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Warton's Hist. of P III 190

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**The Actes of**

the Apostles, translated into Englyshe Metre, and dedicated to the Kynges moste excellent Maiestye, by Christofer Tye, Doctor in Divyke, and one of the Gentylnen of hys graces moste honourable Chappell, wyth notes to eche Chapter, to synge and also to play upon the Lute, very necessarye for studentes after theyr studye,

to fyle theyr wyttes, and also

for all Christians that cannot synge, to reade

the good and Godlye storyes of the lynes of Christ hys Apostles.

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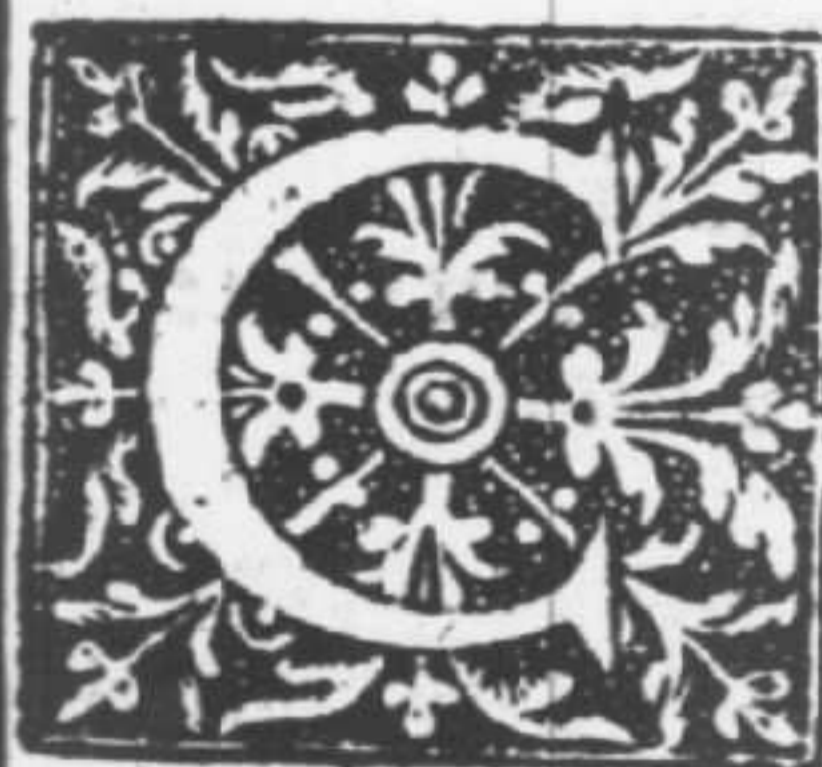
If God to rule, do thee elect  
Pryde not thy selfe therein  
As one of thyne, be in effect  
Thy people so to wyne.

Let care for them, be thy repast  
That wysedome be their choyse  
And when thy dutye, done thou hast  
Syt downe wjth them reioyce.

Of honour then, receyue the crowne  
In wysedome to excell  
For wisdom, wynneth great renowne  
Whych doth become thee well.

Hynder not Musyke.

**T**O the Vertuous and  
Godlye learned Prynce, Edwarde  
the. vi. by the grace of God, King of Eng-  
lande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defendour  
of the Fayth, and on earth next and imme-  
diatly vnder Christe, of the Churches of  
England and Irelande the Supreme head,  
your graces humble. lounge, and obedi-  
ent seruaunte Christofer Tyc, wytheth the  
continuance of God hys feare to dwell  
in your graces heart, longe to raygne  
in muche honoure, health,  
wealthe and vic-  
torye.



Onsydrynge well,  
most godly King  
The zeale and per-  
fecte loue:  
Your grace both beare,  
to eche good thyng  
That geuen is from  
aboue.

And that your grace, oft tymes doth looke  
To learne of the last dape:  
The whiche ye fynde, with in gods booke  
That wpll not passe awaye.

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whose

## The Preface.

Whose booke is geuen, in these your dayes  
Wherin ye do reioyce:  
And eke prayse hym, in al his wayes  
And that with thankfull boyce.

Which doth make glad, your subiectes all  
And moueth them to learne:  
Gods lyuelie worde, and how they shal  
The truthe therby discearne.

Beholde O Kynge, of God electe  
And ye shall right well se:  
That as your highnes, is affect  
So wyll your Subiectes be.

Your grace may note, frō tyme to tyme  
That some doth vnder take:  
Vpon the Psalmes, to wyte in tyme  
The verse pleasaunt to make.

And some doth take, in hande to wyte  
Out of the booke of Kynge:  
Because they se, your grace delyste  
In suche like Godlye thynges.

And last of all, I your pooze man  
Whose doinges are full base:  
Yet glad to do, the best I can  
To geue vnto your grace

## The Preface.

Haue thought it good, nowe to rewyte  
The stoyes of the Actes:  
Euen of the twelue, as Luke doth wyte  
Of all their worthy factes.

Vnto the text, I do not ad  
Noz nothyng take awaye  
And though my style, be grosse and bad  
The truthe perceyue you maye.

Your Maiestye, is not to teache  
The apostles wordes are playne:  
With ynkyorne termes, they dyd not preache  
But sought an easye waye. (the

Playnely to speake, their maisters wyll  
The people to instruct:  
That they their callinge, myght fulfill  
In truthe them to conduct.

Prayinge your grace, not to thynke now  
That I do condescende:  
The pleasaunt style, to disalow  
But do it much commende.

But he that shal, of scripture treat  
If he wyll please God well:  
Of force he must, such termes forgeat  
The truthe playnely to tell.

## The Preface.

My Ignorance, thus to excuse  
I haue my mynde exprest:  
I trust your grace, wyl not refuse  
To make of it the best.

And yf your grace, shall in good part  
My symple worke so take:  
My wyttes to this, I will conuert  
All vayne thinges to forsake.

My callinge is, another waye  
Your grace shall here in synde:  
By notes set forth, to synge or playe  
To recreate the mynde.

And thoughte they be, not curious  
But for the letter mete:  
Ye shall them synde, harmonious  
And eke pleasaunt and swete.

That such good thiges, your grace might  
Your lute when ye assaye: (moue  
In stede of songes, of wanton loue  
These stozies then to playe.

So shall your grace, please God & Lozde  
In walkynge in hys waye:  
His lawes and statutes, to recorde  
In your heart nyght and daye.

And

## The Preface.

And eke your realme, shall dozythe wyll  
No good thyng shall decaye:  
Your subiectes shall, with right good wyll  
These wordes recorde and saye.

Thy lyfe O Kynge, to vs doth shyne  
As Gods boke doth thee teache:  
Thou dost vs fede, with suche doctrine  
As Christes elect dyd preache.

The luyng God, graunt thee to raygne  
In great honour and wealth:  
Thy vertuous life, good Lozde mayntayne  
And sende thee prosperous health.

Thy dere Sytters, the spzite them leade  
To loue the worde of God:  
Whiche shall them stande, in better steade  
Then doth their whole liuelod.

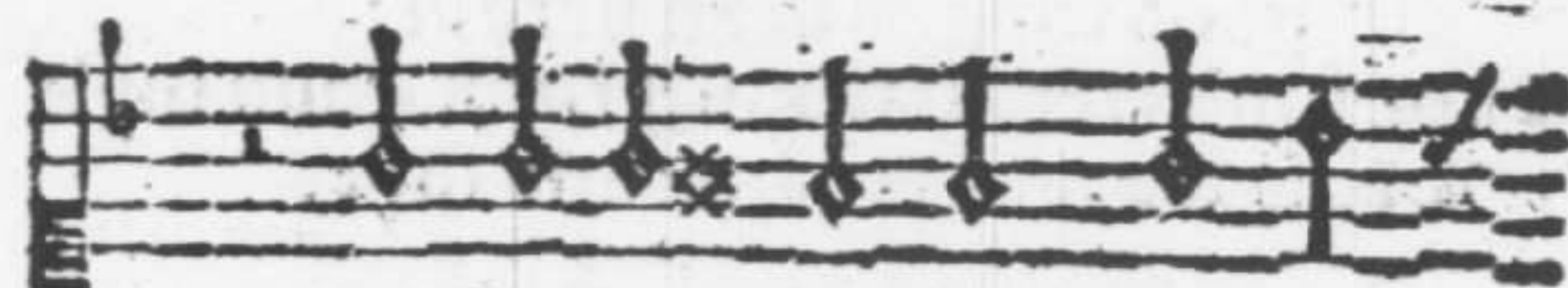
Thy whole counsaile, the Lozde preserve  
And graunt to man and wyfe:  
To craue of hym, not ones, to swarue  
From hys swete worde of lyfe. Amen.

CHRIST dyd ascende, vp in to heauen  
As ye shall after reade:  
Mathias vvas, of the eleuen  
Electe in Iudas steade.

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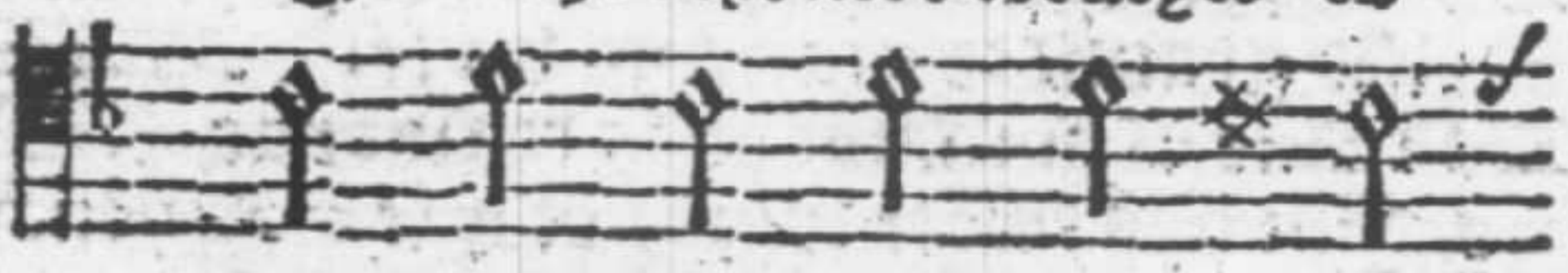
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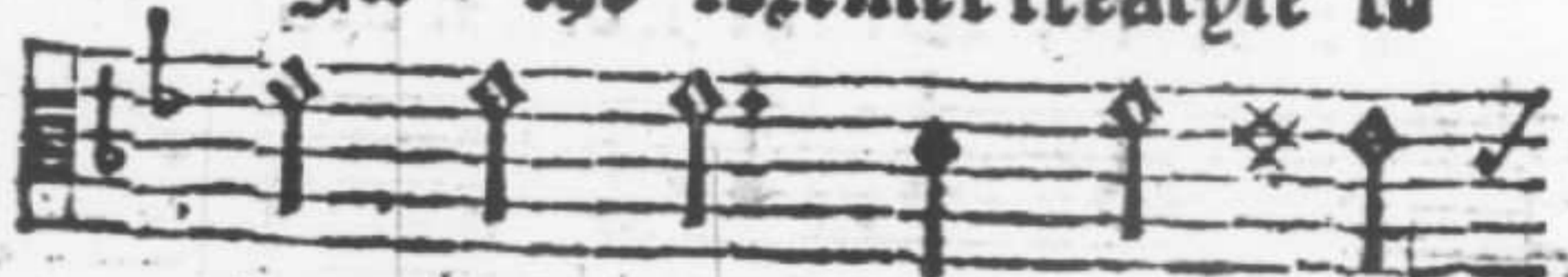


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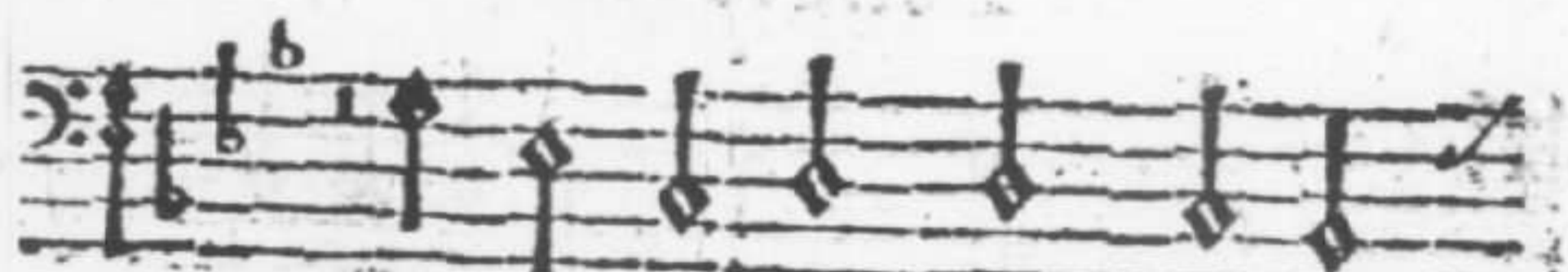
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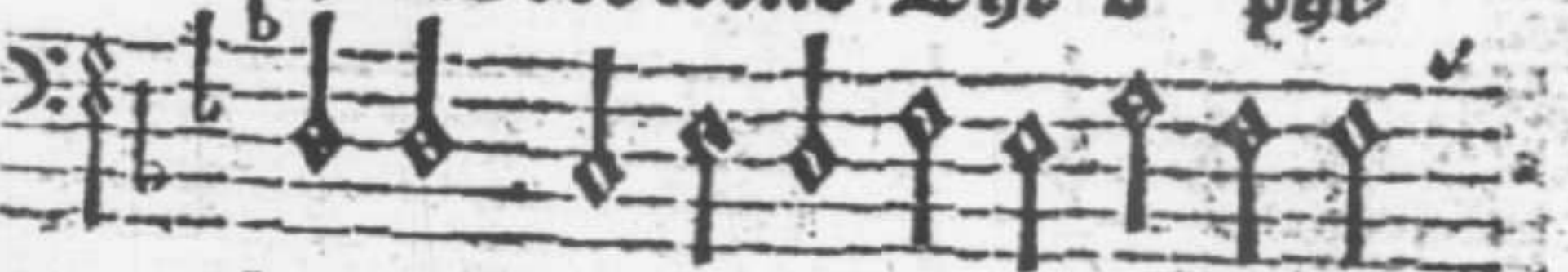
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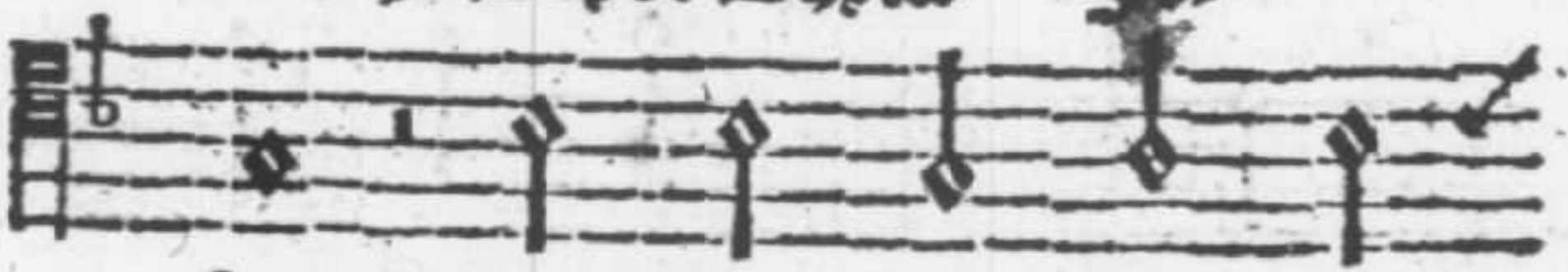
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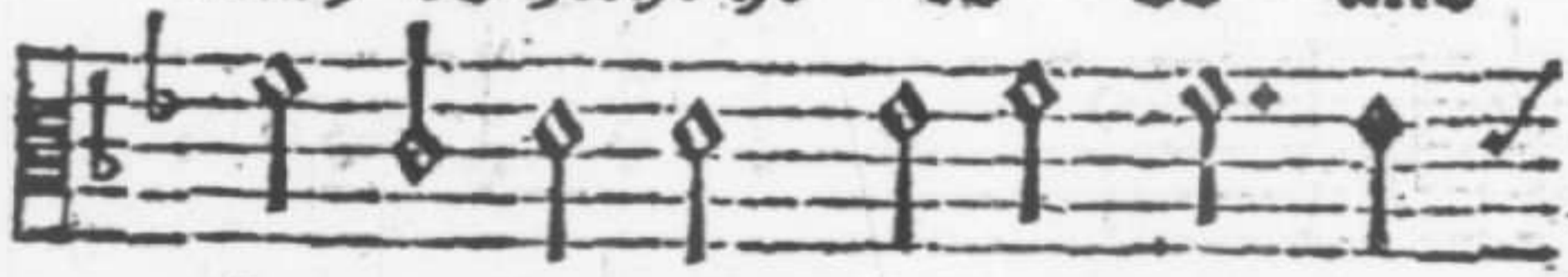
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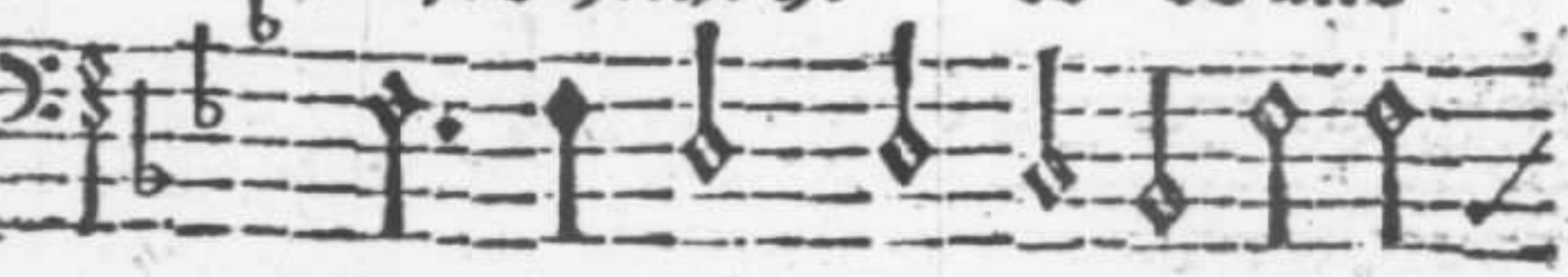
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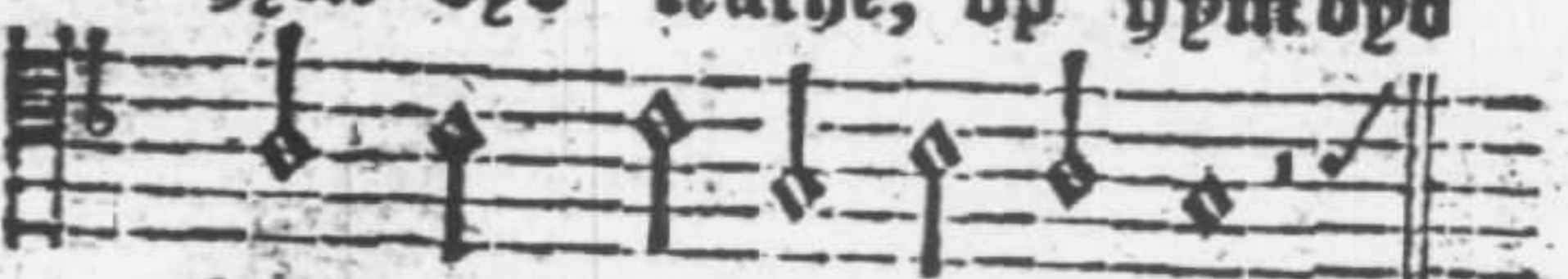
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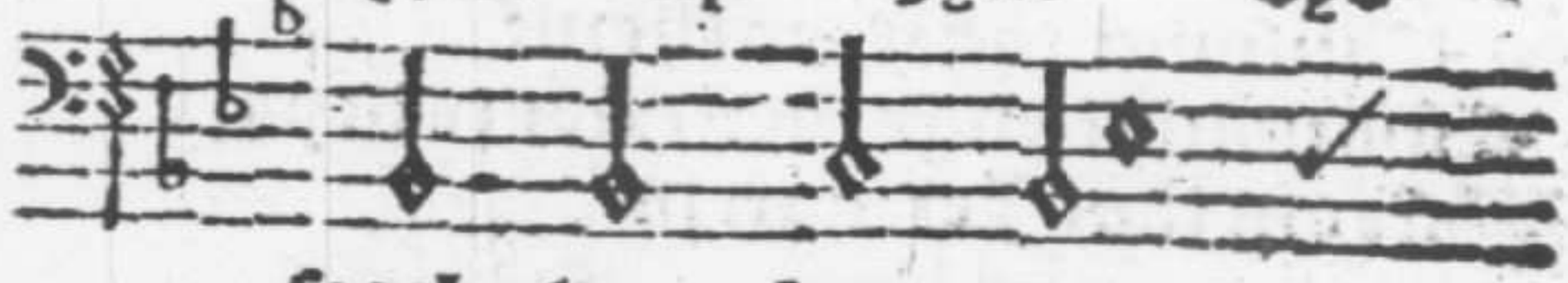


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## The .j. Chapter.

**I**n the former, treatyse to thee  
Deare frende Theophilus:  
I haue written, the verite  
Of the Lorde Christ Jesus.

Whiche he to do, and eke to teache  
Began vntyll the daye:  
In whiche the spzite, vp byd hym teache  
To dwell aboue for aye.

After that he, had power to do  
Euen by the holy ghost:  
Commandementes, then he gaue vnto  
His chosen leaft and moost.

To whome also, him selfe byd shew  
From death thus to reuue:  
By tokens playke, vnto his few  
Euen fortye dayes aloue.

Speaking of Gods, kyngdom w<sup>th</sup> heart  
Chusynge together them:  
Commandynge them, not to depart  
From that Jerusalem.

But styl to wayte, on the promys  
Of hys father the Lorde:  
Of whiche ye haue, hearde me oz thys  
Vnto you make recozde.

For

## The .j. Chapter.

For John with water, byd baptyse  
But ye shall baptist be:  
Euen with the spzite, that is ryghtwysse  
Within fewe dayes trust me.

When they were then, all hym befoze  
They moued hym to tell:  
If at that tyme, he woulde restore  
The kyngdome to Israell.

He sayde to them, I do recozde  
The knowledge is not pouer:  
To know the tymes, that God the Lorde  
Hath kept in hys owne power.

The holpe ghost, receyue shall ye  
Whiche shall teache you to do:  
And ye shall all, my wytnes be  
Jerusalem vnto.

In all Iury, and Samarye  
To wytnes I you sende:  
And preache my woerde, that shall carye  
Euen vnto the worldes ende.

When he had sayde, these wordes aloude,  
Whyle they behelde the lyght:  
He was bytake, into a cloude  
Strayght way out of their syght.

And



## The .j. Chapter.

And while they loke, by stedfastly  
To heauen as he by went:  
Beholde two men, stode there them by  
And whyte was their garment.

Whiche sayd ye men, of Galile  
Wher ye gale ye by in dayne:  
Thys Jesus thus, by take from ye  
Shal thus come downe agayne.

Then dyd returne, eche one of them  
From Olivet the mounte:  
A iorney from, Jerusalem  
One Sabbath daye I counte.

When they came to, Jerusalem  
A parlare there was byght  
Wher dyd abyde, eche one of them  
That I wyll nowe recyght.

Peter and James, John and Andrew  
Philip and eke Thomas:  
Bartylmeue James, Symon Mathew:  
Judas that James sonne:

These all abode, with one accord  
In supplicacion styll:  
And dyd desyre, of God the Lorde  
Thys promyse to fulfill.

## The .j. Chapter.

And women that, were vertuous  
Wher they to heauen dyd calle  
Besydes the mother, of Jesus  
And eke hys byethzen all.

In those dayes Peter, stode by stouthe  
Emyds them all trulye:  
To bewe the names, which was aboute  
An hundreth and twentye.

And sayde ye byethzen, the scripture  
Muste nedes fulfilld be:  
Whiche David by, the spyrte so pure  
Of Judas dyd foresee.

Whiche dyd gide them, that toke Jesus  
To hys confusion sure:  
Who numbred was, for one of us  
In ministracion pure.

And nowe he hath, possess the grounde  
Of great iniquite:  
Dispayze hath driuen, hym to confounde  
Hys lyfe vpon a tre.

The brast in two, the myddle aboute  
Hys bodye was so swabone:  
Hys bowels all, they gushed oute  
As it is ryght wel knowen.

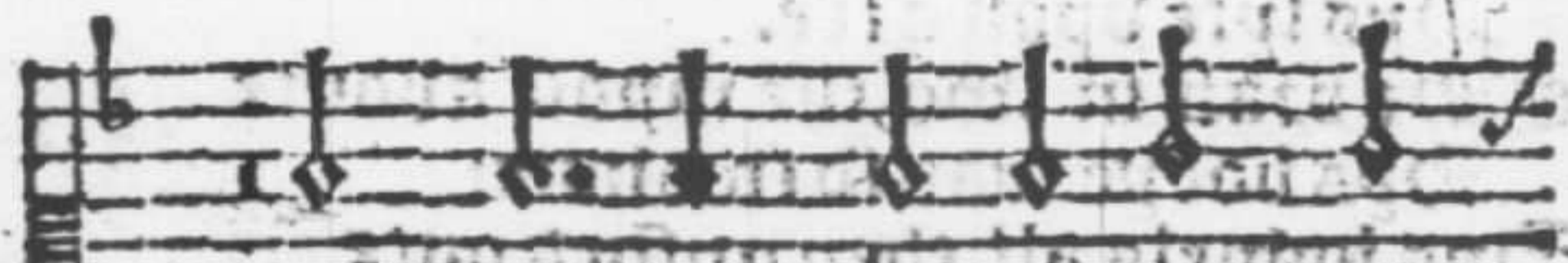
The dwellers at, Jerusalem  
Doth cal the felde thys day:  
Acheldama, the which with them  
The blode felde is to say.

The boke of psalmes, doth thus declare  
Wher dyd hys swabing place:

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Another shall, even for his share  
 His byshoppe embrace:  
 Wherfore of these, the which with vs  
 Hath bene in companie:  
 At all suche tymes, as Christ Jesus  
 Went in and out vs by.  
 Even from the first, baptisme of John  
 Till Christ went vp certayne:  
 To witnes we, must ordayne one  
 Of Christes rpsynge agayne.  
 And they right soone, appoynted two  
 Joseph hight Barsabas:  
 whose surname was, Justus also  
 The other Mathias.  
 They prayd & sayd, thou Lord canst tase  
 All heartes and them discus:

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when that the fiftye daye was

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The .j. Chapter.

Whiche of these two, shewe that thou hast  
 Beuen felowshyp with vs.  
 That one may exercise, the place  
 Of ministracion well:  
 Thapostle thyp, from whiche Judas  
 By his transgression fell.  
 And they gaue forth, their lots to spede  
 Which wrought by power from heauen:  
 Mathias was, elect in dede  
 And went with the eleuen.

THE commynge of, the holy ghost  
 Peter dyd preache in dede:  
 Even at Ierusalem, vwhere most  
 The faythfull dyd encrease.

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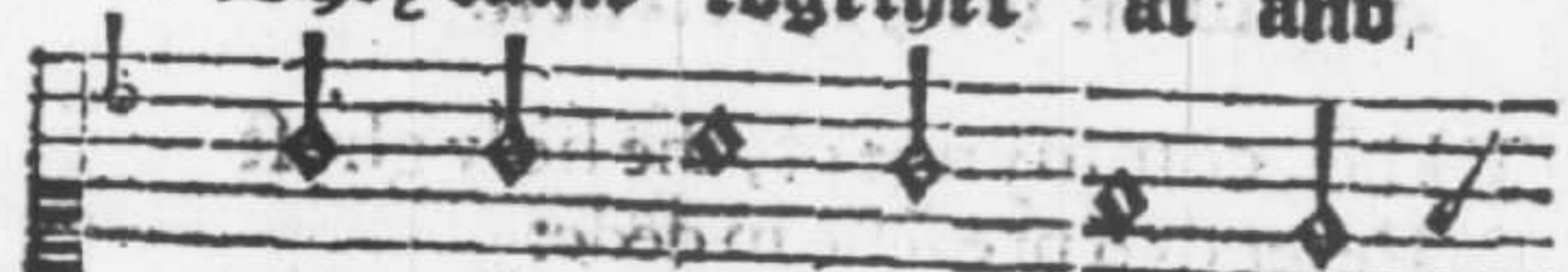
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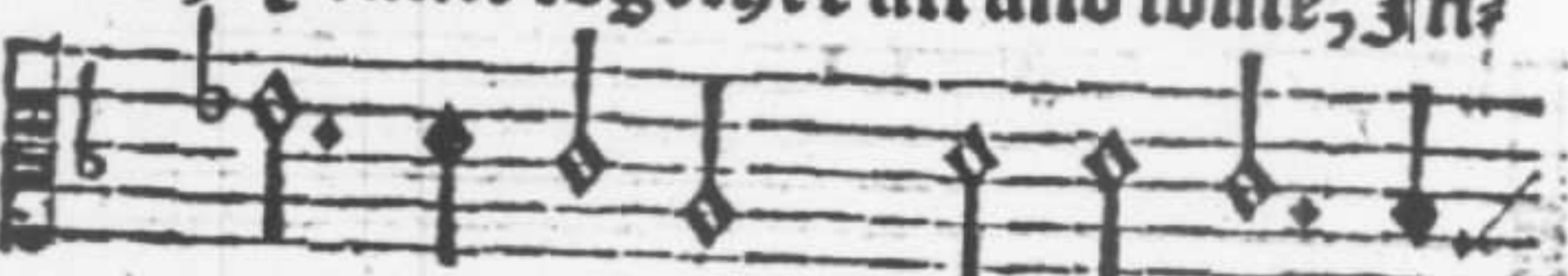
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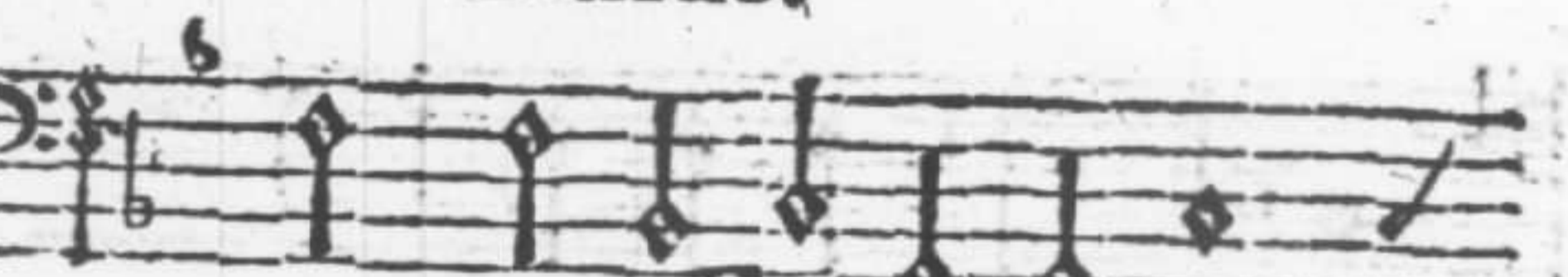


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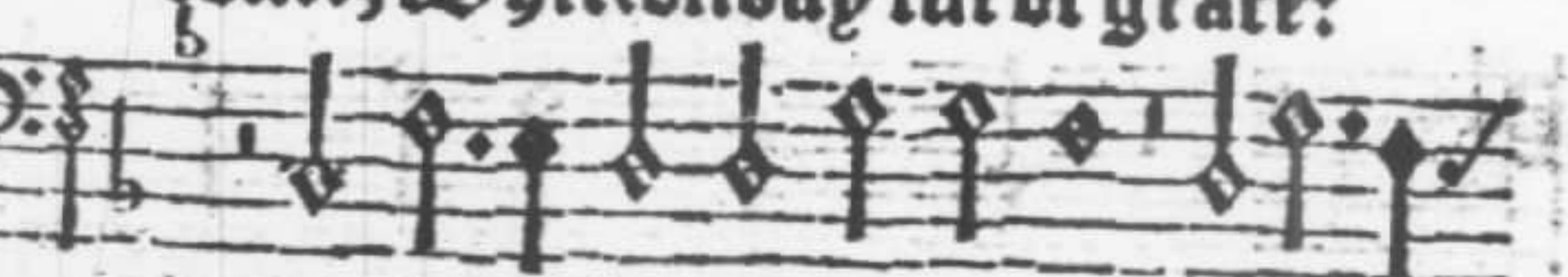


