Welcome Home!

December 10th
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

Announcements

Call to Worship

Good King Wenceslas

Children's Choir

By John Riggio and Paul Jennings

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mark 1:4)

Congregation: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*Hymn of Praise
The First Noel

#245, v 1, 2 & 4

Words and Music Traditional English Carol

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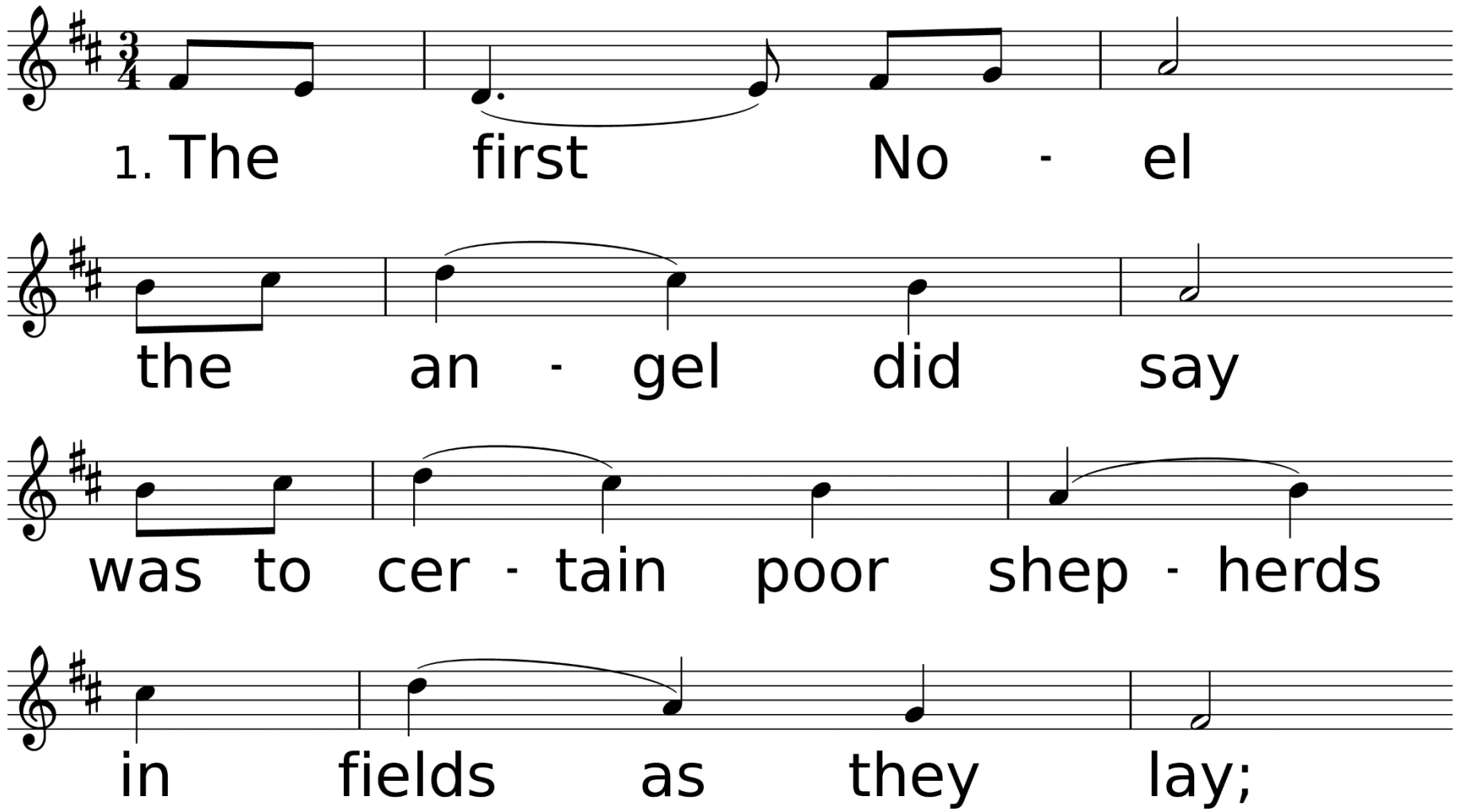

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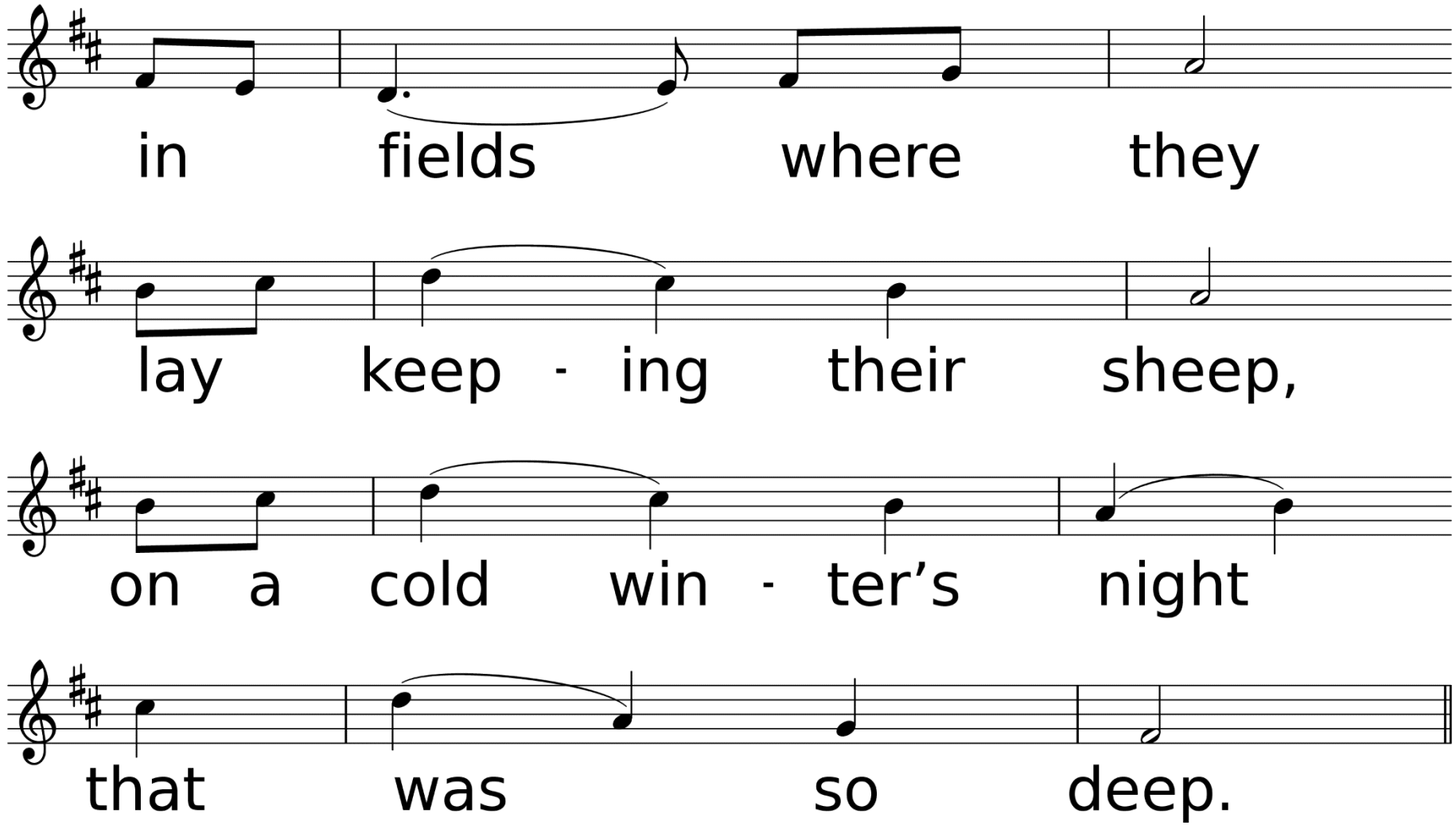
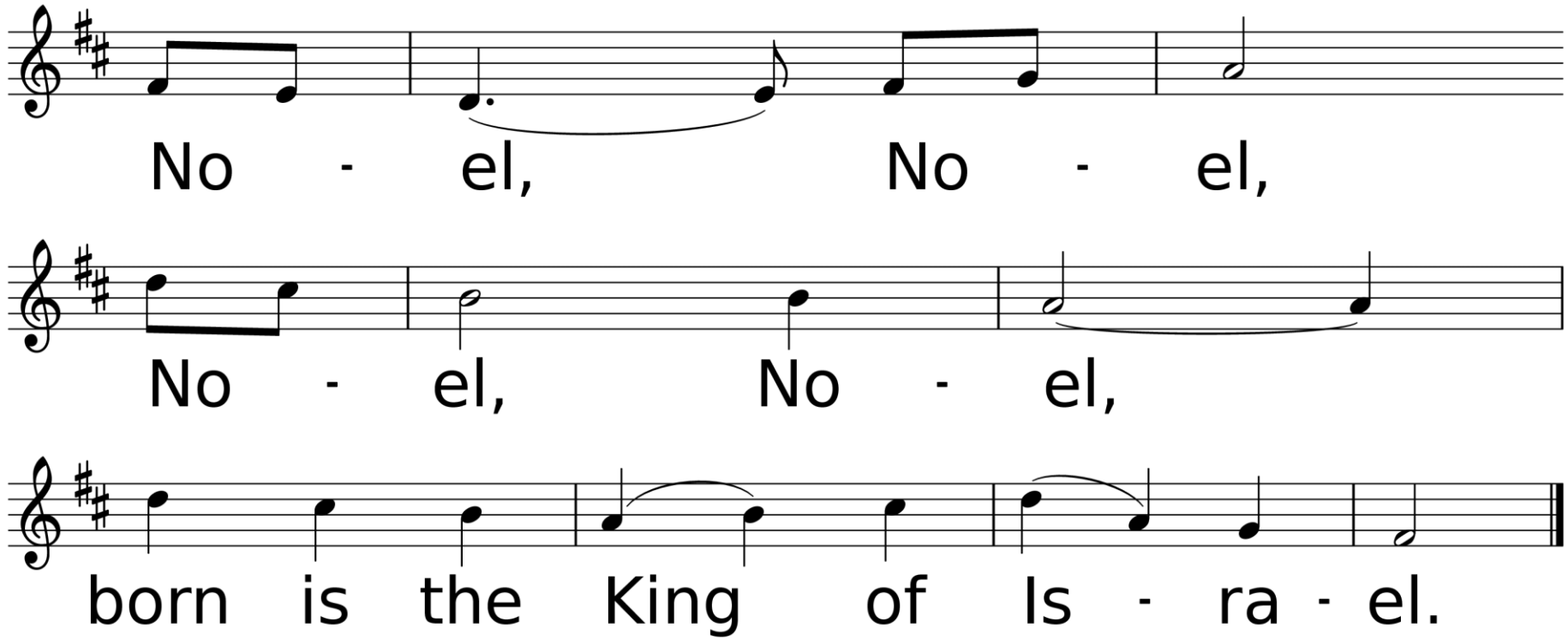

