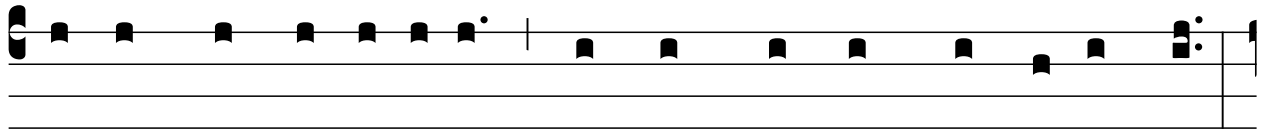
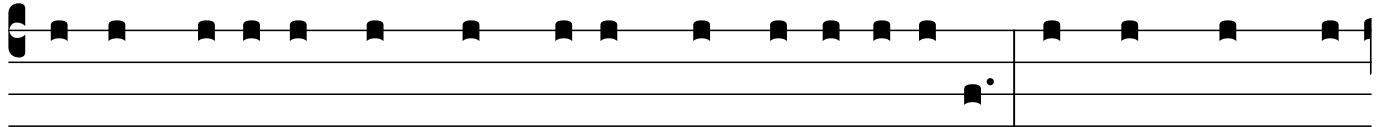


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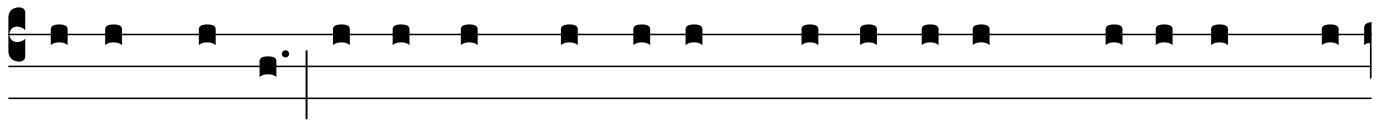
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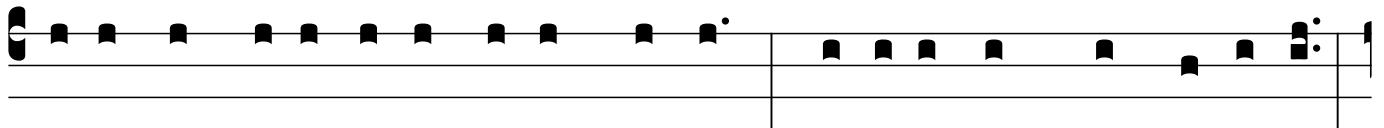
The Lord said to Samu- el, “How long will you grieve o-ver Saul?



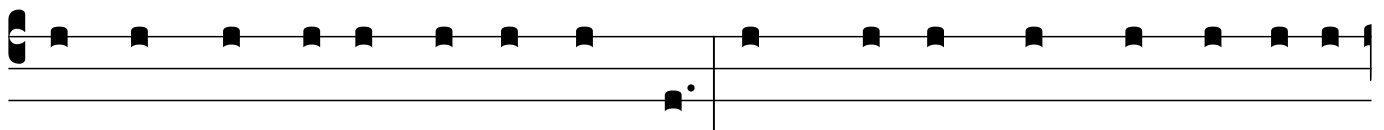
I have re-jected him from be- ing king o-ver Isra- el. Fill your horn with



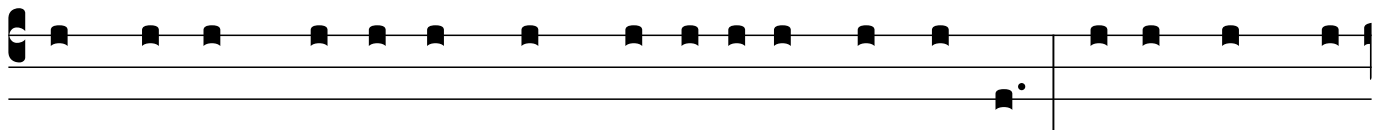
oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethle-hemite, for I have pro-



