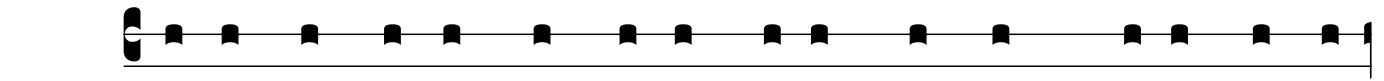
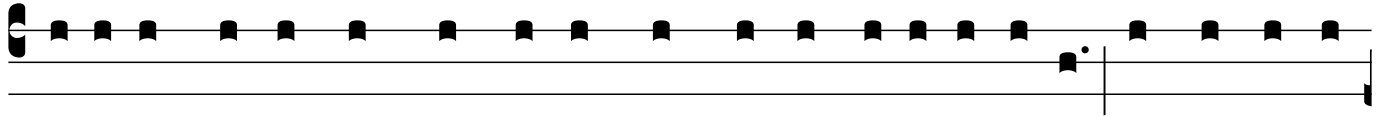


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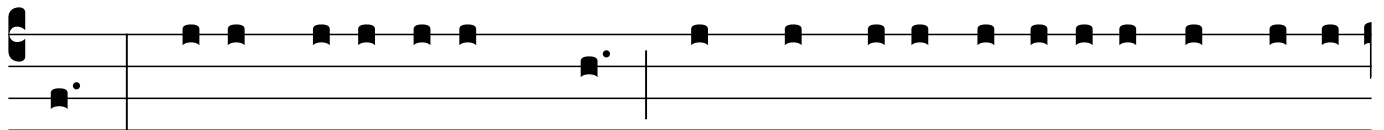
Lesson 8: *The valley of dry bones*



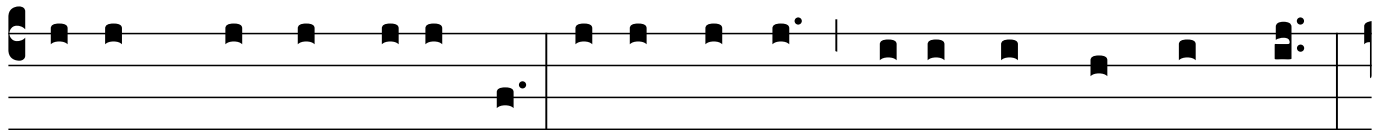
The hand of the Lord came up-on me, and he brought me out by the



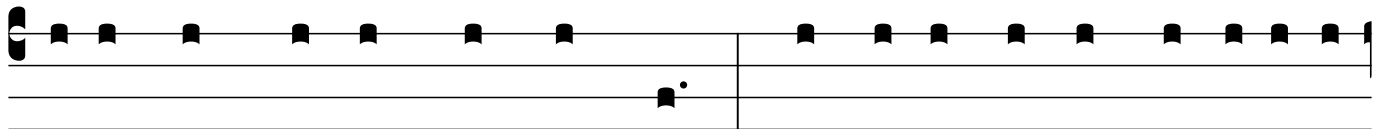
spir- it of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of



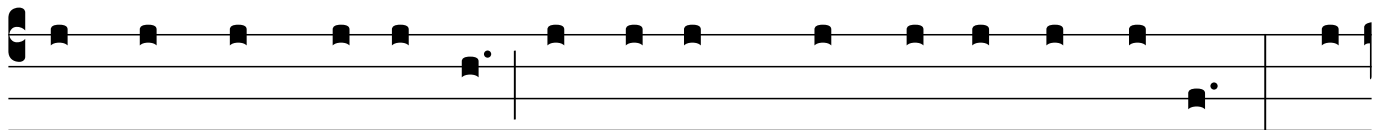
bones. He led me all around them; there were ver-y man-y ly- ing in the val-



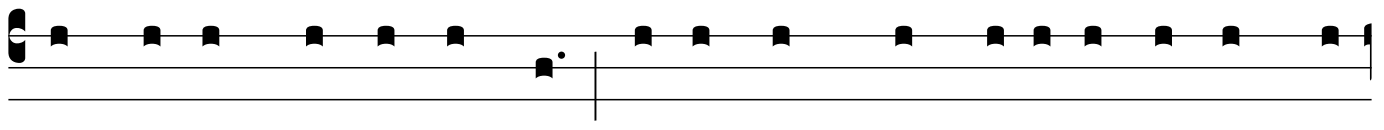
ley, and they were ver-y dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”



