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Words by Irving Mills

Composed and Arranged By Duke ELLINGTON
Rearr. By Walter Gaeta

Intro
Medium swing ♩ = 212

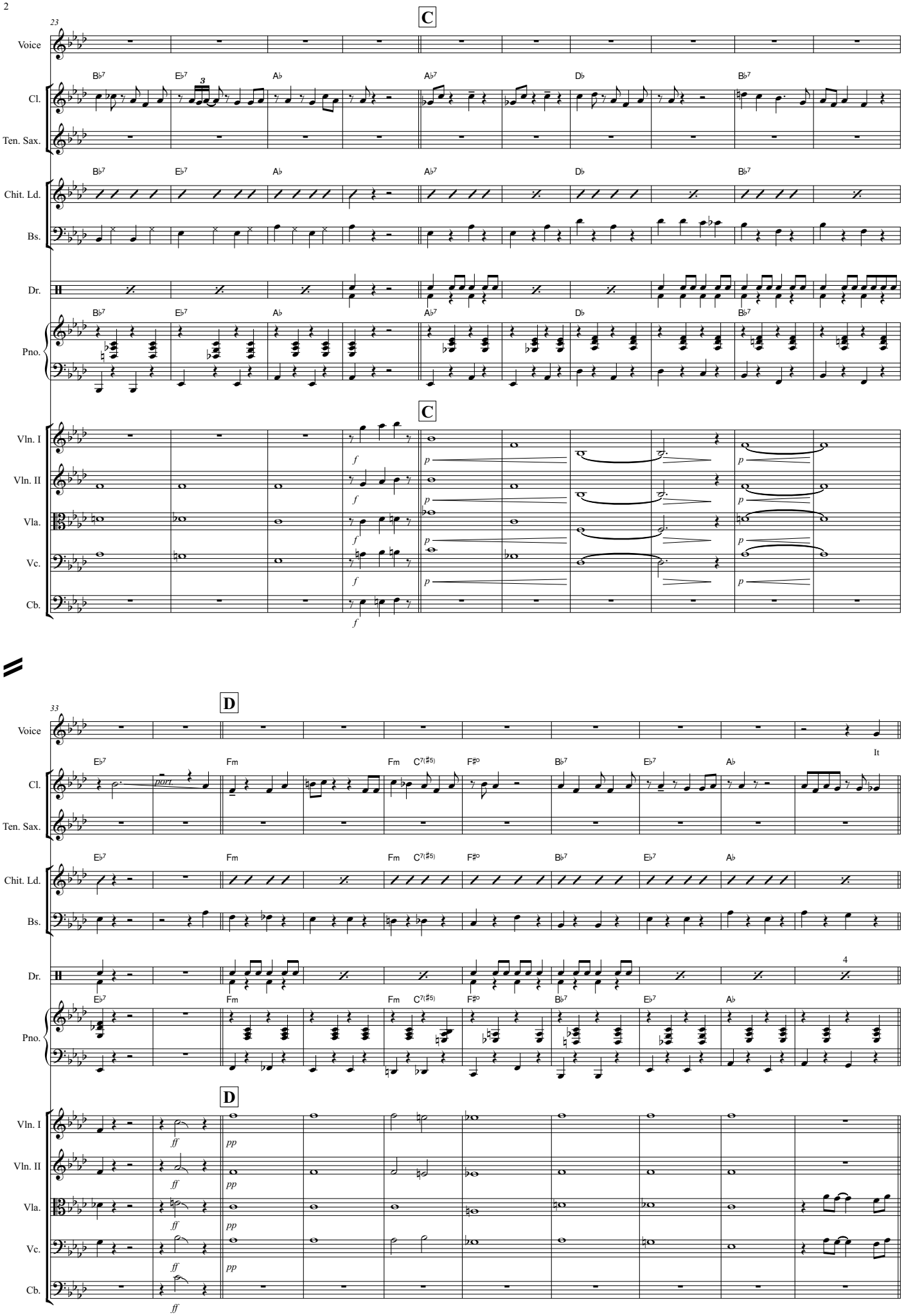
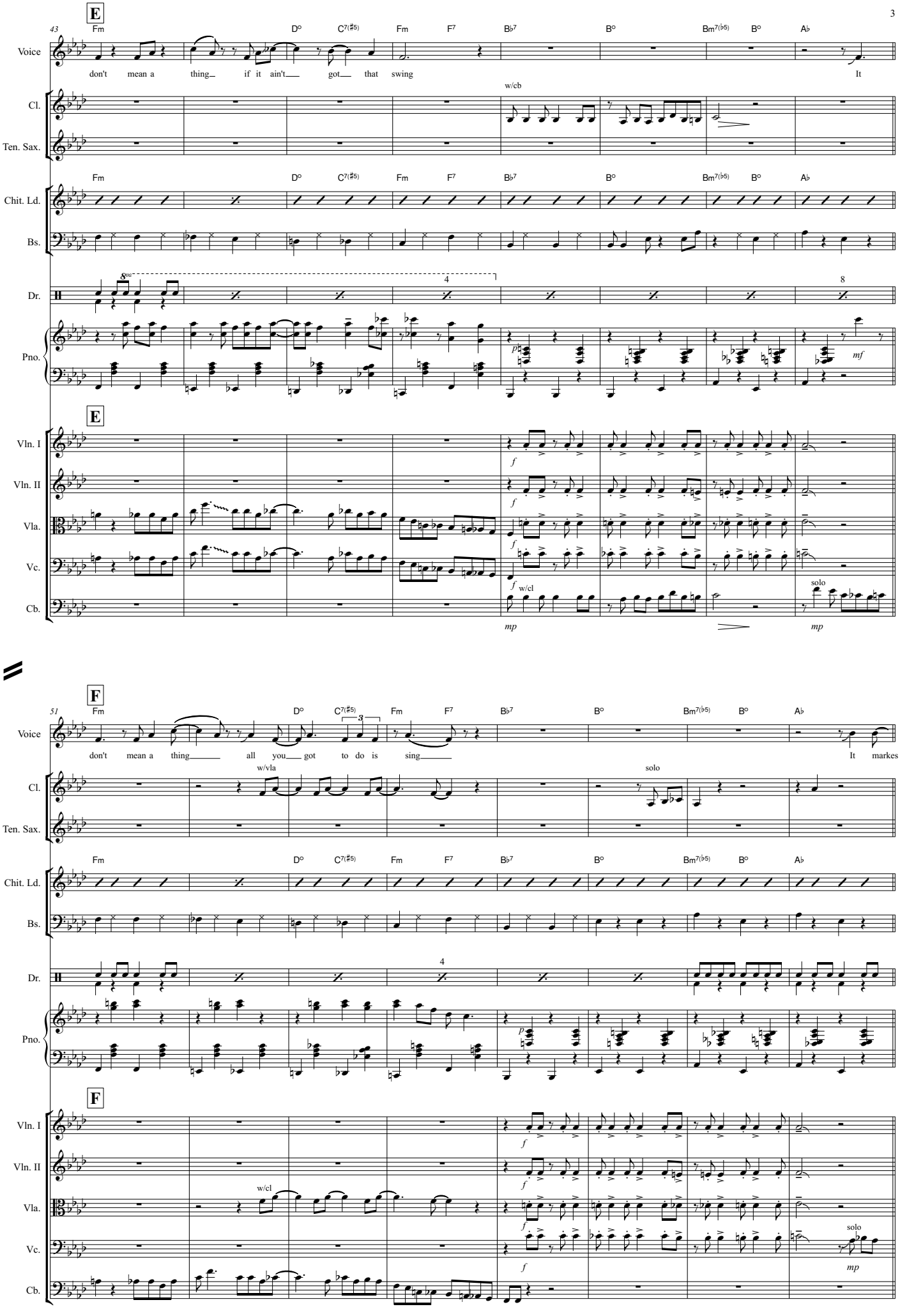
