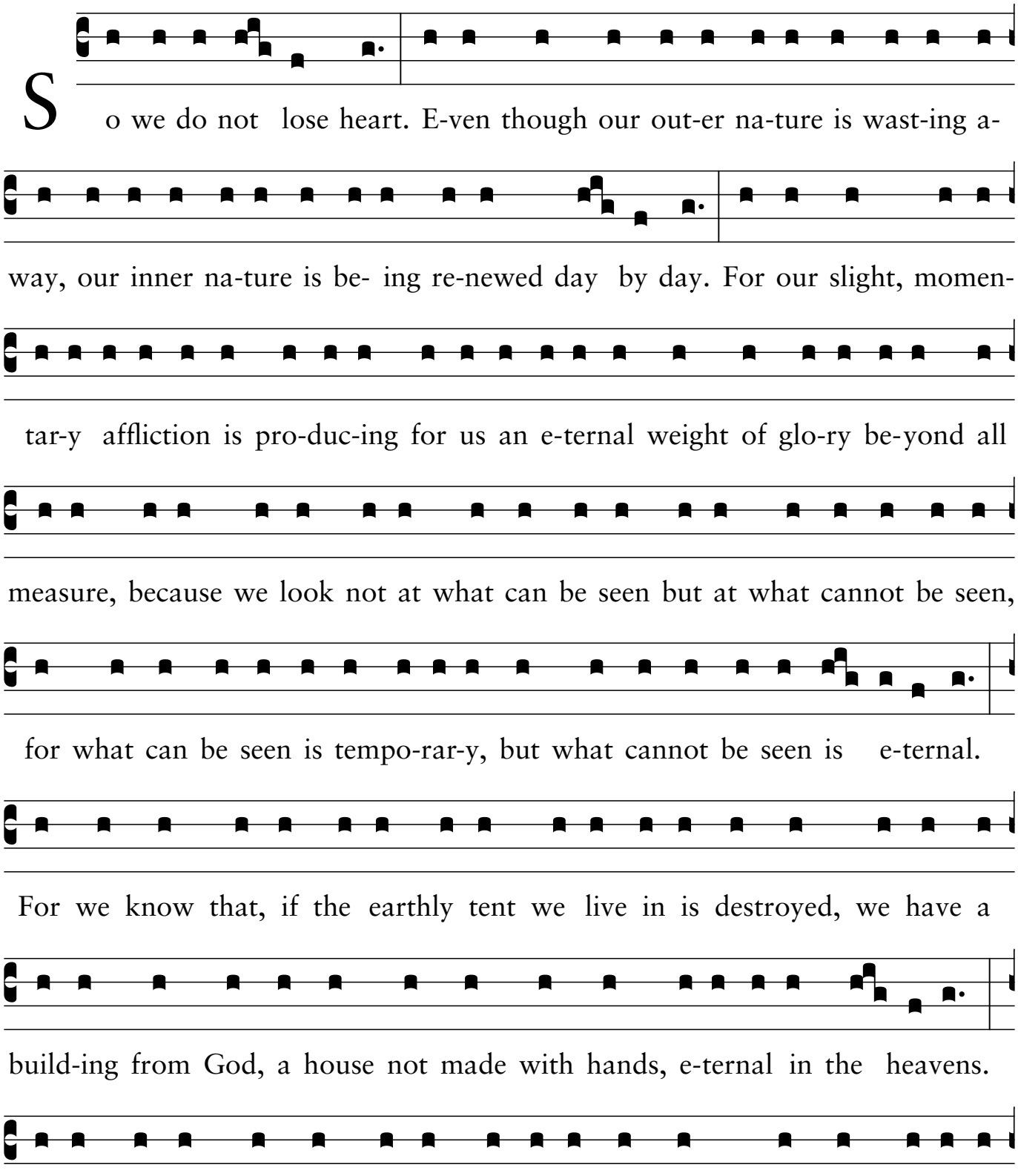


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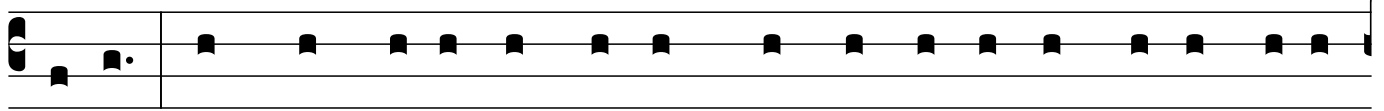
For the Departed (Burial)