in fields where they
lay keep - ing their sheep,
on a cold win - ter's night
that was so deep.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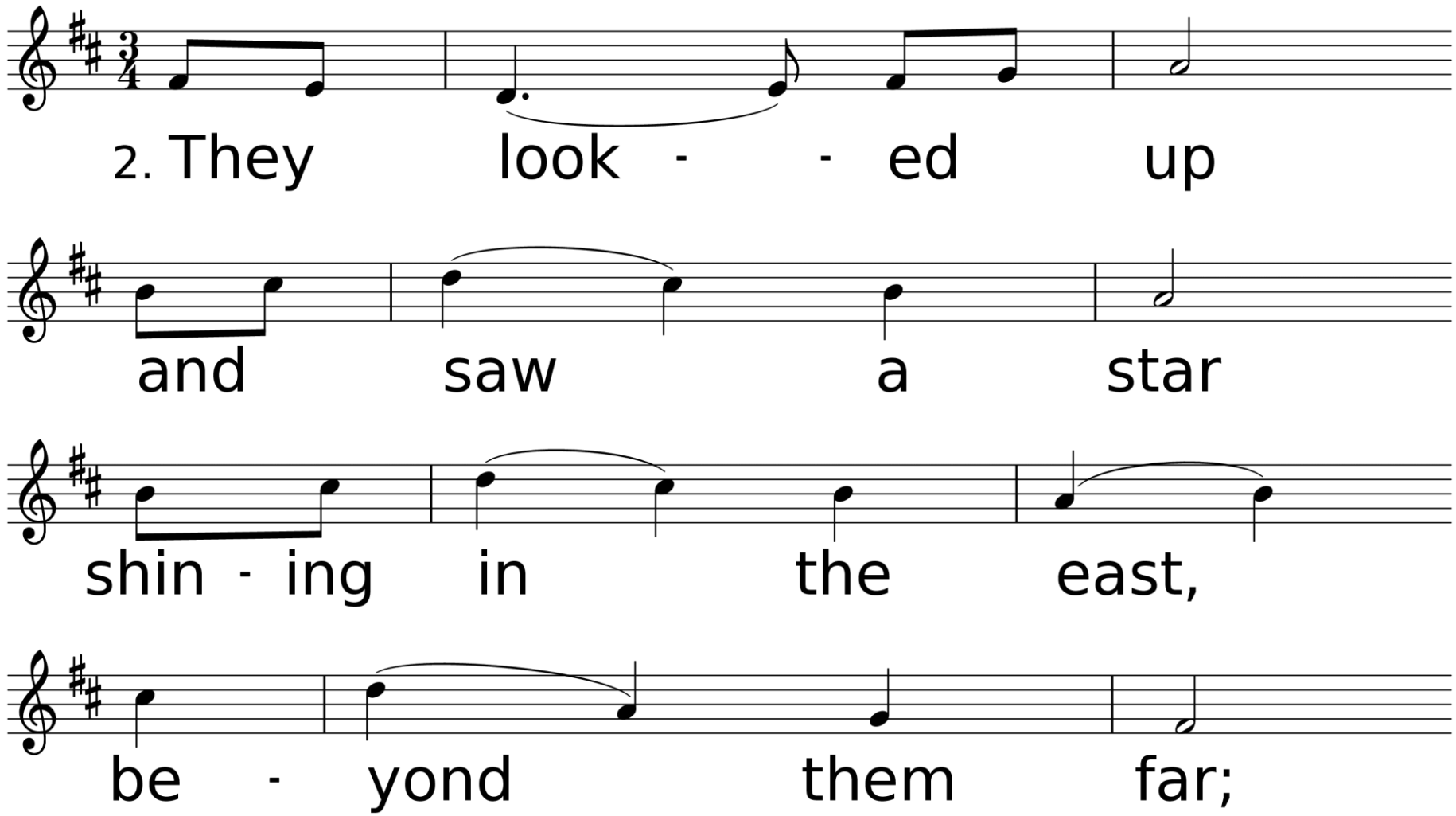
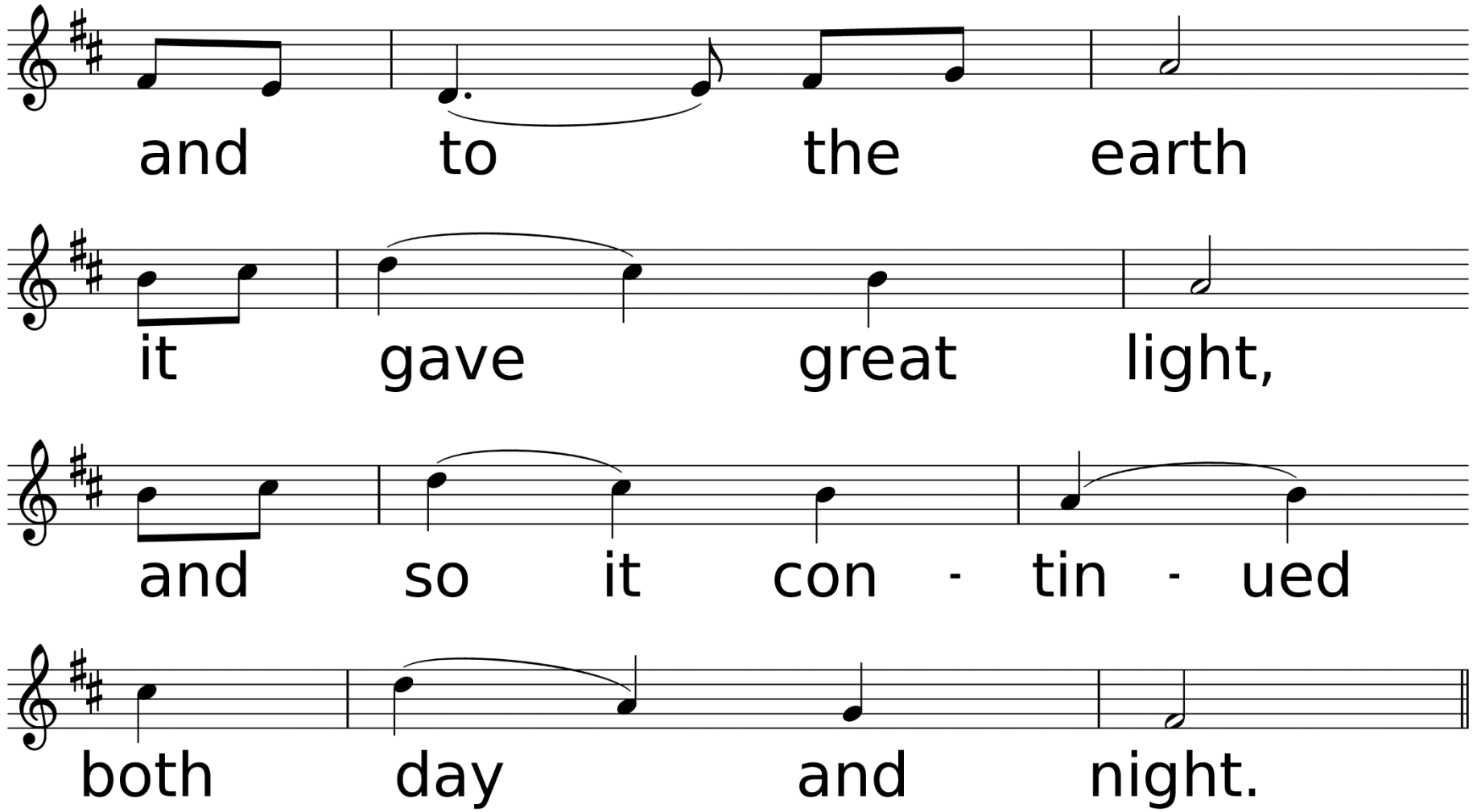
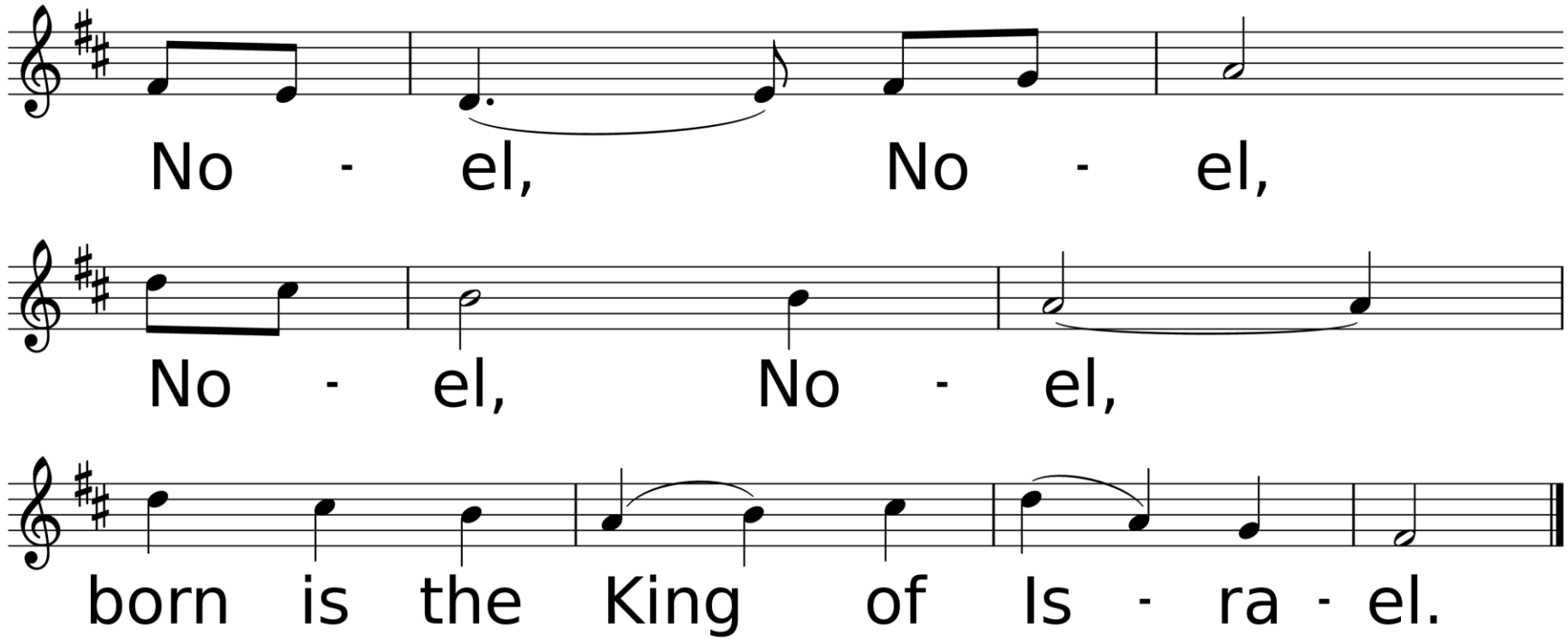
No - el, No - el,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.


