Monday, March 17, 2014 3:13 PM

Big Old Fool

Words: Roger Schutt
Music: Daniel Leo Simpson

I've got a big old truck and a hot car
Man I'm living the life of a rock star
Big toys everywhere all brand new
This big old house that I built just for you

Chorus
I've got big plans
I've got big dreams
But it don't mean nothin' without you
I've got a big chair with a window view
Sitting on my throne a big old fool

I've got a big old bed but it's not made
And your favorite flowers I watch fade
Silence screaming from every room
Then the dogs run 'round and search for you

[Chorus]
I've got big plans
I've got big dreams
But it don't mean nothing without you
I've got a big chair with a window view
Sitting on my throne a big old fool

Bridge
Girl I'd go right back to those days when we were poor
Just to see you walk back through our big front door

[Chorus

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I've got big dreams
But it don't mean nothing without you
I've got a big chair with a window view
Sitting on my throne

Tag:
I wish I saw all the little things and really listened to you
Now I'm all alone...
A big old fool

Big Ole Fool

Saturday, May 19, 2007 9:30 AM

Tossed 'em
Cost
Main Street
Every bad boy
All about you

Change

To her not about her
Big car
Trophy wife
Big truck
Boat out fin back of the house
Two dogs
Big screen tv
Nice threads
Dressed for success
Rock star, going far
A quarterback on Monday night TV
Couldn't leave school fast enough
I heard slow down but I couldn't wait to get outta town
Big spender
Big bank account
Two car garage

Spoken to her
1st verse - self absorbed
Big plans big dreams fo
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All the things

2nd Verse - realization
Well I
Your smile your flair the careless way you toss your hair
Your look that brings me to my knees
My life, my world came alive with you in it girl

My all about me dreams
My hopes and dreams come true aren't
All about you

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Draft 1

Sunday, May 20, 2007 8:07 AM

The song was the work of a song camp for NSAI (Nashville Songwriters Assoc. Intl) and we had one day to write the song - the next evening, all songwriters met and played their songs. Here is a very nervous composer with his lyricist holding the lyrics playing for the first time "Big Old Fool" for all our peers. Roger then later changed and improved some of the lyrics.

Tahoe performance version
5/20/2007, 8:11 AM
Big Ole Fool - by Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schott

I've got a big ol' truck and a hot car
Man I'm livin' the life of a rock star
Big toys everywhere all brand new
And a big ol' house that I built just for you

Chorus
I've got big plans
I've got big dreams
But it all means nothing without you
I've got a big chair and a window view
Sittin' on my throne a big ol' fool

I've got a big ol' bed hasn't been made
And your favorite plants I watch them fade
The silence screaming from ev'ry room
Then the dogs run 'round and search for you

[CHORUS]

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Bridge:
Girl I'd go right back to those days when we were poor
Just to see you walk back through our big front door

[CHORUS]

Tag: All alone…. A Big Ol' Fool

Draft 1 -
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Draft 2

Monday, May 21, 2007 1:03 PM

First draft with pro suggestions
5/21/2007, 1:04 PM
Big Ole Fool - by Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

I've got a big ol' truck and a hot car
Man I'm livin' the life of a rock star
Big toys everywhere all brand new
And a big ol' house that I built just for you

Chorus
I've got big plans
I've got big dreams
But it don't mean nothing without you
I got a hot tub and a memory
To keep the company of a big ol' fool

I've got a big ol' bed and it's unmade
Your plants out on the patio just fade
Silence screaming from ev'ry room
Then the dogs run 'round and search for you

Bridge:
Girl I'd go right back to those days when we were poor
Just to see you walk back through our big front door

[CHORUS]

Tag: All alone…. A Big Ol' Fool

~~I've got a big chair and a window view~~
~~Sittin' on my throne~~

~~I've got a big ol' bed hasn't been made~~
~~And your favorite plants I watch them fade~~
~~Your plants that you loved just wilt and fade~~

Draft 3

Monday, May 21, 2007 2:45 PM

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Big Ole Fool - by Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

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Man I'm livin' the life of a rock star
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Chorus
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To keep the company of a big ol' fool

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Silence screaming from ev'ry room
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Bridge:
Girl I'd go right back to those days when we were poor
Just to see you walk back through our big front door

[CHORUS]

Tag: All alone…. A Big Ol' Fool

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Draft 4

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 9:58 AM

5/22/2007, 10:07 AM
Big Ol' Fool
Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

I got a big ol' truck and a hot car (10)
Man I'm livin' the life of a rock star (10)
Big toys everywhere all brand new (8)
This big ol' house that I built just for you (10)

Chorus
I got big plans
I got big dreams
But it don't mean nothin' without you
I'Ve I got a big chair with a window view
Sittin' on my throne a big ol' fool

I got a big ol' bed and it's not made (10)
Your favorite plants I'm watching them fade (10)
Silence screaming from ev'ry room (8)
Then the dogs run around and search for you (10)

Chorus

Bridge
Girl I'd go right back to those days when we were very poor
Just to see you walk back through our big front door

Chorus

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Tag:
I wish I saw ALL the LITTLE THINGS
And really listened to you
Now I'm all alone…
A big ol' fool

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Draft 5

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 11:00 AM

5/22/2007, 11:00 AM
Big Ol' Fool
Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

I got a big ol' truck and a hot car (10)
Man I'm livin' the life of a rock star (10)
Big toys everywhere all brand new (8)
This big ol' house that I built just for you (10)

Chorus
I got big plans
I got big dreams
But it don't mean nothin' without you
I got a big chair with a window view
Sittin' on my throne a big ol' fool

I got a big ol' bed and it's not made (10)
And your favorite plants I watch them fade
Silence screaming from ev'ry room (8)
Then the dogs run around and search for you (10)

Chorus

Bridge
Girl I'd go right back to those days when we were very poor
Just to see you walk back through our big front door

Chorus

Tag:
I wish I saw ALL the LITTLE THINGS
And really listened to you
Now I'm all alone…
A big ol' fool

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Big Ol' Fool

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I got a big ol' truck and a hot car (10)
Man I'm livin' the life of a rock star (10)
Big toys everywhere all brand new (8)
This big ol' house that I built just for you (10)

Chorus
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Sittin' on my throne a big ol' fool

I got a big ol' bed and it's not made (10)
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Silence screaming from ev'ry room (8)
Then the dogs run around and search for you (10)

[Chorus]
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Bridge
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Chorus

Tag:
I wish I saw ALL the LITTLE THINGS
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A big ol' fool

Draft 7

Thursday, May 24, 2007 12:00 PM

5/24/2007, 12:01 PM

Big Ol' Fool

Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

Audio recording started: 1:19 PM Thursday, May 24, 2007

I've got a big ol' truck and a hot car
A country boy livin' the life of a rock star
Big toys everywhere all brand new
This big ol' house that we built just for you

Chorus
I've got big plans
I've got big dreams
But it don't mean nothin' without you
I've got a big chair with a window view
Sittin' on my throne a big ol' fool

I've got a big ol' bed but it's not made
I watch all of your favorite plants all fade
The silence screams at me from every room
Then the dogs run 'round and search for you

[Chorus]
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[Chorus

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Tag:
I wish I saw
ALL the LITTLE THINGS
Now I'm all alone…
A big ol' fool

NSAI's Sacramento chapter under the awesome leadership of Coordinator Larry Singleton had a great event May '07 in South Lake Tahoe, CA; (I put some pics up on my website here: http://www.danielsimpson.com/tahoe.html); we

were assigned co-writers and went at it - Roger Schutt and myself came up with "**Big Ol' Fool**" which I played at a guitar-pull organized *that evening* by Marc-Alan Barnette in the living room of one of the homes there. Dry-mouthed, nervous and a song 45 minutes old, *(praying I could remember the chords and tune)* I played it in front of a full house filled with other event songwriters and pros (Woody Bomar, Sherrill Blacvkman, Bob Regan etc) with Roger holding up the lyric sheet for me. What a thrill! "Listening to it now you may not know it, but we had our moment..."
The success is this: Going to an NSAI event and coming home with a cool song. A song created that wasn't there before and wouldn't have been created without that event. Isn't that what this is all about? Thanks NSAI, Larry Singleton of the Sacramento Chapter and the pros that gave their time to be there...
P.S. (I went home and put a work-tape version in pro-tools here http://www.myspace.com/scoreperfect with the vocals a bit more in tune!!! ;)

