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*Une présentation biographique de Belaïd a été placée en tête du second volume, (Traduction).*

Belaïd, (Belgild At-Egli) fut un de nos premiers collaborateurs au FICHIER, un des premiers qui écrivit lui-même ses articles, — avec sa transcription à lui, — un des rares aussi qui, au premier chef, ait montré un goût soutenu et très fin pour la langue et les choses de son pays.

Il a écrit, au long des nuits, des pages qui devaient susciter l'estime et l'amour de sa montagne et de ses gens : il aimait le terroir kabyle et, tout autant, la saveur de la langue montagnarde, si proche de la terre et de la Bible : n'y retrouvait-il pas l'humain, vêtu de vérité et de saine joie ? Il aimait sa Kabylie, sans doute parce qu'il en avait été éloigné longtemps et que, comme tout homme des montagnes, il avait gardé la nostalgie des horizons bleus.

Solitaire sentimental, Belaïd n'a pu s'empêcher, souvent, de voir les autres au travers de lui-même et, partant, de se décrire en

dépeignant autrui, cet autrui fût-il fée, ogre, « roi » kabyle ou vieille mégère. On peut donc à travers certains passages, plus allusifs, des Contes ou dans certains souvenirs en vers, lire un peu de l'âme de Belaïd, mais il importe au lecteur non averti d'en savoir plus. Le pauvre Kabyle qui, au cours des longues veillées d'hiver, à la lueur d'un méchant quinquet, près d'un feu mort, écrit, comme Villon, sa mélancolie et sa misère, Belaïd qui écrit pour le plaisir d'écrire sans avoir jamais la satisfaction de se lire imprimé. Belaïd n'est pas que cela.

Sous-officier cassé, ivrogne invétéré, de volonté aussi pauvre que son intelligence était belle, il fut déserteur, (il faut taire d'autres misères et d'autres malheurs) et connut, dans ses dernières années, — de 1944 à 1950, — la vie du clochard qui gite dans les escaliers ou sous les porches des immeubles, « fait » les poubelles, gagne dix francs et... les boit, pour finir, tuberculeux, ruiné de corps et d'âme, dans un hôpital du bled. Là, il renait momentanément à la santé et à la raison, parce qu'il ne peut plus boire et s'attire l'estime, et même l'affection, du personnel hospitalier : « Quel est ce vieux, se dit-on, — à trente-neuf ans il était déjà tout blanc, — qui n'a plus une dent, toussotant, voûté et décharné, qui a des yeux si expressifs, qui expédie de longues lettres, lit les « Etudes » et « Témoignage Chrétien », parle un si bon français, aime tant à écrire qu'il en veille des nuits entières, dessine et joue joliment de la mandoline ?

Belaïd est un cas, certes, pas une exception ; un type plutôt. Bien des hommes, même dans la montagne kabyle, ont comme lui deux âmes et vivent deux vies. L'une les retient par tout leur être profond, leurs atavismes, leur sensibilité, — dont ils n'ont pas toujours le moyen d'évaluer l'emprise et la valeur, — l'autre les appelle au-dehors, comme la flamme attire le papillon, ou comme la source attire l'assoiffé, la liberté, le captif.

On remarquera la jolie nuance sentimentale, le ton affectueux de certains passages de ses contes. Le vieux Kabyle, en lui, voudrait voiler son émoi et même le réprimer parce que la réserve traditionnelle, — si proche, souvent, de la respectabilité des Anglais, — impose cette manière d'être, ou de paraître, mais Belaïd, l'homme de culture renouvelée, l'avoue et y prend plaisir. Il y sent, il y veut une libération.

Je « découvris » Belaïd lors d'une visite à sa vieille mère, Dahbia. Il parlait un français précis, aisément pittoresque ; ni son physique, ni son langage, ni sa manière d'être ne laissaient deviner son origine kabyle. Je lui fournis de la lecture : les ouvrages d'histoire et de psychologie avaient, disait-il, ses préférences : il avait déjà lu pas mal de Proust ; il savait apprécier un roman de façon profonde, précise et sûre.

— Le français, c'est bien, lui dis-je un jour, mais, si nous nous occupions de votre langue... ? Si vous me racontiez quelque chose en kabyle... Si vous me mettiez par écrit quelqu'une de ces *timouchouha* qui viennent de si loin... ?

— Mais le kabyle ne peut pas s'écrire ?...

Il fut vite persuadé et se mit aussitôt au travail, tant il avait besoin d'écrire, et ce fut le premier Cahier, pour lequel il improvisa, en français, une préface :

« Ce que je tiens à vous dire, c'est que, en passant tout d'un coup du kabyle écrit (!) au français (que je n'ai plus parlé ni écrit ces derniers temps), je ne puis m'empêcher de sentir combien, en définitive, il ne m'est facile et doux d'exprimer mes sentiments profonds... de dire ce que je pense, vraiment, que dans cette chère langue que je vous disais tantôt avoir parlée dès mon plus jeune âge. Je suis Kabyle, bien sûr, mais cela n'empêche pas que c'est en français, et toujours en français, que je pense, que mes idées se conçoivent et naissent... Une langue kabyle en caractères latins ? Je veux bien et... je souhaite la réussite,... mais, pour ce qui me concerne, j'aime mieux vous le dire franchement : ... Je préférerais goûter tout de suite aux joies que l'on peut trouver dans ce même latin, par conséquent... me perfectionner en français... J'attends avec impatience le moment où je me retrouverai seul pour me plonger dans le Turenne de Weygand que vous m'avez apporté... »

Le premier Cahier date de Mai 1945. En fin Juin, il me présentait le second qui comporte le Conte de l'Ogre, conduit avec un sentiment si personnel ; puis le suivant, une esquisse d'ethnographie et de psychologie à propos des tractations matrimoniales qui vint en Juillet et, à la fin du même mois, le conte de la Vache des Orphelins remplit à lui seul un cahier. A ce moment, Belaïd trouva

du travail et dût cesser de rédiger. Il s'y remit pendant l'été de 1946 : il avait perdu sa place et se retrouvait tout seul à la maison d'Azrou, sa mère, après une dispute, étant allée vivre chez une sœur à Saint-Eugène. C'est alors, coup sur coup, « Au temps où les Animaux parlaient... », des Souvenirs, comme « Grand-Père », le conte du « Caillou qui parle » et celui du « Saint Homme de la Montagne », à lui seul cahier de 136 pages.

Belaïd avait un neveu, Arab, qui ayant trouvé un emploi au Maroc comme animateur d'un Centre Agricole, attira là-bas son oncle. Un journal chérifien présentait au public l'effort agricole du Gouvernement et Arab fut sollicité d'écrire un article... ce qui l'embarrassait fort. Belaïd rédigea l'article en un tournemain : clair, convaincant et agréable à lire. Quelle joie pour notre Belaïd de lire sa prose imprimée. Ce fut la seule de ses œuvres qu'il put voir typographiée : il est parti probablement sans le regret futile de pouvoir relire ses chers Cahiers publiés et traduits, car il ne semble pas qu'il ait jamais eu l'ambition d'en voir une édition, même modeste, et sans savoir qu'il avait bien mérité de la langue de ses pères.

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1951 et 1962

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## Le manuscrit des CAHIERS

— Il consiste en une dizaine de liasses de feuilles de papier d'emprunt : papier à musique à portées de cinq lignes (format : 14-22) ; pochettes d'expédition d'une revue, (*Afrika Stimmen*, Strasbourg), (17-22) : pour confectionner chaque cahier, Belaïd a assemblé et cousu les feuillets sous une couverture de papier gris d'emballage où il a tracé des titres en « belles lettres » de fantaisie, dans le genre de ceux que nous avons reproduits et dont nous n'avons pas cru devoir modifier la transcription.

— L'écriture est toujours, — surtout dans les Cahiers de Juillet 1946 à la fin, — régulière et soignée, élégante même, sans

qu'on sente l'application : son aisance a cependant provoqué parfois des doutes : distinction parfois malaisée entre *n* et *u*, *nn* et *m*, entre *v* et *ghain*, etc...

— Les ratures et surcharges sont, peut-on dire, extrêmement rares et, la plupart du temps, ont été provoquée par une question du premier lecteur, et Belaïd n'écrivait pas de brouillon.

— Quelques traces d'humidité ont, parfois, gêné la lecture, mais jamais les signes de fatigue que l'on peut parfois déceler à la fin d'un manuscrit : l'écriture est aussi ferme et nette à l'approche du terme qu'au début du texte.

— Le foliotage est rigoureux, de même que la division en chapitres ou épisodes ; l'articulation en paragraphes nettement séparés révèle une familiarisation parfaite avec la littérature écrite.

— La ponctuation est très satisfaisante, malgré, toutefois, une pente à l'abus des points de suspension et des guillemets.

— Le total de pages des Cahiers manuscrits que nous avons reproduites est de 608.

Un cahier, peut-être deux, a été égaré. Belaïd avait écrit également trois ou quatre autres études qui ne sont pas publiées ici et qui devront attendre, en raison de leur intérêt spécial ou restreint : ils restent la propriété de leur dédicataire qui étudie la possibilité d'une publication éventuelle.

## La Transcription de Belaïd

La place me manque pour exposer le système, (ou les deux systèmes) de transcription utilisée par Belaïd. Cela n'a d'ailleurs plus maintenant que la valeur d'un article de musée. Ayant entendu les premiers balbutements du Fichier, ou même de ses prototypes, il en adopta d'abord la médiocre transcription ; puis, en 1946, il se fit son système qui s'essaie, c'est à noter, à respecter la grande loi : un seul signe pour un seul son : il n'écrivit plus *ch*, mais *c*, non *ou* mais *u*, etc.. Il distingue très soigneusement, dans sa graphie, les consonnes spirantes des occlusives, par une diversification, parfois ténue, de la même lettre cursive, (surtout pour *d*, *g*, *k*, *t*) ; certaines emphatiques sont traduites par une majuscule, (mais pour

il n'y a malheureusement pas de distinction, ce qui nécessitera, à la lecture pas mal de vérifications) ; certaines semi-occlusives ont aussi leurs bouclettes de diversification, (d'autres n'ont pas été senties comme consonnes autonomes à exprimer par un sigle unique, par exemple : ts, dz).

Cela constitue un système graphique très acceptable, parce que précis, et, en tout cas, très méritoire, quand on pense que, pour plus de 600 pages, Belaïd, (ce pauvre Belaïd, comme il disait en parlant de lui-même), a dû s'imposer des efforts d'attention continuels, — et les défaillances sont relativement très rares, — pour faire correspondre sa graphie à la réalité phonétique, pour ne pas se permettre, par exemple, un ð quand il failait un d, etc..

Dans l'ensemble, Belaïd a su écrire sa langue : il n'a pas, par exemple, écrit un préfixe verbal en i alors qu'il le prononçait y ; les consonnes spirantes, à pertinence phonétique dans son parler, sont, comme nous l'avons dit, fidèlement signalées. Il a eu plus d'hésitation à transcrire les allongements consonantiques, allongements qui, à l'analyse, sont des intenses plutôt que des géminées. De même, il a souvent dans l'interprétation d'éléments vocaliques neutres désormais traités par voyelle zéro, opté pour une formulation absolue, peut-être sous la poussée d'un instinct atavique, et, par exemple, écrit a au contact d'une consonne vélaire, i en accompagnement d'une palatale, au lieu de la facile voyelle zéro.

Vous trouverez, ci-contre, une reproduction photographique d'une page des cahiers de Belaïd, (les lignes ont été raccourcies pour les besoins du format). Ce spécimen donne une idée du travail patient, obstiné, de l'auteur du conte du « Saint Homme de la Montagne », d'où la page est extraite et, peut-être aussi, de la satisfaction que j'ai eue à retranscrire, dans une forme hélas ! encore déficiente, un si beau livre que je crois pouvoir, malgré tout, signer.

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-agi deg n'lla magalit Han uetta di fransa, un zuri ye  
uar ye Dder. 2 ji Bass, agui ye fruodi di l'Kwarre  
yokt igdiney B'zam usen, l'ad i jebbet dice alayet i  
bar nt kufatin, alui yufa kira nt kufatent atkey tia  
yok - laddha y suagli git - - Dha i fu K'it Han sleg  
'etlin t'fchuet dayn yufa degs i ye Dye għha... araq  
tura ukt. Dacu Han, ta' Hafkort uui, ar t'swakker.  
għidu di l'idu deis, isuus aktar di Velġażżeu, ye llan, d' u  
d Cig l-Jamae n-haddiex n-żżeġ - 7. Fekkut agi, alui  
yeħċċam all-auxwara yokt Cig tħsekked Wiegħi yagi. Se  
daccu is aru B'su uaww, muaġden t'Hafkort uui, d' id i  
uui bsi Meluun, i fekkuk ref yuwa, ye tgħixid da q  
kira nt uwal aktar, i si nsejal ur-uisadha, ara uetta a  
-B-drae. Lohaqiem, agui yustal li Velġażżeu uui alui ja  
sleħx uar i Cig, uar aħar Par t'segħar whala den, d'  
Sakin Wiegħel ad ye uweet, d' uetta qedet Cig, ye tef ye  
yokt aqni ye 2ra. Darreħ tura ukt, Velġara Han, ac  
tsid ġiudars ref leħsar B' aktar i-ya s-fekkar, yem  
-mestax agi uui Han, ara Dye Ohnej t'ha  
uar din it - Wiegħaq ref aqni ye llan, ol  
leċċu pal aktar jkox, zuri avu id wa' fawdar  
- k'jed aktar tħoħek - - -

It-tieba u tħalli d' ukt, u l-ayra u yokt "D'giudars" - ,  
au far Han i-klimax ad yekken d' uetta - dinna Par  
- ukt uui - Darreħ uxtal, id t'rimi, i-sejjed

**ЧЕЛУЧА**

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Au verso, fac-similé d'un titre  
des cahiers originaux de Belaid

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tamacahut  
uwarezniw

# ĀGAHU

REBBI A TYESSELHU...

A **॥** igerrez amm-usaru!!.. yef-yiwn eşseltan,- şşeltan  
ala Rebbi,- yur-es tameṭṭut-is d-emni-s. Netṭa yehkem  
degg-iwet en-temurt annex-ila-t. Timeseint,- iđehr-ak  
5 elħal,- ulac wi-kesben am-neṭṭa : ama ttiferkiwin, ama  
d iħħamen, ama d idrinen, ama lħaṣun d ayen tebyiḍ.

Yiwen wass degg-ussan r-Rebbi, iwala, d ayen, ye-  
qseb yak weħħam-is, lhekkma-s tgerrez, ur yesel ara s  
iħebber ; lewzir-is yelha, yessn ak lecyl akkn a ten  
10 yehdem, yetkel fell-as. Ass-en, akken d imi d-yebbed s  
alħam tameddit, yettef emni-s, yenna-yas :

- Tur a mmi, keċċ aql-ak teħħbed d argaz, zemrey  
adet, tekkley fell-ak. Ur yelli wayn i kk iħuşen la di-  
tmuissni wala di-lesqel. Nekkini tur aql-i d amyar, ur  
tezriż ig-heddem Rebbi : lmat yef-medden irkelli. Ihi  
mennay a d-esliley iysan-iw degg-ehħam r-Rebbi : aql ad-  
ruħey yel-lħiġj, a k ejjey d keċċ i d amsewweq, d keċċ  
i d elmudebber degg-ehħam. Yemma-k tħameṭṭut : d keċċ a-  
ra iħarben fell-as. Keċċin i a mmi, zriy-k d ilemzi, te-  
20 bbq d i-zzwaj, lameen a arju ar d-uvaley di-lħiġj, a d  
ak newqem tameyr, u ca l-leħ.

Yeru yefk-as yak tisura gg-ehħamen, l-leħażien  
ggedrimen, n-ennejma, l-lekwayed yak n-eifferkiwin d-  
ettrika-nnsen akken tella ; yernu iweSSI-t akkn il a q  
yef-kra bbayen yellan. Akken d imi t yessefhem akken  
iwalem, yenna-yas SSeġdi mni-s :

— A kk ieuuzz Rebbl a baba, akken d iyi ieuuzzed i-mi teffeked fell-i, tefkid-iyi rray. Day-netta ula d nekk aql-i kkesy-ak aýbel : ur tessid ara ihubbred : ruh a d-  
30 hujjed yef-yiman-ik : ekks aýbel i-wul-ik.

Sseltan yethenna. Di-ss-yenna yerna yumayen ney tla-ta ala i-wheggı bbeewin d-ezzwayel i-rrekba... d-wayn ennidén. Di-lweqt-enni medden lehhun ala yeff-uðar ney win yesan, yef-lehwayer : d aserdur, d aawdiw, ney d al'em ; hekkun llan wid irekkben ula yef-kra bbehjam ak-ken ur yezri Medd ism-is, netta atan ammet-ila-t, d a-slayan akken, idarrn-is d iyezfanen, lameen a ur yettafg ara, ttikl iig-lehhu. Di-tmurt n-eşseltan yef la d net-tawi, ahat yella useggas en-tikli ger-eçrwaħ tluvalin.

40 Asmi yessewjed ayen yak yehwaj, yekkr-ed yiwt tse-bħit, ieebba, iruh, yetkel yef-Rebbi.

SSEEDI, AKKEN D IMI IRUH BA-ba-s, yeqqim d-yiman-is, ikeem-it weybel bbehjam, n-es-suq, n-eħġebbir. Lhaṣun yuval d elsaqel akken yelzem : leetab ara yefk i-yfassn-is ur t yesse : ama d ayellet n-efferkiwin, ama d ecceyl-ennidén yak, yesaa-yasn i-fellahen, aħħal! Netta, d acu Kan? Yessefqad yer-way-la-s, yettaddeed i-yfellahen d-imestujaq-is, ney, m-a ra d-yeħħer unejmus imeqoranen yef-kra ney kra, yettafaf 50 amkan em-baba-s.

Degg-agġur ney d cceħräyen imewura segni iruh ba-ba-s yedha-d erray-is yewqem, yeşleħ almi d ulamek.

Netta leqraya yeyra ; lhaħr-is yewses, yeccur d leħħama. Attenuud, segg-asmi d-yekker, yetturebba ala ger-imusnawen d-wajidien ; yennulfa-d yecba-fen. MMi-s n-eşseltan ara yesun ala tigi, berka-t. SSEDI, yerna-yas Rebbi tin ur d-essasayen la idrimen la d-ixxrebga : yefka-yas Rebbi ssifa d-eżżeen d-esserr. Nekk a dd-ini array n-eşseltan iħelq-itn-id Rebbi segg-akal yes-

60 zel yr-eħġerf ala i-nuñi, yerna d elħeqq, akknig-laq. Nekk bbiyi-chu, yeħyidi-ji lħal m-aħħar afej edderya l-muluħ icemten. Mara tetwahdem elhaja, awfan attennekk-mal. Win ara yasmen di-lħelq iwimi ara tent-id yezdu-kel Rebbi, ur yumin ara yess. Yerna, taneggarut, ħruh yelhan, yeħfan, zeddigen, ur ilaq arā attezdey amkan ur nemgin.

SSeedi, ilaq tnameṭṭut ara d-yinin fell-as :

Yuli wass, ssbah-elhīr,

A leqyan n-eṭṭir :

Tin k yeṣra d leyniya...

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eela-hater neñni s-yergazen ur netwalli ara zzyen d-es-serr, ur tn-id netṭenni alamma yef-tmetṭut.

Day-neṭṭa, ama di-temdint-enni deg tella ssleṭna, ama di-leqṭac, ama d win mezziyen ama d win meqqren eṭṭadren-d SSeedi ala degg-ayen yelhan.

LAMEÑNA, NEZWAR-ED DEGG-AWAL:

aggur ney ccehṛayen. Asni yuval ikeçcem di-tendint, i-huled mkul-emkan, yewqem tamussni di-mkul etṭbes l-lyaci, yessemalat-it ḫebbi d-yemcunn-is. Tella kra n-terbaast akken ġġelmeżyen, dinna di-temdint ecceyl-enنسن lileb l-leqm̄er. Adeṭṭfen albeqd en-teħħamin adennejma-zen deg-s, tħarran-ż din i-leqm̄er degg-id degg-asswien ara tn-id iġanden, yelceb yld-sen, m-ara d-yeffey es-syen, a t twaliż : ma yerbeh yefreh, yecreh wudm-is; ma yehser, adyebju adiny iman-is.

Yiwen deg-sen yessen SSeedi. Yibbass, yebbi-t yid-es yer-dinna, yenna-yas :

- Akken attfeġżej !

Iferrej. Azeffa-nni diyen, yuval yer-din. Deg-ferrej, yiġi uferrej, yiġi en-tikkelt, yeyli-d ula d netṭa yel-leeb. Ass-enni yehser kan cwiż : yar-es netṭa amm-akkn ulac : seċċa ney seċċin en-duxa, yeff-akken yekseb, a tent ijeġġel yeswa-tent-id d elqawha : ezzhu-nni yezha mara ydill yef-tewriqt yeswa akter. Ass-enni i t yekċem ubeqxuc l-lehlak l-leqm̄er. Abeqquc-enni, sakın am-ka d-yetwahelqen, tabes, d anerni iġ-eżermay ; ma nsemmu-t akkn ilaq, leqm̄er-agi macċi dya di-lehlak i d laşl-is. Tawwla d-nejejid tħażen kan elfrisa wama leqm̄er d lehlak s-lemdhera i d-yessasay i-bab-is, s-leħ-sara i t yettabagen, s-einamit i-ss-i ikeċċem ebnadem alamma yuval ebnadem-enni iħemml-it di-leuq i dg ara t yekru, alamma yuval ur yezmir ar-a a s yehdu : day-netṭa neṭṭa yekkat yethaz elhater d-leqquel.

SSeedi, asni i s tuv tbeqqixt yak aqerṛuy-is, yet-tu ayen-nniden irkel. Segħi ara d-yeffey di-teħħamt-enni, yella ul-is yetmenni ala taswist-enni i dg ara yu-

yal yer-s. Alham, yejja-t, yestehza deg-s : a d-yekcem  
degg-iđ, adyeffey degg-iđ.

Yemma-s tuki s-emmi-s theddel ettbiga-a, lameena,  
110 yug<sup>i</sup> ad as yini. Lewzirat d-eleşeqqal d-yemdanen-enni  
yak yetħalaġen elhekkha uyalen ur t-ētwalin ara : ar as  
eqqarən kan : emmi-s n-esseltan, d acu t-yuyen? A yuż-  
elħal, medden tħebbiż-n-as, ziy-enni netta ar yefka ta-  
wayit i-ħrika-nnen. Ziy-enni, ar di-seçra ney secrin  
en-duru bbass amezwaru, ar yużal yessemeyer taħessart.  
Yedba s-yiwen weħħam yezzenz-it, yerna wayed. Yernaye-  
zzenz taferka, yernu tis-snati... akken... akken; almi  
d asmi d-yukki amm-in ara yegħirben, yerra-d s-leħbar,  
yaf-ed kra bbayen akkn. i s d-yejja baba-s yufeg, iż-ruħ.  
120 Yemma-s, yuż-elħal, syn iwmi tezmer thedm-it, tenna-  
yas-t; lameena, ur tezmir i-wara. Medden-enni den ur as  
jetħħals hedd a t-iwelleħ ny a t-id yerr sabrid : d a-  
cu kan? Ma d aħħib, yeqreħ, ma d aqsdaw yeqreħ.

