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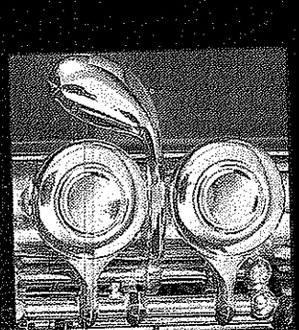
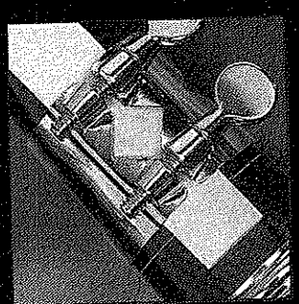
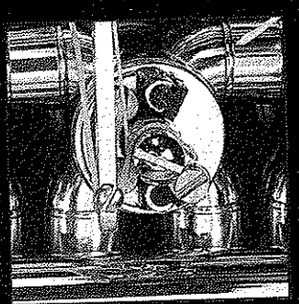
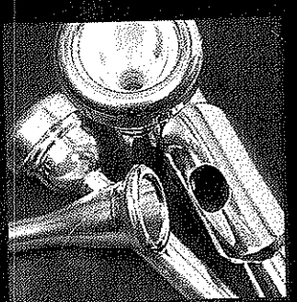

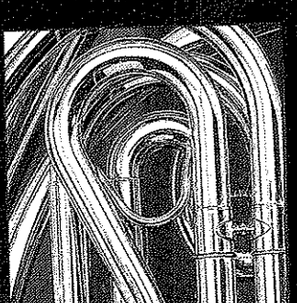
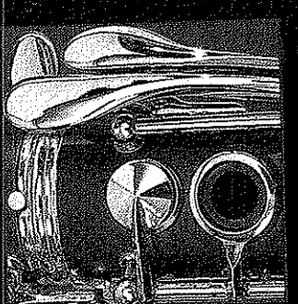
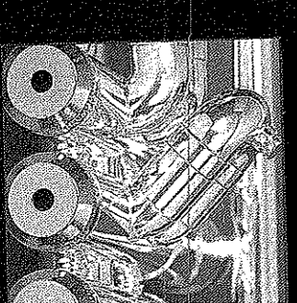
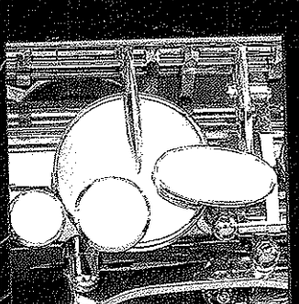
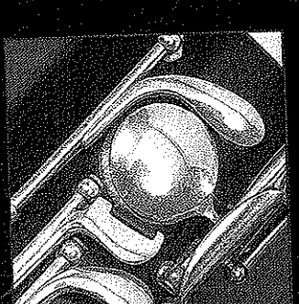

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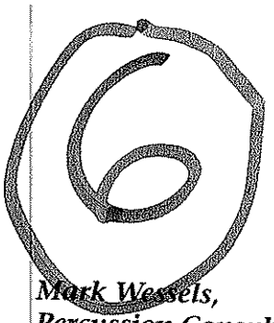

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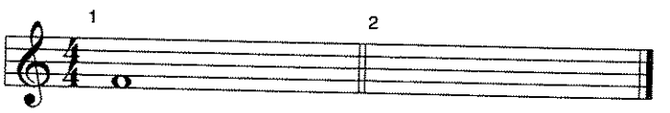
Concert F Around The Band

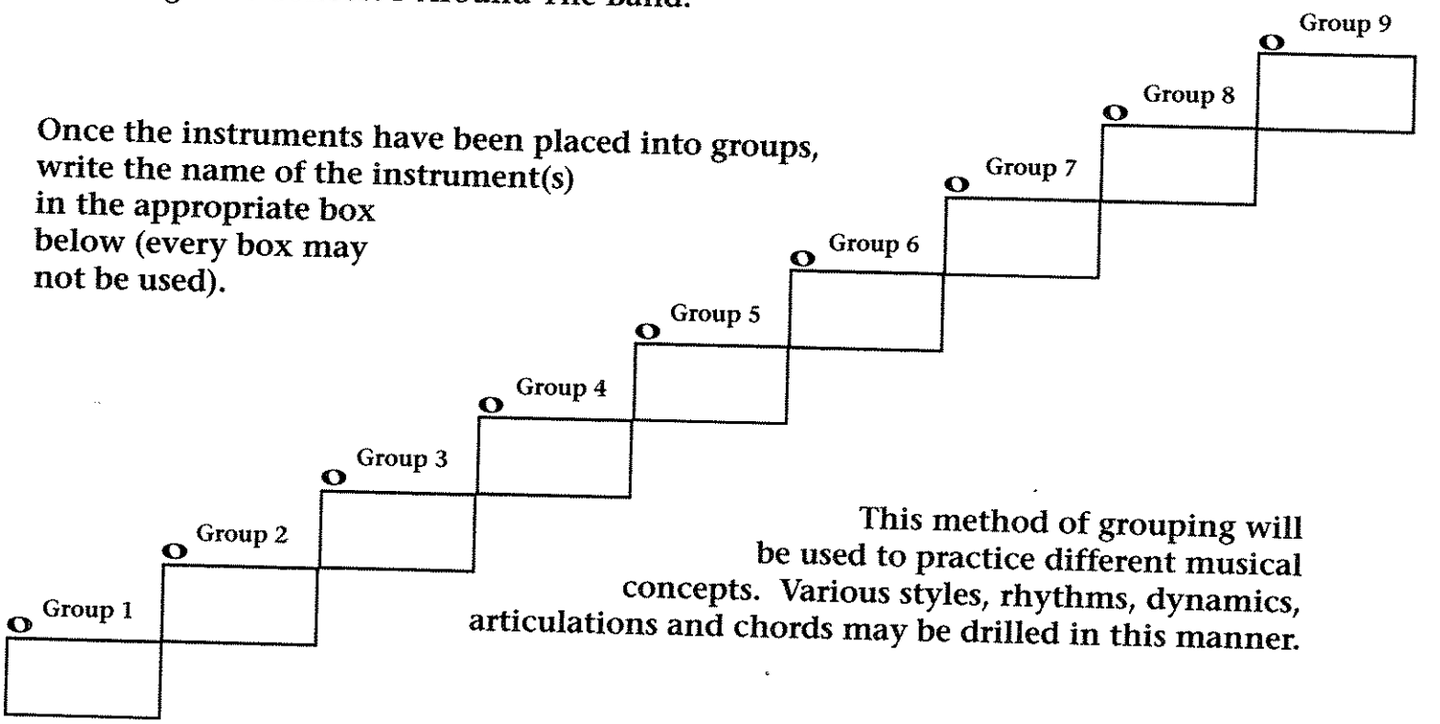
Each instrument will play concert F in their middle register. Since the mallet percussion are concert pitched instruments, there is no need to transpose.

Copy the note in measure one into measure two.



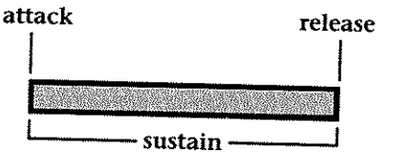
Your director will divide the band into various sections or groups for the listening drill Concert F Around The Band.

Once the instruments have been placed into groups, write the name of the instrument(s) in the appropriate box below (every box may not be used).



This method of grouping will be used to practice different musical concepts. Various styles, rhythms, dynamics, articulations and chords may be drilled in this manner.

As you play the exercise, keep the following concepts in mind:



- match the primary parts of each note (attack-sustain-release)
- work for a smooth shape to each note (no bumps in the sound)
- hand off tenuto notes (full value) without creating "holes" between the attacks
- match intonation, intensity, volume, tone quality, and the "body of sound"
- be aware of the different colors (timbres) of the instrument groups and their location in the room
- listen from the bottom groups and balance low-middle-high

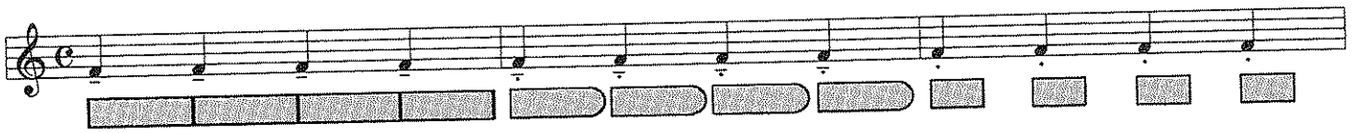
Articulation Exercises

Articulations: A Study in Styles

Four connected quarter-notes (tenuto). The sound of one note "touches" the next note.

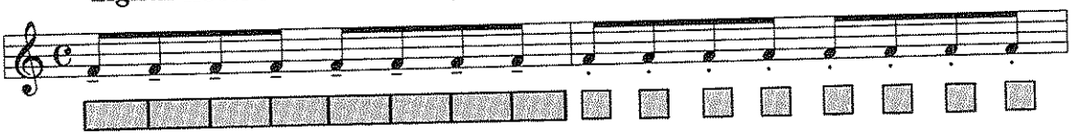
Four quarter-notes in "lifted" style. The attack is the same as tenuto, but the end of the note is tapered.

Four quarter-notes "lifted and short" (staccato). Separated and detached (half full value).



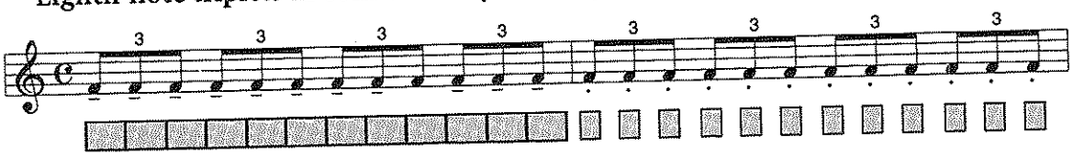
Eighth-notes in connected style.

Eighth-notes in lifted and short style.

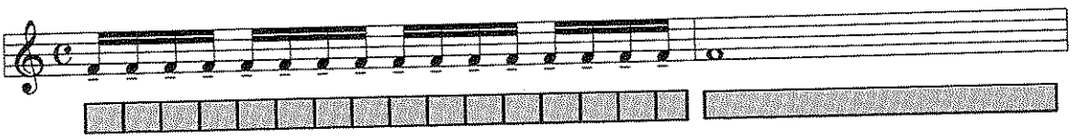


Eighth-note triplets in connected style.

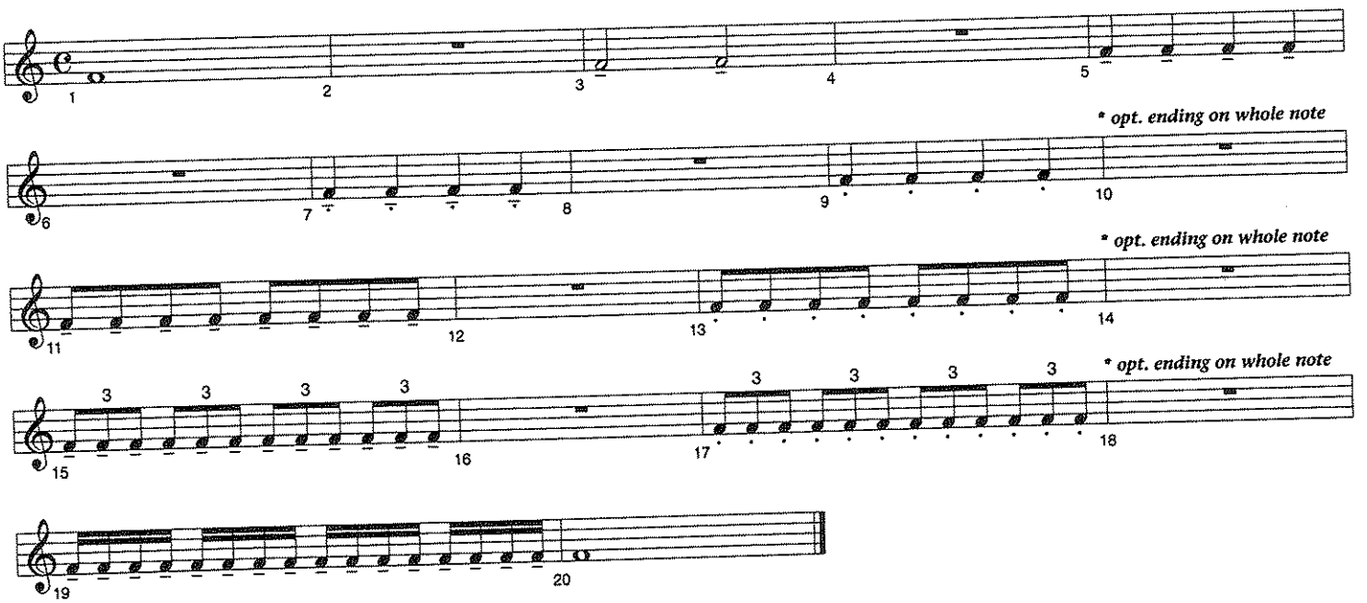
Eighth-note triplets in a detached style (bounced).



Sixteenth-notes in a connected style.



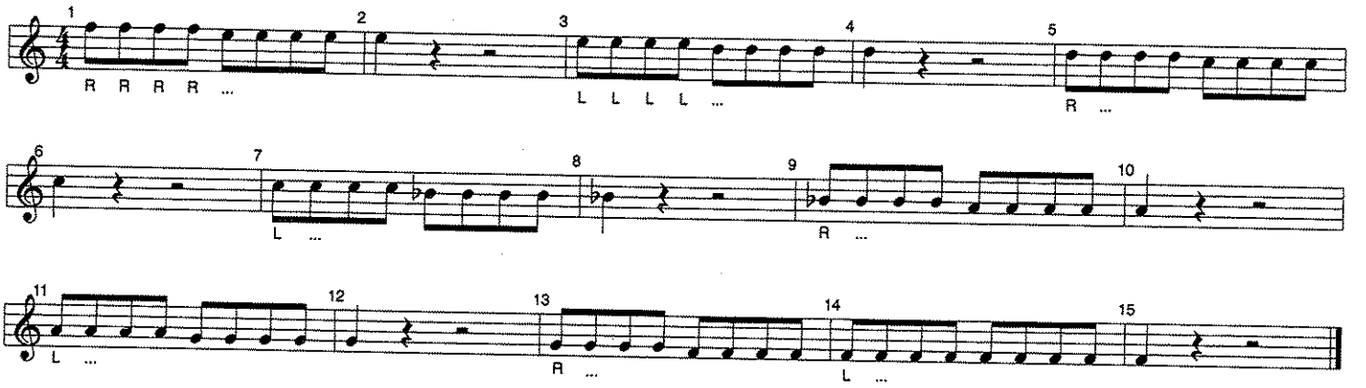
Articulation Exercise on Concert F



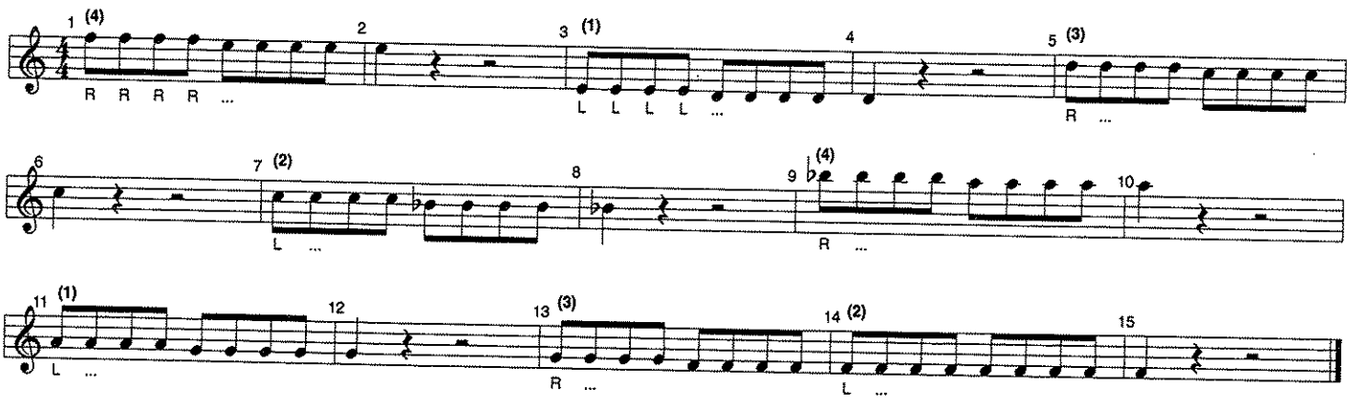
Long Tones

Concert F Descending 1

Two Mallet Pattern: Single Strokes



Four Mallet Pattern: Single Independent Strokes 1 2 3 4



Concert F Descending 2

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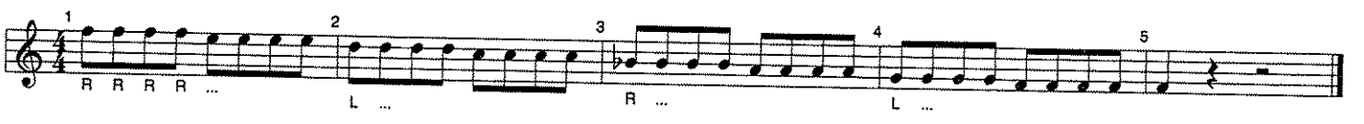

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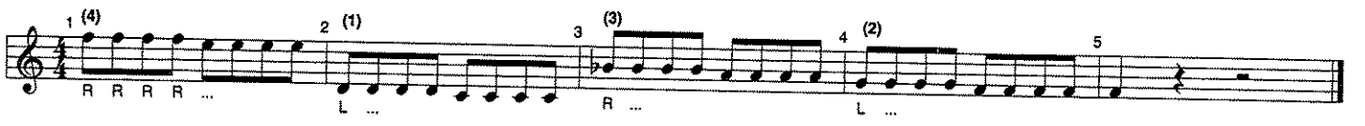

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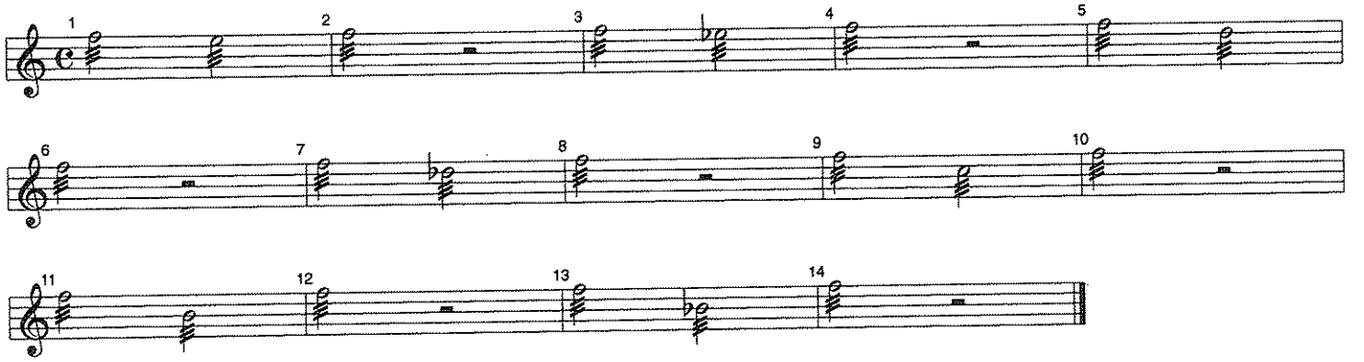
1a - Two Mallet Pattern: Rolls



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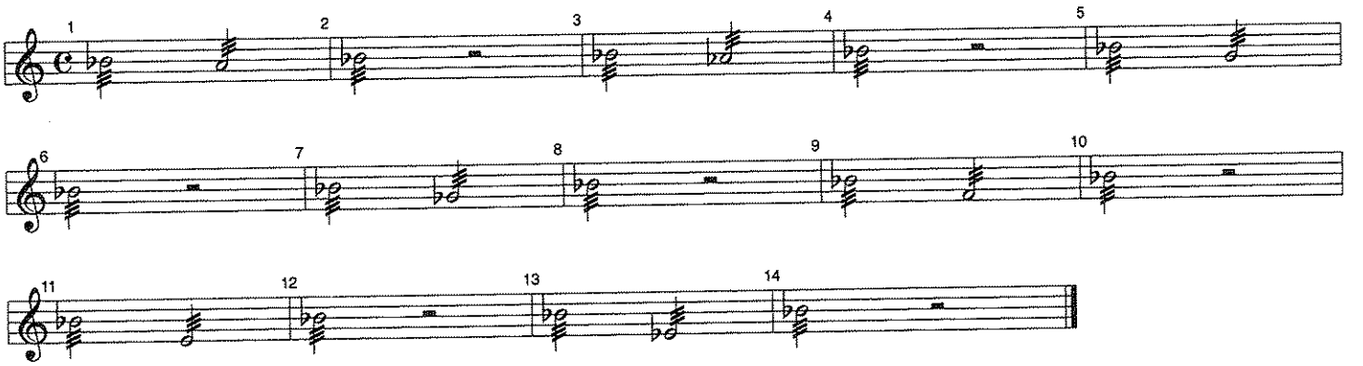
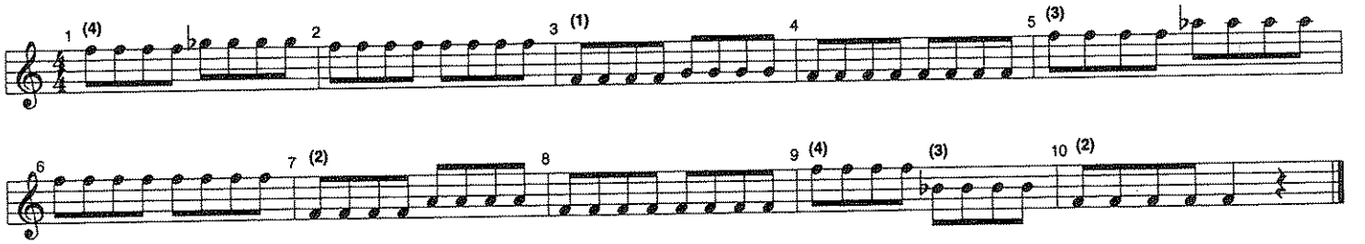


1c - Four Mallet Pattern: Single Independent Strokes 1 2 3 4



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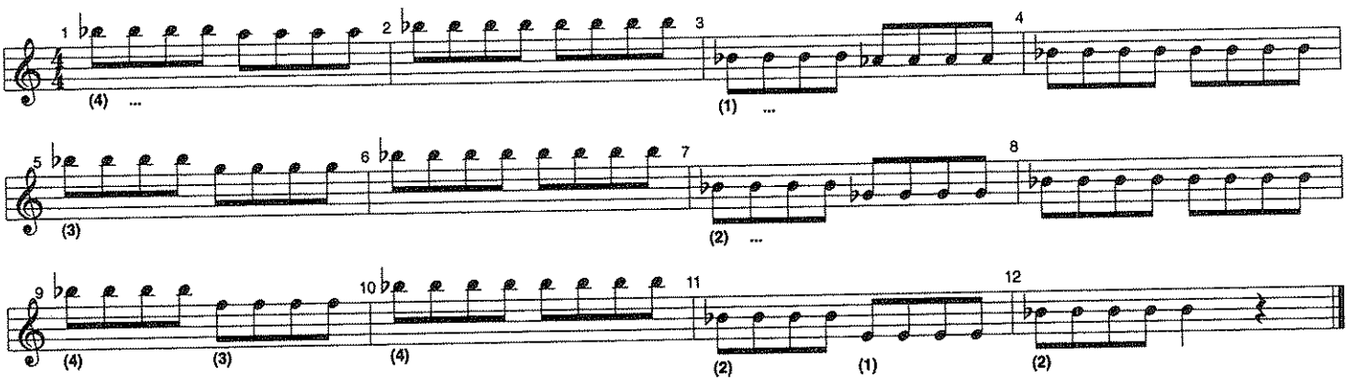

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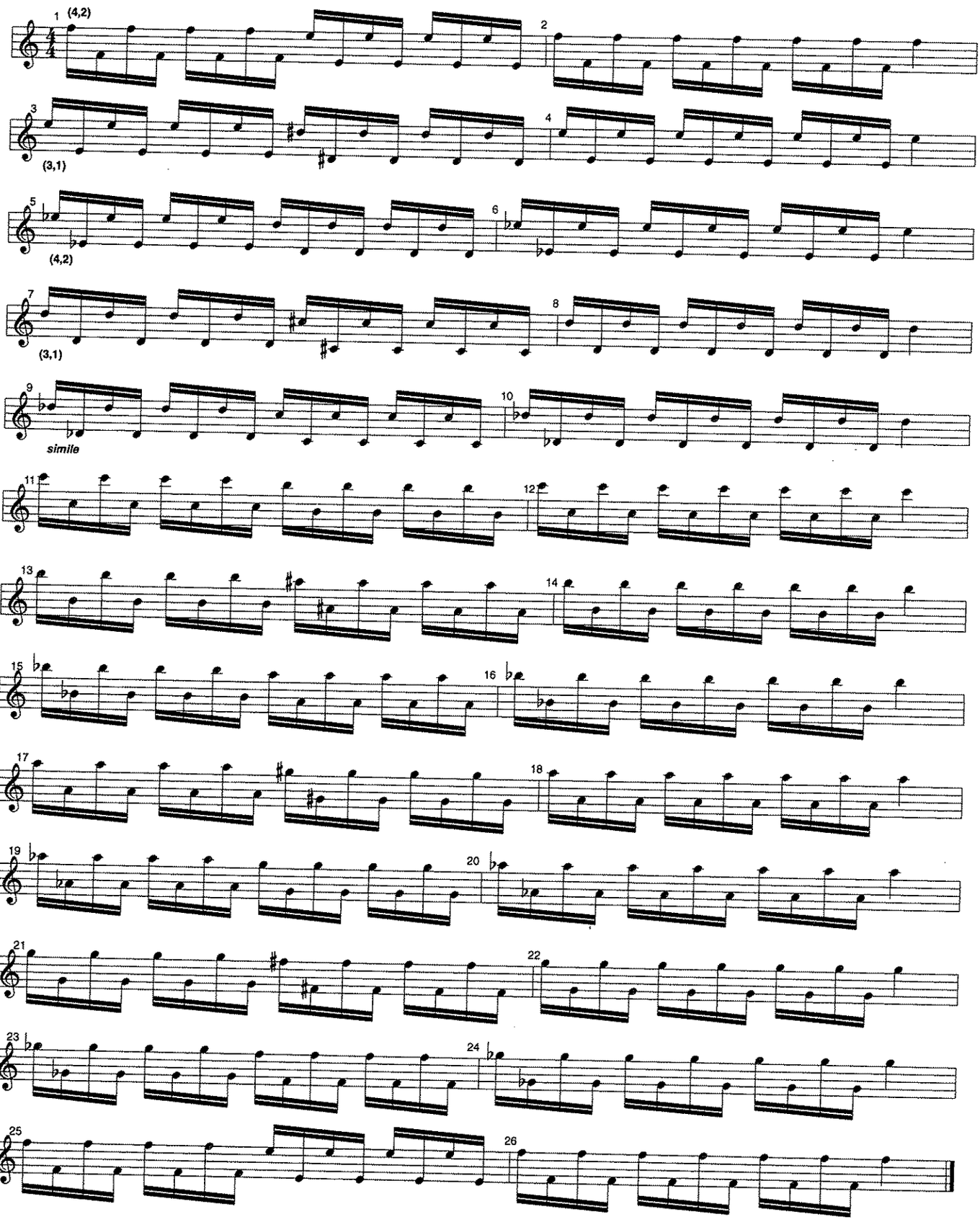
Long Tone 2

Four or Two Mallet Pattern: Alternating Independent Strokes 1 2 3 4 *or*



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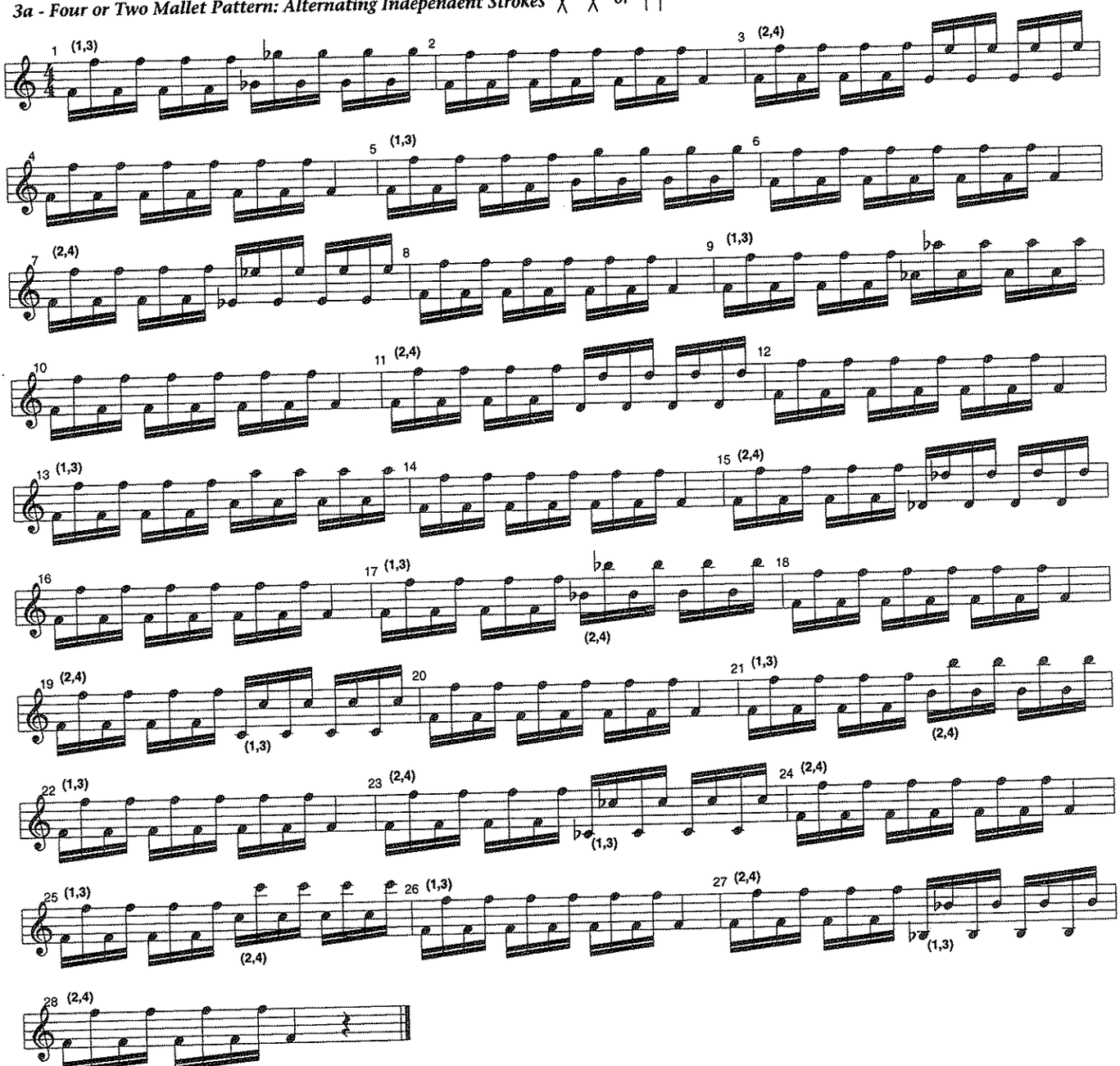

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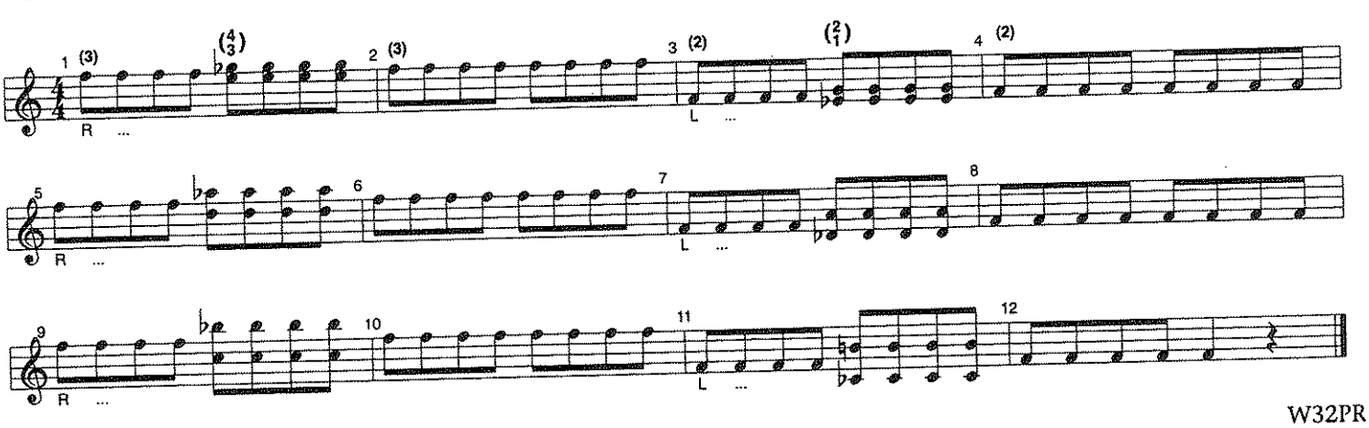

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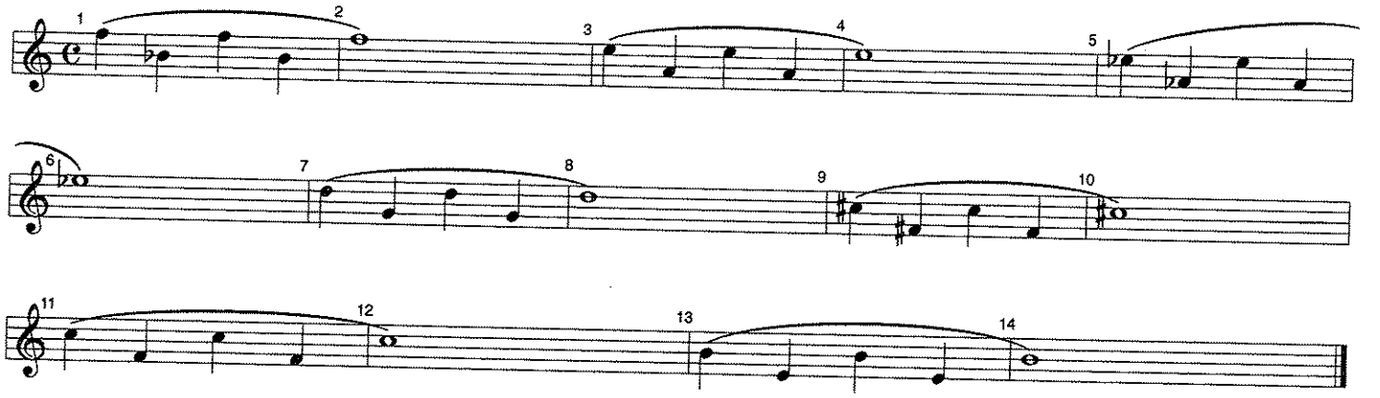

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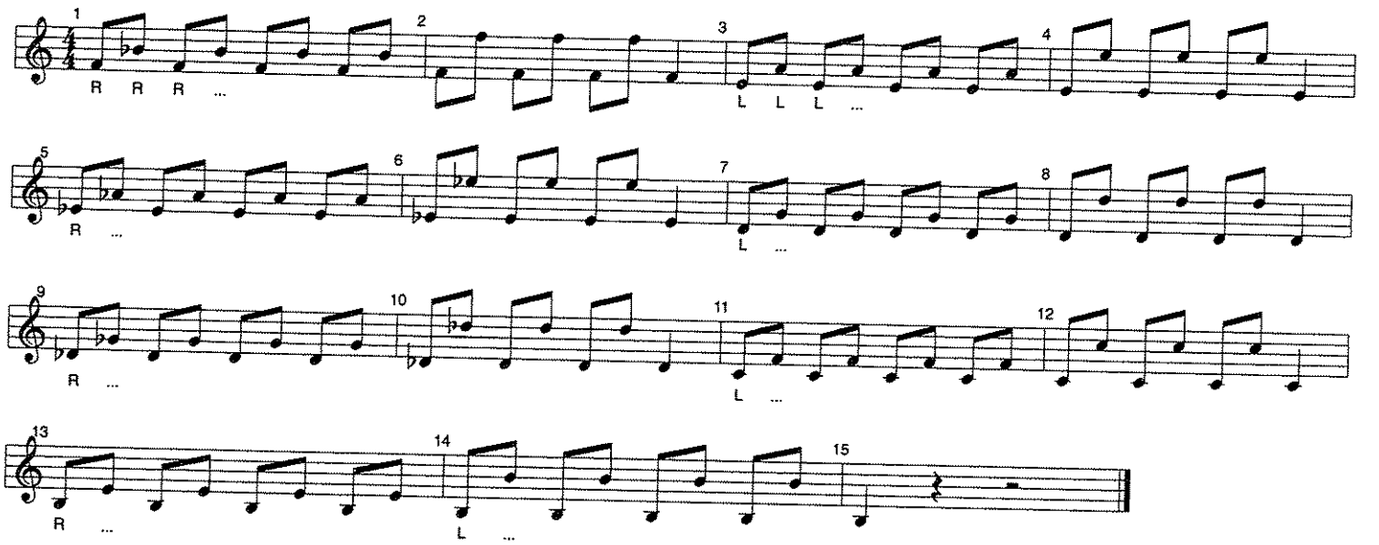

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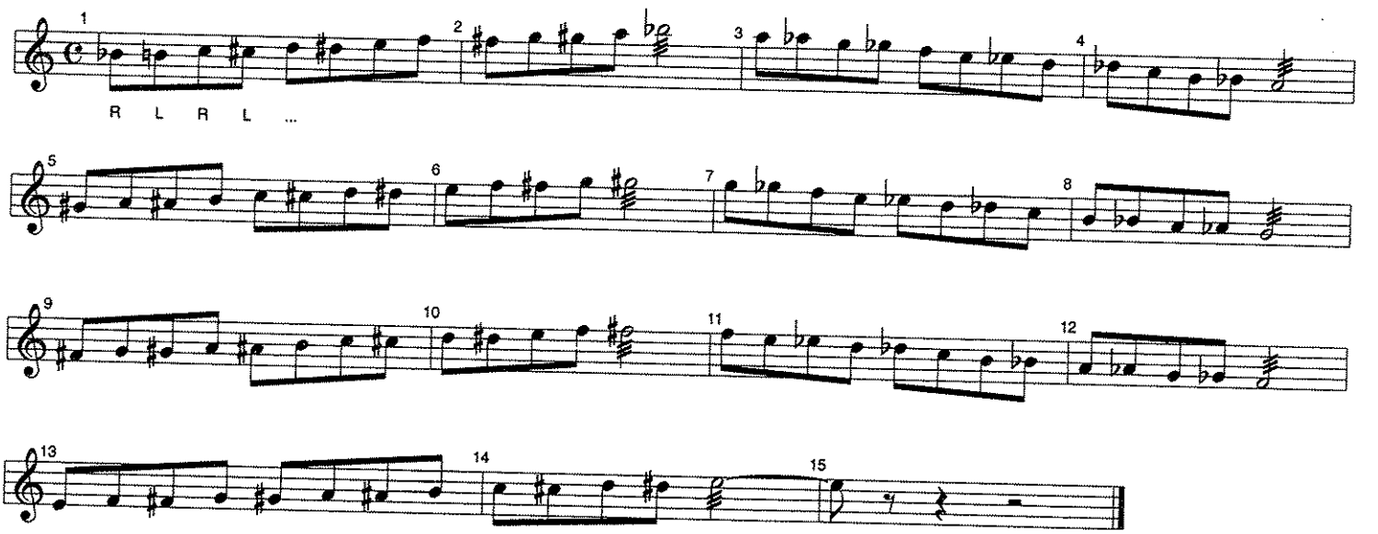

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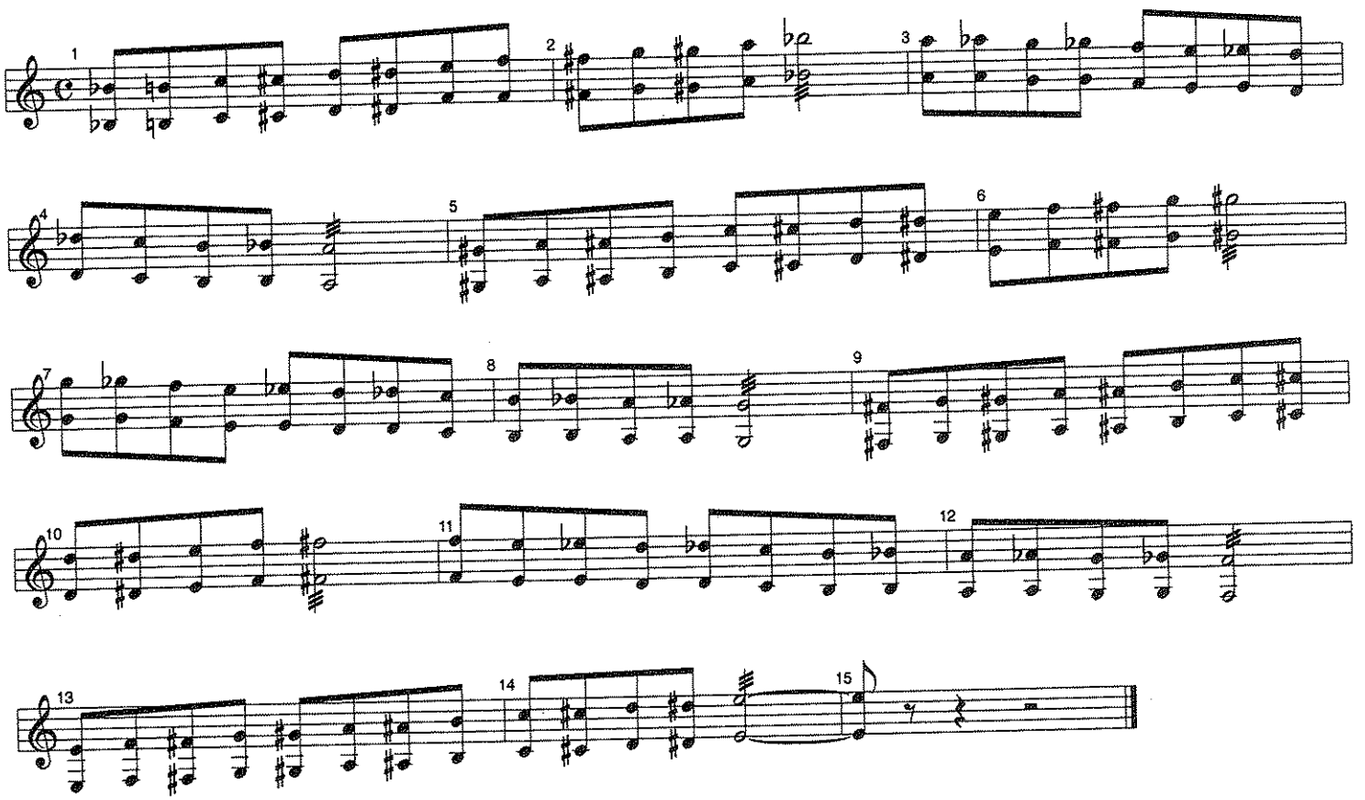

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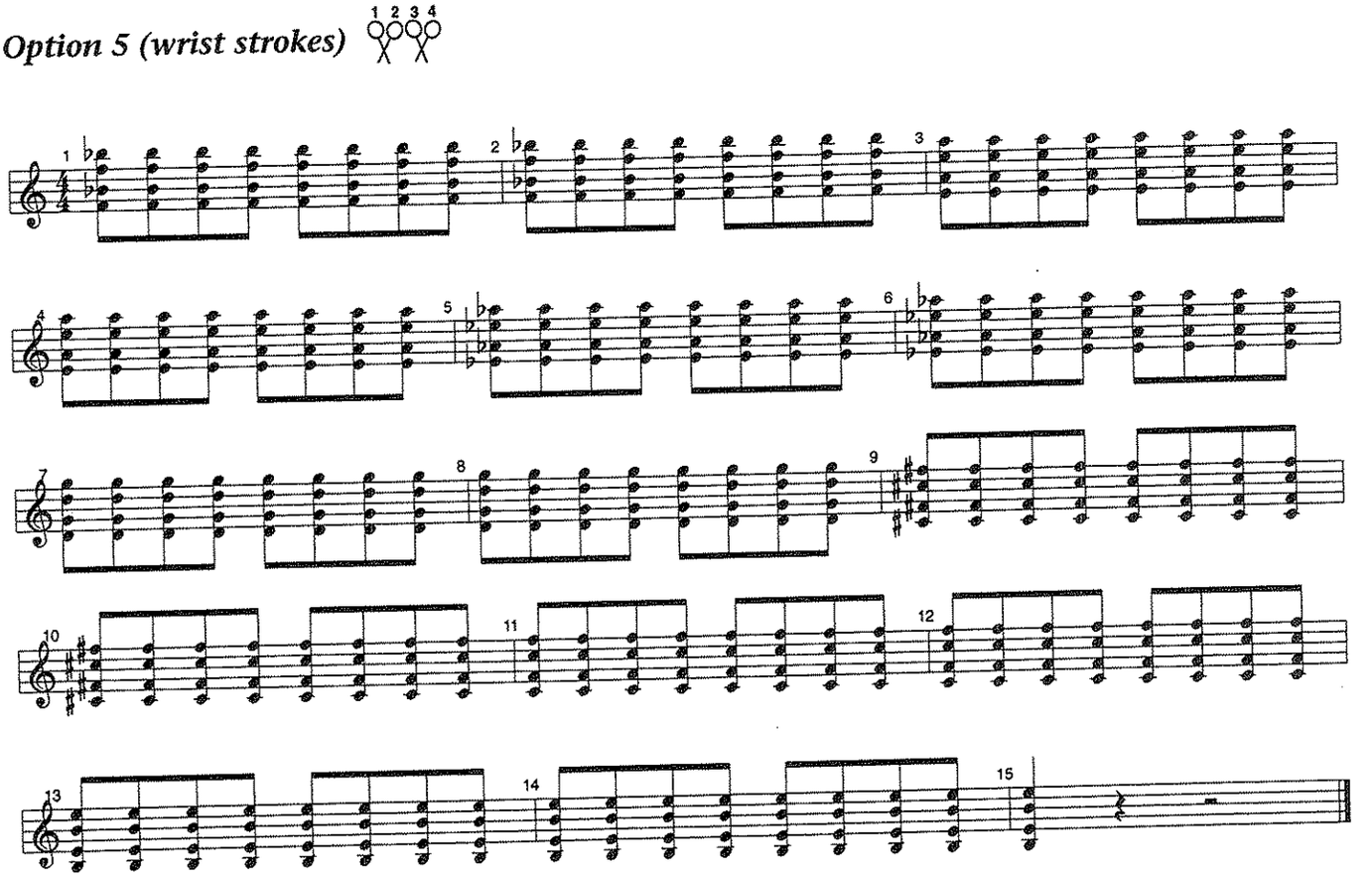

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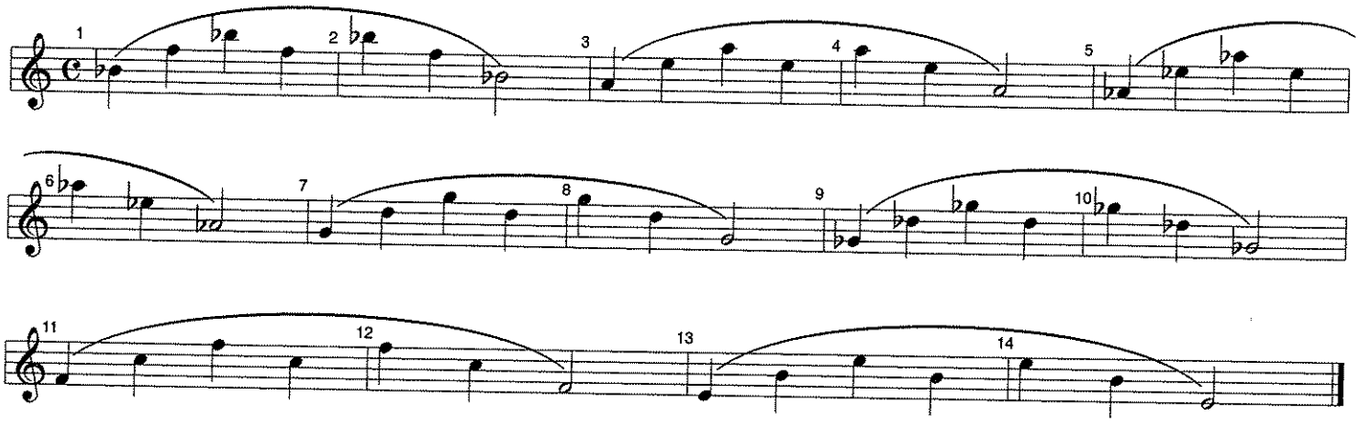

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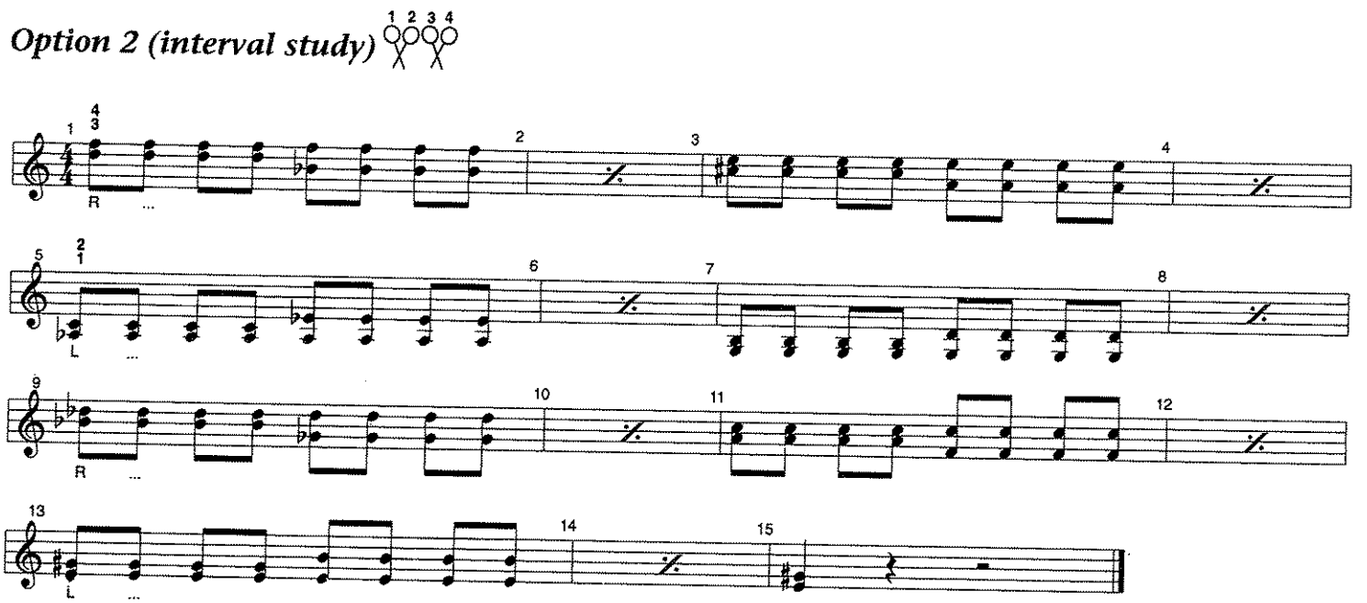

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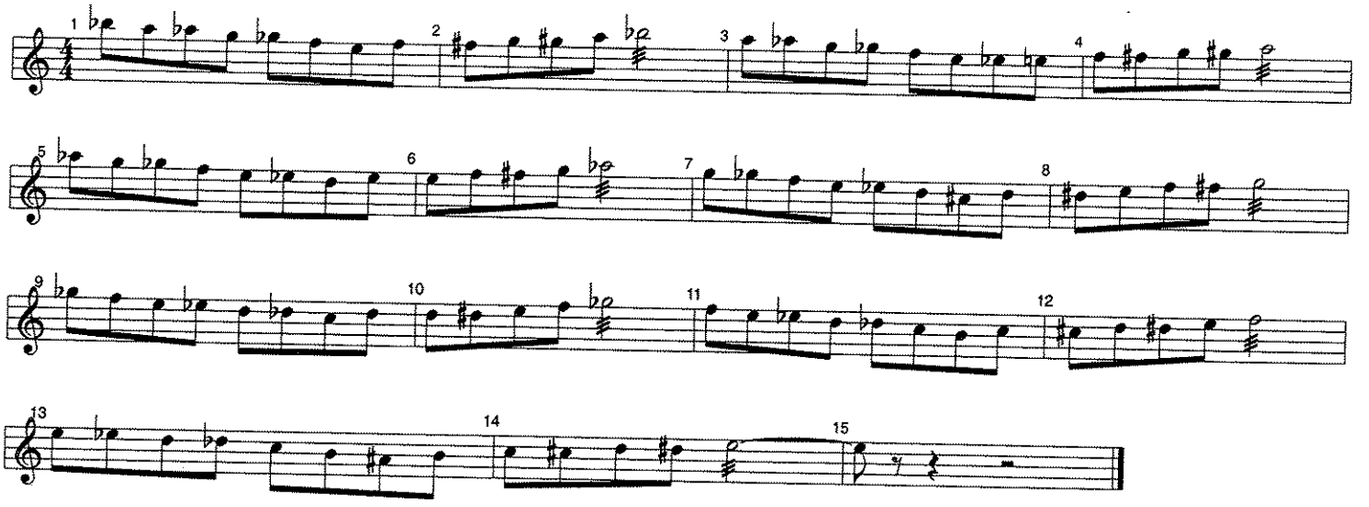

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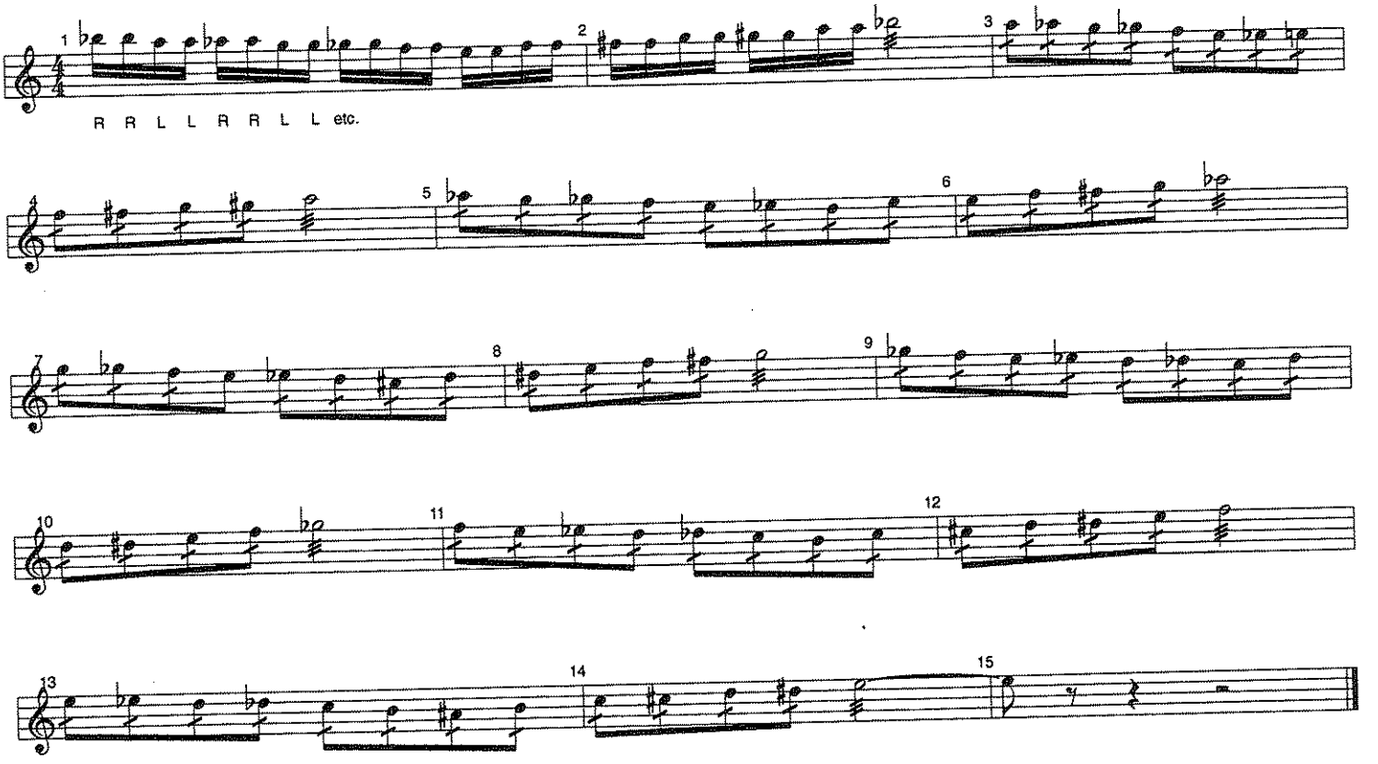

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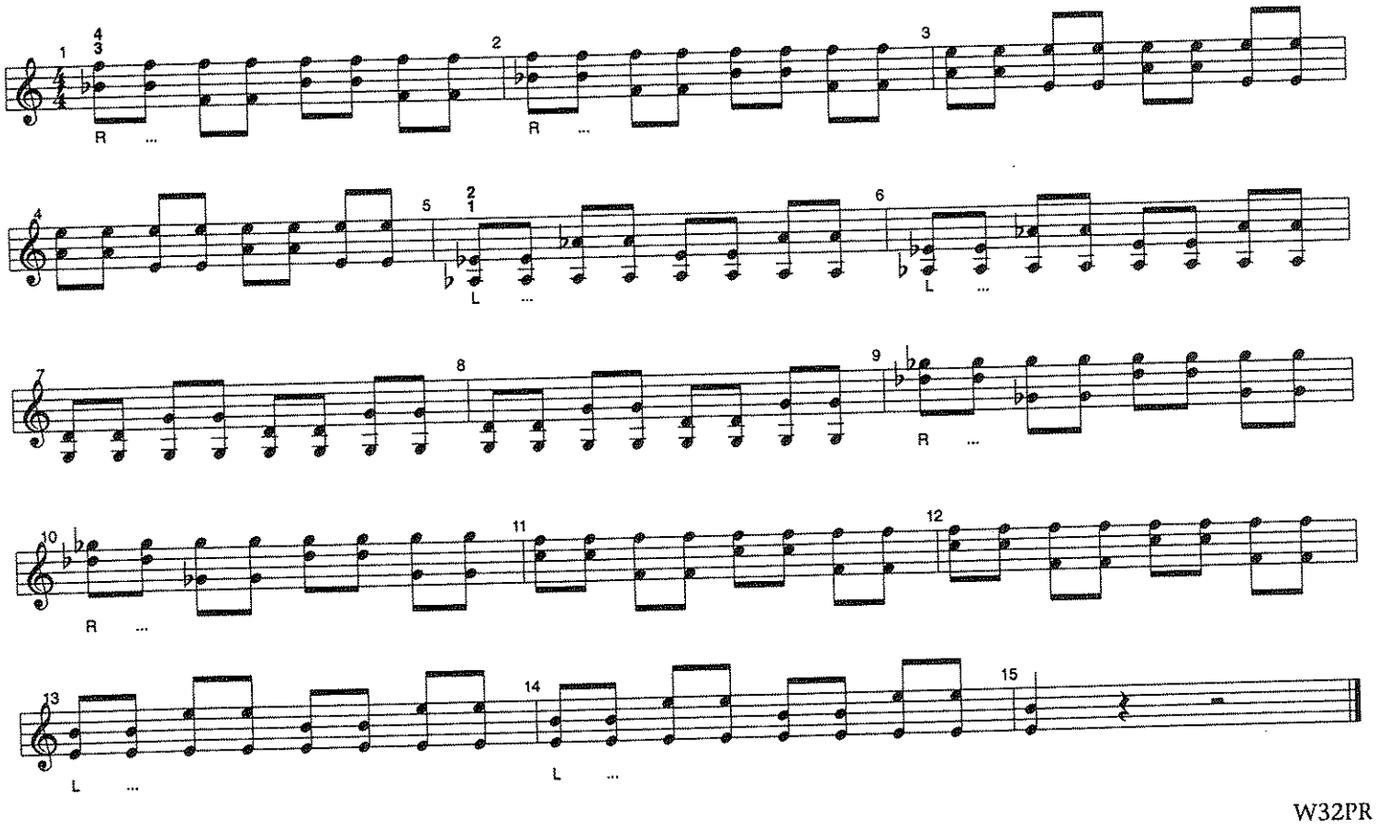

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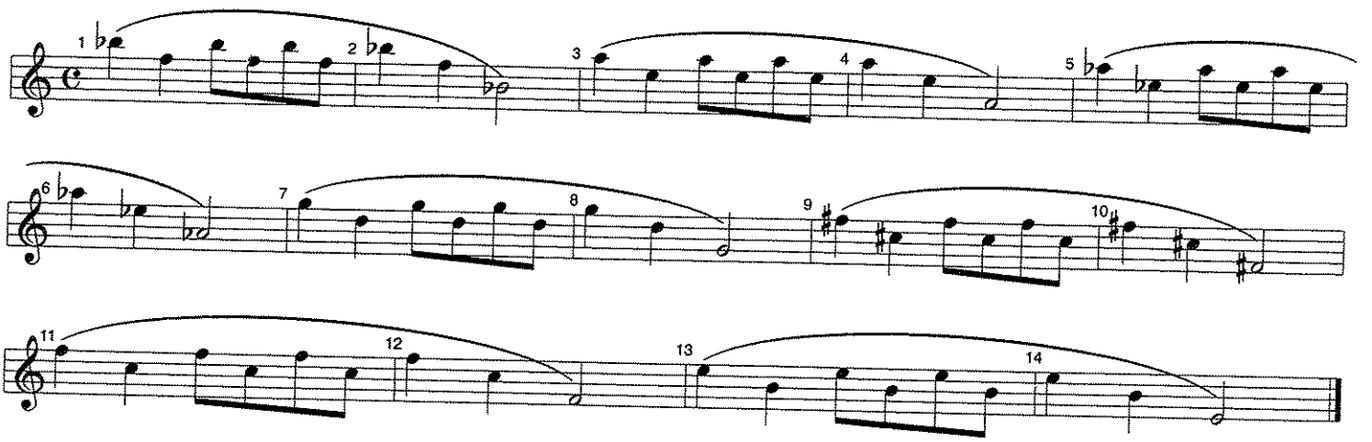

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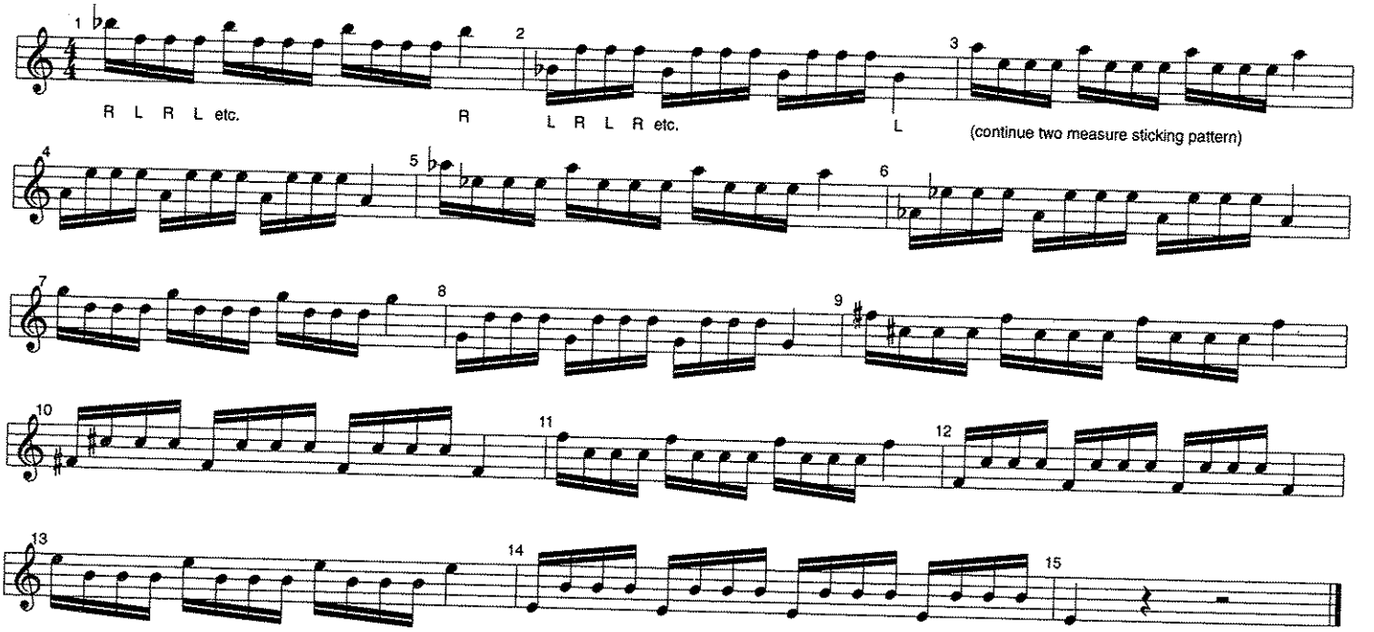

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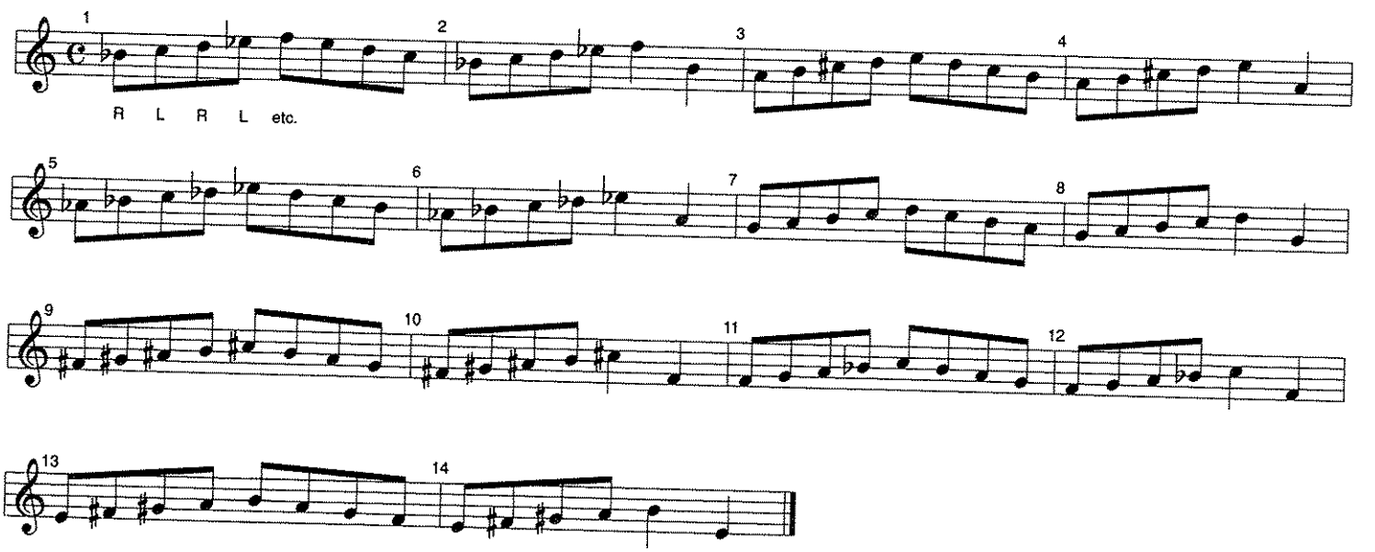

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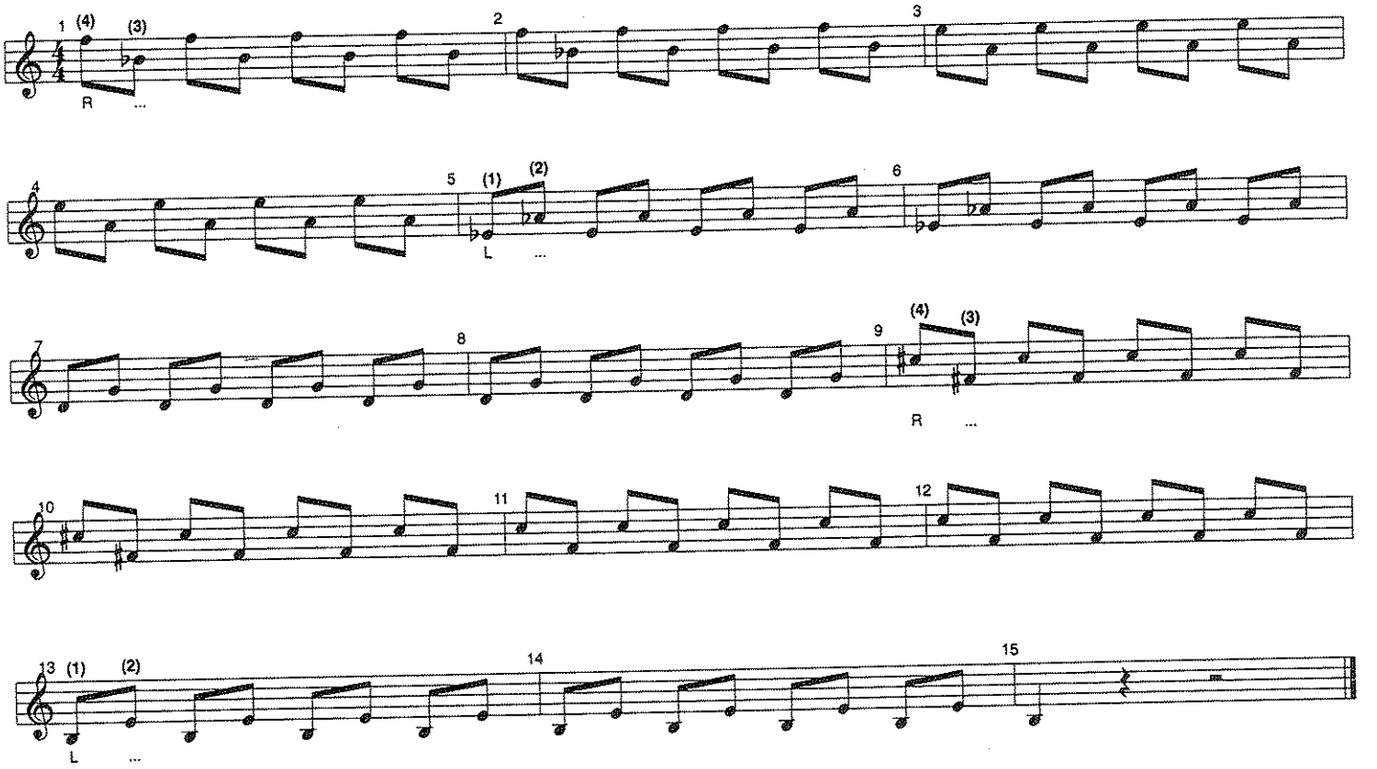

