THOUGHTS ON PICCOLO TRUMPET PRACTICE

BREATHING

- *Proper breath support* is as vital for the piccolo trumpet as it is for all brass instruments. Its small size doesn't mean small air. Inadequate air supply will require the lips to bear the brunt of the work, and fatigue will ruin the day. Hate when that happens! A good breath is step one in preparing to face the music.

- *Efficiency of air release is just as important as the proper inhale.* The air must travel a resistance-free journey through a tiny mouthpiece and narrow tubing, and makes it way unhampered into a hall of listeners. This is a challenge considering the high range and greater resistance of the piccolo trumpet. In spite of obstacles, however, successful performers have learned how to turn their air into beautiful music. A great example of effortless breathing is an Olympic swimmer who takes in the right amount of air and which can be expelled easily.

- *Our mission is to protect the embouchure from excessive pressure while delivering great music.* The embouchure is the danger zone for air flow. Care must be taken to keep it functioning with ease. Notice how the piccolo trum "accepts" air, and learn to respond accordingly. The lips must always re to vibrate. Their job is merely to direct the air stream safely through

- *Tension restricts airflow and wastes energy.* Keep a close eye arms, and hands.

SOUND

- *All notes should have the same quality of so*
  Suggestions:
  - Gradually build your range wit
  - Don't be in a hurry to play h
  - Find the center of each p
  - Pause often to keep li
  - Add notes to your r
  - Insist on your b

- *Buzz the mouthpi*
  focused buzz

- *Playing*
  and s
  re

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Warm up

Goal: sound, intonation, articulation, ease

Transpose to as many keys as possible.

A

(1,4)

B

C

D

(1,4) (1,2,4) (2,3,4) (1,3,4) (1,2,3,4)

E

F

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Piccolo trumpet

1

Sound and Intonation

Moderato

mf

f

rit.

2

Heroic

March

f

mp

cresc.

f

3

Tre

Andantino

p dolce

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Piccolo trumpet

Moderato assai

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Processional

Marciale

mf

f

f

rit.

Piccolo trumpet

Moderato sostenuto

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Grand Entry

mf

rit

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Piccolo trumpet

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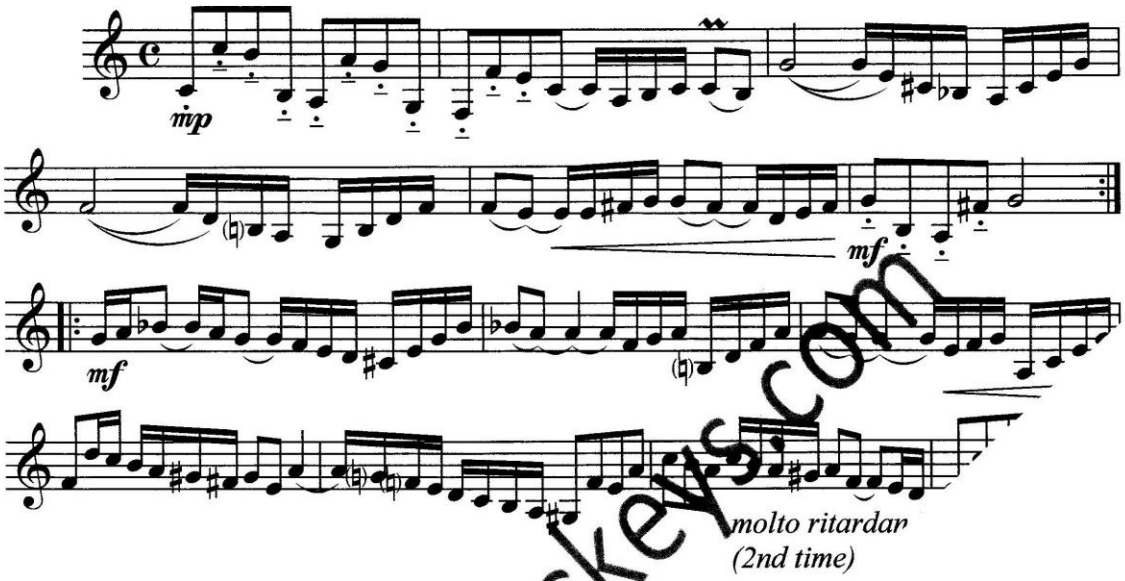
Air