ASMI LA D-NEQQAR YUKI-D YES-  
self i-wudm-is, yużal-it-id legħaq, tebdu-t sakın en-  
ndama : a tin yehdem i-yiman-is!.. A baba, ara d-yafen  
eċċi-s yak iż-ruħ!.. Amk ara s-ini?

Iħibben-emmi n-tidet, ulamma yeċċa-ten wul-ennsen,  
lameena tħażżeर-as, ur as heddeqn ara. Yemma-s, h a s  
130 themml-it, tegħġemmha aħnejem liħala i-żer t-id errant  
lefejjel n-emmi-s : di-ssibek ar tameedit netta d-alum-  
mu : taswiet adenmavien, taswiet adejrūn i-sin. Lameena  
has etrun, has ennuyen, ayen yedra yid-sen ur as ufin  
ara ddwa.

seddin akkenni qrib seccu ecċu seġġi iż-ruħ is-selṭan  
yel-ħiġi. SSeidi, tagħarrar-ya, yetħażżeż yak i-temditt.  
Ur il-ħiġi, ur yetyimi deg-s ; aqiegħiġ-is di-ssibek ta-  
meddit ala berġa di-leħlawi : yetħsejji adwalin yemda-  
nen liħala-s akken tebbed, yerna iż-ruħ amm-akken tkec-  
140 mit tisselbi segg-akken yetħejjemm i-tid yehdem.

ASS-ENNI YEQQIM AKKA, DI-TLEM-  
mast uzal, yedduri degg-iwen weħċiġ s-eddaw tiejra, a-  
fus yef-mayg, yeċċa-t elhiġi. Ul-is simmal irennu di-leħ-  
lak : mebla nnif t-iżżeġzen yef-medden, tintent iyelben  
yak, ttis-sin em-baba-s ara d-yasen degg-ussan-enni dd-

iteddun. Yella degg-awal : Win f i kettrent yetts-asent. Ihi eani, ula d netta yennudem. Truh qribattawi tnafa, almi d-yebbed yur-uqerruy-is wergaz :

— SSalamu eglikum!

150 — SSalam, leeslama!

Yuval sakin yur-ufus yef-mayg d-ahhebbet almi d-yer-na iluea-t-id umehluq-enni, yenna-yas :

— A gma, semmli-iyi ma cqiy-k, lameena di-sgellin-na i kk-id esskadey s-yihin, walay-k, m<sup>a</sup> ur iyi-skad-db ara Rebbi, s acu bbeypel teseid... Tura, m<sup>a</sup> ulac u-yilif, in-iyi ayen k yerzan, ahat adyili wayn i-ss-a-ra k eiwney. — Yerra-yaz-d SSeedi :

— Ayn iyi-blan, ayn iyi yuven, ayen yedranyid-i, ur as tezmird a t tdawid la keçç la wayed. Ruh a gma, 160 anf-iyi nekk d-erçay-iw...

Ameħluq-enni iħers-it-id, yenna-yas :

— Amen s-Win k ihelgen : ur ak enniy ara a k eiwney almi zriy iman-iw zemrey. Ayen yebyun yili, in-i-iyi-t ; eħxekel yef-Rebbi : yur-es mħall-ec yeshel.

NNiqal iruh adyerfu imi yaz-d iħawel elheddra, ibicas-s yesdeyq-as-t weybel, ul-is yeċċu;r ; lameena ul-en-niđen yeskaki-t-id : yenna-yas : D acu thesred? Argaz-agħi i la g-d iheddren, maċċi amm-iyid : yur-es ta'jeet, yur-s eşsifa, yur-es, lhaṣun, ur zriy d acu i la yiċċaq-170 ren ahat yella kra l-lqedra yesza : eħku-yas d acu k yu-yen, d acu k iruhen.

Yeħtef SSeedi yehku-yas-t-id akken tella. Akken d imi ifukk, yenna-yaz-d winna :

— D ay<sup>a</sup> igg-edran yid-ek? D ayagi kan i teqqared yewseer? Ur as yezmir hedd? Ulac ig-sehlen amm-aya : seiy-as eddwa ara k efkey tura, ara g-d yerren yak a-yen thesred, i-ss-i ara d-rebbed ma yehwa-yakakterba-yen yak ebbin. Lhaṣun ddwa i-ss-i ara d-yaf baba-k s-ennig wayn i yak yejjja. Lamegħna, ur ak-t eħxak yara a-180 lamma s-yiwn ecċert, ma tqebled...

— Anwa? Anwa cċer?... — Yenna-yas :

— Adcerdey dekk ad iyi tgħaddeq s-lemgħadha r-Rebbi degg-iwet : qabel akk-adan-i, ar en-tased yur-i d-imturt n-eħlan, sakin, mi n-tusid s-ahħam-iw, ar theħmed ayn ara k inny, nej m<sup>a</sup> ur t-teħdimd ara, ar tqeb-led ayen bjuż-zelebby-ak-t-id : hataya cċer-iw...

SSeedi dya ur as yesl<sup>1</sup> ara yak. Yesselb-it elferh : yesla-yas, ul<sup>a</sup>-akin, yetraju kan adifakk tameslayt, a t isahed, ad as-d yefk elqedra, s-yenna adyazzel, a d 190 yerr ayla-s. Day-net<sup>a</sup> ieuhd-it s-wakken yebyu ieeg-gn-as; s-wayen yak yecred deg-s. Ur d-yewjis ara yel-ha ney d ir-it.

Argaz-enni ijebd-ed di-tehrit-is elherz, yefka--yas-t, yenna-yas :

— Ruh : lherz-agı sellq-it i-wemagerd-ik, tuyaled ar leqmer, tlegbed akken yak yehwa, anda k yehwa, s-wayn i yak yehwan ; sakin ayen yellan a t tezred.

Rnan myefkan ettagud akken yelzem, msalamen. Bnadem-enni yettf abrid-is, iruh. Aqcic-a, SSeedi, i yef 200 la d-nesmucuh, yettf-ed deg-qendur-is, yefk-i<sup>t</sup>-id d amqabei yer-temdiit...

IHI, TURA, NEKK, MA YEFKA REB-bi zzeg-wen, ay-atma, ad iyi tsemmelem, adesteguy cwi<sup>t</sup>; ma d SSeedi a s nanef la yettazzal. Ma d nekk, ma ur ken türçuy ara, adceesley yiwn igirru n-eddehhjan... Eh... eh... Dy<sup>a</sup> atan emmektiy-d : s-gellin, mi awn ud-rey leqmer, ur ufiy i-wu-yur ara t mettley : ata wagi yesyubburen, wagi yellan ttahcict yuval deddehhjan yettili s igenni, wagi d emmi-s el-laşl-is. Am leqmer, 210 yekkat yer-tmeliyt d-lesqel ; am-net<sup>a</sup>, ula d nekk, ur zmiry afa ad as ettiħħrey. Lameena, ur eedilnara, es-la-hater... ney, lhaṣun, anda ulac, ma cerken azar... mhallafen eccetla, esla-hater leqmer, amek? yetħdurru, nekk, eddehhjan, hemmley-f... ... CCf... Susem kan...

ETTBEL D-ELYIDA SeZZGEN ED-dunnit, lbaqud la yetterdiq s igenni, tilawin la sli-liwent ; arrac, irgazen, imyaren, timyarin, ula d nutni la tħazzalen ; wa yeysi, wa la yetteggid ; dihinna, atnad la leżżeben s-elħil : eddunnit yak temceħħbal, tam-220 ditt yak tekker. D acu yedħan? D acu yellan?

D esseltan! D esseltan i d-yusan si-lħiġġ, yuval-ed bħix w-esla-ħix. SSeedi, netta i d amezwaru, iruh yemmugr-it s-iddebbalen d-elbaqud. Aqawdiw d-ellebsa yel-sa SSeedi, ulac win ten yeżgħan amm-idak di-ddunnit-is almi d ass-enni ; ma d eßsifa-s netta, la-dya, mniy-a-

wen-t yagi, tameslayt ara t yecnun ur tezmir ara a d-effey ala seg-mi n-etamzyint am-neṭja.

SSelṭan yuṭal-ed d elḥaj, yerna yufa-d tamurt-is ed-weħħam-is ahīṭ bbaġgen elian asmi iż-żu : ama d akal, 230 ama d adyaγ, ama d adrim, yaf-ed emkull-ec iwenneς, m-kull-ec yesseftrurej. Ulamma yetkel, lameena yewhem di-mm̄i-s i yaz-d yesfaydin annect-en. Yuṭal deg-s elferh yerra tiqit. Akken d imi t icekket almi yeṭwa, yesseg-ra-yaz-d yenna-yas :

— Ihi tur a mni, ilaqa-y ad ak nezwej, ad ak-d na-wi tameṭṭut, atweqmed ahħam yef-yiman-ik.

Yugi SSegdi. Yufa-yaz-d tisebbiwin yak : ma-zal-it mezz, ma-zal ur yufi ara tin t iċċebben... Lhaṣun, i-delb-as a s yanef alamma īgedda useggas. Netta, degg. 240 ul-is, yuṭ elħal yenna-yas : ur etċelliyya ara tameṭṭut i-yiri-w alamma uvalej-żi s-γur-win suhdey.

IHI TURA, SI-SEBDU ARA Ó-YEZZI useggas-agi, ad as nanf i-SSegdi : atan lecjal-is ak gerrzen, nekn annerfed cwi bbeġġin yid-neγ, - ney ma ulac annessutur tin r-Rebbi di-tuddar ara neṭja d-webrid : anġuhi ssyen s-leq̄el s-leq̄el alamma nebbed yretrumt bbin akk-enni yas yefkan elherz i-SSegdi.

Abrid idul : adilin hemsa ney set, eyyam en-tikli: atternuq ala deg-herqan, d-usawen d-ukessar. Lameena, 250 tidedd i-Rebbi, nekn d affug i ò-nufeg : taswiet Kan, ners-ed degg-emkan, naf-ed... ziy-enni, ay-argazz-enni bu-lherz... ar d awayezniw! Ziy-enni, ay-adrar-enni i dg-i yezdey, ala netta d-elwacul-is ig-ell a n deg-s, ig-hekkmen deg-s. Yeff-akken ò-ezzitt walln akka bbaġka, tettunek-asen elhekkma s-setjennit, hedd ur as yezmir. Wa-lakin, si-ljiha ò-yerran yretrumt en-SSegdi, tettunek-asen Kan alamma d asif yekkan gar-a-sen. Ziy-enni, ar elmakla-nnsen, ala laibad!

Yerna ntedu-d nferrh-ed yur-sen!

260 Lameena, ula d nekn annels tacacit-enni tajennit, anneksew s ahħam-is ur ay-d yetwali.

Neṭja yur-es tameṭṭut-is d-sebea yessi-s. Tameṭṭut-is, ur d-enħeddha ara fell-as, eċċa-hater, i m i ttamyr... tecmet, tekmeċ yak ; yerna tewser, tesħeqek-ter bbergaż-is. Ma d yessi-s... ma d yessi-s, eġni u-

la d i jenniyen bennund degg-akal izezlen weħid-es, ney amek? Nuñti di-sebaa yid-sett, tin tessakdeq a s tiniq: tif-itett yak; ulañin, mäur k esderyeltt ara settan ni timeqranin, mi d-ebħbqed yer-tmezyant, ti-sebga, ad 270 as tiniq diyen: tif-itent yak! Dya, dinna ttidejt.

Yefka-yas-lett uħellaq, si-lqedd almi d-esserr, seg-sedju yesfrahm ul, almi d allu iheddeq i-lhaġer; lameena... u la tħamejt-tut, ur zmir yara a d-ecnuv yef-tizet-is: yella wayen eggumma ya t-idd iniy. Lhersum d-lemer n-Faġma aħħat yeshel fell-i a t-waliy. Ac-Mal d-leemix?...

Taqcict tekker, teħbqd i-zzwaj,  
A Rebbi, ferrej:  
D ajen kan i tetmenni.  
TTasekkurt meblā iferraj,  
Ma-zal temneħwaj,  
Tetraju, Medd wer d-yedli.  
Lmalayekk timeszuzin,  
Argaz ur t yessin:  
Sebbremt-eż-żgħiġ, tilimt yid-i...  
... d-yid-wen a kra isellen n-ca-ħżejj!

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Daxx-nettja, yessetma-s-enni akken ma llati tħasnett di-Faġma. Lemmer tħafett ur t etwalitt ara. Ma y'ell a cċiel, ma yella lestab, tħakkej-as-t ala i-nejjat; al-mi ula d yemma-i-sett teund-itett, tekra-t. Ma d-baba-sett, netta ur yetyimi ara degg-ehħam, yerna lheqq faymen yetħak-it i-temġar. Lhaġun, ula d akken, Faġma... tħebbet, tessewsaq et-tibiea-s, tetraju.

ASM<sup>1</sup> IeEDDA USEGGAS, TLEHQ-ED  
elmudda-nn<sup>1</sup> i s yefka uwaġezniw, SSeedi yet-ṭeff degg-a-wal, yusa-d. Di-lweqt-enni, lemaħda s-Rebbi ur tejt-żgħiara : bab-is ur t yessenhata haca ma tekks-as-t elmut. Ahsen-żgħad a mmi-s n-nesset-ħan yessnen, yevrar, yunnen, hix n-medden-enniġen yak.

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Ass-enni kan d-yejkem tamurt uwaġezniw, weqbel ad-yawed yur-es ayg-esla yess d acu-t. Ac-Mal dyiwen iġ-steqsa yeff-ebrid ad as-d yini Kan : Annay ammi ħġa-k Niżi a k yeċċ, yeċċ tamurt yef Meddud! Lameena d ajen, ifut wig-futen, aqlab yer-deffir ur yelli : tarewla ur yezmir adyerwel : ajen yekteb Sidi Rebbi adyedru.

Yessiwded s ahħam uwayezniw yer-lejwahi n-etmeddil. Dya ass-enni yeċċa kan imensi, yesneet-as uwayezniwyi-wn utemmu dinna flama-t-sen, yensa deg-s.

Azekka-nni, ssħbell zik, lefjer, yawd-it-id weġdaw  
310 r-Rebbi, yenna-yas :

— Kkr atteddu d ad ak emley tin ara yi t h e d međ ass-a.

Aqciek yekkr-ed : ġuhen eddulkien, armi bbdjen yer-yi-wet en-tiyilt akken, yessekn-as uwayzeniwyak adrар-enni ten d-iqbullen, yeċċureñ ala d elyaba diherqan: a-1a acekkir d-wuzzu yr-eġma-s, yenna-yas :

— Twalaq adrar-agħi? Biy-k, ass-agħi, de ġġi ass-ħbass-agħi kan, a t-tzebraq akken ma yellha, a t-tkerzied, a t-tnejx; di-ssyen a t-tzer qed di-mukul ennes-320 ma, a t-tezzu d-ikra d-yeħleq Rebbi n-żejt, di-tmeyr-rusin alamna tħajnant, tħifirest, tħażżeft, tħaberquqt, tħażżejt, l-ħaġsun yak; sakini, tamedit, mara n-truħed s-ahħam, ad iyi n-teglu d-ueċċwal-agħi yeċċu d-elfakya ara dd-arwett. D ayaġi. Atan yer-k ugelzim, atħan tmez-beqt, atħad yeqgaren, atan elmaeun: atan elhaġsun ddu-zzan ara teħwied. Ma d nekk adqumx yer-ċċejl-iw. Ma ur teħdimd ara tagħi,... yak, tecfib yef-eccert?

Iġu yejja-t din.

Dya SSeżdi ur yettif la d-agelzim la Magħażint: ur  
330 yekriz, ur yenċiċ. Akken kan yeqqim dinna weħd-es yenna-yas: Meqqar ulayyer sejjebey iman-iw baħel : yiwt entasaft kan ur t-qedsej ara ssya yer-tmeddit; awali-ead adkerzej, adezzu, a d-yemmi: ulayyer : w-ell-h, ar d eqqimej kan. Ma d elmut, than-iyi!

Yeqqim. Yeqqim, amm-asni akken yesrusu afus yef-mayg. Lamegħna, abrid-a, terna-yaz-d elmut t-yerajun. Yerna, di-l-yeħba,... yerna mezzi,... yerna...

Degg-ehħam uwayezniw, yuġi elhal ggatt taħbi lu bbeġ-rum, ernat-ħas sin iniym. Akken d ilweqt el-leftar,  
340 nnat-ħas: Anta ara s yawin aewin i-wmerbul-ħ-enni? Dya, Faċma tegħall-ed:

— S-baba, ma yefka-yi webrid imi ezyi: ass Kamel ala nekk ig-qeddeċen!

— Dya s-uqarrux-im ala kemm ma tebbid-ħas agħwin: a-nnżejt ma d kemm ara iħekmen! yaz-d erra yemna-s.

Faċma, d ayen kan i yef teħnadi: mi d-eggull: 'ma

ruhey-t! tezra a <sup>u</sup>-id namrett yemma-s d-yessetma-s, a t ceggeeff d nettat s-enneqma. Nejjat, ul-is ideggü: iðelli-nni tameddit, mi d-yusa SSeedi, ziy twala-t, ulamma 350 iwet Kan isedda, tegr-as tamawt... yebbd-as yer-wul. Id Kamel nettat tetraju melmi ara yali wass. Ass-enni i t tekcem 'fbesseuc' ula d netjat; lameena ttabesect el-leesceq: ur eedilt ara tbes-ac!

Testeemel terfa, anyir-is yekres, ulamma allen,- ur neskiddib ara, - ççurett d elferh; terfed ayrum d-iniy-man-enni, truh.

TAF-IT-ID, ISENNED S-EDDAW  
tasaft, aqelman yeff-allen.

— Rebbi adisin! Şbah-elhîr!

— Şbah-elhîr, laeslama!

Yerfed aqelman, isekd-it-id : kkesn-as wurfan ; ula d elhuf yettu-t. Netja, ddunnit, lhayat, yak, n-ebnadem, tella Kan di-teswiet-enni, di-ddqiqa-nni, di-tis-meyya-nni n-eddqıqa i dg-i t yuy elhal. Ayn-enniden yak d u-lac : 'Hyu-yi ass-a, ny-iyi azelka!'

Macçi d SSeedi, di-teswiet-enni, ig-ethemmin akkagi : nejjat yelha-d Kan heqcict i la-z-d iheddren :

— Atan elqut-ik : seddi atteççed. — Yenna-yas :

— Uuk... a weltma, a kemm i la-yi-d yettadern el-qut! Di-leenaya-m, anwa ul ara yeççen, nekk terza tyita am ta! Anf-iyi Kan, anf-iyi...

— D acu k yuyen? i yaz-d-erra.

— D acu iyi yuyen? Drus... D elmut Kan iyi-trajun, d-elmalta ara yi yeçç baba-m!

Yeñku-yas-t-id akken tella. Almi d-yebbed yer-wanda s yenna : ad iyi terred elyaba d lejnan. Akken d imi ifukk, tenna-yas :

— D ayagi Kan? D ayn isehlen. Eçç, eçç elqut-ik: sferh-iyi : ehdem edg-i lemzeyya, eela-hâter ma thaqed, 380 ul a d nekk adettuyebney : ayebl-ik d ayebl-iw. Eçç, tek-sed eddiq i-lhâter-ik. Ekker, ehzu CCitan : zzizdeg Kan ul-ik, temnecraheq yid-i ; sakin, ma tummed s-Winak yef-Kan erruh, m Küll-ec yeshel yar-es.

Nekk, ay-atmaten, lukan ad iyi thellel yiwt am-Fadma, ul a yer-lehcic, a t ecçey, yerna zid. Lameena, macçi bbudm-iw!.. Day-netja ul a d SSeedi yuy-as awal: fsel-

11-it akkn a yas tenna, ny ur t tsellek, wi-cqan? lfayda-s ur tell<sup>1</sup> ara degg-<sup>\*</sup>elhibubn<sup>1</sup>-enni, yeçç-iten ney yeq-qim: lfayda-s, d ezzhu-ines mara yewqem leqdeq i-teq-cict yecban tiħuriyin, yerna, i yaz-d yennan: nnecħaq yid-i.

390 Nejjat teqqim tqubl-it, teċċa-t kan s-wallen. Akkn ifukk, yerwa, tenna-yas:

— QQN alln-ik.

Yeqqn alln-is. Fađma tjebd-ed tahatent, tezzi-t deg-dad-is: tin tlusa-<sup>2</sup>-id : D acu tebyid? Edleb ayen tebyid, tura ad am-d yetwahdem.

Fađma tessutr-as : Byiż adrar-agħi... byiżakka... byiż akka... byiż aya...

400 Ma-zal d-fulk timeslayt deg-mi-s, ddunni tbeddel: lyaba-nni dg i ten yuġ elhal tuval... Tenna-yas:

— LLi-dd alln-ik!

Yelli-dd alln-is, isefd-itett : di-tizzegħewt-enni n-ejjur, d-larwar-enni n-emkul ennwel i yer d-yekkatiyt; di-rriħa-nni i z-đ-egħaq tebħirt ttama-s, teċċuż d-leħbeq d-ennesnej; di-leynha ggefrāj la yettemserwalen s-ennig wemdun, yesfed alln-is amm-in ara ysekkien. Yaf-ed iman-is dya netja isenned yer-tnejqust, ifurkan-is eknan-d s-leħrif; diħin, agemmied, igran ggirdien, d-wid 410 en-temzin, ur yezmir a ten yekcem ebnadem degg-akk en eglayit. Ma d Fađma, tajejjigt yifen yak tiyid, tebbed kan s-ennig uqerruy-is, la t-id-esskad teċċumuh waċċa. Tejja-t almi yerwā asmuqel, almi yas tekks essekra, tenna-yas:

— Akkagi ay tebyid? Atan mkull-ec yetwahdem hir bbakken i yak yecqed baba. Atan yerg-k kraħħayen d-yeħ-leq Rebbi taħbiċċit, yerna mebla lawan: eċċ keċċini, ar tterwud teċċard-en aqewwal-agi i-baba akkn i yak yenna; lameena, a k' wessix yef-yiġet: yur-k anda iyi-d-egħad-420 reğħ nekkini, anda yas teqqared d-nekk i yak yeqdan taġi. Luken adeslen netta d-yemma, ad ayy ċcen, ċcen u la ttamurt yef enteddu. Fura nekk d lawan fell-i adruħey: ammar anda s eqqareġ acimi akka n-tsejt. Ihi qqm da-għi ar tamedit: jjiż-k di-leħna...

Tekkr atruħ, lameena telha kan cwiċċ, tezzi-d yer-s, udm-is d azeggay. Tenna-yas:

— Ism-ik?

Yenna-yas :

— SSeedi. — Tenna-yas :

430 — Nekk ism-iw Fadma.

