

THE DOMINANT SEVENTH CHORD





THE MOMENT OF DEFINITION

TRAITÉ DE L'HARMONIE

Reduite à ses Principes naturels;

DIVISÉ EN QUATRE LIVRES.

LIVRE I. Du rapport des Raisons & Proportions Harmoniques.

LIVRE II. De la nature & de la proprieté des Accords; Et de tout ce qui peut servir à rendre une Musique parfaite.

LIVRE III. Principes de Composition.

LIVRE IV. Principes d'Accompagnement.

Par Monsieur R A M E A U, Organiste de la Cathedrale de Clermont en Auvergne.



DE L'IMPRIMERIE

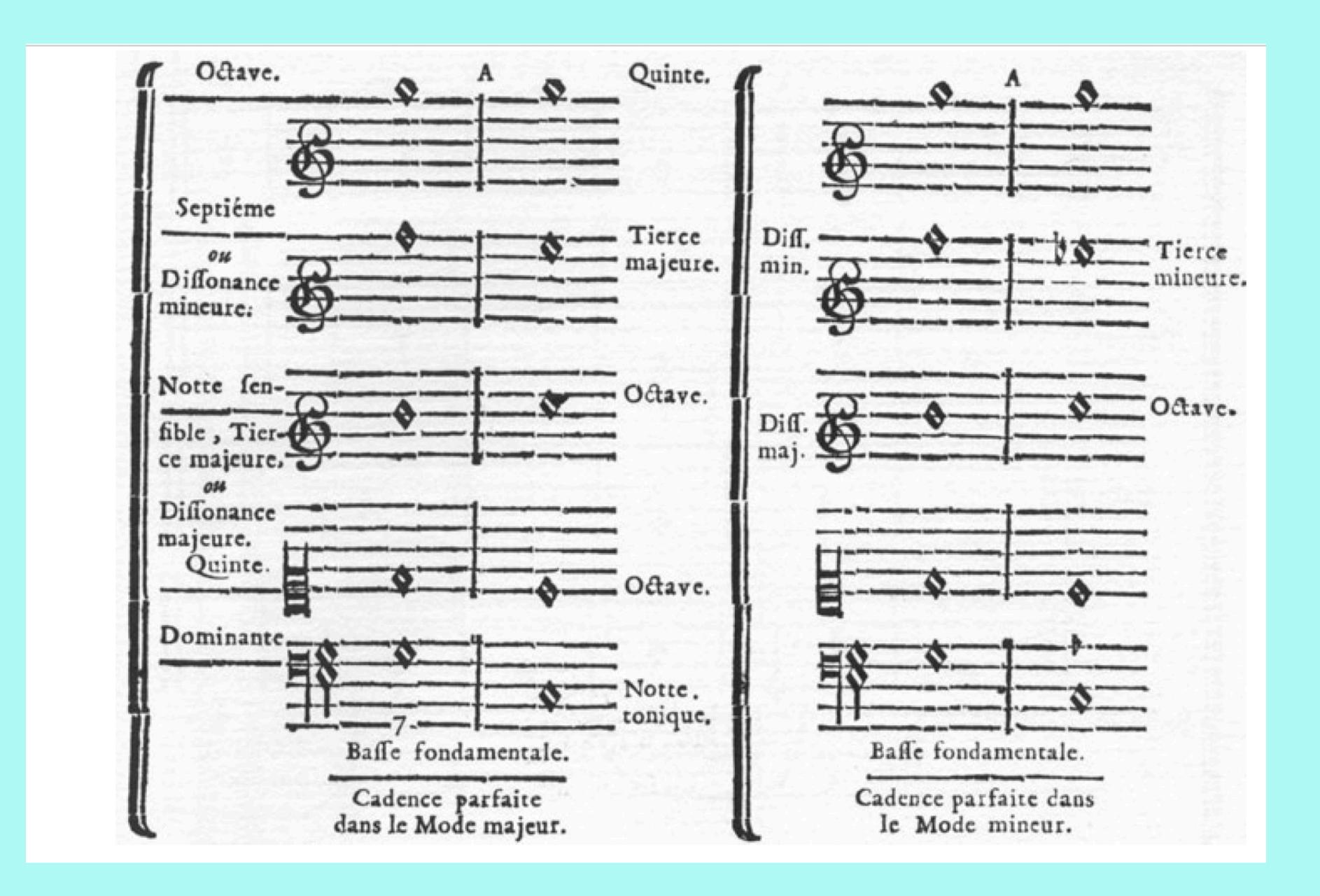
De Jean-Baptiste-Christophe Ballard, Seul
Imprimeur du Roy pour la Musique. A Paris, ruë Saint Jeande-Beauvais, au Mont-Parnasse.

M. DCC. XXII.

AVECPRIVILEGE DU ROT.

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RAMEAU'S HARMONY TREATISE (1722)





MOZART, SYMPHONY NO. 41 (1788)





