

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,  
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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Christian Morgenstern,  
La lupfantomo

*tradukita de Bertilo Wennergren*

Jen lupfantom' de famili'  
meznokte iam kuris for  
al tombo de la profesor'.  
kaj petis pri konjugaci'.

Do diktis tiu dokta ul'  
starante sur la kruktabul'  
dum lup' senmova kiel  
splinto  
atentis vortojn de l' mort-  
into.

De "lupfantomo", simpla  
rekta,  
tra "lupfintomo", plej perfekta,  
plu "lupfontomo", iom rara,  
ĝis "lupfuntomo", ho,  
koŝmara.

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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!”

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

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

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“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:

“A ‘Will-be-wolf?’ It’s just too long:  
‘Shall-be-wolf?’ ‘Has-been-wolf?’ Utter-  
ly 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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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.

“ - 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 en-  
tier.  
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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Ĉi participoj plaĉis multe  
al la fantomo, kaj rezulte  
ĝi petis: “Legu plu el PIV-o  
pri participoj en pasivo.”

La viro ĉagreniĝis tamen:  
“Jam fermis mi per fin’ kaj  
amen,  
ĉar netransiraj bestoj fe-  
blas  
kaj la pasiv’ neniam eblas.”

Sed lupfantomo pri transiro  
ja spertas pli ol eĉ vampiro.  
La lup’ revenis larmokula  
al sia famili’ ulula.

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