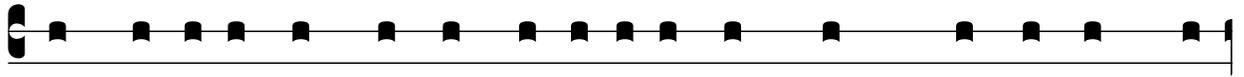
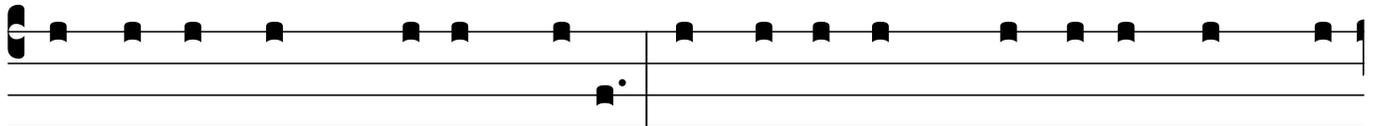


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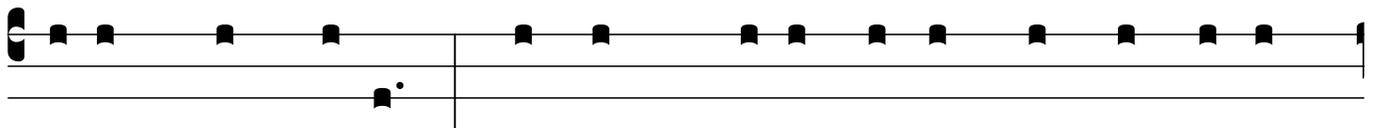
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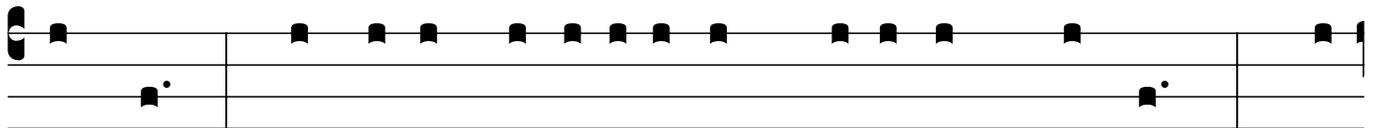
Now Samu- el had died, and all Isra- el had mourned for him and bur-



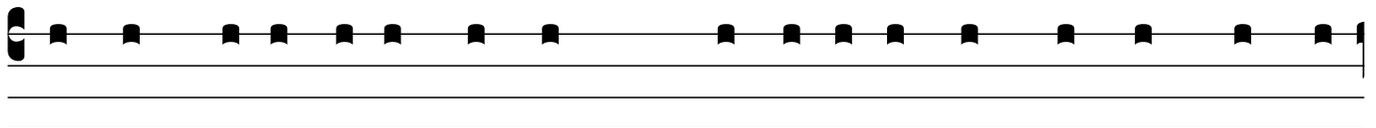
ied him in Ramah, his own cit-y. Saul had expelled the mediums and the



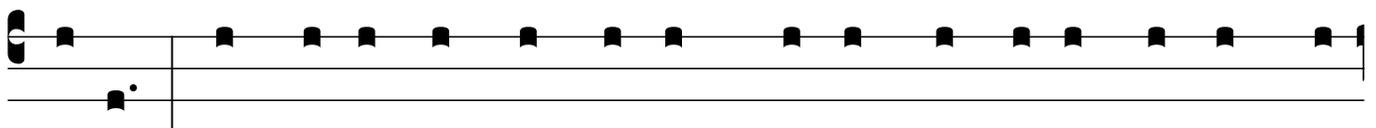
wiz-ards from the land. The Philistines assembled and came and encamped



