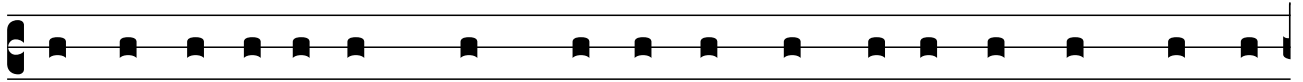
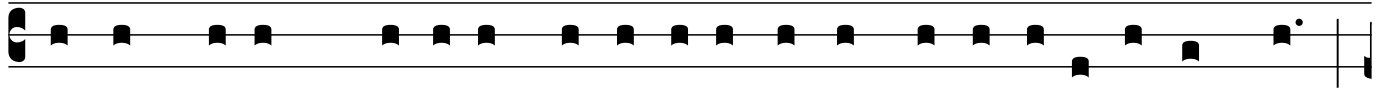


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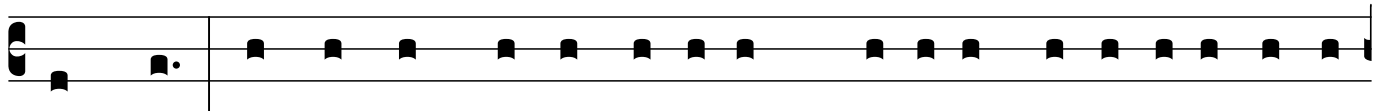
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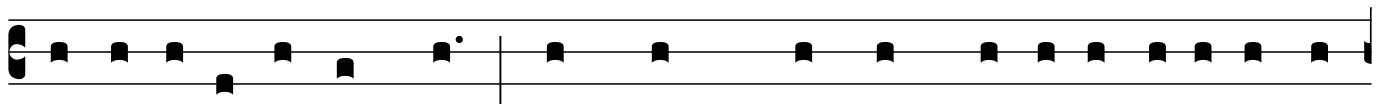
I know a person in Christ who fourteen years a-go was caught up to



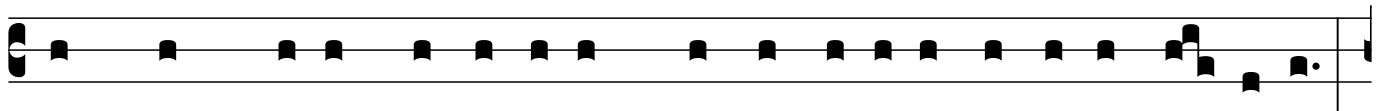
the third heaven—whether in the bod-y or out of the bod-y I do not know;



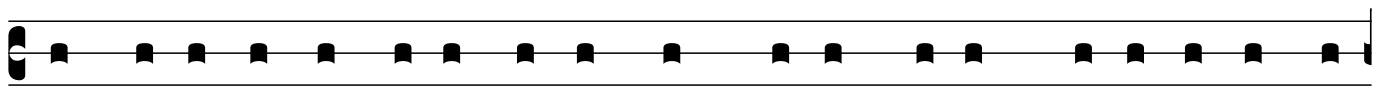
God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the bod-y or out of



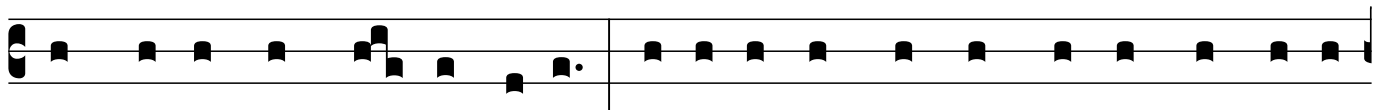
the bod-y I do not know; God knows— was caught up into par-a-dise and



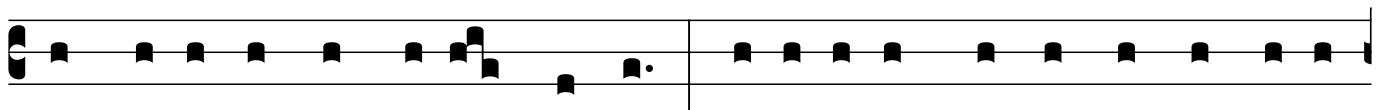
heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitt-ed to repeat.