Dya truh. Tameddit, yawed s ahħam, yessers z-dat u-wayezniw etmettut-is aqecwal yeċċur ala d elfakya-nni tebyid ay-ul. Awāyezniw trekb-it tisselbi : yazzl-ed yer-wemkan, yaf-it-id d akken t yecred. Yuval-ed, yet-ħef tametħut-is weħd-es, mcawaqen amkara ħedmen i-ymman-enñsen. Argaz, demeen a t ecċen... eani d netta i yazen-d yefka Rebbi d eddebb-enñsen! Tkenc-iten eħsel-sa. Lamegħna tamyār tuval-ed yer-lseql-is. Tekks-as el-haf, lesfeħm-it :

440 — Yemneq di-tmeżwarut, adyeliel di-tis-snati! Aze-kka d nekk ara k yemlen tin ara s tħelbed : ma l-ħedha it-ula tħin... ihi dya... TTsen.

Ma d SSeedi, ula d netta, yeċċa kan imensi, yeġġa atemha-s. Yuxxi el-ħal yezra flata īewwalik yas yejtħas uwaġyezniw a tett yeqdu. Azekka-nni ad as d-ekker tis-snati, aħaq iż-żejjeben tin bbass-en; lamegħna, amm-akkn ur d-yeclie ara, nejx yejt-xi-tett. Lseql-is iruħ ala yer-Fadma. Di-tsebbiit-enni yessedda yid-es, yella netħat ur tettaħħix ara degħ-ul-is, wala z-dat walln-is. Tamed-450 dit-enni segni d-yusa almi yemfaraq elwacul, yetwali-ji mi tqeddec, tkencem tieffey, yecred amkara s yekker, ur yufi ara. TTemyeskaden kan m-ebeid, netħat teqqaż-az-d es-walln-is : A wi k ihedren! lamegħna yuq-ek : lemmar ad ay aktin! Day-netħa, netħa degħ-temmu, netħat degħ-ehħam, ujaln i-sin tħawazen, i-sin tħajnej melmi' ara yeflali wass... I-sin, tkenc-iten tbiseaut!

AZEKKA-NNI DIYEN, MA-ZAL EB-din tuddnha iyuzaq, SSeedi di-tirga, yebbq-it-id wemcum, 460 tacekkart teċċur d anciwen ggefrah yef-tuyat-is, yenna-yas :

— Ekker!

Ruħien. Akken d imi bbdjen yer-yiwen wemkan en-tizi, d aslayan, d-yekkan s-ennig etmurt yak yazen-d yezzin, yelli tacekkart, i-deqquer anciwn-enni deg-genni : a q u yewt-ed yessay-iten yak i-wdrar d-el-yaba. Yenna-yas :

— Twalad anciwn-agħi deqqix? Nutni tħawiesben; ihi yuq-ek di-ssyar ar tameddit a tn-id-jemseđ yiwen yiwen

s-leħsab, a ten terred yer-tcekkart, tameddit ad iyi-  
470 tn-in tawid s ahħam.

Winna iżu. Āqcic yesked amkan t iżejben deg-s leħ-  
cic tilli, isedda yezzel tħinnegnit: Yak tura zriy iman-  
iw tazmert ur zmriy ara i-wayagi a t ħedmey: macci d  
meyya, macci d mittin, macci d alef, maccid alef el-lu-  
luf bbanciwen i yi-laqen a tn-id nadiy di-lyaba, yer-  
na s-leħsab! TTacekkart yak! Ihi, heqq kra yurantigi,  
ma refdey-t-id, ula d yiwen!...

- Szħalielh! Żebbi a kk isin!

Ulamma yezra a dd-as, ulamma d nettet ig-ejtajju,  
480 mi d-ebbed yer-s, a s tiniż... aseggas i deg la t yet-  
cedhi. La-dya, tidet, llan wussan iż-żejt leqrun. Ma  
d Faċma, nenna-d yagi akken teħħir yer-temilit yid-  
es. Ur eżriy ara mattegħġu yemma-s, neyma tedder-  
yel, wamma, mi yaz-d-efka aġġin a t-iċċid-aw, tilli a t  
teeqel yer-wudm-is : yezzi-ya am... ennur, bbayn i-ss-  
i yeccur wul-is.

Aħat imi t-jerxbey nekk, lhaġğun erriy-d s-leħbar,  
tamejtut, - la-dya tamejtut, - segg-akken leqqaqet, mi-  
490 ara tegħeq, has tecmet, udm-is yetbeddil, yetban yez-  
yen, yettali-t-id... ennur-enni bbul-is.

... f-tura, amk ara d-kemmley tamacahut-agi,.. ma  
tneggizey degg-awal yer-wayed? Nekk, ihi, ma yellaw wi-  
yi-fkan amezzu, ur t-żfakkay ara... esla-haġar, mkul  
taswiet a d-emmektiż...

Akken d imi yeċċa, diyen, almi yergħa, tenna-ya:

- Ihi, ass-a, waqila, aql-ak hir ggiđelli. Udmik  
yeċreħ, ur tesejid ara bbeybel... - Yenna-ya:

- Aħbel am-yidelli amm-ass-a : Imut tħan-iyi, tħan-  
iyi; lamegħna, ul-iw yefreħ.

500 Terna testeqsa-t d acu n-essebbä i yf ara yemmet.  
Yehka-ya diyen tin yedleb deg-s baba-s ; yesneqt-as a-  
nciwen-enni yak yemmebruzzxen di-tiġiit arni d iż-żer.  
Tenna-ya:

- D aya? QQen tit-ik... ellit!

Yaf-ed anciwn-enni akken ma llan ennejja sen-d, s-  
leħsab, ujalen yer-tcekkart, tacekkart ġuudd, ters di-  
ħin degg-emkhan-is. Tetteṛdeq itaqda, tenna-ya:

- D aya? Attan yer-k tcekkart : tameddit awi-ya-  
s-t-in i-baba. Nekk diyn adruħiex; ma d keċċ, qqim-dagħi ar-

510 tameddit. JJiγ-K di-lehna...

Truh. Akken tessebged cwił fell-as, tenna-yaz-d :  
— A SSeedi...

Tefk-it tazzla. Net̄ta iqeeggel dinna.

Akkn iwala d lawan, iruh-ed : yawd-ed, yefk-as ta-cek kart i-uwayezniw, yenna-yas :

— Ehseb anciwn-ik!

Awayezniw yuval di-ħelbiba. Ifassn-is eṭṭergigin, yuzzel yer-temwart, yehku-yas. Tameṭṭut tamcumt tebda la tħebbec udm-is. Tsudd ulac wi yasn izemren, ata yu-520 sa-d win ara ten yenfun! RRan-ṭ sakın bbay-gar-asen : win yeqqar-as : D kemm ig-debbgen! Tin tin-as : d keċċ i t̄i ihedmen! Akkenni lhaṣun, almi ttaneggarut, tenna-yas :

— Ulac uylif : tin ara z-d-enjab azekka attet̄ef, ney maċċi d nekk i d nekk!

Dya AZEKKA-NNI, TIÑASFA GGID, iruh-ed uwayezniw. Ihucc SSeedi, yassaki-t-id, yenna-yas :

— Eyya!

530 Yebbi-t. Argaz ma-zal yetnudum, la-t yettabaq z-deffir. Akken bbden yer-yiwen wegħni, hebsen yer-ljed-ra ggiwt en-ssejra, ur nesel ara isem. Ur telli ttaza-net, ur telli d ayn-enni den. Net̄iat ttarqqaqt, tħayez-fatt, tħaċċayat : truh deg-genni, taqacuct-is ur d-eṭ-ban ara ; yerna, iħelq-it Sidi Rebbi yiwn u furb, yiwn u-qencab i dg ara yettef ebnadom maċċi tessat : lhaṣun, tebbed-am-teeħkazt-enni yenjez u fuas ; taceħkazt iruhien deg-genni, mi trefded aqerruy-ik attwalid ihf-is... ad ak tevli tcacit ; yerna, i-wakkn ur izemmer hedd a t-ya-540 li, tetteħħnicig amzun tselyed-ṭ s-ezzit. Yenna-yas uwayezniw :

— Twalaq ettejra-yagi ? Taqacuct ur ag-d-ban ara, lamegħna tella. Ihi, di-tqacuct, attafeq leċċċ... di-lexx-enni attafeq timellal in ggiwen wefruh; di-tmella-lin-enni a d-ddmed yiġiet, ad ay-ṭ-in tawid s-ahħam... d ayagi. Tagħi i ttaneggarut.

Nekk ieejb-iyi mara-s yini : d ayagi! Mehsub drus. Ma iħuhs-as akka, awali ġad! Ulamma, lukan di-lqum-a-għi i-deg nella tura, tella yiġiet... tyennat, ur eżżejj

550 ism-is, ad as-t emley i-SSeđi adyerkeb fell-as, a t tes-  
siwed deg-genni alamma d anda s yehwa...

Yerred abrid ney međtayen adyali, lameenä ur yet-  
tawd ara s-elqedd bbergaz yetüyal-ed yel-lqasa s-weh-  
nicceg. Akkn iwala lestab-is ur yesei lfayda, icedda...  
yer-tili, yeqqim.

Teuddem diyen dagi ad awen d-iniy : "Şbah-elhîr!..  
Rebbi adisin! - Ala. Ur awen-t-id eqqarý ara ; yerna,  
maççi d nekk igg-ugin : tamacahut : esla-hâter, ssebm-  
enni, mi yas ennan i-Fâđma : Awi-yas aëwin, wlan-as am-  
560 kan i dg ara t taf, yerna dya, fkan-as ttejra-nni dil-  
mara : akken d imi yas-t-id udren, yefseh wul-is, tu-  
yal tawçayt am tin yemmuten. Lameenä terra kan yer-wul-  
is, tesyeqtasa-s, trefd-ed elqu-enni, tçul-ed.

Akken d-ebbed, tamezwarut Kan testeçsa SSeđi yef-  
ayen s yejja baba-s a t yejdem. SSeđi yesneet-as sse-  
jra-nni : tefhem. Ula d akken, i-wakkn adas tesyer ta-  
sa, tenneçrah yid-es, tecceçç-it, thedr-as, tedşa-yas,  
almi d yiwt en-teswist temna-yas :

- Ayagı iceddan, ayn iwumi zemrey hedmey-t, lamee-  
570 na s-ethatempt-iw. Taqşit-agı bbass-a, taħatempt-iw ur  
as tezmir ara. Yella wayn i yi-d-qetü, yella wayn ur  
as netṭunefk ara. Lameenä, "yekkat s-wa, i jebber s-wa" :  
mi d-ruhej, d-webrid abrid nudaγ, almi ufiγ tin ara k  
isellken : aħħaya : eħżej ezlu-yi, tegzemd-iyi cwič cwič  
d iftaten imejjuħen ; di-ssyenna, rr iftatn-enni s ac-  
ħad-ik, tessenħadd-ten yer-ettejra, tetħatafed deg-sen,  
tettalid fell-asen : mi tebb qed yer-leecc, tiddmed-d fa-  
mejjalt ; m-ara d-etiħabbu, tekkseđ-d tgellud-d s-yef-  
tatn-enni yiwen yiwen ; sakin, mi d-ebbed yel-lqasa,  
580 ssenjet ticriħin-enni ta yer-ta, a d-ethayay, a dd-u-  
valey amm-akka lliy.

Tura, yella win ara yesdejmen SSeđi imi yugħi ad  
as yay awal, ara s yinin : d aegħġun! Yella win ara s  
yefken elheqq : ur esdin ara wulawen...

Lhaġsun teegħu Fađma therr-s-it, teegħu theddr-as, tet-  
galla-yas ar d a d-ethaya, yenna-yas :

- Tin tebyid a t qblej, ar timezliwta kien eżluγ,  
ur t-id yenni Rebbi, ur t-heddmey ; ma d akkn ara kien  
enyej, ssetmenyifex ademm tiegħi nekkini.

590 Akken twala yerċa degħ-awal-is, yugi ; akken twala-

yefra d-wul-is adyemmet d netta ahir, tesyafl-it Kan yiwt en-teswiet mi yaz-d yezzi s-wesrur, tekks-az-d tajenwi yetselliq yer-yidis-is, teseeddi-t degg-emgeri is, tezlu iman-is deg-mezzuy s amezzu.

Argaz iqelb-ed, iwali taqcict z-dahil idamnn-is, teyli temmut...

Atan dagi diyen qrib neggzey degg-awal yer-wayed. Awwah!.. Ur zmiry ara adetfey iman-iw. Atan diy-en, qrib i yawen d-ebdiy elheddra yef-tasa, yeff-ul m-ara ihemmel albed, yef-leceeq, ig-heddem, yef-tin a ra yenyen iman-is i-wudem bbin eezizen fell-as... Lameena ffey iman-iw...

SSegdi ur t yeffiy ara lesqel. Macci d ur t tyad ara Fadma imi yeqbel adyemmet d netta ahir; wa-lakin, yenna-yas: imi d akken, dya, ara ff-id yehyun, w-ellh, ar d hedmey ayn i yi tenna.

Netta yecfa yak yeff-akkn i t tweessa. Igezm-it, ifetti-it, yessentad yef-essejra yettali. Yeddm-ed tamellalt, yerr-it-id s aqelmun. Yuyali-ed yettsubbu itek-s-ediftaten. Di-lqaza yesnejj-iten wa yer-wa: ifukk: taqcict tebedd d Fađma. Lameena tsuy, tenna-yas:

— Annay! Annay! teħdereb-iyi!

— D acu?

— Teħħad-en yiwt tħadect ufas-iwayeffus! Lameena tura d ayen, ifut wiġ-futen: ur tzemirdara attuya-leq wis-mertayen. Lameen ulaq uyilif imi d-eqdid es-salha-k... Nekk ufas iw a t yummey...

Mfaraqen, noċċat tebren s aħħjam, tuġad ammar anda s ottakkin, teħżejjil atas; la-dya yemna s yehda la t-ikċem eccekk, teħsassa-żi, teħnadar-it.

Netta, amm-akken yennum, aċċluy ggiżi, yettf-ed abrid: la dd-ilenhju, ur yefri degg-ul-is, ma adyeħreñ imi tura d ayen, yemnes i-lmut, lemgħadha-s ur t-yeż-żi ara, yerna mi s yehwa adiġu l-adjuval yer-imart-is ed-leħbab-is; ur yefri adyeħru netta ara iruhen yef-Fadma... "A bu-snati, bru i-jiwet!"... I-win ur nozmir a-ra adyeħbru i-jiwet?...

Yaf-ed at-wejhjām nnejmazen, la-t-ekkajjun. Yekks-ed tamellalt-enni deg-qelmun-is, isers-iż-żi deg-fus uwayezniw, yenna-yas:

— Tagħi i-yef teħnadiż? Aħjan yer-k!

Yesked akka b̄bakka anda ara s teğher Fađma, ur t̄ i-wala ara. Yenna-yasen :

— A d-şebħem ebħiri!

Isedda yr-utemmu-s. Tamejtut uwayerzniw, nett̄at, tenya-t elfeqsa, tebya affelleq. Argaz-is, ula d nejja, yuġ-itett, walakin... teryel-enni tamcunt tyelb-it tebrek bbul. Tuġ tmess di-tefwaħ-is, walakin, z-dat yes-si-s, terra-tett kan yer-dahel. Tenneħcam, tuġad at he-qrett, Yerna, ma tebvid, yella dagg-ul-is ulad cwiżi ell-ferħ: seġ-mi i t̄ yekcem eccekk s-elqedr d-yesban SSe-edi, tebda amm-akken tefhem tin i t̄ iqawnen: d ayn i-ss-i daġ-netta, mi d-eqqimen yak, ass-enni, yr-imensi, tellha-d kan d-Fađma, la t̄ tesskad. Akken qerġben yak-yeħebut, bdan la tetteż, teqr-as tamawt, twala-t̄ teħ-tif tijxelt s-ufus azelma. Tenna-yas :

— I-wfus-im ayeffus, d acu t̄ yuyen eani imi la ttejjed s-uzelma? — Tenna-yas Fađma :

— Ur t̄ yuġ wara; jerħej kan cwiżi di-ħadect, mi gezzmey isyaren.

Tesu teqqaġ-as a s t-i-d-esneet, tugi : tin-as :

— Icudd, lemmar adyendef...

Ma d udm-is ikeċċi-f-iż-żid : yejjizwi, yejjiwri. Akken d imi, lhaġsun, i t̄ teeqel akkn ilaq, i tħebbet mlih iman-is d Fađma i tn ihedzaen; akkend imi tefra d-yiman-is tessas-ed elmut, tessusem kan. Mi fukken el-makka, tenna-yasti i-yessi-s :

— Əuhemt aftsemt.

Nett̄at teqqim ed-wemjaġ-as. SaKin, teħbiu-yas yak, tesfeħm-it : efrun-t̄ a tn ecċon i-sin, la SSe-edi la yell-ensen.

### \*W-EELI UR YETTJAR YEFF-EELI\*

i neqqar degħ-awal. Ulamma teryel-enni n-ewayerzniwt teħrec, teyra di-tjennit, almi meħsub tejkacaf; ulamma teħwali yer-wulawen, lamegħna, ula dyelli-s, tebbi-d deg-s. Has teħha-d Fađma tħażżeen, deg-s erġu n-eb-nadex minn-wala; has ur teċċuq ara d elbēd am-yemma-s, d-yessetma-s, tamuissni tessn-itett, teyra-tett, walukan 670 ala s-wejhja i t̄, icerken yid-sett degħ-asmi d-ekker. Ma belhaġa kan yemma-s tejkacaf s-elkerħ, wamma nett̄at yettaf wul-is s-tasa-s, s-elseqq-is.

Mi yast tenna yemma-t-sett: Ruhemt att̄sem̄. tedda d-yessetma-s, akken tuy tannumi, yer-weh̄ham i deg eganett: teen<sup>a</sup> amkan-is amm-akkn ur yelli wara, teqqn allnis, testesmel am tin yet̄sen. Nettat, la-dya, nadam ur ð-iris ur d-yet̄rus fell-as. Teqqim akk-enni, turja al-mi yebbed yið di-nnsaf, twala tiyad yak tebbi-tett et-nafa, la shershurett, tekkr-ed s-lehmata, telli-d tabburt, 680 teffy-ed. La-dya, tezra, baba-s dyemma-s, tessn-iten, d anejqeñ kan bbemnar ney d izi ma yesrafeg, a ten yes-saki. Lamegna, llatt teswiesin i deg yet̄ak Rebbe<sup>b</sup> afri-wen, afriwn ur nessi ssut. Tawed yr-utemmu-nni n-SSesi-di, thebc-as di-tebburt: argaz yedduqqs-ed:

— Wi akka? — Tenna-yas:

— D nekk.

Yeskecm-iñt-iñl, yewhem. Taqcict tbegs-ed tinelli kan s-ezzerb, tamger̄t-is la ð-eñtak tafat, imezran u-cebbub-is yummənt yak; udm-is yecçur d elhelea. Ijee-690 sel Margit-enni<sup>c</sup> i deg t yuy elhañ i wer sad... La-meena tneñq-ed, tenna-yas:

— Baba d-yemma ukin-ay, atnad la theggina ad ayen-ven, ad ay ecçen, la keçç la nekk! Ur tezrid degg-id-aḡt, ur tezriñ azekka ssbeh. Tur<sup>a</sup> ilaq-ay annerwel!..

Yenna-yas:

— Ihi, amk ara neñdem?

Tikkelt-enniden dayen thenna-t, tenna-yas:

— D ayn isehlen. Twalad ah̄ham-inna dihin? Deg-s i nejjaja lmal. Ruh attafed qqnen deg-thayninsin icaw-700 diwen: yiwen attafed d azeggay, d amuzyin, yezzinqiç yak s igenni, winna ism-is Bu-wadu; wayd attafed d amerdid kan akkenni, d amedeafu, a s tinid qrib adyemmet: winna ism-is Bu-lebraq: awi-yay-d d Bu-lebraq... yur-k a k yeejeb wayed. Sakin ur ay d-yet̄tataf la d baba la d yemma.

Tiziri tella: aggur di-tegnaw am-yiñij: abrid ur as ieer̄q ara. Yawed SSeedi yer-wemkan, yaf, akkn i yas tenna, ah̄ham-enni deg-s sin icudiwen. Lameena, akken yufa ucmit-enni ula d addud isewweq deg-s, yehtir dwa-710 yed, yebra-yaz-d, yawi-t-id. Yuyal-ed. Yaf-ed Fañma, tenna-yas:

— Annay! Tehdeed-ay! Annay, lukan ð-eñbid wayd a-hir: wagi yet̄azzal amm-ađu wamm<sup>a</sup> ucmit-enni idarr̄n-is

am lebraq. - Yenna-yas :

- Aduyaleý ? - Tenna-yas :

- D ayen ; ifut wiğ-futen : ahham-enni, ur t ikeçcem hedd meṛtayen. Ula d Bu-wađu ad aý yessemnes, ma ur ð-ukin ara imawlan-iw alamma nessebəed : annetkel yef-Rebbi...

720 SSeedi yeṭṭef degg-algam, ineggez yeff-ueudiw, Fađma irefd-iṭ, isers-iṭ deg-rebbi-s. Yendeh :

- A win yef netkel!..

Bu-wađu... yejjaja-d ađu...

NERNU KAN AKKA CWIT, ALMI ATA  
la d-yettazzal uwaýezniw yr-utemmu : ziŷ a sicuca, tam-yart-enni ara tecc eljhennama, ar t-id-essaki, ar as tenna : 'Buñ ziŷ zer, ss acu la yi-d-yeqqar wul-iw! Ziŷ, ar iруh s ahham-enni n-tullas, ar n-yufa ulac Fađma...  
730 Di-ssyen, yerr-ed yr-utemmu, yaf-ed w-elLeh SSeedi, a-1<sup>a</sup> amkan-is. Dya, has ezzay leħsab-is, igeql-iṭ : itarewla i rewlen! Di-ssyen dijen, yefk-iṭ ttazzla yer-weħħam el-lmal ; dya, akken yebbed, ulamma ccan-t warfan, teccf-it tidi, yefreh : yufa d Bu-wađu ay bbin, jjan Bu-lebraq.

Dya, ula d netṭa ur yelli d acezzam, yessufy-ed a-eawdiw, akken, mebia tabarda, yeṭṭef di-ccser bbemgerd is, ineggez fell-as, yenna-yas :

- Sekn-iyi amek tleħħud!

Abrid yeqqed, d luja : iруh am-tyita n-etmeħħelt :  
740 ttjur la tħafġett, tħeffixxet yef-zelmed ed-yeffus, Bu-wadu yeyleb ađu ; ala anzarn-is la d-ettaken eddeħħan. Fađma tejjugel kan yer-SSegdi, acebbub-is la t yessa-faq ubekri yer-deffir : ziŷ, ur as semman Bu-wađu almi yuklal ism-is! Lameesna... yella win t iyelben : netṭa d ađu, ttidett, d ađu-nni yeṭṭafgen di-tmarrt yr-tayed; wamag, win t iyelben, netṭa yecba-d di-tin akkenni ð-iyellin deg-genni, tzeggir-az-d i-ġreud : llan wid i s yeqqaren 'ssieqa', wiyaq tħemmin-as 'tamerbuħiż', ma d nekni, netwali-t kan d lebraq.

750 Taswiet Kan, twala Fađma ayeħbar yekker z-deffir-sen, īsel i-ġreud itn-iż-żebbeen. Tenna-yas i-SSeedi :

- Ehbes. Ulayyer neqmex ad as nerwel i-baba : Bu-lebraq ur t yejjaja Hedd.

