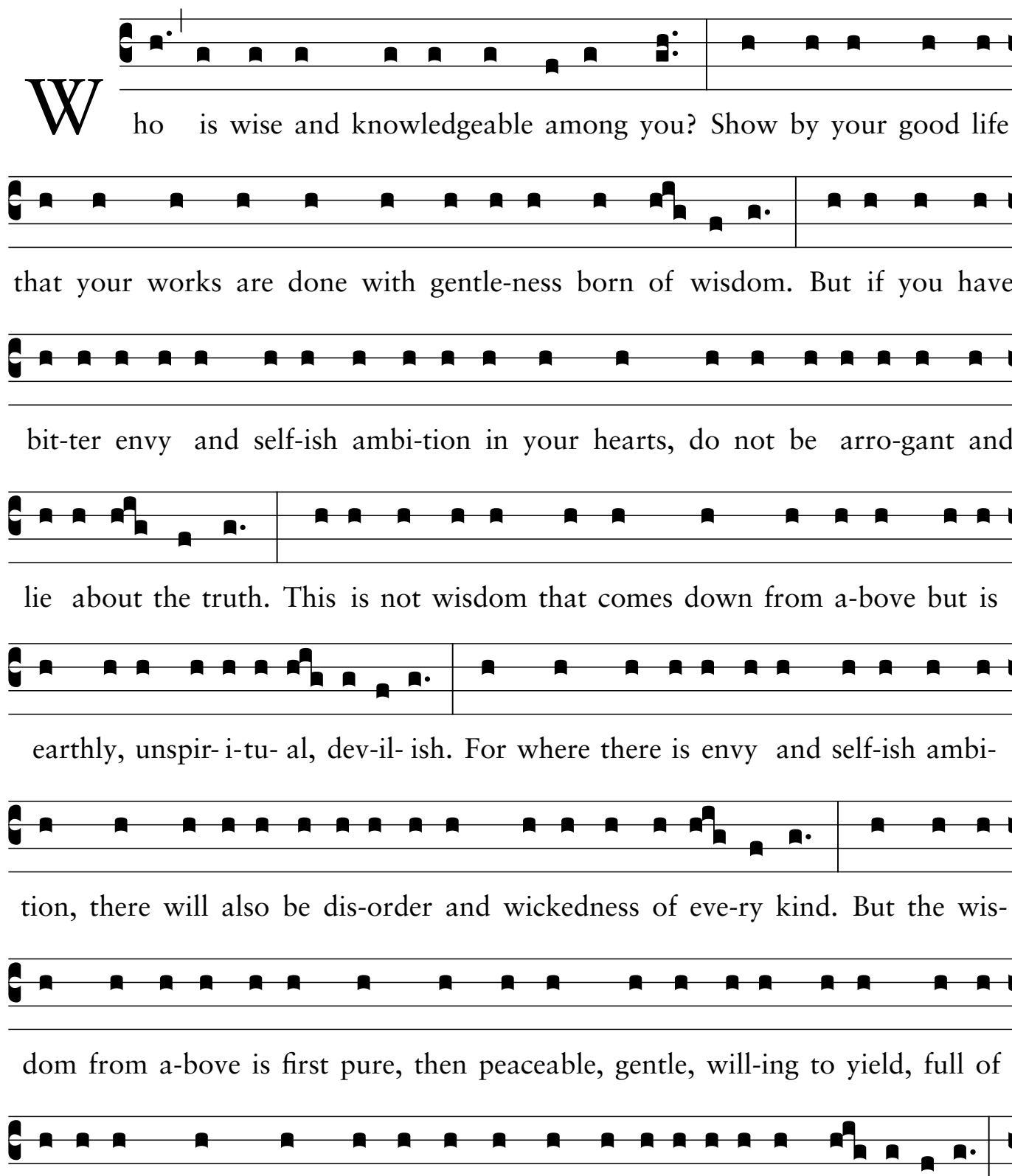
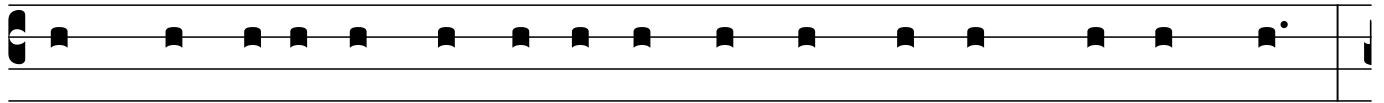


