CREATIVE TRANSCRIPTIONS

Concert Music for
VIOLONCELLO

Prepared by David Johnstone

ASTURIAS
(originally for Piano)

I. ALBENIZ

For Cello solo

Asturias ..... Isaac Albeniz

A short note from the Arranger

I am most happy for you to have a copy of this work. Originally for piano, from the Suite 'Española', it is occasionally heard on other instruments, such as violin or guitar (there is also an orchestral version). However, cellists have been slow to pick up on this. There does exist at least one transcription of 'Asturias' for violoncello, but it is so hard that it is only playable by a handful of solo cellists! It is a beautiful and pulsating piece, so I felt that it was worth the effort to produce my own version which, whilst still sounding quite virtuosic, is certainly 'playable' to all competent cellists (music college level and upwards). Obviously string crossing bowing techniques have to be comfortable and resistant (try the first Piatti Caprice as a preliminary!) in the outer sections, whilst in the slower central part you can really find your artistic fantasy at full flow, with the continually rubato passages that need to sound convincing.

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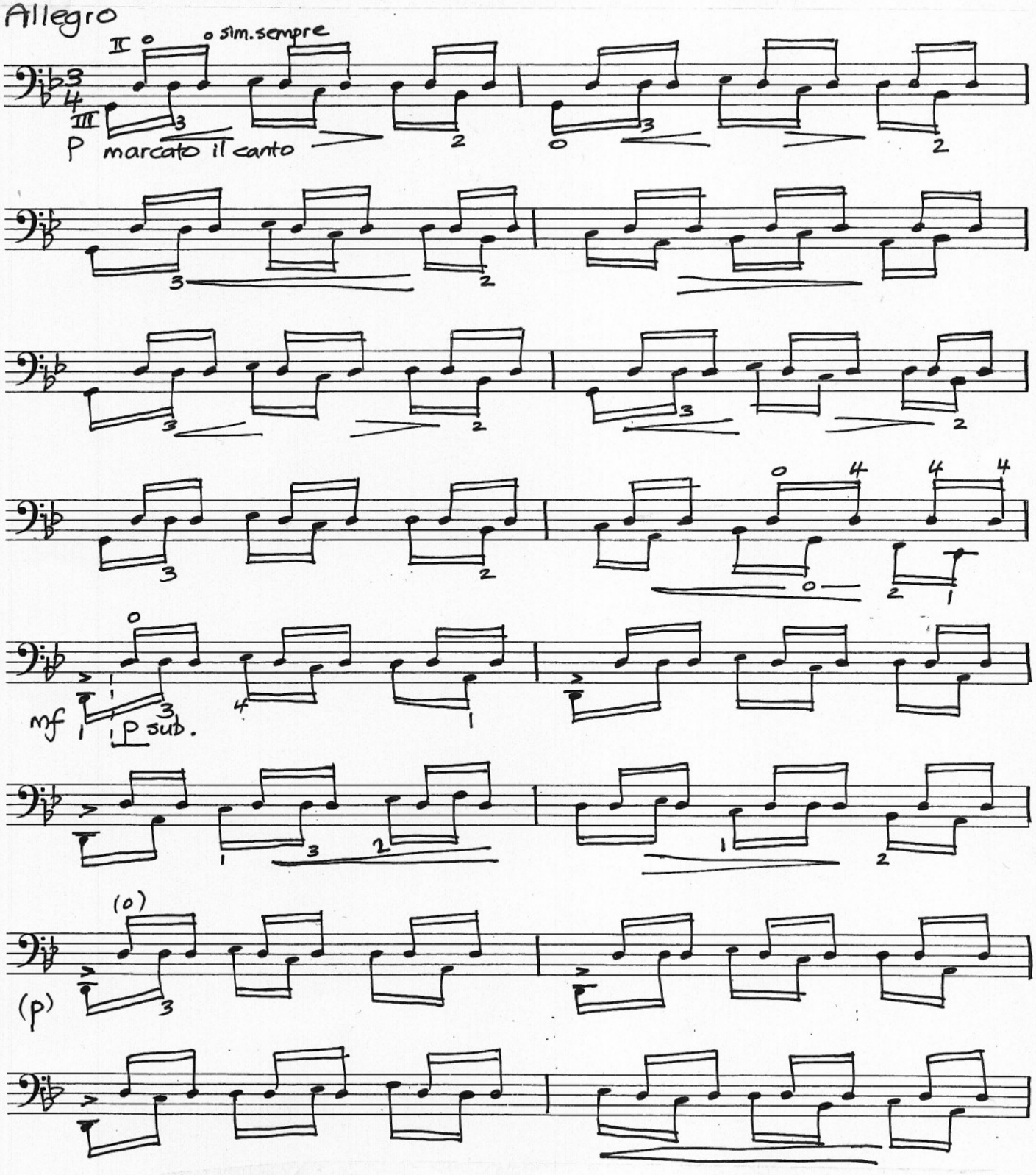
