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PROGRESSIVE STEPS TO SYNCOPATION FOR THE MODERN DRUMMER

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Foreword

In Every band or ensemble, the drummer is called upon to give that group a Solid rythmic foundation. Therefore it is important that every drummer have Excellent music reading skills. The goal of this book is to first introduce basic Music reading skills and then to explore many of the most common syncopation rythms found in today´s music.

Here are some suggestions on how to practice the rythms and exercices found on this book:

1.Count out loud. This is a must in order to become a good reader.

2.Practice at various tempos from slow to fast.

3. Work on incorporating the syncopated rythms you learn in this book around the full drumset (toms, cymbals, hi-hat, etc.).

4. Devote some of your practice tim to playing with a metronome

Remember, there is no substitute for a good teacher

Since its publication, many drummers have asked me how I was inspired to write this book.
I was teaching drums , giving 85 half-hour lessons each week with about 55 students. Monday to Friday.
First I would lesson to the student´s last lesson and then write, demonstrate ,explain and play with them on their new lesson.

I then wrote all that stuff and made copies. I was carefull to protect my original work from plagiarism until I recieved an official copiright from Washington, D.C. I published it in 1958 and now it´s in your hands/pc.

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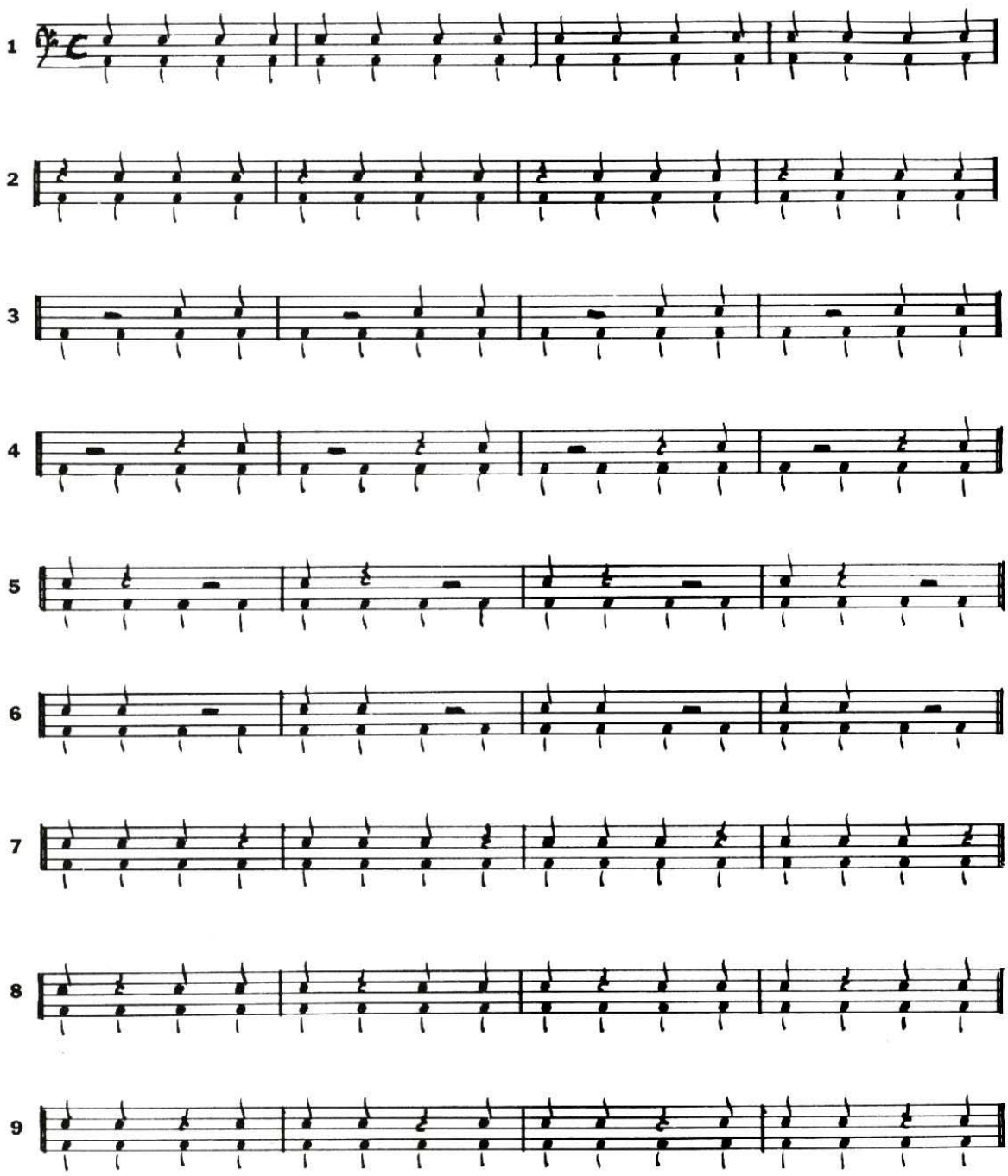

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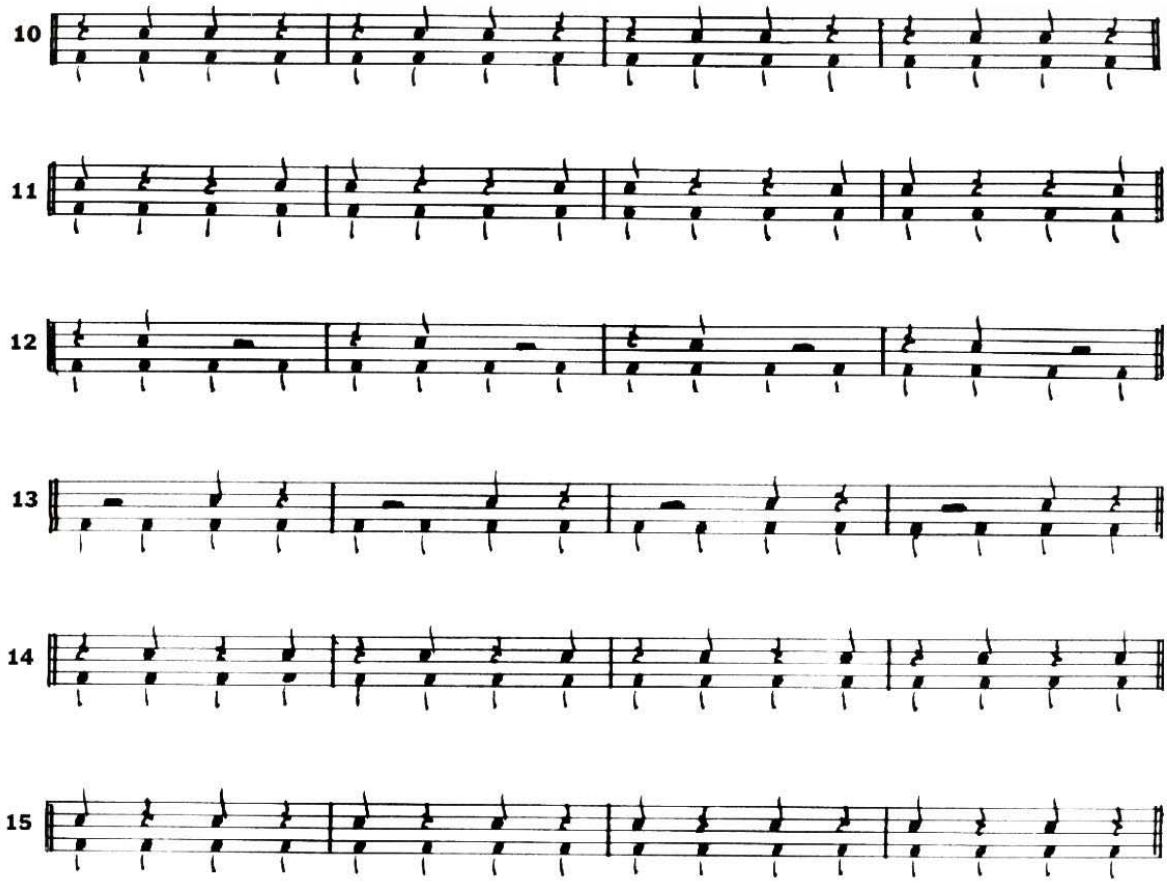

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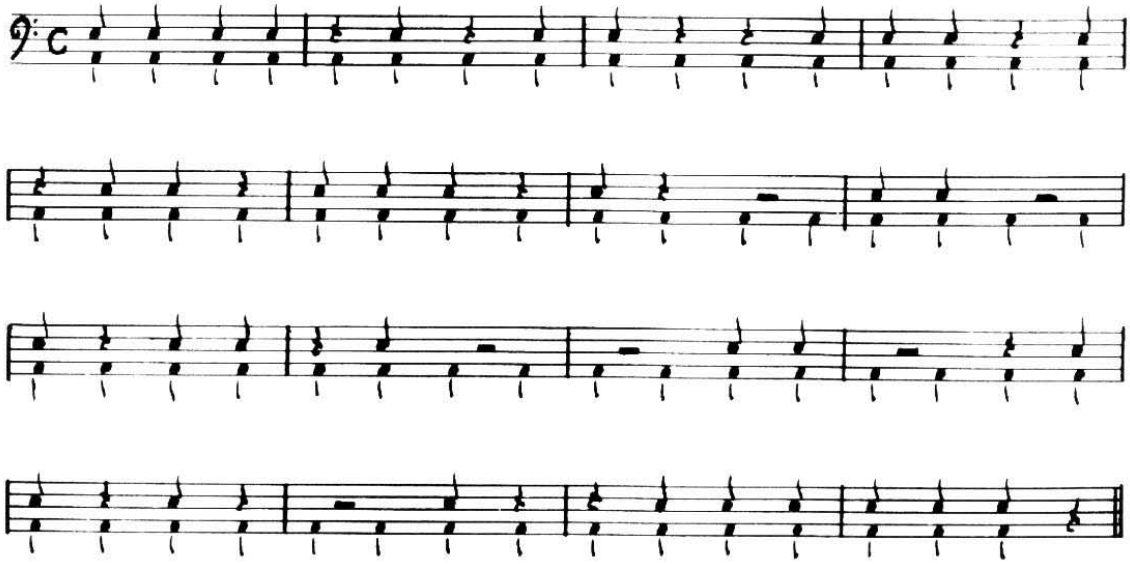

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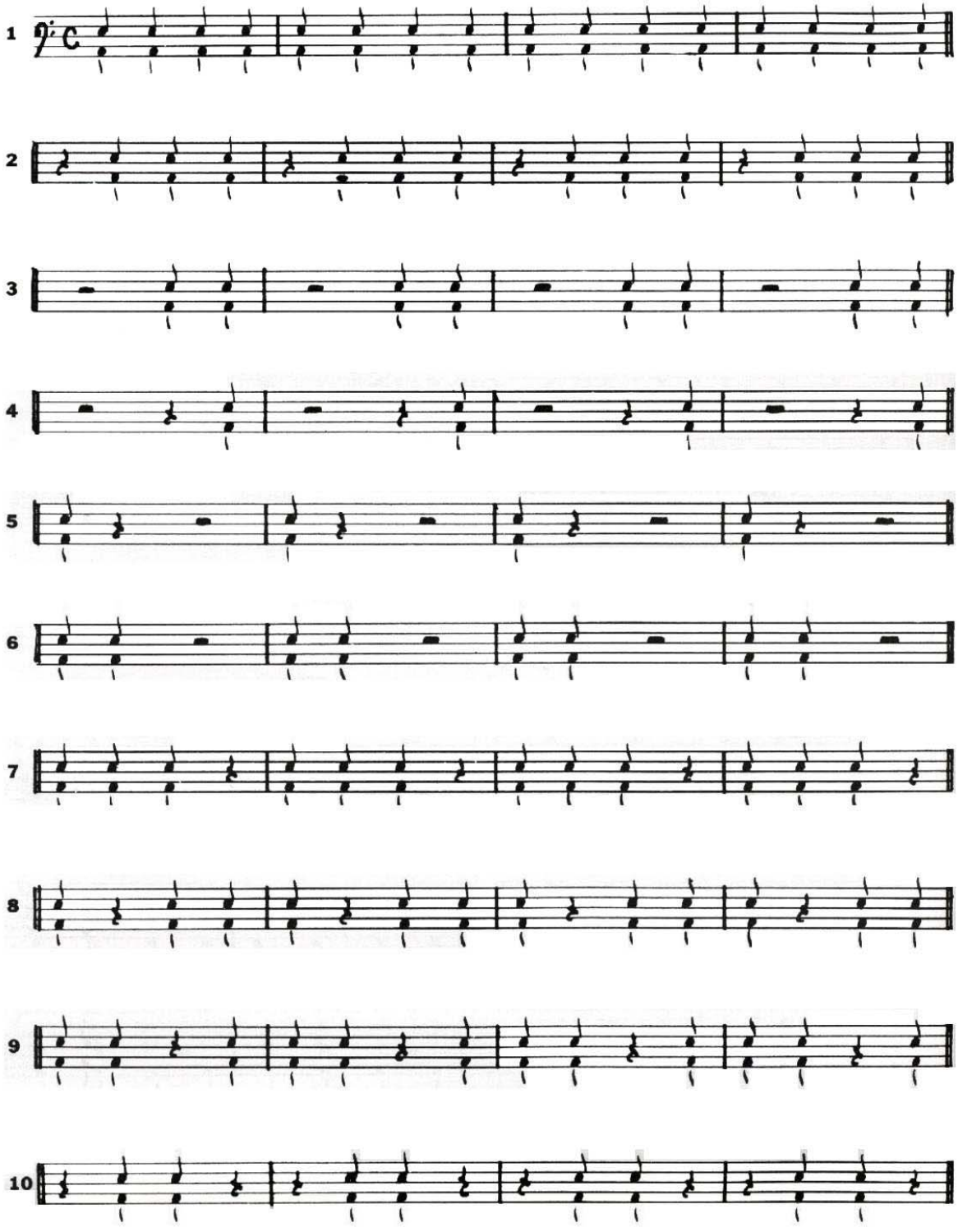

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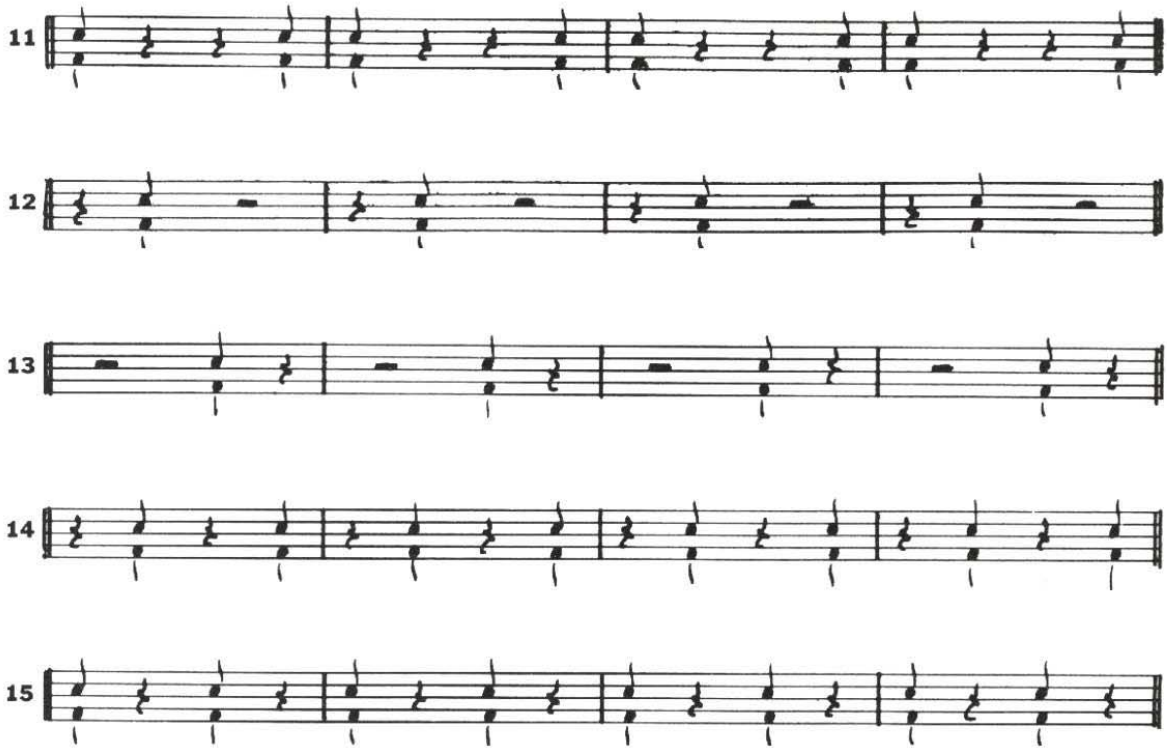

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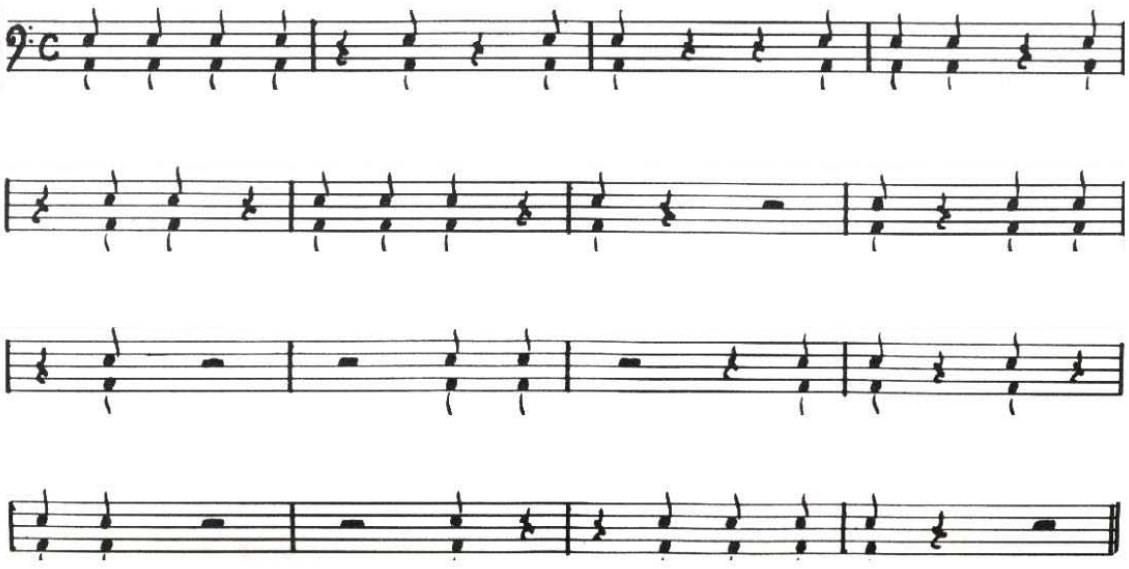

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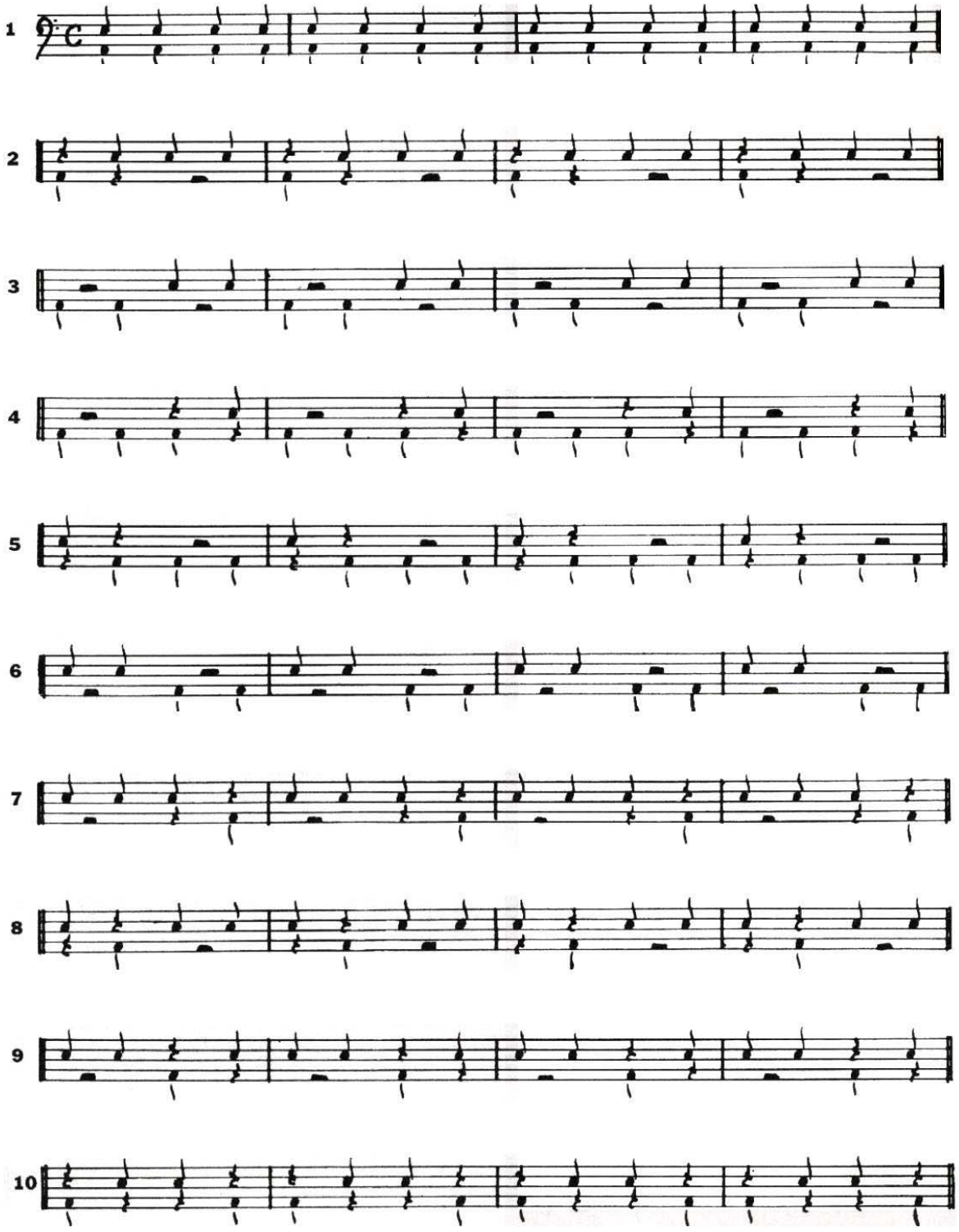

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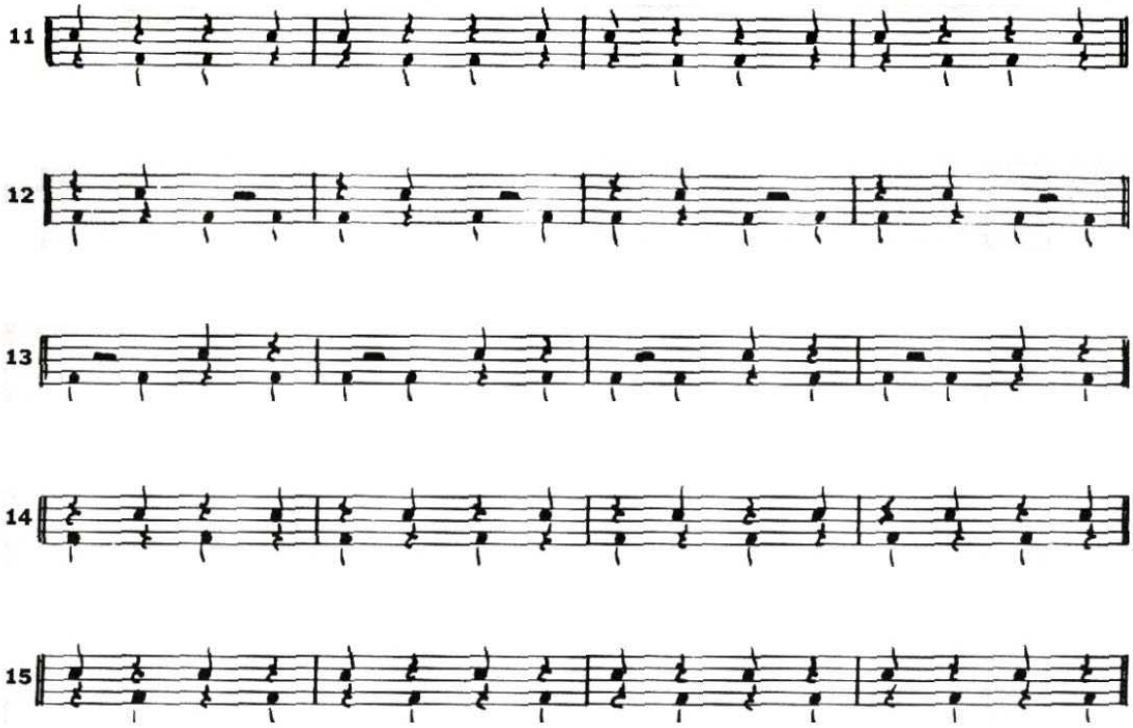

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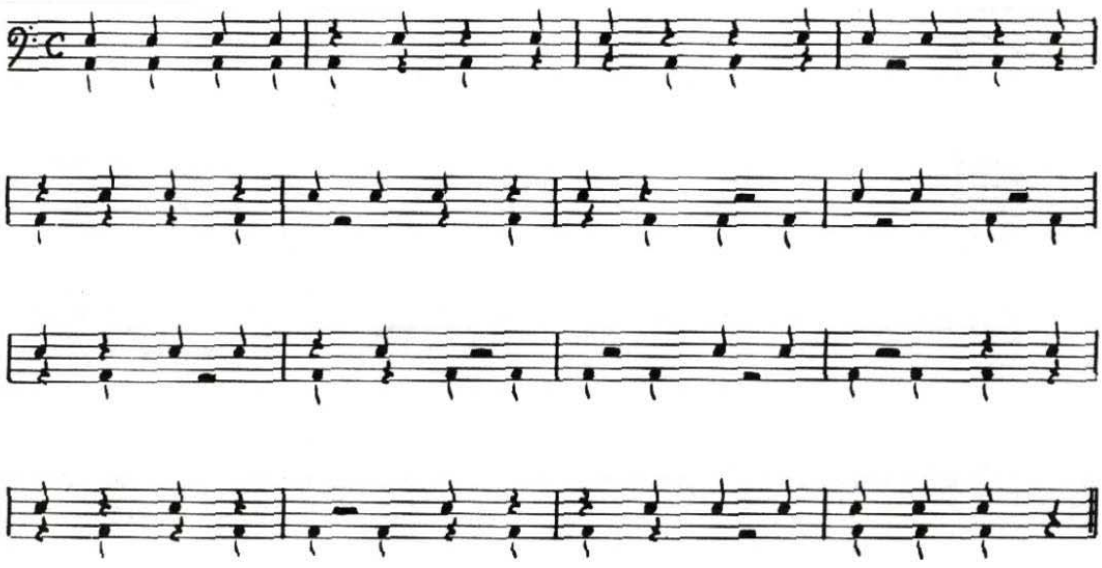

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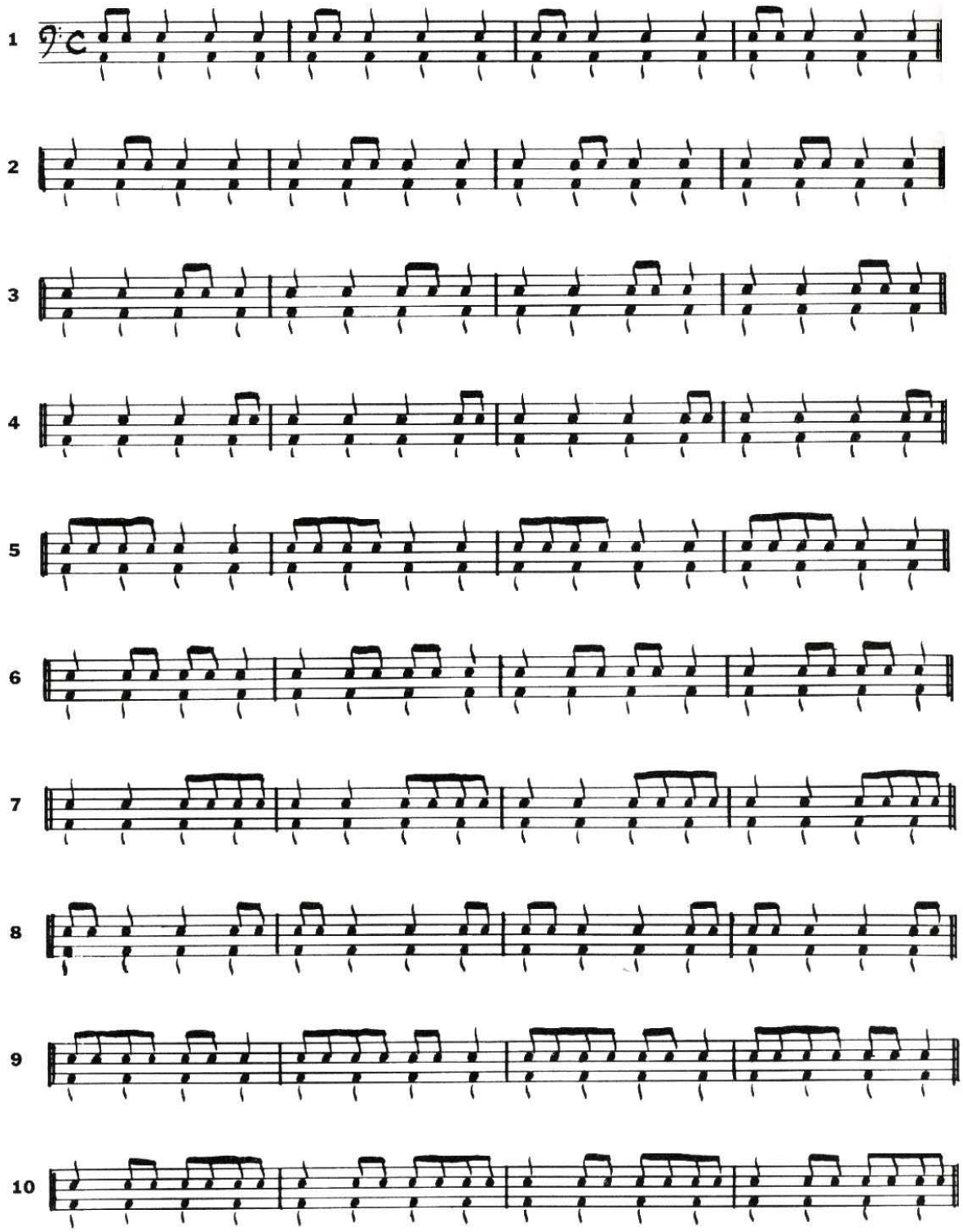

