

Der Whiskey

für 6 Alkoholikeren

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b. 1973

mf evenly, like a documentary

I

"Whiskeys are distilled from a fermented mash of grain, usually corn, rye, barley or wheat, then aged in oak barrels."

I

"In this country, whiskey must be distilled at less than 190 proof and must be bottled at no less than 80 proof."

II

silence

pouring

(sniff the whiskey...don't drink)

III

silence

(sniff the whiskey...don't drink)

p *whispering*

"I love whiskey."

I *silence* -----
 "Whiskey, when placed in barrels to age, is a clear liquid."
 II *silence* ----- (*sip the whiskey...it tastes bad*) ----- *mf* | *a little late* -----
 "clear liquid..."
 III *clinking glass*
 | x | x | x | *silence* -----
p
 IV *clinking glass*
 | x | x | *silence* ----- (*pour a shot...*) ----- (*sip the whiskey...it tastes bad*) -----
p
 V *clinking glass*
 | x | x | x | *silence* ----- (*pour and sip some whiskey*) -----
p
 VI *clinking glass*
 | x | x | *silence* ----- (*sniff the whiskey...don't drink*) ----- *mp* |
 [cough]

I
"It is during the aging period that whiskey obtains its characteristic color flavor and aroma." *silence* -----

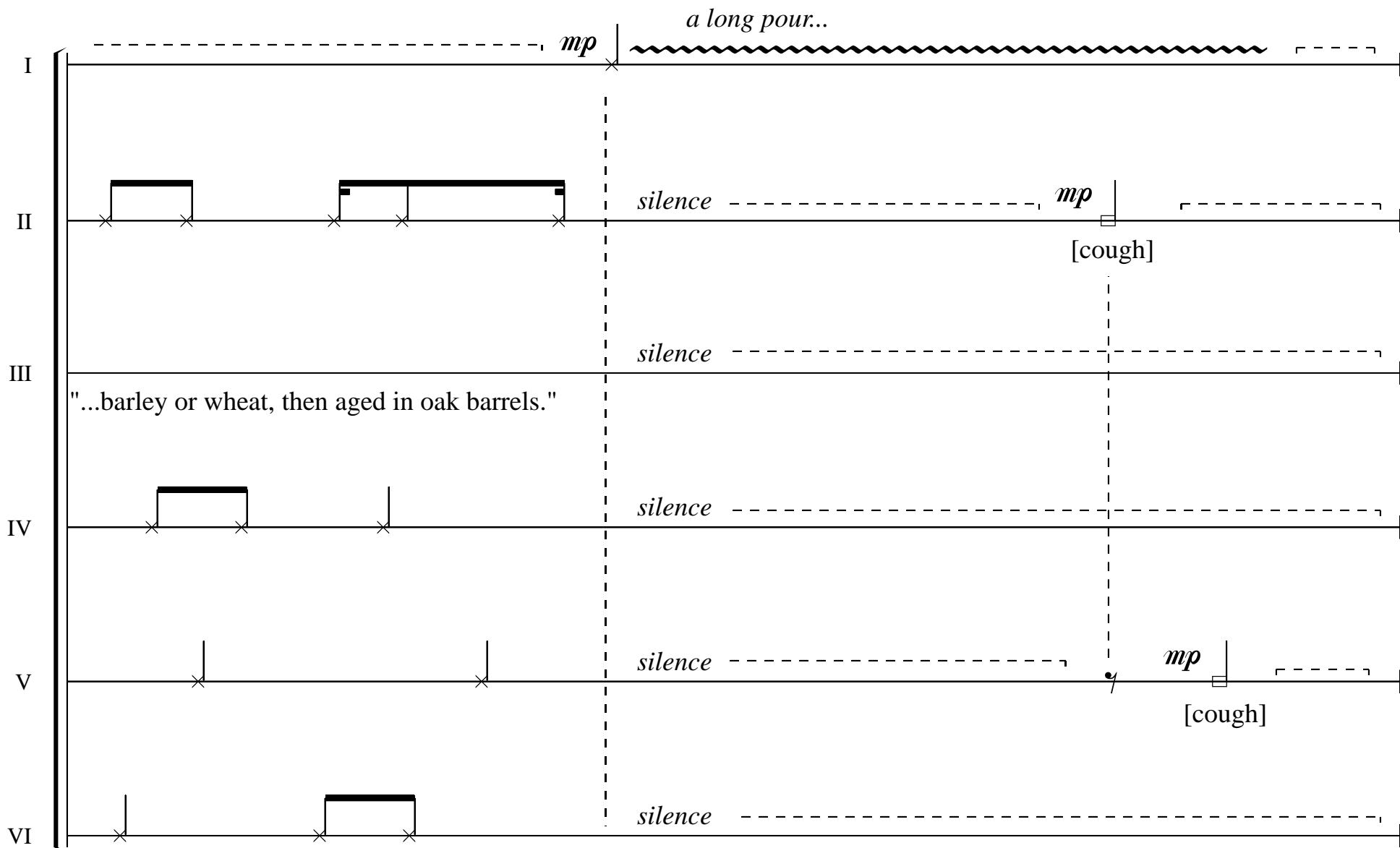
II
silence ----- *clinking glass*
p

III
silence ----- *mf*, *evenly, like a documentary*
"Whiskeys are distilled from a fermented mash of grain, usually corn, rhy..."

IV
silence ----- *clinking glass*
p

V
silence ----- *clinking glass*
p

VI
silence ----- *(pour and sip some whiskey)* *clinking glass*
p



mf evenly, like a documentary

I "The Major whiskey producing countries are the United States, Canada, Scotland, and Ireleand. Special grain..."