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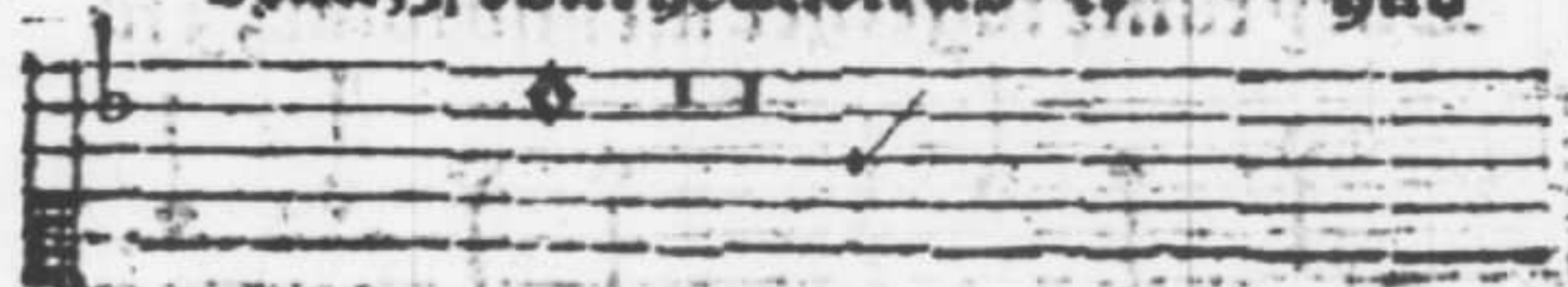
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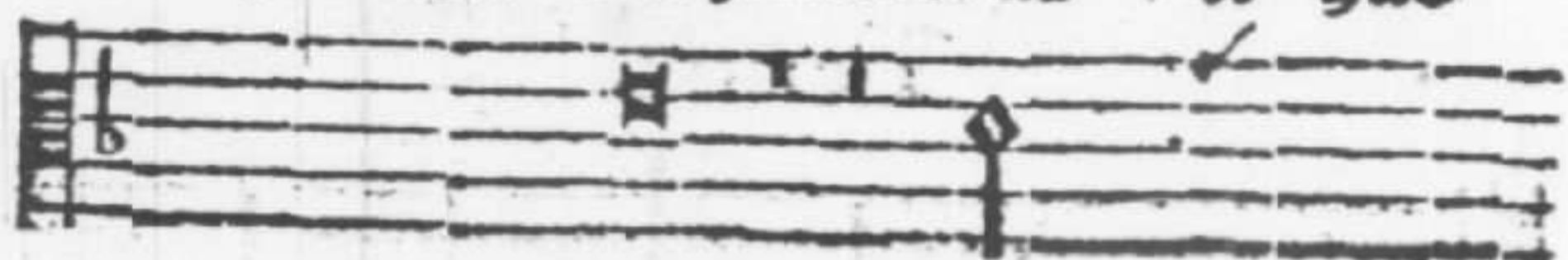
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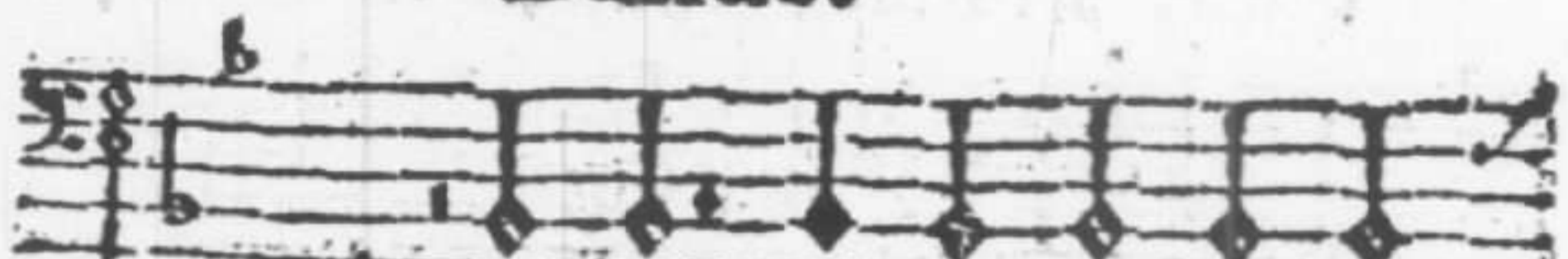


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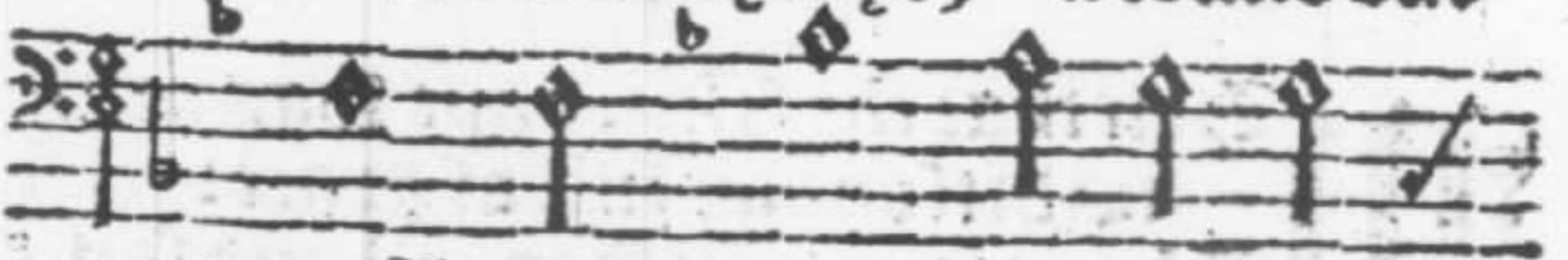


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The commynge of a myghtye



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blasse, fylling the house with



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**W**hen that the fifty, daye was come  
to thissonday full of grace:  
They came together, all and some  
In to a certayne place.  
And todaylpe, a sounde out bzaſte  
From heauen as it had bene:  
The commynge of, a mighty blasse  
Fylling the house with dene.

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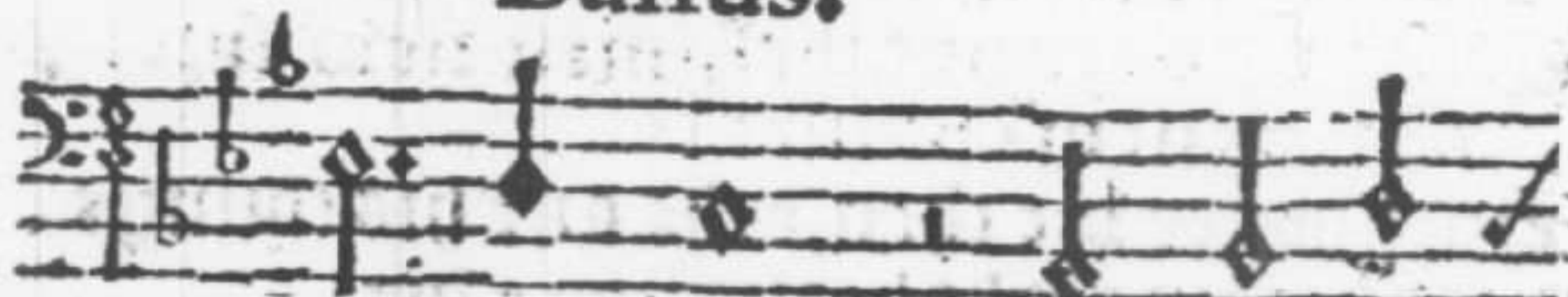


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Clouen toungeſ dyd, to them appeare  
Lyke as they had bene fyre:  
And ſat vpon them, enery where  
To ſullyll their deſyre.  
The holpe ghoſt, dyd them aduance  
To toungeſ ryght wyſe and ſage:  
Euen as the ſpzyt, gaue vtteraunce  
So changed their language.

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And

## The.ij. Chapter.

And there dwelt at, Jerusalem  
Jewes that feared the Lorde:  
Of every contrey, some of them  
That came to beare recozde.  
Now whā this voyce, came thus to pas  
The multitude dyd moze:  
They came together, where it was  
And were amased soze.  
For every one, heard his owne tounge  
That he had bled longe:  
They wondzed all, bothe olde and younge  
And sayde them selues amonge:  
Beholde are not, these men new sprong  
Euen out of Galile:  
How heare we then, eche one his tounge  
Wherein right bozne wers we.  
Parthians, Medes, and Glammits  
Mesopotamians:  
And men of Turpe, Luke recytes  
wāyth Capadocians.  
The Pontans, and the Aspans  
Phrygi, and Pamphilie  
Of Egypt, and the Lybyans  
Dwellinge Sirene nere bye.  
Strañgers of Rome, Iues Proselitits  
Arabians sayde thus:  
They spake our tounge, which traly byts  
Of God the workes wondzus.  
They were amald & soze afrayde  
Wodzinge at this straunge syne:

And

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And other mocked, them and sayde  
They are full of newe wyne.  
Peter stode vp, the tructh to tell  
Straynyng his voyce to them:  
Of Jury and, to those that dwell  
Euen at Jerusalem.  
We thys wel knowne, vnto you all  
And with your eares heare saye:  
These are not droncke, as ye them call  
Thys thyrde houre of the dāye.  
But this is it, that spoken was  
Of the prophēt Joell:  
In the last dayes, shall come to pas  
Sayth God as I shall tell.  
I wyll powze out, sayth God the Lorde  
My spyryte vpon all feshē:  
Your sonnes and, daughters shall recozde  
Poungē men shall see thyngez freshe.  
Your olde men shall, dreme dzemes al:  
On my seruauntes wyll I: (wayes  
Powze out my sprite, euen in those dayes  
And they shall pzophery.  
Wonders in heauen, I wyll prouoke  
And on the earth great chaunge:  
Blode, fire and the, vapoure of smoke  
Whiche shal appeare right straunge.  
The Sunne shal turne, into darknes  
The Moone eke into blood:  
Before the dāye, of great Iustes  
The Lorde shall thynke it good.

And

## The. ij. Chapter.

And it shalbe, euen in those dayes  
Who so wpll mercy craue:  
And call vpon, the Lorde alwayes  
Doutles he wpll hym saue.  
Ye Israelites, be ye not desse  
But heare thys yf ye can:  
The Lorde Iesus, of Nazarethe  
Of God approued man.  
Amonge you was, miraculus  
Great wonders he dyd shoue:  
God wrought by hym, thinges wonderus  
Emidst of you ye knowe.  
Hym haue ye taken, by the handes  
To scourge him with a rod:  
After he was, geuen you in bandes  
By the foresyght of God.  
Ye haue hym crucifed, and sayne  
But God agayne him rayned:  
And loled hym, from deathe and payne  
In him styll to be prayned.  
Because it was, impossible  
To withstande his great myght:  
For Dauid whitch was, credible  
Dyd prophetic arpyght.  
I sawe God alwayes, befoze me  
He is on my ryght hande:  
That I shoulde neuer, moued be  
My heart dyd vnderstande.  
Great ioyes my heart, dyd fele in dede  
My tounge was glad also:

## The. ij. Chapter.

My death dyd lyue, without all drede  
In hope voyde of all wo.  
Because my soule, to make his mone  
In hell shall not left be:  
Ne yet suffer, the holpe one  
Corruption for to see.  
Thou hast of lyfe, thewed me the lyght  
With ioye my heart posselt:  
Euen with, thy countenaunce so bryght  
My soule is brought to rest.  
Ye men & bzythen, my wordes marke  
Let me speche frely haue:  
Euen of Dauid, the Patriarke  
For he lyeth dead in graue.  
And his sepulchre, doth remayne  
With vs vnto thys dave:  
No dout he was, a prophet playne  
And knewe what God dyd saye.  
Not onely saye, but also swere  
And in hys othe repeate:  
The frutes of hys, loynes shal prospere  
And syt vpon his seate.  
In that Christ in, the death shoulde rylse  
He ryght well sawe befoze:  
And sayde he shoulde, rylse by ryght wise  
And lyue for euermore.  
Hys soule shoulde not, be left in hell  
Hys death corrupt nought shall:  
God hath hym rayned, by right well  
Wherof we wytnes all.

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**S**yns now that he, by the right hande  
Of God exalted is:  
And by the Lorde, doth vnderstande  
The holy ghostes promys.  
**N**ow of hys wordes, ye knowe the ende  
As ye may heare and see:  
David to heauen dyd not ascende:  
But truly thus sayde he.  
**T**he Lorde vnto, my Lorde dyd saye  
Syt thou on my ryght hande:  
Untyll I make, thy foes to stave  
Thy fote on them to stande.  
**A**ll Israell, knowe thys certayne  
And therein to persist:  
The same Jesus, whome ye haue slayne  
God hath made Lorde and Christ.  
**W**hen they hearde this, their hearts did  
And sayde Peter vnto: (fall  
And eke to the, Apostles all  
Brethren what shall we do.  
**A**nd Peter sayde, to them repent  
And then Baptisme begynne:  
In Christ his name, by whom God sent  
Remission of synne.  
Ye shall receyue, the holy goost  
The promys so dyd fall:  
To you and yours, in every roost  
Such as the Lorde shall call.  
**T**he bare witness, of great comforte  
Exhortynge them eche one:

To

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To saue them from, thoutwarde sorre  
And generacion.

They that his preachinge, dyd embrace  
Were baptist euen throught out:  
There came to them, that day by grace  
Thre thousande soules about.

They dyd folowe, thapostles loze  
Doctrine and companye:  
Breakynge their breade, and euermoze  
In prayer certayne helpe.

And eke of every soule the sere  
Of God on them dyd fall:  
Wonders and sygnes, were shewed eche  
By the apostles all. (where

And such as dyd, beleue Gods wyll  
Together kept in bandes:  
To haue all thynges, in comen styll  
They solde their goodes and landes.

Departynge them, euen in the Lorde  
As every man had nede:  
Beinge daylye, with one actorde  
In the temple in dede.

In euerye house, the breade to parte  
Theis meate to eate aright:

with



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Worthy topt, and singlenes of hearts  
Praylinge the God of myght.

They had favour, with every one  
The Lorde added right fre:  
Unto the congregacion  
Suche as shoulde saued be.

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Peter & John, they take their



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Peter and John, they take their



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The contentes.

THE halter restored, is certayne  
Euen to hys perfecte strength:  
And Peter preched, Christ right playne  
As ye shall reade at lengthe.

Treble.



Peter & John, they take their way



The temple vp into: Aboute



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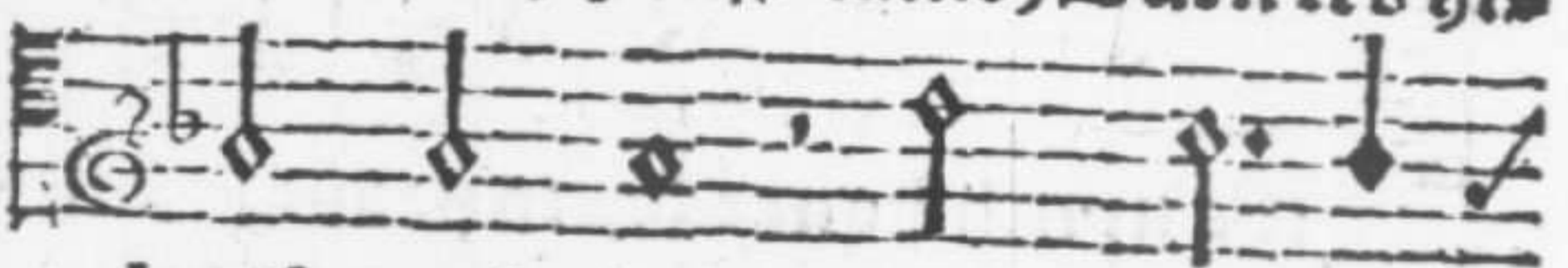
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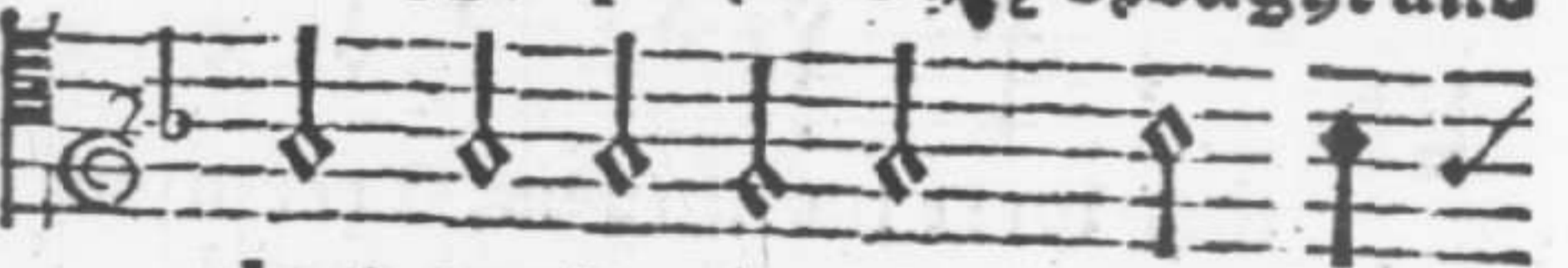
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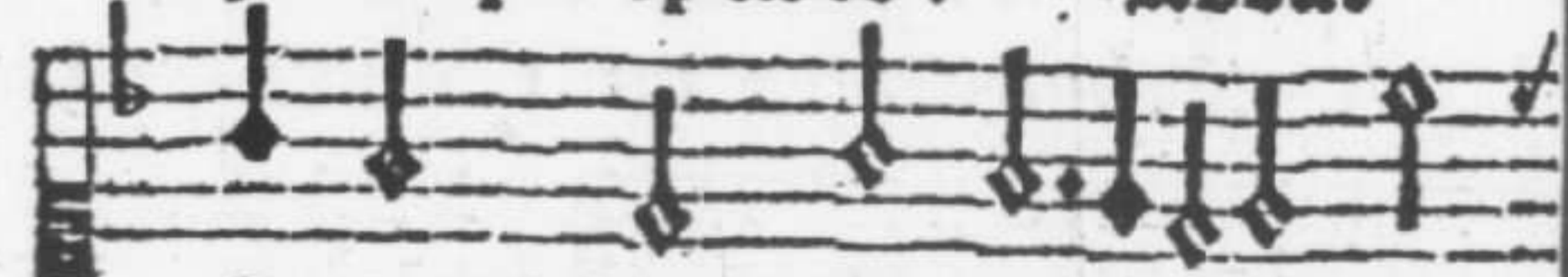
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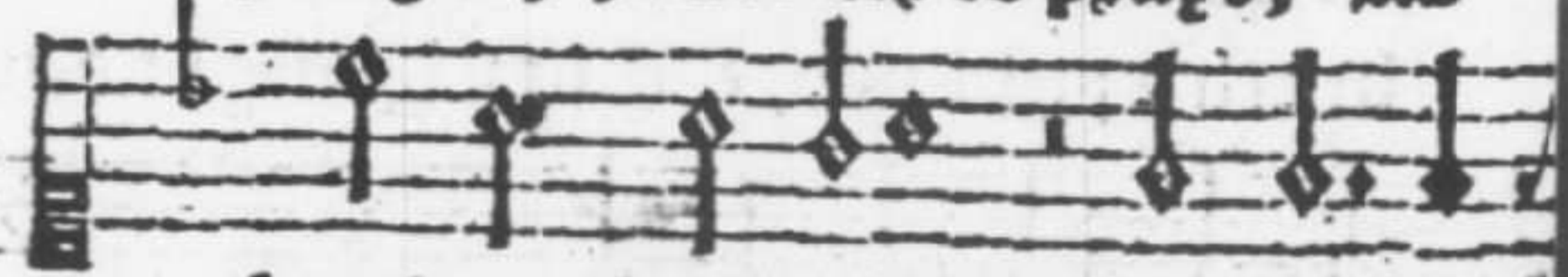
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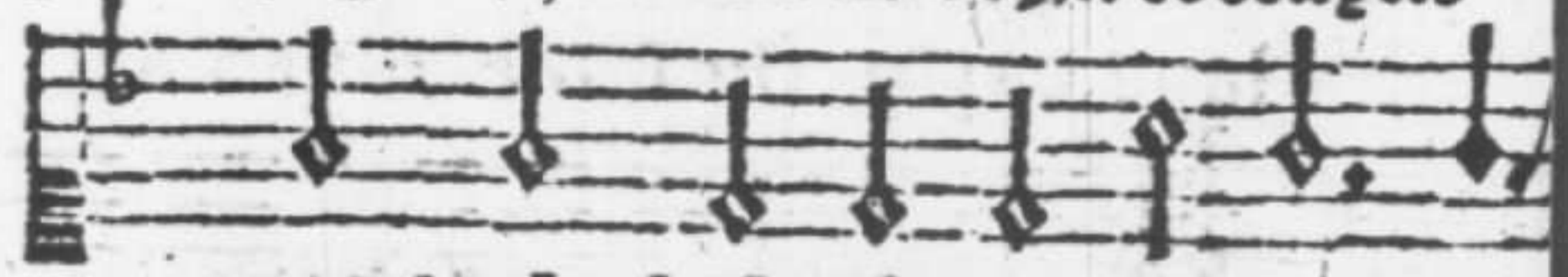
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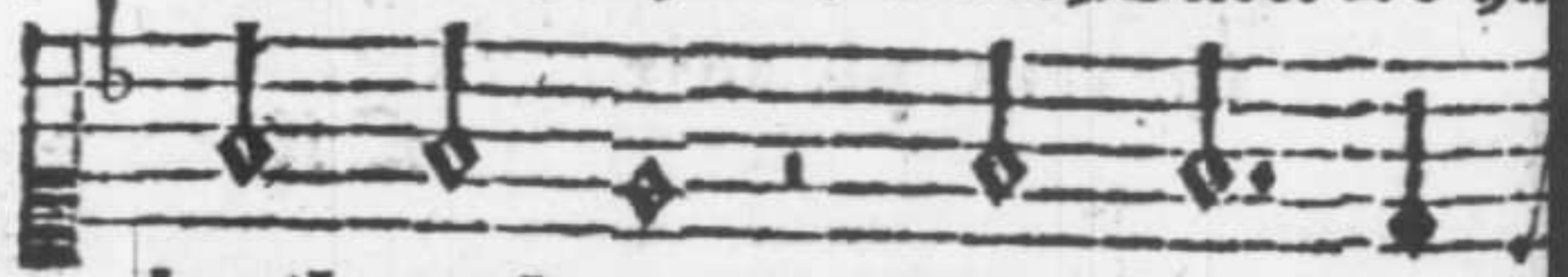
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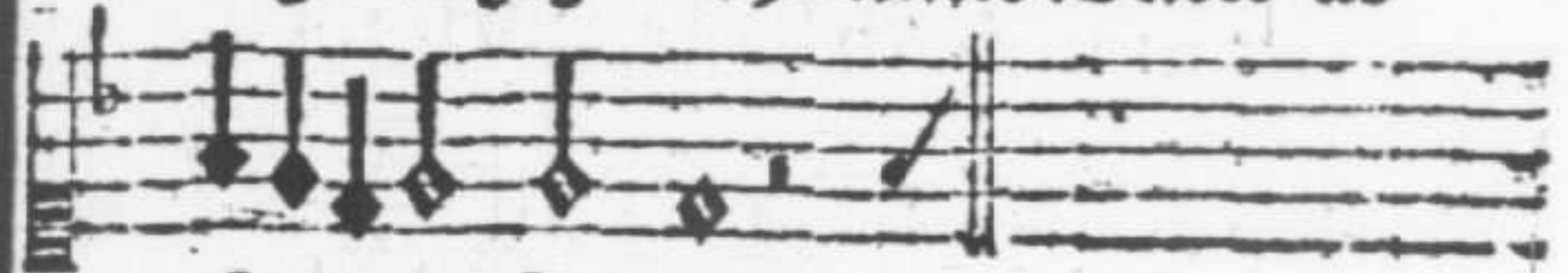


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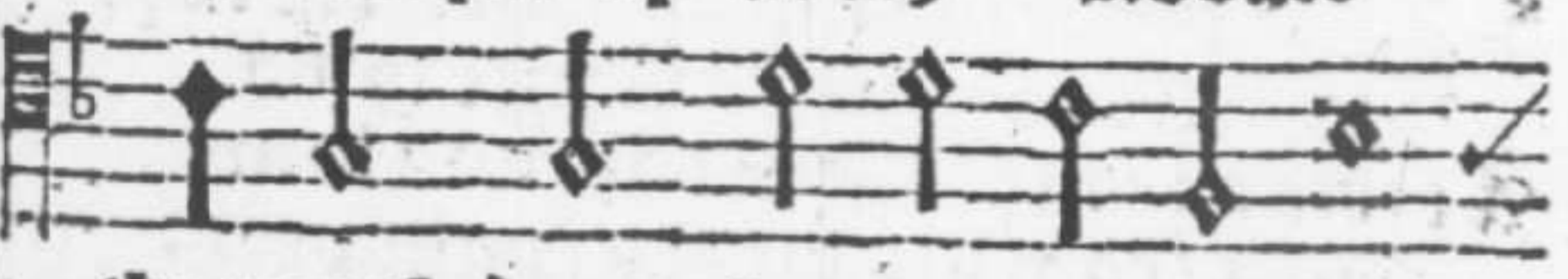
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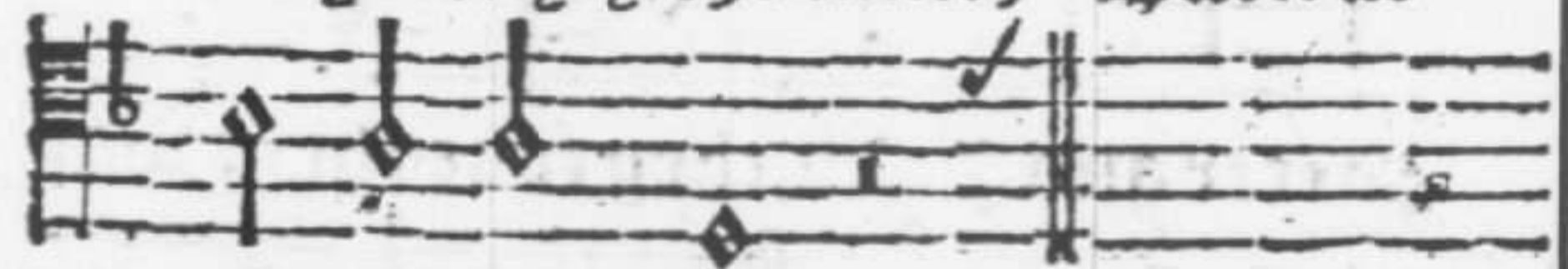
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The Temple vp in to:

About the ninth, houre for to pray

As they were wonte to do.

A certayne man, both halt and lame

Euen from his byrthe ryght poze:

They bzought and layd, daylye the same

Euen at the Temple doze.

Whiche is called, the Beutifull

That he myght almeste craue:

Of them that went, to the temple

Some helpe of them to haue,

And

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And when he sawe, Peter and John

Ryght nere the temple doze:

Theyz almeste he, dyd see anon

And they both dyd him beu.

And sayde to hym, loke thou on vs

And he was well a payde:

Hopinge of them, to haue almeste

But Peter to hym sayde.

Siluer and golde, nowe haue I none

But suche as God gaue me:

By vertue of, the holpe one

The same geue I to thee.

Nowe in the name, of Christ Jesus

Of Nazareth aryle:

In company, to walke with vs

And prayse the Lorde most wyse.

He toke hym then, by the ryght hande

And lyst e hym vp at length:

Upon hys feete, he strayght dyd stande:

Hys bones receyued strength.

And he dyd sprynge, stande, walke & starr

In at the temple doze:

Leppynge, praylynge, euen wylly his heart

The luyynge Lorde therfore.

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The people all, dyd hym well see  
Praise God for hys good state:  
And they knewe well, that it was he  
Whiche begged at the gate.

They were fylled, with great wondryng  
And were amased sore:  
Euen of thys mans, sodayne healyng  
That was so lame befoze.

Thys healed hale, helde fast also  
Euen of Peter and John:  
The people ranne, to them in to  
The Porche of Salomon.

When Peter saw, them wonder so  
These wordes to them he spake:  
Ye Israellites, I saye of who  
Thys wondryng do ye make.

Why loke ye, with stedfastnes  
On vs as we coulde do:  
By our owne power, or holynes  
Thys cure thys man vnto.

The God of Abraham and Iacks  
And Iacob thys hath done:  
God of our fathers, without lacke  
Hath glorified hys sonne.

Jesus

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Jesus whom once, refused ye  
In Pilates presents playne;  
When he had iudged, hym to be  
Loosed from deathe and payne.

But ye denyed, the holy one  
A murtherer to saue:  
And eke kylled, the Lorde alone  
Hys lyfe ye woulde not haue.

Whiche God hath raysed, from the deed  
Wherof we wytnes can:  
Through fayth in hys, name confirmed  
Hys name vpon thys man.

Whome ye dyd see, and knowe also  
When fayth in hym dyd ryse:  
Whiche fayth hath geuen, this man vnto  
Hys health befoze your eyes.

Nowe dere brethren, I knowe that ye  
Hane done thys wycked dede:  
Through ignoraunce, as semeth me  
Whiche dyd your rulers leade.

But God befoze hande, he dyd better  
And eke his prophetes wylled:  
To teache that Christ, the death shoul sul  
Which he hath now fulfilled.

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Repent ye now, I say repent  
And turne to vs this daye:  
That all your synnes, nowe euident  
May cleane be done awaye.

For when the tyme, of refreshynge  
Shal come to vs with spede:  
In presentes of, the Lorde and Kyng  
Aboue all Kynges in dede.

And when God shall, hym sende the day  
Befoze preached to vs:  
Unto you all, which is to saye  
The Lorde and Christ Iesus.

Whiche must haue heauen, butyl al thyng  
Whiche he hath spoken playne:  
By Propheces syns, the first begynnyng  
Restored be agayne.

For Moyses to, the fathers sayde  
The Lorde rayse vp wyl he:  
A Prophece, vnto you far ayde  
Muche lyke euen vnto me.

Hym shal ye heare, and not controule  
But in hys wordes reioyce:  
The tyme wyl come, that euery soule  
Whiche wyl not heare hys voyce

Shal

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Shalbe destroyed, without all doubt  
Whiche tyme wyl not be longe:  
That all such shall, be cleane throune out  
The people from amonge.

The Propheces all, syns Samuell  
And thence forth hath alwayes:  
Tolde of the truth, ryght passynge well  
And eke spake of these dayes.

The Propheces children, all are you  
That by the couenaunt came:  
To our fathers, whiche God dyd you  
And sayde to Abraham.

In thy seide shall, the kynredes all  
On earth be blest in vs:  
Aske vnto you, God dyd vp call  
Hys onely sonne Iesus.

And hym he hath, sent vnto you  
Eche one of you to blesse:  
That euery one, of you shoulde now  
Turne from hys wickednesse.

THE Apostles, vvere in pryson cast  
They vvere to preache forbod:  
But they toke them, to prayer fast  
Renouncyng men for God.

