

Creating a Magical Music Experience Alastair Lindsay

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What is Book of Spells?

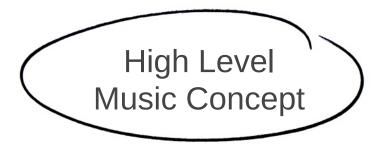


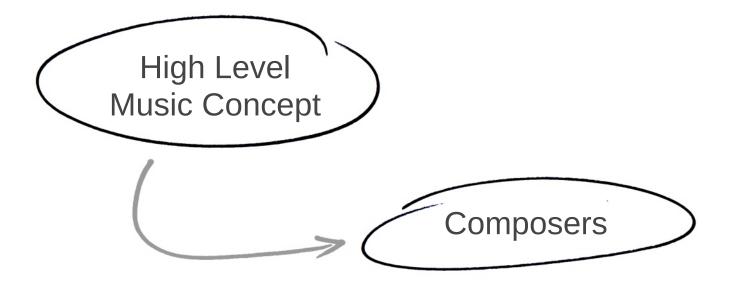
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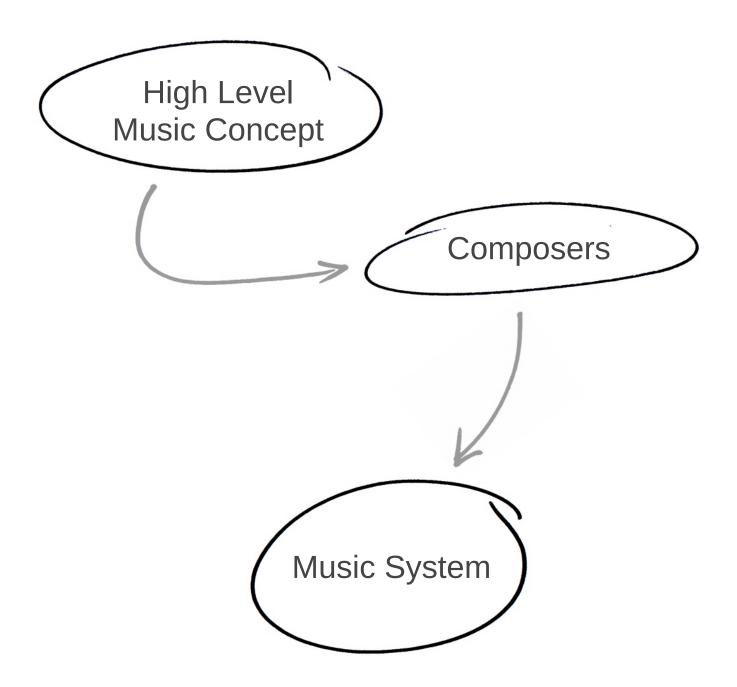


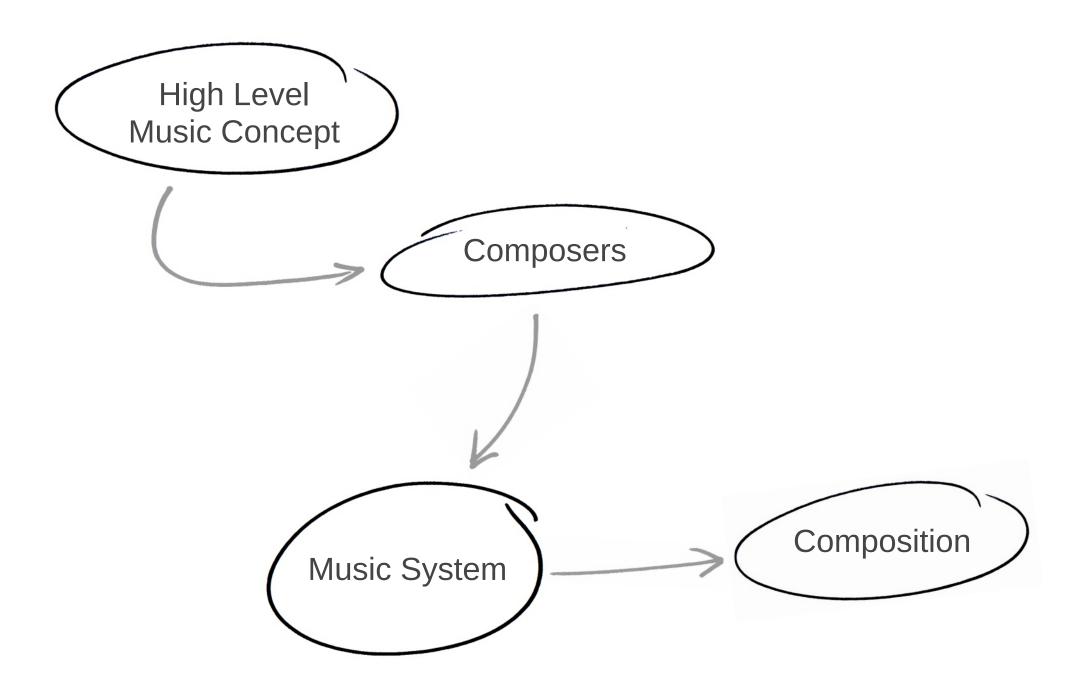
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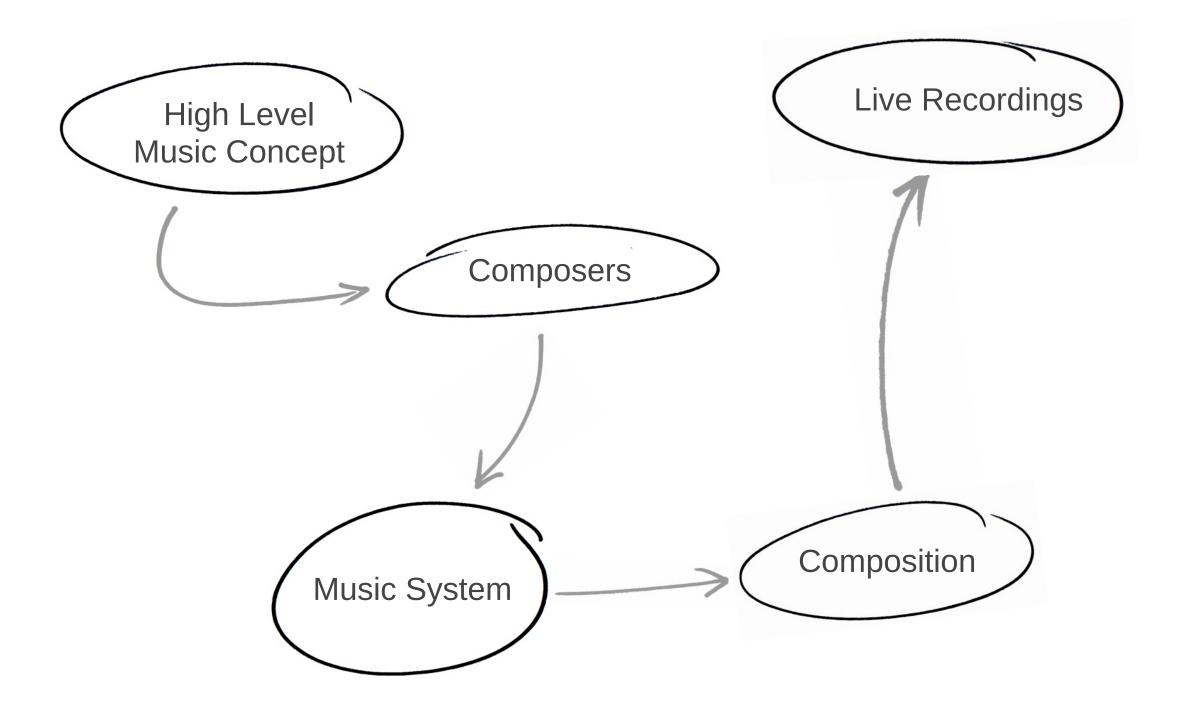


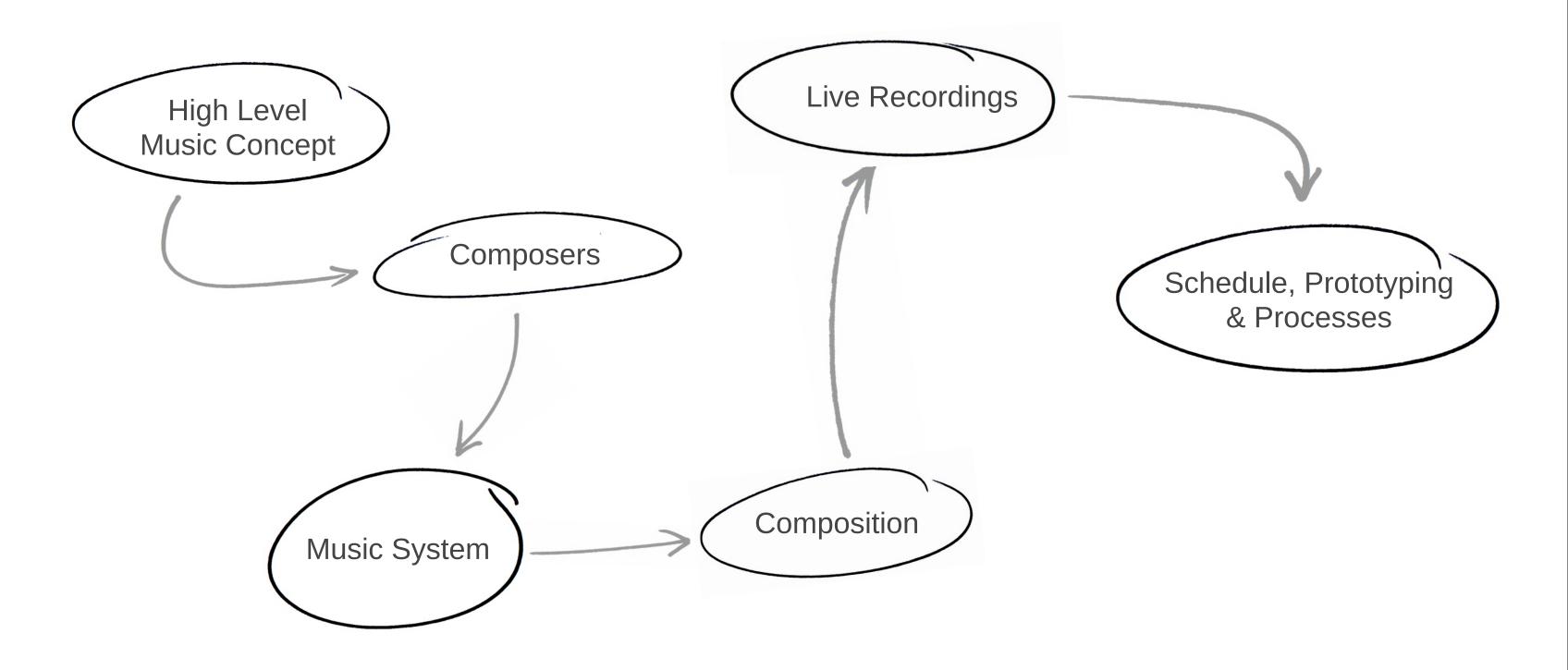


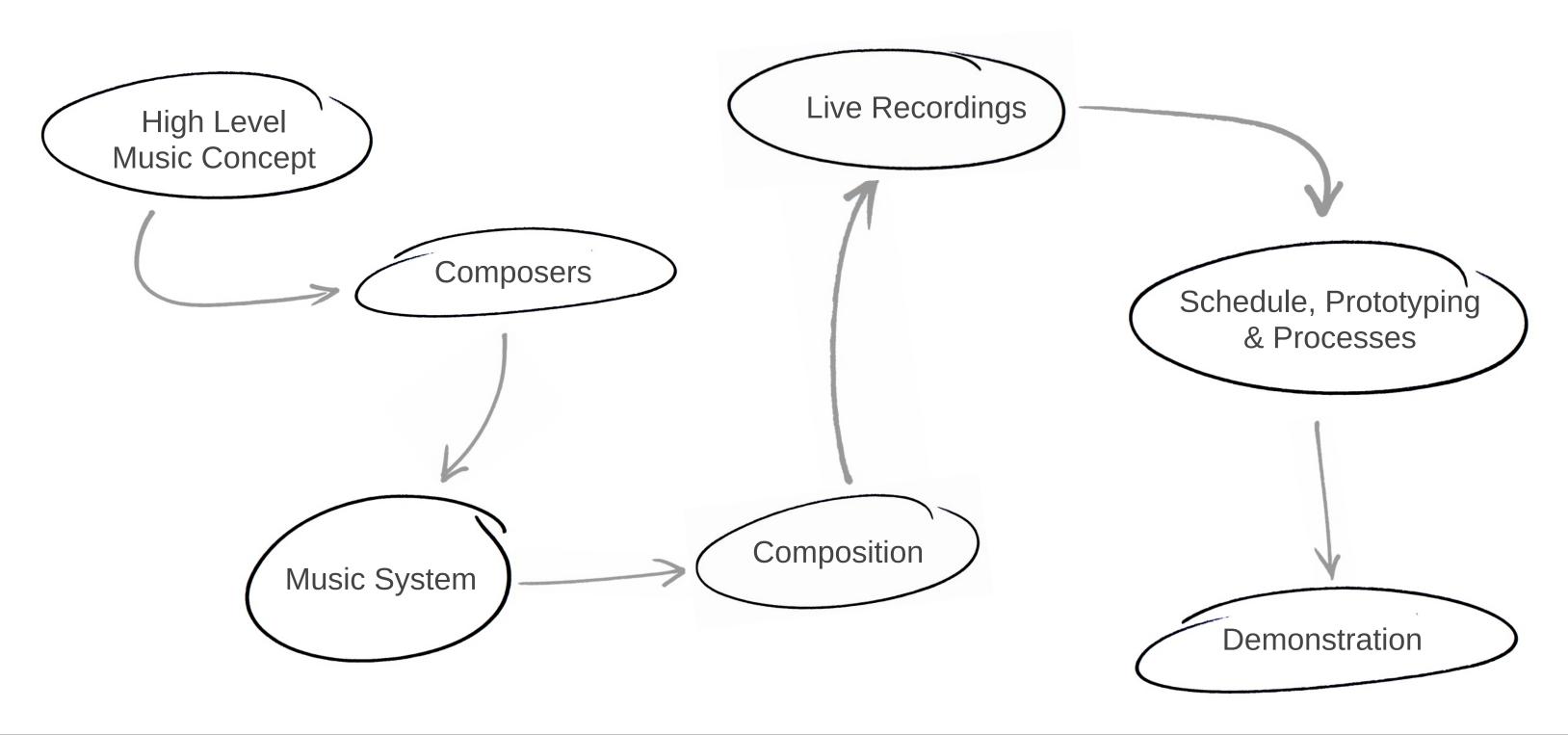












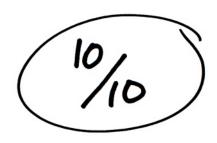
High Level Music Concept

Create a Classical Symphony rather than game soundtrack

A seamless journey through 100 years of music

Constantly evolving music score which reacts to any situation

Music to support story and narration



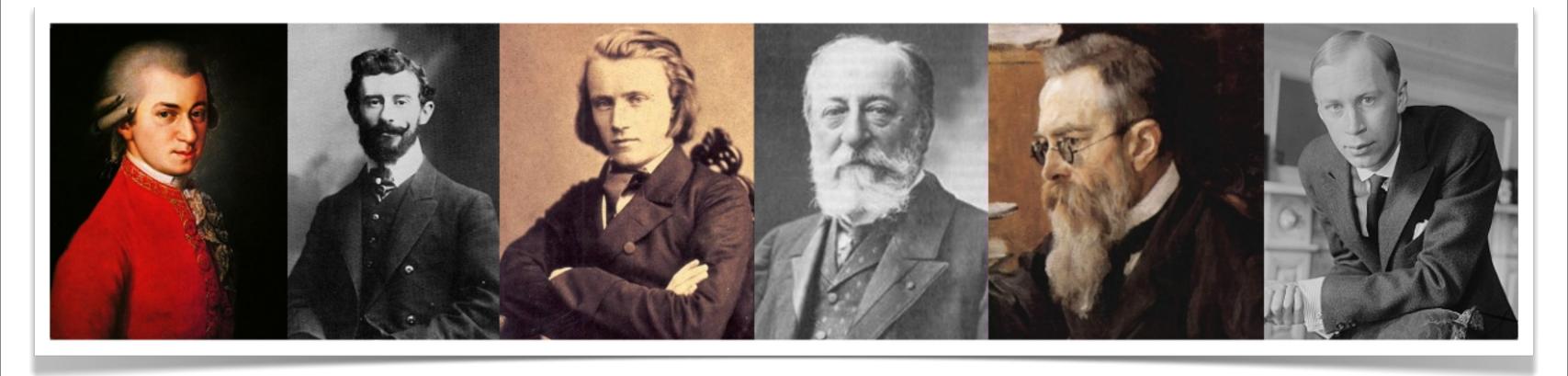


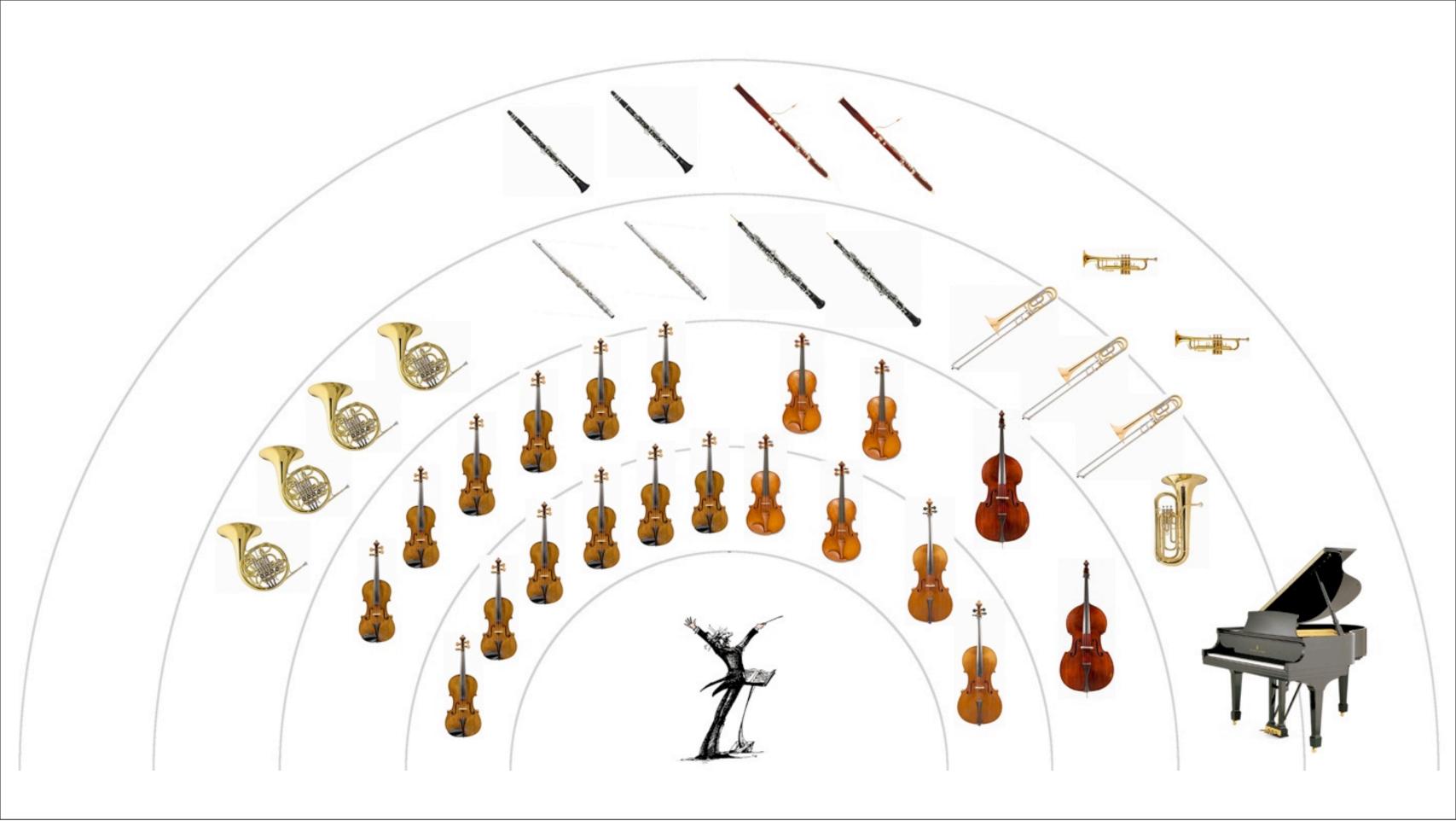
Chapter (Movements)

 Spell Theme
 Activities
 Underscore
 Test

 (Exposition)
 (Development)
 (Bridge)
 (Recapitulation)

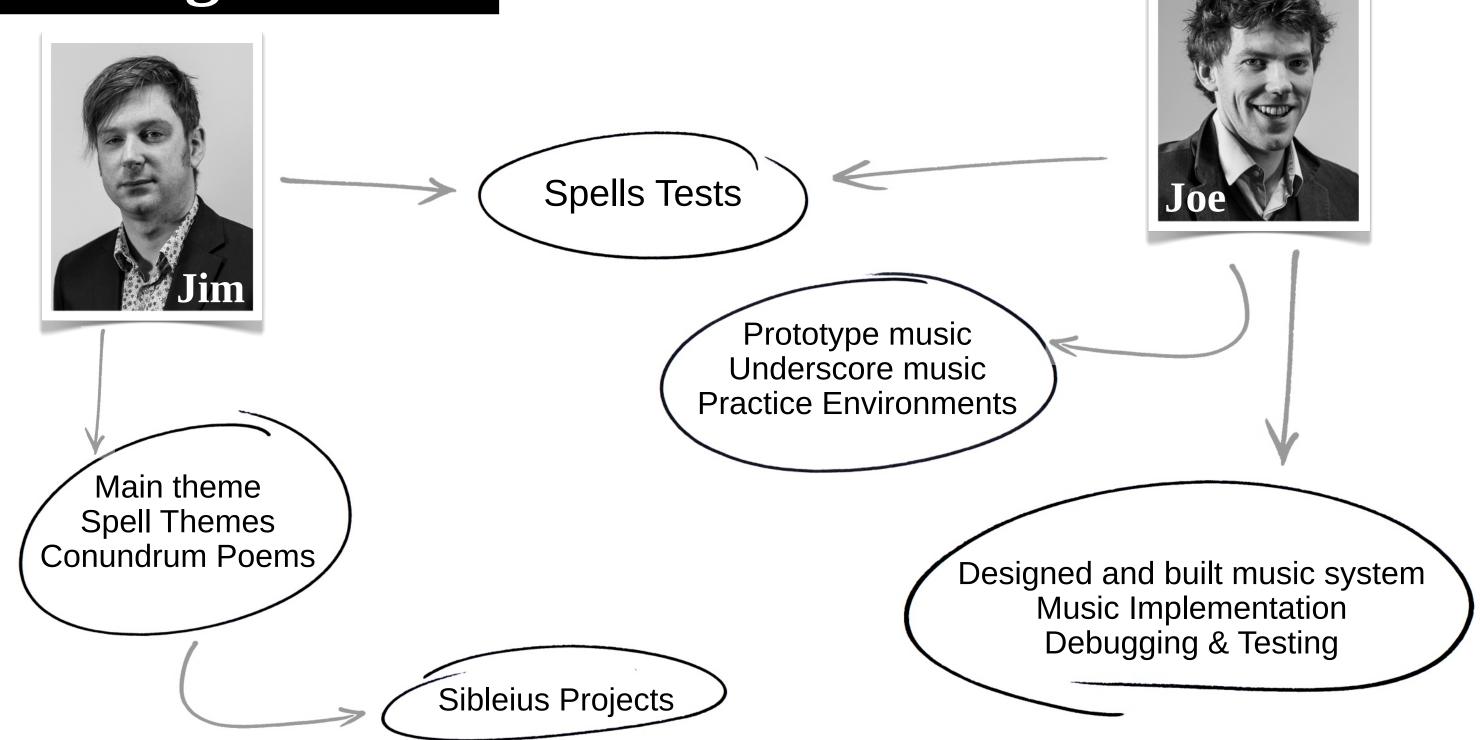
Musical Influences



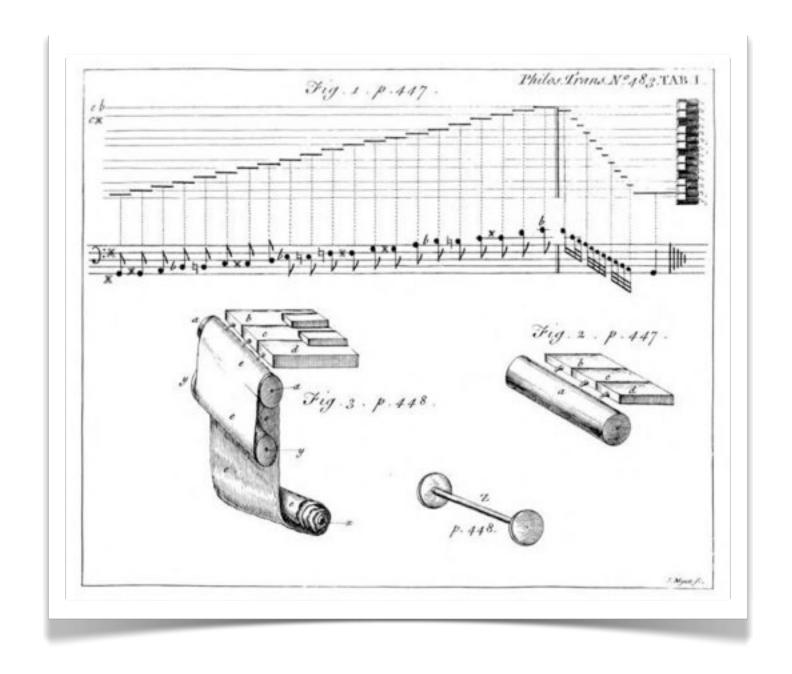




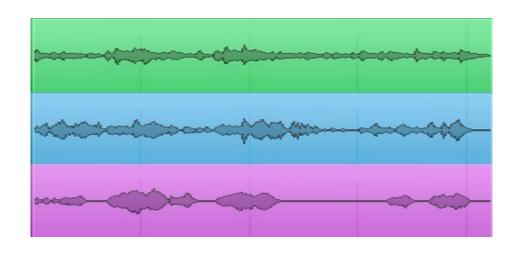
Dividing the work



Music System



Modular system
Horizontal and vertical layers
Tempo synched transitions
Multiple transition sections
Randomly synched 'flourishes'