Adagio



Piccolo trumpet

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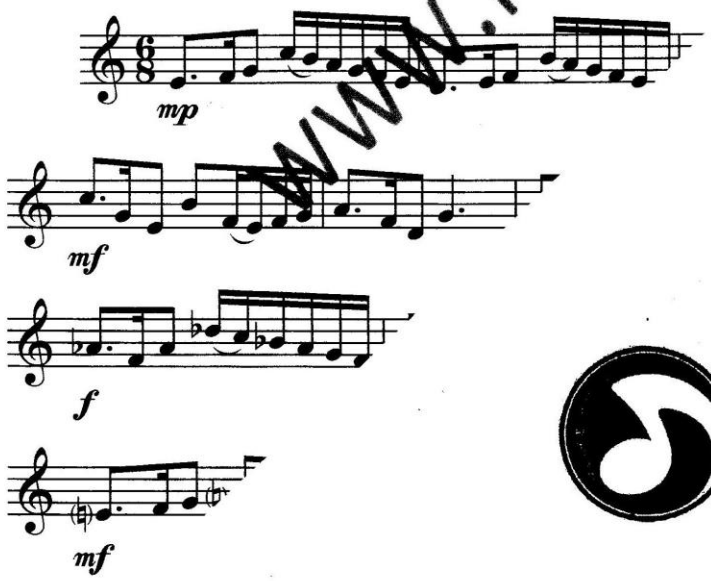
Serenade

Andantino



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Piccolo trumpet

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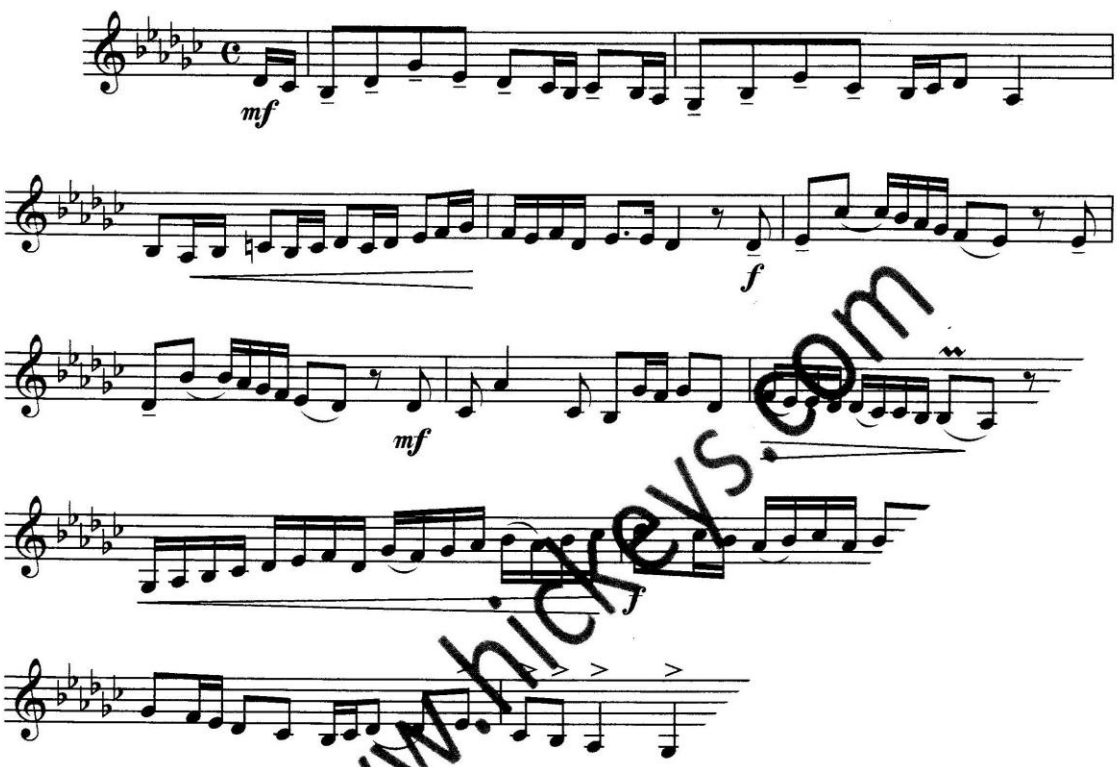
Fluid in Flats