2. They look - - ed up
and saw a star
shin - ing in the east,
be - yond them far;


and to the earth
it gave great light,
and so it con - tin - ued
both day and night.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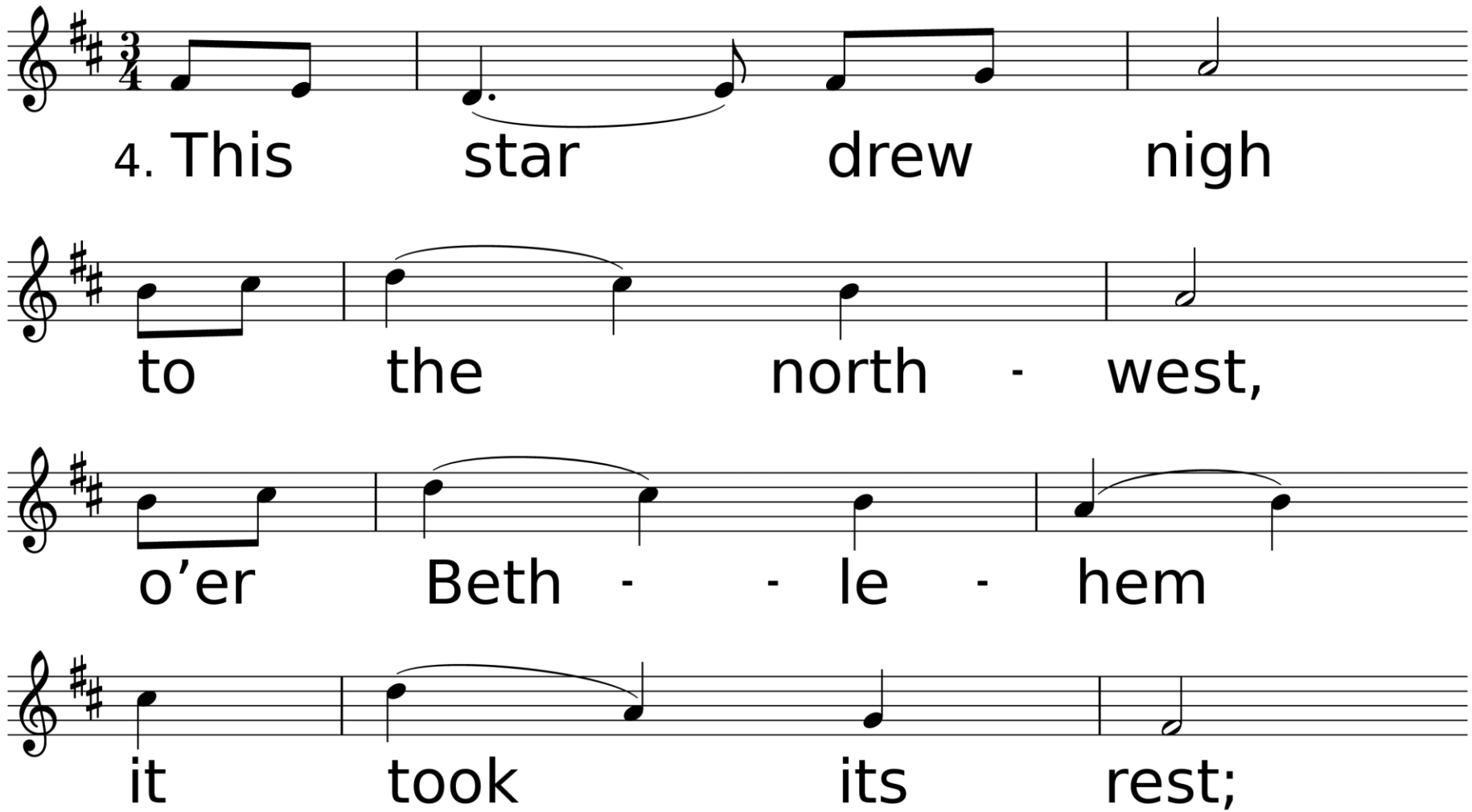
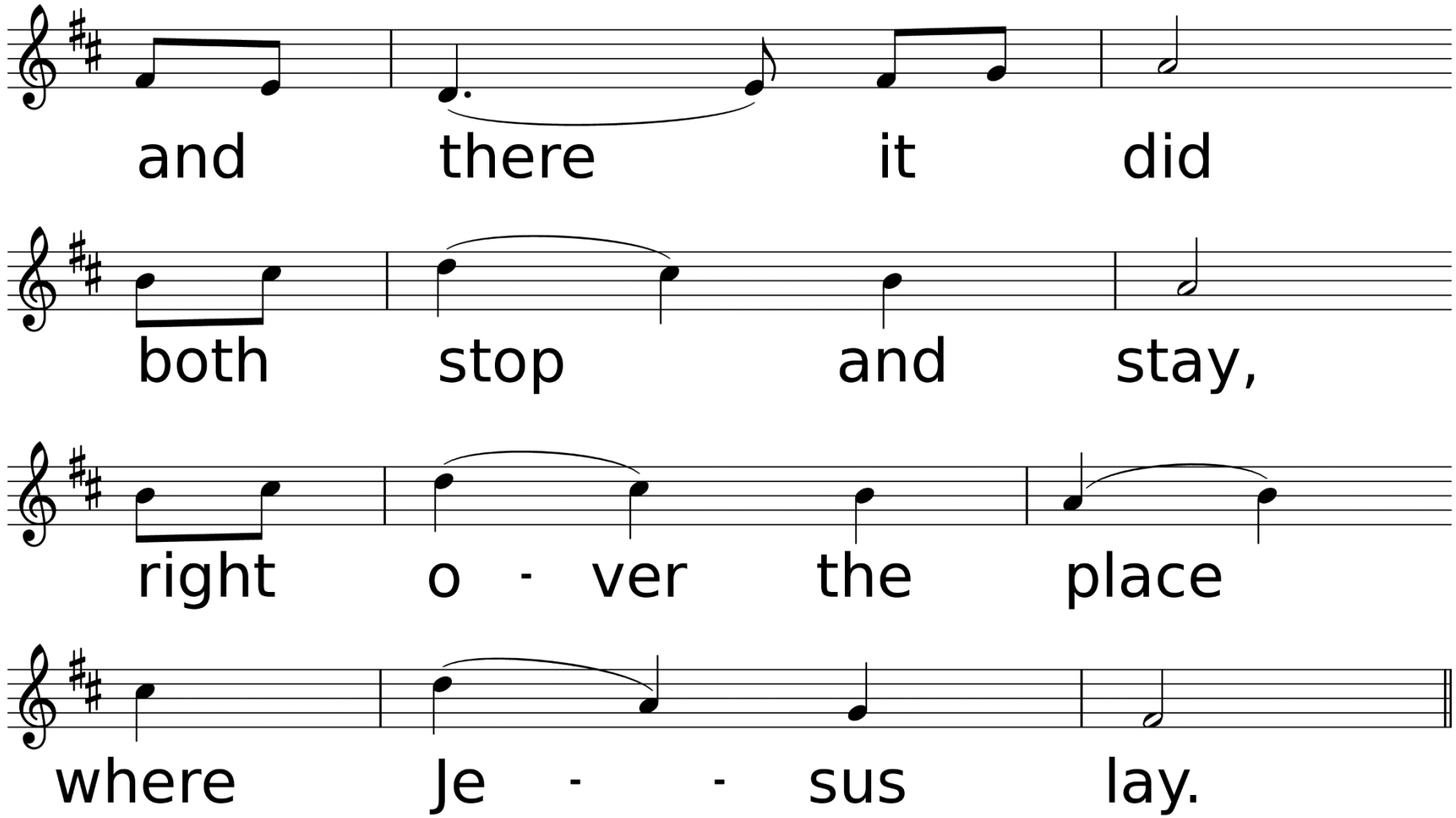
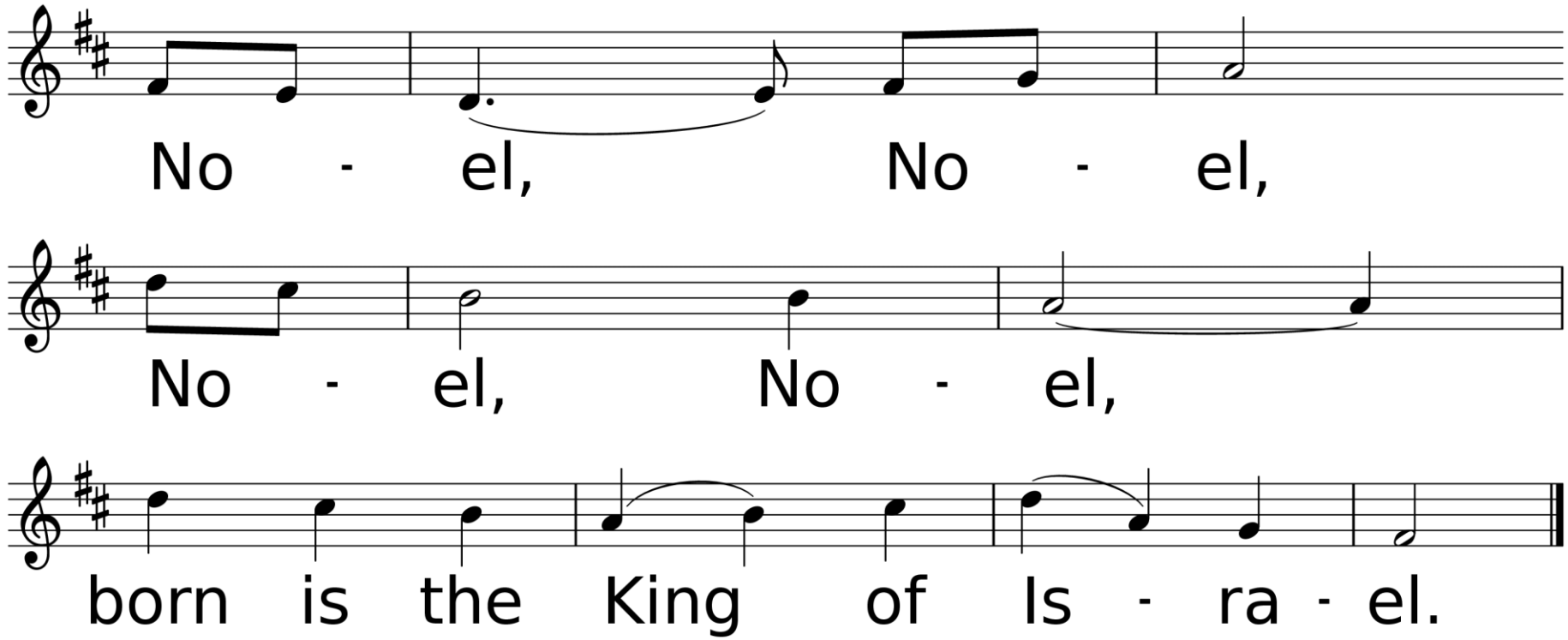

4. This star drew nigh
to the north - west,
o'er Beth - - le - hem
it took its rest;


and there it did
both stop and stay,
right o - ver the place
where Je - - sus lay.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*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Congregation: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to

Peter, and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Annointed One of God, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of

God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by thy blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Joys &
Concerns

Call To Prayer

Be Thou My Vision

#451, v 1 & 2

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Music by Carlton R. Young

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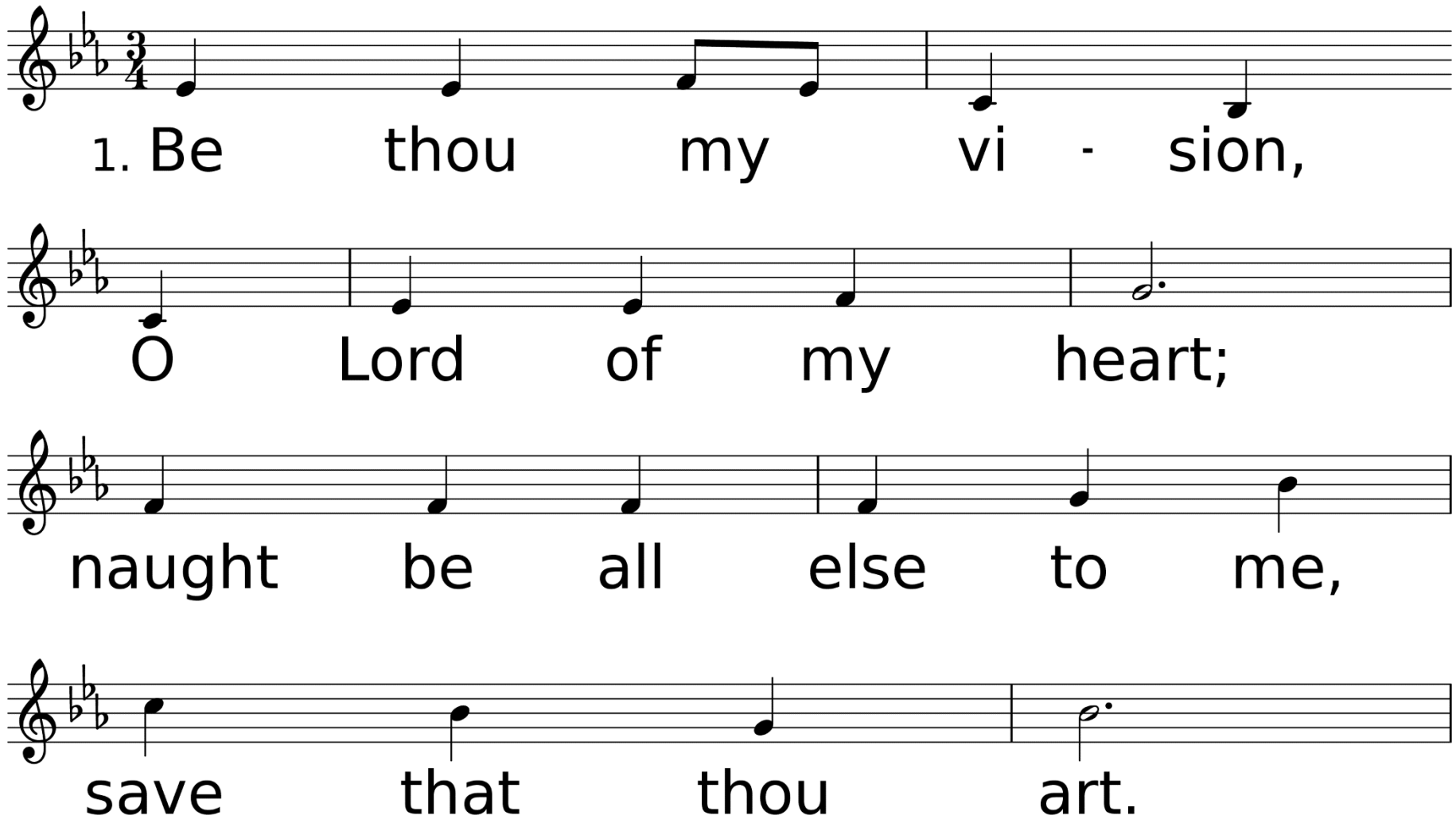