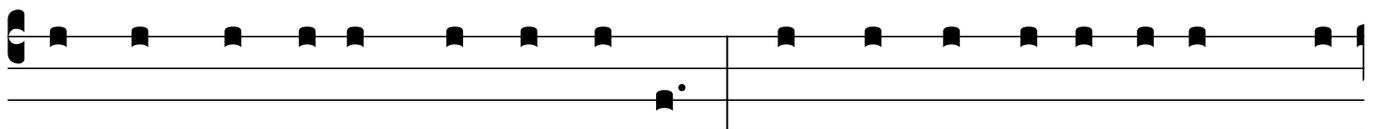
at Shunem. Saul gathered all Isra- el, and they encamped at Gilboa. When



Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled



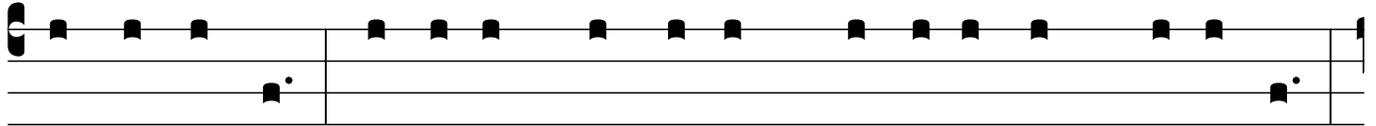
greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not



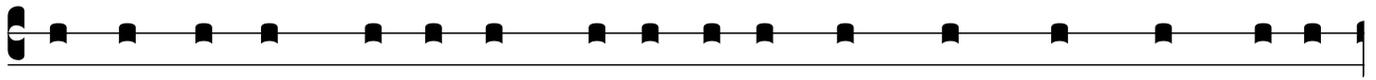
by dreams or by Urim or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek



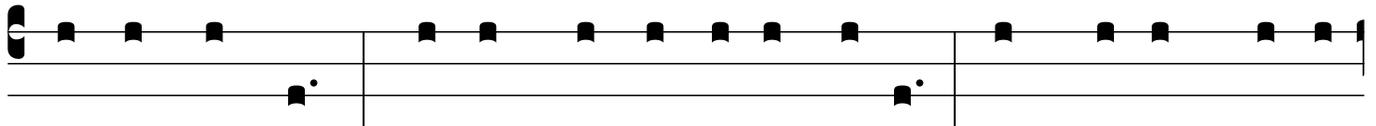
out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and



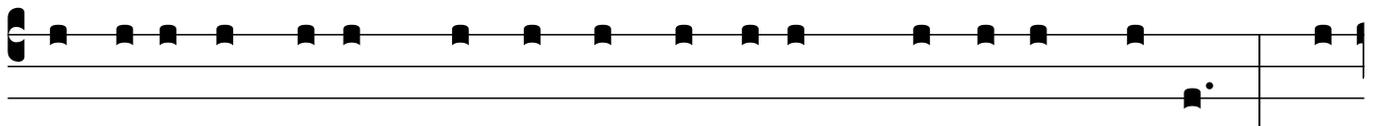
inquire of her.” His servants said to him, “There is a medium at Endor.”



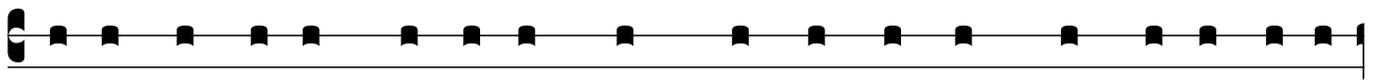
So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and



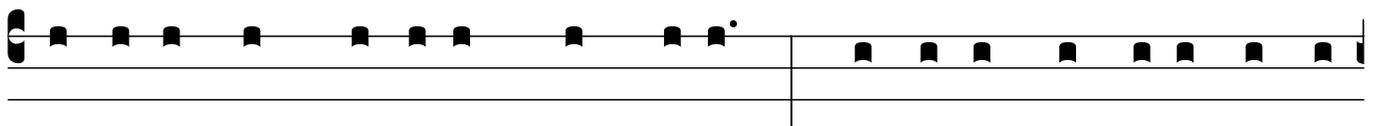
two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, “Consult



