Grade 1½

Music for String Orchestra

A Winter Hymnal

Doug Spata

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I 8
Violin II 8
Violin III (Viola T.C.) 2
Viola 5
Cello 5
Bass 5

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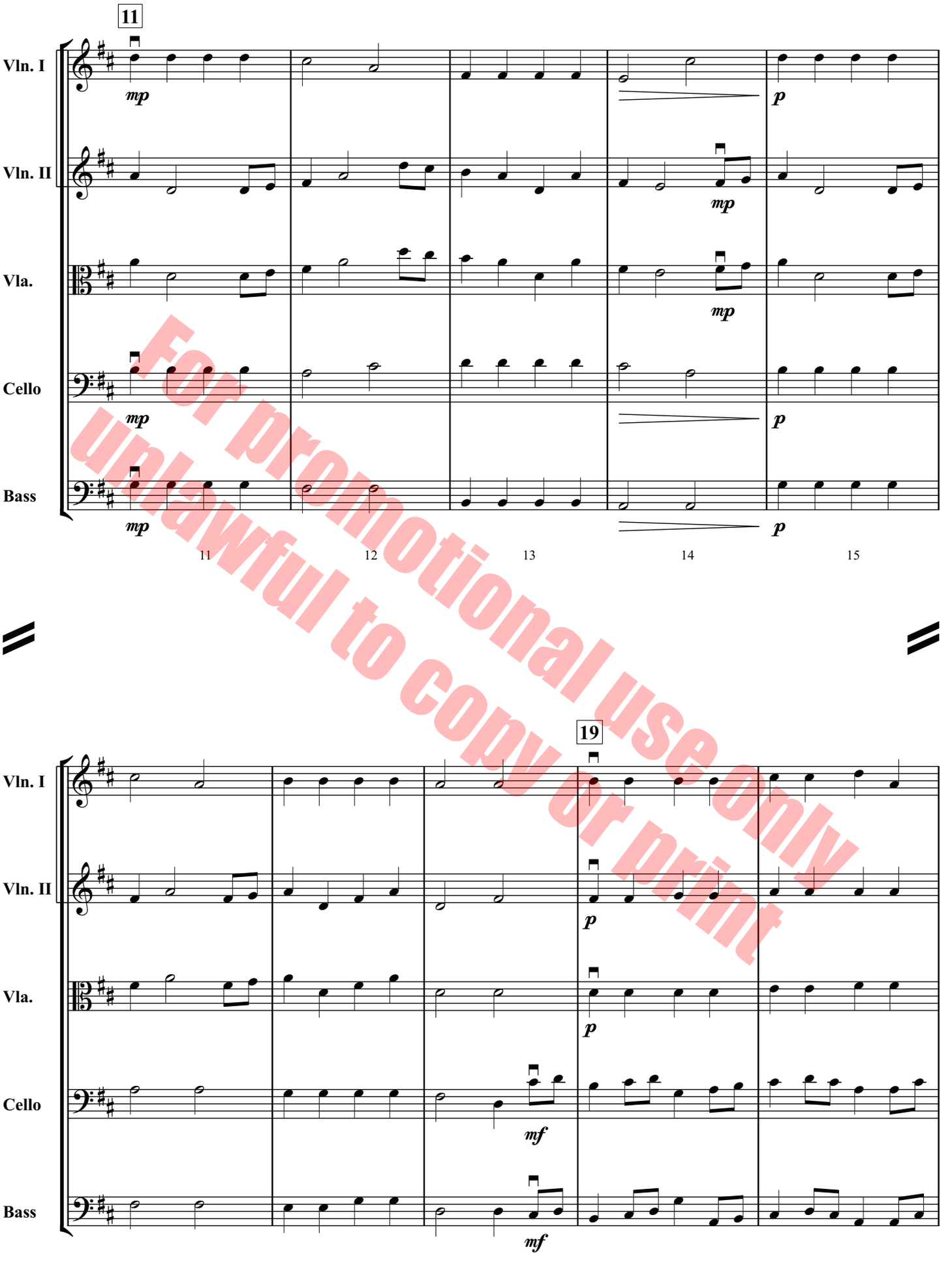
Notes

Written with beginners in mind, *A Winter Hymnal* uses easy rhythms and only first finger pattern notes on the D and A strings to create a rich, warm sound, a perfect contrasting piece for your next program. The slower tempo will give students a chance to work on intonation, bow control, and 4th finger notes. Advanced orchestras may also find it useful for developing vibrato technique.