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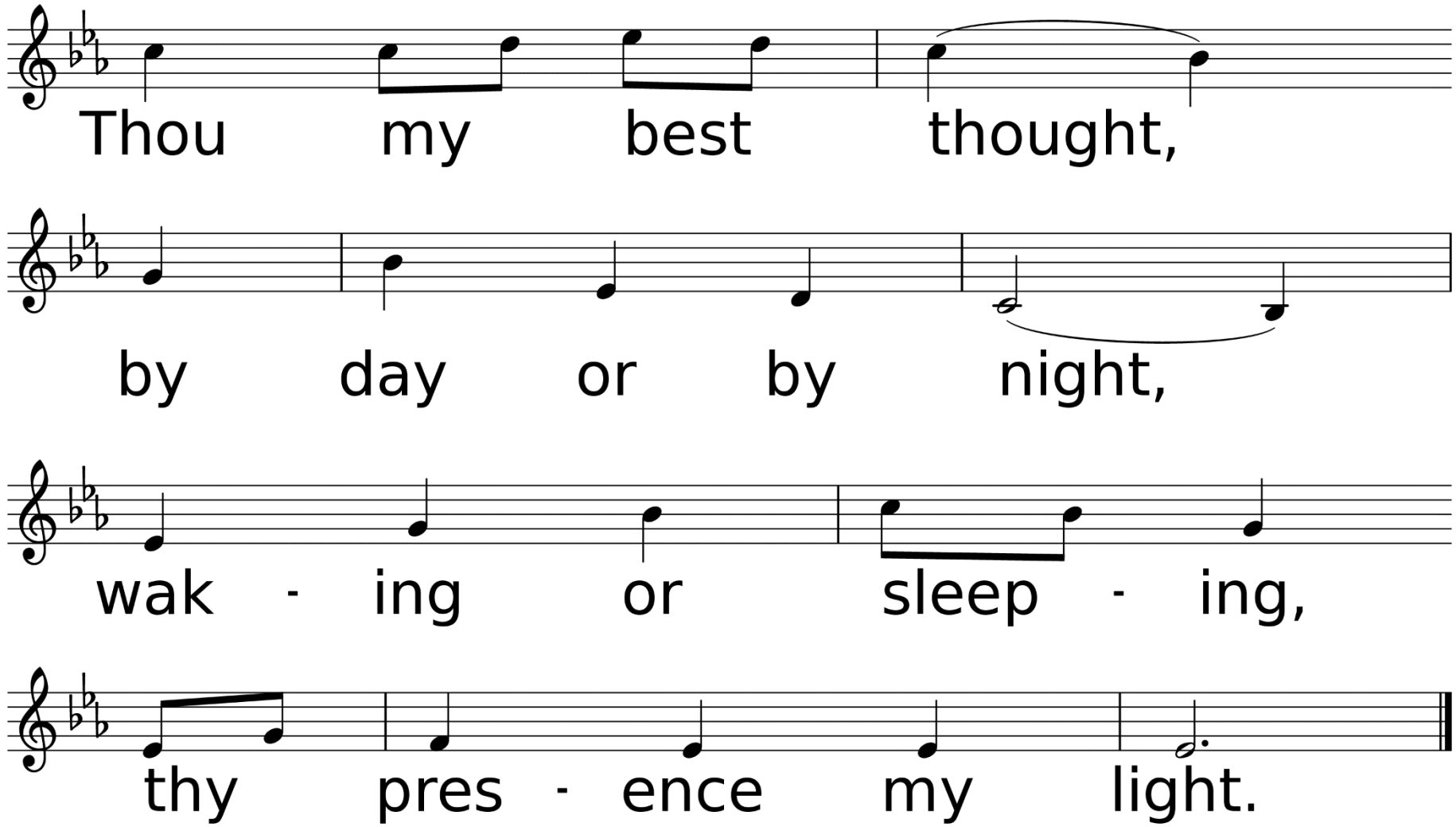
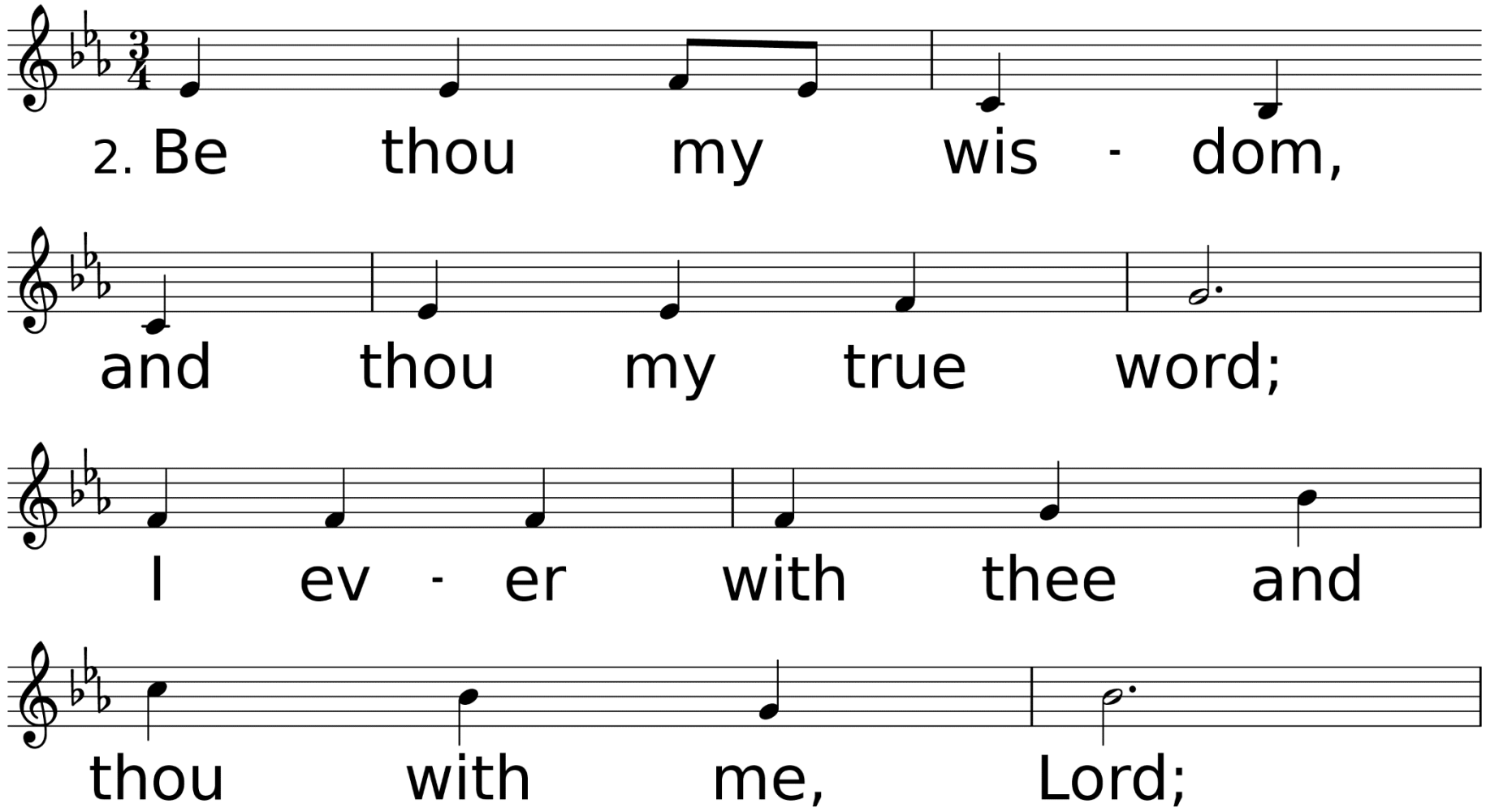
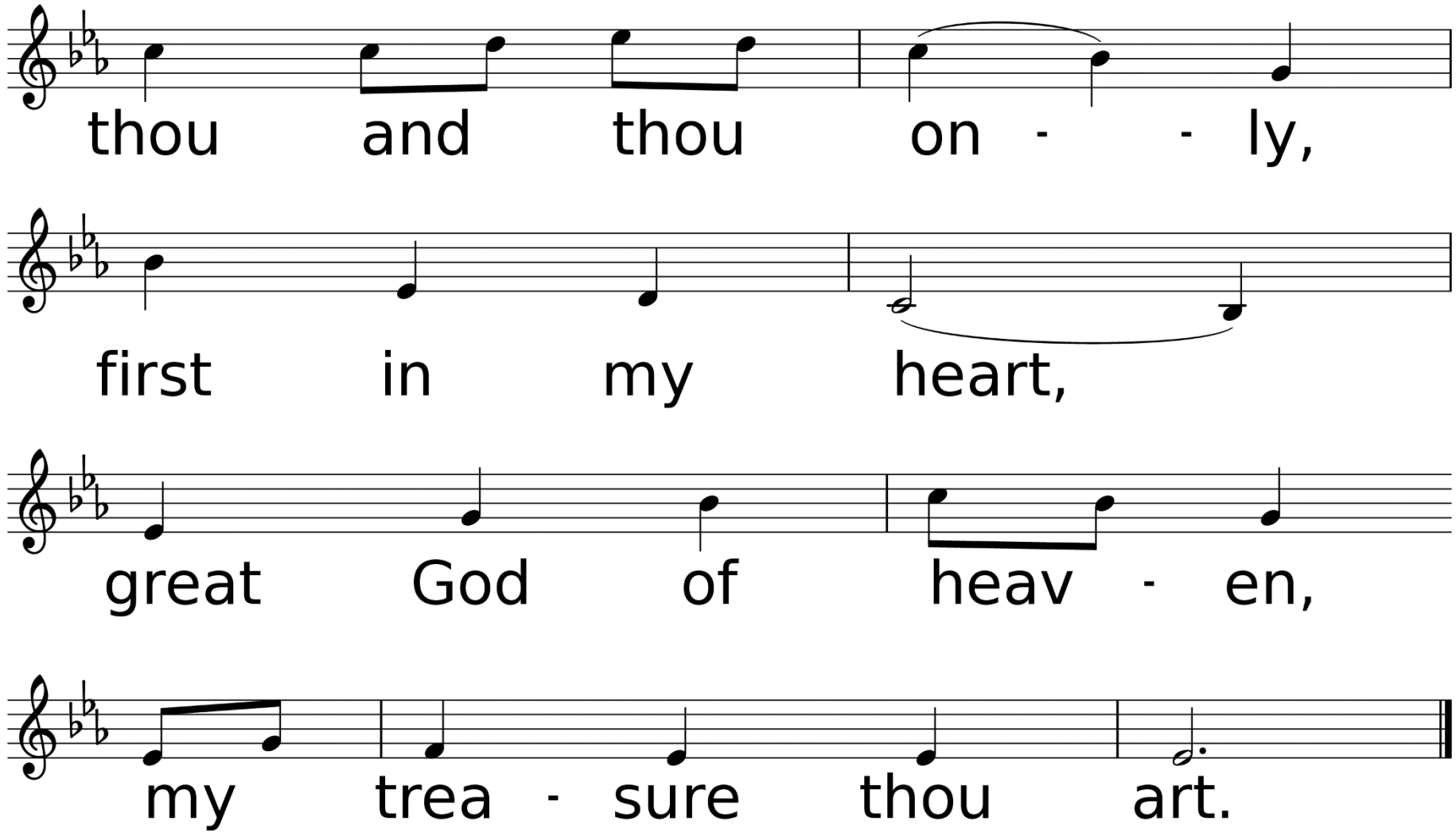

Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
wak - ing or sleep - ing,
thy pres - ence my light.


2. Be thou my wis - dom,
and thou my true word;
I ev - er with thee and
thou with me, Lord;


thou and thou on - - ly,
first in my heart,
great God of heav - en,
my trea - sure thou art.

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#94

Worlds by Thomas Ken

Music from geistliche kirchengesange

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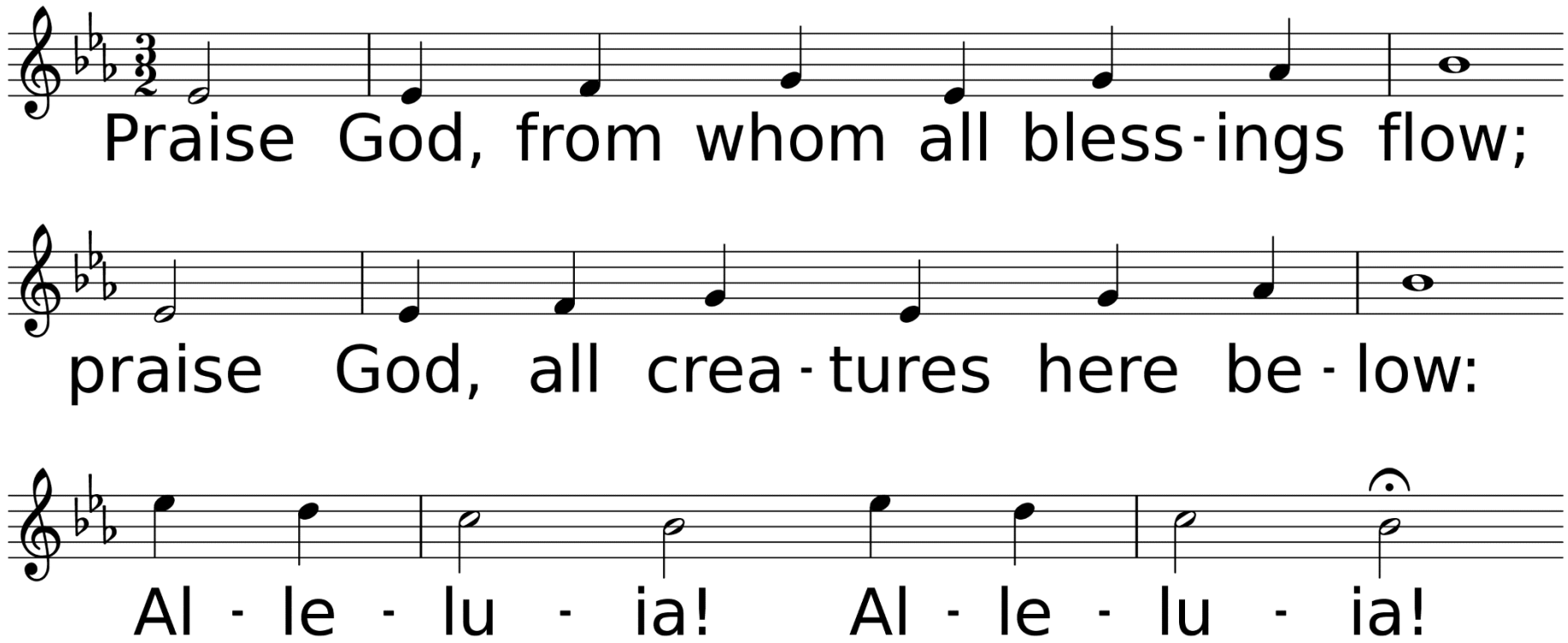

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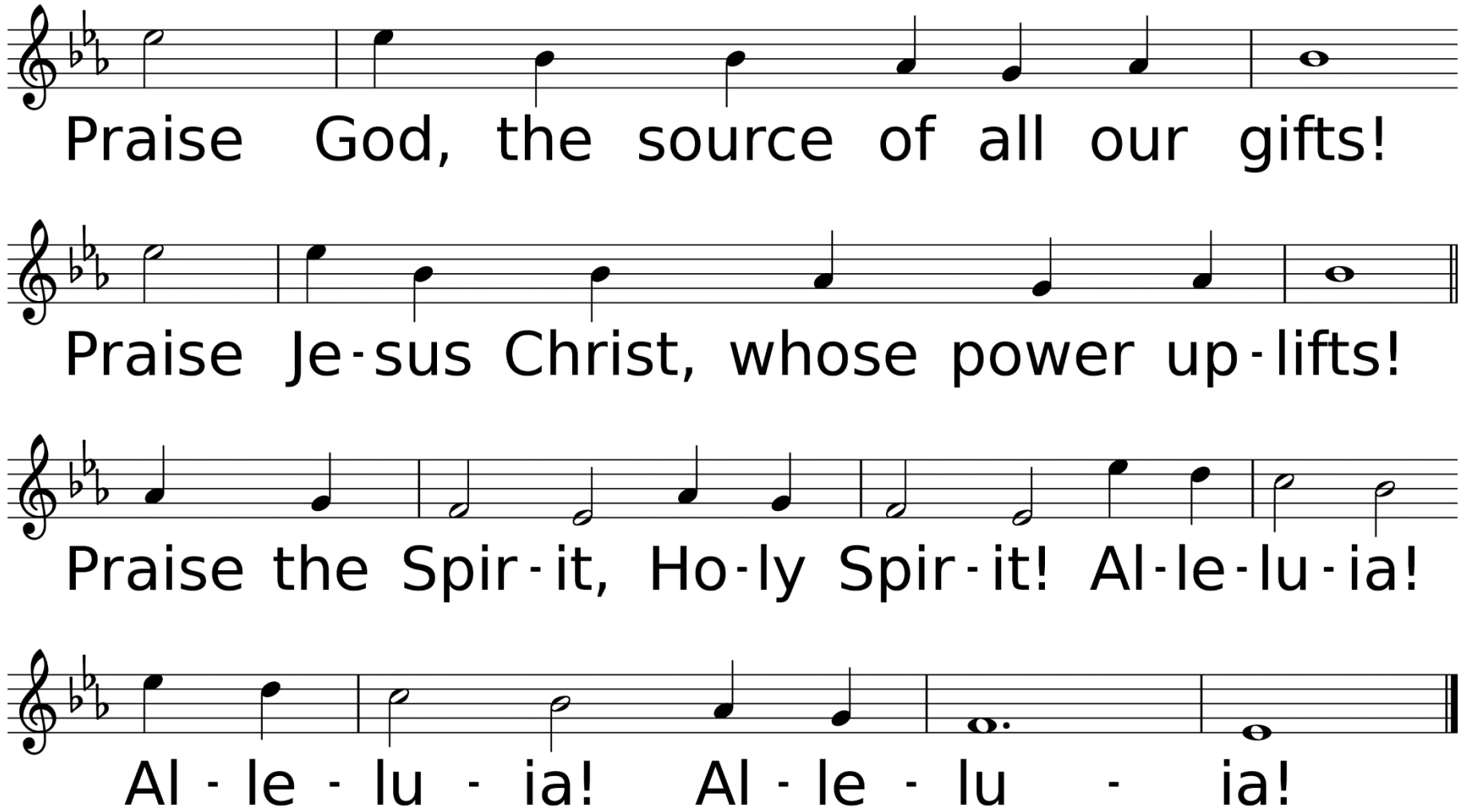
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Anthem

Prepare Ye the Way

Children's Choir

By Mark Burrows

Dismissal of Children for Children's Church

Hymn of Faith

Savior of the Nations, Come

#211, V. 1, 2, & 4

Words by Martin Luther

Music by J. S. Bach

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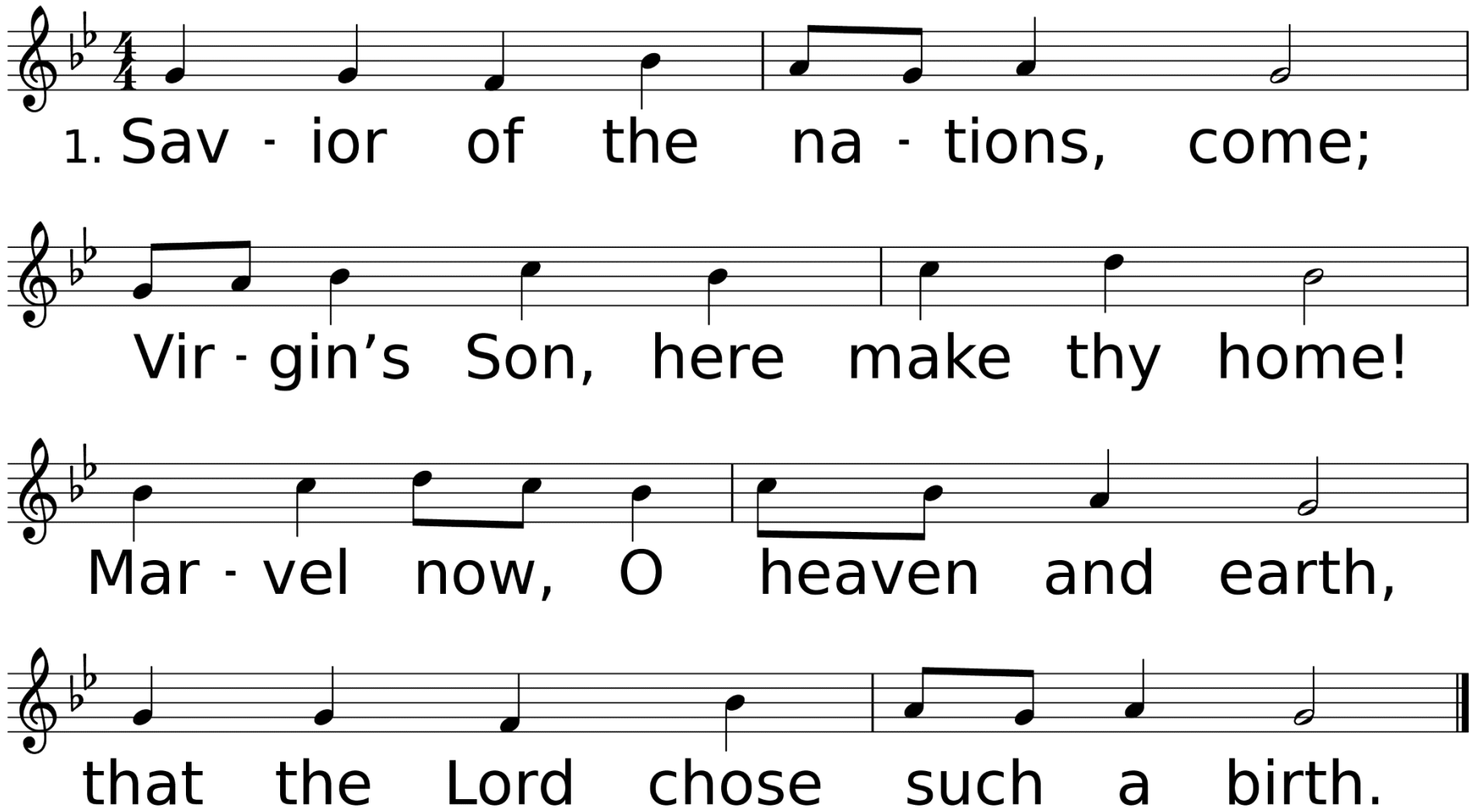