So we do not lose heart. E-ven though our out-er na-ture is wast-ing a-
way, our inner na-ture is be- ing re-newed day by day. For our slight, momen-
tar-y affliction is pro-duc-ing for us an e-ternal weight of glo-ry be-yond all
measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen,
for what can be seen is tempo-rar-y, but what cannot be seen is e-ternal.
For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a
build-ing from God, a house not made with hands, e-ternal in the heavens.
For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly



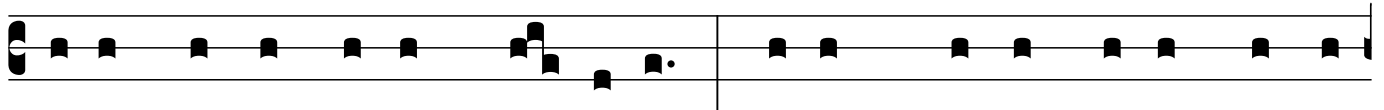
dwell-ing, for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found



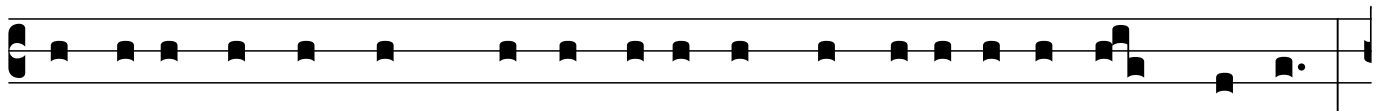
na-ked. For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because



we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is



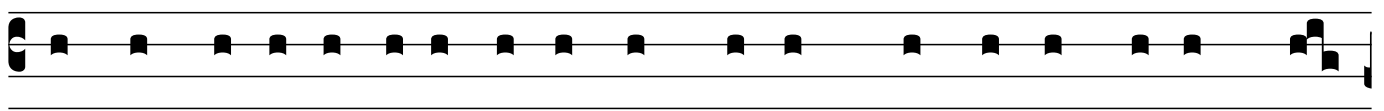
mortal may be swal-lowed up by life. The one who has pre-pared us for



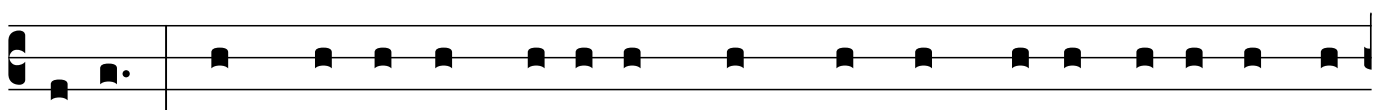
this ver-y thing is God, who has giv-en us the Spir-it as a down payment.



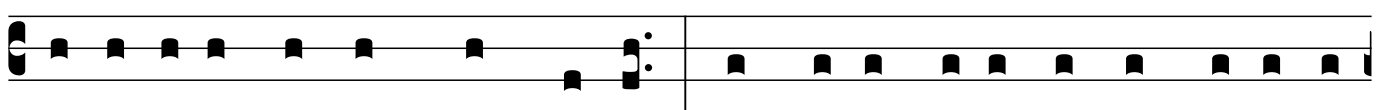
So we are always confi-dent, e-ven though we know that while we are at



home in the bod-y we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not



by sight. Yes, we do have confi-dence, and we would rather be away from



the bod-y and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away,



we make it our aim to be pleas-ing to him.