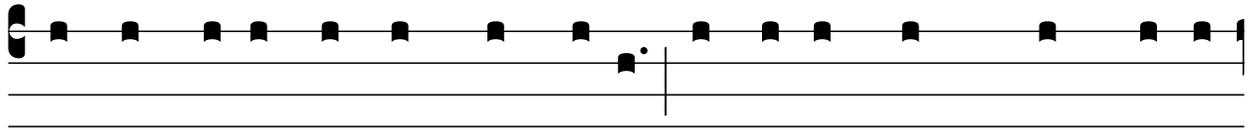
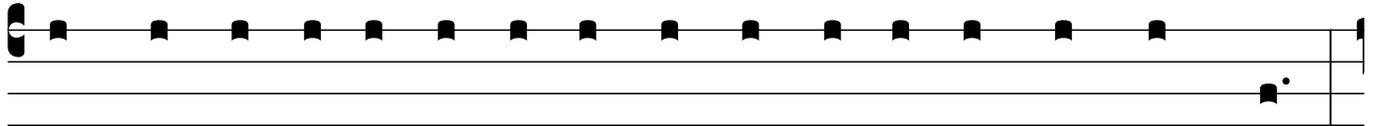


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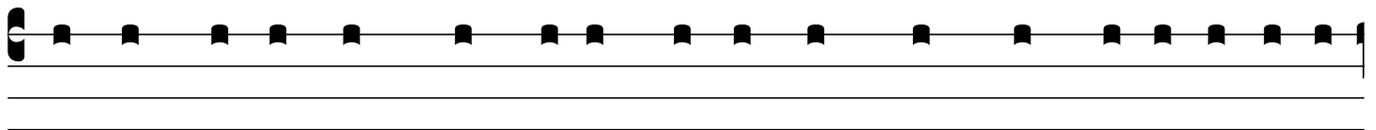
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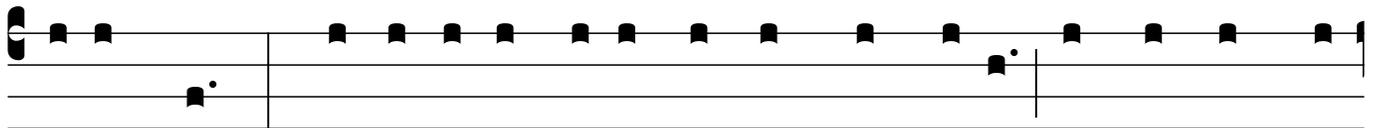
**A** great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,



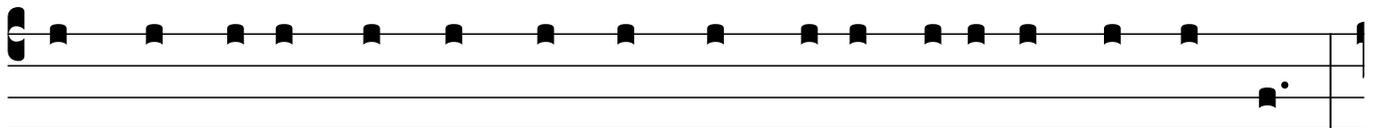
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.



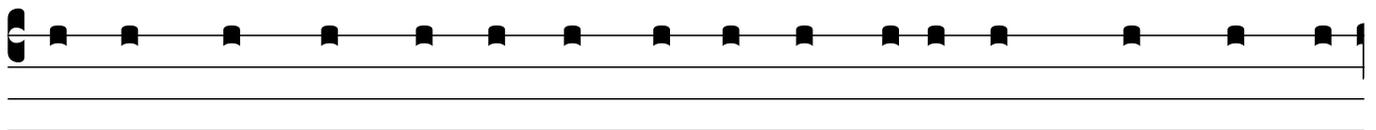
She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of