II *clinking glass* *p* *pouring*

III *pouring* *swallowing*

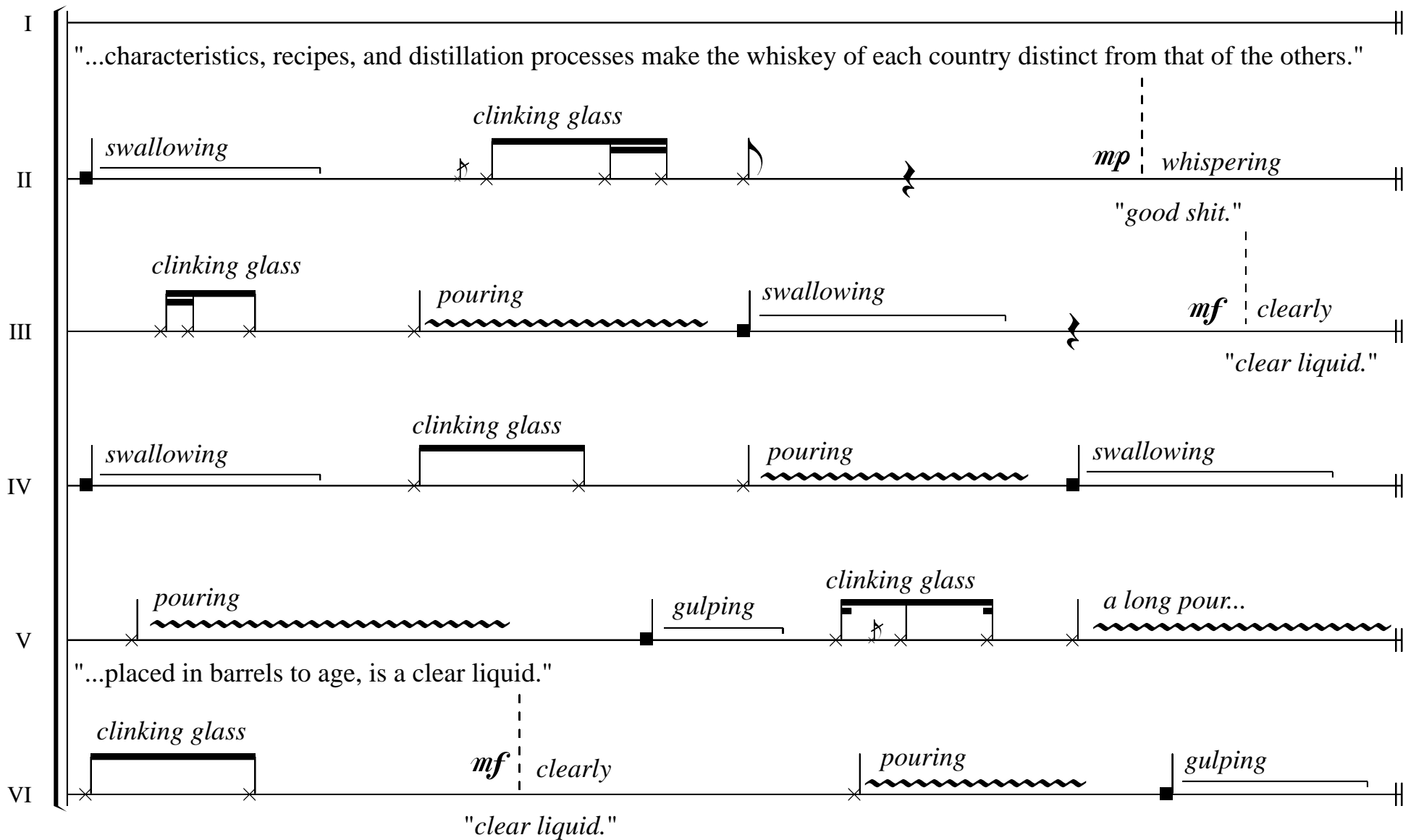
IV *pouring* *swallowing* *clinking glass* *p* *pouring*

V *silence* *p* *clinking glass* *mf* documentary style

VI *pouring* *swallowing*

"Whiskey, when..."

Detailed description of the musical score: The score consists of six staves, labeled I through VI on the left. A vertical bar line is drawn through the score, roughly in the middle.
 - Staff I: Contains the text "The Major whiskey producing countries are the United States, Canada, Scotland, and Ireleand. Special grain...".
 - Staff II: Starts with a *p* dynamic marking. It features a *clinking glass* event (a thick horizontal bar) and a *pouring* event (a wavy line).
 - Staff III: Features a *pouring* event (wavy line) and a *swallowing* event (a horizontal line with a vertical stem).
 - Staff IV: Contains multiple events: *pouring* (wavy line), *swallowing* (horizontal line), *clinking glass* (thick bar), a *p* dynamic marking, a musical note, another *clinking glass* event, and another *pouring* event.
 - Staff V: Starts with *silence* (dashed line). It includes a *p* dynamic marking, a *clinking glass* event, and another *clinking glass* event.
 - Staff VI: Features a *pouring* event (wavy line) and a *swallowing* event (horizontal line).
 - At the bottom right, the text "Whiskey, when..." is written.
 - A *mf* dynamic marking is placed near the end of the score, with the text "documentary style" below it.



I G.P. (do a shot) || *silence* - - - - - (do a shot) - - - - - *mf percussive*
 "P - CH - P! CH!"

