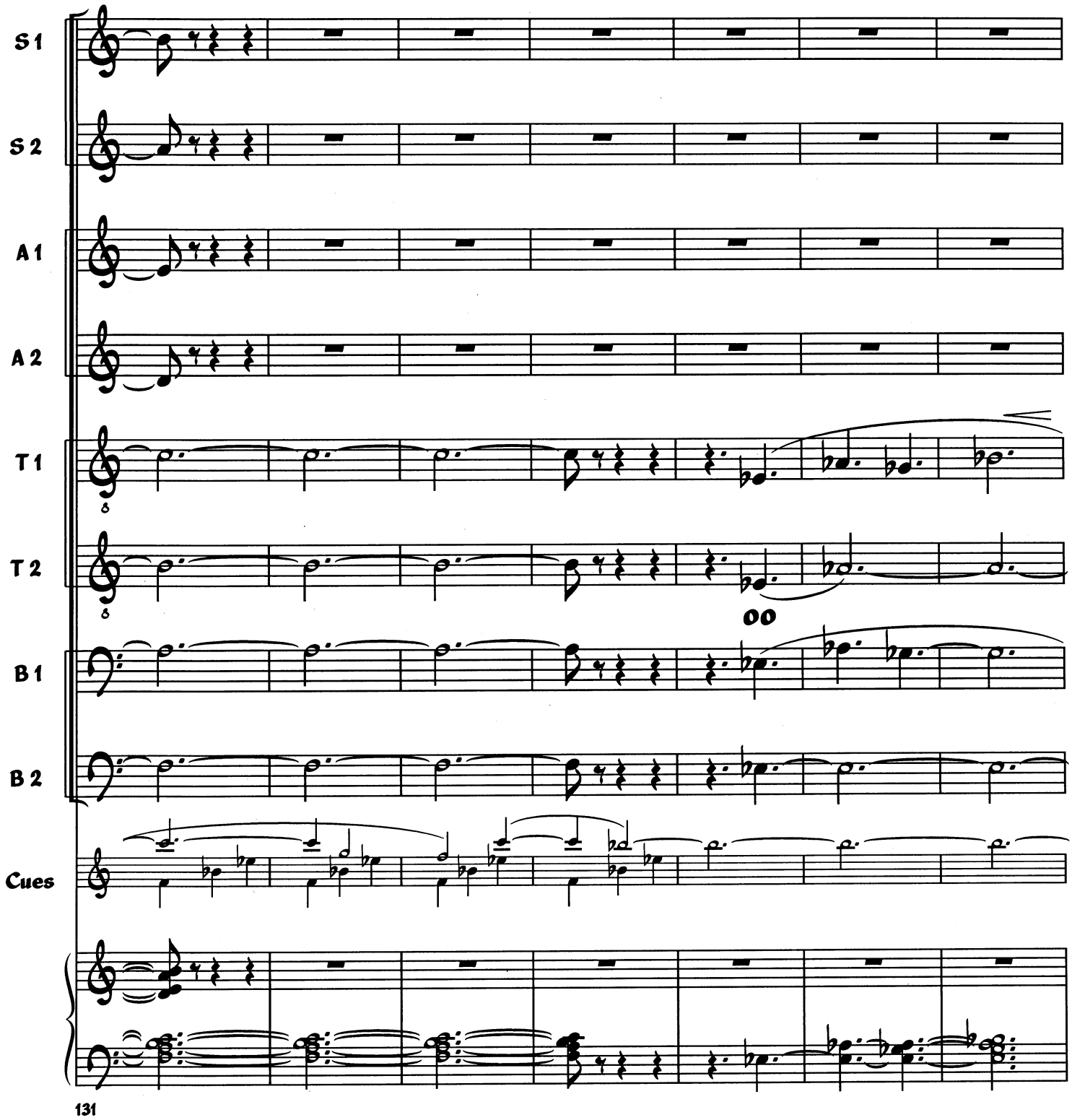
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B 1
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Cues
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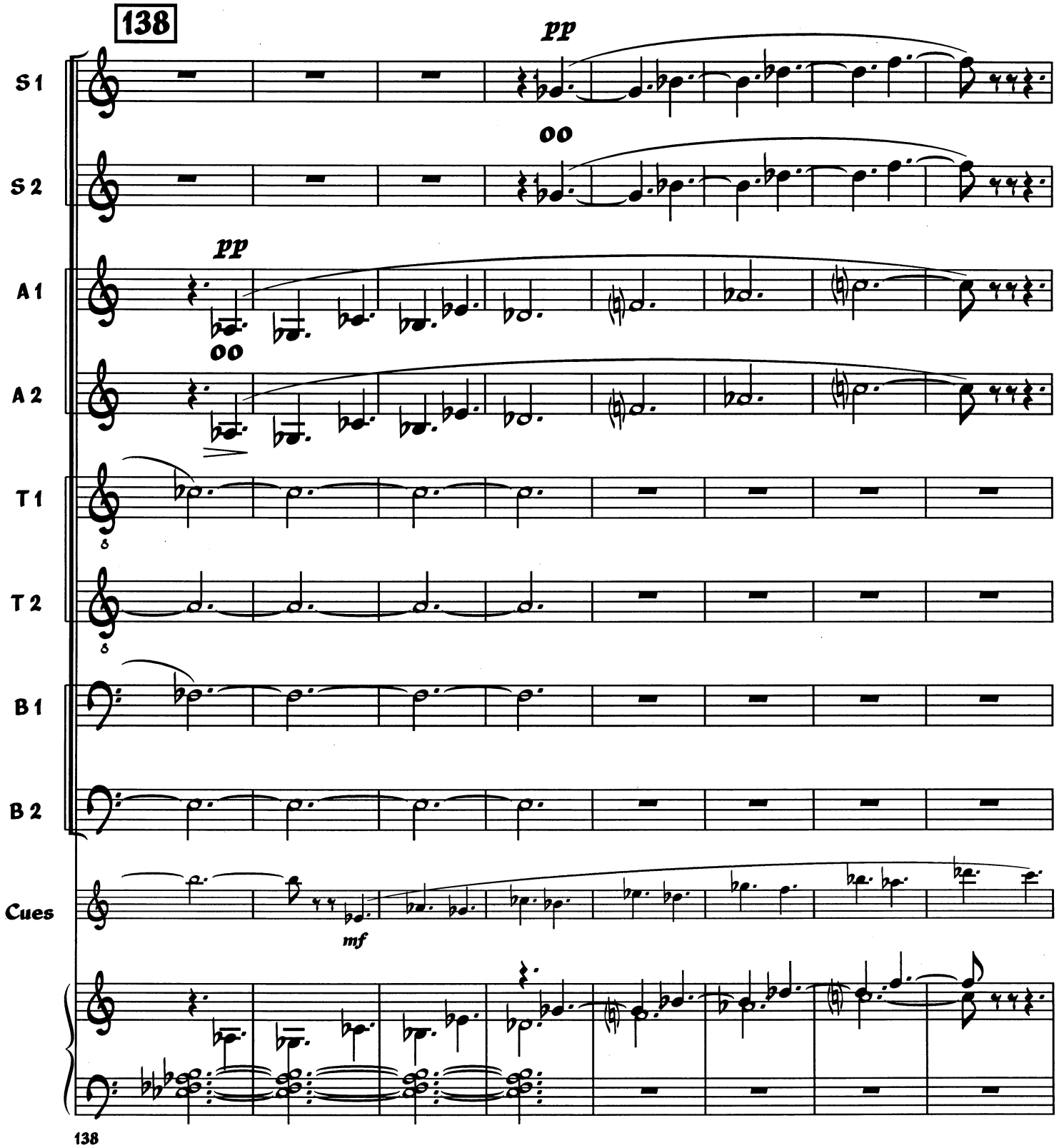
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A 1
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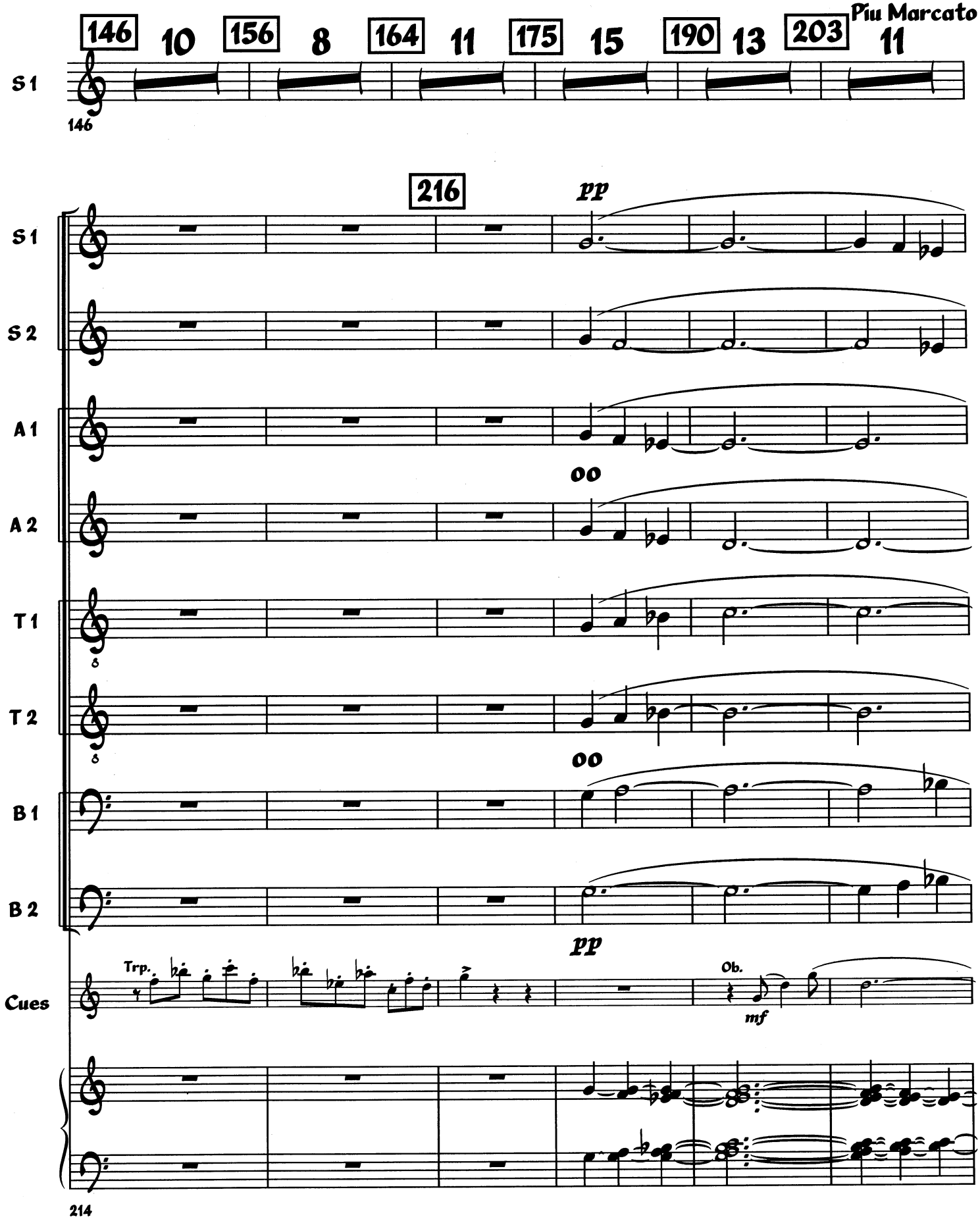
T 1
T 2
B 1
B 2
Cues
mf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Piu Marcato
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216
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Trp.
