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He looks as the Devil over Lincoln.

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"THE LEGEND OF THE LINCOLN IMP."

"The wind, one day, brought two imps to view the new Minster at Lincoln, (England.) Both imps were greatly impressed with the magnitude and beauty of the structure, and one of them, smitten by a fatal curiosity, slipped inside the building to see what was going on. His temerity, however, cost him dear, for he was so petrified with astonishment at the wonderful things he both saw and heard, that his heart became as stone within him, and he remained rooted to the ground. The other imp, full of grief at the loss of his brother, flew madly round about the minster, seeking in vain for the lost one. At length, being wearied out, he alighted, quite unwittingly, upon the shoulders of a certain witch, and was also, and in like manner, instantly turned to stone! But the wind still haunts the Minster precincts waiting their return, now hopelessly disconsolate! and now raging with fury!"

The bishop we know died long ago,
The wind still waits, nor will he go
Till he has a chance of beating his foe;
But the devil hopp'd up without a limp,
And at once took shape as the "Lincoln Imp."
And there he sits a'top of the column,
And grins at the people who gaze so solemn;
Moreover, he mocks at the wind below,
And says, "you may wait till doomsday, O!"

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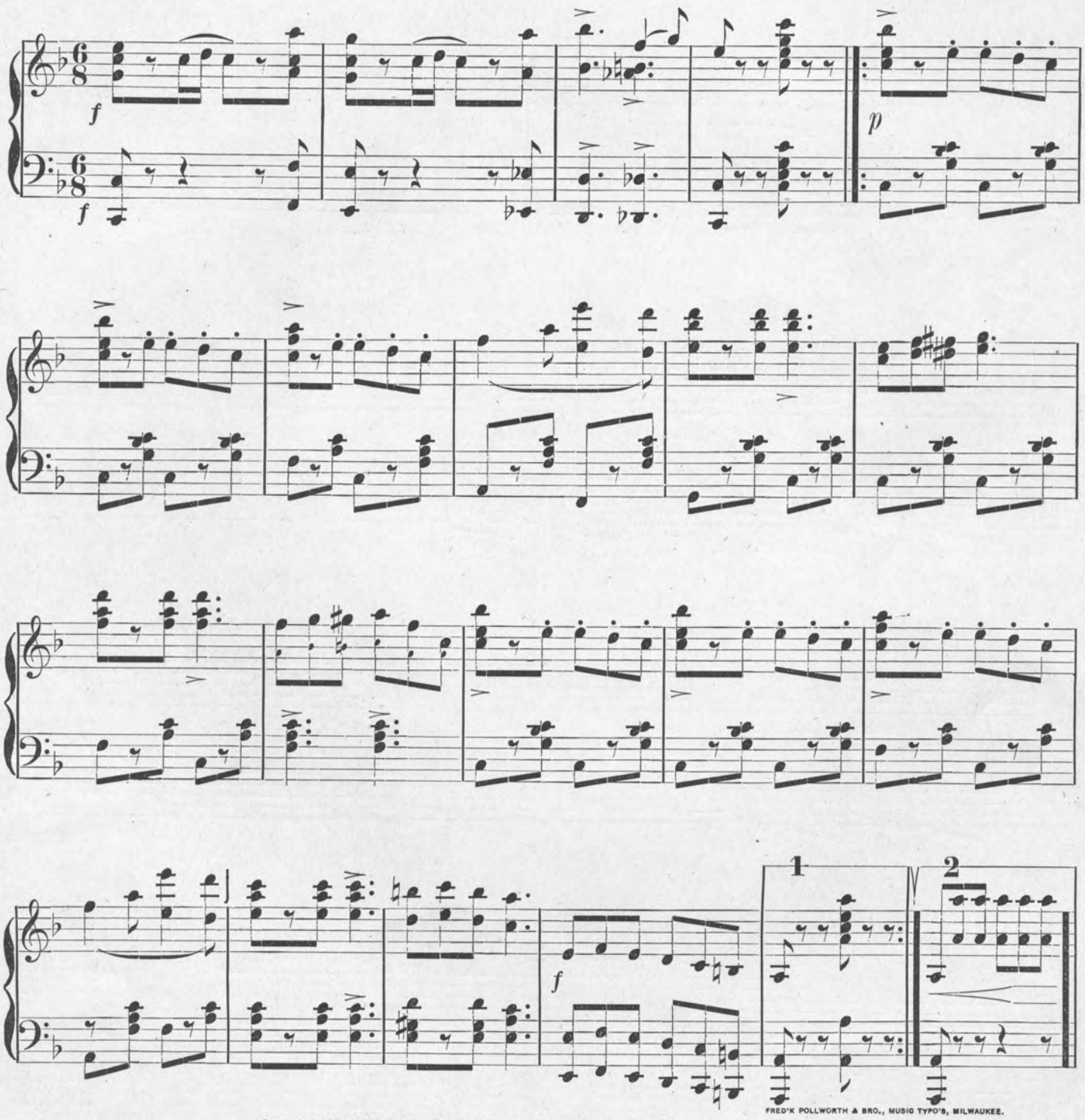

