The World's Military

by: W. E. Flathers
arr: M. H. Ribble

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Flathers, W.E.

DOB: Unknown
DOD: Unknown

W.E. Flathers is a little-known American march composer, but he will always be remembered by band buffs for the quaint title he gave one of his three marches: Bull's Hit March. He self-published the original edition as Bull's Triumphal March and later re-issued it with the new title, perhaps as a joke. It was dedicated "To My Friend Wm. (Bull) Walters, Bandmaster of Al Fields Minstrels." It has not been established that Flathers was associated with the Fields minstrel show.[1]

Ribble, M.H.

DOB: January 11, 1870 (unknown)
DOD: May 3, 1964 Lincoln, Nebraska)

Melvin H. Ribble was born on January 11, 1870, but the place of his birth is not known. It has been determined, however, that in 1889, he was a cornetist with the Ashman Band in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1898, he moved to Chicago, where he was a staff arranger for Harry Alford's company which made custom arrangements. While in Chicago, he also composed and arranged for the Victor Music Company and its associated companies. He moved back to Lincoln in 1931 and established his own arranging business. He died there on May 3, 1964.[2]

World's Military (march) was published in 1916 by the Victor Music Company (Chicago, IL). The march was arranged by M.H. Ribble.

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Medina, Ohio

Additional information on either the composer or composition would be welcomed. Please send information to
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[1] Rehig, William H., Bierley, Paul (editor). *The encyclopedia of band music,* Integrity Press, Westerville, OH. (2005), CD, used with permission.
[2] Ibid.

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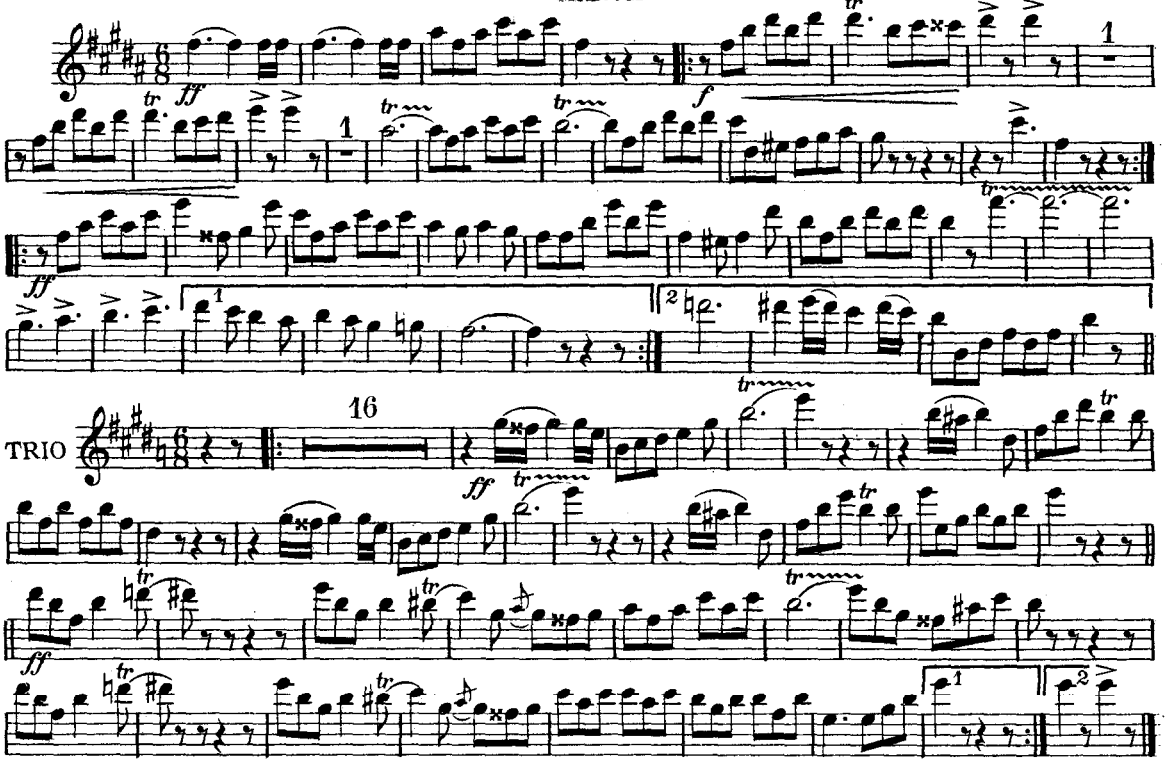

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Oboe

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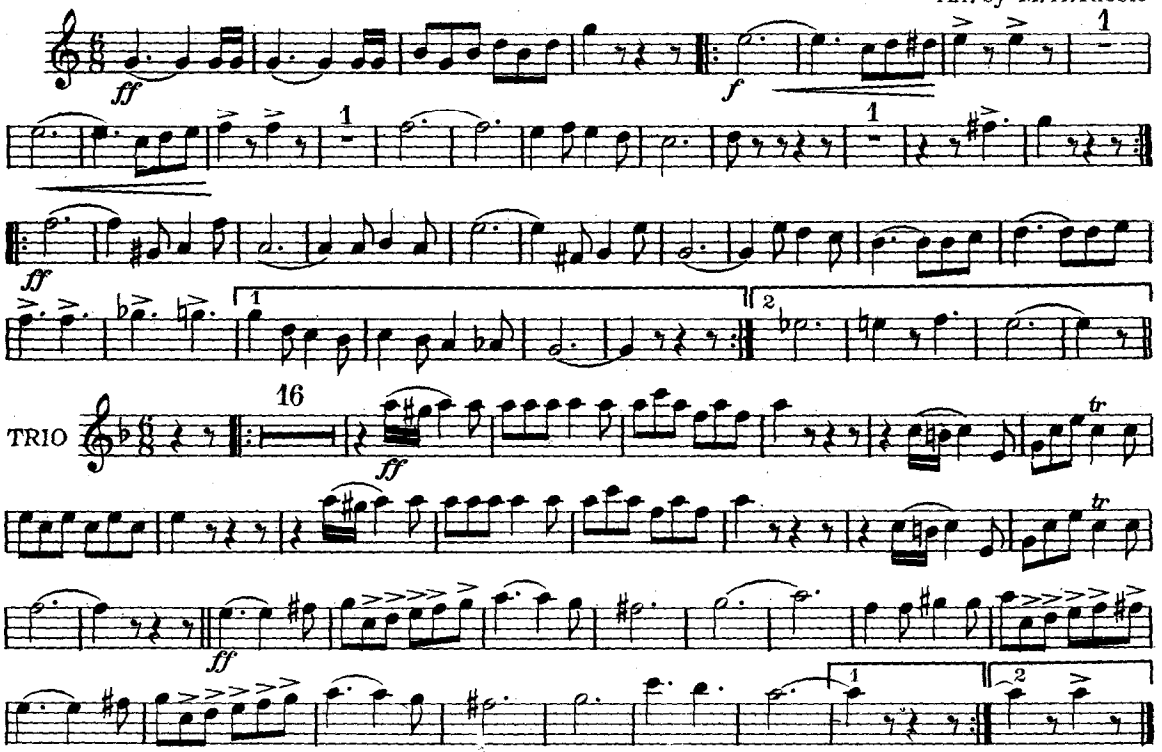

