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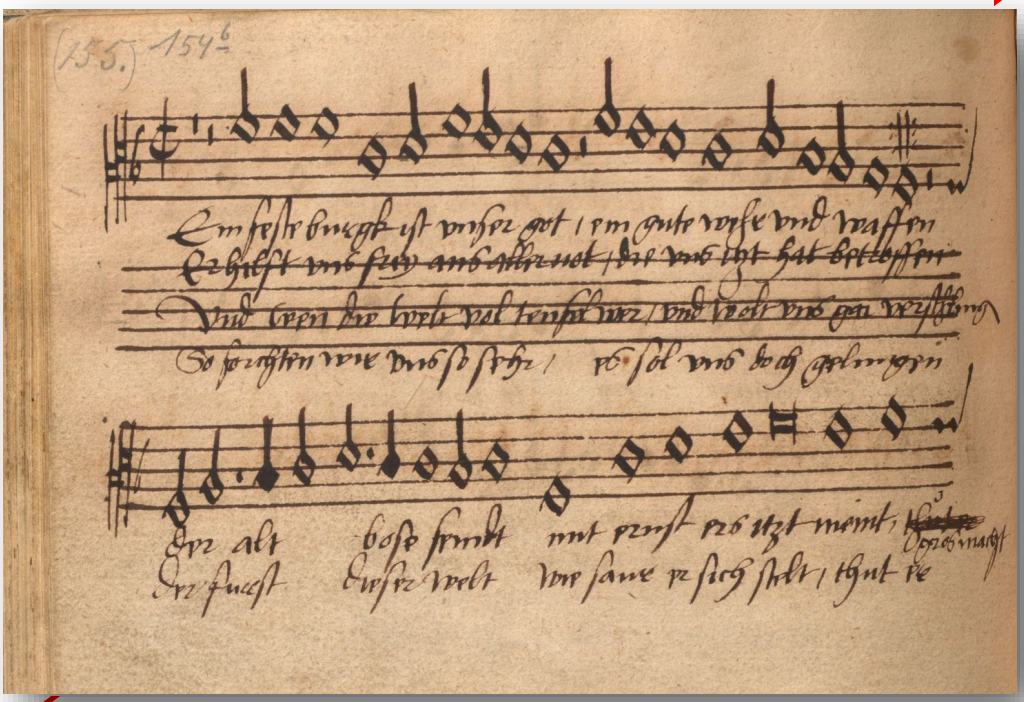

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Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott *(A Mighty Fortress is Our God)* is one of the best-known hymns by Martin Luther, a prolific hymnwriter. Luther wrote the words and composed the hymn tune between 1527 and 1529. It has been translated into English at least seventy times and into many other languages. The first line is a paraphrase of Psalm 46.

The hymn has been used by numerous composers. This setting for organ was composed by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 –1748), who was a German music theorist, organist, composer, and lexicographer of the Baroque era. His life was contemporaneous to that of his famous second cousin and close friend, Johann Sebastian Bach.

Walther was well-known as the compiler of the *Musicalisches Lexicon*, an enormous German dictionary of musical terms and information about composers and performers up to the early 18th century.

As an organ composer, Walther was noted for his organ transcriptions of orchestral concertos by contemporary Italian and German masters. These works were modeled by Bach in transcriptions of concertos by Vivaldi and others. Walther wrote 132 organ preludes based on Lutheran chorale melodies.

Sw and Ch: Principal Chorus 8, 4, 2, Mixture
Gt: Principal Chorus 8, 4, 2, Mixture;
Sw & Ch coupled to Gt.
Ped: 16, 8, 4; Reed 16;
Sw and Gt coupled to Pedal