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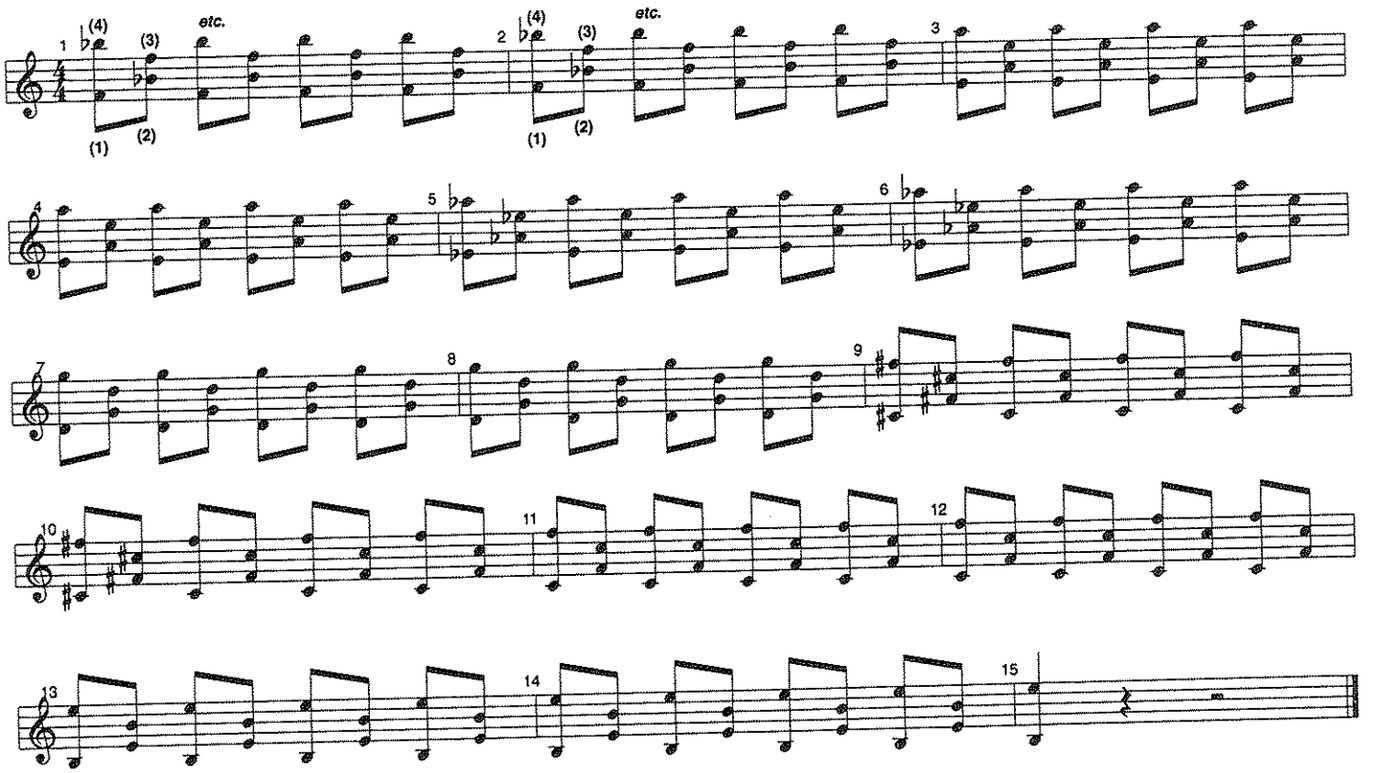

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Warm-Up Set 4

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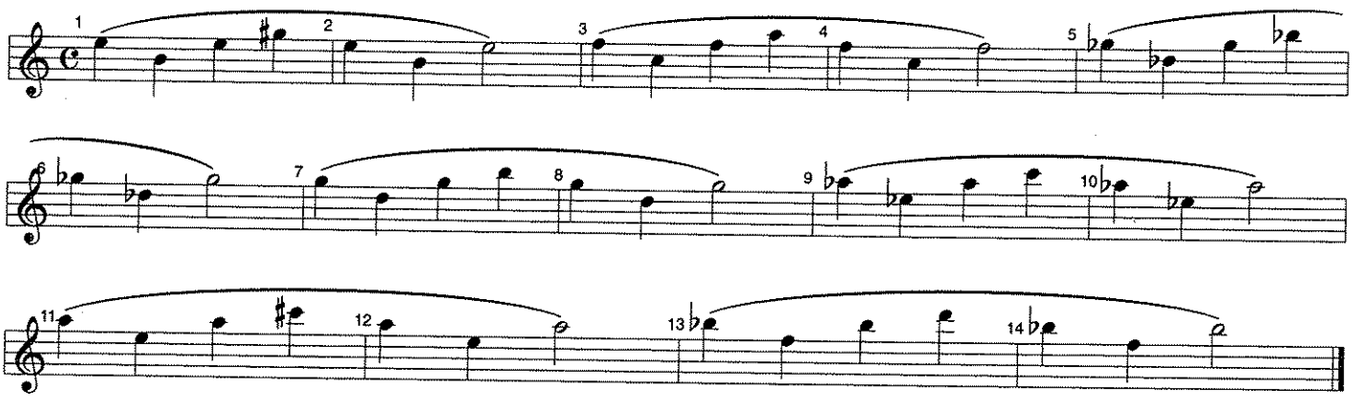

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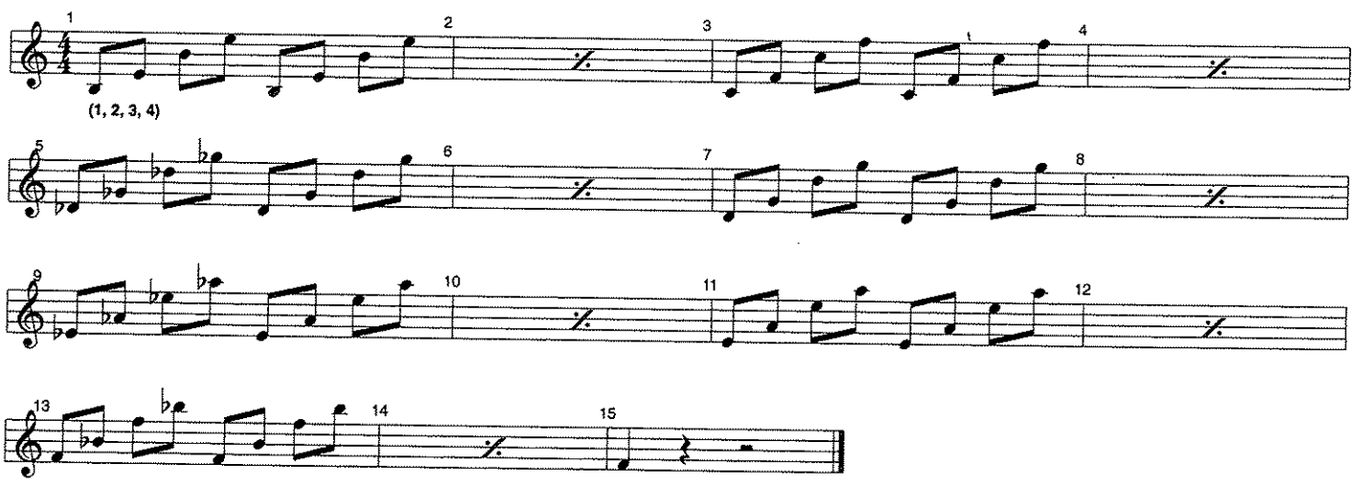

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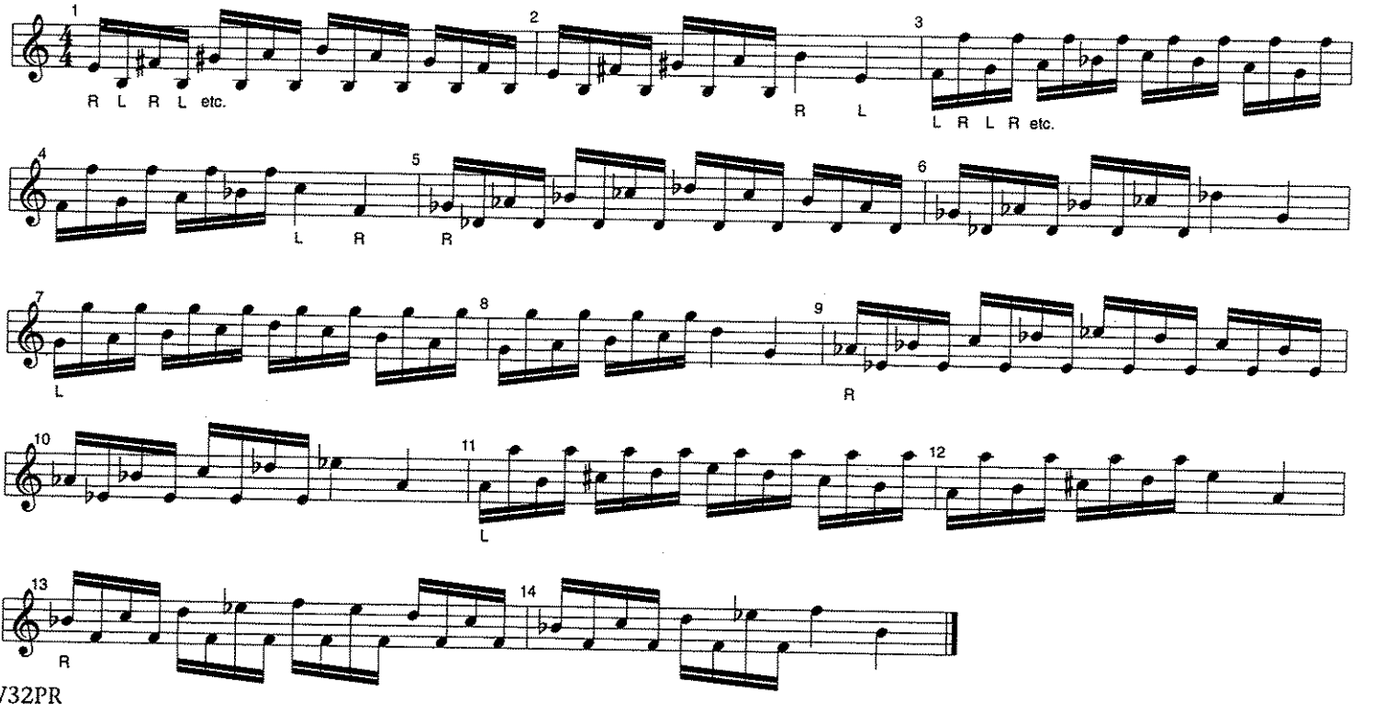

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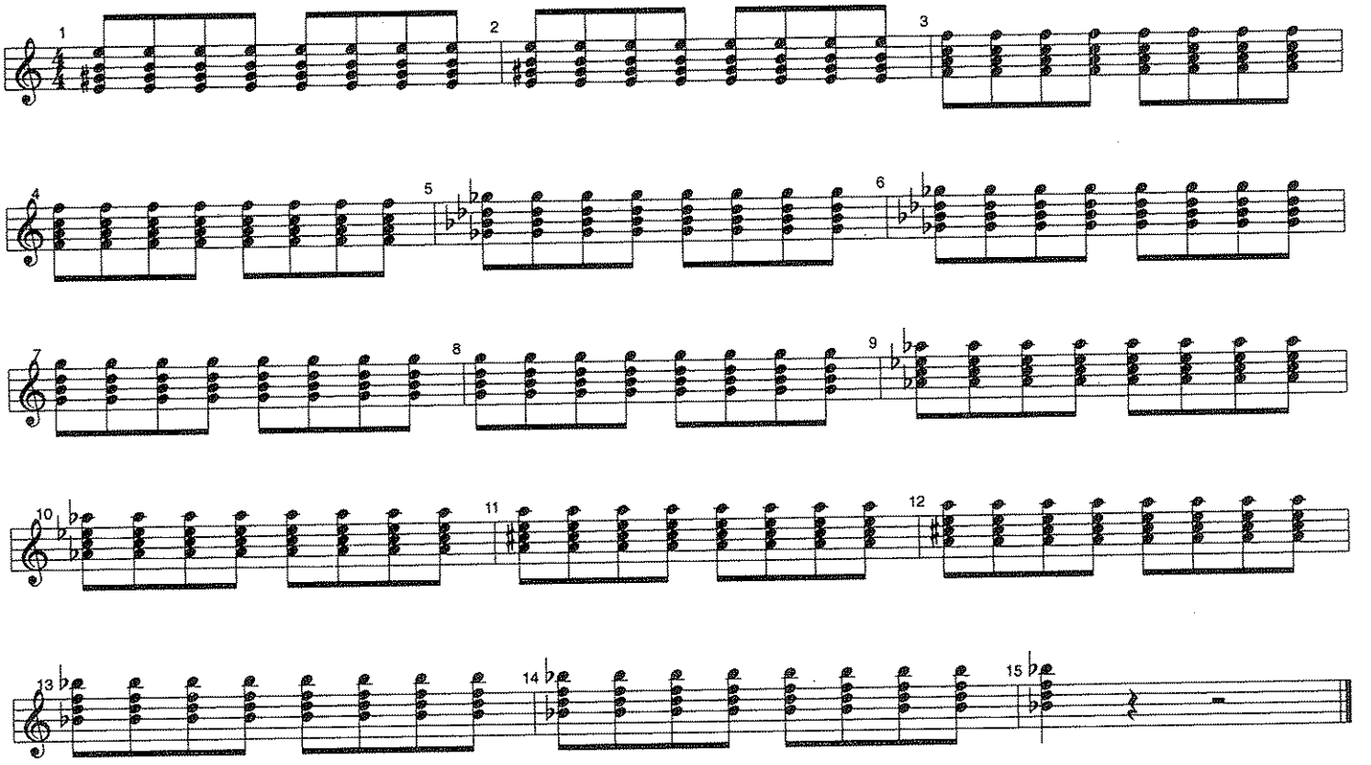

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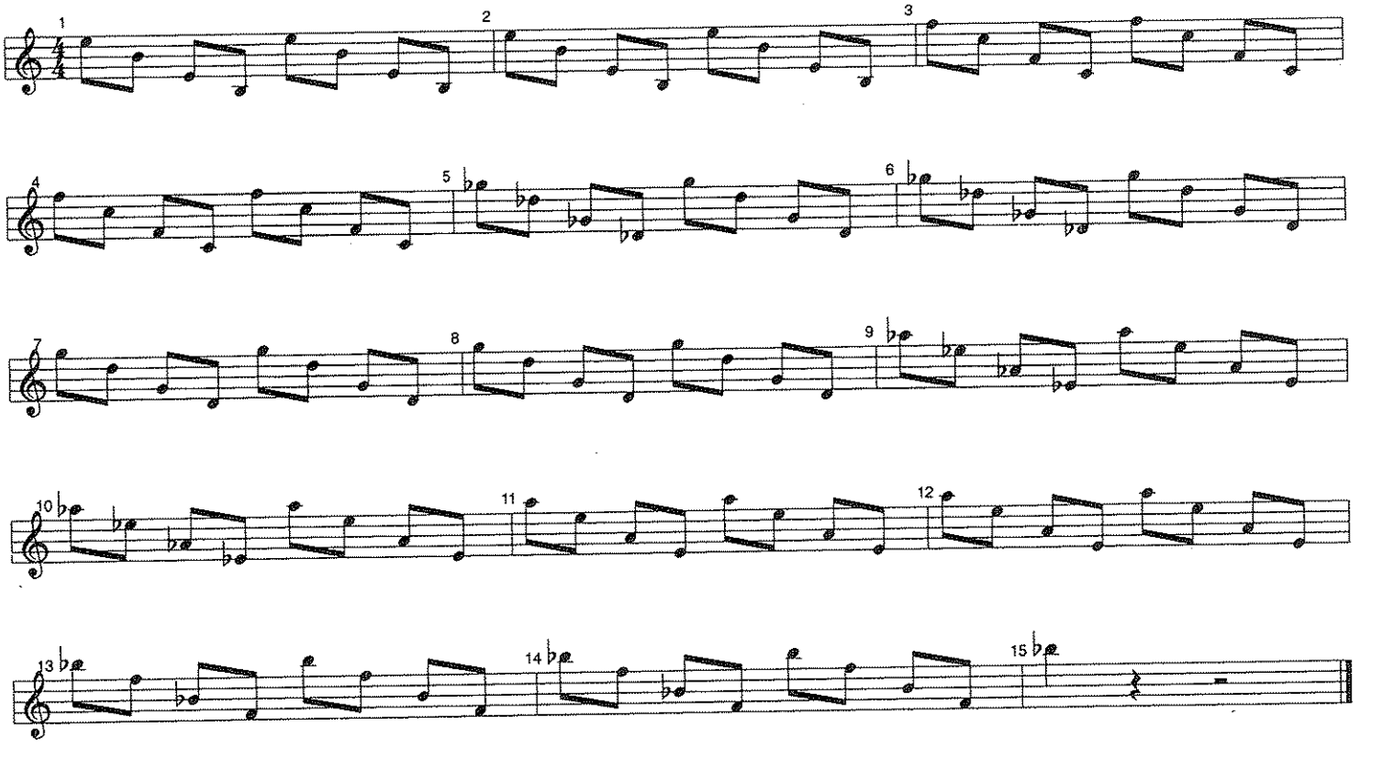

Technical Exercises in the Key of B♭

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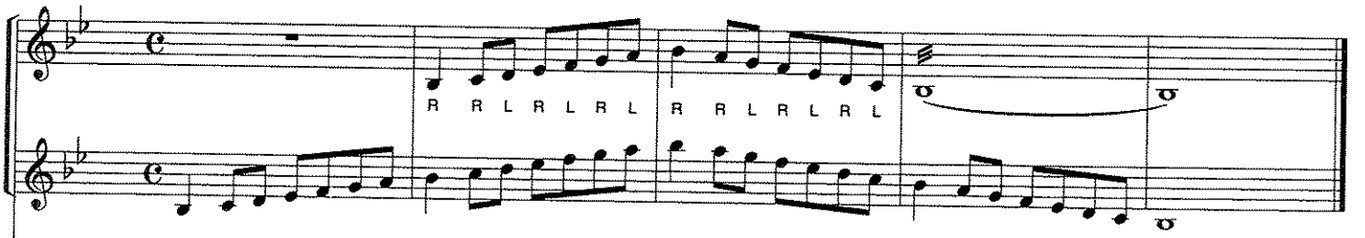

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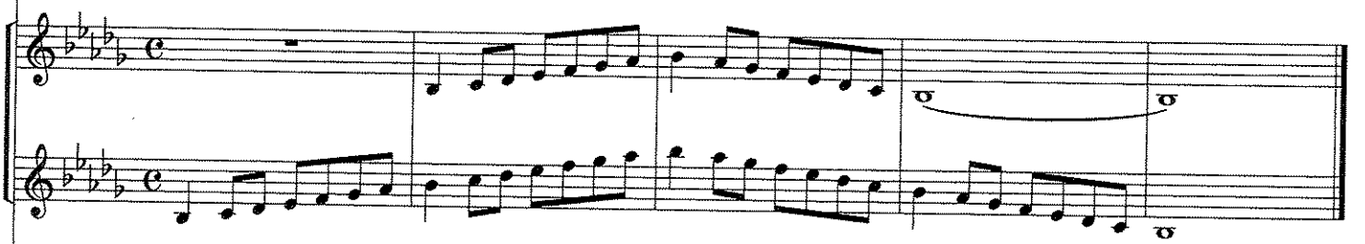

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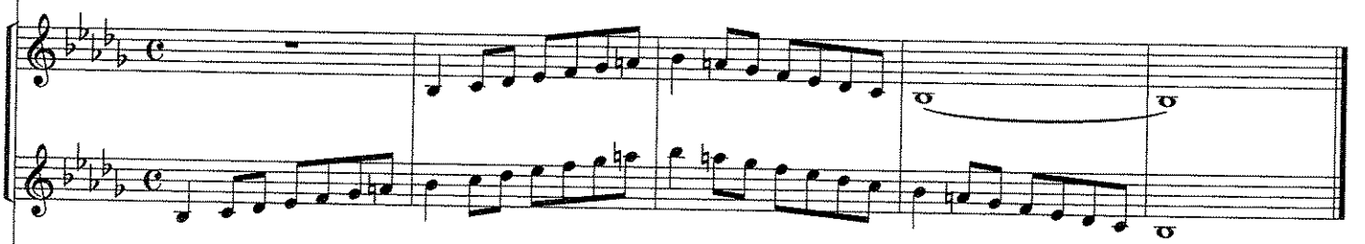

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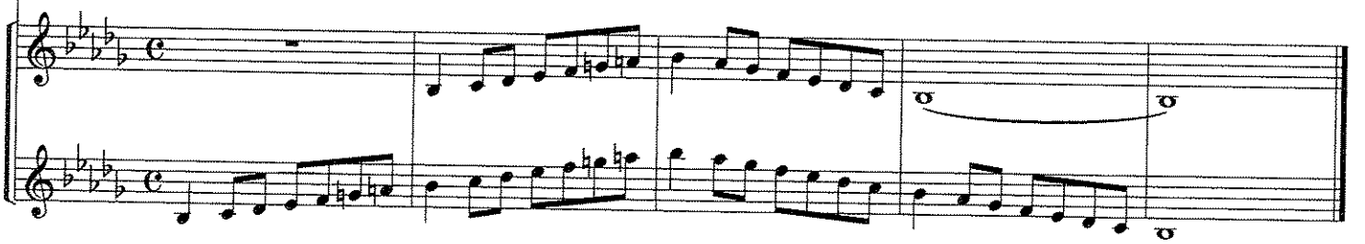
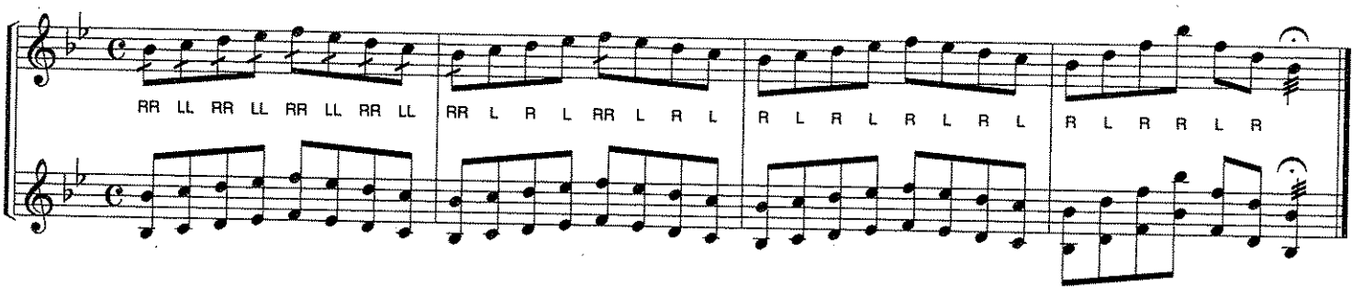


Mini-Scale & Tonic Arpeggio



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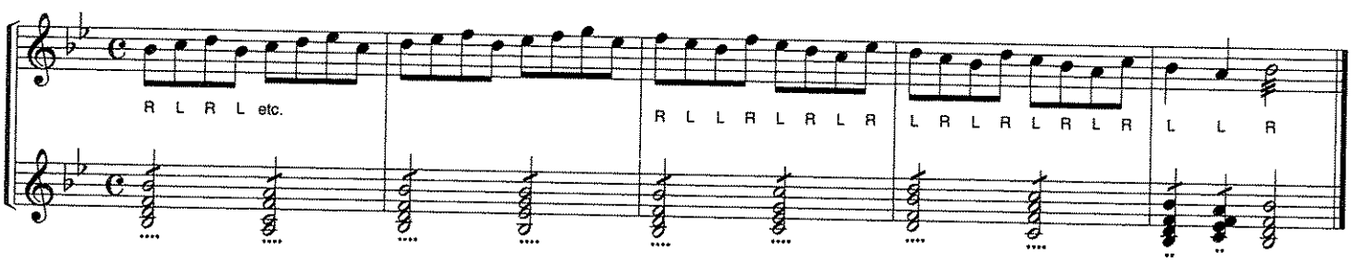

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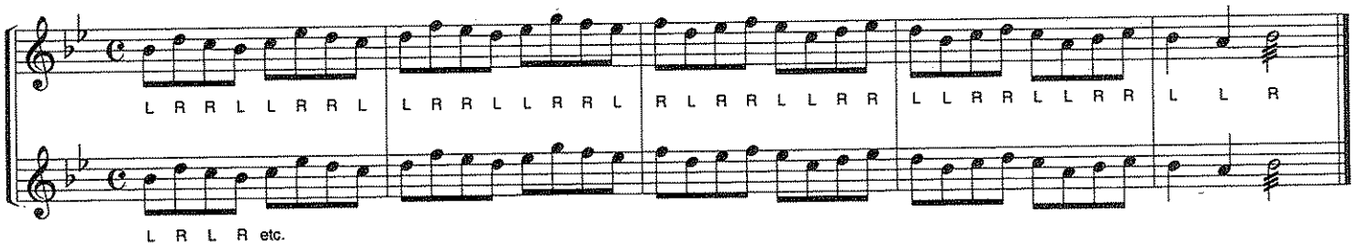

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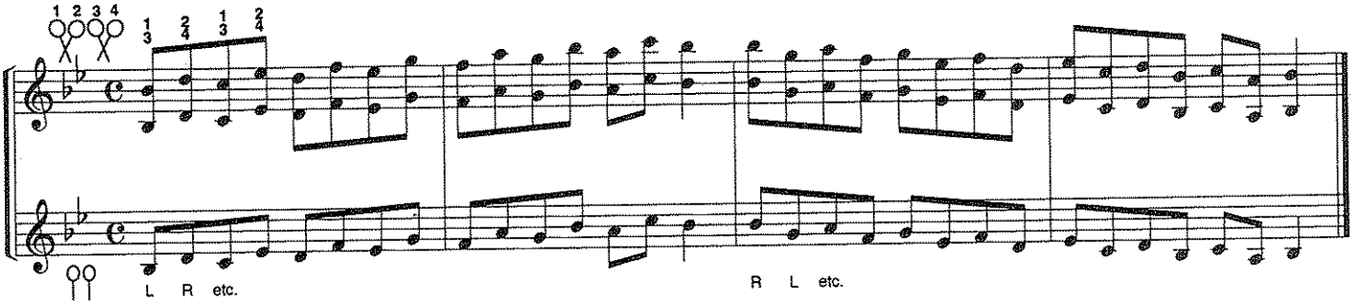

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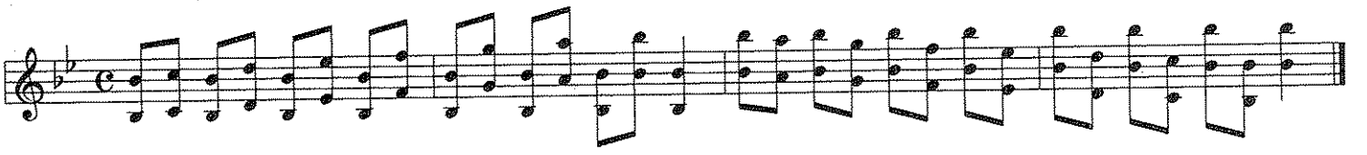
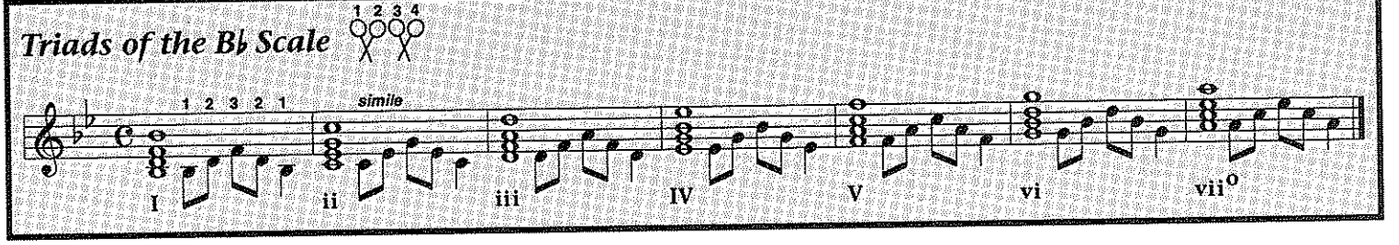


Triads of the B♭ Scale



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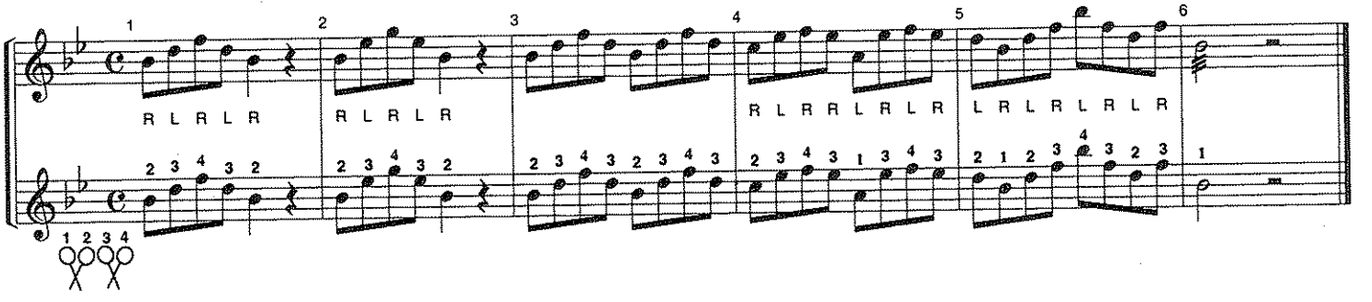

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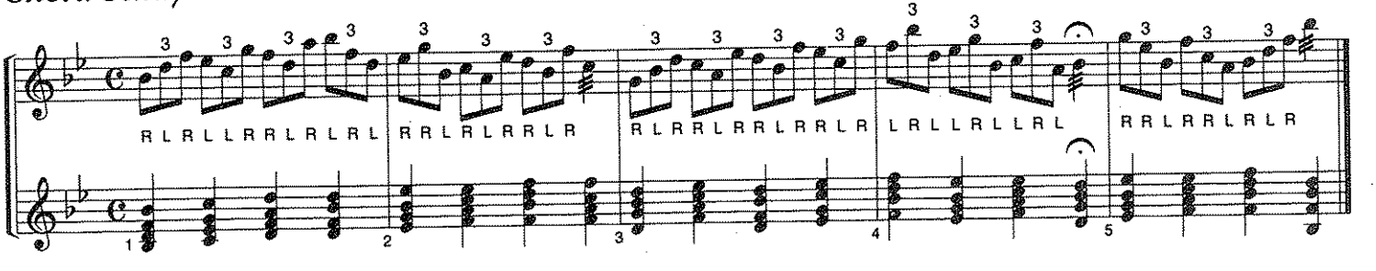

Technical Exercises in the Key of F

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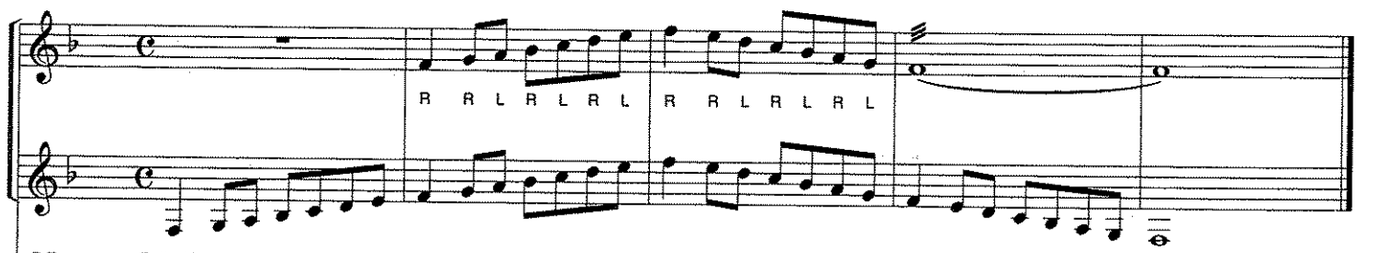

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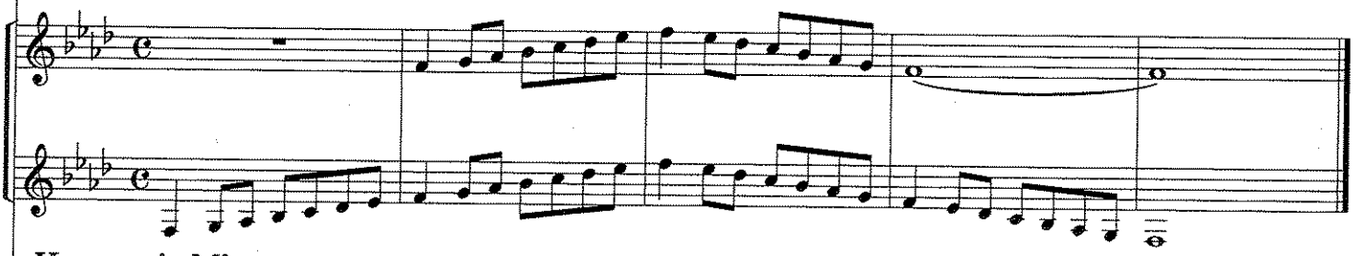

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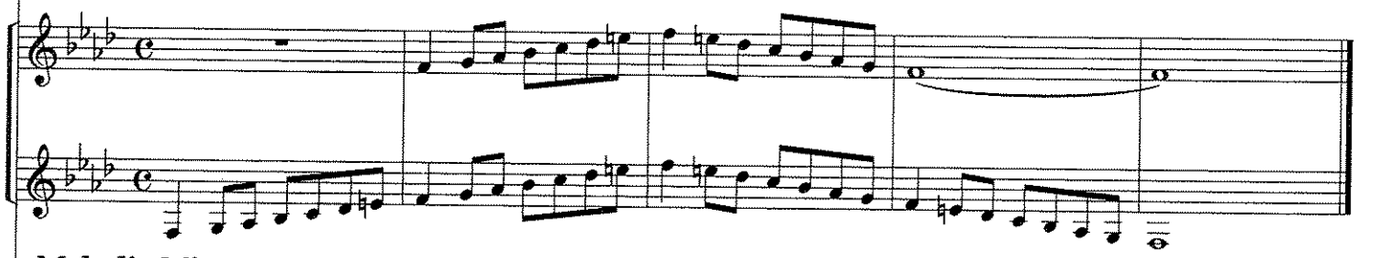

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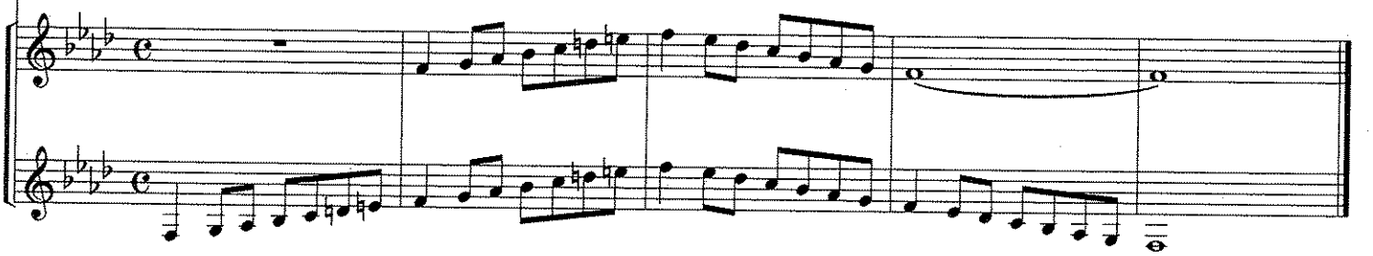

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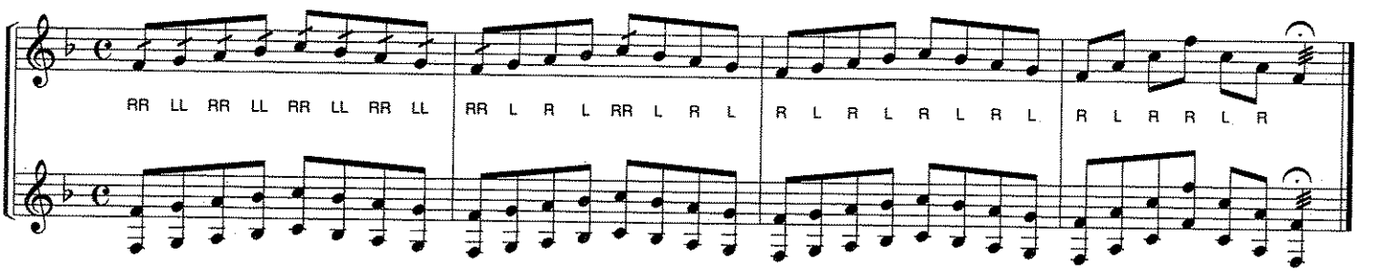

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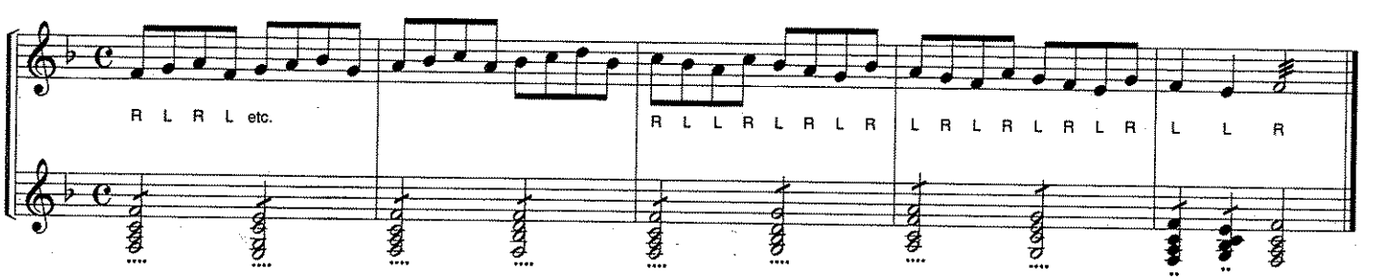

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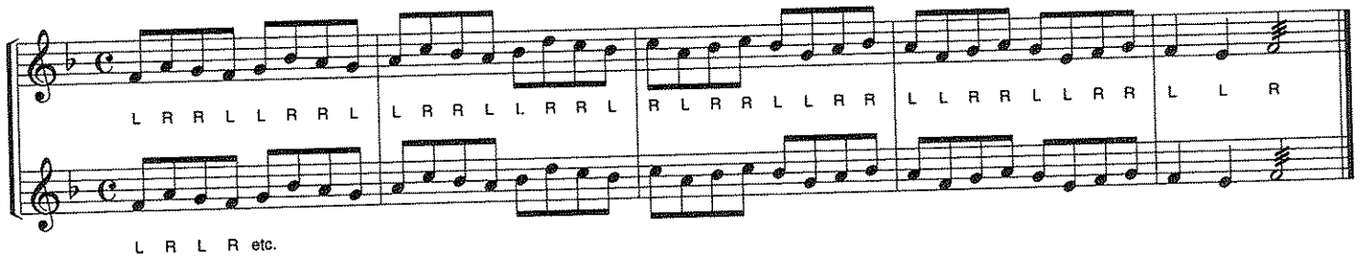

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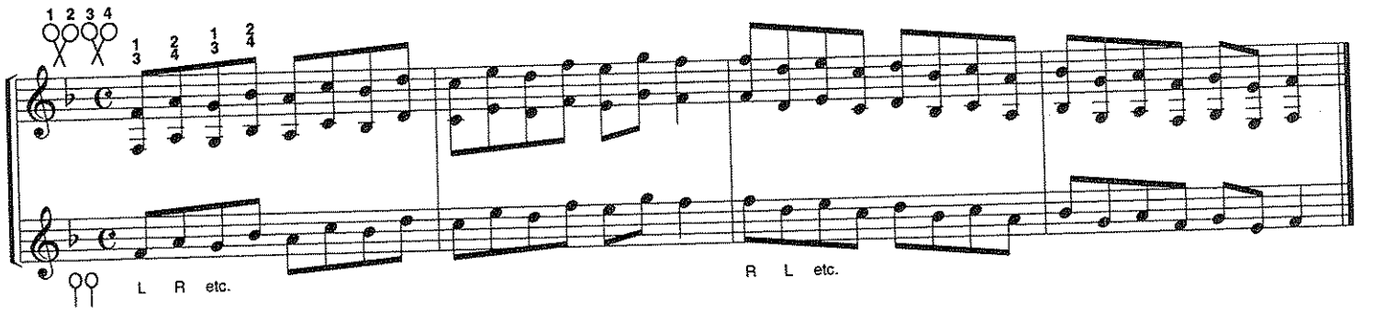

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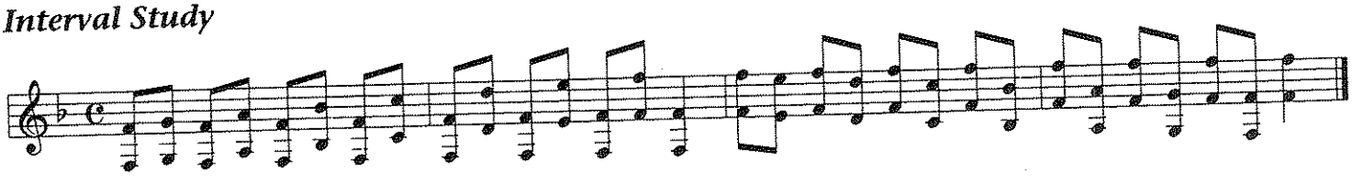
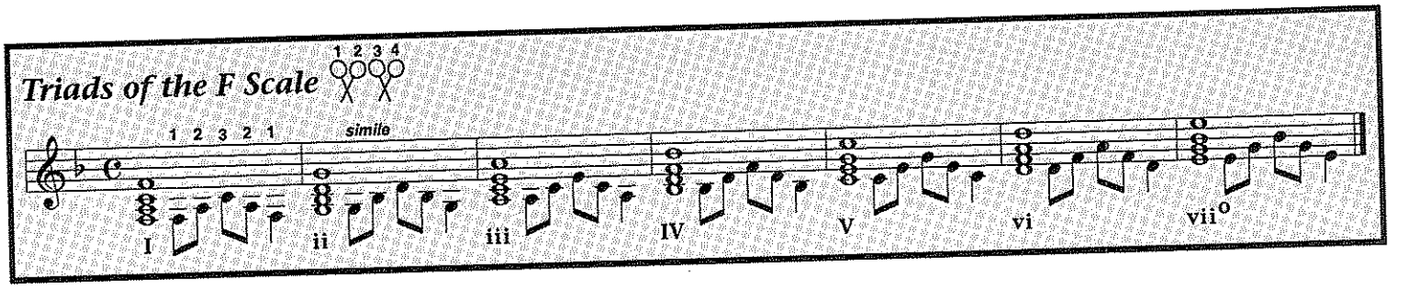


Triads of the F Scale



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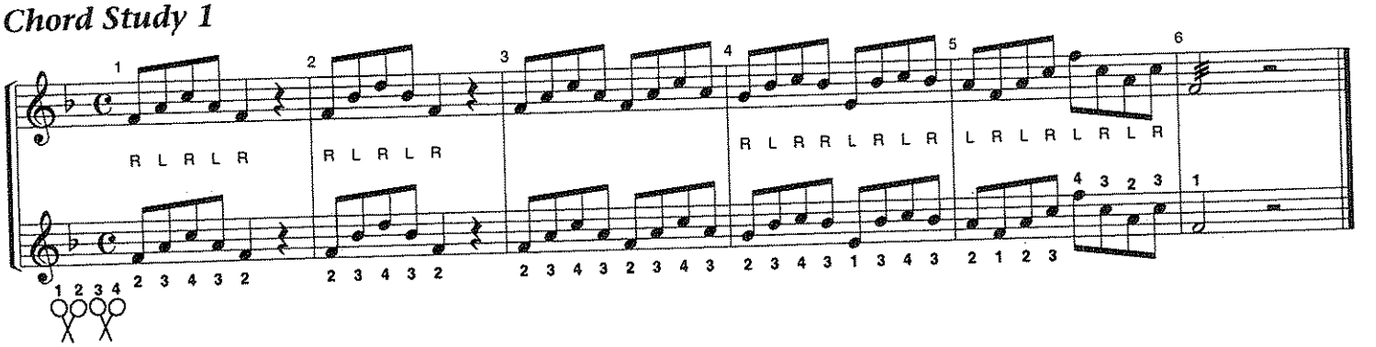

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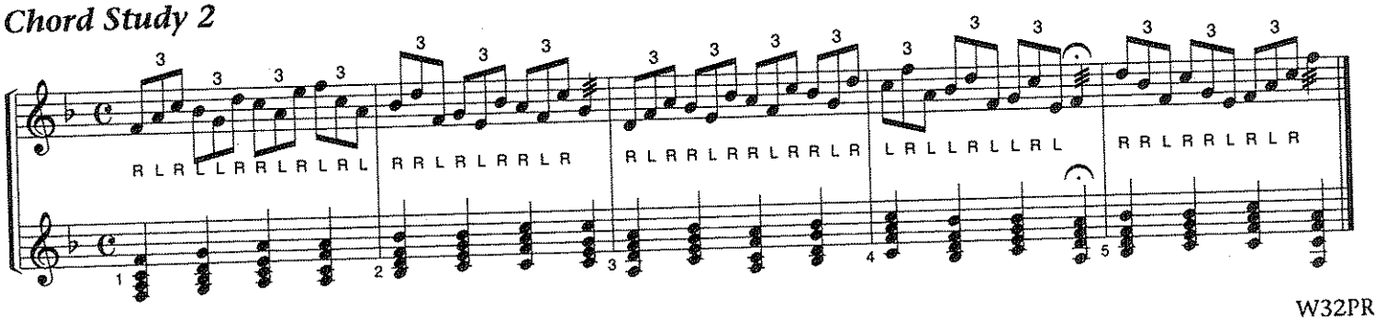

Technical Exercises in the Key of C

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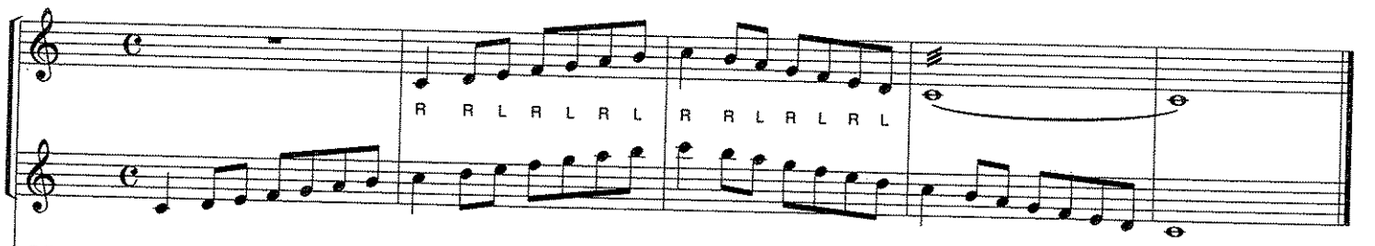

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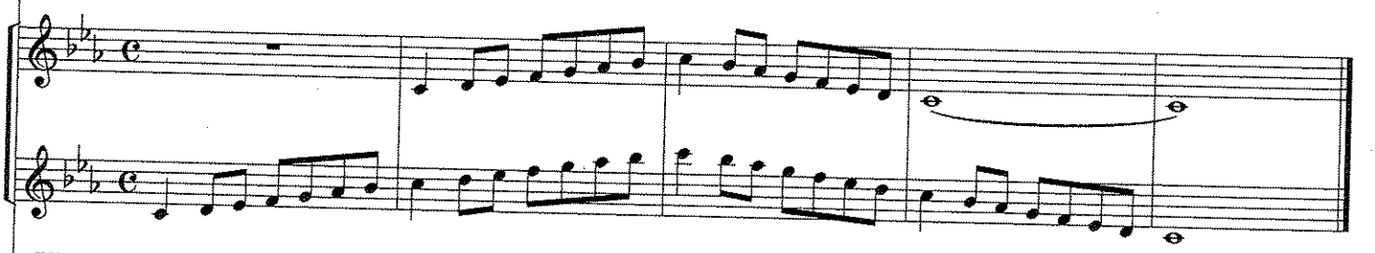

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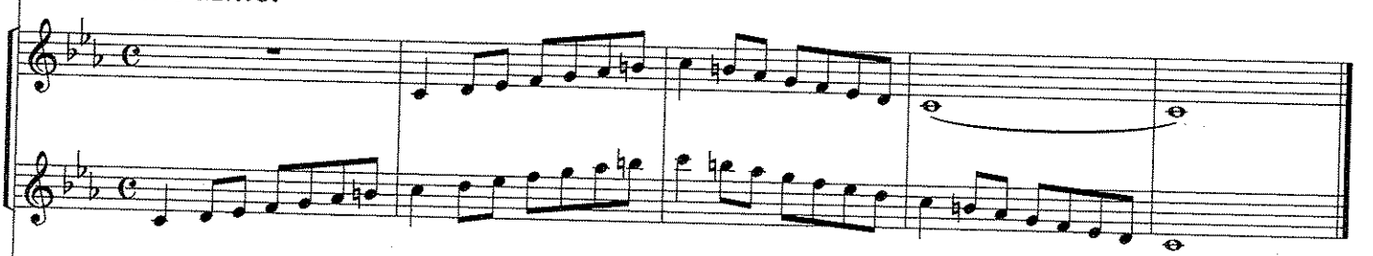

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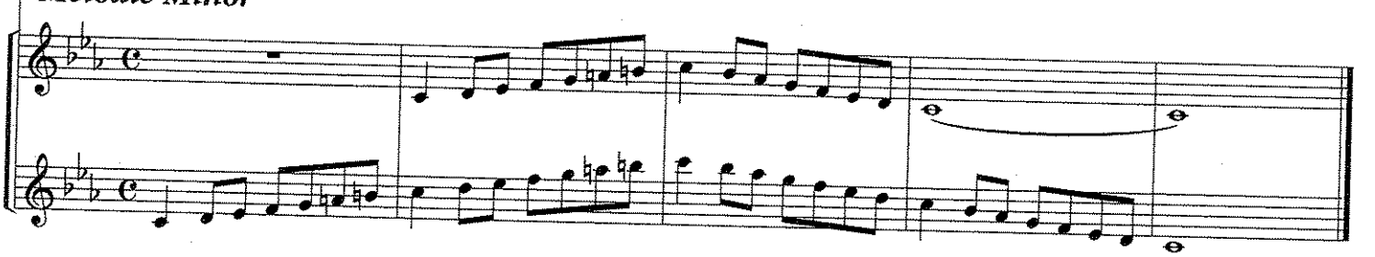
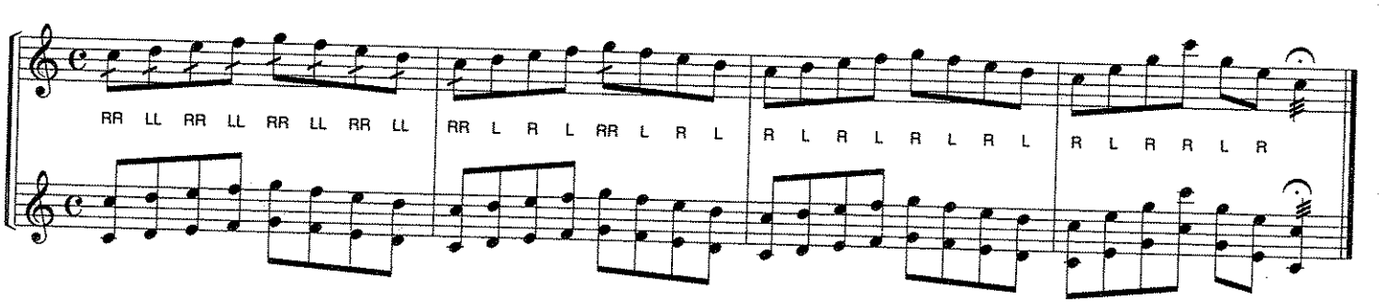


Mini-Scale & Tonic Arpeggio



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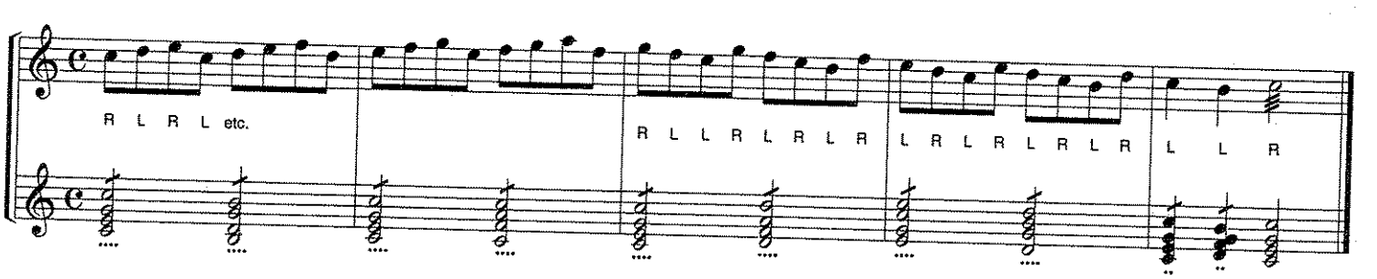

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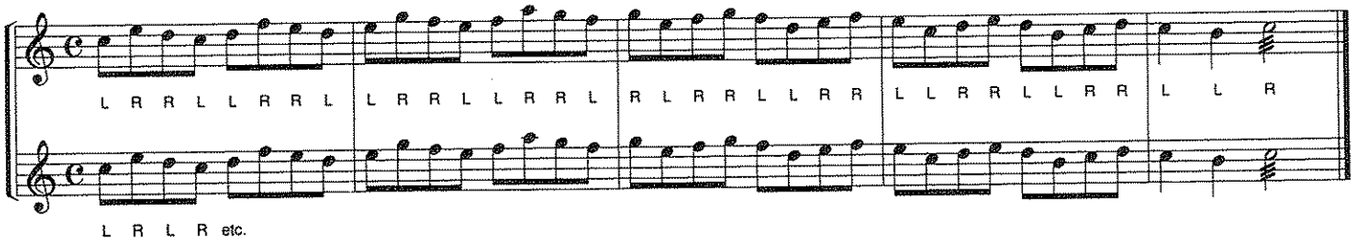

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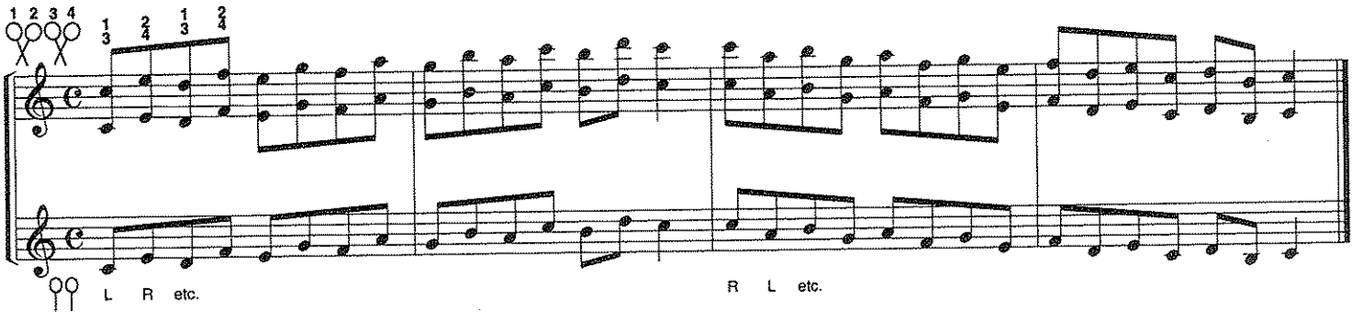

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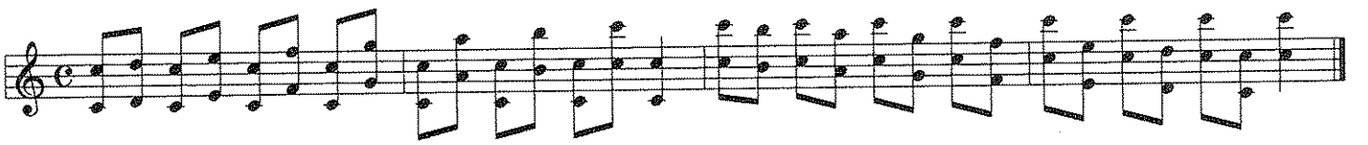

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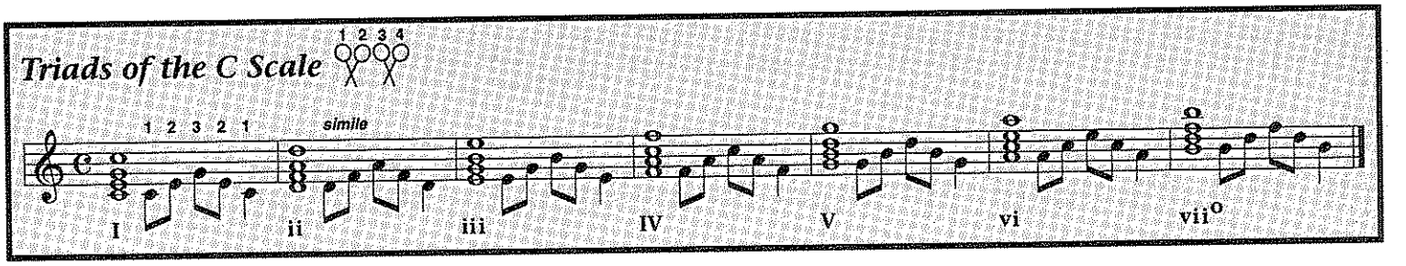

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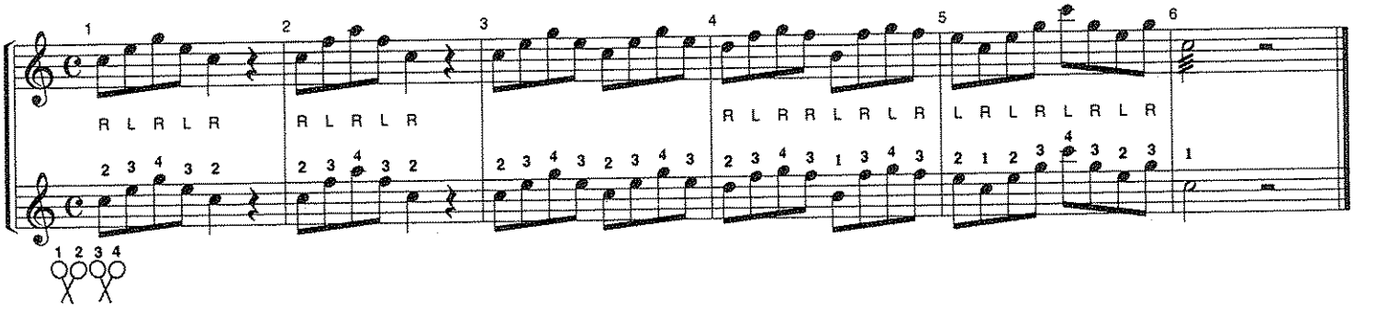

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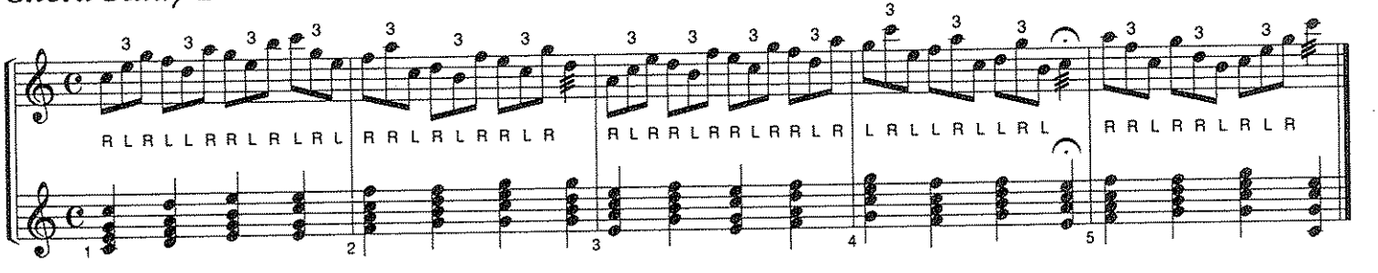

Technical Exercises in the Key of G

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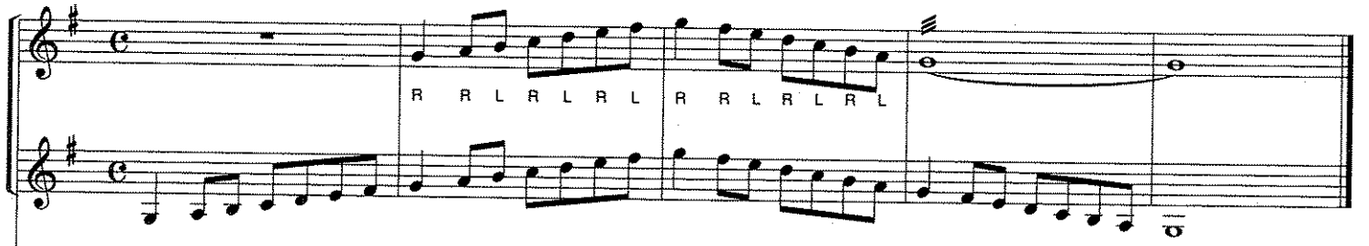

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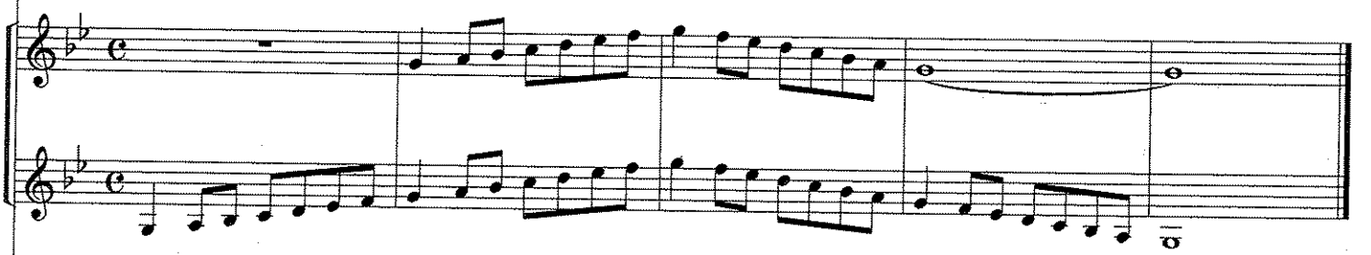

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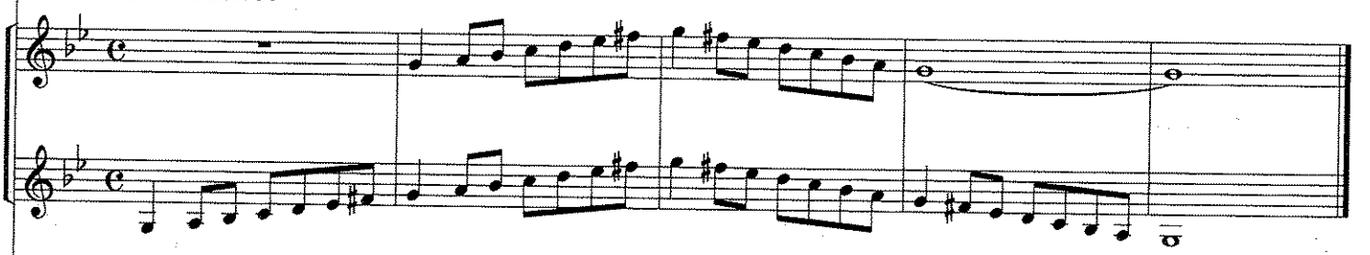

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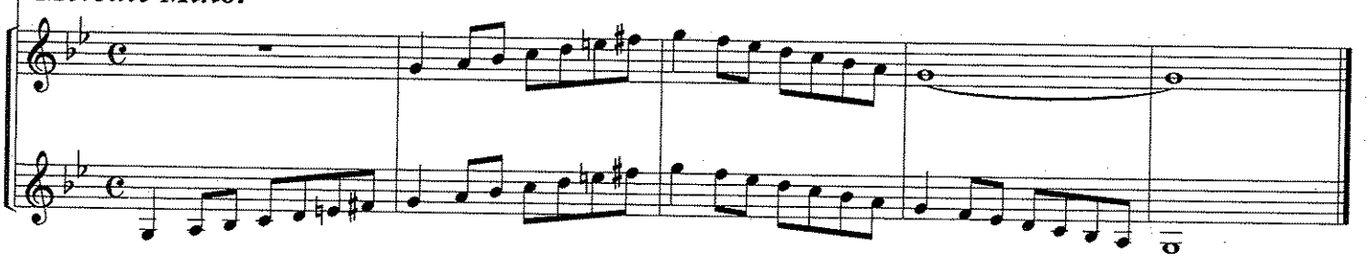

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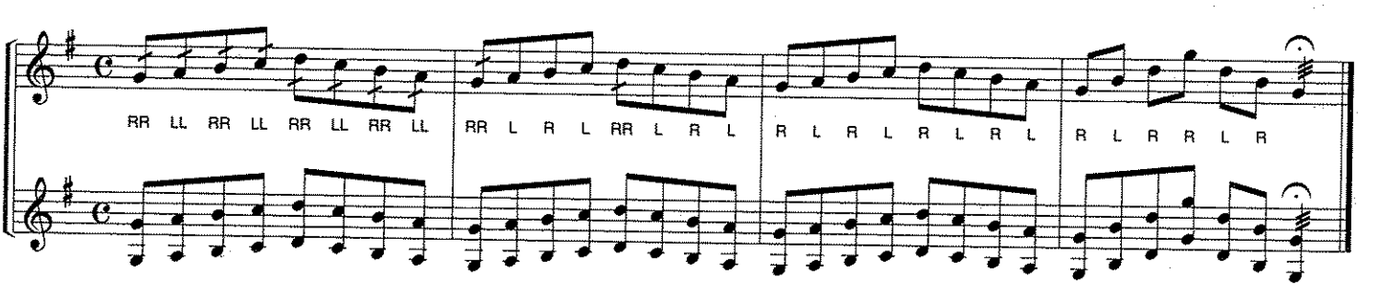

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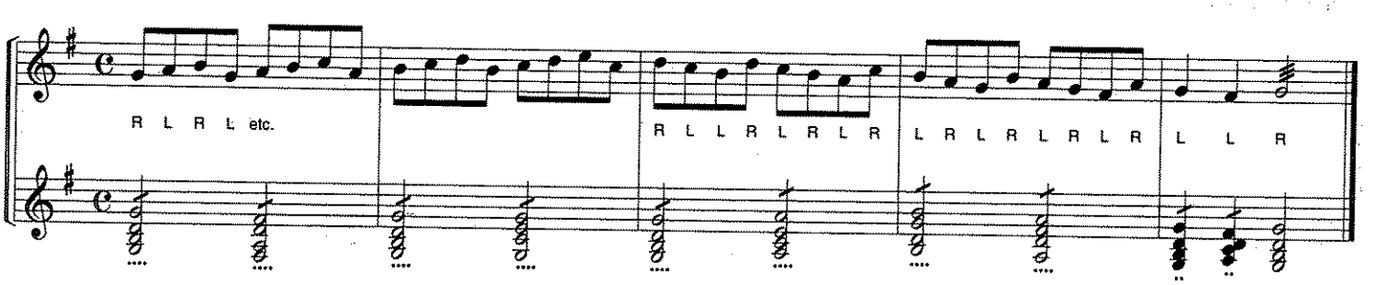

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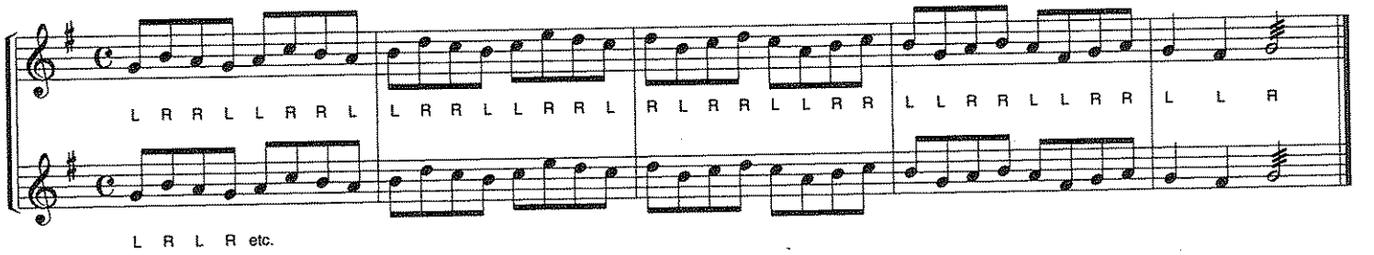