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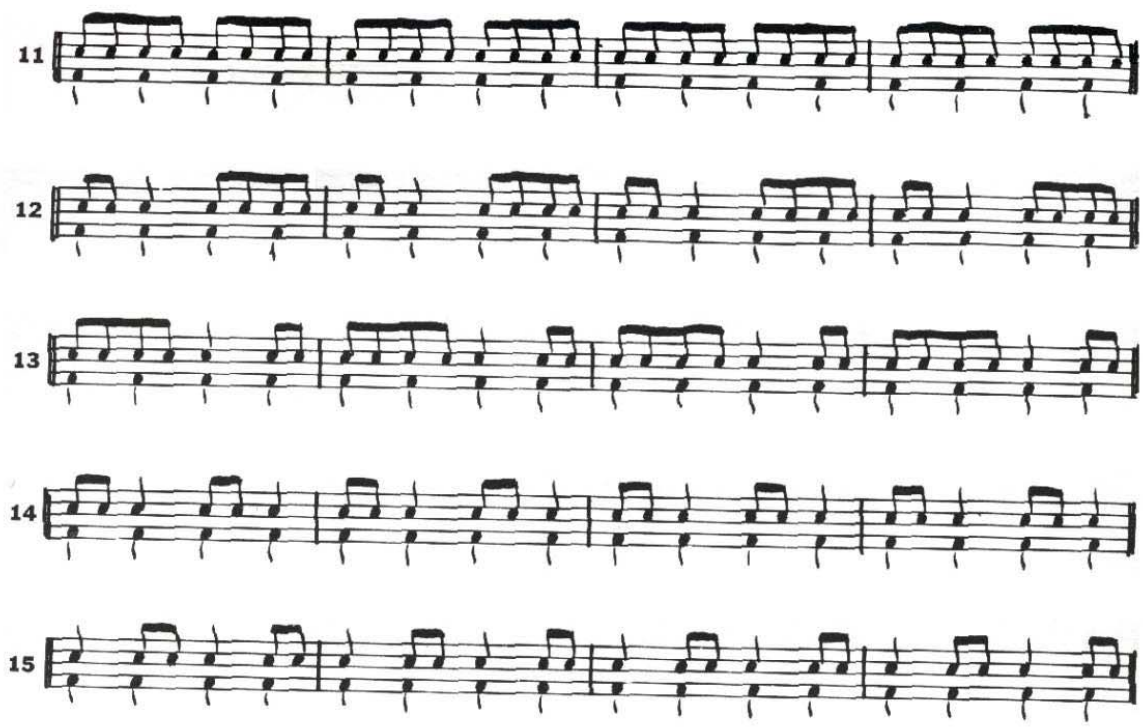

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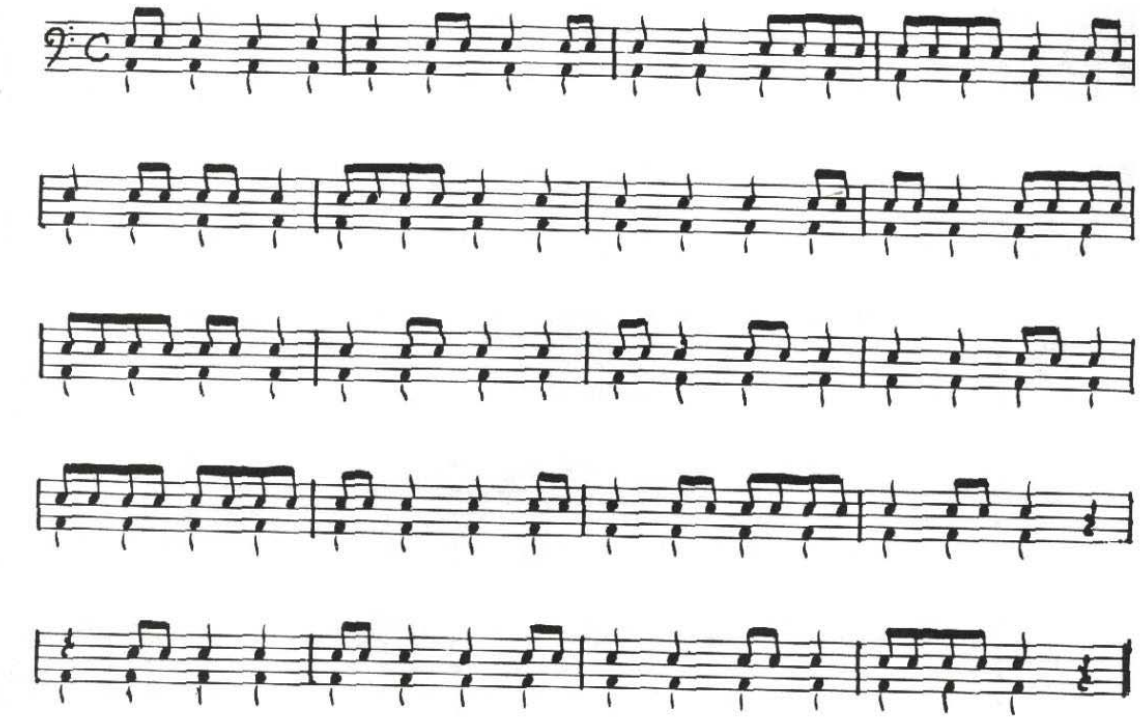

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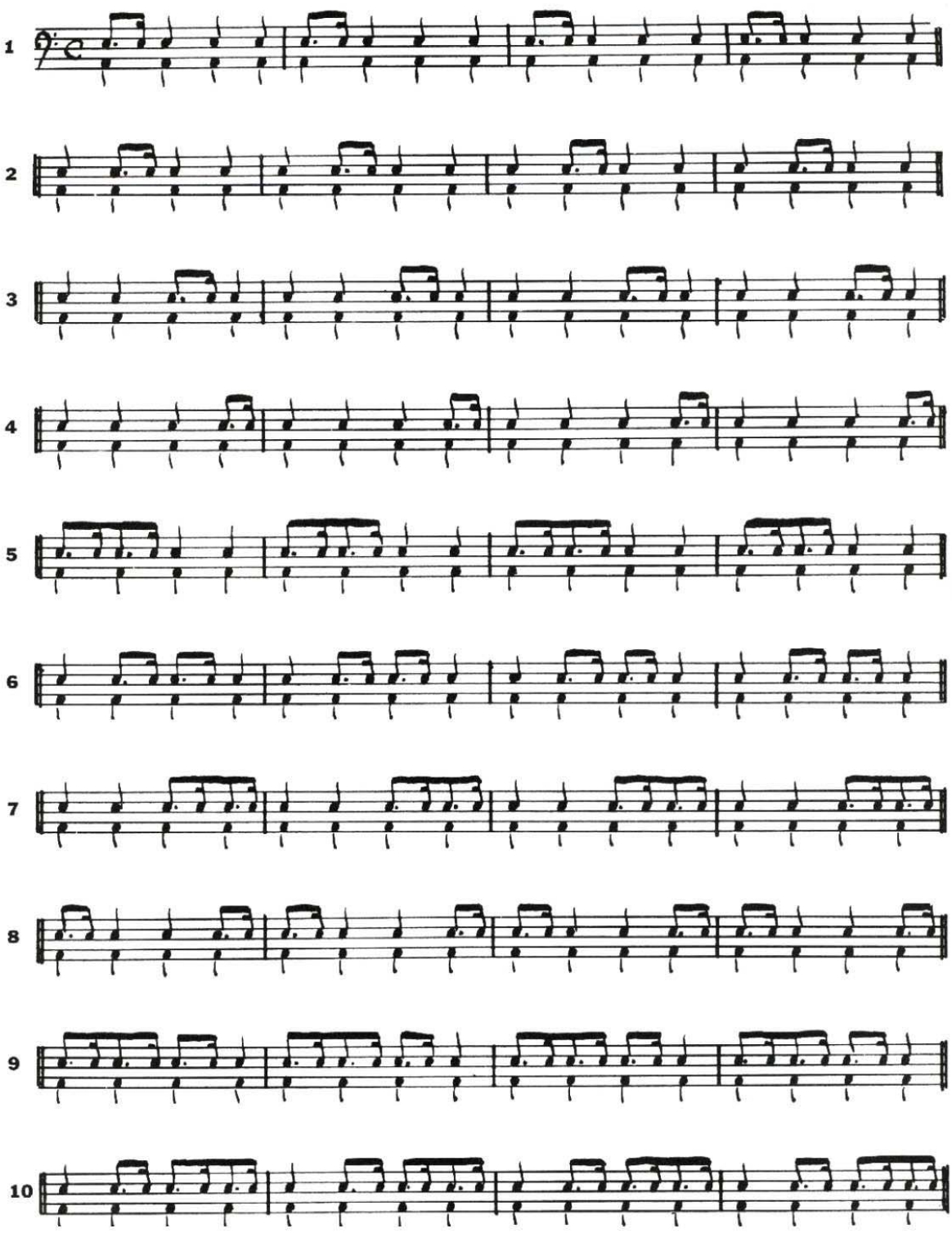

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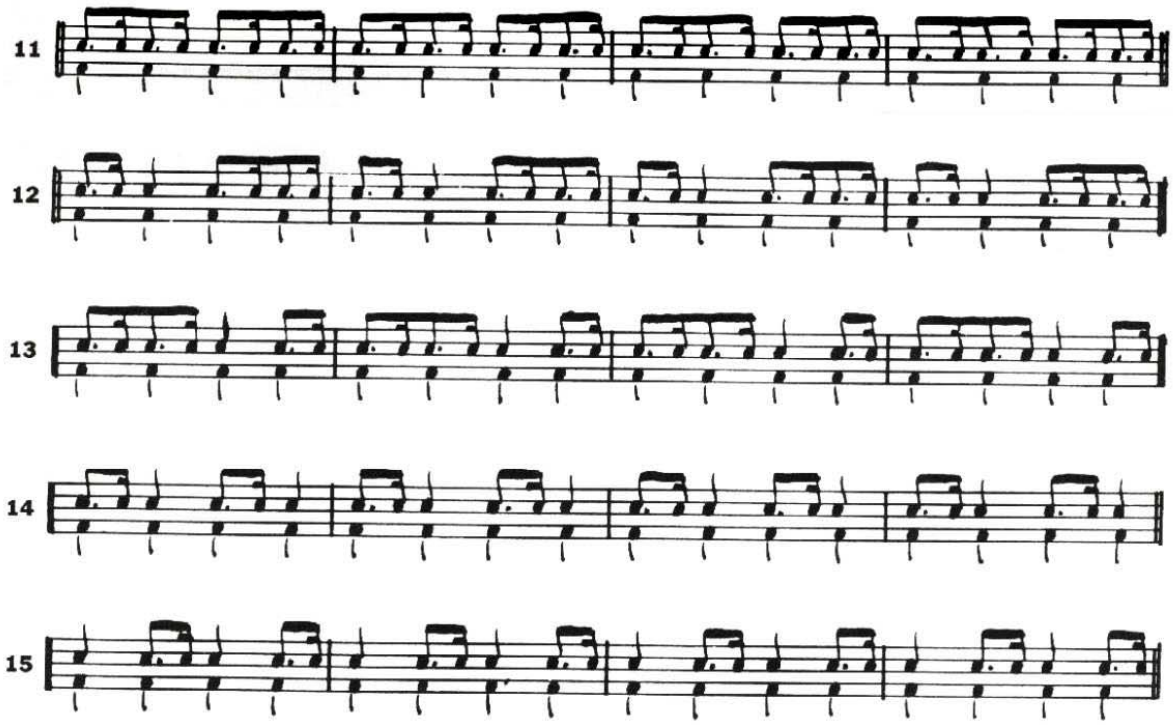

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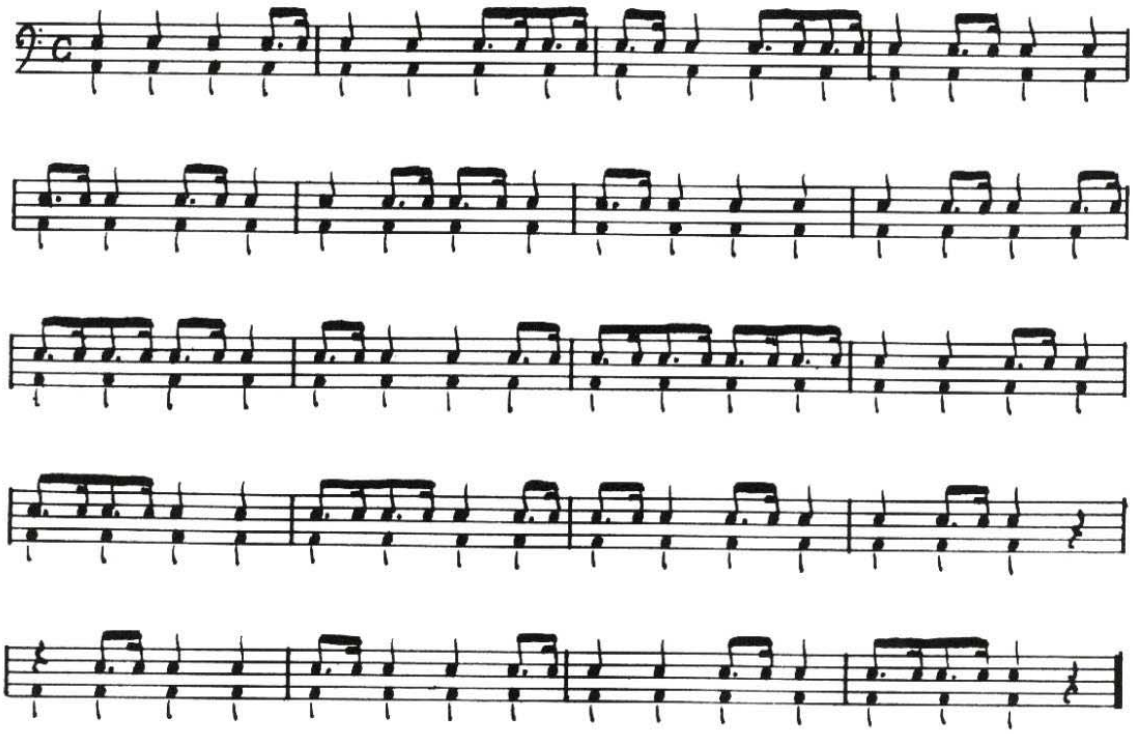

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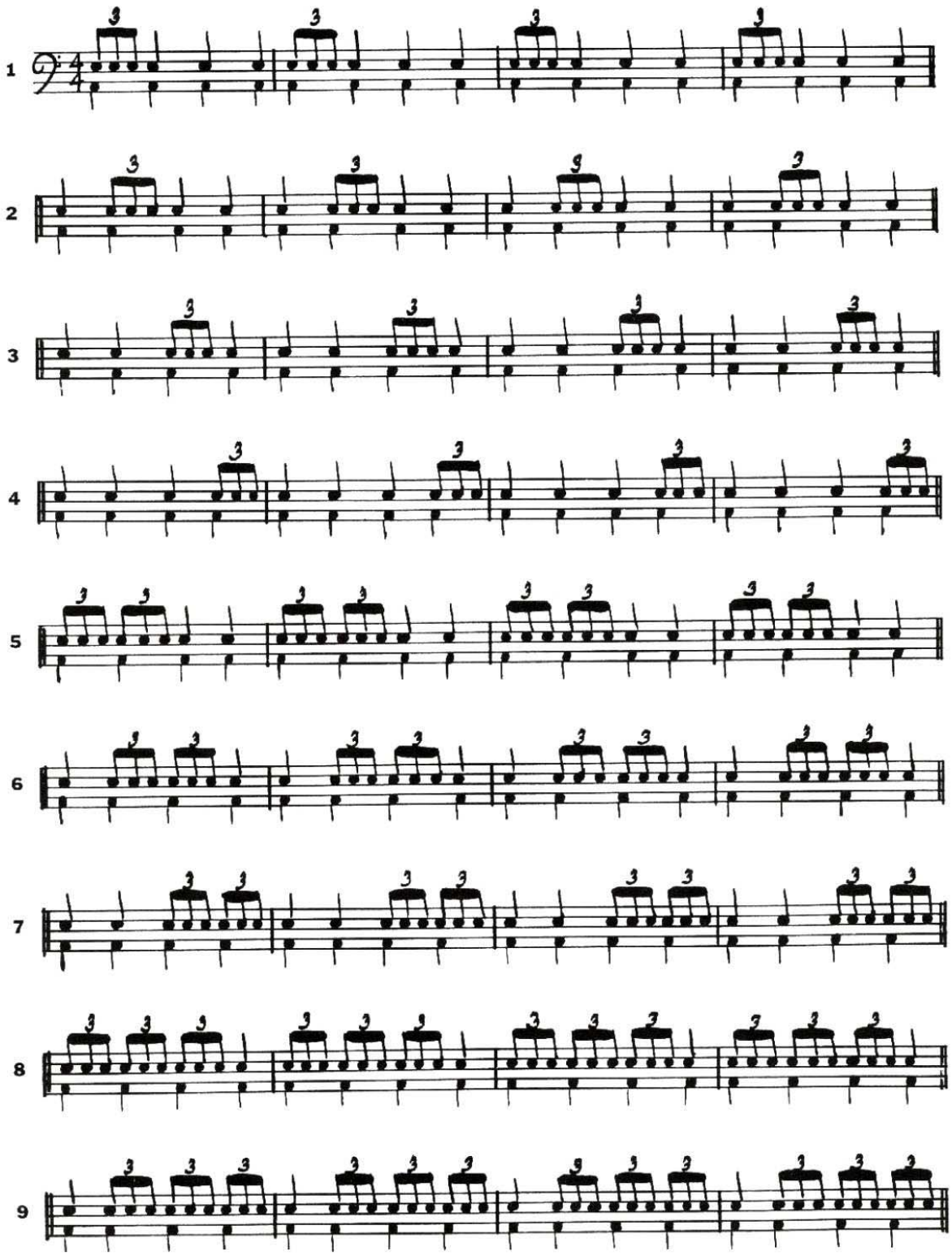

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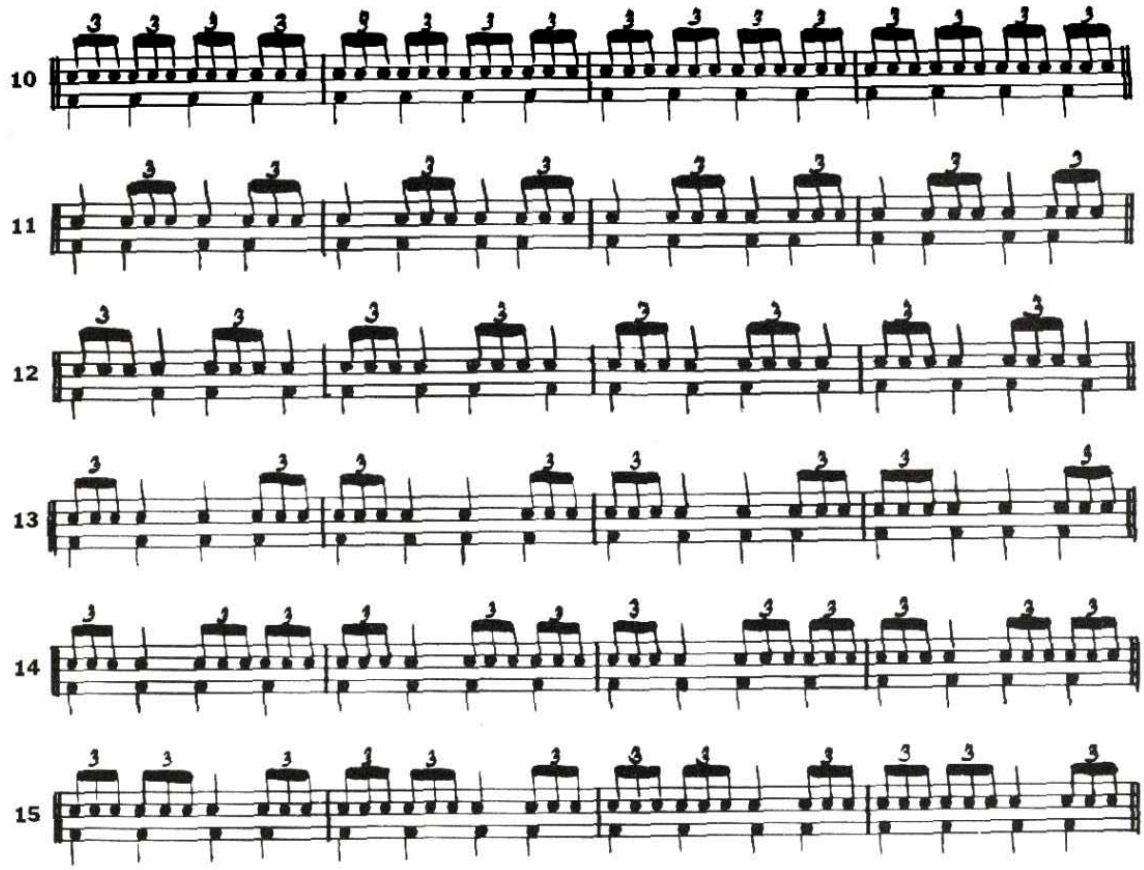

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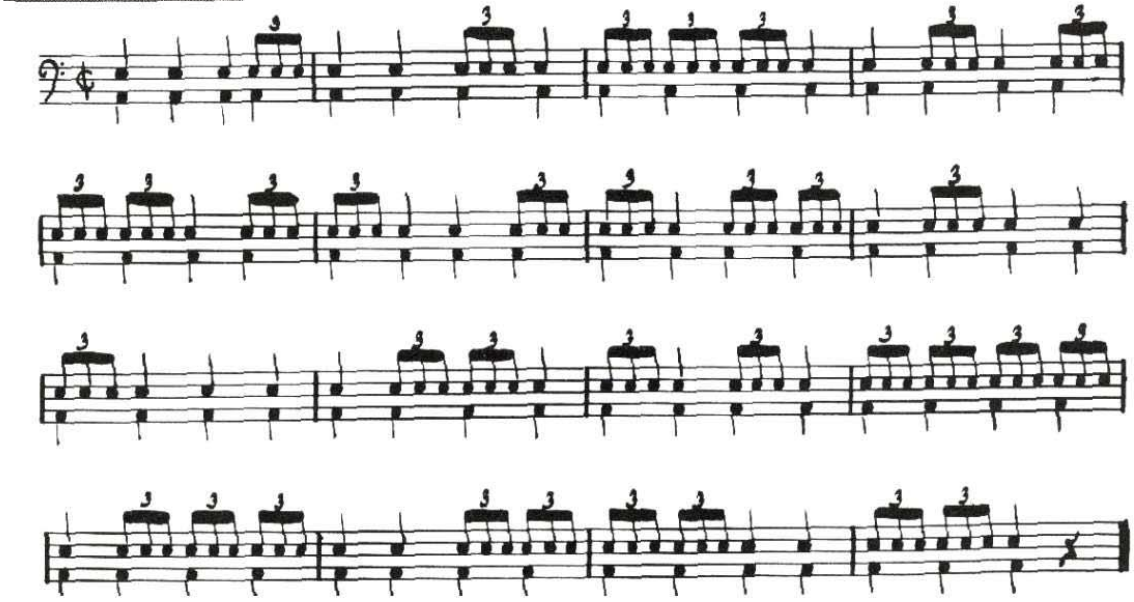

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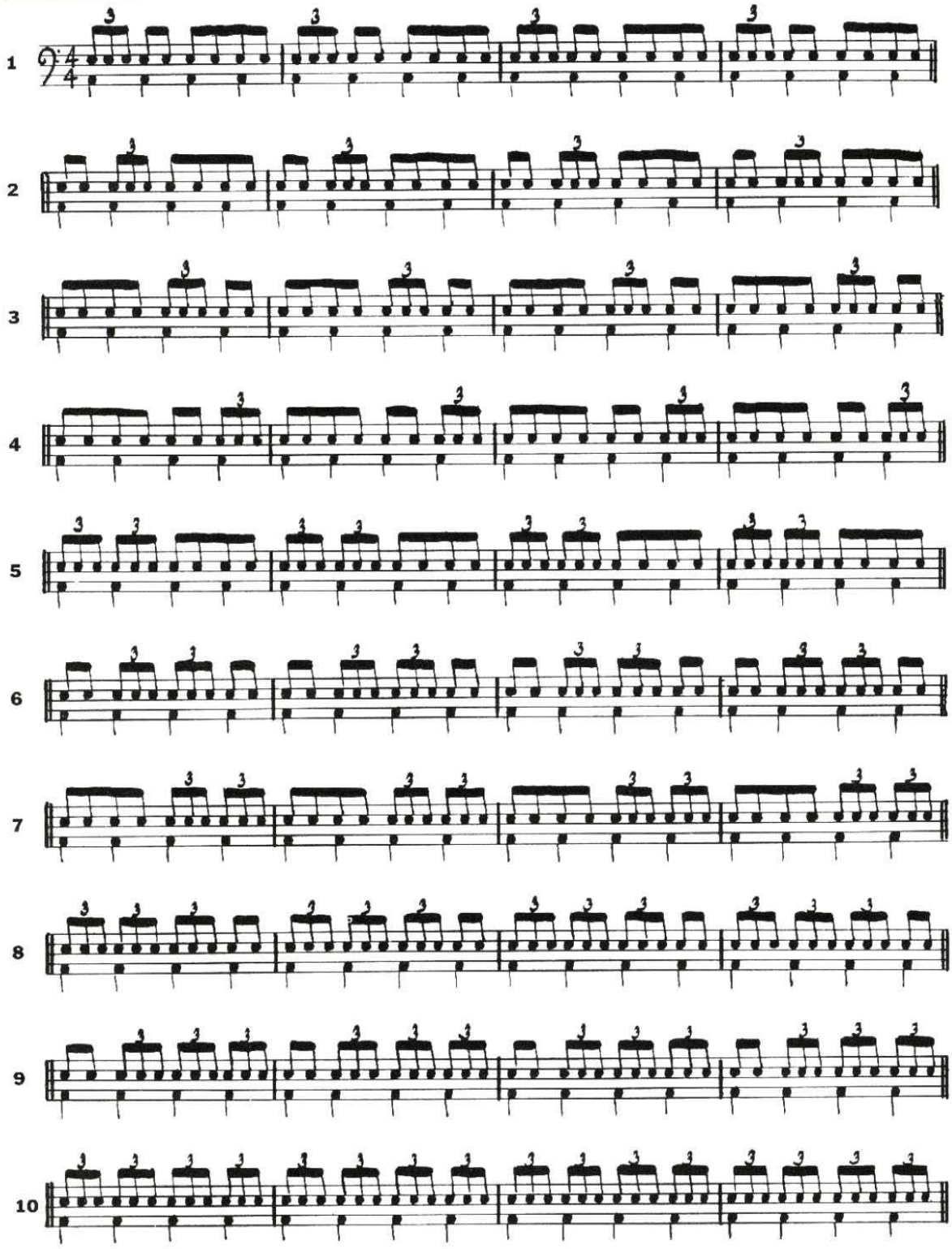

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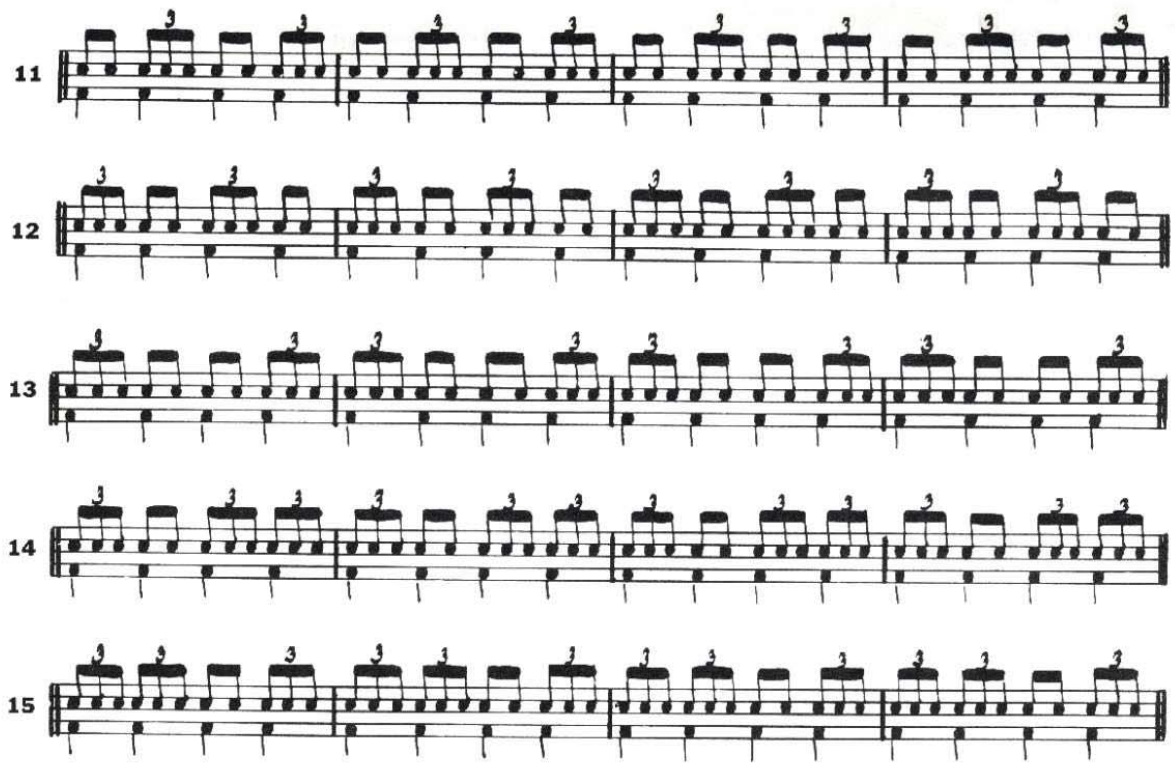

