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A Collection of reels strathspeys and slow tunes,

arranged for the piano forte

By Alexander McKay of Islay (b.1775)

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Mackay was born c. 1775 and was a fiddler-composer from Islay. Many of his tune titles are reflect Islay settings.
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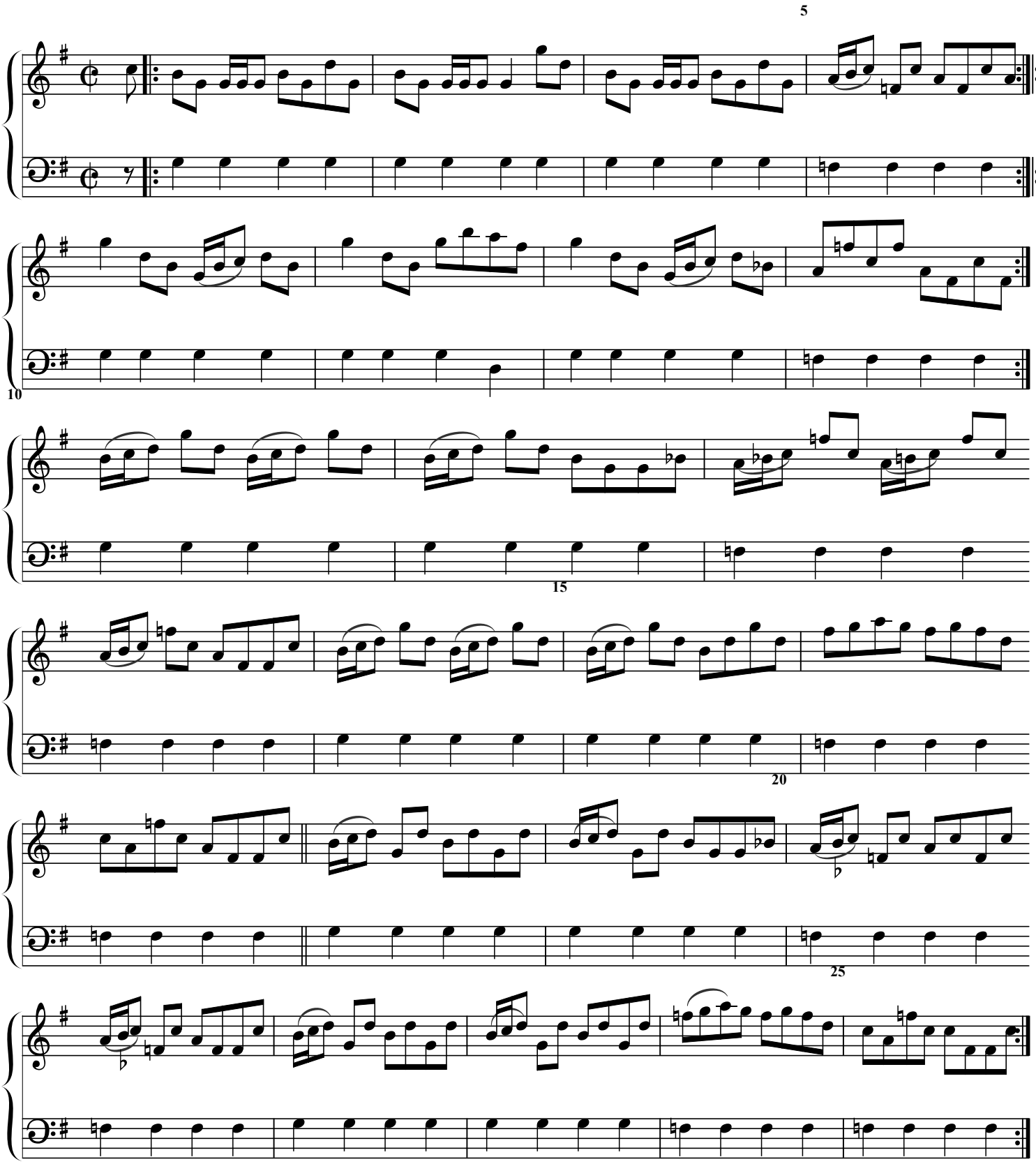
The Flaggon



Miss C. Clarks Strathspey

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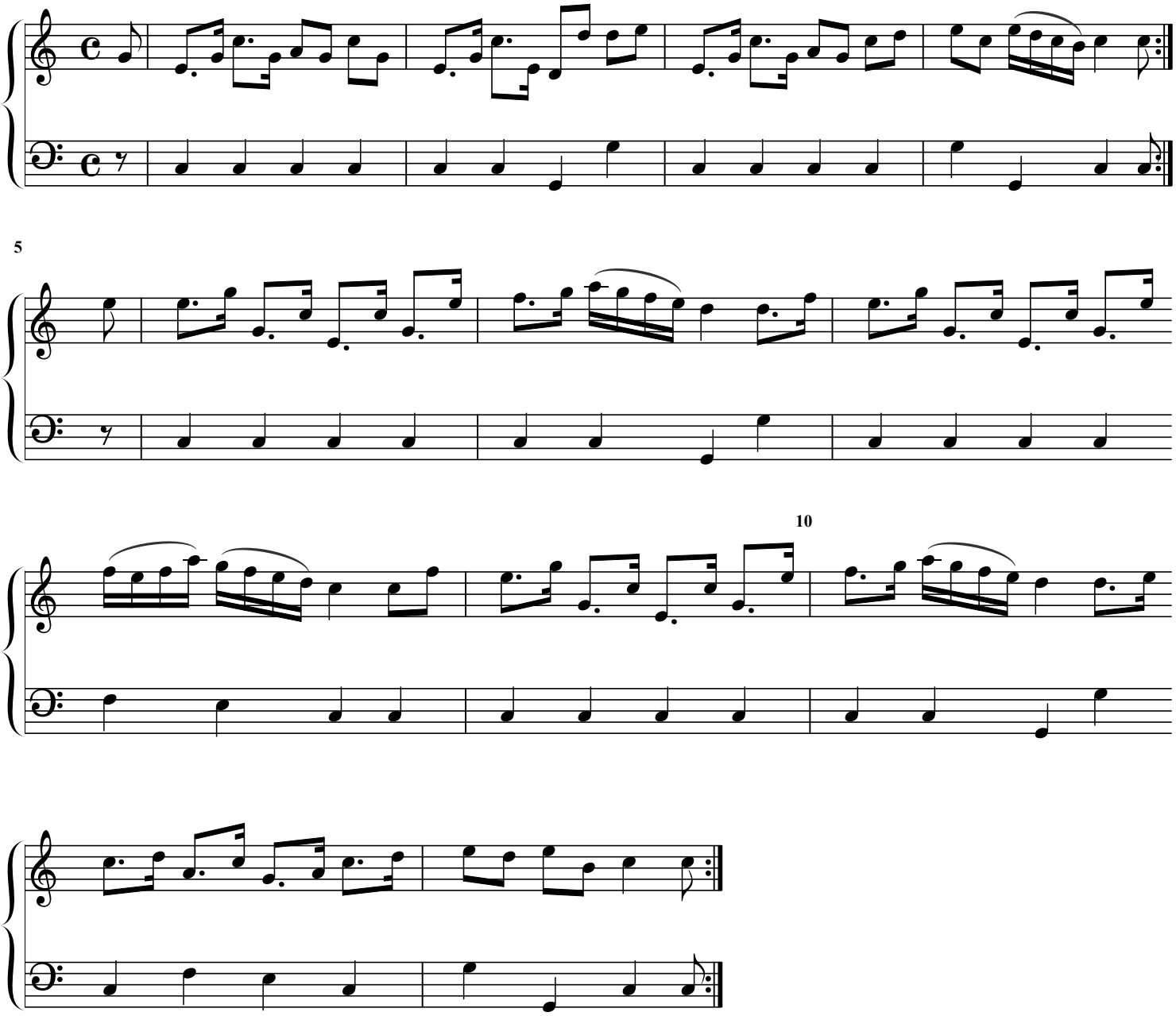

