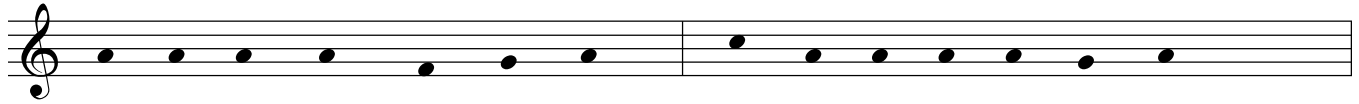


# Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1–14 (or 1–20)

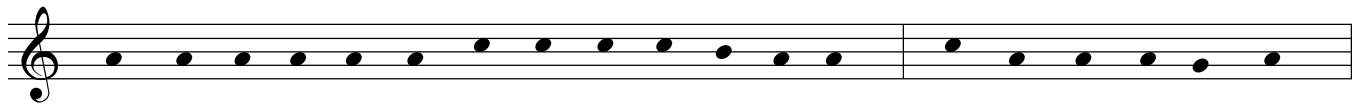
(King James Version)



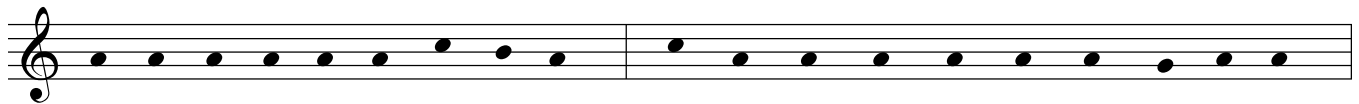
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a de-cree from Cae-sar Au-gus-tus,



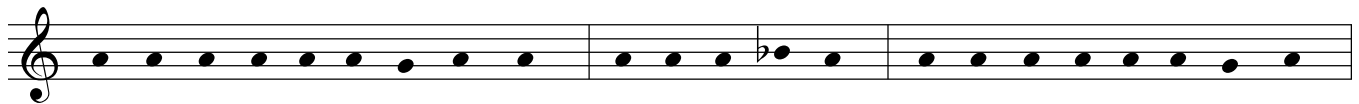
that all the world should be taxed. (And this tax-ing was first made



when Cy-re-ni-us was gov-er-nor of Syr-i-a.) And all went to be taxed,



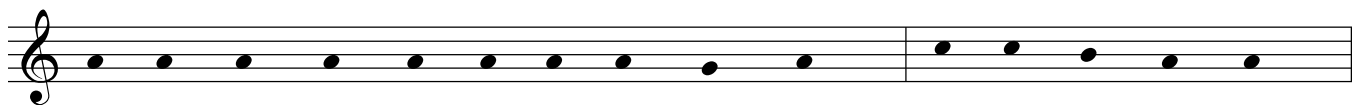
ev'-ry one in-to his own cit-y. And Jo-seph also went up from Gal-i-lee,



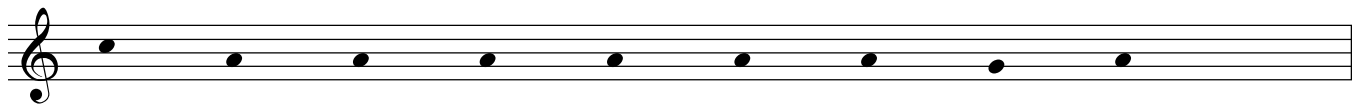
out of the ci-ty of Na-za-reth, in-to Ju-de-a, un-to the ci-ty of Da-vid,



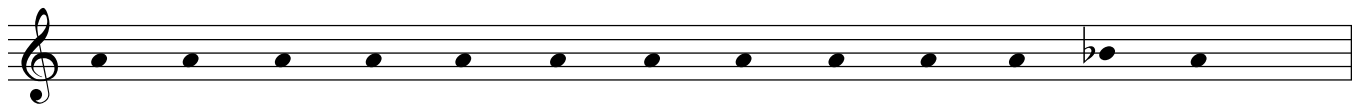
which is called Beth-le-hem; (be-cause he was of the house and lin-e-age of Da-vid:)



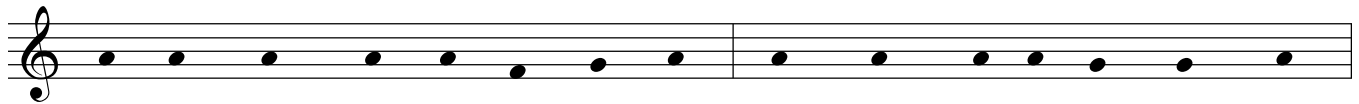
To be taxed with Mar-y his es-poused wife, be-ing great with child.