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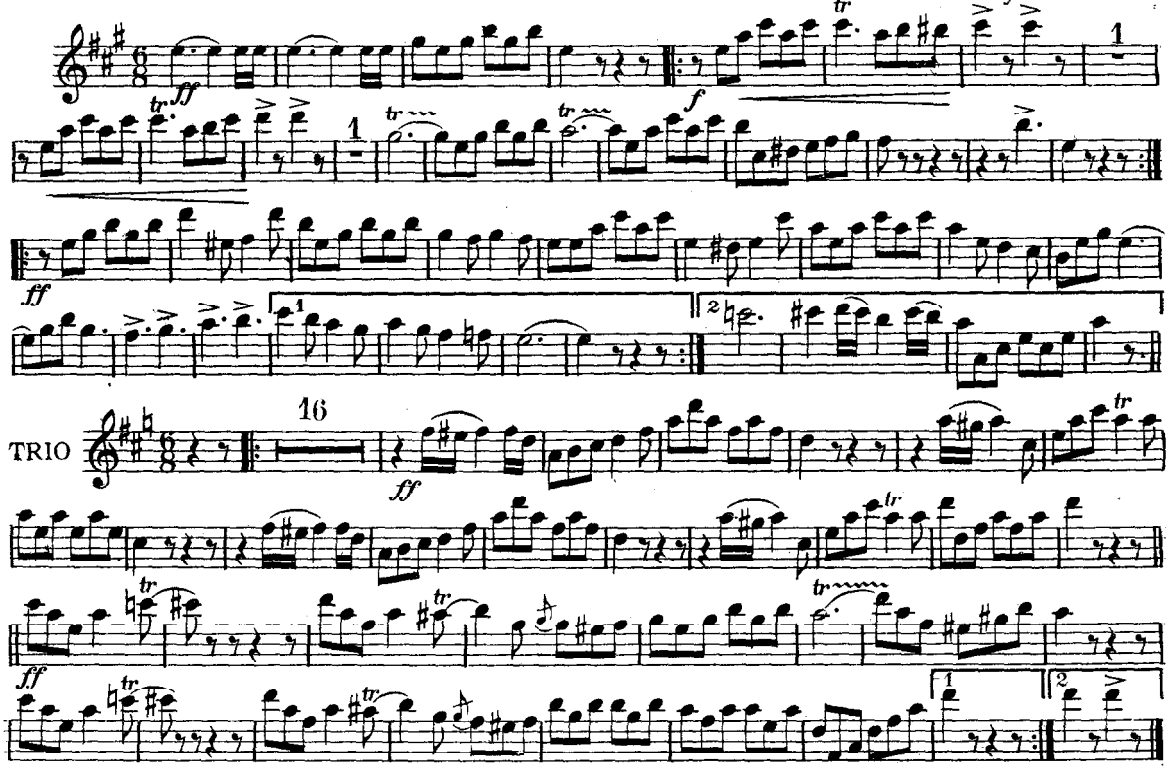
Eb Clarinet



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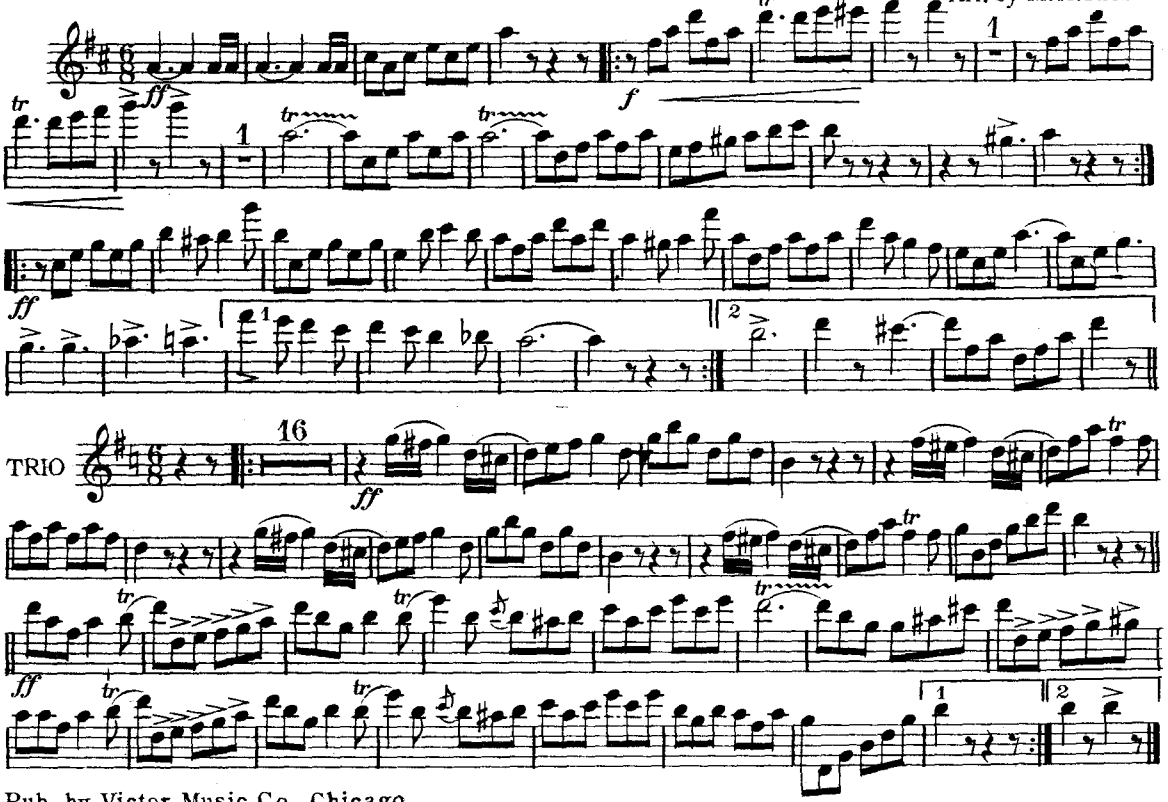
1st or Solo B♭ Clarinet