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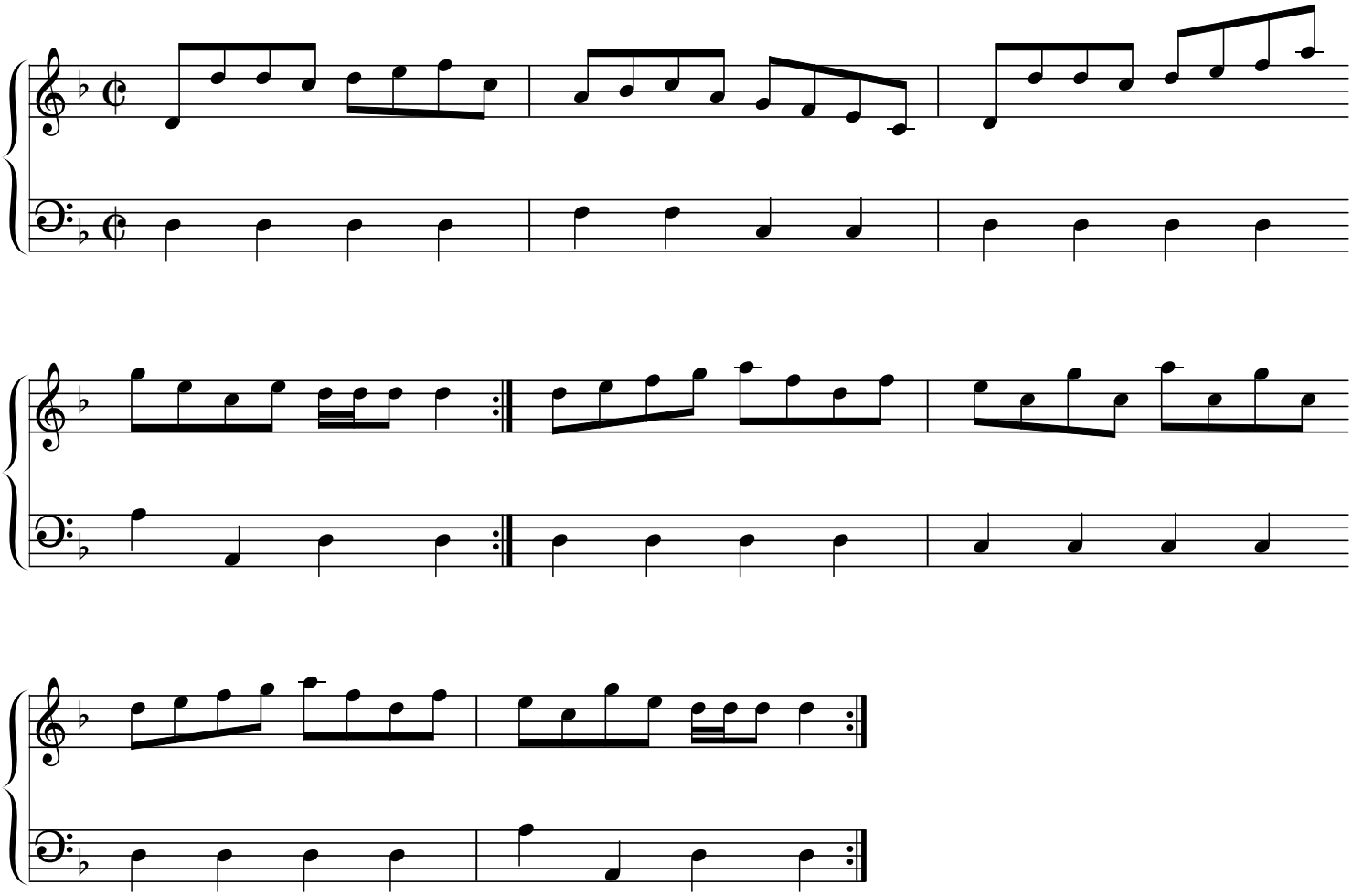

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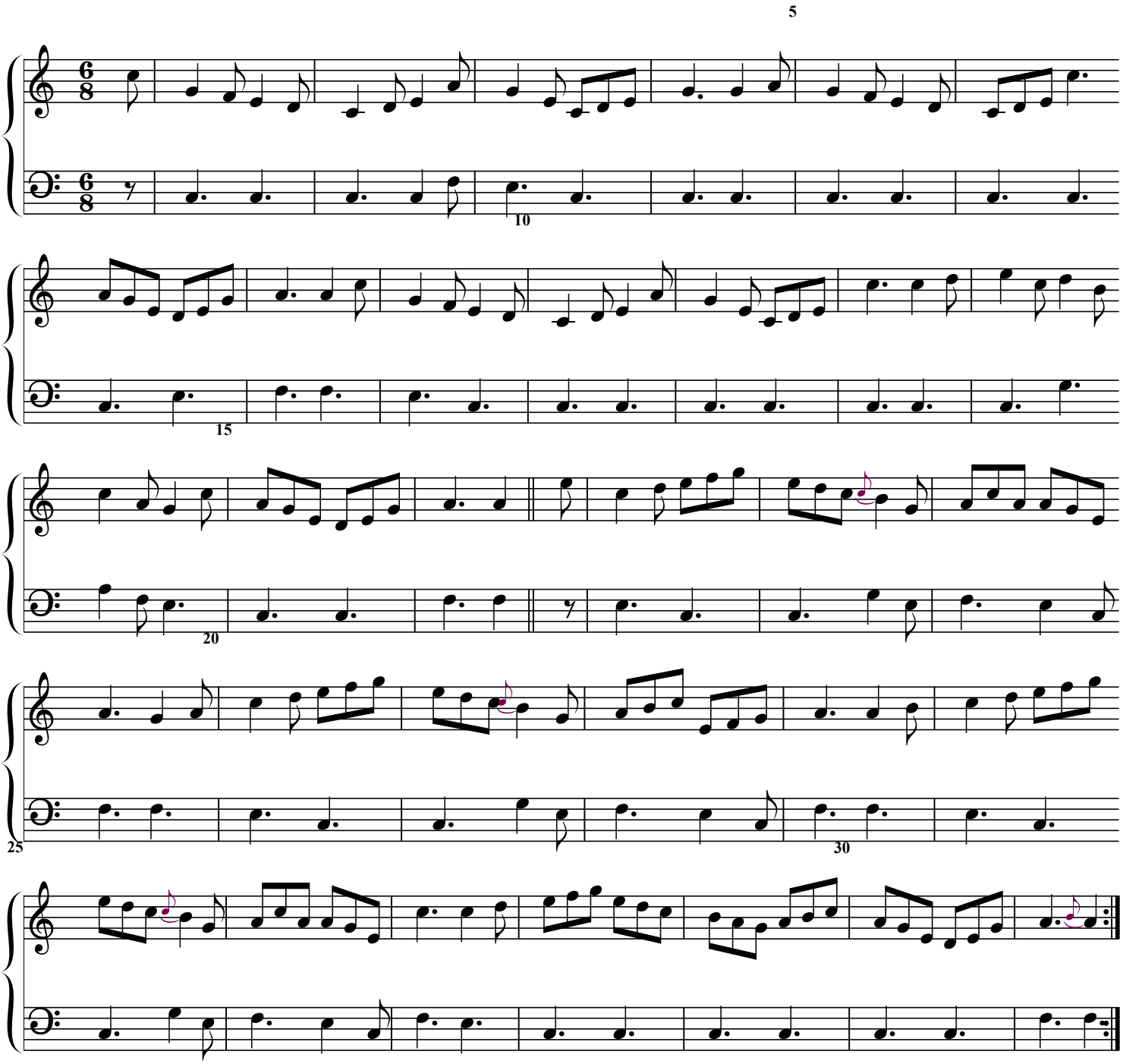
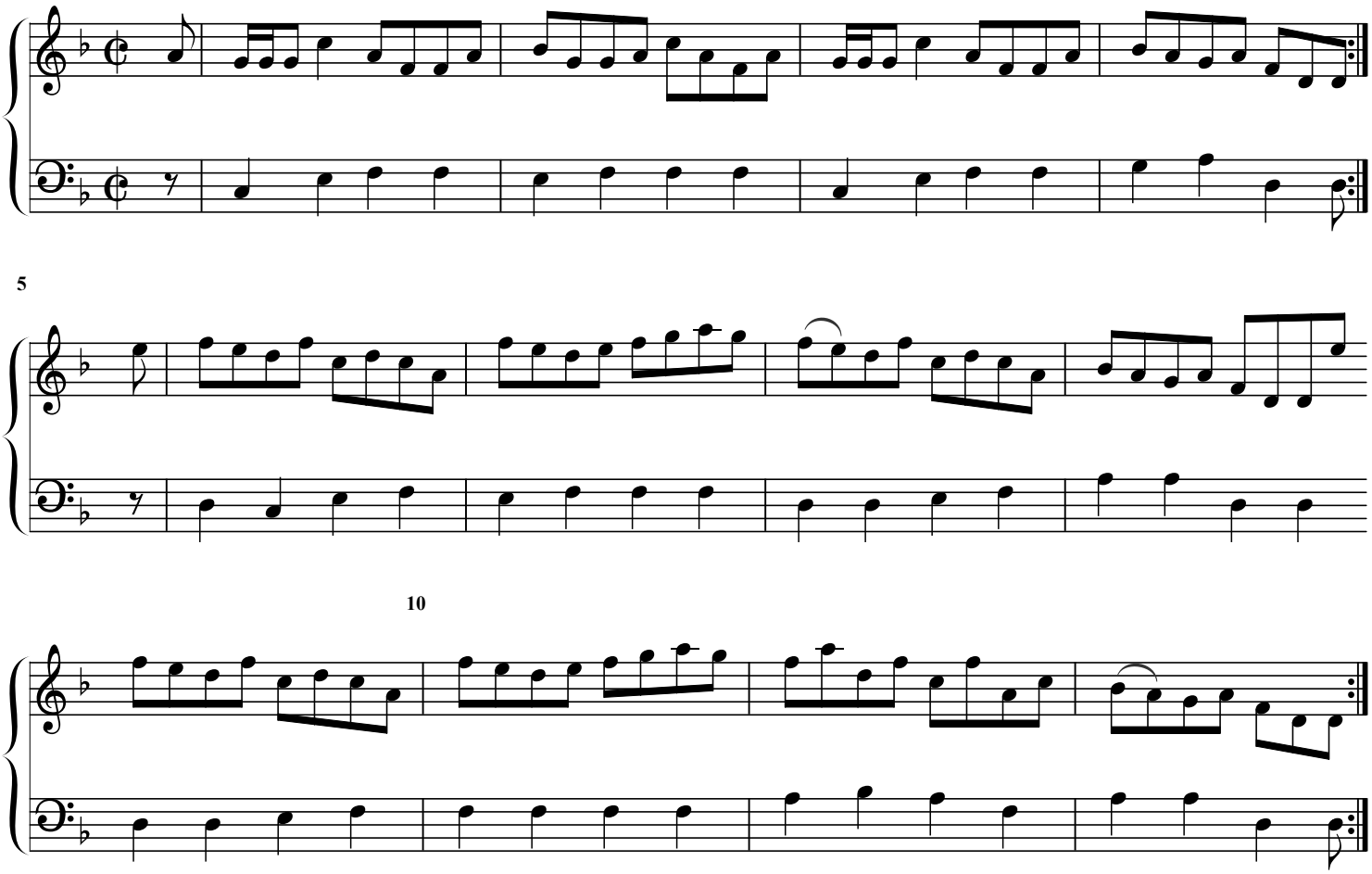


