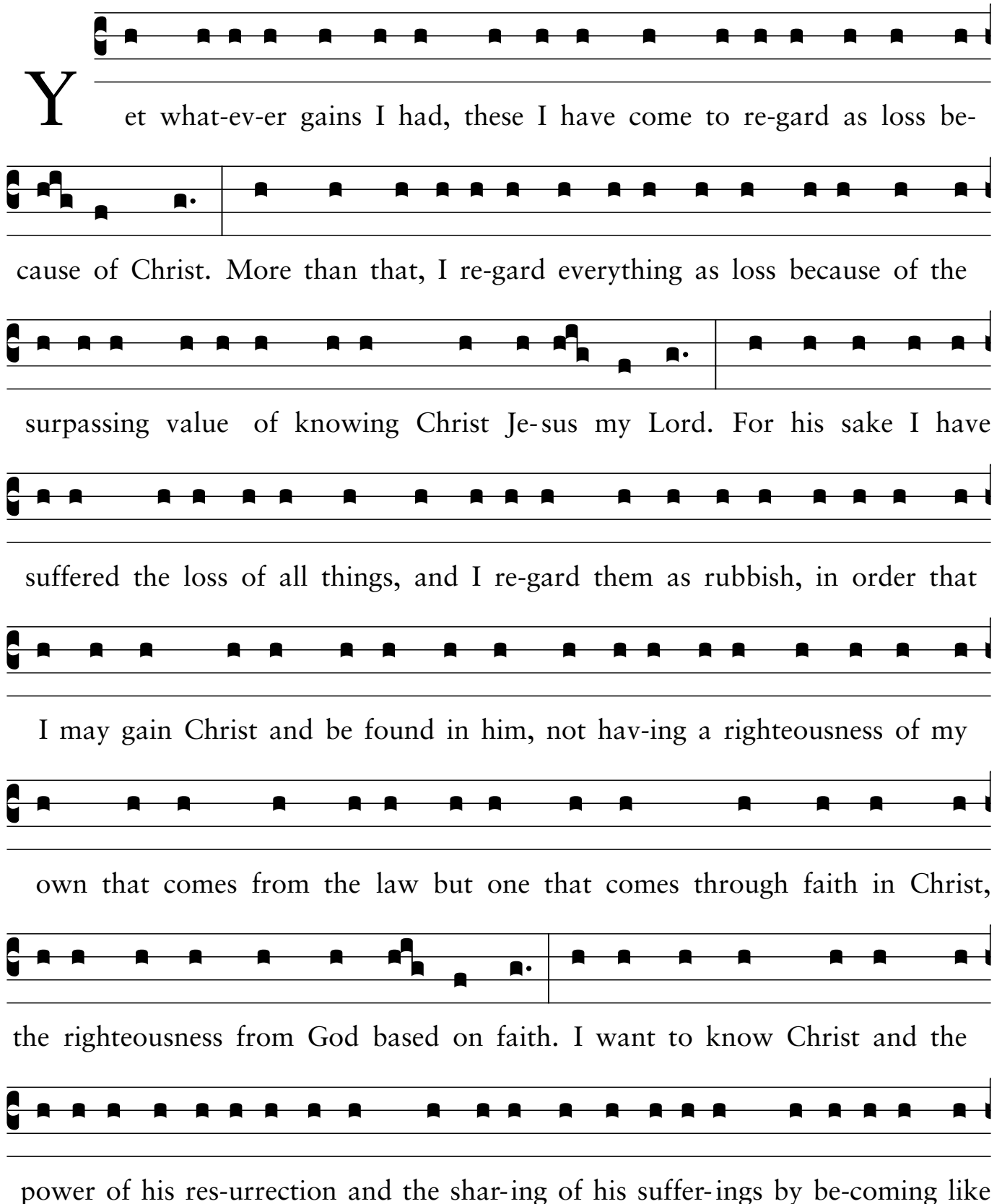
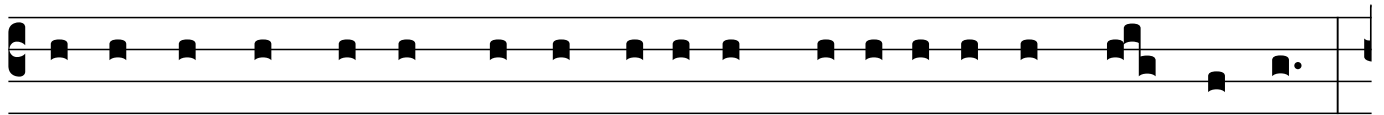