Ob.
mf
Cues
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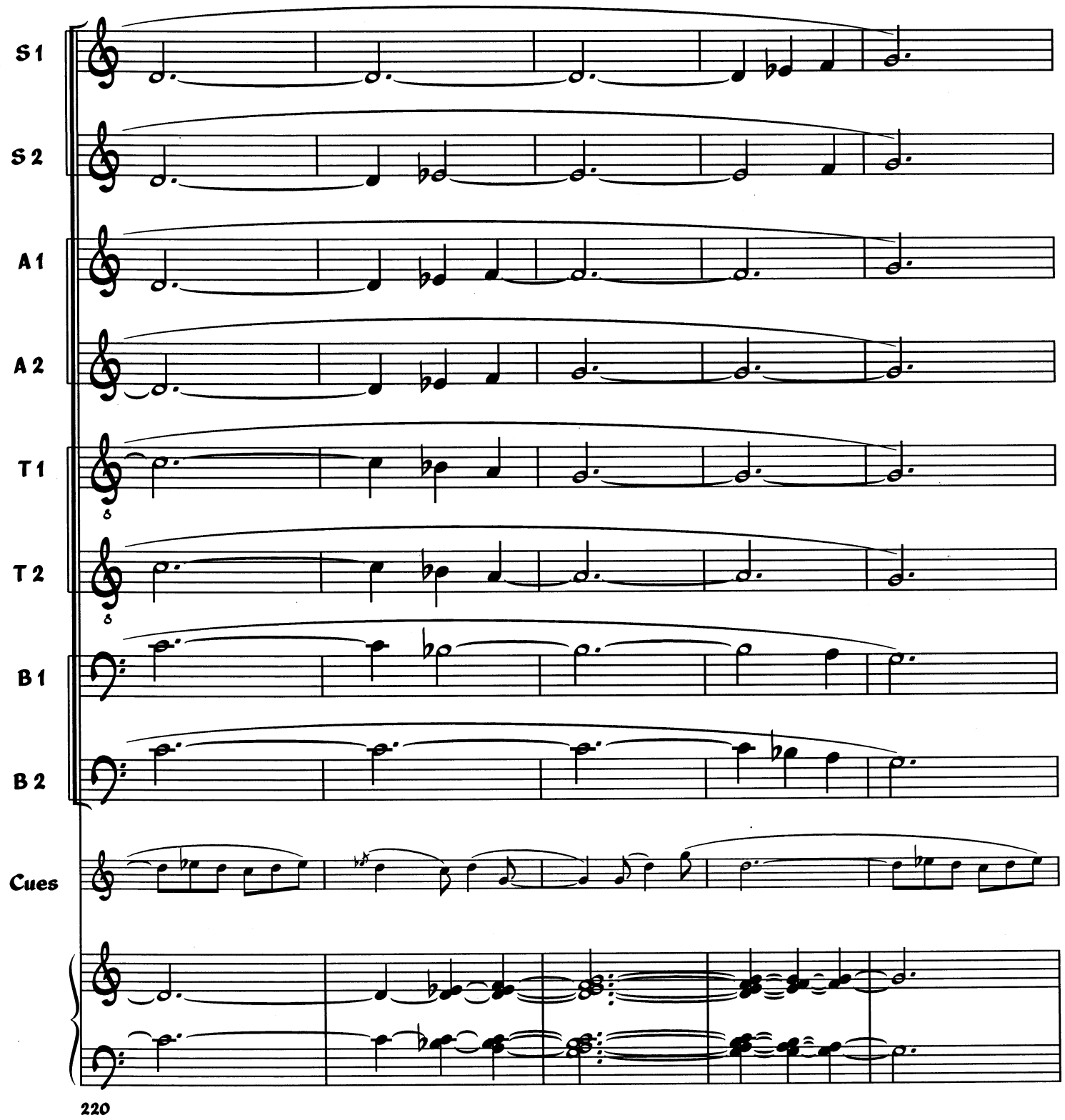
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B 1
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Cues
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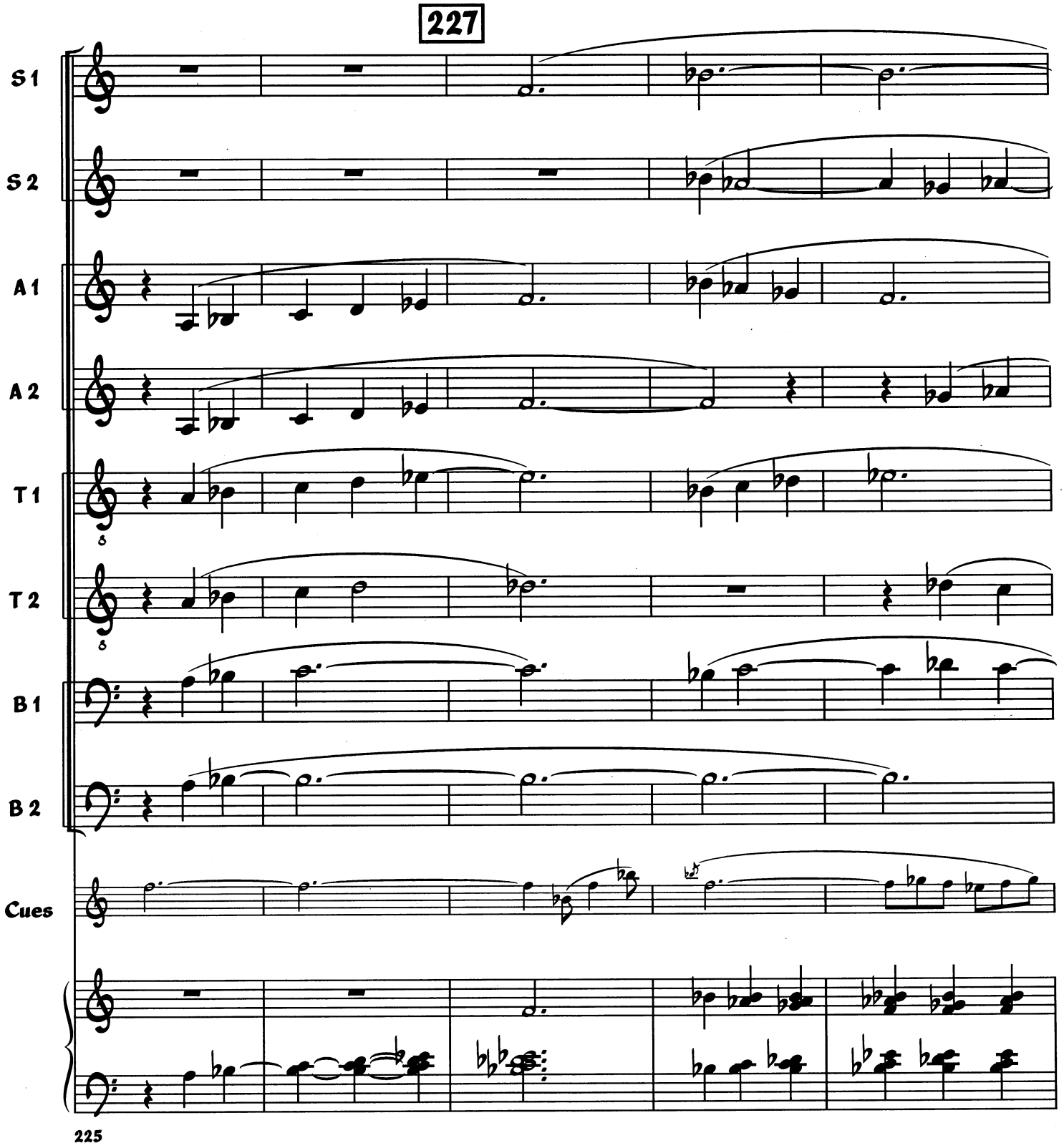
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A 1
A 2
T 1
T 2
B 1
B 2
Cues
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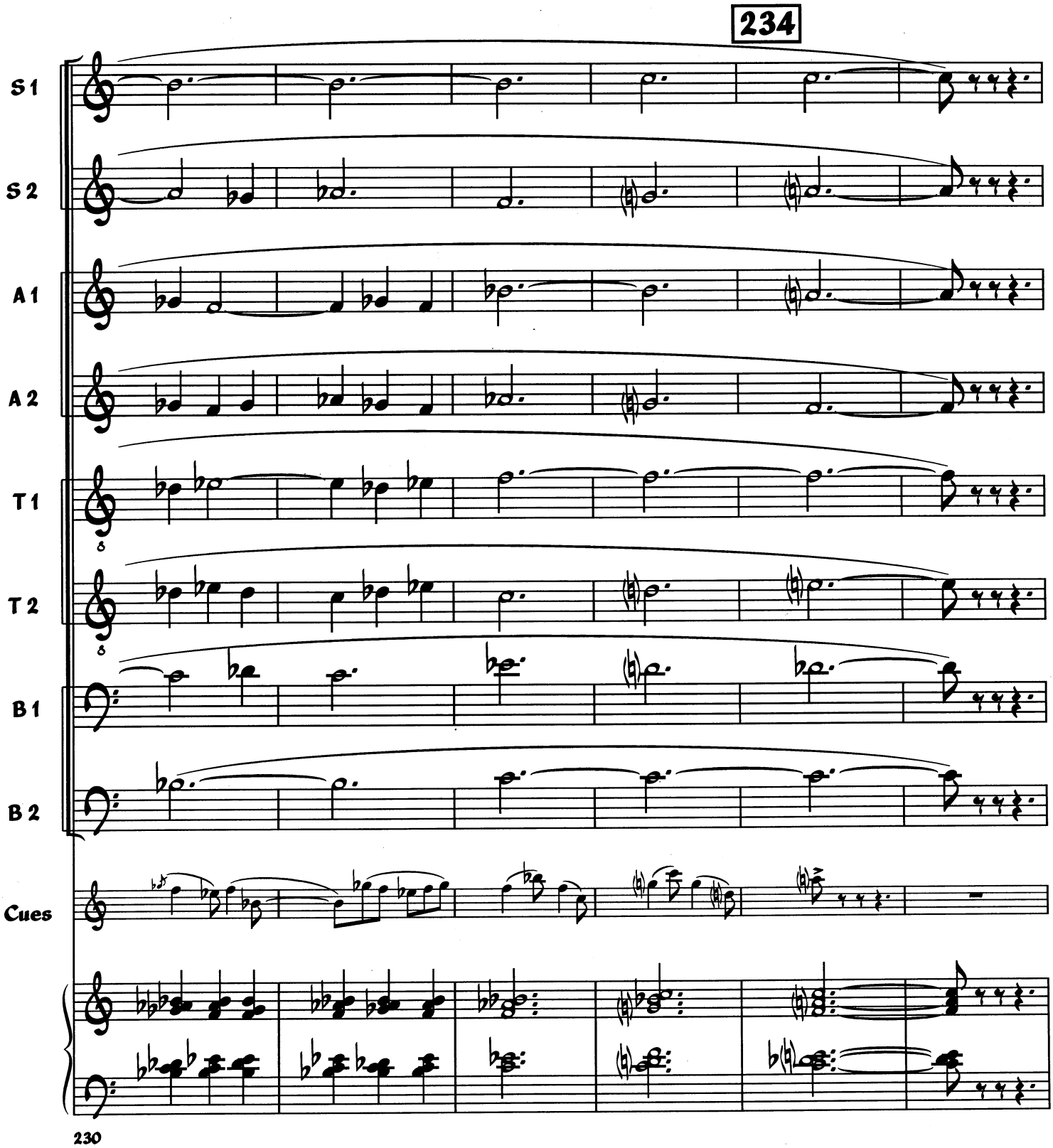
