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for Speaker and Piano

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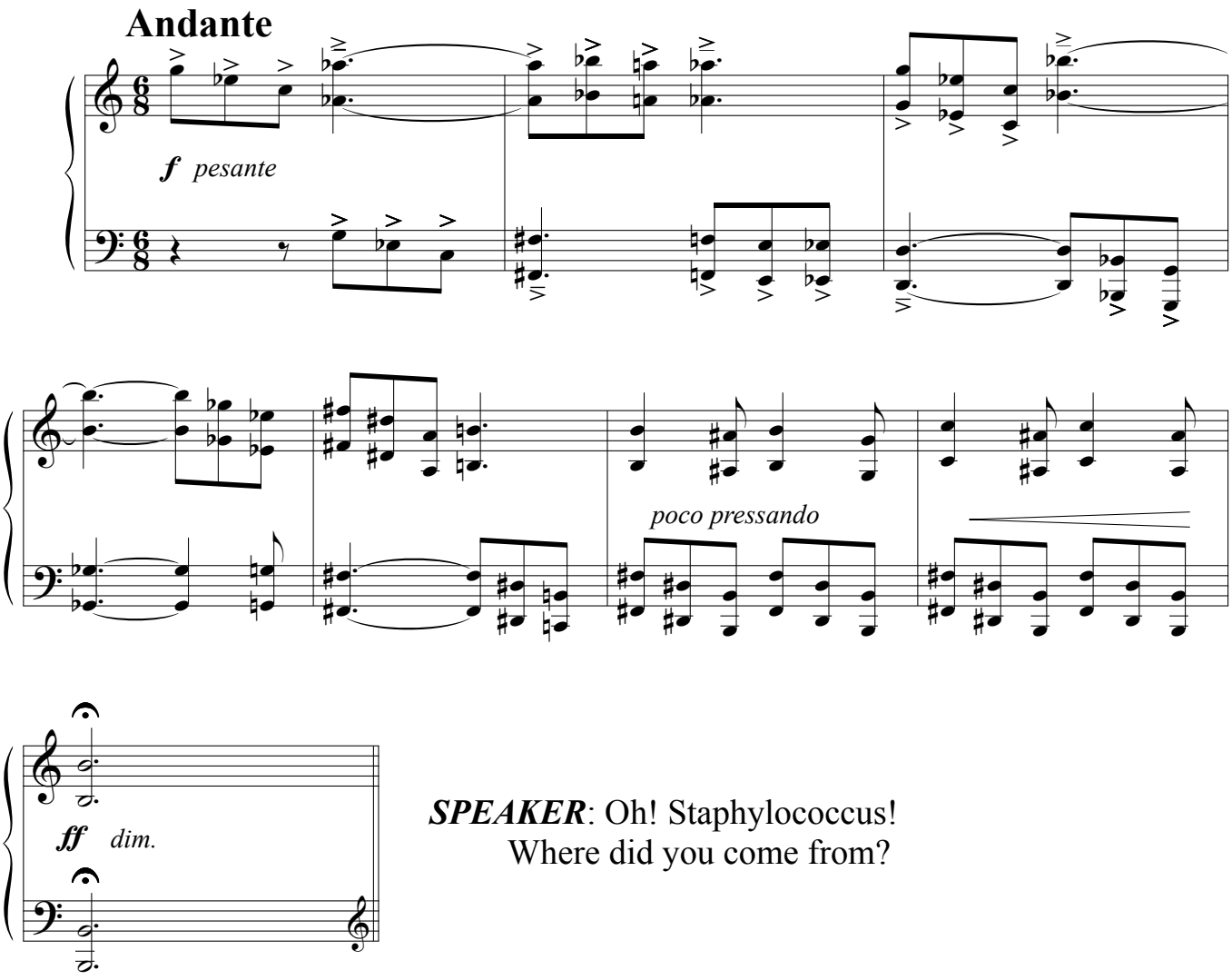
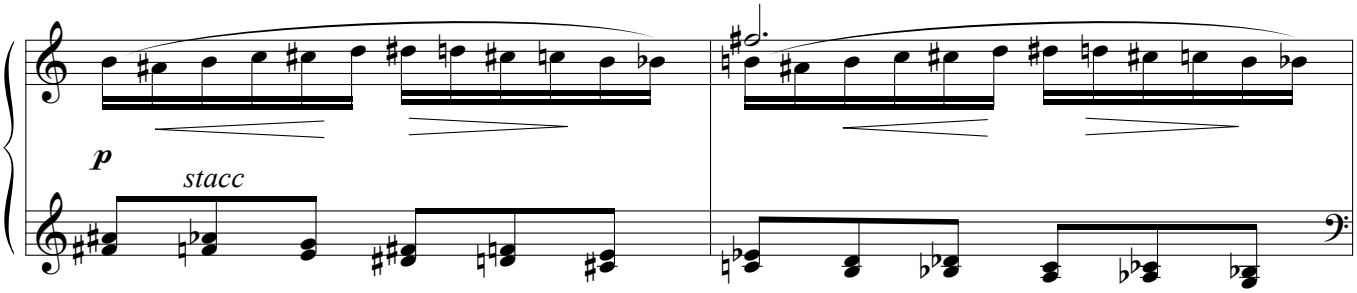
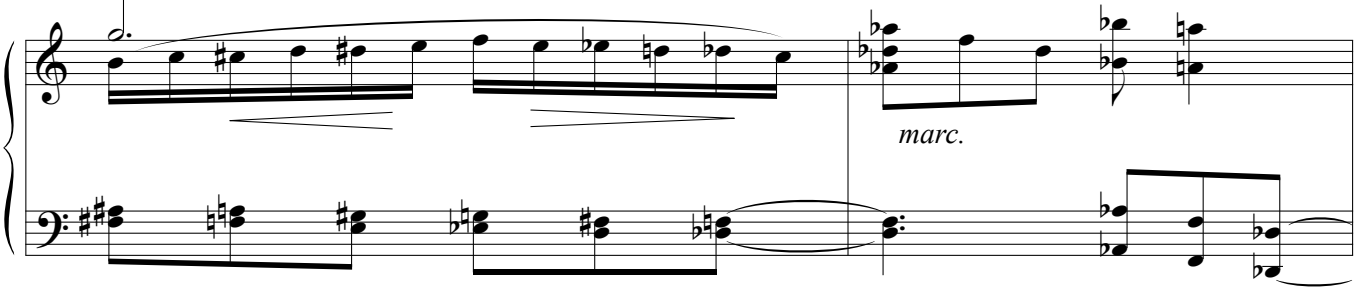


