Johann Sebastian Bach

Suite
pour le Luth

BWV 995

Guitar edition in memoriam
Werner Icking (26.8.1943 – 8.2.2001)

Notes on this edition

This edition of the BWV 995 Lute Suite was conceived as a performer's edition and should not be taken for an *Urtext*, though some notational practices were adopted to distinguish between original notation and editorial additions. Thus solid slurs and ornaments not printed in brackets are Bach's, while dotted slurs and ornaments in brackets are editorial. Dotted slurs may indicate either technical slurs (*ligados*) or interpretative slurring across two strings.

Where the ambit of the guitar or the exigencies of the fretboard necessitate the octave transposition of individual bass notes or whole bass lines, this has been done silently. However, where individual notes in the middle voice have been omitted for reasons of playability or interpretative licence, the passages in question have been flagged with the symbol [$*$] and the original text appears at the end of the edition.

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Revision notes

Minor typographical errors in the fingering have been corrected in this revision.

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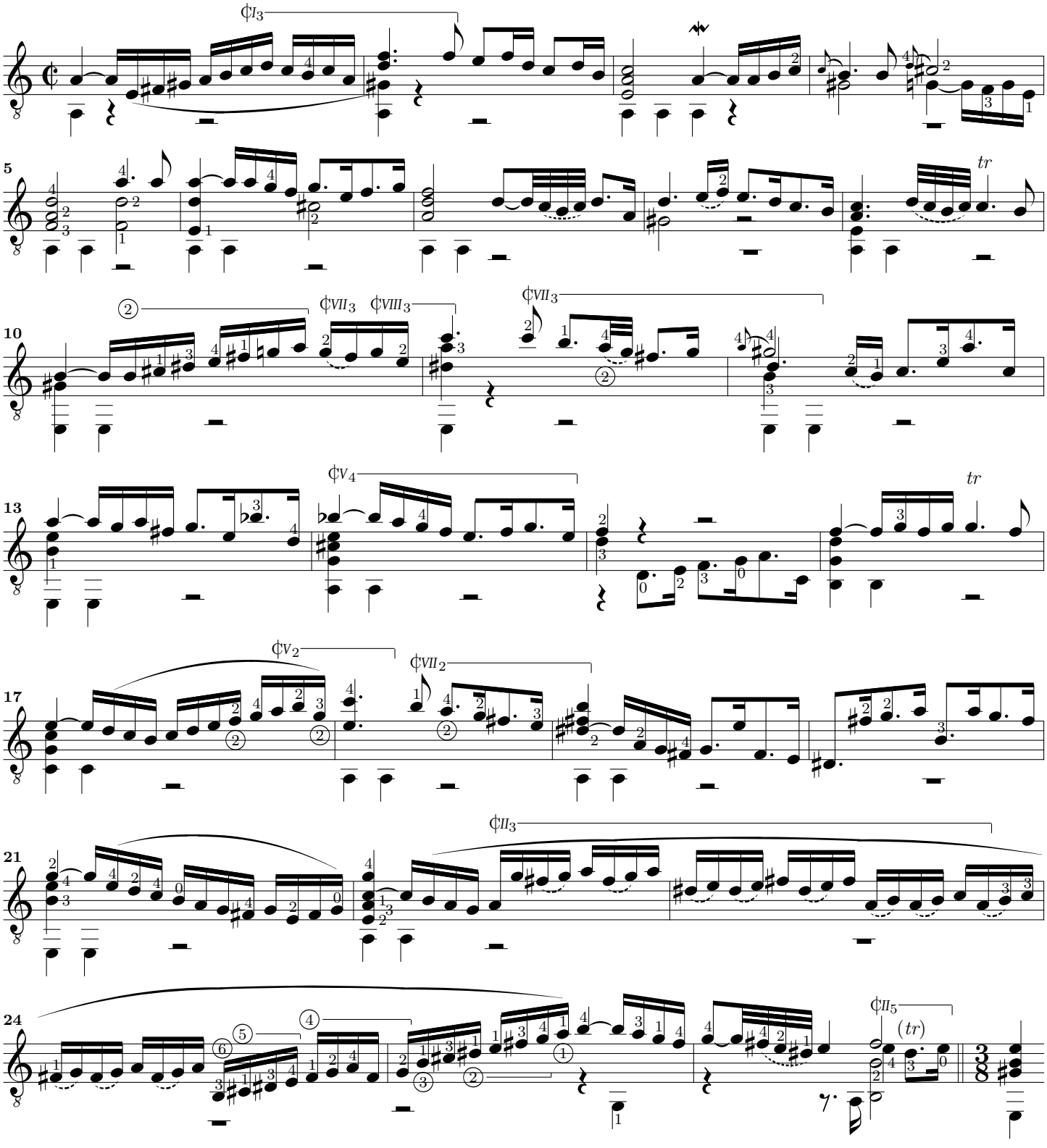
Edited for guitar by Eva Jaksch

