

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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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,
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-
knaufl
und sprach zum Wolf, der seine
Pforten
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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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?”

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!”

Dem Werwolf schmeichelten die
Fälle
er rollte seine Augenbälle.
„Indessen“, bat er, „füge doch
zur Einzahl auch die Mehrzahl
noch!“

“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:

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

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

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.

“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.”

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

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

Der Wolf erhob sich tränenblind –
er hatte ja doch Weib und Kind!
Doch da er keine Gelehrter eben,
so schied er dankend und ergeben.

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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