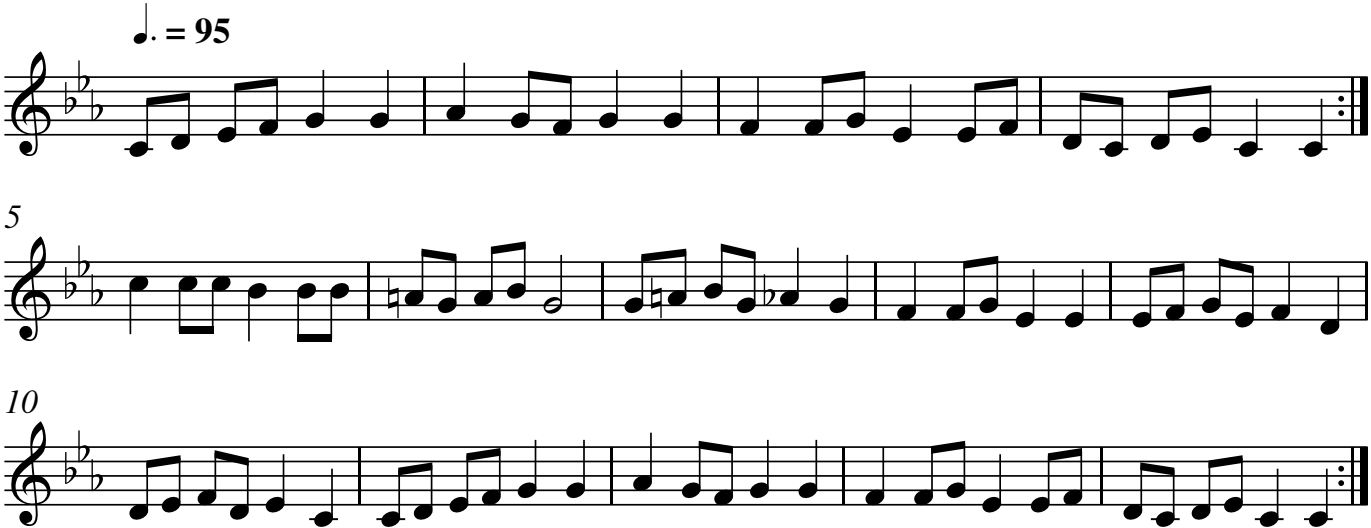An Italian Rant