

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."

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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 konju-  
gera.

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 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,  
Le loup-garou

*tradukita de R. Platteau*

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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 ?

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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!"

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?"

"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:

Loup-garcomment ? et puis  
Bien évidemment loup-garqui ? "  
Toutes ces questions semblèrent au loup bien absconses,  
Car en fait ce qu'il voulait c'était les réponses.

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

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

"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."

" - 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

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

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

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

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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