ORIGINS



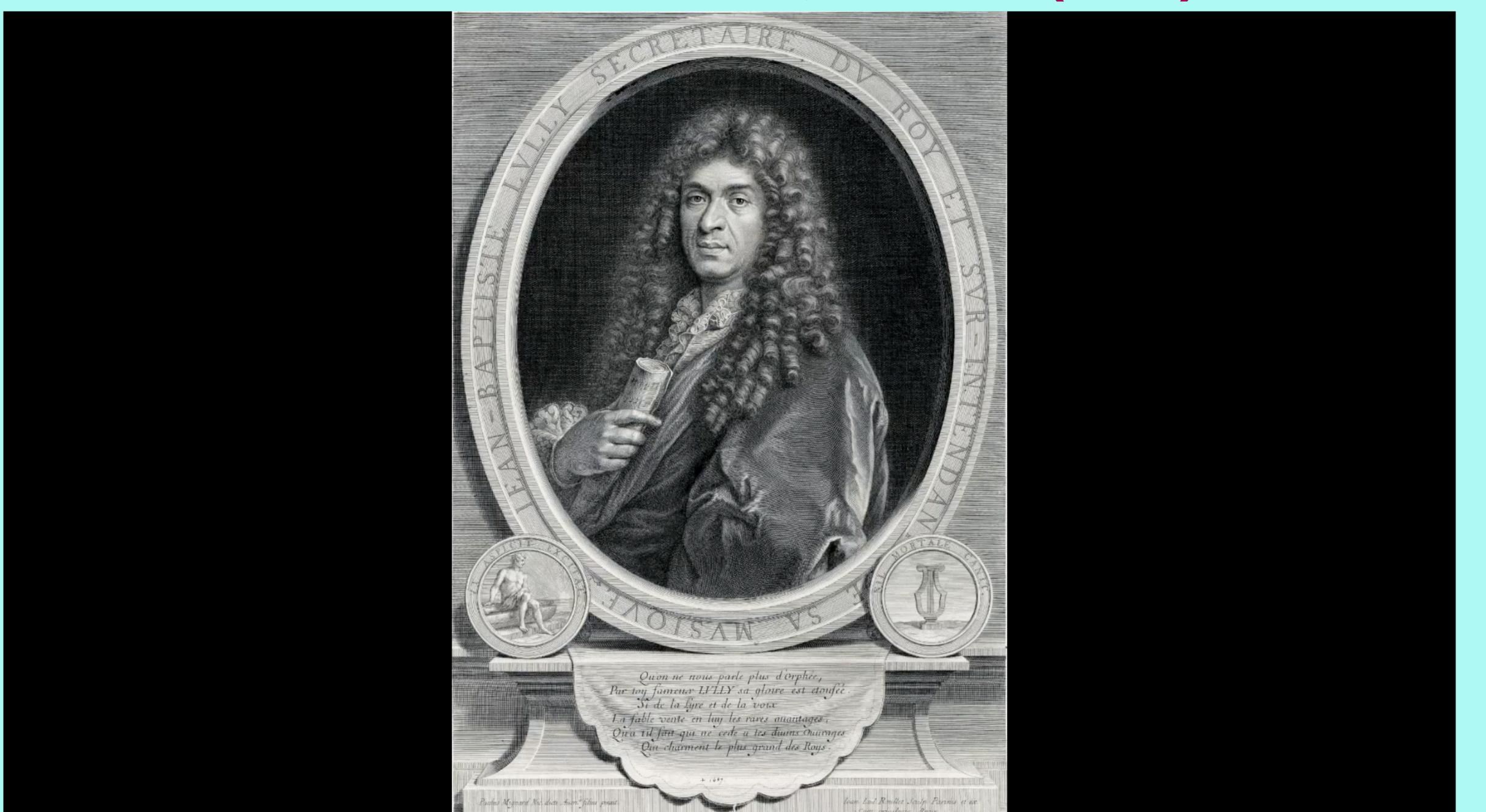
MONTEVERDI, CRUDA AMARILII (1605)



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JEAN-BAPTISTE LULLY, TE DEUM (1684)





CORELLI, CONCERTO GROSSO OP. 6 NO. 9 (1712)





Preludio.



This practice, followed by the better modern composers, is found particularly in the extremely delightful *Sinfonie* of Arcangelo Corelli, supreme virtuoso of the violin, true Orpheus of our time, who moves and shifts his basses with so much artfulness, care, and grace, using these ties and dissonances, so well controlled and resolved, and so well interwoven with a variety of themes, that one may well say he has rediscovered the perfection of ravishing harmony.

Francesco Gasparini, 1708

...scarce a contemporary musical writer, historian, or poet, neglected to celebrate his genius and talents; and his productions have contributed longer to charm the lovers of Music by the mere powers of the bow, without the assistance of the human voice, than those of any composer that has yet existed.

Charles Burney, 1776



THE QUESTIONING CHORD





HAYDN, QUARTET OP. 9 NO. 5 (1788)

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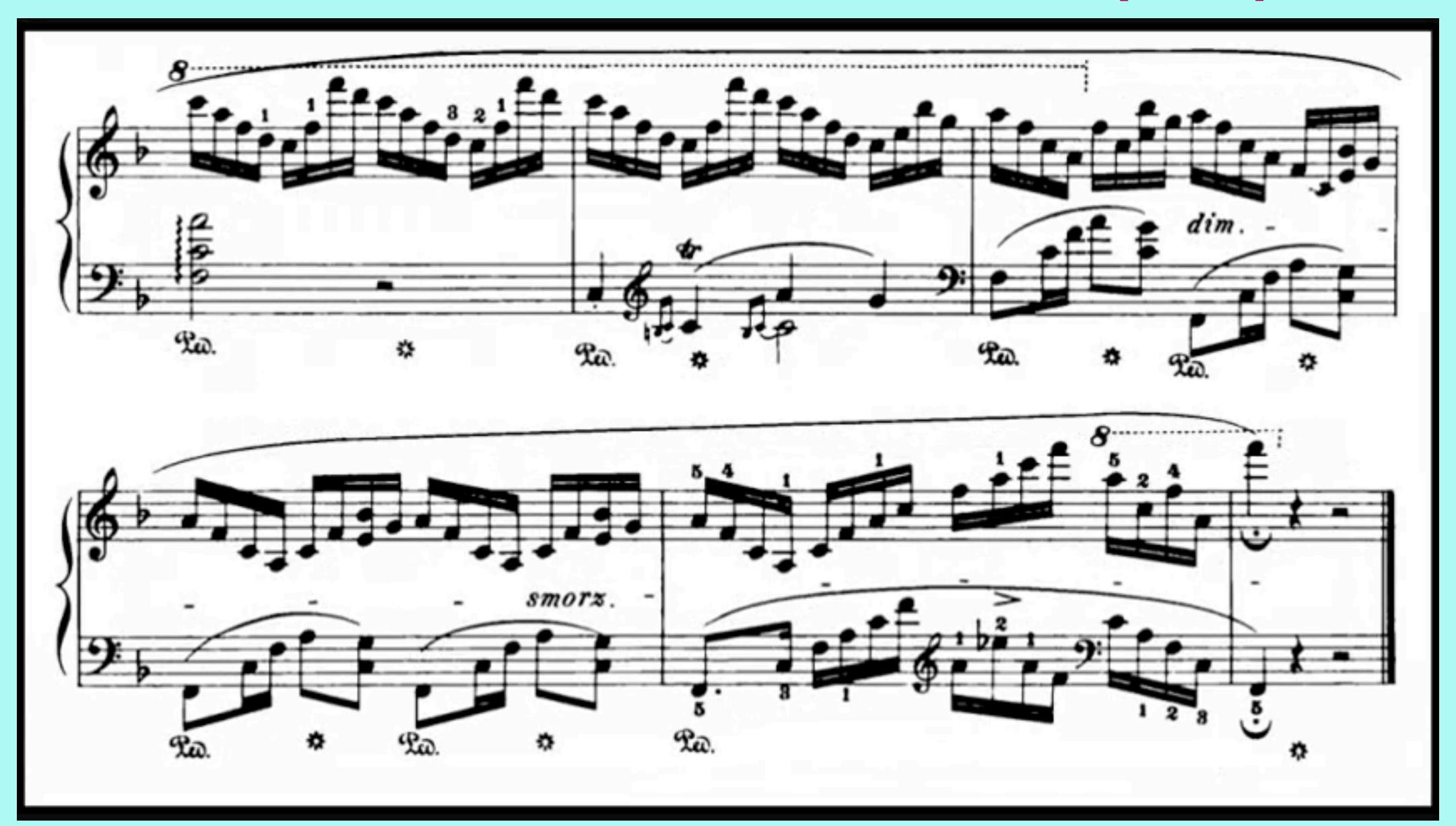
Lieder-Cyklus aus dem Buche der Lieder von H.Heine für eine Singstimme mit Begleitung des Pianoforte von

