GOLDEN EMPIRE
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

2026 Snare Drum Audition Packet

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on taking your first step towards being a part of the 2026 **Golden Empire Drum & Bugle Corps** from Bakersfield College! I'm very excited that you want to join the corps, and I hope your audition experience is one that is informative, challenging, and ultimately positive.

What this packet IS:
The following packet will provide you with some preliminary info and/or exercises that will help you prepare for the workshop/auditions that will take place soon. Some of these exercises will be used all season, and others may only be used as supplemental material. You should become familiar with the material but be ready for additional info.

What this packet is NOT:
This packet is not a comprehensive collection of the technique program you will be learning this season. We will supplement this with more advanced exercises and of course a wealth of additional training throughout the season. We don't expect you to be able to perform this material perfectly when you audition. Drum corps is all about working hard to be the best we can be...and that is an ongoing process.

Next steps:

- Fill out the interest form at geperformingarts.org/join if you haven't already.
- Review this packet and start to prepare for auditions.
- Join the Percussion Interest Group on BAND. We will be communicating with all prospective members through the BAND app.
- Be ready to learn, work hard, and have fun! Thanks again for taking the first step towards a challenging and rewarding experience.

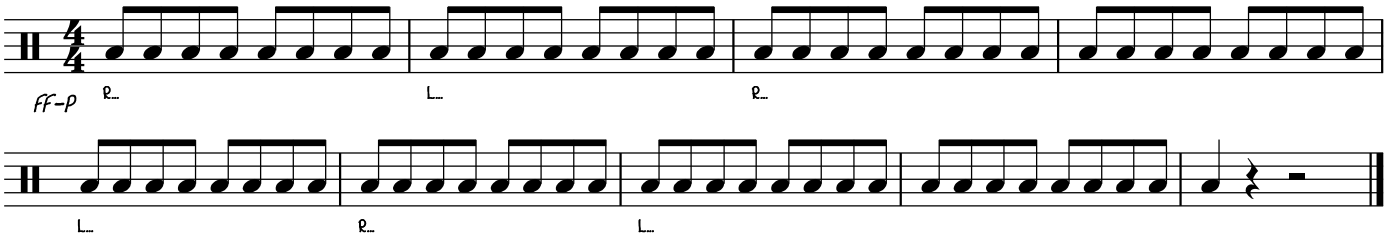
I look forward to meeting you soon! If you have any questions, please contact me via BAND app or at jimmie.taliaferro@bakersfieldcollege.edu for more information.

Sincerely,
Jimmie Taliaferro
Percussion Director
Golden Empire Drum and Bugle Corps

Basic Exercises

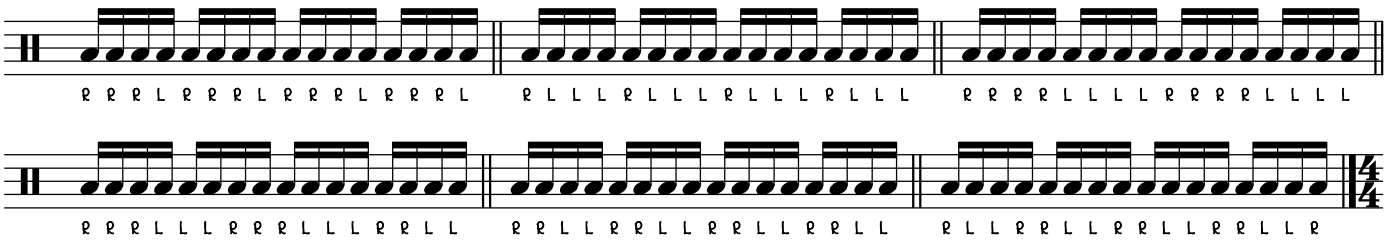
8-8-16

♩ = 110-200



Stick Control Patterns

♩ = 100-140

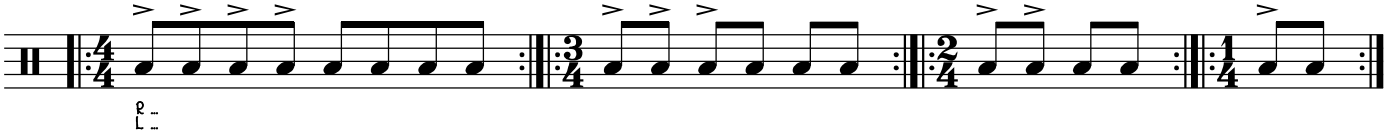


NOTE: ADD A MEASURE OF ALTERNATING 16TH NOTES BETWEEN EACH PATTERN (AKA CHECK PATTERN)

♩ = 110-200

(4X THRU EACH PATTERN PER STICKING)

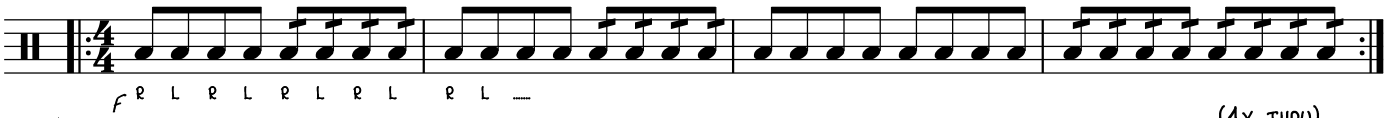
Accent Tap Breakdown



♩ = 140-230

Short-Short-Long (Duple)

