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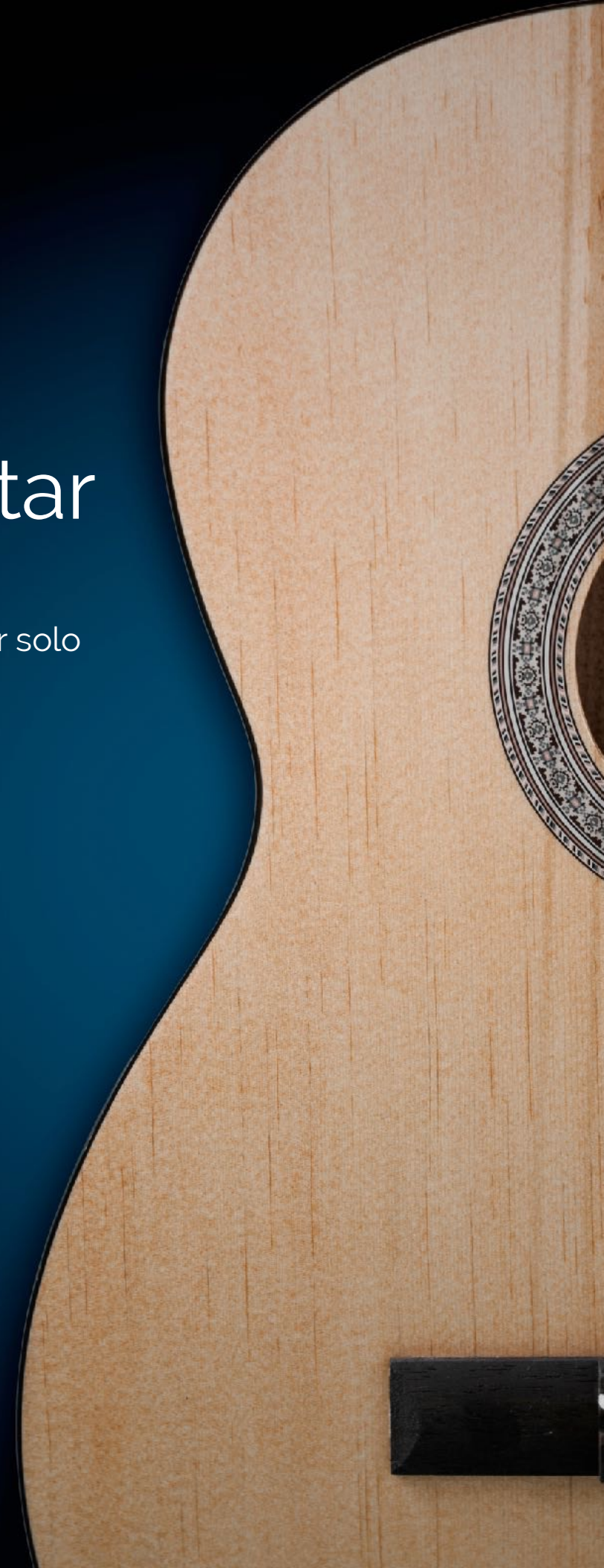

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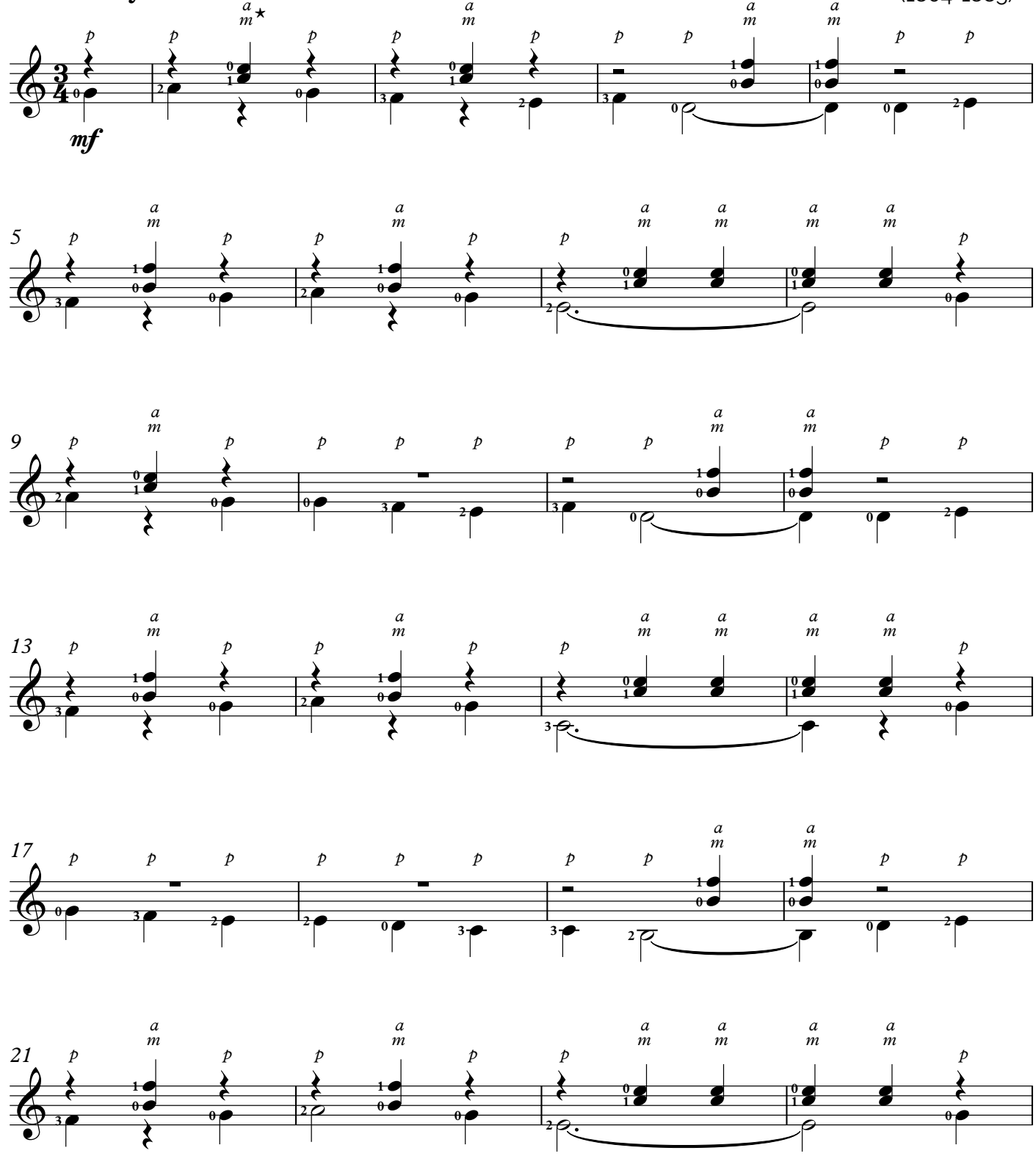
Carnival of Venice

Julius Benedict
(1804-1885)

Moderately



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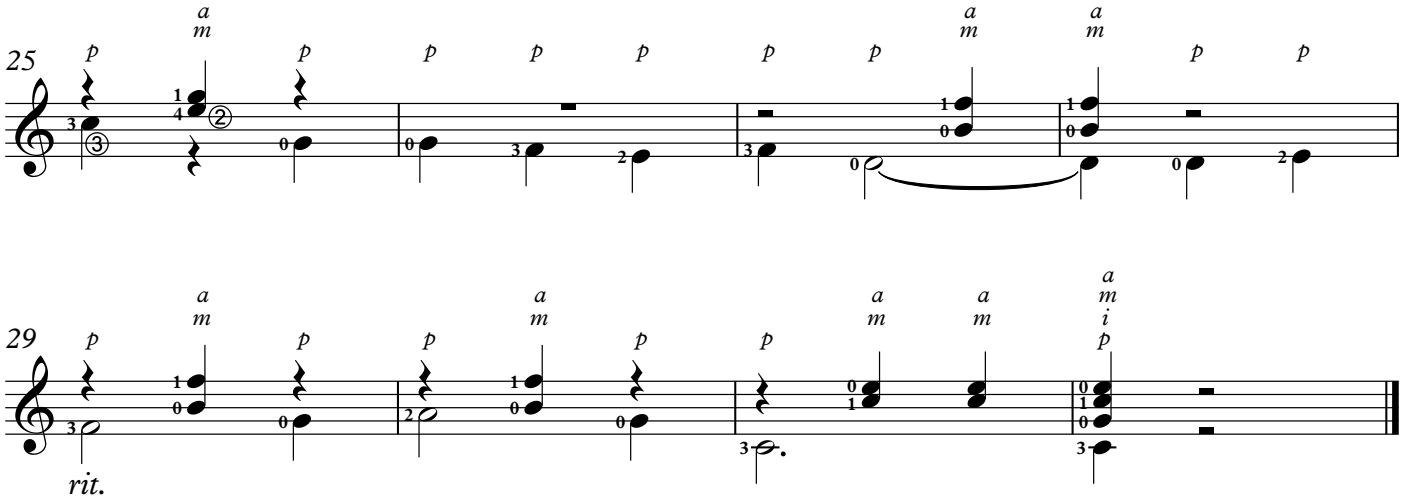

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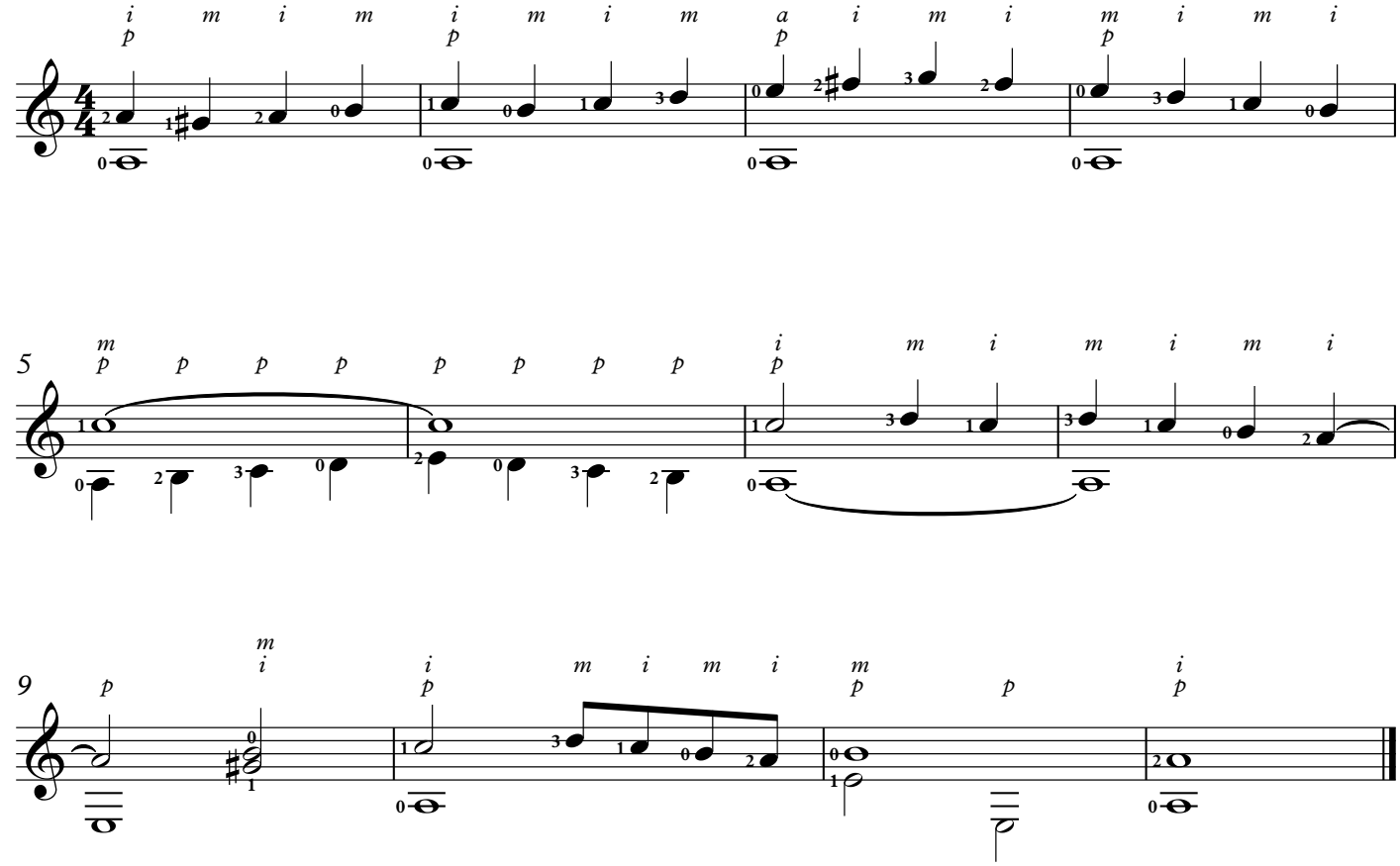
Ricercar

Franciscus Bossinensis
(1485-1535)

Andante



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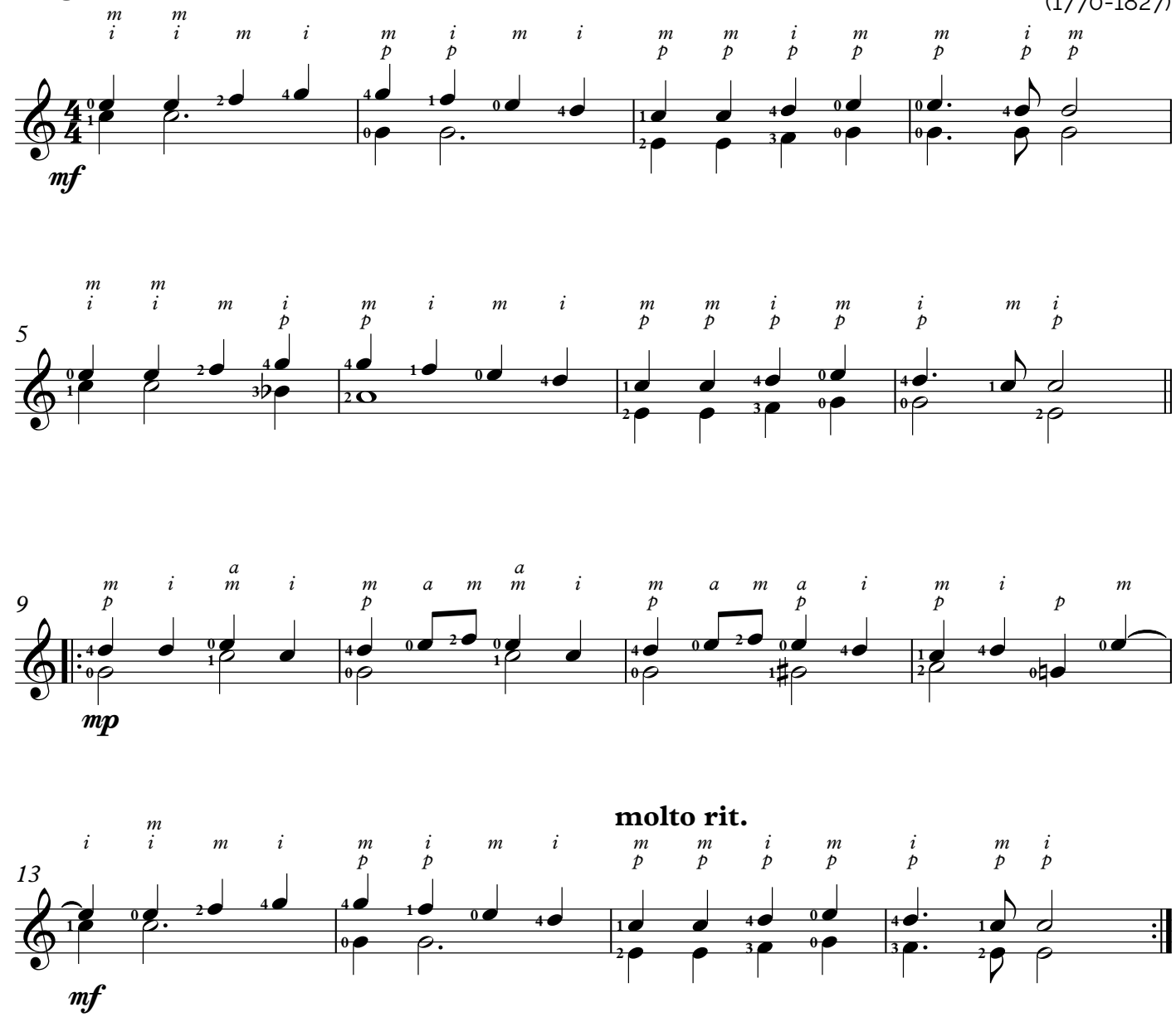
Ode to Joy

Allegro

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)



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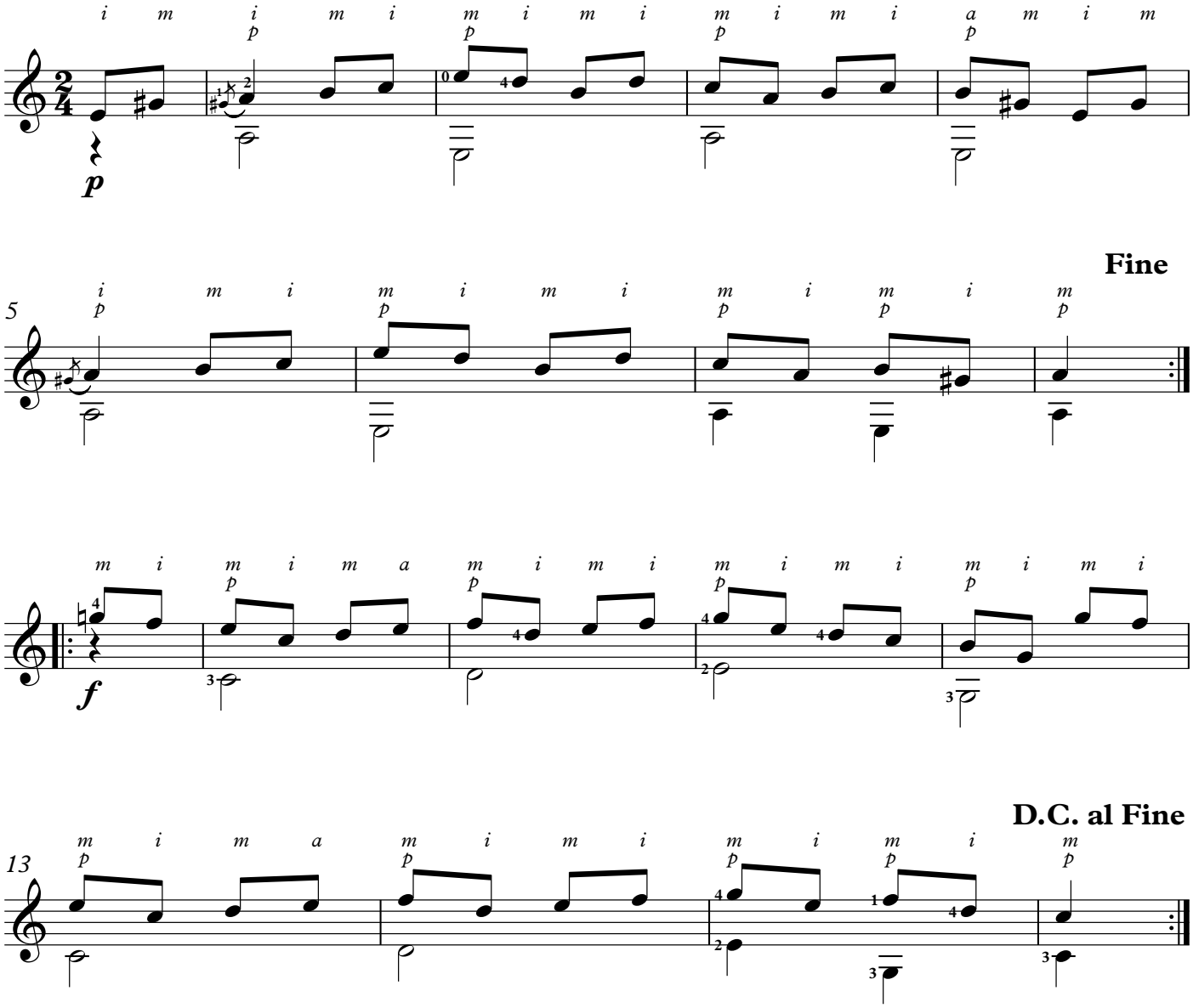
Écossaise

op. 33, no. 4

Mauro Giuliani
(1781–1829)