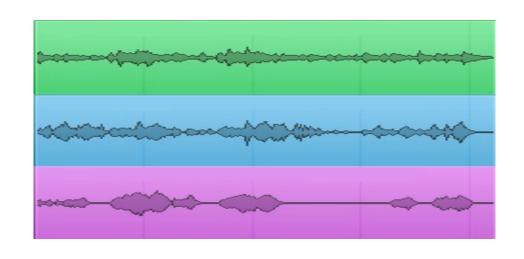
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- Harmonic content

ACTIVE

- Melodic content

INCANTATION - Alternative melodic content



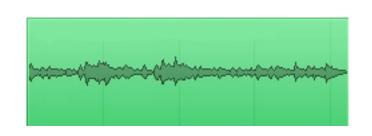
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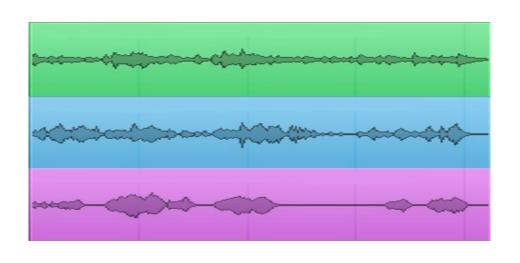
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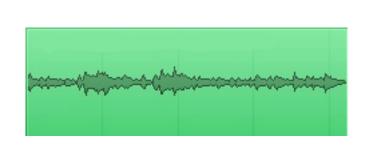
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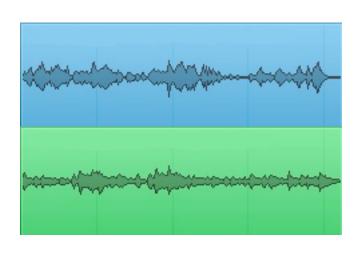
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- Melodic content

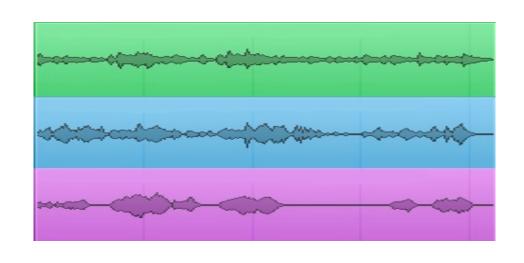
INCANTATION - Alternative melodic content



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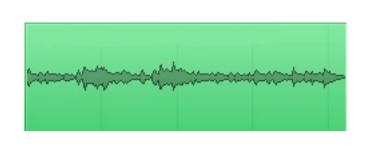
Base + Active



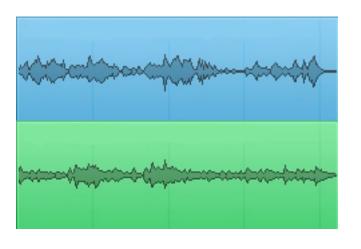
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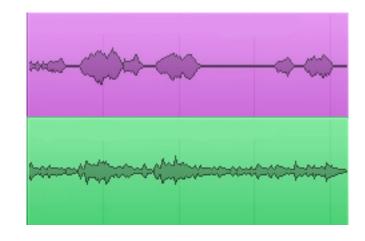
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- Melodic content
- **INCANTATION** Alternative melodic content



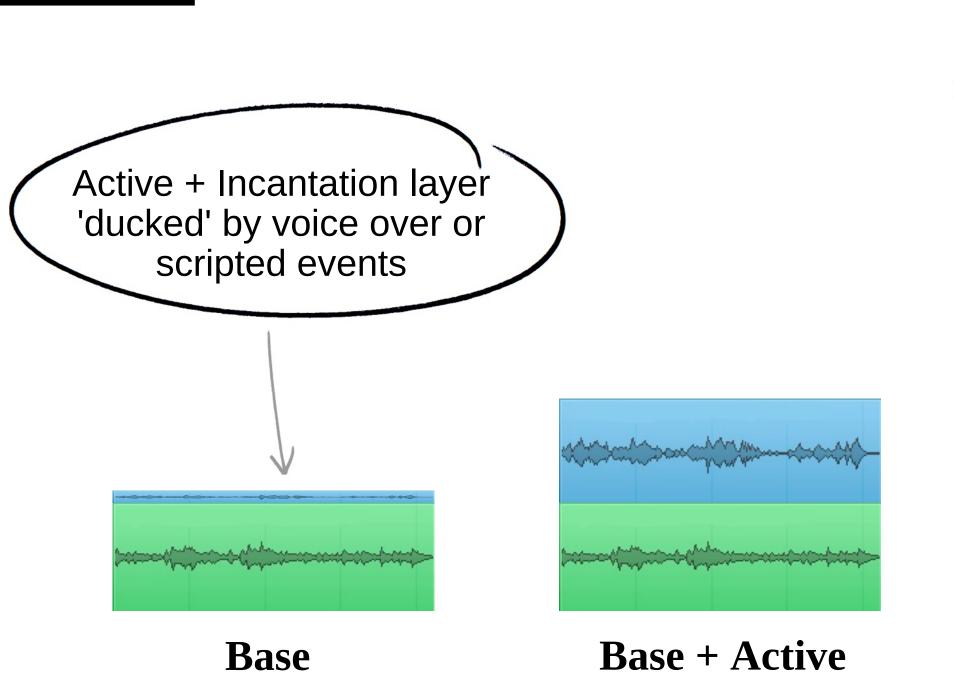
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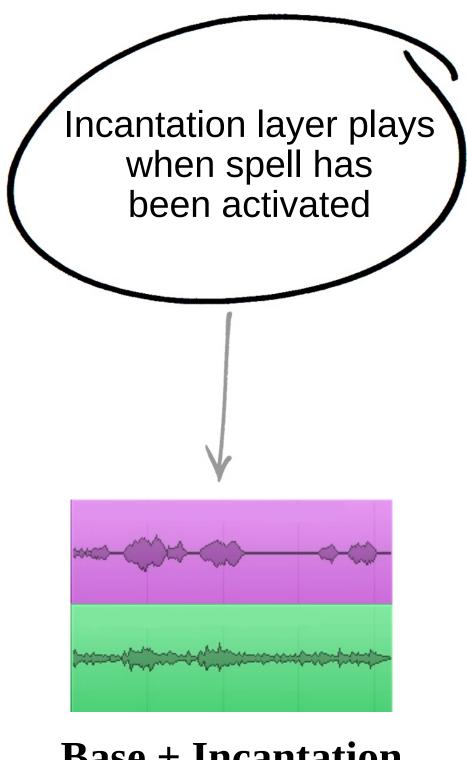


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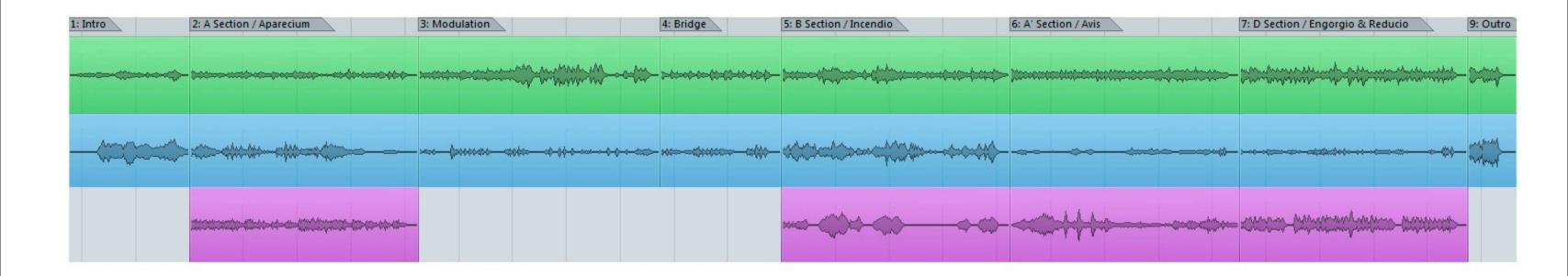
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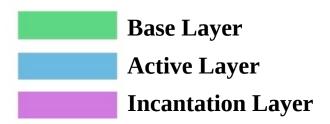




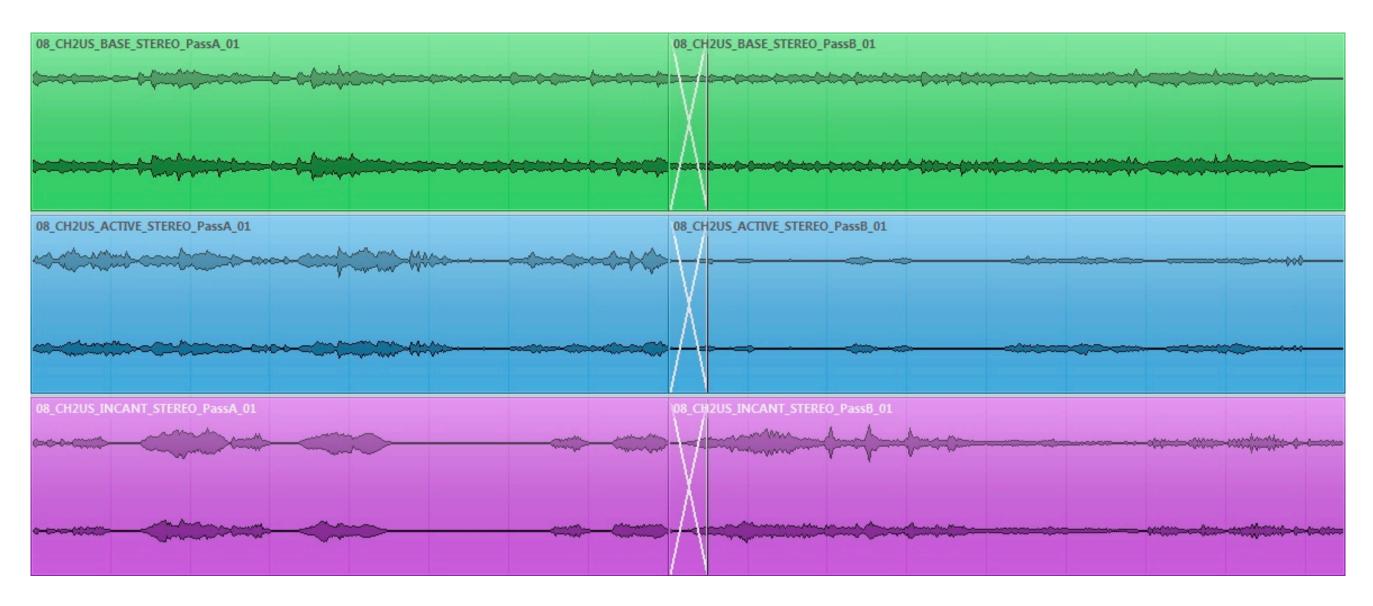
Base + Incantation

Chapter 2 Underscore



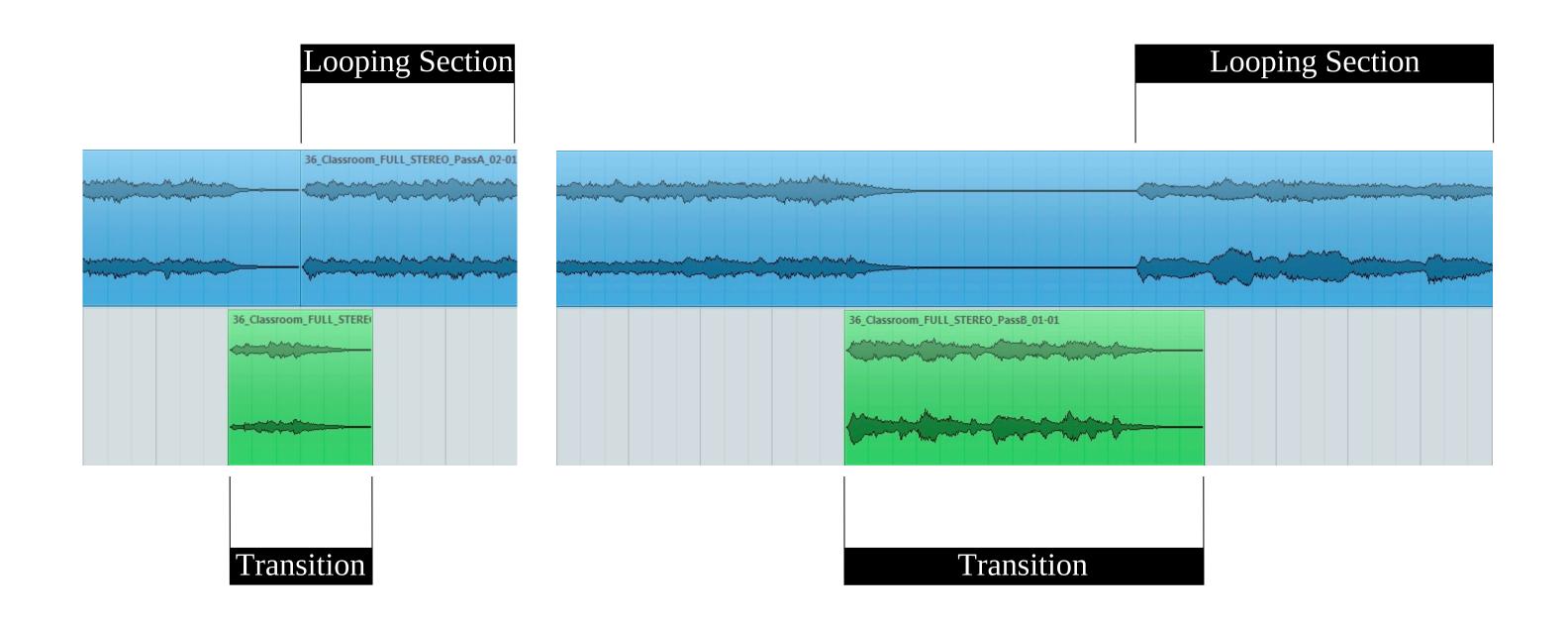


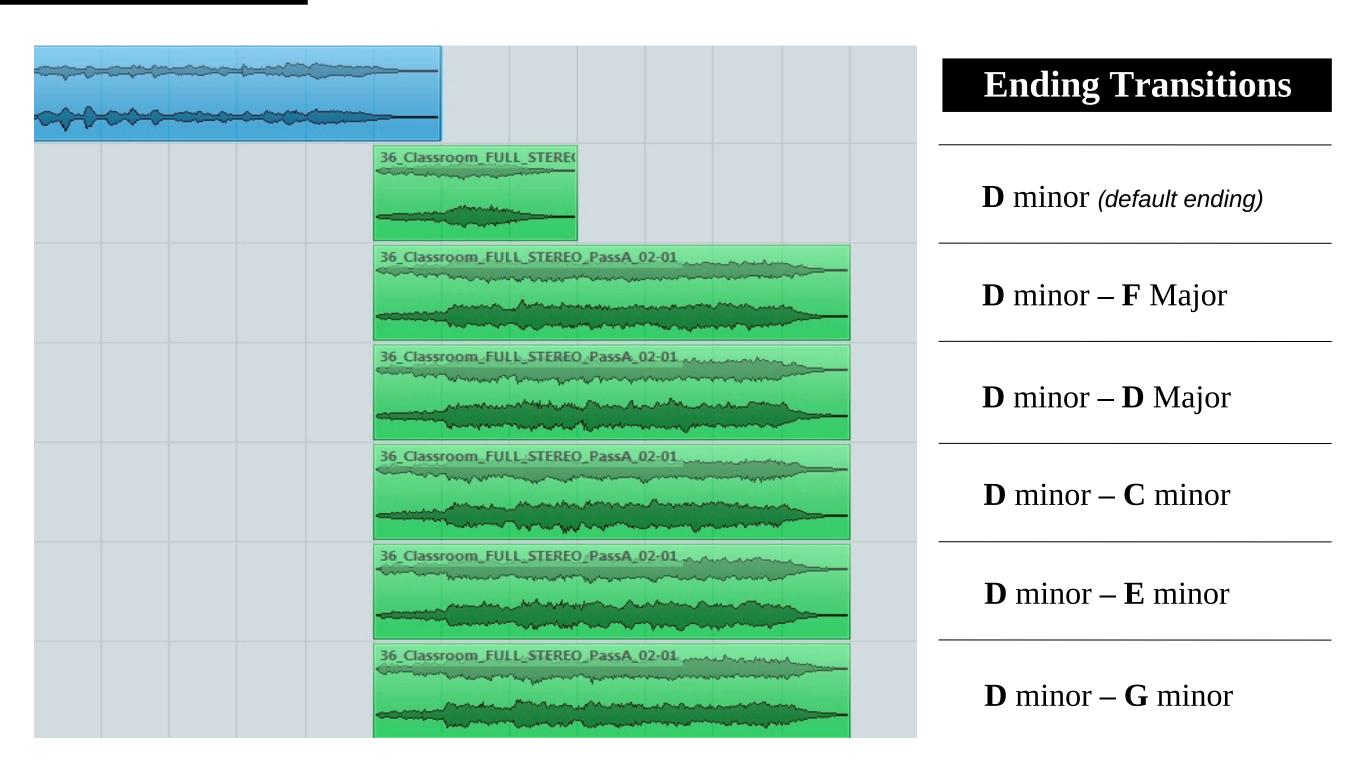
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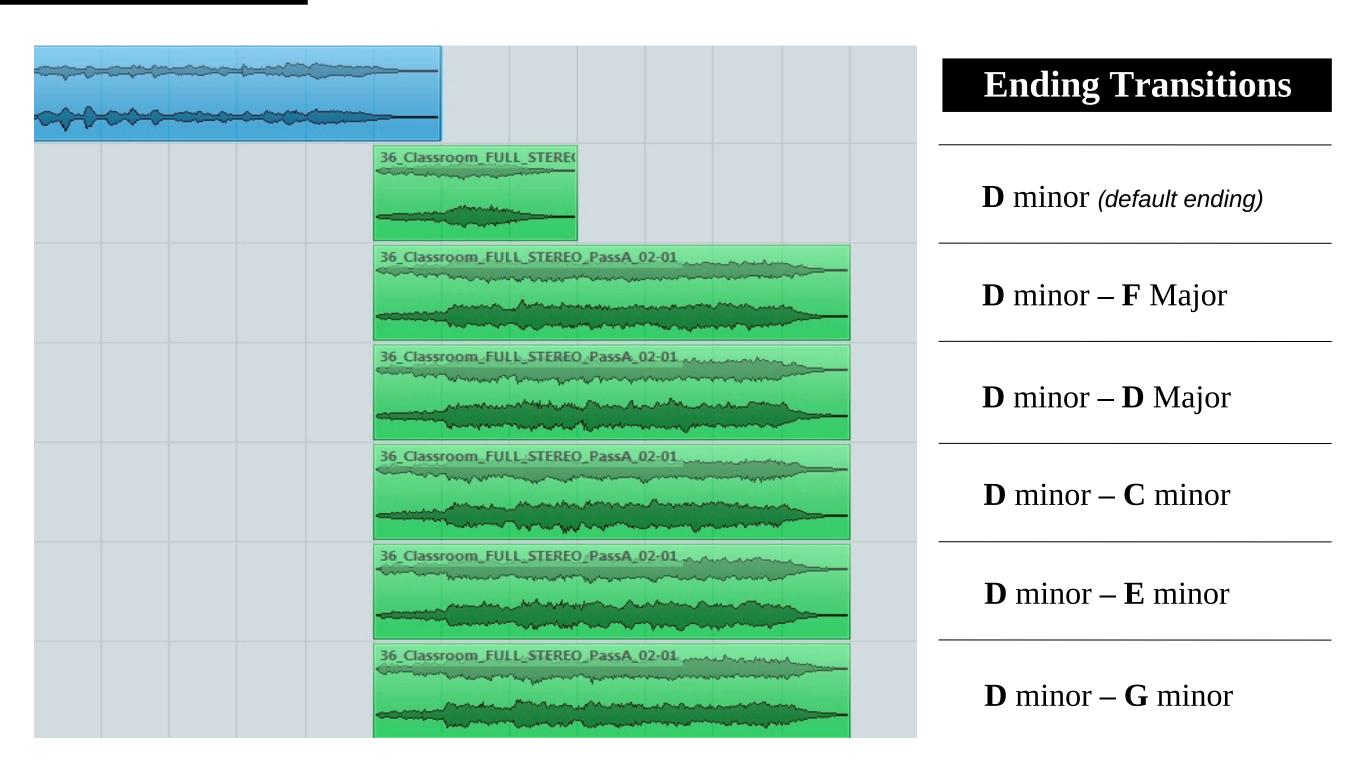