ROBERT SCHUMANN. Op. 48.

Frau Wilhelmine Schröder-Devrient zugeeignet.



CHOPIN, PRELUDE IN F MAJOR (1839)





It was in the depths of autumn... and in the calm of the night, wafted in by a light breeze, I could clearly perceive long sustained notes, sometimes like a muffled organ pipe, at other times like the tolling of a distant bell. I could often distinguish clearly between a low [root] F and the fifth, C; sometimes an E flat was added a third above, the notes producing a piercing seventh chord whose aura of deep lament suffused my soul with melancholy, and even horror.

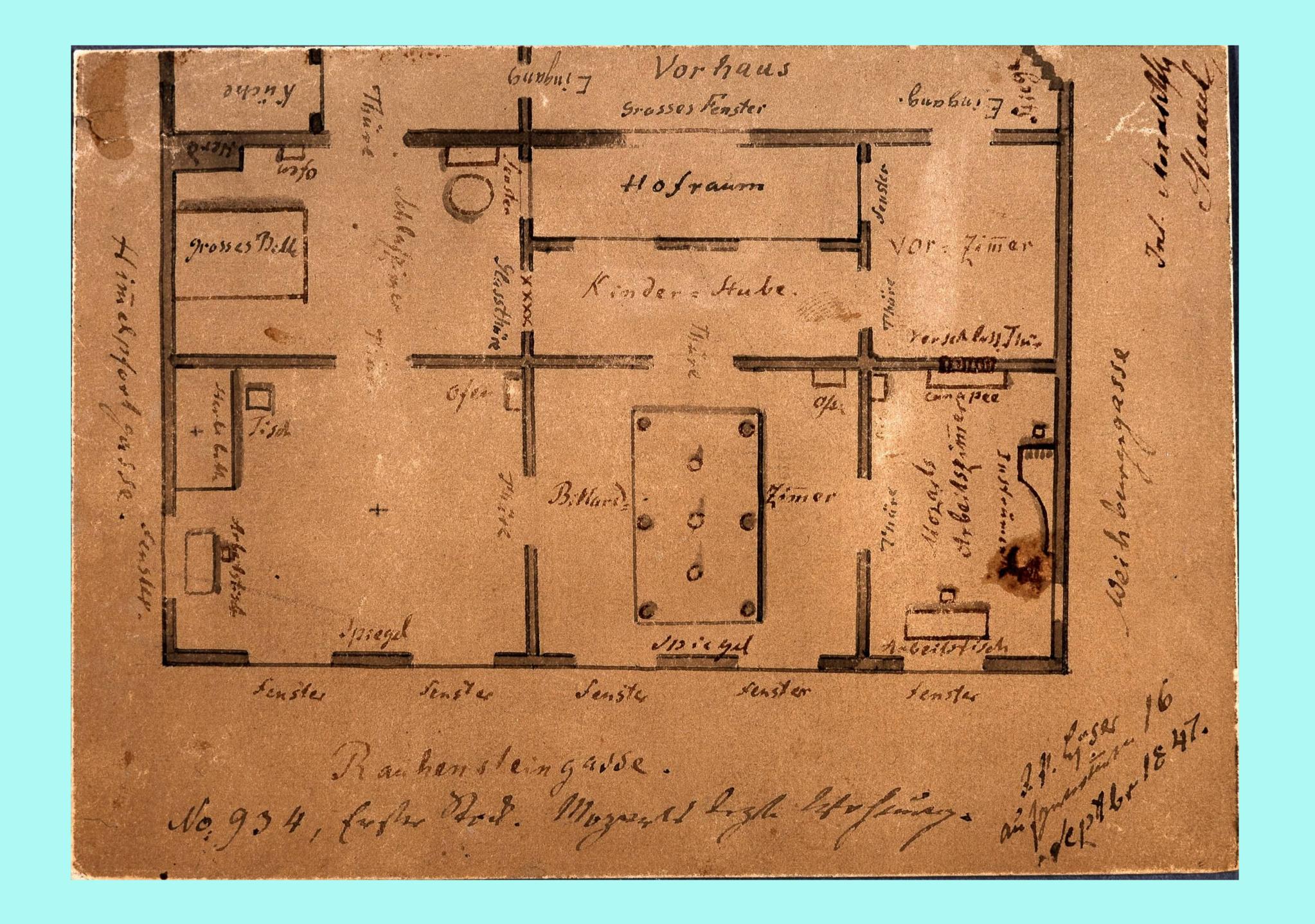
E.T.A Hoffmann – Die Automate, 1814

TCHAIKOVSKY, A PEASANT PLAYING THE ACCORDION





CHANGING DIRECTION





MOZART, SYMPHONY NO. 41 (1788)