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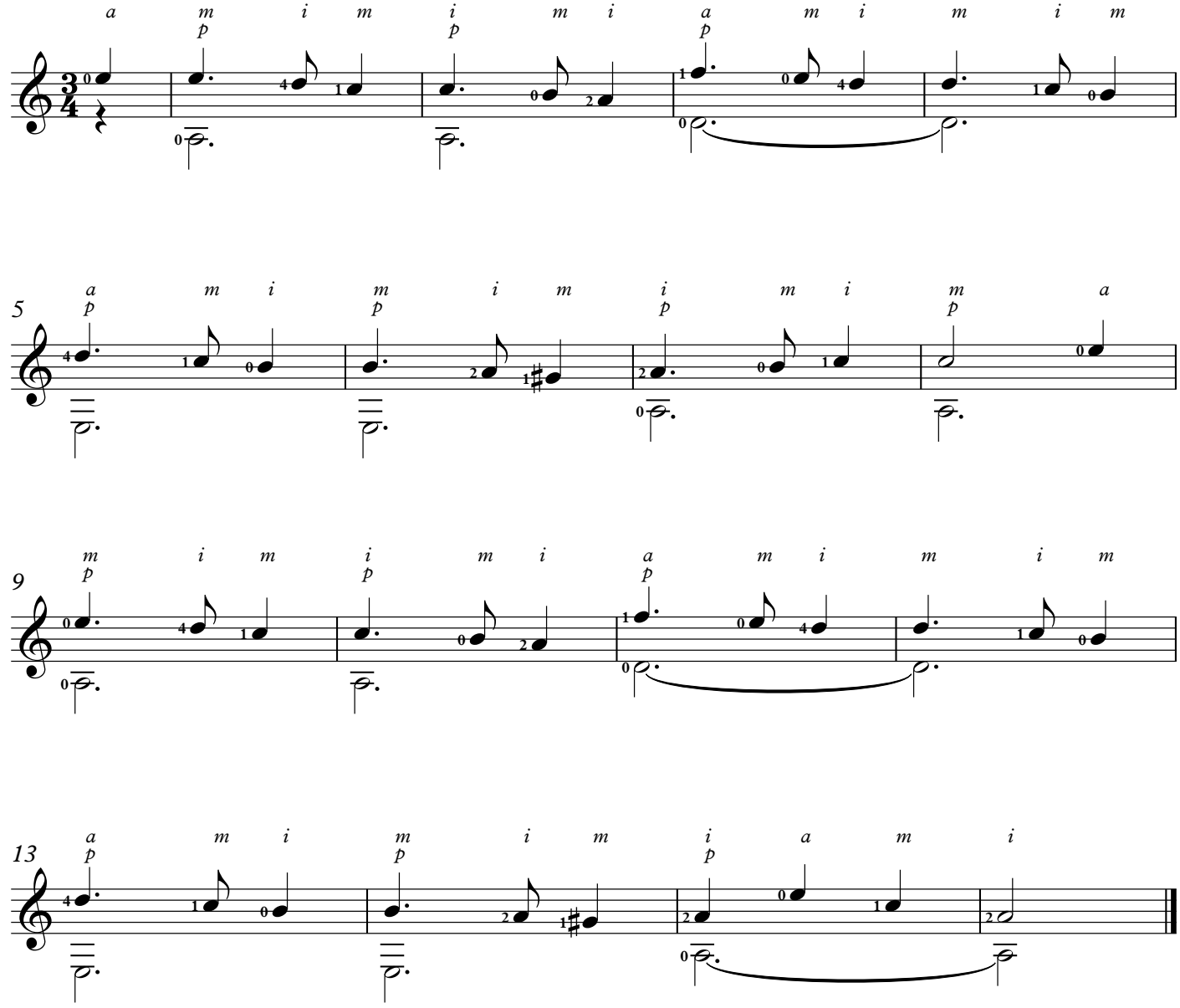
Sicilienne

Matteo Carcassi
(1792-1853)

Allegretto



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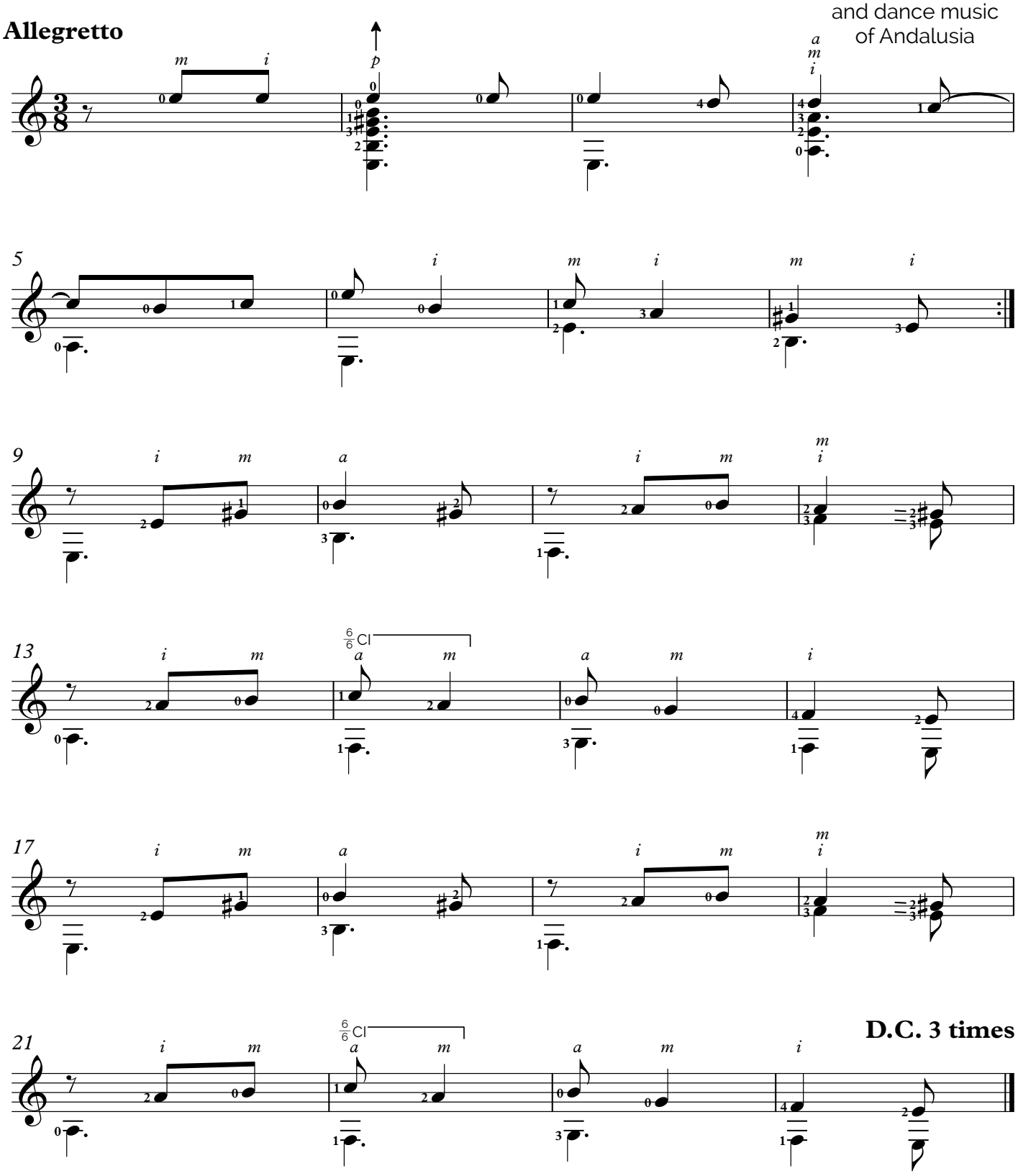
El Vito

Traditional folk song
and dance music
of Andalusia



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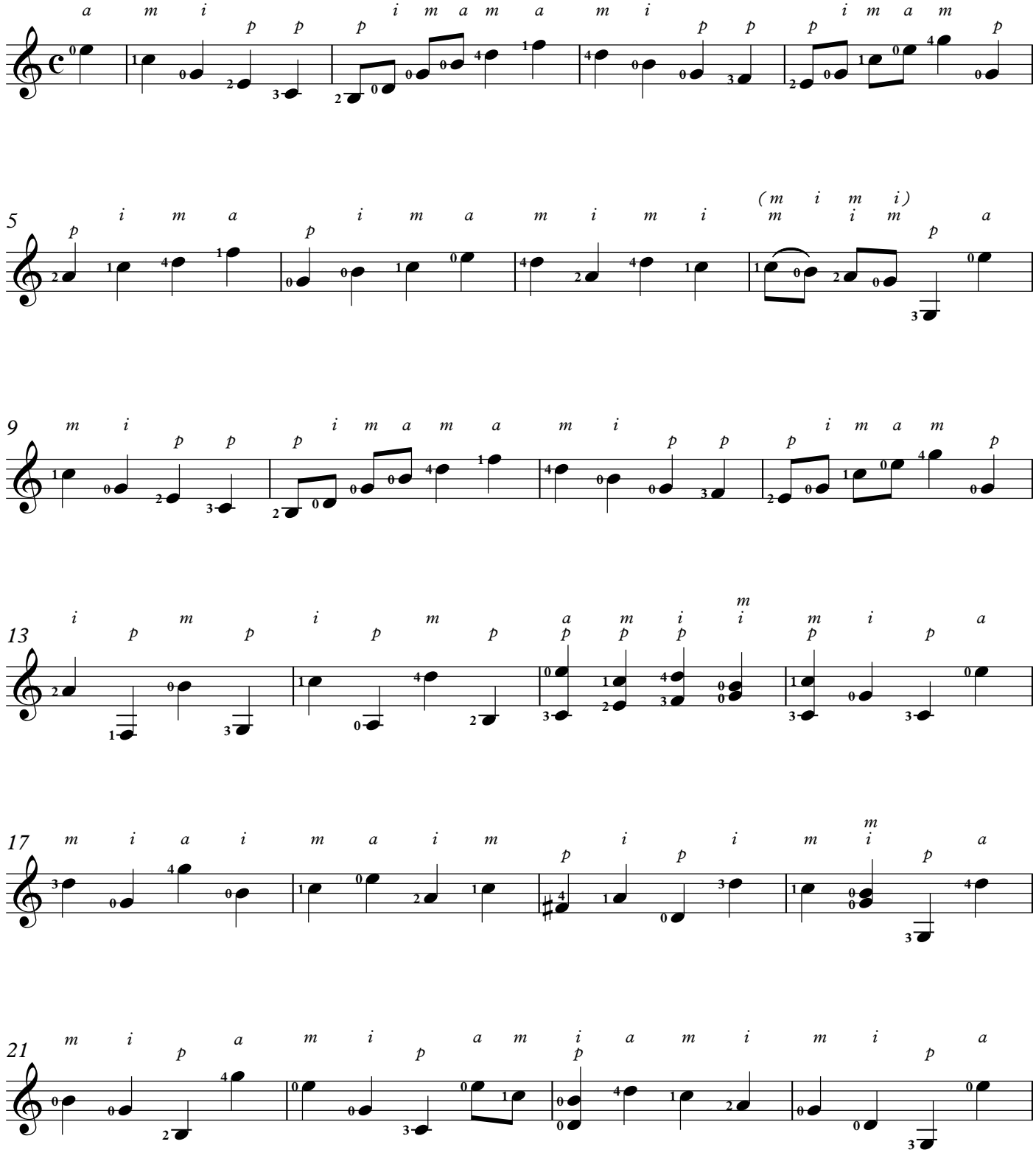
Etude No. 1

Op. 44

Fernando Sor
(1778-1839)

Andante



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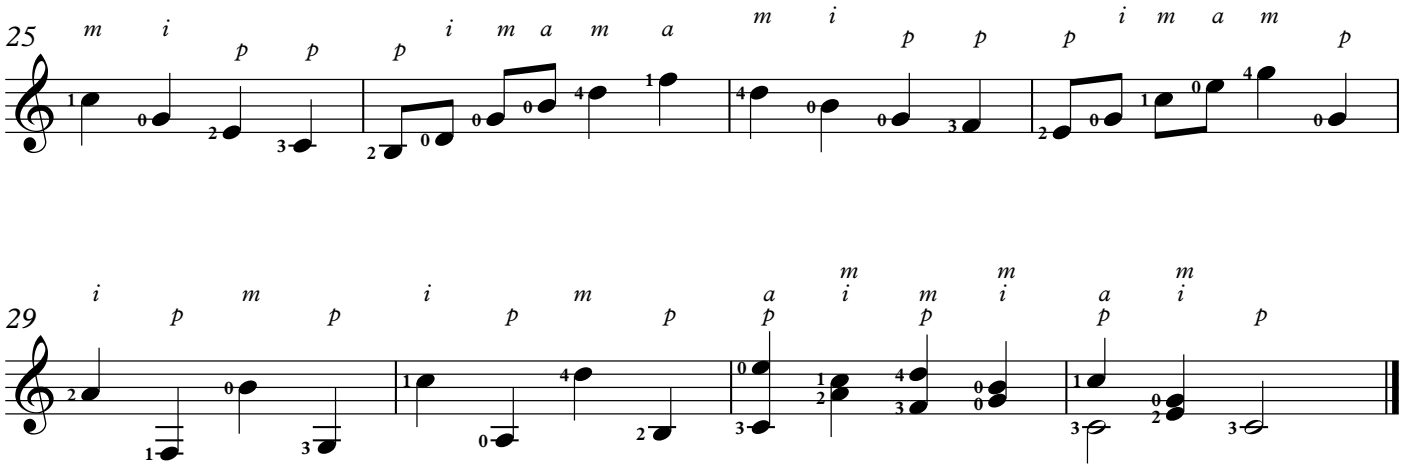

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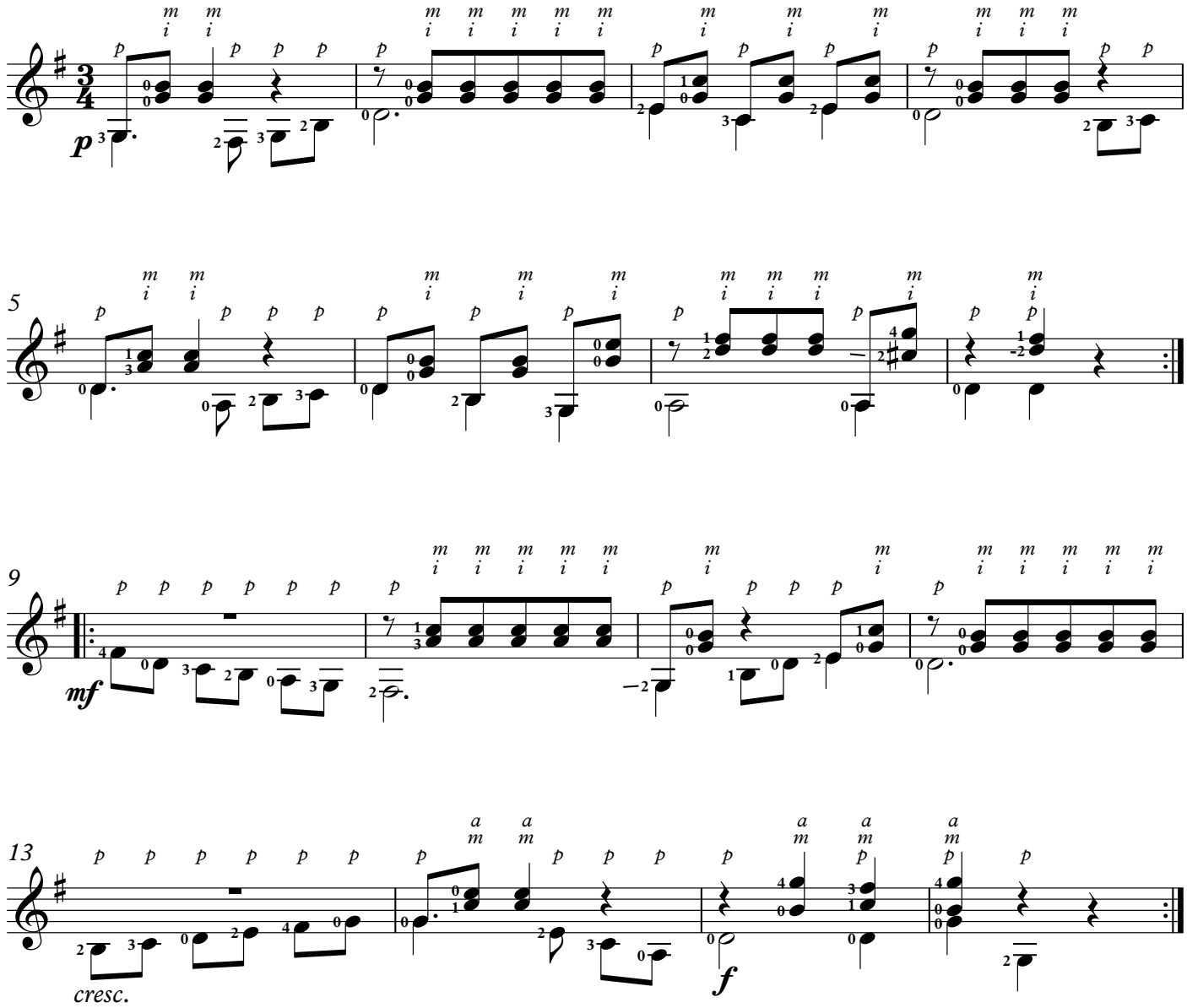
Ejercicio

José Ferrer
(1835-1916)

Allegro moderato (♩ = 84 - 100)