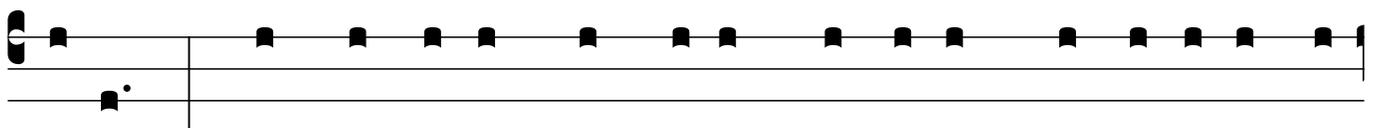
giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red drag-



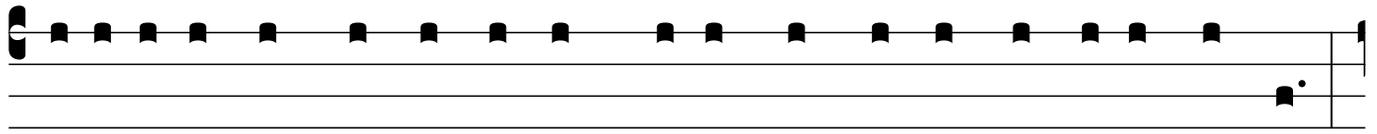
on, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads.



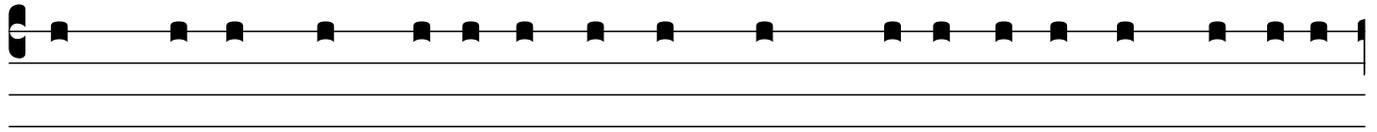
His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to



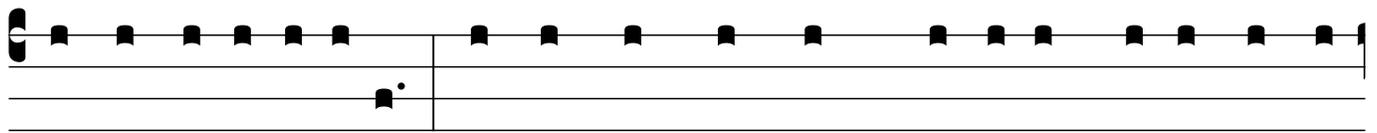
the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to



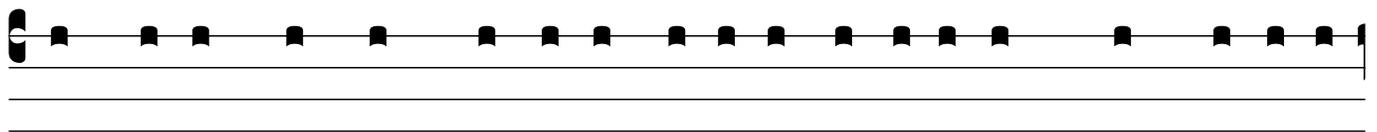
de-liv-er a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born.



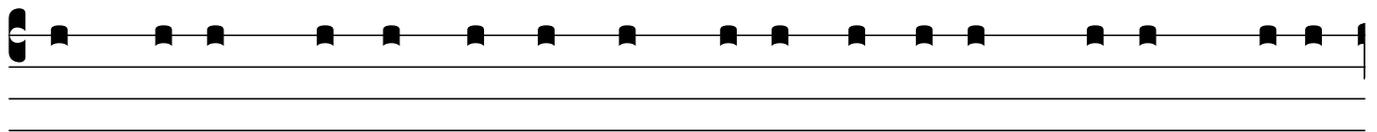
And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations