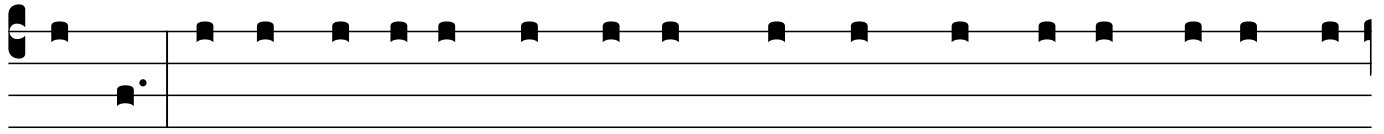
I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophe-sy to



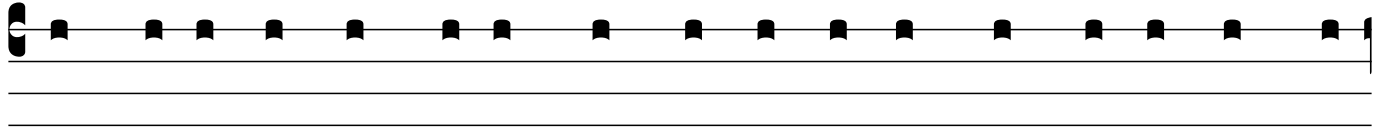
these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus



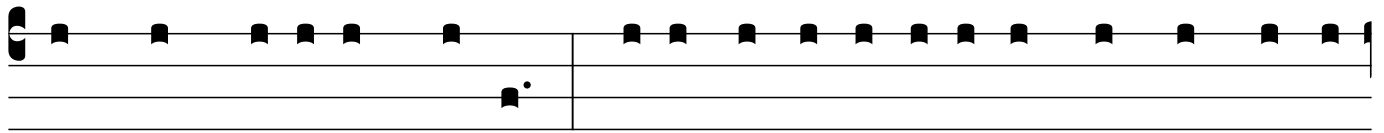
says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you



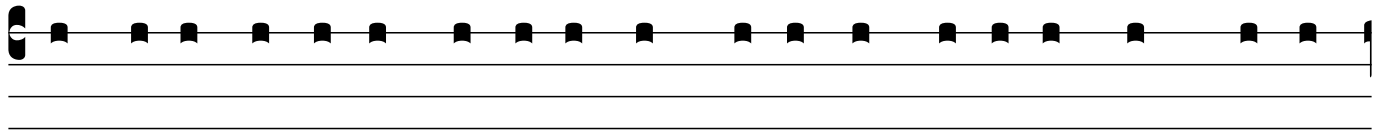
shall live. I will lay sin-ews on you and will cause flesh to come up-on you



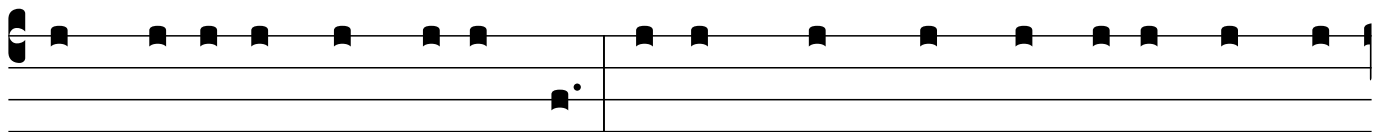
and cov-er you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you



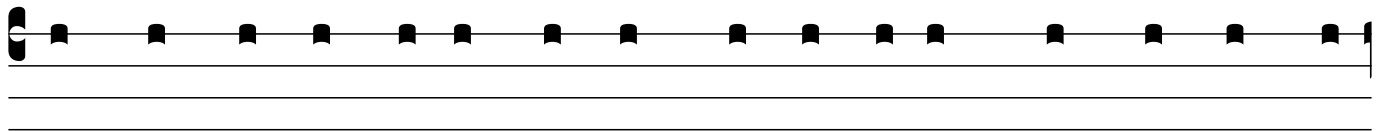
shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophe-sied as I had been commanded,