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A 1
A 2
T 1
T 2
B 1
B 2
Cues
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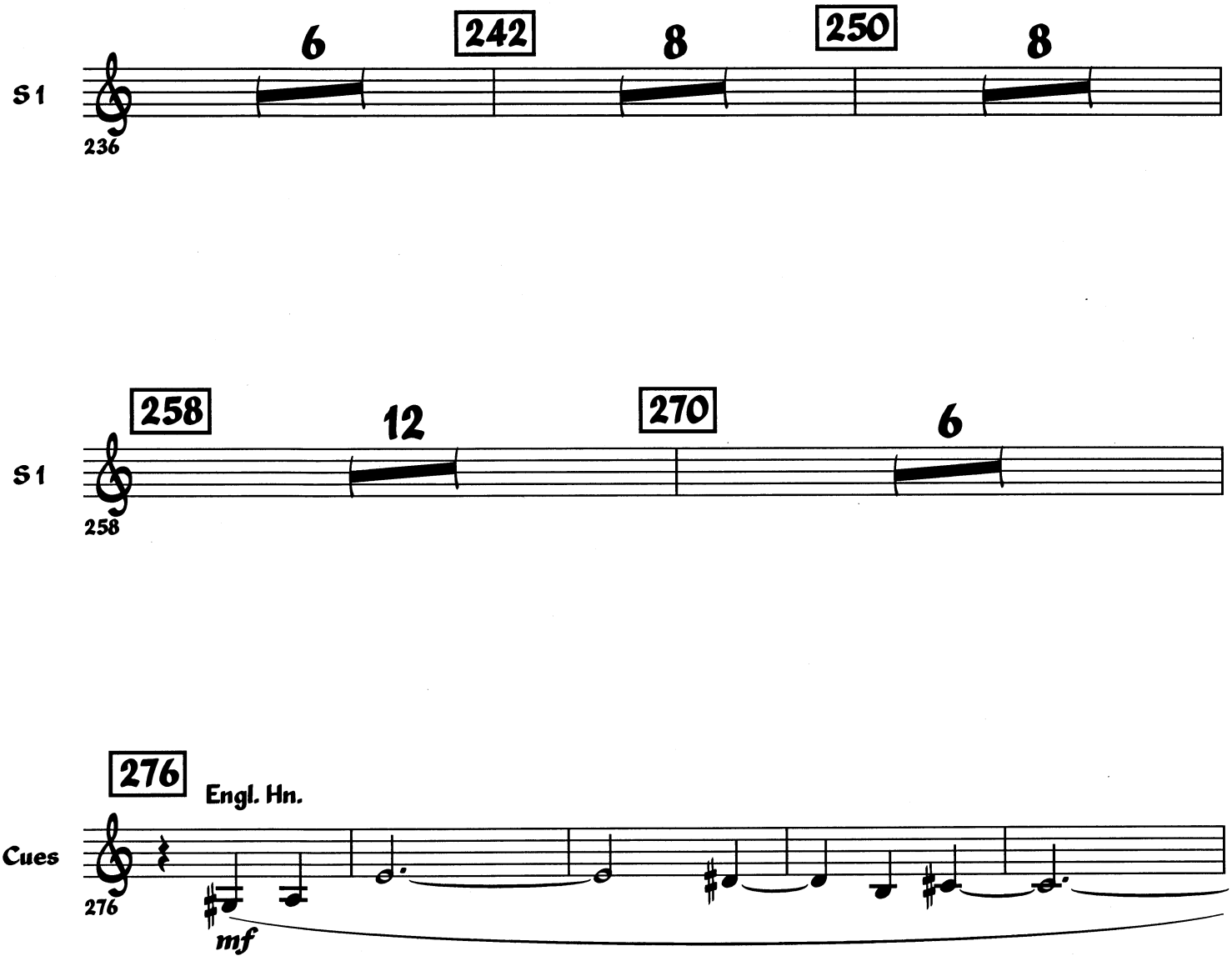
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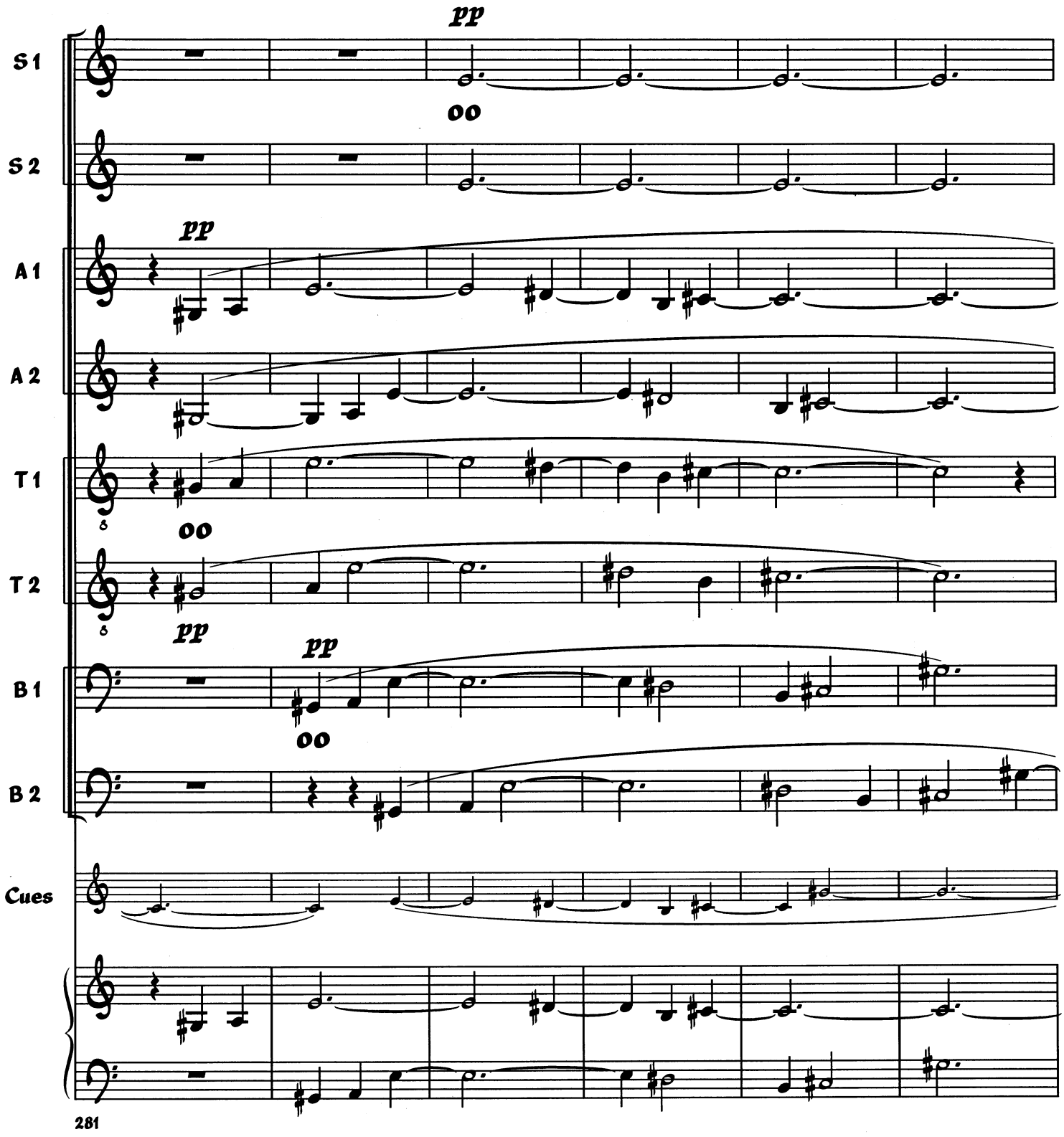
12
270
6
Cues
276
276
Engl. Hn.
mf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S 2