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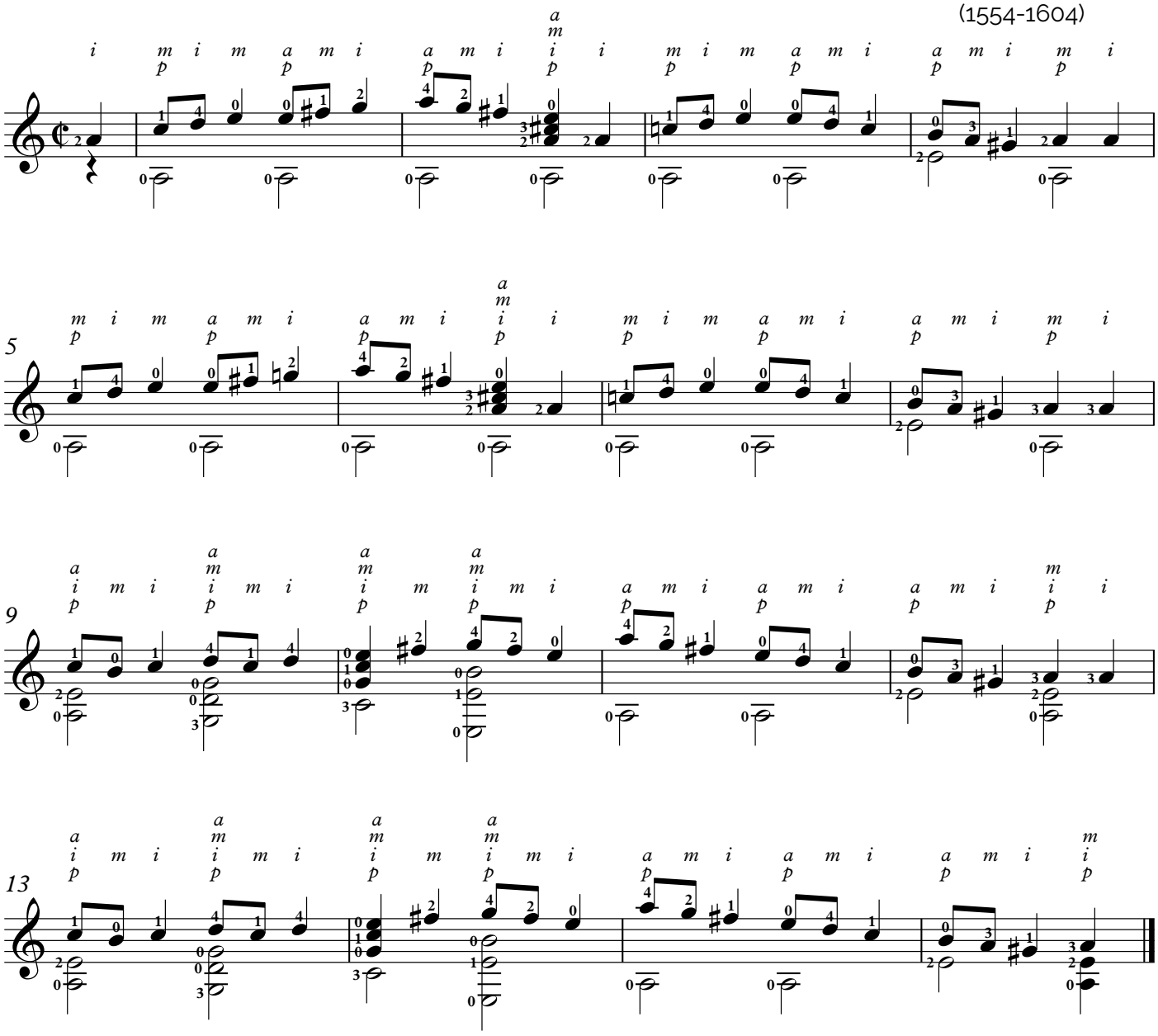
Branle Englese

Emmanuel Adriaenssen
(1554-1604)



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Allegretto

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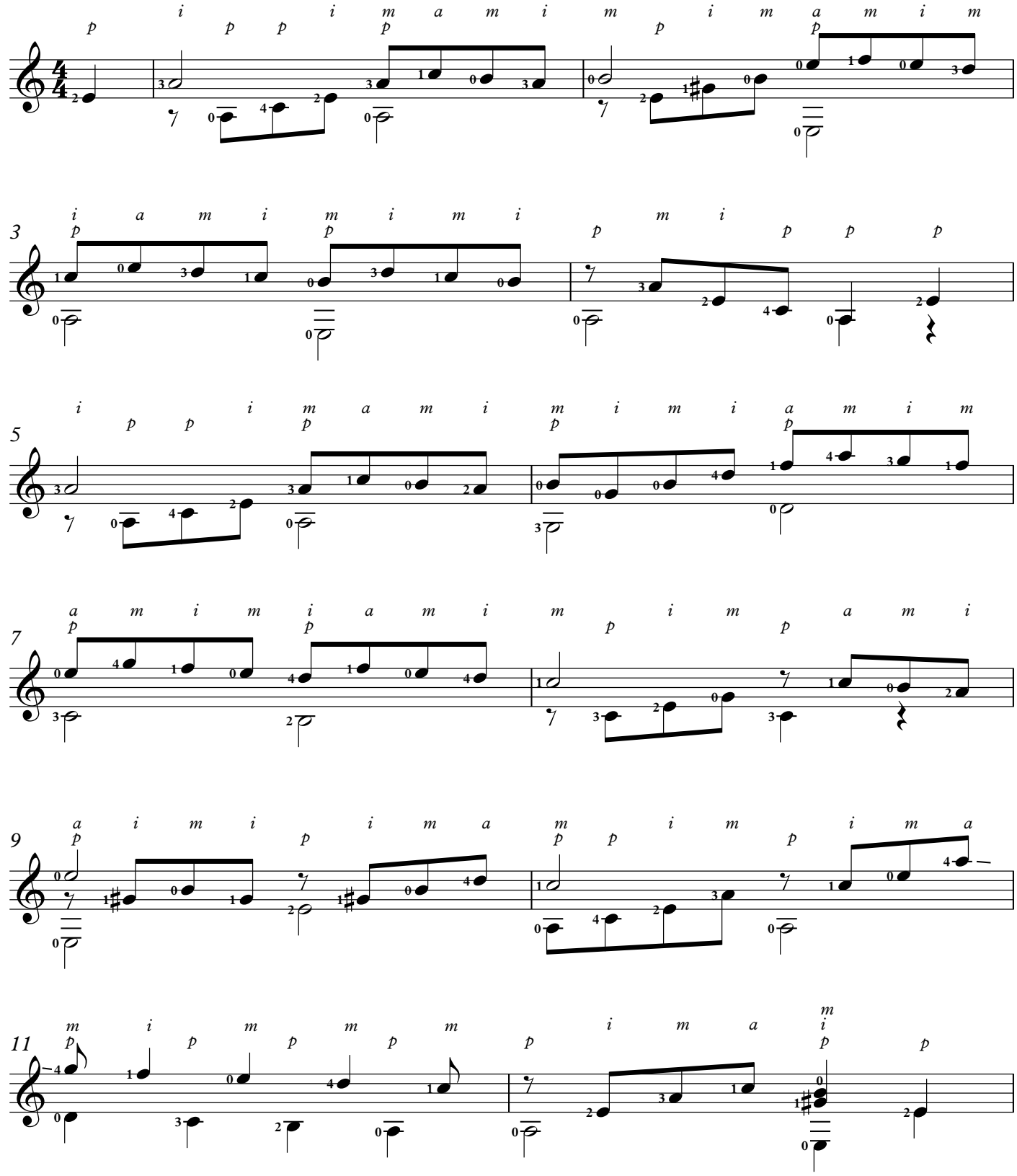
Mauro Giuliani
(1781-1829)

♩ = 104



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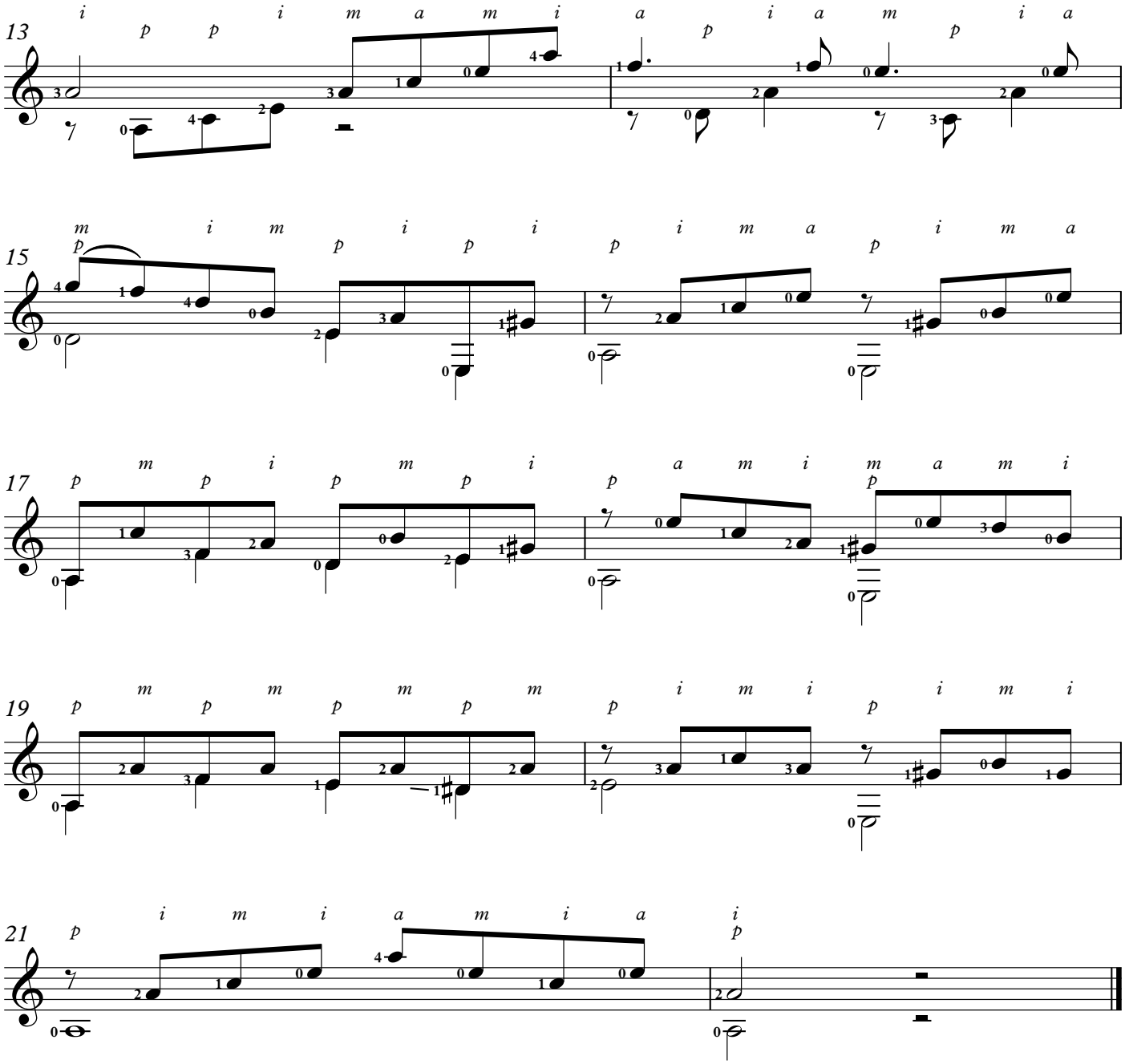

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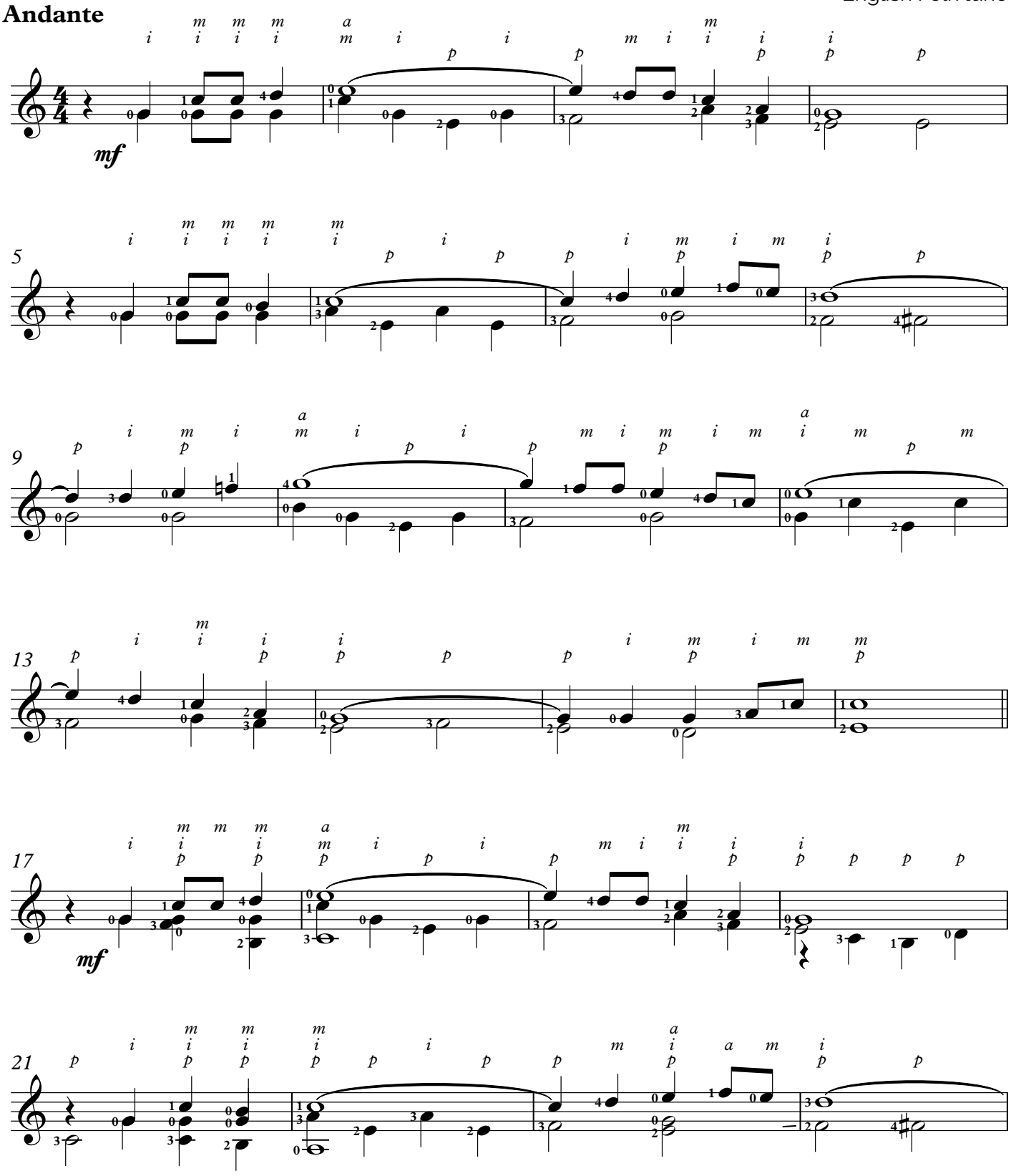
The Water is Wide

English Folk tune

Andante



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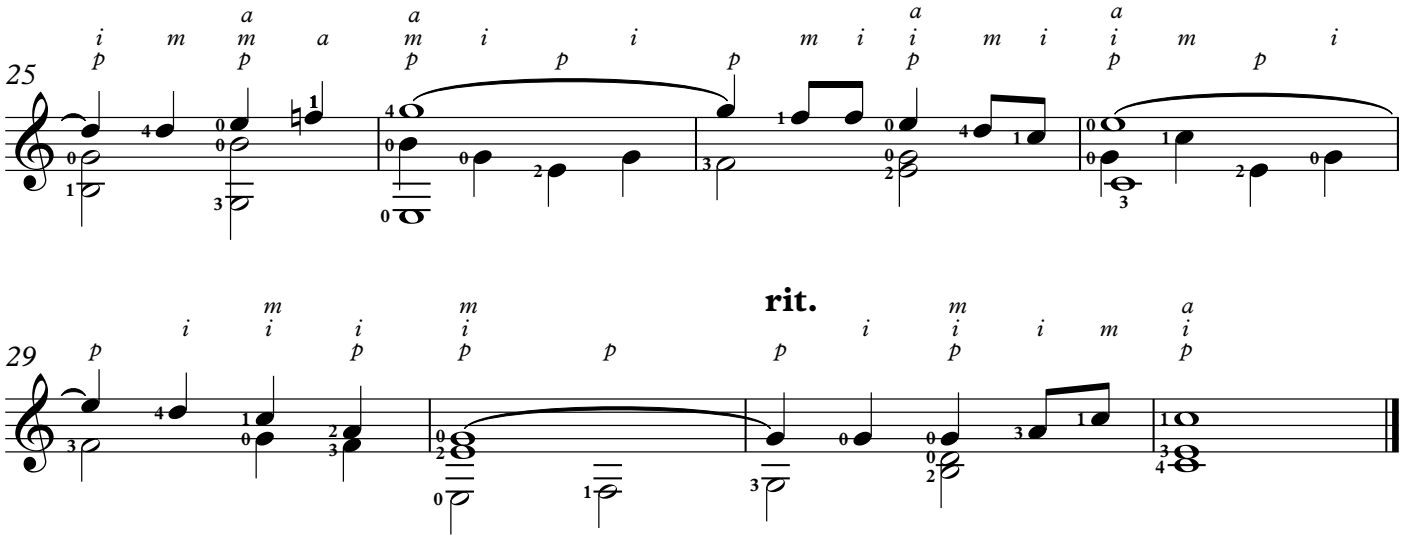

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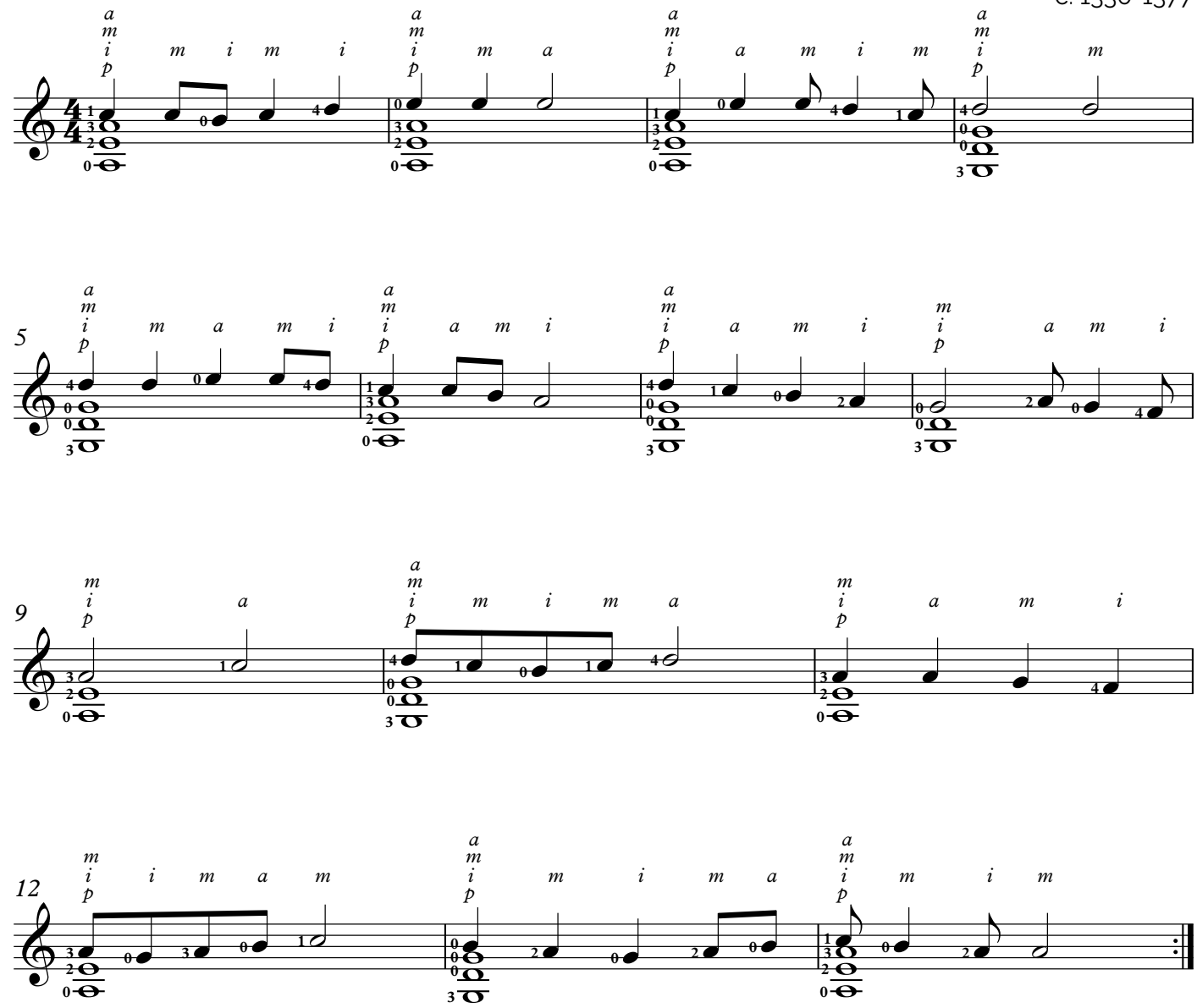
Virelai: "Quant je suis mis"

