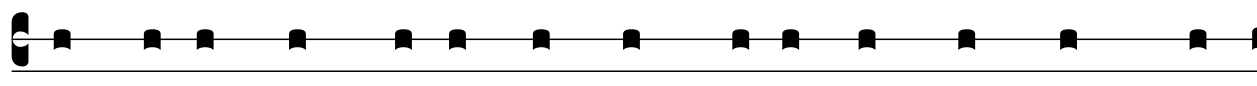
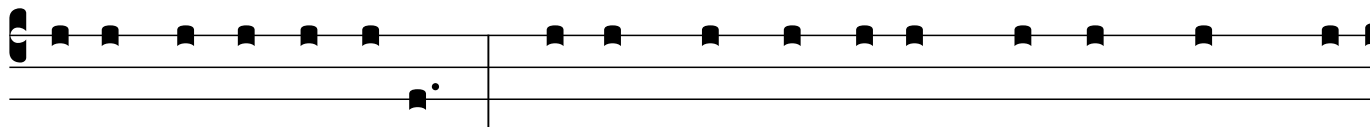


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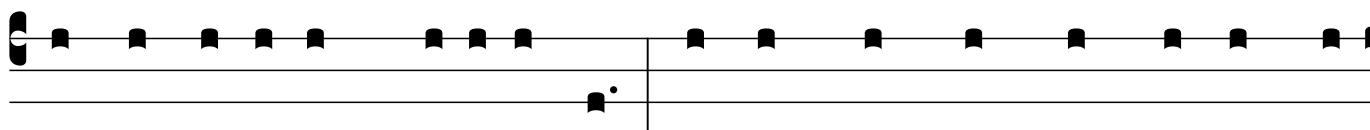
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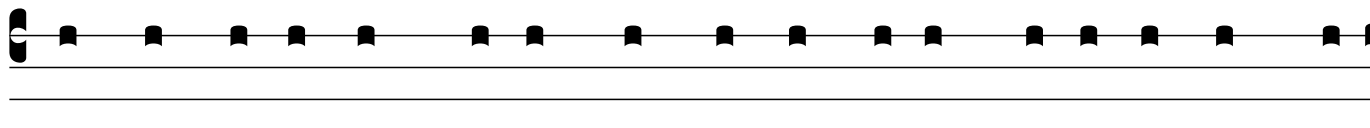
Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown



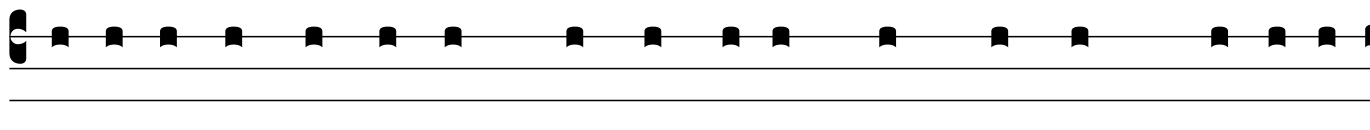
into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom



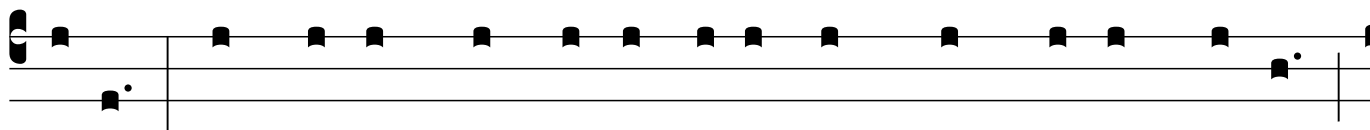
you faithfully serve, deliver you!" A stone was brought and laid on the



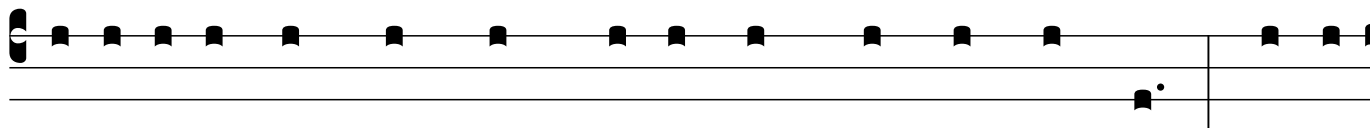
mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with



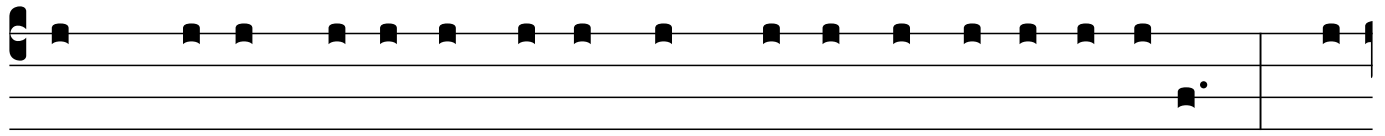
the signet ring of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning



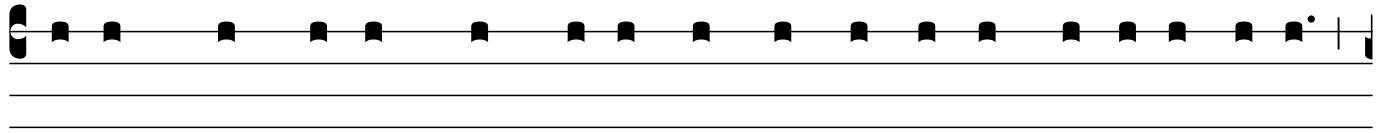
Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting;