SPEAKER: Oh! Staphylococcus!
Where did you come from?

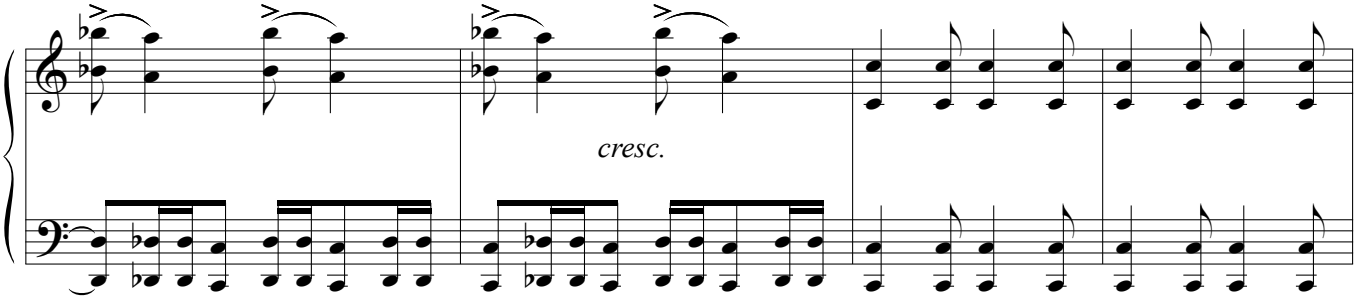
Of all the germs, bugs, viruses, why did you have to pick on me?



