Soprano Sax–Transposed for Alto Sax

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What If

for 101 saxophones*

(an ensemble of 100 saxophones + 1 alto saxophone soloist)

(2014)

(duration: c. 12)

Mark Phillips

*scored for 8 ensemble parts plus 1 alto saxophone soloist

(12 soprano + 12 alto 1 +12 alto 2 +12 alto 3 +12 alto 4 +12 alto 5 +12 tenor +16 baritone + 1 alto soloist)

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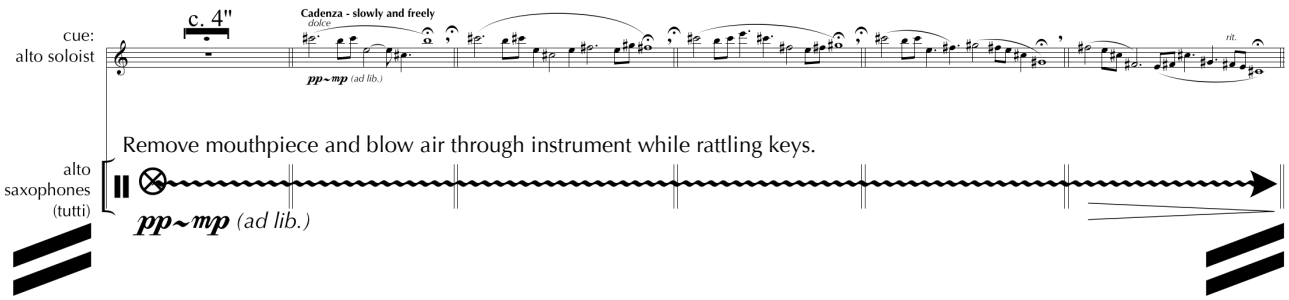
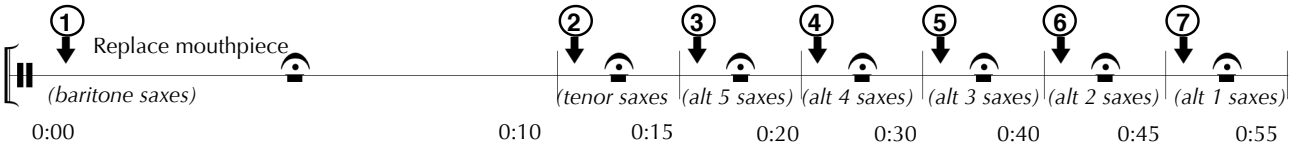
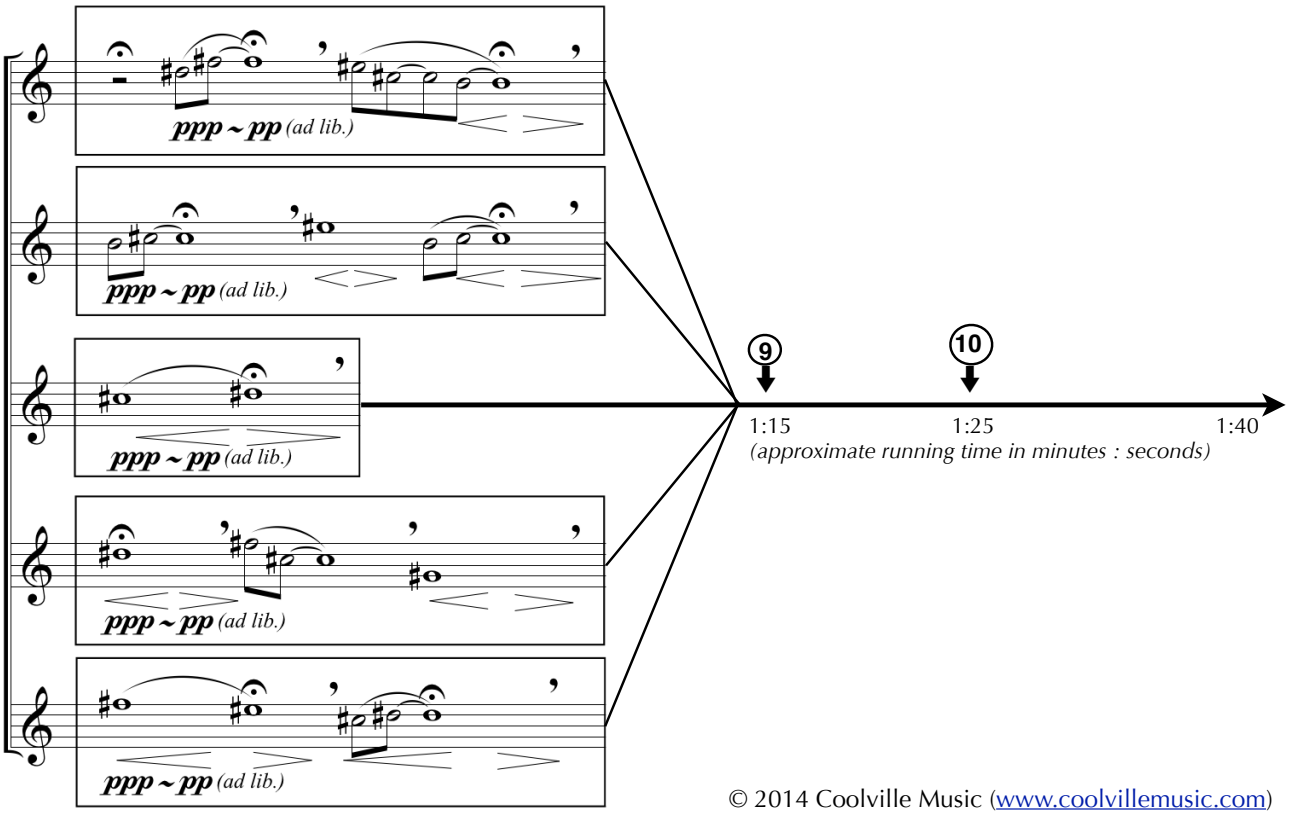