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A Mighty Fortress

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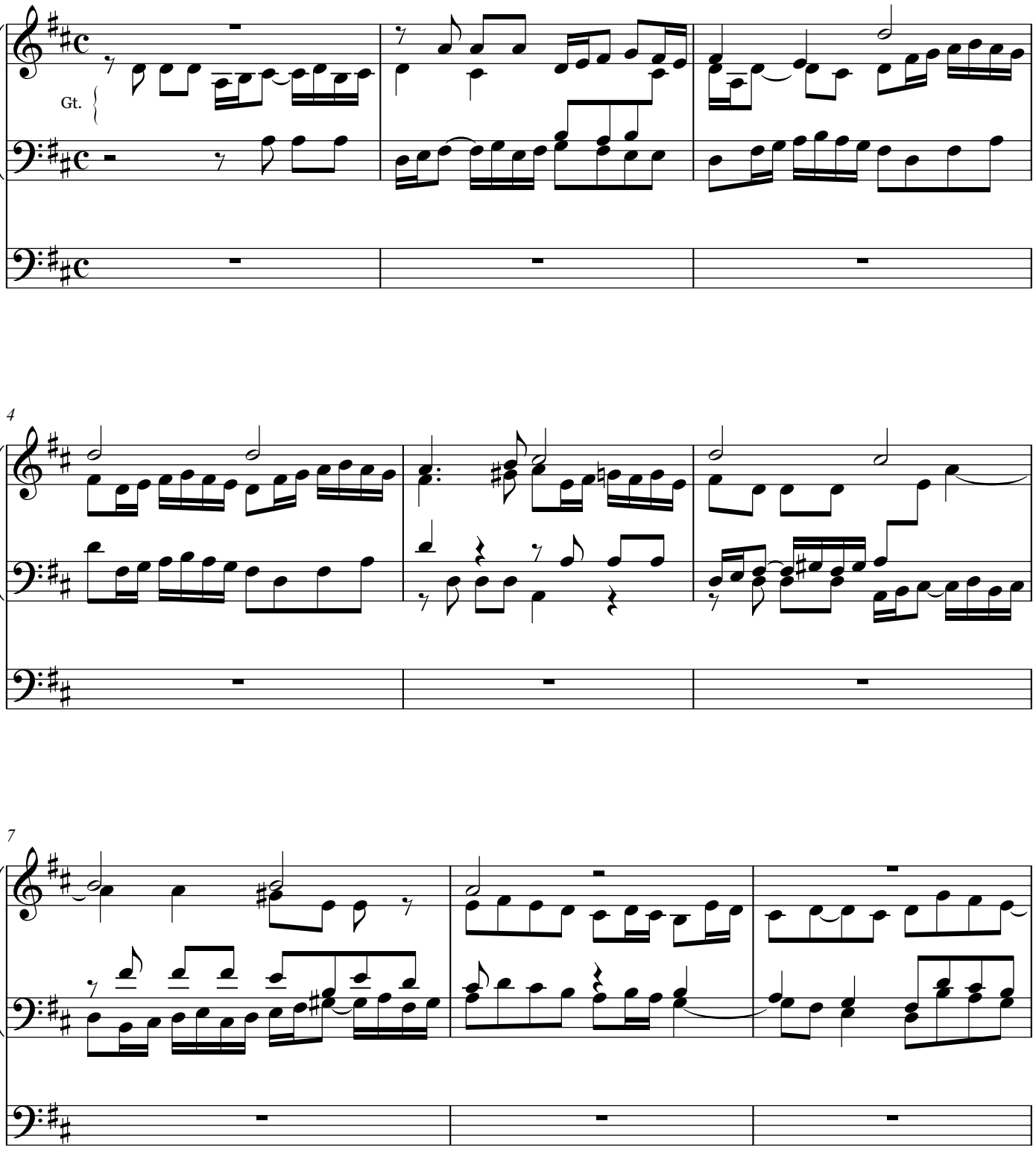