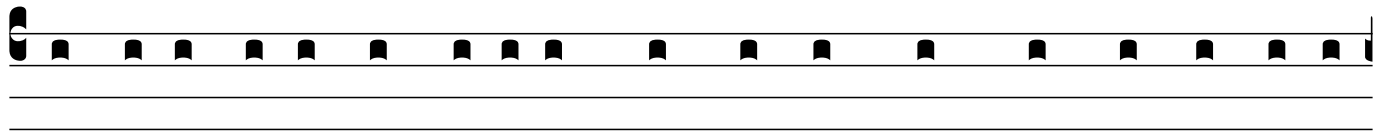
no entertainment was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. Then at



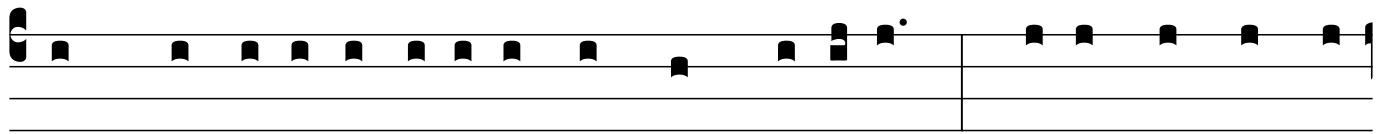
dawn, the king got up and at first light hurried to the den of lions. When



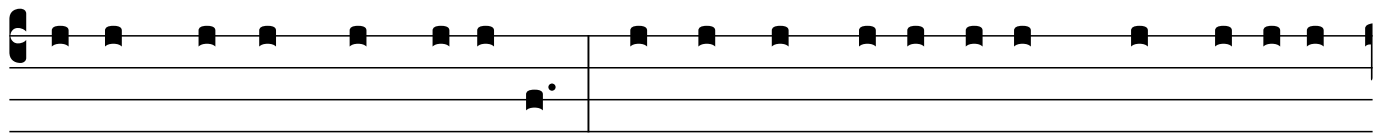
he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel,



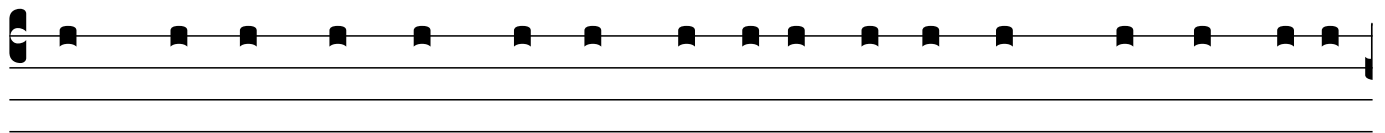
“O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully



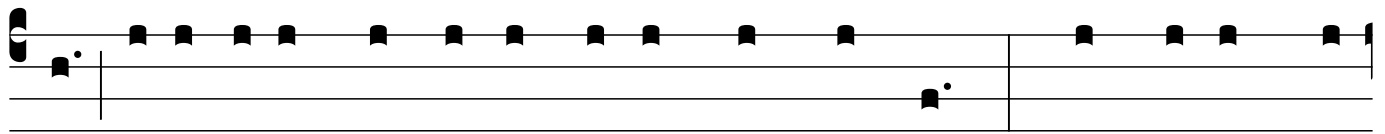
serve been able to deliver you from the lions?” Daniel then said to



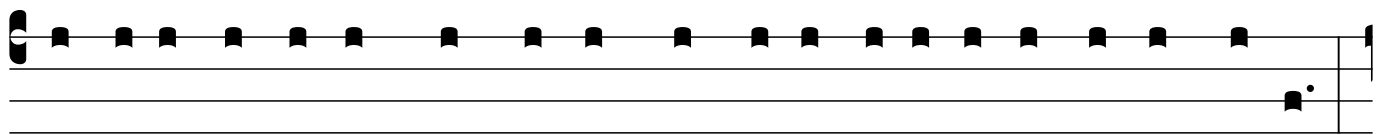
the king, “O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions’



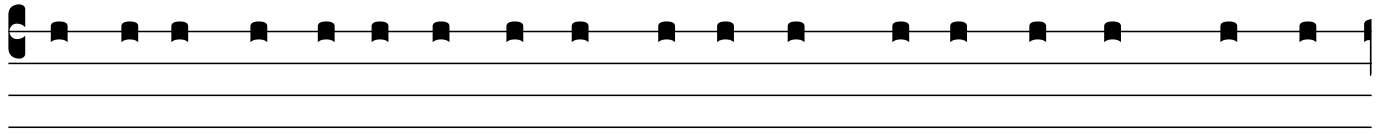
mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before



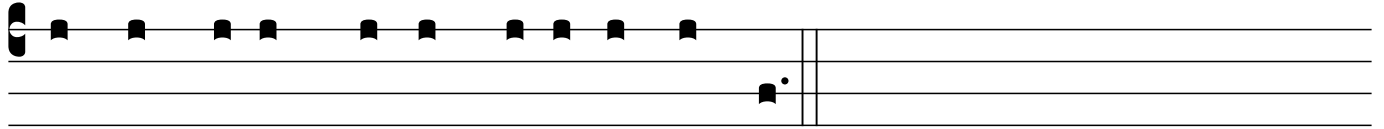
him; also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.” Then the king was



exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den.



So Daniel was tak-en up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found



on him because he had trusted in his God.