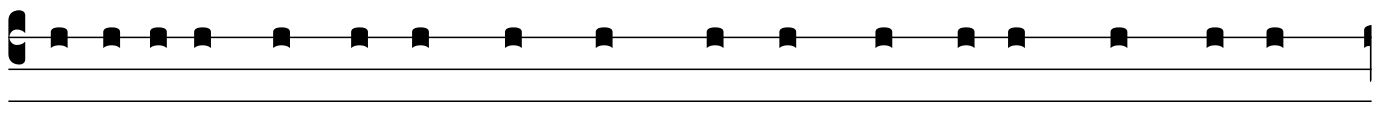
vid-ed for my-self a king among his sons.” Samu- el said, “How can I go?



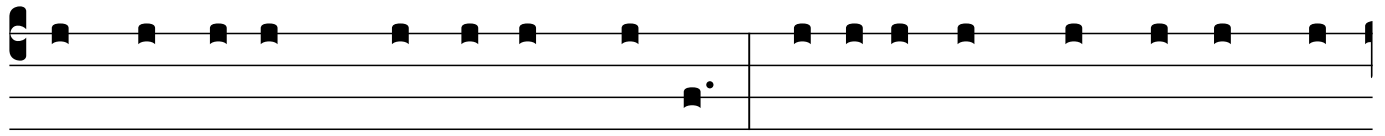
If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heif-er



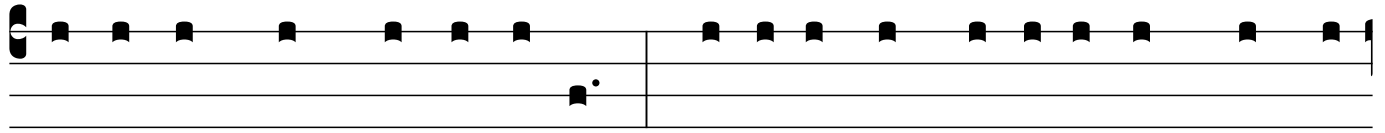
with you and say, ‘-I have come to sacri- fice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to



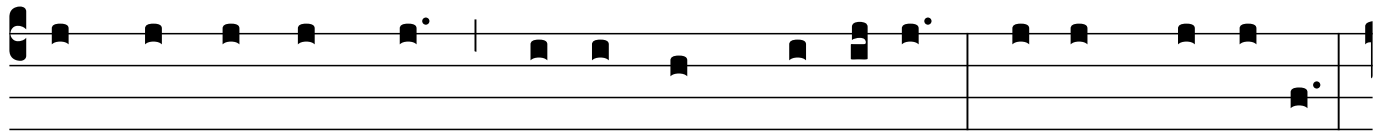
the sacri- fice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint



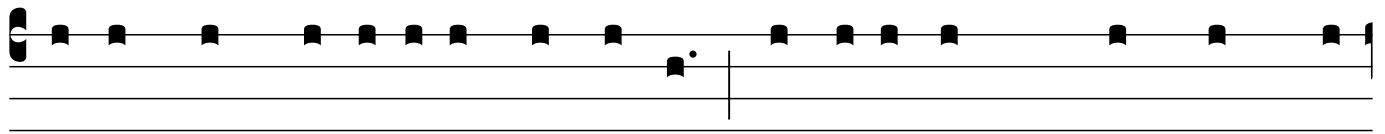
for me the one whom I name to you.” Samu- el did what the Lord com-



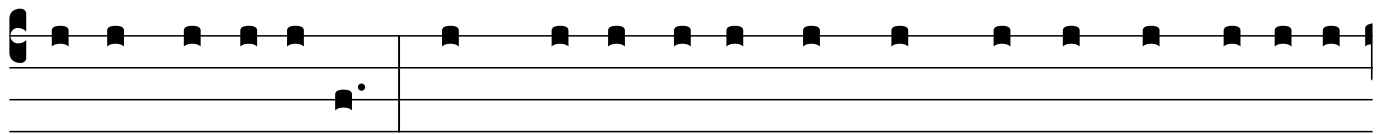
manded and came to Bethle-hem. The elders of the cit-y came to meet



