

Christian Morgenstern,
Der Werwolf

Ein Werwolf eines Nachts entwich
von Weib und Kind und sich begab
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: “Inflect 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,
El Hechicero

tradukita de Hans Eiseneck

Un hechicero, con esposa
vino un día a la fosa
de su maestro, y al profesor
pidió: “¿Me cuentas? ¡Por fa-
vor!”

El profesor sin vacilar
subió y comenzó a hablar.
Desde allá de su letrero
se dirigió al hechicero:

“El hechiuno” le explica,
“el hechidos” después indica,
“el hechitres” dice al fin,
“con eso basta ¡chiquitín!”

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| <p>Dem Werwolf schmeichelten die Fälle 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 fa- ces, but said: “You did not add, so far, the plural to the singular!”</p> | <p>El hechicero, conmovido por lo que capta su oído, al maestro ruega, encantado, que le adjunte un quebrado.</p> |
| <p>Der Dorfschullehrer aber musste gestehn, dass er von ihr nichts wus- ste. 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>Pero el profesor confiesa que nada sabe con certeza: “Hay muchos hechos. Hechi- ceros únicamente hay enteros.”</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 te- acher.</p> | <p>El brujo se volvió muy triste: “Mi cara mitad, ¿no la viste?” Ya que no era sabio con gratitud se despidió.</p> |
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