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2d & 3d B♭ Clarinets

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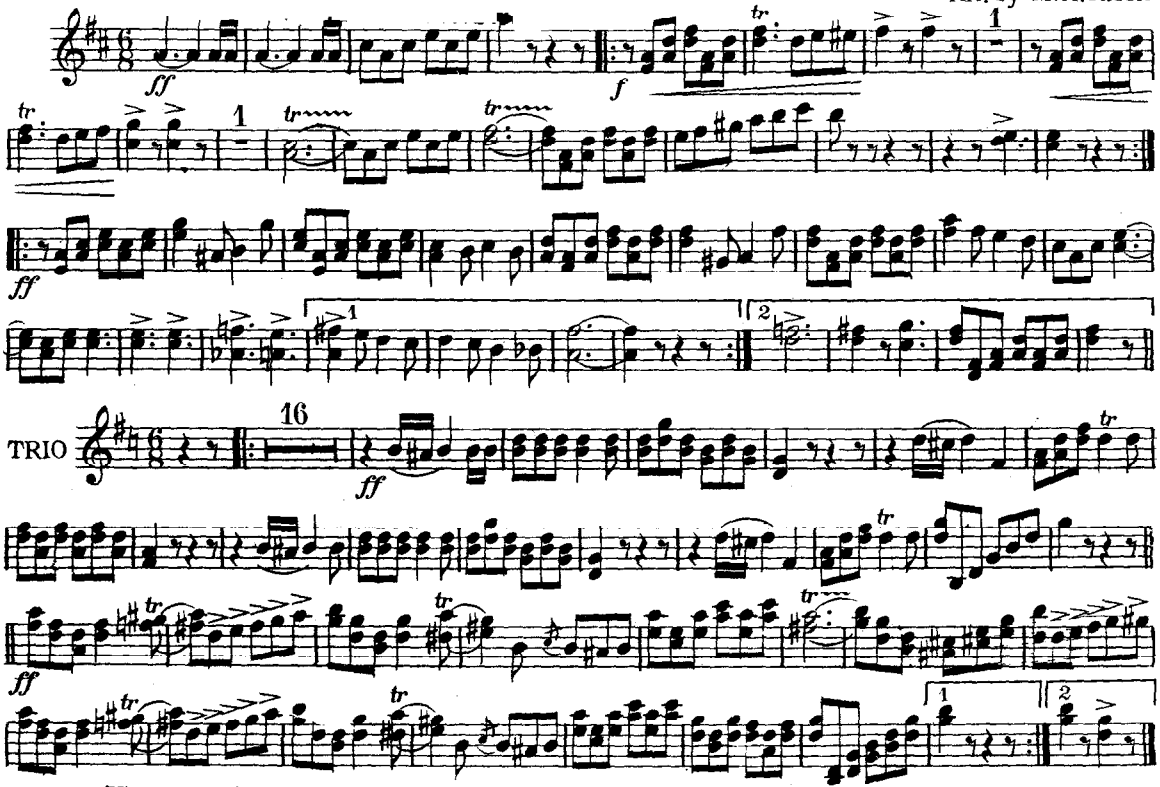

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Bassoon

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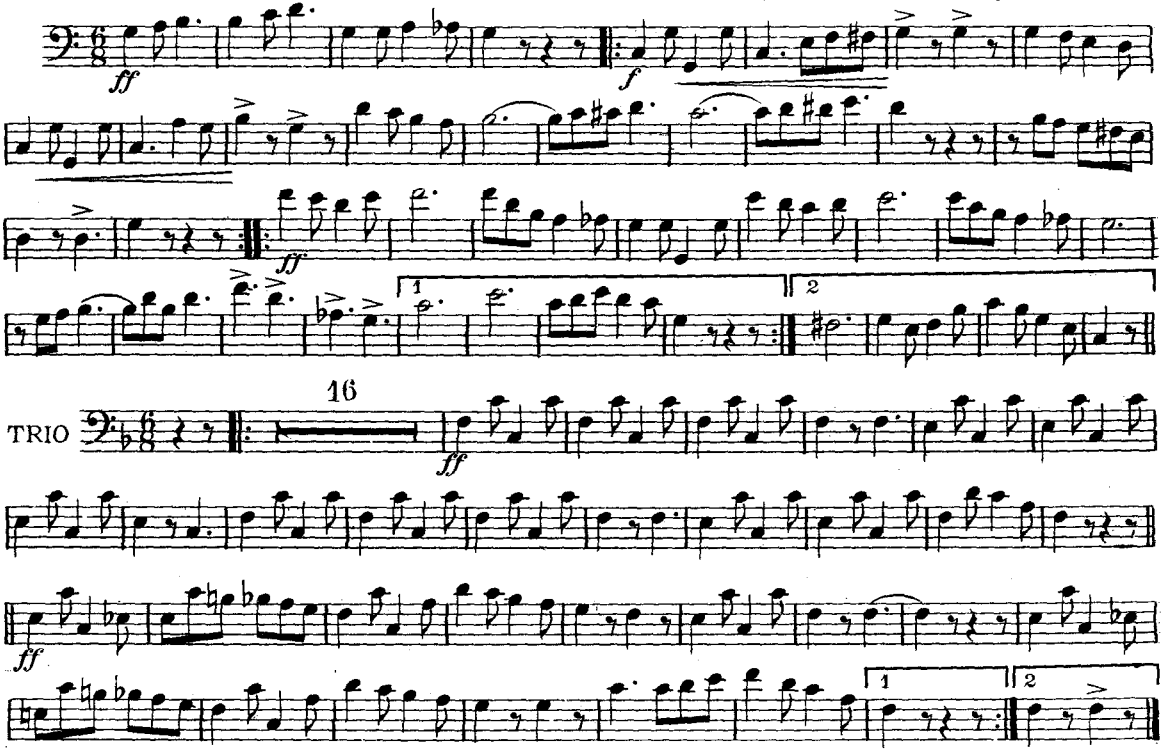

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Soprano Saxophone.

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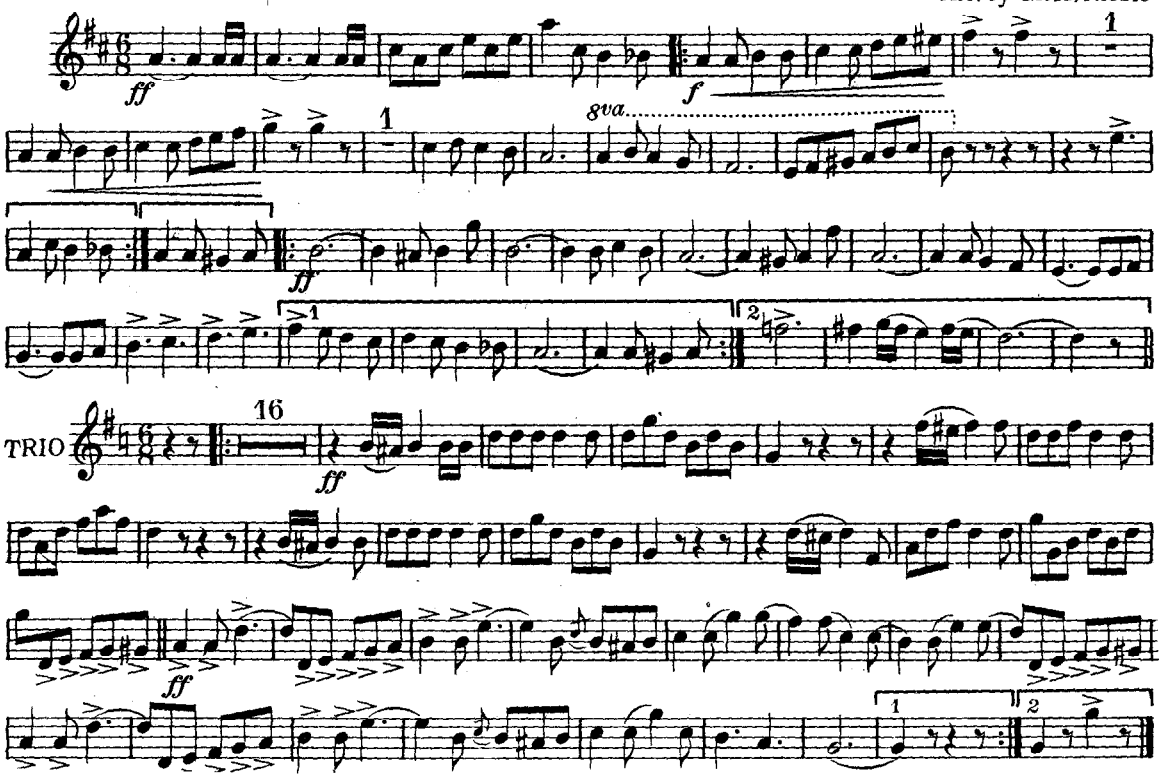

