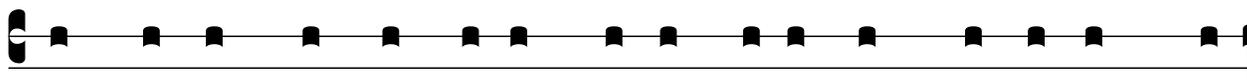


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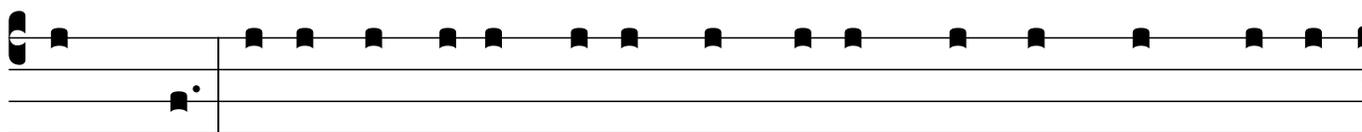
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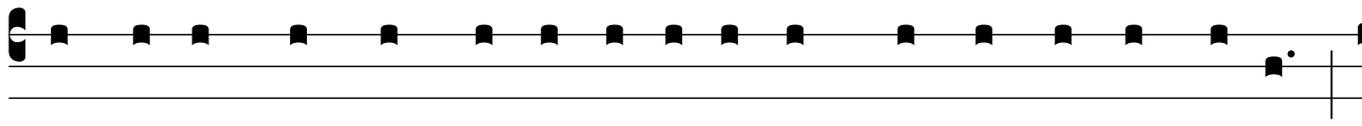
Then the Lord said to Mo-ses,“Go to Pharaoh and say to him,“Thus



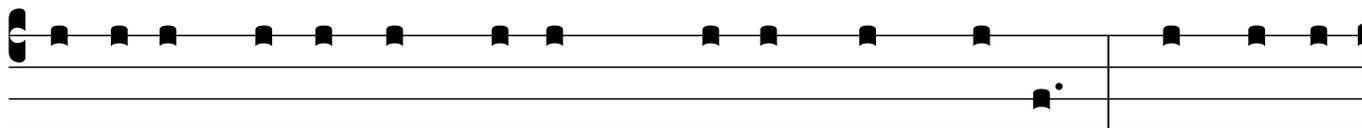
says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews: Let my people go, so that they may



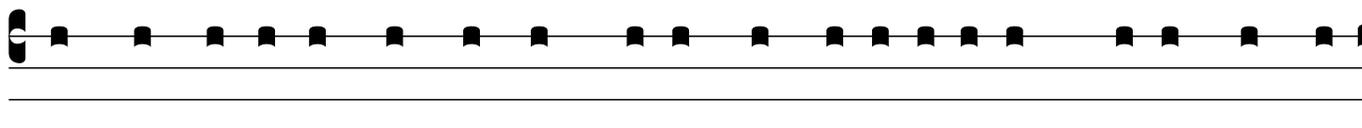
serve me. For if you re-fuse to let them go and still hold them, the hand



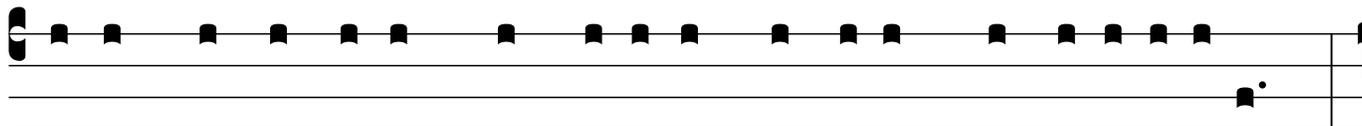
of the Lord will strike with a deadly pestilence your livestock in the field:



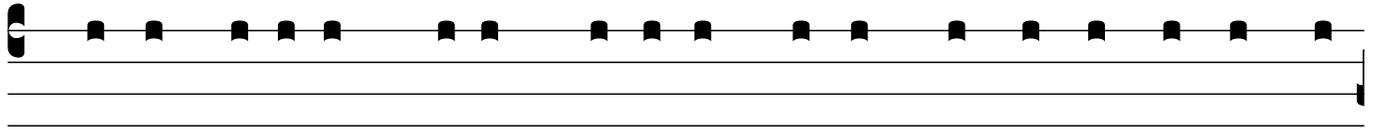
the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks. But the Lord



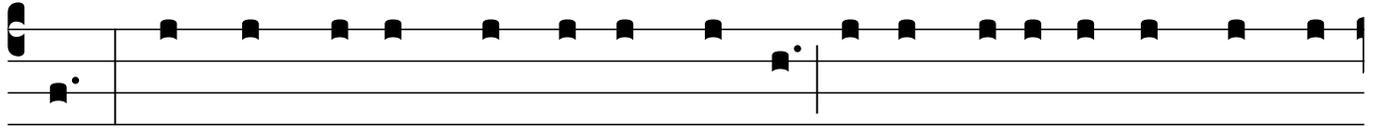
will make a dis-tinction between the livestock of Isra- el and the livestock of



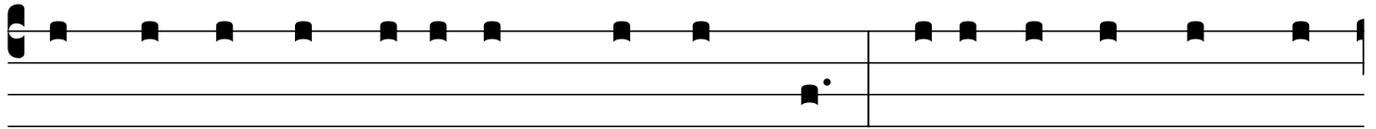
E-gypt, so that nothing shall die of all that be-longs to the Isra- el-ites.’



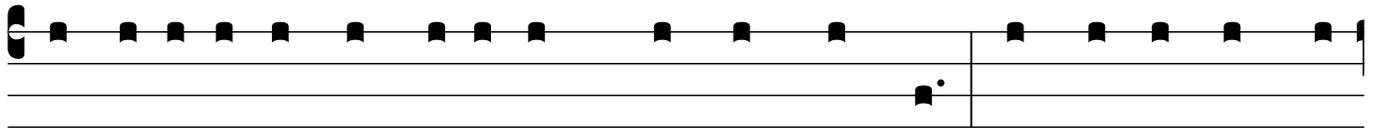
”The Lord set a time, say- ing, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the



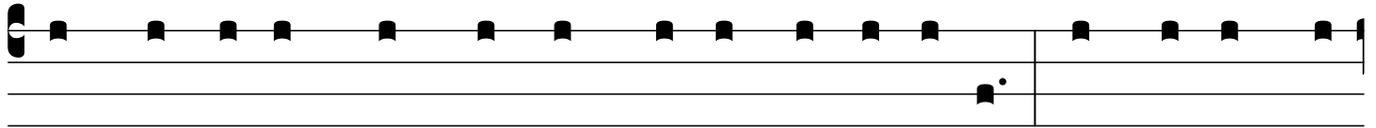
land.” And on the next day the Lord did so; all of the E-gyptians’ livestock



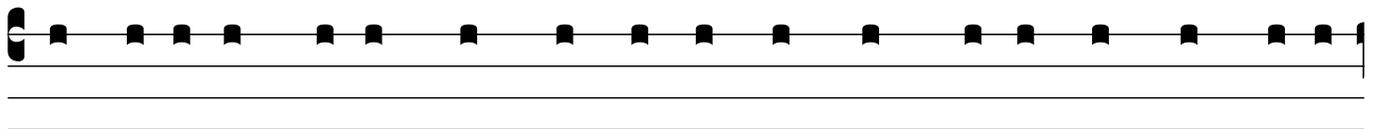
died, but none of the Israelites’ livestock died. Pharaoh inquired and found



