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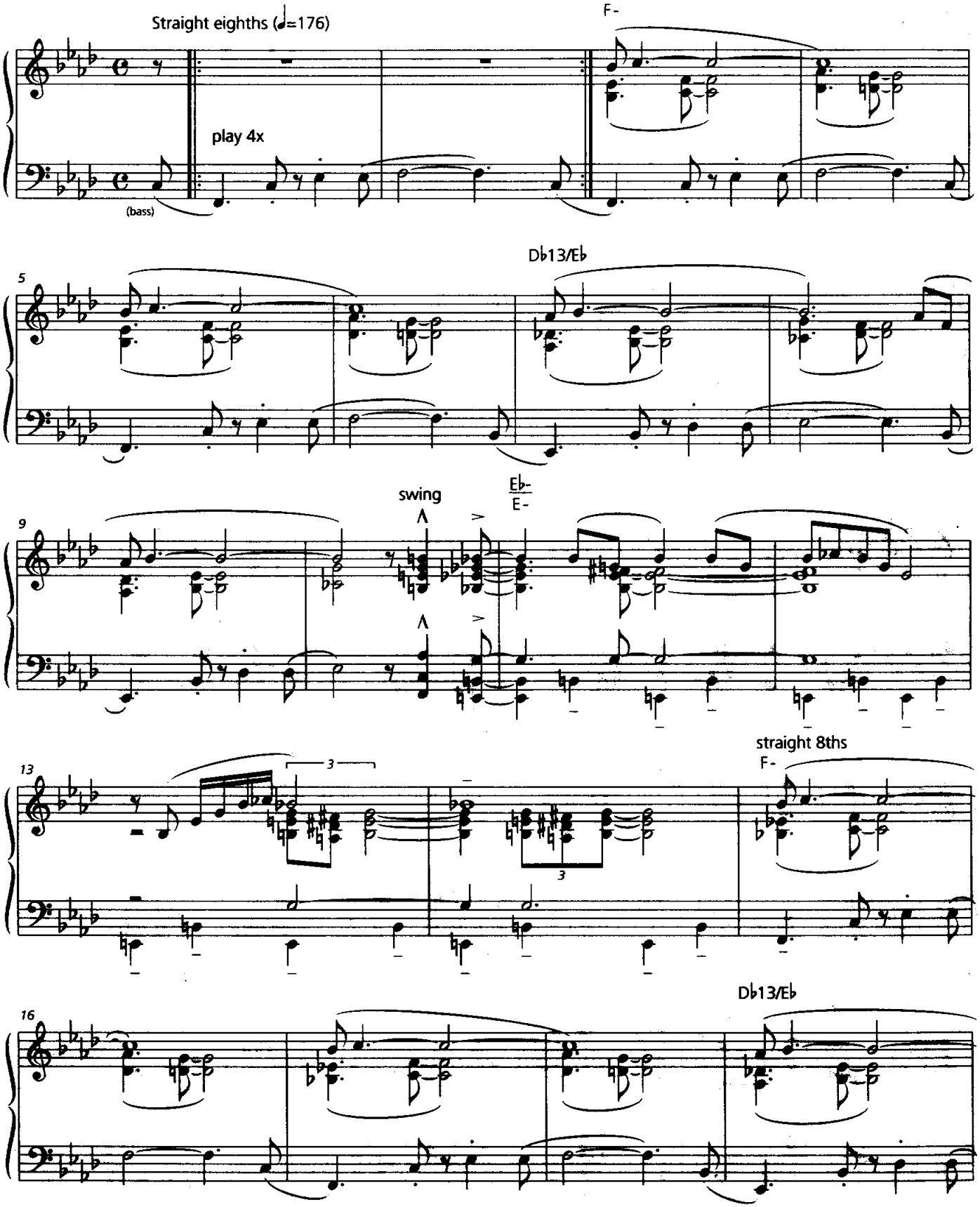
ABOUT THE MUSIC

Herbie Hancock is certainly one of the most influential jazz pianists of the second half of the twentieth century. Although he rarely chose the solo piano format as a vehicle for his unique creative gifts, his recordings as a member of the Miles Davis Quintet and as the leader of several sessions for the Blue Note label have made an impact on practically all contemporary jazz pianists, especially in terms of harmonic conception and the spontaneous development of melodic and rhythmic ideas.

This book contains some of my favorite Hancock compositions and piano solos from both of these historically influential sources. In "Oliloqui Valley" and "The Sorcerer" I included chord changes for the theme and first chorus only, since the remaining choruses contain only occasional embellishments, simplifications or variations of the original harmonic progression. Chord changes are included in every chorus of "Goodbye To Childhood", since Herbie varied the harmonic content considerably from one chorus to the next. Although Ron Carter's bass line emphasizes the same notes in the corresponding measures of each ten-bar chorus, Herbie discovers an ever changing array of harmonic colors which make the same bass notes sound fresh each time they return. His brilliant harmonic spontaneity gives the entire piece a feeling of continual harmonic evolution and development, even though it is based on a single ten-bar repeated chorus. The solos based on the harmonic progressions of standard tunes contain chord changes in every chorus. A comparison of corresponding measures from different choruses will lead to a greater understanding and appreciation of Herbie's inventiveness in relation to harmonic embellishment, interpolation and substitution. A comparison of his solos on different recordings of the same tunes would be a logical and useful way to continue the study. It is highly recommended that these solos be played with a bassist, or even with both a bassist and a drummer. Although the solos sound relatively complete in themselves, the piano sounds become richer and more colorful when they are heard in combination with the bass notes to which they are related. I sincerely hope you enjoy playing and studying this music as much as I have. (Bill Dobbins)

Oliloqui Valley

Herbie Hancock



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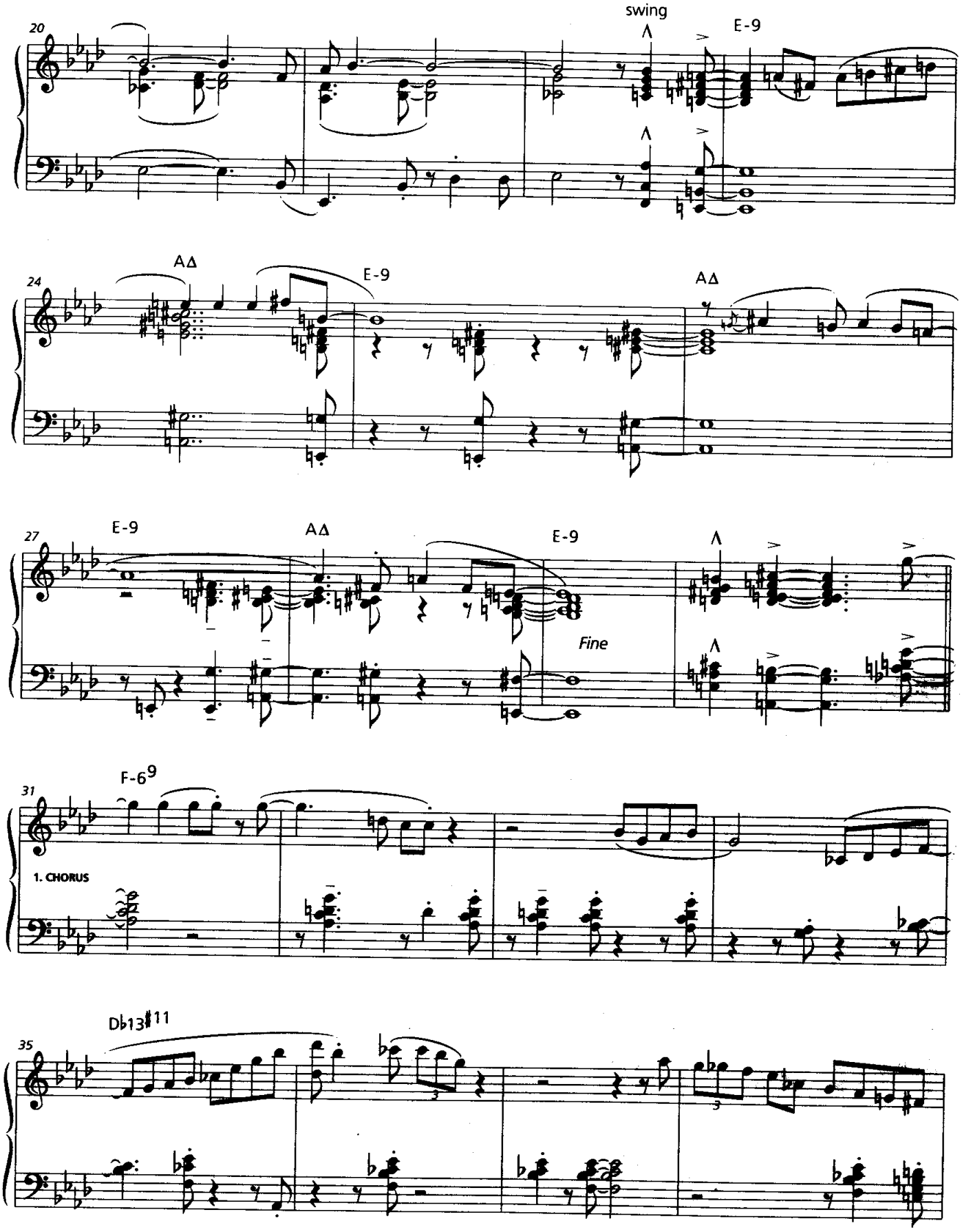
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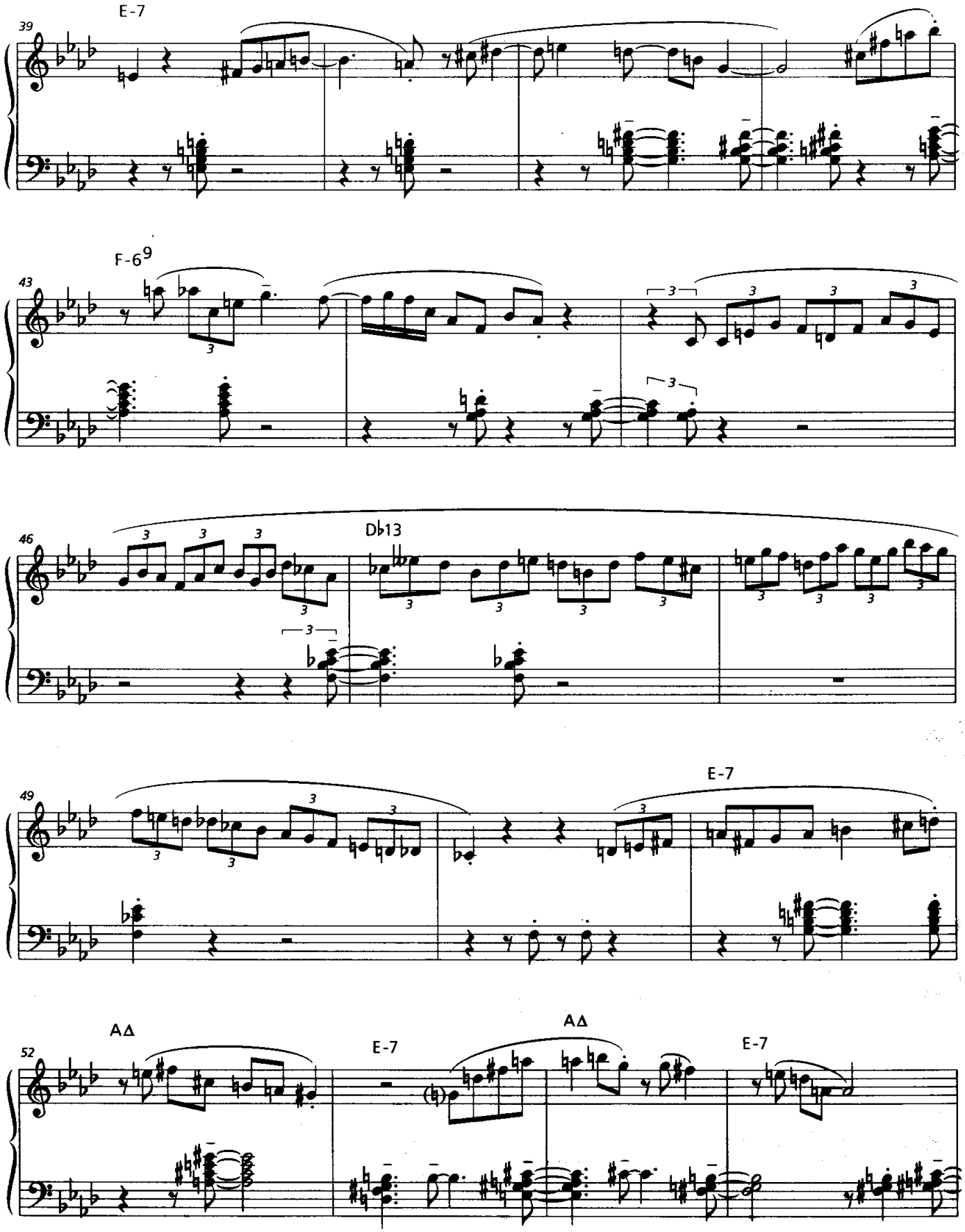
swing
E-9
24
AΔ
E-9
AΔ
27
E-9
AΔ
E-9
Fine
31
F-6⁹
1. CHORUS
35
D♭13♯11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F-6 9
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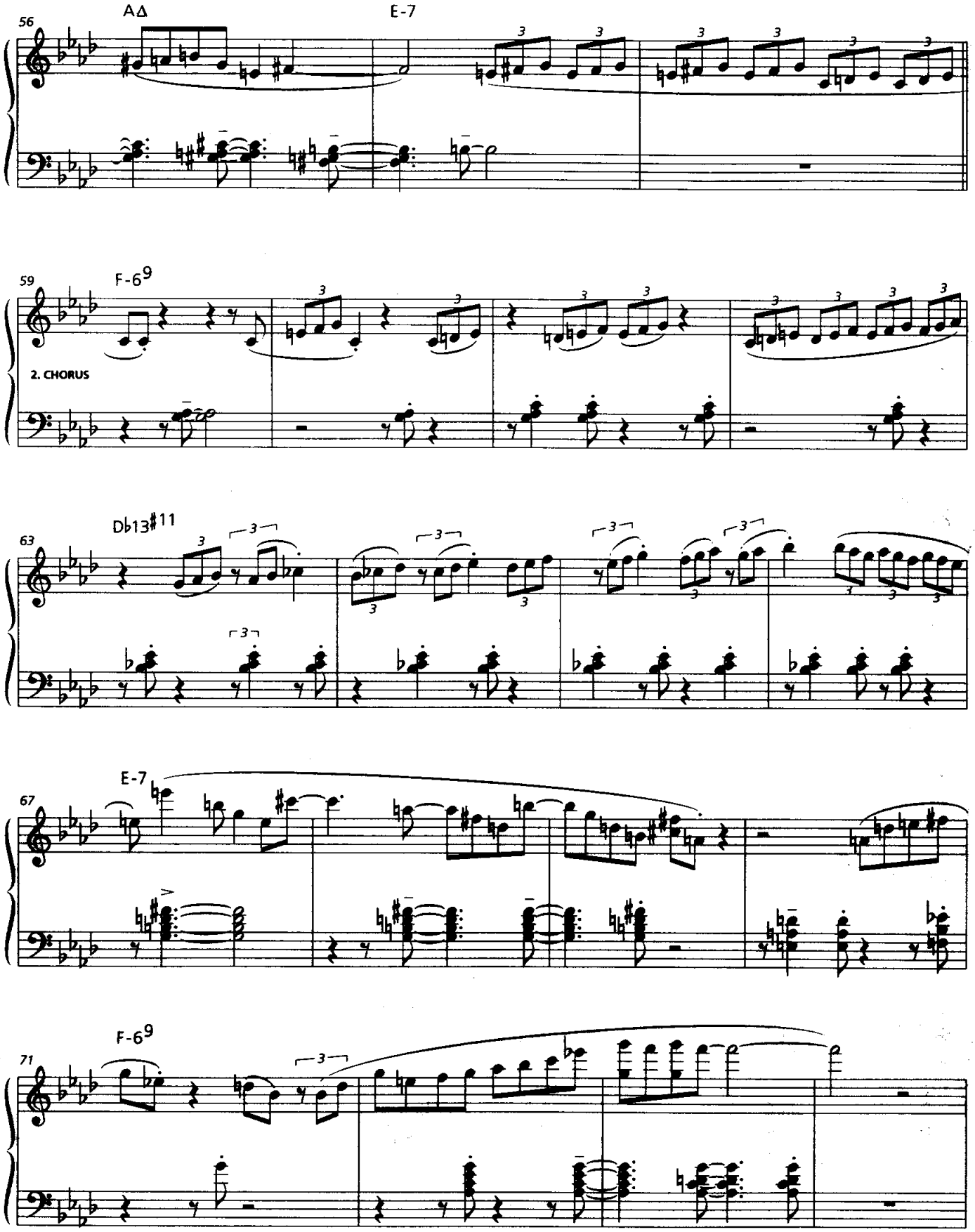
AΔ
E-7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AΔ
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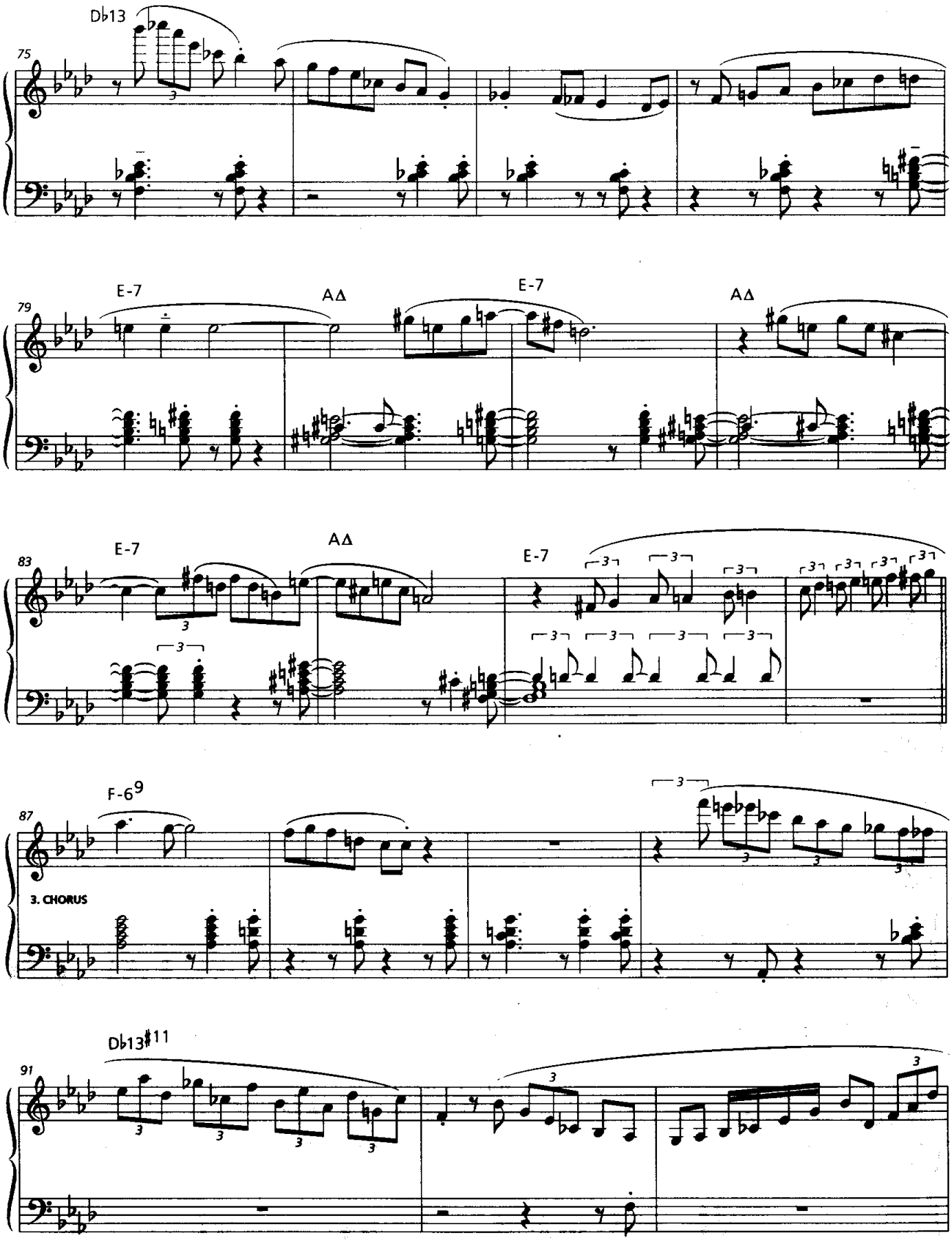
E-7
71
F-6⁹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AΔ
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AΔ
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E-7
83
F-6 9
87
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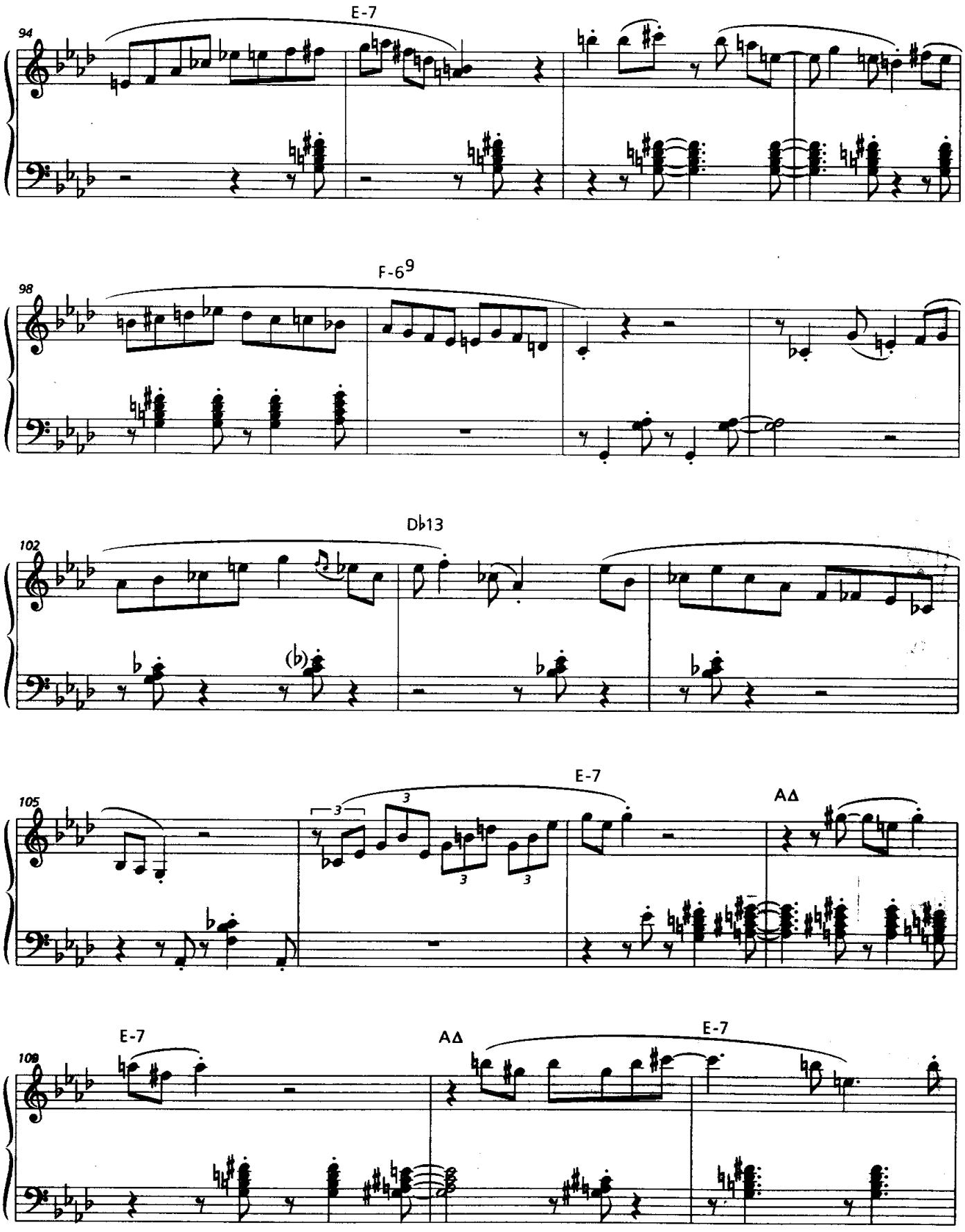
Db13#11
91


E-7
94
F-6⁹
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102
(♭)
E-7
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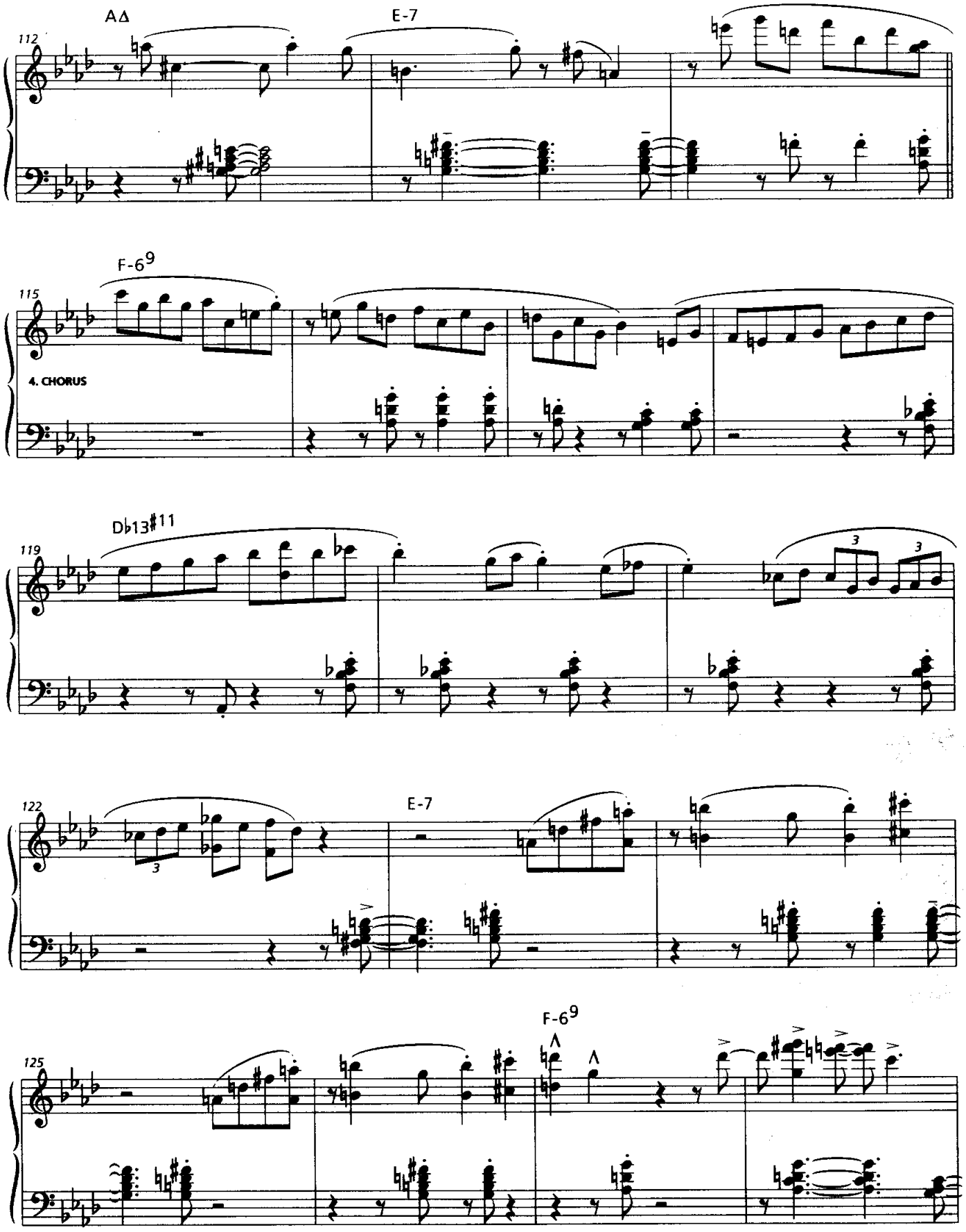
3
3
3
3
AΔ
E-7
AΔ
E-7
109


AΔ
E-7
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F-6⁹
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119
3
3
122
3
E-7
F-6⁹
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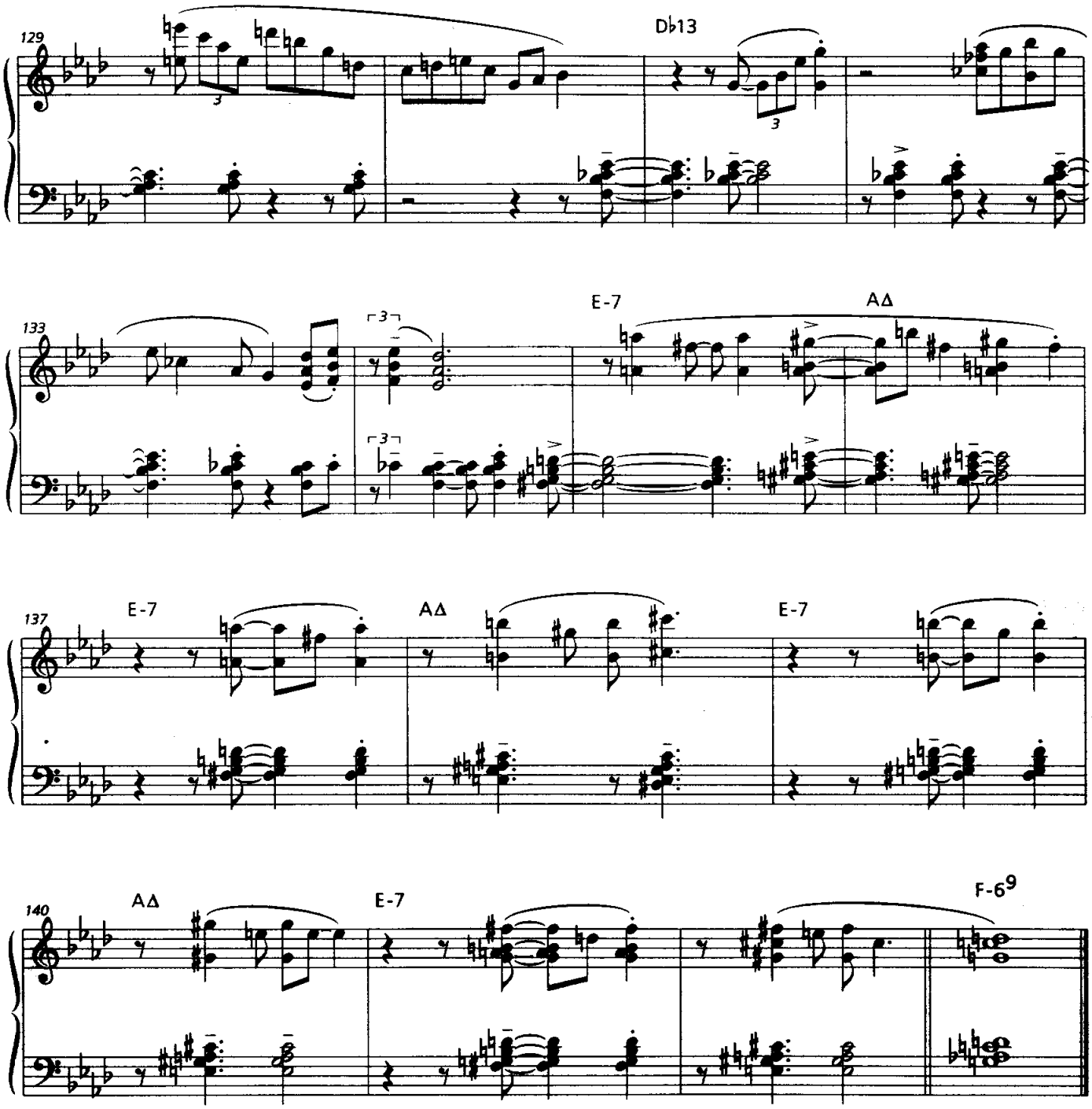
129
Db13
133
E-7
AΔ
137
E-7
AΔ
E-7
140
AΔ
E-7
F-6⁹