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Alto Saxophone

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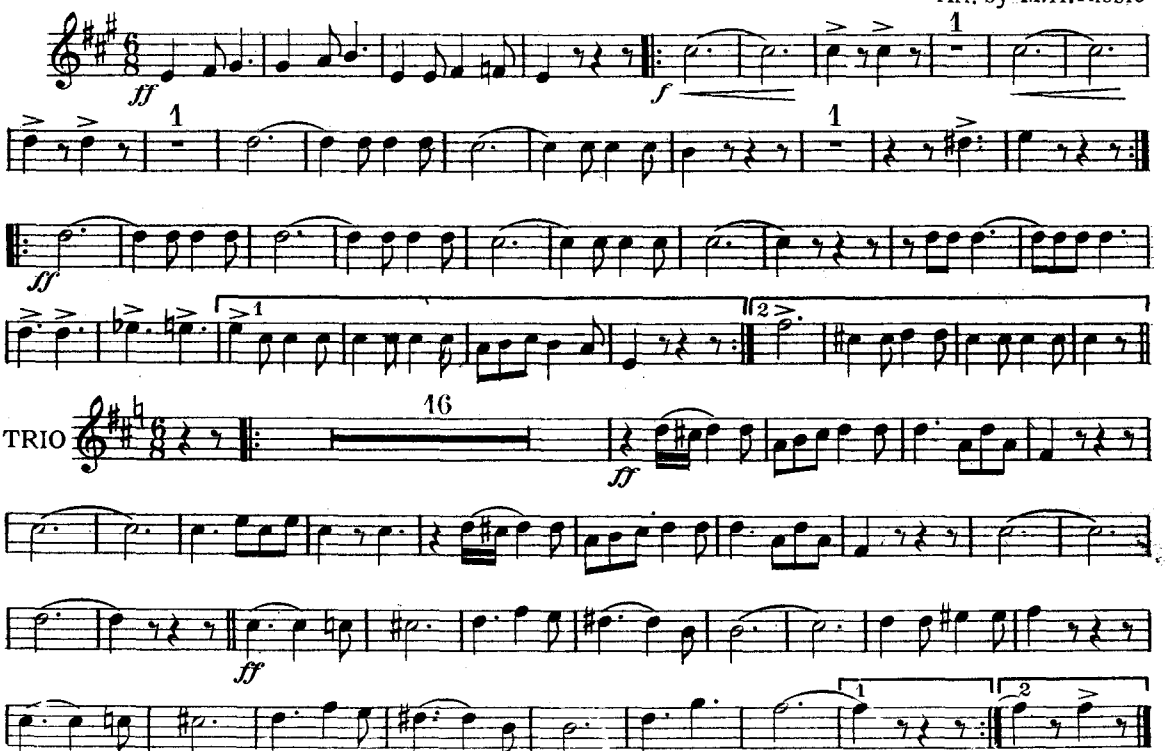

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Tenor Saxophone

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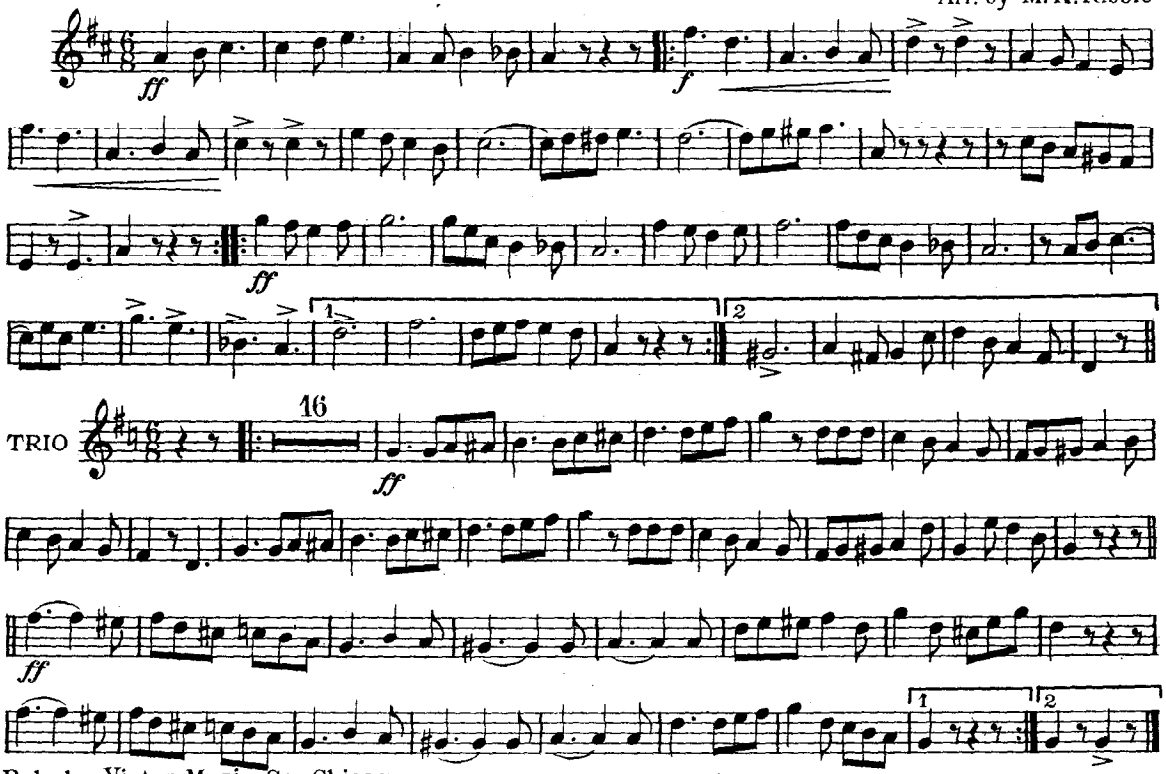

