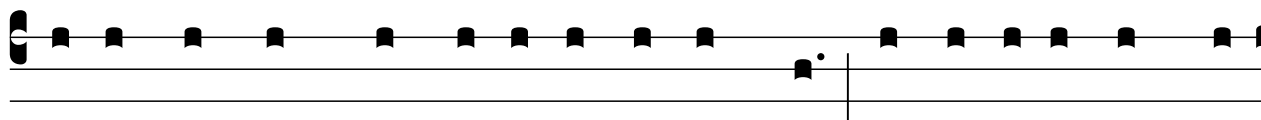
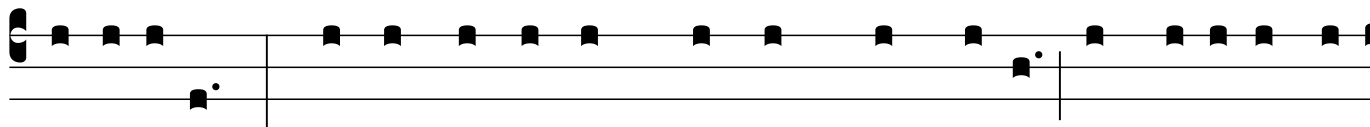


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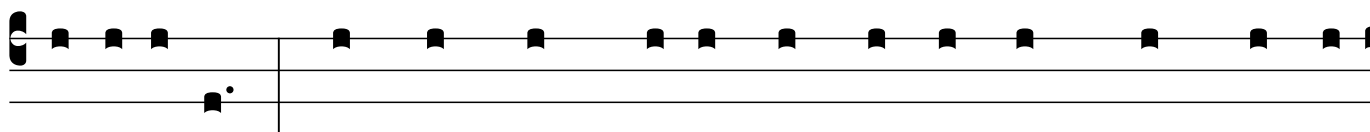
Vigil for the Eve of All Saints' Day 5



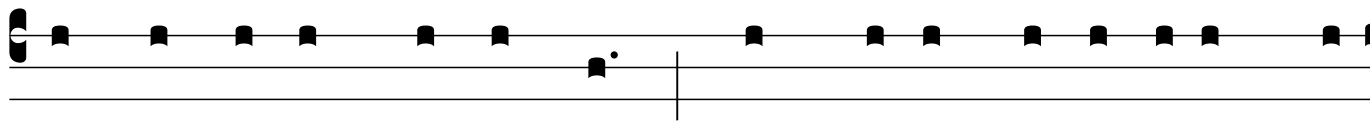
Let us now sing the prais-es of famous men, our ancestors in their



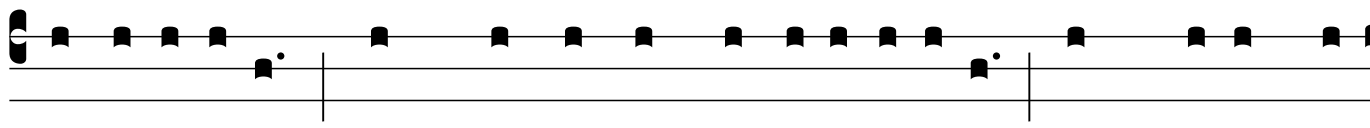
gen-er-ations. The Lord apportioned to them great glo-ry, his maj-esty from



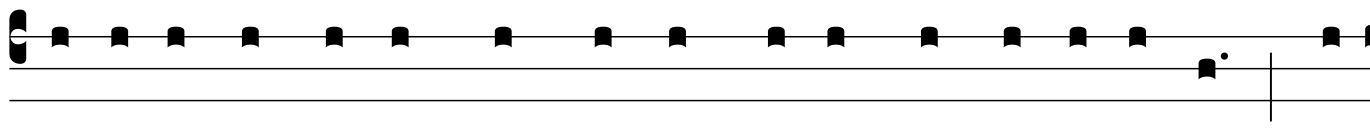
the be-gin-ning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms and made a



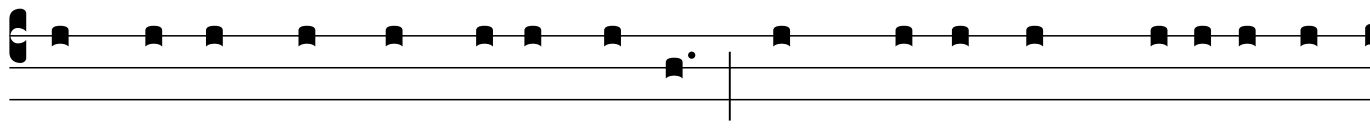
name for themselves by their strength; those who gave counsel because they



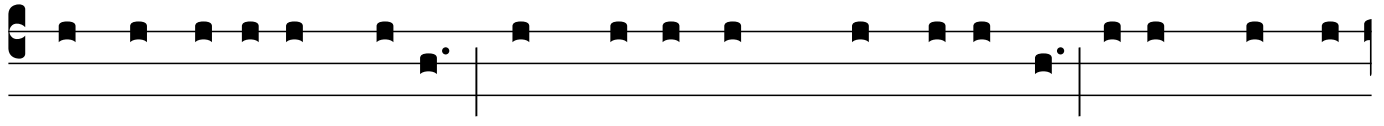
were intel-li-gent; those who spoke in prophet-ic or-acles; those who led the



