Hollow Cantica

Broken bowls, diamond heads.

SPECIMEN · 2026

THE IDEA



A contemporary blackletter: a rotunda-width lowercase with diamond heads and feet, broken and blade bowls, and capitals built to be read. Drawn with one broad nib in four weights and a Compressed width.

THE STYLES

LIGHT

Vespers

REGULAR

Vespers

BOLD

Vespers

BLACK

Vespers

COMPRESSED

Vespers

IN USE

Matins & Vespers

Sung offices for the long nights of winter, in the crypt of the old cathedral.

The candles were lit at dusk, one for every name in the parish book. By the eleventh hour the nave had filled with the low murmur of the requiem, and the choir, unseen in the loft, carried the verses over the heads of the mourners like smoke. Outside, the frost settled on 1,743 headstones and on the iron gate that had not been locked since 1889.

Vespers

Text sizes

14 pt

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18 pt

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24 pt

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OPENTYPE FEATURES

TABULAR FIGURES

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FRACTIONS

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SUPERIORS · INFERIORS

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CASE-SENSITIVE FORMS

[MIDNIGHT] ¿QUÉ? «NOX»

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LIGATURES

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381 CHARACTERS

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

The bells of the old abbey toll at midnight.

FRANÇAIS

Les cloches de la vieille abbaye sonnent à minuit.

DEUTSCH

Die Glocken der alten Abtei läuten um Mitternacht.

ESPAÑOL

Las campanas de la vieja abadía doblan a medianoche.

SVENSKA

Det gamla klostrets klockor ringer vid midnatt.

POLSKI

Dzwony starego opactwa biją o północy.

ČEŠTINA

Zvony starého opatství zvoní o půlnoci.

MAGYAR

A régi apátság harangjai éjfélkor szólnak.

ROMÂNĂ

Clopotele vechii abații bat la miezul nopții.

TÜRKÇE

Eski manastırın çanları gece yarısı çalar.