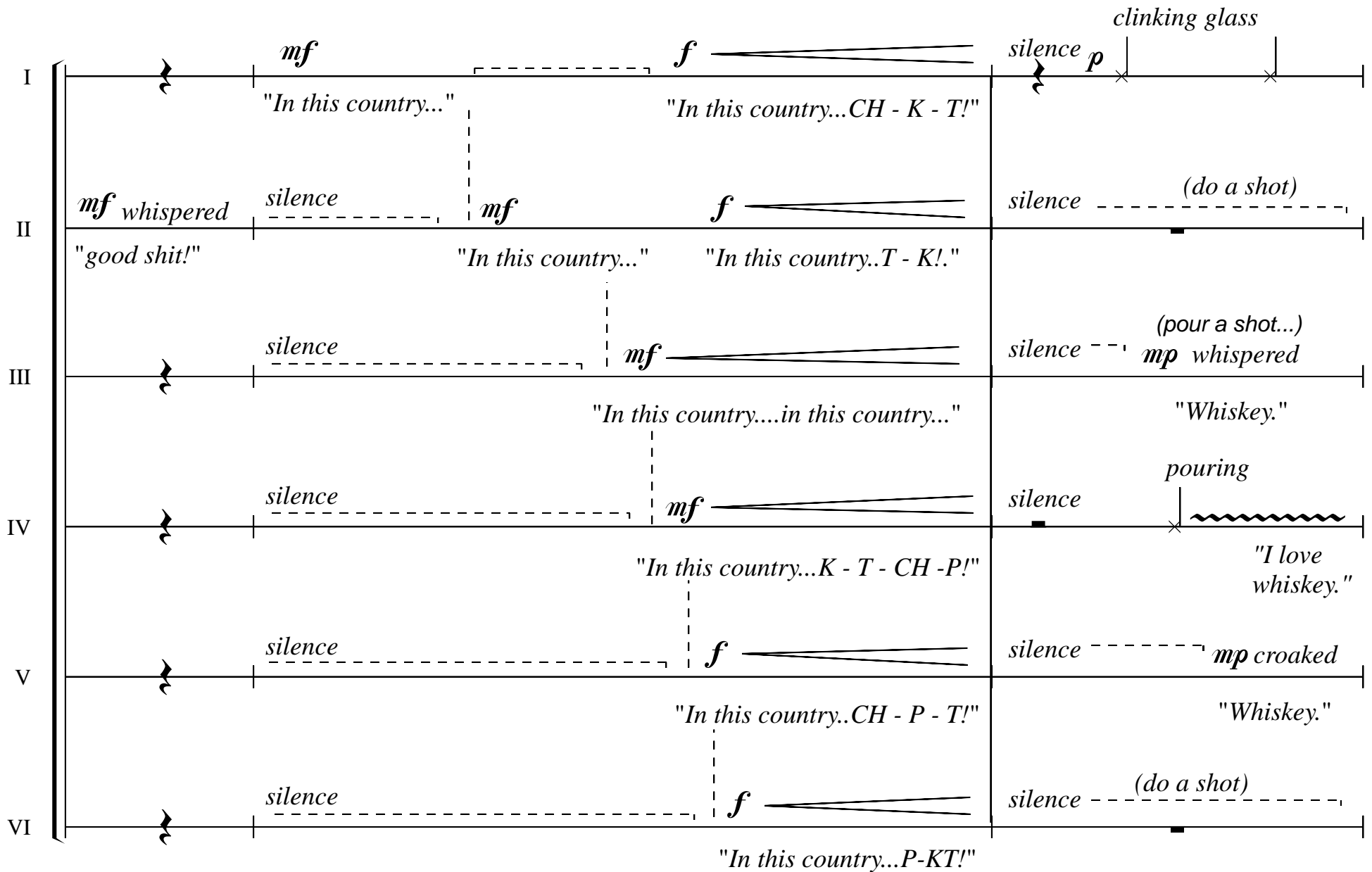
II G.P. (do a shot) || *silence* - - - - - (do a shot) - - - - - *mf percussive*
 "P - K - P - Kut!"

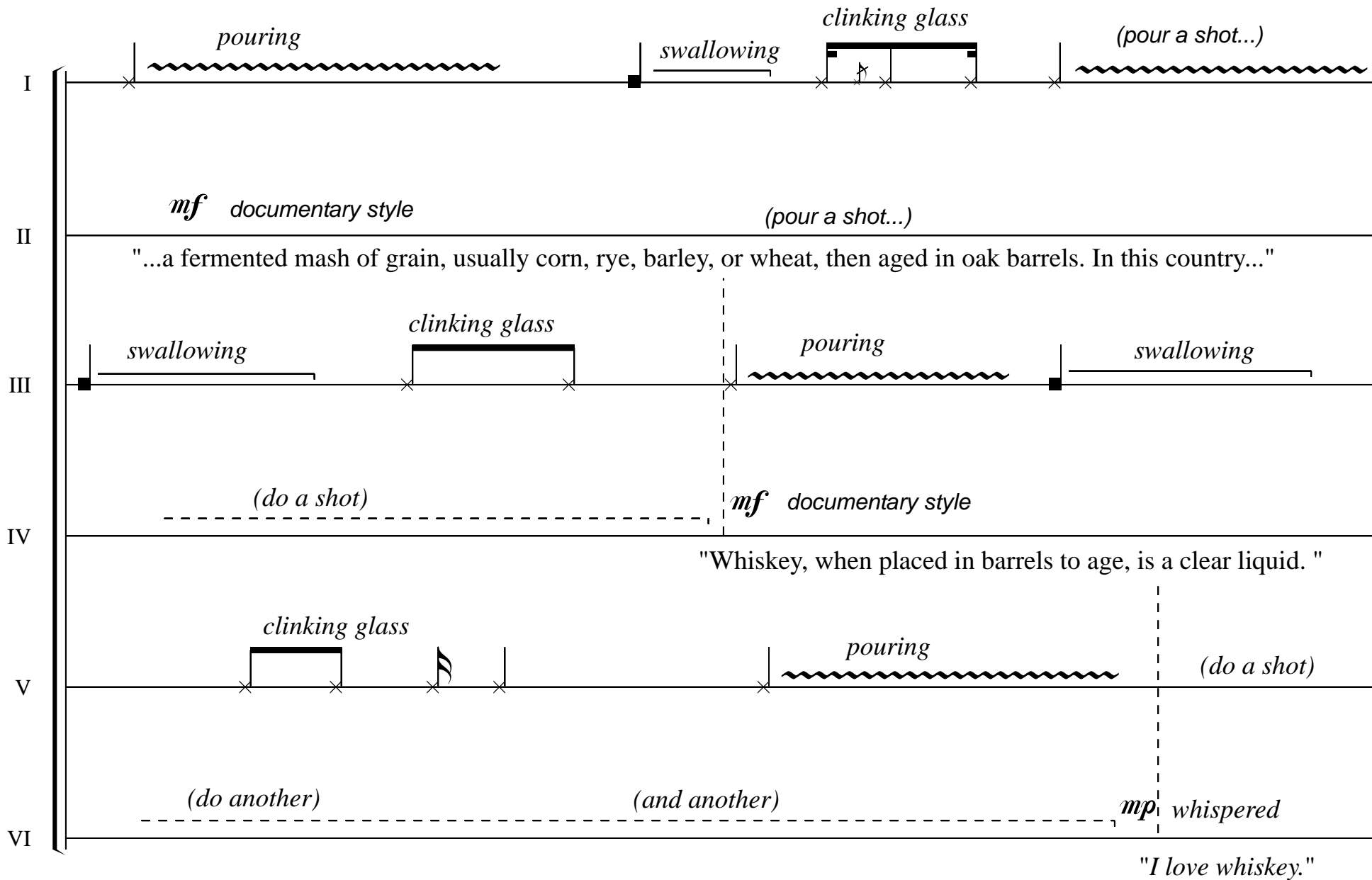
III G.P. (do a shot) || *silence* - - - - - (do a shot) - - - - - *mf clearly* - - - - - *mf percussive*
 "clear liquid." "P - K - T! T!"