Goodbye To Childhood

Herbie Hancock

Slowly, freely

Ballad (♩ =54)

Eb-7 B7/Eb Bø E∆b5 Bb7

1. CHORUS

Eb-7 A-∆ Dø

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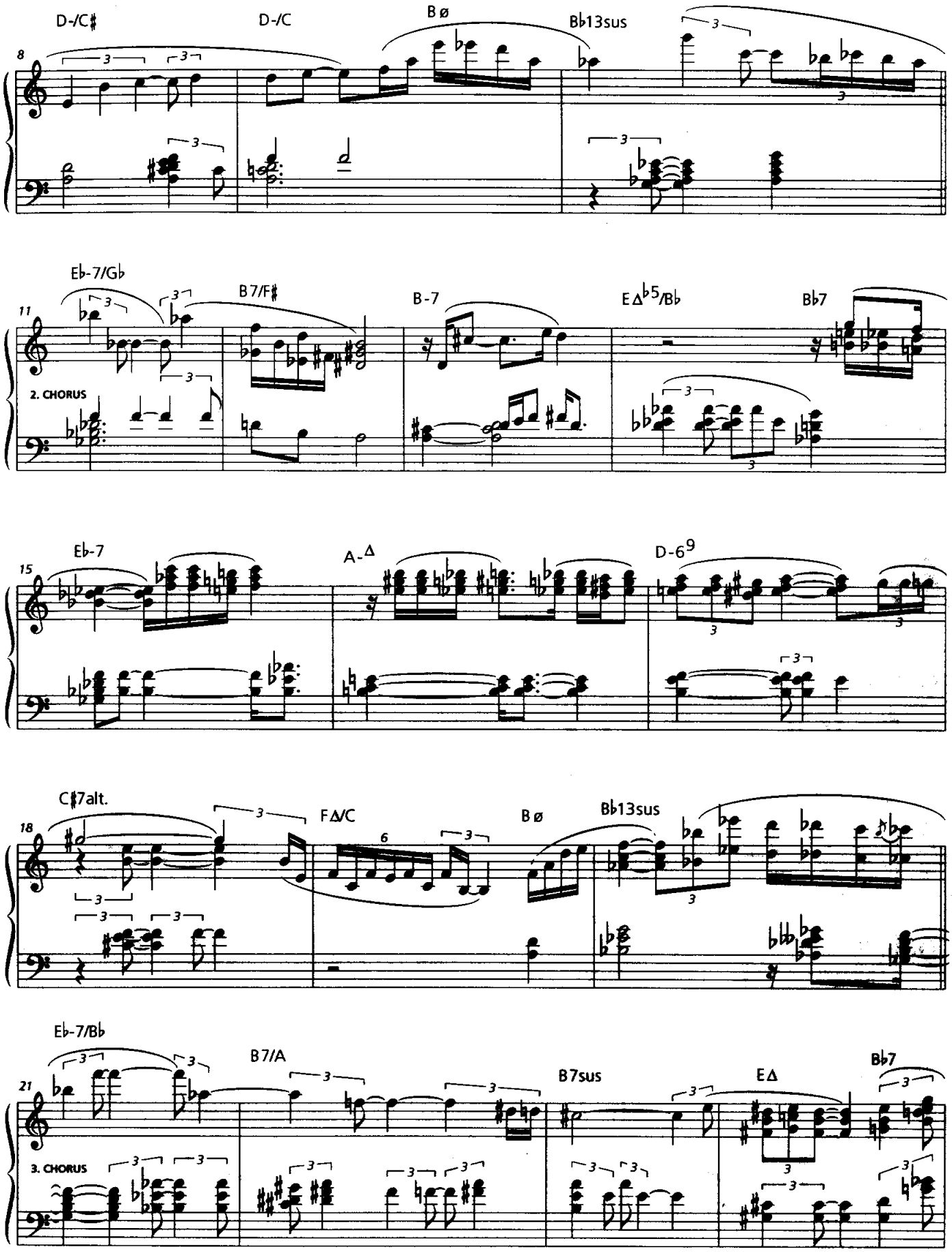
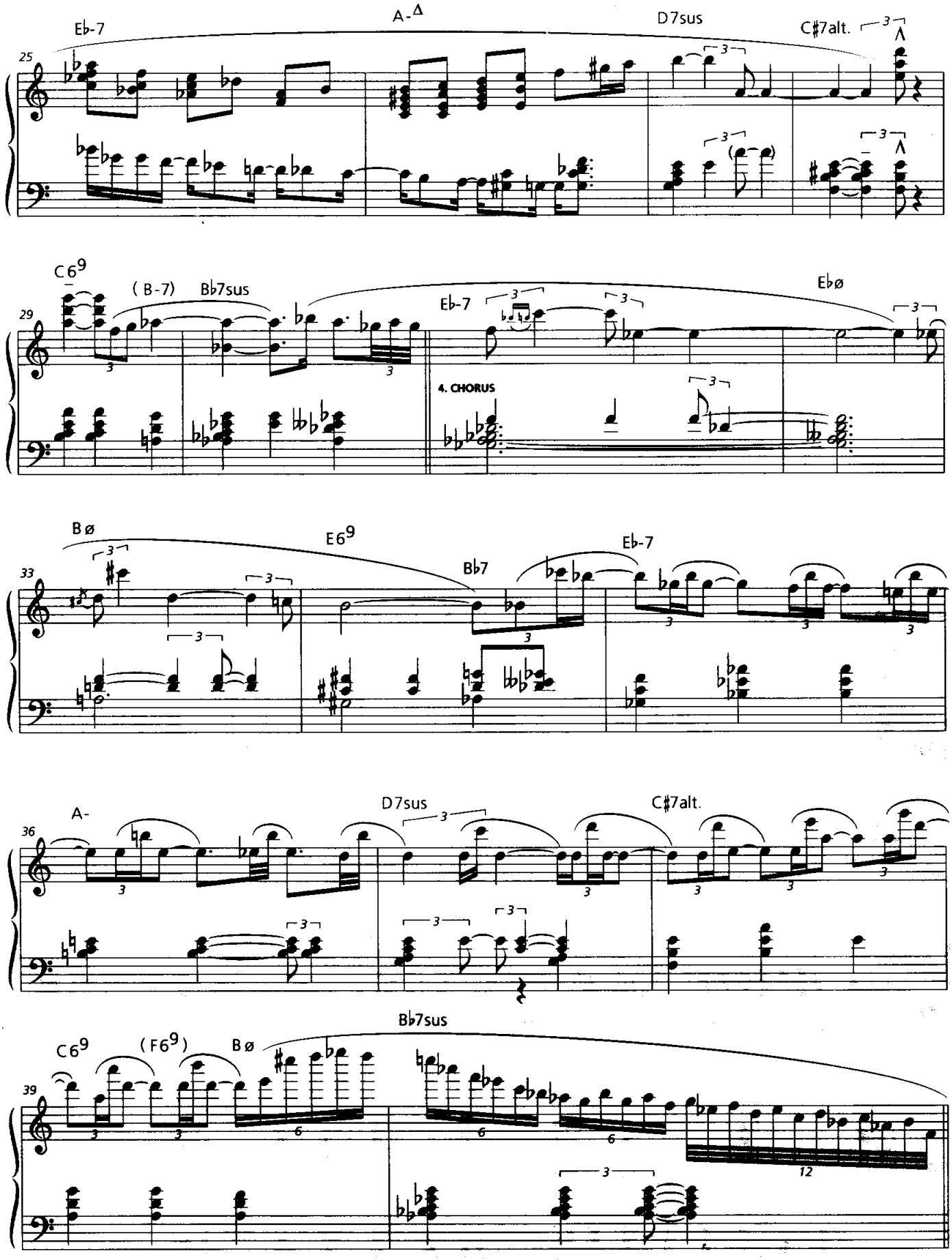
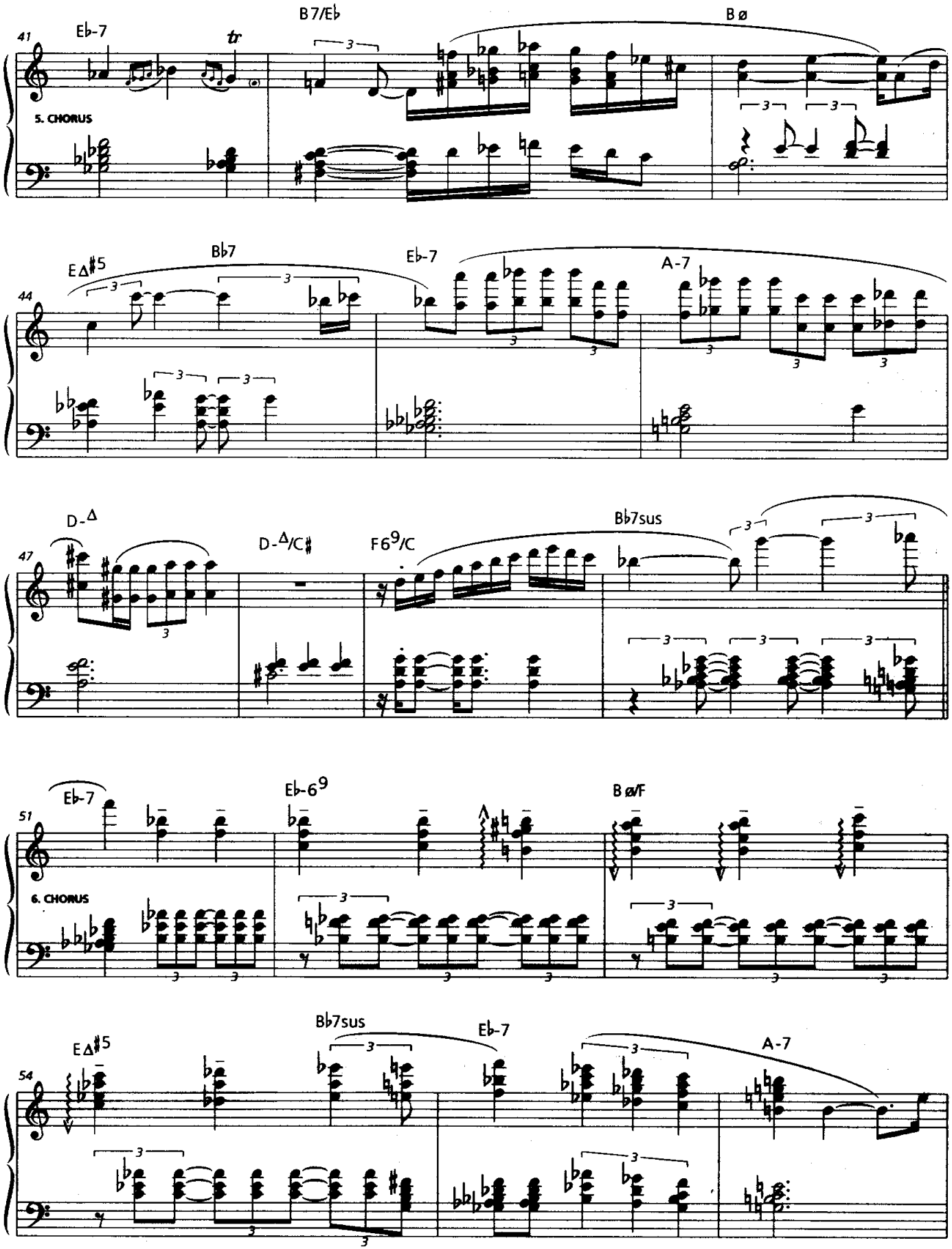
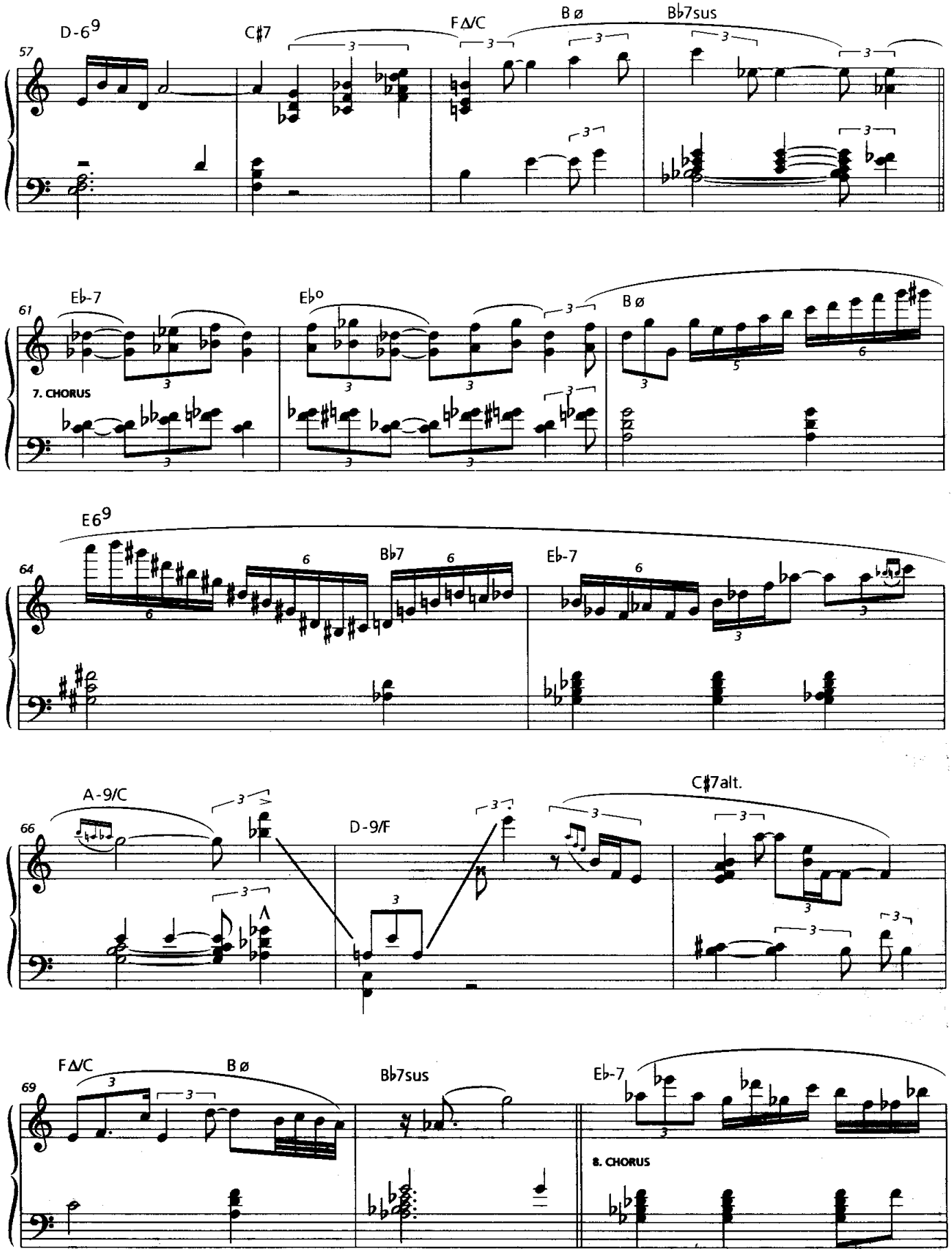
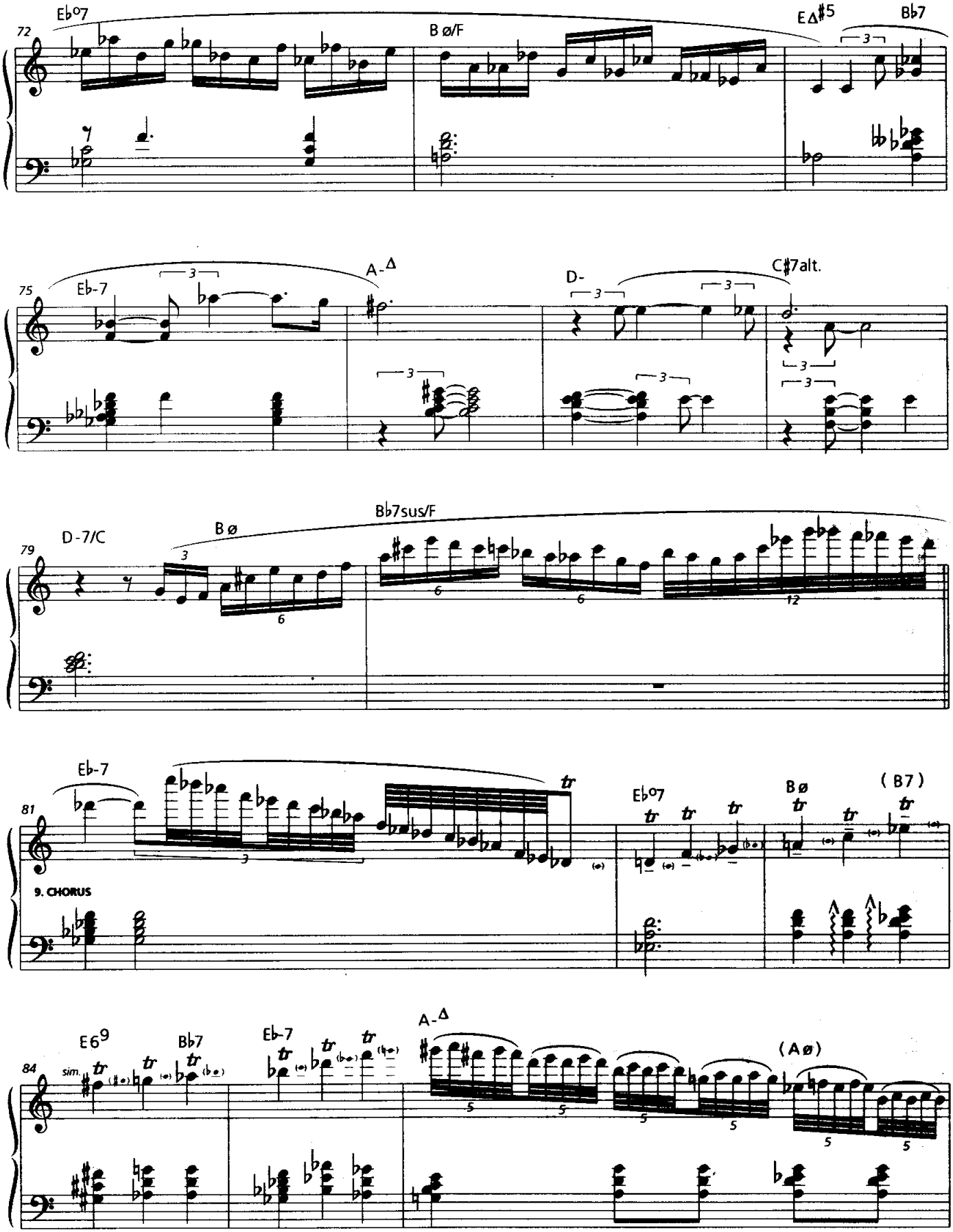

D-/C♯
D-/C
B ø
B♭13sus
8
Eb-7/Gb
B7/F♯
B-7
E♭Δ5/B♭
B♭7
11
2. CHORUS
Eb-7
A-Δ
D-69
15
C♯7alt.
F♯Δ/C
B ø
B♭13sus
18
Eb-7/B♭
B7/A
B7sus
E♭Δ
B♭7
21
3. CHORUS


Eb-7
A-Δ
D7sus
C♯7alt.
25
C6⁹
(B-7)
Bb7sus
Eb-7
Ebø
29
4. CHORUS
Bø
E6⁹
Bb7
Eb-7
33
A-
D7sus
C♯7alt.
36
Bb7sus
C6⁹
(F6⁹)
Bø
39


41
Eb-7
tr
B7/Eb
Bø
5. CHORUS
44
EΔ♯5
Bb7
Eb-7
A-7
47
D-Δ
D-Δ/C♯
F6⁹/C
Bb7sus
51
Eb-7
Eb-6⁹
Bø/F
6. CHORUS
54
EΔ♯5
Bb7sus
Eb-7
A-7


D-6⁹
C♯7
F∆/C
Bø
B♭7sus
57
E♭-7
E♭°
Bø
61
7. CHORUS
E6⁹
B♭7
E♭-7
64
A-9/C
D-9/F
C♯7alt.
66
F∆/C
Bø
B♭7sus
E♭-7
69
8. CHORUS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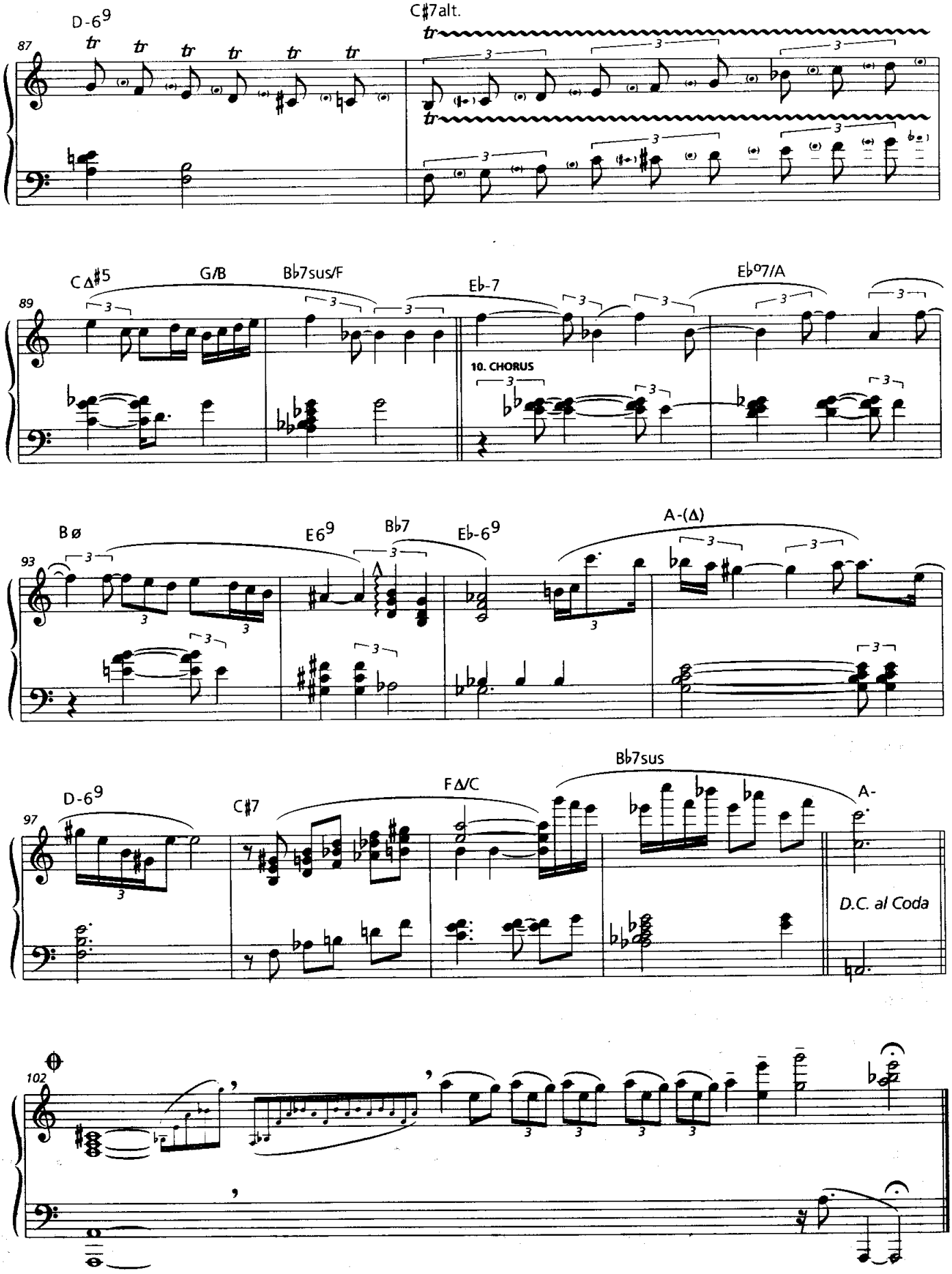
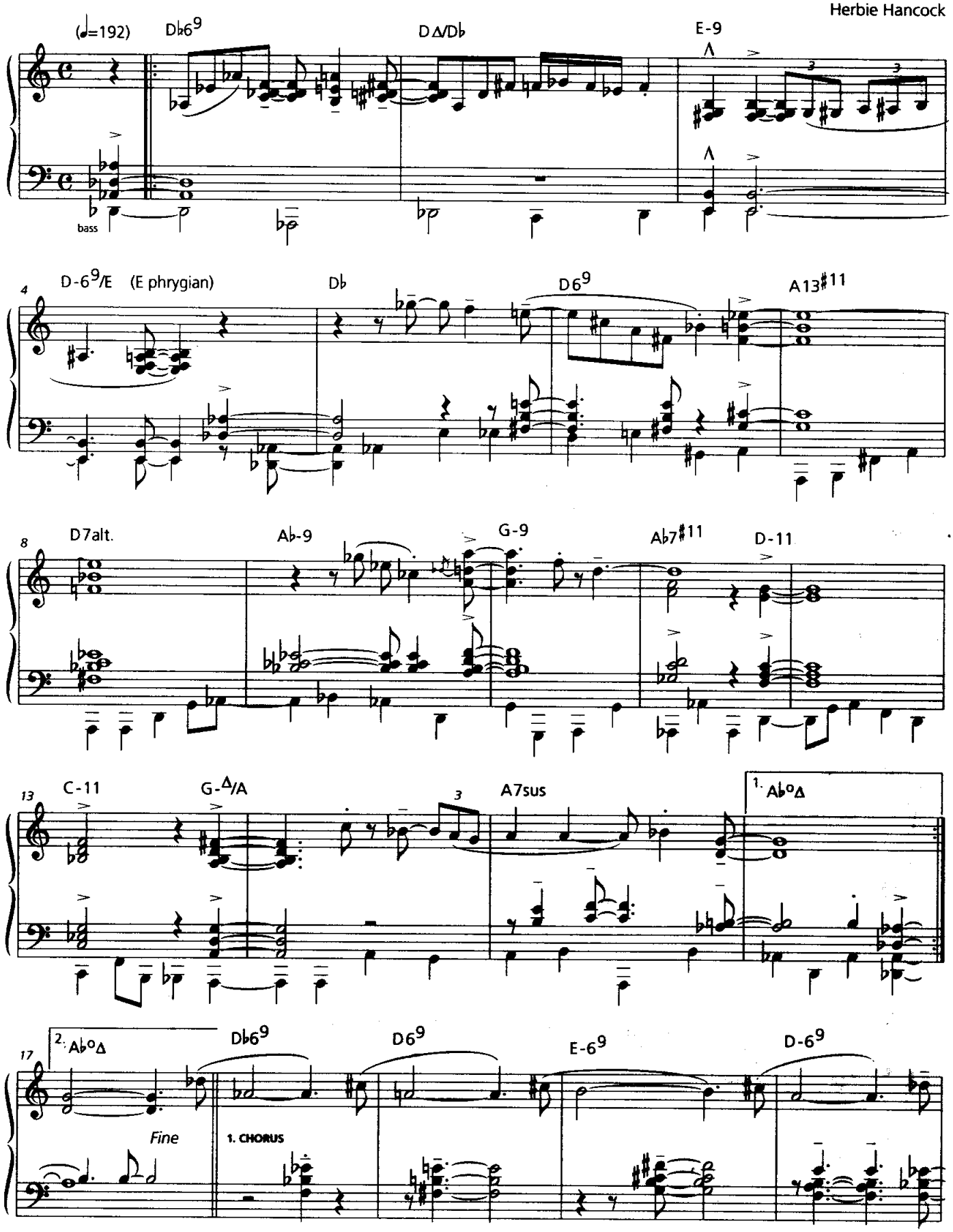
Eb°7
B ø/F
EΔ♯5
Bb7
75
Eb-7
A-Δ
D-
C♯7alt.
79
D-7/C
B ø
Bb7sus/F
81
Eb-7
Eb°7
B ø
(B7)
9. CHORUS
84
E6⁹
Bb7
Eb-7
A-Δ
(A ø)
sim.