About the Composer

Though he is a clarinetist by training, Doug Spata's experience as an orchestra teacher has led him to compose primarily for strings. His unique musical style and attention to pedagogical needs has made his works favorites among teachers, students, and audiences and his award-winning music has been performed around the U.S. and the world. Besides music for student musicians, Mr. Spata has composed an opera, ballet scores, symphonies, and many other orchestral and chamber works for ensembles of all sizes.

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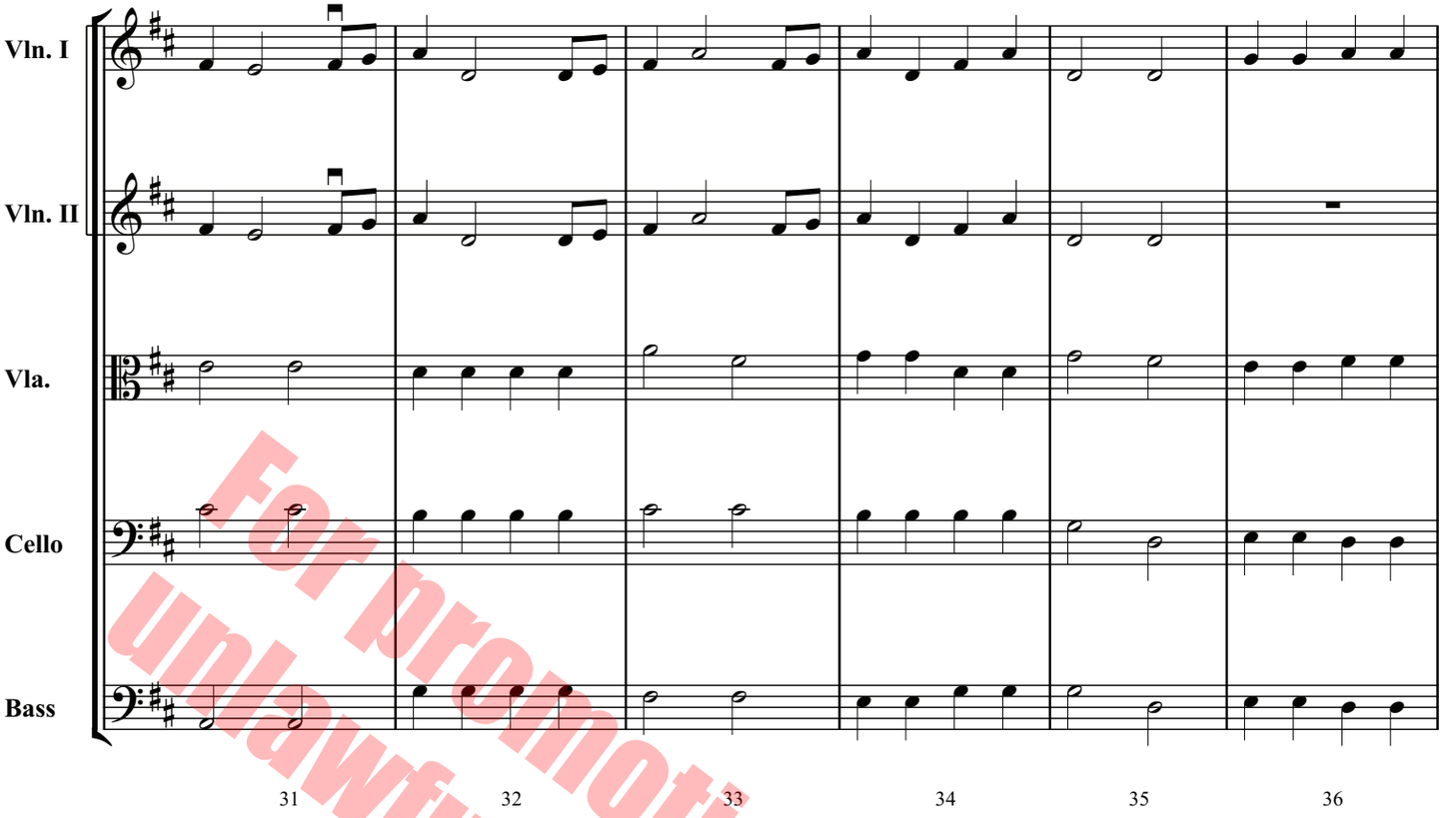