Prelude



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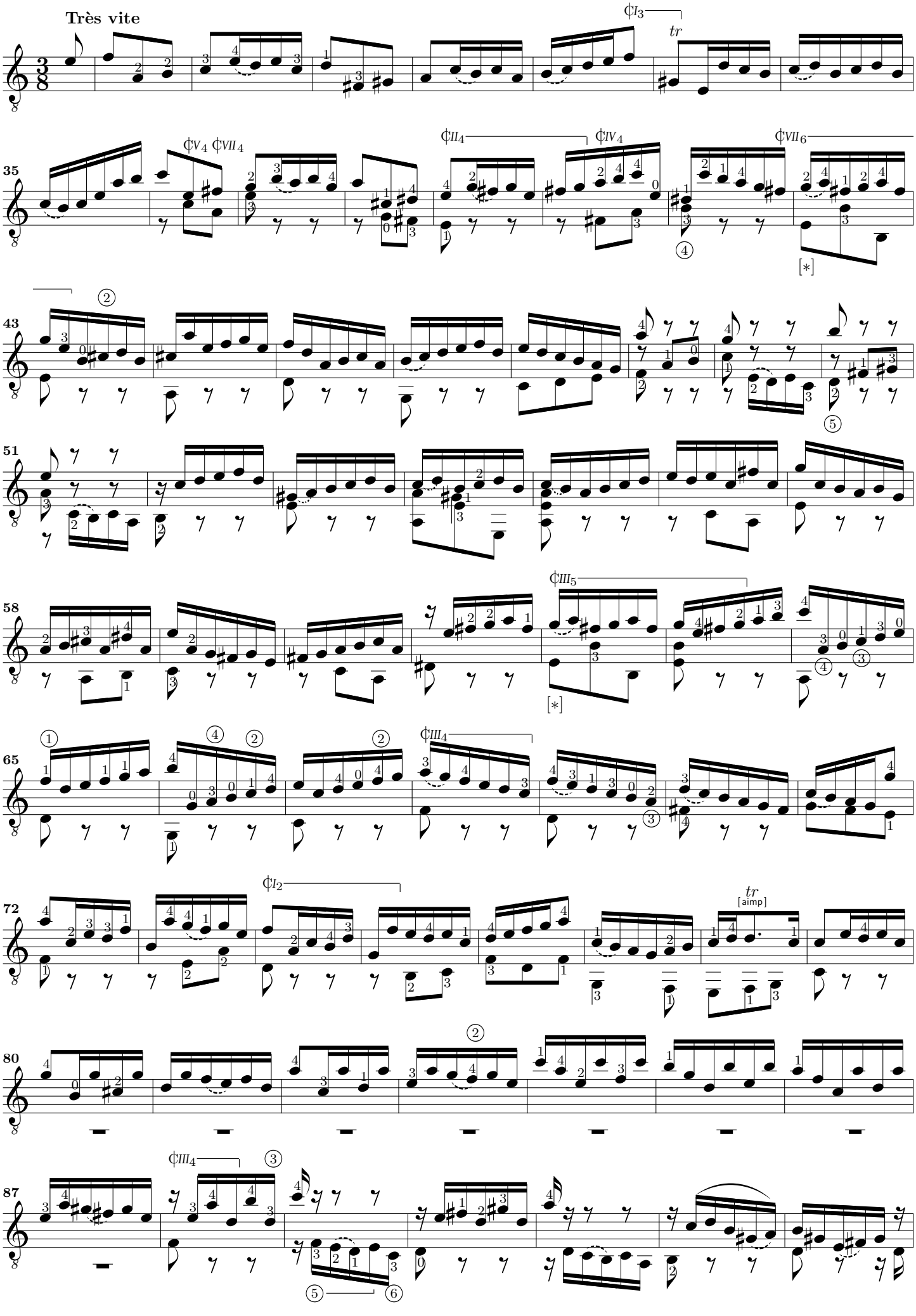

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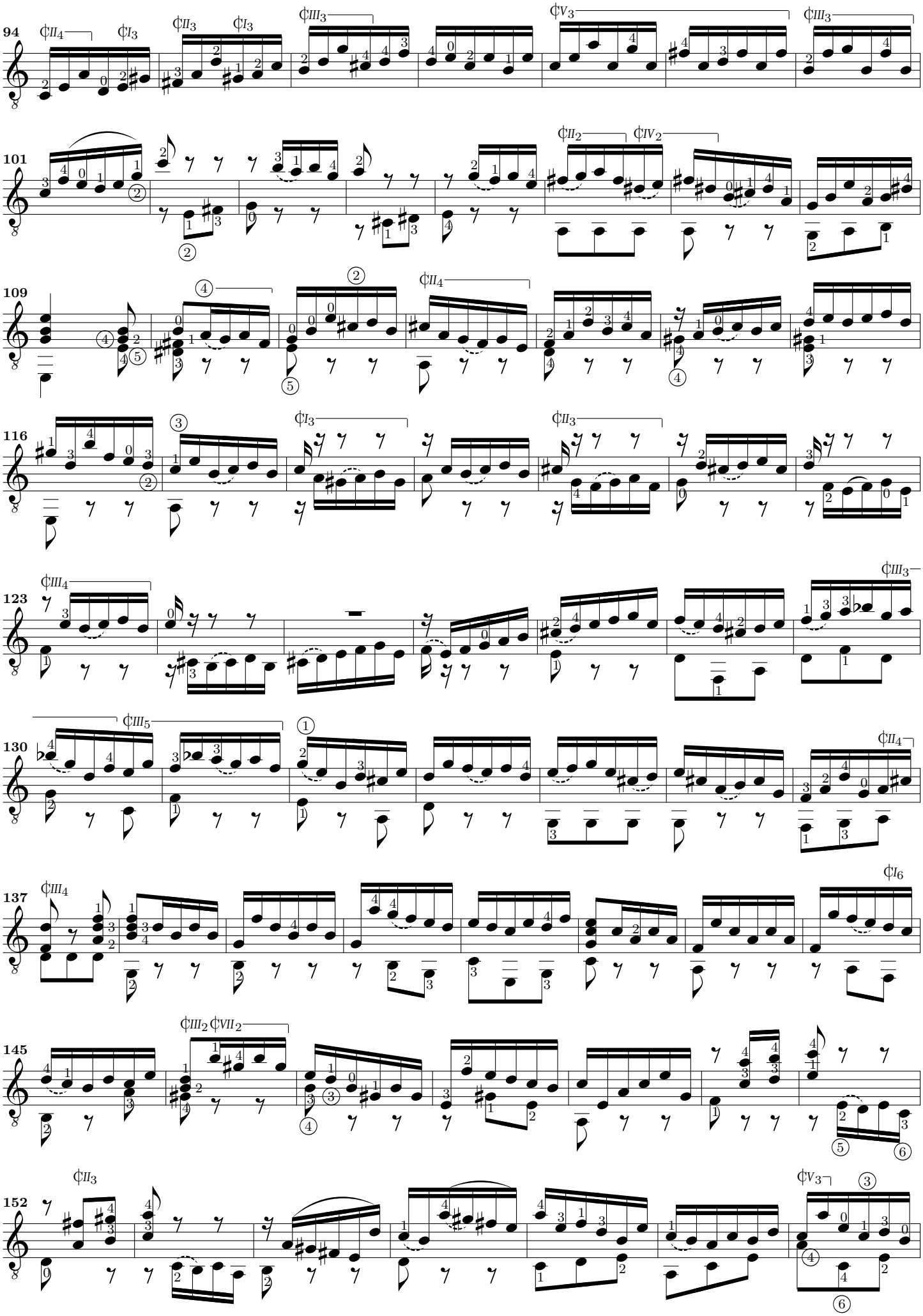