Inner Hebrides folklore tells the story of "Doideag Mhuilleach" or Mull Witch who was said to have worked for the MacLeans of Duart in using her powers to cast a spell on a ship of the Spanish Armada in Tobermory Harbor. Historical record confirms that a ship called the Florida or Florencia (AKA Almirante di Florencia) was sunk in Tobermory Harbour in 1588. According to the story (there are many variations of the tale), a beautiful Spanish princes had a dream about the man she would marry and set out to find him in her galleon. When she arrived in Tobermory she met the MacLean chief, Lachlann, and determined she was the man of which she had dreamed. Lachlann was infatuated as well, and paid court to her on her ship. This greatly displeased Lachlann's youg wife, and she called on the renowned Mull witch, the Doideag Mhuileach, and asked her to sink the ship rid her of her rival. The Doideag acceded and elicited aid from the witches from the nearby islands of Tiree and Islay and from the Lochaber mainland, where the most powerful witch, Gorm-Shùil Mhòr, had a particular power over cats. The Florida/Florencia did in fact explode in the harbor on that date.

The power of witches to cause shipwrecks and drown sailors features in many Scottish tales, and is a feature of other northwestern European folklore.

Na Logaisean

a Very Old Reel



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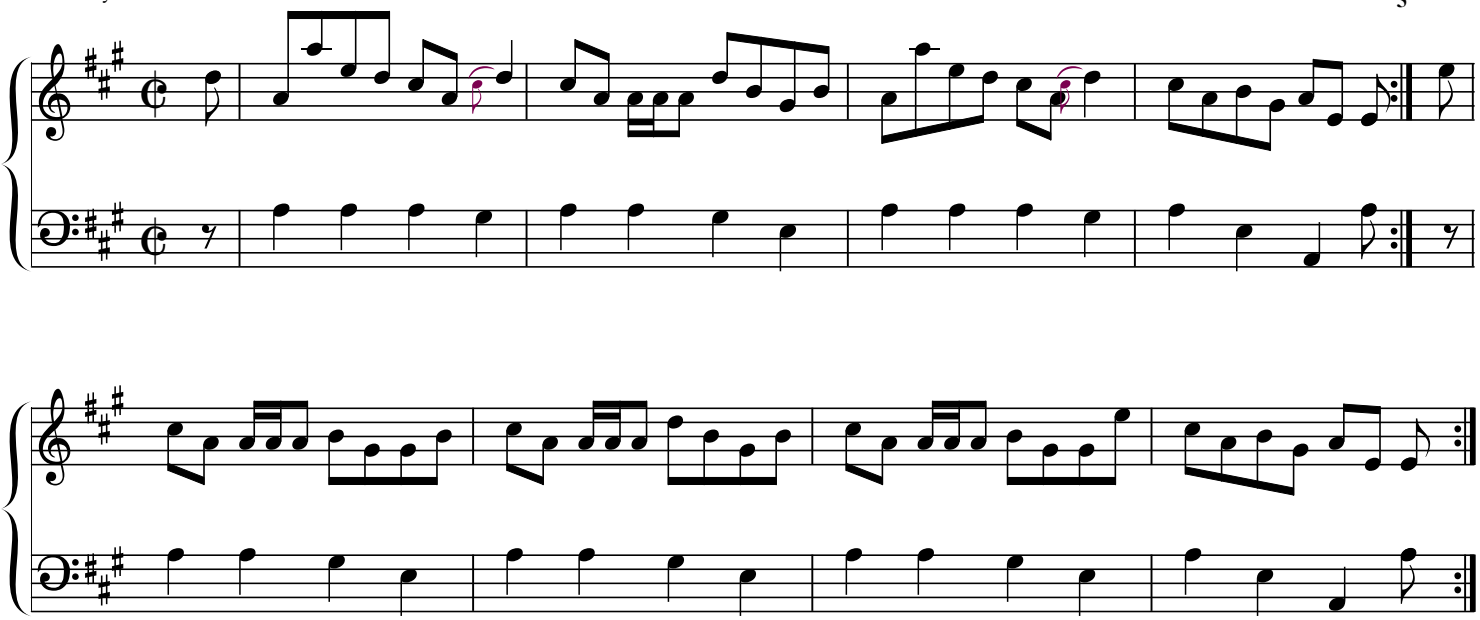

