Via Dolorosa

Way of Sorrow ~ Jerusalem, Israel
First Station
First Station
Jesus is Condemned to Death
Now the Cross as Jesus bore it,
Has become for us who share it,
The jeweled Cross of Victory.
Second Station
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Second Station
Jesus Takes Up His Cross
Weakened, prodded, cursed, and fallen,  
His whole Body bruised and swollen,  
Jesus tripped and lay in pain.
Third Station
Third Station
Jesus Falls the First Time
Jesus met his grieving Mother,
She who made the Lord our Brother;
Now the sword her heart has pierced.
Fourth Station
Fourth Station
Fourth Station
Jesus Meets His Mother
Marlene Hunt
Reflection
Simon stopped in hesitation, not foreseeing his proud station, called to bear the Cross of Christ.
Fifth Station
Fifth Station
Fifth Station
Simon Is Forced to Take up the Cross
Brave but trembling came the woman,
None but she would flaunt the Roman,
Moved by love beyond her fear.
Sixth Station
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Sixth Station
Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
Prostrate on the dust He crumbled,
Flogged in Body He resembled
All our brothers poor and scorned.
Seventh Station
Seventh Station
Jesus Falls for the Second Time
May our sympathy for Jesus
Turn to those who here now need us,
May we see Christ bruised in them.
Eighth Station
Eighth Station

“IC-XCNI-KA” means Jesus Christ conquers
Eighth Station
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
Jesus fell again in weakness,  
Stumbling as we do, to lead us  
Through our sorrow and our pain
Ninth Station
Ninth Station
Jesus Falls the Third Time
Stripped and jeered by his own nation, Jesus stood in desolation, Giving all He had to give.
Tenth Station
Tenth Station
Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments
Pierced the hands that blessed and cured us, Pierced the feet that walked to free us, Walked the hill of Calvary.
Eleventh Station
Eleventh Station
Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
Life eternal, death defiant,
Bowed his head—the world was silent,
Though his death came life anew.
Twelfth Station
Twelfth Station
Twelfth Station
Jesus Dies on the Cross
Stunned and stricken, Mary, Mother
In your arms was placed our Brother,
“Full of grace” now filled with grief.
Thirteenth Station
Thirteenth Station
Thirteenth Station
The Body of Jesus Is Placed In the Arms of His Mother
Jesus, Lord, your gift accepted,
In three days you resurrected,
You did first what we shall do.
Fourteenth Station
Fourteenth Station
Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb
Jesus, Risen, be our lover
In your Food and in our brother.
Lead us home to heaven with You.