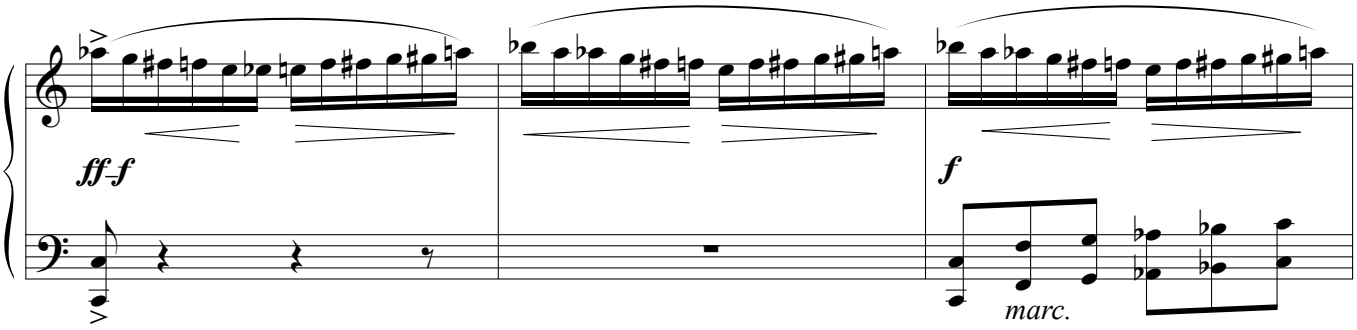
Why, when things were going so smoothly, did the vicious