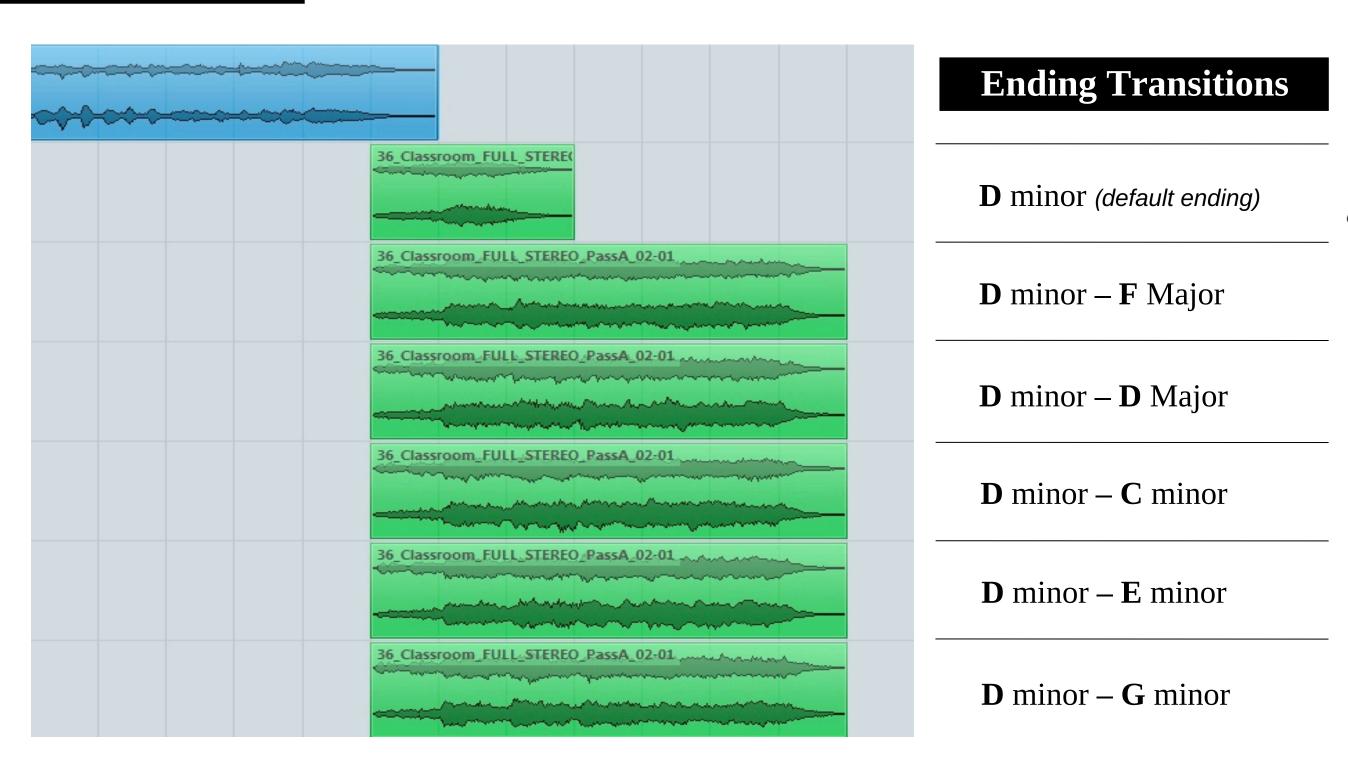
Tempo and beat synchronised transitions

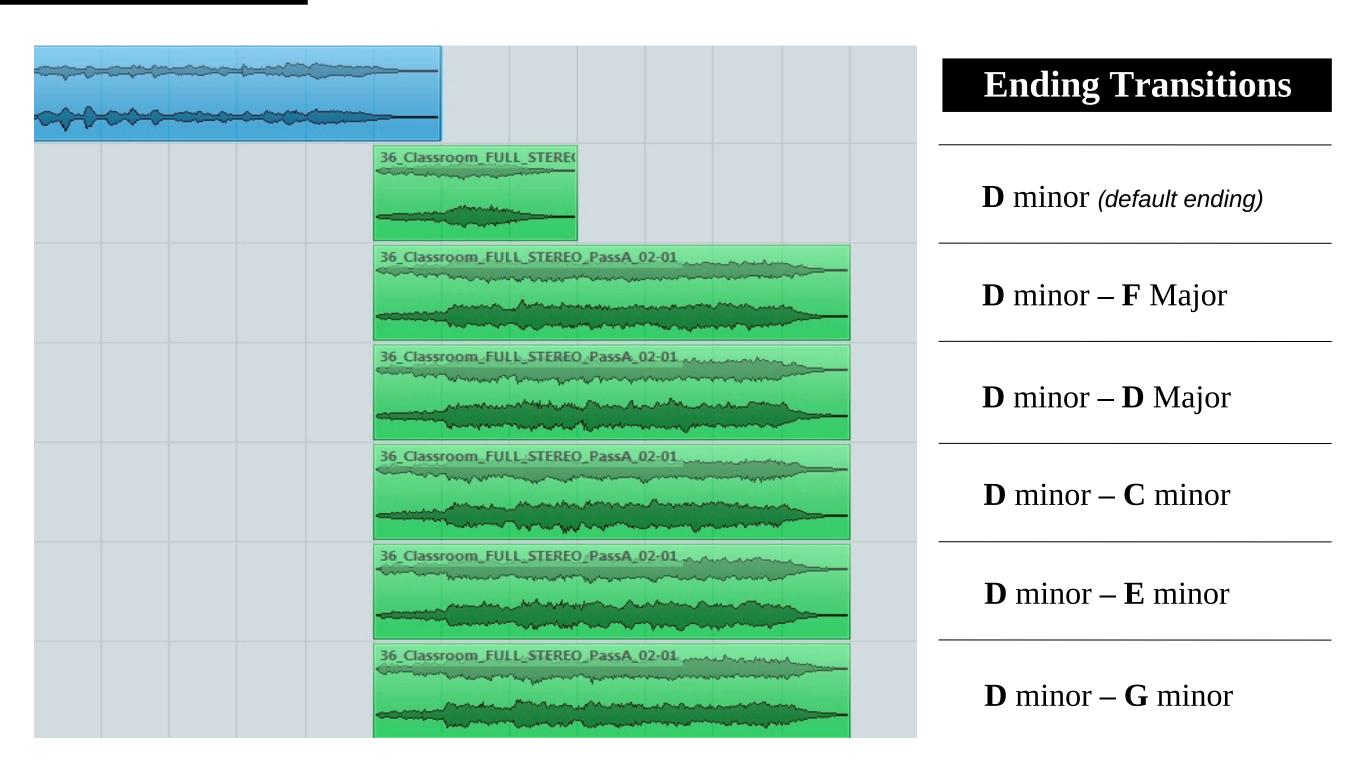
Transitions Bridging Segments

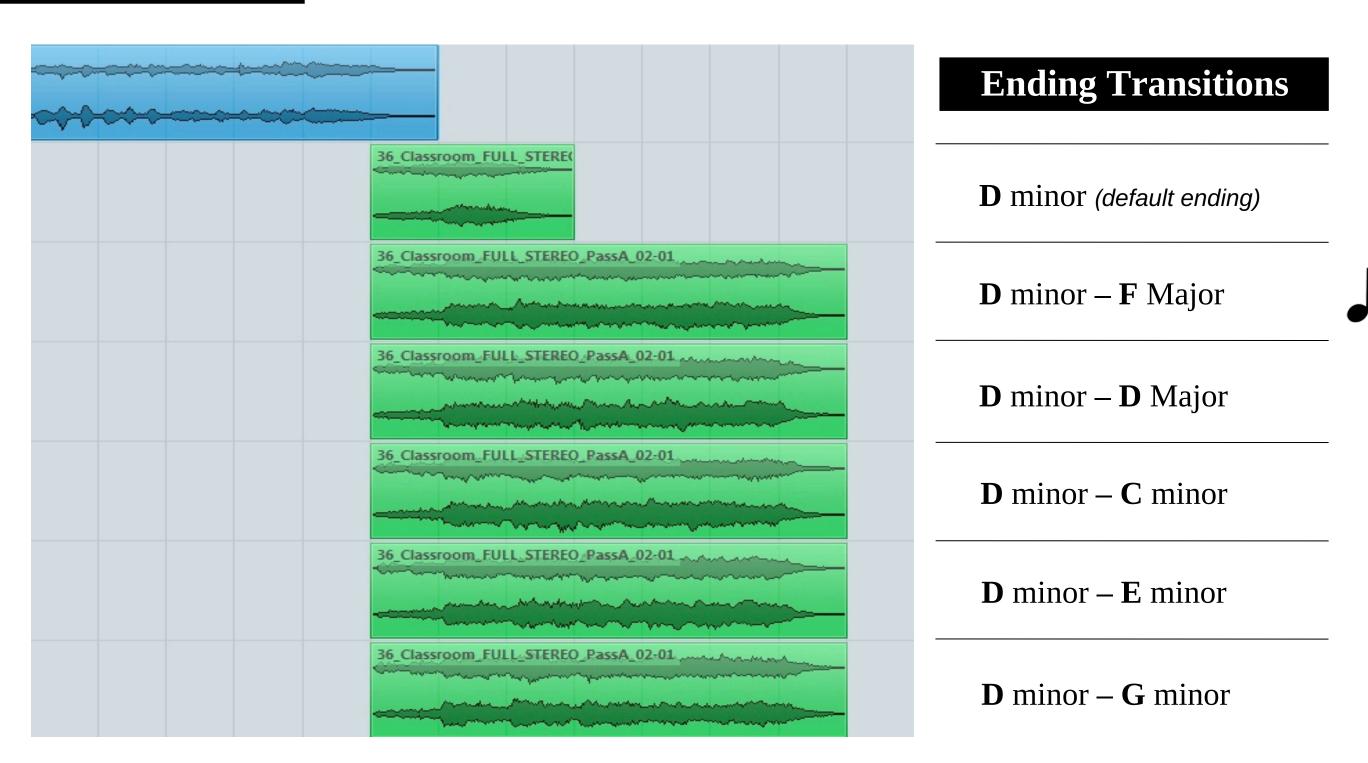


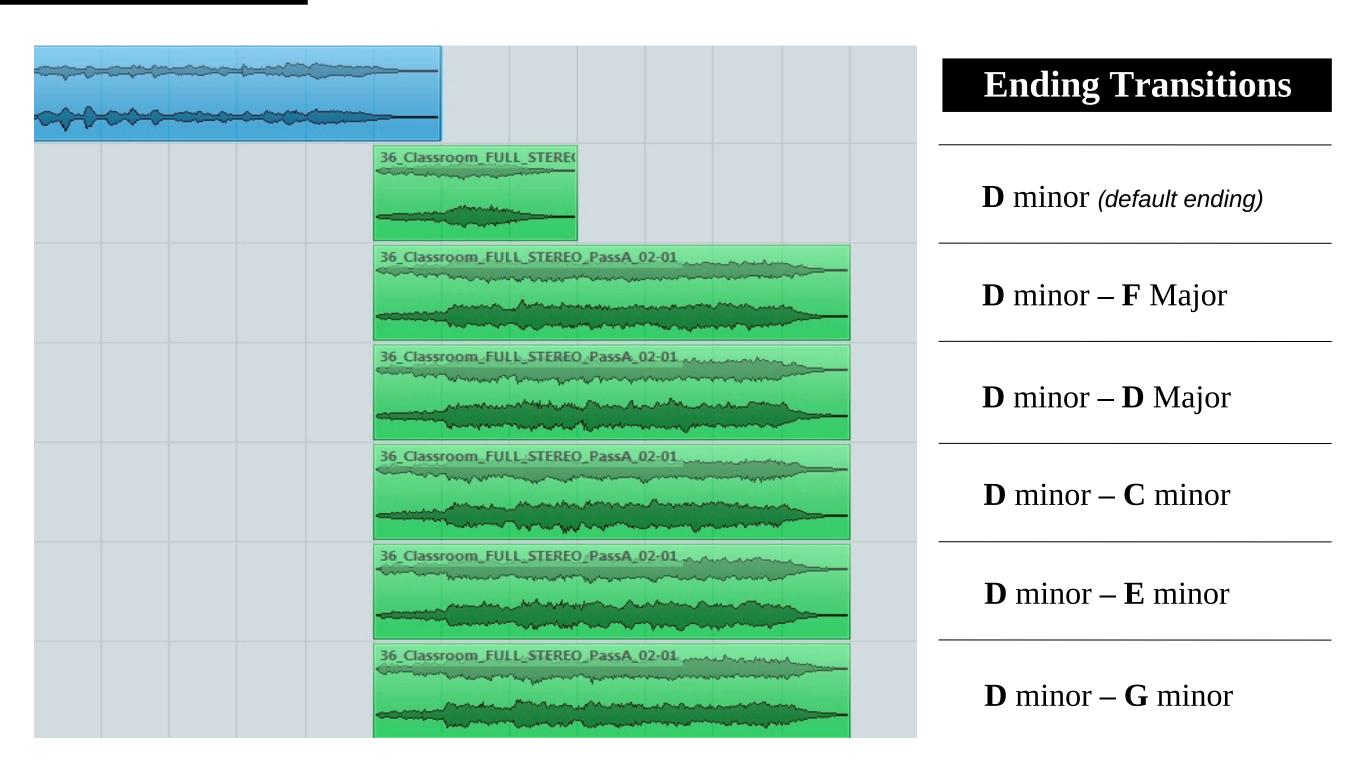


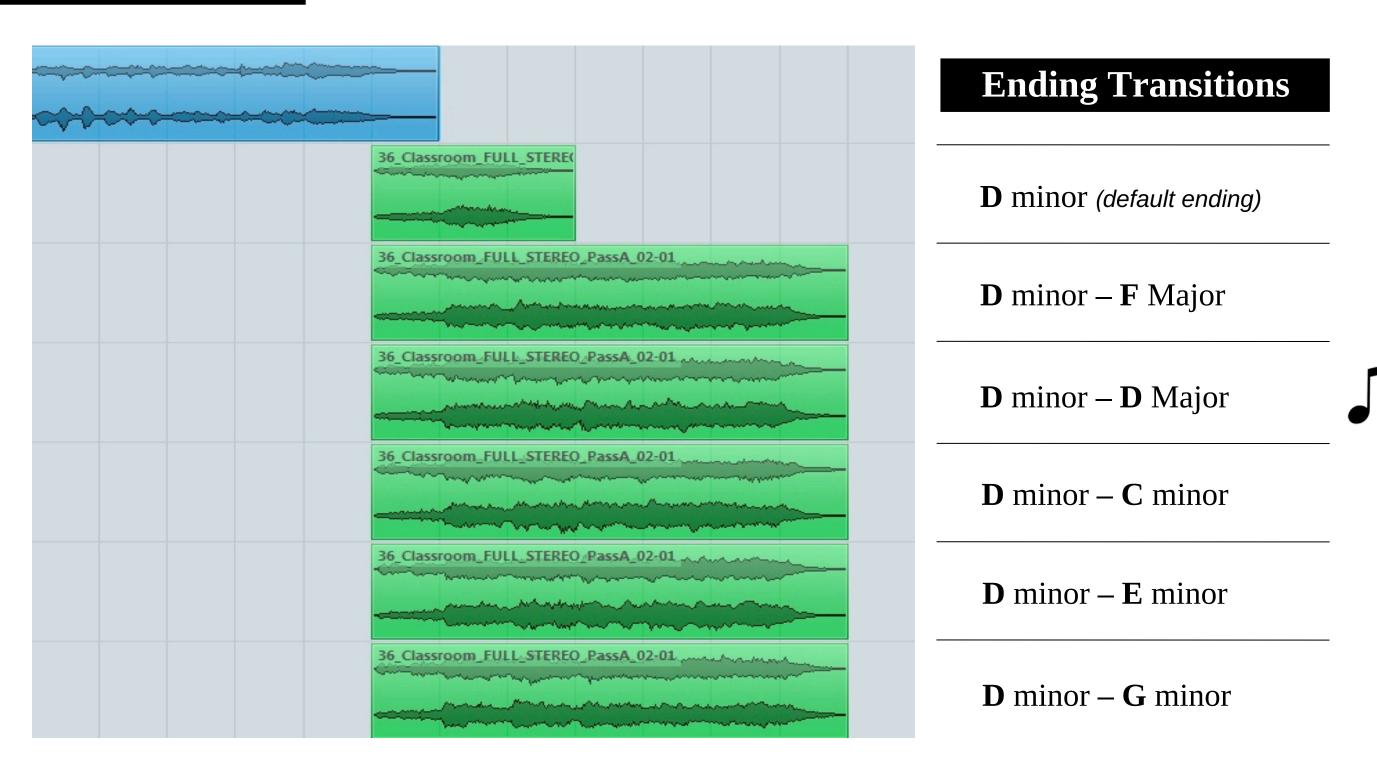


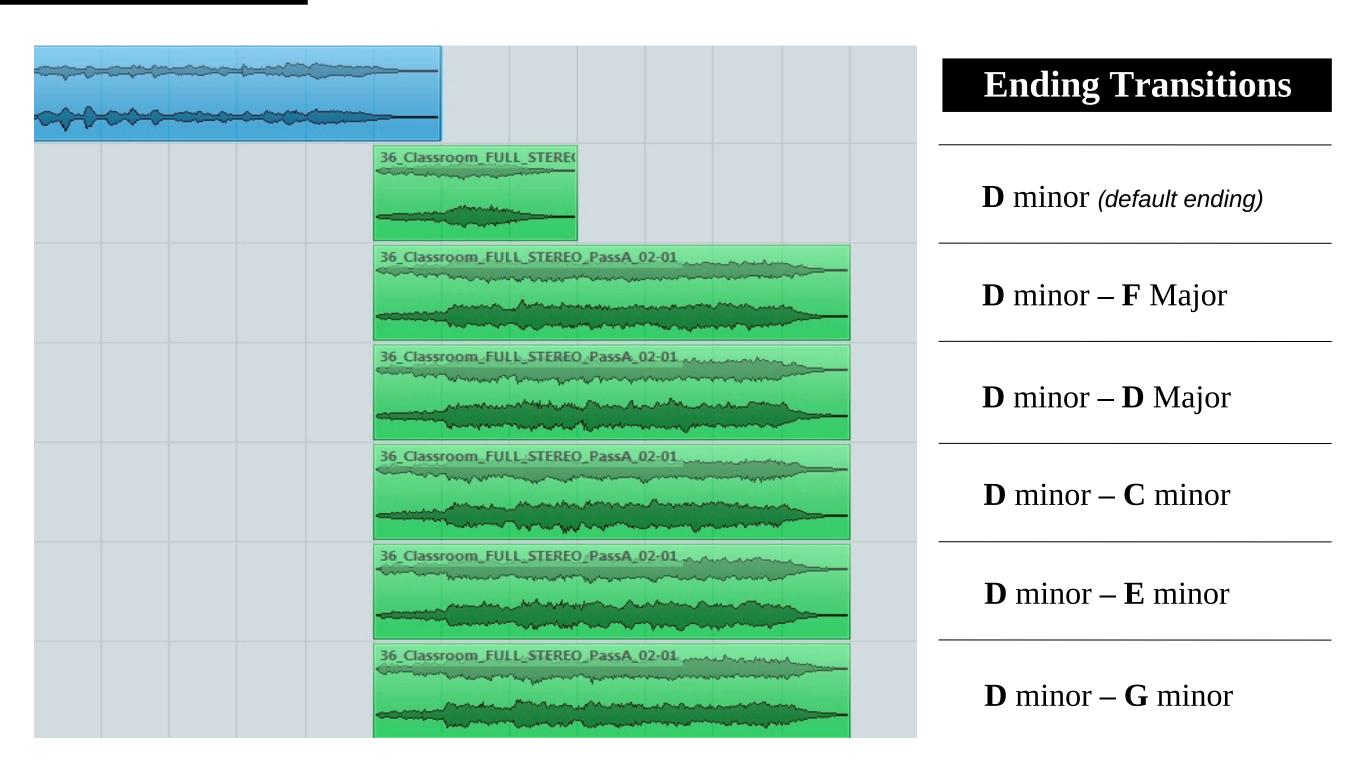


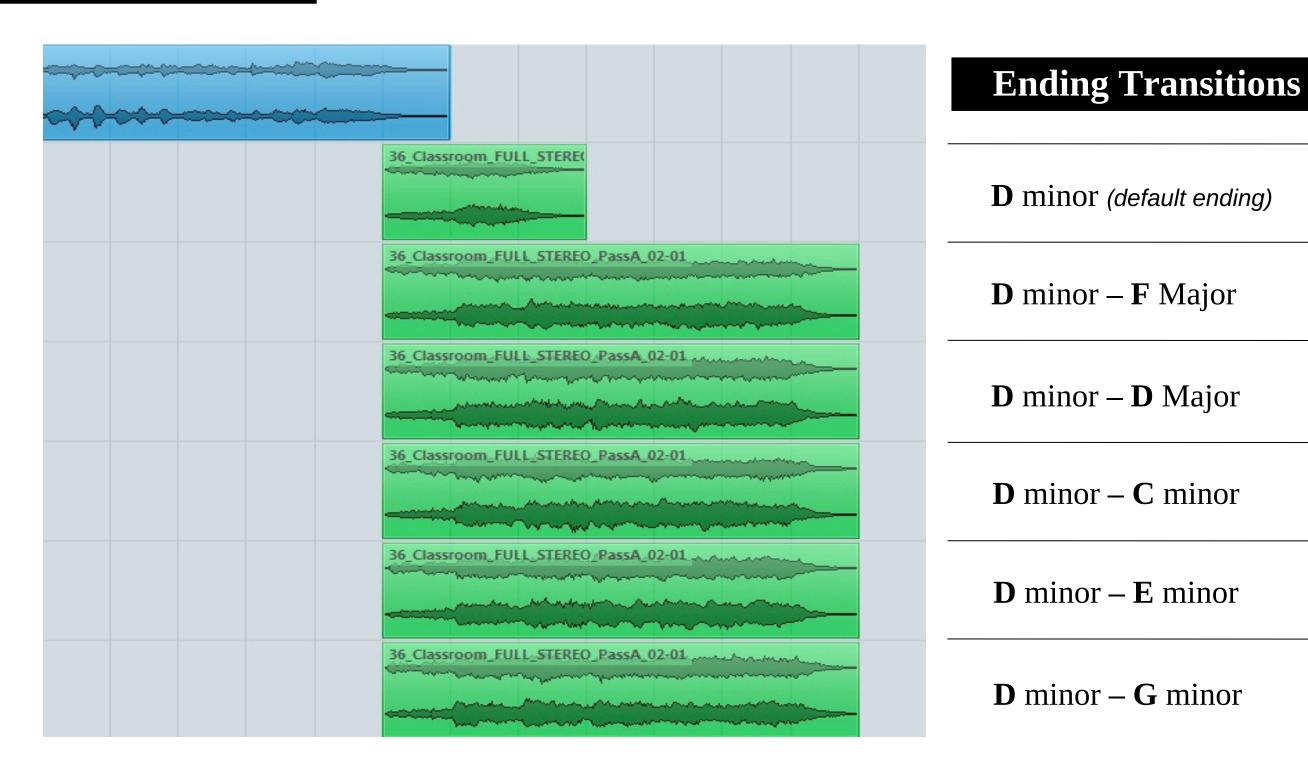


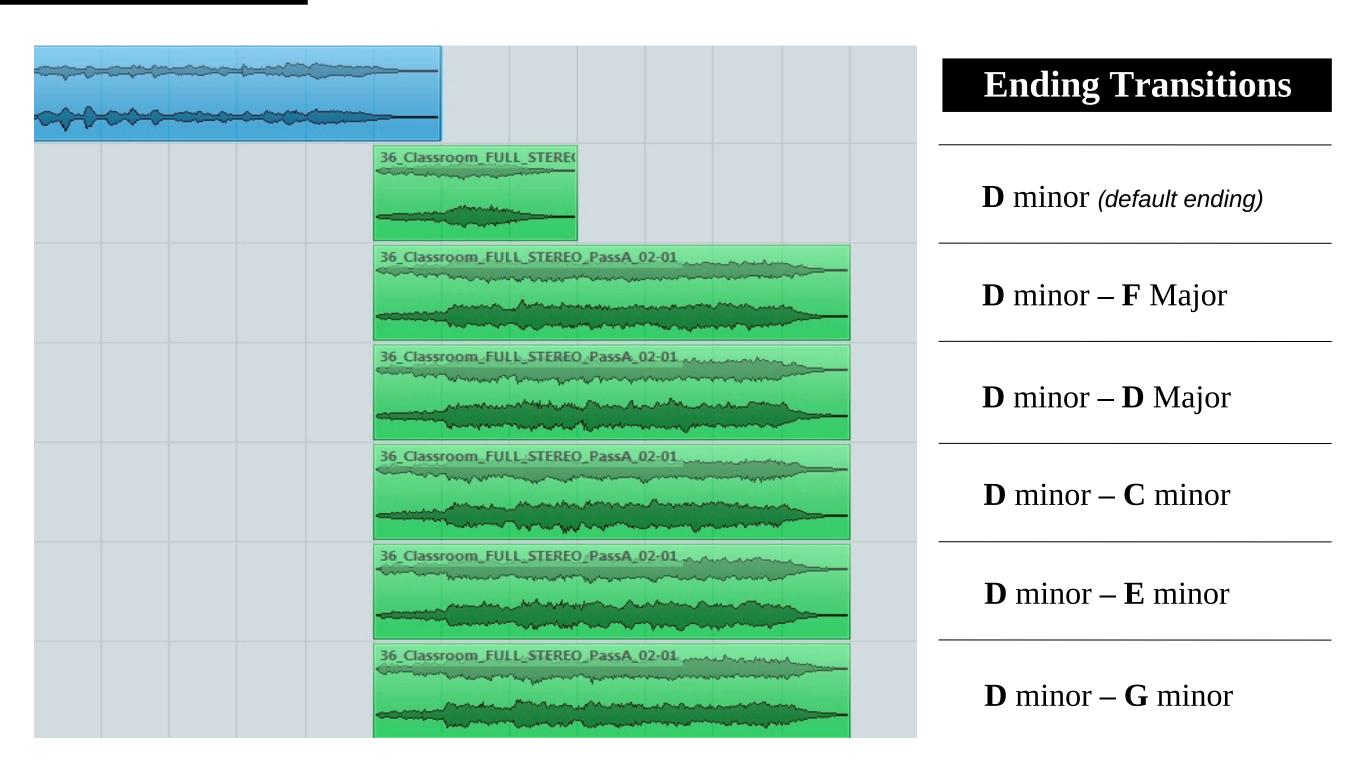


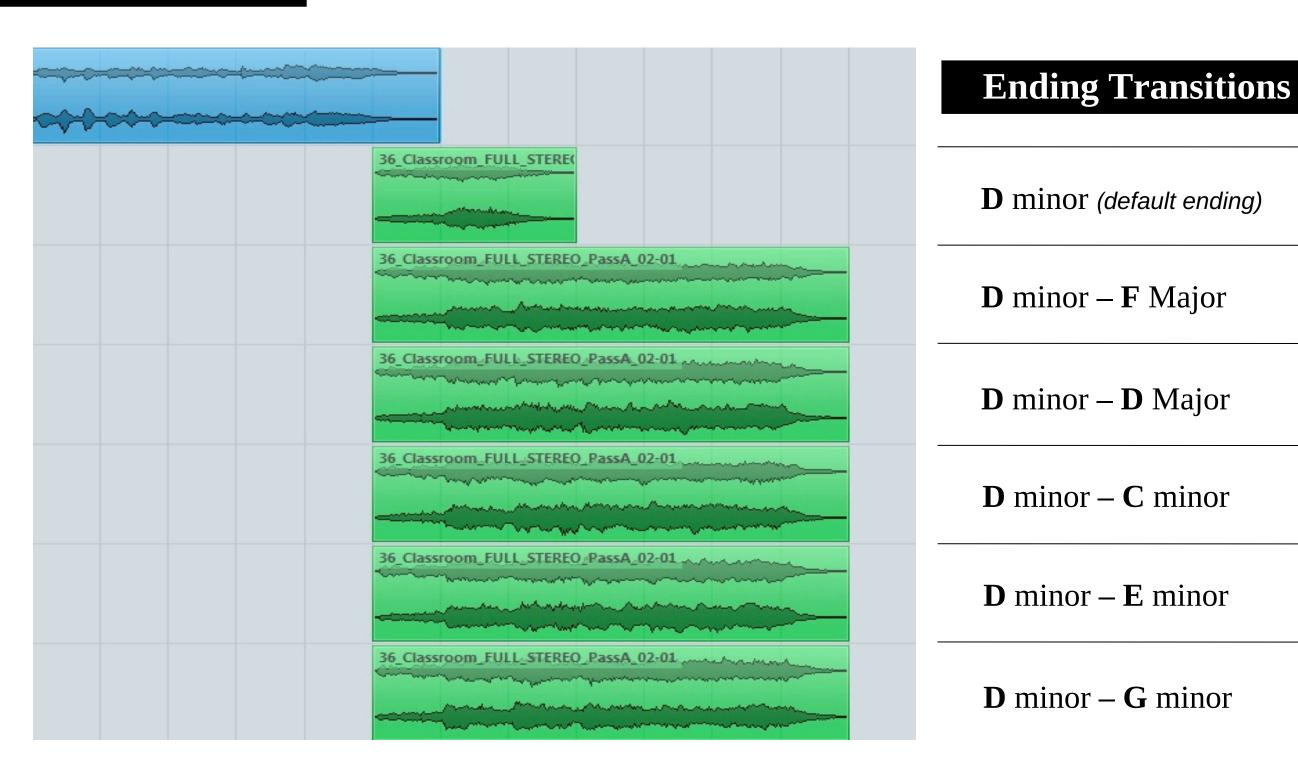


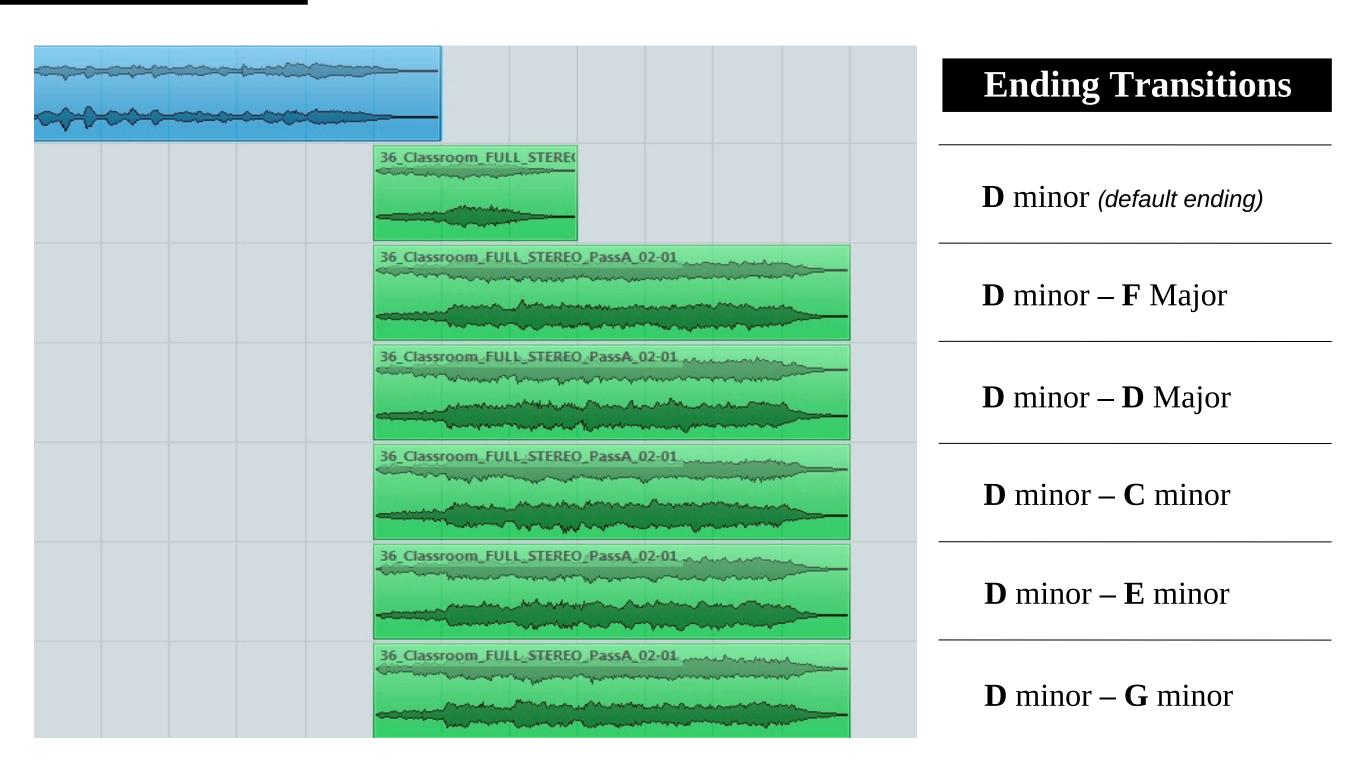


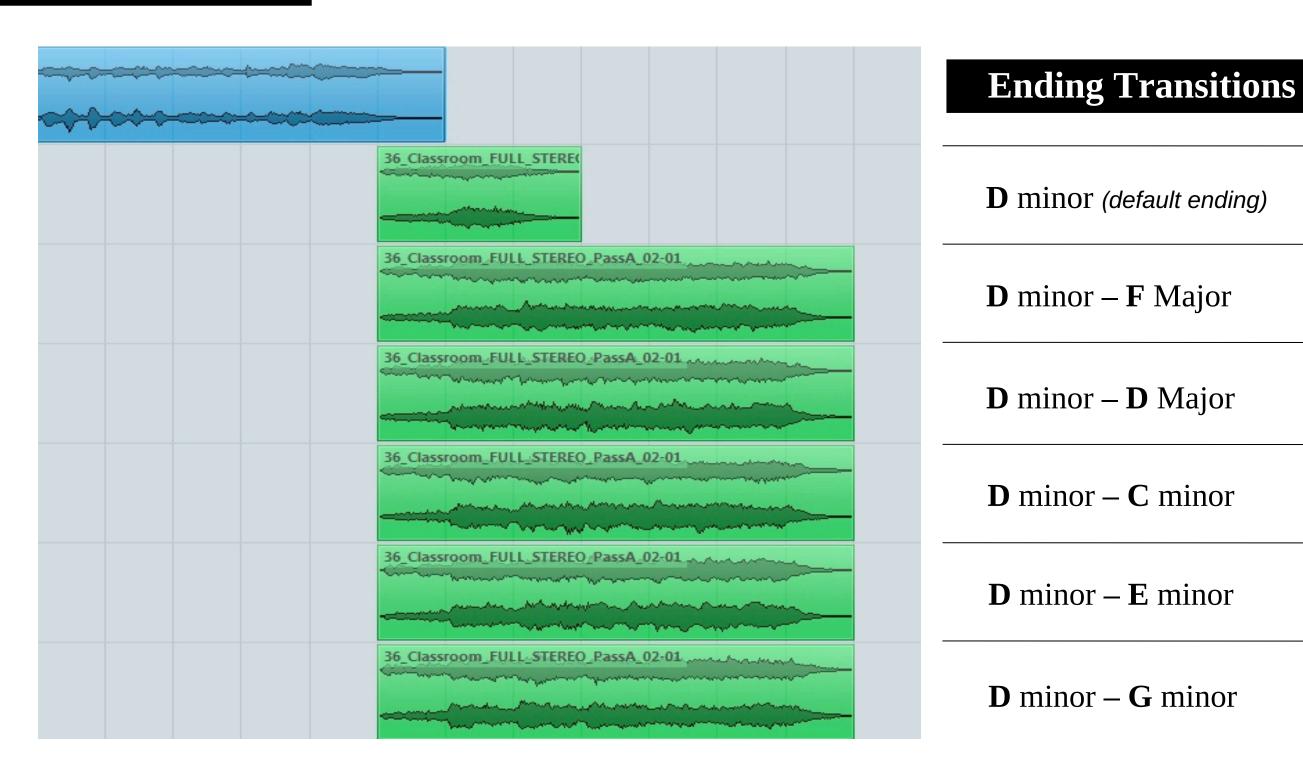




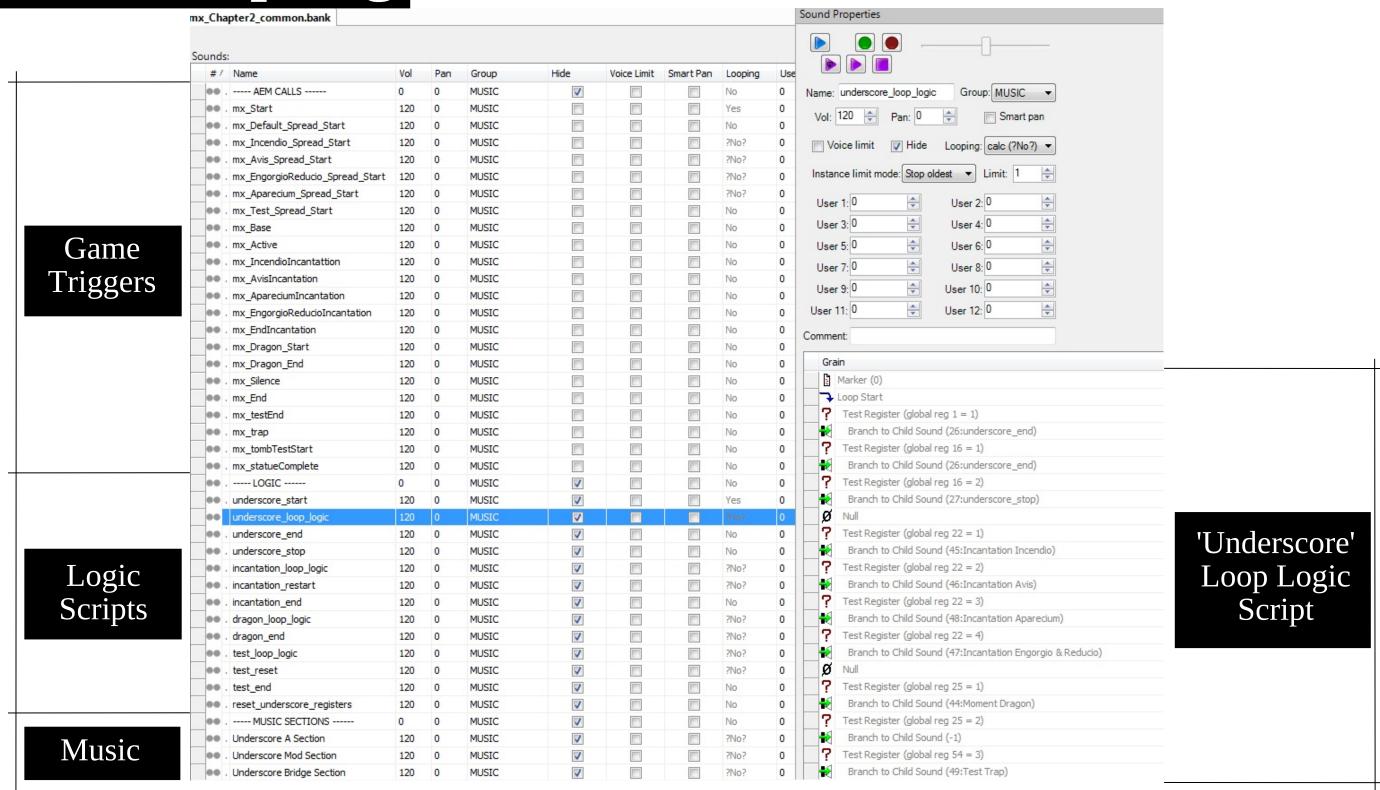








Music Scripting



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4	RG1	End Current Music (Master)	0 0-1		1 = End All Music	YES (INT)		Wonderbook Common	
5	RG2	Open Angle	0 0-12	27	0 = Closed, 127 = Fully Open	YES (EXT)		Book of Spells Common	
	RG3	Spread Index	0 0-12	27	0 = Closed, 12 = Spread 1, 25 = Spread 2, 38 = Spread 3, 50 = Spread 4, 63 = Spread 5, 76 = Spread 6	YES (EXT)		Underscore	
		Rotation Angle						Moments	
	RG4		0 0-1		0 & 127 = Facing Camera, 63 = Facing User	NO	-		
8	RG5	User Movement	0 0-12	27	0 = No Movement, 127 = Eratic Movement	NO		Incantations	
9	RG6	Tilt Z	0 0-13	27	0 = No Z Tilt, 63 = Upside Down	NO		Menu	
10	RG7	Tilt Y	0 0-13	27	0 = No Y Tilt, 63 = Upside Down	NO		Anecdotes	
	RG8	Key	0 0-24	4	0 = No Key Specified, 1-12 = Majoy Keys Starting with C (C,C#,D,Eb,etc), 13-24 = Minor Keys Staring with C	YES (INT)		Environments	
	RG9		0 0-1					Tests	
		Time Signature			0 = No Time Signature Specified, See Time Signature Table for Reference	YES (INT)			
	RG10	Tempo	0 0-13	27	0 = No Tempo Specified, 1 = 30BPM, 127 = 156BPM	YES (INT)		DEBUG	
14									
15	RG11	Current Chapter	0 0-7		0 = No Specified Chapter (1-5, 6 = Hall of Momentos, 7 = Conundrum Chapter)	YES (INT)		Value T	ime Signature
16	RG12	Gesture Attempt	0 0-2	2	1 = Gesture Incorrect, See Spell Gesture Table for Reference	NO		0	Not Specified
	RG13	Spell Active	0 0-1		0 = No Spell Active, 1 = Spell Active	NO		1-9	1/4 - 9/4
	RG14	Intensity	1 0-3		0 = Idle, 1= Active, 2 = Fun, 3 = Mental	YES (INT)		10	6/4, 8, 16 in twos
19	RG15	Cancel mx_END	0 0-1		1 = Stop Music Fading Out and Fade Back In	ISH (INT)		11 - 19	1/8 - 9/8
20							3D	20	6/4, 8, 16 in threes
21	RG16	Underscore Music Stopper	0 0-1		1 = Stop Underscore Music	YES (INT)		21 - 29	1/16 - 9/16
	RG17	Channel 1&2 Volume	100 0-12		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES (INT)			-,,
	RG18	Channel 3&4 Volume	0 0-1					Value S	nell Castura
					0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES (INT)	_		pell Gesture
	RG19	Channel 5&6 Volume	0 0-12	27	0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES (INT)		0 10	lot Specified
25	RG20	Prepare next piece of music	0 0-1		0 = False, 1 = New Stream, 2 = New Bank	YES (INT)		1 0	Sesture Incorrect
26	RG21	Next Section to prepare	0 0-N	/A	0 = Default, 1 = Intro etc	YES (INT)		2 V	Vingardium