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Baritone Saxophone

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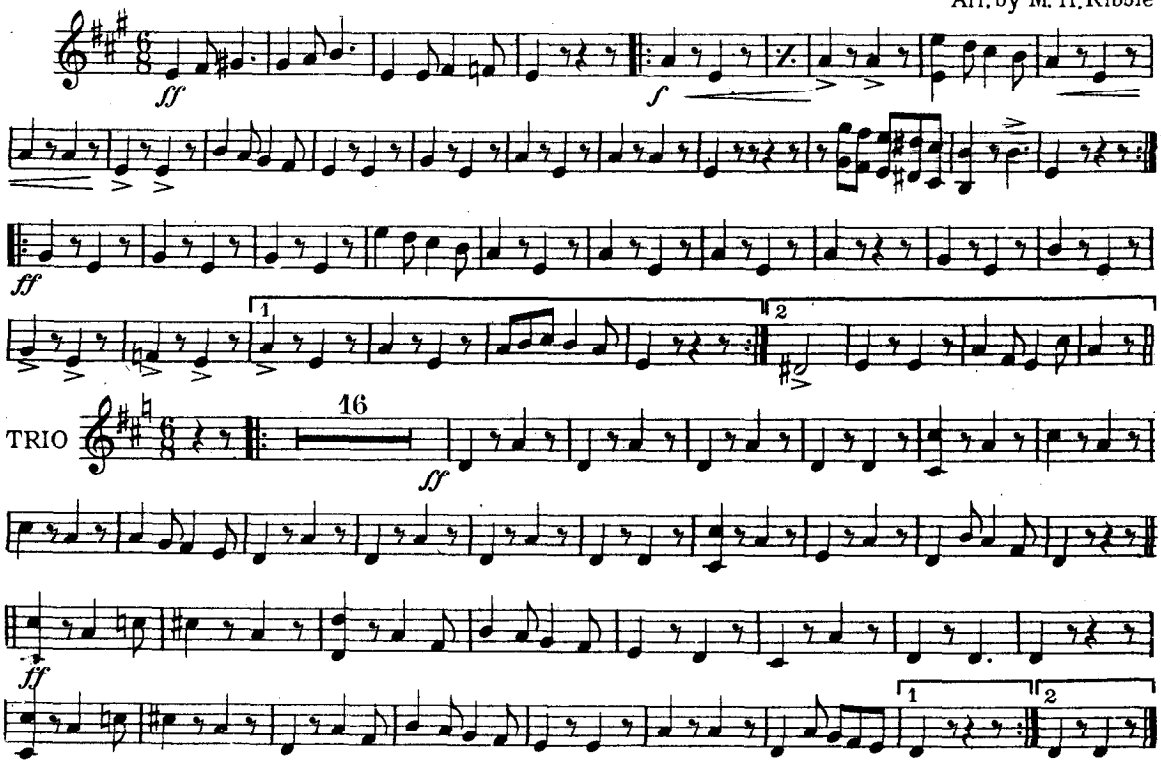

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Eb Cornet

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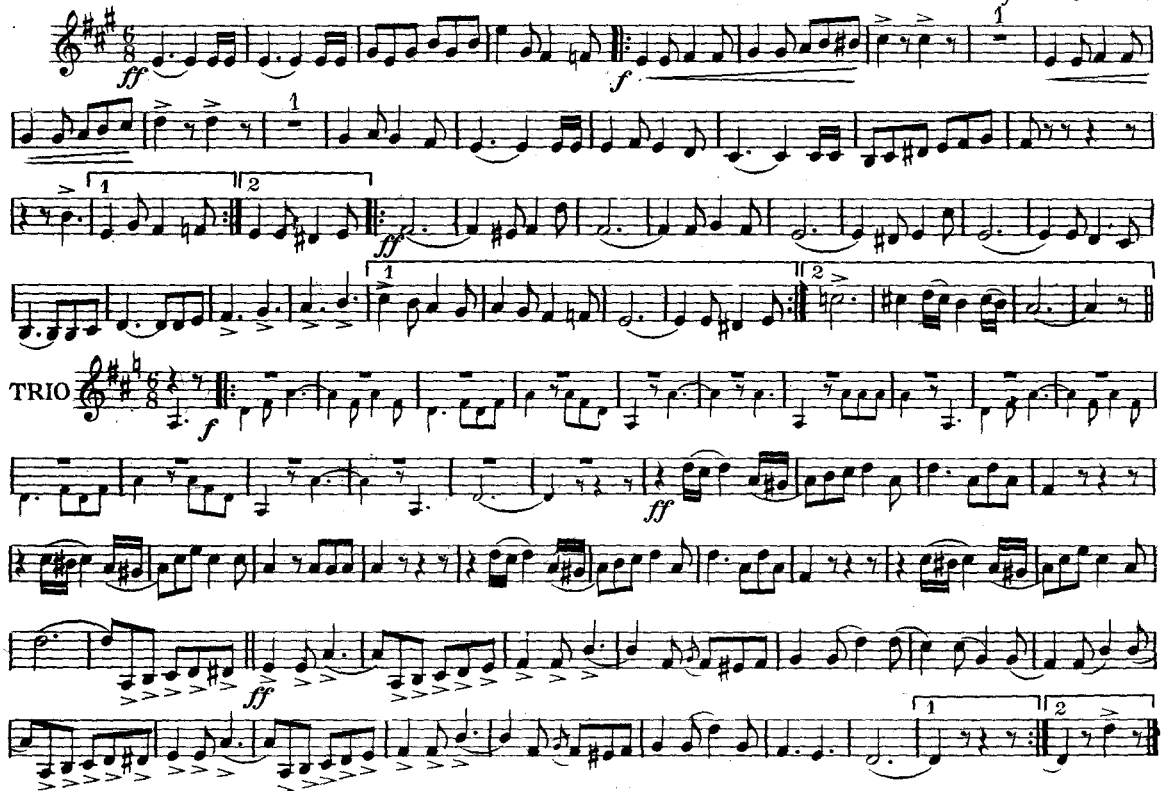

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Solo B♭ Cornet
Conductor

ff *f* *f* *ff*

Cym.

Trumpet & Drum

TRIO

ff *ff*

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1st B♭ Cornet

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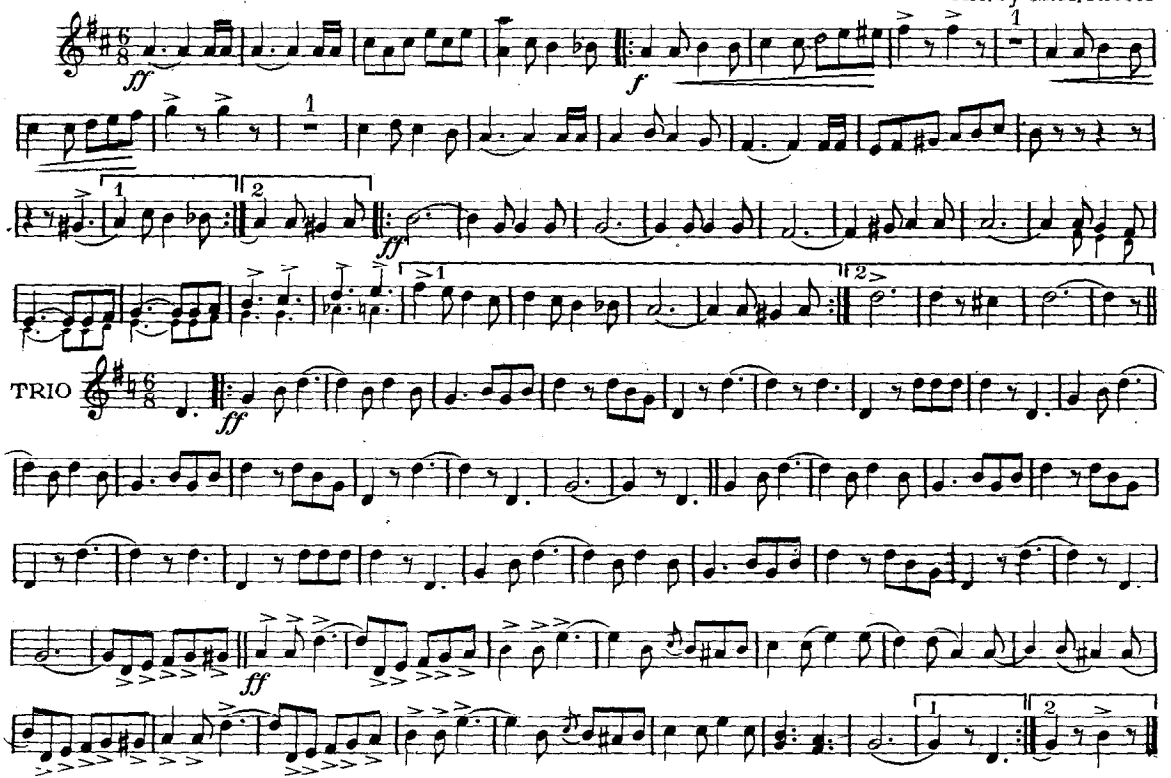