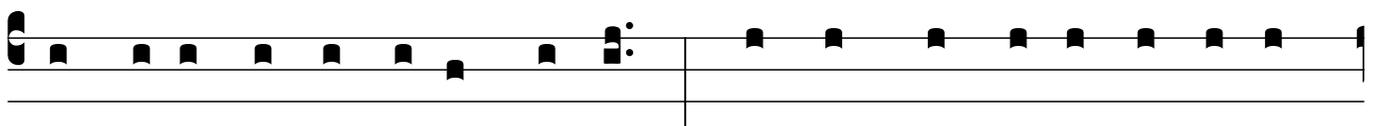
a spir-it for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.” The



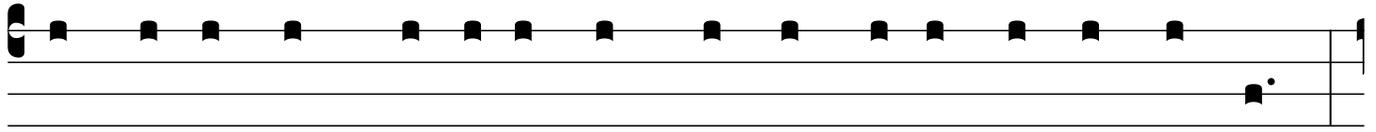
woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off



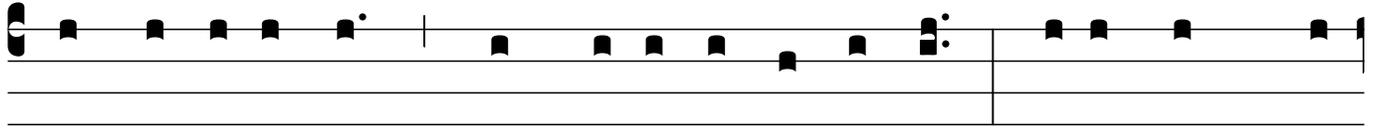
the mediums and the wiz-ards from the land. Why then are you lay-ing a snare



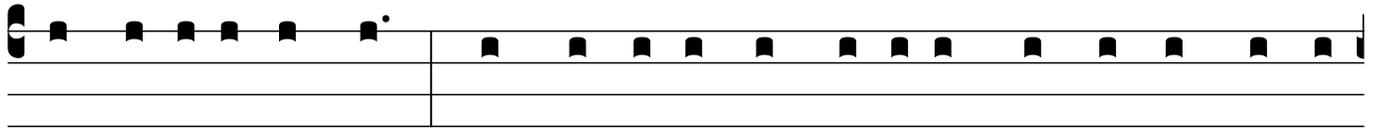
for my life to bring about my death?” But Saul swore to her by the Lord, “-



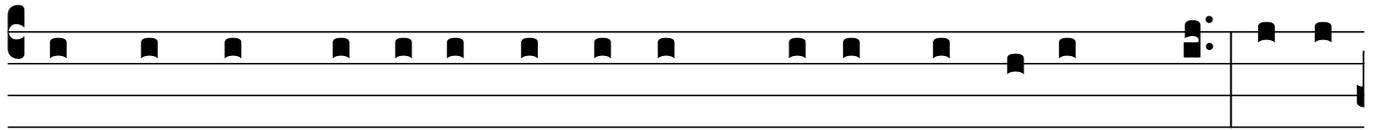
As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come up-on you for this thing.”