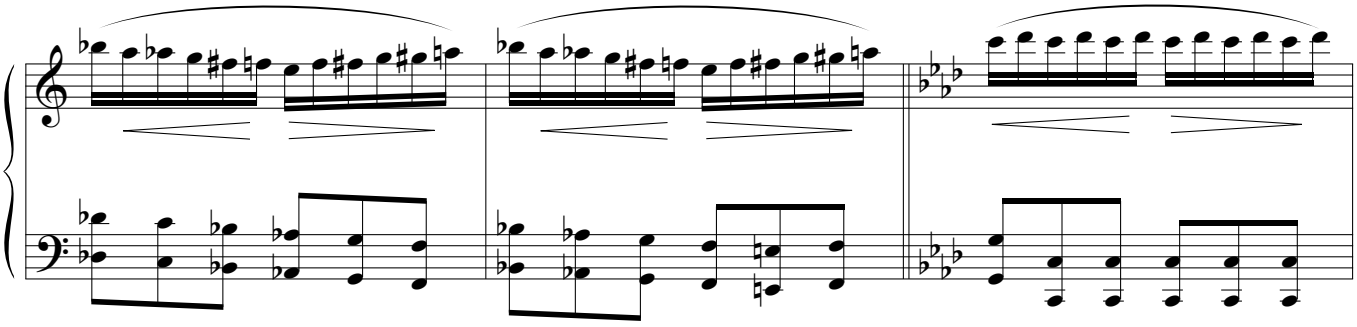


Staphylococcus invade my body, only to transform it into

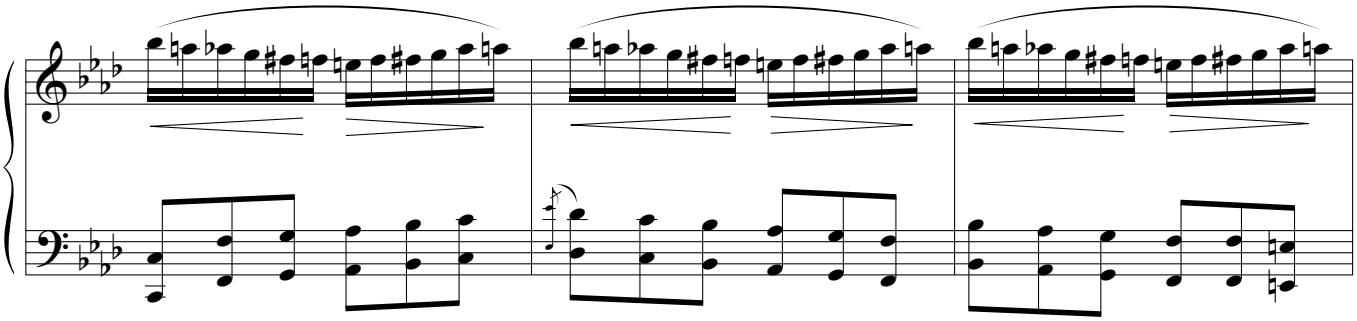


a fighting organism?

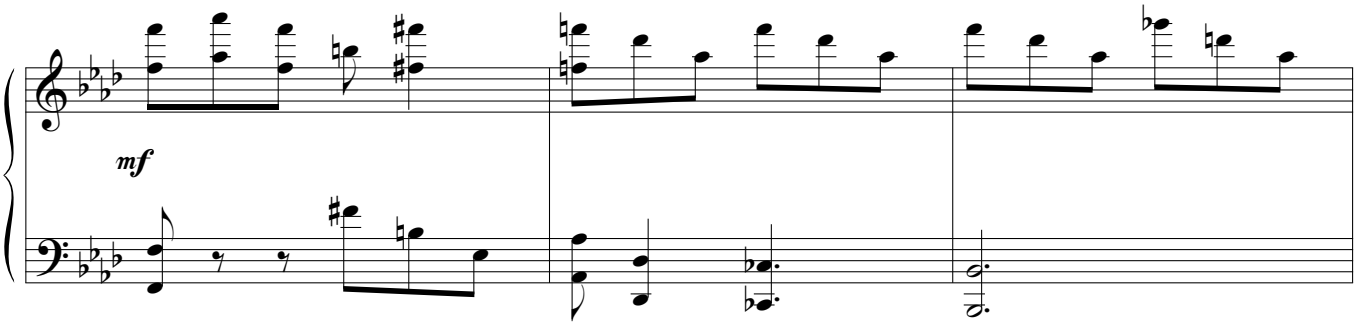




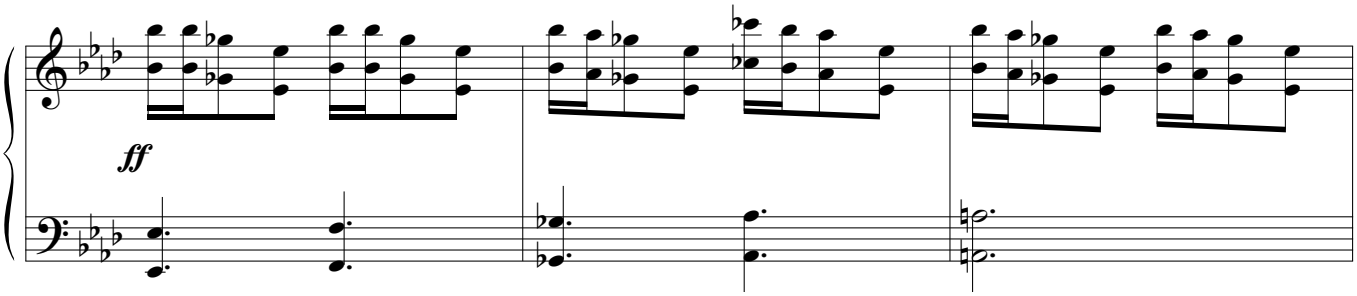
Staphylococcus: any of the various Gram - positive