Notes in movement I (p. 1-3) are deliberately one octave lower than the soprano saxophone part.

cue 8
0:55

On cue #8 from conductor:
Choose freely from the 5 musical motifs in the boxes. Play any number of these motifs in any order. Wide latitude is granted in the interpretation of these motifs, in terms of pacing, note duration, and length of silent pauses. Never repeat a motif in the exact the same manner. Avoid exact synchronicity with other players as much as possible.



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cue 11
1:40

On cue #11 from conductor:
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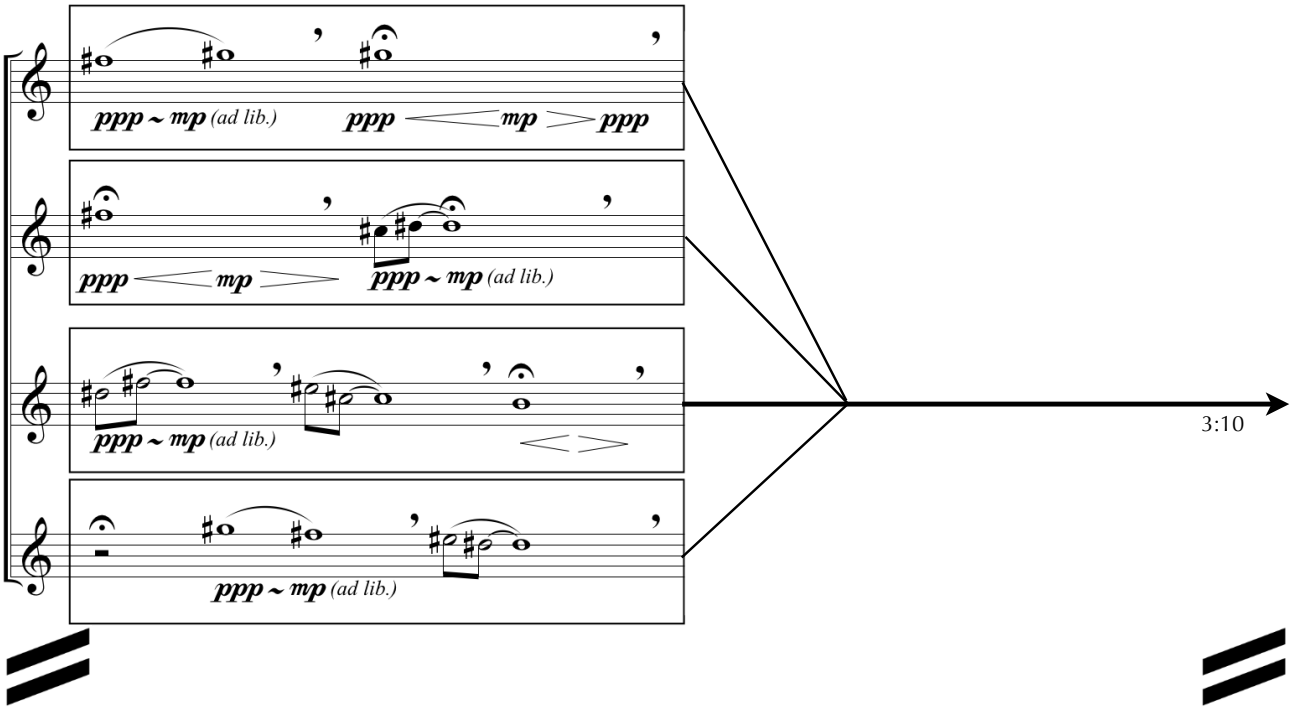