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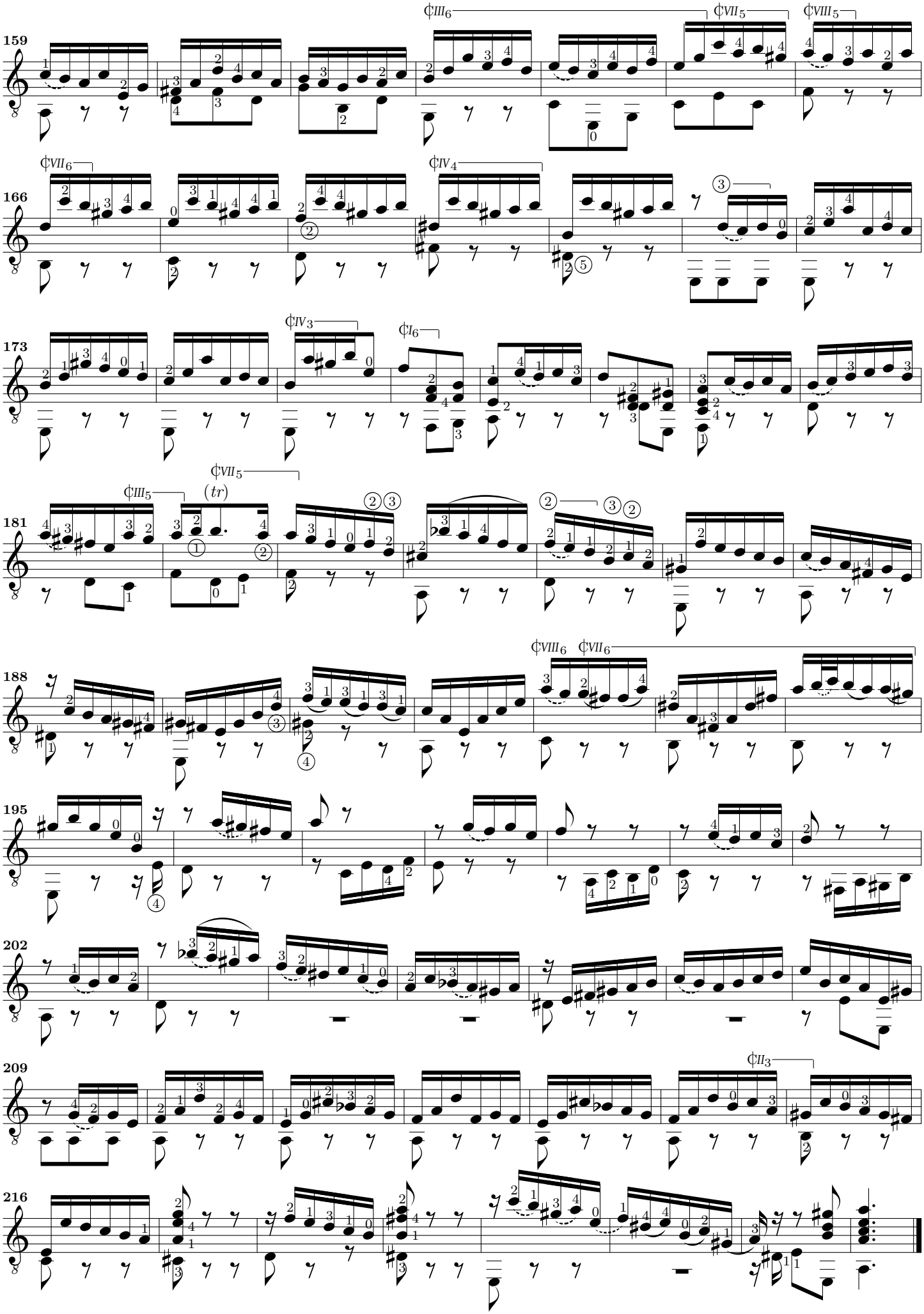

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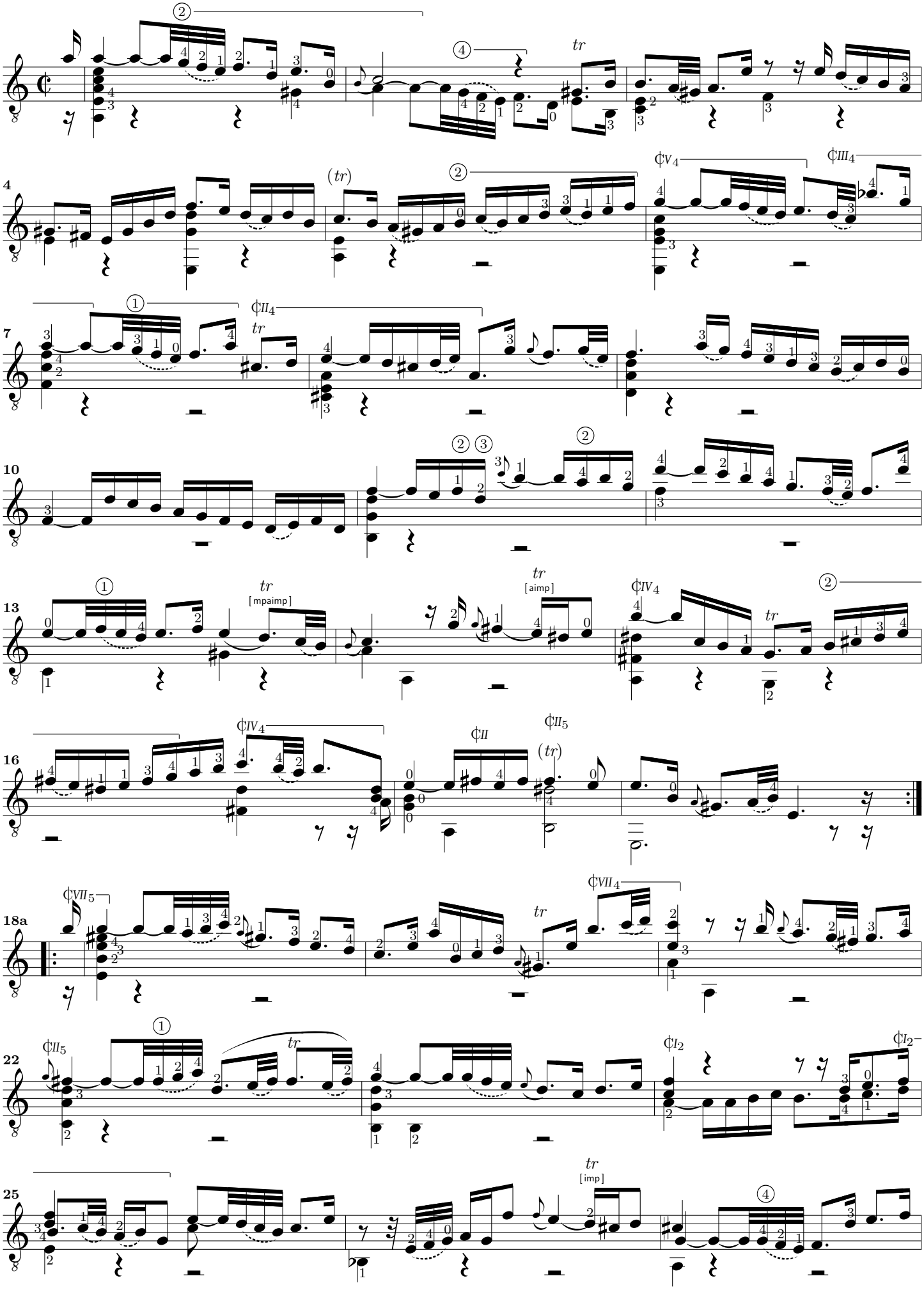