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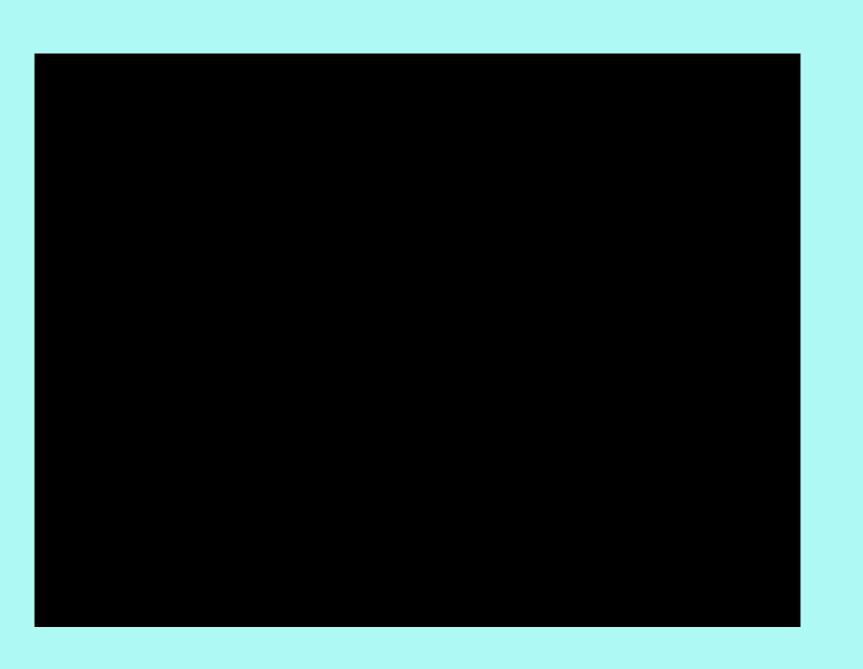


THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER, ARR. STRAVINSKY





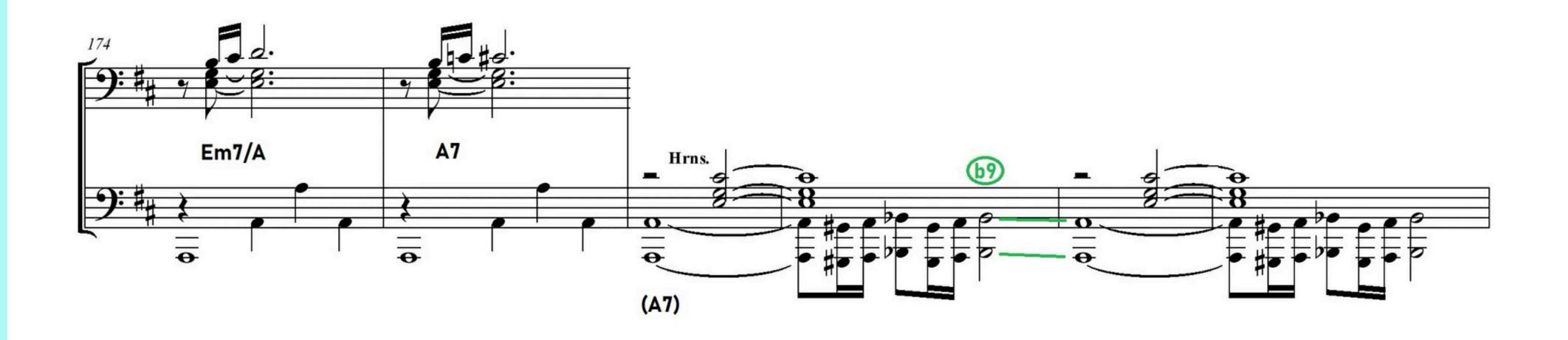
HAYDN, SYMPHONY NO. 55



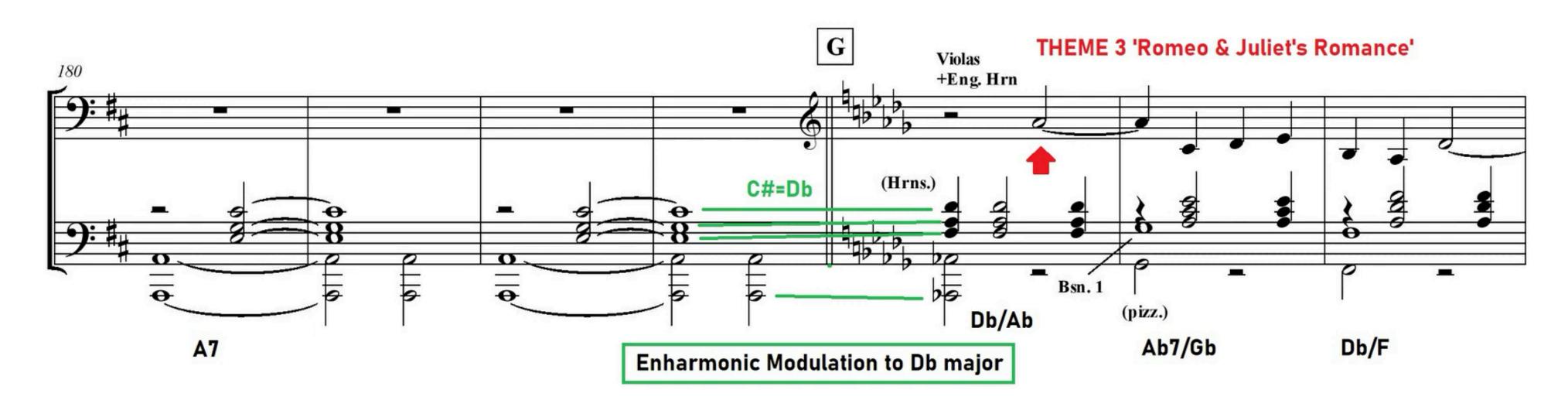


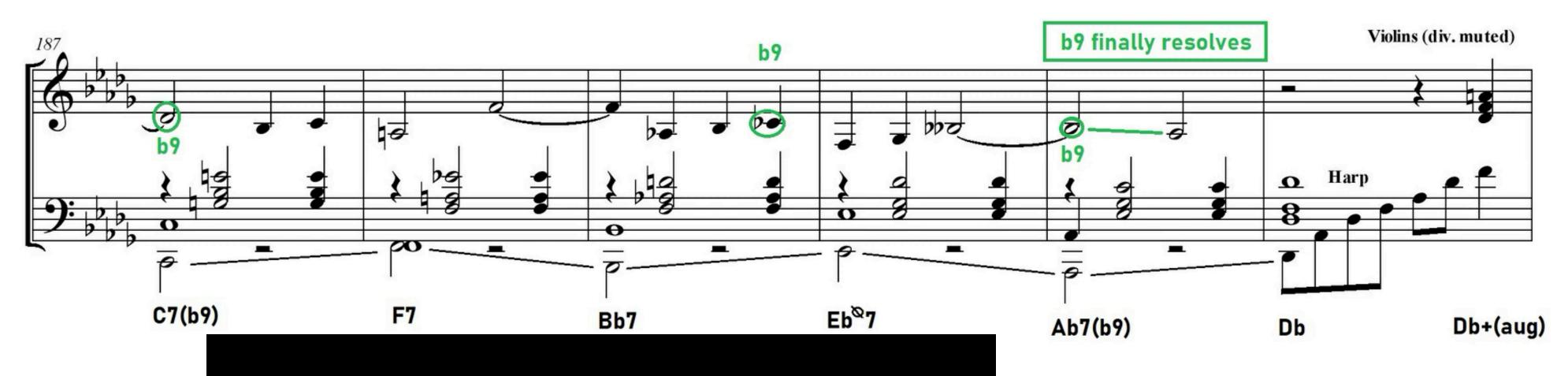