IV G.P. (do a shot) || *mf documentary style* - - - - - *percussive*
 "Whiskey, when placed in barrels to age, is a clear liquid." "K - CH - T - K!"

V G.P. (do a shot) || *mf documentary style* - - - - -
 "It is during the aging period that whiskey obtains its characteristic color flavor and aroma."

VI G.P. (do a shot) || *silence* - - - - - (do a shot) - - - - - *mf percussive*
 "K - P - T - K! P!"





mf documentary style

I

"Although American whiskeys fall into two major categories (straight whiskey and blended whiskey), the United..."

II

(drink your shot)

"...whiskey must be distilled at less than 190 proof and must be bottled at no less than 80 proof. "

mf documentary style
but slightly slower than speaker I

III

"Although American whiskeys fall into two major categories (straight whiskey and..."

IV

(pour a shot...)

(drink your shot)

"It is during the aging period that whiskey obtains its characteristic color, flavor, and aroma. "

V

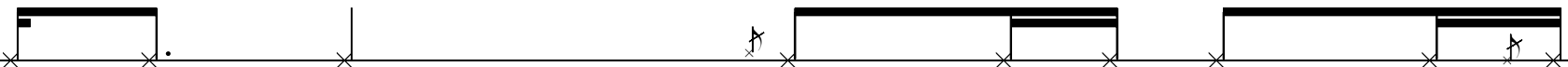
clinking glass

mf



VI

mf clinking glass



I
 "...States government acknowledges 33 distinct types of whiskey. "

II
mf *clinking glass* *(becoming less active...)*

III
(pour a shot...)

IV
mf *clinking glass* *(pour a shot...)* *(drink your shot)*

V
(becoming less active...)

VI
(pour a shot...) *(drink your shot)* *silence*

I *silence*

II *(pour a shot...)* *(drink your shot)* *silence*

III *(drink your shot)* *slosh the whiskey around...*

IV *very slowly*
 "Whiskey, when placed in barrels to age, is a clear liquid."

V *clinking glass* *p* *(pour a shot...)* *(drink your shot)*

VI *croaked* *silence* *(low and slow)*
"I love whiskey." *"I love whiskey."*

I *sloshing and pouring* (drink your shot) *mf* "I love whiskey." *pour* *shoot*

II *sloshing and pouring* (drink your shot) *pouring* *mf* *clinking glass*

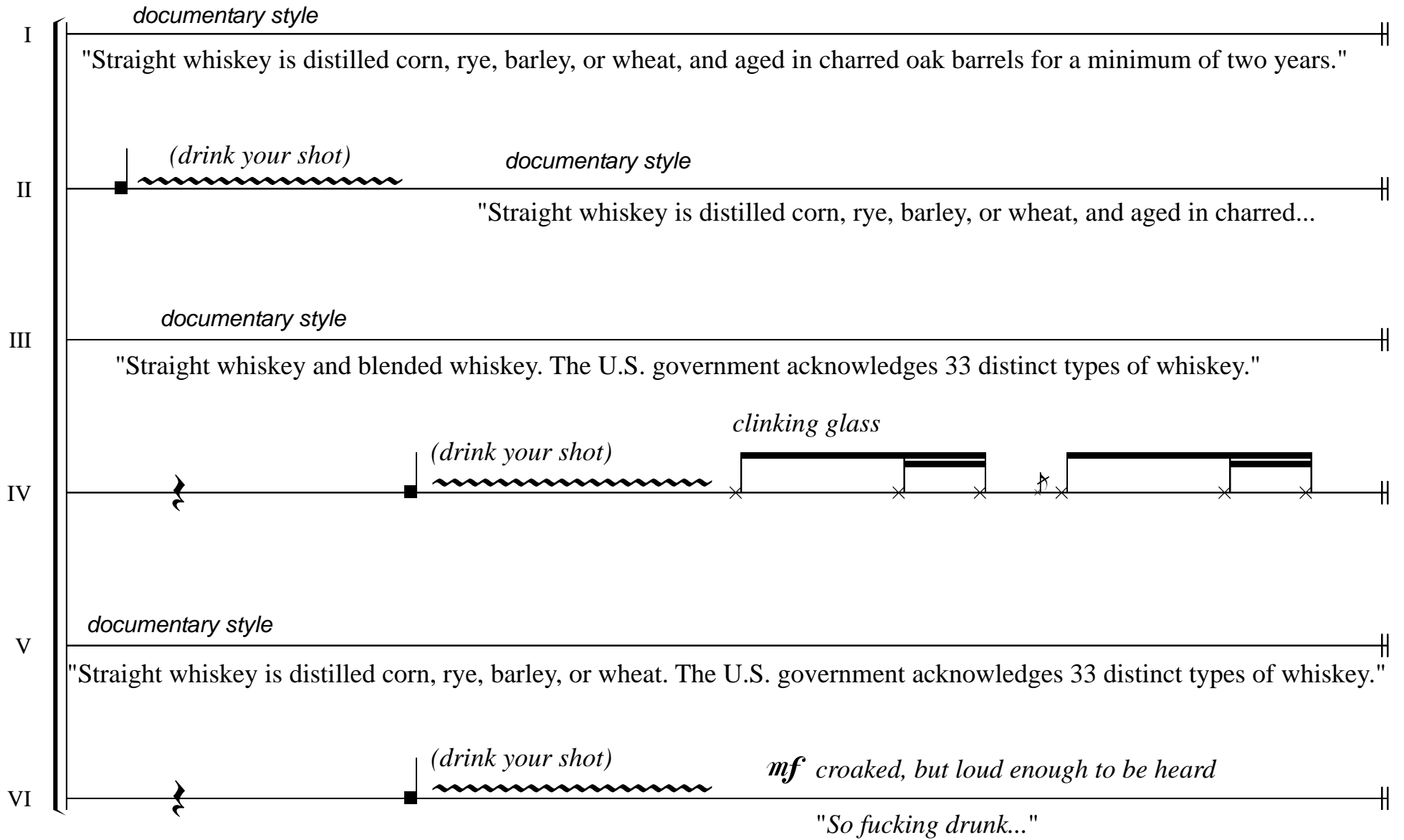
III *sloshing and pouring* (drink your shot) *pouring* *shoot* *mf* *clinking glass*