SSeidi yejbed, aqawdiw yebbed. Ersen. Tekks-ed ta-hatemi-enni, thern-it deg-dad-is : "D acu tebyid?" Tenna-yas : "Byiy aya... byiy aya..."

Di-tuqqna n-tit, uyalen : aqudiw tamda bboman, SSeetaflukt, nettat d amyar aciban, yerkeb yef-teflukt-enni, ayanim deg-fus-is, la yetseggid elhut.

760 Awazezniw yawd-ed, aqemmadi, yessawl-az-d :

— Waaa<sup>a</sup> ay-argaz-inna!

Tamezwarut yesuzzeg, taggara, yerfed aqerquy-is, yenna-yas :

— D acu ? — Yesteqsi-t-id :

— Waaa! Ur twalaq ara ma seddan-d essyagi wergaz etmettut rekken aqudiw, teddun akka yet-z-dat?

Winna yerra-yaz-d :

— Waaa! D acu teqqared? Liut? ... Wah! Ass-ag<sup>i</sup> ur tessid i d-ejjfey... Ma yehwa-yak attayed, uyal-d azek-ka!

770 Win yeqqar-as "argaz etmettut!", wayed yin-as "el-hut?..." akken almi yergrez uqerquy-is uwazezniw-enni, yenna-yas degg-ul-is : Ihi, macci ssyagi i d-seddan!

Yezzi ssyen, yendeh i-Bu-lebraq, yuval s ahharn. Wi-yad uyalen-d... d nutni, Fađma d SSeidi. Neggzen diyen yef-Bu-wadu, ruhen.

Ma d ... eccib-ara-teccy-etmess, akken yebbed yet-sicuca tafermact, yehka-yas. Tenna-yas :

— A mnegr-ik! A tawayit-ik! Annay, a k yehdes Reb-780 bi! Annay, ay-syyul! A niy, ttin i d yelli-k!... wemyar-enni! D win i d SSeidi, teflukt-enni! Annay, niy d nut-ni ayg-uyalen akken!

Ma-zal d-ifukk wawal deg-mi-s, netta yebbi<sup>d</sup>-id yef-Bu-lebraq : tuymas-is la ḥerqiqet<sup>i</sup> s-wurfan, illeddayen yellin-az-d. Yendeh diyen i-Bu-lebraq, yenna-yas :

— Aha ziy, anta ay ttikli-k!

790 Winna yesneet-as tikli-s : ay-atmaten, tħimess i dd-iteffyen degg-anzarn-is ; ma d idarrn-is, ur zriy d lebraq ney... tifkert : ur ten teħwalid ara. Ur iset-tl ara diyen iż-żeq qrib adyesteqdees yef-Bu-wadu.

CCib elmeħluq ur yetwal<sup>i</sup> ara aħas, yerna-yas wađu d-uyebbaġ-enni la yessafag, lameena, yiwt en-teswiex, ideh<sup>i</sup>-as am-leħjal, dihin, dihin, anda yemlal igenni d-elqaca.

Ass yuli. İtij ma-zal ð-yecriq, lamegna yezzewr-ed tafat-is. Lemmer d win ara yefken amezzuý, uwavezniw-enni tili yesla i-yefrah latteffireñ : şbah-elhîr! Lamagna netja yellha-dikan d-Bu-lebraq, yeyli deg-s sujel-kad, yerra-t yak d idamnen. Yehşa-t, umesfun : mad ig-800 ella zwaren-t SSEedi d-Fâdima yer-wasif yekkan egr-et-murt-is yak ttin en-şşoltan, ma ifat zegren-t, d ayen, ur yeznir a ten yetbez, ur yezmir a sen yehdem acemmek. Tayednin, yezra lemnr ad as ennesren, ad as tecç sicuc'a aqerriuy-is.

Akken yebbed yer-wemkan i ýr i-s yedher lehhal, yaf d eljamez. Yehbes. Ljama-enni yers akka ýr-ettef, sennig webrid. Z-dah'l-is, yiwen wemyar d aciban, yelsa lehwayej timellalin... am tamart-is : iban d eftaleb. Aqcic d ameçituh yeqqim ez-dat-es la yeqqar. Ilaci-it:

610 — SSalamu-cilikum! A ccih, semmh-iyi : di-legnaya-k, a k esteqsiy : ur seddan ara d-webrid-agî wergaz et-meñut, yeff-ucudiw, tedduñ akka yer-z-dat?

Winna, nniqal, yessers kan aqerriuy-is yef-telwaht amm-in iwum<sup>1</sup> iñhi legquel di-leqraya, taggaraya, yezzi-d yer-s, s-lesqel s-lesqel, yezza-dd alln-is deg-s, afus-is yeslufuy i-wçamar-is, yerr-az-d :

— D acu teqqared? ... Aqcic-agî? ... D leqraya a la yeqqar. Ula d keçç, ma tesid emmi-k...

Winna yenna-yas :

820 — A wlidi, la-k eqqarey m'a ur twalañ ara argaz et-meñut...

Win yin-as akka, win yerr-az-d akkn-enniden. Akken akken, almi diyen yefqelleq bu-lehruz, yerfa, theşras et-ħbiea, yenna-yas : Ihi maççi d abrid-agî ay d-ebbin! Yernu yesked yer-z-dat, ur iwal'a acemmek. Yezzi-d Bu-lebraq, yettf-ed abrid s ahħam.

A yemma! Yemma! A la-t yetrajun! Yerna diyend afüg i t yefka! A la-t yetrajun mara yawed yer-ġicuca, umeybun!... Umeybun? — Adyenseel Rebbi cclaym-is! A wi-830 s yernan akter, weħda r-Rebbi!...

— A lhîr-iw! A sseġġ-iw! A rrebbi-inu!... Ata weħ-dek diyn ay d-uyaled! I-yelli-k?... I-wmesfun-enniñ? Rwejn-ak yak?

Yemika-yas :

— Ufiy yiwen wemyar, z-dahel ggiwn eljamez, steq-

say-t...

Ur as tunif arə adifakk awal-is. Waya lmummin en-Sidi Rebbi! Tamart-enni tafermact, tacibant, ad as tiniq atjan yef-yiwt-is, takeckact-enni n-emeyyaf essna  
840 ney mitin, wi-zran? tneggez yef-Bu-lebraq, tenna-yas:

- Tikkelt-agı d nekk ara yruhen, annzeç...

Ur as qqaren tteriyel,... almi d etteriyel. Ula d Bu-lebraq, akken t yesfuh d nettat yeff-esrur-is, ur yutji arə ad as tini : azzel! yef-tikli-s, yeff-affug yetta-feg, ur zmiry arə a dd-ini y s-ennig wayen d-chkiy ya-gi. D acu Kan?

D acu Kan ?... Fađma yuyalen diyen la izzemned i-man-is yer-temger t n-SSeđi, yef-Bu-wađu la ytessn abrid tissit, Fađma mi d-eqleb yer-deffir, twala : ten-850 teq yer-SSeđi, tenna-yas :

- Tikkelt-agı, d yeđma ayagi i yay-d itebşen : so-qley-t! Turə ur nessi w-ara y isellken, Hacama imenç-ay wasif nzegr-it... ewwet!

Lameena, iwet ney yeqqim, sicuca yeff-esrur en-Bu-lebraq, simmal la d-etqerrib yer-sen. Ula d nettat tez-raq : mə ur ten tetjif ara degg-akal-is ma yfu kecmen elberr n-etmurt n-SSeđi, d ayen, emneen-as. Day-net-860 ṭa terra yak Bu-lebraq d idammen ; şsifa-s nettat tbed-del, tuyal d elwehc. La d-etqerrib... La d-etqerrib...

Fađma d-SSeđi tura la-i eṭwalin, la-s sellen tned-deh i-węudiw, la tetseggiđ : lukan yezzif ufus-is, a tni-id-ennal!

Taswist, Bu-wađu yekcem asif, ineggez yer-dahl-is, nutni yeff-esrur-is. Zegren! Bu-lebraq yawđ-ed yer-yiri bbasif, yebđed yeff-idařt ineggura, imezwura deg-genni.

D ayen! Ters-ed sicuca, tebđed, la teskad : ma tez-ger ula d nettat, tezra adyers Kan uđar-is di-tmurt t yehđan, atteyi, attemmet, attuyal d iyed. Day-neṭṭa, 870 tebđed Kan la teskad... agemuađ.

AGEMMAD, FAĐMA D-eSSeđI, MI  
d-zegren, d ayen, ersen yel-lqaşa, la leñiun, ḥtalın kra usawen akken, s-leęqel s-leęqel. Lhuf yekkes. sicuca, skaden deg-s mi terkeb yef-Bu-lebraq, tuyal... ny a wer tuyal!

Nutni la t̄talın kan s-leqsel s-leqsel : tikwal, ad-ejjemyesteben wa z-deffir-wa ; tikwal, m̄i iwala SSeedi teqya Faqma, a ḡ-id yerfed gr-ifassn-is amm-ellufan, adileħħu akken yess.

880 I-Bu-wađu ? Acim i ur t̄ rekkebn ara ? Niγ ula d net-ja ilaq adyestesfu, adyelhu cwič d asari. Ula d net-ja yeysa. Wa-lakin adiniγ waqila macċi d Bu-wađu i tn-i-yađen, ny iwumi cuhen : adiniγ d akkn ay byan adelħun, wa yerba ta, akkn ad asen tħol teswist. Li akt teswieżin ur nlaq ara adzerbett.

KECMEN TAMURT N-eSSEEDI. DI-ssyen, eddunnit teemer. Dya akkadani, ifellaħen mkul-wa t̄tafen-t yellha-d d-ecceyl-is : winala imeggren i-megger, win a la yesserwaten la yesserwat. Imeksawen, 890 win tn-idd iwalan, adyejj tħejtn-is, adyettjazzal, a ten yeskad, yettiwhim di-teqcict ed-weqcic : ma d amek-sa, yin-as : Annay a Rebbi i telha! Ma ttameksawt, tin-as : Annay a Rebbi ig-elha!

Asmi għ-esqerben yef-tenditt-enni n-essonċeltan, bdan ellan wid iseqlen SSeedi. Dya leħbarur iċett-lara yeb-beq baba-s. Yezzewr-az-d γr-ez-dat en-temditt, yedda yid-sen alimi d aħħjam. Akken bboden, msalamen yak, fer-hen. SSeedi yesneħħ-as Faqma i-baba-s d-yemna-s, yenna-yasen :

900 — Atta tmettut-iw.

Ferħen yess, kubren-;, weqmen tameyrā, sebe-eyyan d-sebea wuđan.

IHI TURA MEŃSUB TEBYAM AD A-wen d-iniγ : seun-d SSeedi d-Faqma aħas bbarra... sa-ċen alimi d meyyat-essna... Ala, ala, eċla-ħaġżeq, lemmer t̄tafev, adeqqiġien kan akken di-lhaġżeq-ennwen, d i-mezyanen, d imuzyinen. Day-neħha...

TAMACAHUT-IW TFUKK.

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# ʃ) MĀCAH U...

REBBİ A T YESSELHU, A T  
yedbee amm-usaru!.. yef-yiwen, di-zzman en-zik, netṭa  
tmetṭut-is, d-sebea warraw-ennsen. Arraw-aginnsen, nut-  
ni i-sebea d irgazen. Degg-asmi ten yessemal Sidi Reb-  
bi, wergaz etmetṭut, seeeun-d ala arrac, almi d wi-s-  
sebea. Hemden Rabbi, cekkren-t.

Argaz di-temzi-s yufa-dd imawlan-is d isaeiyen, ta-  
swiet tewsee fell-asen, ur yelli wayentn ihuşşen. Di-  
ssyen, yekkr-ed netṭa yedha-d yecba deg-sen s-lewqama  
n-erray, s-eleemrañ, s-setmussni di-lecyal-is d-elħed-  
10 ma-s ; lħaşun, d ayn i-ss-i yewea akkn a d-yessenker ar-  
raw-ag-i-ines akken yelzem. Has ur tn irebb-a ara s-et-  
nefcic-enni yettarrañ edderrya ur tettay ur tettak, wa-  
lakin, degg-asmi d-ekkren almi d asmi bbden d īrgazen,  
irefd-iten, iżac-iten di-lħiż i-ss ifen yak medden.  
Ass-ag-i i yeg d-nebbied, lħażima, ufan-d iman-ennsen ur  
tn ihuşş wacemma...

Ur tn ihuşş wacemma! Leebd, akken yebju yili, day-  
men yethaşşa-t kra : 'A bu-meyya, awah a mitayen!' Wis-  
sen ula di-ljennet, ma yekteb Rabbi nkecm-iż, wissn u-  
20 la dinna m'aur ay yethaşşa ara kra... A Rabbi, steyfery-  
en yeg-k! Ihħamen iseeen ala tullas tħedhin aqċic...  
wamma sebea watmatn-ag-i i yef la-d nħekku cedhan taq-  
cict. D ajen idheren tabee : ur teħmennid ara a bnadex  
ala ayn akken ur terwid ara. Baba-t-sen d-yemma-t-sen

has ula d nutni mennan taqcict, jan-t kan degg-ulawn-enesen, hemden Rebbi; ma d arrow-enesen, d lebda win yekkren deg-sen yin-as: Annay a Rebbi! A wi-sean welta-s!

Ma yehwa-yak, a bnaadem, Sean cwi<sup>t</sup> elheqq: kra bba-  
30 yen d-yehleq Sidi Rebbi s-elmeena-s, swayn i-wumi yes-leh. Ulamma szizit yergazen, s-tide<sup>t</sup>, wa-lakin ula ttame<sup>t</sup>tesca ssuma-s esla-mkulli-Hal. Ma d asmi ara t mazal ttacqict tamec<sup>t</sup>u<sup>h</sup>t, la-dya, a w-aket<sup>r</sup>-ayen. Di-lu-fanat a r a yebdu bnaadem ad as yini: M<sup>k</sup>ul-t<sup>t</sup>cam s-el-benna-s. Ma d aqcic, a K yessefrah, a K yessedşay, m-ara yet<sup>t</sup>at<sup>a</sup>f albeşd iezuzzen, yin-ak: tagi ttamekhelt i ss ara nyey izmawen! Ma ttacqict, m-ara tessem<sup>t</sup>uttel abehnuq, terr-it deg-ciwi-s, te<sup>t</sup>huzzu-t, tin-ak: wag<sup>i</sup> d emmi!... TTide<sup>t</sup>, m<sup>k</sup>ul-t<sup>t</sup>cam s-elbenna-s... ger-win  
40 i-wumi yefka Rebbi lbenna, d-win i-wumi ur t yefki ara.

Ur yezmir ara bnaadem a te<sup>t</sup> yesseu irkel, akken tett yebya: maççi deg-fus-is. Day-ne<sup>t</sup>ta, ula d atmatn-enni, d elfahmin: maççi d ara lummen yef-elwadin-enesen ur asen nefk<sup>i</sup> ara wletma-t-sen. Walakin, degg-ulawn-enesen, t<sup>t</sup>uyebnen, tlummun amm-id yetwadelman. Asmi llan kan di-<sup>r</sup>ebca ney d hems<sup>a</sup> imenza i bdan qqañ-as bbaygar-asen: Tura berka-yay irgazen: ilaq - ay walebeşd tyessetmatin. Asmi d-erna tesca-d yemma-t-sen d aqcic  
50 wi-s-set<sup>a</sup>, dya bdan e<sup>t</sup>run s-tide<sup>t</sup>; ma d asmi d-yer-wi-s-sebea, nman-as: Ihi, d ayen; d Sidi Rebbi i yay yekran!

Şebhan elLeh, d aneggaru-yagi, wi-s-sebea, i-wumi gan isem n-SSeedi, d net<sup>t</sup>a ay ten yenyen s-elfeqe<sup>a</sup> as-mi dd-ilul, i d-yedhan aket<sup>r</sup>-enensem amectaq bbelma-s. Cwi<sup>t</sup>, segmi degg-ass mi t te<sup>t</sup>rebbi yemma-s d amectuh yufa-dd atmatn-is Heqren-t, kran-t, dya, im<sup>l</sup>. ur d-yehliq ara ttacqict, - amzun d net<sup>t</sup>a i t ihedmen, meskin, - cwi<sup>t</sup>, imi, ama s-lemezanda yer-sen, ama degg-ul-is ggi-  
60 man-is kan, ula d net<sup>t</sup>a yessaezz-as Rebbi taqcict.

D acu Kan, asmi akka t-i<sup>d</sup> nufa, adyili di-leem<sup>r</sup>-is tmanya ney d ettesa snin, d net<sup>t</sup>a ig-ct<sup>t</sup>Kemmilenc tacert bbul bbatmatn-is s-ulumm<sup>a</sup> d-imetawn-is, d lebda, f-yemma-t-sen d-iseeeun ala arrac!

Ac-Hal d abrid, a ten yay elHal ettun set<sup>a</sup> watmatn-is imeqranen, ellhan degg-albeşd l-leyyal, alamm<sup>a</sup> i-

wet net̄ta gr-ifassn-is, yerfed alln-is amm-in ara icet-kin i-ygenni, yin-as :

— Annay, a Rebbi! A wi-səan weltma-s!

Dya set̄ta-nniđen adejjen cceyl-enni, a ð-emmektin, 70 inn-as :

— Ih!... Annay a Rebbi... Lukan...

Yet̄tay elhal yur-sen yiwt en-ibica, anda ḫukenad-edduktien akkn ellan. Ama yr-essuq, ama yet̄tembiwil, ama yr-eşsyada, ur yet̄tembiwil ara yiwen deg-sen alamma ddan yak wiyiđ. Sani byun sezmen, ilaq alamma ḫeđren, asmi di-set̄ta, di-set̄ta ; asmi ð-yerna SSeedi, ren-nun-t d wi-s-sebea, ahat imi yer-lehh̄-agi uyalen tih-ninen yer-s imi, dya, ula d net̄ta, İhemmel weltma-t-sen ur sein.

80 Tabee, uyalen ufan deg-s i-ss-i şebären, i-ss-i dehhun, mara zen-d iheddeş dya yeff-ayen tmennin : Ih... lukan... Tili ad as semmiy akka... Tili ad az-d ayeş i-mendyal, tiqendyar el-lehrir... Tili attif yak tullas-enniđen... Tili akka... tilı akka...

Lhasun, alamma yerra-ten amm-id iwumi tuyal targit fidet̄. Yerna, has lukan macçi d egma-t-sen SSeedi, a t hemmilen m̄aur asen yehwi, degg-akkn i yas yefka Rebbi tizeş d-elmeena d-eşsifa ; teğra-ð di-zher ur yesel ar-a : yennulfa-ð... d aqcic, macçi ttaqcict. A bnaadem, ti-90 det̄ i-Şebbi, macçi d net̄ta i ihedmen!...

#### YEBBİ İHI SSEEDI TMANYA NEY

tsec snin di-ləemr-is i ð-nenna. Ass-en, yekteb Rebbi diyen terfed yemma-t-sen tadist. Dya, akkn iyaz-d ebbin s-lehbar i-sebea, gan-t degg-ulawn-ennsen amm-ayen ççan d-wayen eswan : ay-abrid-agı, ar ttaqcict ara d-yernun yur-yemma-t-sen! Ur yezmır ur yeqbil Sidi Rebbi a ð-edhi akkn-enniđen. Degg-asrı i ten tessefreh yemma-t-sen ar itidet̄ di-lqella n-tezmert mkul-yiwen deg-sen yet̄hemmid Rebbi degg-ul-is : Hemdey-K, cekkrey-K i-100 m̄i ur nemmut ar-a almi nehdeş i-wehham-enney yesea ta-qcict!

Wa-lakin ebnadem sin wulawn ig-seceu : mara dd-uyalen yel-leeqel, t̄yimin d-yiman-ennsen, t̄uyalen yer. "Lukan..." ssegrayn-az-d : I-lukan a ð-ernü diyen yemma-t-ney d aqcic?... d aqcic wi-s-efmanya?...

Yibbass, asmi d kra bbussan i d ma-zal a ð-erbu yem-ma-t-sen, ḫuhen dduklen di-sebea yef-tebhirt-ennsen.

Akken d imi bbđen, qqimen, iluea-ten umeqran yak deg-sen :

- 110 — Ay-atmatn-iw, tura imi degg-asmi ð-nekket nettem-cawaç, nettemayaw awal, wa ur iteffter yeff-a, ilezm-iyi ass-agı ad awn iniy ayen yellan degg-ul-iw. Yemma-t-ney attan deg-ya ḫallit a ð-erbu. Di-ssyen, fehmey-ken, eziy-ken, d ayen tmenniy nekk i tejmennim ula d kurni: lemmer nufi, anneseu ewletme-t-ney. Walakin, anneci-agı, ala Rebbl ig-eelman s-waynara yehdem. Teğra-d yem-ma-t-ney : tfehmem macçi d ayen yellan deg-fus-is akken ara nlum fell-as : īmmer tufi, tili yay tefka lebyi. Dayn i-ss-i atayen wakken t efriy degg-ul-iw nekkini, 120 lhaşun, bbi yi-chan : ur tlummuý, ur keffrey, ur tesqid ara yniy, wa-lakin euhdey Rebbl, s-lemeahda ur netter-za, a lukan d ara ð-ernu yemma-t-ney tesqa-d aqcicwi-s-etmanya, ur t eawdey di-tmurt-aginney yak, ur t eqqimey dagi : ar d ḫuhey, ar d ennejliy, ar d lembuy, el-haşun, alamma d anda i yi ssawjan iðaṛṛn-iw ttezmert-iw! Teğram-d kenwi, ay-atmatn-iw, tfehmem d akkn a wen yehwa ara tħedmem...

SSemħessn-as almi d imi ifukk, kkren sakini-setta, nnan-as :

- 130 — Ah ya a dadda-t-ney, yak tezrid d ayen k yerzan i yay yerzan. Yak, tezrid has lukan d ur ð-neħħi ara yiwn-enney yef-temsalt-agı a k netbeż d aq netbeż san-i i tebyad tħażżeq. Ahsen sad mā akka d ayen yellan degg-ulawn-enney ig-eħlan degg-ul-ik! Day-netta, ula d nekni, aql-ay neħħed Sidi Rebbl!

zeddin i-sebea, SSezdi d alemmas, mcabaken, meahaden s-Rebbl 'ar di-teswiet-enni dg ara dd-ilal d aqcic yur-yemma-t-sen, ur as t eawden di-tmurt, ar d ḫuhen alamma d anda ur zmira ara adernun!"

- 140 Sakin, amm-id i-wumi ara ð-yekkes kra yeff-ul, amm-akken yekks-asn uħebber, eenun mkul-yiwen d ecceyl-is.

A yu yelħal, a kra hedren akken yak, kra tħencawaren, tħemzahaden, ar yeff-umezzu ggiwt en-temyart tħallu di-tebhirt-is netħat, īsuma-dd akka cwiż ayla-nnsen. Tamyart-agı dya, -ahat imi ttajarett-ennsen s-etferka, tħnayen tiswiein yef-tlisa, ney d ayn-ennidjen, ney wis-

147 sen ttismin kan i tettasem deg-sen,— degg-asni yehda Rebbi, lemmer teṭṭaf ur ten teṭṭwali ara i-sebea. Has, degg-akken d eljiran, tqeqar-assen "Şbañ-elhiñ" d-ñel-  
150 sedama", walañin ul-is, yeg-SSeedi d-watmatn-is imeqra-  
nen, yeççur d qedran d-elbeyd.