arr. Jeffrey Ashton

Guillaume Machaut
c. 1330-1377



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Richard the Lion-Hearted
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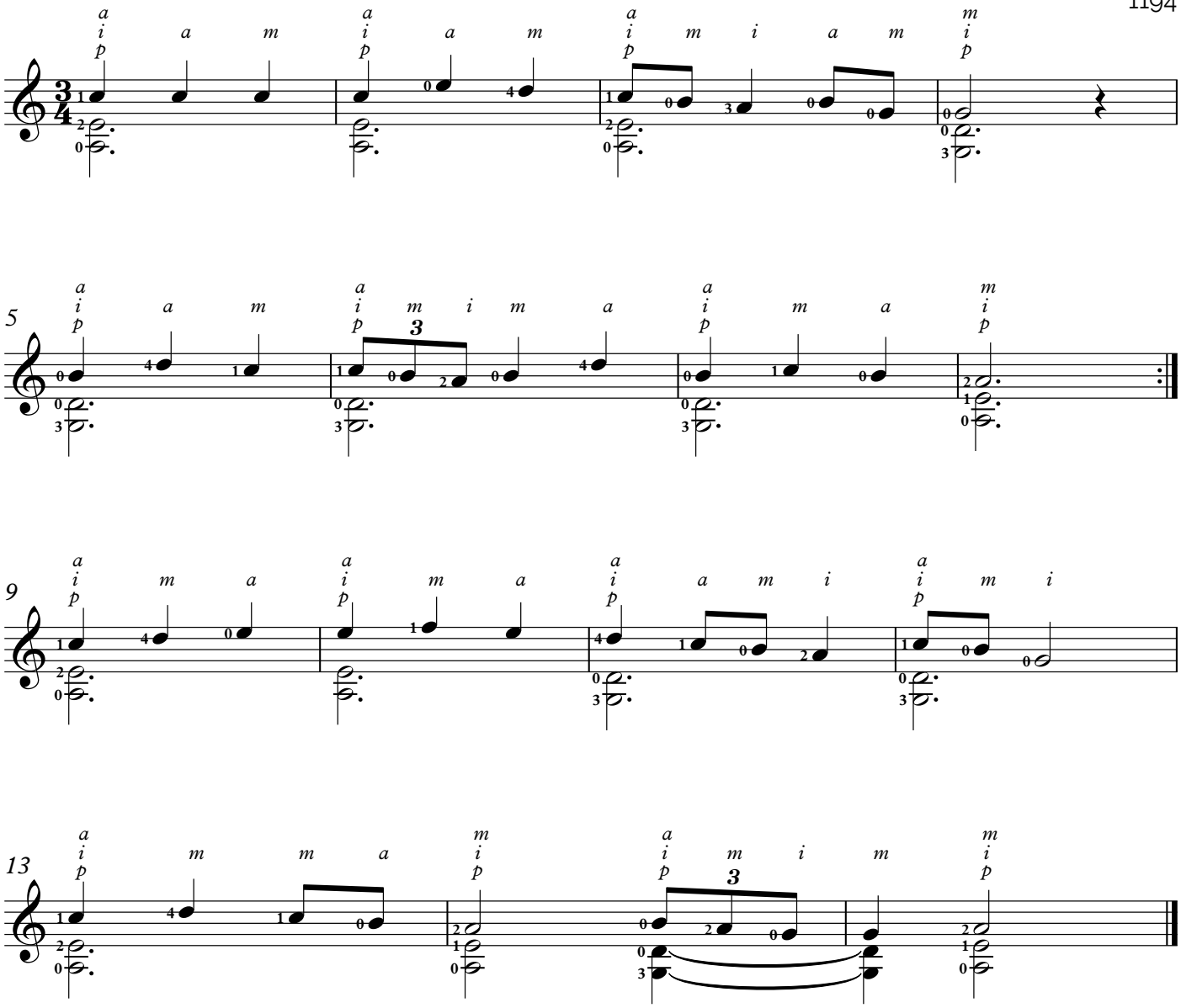

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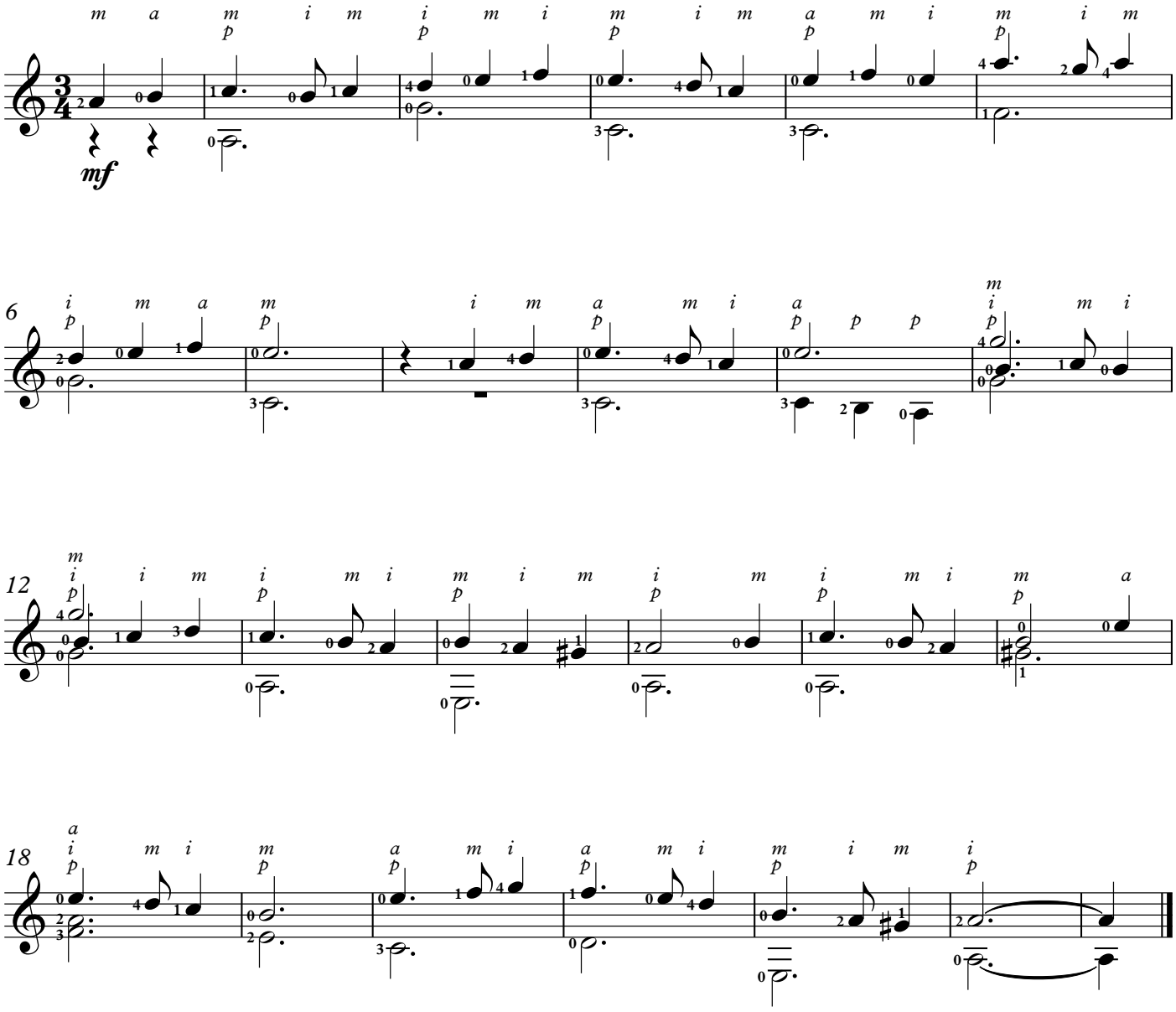
Españoleta

Gaspar Sanz
(1640-1710)

Grazioso ♩ = 104 - 116



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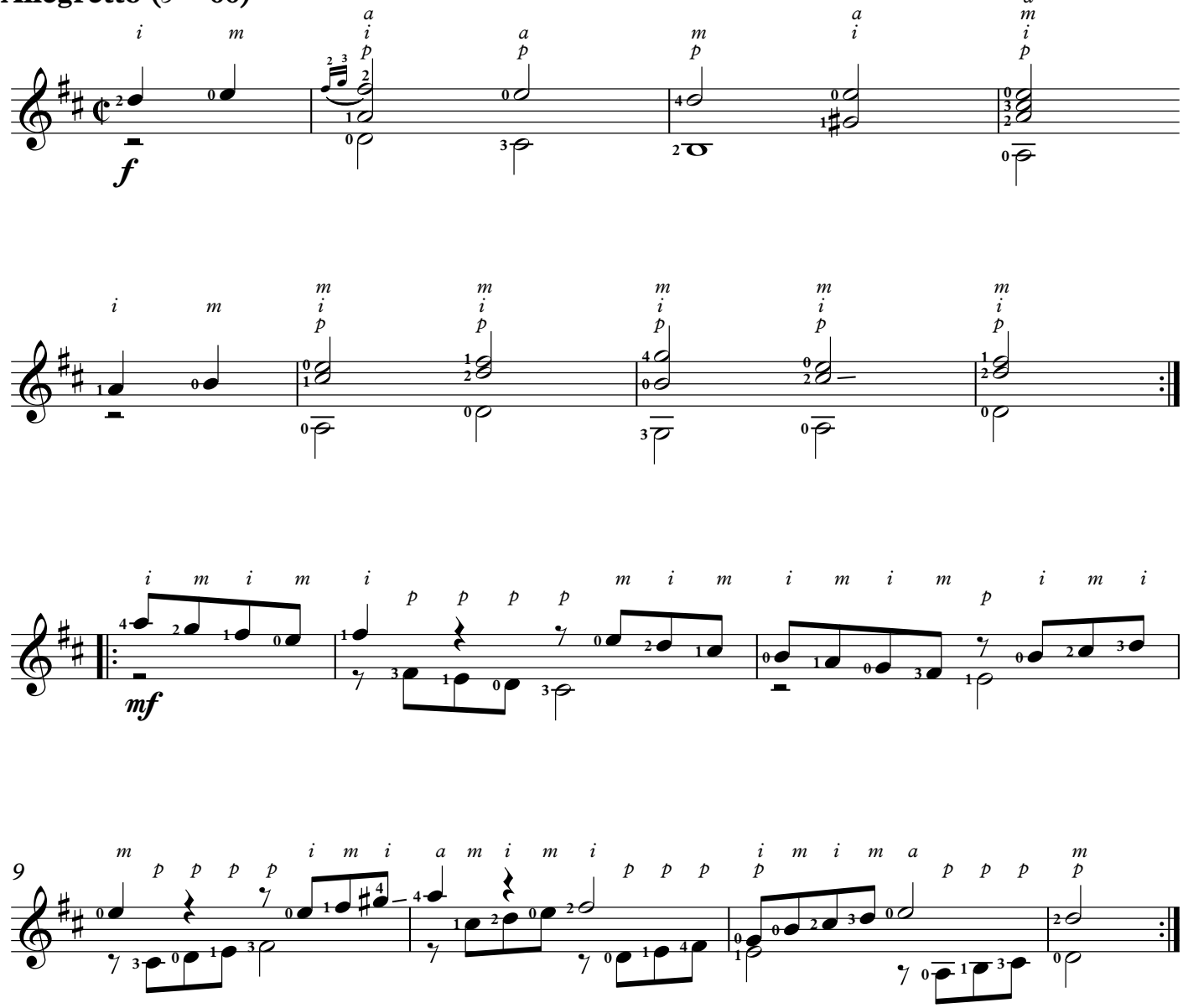
Gallarda

Gaspar Sanz
(1640-1710)

Allegretto (𝅗𝅥 = 66)



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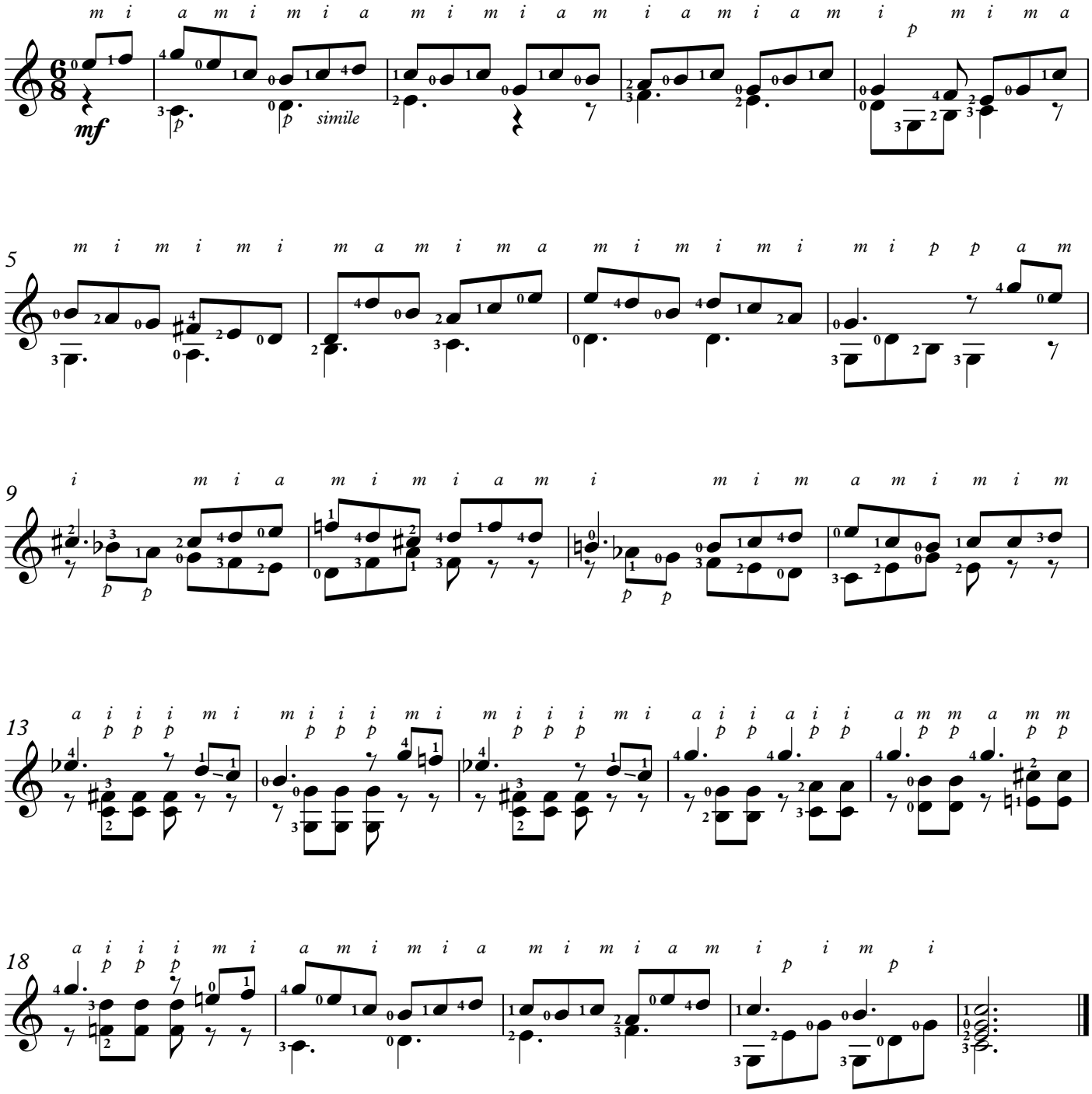
Etude No. 2

Op. 51

Mauro Giuliani
(1781-1829)

Grazioso



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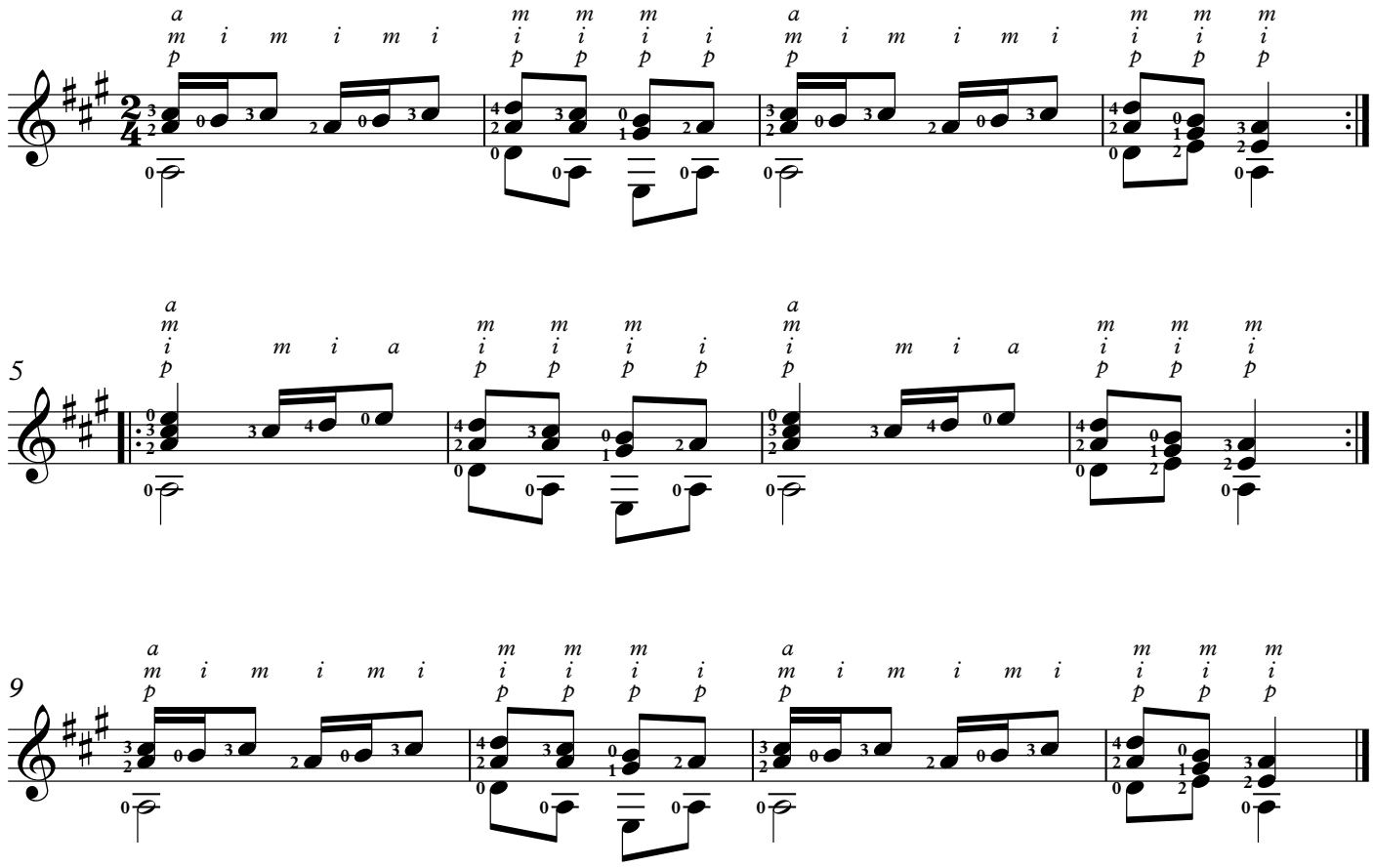
Canary Dance

Joachim van den Hove
(1567-1620)