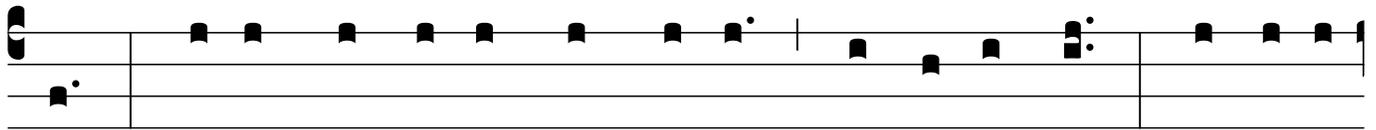
Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He answered, “Bring



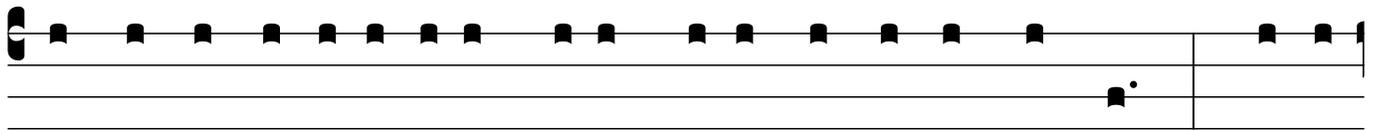
up Samu- el for me.” When the woman saw Samu- el, she cried out with a



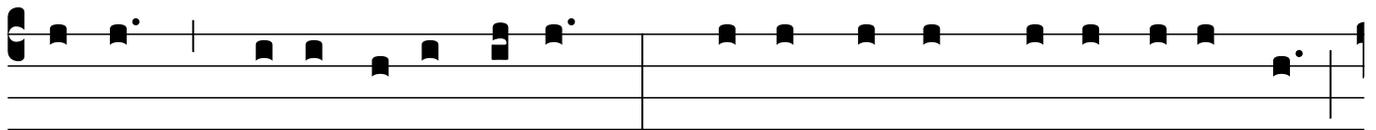
loud voice, and the woman said to Saul, “Why have you de-ceived me? You are



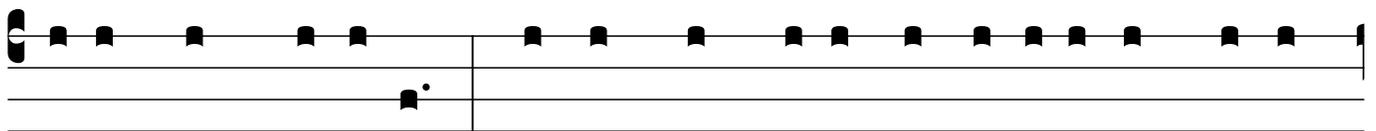
Saul!” The king said to her, “Have no fear; what do you see?” The woman



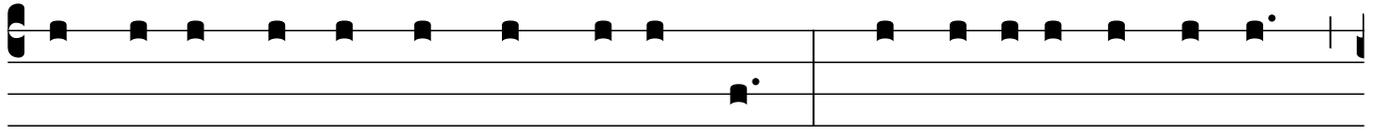
said to Saul, “I see a di-vine be- ing coming up out of the ground.” He said



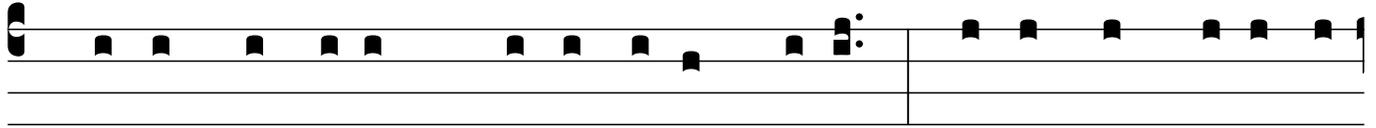
to her, “What is his appear-ance?” She said, “An old man is coming up;