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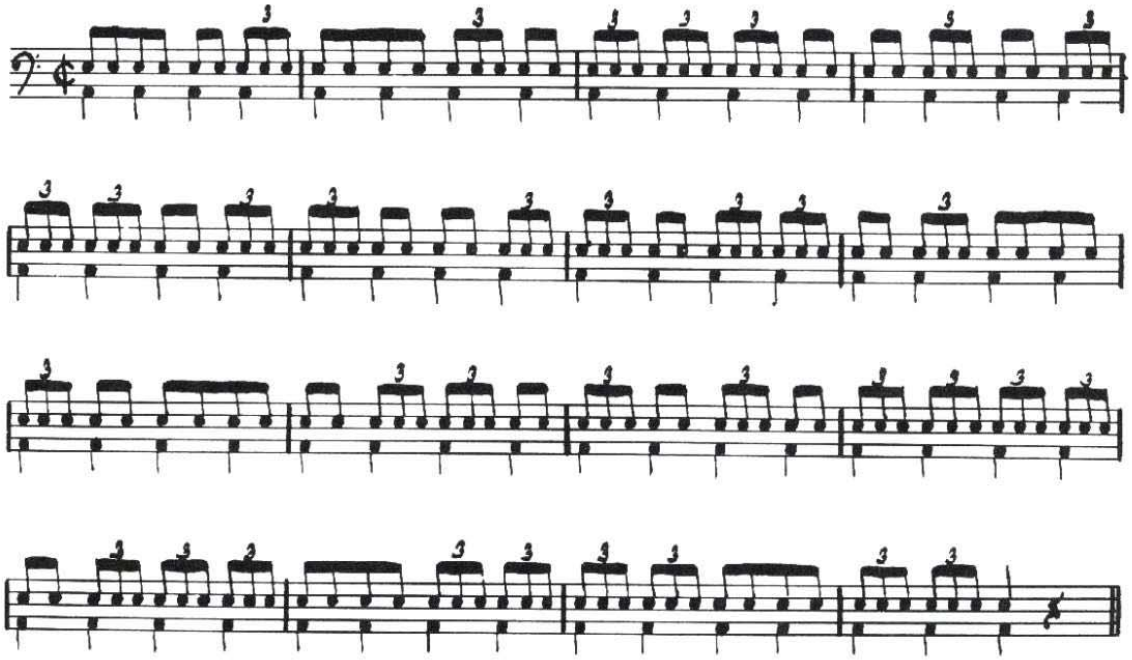

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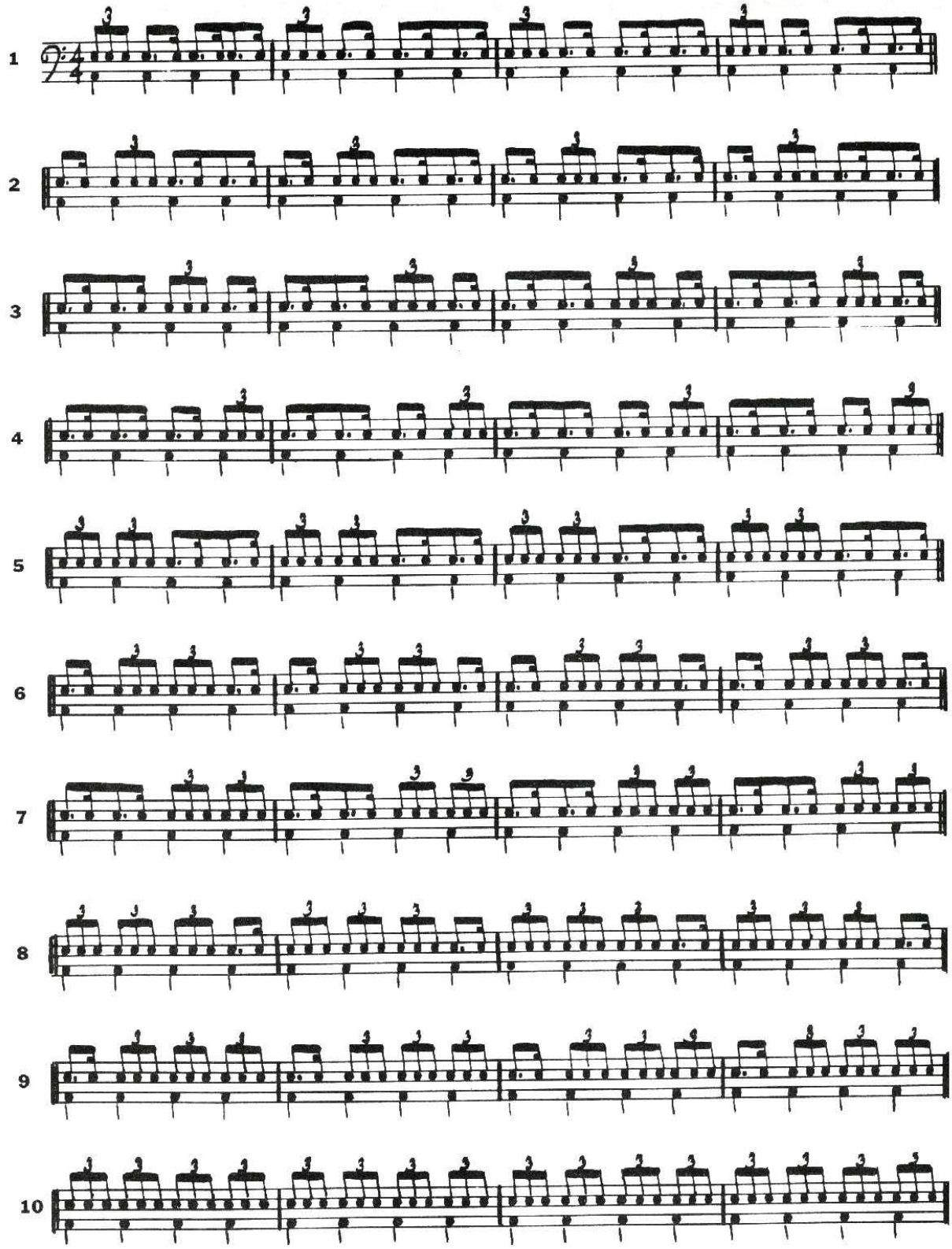

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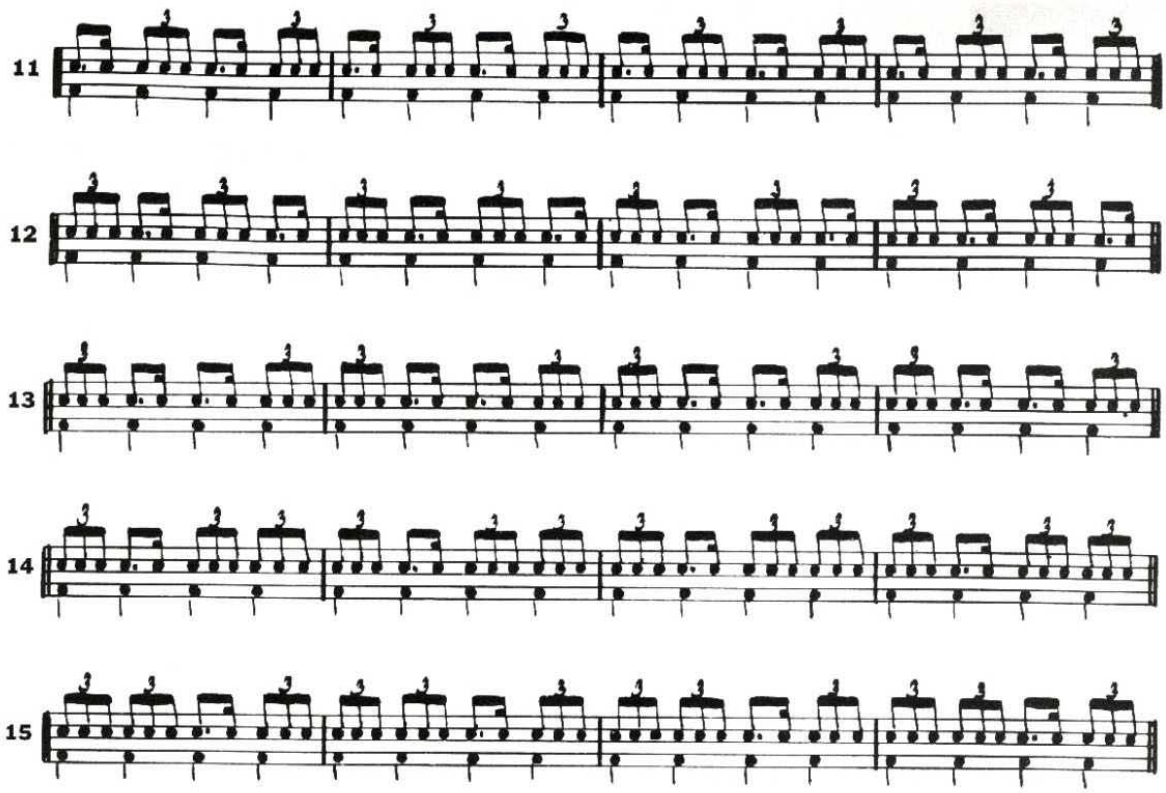

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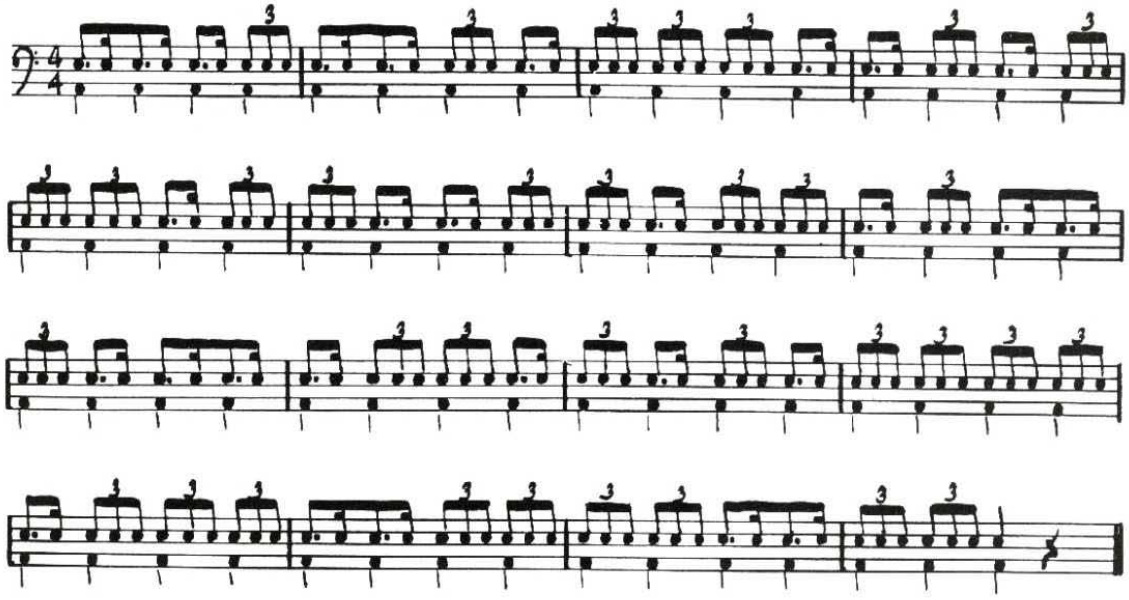

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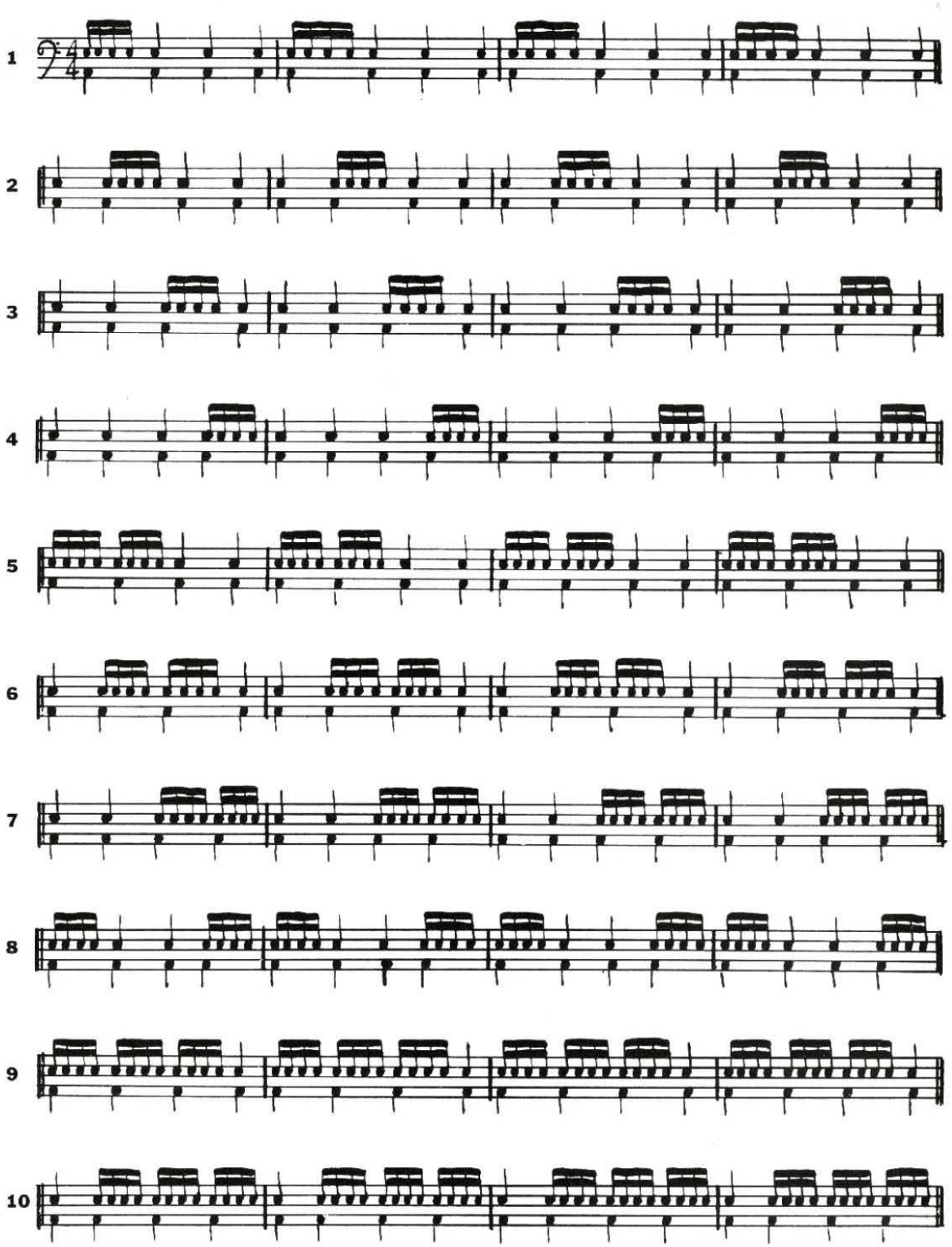

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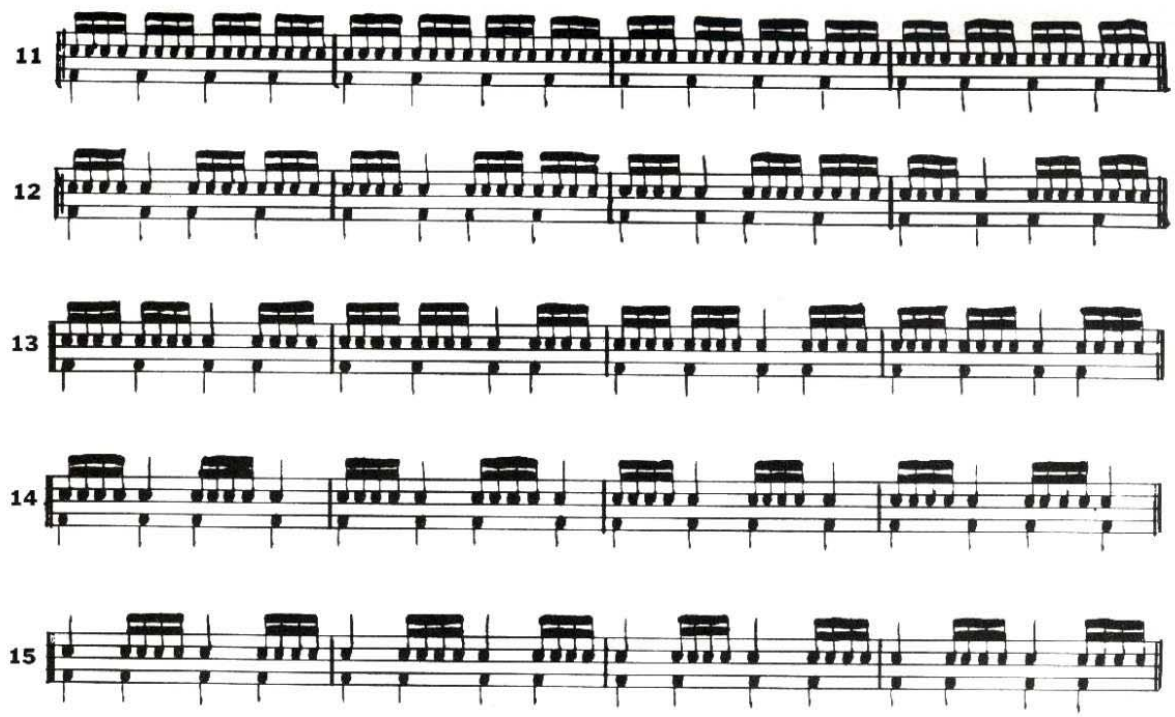

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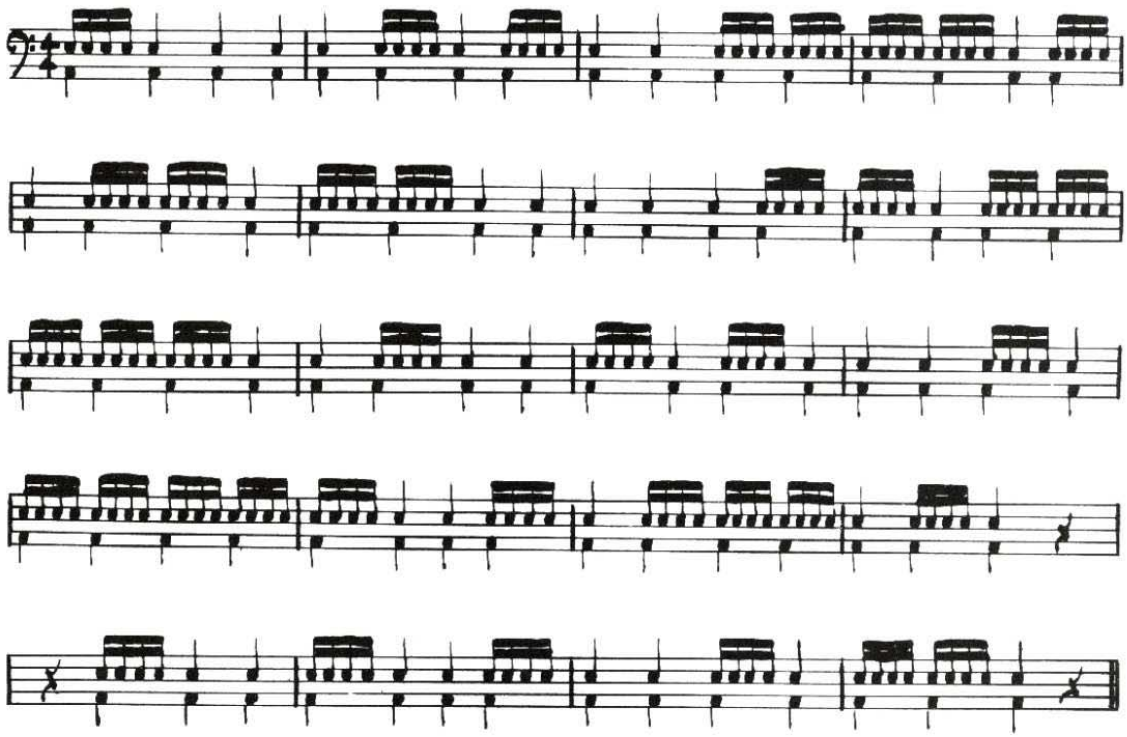

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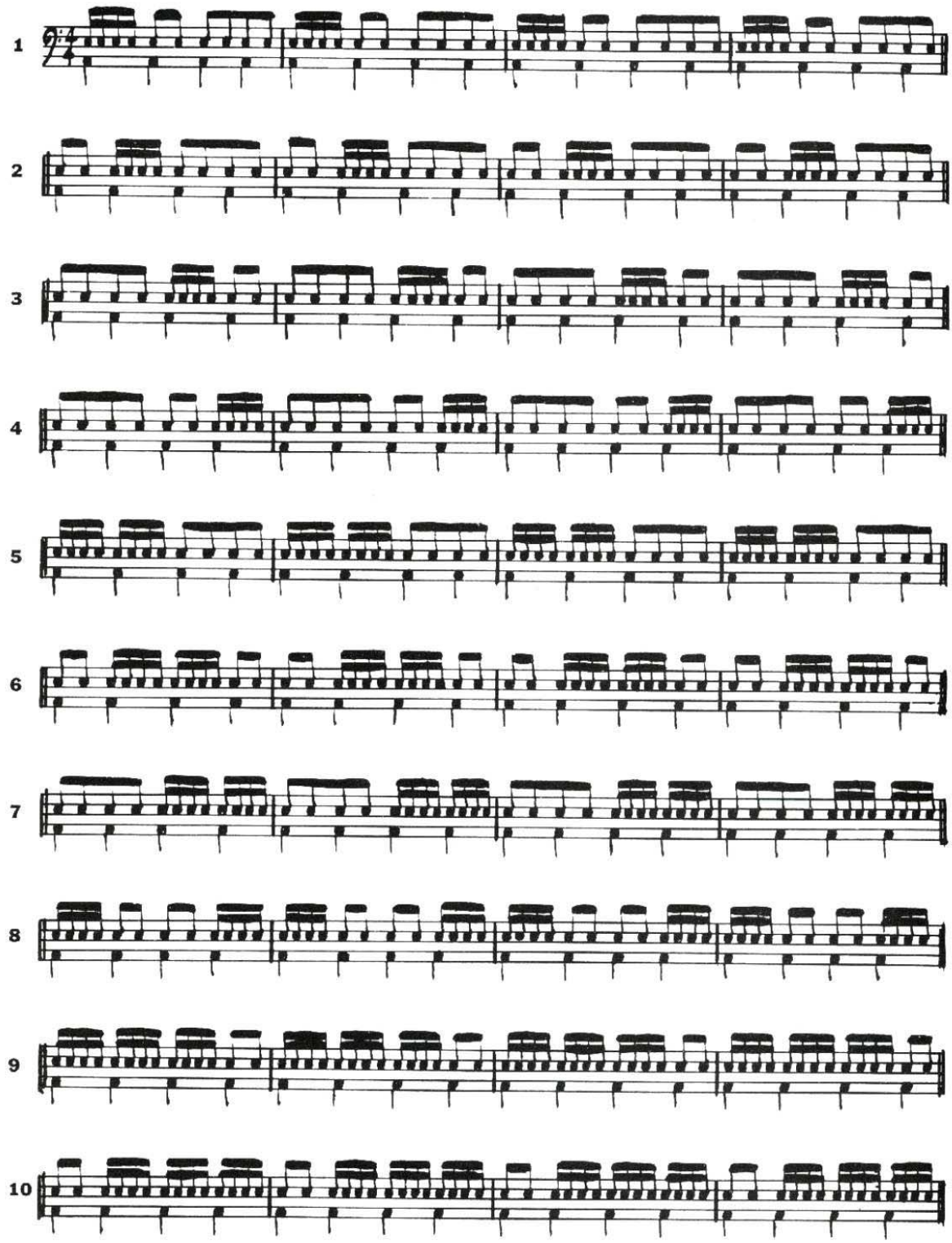

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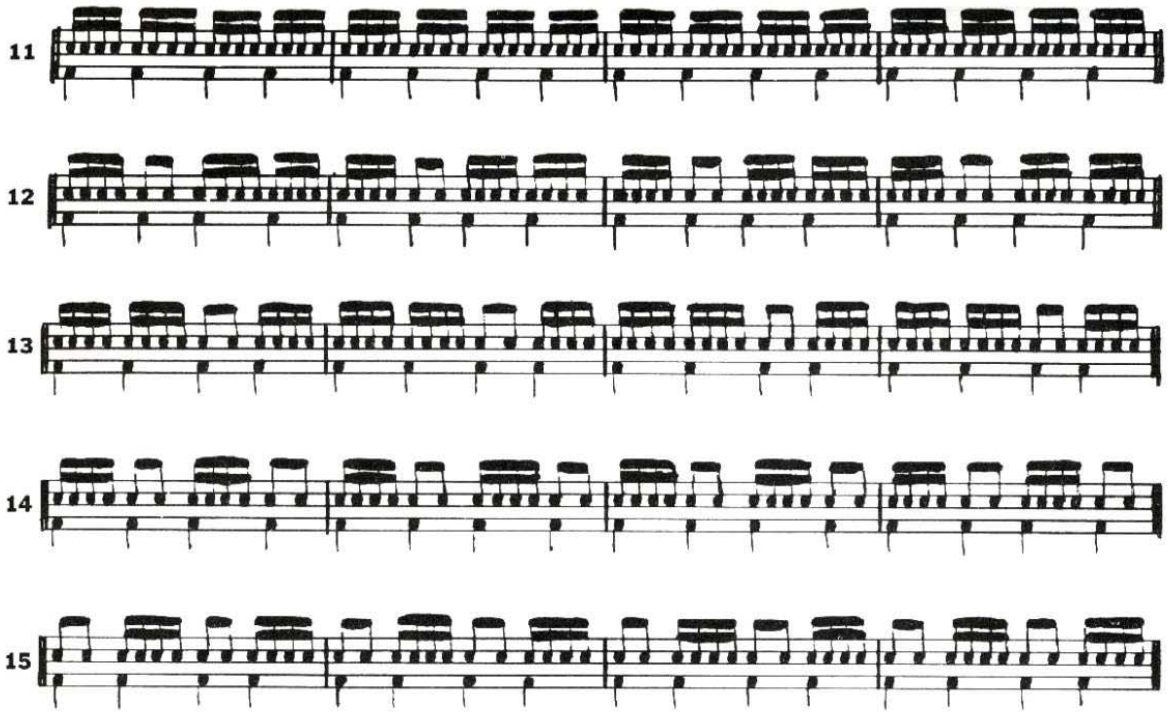

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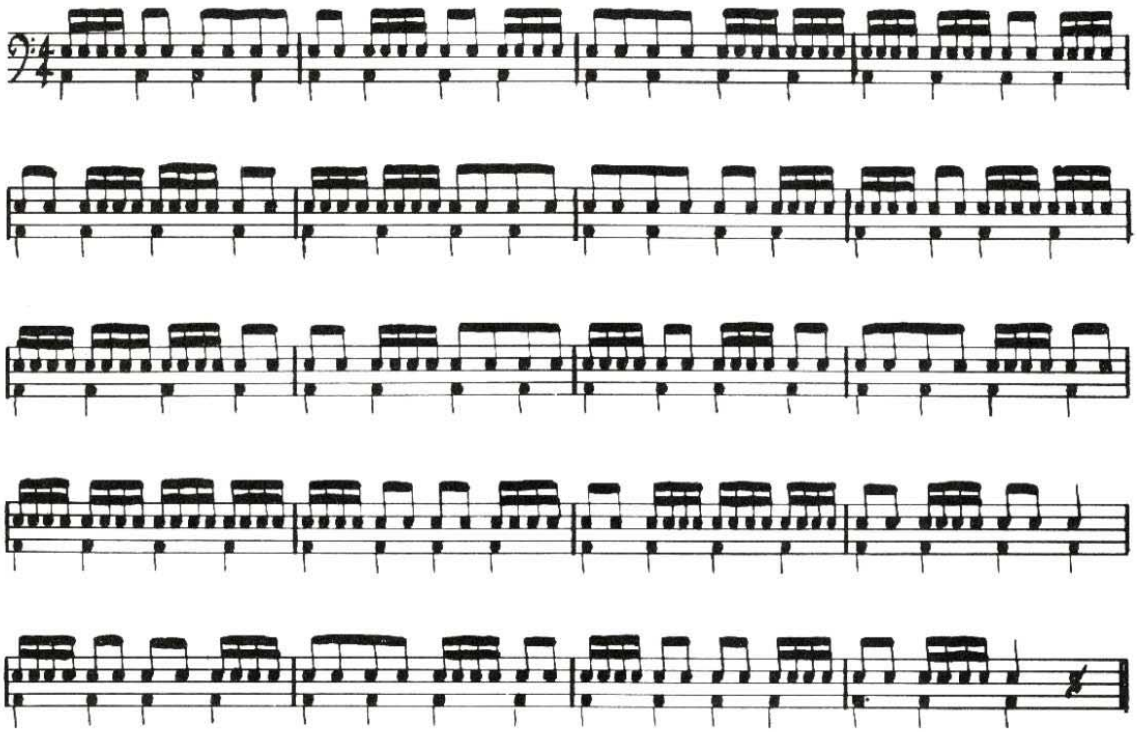

