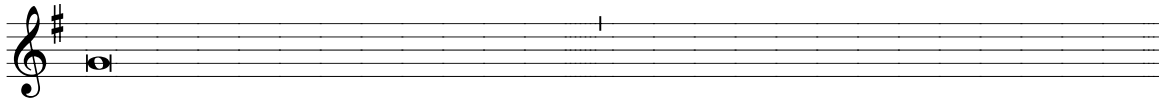
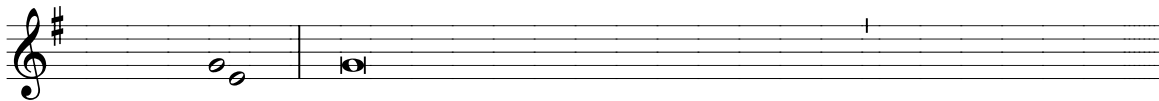


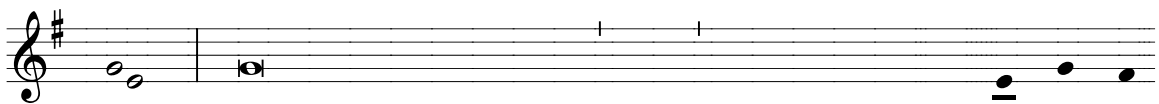
Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sis- ter and Laz- a- rus,



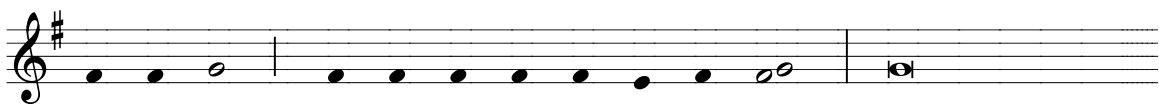
after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place



where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea



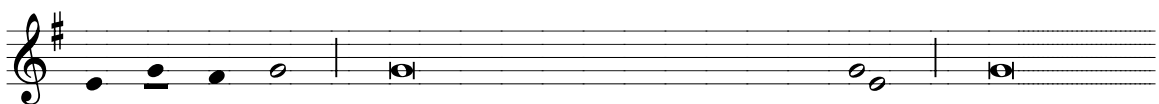
a-gain.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now try- ing



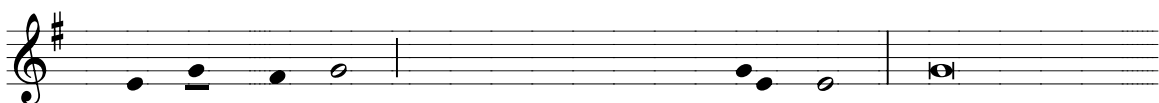
to stone you, and are you go- ing there a- gain?” Jesus answered,



“Are there not twelve hours of day- light?” Those who walk during the day



do not stum-ble, because they see the light of this world. But those who



walk at night stum-ble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this,



he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fall- en a- sleep,



but I am going there to a- wak- en him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord,



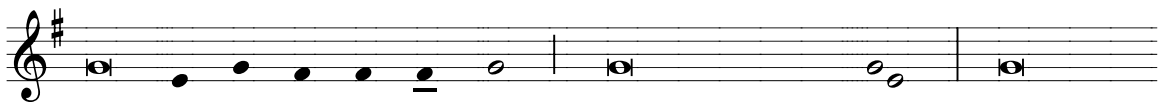
if he has fal- en a- sleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had



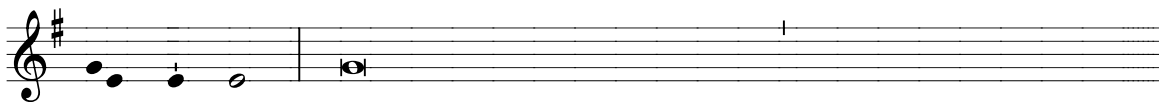
been speak-ing a- bout his death, but they thought that he was referring



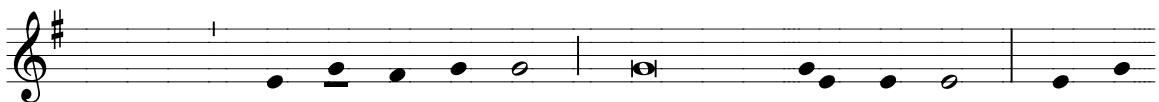
merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your



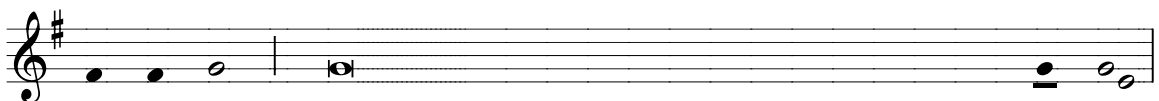
sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may be-lieve. But let us



go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow



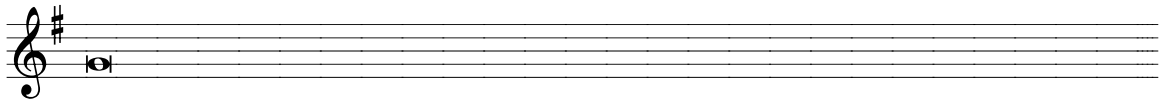
disciples, “Let us al- so go, that we may die with him.” When Je-



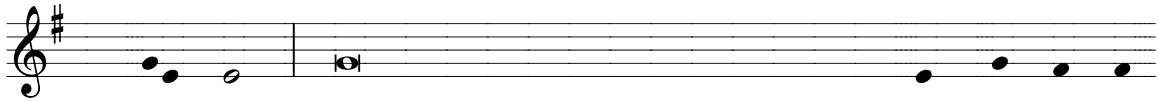
sus ar- rived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.



Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles a- way,



and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about



their broth- er. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met



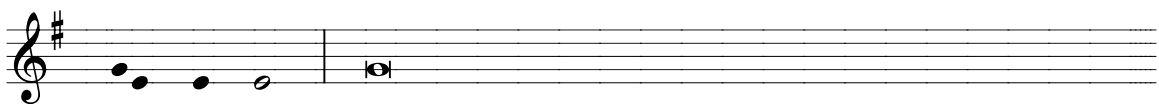
him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had



been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God



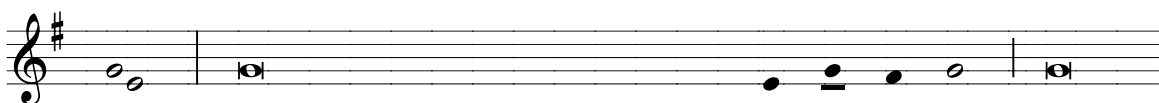
will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother



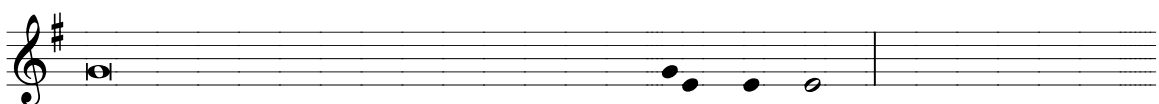
will rise a- gain." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the



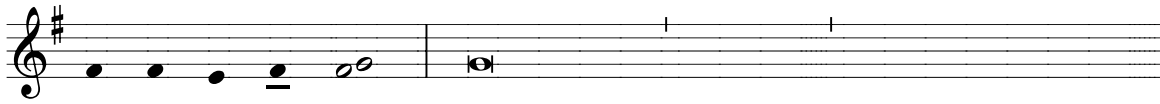
resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and



the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and



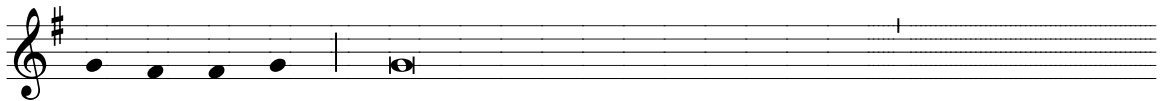
everyone who lives and believes in me will nev- er die.



Do you be- lieve this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are



the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When



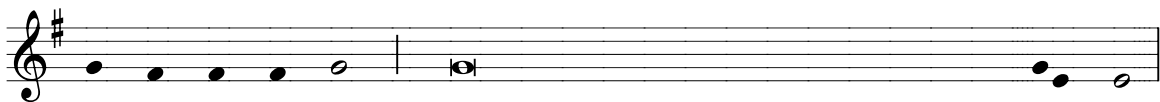
she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her



privately, "The Teacher is here and is call- ing for you." And when she



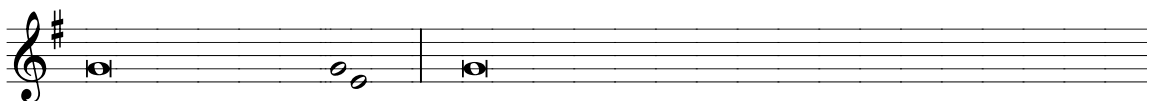
heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet



come to the vil- lage, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.



The Jews who were with her in the house, con-sol- ing her, saw Mary get



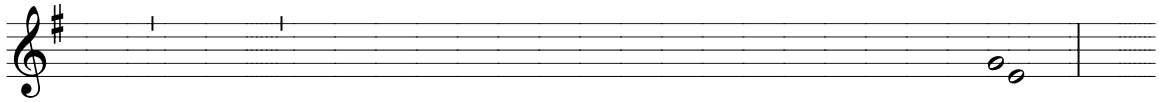
up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she



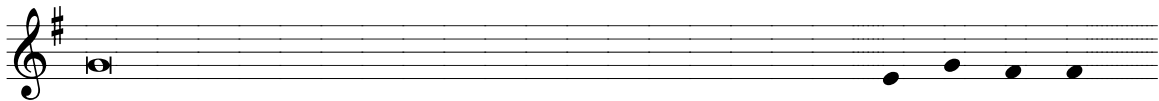
was going to the tomb to weep there.