D-6⁹
C♯7alt.
87
CΔ♯5
G/B
B♭7sus/F
Eb-7
E♭o7/A
89
10. CHORUS
Bø
E6⁹
B♭7
Eb-6⁹
A-(Δ)
93
D-6⁹
C♯7
FΔ/C
B♭7sus
A-
97
D.C. al Coda
102

The Sorcerer

Herbie Hancock



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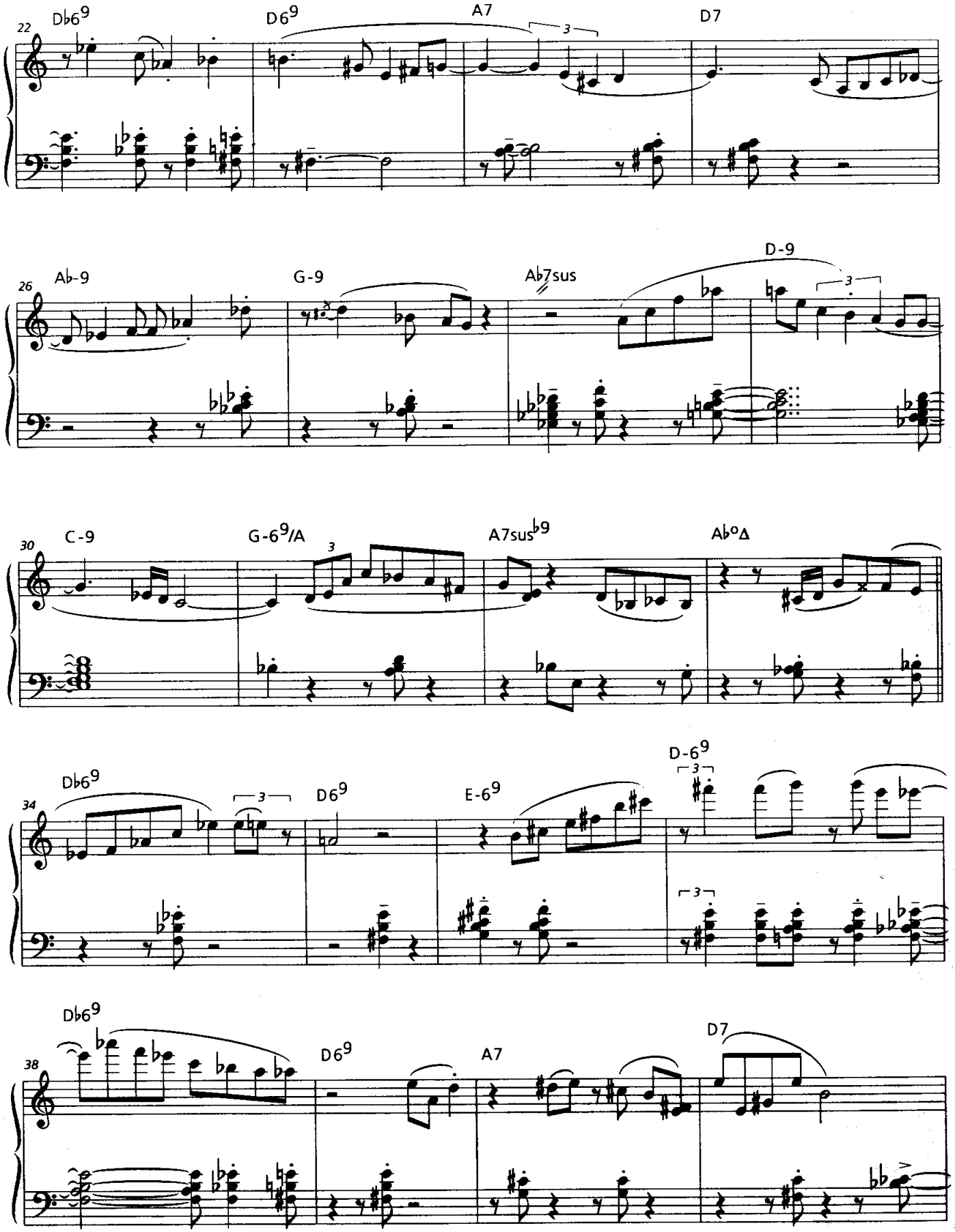
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D7
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Ab-9
G-9
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D-9
3
30
C-9
G-6⁹/A
3
A7susᵇ⁹
Abº∆
34
Db6⁹
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D6⁹
E-6⁹
D-6⁹
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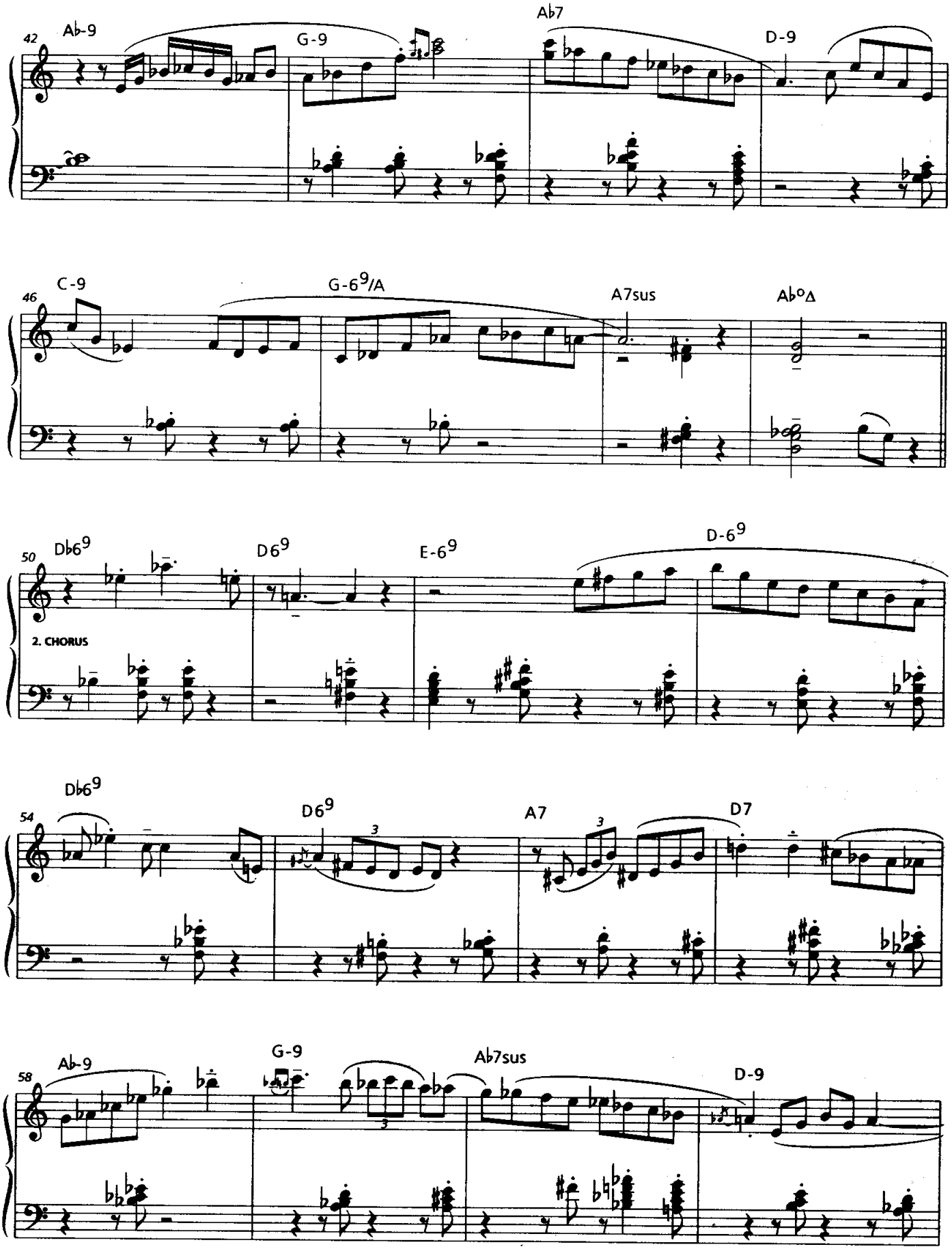
3
38
Db6⁹
D6⁹
A7
D7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G-6⁹/A
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Ab°Δ
50
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D6⁹
E-6⁹
D-6⁹
2. CHORUS
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A7
D7
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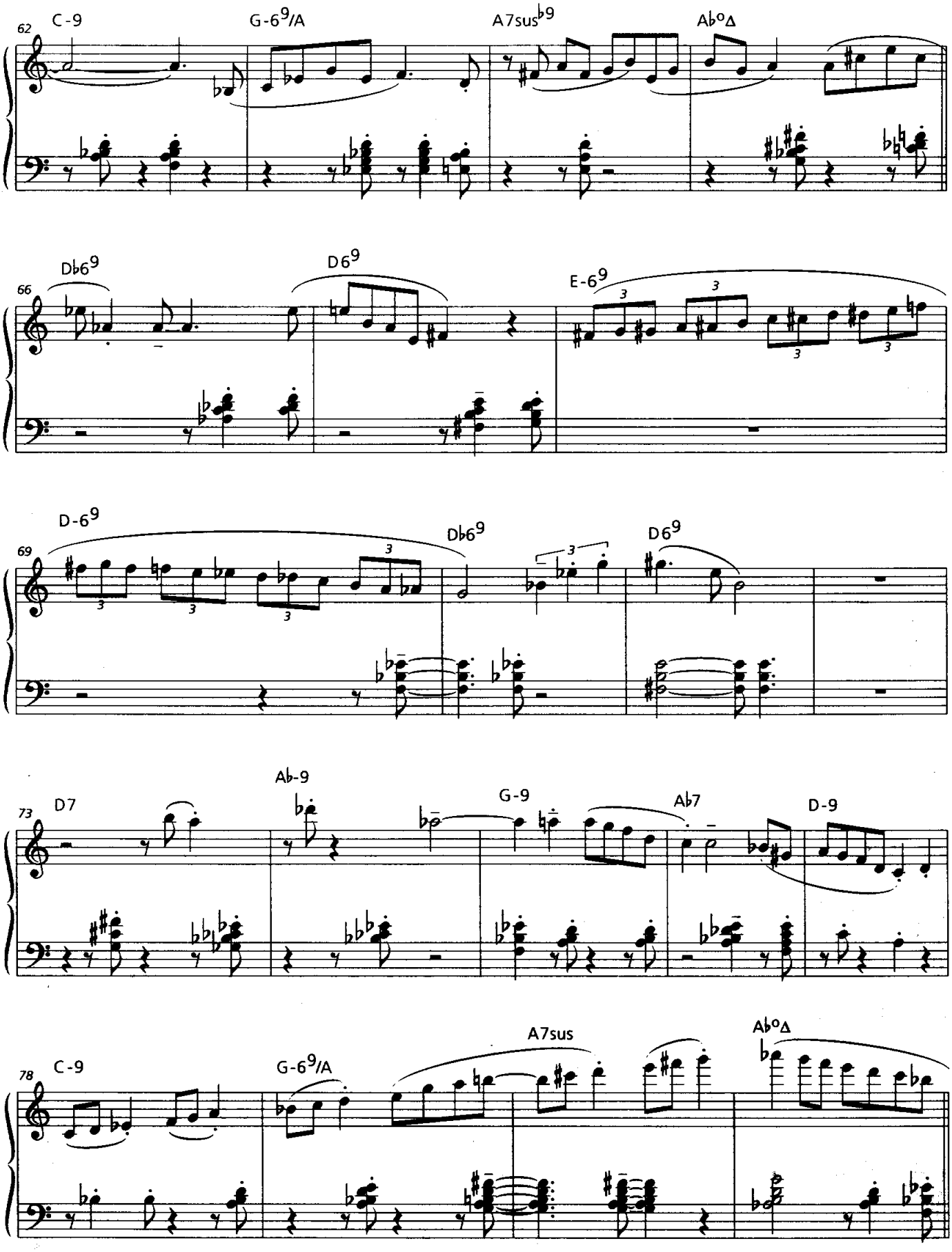
Ab-9
G-9
Ab7sus
D-9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G-6⁹/A
A7sus♭9
A♭°Δ
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D♭6⁹
D6⁹
E-6⁹
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D-6⁹
D♭6⁹
D6⁹
73
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D-9
78
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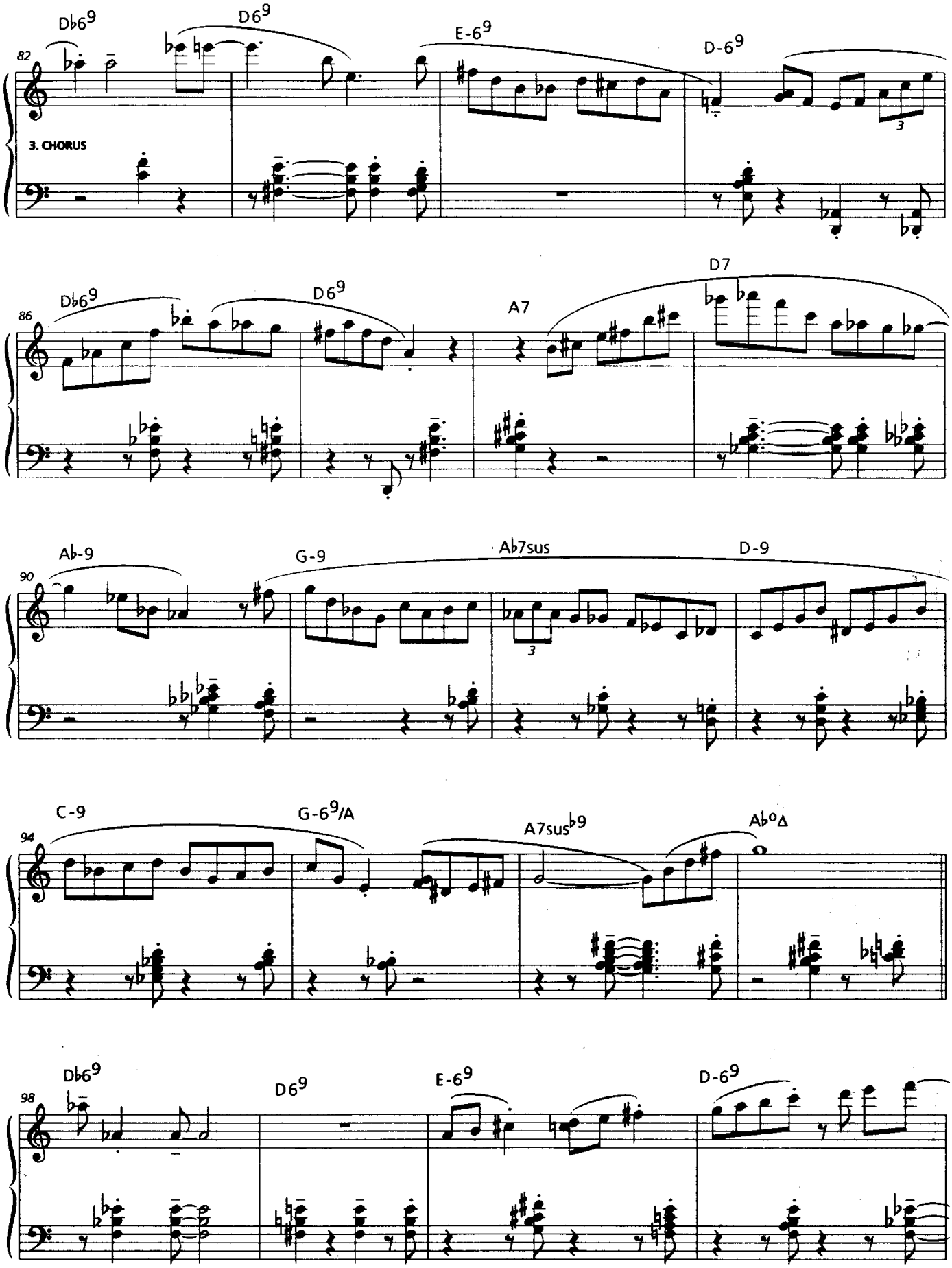
G-6⁹/A
A7sus
A♭°Δ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D-6⁹
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D6⁹
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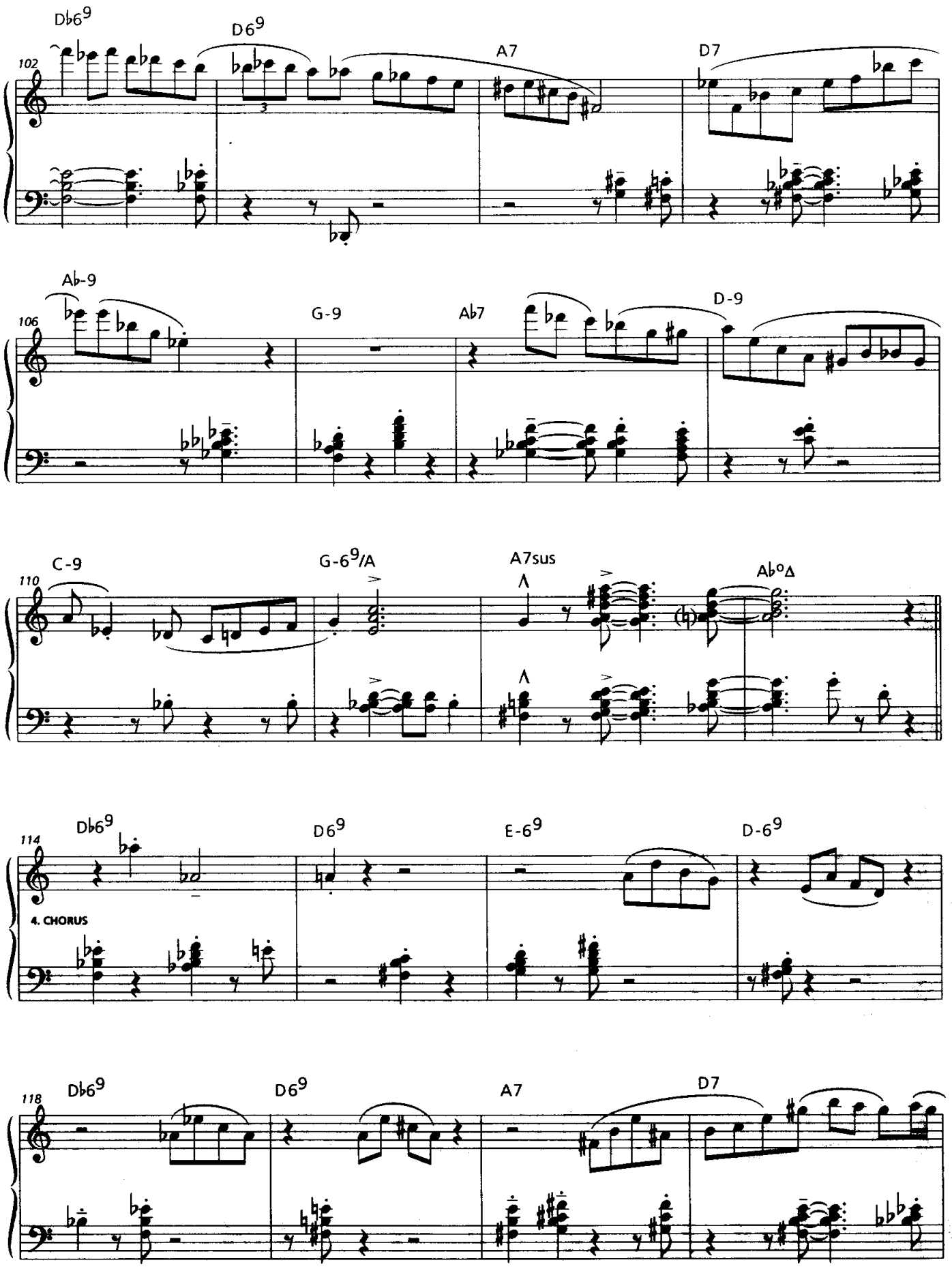
D7
90
Ab-9
G-9
Ab7sus
D-9
94
C-9
G-6⁹/A
A7susᵇ9
Abᵒ△
98
Db6⁹
D6⁹
E-6⁹
D-6⁹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D7
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Ab7
D-9
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G-6⁹/A
A7sus
Ab°Δ
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D6⁹
E-6⁹
D-6⁹
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4. CHORUS
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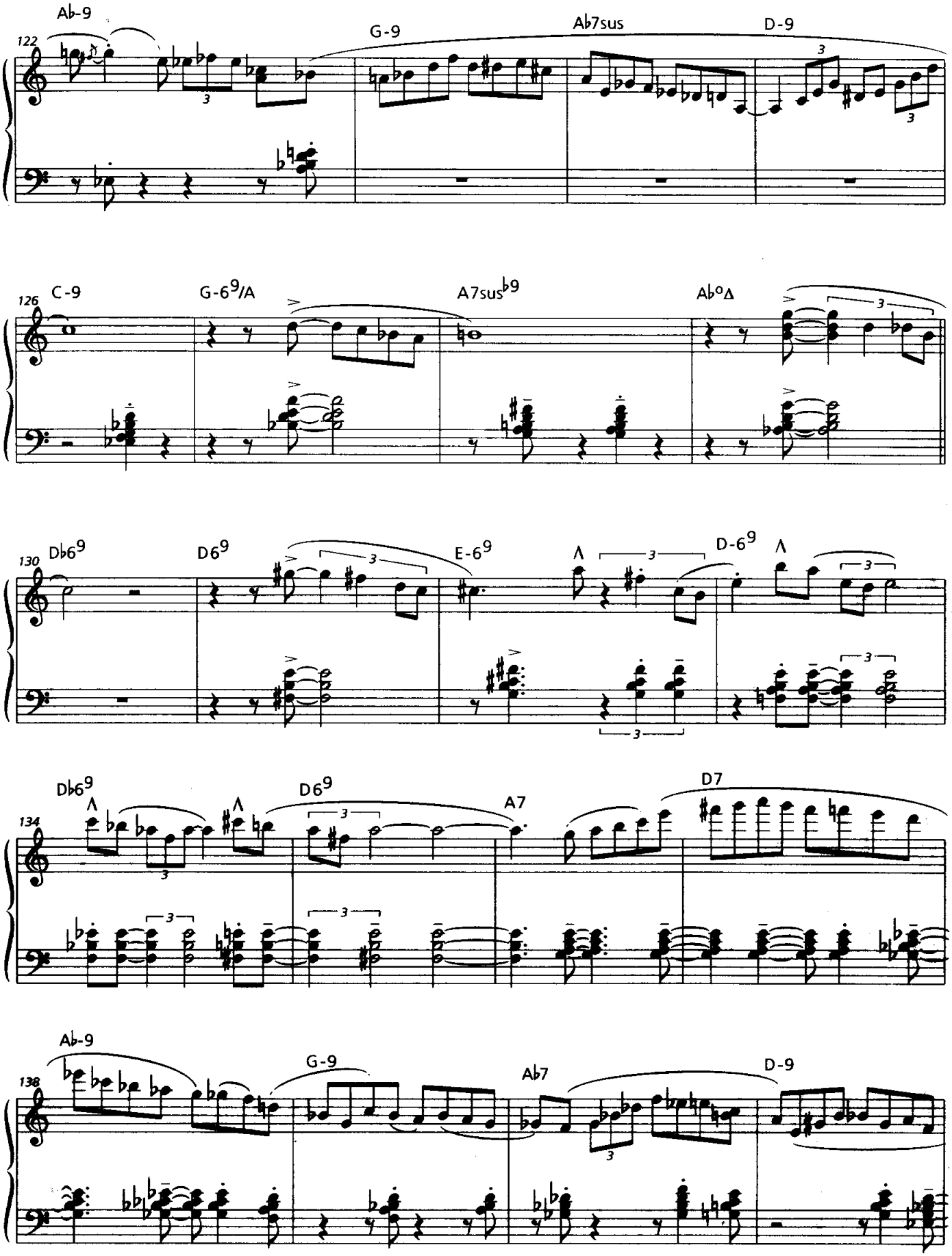
A7
D7
118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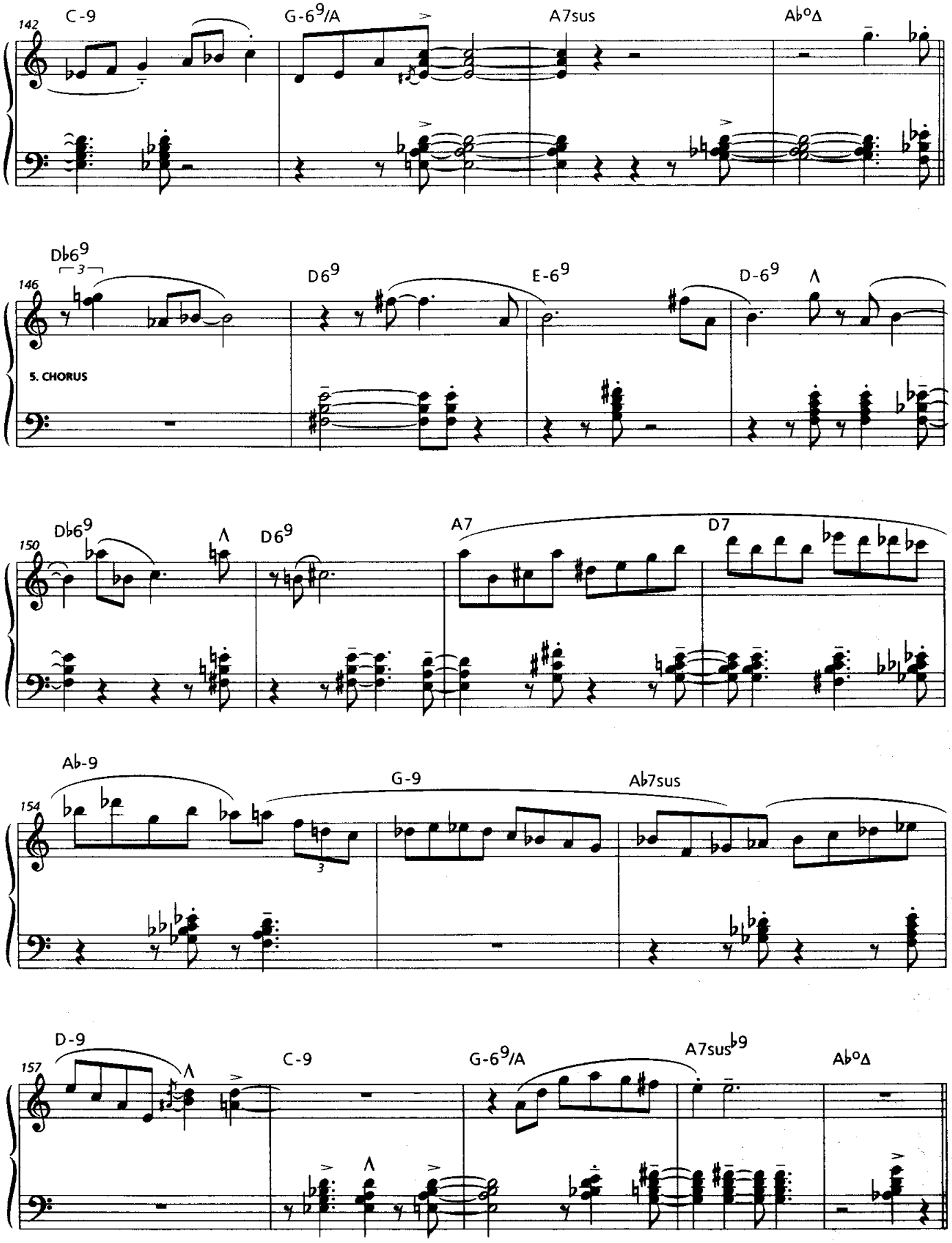
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C-9
G-6⁹/A
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A♭°Δ
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D♭6⁹
3
D6⁹
E-6⁹
D-6⁹
5. CHORUS
150
D♭6⁹
D6⁹
A7
D7
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A♭-9
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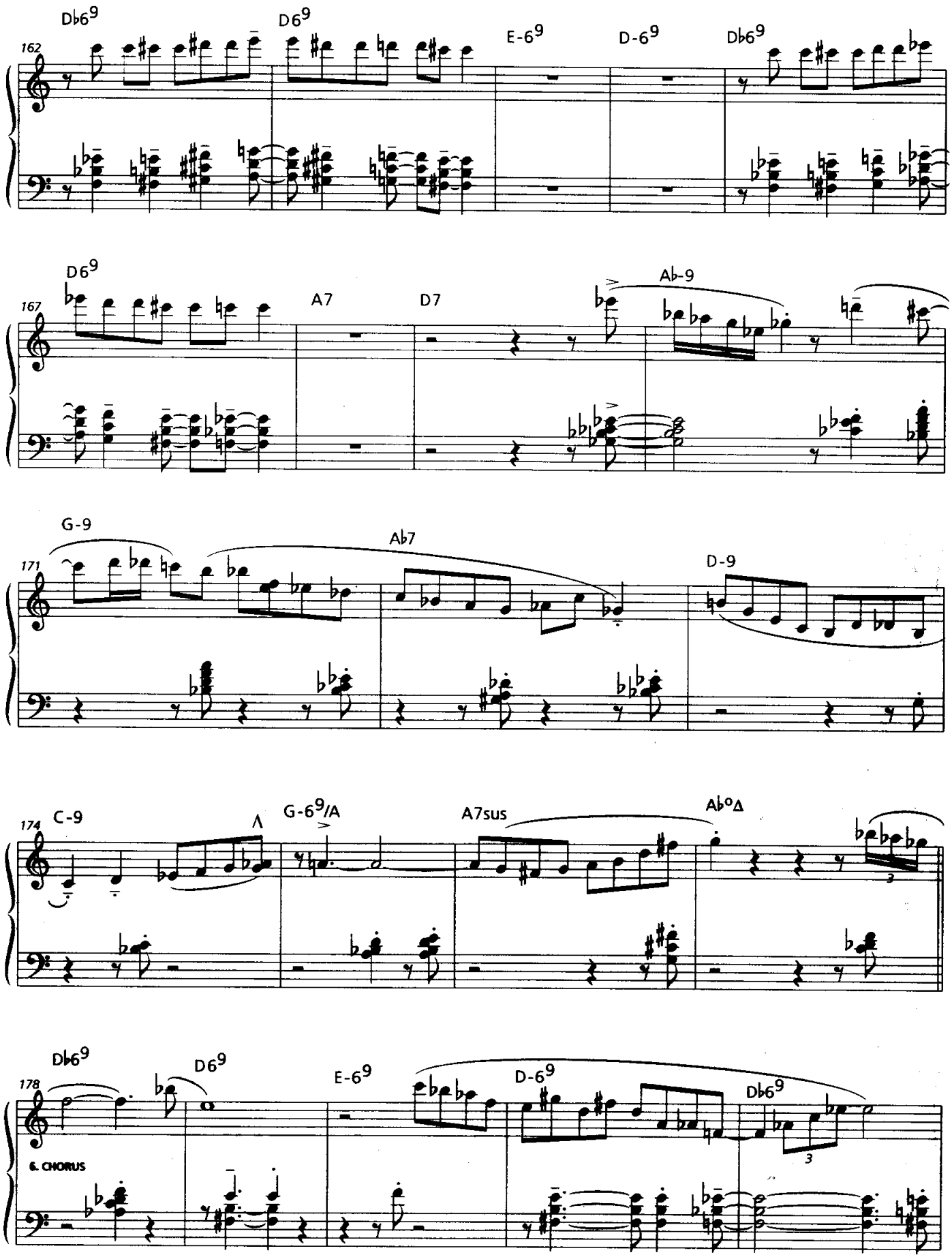
A♭°Δ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G-9
Ab7
D-9
171
C-9
G-6⁹/A
A7sus
Ab°Δ
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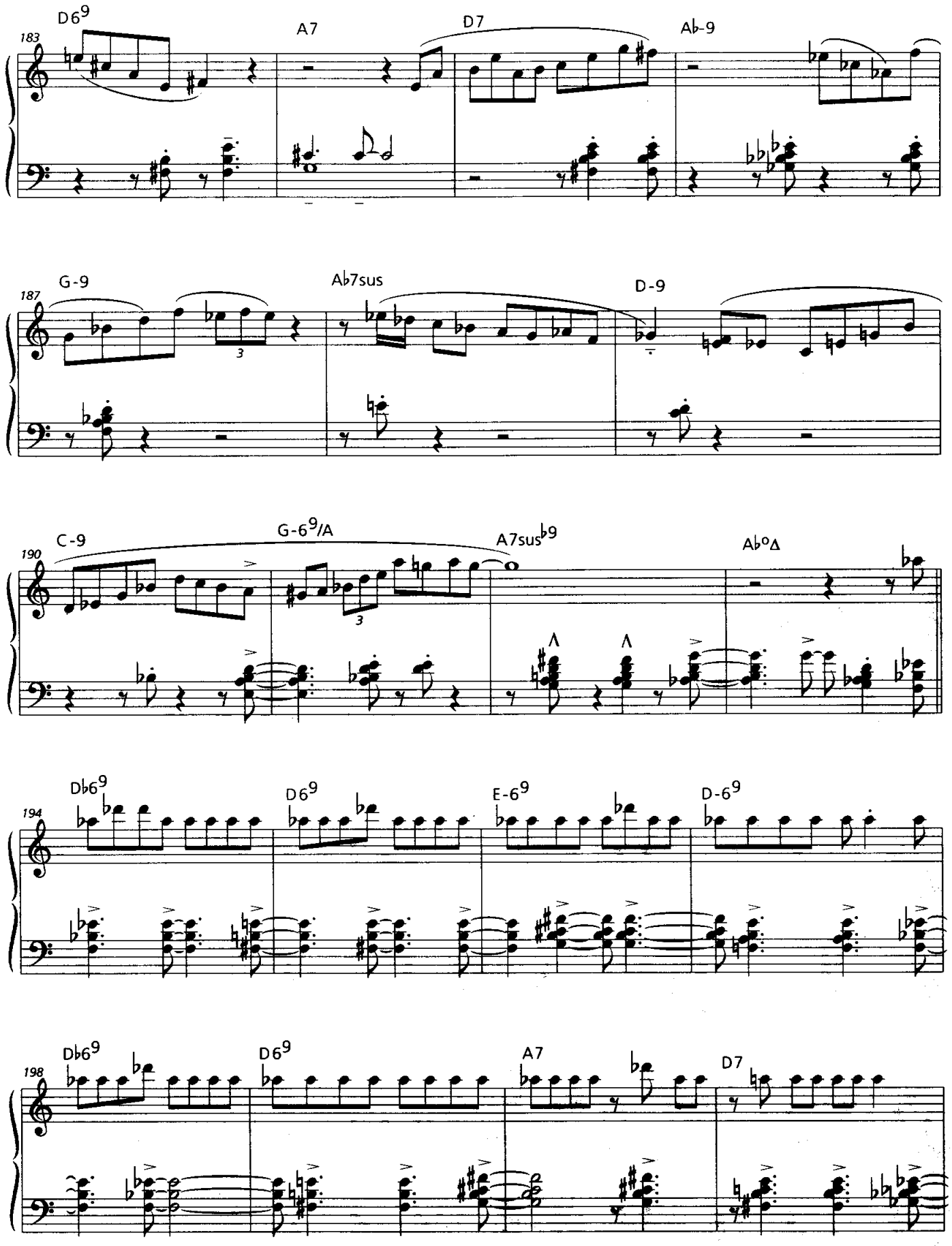
D6⁹
E-6⁹
D-6⁹
Db6⁹
178
6. CHORUS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D7
A♭-9
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G-9
A♭7sus
D-9
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C-9
G-6⁹/A
A7sus♭9
A♭°Δ
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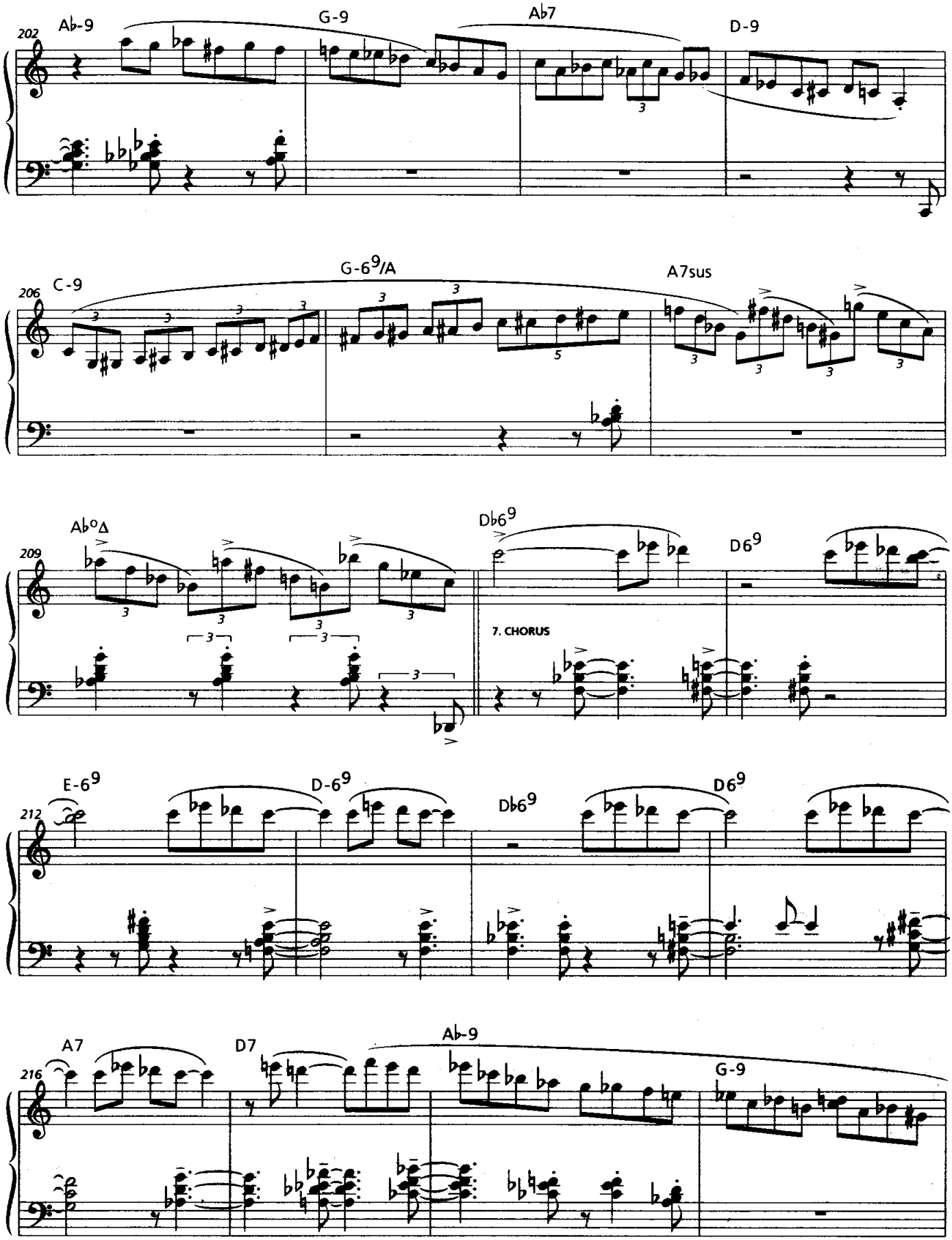
A7
D7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G-9
Ab7
D-9
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C-9
G-6⁹/A
A7sus
209
Ab°Δ
Db6⁹
D6⁹
7. CHORUS
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D-6⁹
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D6⁹
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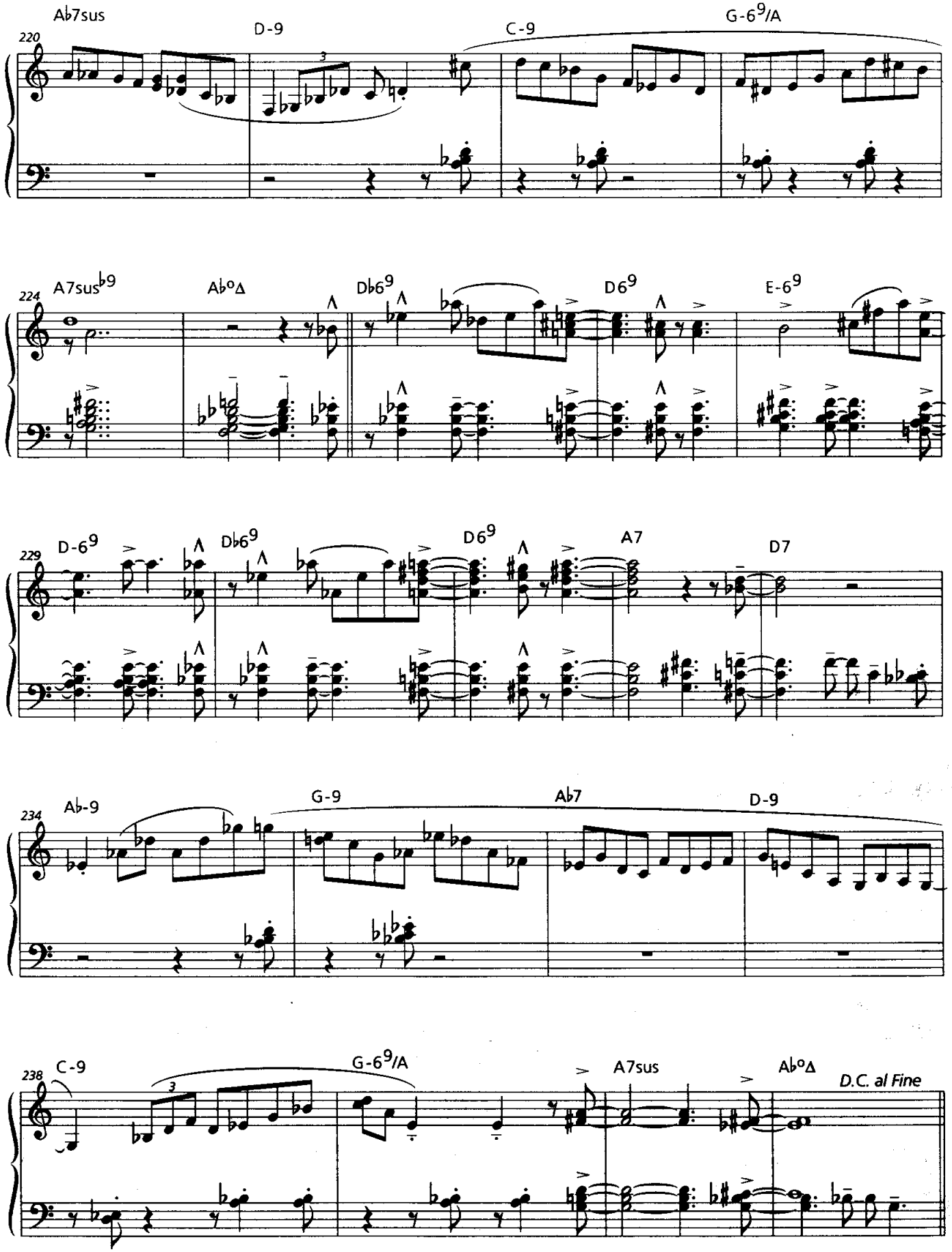
G-9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D-9
C-9
G-6⁹/A
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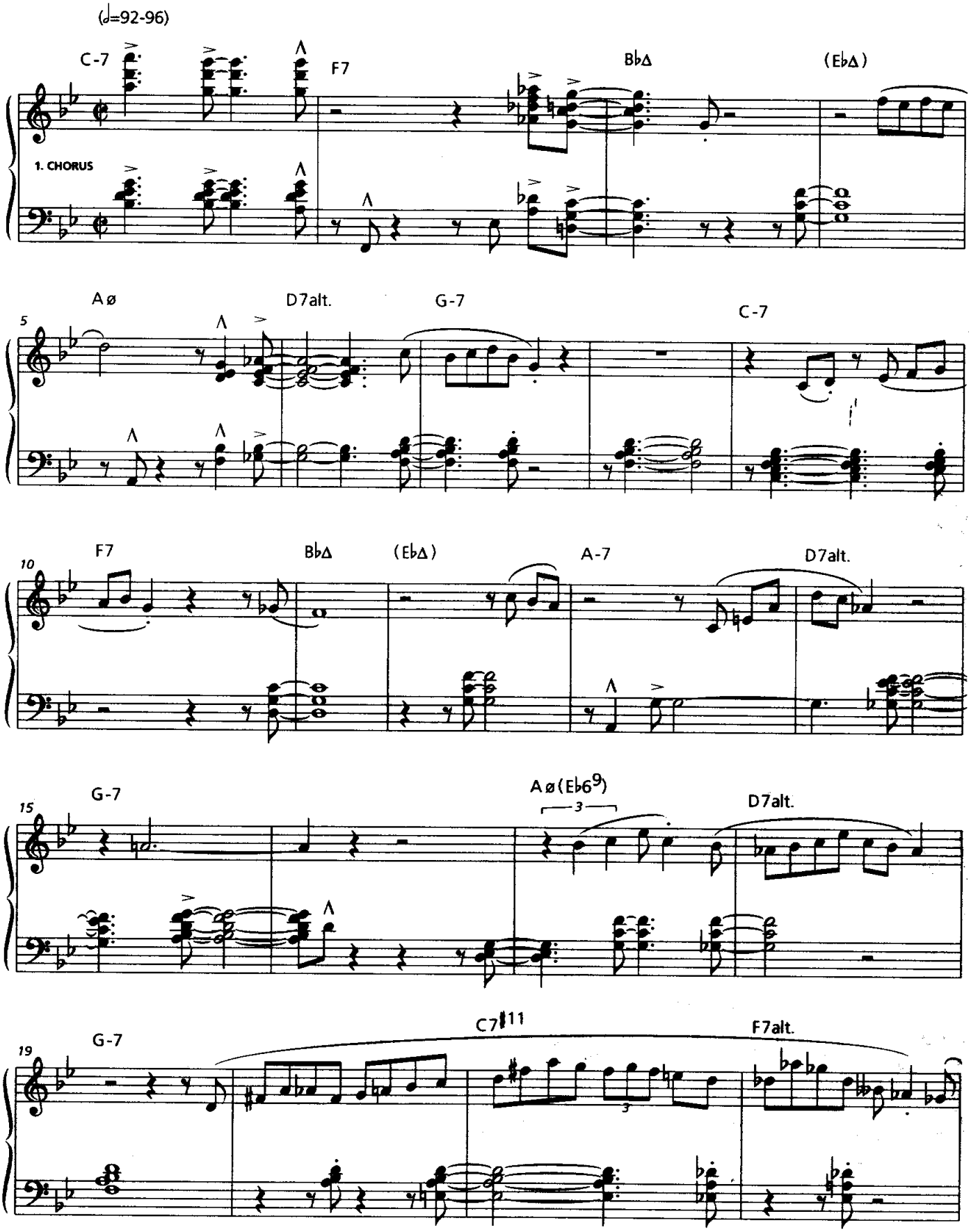
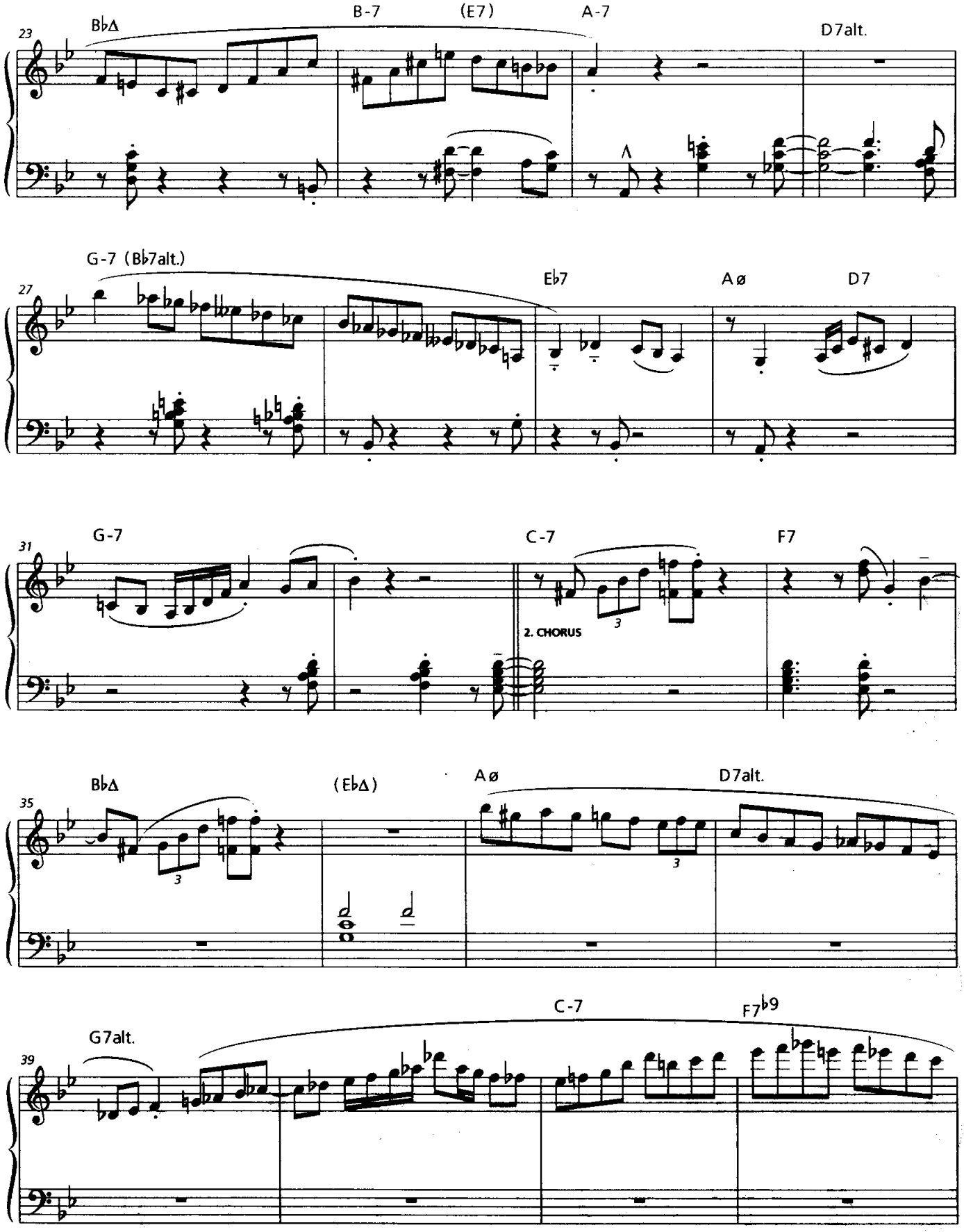
Db6⁹
D6⁹
E-6⁹
229
D-6⁹
Db6⁹
D6⁹
A7
D7
234
Ab-9
G-9
Ab7
D-9
238
C-9
G-6⁹/A
A7sus
Ab°Δ
D.C. al Fine