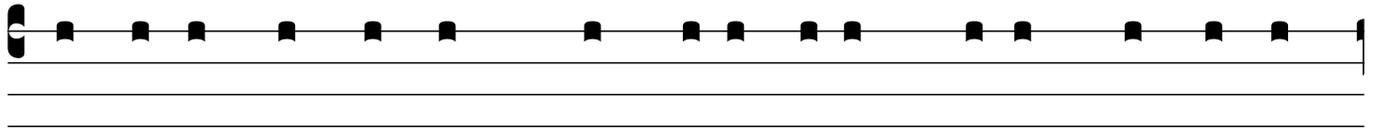
he is wrapped in a robe.” So Saul knew that it was Samu- el, and he bowed



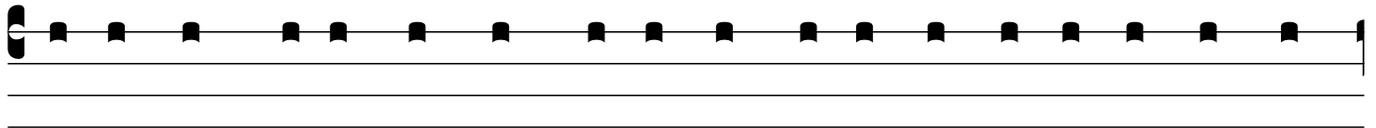
with his face to the ground and did obeisance. Then Samuel said to Saul,



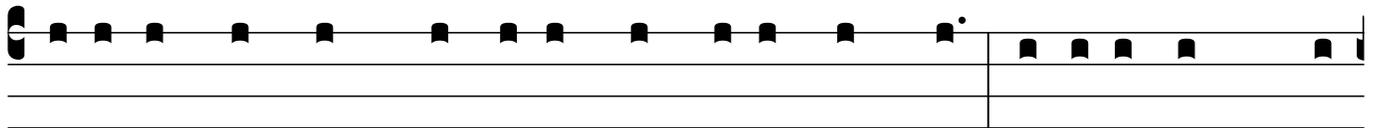
“Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in



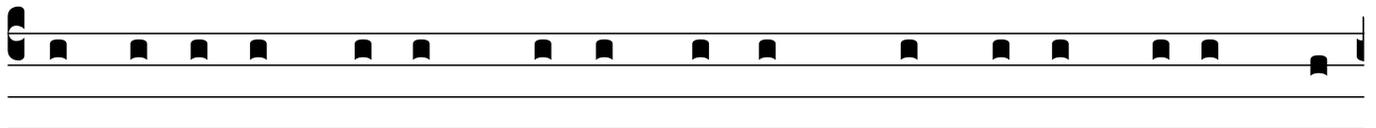
great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned



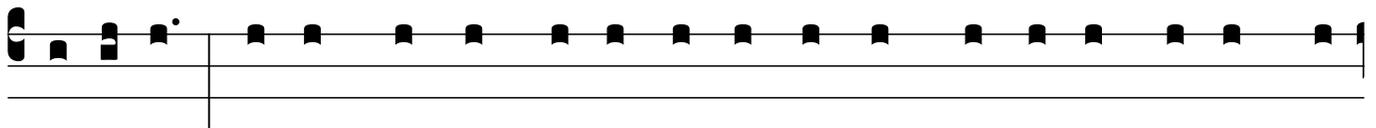
away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams,



