

Christian Morgenstern,
Der Werwolf

Ein Werwolf eines Nachts entwich
von Weib und Kind und sich be-
gab
an eines Dorfschullehrers Grab
und bat ihn: „Bitte, beuge mich!“

Der Dorfschulmeister stieg hinauf
auf seines Blechschilds Messing-
knauf
und sprach zum Wolf, der seine
Pfoten
geduldig kreuzte vor dem Toten:

„Der Werwolf“ – sprach der gute
Mann,
„des Werwolfs, Genitiv sodann,
dem Werwolf, Dativ, wie man’s
nennt,
den Werwolf, - damit hat’s ein
End!“

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Christian Morgenstern,
The Werewolf

tradukita de Alexander Gross

A Werewolf, troubled by his name,
Left wife and brood one night and came
To a hidden graveyard to enlist
The aid of a long-dead philologist.

“Oh sage, wake up, please don’t berate
me,”
He howled sadly, “Just conjugate me.”
The seer arose a bit unsteady
Yawned twice, wheezed once, and then was
ready.

“Well, ‘Werewolf’ is your plural past,
While ‘Waswolf’ is singularly cast:
There’s ‘Amwolf’ too, the present tense,
And ‘Iswolf,’ ‘Aewolf’ in this same sense.”

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Christian Morgenstern,
The Banshee (An Ap-
proach)

tradukita de Max Knight

One night, a banshee slunk away
from mate and child, and in the
gloom
went to a village teacher’s tomb,
requesting him: “Inflex me, pray.”

The village teacher climbed up
straight
upon his grave stone with its plate
and to the apparition said
who meekly knelt before the dead:

“The banSHEE, in the subject’s
place;
the banHERS, the possessive case.
The banHER, next, is what they call
objective case—and that is all.”

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Christian Morgenstern,
Varulven

tradukita de Sven Collberg

En varulv lopp från fru m.m.
en vacker afton samt begav
sig till en bymagisters grav
och bad: “Var snäll och konjuge-
ra.

mig!” Byskolläraren stod upp
på blecknamnsskyltens
mässingknopp
med svar till den, som satt på
pass
med tåligt korslagd tass på tass.

“Jag var-ulv 1:a pers. i sing.,
du, han, hon, den, det var-ulv.
Så
vi voro-ulv, I voren. På
de voro-ulv kom ingenting.”

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<p>Dem Werwolf schmeichelten die Fülle er rollte seine Augenbälle. „Indessen“, bat er, „füge doch zur Einzahl auch die Mehrzahl noch!“</p>	<p>“I know that—I’m no mental cripple— The future form and participle Are what I crave,” the beast replied. The scholar paused—again he tried:</p>	<p>The banshee marveled at the cases and writhed with pleasure, making faces, but said: “You did not add, so far, the plural to the singular!”</p>	<p>Varulven myste glad åt hur pers. hade följts av sing. och plur. “Fast”, bad han, “kan det inte ges ens en enda pers. i tempus presens?”</p>
<p>Der Dorfschullehrer aber musste gestehn, dass er von ihr nichts wusste. Zwar Wölfe gab’s in großer Schar, doch „Wer“ gab’s nur im Sinular.</p>	<p>“A ‘Will-be-wolf?’ It’s just too long: ‘Shall-be-wolf?’ ‘Has-been-wolf?’ Utterly wrong! Such words are wounds beyond all suture— I’m sorry, but you have no future.”</p>	<p>The teacher, though, admitted then that this was not within his ken. “While bans are frequent”, he advised, “A she cannot be plurized.”</p>	<p>Bekänna måste vår magister, att därvidlag fanns vissa brister. En varulv sine imperfecto var contradictio in adjecto.</p>
<p>Der Wolf erhob sich tränenblind – er hatte ja doch Weib und Kind! Doch da er keine Gelehrter eben, so schied er dankend und ergeben.</p>	<p>The Werewolf knew better—his sons still slept At home, and homewards now he crept, Happy, humble, without apology For such folly of philology.</p>	<p>The banshee, rising clammily, wailed: “What about my family?” Then, being not a learned creature, said humbly “Thanks” and left the teacher.</p>	<p>Varulven satt med tårad lins. Han visste att han fanns och finns. Därtill kom också fru m.m. som även måste existera.</p>
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