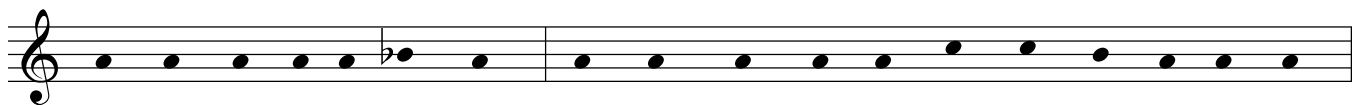
And so it was, that, while they were there,



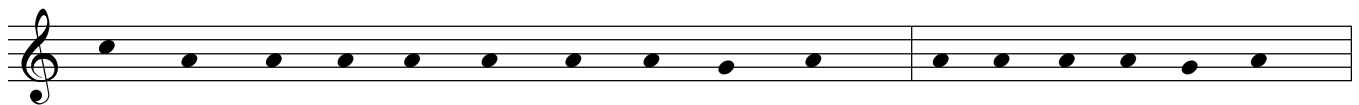
the days were ac-com-plished that she should be de-liv-ered.



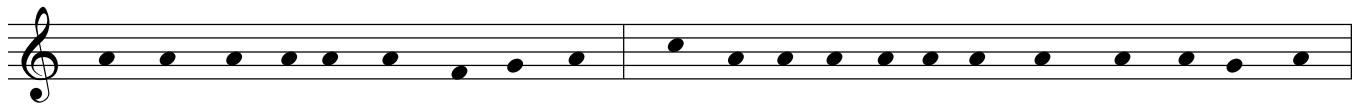
And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swad-dling clothes,



and laid him in a man-ger: be-cause there was no room for them in the inn.



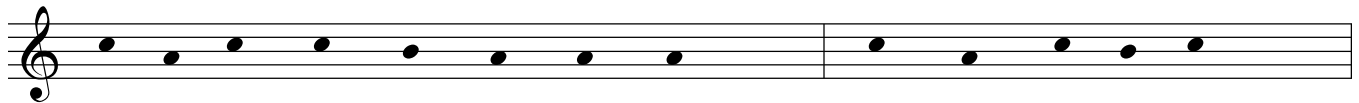
And there were in the same coun - try shep - herds a - bid - ing in the field,



keep - ing watch o - ver their flock by night. And, lo, the an - gel of the Lord came up - on them,



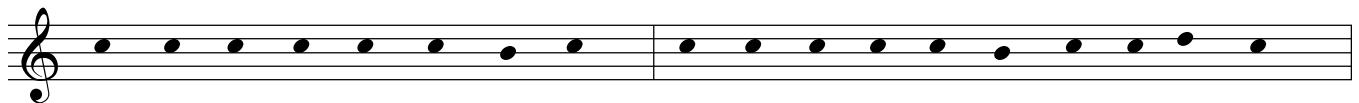
and the glo - ry of the Lord shone round a - bout them: and they were sore a - fraid.



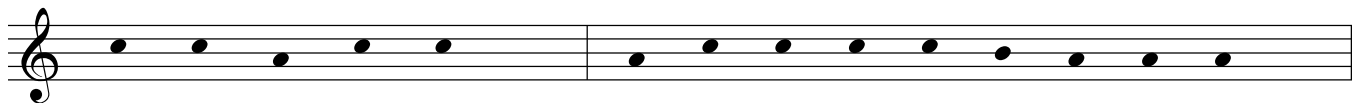
And the an - gel said un - to them, Fear not: for, be - hold,



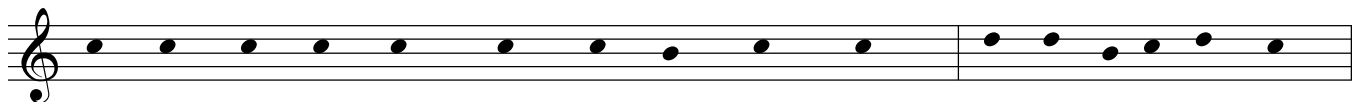
I bring you good ti - dings of great joy, which shall be to all peo - ple.



For un - to you is born this day in the ci - ty of Da - vid a Sa - viour,



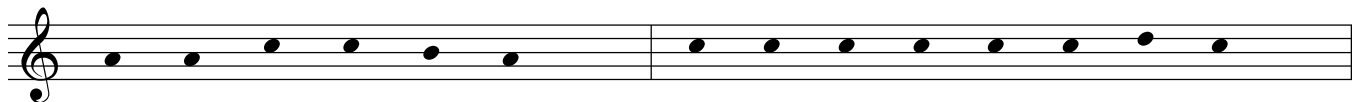
which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign un - to you;



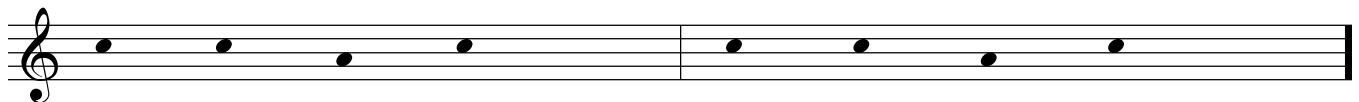
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swad - dling clothes, ly - ing in a man - ger.