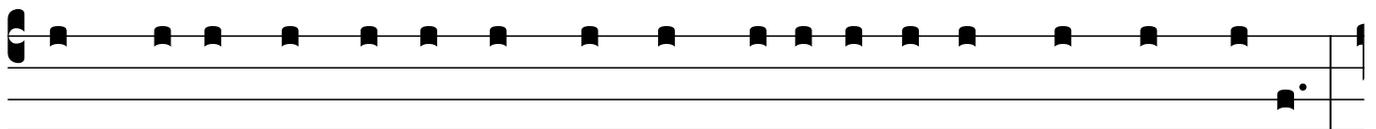
so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.” Samuel said, “Why



then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your



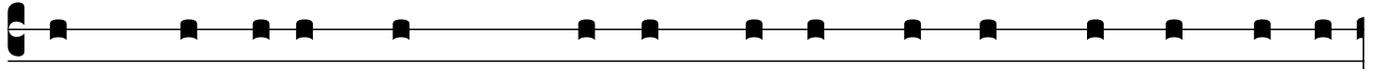
enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me, for the Lord has



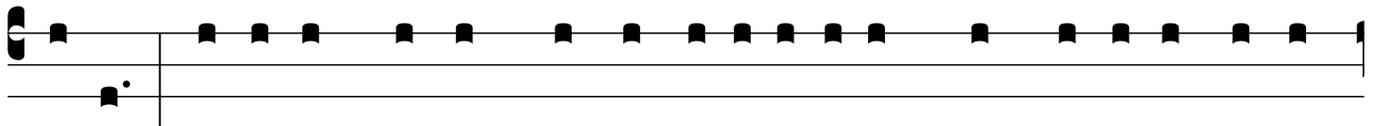
torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.



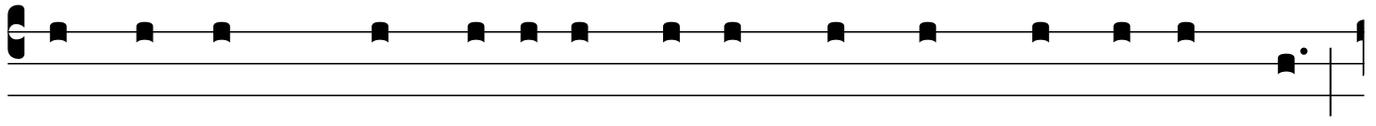
Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord and did not carry out his



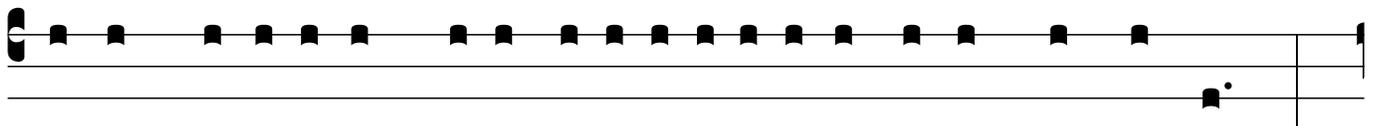
fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you



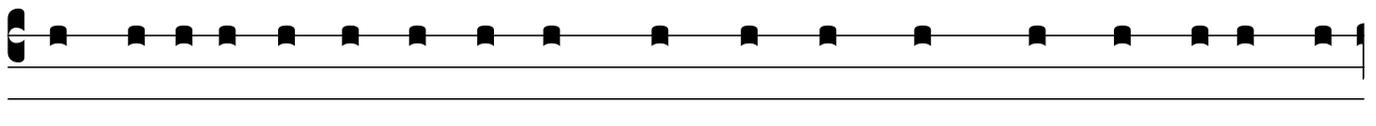
today. Moreo-ver, the Lord will give Isra- el a-long with you into the hands



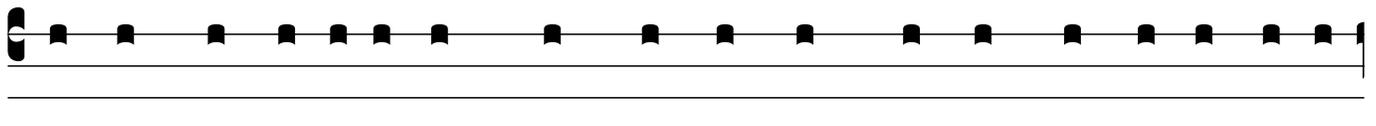
of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me;