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2d & 3d B♭ Cornets

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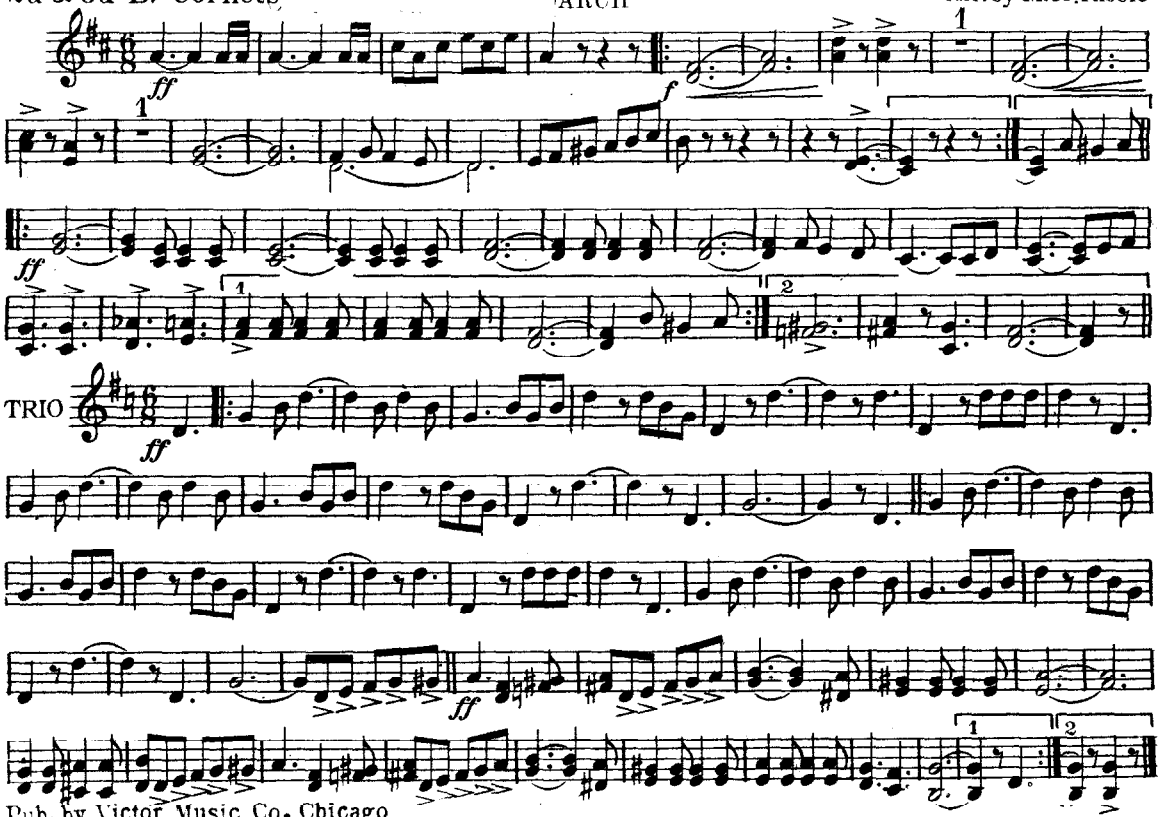