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Big Ol' Fool

Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

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Draft 9

Saturday, January 05, 2008 7:50 PM

1/5/2008, 6:50 PM

Big Ol’ Fool

Daniel Leo Simpson & Roger Schutt

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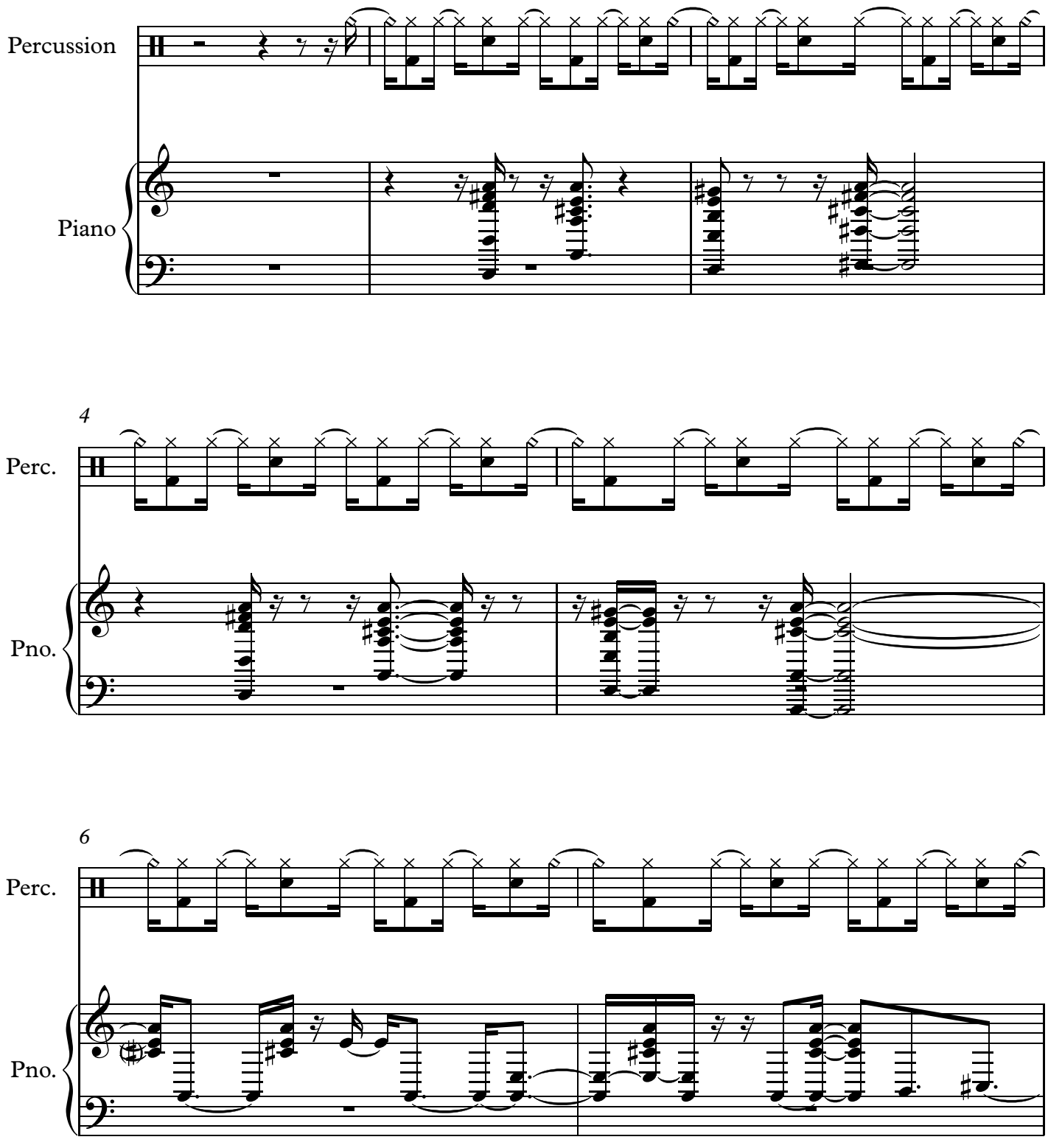
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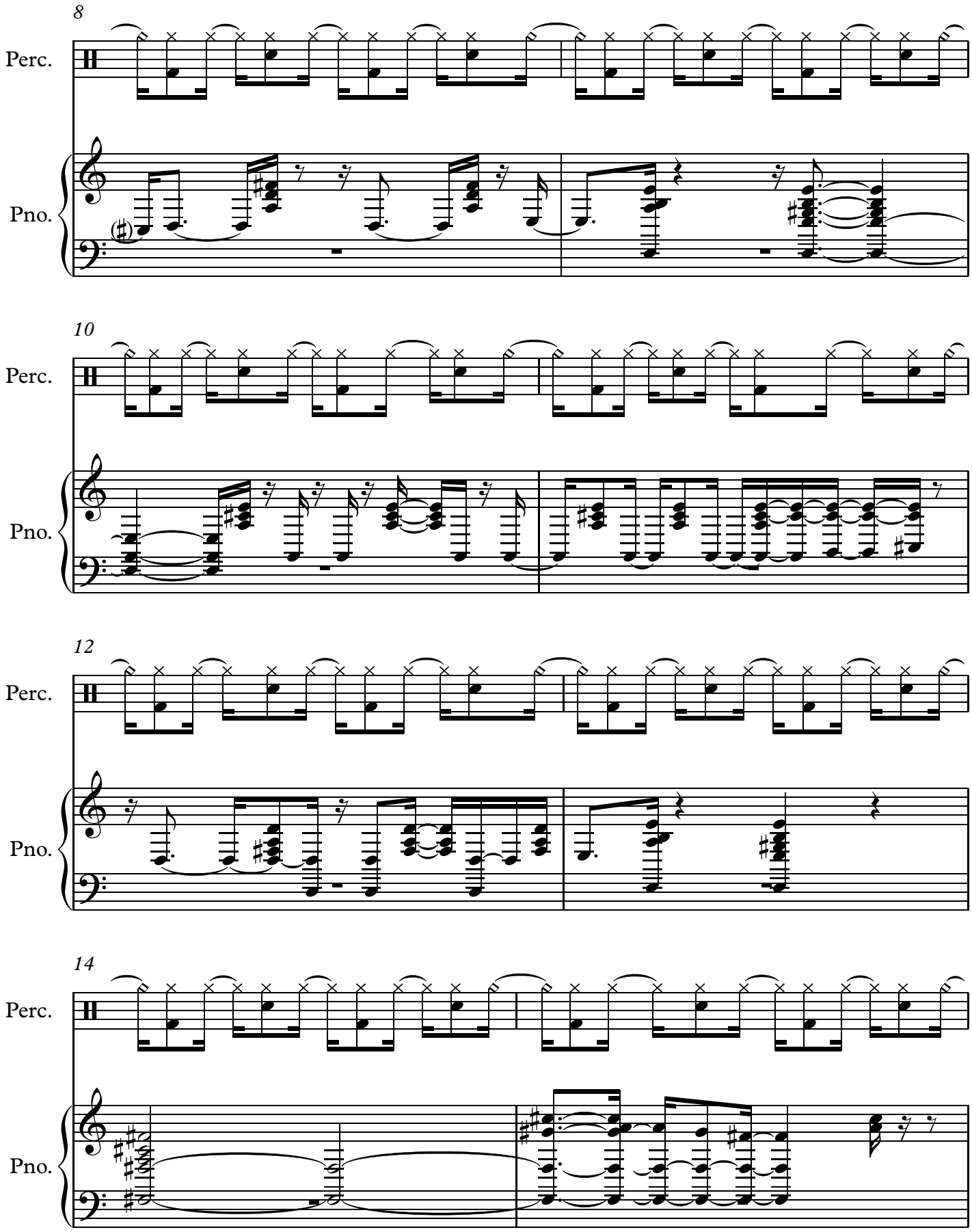
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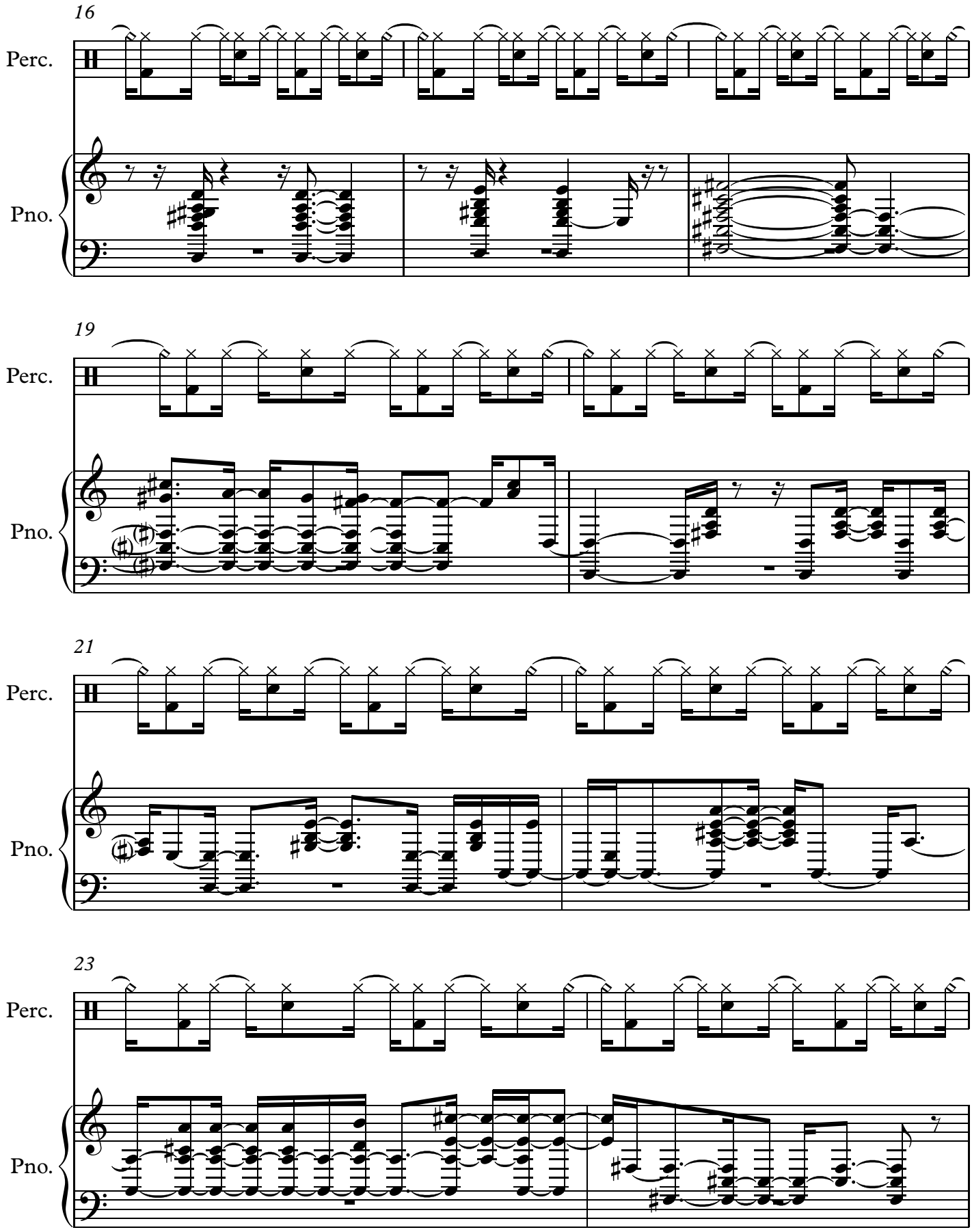
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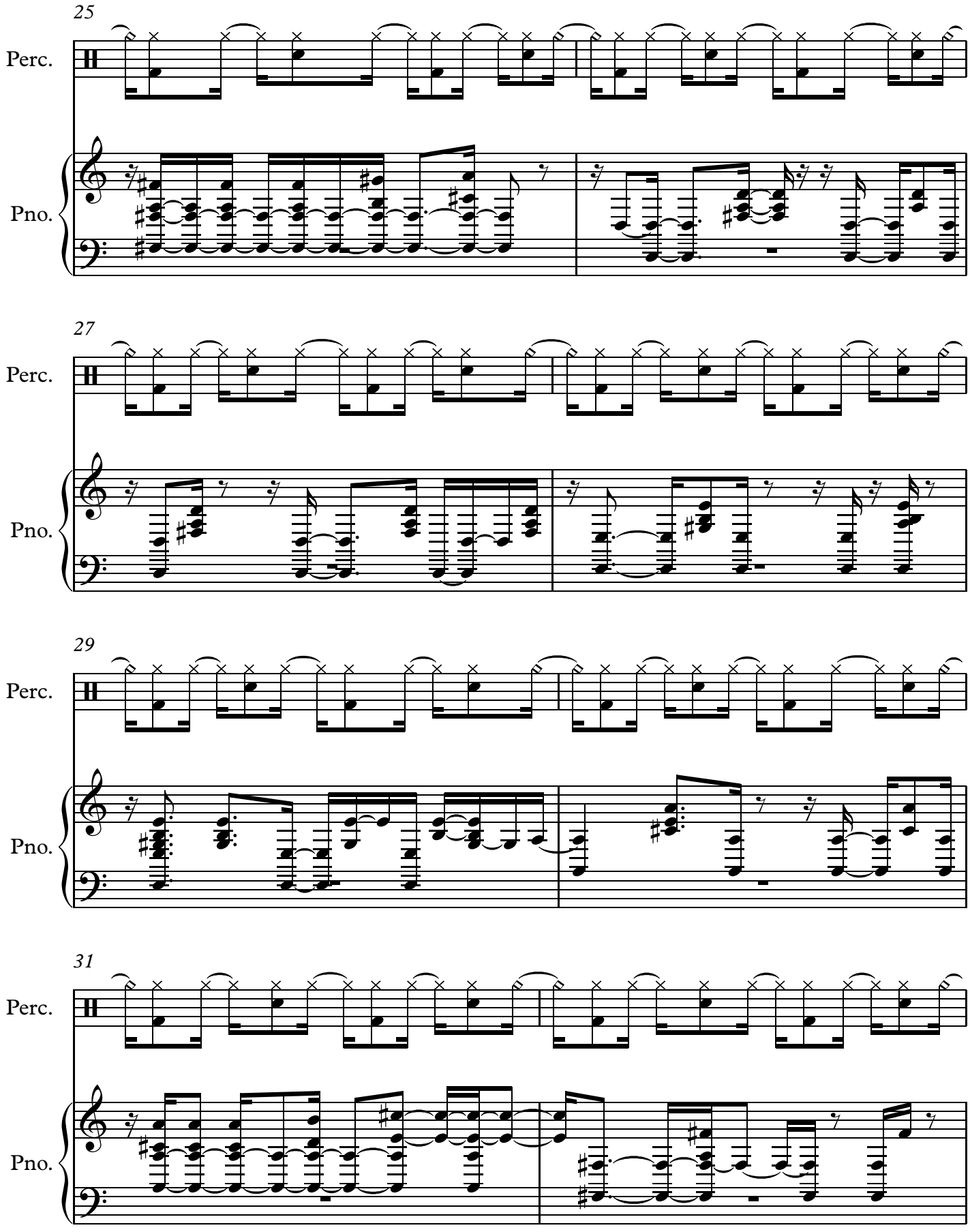