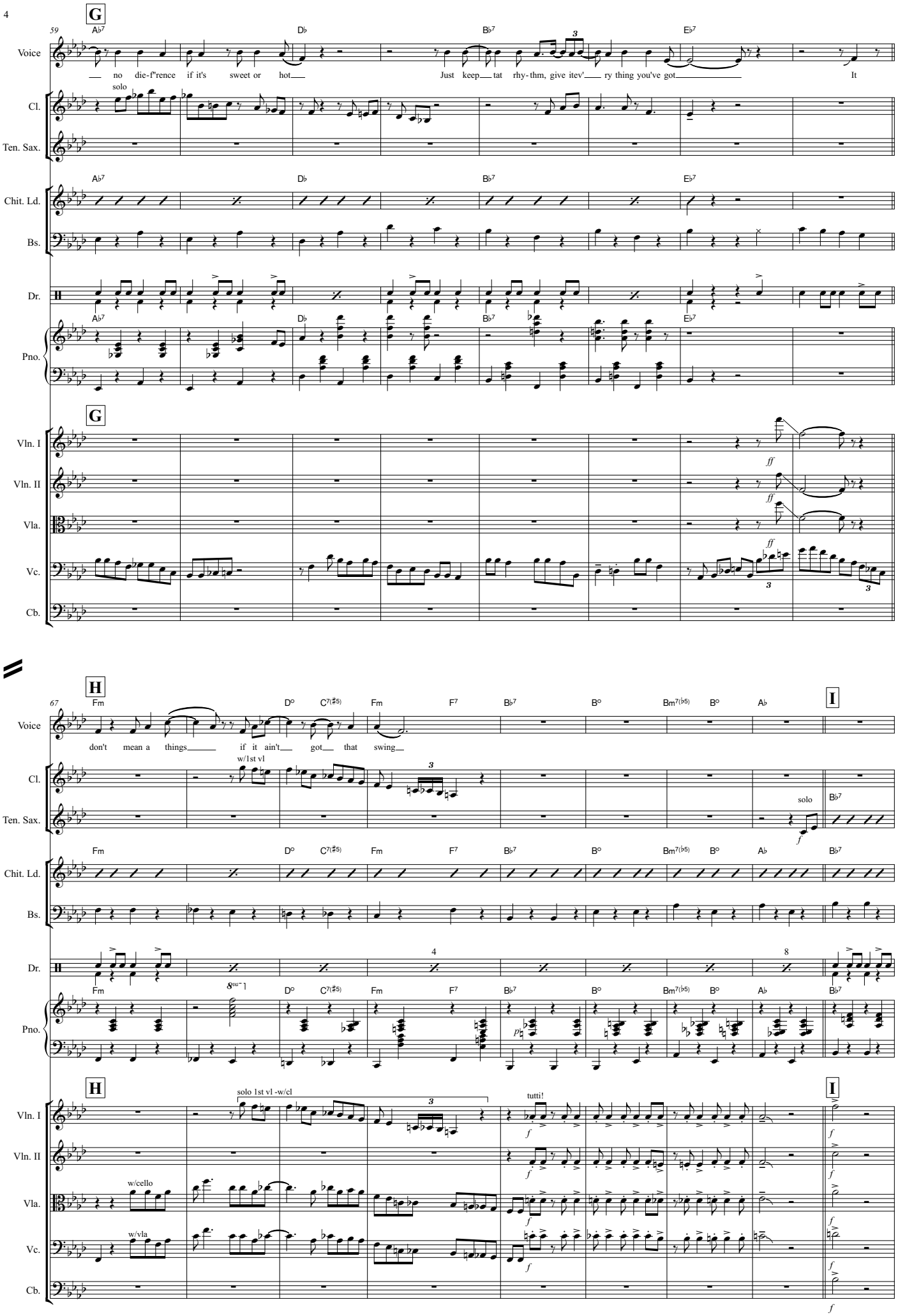
Voice: *mf* Wah Dah Doo Wah Dah Doo Wah Dah Doo Dah Dah Doo Dah Dah Doo
Clarinet in B♭
Tenor Saxophone: FILL Fm
Chitarra: Fm
Basso
Drum Set: Brushes *mp*
Piano: *p*

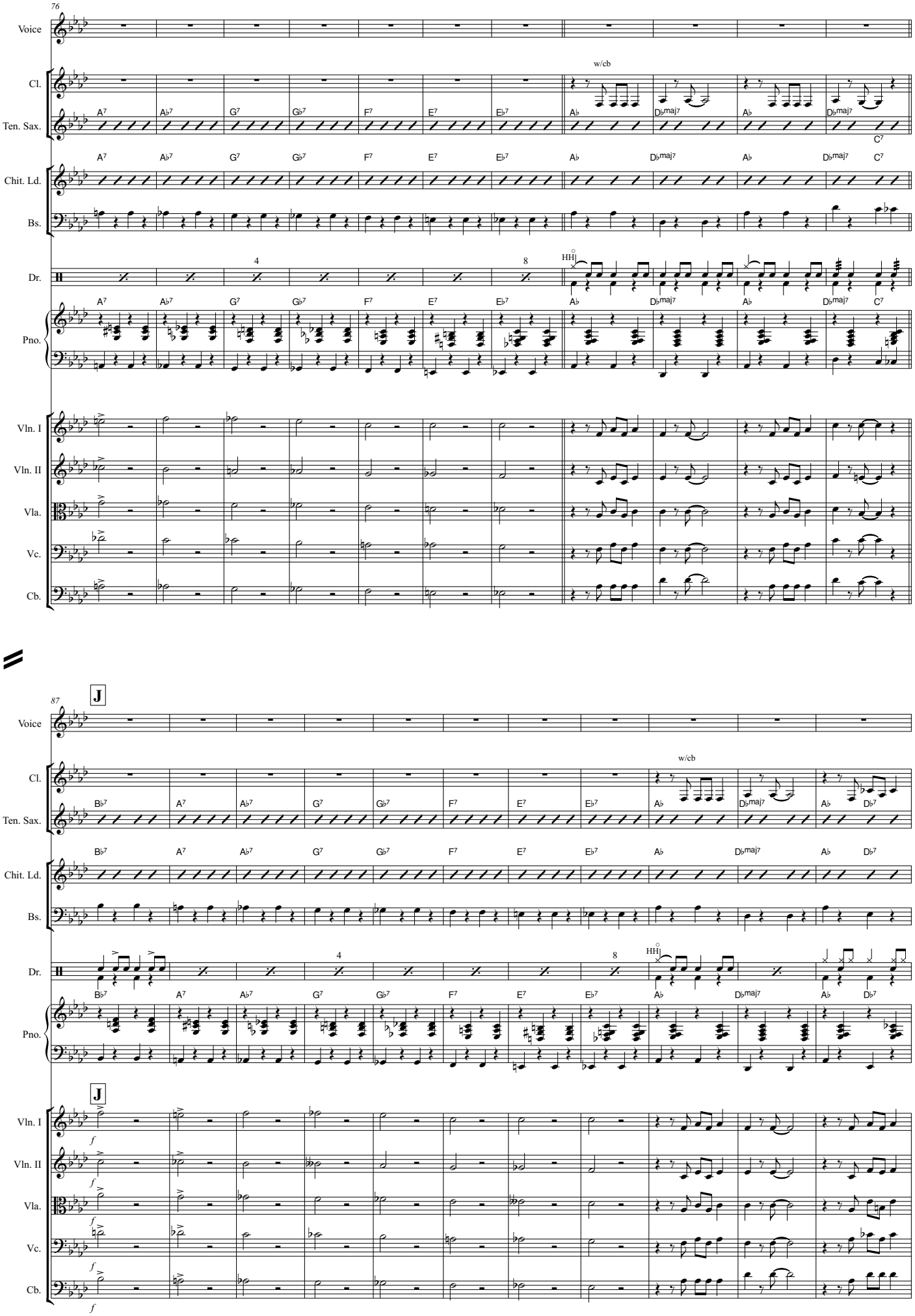
A

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

B

Cl. / Ten. Sax.: Fm C7(♯5) F♯° B♭7 E♭7 A♭ Fm C7(♯5) F♯° *f*
Chit. Ld. / Bs.
Dr.
Pno.
Vln. I: div. *ff*
Vln. II: div. *ff*
Vla.: *ff* *pp*
Vc.: *ff* *pp*
Cb.: *ff* *pp*


C
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
B♭7
E♭7
A♭
A♭7
D♭
Fm
C7(♯5)
F♯°
D
It
port.
4

E
43
Fm
D°
C7(♯5)
Fm
F7
B♭7
B°
Bm7(♭5)
B°
A♭
Voice
don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing
It
Cl.
w/cb
Ten. Sax.