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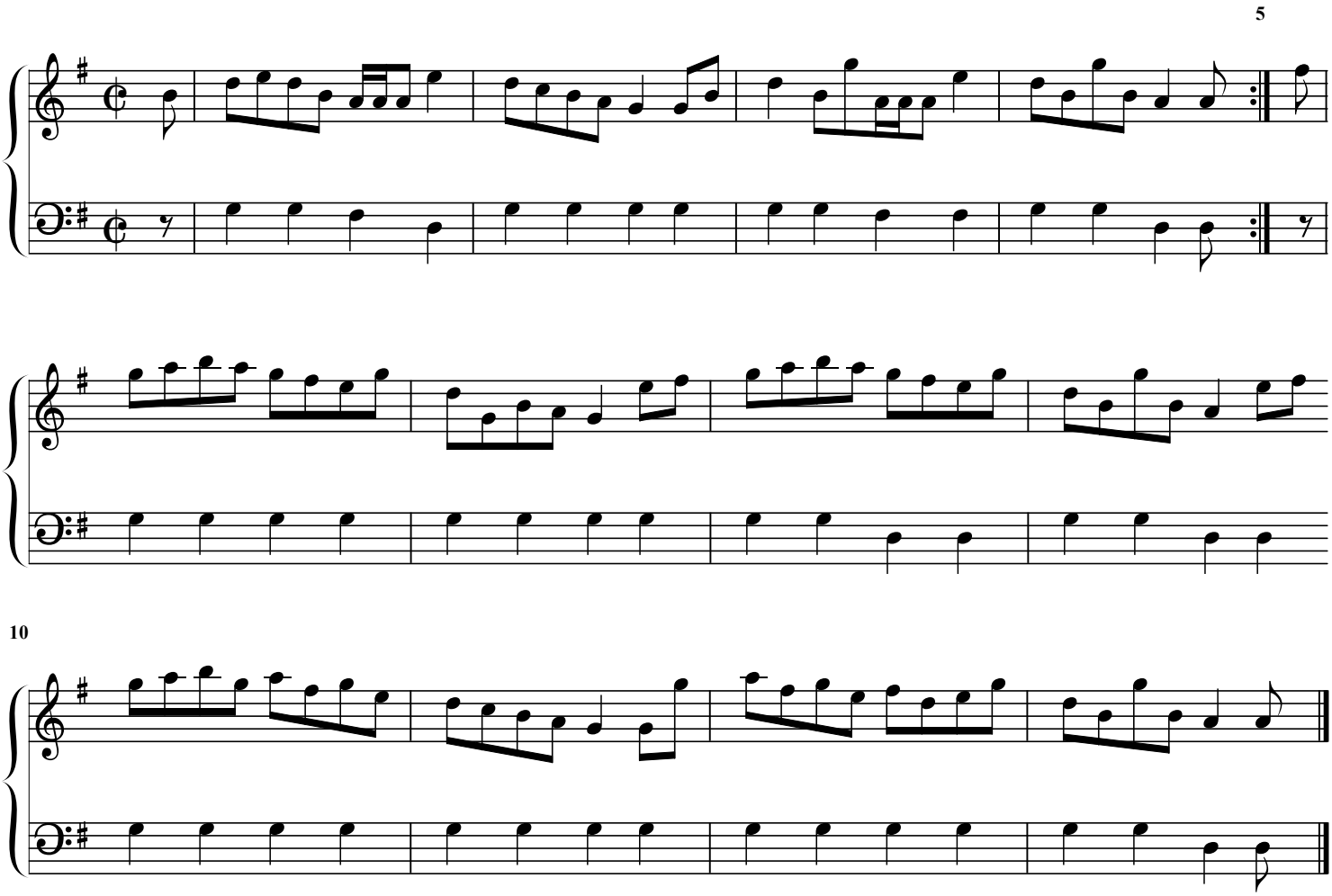

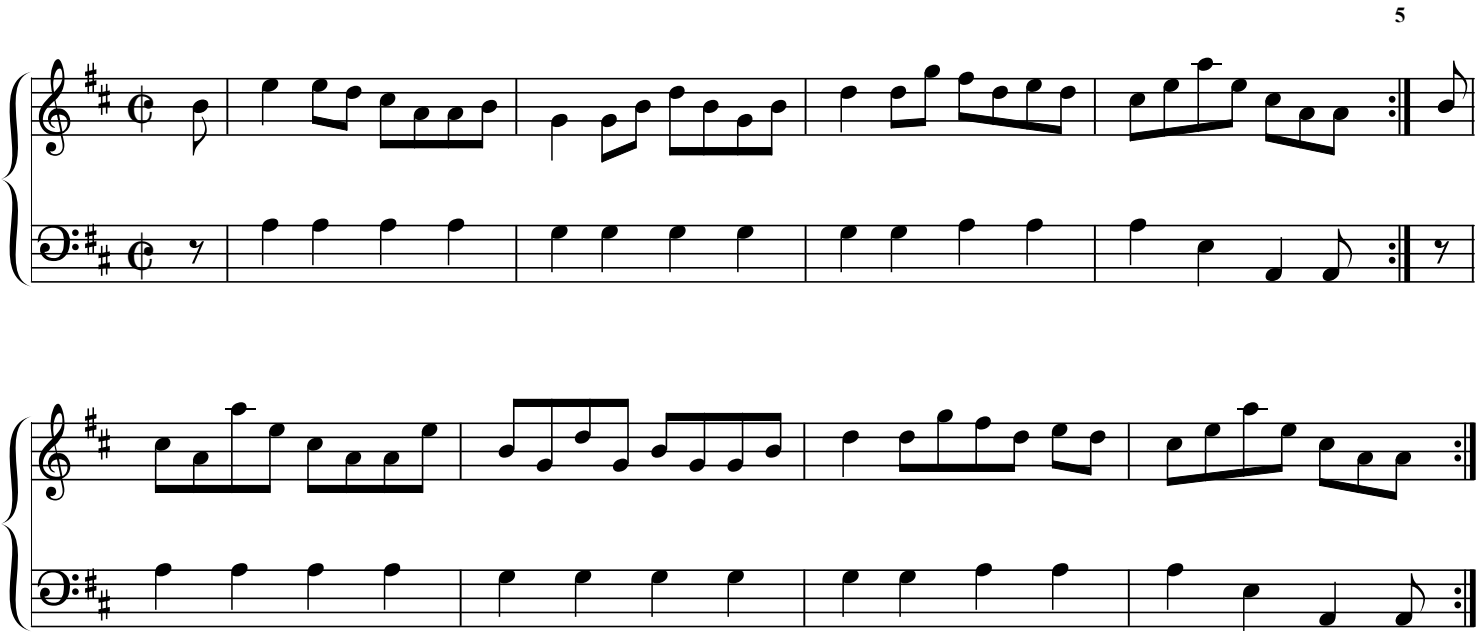
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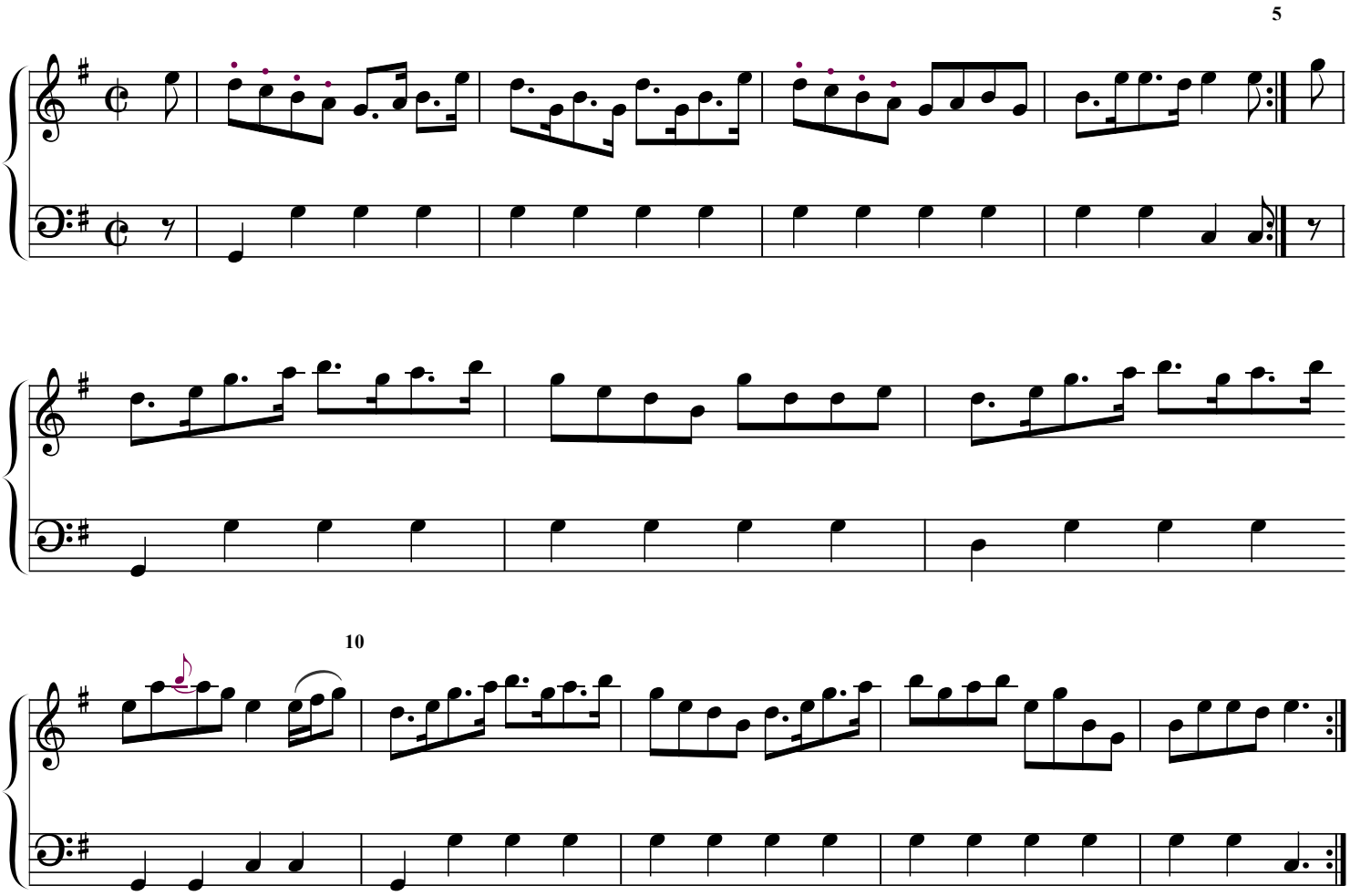