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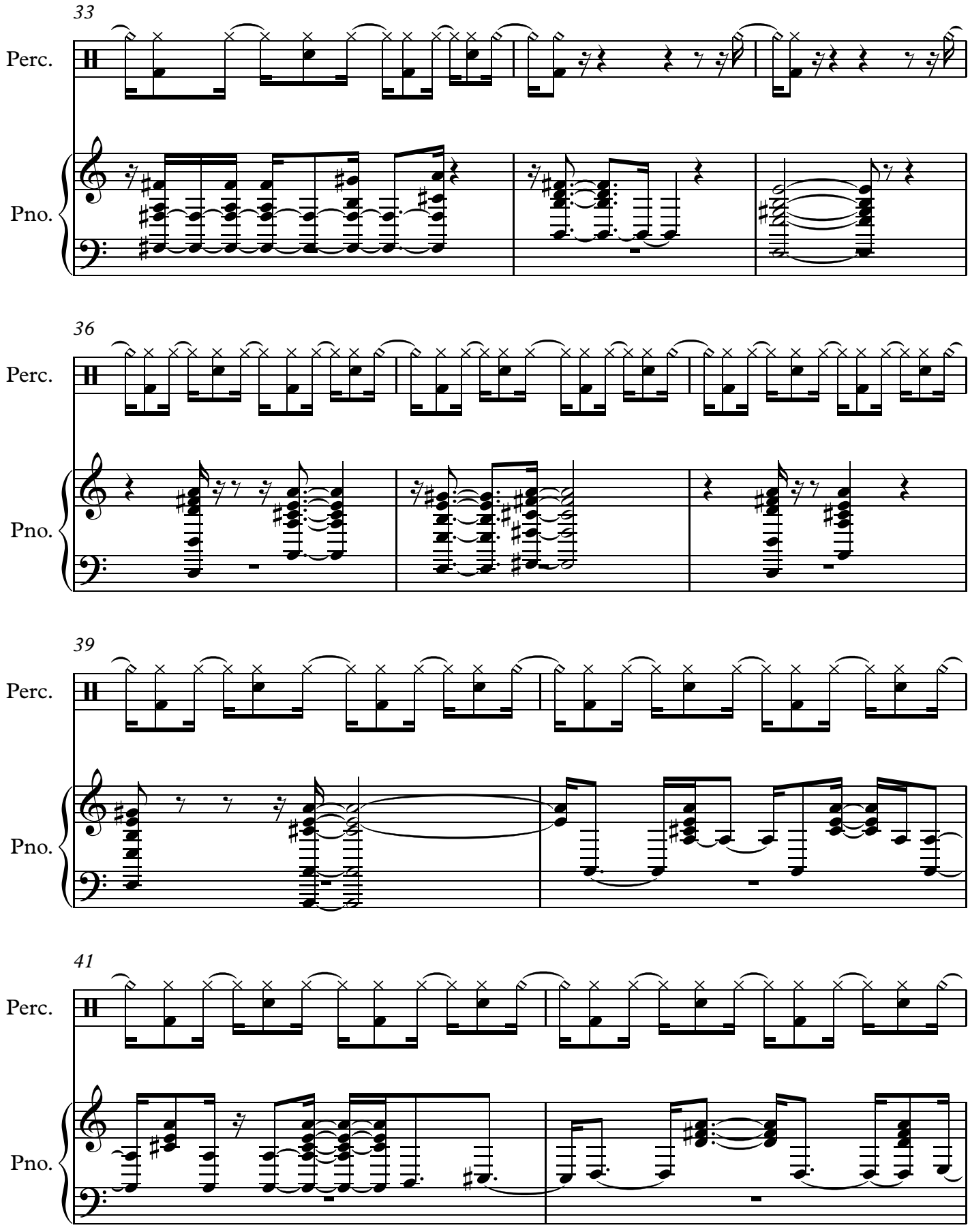
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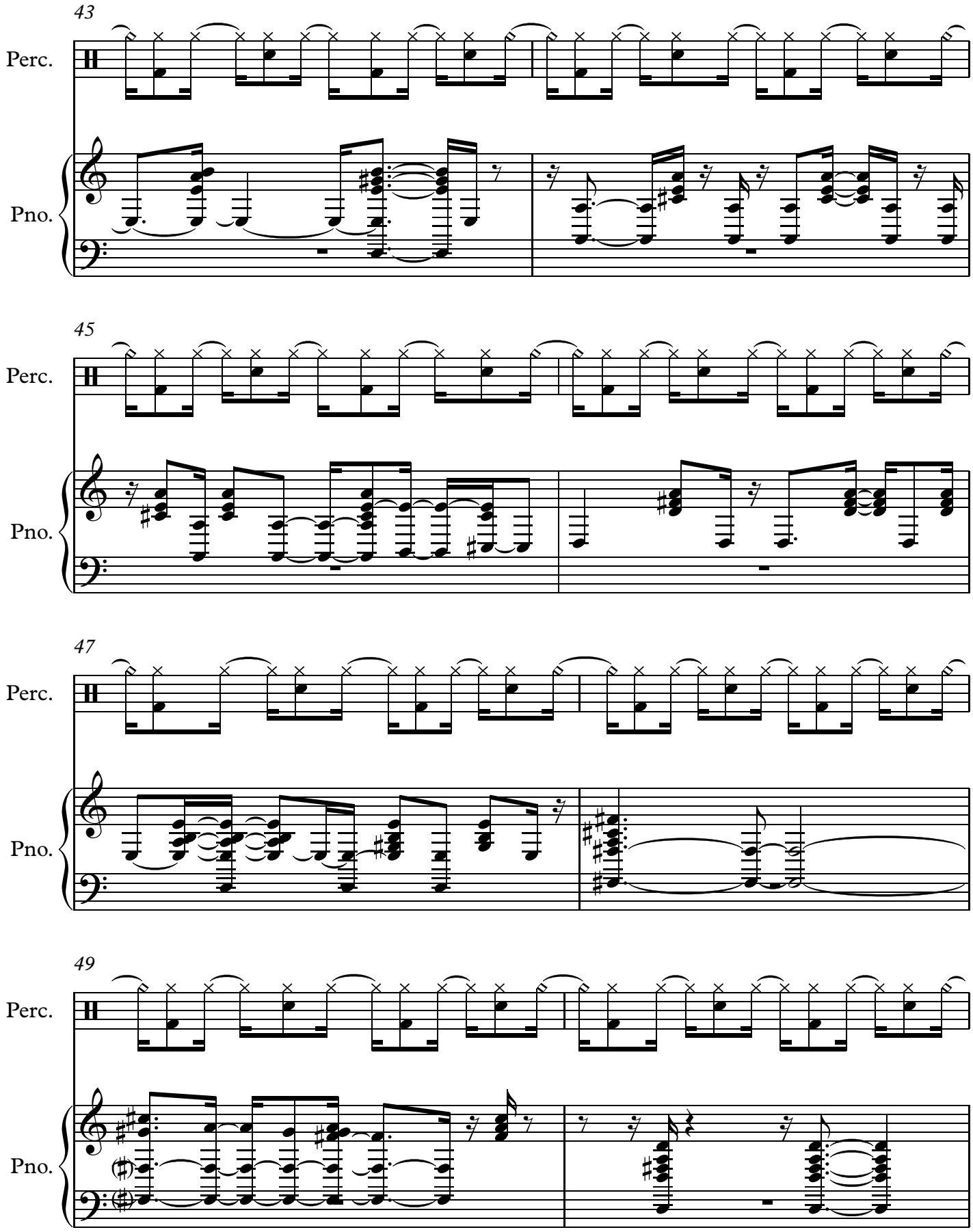
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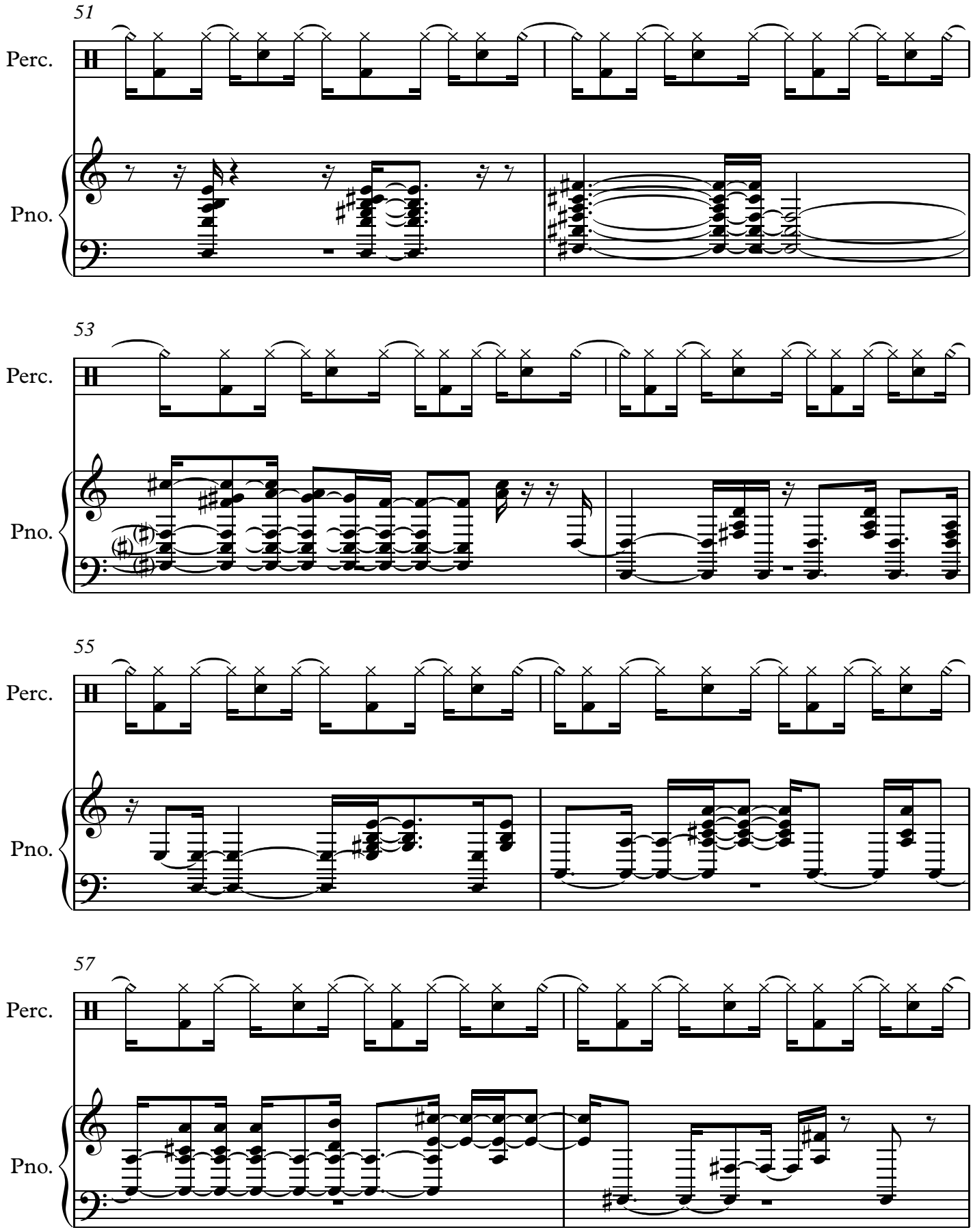
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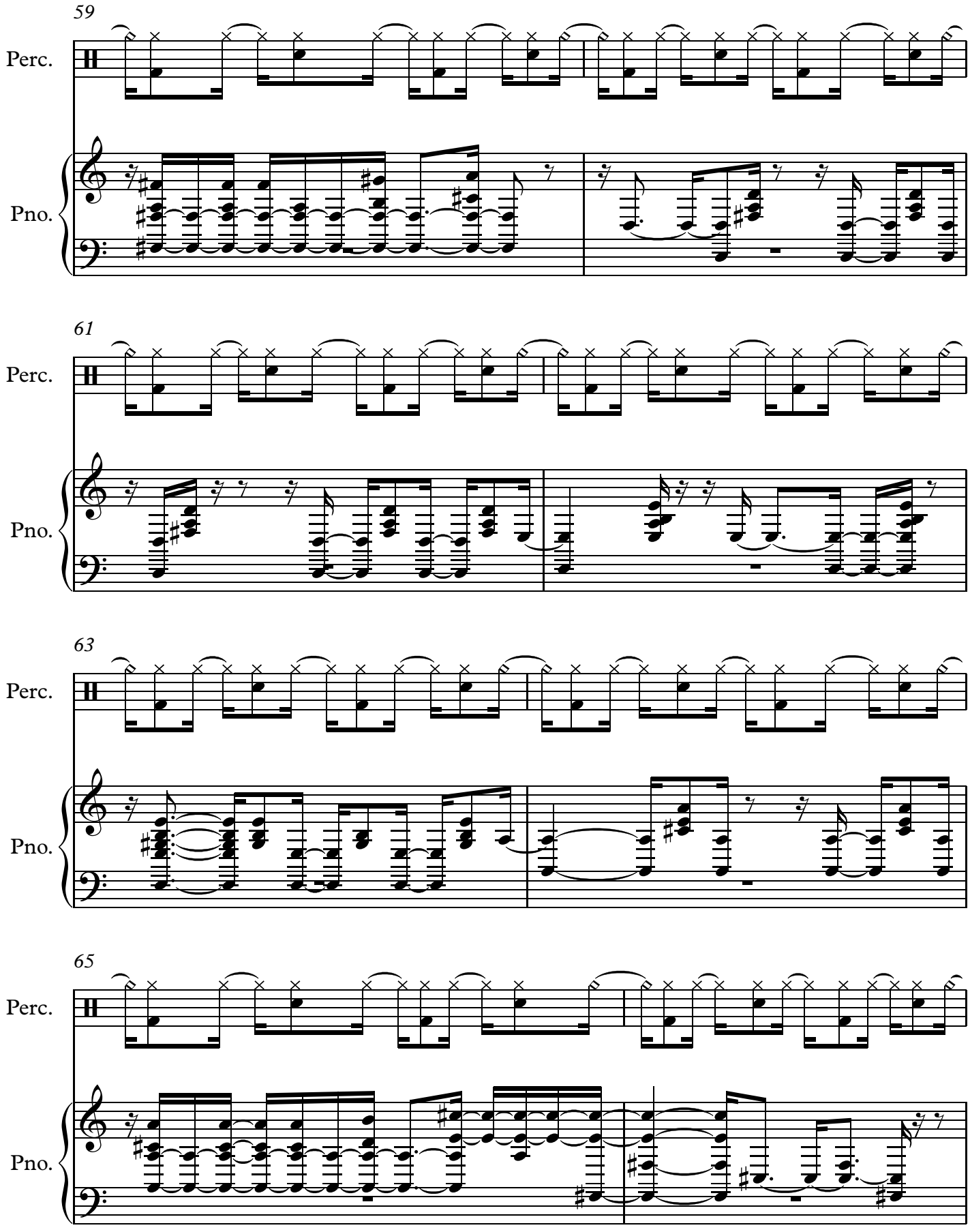
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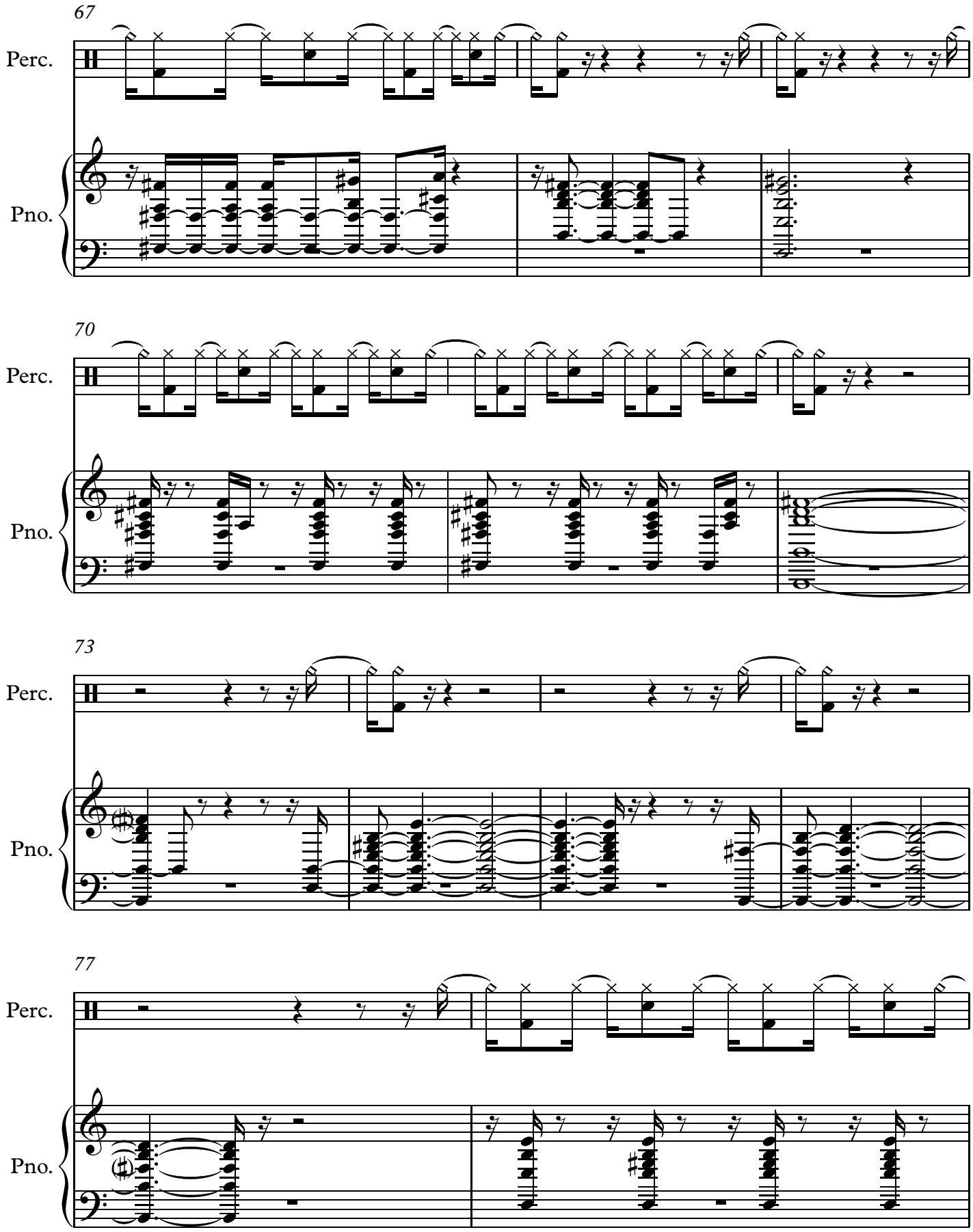
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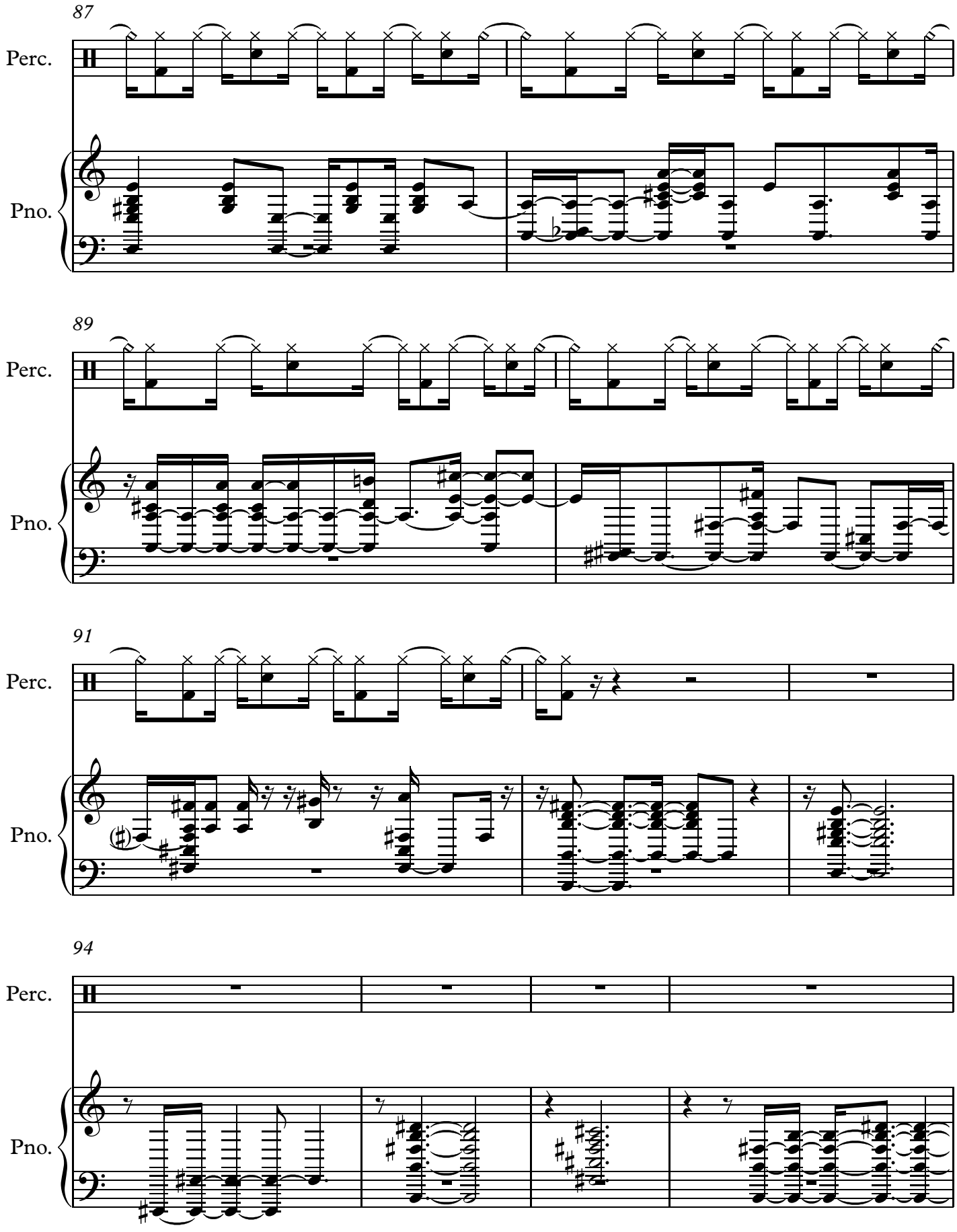
