"BLITHE BELLS"

BACH-GRAINGER

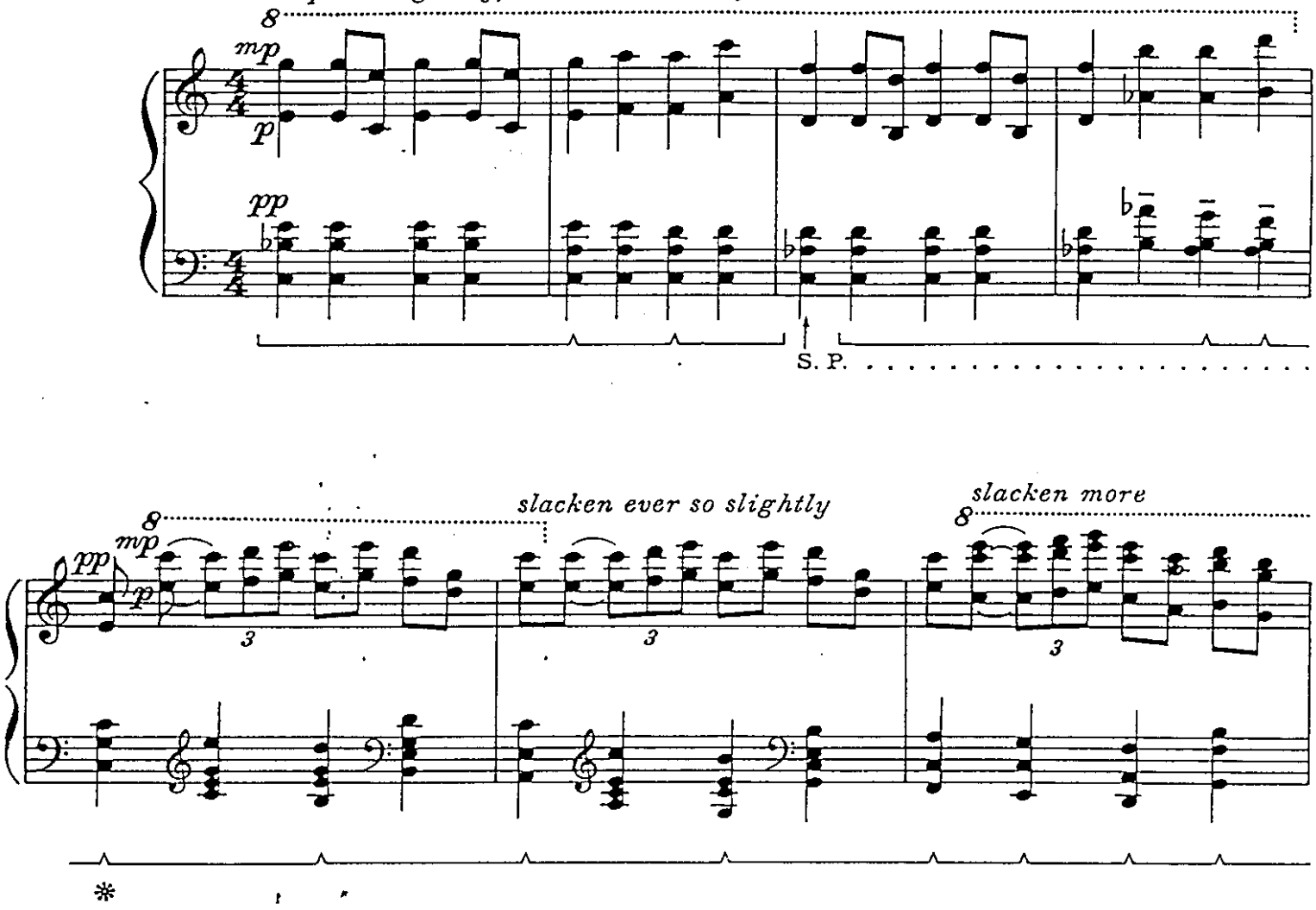
Set, Nov. 1930-
Feb. 1931

A free ramble by Percy Aldridge Grainger on Bach's aria "Sheep may graze in safety when a goodly shepherd watches o'er them" (from the Secular Cantata "Was mir behagt, ist nur die muntre Jagd"). The ramble is colored by the thought that Bach, in writing the melody in thirds that opens and closes the number, may have aimed at giving a hint of the sound of sheep bells.

