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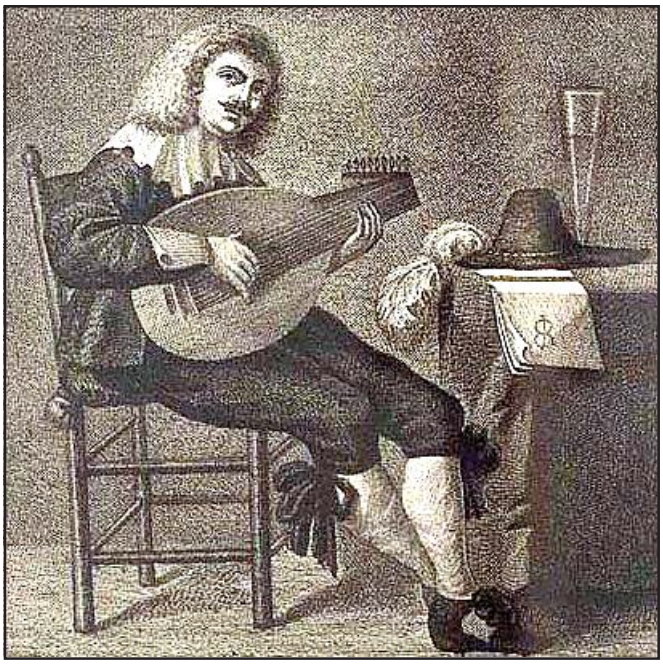

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Sonata in a minor "L´Infidèle"

There are two existing versions of the "Infidèle" sonata- the British museum Ms Add. 30387 and the Dresden Mus. 2841-V-I. The main differende between the two is a greater use of the low bass courses in the later Dresden ms. Although both require the same 13- course baroque lute, the BM makes use once only of the 12th course, and uses the 13th course only in the Musette. The Dresden ms. makes gretar use throughout of all the basses, which often lends more support and punctuation to the melodies` dramatic needs.

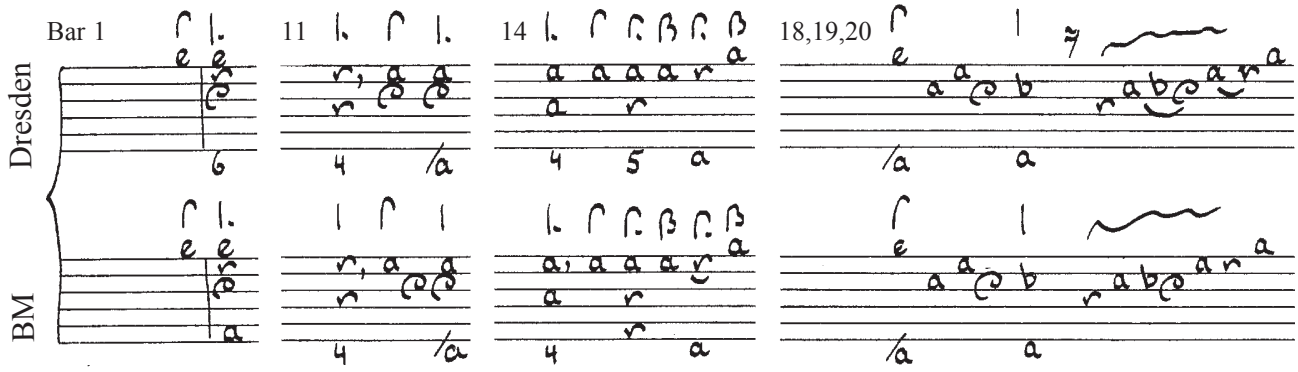
Technically Dresden is more difficul, and due to the cumbersome stretch continually required for the 13th course, is somewhat uncomfortable to play; for this reason the British Museum version is presented here along with a list of some of the most interesting differences. The Musette is also presented twice in entirety, from both versions, as almost every bar contains something different.

Another striking difference between the two mss. is the order of the pieces:

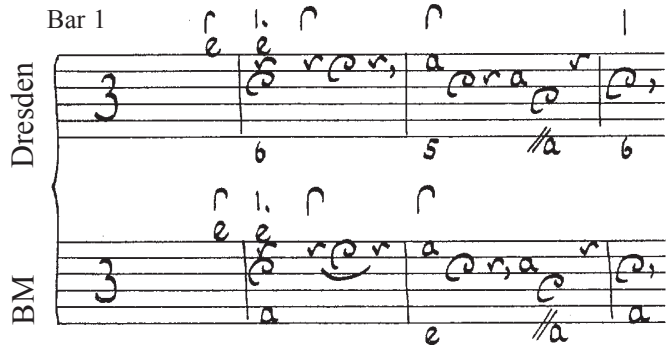
BM	Entrèe, Courante, Sarabande, Menuet, Musette, Paÿsane (sic)
Dresden	Entrèe, Courante, Musette, Menuet, Sarabande, Païsane (sic)

The following list gives a comparative sampling of the basses, rhythm and melodies between the two mss:

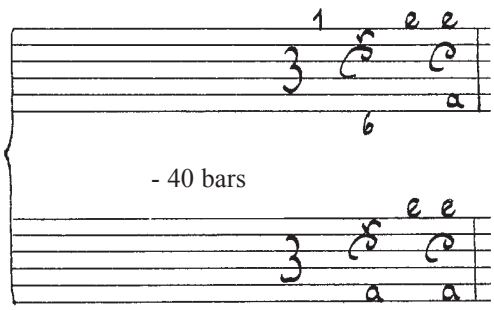
Entrèe



Courante



Menuet - 39 bars



- 40 bars

Menuet
Bar 19

24, also 26 + 28

Dresden

Bar 19

25, also 27 + 29

BM

Menuet
Bar 31

Dresden

Bar 32

BM

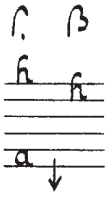
Sarabande
Bar 19

Dresden

BM

Explanation of editorial signs

Prepare thumb to go to a lower course



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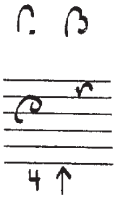

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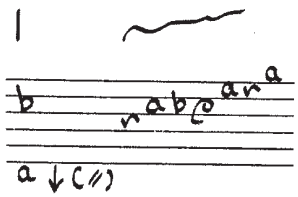
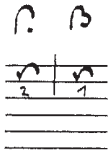
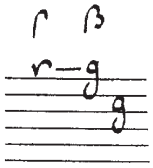


