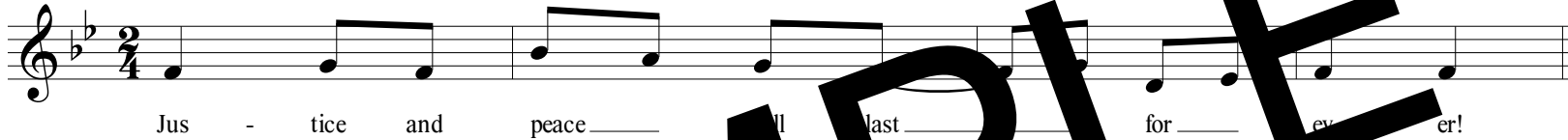


# Bless The King With Justice

*Responsorial Song from Psalm 72 for Advent 2A*

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Bless the King with justice, that he may rule over you;  
give your wisdom for the task and your judgment true.  
Justice, planted in the kingdom, brings the earth to bloom  
golden harvest and fullness until the moon.

Distant sea coasts honor you, all the earth's nobility,  
heaven and earth praise you, God of land and sea.  
Kings of Islands pay their tribute, gifts from Western lands,  
tribute too from Desert Lords, gifts from Southern Sands.

Captives, too, have been freed, saved by your decree;  
may they always offer prayer, bless you endlessly!  
You will bless the poor with good things, in compassion strong;  
precious in your eyes the weak, none shall do them wrong!

Bless the name of God our King! Earth, resound with praise!  
We, the people named for God, worship all our days:  
'You alone have done such wonders, to your name we sing.  
Earth proclaims your glory, God, honors you as King!'