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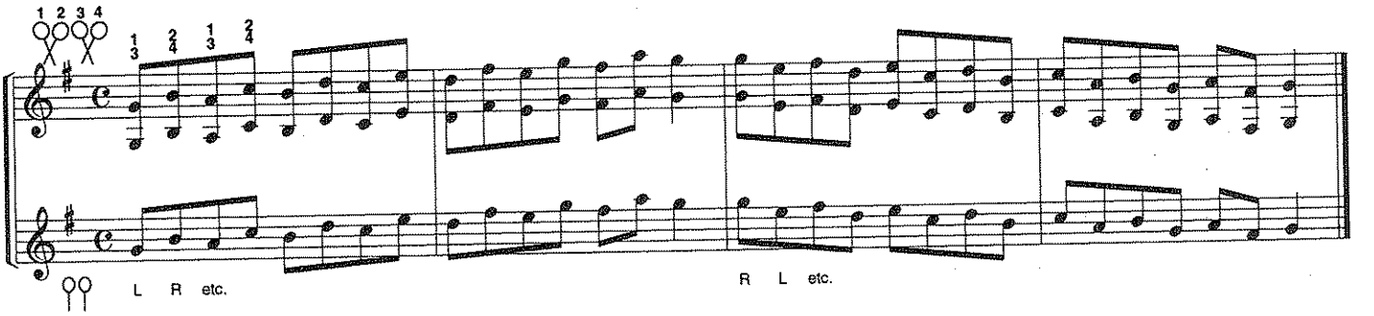

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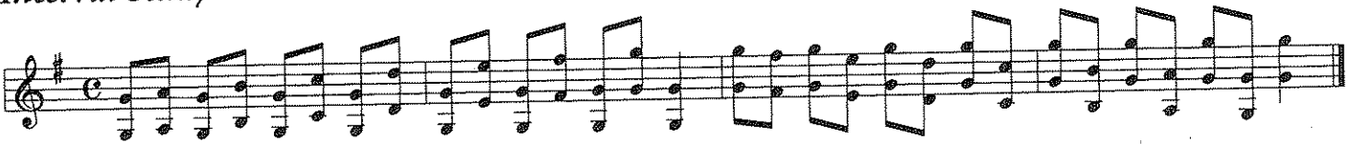

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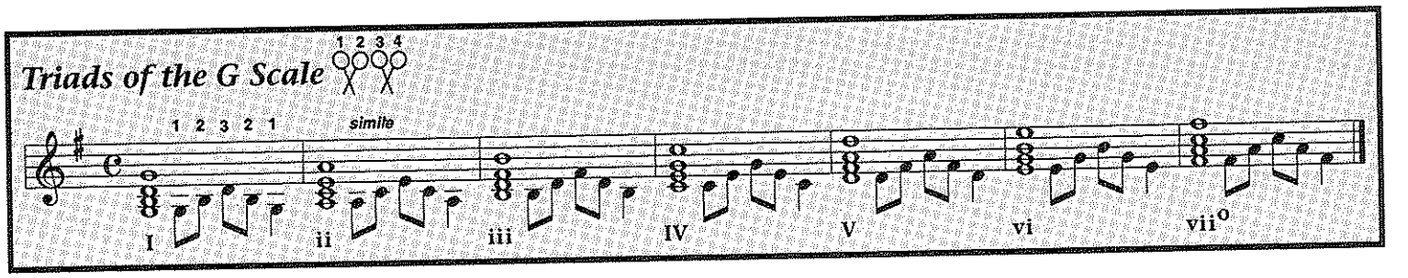

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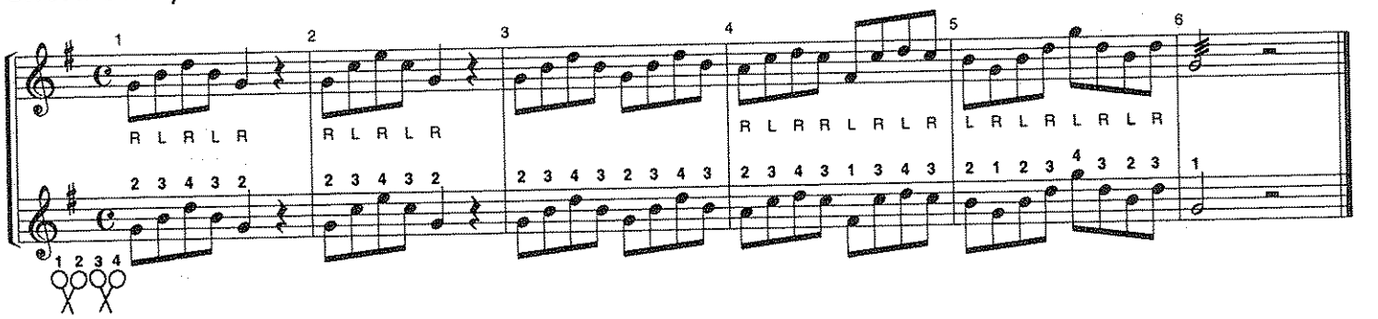

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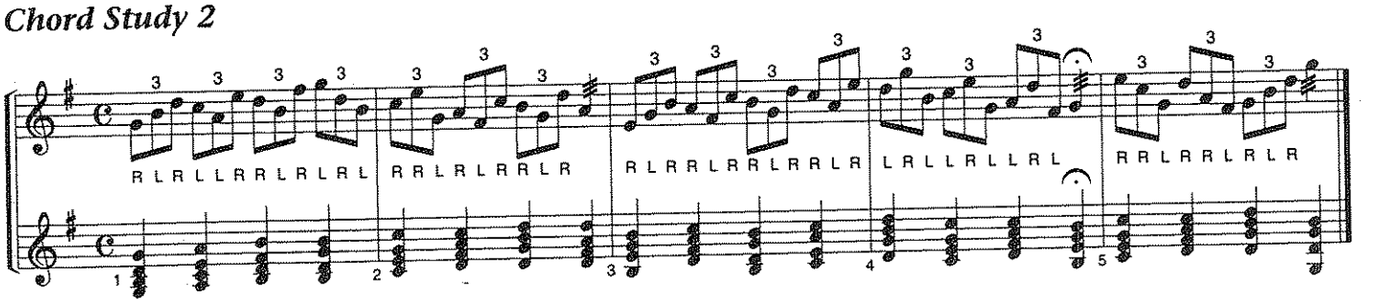

Technical Exercises in the Key of D

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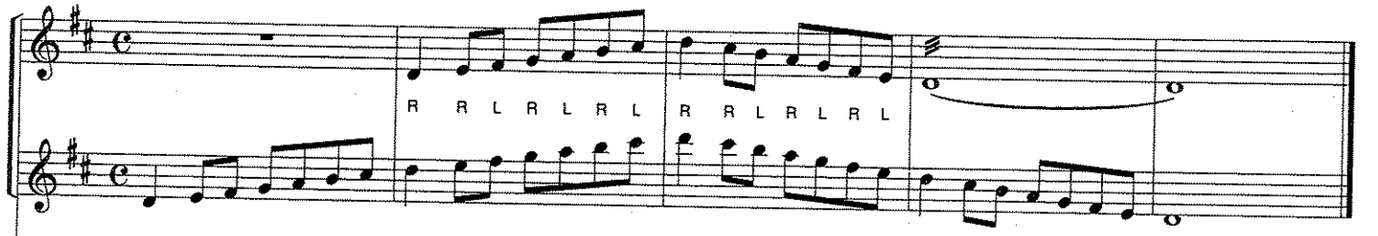

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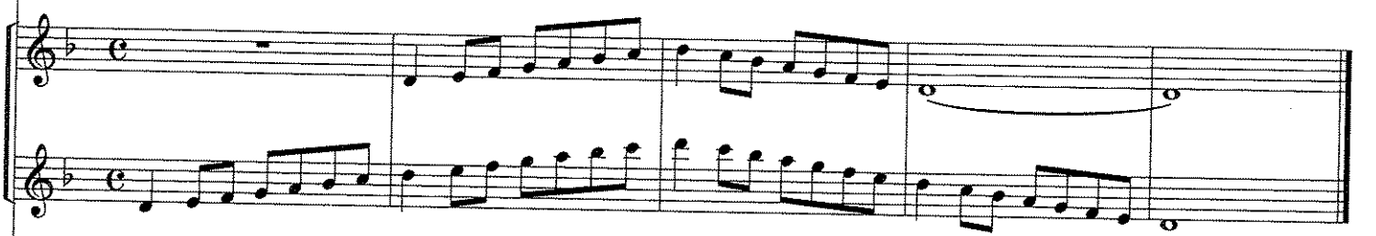

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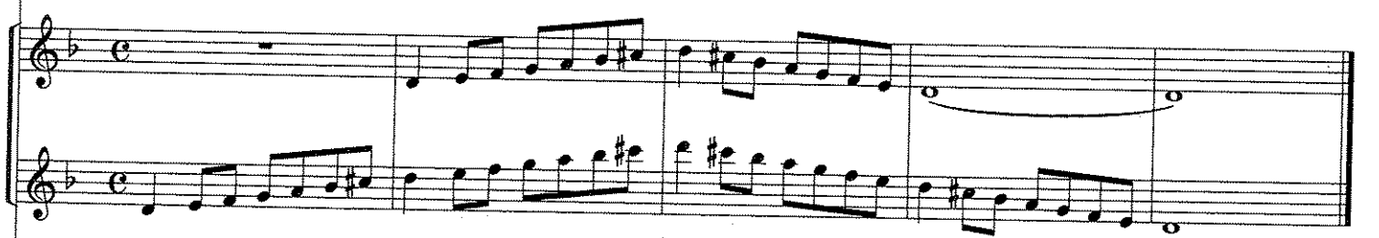

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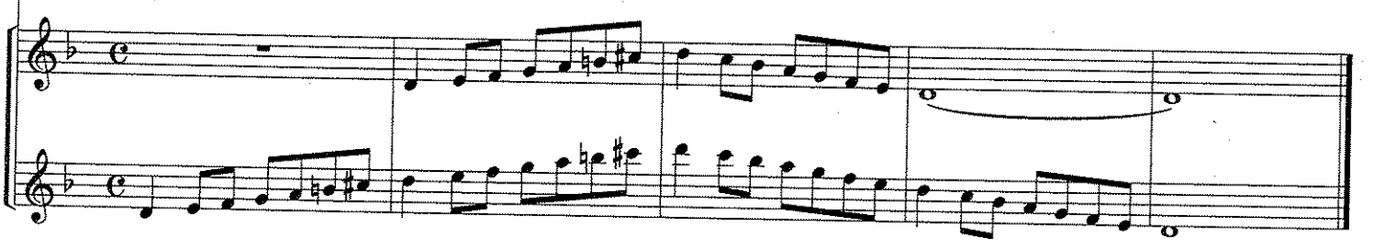

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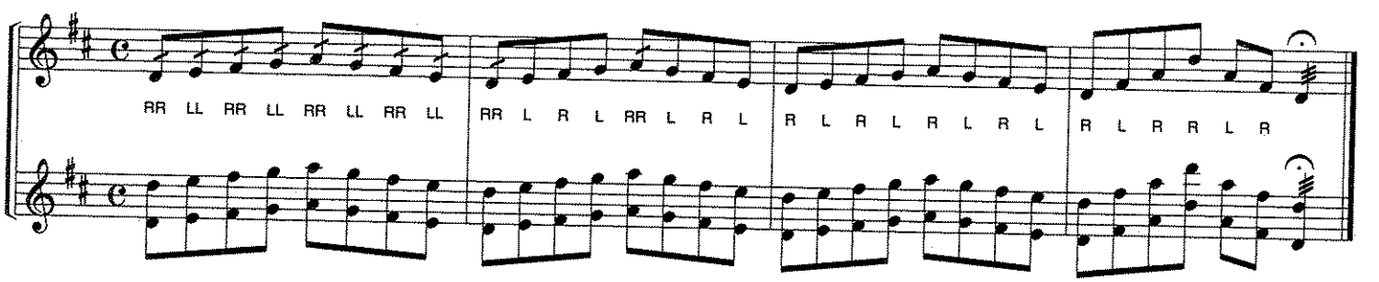

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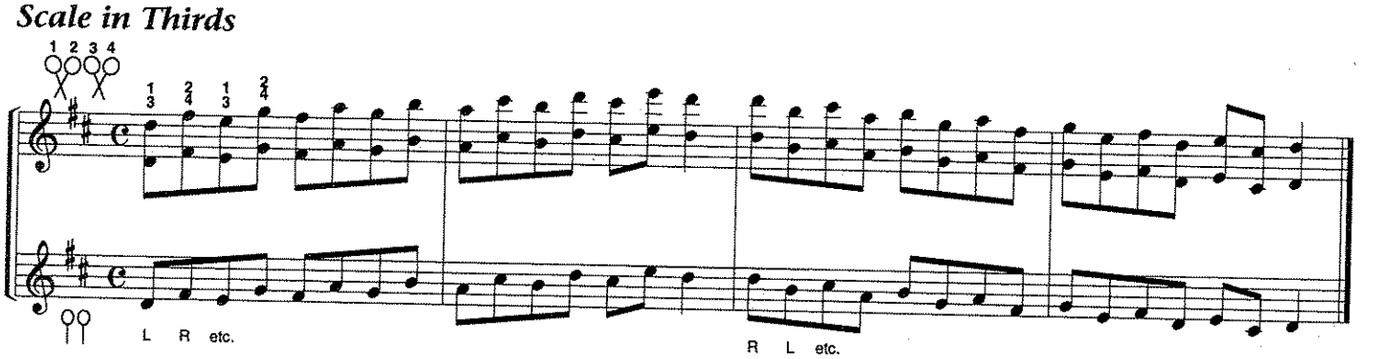

Technical Exercises in the Key of A

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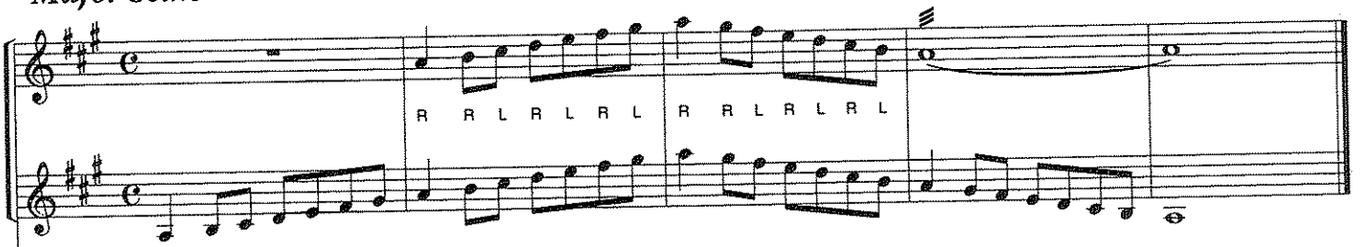

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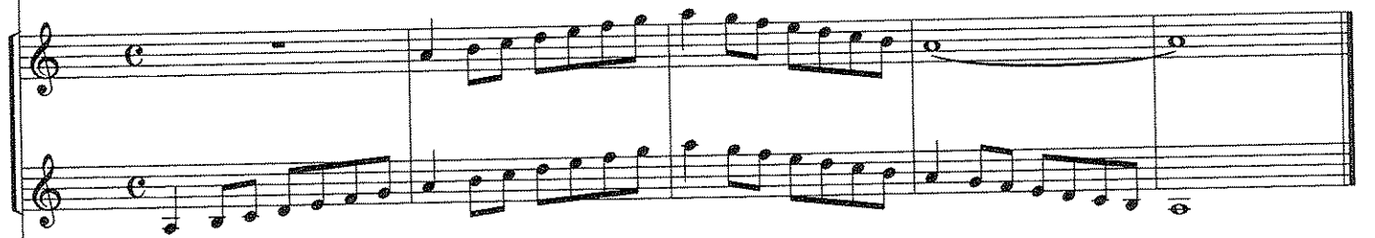

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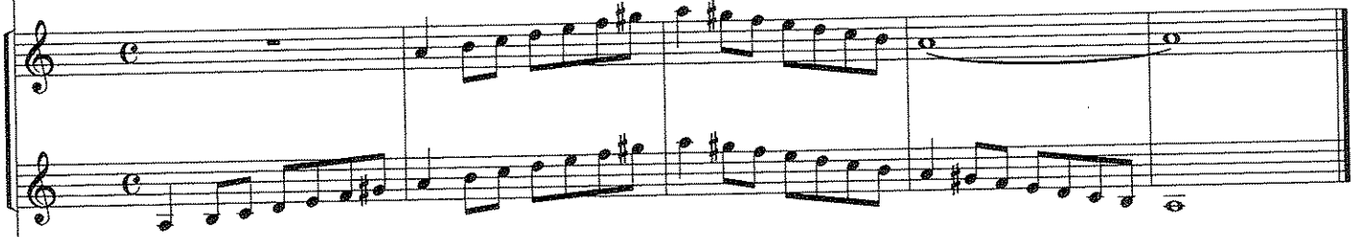

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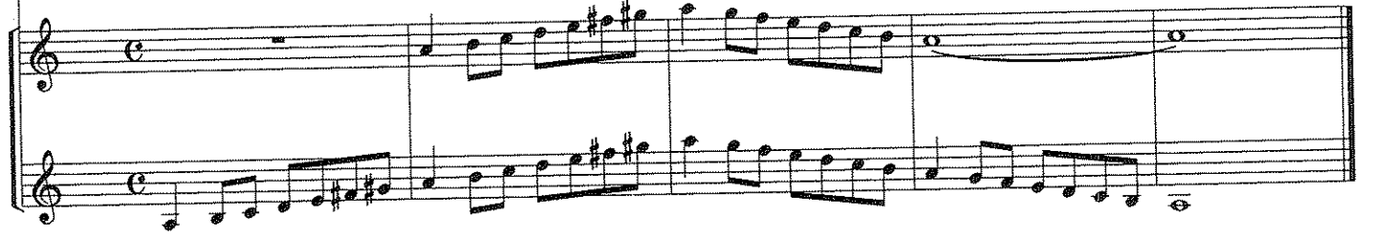

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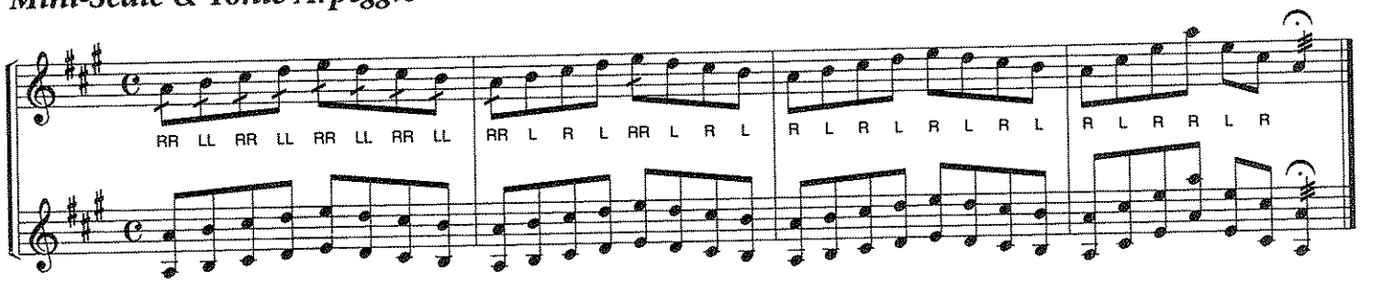

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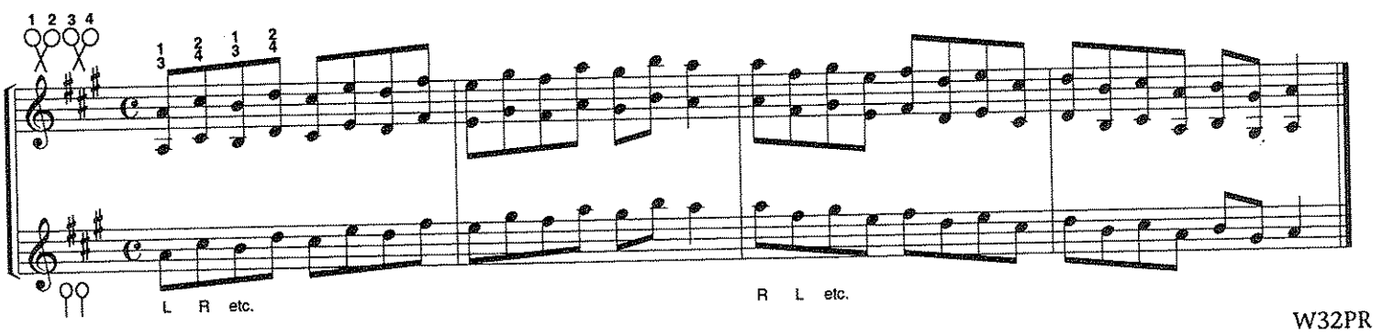

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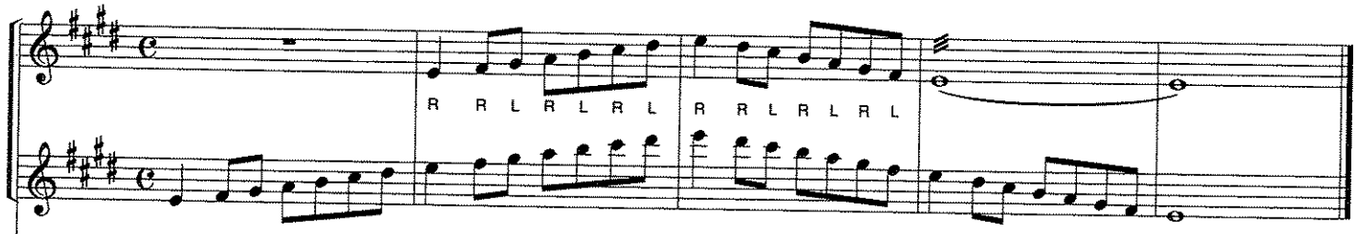

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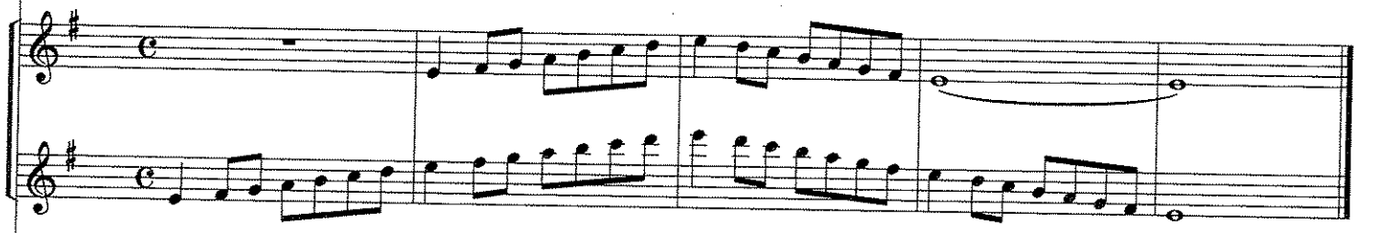

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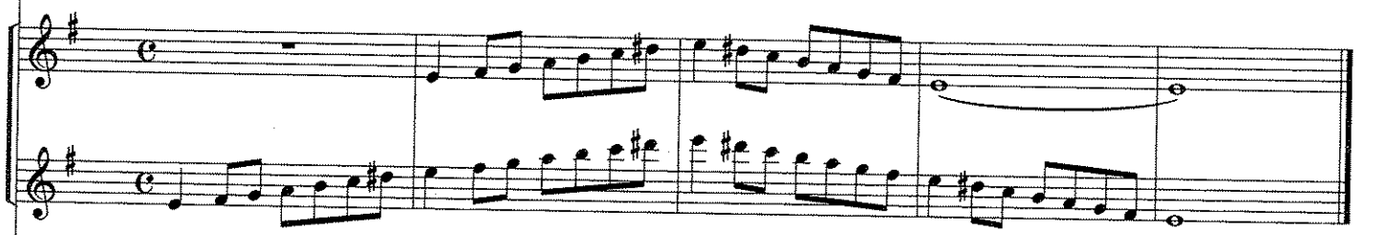

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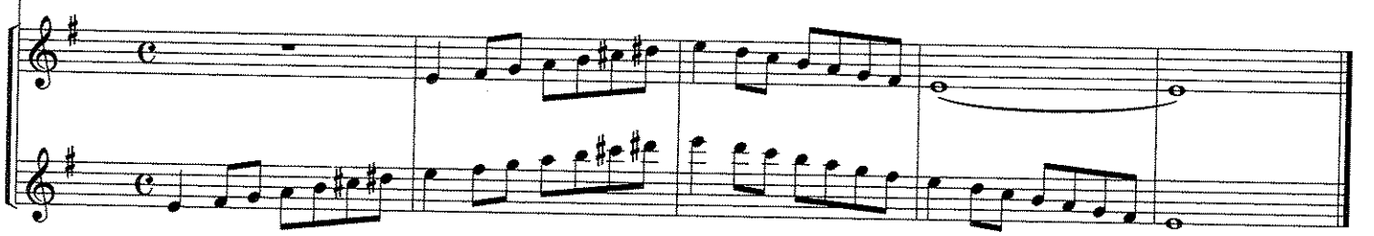

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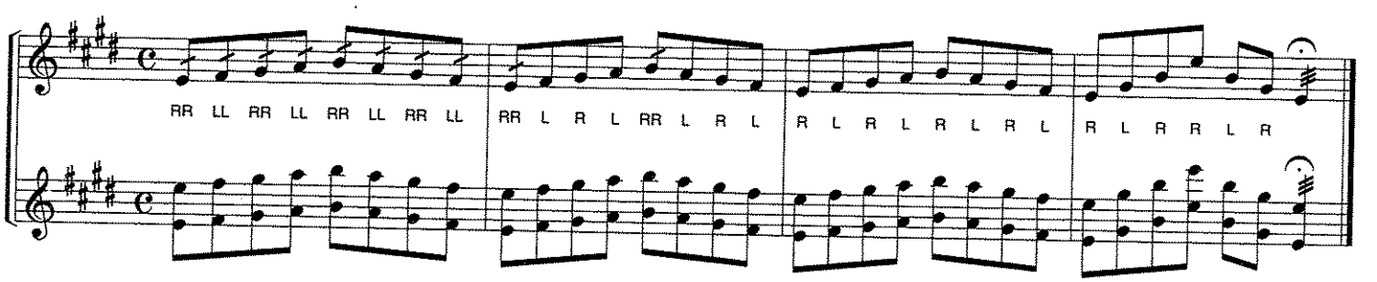

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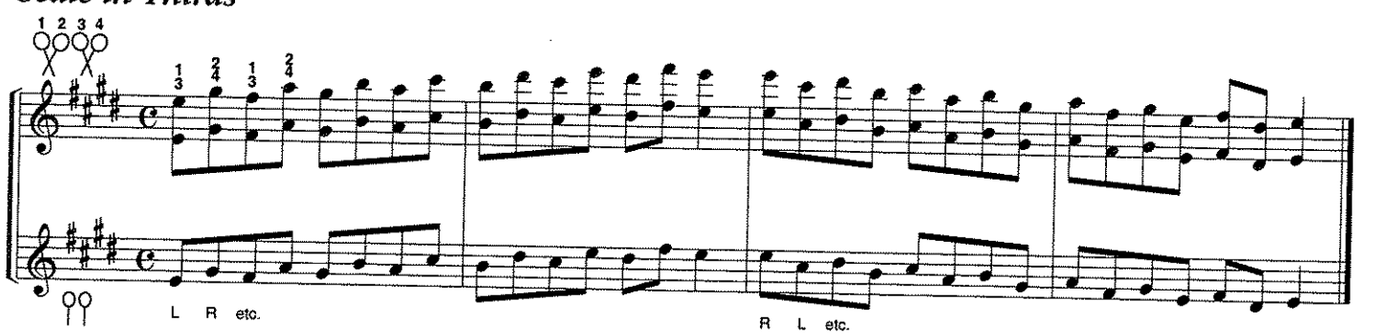

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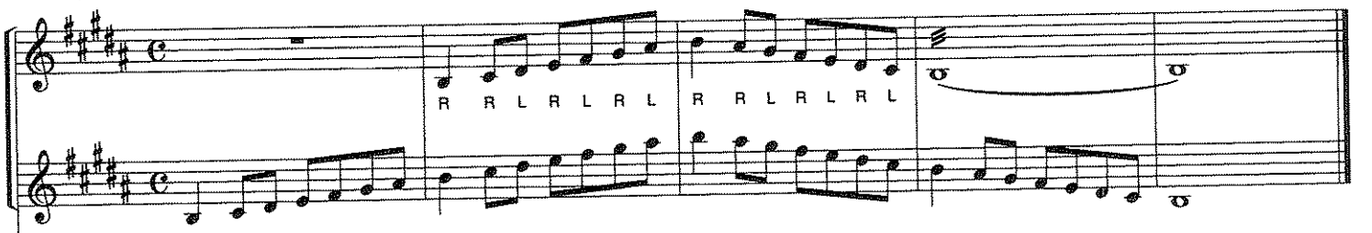

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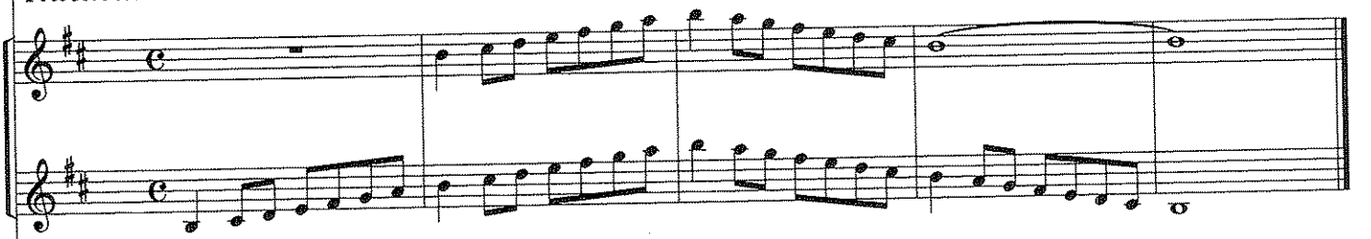

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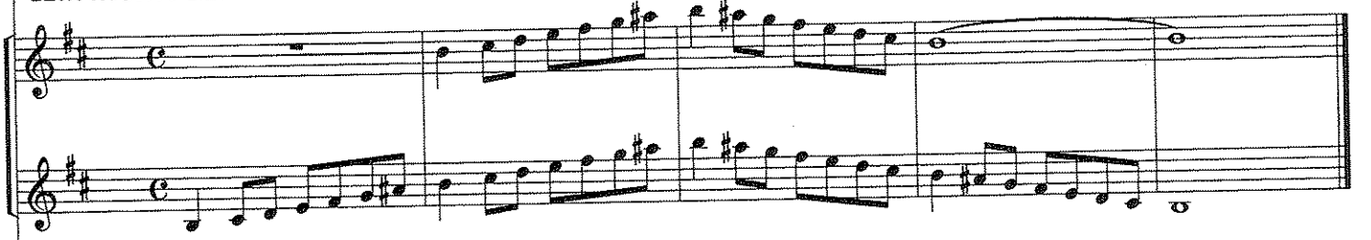

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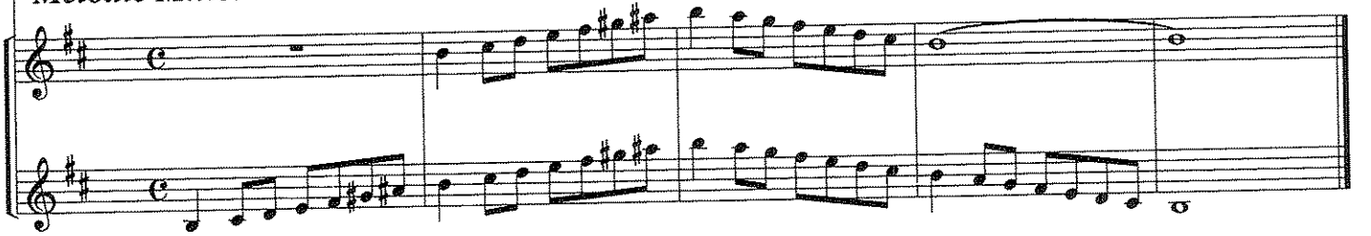

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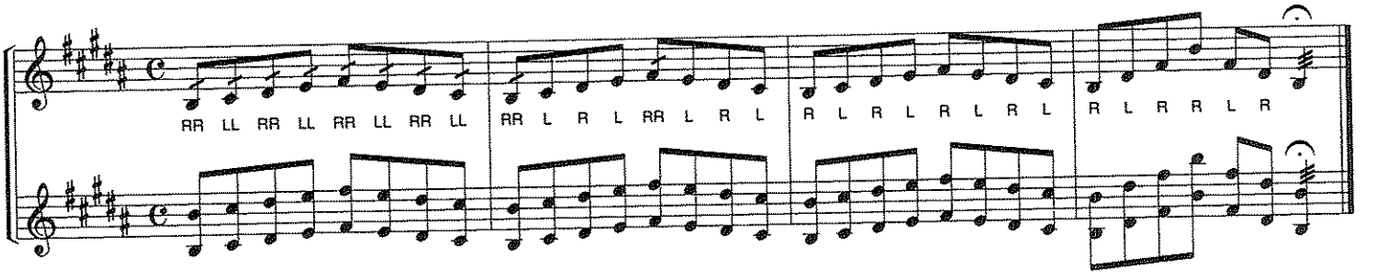

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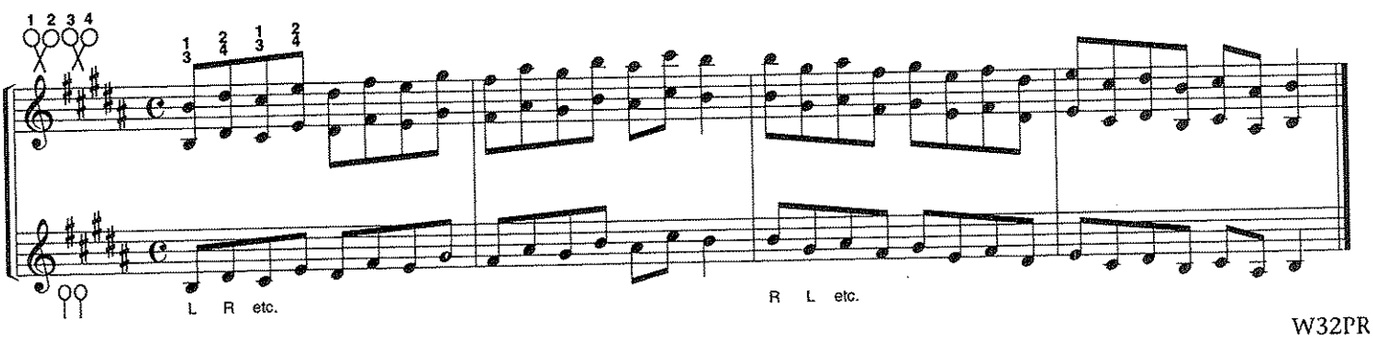

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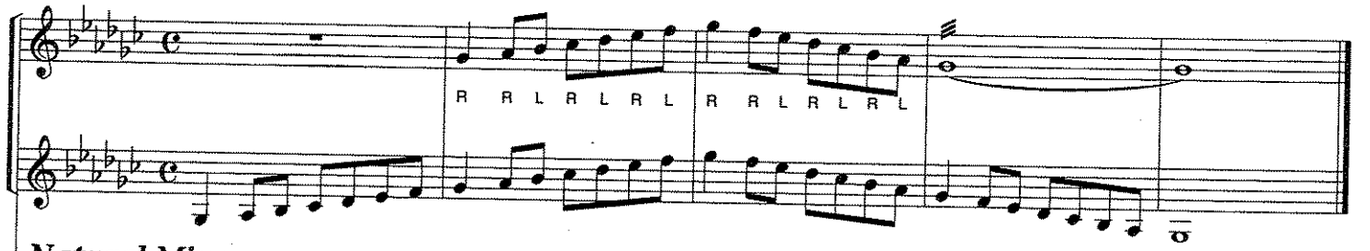

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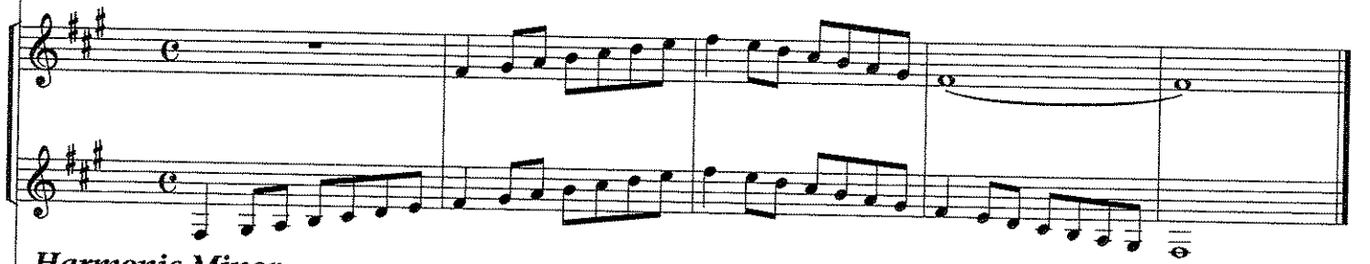

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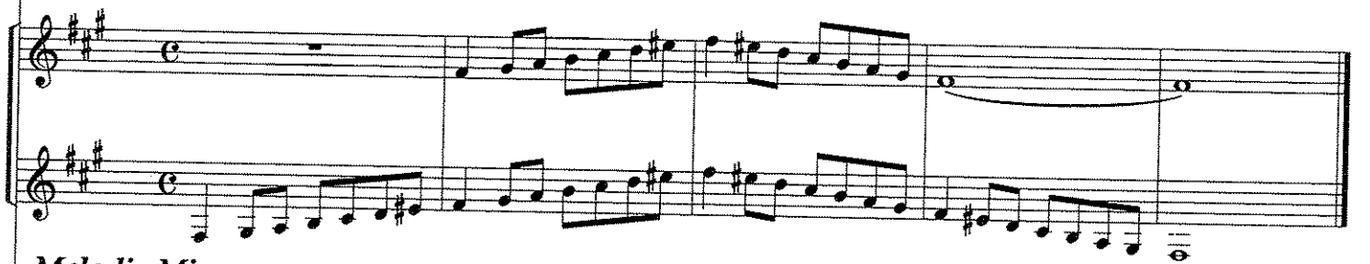

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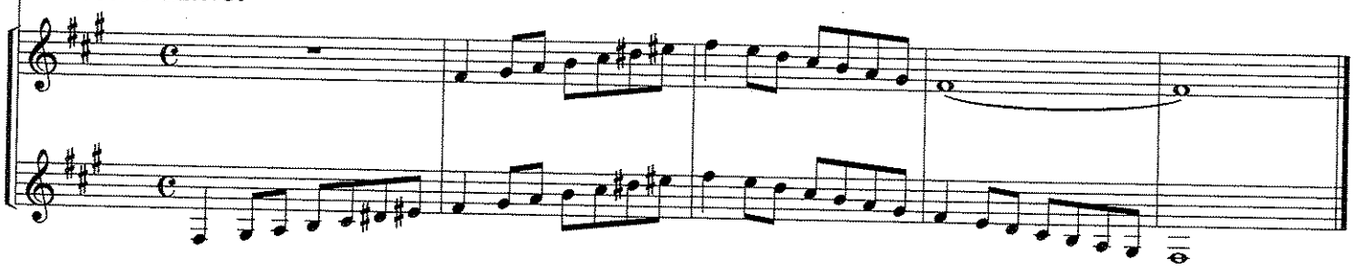

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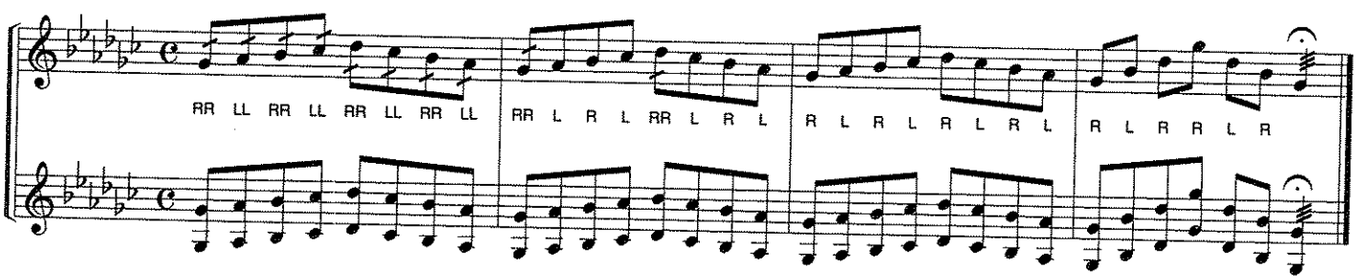

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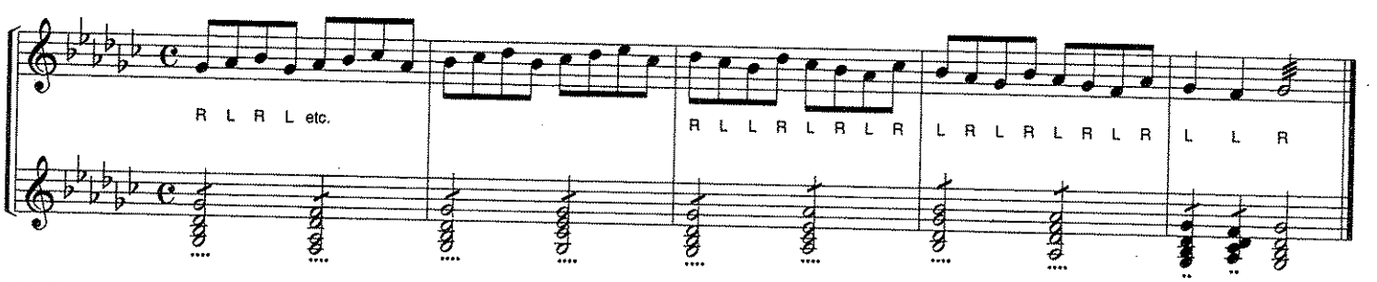

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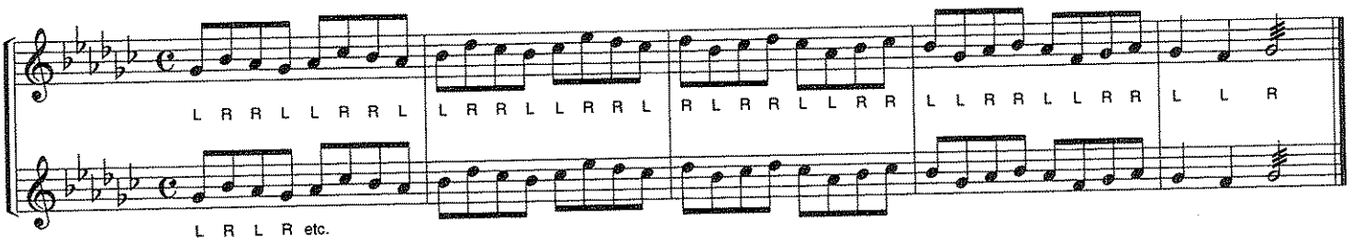

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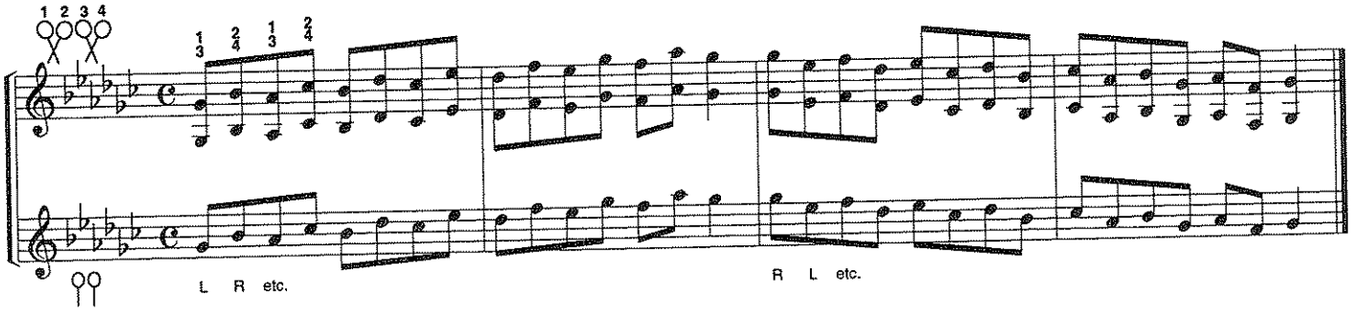

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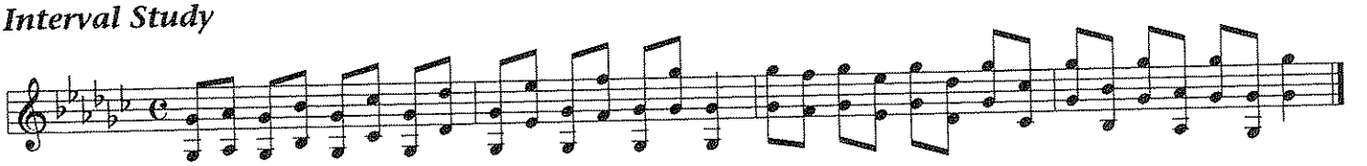
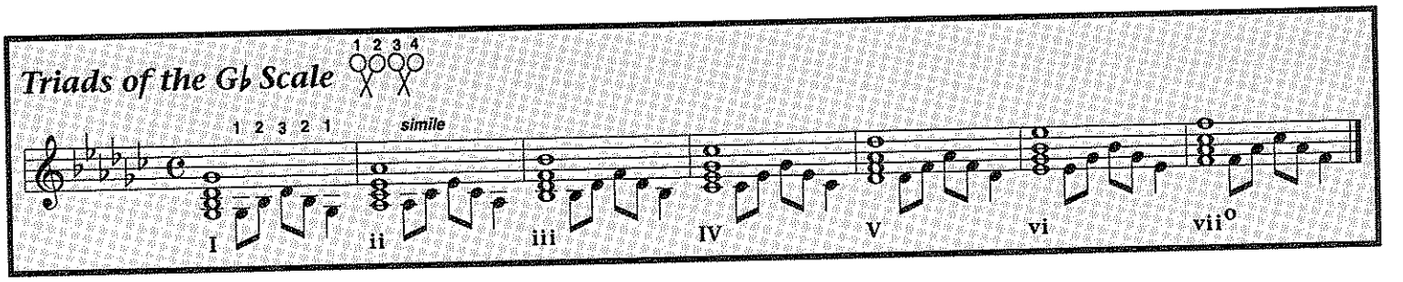


Triads of the G♭ Scale



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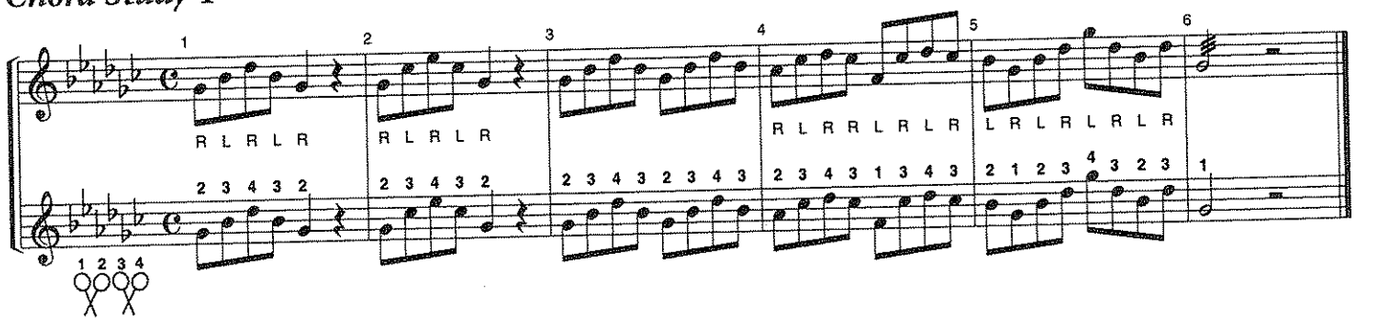

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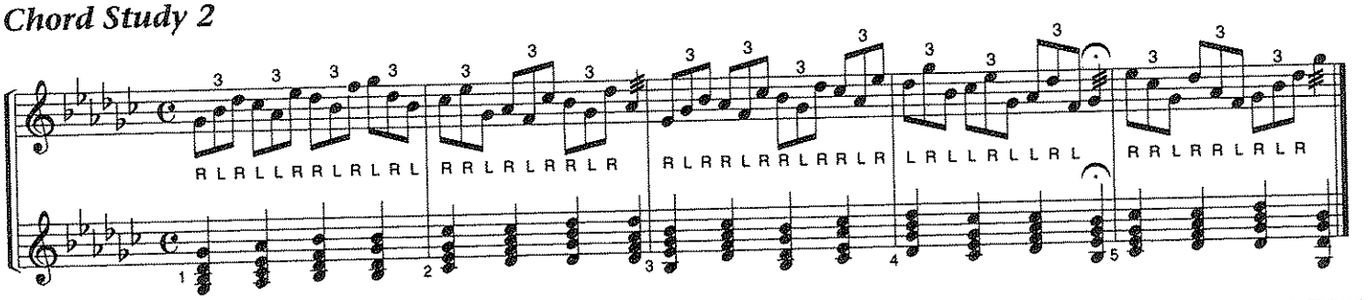

Technical Exercises in the Key of D♭

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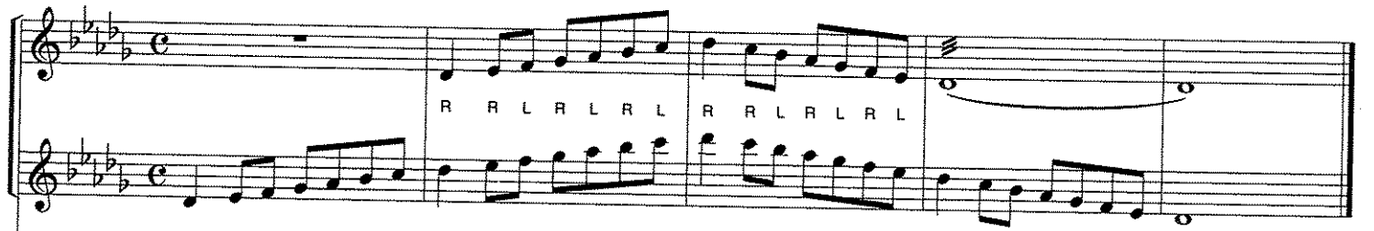

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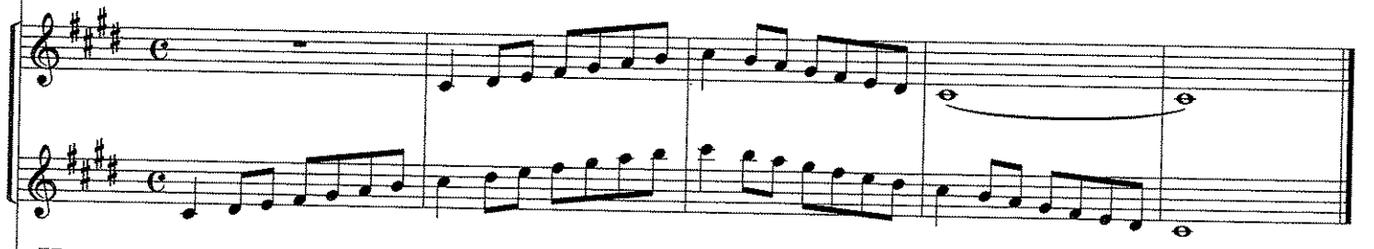

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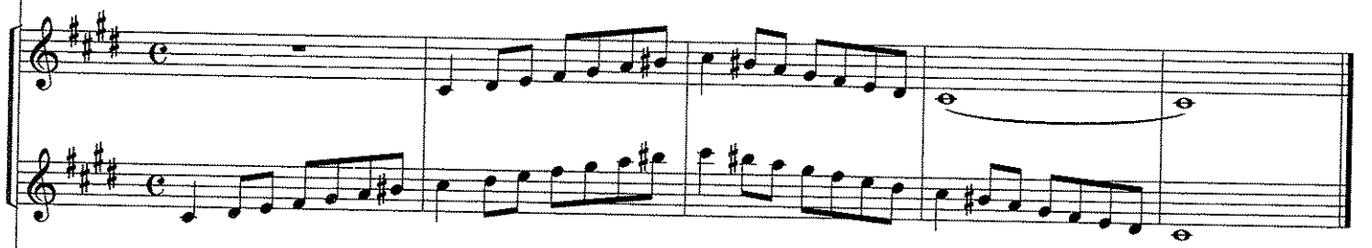

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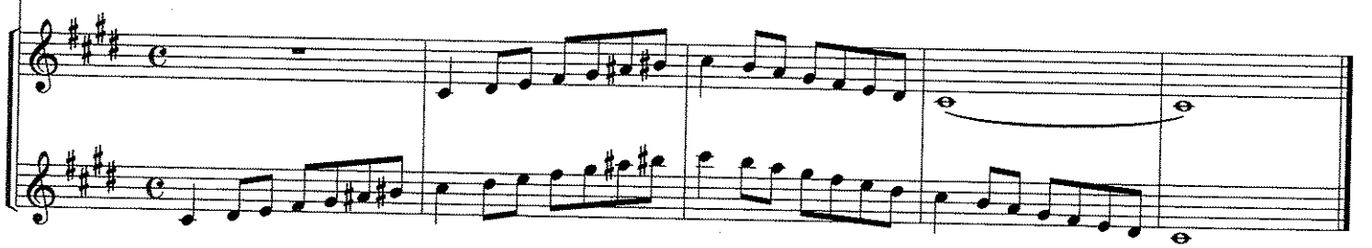

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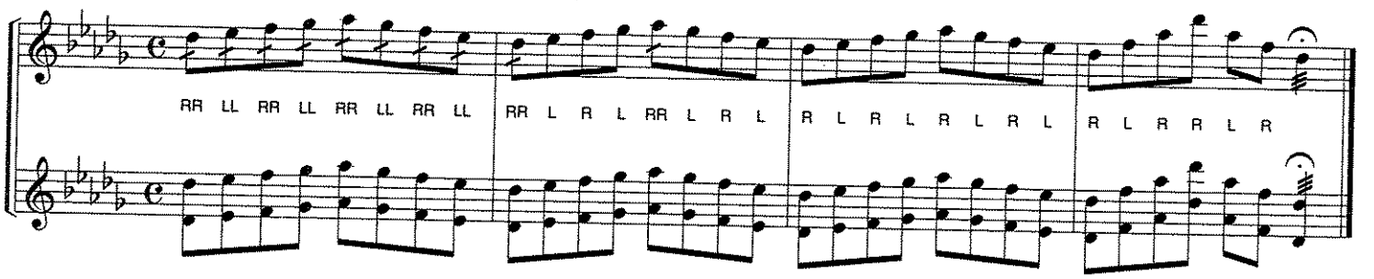

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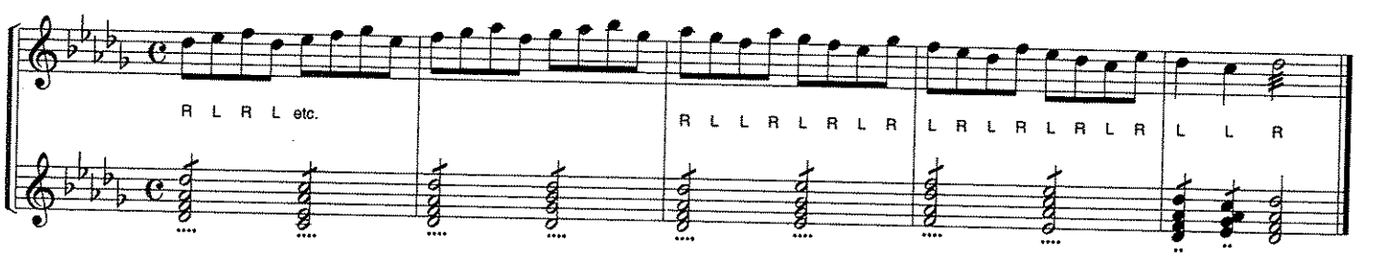

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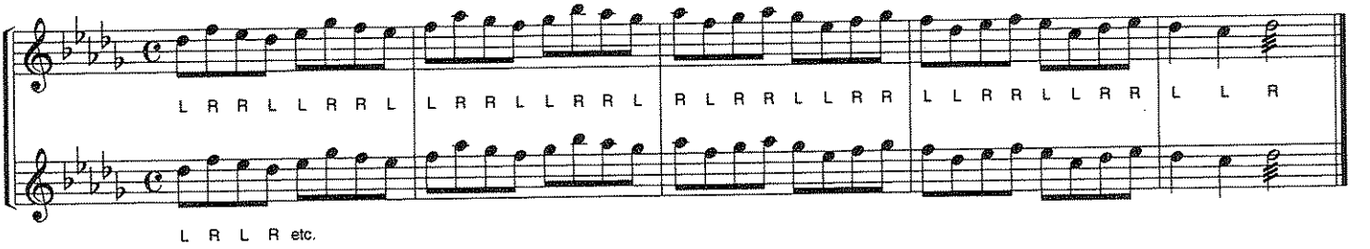

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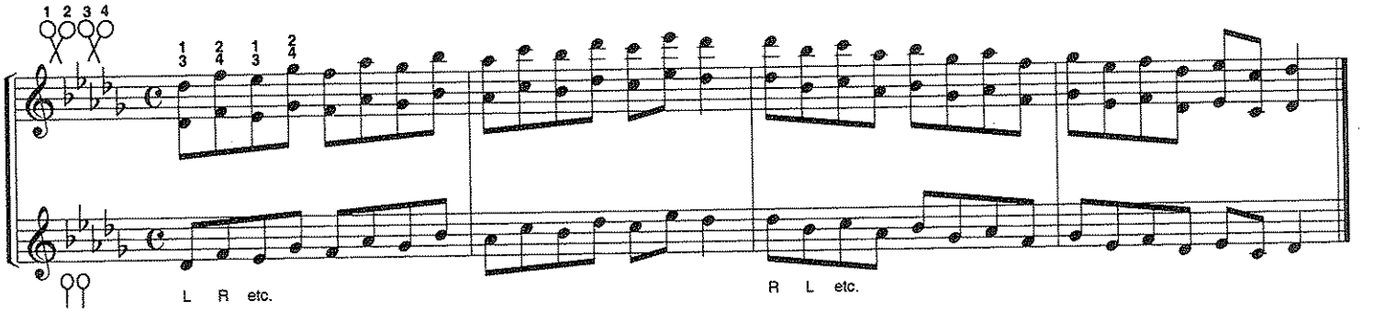

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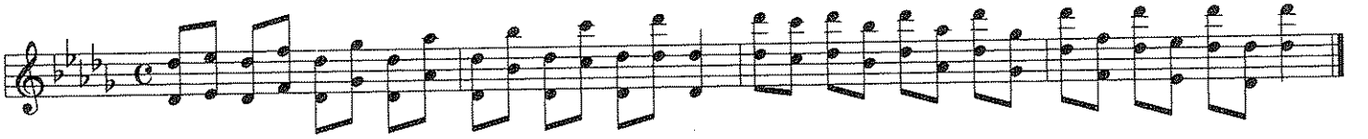
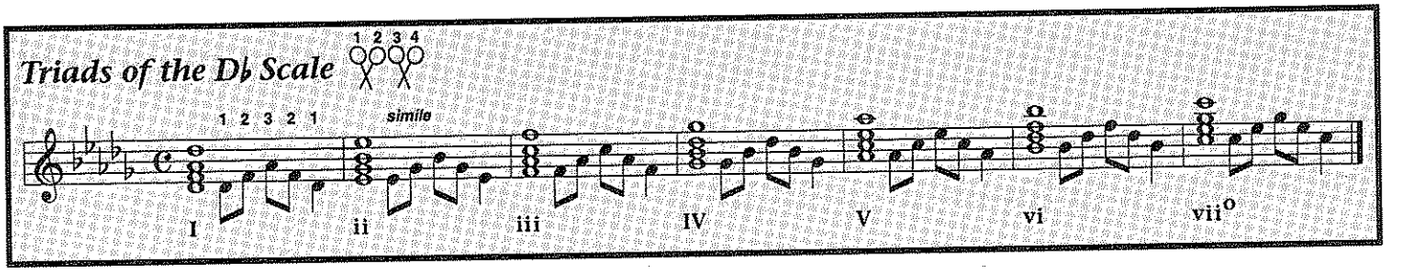


Triads of the D♭ Scale



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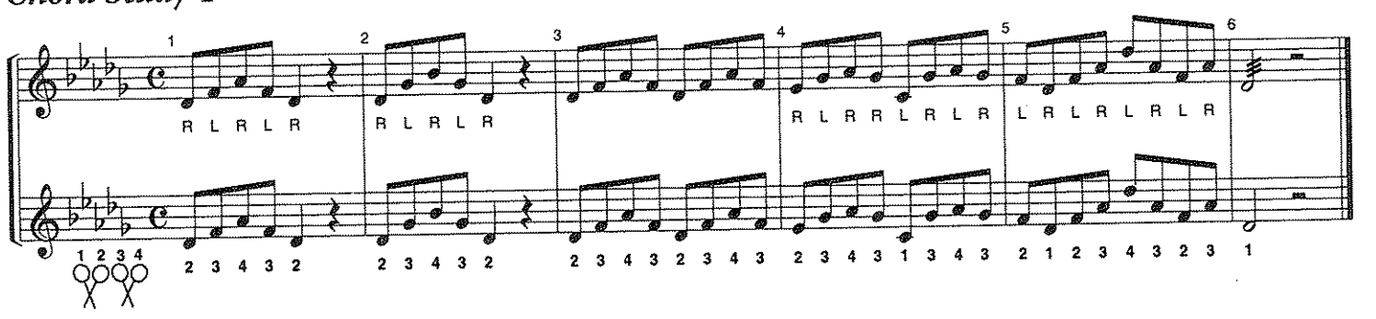

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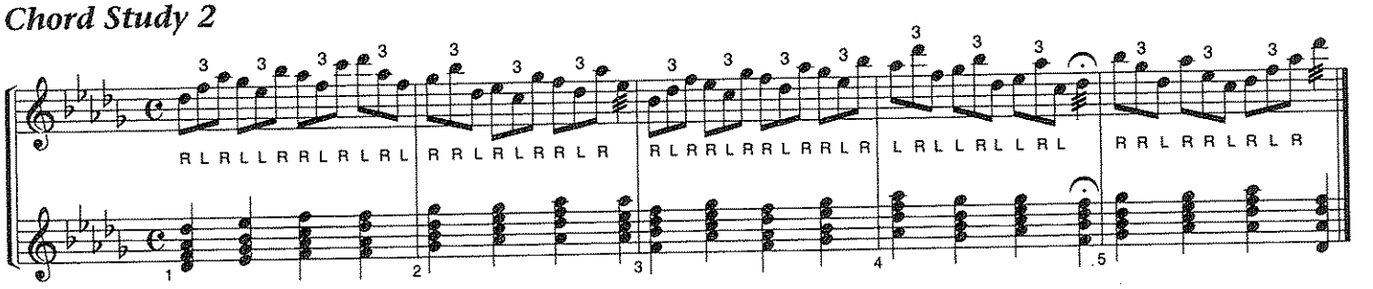

Technical Exercises in the Key of A♭

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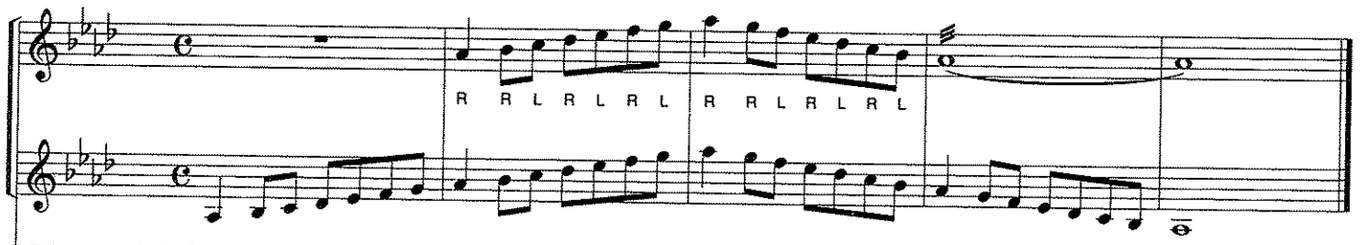

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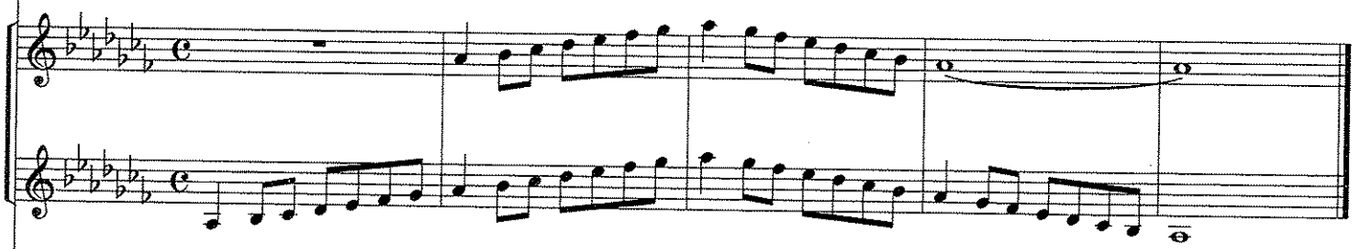

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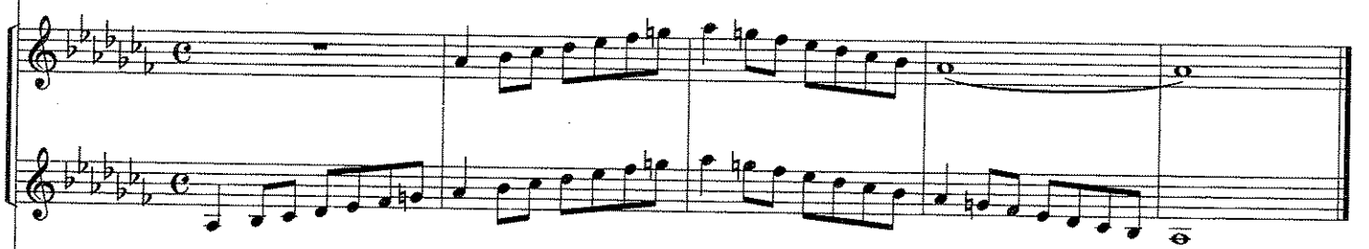

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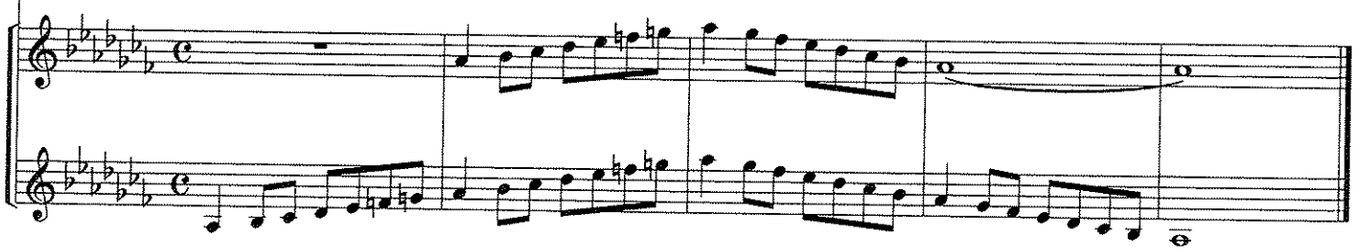

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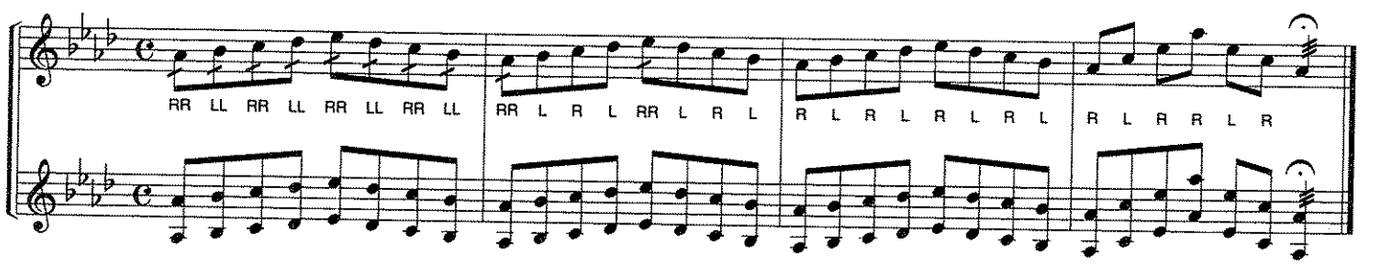

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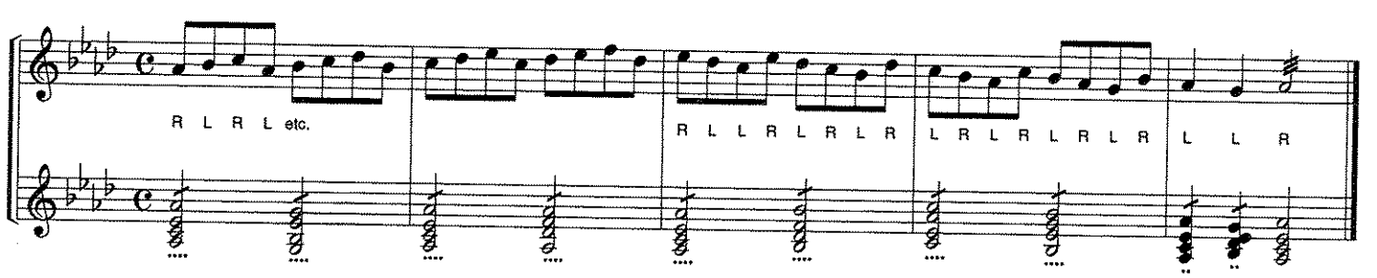

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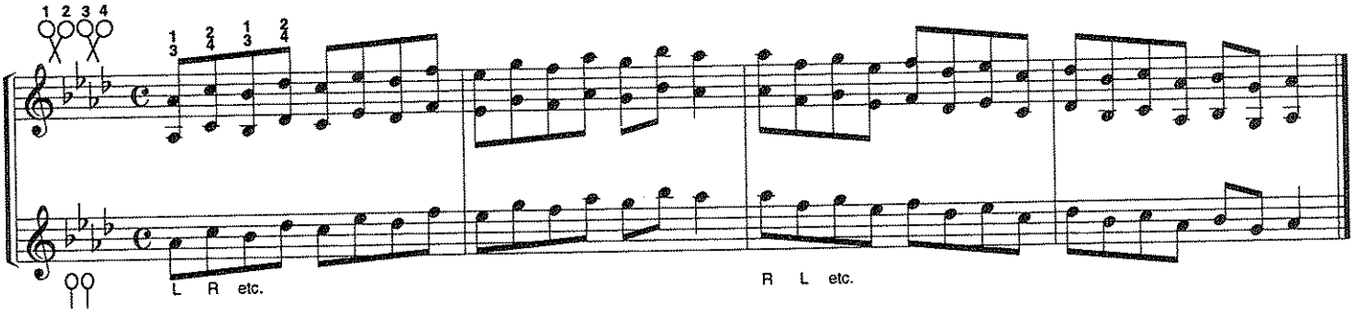

