

Much Have We Sinned in Deed and Word

(Benign Creator of the Spheres, verses 3-5)

Words: Gregory the Great, translated by Daniel Joseph Donahoe

Music: Hesperus (Henry Baker)

Tenderly

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 3/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The accompaniment consists of chords, mostly triads and dyads, providing a harmonic foundation. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

1

Much have we sinned in deed and word,
We bare our hearts before thee, Lord;
Thy tender clemency we seek,
Oh heal our wounded souls and weak.

2

Grant that we may the body cleanse
Of sinful stain through abstinence,
May lift our fasting hearts to thee,
From all defiling evils free.

3

O tender Godhead, three in one!
Be ours the will all crime to shun.
To know and keep thy laws divine,
And be the fruits of fasting thine.