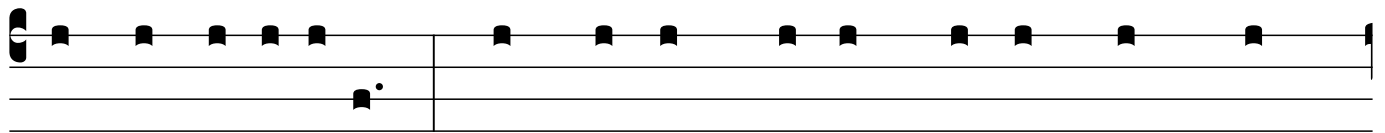
him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably.



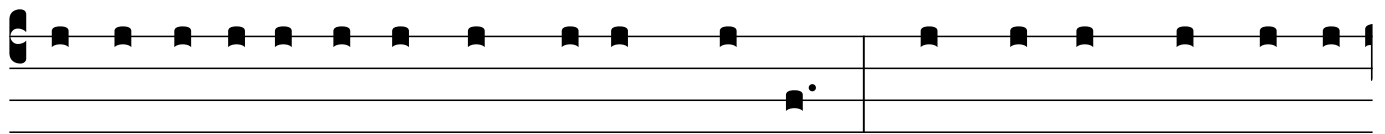
I have come to sacri- fice to the Lord; sancti- fy yourselves and come with



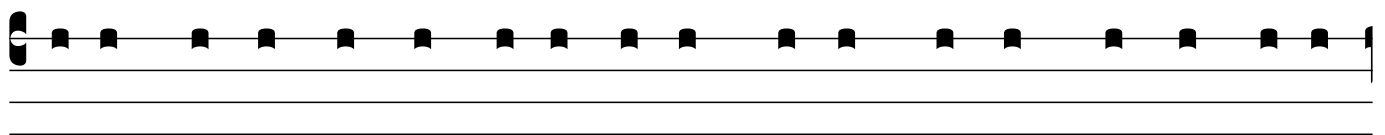
me to the sacri- fice.” And he sancti- fied Jesse and his sons and invit- ed



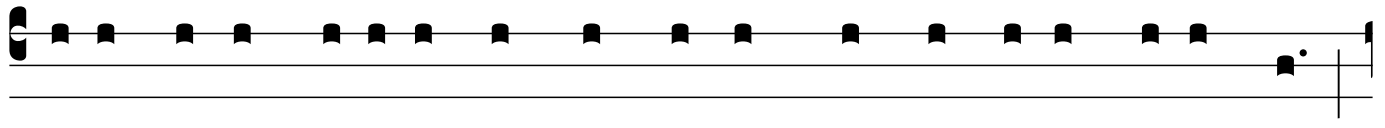
them to the sacri- fice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought,“-



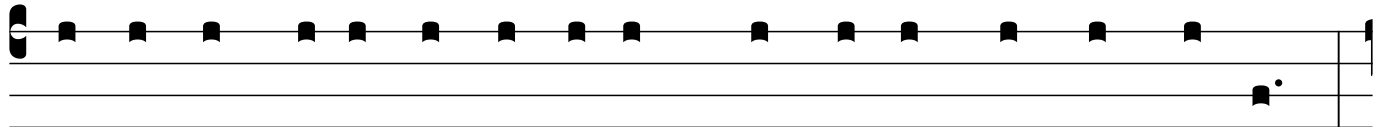
Surely his anointed is now be- fore the Lord.” But the Lord said to Sa-



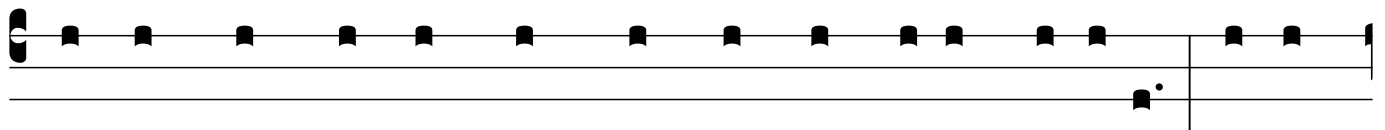
mu- el, “Do not look on his appear- ance or on the height of his stat- ure,