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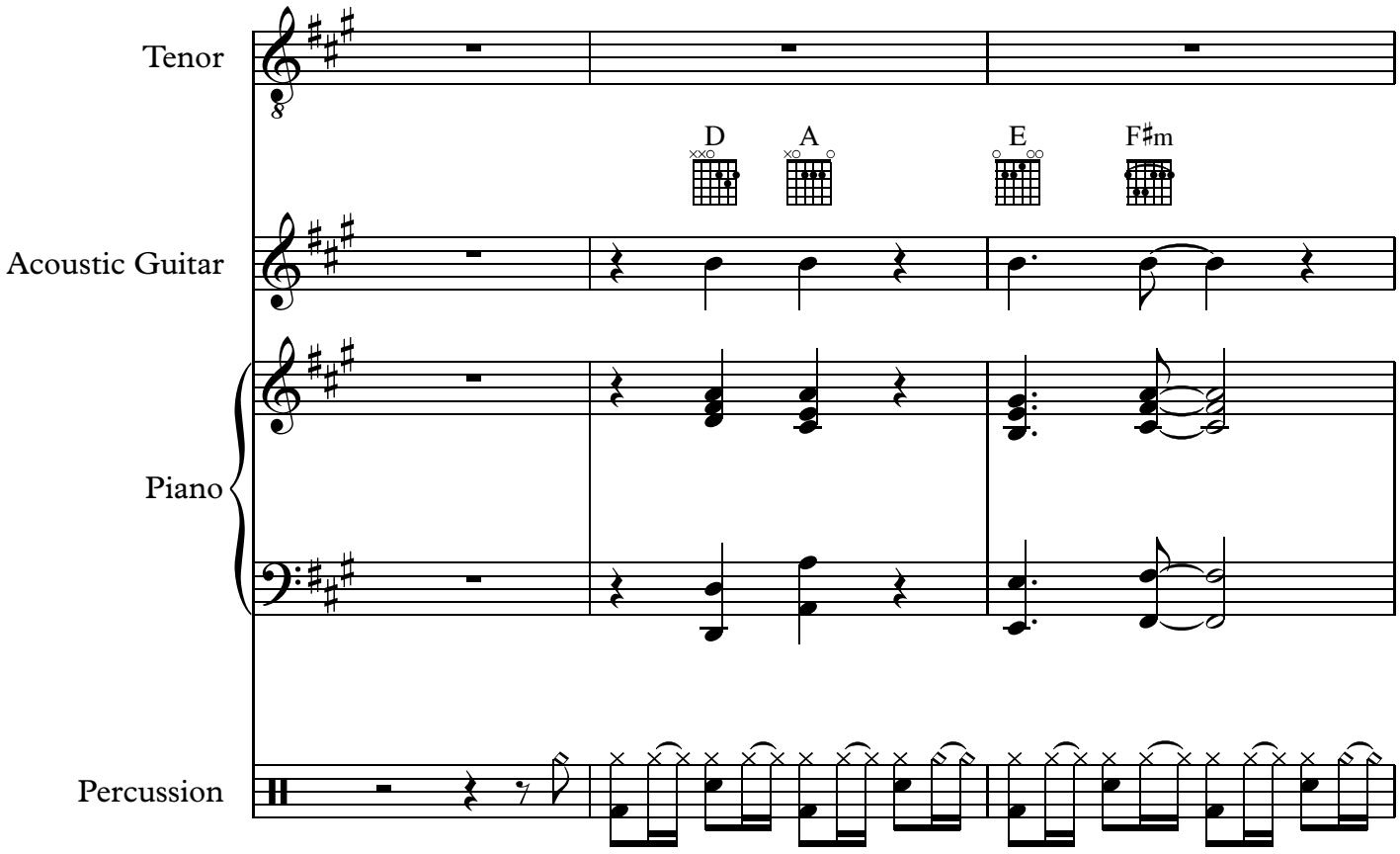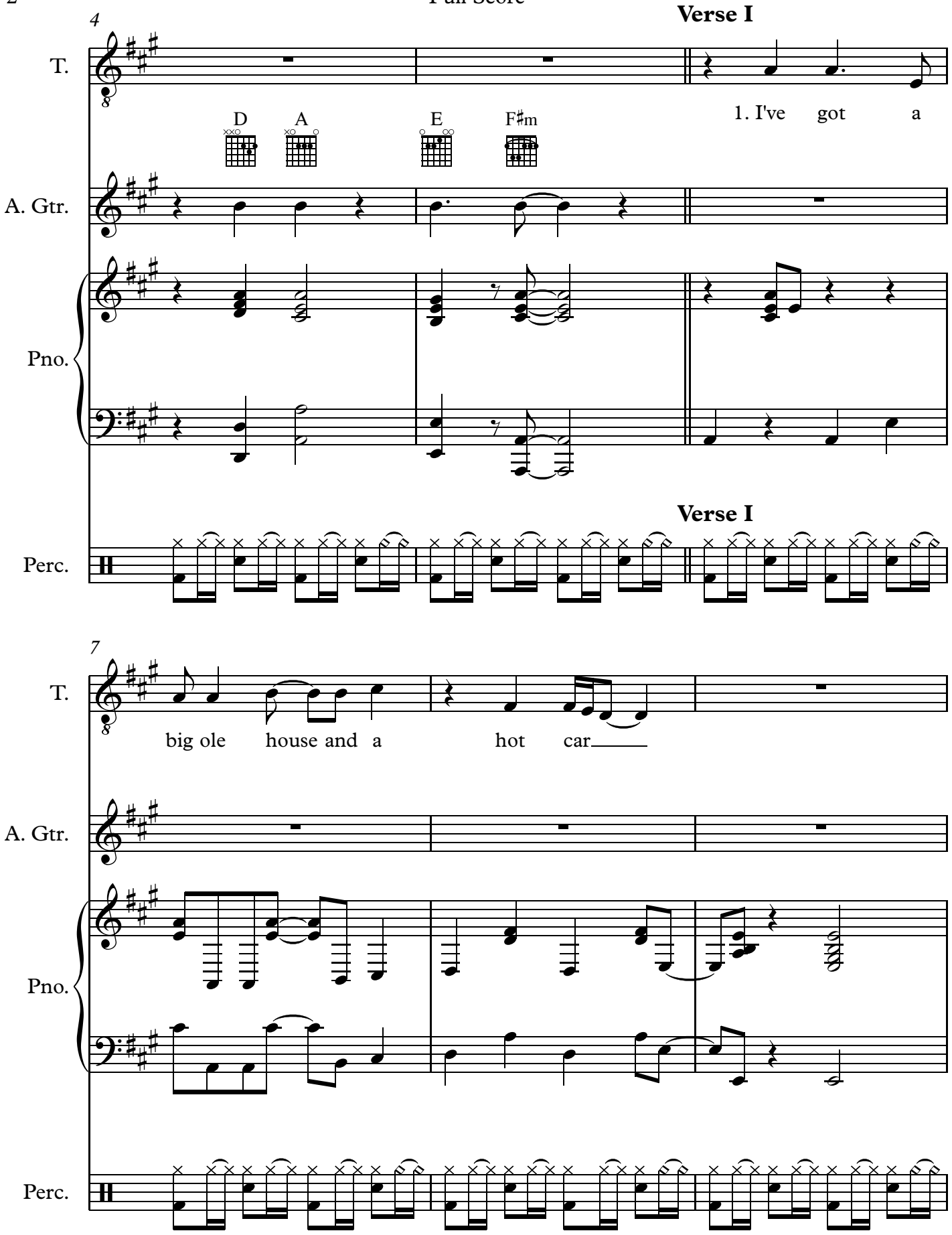
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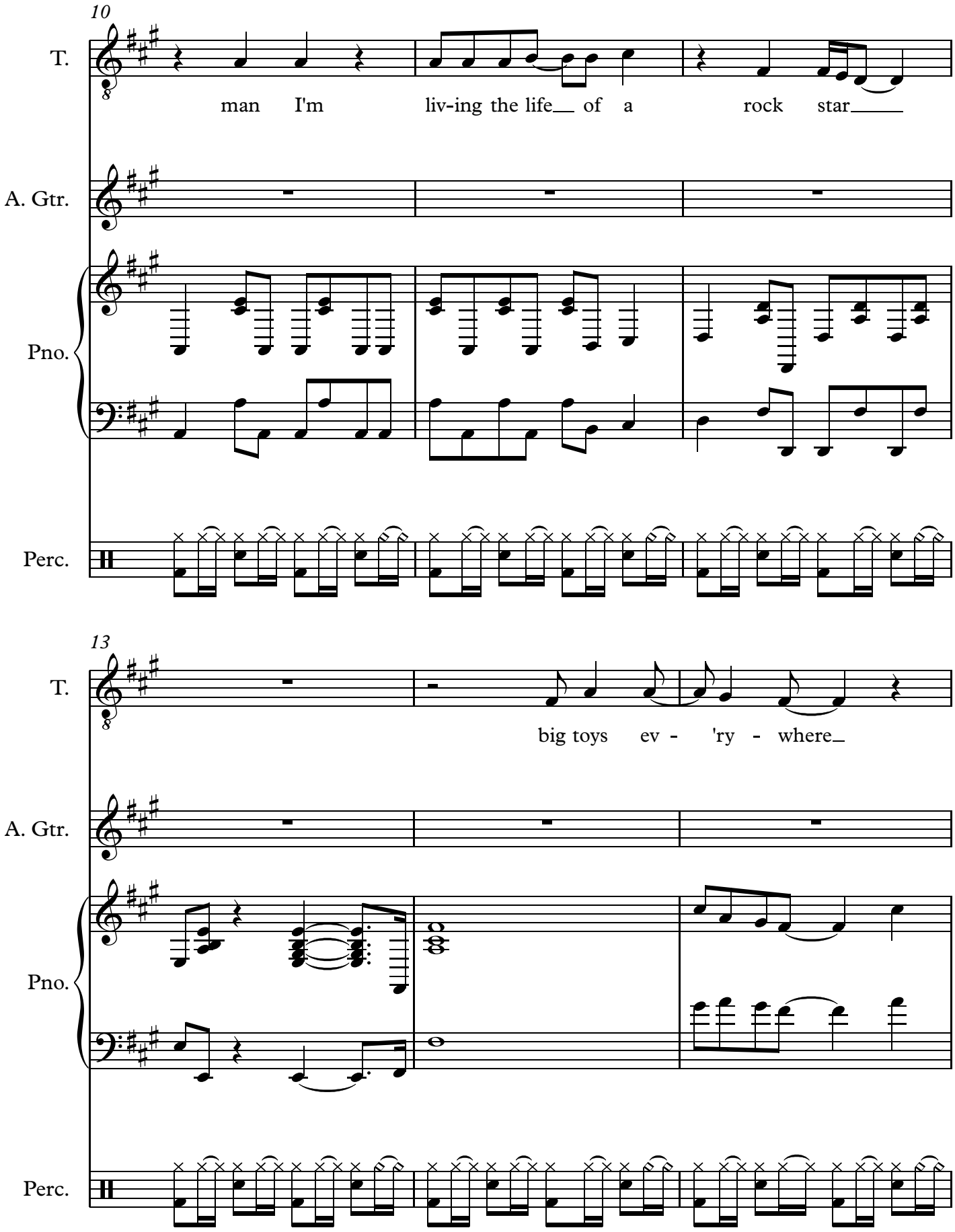
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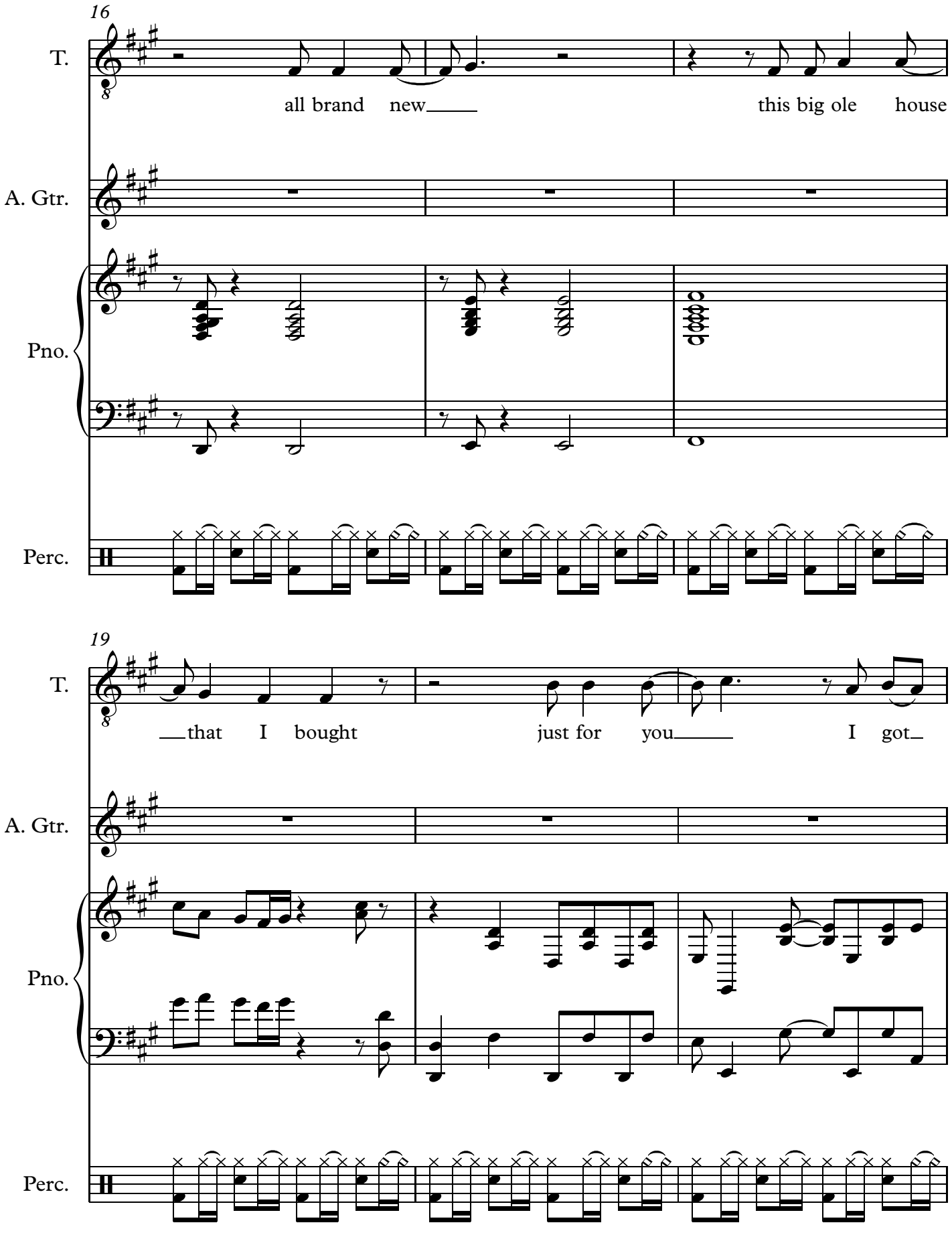
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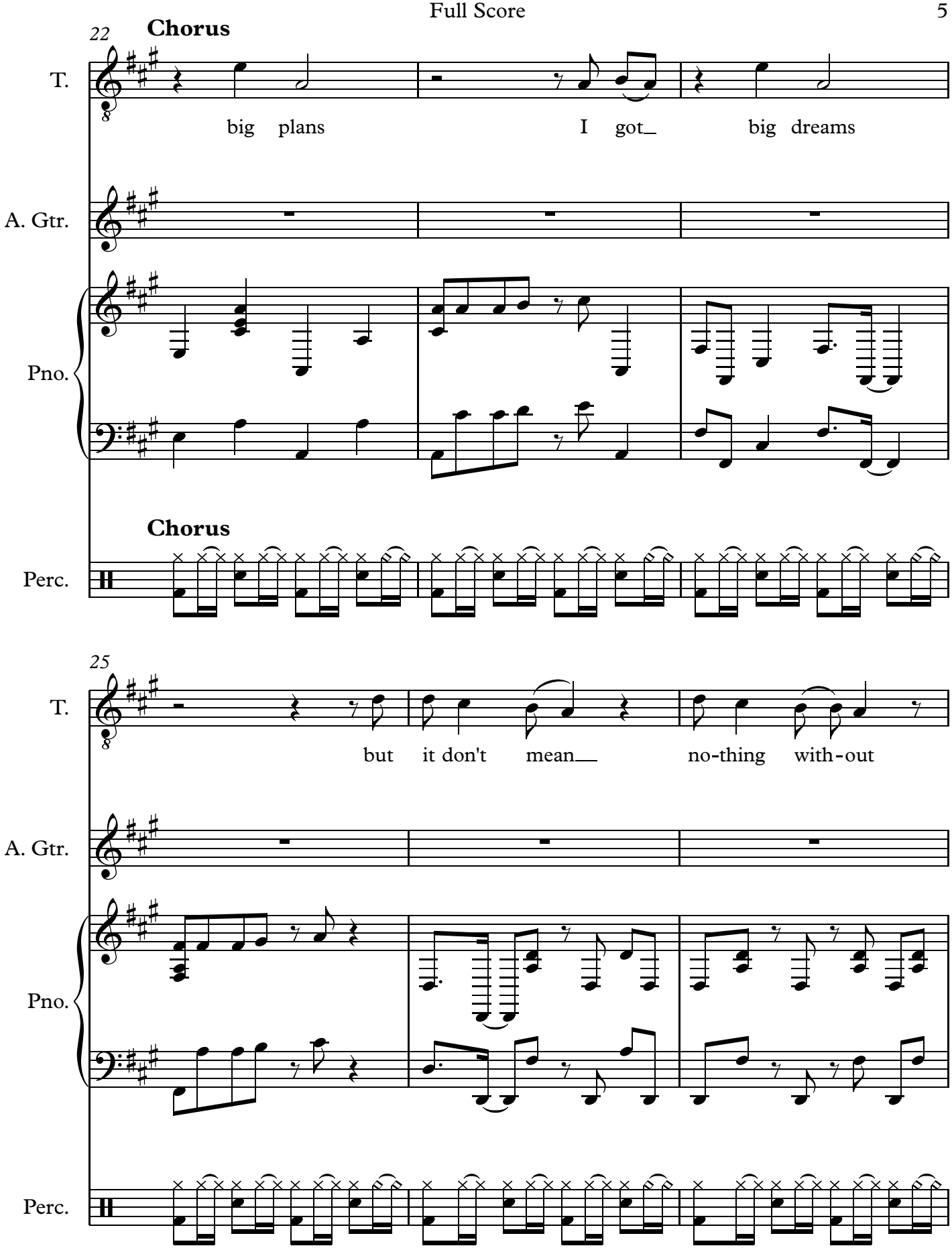
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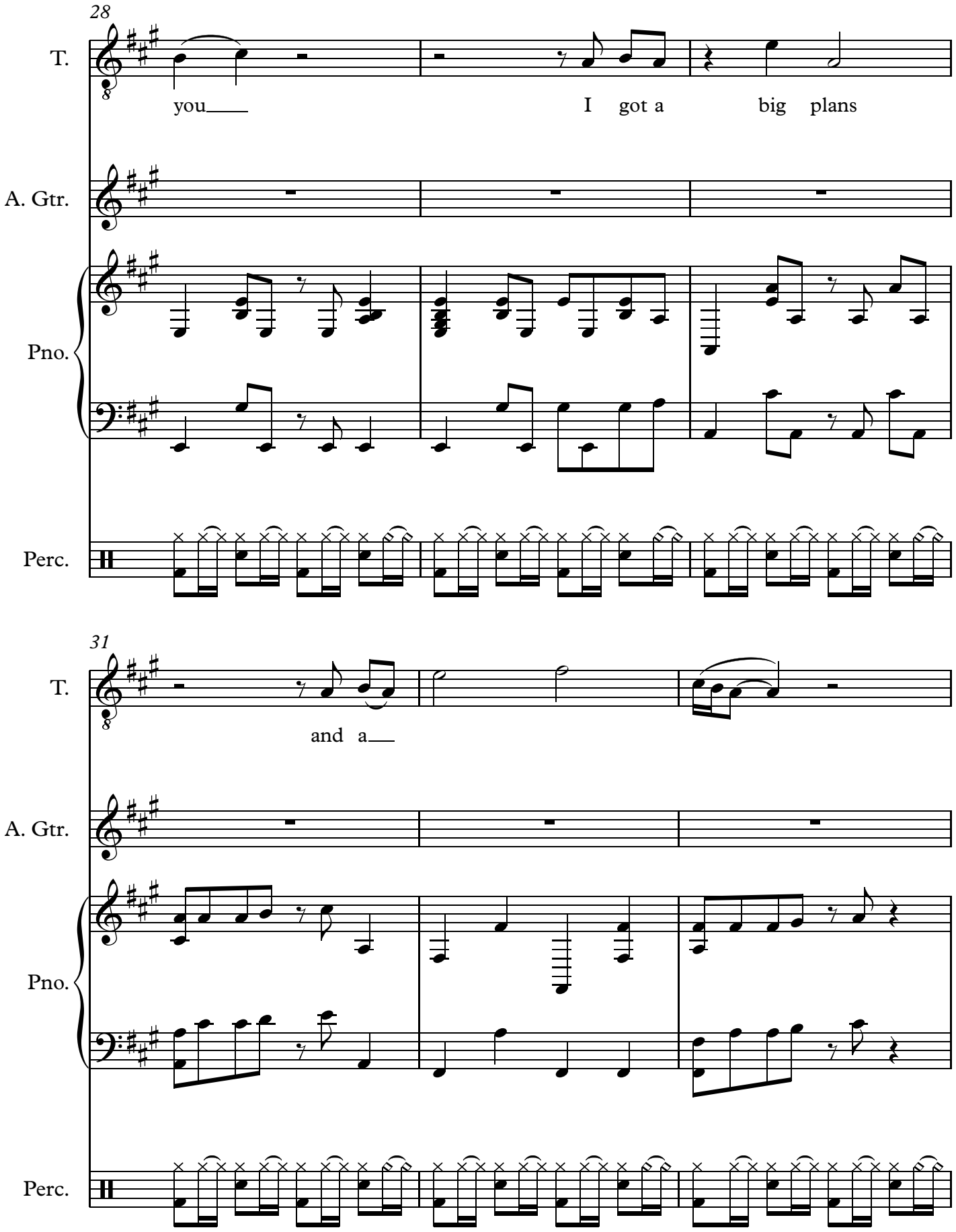
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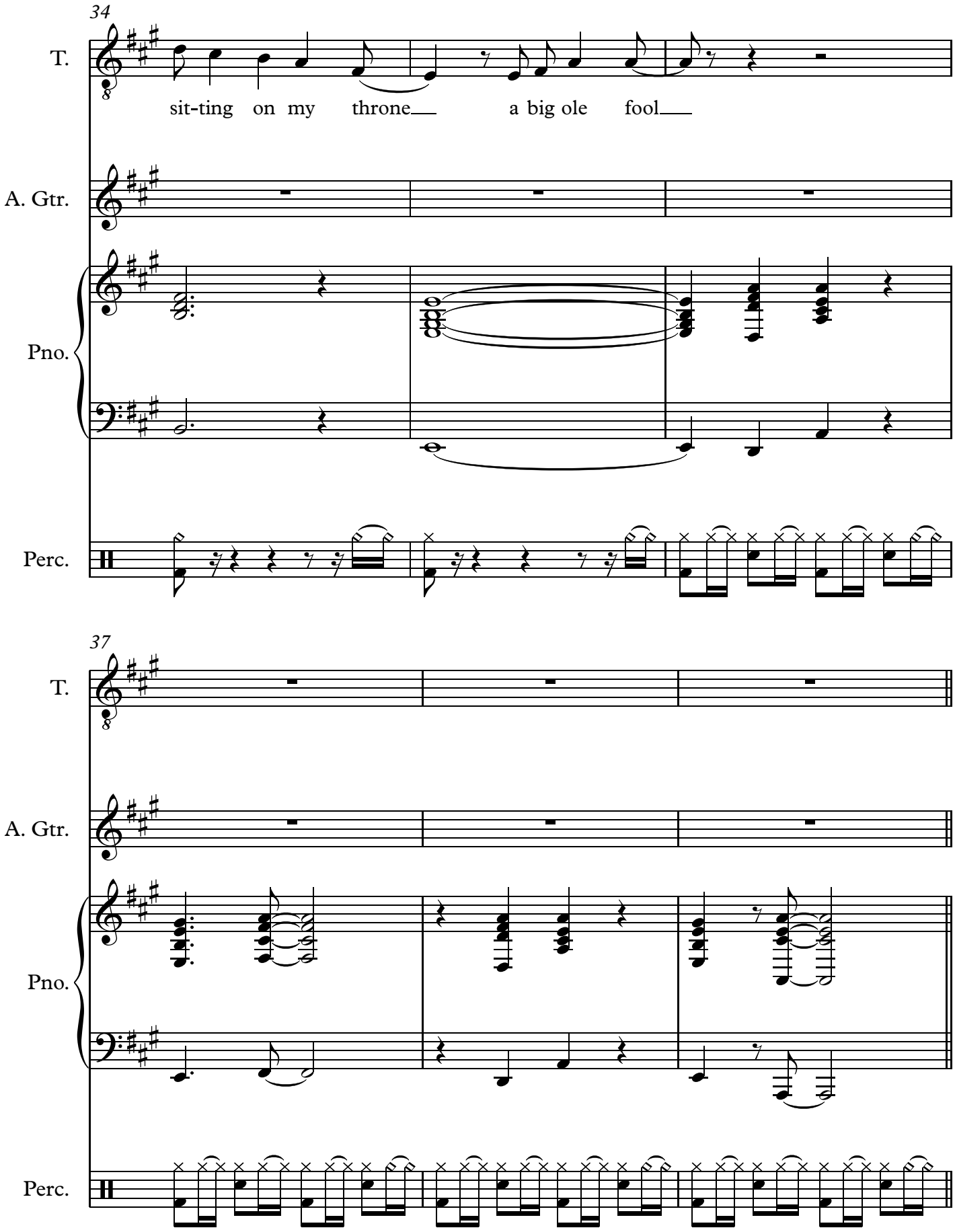
T.
you
I got a big plans
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
31
T.
and a
