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Lynch, T. and Rocconi, E. (eds) (2020). *A companion to ancient Greek and Roman music* (Blackwell companions to the ancient world, 1st edn). Hoboken: Wiley.

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West, M.L. (1992a). *Analecta musica*. *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 92, 1–54.

West, M.L. (1992b). *Ancient Greek Music*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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