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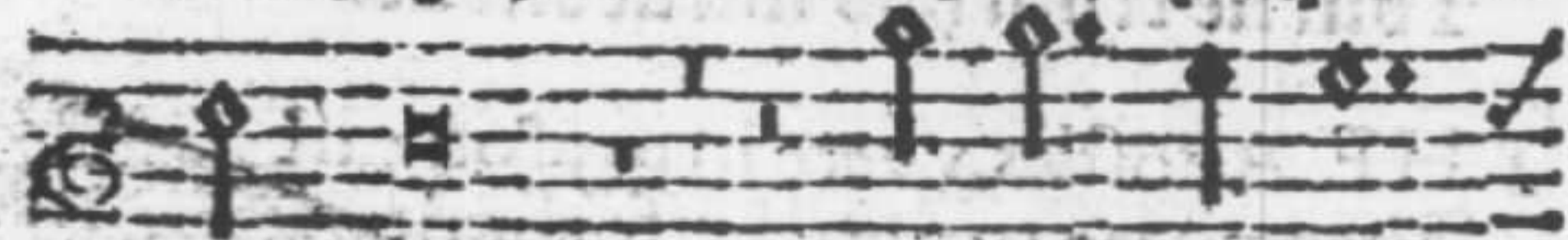
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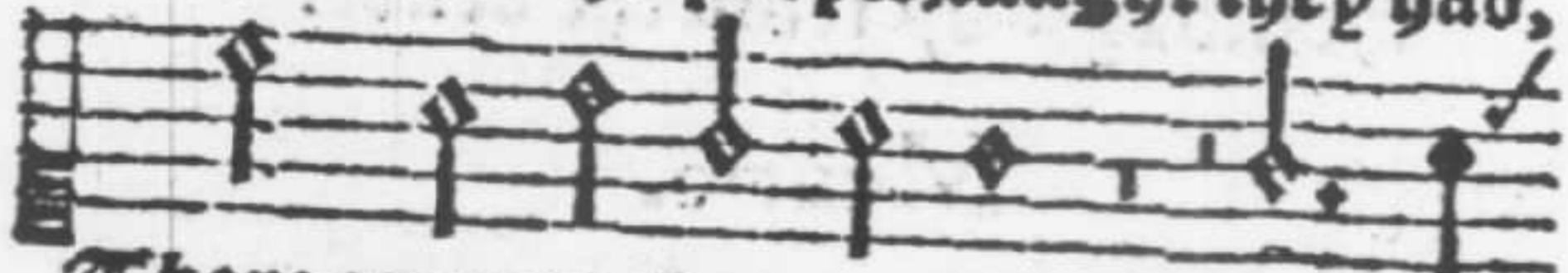


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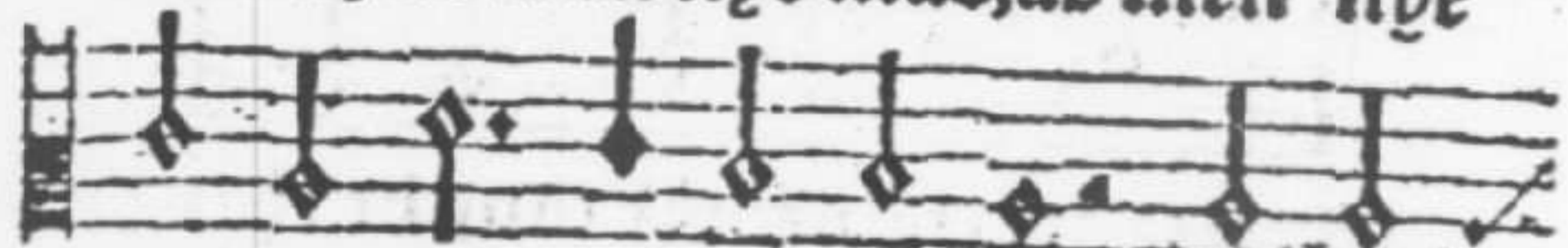


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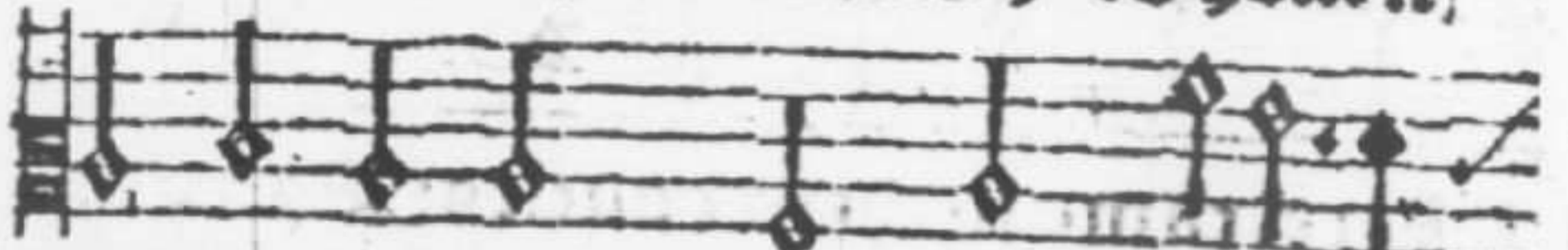
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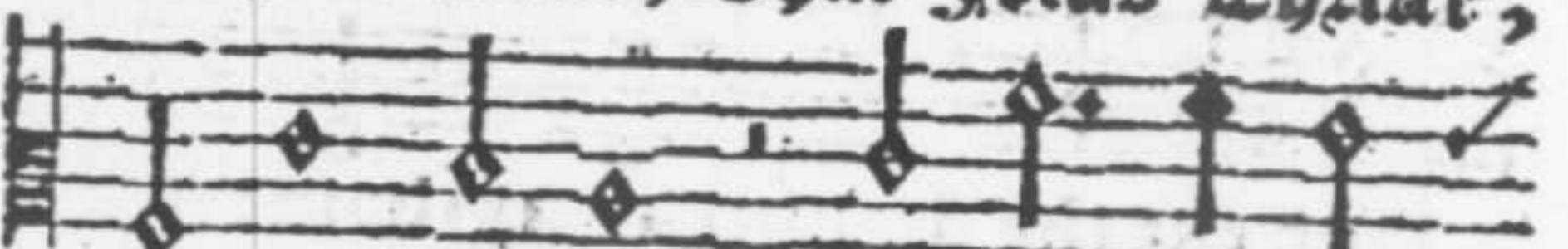
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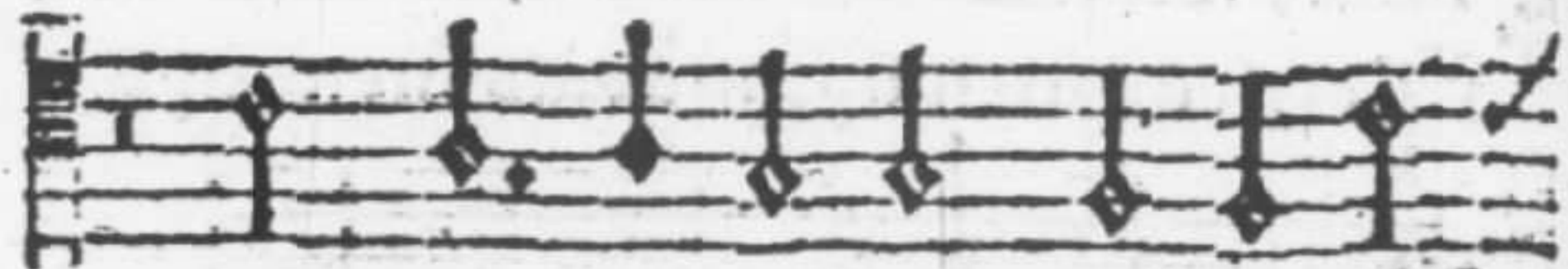


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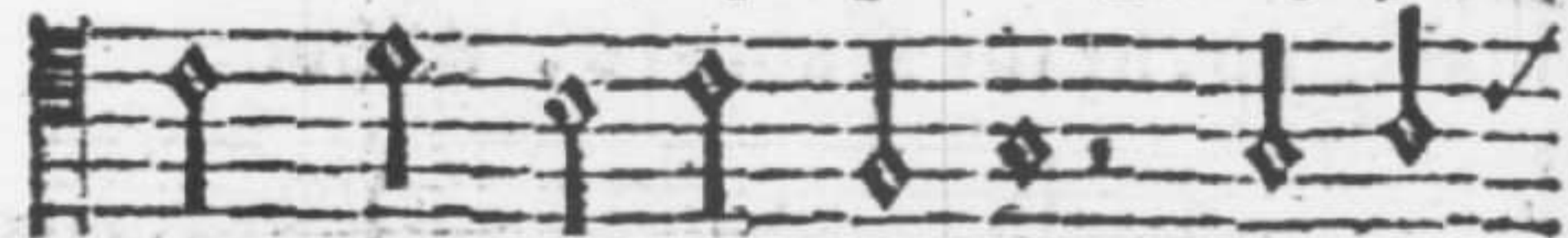


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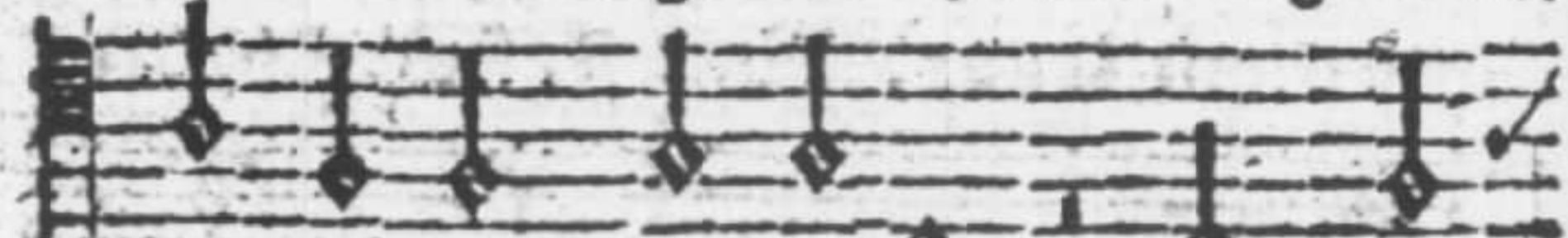
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**W**hen that the people, taught they had  
There came to them doutles:  
Priests & rulers, as men nye mad  
And eke the Saduces.

Whome it dyd greue, y they should moue  
The people and them leade:  
That Jesus Christ, by power aboue  
Shoulde rylse vp from the deade.

And they layd habes, on the stragght way  
And put them all asyde:  
In prison fast, cill the next days  
foz it was then euentyd.

But those that heard, the woꝝde euen then  
Welued out of hande:  
The numbꝛe then, of those wonne men  
Was well nye syue thousande.

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And

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And it chaunced, the next daye was  
Eche ruler and Elder:  
The Scribes Annas, and eke Cayphas  
John and Alexander.

And eke all those, that were with them  
There of the hye Priestes kyn:  
Then gathered at, Jerusalem  
Where they were then brought in.

And when they stode, befoze the same  
They axed them sayinge:  
Shew by whose powze, or in whose name  
That you haue done thys thyng.

Peter ful of, the holy goost  
Sayde vnto them ryght well:  
Ye rulers all, both lest and moost  
And chiefe of Israell.

If we thys daye, muste testify  
Of the good dede and dole:  
Delt to the sicke, man and eke by  
What meanes he is made whole.

Be it well knowen, to them that lyst  
And ye that rulers be:  
That in the name, of Jesus Chyist  
Of Nazareth woꝝ he ws.

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Whome ye haue, crucified and slayne  
God hath from death now rayled:  
By whome this man, is whole certayne  
The Lord therfoze be prayled.

This is the chese stone cast a syde  
Of you that buylders be:  
Whiche in the chiefe place shall abyde  
Of the corners laye we.

Foz neyther is there, saluacion  
In anye sayinge he:  
Noꝝ other name, there is not one  
Wherin made safe we be.

When they behelde, the boldnes then  
Of Peter and of John:  
And knewe them both, vnlearned men  
And laye people eche one.

They dyd muche muse, and knewe suffly  
That they were with Jesu:  
And dyd beholde, the man stand by  
The whiche was healed new.

Commaundynge them, to stande asyde  
And from their counsell goo:  
Consultinge there, and sayde prouyde  
With these men what to do.

D.ii.

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A wondrous signe, is done by them  
And eke is iustly knowne:  
To all them in, Jerusalem  
The thyng abrode is blowen.

But that they shal, hence forth therfore  
No further noyle the same:  
Let vs charge them, to speake no more  
To no man in hys name.

They gaue to them, commaundment newe  
That they should no man ayde:  
To preache or teache, of their Iesu  
But Peter and John sayde.

If it be ryght, as ye thynke it  
In syght of God the Lorde:  
Put words to kepe, Gods to omit  
Iuge ye and so recoorde.

For we wyl speake, the truth euen so  
Wherof we knowe the grounde:  
They thretened them, and let them go  
No fault in them was founde.

The people also, praysed God  
The lame awaye went rounde:  
Who was of age, ful forty and od  
Whiche was made whole and sounde

As

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As soone as they, were then let go  
They to their felowes went:  
Expresynge their, great payne and wo  
And eke imprisonment.

By the hye Priestes, and Elders all  
And what to them they sayde:  
When they heard that, they loude dyd call  
And gaue God thankes for ayde.

And sayde thou Lorde: thou God of blys  
Madst heauen and earth for vs:  
The sea and all, that ther in is  
By whome David sayd thus.

Why dyd the heathen, fume and fret  
Whar rage in them now sprynges  
Why dyd the Iuithe, people set  
Their myndes vpon bayne thynges.

The Kynge and Rulers, dyd persist  
In wycked counsell longe:  
Agaynst the Lorde, and hys sonne Chryst  
Whiche he sent vs amonge.

For of a trueth, agaynst the Lorde  
Whome thou annoynted hast:  
Herod, Pilate, with one accorde  
Helde with the Gentyls fast.

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The people eke, of Israell  
Increased more and more:  
To do what thy, handes and counsell  
Determined befoze.

Nowe Lorde beholde, their threathynge  
And graunt to thy elect: (sworde  
With confydence, to speake thy worde  
Good Lorde do vs protect.

So that thyne hand, stretche forth & same  
Healyng and signes to vs:  
That we do wonders in the name  
Of thy dere sonne Iesus.

As soone as they, had prayed anone  
The place began to shake:  
They were full of, the holpe one  
The worde boldly they spake.

The multytude, that dyd beleue  
Were of one sprit and harte:  
Eche one to other they dyd geue  
In commen they dyd parte.

And with great power, they dyd witness  
The resurrection all:  
Of Iesu Christ, yea and doubtles  
Great grace on them dyd fall.

Not

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Not one amonge, them all dyd latke  
For who had house and land:  
Solde all and dyd, kepe nothyng backe  
To haue in hys owne hande.

They layde all downe, at the fete than  
Of thapostles in dede:  
Distributyng to euery man  
Accordynge to hys nede.

Joses who was, of an olde wonne  
Of thapostles eche one:  
Called Barnabas, whiche is the sonne  
Of Consolacion.

A Petite bozne, woulde not doe yll  
Had lande and eke solde it:  
And layd the pryce, downe with good wyll  
At the Apostles fete.

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ANANIAS vntruth vvas knowvne  
And hys vvyues to their shame:  
Thapostles vvere, in pryson throwvne  
Reioysynge in the same.

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Meane.



A certayne man, who was named



Ananias trulpe: with Sa



phira his wyle framed, Unto



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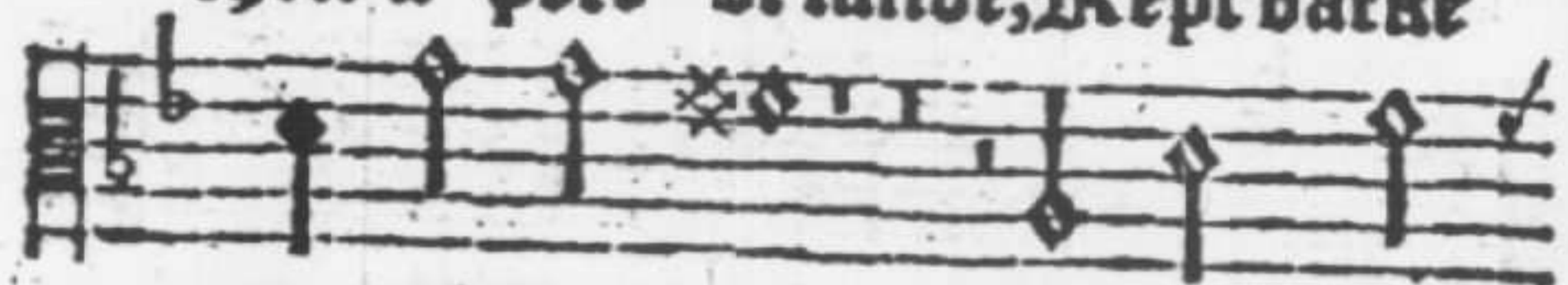
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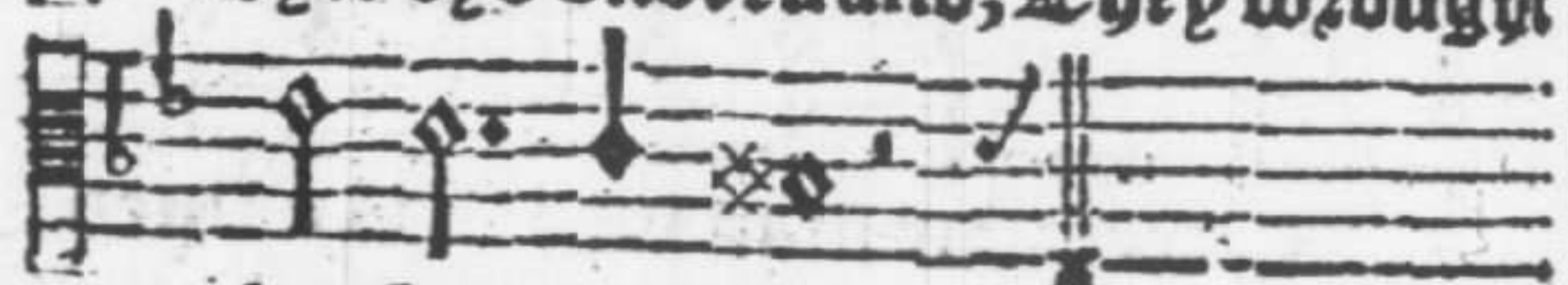
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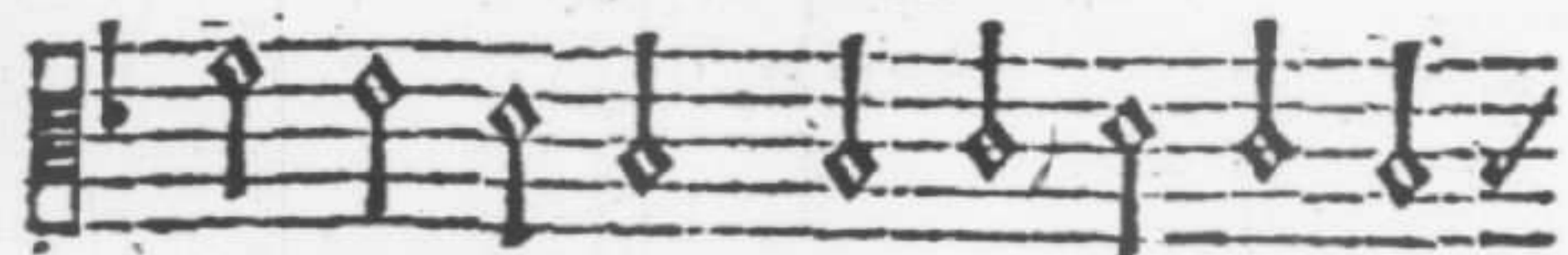


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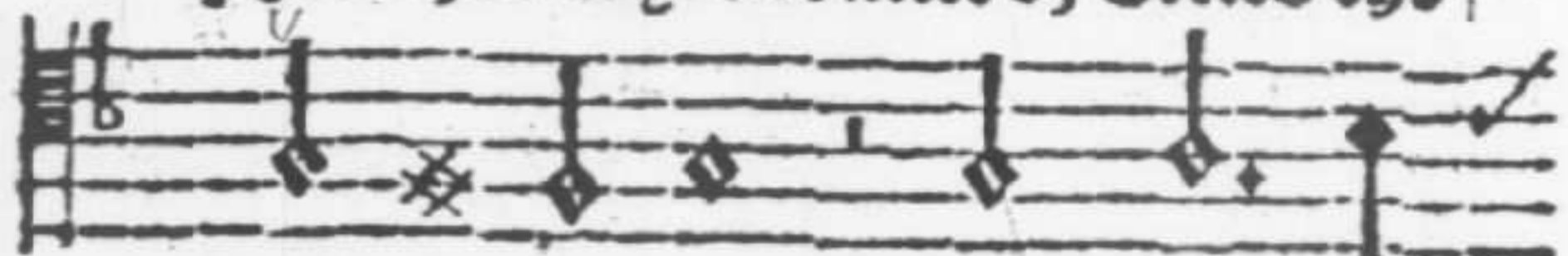


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Lozde a lye, who sellynge



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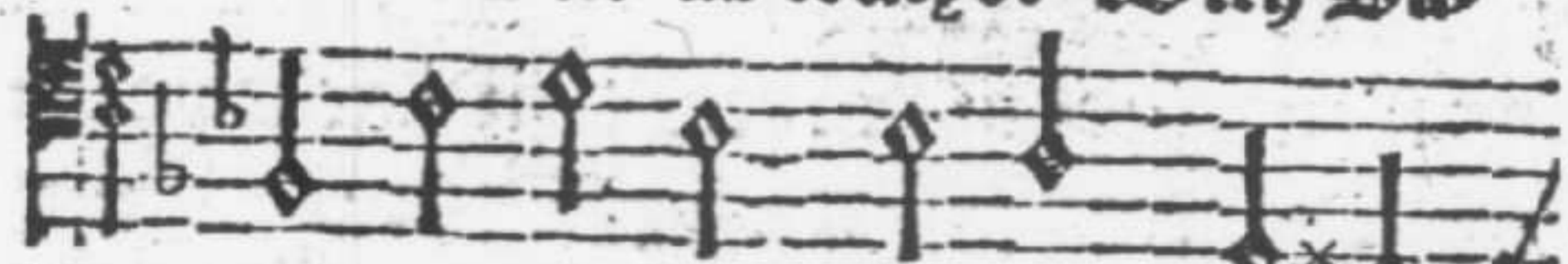
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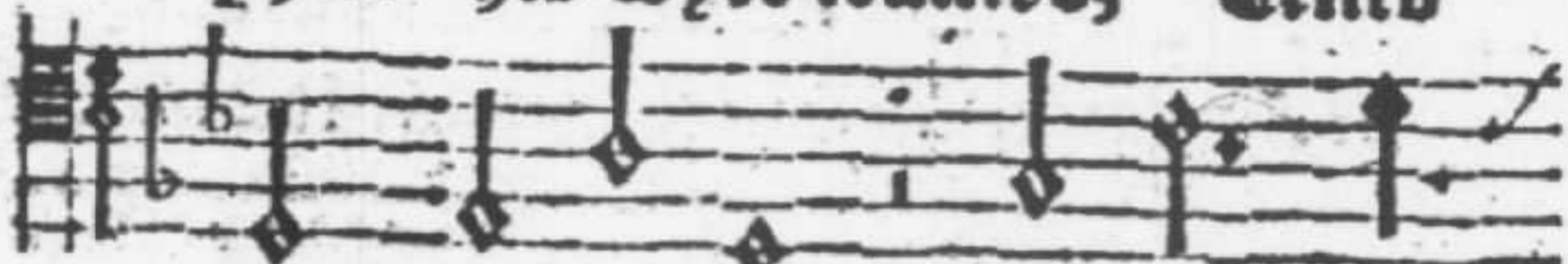
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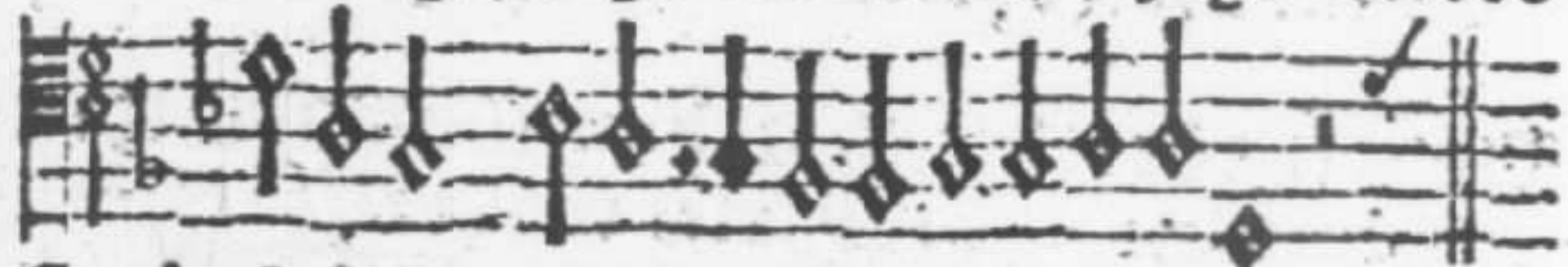


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They wrought with one aduice.

The other part, then layde downe was  
At the Apostles sit:  
And Peter sayde, Ananias  
By what meanes chaunceth it.

That Sathan hath, fylled thyne harte  
To cause thee thus to lye:  
Unto the holy, ghost and parte  
Of thy lyelode denye.

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Pertayned it not, to thee that howze  
And after it was solde:  
Was not the parte, in thyne owne powze  
That thou dost nowe witholde.

How chaunceth it, that thou shouldest then  
Thus bypunge thy selfe to we:  
Thou hast not lyed, onely to men  
But vnto God also.

And when he was, trulye thus tryed  
Hys doynges was abhorde:  
He straght gaue vp, the ghost and dyed  
Foz trydunge with the Lorde.

Great feare then came, vpon eche heade  
That thys dyd heare and see:  
The yonge men rose, vp and hym leed  
Where he shoulde buryd be.

And it chaunced, within the space  
Of thze houres thys was done:  
Hys wyfe not knowynge came in place  
Appearynge there ryght soone.

And Peter sayde, to her tell me  
Solde ye the lande foz thys:  
And she ryght soone, to hym sayde ye  
I haue sayde as it is:

Then

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Then Peter sayde, I wyll recorde  
That ye dyd both consent.  
To tempt the spirit, of God the Lorde  
As it is eydent.

Beholde the fete, of them that haue  
Buryd thy make thys daye:  
Be redye to, put thee in graue  
Then she fell dead straght waye.

The yonge men then, came in and founde  
Her dead lyinge at hande:  
They bare her forth, and in the grounde  
Layde her by her husbände.

And therwith came, on them great feare  
That sawe thys done of ryght:  
Euen on all those, that then were there  
To see that feareful syght.

By the Apostles handes was wrought  
Ryght straunge and wondrous thinges  
Amonge the people, which then sought  
To heare their good tydynges.

With one accorde, they all were gone  
To prayse their Lorde and kynge:  
With in the porche, of Salomon  
And that with thankes geuynges.

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Of choother soze, there was not one  
Durst iopne hym selfe them to:  
And yet of them, some longe had gone  
To learne the best to do.

The numbze of, those men that dyd  
Beleue the Lorde bys loze:  
Men and women, God be prayled  
Encreased moze and moze.

That in so much, they brought bedsteads  
Foz sycke in to the stretes:  
And some were layed, in standyng beddes  
And eke some in palletes.

That at the least, Defet myght come  
Ape to them that laye there:  
When he came by, to shadowe some  
Of them that soze speke were.

Ther came also, a multitude  
From cittyes rounde aboute:  
To Jerusalem, to seclude  
Sycknes from them throug out.

And such as were, bered euen there  
With vncleane syttes eche one:  
Were brought to them, then euery when  
And were made whole anon.

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The chiefe priest then, rose by certes  
And all that with hym were:  
Whiche is the sect, of Saduces  
Who then dyd stampe and steare.

Of thapostles, not one went quight  
In prison they were set:  
The angell of, the Lorde by nyght  
Them out of prison let.

And brought them forth, eke sayde than  
Go stepp forth and speake ryse:  
With in the Temple, to euery man  
The wordes now of this lyse.

When they heard y, they with good wyll  
Into the temple went:  
Soone in the mozne, for to fulfyll  
The Lordes commaundement.

The chief prest came, and they that were  
With hym in that sozenone:  
And called counsell, to them there  
To knowe what myght be done.

Then of the chyldzen, of Israell  
The elders were also:  
Of them that sat, there in counsell  
And bade some for them goo.

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When

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When they then went, to them that had  
The pryson then in cure:  
They dyd retourne, as men nye mad  
Shut was the pryson sure.

The keepers standynge at the doore  
To wayt vpon their charge:  
And yet of them, they had no poze  
God had set them at large.

When the chiefe priest, and he that is  
Euen of the temple chiefe:  
And eke the hye priestes, heard of this  
They mused with muche greife.

Then came one forth, and sayde beholde  
Those that in pryson were:  
Stand in the churche, and are full bolde  
To teache the people there.

The ruler went, with dilygence  
And ministers of trust:  
Which brought them with, out violence  
For they feared the worst.

Let that the people, shoulde them stone  
And so their purpose fayle.  
They brought them secretly alone  
Befoze the whole counsaile.

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The chiefe priest sayde, to them at large,  
Be ye not worthe blame:  
Syth that we dyd, you strayghtly charge  
Not to teache in thys name.

Beholde he sayde, then vnto them  
The Lorde of your Jesus:  
Hath fylled all, Ierusalem  
To byngge hys bloude on vs.

Peter and John, they coulde not staye  
But boldly sayde euen then:  
We ought of ryght, God to obaye  
Befoze you that are men.

The God of our, fathers rayled  
Jesus our helpe to be:  
Whome ye haue slayne, and eke hanged  
Unjustly on a tre.

God rayled hym, with hys ryght hande  
To saue suche as repent:  
That Israel, myght vnderstande  
Hys mercede to them sent.

And we be recozdes of thys cost  
Concernynge our comfort:  
And eke also, the holy ghost  
Geuen to the loyall sort.

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They hearinge that, their wrath dyd swell  
And sought meanes them to sleie:  
Then stode by one, of their counsel  
An auncient pharisey.

Who was named, Gamaliell  
A doctoz of the lawe:  
Amonges them all, he dyd excell  
Of whom they stode in awe.

He dyd commaunde, to put asyde  
Thapostles then strayght waye:  
That none of them, shoulde there abyde  
To heare what he woulde saye.

Ye men of Israell, take hede  
Beware what ye entende:  
Agaynst these men, oz ye procede  
Marke what wyl be the ende.

Befoze these dayes, one Theudas  
Arose wpyth bragge and bolle:  
Foure hundred men, then sayne ther was  
There gathered in hys bolle.

And all the rest, that there abode  
That vnto hym had sought:  
Were scatred here, and there abode  
And strayght way brought to nought.

And

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And after that, arose a man  
Judas of Galile:  
When tribute first, with them began  
Men thynkyng to be free.

So that muche people to hym drew  
Whiche was to theyr decaye:  
Foz death to hym, dyd then enleu  
He sayne they ded awaye.

And now I saye, refrayne you then  
And let these men alone:  
Foz yf their counsel, be of men  
It wyl decaye anone.

But yf it be, of God certayne  
Ye can it not deface:  
But shalbe founde, to strive in bayne  
And fight agaynst Gods grace.

And then to hym, they dyd agree  
And called the apostles all:  
They bete them all, none dyd scape free  
Suche chaunce to them dyd fall.

And gaue to them, commaundement new  
When they had beate them so:  
To speake no moze, of their Jesu  
And then they let them go.

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From that countell, they dyd depart  
Reioysynge in the same:  
That they myghte byde, such payne & smart  
Onely for Christ bys name.

And in the temple, the dyd teache  
The trueth playne to discus:

Meane.



In those dayes as, the nombre  
playne, Of the disciples

Tenor.



In those days as, the nombre  
playne, Of the disciples  
grew

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In every house, theyll they preache  
The Lorde, and Christ Jesus,

DEACONS appoynted, to the borde  
To minister at their nede:  
And the Apostles, to the vvorde  
Steuen vvas accused in dede.