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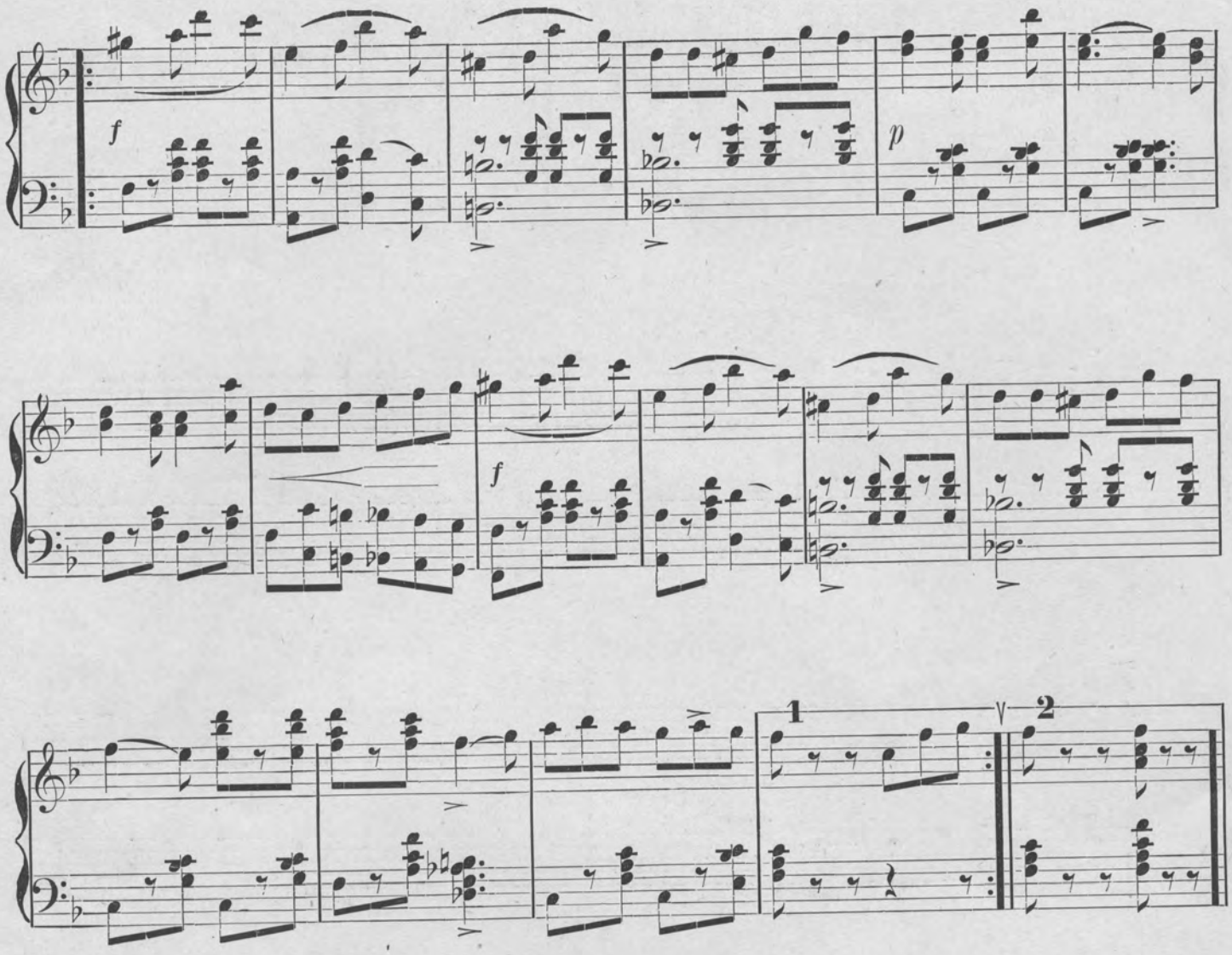