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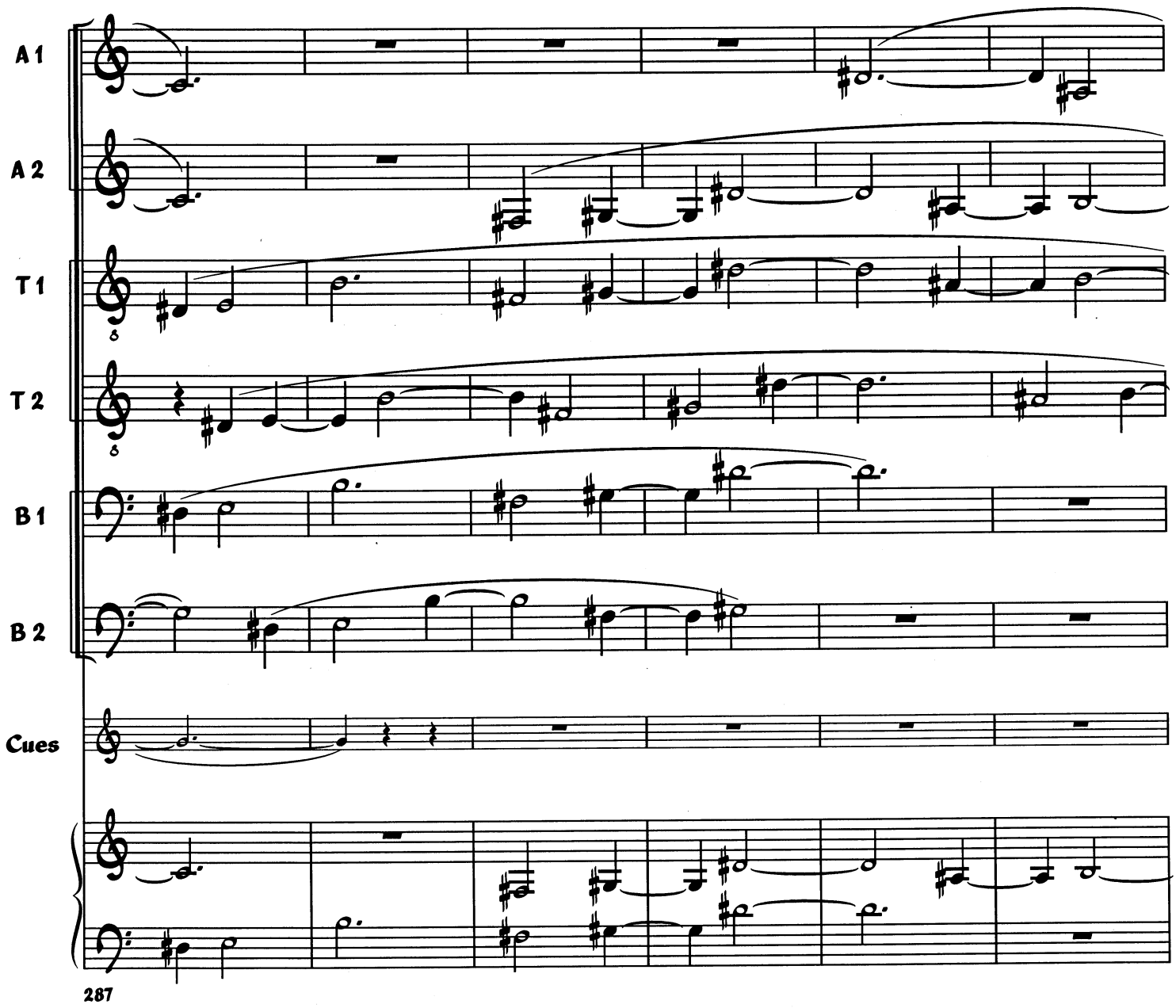
A 1
A 2
T 1
oo
T 2
pp
pp
B 1
oo
B 2
Cues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B 1
B 2
Cues
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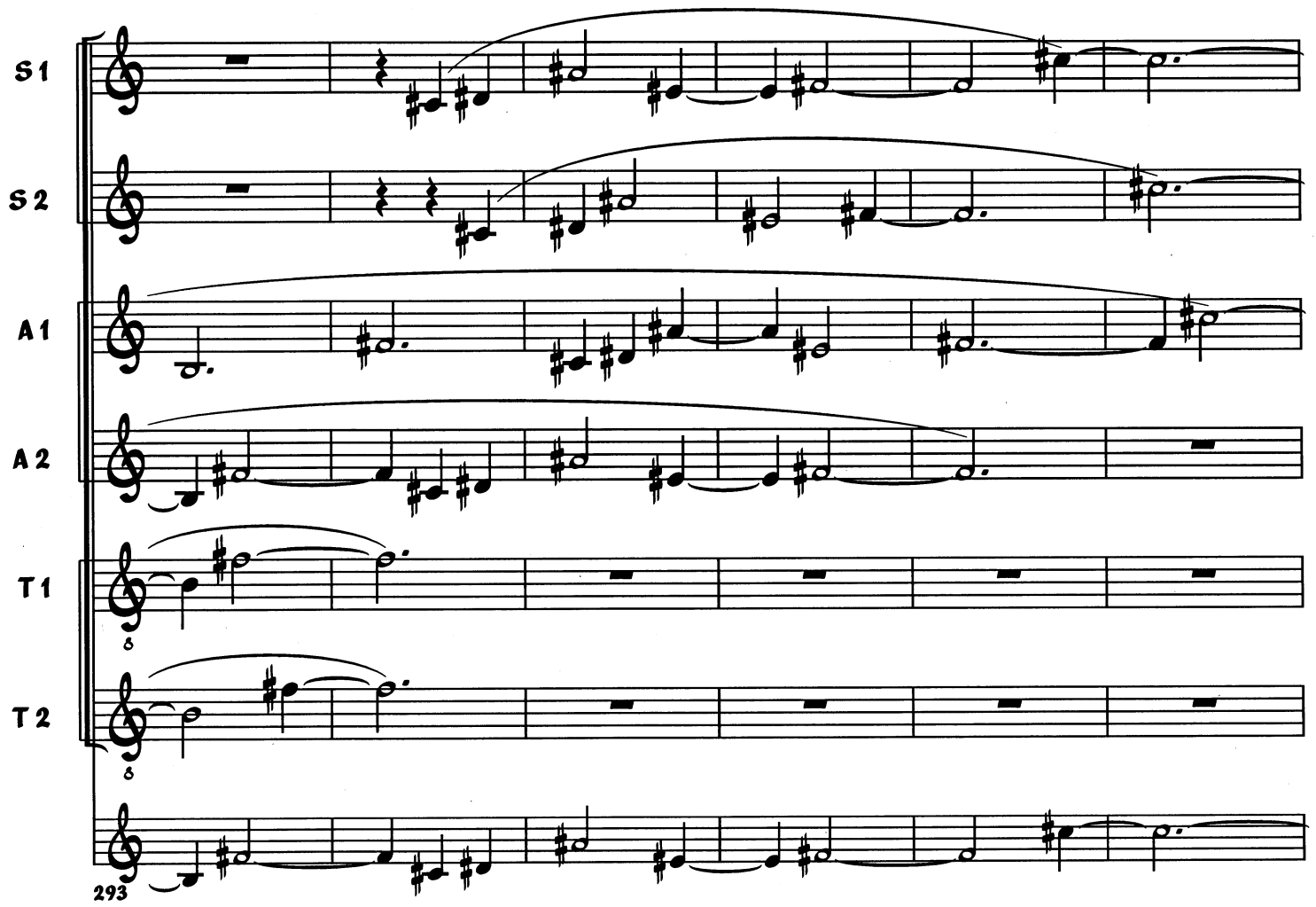

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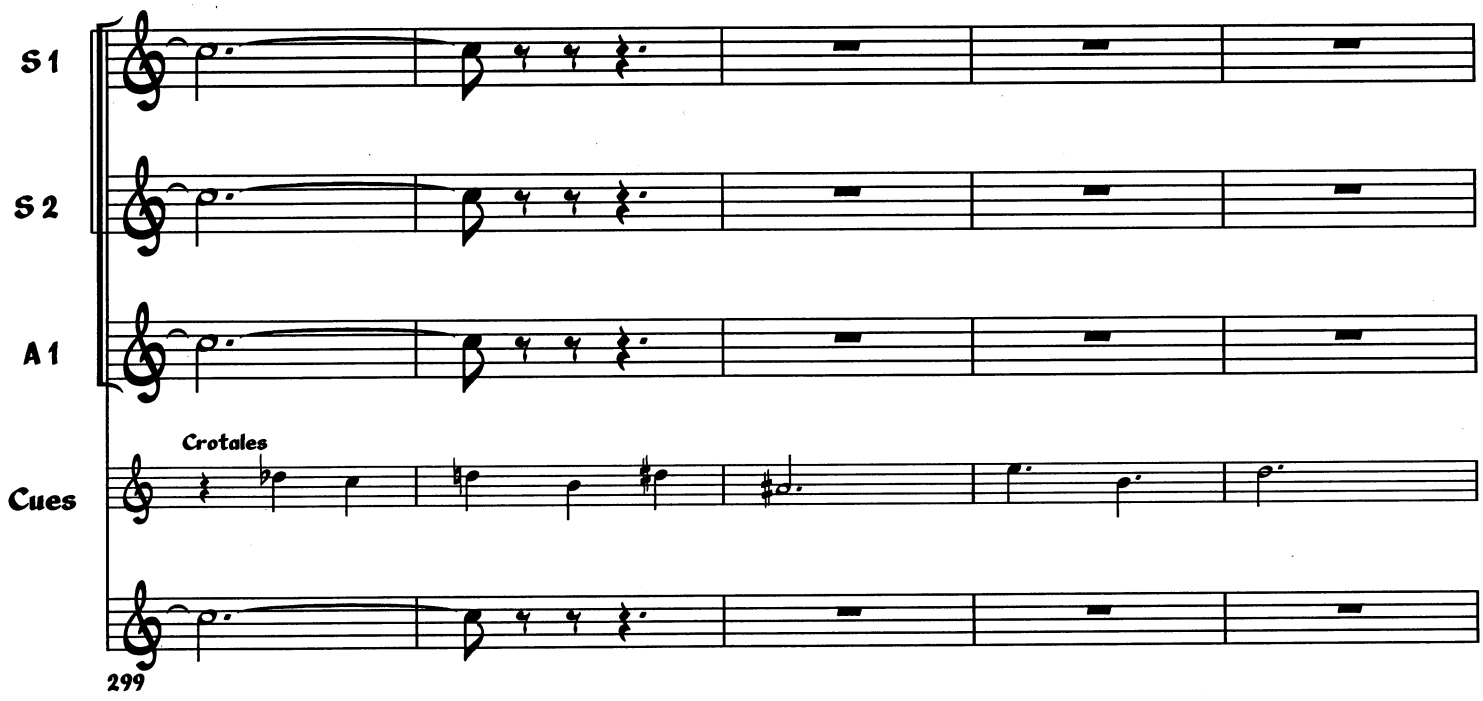

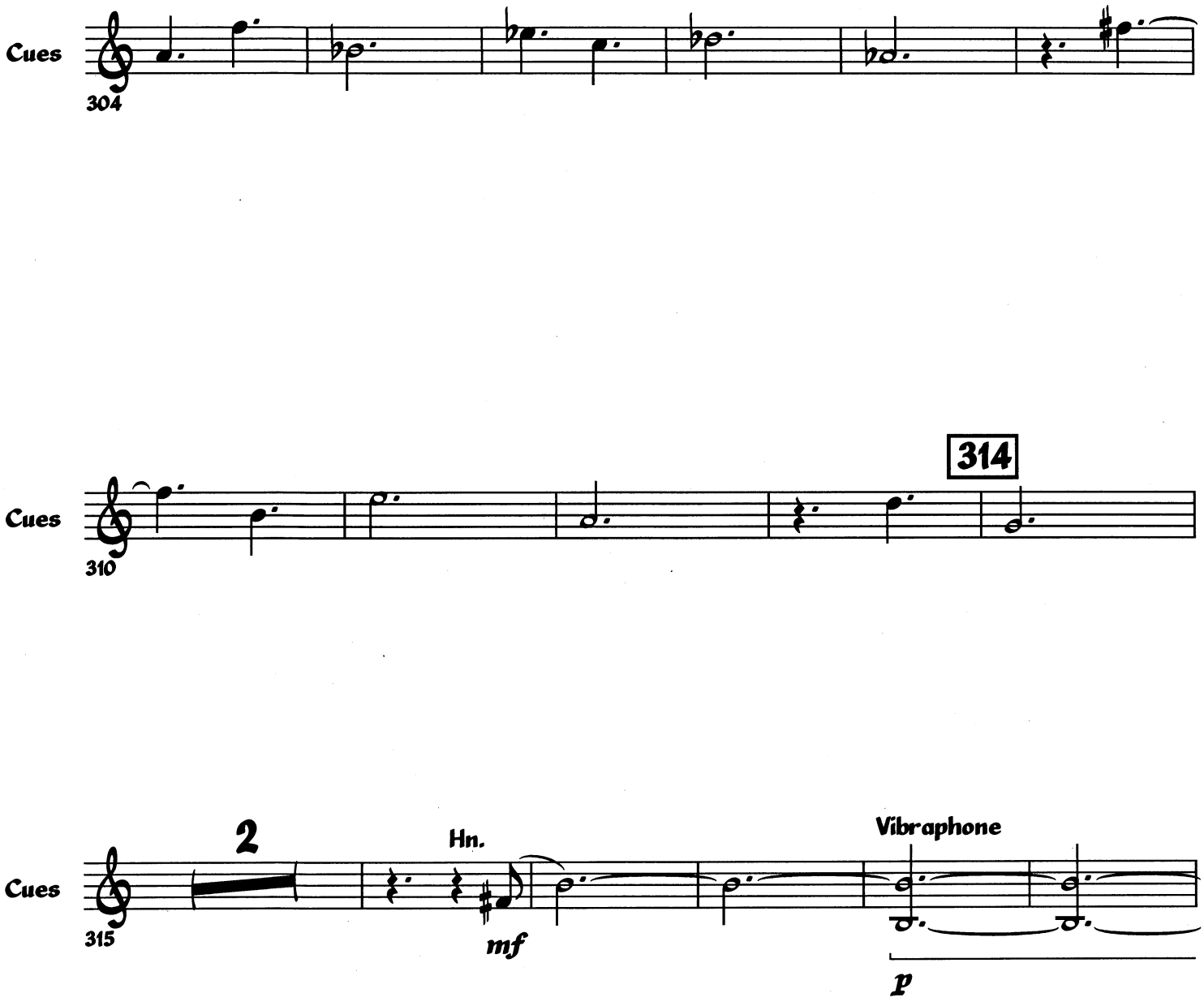
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2
Hn.