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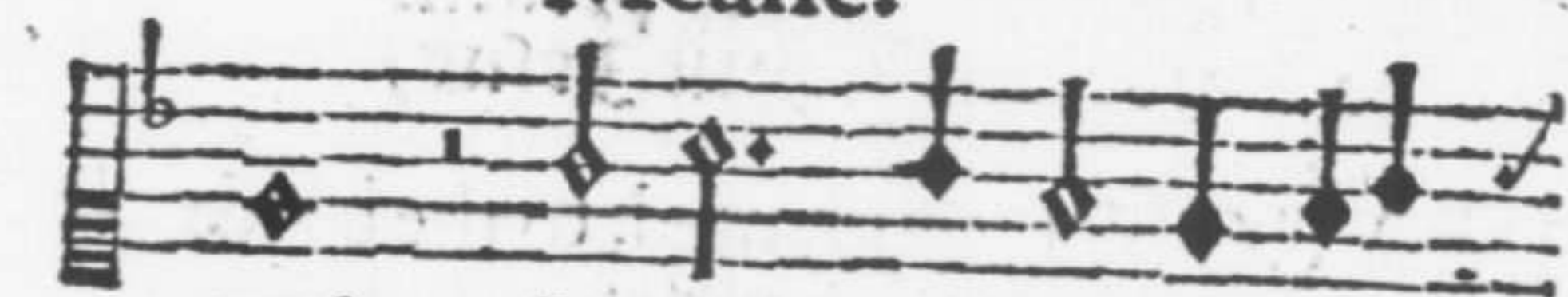


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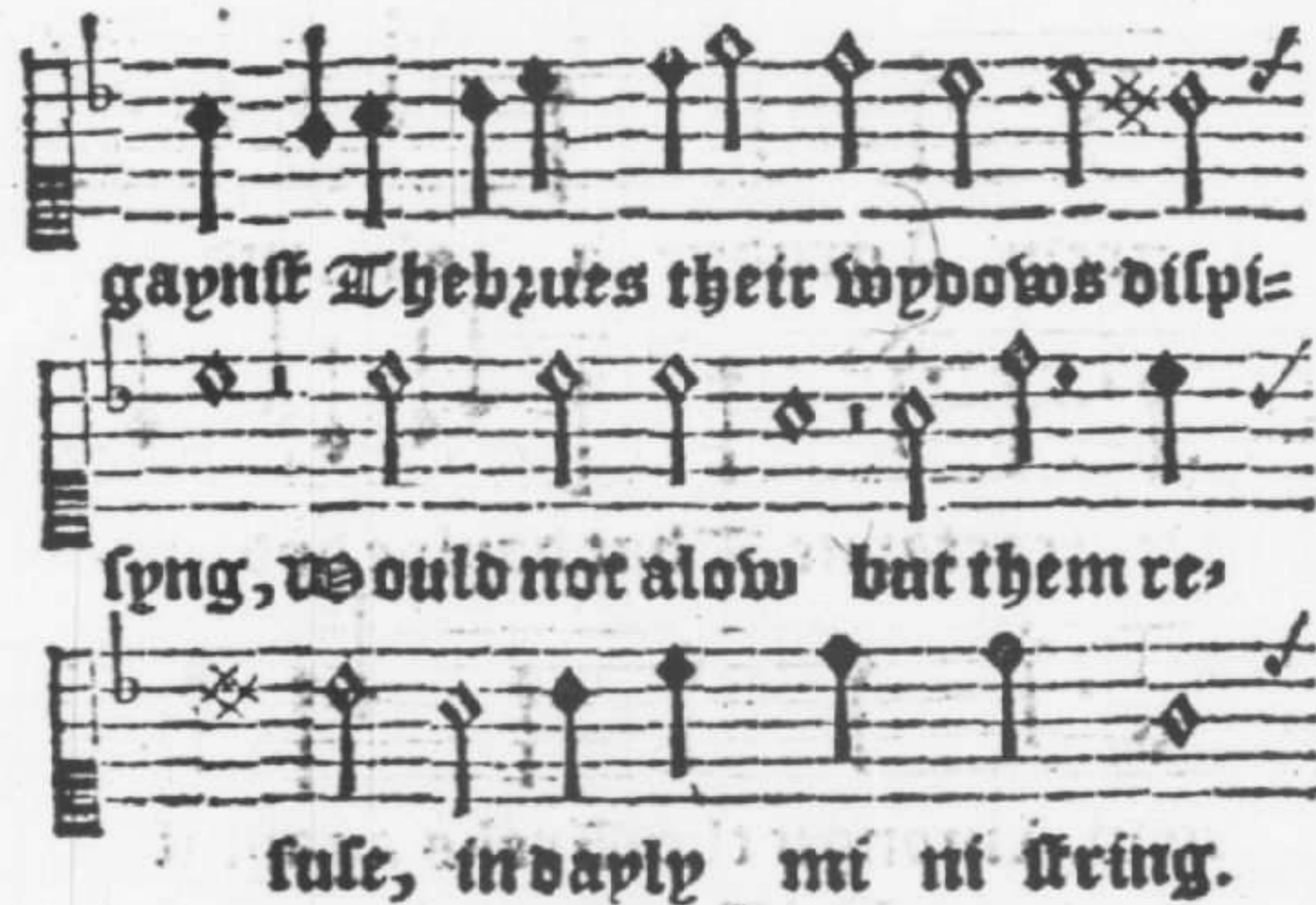


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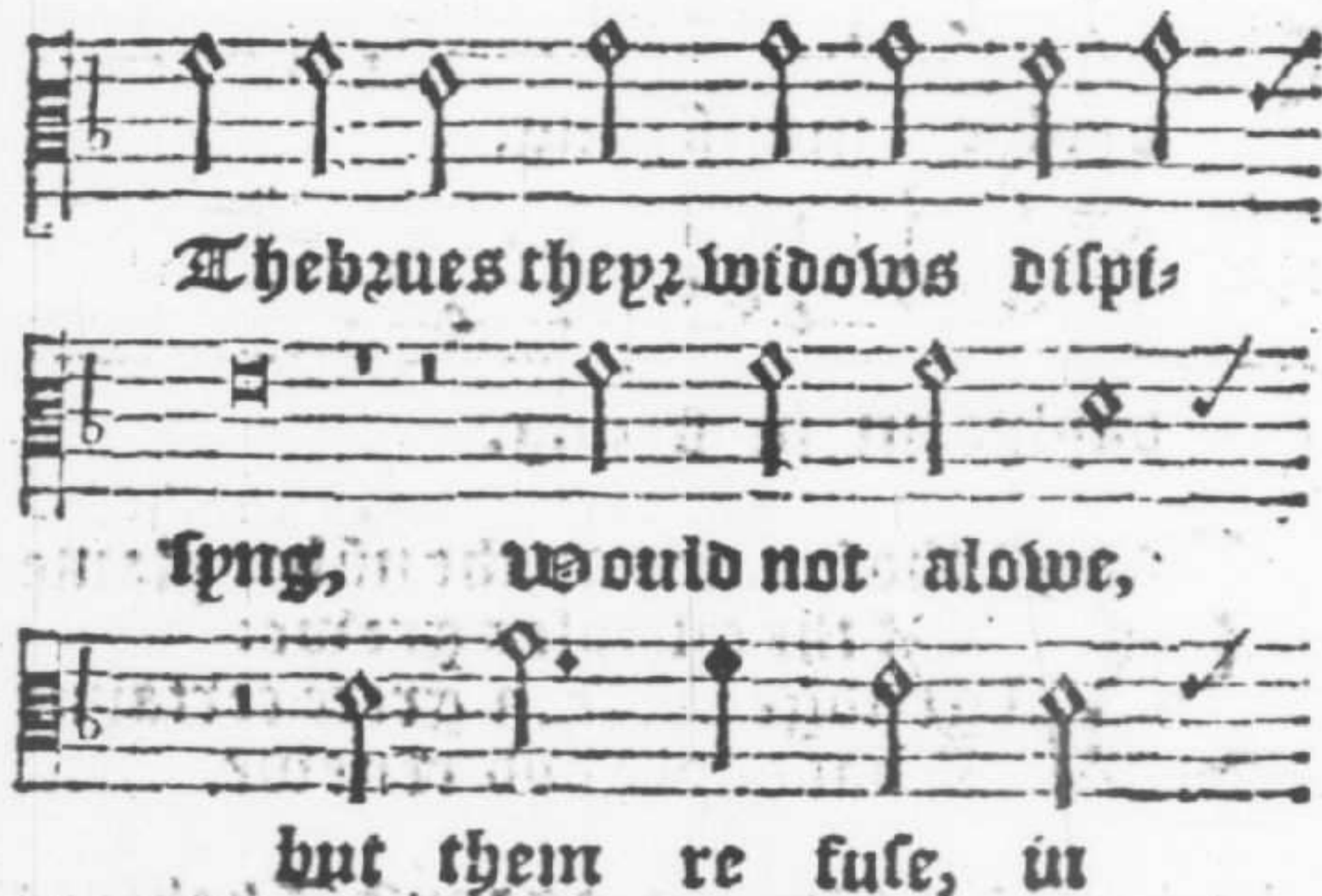
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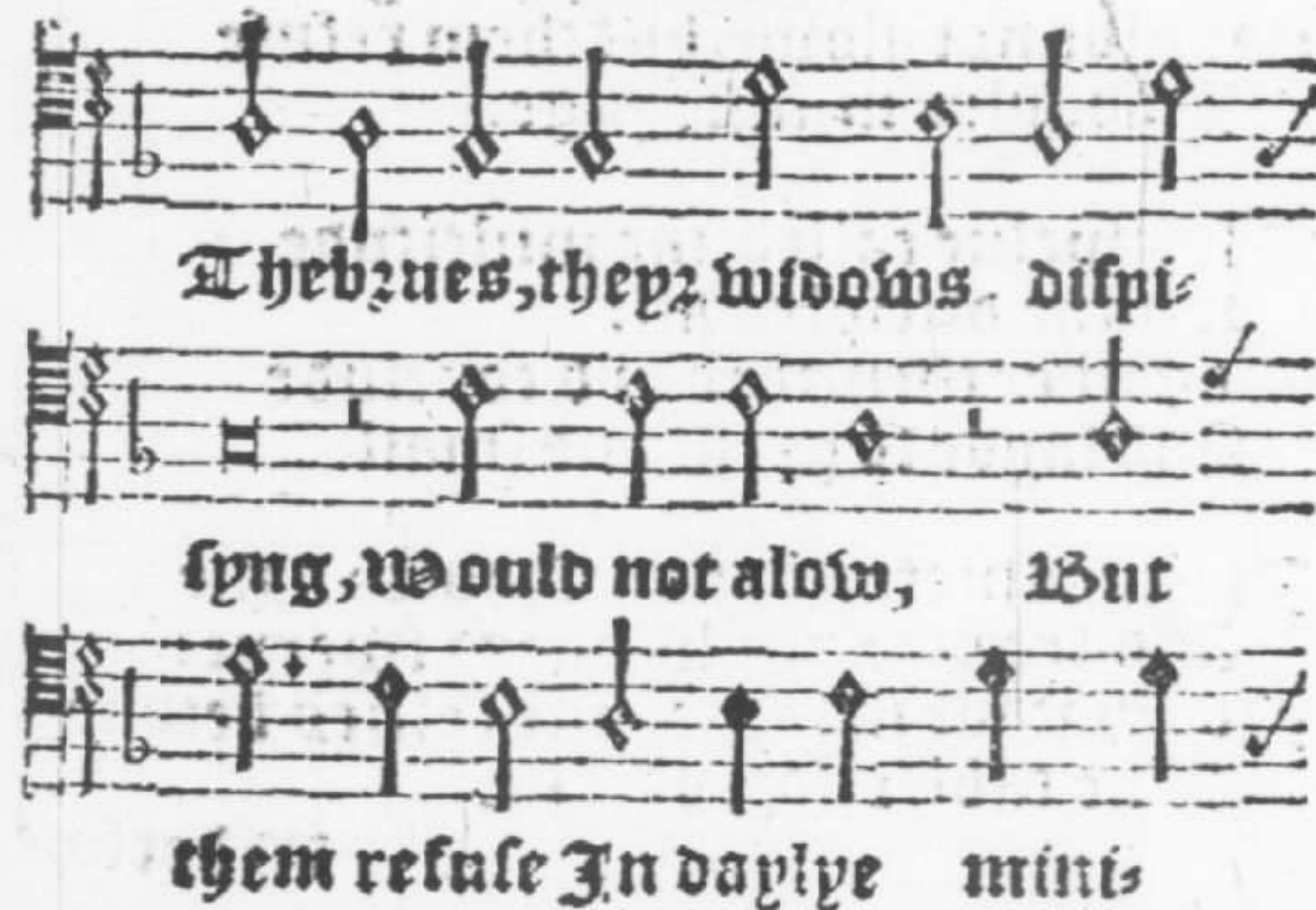
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**I**n those daies as, the nūbre plaine  
Of the disciples grewe:  
A grudge arole, & grese certayne  
That dayly dyd renewe.

Amōgest the Grekes, agaynst Thebzes  
Their widdowes despyllyng:  
Woulde not allowe, but them refuse  
In dayly ministryng.

The twelue called, the multitude  
Of the disciples all:  
Together then, they dyd conclude  
And sayde to great and small.

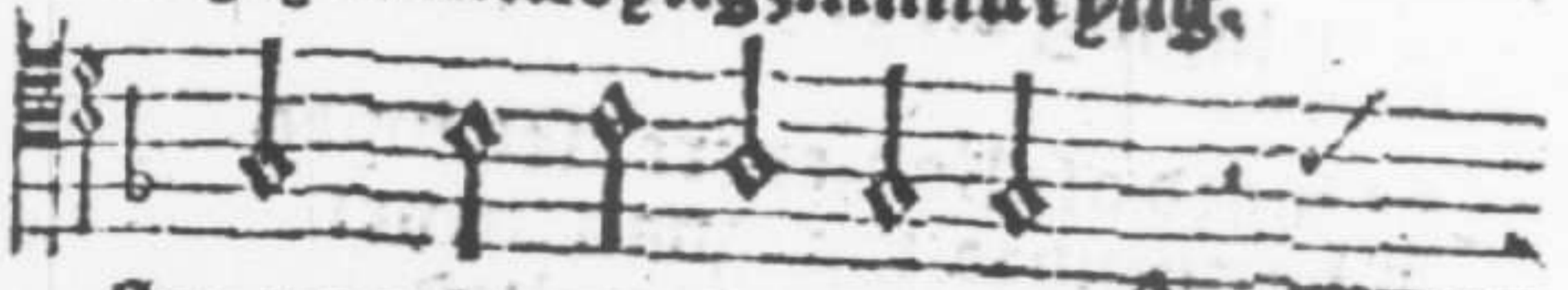
It is not mete, that we shoulde take  
And from Gods worde to swerne:  
Noz that we shoulde, our selues betake  
The tables for to serue.

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dayly ministryng, ministryng.



stryng, In dayly ministryng.

Wherfore bzyethen, amonge you seke  
Seuen men of honest famet  
ful of the spytte, and wisdom eke  
To take in hande the same.

But we our selues, wyll styll applye  
Not caryng for the bozde:  
To praye and preache, continuallye  
And minister the worde.

Unto these wordes, of good effect  
Agred bothe lest and most:  
And faythful Steuen, was then elect  
Full of the holy Ghoost.

Philip Prochor, and Bermenas  
With Nican dyd approche:  
So dyd Stryon, and Nicolas  
Conuert of Antioche.

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Before thapostles in their state  
Not wayed by goodes or landes:  
But after prayer, were appzobate  
By laying on of handes.

The word of God, encreased toged  
The numbze then was suche:  
That the dysciples multiplied  
With in Jerusalem muche.

Theyz foremen lyfe, they dyd repent  
And so dyd manye, a pryt:  
Which then became, obedient  
Unto the fayth of Christ.

And Steuen then full, of fayth and power  
Great wonders shewed he:  
So that the people every hour  
Strange miracles myght se.

Out of the synagoge dyd lepe  
Some sectes of hypocrites:  
The lybertins, one sect we clepe  
Another Syzenytes.

Lyke wyse of Alexandria  
And men bothe more and euen:  
Of Cilice and of Asia  
Disputed styll with Steuen.

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The sprite they coulde, not ouercome  
So God dyd hym aduance:  
With great knowledge, & highe wisdom  
Suche was then his vttraunce.

They sent in men, bys wordes to tye  
Whiche came and sayde doutles:  
We hearde him speake, blasphemouslye  
Agaynst God and Moyses.

And they dyd moue, the people there  
The Scribes and elder sorte:  
With force to brynge, hym in danger  
By meanes of false reporte.

Before the counsell, they hym brought  
And matters dyd deuple:  
As false witnes, had then out sought  
Whiche was nothyng but lyse.

And sayde thys man, wyll not refrayne  
Blasphemus wordes to sounde:  
Thys holy place, he doth disdayne  
Our lawe thus confounde.

Thus he in effectes, with poyson breathe  
Our fayth for to deface:  
And sayth Jesus, of Nazarethe  
Shall soone destroye thys place:

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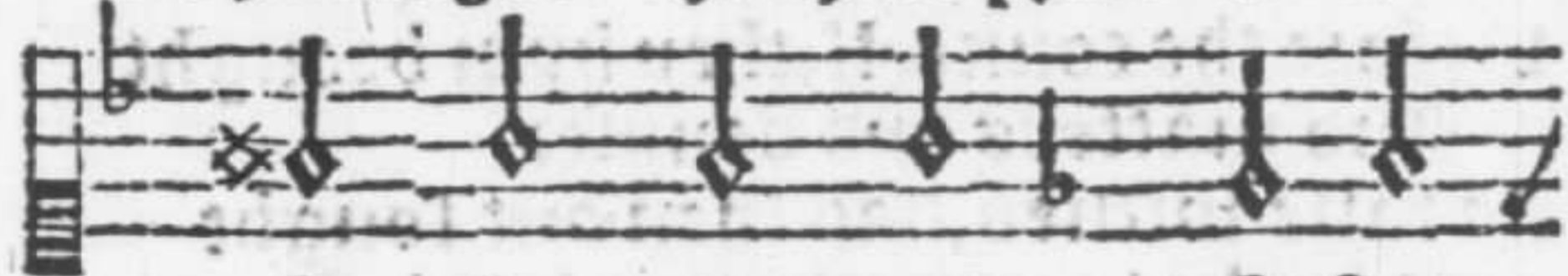
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And so shall change, the ordinance  
That Moyses gaue to vs:  
Which is to vs, no small greuaunce  
By meanes of this Iesus.

The councell then, in that their rage  
Dyd beue hym in their syght:  
And dyd beholde, his sayre visage  
Moste lyke an Angell bryght.  
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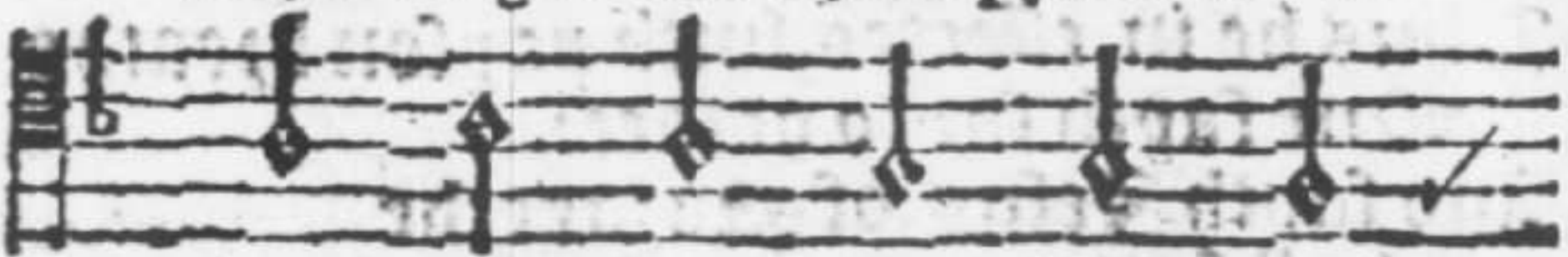
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STEVEN to aunsvvere, doth not refuse  
To hys accusers ethe:  
And doth rebuke the vvycked Iues  
They do hym stone to death.

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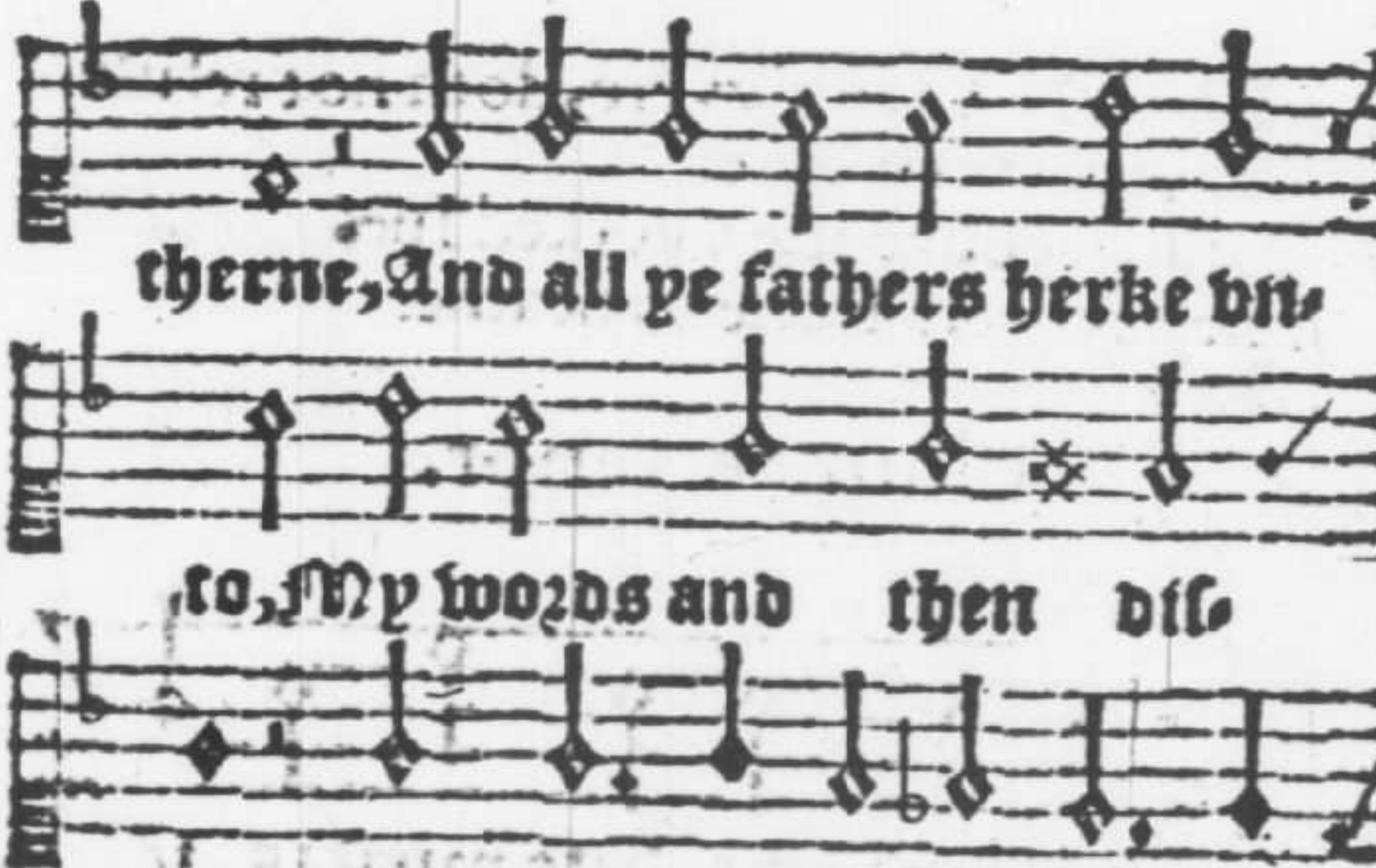


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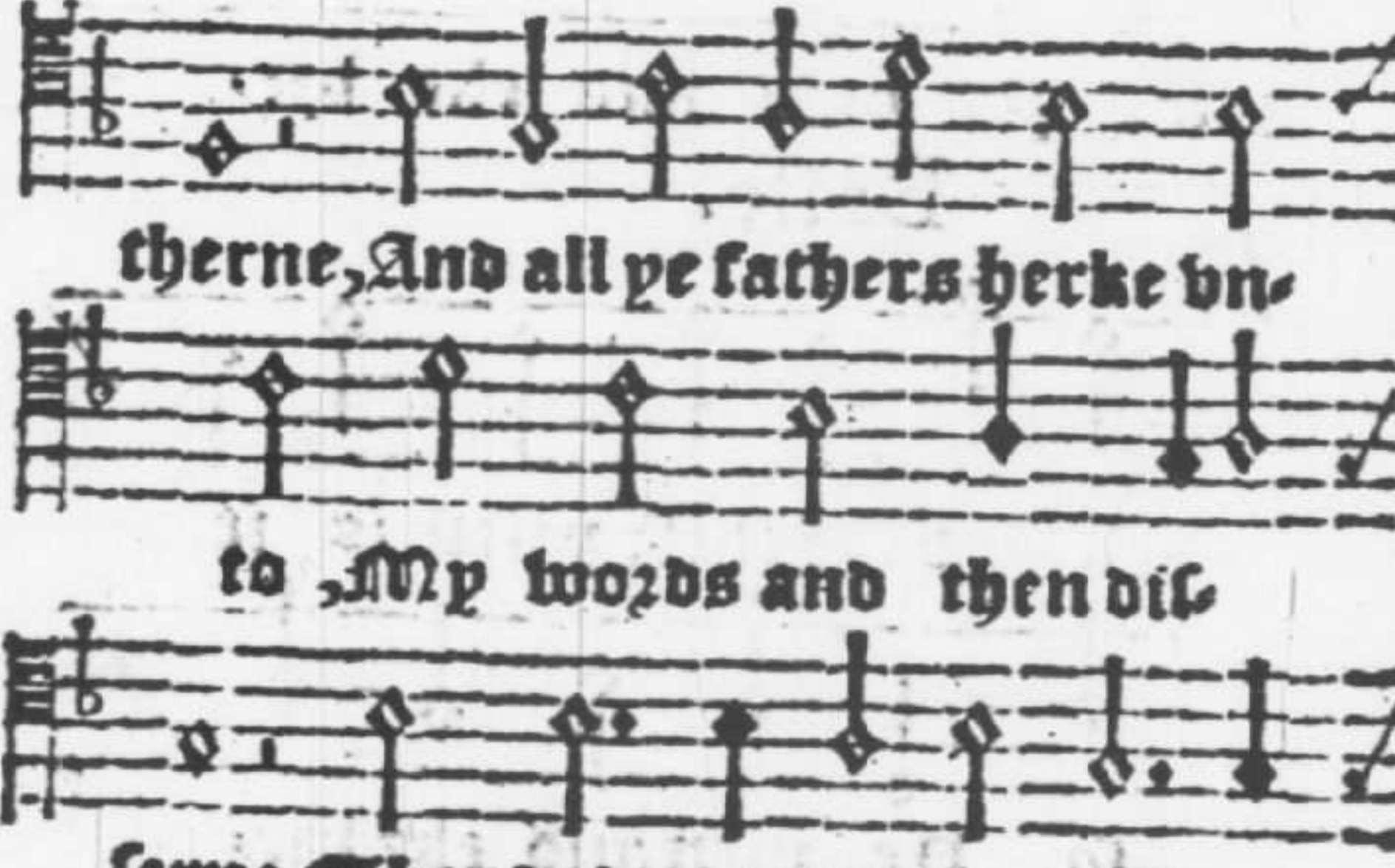
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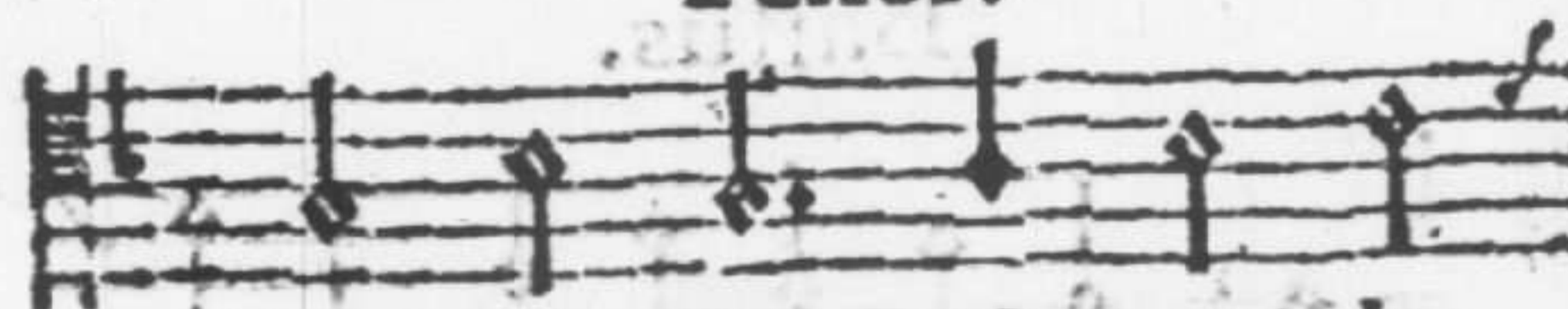


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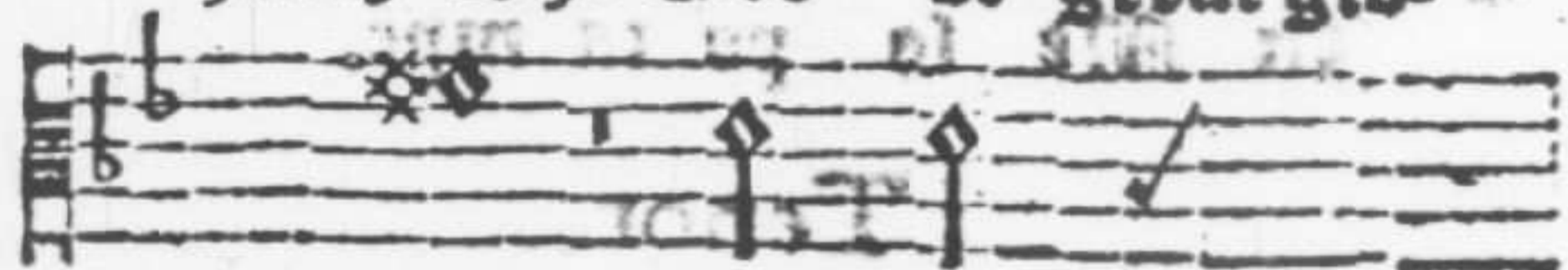
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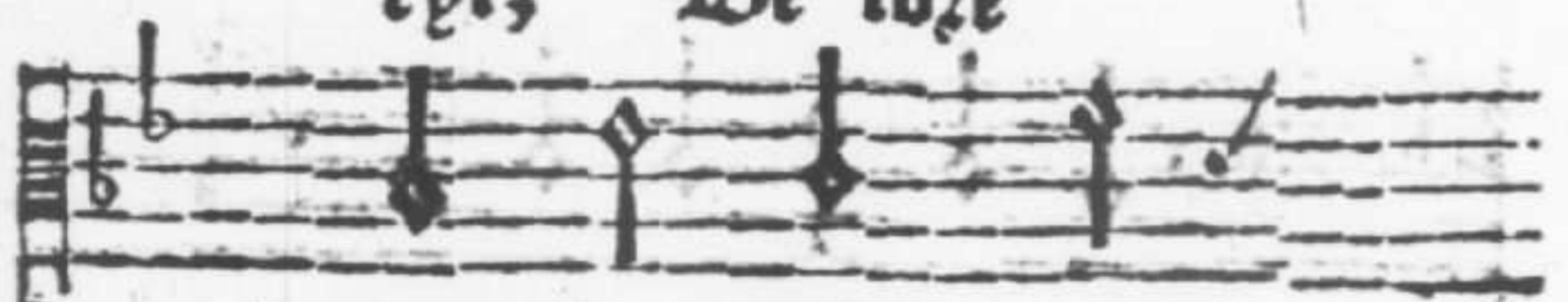
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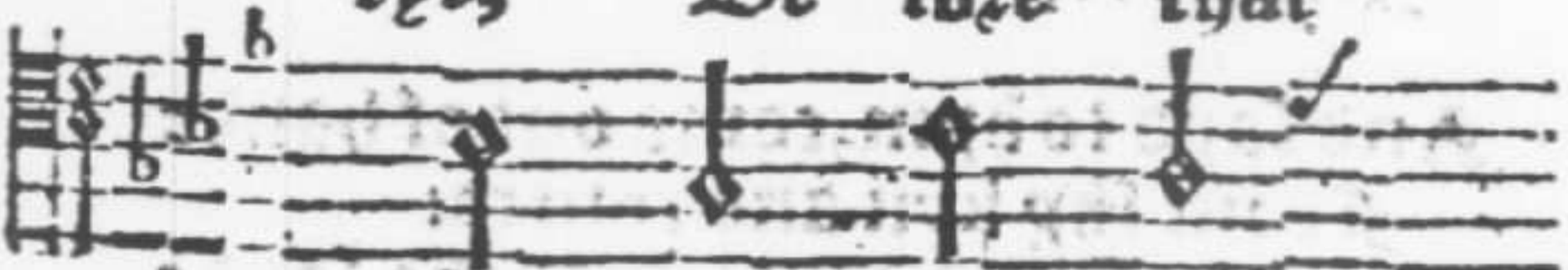
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**W**hen sayd the chiefe, priest it is so  
The men and eke betherne:  
And all ye fathers hearken vnto  
My wordes and then discerns.