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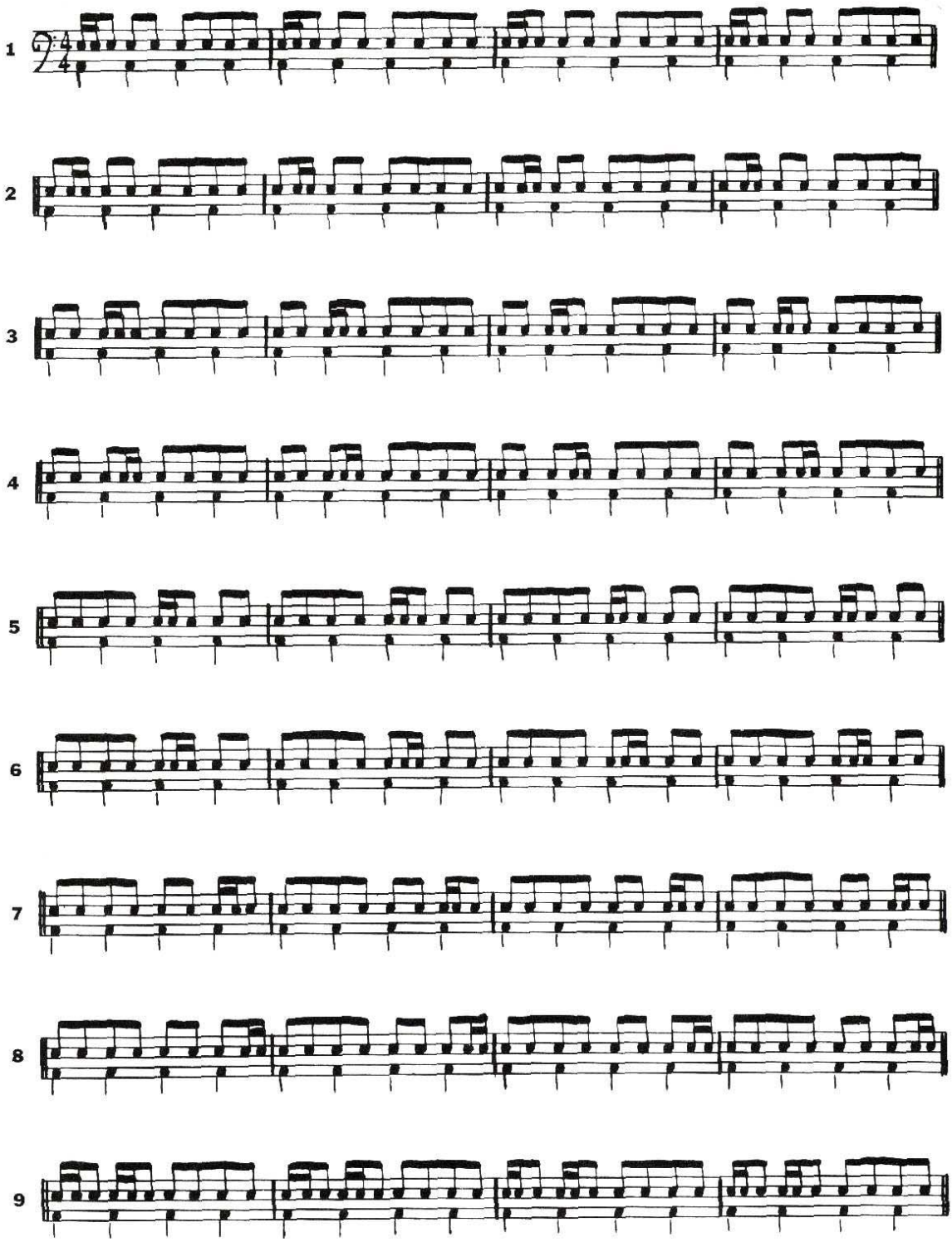

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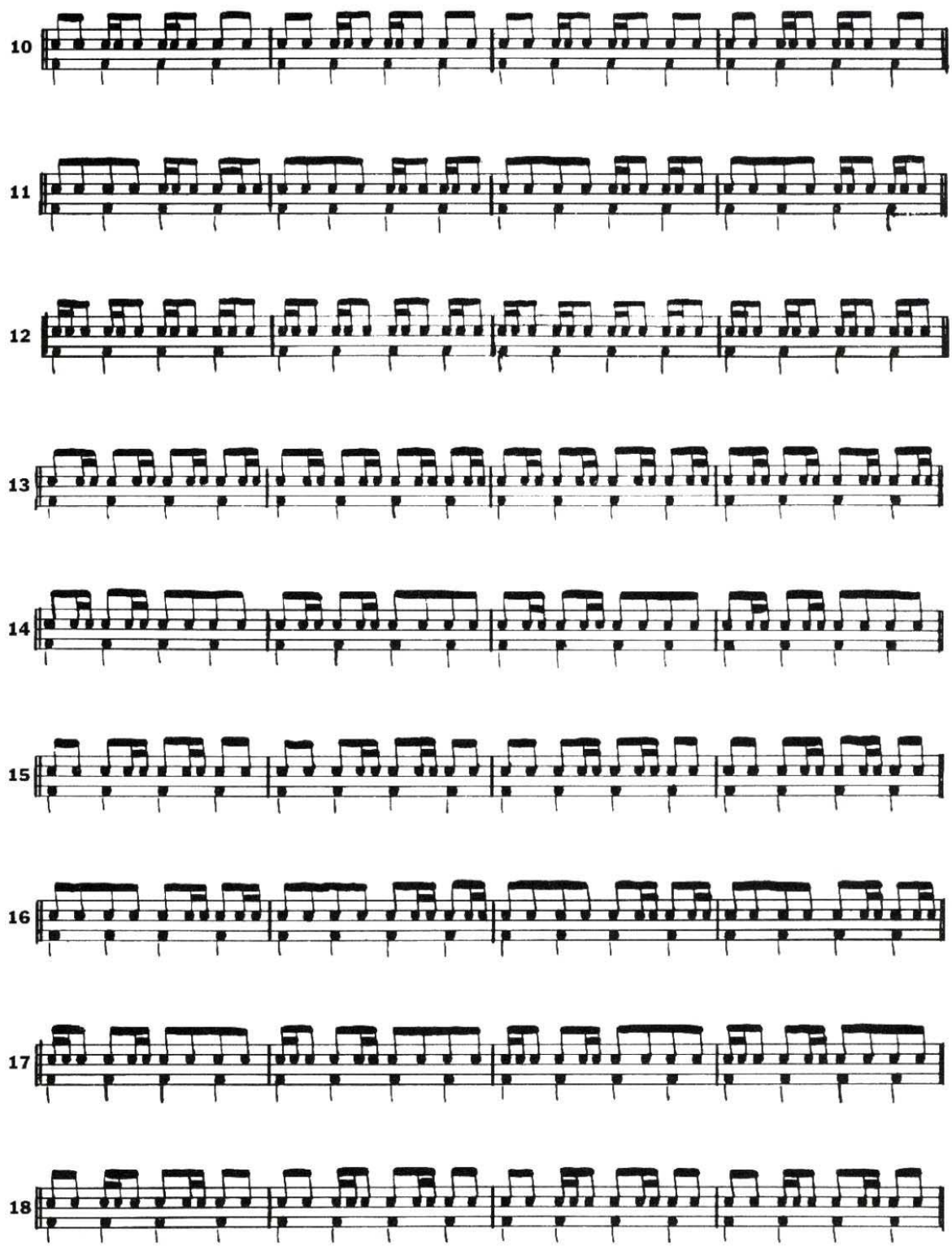

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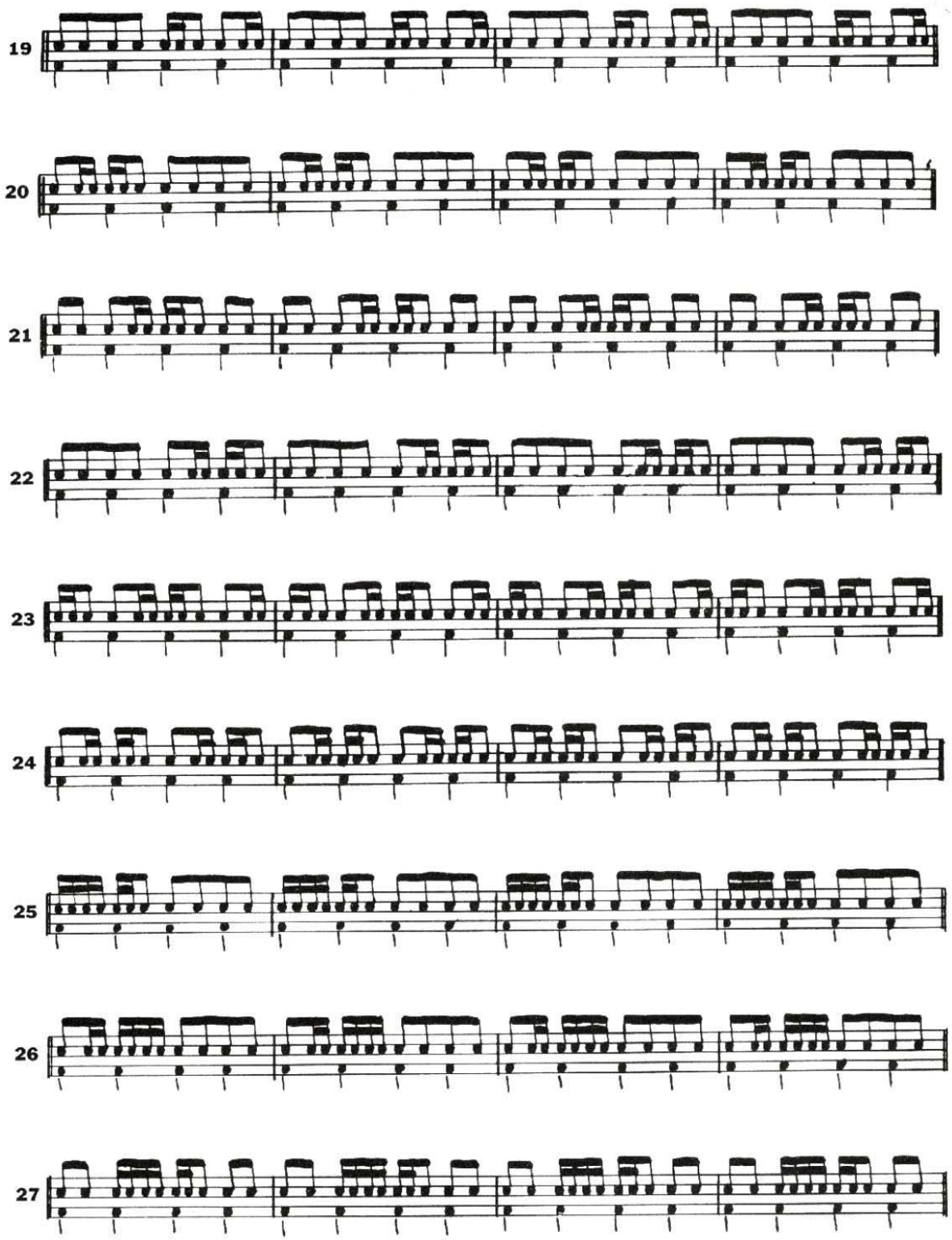

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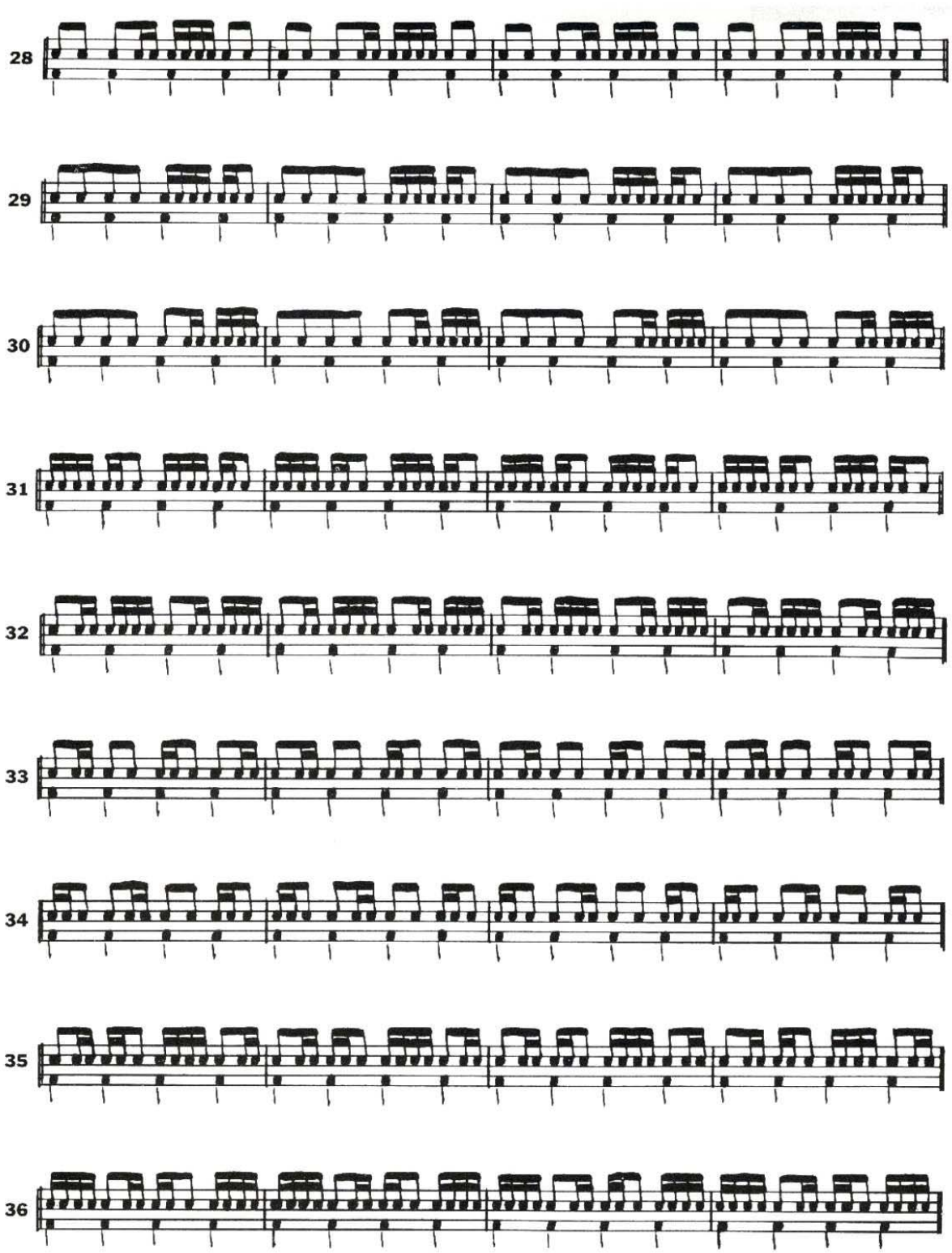

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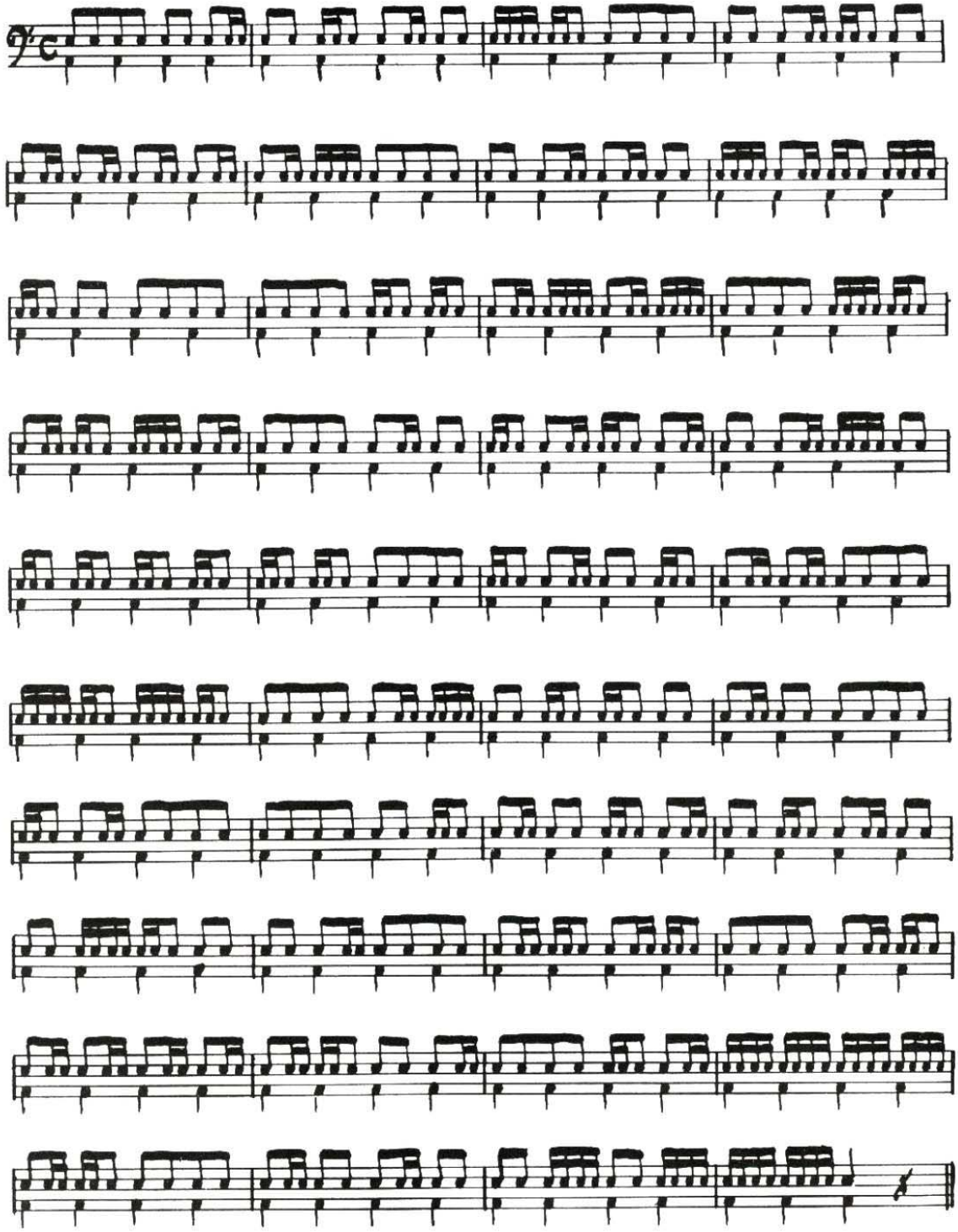

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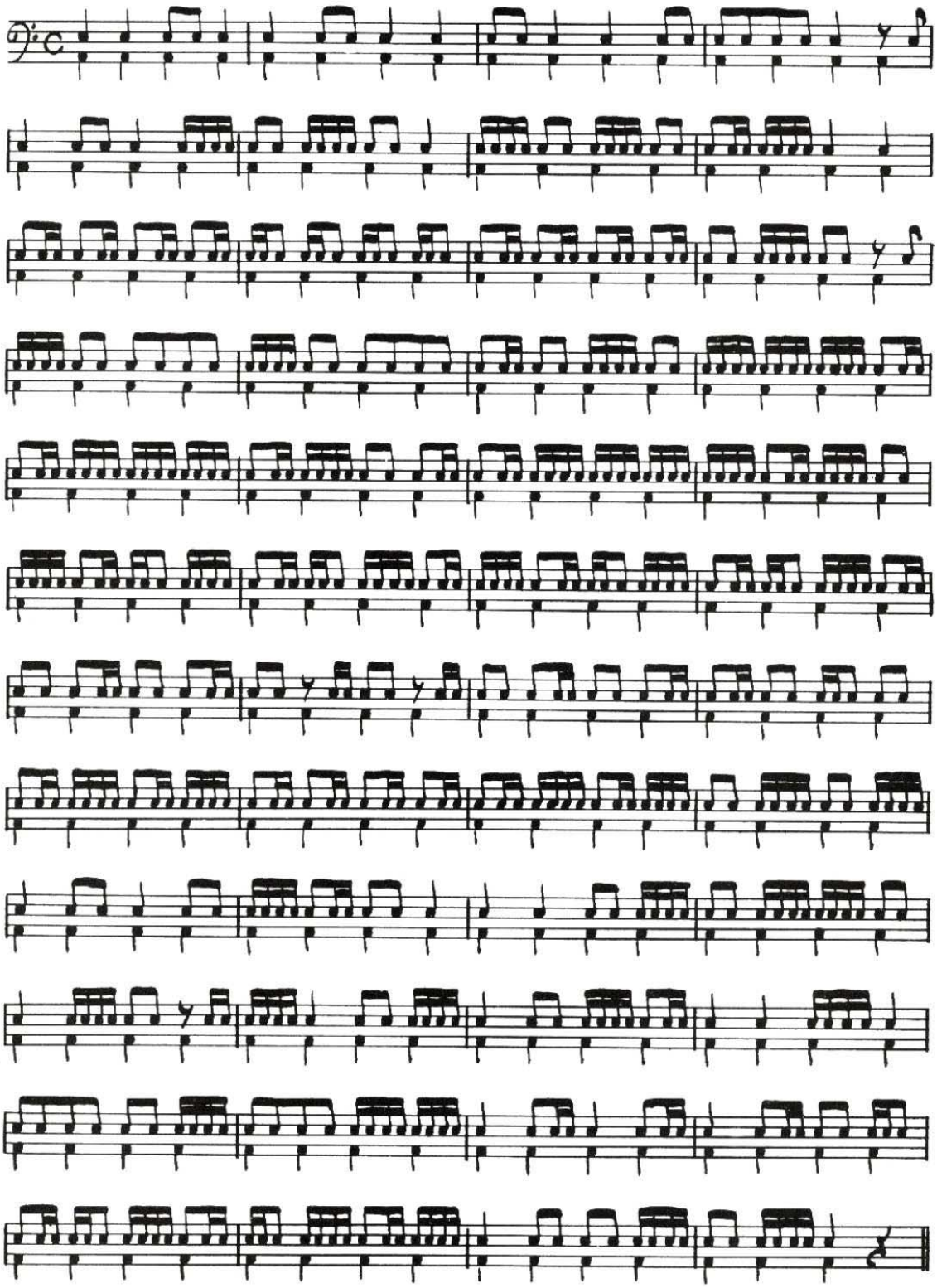

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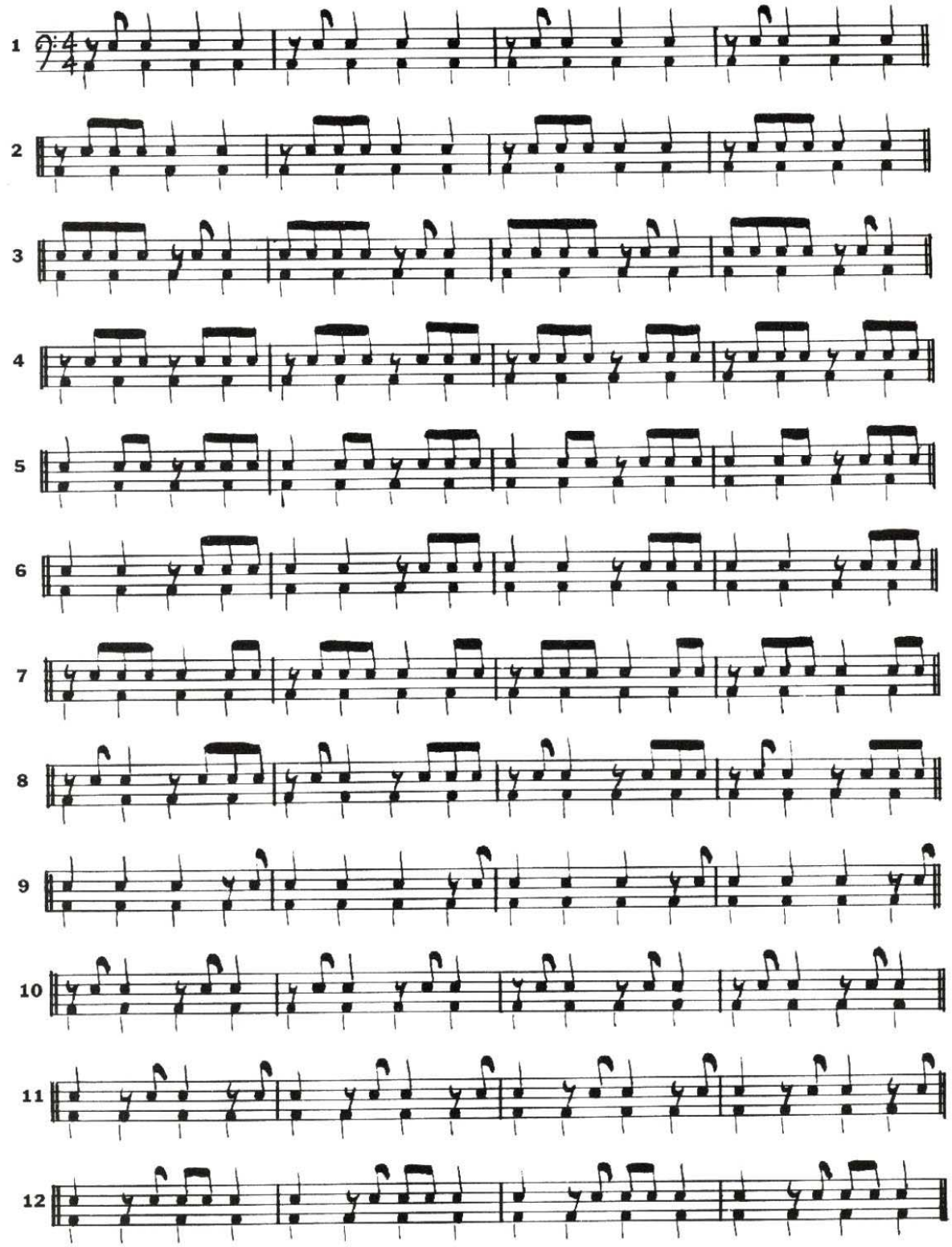
Playing eighth notes, eighth rests and quarter notes.



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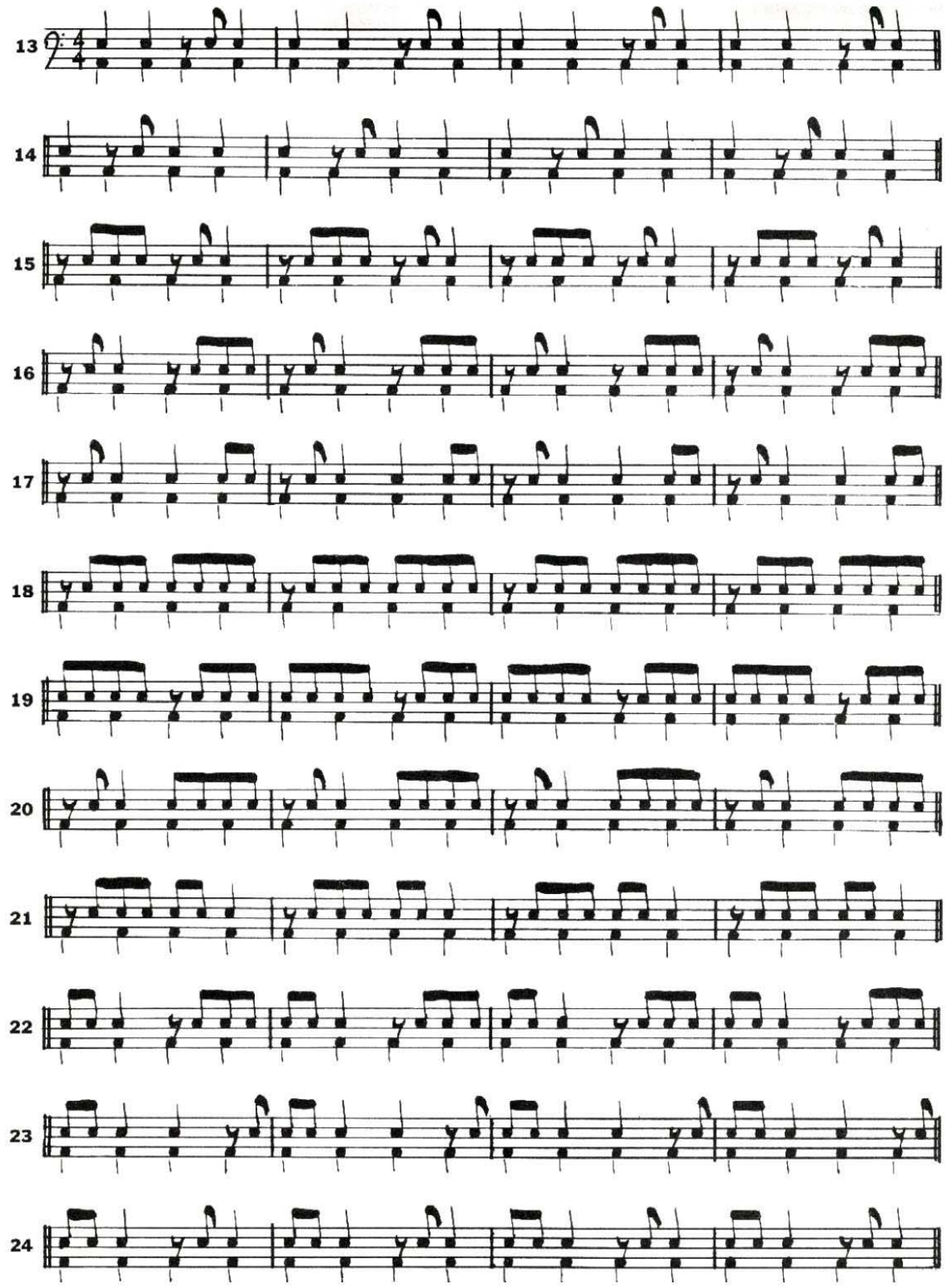