Allegro ♩ = 70



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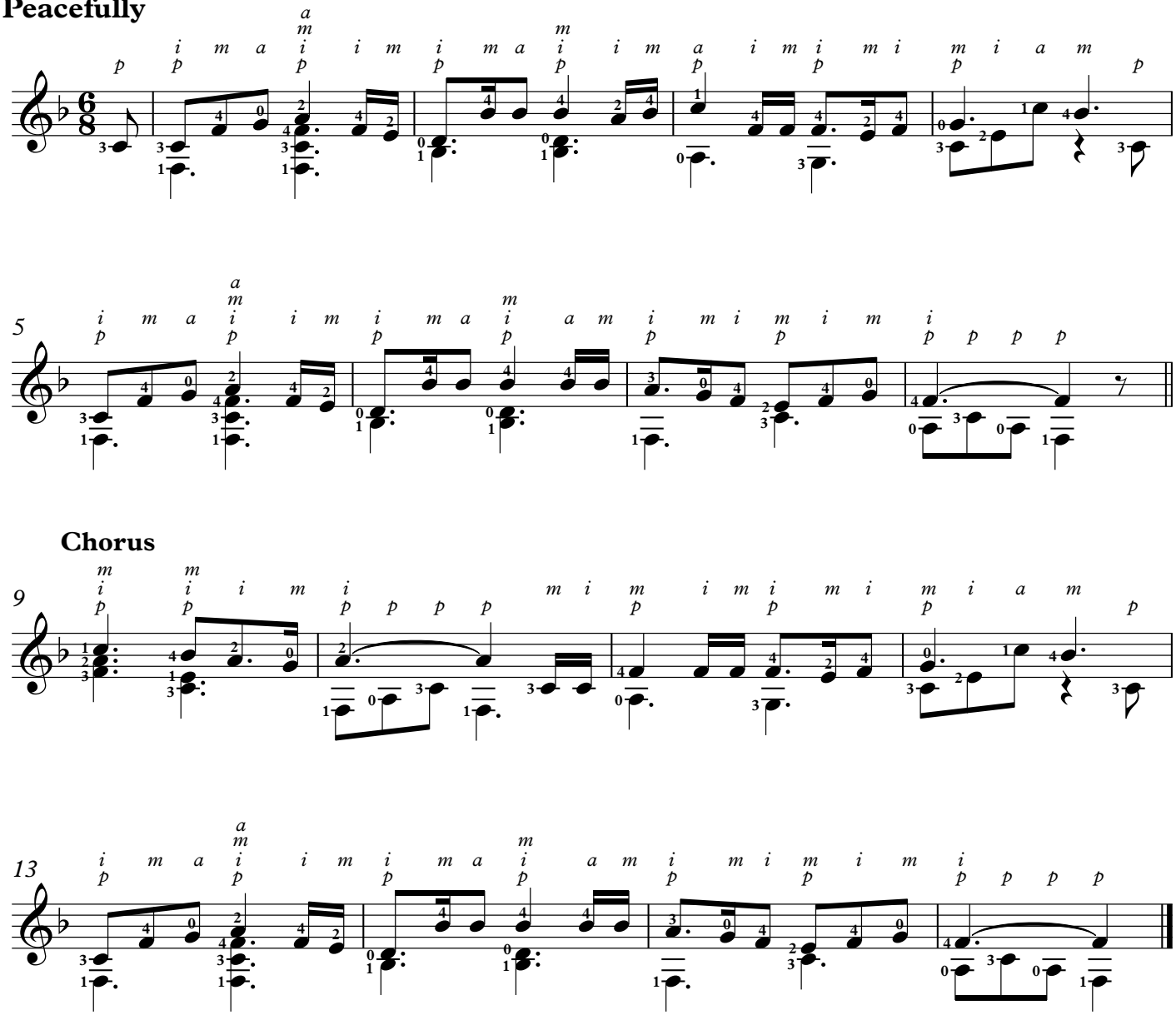
Home on the Range

Cowboy Tune

Peacefully



Chorus

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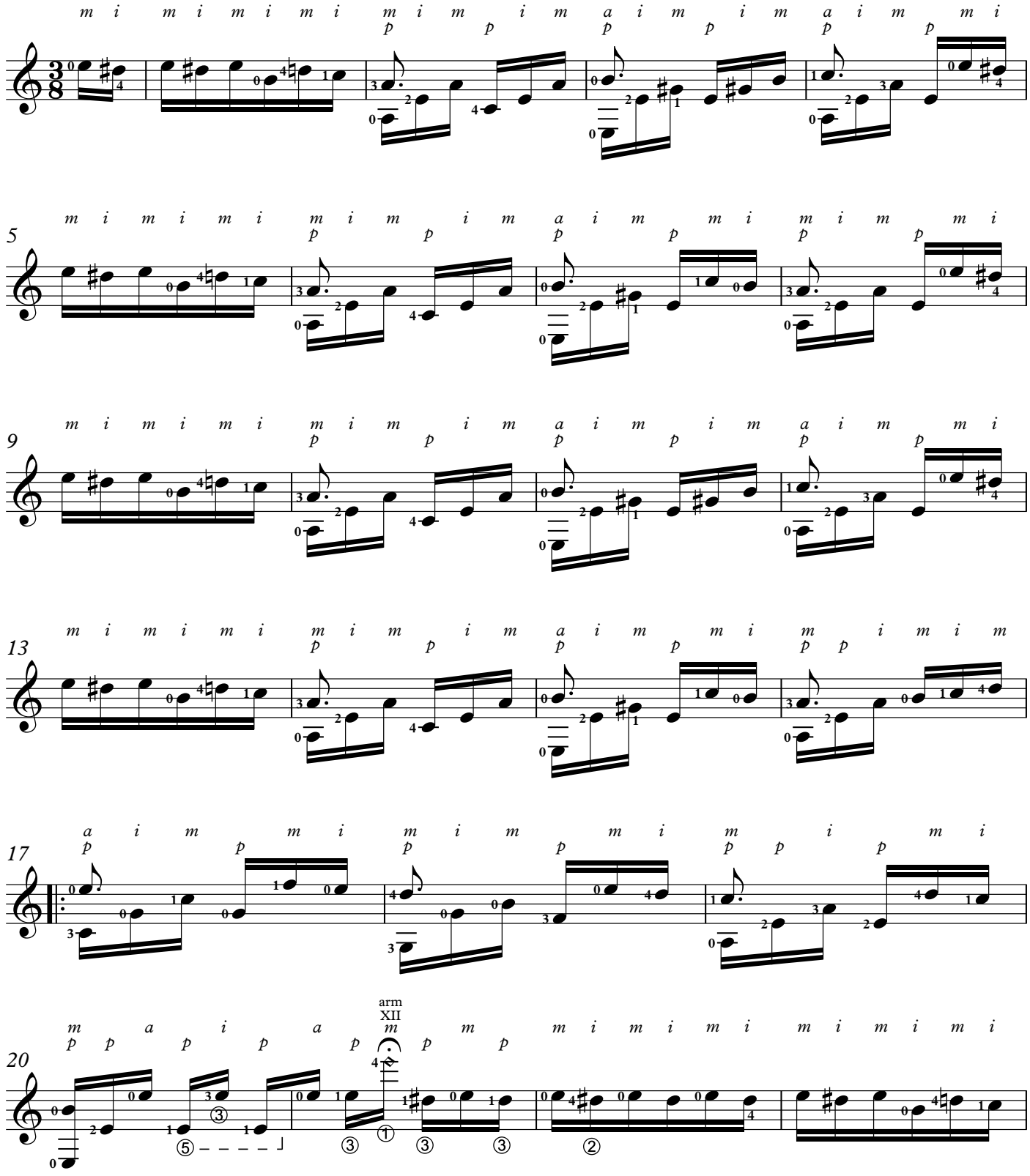
Für Elise

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Poco moto



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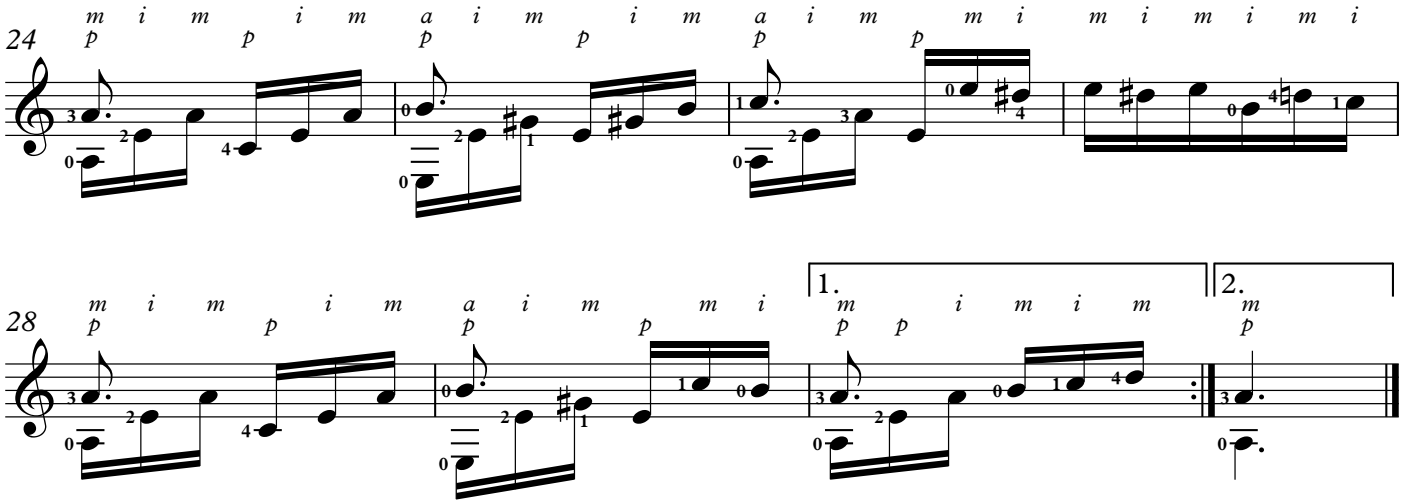

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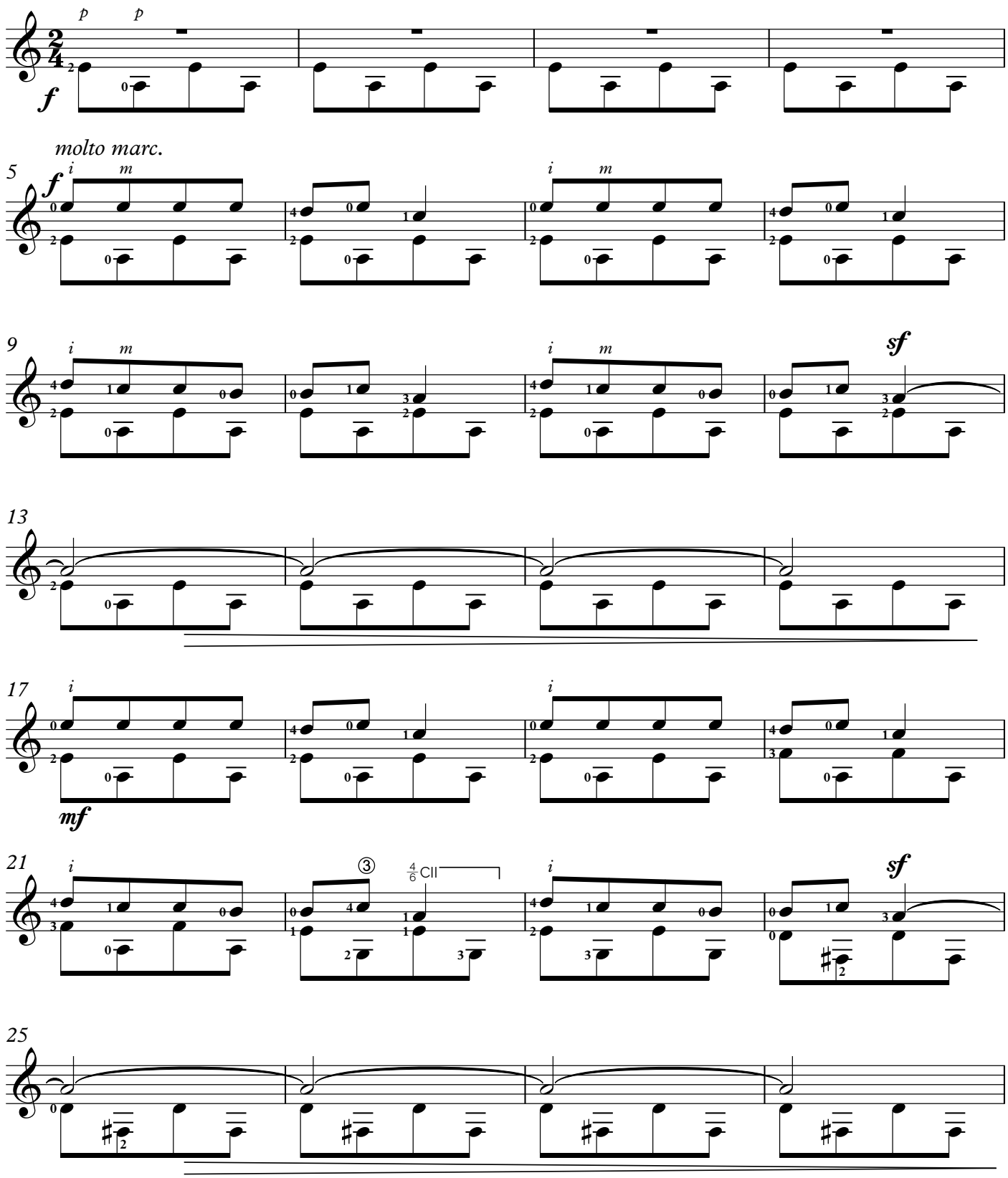
Based on a Hungarian Folk Tune

From *Gyermekeknek* ("For Children"), Volume 1

Béla Bartók
(1881-1945)

Allegro



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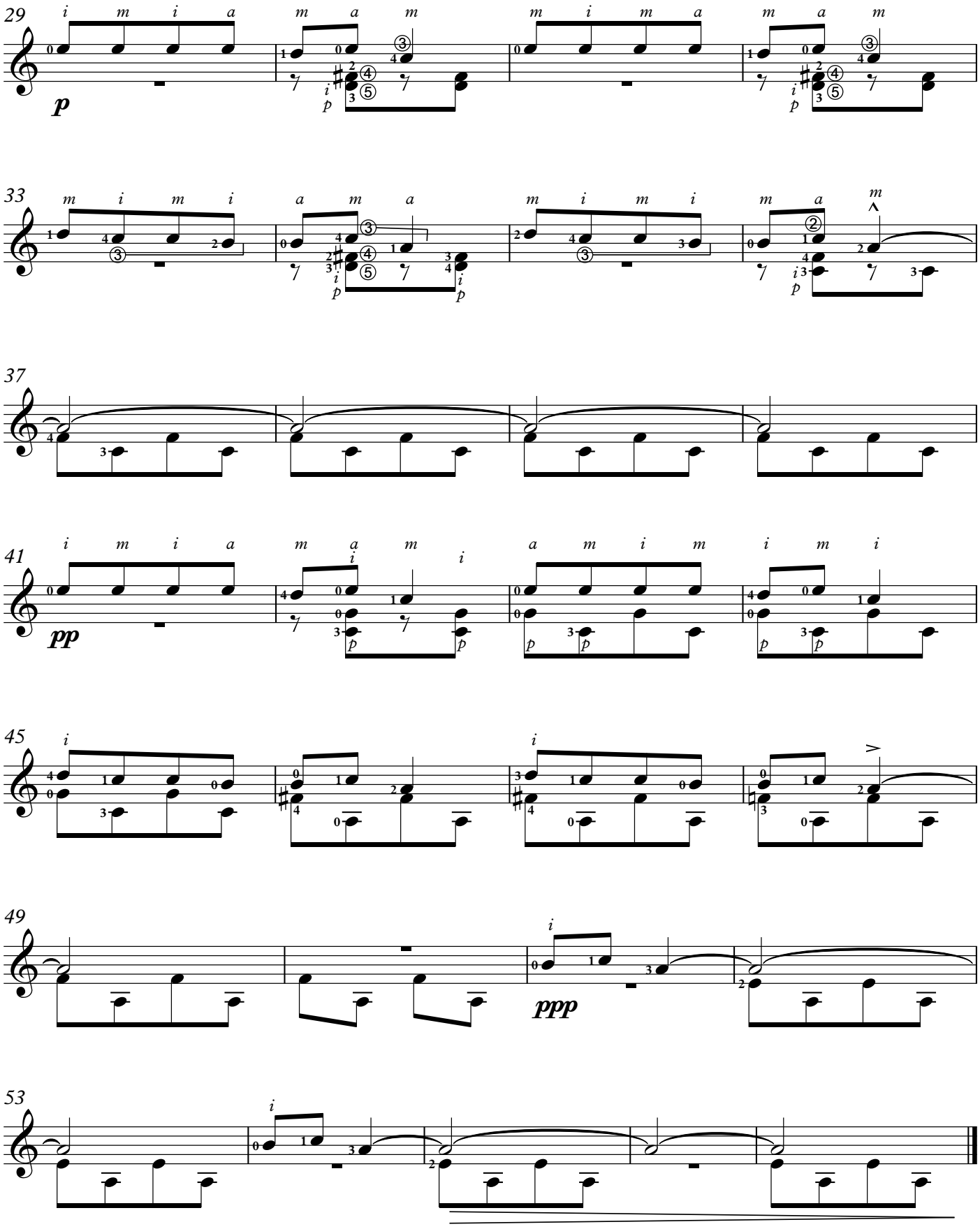

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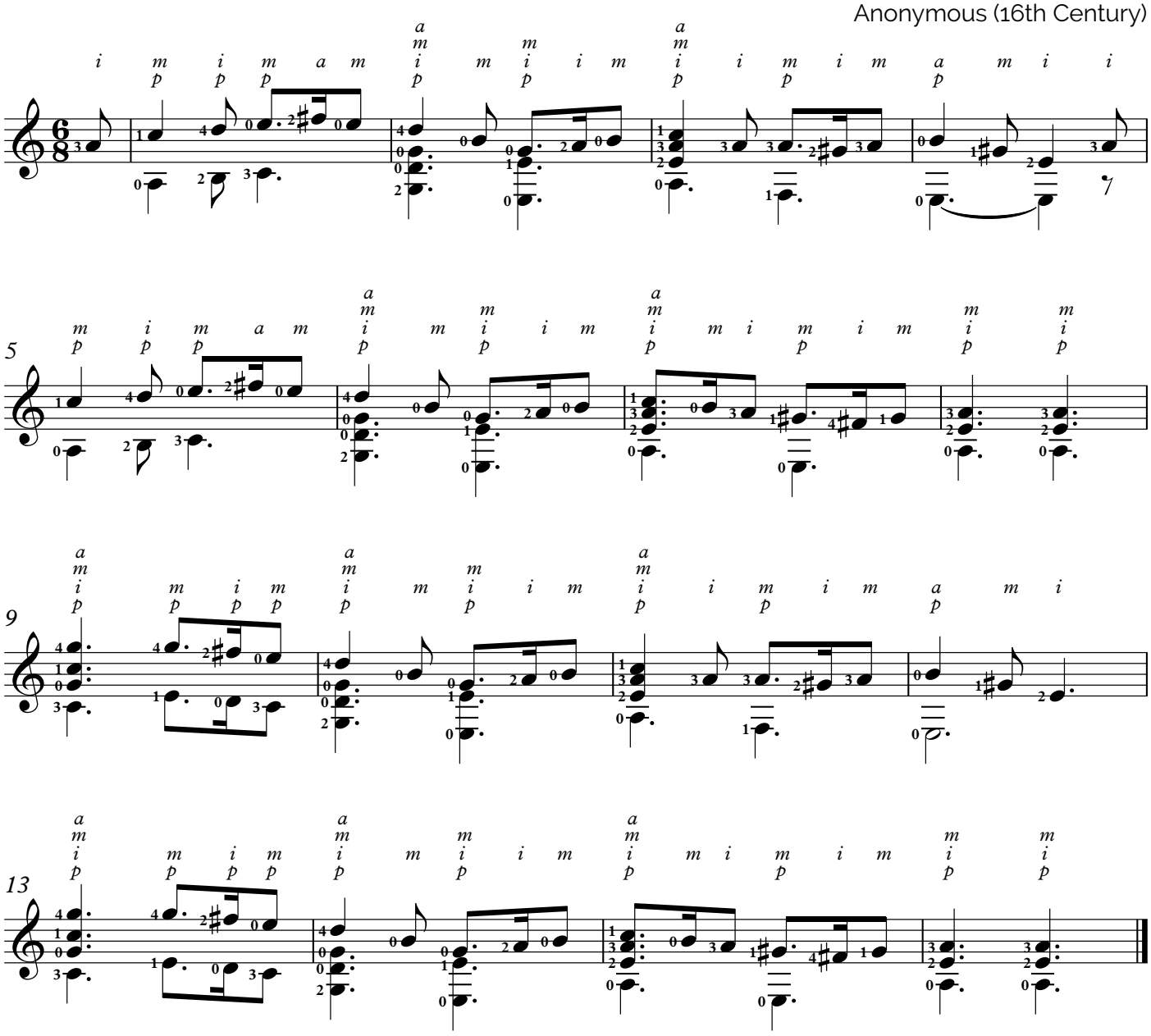
Greensleeves