Moderato sostenuto



Piccolo trumpet

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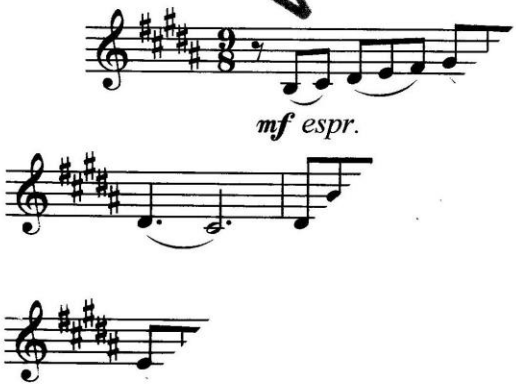
Andantino



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Second Movement

Andante sostenuto

solo

p *espres.*

mf

mp

rit.

mf

rall.

rall. . . . . . .

p

Piccolo trumpet

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Telemann-like

Allegro spiritoso

f

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Piccolo trumpet

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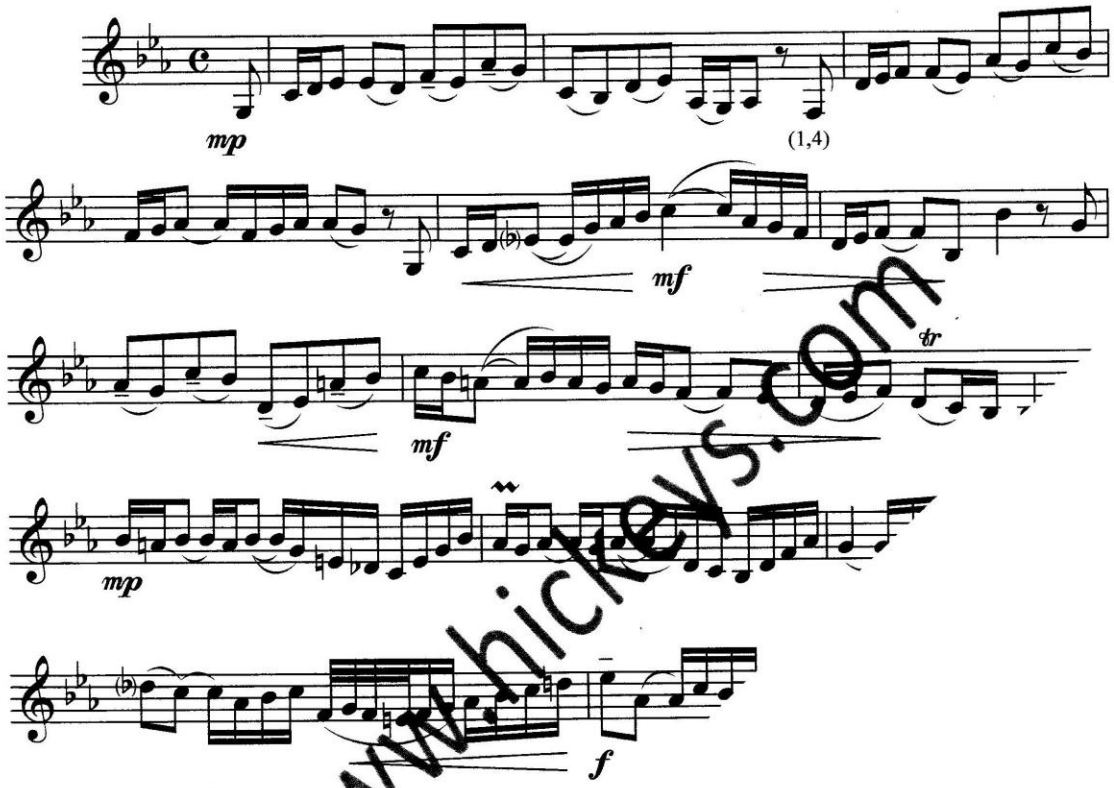
Bach-ish