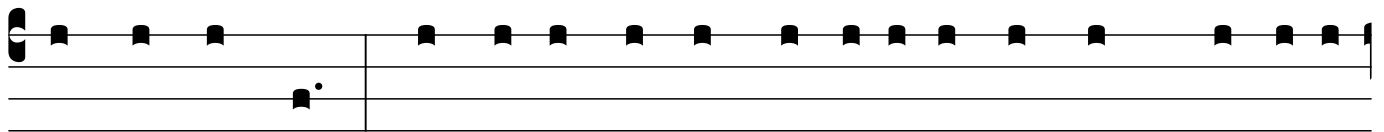
and as I prophe-sied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones



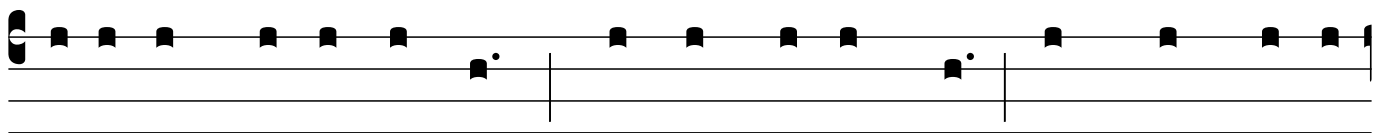
came to-gether, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sin-ews on them,



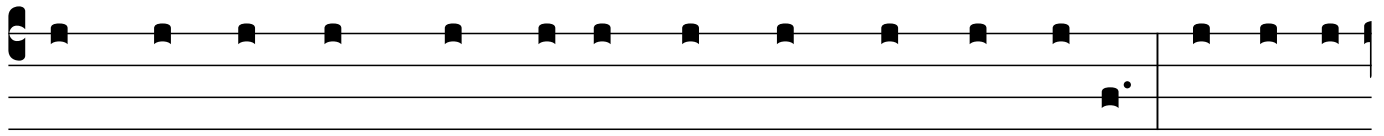
and flesh had come up-on them, and skin had cov-ered them, but there was



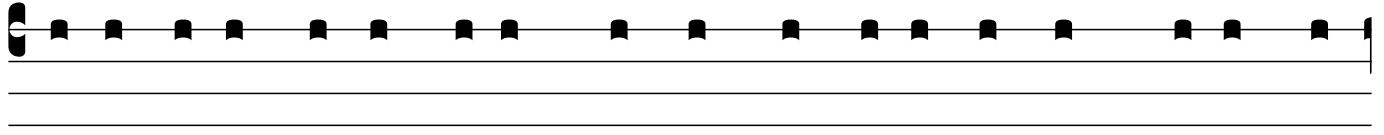
no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophe-sy to the breath, prophe-sy,



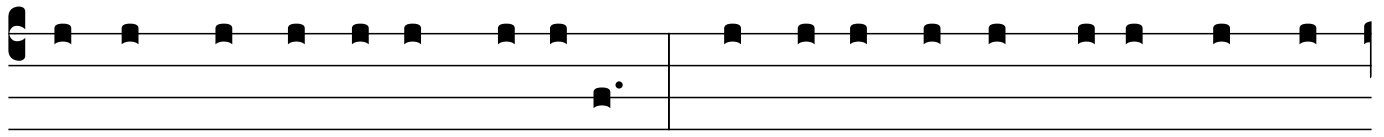
mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four



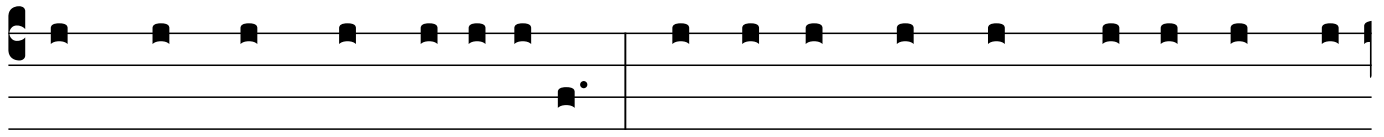
winds, O breath, and breathe up-on these slain, that they may live.” I prophe-



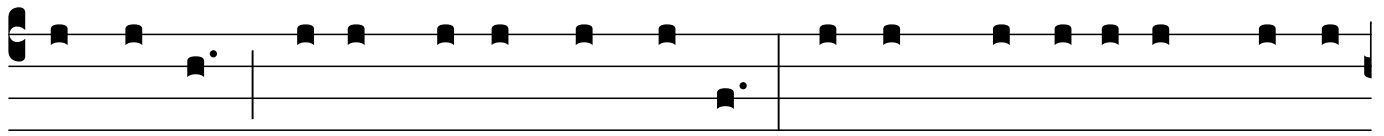
sied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and