27	RG22	Play Incantation	0 0-4		0 = No Incantation, 1 = Spell 1, 2 = Spell 2, 3 = Spell 3, 4 = Spell 4	YES (INT)		3.1	umos
	RG23	Spell Spread	0 0-6		0 = Default, 1 = Spell 1, 2 = Spell 2, 3 = Spell 3, 4 = Spell 4	YES (INT)			lohomora
	RG24	Current playing section	0 0-N		0 = No underscore / moment / incantation playing	YES (INT)			guamenti
30	RG25	Moments transition trigger	0 O-N	/A	0 = No Moments Triggered	YES (INT)		6 1	ncendio
31								7 A	vis
32	RG26	Moment Music Stopper	0 0-1		1 = Stop Moment Music	YES (INT)		8 A	parecium
	RG27	Channel 1&2 Volume	0 0-1		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES (INT)		1,000,000	ngorgio
	RG28	Charmer 182 Volume	001		0 - Shelit, 127 - 1 dil volume	125 (111)			leducio
	RG29)efodio
36			7			1	22	12 R	leparo
37	RG30	Incantation Music Stopper	0 0-1		1 = Stop Incantation Music	YES (INT)		13 S	courgify
38	RG31	Channel 1&2 Volume	127 0-13	27	0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES (INT)		14 P	rotego
39									ccio
		Many Music Canana	0.0.1		1 - Com Many Music	VEC (INT)			
	RG32	Menu Music Stopper	0 0-1		1 = Stop Menu Music	YES (INT)	-		Diffindo
	RG33	Channel 1&2 Volume	127 0-13		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES (INT)			mpedimenta
42	RG34	Current playing section	0 0-N	/A	0 = No Menu Music Playing	YES (INT)		18 🛭	Ouro
43	RG35							19 E	xpelliarmus
	RG36							20 F	leducto
45									tupefy
		Aposdoto Music Stanzas	0.01		1 - Stop Aposdota Music	NO			
	RG37	Anecdote Music Stopper	0 0-1		1 = Stop Anecdote Music	NO	3	22 E	xpecto Patronum
	RG38	Don't play again section	127 0-13		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	NO			
48	RG39	Volume	0 0-12	27		YES			
49	RG40	Activity Complete	0 0-1		1 = Activity Complete (Play nice ending)	YES			
50	RG41	Anecdote End	0 0-12	27		NO			
	RG42	Spread 4 Updatable 2	0 0-1			NO			
	RG43	Spread 4 Updatable 3	0 0-12	21		NO			
53									
54	RG44	Environment Music Stopper	0 0-1		1 = Stop Enviroment Music	NO			
	RG45	Channel 1&2 Volume	127 0-13		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	NO			
	RG46	Channel 3&4 Volume	127 0-12		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES			
	RG47	Channel 5&6 Volume	127 0-13		0 = Silent, 127 = Full Volume	YES			
	RG48	Next section to prepare	0 0-13			NO	1		
59	RG49	Current Playing section	0 0-13	27		NO			

Lessons learnt from implementation

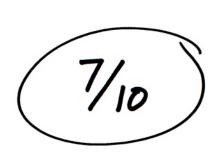
Don't underestimate the tools you have available

Aim high and scale back if necessary

Can system handle Tempo & Time Signature changes within music cues?

Know your limitations well in advance – streaming bandwidth, etc

Make sure you have all the debug information available



Composition

Three hours of music

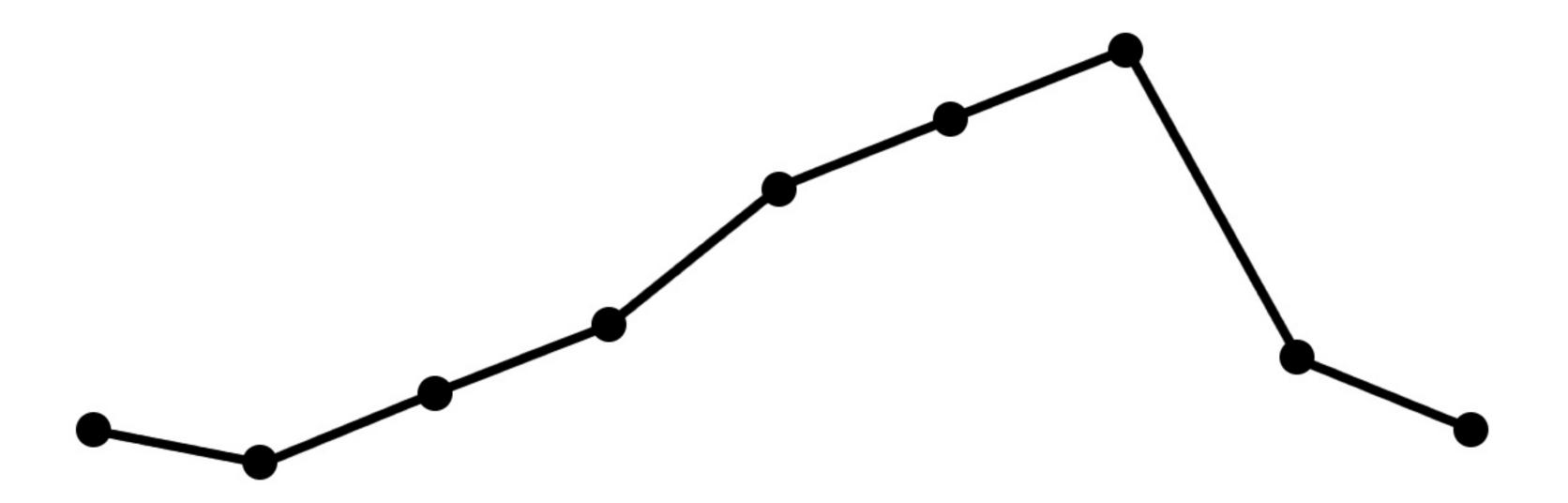
Two hours recorded live orchestra

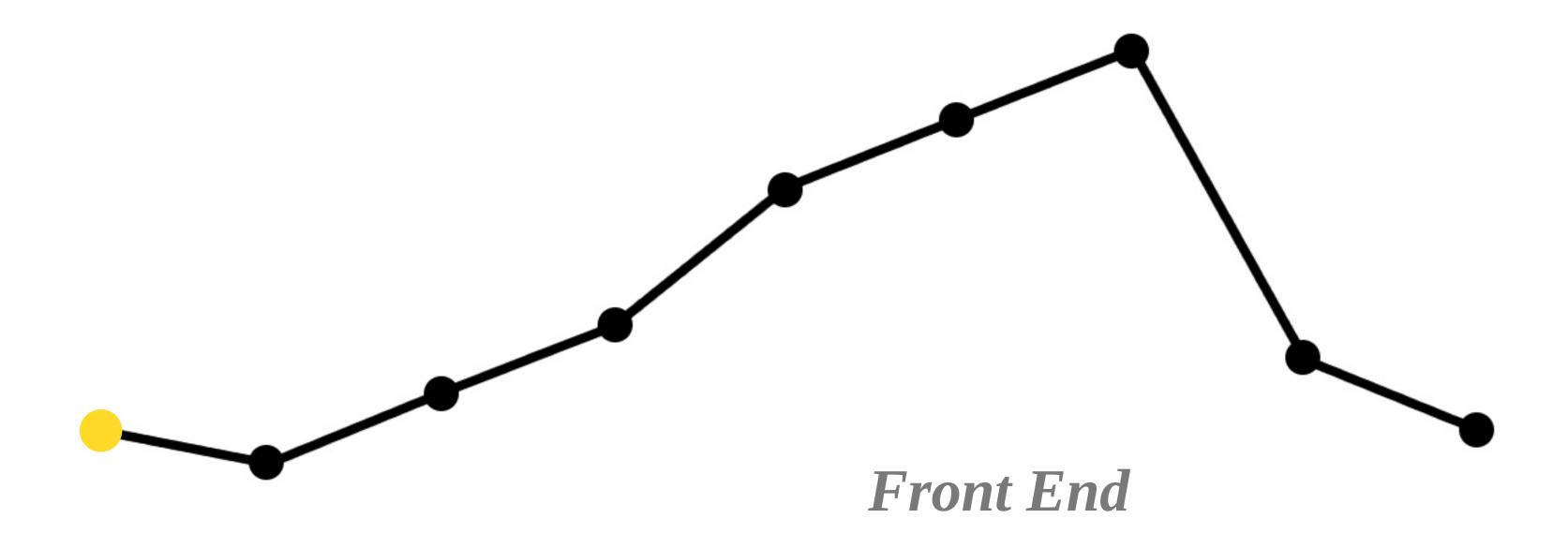
Thirty minutes sample based

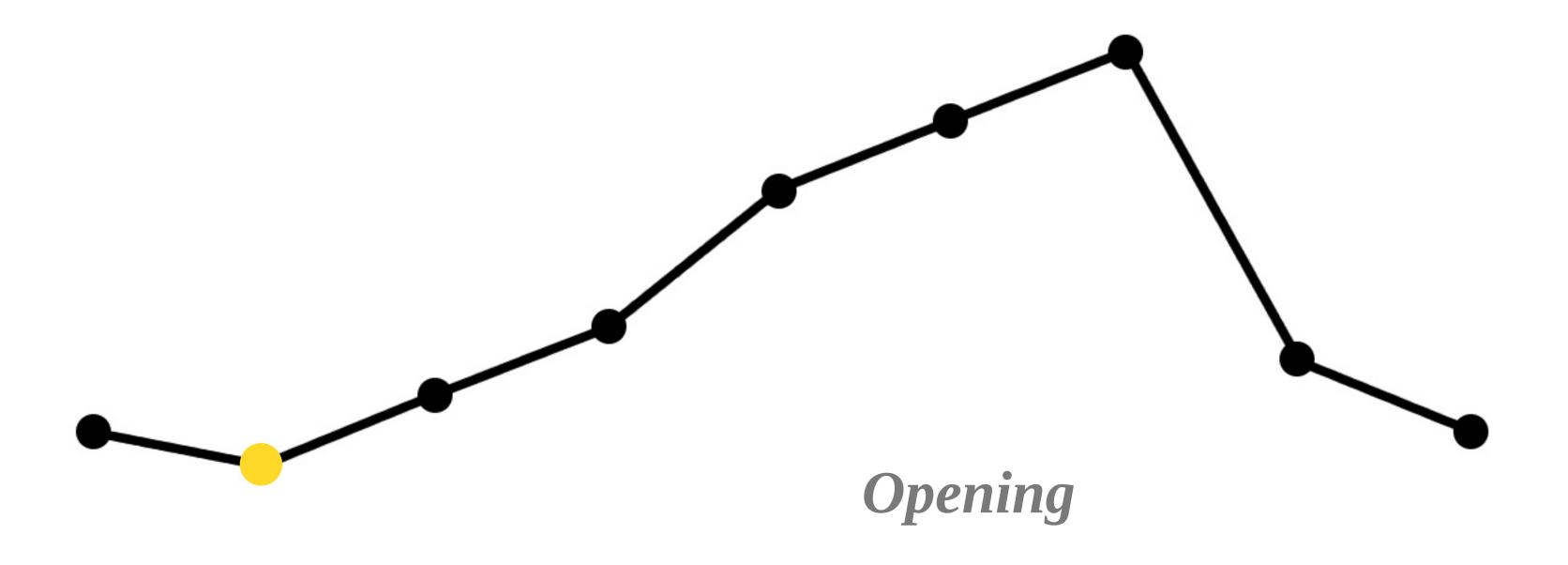
Many short 'stingers'