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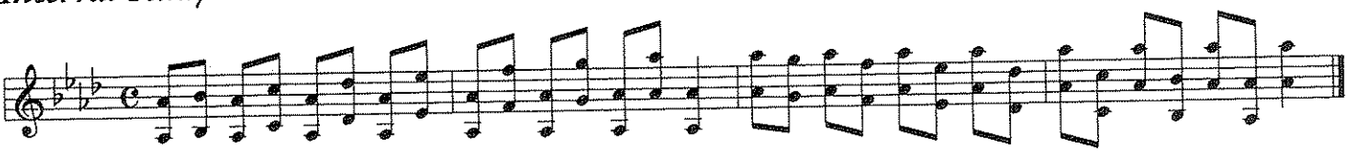

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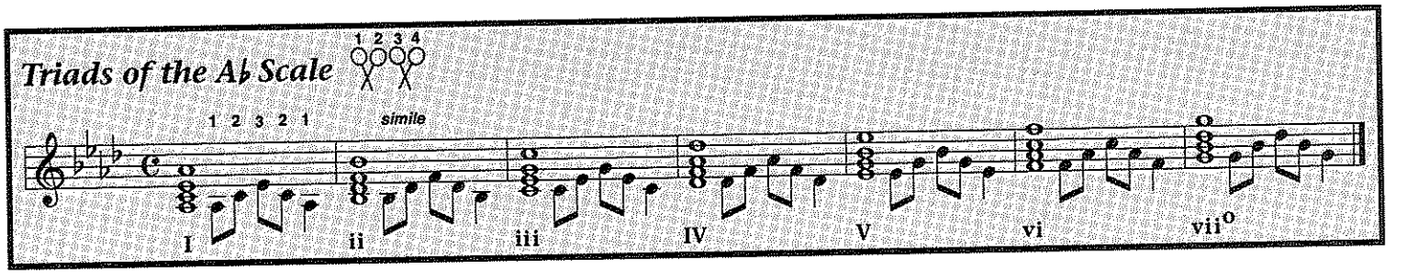

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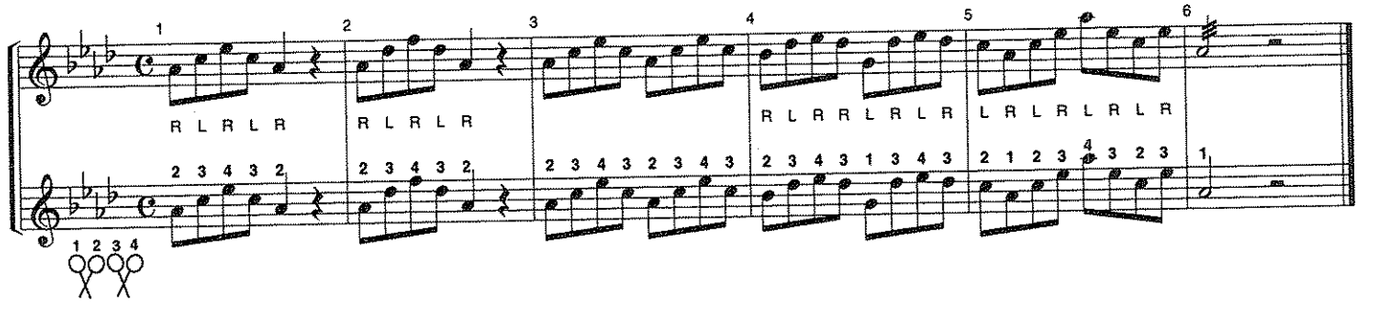

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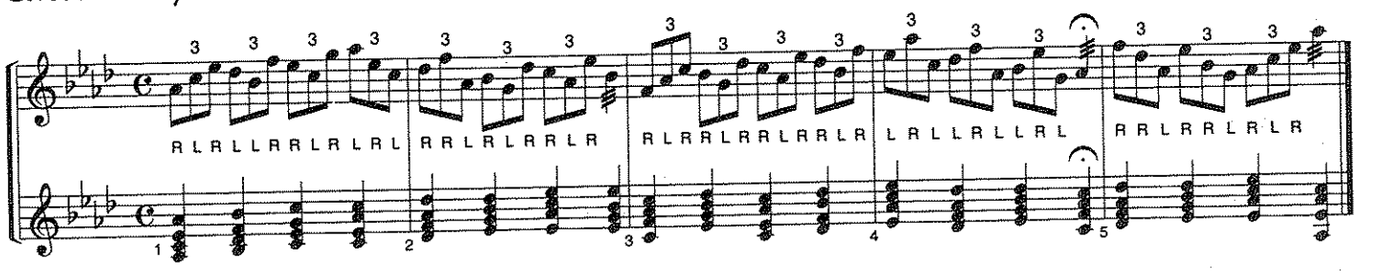

Technical Exercises in the Key of E♭

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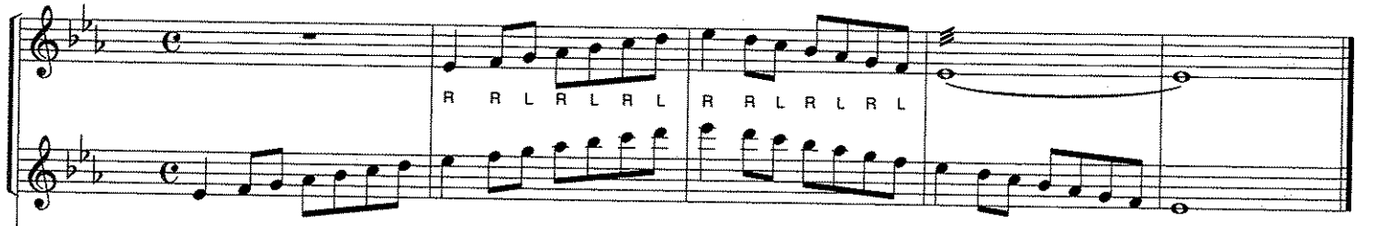

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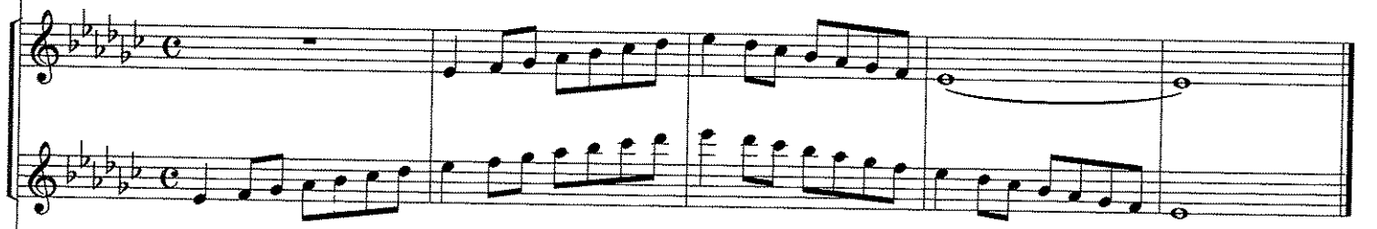

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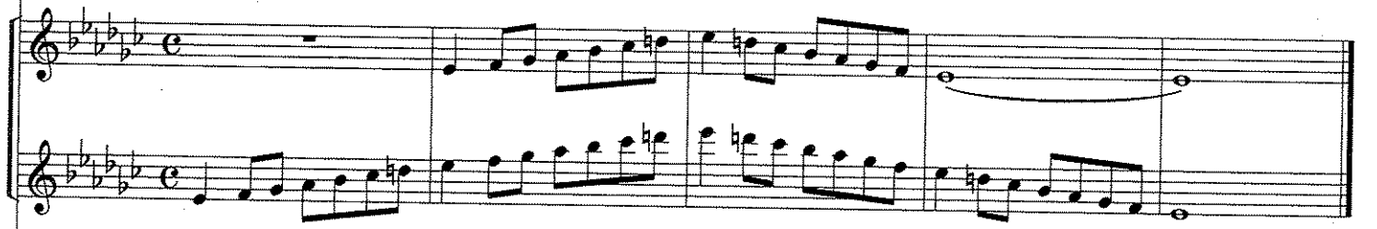

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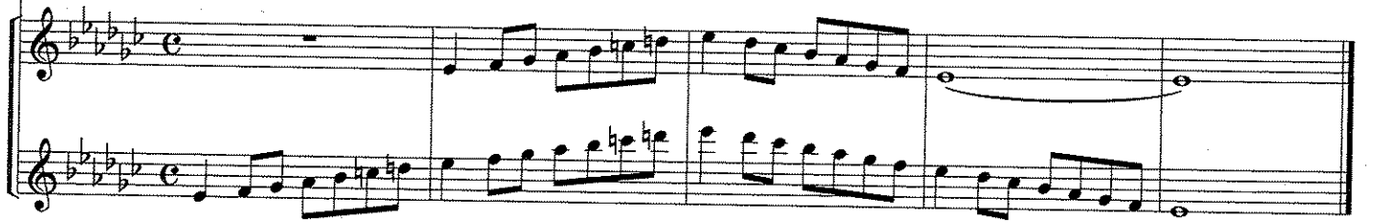

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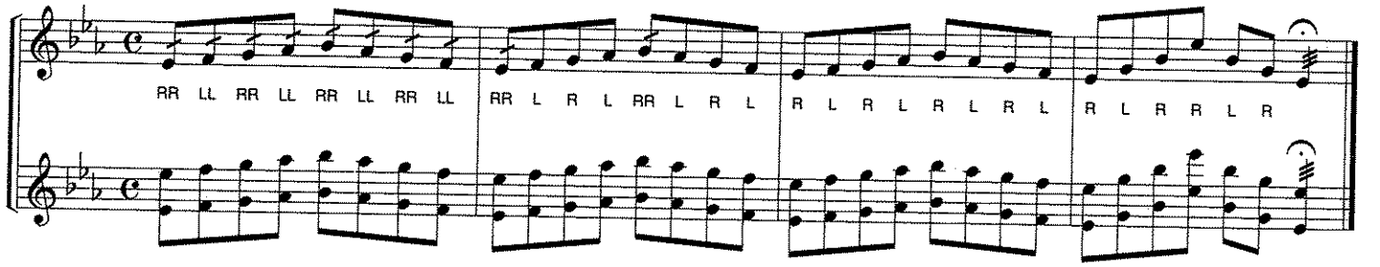

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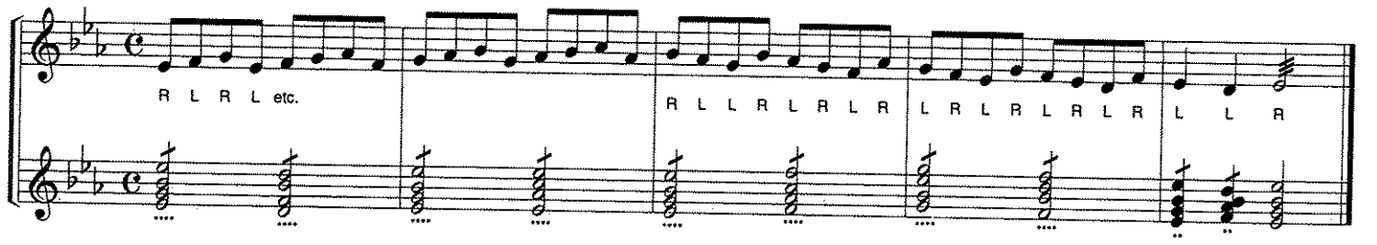

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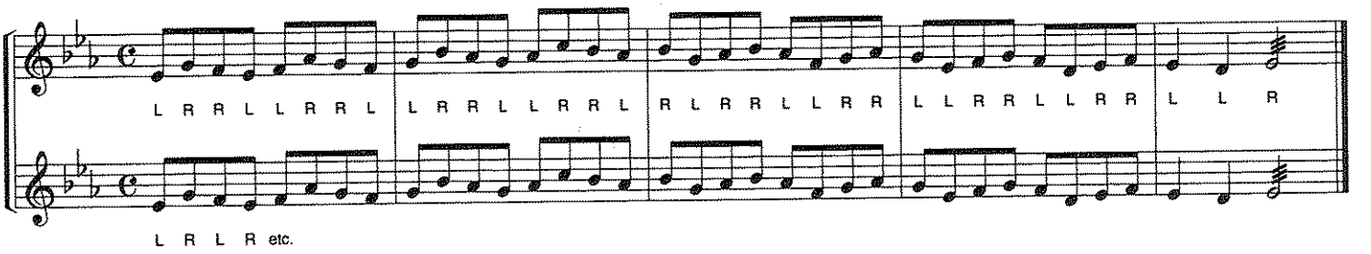

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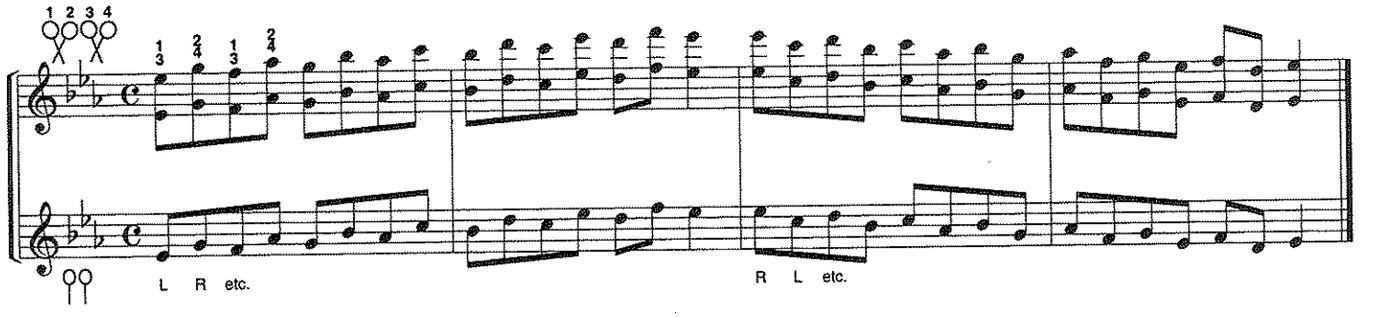

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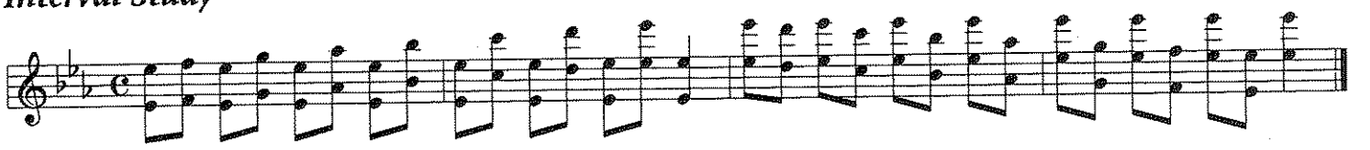

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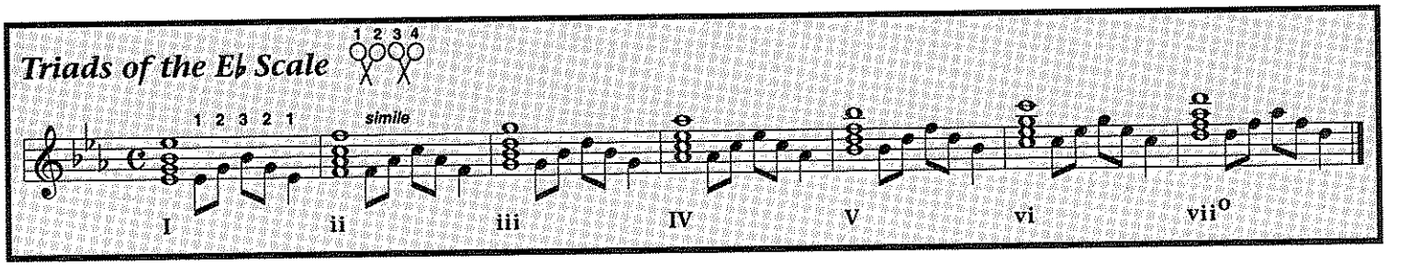

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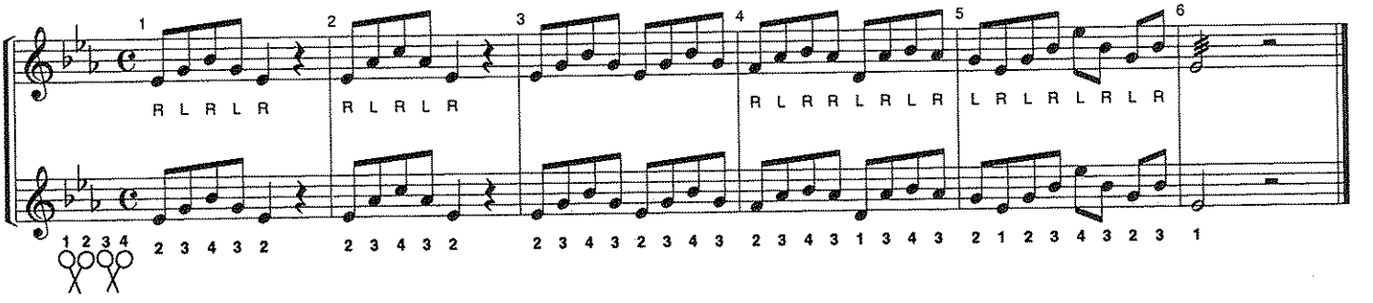

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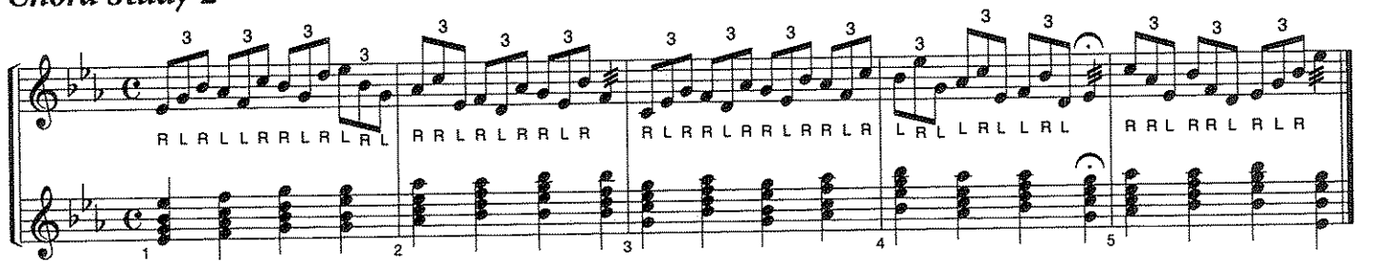

Chorales & Tuning Exercises in B♭

Interval Tuning

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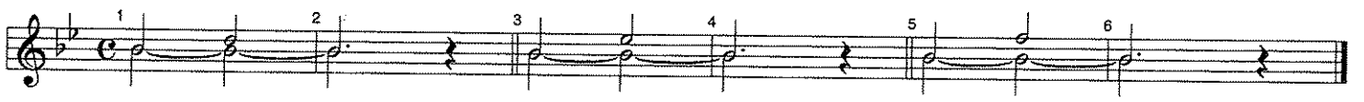

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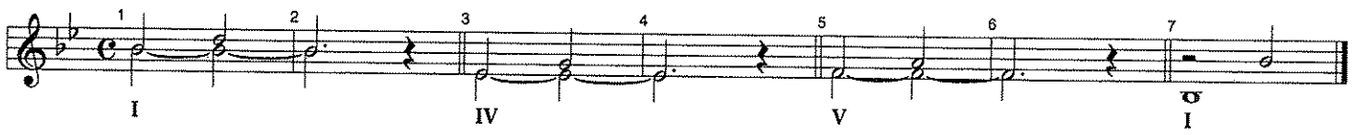

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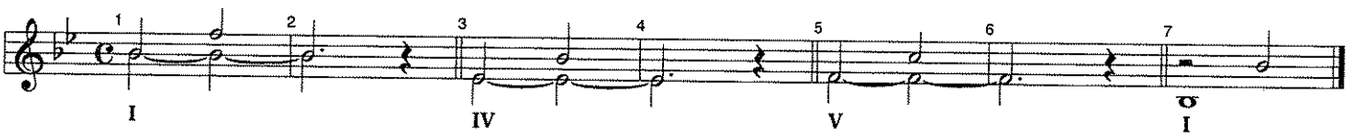

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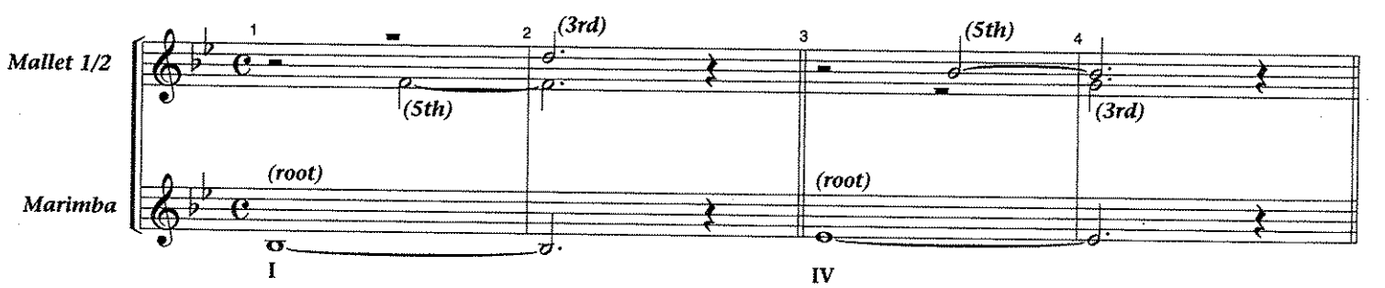

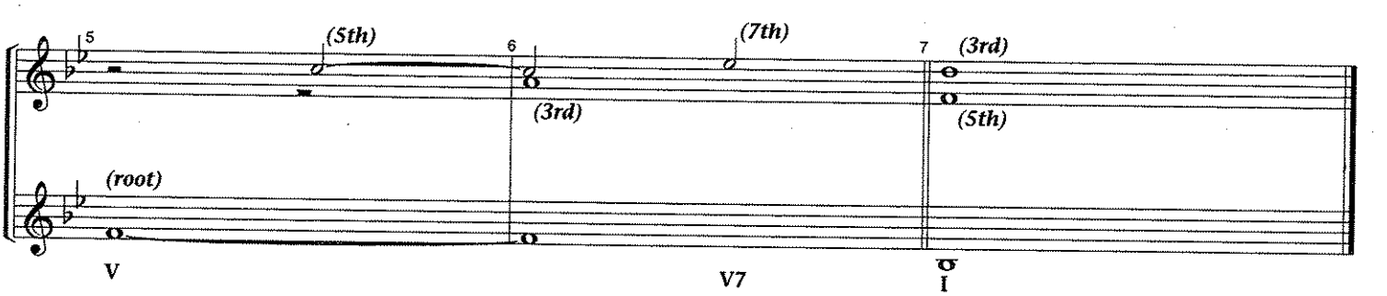

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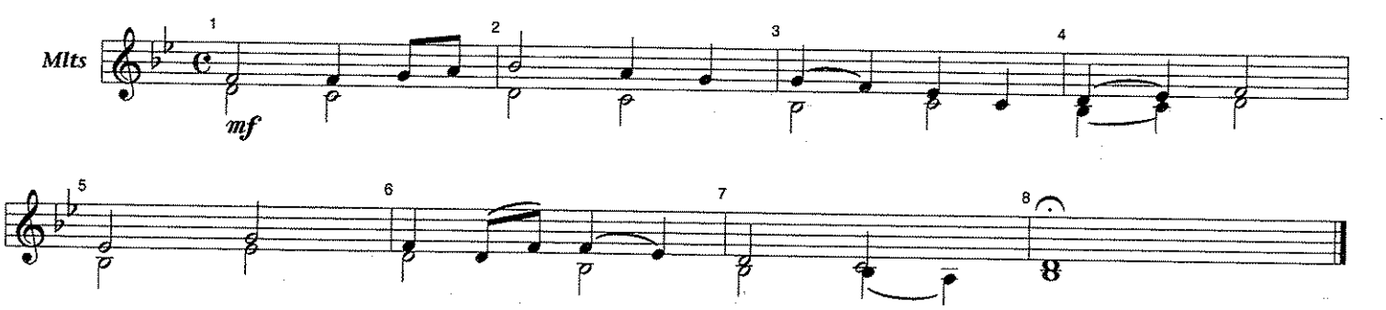

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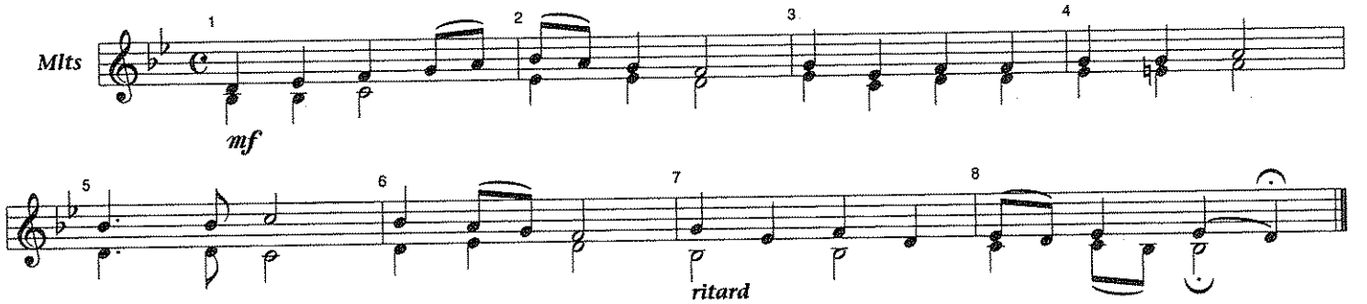

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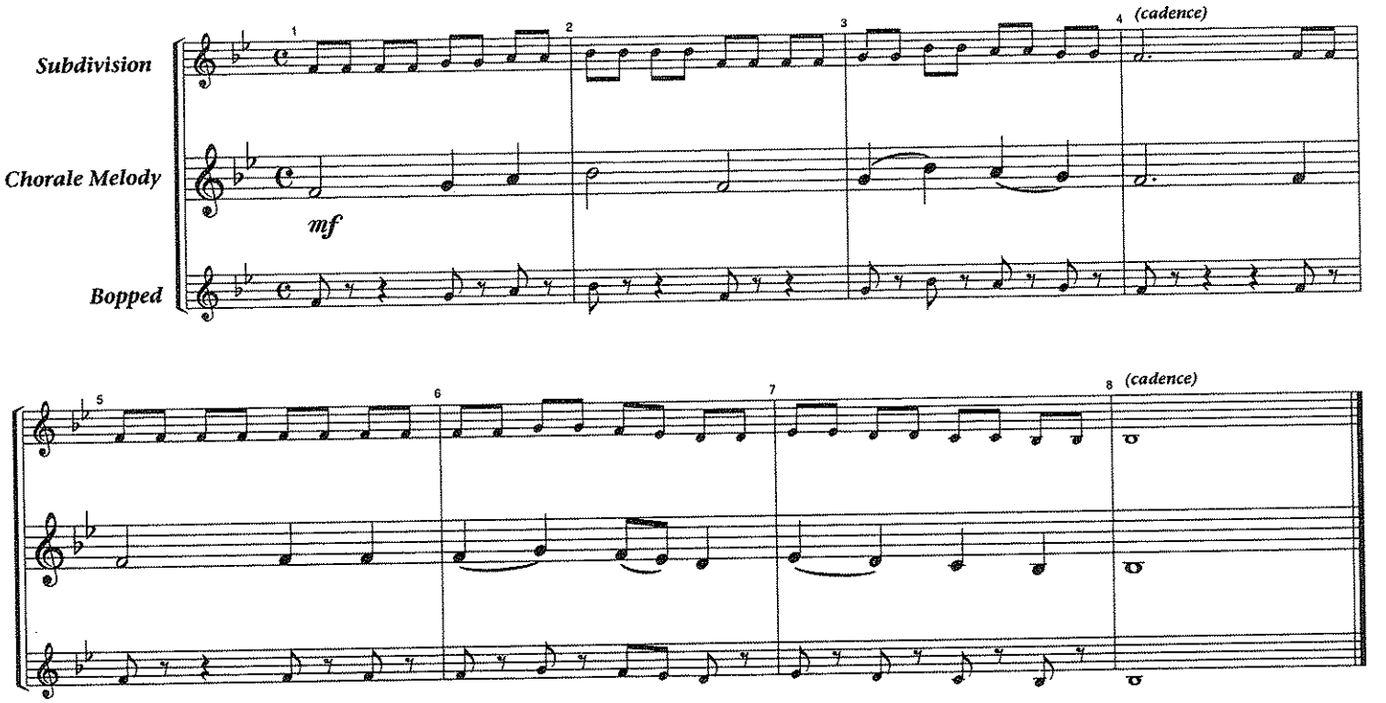

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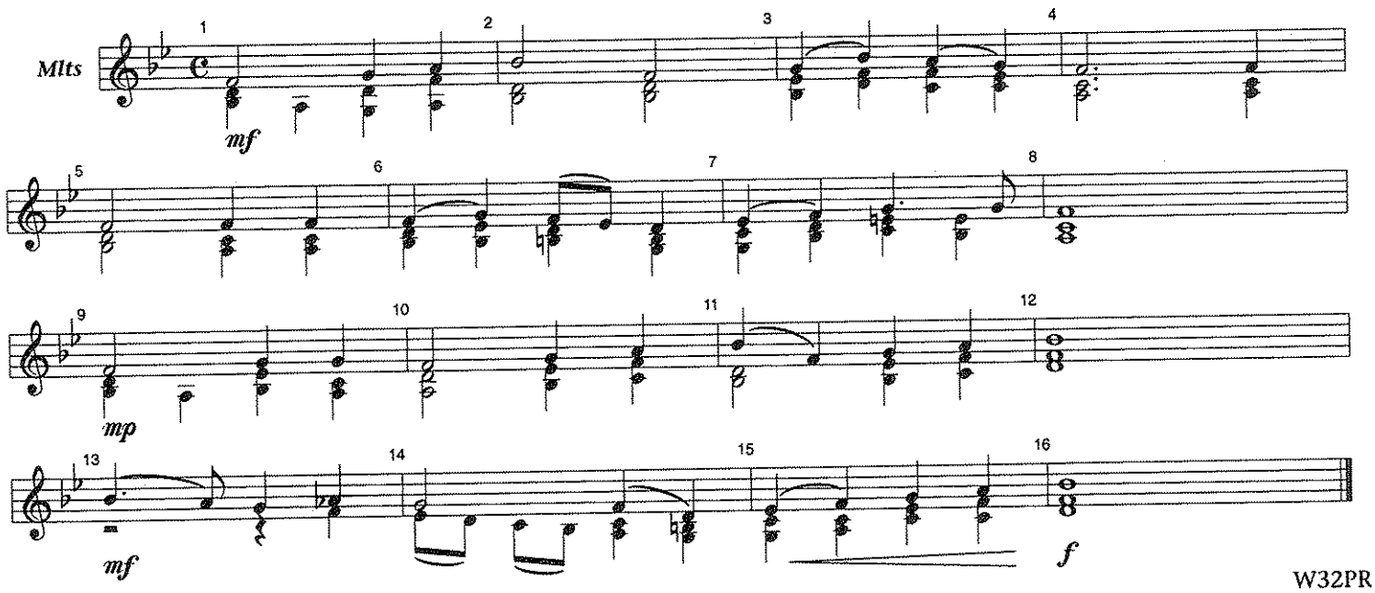

Chorales & Tuning Exercises in F

Interval Tuning

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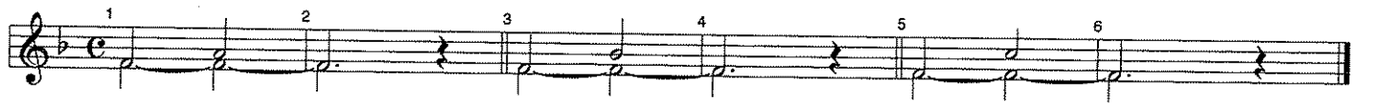

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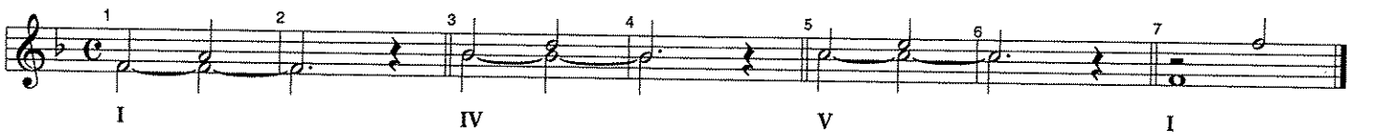

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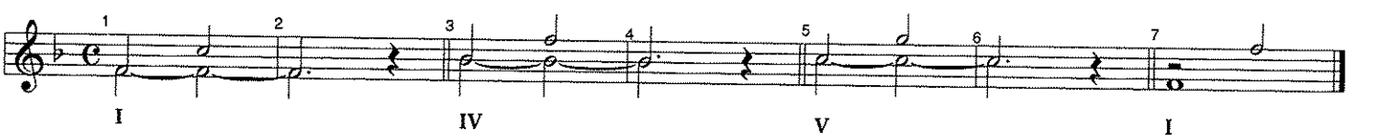
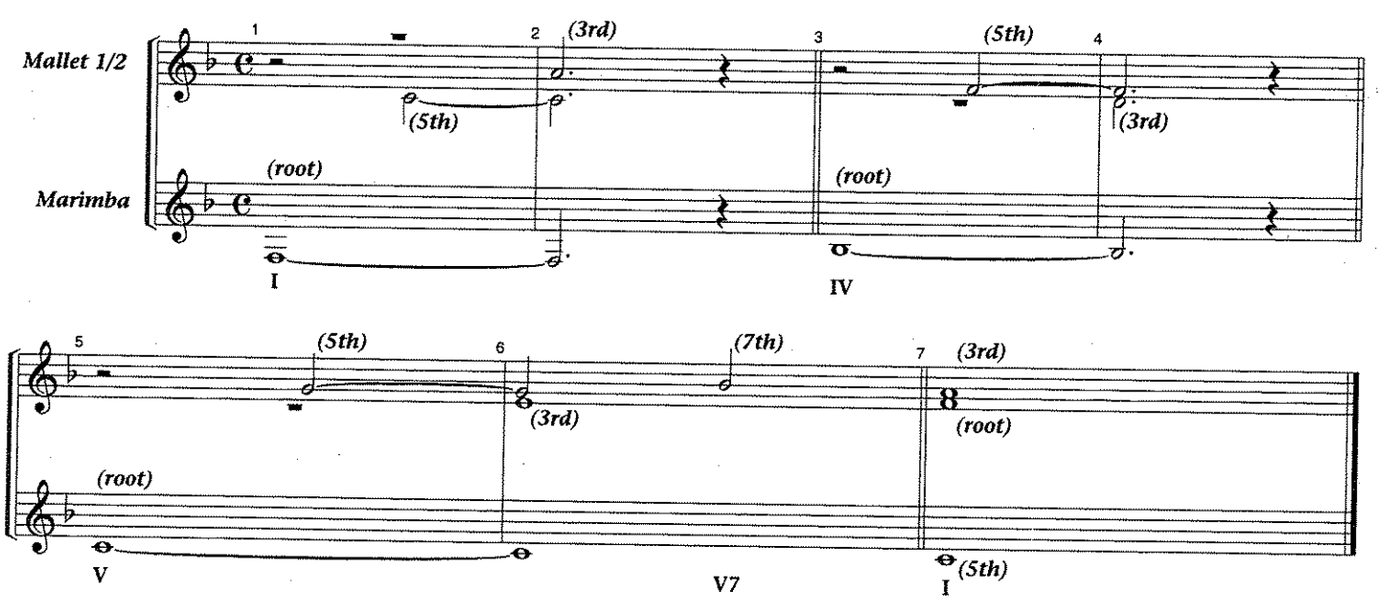


Chord Tuning



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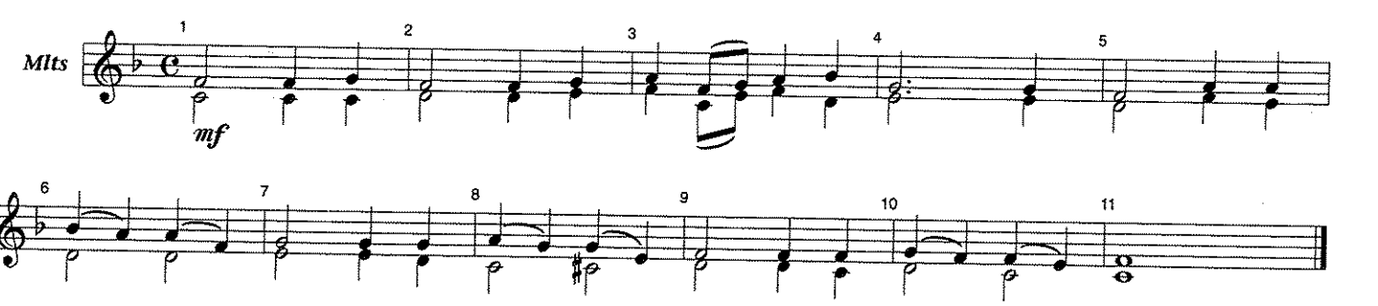

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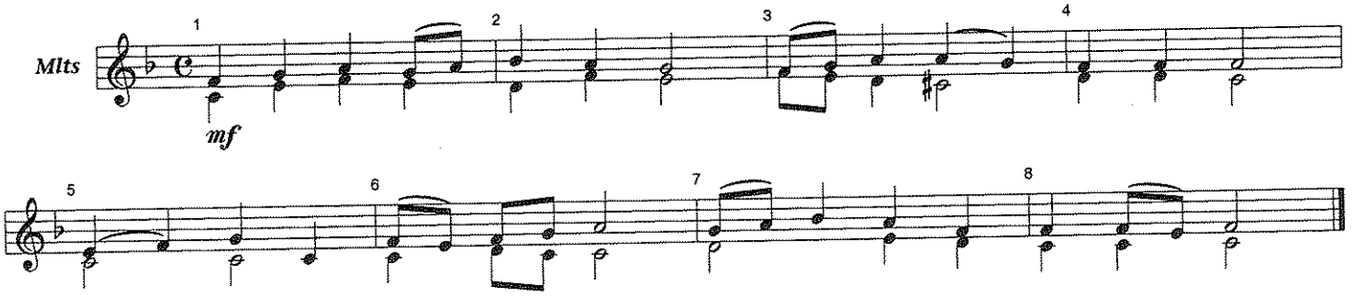

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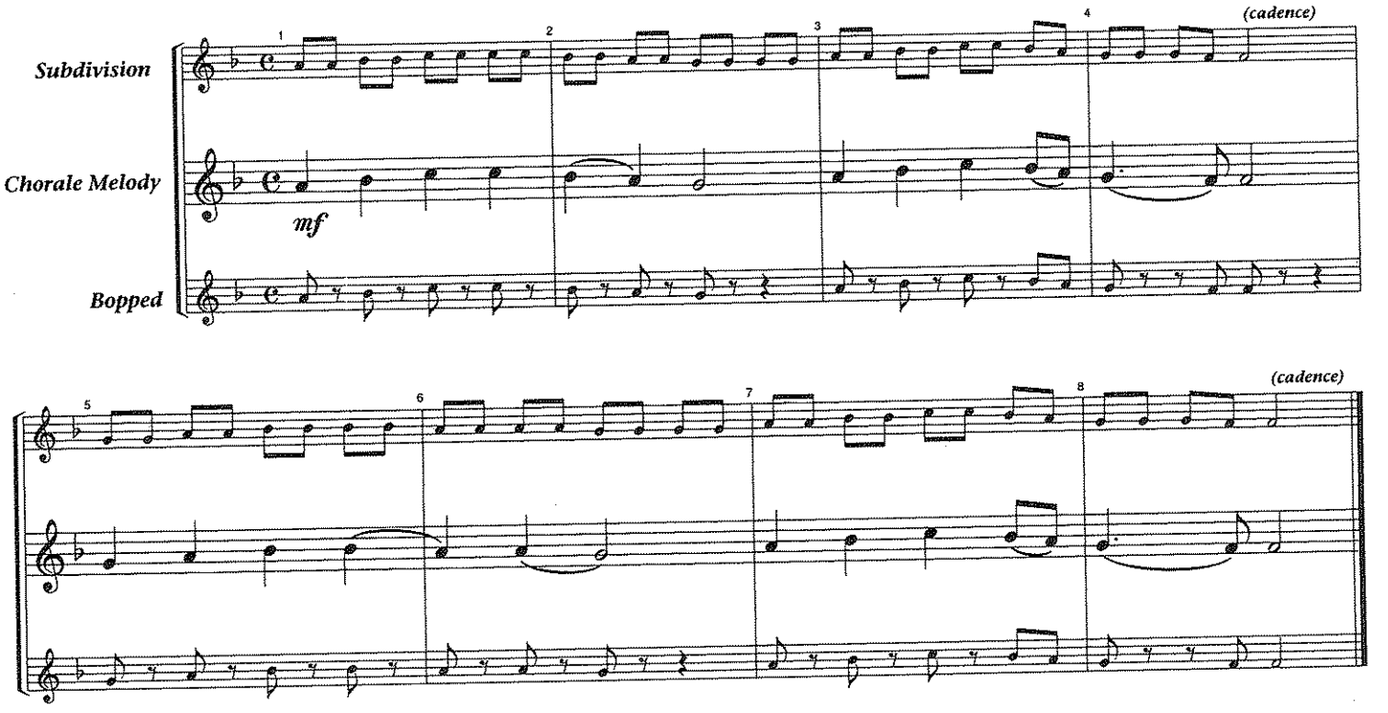

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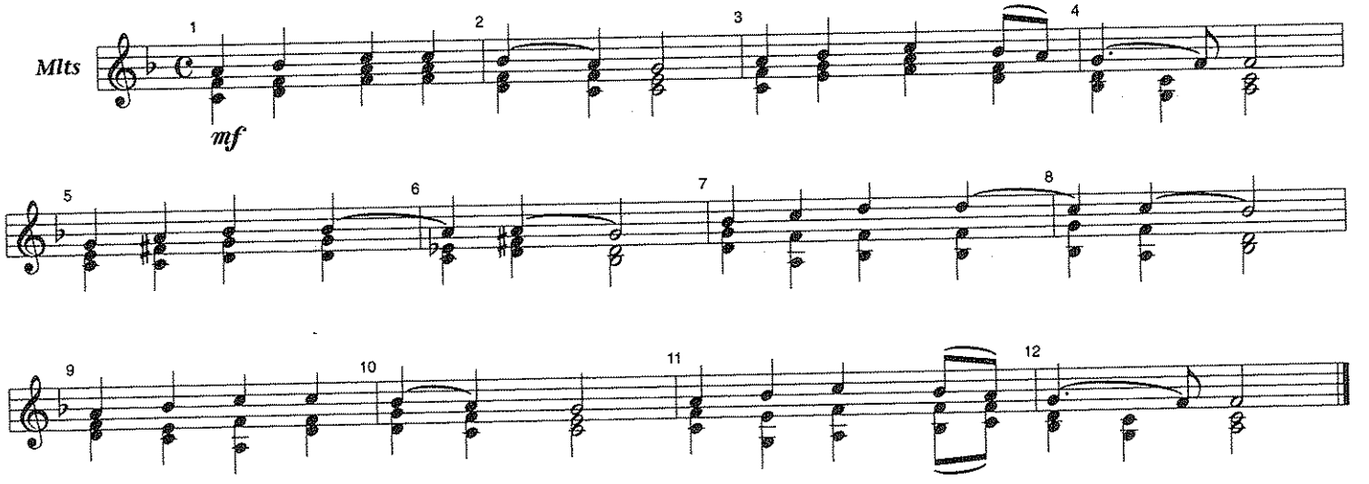

Chorales & Tuning Exercises in E♭

Interval Tuning

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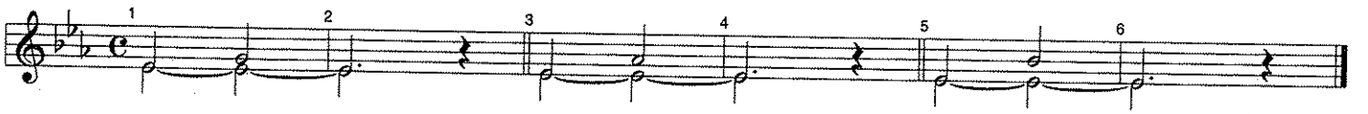

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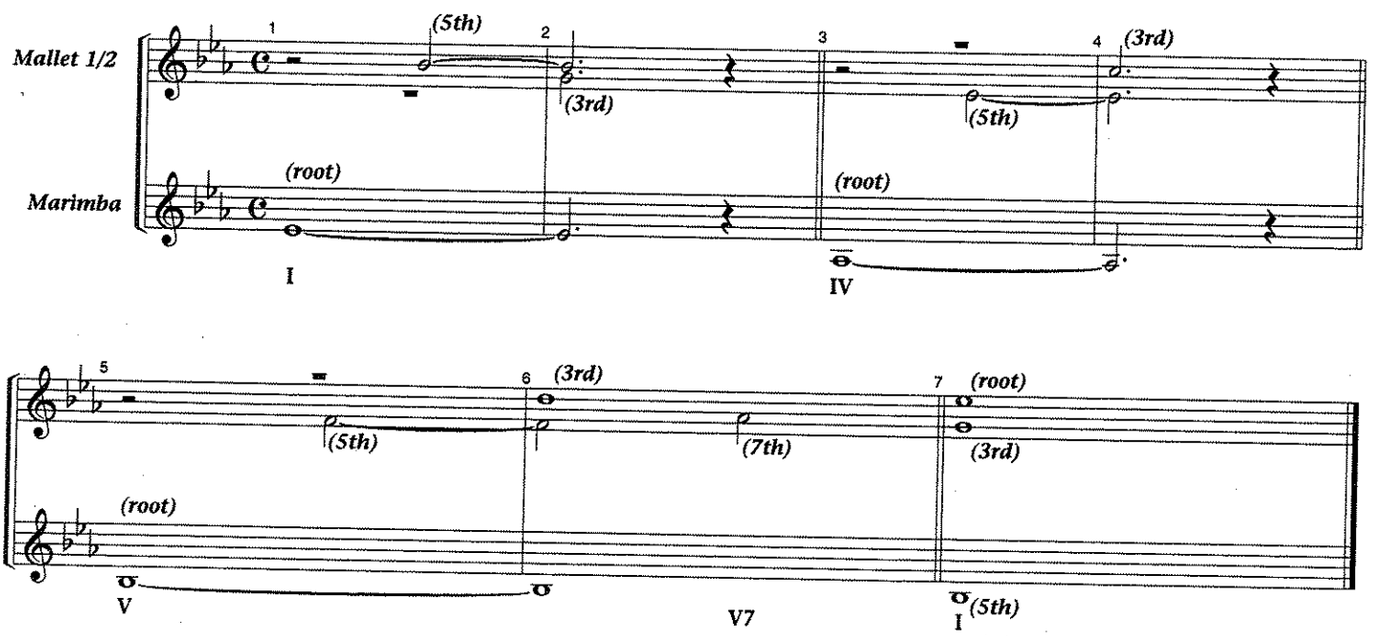
Chord Tuning



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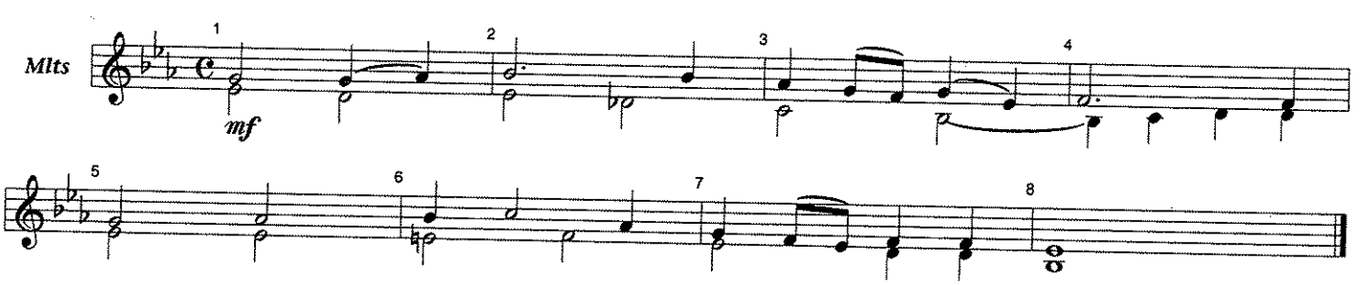

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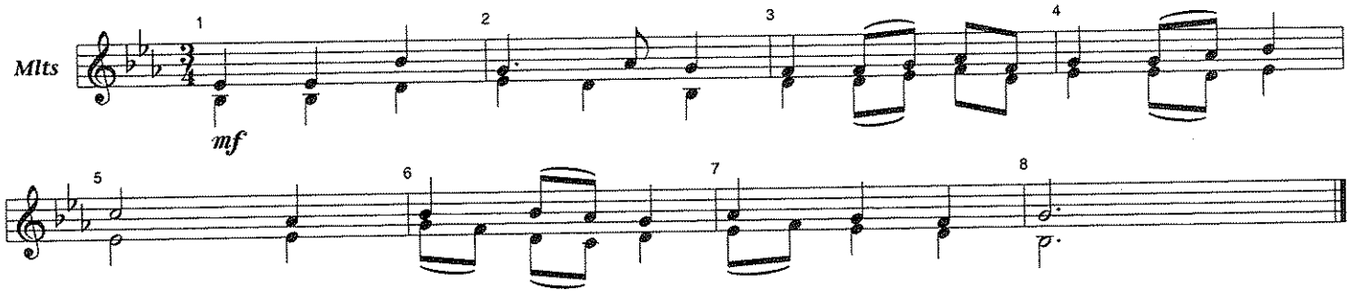

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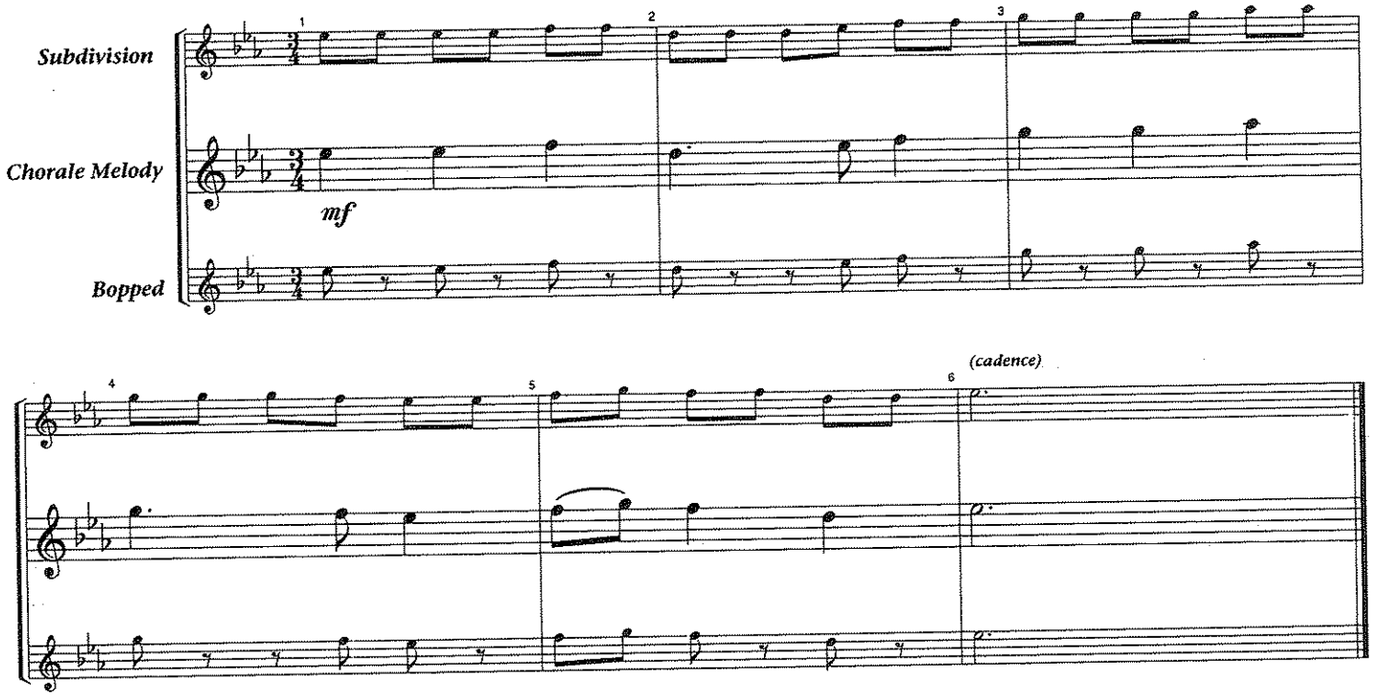

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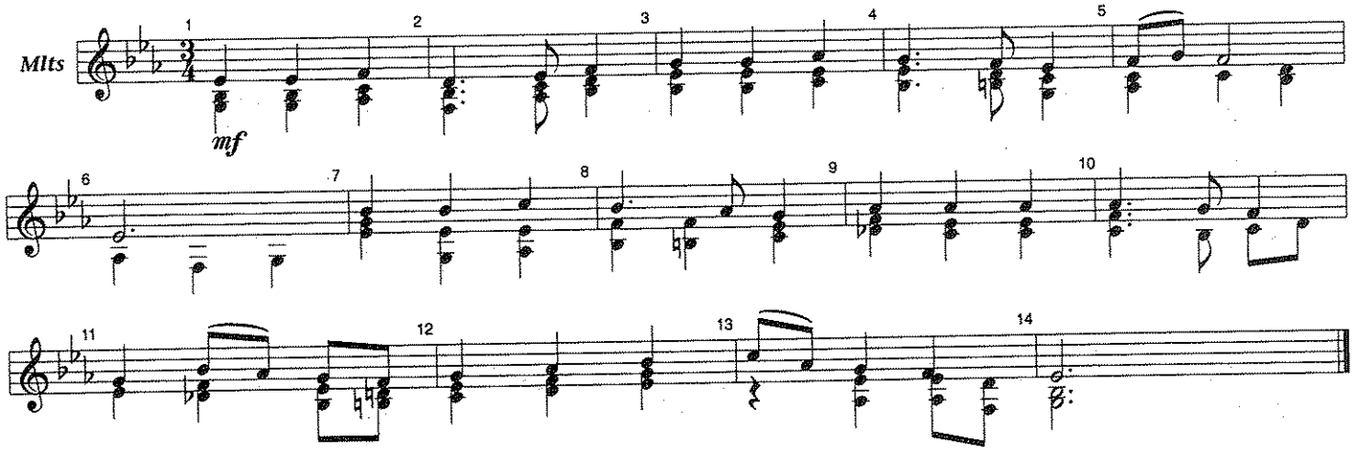

Chorale & Tuning Exercises in C

Interval Tuning

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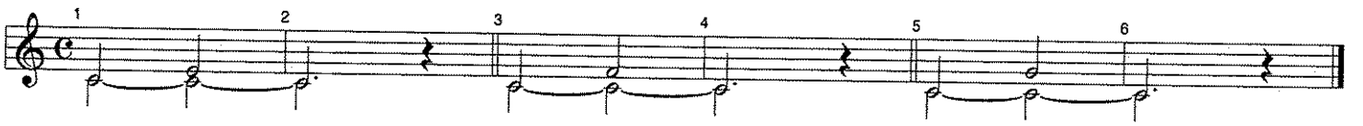

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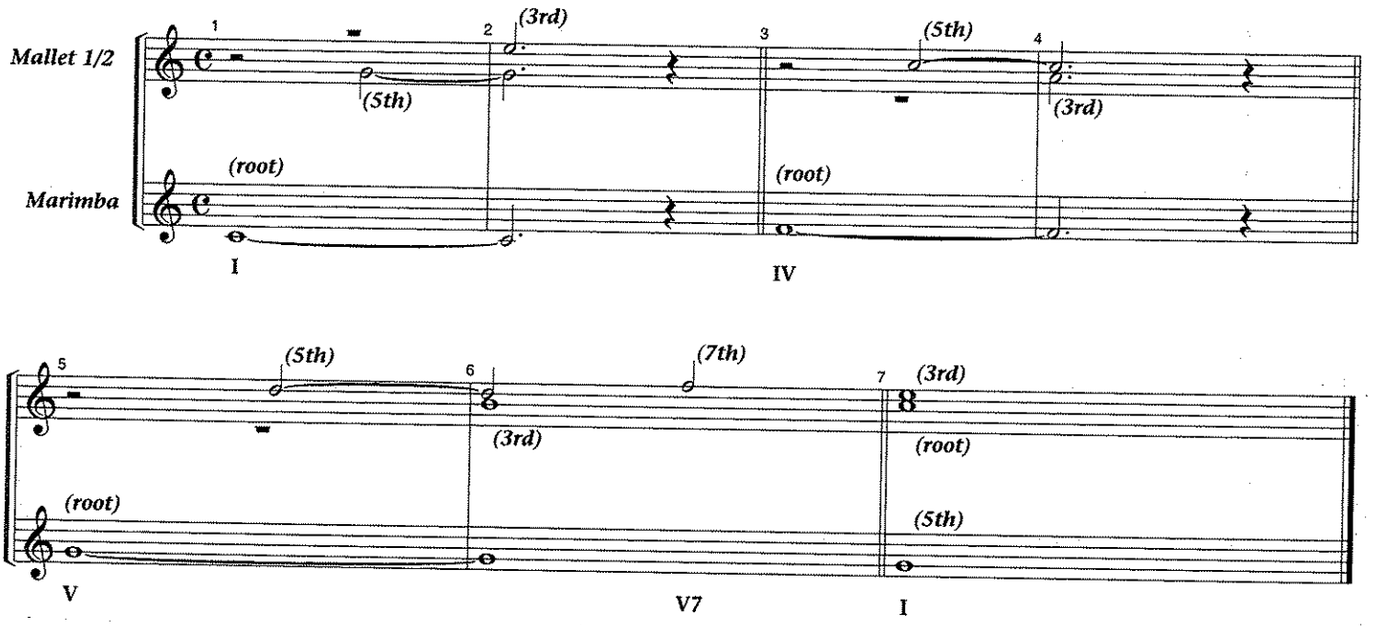

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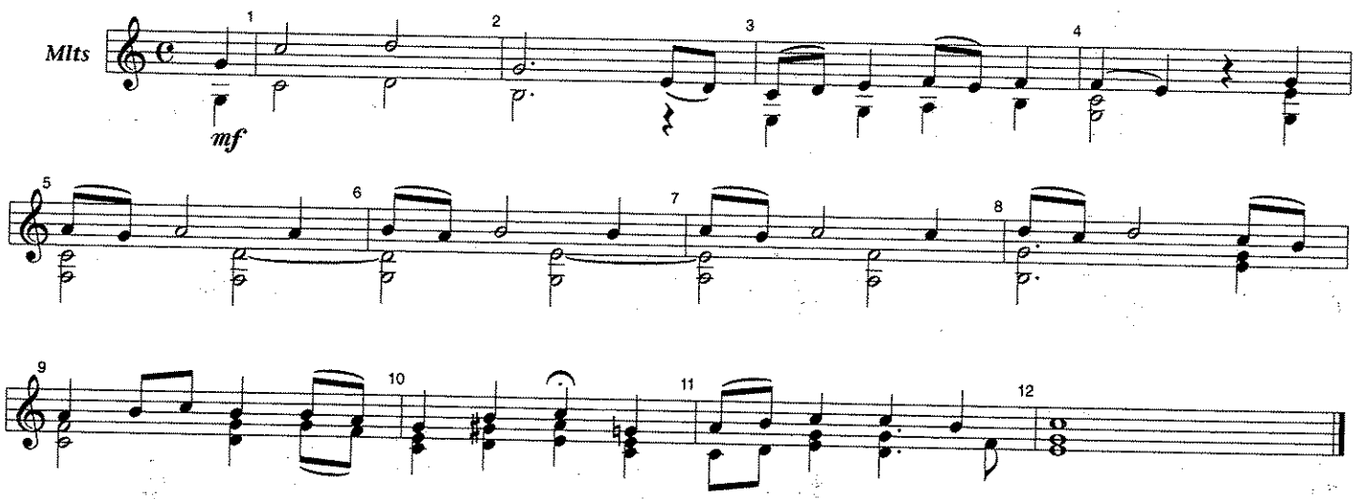
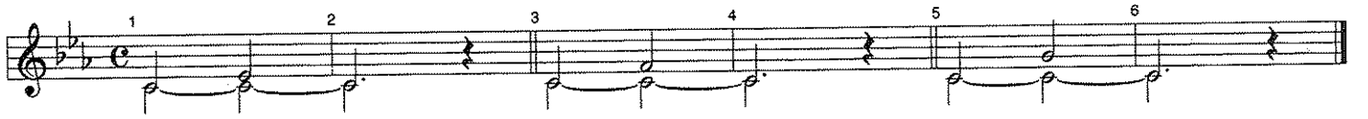


Chorale & Tuning Exercises in c minor

Interval Tuning

1 Intervals from tonic (minor 3rd, perfect 4th, perfect 5th)



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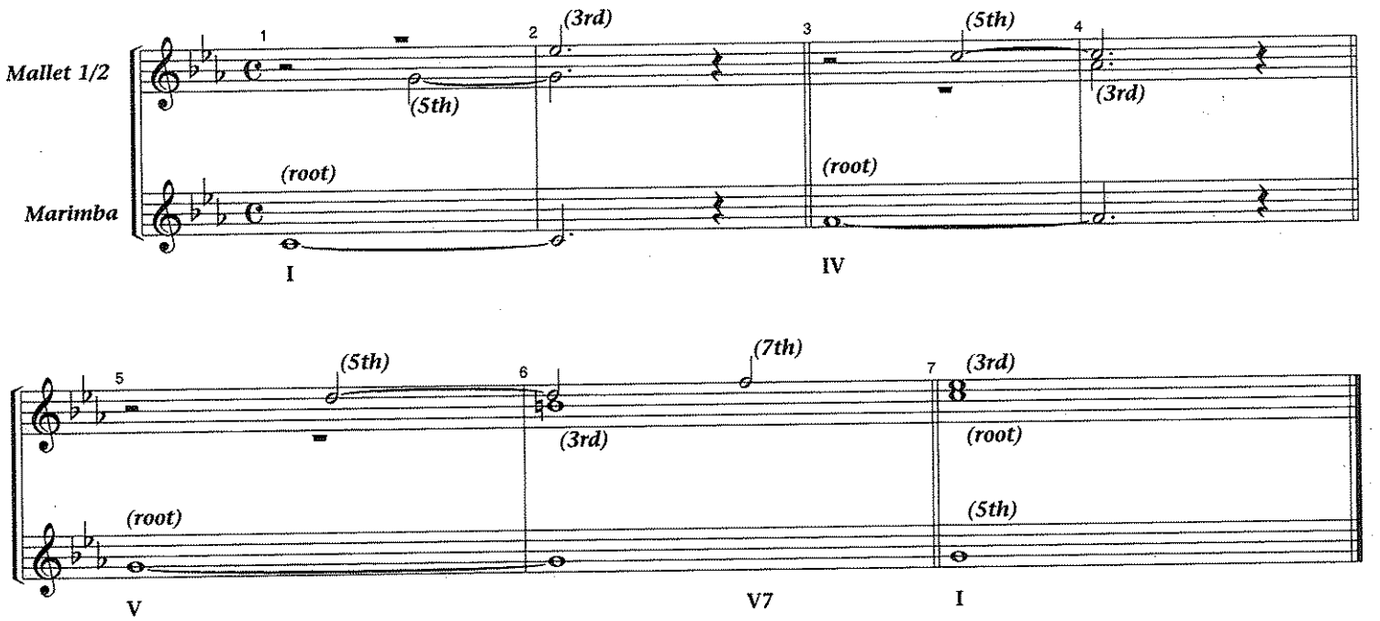

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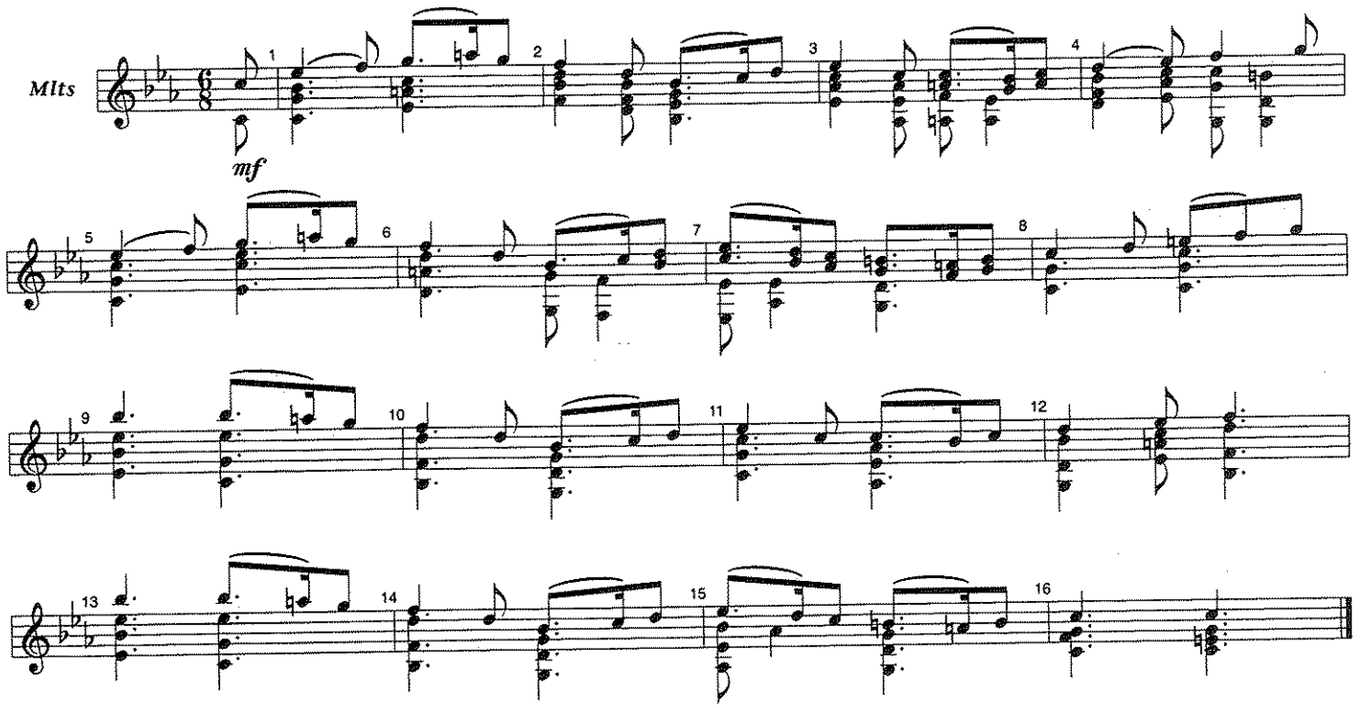
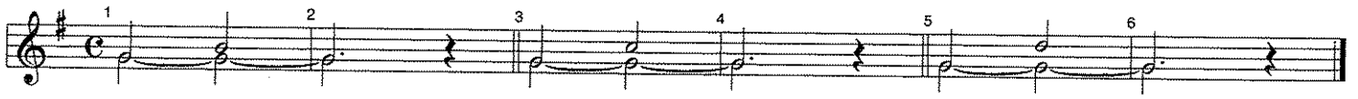


