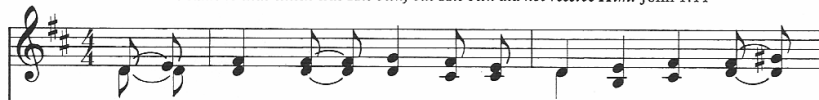


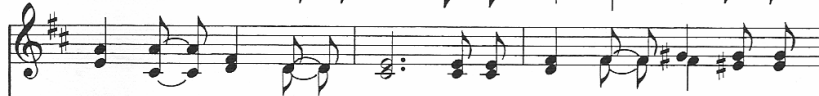
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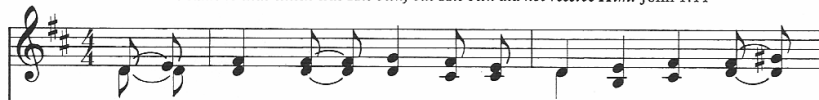
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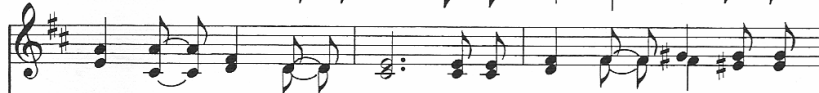
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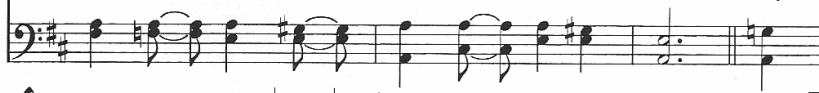
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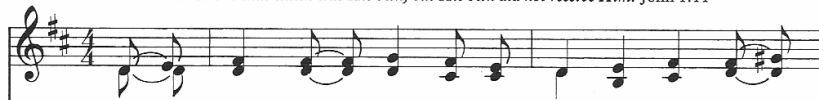
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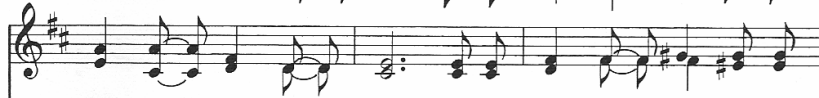
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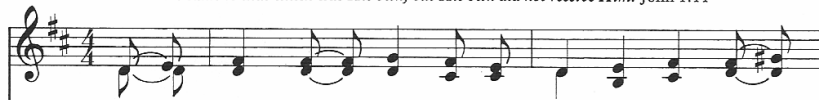
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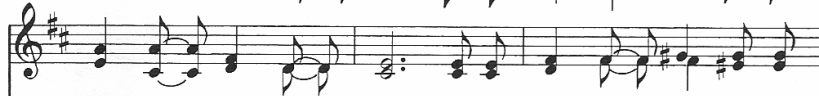
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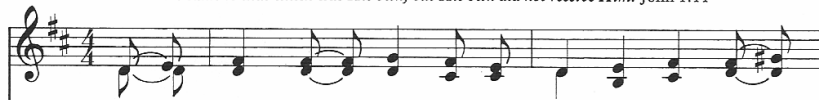
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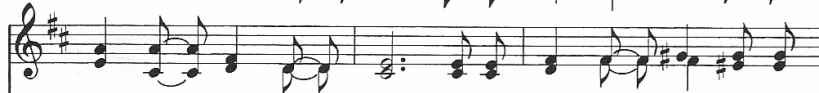
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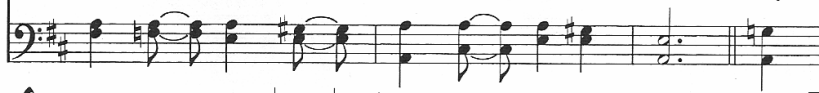
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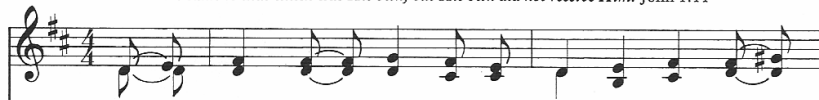
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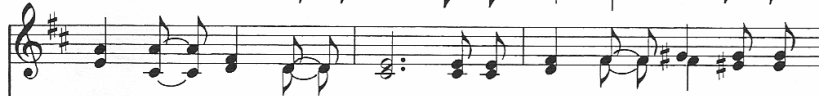
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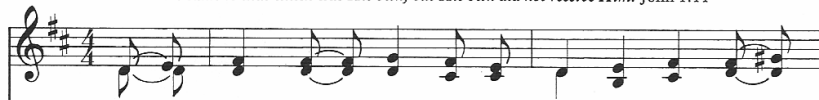
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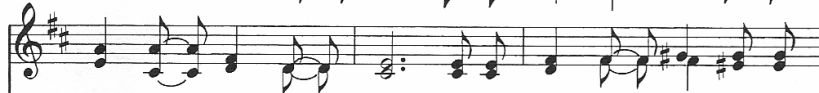
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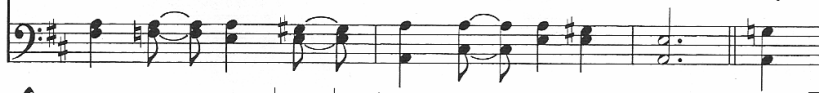
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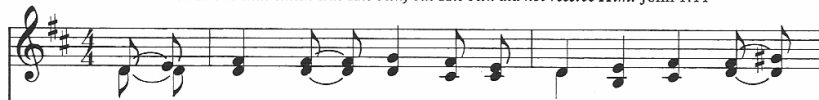
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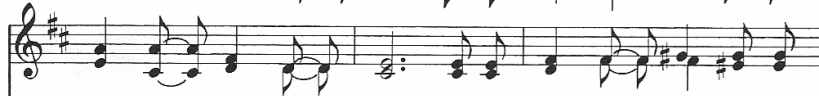
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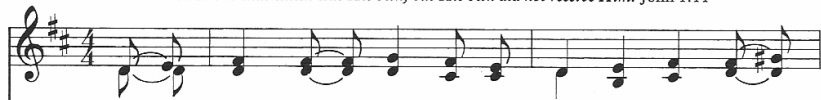
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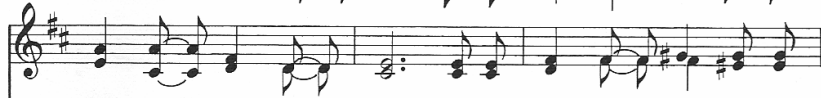
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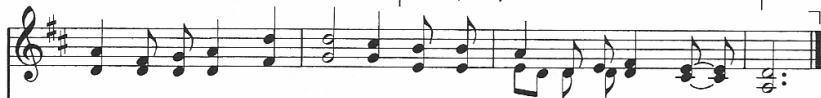