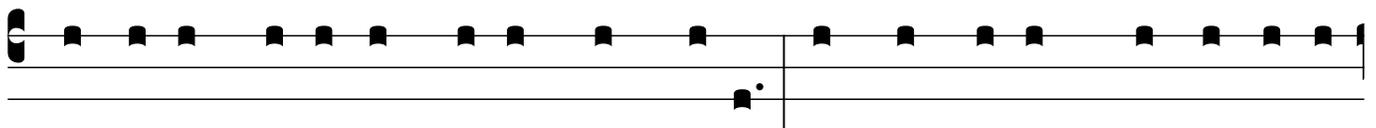
that not e-ven one of the Israelites’ livestock had died. But the heart of Phar-



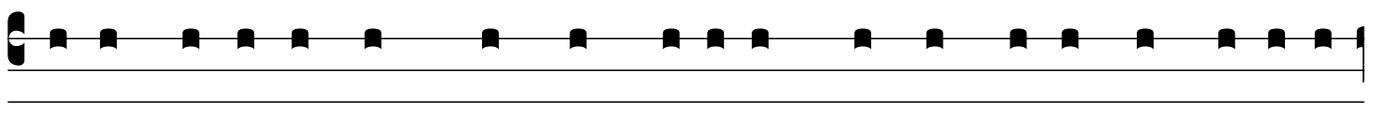
ah was hardened, and he would not let the people go. Then the Lord said



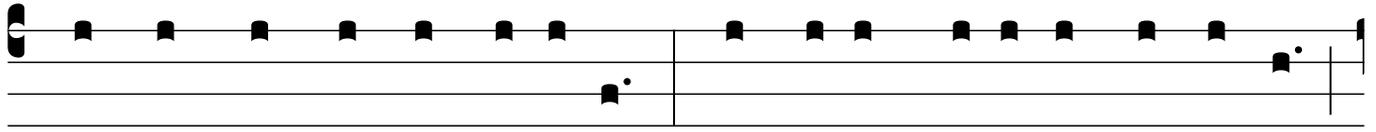
to Mo-ses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Mo-ses



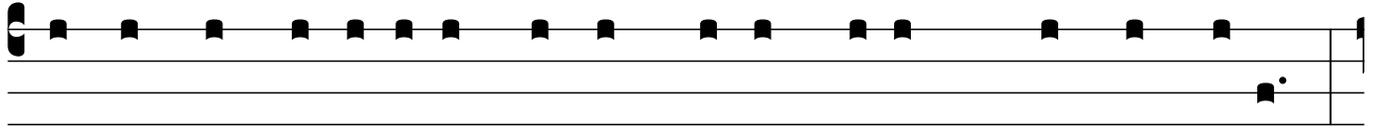
throw it in the air in the sight of Pharaoh. It shall be-come dust all o-ver



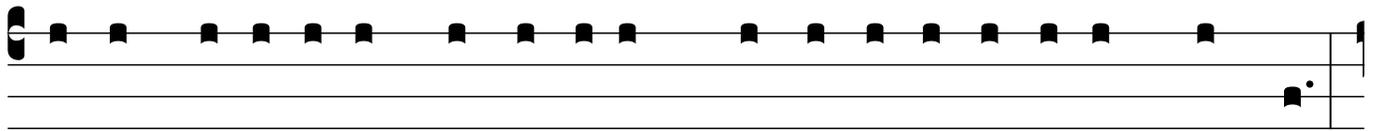
the land of E-gypt and shall cause fester-ing boils on humans and an-imals