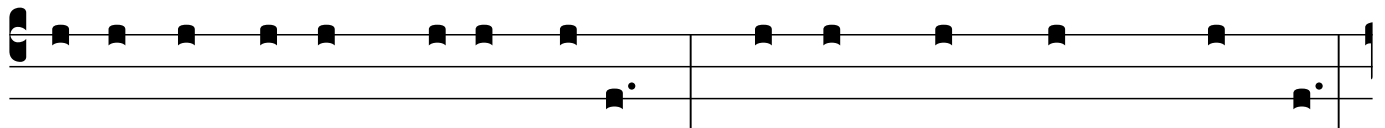
because I have re-jected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see;



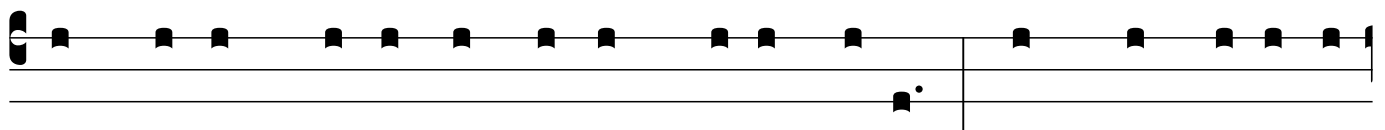
they look on the outward appear-ance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”



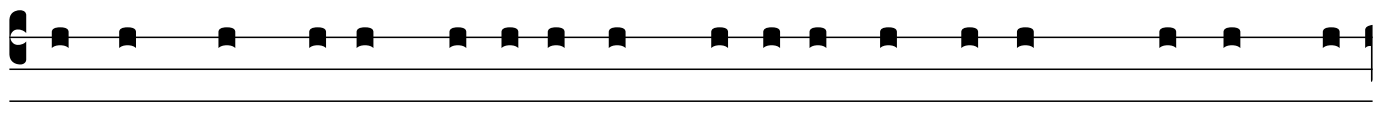
Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass be-fore Samu- el. He said,“-



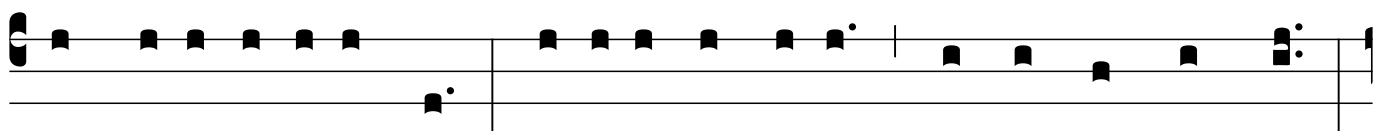
Neither has the Lord cho-sen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by.



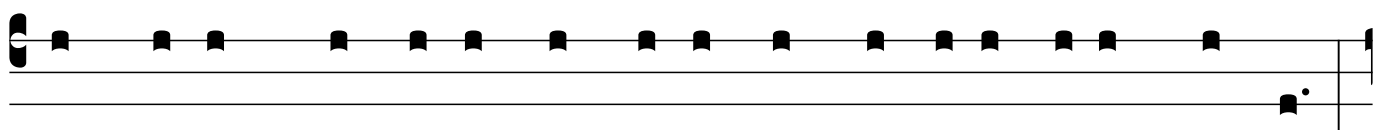
And he said,“Neither has the Lord cho-sen this one.” Jesse made sev-en of