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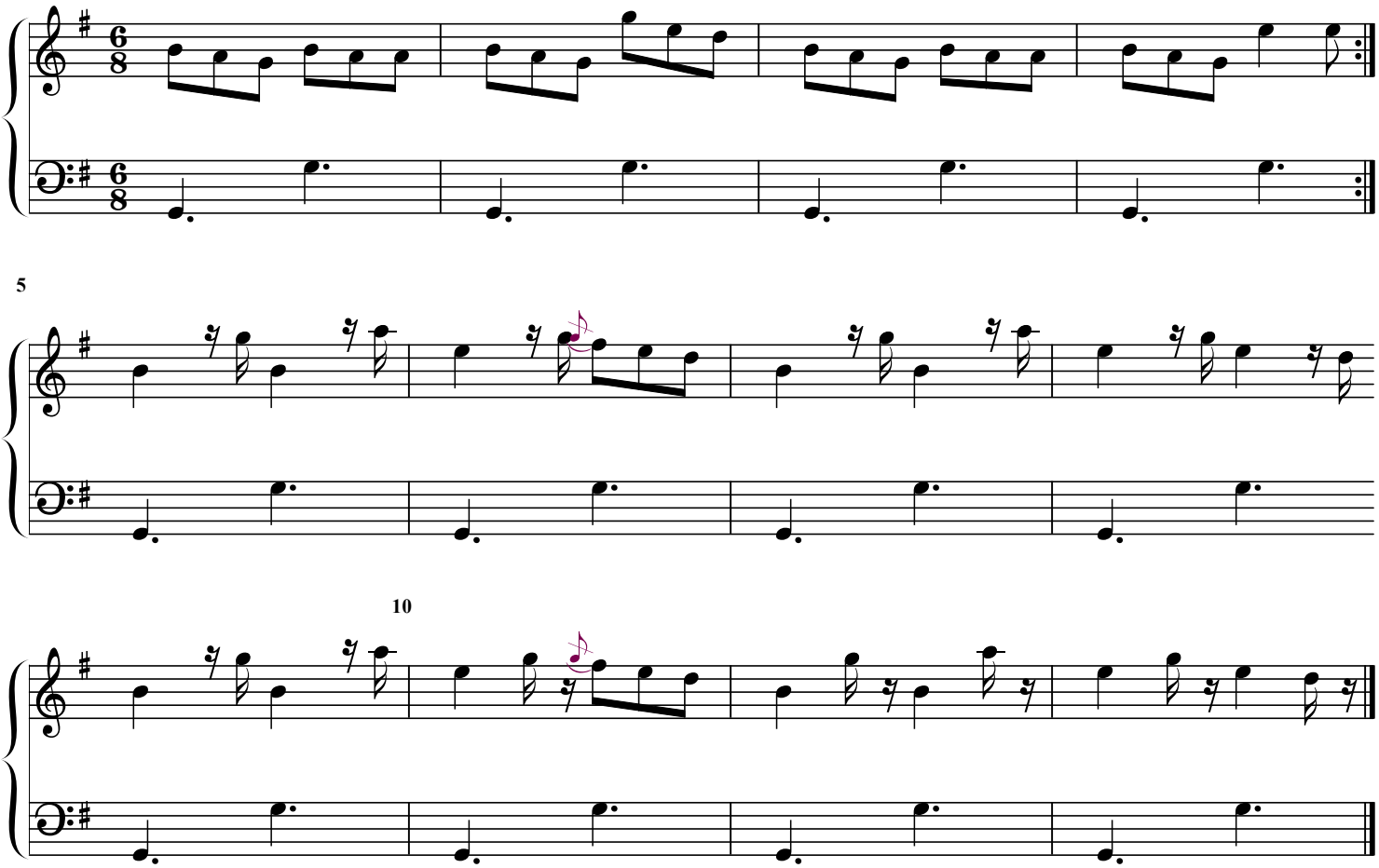

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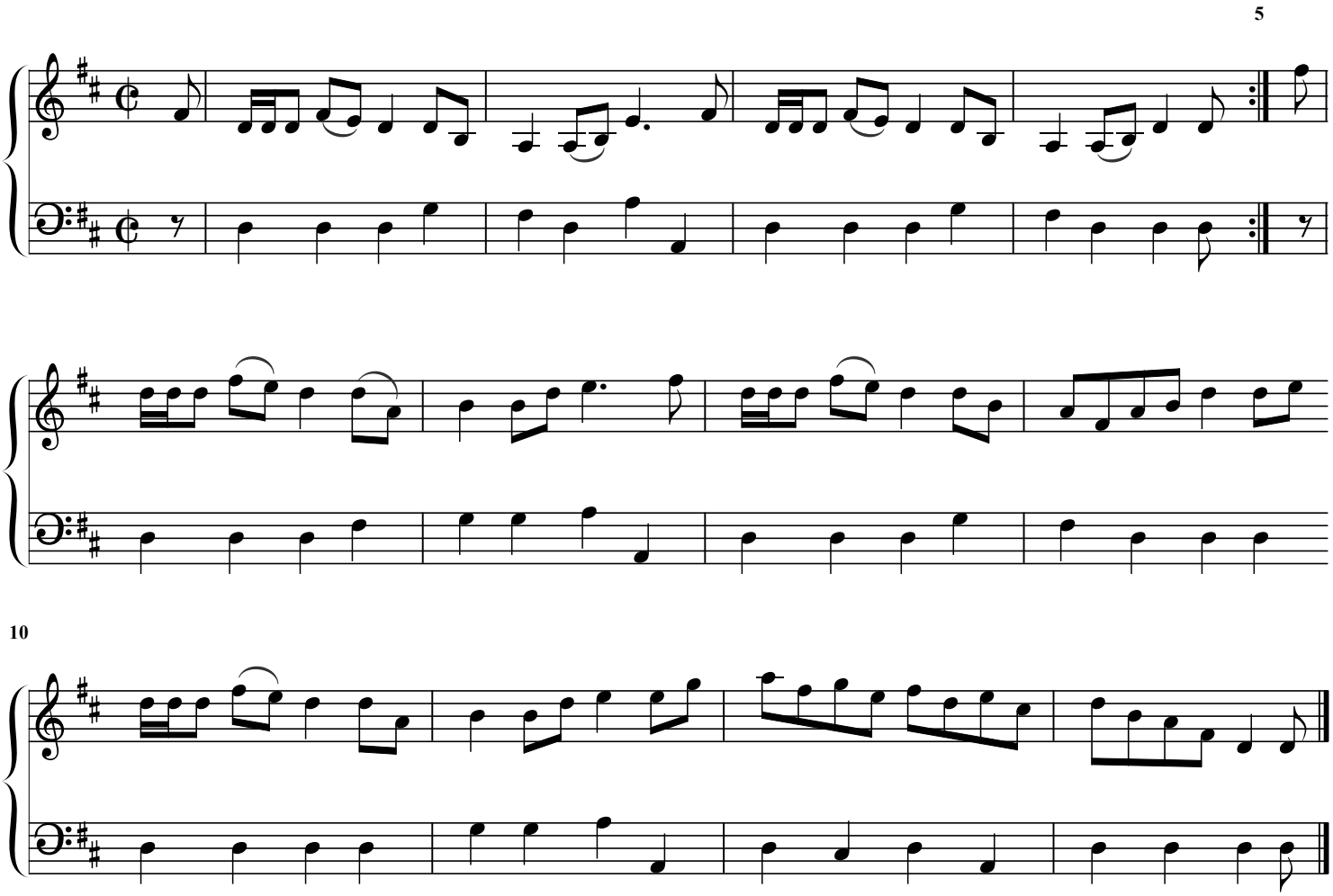