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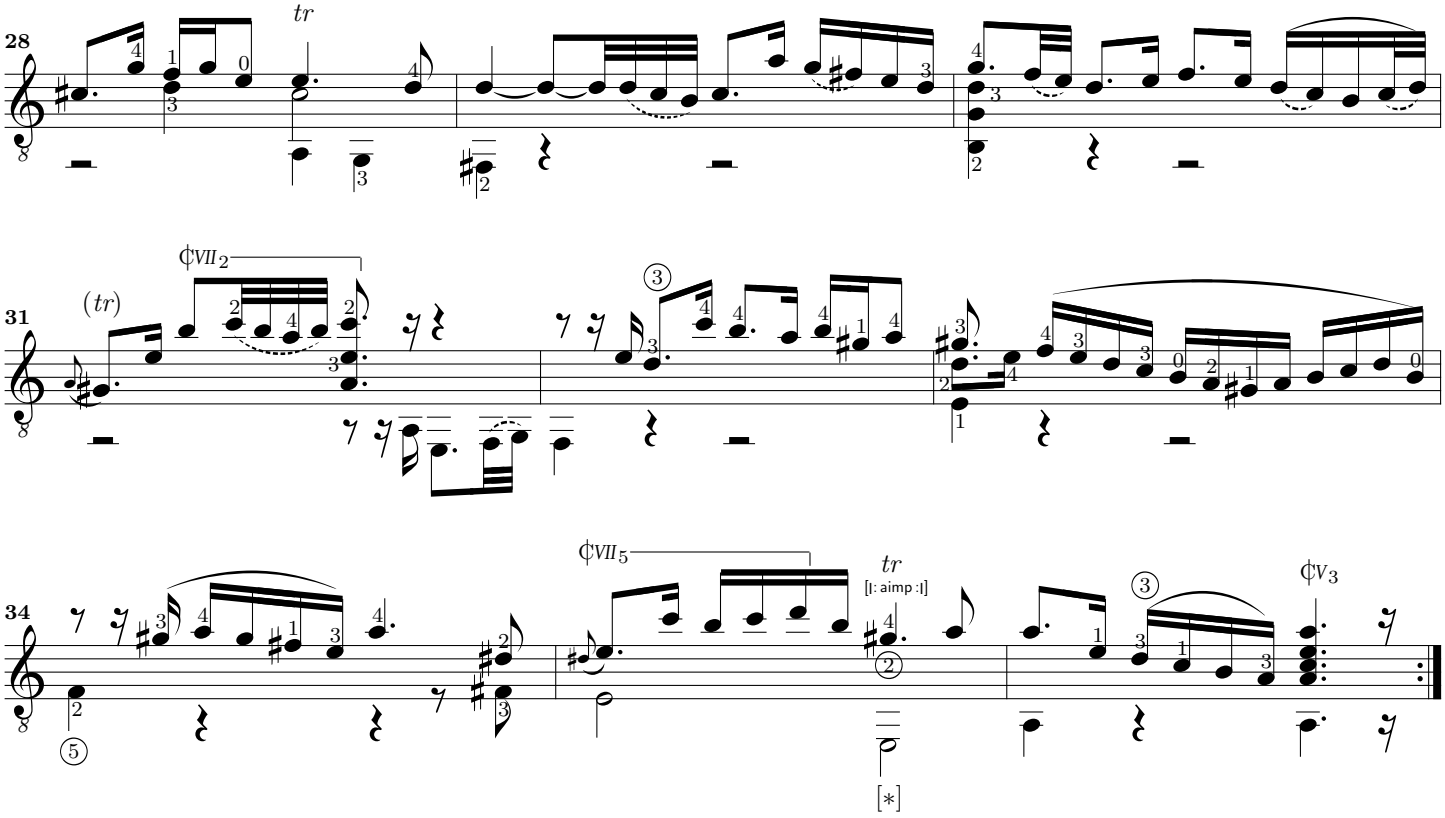