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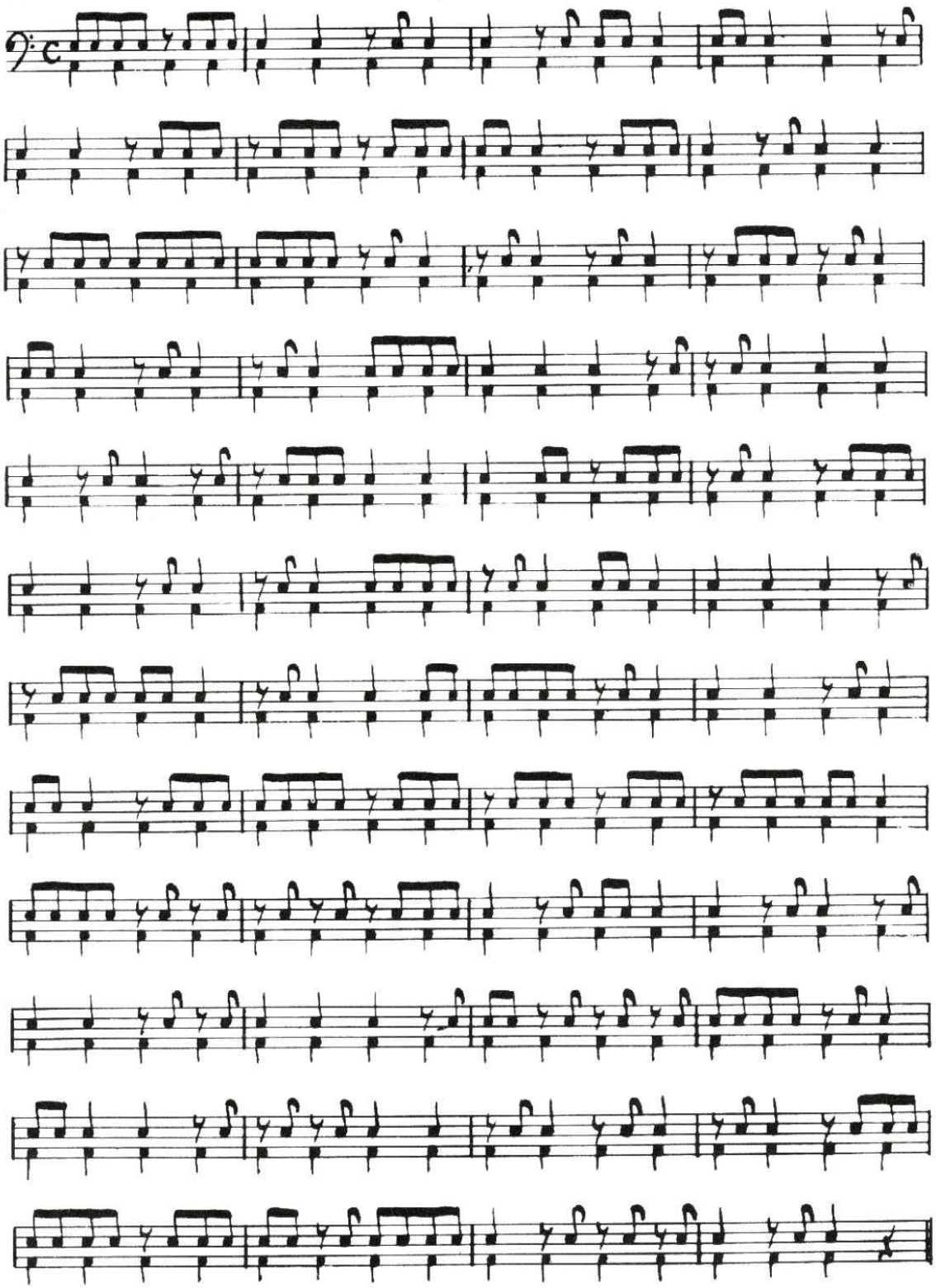

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Syncopation Set 1

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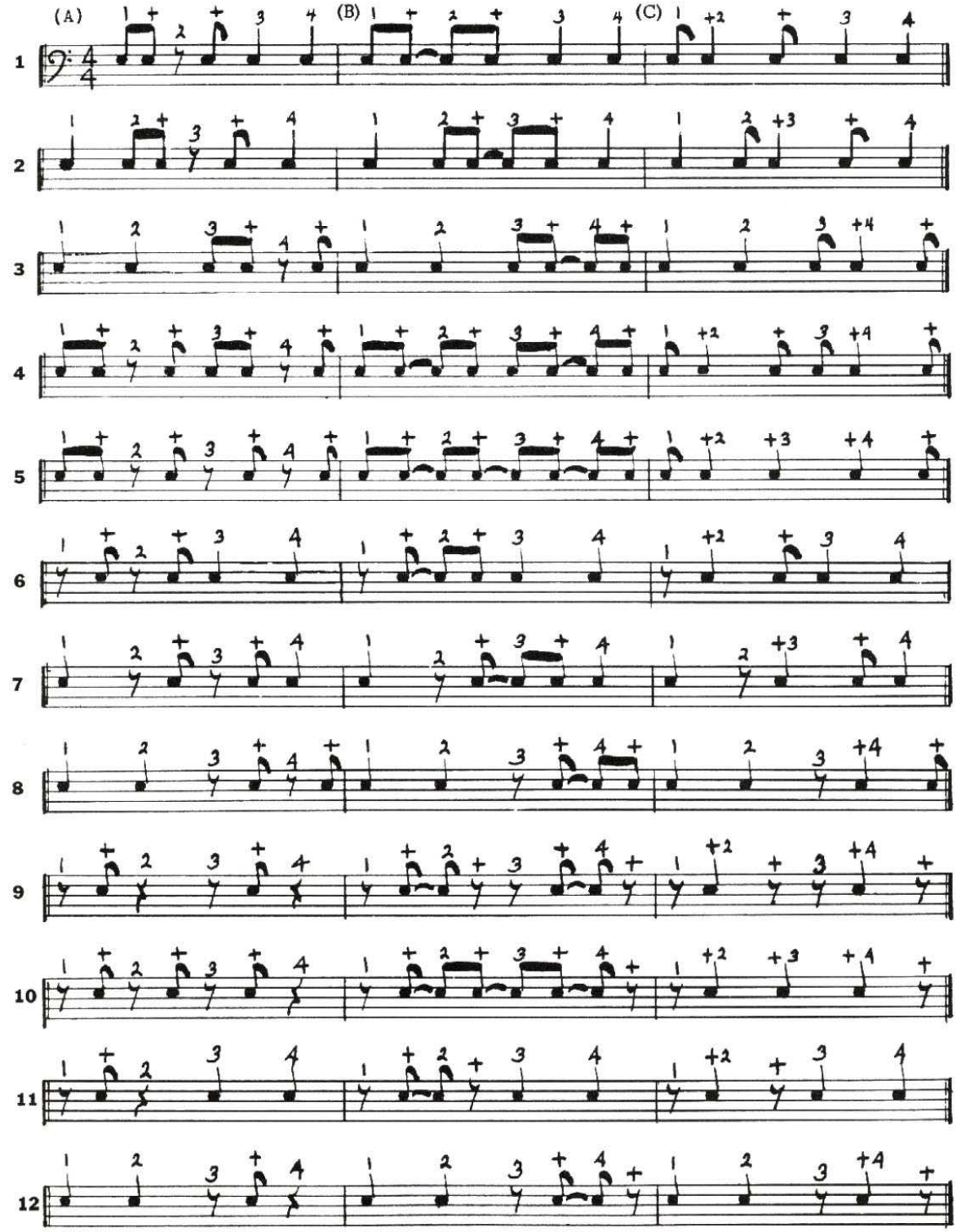

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Syncopation Set 2

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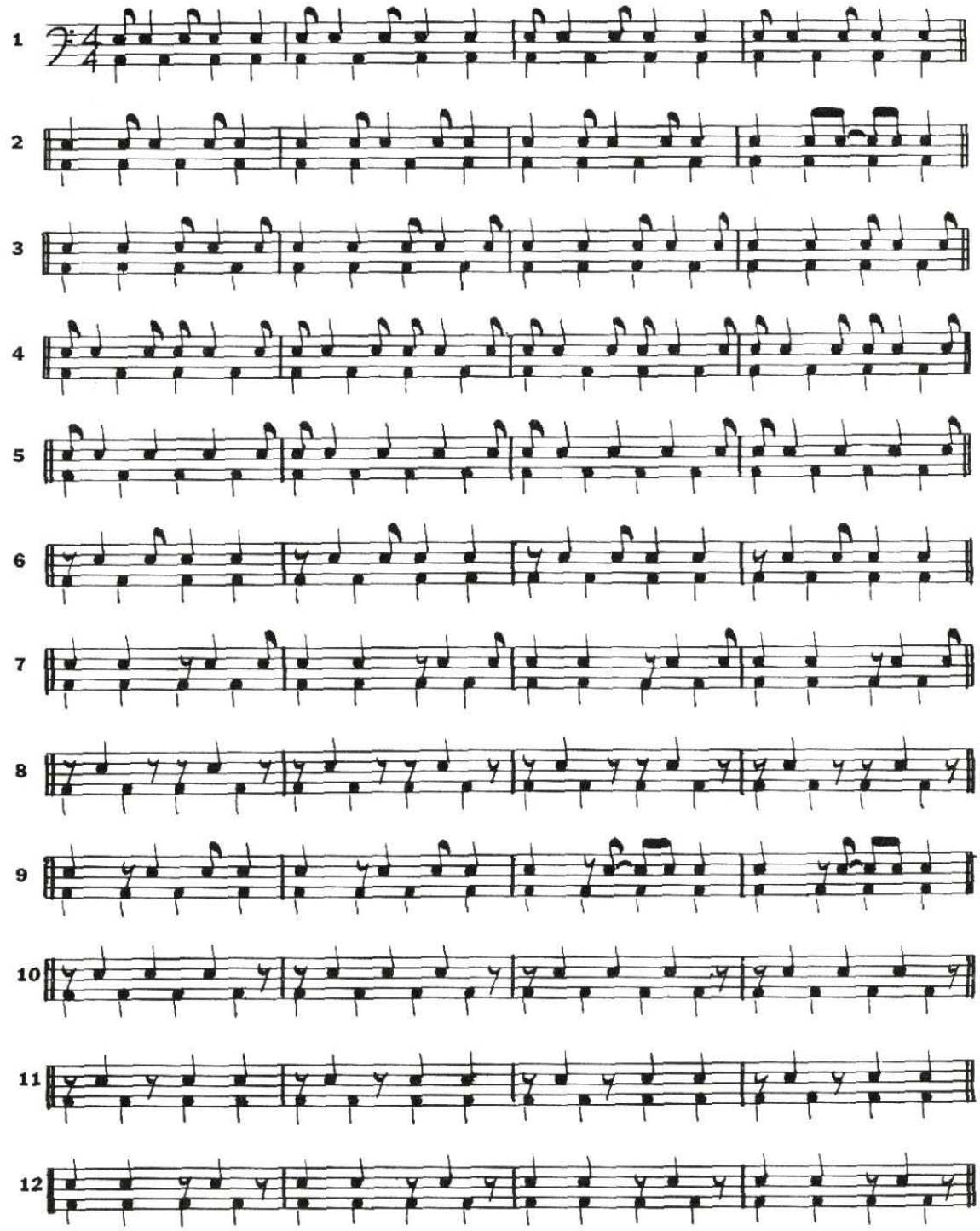

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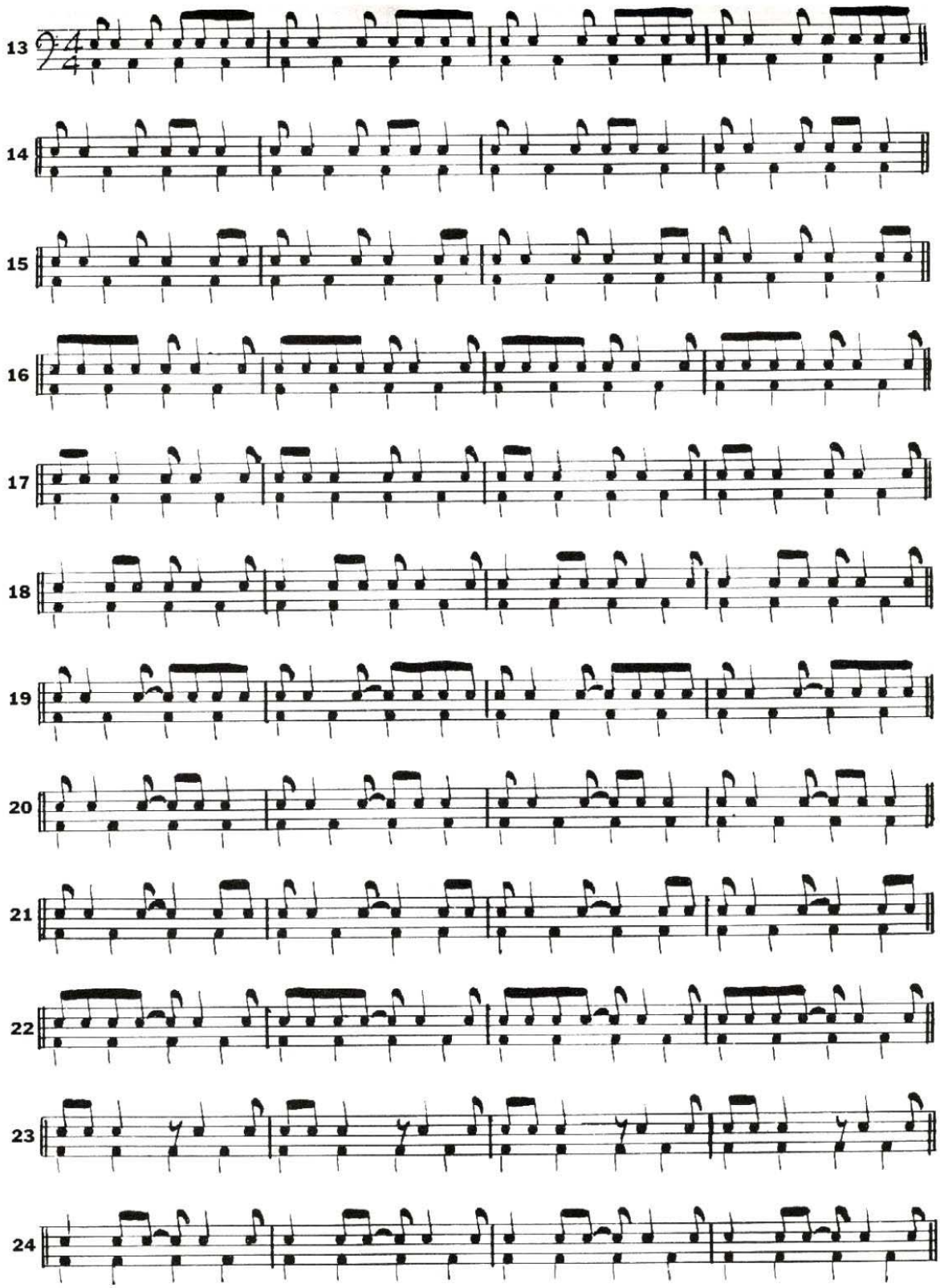

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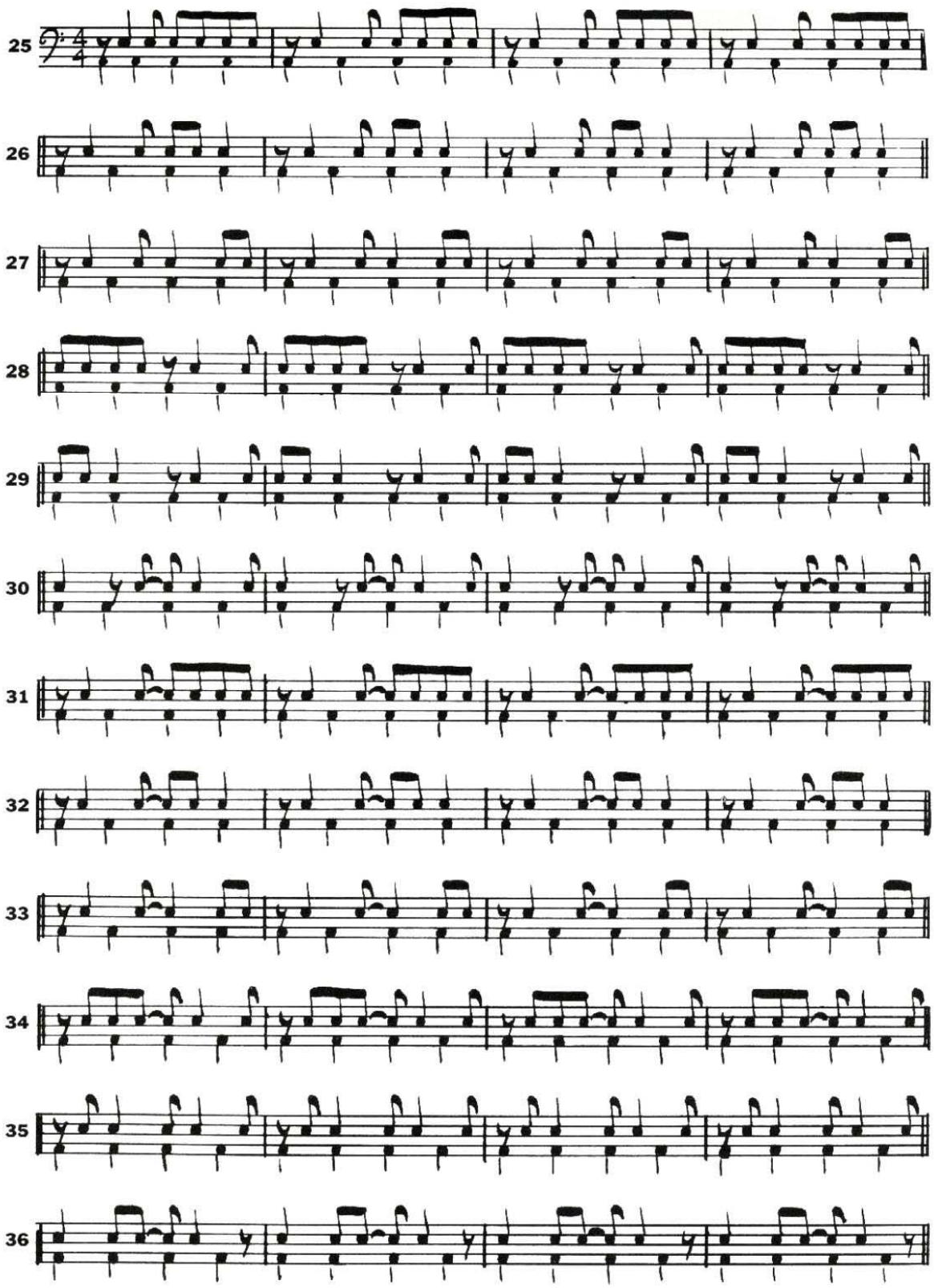

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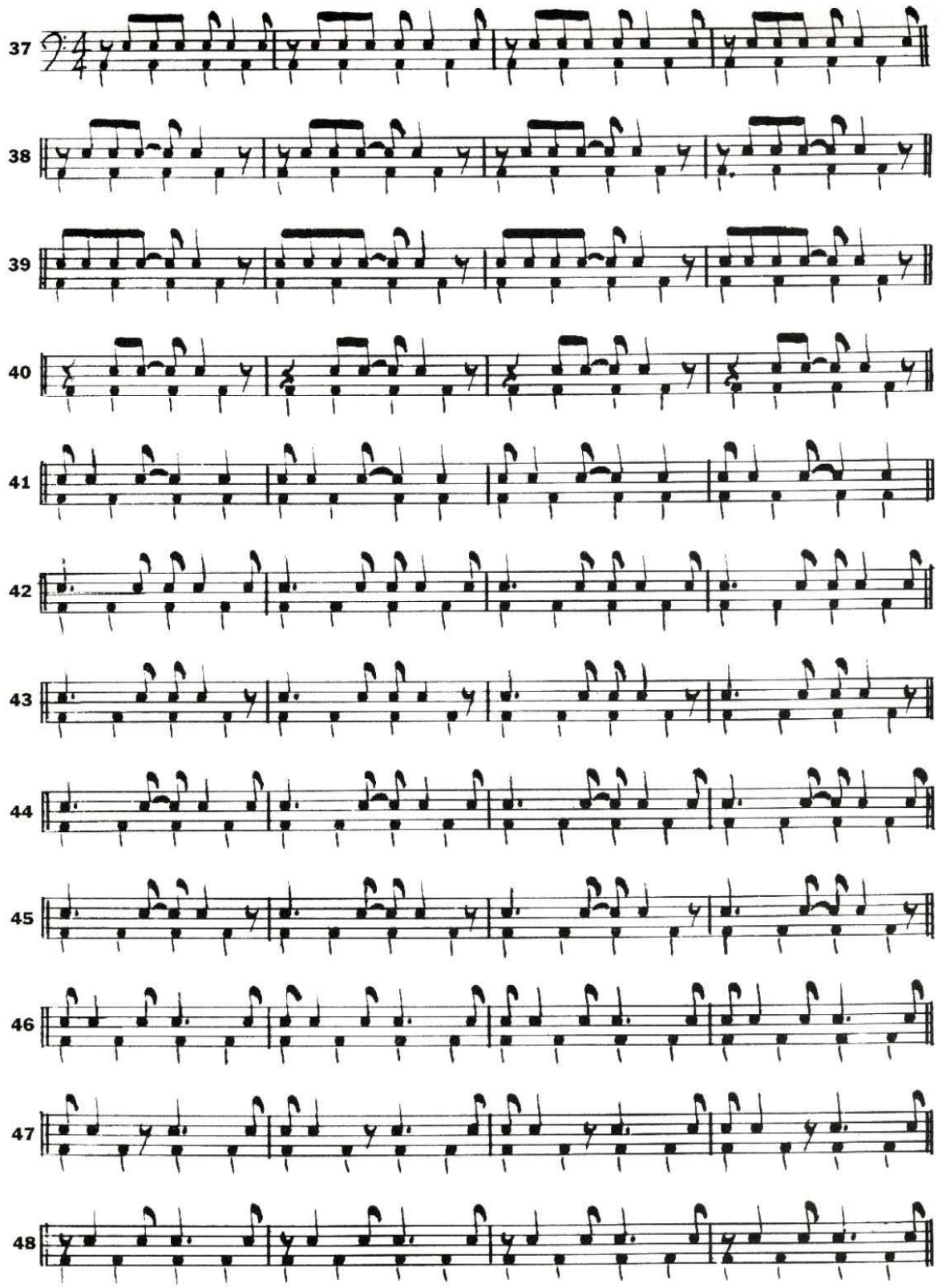

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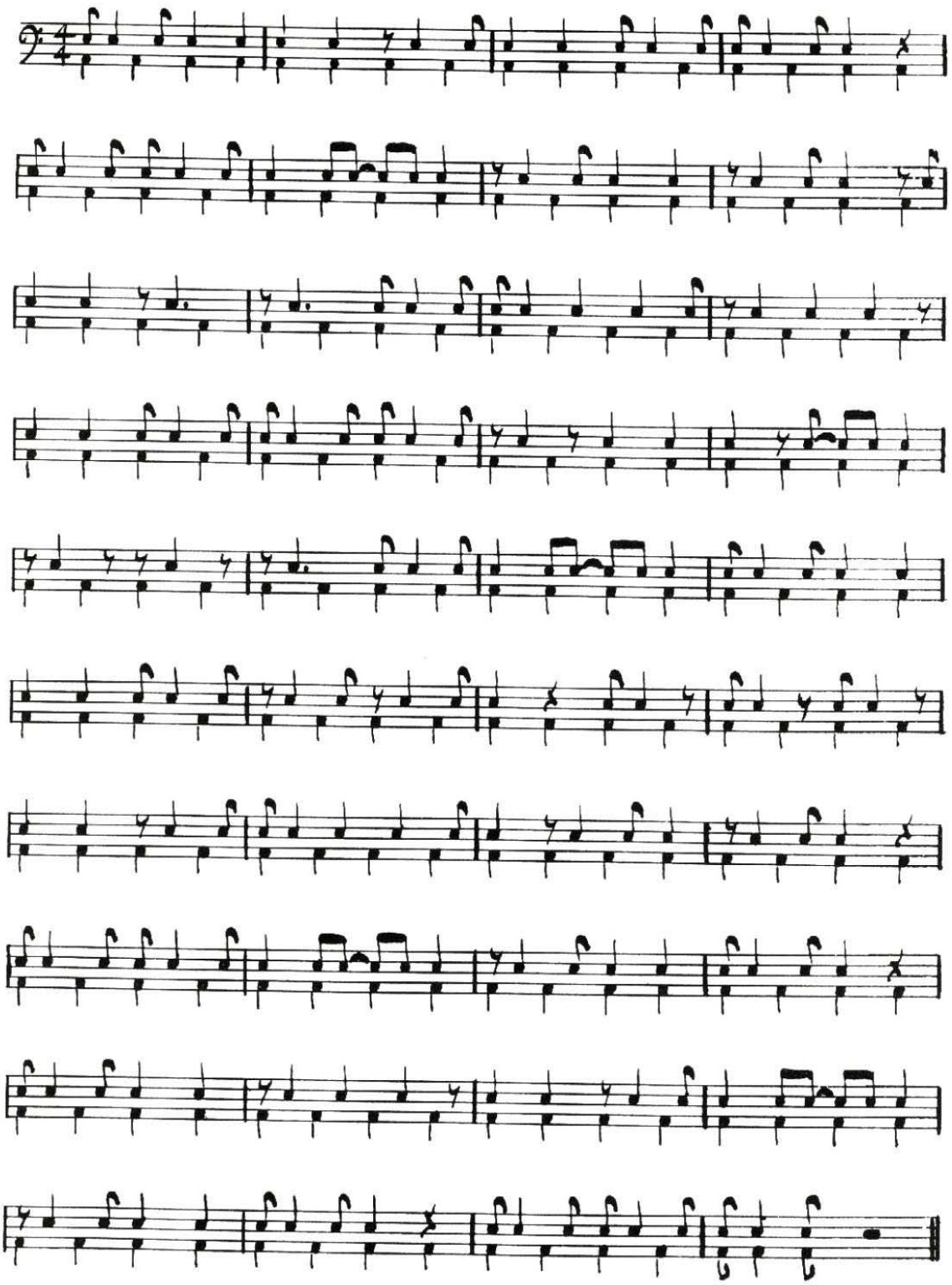

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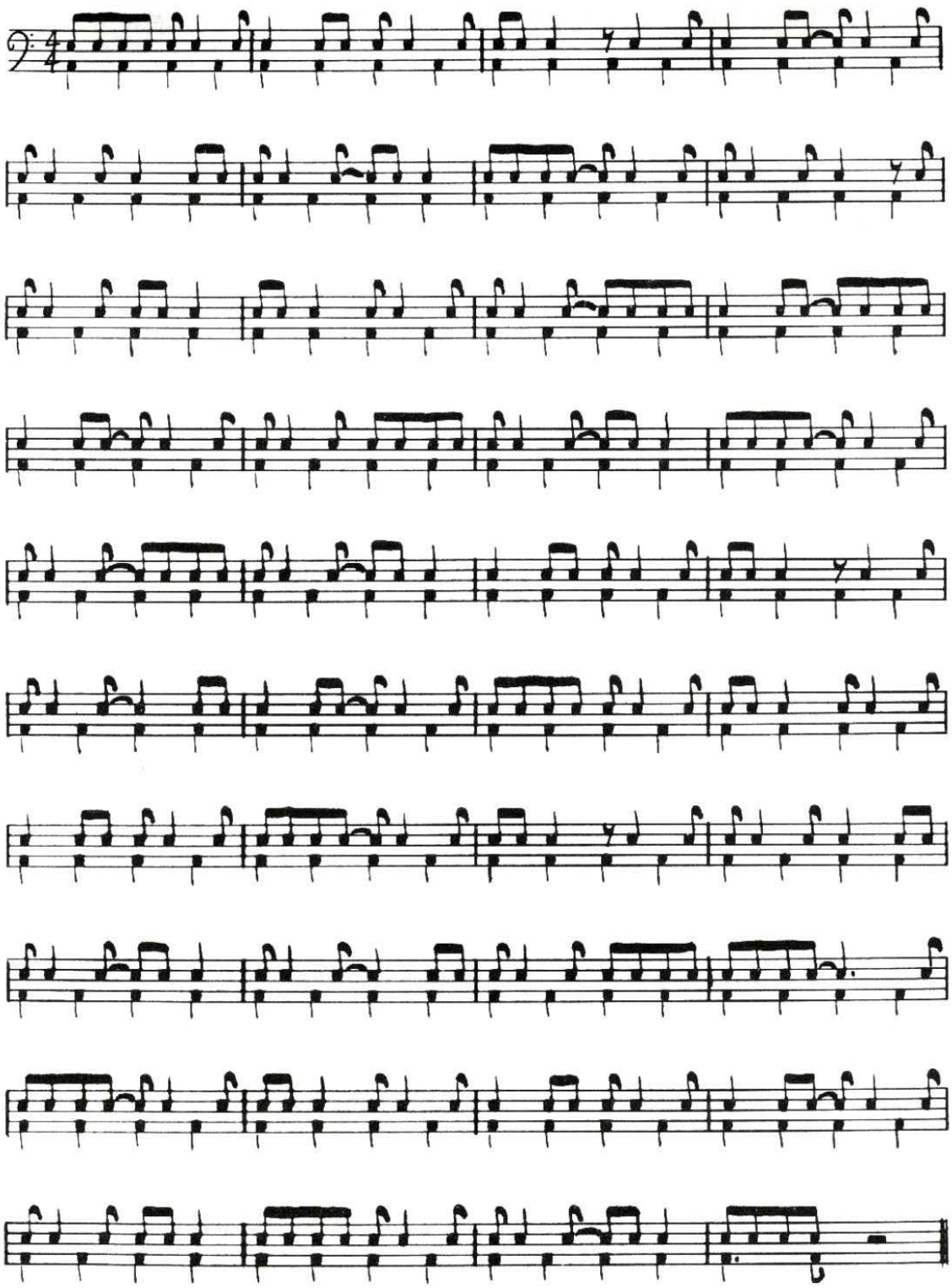