Herbie Hancock's solo on the chord changes to

Autumn Leaves

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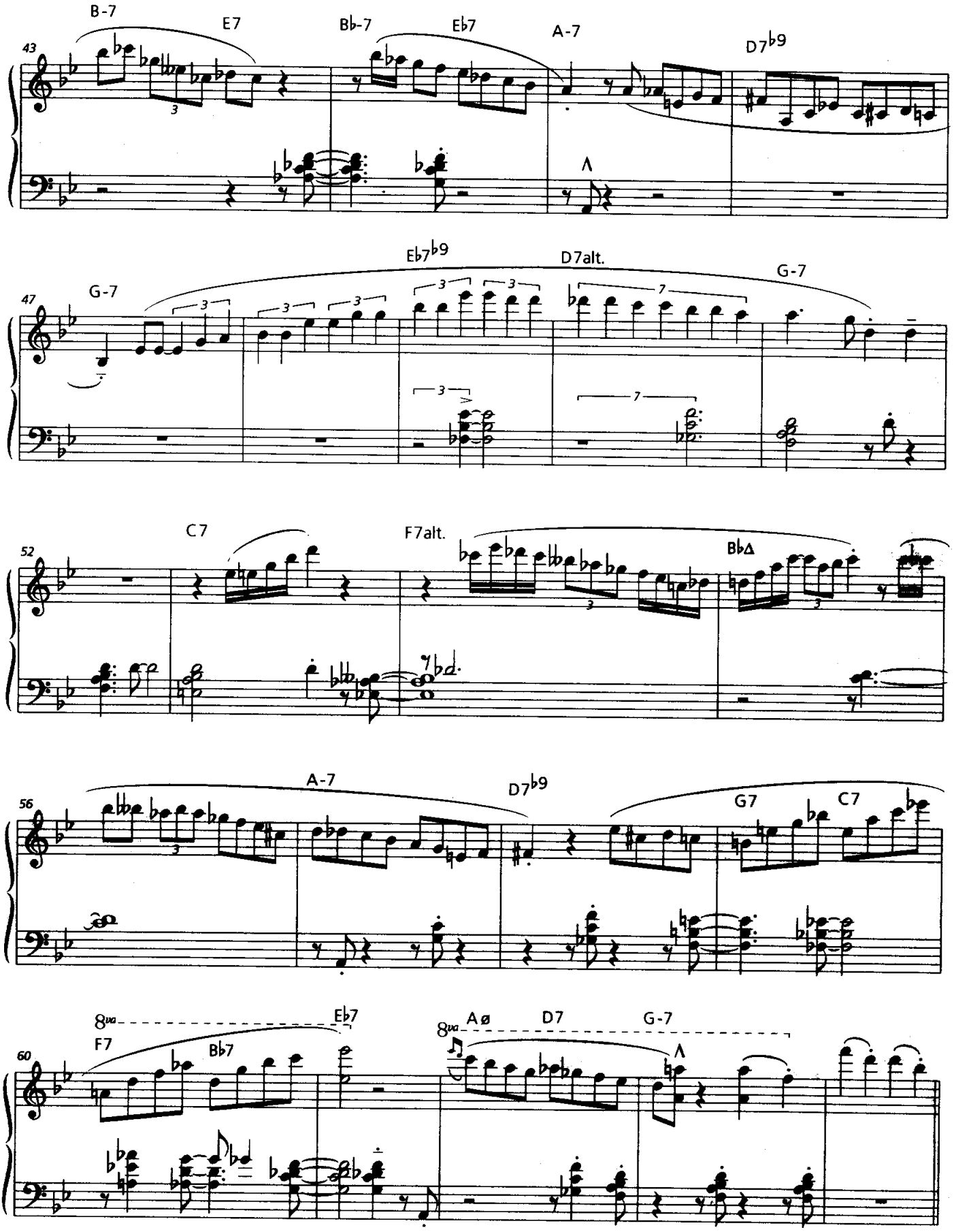
B♭Δ
B-7
(E7)
A-7
D7alt.
27
G-7 (B♭7alt.)
E♭7
Aø
D7
31
G-7
C-7
F7
2. CHORUS
35
B♭Δ
(E♭Δ)
Aø
D7alt.
39
G7alt.
C-7
F7♭9