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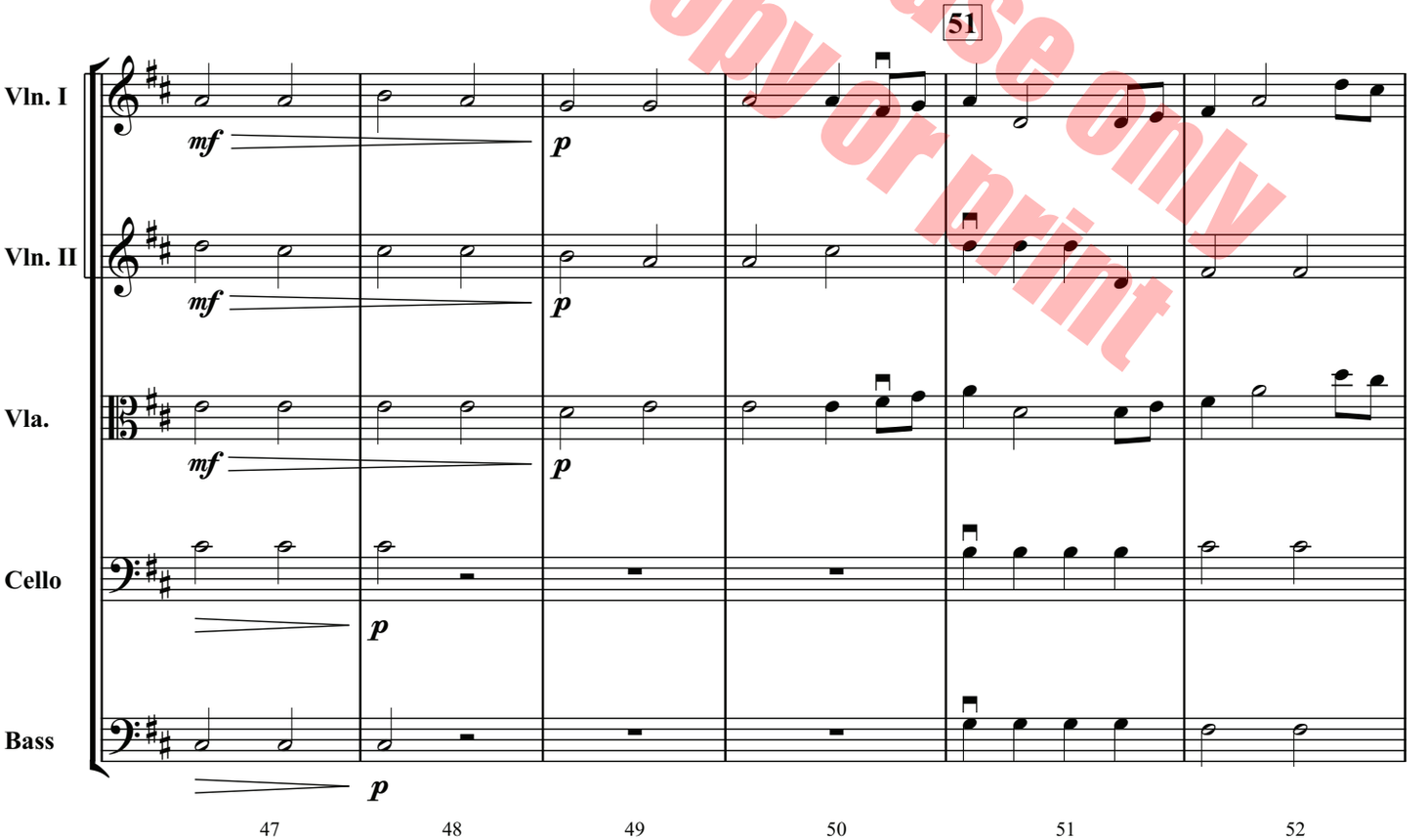