Chorale & Tuning Exercises in G

Interval Tuning

1 Intervals from tonic (major 3rd, perfect 4th, perfect 5th)



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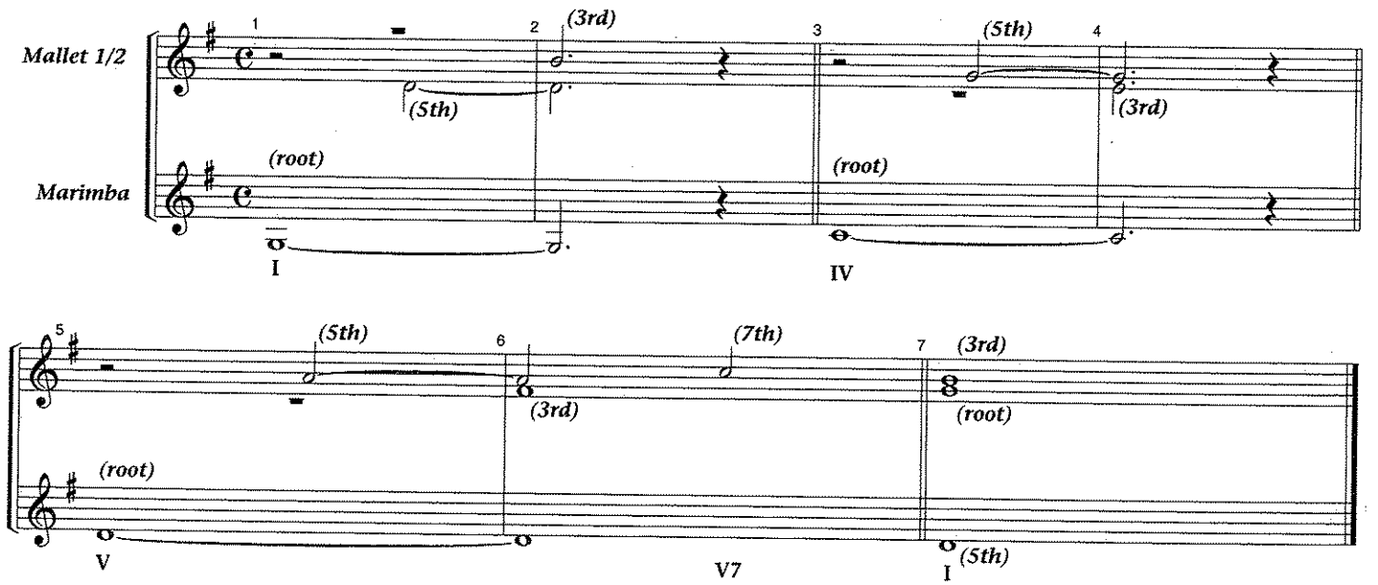
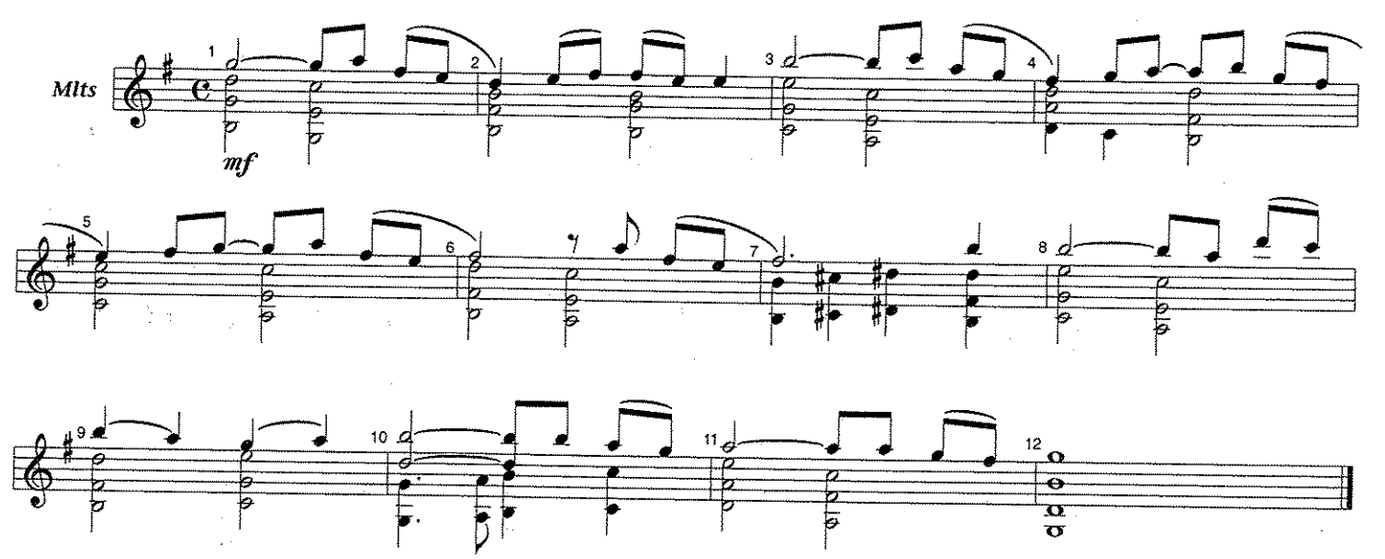


Pavane (full band)



Chorale & Tuning Exercises in g minor

Interval Tuning

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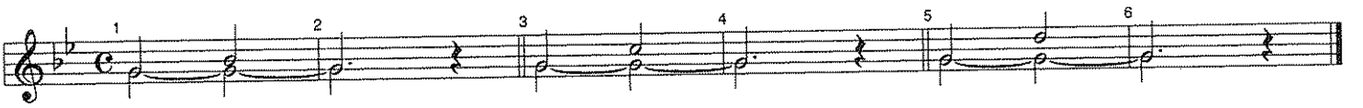

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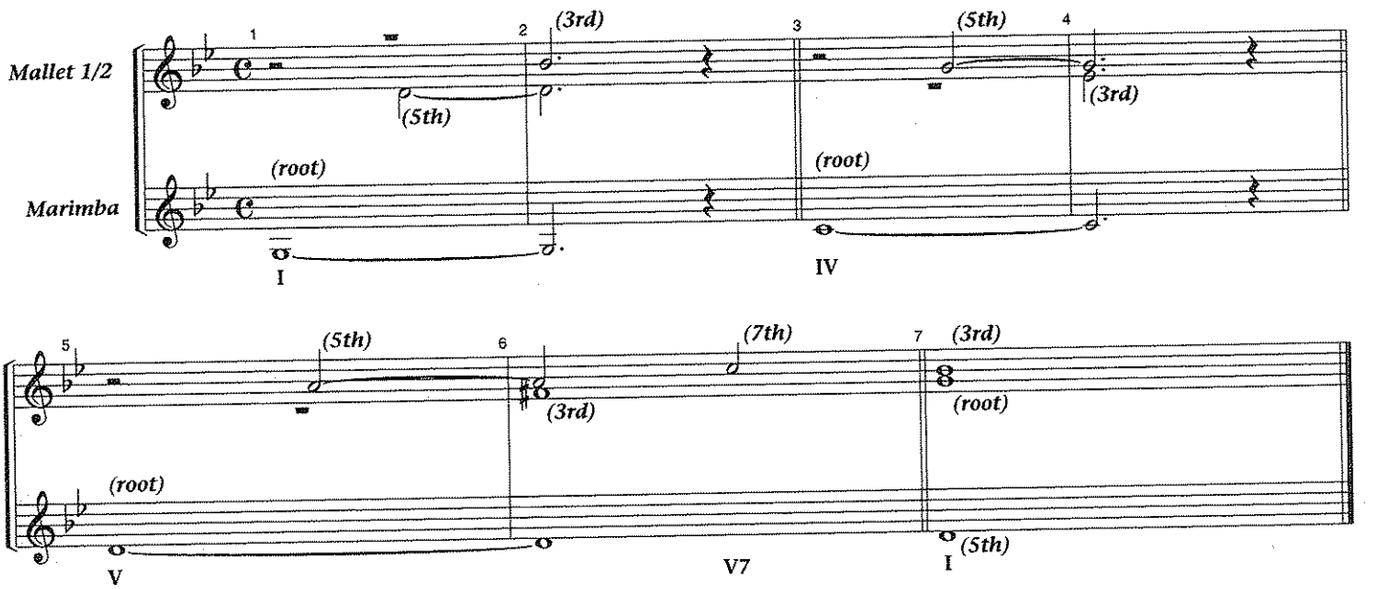

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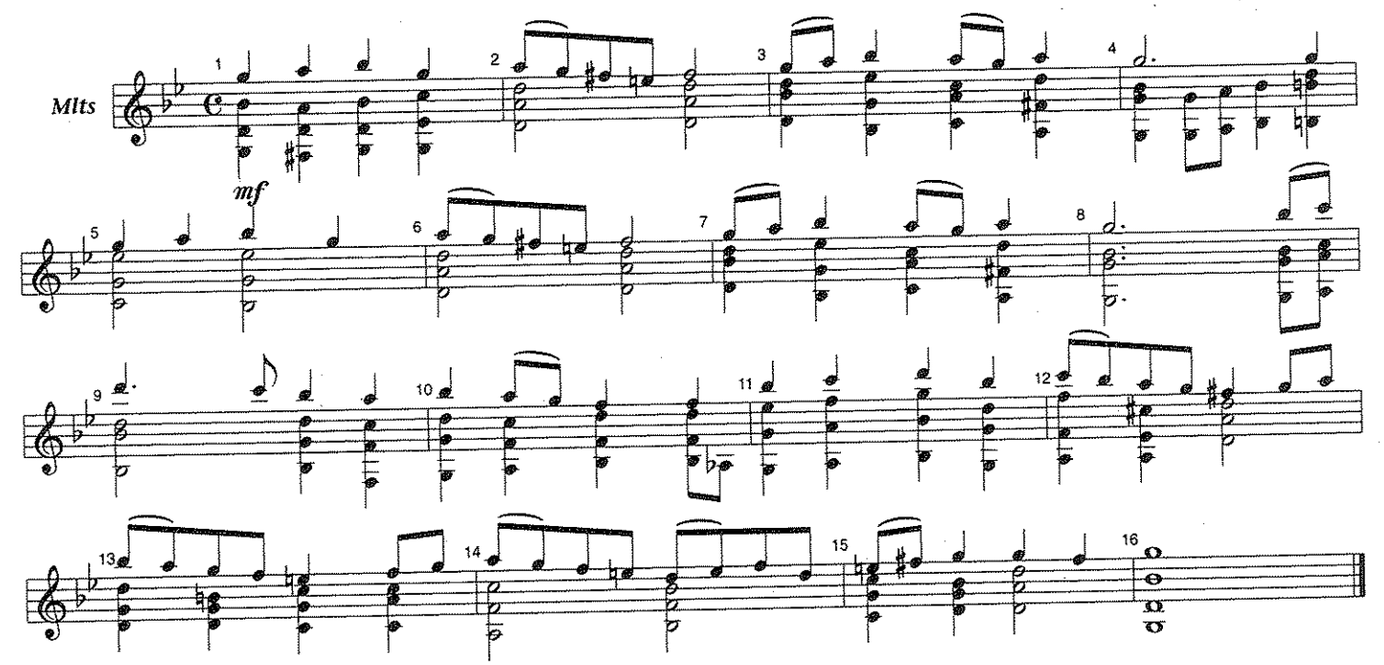
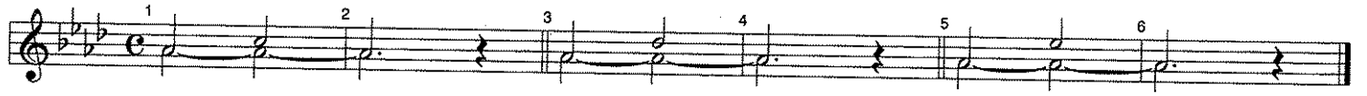


Chorale & Tuning Exercises in A♭

Interval Tuning

1 Intervals from tonic (major 3rd, perfect 4th, perfect 5th)



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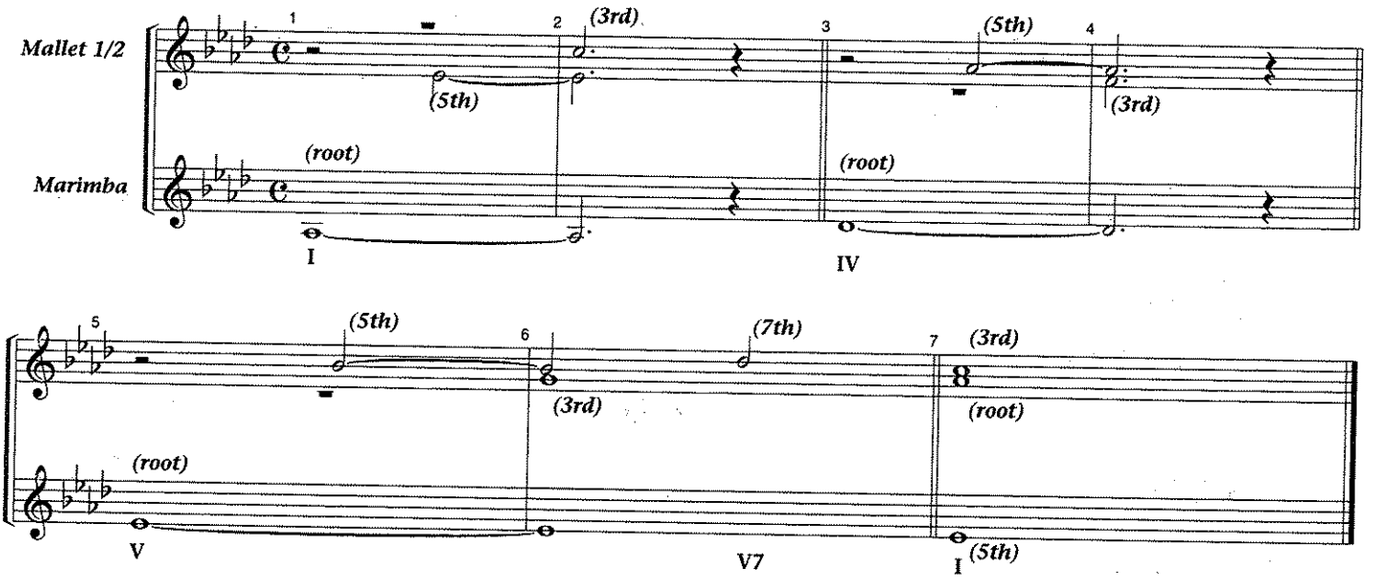

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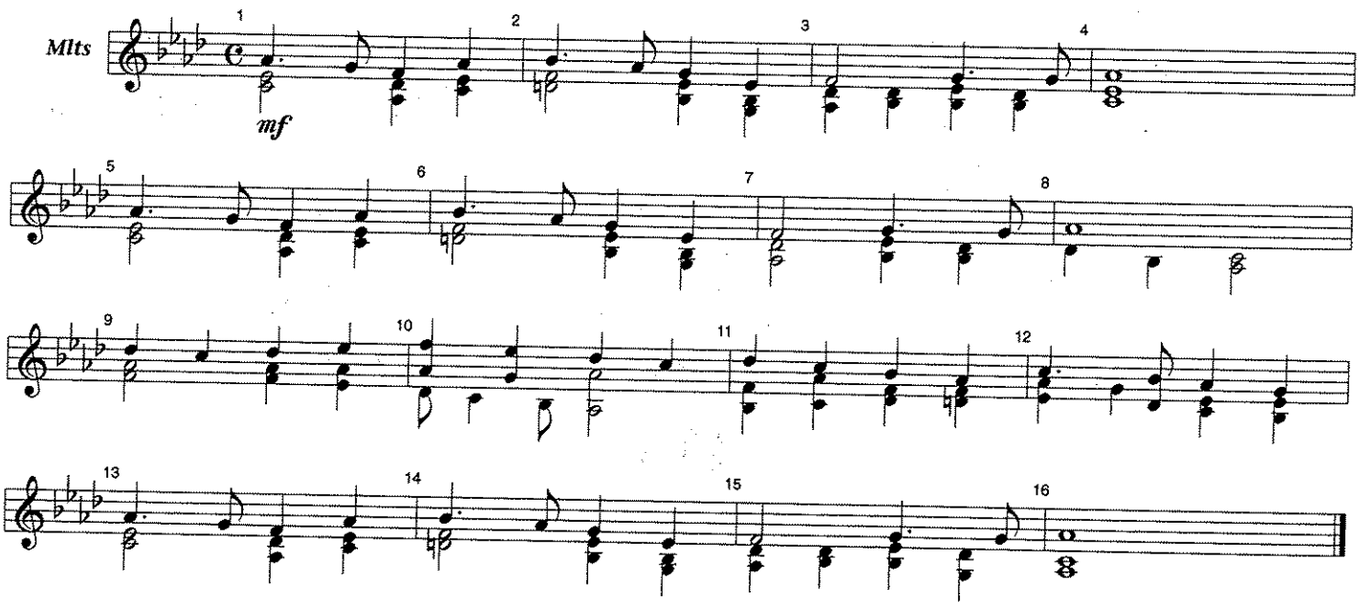
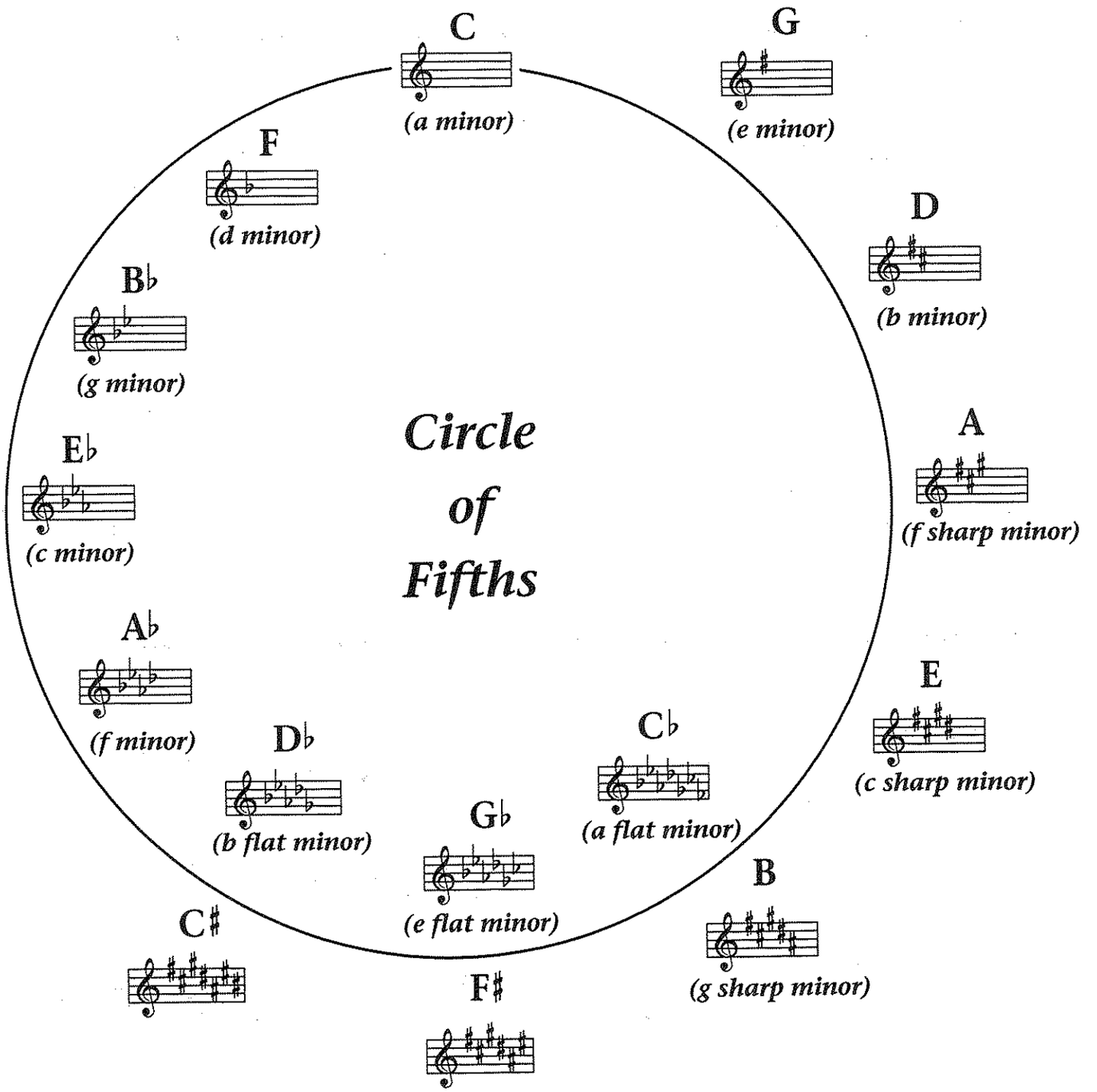


Mallet Appendix

- *One Octave Scales and Arpeggios*
- *Full Range Scales*
- *Chromatic Scales*
- *Major Arpeggios and Inversions*
- *Four Mallet Grips* *(page 90)*



One Octave Scales & Arpeggios

In All Twelve Major Key Signatures

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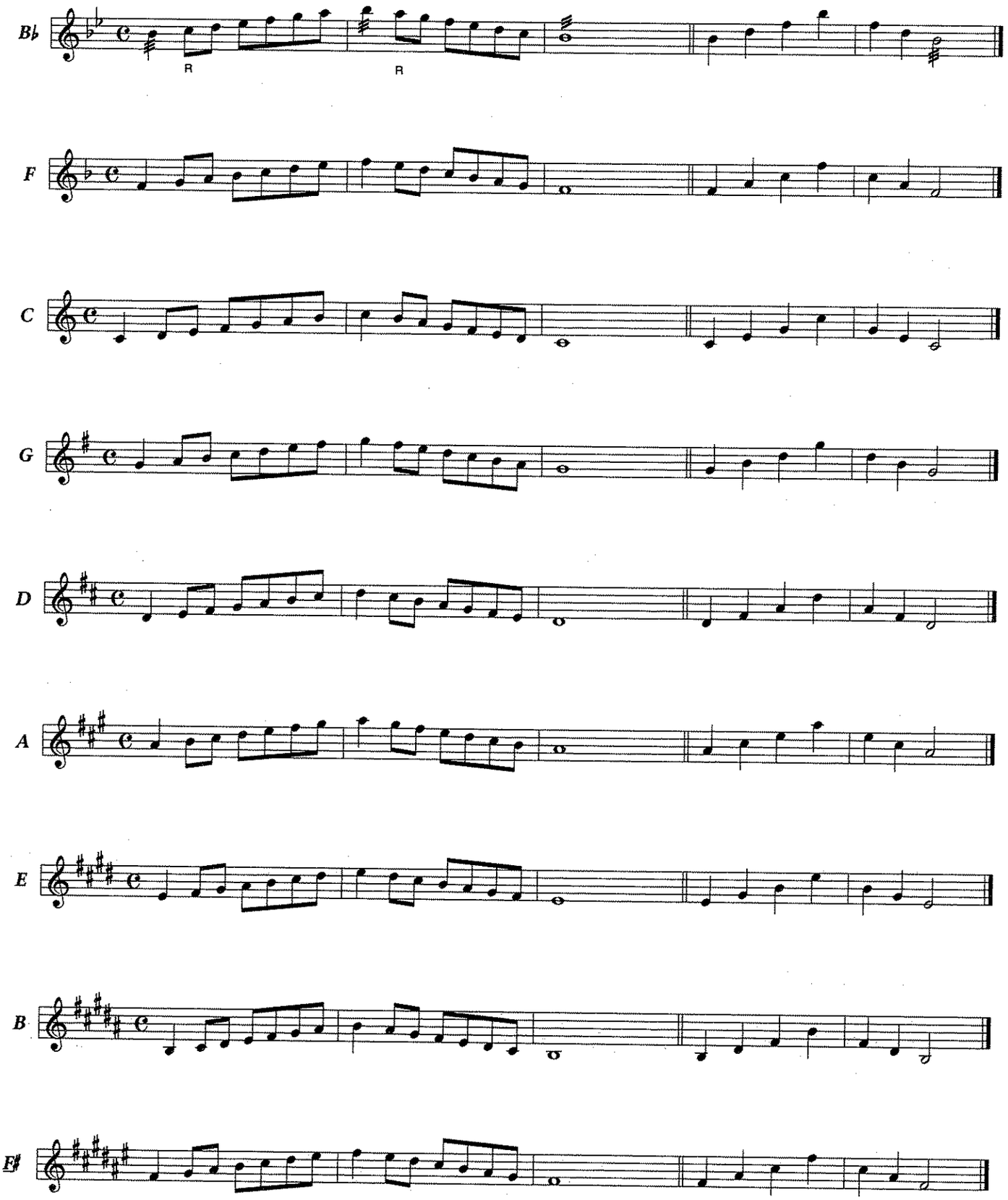

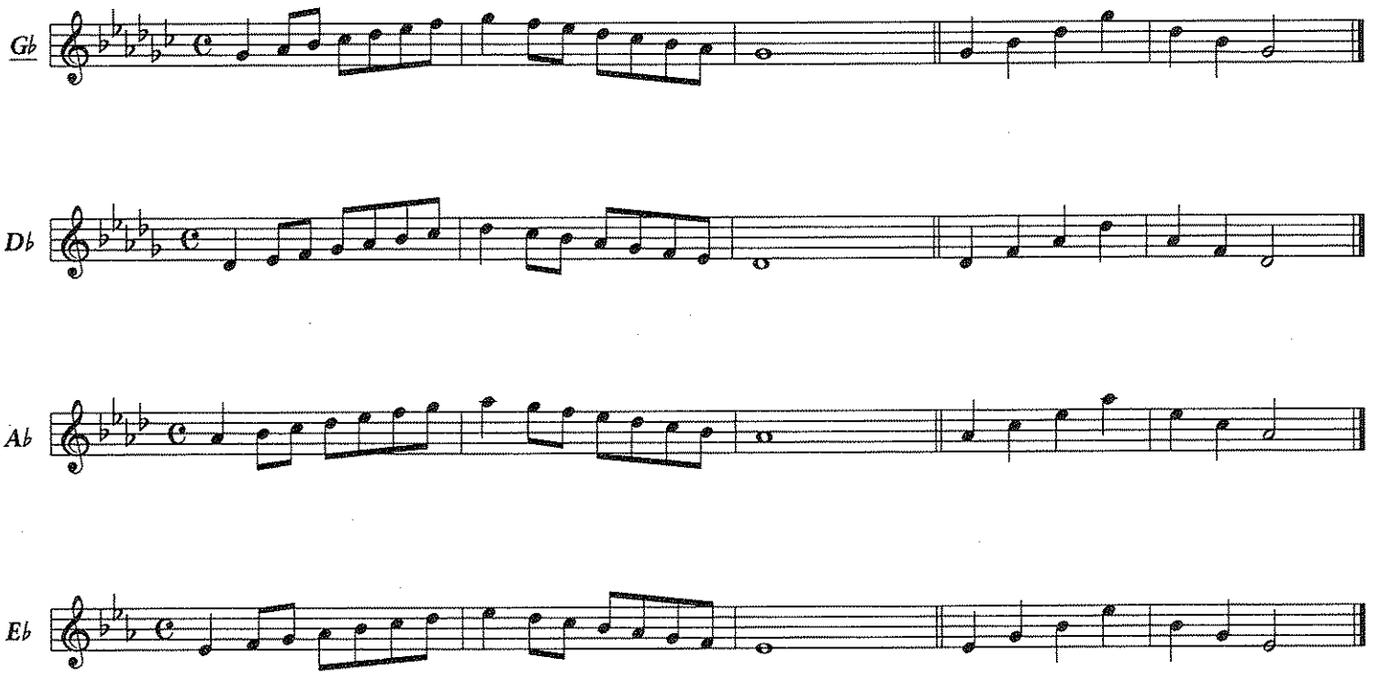

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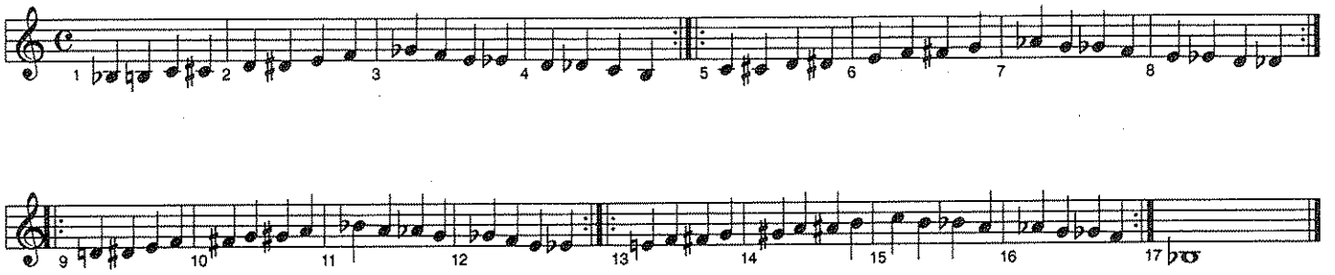

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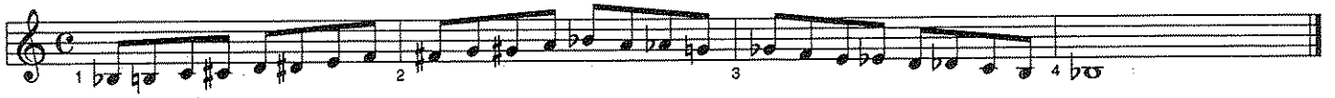

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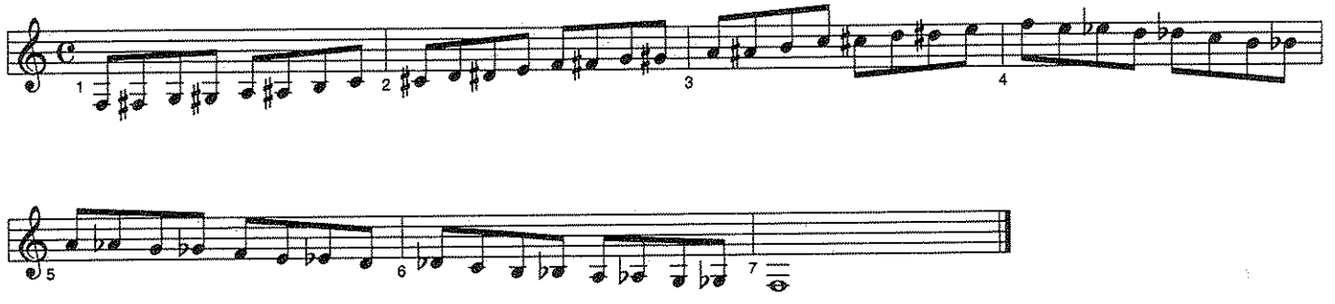

Full Range Scales

In All Twelve Major Key Signatures

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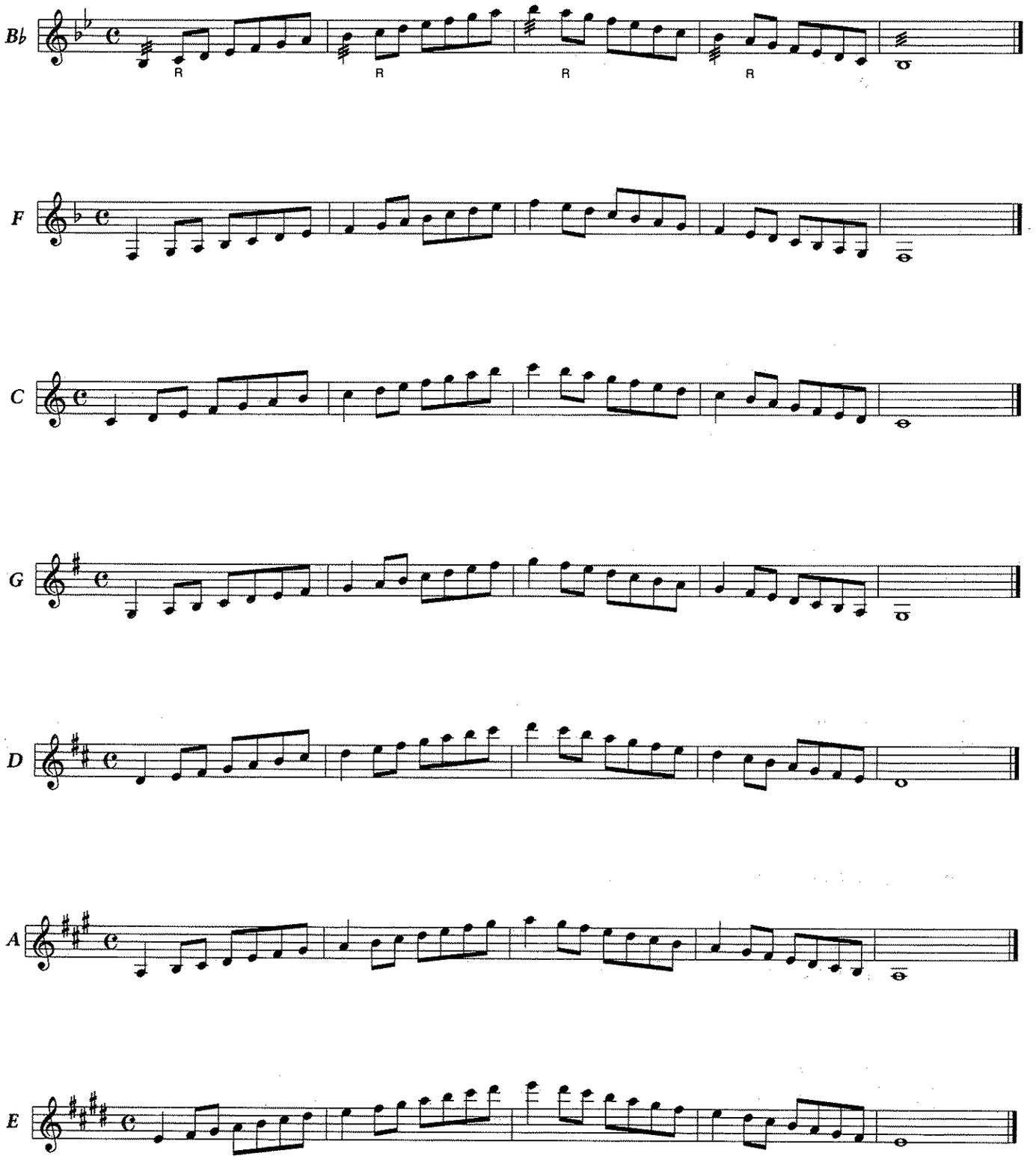
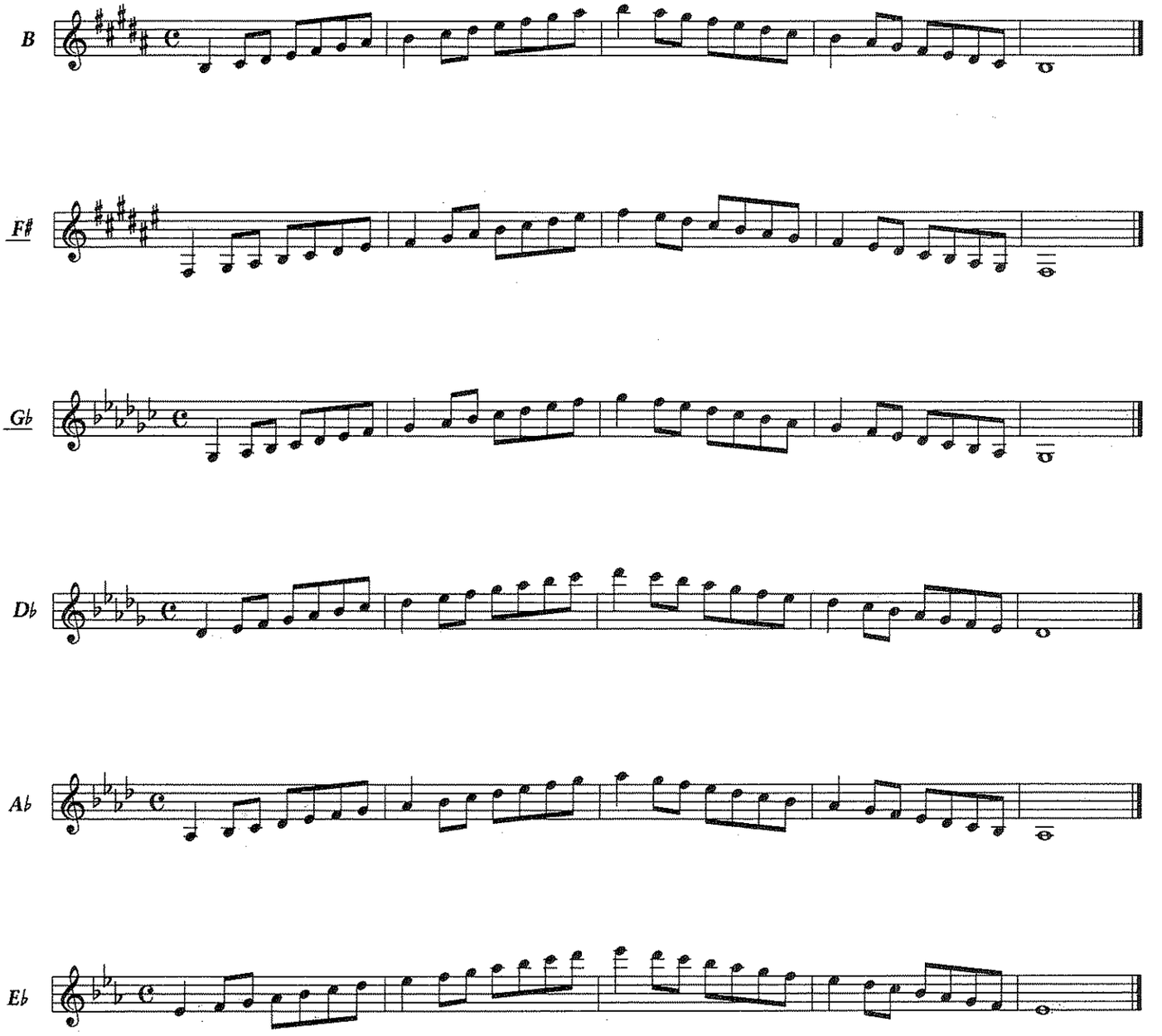
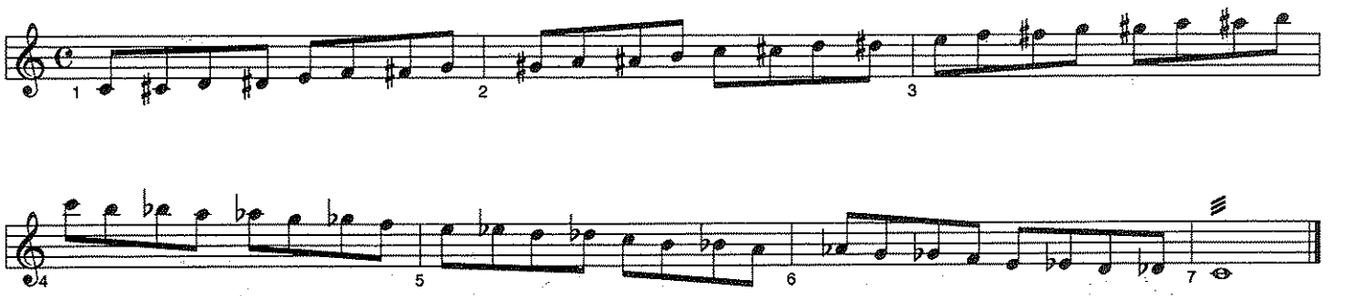




Full Range Chromatic - Mallets Only



Chromatic Scales

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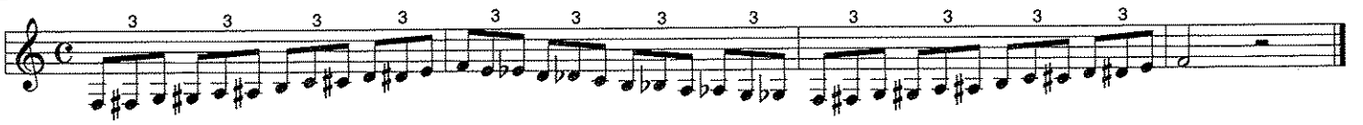

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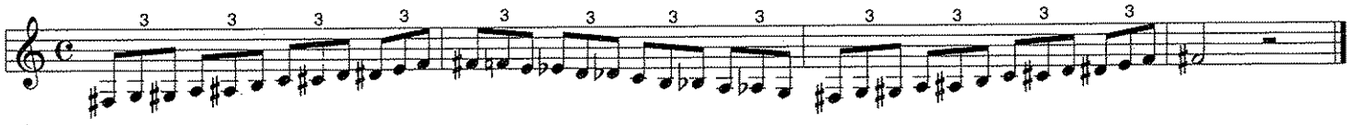

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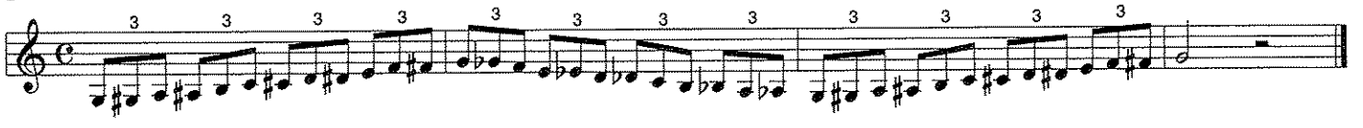

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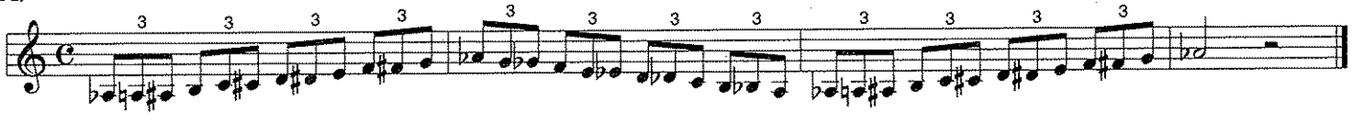

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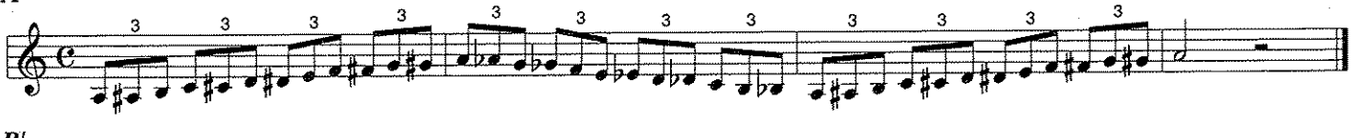

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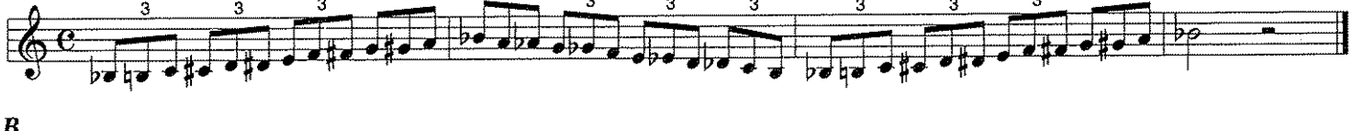

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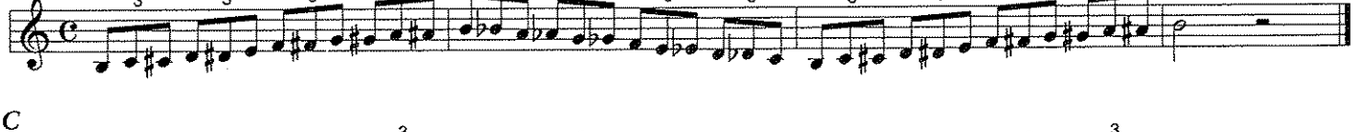

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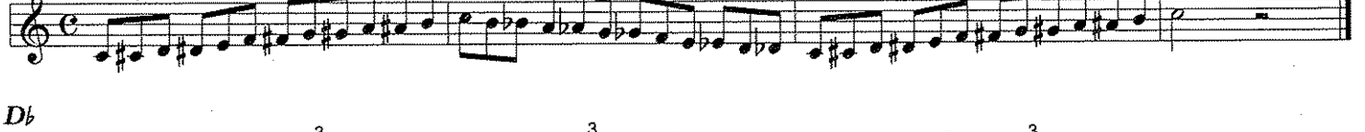

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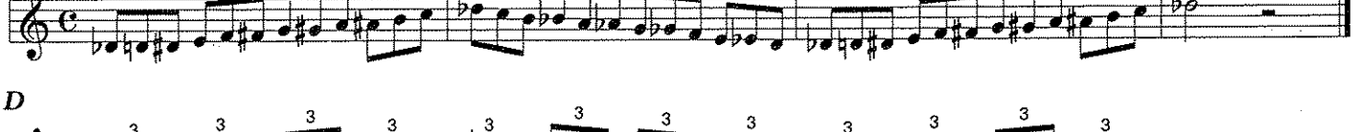

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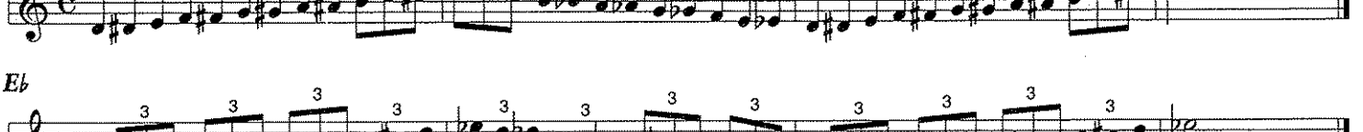

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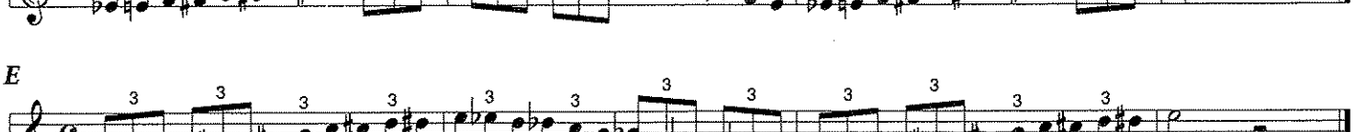

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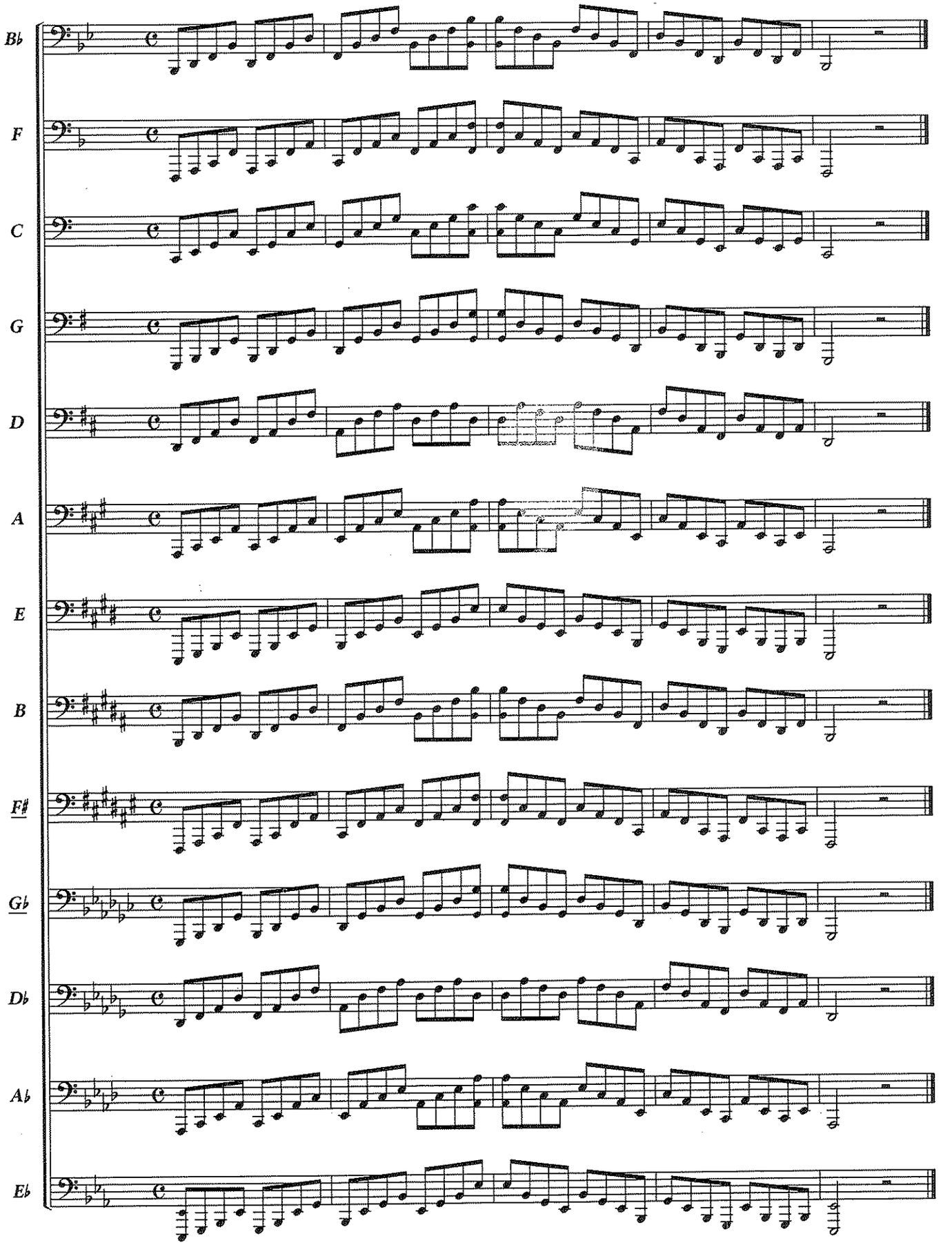
Major Arpeggios & Inversions



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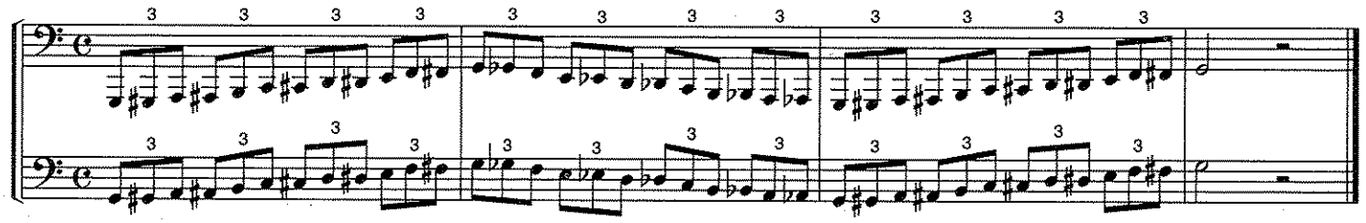

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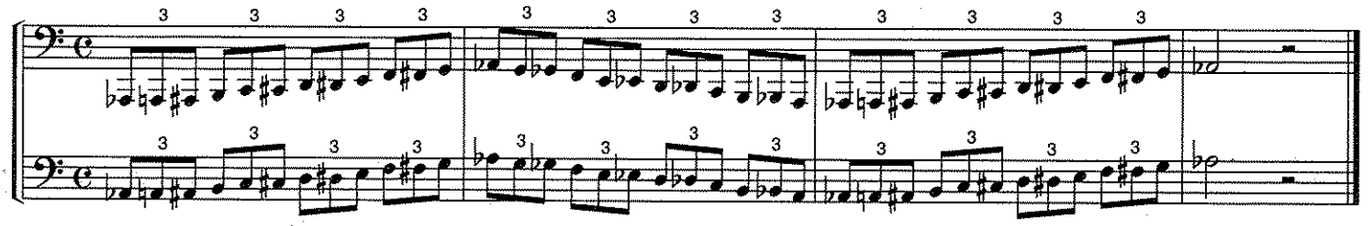

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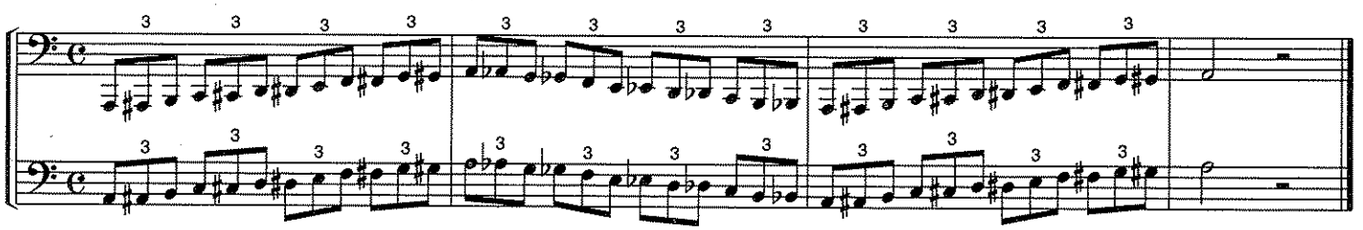

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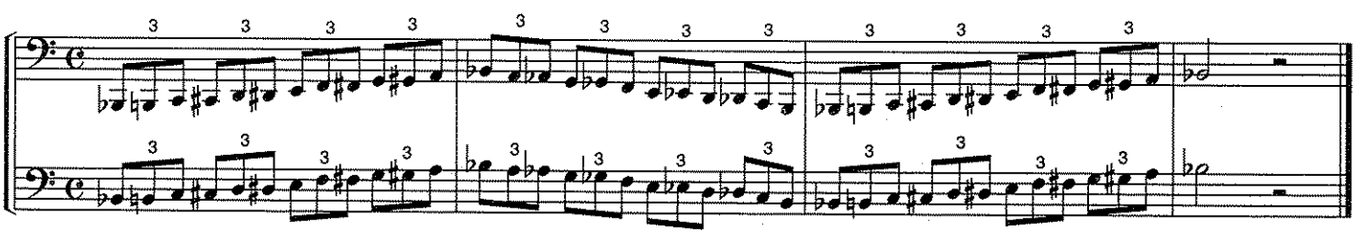

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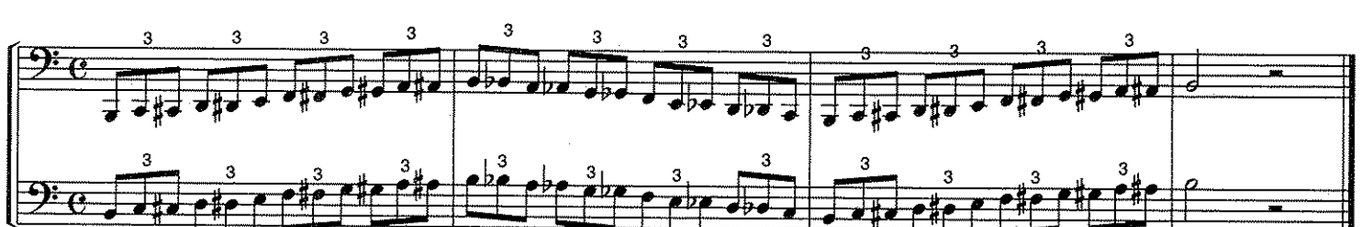

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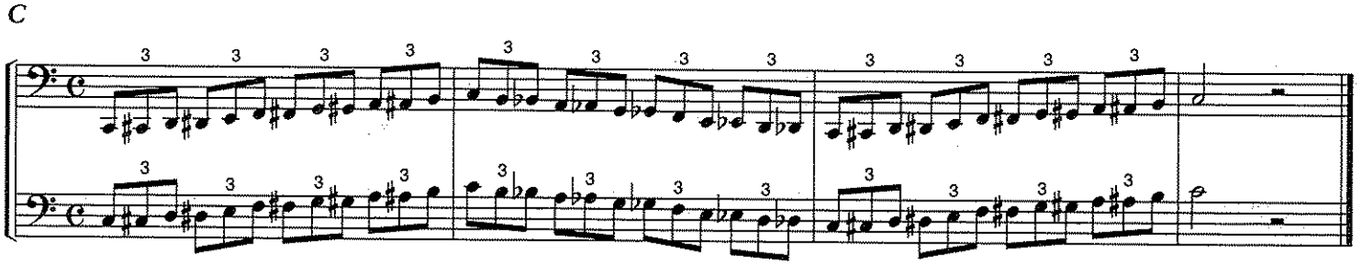

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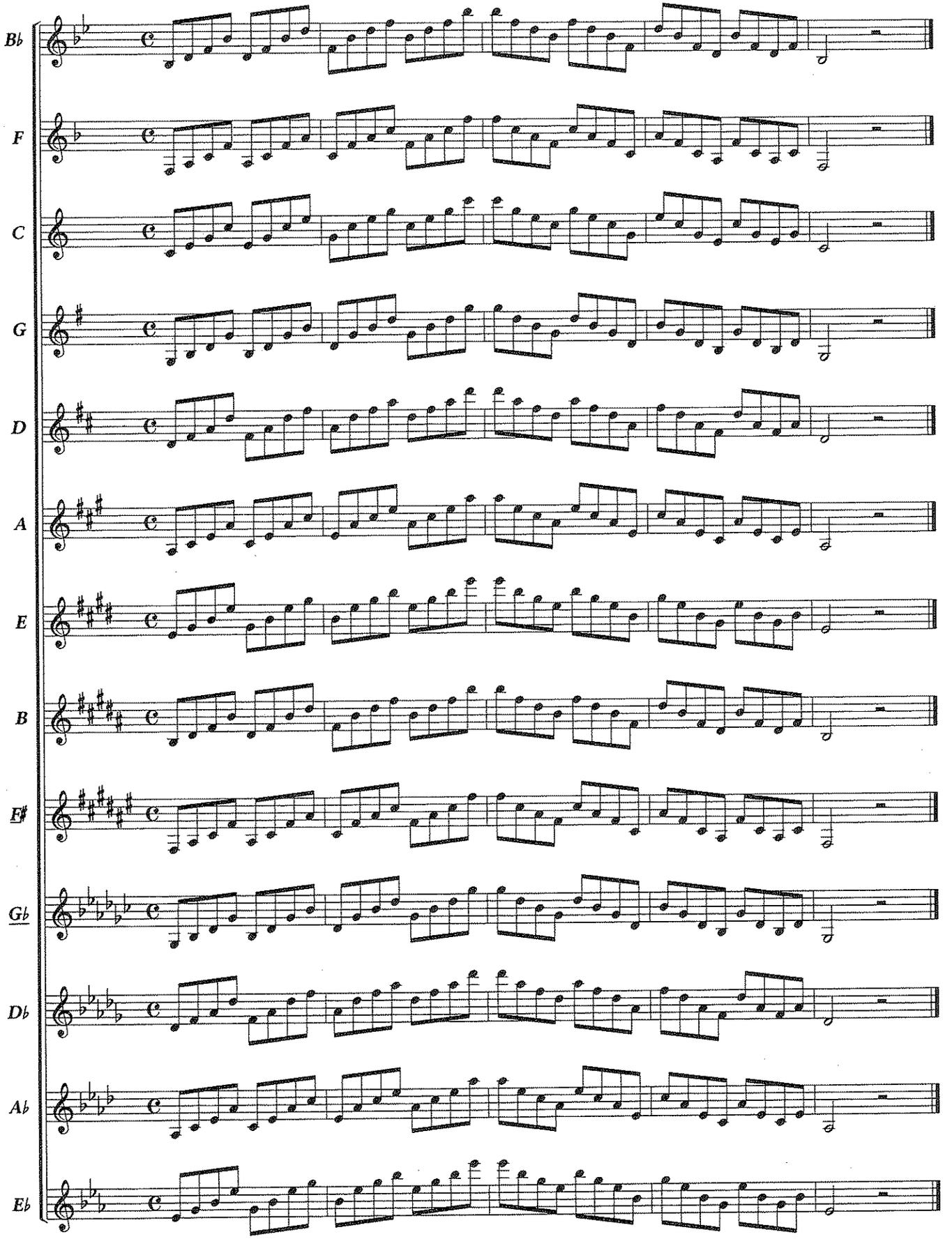
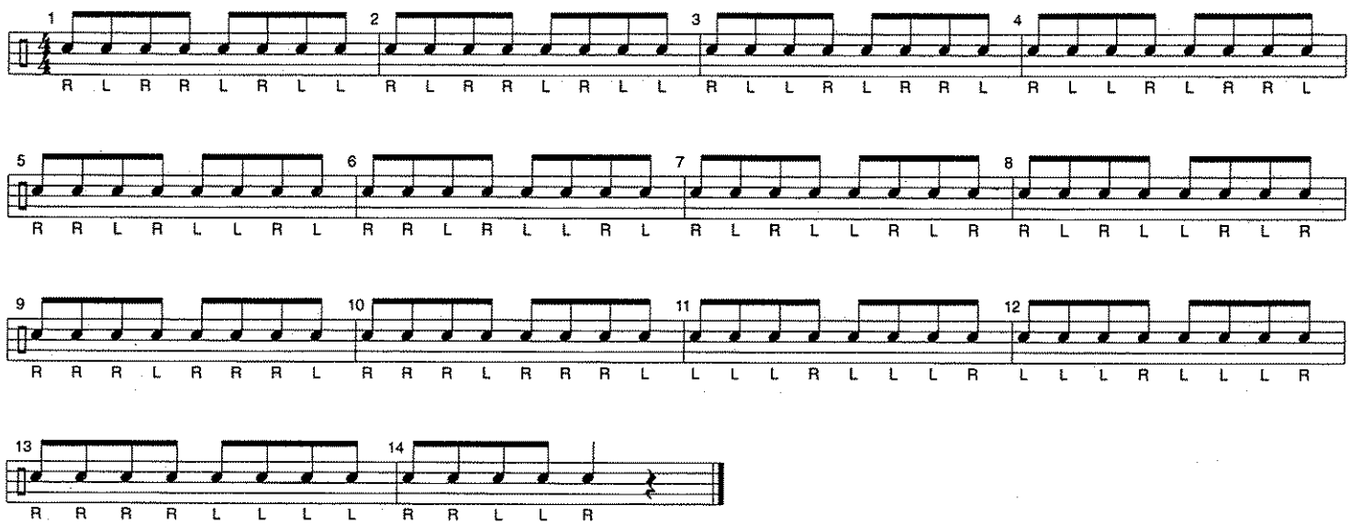


Long Tones

Long Tone 1A

Pattern 1: Stick Control



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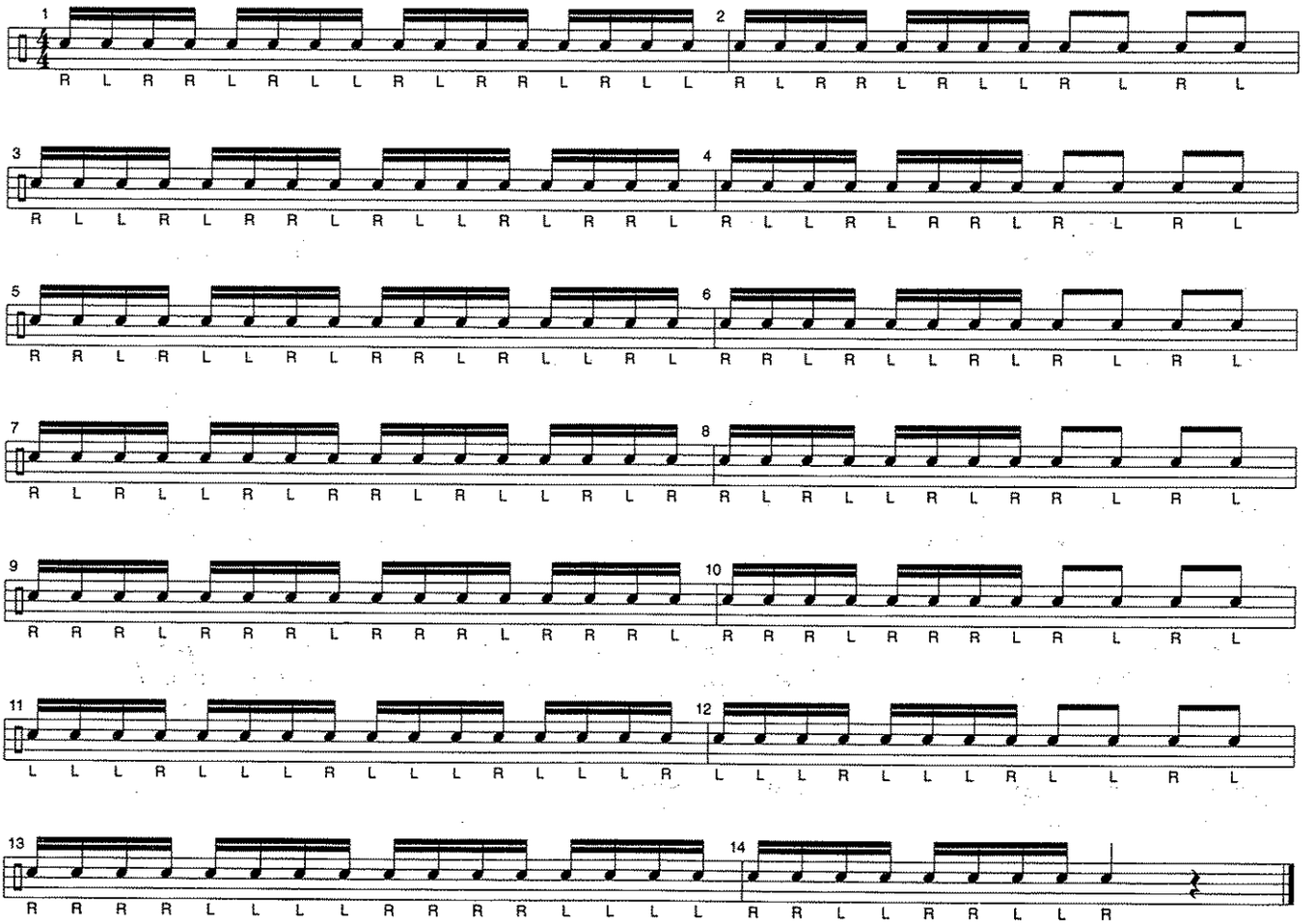

Long Tone 1B

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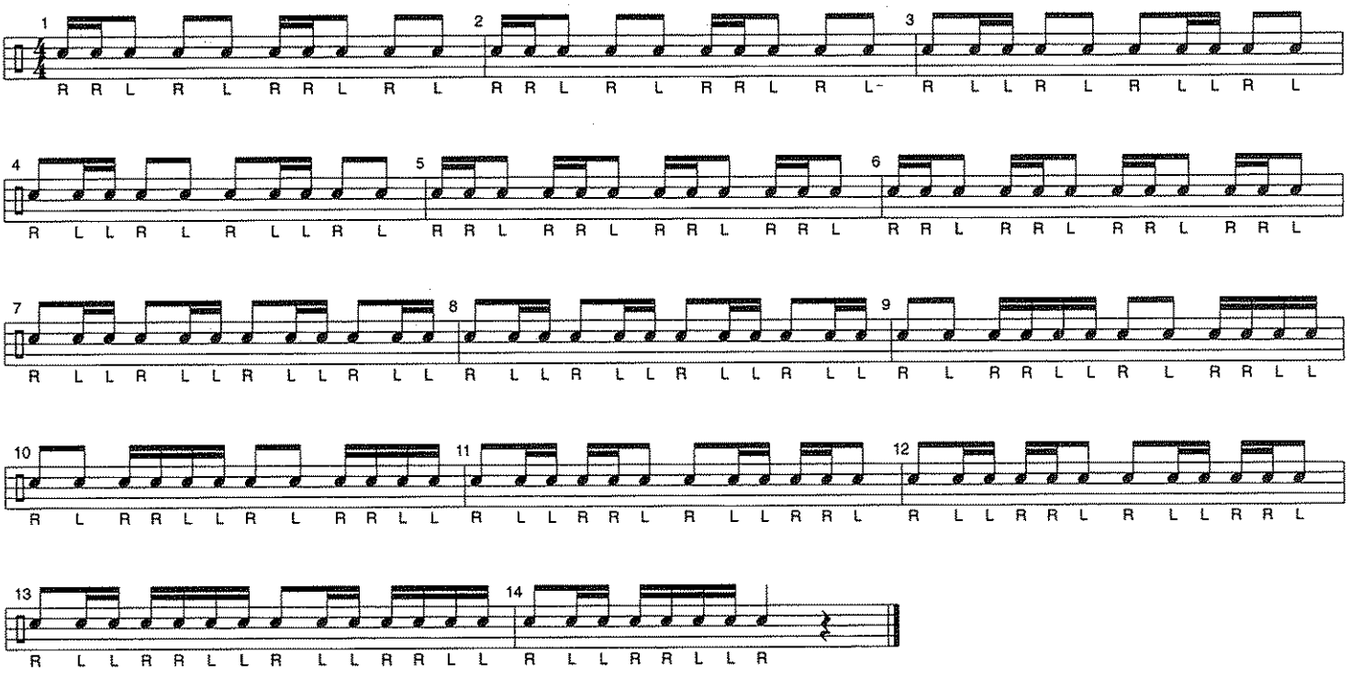

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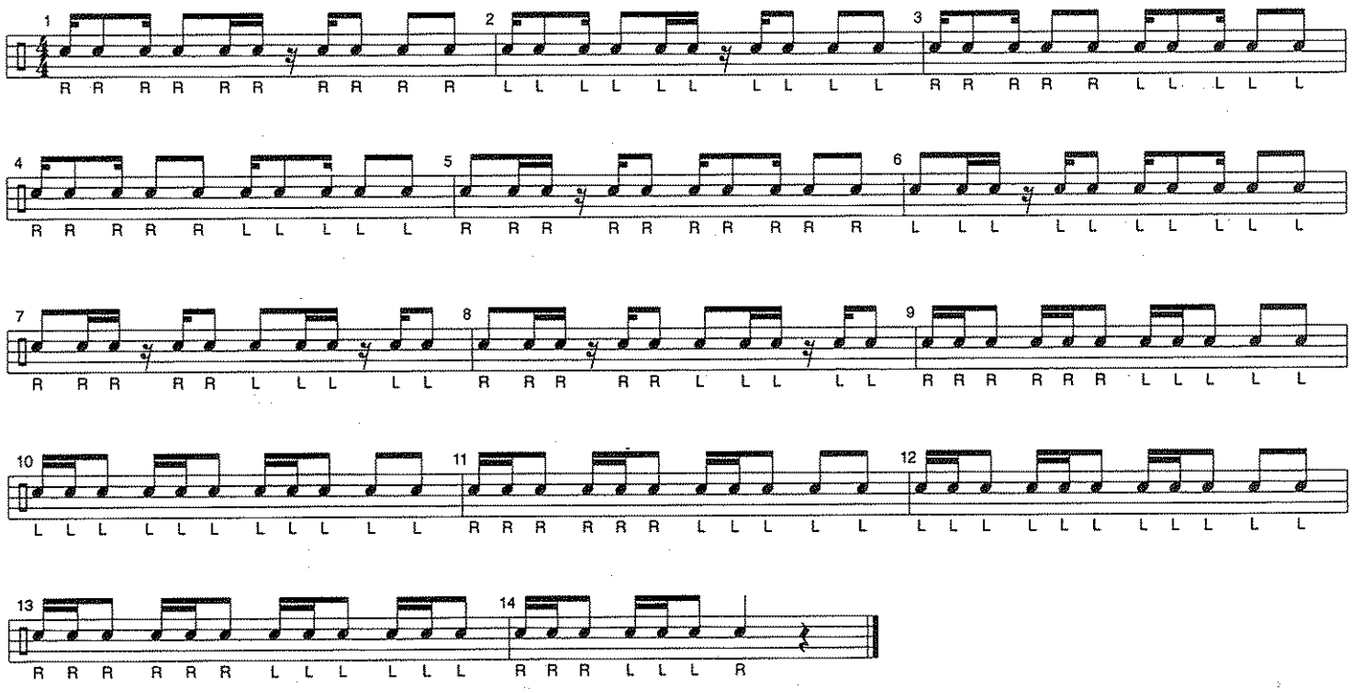