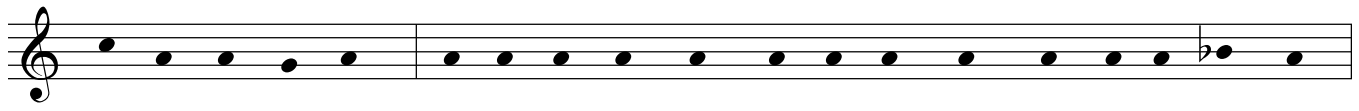
And sud - den - ly there was with the an - gel a mul - ti - tude of the heav' - n - ly host



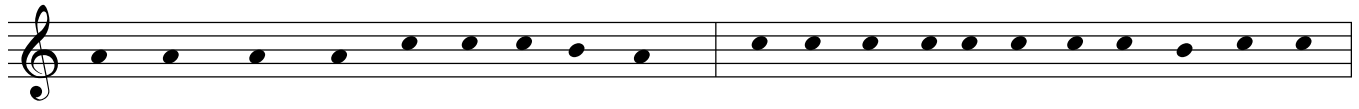
prais - ing God, and say - ing, Glo - ry to God in the high - est,



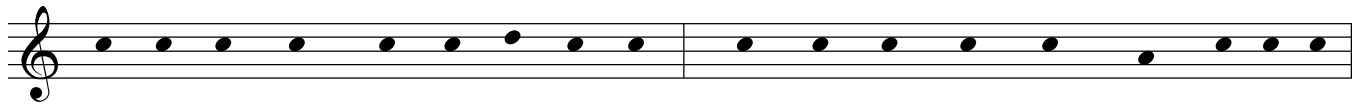
and on earth peace, good will toward men.



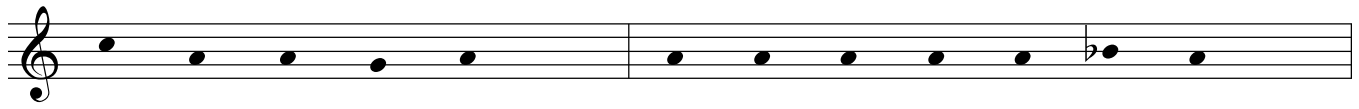
And it came to pass as the an-gels were gone a-way from them in-to heav-en,



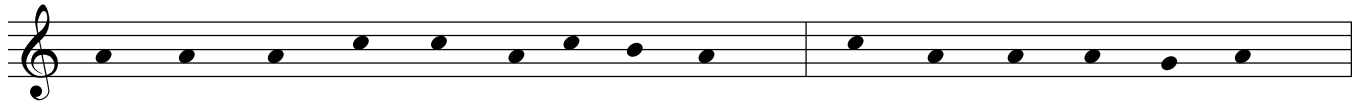
the shep-herds said one to an - o - ther: Let us now go e-ven un-to Beth-le-hem



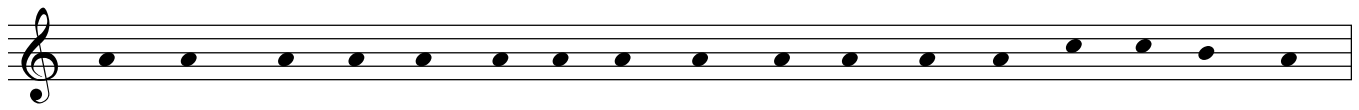
and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known un-to us.



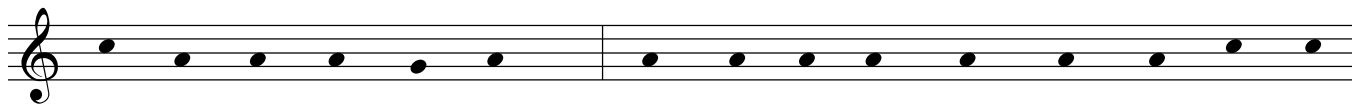
And they came with haste, and found Mar - y and Jo - seph,



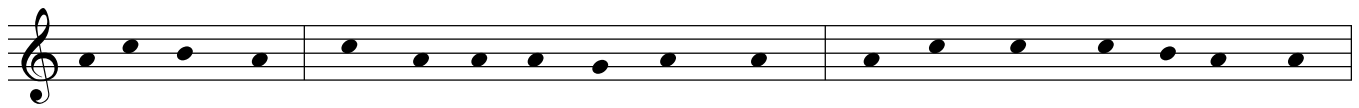
and the Babe, ly - ing in a man-ger. And when they had seen it,



they made known a-broad the say-ing which was told them con-cern-ing this Child.



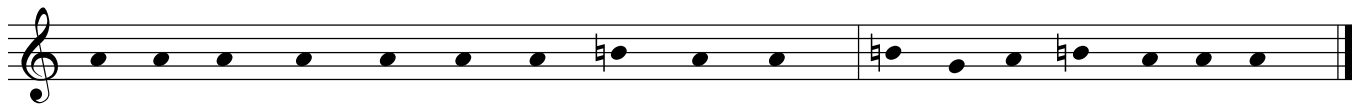
And all they that heard it won-dered at those things which were told them



bytheshepherds. But Mar-y kept all these things and pon-dered them in her heart.



And the shep-herds re-turned, glo - ri - fy - ing and prais-ing God



for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told un-tothem.