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1st & 2d Eb Altos

W. E. FLATHERS
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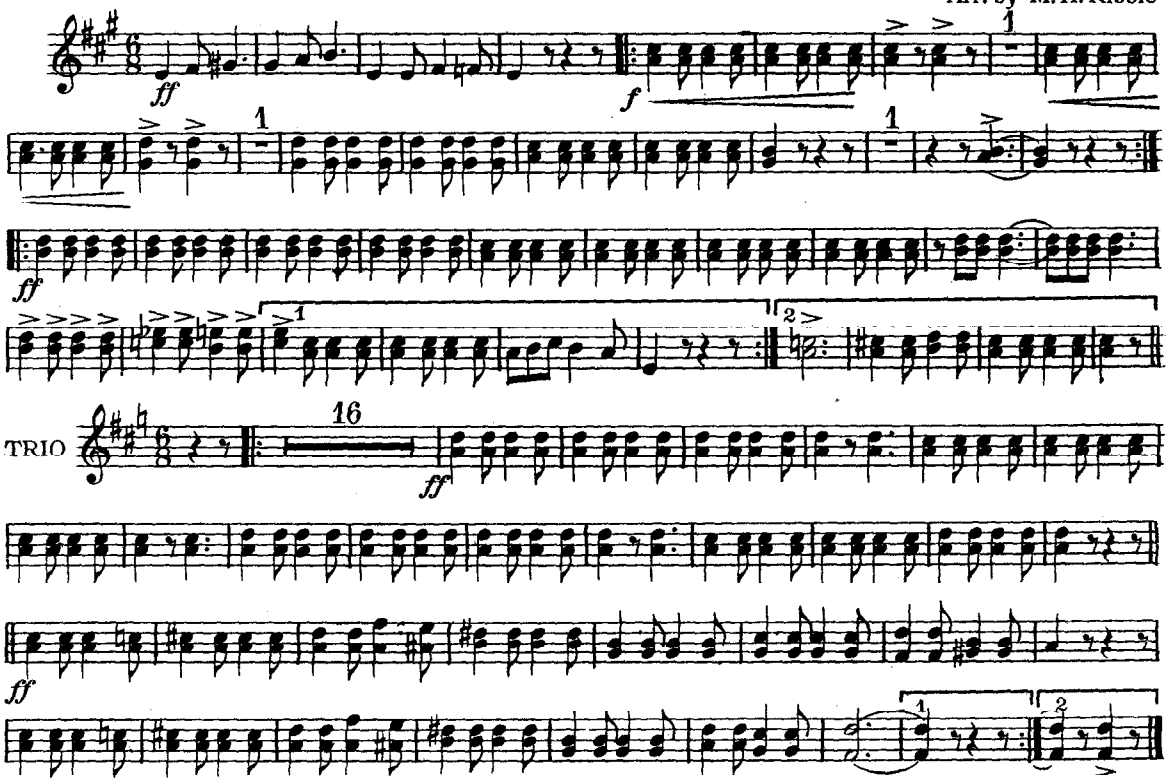

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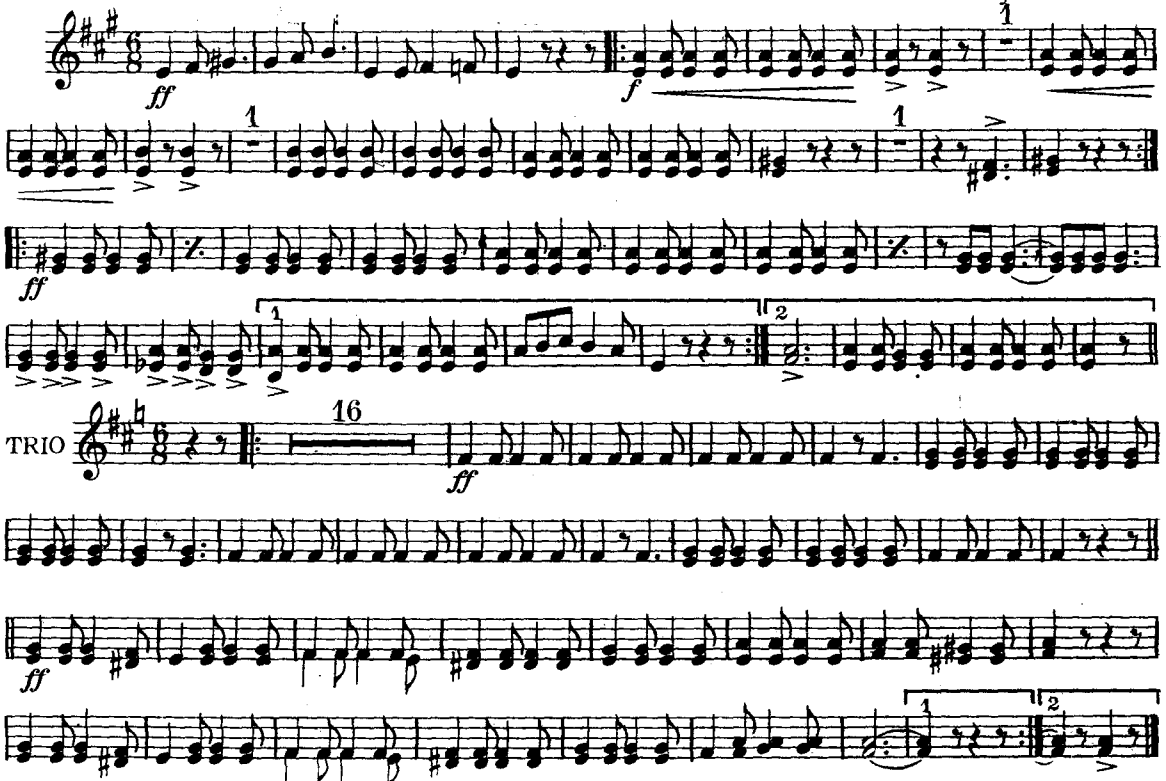
3d & 4th Eb Altos



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1st & 2d Bb Tenors

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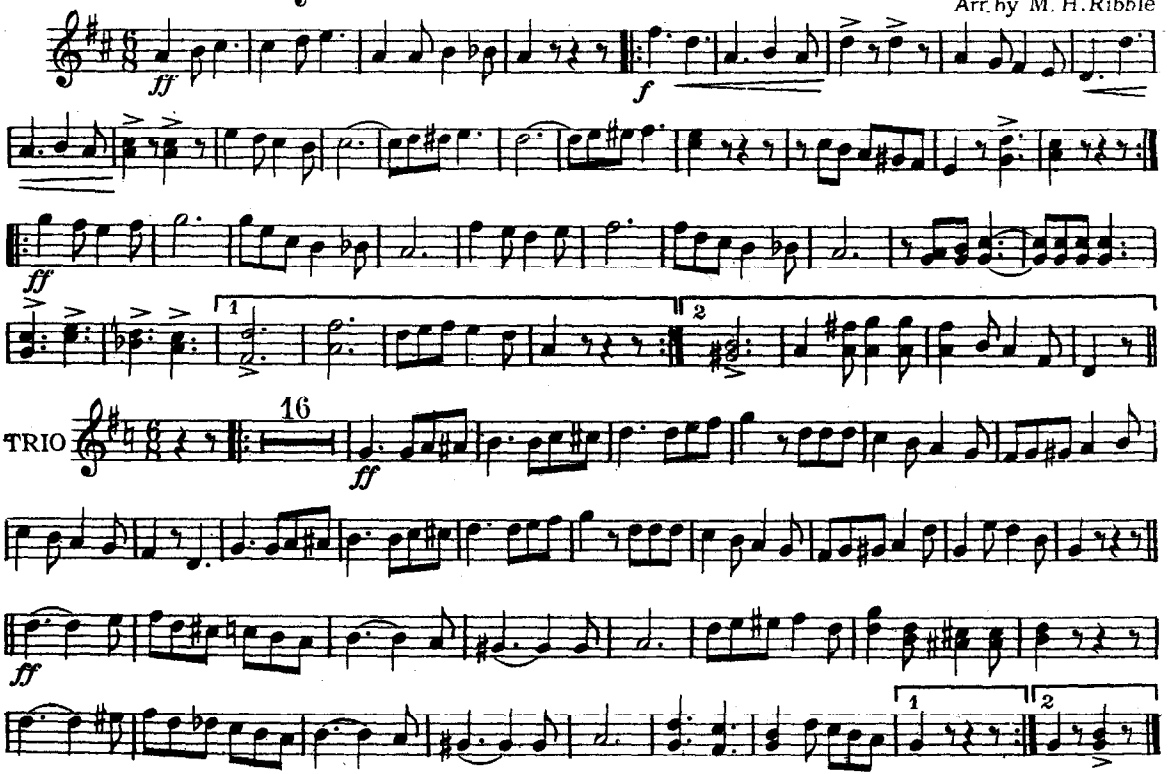

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1st & 2d Trombones

MARCH

W. E. FLATHERS
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ff

f

ff

1

2

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16

ff

ff

1

2

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MARCH

3rd Trombone

W. E. FLATHERS
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ff

f

ff

1

2

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16

ff

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Baritone

MARCH

W. E. FLATHERS
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ff *f* *ff* 1 2

TRIO 16 *ff* *ff* 1 2

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MARCH

W. E. FLATHERS
Arr. by M. H. Ribble

Baritone 𝄢

ff *f* *ff*

1 2

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16

ff *ff*

1 2

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Basses

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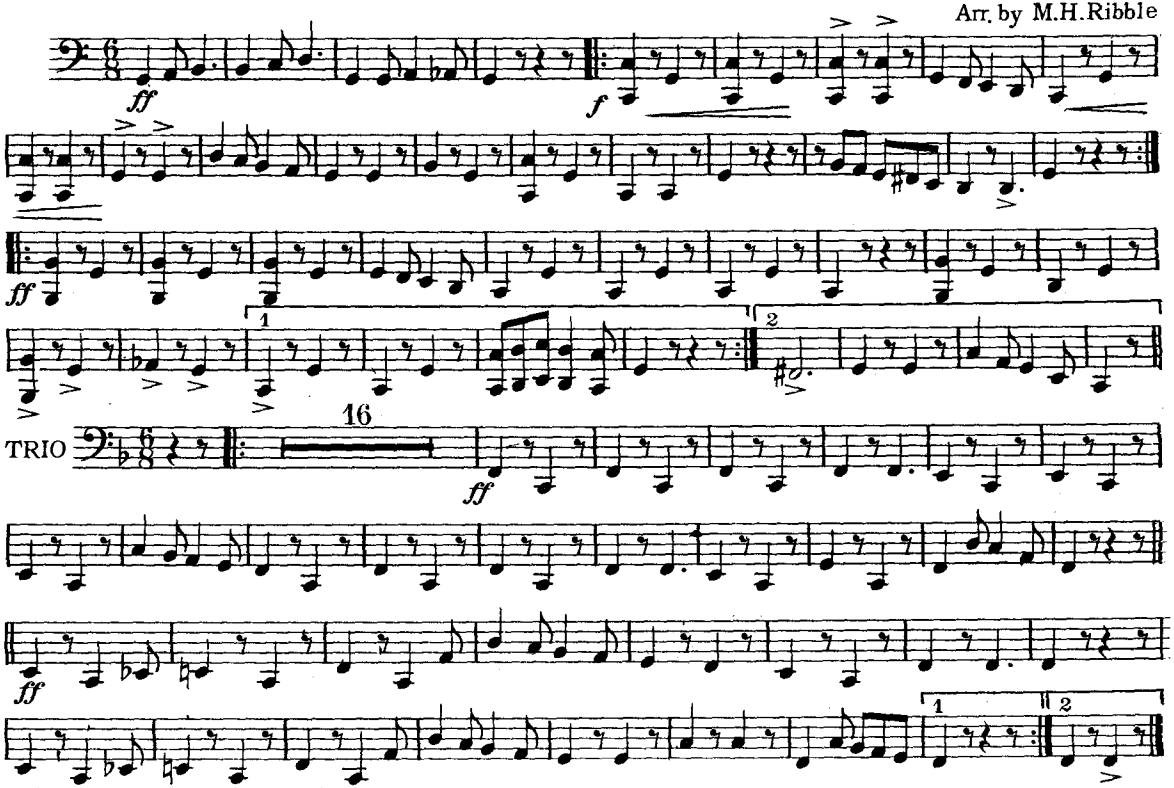