B-7
E7
Bb-7
Eb7
A-7
D7b9
43
Eb7b9
D7alt.
G-7
G-7
47
C7
F7alt.
BbΔ
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D7
G-7
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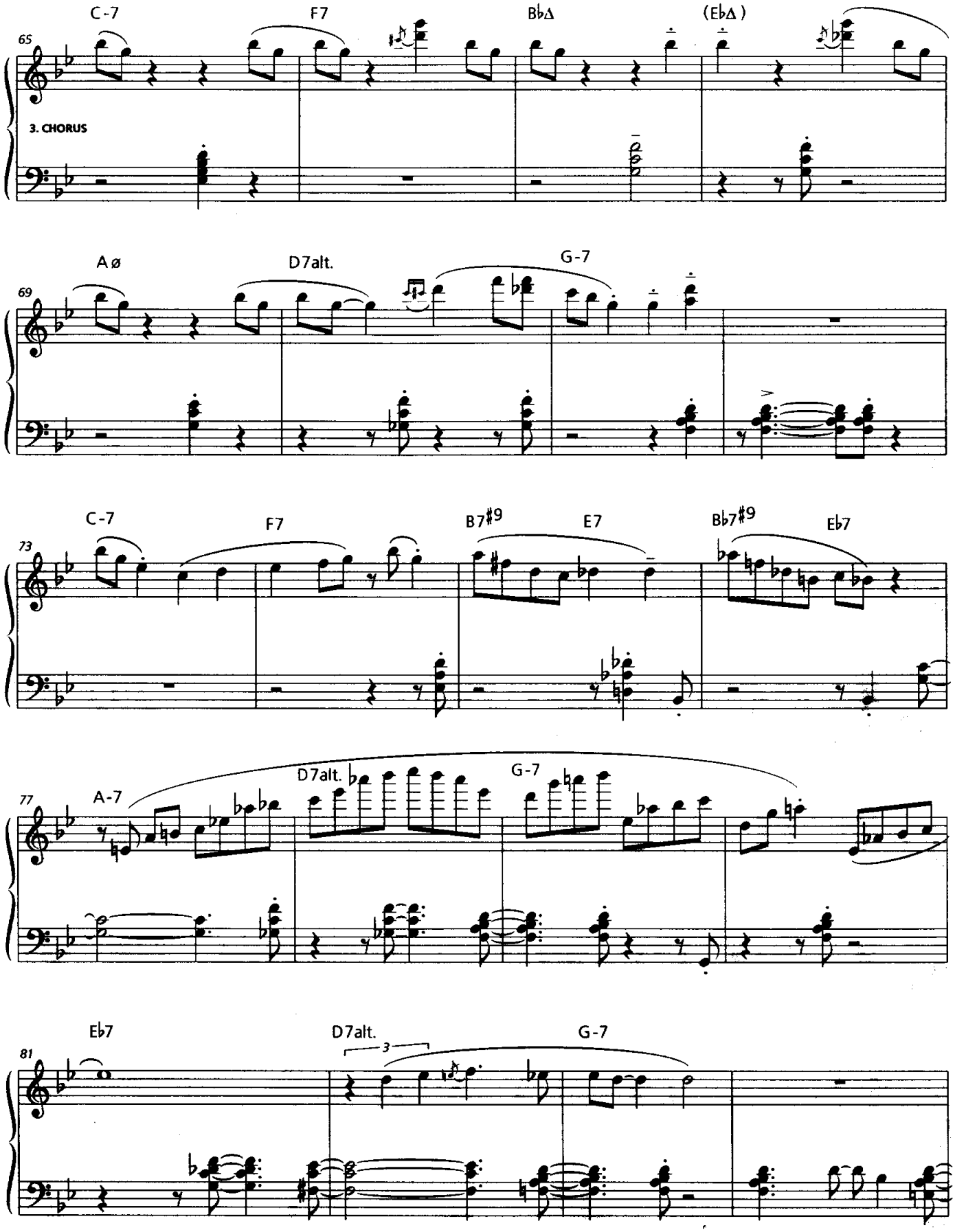
C-7
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B♭Δ
(E♭Δ)
65
3. CHORUS
Aø
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G-7
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E7
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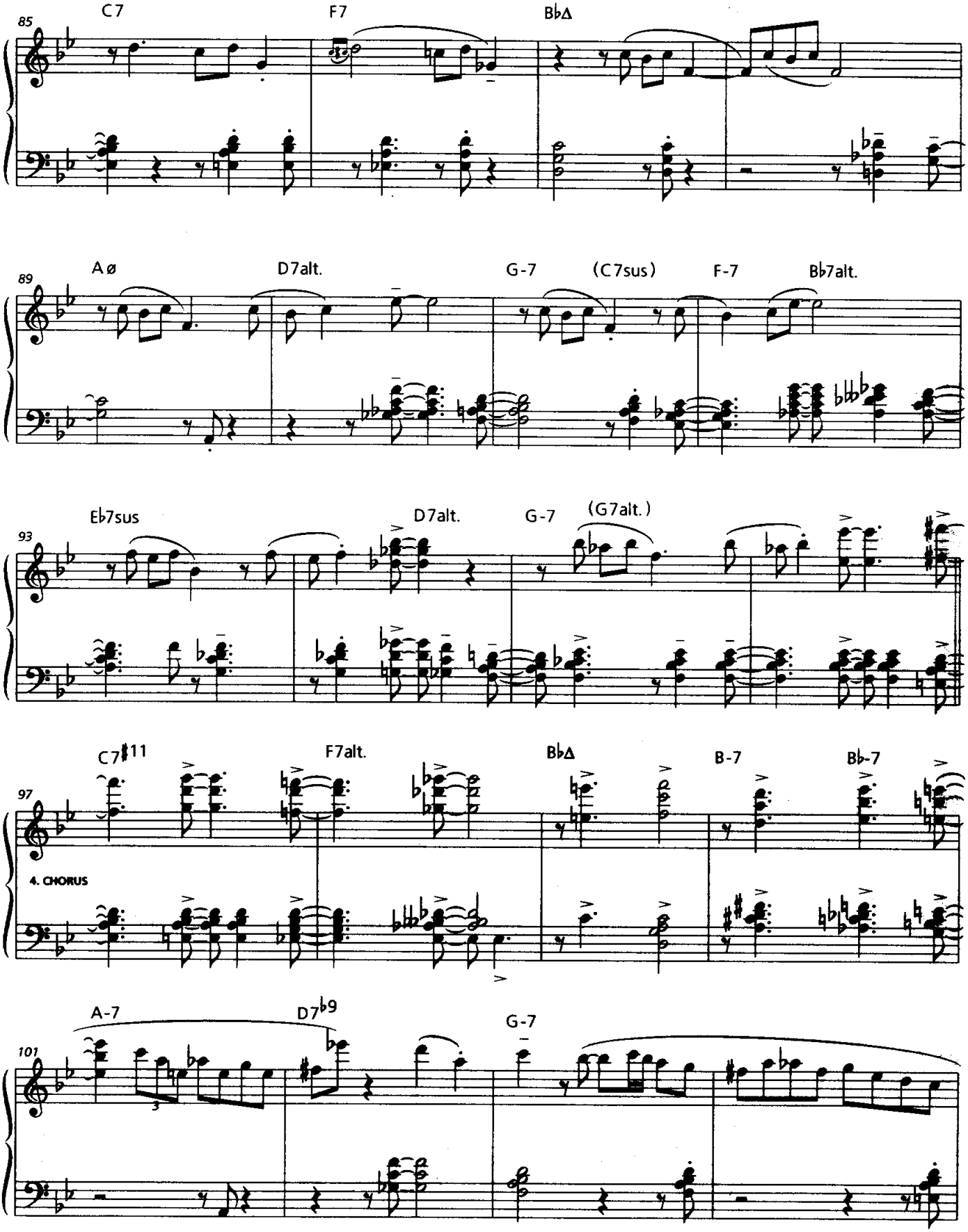
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D7alt.
G-7
(G7alt.)
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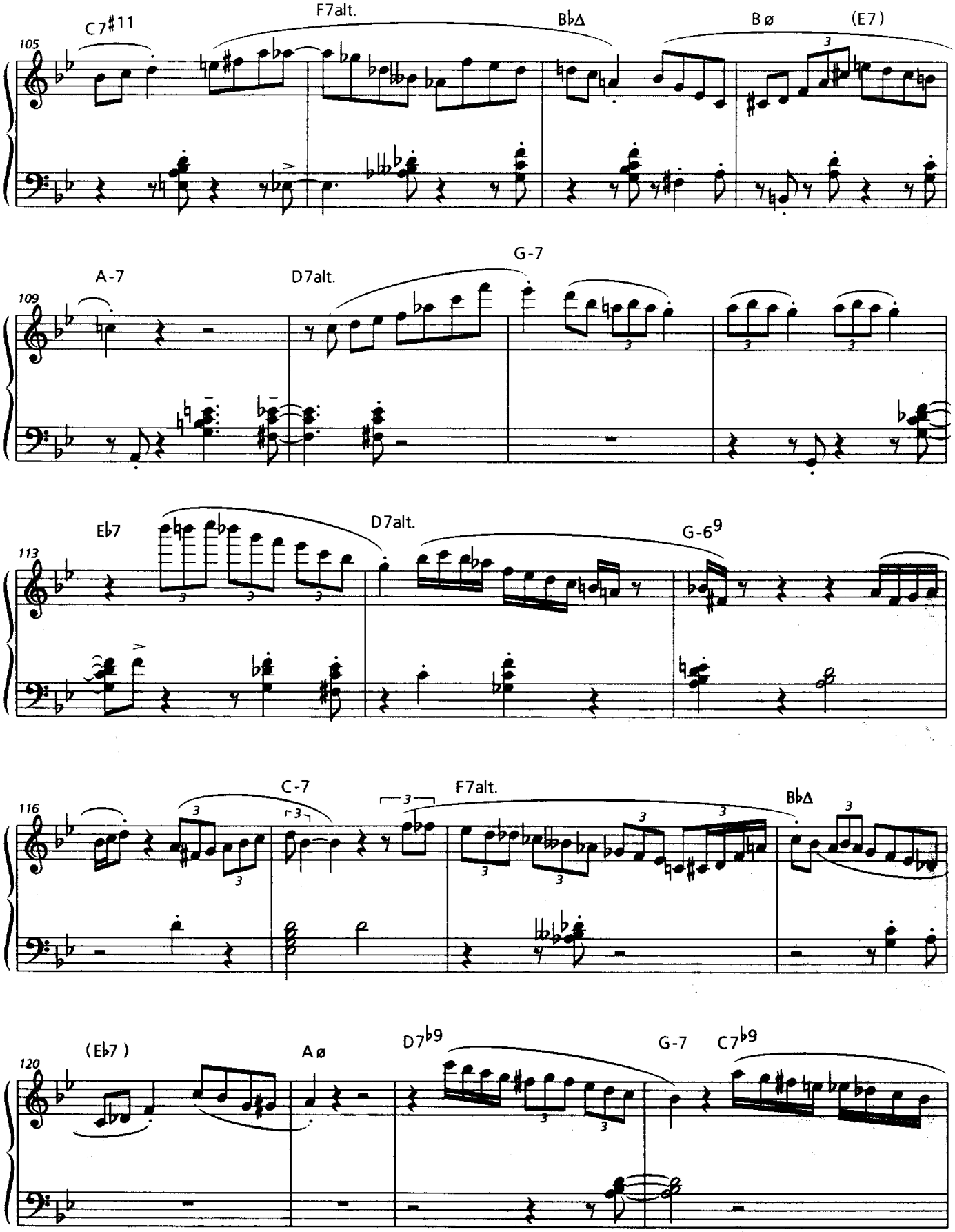
G-7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B♭Δ
B ø
(E7)
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A-7
D7alt.
G-7
113
E♭7
D7alt.
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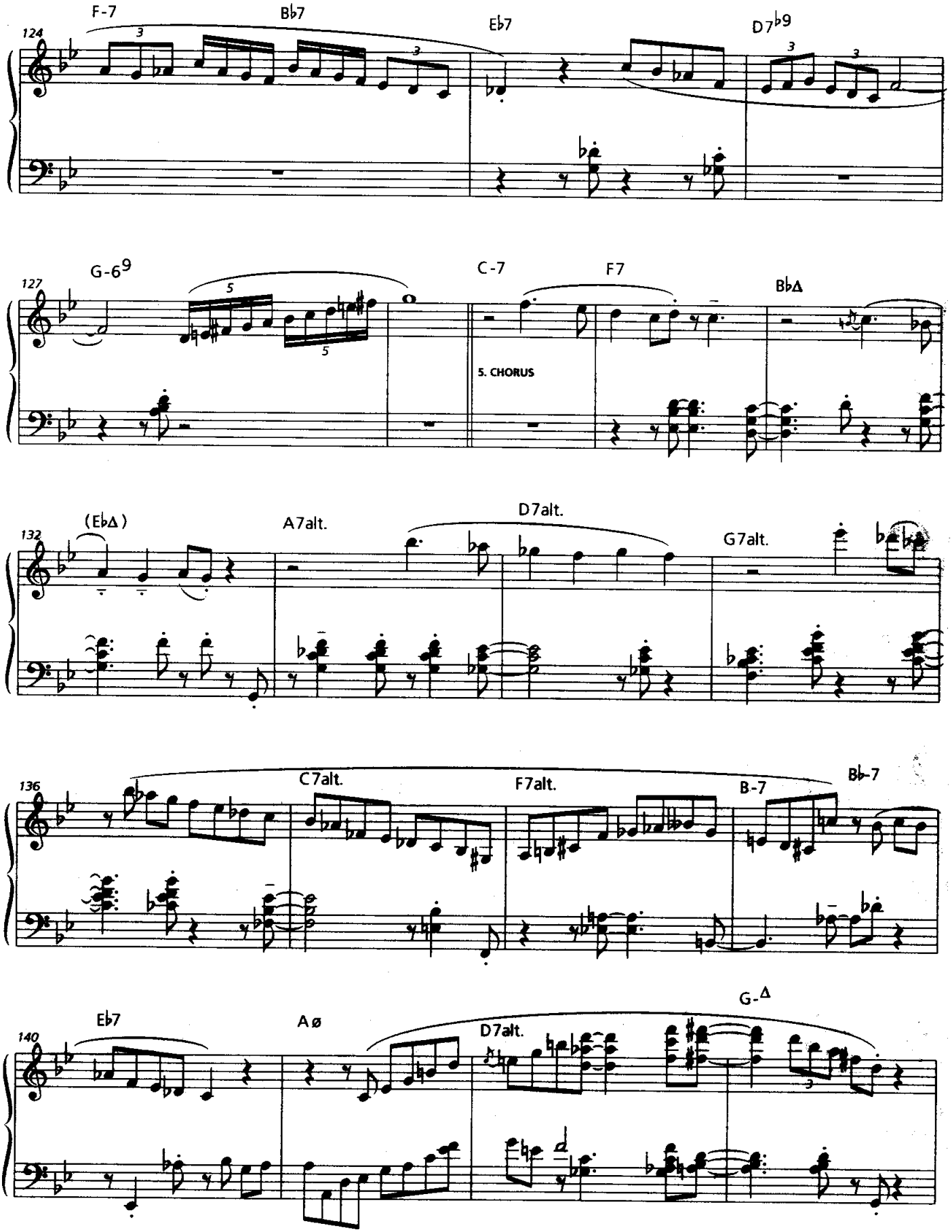
120
(E♭7)
A ø
D7♭9
G-7
C7♭9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F-7
B♭7
E♭7
D7♭9
127
G-6⁹
C-7
F7
B♭Δ
5. CHORUS
132
(E♭Δ)
A7alt.
D7alt.
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C7alt.
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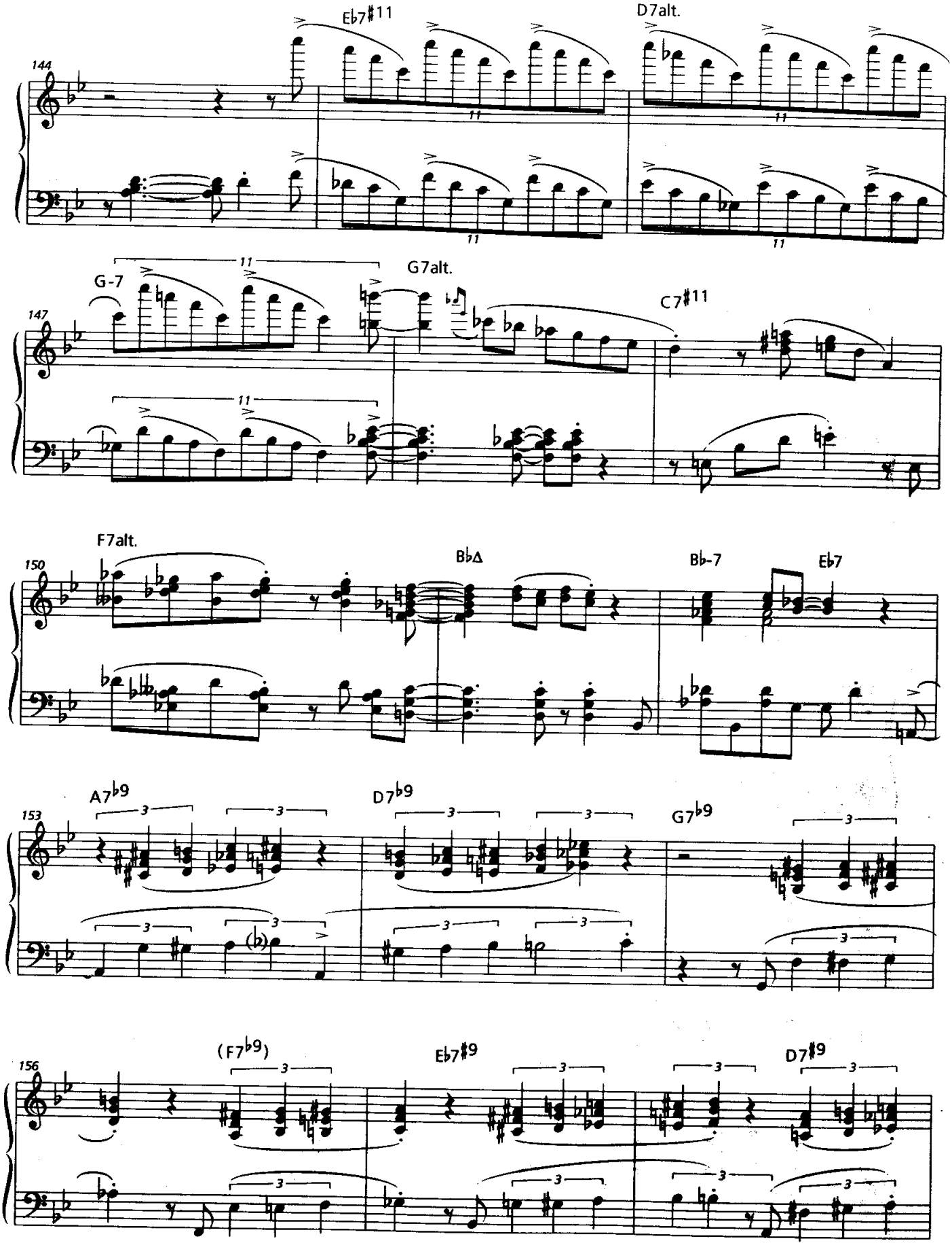
B-7
B♭-7
140
E♭7
Aø
D7alt.
G-Δ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E♭7♯11
D7alt.
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F7alt.
B♭Δ
B♭-7
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A7♭9
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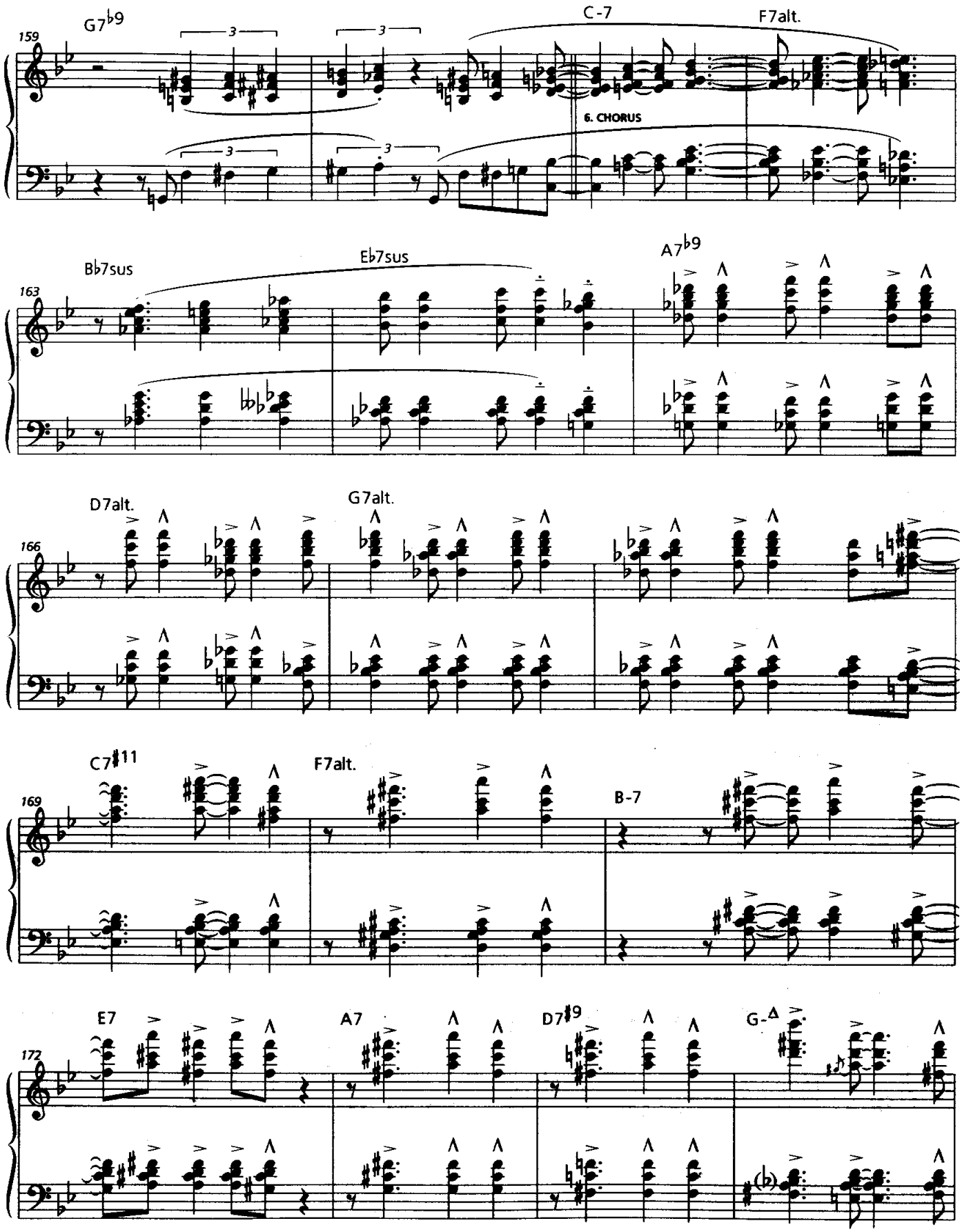
156
(F7♭9)
E♭7♯9
D7♯9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G7♭9
C-7
F7alt.
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163
B♭7sus
E♭7sus
A7♭9
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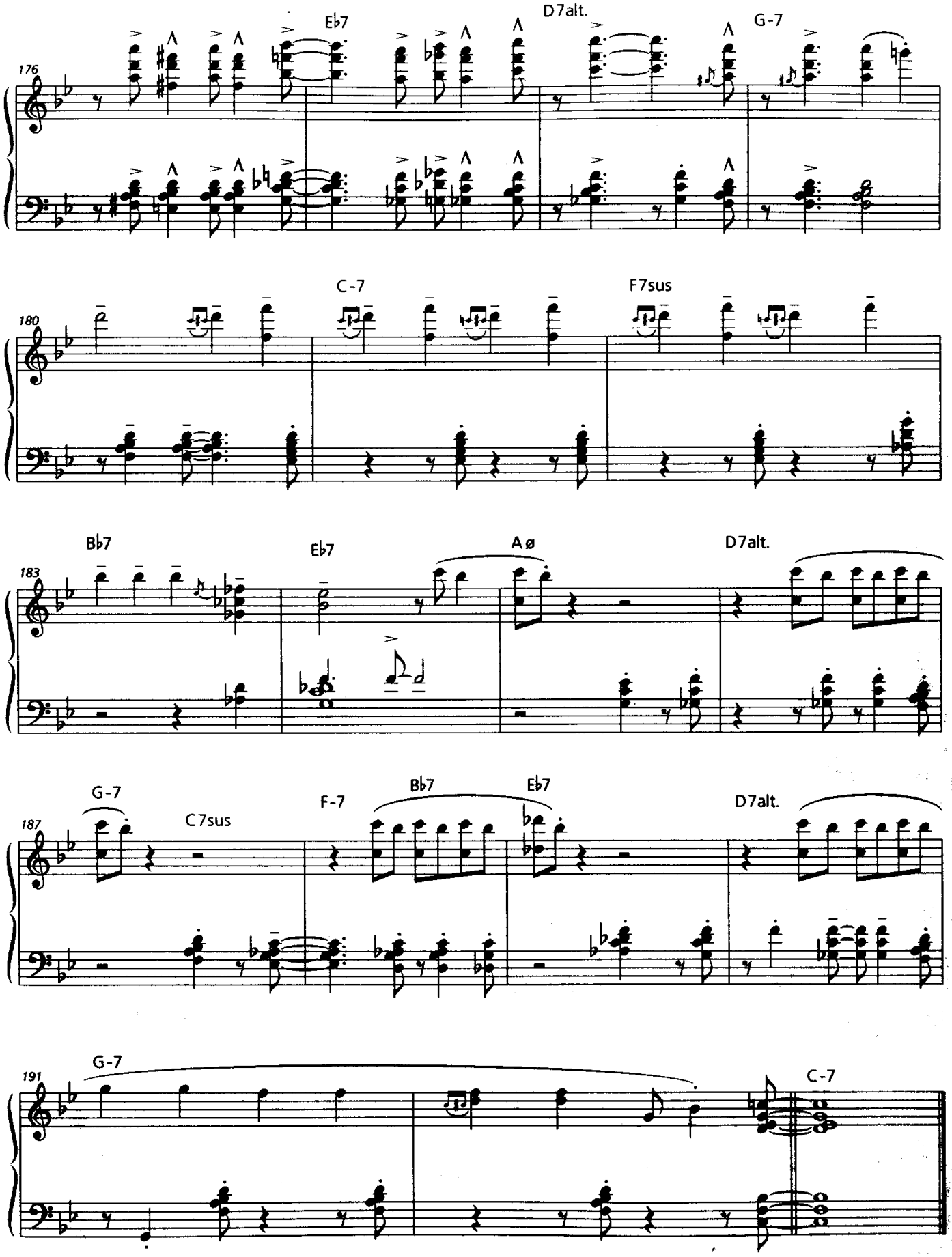
B-7
172
E7
A7
D7♯9
G-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Eb7
D7alt.
G-7
180
C-7
F7sus
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Bb7
Eb7
Aø
D7alt.
187
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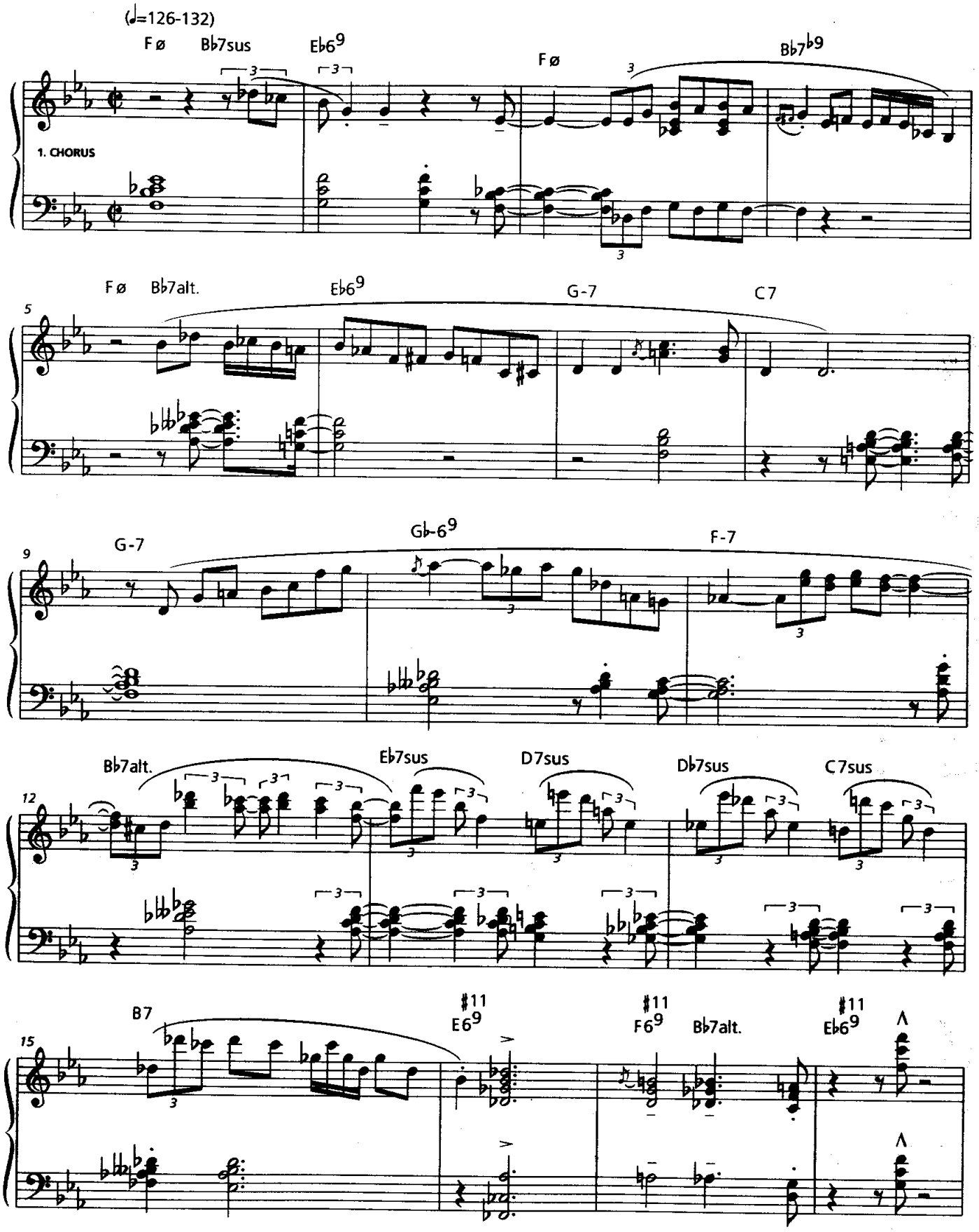
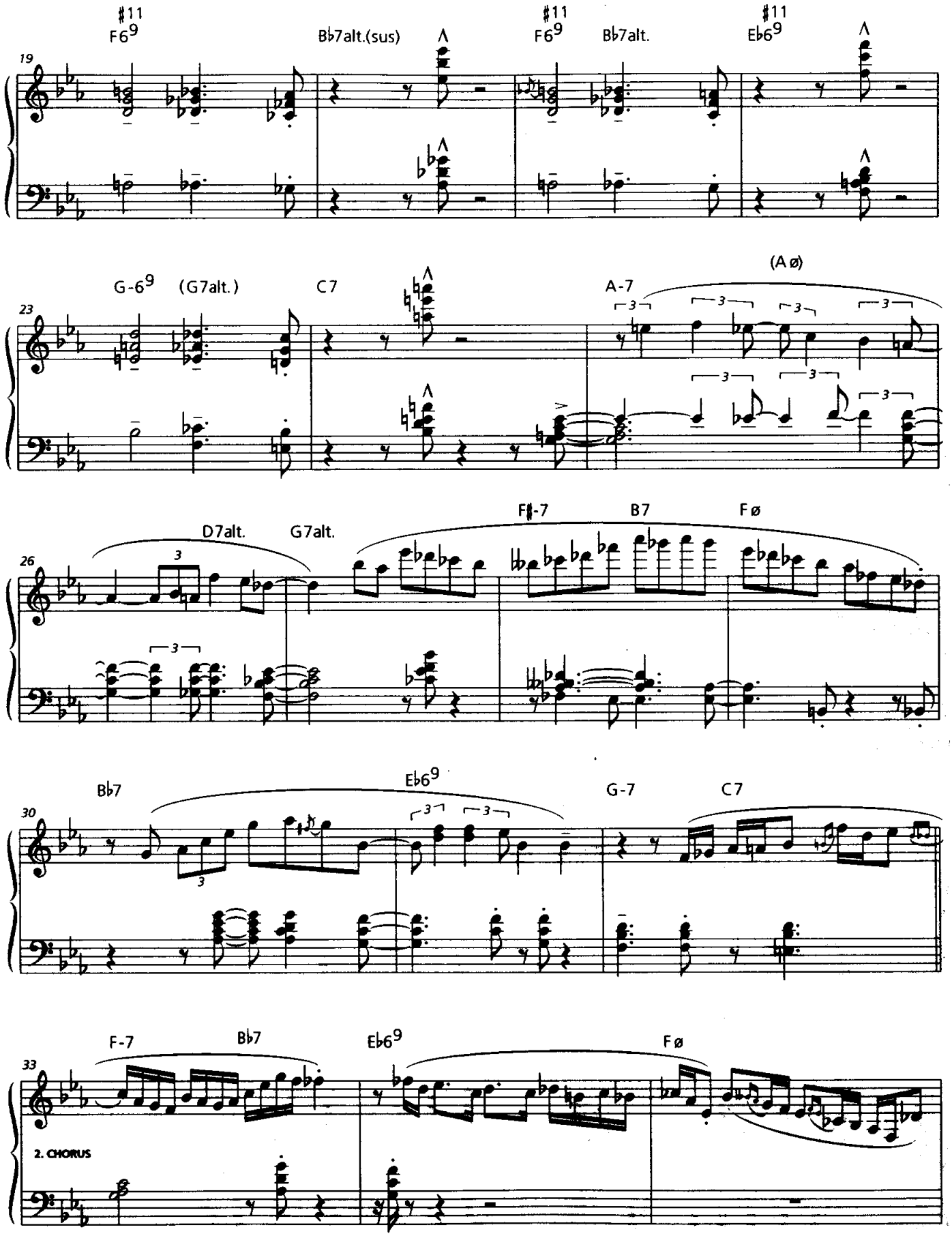
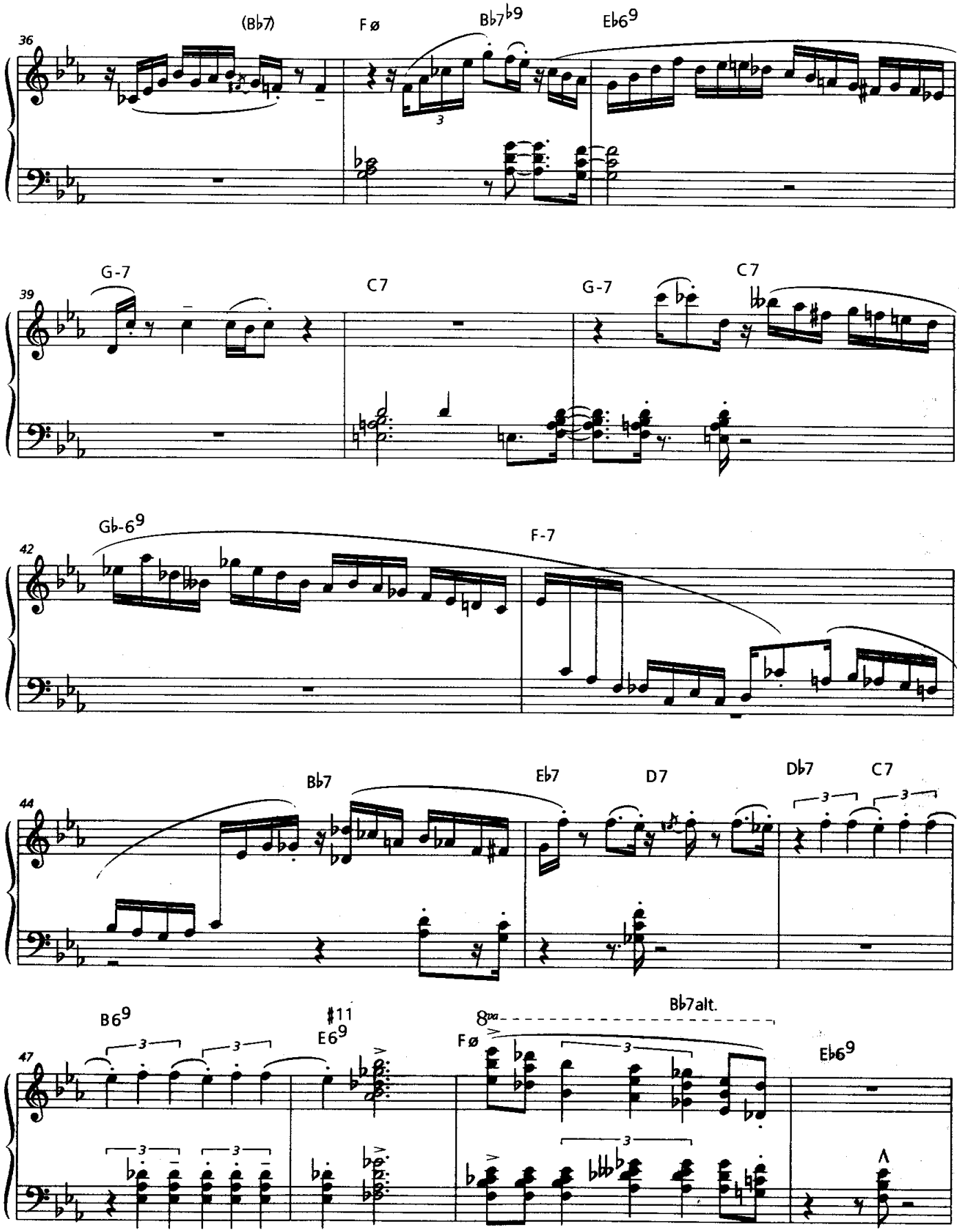
191
G-7
C-7

