Stabat Mater Dolorosa

Stabat Mater dolorosa iuxta Crucem lacrimosa, dum pendebat Filius.

Cuius animam gementem, contristatam et dolentem pertransivit gladius.

O quam tristis et afflicta fuit illa benedicta, mater Unigeniti!

Quae maerebat et dolebat, pia Mater, dum videbat nati poenas inclyti.



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At, the Cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing, all His bitter anguish bearing, now at length the sword has passed.

> O how sad and sore distressed was that Mother, highly blest, of the sole-begotten One.

Christ above in torment hangs, she beneath beholds the pangs of her dying glorious Son.



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