mf
Vibraphone
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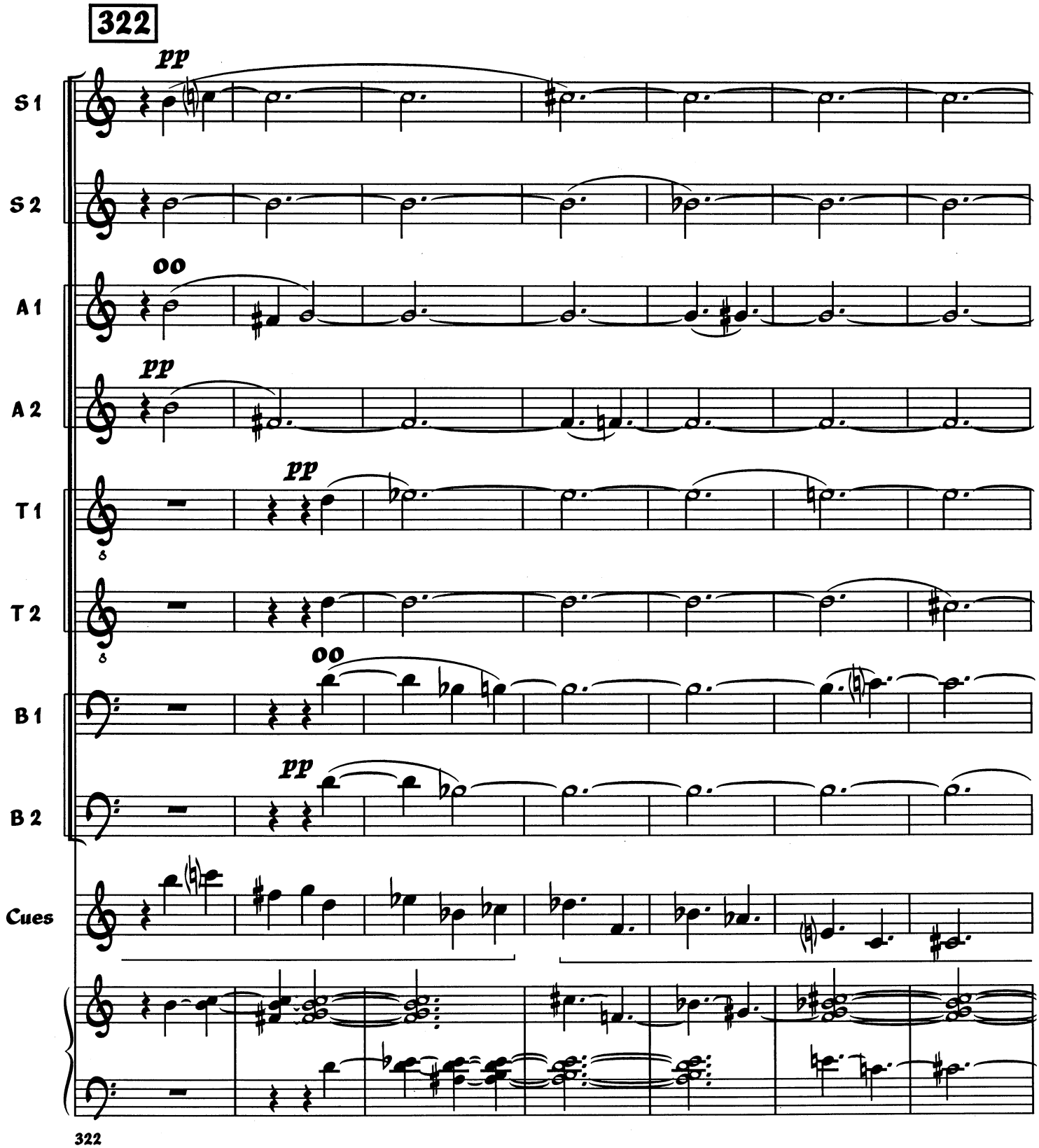
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B 1
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B 2
Cues
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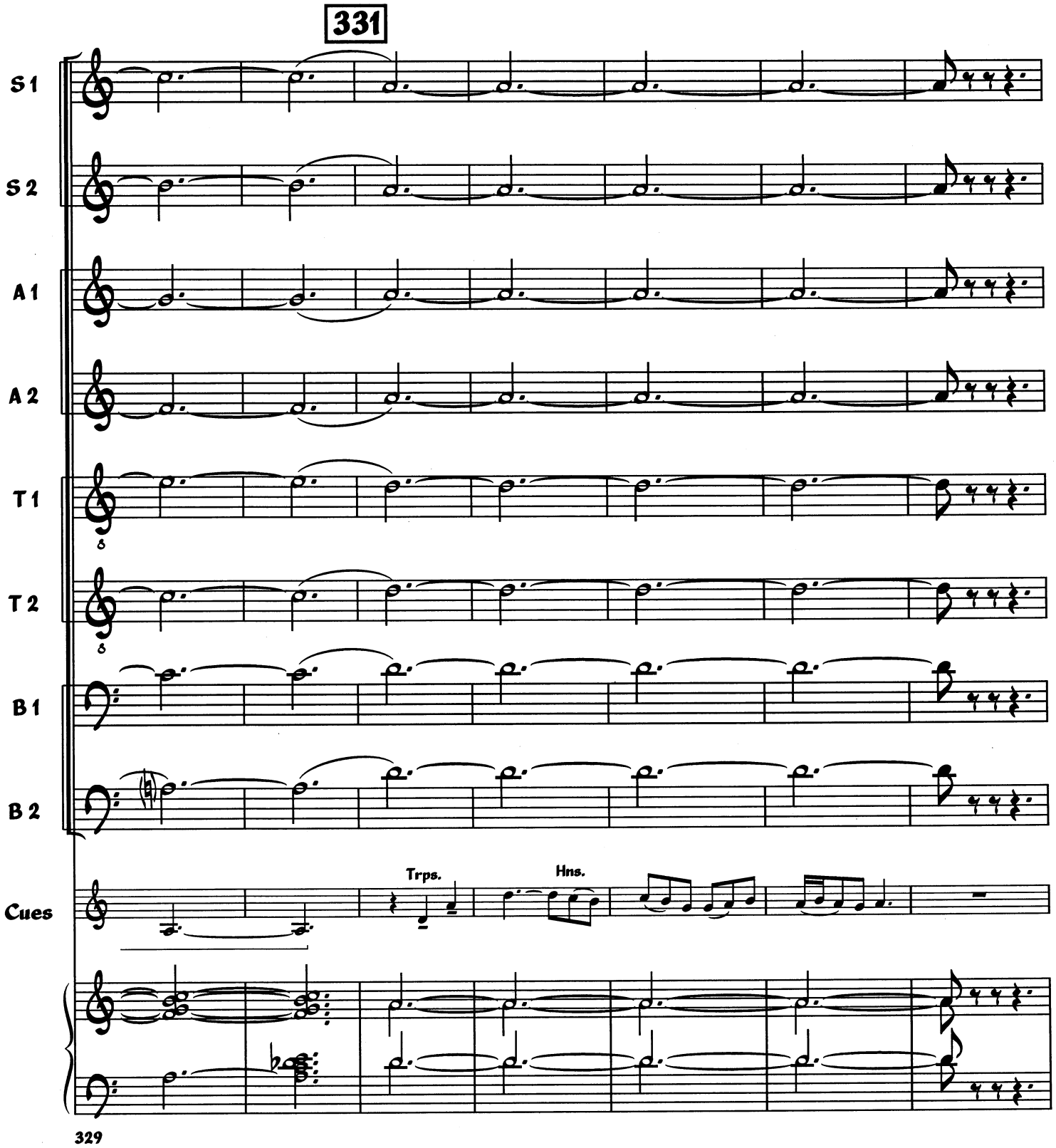
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Cues
Trps.
Hns.
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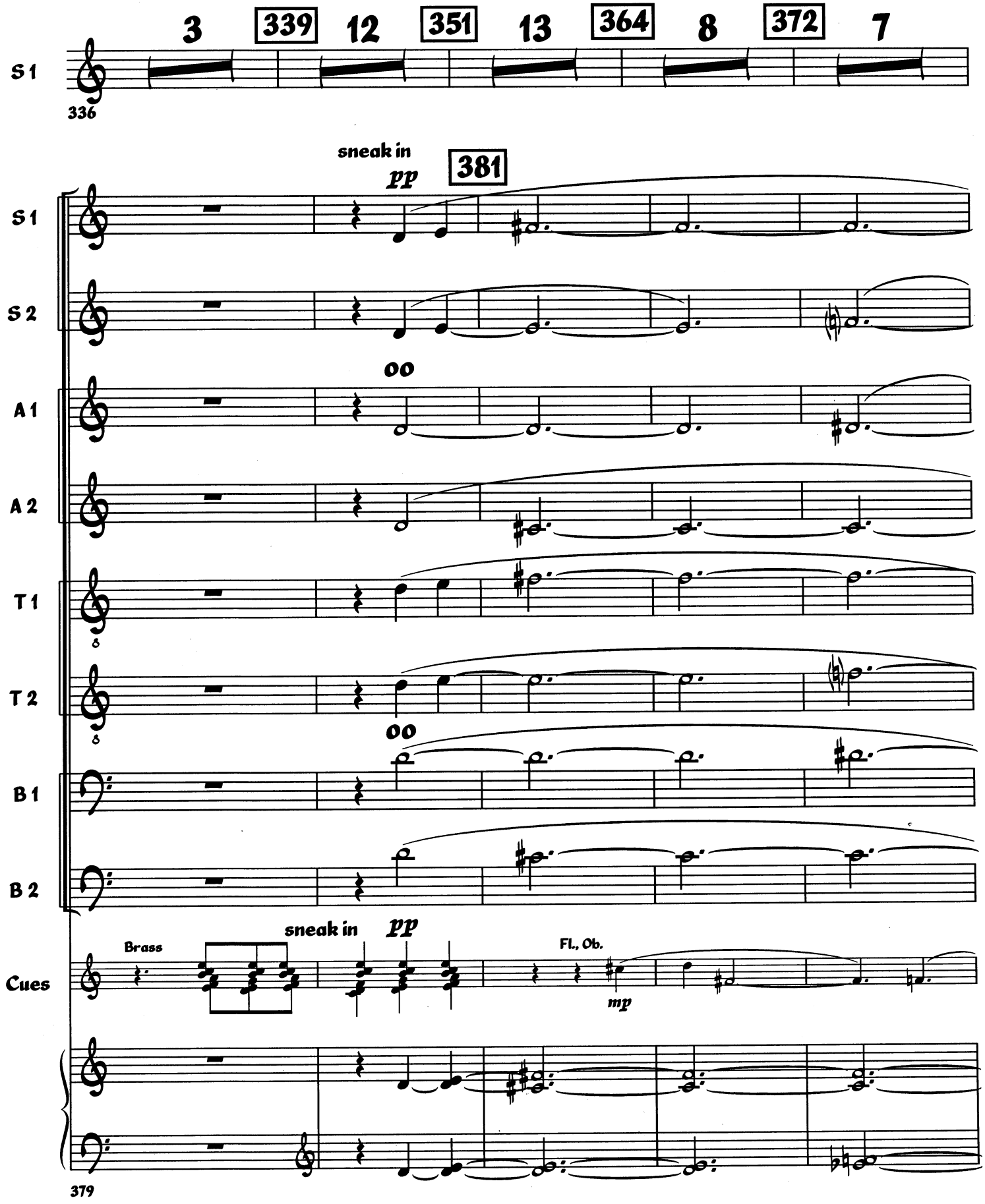
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336
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381
S 1
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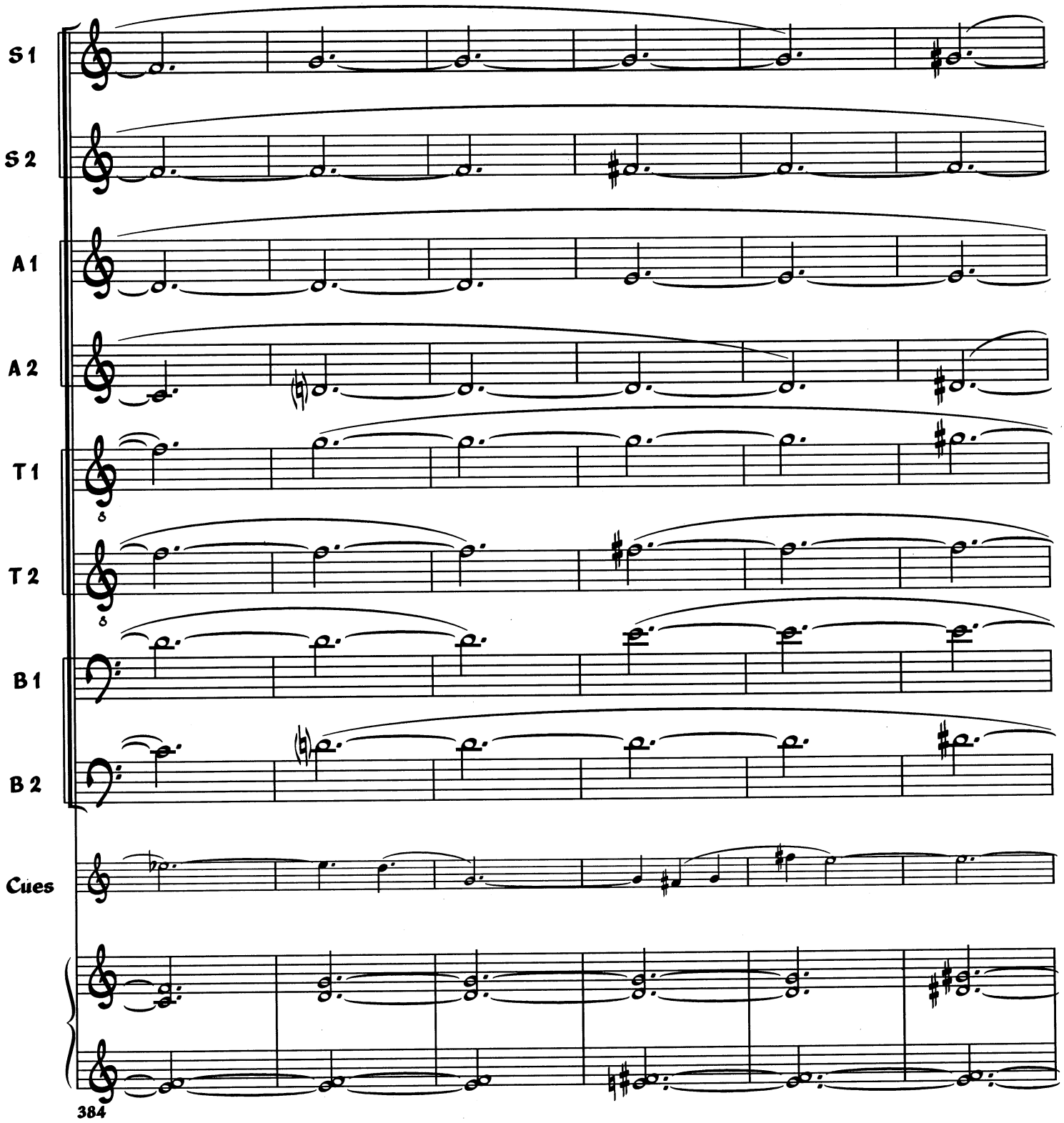
B 2
Brass
sneak in
pp
Fl., Ob.