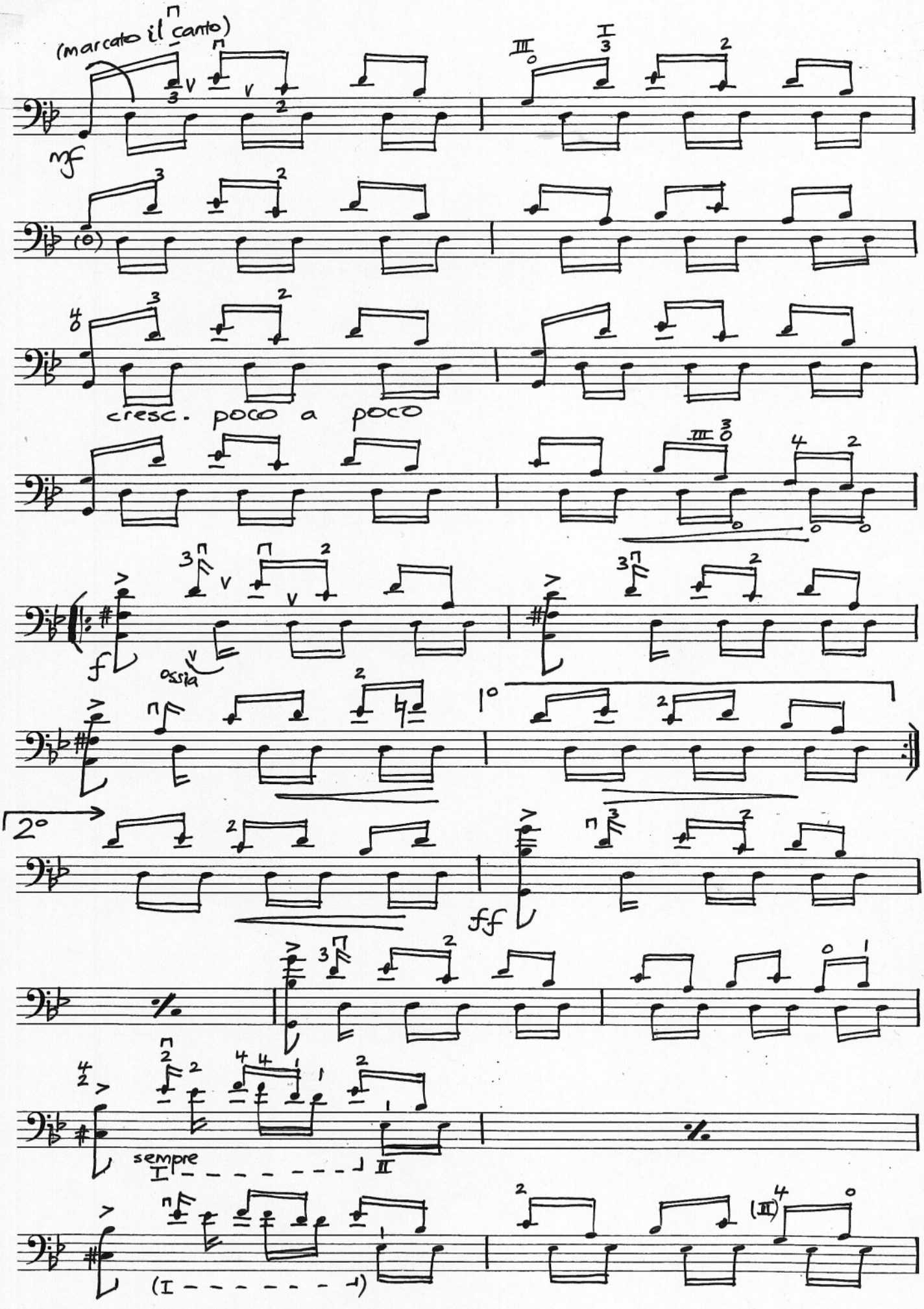
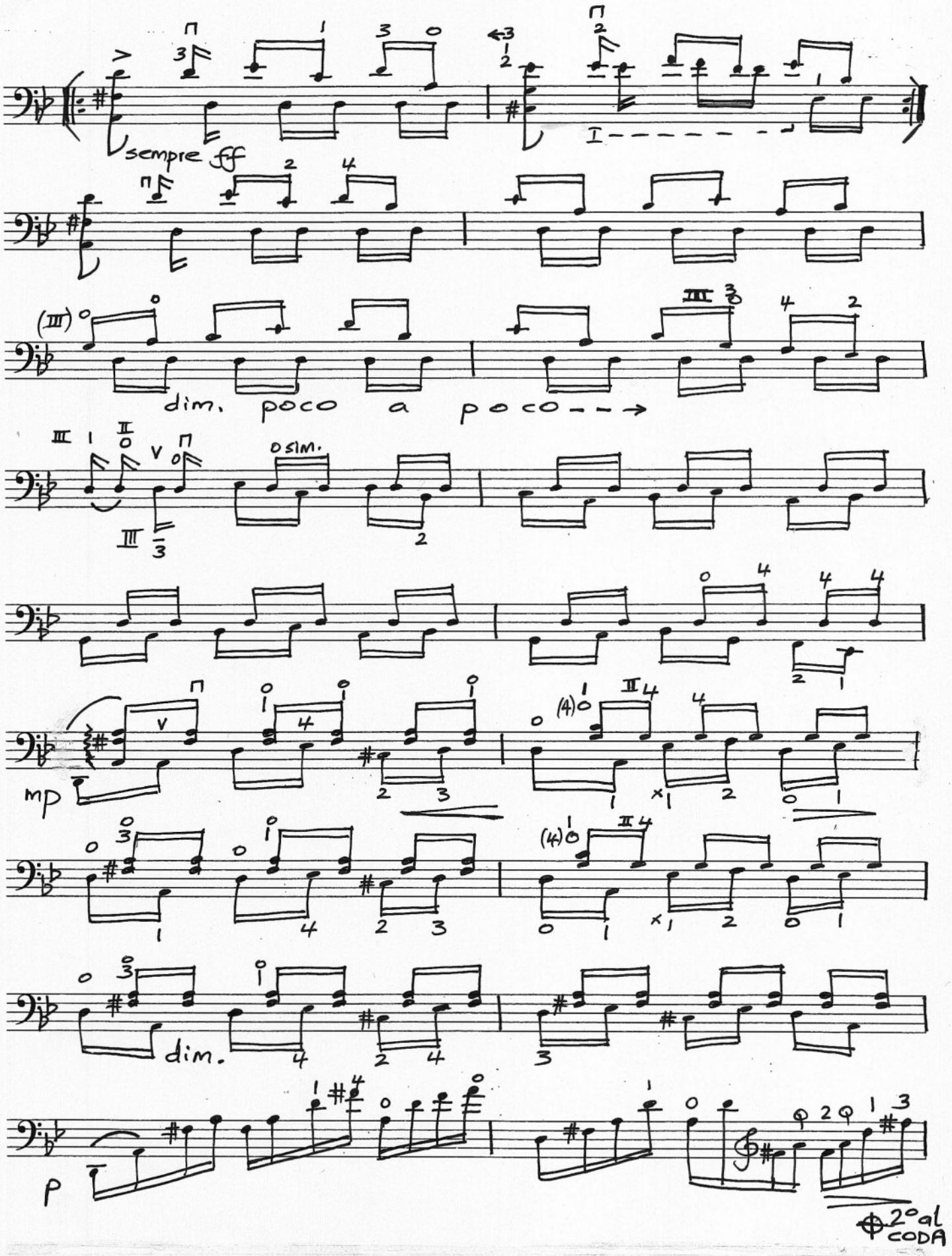
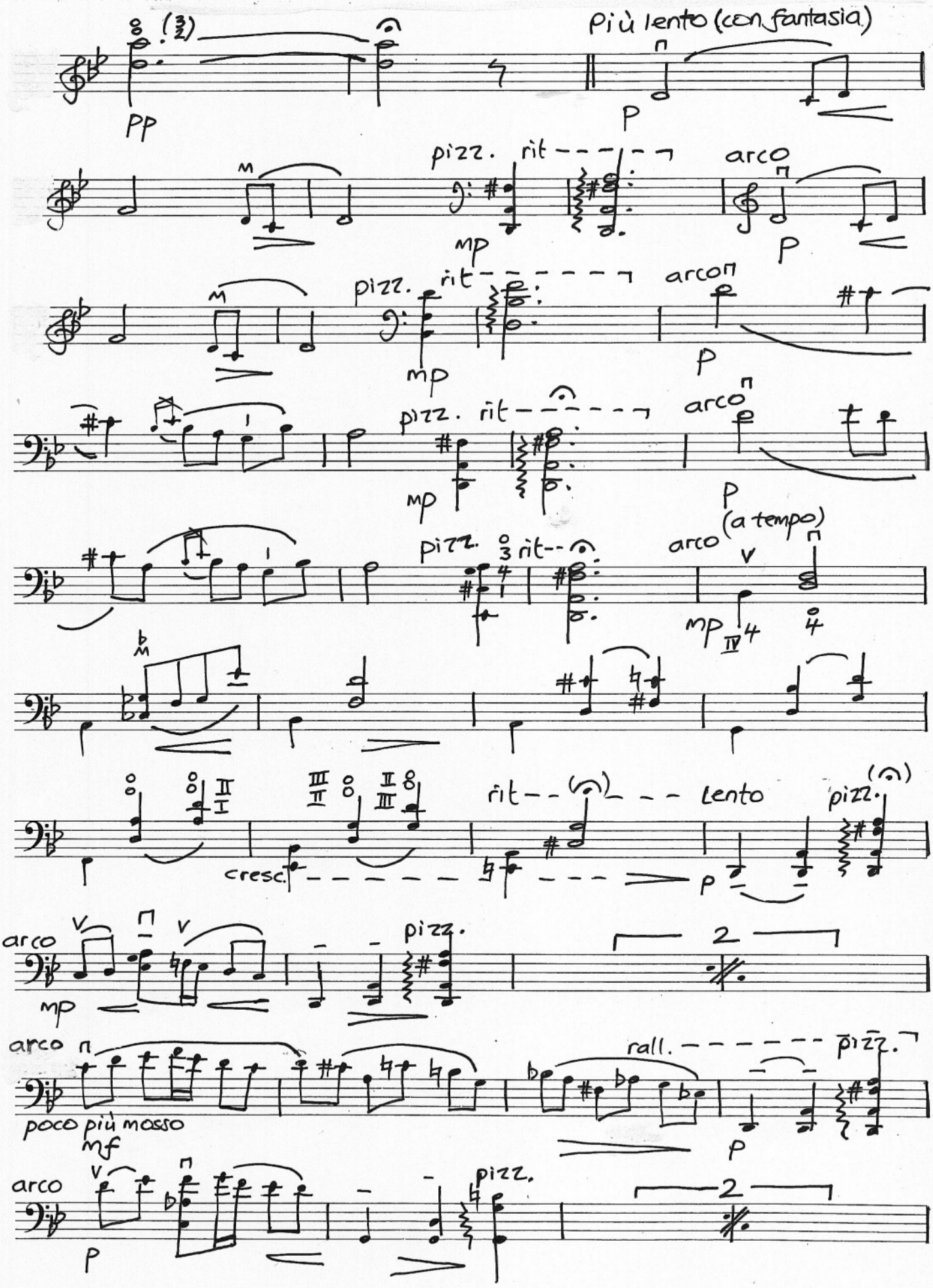
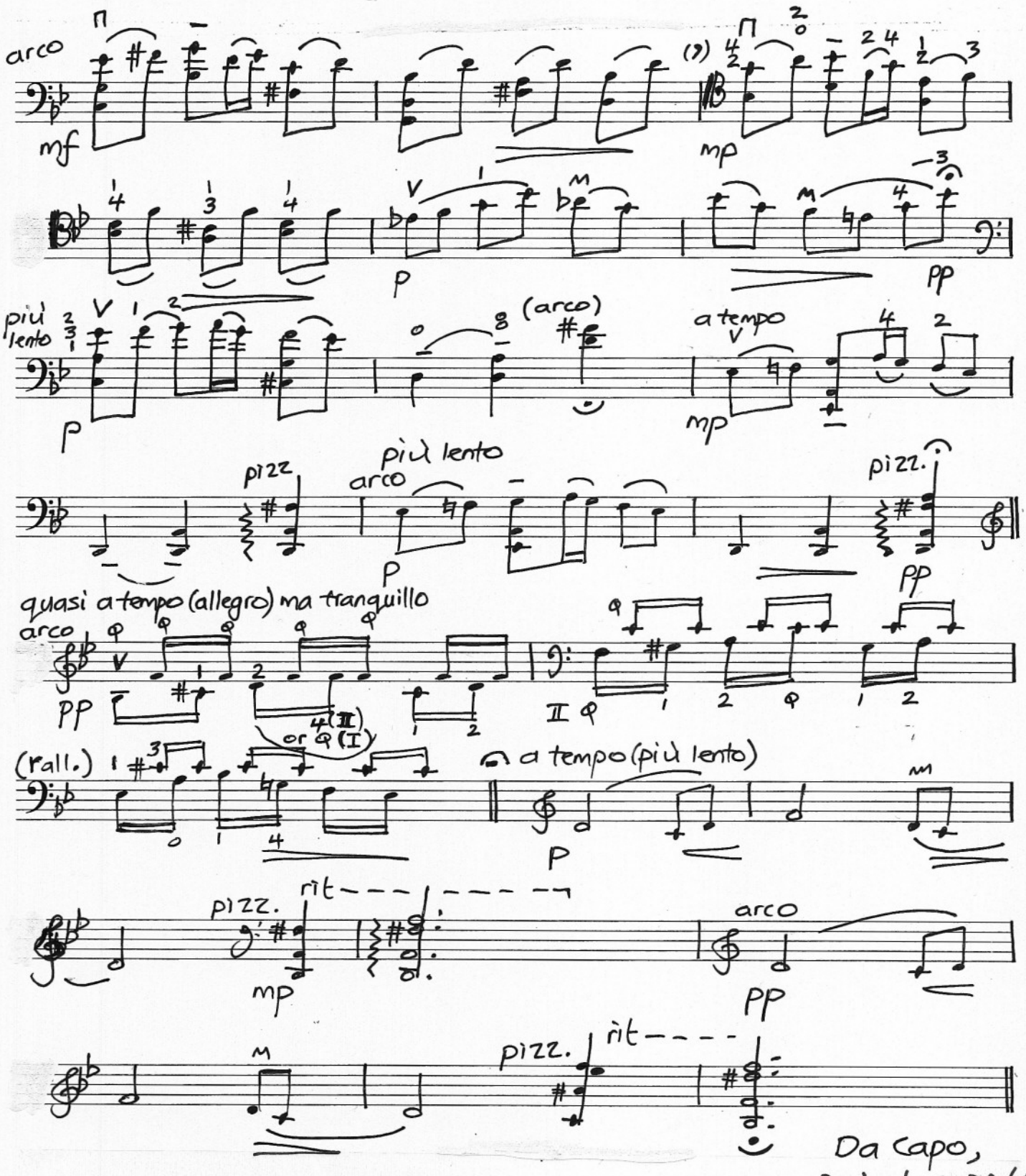
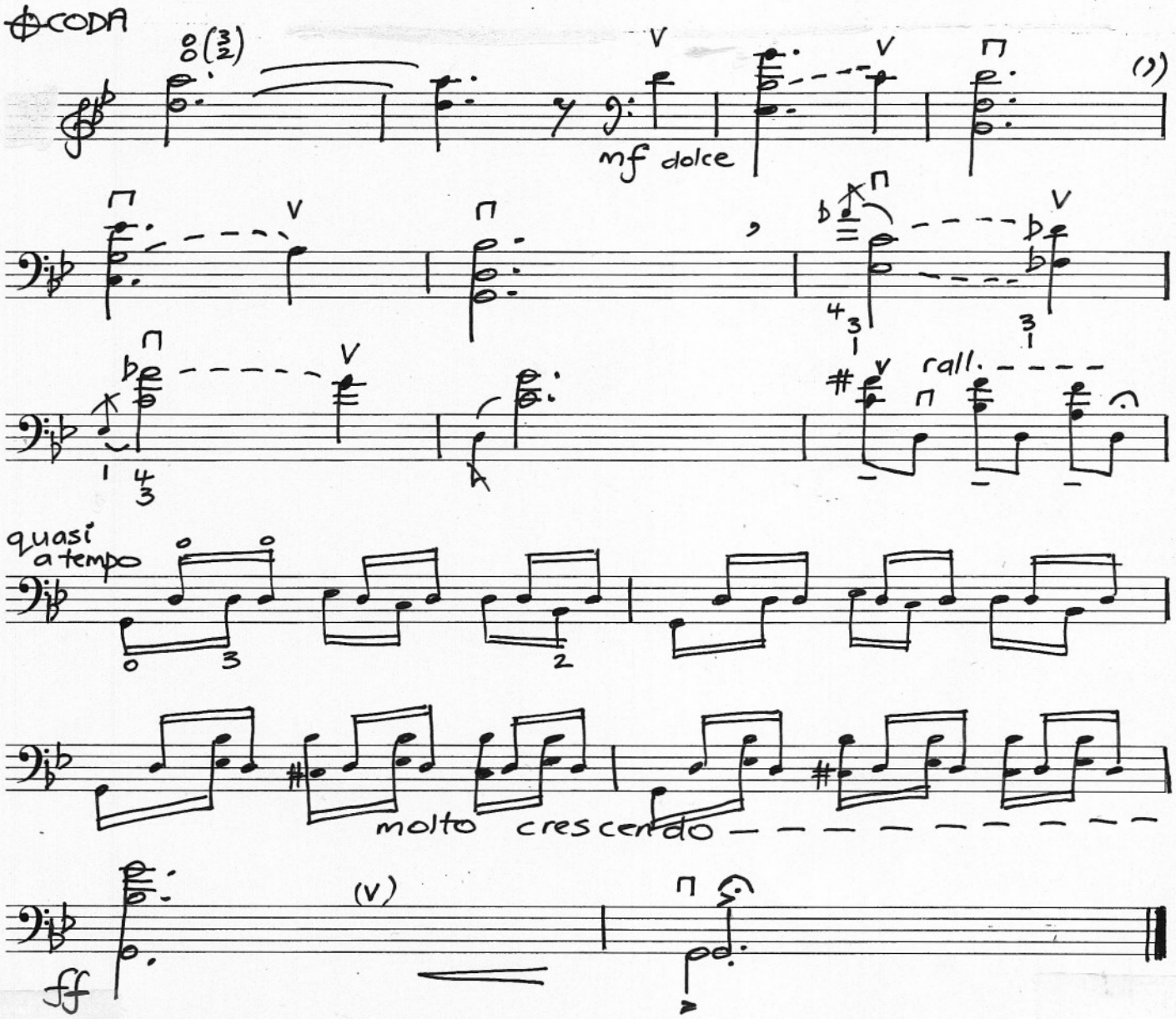



(marcato il canto)
mf
cresc. poco a poco
f
ossia
2°
ff
sempre


sempre fff
dim. poco a poco
mp
dim.
p
2° al CODA


Più lento (con fantasia)
pizz.
rit
arco
(a tempo)
cresc.
Lento
poco più mosso
rall.


arco
mf
(?)
mp
p
pp
più lento
(arco)
a tempo
pizz.
più lento
quasi a tempo (allegro) ma tranquillo
or (II) (I)
(rall.)
a tempo (più lento)
rit
Da capo, poi al CODA



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