PIANO SOLO

CONCERT VERSION

N. B. For Easy Version by P. A. Grainger, containing no big stretches, see page 8.



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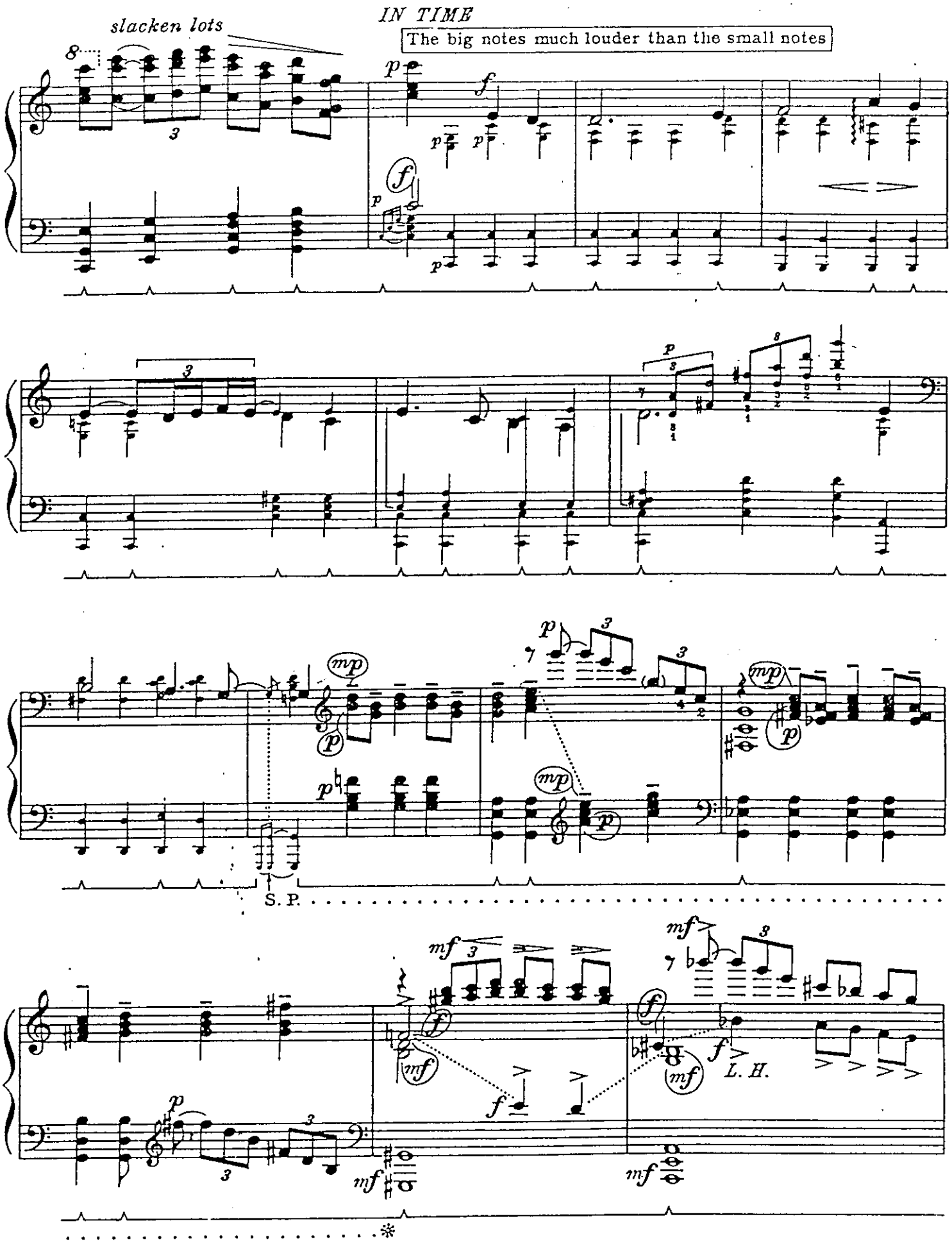
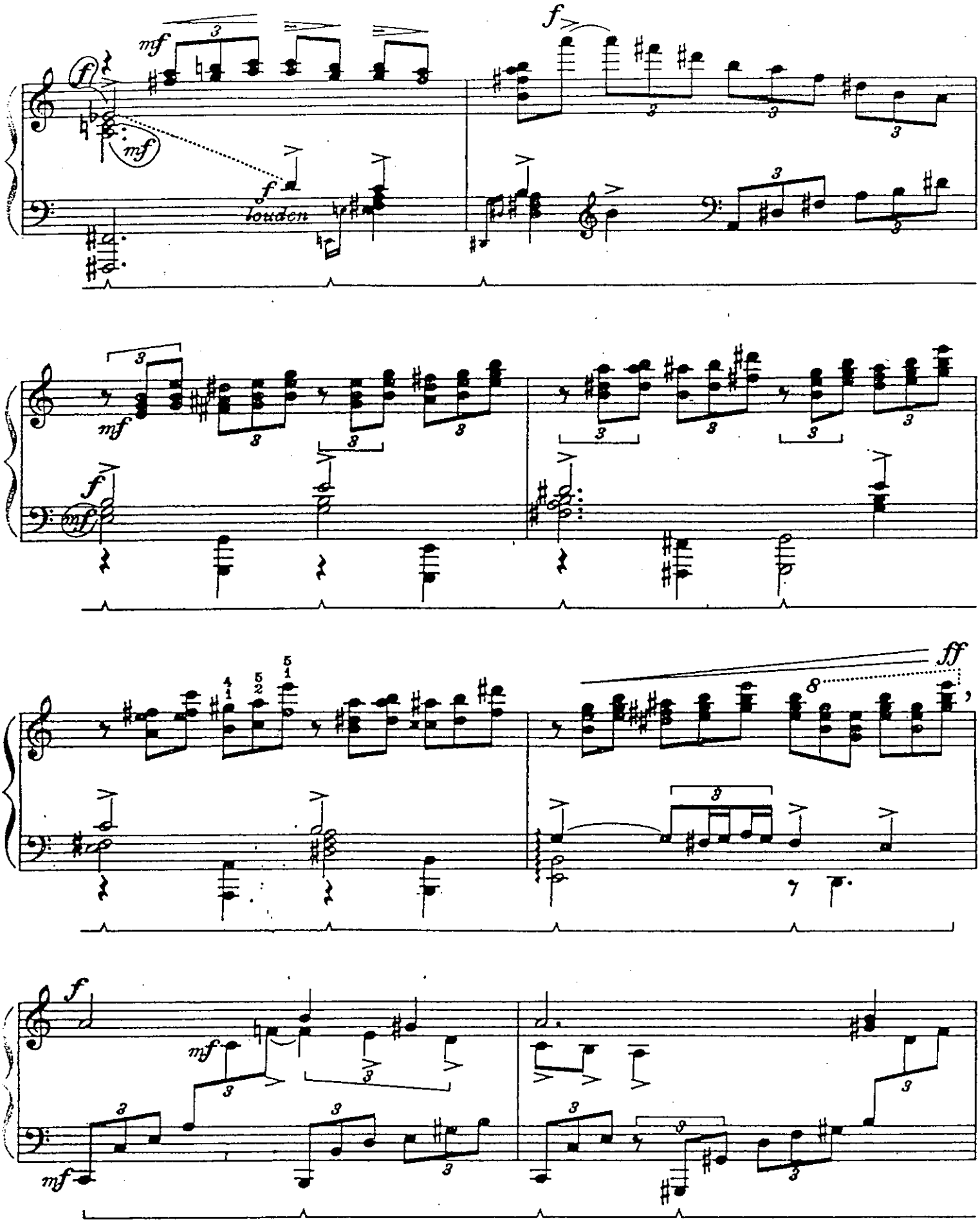

slacken lots
IN TIME
The big notes much louder than the small notes
S. P.
L. H.