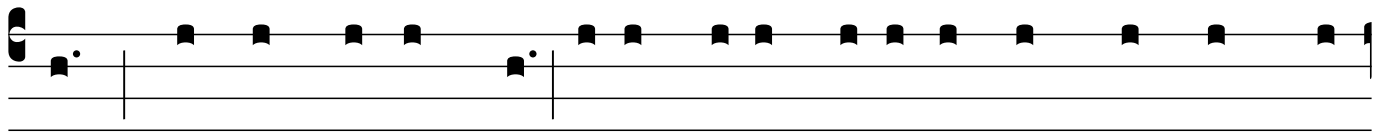
stood on their feet, a vast mul-ti-tude. Then he said to me,“Mortal, these bones



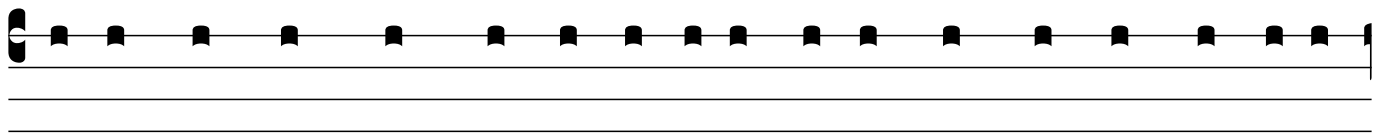
are the whole house of Isra- el. They say,‘Our bones are dried up, and our



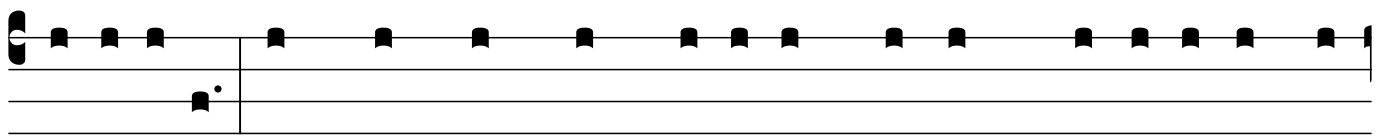
hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophe-sy and say to



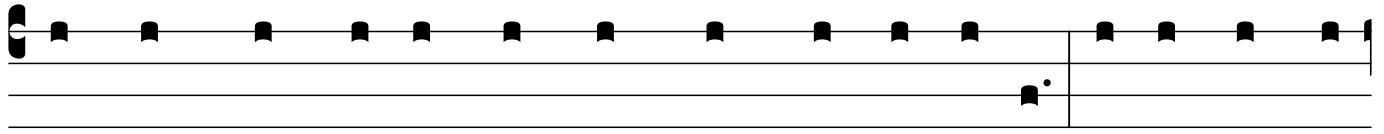
them: Thus says the Lord God: I am go- ing to o-pen your graves and bring



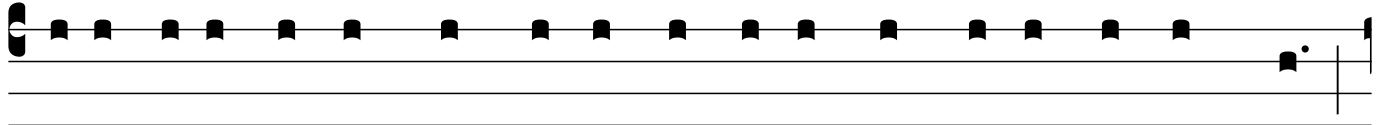
you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land



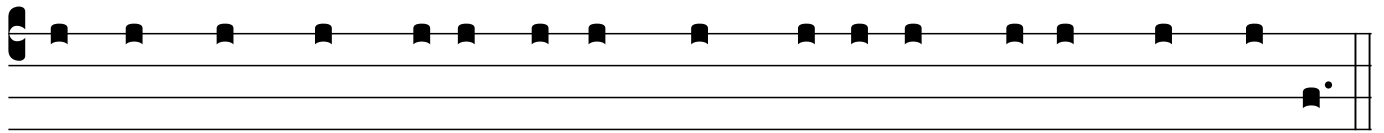
of Isra- el. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I o-pen your



graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my



spir- it within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil;



then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spo-ken and will act, says the Lord.”