Staccato suggested



Not a glissando- slide finger along string without presure



All fingerings are editorial.
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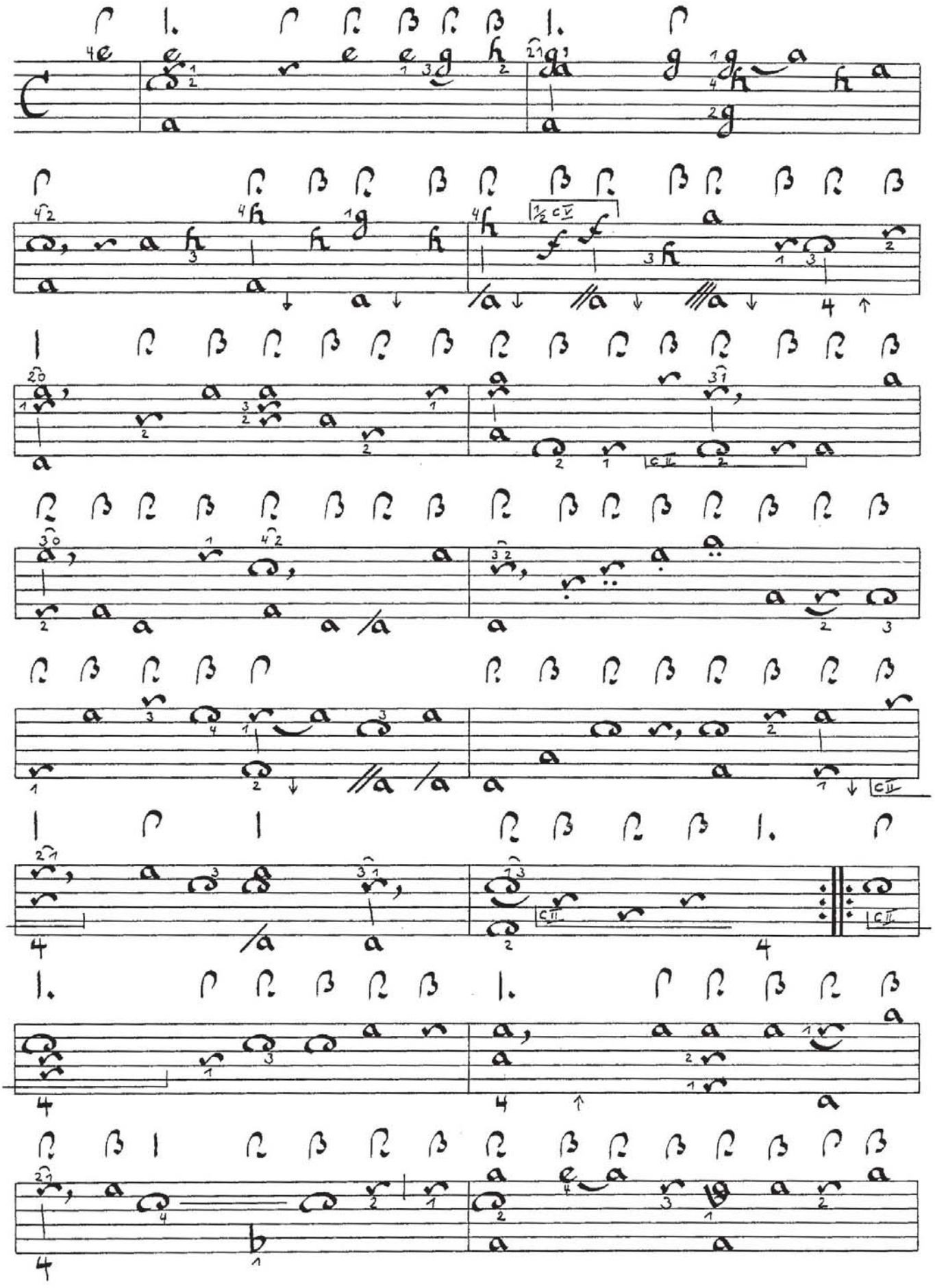
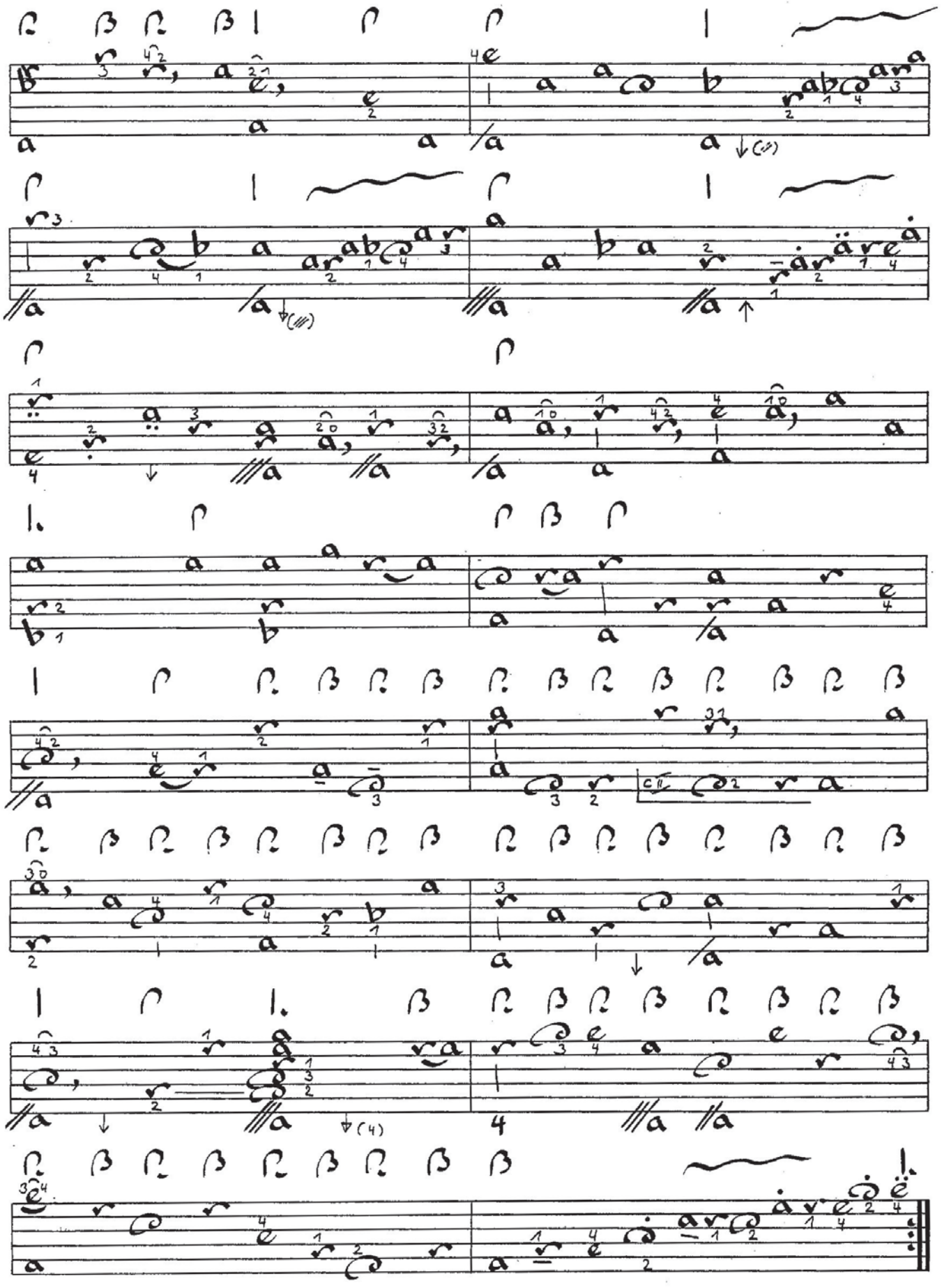
Entrée