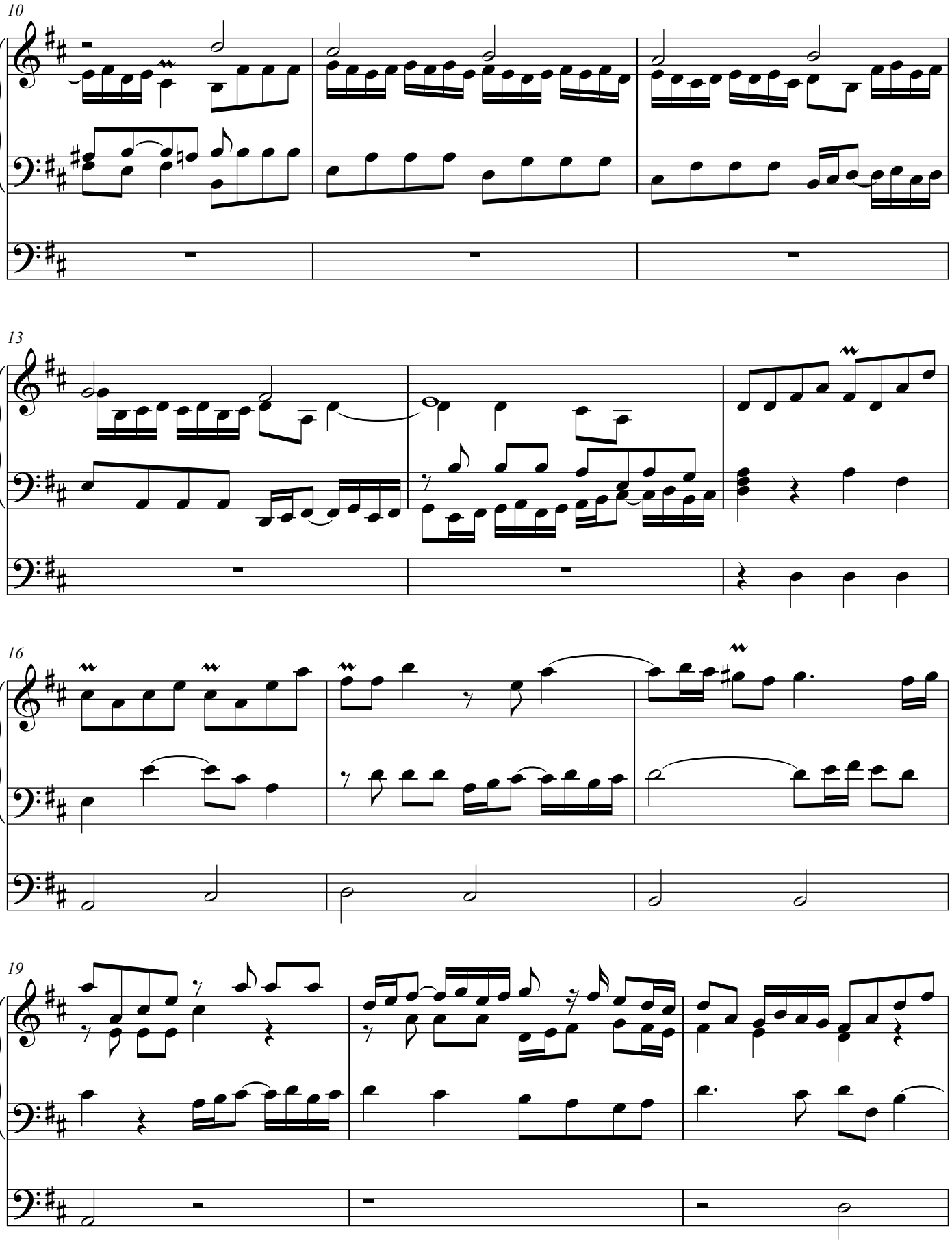
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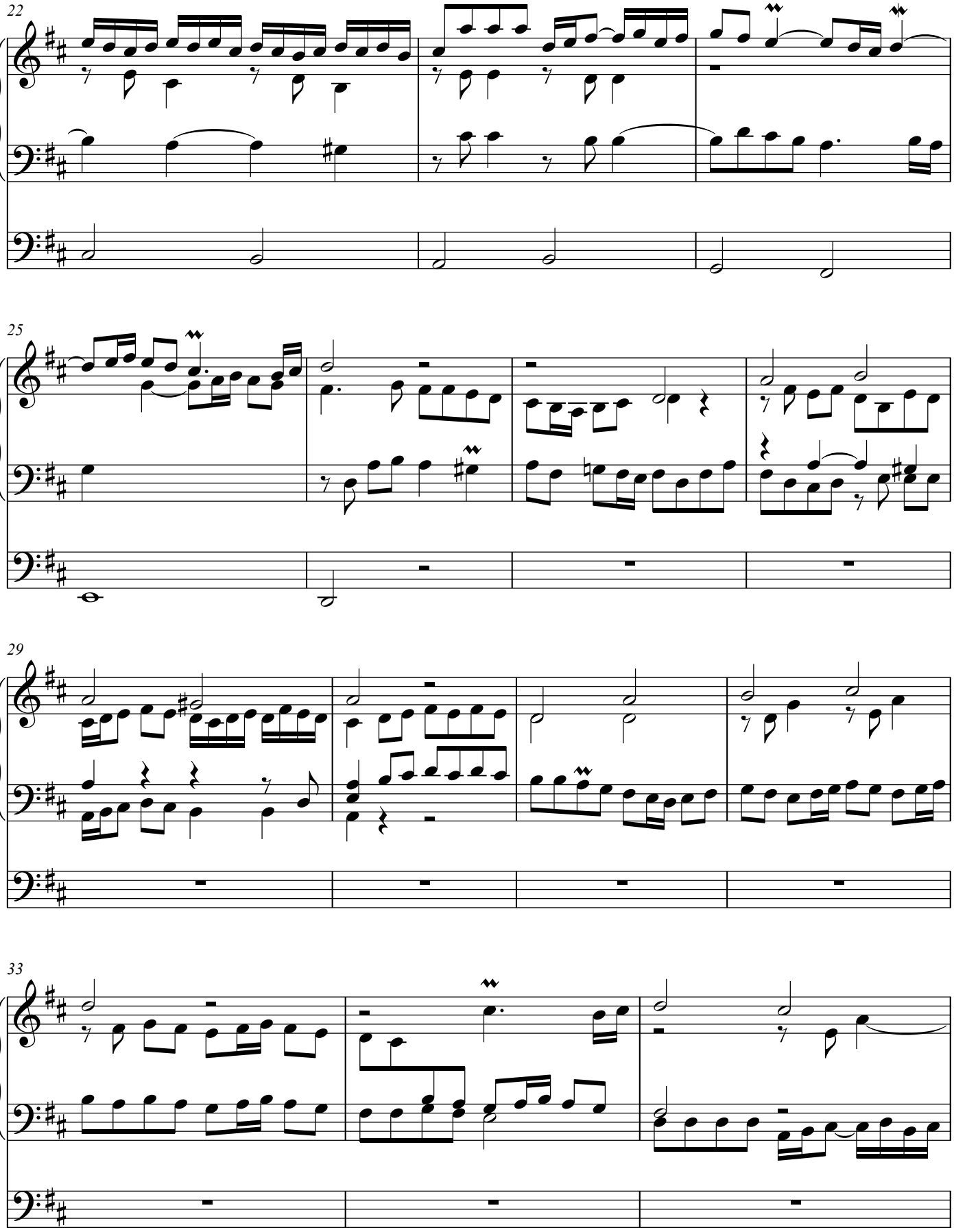