Ass-en, day-neñ, akken d imi tesla i-wayen y a f  
hedren, ad as tiniq amm-in s yefkan udi tħamet: eż-ni  
segg-imirn i tezra tin ara sen teħdem.

Ma d nutni, ruhen-d s aħħam tameddit, ma yehwa-yak,  
amm-iil i-wumi yecreh wul segmi fran s-tin ara hedmen,  
lukan... Yerha, ulamma neqqar, lemeahda-nni, d' lehma  
kan si-leħwateř-ennsen si-bda; esla-haġer taswist i  
dg i-γ mazul, yak et-ħtieej mazal-it ula d neñ... d ame-  
160 qrañ.

La-dja SSeedi, netta yekkes yak eccekk : kra ð-leħ-  
ħun, tedduñ-d s aħħam, ala netta ig-hedren :

— Yelwa-yawen Kan tetgallam, teṭṭemahadem ! nekk  
ezriy : A Heqq Rebbi a yemma arttaaqcict ara d-eseu! El-  
ħah ! el-ħah ! eż-ni yella wi-see-eun tħanha warrac ? Yer-  
ha atiezrem, annawed yet-yemma, a tħiexaq... attez-  
rem !

Mi d-ebbeden s aħħam, ulamma yemma-s s-elqella ntez-  
mert, s-bessif i thedder, netta yerza-ya aqerġiyy-is :

170 — Niż akk'a a yemma ? Niż tħaqqicx ara d-eseu ?

Aħmatn-is steemilen hedren bbay-gar-assen, amm-id  
iqedha cwi ; ma d netta itezzi Kan yef-yemma-s, yes-  
tatax :

— Niż a yemma, yerha ufiy isem ara s newqem, ay-  
ack-it ! A s newqem isem f-Fadha !

— Yirbeli a mmi... alkn i k yehwa...

— Annay, a yemma, tħil-em, a s newqem isem f-Fad-  
ha, niż ?

— Yirbeli, a mmi, tħil-ek, yirbeli !...

180 Ma belħara kan nteffu. Wamma kra bħbayn ara nmenni  
ny ara nagad... iderra. Lukan d i nesmeħsis i-wulawn-  
enney, nefelhom-assen, tili mħul-iywend amkacef ggiman-  
is. Walakin yeflia-yay Sidi Rebbi tatut : asni ara d-  
yehħed "wayn-ennej", adyaj el-ħaġħi nellha-d d-wayn-ennej.

eEDDIN AKKEN KRA BUSSAN:

ħrajjun kan degg-ass yet-wayed a ð-erbu yemma-t-sen. Yi-

wt en-t̄şebhit, ddukklen SSeedi d-set̄la watmatn-is yer-tferka-nnsen, aldañ uyen tannumi. Ihi la heddmendinna, mkul-yiwen d ecceyl-is, almi d yiwit en-teswiet, slen 190 i-tmet̄ut la-zen-d-essawal syihin, di-kra n-ñyilt akken. Yerr-as awal umeqran deg-sen. Tinna tenna-yaz-d:

— A yiwlət! Yemma-t-wen añañ terba-d, tessa-d aqcic! Adig Rebbi d amerbuh, d aseedit!

Ula d akken, ugin adamnen, ɻawaden steqsayen-t : Ma tezra-t d aqcic? Ma maççi ttaqcict. Net̄at ɻebbiti-tñ-id :

— Wah! a ssyadi... Turə i t-id ezriy! D aqcic, adibarek Reppi! D wis s-tmanya! D amerbuh!...

Dya ur ehdıñ ara, ur tesid i hawlen di-tmeslayt. 200 Sersen mkul-yiwen ttigelzimt ney d agelzimi iss i t tuy ihedjem, refden ibernyas-enنسن... Yenna-yasn umeqran:

— Niy turə ulayyer nuyal yak s ahham. A heqq kra i yay yuran annect-a, ala ssyagi ma nrüh... Yegra-d SSeedi...

SSeedi mezzi. Segg-imirn ig-ebda yeñakr-itwl, yeñarr imet̄awen yer-dahel. Day-net̄a fehmən-t, iyad-ßen. Walakin, s-imettawn-enni-ines dya, yejuguł-asen. Yenna-yasen :

— Ur t eqqimay deffir-wen! ar d edduy yid-wen ny 210 adruhey ula d nekk wehid-i!

Yerna, tabee, ula d net̄a yet̄tekki di-lemsahda r-Rebbi. Day-net̄a zzewren-t zdat-sen. Abridyerran s ahham-enنسن, jjan-t-id yer-deffir, yel-lyerb, t̄fen win n-eccerq, ruhen.

SEBeA WATMATN-ENNI RUHEN,  
bdan effyen tamurt-enنسن adkecmen tayed.

Nekn̄l a d-nuyal ar ahham-enنسن : naf-ed, a ziñ ar t̄idejt, yemma-t-sen ar d-erba, lakin a ma teñru, ar d-lferh. TTidejt, ellufan-la yet̄seggid di-dduh, lakin ar 220 ttaqcict, maççi d aqcic! Teñtu yak etmet̄ut lehlak-enni-ines d-lestab-enni yak n-tinnufra, ala imi Kan i-yaz-d yefka Rebbi tin akken tet̄raju amm-aggar : taqcict! Day-net̄a, ula d argaz-is, akken kan t yebbed lehbar yer-wanda t yuy elhal, yuzzl-ed, yaf-ed s-tidejt iqebli-it-id Rebbi di-teqcict-enni i yr ideezu m-kul taswiet. Yefreh, la-dya, yefreh atas atas s-selferh

ara ferħen sebea warraw-is-enniden, nutni yenza cewq bōelitma-t-sen. Day-neħħa, akken d imi yeċċa di-leħda r el-lferħ netta d-el-qibla yak et-tnejratin, yenna-yas :

230 — Ur zmirey adarjuv alamma ttameddit. Tcegged-a-sen eny ala? Adruħey a ten sfeħħey... Wissen s a n i rrax?...

Yeħġi-iż-ssyen tħazzla s-wakken zemien idarru-is. Ye-zwar dya di-teħbirt-enni i-yeħi yeqra nnumen truħu warraw-is; yaf limaqat-ennsen n-eşsebh-enni, waħadha nut-ni ulac-it. Yeċċa yessawal : al-a icerfan għejzer la z-d et-tarran eß-ṣut. Di-ssyen, yenna-yas : Aħat, ruħen yeħi... Yebbed yeħi-kra sean n-etferkiwin ; inuda, yessawel, ulac. Yuval-ed s-aħħam. Ulamma yebda wul-is 240 "la-s t-id yeqqar", lakin yesazzg-us... Aħat a tna a-fay degħi-ehħam?... Aħat, s-amkhan flani ay en ruħen... Aħat... Yuval-ed, yaf-ed ala tameħħut la d-esskad yeħi-tebburt, tħejja-ten... Yenna-yas :

— Ur tna ufiy ara. Laktin, ur ifut wara. Tameddit...

Tameddit, mazal-it-ten kan tħajjun. Yeyli-d yið, u-lac! Leemer n-eżżejjen arm-ass-en. Yeffi-ed wergaz, yesteqsa... Igenni yenna-yaz-d : ur tna eż-riy়, elqaza : ur ten walay. Yuval-ed diy-en tikkelt taneggarut s-aħħam: tameħħut-is, mazal-iż-kan tessħaddi di-teħħġġi, tħejja-ru, wissen ma d imet-tawn-enni kan el-lferħ, nej bbayn-enniden? Taqcict di-dduh teħħes eela-hater tħejja seg-metħawen yak d-lestab tħejja-ten ellufanat m-ara d-la-lu.

Seddin id-enni s-leħħmal akken : neħħat degħi-usu, netta yel-ħkanun, la tħajjun arraw-ennsen.

Akken almi d-ebbin tafat s-wudem, nutni tħajjun SSe-di d-watmatn-is. Degg-ass-en...

A Rebbi a leħġġi,  
Ul-iw d amudin:  
Teffied-iyi ddwa N-Hellu.  
Truġġ, tasa-w tibda yef-sin:  
D leħbab, nejja-tn-in :  
Yeħġi lwiegħi ar d annenfu ;  
A Sidi, d Keċċ ig-zeddin,  
D ußsan ur t-ekfin,  
Alamma yekfa bettu...

D EGG-ASS-EN, ... ALMI D AS-  
 mi ceddan hemset्तac n-esna... Fadma tekkr-ed, naf-iş-i  
 id tillemzit. Ihun Rebbi yef-baba-s d-yemna-s, teqqim-  
 270 azen-d neñat tsebbir-iten di-sebea yergazen i sen yuf-  
 gen kan akka.

NNiqal mazal ḥammacen, asmi ten trajun d ussan d-  
 wagguren. Asmi ceddan achal d iseggasen, uşan uysen,  
 d ayen. Amyar ettemyart yeyli-d fell-asen ccib degg-i-  
 bbass. Alln-enنسن, d ayen, kkawt s-imet̄i. Yerna eni,  
 ula d imet̄awen t̄fakkān m-arā tn-id yessurug ebnadem s-  
 elketrā.

Tamyart, tuyal kan t̄fukk, tekna yak, qqimen-d deg-s  
 ala iysan ; wa-lakin, ula d akken, asmi twala yelli-s  
 280 tebda tfehhem, t̄etta Kan yer-dahel, ttefferdeggim-  
 is eljerh en-tasa-s.

Degg-asmi tebda Fadma thedder, tleñhiu, tebda tkeç-  
 cm-it lefhama, tuyal sad tyelleb iman-is, tettađşa-yaş,  
 tessedhuy-it akkn ur t̄ yetħaz ara lehzen mejjad net-  
 tat. Ma tetturur yid-es, tadr-ed isem n-Fadma temmek-  
 ti-d d SSeedi i yas-t igan, eylin-az-d imet̄awen, tin  
 ad as tini : D acu Kem yuyn a yemna? Net̄at, attnyal  
 ar tađşa, tin-as : Ulac, a yelli, maċċi d imet̄awen!

Tagara, tuyal etmet̄ut, MMA szuzzu, akkn i s teq-  
 290 qar Fadma, tuyal teftag-d kan degg-iwet en temsalt : yib-  
 bas tesla-yast i-kra n-etjiratin-is hedrett bbay-gar-  
 ascit, la-s eqqarett : Dya, tezriđ a weltu, a Fadma-nni,  
 ad ay yemnee Rebbi, degg-asml i d-lul i nfant sebea wat-  
 matn-is. Ulac dinna ccekk : degg-nyir-is i t-id-ebbi!  
 S-akin, degg-ass-en, yuval-as d ahebbi i-yemna-s lim-  
 mr adyili wi yas-t-iđ, yeqqaru i-Fadma!

Tagi, la-dya, degg-asmi d-ekker, tufa-d ala net̄at  
 i Sean baba-s ed-yemna-s, tjeessel d akken : ala neñat  
 i Sean. Imawlan-is emrajan, ula-y-yeş yak i yaz-d ad-  
 300 ren atmatn-is. Day-neñta, degg-asml akka meqqret, ttef-  
 fey tkeçcem, tharaben, t̄eassan akkn ur t̄ yesseelam hedi  
 s-ctmacahu. Lketra, tabee, hejjben-t, ama yeff-anneb  
 enni, ama yef-lembadra thadaren-t, jeelen-t amm-eżżeu-  
 enßen... limmr ula d net̄at ad asen tafeq!

Tegra-đ di-tuffya tukksa l-lhiq, m-ara syehwu, san<sup>i</sup> i s yehwa, a t̄j awin, lakin alamma hezzben bbin-đ s-leħbař d anda ur ɻ-id yeħlaejaj hedd.

Naf-đ ihi, day-neħha, Faħma, asml akka teħbed "akkn ara tefhem i-lheddra n-etjejjigħin", (akken s yenna 310 yiwen), naf-itt-đi di-lihal<sup>a</sup> i dg ur tħilit ala yessi-s l-lmuluk. Tabee tuklal. Tuklal am<sup>a</sup> i-lmend bbul-is, am<sup>a</sup> i-lmend n-eżżeen i yas yefka Win t̄-idd iħelqen. Lu-kun d i zmirey sgellin a d-emley eċċiha n-SSeħdi, tili tur<sup>i</sup> a dd-iniy Kan tettabiż yeq-s. Lakin, ula d akken, tif-it. Tif-it imi ttaqċiċt. Tabee, d ayn idheġren, u-fiq : ttajejjigt, yifen yak lemtul, lejnas yak ttsemmiñ-; d ennta : d elħeqq. Imezran ara yetyummun lail-is alamma d idarran; tammast ara yetbanen d ennta m-ara tcu dd Kan s-elħid; aseħsu,... aseħsu-nni sezeħut Kan tqicin, i ss ara k teħban lail-is, yak, di-tqomixx alamma tiuymas, alamma d allen, alamma tħammiwin, alamma s-wudm-is s-lekmal, tettadsa. D eserr, d eserr u nezdiż amkan, izeddien yak iall-is. D eserr yetmelihen yezziziden yak i ss ara k teħban lail-is teżyen has tecmet! Wigħi yak, — d wigħi kan, — i ss i tħeffi teqċiċt aqciec.

Tetħili leħjubegga yessiwrijen tid iħebsen aseħgas s-lekmal degg-akkn ur tett yetħażza ara yak yitij. Walakin, nenna-t-id, Faħma teħjeb ur teħjib. Anebdu tħesut 330 s-lekmal, i dg ara yetqegħil baba-s yer-tfellaħit, net-tat jid-es, ama testesmil tessway tibħirt, ama tetħur-rar, tettabae ifrah d-imeċċibar. S-akin, tamedit, mi t̄j-đid-efka ttazzla s-ahħam, tħimezwirit "nejjated-baba-s", a t̄ yay elhal tebbi-đ degg-udm-is d-ucebbub-is s-ennig leħeqq-is għixi. MMA eżzu, nnigħi tħalli almi d-ebbi s-leħbař yelha-yaś i-yelli-s; yerna teħkal yeff-emxar, też-żi akken tħalli.

Tabee, asml akka teħbed Faħma tħilemzit, yerna yef-340 ka-yaś Rabbi ssifa d-elqedd i ss i, yagi, teħwajdab, testeeqel iman-is, tettissin akken tħalli; tebda, lħas-sun, teħjarra-đ s-leħbař i-wayen teswa tmetħut el-las-sel.

Tegħra-đ di-leħdubegga u ġemsalt n-ezzwaj-is, kra gg-im<sup>i</sup> ara d-yetwajbed wawal, tin-asen i-baba-s d-yemma-s:

— Nokk ur zewwejy ara : i ma ruhey yef-baba d-eħħxa  
ezurru, niy ademmetey...

Dax-neħħa, u la d nutni deċcun kaq ur asen teħwakka  
ara alamma minnien d nutni.

350 Ihi... ...

Ihi, lukan d i wlac imcumen d-yeqdawen r-Rebbi, d-  
yigad yak, elhašun, i-wumi berrik wul, tili waqila ur  
tiġilitt ara ... tmucuha.

Faċma d-imawlan-is atnaf ebżejt. Imġaren fuq amm-  
id yet-żejt sebea warraw-ennej : jesseren-ten amm-id yem-  
muten. Faċma, net-żejt la-dya, has ellant teswieżin i deg  
teħmenni degg-ul-is yiwt-ennej kan dya t-iħußen, "a wi-  
sean egħna-s!", walakin attelmed Sidi Rebbi : ur yelli  
wayen t-iħußen degg-ayen d-essas-ayend ifassen ney d i-  
360 drimen... Ihi, tili ur ay-d yegħri wara 3-neħku fell-a-  
sen...

Walakin, llan wid yessiżżeñ timucuha...

### YIBBASS DEGG-USSAN R-REBBI,

teq'im yiwt en-teswist kan Faċma degg-ehħam weħid-es, a-  
lmi sta tkemm-ed yer-s yiwt en-temyart, — a... l-jihen-  
nam<sup>3</sup> i t-tid yefkan! Yet-żejt el-hal, tessn-it yagi Faċma,  
tegr-iz tamawt, tejjaf-it ac-hal en-tikkal di-leħirt  
is i ss i cerken uia t-balast. Degg-ass amewwaru, mi d-  
erha s-leħbar i-wneħxu uqsix i ss i t-tid-ettabex i te-  
370 bda tejjagħad-ift. La-dya, a bna dem, yak, yet-ħan-ed wul  
degg-allien... Di-ssyn aktin, tamyart-agħi. — a wr as ig-  
Rebbi isem! — yerna yefka-yaś eßsifa yemtatla-żer qed-  
ra yeqċċureن tasebbut-is : maċċi kan imi meqqret, tek-  
mec, teffermec, eċċa-hater, till ihi, adcemtefiak tem-  
yarin : net-żejt, d ayn ur nenjim adyili. D akken tella  
temyart asmi mezziyet ara tilli asm-ara tawed meyyat-es-  
na. Yeskaddib-ak win ara k yinin teħbeddil eßsifa n-eb-  
nadem yer-temyert : degg-asni<sup>1</sup> ara kk-id-esu yemna-k a-  
380 lamma d ass aneggaru, yella ssifa-k yiħet, ur tetħbeddil,  
ur thexxer, ur teżżejjid, ur teħżeenqas. Wa-lakin, llant id-  
d-yeħħi lan temyarin di-tasebbut għemma-t-sett! Tiġid-enni,  
waqila, i-wumi qqareġen settayet!

Settu-agi tamcūt,, taf, ihi, ar as yehsej erray,  
im<sup>2</sup> ur emmien ora di-lfeqeja widak-enni<sup>1</sup> i-wumi tesnejli  
sebea yergazen. Ma tebyid ead, d neħħati deg yennernu

nħħas, ihellk-it akter n-zik, mara teħwali d i-Fadma, simmal teħtimur, simmal teħmelfu-d deg-setmettut i ss i ruien eż-żun yemyaġen taqriħ bbarraw-enne.

Day-neħħa, segni lhaġr-is yecċel kan yid-sen, tawi  
390 d s-leħbar s-tuffra ffrēn yef-yell-enne taqsit obat-  
matn-is. Tabee, yef-yiġet n-efjhennamit am neħħat, ur  
yettwaffar wara. S-akkin tenna-ya : Ihi, m kull-es yes-  
ħei : tura ufiy-aṣn abrid i ss ara tn ewtey, yern-a a  
ten hazey am tikkelt tamezwarut, ma macċi ktegħi. I h i  
dya, tili... ney m-ulac ...

Ass-en day-neħħa, tħu ss eħħħa eżzuzzu, almi t-twala  
teffey cwit kan akka, terr iman-is am tin ileħħu kan  
d-wezniq azniq, almi d ez-zdat wesqif-enne, tdeħħi as-  
Fadma di-lhaġa : teenu-t s-umennuy :

400 — A yelli, yura imi akka a la yi-d-esskadej s-est-  
terf en-tit!... A tinnat!... Has... Lmeesna, atan, ur  
tesseħħid ara! Lemmer d i tesseħħid, tessid enni d-leħ-  
diha, tilli ur tenteqd ara!... a tin yenfan atmatn-is!

Fadma, nniqal etruh am tin iċċemen kan attarr tab-  
burt-enne, ad as tanef i-tmeslubt attesseglef. Ak-  
ken tesla i-wawal "yenfan atmatn-is", tebbed, la tes-  
sikid kan di-temġart am tin ideħcen, tefhemur tefhim:

— Atmatn-iw?... Nfiy atmatn-iw?...

— A dya... a yeħti... amzun... amzun ur tezrid a-  
410 ra! A taqriħ!... Ihi, ffer : macċi sebea watmatn-im  
ig-rewlen, igg-ennejlin, ass-en kan f i d-luled? Mee-  
n-a atan ur tezrid ara!... hi... hi... hi!... Tamurt  
s-lektmal d ayn i għawin tħamacahu! Yuy elħal, nniy-am,  
ur tesseħħid ara!...

Di-ssyen, mi tqeqda cceyl-is, d ayen : teħżejjek-  
kazt-is, tekna i-teċċurrt-is, tleħhu d-wezniq azniq te-  
ttadsa.

Teqqim Fadma tebbed akken, am tin yeqqaġen : di-s-  
syen, thulfa tkemix-it tawwla. Tekcem s-alħam, tleħhu  
420 teħmel almi ttiġieryeri, teyli.

S-akkin, ula d akken, leeqel ur t-yeffiġi ara. Di-  
tuqqna n-tit kan, i ss i d-ekcem yemma-s, ceddiex d-  
lhaġr-is kra l-limarat-enni i-wumi ur teggar ara ta-  
mawt zik, lakin i ss i tefhem tura : ziy-enni ar tti-  
det : degħ-asmi tuki d-yiman-is i teħżejjaf di-baba-s d-  
yemma-s timsal i ss i s yeqqaġar wul-is yella kräa s-tef-

fren ; la-dya MMa ezuzzu : ac-hal en-tikkal i t̄ teṭṭaf  
teṭṭru s-tuffra ; tikwal-enniđen, a tn-idde-af i-sin la  
sbečbucen : ar t̄ walin, teeql-iten d wid ibeddeln awal  
430 yef-eljal-is. Ziy-enni... d armi...

Aṭṭa tkecm-ed eMma ezuzzu. Akken twala yelli-s tuz  
zel yer-s :

— Annay... d acu Kem yuyen?... Annay! I werrayed!

Fadma yuy-iṭ elhal yagi tefra d-yiman-is akkn ara  
teḥyem. Tegra-d di-lehlak : dya, tehwaj-it i-wakken tes-  
zem atkelleḥ yemma-s. Lakin, m-ebla ma testeemel, s-ṭi-  
det; tnedh-as tawwla : tebda teṭṭergigi. Tenna-yaş :

— TTideṭṭ : a MMa ezuzzu, ssu-yi-d : helkey...

Tzeddi temyart, ula d neṭṭat es-wergigi, di-lhelea  
440 ggelli-s, tessu-yaz-d, tessegn-iṭ. Akken d imi t̄ etger-  
roz yak, tyum-iy, testeqsa-t ma yella kra s yehwan:  
temma-yaş Fadma :

— Ih, a MMa ezuzzu, ssebbi-yi-d askaf. Terr i-wes-  
kaf. Fadma la teṭṭraju deg-s melmi ara yebb, amzan deg-  
s igg-ella ddwa-s. Taswiet tessers-it-id MMa eeuzzu;  
tayed tesyafl-iṭ, tdeqper yer-dajl-is aheclaw, tessawl-  
as i-yemma-s, tesneet-as-t. Tamyaṭ tetwali degg-eskaf  
mazal-it yetṭawel, tekkr a d-eddem tayenjawi i ss ara  
t-id-ekkes : tenna-yaş Fadma :

450 — Ala! ala! a MMa ezuzzu, annay, ḥil-emekks-it-  
id s-ufus-im!

