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Notice that the Quintus jumps up a major sixth, while the Bass jumps down a major sixth. Counterpoint does not allow a voice to jump a major sixth—therefore, Father Morales placed a rest in between.
Notice this: At the moment when the plainsong Cantus Firmus reaches its lowest point, the Bass section sings lower than ever.
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