

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 philolo-  
gist.

“Oh sage, wake up, please don’t  
berate me,”  
He howled sadly, “Just conju-  
gate 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 pre-  
sent tense,  
And ‘Iswolf,’ ‘Arewolf’ in this  
same sense.”

“I know that—I’m no mental  
cripple—  
The future form and participle  
Are what I crave,” the beast re-  
plied.  
The scholar paused—again he  
tried:

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Christian Morgenstern,  
Le loup-garou

*tradukita de R. Platteau*

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Auprès de la tombe d’un maître  
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“ - On peut à ton sujet puisque  
nous y sommes  
Se demander encor bien des choses  
en somme.  
Loup-garou ? mais avant  
Il faut se dire : loup-garou quand ?

Loup-garou comment ? et puis  
Bien évidemment loup-garou ? ”  
Toutes ces questions semblèrent au  
loup bien absconses,  
Car en fait ce qu’il voulait c’était  
les réponses.

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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: “Infect  
me, pray.”

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

“The banSHEE, in the sub-  
ject’s place;  
the banHERS, the posses-  
sive 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!”

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“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.”

The Werewolf knew better—his sons still slept  
 At home, and homewards now he crept,  
 Happy, humble, without apology  
 For such folly of philology.

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“ - Point de réponses, dit le puits de savoir,  
 Etre imaginaire, nul ne peut te voir ! ”  
 A ces mots l’animal éclata tout en larmes.  
 “ - Oh!, même les baisers de ma douce moitié

Ne pourrons plus me faire me sentir tout entier.  
 Rester un loup-garou est un sort qui m’alarme. ”  
 Mais comme le loup était bien poli  
 Il remercia et puis repartit.

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

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

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