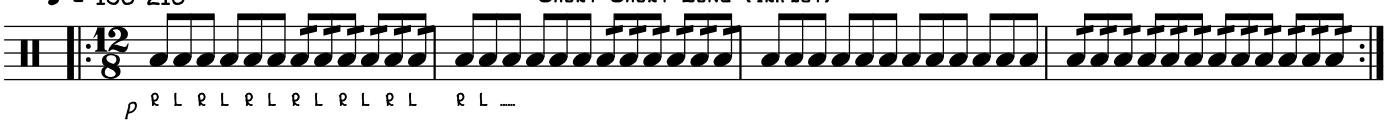
(4X THRU)



♩ = 130-210

Short-Short-Long (Triplet)

(4X THRU)



NOTE: 1ST TIME - RH DIDDLES ONLY | 2ND TIME - LH DIDDLES ONLY | 3RD TIME - FULL ROLL | 4TH TIME - TAP ROLL

Paradiddle Builder

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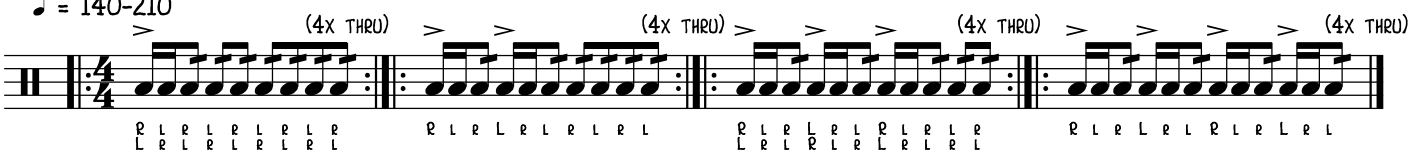

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Stick Control

Snare Drum

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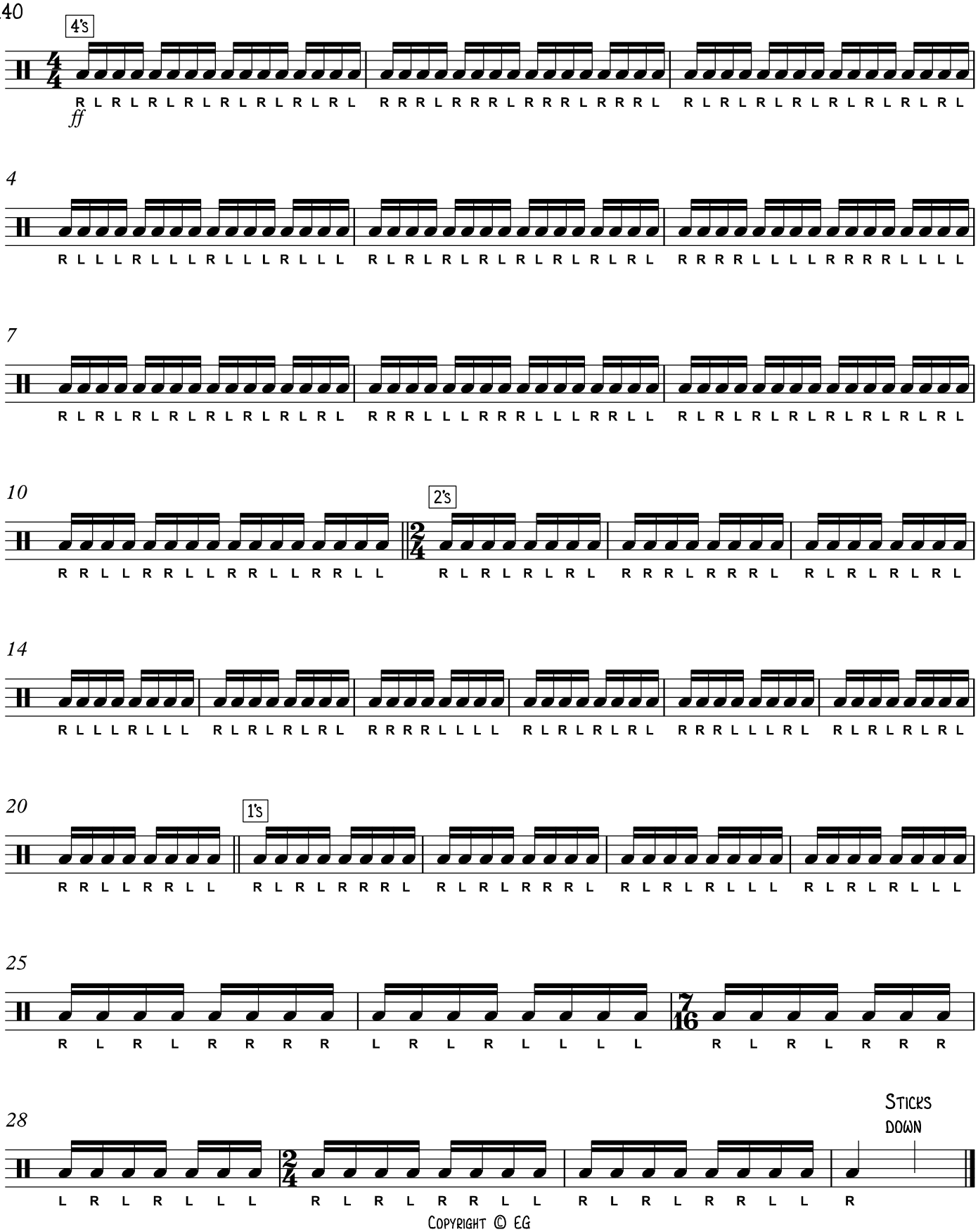