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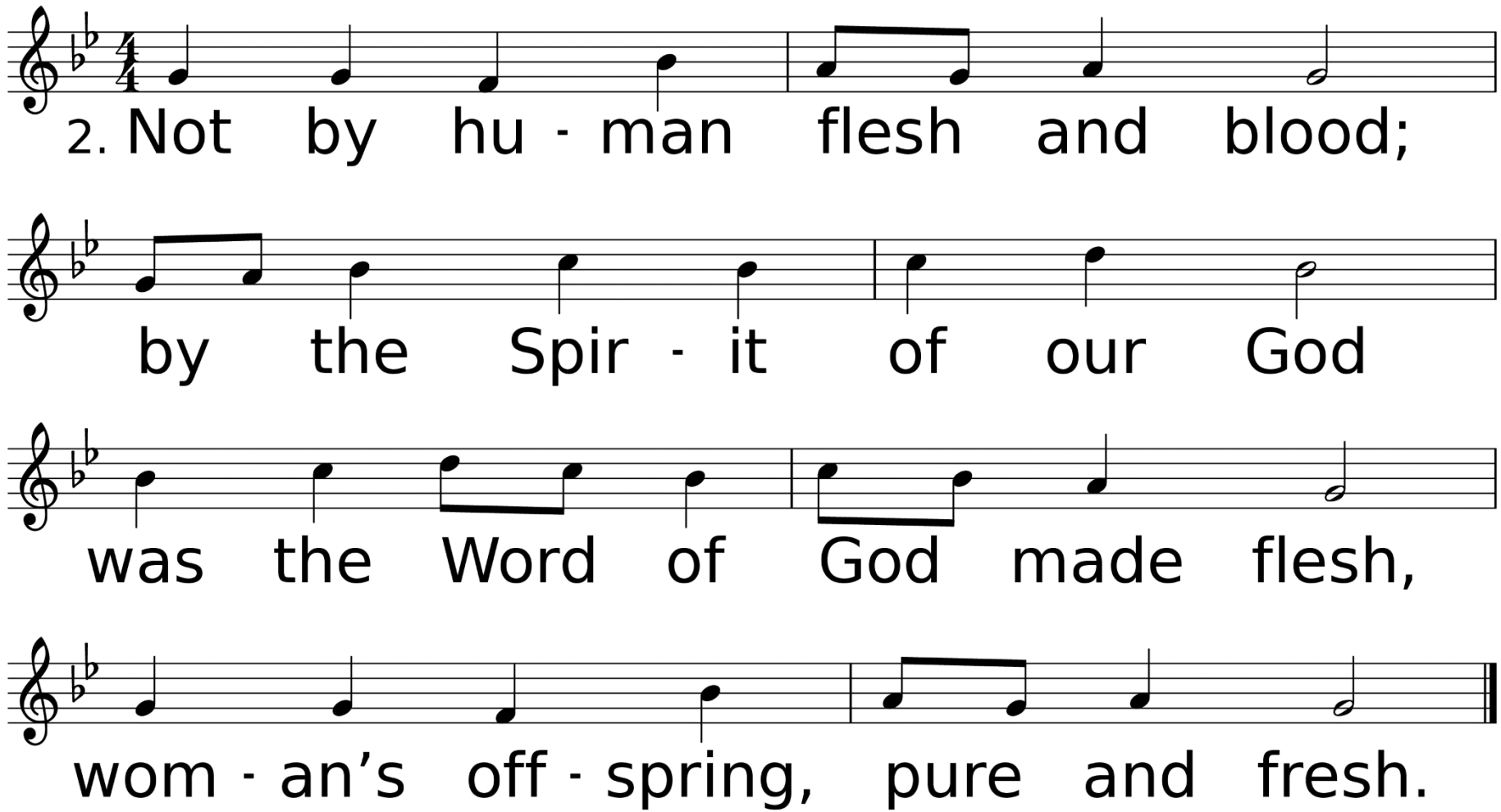
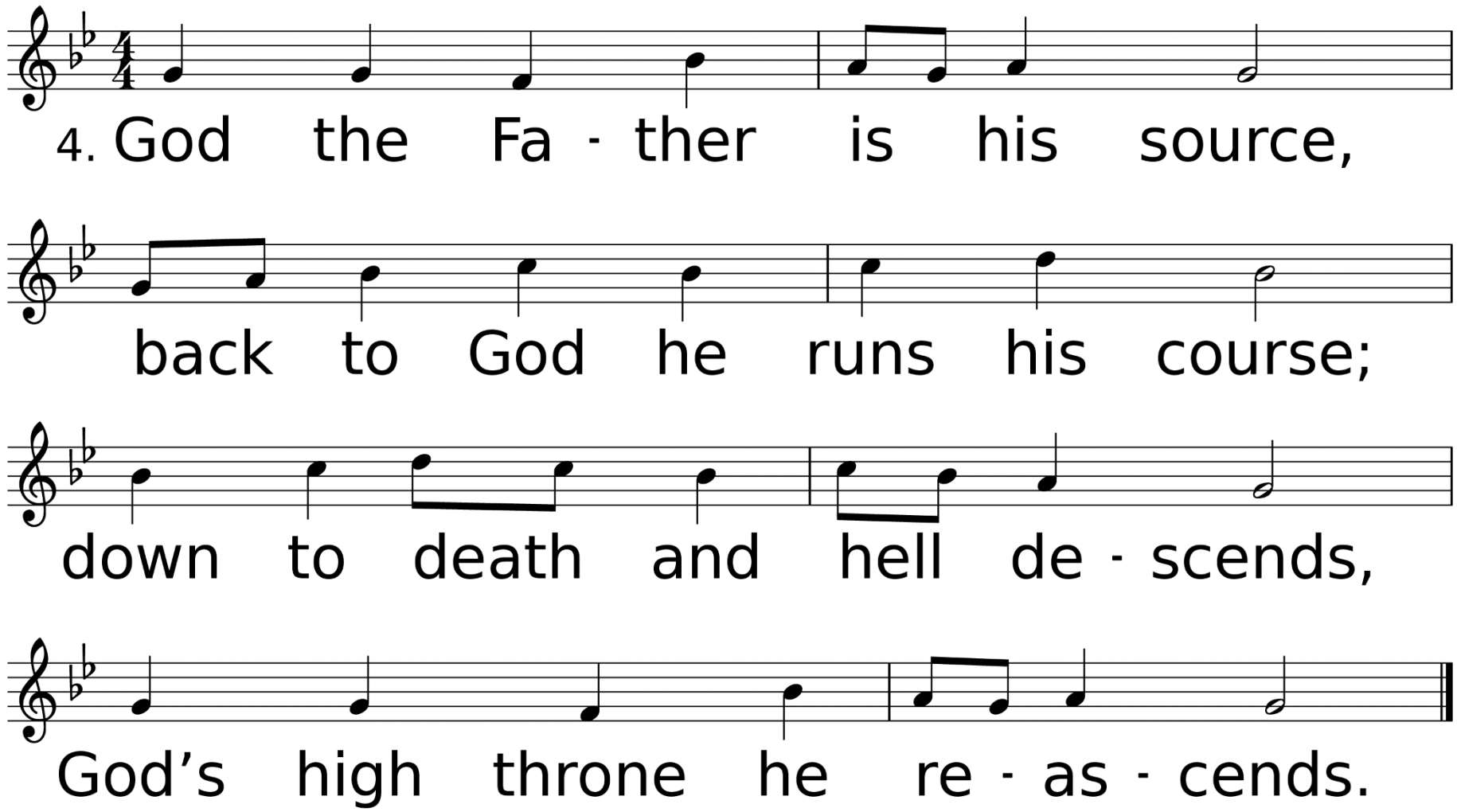

2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood;
by the Spir - it of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.


4. God the Fa - ther is his source,
back to God he runs his course;
down to death and hell de - scends,
God's high throne he re - as - cends.

Scripture Reading
Luke 1:1-33
Matthew 1:18-35

Luke 1:1-33

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God,

walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him,

Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God;

and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David;

and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:

and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,

Because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”

(which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had
commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not
consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

“The Generosity of God’s Love Through Zacharia & Elizabeth and Mary & Joseph”

Rev. Laraine Waughtal

*Hymn of Invitation

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#196

Words by: Charles Wesley

Music by: Rowland H. Prichard

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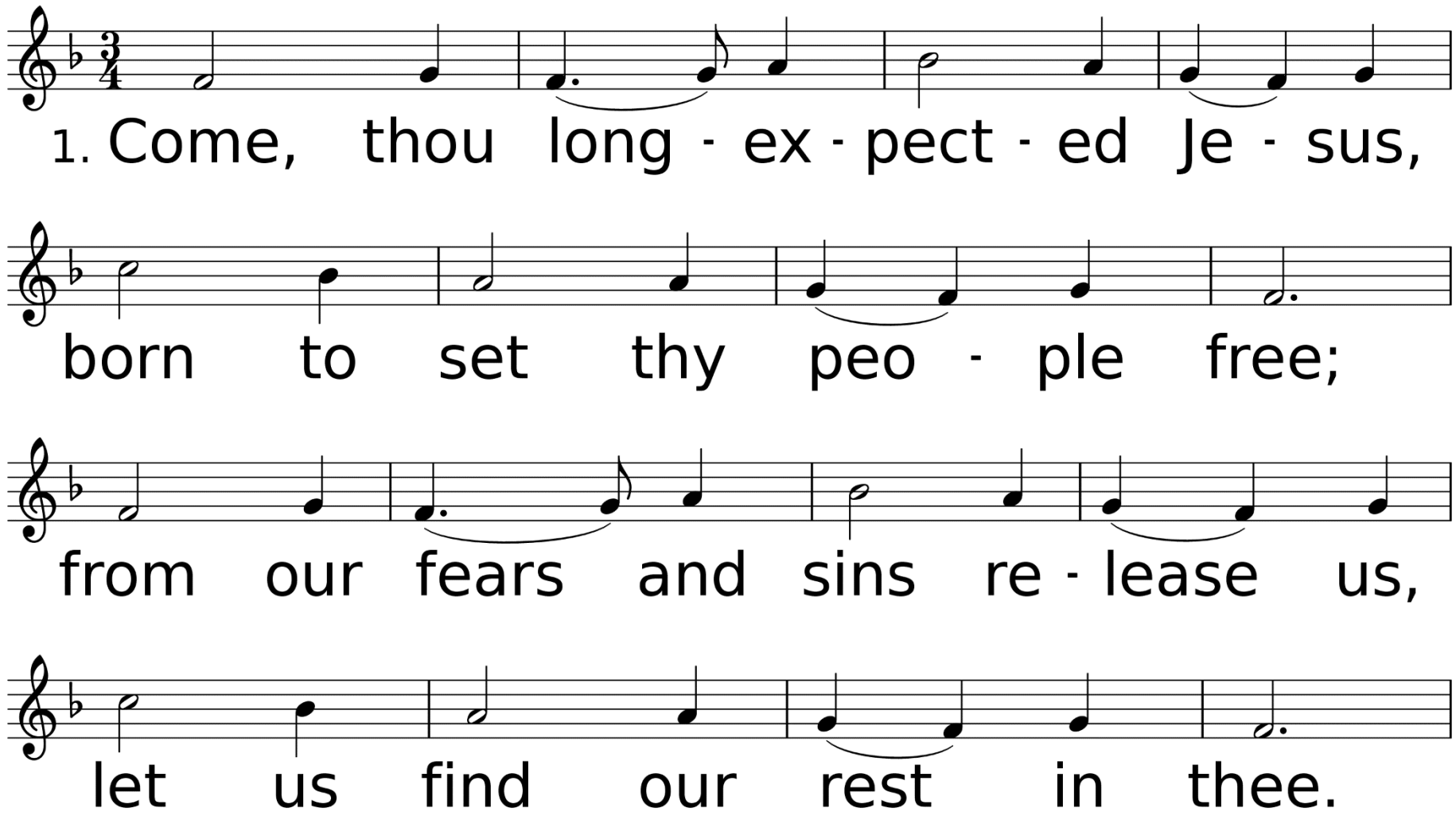

