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a tale of woe - скорбная повесть
  2. р/ беды, неприятности передряги
    poverty, illness and other woes - бедность, болезнь и прочие беды
    economic woes - экономические трудности
2. [wəv] int
  увы!, горе мне!
                                                                                     Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
woe
woe [woe woes] BrE [wəʊ] ්
                              NAmE [wov] noun (old-fashioned or humorous)
 1. woes plural the troubles and problems that sb has
  · financial woes
  · Thanks for listening to my woes.
 2. uncountable great unhappiness
  Syn: ↑misery
  · a tale of woe
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    Idioms: \tag{woe} betide somebody = \tag{woe} is me! = \tag{woe} to somebody
    Word Origin:
    natural exclamation of lament: recorded as wā in Old English and found in several Germanic languages.
                                                                                                 Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)
woe
woe /wəບ $ woʊ/ BrE ້
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  [Language: Old English; Origin: wa]
  1. woes [plural] formal the problems and troubles affecting someone:
        the country's economic woes
  2. [uncountable] literary great sadness
  3. woe is me spoken humorous used to say that you are extremely unhappy or in a difficult situation
  4. woe betide somebody British English used to warn someone that there will be trouble if they do something – especially used
        Woe betide anyone who smokes in our house!
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1. [wəν] *n*

1. горе; скорбь, печаль woe is me! - горе мне!