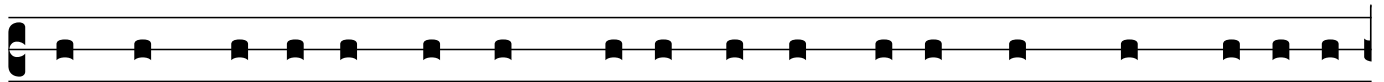
On be-half of such a one I will boast, but on my own be-half I will not



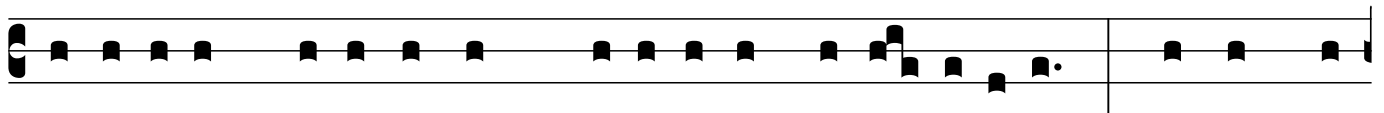
boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a



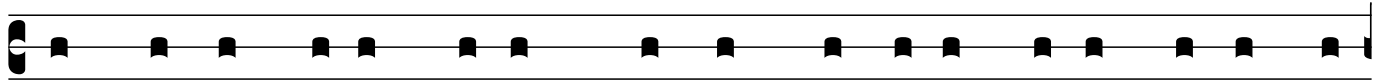
fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one



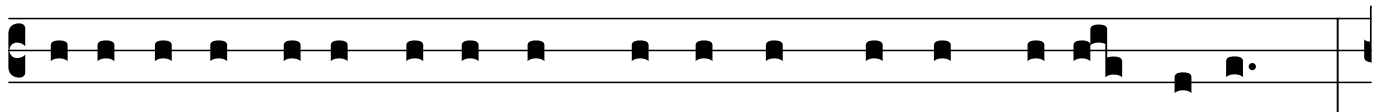
may think bet-ter of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, e-ven



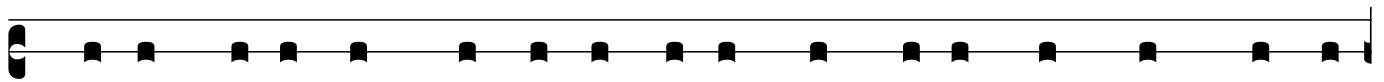
consid-er-ing the exceptional char-acter of the rev- e-lations. Therefore, to



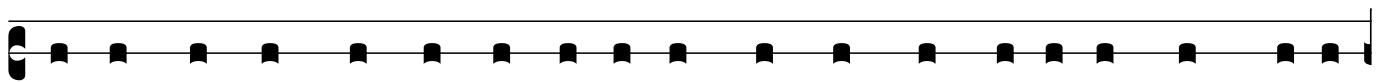
keep me from be- ing too elated, a thorn was giv-en me in the flesh, a



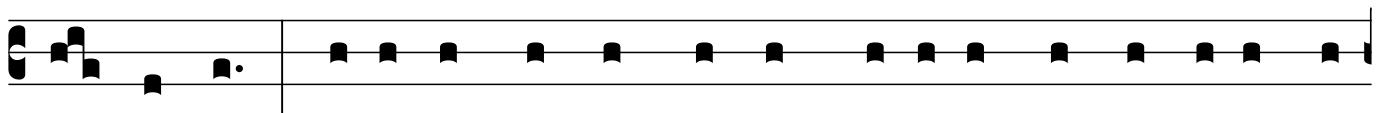
messenger of Sa-tan to torment me, to keep me from be- ing too elated.



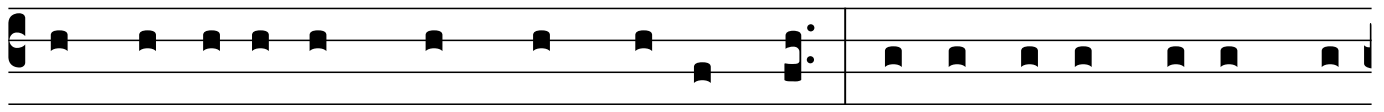
Three times I ap-pealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but



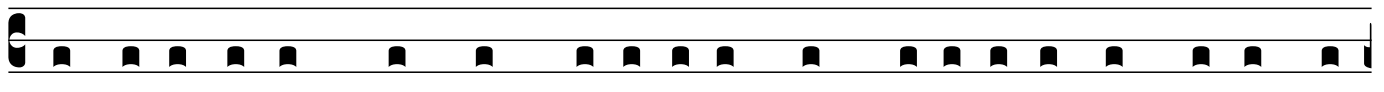
he said to me,“My grace is suf-fi-cient for you, for power is made perfect



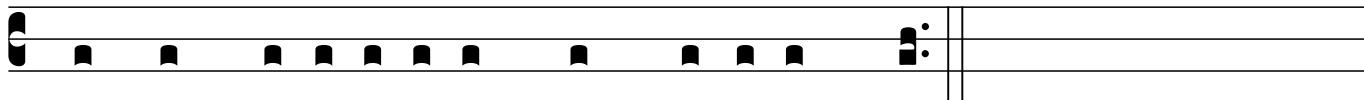
in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so



that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with



weaknesses, insults, hardships, perse-cutions, and ca-lami-ties for the sake of



Christ, for when-ev-er I am weak, then I am strong.