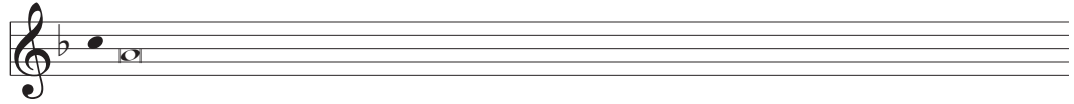
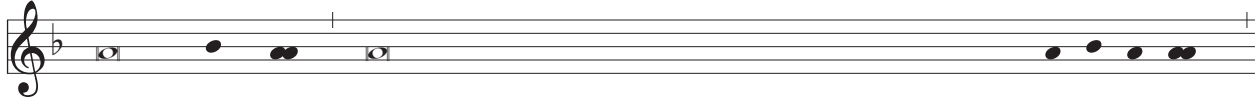


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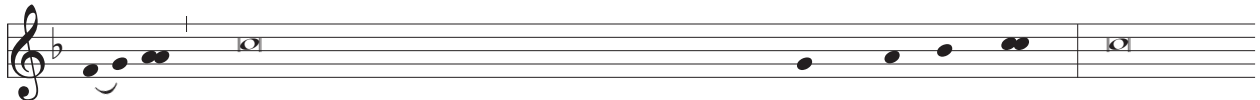
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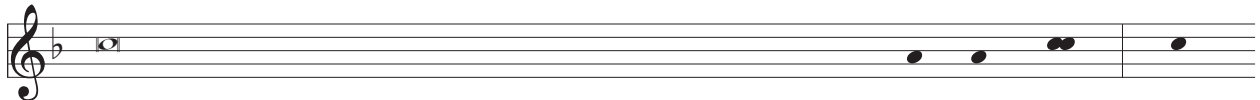
ow after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of



Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,



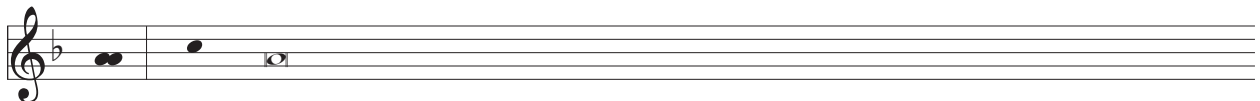
saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we



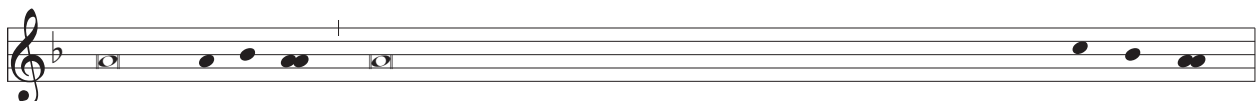
have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When



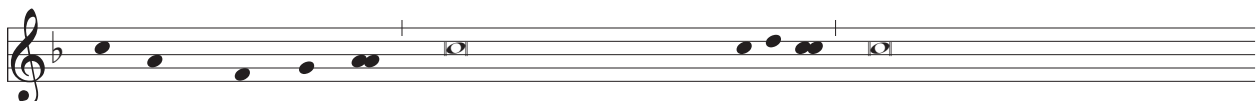
Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with



him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the



people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.



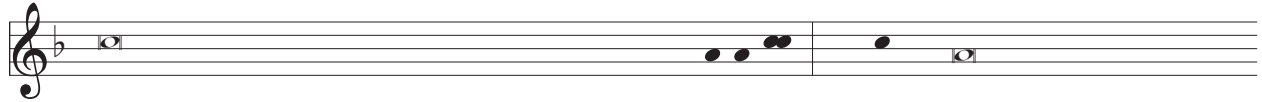
So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written



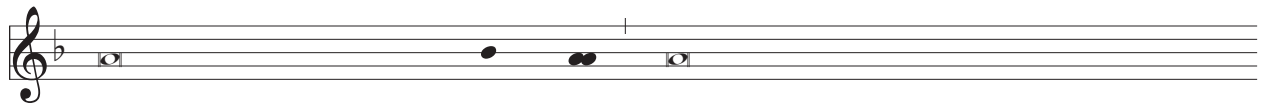
by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not



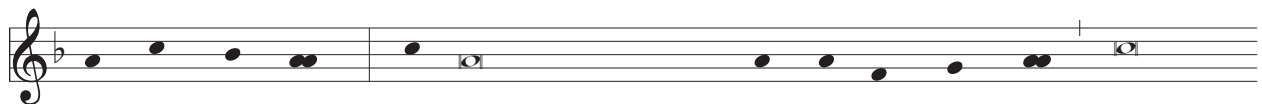
the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a



Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.” Then Herod, when he



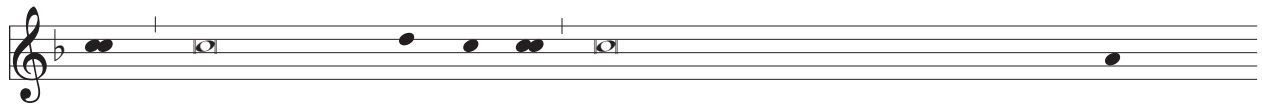
had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time



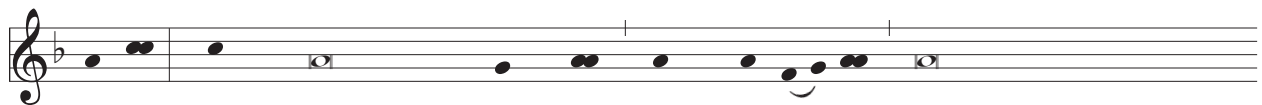
the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go



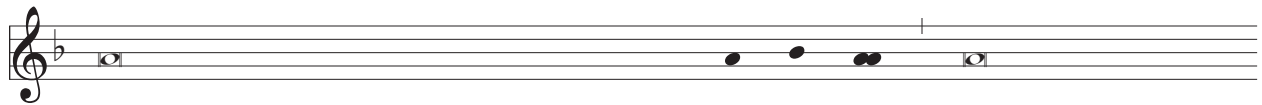
and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found



Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him



also.” When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star



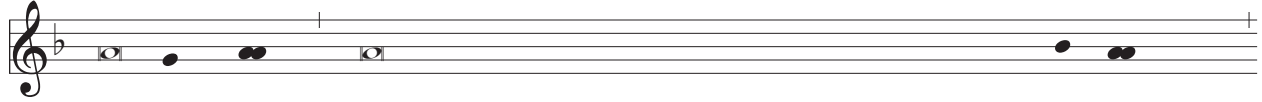
which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and



stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star,



they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come



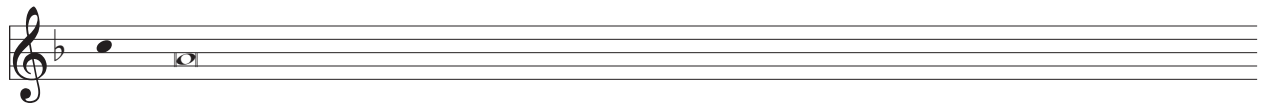
into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother,



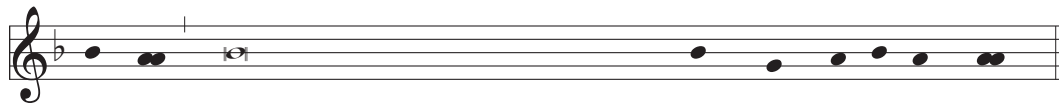
and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their



treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to



Herod, they departed for their own country another way.