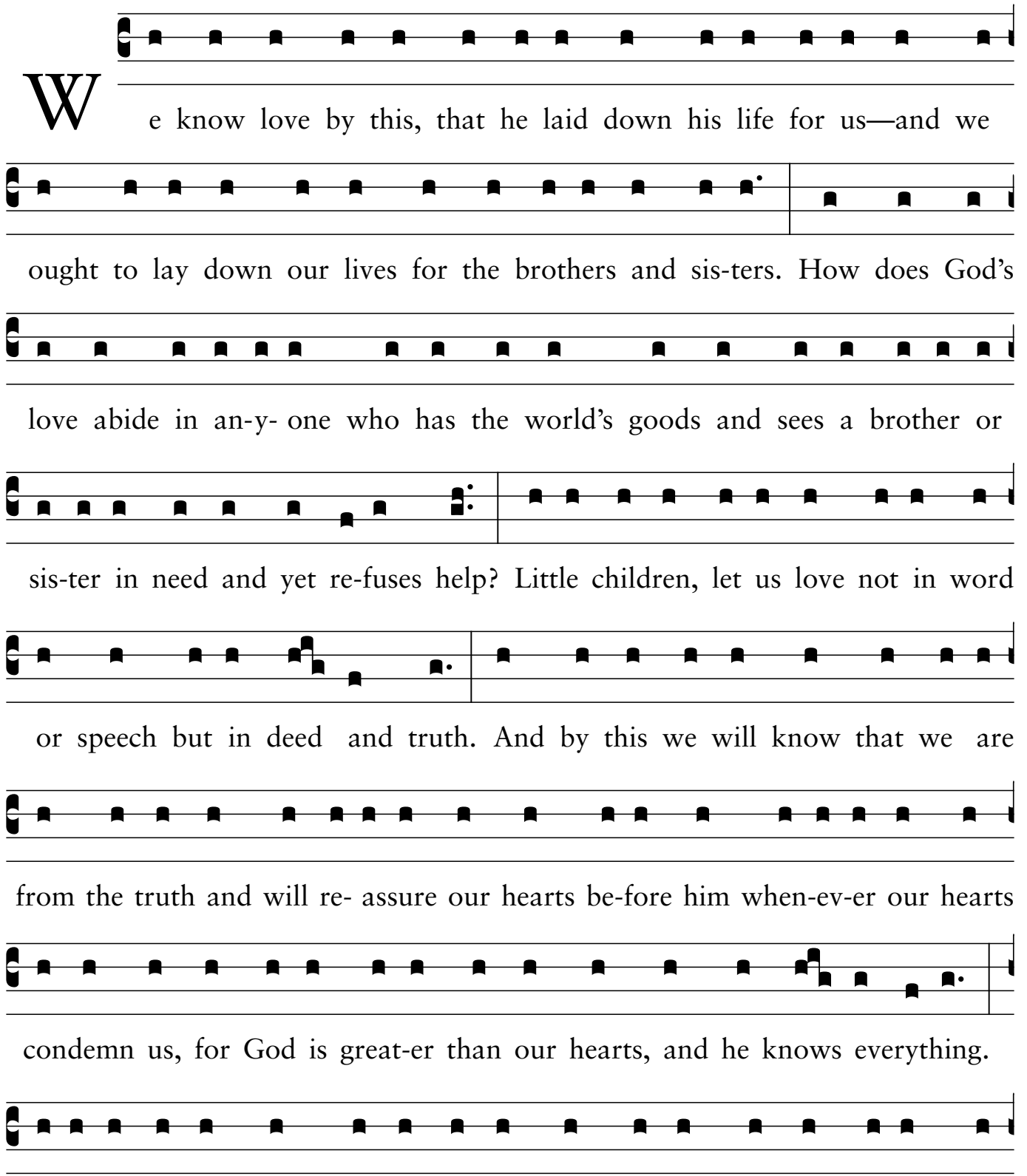


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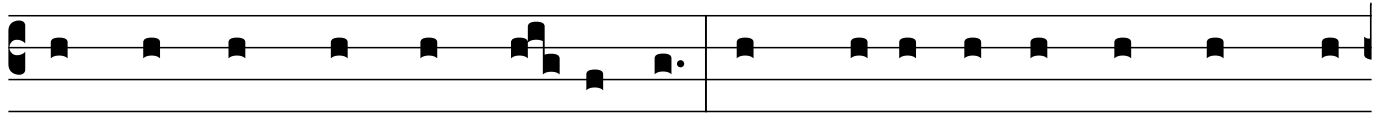
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We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sis-ters. How does God’s love abide in an-y- one who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sis-ter in need and yet re-fuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will re- assure our hearts be-fore him when-ev-er our hearts condemn us, for God is great-er than our hearts, and he knows everything. Be-lov-ed, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness be-fore God,



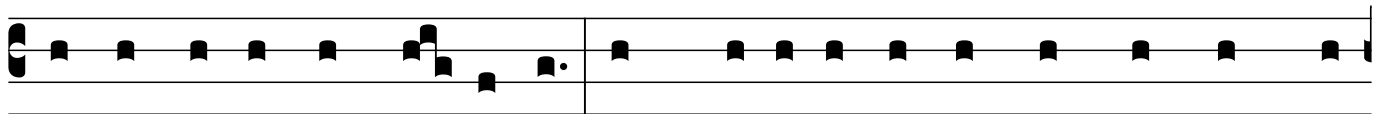
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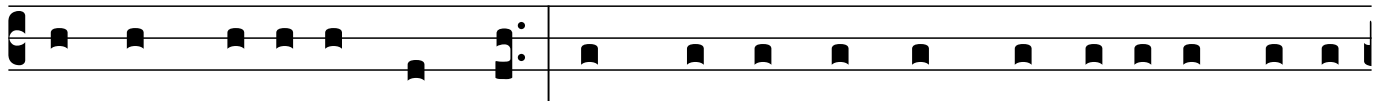
mandments and do what pleas- es him. And this is his commandment, that



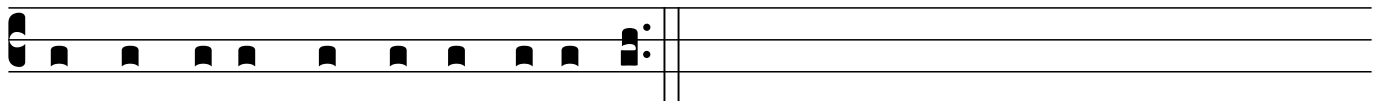
we should be-lieve in the name of his Son Je-sus Christ and love one an-other,



just as he has command-ed us. All who obey his commandments abide in



him, and he a-bides in them. And by this we know that he a-bides in us,



by the Spir-it that he has giv-en us.