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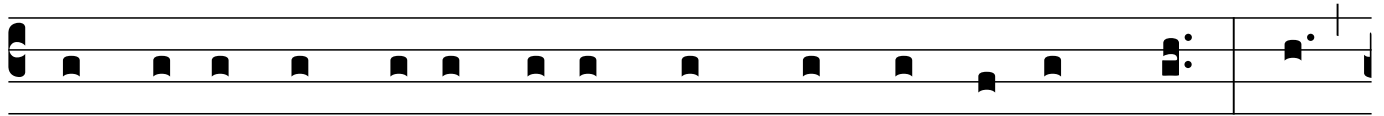
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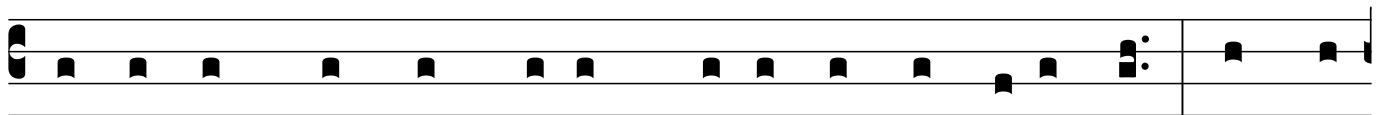
**W**ho is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentle-ness born of wisdom. But if you have bit-ter envy and self-ish ambi-tion in your hearts, do not be arro-gant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from a-bove but is earthly, unspir-i-tu-al, dev-il-ish. For where there is envy and self-ish ambi-tion, there will also be dis-order and wickedness of eve-ry kind. But the wis-dom from a-bove is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, will-ing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of par-ti-al-i-ty or hy-pocri-sy.



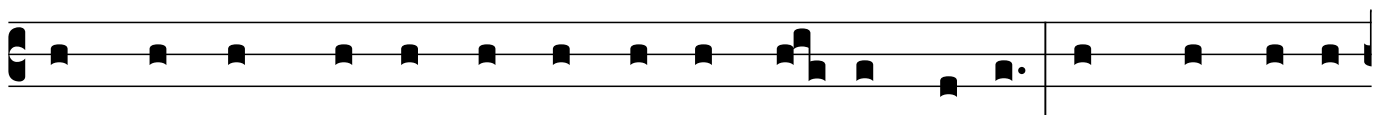
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



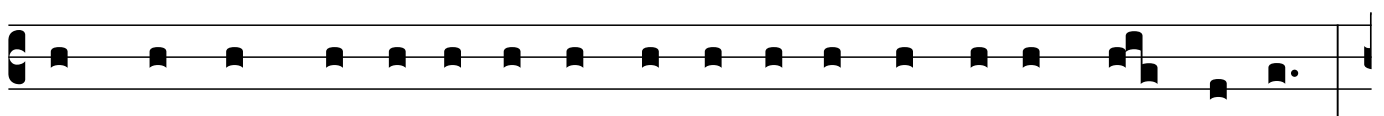
Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do



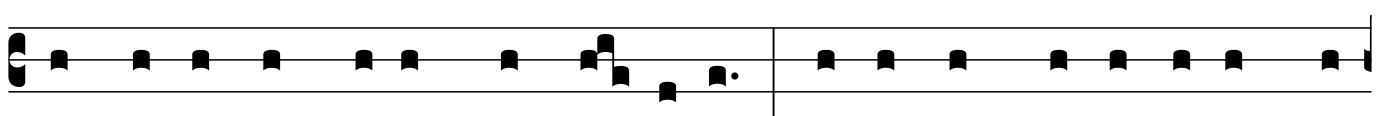
they not come from your crav-ings that are at war within you? You want



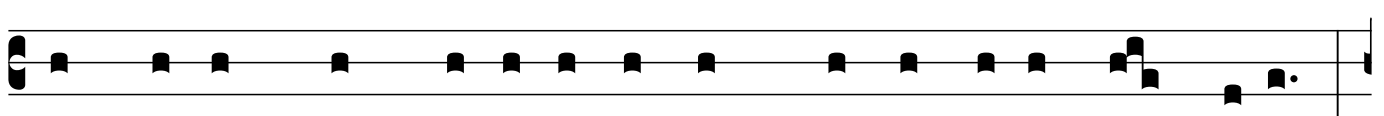
something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you cov-et



something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts.



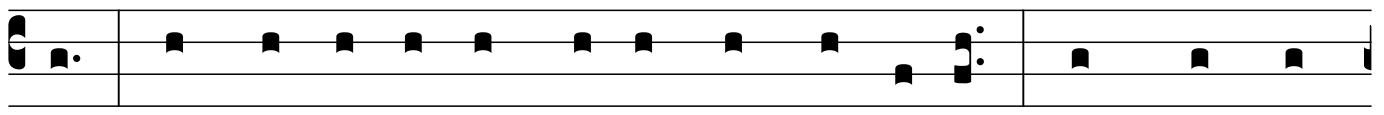
You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not re-ceive be-



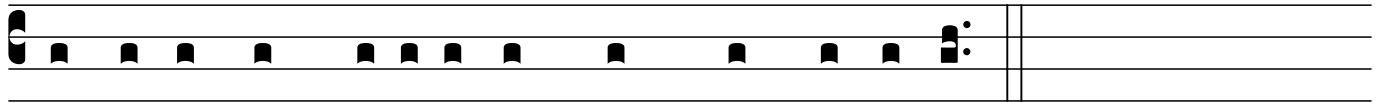
cause you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.



Submit yourselves therefore to God. Re-sist the dev-il, and he will flee from



you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands,



you sinners, and pu-ri-fy your hearts, you double-minded.