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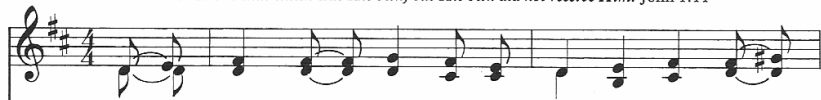
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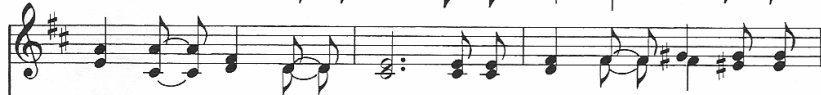
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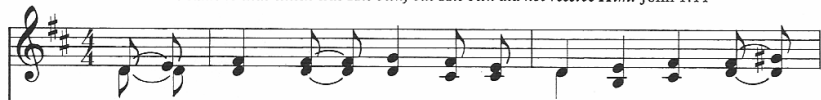
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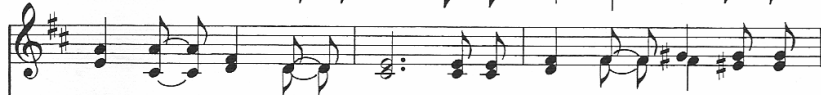
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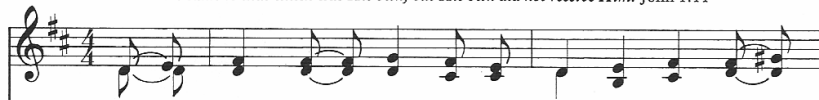
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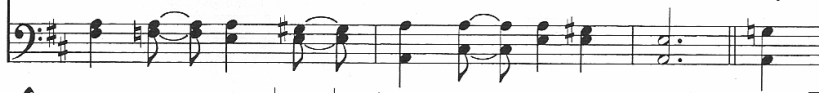
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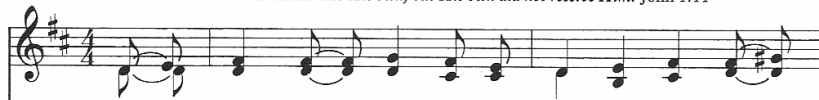
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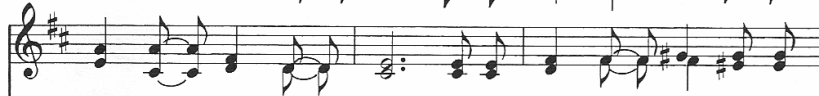
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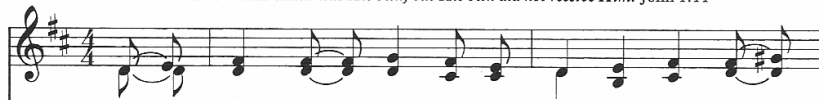
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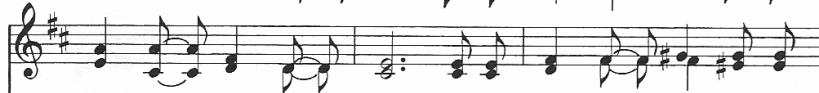
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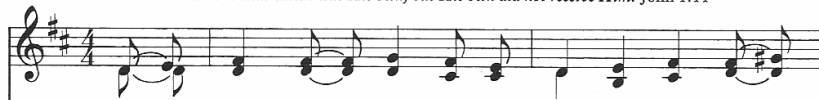
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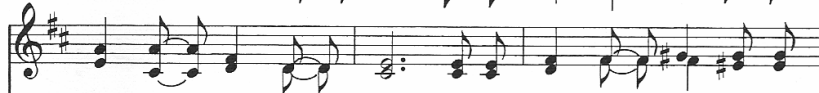
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne 127

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1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown When Thou
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -
 3. The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest In the
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should
 5. When the heav'n's shall ring and the an - gels sing At Thy



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 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But of low - ly birth didst Thou
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 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,



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 come to earth, And in great hu - mil - i - ty. O
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