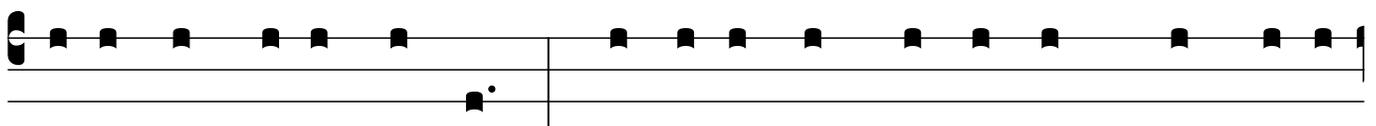
the Lord will also give the army of Isra- el into the hands of the Philistines.”



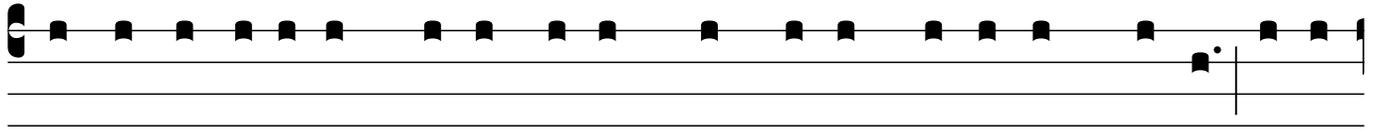
Imme-di- ately Saul fell full length on the ground filled with fear because of



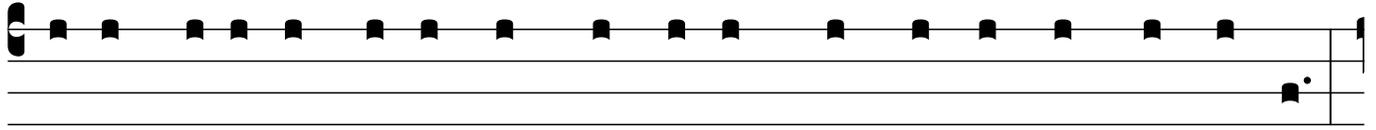
the words of Samu- el, and there was no strength in him, for he had eat-en



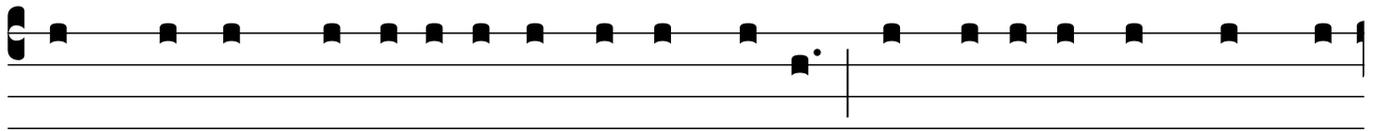
nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw



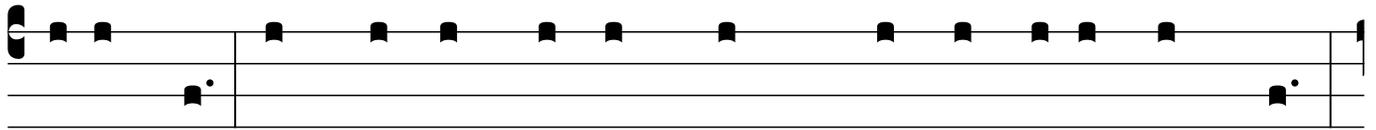
that he was terri-fied, she said to him, “Your servant has lis-tened to you; I have



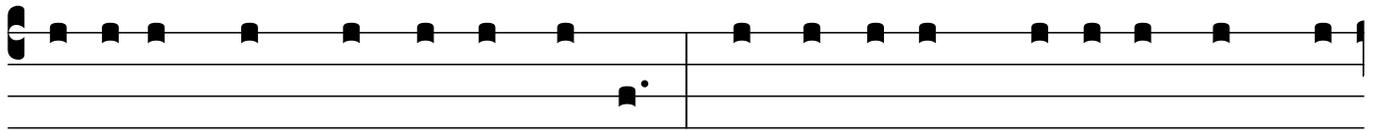
tak-en my life in my hand and have lis-tened to what you have said to me.