Tinna tqerṛb-ed afus-is yer-terbut akken kan ara  
ū-ekkes aheclaw s-yehf idudan : Fadma tleħiq-iṭ di-thel-  
lalt ufus, ftekka-yaş, tebby-as-t almi d alqaż n-ter-  
bat. MMa ezuzzu tsuy. Tenna-yaş Fadma :

— Annay, a MMa ezuzzu!... Meena, a heqq tinn ak-  
ken eṭṭdey edg-em, ur am serrhey alamma teħedd-iyi ar  
d iyi tinid yak tidiż yeff-atmatn-iw!

MMa ezuzzu, afus-is yebba : tenna-yaş :

460 — suhdey-kem.

Tinna tserrħi-as. Tuval d neṭṭat i s-tisefden, tes-  
sudun-iṭ teṭṭru. Almi yaş yekkes weħraq-enni ameqrañ,  
s-akin tenna-yaş i-yelli-s :

— A yelli, luħaq d ur iyi tesħahedd ara, akkn a-  
ħir; imi tekka lemaħda r-Bebbi, ata wayen yellan...

Fadma tuval teqqim-ed yef-yiman-is, la-z d-esmeħ-  
sis. Yemma-s tawi-yaz-d tamacahut akken tella.

Tehiku-yaz-d tidejt yak. Almi ttamsalt n-etrewla hba-rrac :

470 — D ayn ur nenjim annefhem lezmer, la nekk la baba-m. Ayen f i tebtay, yerna i ss ara kem sahdey : ar degg-asni yebda Rebbi, yella nutni trun yef-weltma-tsen ur escin ara. Lukan d ig-elli wi yasen yennan at-tefkem yiwen deg-wen yef-teqcict, tili qeblen s-elferhi! Wagi, amm-it a yelli, dya, s-tinn<sup>a</sup> akken tejjed edg-i. La-dya amecuh yak deg-sen, SSeedi...

— SSeedi?...

— Eh, SSeidi. Dya, d netta i yam igan isem f-Faq-  
480 ma asni i Kem mazal di-teebbu-iw, degg-akken mi yek-  
ker yin-ak : A yemma, arttaqcict ara d-esqud! Lukan d  
iyi-t ejjin meqqar d netta! Mezzi...

— San<sup>i</sup> ara d-yelfu ruñin a yemma? Ur tezqim ara?  
Ur tcukkm ara, la kemm la baba, ma yella wanda eezmen!

— D ayn ur nelli. Yerna, eeni yella wasni d-udren  
intig ney elheçsum d erıwah Kan akka cwit fell-aney nekk  
ed-baba-m? NNiy-am, d ayn i ss i tili nesleb lukan d  
ur ay ekm-id yefki<sup>i</sup> ara Sidi Rebbi nesher yiss-em : ufg-  
490 gen Kan akka d affug,... amm-id ara tawi tmedda. Di-  
kra yañ inuda, yesteqsa baba-m, yiwen Kan i yas yen-  
nan yibbass : Waqila, mlahey-tn-id leñlun akka yel-lja-  
ha n-eccerq...

— Yr-eccerq?...

Tameddit, yas-ed wemyar, yawi-d s-leħbaħ s-temsalt  
akken tella. Tejj-it ten Faqma almi çcan imensi, qqimn  
i-tmezyatt etimeqratt, tenna-yasen :

— A baba, a MMA szuzzu... Ayen yak ara iyi-dd-i-  
nim tura, zriy-t; meen<sup>a</sup>, ula-y-yeż : nekk efriy d-erray-  
iw d-wul-iw : suhdey Sidi Rebbi, ar anda llanwatmatn-  
iw, ar ten awdey! suhdey s-lemahda ur netterza : ar d  
500 nadiy fell-asen! Ma ma-zal-it ten eddren, ar ten afej, a  
tn-idd awiż; ma mmuten, ar d ezrey d izekwani-ennisen;  
ney... haca ma mmutey...

— Annay! Annay a yelli!...

— Zriy, a MMA szuzzu, zriy akken ken hemmley i yi  
themmlem la kemm la baba. Lameena, dya, d ayn i ss i  
la-wen qqarey : aneft-iy<sup>i</sup> adħednej akken sezmey, esla-  
haġer ur iyi mazal adeċċej ny adeswey alamm<sup>a</sup> ufiy at-  
matn-iw! Day-nefta tura fejt-iyi Kan ayn ara wn i n i y

etwa jey-t...

510 Akken walan yemyaren d ayen, ur zmiren a t etfen  
la s-imetawen wa-la s-wayn-enniđen, yenna-yas baba-s  
— D acu tehwajed ? Tenma-yas :

— SSis-iyi-d tlata lehwayej : aeudiw i yeff a r a  
rekbey ; alebseđ en-taklatin ara yi wansend-webrid, d-  
uzessa yessawalen.

DEG-ZEKKA-NNI KAN, DyA, I-

ruh baba-s yr-essuq i ss i yesla yeemer ahit bonyid yak,  
yay-ed aeudiw yufa izad yef-kra d-ibedden i-lbie, ama  
520 di-şşifa, ama di-temzi d-eljehd, ama di-ccetla. Di-s-  
syen, inuda diy-en almi yufd aseqqa yessawalen, yernu-  
t-id. Tegra-d taklit : yeşa yiwen ggehbihbn-is yezra  
yekseb aklan, yesfhem-it. Winnə iğuh s ahham-is imir-  
en, yebbi-yaz-d yiwei, yenna-yas : Aṭtan yer-k sicu-  
ca! D yelli-s bbaklan-iw : dy'a attili tħizzya ggelli-k :  
teħrec : ur teseid ara taġadeq...

Tameddit, yawi-yas-tn-id i-Fadma, yenna-yas :

— Ata ueudiw ; ata wseqqa yessawalen ; aṭṭa sicuca,  
530 tħaklit-im...

Degg-ass-en, ternu Fađma netta ed-yemma-s etħaklit  
yumayer ney ma telt-eyyam nutti ħegħġit aewind-elleb-  
sa d-wayen yak teżra a t ehwijet deg-ebrid. Asmi twa-  
la d ayen, ula i tarju, ass-en, kkren-d aeħħlam l-leħ-  
jer, temsalam d-baba-s ed-yemma-s, tezzwer taklit z-  
dat-es, netta terkeb yeff-ueudiw, ttfeħ abrid n-ec-  
cerq, ruħet...



JAS TTILAWIN, WEHHED-SETT,  
yerna mezziyit, wa-lakin, kra i tett mazal leħkitt-degg-  
540 akal yettusemmi tħamur-ennsett, ulac elħujf aħas yef-  
Fađma tħaklit-is. Tabex, Fađma, yeqher maċċi di-tidak-  
enni yettagaden ula deg-yerda, imi tesyer ul-is eyr-u-  
nadi bbatmatn-is, ya-lukan di-lqiegħ n-eddunni. Lem-  
mer yef-leħsab l-leemx-is, ma-zal-i tħaqcict, lakin i-  
l-mond en-tasa-s d-wudem bbatmatn-is, tufa degg-iman-is,  
hiż-n-nejmettu tameqrat, leeqel i ss i tebna, i ss i  
tezmer atqabel ayen yebjan yili, wa-lukan d elmat. Ah-  
sen sad a timeqlellac-enniđen emmenwala ara tħemli li  
ed-webrid.

550 Lehħutt akkenni atas bbussan, nutti mazal-itett kan ttemmiliż-ed d-leesrac tiuddar i deg tħafet wer saddr erriha n-ētmurt. Adekkrett si-lefjer, nutti ttikli alamma ttameddit. Mi bbdet iqarib ttemdiż ney bbalbeq imukkan iceemren, adderrefti iman-ensej, adqewwiet tiegħbad-ensen, adettsiż alamma d azekka-nni diġ-en.

Akkenni... almi d asmi twala Faċma tebda tmurt... la teħbeddil di-ssifa : idurar teħwali yr-ez-dat, maċ-ċi amm-id tei ja yer-deffir : et-tjur simmal neqqseb ney tid d-ettemlili d-webrid ur tettessin ara... almi, lha-560 sun, ula itteħiċċi tazegzawt tħixx teħneqdaz...

Ass-enni, day-neħha, am tin i-wumi t-yufa wul, ney d lefhama i tefhem, tenna-yas i-taklit :

— Tura, dagi, has neqqim d kra bbussan, ur neqqem mil ara tikli yr-zdat alamma nesteqsa. Ma eeddan wat-matn-iw ssyagi, ahat ad ay yefk Rebbi alebbed el-lummin ara d-yelfun yecfa-yasen, ad ay imel s ani rran.

Hedmett akken. Eenuħi yiwn usecciw ufatt d illem. Ter-nu Faċma tiegħi sicuca tuy-ast-ed ayen dg i-husset. Nsejj din.

570 Azekka-nni ssbeh, akken twala Faċma yeyli-d lee-geż yef-sicuca, yernu am tin yebdan tkerres anyir-is, teeddi tels ala leħwajej yeqqersen, yumsen, yernu tess-seljeb yak acebbab-is, tessams udm-is, tejj taklit tetteż-ze, neħħat tekcem yer-tlemmast en-taddart. Tebdu, s-a-kin, mifik-iyien d essebba i ss i yas tbeddu awal, amma d amyar. ama tħamyar, alamma tessawd-it-id yer-wak-kn ara t-testeqsi : M⁹ ur teżriżi ara... M⁹ ur tecfiżi ara... aseggas lmuudec flan... di-sebea yid-sen... nut-ni di-tmuri eflan... ?

580 Ass-enni s-lekmal, ulac. Azekka-nni, diġ-en, almi ttameddit, mi dd-uyal s asecciw, tenna-yas i-sicuca: Diġ-u ulac!

Sedditt akken d eddeqs. Taklit, dya, tebda tettak-ed lemeayn am tin iħaqen, teħja-dr-ed 'tuyalin s 'ah-jam'...

Ass-en, yekteb Sidi Rebbi ar d win i yef tejnadi akken Faċma ara tħiġi id yawden n nejja s-yiman-is. Qqimmi akka yiwen n-ētmeddit neħħat ed-sicuca z-dat usecciw, ta ur theddi i-ta, yawd-ed yer-sett yiwen wemvar, yebbed la tħiġi id yesskadi, yernu iqżeरref yer-sett, yesteq-

591 sa-tett: Ansi-kett?... D acu-t alka theddment?... Lhasan, yuval yeqqim yid-sett i-lheddra. Teħku-yaz-d Fađma yak tamacahut. Ihi, nnikal yethazzu kan aqerruy-is, yin-as: Ahlil a yelli!... Almi d yiwt en-teswiet, i-wet wemyar deg-qerruy-is: Amek?... Arju... Ih... ih! Cfiy... di-setṭa yid-sen... Iheqqa, yella yid-senweq-cic amectuhi... Cfiy : tameslayt-ennsen akk<sup>a</sup> am tagħi i-nem... Lameen<sup>a</sup>, aħas ayagi!...

Di-ssyen, yedher elħal, a ɣef-teqcict ifehhem, yes-600 seħfamen am Fađma, ar yeshel yaħi akkn ara d-essukkes degg-emjaġ limaqat ilezmen. Akken d imi tetbet, temsa-da yid-es, ar d atmatn-is, termu testeysi-t ɣeff-ebrid ettfen mi ruien. Yenna-yas : Cfij, amm-ass-a; lameen<sup>a</sup> a yelli, ur walay ażżejred ... eela-haterabrid ettfen zriy ur as zemmeri ara tilawin... D wiñ i-wumi qqaren eljali : adileħhim bnaðem d leħbur ur yettemlili d el-sebd. Lhasun, nekk, i-wudem r-Rebbi, ad akent emley a-yeu ssney. Atan yer-ur webrid eftfen watmatn-im... Yes-neet-as s-ufus-is yer-wedrar-enni dy<sup>a</sup> i yas teqqar akt-610 ken "ur yecbi deg-durar-enney!" Yerha yenna-yas : M i tejbamt akin, s-akin tebdut tikli... Lhasun, adi salib Rebbi fell-akent!... Yerha diy-en iweSSI-tett ɣeff-ea-win, yenna-yaset : Ala tħimer ney tazart, ma tufant, lak ed-warikul : hiwlent ayn i-wumi tżemrem. Ma d aman, us-san imexwura, atejjafem, ma, di-ssyn akin... Awint yid-kent albeed iyeddiden.

Tehdem Fađma yak akken t-iweSSa.

Azekka-nni, mi yedden ecciħ lejer, tessaki-8 sicca : sebbatt i-yeċwura ueduw almi ggusman adawin. I-620 tran di-tegnewt akken reħtiegi ; tasmudi-nni n-etsħebħiyyin l-leħrif mazal la 8-ettekk si-ljiha-nn<sup>i</sup> i-wumi zzitt a-e-rur. Qablett adra-enni "ur neċbi idurar". Neħeft i-weu-di, bdax tikli...

ACARUQ GG-ITLIJ KAN, AKITT  
s-leħrif ifukk : yuval-ed diy-en d anebdu. Tnašfa bbass  
bdaxx etnaddit and<sup>a</sup> ara afet cwiċ en-tili. Lakin, ġġi  
kan cwiċ. Tenna-yas Fađma : Ilaq-ay elħersum tameddi t-  
agi andi ill i-wedrar-inna... Lameena tawd-ed etmeddit,  
d ajen, eż-żarr, adrar ma-zal kan yetħan-ast-i ed dihin,  
630 dihin... Hebsett, sersett-as i-wudu, afet krahhem

kan akkn am elyar, afett-*et* yelha i-yides.

S-ennig elcica cwit, Fadma, ulamma teyya, yug<sup>1</sup> ad az-*d* yers nadam. Teqqim akka z-dat elyar-enni, tqubel el-jiha-nn<sup>1</sup> i yer tezr<sup>a</sup> ala idurar i <sup>b</sup> iforqen d-wanda n-tejja baba-s d-eMma ezuzzu. Aggur, akken kan d-yuli, dihin, dy<sup>a</sup> ad as tinid ss-yn i d-yekka, s-yur-sen... S-etziri, lukan d ur yebcid ara atas, tili<sup>1</sup>, ahat, tezmer atteesqel "ahham"... Wissen d acu theddem tura Mma ezuzzu? Ahat eftsen? Ney la heddren... fell-as net-  
640 tat? Bdatt enniqal wallen n-Fadma la tcuffut, am tid yebyan a dd-init kra... almi <sup>b</sup>-id yesduqqes ueggged, degg-iwen wecrat akk<sup>a</sup> agemmud-is. Lakin, cwi<sup>t</sup>, tekks-as eljelea, tesqel wi-lan asekkegeww-enni : ted<sup>s</sup> degg-imon-is, tenna-yas : Ziy, ula dagi tellid, ay ucce a-meefun! Ma d sicuca, nniqal ula d neftatneggz-ed, al-mi t teeqel. Tekkr attuyal s ides, tenna-yas Fadma :

— Tessned atdekkred?

Tugi : ama ur tessin ara, ama d ides kan i tebya attettes. Teqqim Fadma wehd-es, tebdu-d dya taject-en-  
650 ni tuy tannumi tetjawi-d nejjat d-eMma ezuzzum-ara si-wzett degg-id i-<sup>b</sup>edkir... Nniqal tesneznuz kan s-lee-qel s-lesqel : isefra, ur tessin ara. Taggara-ya, tesseli cwi<sup>t</sup> taject-is : ur tuki d-yiman-is, yawi-d Rebbi deg-mi-s kr<sup>a</sup> imeslayen akken tsell dayem tejyenni-in-id Mma ezuzzu... Tejru...

Ay-aggur mi zzin yetran,  
Ay-ucbil yuyen tamurt!  
Ul-iw ata d win yezgan  
Yetru, tezzi-yas tagut.  
Ihbiben s-lektmal enfan:  
Mi nefreq amzun nemmut.  
A Sidi, niy ur nuksan,  
Ma d i rzag ula d elgut.

Tura gran-i-d yir ussan :  
Yekfa rrebbi-iw, d ayn, ifut,  
Imi tiarrawt i Y yejjan,  
Ur d-yegri wara narjut.  
Ay-aggur, kecc d aclarayan,  
Annay, ay-azyin, a lyut!

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SSeedi d-wiyid anda llan?  
 Tasa-w īħil-wat ur t tezzut.  
 D idammin-<sup>w</sup> atnaya kfan,  
 Ast-ed yibbass ur tejjut!...

Adrar-enn<sup>1</sup> ur neċbi idarar n-efmurt-ennsett, tura,  
 eeddha t-az-d, jjatt-etj-in yer-deffir s-hemsu ney ma  
 d sett-eyyam ayaġi n-tikli. Atas ayaġi i dg i yetwaf-  
 fer netja s-yiman-is s-idurar-enniden... n-erġmel. La  
 lehhutt, ta ur teħħder i-ta. Faċma, tikwal, atterkeb  
 680 yeff-uġudiw, tikwal testesfuy taġmiwin-is s-cwift-ti-  
 kli : dya, trekkeb sicuca degg-emkhan-is.

Tabee, ur sejjit ara myehdaġet; yerna ījilin imukan  
 el-lhal<sup>1</sup> i dg ara yegġugem ebnadem m-ara s teħħer ed-  
 dunnit yak s-lekmal netħat s-yiman-is tegġugem temmuf.

Awdekk yer-wanda ufatt a ziy ar tella tmarr i dg ee-  
 zizit ula d idyayen! Kra leħħutt, akken d-eżżejjett wall-  
 ennsett, īwalitt ala r̾imel, ala i jdi. TTemlilitt-ed ti-  
 kwal d-kra n-efmuqqin akken el-leħċic, amm edles; la-  
 kin ula ttidak ttirayin, ttiquranin, yerna qilit. Ma d  
 690 itij!... itij, elqae'a ines, igenni ines!

Di-ssyen, day-neħha, i bdan et-żeżeżien fell-asett  
 weman. Lakin, taswiet i deg tett-mazal, ur hussa r-a:  
 akka akka t-tafti anid ara swett, rennutt haċarett ayed-  
 did i-webrid.

Lhatt akk-enni diy-en maċċi d ekra bbussan. Lakin,  
 uyalett, segni, d ayen, ur ezmirt arā i-tmess-enni n-  
 etlemmast ebbass, adelħutt kan di-şşbeki zik alamma yec-  
 req yitij, yebda iżeqq, adseddix adeddarix i-walebaed  
 imukan en-tili, alamma ttameddit mi iż-ru yeyli yitij, tu-  
 700 yal-ed cwiż n-erġelima n-tasnuđi, adekkrett diy-en yer-  
 tikli, alamm a anda tett yelħeb seggu.

Lakin, ass-en, tegr-as tamawt Faċma i-eicuca, am  
 tin yebdan tessħad-itt-id s-yir aneskud. Yagi yuġi el-  
 hal, ac-hal d abrid i yas tuki thuqq-ed yer-s di-leq-  
 der d-etiċċa-nni tsezzu taklit yer-lalla-s. Ma degg-  
 ass mi, la-dya, kecmett elħali ameqran, uyalett m-kul-  
 yiwt deg-sett tqeddec kan i-yiman-is: lhaġsun, ebbiġiet  
 - ur ukif d-yiman-ennsett, - am tid yemyuċċalien ur en-  
 nyuett.

710 Yibbass, la leħħatt akkn ujet tannumi. Azal diyen

yebda la yhemmu simmal. Tuyal Fađma terkeb yeff - ueudiw; aqerruy-is tesharrum-as abelnuq walakin, ula d akken, udm-is yebda yettiibrik. eicaca, z-deffir, la-tt-id-ettabas. Yiwt en-teswiet, amm-in ara ynebcen Fađma, tezzi yer-taklit, taf-it teçça-ğ-id s-wallen i ss i teħlee. Dya, aeudiw ad as tinid erzañ-ęt walln-enniyellbes. Ziy a Fađma, a leemer etgir tamawt, leemer twala allen n-eicaca almi ttawist-enni! Taf-itett zzatt-ed degg-alln-is nettat : taf-itteħħiżżeġgayin, ttizeggayin!

720 Lakin i ss i sseħlaett, d elyemq-ennset: icebba-yas-tett Rebb<sup>1</sup> i-Fađma am lebyur, am etmeda-nni i dg ur d-yet-ban ara welqaz. Ternu lhelea di-Fađma mi d-emmekti, ar almi d ass-en, almi d imiren, i tuki s-eicaca ttaber-kat yak, ttasett-ħaft, udm-is yessaqad s-tebrek! Lakin, i ss i tugad Fađma aħas, yerna s-tidet, itasusmi-nni tessusem eicaca, teçça-ğ-id kan s-walln-enni-ines. Nettat ur tesei, ur tufi ara s tini: imi-s yeqqur.

Almi akkn aħas, ttawist telli-d imi-s eicaca, ineq-ħaq-ħad kan s-yiwen wawal :

730 — Ers-ed!

Fađma, am tin ur nesli ny ur nefhim, unniqalt tessus-kan, tennerna deg-s elwehma. Tayed teawd-az-d :

— Ers-ed, adrekbey nekk!

Twala-t Fađma s-leezej i yas-t-id-enna. Day-neħħa tezra lemmi a d-essken iman-is tħin tħugaden, d ayen, wi-żra anek? La-dya, si-lħuf-enni i tgħid s-gellin, tugi. Tenna-ħas :

— D nekk, lalla-m, ara yrekben, ney d kemm a taklit ?

740 Akken twala ma-zal la d-ċċejjel alln-is eicaca, yerna la d-ebtanatt tuymas-is tħimellalin, am tid bbeqjun mara yerfu, twet s iciwi-s, teddm-ed azeqqha yessawalen, isers-it z-dat-es yef-tharda uċċidiw, tennejq, a m tin ara yetyennin d lejna: Slet, eslet, a bab d-yemm... Taklit la teqqar ers-ed adrekbey!...

Cwiż Kan akka, almi slat, la Fađma la eicaca, i-wieqqaq-ħad la d-yet-tarra, la d-ihedder am el-ebbd. Yer-na, i ss i tedhec la-dya taklit, mi teqqel ta'yejt ggemma-s en-Fađma : has ta'yejt-enni tnetq-ed kan s-leeq-ħad 750 s-leeq-ħad, am tin d-yekkān si-lbeed aħas, am taklit am Fađma seqlett ta'yejt ggħemmha szuzzu la d-eqqar:

Sl-ed, esl-ed, a yelli a Fadma ! Ruh a yelli, ur ḫagad, ḫuh di-djōmana !

Taswiet Kan akka diy-en, tesl-as Fadma i-waeqqa la d-inet-leq, abrid-agı s-tayect em-haba-s : Sl-ed, esl-ed a yelli, a Fadma : ḫuh, a yelli ur ṭağad : ḫuh di-djōmana !...

Dya segg-imir-en ur tuyal sicuca a dd-ini kra wa-la kra. Ma d Fadma, tendeh i-wəudiw, aeqqa yessawalen 760 terra-t s iciwi-s. ḫuhett diy-en la lehhutt.

S-akin, segg-ass-en, mi ḫ-id-huej taklit s-ekra ney kra, ney mi ḫ-ewala tseggéj, afluəi Fadma aeqqa, iimwlan-is ad az-d-ettarran, ad az-d tekksen eljuf. Ma d cicuca, mi twalə akken, atessusem, teṭtarra-tett kan yer-tchel.