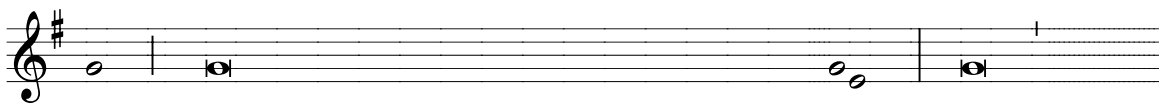
When Mary came where Je-sus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said



to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."



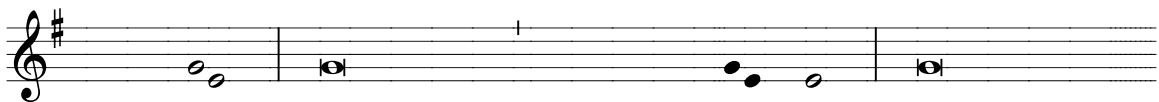
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her a- lso weep-



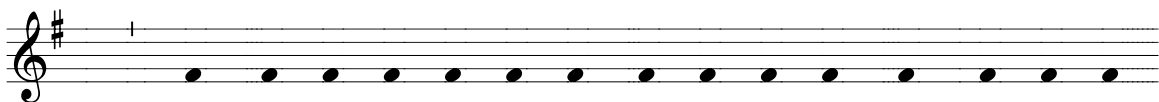
ing, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,



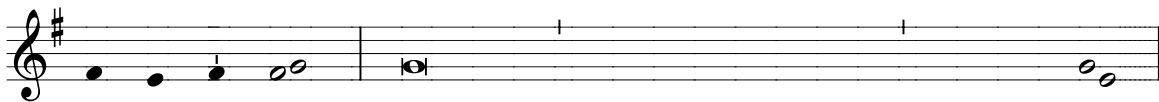
"Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus



began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them



said, "Could not he who o-pened the eyes of the blind man have kept this



man from dy- ing?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.



It was a cave, and a stone was lying a- gainst it.



Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to



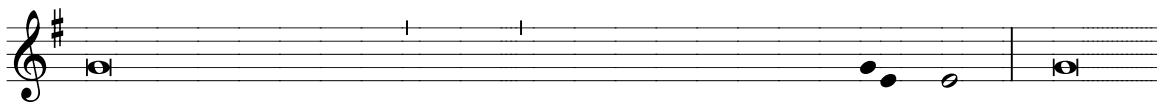
him, "Lord, al-read-y there is a stench because he has been dead four



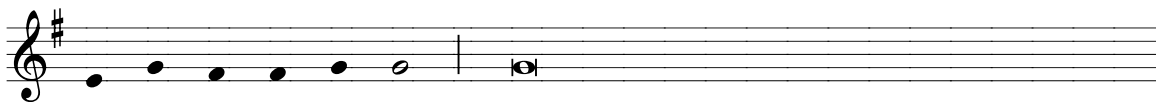
days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you be-lieved, you



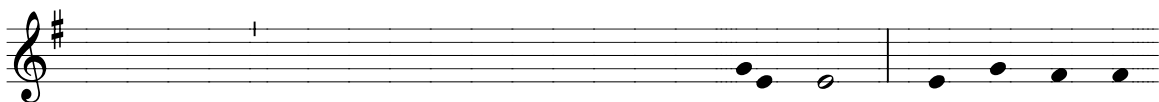
would see the glo- ry of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus



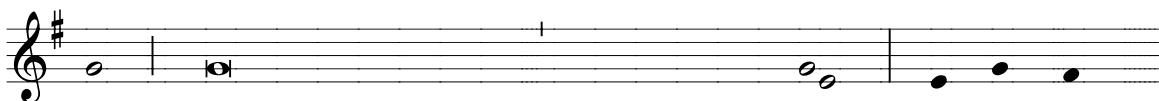
looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew



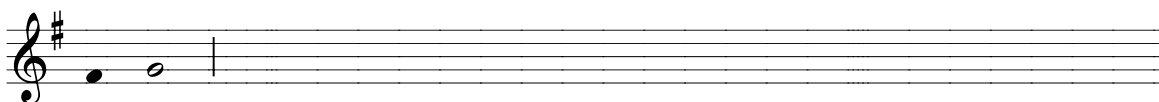
that you a- lways hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd



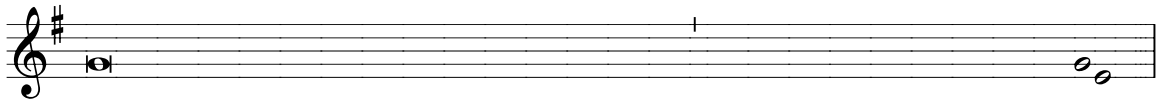
standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said



this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man



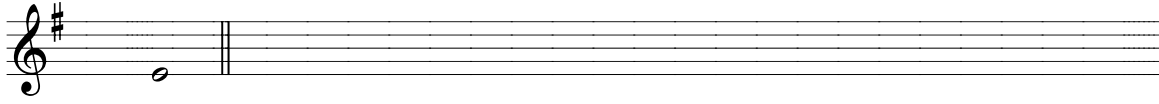
came out,



his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.



Jesus said to them, "Un-bind him, and let him go." The Gospel of



the Lord.