cue 12
3:10

On cue #12 from conductor:
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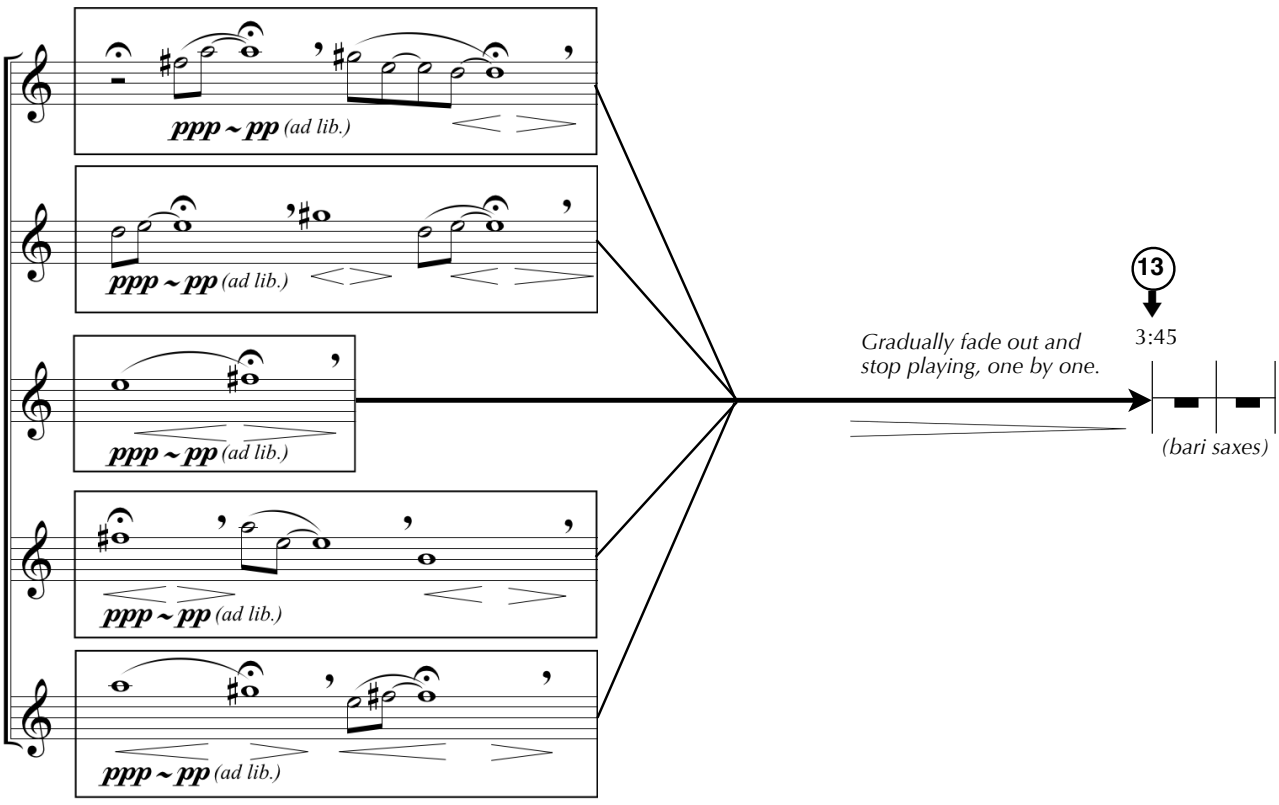