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Note:
Tenors- learn all on drum 2
Bass- learn snare part

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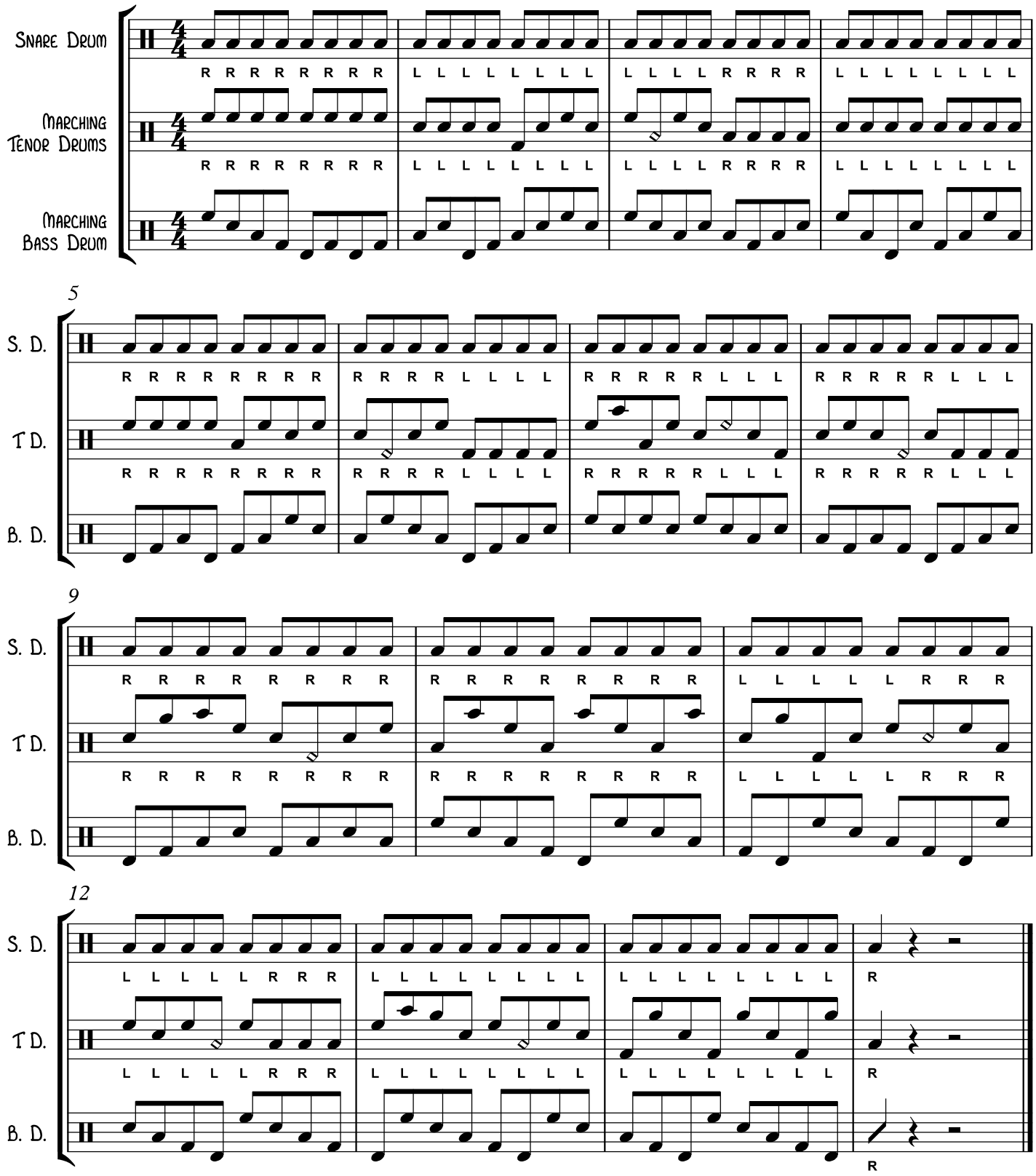