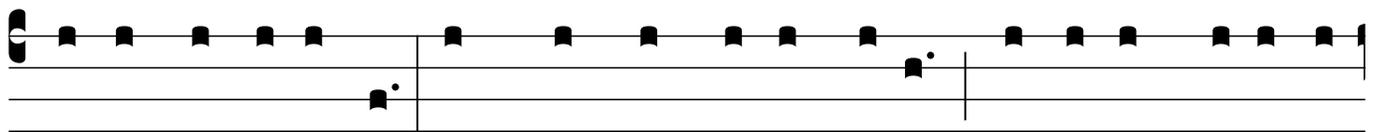
with a scepter of i-ron. But her child was snatched away and tak-en to God



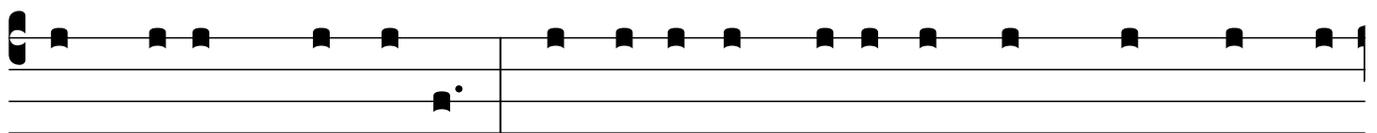
and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a



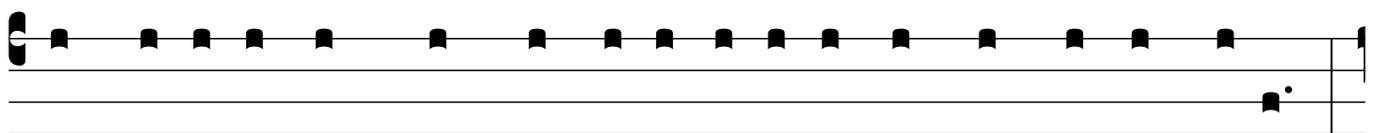
place pre-pared by God, so that there she can be nour-ished for one thousand



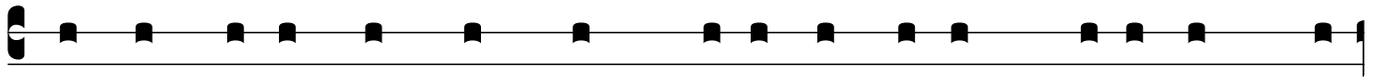
two hundred sixty days. And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels



fought against the drag-on. The drag-on and his angels fought back, but they



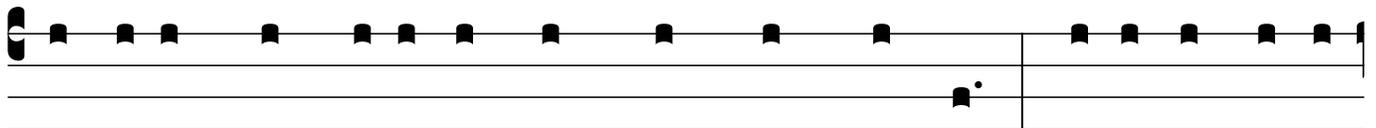
were de-feat-ed, and there was no longer an-y place for them in heaven.



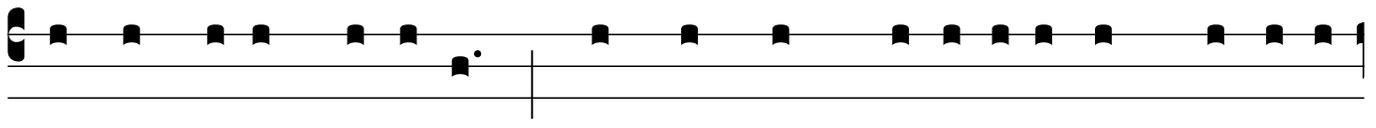
The great drag-on was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the



