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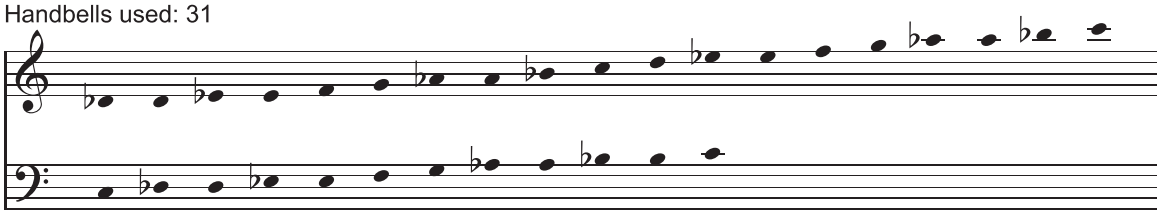
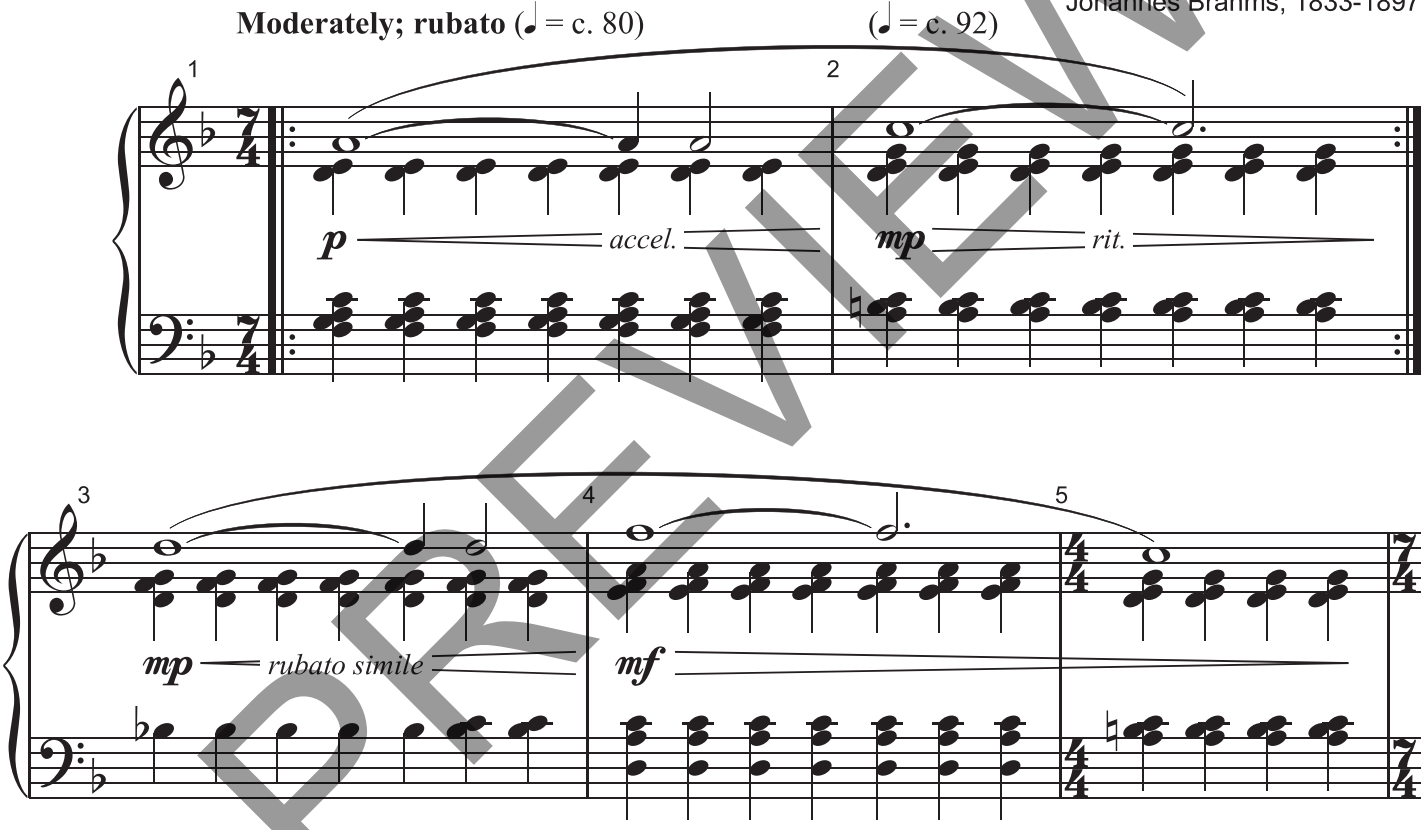
Redemption