There dyd appeare, to Abraham  
The God of great glorie:  
Before that he dwelt in Carran  
In Mesopotamye.

And sayd to hym, come out of hande  
From thy kyn and contre:  
Make halt and come, into the lande  
Whiche I shal shewe to thee.

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Bassus.



Out of the lande, then of Caldey  
Retourned he with spede:  
The Lords commaundement to obey  
Dwelt in Carran in dede.

Soone after ye, shall vnderstande  
As hys father was deade:  
He brought him then, into the lande  
Wher here nowe your lyfe ye leade.

He gaue hym none, inheritaunce  
Not one sote bredth by name:  
But promysed, he woulde aduaunce  
Hym to possesse the same.

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Beside all thys, yet neuerthelesse  
A promise he made free:  
Unto hys seed, that to possesse  
When yet no chyld had he.

God without dout, spake on thys wyse  
Hys seed shoulde dwel and slepe:  
With straungers, that shoulde them despise  
And them in bondage kepe.

And so to scourge, them cruellye  
Foure hundred yeares with rod:  
But yet those people, soone wyl I  
Judge sayth the luyngge God.

And after that, I wyl them plant  
To serue me euery where:  
And then he gaue, hym the couenant  
Of circumcision there.

And he begat, Iake ryght soone  
And dyd hym circumsise:  
At the eyght daye, it was so done  
And Iake in lyke wyse.

Begat Iacob, all thys is sure  
And ryght well knowne of clarkes:  
Howe that Iacob, by the scripture  
Begat twelue Patriarkes.

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The Patriarks, then in their rage  
Ioseph to Egypt solde:  
From all distress, in that plage  
God dyd hym then with holde.

And gaue hym grace, and great wysdome  
In Pharos syght the Kyngge:  
Who dyd appoynt, hym in great romie  
To rule in euery thyngge.

Then came a deth, in all the lande  
Egypt and Lanaan:  
Therof the gricse, coulde not withstande  
Lackynge the foode of man.

Our fathers in, their scarsyte  
Hauynge no sustinaunce:  
In Egypt heard, that corne shoulde be  
Iacob made puruaunce.

And first sent out, euen hys sonnes owne  
The seconde tyme also:  
To hys brethren, Ioseph was knowne  
And they eke to Pharo.

Then Ioseph wolde, hys father dere  
As he had well foresene:  
And all his kyn, to be brought nere  
Thre scoze soules and systene.

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Joseph to Egypt descended  
And our fathers euen then:  
Whiche died and were, all translated  
Eche one into Sichem.

And were put in, the sepulchour  
That Abraham bought fre:  
For coone of the, sonnes of Emor  
In Sichem layd to be.

And when the tyme, of promes drew  
Nye which that God had sworne:  
To Abraham, the people grew  
In Egypt that were borne.

Untyll another kynge arose  
Whiche not of Joseph knewe  
Full craftely, the same dyd glasse  
Our kynred to subdue.

And dyd entreate, our fathers yll  
And made them cast out playne:  
Their children yonge, their lyues to spyll  
That none shoulde there remaine:

And in that tyme, borne was Moyses  
A fayre childe in Goddes syght:  
Whiche in hys fathers, house doutles  
The monethes was fed a ryght.

And

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And then cast on, the water depe  
The daughter of Pharo:  
Dyd take hym vp, and dyd hym kepe  
For her owne soune also.

He was well sene, in the wysdome:  
Of the Egyptians gyse:  
Ryght stronge in dedes, he dyd become  
And in hys wordes ryght wyse.

When he of age, was fourtye yere  
Then in hys heart dyd dwell:  
A loue to seke, hys betherne dere  
Chyldren of Israell.

And when he sawe, one suffer wronge  
Euen of hys brethren dere:  
Hym to defende, he bode not longe  
As ye shall after here.

He dyd the egipcian ouerthrow  
That dyd hys brother smyght:  
Thynkynge hys brethren, well to know  
And vnderstande a ryght.

That God the Lord, euen by his hande  
Their lastye shoulde prepare:  
Whiche none of them, dyd vnderstande  
The stozze doth declare.

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The next day then, he dyd aspyce  
To stay them in their stryfe:  
To make them frendes, was his desire  
In loue to leade their lyfe.

And sayd to them, with wordes right wise  
Eyth eche is others brother:  
The fonder is, the enterpryse  
For one to hurt another.

But he that dyd, hys neyghboure wronge  
Thrust hym away sayinge:  
Who made thee ruler, vs amonge  
To rule in euery thyng.

I wel perceyue, thou wylt me kyll  
As thou dydst yester day:  
The Egyptian, hys bloude to spyll  
And so make me away.

At those wordes Moyses, fled anone  
As he thought best to do:  
Into the lande, of Madian  
Where he gat sonnes two.

When forty yeres were past awaye  
An Angel dyd recorde:  
In wyldernes, of mounte Synaye  
To hym from God the Lorde.

with

## The.vij. Chapter.

With in a flame, of burynge fyre  
Which lyghted in a bush:  
And caused Moyses, to drawe nere  
To see that fyre thus.

And as he drew, nye to beholde  
The voyce of God downe came:  
Which sayd to him, with wordes ful bolde  
Thy fathers God I am.

I am the God, of Abraham  
The Lorde vnto hym sayde:  
I sake and Jacobs, God I am  
Which Moyses soze desmayd

He trembled and, durst not drawe nere  
Suche feare on hym dyd fall:  
Then sayd the Lorde, now Moyses here  
And marke what say I shall.

Put of thy shoese, euen out of hande:  
Let it be done with spede:  
The grounde wheron, thy fete do stande  
Is holy grounde in dede.

Ryght perfectlye, I do nowe see  
The heuynes appere:  
Of my flocke that, in Egypt be  
And eke their growynge chere.

And

## The.vij. Chapter.

And I am come, them to defend  
And saue for euer more:  
Wherfore beholde, I do thee send  
Into Egypt therfore.

This is Moyses, to whome they sayde  
Who made the here a ruler:  
The same God sent, to them for ayde  
To rule and kee the deliuer.

Euen by the handes, of the Angell  
Which in the bushe dyd lycht:  
The same brought them, out passing well  
And shewed straunge thinges in lycht.

In Egypt wonders, dyd appere  
And in the red see flete:  
In wildernes, men saw thinges clere  
Full forty yeres complete.

This is Moyses, the whiche dyd tell  
And also make report:  
To the childzen, of Israell  
These wordes of much comfort.

A Prophete shall, the Lorde for ye  
Rayle by ryght good and iust  
Euen of your brethzen, lyke to me  
Hym shall ye heare and trust.

And

## The.vij. Chapter.

And in the congregacion  
Thys Moyses was doubtles:  
And hearde the voyce, of God alone  
Euen in the wyldernes.

Whiche then dyd talke, assuredlye  
With changel of the Lorde:  
Upon mounte Synay, certaynlye  
Our fathers doth recozde:

The worde of lyfe, receyued he  
To geue to vs was sent:  
Our fathers wolde, in no wyse be  
To hym obedient.

But thrust him from, them with despyght  
Their heartes turned echeone:  
Into Egypt, to go with myght  
And sayde vnto Aron.

Make gods for vs, both more and les  
For we can not discus:  
What is become, of thys Moyses  
That from Egypt brought vs.

To make a Calfe, thys was their choise  
And offered sacrifice:  
Into the same, and dyd reioyce  
In that their owne deuyse.

Then



## The.vij. Chapter.

Then turned God, from their crueltie  
And gaue them vp with thretes:  
To worship starres, wyth in the skye  
Foresayde of the prophetes.

O ye the house, of Israell  
Gave me your Sacrifices:  
Meate offerynge fortye yeres to tell  
Wyth in the wilderness.

Soone dyd ye take, and not defarre  
The tabernacle than:  
Of Moloch ye, and eke the starre  
Of your great God Remphan.

Figures to whome, oft ye dyd vote  
And worship them eche one:  
Wherfore I will, translate all you  
Beyond great Babylon.

The tabernacle, our fathers had  
Within the wilderness:  
As he appoynted and them had  
Speakynge vnto Moyses.

That he shuld make, it accordynge  
As he before dyd see:  
The which our fathers receyvinge  
Brought in with Josue.

Into

## The.vij. Chapter.

Into the lande, of the gentyls  
Whiche God draue out and chyd:  
Before our fathers as exyls.  
Tyll the tyme of Dauid.

Whiche fauour found, with God y<sup>e</sup> Lorde  
Desyrynge then that he:  
Myght fynde an house, of mete accord  
For Jacobs God to be.

An house for hym, buylt Salomon  
But yet the hyst I ken:  
Dwelthe not in temples, made of ston  
Wrought by the hands of men.

As he declareth, by hys writ  
The Prophet sayinge this:  
Heauen is my seat, where on I sit  
The earth my fote stole is.

What house then wyll, ye me behold  
Sayth God tell you I shall:  
Whiche is the place, then of my rest  
Nath not my hande made all.

Ye styffe necke all, both least and most  
With heartes and ears ye seke:  
Styll to resist, the holy Ghost  
As dyd your fathers eke.

G.i.

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## The.vij.Chapter.

The prophetes all, your fathers loze  
Nedes persecute them must:  
And eke he w them, which taught befoze  
The commynge of the iust.

Whose murtherers, and traytours now  
Ye are and to them knit:  
The Angels gaue, the lawe to you;  
And ye haue not kept it.

When they hearde thys, great was their  
Their heartes did cleaue in two: (grete  
Gnashynge on hym, euen with their tethe  
And knewe not what to do:

He was ful of, the holy ghost  
Hys eyes to heauen dyd stande:  
Which sawe the glozy, of the Lorde  
And Christ on hys ryght hande.

And sayde beholde, the heauens I se  
Appere for my lyuelod:  
And eke the sonne, of man to be  
At the ryght hande of God.

Then they cryde out, with rozyng boyce  
And stopt their eares and bzeche:  
Thus in their rage, they toke their choyce  
And stoned hym to deathe

The

## The.vij.Chapter.

The witnesses, their clothes downe layde  
Then at a mans sete euen: (sayde  
Whose name was Saule, which then as  
With them to stone good Steuen.

Which cryde and sayd, Lord Christ Iesu  
Receyue my spzite thys dave:  
He kneeled downe, all thys is trew  
And on thys wyle dyd saye.

Laye not thys synne, Lord to their charge  
Thus he dyd call and clepe:  
Of that their sonne, them to discharge  
And so he fell a slepe.

## The Contentes.

HOVV Philip came to Samary  
Simon the vvhycher dyd fayne:  
Philip dyd baptyse vvyllynglye  
Eunuch the chamberlayne.

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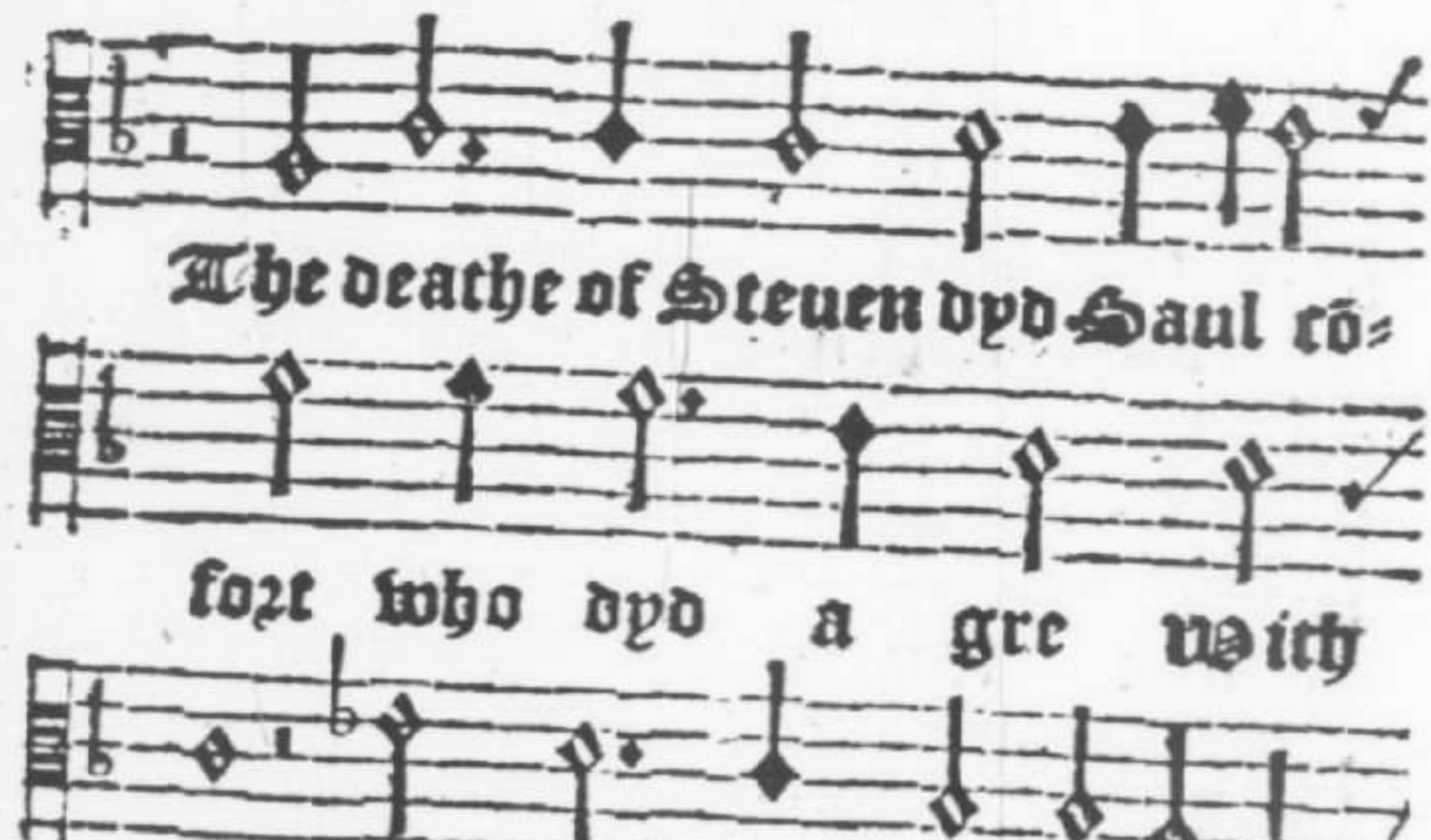


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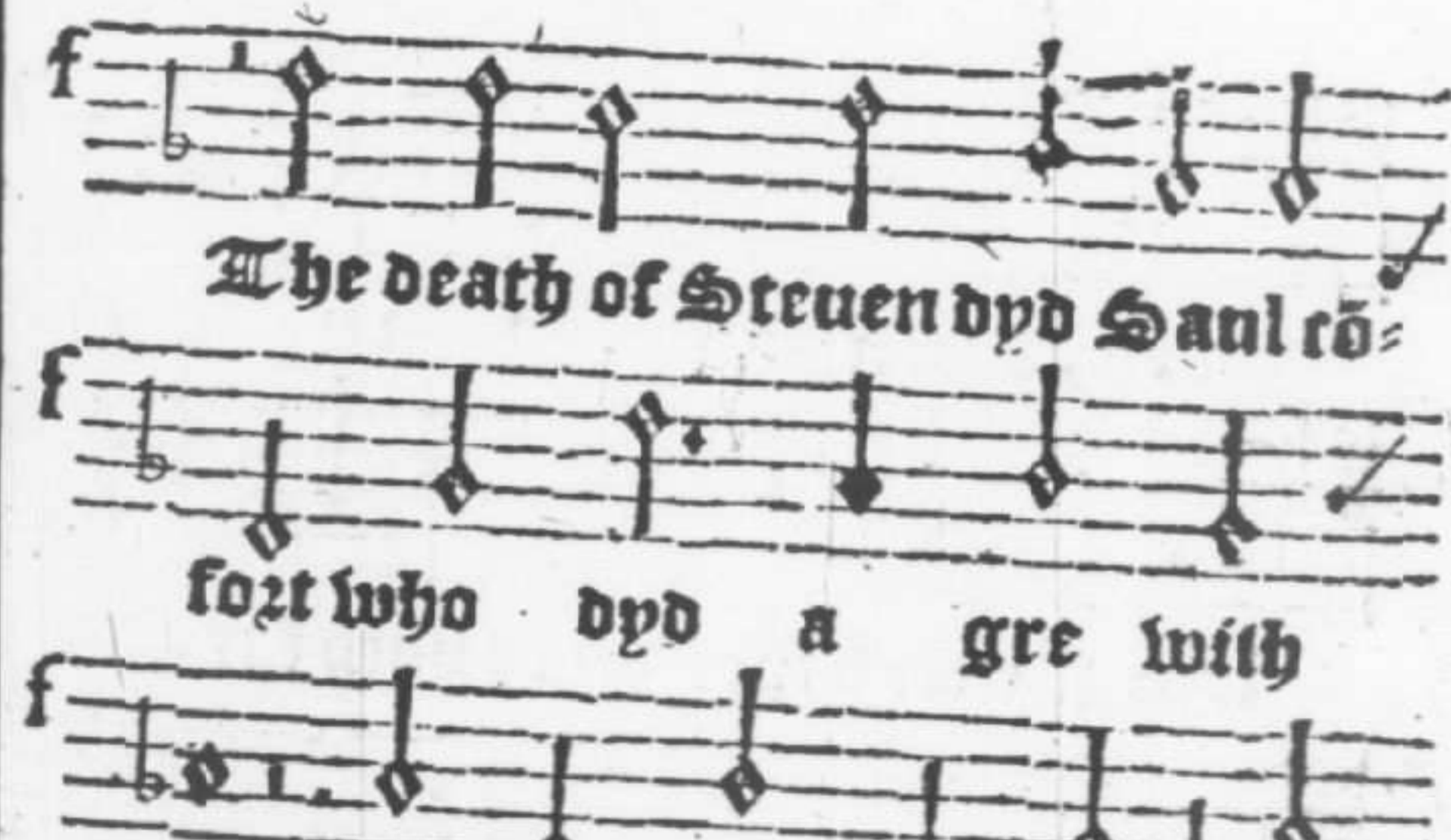


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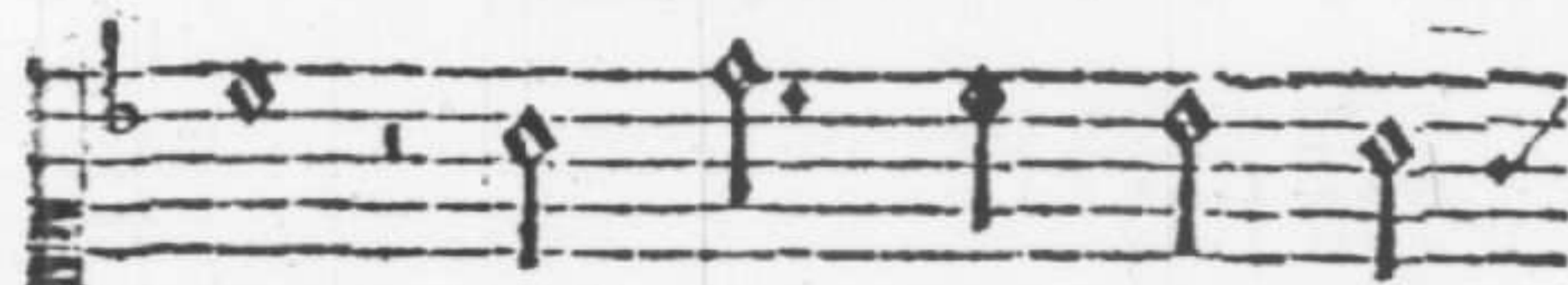
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That would haue Nayne, the godlye  
Then at Jerusalem. (forte

Scattered they were, both far and nye  
And throug the regions cept:

The.viii. Chapter.  
Countertenor.



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Bassus.



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The twelue onely except.

Deaunte there were, that dressed Steuen  
Of whome stonnes brake eche lym:  
Besydes their oymntentes, to hym genen  
They dyd wepe oyer hym.

But

## The.viii. Chapter.

But of the congregacion than  
Saul spared no mans lyfe:  
But sought the house, of euery man  
And drewe out man and wyfe.

In pryson fast, he dyd them place  
But those that went about:  
Dyd preache the worde, of lyfe and grace  
Euen as they went throught.

And Philippe came, a cytye to  
Which was of Samarye:  
And preached Christ, as he to do  
Had power geuen from an hye.

The people then, with one accorde  
Hys words ryght well out sought:  
In that they sawe, that God the Lorde  
Straunge thynges by hym had wrought.

For vncleane sprites, with rozyng boyce  
Came out of sundrye men:  
That were possess, and had no choyse  
But cald on Philip then.

The palseyes he, dyd heale also  
And therof was not coye:  
The halte he heald, that coude not go  
In whome became great ioye.

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## The.viii. Chapter.

A certayne man, there was whose name  
Was Simon truth to tell:  
Which here tofore, the very same  
In witchcraft dyd excell.

Altho the people, bewyght to fore  
That dwelt in Samarye:  
And eke repozte, he coude do moze  
Great thynges miraculoulye.;

He was had in, great reuerence  
Of all that there abode:  
Whiche sayde no dout, he doth commence  
The myghtye power of God.

Because of hys, continuance  
By hym they set muche bye:  
He mocked them, and dyd aduance  
Hym selfe with sozterpe.

When Philipes words, they dyd wel beu  
Who taught of Gods kyngdome:  
And in the name, of Christ Iesu  
Baptised they dyd become.

Simon hym selfe, dyd then beleue  
And baptised was also:  
Abydngyll, by Philipes sleue  
And woulde not from hym go.

But

## The.viiij. Chapter

But wondred much, then to beholde  
The signes that he dyd see:  
And miracles, so manifolde  
By Philip done to be.

The apostles hearyng, that were glad  
Then at Jerusalem:  
That Samarye, receyued had  
The worde of God to them.

And sent Peter, and John aright  
To them in to that coast:  
Who when they came, prayde that they  
Receyue the holy Ghost. (myght)

Which was as yet, on them not come  
That shoulde them all renew:  
Baptised they were, both all and some  
Onely in Christ Iesu.

Then dyd they lay, their handes right  
On them both lest and most: (soone  
And eche man dyd, when that was done  
Receyue the holye gost.

When Symon dyd, beholde and se  
By handes that they dyd laye:  
The holy ghost, receyue myght he  
He offered them money.

And

## The.viiij. Chapter.

And sayde also, geue me thys powre  
On whome my handes shall lye:  
He may receyue, even in that houre  
The holy ghost ther by.

Then Peter sayd, whose wordes abhorde  
Thy goodes nowe peryshe with the:  
That thinkst the giftes, of God the Lorde  
With goodes well gotten be.

Thou hast no parte, noz felowshyp  
In thys our busynes:  
Thy harte away, from God doth flyp  
Repent thy wyckednes.

And praye to God, thy thoughtes may fall  
That in thy heart now be:  
For thou art full, of bytter gall  
Wzapt in inquite.

Then Simon sayde, for thys my mis  
Lyst vp your heartes with me:  
And pray to God, that none of this  
Unto my charge layde be.

And when that they, had testifyde  
And caught the worde to them:  
They dyd retourne, that tyme and tyde  
Unto Jerusalem.

And

## The.viiij. Chapter.

And they dyd preache, the Gospell still  
In Cities as they went:  
Throug Samarye, as was the will  
Of hym that had them sent.

The angell of, the Lorde dyd saye  
To Philyp and hym lede:  
Arise and go, towarde myddaye  
Unto the waye wyth spede.

That gothe downe from, Ierusalem  
To Gaza in desert:  
And he arose, and went on then  
Euen wyth a louyng heart.

And nowe beholde, a man certayne  
Of Ethiopia:  
Which was a noble Chamberlayne  
Then comyng from Gaza.

He had the rule, of great Substans  
Euen wyth the Quene Candace:  
Quene of the Ethiopians  
Her tresorer he was.

Ierusalem fayne he woulde get  
Dnelye therein to praye  
He homewarde red, in his Charet  
Of the pzophet Esaye.

The

## The.viiij. Chapter.

The spirit of God, to Philyp sayde  
Go nere to yonder man:  
And ioyne thy selfe, to hym for ayde  
And Philyp to hym ran.

He sawe the boke, then in his hande  
And heard him on it rede:  
And sayde doste thou, now vnderstande  
What thou doste rede in dede.

The Chamberlayne, the truth dyd tell  
And sayde he well espyde:  
He coulde not vnderstande it well  
Except he had a gyde.

Of Philyp then, full fayne he wert  
And wolde him to draue nere:  
And spt wyth hym, to playne the text  
That he of hym dyd here.

The Tenor of, the text certayne  
Was this that he dyd saye:  
He as a shepe, led to be slayne:  
And as a Lambe downe laye.

Before his therer, wyth meknes,  
His mouth not once vnsparde:  
Because of that, his humblenes  
They dyd hym not regarde.

Who



## The.viij. Chapter.

Who shall declare, and eke expound  
His generacion playne:  
His lyfe is taken, from the ground,  
Then sayde the Chamberlayne.

I praye the frende, be thou content  
To open yf thou can:  
The prophets wordes, by hym selfe ment  
Or by sum other man.

Philip opened, his mouth so pure  
The truethe then to discus:  
And dyd begyn, the same scripture  
And taught hym Christ Iesus.

And as they went, styll on their waye  
A water he dyd spye:  
The Chamberlayne, to hym dyd saye  
Se here thys water bye.

What shall me let, baptysed to be  
Then Philip to hym sayde:  
Yf thou beleue, wyth heart ryght fre  
Thou mayst not be denyde.

He answered him, I do beleue  
That Christe is God his sonne:  
Wyllynge the Charet, not to meue,  
Tyl that good wyght were done.

They

## The.viij. Chapter.

They with good wyll, went downe bothe  
And in the water were: (twayne  
Bothe Philip and, the Chamberlayne  
Whom Philip baptised there.

This done they dyd, come out agayne  
The sprite of Godly loze:  
Toke Philip from, the chamberlayne  
He coulde see him no moze.

Then on hys waye, he passed thus  
Retorsynge in hys heart.  
And Philip was founde, at Azotus  
The people to conuert.

And he dyd walke, the contrey styll  
Preachynge continuallye:  
In all their cytyes, taught vntyll  
He came to Cesarye.

## The Contentes.

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The Iues he dothe confounde:  
Tabythas lyfe, Peter restorde  
V When she lay deade on grounde.