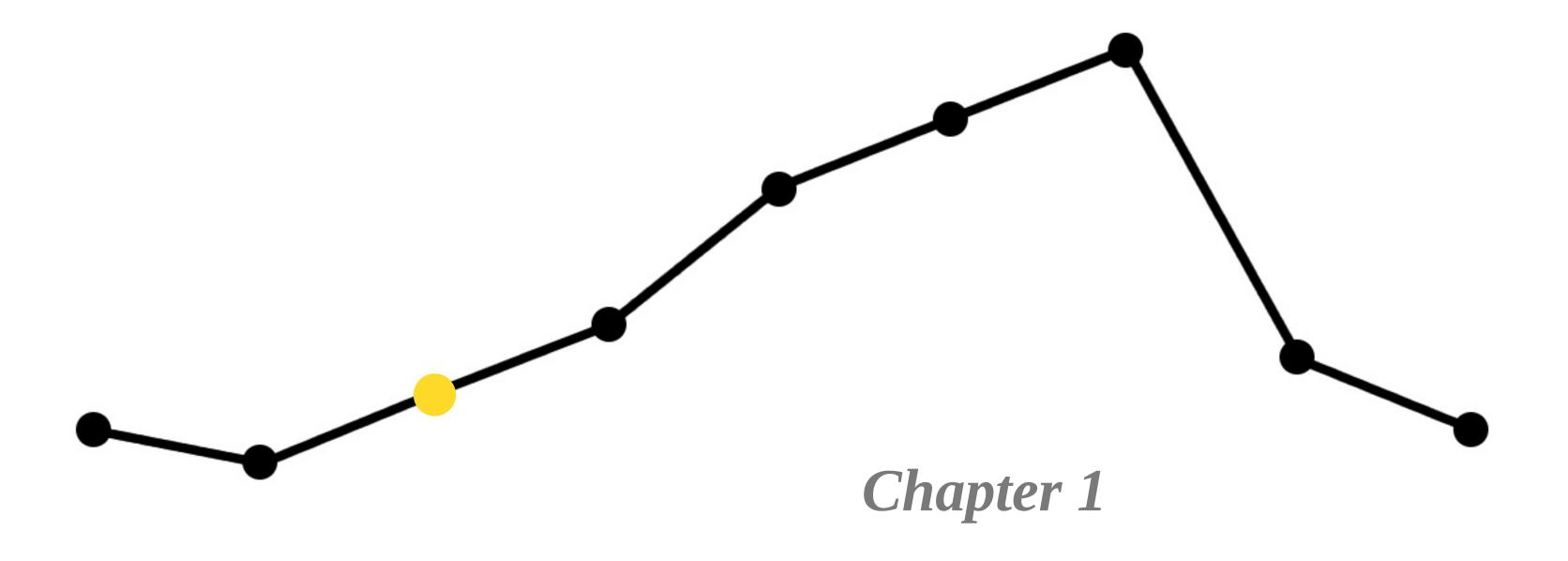
Dynamics and tone followed book

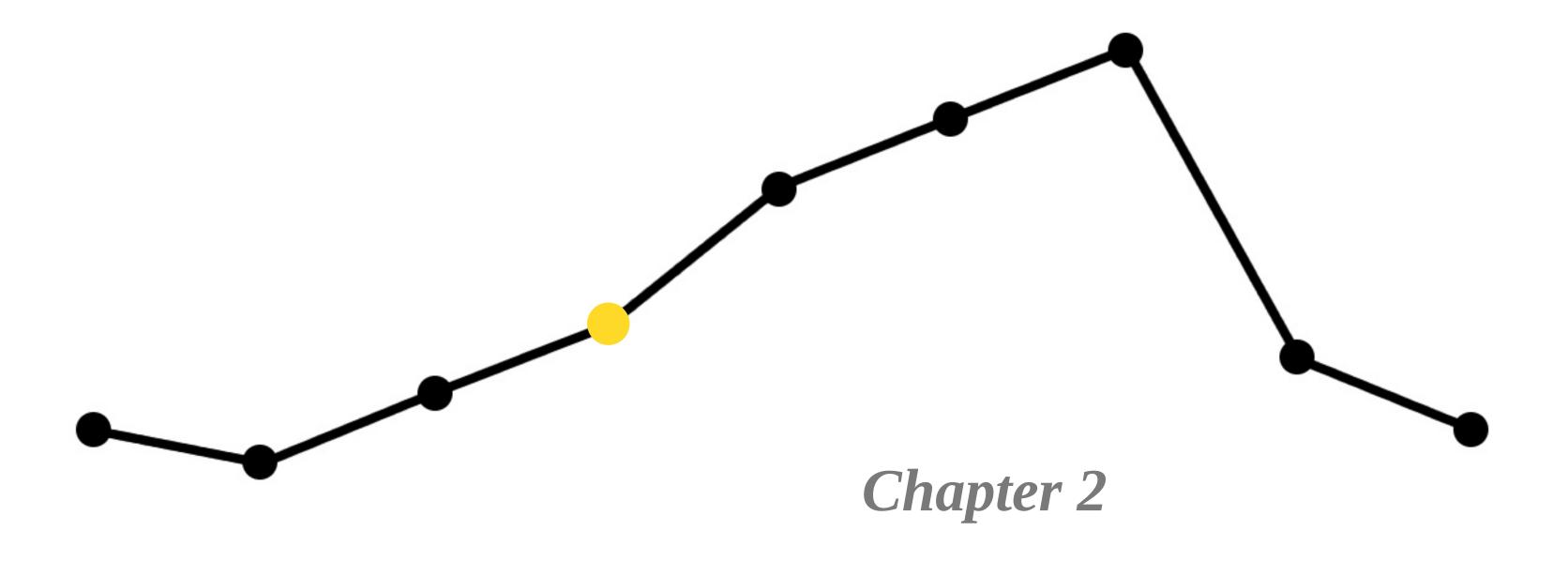


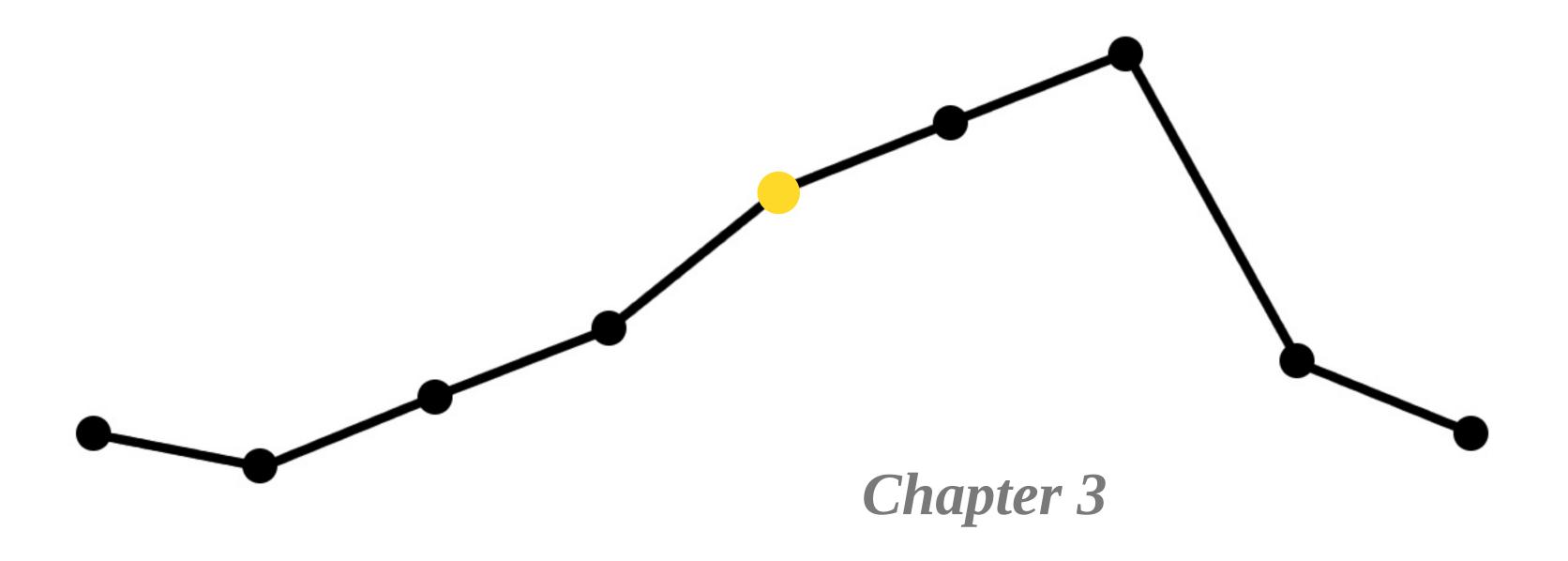


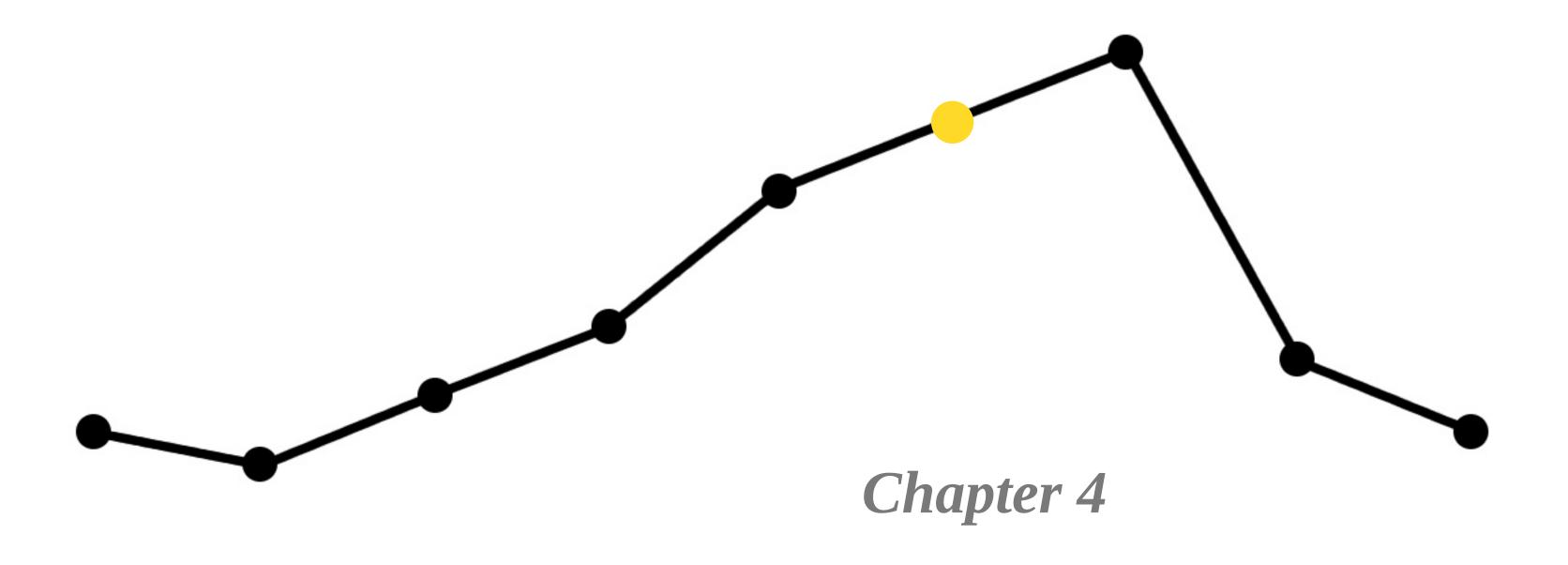


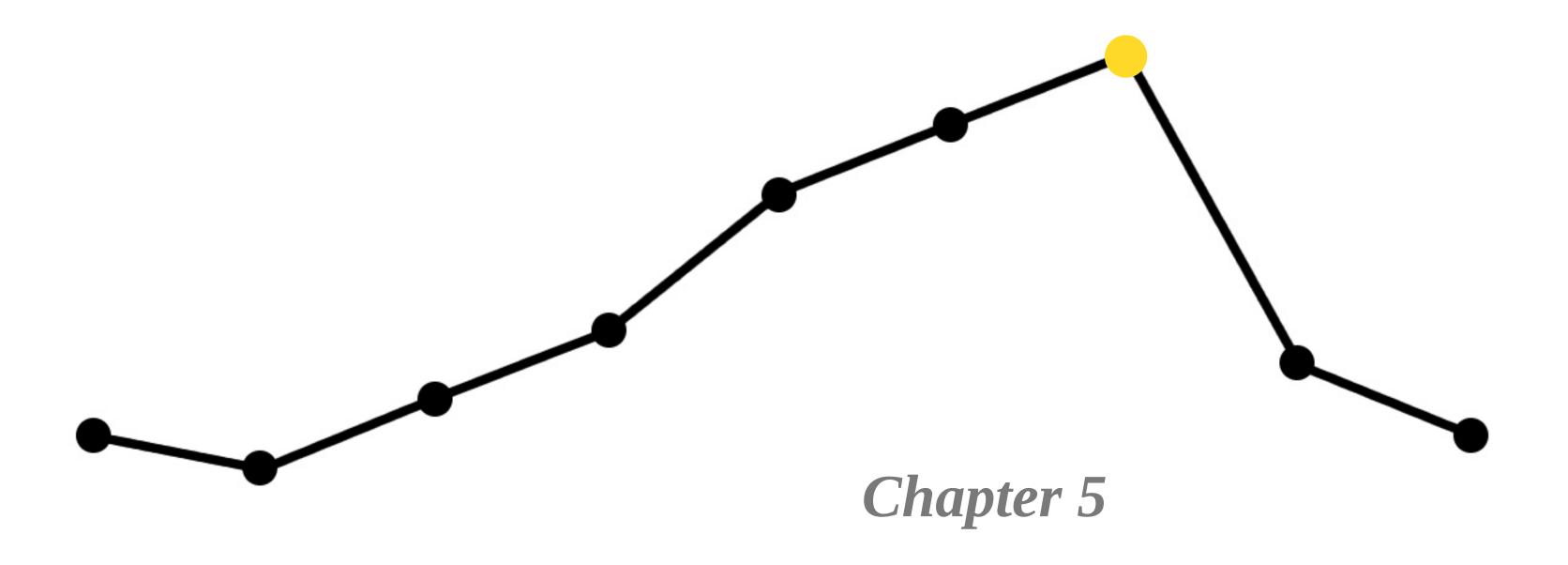


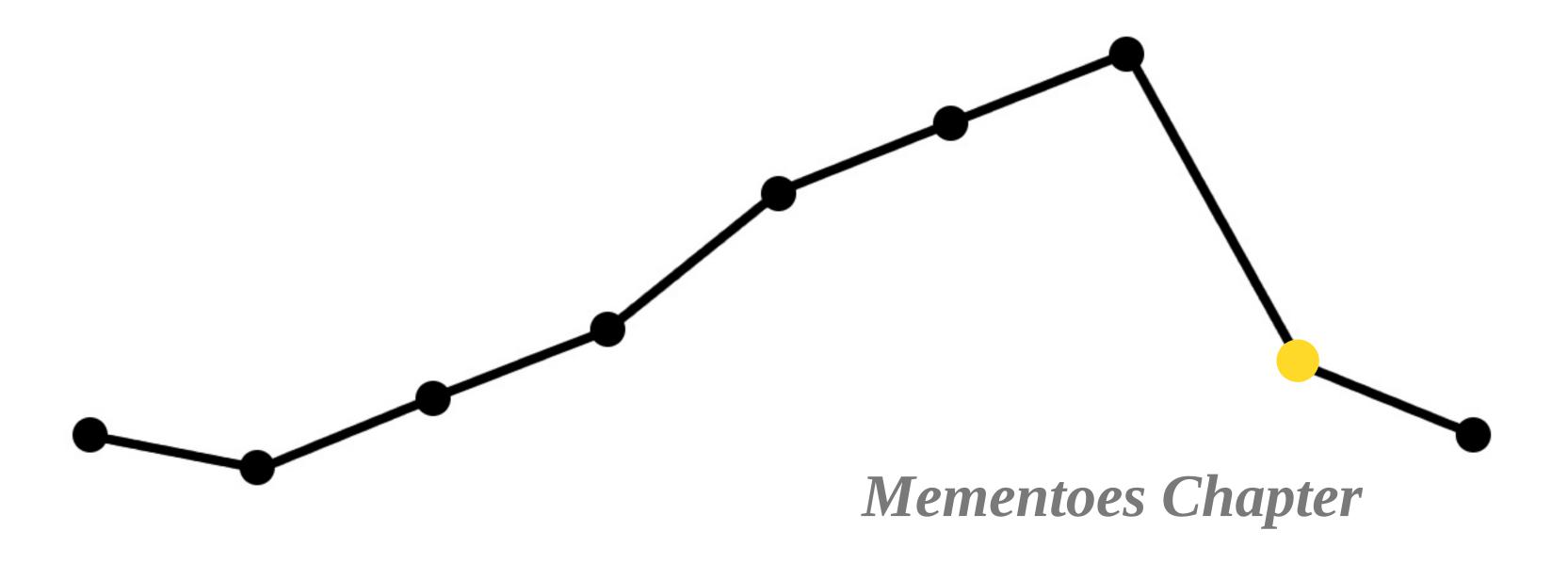


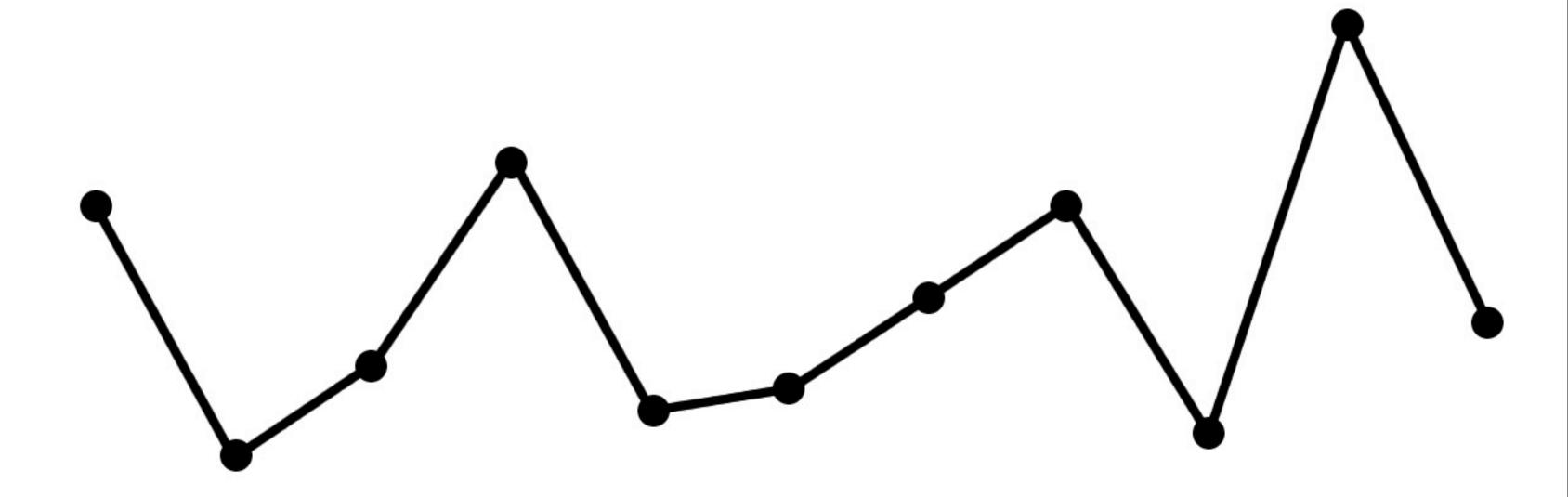


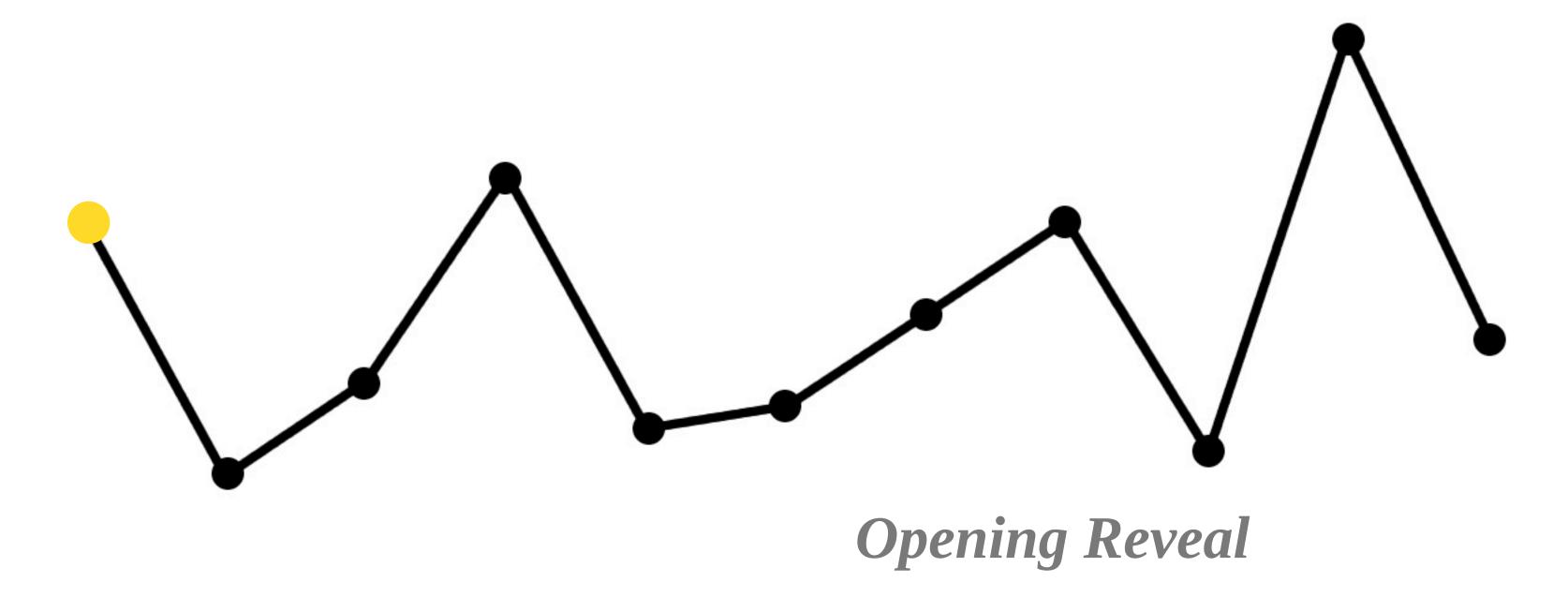


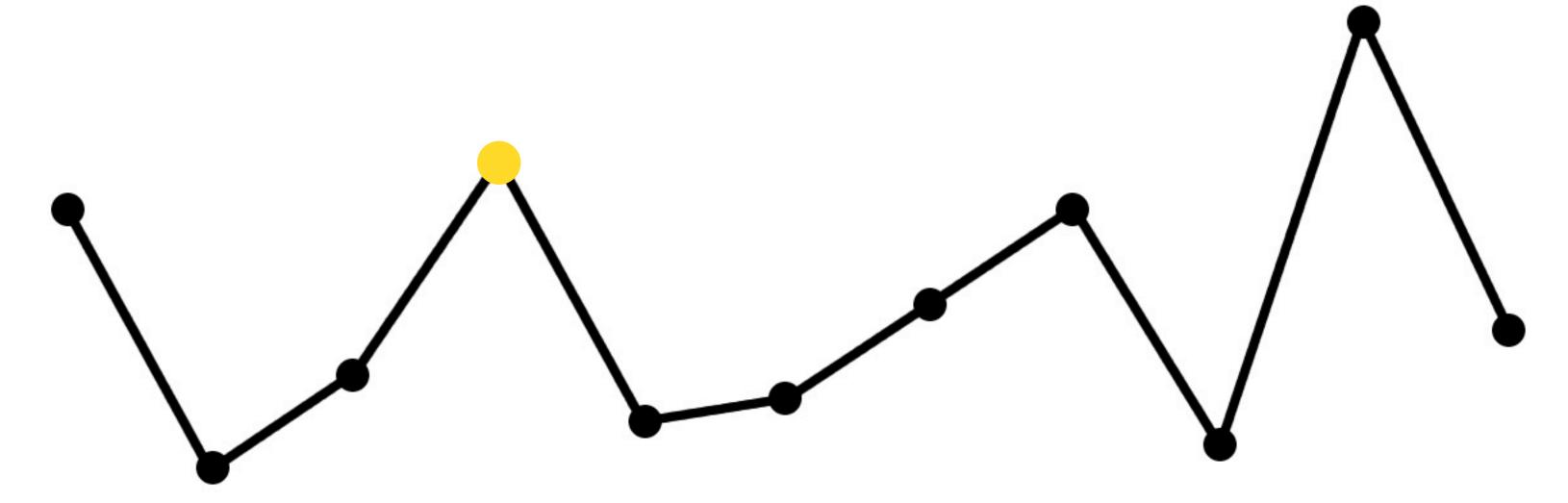








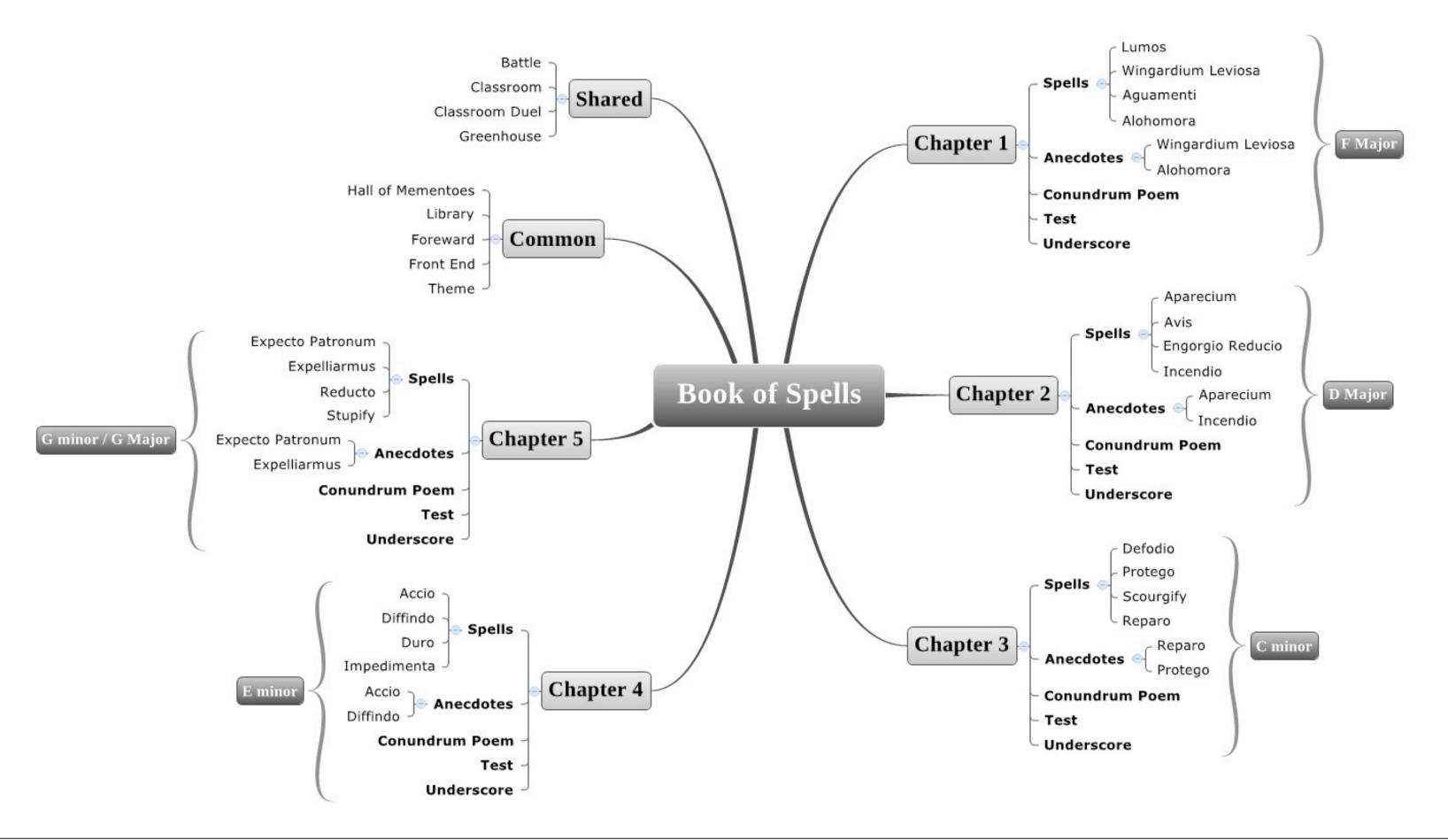




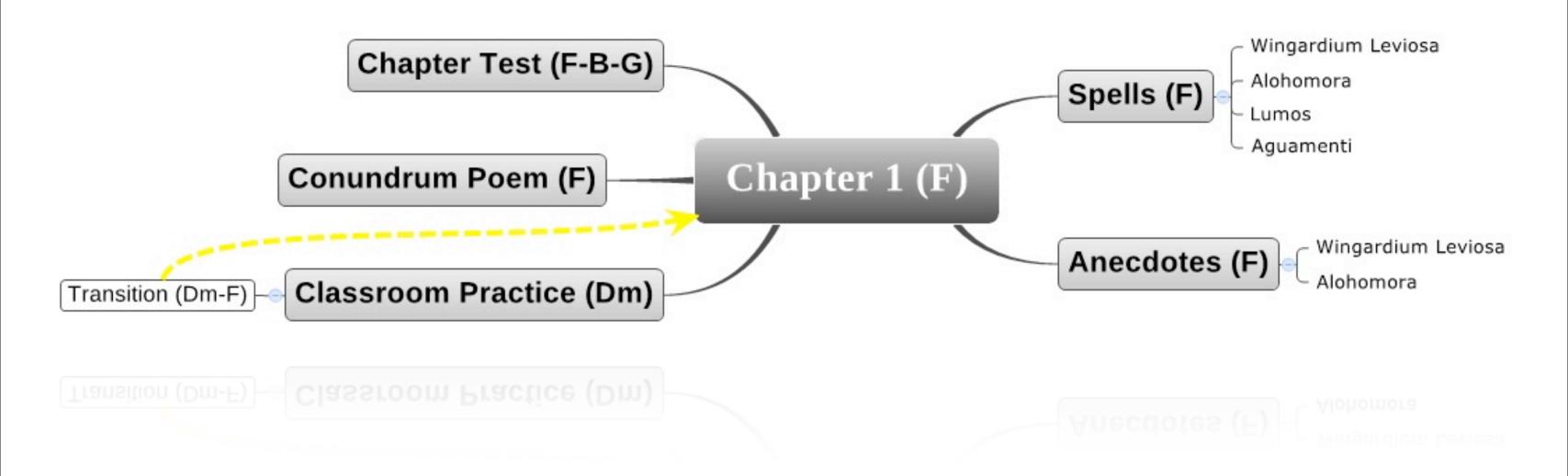
Incantation Reveal







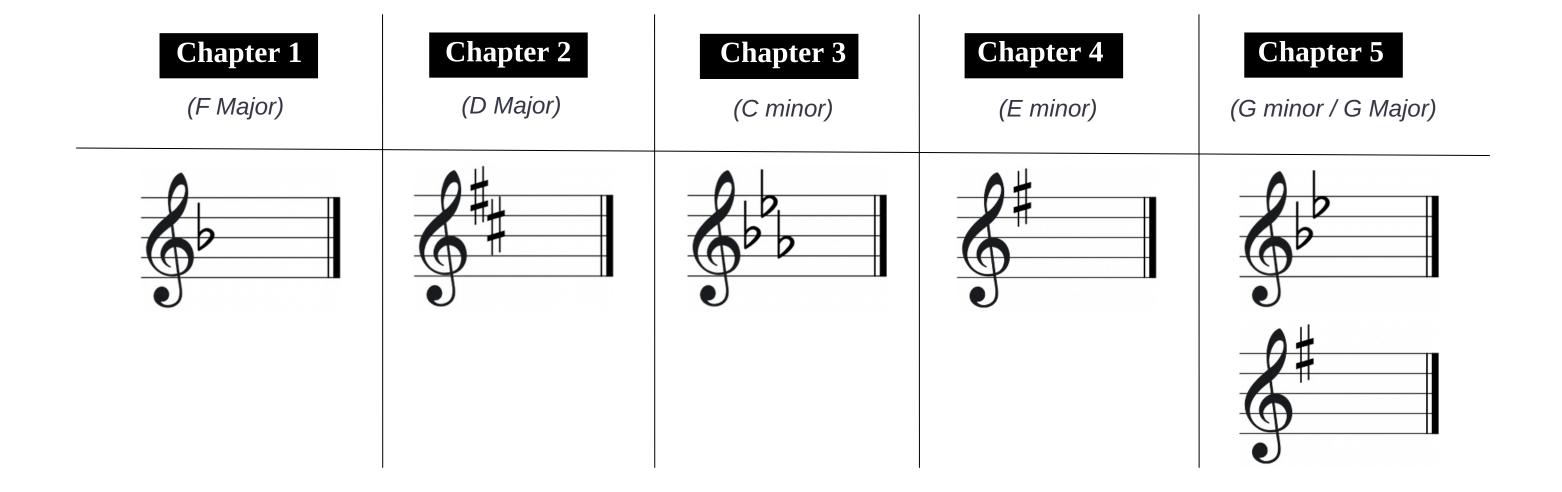
Chapter 1 Example



Key Structures & Key Colours

Key structures influenced by 'Key Colour' theories

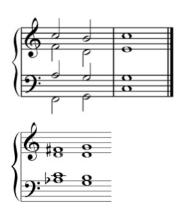
Each chapter based around one dominant key, but has modulation within cues