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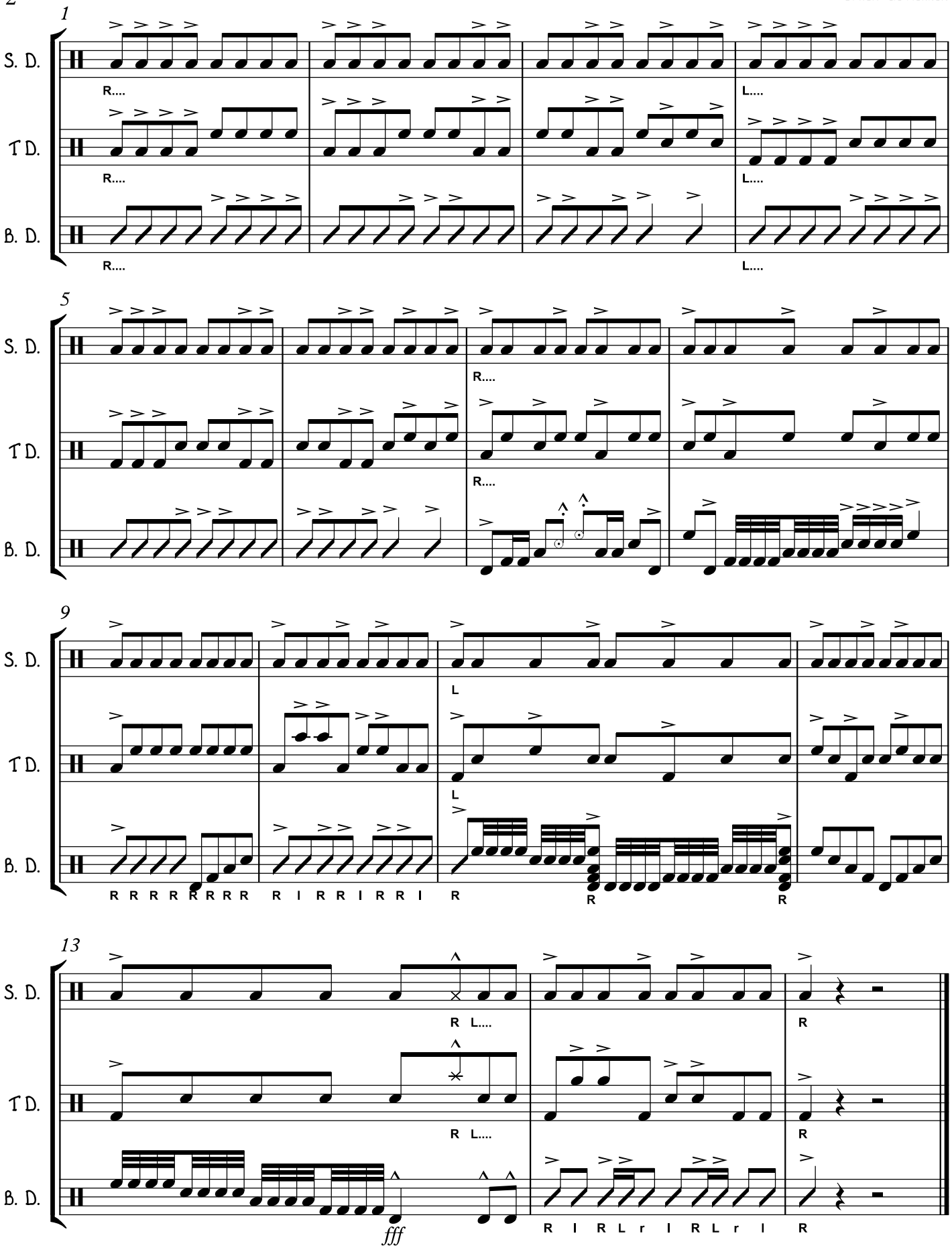

Cygnus Strokes

Audition Version

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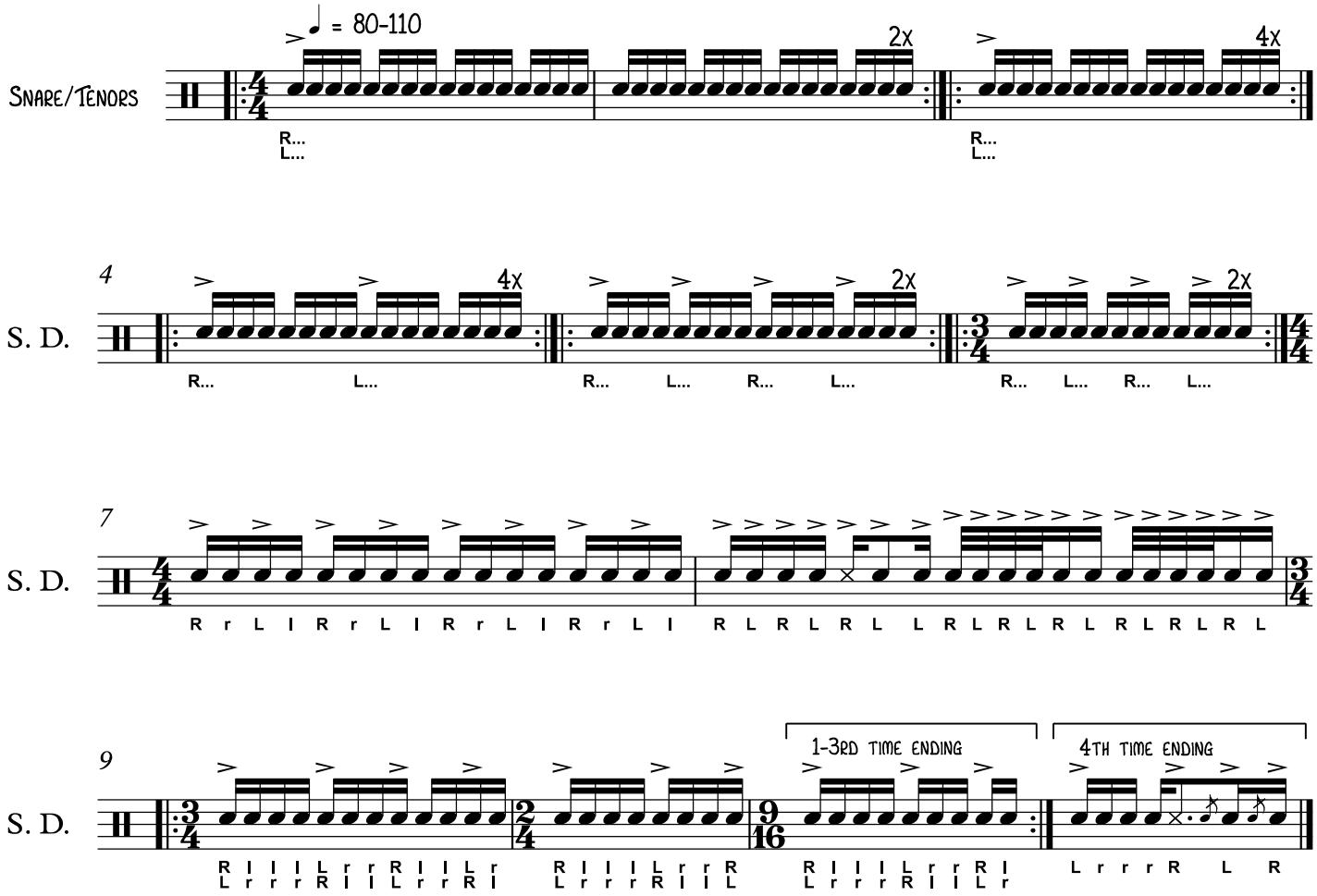