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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T.
sit-ting on my throne a big ole fool
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
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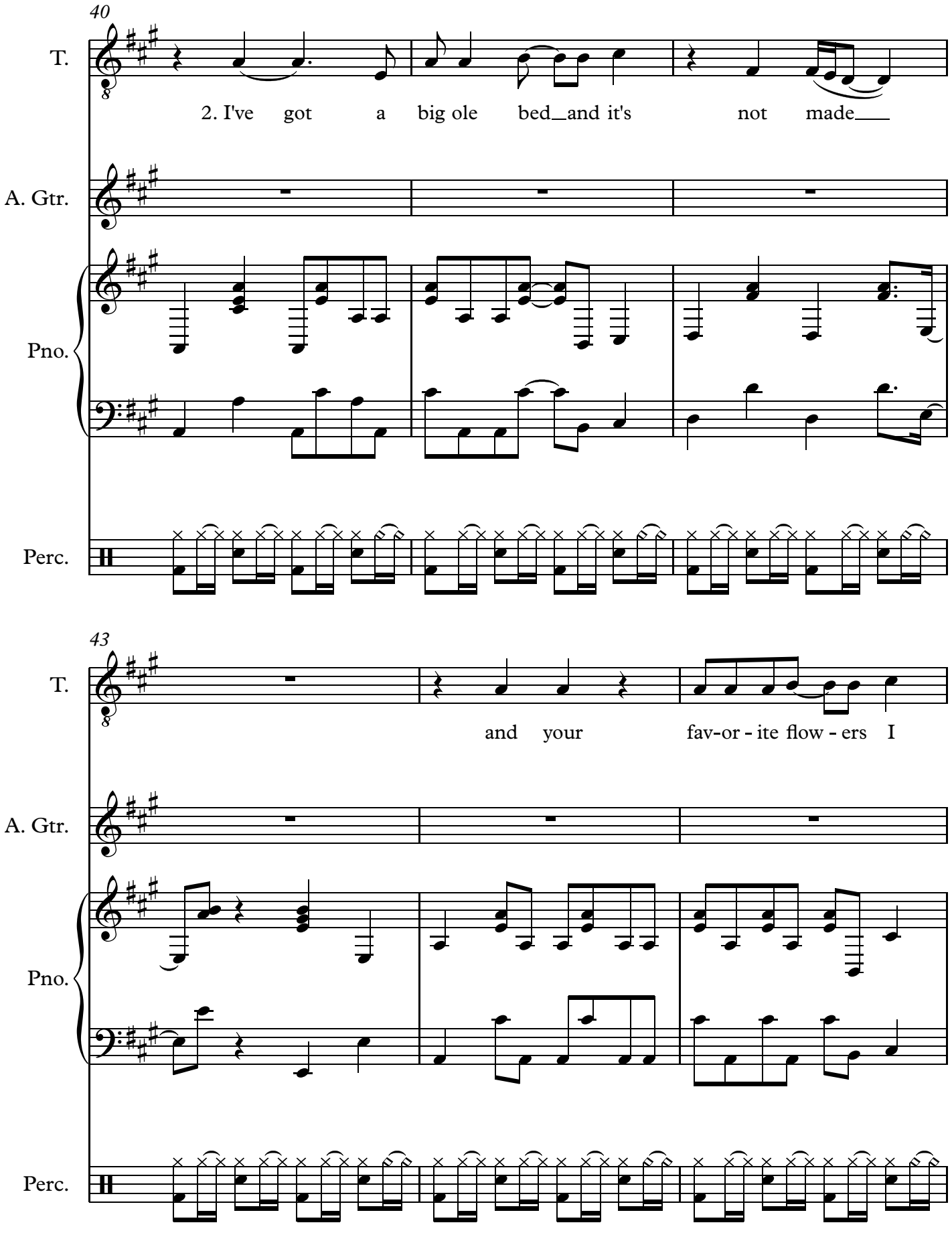
T.
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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T.
2. I've got a big ole bed and it's not made
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
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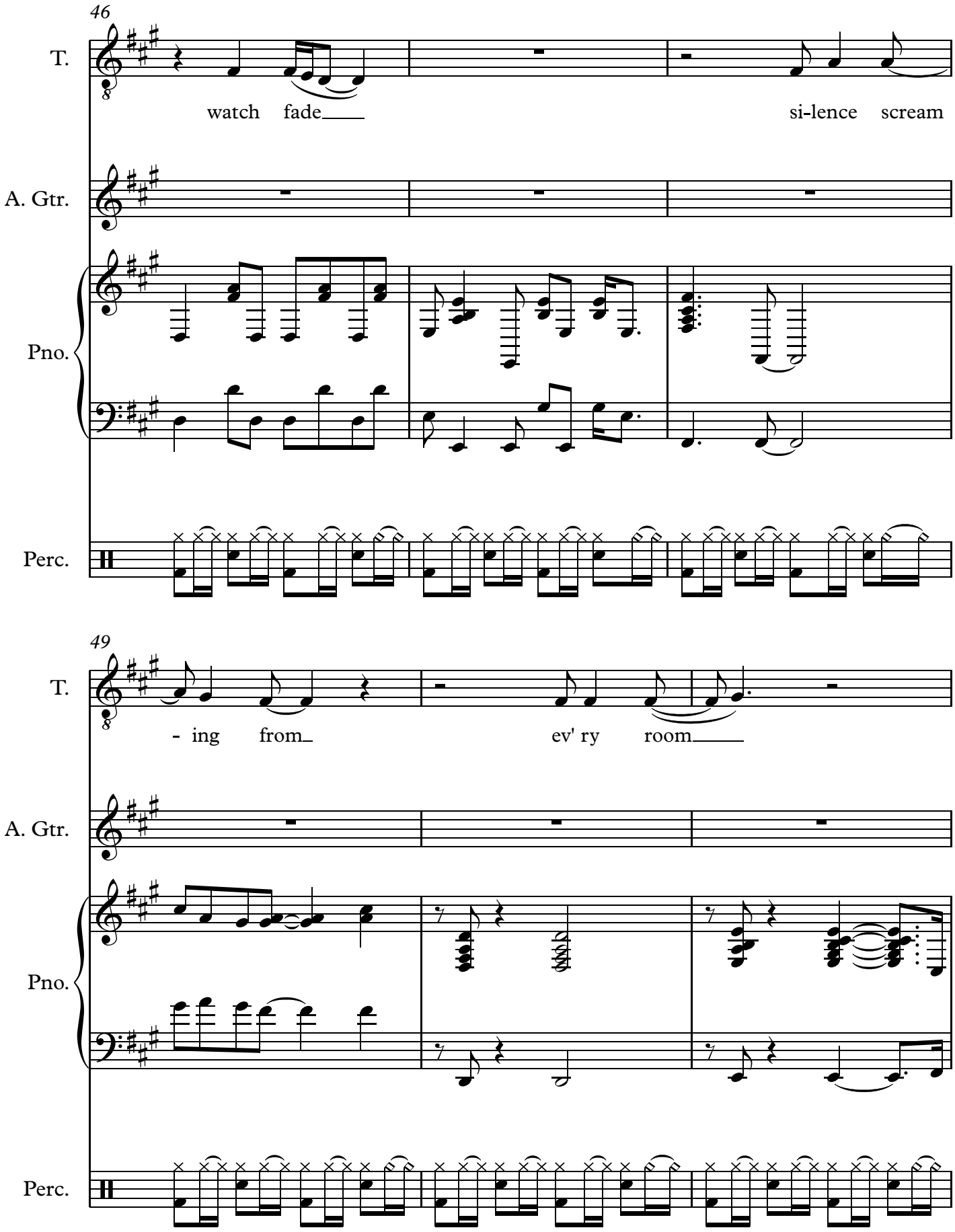
T.
and your fav-or - ite flow - ers I
