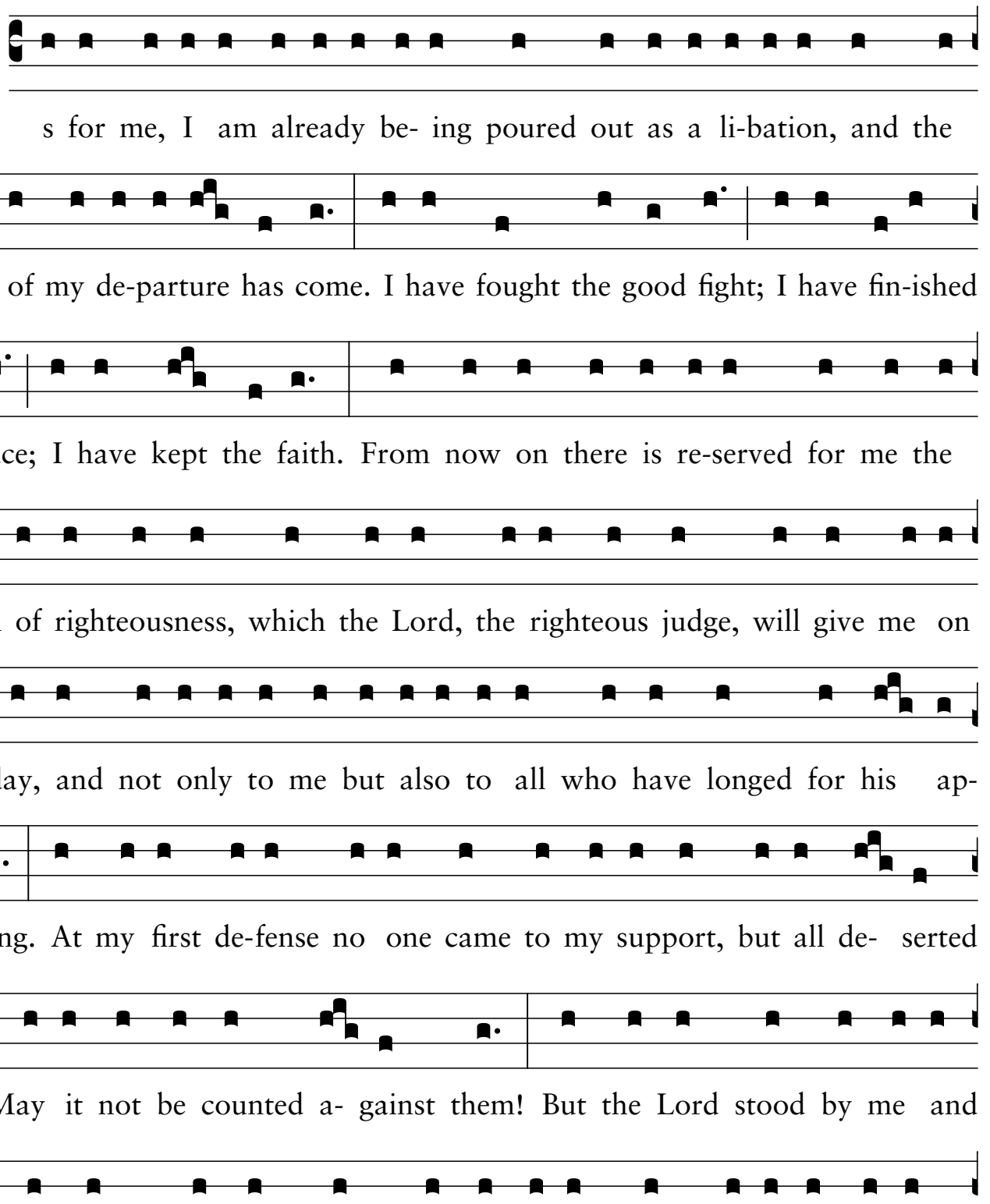
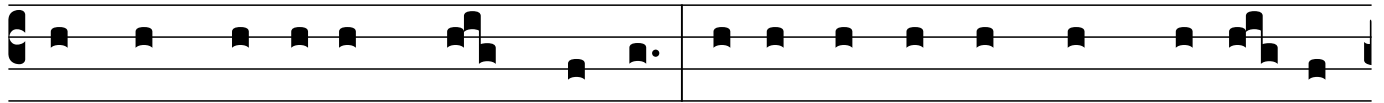


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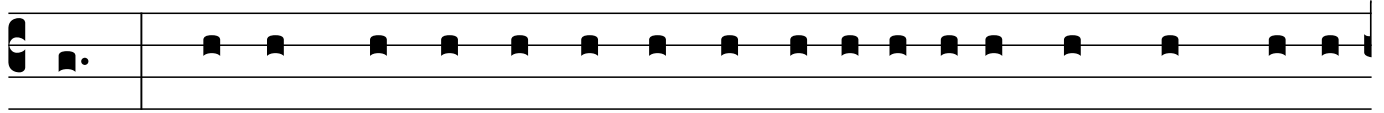
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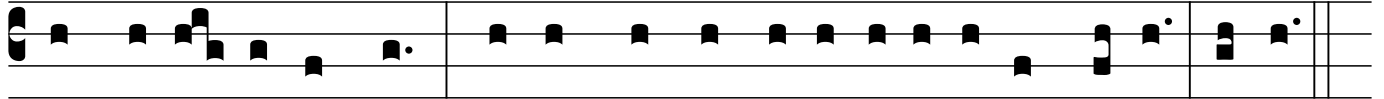
As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed



and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's



mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for



his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.