Anonymous (16th Century)



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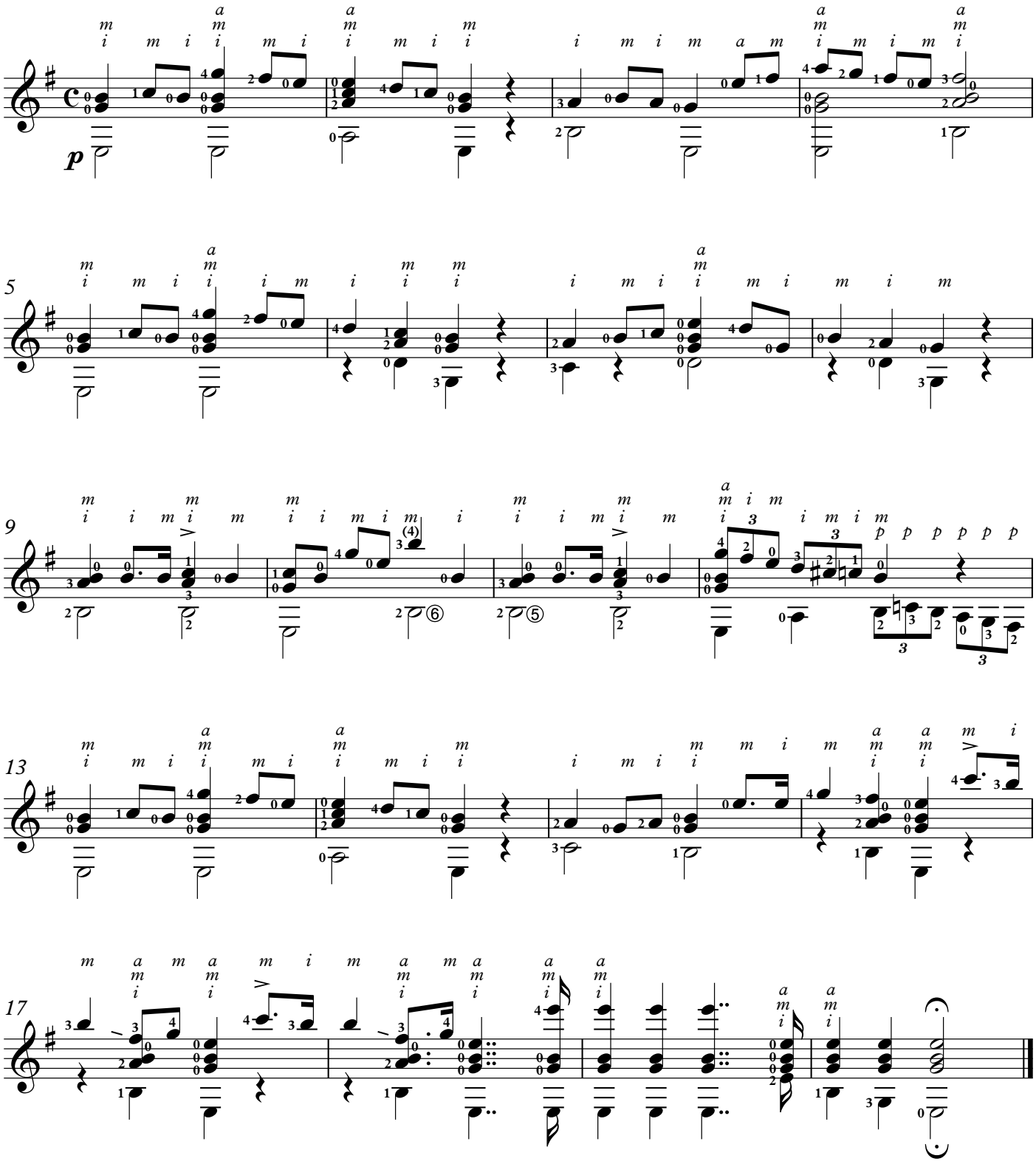
Adagio

Johann Kaspar Mertz
(1806 – 1856)



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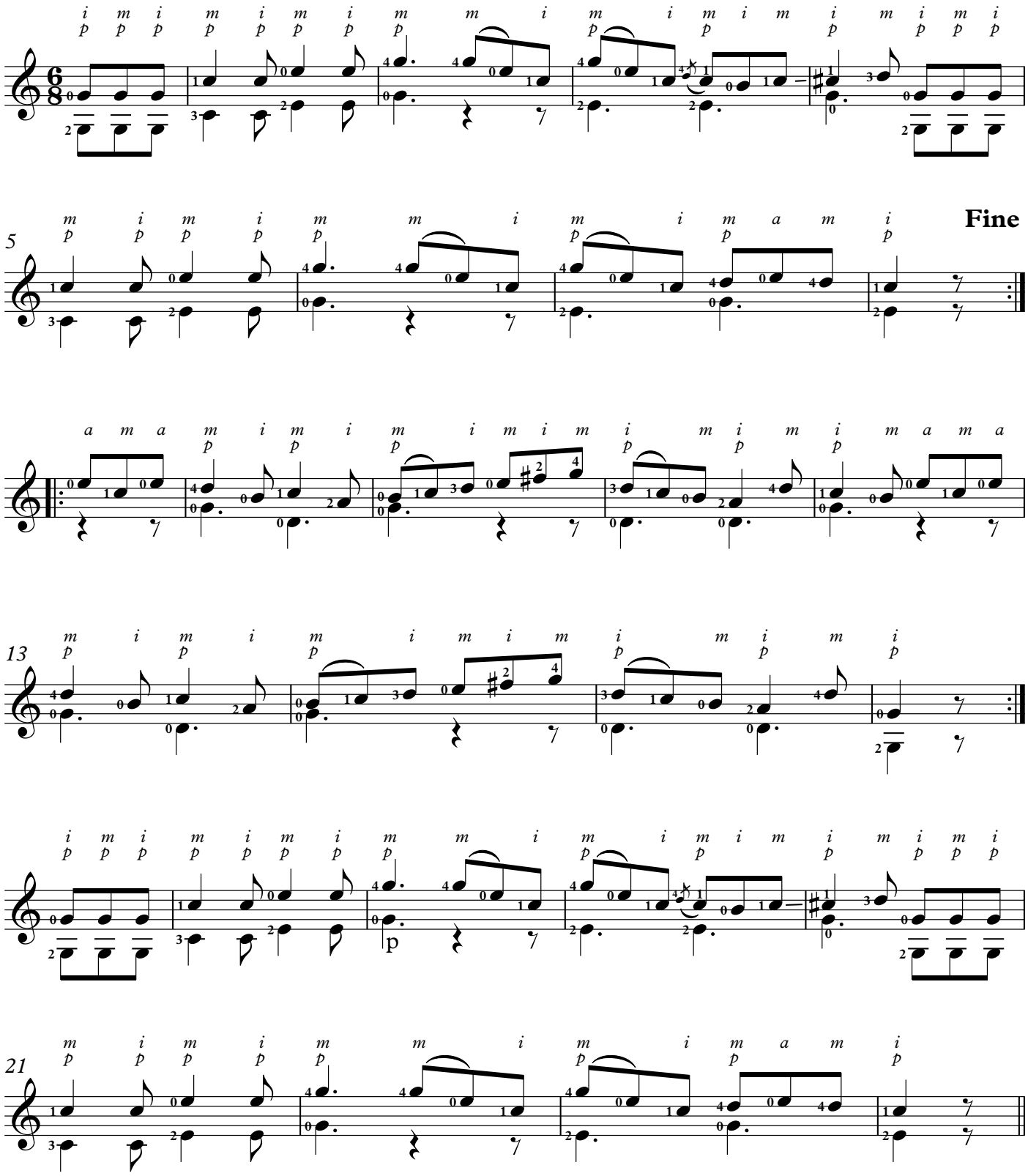
La Fanfare

La Tersicore

Francesco Molino
(1768 - 1847)



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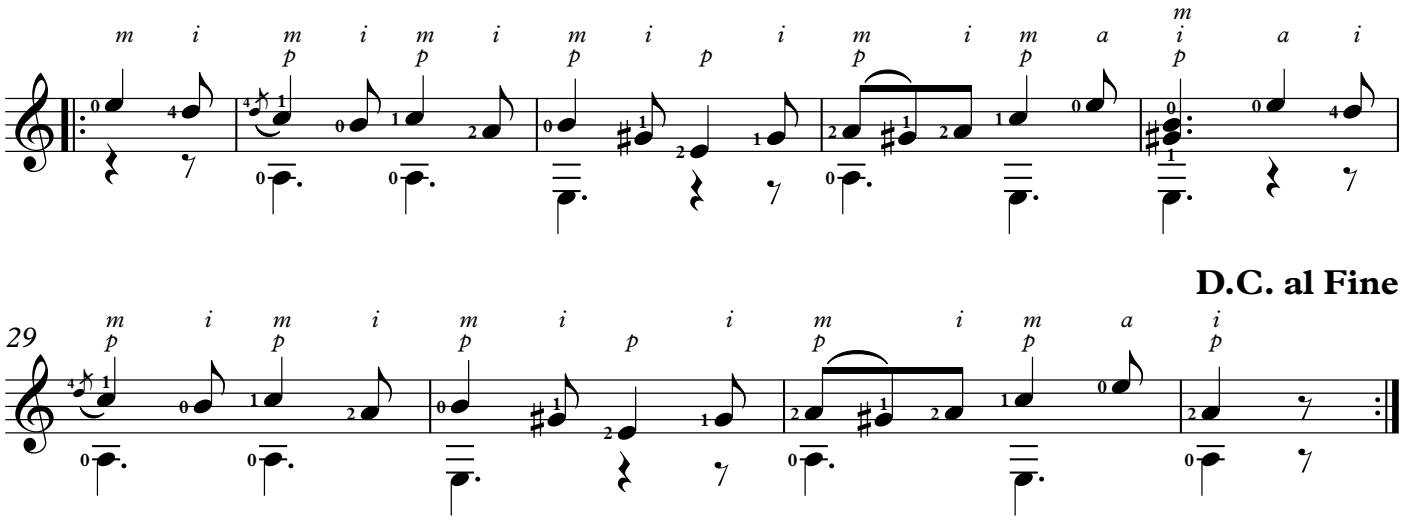

D.C. al Fine

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Valse

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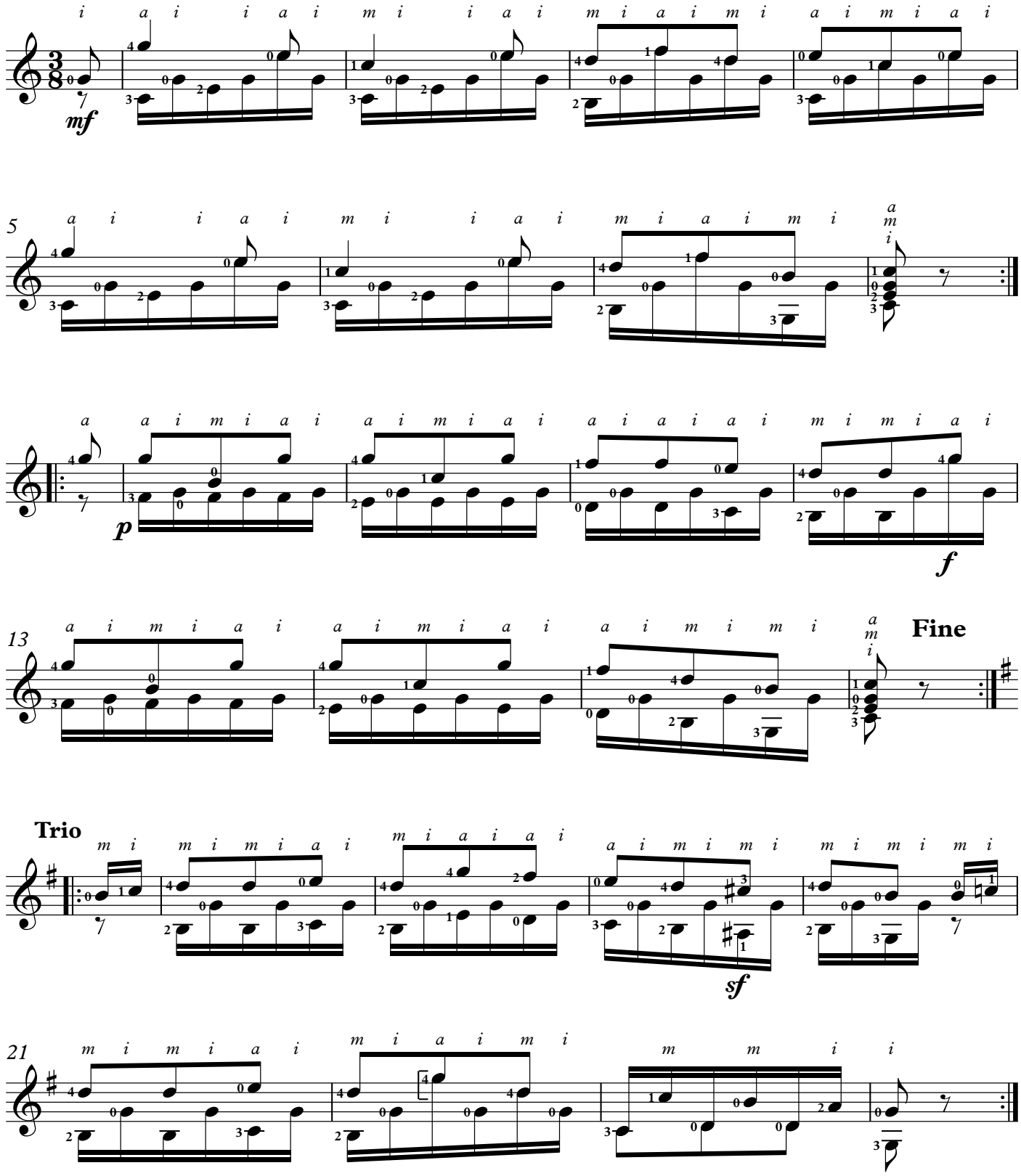
Ferdinando Carulli
(1770-1841)

Moderato (♩ = 100 - 112)



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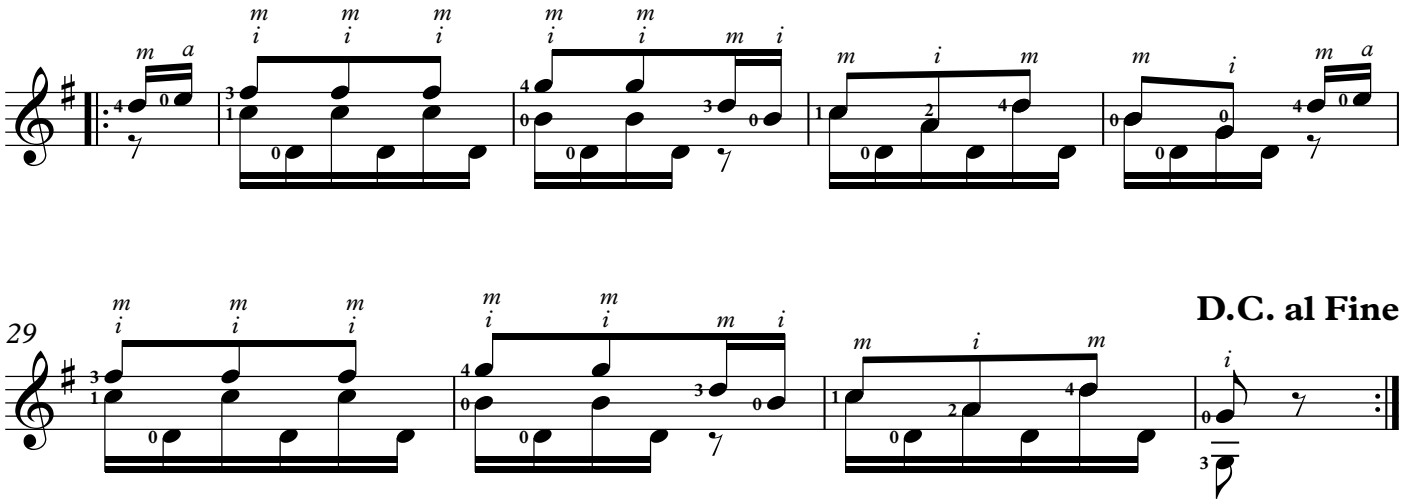

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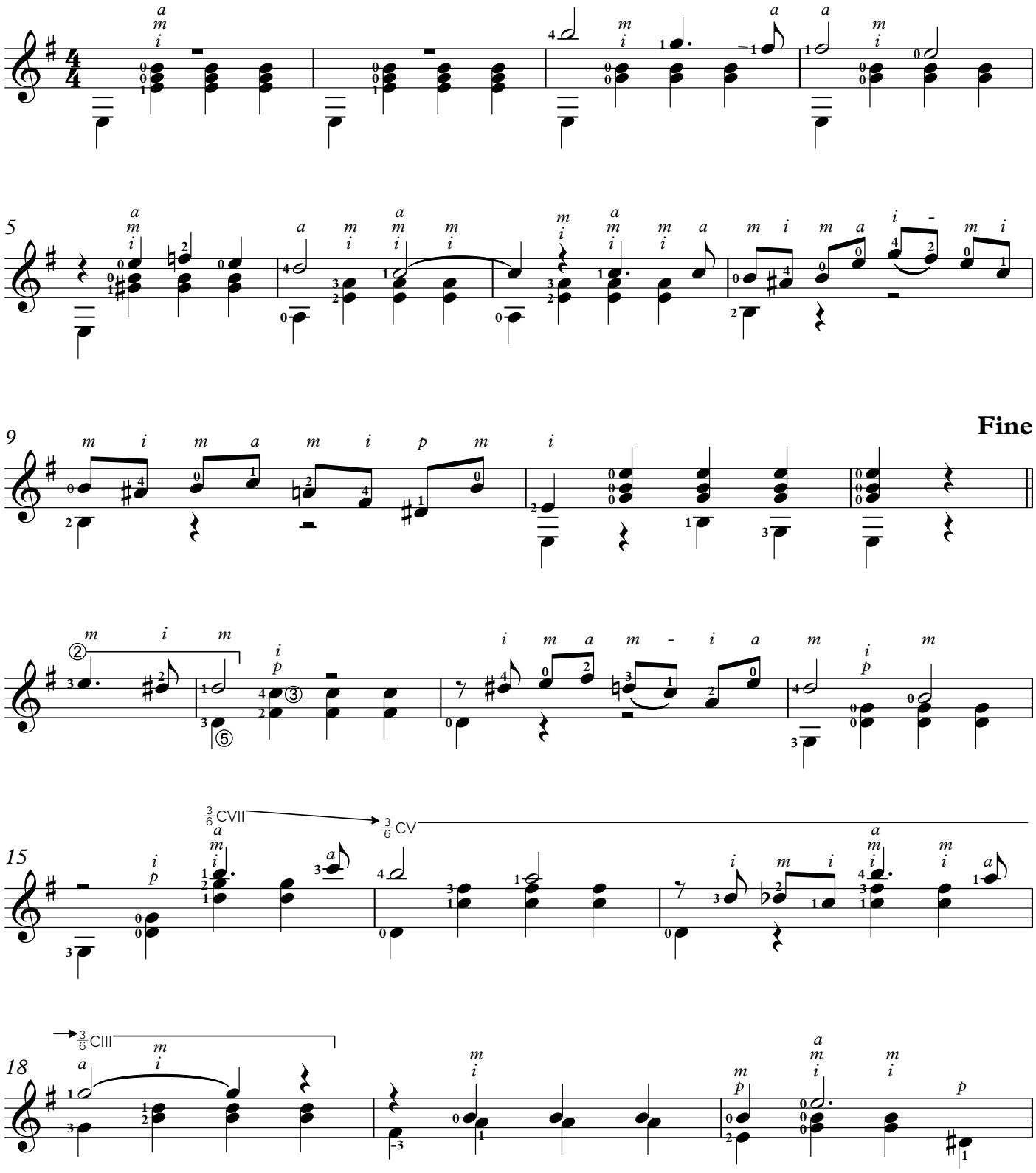
Nostalgia