mp
Cues
379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Cues
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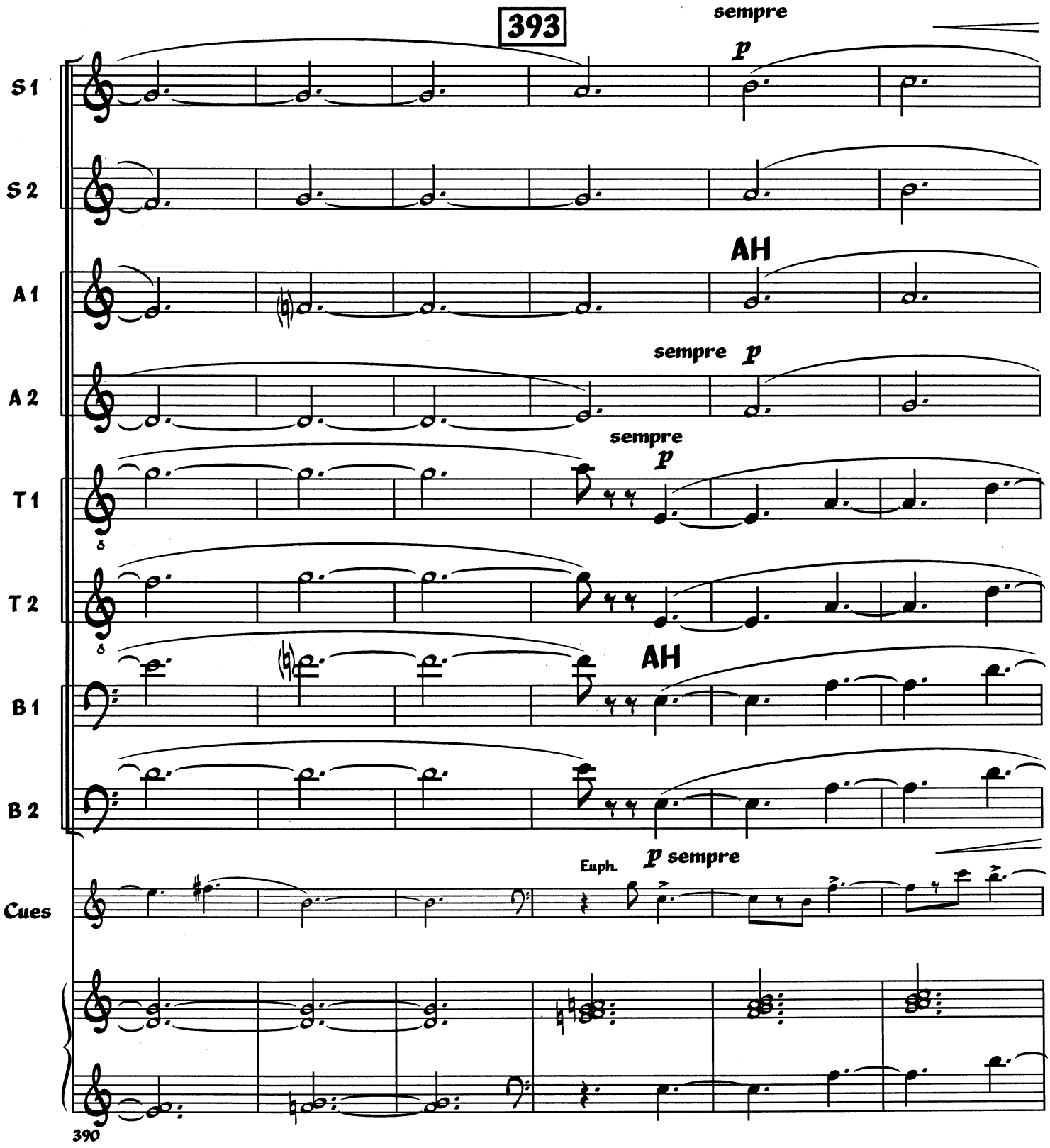
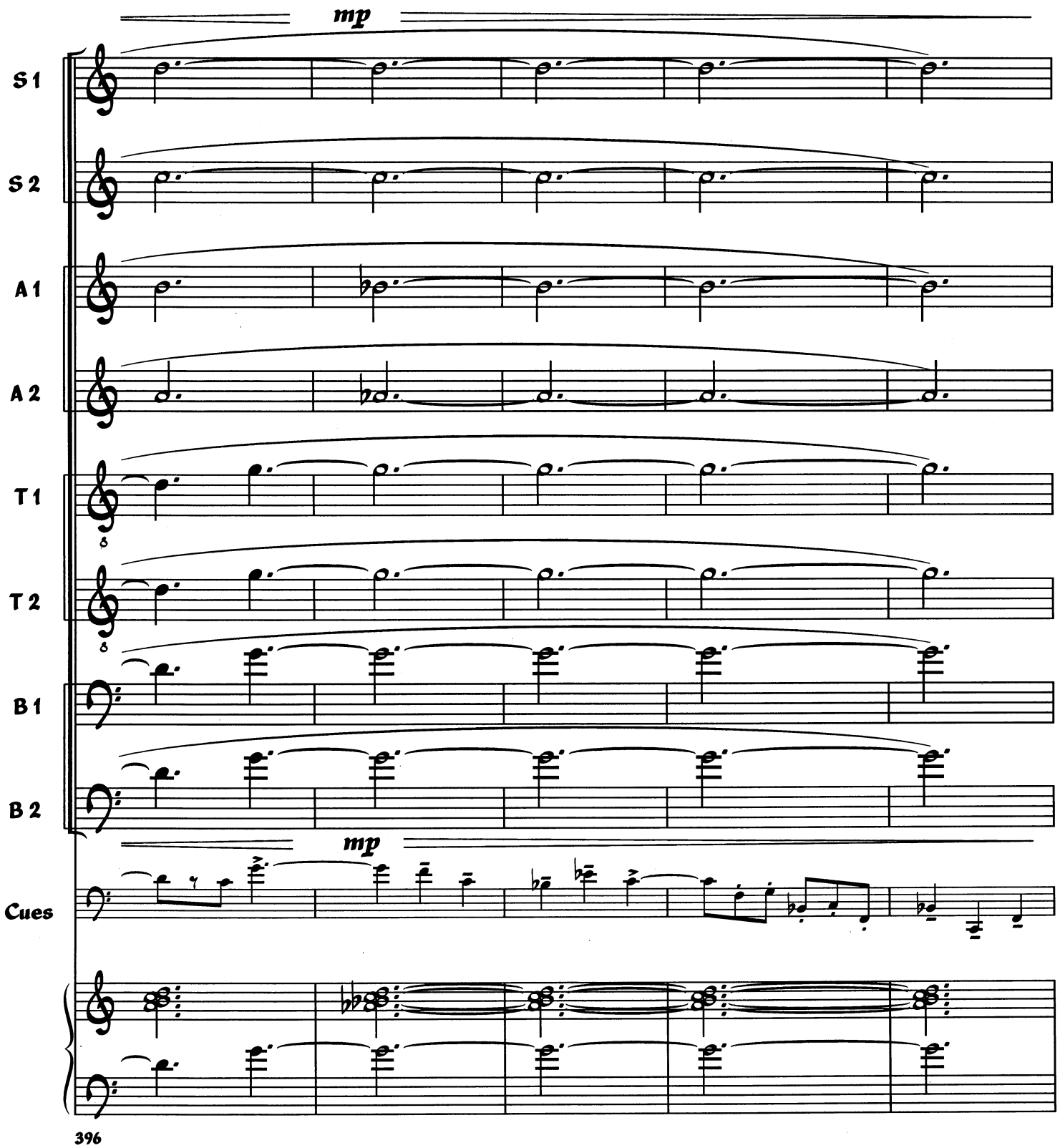

393
sempre
p
S 1
S 2
AH
A 1
sempre p
A 2
sempre
p
T 1
T 2
AH
B 1
B 2
Euph.