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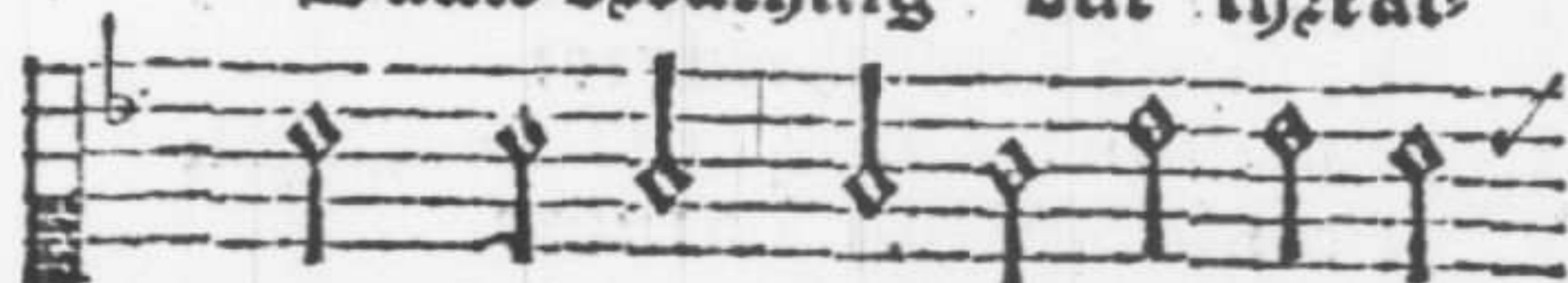
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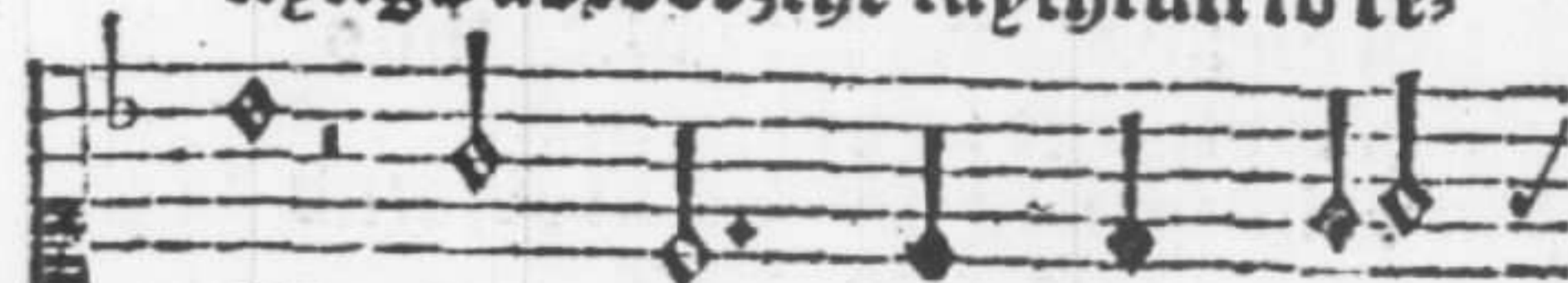
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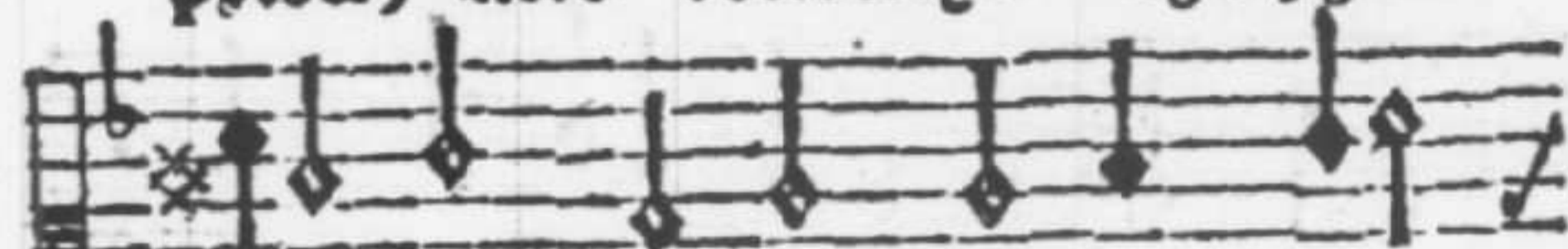
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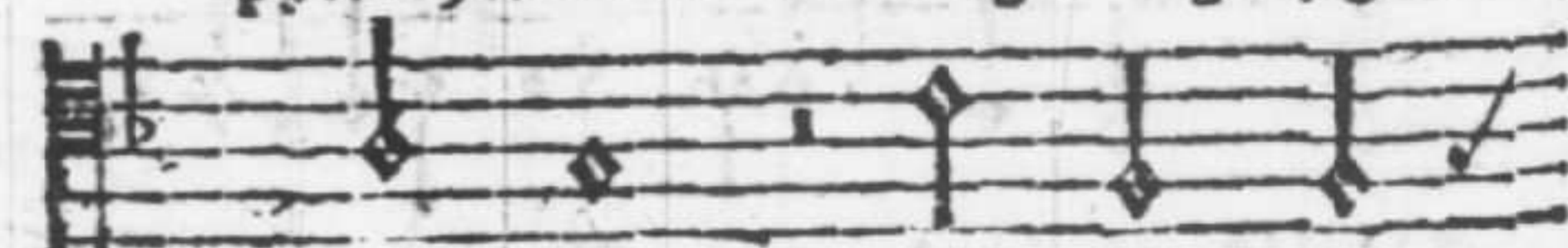
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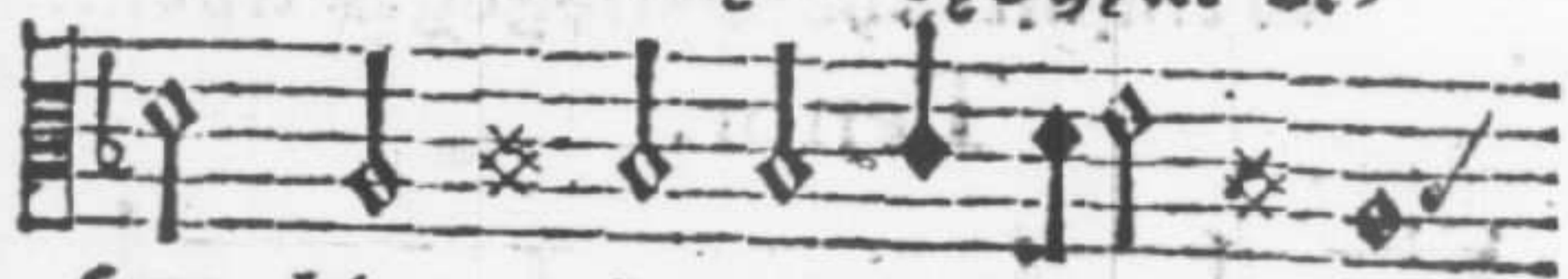
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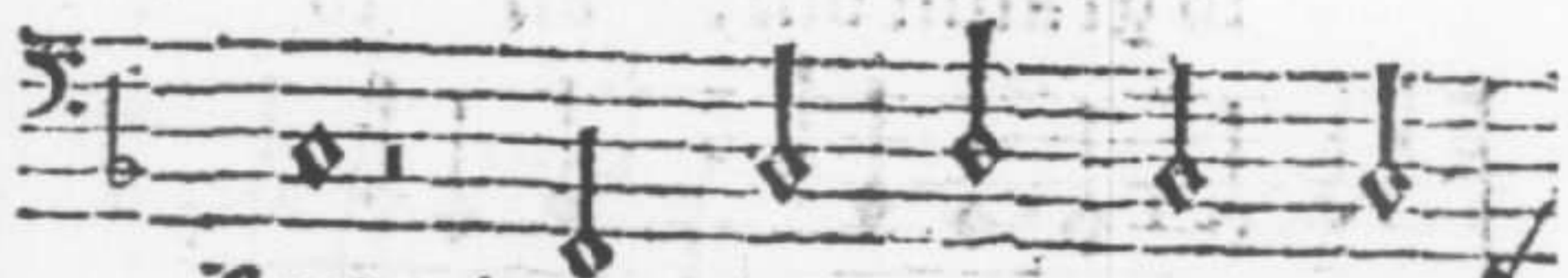


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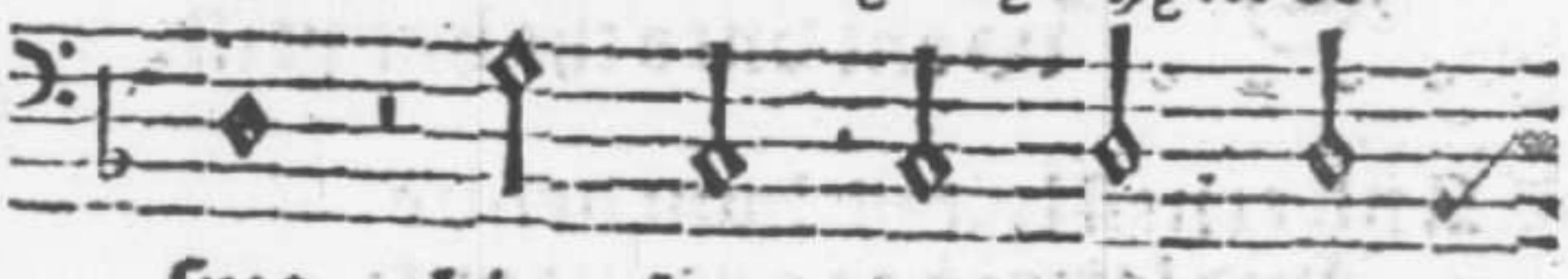
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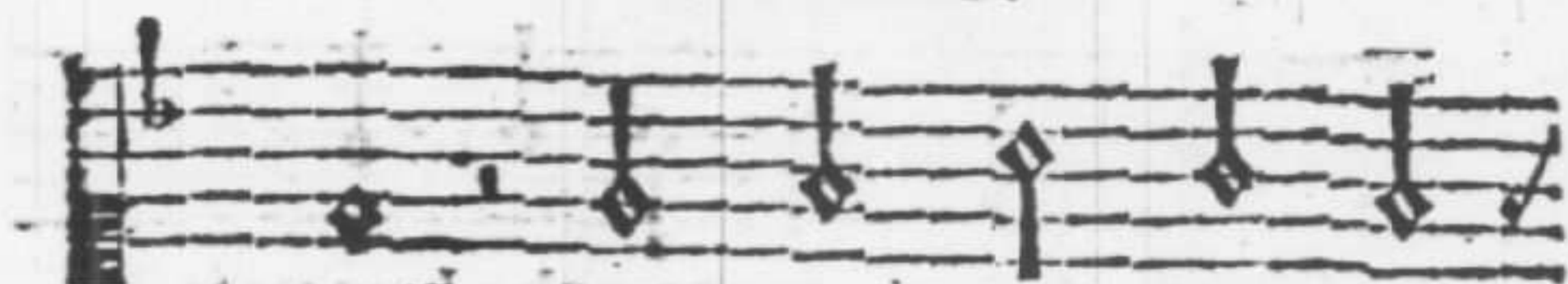
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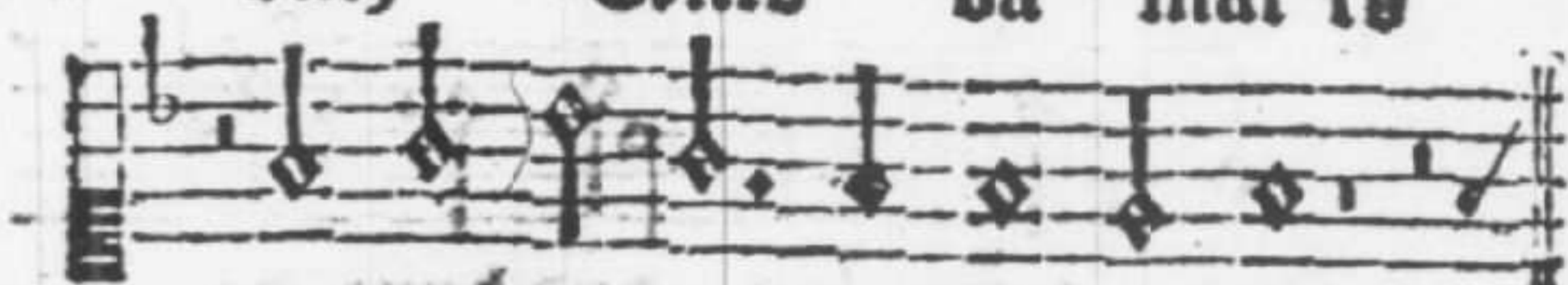
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The faythful to resist: (abzode  
Agaynst thelect, of God & Lozde  
Went vnto the hye prist.

And earnestly, dyd hym desyre  
Hys letters to graunt out:

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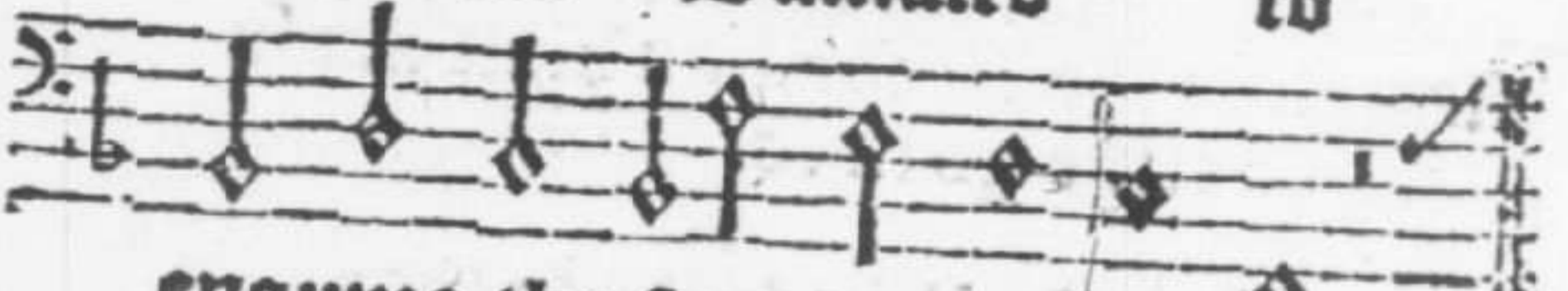


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To fynde such as, on Christ beleues  
Man or woman of them:  
That he might bring, the bound as theues  
Unto Jerusalem.

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## The. ix. Chapter.

But as he went, and was come nye  
Damasco for thys thynge:  
He was beset, then sodaynlye  
With lyght from heauen thynnyng.

And straght vnto, the earth fell he  
And heard a voyce recozde:  
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me  
He sayde what art thou Lorde.

Then sayde the Lorde, Iesus I am  
Whome thou dost tolle and tozne:  
It wyl be harde, for thee mad man  
Agaynst the prycke to spozne.

He tremblynge then, sayde on thys wyse  
Lorde what wylt thou I do:  
And then the Lorde, bad hym arysse  
The citey go in to.

And ther it shall, be tolde to thee  
Men hearynge ther this noyce:  
Amased were, that no man see  
But hearde a certayne voyce.

And Saule arose, then from the grounde  
Hys eyes he then opened:  
And sawe no man, but hearde the sounde  
Of suche as hym then led.

who

## The. ix. Chapter.

Who brought hym then, to Damasco  
Thre dayes hys syght was blanket:  
He sawe no lyght, great was hys wo  
He neither eate noz drancke.

A certayne disciple, there was  
That at Damasco lay:  
Who was named, Ananias  
The Lorde to hym byd say.

Ananias, worke myne aduice  
Here Lorde he byd repeat  
And then the Lorde, bad hym arise  
And go into the streate.

Whiche streate is called straght in dede  
And further moze, do thus  
In Judas house, looke thou with spede  
For one Saule of Tharus

Beholde he prayth, and he hath sene  
A vision brought to pas:  
Wherin appeard, as it had bene  
The man Ananias.

Who as he thought, to hym drewe nere  
To helpe hys heauye plyght:  
And by hys handes, as myght appere  
He shoulde receyue hys syght,

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Then

## The. ix. Chapter.

Then answerd he, the Lorde direct  
And made of Saule complayntes:  
Howe he had delt, with hys elect  
In Jury that were sayntes.

And here he hath, authorite  
From the hys priestes to stave:  
And bynde all those, that call on thee  
The Lorde to hym dyd save.

Go on thy wayes, and do these thynges  
For he is geuen to me:  
To beare my name, before all kynges  
And where the Gentylys be.

And eke chyldren, of Israell  
For I wyl hym betake  
To suffer great thynges, passynge well  
Duelye for my names sake.

Ananias, went on hys waye  
And vnto Saule drew nere:  
And eke hys handes, on hym dyd laye  
And sayde Saule brother dere.

The Lorde that dyd, appeare to thee  
In the hys wayes so bryght:  
Hath sent me nowe, to make thee see  
Wherfore receyue thy syght.

The

## The. ix. Chapter.

The holy ghost, shal thee sudies  
And fyll thee with good tales:  
And the fel thynges, downe from hys eyes  
Lyke as they had bene scales.

He dyd receyue, hys syght certayne  
So dyd he then baptye:  
And eke dyd eat, his meate agayne  
Whiche dyd well comforte hym.

And certayne dayes, Saule would not go  
But kept with the elect:  
Whiche then abode, at Damasco  
The sayth there to erect.

Saule preached Christ, with heart ryght  
The sinagoges dyd vse: (fre  
Aouchynge Christ, Gods sonne to be  
That all manche dyd muse.

Some sayde is not, thys man the same  
That latelye spoyled them:  
Whiche then dyd call, on Christ his name  
Euen at Jerusalem.

And also came, for thys entent  
If any suche he founde:  
Before thygh priest, them to conuent  
And eke to brynge them bounde.

But

## The. ix. Chapter

But Saule in strength, entreated so  
The Jewes he dyd resist:  
Whiche then dyd dwel, at Damasco  
Affirminge verye Christ.

Whiche in a whyle, Saule preachynge styll  
Whose wordes abroad were blowne:  
The Jewes toke, counsel him to kyll  
The whiche to Saule was knowne.

They dyd laye wayte, both day and nyght  
And on the gates dyd watche:  
Full cruelly, agaynst all ryght  
Thys lyfe then to dispatche.

But the disciples, knowynge all  
Their purpose then to tell:  
By nyght they put, him through y wall  
Downe in a great basket.

When he came to, Ierusalem  
Disciples beyng there:  
He sayed to iopne, hym selfe to them  
But they dyd hym muche feare.

And scarcely woulde, beleue that God  
Thys thynge in hym had wrought:  
But Barnabas that there abod  
Hym to chappelles brought.

And

## The. ix. Chapter.

And dyd declare, to them also  
That sene the Lorde he had:  
In the hys way, as he dyd go  
And what the Lorde hym bad.

And how he had, ryght boldely done  
The synagoges throughtout:  
In preachynge Christ, to be Gods sonne  
Damasco rounde about.

And then he had, the company  
Of them with ryght good wyll:  
And in the cite, taught boldly  
The name of Iesus styll.

And he dyd speake, and eke dispute  
Euen with the Grekes certayne:  
He stoutly stode, them to confute  
And they wolde him haue slayne.

But when the brethzen dyd espie  
They would haue slayne hym thus:  
They brought him vnto Cesarpe  
And sent hym to Tharsus.

Then dyd the congregacion lye  
Throughte Jewry al at rest:  
And Galile, and Samarye  
Were edified and blest.

The

## The .ix. Chapter.

The feare of God, they dyd support  
In eche countrey and cost:  
They multiplyd, in the comfort  
Euen of the holye ghost.

And it chaunced, as Peter went  
And of all countreys felt:  
The Lorde vnto, the sainctes him sent  
Which then at Lidida dwelt.

A man he founde, of heauye chere  
Whose name was Eneas:  
The which had kept, his bed, viii. yere  
Sicke of the Paulsye was.

Eneas then, dyd Peter saye  
Christ Jesus comfort thee:  
Arise and make, thy bed strayght waye  
And then arise dyd he.

And al Lidida, and Assaron  
Of this doth beare recorde:  
Which saw the man, and ther vpon  
Dyd tourne vnto the Lorde.

There was a woman, at Joppa  
A discipyle she was:  
Whose name was called, Tabitha  
Which is to saye Dorcas,

Full

## The .xi. Chapter.

Full of good woorkes, she was alwayes  
And eke in almes tryed:  
It chaunced so, euen in those dayes  
That she was sycke and dyed.

When they had washt, her certaynlye  
And in her Chamber layde:  
Because Lidida, was Joppa nye  
Then the disciples sayde.

That Peter was, then at Lidida  
And sent one to report:  
That their desyre, was to Joppa  
He shoulde to them resort.

Peter arose, and quicklye sought  
For them that Dorcas kept:  
Into the Chamber, they hym brought  
Where all the wydowes wept.

And shewed suche coates, as she dyd make  
And also dyd conuert:  
Unto their ble, for Christ hys sake  
And Peter sayde depart.

He kneled doونه, and eke dyd praye  
And on the dead dyd crye:  
Tabitha nowe, arise I saye  
And she lyst by her eye.

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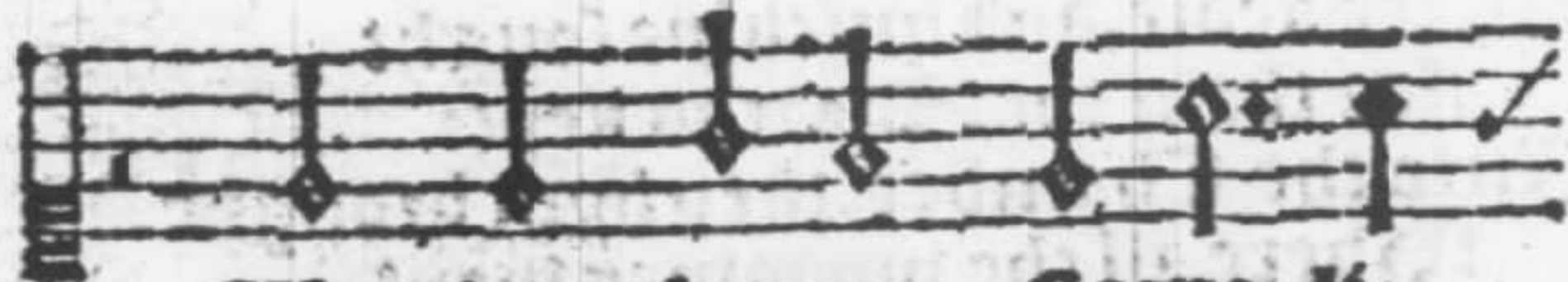
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And when she sawe, Peter there stande  
Her selfe she dyd by raple:  
And then he toke her by the hande  
And lyft her by straght wayse.

Unto the sayntes, and widowes then  
A lyue he brought her out:  
And it was knowne, unto all men  
In Joppa rounde about.

And manye that, were then amonge  
Belieued then eche where:

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And he abode, in Joppa longe  
With Simon Tanner there.

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The contentes.

HO V V E Peter sawe, the vision playde  
And then the Lorde sent hym:  
To Cornelye the good Captayne  
The Heathen receaue Baptye.

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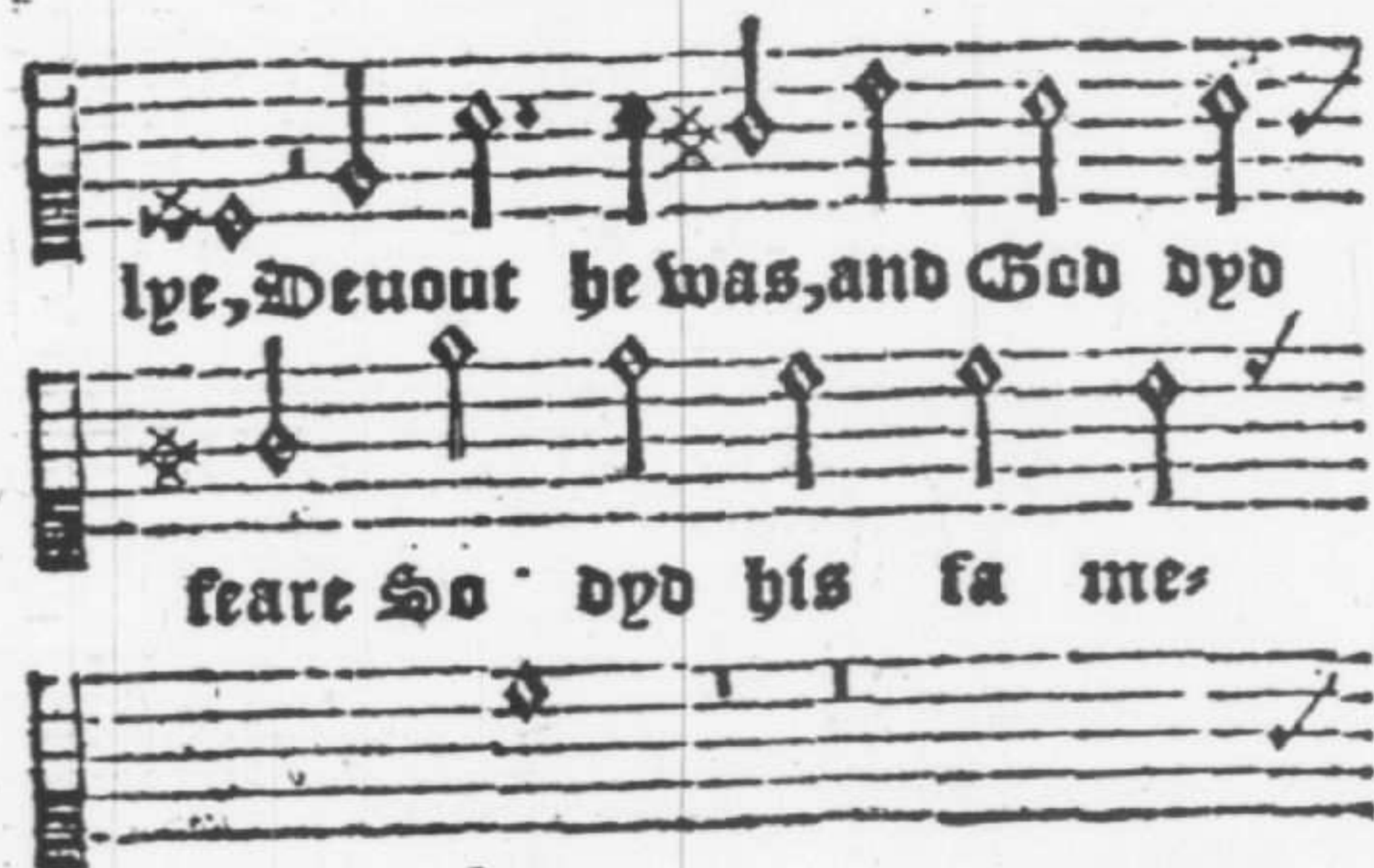
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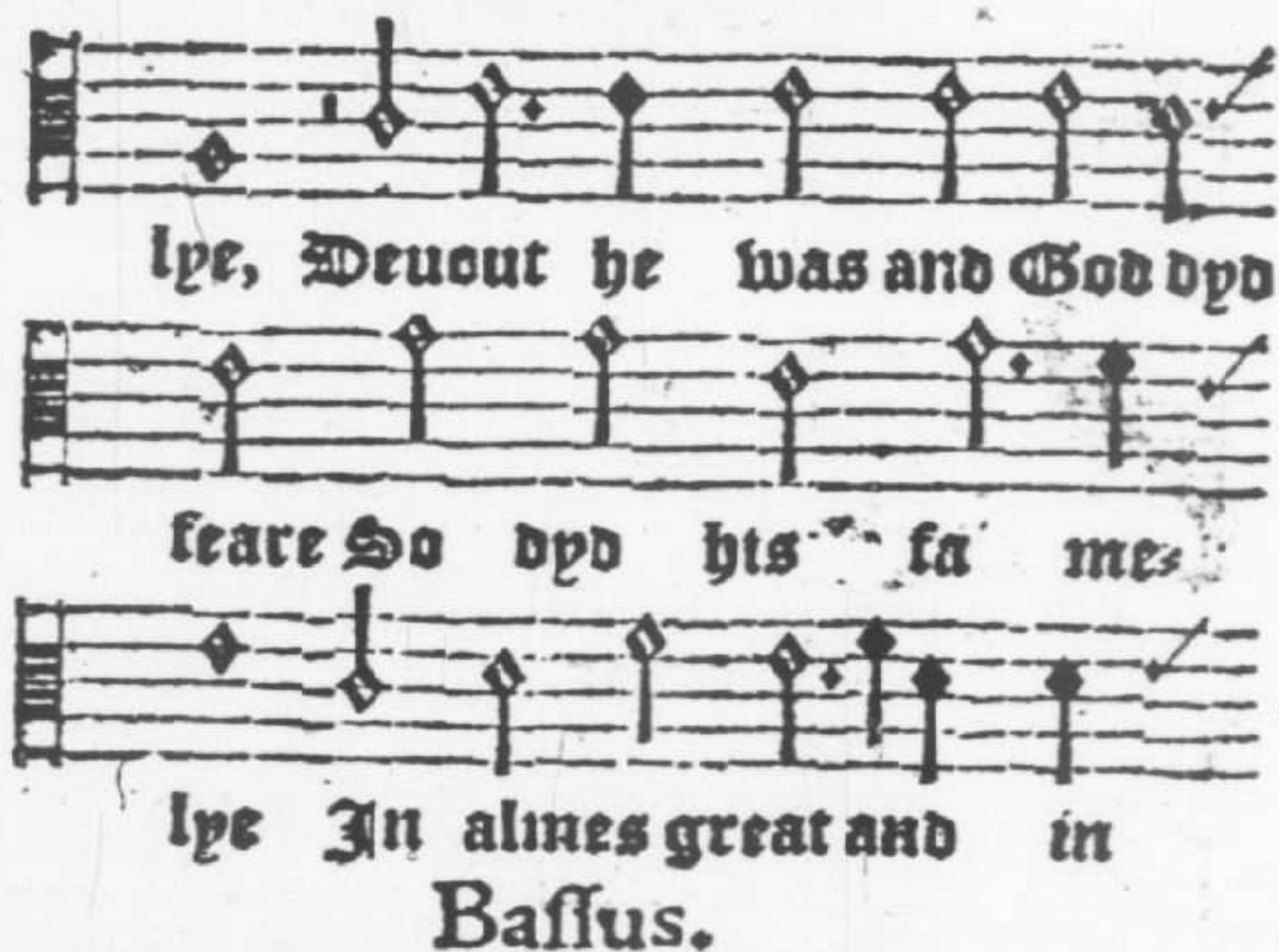
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**W**hen was there one, Cornelius  
whiche dwelt at Cesarye:  
A Captayne good, and gracious  
Of those of Italye.

Devout he was, and God dyd feare  
So dyd hys famelye;

In almes great, and in prayer

*Abode continuallye.*

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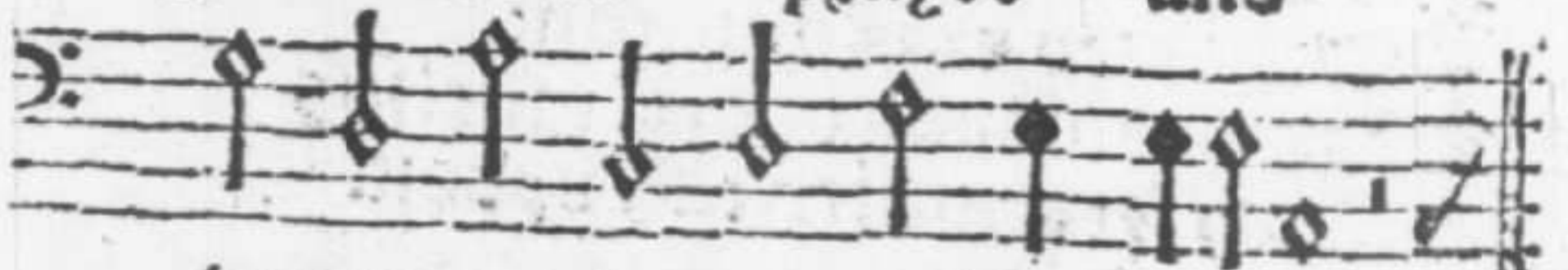


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Unto hys syght, God dyd bewraye  
Hys angell glorius:  
About the nyth, houre of the daye  
Whiche sayde Cornelius.

who loked vp, hym to beholde  
And was afrayed certayne:  
He sayde howe Lorde, may I beholde  
To knowe the matter playne.

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## The .x. Chapter.

The angel sayde, then in that place  
Thyne almesse and prayers all:  
Dyd come befoze, the throne of grace  
When thou to God dydst call.

Wherfoze to Joppa, sende anon  
Some trustye messenger:  
And byd hym call, for one Simon  
Whose surname is Peter.

In Simon tanners, house he is  
Lodged by the sea syde:  
Who shall thee teache, the woꝛde of blis  
Wherin thou shalt abyde.

And when the angel, that spake thus  
Departed was and gon:  
Then strayt way dyd, Cornelius  
Two seruautes call vppon.

And eke a deuoute, sougper  
On hym that dyd attend:  
He tolde hys mynde, and for Peter  
To Joppa dyd them send.

Then on the moꝛne, they rose right soone  
And went fast on their waye:  
But Peter went, about hygh noone  
Up in a loft to praye.

When

## The .x. Chapter.

When hunger dyd, moue hym to eat  
Whyllynge for sustenance:  
While they for hym, prepared meate  
He fell into a trance.

And sawe þ heauen, then cleave in twayne  
A vessel downe dyd glyde:  
And to his syght, appeared playne:  
A shete both large and wyde.

The corners knyt, haupnge therein  
Fourfoted beastes ful fayre:  
Whozmes of eche sort, also vermynt  
And eke foules of the ayre.

There came a voyce, to hym and sayde  
Kylle Peter kyll and eat:  
But Peter then, as one dismayde  
Began thus to entreate.

And sayde no Lorde, that I refuse  
It were synne as I meane:  
For I in meate, dyd neuer vse  
Thynges common or vncleane.

The voyce then spake, the seconde tyme  
And sayde of thys be sure:  
What God doth cense, is boyde of crime  
Make thou it not vnpure.

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## The.x. Chapter.

Thys was done thysle, in hys pzesens  
The truth to tell you playne:  
The bestell then, dyd banyshe thens  
Up in to heauen agayne.

When Peter thus, was in great dout  
What thys shoulde signifie:  
Beholde the men, that were sent out  
From captayne Cornelye.

Enquired where, Simon dyd dwell  
Before the doze standynge:  
Desyrynge one, to them to tell  
Where was Peters lodgynge.

While Peter in, hys mynde dyd muse  
What thys straunge syght myght be  
The spyte to hym, these words dyd vse  
Beholde these men seke thee.

Aryse and do, thy selfe prepare  
To go with them an ende:  
And haue no dout, noz yet no feare  
For I to thee them sende.

Then Peter to, the men downe went  
And sayde lo I am he:  
Hath any man, you to me sent  
What is your wyl with me.

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## The.x. Chapter.

They sayde captayne, Cornelius  
A iust man without blame:  
Whiche feareth God, most gracious  
Of good repute and fame.

Amonge the people, of the Iues  
Was warned by an angell:  
To sende for thee, to heare good newes  
Of Gods most holye Gospel.

Into the house, with good entent  
He dyd them leade to hostage:  
The next daye then, forth Peter went  
With them euen in their byage.

And certayne brethren, of Joppaye  
Dyd beare hym companye:  
So dyd they all, on the thirde daye  
Come vnto Cesarye.

Cornelius then, with hys kyndred  
And frendes especiall:  
Whome he together had called  
Wayted for Peter all.

And as Peter, by chaunce came in  
The Captayne dyd hym mete:  
In pzesence of hys, frendes and kin  
Fell downe at Peters fete.

To

## The.x. Chapter

To worshyp hym, then at a Brayde  
Cornelius then began:  
But Peter toke, hym by and sayde.  
Stand by I am a man.

So Peter led, hym forth with talke  
Untyl he entred in:  
Where he dyd fynde, much people walke  
And then he dyd begyn.

And sayde to them, ye knowe befoze  
That heauye is the daunger:  
For vs the Iues, by Moyses loze  
To ioyne with a strainger.

But yet the Lorde, hath shewed to me  
That I shoulde call no moze:  
No man vnclene, what so he be  
I douted not therfoze:

As come as soone, as you dyd sende  
To knowe what it myght be:  
Aske you now, therfoze the ende  
And cause ye sent for me.

It is now sayde, Cornelius  
About foure dayes ago:  
Synce that I was, muche desyrus  
To fast and praye also.