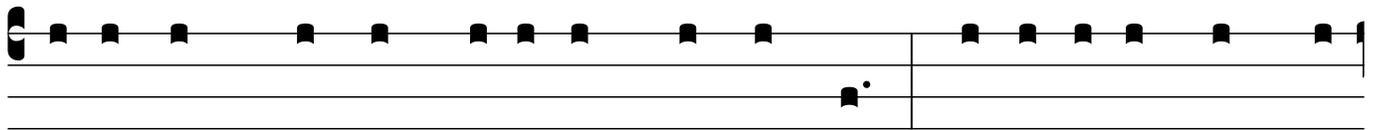
Now, therefore, you also lis-ten to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread



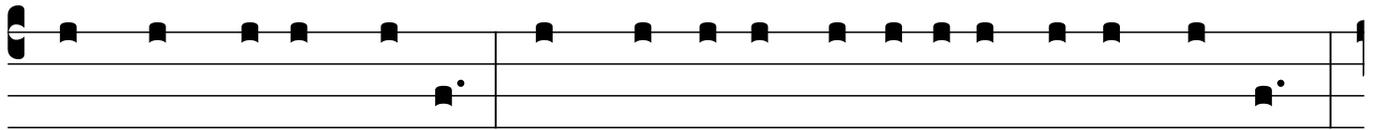
be-fore you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.”



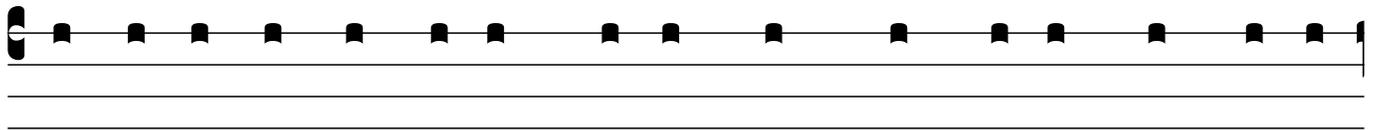
He re-fused and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants, to-gether with the



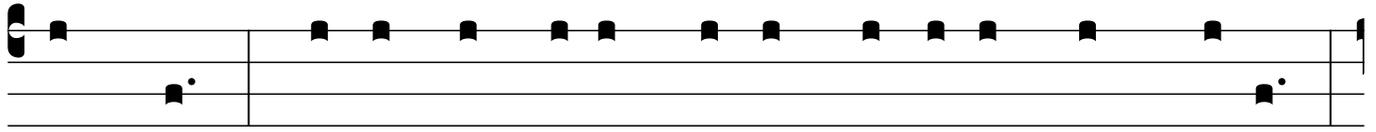
woman, urged him, and he lis-tened to their words. So he got up from the



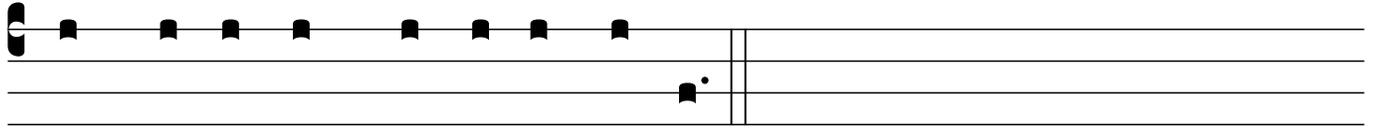
ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house.



She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleav-



ened cakes. She put them be-fore Saul and his servants, and they ate.



Then they rose and went away that night.