Andante sostenuto



Piccolo trumpet

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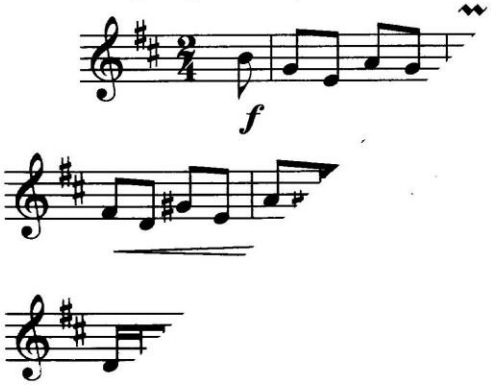
Ho

Allegro spiritoso



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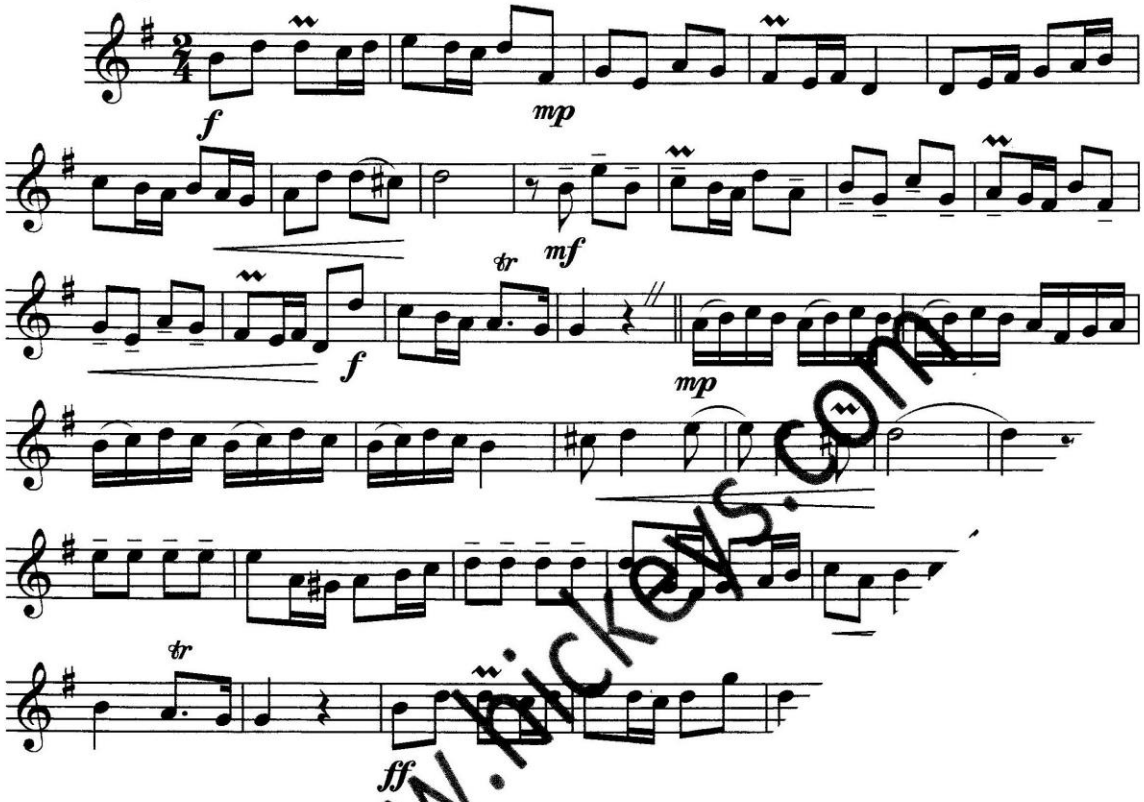
Brandenburgish