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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T.
watch fade
si-lence scream
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
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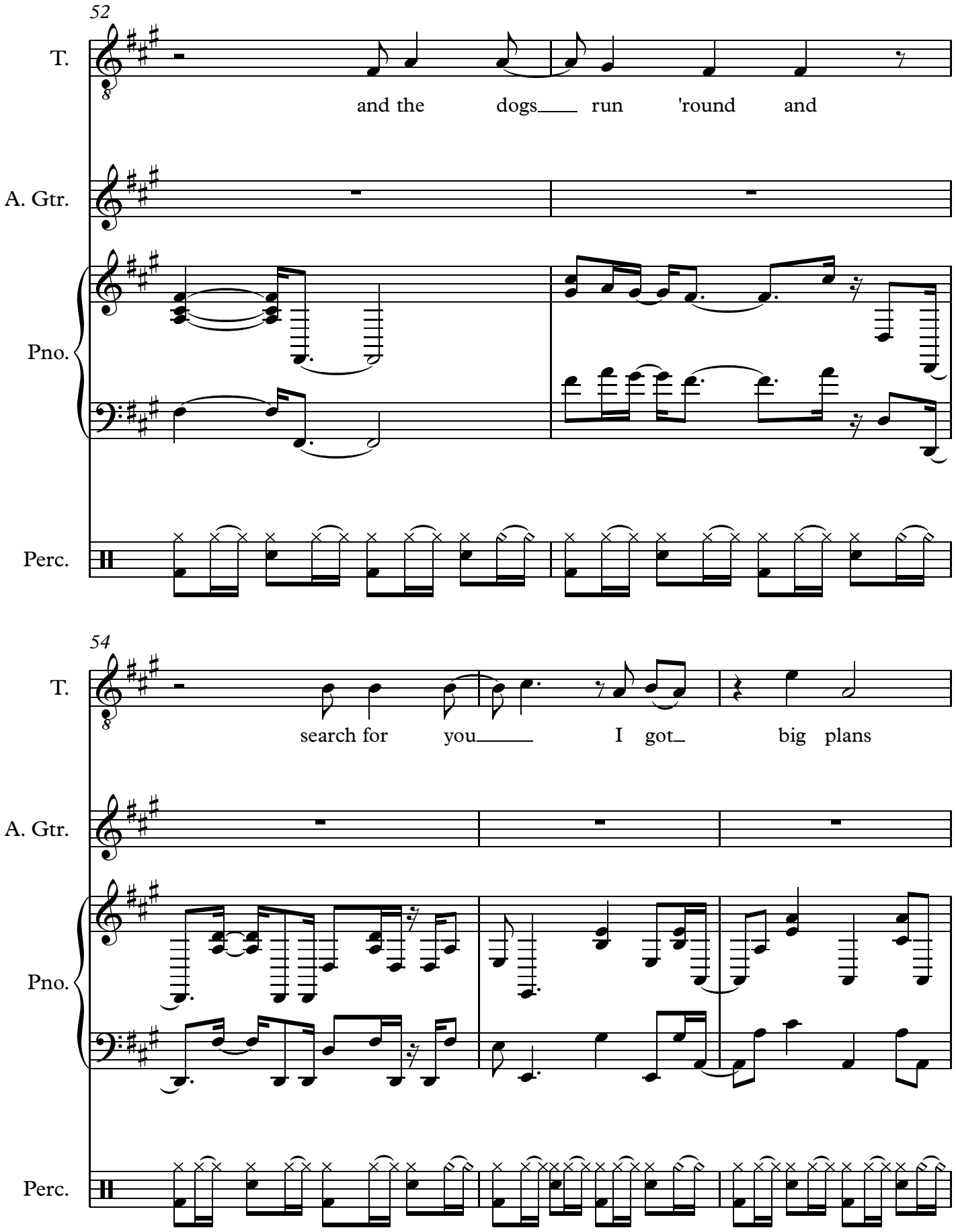
T.
- ing from
ev' ry room
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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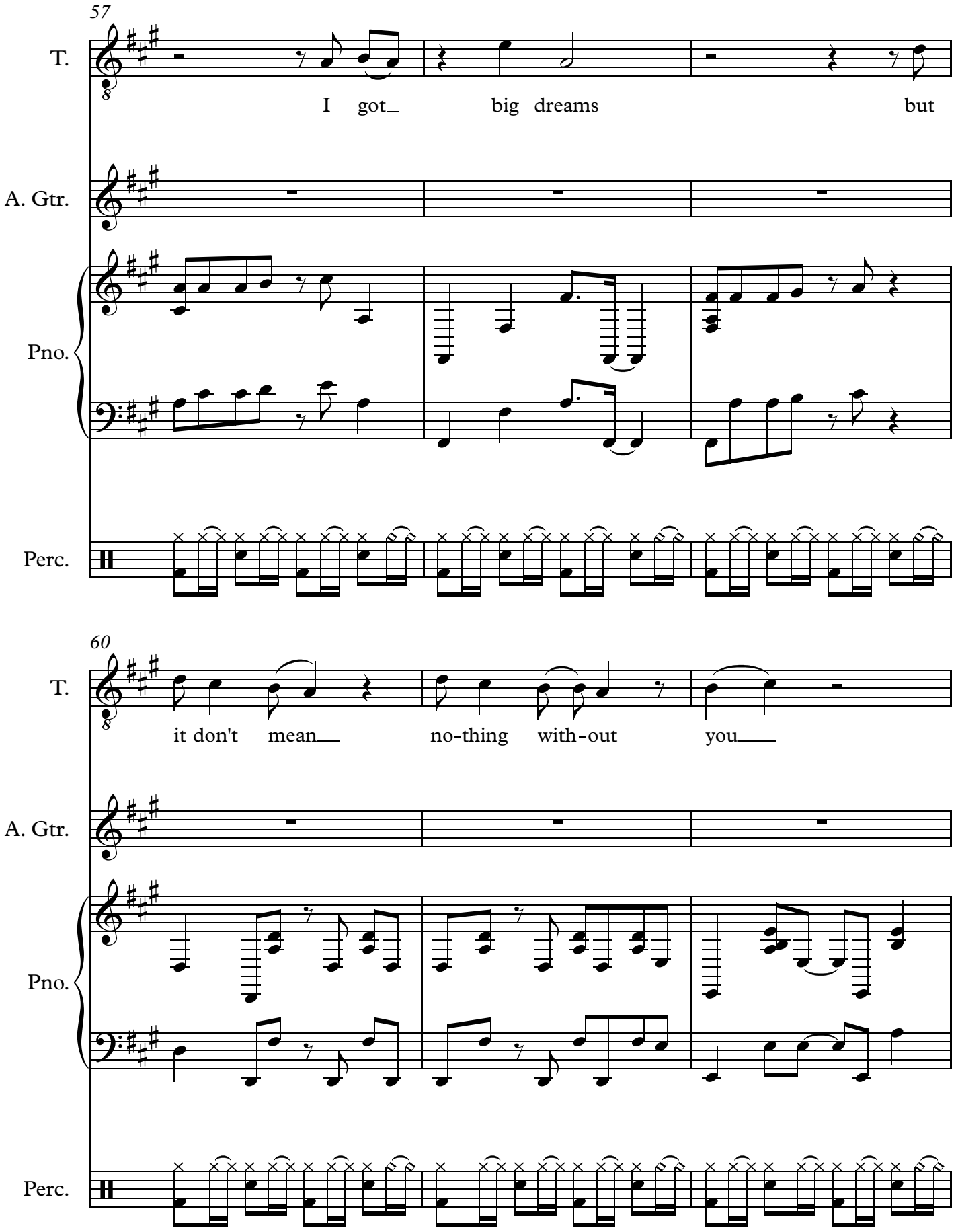
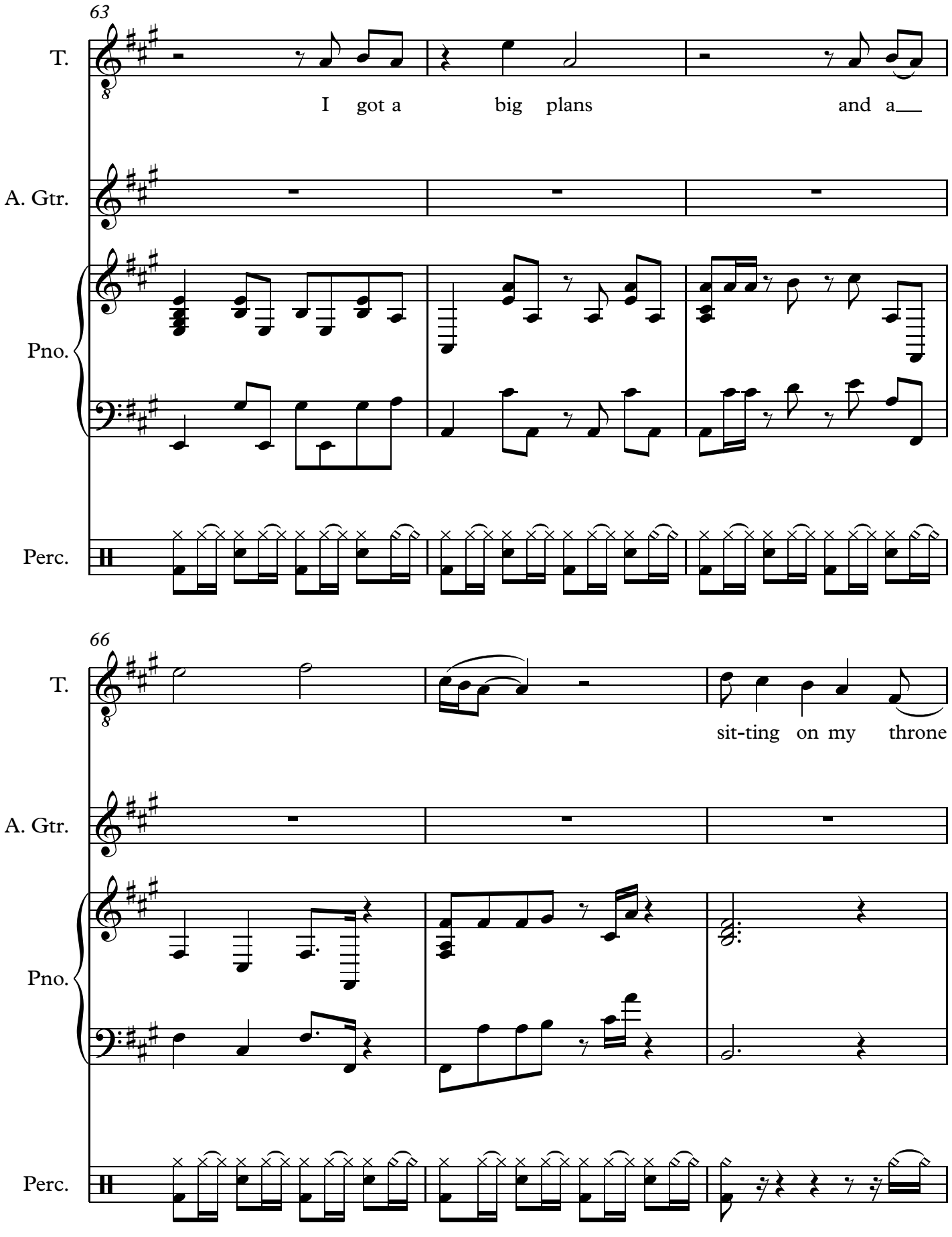
T.
and the dogs run 'round and
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
54
T.
search for you I got big plans
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