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B♭ Bass or
3d Trombone

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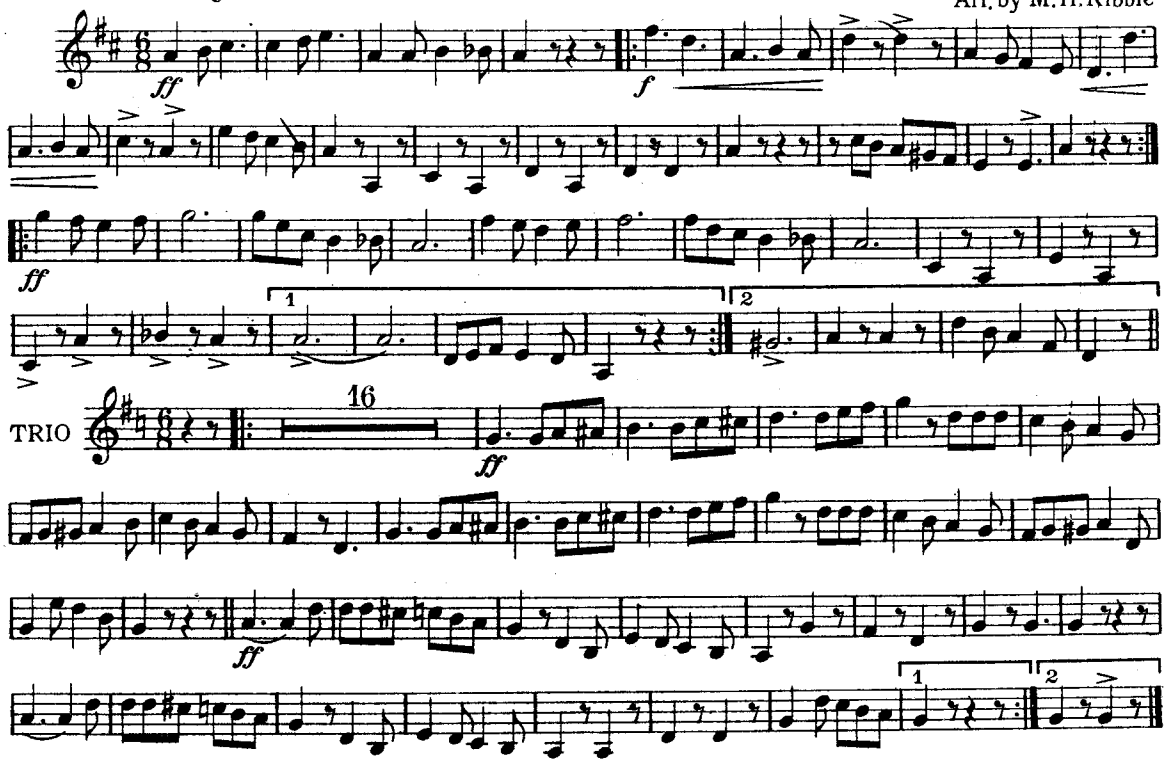

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Drums

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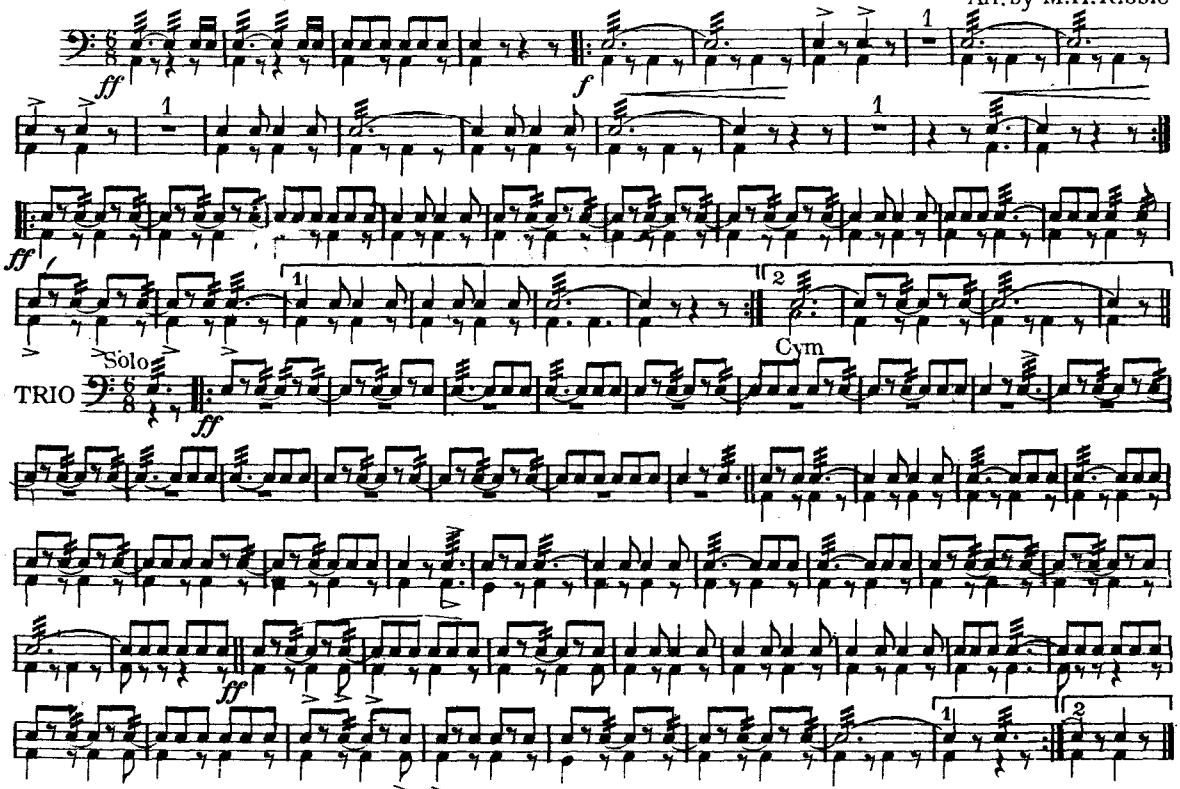

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