p sempre
Cues
390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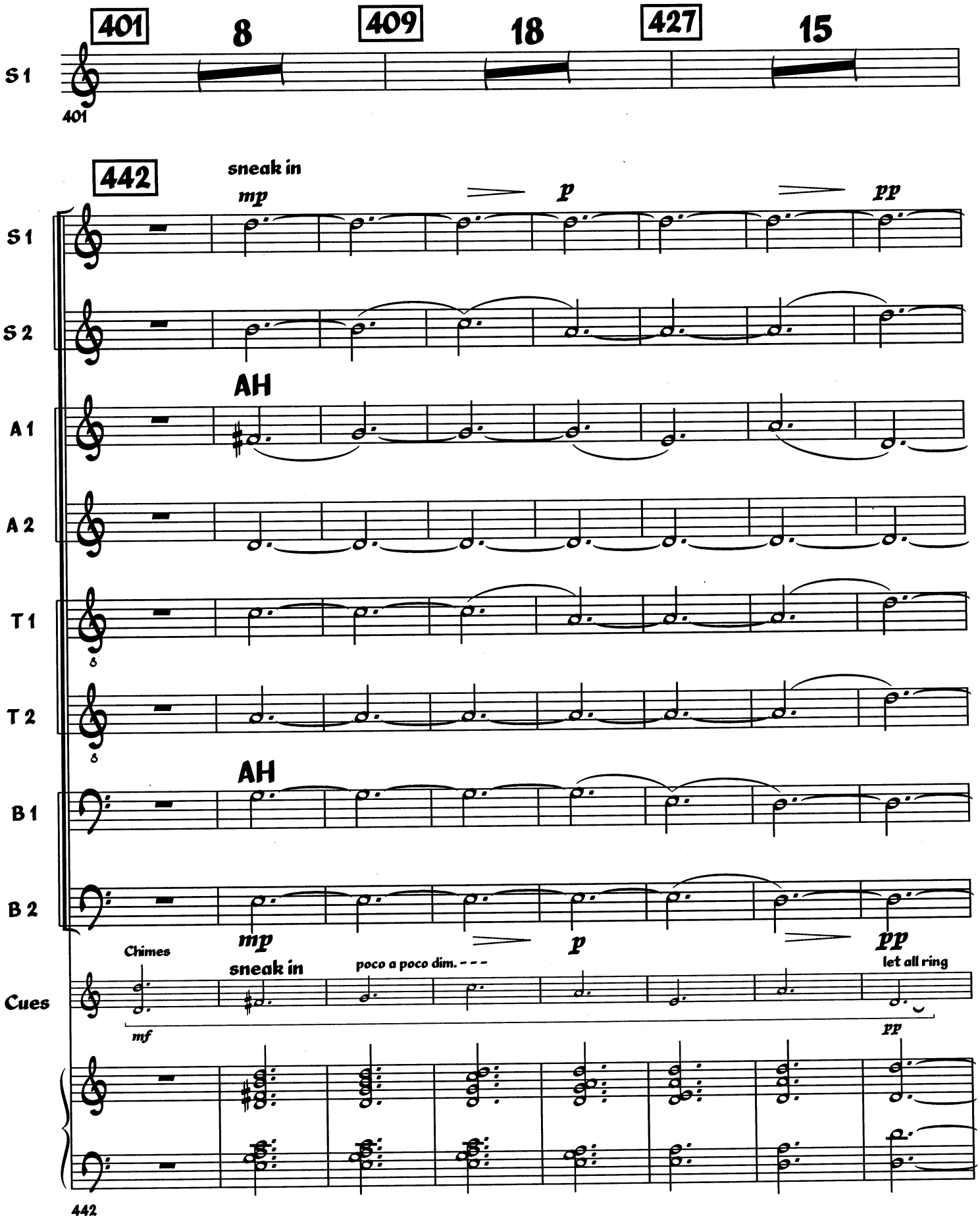
A 2
T 1
T 2
B 1
B 2
mp
Cues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8
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S 1
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442
sneak in
mp
p
pp
S 1
S 2
AH
A 1
A 2
T 1
T 2
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p
pp
Chimes
sneak in
poco a poco dim. - - -
let all ring
Cues
mf
pp
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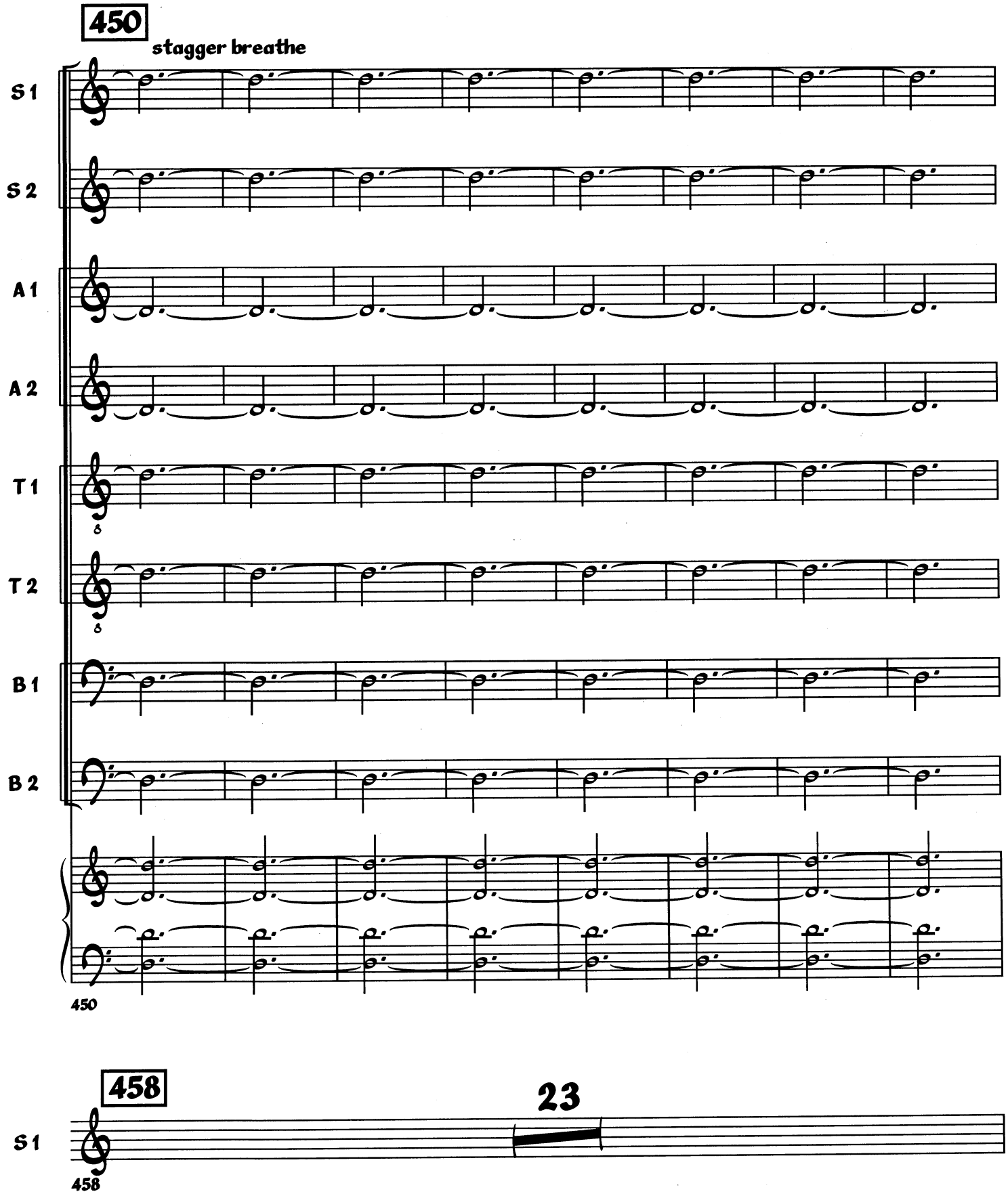
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stagger breathe
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S 2
A 1
A 2
T 1
T 2
B 1
B 2
450
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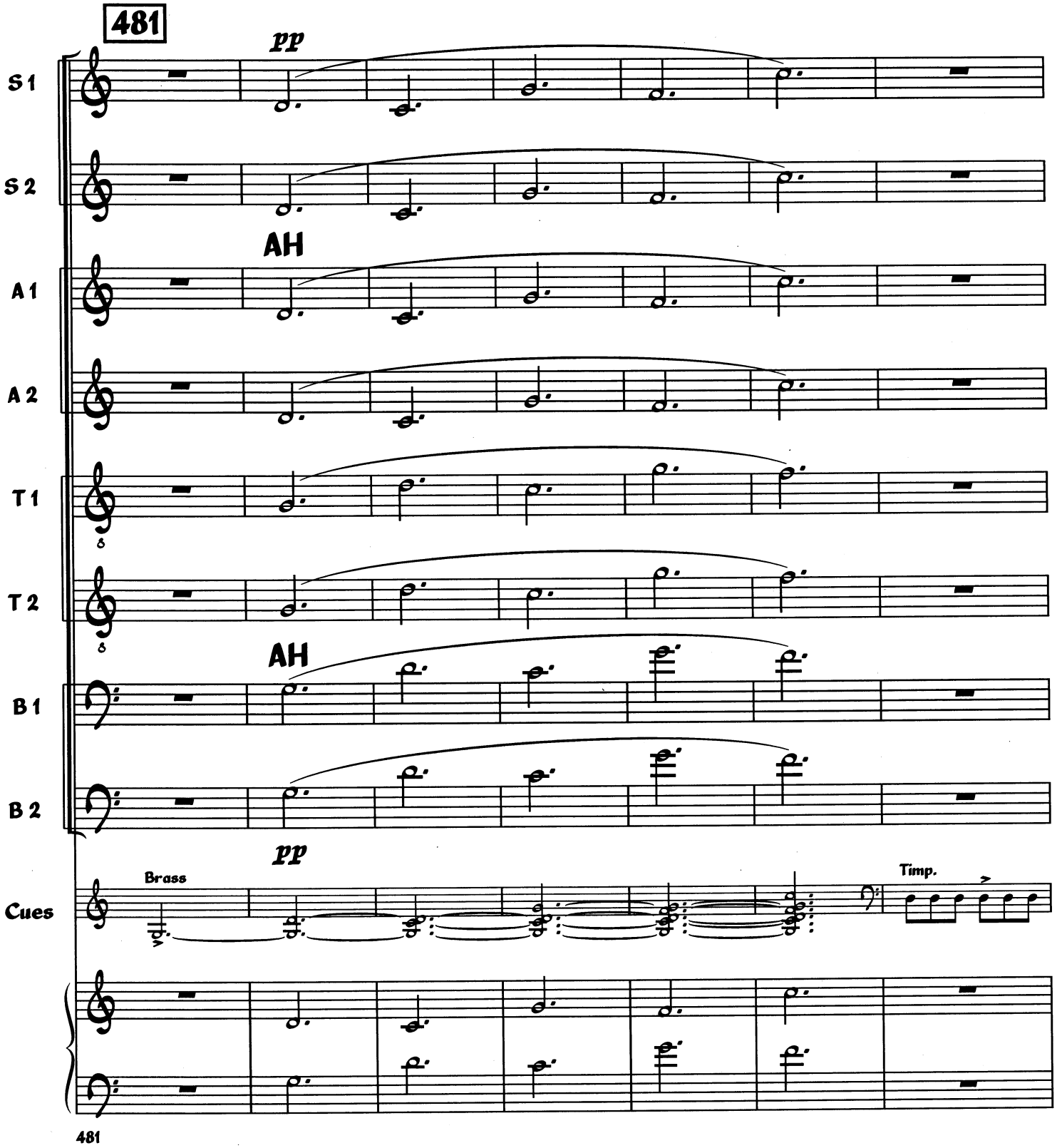
23
S 1
458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pp
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AH
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A 2
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AH
B 1
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Brass
Timp.