Long Tones

Long Tone 1C

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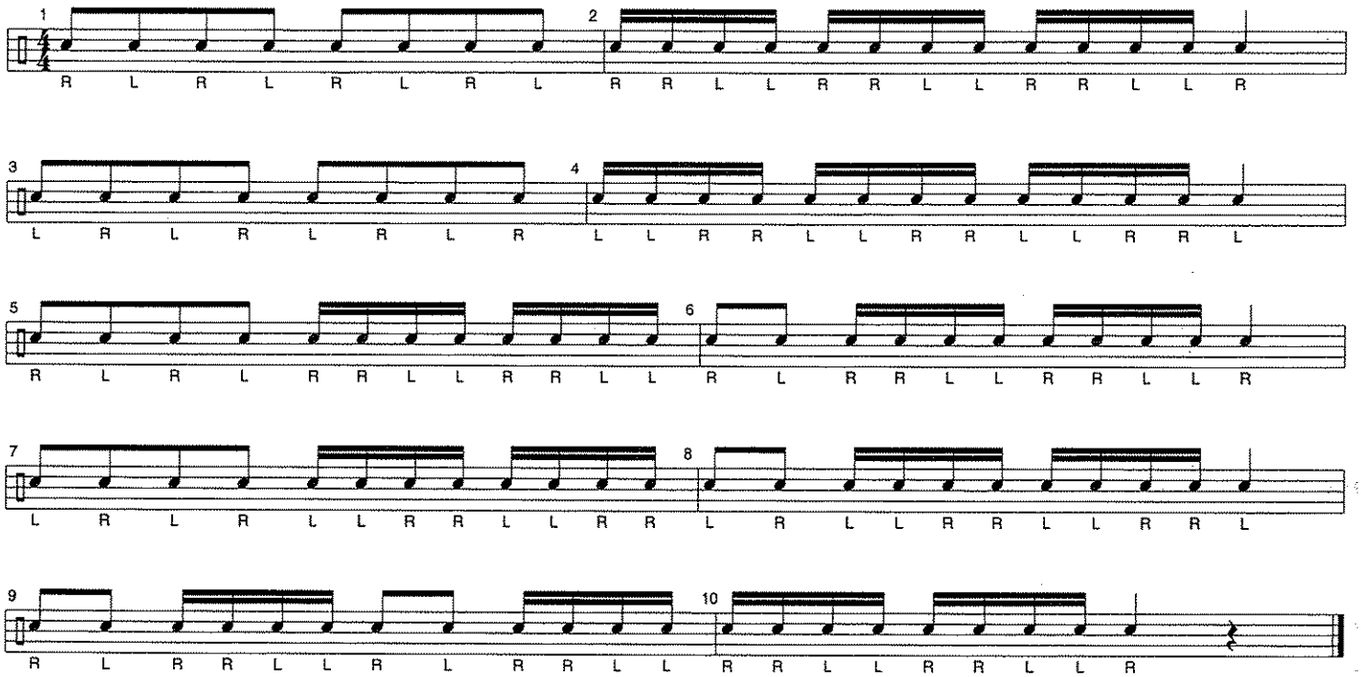

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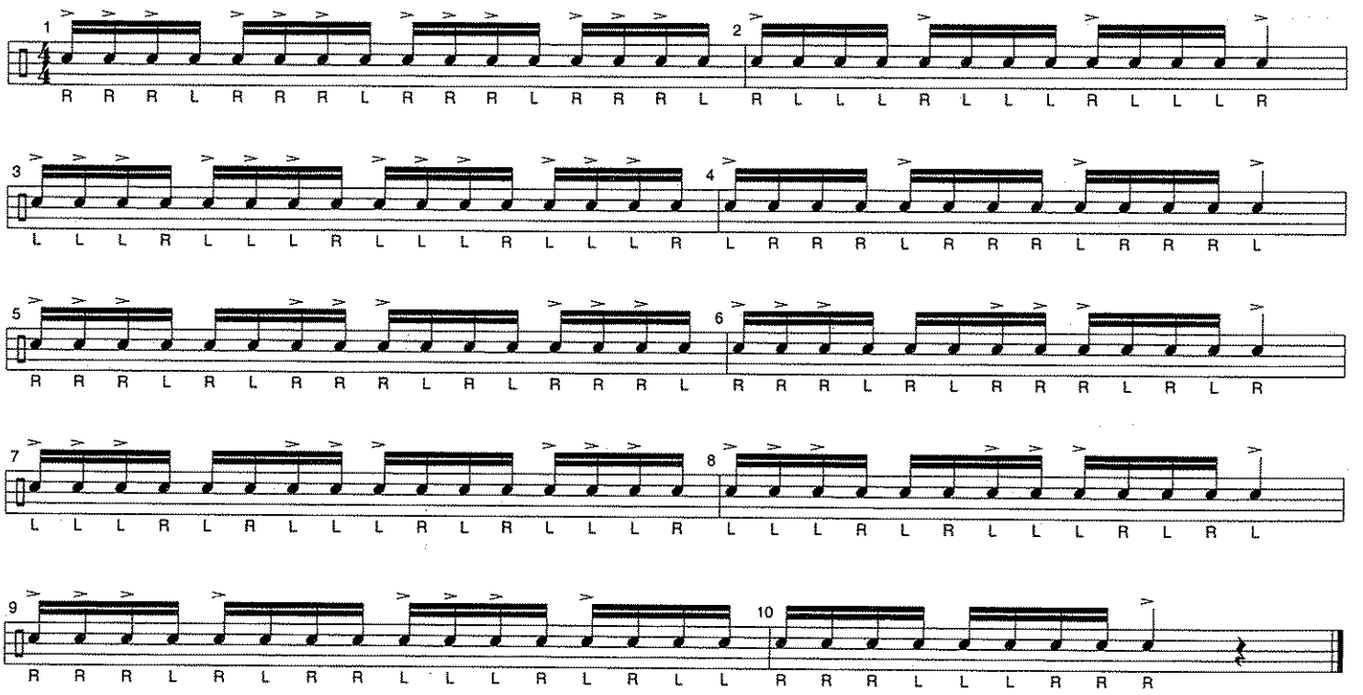

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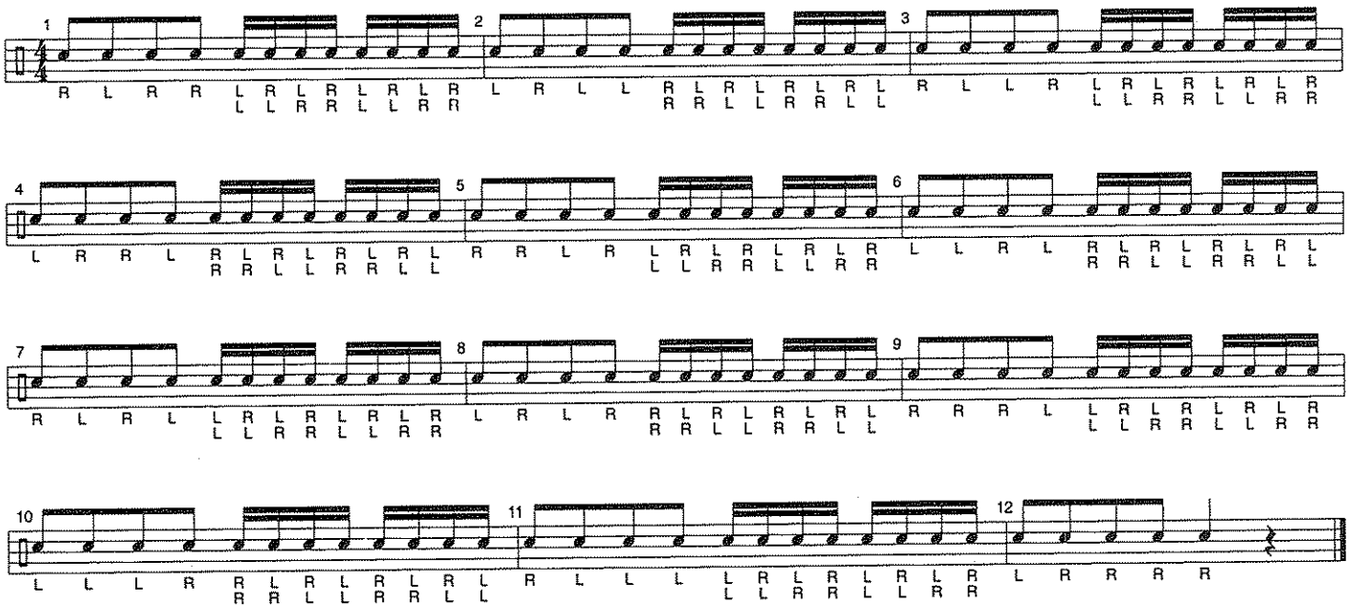

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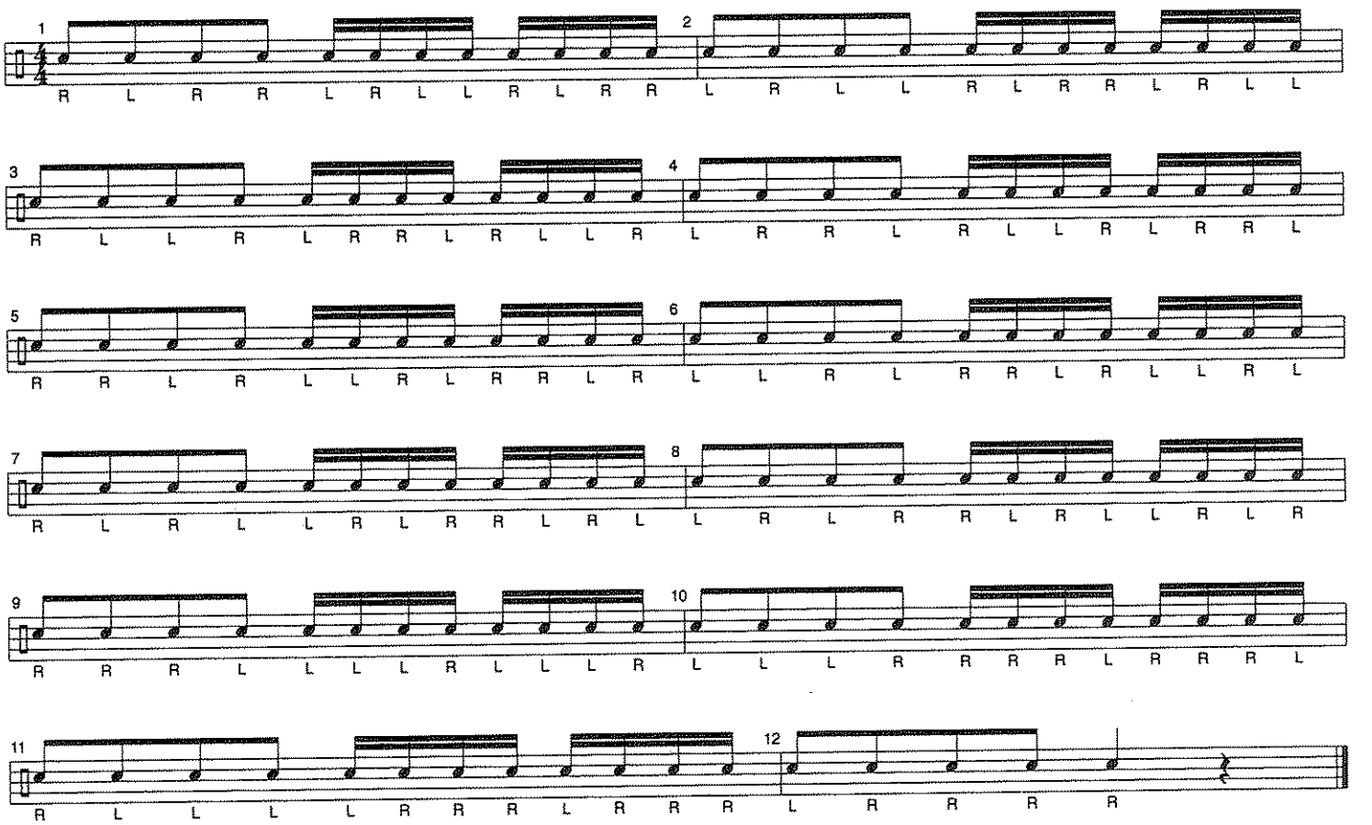

Long Tones

Long Tone 2

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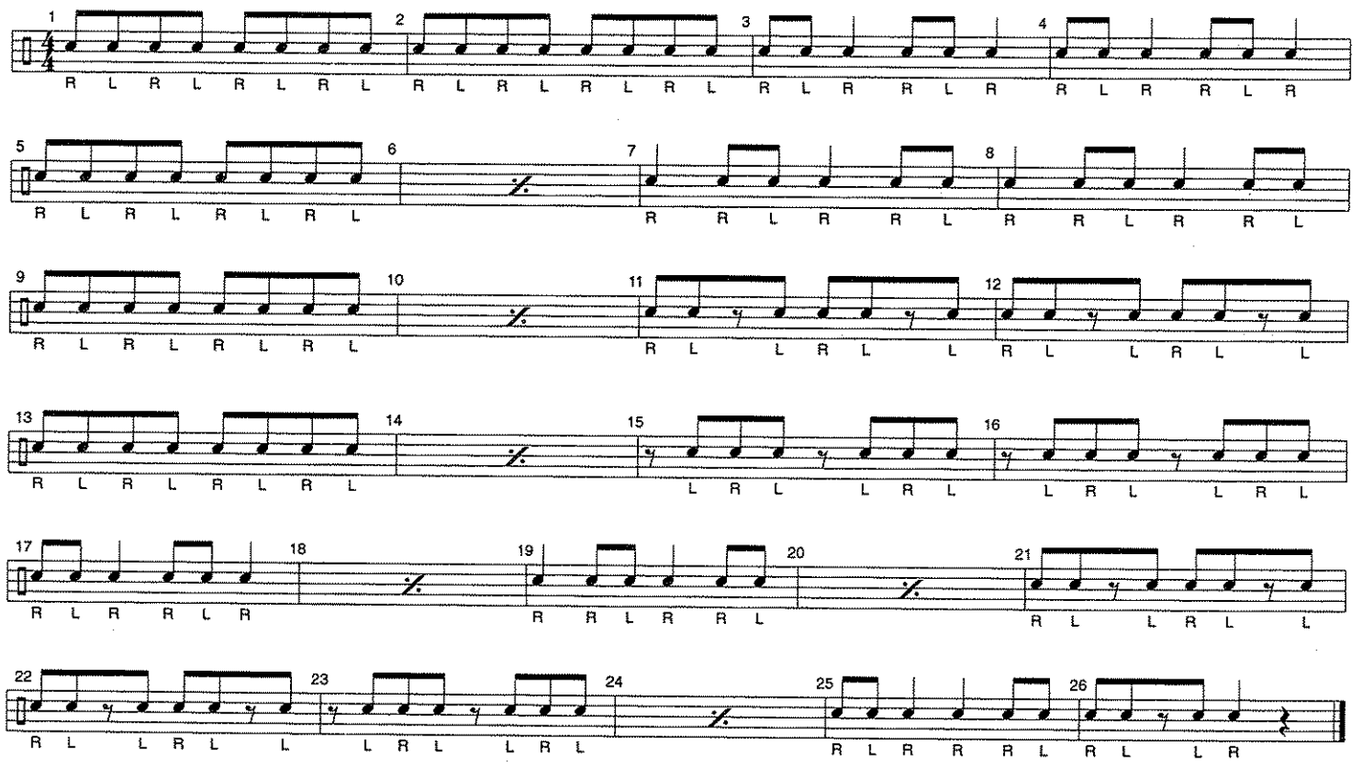

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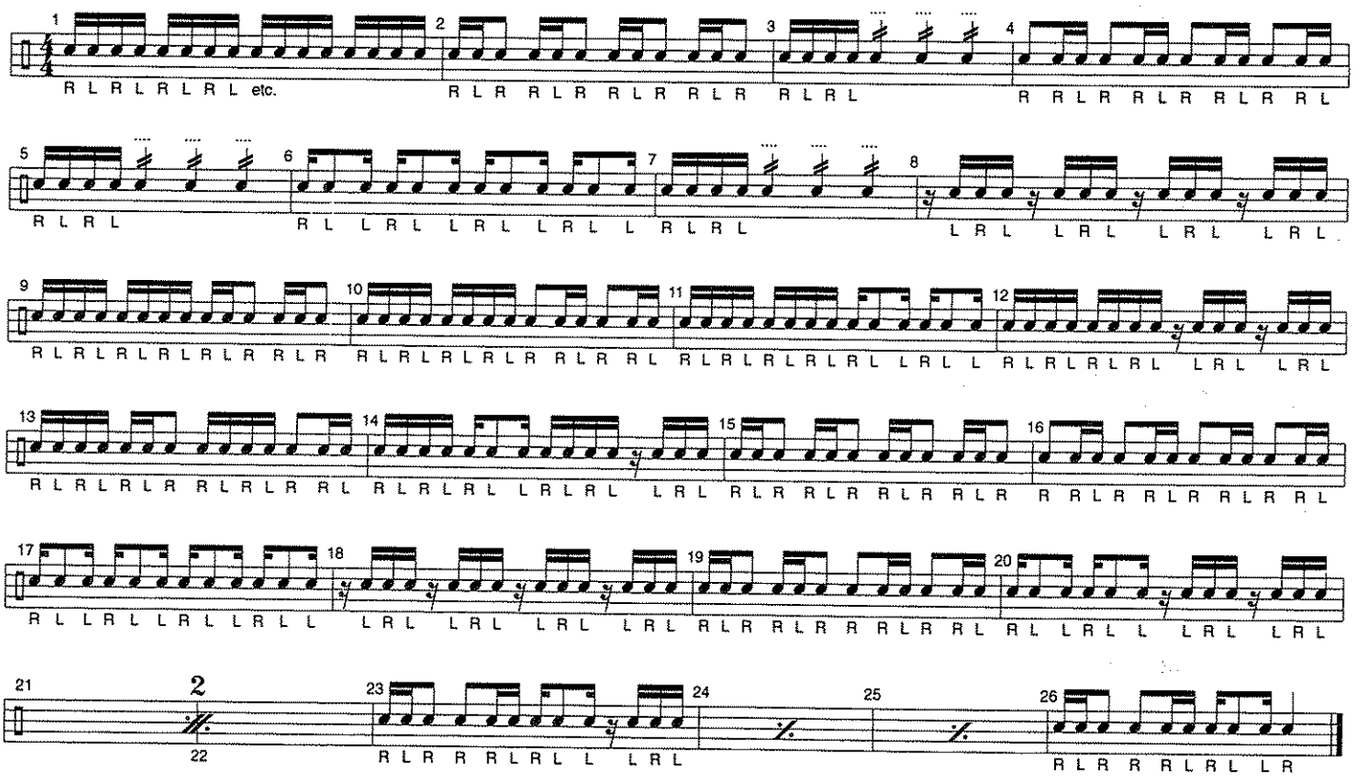

Long Tone 3A

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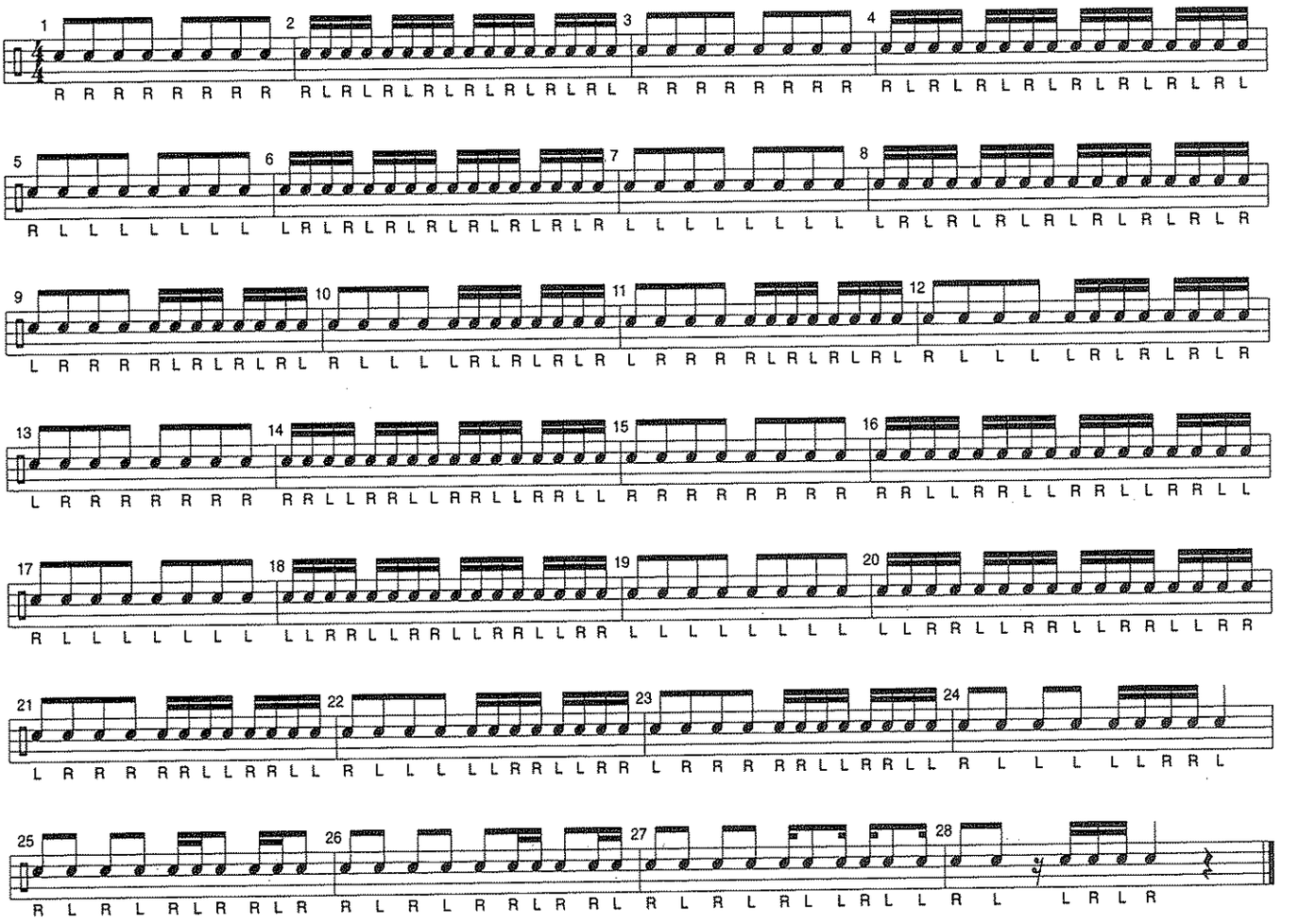

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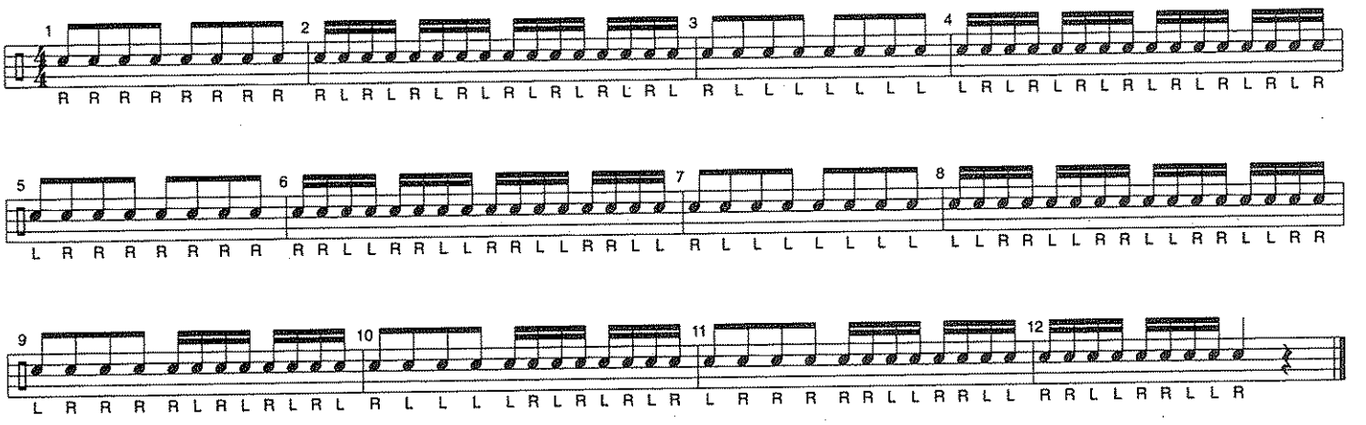

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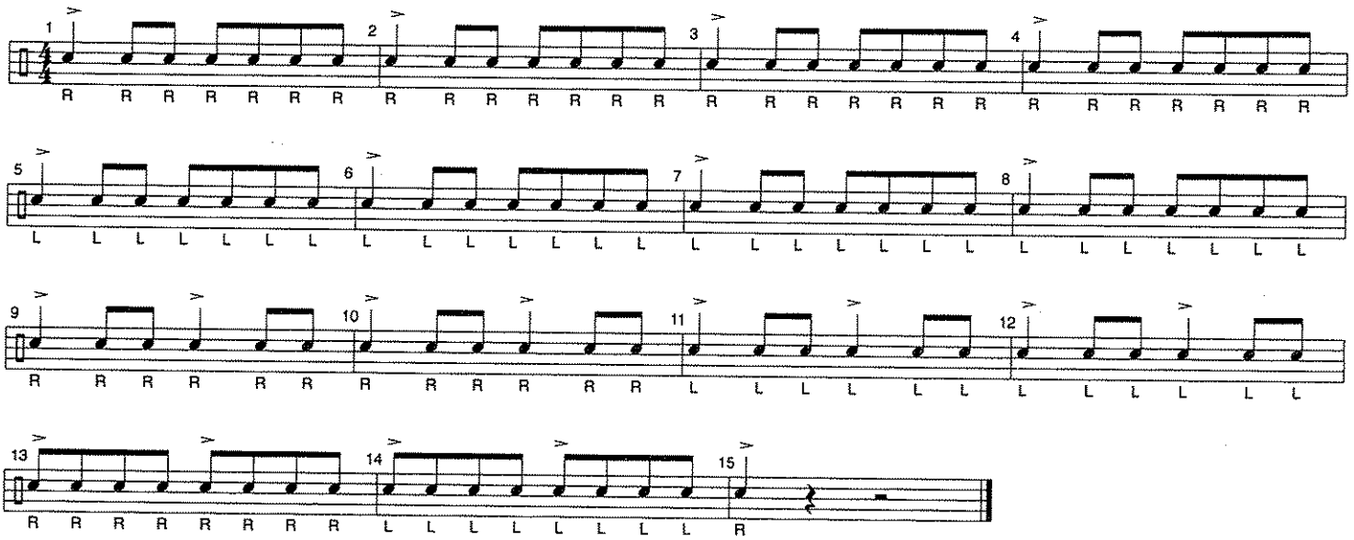

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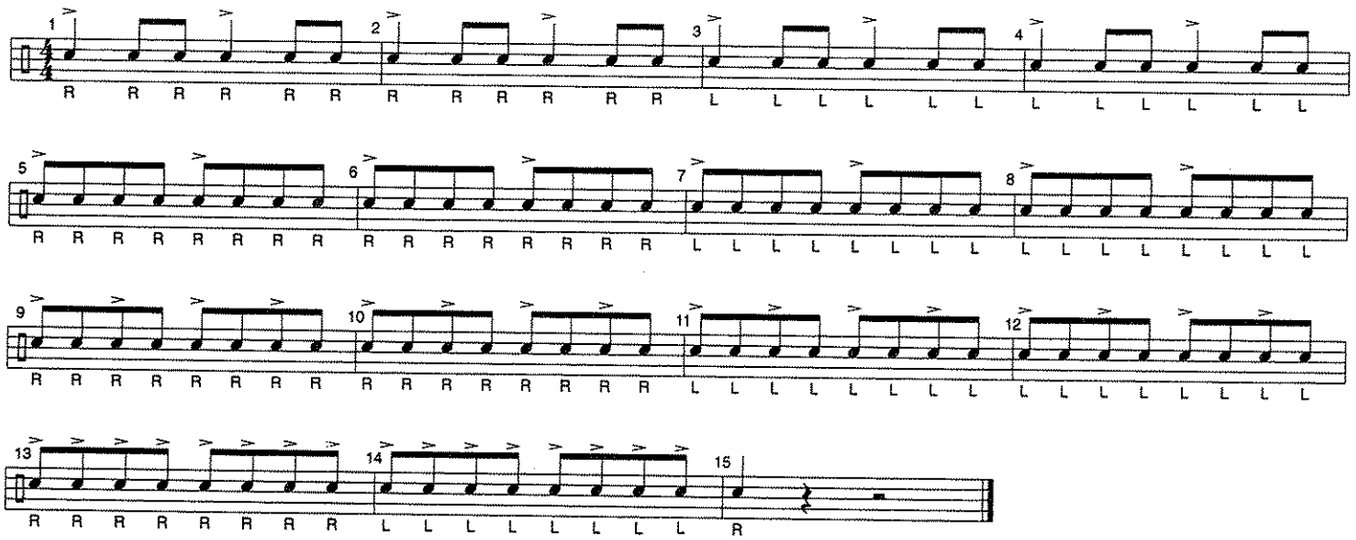

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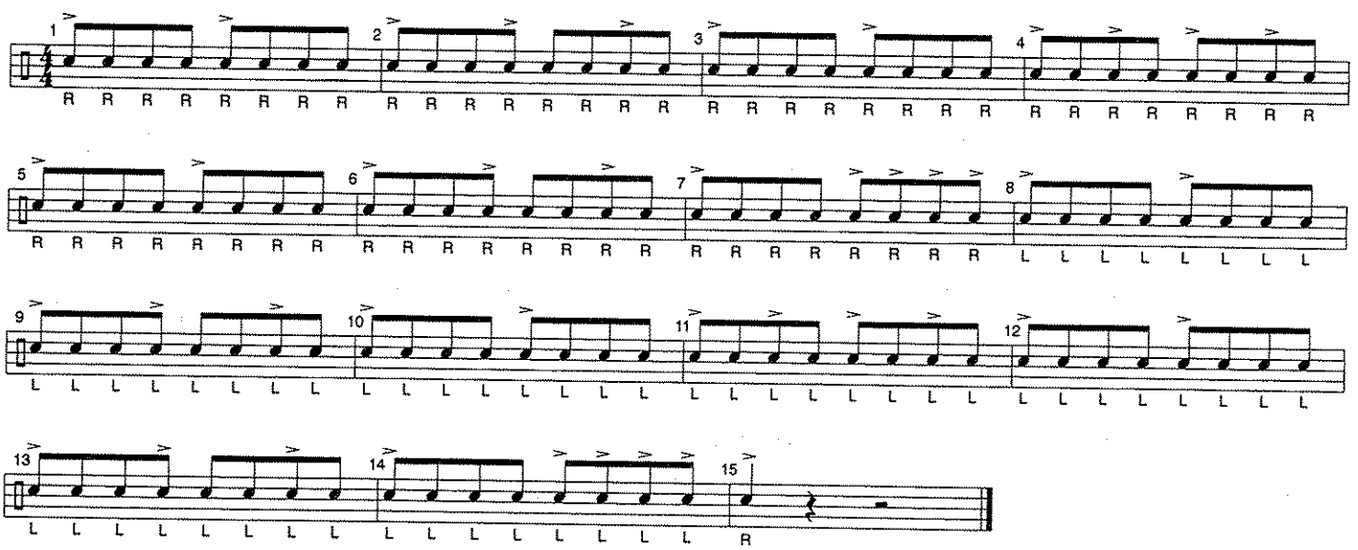

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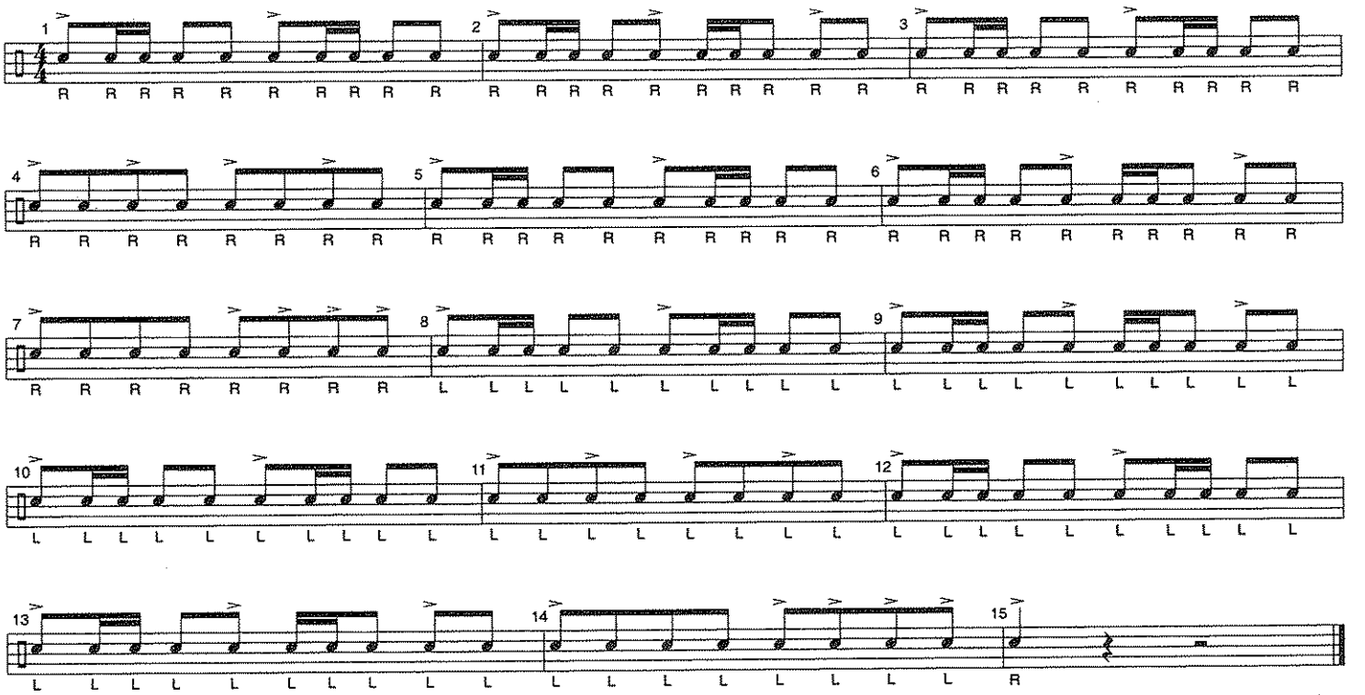

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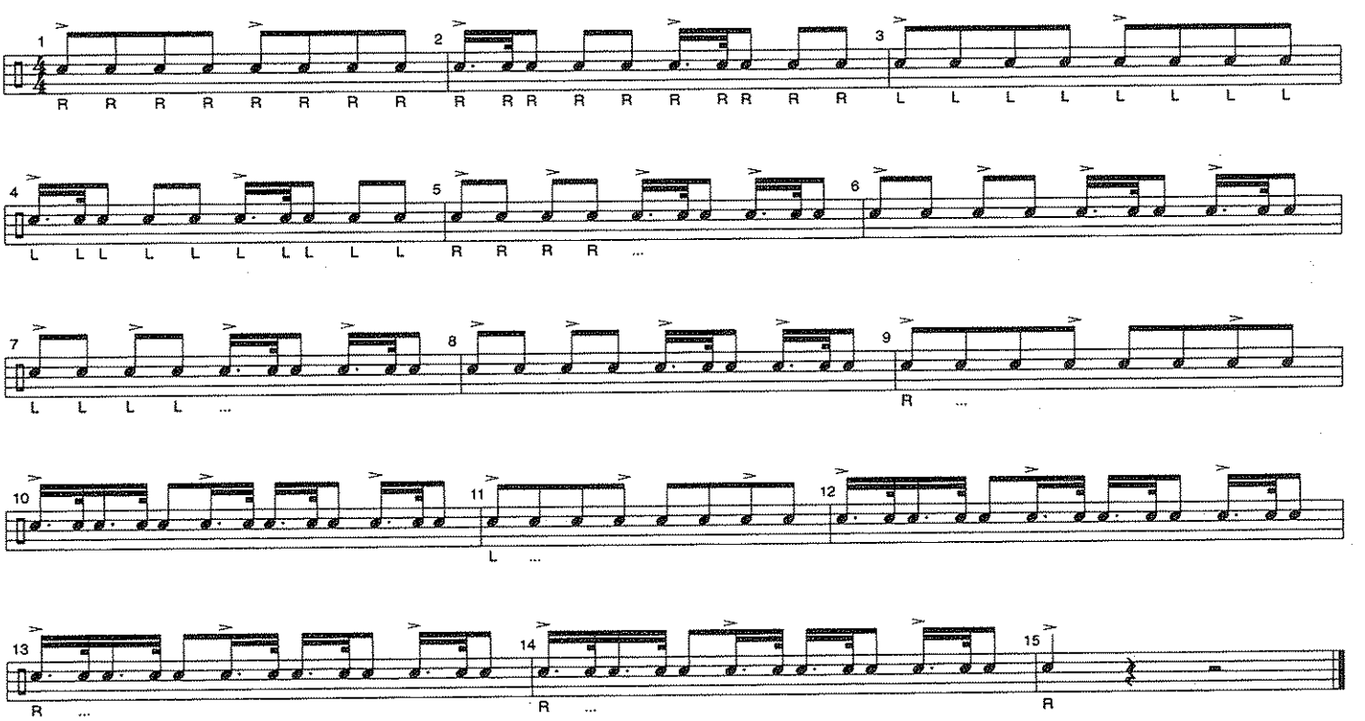

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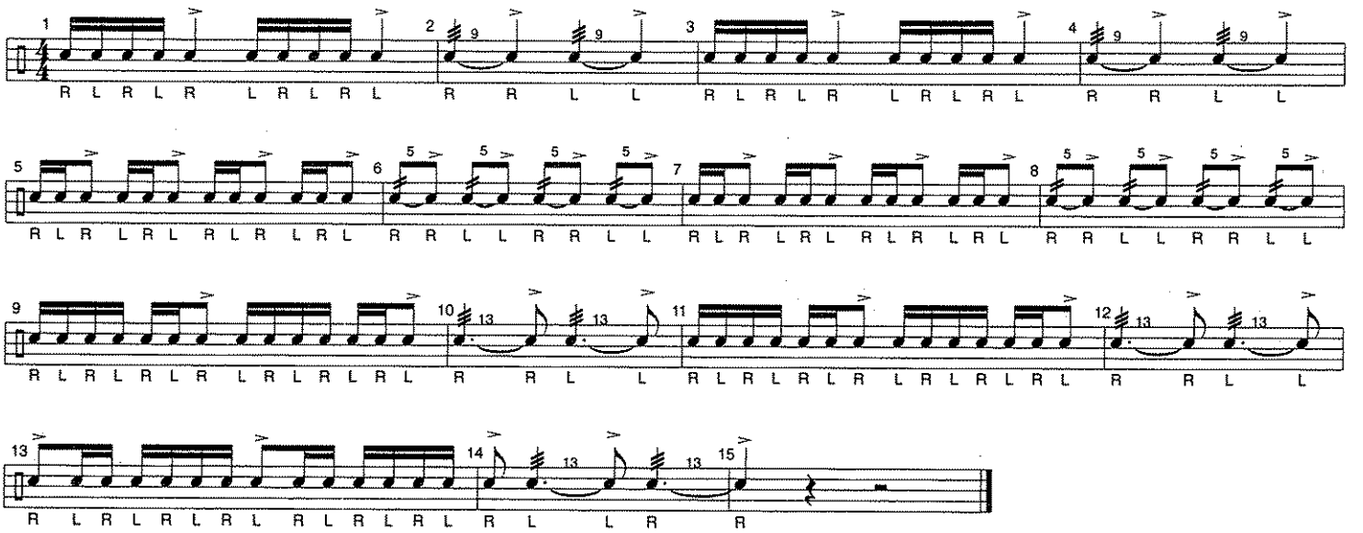

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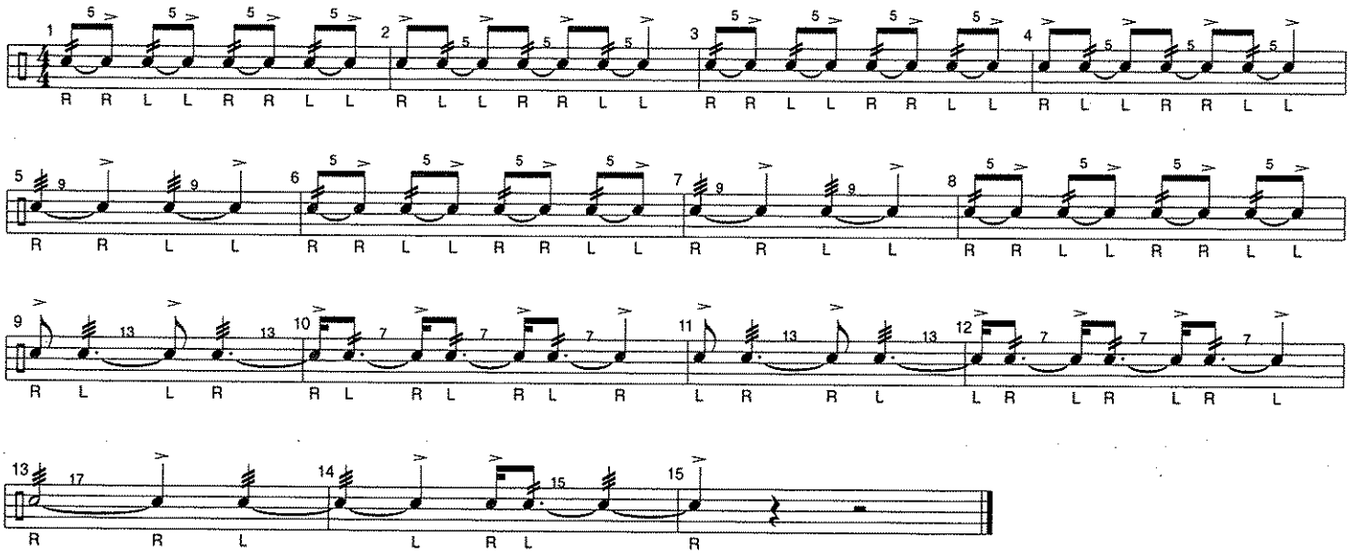

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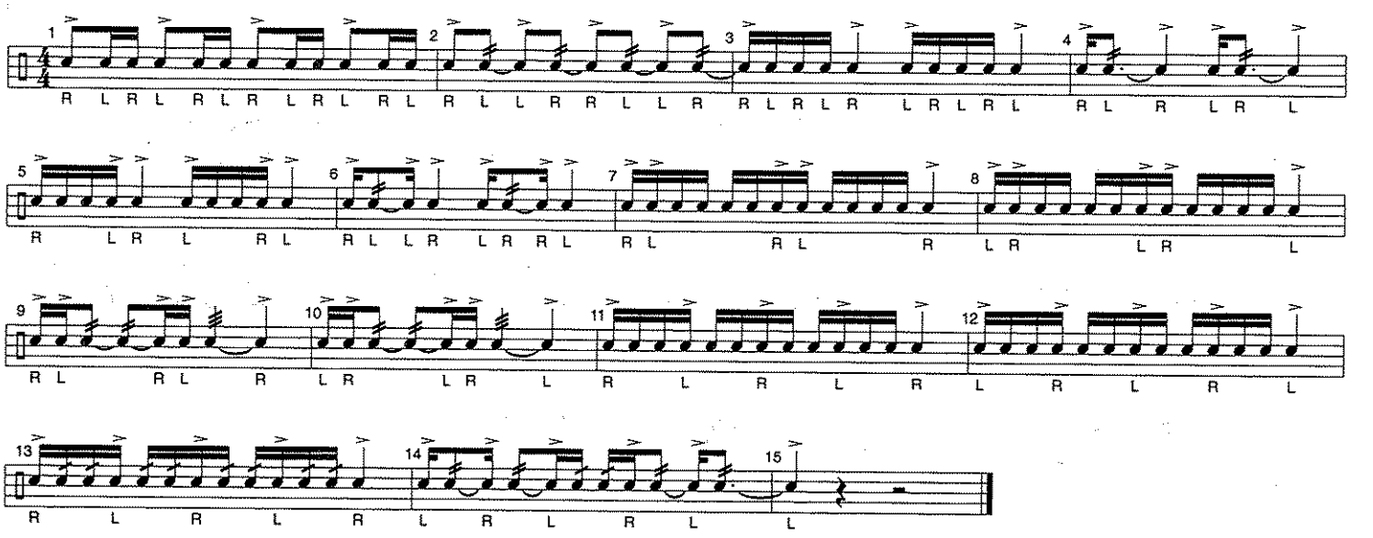

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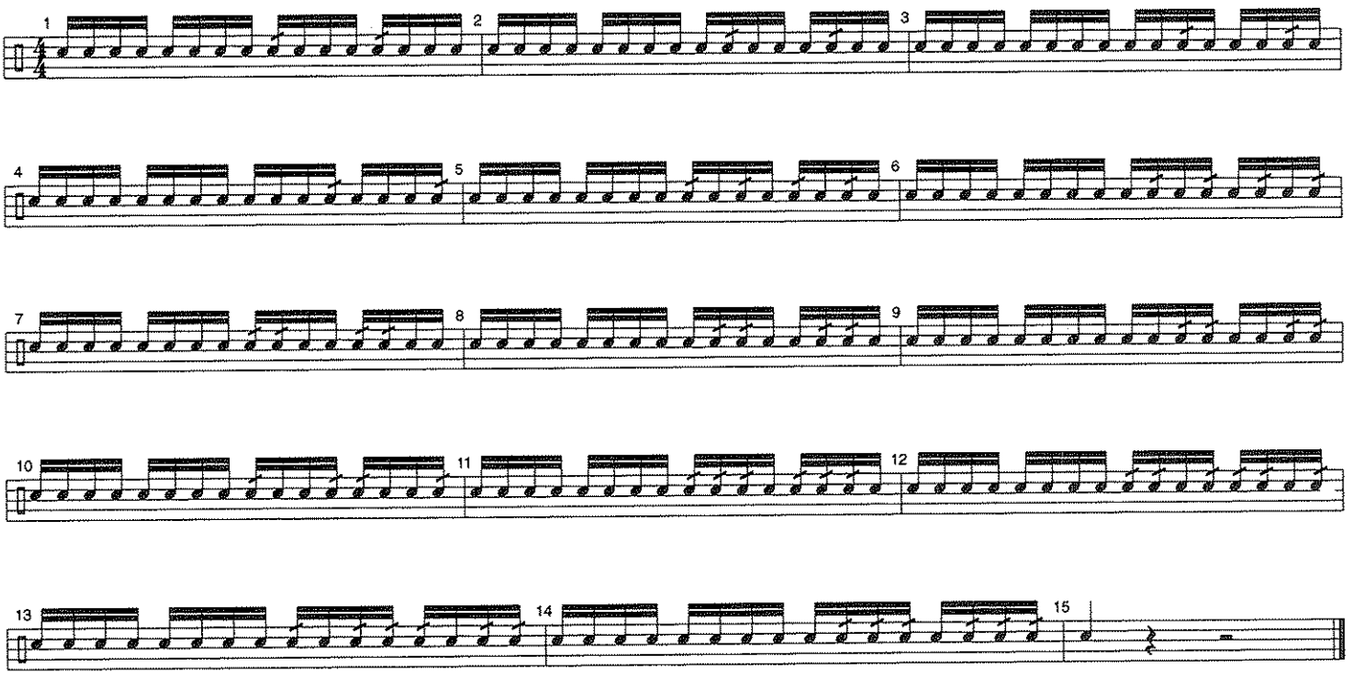

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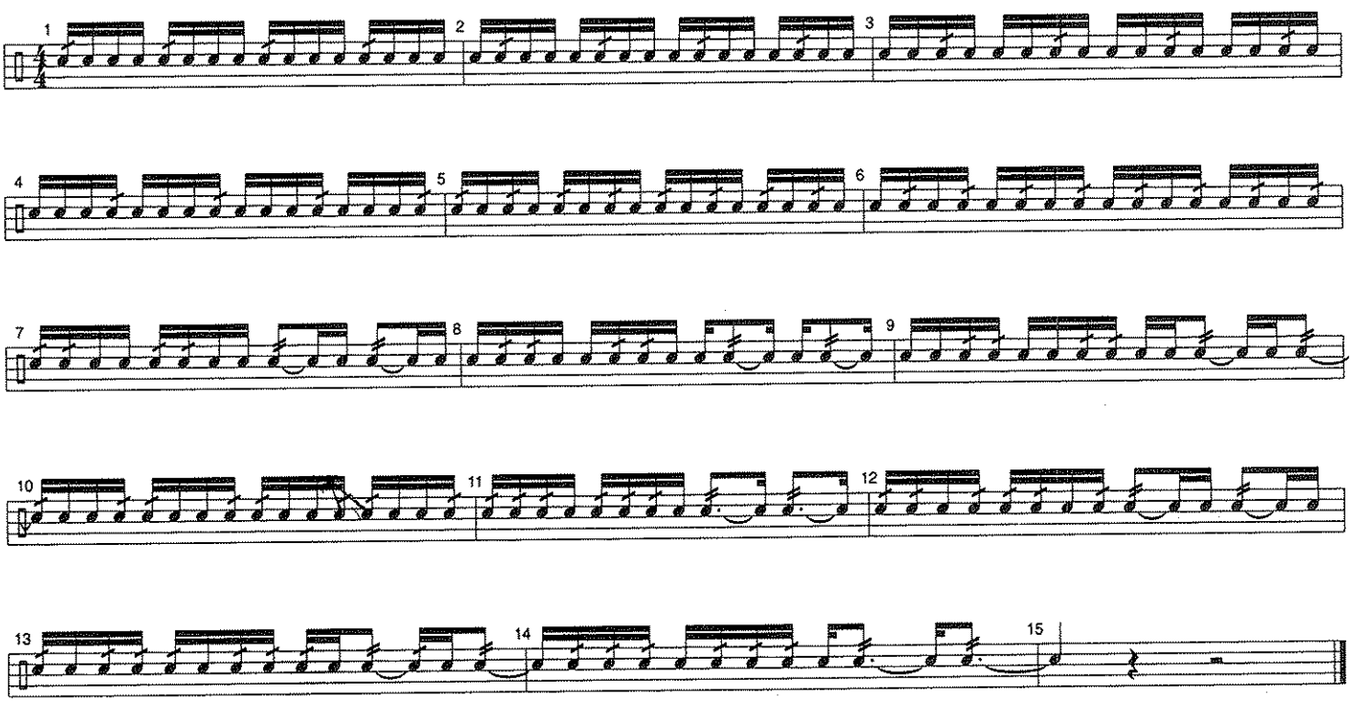

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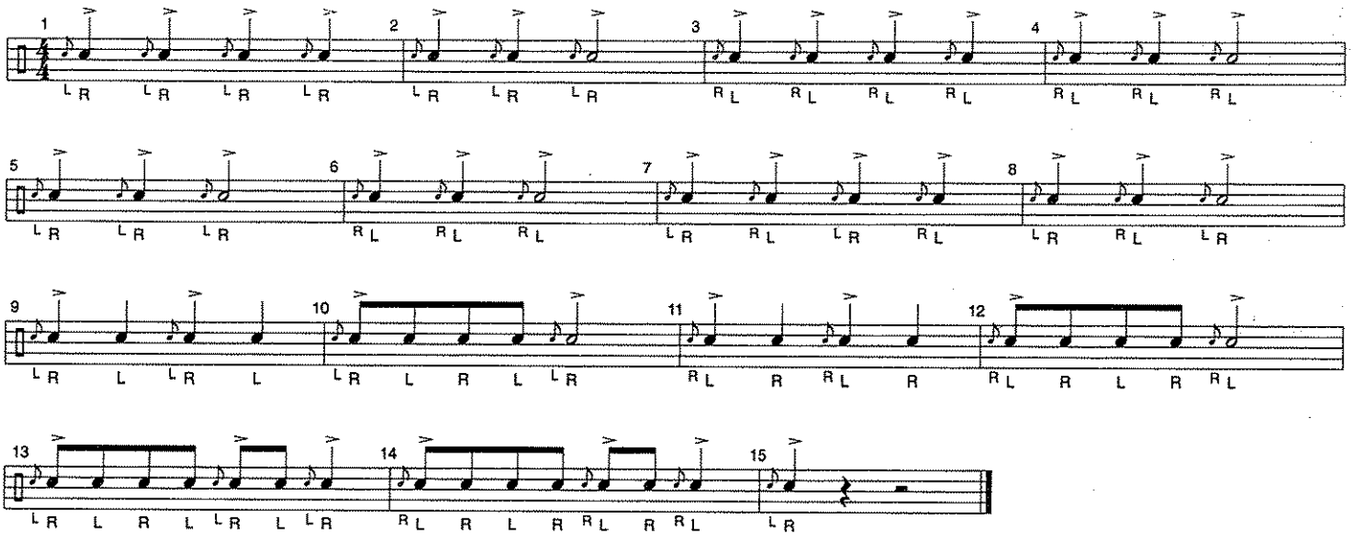

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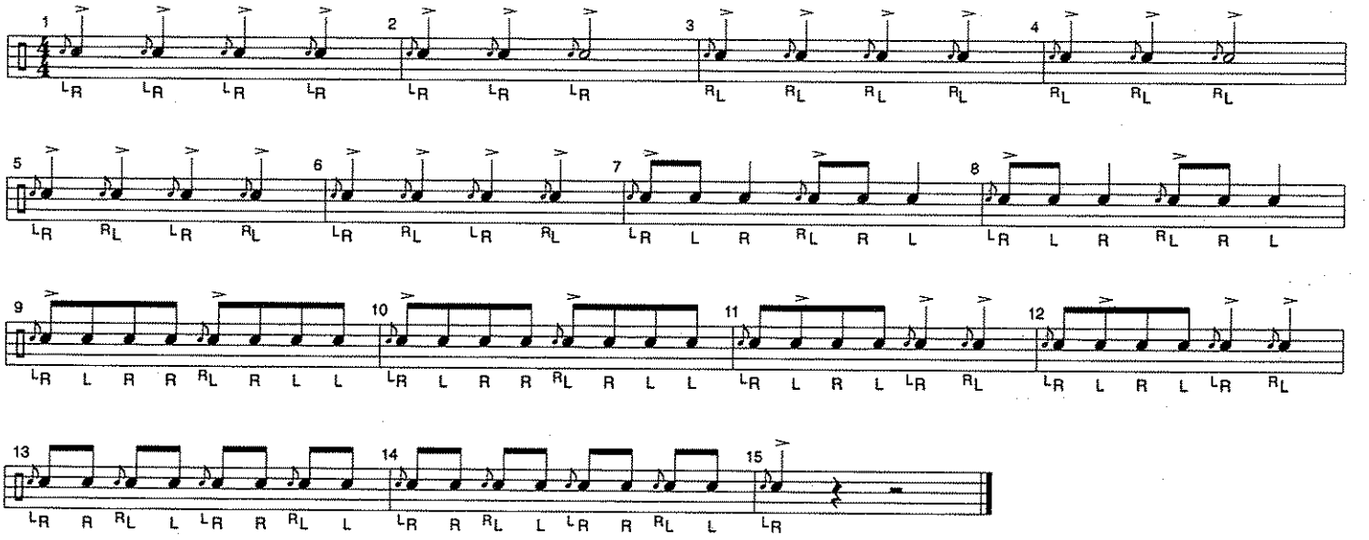

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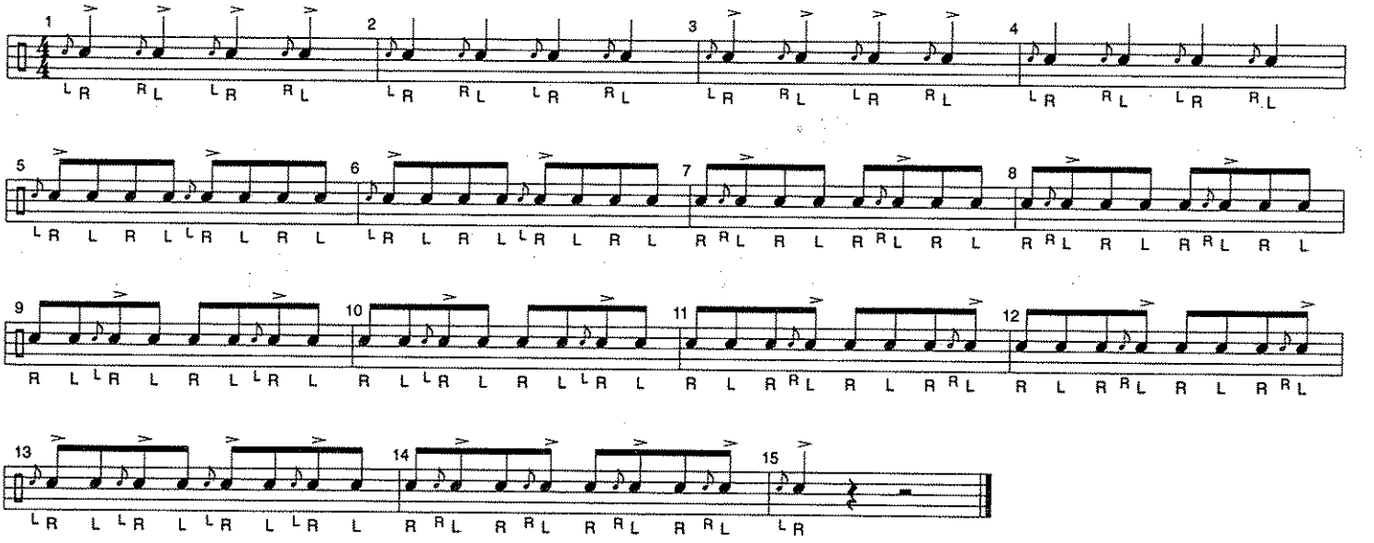

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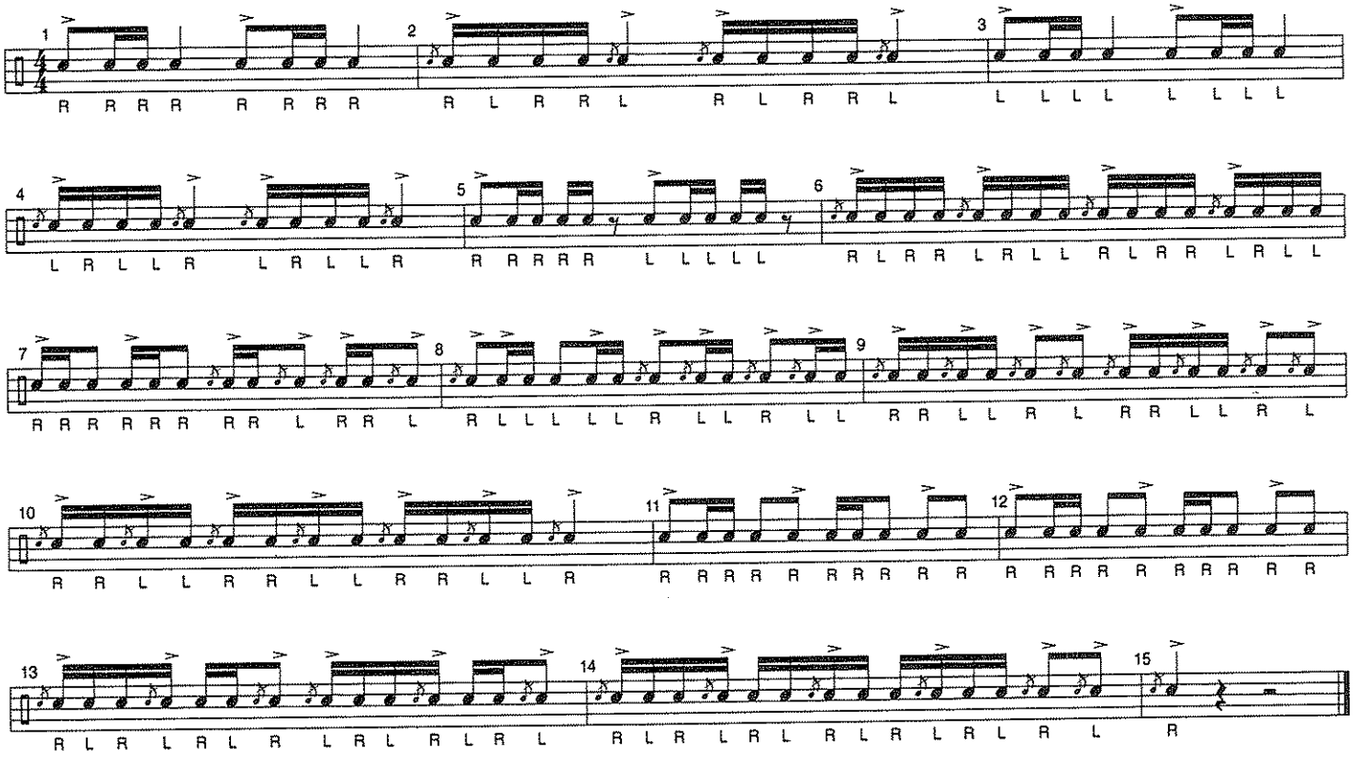

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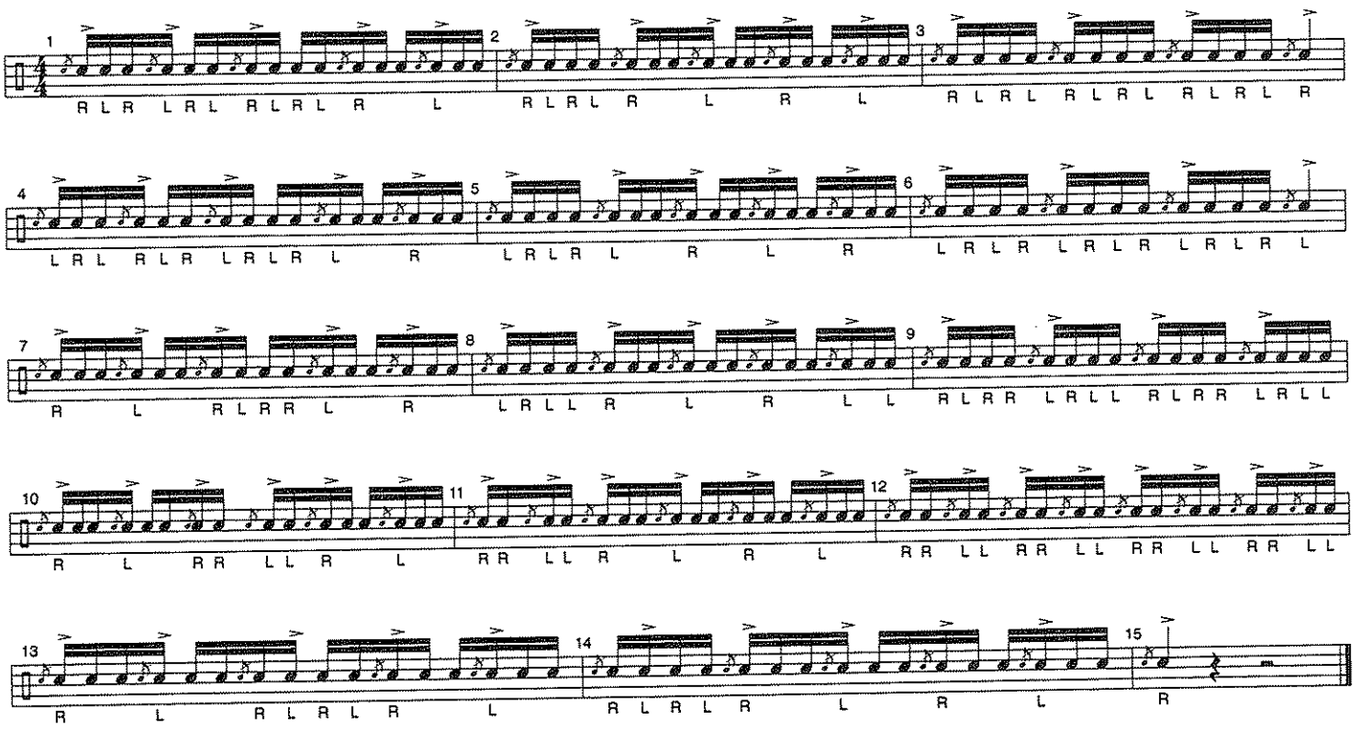

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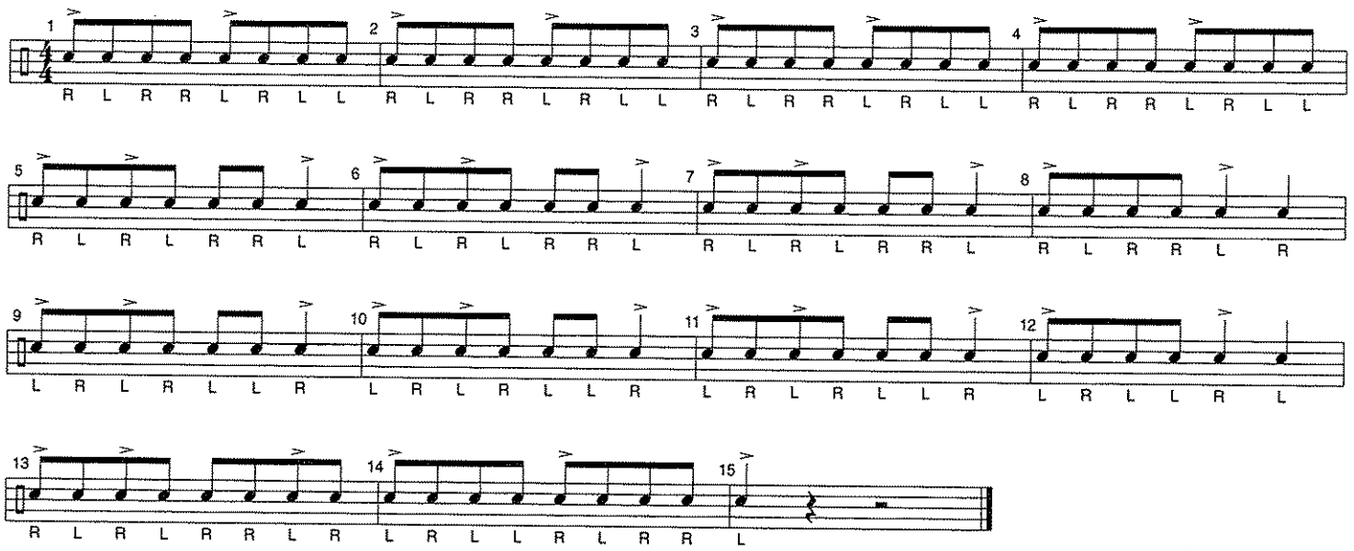

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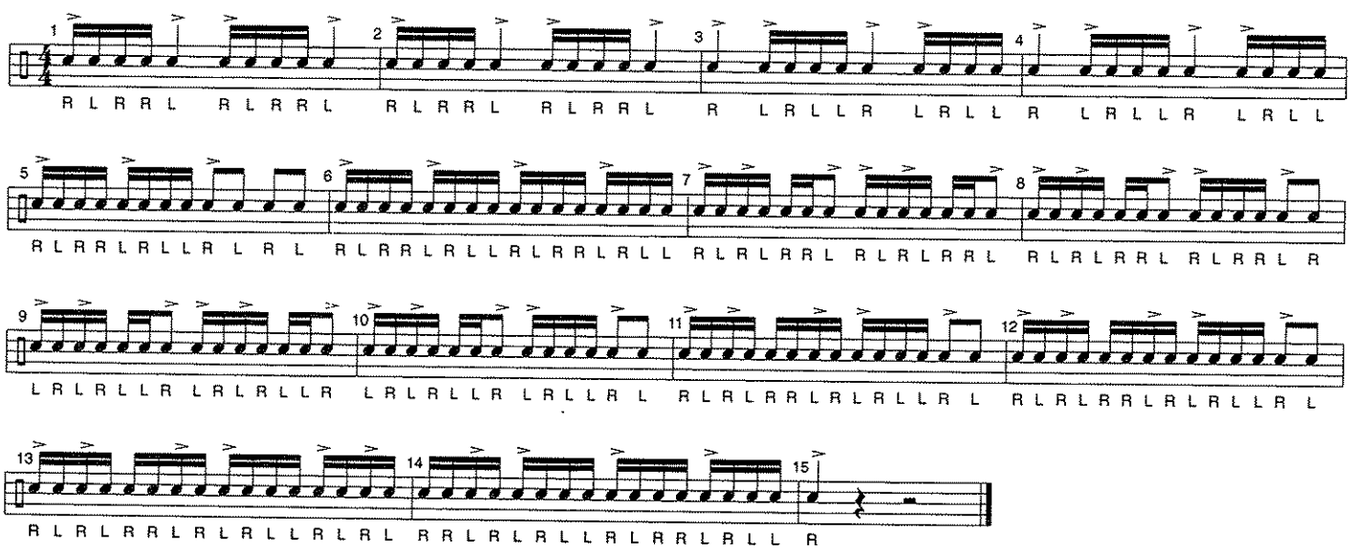

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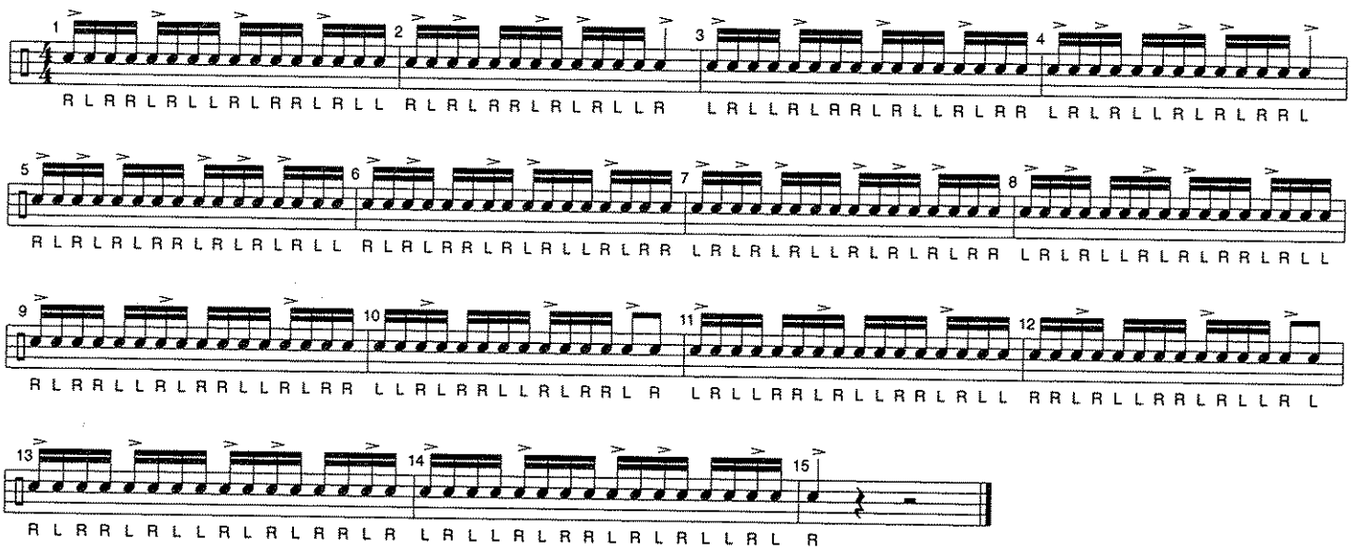