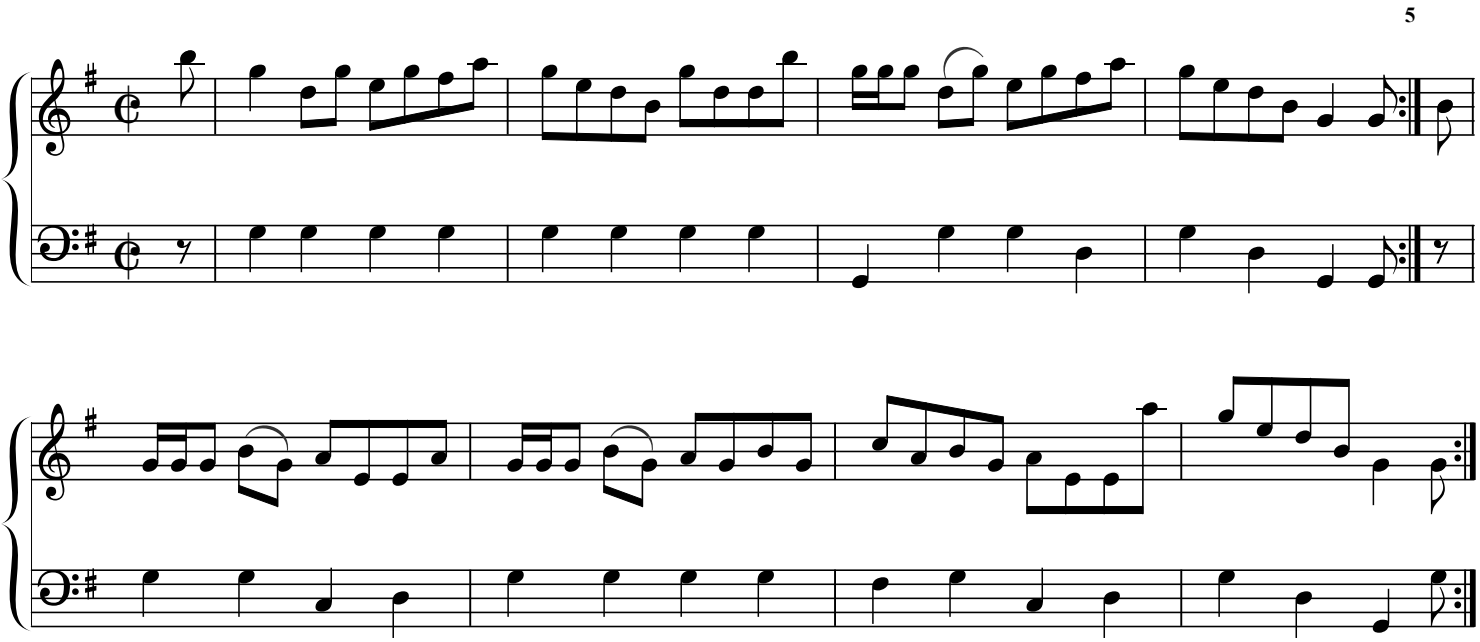
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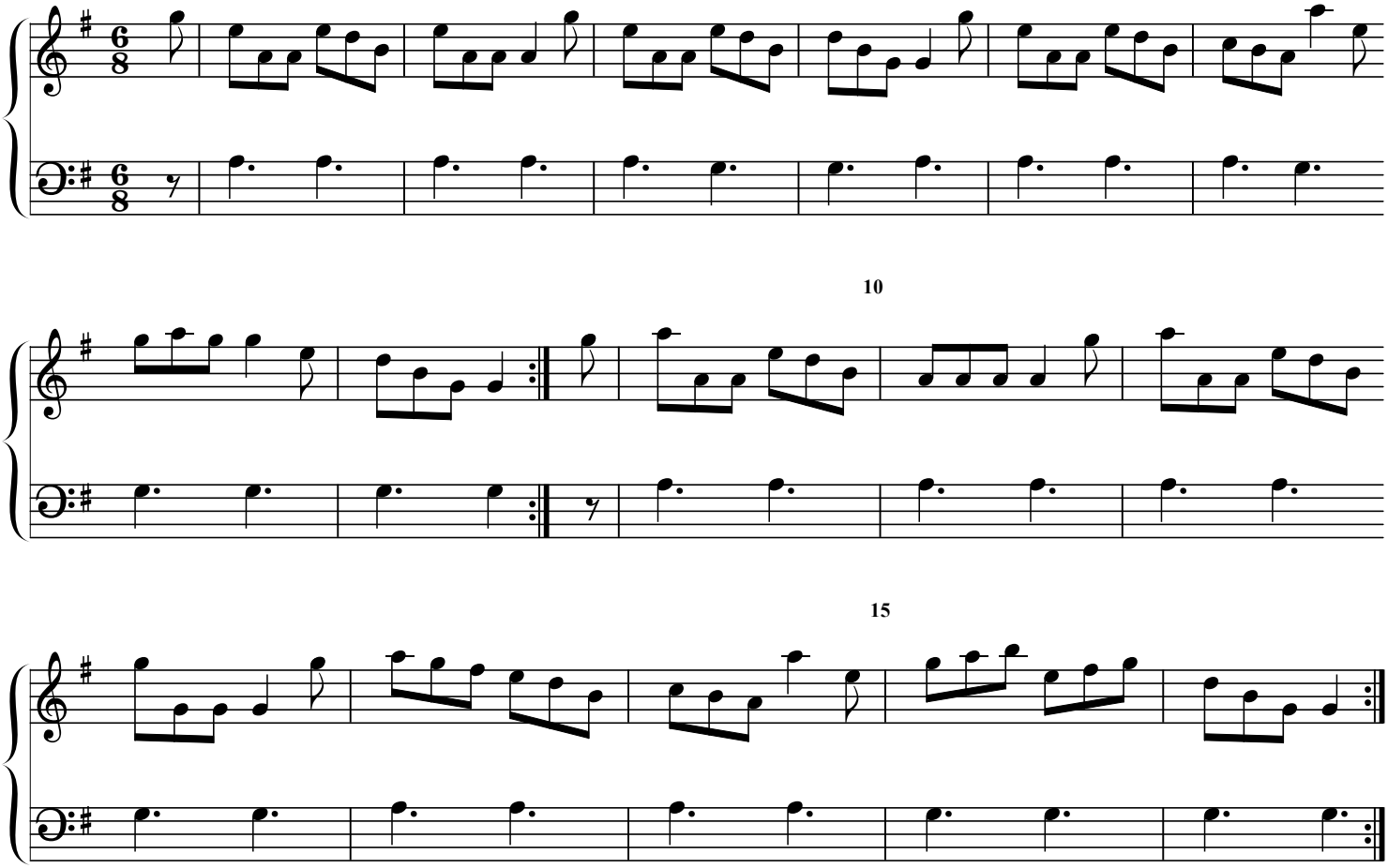