Cues
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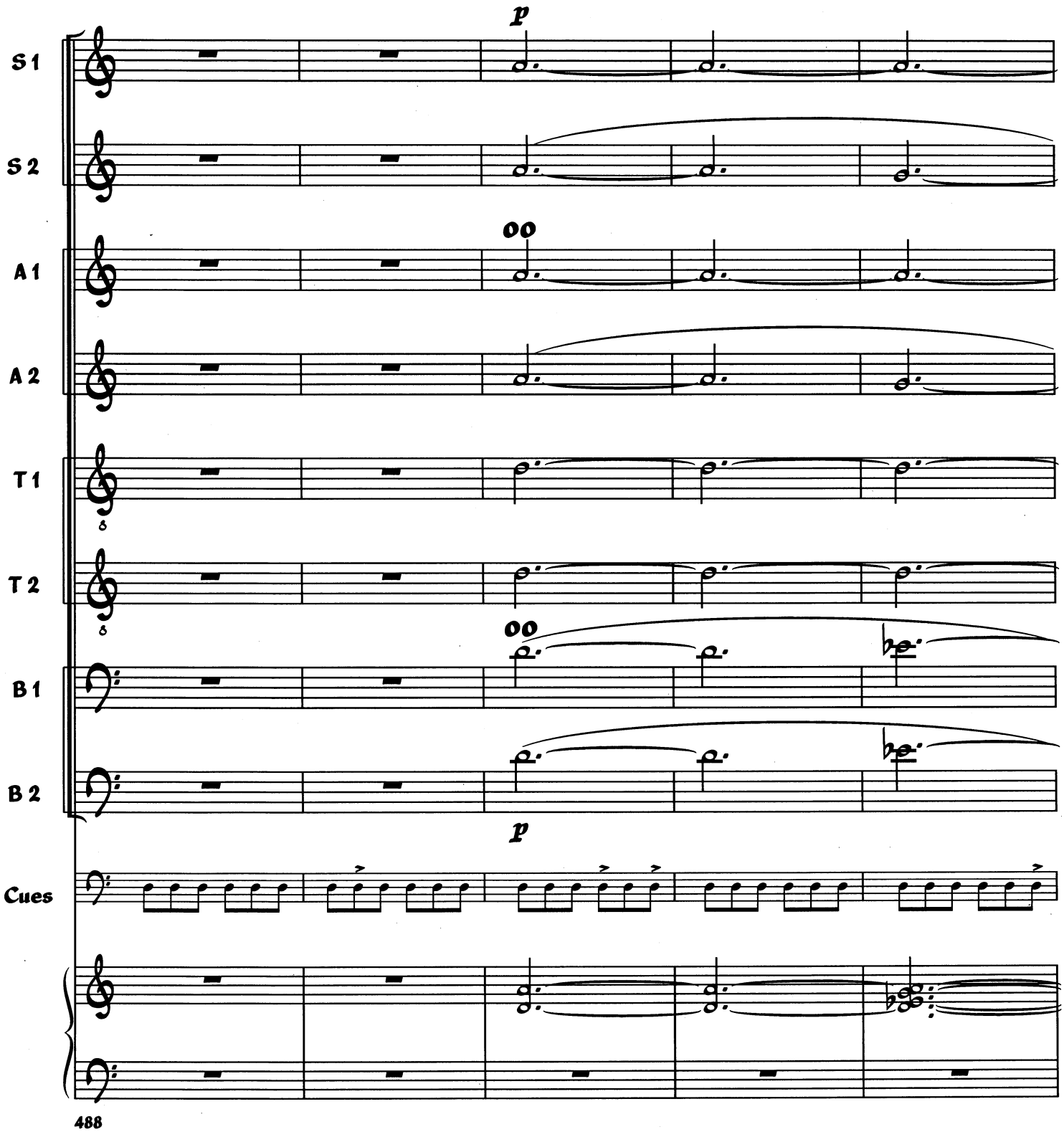
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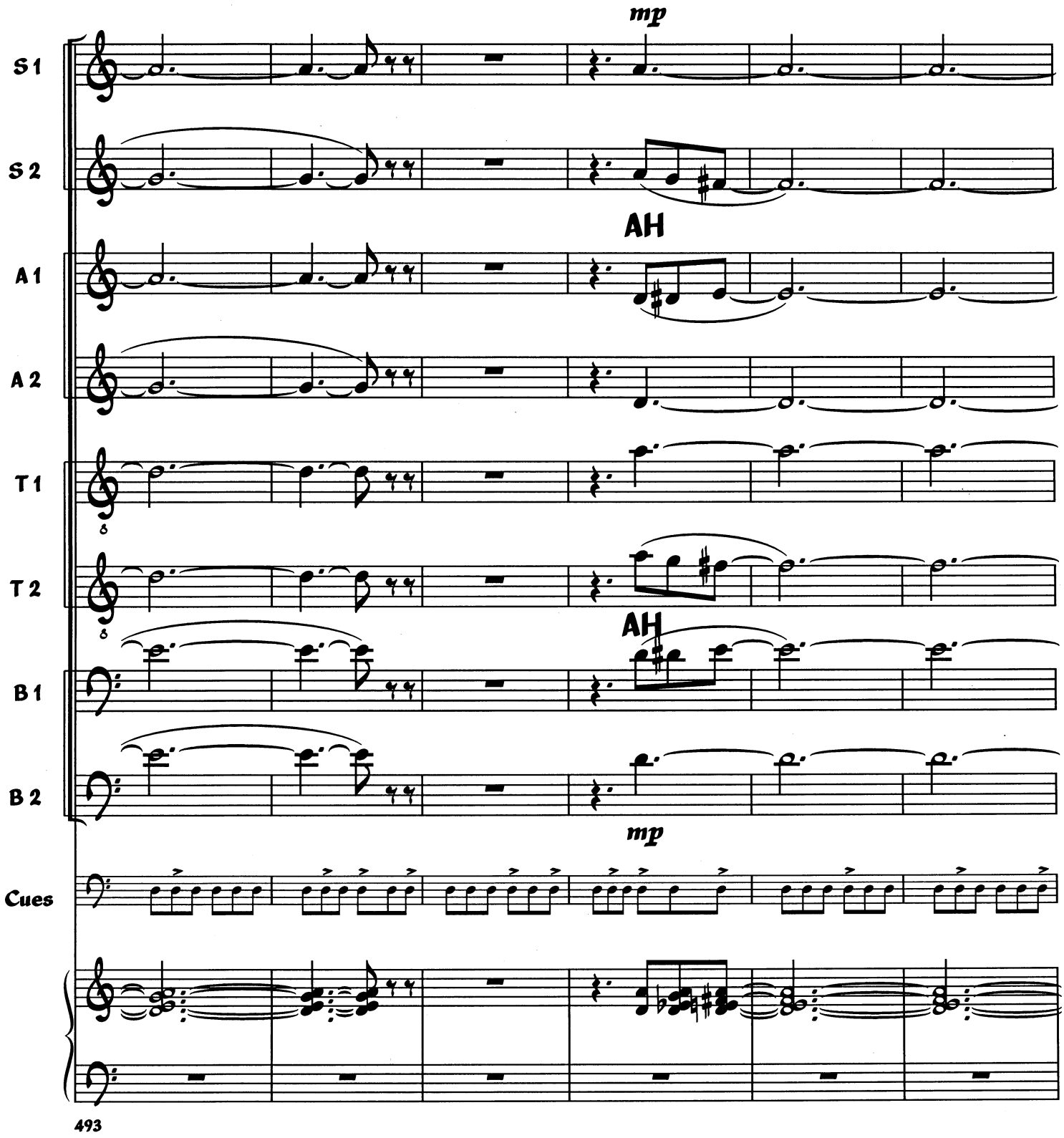
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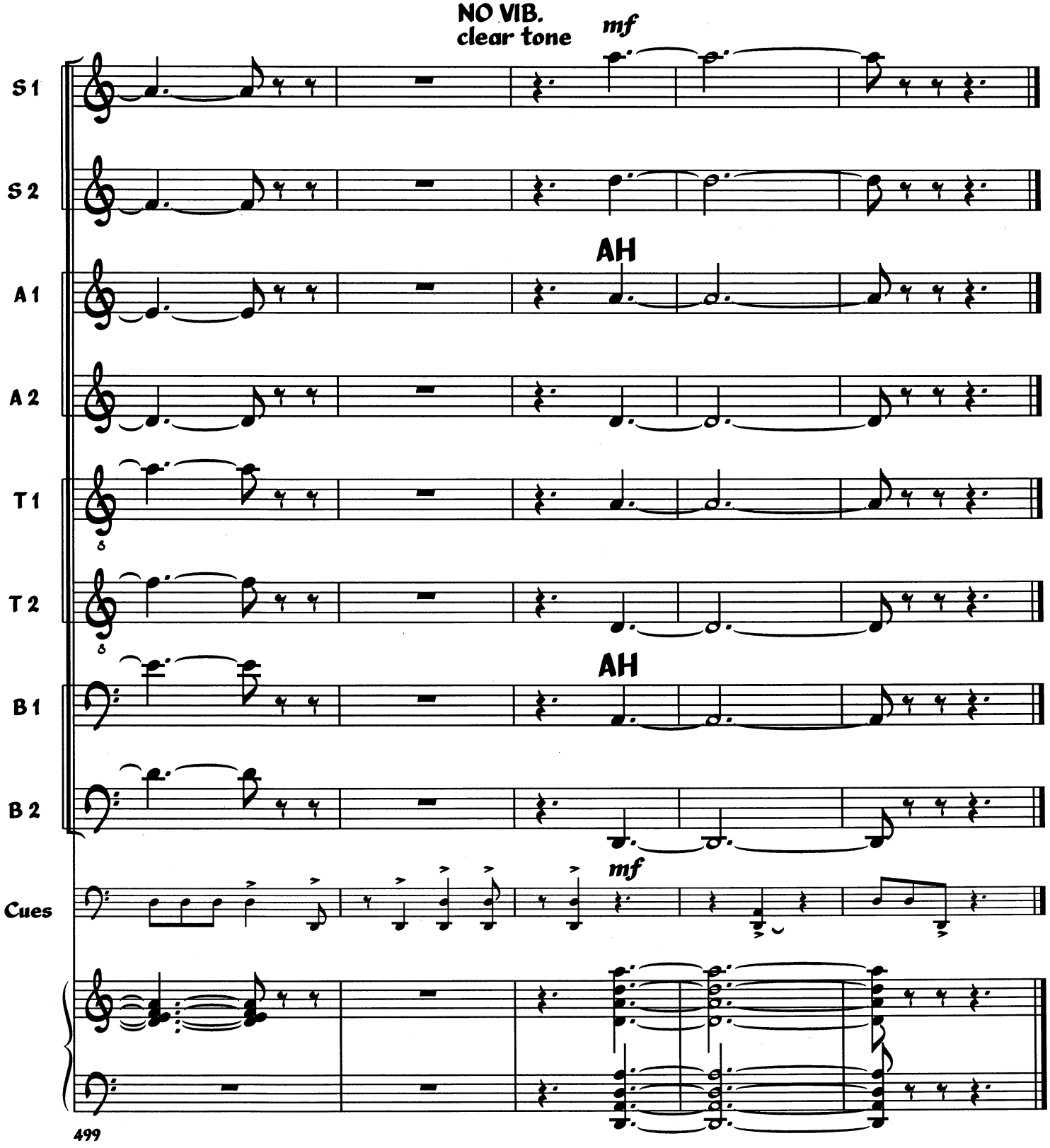
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