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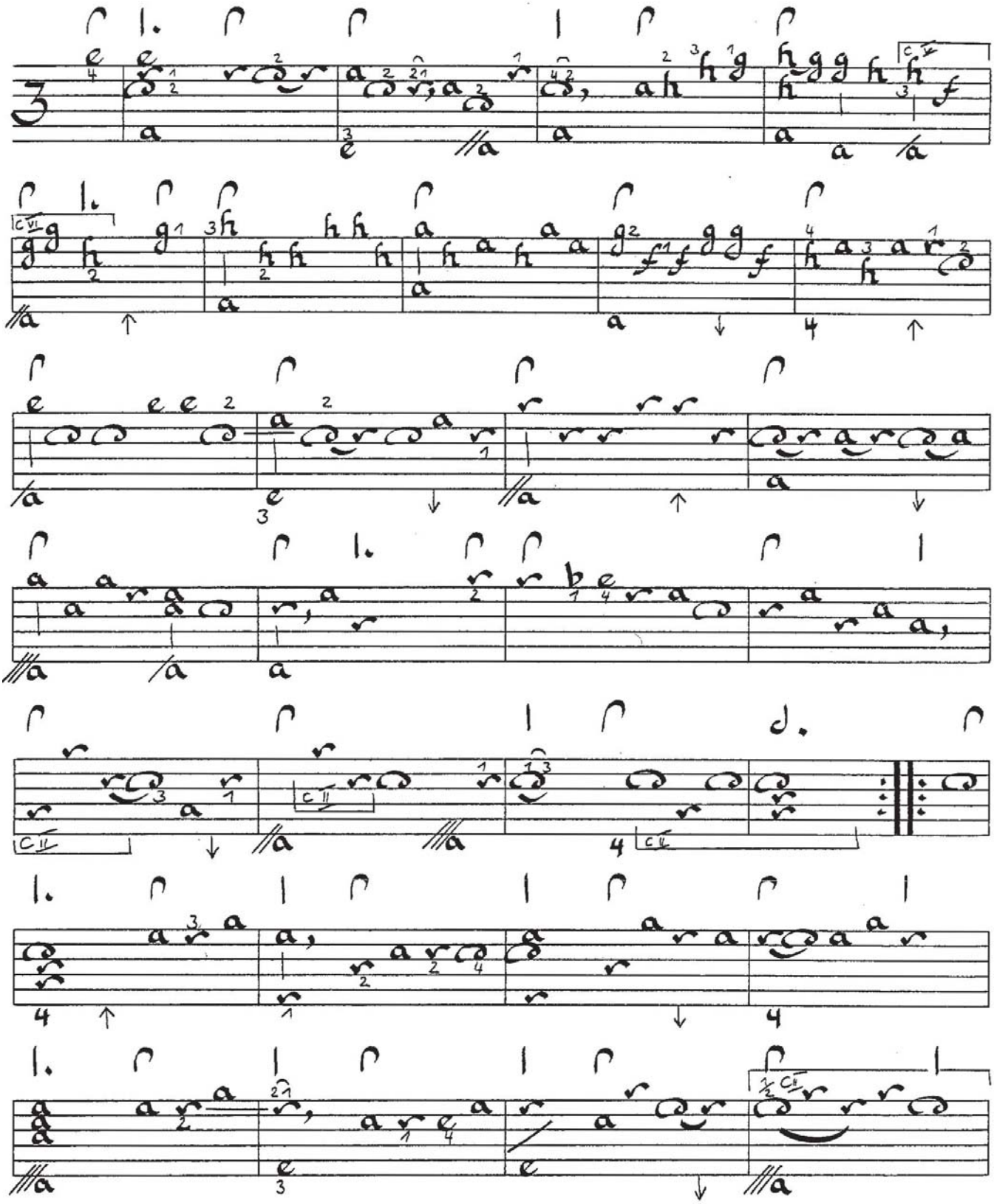
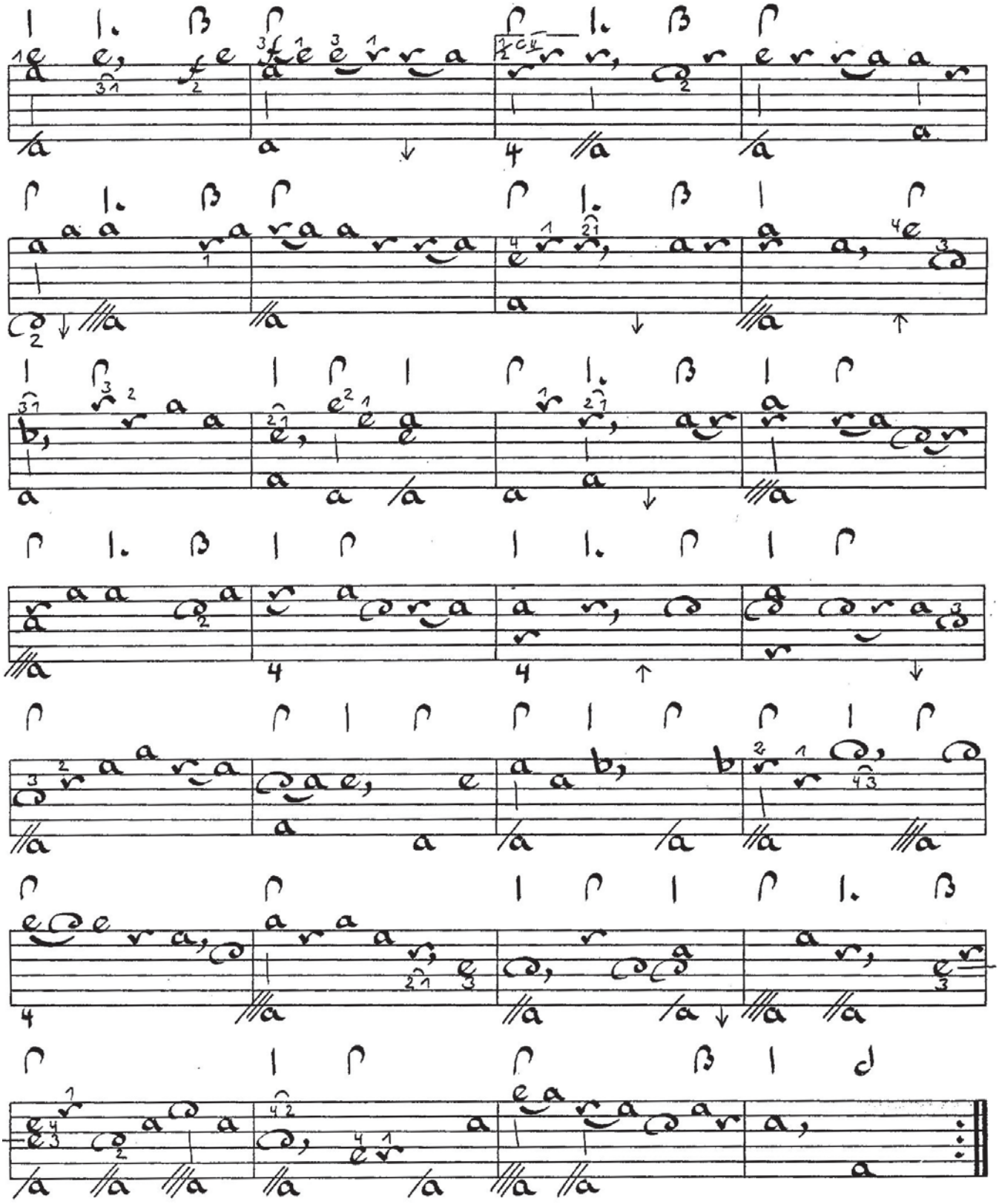