IV *sloshing and pouring* (drink your shot) *clinking glass* *mf* *pouring*

V *sloshing and pouring* (drink your shot) *clinking glass* *mf* *pouring* *gulping*

VI *sloshing and pouring* (drink your shot) *pouring* *shoot* *pour*

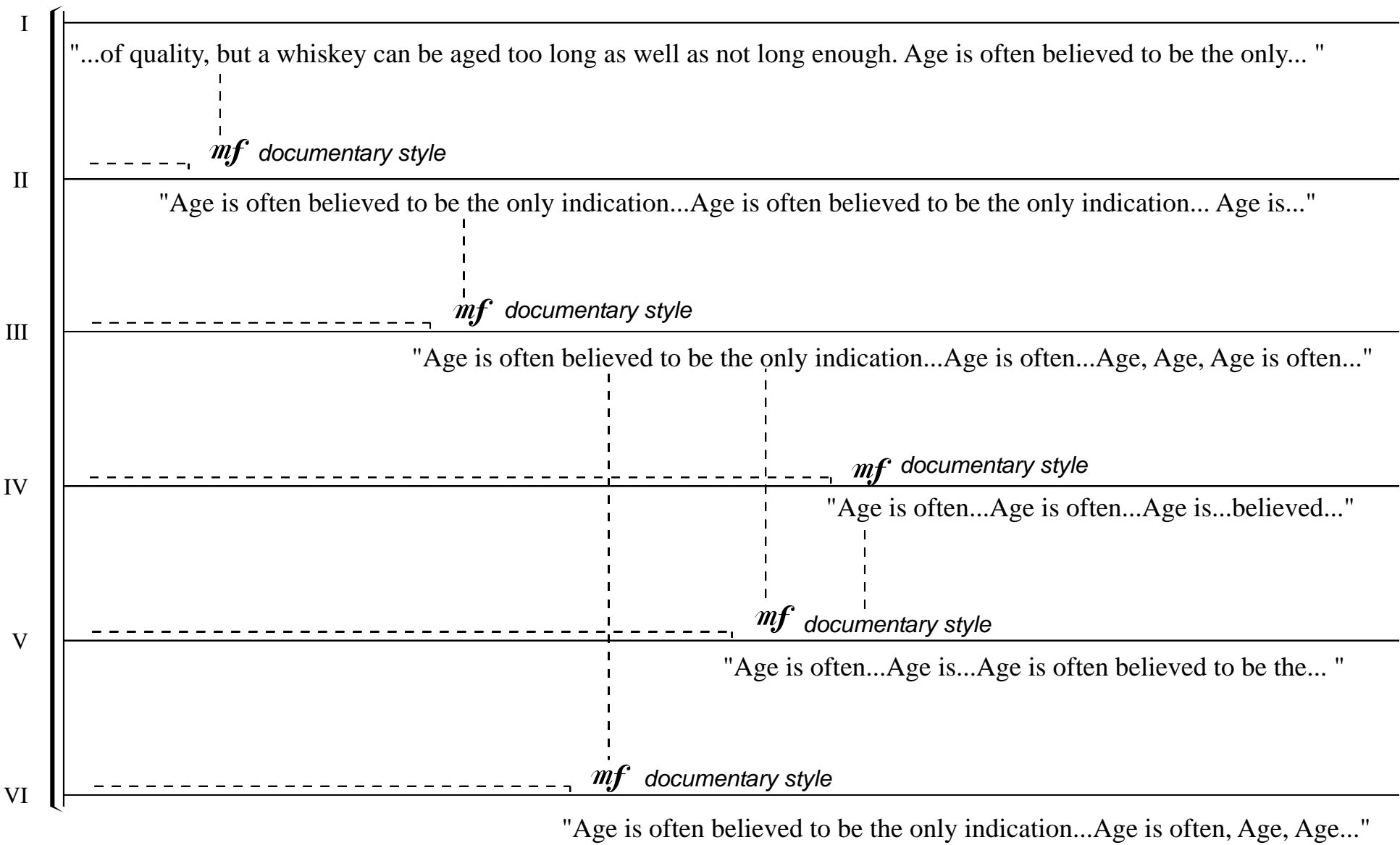
The score is divided into two sections by a vertical dashed line. The first section (measures 1-2) features 'sloshing and pouring' followed by '(drink your shot)'. The second section (measures 3-4) features 'pouring', 'shoot', and 'clinking glass'. The text 'I love whiskey.' is written across the first two staves in the second section.



PERFORMANCE NOTE: All readers should read and repeat this text for approximately 30 seconds. At that time everyone should stop, wherever they are in the text, and go immediately to the next page. Also, while the texts should be read "documentary style," all texts in *italics* should be read in drunk character's voice.

- I *mf* documentary style
"Whiskey, when placed in barrels to age, is a clear liquid...straight whiskey...rhy, barley or wheat...the United States government ...*so fucking drunk!*...acknowledges 33 distinct types of whiskey, a clear liquid. Although American whiskeys fall into two major categories (straight whiskey and blended whiskey)..."
- II *mf* documentary style
"...oak barrels for a minimum of two years...usually corn, rye, barley, or wheat..In this country, whiskey must be distilled at less than 190 proof and must be bottled at no less than 80 proof straight whiskey and blended whiskey...*I love whiskey*...the United States government acknowledges 33 distinct types of whiskey..."
- III *mf* documentary style
"Although American whiskeys...a clear liquid...Straight whiskey is distilled corn, rye, barley, or wheat... Although American whiskeys fall into two major categories (straight whiskey and blended whiskey)... a mash of grain...*so fucking drunk!*...distilled at less than 190 proof and bottled at no less than 80 proof..."
- IV *mf* documentary style
"Although American whiskeys fall into two major categories (straight whiskey and blended whiskey), the United States government acknowledges 33 distinct types of whiskey. In this country, whiskey must be distilled at less than 190 proof and must be bottled at no less than 80 proof...straight whiskey...blended whiskey..."
- V *mf* documentary style
"Although American whiskeys, when placed in barrels to age, corn, rye, barley, or wheat, is distilled corn, rye, barley, or wheat, and aged in charred oak barrels for a minimum of two years..*I love whiskey*...In this country, whiskey must be distilled at less than 190 proof and must be bottled at no less than 80 proof"
- VI *mf* documentary style
"Straight whiskey is distilled corn, rye, barley, or wheat, and aged in charred oak barrels for a minimum of two years. Blended whiskey is a blend of two or more straight whiskeys, fermented mash of grain, usually corn, rye, barley, or wheat...*so fucking drunk!*...acknowledges 33 distinct types of whiskey...the United States government..."