Then

## The.x. Chapter.

Then in my house, at the nyntch houer  
As I was there prayinge:  
Beholde one stode, of myghtye power  
By me in byght clothynge.

He sayde to me, Cornelius  
Thy prayer is accept:  
Thy almes dedes, are pfectus  
And in remembraunce kept.

Before the face, of God alwaye  
Which is our God alone:  
Therfoze with spede, sende to Joppaye  
And call for one Simone.

Whose surname, is called Peter  
At Jure he doth abyde:  
And lodge with Simon the tanner  
Not far from the sea syde.

When he cometh, he shall playnly  
Do thee to vnderstande:  
What is my wyll, and then dyd I  
Sende for thee out of hande.

It is well done, that thou art come  
For we are here present:  
Before the Lorde, bothe all and some  
To heare his commaundment.

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## The.x. Chapter.

Wyth open mouthe, Peter sayde then  
From truthe I will not waue:  
Before the Lorde no sortes of men  
Preeminence can haue.

But all suche as, feareth his grace  
And worketh ryghtwisenes:  
Wyth his mercye, he doth embrace  
Acceptyng moze and les.

The word that God, to Israell  
Through Iesus Christ dyd sende  
He is the Lorde, ye know ryght well  
In euery coast and ende.

How it was than, bzuted amonge  
The Iues in eche countre:  
But fyrst of all, how that it spronge  
Euen out of Galile.

After Johns Baptyme, and preachyng  
God wyth his holy bzethe:  
And strength anoynted priest and kynge  
Iesus of Nazarethe.

Whiche went aboute, and much good dyd  
To those that were in payne:  
From Satans force, he dyd them ryd  
God was wyth him certayne.

Of

## The.x. Chapter.

Of all he dyd, the Iues vntyll  
And in their chese Lite:  
We witness are, whom they dyd kyll  
And hanged vpon a tre.

Whome God dyd rayse, y<sup>e</sup> thyrde daye next  
And shew him openlye:  
Not to all men, as sayth the text  
But vnto vs onelye.

Whome God dyd chole, to beare witness  
Whiche sead wyth meate and bzead:  
And dranke wyth him, alyue doutles  
Arisen from the dead.

And vs to preache, commaunded he  
And to instruct eche head:  
That God appoynted, hym to be  
A iudge of quicke and dead.

The Prophetes all, witness wyth fame  
That all beleuers wyntes:  
Through hys merites, and holy name  
Remission of their synnes.

Whyle Peter yet, these words dyd tell  
That God dyd hym afforde:  
The holy ghost, on them all fell  
That hearkned to the worde.

The



## The.x. Chapter.

The faythfull people, of the Jewes:  
Which Peter with hym led:  
Amazed were, soze at those newes  
When that Gods spzite was shed.

And powzed on, the heathen sozte  
Whom they without delay:  
With diuers tonges, heard make reposes  
Of Gods high prayse alway

At that tyme Peter dyd aunswere  
May any man vs let:  
Or els forbyd, but that watere  
Amonge vs may be fet.

Meane.



The apostles and brethren were

Tenor.



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## The.xj. Chapter.

To baptise these, both lest and most  
Which here in presence be:  
Endeude nowe with, the holy ghost  
To grace as well as we.

And to prepare, these to Baptym  
He charged them strayght wayes  
Then in Gods name, they moied hym  
To tarye there fewe dayes.

AND Peter doth, declare the cause  
Why he to the heathen went:  
Paule Barnabas, doth preache the lause  
Of hym that then them sent.

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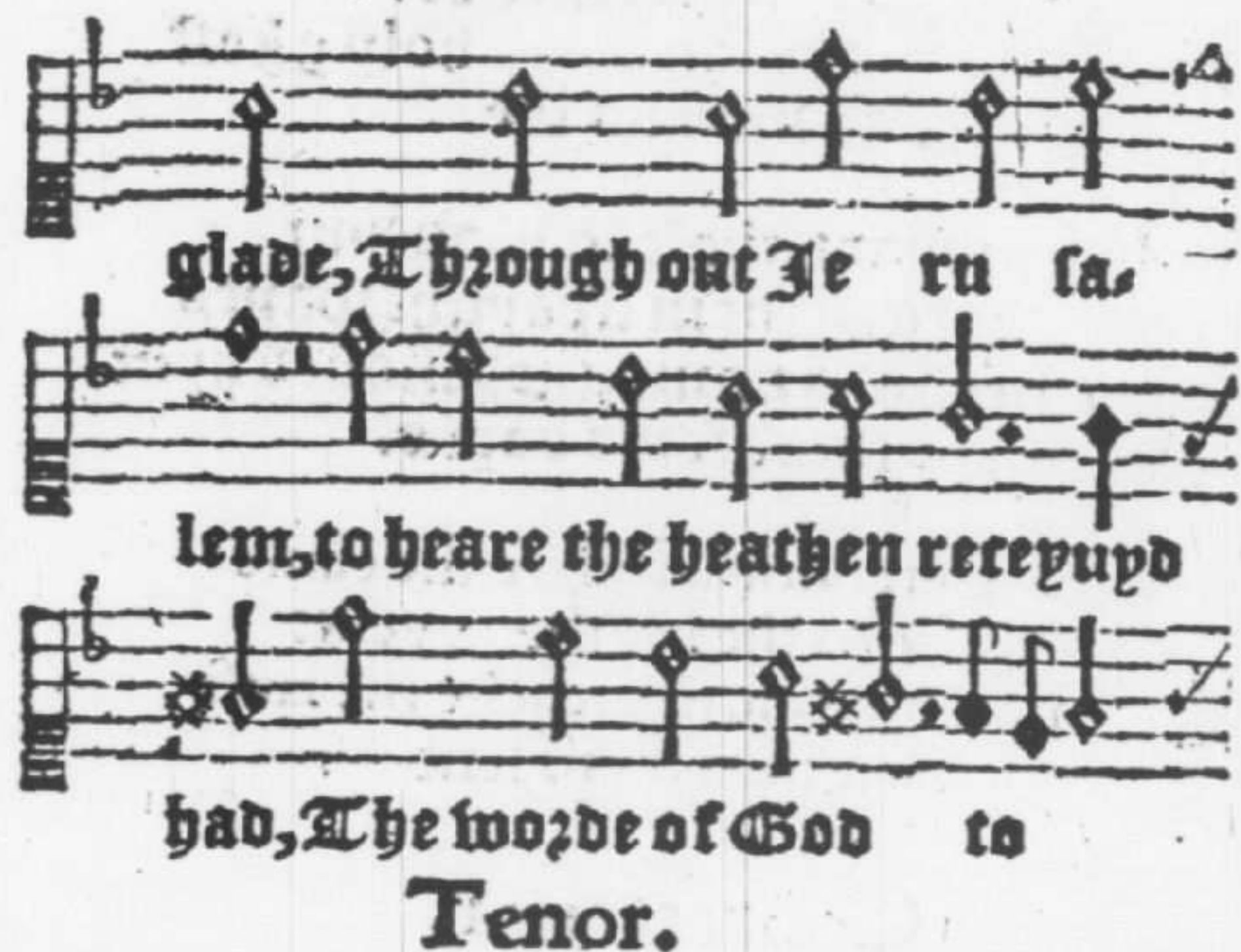
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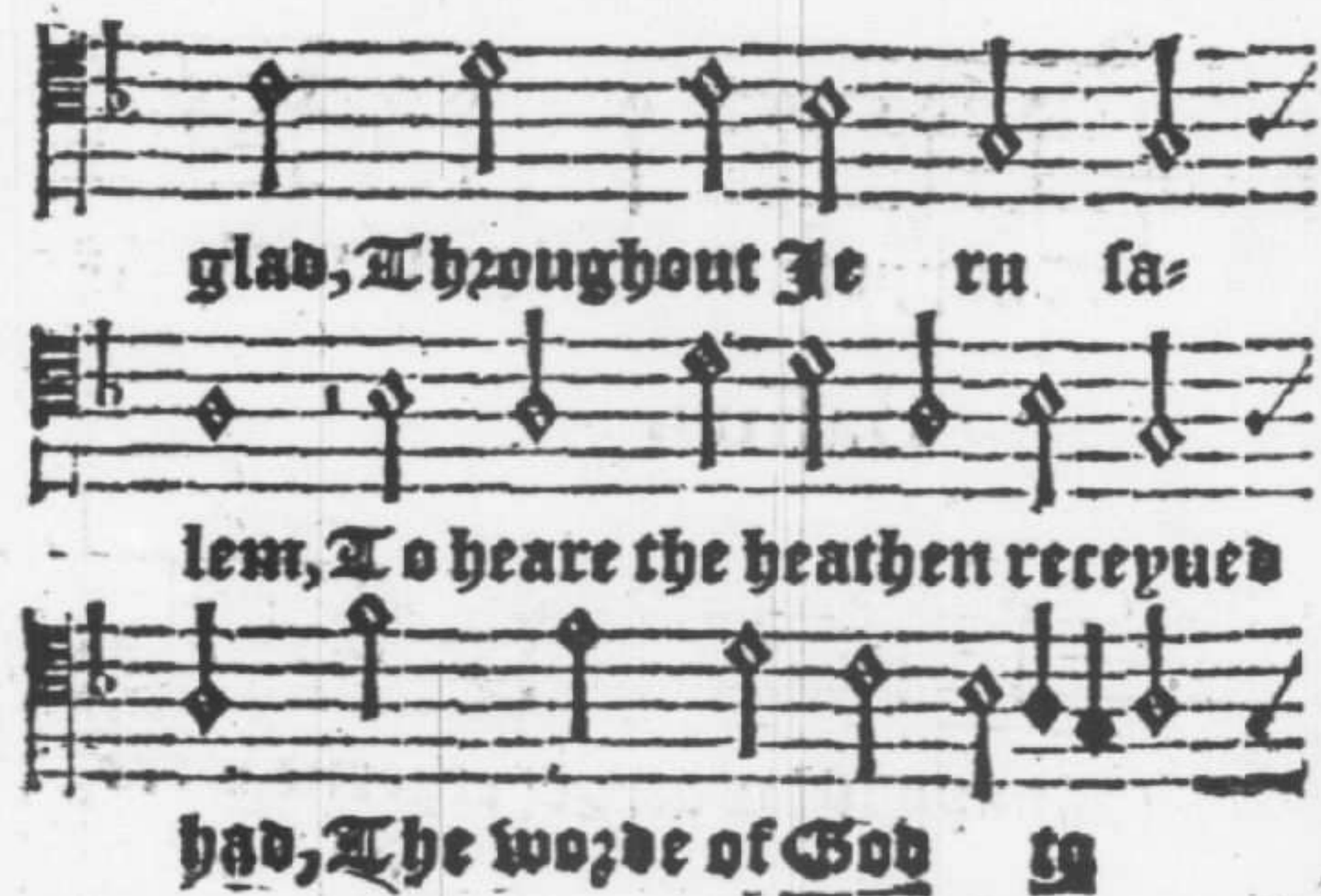
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**T**he Apostles and brethren were glad  
throughout Jerusalem:  
To heare the beathen, receined had  
The worde of God to them.

When Peter to, Jerusalem  
Came to hys iorneyes ende:  
They of the circumcicion  
With hym dyd then contende.

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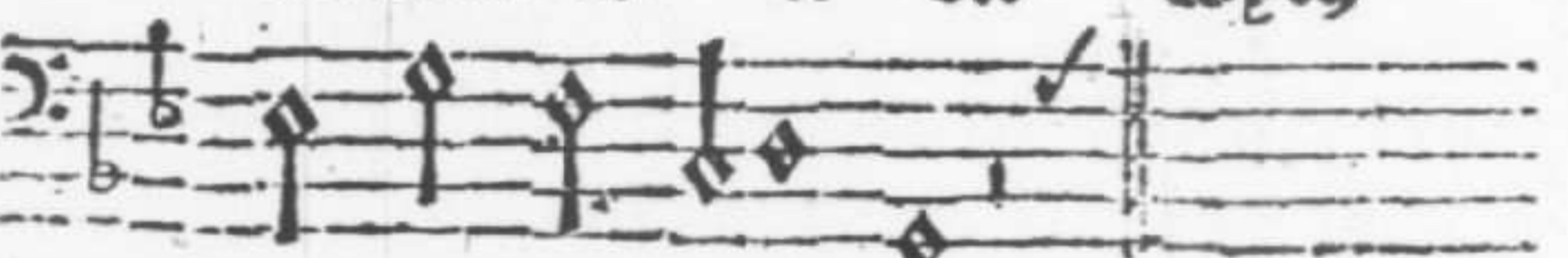


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And sayde of late, thou went into  
Thuncircumcyde in dede:  
With them to eate, whiche thyng to do  
Our lawe hath not decrede.

Peter began, then to debate  
The thynges as they dyd chaunce  
And sayde I was, in Joppa late  
Prayinge and in a traunce.

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As

## The.xj. Chapter.

As I in dede, playnely had seue  
A vessell descendynge:  
A large whyte cloth, as it had bene  
From heauen then downe commynge

Let downe it was, by corners fower  
And so it came to me:  
Within the whiche, when it came lower  
Myne eyes playnely myght se.

Fourfoted beastes, that semed sayre  
Wormen and wormes there layde:  
And also foules, out of the ayre  
A voyce to me then sayde.

Peter aryse, slee thou and eate  
And I sayde Lorde, God thyld:  
For in my mouth, came neuer meate  
Then common or yet desyld.

And then the voyce, dyd aunswere me  
From heauen with good accorde:  
Count not those thynges, vncleane to be  
That cleansed hath the Lorde.

Thre tymes thys thyng, was brought a,  
As I haue shewed you playne: (bout  
And all thynges was, without all dout  
Up take to heauen agayne.

And

## The.xj. Chapter.

And then beholds, immediatlye  
There came to me thre men:  
The which were sent, from Cesarye  
Onely to seke me then.

And then the spzite, to me dyd saye  
Do thou thy selfe pzeare:  
To go with them, forth on their waye  
And haue therof no feare.

Moreover then, syre bzethren went  
In companye of vs:  
Unto the house, of hym that sent  
Whiche was Cornelius:

How he had sene, he shewed to vs  
The aungel of the Lorde:  
Whiche sayde to hym, Cornelius  
To Joppa sende thou worde.

To Simon Peter, one of myne  
Who shall tell words to thee:  
Wherby that thou, and eke all thyne  
No dout shall saued be.

And then as I, began to pzeache  
The spzite on them fel thus:  
As dyd on vs, when we dyd teache  
The Lorde and Christ Iesus.

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Then

## The .xj. Chapter.

Then in my head, I dyd recorde  
Great thinges that I then wayde:  
Whiche were the words, of God & Lorde  
That he in dede had sayde.

John with water, he dyd baptise  
But ye shal baptysed be:  
Euen with the spyte, that is right wyse  
Whithin fewe dayes trust me.

Then forasmuch as God dyd geue  
To them as, vnto vs:  
When we dyd fyrst, preache and beleue  
The Lorde and Christ Jesus.

What was I then, that I should cease  
And eke the Lorde denye:  
When they heard &, they helde their peace  
And God dyd glorifye.

And sayd also, that God had sent  
The Gentils euen the same:  
Their former lyfe, then to repent  
Beleuyng in his name.

Those that before, abrode were dryuen  
Through persecution stronge:  
The which arose, about good Steuen  
From place to place went longe.

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## The .xj. Chapter.

Untyll they came, to Phenices  
Tipers and Antioche:  
Unto the Jewes, both more and les  
Whylpe they dyd approche.

And eke of Tipers there were some  
And of Sirene also:  
To Antioche, when they were come  
Unto the Brekes dyd go.

And preached then, the Lorde Jesus  
Whose hande with them abod:  
A great numbze, beleued vs  
And turned vnto God.

Of these thinges tydinges came anon  
Unto the eares of them:  
That were the congregatton  
Then at Jerusalem.

And they sent forth, one Barnabas  
To Antioche in peace:  
When he came there, right glad he was  
To see the fayth encrease

Exhorting them, not once to start  
Sith God had them restorde:  
Unto his grace, that they with heart  
Should cleave vnto the Lorde.

Ryght

## The.xj. Chapter

Myght good he was, euen from his youth  
Full of the sprite and sayth:  
Much people he, vnto the truth  
Dyd wyne the stozye sayth.

Then Barnabas, to Tharsus sought  
To see Saule there appzoche:  
Vpon whose sight, right soone he bzought  
Hym vnto Antioche.

And it chaunced, that one whole yere  
They kept together stylli:  
Euen with the, congregacion there  
And taught the Lorde hys wyll.

That in so much, thelect that were  
At Antioche euen then:  
Were those in dede, that first dyd beare  
The name of Christen men.

In those dayes from, Jerusalem  
The Propheetes came to vs:  
To Antioche, and one of them  
Was named Agabus.

Whiche by the sprite, then signified  
Great dearcht shoulde then succede:  
And that throughout, the worlde so wyde  
Whiche came to passe in dede.

## The.xj. Chapter.

In Claudius dayes, the Emperours  
Thelect them selues dyd vnoe:  
Eche man accozdyng to hys power  
Some succour then to sende.

Vnto the bzethzen, in Turpe  
Whiche thyng they brought to pas  
And sent vnto, the Elders bye  
Saule and eke Barnabas.

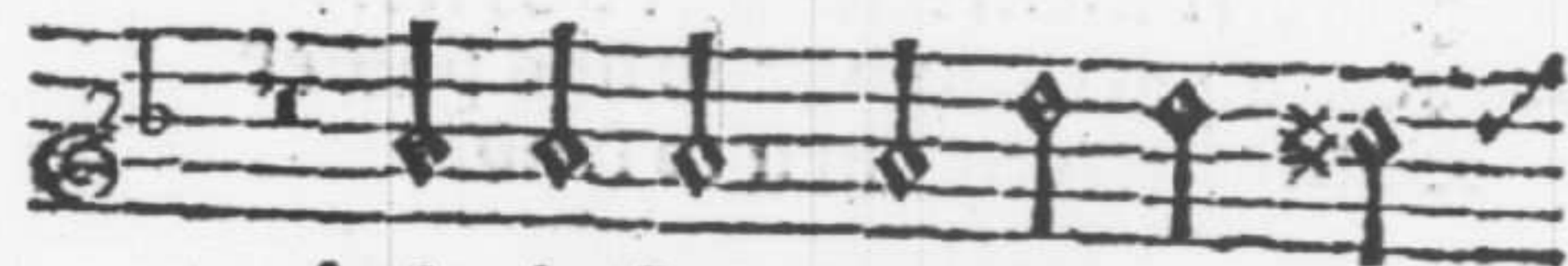
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And doth slaye James in dede:  
In pryson he, doth Peter locke  
The vvorries Herode doth fede.

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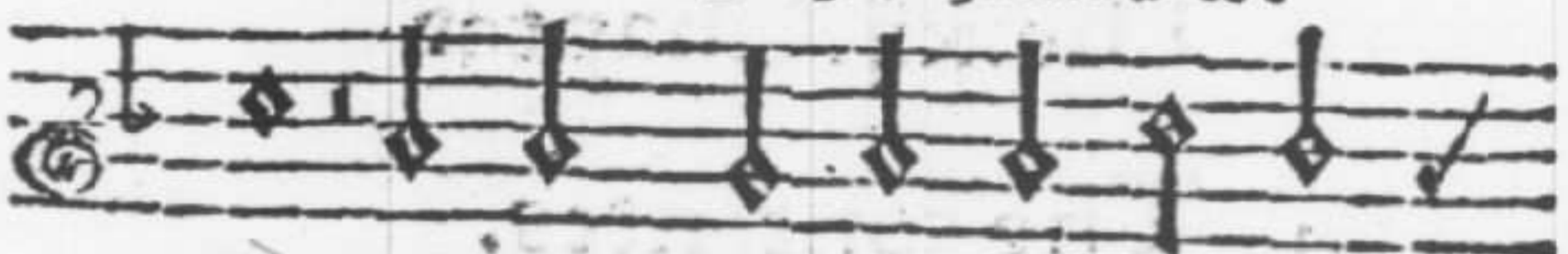
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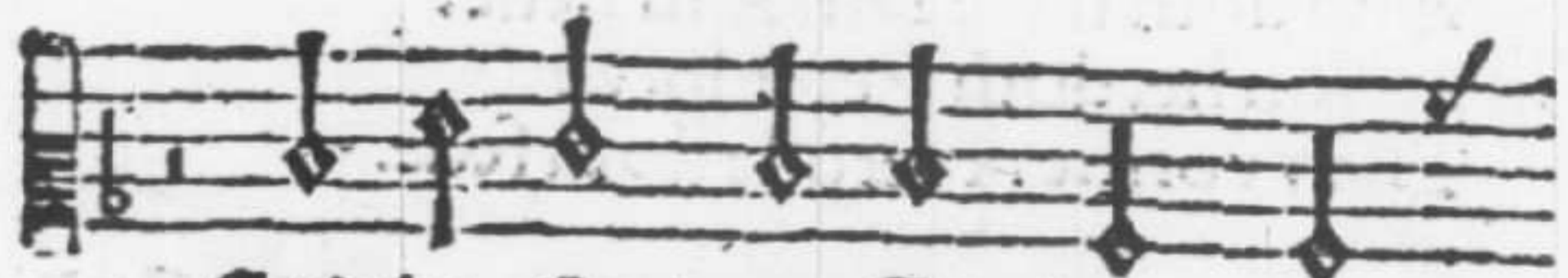
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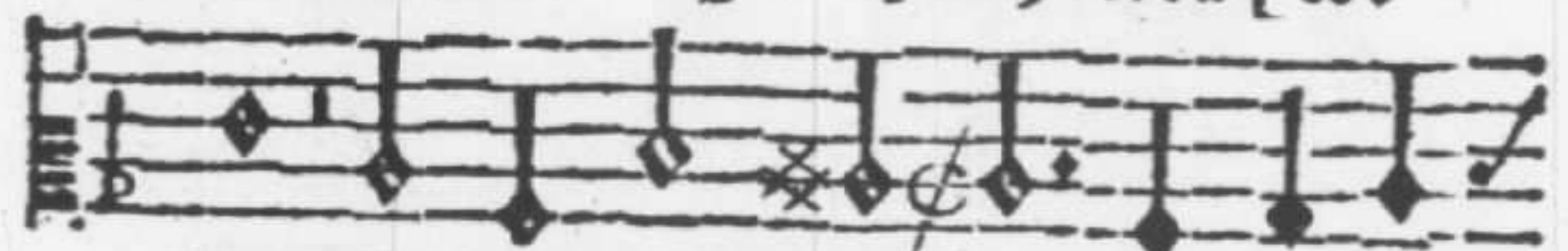
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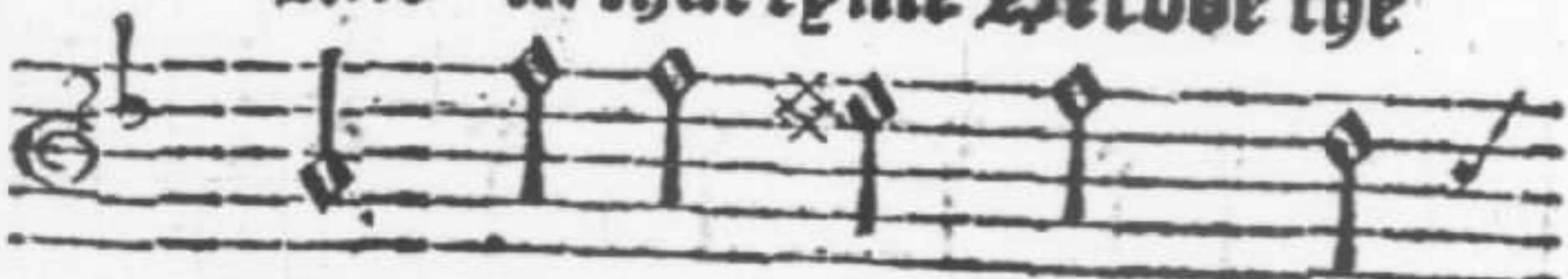


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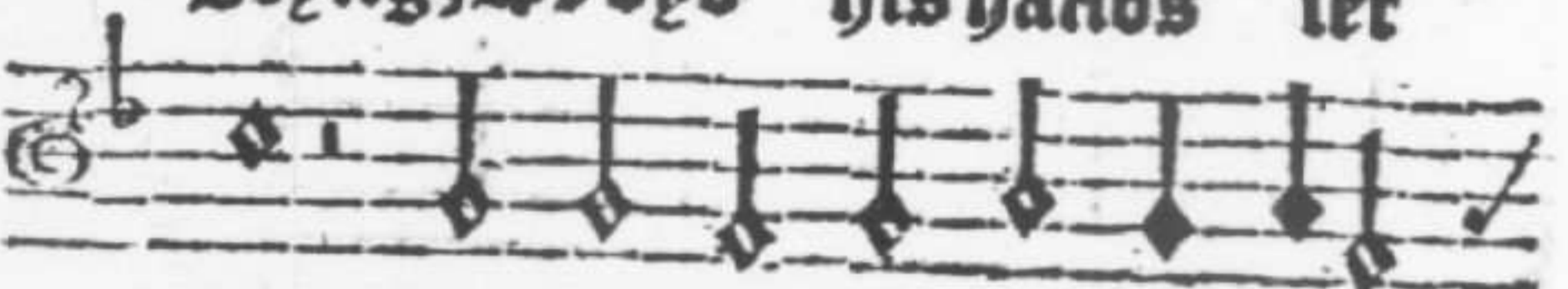
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Thpp, He dyd see James Johns brother



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he further dvd pzo cece.

Bassus.

debe, Because the Iues well  
pleased were, he  
further dvd pzo cece.

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**W**hen in that tyme, Herode the kynge  
He dyd hys handes let slyppe:  
To trouble men, of good lyaunge  
And godly felowshyppe.

He dyd slaye James, Johns brother dere  
Euen with the swearde in dede:  
Because the Jewes, wel pleased were  
He further dyd procede.

It was the dayes, then of swete bread  
And he caught Peter fast:  
With violence, boode of all dread  
In pryson dyd hym cast.

Deluyerynge hym, a charge gaue he  
Unto quartertions sower:  
Of souldiers there, then kept to be  
Tyll that the feast were ouer.

Entendynge then, once easter past  
That out he shoulde be brought  
But Peter was, in pryson fast  
Tyll God for hym had wrought.

Then prayer was made, without ceasynge  
Of all the godly menne:  
Unto the Lorde, out hym to byng  
Of that foul fylthye denne.

When

## The .xij. Chapter.

When Herode would, haue had hym sene  
And brought before the route:  
The same nyght Peter, slept betwene  
Two souldiers stowze and stoute.

Wounde with two chaynes, in lodgyng  
And so he fell a slepe: (poze)  
The keepers standynge at the doze  
The pryson fast to kepe.

Beholde the Angell, of the Lorde  
Was present in that tyme:  
The lodge to lyght, he then restorde  
And smote on Peters syde:

And spyped hym, who lay in bandes  
And sayde aryle vnhewayde:  
And then the chaynes, fel from his bandes  
The Angell to hym sayde:

Byde thou thy selfe, and haue no drede  
Thy Sandales bynde on thee:  
Thy mantell cast, on thee with spede  
And then come folowe me.

He folowed hym, and made no drede  
And wist not what done was:  
But as a vision, he had sene  
Whiche thaungel brought to pas

L.iii.

where

## The.xij. Chapter.

When they the first, watche dyd frustrate  
The seconde watche also:  
They came vnto, the yron gate  
That goth the cytye vnto.

Which opened by, the owne accorde  
They passunge through by nyght  
And then the Angell, of the Lorde  
From Peter banished quight.

When Peter to, hym telle came well  
He sayde I knowe and see:  
That God hath sent, me bys Angell  
Which hath deliuered me.

Out of the hands, of kynge Herod  
And all bys whole counsaile:  
And from the Jewes, I thanke my God  
That neuer dyd me faile.

And as he thought, thys thyng vpon  
To Maries house dyd go:  
Which was the mother, of our Iohn  
And called Marke also.

Where diners were, gathered to praye  
There Peter knockt with spede:  
A damsell came forth, to heare saye  
Named Rhoda in dede.

And

## The.xij. Chapter.

And when that she, the Peters voyce  
The doore throughte pas:  
She ranne in fast, and dyd retoyce  
To tell where Peter was.

Declarynge playne, that heard she had  
Hym speake in the entree:  
And then they sayde, that he was mad  
But she sayde it was he.

Then sayde they all, it maye betyde  
This Angell there to be:  
But Peter thyl, dyd there abyde  
And eke thyl knocked he.

And when they had, opened the doore  
Where Peter then dyd stande:  
They were astonied, reche and poze  
But he helde vp his hande.

And willed them, to holde their peace  
And shewed them what was past.  
How that the Lorde, dyd hym releace  
Where he in chaynes laye fast.

And he sayde then, go shewe thys thyng  
To James and, brethren eke:  
And he went thence, befoze day spryng  
Another place to seke.

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Altoone

## The .xij. Chapter.

As soon as it was sayd light daye  
The souldiers made great mone:  
Eche one to other began to saye  
Howe is this man thus gone.

When Herode then, for hym dyd call  
And naught of hym heard saye:  
He dyd examine the keepers all  
Commaundynge them alwaye:

And he descended, from Jewrye  
To Cesarye anon:  
With them of Tyre, he was angrye  
And with them of Sidon:

And they came all, then to obtayne  
By intercession than:  
To Bassus made, hys chamberlayne  
Desyryng peace eche man.

Because their countrey, where they fedde  
Chiefely by hym dyd stande:  
And they and theirs, were nourishedde  
Duely by Herodes lande.

Upon a daye, appoynted well  
Herode hym selve made neate:  
In syne and royall, apparell  
And set hym on hys seate.

To

## The .xij. Chapter.

To them gay wordes, then spake Herod  
The people then dyd thoute:  
And sayde he speaks, moze lyke a God  
Then lyke a man no doute.

The aungell then, immediatlye  
Dyd strycke him with Gods rod:  
Because he dyd, not geue the glozpe  
Unto the luyng God.

The wormes of hym, toke their repast  
And he gaued by the ghost:  
The worde also encreased fast  
And grewe in euerye coast.

Then Barnabas, and Paule went soone  
Unto Jerusalem:  
When they their office, had well done  
And toke John Marke with them.

## The .xiiij. Chapter.

### The Contentes.

PAVLE Barnabas, dyd God prefer  
And dyd the heathen teache:  
And eke agaynste, the socrer  
At Antioche dyd preache.