mf
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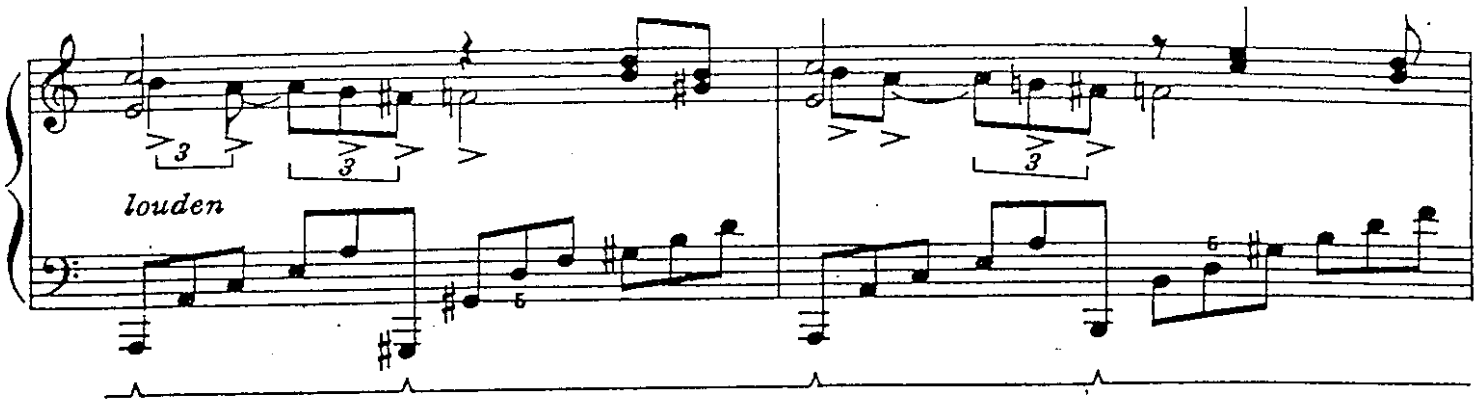
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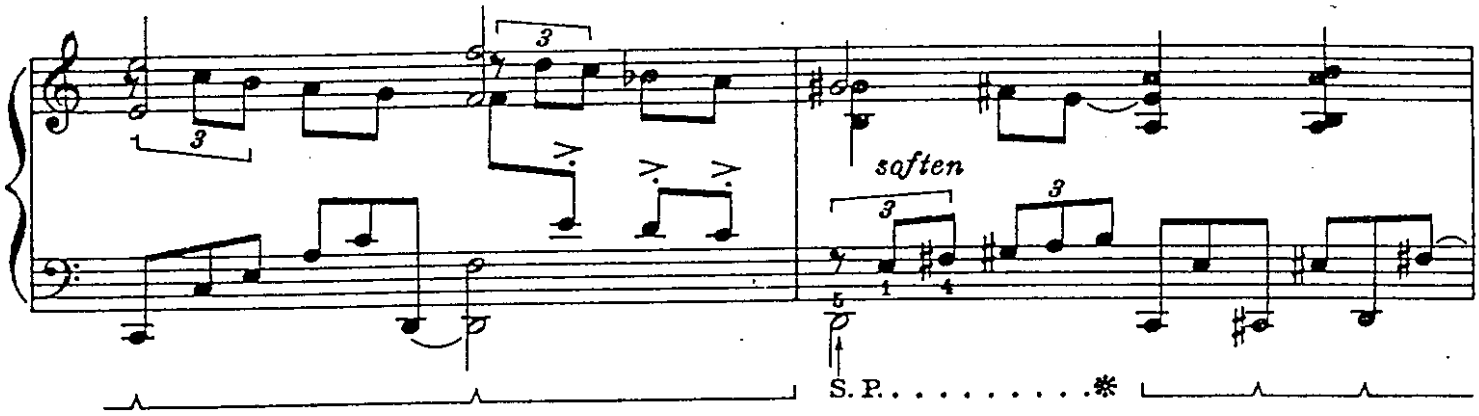