No tuba or trombone



Neapolitan & French 6ths

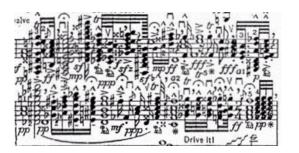


Extended brass, but still no tuba





Large brass section. Un-pitched percussion



Dense harmonies, extensions, ambiguity

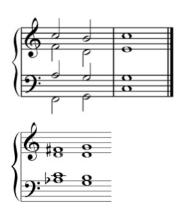


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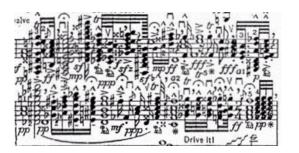


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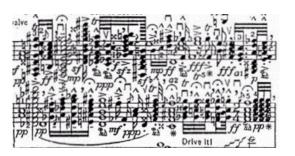
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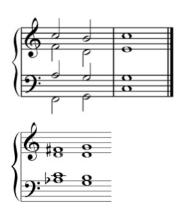


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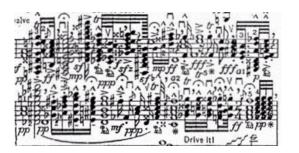


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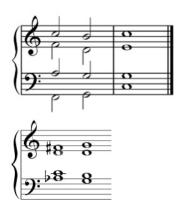


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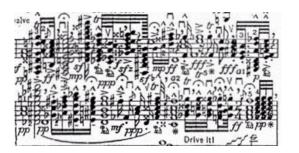


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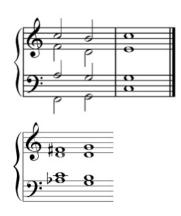


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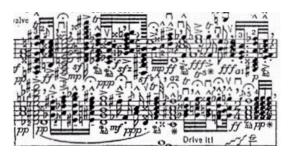


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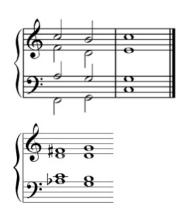


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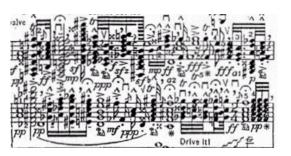
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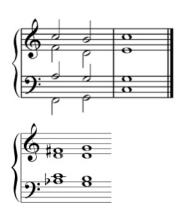


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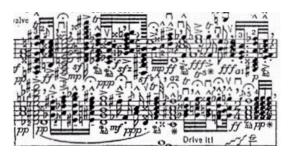


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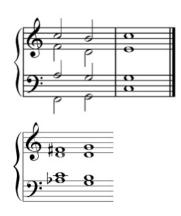
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Orchestration





No tuba or trombone



Neapolitan & French 6ths

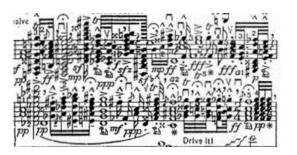


Extended brass, but still no tuba





Large brass section. Un-pitched percussion



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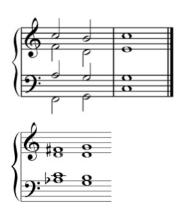
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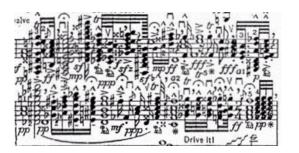


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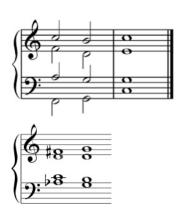
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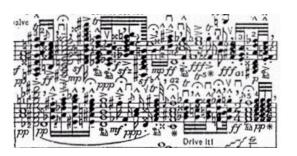


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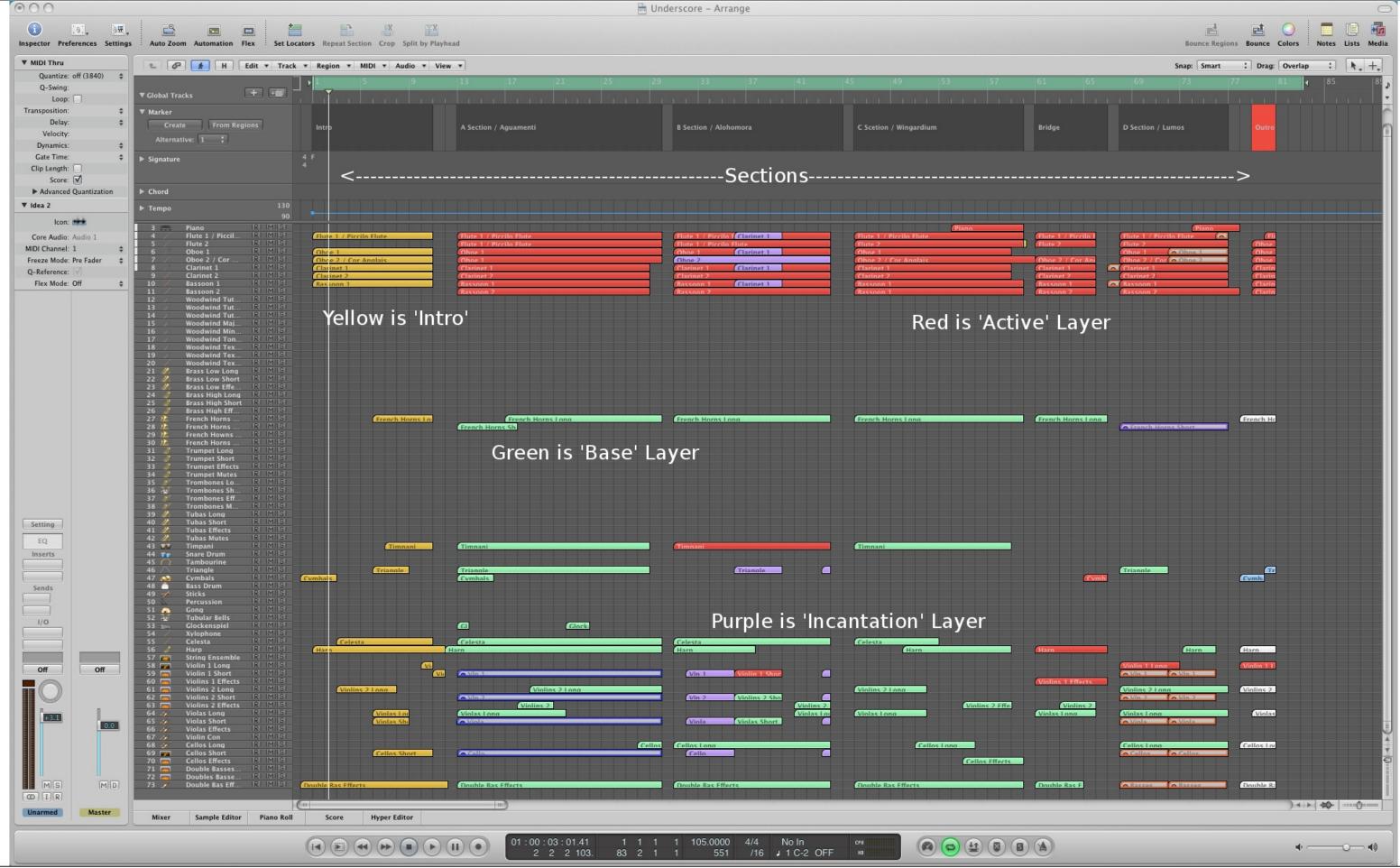
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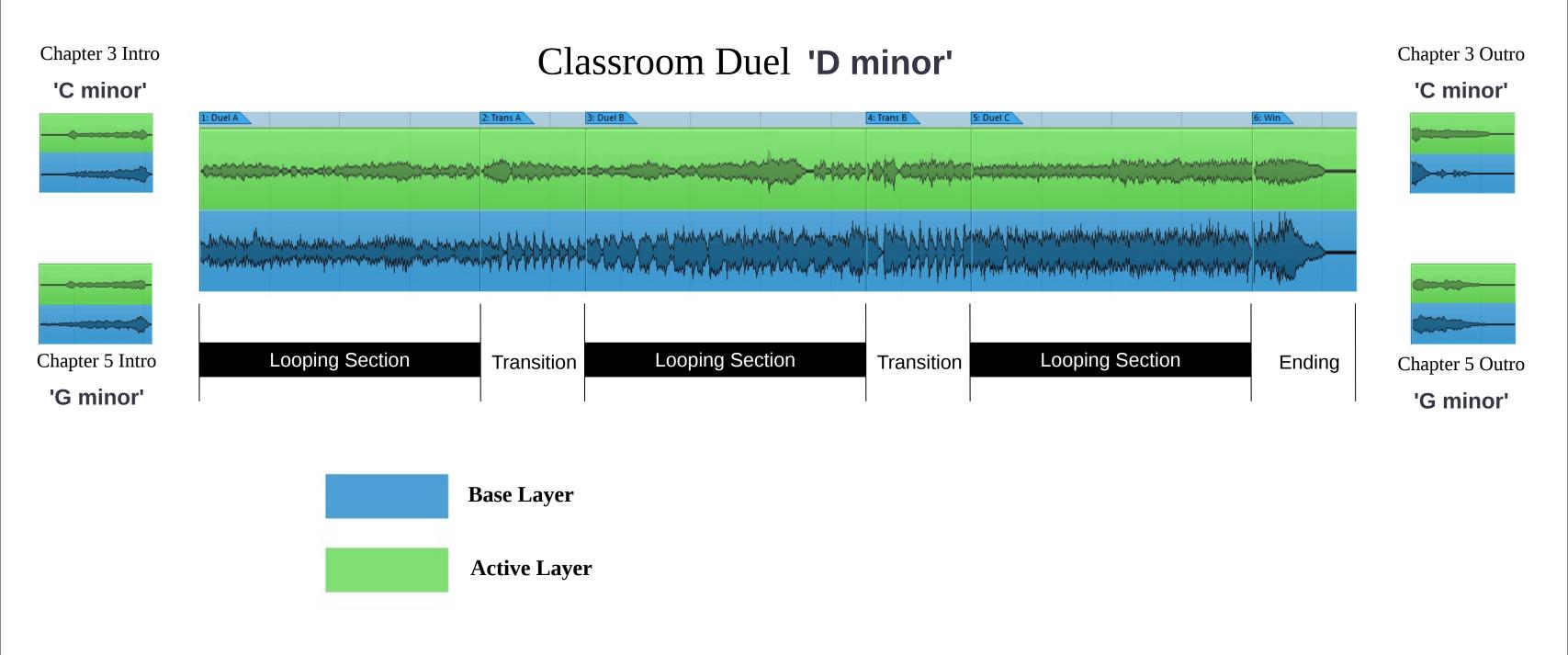
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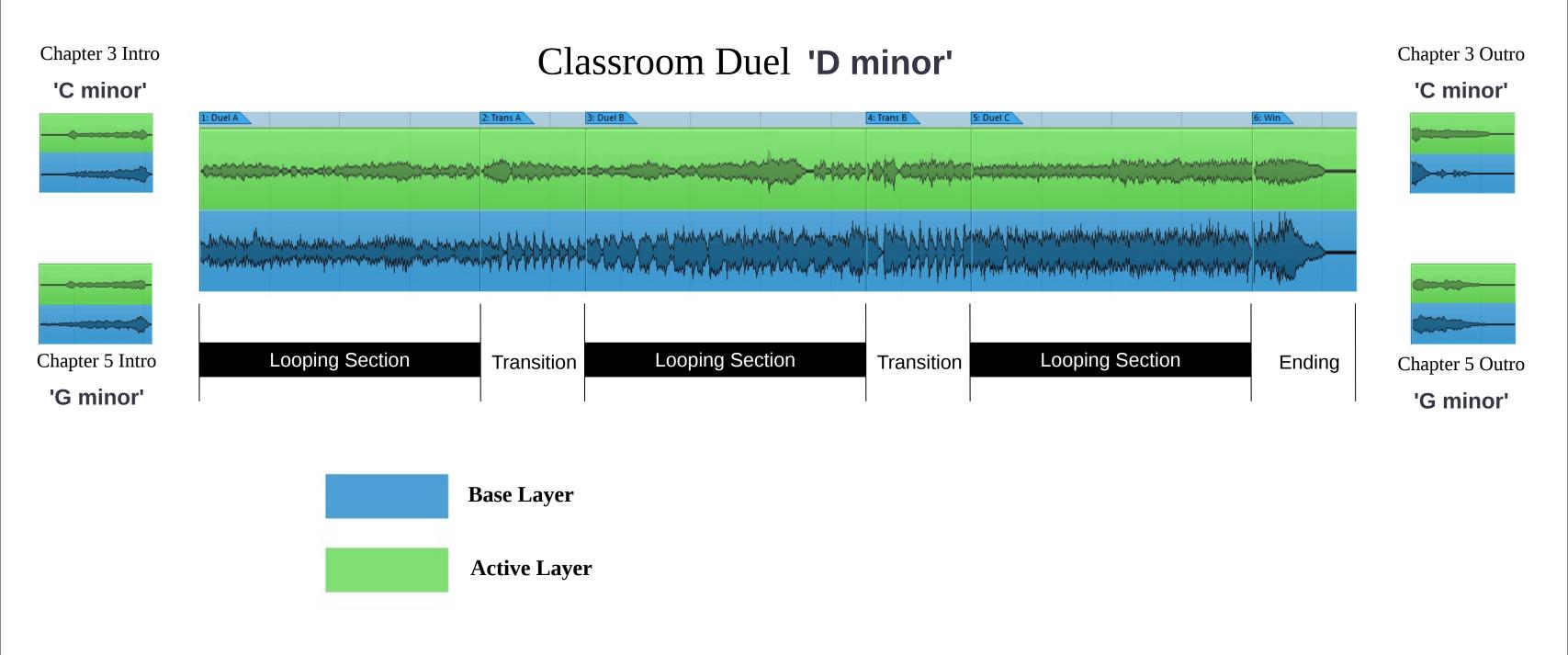
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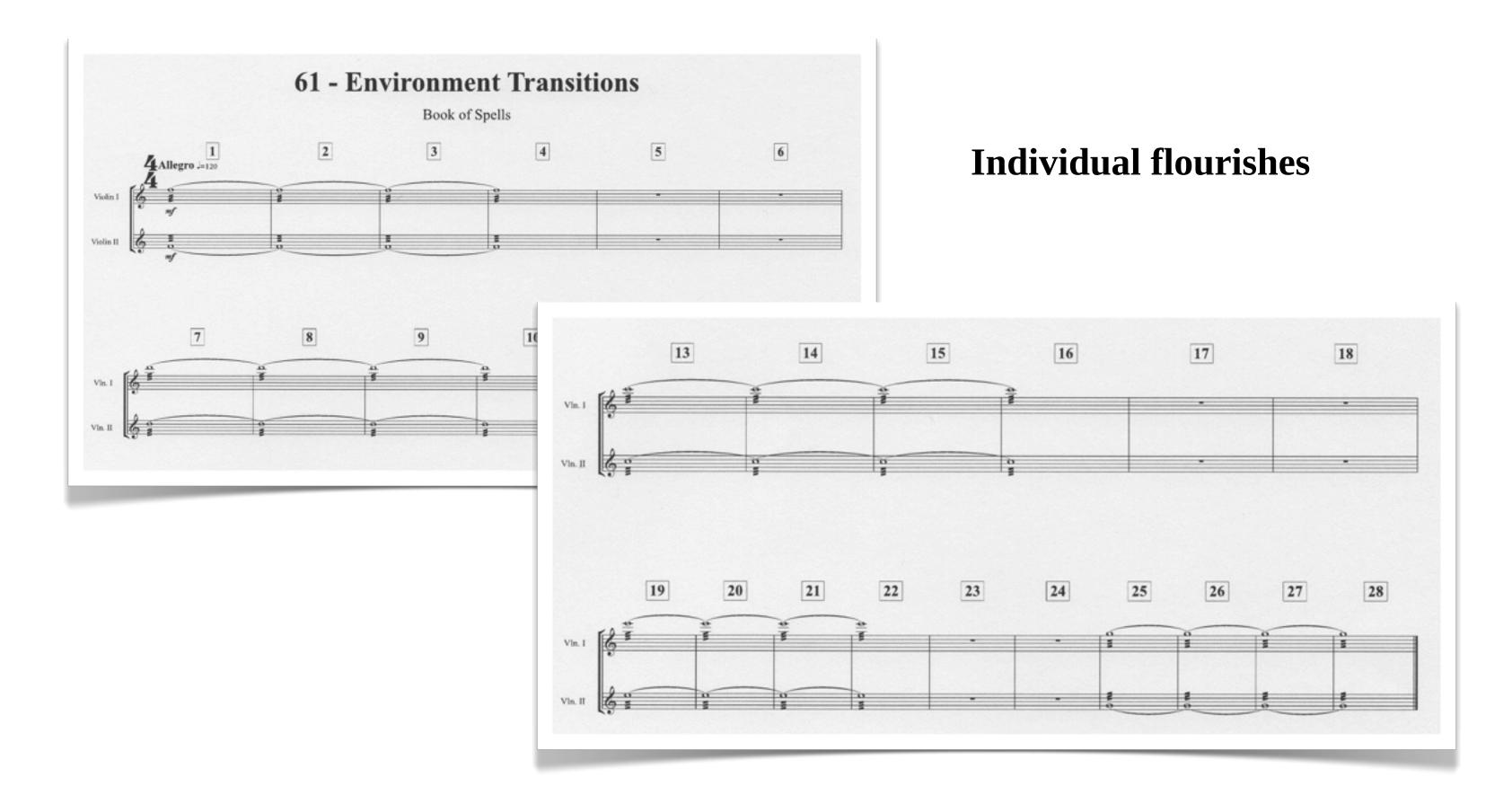


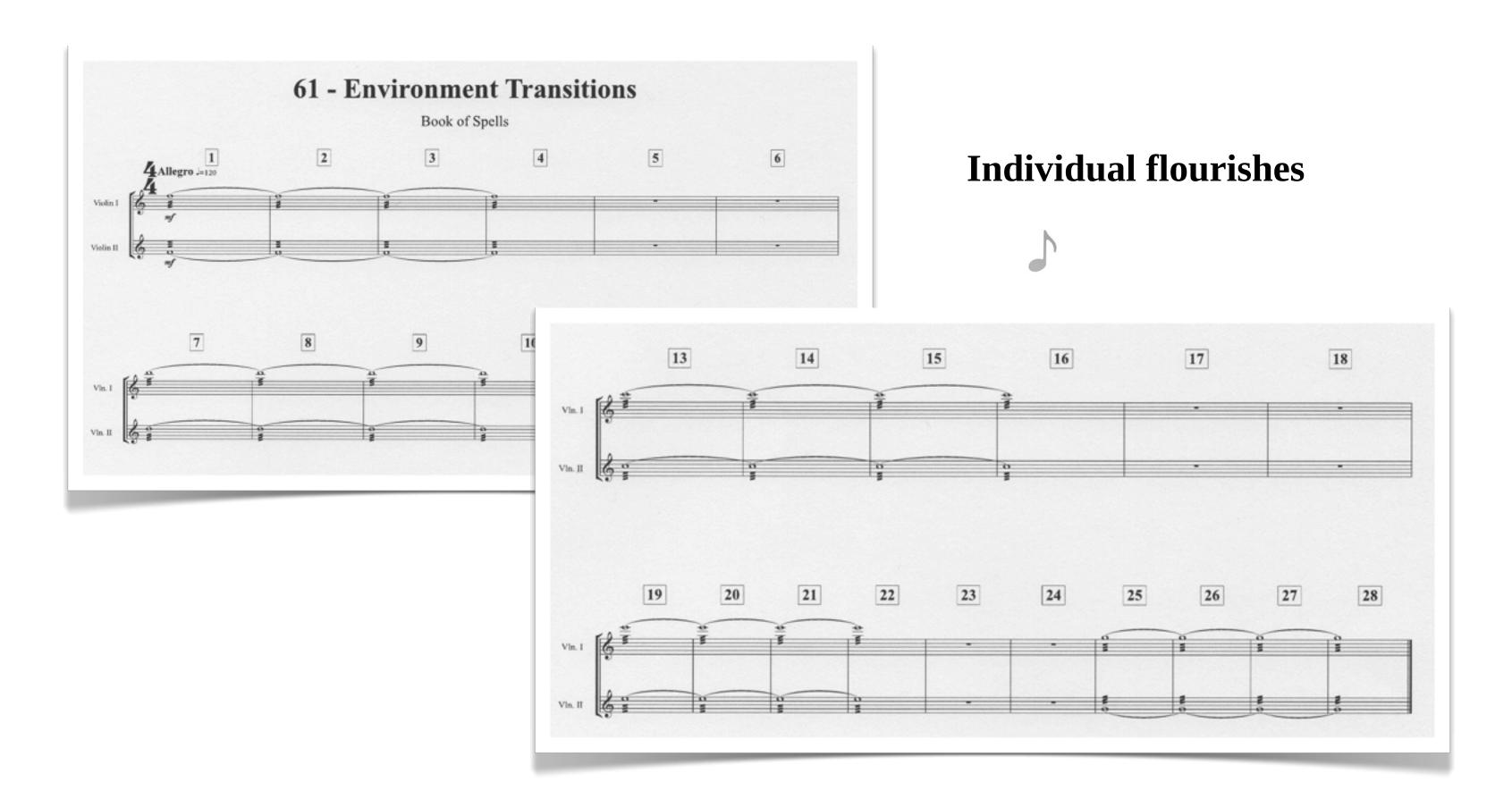
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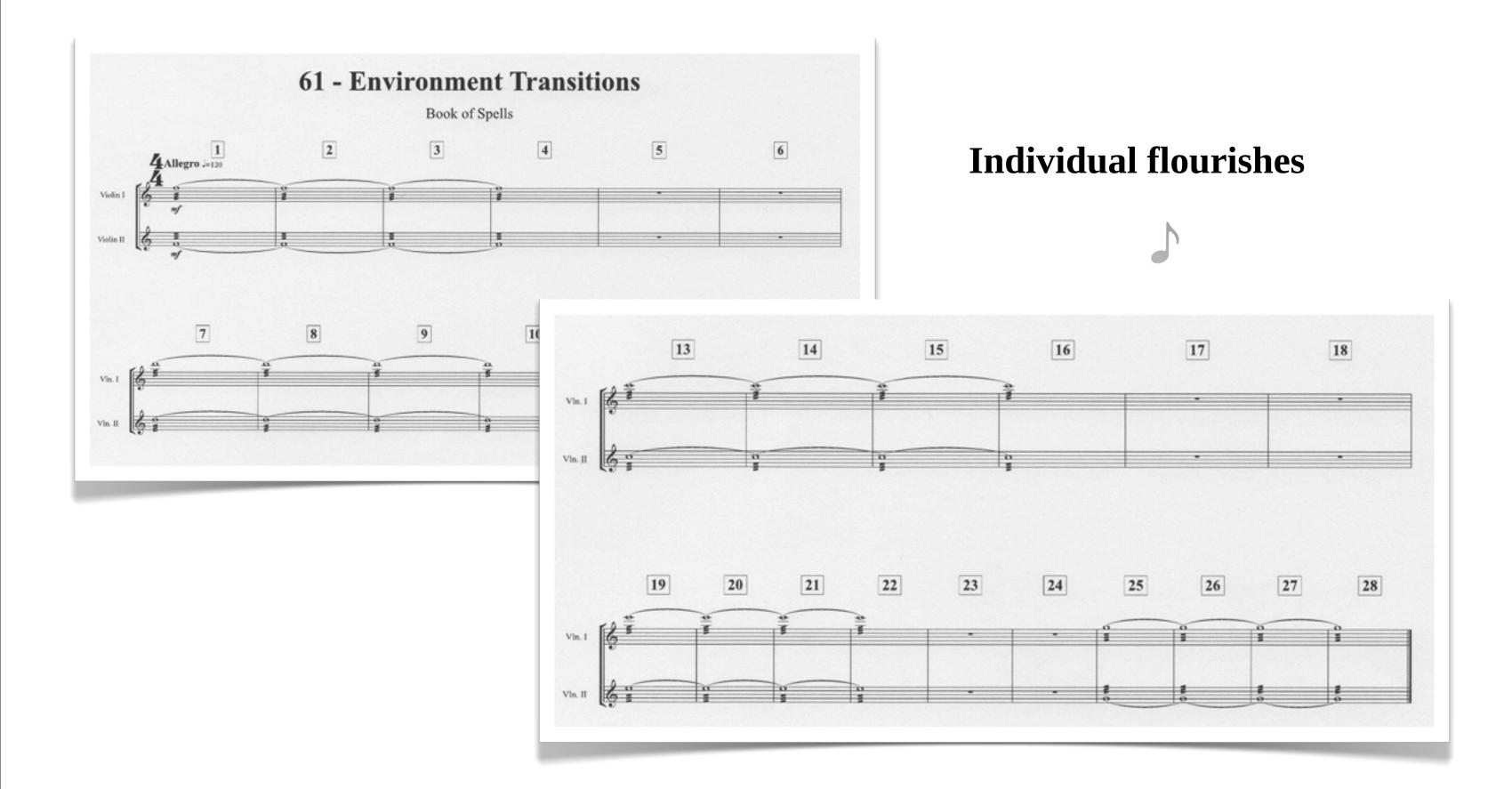