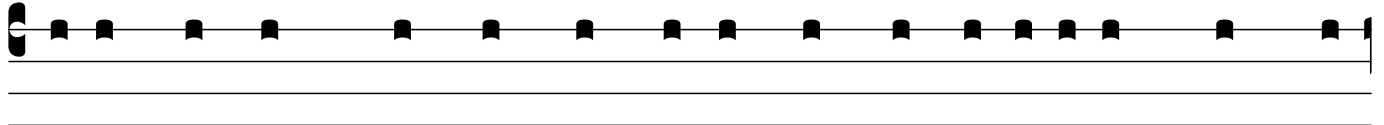
people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they



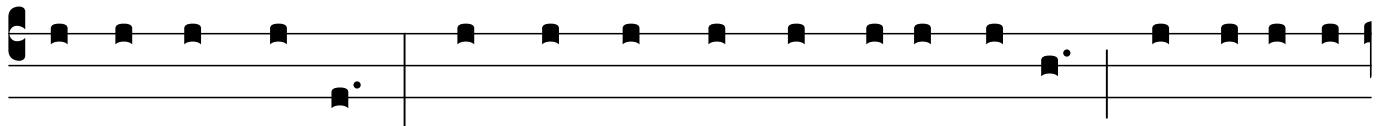
were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed mu-si-cal tunes



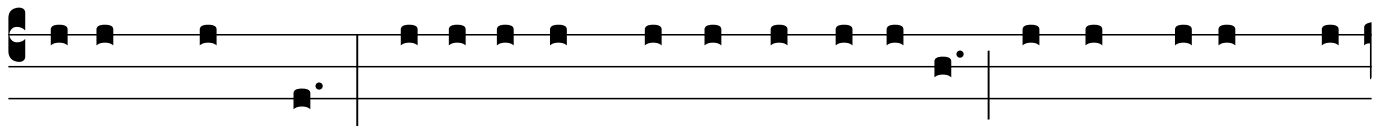
or put verses in writ-ing; rich men endowed with resources, liv-ing peaceful-



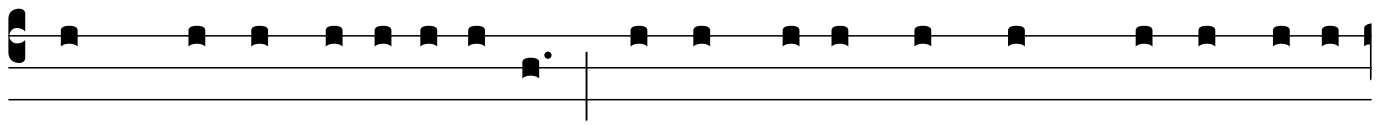
ly in their homes— all these were hon-ored in their gen-er-ations and were



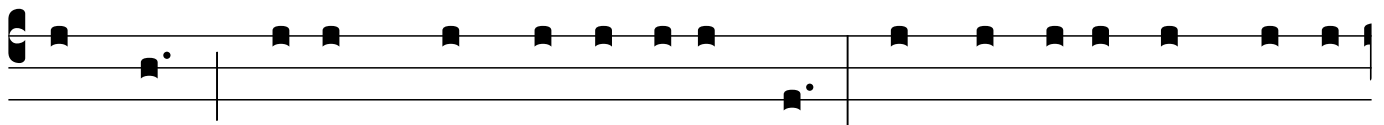
the pride of their times. Some of them have left be-hind a name, so that others



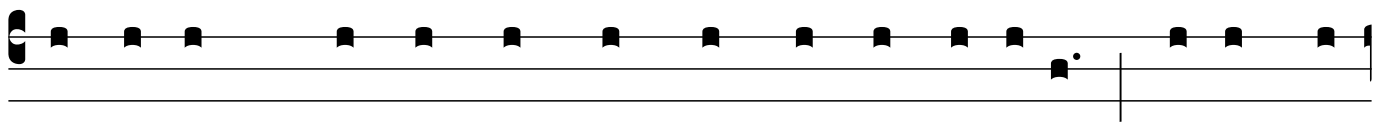
declare their praise. But of others there is no memo-ry; they have per-ish-ed as



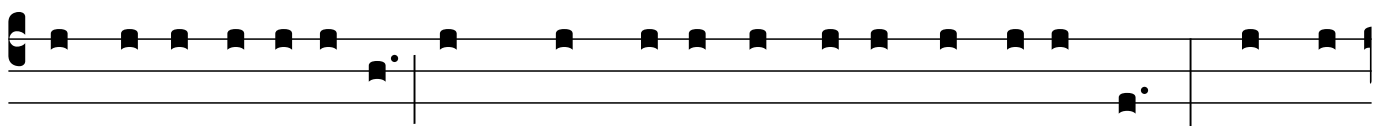
though they had nev-er ex-ist-ed; they have be-come as though they had nev-er



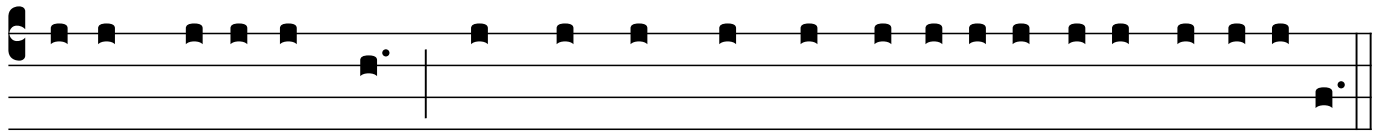
been born, they and their children after them. But these also were men of



compassion whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; Their offspring



will continue for-ev-er, and their glo-ry will nev-er be blotted out. Their bod-



ies are buried in peace, but their name lives on gen-er-ation after gen-er-ation.