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Flowing Dubs

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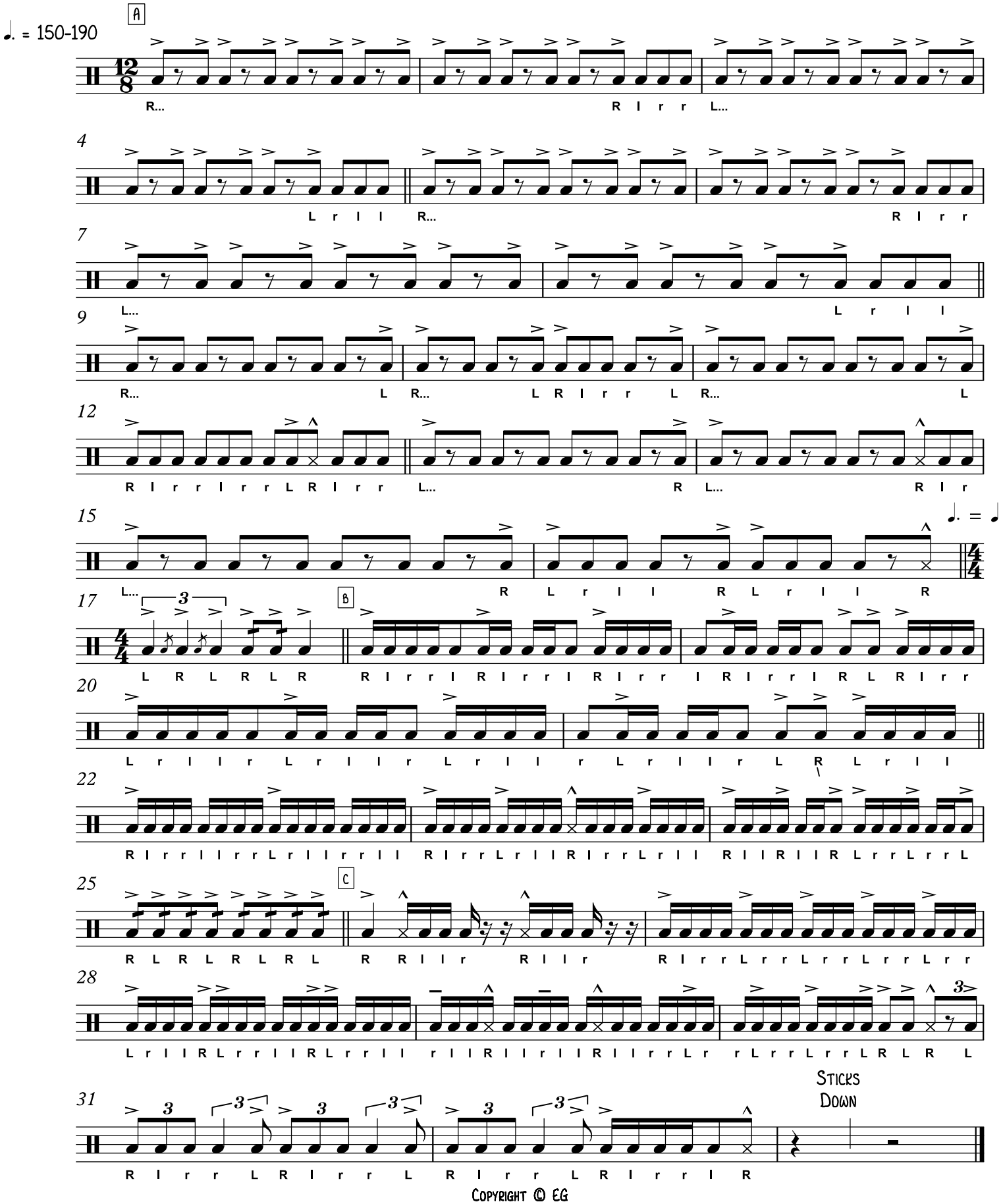