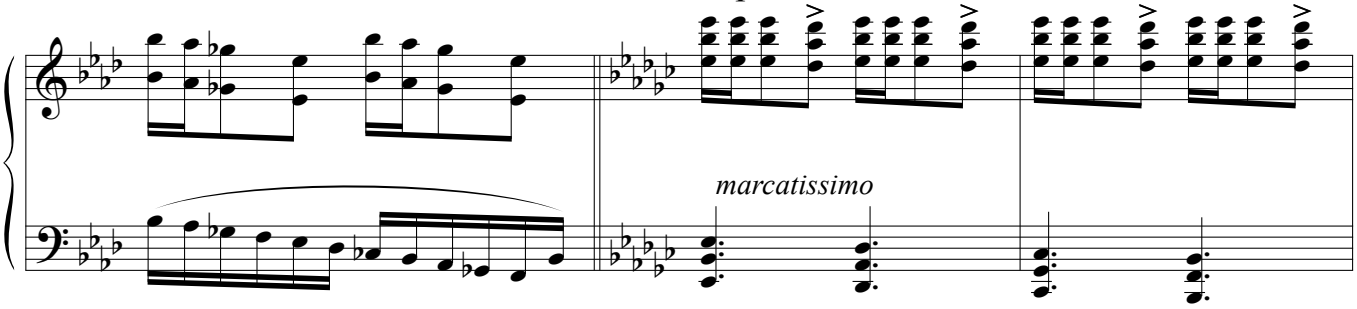
spherical parasitic bacteria of the genus Staphylococcus, occurring



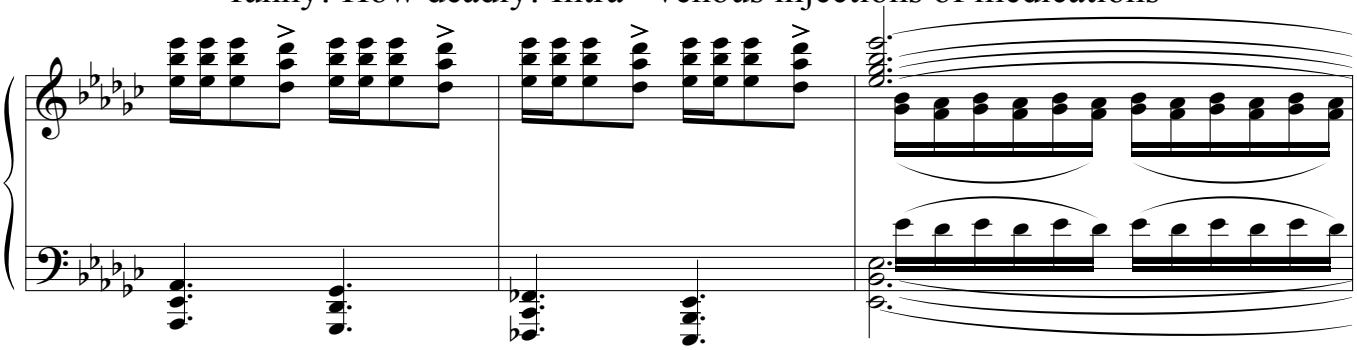
in grapelike clusters and causing boils, septicemia, and other



infections. Also called "staph". How cute! How.