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
8va
4
8
Pno.
p
mf
E
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
f
w/cl
solo
mp
F
51
don't mean a thing all you got to do is sing
It markes
w/vla
solo
3
w/cl

G
59
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Ab7
Db
Bb7
Eb7
no die-f"rence if it's sweet or hot
Just keep tat rhy-thm, give itev' ry thing you've got
It
solo
ff
H
I
67
Fm
D°
C7(#5)
F7
Bb°
Bm7(b5)
Ab
don't mean a things if it ain't got that swing
w/1st vl
solo
f
8va
4
8
p
solo 1st vl -w/cl
tutti!
w/cello
w/vla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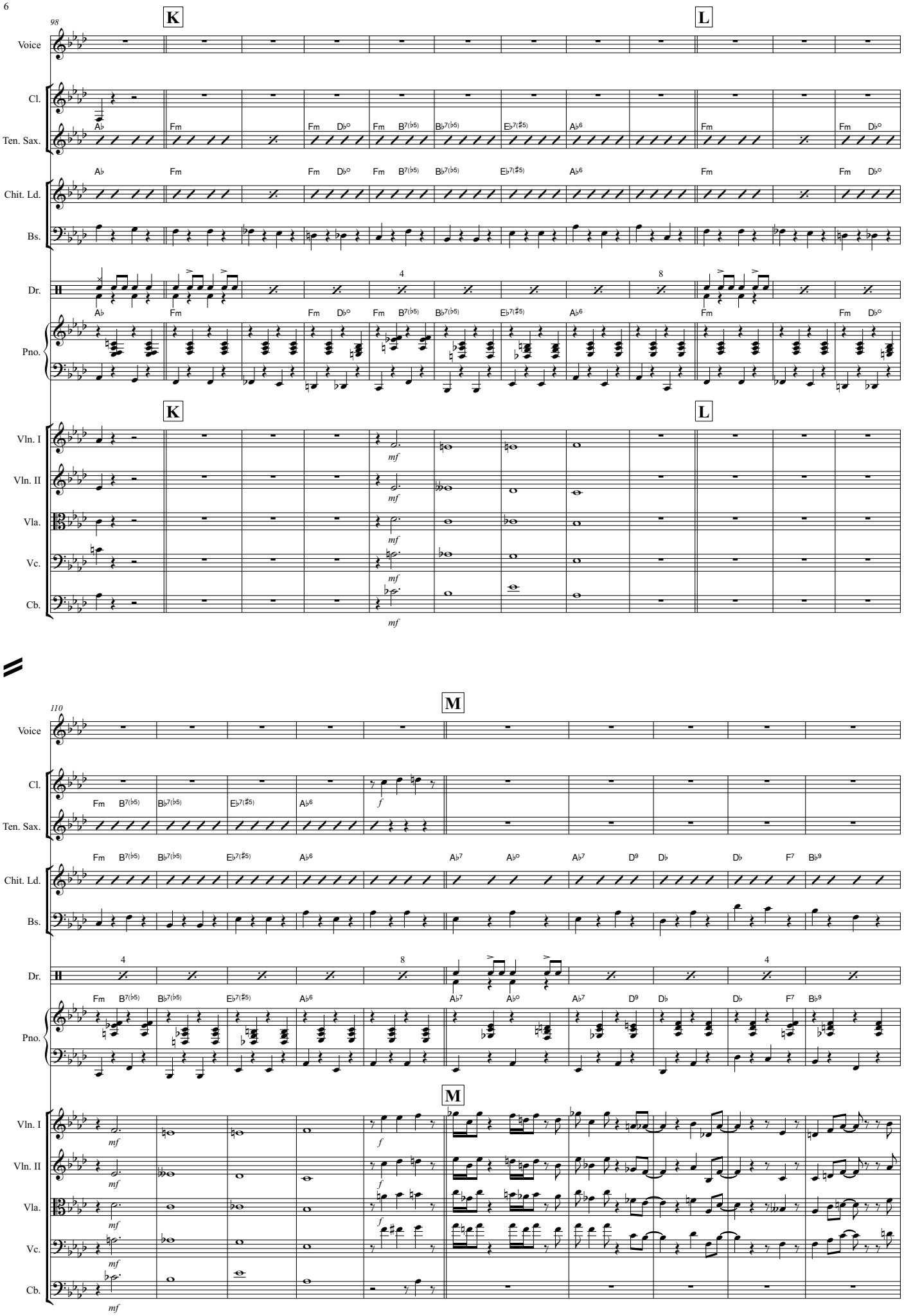
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
w/cb
HH
J
87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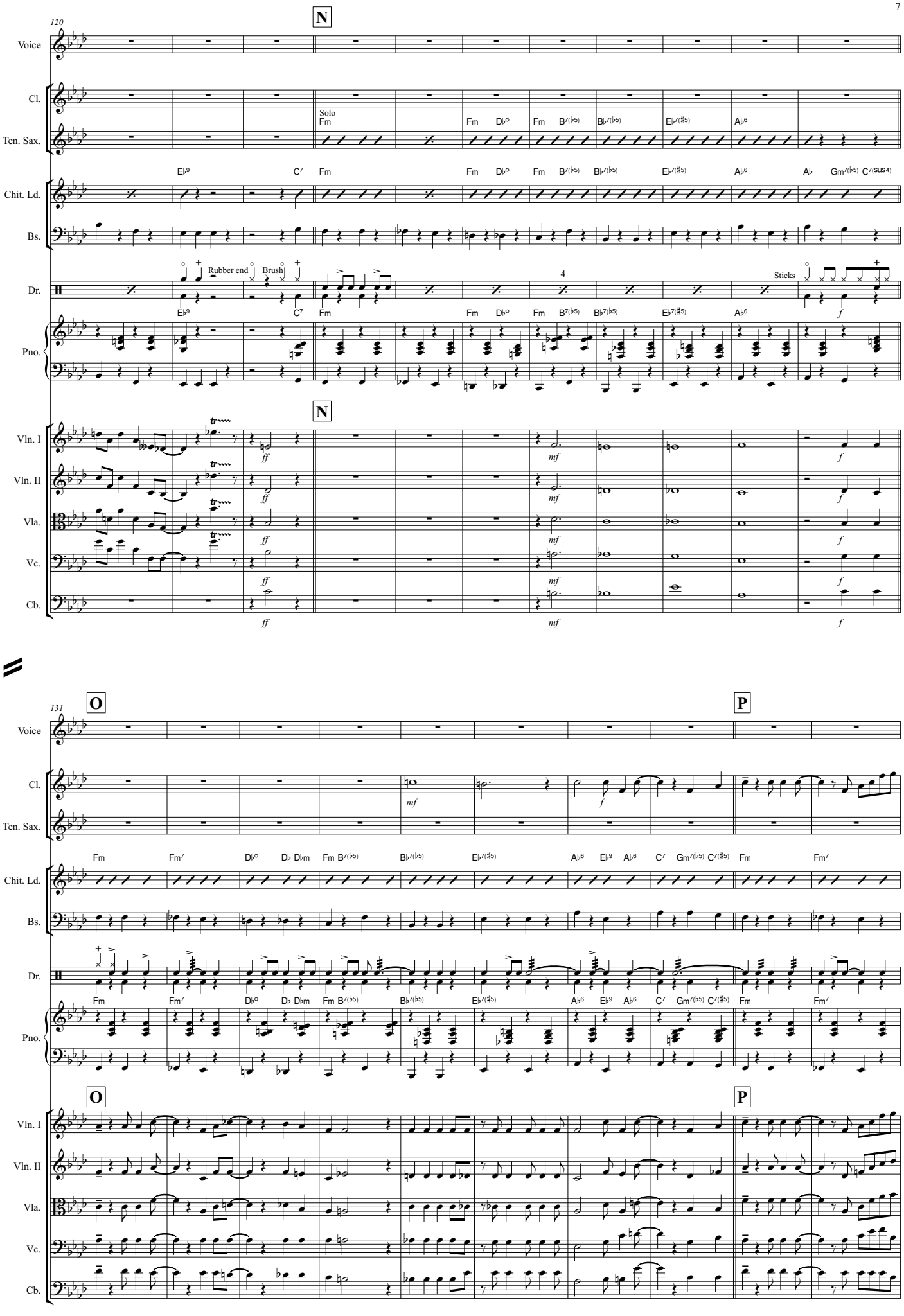
K
L
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
