

A prayer for choirs everywhere!!

Almighty and most merciful Conductor;

We have erred, and strayed from thy beat like lost sheep;

We have followed too much the devices and tempos of our own parts;

We have offended against thy pronunciation laws;

We have left unsung those notes which we ought to have sung;

And we have sung those notes which we ought not to have sung;

And there is no intonation in us.

But thou, O Conductor, have mercy upon us, miserable singers.

Spare thou them that have lost their music;

Restore thou them that have forgotten the signature;

And grant, O most merciful maestro, that we may hereafter live an *allegro moderato*, un poco *andante* life;

To the glory of thy choir's Name.

Amen