Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Of what great blessings in my wretchedness have I deprived myself! From what a kingdom in my misery have I fallen! I have wasted the riches...
that were given to me, I have transgressed the commandment:

A-лас, ун-хэппи soul! Thou art henceforth condemned to the eternal fire.

Therefore before the end cry out to Christ our God: Receive me as the

Prodigal Son, O God, and have mercy on me.

English text: "The Lenten Triodion", translated by Mother Mary and Archimandrite Kallistos Ware, St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, South Canaan, Pa, 2002.

Carol Surgant ~ music.russianorthodox-stl.org ~ 1/30/07