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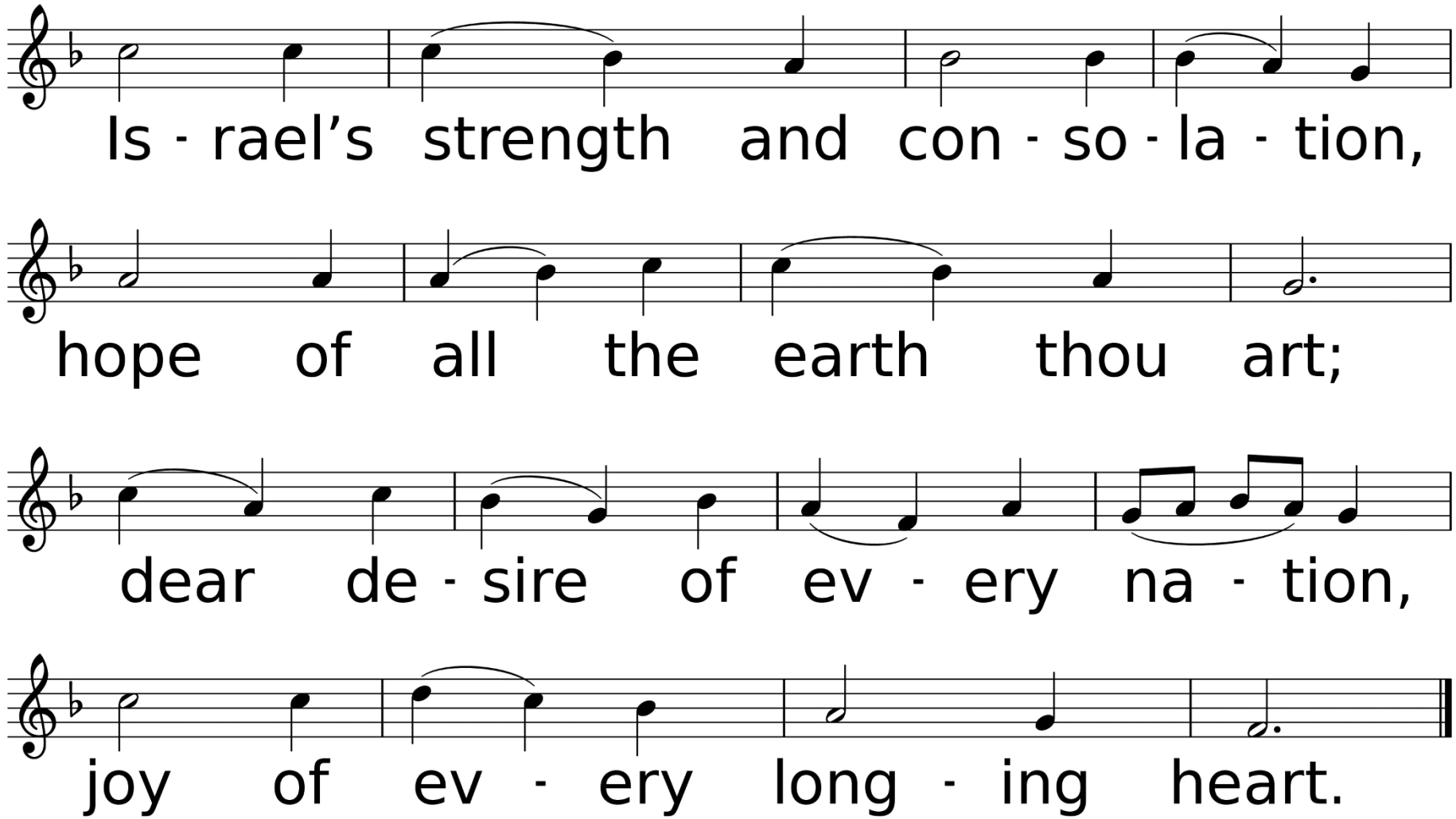
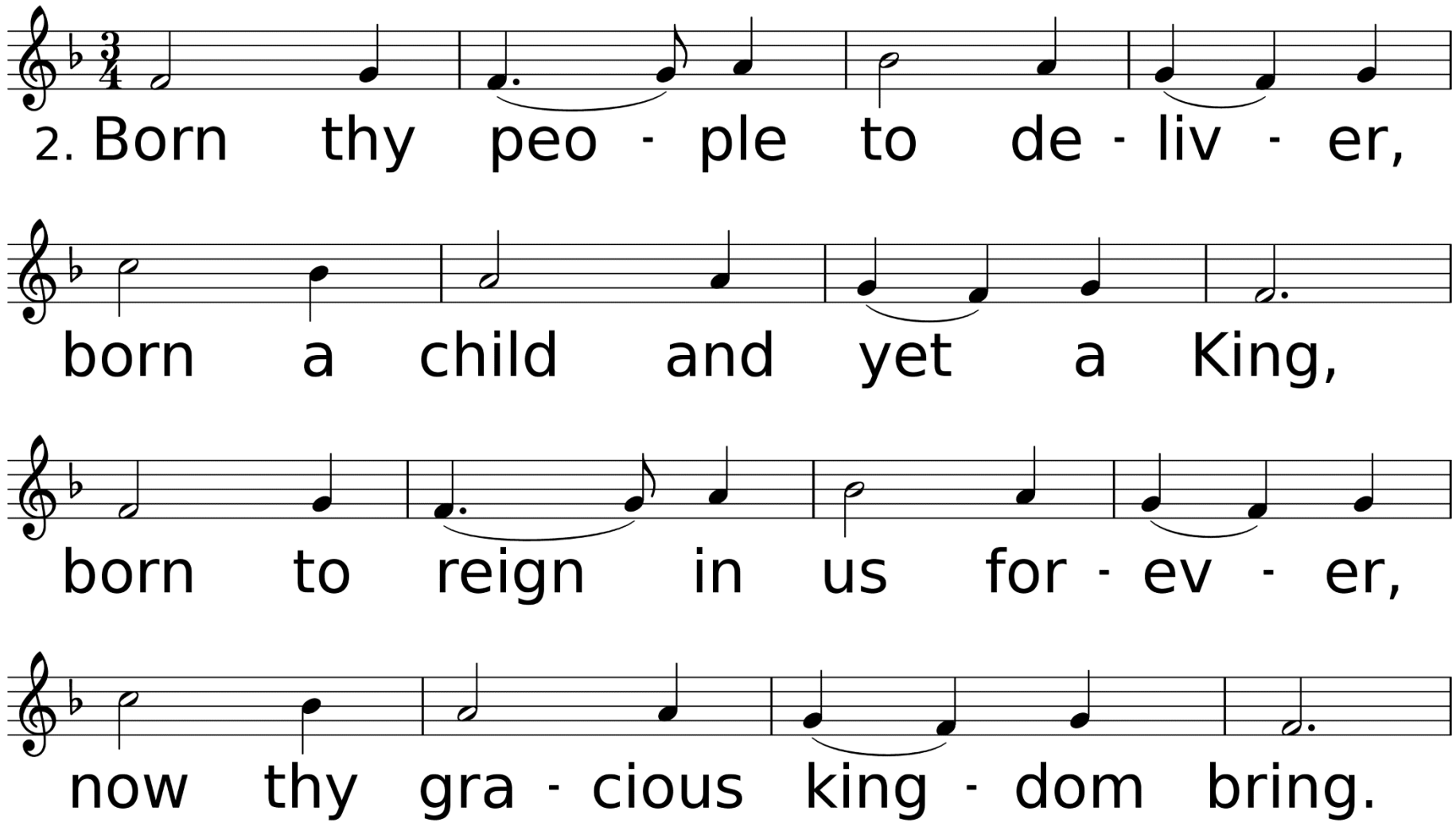
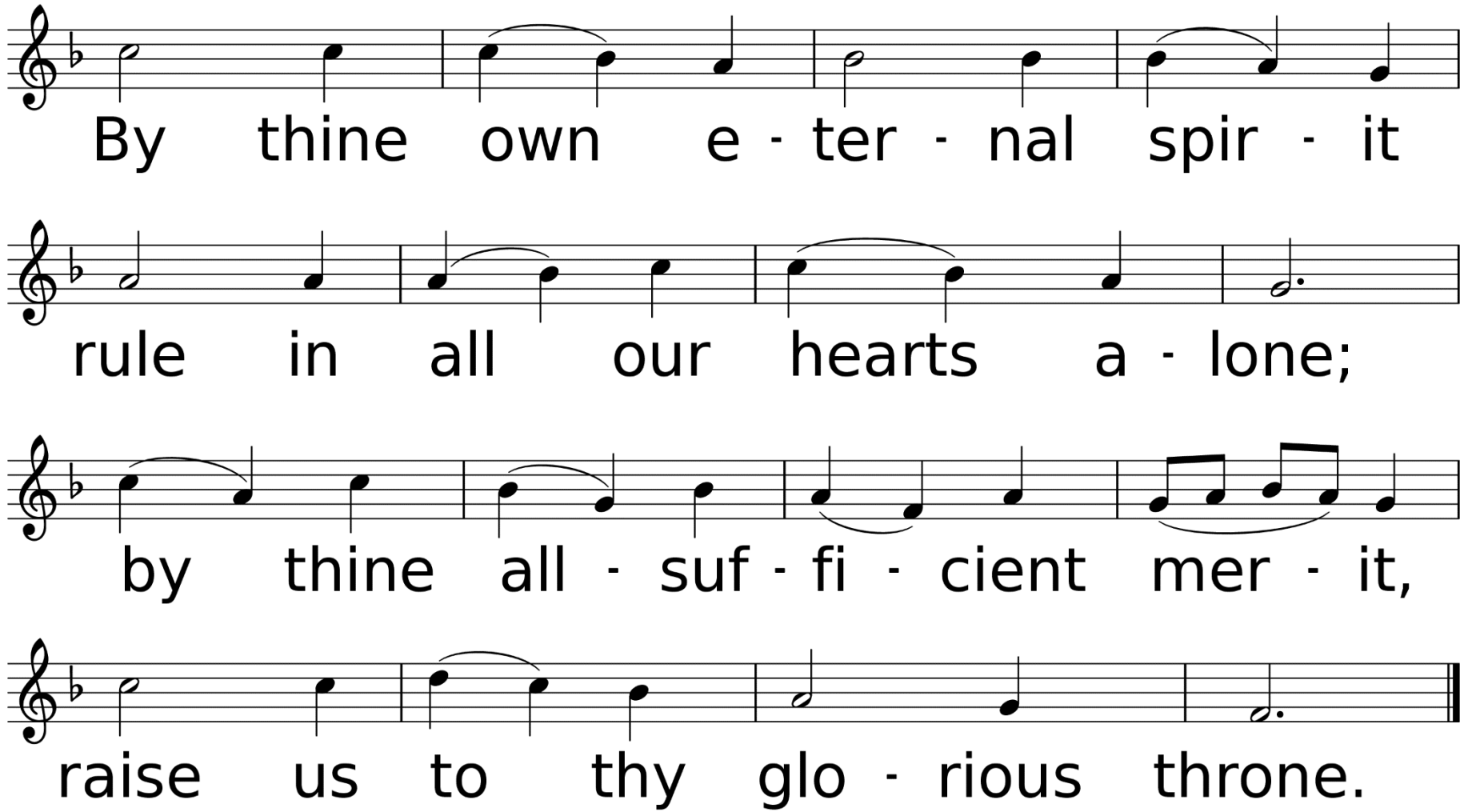

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion,
joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.