3 octaves
Handbells used: 31



Alex Guebert
quoting *VENI EMMANUEL*
French, 15th cent.
and *LULLABY*
Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897



PREVIEW

The scene: a Hebrew woman, in exile, cradles her child. She sings a lullaby to soothe the child's cries, but she cannot ignore the cry of her own soul: the plea for a savior, the promised Messiah. The lullaby ends; strains of a plainchant emerge: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. The cries of a people are heard, with more and more urgency -- a savior is promised, a savior is needed! The struggles are fierce; the distress of the people is at its height -- and yet: "Rejoice! Rejoice!" resounds as a loud refrain, as pillars of sound. Emmanuel shall indeed come to thee, O Israel. The Promised One arrives, as another lullaby is heard -- a woman cradles her child, but this time, that child is the Son of God. Rejoice, rejoice, as Mary soothes her baby, as the Messiah is rocked to sleep.

An edition for 4, 5, 6 or 7 octaves is also available, code CGB1171. Although there are differences, the two editions are designed to be playable together in massed ringing events.

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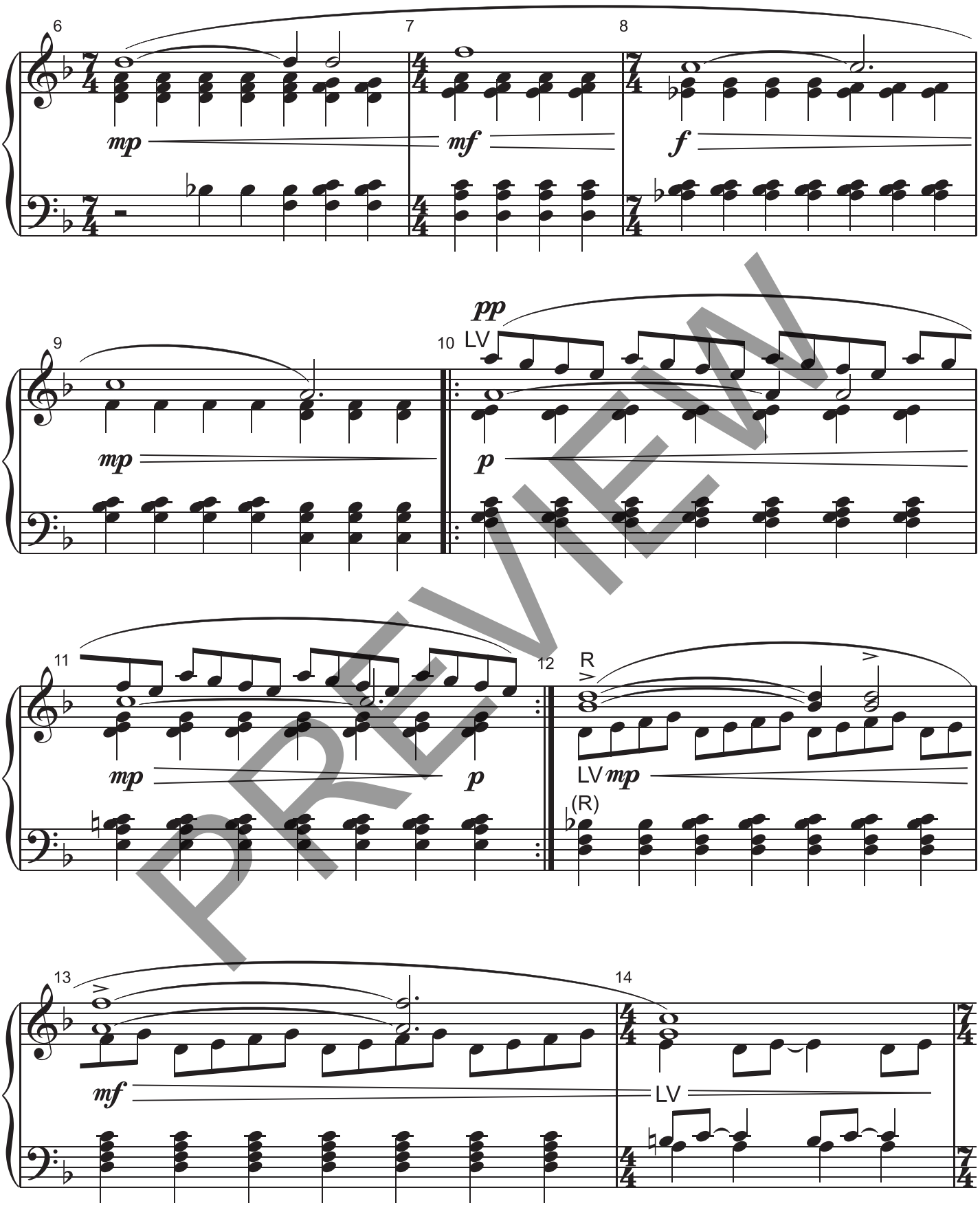