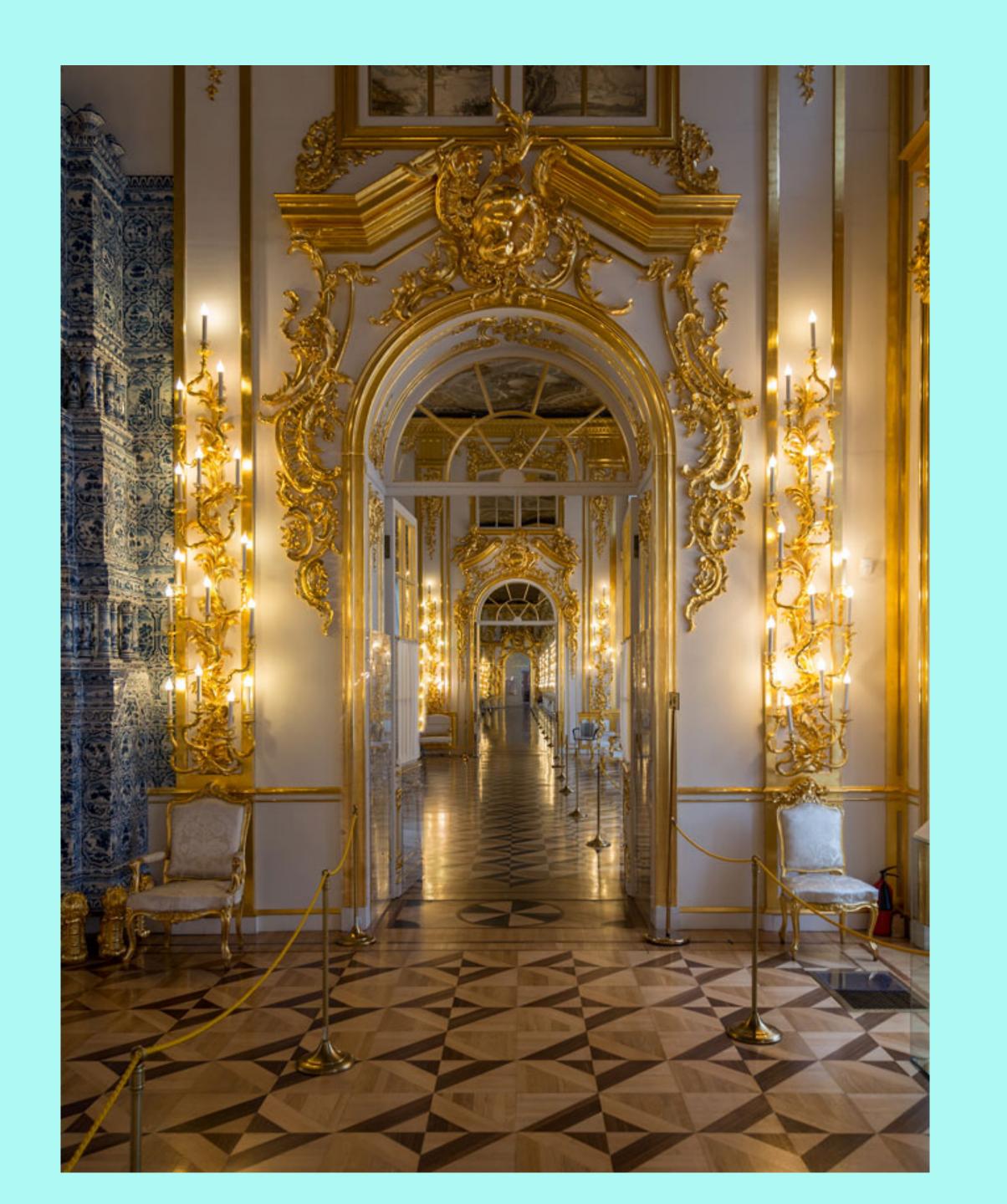












LOSING DIRECTION

GLINKA, RUSLAN AND LIUDMILA, ACT 1

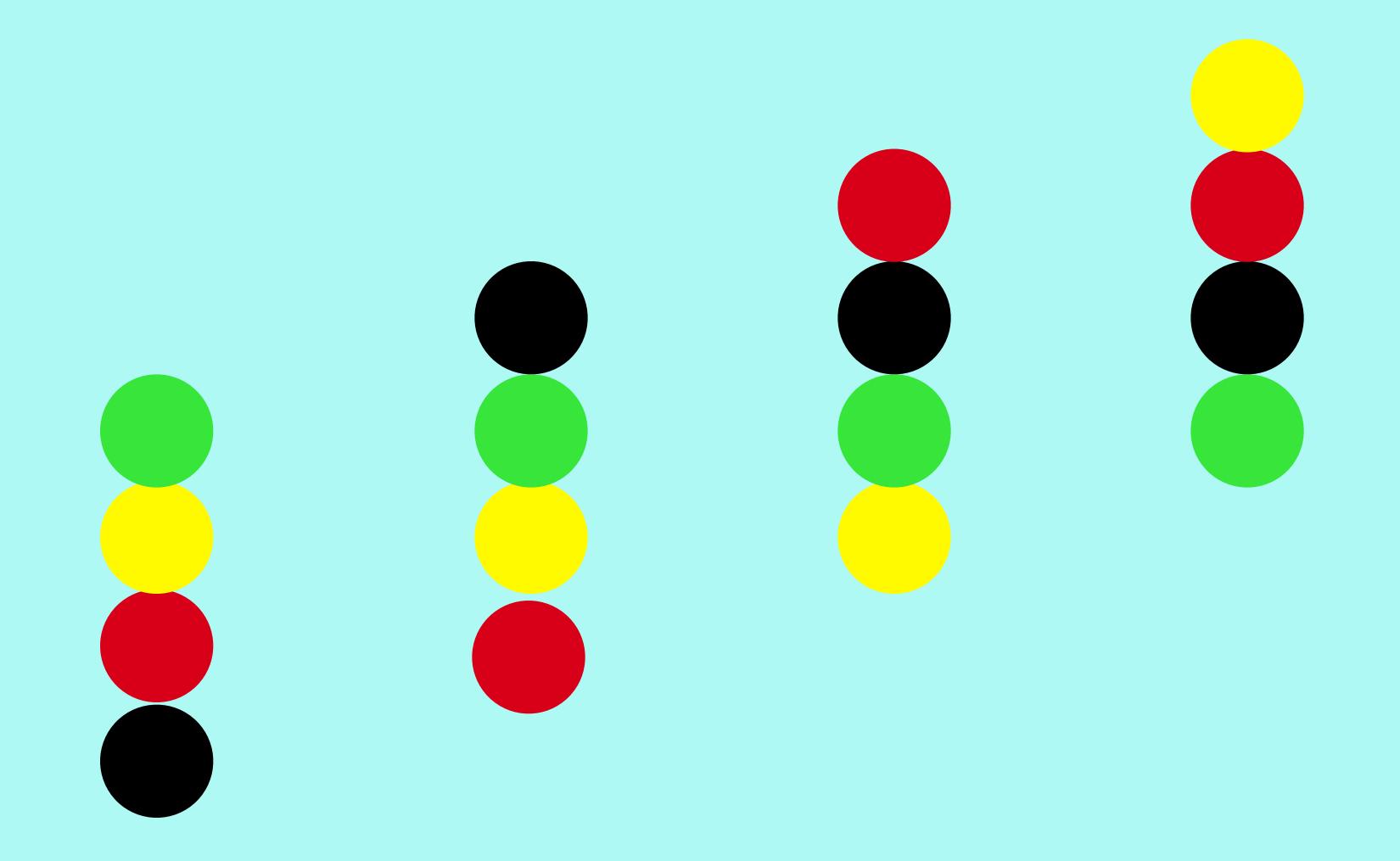


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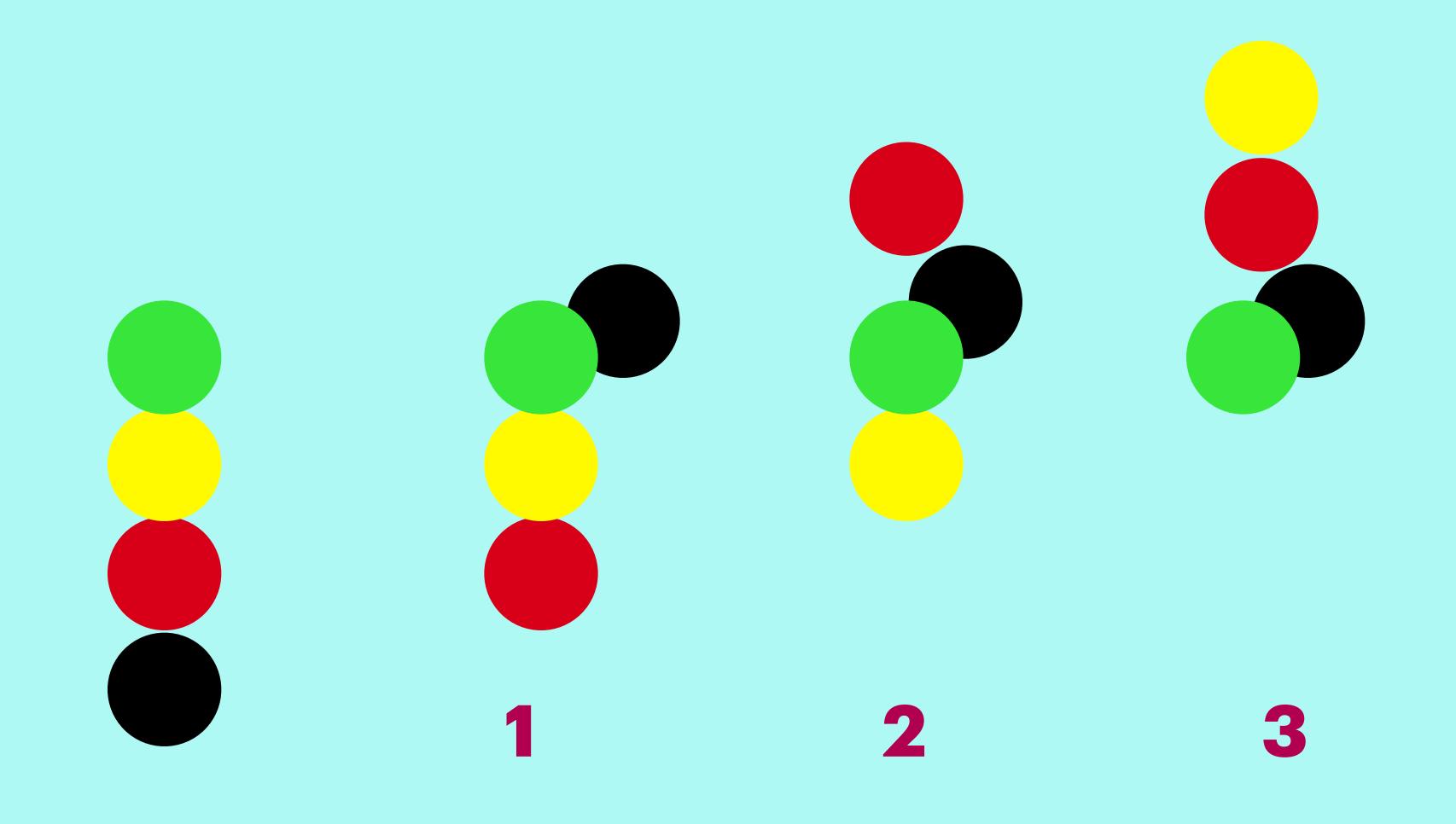




OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS



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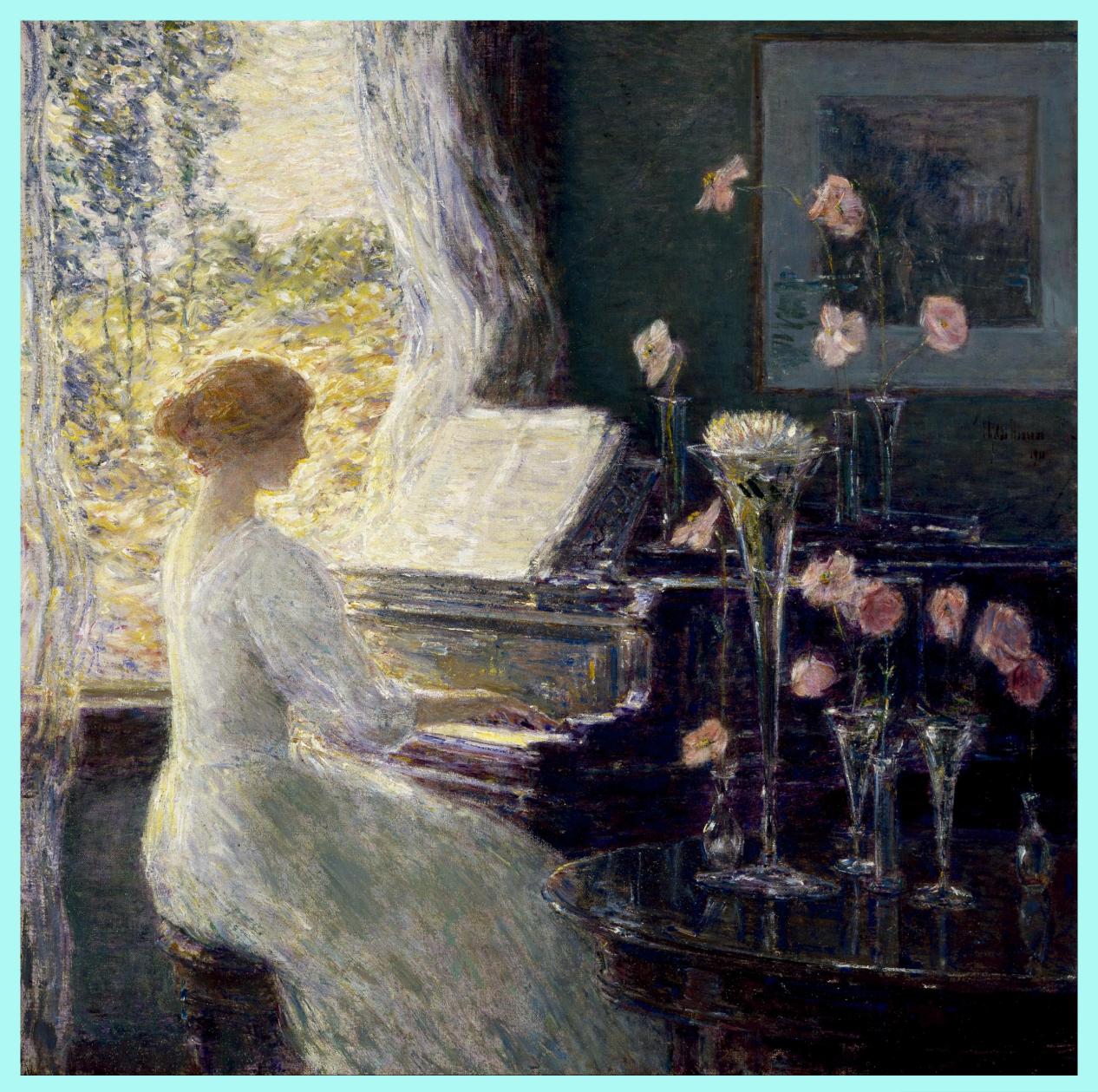
USING INVERSIONS OF THE DOMINANT SEVENTH....

conferred as refreshing a benefit on the craving lovers of music as Moses on the thirsty Israelites in producing water with his wand from the rock on Mount Horeb.

Charles Burney (1780s)



MENDELSSOHN, SONG WITHOUT WORDS OP. 62 NO. 1







THIRD INVERSION: A TURNING POINT

1ER CONCERTO

POUR PIANO PRINCIPAL

avec l'accompt d'orchestre réduit pour un 2d PIANO.

Par

C. SAINT-SAENS.

Op: 17.