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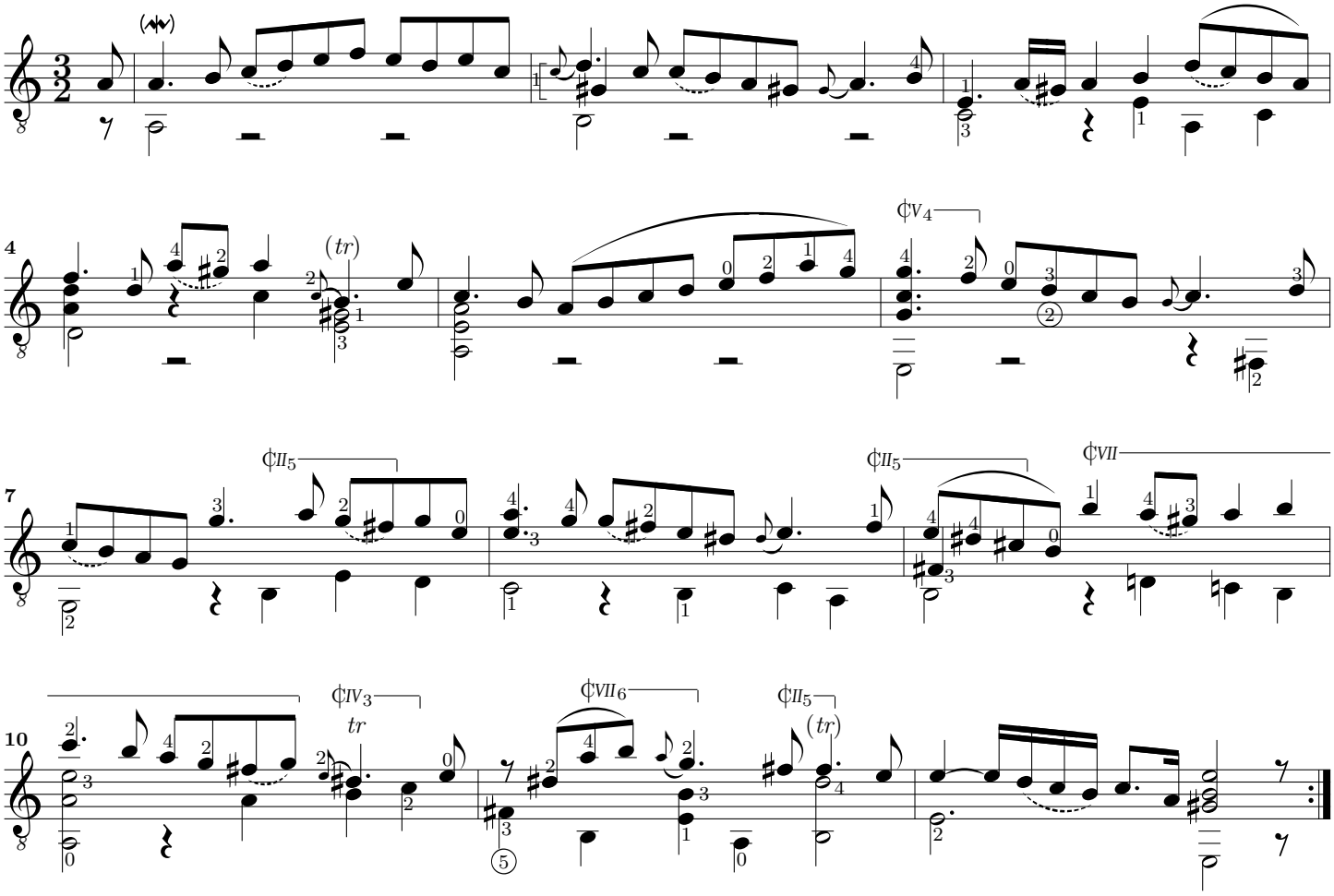

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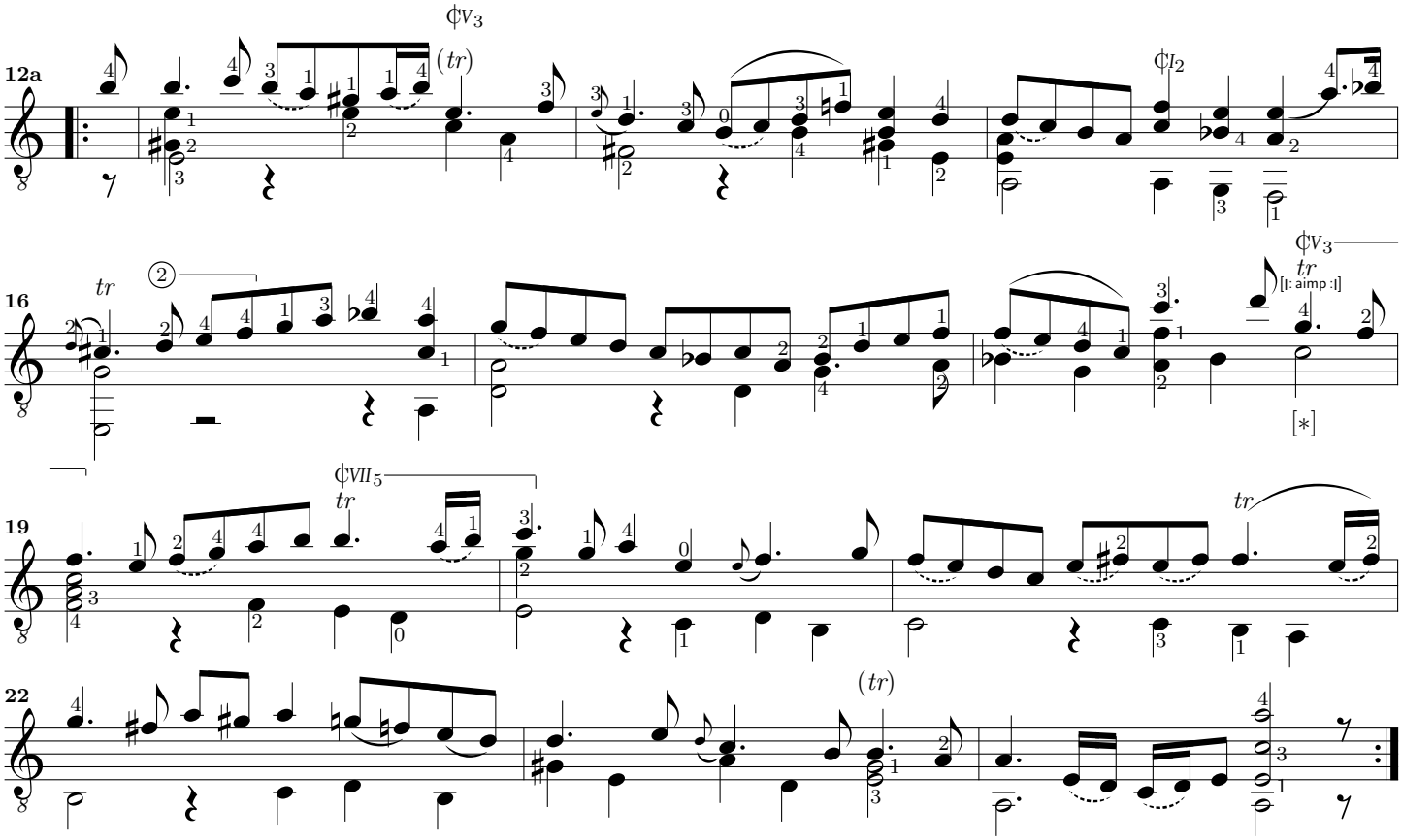

