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Level A

Brandenburg Concerto, No. 3 – 1st Movement – Abridged

J.S. Bach/arr. Merle J. Isaac

Quarter Note = 144-160

Moderato
□ *somewhat detached*

The musical score is written for violin in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a bracketed section containing the tempo 'Moderato' and the performance instruction 'somewhat detached'. The music features a series of eighth-note patterns, often beamed in groups of four (marked with a '4'). There are two 'V' markings above the staff, likely indicating vibrato. A circled '8' is placed above a note in the second staff. The score concludes with a final measure on the fourth staff, marked with a 'V' and a fermata.



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Level B

Bacchanale from “Samson and Delilah”

C. Saint-Saens/arr. Merle J. Isaac

1. Allegro, Quarter Note = 120

The image shows a four-staff musical score for violin. The first staff begins with a bracketed measure [20] and contains a melodic line with slurs and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The second staff continues the melody, marked with a first ending bracket [1] and ending with a bracketed measure [28]. The third staff features a rhythmic pattern with accents and a *cresc.* marking. The fourth staff includes a *div.* (divisi) marking, a bracketed measure [36], and a *Castanets* instruction. The score concludes with a dynamic marking of *p*.



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Level C

Dvorak Symphony # 8 (old #4) in G Major. Mvt. 1

Antonin Dvorak

Allegro con brio

A page of musical notation for violin, featuring ten staves. The music is in G major and 2/4 time. It includes various dynamics such as *pp*, *mf*, *fz*, *ff*, *f*, *piu fz*, and *marcato*. Performance markings include *cresc.*, *tr.*, and *7*. Section markers 'A', 'B 2', and 'C' are present. The score concludes with a double bar line and a '4' below it.