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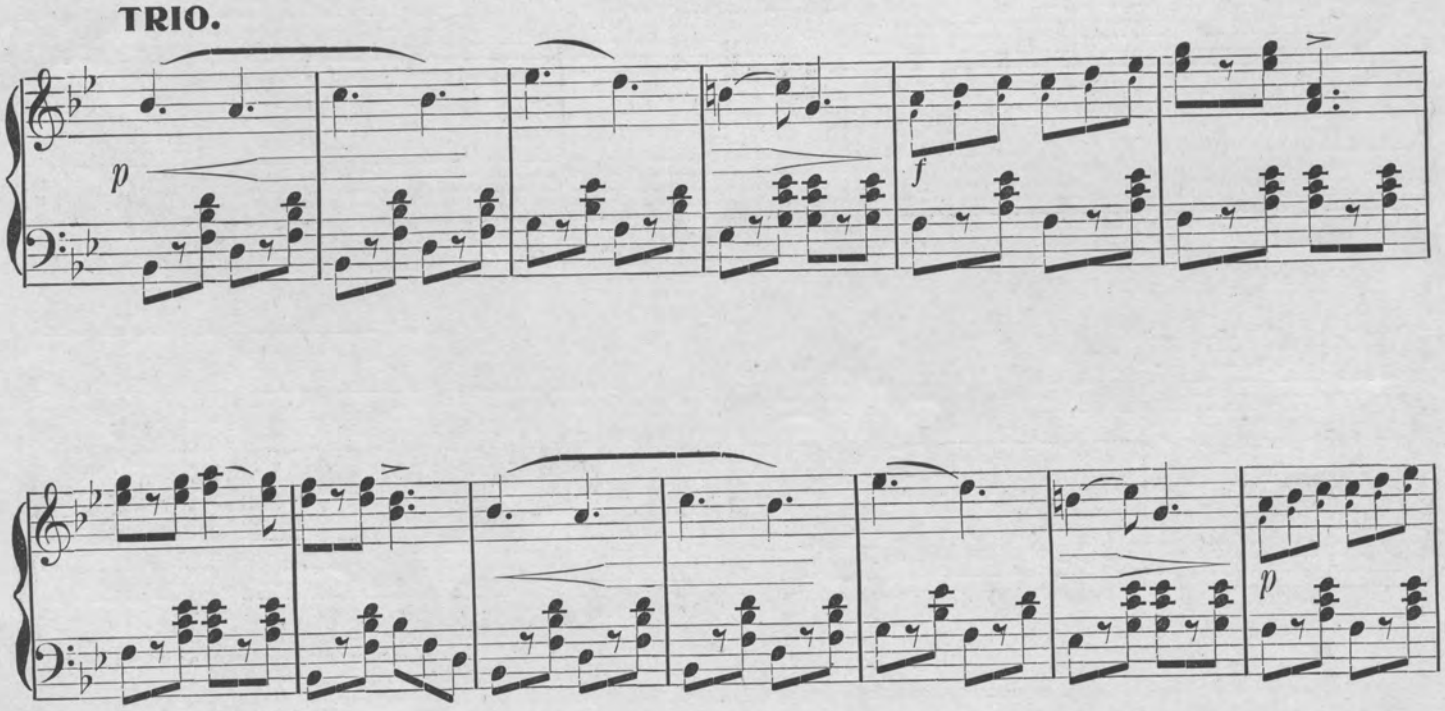