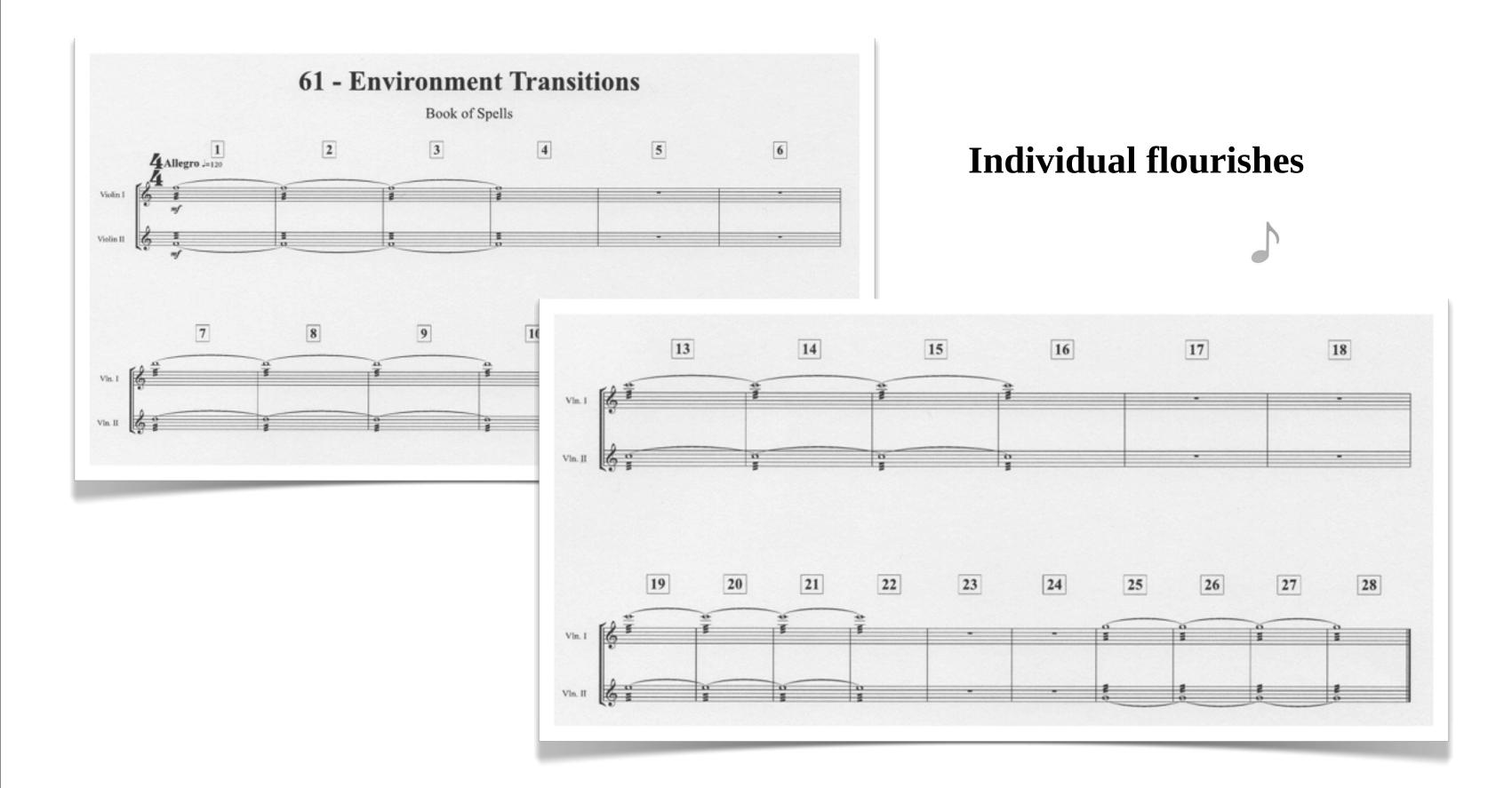
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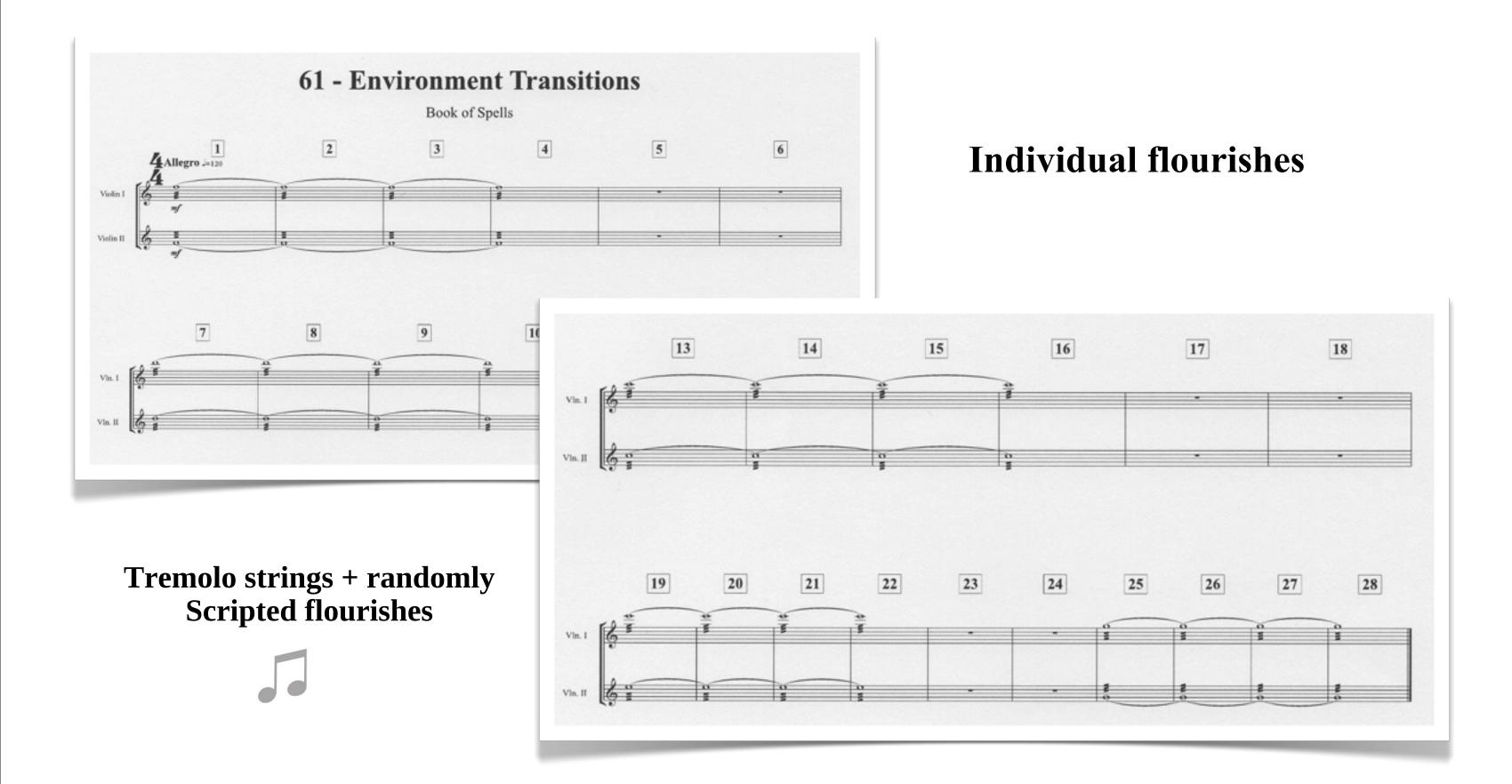








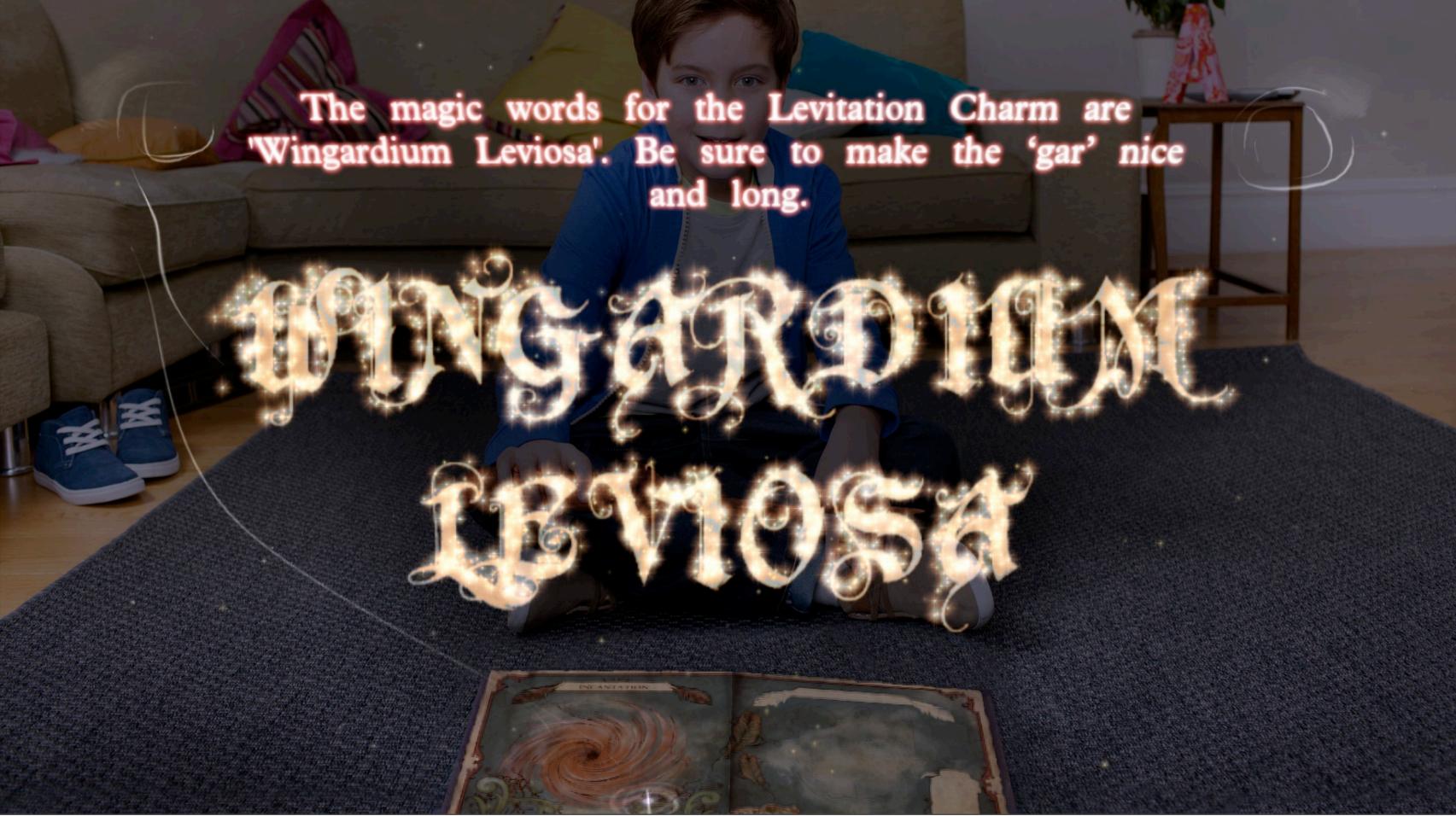


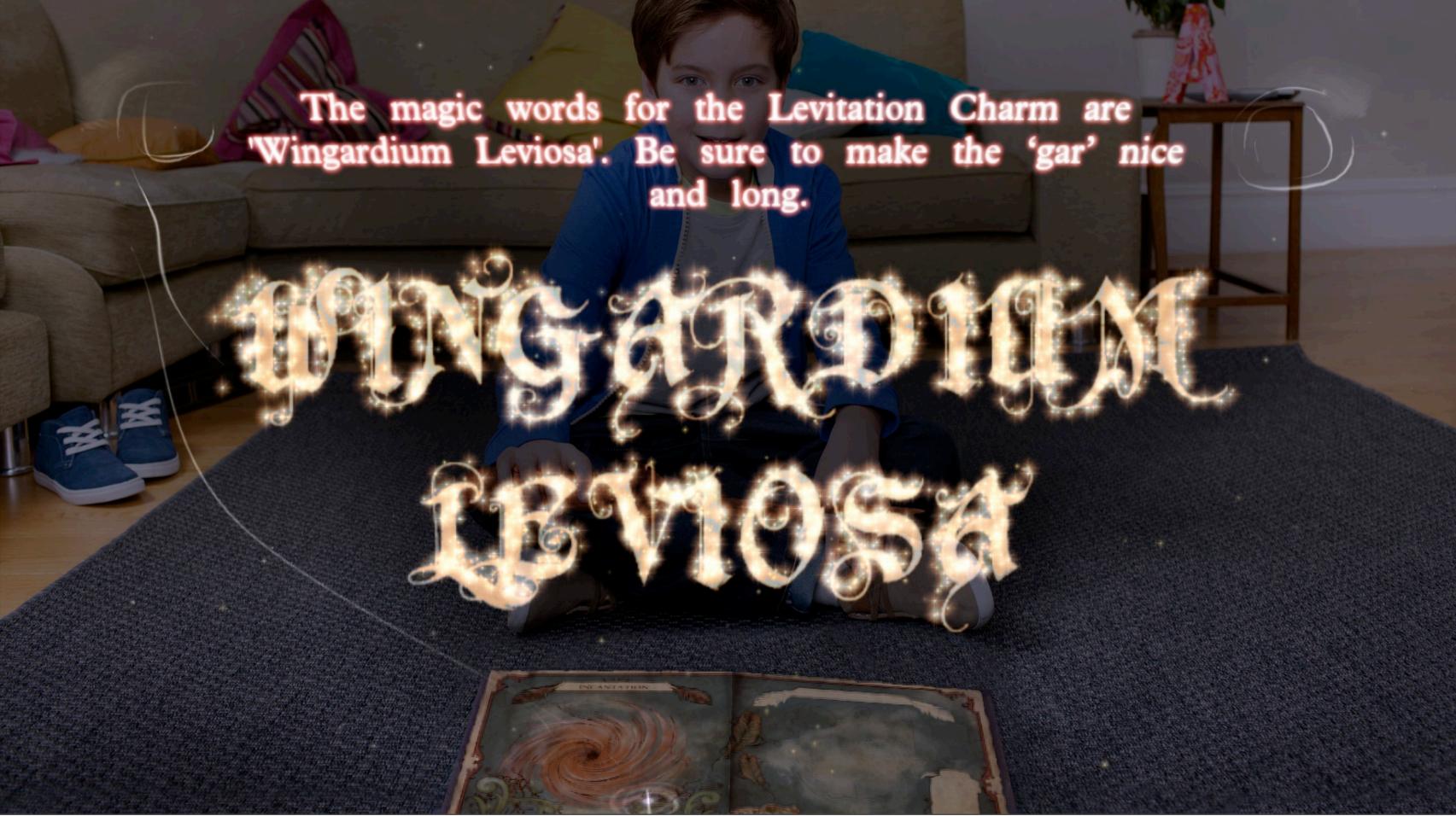


Sketch > MIDI > Live

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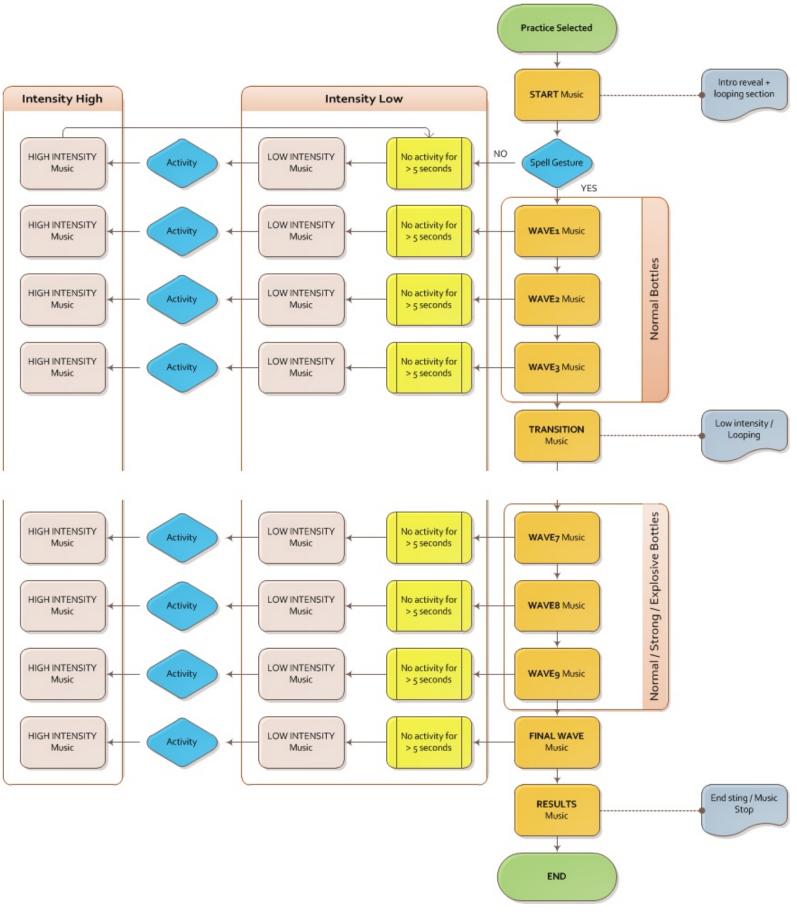


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Environments









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Lessons learnt from composition

MIDI file errors exporting from Logic into Sibelius

Writing under pressure often leads to the best music

Score preparation. Triple check and check again before sending to copyist

Have a solid style guide and reference makes the journey much easier

Rely on other disciplines for assets to work with



Recording & Mix Session

Four days recording. Two sessions per day



Seven days mixing

Stereo and surround

41 musicians

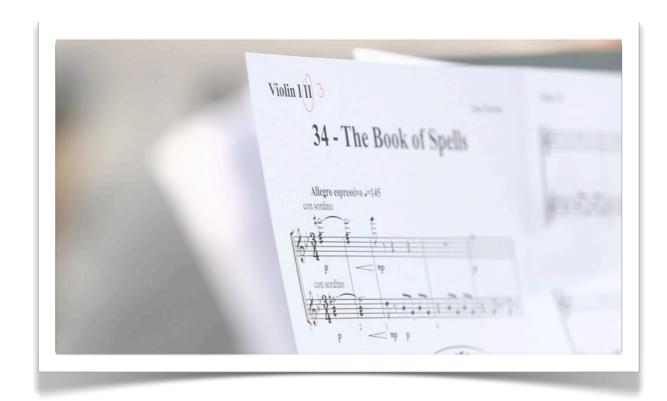
Live piano

AIR Studios

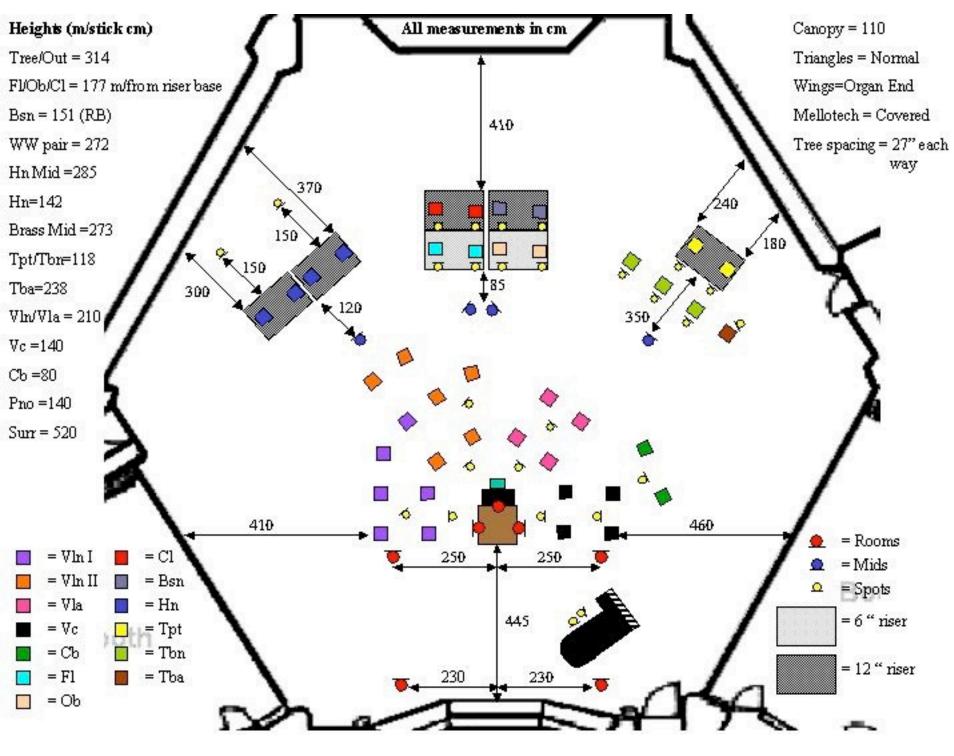
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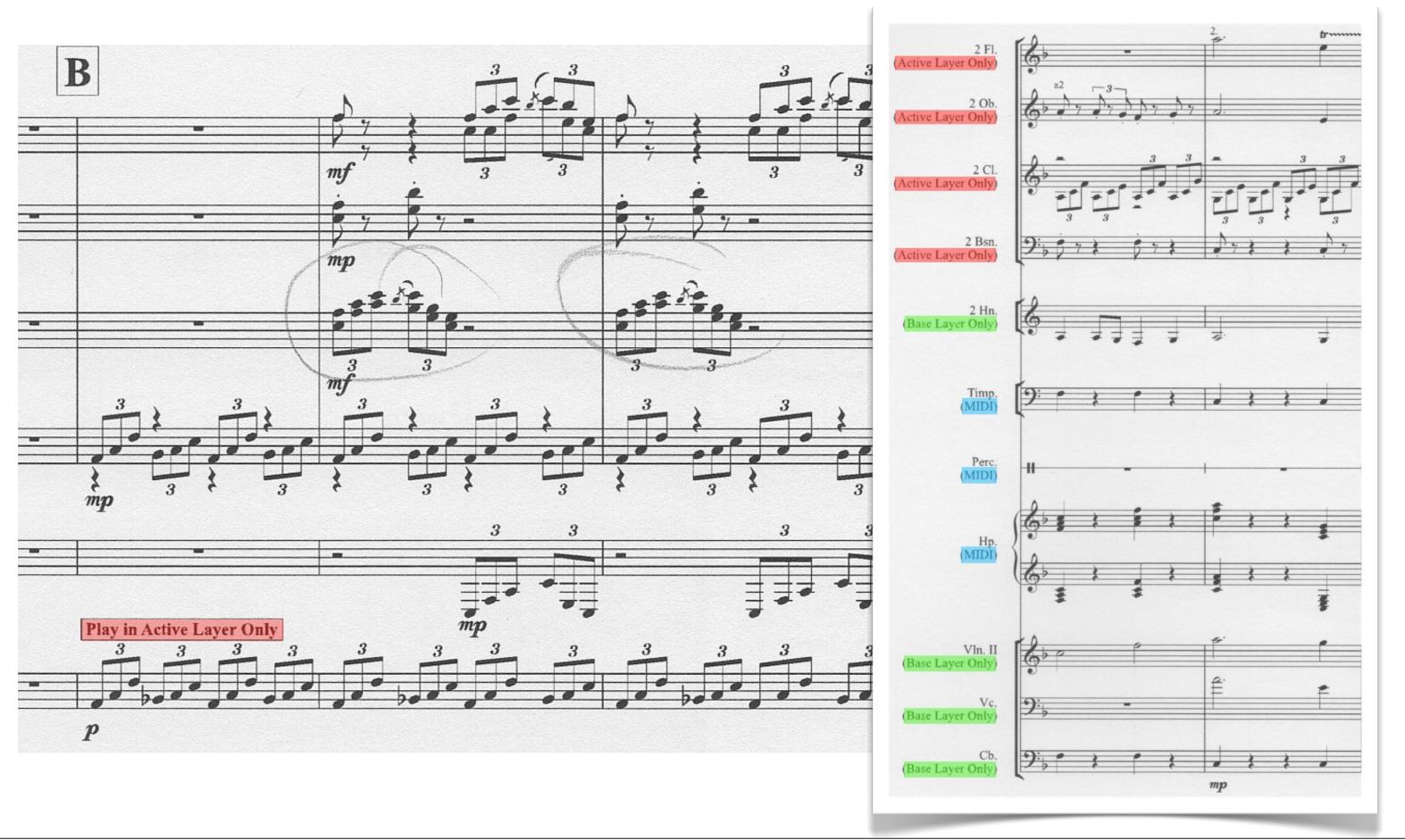


