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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."	En varulv lopp från fru m.m. en vacker afton samt begav sig till en bymagisters grav och bad: "Var snäll och konjugera.	Ein Werwolf eines Nachts entwich von Weib und Kind und sich begab an eines Dorfschullehrers Grab und bat ihn: „Bitte, beuge mich!“	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.
The village teacher climbed up straight upon his grave stone with its plate and to the apparition said who meekly knelt before the dead:	mig!" Byskolläraren stod upp på blecknamnsskyltens mässingknopp med svar till den, som satt på pass med tåligt korslagd tass på tass.	Der Dorfschulmeister stieg hinauf auf seines Blechschilds Messingknopf und sprach zum Wolf, der seine Pfoten geduldig kreuzte vor dem Toten:	"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.
"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."	"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."	„Der Werwolf“ – sprach der gute Mann, „des Werwolfs, Genitiv sodann, dem Werwolf, Dativ, wie man's nennt, den Werwolf, - damit hat's ein End!“	"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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<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>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 teacher, though, admitted then that this was not within his ken. "While bans are frequent", he advised, "A she cannot be pluralized."</p>	<p>Bekänna måste vår magister, att därvidlag fanns vissa brister. En varulv sine imperfecto var contradictio in adjecto.</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 Singular.</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 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>	<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>
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