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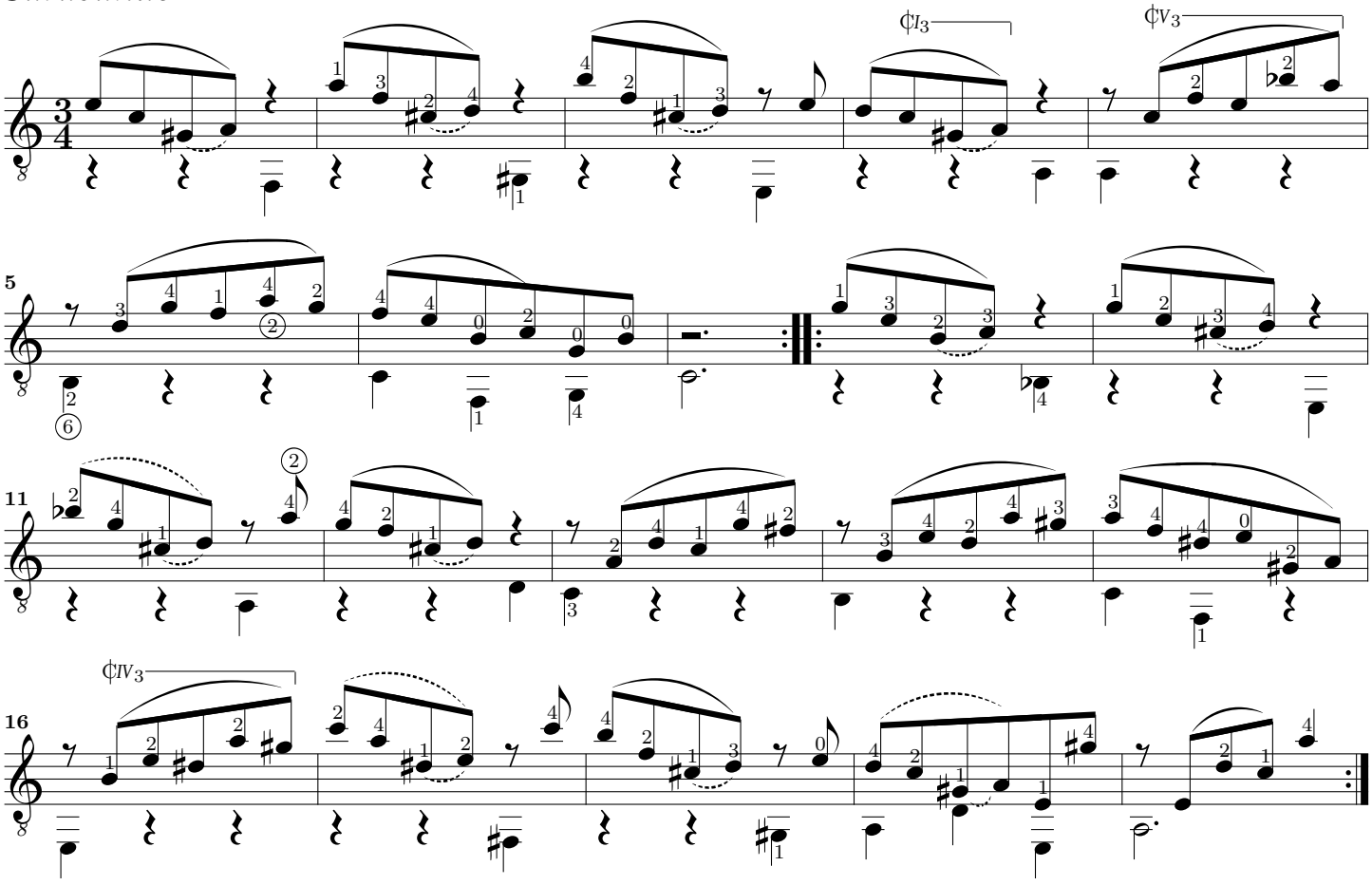