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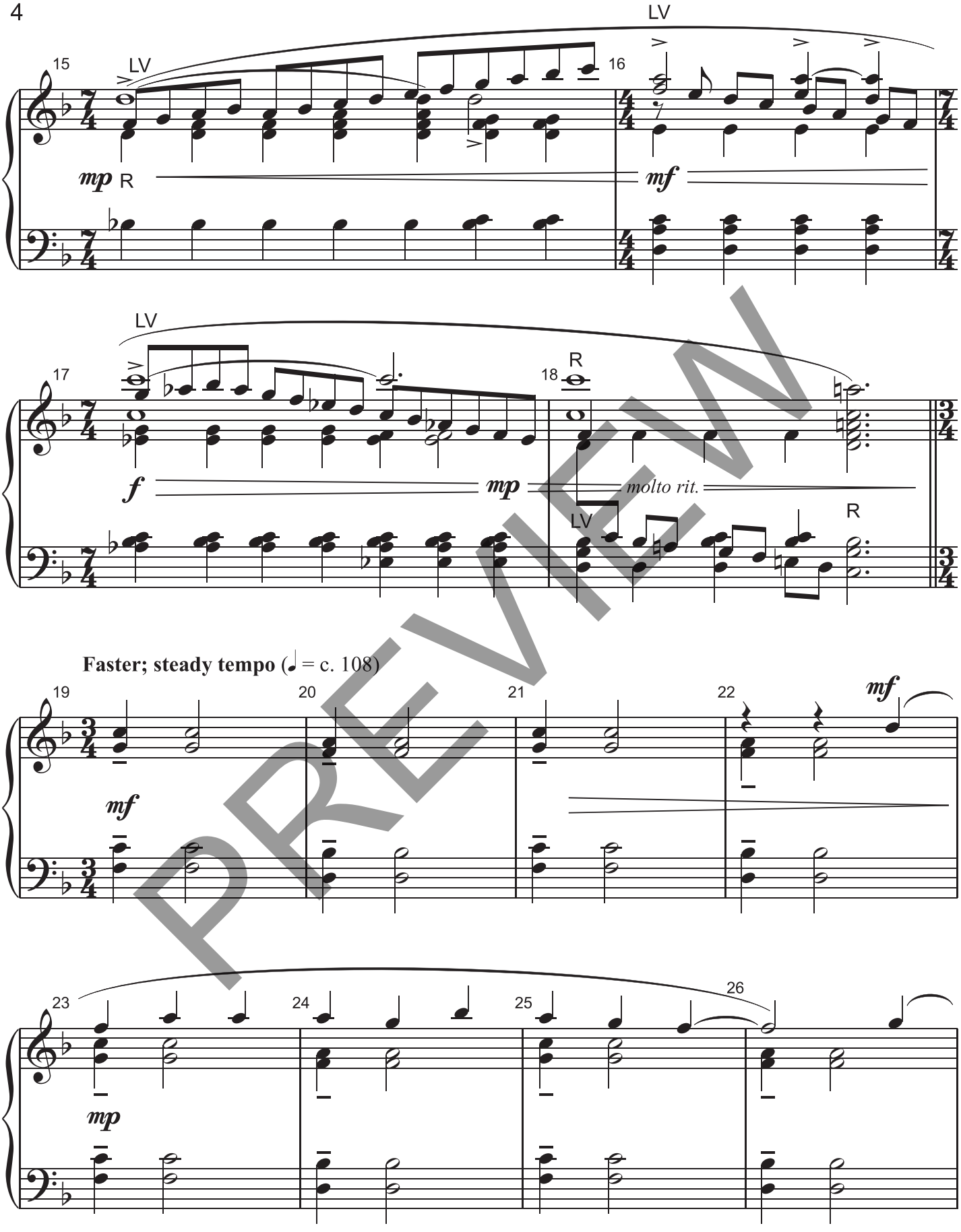
LV
15
LV
16
mp R
mf
LV
17
18
R
f
mp
molto rit.
LV
R
Faster; steady tempo (♩ = c. 108)
19
20
21
22
mf
mf
23
24
25
26
mp