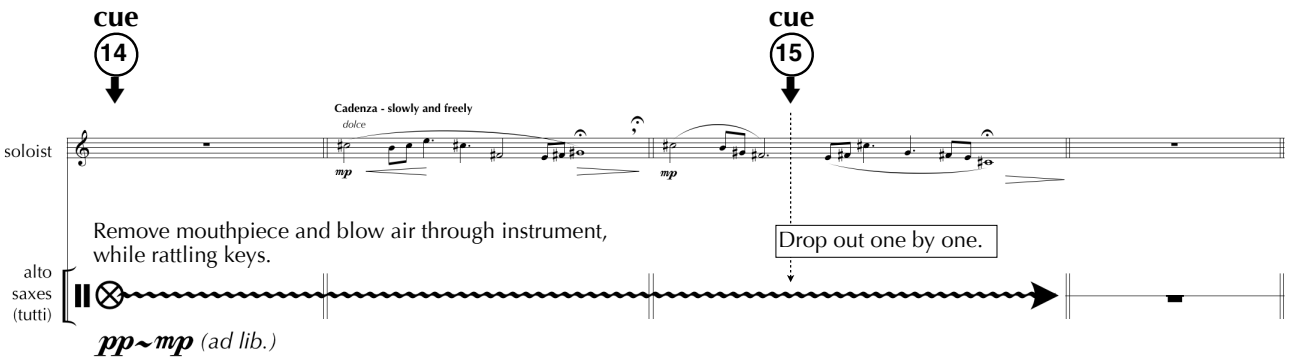
cue
14
cue
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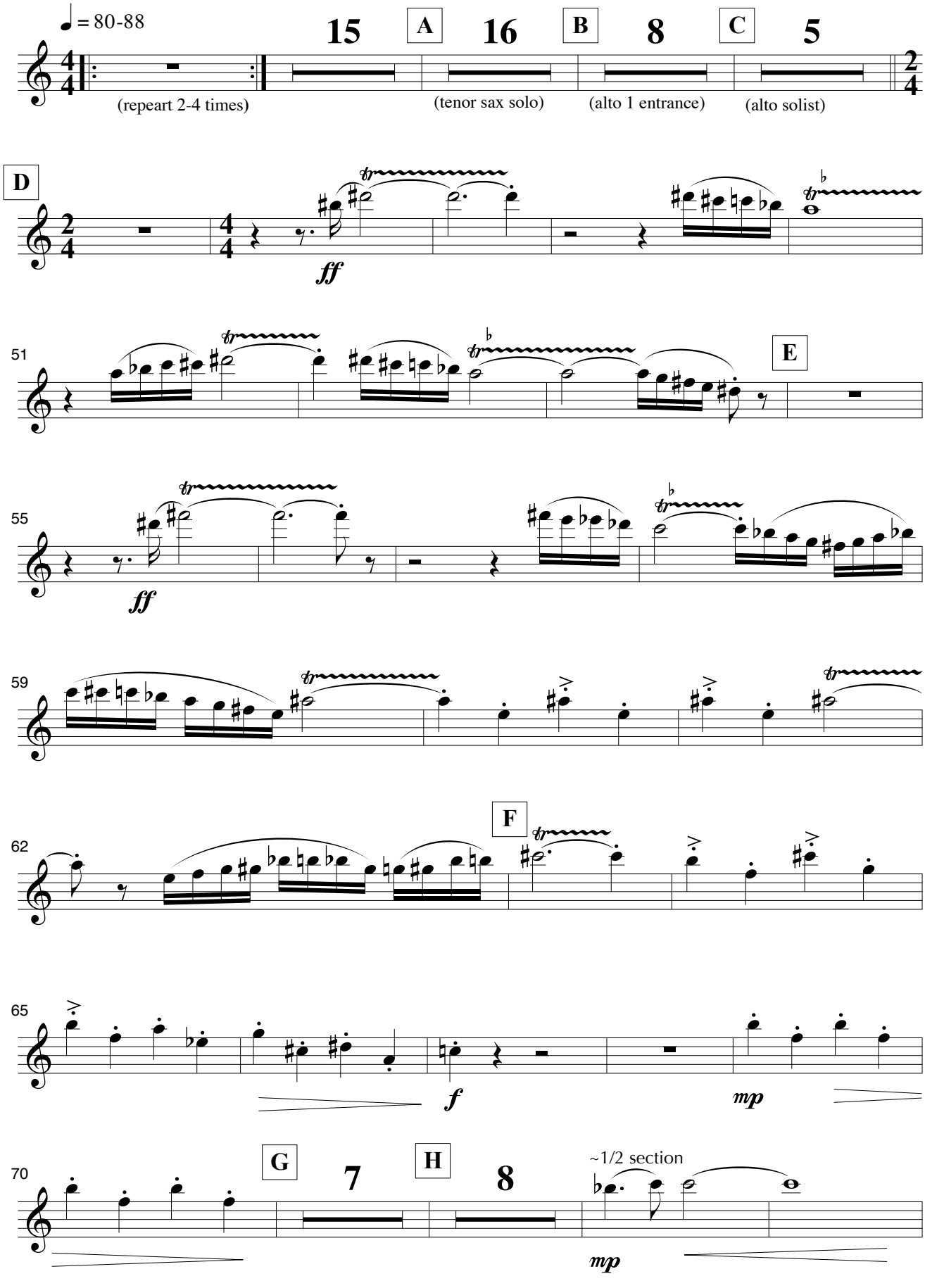
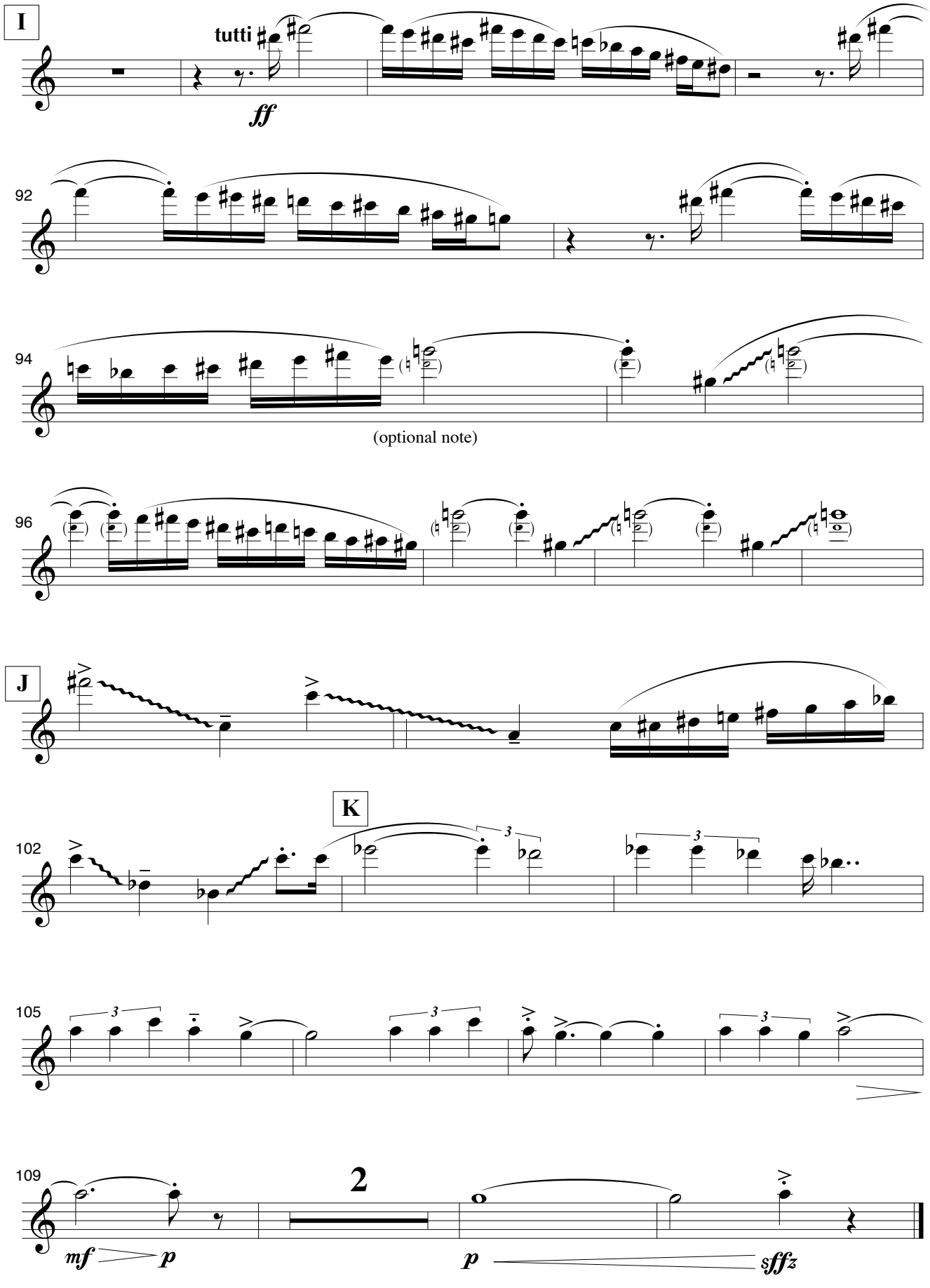
Cadenza - slowly and freely
dolce
soloist
mp
mp
Remove mouthpiece and blow air through instrument,
while rattling keys.
Drop out one by one.
alto
saxes
(tutti)
pp~mp (ad lib.)

attacca

What if

(movement II)

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