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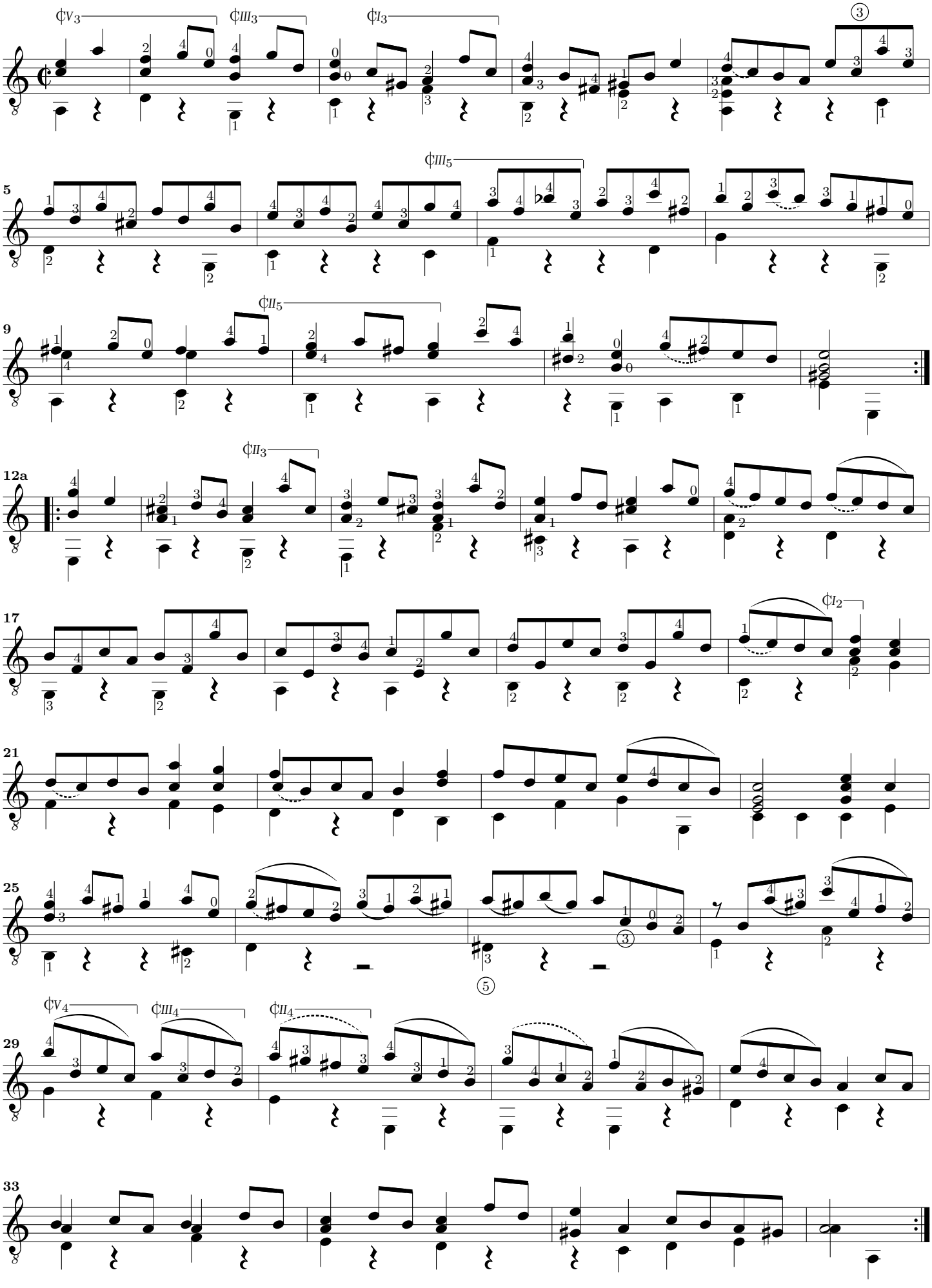
Gavotte I



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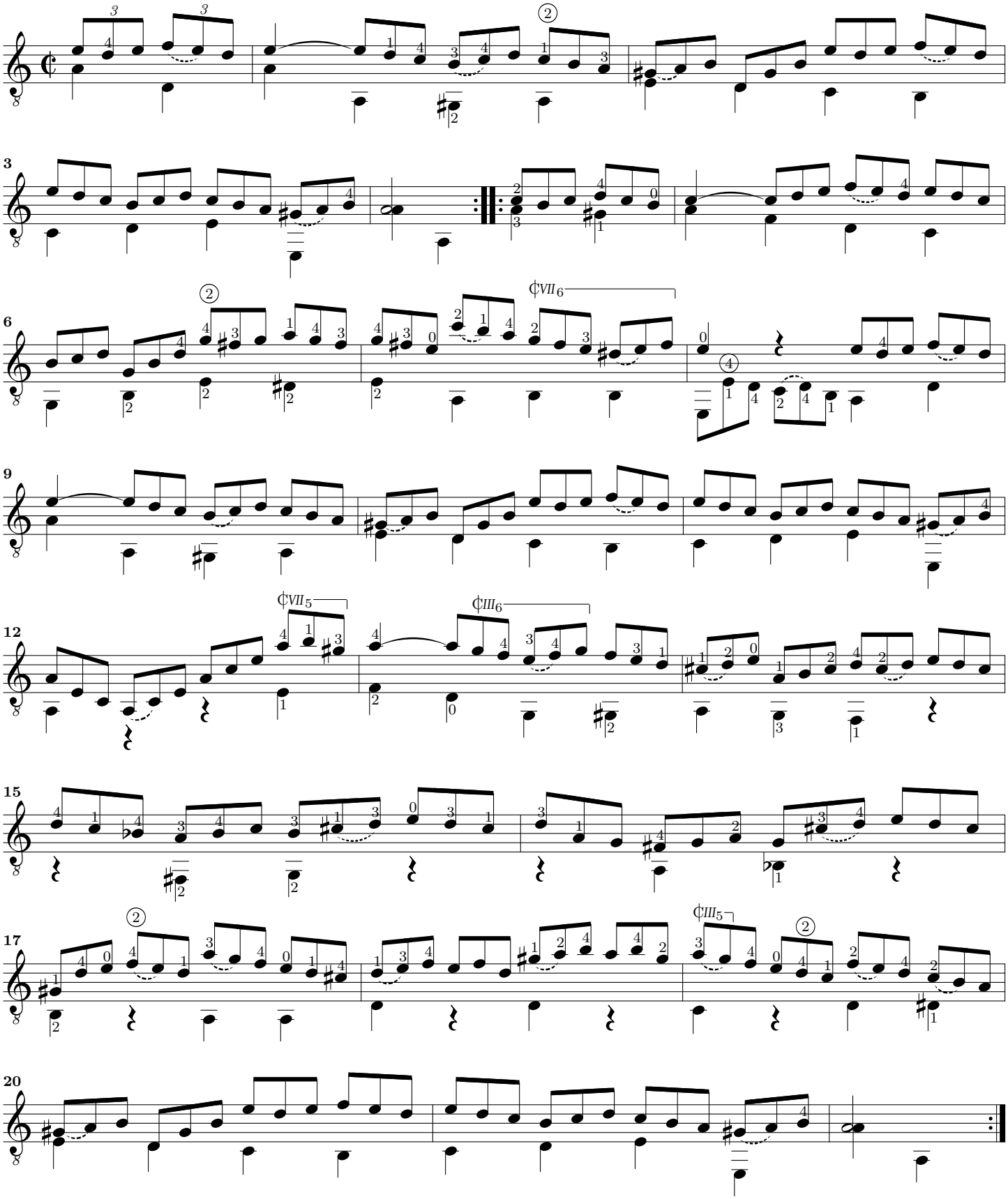
Gavotte II en Rondeau



Gavotte I d.C.