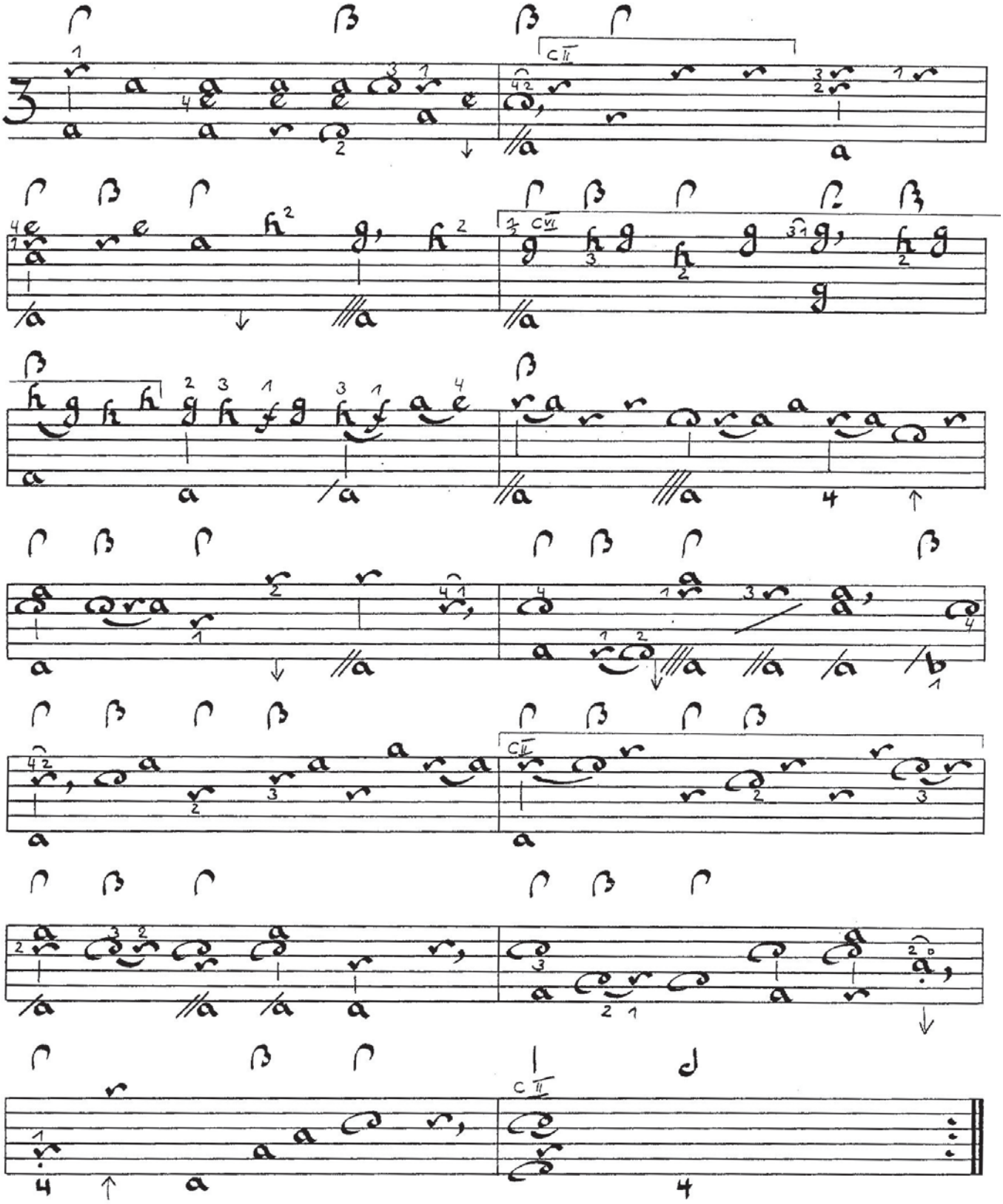
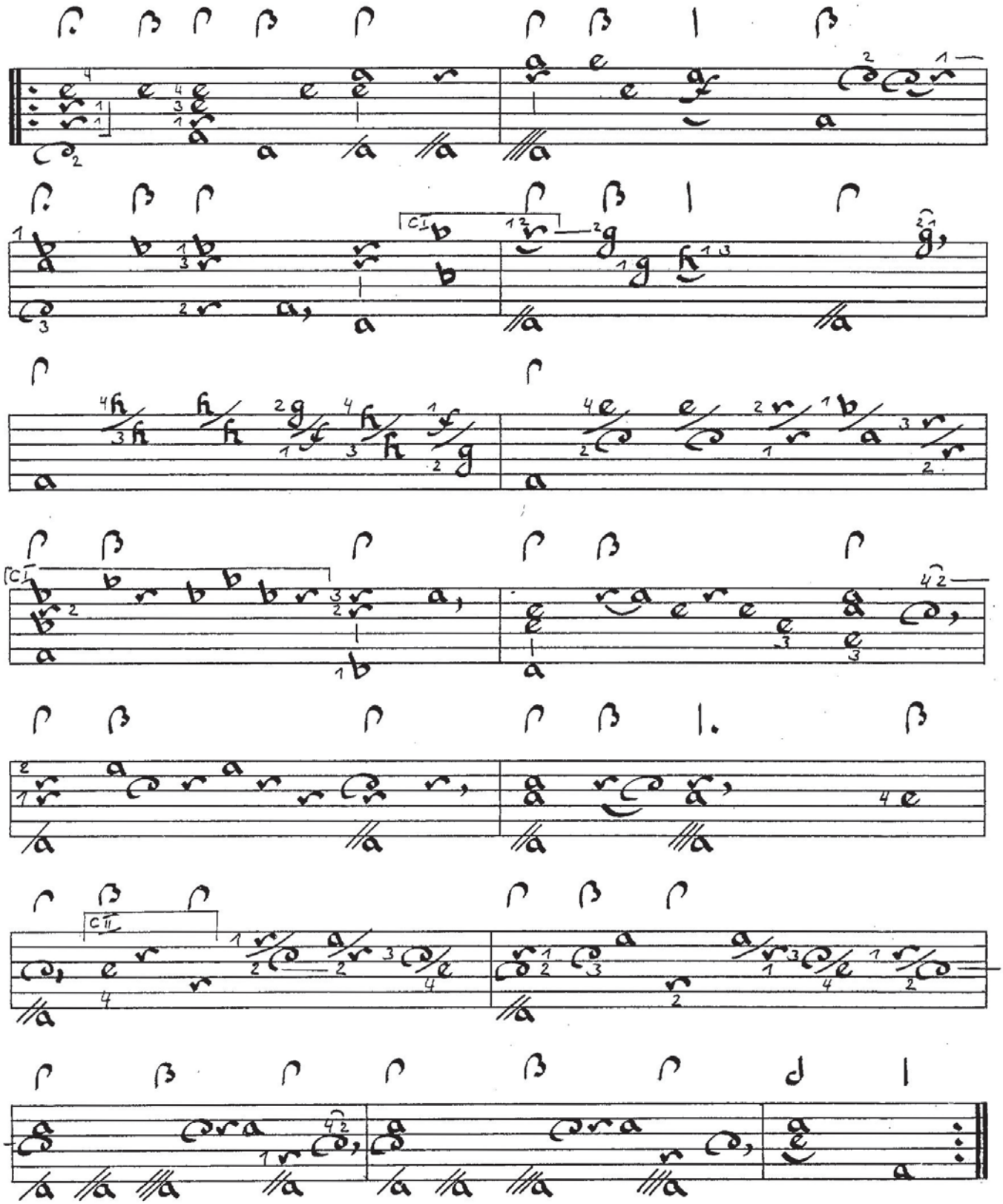
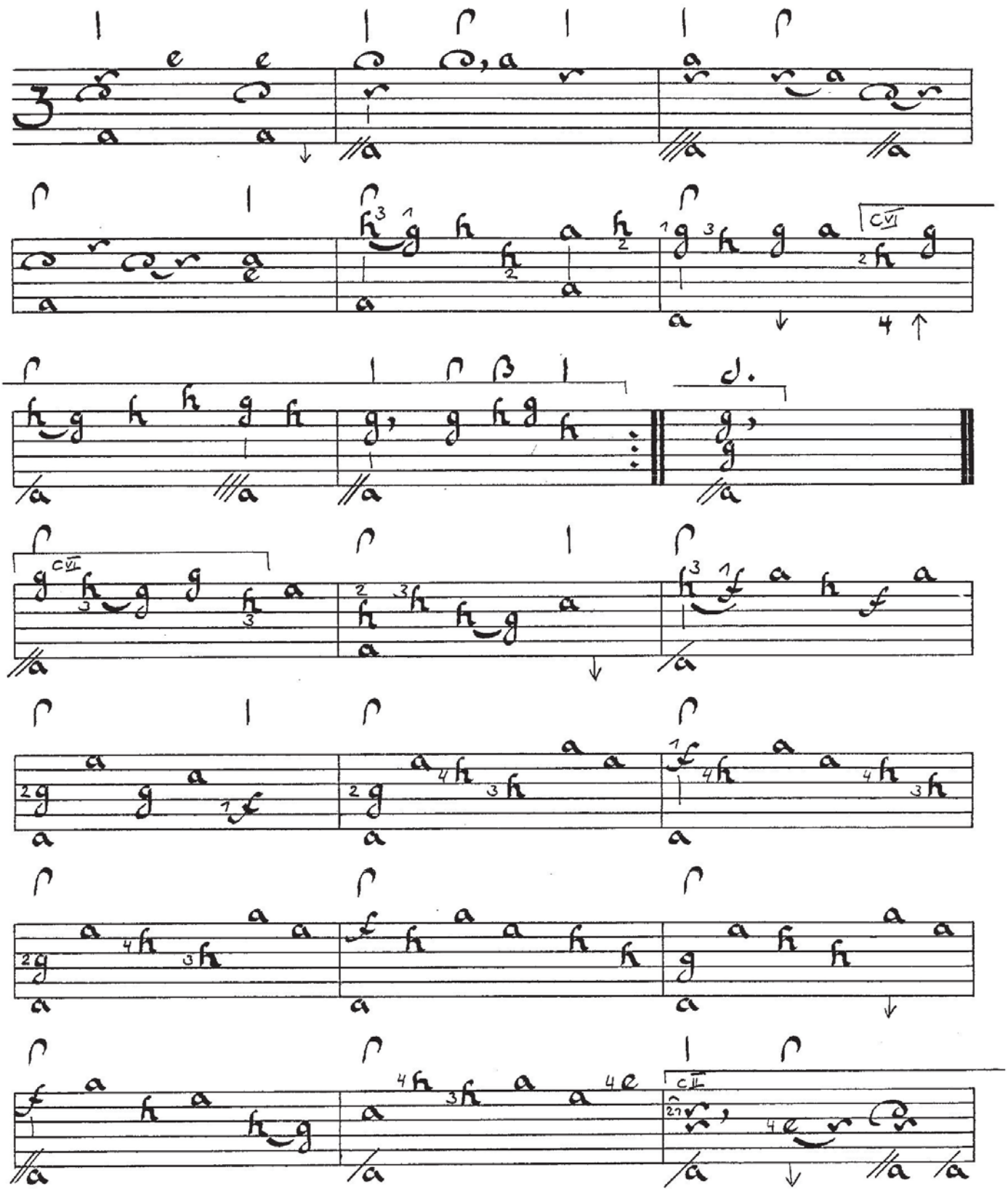