A♭
Fm
Fm D♭°
Fm B7(♭5)
B♭7(♭5)
E♭7(♯5)
A♭6
mf
110
M
f
A♭7
A♭°
A♭7 D9
D♭
F7
B♭9

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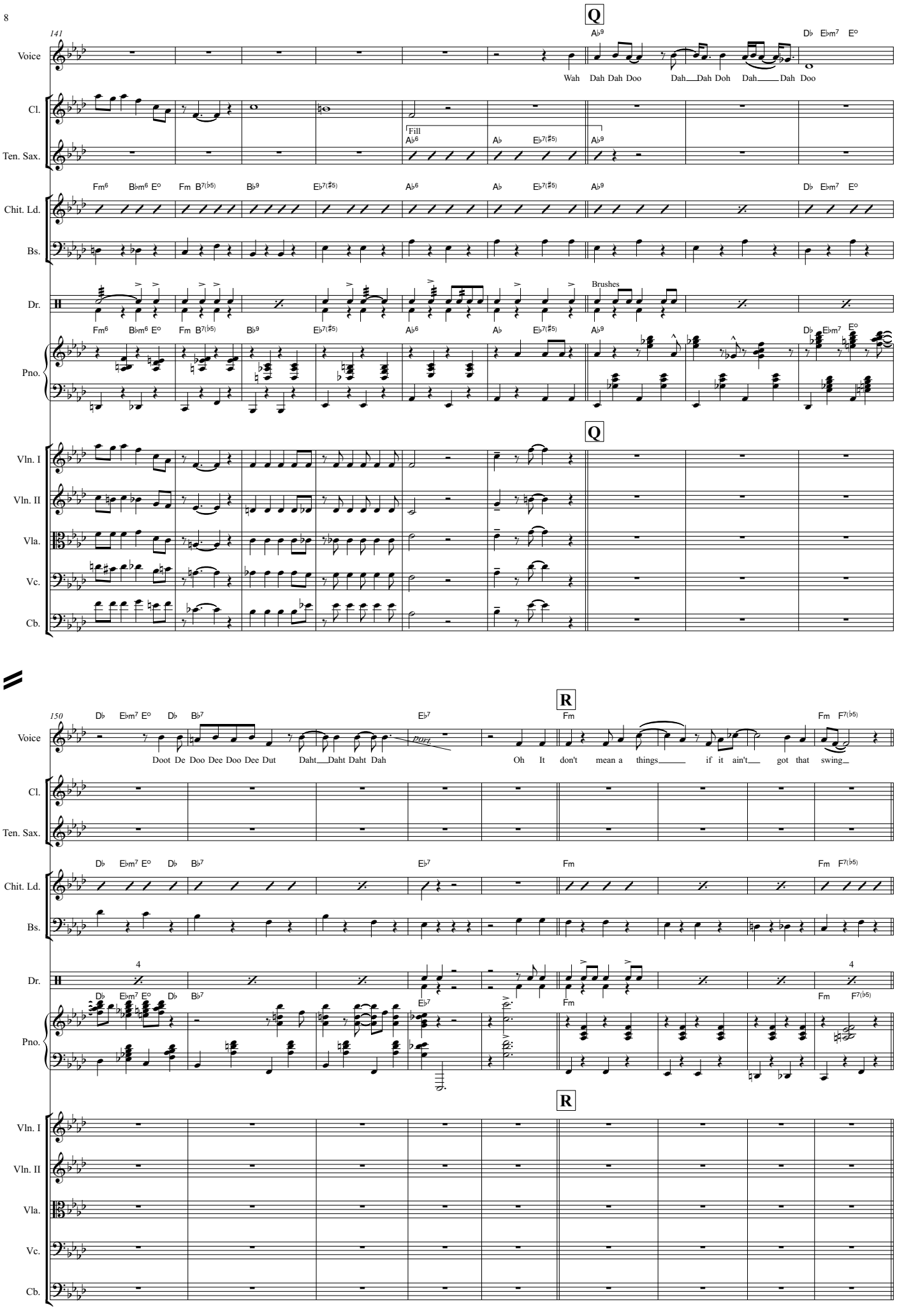
N
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
Solo
Fm
Fm Db° Fm B7(b5) Bb7(b5) Eb7(#5) Ab6
Chit. Ld.
Eb9 C7 Fm Fm Db° Fm B7(b5) Bb7(b5) Eb7(#5) Ab6 Ab Gm7(b5) C7(sus4)
Bs.
Dr.
Rubber end
Brush
4
Sticks
Pno.