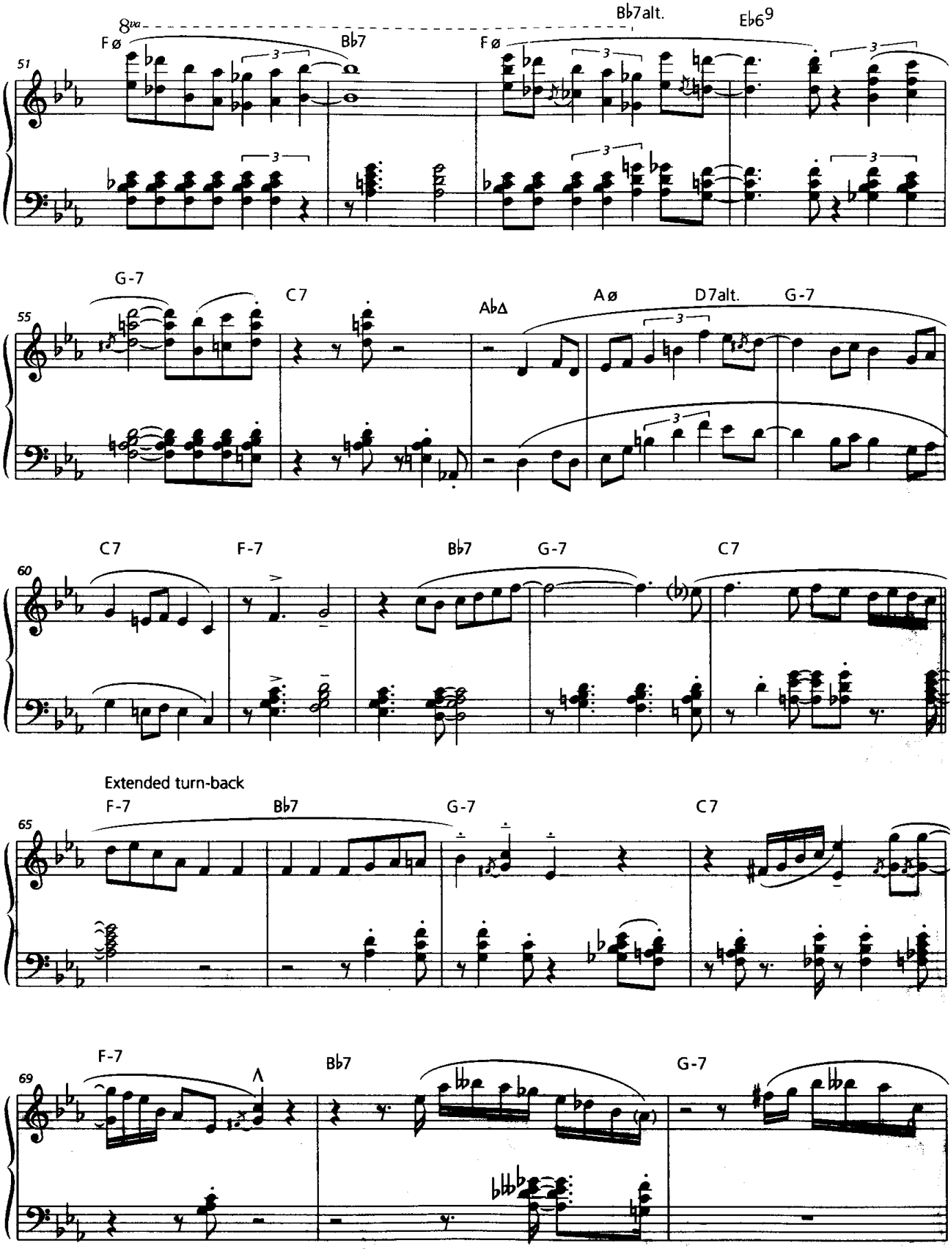
Herbie Hancock's solo on the chord changes to

All Of You




19
♯11
F6⁹
B♭7alt.(sus)
♯11
F6⁹
B♭7alt.
♯11
E♭6⁹
23
G-6⁹
(G7alt.)
C7
A-7
(A ø)
26
D7alt.
G7alt.
F♯-7
B7
F ø
30
B♭7
E♭6⁹
G-7
C7
33
F-7
B♭7
E♭6⁹
F ø
2. CHORUS


36
(B♭7)
F ø
B♭7♭9
E♭6⁹
39
G-7
C7
G-7
C7
42
G♭-6⁹
F-7
44
B♭7
E♭7
D7
D♭7
C7
47
B6⁹
♯11
E6⁹
F ø
8va
B♭7alt.
E♭6⁹


8va
Fø
Bb7
Bb7alt.
Fø
Eb6 9
51
G-7
C7
Ab∆
Aø
D7alt.
G-7
55
C7
F-7
Bb7
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C7
60
Extended turn-back
F-7
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C7
65
F-7
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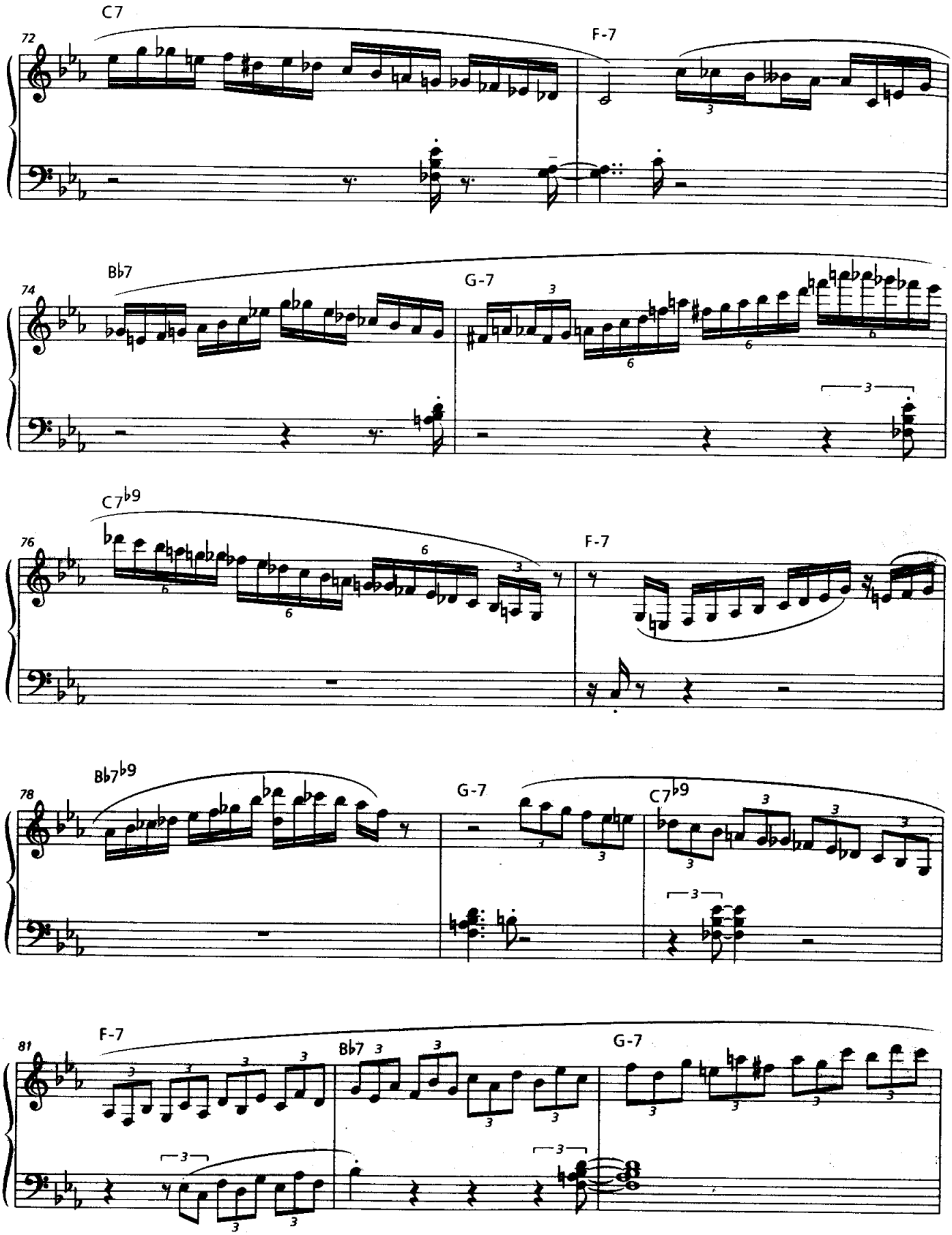
G-7
69


C7
72
F-7
Bb7
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76
F-7
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78
G-7
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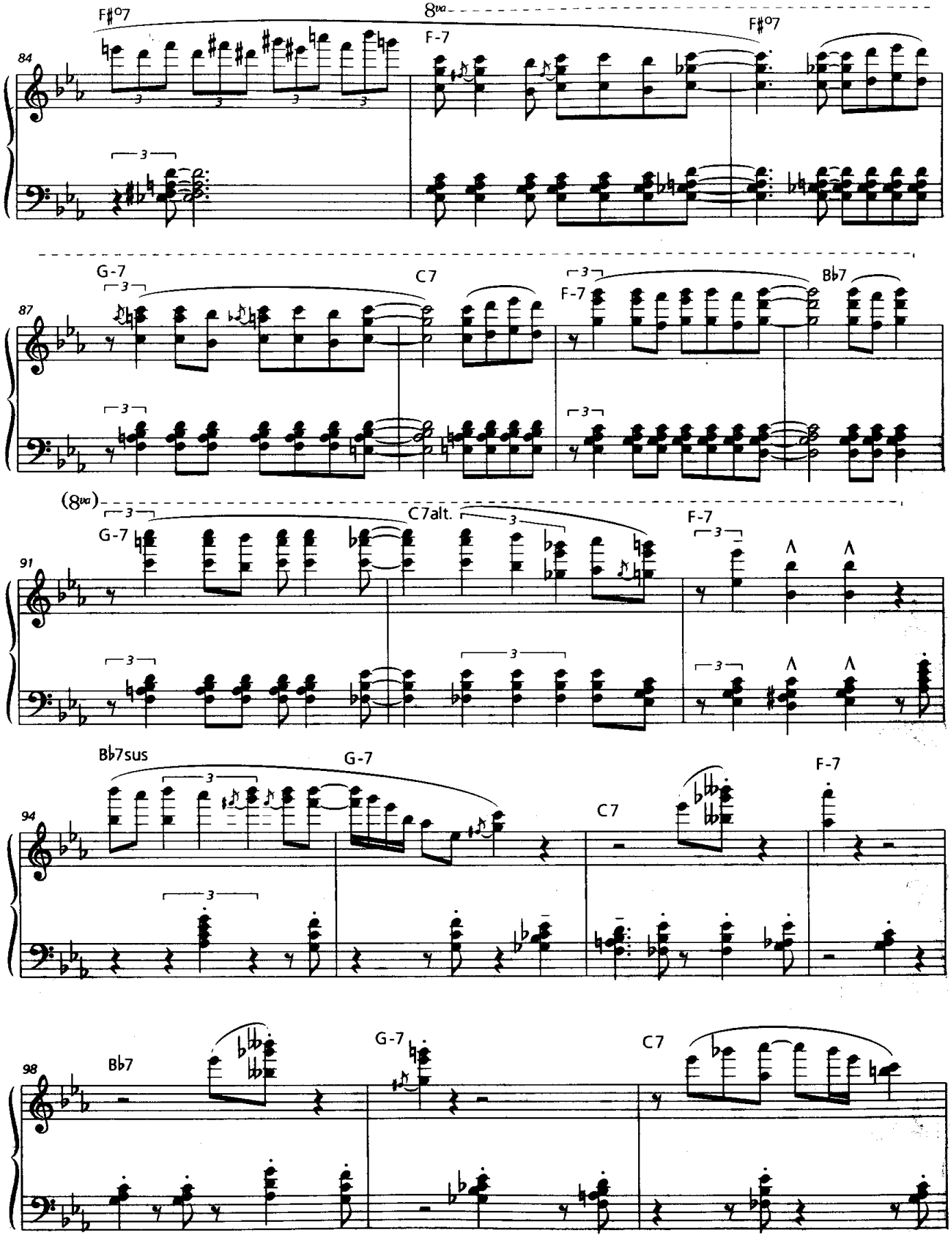
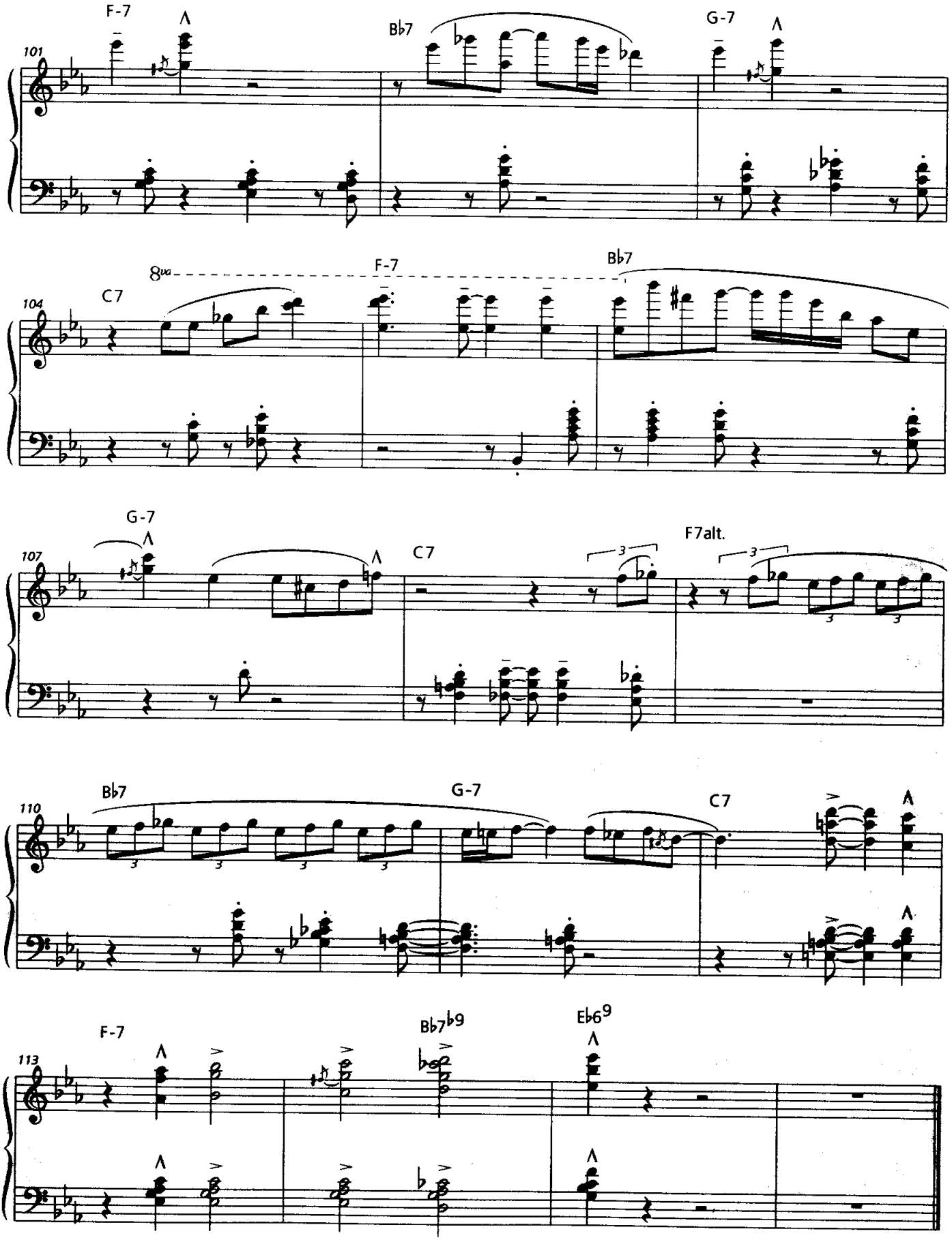
F-7
81
Bb7
G-7


F#°7
8va
F-7
F#°7
84
G-7
C7
F-7
Bb7
87
(8va)
G-7
C7alt.
F-7
91
Bb7sus
G-7
C7
F-7
94
Bb7
G-7
C7
98


F-7
Bb7
G-7
101
8va
C7
F-7
Bb7
104
G-7
C7
F7alt.
107
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G-7
C7
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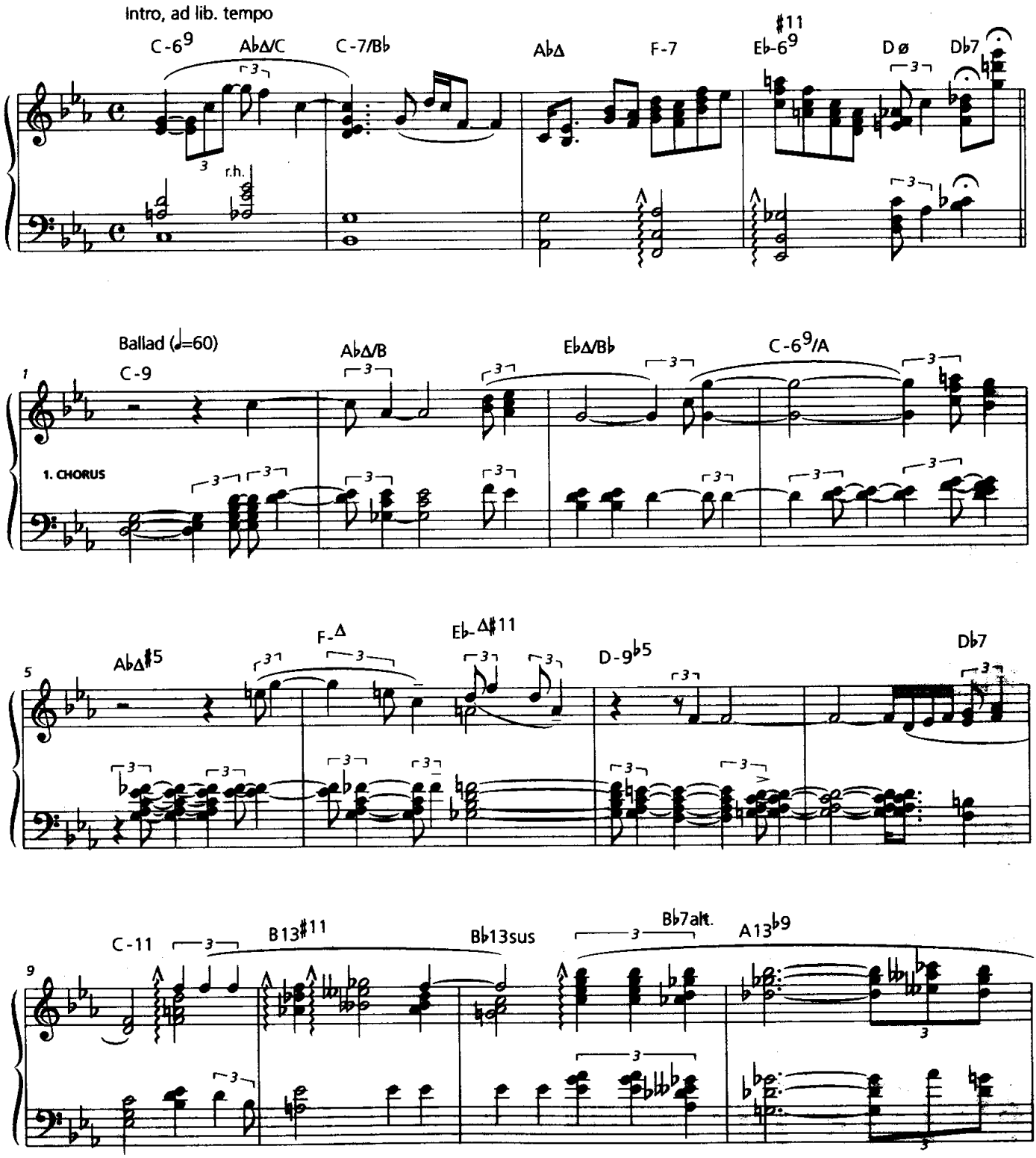
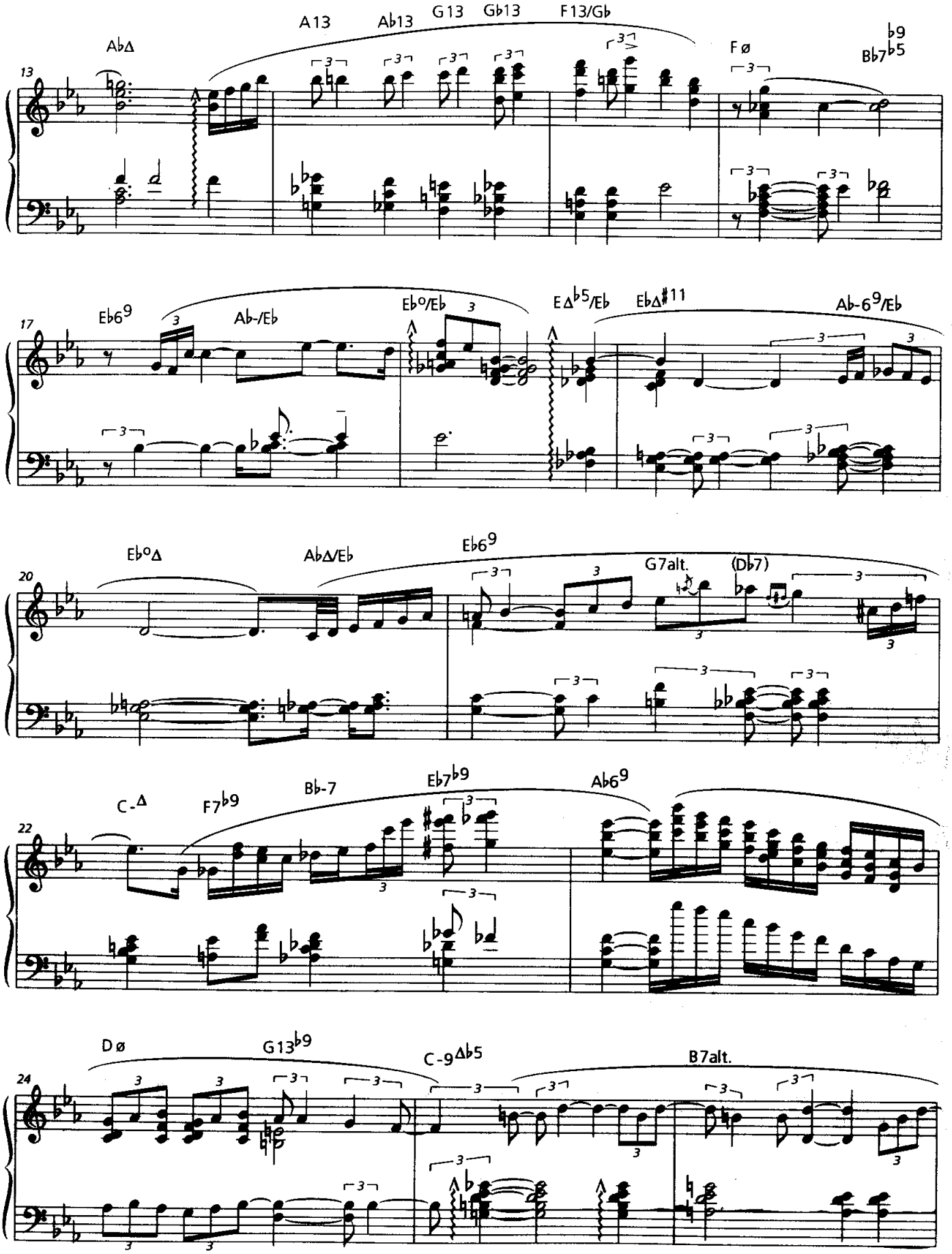
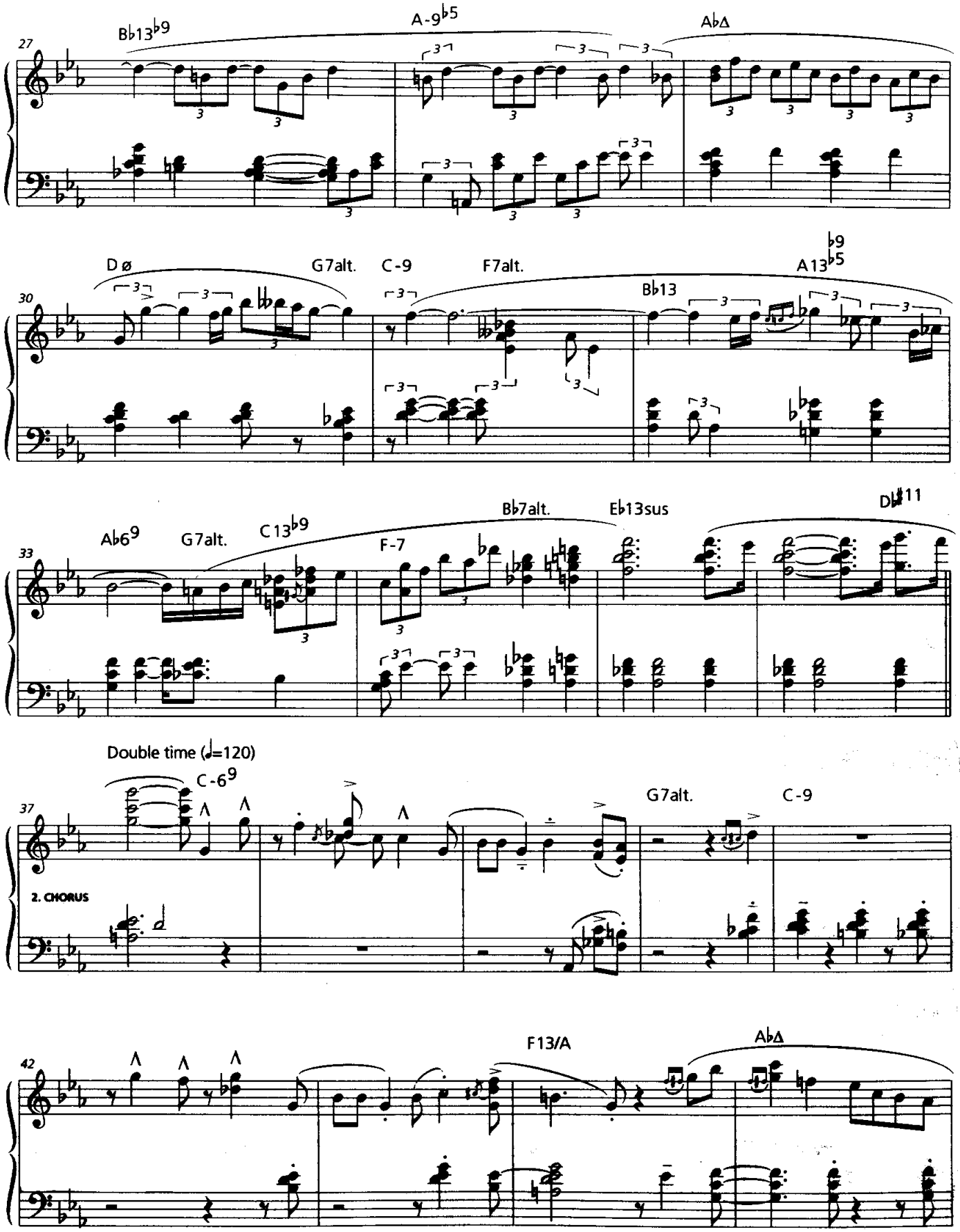
Bb7b9
Eb69
113

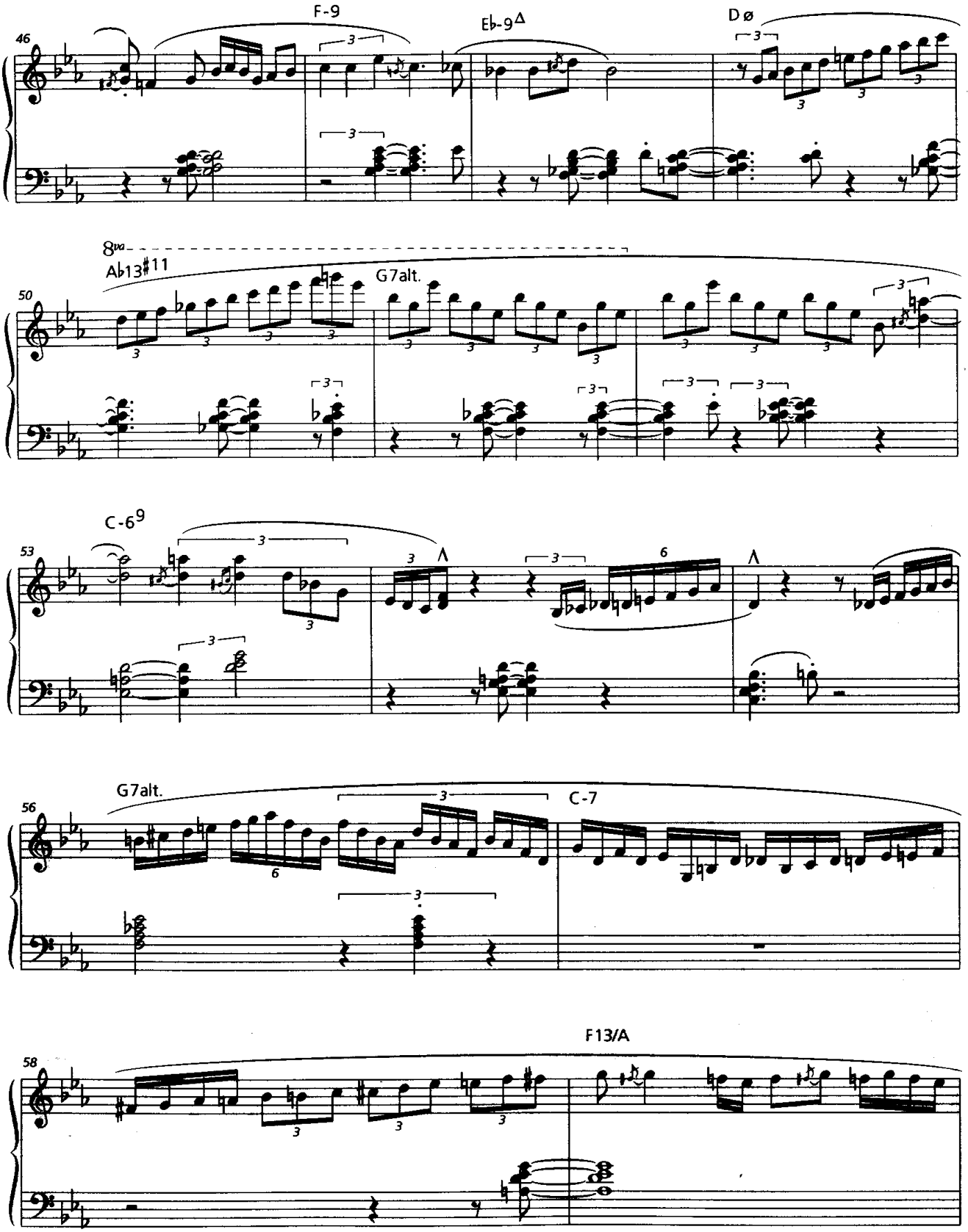
Herbie Hancock's solo on the chord changes to