Op. 19, Nº 5

Julio Salvador Sagreras
(1879-1942)



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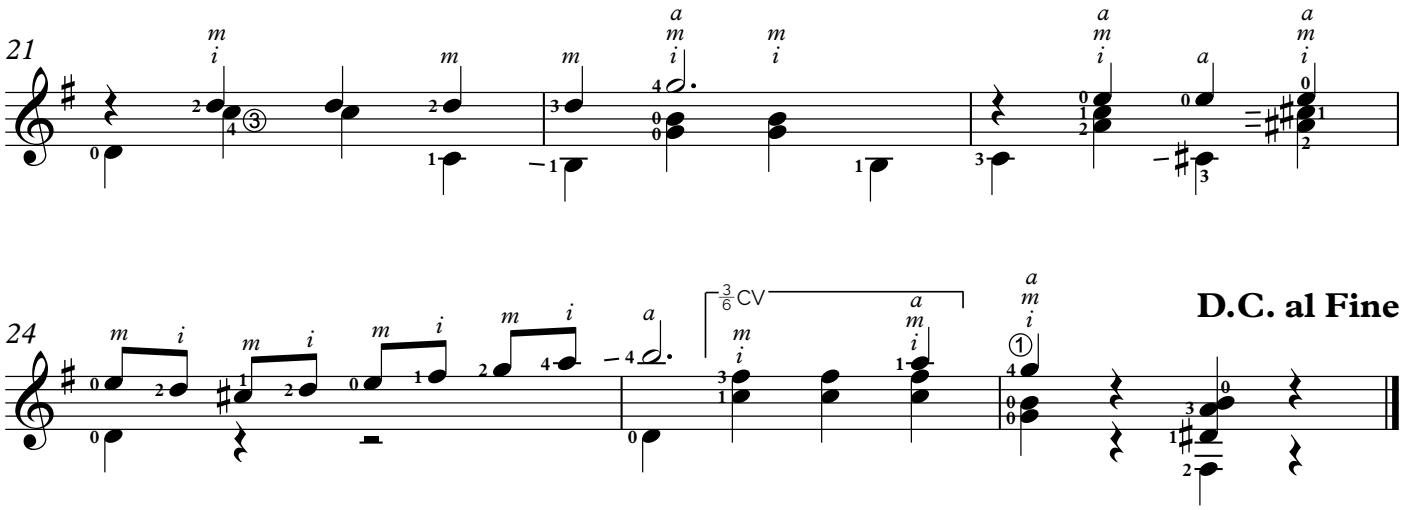

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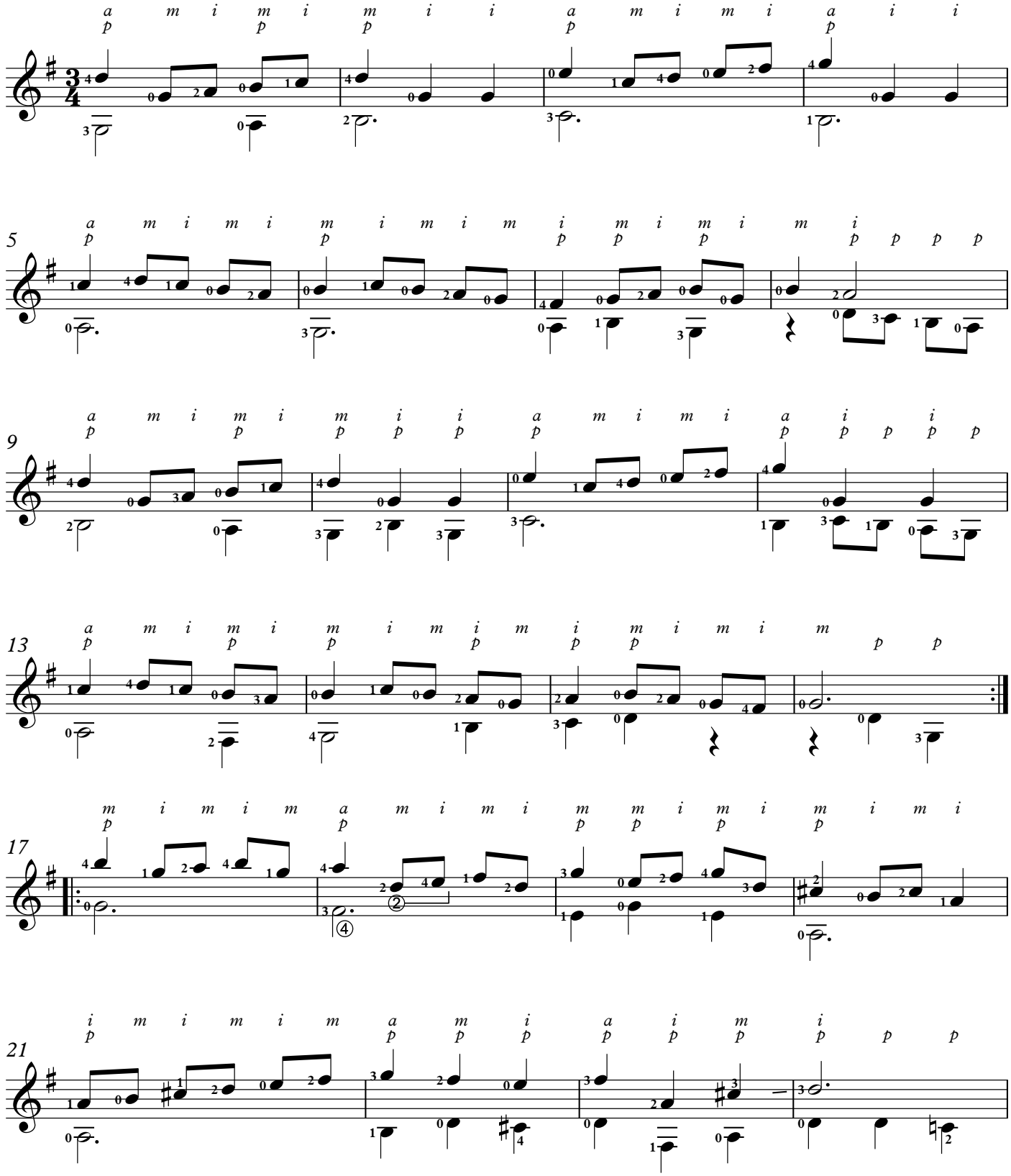
Minuet in G

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Moderato



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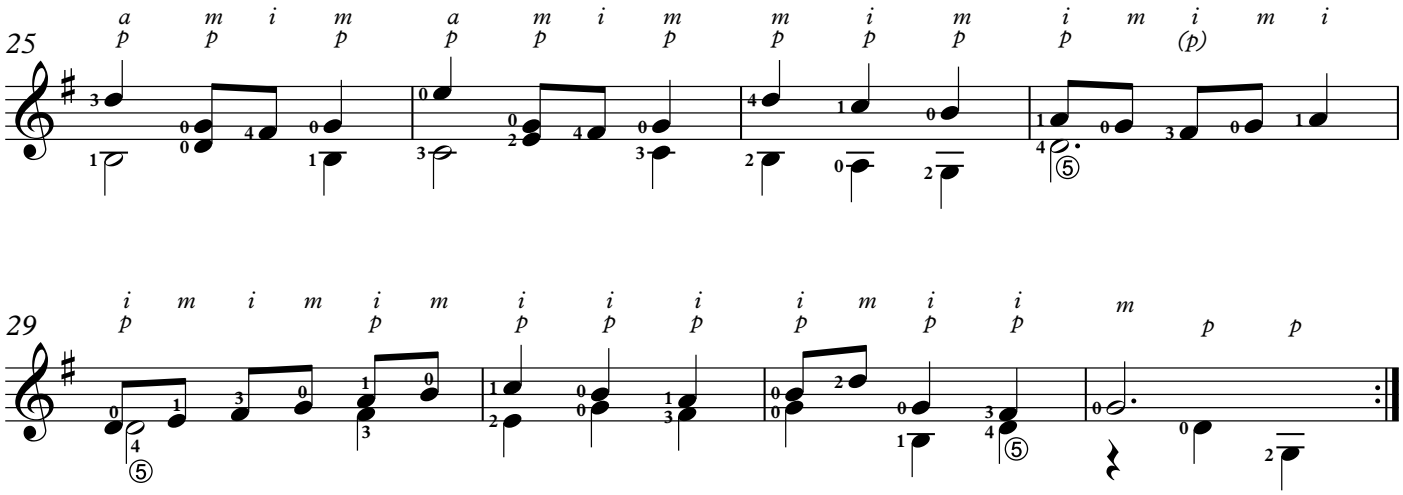

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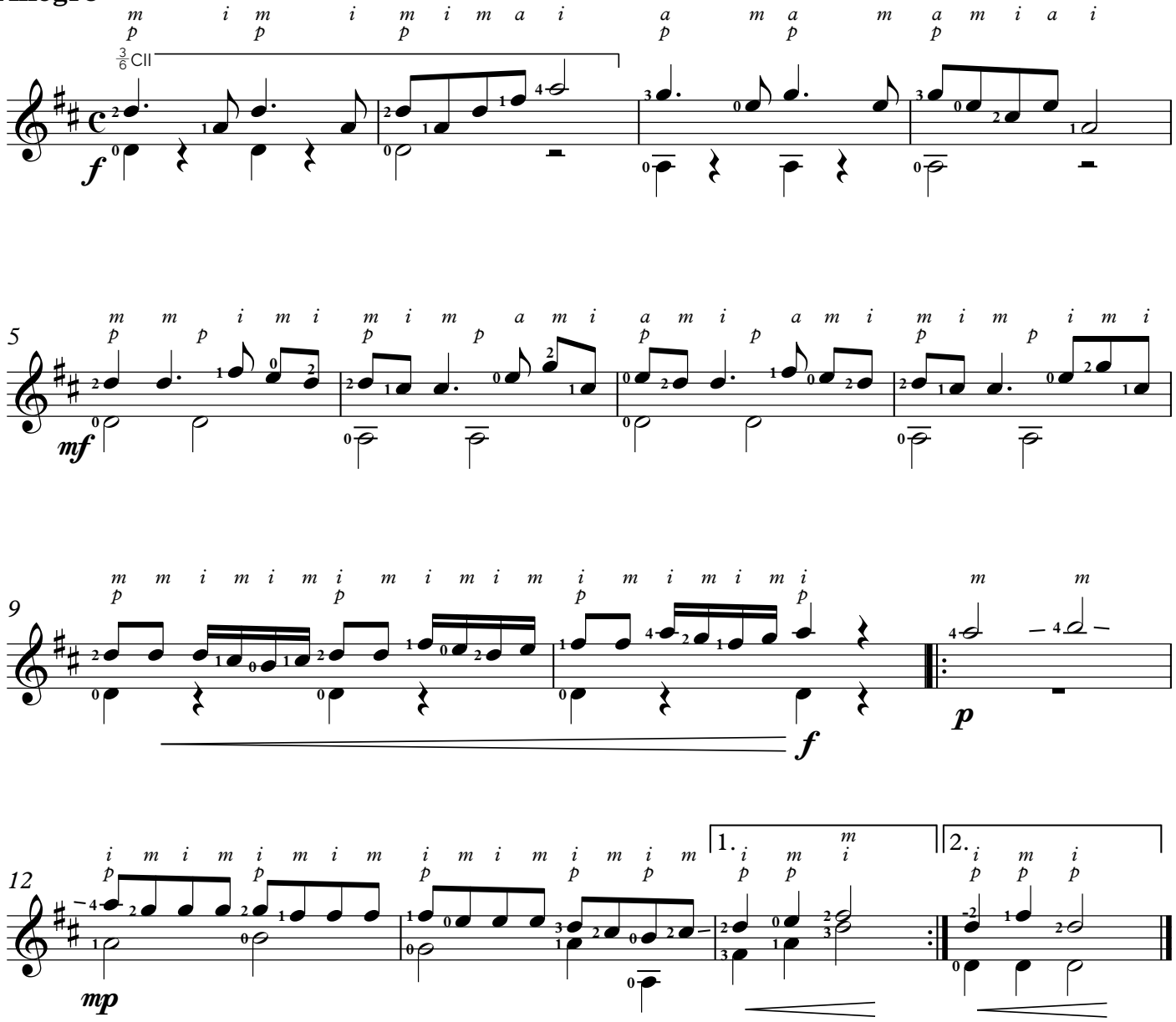
Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Allegro



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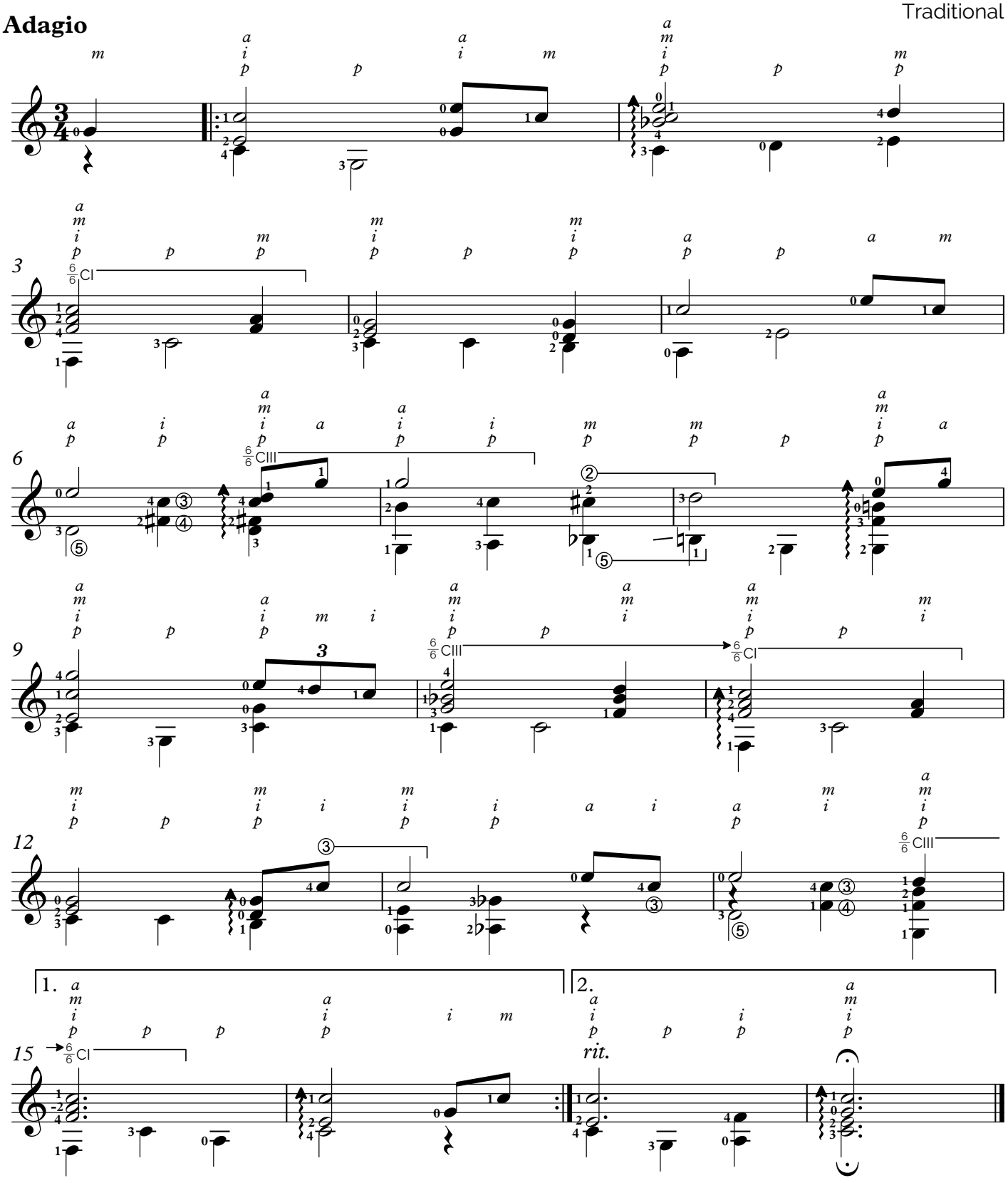
Amazing Grace

Traditional

Adagio



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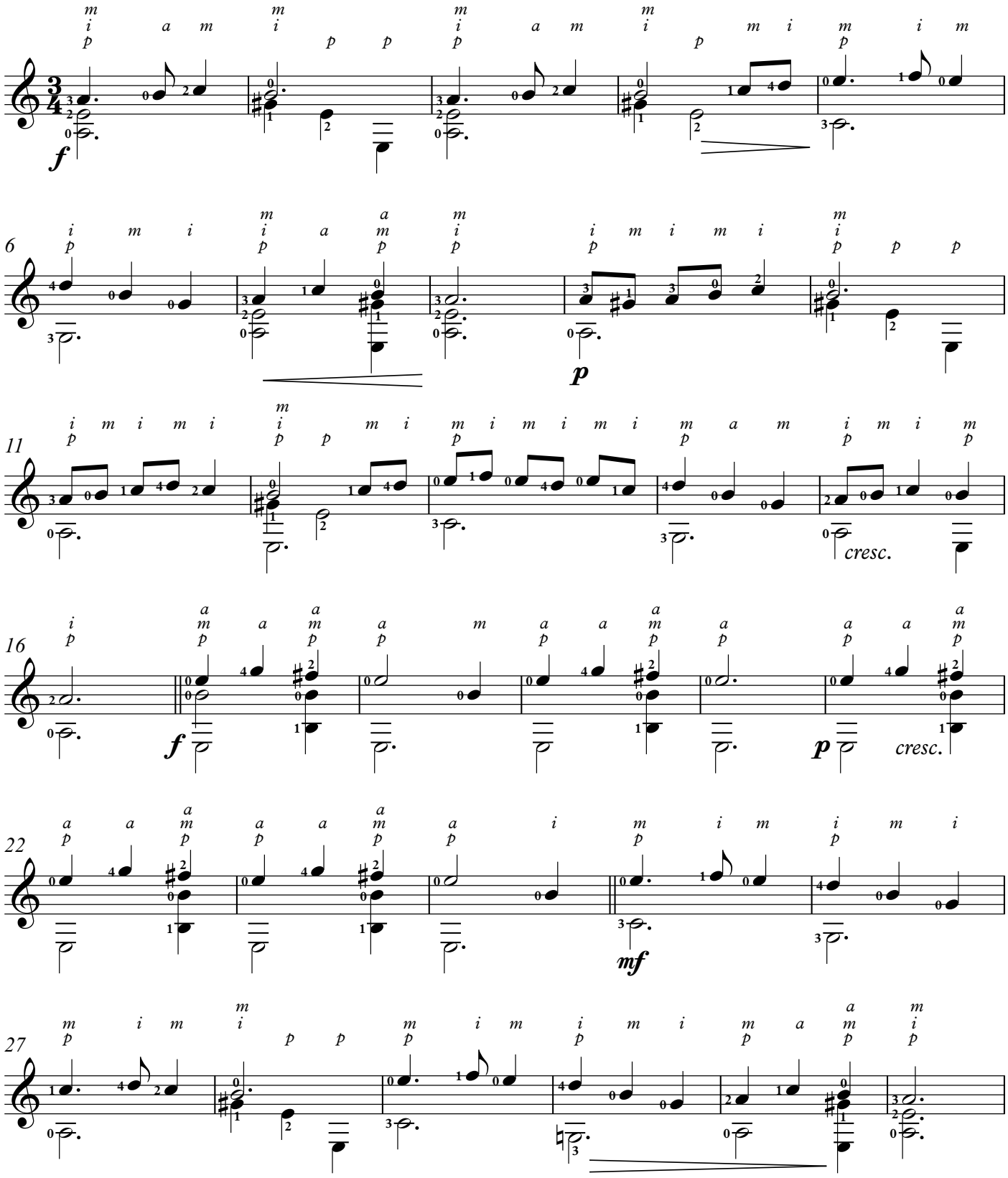
Packington's Pound