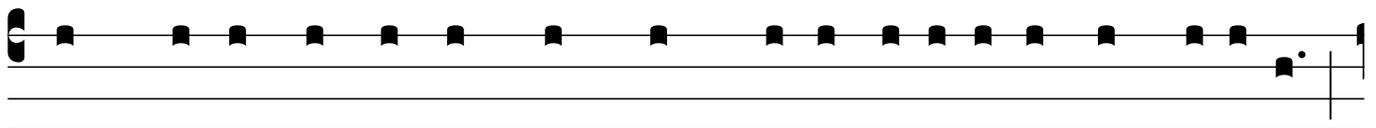
dev-il and Sa-tan, the de-ceiv-er of the whole world—he was thrown down



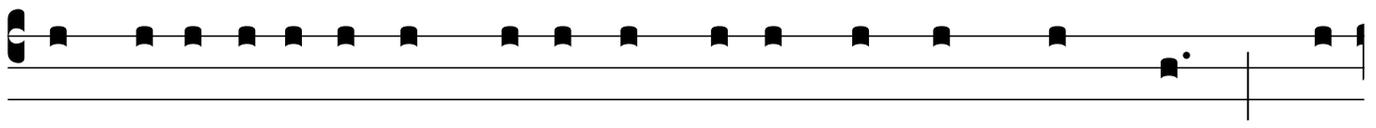
to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud



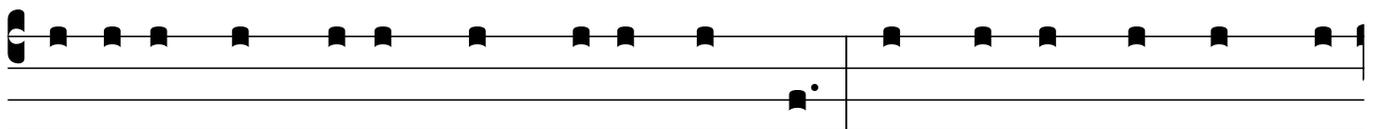
voice in heaven proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power



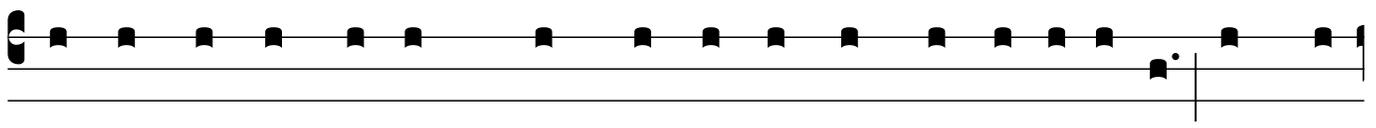
and the kingdom of our God and the author-i-ty of his Messi- ah,



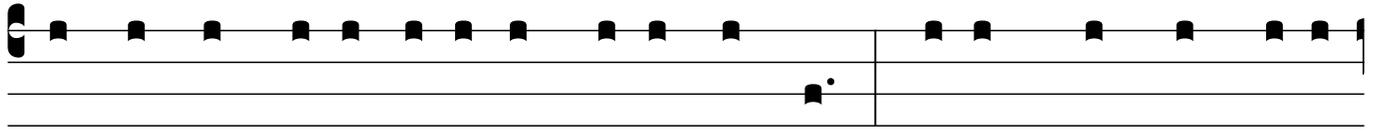
for the accus-er of our brothers and sis-ters has been thrown down, who



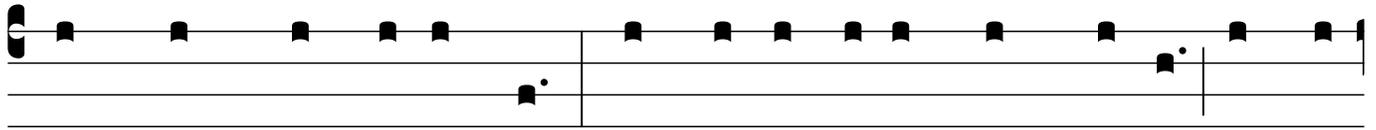
accus-es them day and night be-fore our God. But they have conquered him