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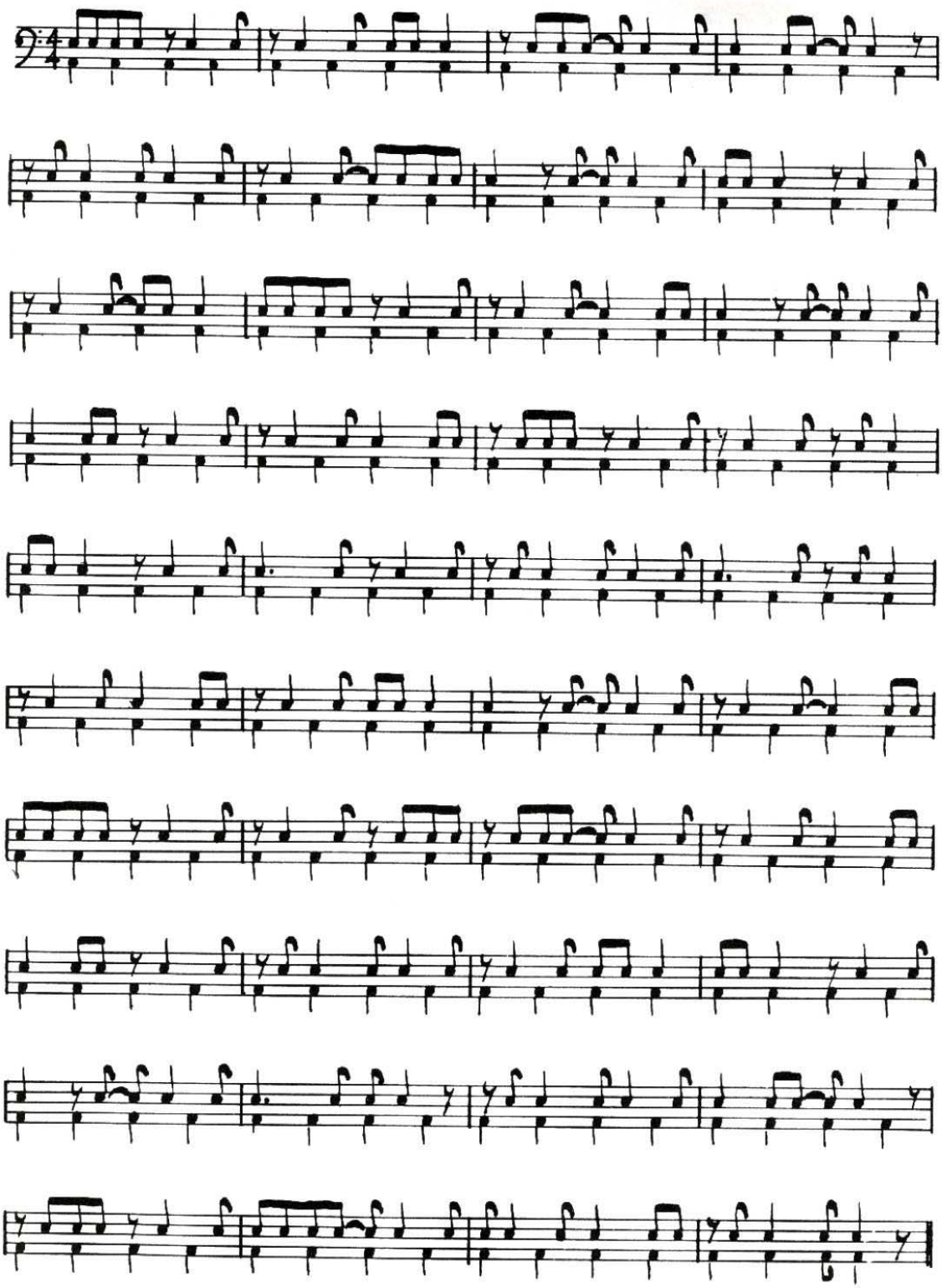

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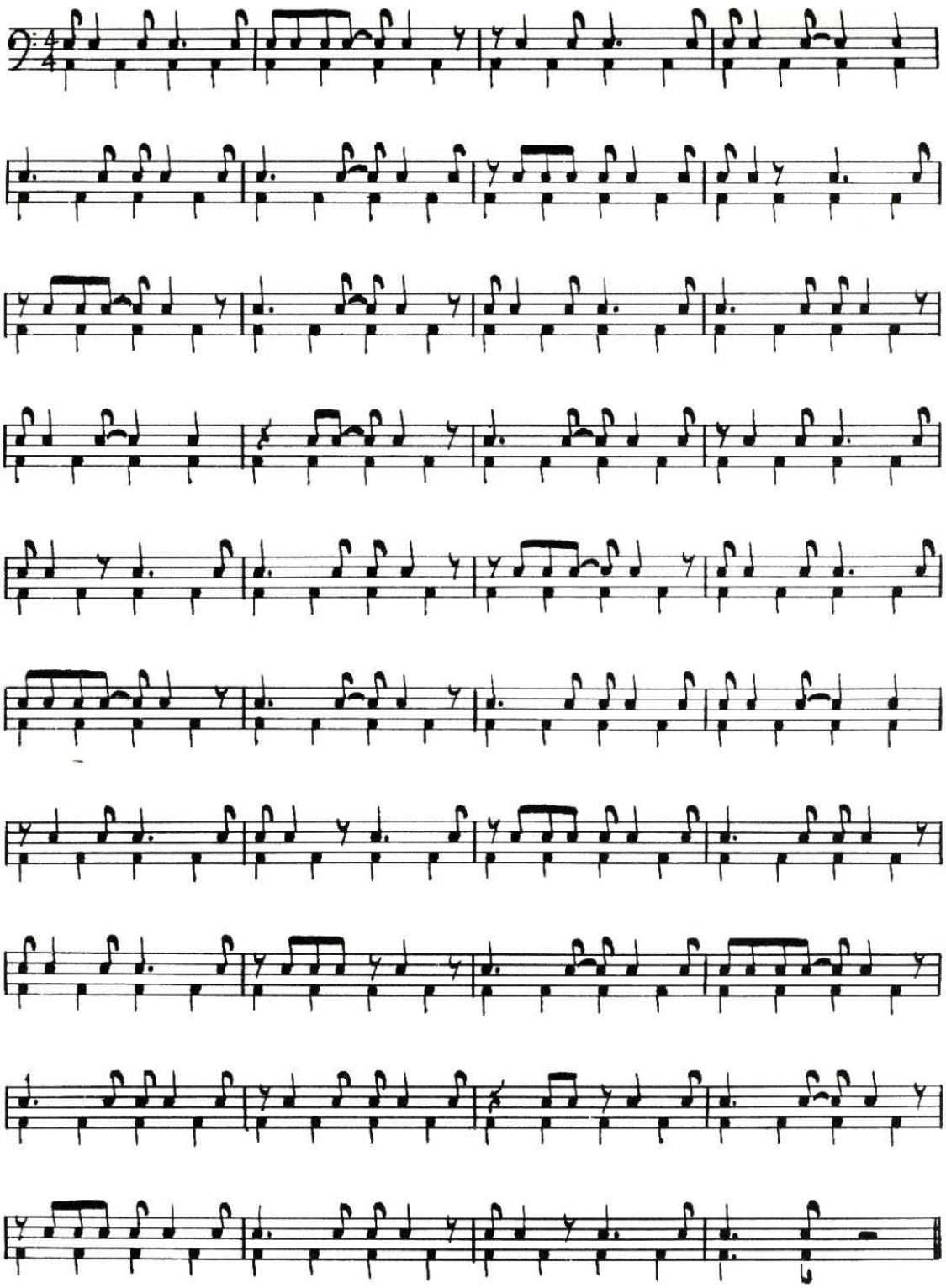

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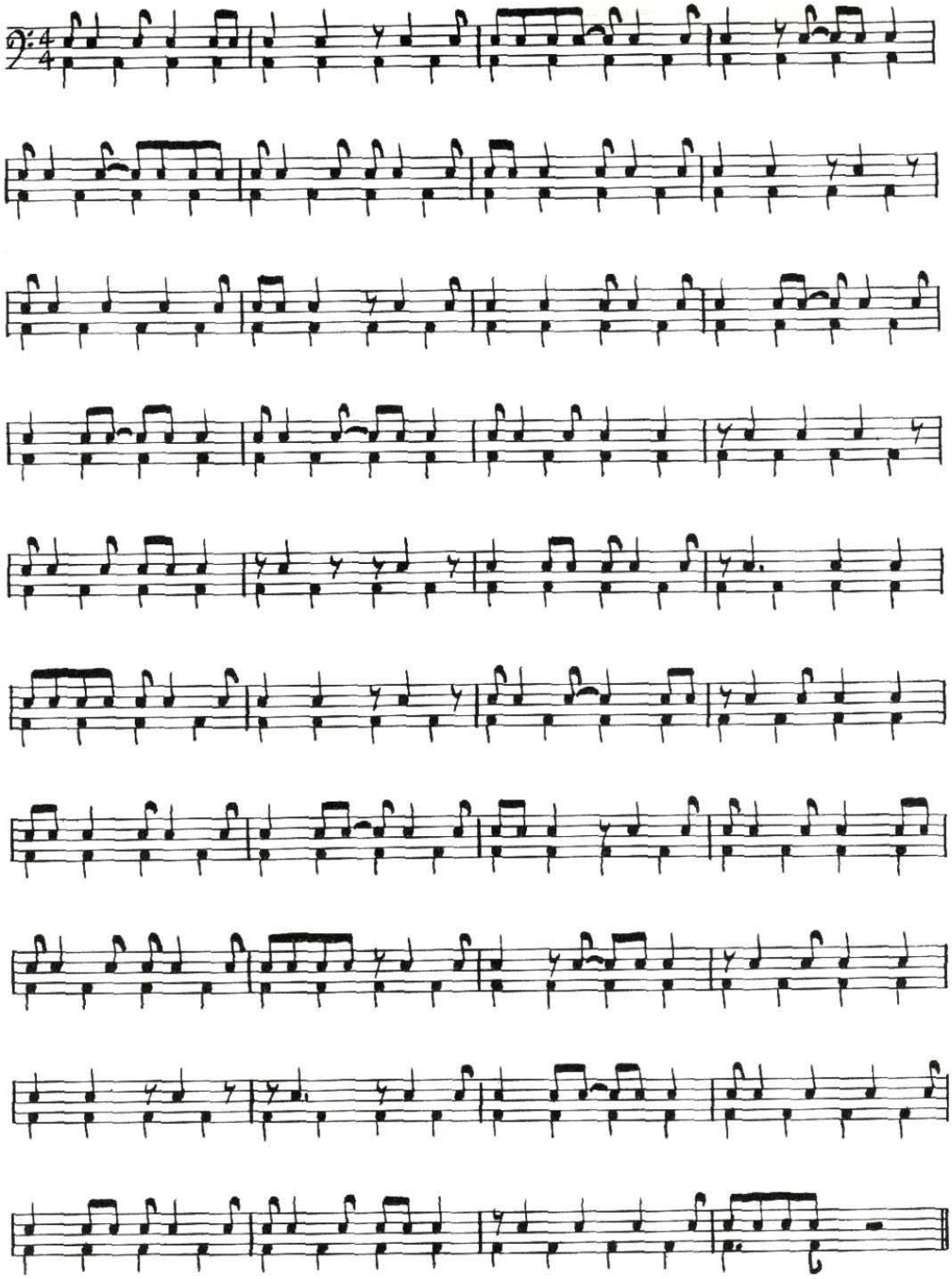

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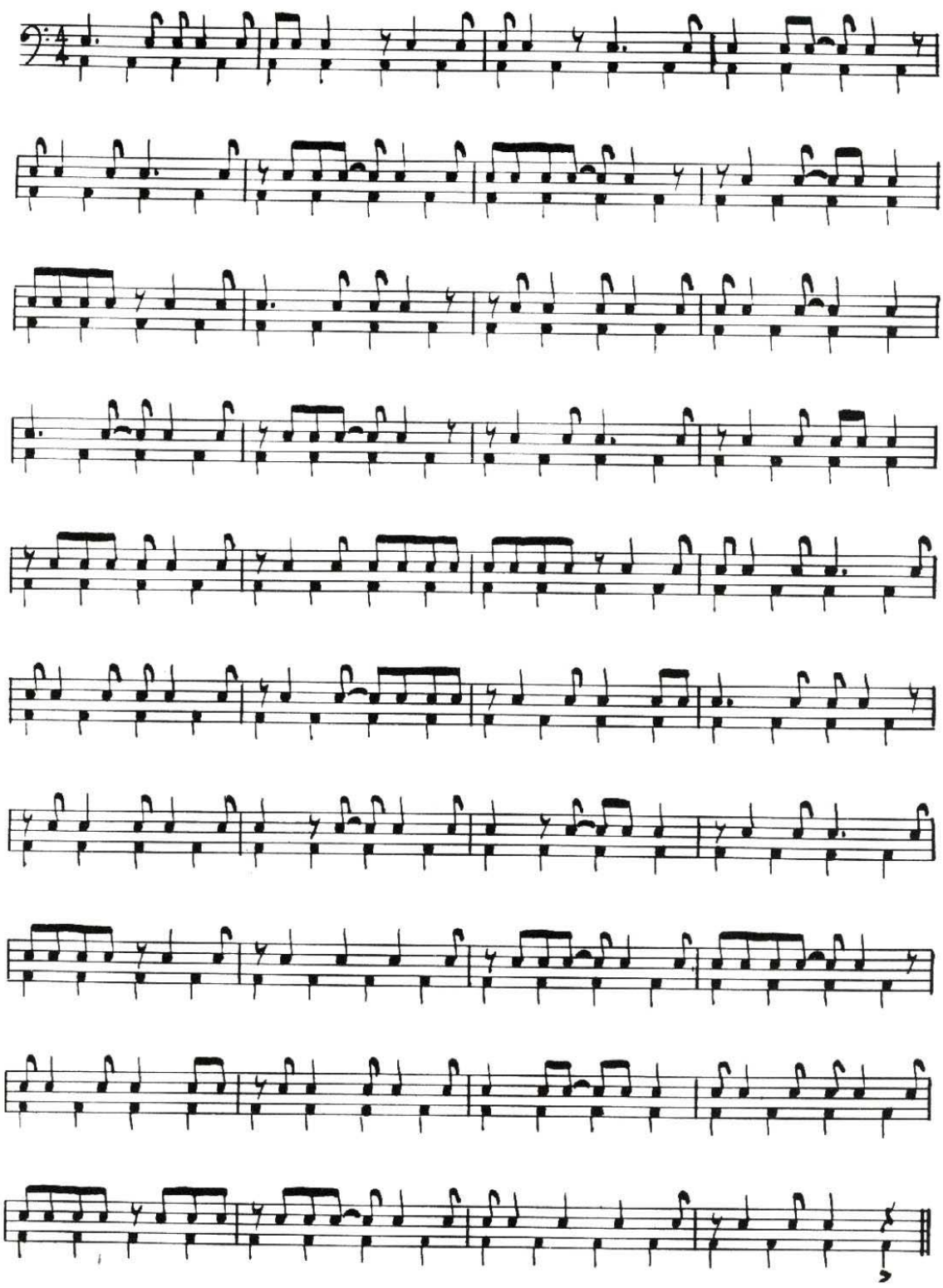

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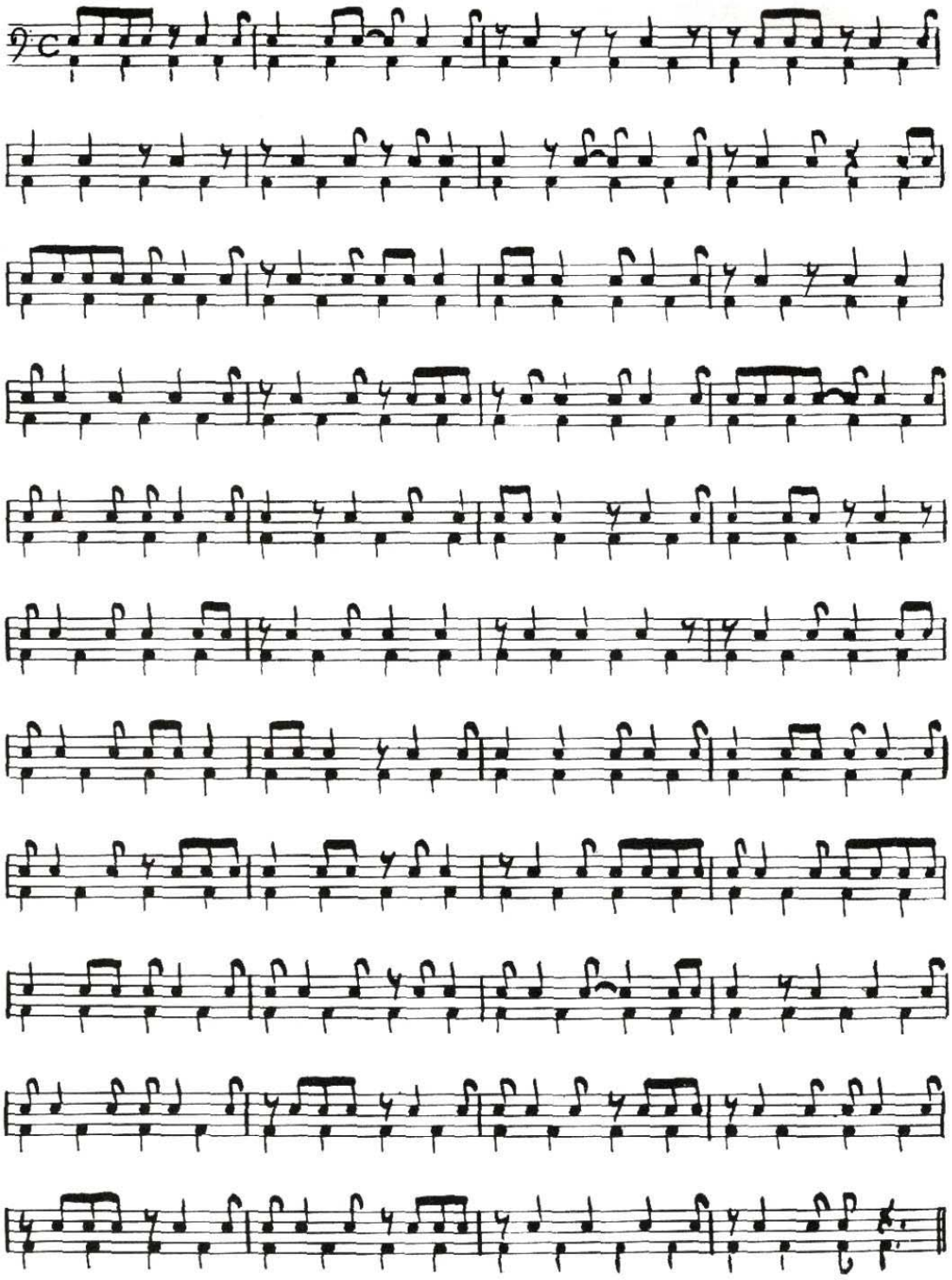

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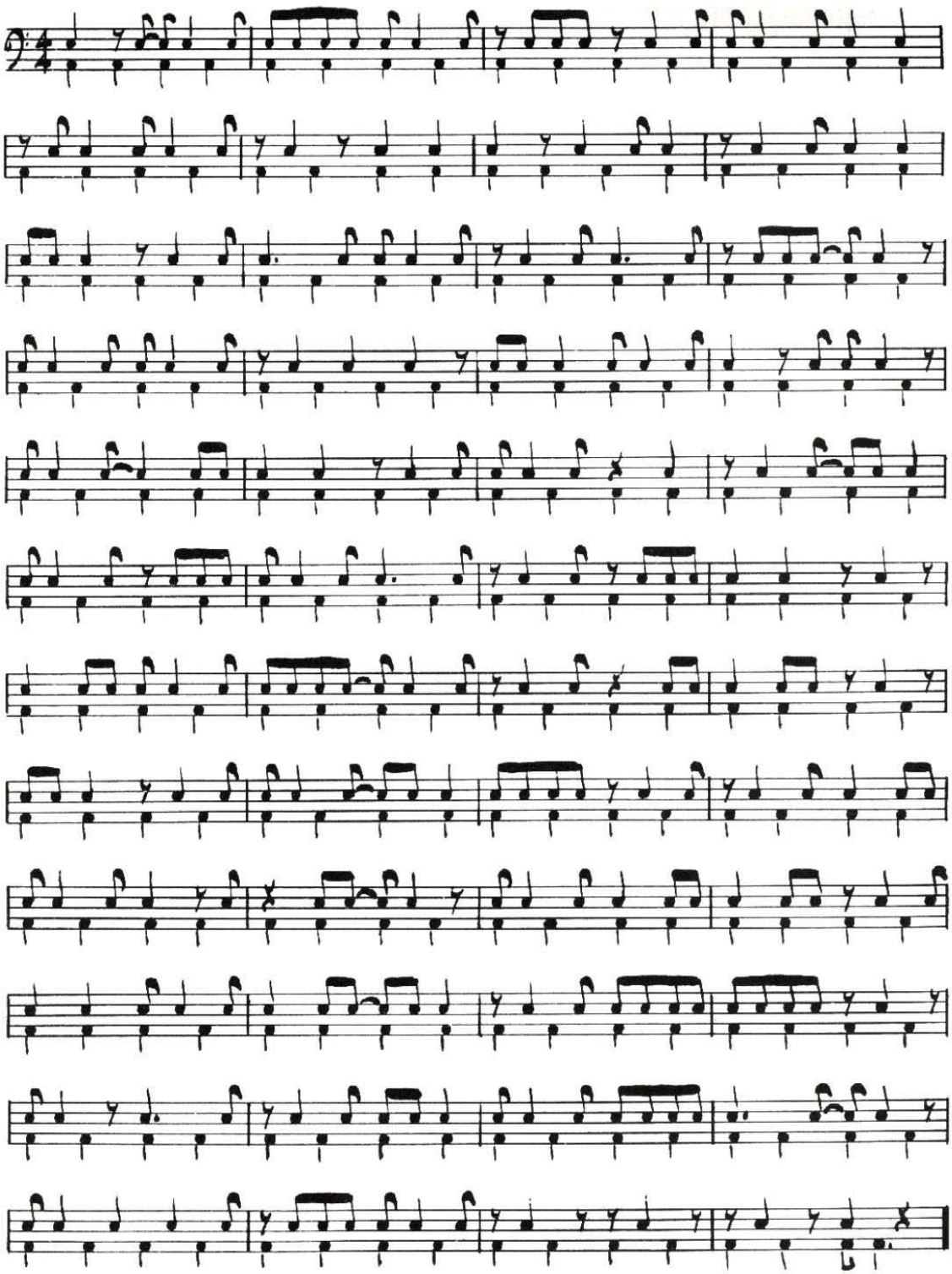

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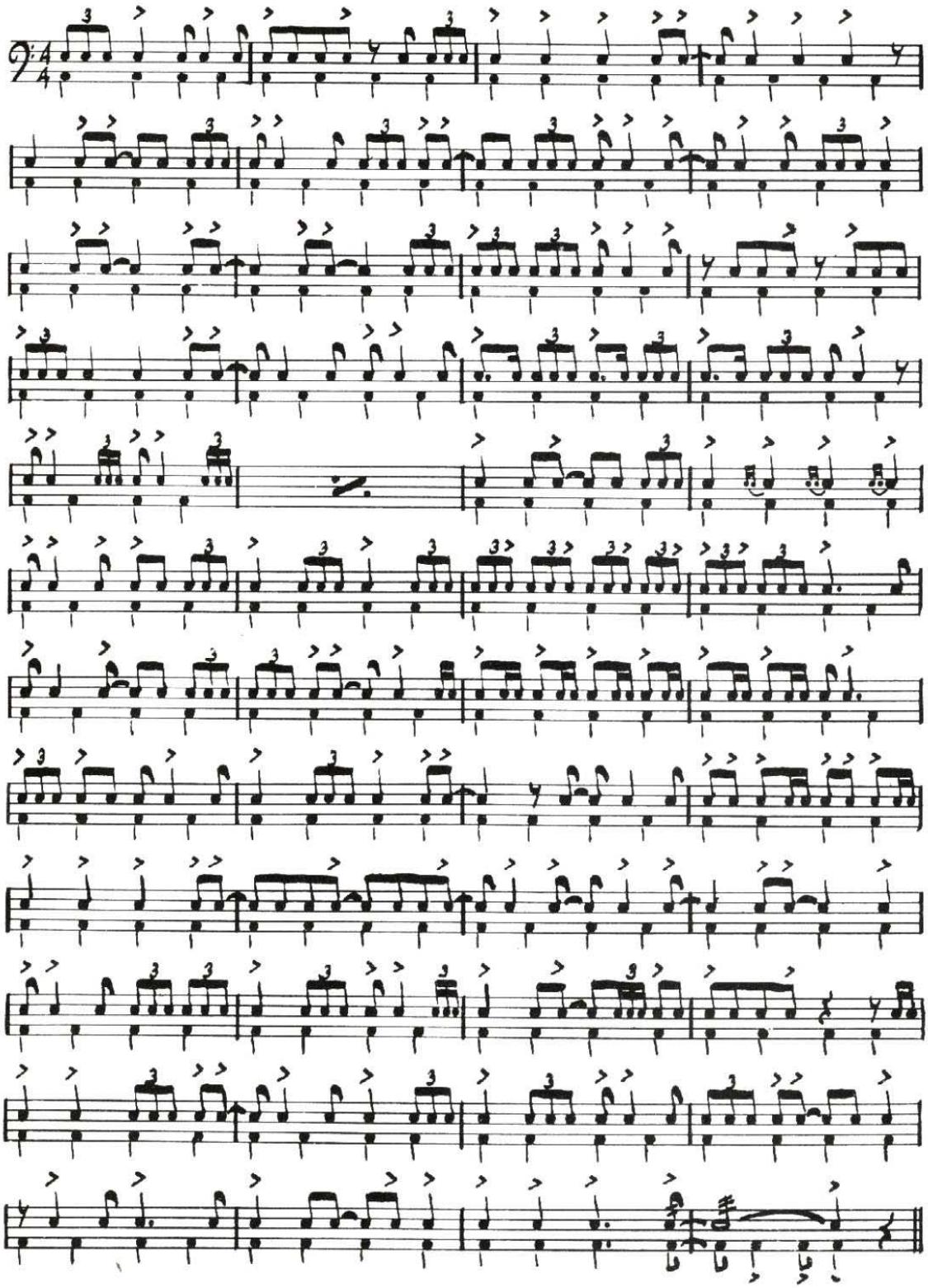

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Lesson One

Accented eighth notes.

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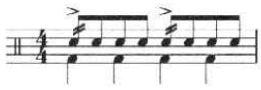

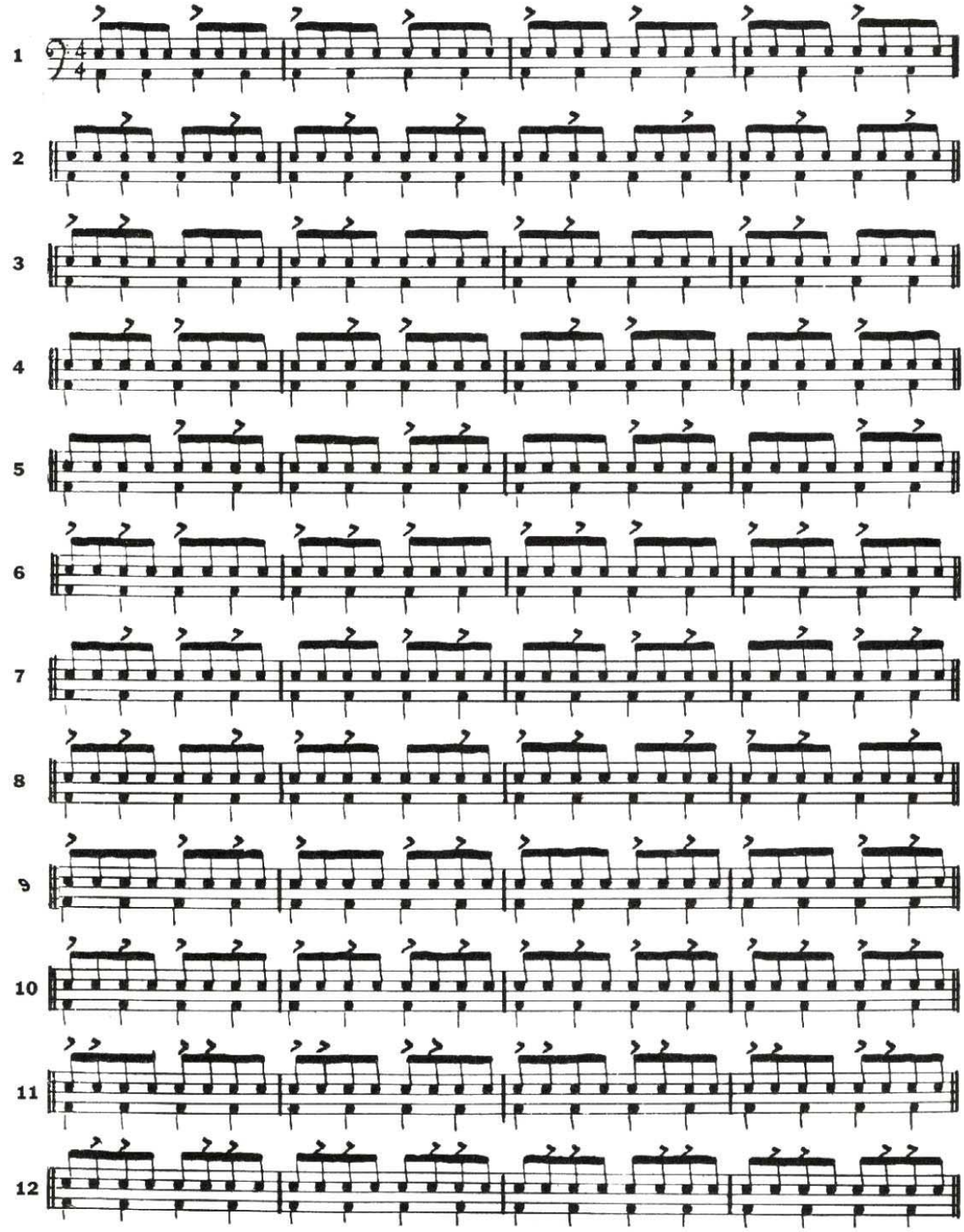

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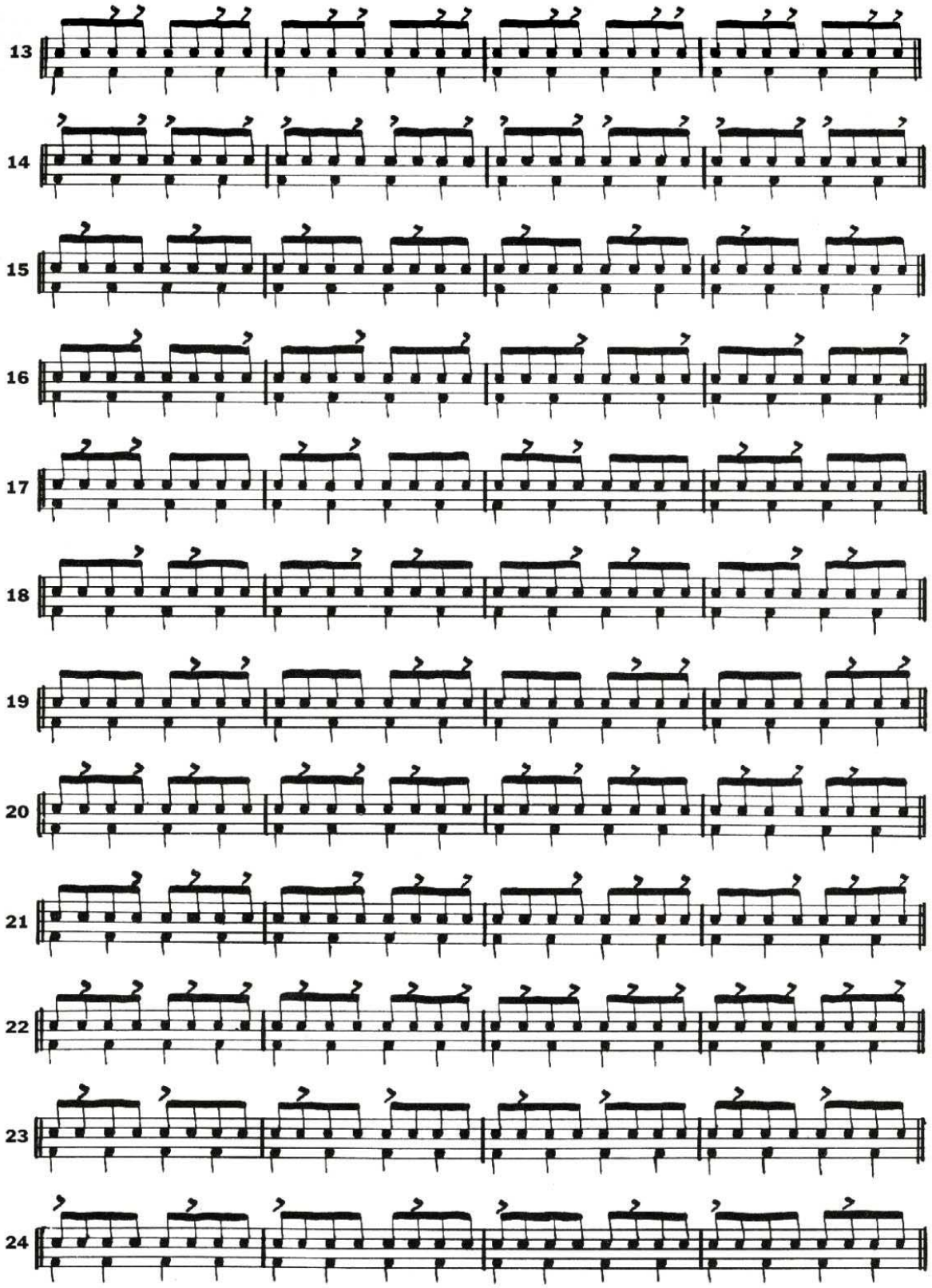