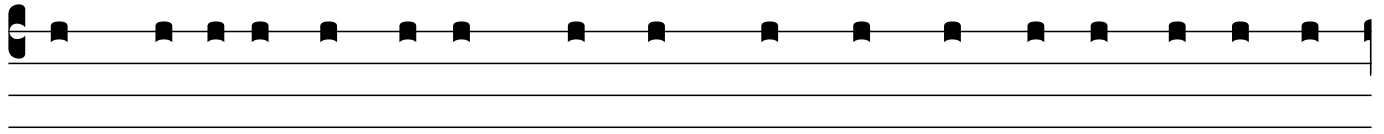
his sons pass be-fore Samu- el, and Samu- el said to Jesse,“The Lord has



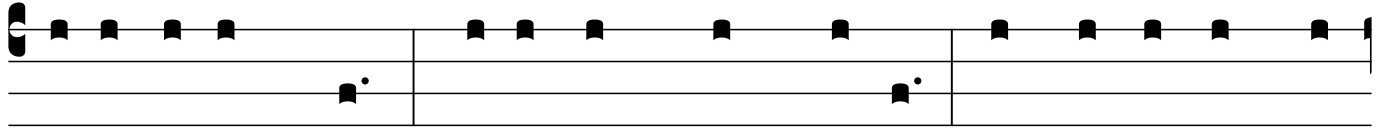
not cho-sen an-y of these.” Samu- el said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?”



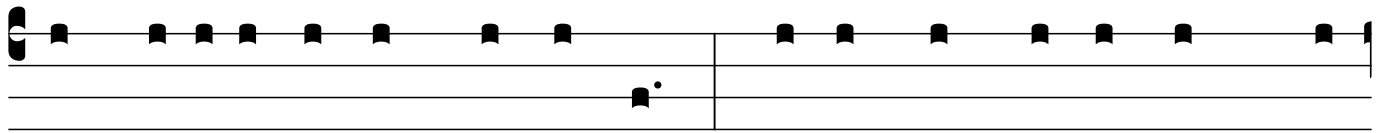
And he said,“There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.”



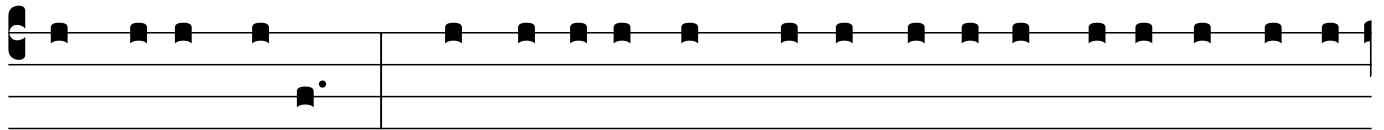
And Samu- el said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down



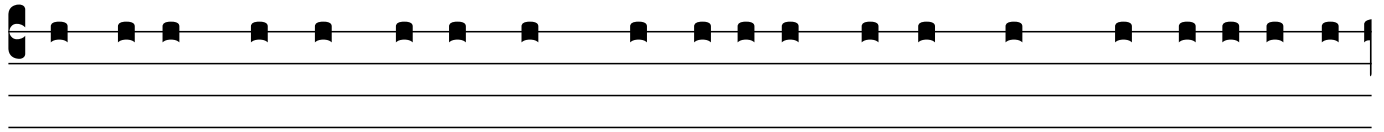
until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and



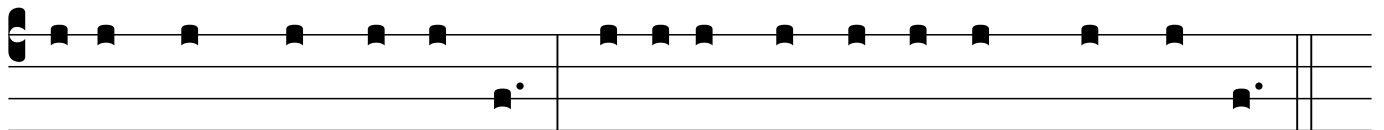
had beauti-ful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him,



for this is the one.” Then Samu- el took the horn of oil and anointed him in



the pres-ence of his brothers, and the spir- it of the Lord came mighti-ly up-on



Da-vid from that day forward. Samu- el then set out and went to Ramah.