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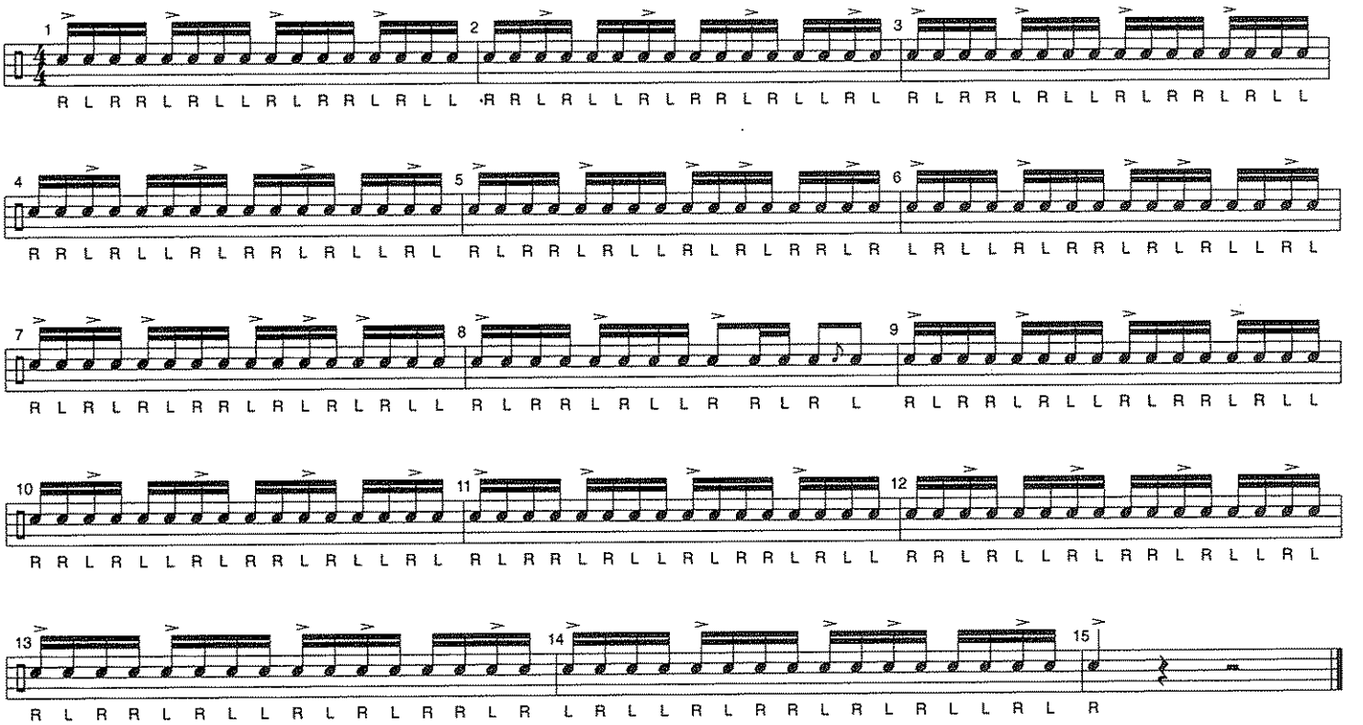

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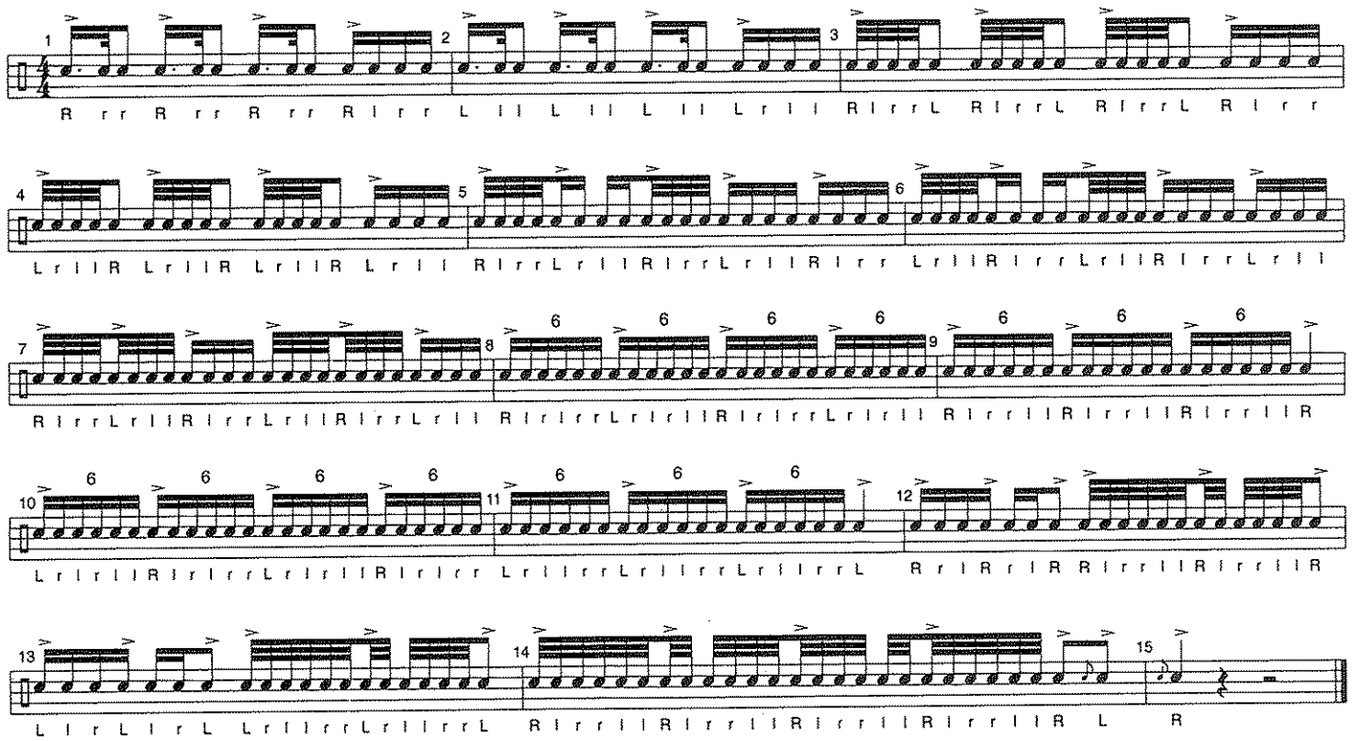

Snare & Auxiliary Technique - Exercises for Major & Minor Scales

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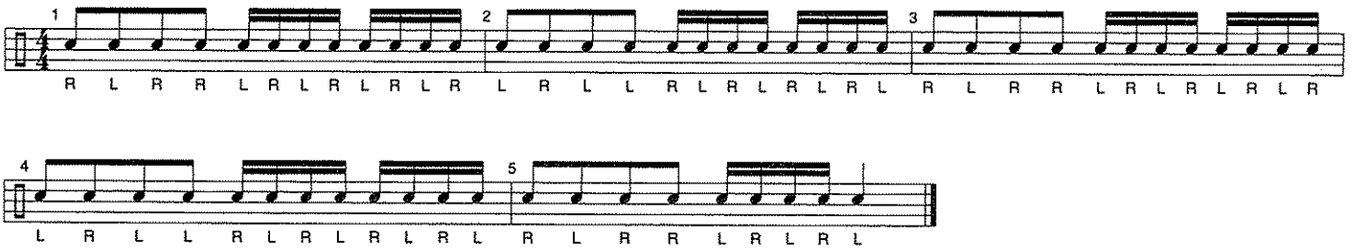
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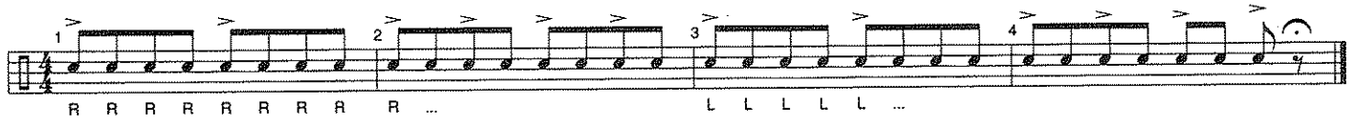

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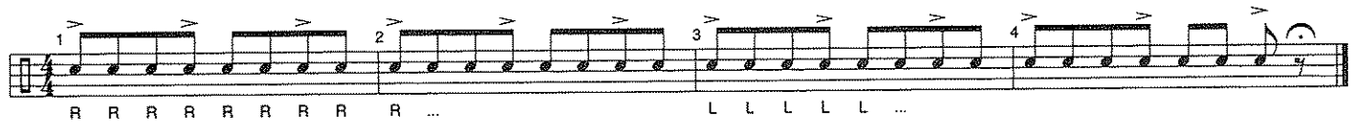

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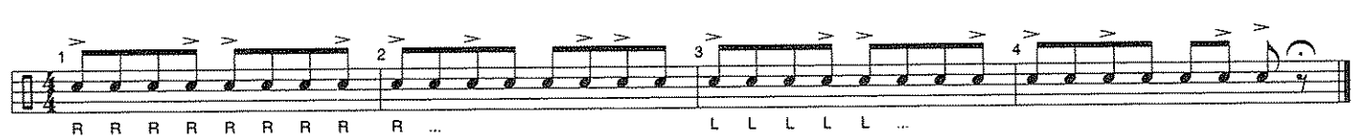

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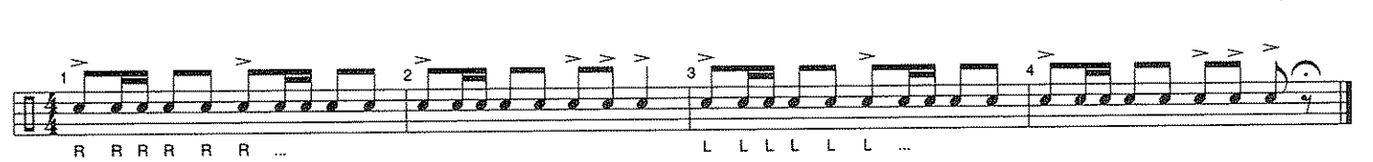

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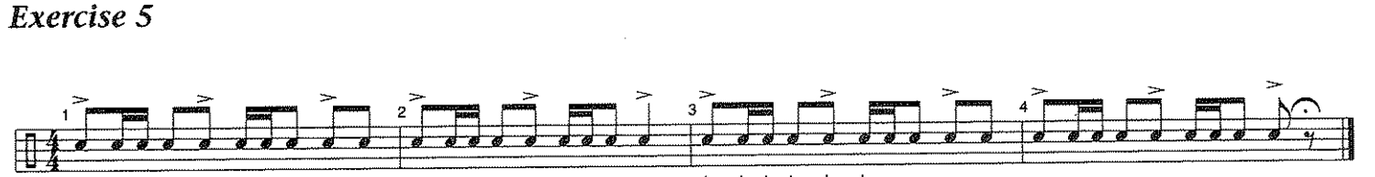

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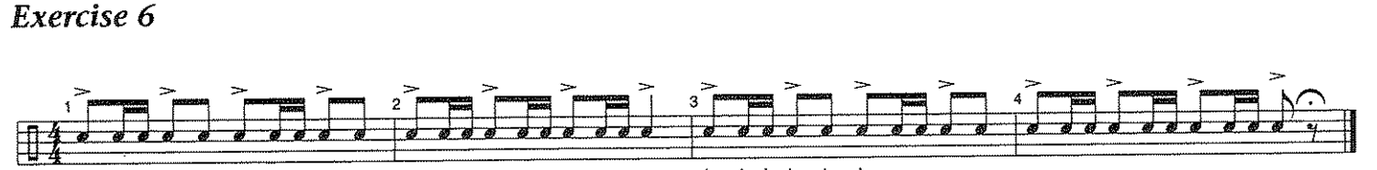

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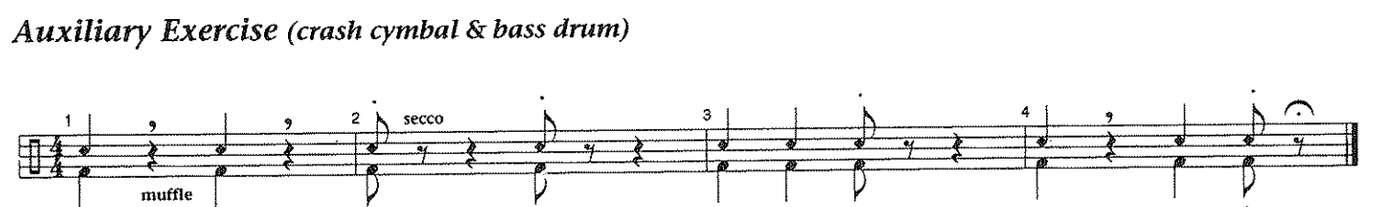

Snare & Auxiliary Technique - Exercises for Scale Patterns 1 & 2

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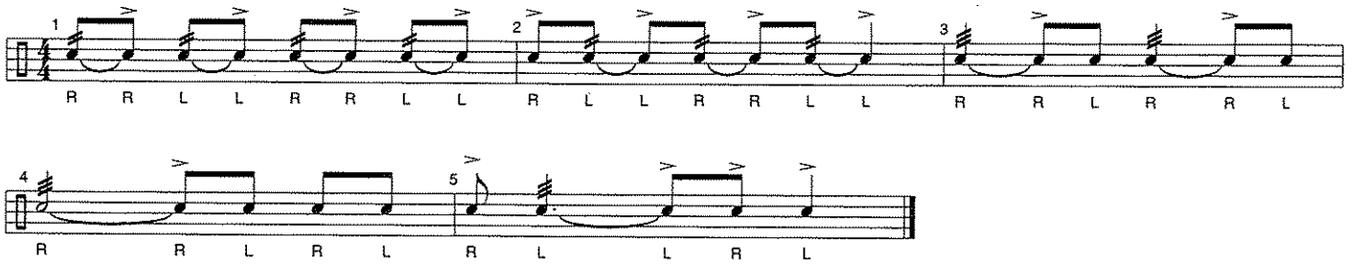

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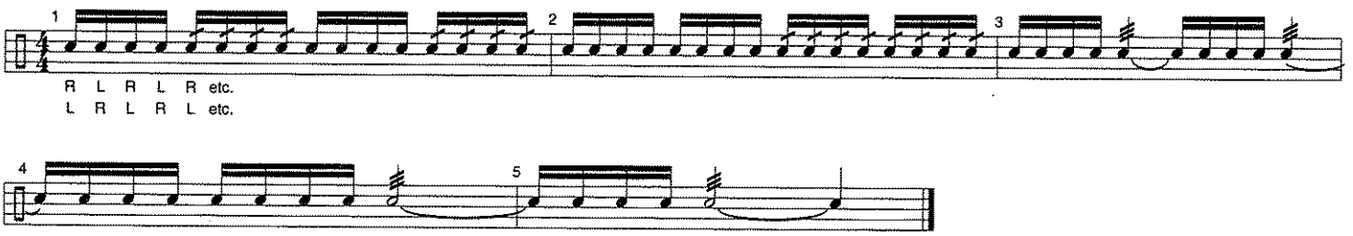

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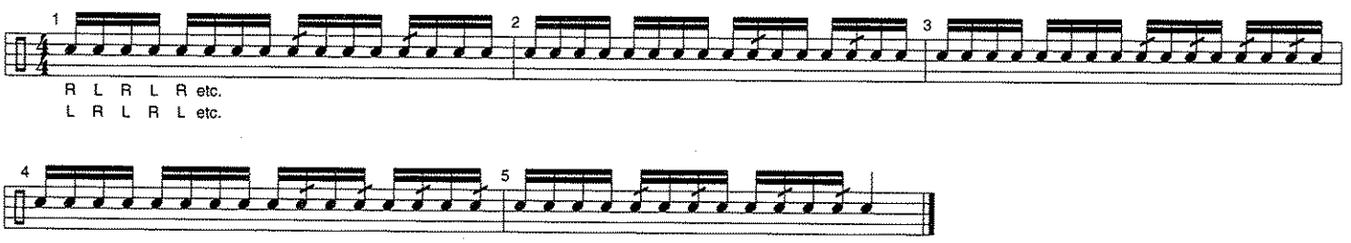

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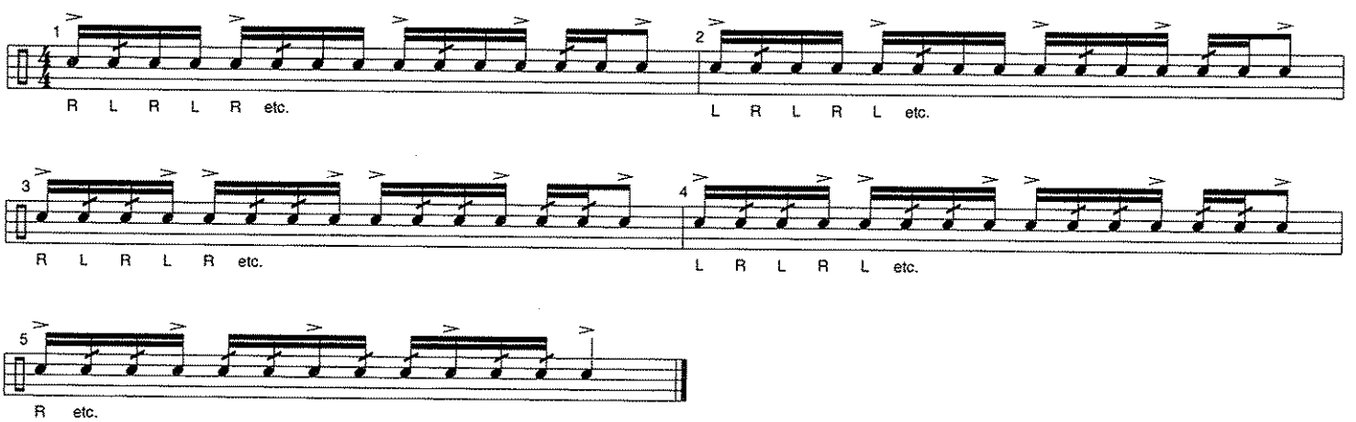

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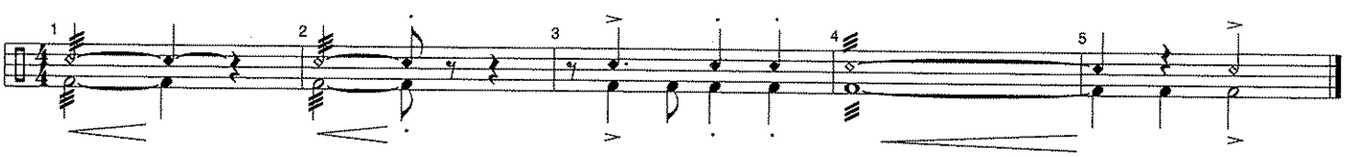

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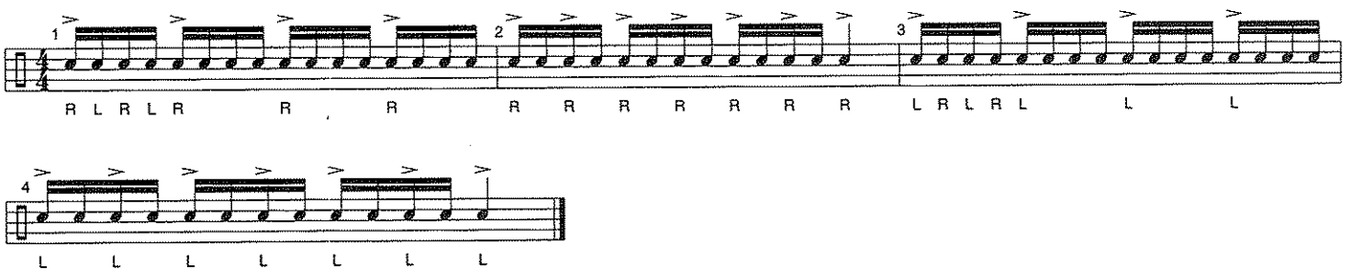

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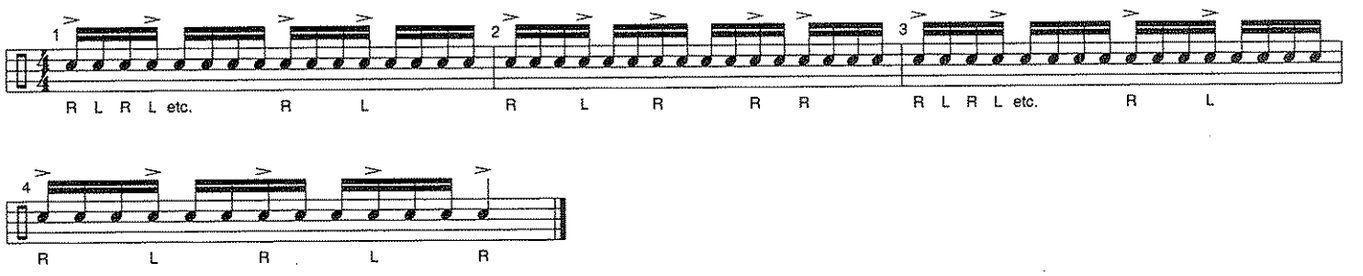

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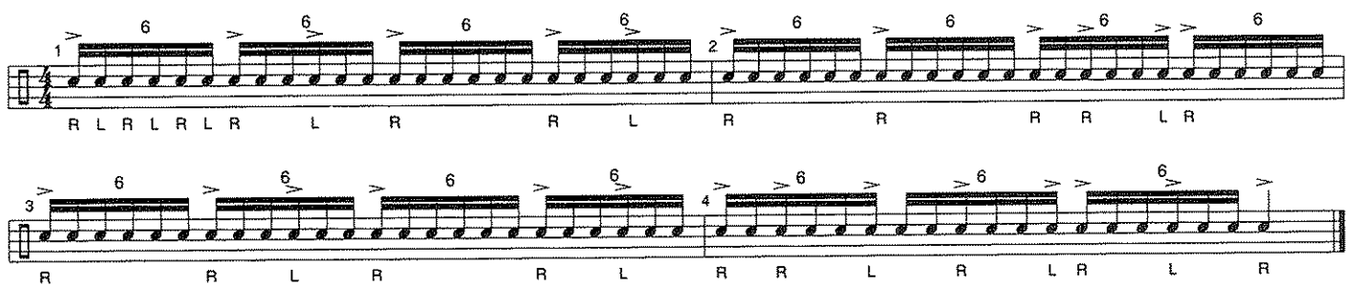

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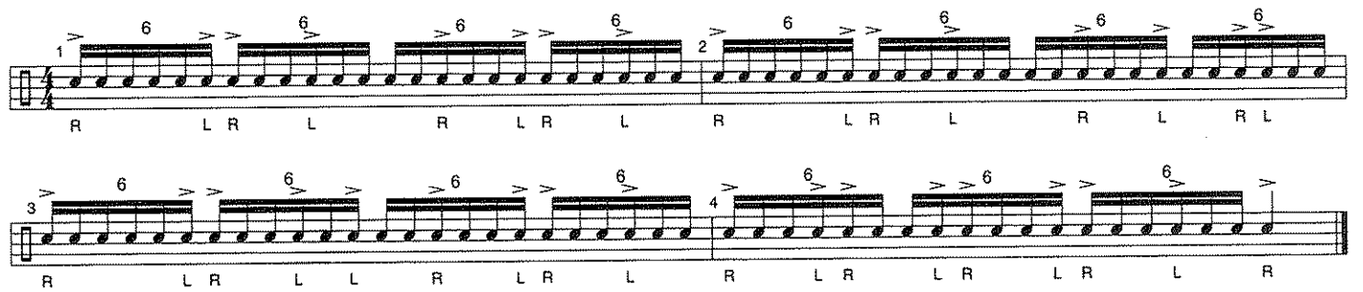

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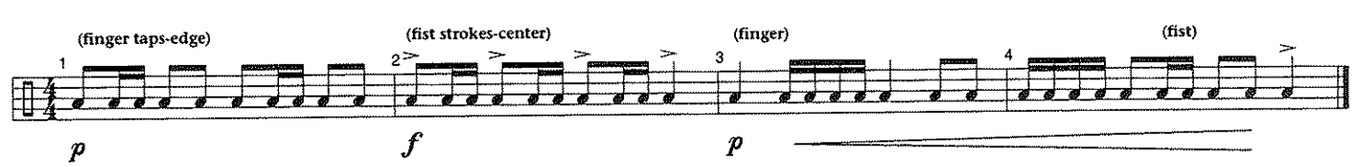

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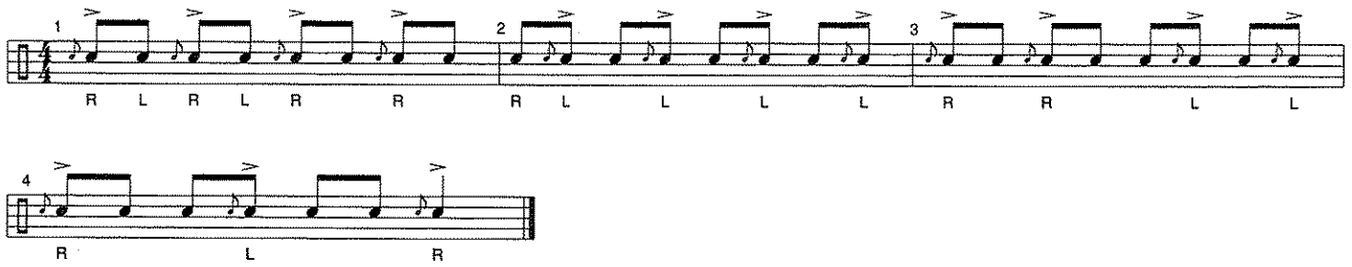

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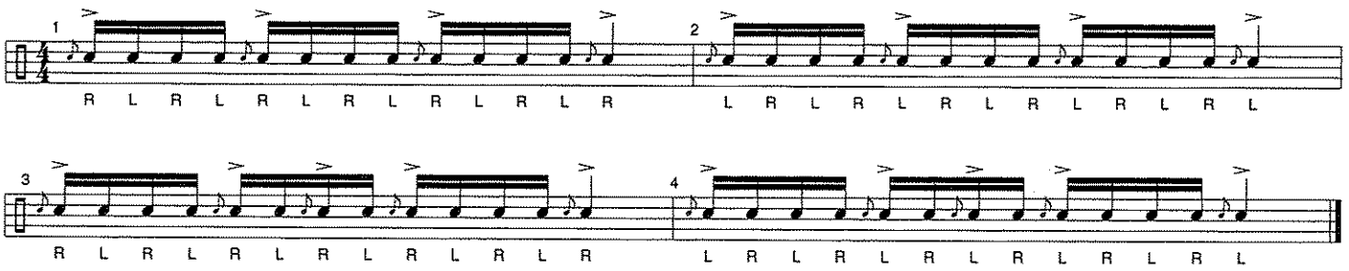

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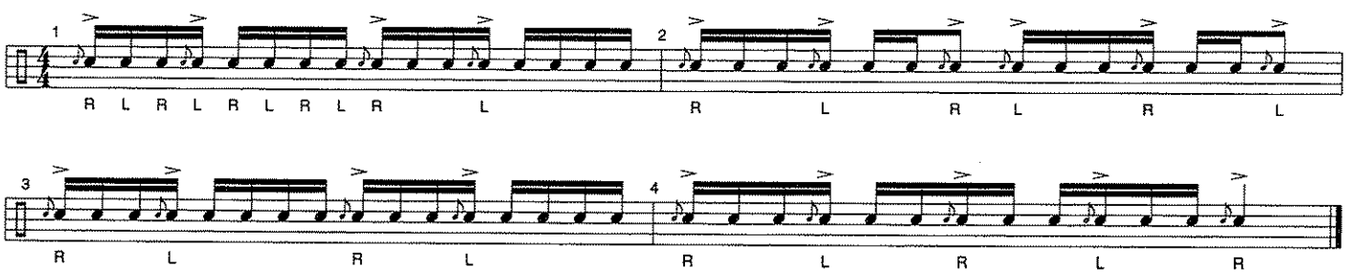

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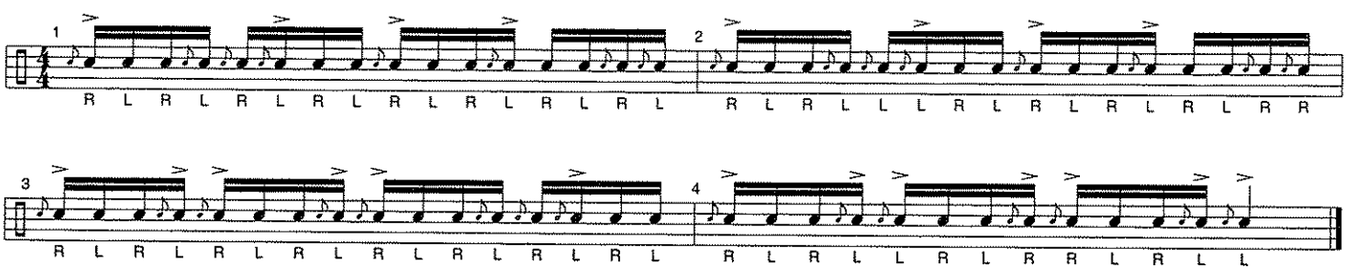

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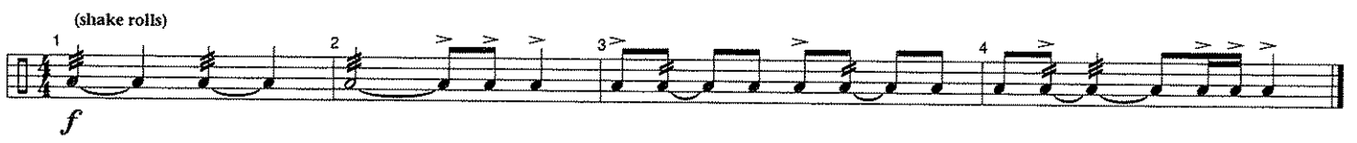

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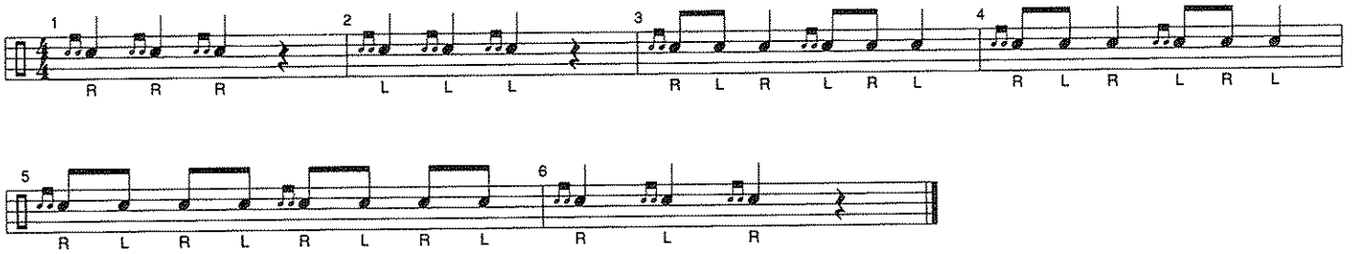

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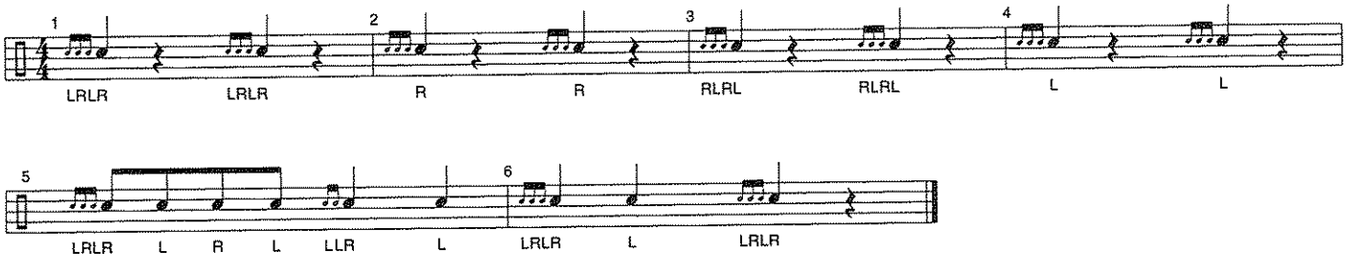

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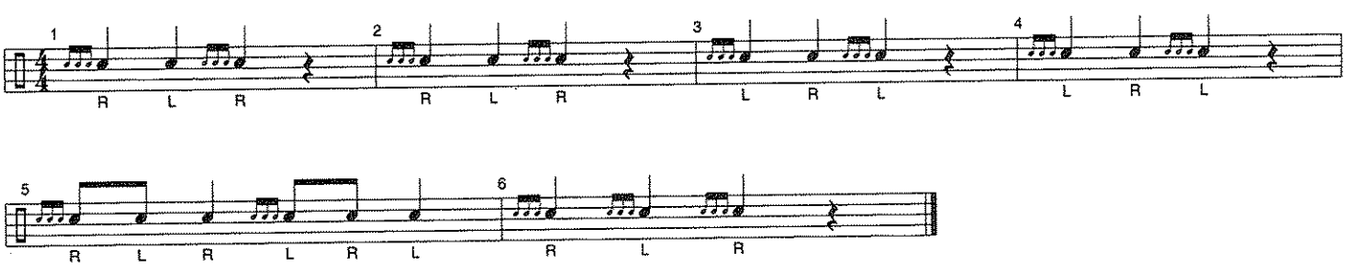

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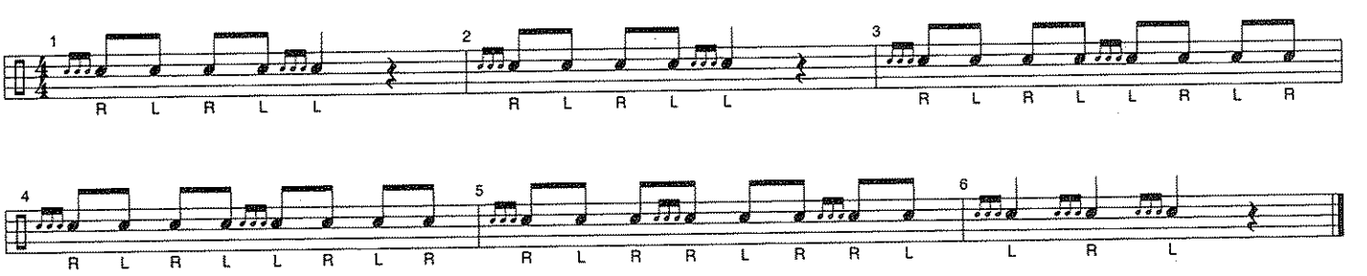

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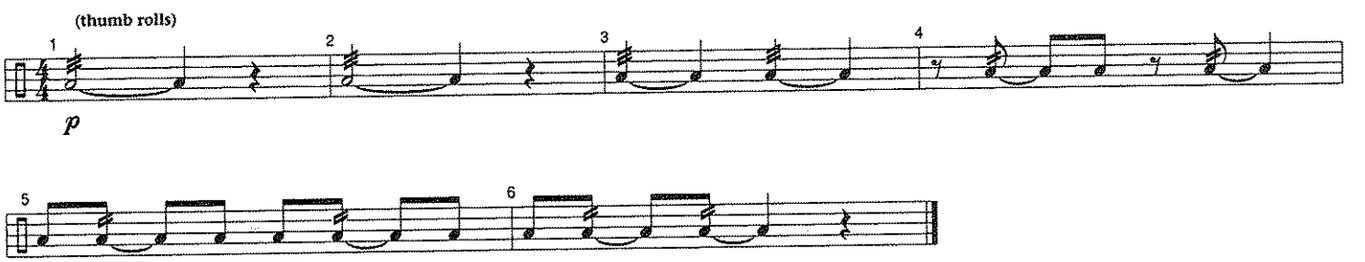

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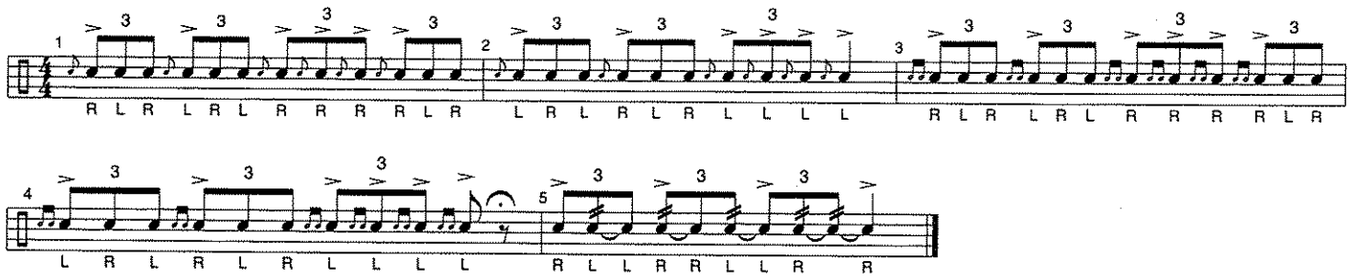

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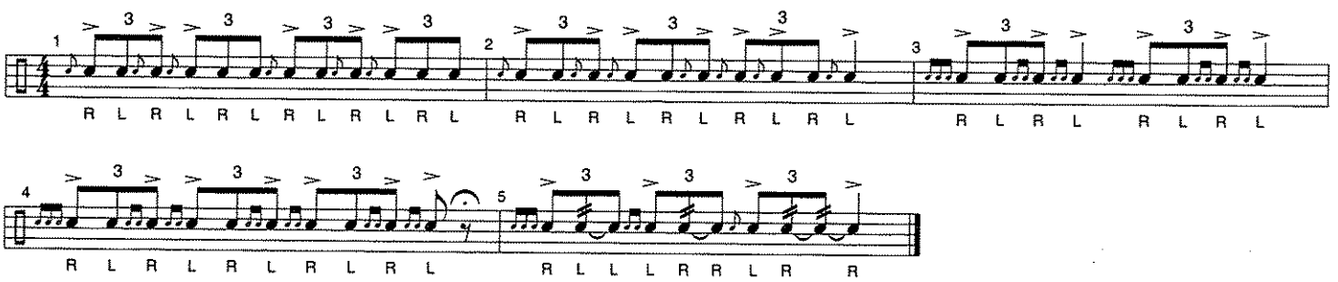

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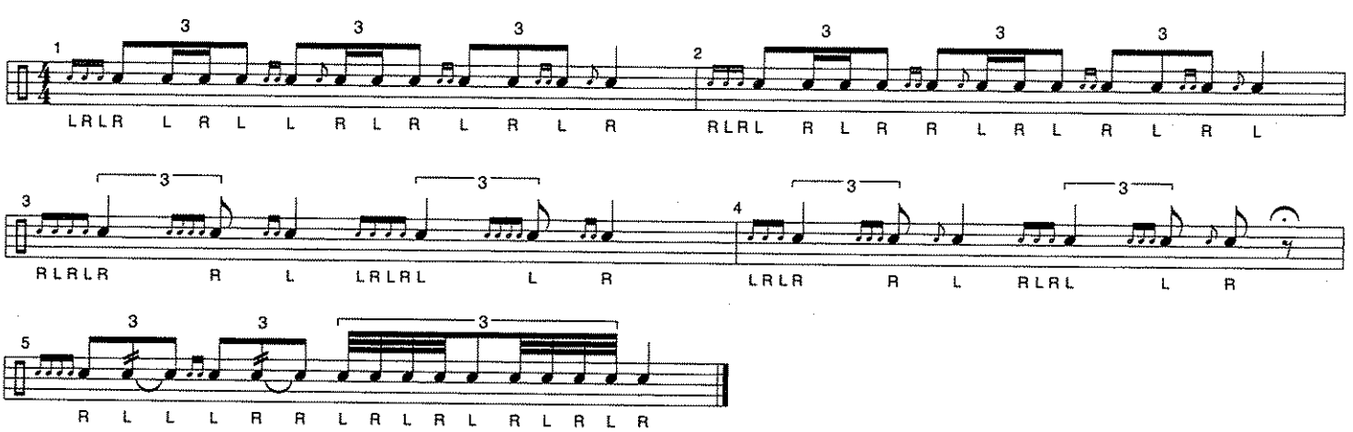

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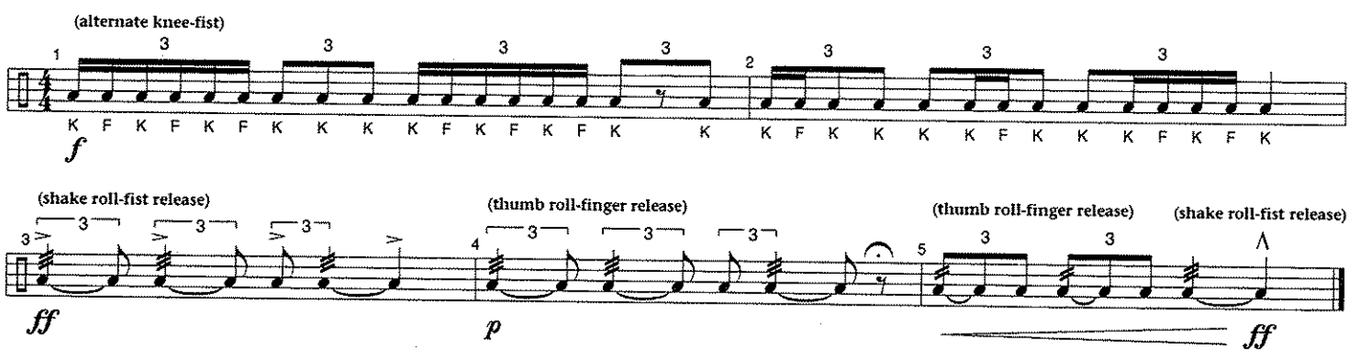

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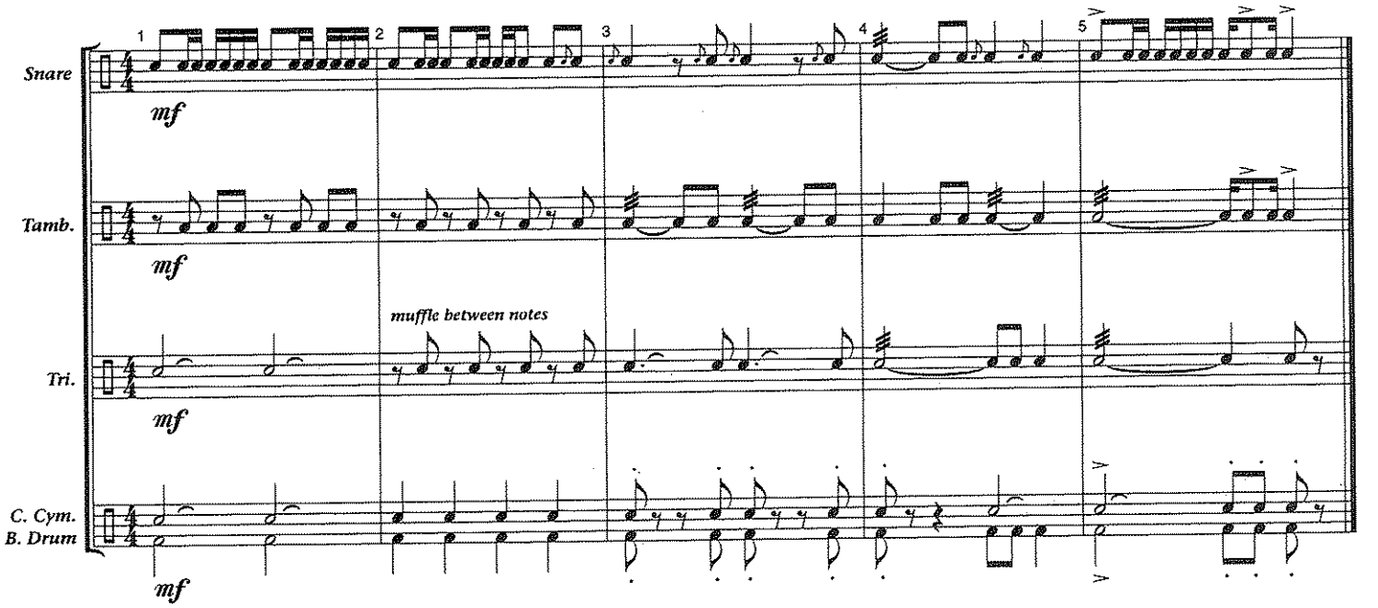
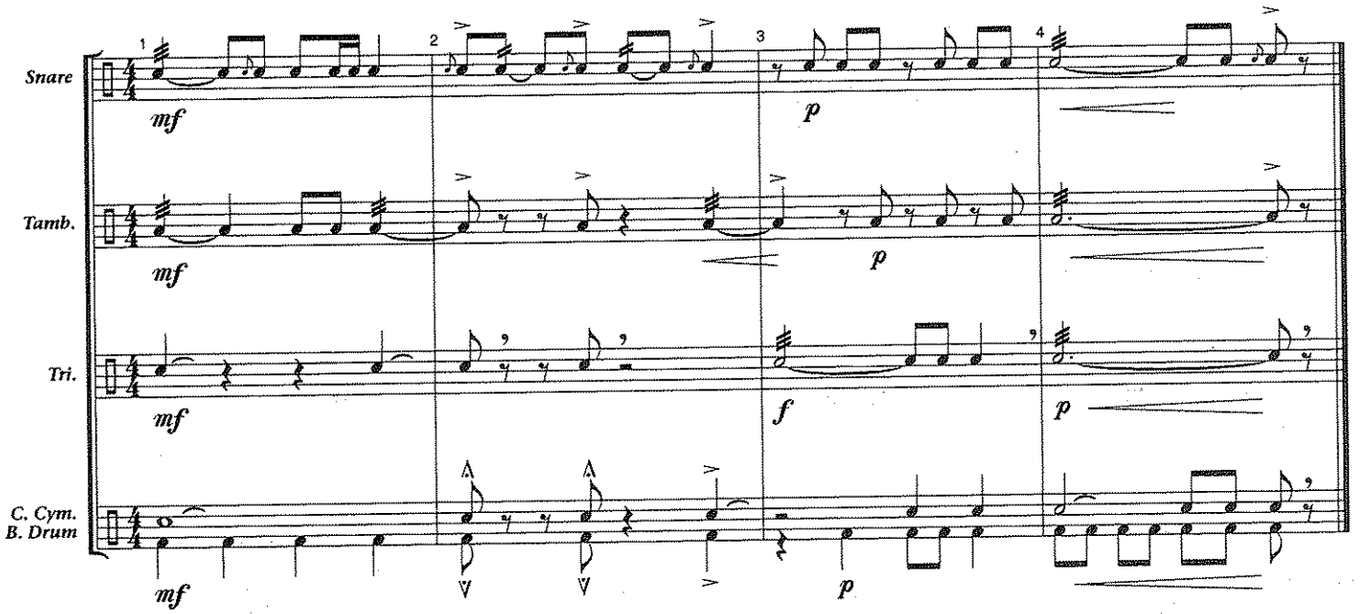
Percussion Ensemble for major/minor scales and scale patterns 1 & 2



Percussion Ensemble for mini-scale, scale in thirds, and interval study



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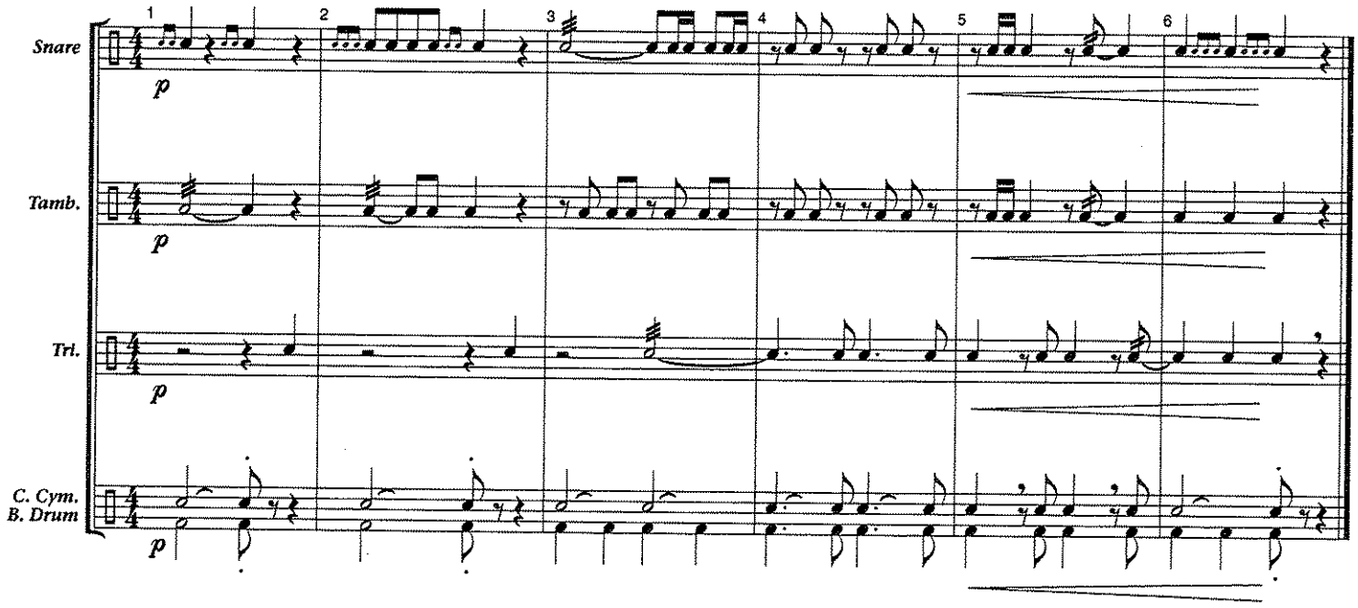

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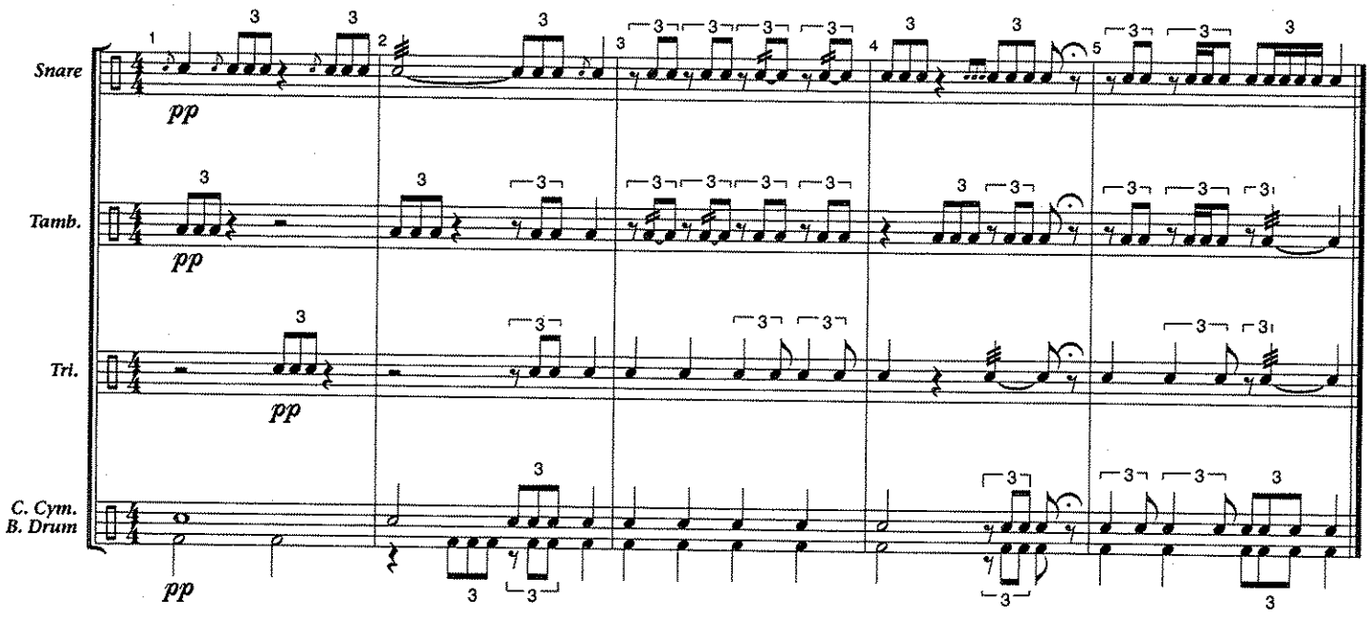
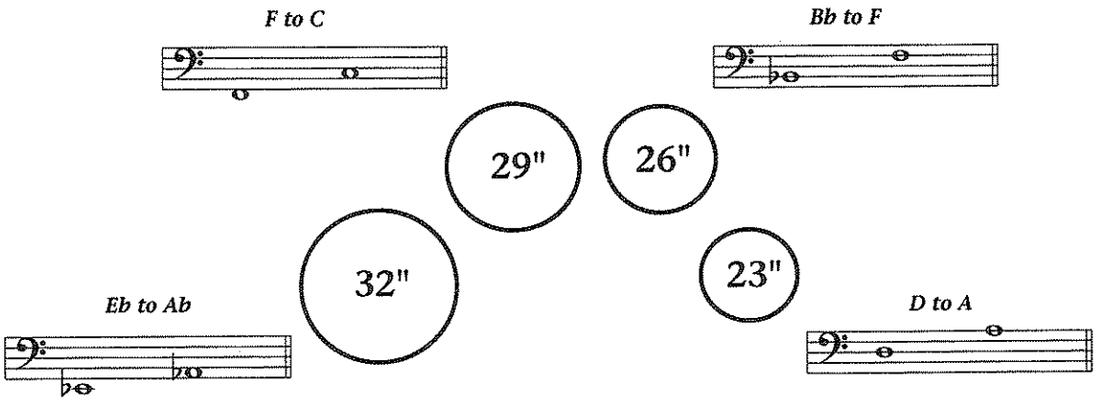
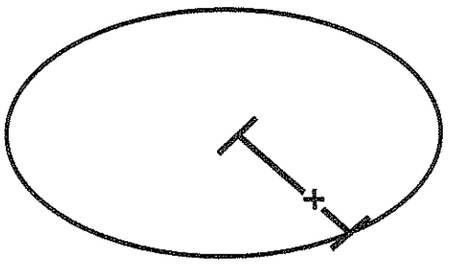


Timpani Basics

Timpani Sizes & Ranges



Proper Beating Spot



The proper beating spot on the timpani is approximately one-third the distance between the rim and the center of the head -- this is about 4 inches from the rim. Because the bowl acts as a resonating chamber, striking the head towards the center will produce increasingly less resonate attacks -- striking the head in the center will produce no vibration.

The Stroke Style

The Prep Stroke

- Start with the stick about 3 inches above the head with the "French" hand position. Keep the fingers relaxed -- for a darker, heavier tone, add more finger contact by squeezing the stick slightly. Raise the forearm slightly while leaving the mallet head in the same position -- this will cause the wrist to bend.

The Stroke

- Allow the weight of the forearm to carry the stick to the timpani head. The wrist, which needs to be totally relaxed, should react to the movement of the arm.

The Follow Through

- At the exact moment of impact, snap the wrist slightly. Allow the hand to come up to shoulder level then gently lower the stick back to playing position. This is the most important element of the stroke because it "draws" the sound out of the instrument.

Damping

Damping is the term used for stopping the sound of the drums at rests and other kinds of releases. One of two methods are used, depending on the dynamic level being played.

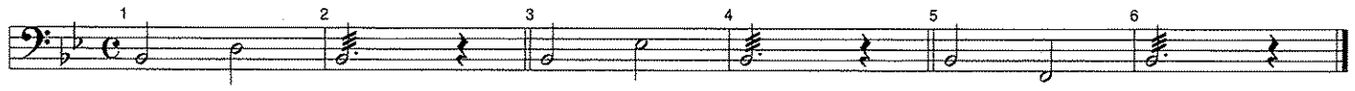
1) At pianissimo to mezzo-forte range, placing the finger-tips on the head at the same place where it was struck will be sufficient to stop the sound.

2) For dynamic levels of forte or greater, the fingertips may not be enough to stop the sound quickly. Add the heel of the hand to the head to completely stop the sound.

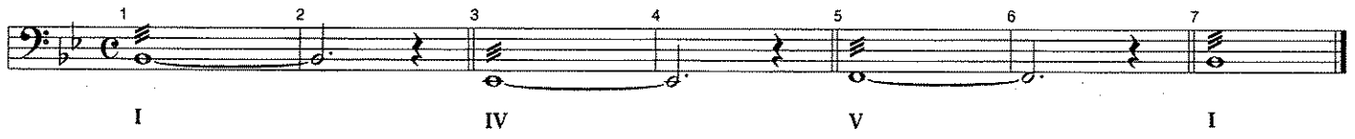
Chorales & Tuning Exercises in B♭

Interval Tuning

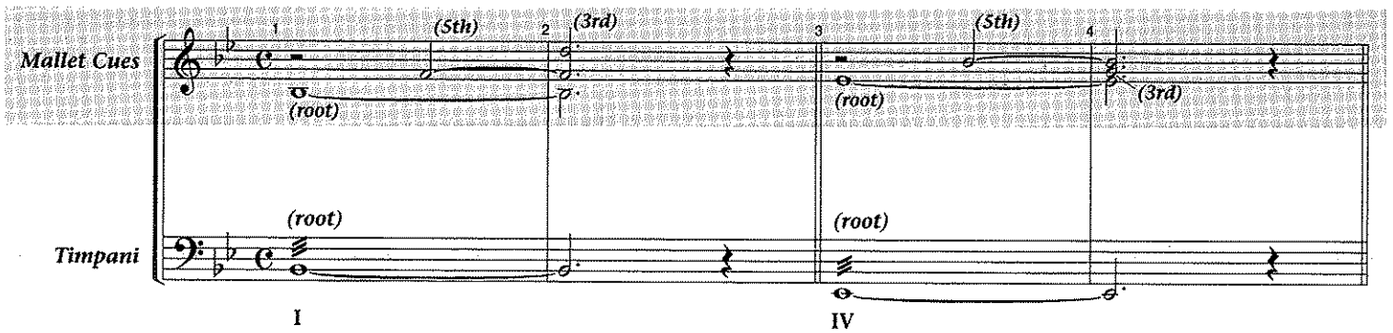
1 Intervals from tonic - major 3rd, perfect 4th, perfect 5th (tune F, B♭, D, & E♭)

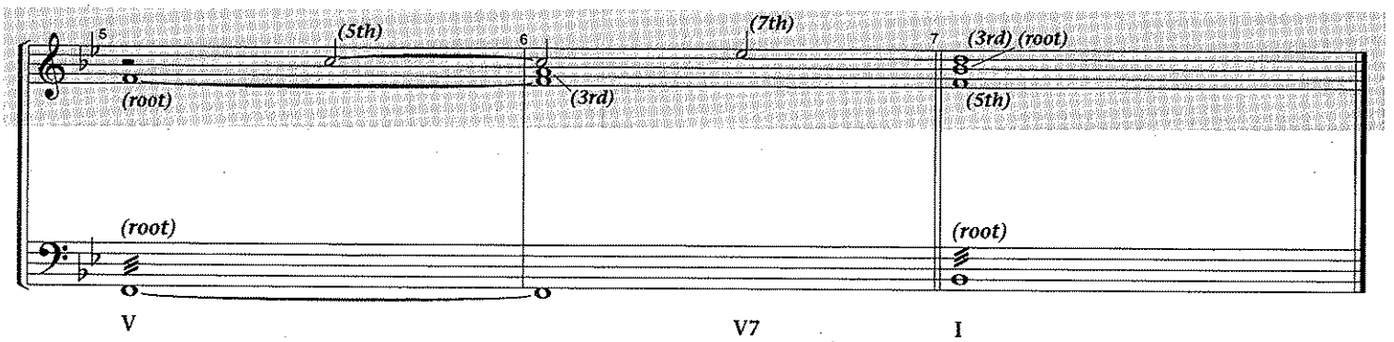


2 & 3 Intervals over the I-IV-V-I chord progression (tune E♭, F, & B♭)



Chord Tuning *(tune E♭, F, & B♭)*





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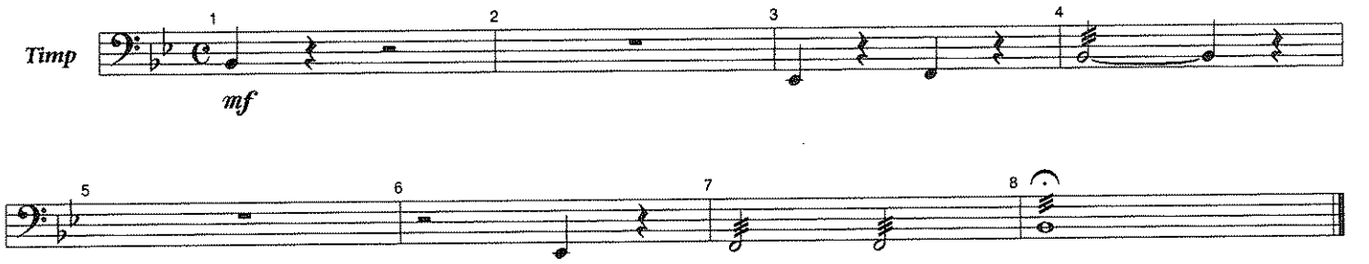

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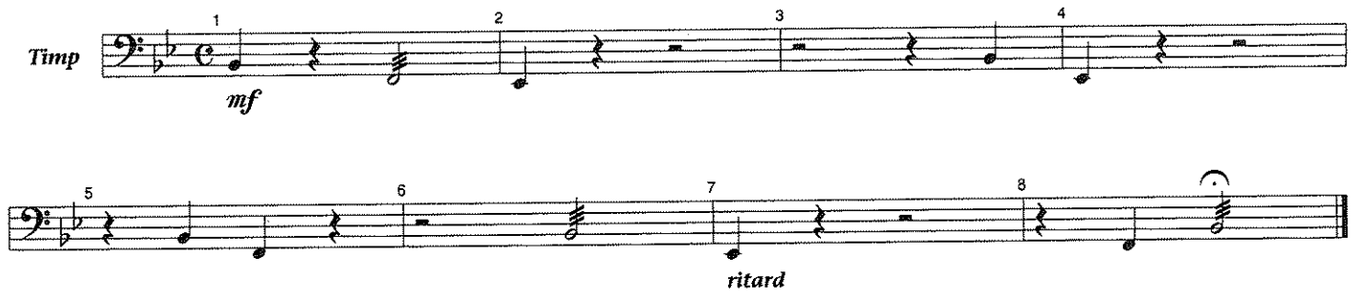

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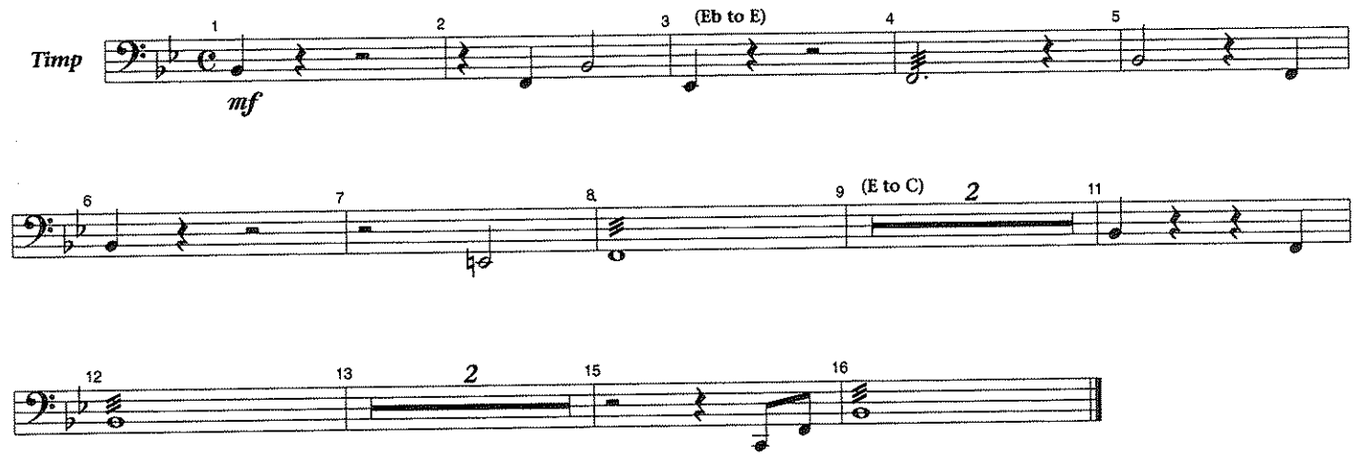
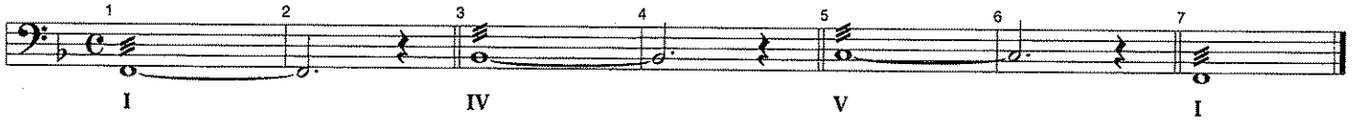


Chorales & Tuning Exercises in F

Interval Tuning

1 Intervals from tonic - major 3rd, perfect 4th, perfect 5th (tune F, A, B♭, & C)

2 & 3 Intervals over the I-IV-V-I chord progression (tune F, B♭, & C)



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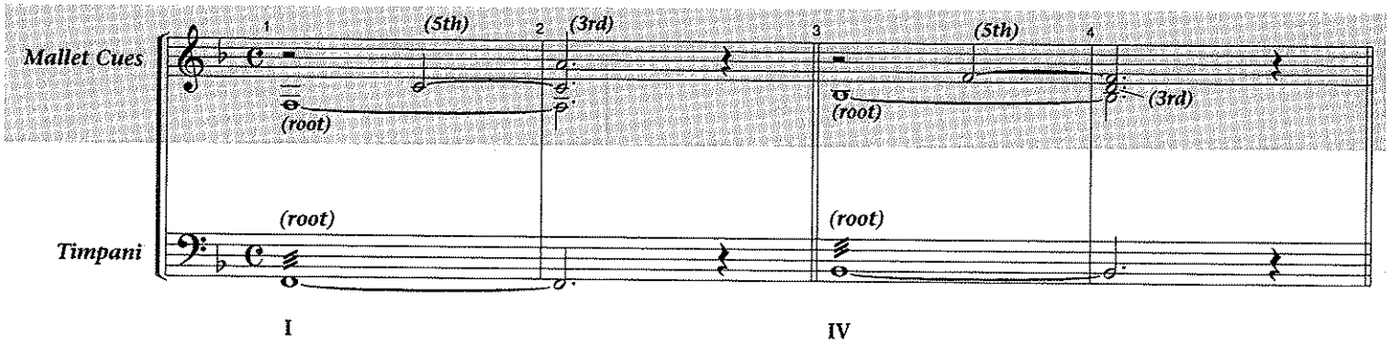

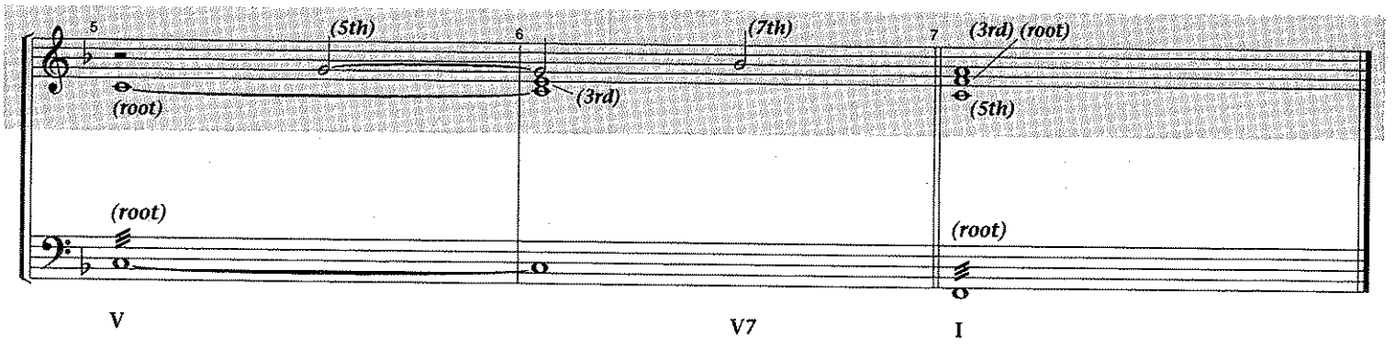

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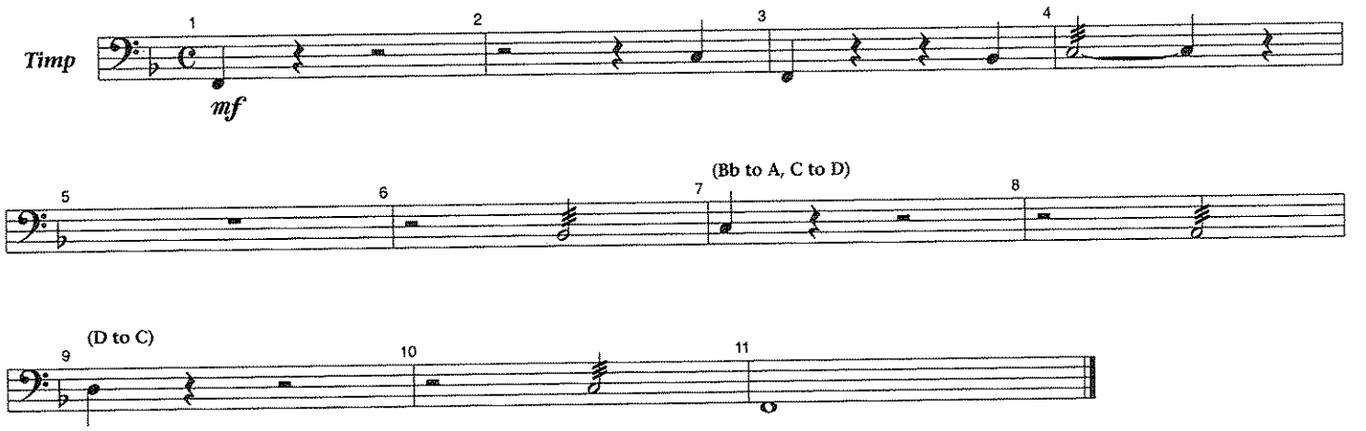