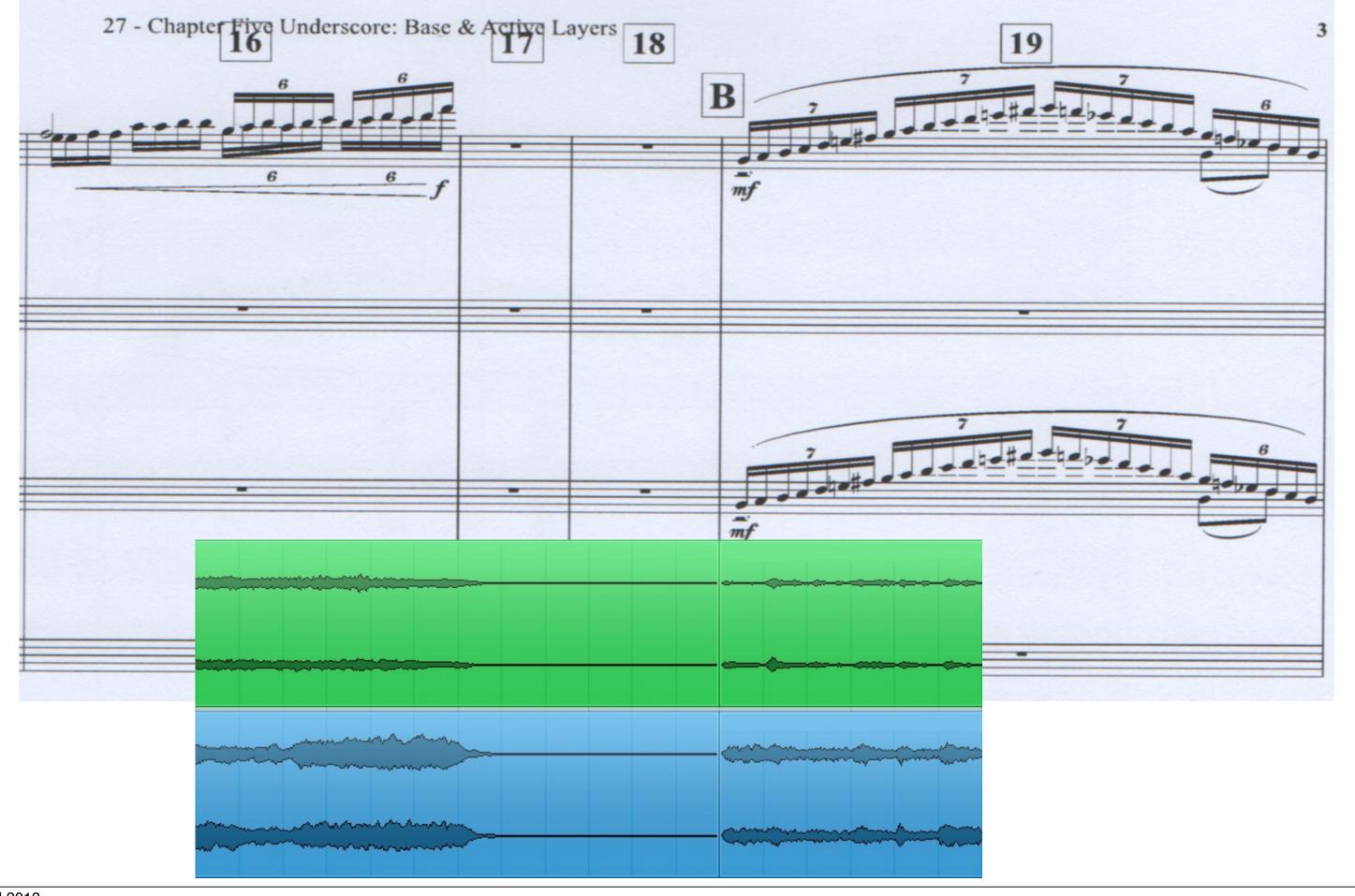


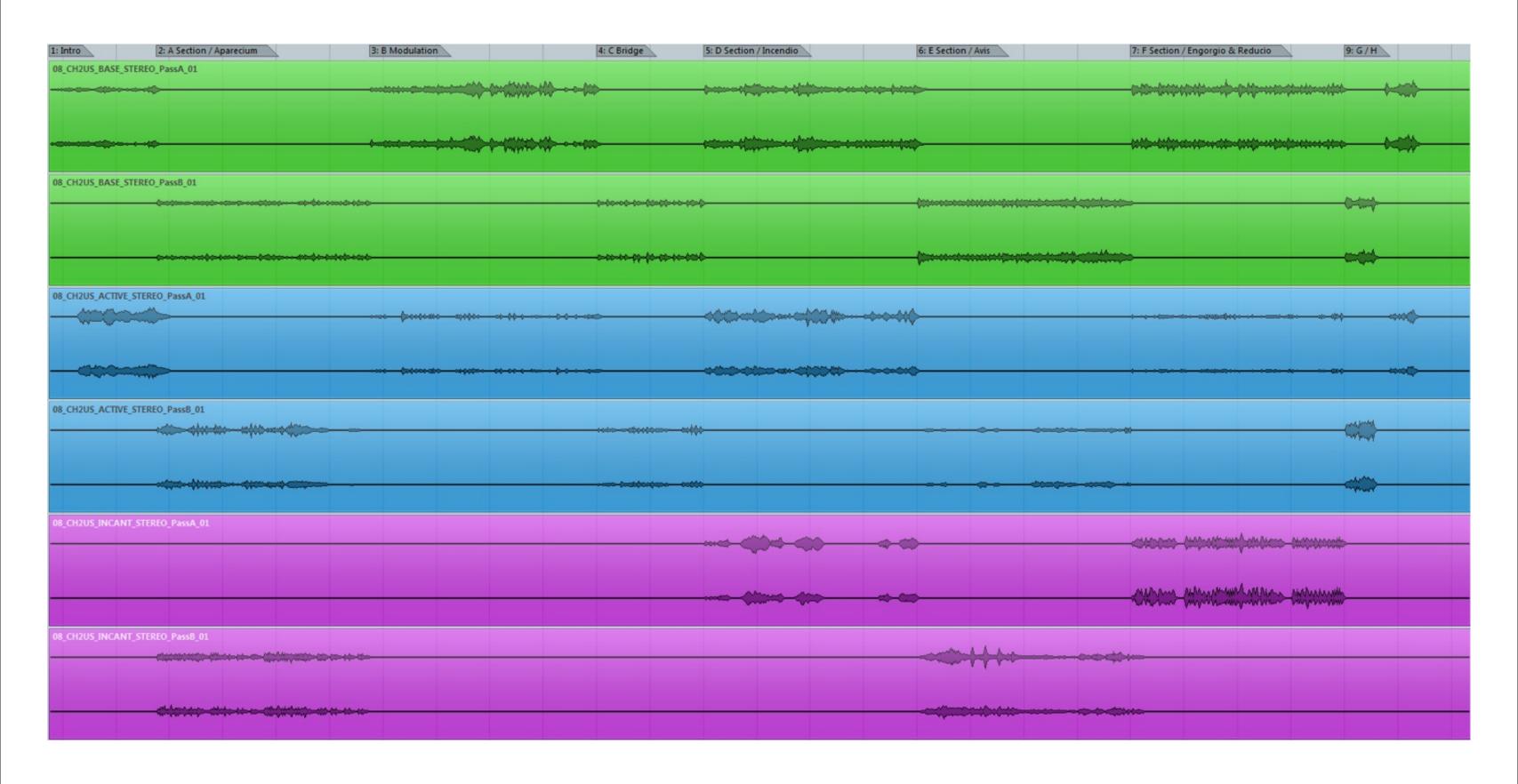




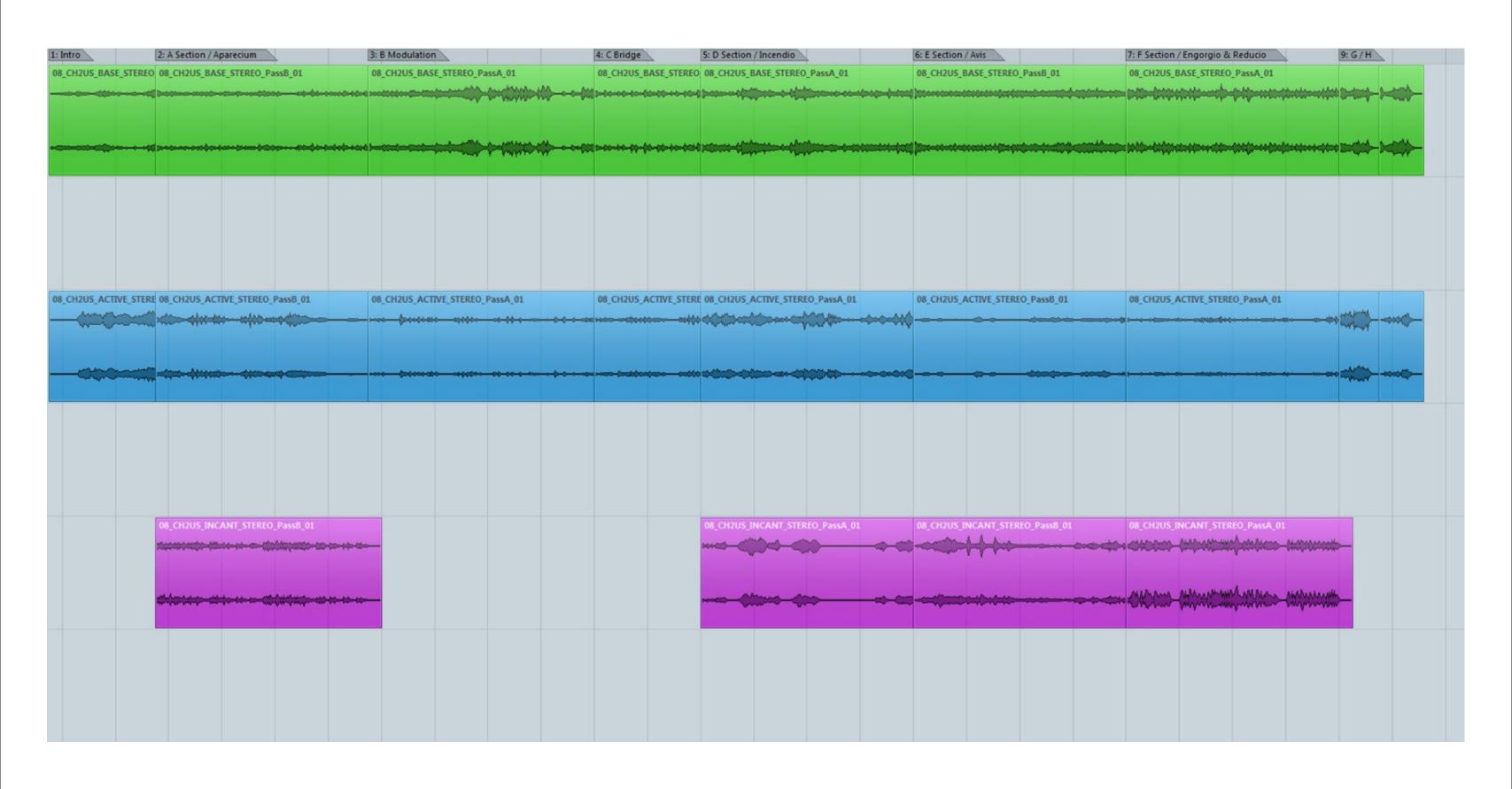










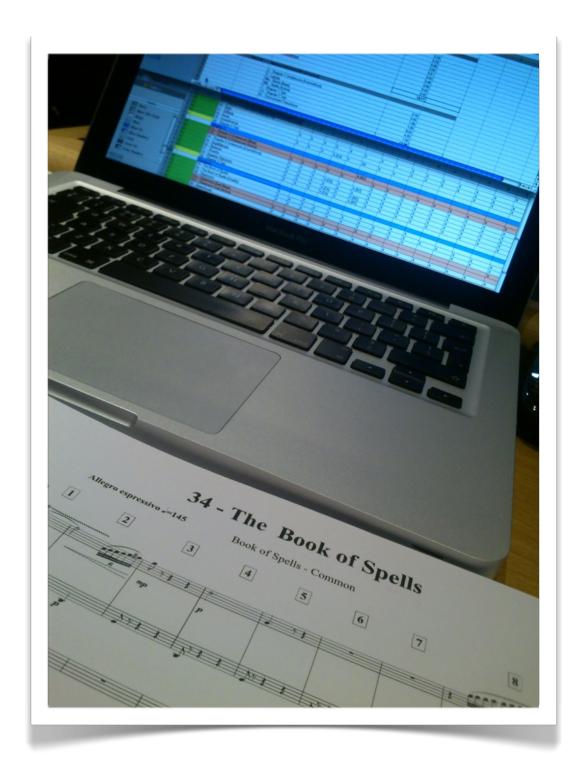


Recording Session Schedule

Cue tracking Spreadsheet

Flexibility in schedule

Which musicians are playing on each cue



100	Fit. I	Fit. II	Ob. I	Ob. II	Cint. I	Cint. II	Bsn. I	Bsn. II	Hrn. I	Hrn. II	Hrn. II	Hrn. IV	Trmp. I	Trmp. II	Trmb. I	Trmb. II	Bs. Trmb.	Tuba	Piano	Vin I	Vin II	Vla	Cel	Bs	Total	LENGTH	Estimate
Chapter 1																											
1a - Chapter 1 Underscore (Base)	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X					2							0			Х		12	2:16	2:16
1a - Chapter 1 Underscore (Active)	X	X	X	Х	х	X	X	Х	X	X														X	12	2:16	
2 - Chapter 1 Underscore (Incantations)																									0	2:16	
3 - Wingardium Leviosa	X	X	х	х	x	x	x	х	х	х		*								×	X	Х	x	Х	32	0:39	
4 - Alohomora	X	х	х	х	x	X	x	х												×	X	х	х	Х	30	0:58	
5 - Lumos	x	X	х	х	x	x	x	x	x	X										х	X	х	x	Х	32	0:43	
6 - Aguamenti	X	х	х	х	x	X	x	Х												×	X	х	x	Х	30	0:41	0:41
7 - Chapter 1 Test																									0		4:00
Chapter 2															7		2.00										
8a - Chapter 2 Underscore (Base)	х	Х			х	х	х	х	х	Х			9		х	х	x			x		Х	х	Х	27	2:20	2:20
8b - Chapter 2 Underscore (Active)	x	х	x	х	х	X	x	X	х	х										x	х	Х	х		30	2:20	
9 - Chapter 2 Underscore (Incantations)	x	х	х	х	х	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	х			x	x	Х	х	х	39	2:20	
10 - Incendio	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	X	X	x	x	x	x	 		x	x	x	x	x	39	0:51	0:51
11 - Avis	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	**	x	x	x	X	-	-	x	x	x	 	 	x	x	x	x	x	36	0:43	
12 - Aparecium	X	X	X	X	x	X	x	x	x	X	X	X				-				x	X	×	x	x	34	0:46	
13 - Engorgio	X	X	X	^	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	×	x	x	38	0:56	
14 - Chapter 2 Test	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	×	x	x	x	x	x	x	×	×		x	x	x	x	x	40	4:20	
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15a - Chapter 3 Underscore (Base)																									0	2:28	2:28
15b - Chapter 3 Underscore (Active)																_					_	+		\vdash	0	2:28	
16 - Chapter 3 Underscore (Incantations)																									0	2:28	
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20 - Protego	^	Α	^	^	^	X (BC)	^	Χ.	Λ	X	X	X	Χ	X	Α	X	Α	Α		^	^	^	Α	Λ.	40	0:50	0:50
Chapter 4																						-			0	2.24	2.24
21a - Chapter 4 Underscore (Base)			_		_										_	_		-	_	-	+	+	-	+	0	2:34	
21b - Chapter 4 Underscore (Active)																									0	2:34	
22 - Chapter 4 Underscore (Incantations)			_				_										v		_	v	~	v		v	0	2:34	
23 - Duro	v	v	v	v	v	v		v	v	v	v	v	v	u	Α		Α	^	-	^	X	X.	X	X.	25	0:45	
24 - Diffindo	Х	X	X	×	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X			и		-	X	X	X	X	X	36	0:43	
25 - Accio			v	V (CA)	v	VV	v	v	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	32	0:45	
26 - Rictusempra	Х	X	Х	X (CA)	Х	XX	X	X					Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X		X	Х	Х	Х	X >	<u>C</u>	0:46	0:46
Chapter 5																		_		_		-			-	2:07	2.05
27a - Chapter 5 Underscore (Base)			_												_			-	-	-	-	+	-	\vdash	0	2:05	
27b - Chapter 5 Underscore (Active)																									0	2:05	
28 - Chapter 5 Underscore (Incantations)			u	W (61)	v	V /50	v	v	,		v		u	v			v	v	-		v				0	2:05	
29 - Expelliarmus		X	X	X (CA)	X	X (BC)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	40	0:45	
30 - Reducto	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	v	-	X	X	X	X	X	39	0:37	
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32 - Expecto Patronus	X	X	X	X (CA)	X	X (BC)	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	Х	X	X	X	-	X	X	Х	X	Х	40	0:57	
33 - Chapter 5 Test																		-				-			0		4:00
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34 - The Book of Spells	X		X		X		X		X	Х									Х	X	Х	Х	X	Х	29	2:20	
35 - The Book of Spells (Credits)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	41	2:27	
36 - Classroom	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х					Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	37	3:00	
37a - Classroom Battle (Base)																						-			0		2:30
37b - Classroom Battle (Active)																									0	<u> </u>	2:30
38 - Greenhouse							X																		1		2:30
39a - Battle (Base)	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X					X	Х	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	24	1:06	
39b - Battle (Active)		3							X	X	X	X				3				X	X				16	1:06	1:06
Miscellaneous																											
																								1	TOTAL	5:18	20:29

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Lessons learnt from Recording Session

Get someone else to proof read scores

Check all MIDI samples in correct octave in score

Have chord sheet for each cue

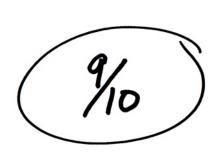
Logic doesn't export tempo changes properly when imported in Pro Tools

Check backing tracks are correct

Keep MIDI arrangements as 'clean' as possible

Book studio well in advance

Keep the musicians happy



Schedule



Luxury of prototype phase

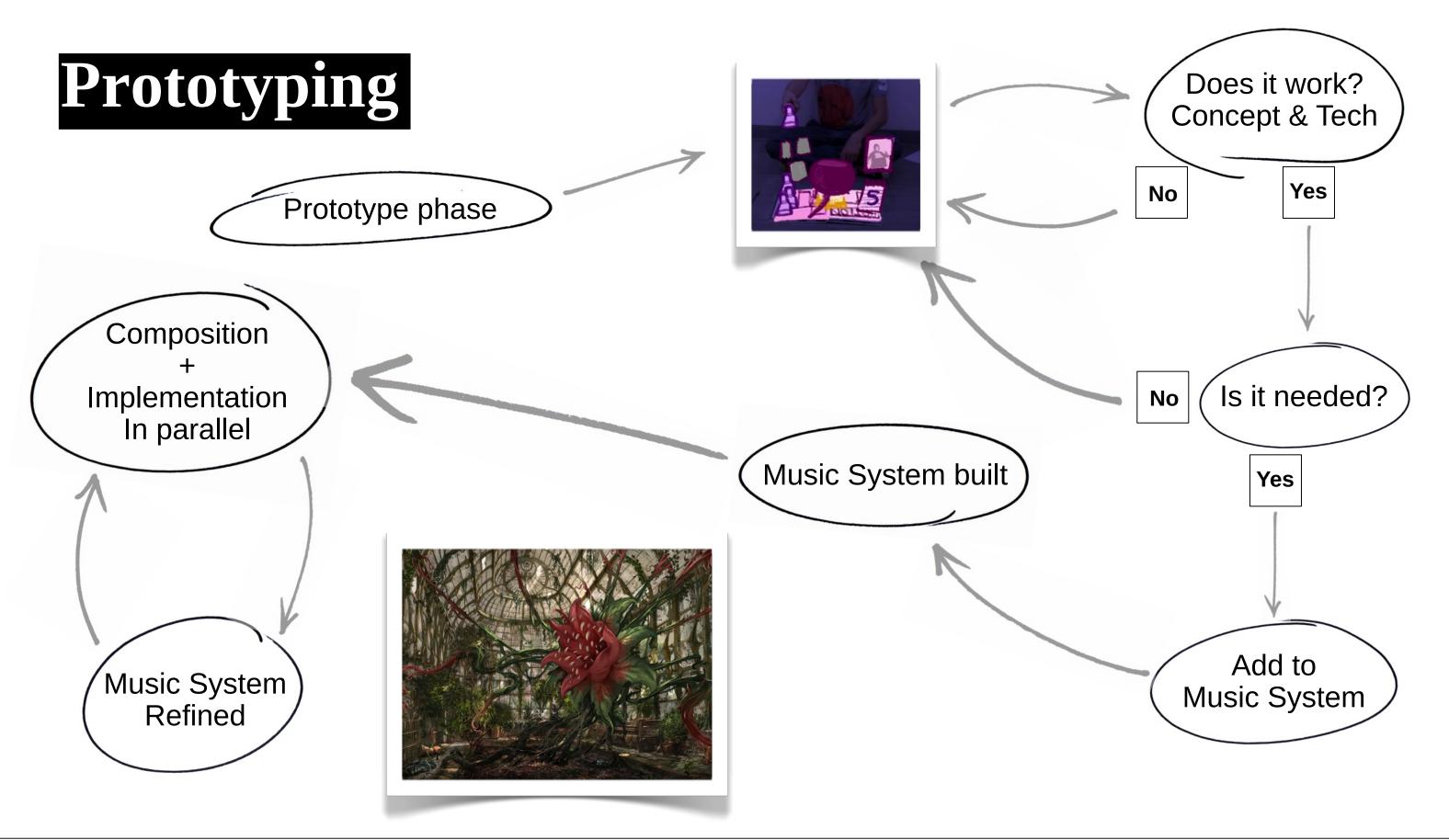
12 months composition

Composition in BETA phase

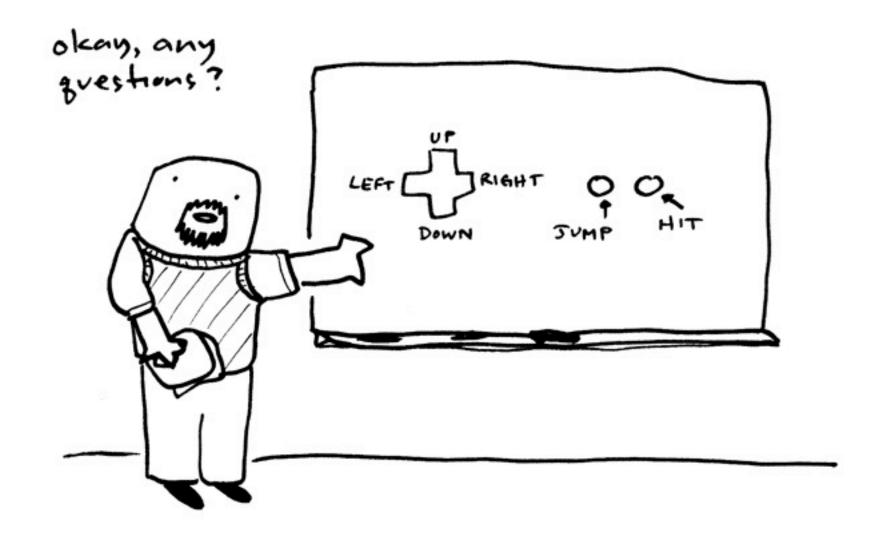
Needed second recording session

High dependancy on other disciplines

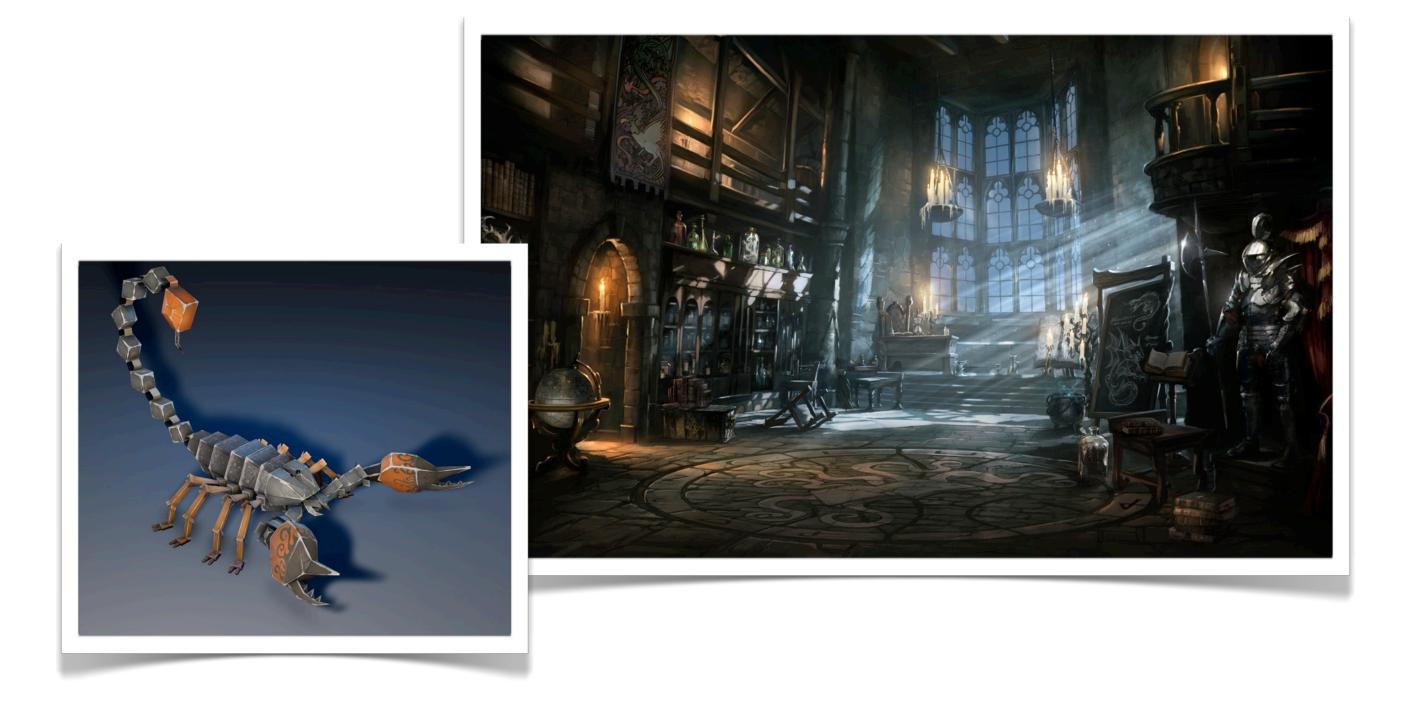
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Working with Design



Working with Art & Animation



Working with Code

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         AppendTo [GameResults[nmax, {a, b}, colors, tmax], {n, guess, t}];
          startnextround[], ImageSize → 40, Appearance → "Palette"];
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         Graphics[
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             Grid[Partition[
               PadRight[Table[guessbutton[n, t, i], {i, nmax}],
                Ceiling[nmax, 4], ""], 4]]}]], ImageSize → 200];
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       startnextround[];
       Dynamic[display]
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