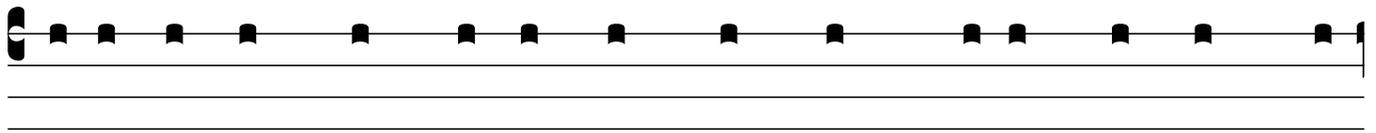
by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their tes-timo-ny, for they



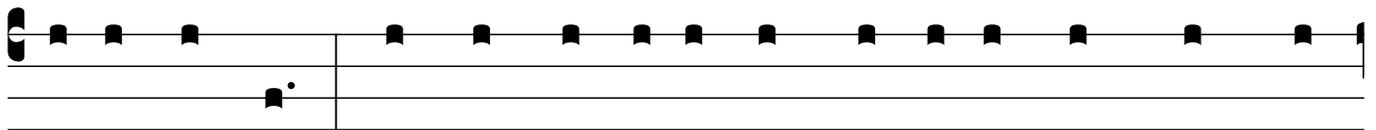
did not cling to life e-ven in the face of death. Re-joice then, you heavens



and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the



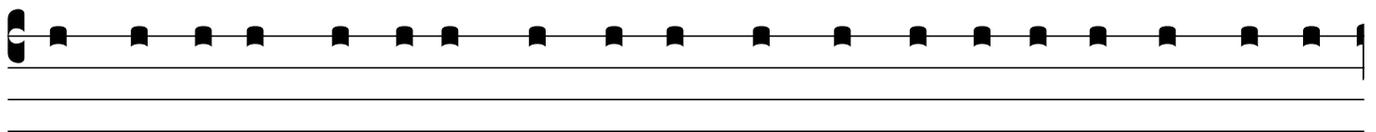
dev-il has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that



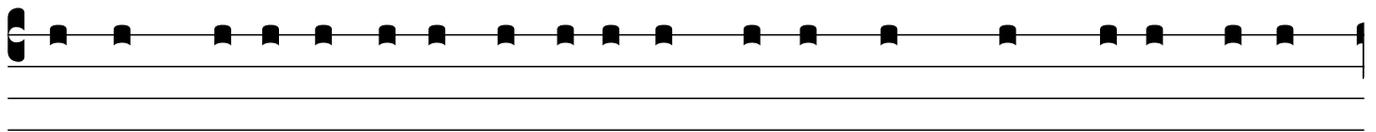
his time is short!” So when the drag-on saw that he had been thrown down



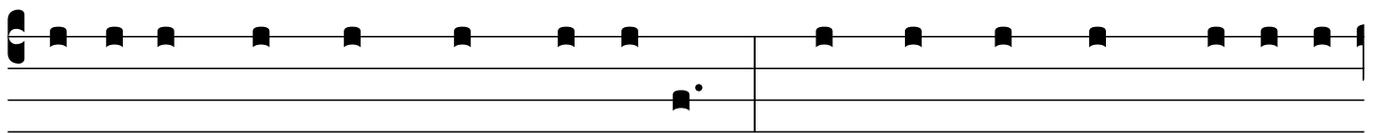
to the earth, he pursued the woman who had de-liv-ered the male child.