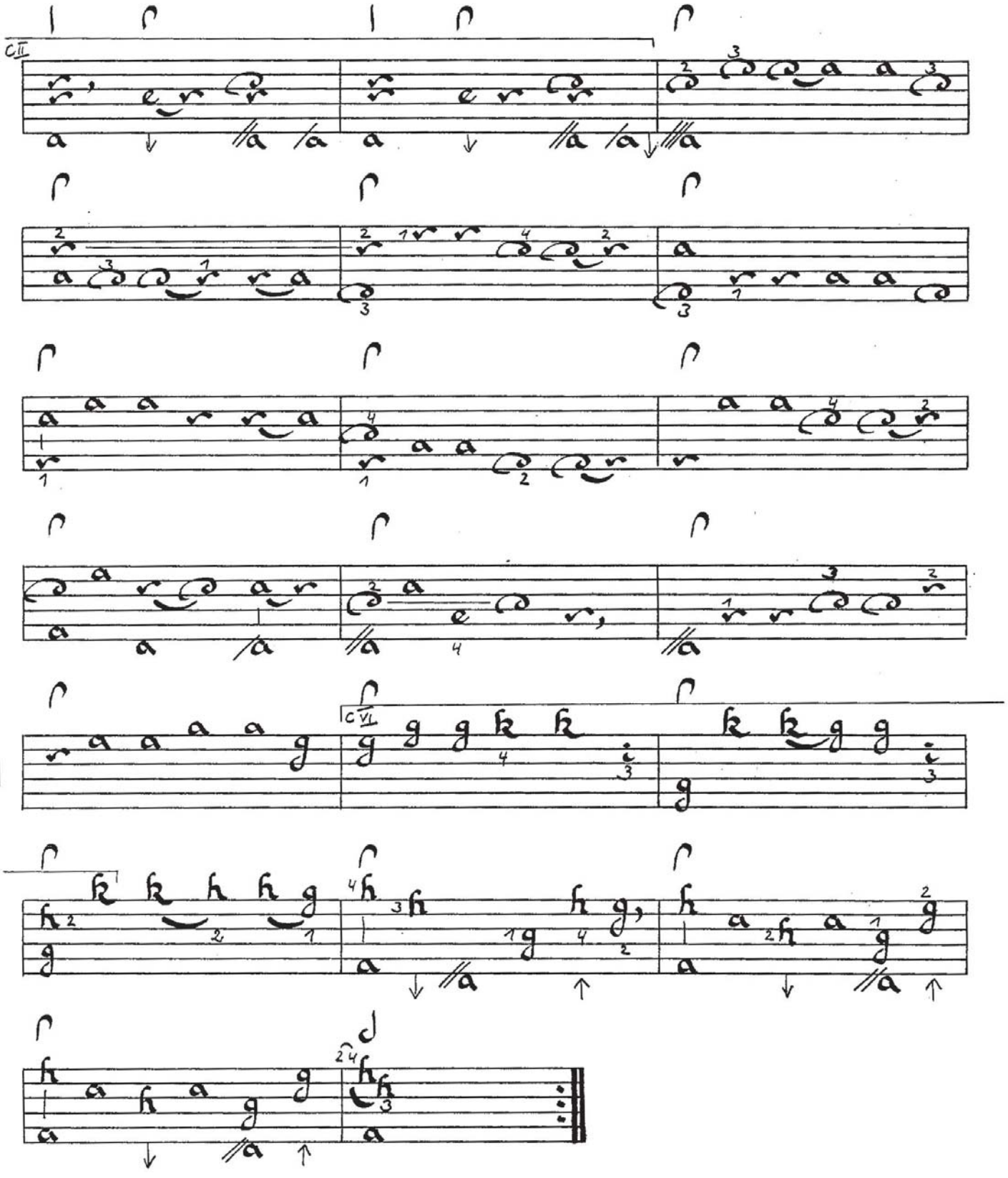






Menuet





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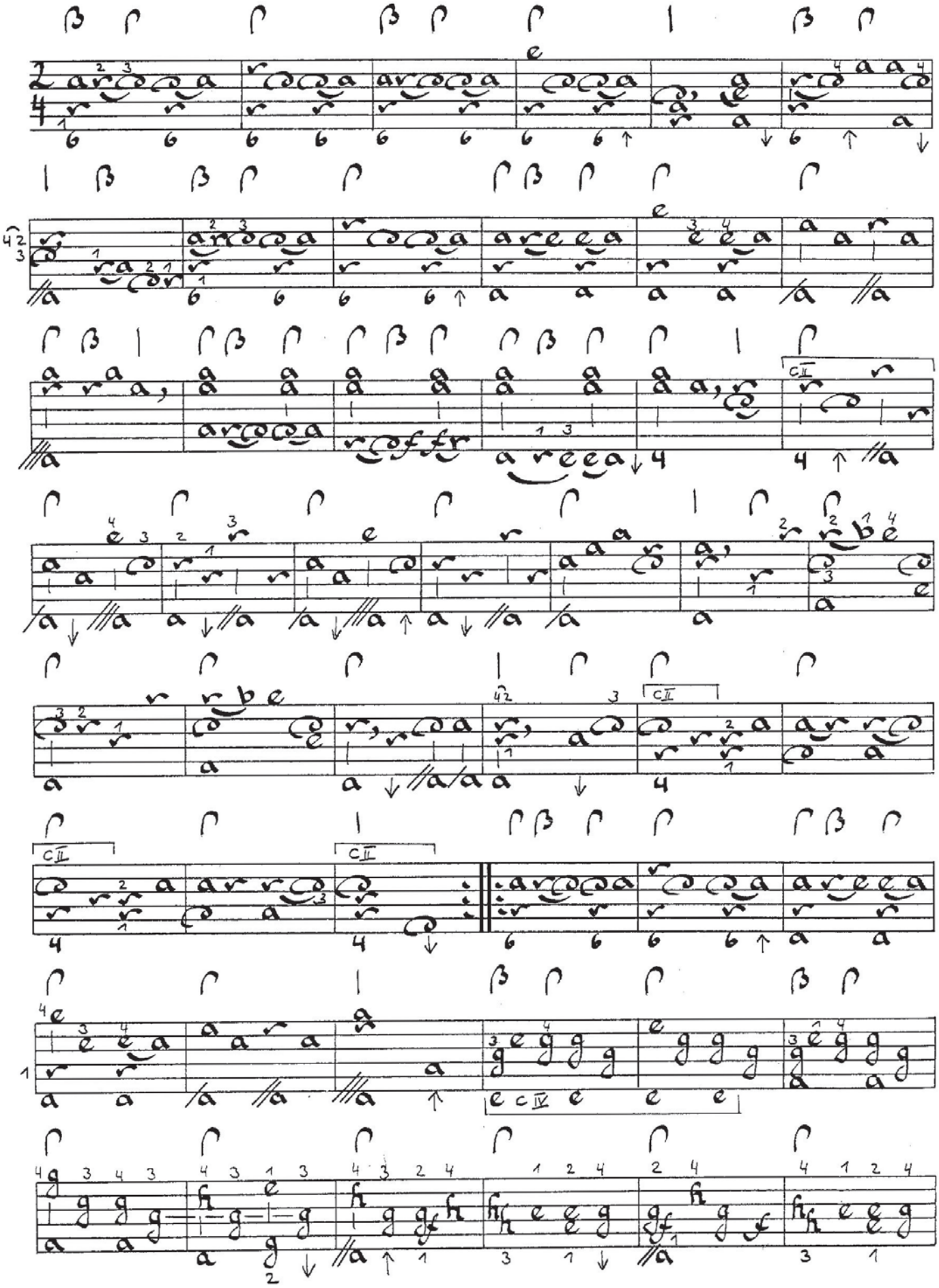