Anonymous



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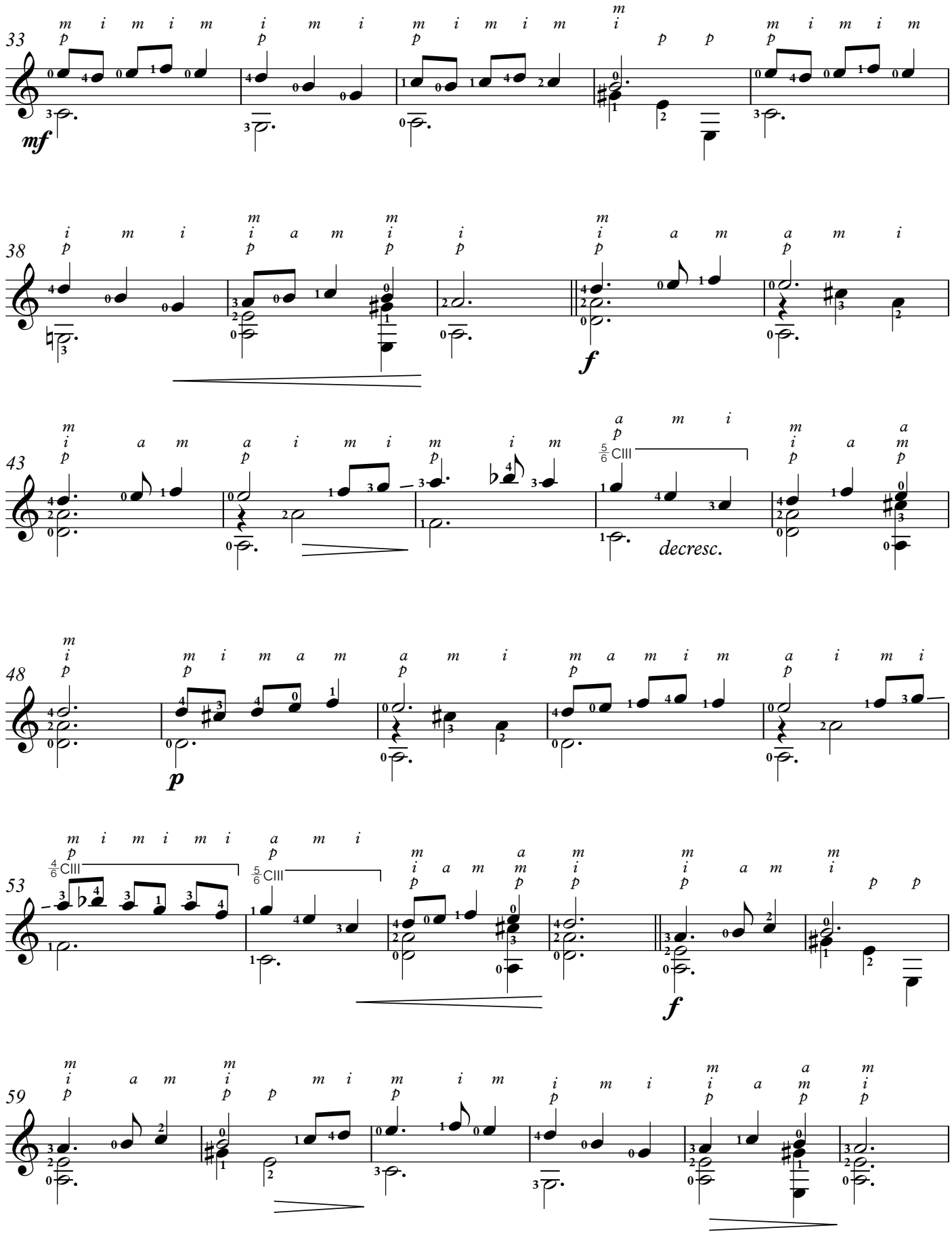

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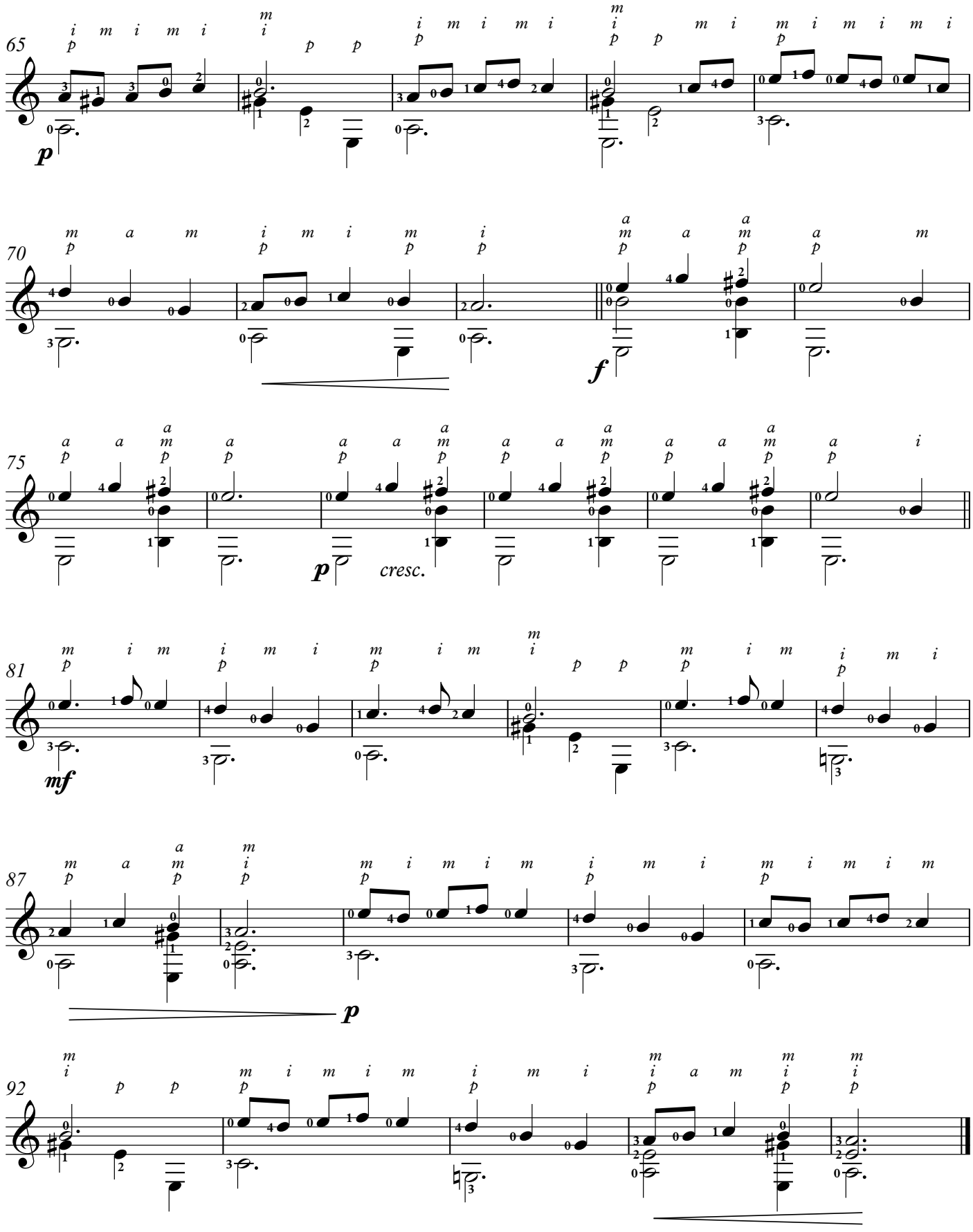

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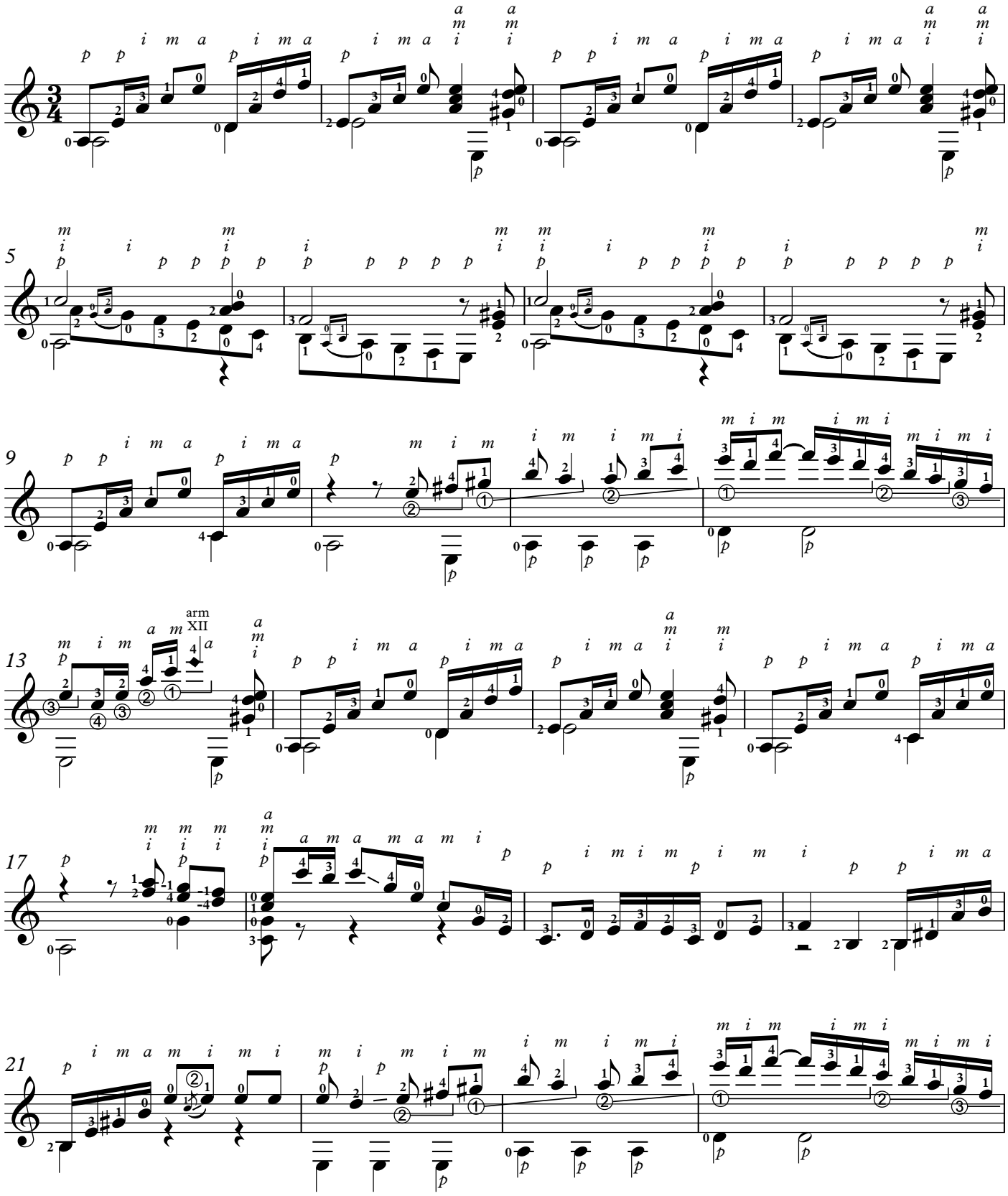
Bolero

Julián Arcas
(1832-1882)



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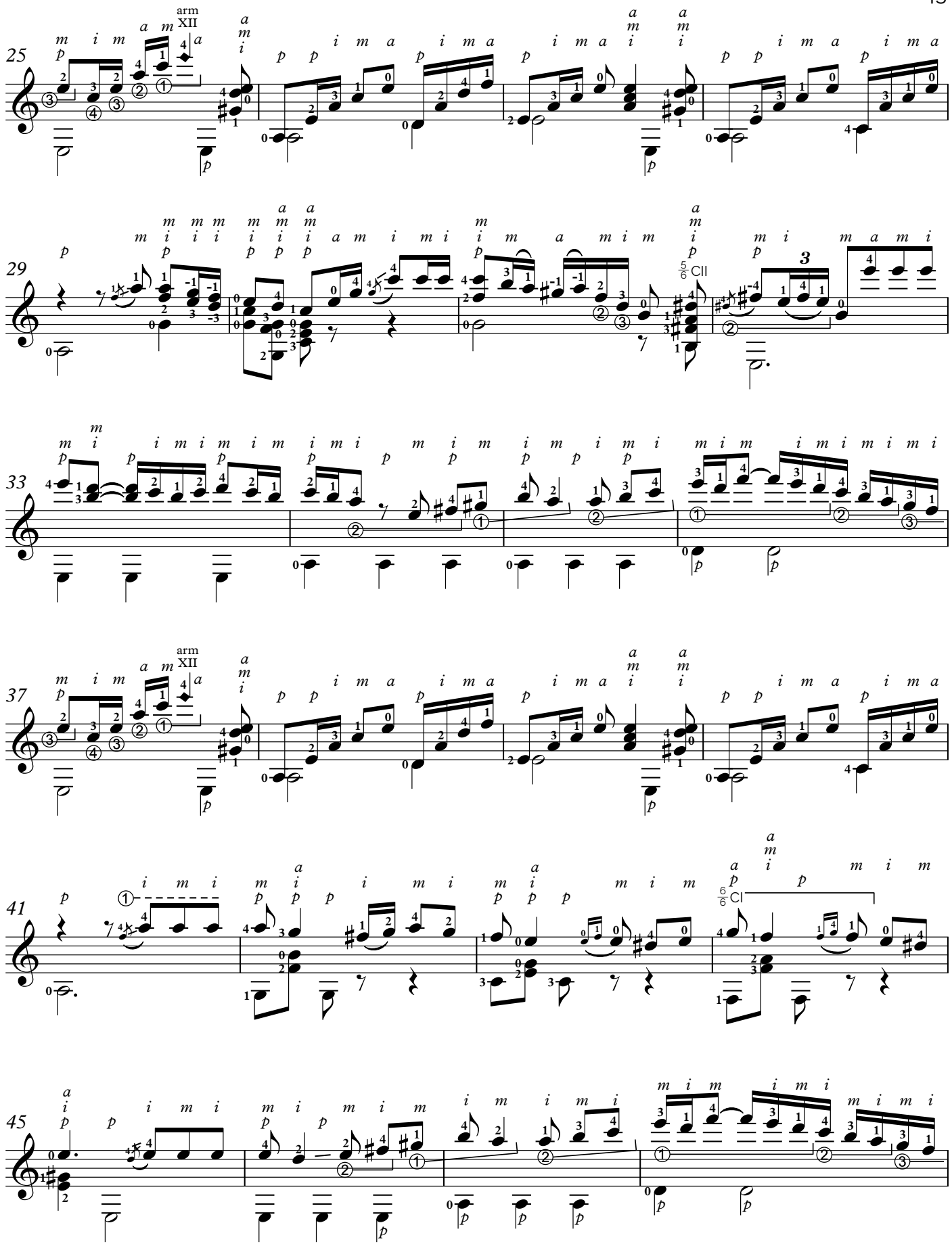

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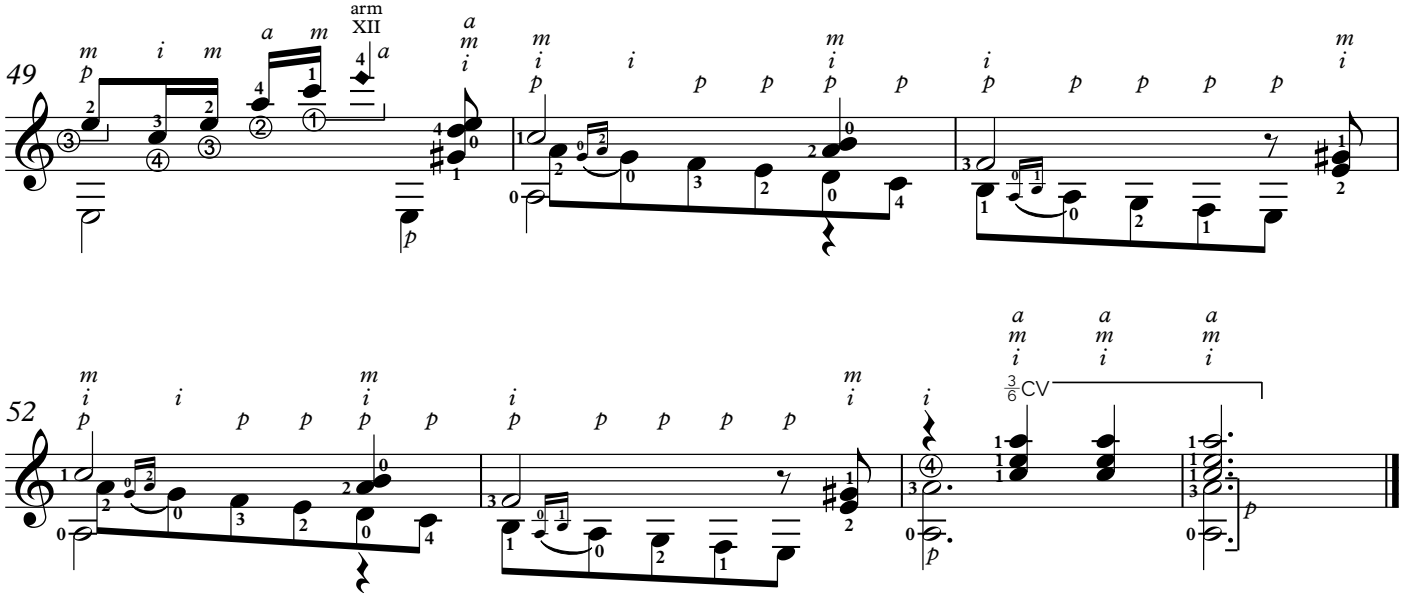

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play beautifully

Practice Tips

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece

1. Make small sections
2. Know all the notes and musical markings
3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
6. Play hands together, pausing when needed (no mistakes, counting aloud)
7. Play hands together in rhythm, with a slow metronome, counting aloud

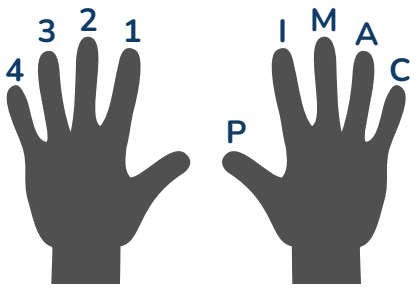
Musical Expression Starting Points

1. Know which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
2. Connect melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter towards the top (opposite at climaxes)
4. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than those before and after)
5. When a melody or musical line goes down in pitch, get louder to create forward momentum
6. Repeated notes get louder (start quiet if you need to)
7. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato), master it at a steady pace

Tips for Good Practice

1. For tricky spots, describe the problem in detail: Where, what, how? Ask, "What's going on here?"
2. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
3. Have a clear purpose and goal for each repetition (rote repetition is lazy practice)
4. Record yourself often. Listen or watch to decide what to practice next

Fingering Notations



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