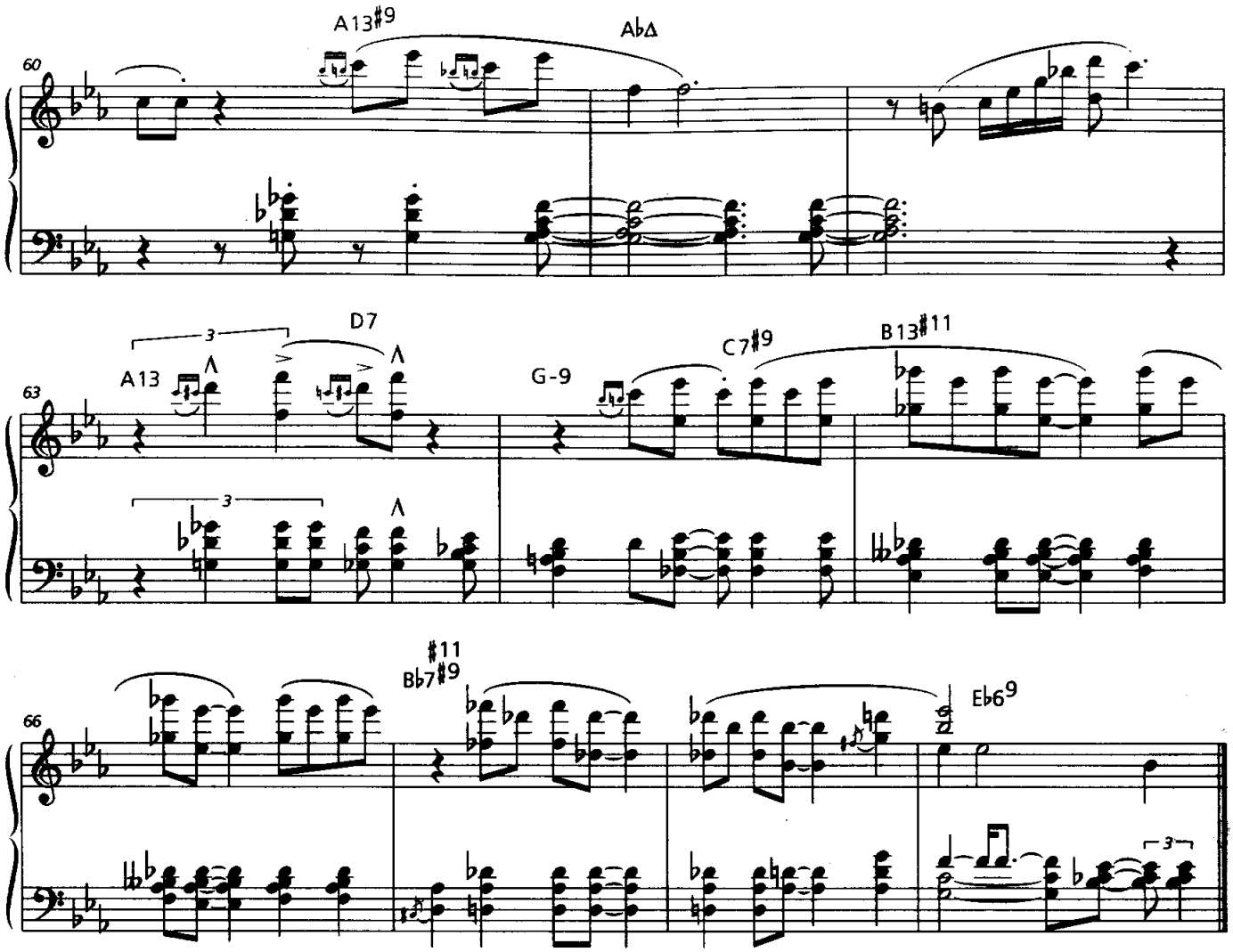
My Funny Valentine




13
AbΔ
A13
Ab13
G13
Gb13
F13/Gb
Fø
Bb7b9b5
17
Eb69
Ab-/Eb
Eb°/Eb
EΔb5/Eb
EbΔ#11
Ab-69/Eb
20
Eb°Δ
AbΔ/Eb
Eb69
G7alt.
(Db7)
22
C-Δ
F7b9
Bb-7
Eb7b9
Ab69
24
Dø
G13b9
C-9Δb5
B7alt.

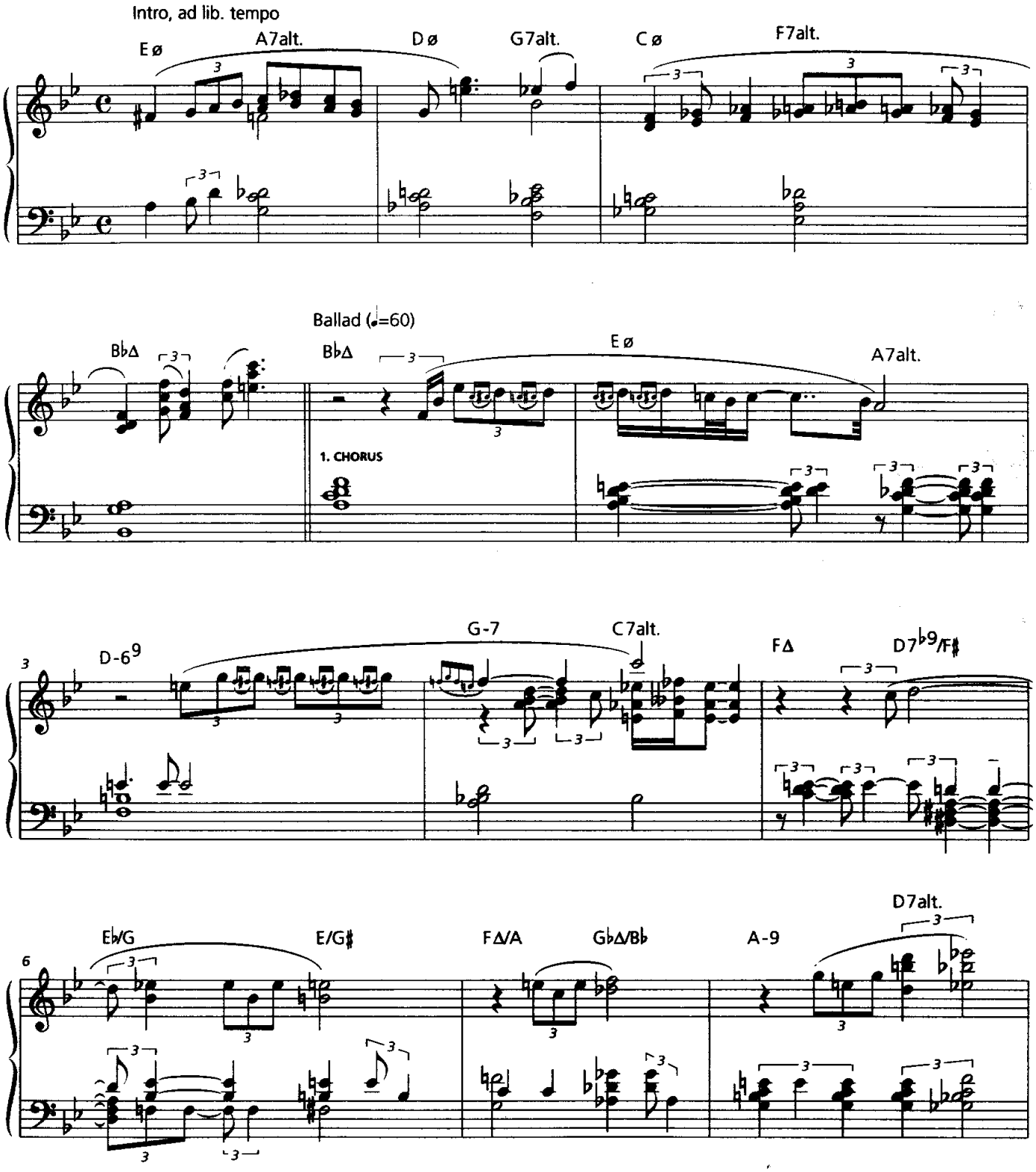

27
B♭13♭9
A-9♭5
A♭Δ
30
Dø
G7alt.
C-9
F7alt.
B♭13
A13♭9♭5
33
A♭6/9
G7alt.
C13♭9
F-7
B♭7alt.
E♭13sus
D♭♯11
Double time (♩=120)
37
C-6/9
G7alt.
C-9
2. CHORUS
42
F13/A
A♭Δ

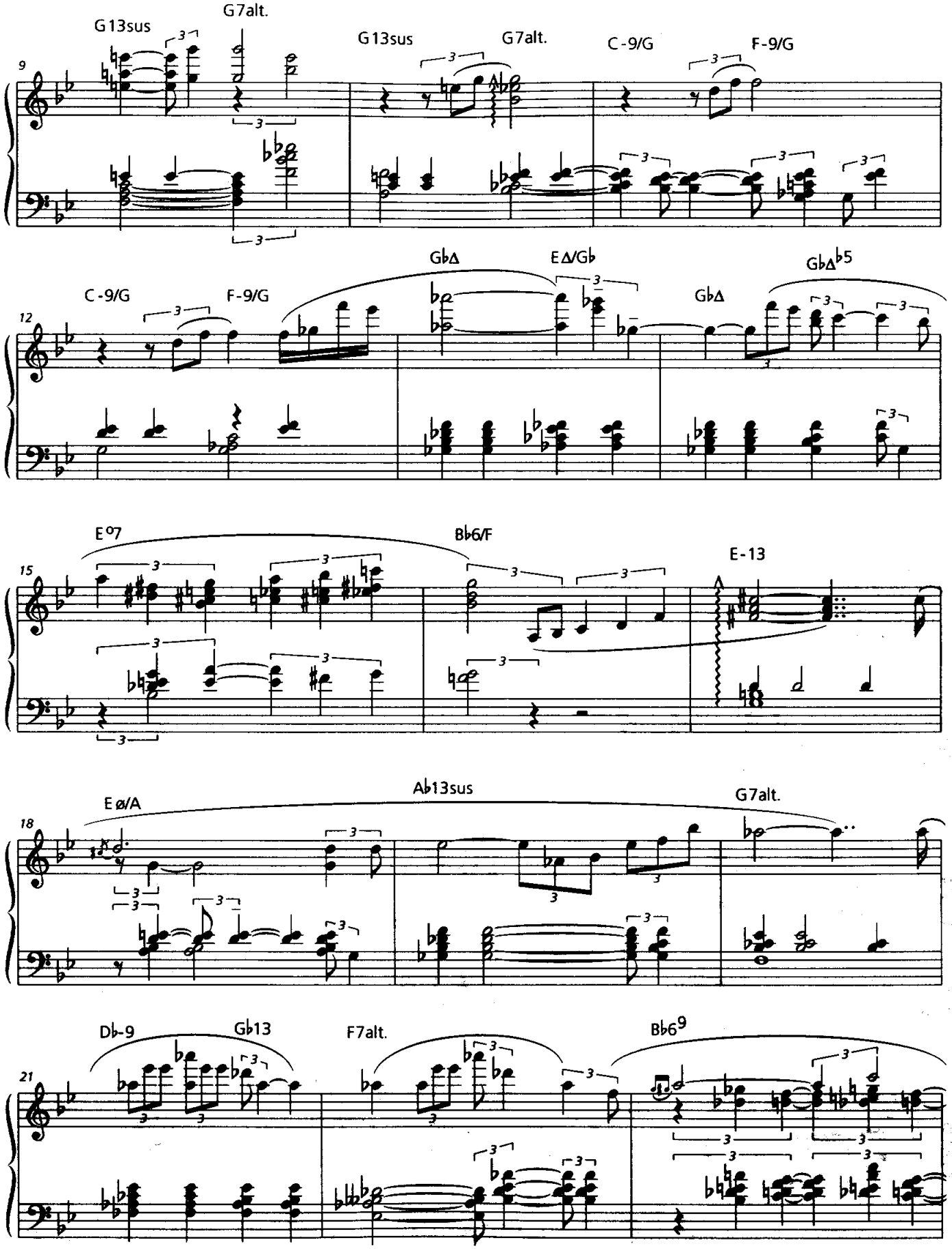

46
F-9
Eb-9Δ
Dø
8va
Ab13#11
50
G7alt.
C-6 9
53
Λ
Λ
G7alt.
56
C-7
F13/A
58

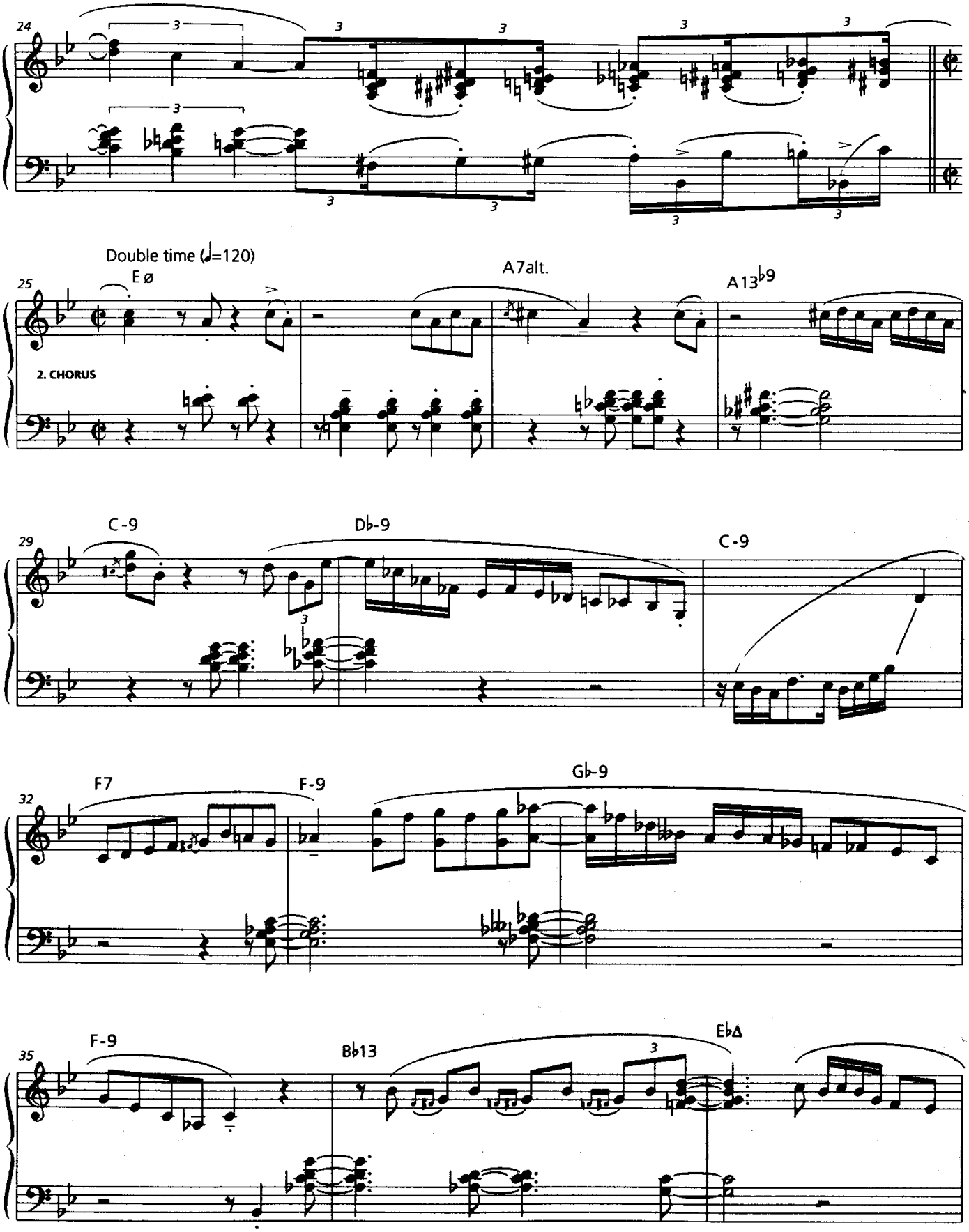

A13#9
A♭Δ
60
3
D7
A13
63
G-9
C7#9
B13#11
#11
B♭7#9
66
E♭6/9
3

Herbie Hancock's solo on the chord changes to

Stella By Starlight




G13sus
G7alt.
G13sus
G7alt.
C-9/G
F-9/G
9
C-9/G
F-9/G
GbΔ
EΔ/Gb
GbΔ
GbΔ♭5
12
E°7
Bb6/F
E-13
15
Eø/A
Ab13sus
G7alt.
18
Db-9
Gb13
F7alt.
Bb6⁹
21


24
Double time (♩=120)
E ø
A7alt.
A13♭9
25
2. CHORUS
C-9
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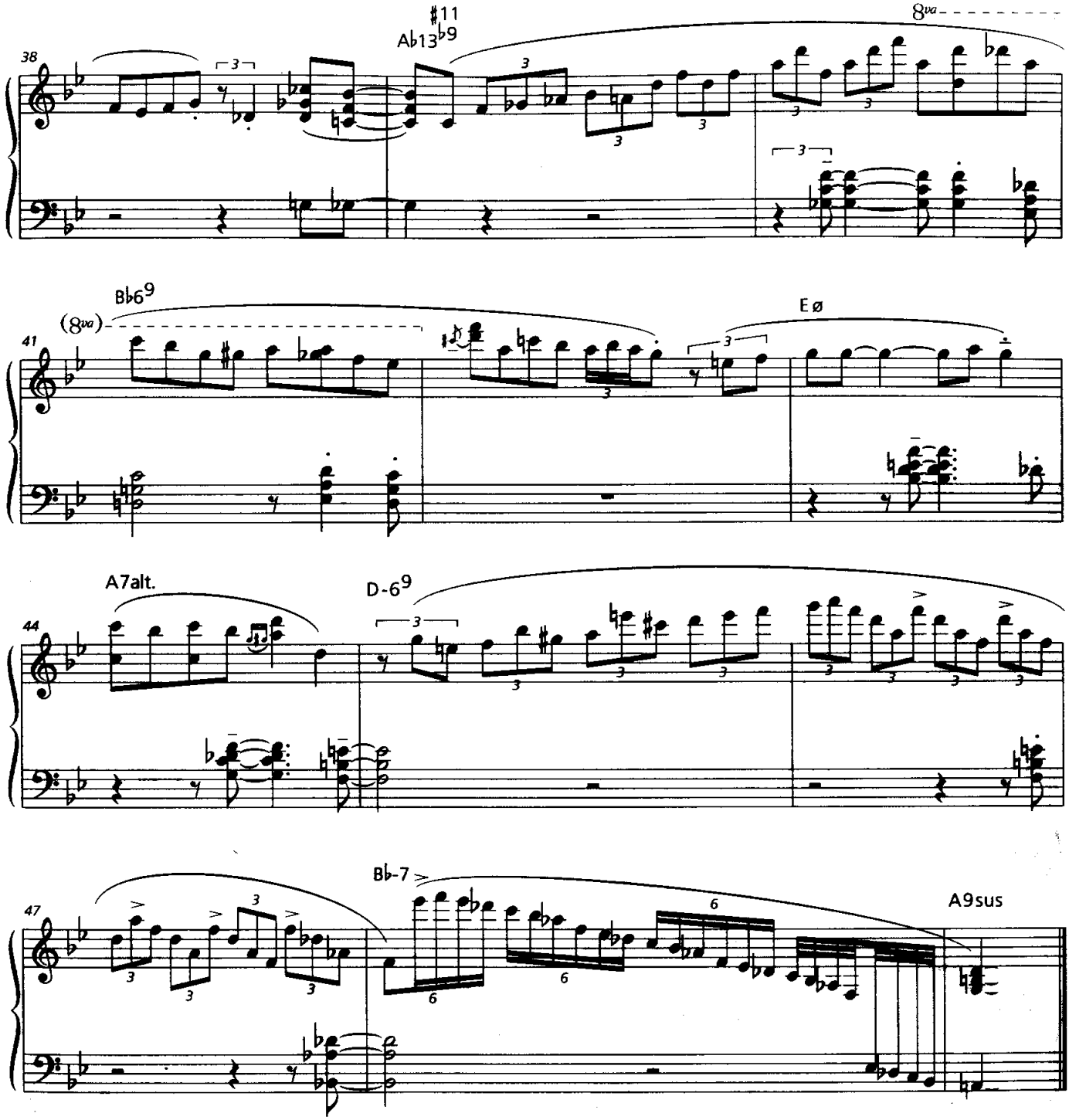
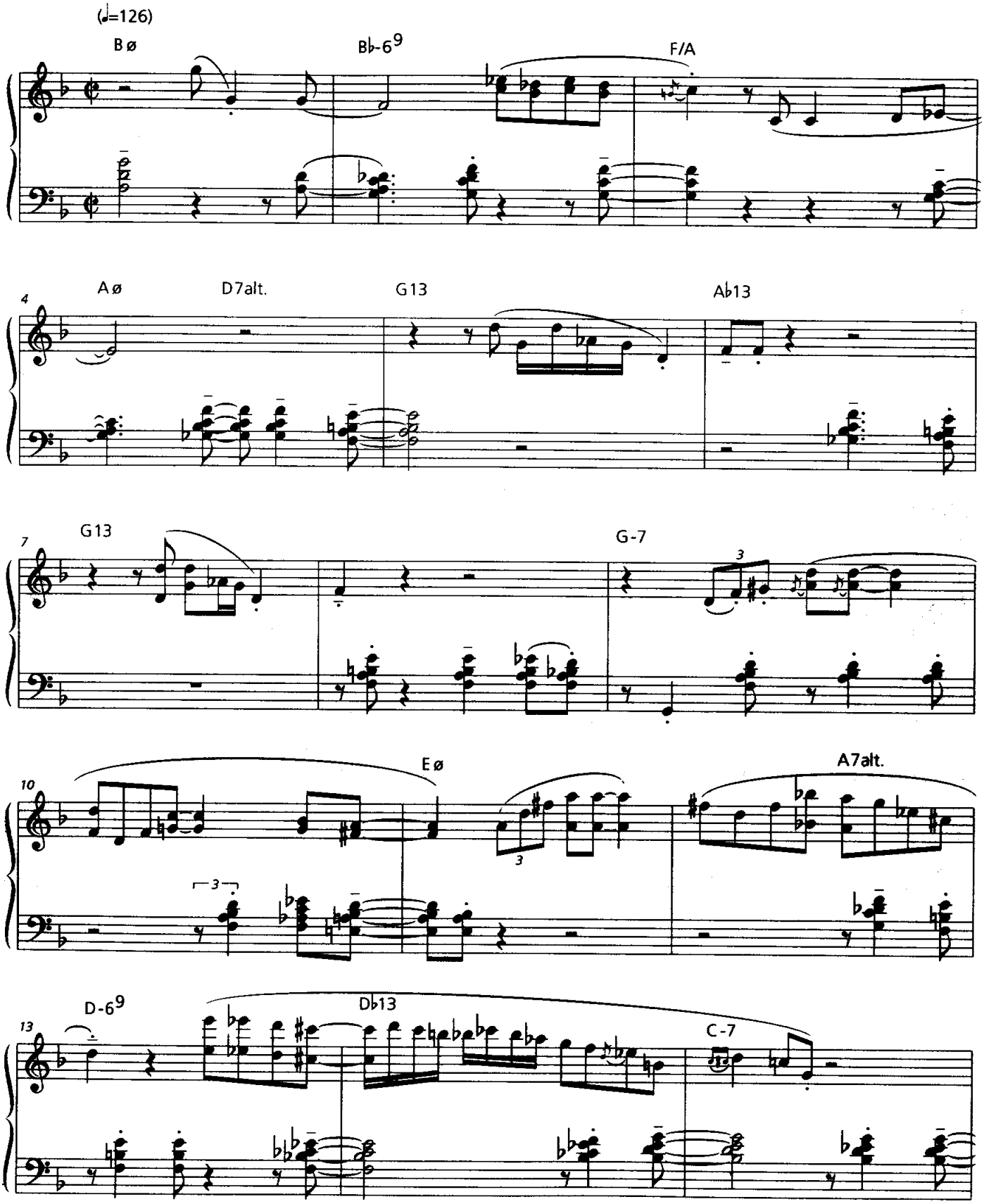
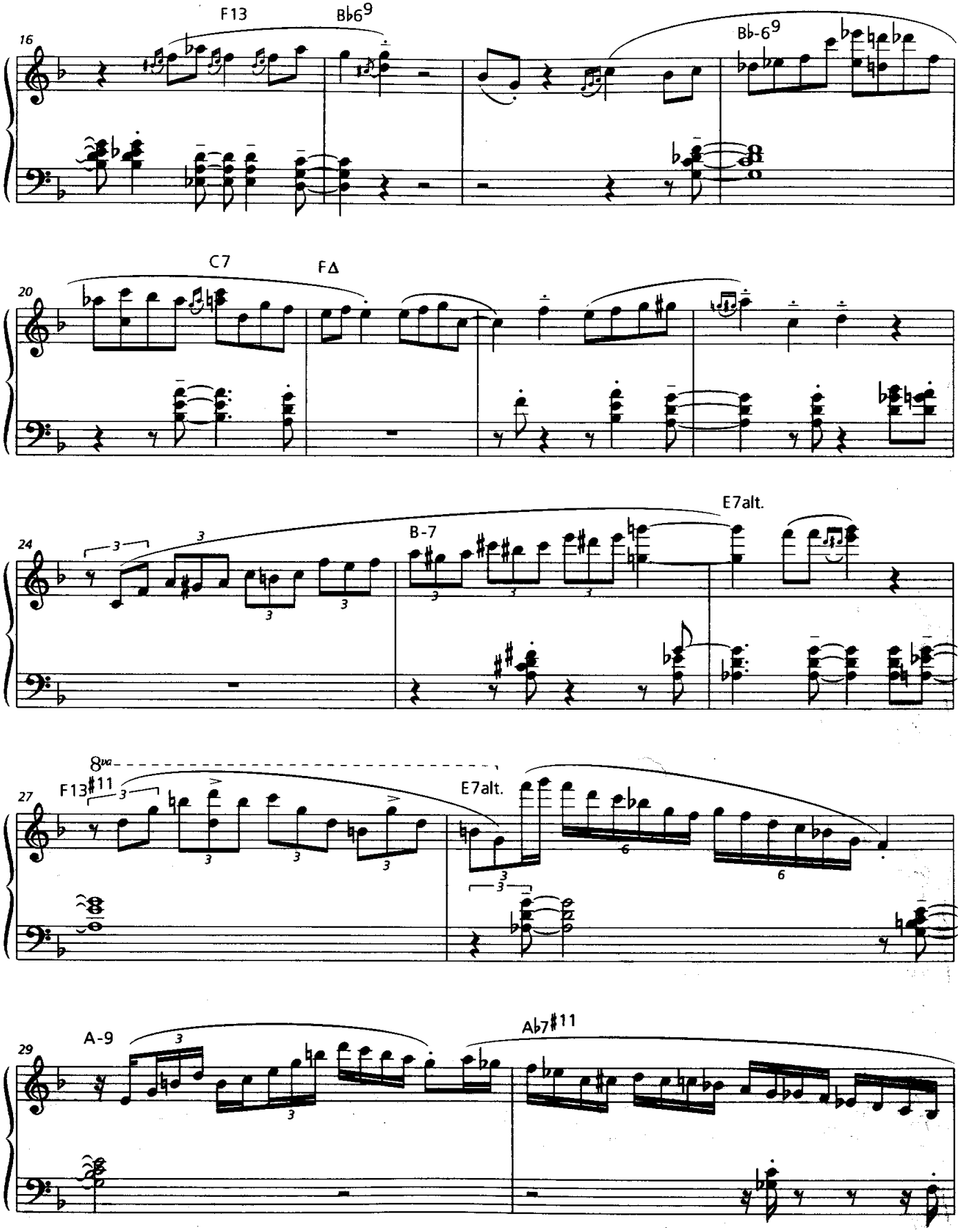
C-9
29
F7
F-9
G♭-9
32
F-9
B♭13
E♭Δ
35