HAYDN, STRING QUARTET OP. 33 NO. 4 (1781)





MENDELSSOHN, SYMPHONY NO. 4 (MINUET)





BEETHOVEN, SYMPHONY 7 (1ST MOV)





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TCHAIKOVSKY, EUGENE ONEGIN (1877)





TCHAIKOVSKY, THE QUEEN OF SPADES (1890)



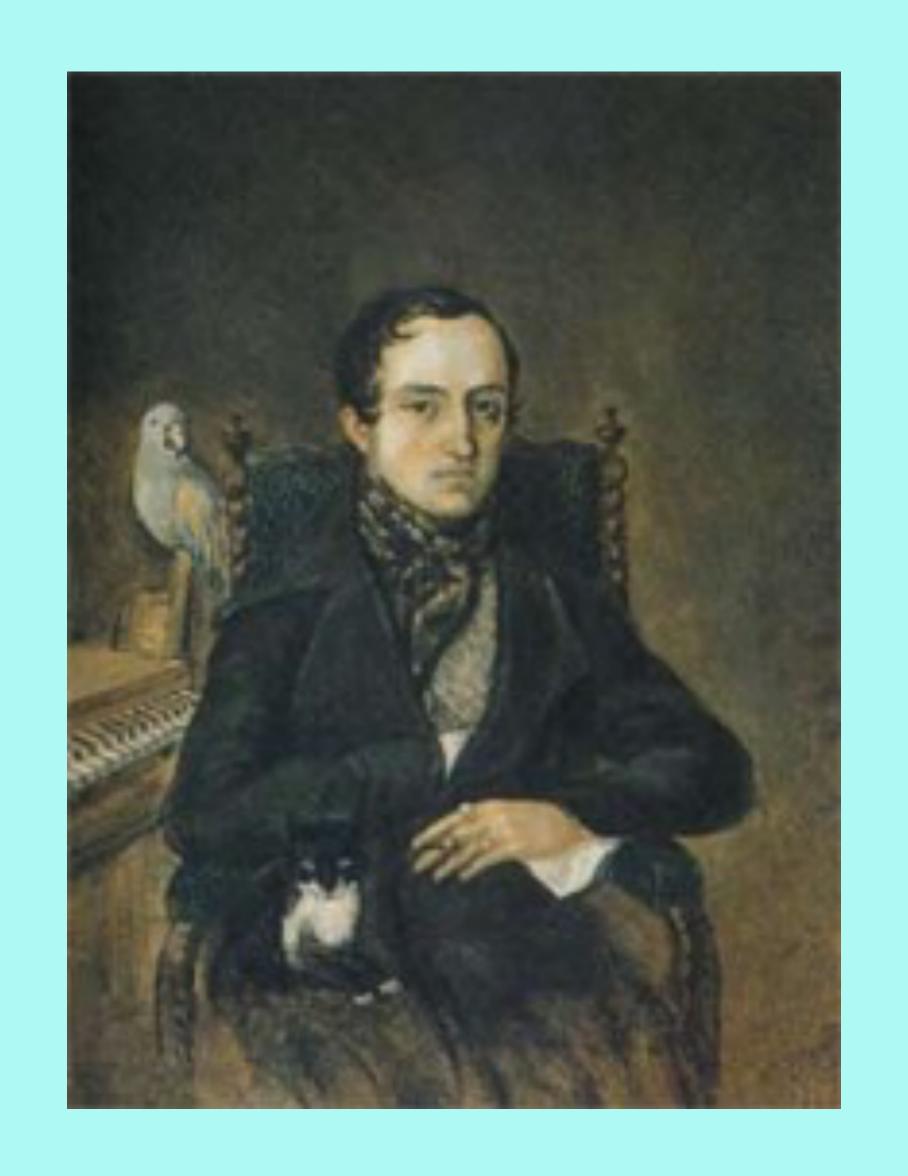


SHOSTAKOVICH, QUARTET NO. 5, FINALE (1952)





AGAINST THE DOMINANT SEVENTH



When Monteverdi, or whoever it was, brought the [dominant] 7th chord into music, it removed the firm foundation from music... The seventh chord put a stop to the ancient modes, or to our own *glasy*, in which, I believe, lies the embryo of music's future development... I wouldn't deny the seventh chord a right to exist, since it is a musical element and a necessary one at that, but in our era it has become too assertive. Because of [the dominant 7th], we have to make do with just two modes, the major and minor. But the time will come, and it is not far off, when [these chords] will outstay their welcome, and musicians will remember that there were other modes.

Vladimir Odoevsky

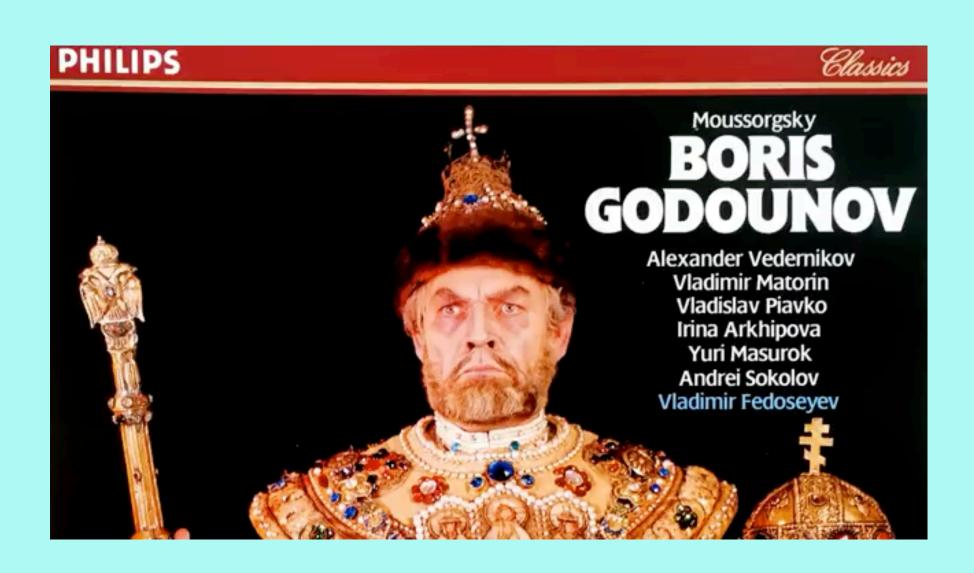


GLINKA, OVERTURE TO RUSLAN AND LIUDMILA (1842)





MUSSORGSKY, PILGRIMS' CHORUS (1872)







GREAT LITANY



SHOSTAKOVICH, QUARTET NO.2 (1944)

II. RECITATIVE AND ROMANCE

PERFORMED BY THE BODMAN QUARTET