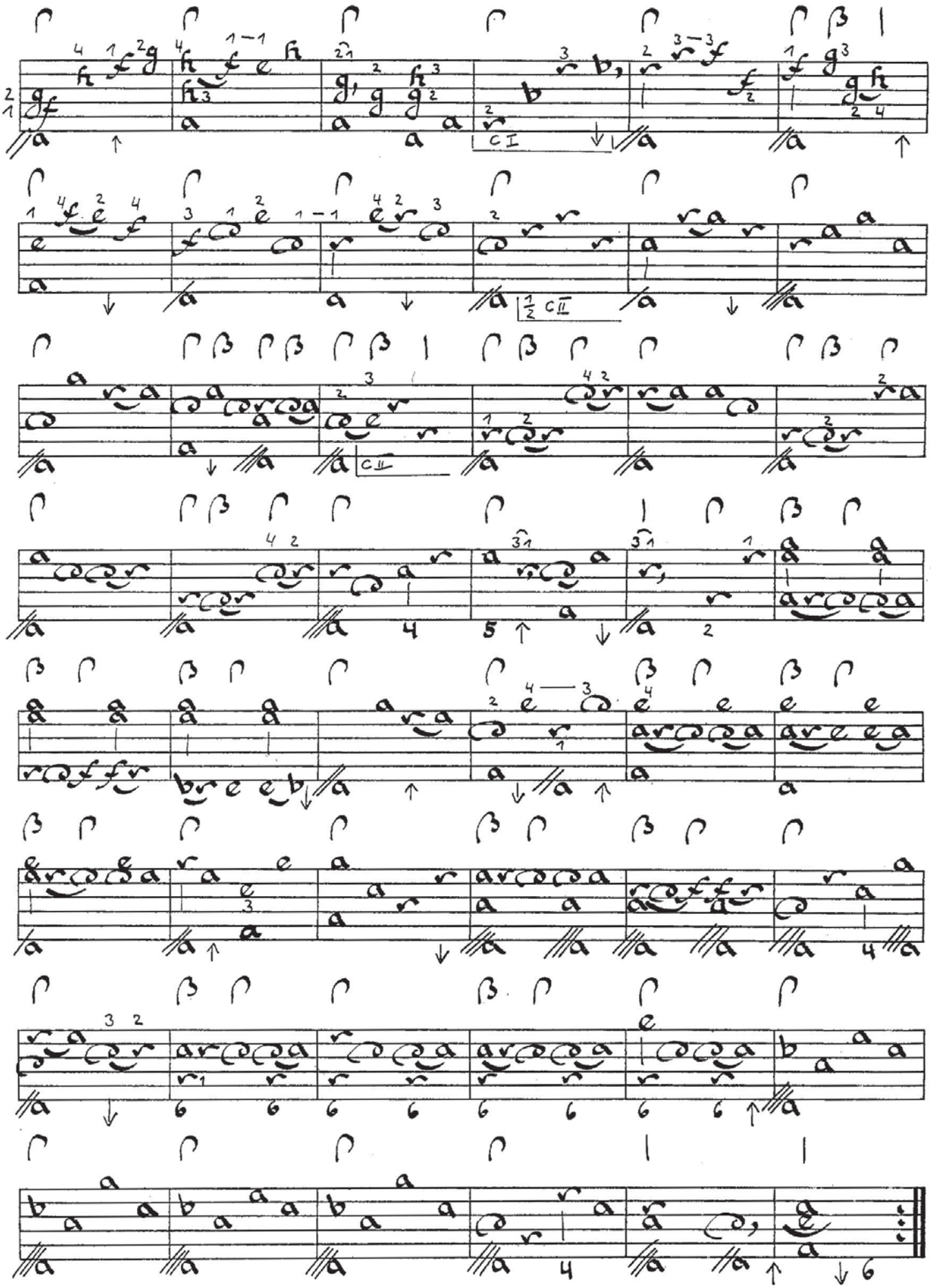

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