2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us for - ev - er,
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.


By thine own e - ter - nal spir - it
rule in all our hearts a - lone;
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,
raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*Benediction

*Sending Forth *Angels We Have Heard on High*

#238, v 1

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Harm. By Austin C. Lovelace
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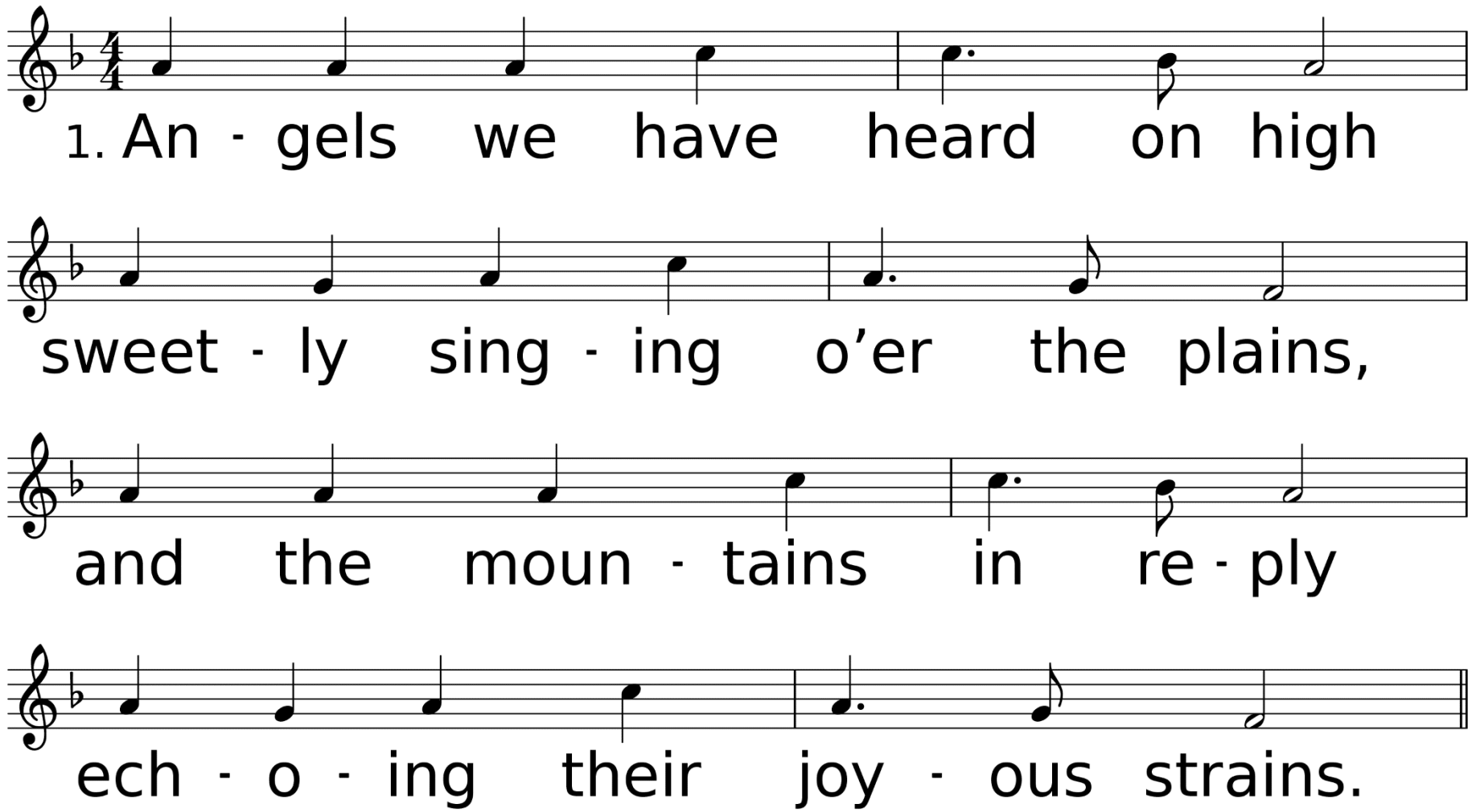

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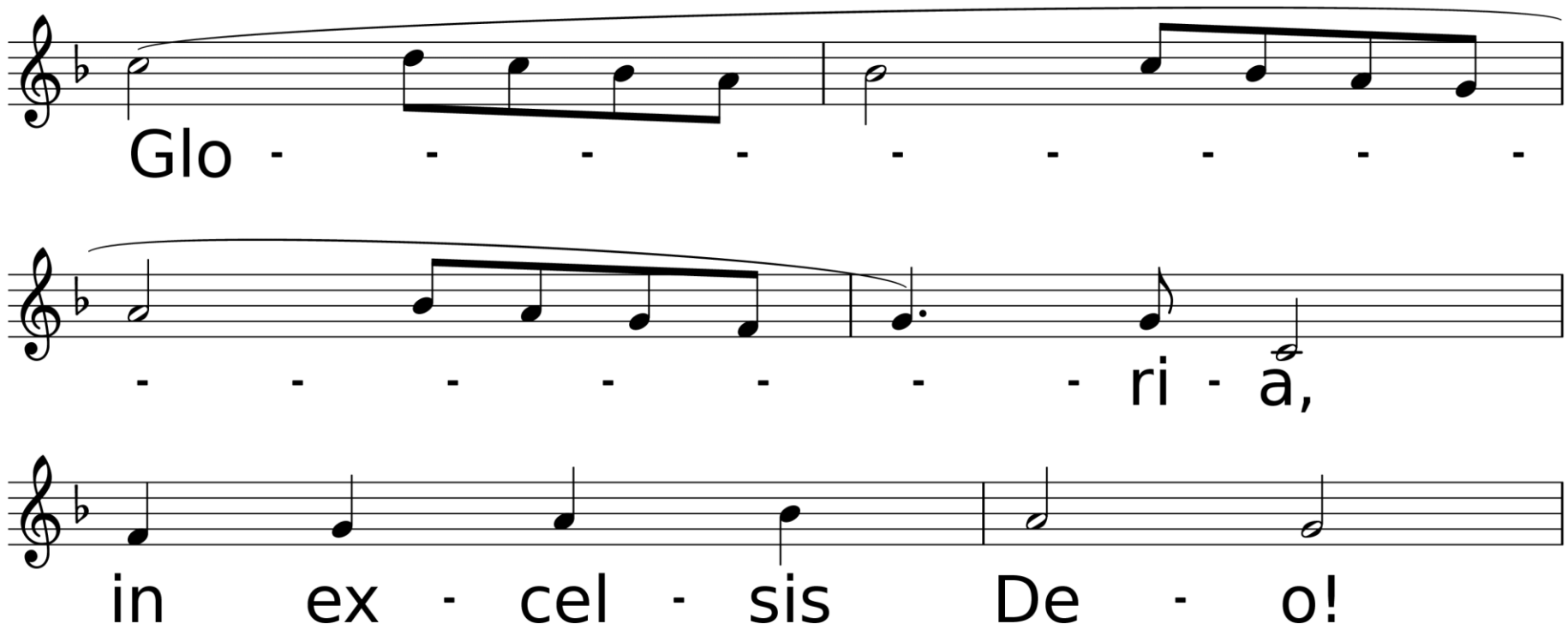
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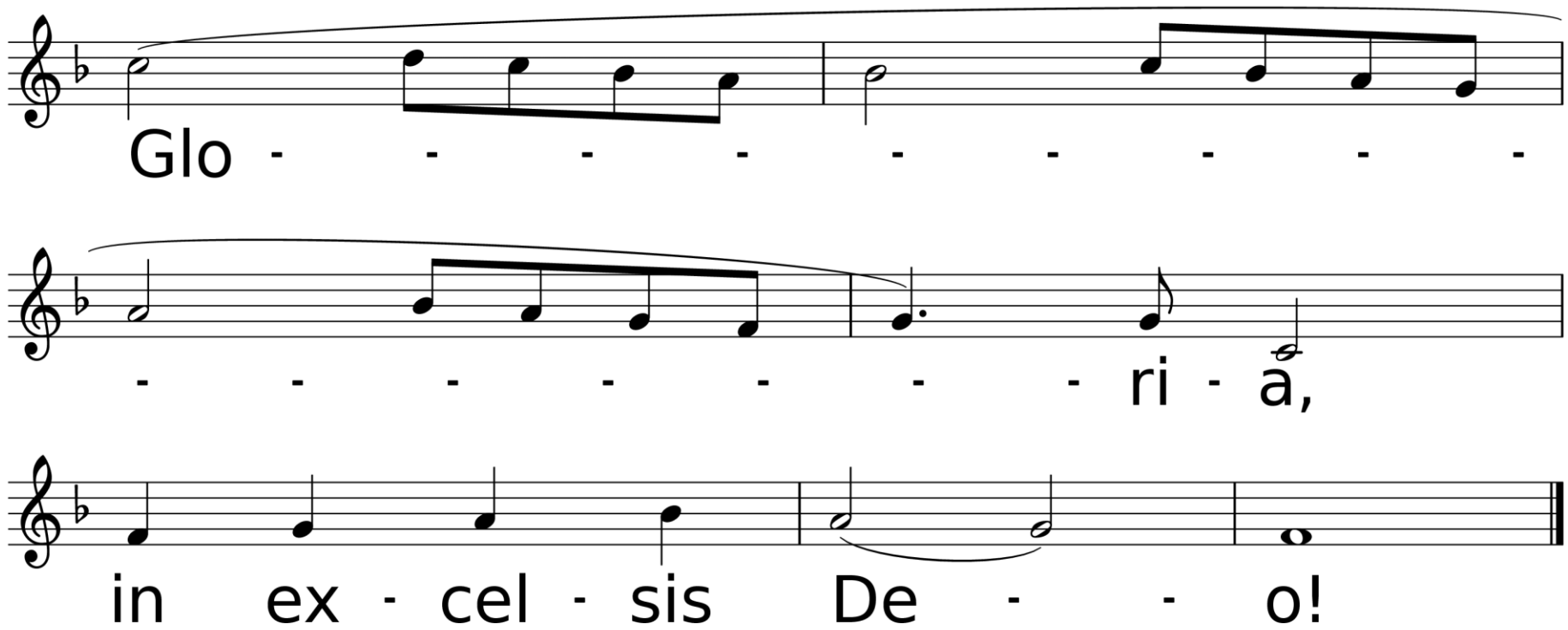
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