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NU-BEAT ROLLS

SNARE DRUM

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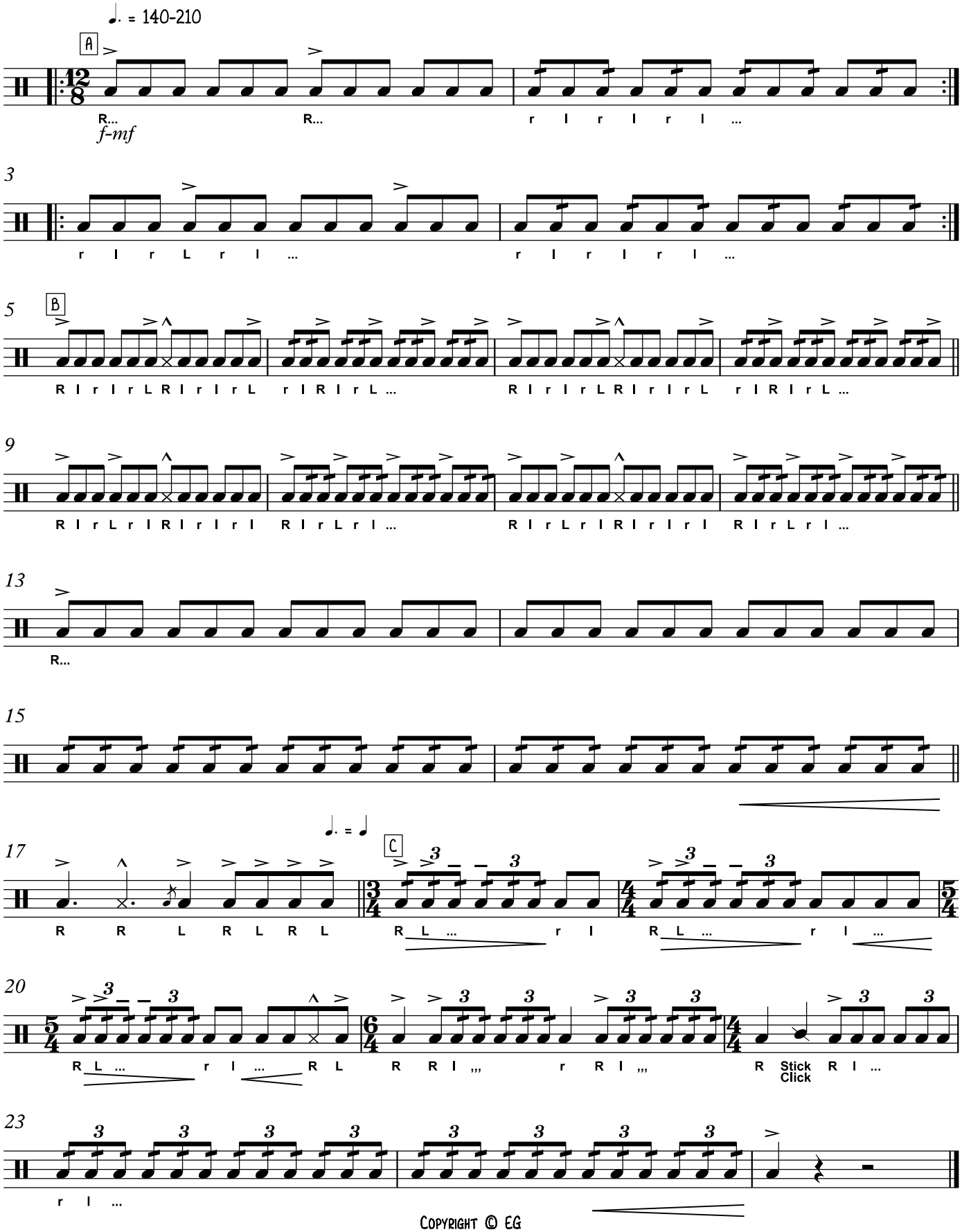