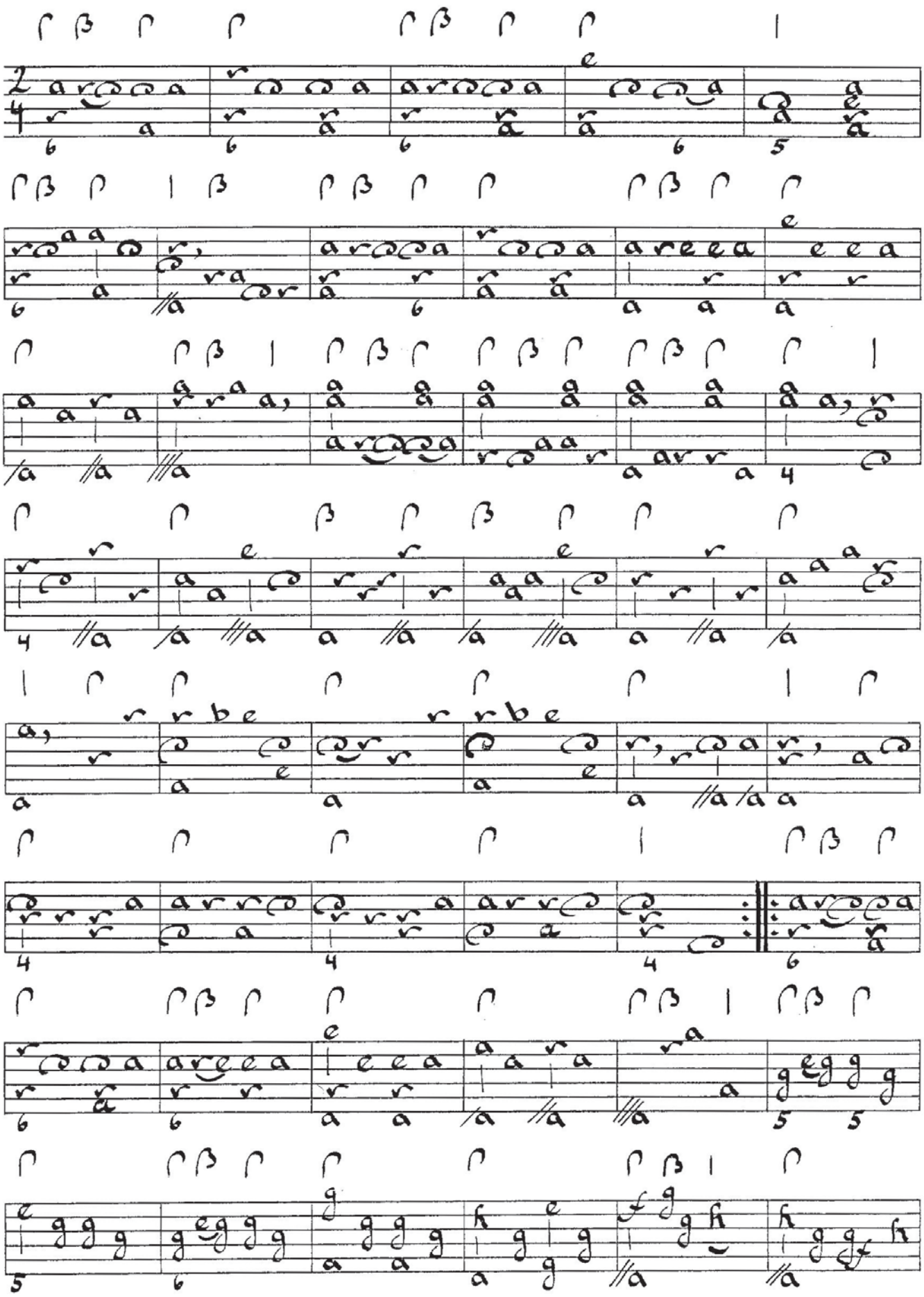
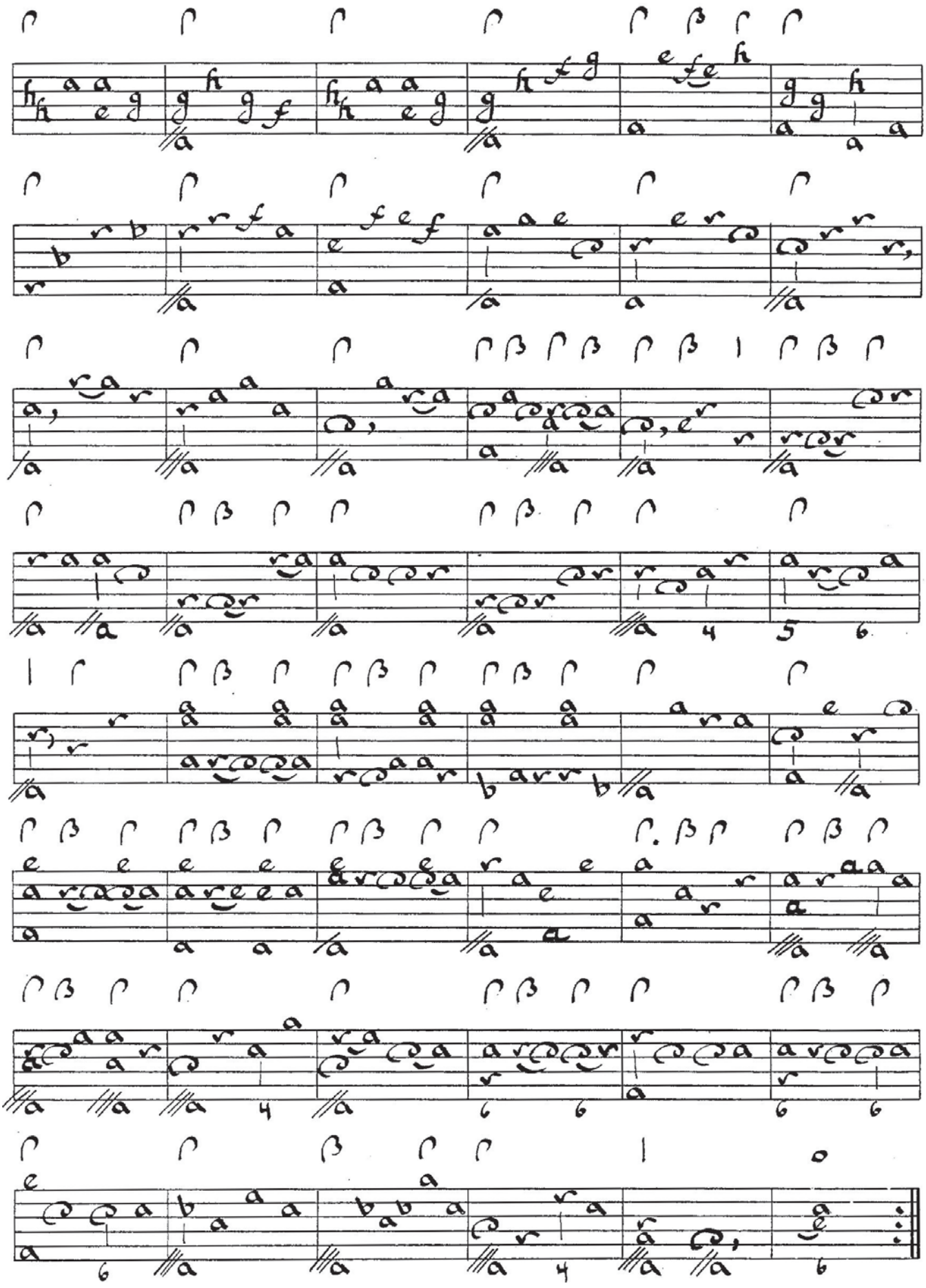
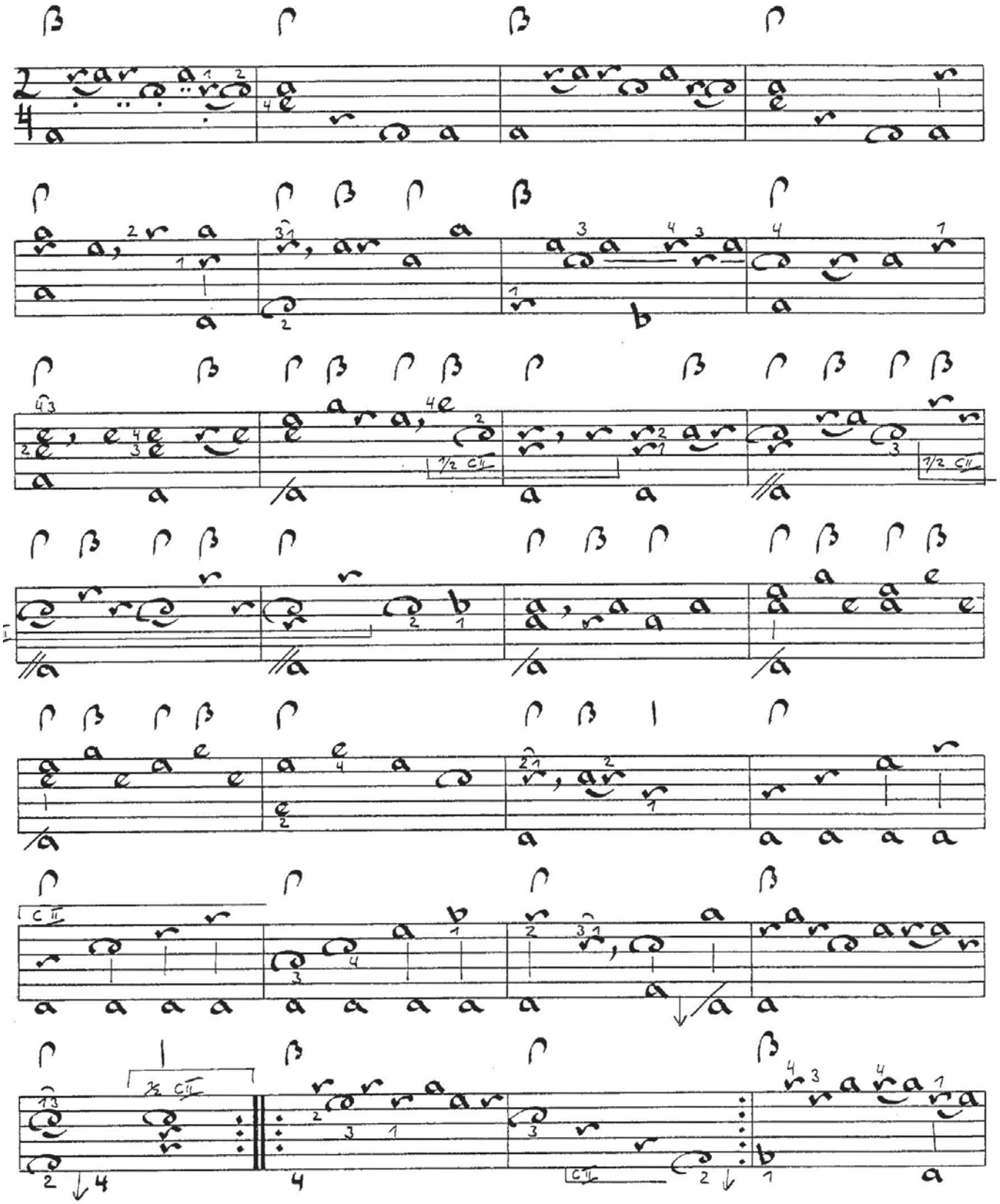