Eb9 C7 Fm Fm Db° Fm B7(b5) Bb7(b5) Eb7(#5) Ab6
N
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
ff
mf
f
131
O
P
Fm Fm7 Db° Db Dbm Fm B7(b5) Bb7(b5) Eb7(#5) Ab6 Eb9 Ab6 C7 Gm7(b5) C7(#5) Fm Fm7

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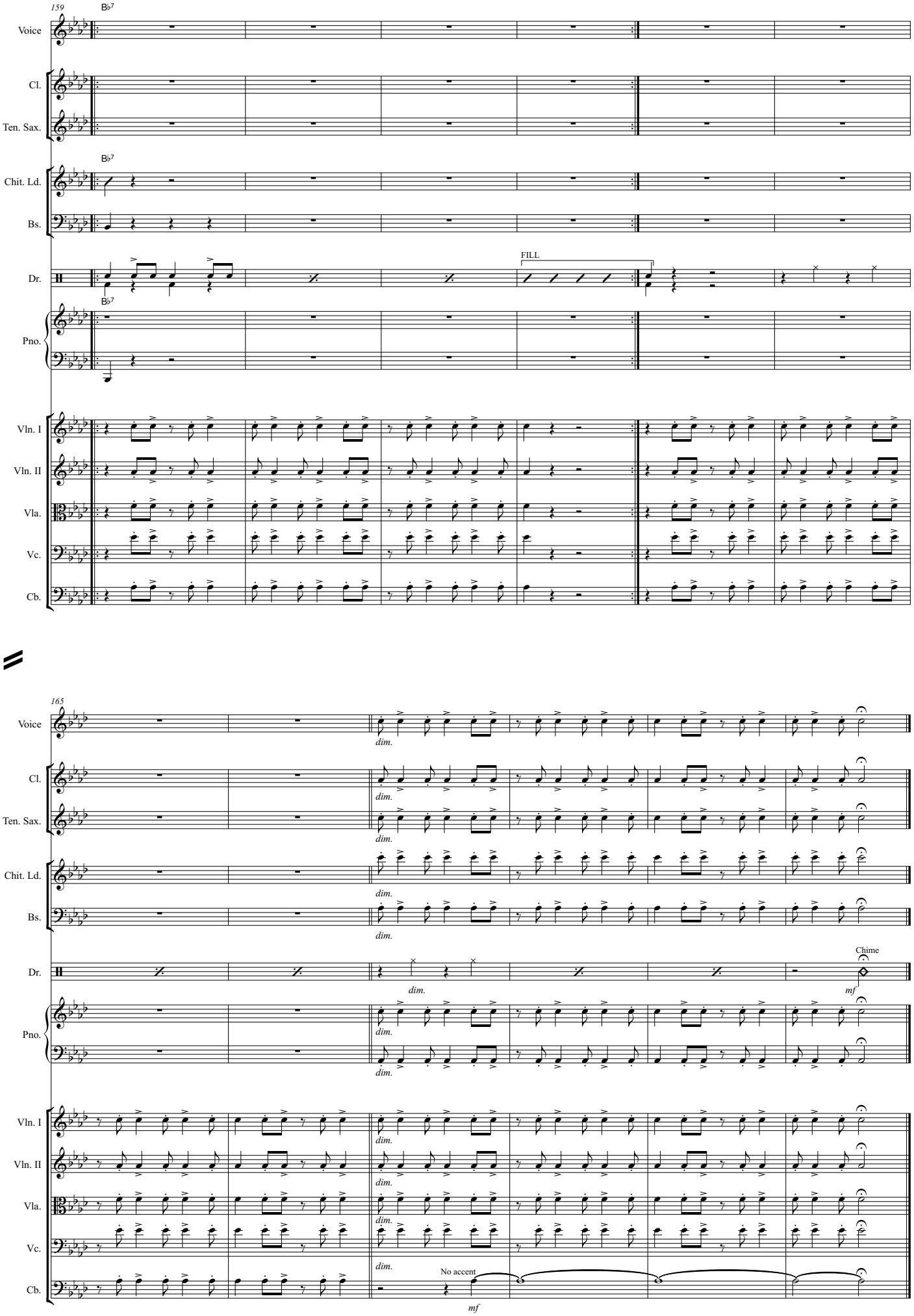
Q
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Wah Dah Dah Doo Dah Dah Doh Dah Dah Doo
Fill
Brushes
150
R
Doot De Doo Dee Doo Dee Dut Daht Daht Daht Dah
Oh It don't mean a things if it ain't got that swing

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B♭7
Voice
Cl.
Ten. Sax.
B♭7
Chit. Ld.
Bs.
Dr.
FILL
B♭7
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
165
Voice
dim.
Cl.
dim.
Ten. Sax.
dim.
Chit. Ld.
dim.
Bs.
dim.
Dr.
dim.
Chime
mf
Pno.
dim.
dim.
Vln. I
dim.
Vln. II
dim.
Vla.
dim.
Vc.
dim.
Cb.
No accent
mf