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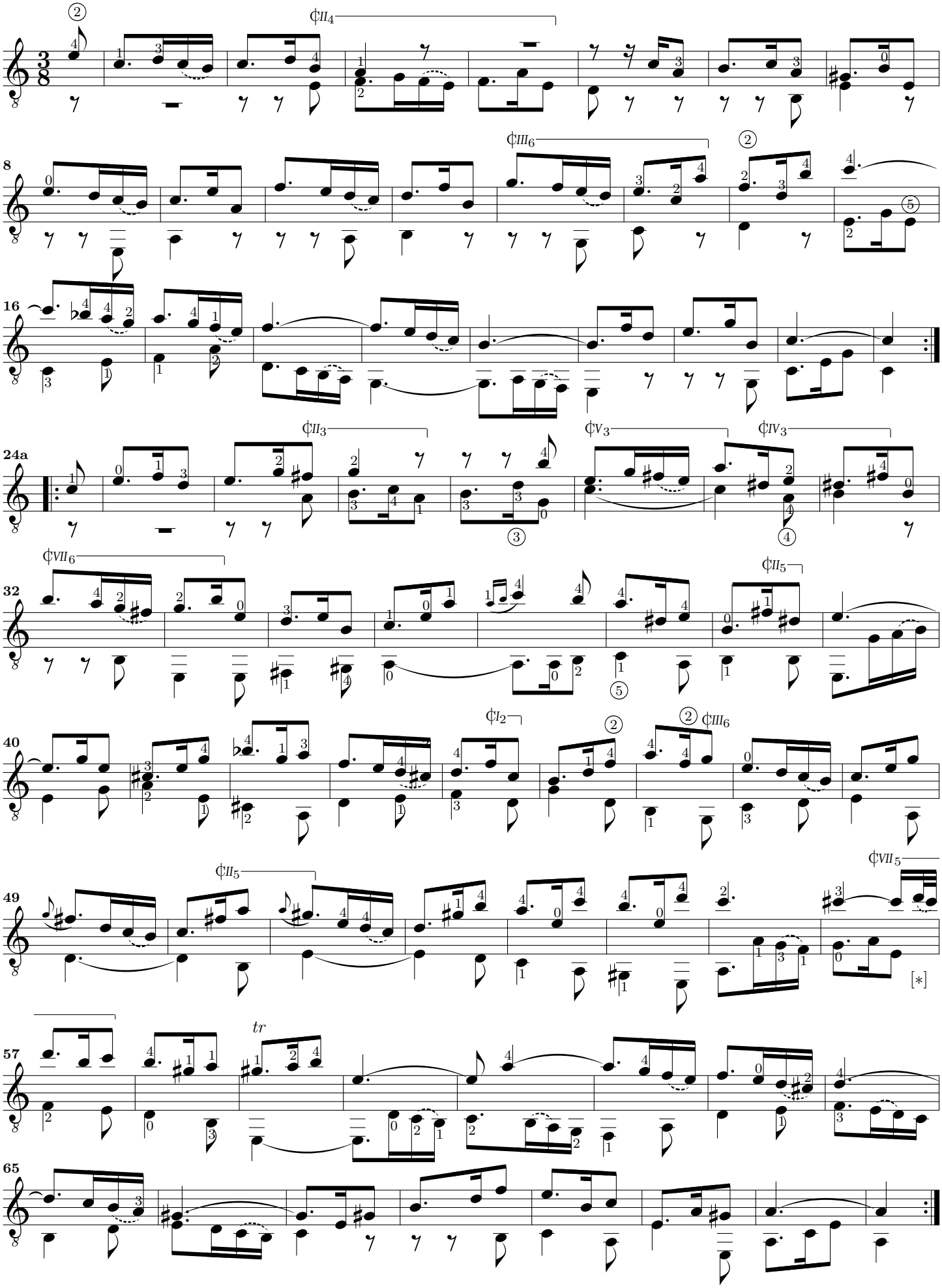
Gigue



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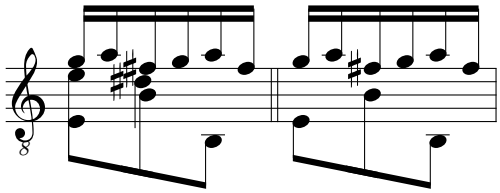

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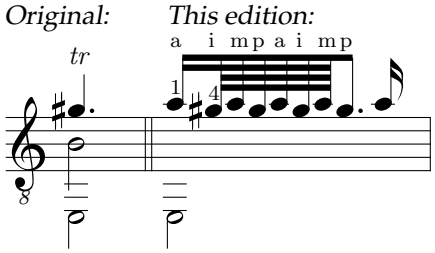

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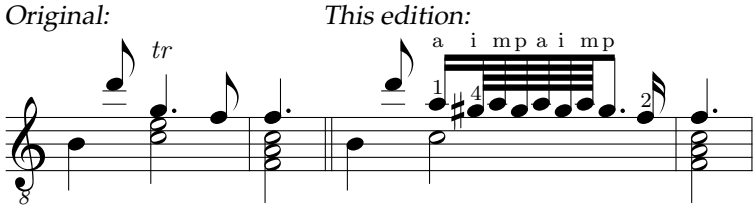

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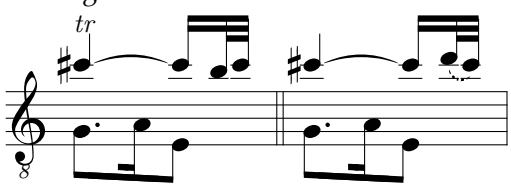

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