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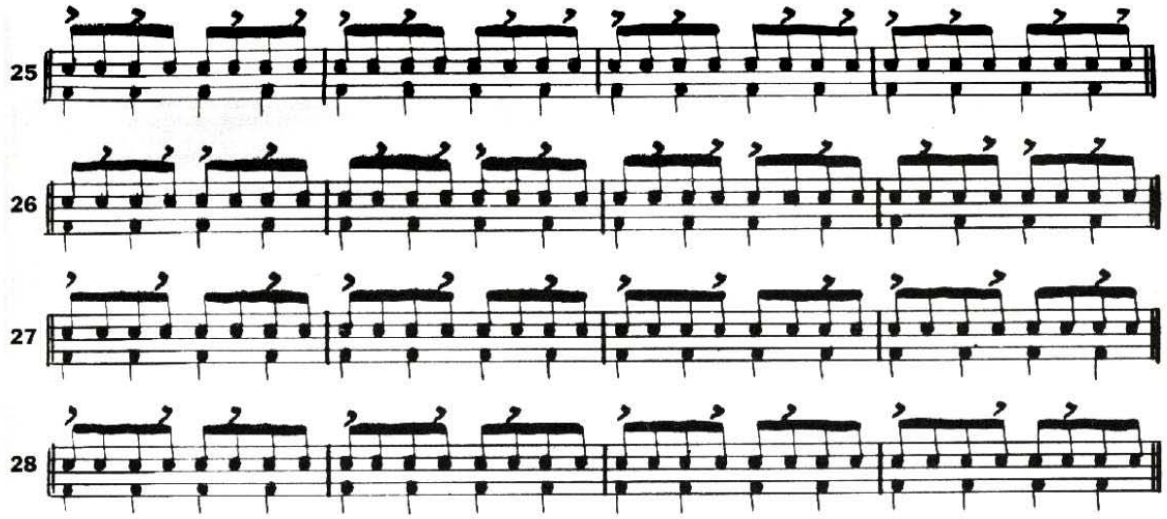

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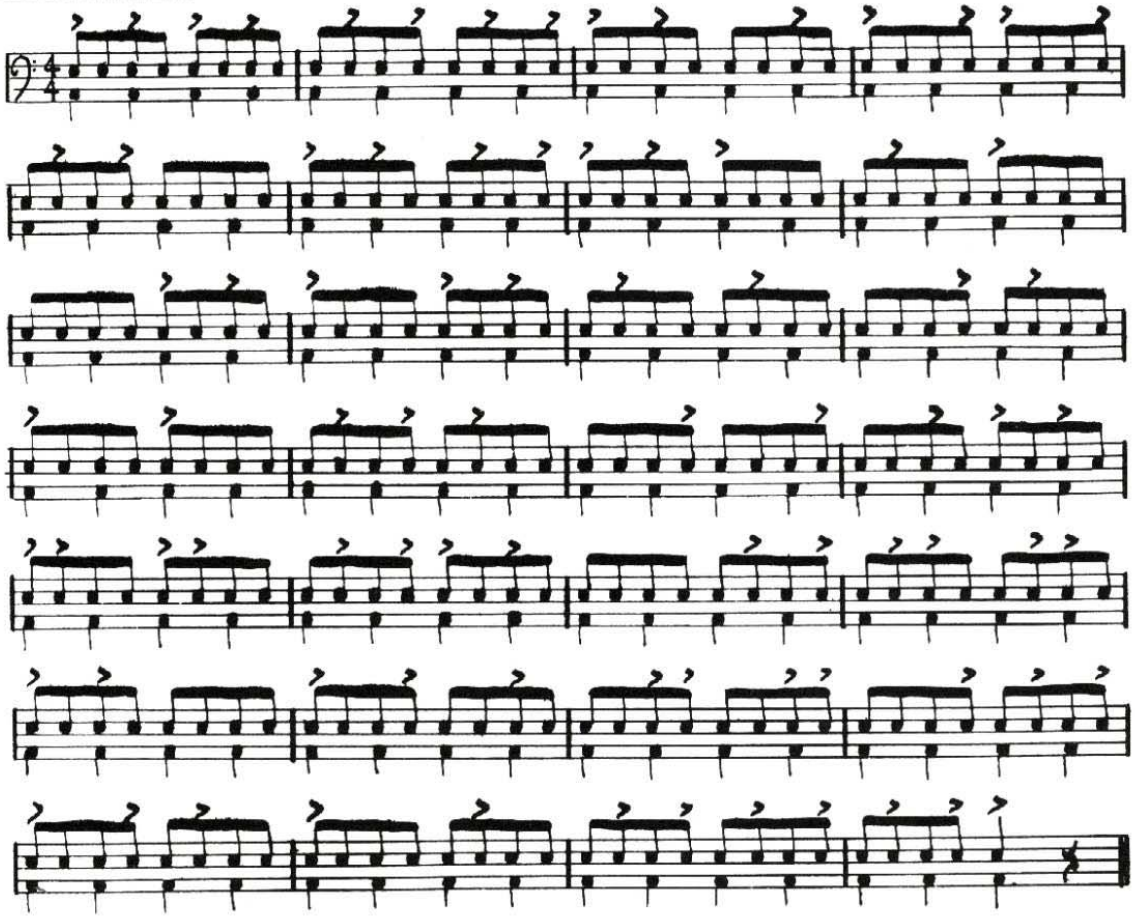

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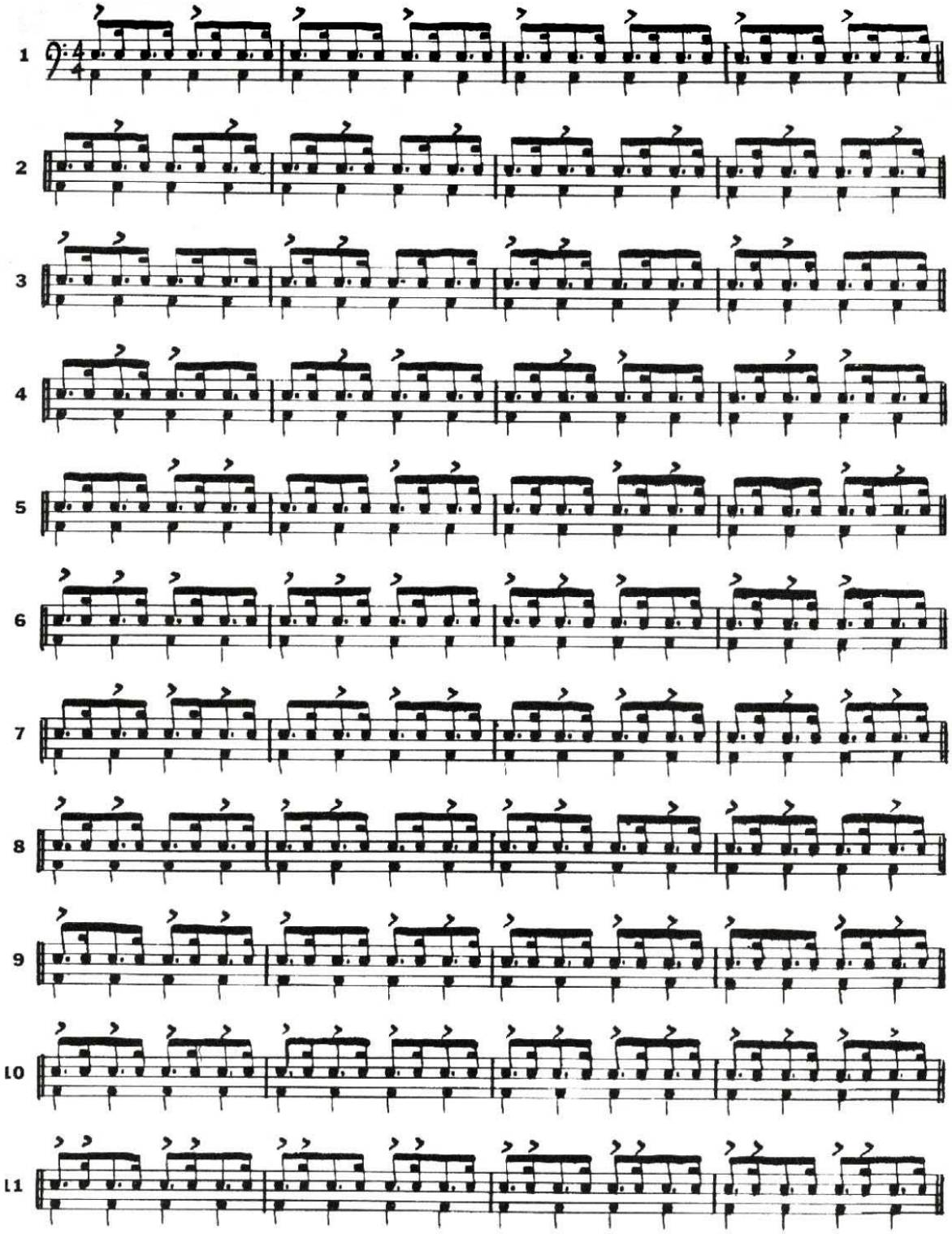

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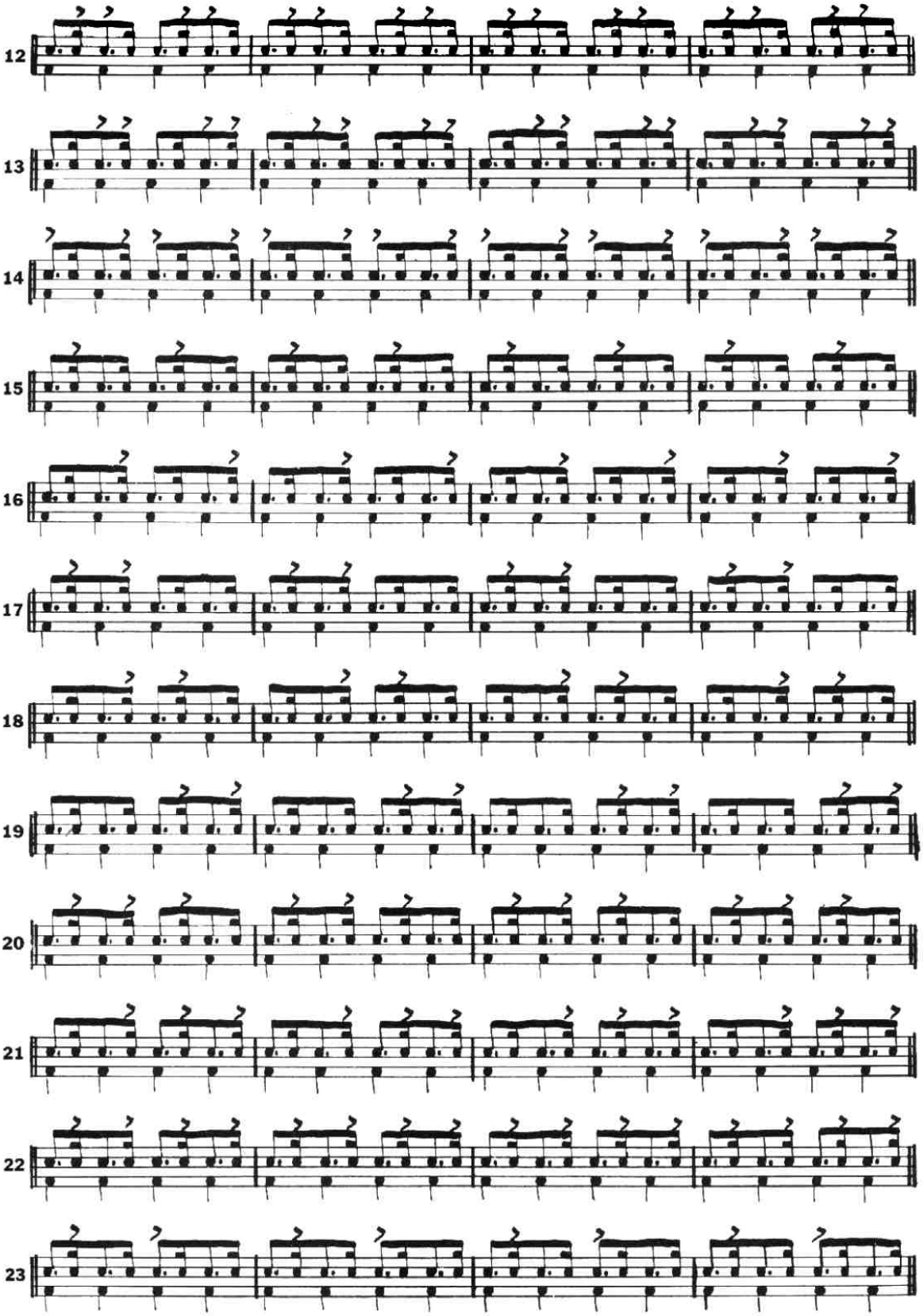

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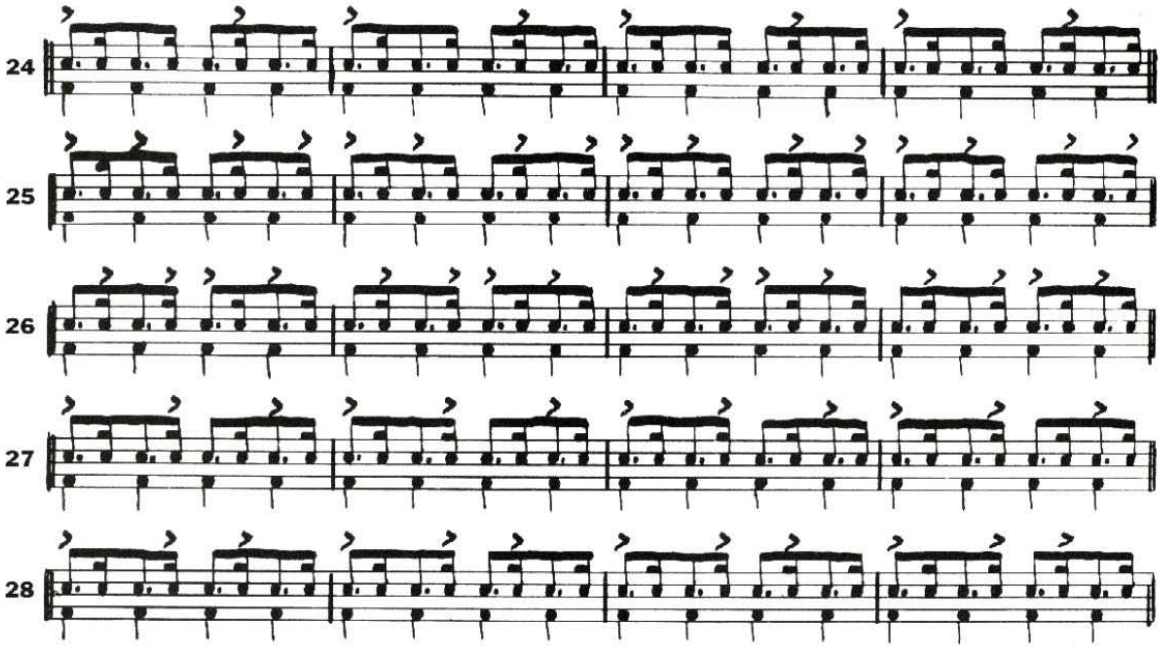

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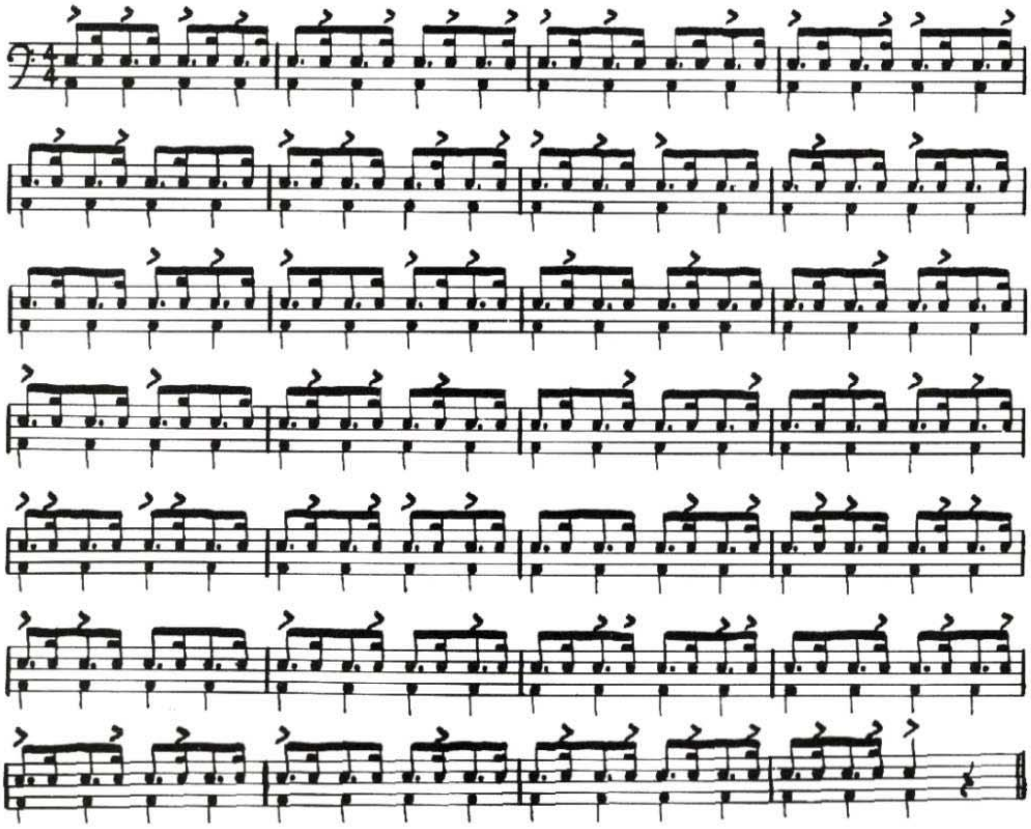

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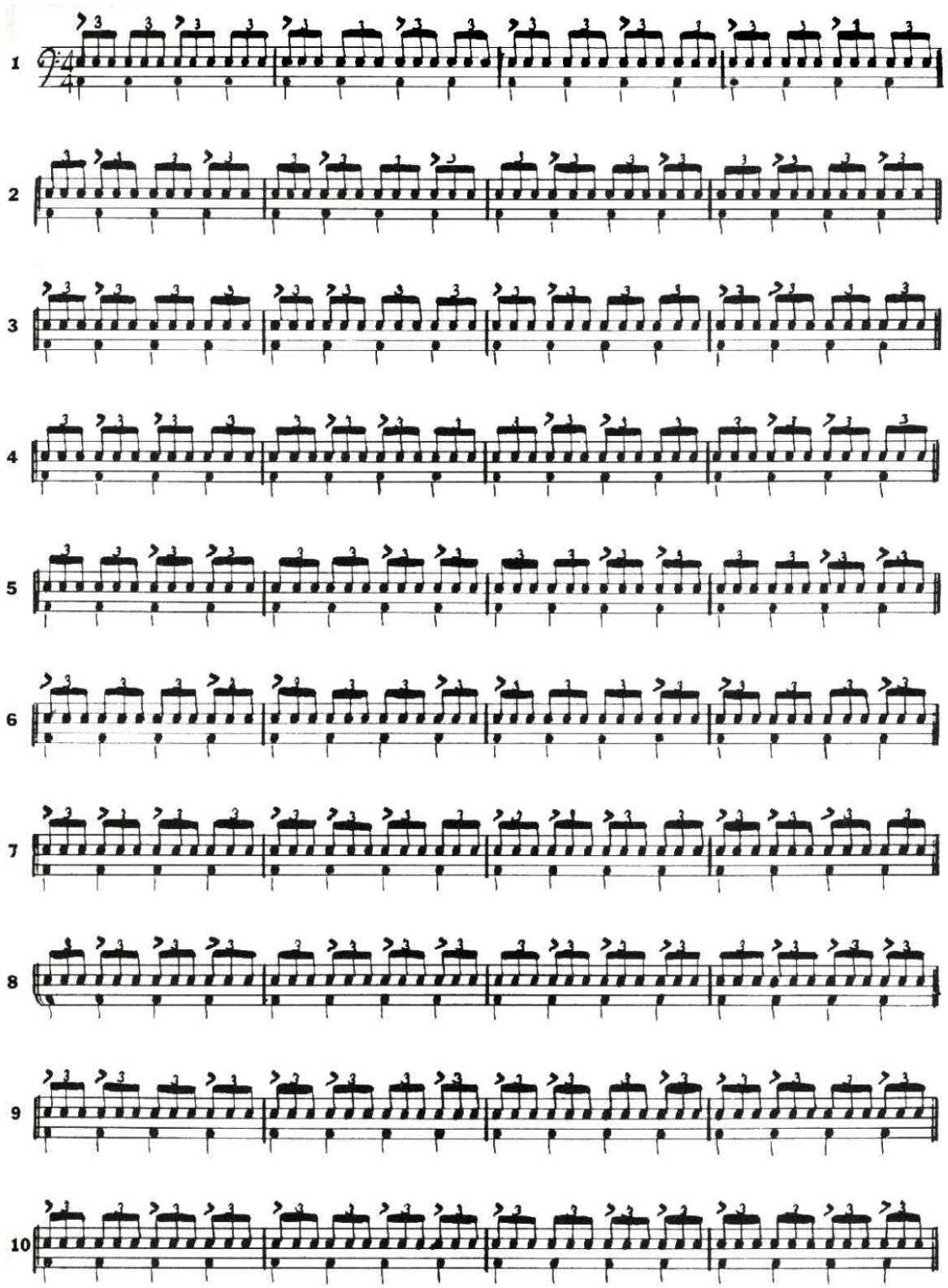

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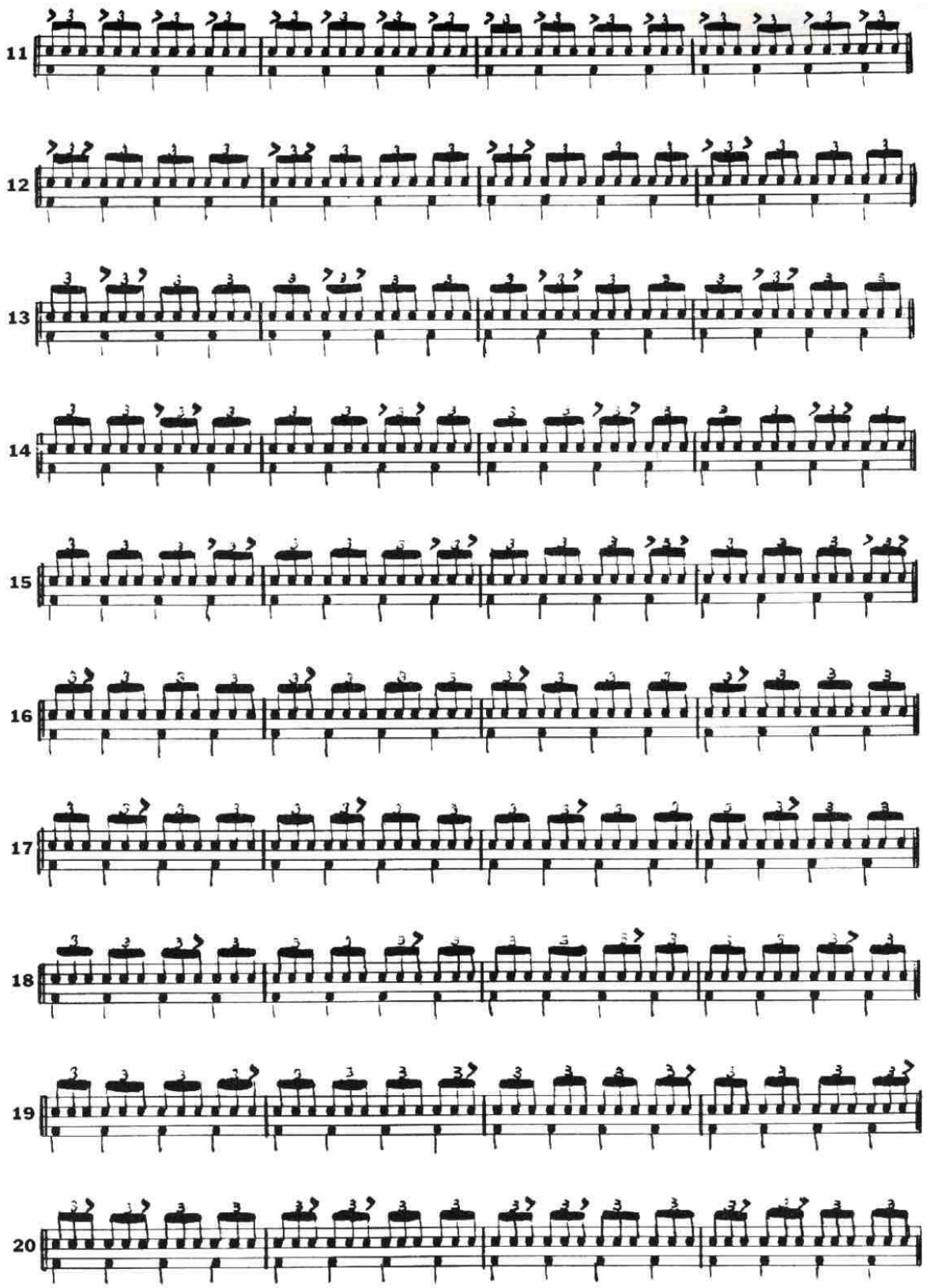

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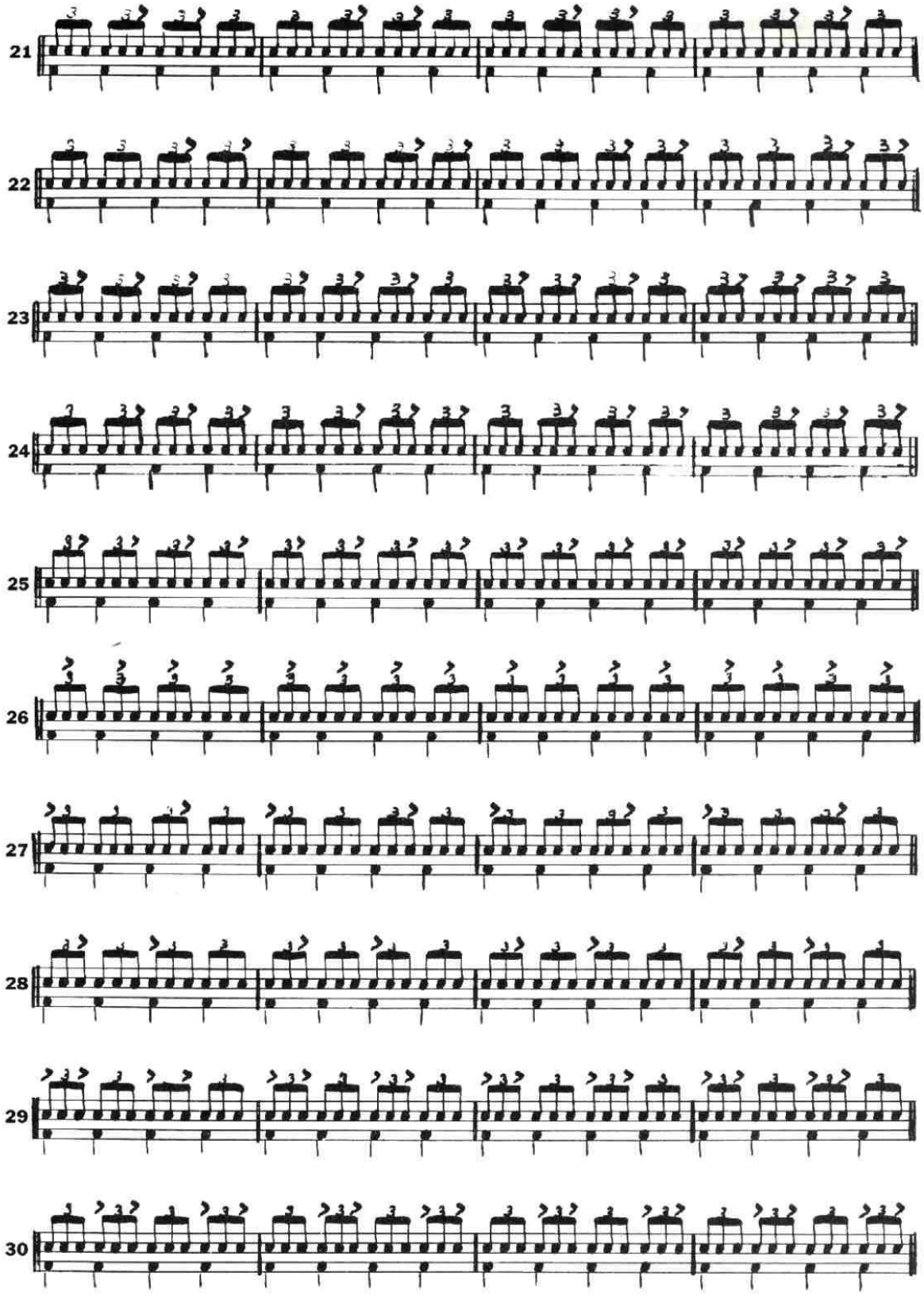