	3 seconds	10 seconds	2 seconds	
I	G.P. look at the whiskey... longingly...	guzzle the whiskey...right from the bottle...gulp, gulp, gulp... (but don't finish it...)	stop! G.P.	<i>mf</i> documentary style "Age is often believed to be the only indication..."
II	G.P. look at the whiskey... longingly...	guzzle the whiskey...right from the bottle...gulp, gulp, gulp... (but don't finish it...)	stop! G.P.	silence
III	G.P. look at the whiskey... longingly...	guzzle the whiskey...right from the bottle...gulp, gulp, gulp... (but don't finish it...)	stop! G.P.	silence
IV	G.P. look at the whiskey... longingly...	guzzle the whiskey...right from the bottle...gulp, gulp, gulp... (but don't finish it...)	stop! G.P.	silence
V	G.P. look at the whiskey... longingly...	guzzle the whiskey...right from the bottle...gulp, gulp, gulp... (but don't finish it...)	stop! G.P.	silence
VI	G.P. look at the whiskey... longingly...	guzzle the whiskey...right from the bottle...gulp, gulp, gulp... (but don't finish it...)	stop! G.P.	silence

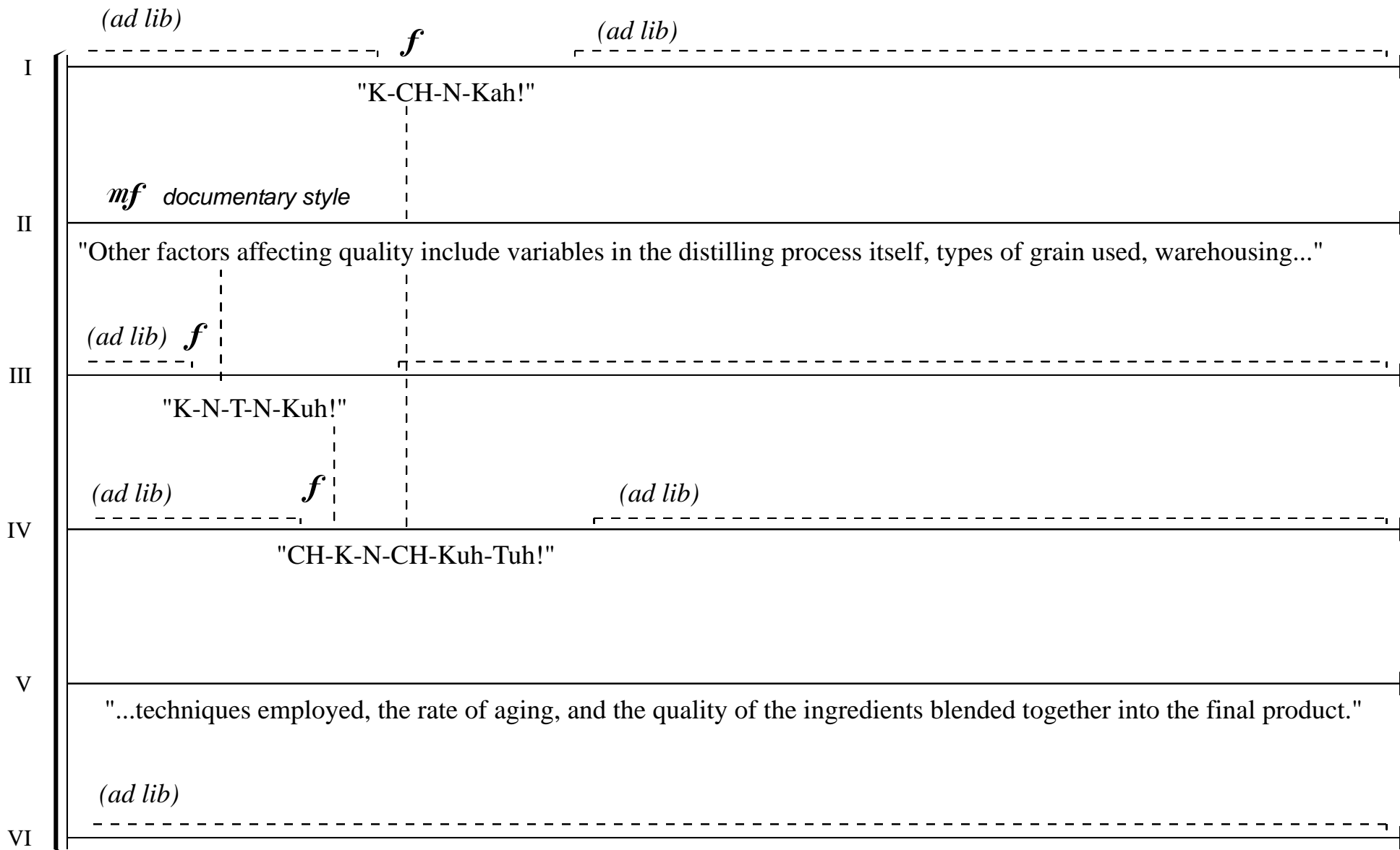


* PERFORMANCE NOTE: These rhythms are only approximate, and meant to make this measure chaotic. Some readers may get to this measure before others. If so, they should adjust their tempo so that everyone reaches the end at the same time.