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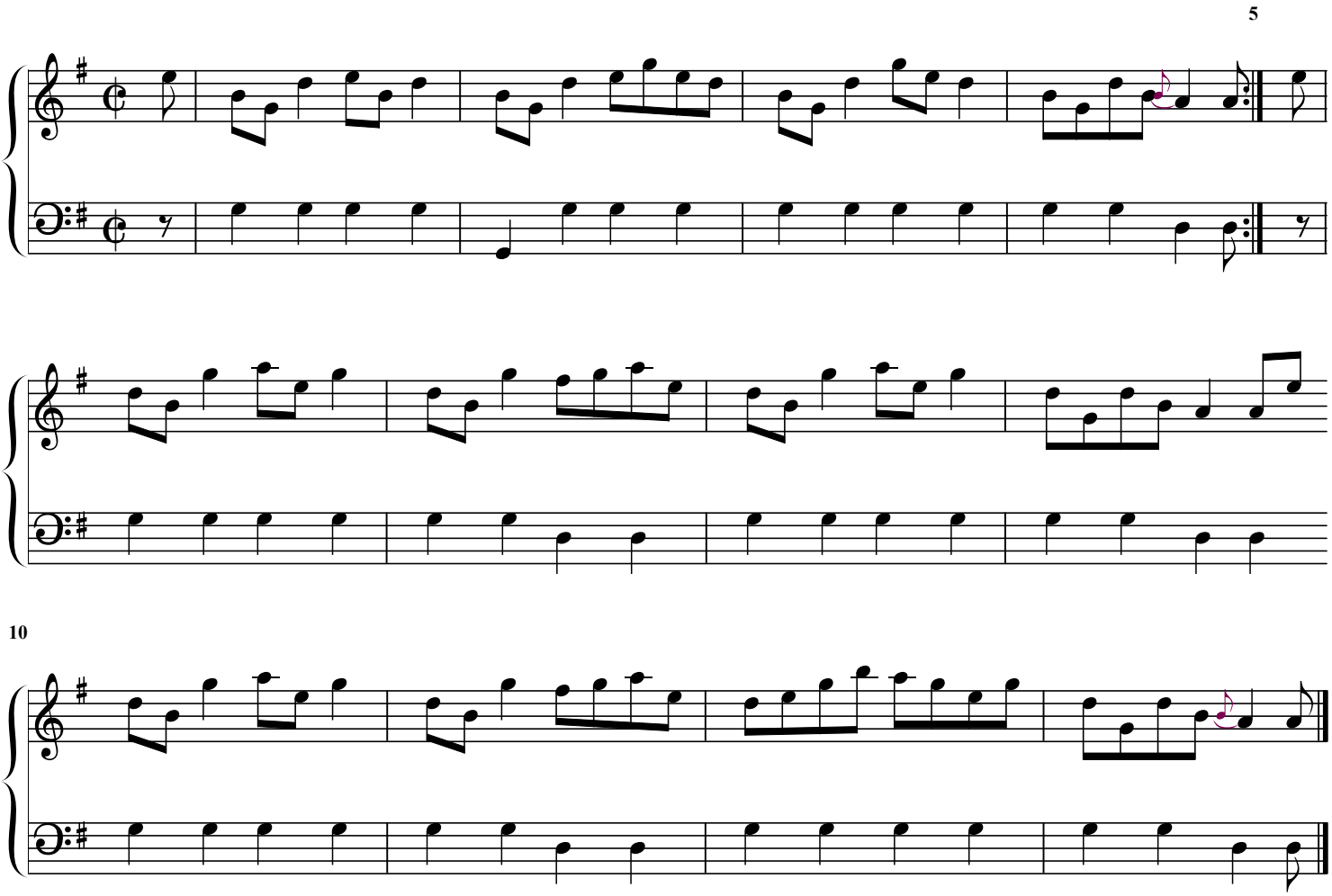

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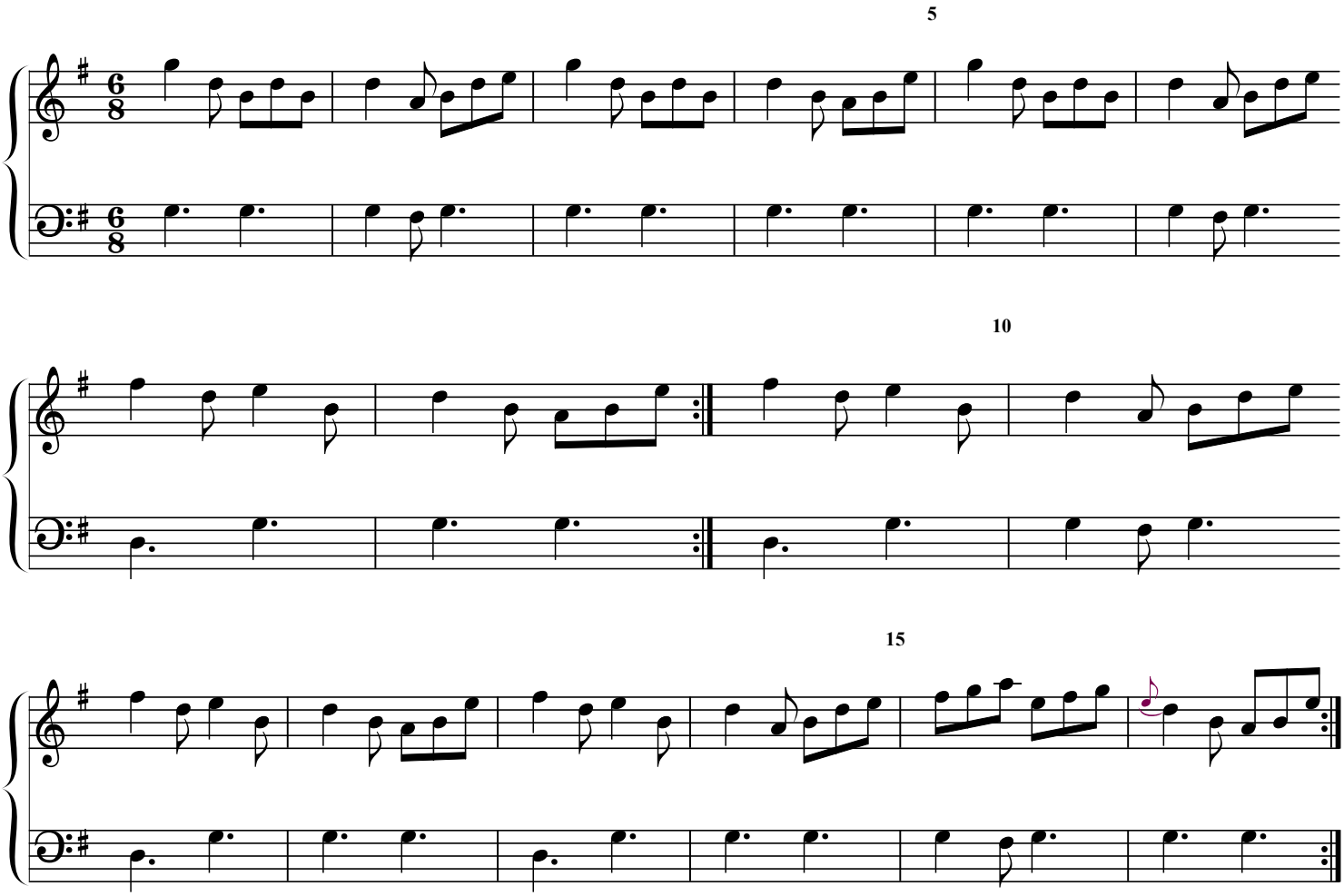

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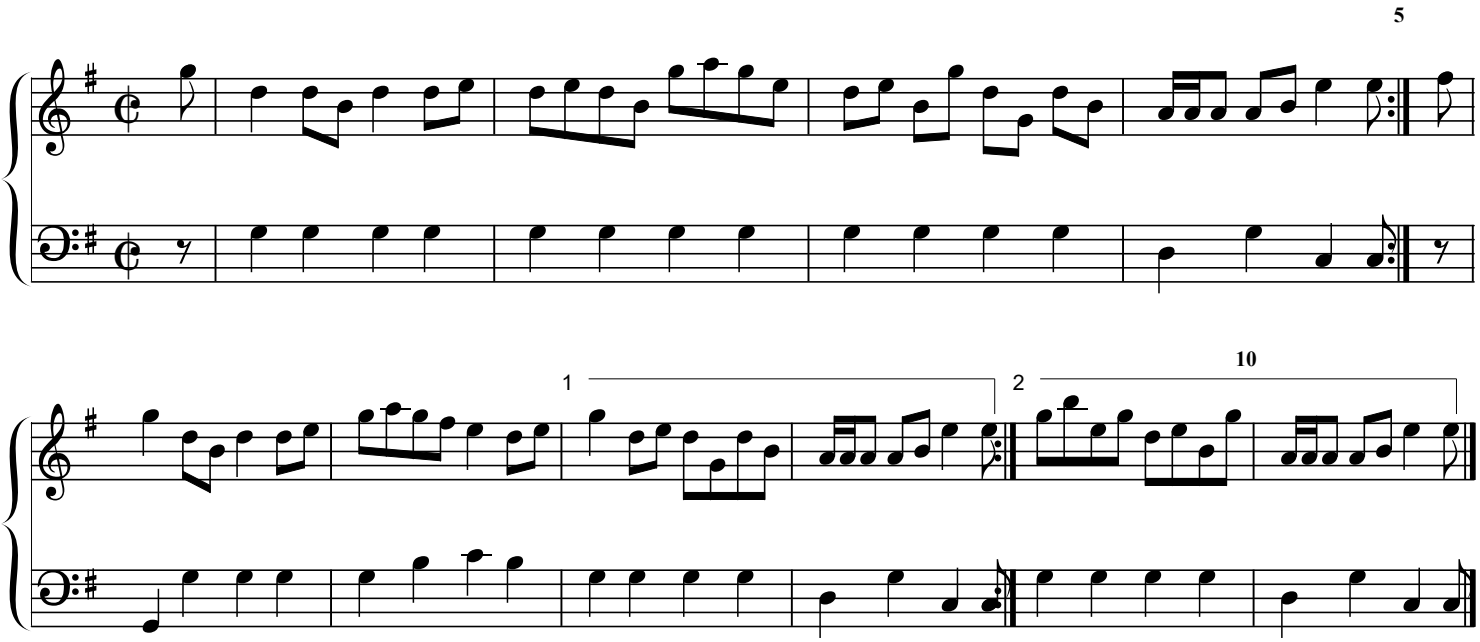