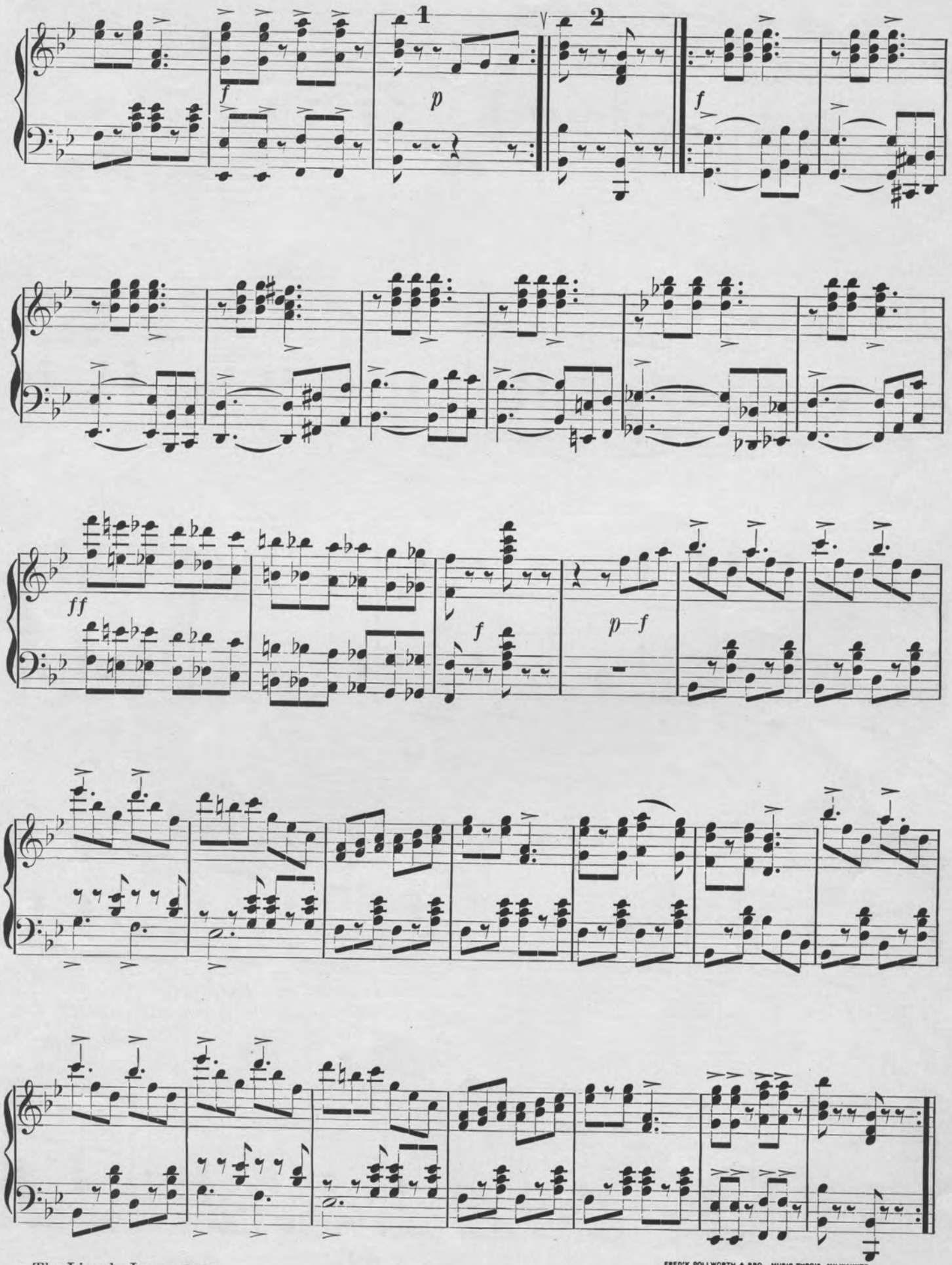

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