The musical score consists of six staves, labeled I through VI on the left. Each staff contains rhythmic notation and lyrics. Brackets above the notes indicate groupings of 3 or 5 notes. The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff I:** Age, Age, Age, Age, [cough!] Age, Age, Age, [cough!] Age.
- Staff II:** Age, Age, [cough!] Age, Age, [cough!] Age, [cough!] Age, [cough!]
- Staff III:** Age, Age, Age, Age, [cough!] Age, Age, Age, Age, Age, [cough!]
- Staff IV:** Age, Age, [cough!] Age, Age, [cough!] Age, Age, [cough!] Age, [cough!] Age,
- Staff V:** Age, Age, Age, Age, [cough!] Age,
- Staff VI:** Age, [cough!] Age, [cough!] [cough!] [cough!] [cough!] Age,

I	<i>ad lib, sipping, gulping, pouring, swallowing, etc.</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>(ad lib)</i>
		"Damn that's good shit!"	
II	<i>ad lib, sipping, gulping, pouring, swallowing, etc.</i>		
III	<i>ad lib, sipping, gulping, pouring, swallowing, etc.</i>		
IV	<i>ad lib, sipping, gulping, pouring, swallowing, etc.</i>		
V	<i>mf</i> documentary style		
	"Other factors affecting quality include variables in the distilling process itself, types of grain used, warehousing..."		
VI	<i>ad lib, sipping, gulping, pouring, swallowing, etc.</i>		