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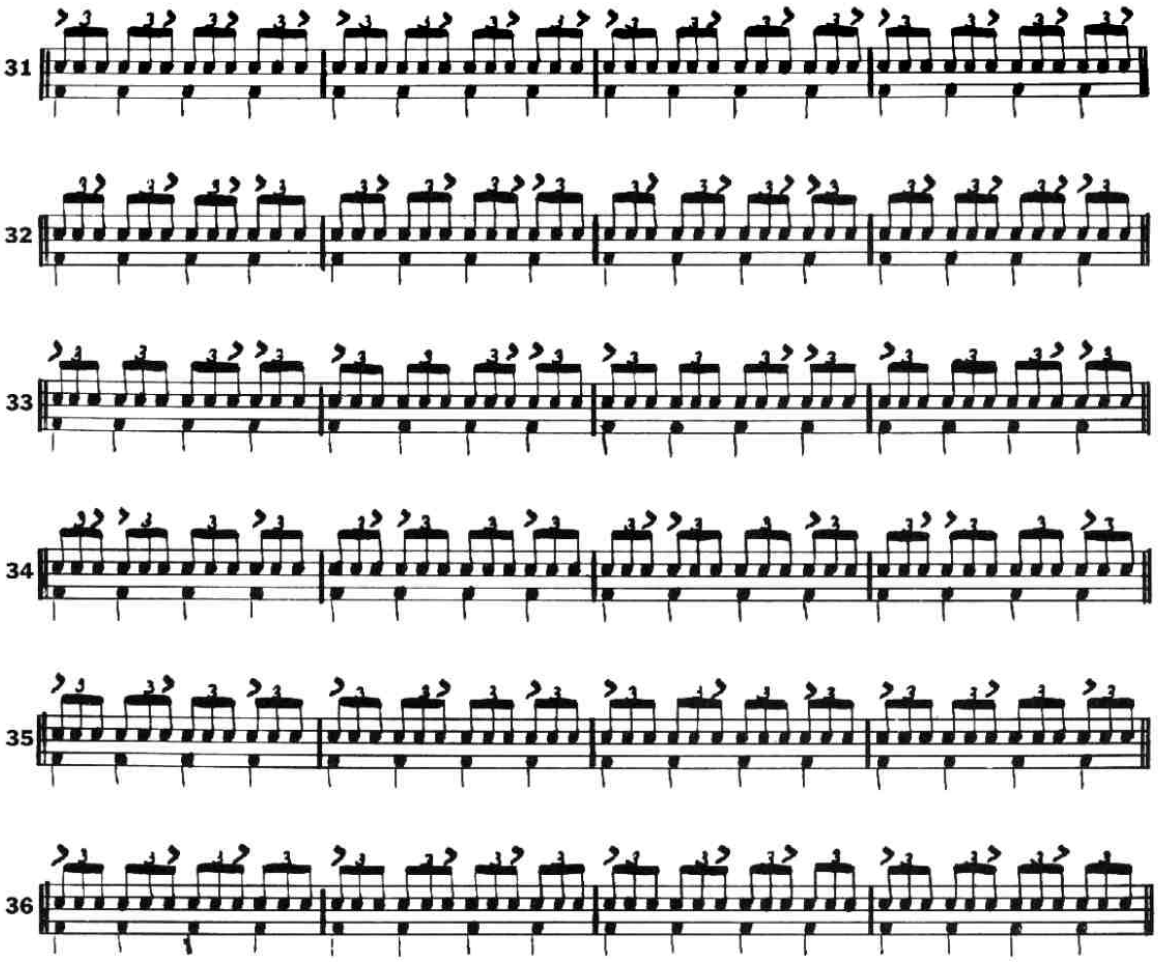

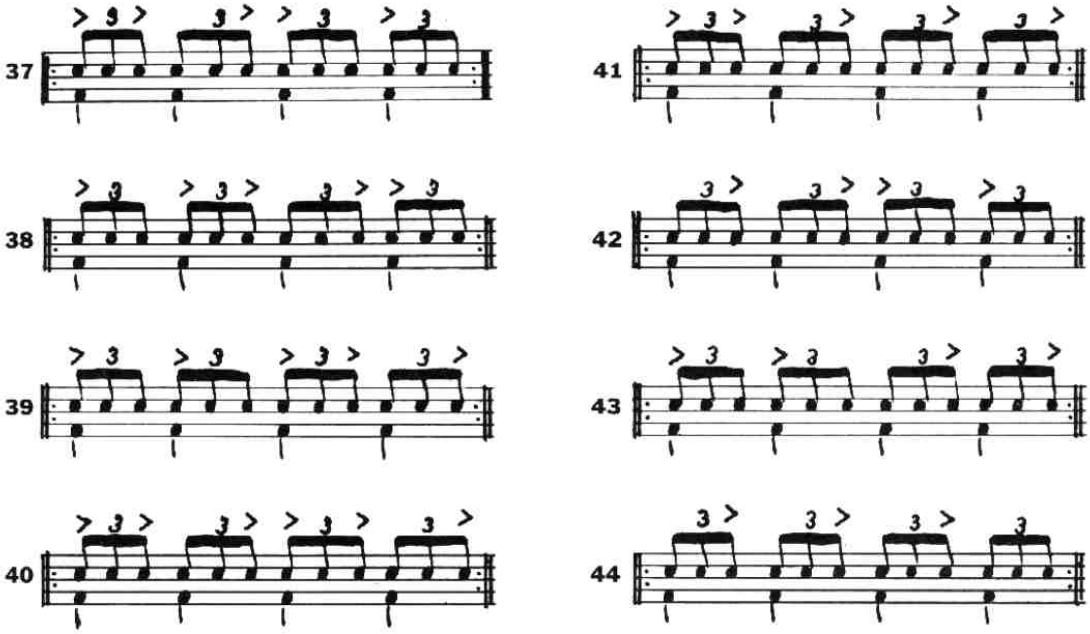

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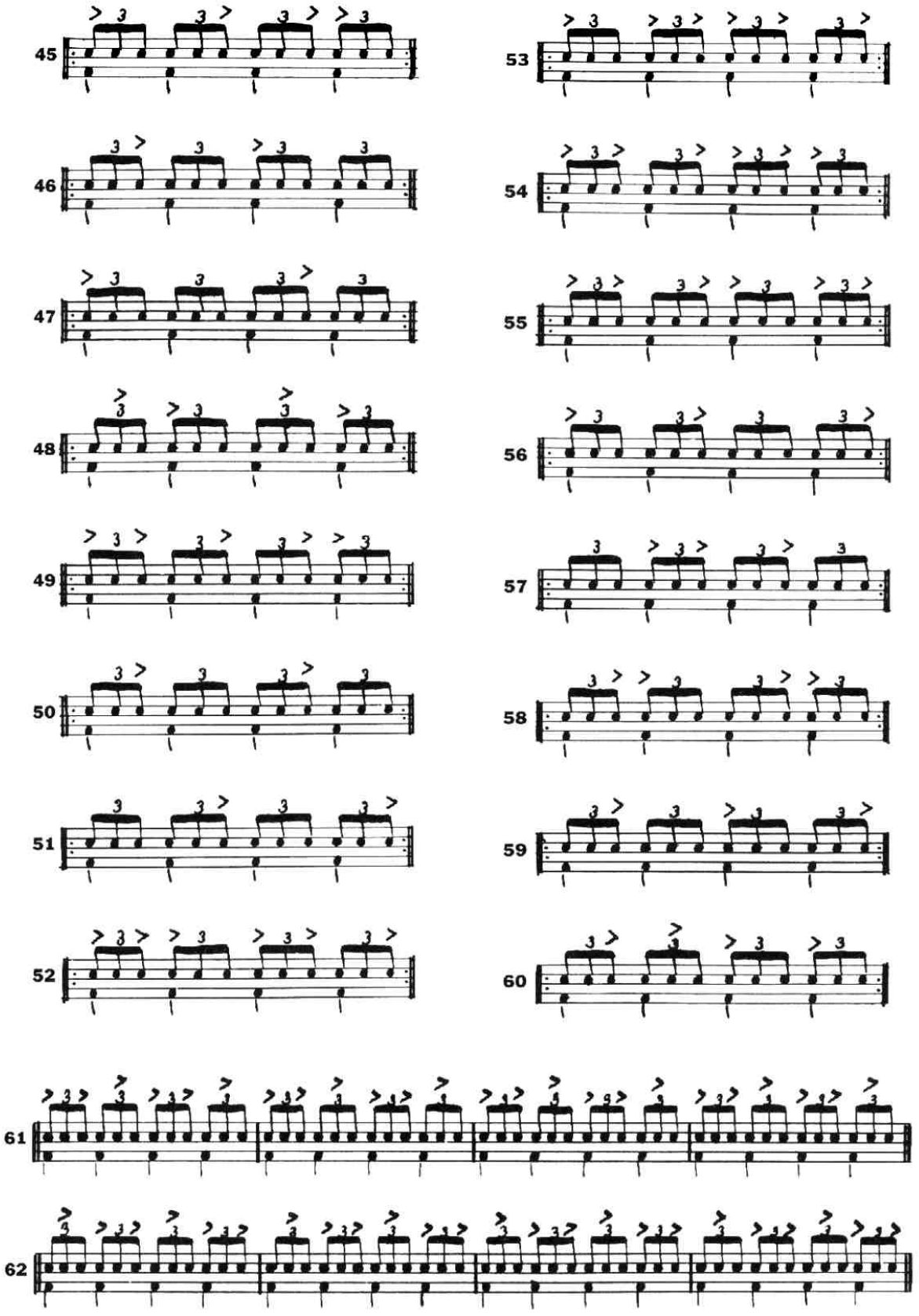

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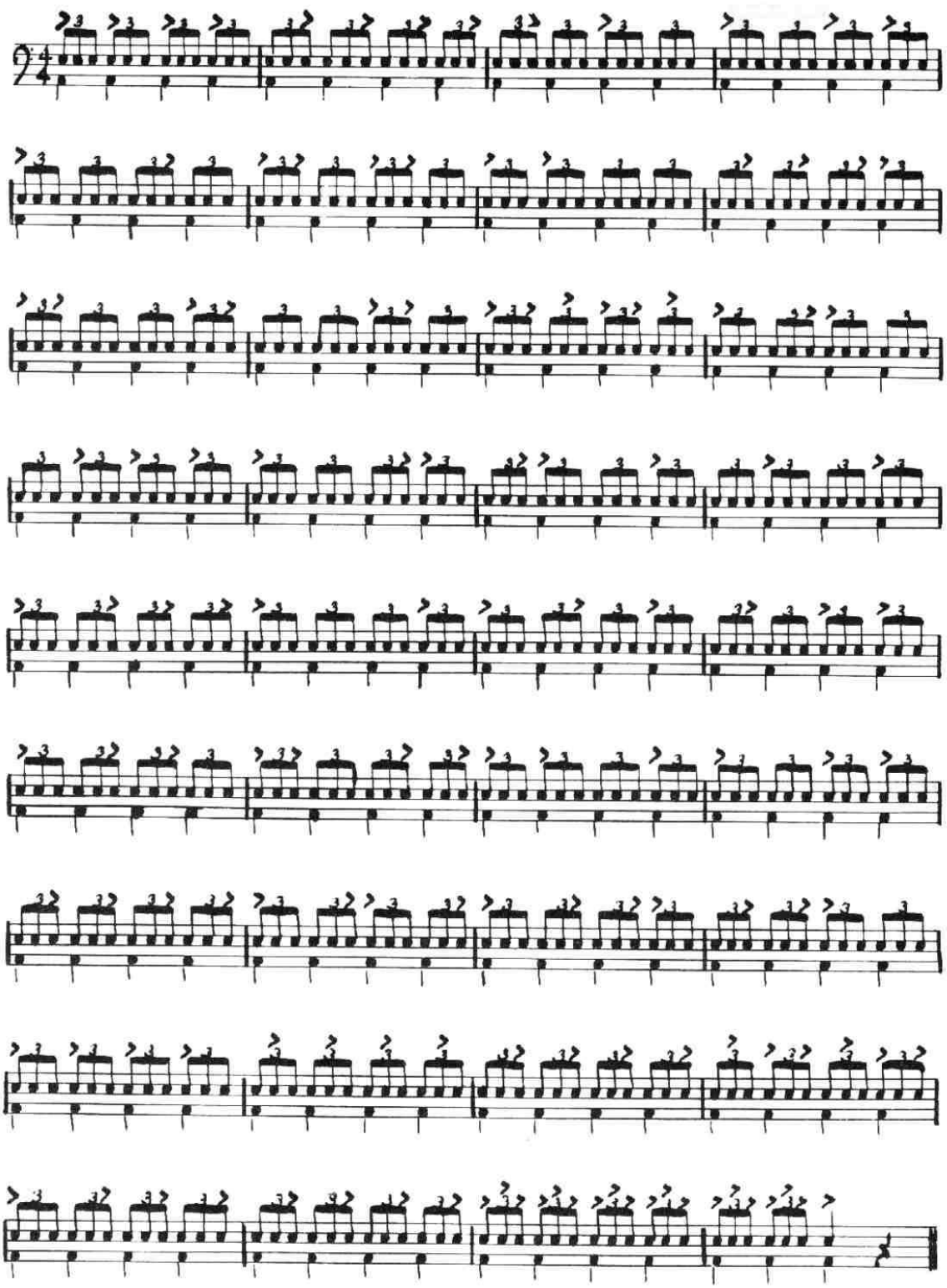

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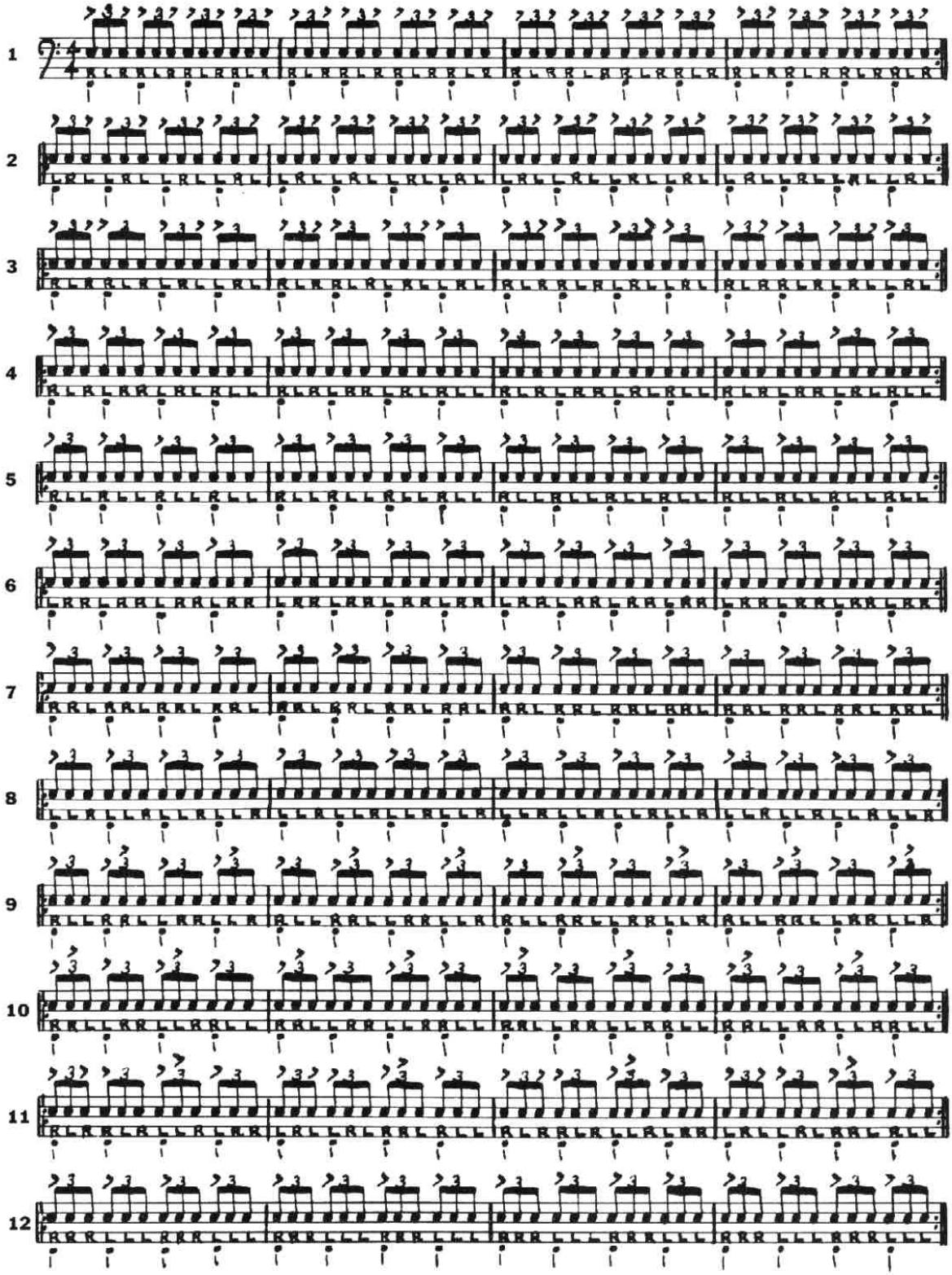
Triplets with mixed sticking.



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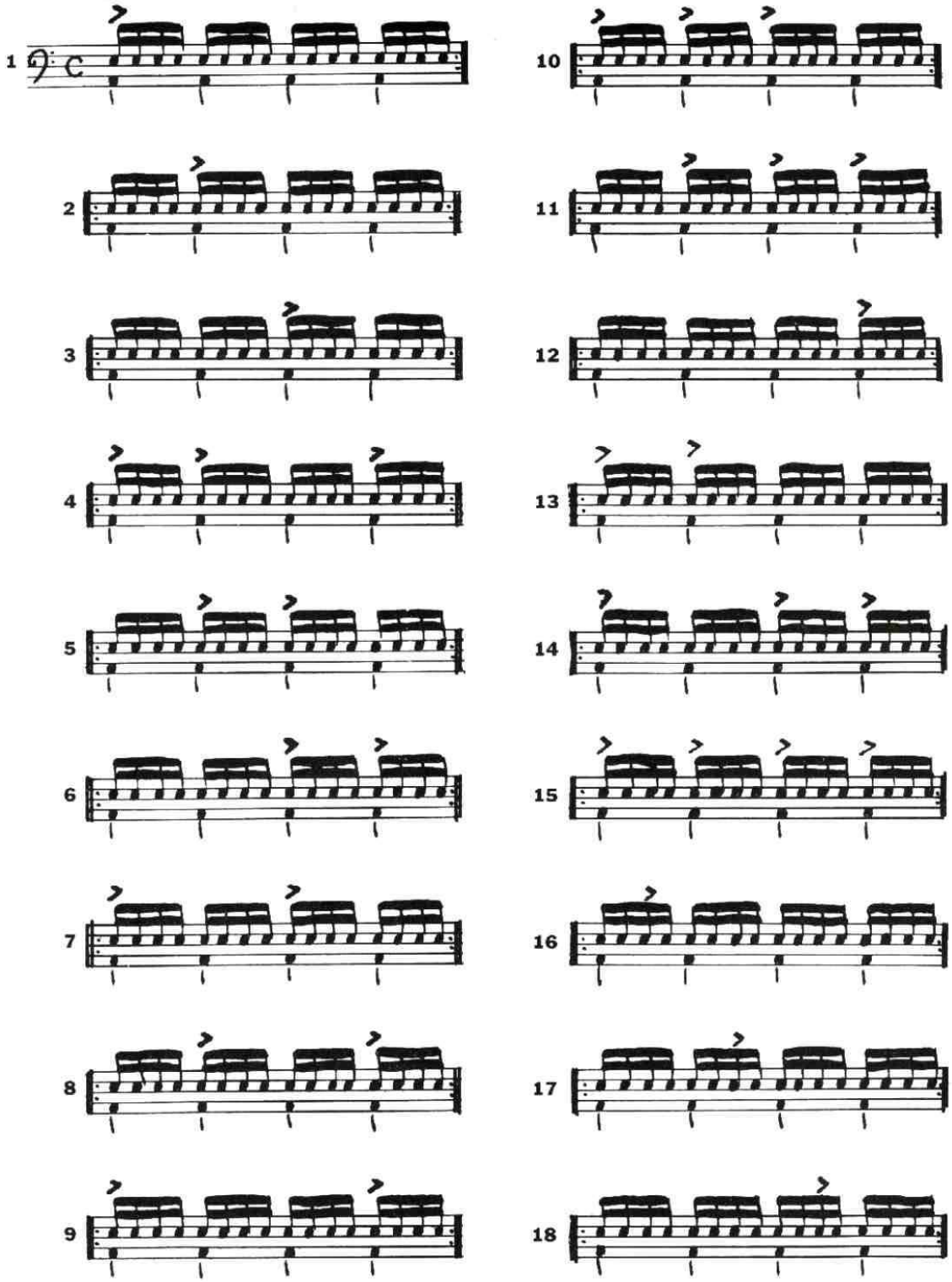
Accented sixteenth notes.



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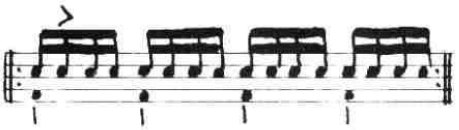
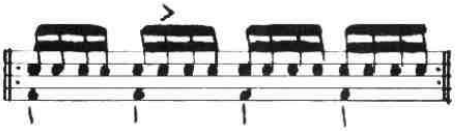
31 

32 

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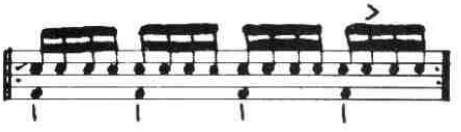
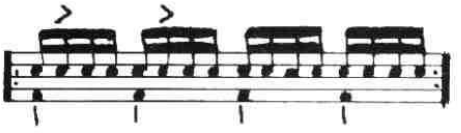
34 

35 

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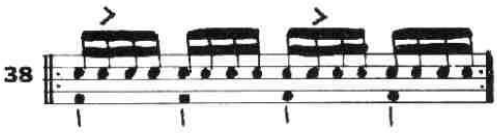

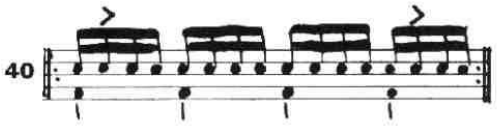

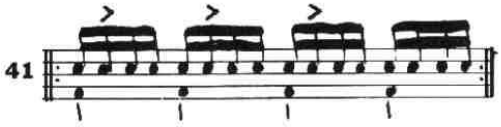

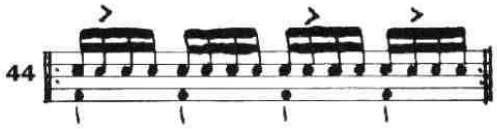

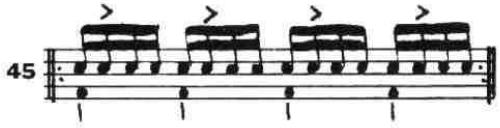

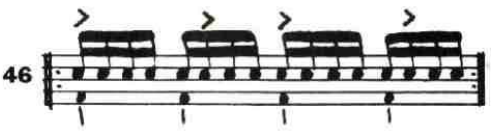

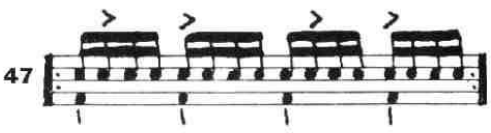

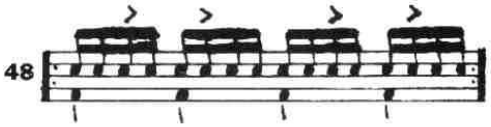

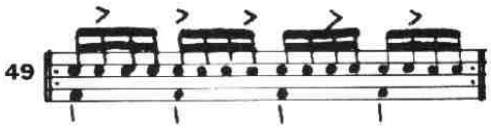

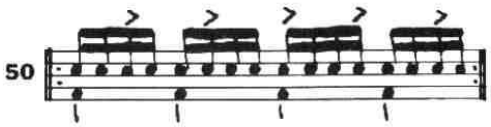

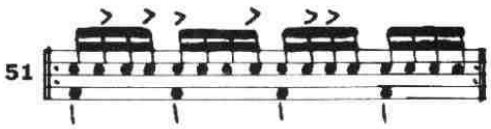

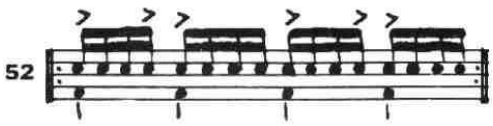

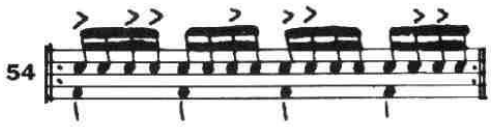

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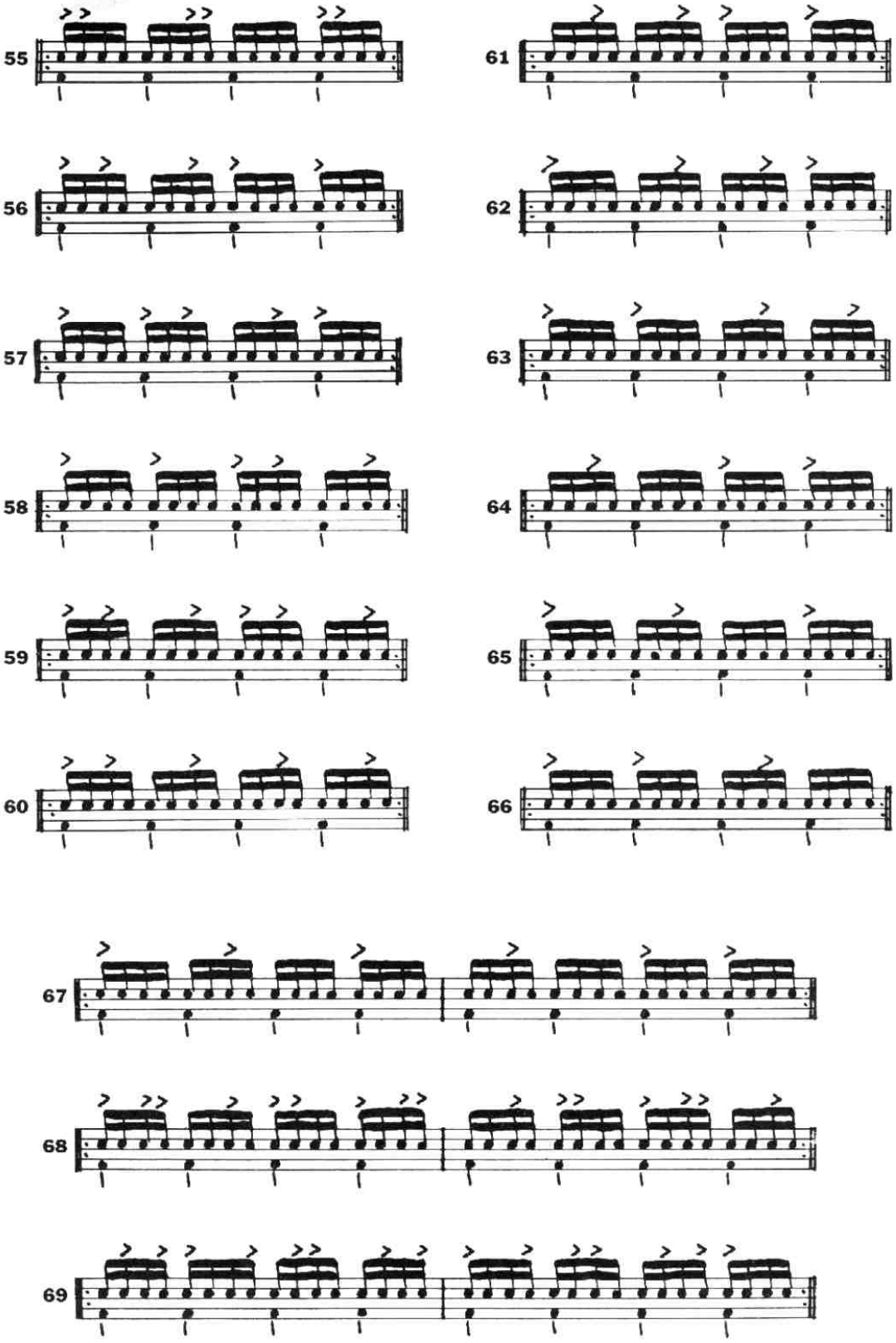

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