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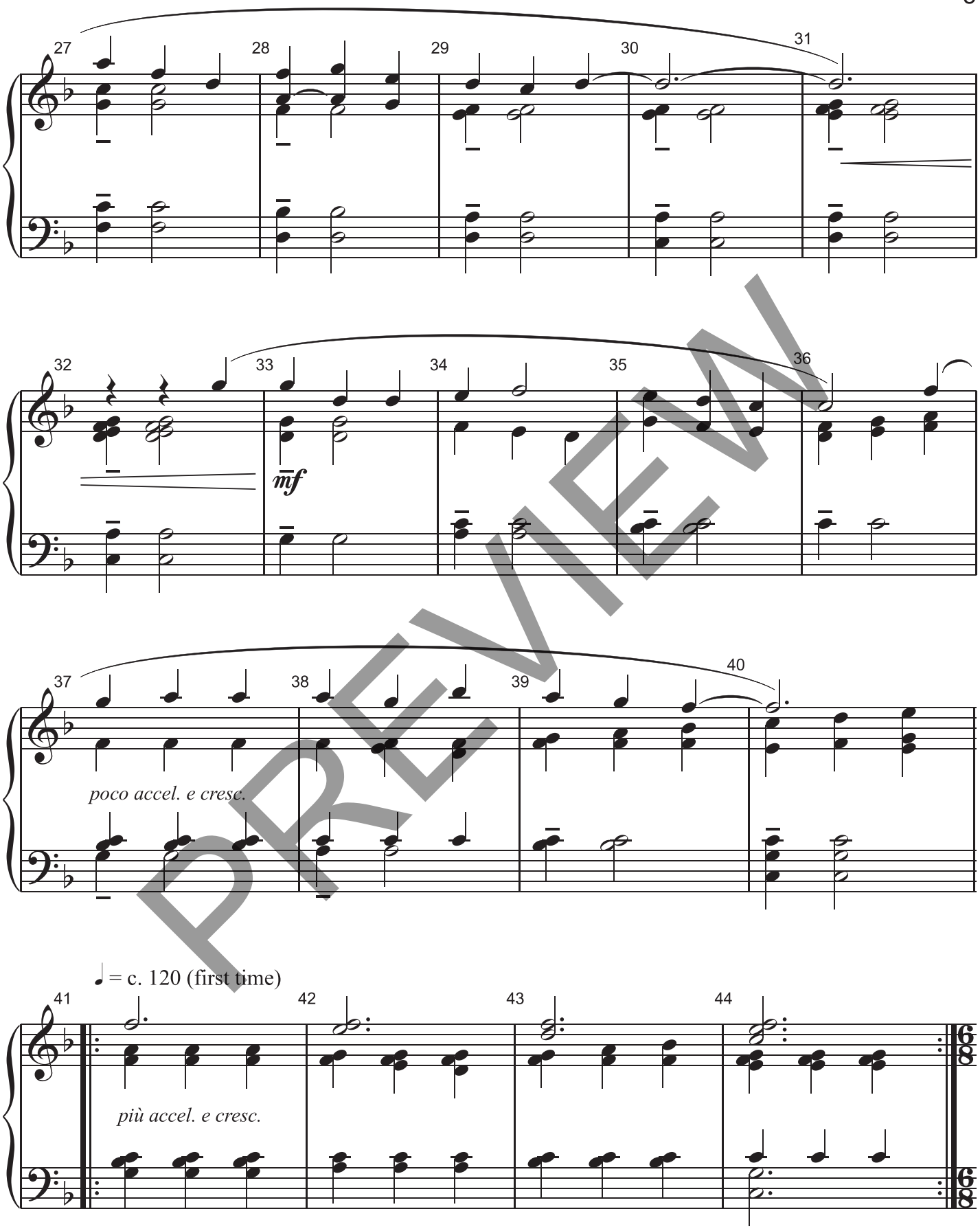
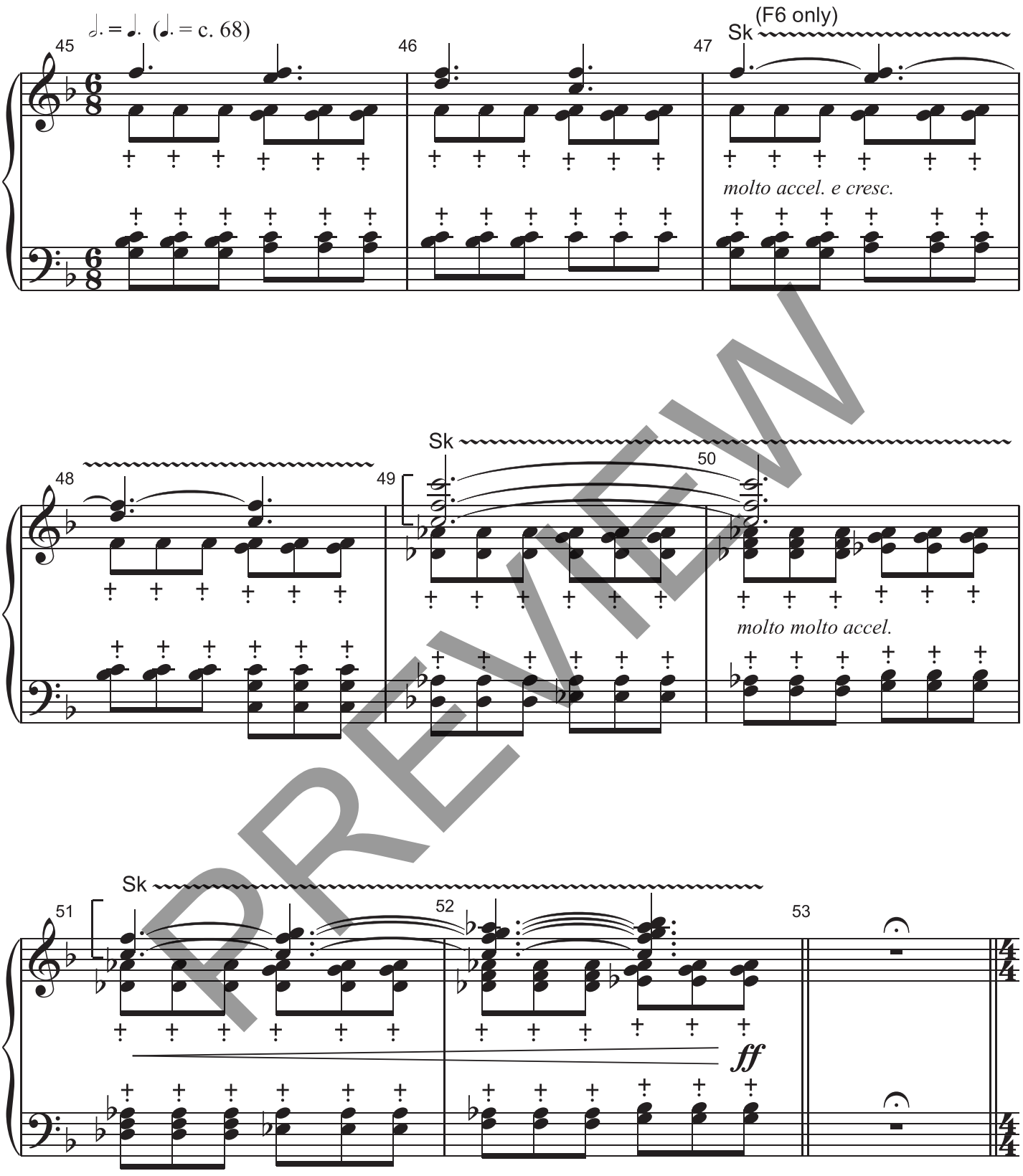

27
28
29
30
31
32
33
mf
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
poco accel. e cresc.
♩ = c. 120 (first time)
41
42
43
44
più accel. e cresc.

PREVIEW


♩. = ♩. (♩. = c. 68)
45
46
47
Sk
(F6 only)
molto accel. e cresc.
48
49
Sk
50
molto molto accel.
51
Sk
52
53
ff

PREVIEW