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Christ: some prophets & some teachers

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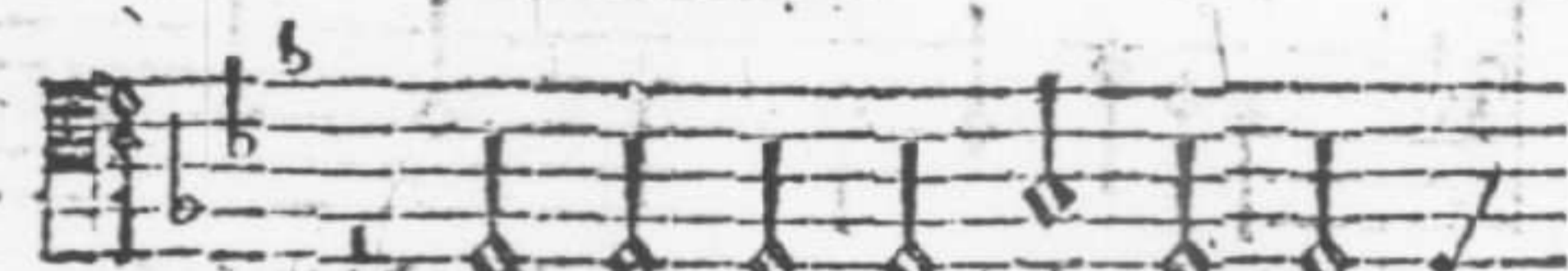


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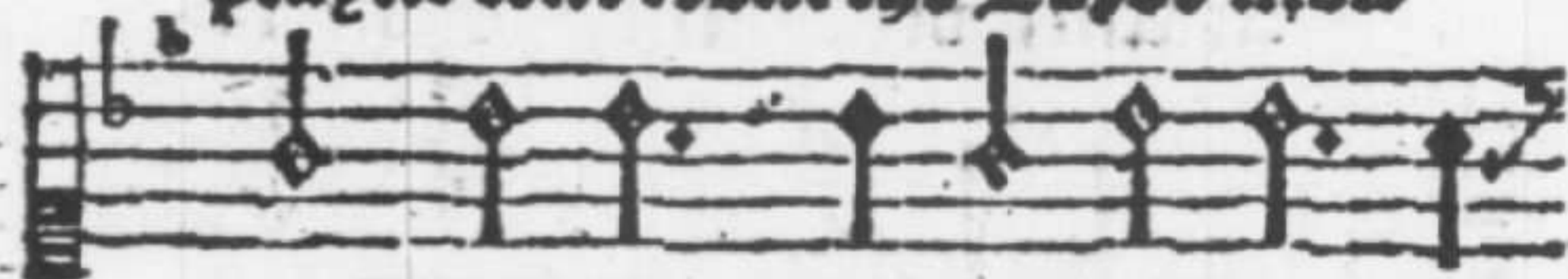


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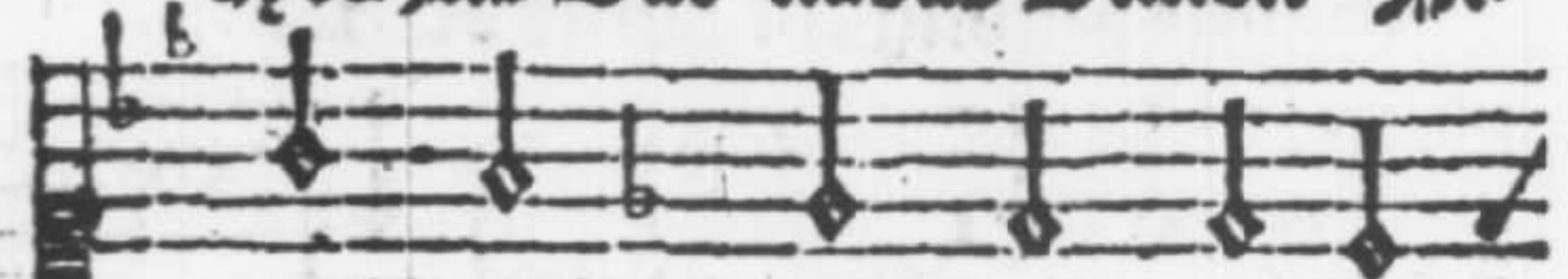
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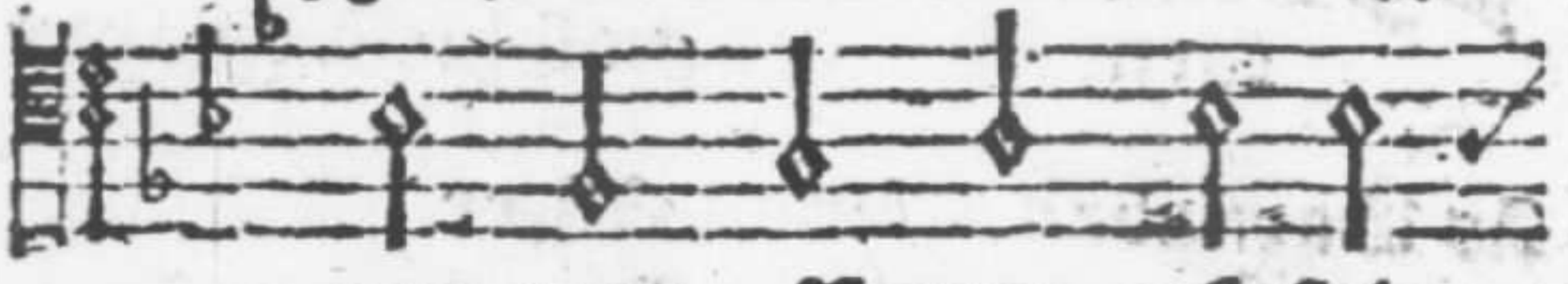
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**A** Antioche, there dyd remaine  
Amonge the flocke of Christ:  
Some prophetes, and some teachers.  
Sent for by lord most hiest. (playne

As Barnabas, Simon Niger  
And Lucye of Sirene;

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name was Manahen.

Bassus.



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whose name was Manahene.

And also Sante, was there in place  
who as they ministred:  
And eke dyd fast, and pray for grace  
Gods spzite on them was shew

whiche



## The.xiiij. Chapter.

Whiche dyd commaunde, e to them sayde  
Sende Barnabas and Saul:  
To worke the worke, before them layde  
Wherto I dyd them saul.

Then dyd they fast, and also praye  
As they were wont to do:  
And eke their hands, on them dyd laye  
And then they let them go.

And by Gods sprite, when they were sent  
They came to Setentye:  
From thence dyd sayle, so that they went  
To Cypus directlye.

And when they came, to Salomine  
In the churche of the Jewes:  
Their hearts and myndes, they did encline  
To preache them there good newes.

To serue with them, there for a whyle  
They had one John by name:  
And when they had, gone through the yle  
To Paphos then they came.

A sozcer there, of them was founde  
A false prophete a Jue:  
Whose teaching was, not true ne sounde:  
Hys name was Barjesa,

Whiche

## The.xiiij. Chapter.

Whiche Sergius Paulus, a man prudent  
Whiche rulede the whole countre:  
Whiche all hys trayne, he dyd frequente  
Familiar then to be.

The same ruler, to hym dyd call  
And willed to come here:  
Both Barnabas, and also Paul  
Of them goddes wyde to here.

But Elymas, the sozcer  
So they declare hys name:  
Dyd to all the ruler, to forber  
To sayth hym selfe to frame.

Saul named Paul, then in that countre  
Full feruent and brave:  
Whose heart full of, the holpe of God  
Beheld hym then and layde.

Whiche full of all, subtiltye  
And eke dysceyfullnes:  
The deuylls thylde, and enemye  
To grace and ryghtwysnes.

Whiche dost not cease, thyll to peruart  
By damnable dysceybe:  
But dost alwayes plucke fro mans heart  
The straght wayes of the Lorde.

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## The.xiiij. Chapter.

Whiche dyd commaunde, & to them sayde  
Sende Barnabas and Saul:  
To worke the worke, before them layde  
Wherto I dyd them saule.

Then dyd they fast, and also praye  
As they were wont to do:  
And eke their hands, on them dyd laye  
And then they let them go.

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They came to Setuyp:  
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Whiche rulede the whole countre:  
Whiche all hys trayne, he dyd frequente  
Familiar then to be.

The same ruler, to hym dyd saule  
And willed to come here:  
Both Barnabas, and also Paul  
Of them goddes wynde to here.

But Elymas, the sojcester  
So they declare hys name:  
Dyd to all the ruler, to forber  
To sayth, hym selfe to frame.

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Full feruent argybrade:  
Whiche was full of, the holpe of  
Beheld hym then and layde.

Whiche full of all, subtyltye  
And eke discreytnesse:  
The deuplythful, and enemye  
To grace and ryghtwysnesse.

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By damnable disorde:  
But dost alwayes plucke fro mans heart  
The strayght wayes of the Lorde.

Whiche

And

## The .xliij. Chapter.

And now behold, thou man vnkynde  
The Lordes hande is on thee:  
And for a tyme, thou shalt be blinde  
The Sinne thou shalt not see.

Immediatly, then, for his payde  
Upon his eyes dyd stande:  
A myst that made hym like a gyde  
To leade hym by the hande.

The ruler then, dyd see the case  
And not therat reppne:  
But mused muche, and dyd embrace  
The Lord and his doctrine.

So he departed from Paphus, toke shipping  
And all his companye:  
Forth on the sea waye, they went sayling  
To Derge of Paphos.

To see his frendes, John was right sayre  
And dyd depart from thence:  
And so retourned, to home agayne  
Unto Jerusalem.

They wandring, then, went from Derge  
And soone they dyd approche  
The lande then of Cilicia  
And came to Antioche.

Into

## The .xliij. Chapter.

Into the sinagoge they went  
Upon the Sabbathes daye:  
And sat them downe, with good entente  
No man dyd saye them naye.

But when the lecture, of the lawe  
And prophete s there were done,  
The ruler then, whiche there them sawe  
Sayde vnto them right soone.

Good brethren now, for do you praye  
The people to exhort:  
If any sermon, ye can saye  
To them for their comfort.

Then Paule stood vp, thar at present  
And beckned with his hande:  
He prayde them all, to be present  
Gods worde to vnderstande.

He sayde vnto them of Iherusalem  
And ye that God do feare:  
And all that here, amonge you dwell  
I praye you geue good care.

God of this people, dyd elect  
Our fathers vs before:  
Quarunge them, that were relect  
As forreners farre bozne.

M. ii.

In

## The .xiiij. Chapter.

In Egypt lande, both daye and nyght  
In bondage they dyd dwell:  
The Lorde then with, hys arme of myght  
Dyd bynge them out ryght well.

And fourtye yeeres, he dyd them spare  
In all thet wyckednes:  
To punish them, he dyd forbare  
Wich in the wyldernes.

Seven nationes then, in Canaan:  
He wasted well I wote:  
Partynge the lande, to every man  
Accoꝝdynge to hys lot.

Then to the tyme, of Daniell  
The iudges gaue thylpe:  
Amonge them thers, peeres for to dwell  
Four hundred and thylpe.

And after that, a kynge to craue  
They woulde not cease he blyt:  
The sonne of Mts, Dauid God them gaue  
Of the tribe of Beniamyn.

Twisse twentye yeeres, he ware h' croone  
No lenger raygned he:  
For God the Lorde, dyd put hym downe  
And hys posterite.

Be

## The .xiiij. Chapter.

He set by David, to be kynge  
And ruler in hys place:  
And dyd repozte, of hym saynge  
David I do embrace.

One Jelles sonne, whom I haue founde  
A man Ientell and kynde:  
He is to me, both sare and sounde  
To fulfyll all my mynde.

Of hys mans seide, a sauour  
The promyse thus doth tell:  
God hath brought forth, Jesus the flour  
And kynge of Israell.

But after John, had run hys race  
He sayde I am not he:  
I meane Messias, full of grace  
Whome ye take me to be.

But to one doth, come after me  
Whose shoes upon hys fete:  
Of such byghnes, and dignite  
To lose I am blyt.

Ye men betherne, and chyldzen all  
Of Abraham by dysonde:  
I upon that seare, God great and small  
Thys word of hys is sent.

M. lli.

The

## The .xiiij. Chapter.

Therefore he sayeth, in the lyke place  
Thy sonne the holpe on:  
Thou shalt not suffer, in no case  
To see corruption.

As for Dauid, hys tyme byd kepe  
To serue gods wyll trulpe:  
And after that, fallynge a slepe  
Was layde hys father bye.

Hys Corps byd waste, and putrefye  
But God hys sonne byd he:  
Make quicke agayne, and certaynlye  
Byd no corrupcyon se.

Knowe ye therfore, ye bzyethen all  
Through him ye may purchase:  
Whiche is preached, to great and small  
Forgyuenes of trespase.

And from all things, sul sure to be  
Acquited and made sure:  
Whiche Moyses lawe, in no degre  
Coude clense be ye ryght sure.

But who so that, wyl gene credence  
And in the sayth abyde:  
Through him is cleare, from all offence  
And also iustified.

Beware

## The .xiiij. Chapter.

Beware therfore, I do you reade  
And kepe ye from the lake:  
Lest those thynges fall, vpon your heade  
Wherof the prophetes spake.

Ye dyspysers, beholde and muse  
At your destruction now:  
For in your tyme, a worcke defuse  
I worke euen vnto you.

Whiche in no wyse, ye shal beleue  
Whoso of it you tell:  
The whiche is wrought, you for to greue  
Because ye do rebell.

When that the Iues, were all forth gon  
Out of their holpe place:  
The Gentyles them, besought anon  
To preache the worde of grace.

And them to teache, thzough out the wyke  
Betwene the Saboth dayes:  
What meanes & wayes, that they myght  
To please the Lorde alwayes.

Their holpe congregacion then  
So ended Lake recytes:  
On them byd wayte, these many men  
Both Iues and Pzorelytes.

M. b.

To

### The. xiiij. Chapter.

To these good men, that dyd abyde  
Spake Paule and Barnabas  
Exortynge them, not once to styde  
From God ne from his grace.

The Saboth day, then next folowynge  
The citie whole well neare:  
Together came, much desyringe  
Gods holy worde to heare.

But when the Jewes, sawe suche a route  
They were full wrath & demie:  
Reuylng Paule, with wordes full stoute  
Beginning to blasphemie.

But Barnabas, and Paule was bolde  
And sayde it doth behoue:  
Gods worde to you, first to be tolde  
Whiche sent is from aboue,

But syth ye do, it nowe denye  
Auoydynge it with strife:  
And thynke your selues, now vnworthys  
Of euerlastyng lyfe.

And eke the worde, so precious,  
Ye take for crafte and gyles:  
Lo here the Lorde, hath wylled vs  
To tourne vnto the Gentyles.

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### The. xiiij. Chapter.

I haue set thee, to be a lyght  
The Gentyles for to gyde  
And them to saue, as I behyght  
Throughout the earth so wyde.

The Gentyles then, offred thys grace  
Of it they were full fayne:  
Gods worde with thankes, they dyd em-  
brace  
Beleuyng it certayne.

And those that God, had ordayned  
To euerlastyng lyfe:  
Abode in fayth, the worde dyd spread  
Throughout the countrey ryfe.

Wherfore the Jewes, them dyd abhoze  
And moued without ppyte:  
The women of, worshyp and honoze  
The chiefe men of the cytpe.

Agaynst poore Paule, and Barnabas  
And woulde without offence:  
A persecution brought to pas.  
Expellynge them from thence.

Out of that coast, when they nedes must  
To go they made them mete:  
And for a witnes, shoke the dust  
Agaynst them of their sete.

And

The.xiiij. Chapter

And they came to, Iconium  
Accept of least and moſte:  
And Gods elect, were all becum  
Full of the holpe goſte.

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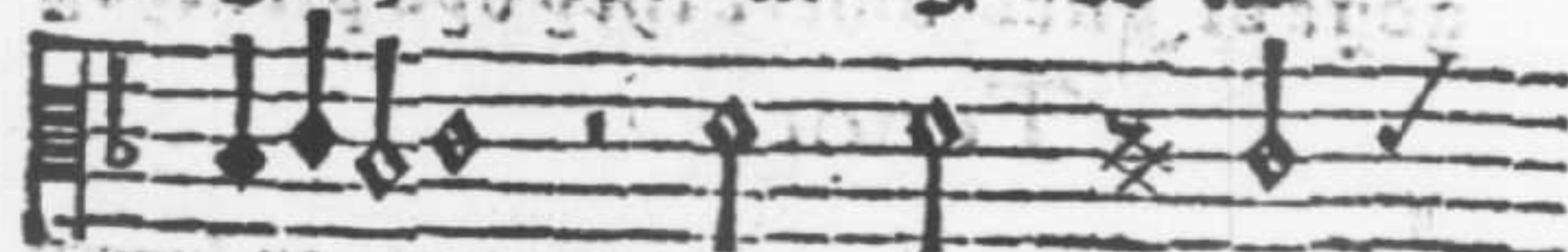
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Dyd preache vwith good aduice:  
The people vvoulde, both all and some  
To them do sacrifice.

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Bassus.



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Tenor.

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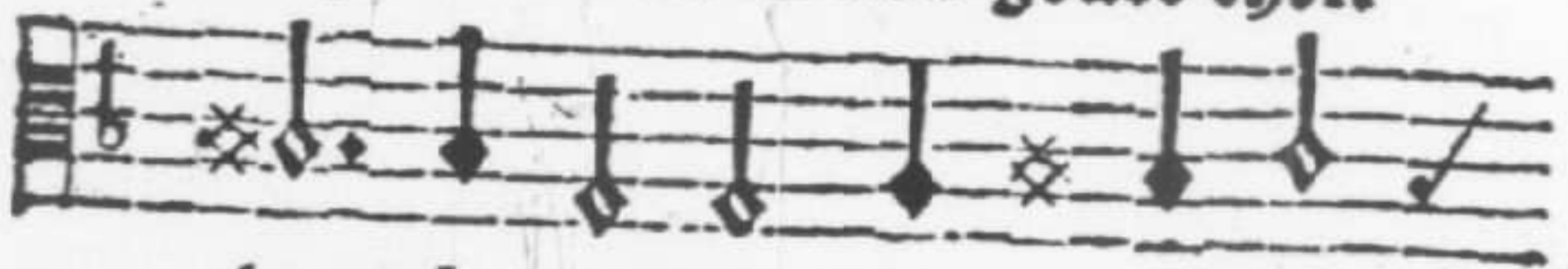


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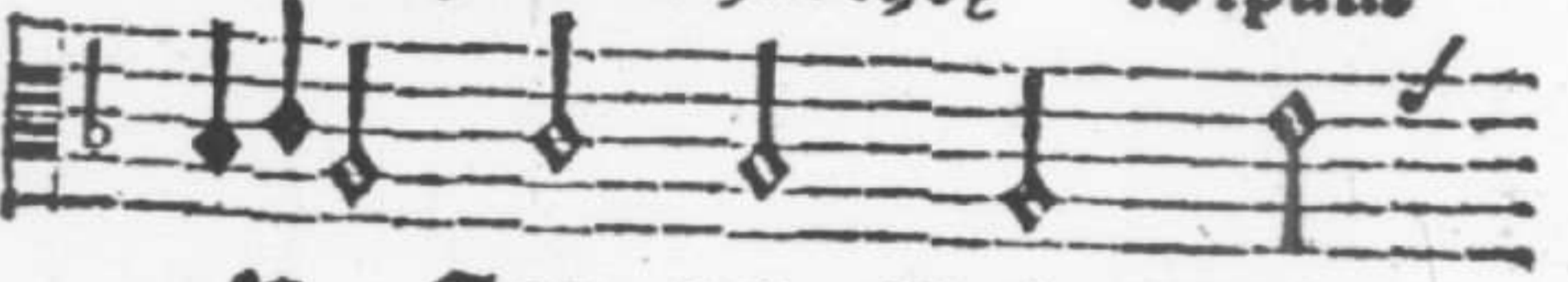
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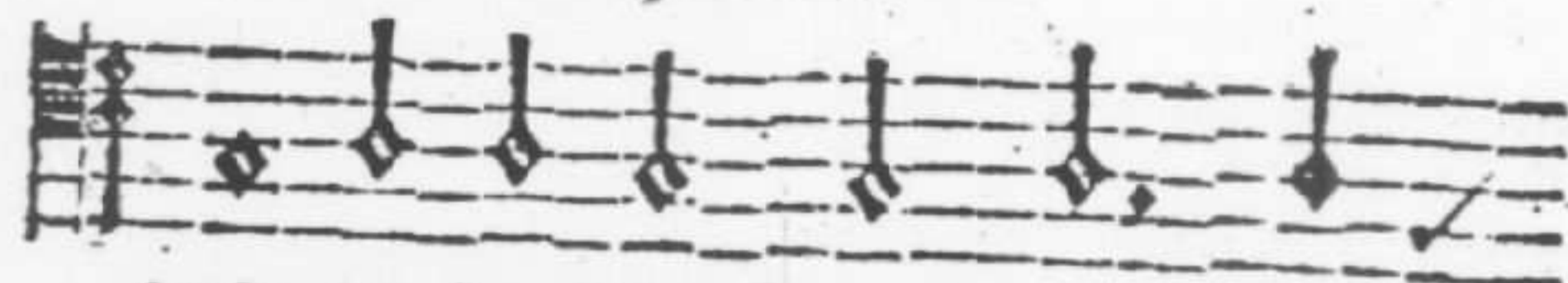
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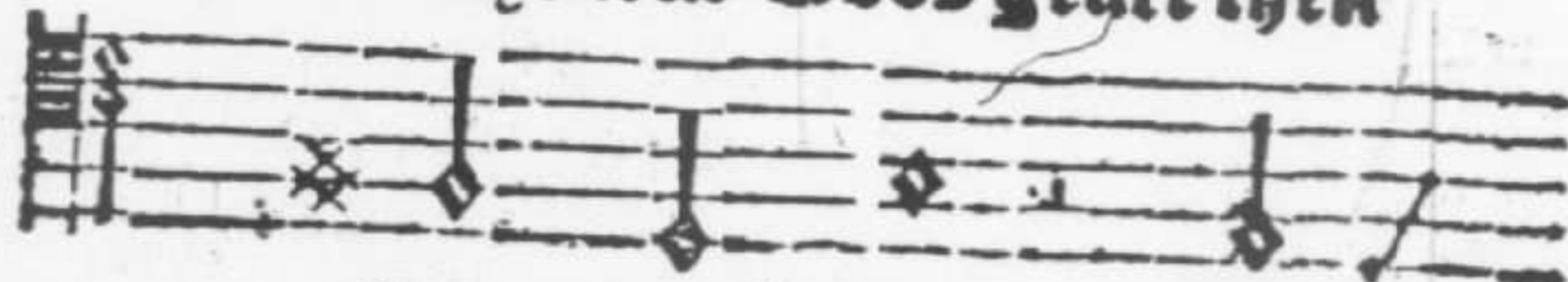
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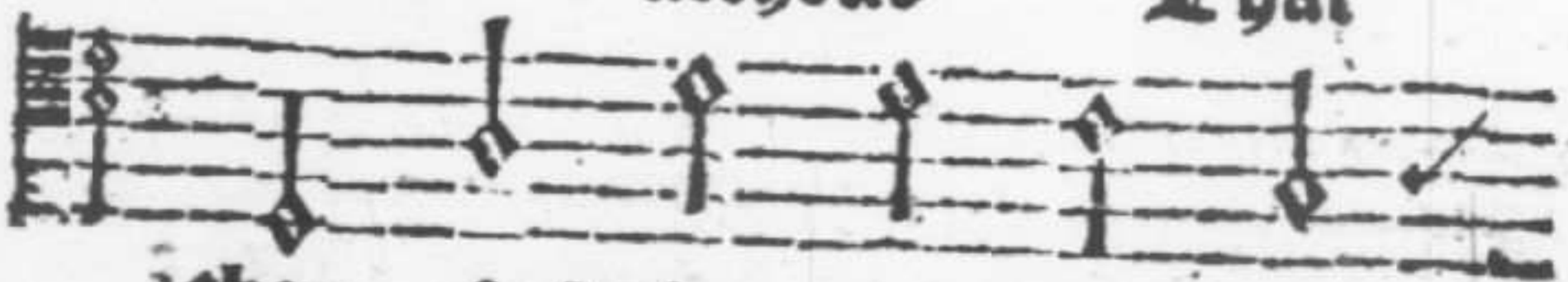
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The .xiiij. Chapter.  
Meane.



greke That ma ny dyd be-  
leue, be leue.

Tenor.



Jue and Greke That manye  
dyd beleue.

**S** chaunced in, I constant  
As they oft tymes dyd vse:  
Together they, into dyd cum  
The sinagoge of Jewes.

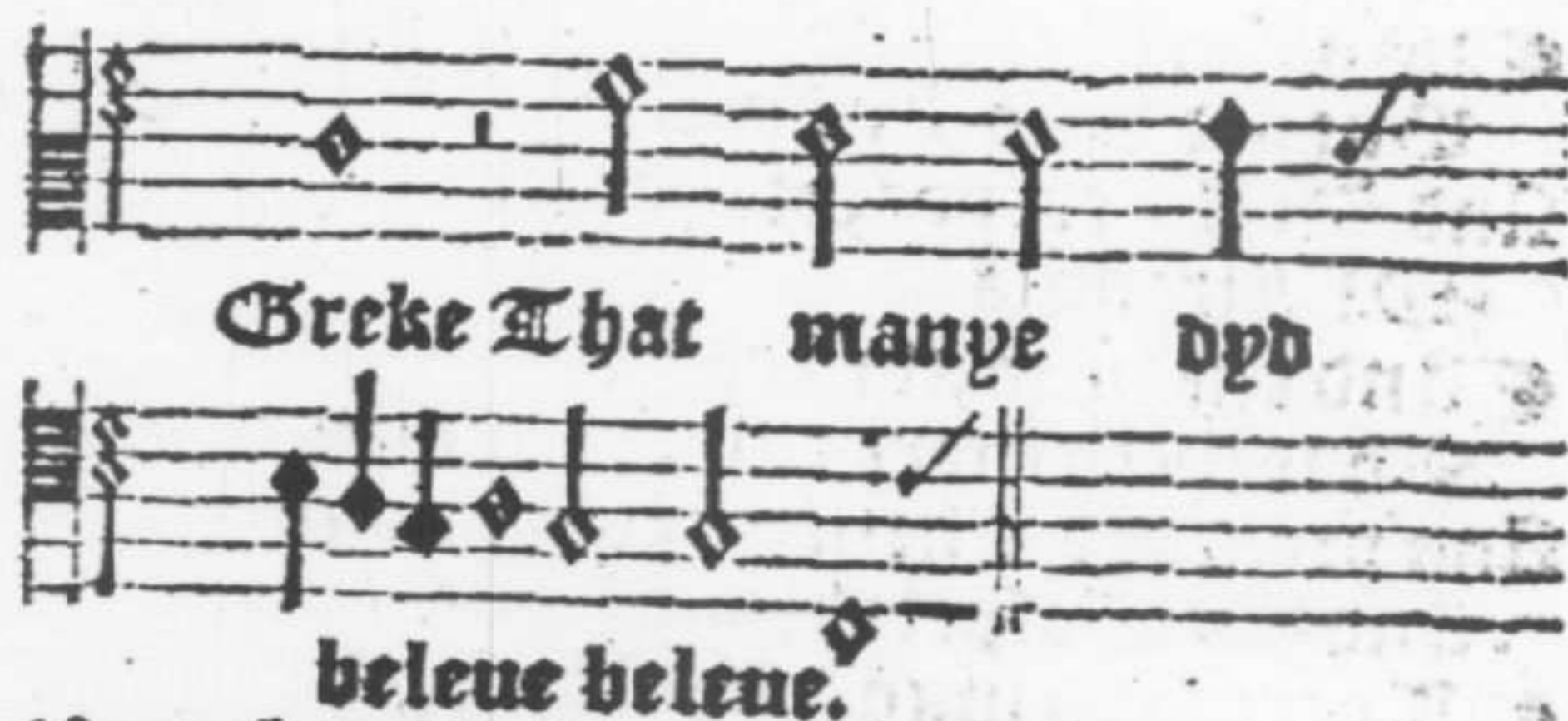
Where they dyd preache, and only seke  
Gods grace then to atcheue:  
That they so spake, to Jewe and Greke  
That many dyd beleue.

The .xiiij. Chapter.  
Countertenor.



manye dyd be leue be-  
leue.

Bassus.



Greke That manye dyd  
beleue beleue.

But then the Jues, of vnbelefe  
The Gentyles on dyd call:  
And styde their mindes, to much mischefe  
Agaynst the bzerherne all.

And they longe tyme, dyd there persist  
Gods worde still to recorde:  
And quit them selues, boldly in Christ  
By helpe of God the Lorde.

## The .xiiiij. Chapter.

Whiche then, gaue testimonye vnto  
The worde euen of hys grace:  
And caused them, great thynges to do  
Whiche by their handes toke place.  
The people dyd, them selues deuyde  
As they were then affect:  
Sum fro the Iues, woulde neuer flyde  
Nor sum from Christes elect.  
When y the Jewes, & gentyles woulde  
Assaulte make them vpon:  
Their rulers wrought, all y they coulde  
By counsel them to ston.  
Whose conncel knowen, they made no  
But fled vnto Bystra: (vost  
And Verba cytyes, of the cost  
Of Licaonia.  
And eke vnto, the region  
That lyeth there rounde about:  
And preached Christ, to euery one  
And his Gospel thzough out.  
There sat a man, of lytle myzth  
At Lystra, lame of fete:  
A crepell was, euen from his byzth  
And neuer walked yct.  
Who heard Paule preach, y stozz sayth  
And Paule behelde the man:  
And dyd perceyue, that he had sayth  
To be made whole euen then.  
Paule sayd to him, with chereful voyce  
Vpon thy fete by stande:

And

## The .xiiiij. Chapter.

And he start vp, and dyd reioyce.  
And walked out of hande. 75  
And when the people, dyd beholde  
What Paule had done that daye:  
With mightye voyce, they were full bolde  
To brute these thynges and saye.  
Nowe in the sperche, of our countre  
Gods are come downe vs to:  
In likenes nowe, of men yese  
And what straunge thynges they do.  
And Barnabas, they called thus  
The name of Jupiter:  
And called Paule, Mercurius  
Because he was preacher.  
And then the priest, of Jupiter  
Bystyd both fete and handes:  
Which dwelt befoze, the Citye there  
Brought oren and garlandes.  
To the church porche, and dyd aduylse  
The people and them caule:  
With him then to, do Sacrifyce  
To Barnabas and Paule.  
But whā Thapostles, herd their knac-  
They myght it not abyde: (kes  
But rent their clothes, thē on their backes  
And ran with them to chyde.  
They cryed and sayde, vnto them then  
Why haue ye done thus now:  
For we are both, but mortall men  
In all poyntes lyke to you.

A. iiii.

And

## The.xiiij. Chapter

And we do preache, you veryttes,  
That lyes myght be abhorde  
To turne you from, these vanyttes,  
Unto the lypynge Lorde.  
Who made the heuens, & eke ylandes  
That they shuld styll be his:  
He made the sea, euen with his handes  
And all that in them is.  
Whiche in tymes past, euen in those  
Dyd suffer and permit: (dayes  
Eche man to walke, in his owne wayes  
Geuen by to his owne wylt.  
Neuertheles, his heauenlye wyttes  
Lest witness to declare:  
In that he shewed his benefyttes  
From heauen rayne to prepare.  
And frutfull seasons, gaue at wylt  
To vs both moze and les:  
And in the ende, our heartes dyd fyll  
Wyth foode and great gladnes.  
And all these wordes, wold scarce entyse  
The people to forbear:  
But that they wolde, do Sacrifyce  
Unto them both euen there.  
And certenly, Iues dyd there approche  
The whiche dyd euen then cum:  
Immediatlye, from Antioche  
And from Iconium.  
And got the people, to consent  
Wyth stones Pauls bloude to shed

And

## The.xiiij. Chapter.

And through the cypre, they hym rent  
Thynkyng he had bene deed.  
And yet as the, disciples stode  
Aboute him to lament:  
He dyd arise, and for hys sode  
Into the cite went.  
And he abode, there all that nyght  
Euen vnto the next daye:  
Then Barnabas, and he a ryght  
To Darby toke the waye.  
And in that Citie, they dyd preache  
Whyle they dyd there soiozne:  
To all men Iesus, Christ did teache  
And then they dyd retozne.  
To Lystra and, Iconium  
To Antioche and there:  
Strengthened the soules, of all and sum  
That there disciples were.  
Exhortynge them, not to relent  
But in the sayth remaine:  
Affirmynge that, through much tozment  
We must to heauen attayne.  
And they then by, election  
Ordained elders ther:  
In euerye, congregacion  
By fastynge and prayer.  
That God to the, his grace might seide  
To worke his wylt mozte Just  
And thus to God, dyd them commend  
In whome they put their trust

And

The .xiiij. Chapter.

And they went through, **I**sidia  
And taught the people skill:  
And came vnto, **S**amphilia.  
Their callinge to fulfill.  
And when they had, declared playne  
Gods worde then in **P**erca:  
They dyd descende, forth with agayne  
Into **A**ttalia.  
From thence by **S**hypp, they all sayled  
To **A**ntioche a pace:  
From whence they were, deliuered  
To **G**od and to hys grace.  
Who had them longe, preserued skill  
From cruel men and mad:  
Euen by his grace, to worke his will  
Whiche they fulfilled had.  
When they were come, and to one stead  
The congregation brought:  
There was reheart by e the mans head  
That **G**od by them had wrought.  
Howe he the dooze, of fayth vntyde  
The **G**entyls into call:  
And there longe tyme, they dyd abyde  
With the disciples all,

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