

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 konjugera.

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."

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?"

Bekänna måste vår magister,  
att därvidlag fanns vissa brister.  
En varulv sine imperfecto  
var contradictio in adjecto.

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Christian Morgenstern,  
The Banshee (An Approach)

*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."

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!"

The teacher, though, admitted then  
that this was not within his ken.  
"While bans are frequent", he advised,  
"A she cannot be plurized."

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Varulven satt med tårad lins.  
 Han visste att han fanns och finns.  
 Därtill kom också fru m.m.  
 som även måste existera.

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The banshee, rising clammily,  
 wailed: "What about my family?"  
 Then, being not a learned creature,  
 said humbly "Thanks" and left the teacher.

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