Ernutt akken diy-en, elhutt macci d ayn iferran. May elhal ayn ara yetjusemin d abrid ar yelli imi macci d elqaeä i dg ara yetwanjer webrid ny i dg ara yeqqim errkeq : ala r̄mel, ala ijdi, ney, tikwal, d izra d-yetbanen eryan s-yitij. Walakin, yuy elhal, iwessa-d Fadma wemyar-enn<sup>1</sup> i yaz-d yemlan akkn ara tleñli : Ur teseid abrid ara m icerqen : yur-em Kan ṭarra acarq gitij yef-zelmed, telhud yr-ez-dat ! Day-neffa, degg-ass amezwaru, netjat teṭwellih Kan iman-is akknara z-d icerręq yitij yef-zelmed, iyelli-yas yef-yeffus.

Yibbass, yuy-itf elhal atas i deg sett fukken waman : tamedit, la lehhutt, ma-zal ur uftt anda a r a lkseit fad. La-dya tamart, simmal rennutt degg-usstan entikli, simmal elhalı iyelleb wa-yed, simmal neqqsen i-mukan bħamar. Ass-en, day-neffa, segmi fukkett ayeddid, ṭnaṣfa bħass, yella nutti lehhut, almi d imiren, ur d-emlalett d-wayen bdaff la ticedhiit.

Day-neffa, yeysi-d elmeyreb, tenma-yas Fadma :

— Ur nħebbs ar a alamma nufa anda ara nsew.

S-ennig eleica, ma-zal-iteħi la lehhuti. Has aq-ur d ineggura-s, wer sad d-yetjali, lakin s-tafat K a n għejtan yer-yejdī amell al-ṭwalitt akkn ilaq.

Yiwt en-teswiet, awdett yer-kra n-tiyilt akken ggez-za, dilei-as, waliū, — am tid ara yeylein fell-as, ur ebnit, — tibhirt ! Aremmha n-etzantin ; tħjar-ennidem m-mlul essem ; leħċic d azeġzaw ! Yernu, yewt-itf-id es-syen amm-ubetri d asemmad yejrahen d aman ! Aldken bħe-

dett, kecmet̄ yer-tlemmast el-lejnan, amm-akkn ara kecmet̄ el-jennet: walitt akka b̄bakka, errett-ed s-leħbar ulac ula d yiwn elsebd. Teqqaen Fađma a eaudiw, seddit eddukk-leħt̄ yer-wemkan i deg slatt yekka-d eħġi ucercur bħaman. Awdett, afet sin yemidunen akka, wa ttama bba, mkul-yiwen s-eleinsr-is. S-aktin, segni Harett, yenya-tett fad, esnutt mkul-yiwen, swatt almi rwatt. Akken d imi t̄-id yūyal leżeqel, am tid ara d-yūyal ula d erruħ, teqqim Fađma a la teslufuy yak i-teħcicin etjejig-in-enni i yaz-d yezzin, tettawi-tett s imi-s am tin ara yebju a tett teċċej d elma kif. Taswiet tenteq yer-eicuca, tenna-yaś : — W-elħi, imi ncedha aman, tur atra sumen, meq-qar ar d anneccucef !

Dja ur turja ara : imir-en kan tebda tefsī aggus tekkes leħway j-is.

Yet̄tay elħal, aseqqa yessawalen deg-ciwi-s : tettu-t : yeħli-yaz-d, ur t-iwal, iħru yegrareb yer-dahjel bben-dan. eicuca ssyihin, aġemmaj, twali-t-id, tessusem. Tekkes leħway j-is ula d net̄-at, cencfett, uyalett emkul-yiwen degg-emdun-is ; almi eyatt, ffjet̄-ed, elsatt, ruħt-ed yer-wanda ħtaġet adeszedditt id-enni.

Azekka-nni diy-en eħġebi zik, wejdeħi, ruħett. Ha s yelha wemkan-enni jjatt, iseqb-itett, walakin tezra Fađma, a m-a ur telhi d lebda YC-ez-dat, ur tuflatmatn-is.

Lejwah i użiżbu, yuġi-itett elħal elħa tħażżeħihs s-lekmal : steefatt talem̄-mast uzal. Akken d imi tekker diy-en Fađma atterkeb yeff-ueaudiw, aduyalett diy-en ar tikli, ta-ki d-yiman-is yeccarrew yak weksum-is deg-darrn almi d aqerru, am tin i ff ara d-eyli tawwla degg-iwt en-taswiet. Yerni, ur tezri acu yer, teyli-d fell-as elhelea i ss i tuyal yak la tejjergi. Ur etli lyerd i-yiman-is : teqleb yer-eicuca : twali-tt ulā d net̄-at am tin yeqqurex di-ddeħċa, la t-tid-esskad, tcezel-eddeg-sal-lin-is! Twali s-aħiñ Fađma... eicuca-nni yellantaklit, tasettaft,... di-tuqqna n-tit la yet̄timil weksum-is... yet̄timil, yet̄timil almi tuyal yak eicuca, deg-darren almi d ifassen, almi d udm-is, irkel ttacebħiż, aksuñ-is yak d amellal amm-in n-ethherri!

Lakkin, di-ssebda tedhec di-taklit-is ibeddlenej-issi-fa, ar tejjaki d-yiman-is net̄-at, teħbeddil... tettibrik! Trefd-ed ifassn-is : edheri-as d iċ-żejt-a!

d udm-is, ad as tinid tejwali-t s-yiman-is, tuki-yas yuyal d udem en-taklit! Ziy-enni a Fađma tetferrij, thellee di-eicuca yuyalen tamellalt, a eicuca, ar tejferrij, thellee di... lalla-s yuyalen ttaklit!

Akken d imi teedda teswiet, am tid ara d-yakin, af iman-ennsett akkn uyalett, ttideh, macçi tirgä i Yur-gatt. Ula d akken Fađma ur t yeffiy ara leseqel, terraiman-is amzun ur yelli wara, teqleb, tettef degg-algam ueudiw akkn ara terkeb. Tesnu-ii-id eicuca, tessemħal-lq-as di-thellalt nufus, tenna-yas:

— Arju ziy cwit, a... lalla. Wissen tura ahat... w-ara yrekben? Ma ttaklit ney... d lalla-s?

Tefhem Fađma, ur t etnamr ara : tserrh i-weudiw, et-wet tesferfed deg-ciwi-s. Tayed twala-t, terna tenna-yas:

— Ha ha ha ! Aha ziy siwl-asn i-baba-n ed-yemna-830 m zuzuu ! Muqel ziy d acu ara m-d inin?...

Dya, ur terni ara Fađma anadi : tezra yuy-it, el-hal achhal i dg ur tedli yeff-uqeqla yessawalen : tezra tefsi aggas macçi d yiwt en-tikkelt, tekkes leħwayj-is, teccucef : has a t tekkes degg-ul-is : ar as iruh. Ma thayalin yer-deffir, attnadi, ula-y-yer... ruħ kemmi-ni af-ed tissegnit dilebher!

Dya terna teyli-yas yak cwif-enni n-tezmert i yaz-860 ã yeqqimen : s-ŷur-Rebbi i yaz-d-ekka ! Degg-ibbass, f-tikkelt, tuyal ttaklit, yerni i ruħ-as wayn akkn i ss i nniqal tettemlaei d-baba-s ed-yemna-s. Day-netta tura d acu yaz-d yeğran a t teħmex ny a t tmenni ? La-dya, la-dya, has ma-zal yeżżejjif elxemx-is, anwa ul, anwa... udem i ss ara tqabel ama d egħma-s ama d imawlan-is a-ma d iħbiġen, s-uqadum-enni-ines en-taklit yessejja laen s-tebrek etteşejf ?

Day-neħha, tebbed kan akken, tesskad di-eicuca, ur t etwala : tħewlsett walln-is ; ifassn-is cylin ; tigeor-rar-is d-leedam-is yak feċlen ; almi i ii-id-luea eicuca, yuy elħal yeff-uqeidiw, tenna-yaz-d :

— Elħu !

Sakin,... tin akken yellan zik ttaklit terkeb, tez-war ezz-dat ; Fađma yuyalen d netħat i ttaklit tħebi - it, deffir, la tħeliu tetmal.

Has ibeddl-asett Sidi Rebbe nnewl i-wegħlim-ennsett

degg-iwt en-teswiet, walaKin ayen yet̄usemmān en-dahel, di-ğ̄ruñ alamma d ul, alamma d elhater ed-leeqel, has u-  
la d iysan d-eljehd, lhasun, ma-zal-it̄t̄ Kan, am Fađ-  
m̄ am eicuca, akkn ellat segg-as̄m̄ i d-ekkrett.

Day-neṭṭ̄a, ur teṭṭ̄l̄ ara Fađma iyelb-iṭ̄ leetab.

Asmi d eicuca ig-leħliun yeff-udar, ur yeedil ara, esla-hater neṭṭ̄at, degg-as̄m̄ i d-ekker, tennum edderk, theddem, debyen idarṛn-is, qquren yeysan-is s-lekmal, lhasun, almi tezmer attesber i-tikli d-seggu, ger-cwit ed-watas. Wamma Fađma, degg-as̄m̄ i d-ekker, ala a yen telha Kan di-tyerġert, ny ayen teṭṭ̄azzal as̄m̄ akken ttabae timecbibar.

D ayn i ss i, ass-en, has yuŷ-if elħal aktar n-ec-  
ceħrayen i deg la leħmūt di-lħali, neṭṭ̄at ma-zal idar-  
r̄n-is ed-leċċam-is d ileqqaqen.

Day-neṭṭ̄a, akken d imi lħatt akken lejwahi n-etlata  
ney d rebea sswayex, Fađma yuŷ-iṭ̄ elħal zik i tebd̄a a-  
seqquder; taswiet, d ayen, teħbes, teyli yef-egħecrar,  
tuyal tedqeq tħinnegnit, teqqn alln-is, am tin yet̄sen.  
Twali-ħ-ix-id eicuca, tezzi-d yer-s s-ueudiw, tawd-ed s-  
ennig uqerruy-is, tenna-yas:

— D acu-t akka kem yuyen ? eKKer !

Yuŷ elħal, segm̄ i d-ebda tikli yeff-udar, tessutru-  
as yagi ad as tanef atterkeb cwit, tugi eicuca. Day-neṭṭ̄  
imir-en, mi teyli, ettemex yekks-as, ula d neṭṭ̄at ye-  
900 ggumma yimi-s a d-yenqeq s-wawal uħellel. Tqedja. Tqedja  
degg-iman-is a neṭṭ̄at ara yħell'elen tinn-a akken te-  
żra d neṭṭ̄at i tkalit-is. Tesmenyif attemmet din. Tel-  
li-d Kan cwit alln-is, am tid yemmuten ula d nutni, ter-  
ra-yaz-d :

— Ruħ... anf-iyi dagi !

eicuca, macc̄i d ul-is ur nebyi ara adyejj Fađma din-  
na, temmet s-akin ney tidir. WalaKin... teżra di-Fađ-  
ma-nni i tella tudert-is neṭṭ̄at s-yiman-is. Si-zik, segg-  
ussan imewwur-a i deg kecmett elħali i d-yeksa wul-is el-  
910 mat el-lalla-s. Lakan, tufa, a lukan a t-tejj ny a t-  
etnej, ar d elmut-is ula d neṭṭ̄at. Teżra a lukan, — am  
etswiet-enni, — ad as temmet, s-elmut Kan ggħimman-is, ar  
d-egħri weħid-es ; s-akin, yedher elħal, s ani tebju tes-  
ked, ama γr-ez-dat, ama yer-deffir, ama yef-zelmed, ama  
yef-yeffus, yer-wanda qedċett wallen... ala lħali ! Ala

lħali-nn<sup>i</sup> i dg ur tezri s anī ara terr ney s anī tteddu. Tezra lhaṣun a lemmar attemmet Faḍma, ur tezmir aterrnu yibbass ez-deffir-es. D ayn i ss i ur tezmir ara a t tejj.

- 920 WalaKin, ula d akken, yella ddwa. Ters-ed yel-lqaga, teddin-ed ayeddid, s-akin tessurg-ed aman-yr - etda-kemt ufu-s-is, teṭruccu yis-sen Faḍma s-aqadum. Terna, tefka-yas teswa; alm<sup>i</sup> i t twala teqqim-ed yef-yiman-is, tħobda tseffed degg-udm-enni-ines yetberriġen yer-yitij es-tebrek. Tenna-yas diy-en:

-Ekker!

Tekker. Di-ssyen kan febdu tikli. Tezra ay-aeduiw, al<sup>a</sup> ayn i t terkeb. Ternu eicuca tuyal s amkan-is yeff-ebarda: uyalett diy-en, ta deffir ta, a la leħħu. 930 Igad d-yetħawin tamacahut-agi qqaġien ass-enni kan dy<sup>a</sup> i d ma-zal yibbass ademden telt-eċċuṛ i dg ebdatt tikli dij-lħali...

- Degg-emkan-enni i deg teyli Faḍma, tuyal tekkr-ed; tura diy-en d eddeqs i d-elhatt. It-tnejj akken kan yeysi. Lemmer d lebyi, tara kan i ttaswiet i-tikli. WalaKin et-fukk Faḍma, d ayen. Yetħili wanda ur izemmr ara bna dem adyehdem s-ennig lmejhud-is, akken yebju yessyer ul-is. Tuyal diy-en d neħħat ig-egħran yer-deffir. eicuca, ff-usdwiw, akk<sup>a</sup> akk<sup>a</sup> a d-eqleb yer-s, teṭċassa-t limm an-940 da tħejimi. Teħwali-t s-akin, mi t yebda seggu, nniqal teħmal kan, trēffd idarrn-is s-etmara, amm-id ezzayen bezzaf, di-zzeg-s yer-da tuyal tyelli. Lakintewhem eicuca m-ara t twali din din kan a d-ekker: atteyli yeff-etgeclar, tagħarr<sup>a</sup> ad as teħher temmugħer s-ifassn-is, amm-in ara yelħun yef-rebea... alamma tesbedd-ed diyn iman-is; twali-t s-akin la t-iż-żebha teṭleyway, am min isekgen. Idarrn-is, wissn amk almi, jerhien yak, u-yalen yak d idammen...

- Yiwt en-tikkelt, teyli diy-n akken, tħalli akkn ara d-ekker, lameena teqqim akken yeff-etgeclar, teqqur akken di-ddeħha: tawi kan afus-is yr-umezzu<sup>y</sup>-is amm a-ra yesmeħi sen i-kra. Twali eicuca teljdem am-neħħat, alm<sup>i</sup> ula d aeduiw, amm-in ara yedduqqsen, yelħbes, yessebbed imezzu<sup>y</sup>-is s-igenni. S-aktin, qqimett akken la tħem-yeskadett Faḍma d-eicuca, lameena s-wallen kan, ta-teq-qar i-ta : I-kemm, teslid ?...

Urjatt akken cwiñ kan akka, almi... abrid-agı slatt es-tidett, yerna segleti-eñ: d aseglef, daseglef bbeqjun! D aseglef bbeqjun! D aqjun i la yesseglafen! Wis-960 sen, lemmer slit i-tayect bbergaz ney n-etmettut, ma adferhett akter eny ala? Lakin, yur-st elheqq, zrat: ar emda yella weqjun, ar yella d eleebd.

Tekkr-ed Fadma, tebda la tessikid akka bbalkka. eicuca akkn-enniden. Ata ieiwd-ed weqjun aseglef, yerna simmal yetqerrib-ed esşut-is.

Tibec Fadma dya d ansi i d-yekka; twali, dihin dihin, yel-ljiha l-ljerb, tqarib yer-wanda nneqdagen i-genni d-elqaza, amm-asecciw, ny amm-utemmu, ula d ed-deħħan la d-iteffey seg-s. Twali-t s-akin ula d eicuca. Sakin, am tin irekben, am Fadma yeff-udar, ad a s tiniñ almi d ass-en kan ay ebdatt tikli. TTfett ennican d asecciw-enni, la leħħutt yer-s.

Lakin, akken byutt elhatt, asecciw-enni yetħban-ast-ed kan dihin dihin, ma-zal yebeed. Yegħli-d elmeyreb, ma-zal la leħħutt, ma-zal asecciw yebeed. Walakin, ulac uyilif : yekks-asett elħarf, yekks-asett ula d eeggumi walatt, dya yer-dinna, tceċċel etmess!

Taswiet, almi diġ-en yedduqqes uġudiw, yebbed, mutti ġellett: z-dat-sett akka, s-seċra leqdam, la d-980 yesseglafe deg-sett weqjun; argaz ttama-s la-s yeqqar, s-tegbaylit: Susm ay-afuhan! egħi aqerru-ik!

Dya, Fadma, d ayn i-wumi tezmer. Taki s-eleaqi-is la ytezzi, itezzi; tagħarrar-ya, teyli, teşree...

**EICUCA UR DEWJIE ARA DI-FAD-**  
ma d-yeħlin. Akken kan d imi tesla i-timeslayt i ss i yenteq wergaz yer-weqjun-is, dy-a am tin ara d-yuvalen si-lmut! Tenna-yas:

— Annay, a sidi, ihi, ula d keçç...

Argaz, ula d netja, mi yas yesla, yernu iqeddm-ed 990 yer-sett, iwali llebsa-nsett, la tin irekben la taklit enni yeħlin: tħimhermin bbestaw! TTħimhermin akken tett eqqnett i-yeqerra-nnseħħ... almi ula d aggus... lhaġun, yedhec. Yenna-yas:

— D acu-kf a tametħut? Ansi-kett? Ansi d-ekkamt?

Tebdu teħħiku-yas eicuca:

— Iseraq-ay webrid... Ur nezri s ansi i nteddu: ac-

Hal ayagi mutti tikli...

Simmel argaz teħħawi-t elwehma. Taggara, yenna-yas:

— Tura, maċċi dagi...

1000 Ar wembeed, mi bbqett yer-dihin, yuval yenna-yas:

— I-taklit-aġi? Tenna-yas:

— TTaklit-iw. Anf-as i-tmeefutt! Ula-y-yer teset-  
tbed iman-ik fell-as, etmeegazut: tugħi attelhu...

Iż-żu yer-Faċċa, irefd-itt-id gr-ifassn-is amm-ellu-  
fan, isers-iż-żef-ebarda, z-dat sicuca, yenna-yas:

— Tif-itt-in akkn alamma d-nejjeċċi, tura yeqrobel  
hal...

Yezzwer aċċidiw z-dat-es, aqjun ula d netja yr-ez-  
dat yak la yejjazzal, yesseglaf, amm-in ara sen yemma-

1010 In abrid. Awden yr-nejjeċċi, twali sicuca tarbaet gger-  
gazen-enniżen la d-esskaden deg-sen, trajun-ten. W-eq-  
bel adawden yak yer-tebburt, ilaqi-ten win akken ett-  
id yebbin, yenna-yasen:

— Niż-żen niż-żen : aqjun ur yeskiddib ara : attad  
yer-wen, d esnat tilawin... yerna...

Yedek ad asen yini : yerna tiqbayliyin! Iakin ur as  
unifn ara widak : feħmen, ala s-walln-ennsen. S-akn eż-  
nun-itt-id : wa yessers-ed Faċċa ma-zal d nuki, wi-yid  
ellhan d-sicuca : m-kul-wa d akkn ara tħiġi id yessers n-  
1020 ara s-żejt afus.

Alm i ti eskecmen i-snati yer-dahel bbaġi akkn i-  
wuni yasen tesla sicuca la-s eqqaġi ahħam, netħat dya,  
ewġemm-as askan yel-ħkanun, teqqim; Faċċa, temmasyasen  
sicuca :

— Ula-y-yer i t-tejjem dagi a kien tesfu, t e q-  
juti!

Iakin dya d win akken d-yeddan yid-sett uras yuż-  
awwal. Yuy elhal "ahħam-żen-ni meqqor maċċi d ekra, daj-  
netja bdañ-t żef-sin, ennefş-enniżen edhekk-as i-sicu-  
1030 ca qqen deg-s ilejman. Iseddi werġaż yesym Faċċa yer-  
tama n-tebburt n-ennefş-żen-ni yetju-semmi d-adaynij, lakin  
di-lhekk n-etyerx. Yeddem esseq del bbaġi, y e s-  
beżg-as yak udm-is ed-wunyir-is, yernu yefka-yaś-teswa.  
Tinna telli-dd alln-is. Tamezwarut Kan mi d-erra s-leħ-  
bar, tħawwel yer-tmehremt uqerru-is, tżemd-itt, tessubbi-  
tħiġi id yeff-emyir, akkn ur d-żejtahha ar-aule d yiwen  
wanġad ucebbub-is : di-ssyen, tawġi ifassn-is i-sin yeff-

udm-is, am tin yebyan atteffer.

Di-ssyn akin, degg-in akkn i yas yefkan teswa, tecfa  
040 fell-as, terfed alln-is yer-etyeryert : ac-hal ggerga-  
zen-enniden... Twali-ten, tesl-asen, la-dya, yiwei n-  
etmeslayt-ennsen, amm-umezwaru-nni... Hameslayt-enni-i-  
hedder baba-s! TTameslayt-enni thedder netiat degg-as-  
mi d-ekker! Tsell-asen ma-la hedderen d-eicuca : icebba-  
yas Rabbi, ama di-lheddra, almi ula di-ssifa-ennsen a-  
kkn ellan, s-ac*u* i deg ten teeqel...

Di-sebda tesskad akken deg-sen yak, lceql-is la y-  
hreddes, yuy elhal winna d-yellhan yid-esyesteqsa-t ma  
yella kra tebya, ma telluz : netiat ethuzz kanaqerruy-  
1050 is amm-in yennan ala. Dya, yeji-i*u* akken, iruh yeqqim  
ed-wiyid, zzin-as i-eicuca la-zen-d ihekkun.

Akken d imi d-erra s-leħbar Faħma annejmagen-d-yel-  
1 Kanun akkn ellan, thesb-itēn : taf : s e t t a ! Yuy  
elhal, d ayen, yekks eccekk degg-ul-is: ard widak-enni  
i yef tejnadi! ar d atmatañ-is! Day-neħha, ifassn-is da-  
yem yummu udm-is, tebra i-wqerruy-is, teħra degg-ul-is:  
Annay, a Sidi Rabbi, i-wayed anda yella?... Lakin, ad  
as tiniż yesla-d i-wul-is, inetq-ed winna yetħanen d  
ameqrañ deg-sen, iluza-d wiqid:

1060 — Amcum-enni diy-n ata yeeħħi l-en! Attan teedda le-  
ca, wer ead d-yebbiż!

Yerra-yaz-d yiwen deg-sen s-tedşa :

— A wħidi, amzun ur tessind ara SSeedi ! Niy tez-  
riż netta akk*a* i ttannumi-s : iħemm adyelhu i-tziri...

S-akin d ayen : has aħas i teeteb, has jerħen idar-  
ġu-is, has tebbed elmut, has... tuyal tħaklit, lakin u-  
lac uyilif : ulac wi-rebħen, ulac wi-ferħen am Faħma, i-  
mi kan tesla i-yisem n-eSSeedi!