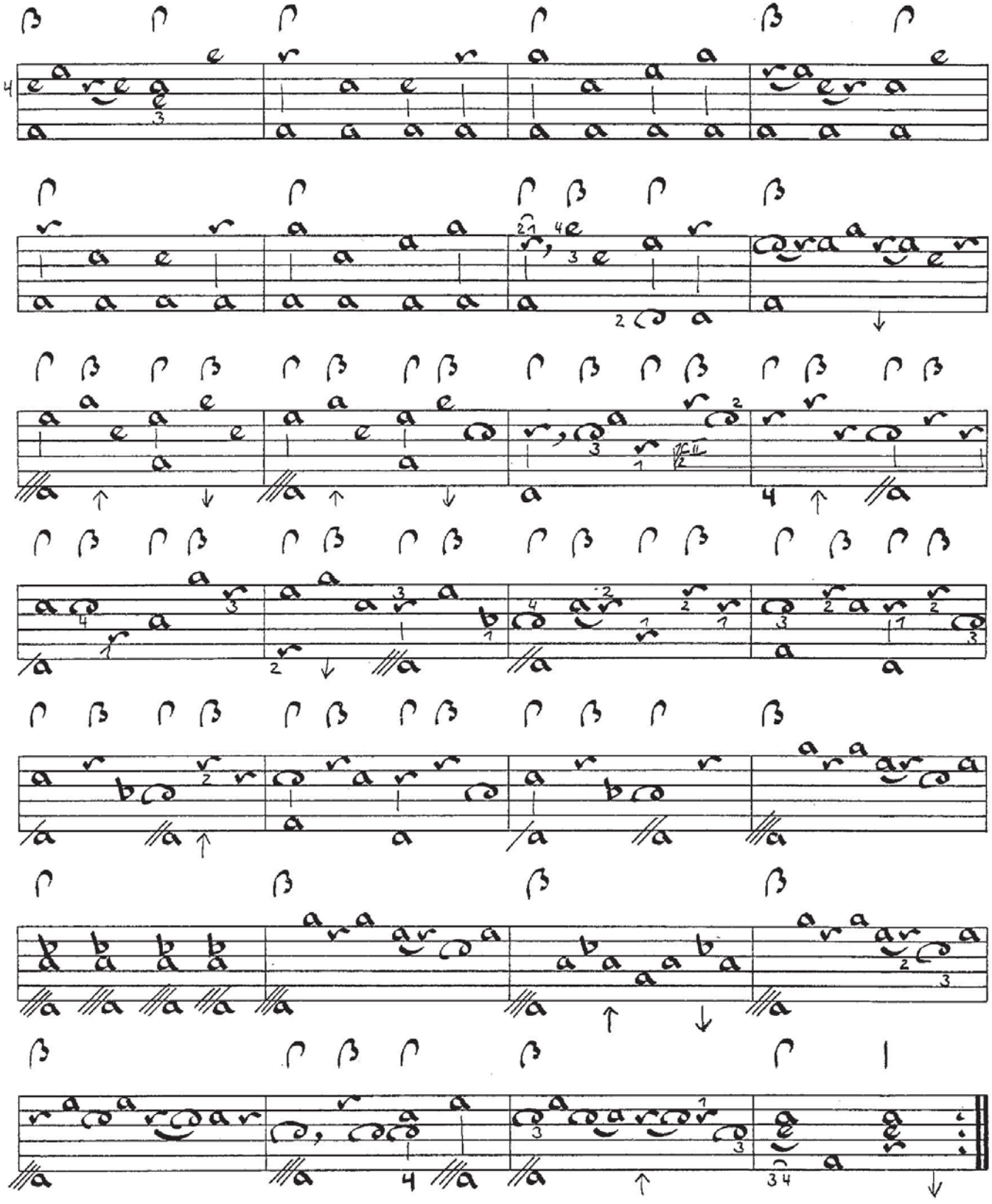




Paysane





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