Allegro



Trumpet in C

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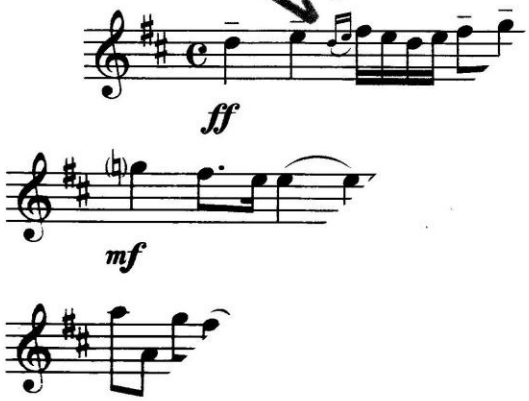
The Grand F

Up a minor 3rd on A

Andante maestoso



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Proudly Pompous

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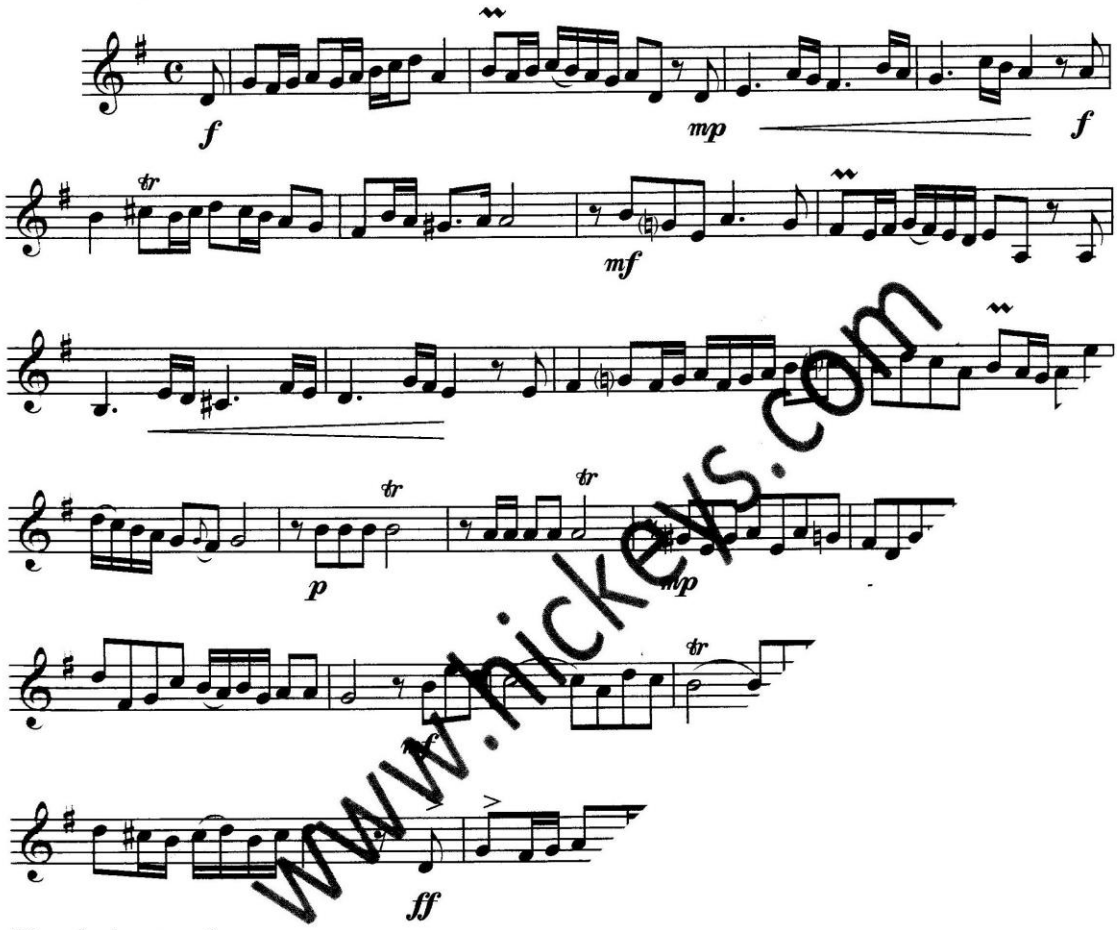
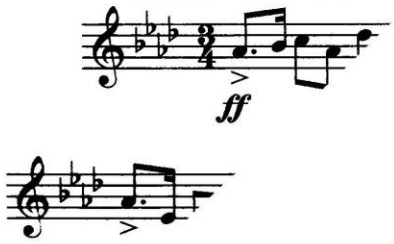
Allegro moderato