funny! How deadly! Intra - venous injections of medications



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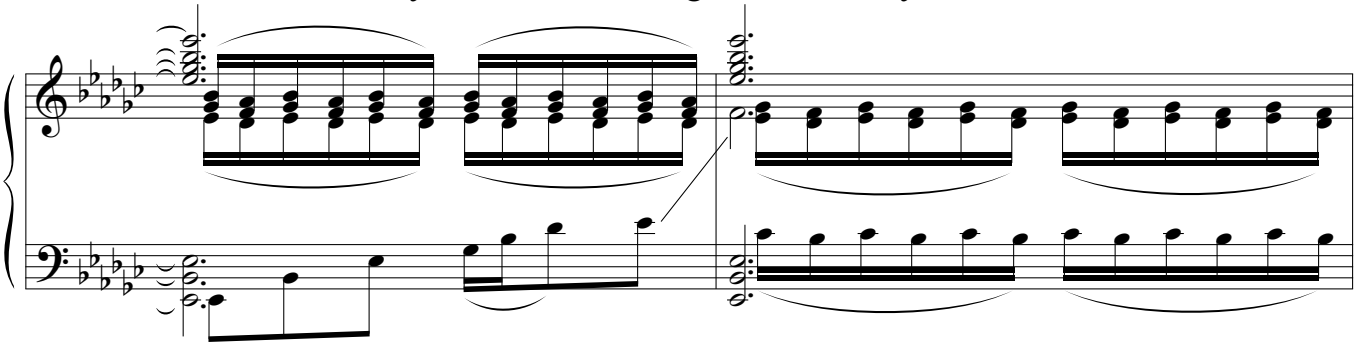

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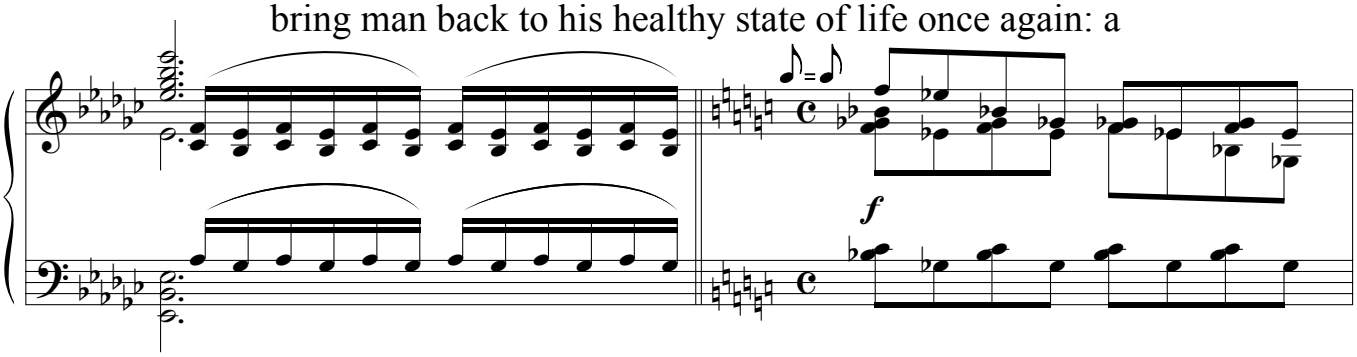
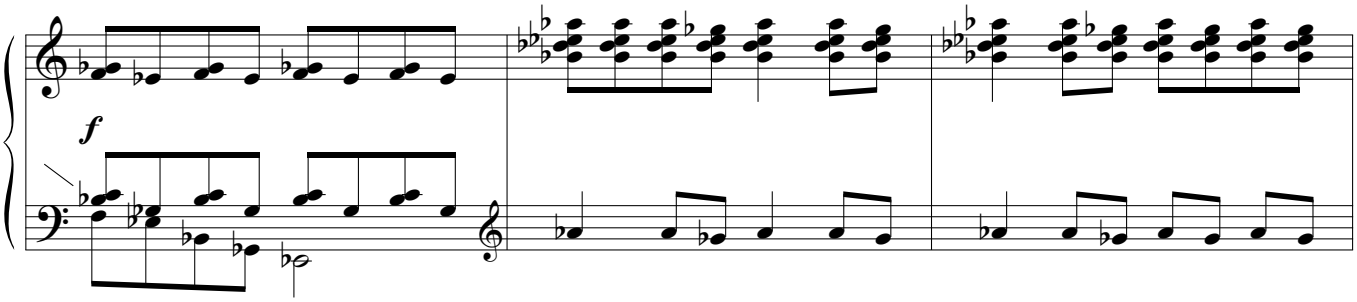


life of full activity, creation, joy and happiness on



this earth!