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Spree

Snare Drum

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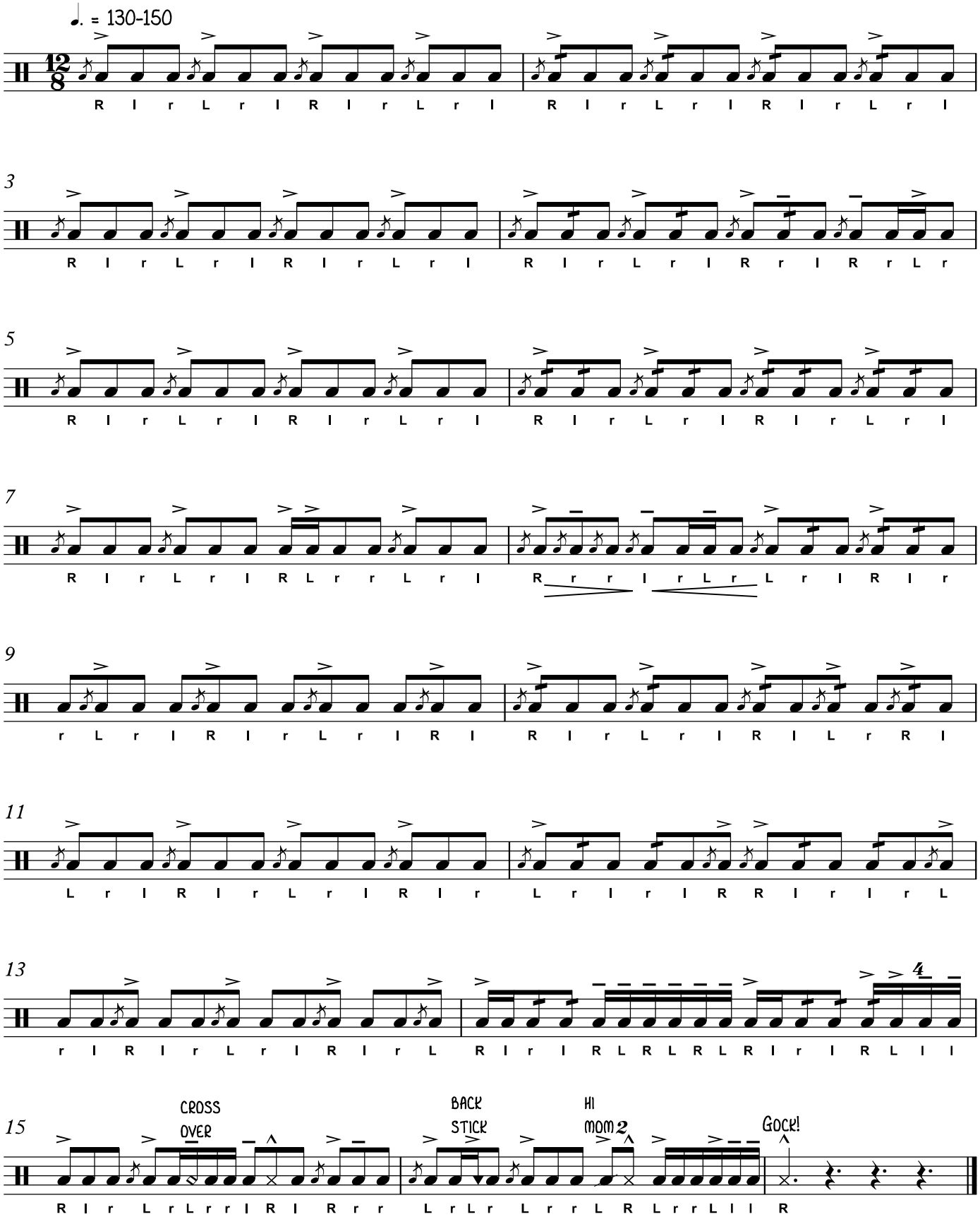

Baker's Dozen

BC/GE - Street Beat

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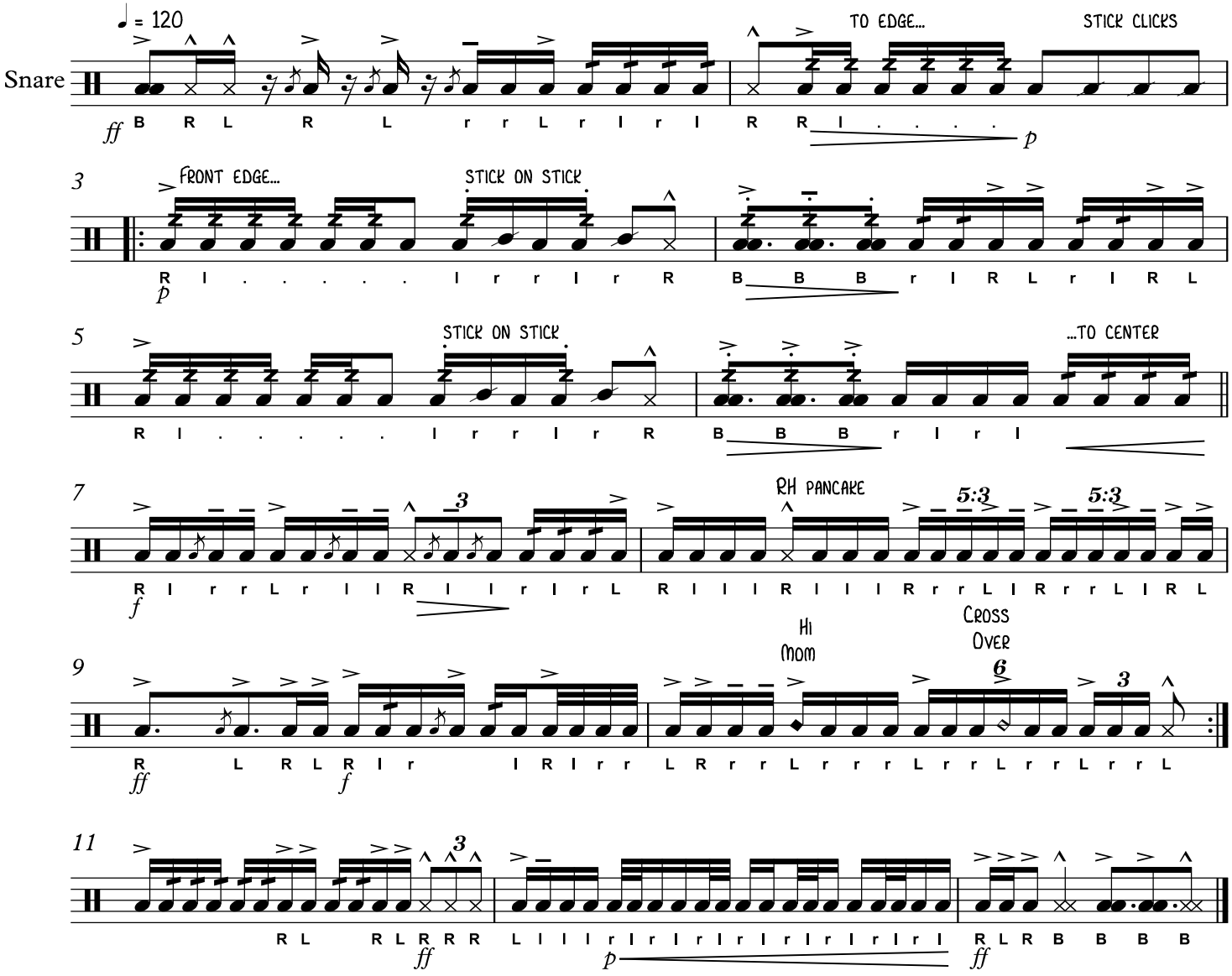