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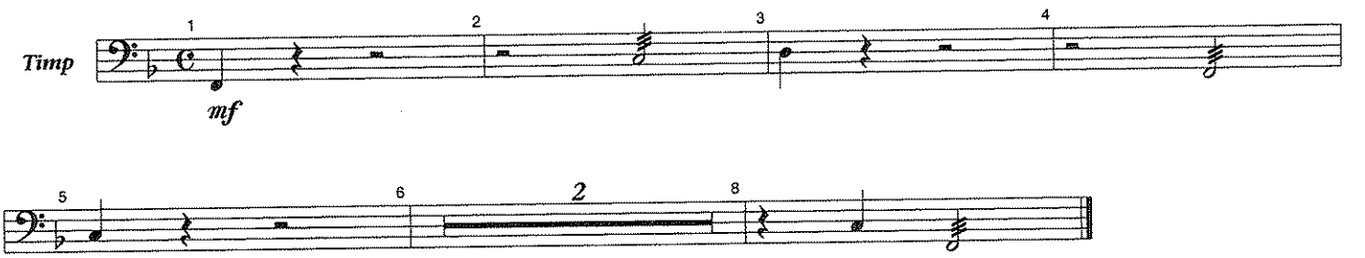

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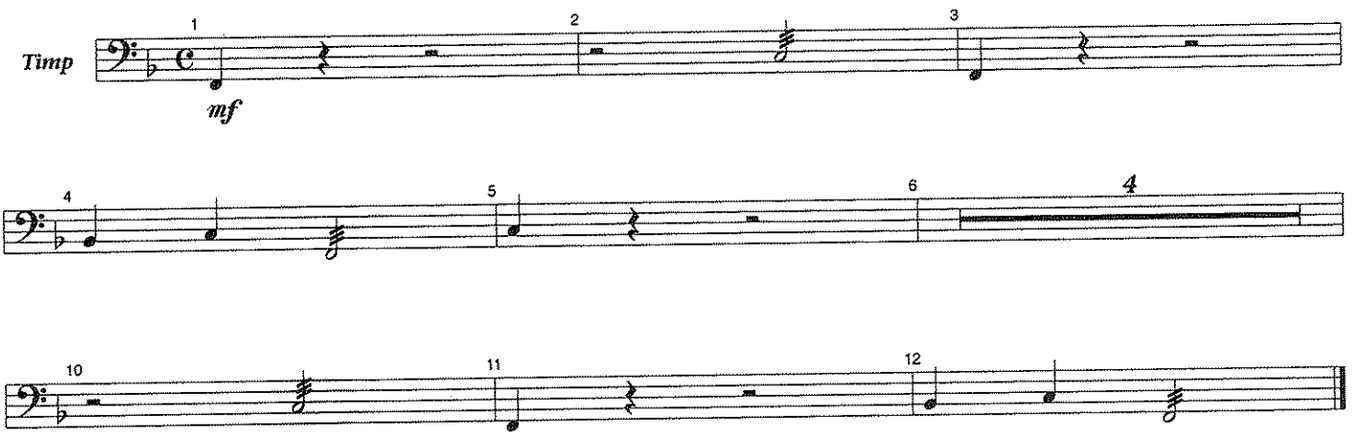

Chorales & Tuning Exercises in E♭

Interval Tuning

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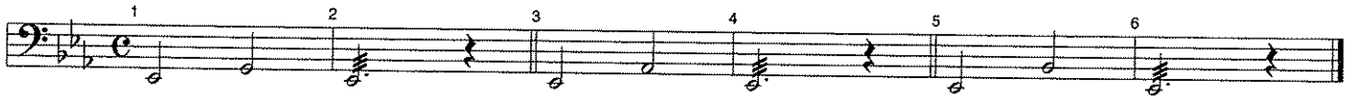

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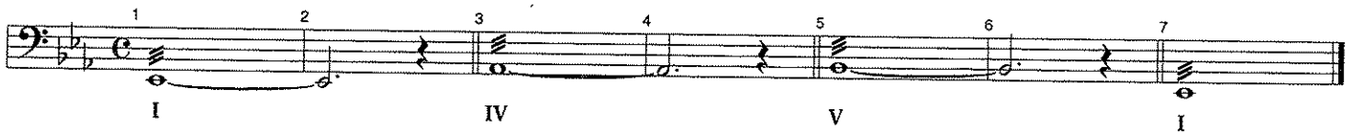

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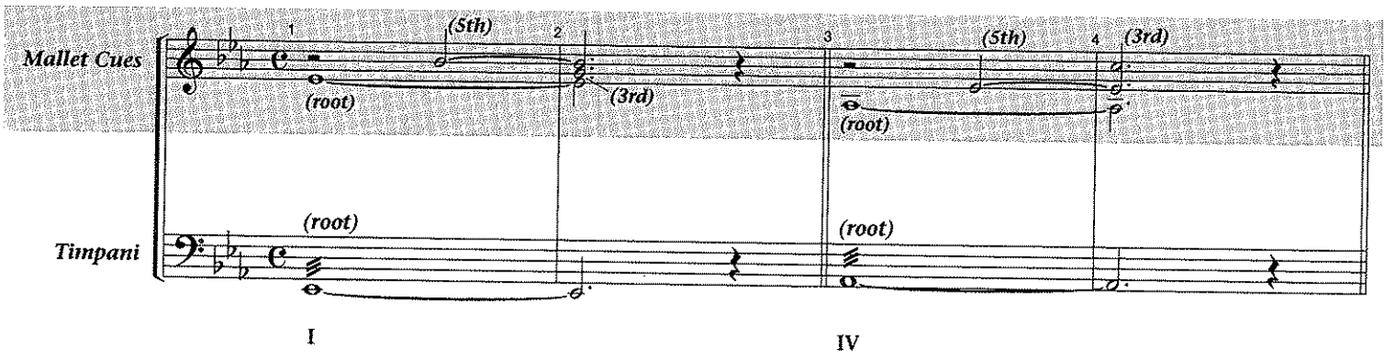
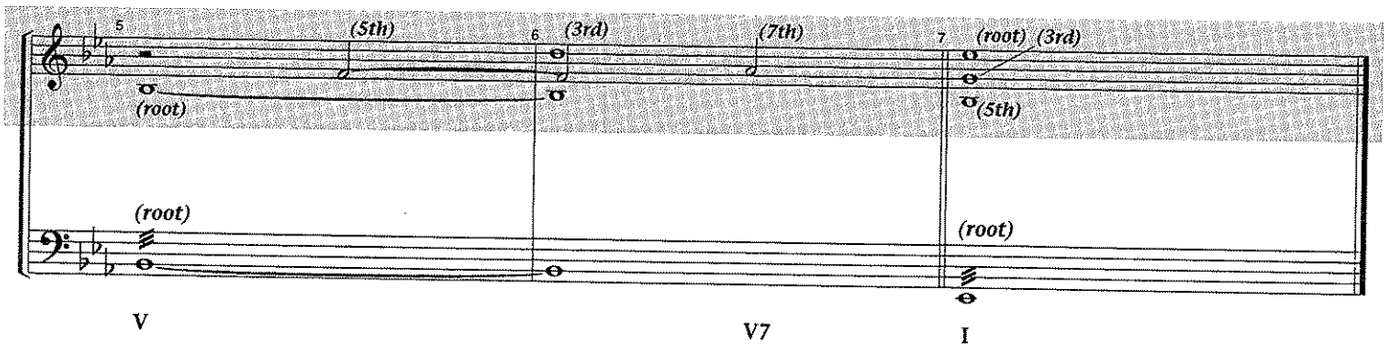
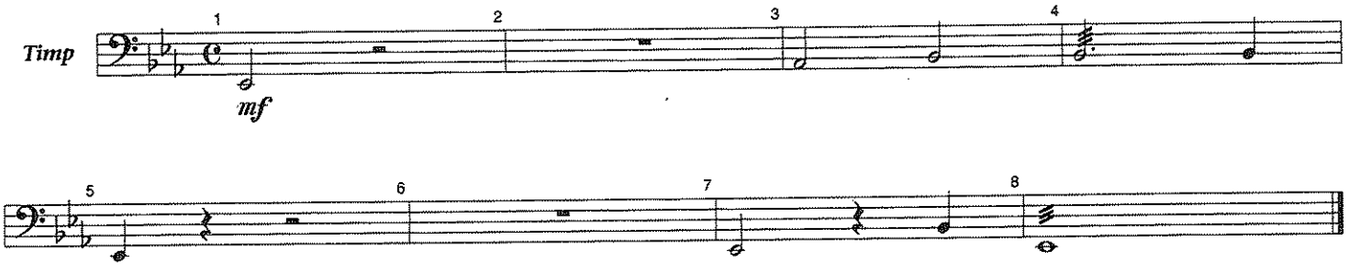




Chorale 5 - full band (tune Eb, Ab, & Bb)



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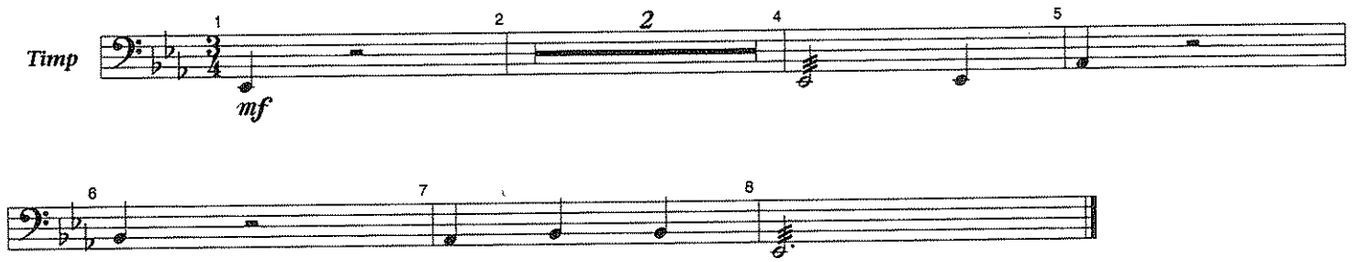

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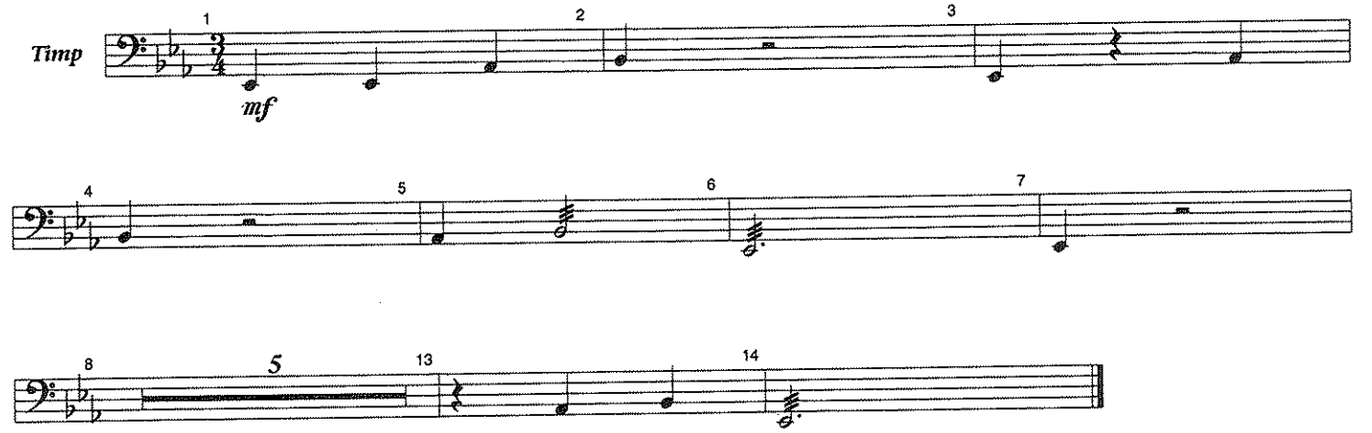

Chorales & Tuning Exercises in C

Interval Tuning

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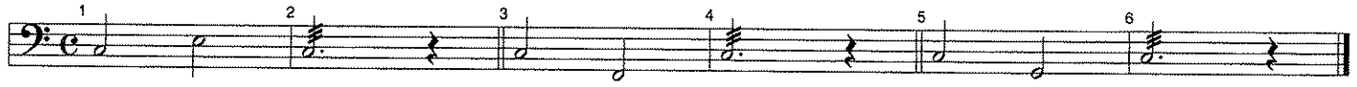

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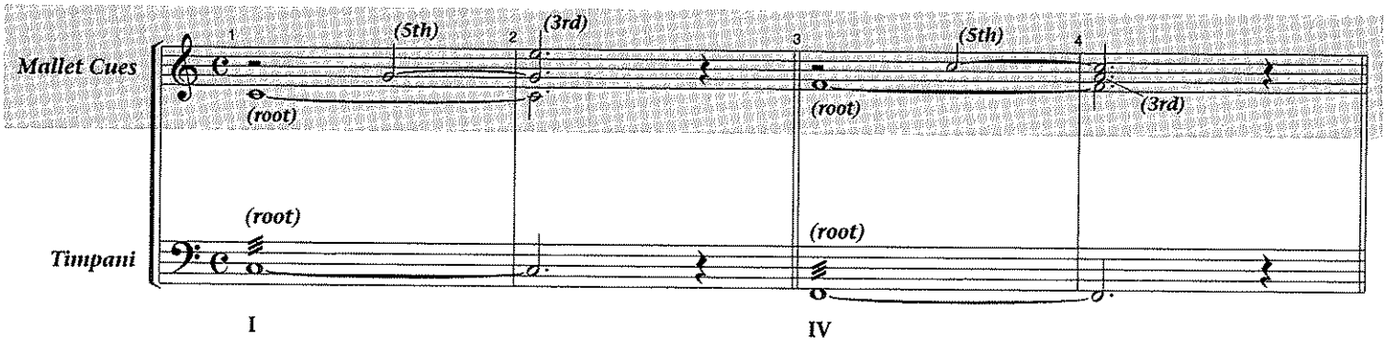
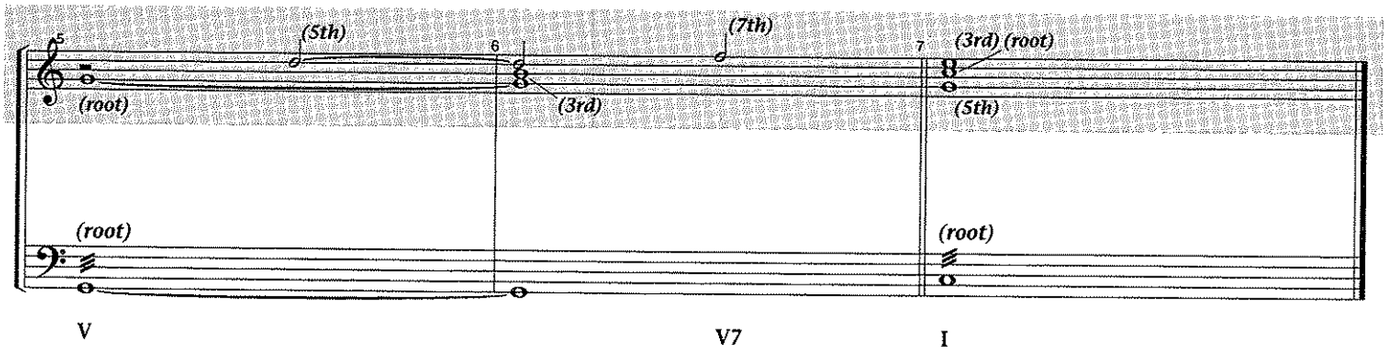
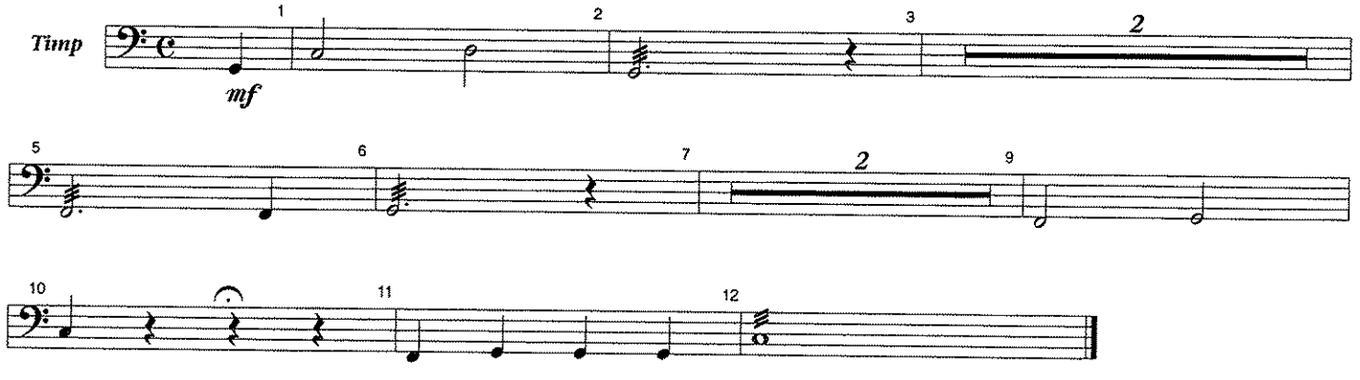




Air - full band (tune F, G, C, & D)



Chorales & Tuning Exercises in c minor

Interval Tuning

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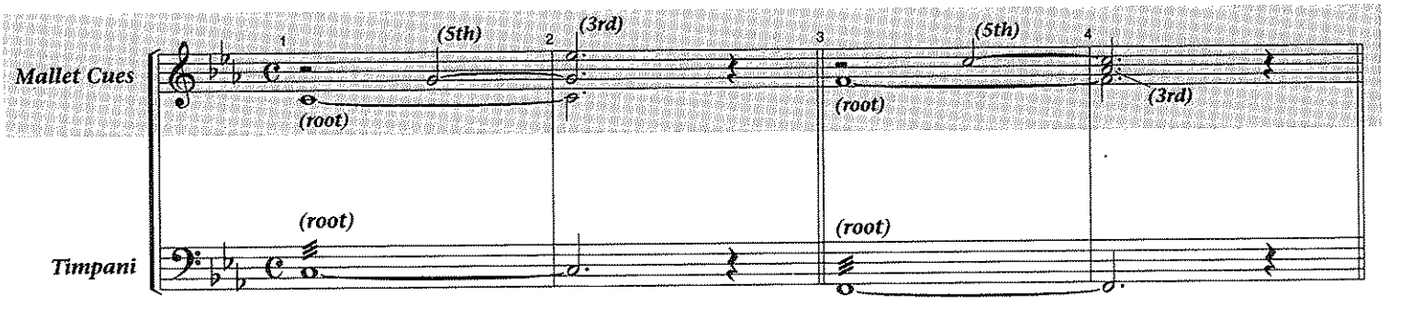
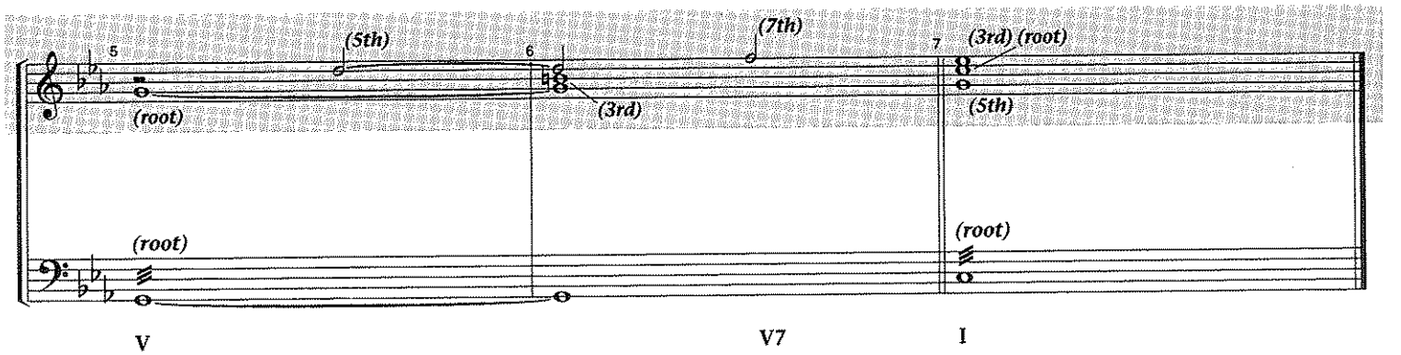
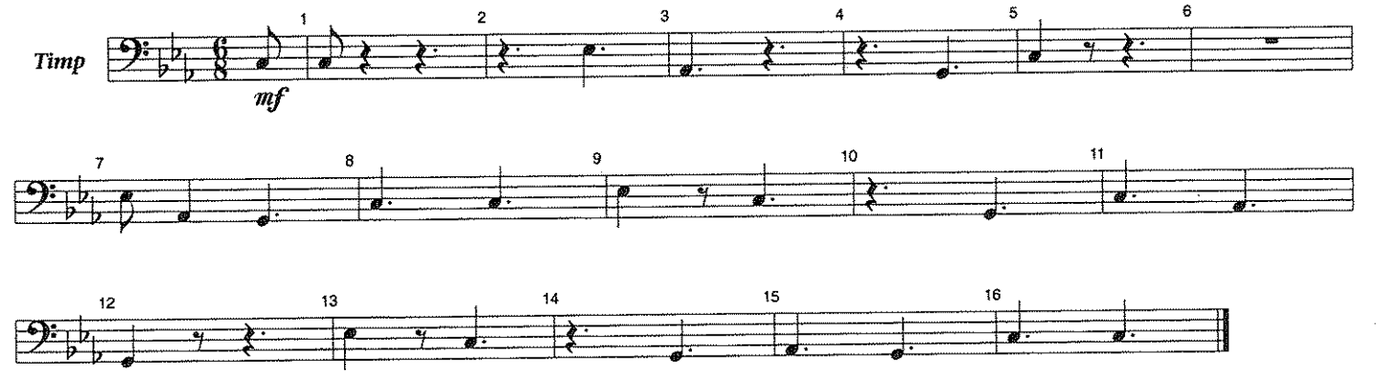
Chord Tuning (tune F, G, & C)





Greensleeves- full band (tune G, A♭, C, & E♭)



Chorales & Tuning Exercises in G

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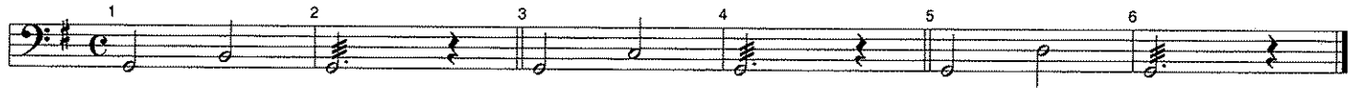

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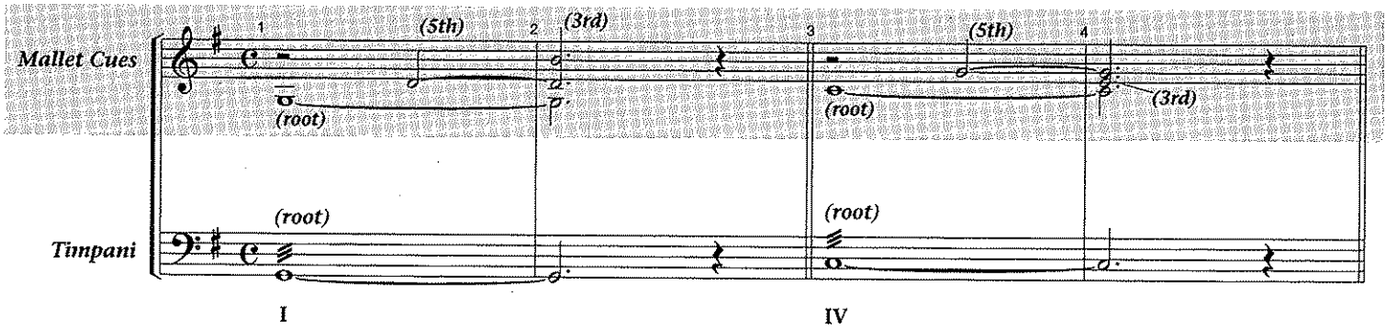

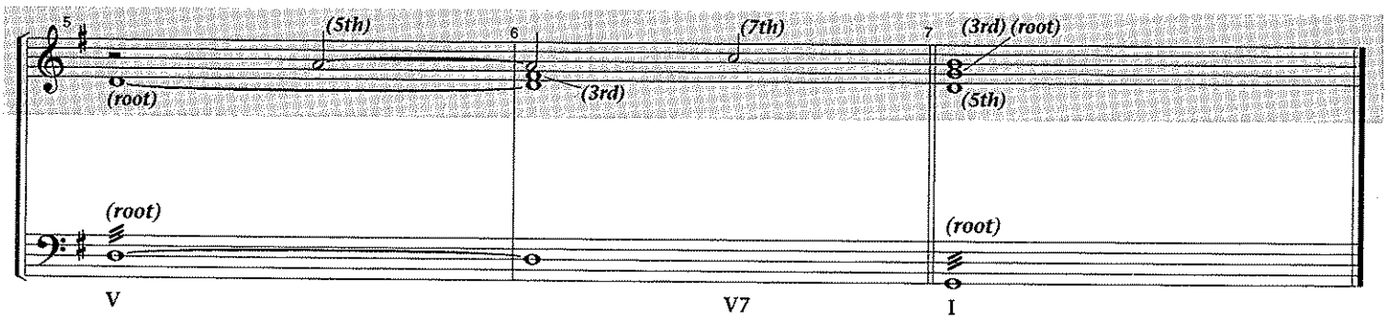

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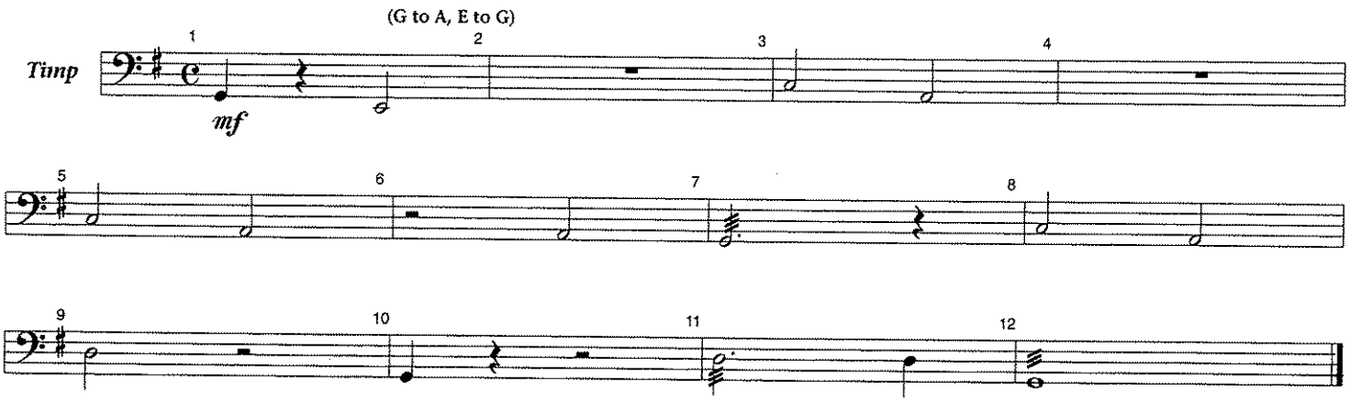

Chorales & Tuning Exercises in g minor

Interval Tuning

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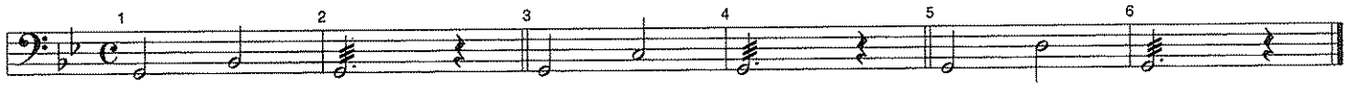

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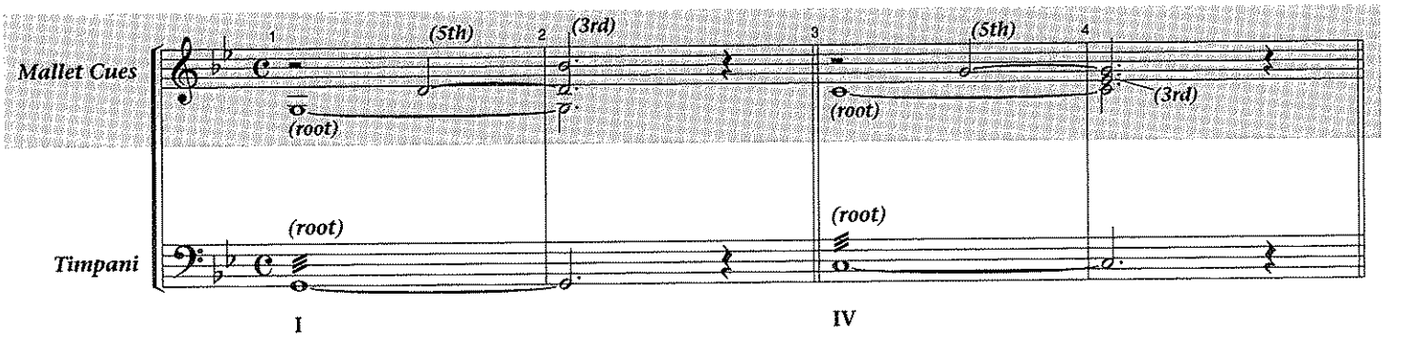
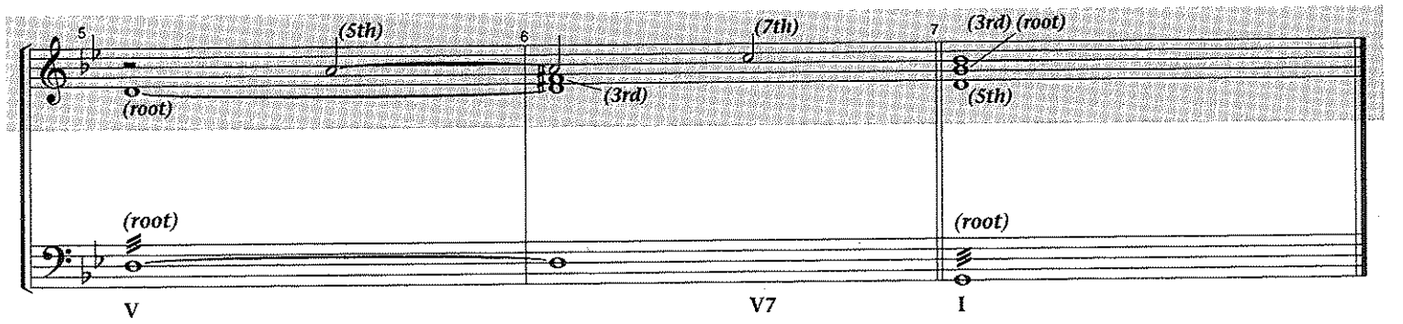
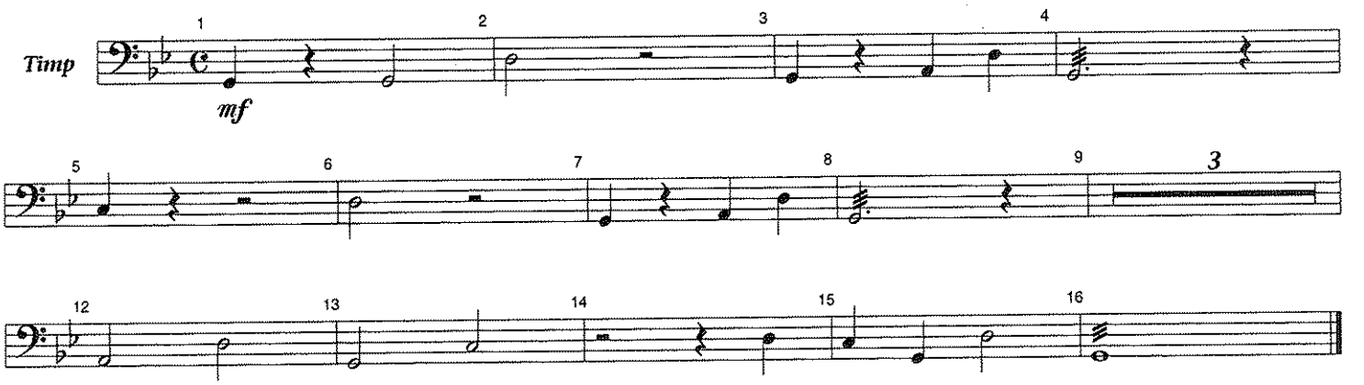




The Queene's Alman - full band (tune G, A, C, & D)



Chorales & Tuning Exercises in A♭

Interval Tuning

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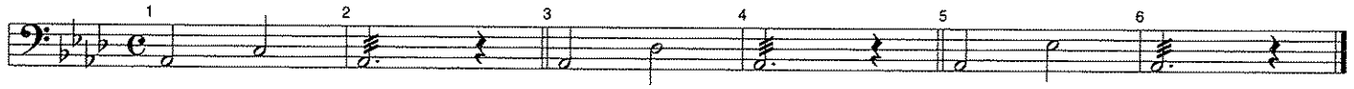
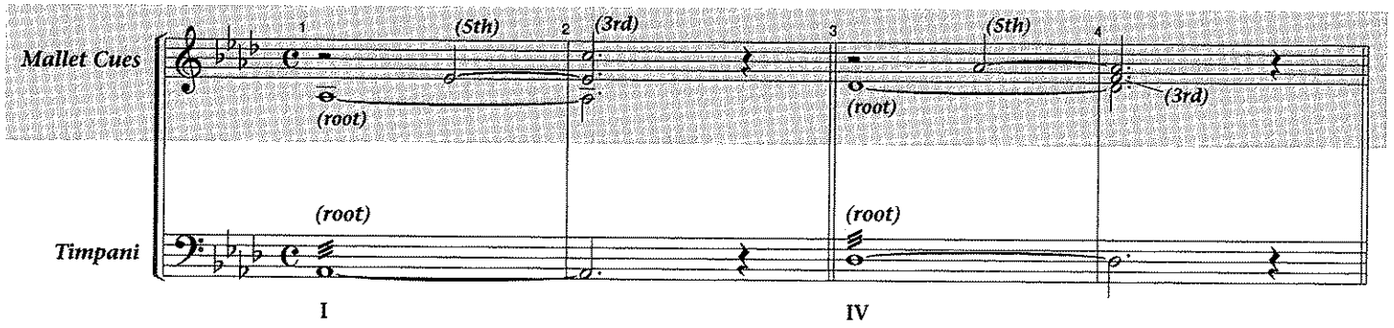
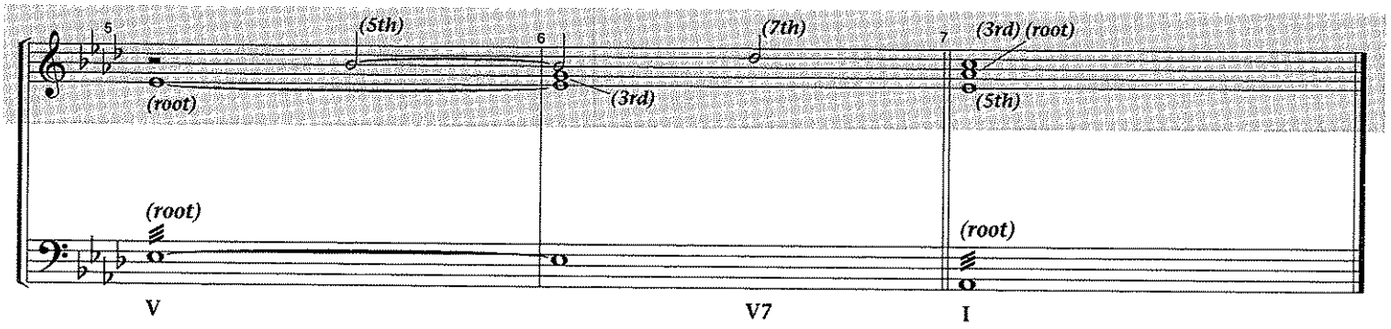
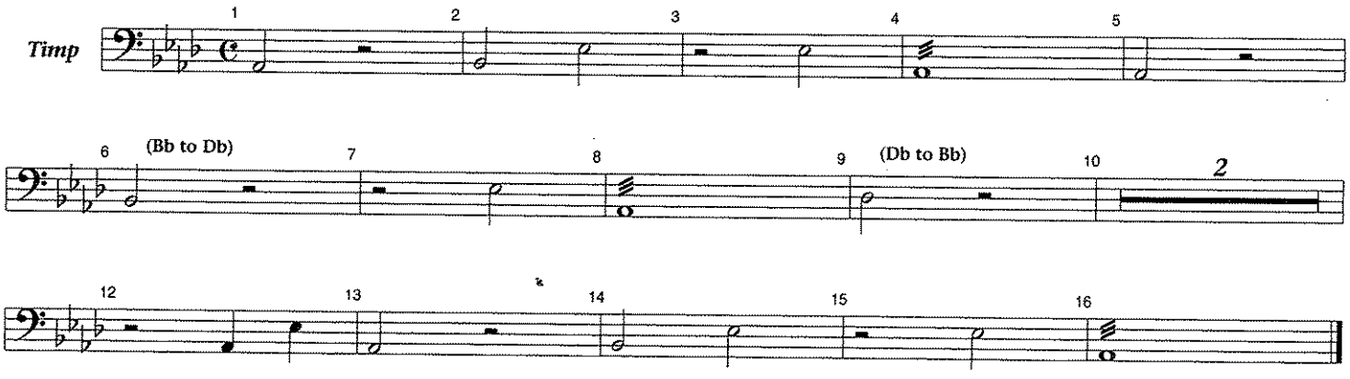


Chord Tuning *(tune A♭, D♭, & E♭)*





All Through the Night - full band *(tune A♭, B♭, D♭, & E♭)*



Snare Appendix

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- *Chromatic Scales*
- *Major Arpeggios and Inversions*
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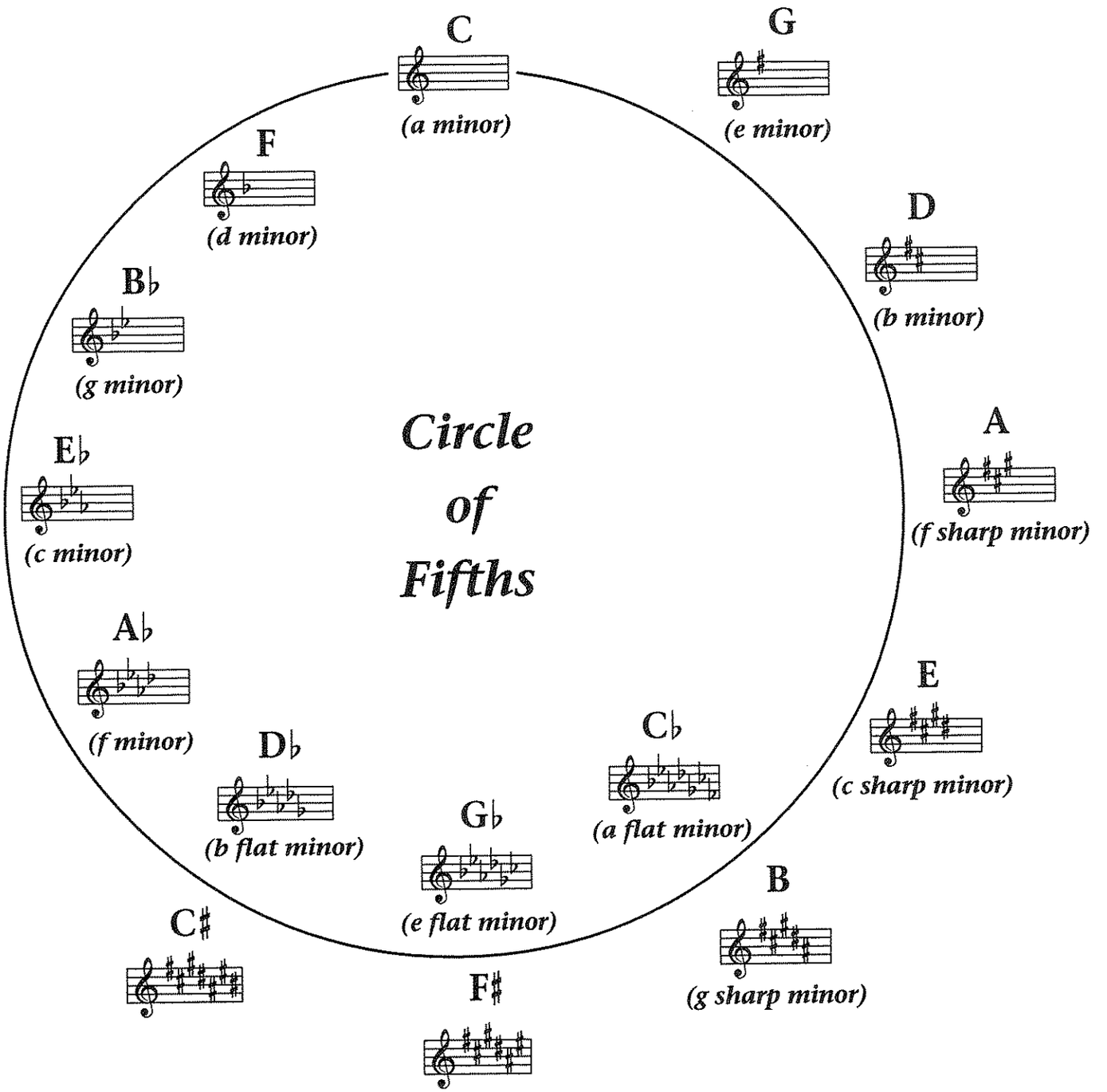

One Octave Scales & Arpeggios

Snare Drum Accompaniment Patterns

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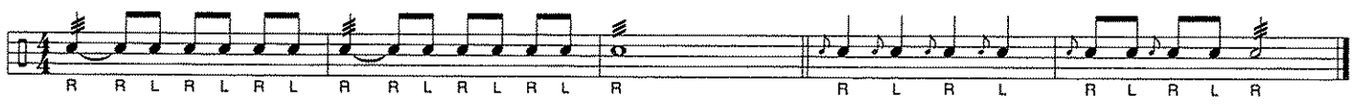

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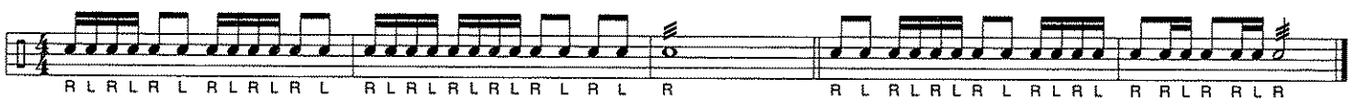

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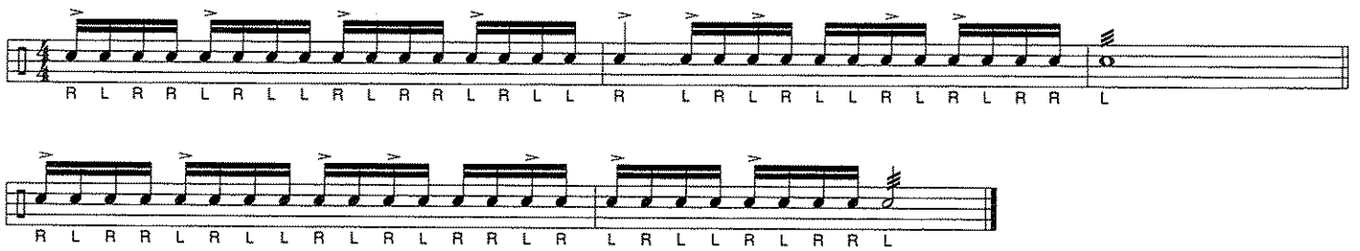

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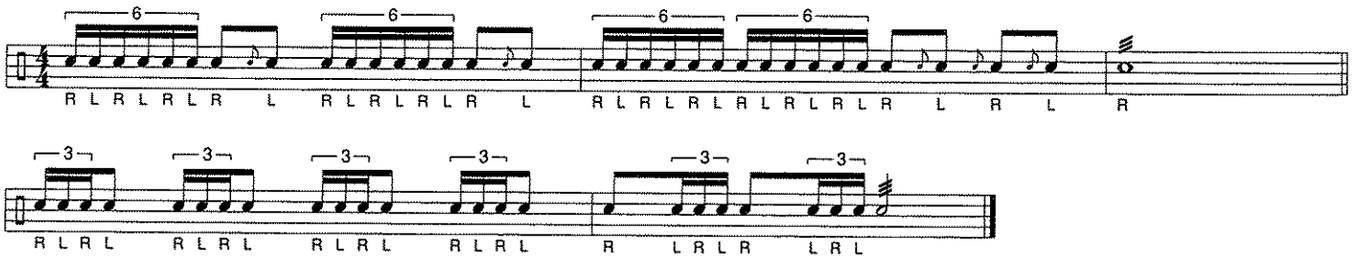

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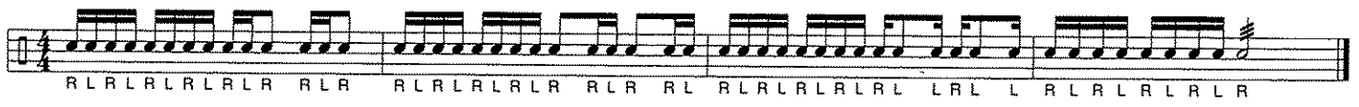

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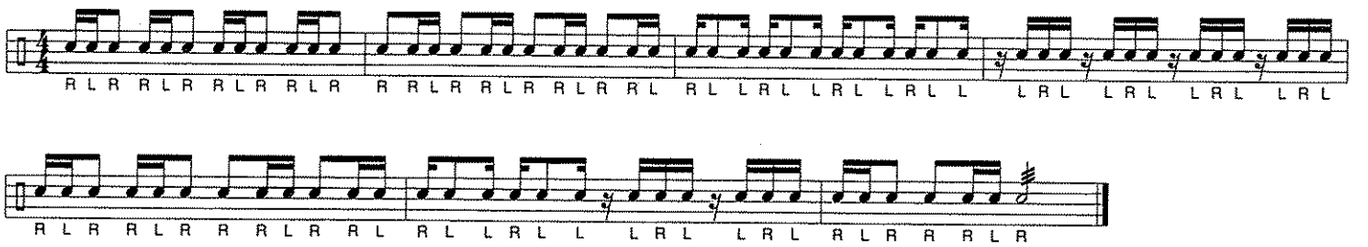

Full Range Scales

Two & Three Octave Snare Drum Accompaniment Patterns

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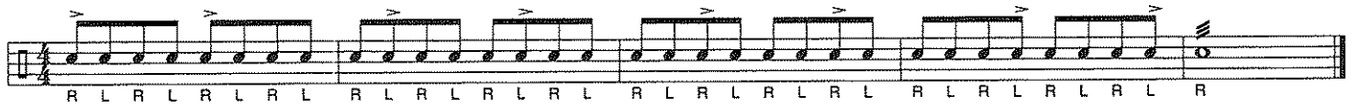
Pattern 2 (two octaves)



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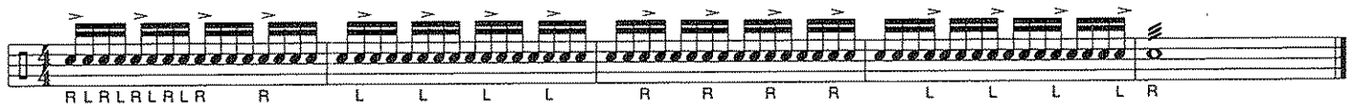

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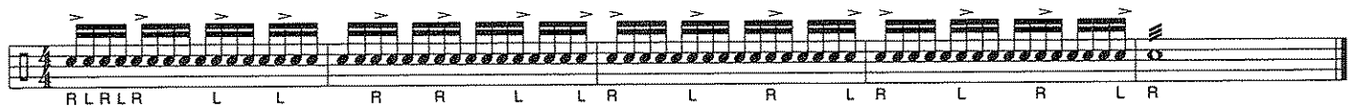

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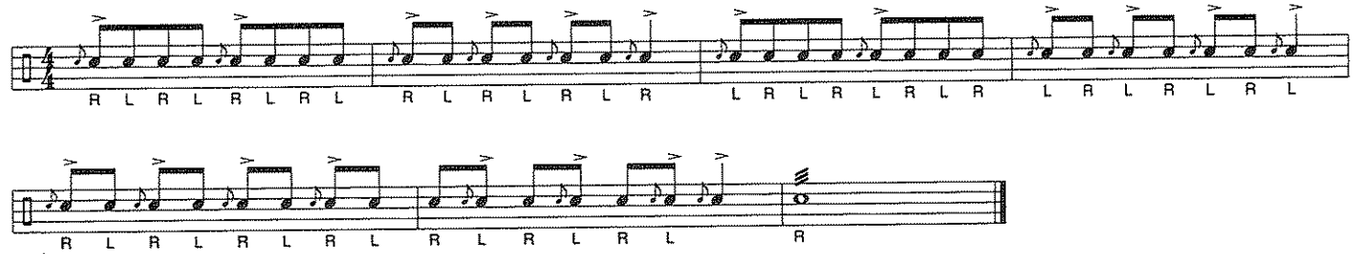

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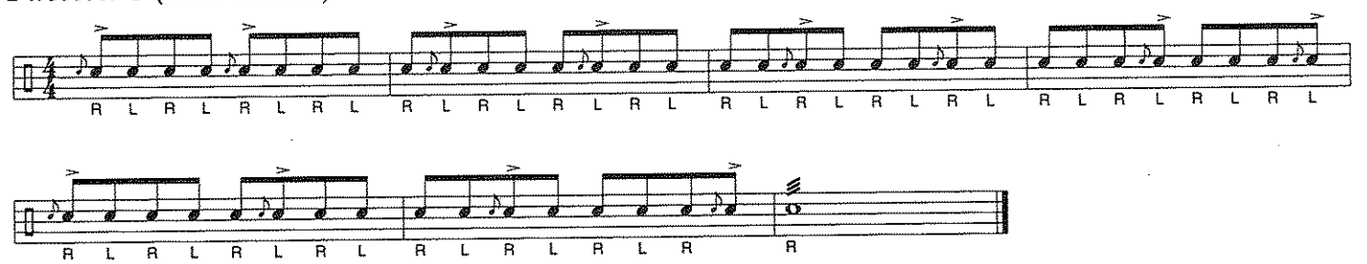

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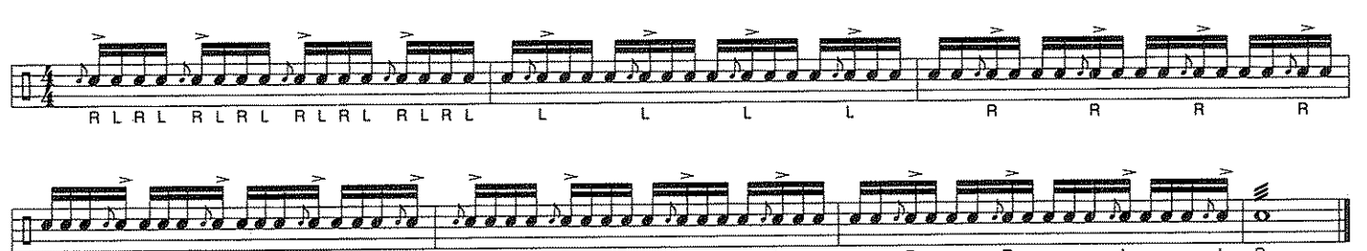

Chromatic Scales

Snare Drum Accompaniment Patterns

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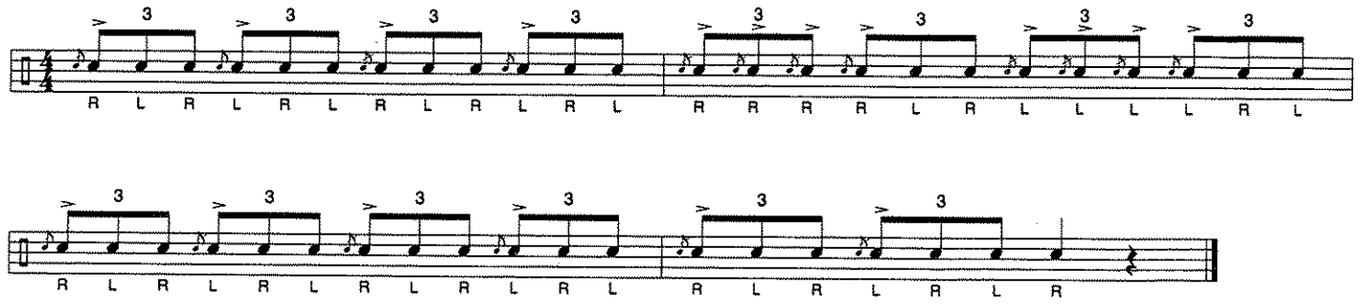

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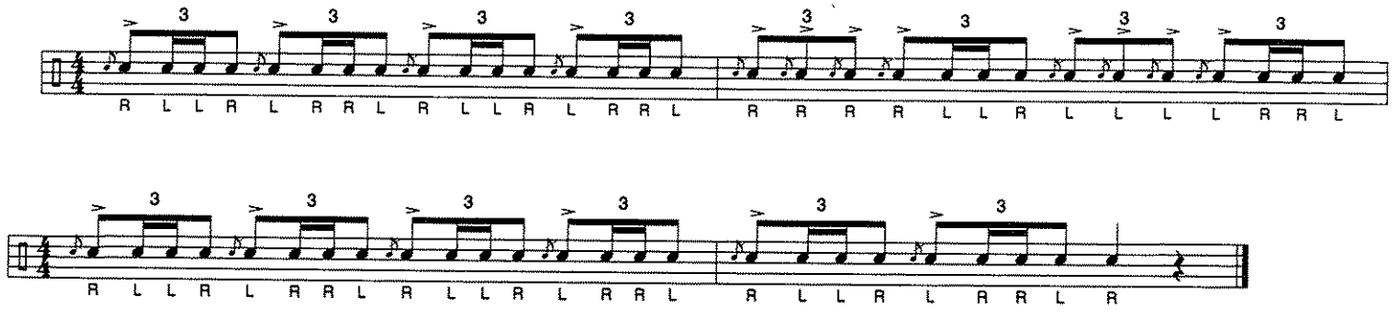

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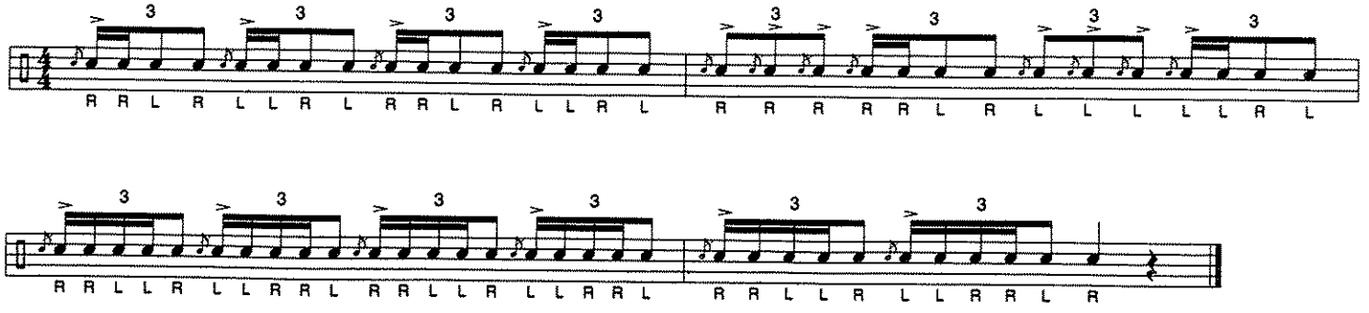

Major Arpeggios & Inversions

Snare Drum Accompaniment Patterns

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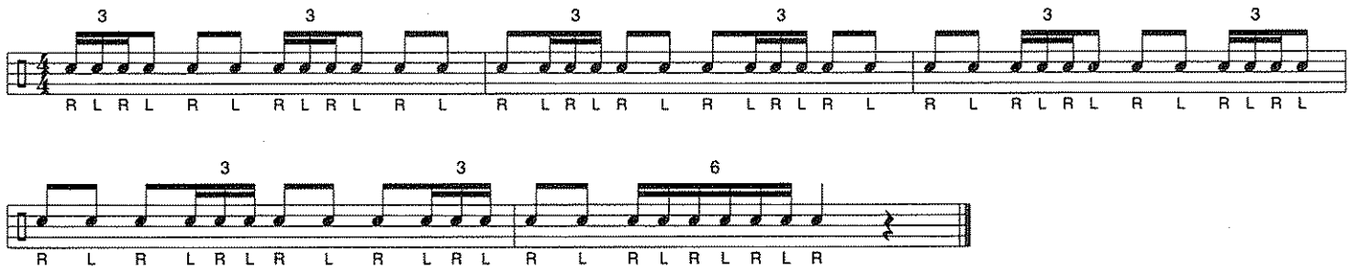

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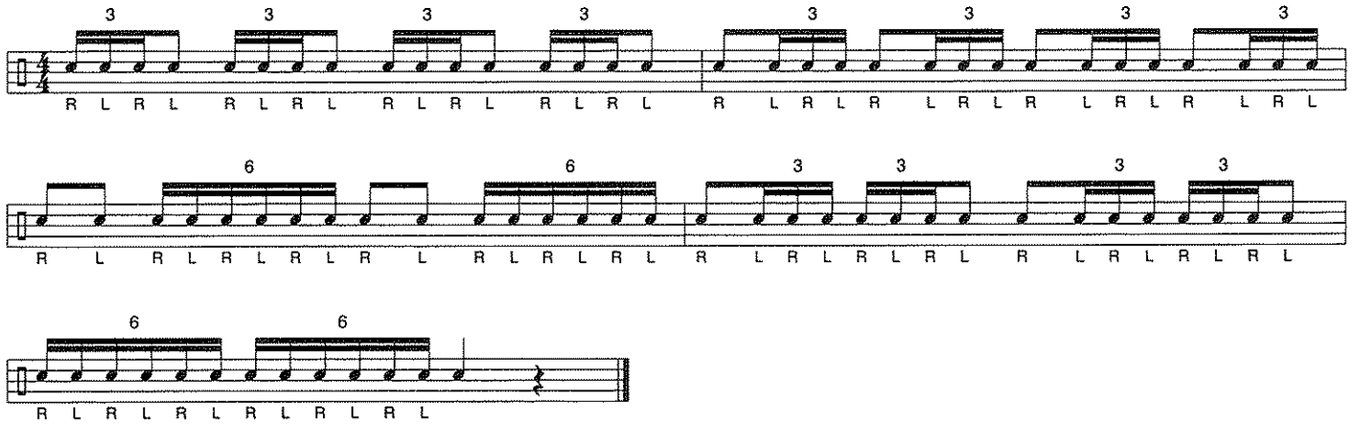

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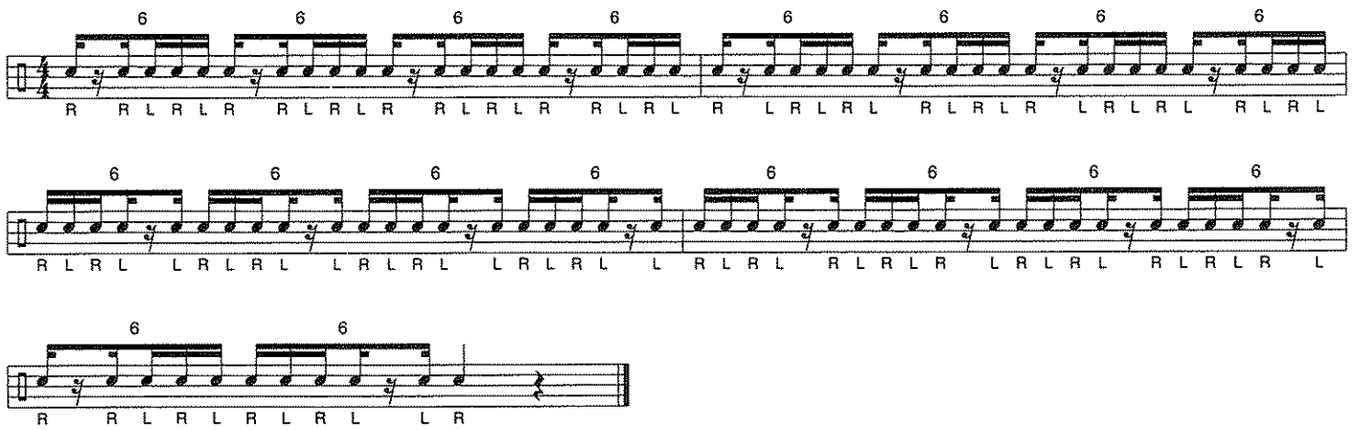

Snare Drum Rudiments

Open - Close - Open

The Roll Family

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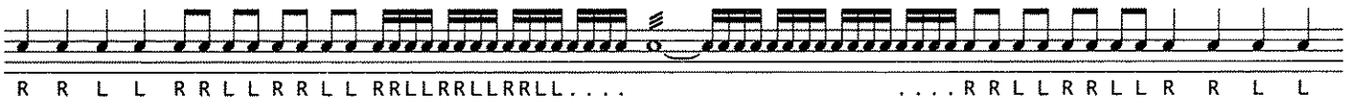
Long Roll



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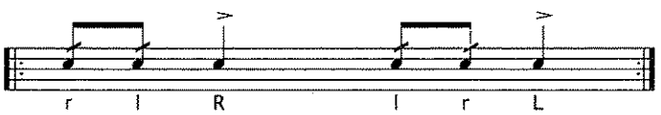

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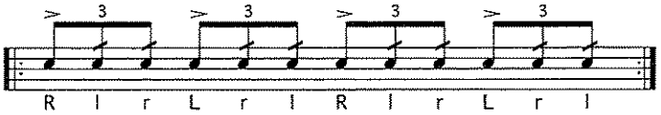

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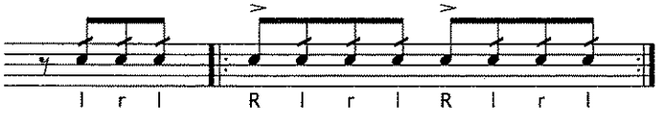

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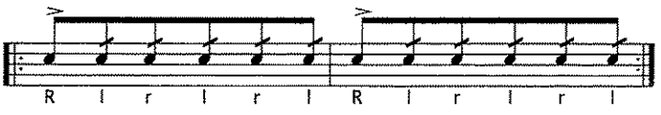
11 Stroke Roll



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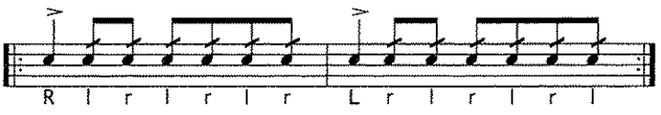

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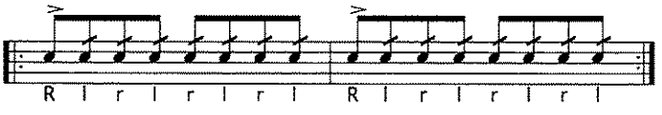

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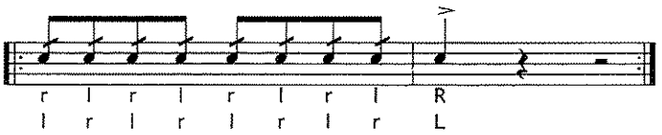
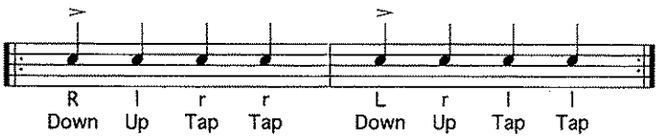


The Paradiddle Family

Paradiddle



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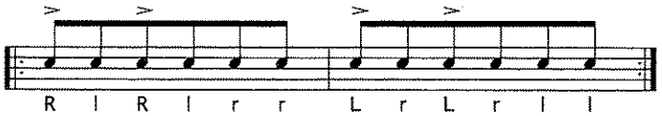
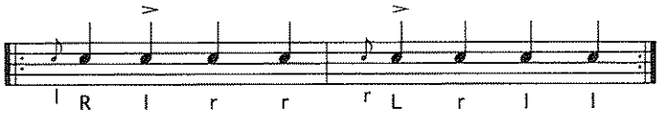


The Flam Family

Alternating Flam

Flam Tap

Flamadiddle



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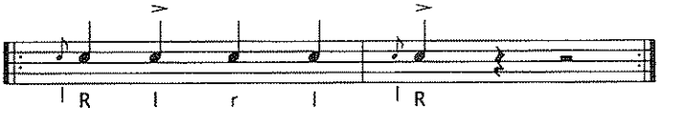
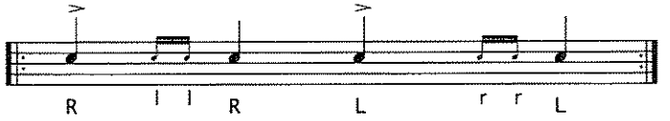


Flam Accent

The Ruff Family

Alternating Ruff

Single Drag



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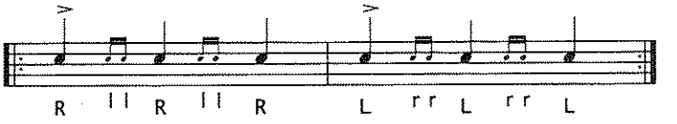

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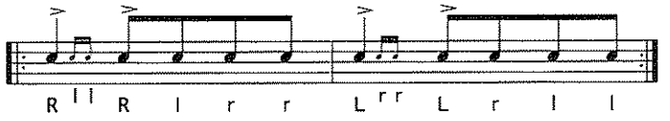

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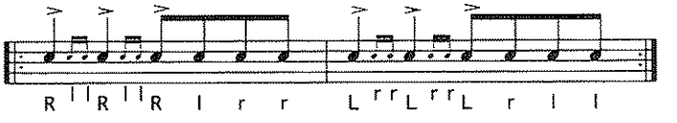

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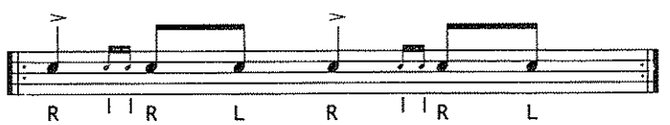

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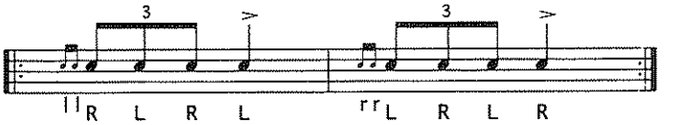

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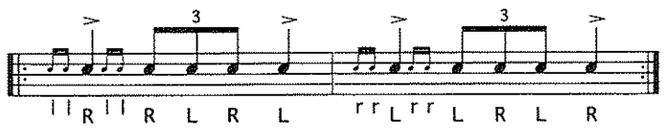

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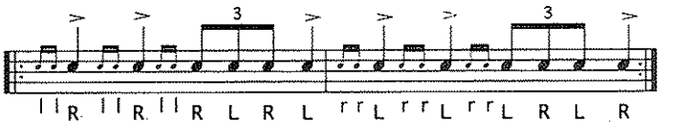

Standard Four Mallet Keyboard Percussion Grips

The Burton Four Mallet Grip ***(created by and named after vibraphonist, Gary Burton)***

1. Hold a single mallet between your thumb and index finger with all other fingers wrapped around it. The shaft should rest between the first and second joint of the index finger.

    - Slide a second mallet between your index and middle fingers on top of the shaft of the first mallet. The "outside" shaft should rest between the second joint and base of the middle finger. Allow the index finger to be loose and to extend between the mallet shafts.
    - Hold the mallets with your palm facing the floor.
    - Rotate your hand slightly to the right so that the mallet heads are parallel to the keyboard.
    - Do the same steps with the other hand to hold all four mallets.

2. The second or "outside" mallet will cross the "inside" mallet in the palm of the hand.

    - At the point where the mallets cross, grasp both mallet shafts with your fourth (ring) finger and little (pinkie) finger.

3. Movement of the mallet heads toward or away from each other to play different intervals of notes is created by the thumb and index finger moving the "inside" mallet in either direction.

    - The fourth finger tip anchors the shaft of the "outside" mallet against the palm for control during interval changing.

4. Use quick "down-up" strokes to strike the bars as if you are waving "good-bye." Strive to remain relaxed at all times.

The Stevens Four Mallet Grip **(created by and named after marimbist, Leigh Howard Stevens)**

1. Make a fist with one hand, palm down, creating a straight line between the elbow and base of the pinkie.

    - Rotate your hand so that the thumb faces the ceiling and the pinkie faces the floor.

2. Place the end of the "outside" mallet shaft between the middle and fourth fingers.

    - Push the shaft down into the fourth (ring) and little fingers leaving approximately 1/8" of the shaft below the little finger - wrap the fourth finger and pinkie around the shaft.
    - The mallet head should be held firmly and upright with these two fingers.

3. Slightly extend the middle finger out in a curve.

    - Take the second mallet (inside) and place the end of mallet between the base of the middle and fourth finger on the inside of the hand. *The middle finger base is the point where the finger connects to the hand.*
    - Balance the "inside" mallet on the first joint of the middle finger.
    - The index finger and thumb should not be touching the mallet shafts at this point.
    - There should be approximately one foot of space between the mallet heads.
    - The mallet heads should be parallel to the keyboard.

4. Allow the tips of the thumb and the index finger to touch the shaft of the "inside" mallet.

    - The top of the thumb should be facing the ceiling much like the "French" grip for timpani.
    - The mallet shafts do not cross in the palm of the hand.
    - Do the same steps with the other hand to hold all four mallets.

5. Movement of the mallet heads toward or away from each other to play different intervals of notes is best described in the four mallet marimba text, ***Method of Movement***, by Leigh Howard Stevens.

6. Use "down-up" strokes to strike the bars. This is also described in ***Method of Movement.***

Both grips are applicable to all keyboard percussion instruments.