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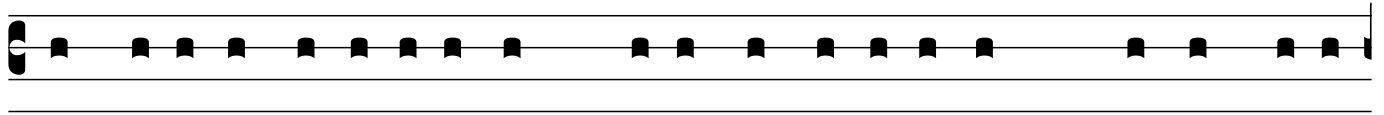
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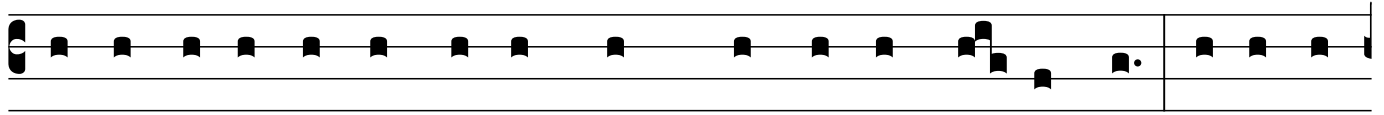
Yet what-ev-er gains I had, these I have come to re-gard as loss be-
cause of Christ. More than that, I re-gard everything as loss because of the
surpassing value of knowing Christ Je-sus my Lord. For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all things, and I re-gard them as rubbish, in order that
I may gain Christ and be found in him, not hav-ing a righteousness of my
own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the
power of his res-urrection and the shar-ing of his suffer-ings by be-coming like



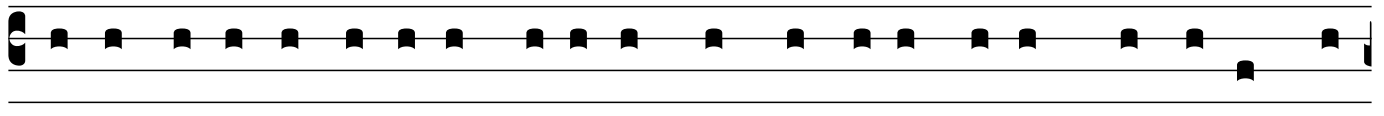
him in his death, if somehow I may attain the res-urrection from the dead.



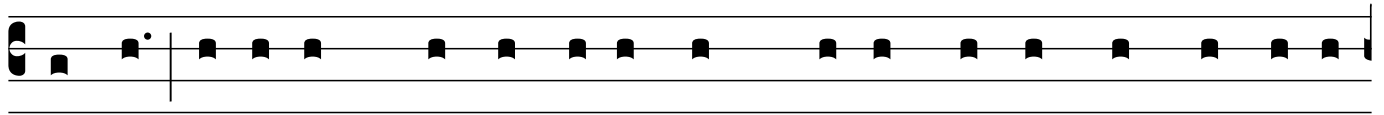
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I



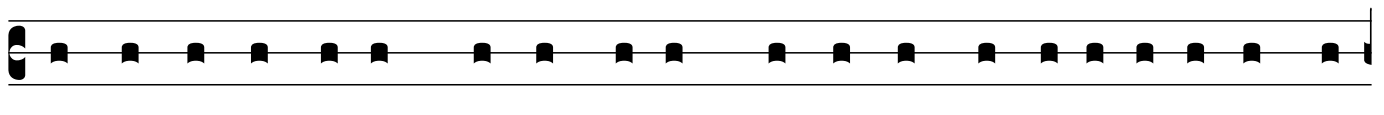
press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and



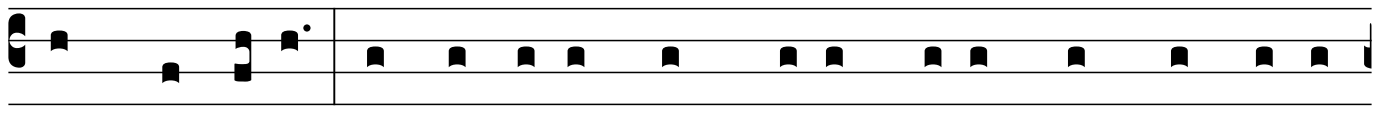
sis-ters, I do not consid-er that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid



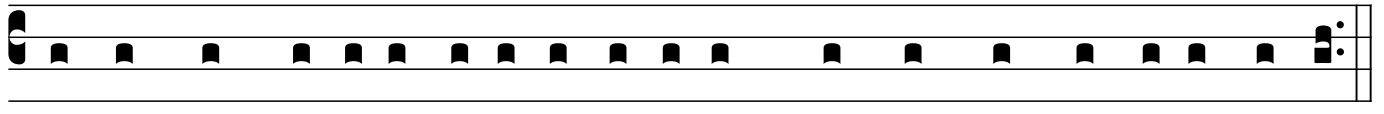
hold of: forget-ting what lies be-hind and strain-ing forward to what lies a-



head, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God



in Christ Je-sus. Let those of us, then, who are ma-ture think this way, and



if you think dif-fer-ently about an-ything, this, too, God will reveal to you.