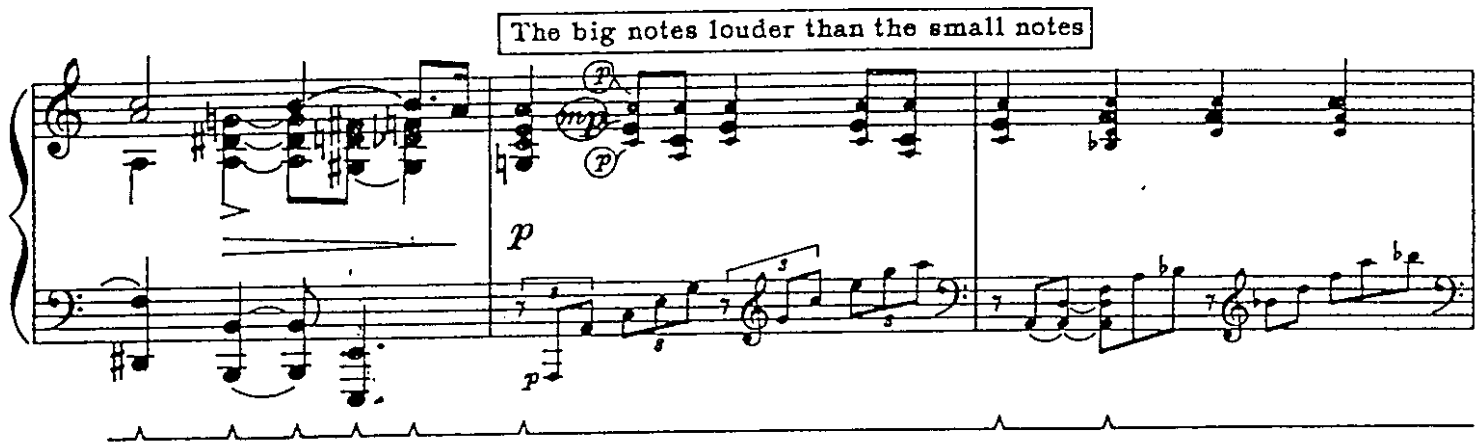
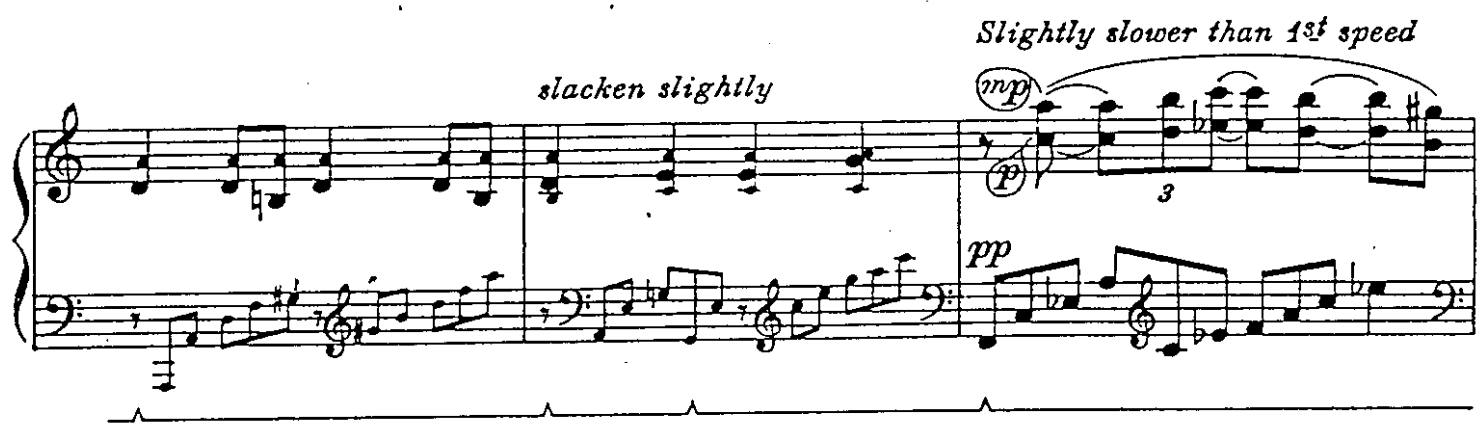
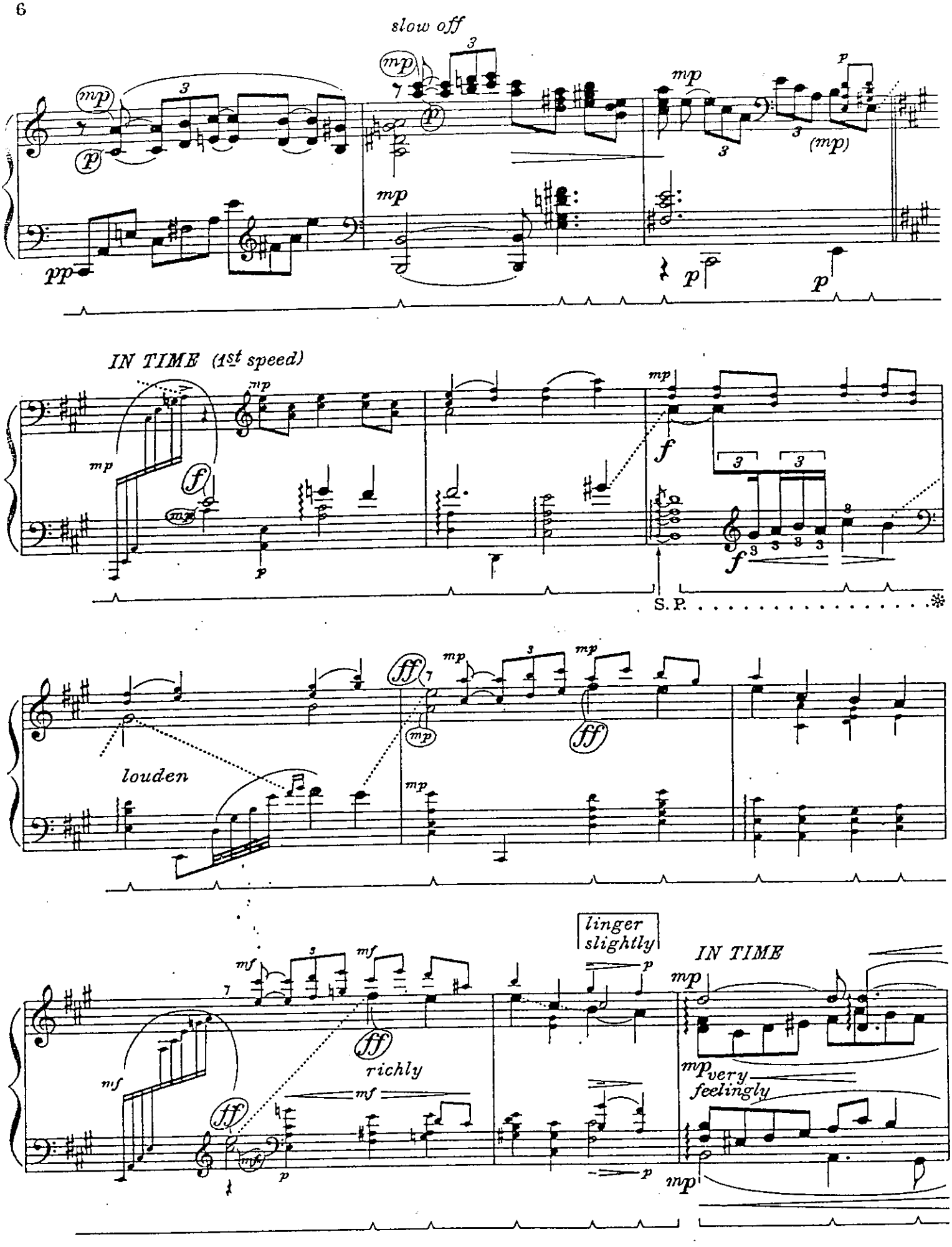
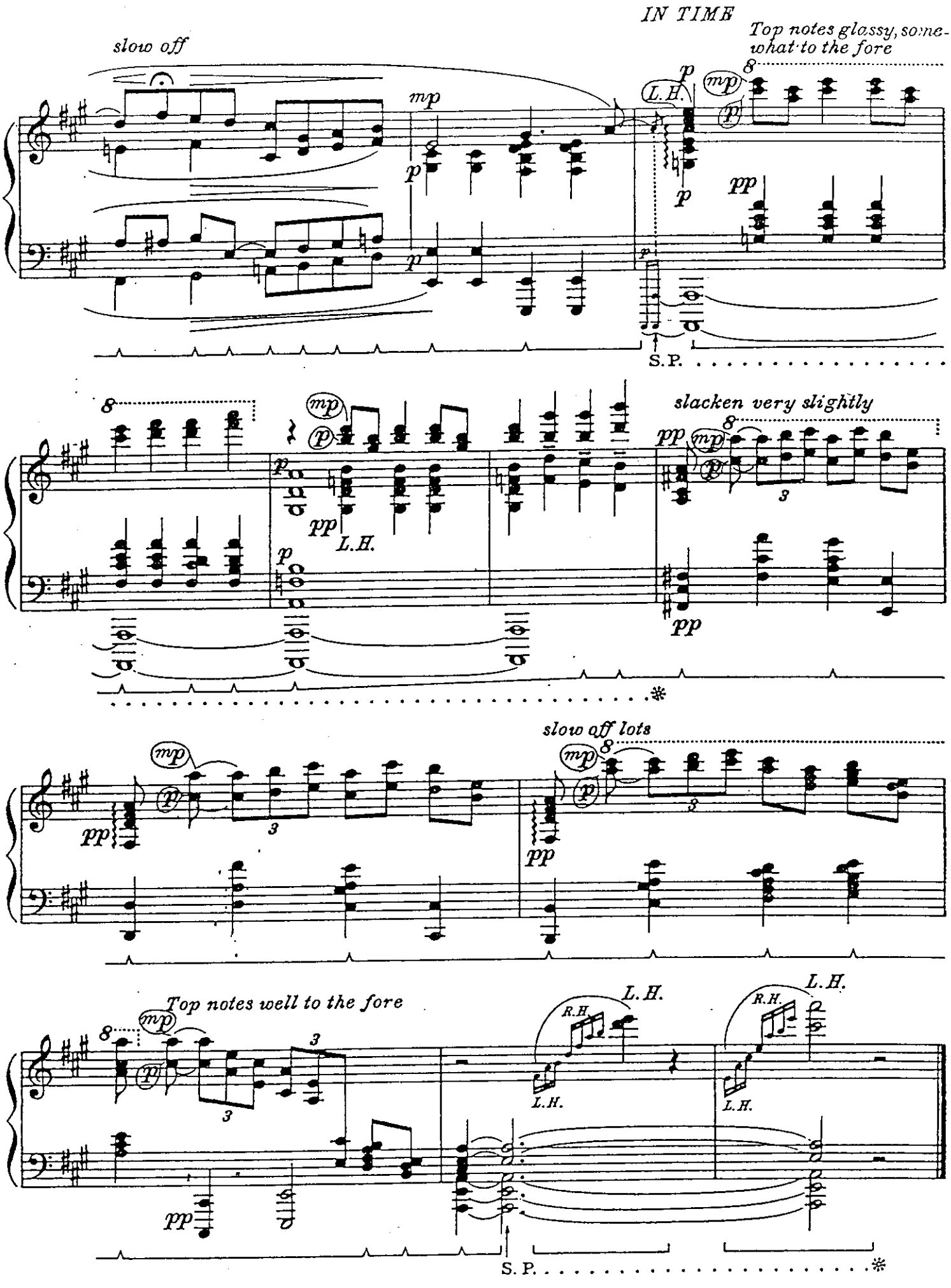

soften
S. P. . . . . .*


The big notes louder than the small notes
p
p


Slightly slower than 1st speed
slacken slightly
pp


slow off
IN TIME (1st speed)
S.P.
louden
linger slightly
IN TIME
richly
very feelingly


IN TIME
slow off
Top notes glassy, somewhat to the fore
L.H.
S.P.
slacken very slightly
slow off lots
Top notes well to the fore
R.H.
L.H.
S. P.