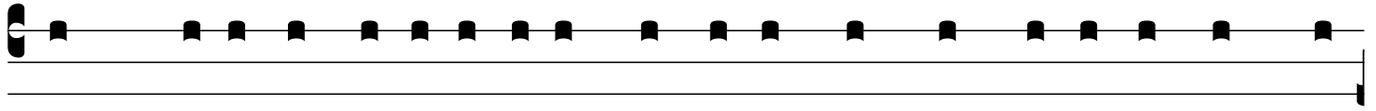
But the woman was giv-en the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could



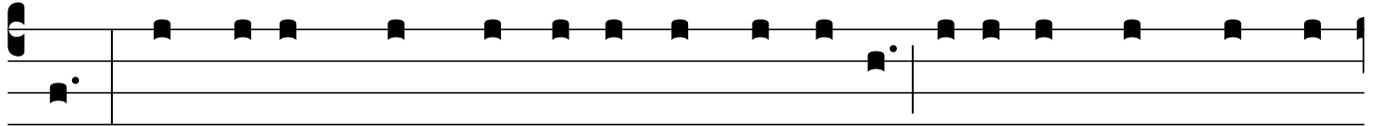
fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nour-ished



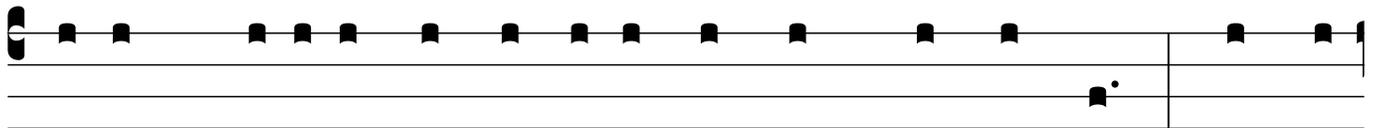
for a time, and times, and half a time. Then from his mouth the serpent



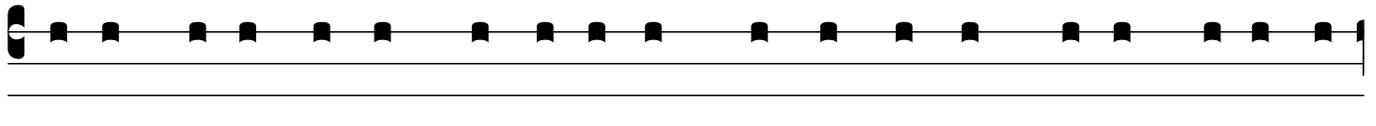
poured wa-ter like a riv-er after the woman, to sweep her away with the



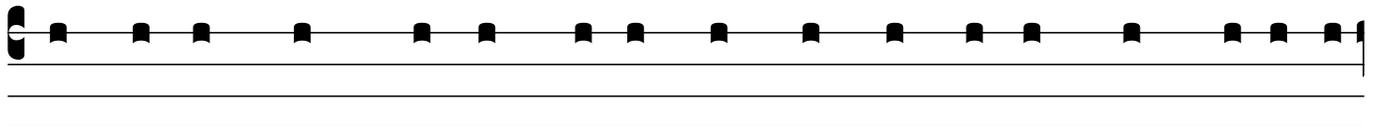
flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman; it o-pened its mouth and



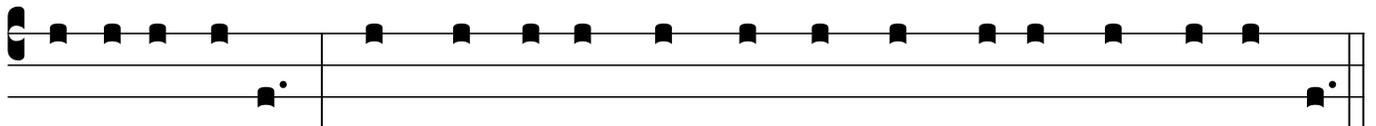
swal-lowed the riv-er that the drag-on had poured from his mouth. Then the



drag-on was angry with the woman and went off to wage war on the rest of



her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the tes-ti-



mo-ny of Je-sus. Then the drag-on took his stand on the sand of the seashore.