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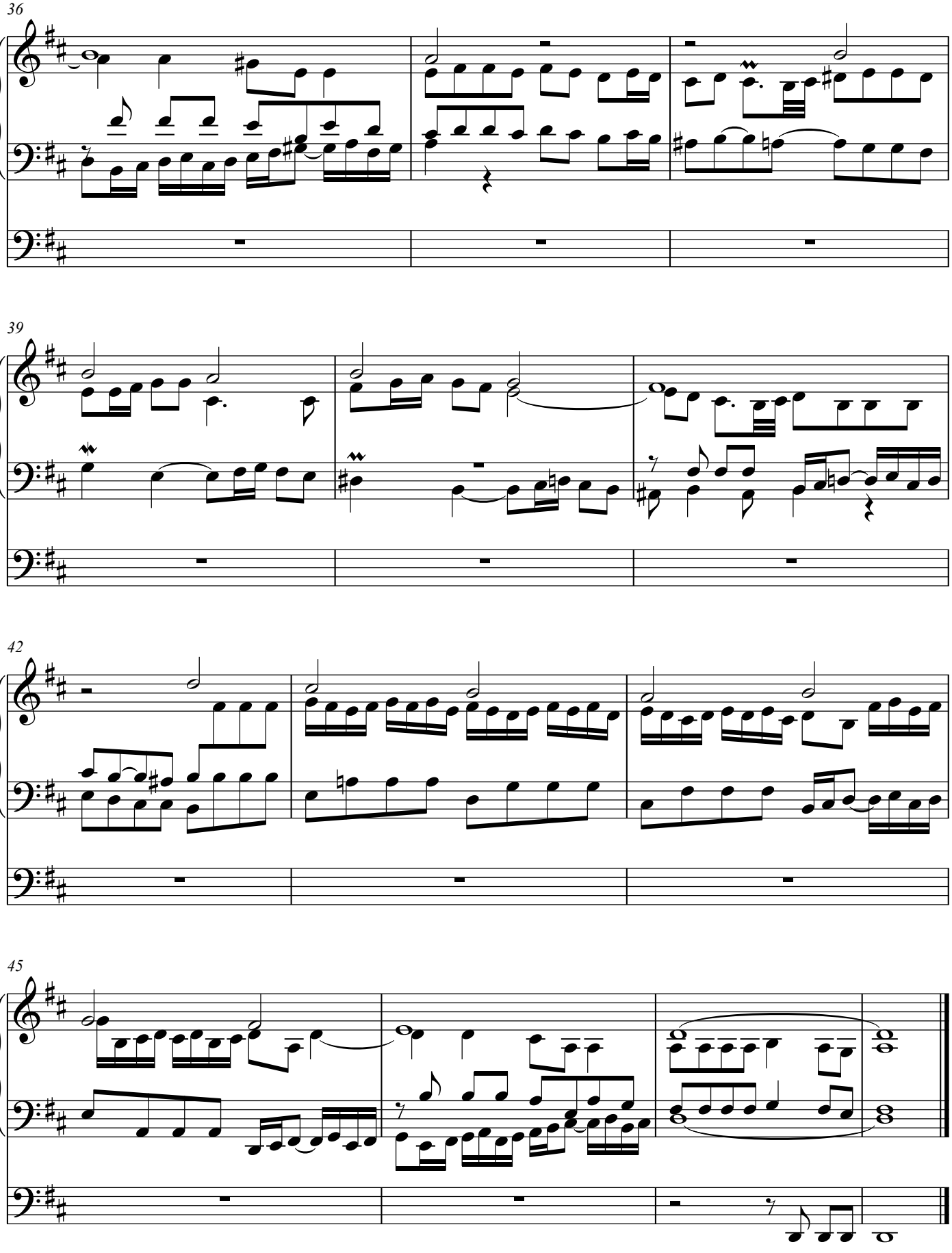
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