I *(ad lib)*

II *(ad lib)*

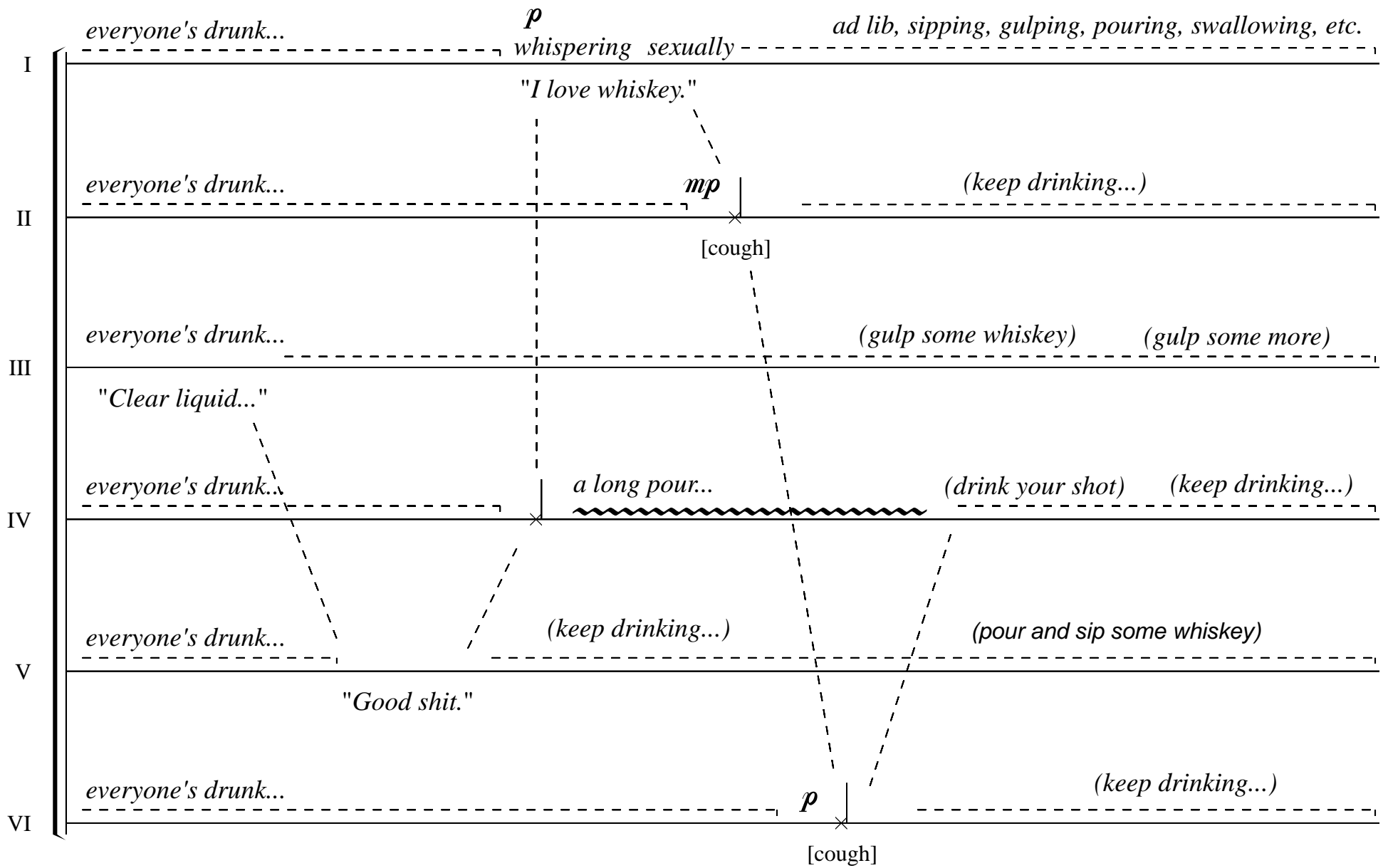
III *(ad lib)*

IV *(ad lib)*

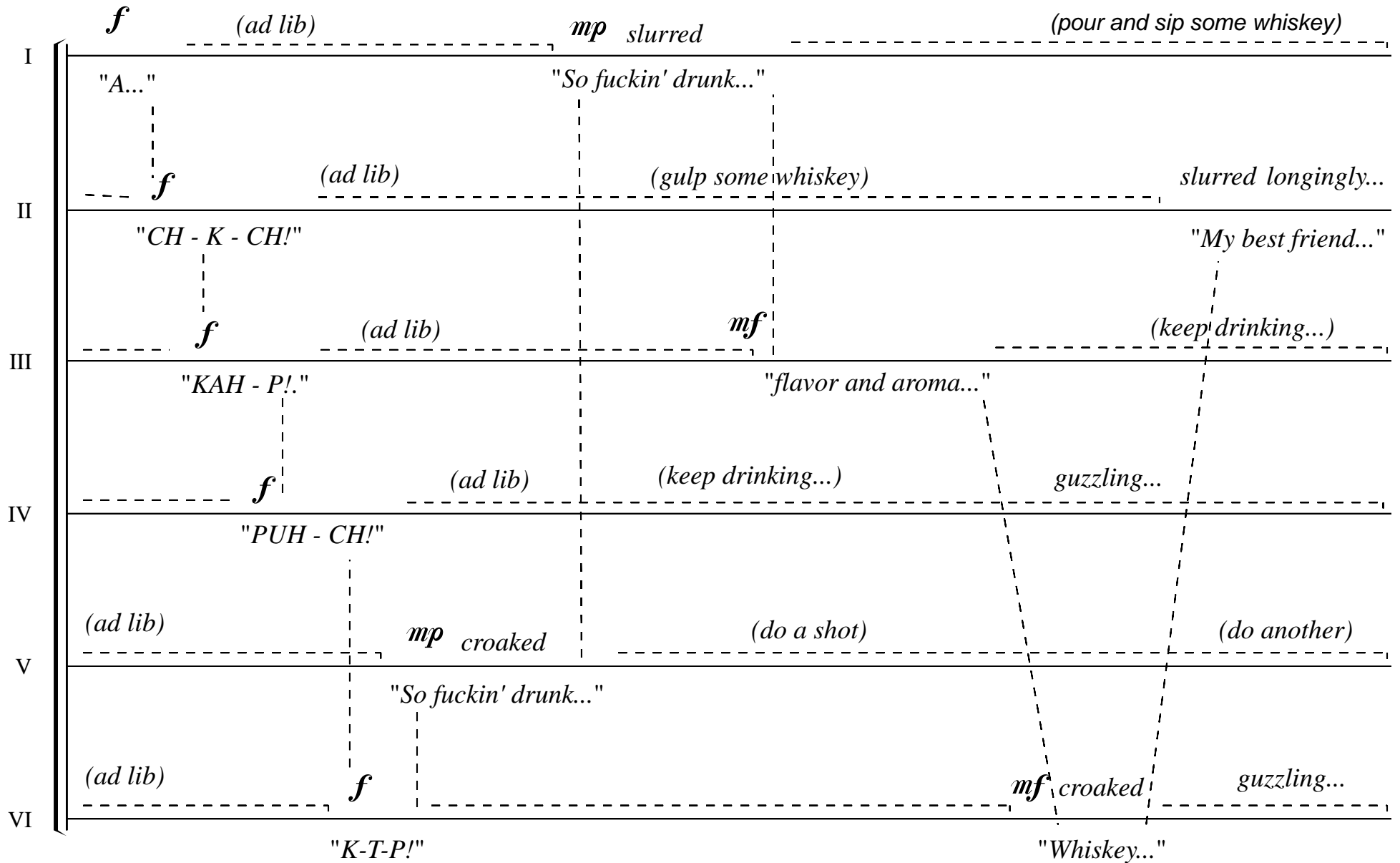
V *ad lib, sipping, gulping, pouring, swallowing, etc.*

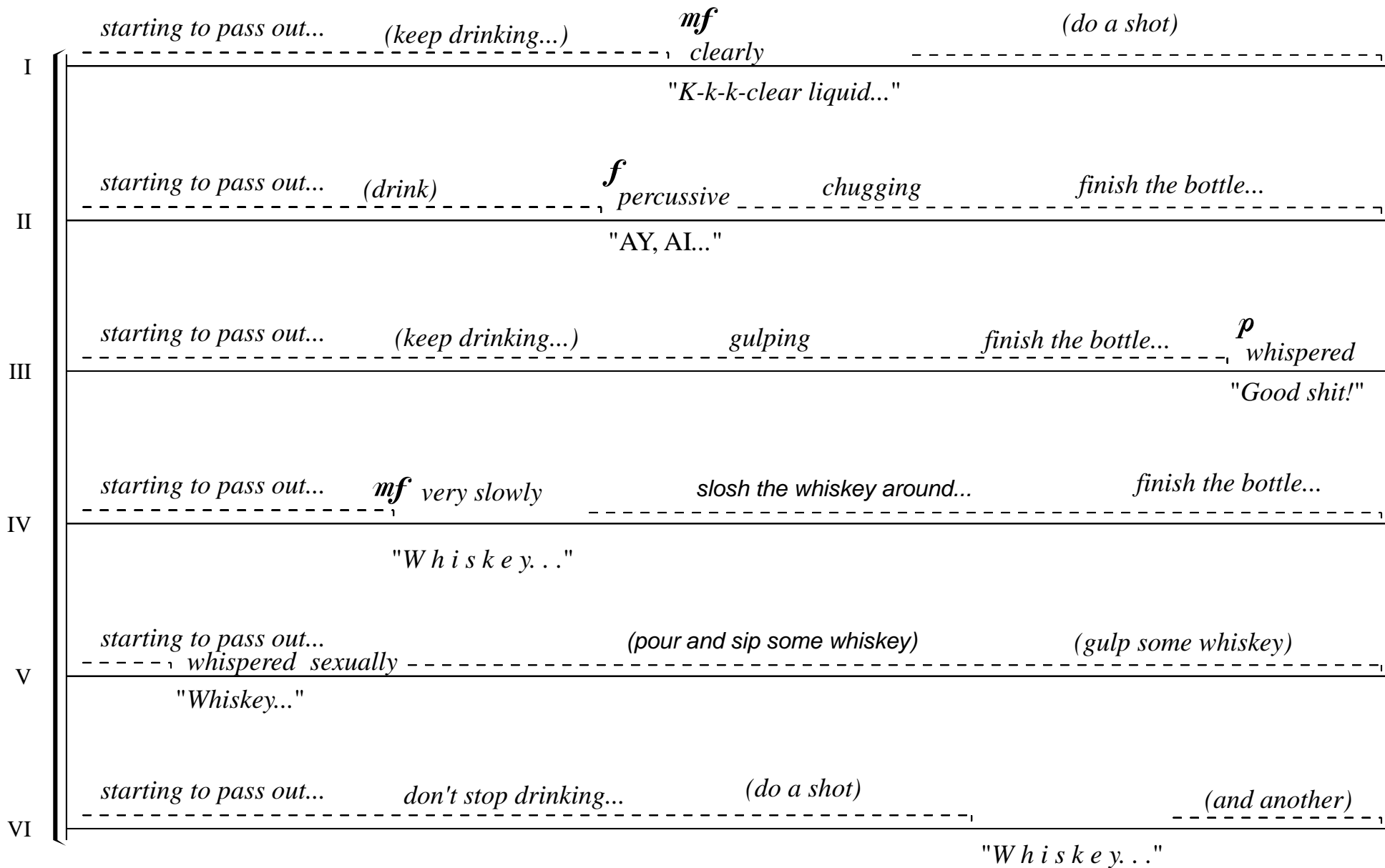
VI *mf* documentary style

"Aging may make a good whiskey better, but no amount of aging can make a good whiskey out of a bad."



PERFORMANCE NOTE: At this point the alcoholics should be nearly finished with their bottles of whiskey. The bottles must be empty by the end of the piece.





PERFORMANCE NOTE: By the end of the piece, everyone's whiskey bottle should be empty, and everyone should pass out except Alcoholic no. 6, who is left hugging his empty bottle.