38
Ab13♯11♭9
8va
41
Bb6 9
(8va)
Eø
44
A7alt.
D-6 9
47
Bb-7
A9sus

Herbie Hancock's solo on the chord changes to

I Thought About You




16
F13
B♭6⁹
B♭-6⁹
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C7
FΔ
24
B-7
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8va
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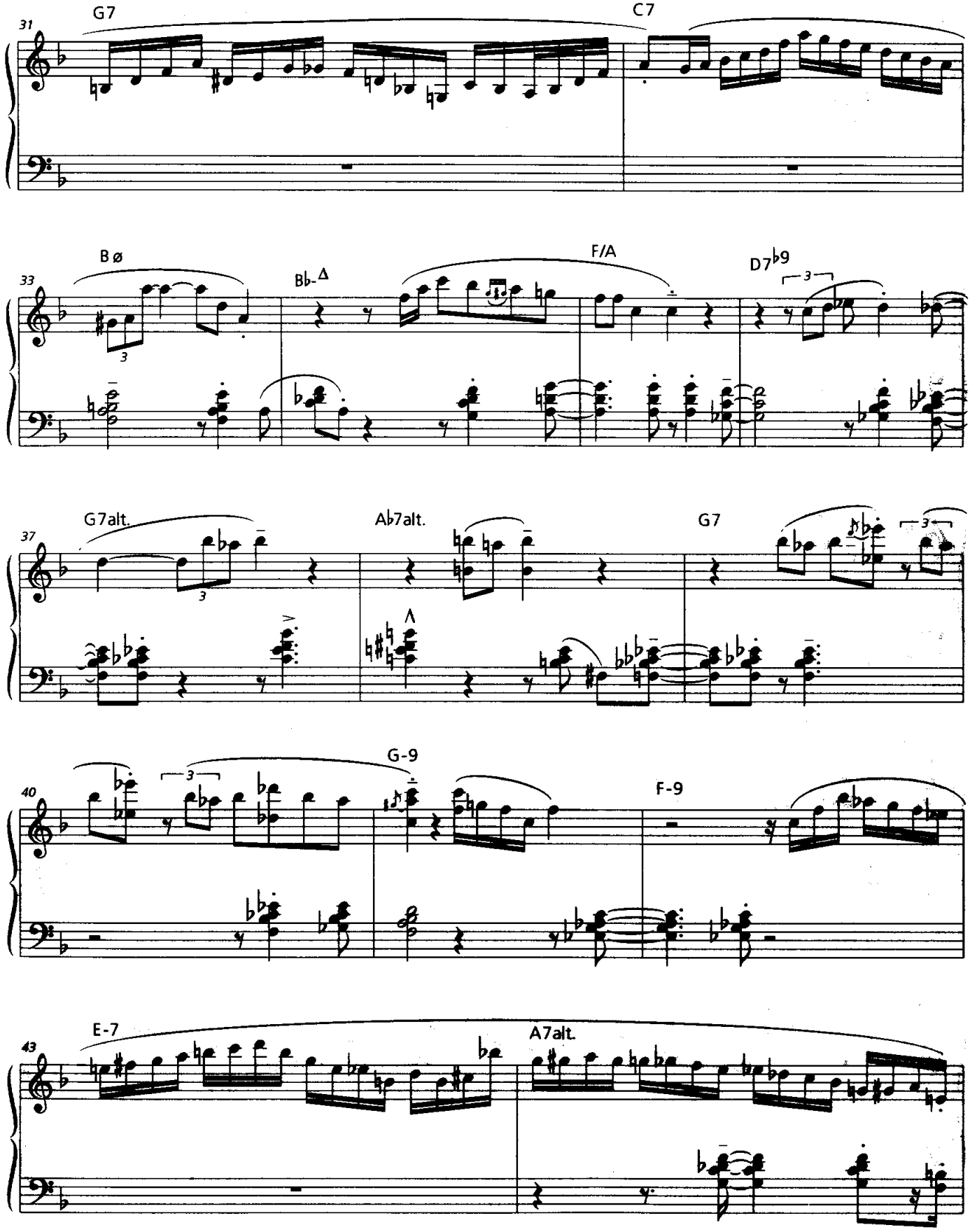
E7alt.
29
A-9
A♭7♯11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G7
C7
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Bø
Bb-Δ
F/A
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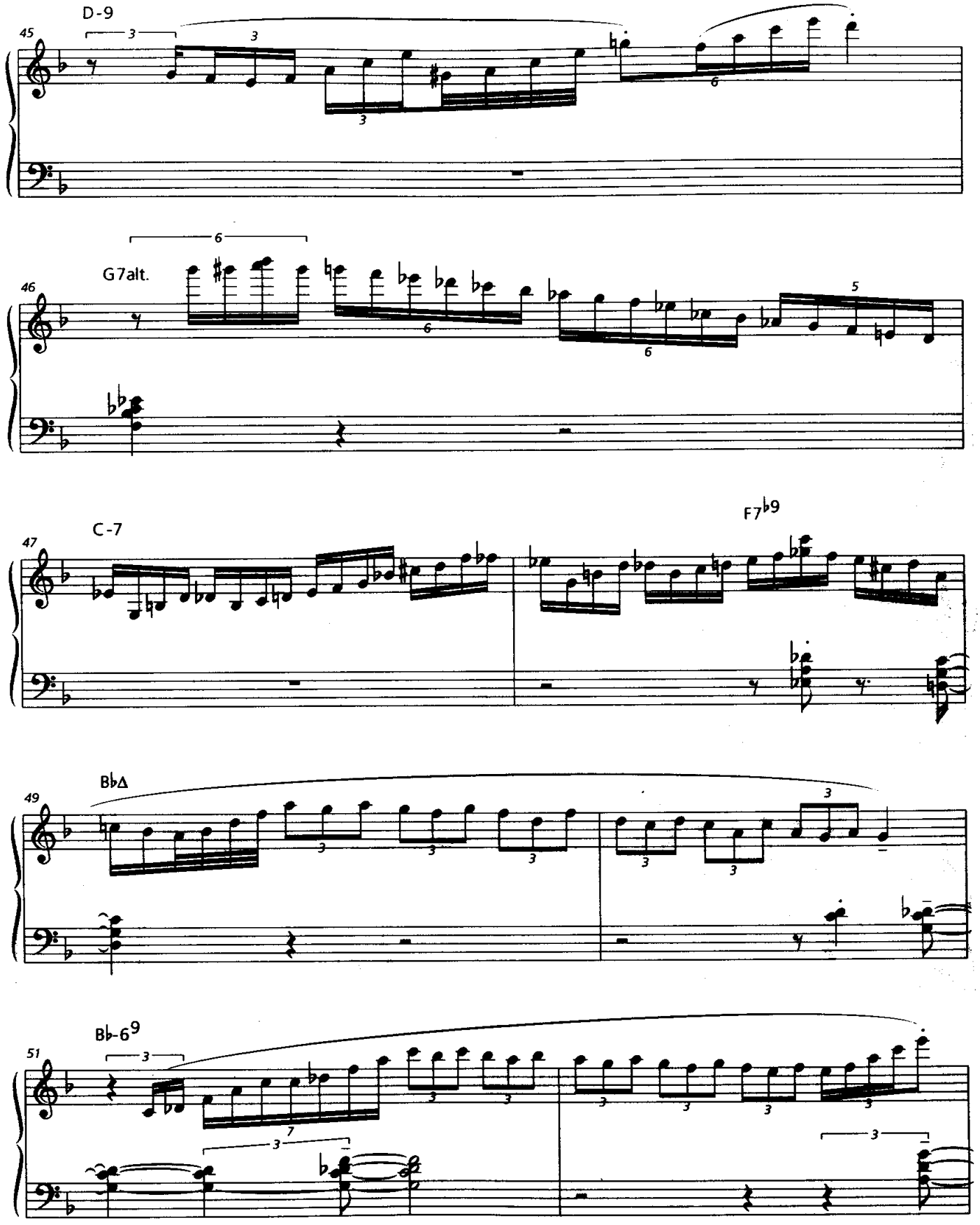
37
G7alt.
Ab7alt.
G7
40
G-9
F-9
43
E-7
A7alt.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C-7
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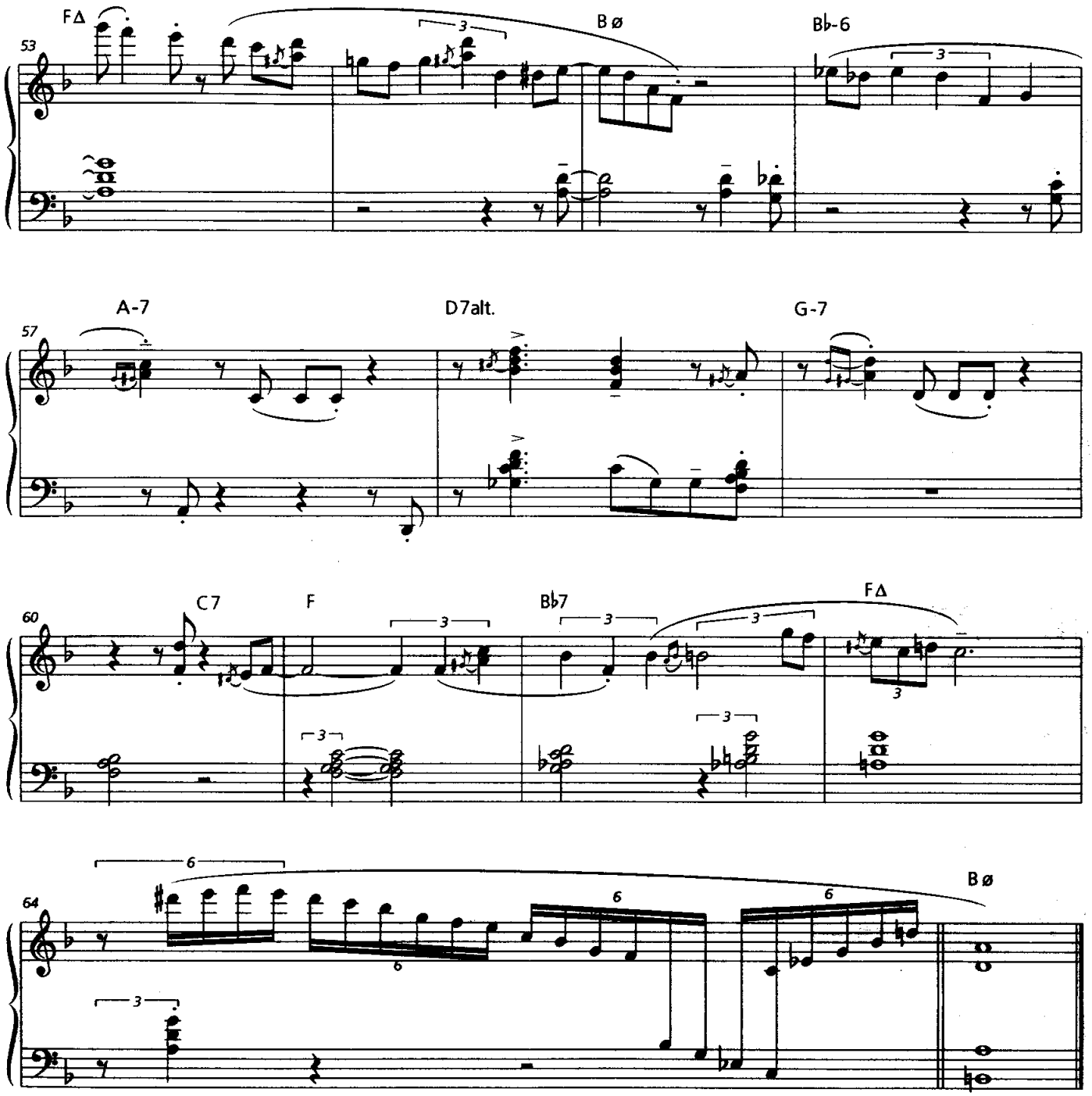
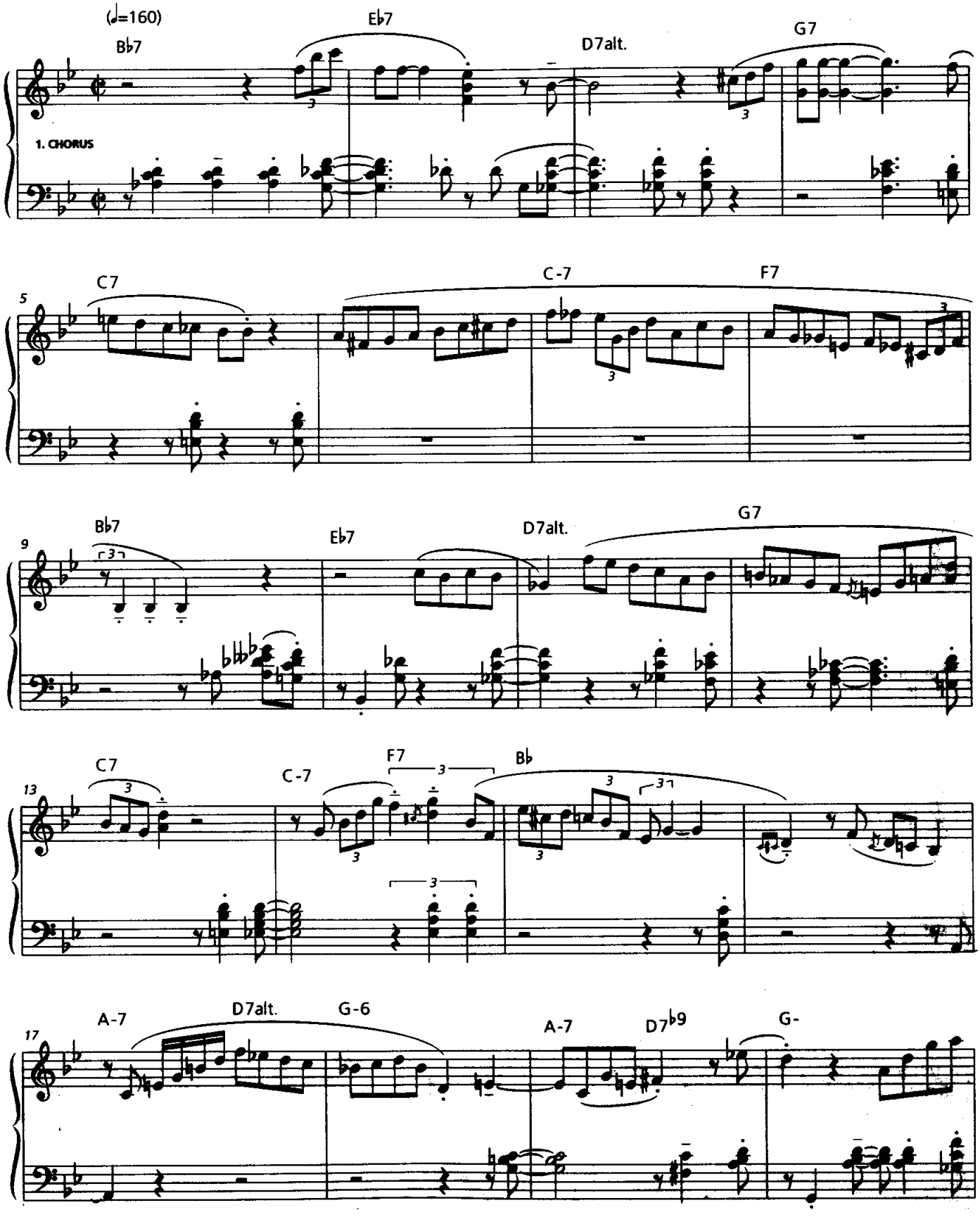
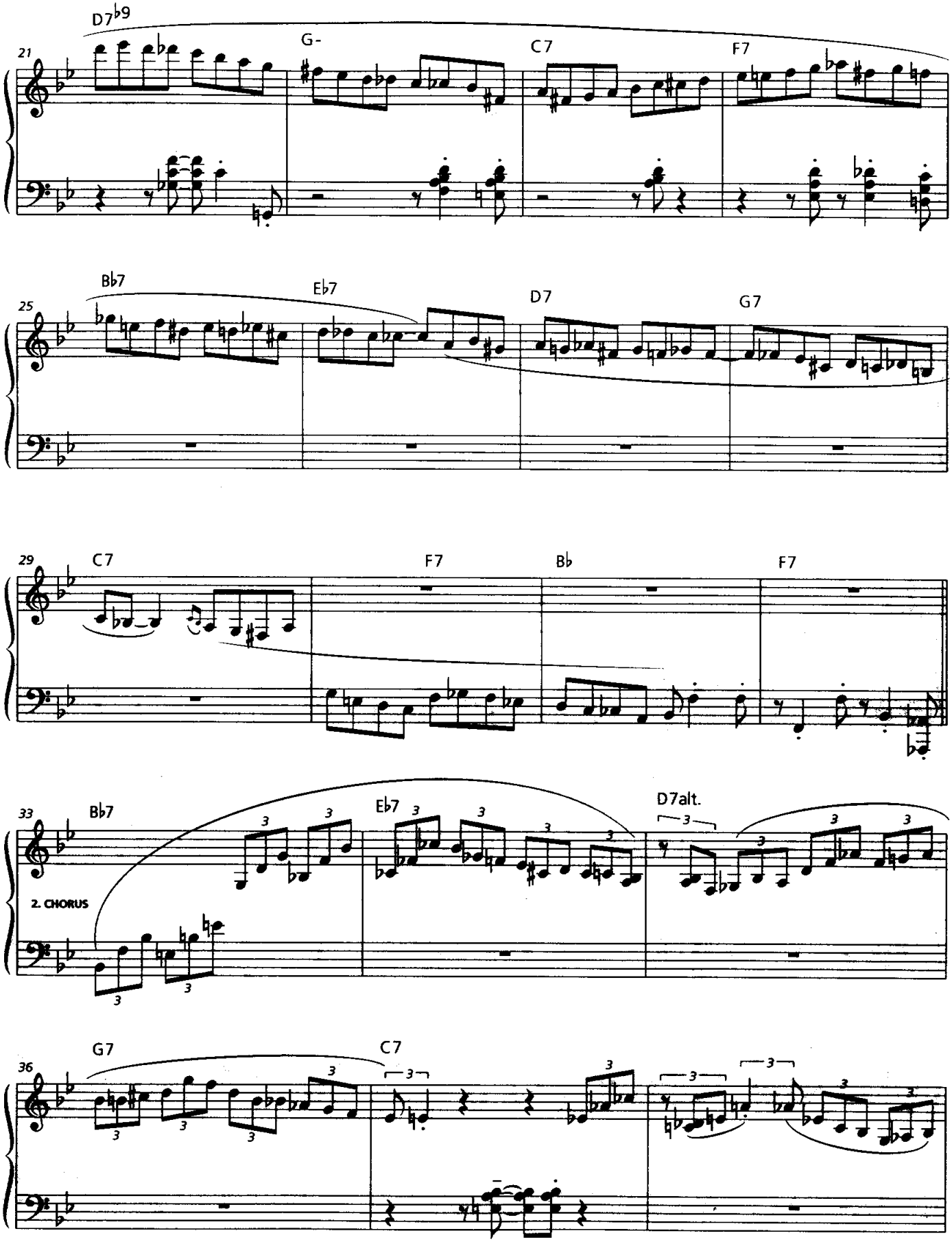
F7♭9
BbΔ
49
Bb-6⁹
51

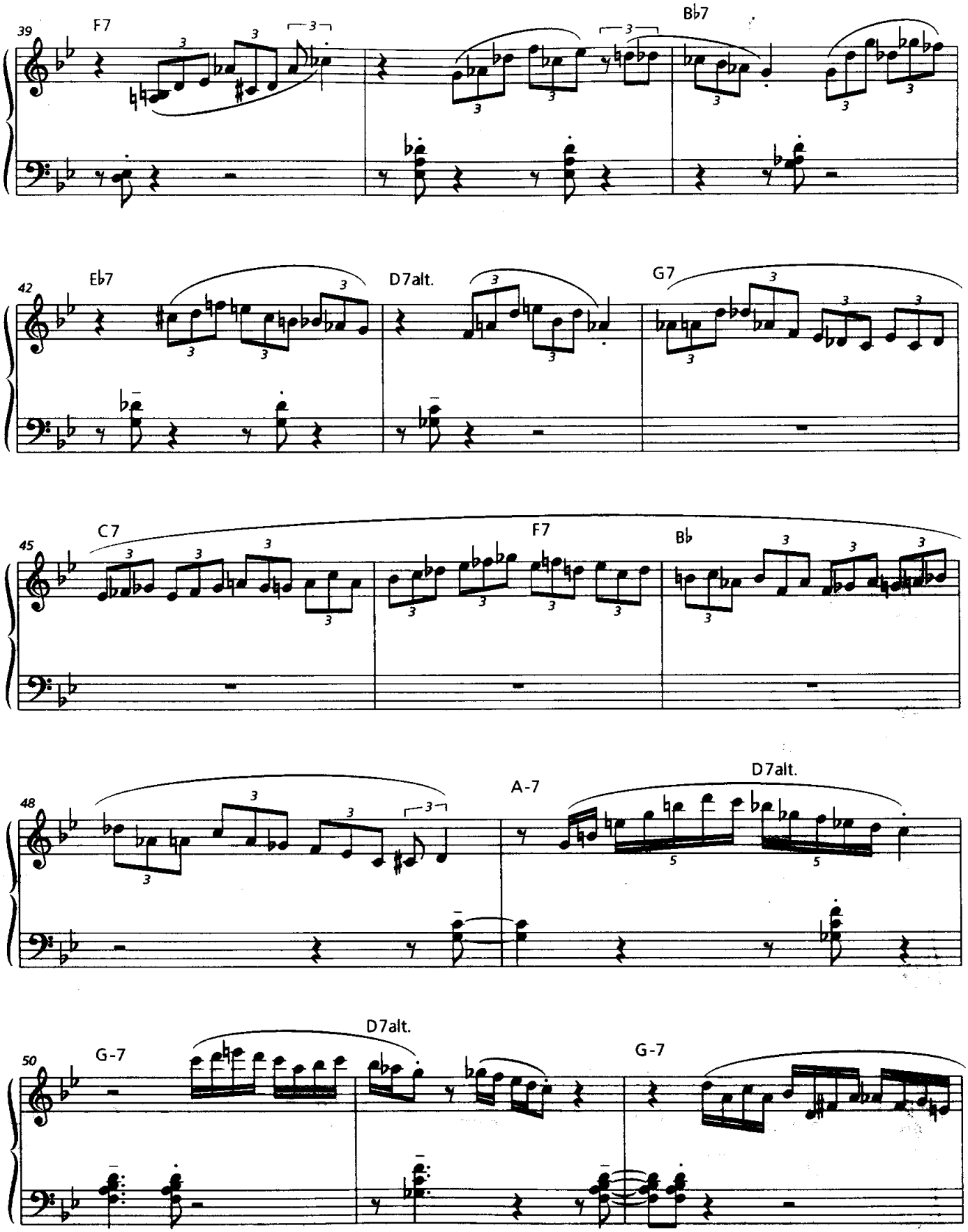

FΔ
Bø
B♭-6
53
A-7
D7alt.
G-7
57
C7
F
B♭7
FΔ
60
Bø
64

Herbie Hancock's solo on the chord changes to

There Is No Greater Love




D7♭9
21
G-
C7
F7
B♭7
25
E♭7
D7
G7
29
C7
F7
B♭
F7
33
B♭7
E♭7
D7alt.
2. CHORUS
36
G7
C7


39
F7
B♭7
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E♭7
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B♭
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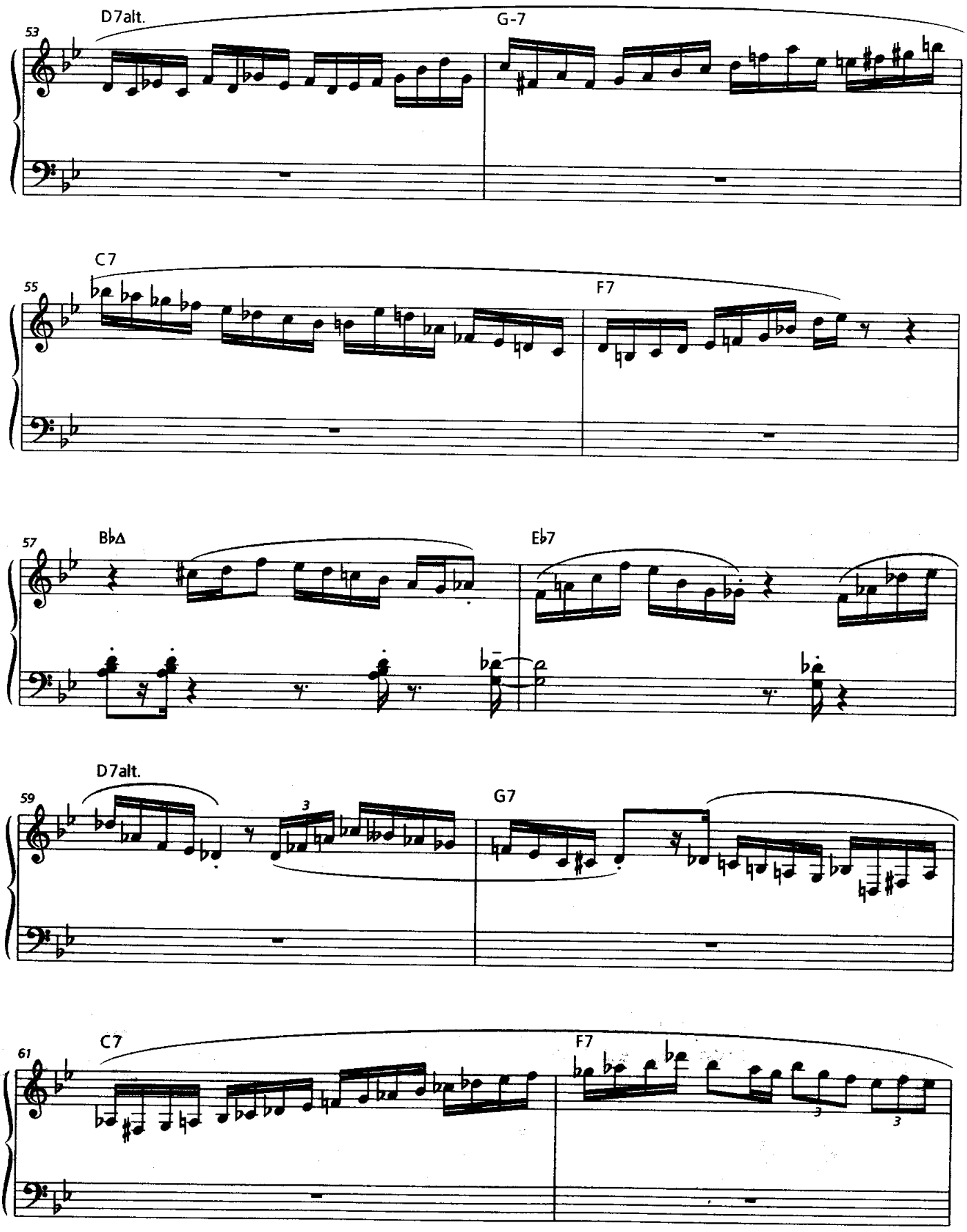
A-7
D7alt.
50
G-7
D7alt.
G-7


53
D7alt.
G-7
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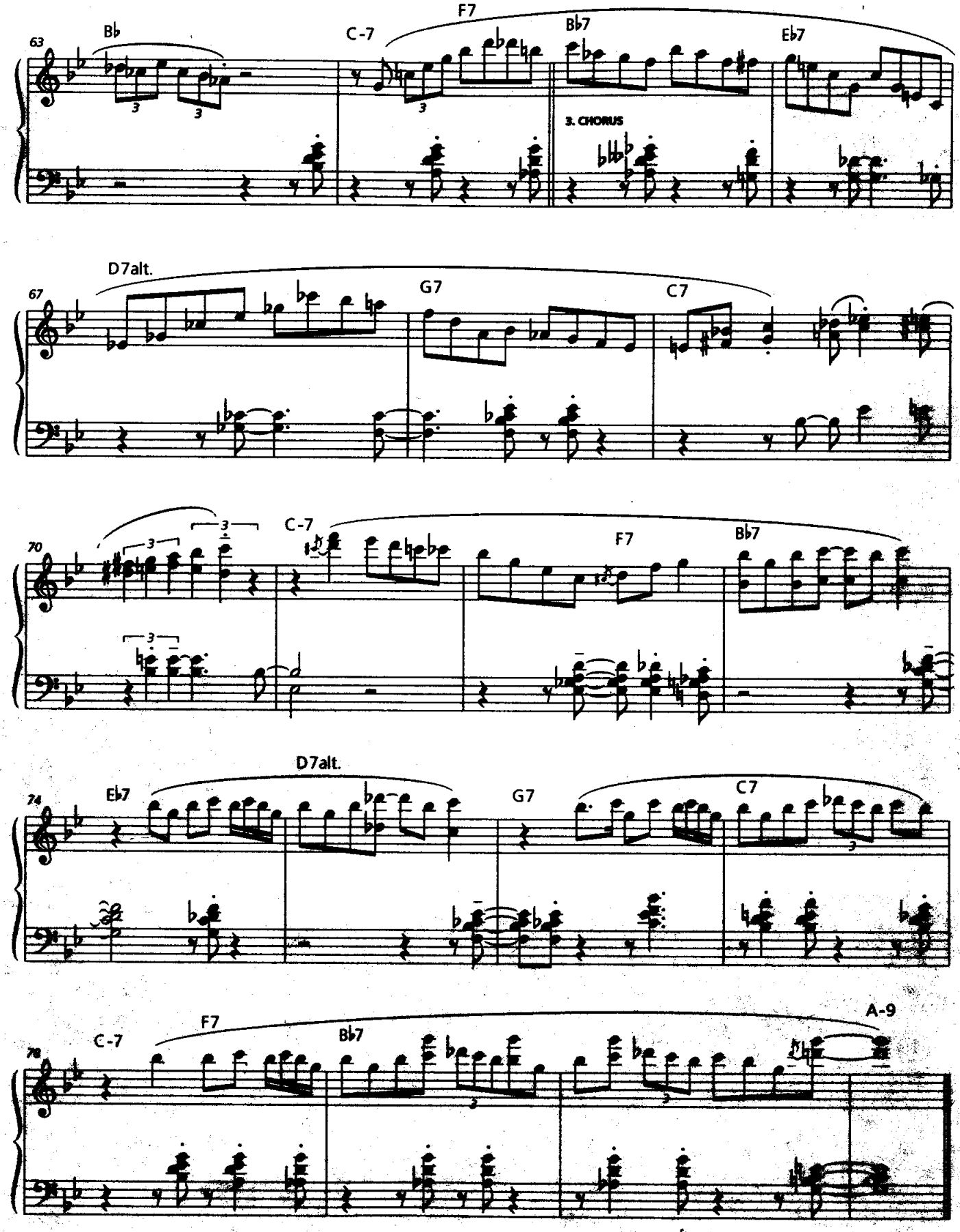
C7
F7
57
B♭Δ
E♭7
59
D7alt.
G7
61
C7
F7


63
Bb
C-7
F7
Bb7
Eb7
3. CHORUS
67
D7alt.
G7
C7
70
C-7
F7
Bb7
74
Eb7
D7alt.
G7
C7
78
C-7
F7
Bb7
A-9

Herbie Hancock is certainly one of the most influential jazz pianists of the second half of the twentieth century. His recordings as a member of the Miles Davis Quintet and as the leader of several sessions for the Blue Note label have made an impact on practically all contemporary jazz pianists.

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