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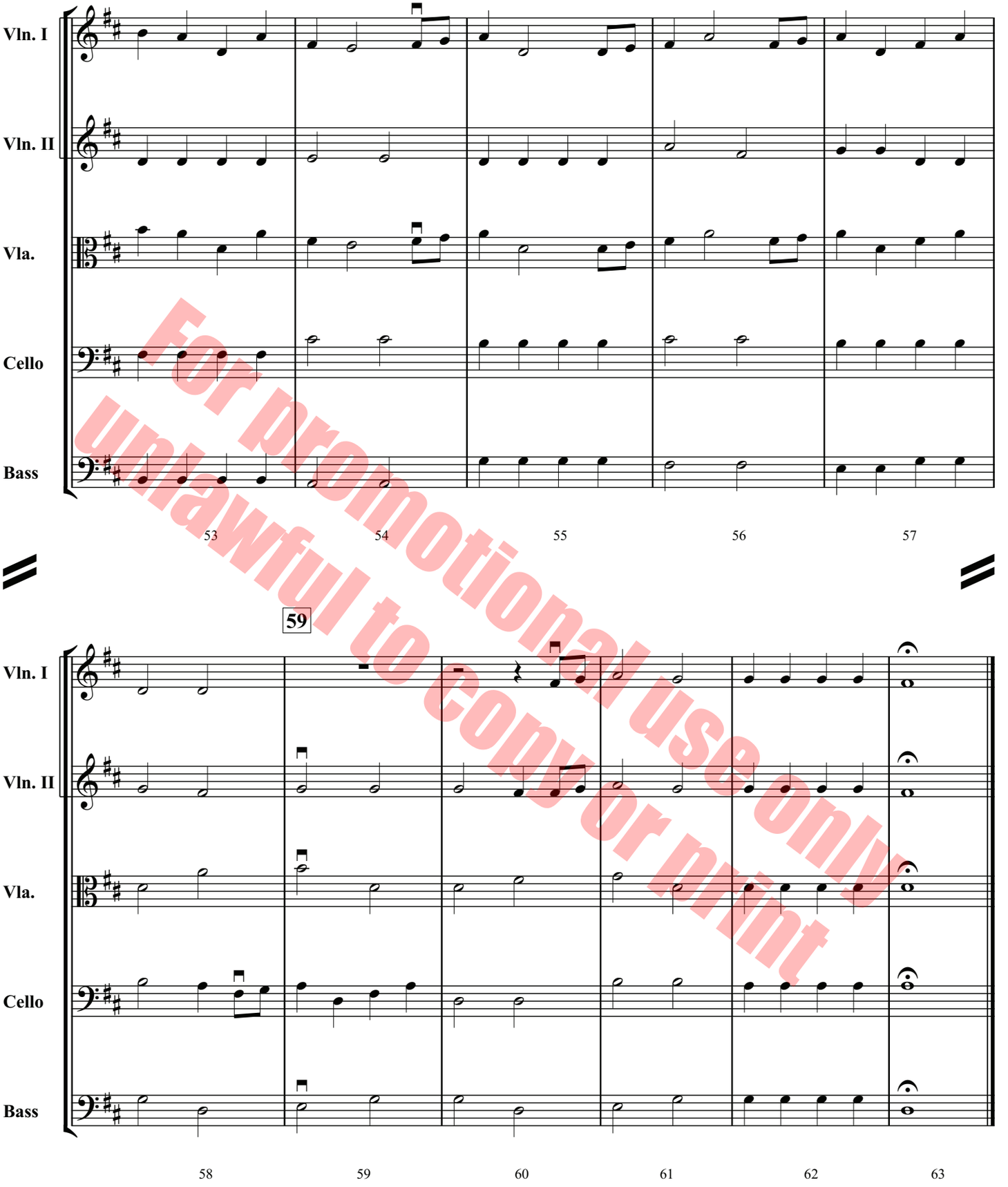




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