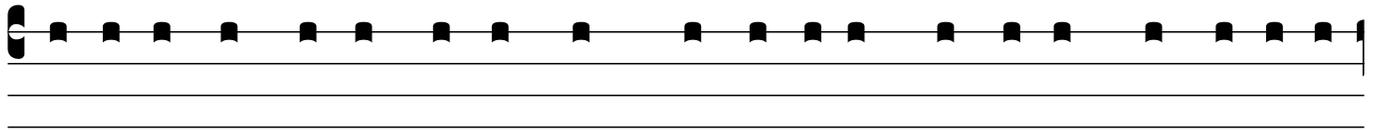
throughout the whole land of E-gypt.” But this is why I have let you live:



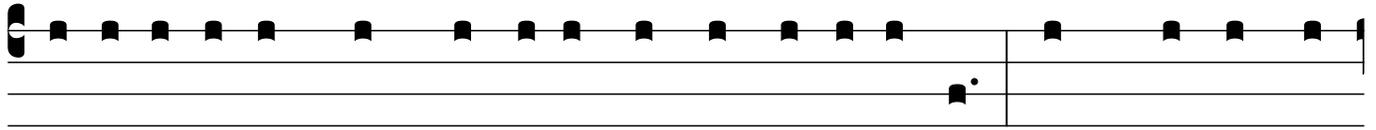
to show you my power and to make my name resound through all the earth.



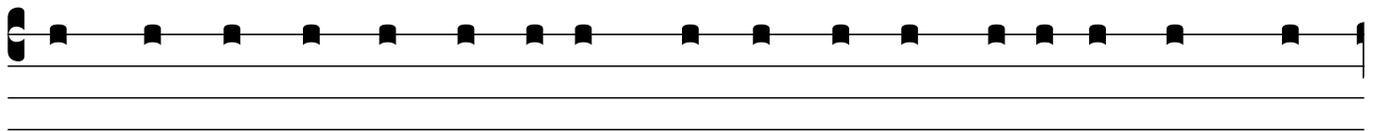
You are still ex-alt-ing yourself against my people by not let-ting them go.



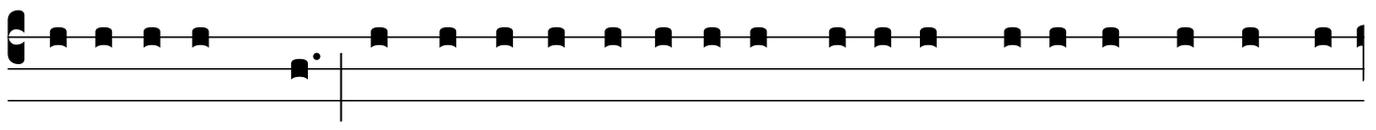
Tomorrow at this time I will cause the heav-i-est hail to fall that has ev-er



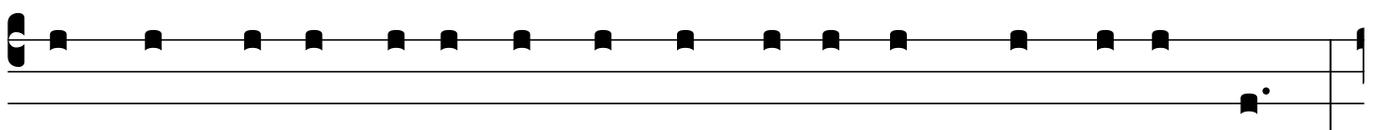
fall-en in E-gypt from the day it was founded until now. Send, therefore, and



have your livestock and everything that you have in the o-pen field brought



to a se-cure place; every human or an-imal that is in the o-pen field and is



not brought under shel-ter will die when the hail comes down up-on them.’



” Those of-fi-cials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the Lord hurried their



slaves and livestock off to a se-cure place, When all the people witnessed the



thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smok-ing,



they were afraid and trembled and stood at a dis-tance and said to Mo-ses,“-



You speak to us, and we will lis-ten, but do not let God speak to us, lest



we die.” Mo-ses said to the people,“Do not be afraid, for God has come on-



ly to test you and to put the fear of him up-on you so that you do not sin.”