57
T.
I got_ big dreams but
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
60
T.
it don't mean__ no-thing with-out you___
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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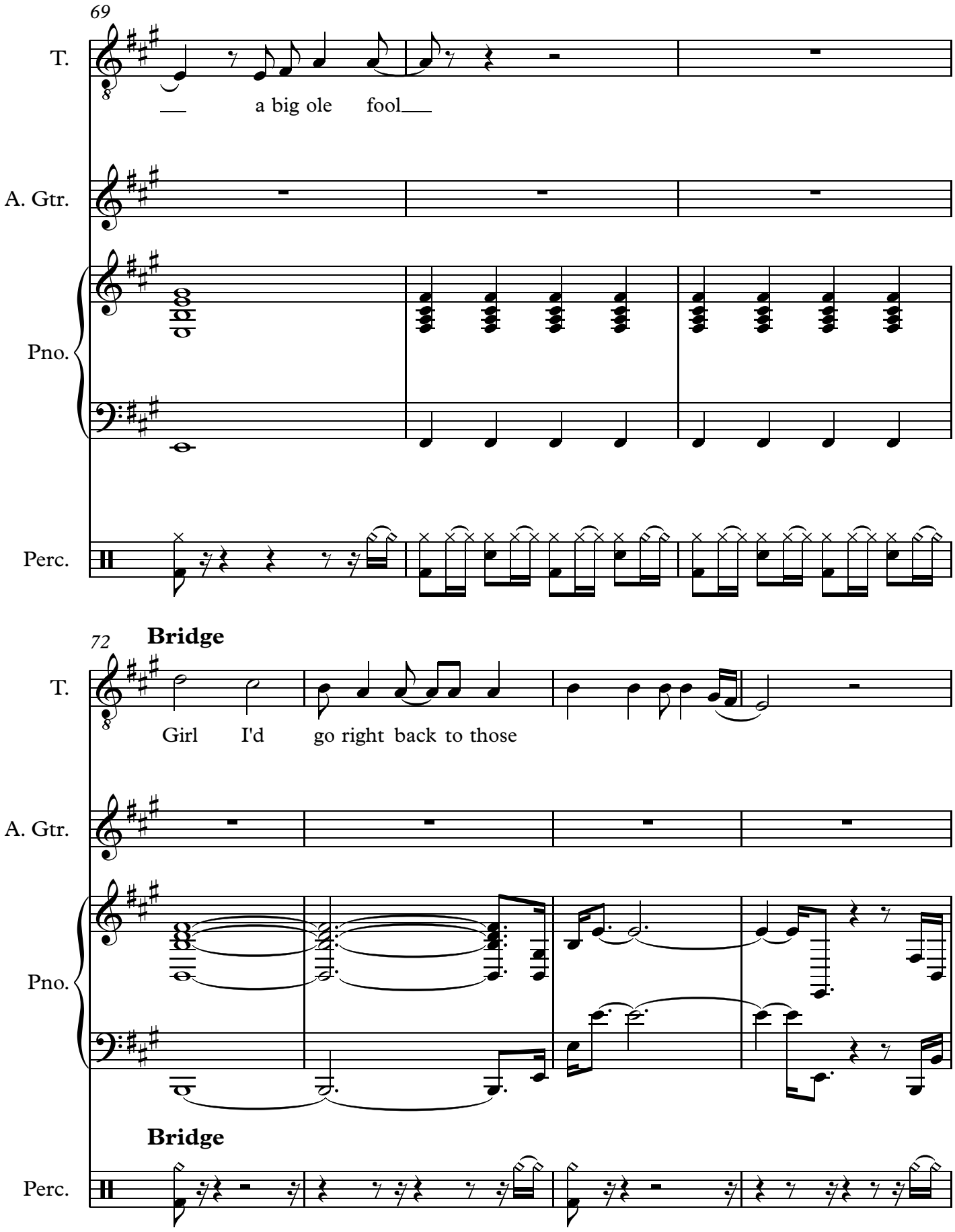
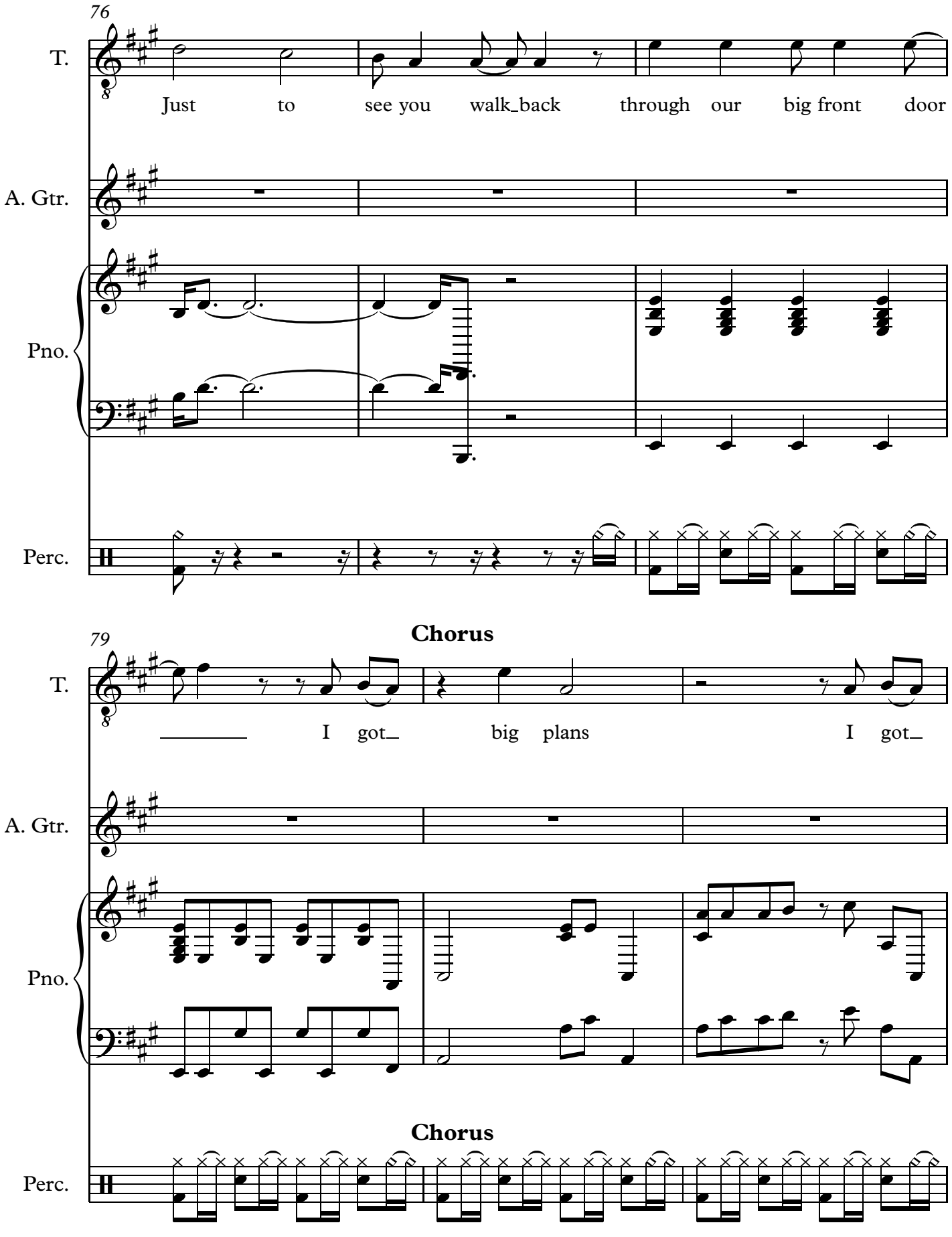
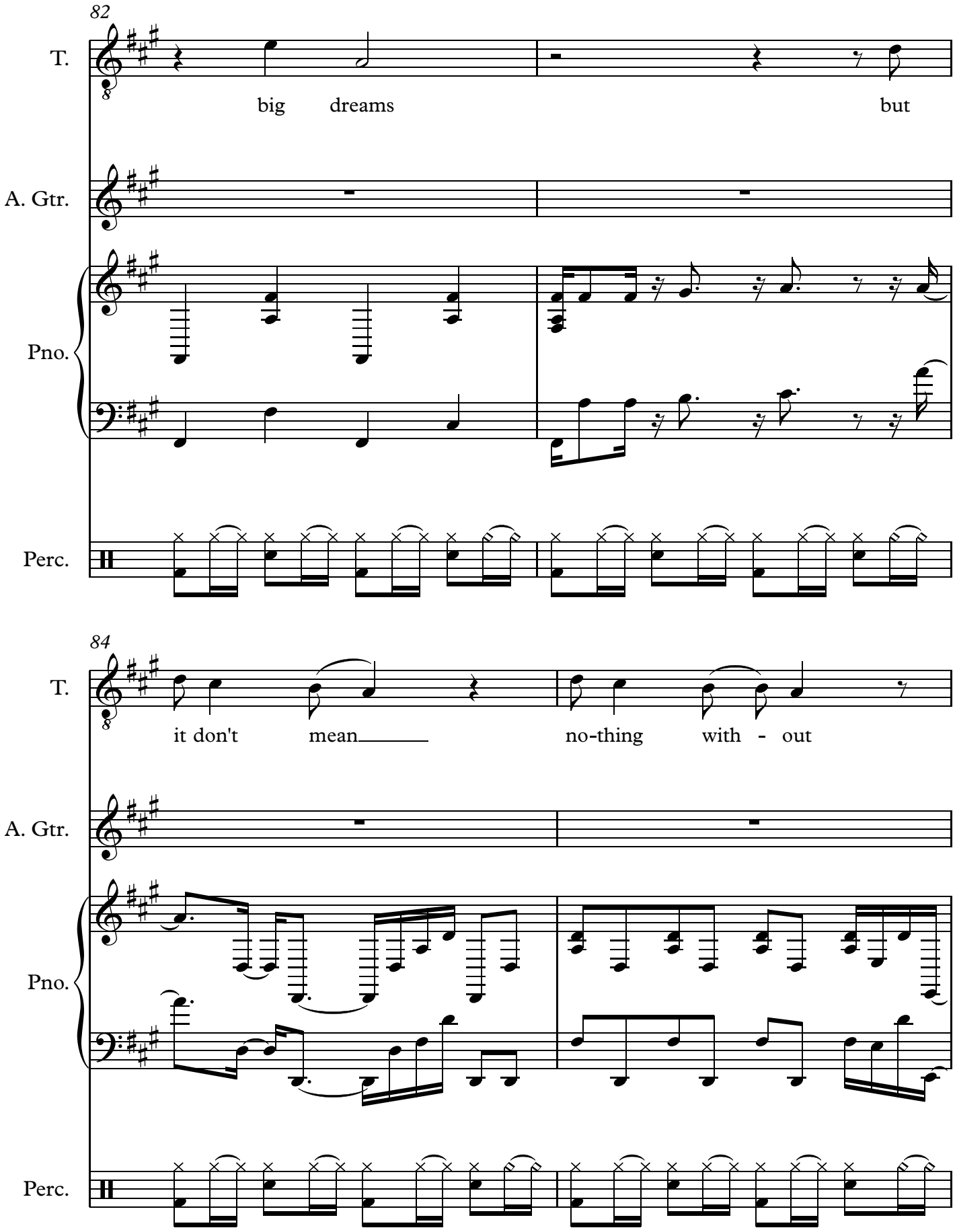
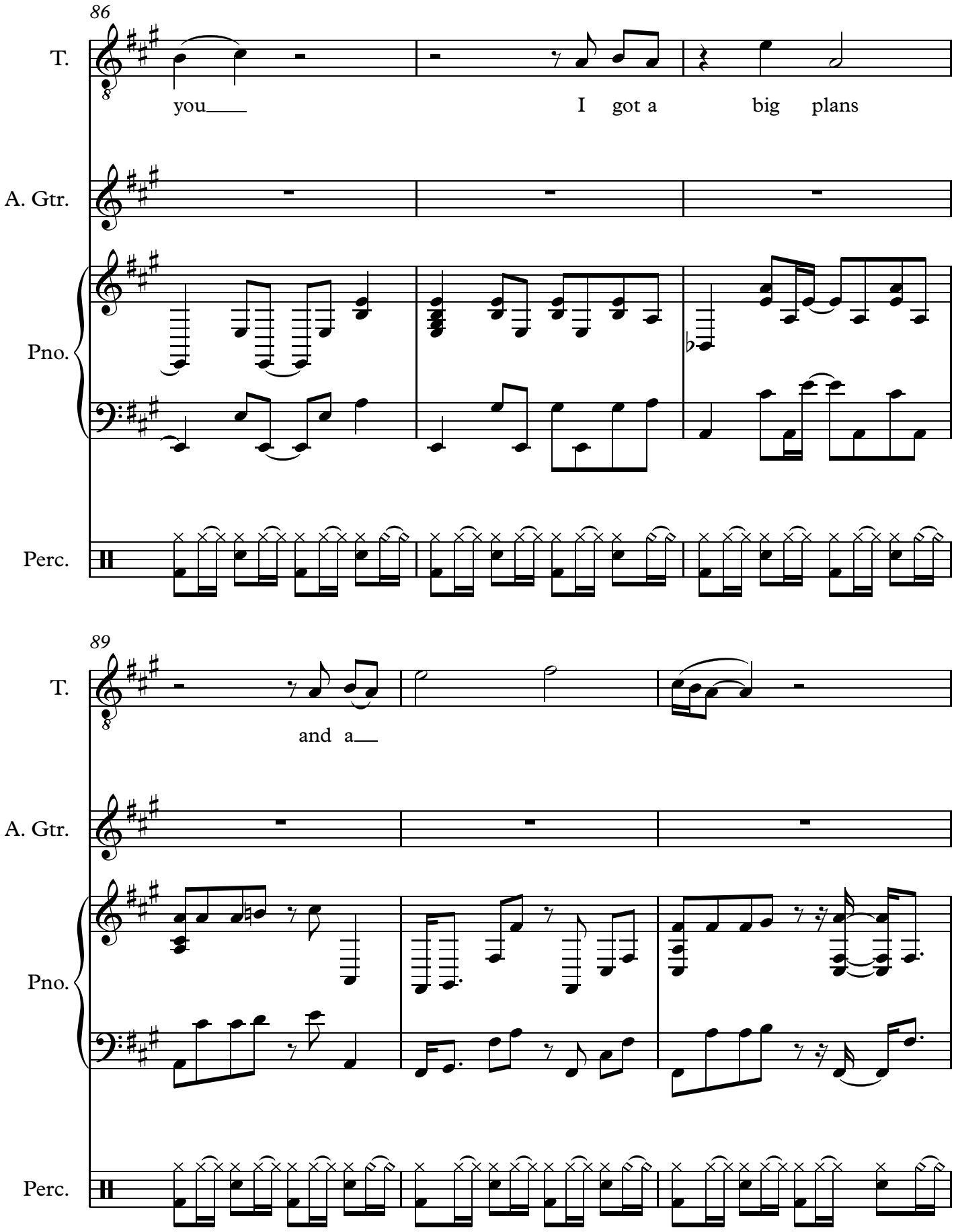
T.
I got a big plans and a
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
66
T.
sit-ting on my throne
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