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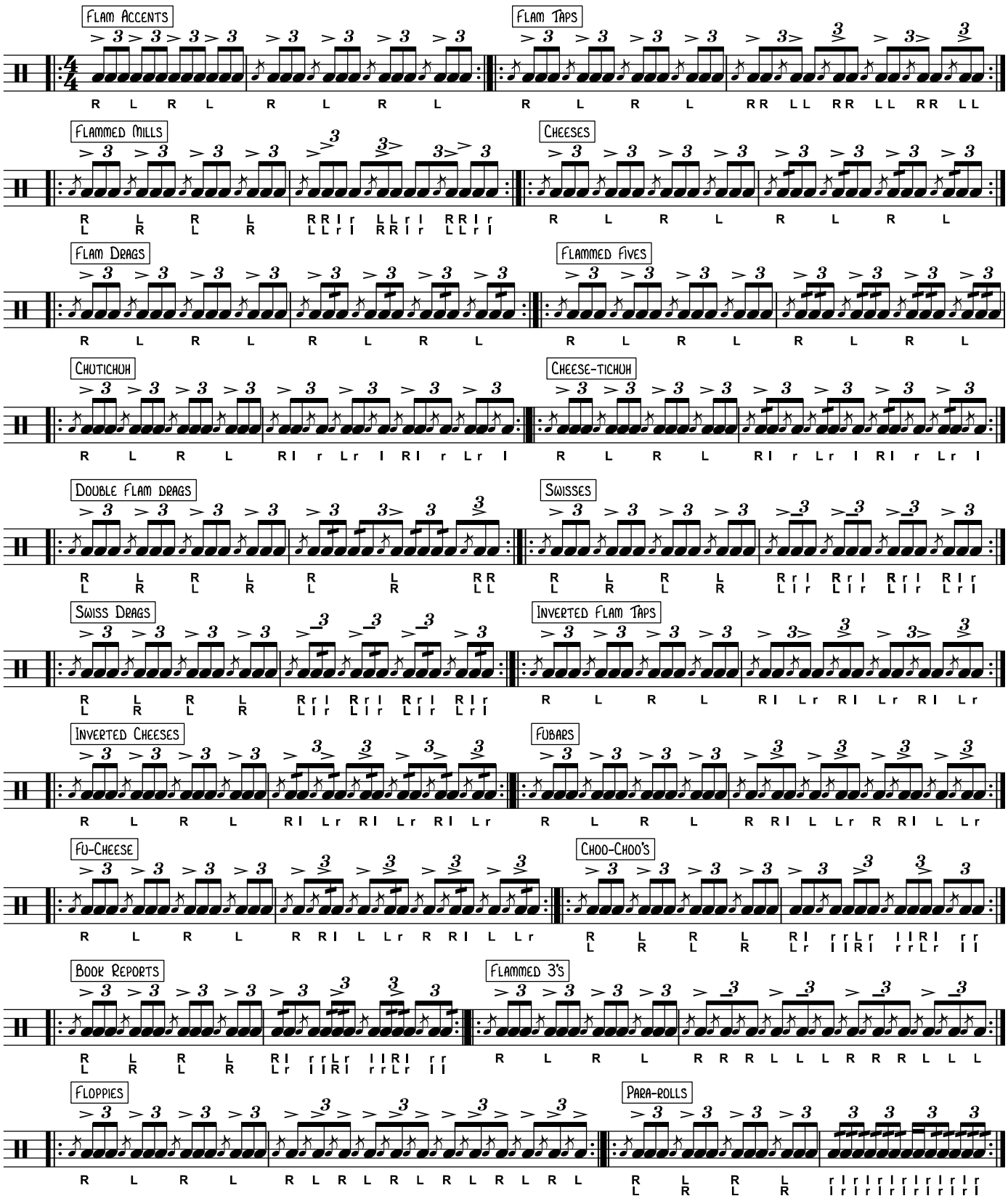

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