Piccolo trumpet

Allegretto

Pesante e marcato



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Piccolo trumpet

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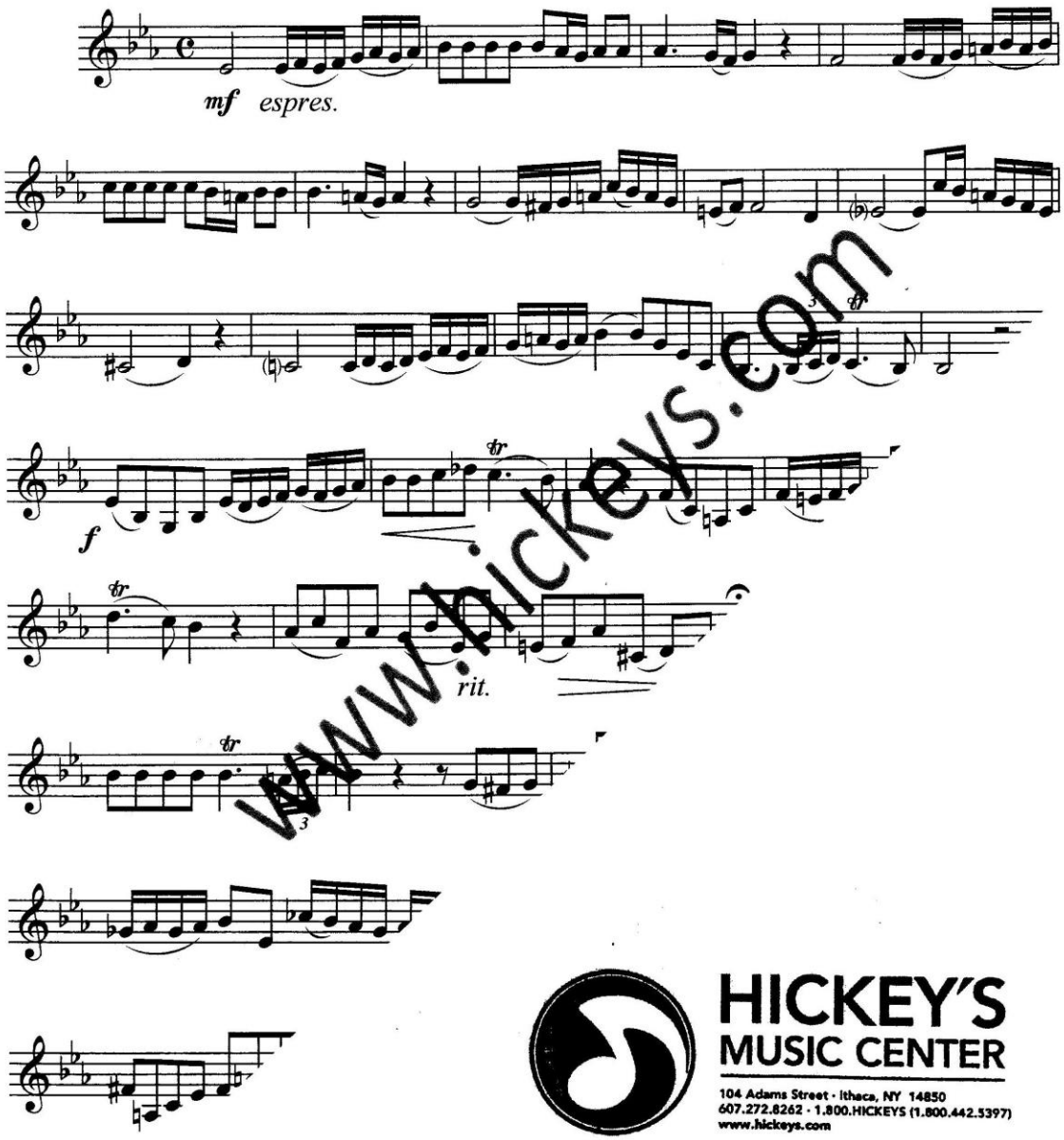
Leopold Mozart-like

Andantino con moto



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