69
T.
a big ole fool
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
72
Bridge
T.
Girl I'd go right back to those
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Bridge
Perc.

76
T.
Just to see you walk_back through our big front door
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
Chorus
79
T.
I got_ big plans I got_
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Chorus
Perc.

82
T.
big dreams but
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
84
T.
it don't mean no-thing with - out
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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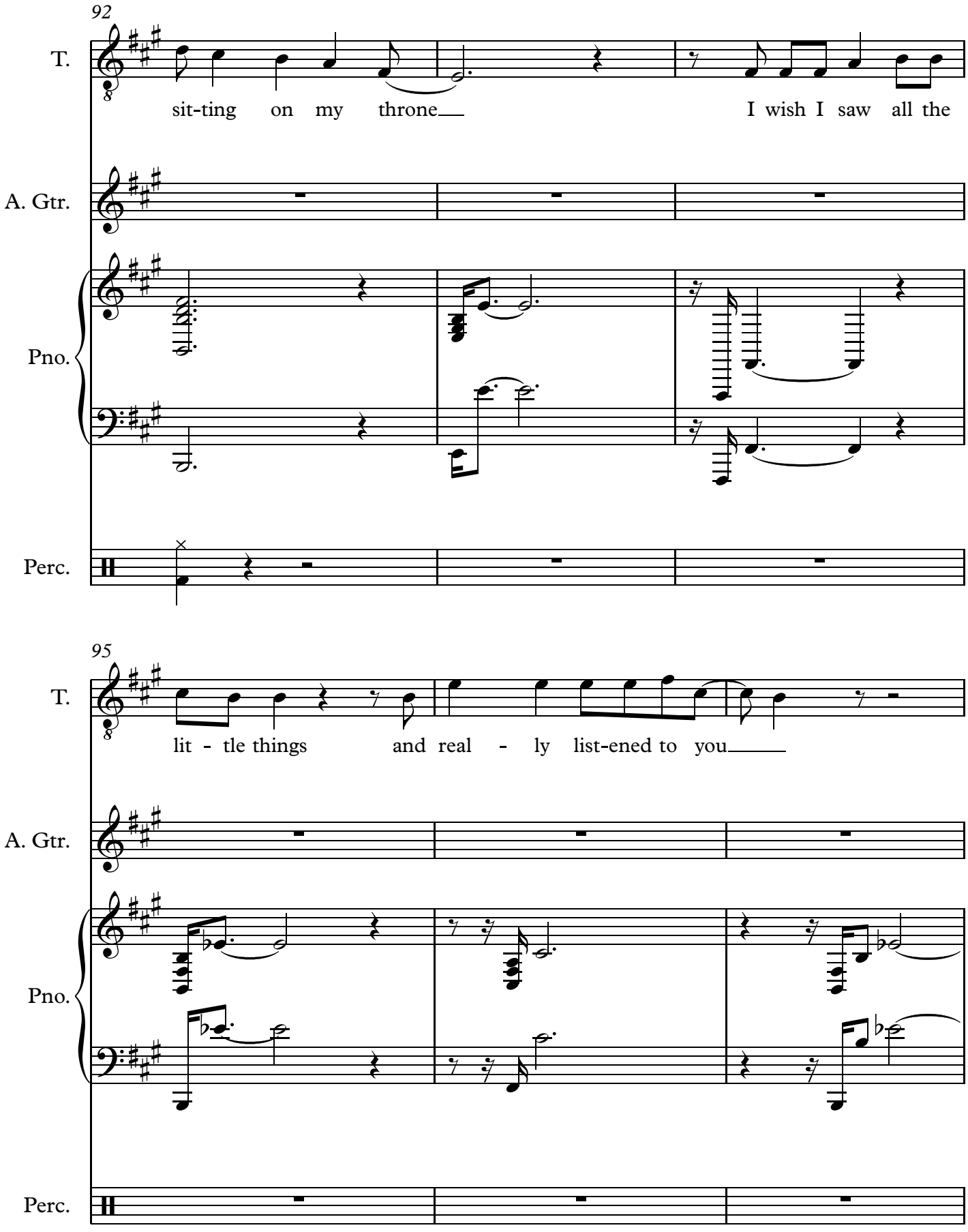
T.
you
I got a big plans
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
89
T.
and a
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

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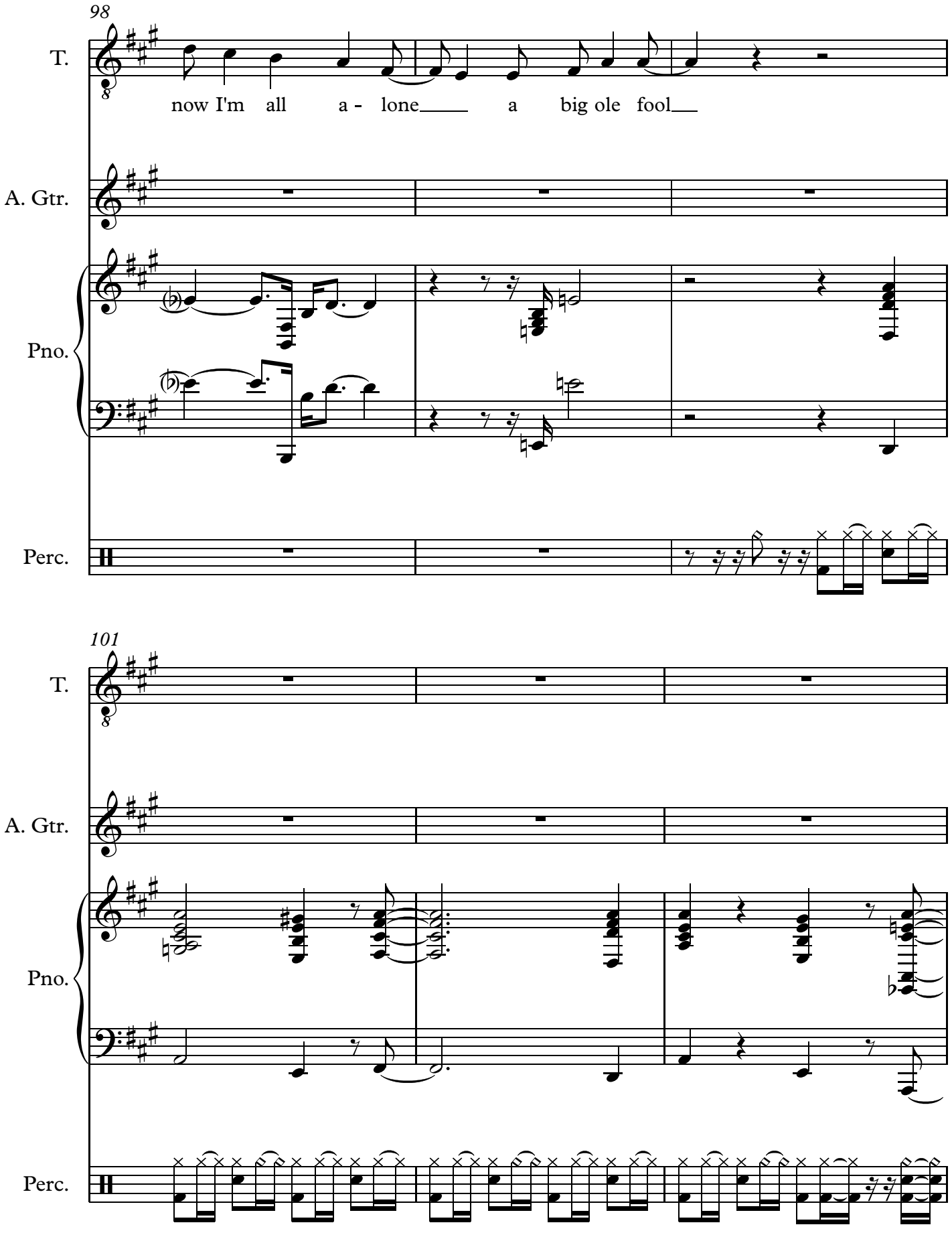
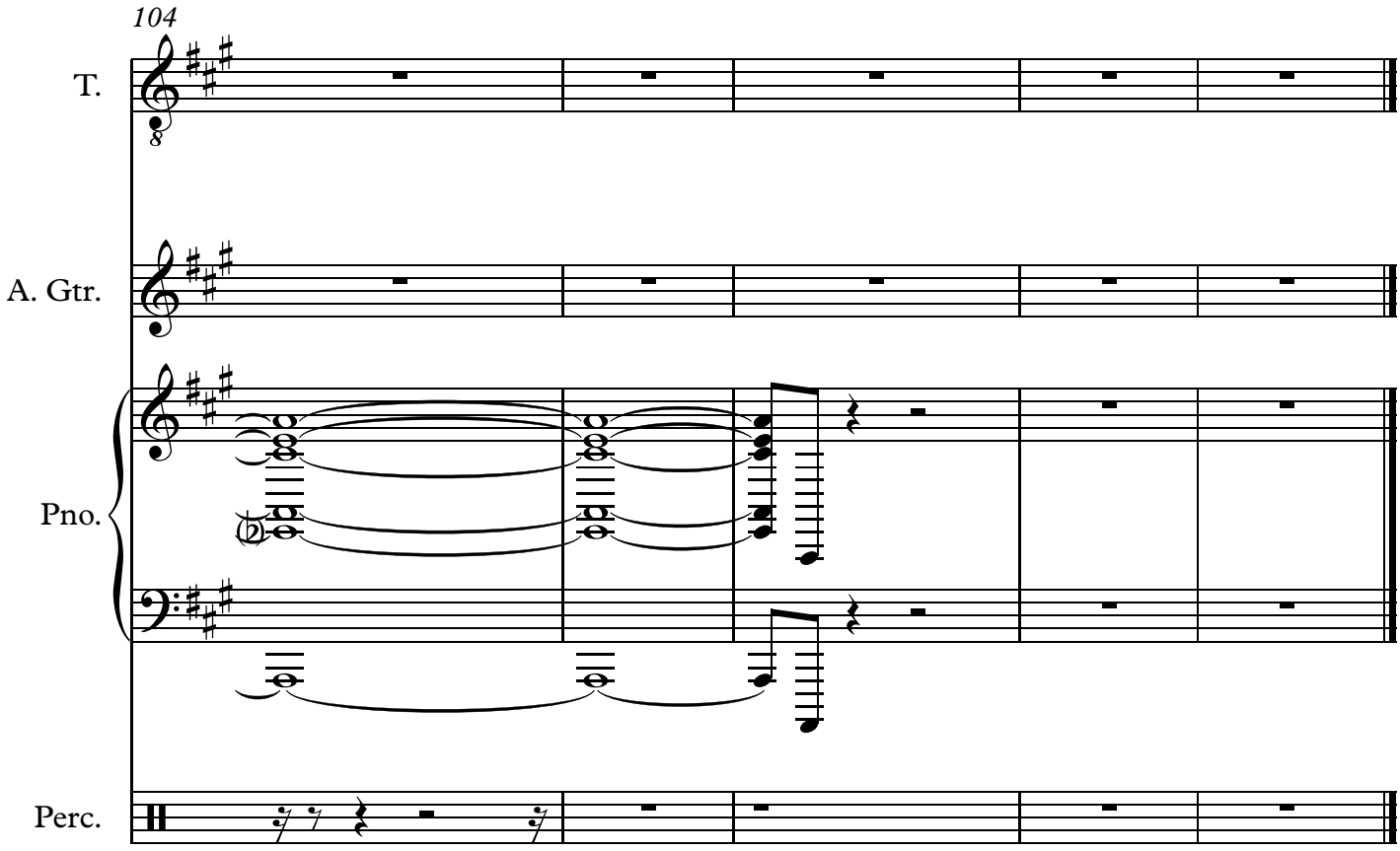
T.
sit-ting on my throne
I wish I saw all the
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
95
T.
lit - tle things
and real - ly list-ened to you
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.

98
T.
now I'm all a - lone a big ole fool
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.
101
T.
A. Gtr.
Pno.
Perc.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T.
A. Gtr.
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Perc.