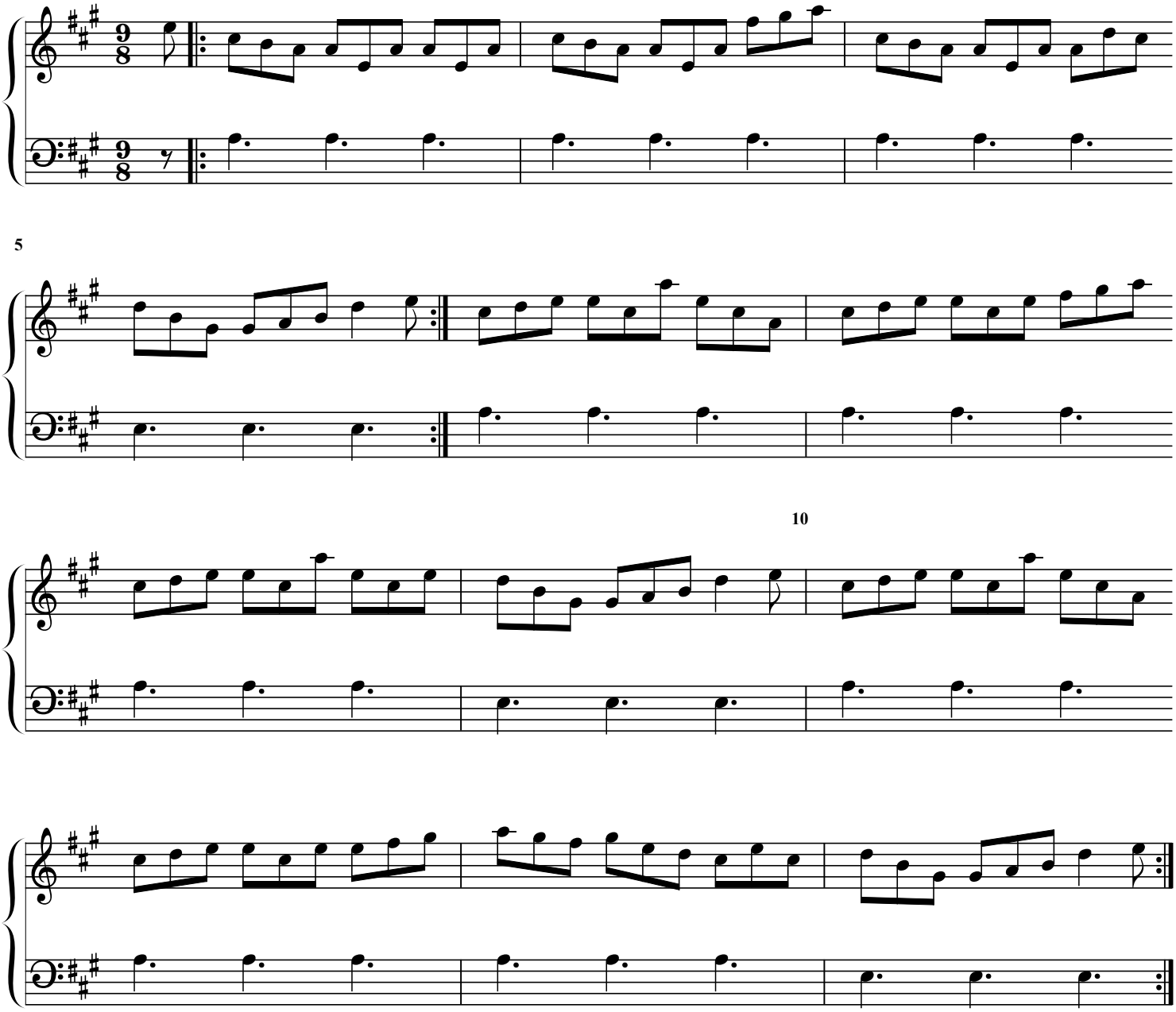
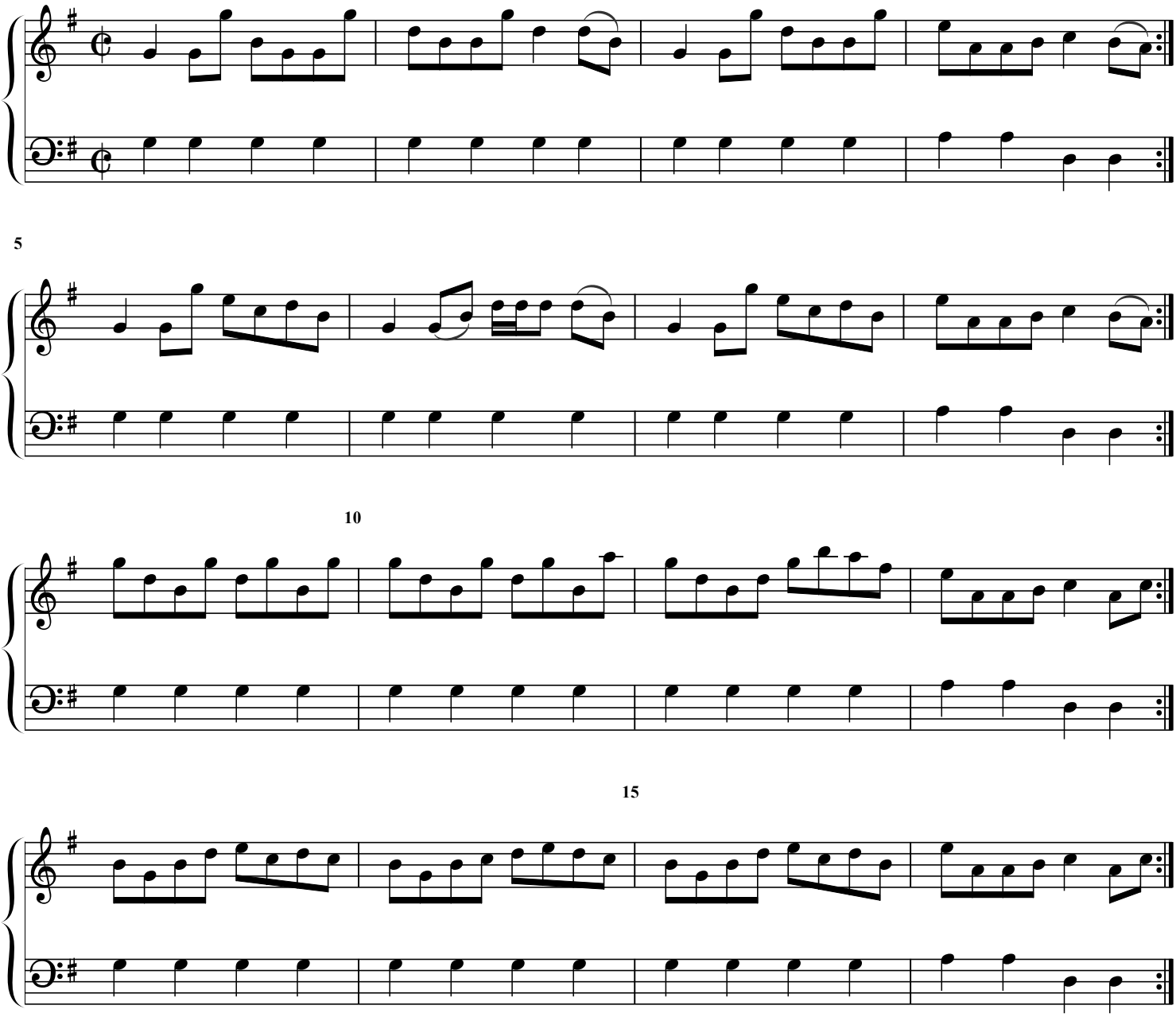
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