Ernun akka cwiċċ, nniqal ebdan la-s eqqareġ : An-  
neċċ īmensi, ad as nejj ayla-s!... almi slen la d-etty-  
1071 qerrib ta'yeċt teidekkir. Taswiet-enniden diy-en tuyal  
tessusem... ata ikecm-ed wel-yeam d amezwaru, iċeddi z-  
dat Faħma s-adaynin, yernu-d SSeedi :

— Wa... ms-elħiż fell...

Yuyal degg-awali : yebbed, yessusem, yeceel alln-is  
di-eicuca. Twali-t Faħma. Netta ma-zal i yas igħiġi ta-  
mawt : yedhec kan di-tmettut yeqqimen d-watmatn-is. Tw-  
ali-t s-akin, leċċ-it s-wallen, tceql-it : d netta, de-

Seedi ! ḥas yeswehm-ič cwič s-teżzi ɻeżżej maċċi d kra,  
 1080 has iđehr-as wudm-is d aberkan degg-ičij, lačin d net-  
 ḥa! Ad as tinič iđelli Kan i t tezra : d alln-eun-i  
 ines tizegzawin am tidak-is neħħat; d acebbub-enni-i ines  
 awraġ, lačin, yur-es neħħa, d aberkan d imukan, segg-  
 ičij diy-en; Maqemmet-enni tameċtuħt iff i-s thekku  
 Ma ezzu, teqqar-as : Niżżi akk'a a yemma? Niżżi, it a q-  
 cict ara d-esseu... Ma belhaġa tura, ībanen-dyef-eti-  
 cenfirt-is kra bbañzaden iwrayen...

Ieddi s-akin yeqqim. Alm'i i sen jenna umet-ħan :  
 Fekt-as imensi i-taklit, d wamek d-yezzi yer-s, ula d  
 1090 neħħa, isekdi-ed yer-wanda teqqim. Lačin takwaħt i deg t  
 yuy elħal etdullem, ternuħ udm-is neħħat d aberkañday-  
 netta yezzi-d Kan cwič aqerruy-is yer-s, iwala-t ur t  
 iwala, yuval yel-lhedda net-ħa d-watmatn-is.

S-akin neħħa la-zen d-ħekku yeff-igelman yebbi-a-  
 chal i ten yezzenz, deg-dewwar flani,... bbin-ħa azal.  
 Tefhem Faċma ziy d ekra bbussan i deg t yuy elħal i-  
 ruħ, almi d ass-n i d-yusa. Nutni, di-sebda tetten, za-  
 wedni-as taqsit n-etmeħħut ettaklit-is i yazen-d yeylin  
 di-tleemast el-ħali ur ebnin fell-asett.

1100 Akken d imi čċan, fukkn imensi, yetħay-iten elħal  
 yaħi myefħamen : cicuca, has ula d neħħat teqquel indanen  
 ala yeff-akken Kan i yaz-d ħekku Faċma degg-ebrid, has  
 tefhem ula d Faċma-nni teqquel atmatn-is, lačin tezra  
 ar alkni i s yehw-a attieħħder. Tessen Faċma, tezra-t tħix  
 ara yessciemyien attesmet, atteħwagżem cwič cwič wa-  
 l-a dd-ini tidet i-watmatn-is s-uqadum-enni-i ines a-  
 settaf. Di-ssyn akiġi, ad asen tini i-sebea yergazn-en-  
 ni : nekk ed weltma-t-wen,... maċċi Haeggħatt! Tezra  
 iman-is, has yuval weksum-is d amellal, llantatax en-  
 1110 temsal-enniden ur neskiddib ara : tamezwarut yak d i-  
 dammen, tasa, d-wul ; tin yer-s, tesked iman-is jaġi di-  
 lemri, tufa... icenfirni-is mazal-iten Kan d ibaħħien,  
 nneqlaben yiwen d akessar wayed d asawen ; inezri-is, d  
 ulac-enni n-zik dayem ; ma d acebbub-is, la-dya, d is-  
 yaġħi-enni, d akertetti-nni Kan n-erazzazzat, almi t-teff-  
 fer ula d neħħat amm-akken teffer Faċma winn-is. Ala,  
 ulamk asen tini : d weltma-t-wen.

Day-neħħa tesl-as Faċma di-tiekwat-is la-zen d-ħek-  
 ku d acu n-efmacahu-enni yak "d yelli-s el-lqayed...

1120 trewl-ed,... byan a t enyen... Ieerg-asettwebrid net-  
tat ettaklit-is... Lhasun, almi i yasen terra ulawen d  
aman!

Akken d imi tfukk lemkayat, ihedr-az-d winna akkn  
i-wumi tesla qqarñ-as wiyyid dadda, yenna-yas :

— Tur a weltma, ahilil : adyili Rebbi yid-em ; la-  
kin yur-kent ezzher imi d-seddamt essayagi tufamt-ay-d.  
Nekni, la tejwalid deg-ney, di-sebea yid-ney d atma-  
ten. Day-netta, ur teseid ara tagaded ny ara ukukrud  
yid-ney. Has jecel-ay amm-atmatn-im. Taqsiti ss i yay  
1130 yekteb Rebbi anneic di-tmurt-agı maççi d aynaramneh-  
ku. Wa-lakin, bbyn i kent yecban, la kemm la taklit-  
im, ur yelli w-ara kent ihassen. Tin yer-s, tikli, di-  
ssyagi akin, ur tescimt s ani ara ternunt : lhali yel-  
lan yer-z-dat yeyleb win en-tejjamt yer-deffir. D ayn  
i ss i ih anneimed Sidi Rebbi : kennemti, imi d-emla-  
lemt yid-ney, nekni, imi yay-kent-id yefka ; ahat ad a y  
tshiemt, ya-lukan ala i-lembansa.

Terr-as cicuca :

— Al a, a sidi, maççi i-lembansa kan : nekti tti-  
1140 lawin, d ulabudd anneseu i dg ara ken eneiwen degg-eh-  
ham : lhersum d elqut, ahat attebyum ad awen t niwley;  
tegra-d... tihin, ahat... a wer tawed ma d ara tecçkan  
atteqqim! Tabeg, d nekk ara d-yellhin yid-es, Yerna,  
imi tescam ileymen, m-ur tessi ara ccyl degg-ehham,  
atteqra a ten etkess.

Qhun-d ula d nutni d ayn i yef etnadin : day-netta  
mşadan yak.

Lawan ggides, kkren akkn ellan, nnan-as i-cicuca:  
Nekni tabee nuy tannumi neggan berqa. Domen ayn i sn  
1150 ilaqen el-lqecc, ffyen, jjen-tett wellied-sett. Teedi  
cicuca tessu-d i-yiman-is, tenna-yas i-Fadma :

— Niy tfehma kemmini dya kcem kan s adaynin at-  
tettesd : tabee din i d amkan-im degg-ass-a.

Tekcem Fadma yer-dahl udaynin, tnuda almid elqer  
enniden, akin i-seba ileymen-enni, taf cwiş böemkan,  
dya, akken kan ara t yawi mara tettes. Terfed a k k a  
bbakka cwiş bbedles, ney ma d alim, ttama ileymen, tweq-  
m-it yel-iqas amm-usu, terni aday d asummet, tzedda  
1160 tettes.

la-z ð-essawal sicuca : Ekker !

Tekker Faqma, lakin, mi yaſt-ed yesla, ata ikecm-  
ed SSeedi, yenna-yas i-sicuca :

— Assağ<sup>1</sup> ilaq ad as emley amk ara tberru d-wamk  
ara ḥeqqin ileyman : di-ssyen, adedduy yid-es ad as em-  
ley diy-en anda ara ten tkess. Ma d kemminni, tura ma  
yehwa-yam has ettes : ma-zal elhal. Ma d nekn<sup>1</sup>, aql-ay  
anqah irkel ḡr-eṣṣyada. Imi tellid kemm degg-elhjam, ur-  
nese<sup>1</sup> ara nagad.

1170 Yekcem s-akin s adaynin. Yesked akka bbalk<sup>a</sup> adiwa-  
li taklit ; alm<sup>1</sup> i yas teqher di teymert-inna<sup>a</sup> akin la  
teṭṭawal tzemmed timehremt aqerray-is, teṭṭewniż agus-  
is : yuy elhal tesla-yas, yerna teqzel taṭect n-eSSee-  
di, mi yas yenna "ad as emley". Day-neṭṭa tħawl-ed yer-  
s, alln-is di-lqasa, tenna-yas :

— Sbañ-elhix... a... sidi... Yenna-yas :

— Sbañ-elhix... Ism-im? Tenna-yas :

— Faqma.

— Faqma ?...

1180 Yebbed akken cwit, yessusem. Lħal ma-zal yedđullem  
cwit, day-neṭṭa, has myeskaden, wa ur yetwal<sup>1</sup> u dem bbā-  
yed akkn ilaq i-walkn ara z-d yerr s-leħbar ma yella  
kra yembawlen deg-s. Almi taswiet yenna-yas :

— Muqel tura amk ara thejjidmed.

Yesneet-as s-akin yak amk ara teṭṭuddu, ara tefsi  
tiyersiwin n-errbug ; di-ssyen, yessufy-ed ileyman, yu-  
rja-t almi yaz-i-efka sicuca uraw bbarkul ed-sin item-  
riwen, terna tenna-yaz-d :

— Atan weewin-im : lameena d win i d elqu<sup>1</sup>-im bħass

1190 Kamel : ula-y-yer d-rubied s aħħjam alamma ttameddit kan  
mara d-neħred.

Zzewren ileyman z-dat-sen, ruħen eddukkien. Elħan  
akkn olm<sup>1</sup> iż-żu yuli wass. SSeedi iluqa-t mertayen ney  
tlata kan, mi t yetwessi yerna yekks-as elħuf : ur yel-  
li wara ḫ-ix-ħad il-aġjen anda ara teks, ney wara tagad.

Ayden yer-kra n-ecwit idurar akken, deg-senkr<sup>a</sup> i-  
yuqaf bbedles d-umezzir. Yenna-yas :

— Atan yer-m. Tameddit, niy tecfid yeff-ebrid?

Tenna-yas :

— Aneam, a sidi, yirbeh.

Yejj-ixx-in din. Neṭṭa yuval-ed yer-watmatn-is.

Refden aewin, ddukklen di-sebea yid-sen, ttefn abrid-enniđen, rähen ula d nutni.

DI-TSEBÑIT-ENNI, TEBDU FAD-  
ma ussan-enni<sup>1</sup> i s yektek Sidi Rebbi a ten teseddi ttaklit, ttameksawt bbatmatn-is ed-sicuca.

Di-tyessawt-enni<sup>1</sup> ileyman, taf tejet akter en-zik lameena, si-ljiha-nnidjen, tennejbar. Tetwet: yenner-na-yas elhemm asmi tuyal sicuca tetjat-iç yer-tyessawt  
1210 di-lefjer alamma d id, i-laz ed-hafi d-eeryan i ss i, ssbeh, attetjergigi degg-semnid, deg-zal iherrq-it yitij, yerna, i ss i teshessay atas i-ddell-enni<sup>1</sup> i deg tella d-elheqra-nni tejwahqer am-teqjutt; datmatn-enni<sup>1</sup> ines, d SSesdi-nni, i d-wu tecrek ahham, i yas i-heddren, i t yejwalin, lakin ur az-d nebbi s-leħbar: d esSeedi-nni<sup>1</sup> i yas yeqqarñ i-yemna-s: Awi yeszan ew-letma-s: ad as gey isem Fadma! yeskaden di-weltma-s-enni, di-Fadma-nni, mara ttetj, teggan deg-daynin net-tat d-ileyman, ur yezri. Ur yezri... d ayn ideħren la-  
1220 kin net-tat tezra. Dya d ayn i ss i ayn ara trun i sebea yid-sen limmer d i climen, tetru-t net-tat weħd-es. Nutni<sup>1</sup> ur t eżżeñ ara; nettat si-tekwa-iç dahel l-leħbar ileyman, tejwali-sn-id: tezra-ten... d arraw ggħemm-a ezuzzu. Lakin tsell-azzen-d kan mara heddren d-sicuca yel-lkanun, ur tezmir aħtenteq yer-sen. Attegar s-akin aqerruy-is di-tgeclar-is, attyezz tichenfirn-is alamma tkakett-ed idammen, akkn ara s et-tuvaln imet-tawen yer-dahhel, limmr ad az-d eslen...

Leċtab, laz, asemnid... weċ-ċit, ttidett, yef-teq-cict ur ihuz leemer ulā d asennan; yef-Fadma yejwahed-ren degg-asni<sup>1</sup> i d-ekker am mummu n-tiħi. Lakin, asmi tħed Rebbi arttawed d atmatn-is ulā yel-lqear n-ed-dummit i tebna attesteb, attlaż. Lameena, i yeff ur tebni<sup>1</sup> ara, d akken t yessawed Sidi Rebbi: ar ttaf dat-matn-is, ar ten teqsel, ar tħalli yid-sen, lakin, ar t yay elhal net-tat tkaklit, ur tezmir attesseħher iman-is yer-sen...

Si-ljiha-nnidjen, tennejbar cwiċ dya s-tyessawt-enni diy-en i ss i tessera wal iman-is, tetjaf cwiċ n-eddwa di-tyimit-enni bbeħd-es, ala nettat d-ileyman. Tejjel, akken, la-dya, atas atas, i-sicuca i yasen yeq-

qarn i-watmatn-is : Aneft-as i-taklit : a ð-ellhiyy id-es d nekk! D nekk i yas yessnen! almi day-neñta, d lebda tdebby-iñ, tjerrh-iñ ama degg-eksum, ama, la-dya, degg-ul. Ad as tinid am tin ibeqqun atterr di-Fadma yuvalen taklit eñtar bbayenni yak teszedda zik neñnat tiaklit.

Tarewla i yas treggel s-uqeggl-enmi teñeggil s-i-leymen di-lehla, ula d sicuca tezra-t, lakin s-ennig lebyi-s. Yiñbass, teena-t diy-en esşbeh zik yer-wanda 1250 teggan, deg-daynin, deg-s akkn ara t tessaki s-uhuccu d-errkul, deg-s, la-dya, akkn ara tessefreh alln-is s-leýbar d-lihala-nni<sup>1</sup> i dg ara t taf. Lakin, ass-en, akken d imi tebbet yer-s, tebbet, tedhec : Fadma tettes, di-tnafa-nni taneggarat ; teyli-yas etmehremt uqerlu, s-akin imezran-is s-lekmal efsin, delqen, yunmen-t almi tammast. S-akin, twali sicuca : aqadum n-Fadma yeedel d-ettlam ; lakin, segni telli tqemmuct-is cwit, tħahart-ed kra n-tuymas-is, ttimellalin amm-edfel. Acebbub yezzi-yaz-d yak, yedl-iñ yak ssya d-essya, d awra, yettem-cessal, yeñberriq am eddheb. S-akin sicuca teħlee : teħlee di-Fadma leemer tezr<sup>1</sup> akken ; teħlee la-dya, yerna tsekked-ed yer-deffir, mi tuġad lemmer wi tħid yeffafn akken degg-atmatn-is.

Day-neñta degg-ass-en, temla-yas eqbel i-Fadma akkn ara tfeqqi i-wqerruy-is alamma d imezzu yen ; d-ssyen, tufa ahjir-as a t tħallif d atlaf ass kamel yer-tyes-sawt ; tameddit, s-akin, mi ð-ekcem, tin-asni i-yergazen : Aneft-as i-tfuħatt atteen<sup>2</sup> amkan-is deg-daynin limmr a ken tessemexuq!

1270 Ussan imezwura, nniqal, amm-imeqoranen am SSedi s-yiman-is, la-dya, bjan adħalfen sicuca, serden Fađma yer-tyimit yid-sen d-delma kla degg-iwt en-terbut ; ewten ula d akkn ara s weqmen amkan-enniden i-yides : lakin, yedha-d d neñnat s-yiman-is igg-ugin : almi d ulamek i tħerġen aktar.

Tabee, ula d nutni, tħarewla i yasen treggel ; tufa akkenni i-jebri-iñ Sidi Rebbi meqqat imi, ala neñnat d-i-leymen, atteħru annect i yas yehwan ny atteħħder akkn i tħieejeb.

1280 Yak, la-dya, sebea ileymen-enni, m-kul-yiwen degsen ggiwen degg-atmatn-is. Asmi ten tessen, ġerreq gar-asen, tuyal tetlaei-ten, theddr-as i-mkul-yiwendeg-sen

amm-akkn ara thedder i-bab-is. D lemtel, attejgugl i-wemgerd bbin n-eSSeedi, ad as teqqar : Ah ya ay-amcum, teqqard-as i-Ma szuzzu : a wi-yesean weltma-s ! Ass a-neggaru bbdəy-k-id yər-dagı ur iyi tecqild ara ! S-a-kin, ad as tserreh... alln-is adebdut essurugett...

Yettay elhal, a win tessned ar d a K yessin, yalukan d alŷem. Day-netta, — la-dya degg-id degg-ass ur 1290 ten teffaraq, — awden ileyman-enni almi ula d nutni, ssnen Fađma, uyen yid-es tannumi, ssnen taŷect-is, eqqlen-t, smehisinn-as, fehhemn-as... Ay-atmaten! fehhemn-as!... amm-akkn ifehhem eleebd i-wayed ; ma belħata, nutni ur netteqn ara! eela-hater... d imeslayn-enni i d-eqqar Fađma, mara teŷenni teħru, i yasn ikeċċmen s iqerra-nnsen, ney d lemeanda kan i tħanaden yers s-waln-enنسن, mara d-essurugen akken timeqwa ula d nutni, amm-id yeħrun? Wissen?...

### YIƏBASS , TAMEDDIT, ILEMAN

1300 a la kessen. Itij iżu yeqħi : ennefş-is yebles, dihin, ddaw etmurt, ma-zal kan yetħan-ed nnefş-is - enniden d azeggay. Teħbed Fađma la tesskad deg-s, am tin yebjan atteħħder i-mara ykemmell. Yettay elħal dya, ar yel-ljiha-nn i yas yetċebbi Rebbi tella "tmart" ed-weħħam, d emma szuzzu. Taswist, taf iman-is akken wezzilet, teeddi tali yef-kra n-tezrun dinna tħama-s; s-akin, amm-asni akken tebda qedkir z-dat elyār, tebdu diyen d a-neznez, s-leeqel s-leeqel, s-taŷect-is kan, imi-s yegħġum a adyelli. Cwiż akka diy-en, itij, d ayen, iżu, 1310 yeyba ; tuval teŷenni teħħawi-dd imeslayen, ur hanen d aseftru ney d akkn i yas-ten-id yeqqar wul-is... Teħxenni, teħru, tin-as :

Aelaj, aelaj, a ta... zrun, a ta... zrun :  
Adwaliy tamurt em-baba... d-yemna, d-yemna...  
Taklit tuval i-weħħam, nekk i... leħla...

Ileman, ar ssedmi tebda almi tessusem, nutri sskadden-t-id eħrun. Akken d imi tessusem, tesfed alln-is, tqelb-ed yər-sen, edhern-as s-akin di-setja yid-sen ref-den imegrad-enنسن yər-s, la t-teħżeen s-wallen, eħrun 1320 am leswanser. Ala yiwen, wis-sebea, iġġ-ebran i-wqer-ruy-is, yellha kan tħiexxawt. Truhi tħabb yər-sen, tessu-ni-ten yiwen yiwen, la-ten tessudun, teħħellil-it-ten am

am tin yetsebbiğen ellufanat.

Degg-ass-en, tuyal-as tezrüt-enni i-Fadma am olşerib  
 i yr i s yetcebbi Şebbi tella tmurt. Tay yid-es tannu-  
 mi, almi tebbd akken t-teccedhi, tejmenni-t deg-mi ara  
 s tettihher alamma d esşbeh mara d-teodu tferrih-ed yer-  
 s. Alkenni atas, m-kull-ass, mi d-ebbed kan, attali fell-  
 as, attetlaei ssyen, atħedder ssyen, i-baba-s d-yemma.  
 1330 s, dya yuval yetcedhi lhavr-is, tezrüt-enni s-yiman-is,  
 amm-akken tettecdhi imawlan-enn-ines. Nejjat, la-dya,  
 yak d ayn ideħren, m-kull-ass tseċċu i ssara icetk-i i-  
 MMA eszzu si-tezru-i-is; m-kul esşbeħi, tessawaq-az-d ul-  
 is yeċčur, yetṭengay d idammen, ama di-eicuca t-tħel-  
 lken simmal akter, tyerrem deg-s deg-daynin ayn i yas  
 tettensar degg-ass, ama degg-atmatn-enni-ines i deg te-  
 twali, ur tezmir ad asen tini awal, Day-netta, attawed  
 Kan, attali yef-tezrüt, attebdū leyna d-imetħawen:

Aelay, aelay a ta-zru, a ta-zru...

1340 LaKin, ur d-ebbt ara s-leħbar ay-ileymān ur nkess  
 ara, ar d-deefen: eela-haġer, degg-ass amezwaru, setta  
 ileymān-enni iseediyan, m-kull-ass, sejn-i ara tebdū leħ-  
 na d-imetħawen, alamma tessusem, tiċċwal ttameddit, yel-  
 la autni ur īnalen taħcict: Hebdaden Kan, sskaden-t, s-  
 meħsiżn-as, īrun, am nettajt: ma-d ay g-ella laz d-imet-  
 ħawen sseylayen aksum el-læbd, a d-yelfu d akkn ara  
 hedmen ulu i-weljem.

Day-netta, asmi seiddan akken d eddeqs di-liħala-  
 nni, yibbass ebbden akken ebdan tħahaġen-d yeysan- en-  
 1350 nsen.

Yuy elhal, yibbass eddukklen SSeedi netta d-yiwen  
 egħna-s ameqqan, rekben il-leyman-ennsen, ruħen s-acu ara  
 d-eqdun s-lebed. Awjen degg-ebrid, la leħiġun, taswiet  
 yegr-as tamawt i-weljem en-dadda-s il-ħiġun z-dat-es, yaf-  
 it yewwa, yejhed, iqebba, lhaġsun, akkn ilaq. Di-ssyen,  
 yesked yer-win yerkeb netta, i-deħħi-as, — almi d ass-ni i  
 yas yuki, — d amedeafu almi ifukk.

Yenteq SSeedi yer-dadda-s, yenna-yas:

— A dadda, muquel Kan akka a mħallafen di-tawatt i-  
 1360 leħman-agħi-nnej nekk id-ek!

Winni ijeċċel d anecx, yerra-yaz-d s-tedsa:

— Ah... eela-haġer waġ-inu d irden i yas tetta k  
 taklit! Yenna-yas SSeedi:

— Ala, maccı d irden, lameena, w-elħħ, ar emħal-fen!

Ieawd-az-d diy-en dadda-s, ileħħu yetħadha :

— Ala, iħeqqa, maccı d irden : aħat yerwa wel-ġem-agħi imi... d aċeazzug ! ha! ha! ha!...

Yemmekti-d s-akın SSeżżejjed : ttidett, al-ġem-enni n-dan  
1370 dda-s d aċeazzug. TTidett,... wa-lakin... amk almi?...

Yecħel elhaġġ-is s-temsalt kra n-teswiet akken, tagħ-  
għara-ya yellha d-wayn-enni. Wa-lakin teqqim-as ak-  
ken yeff-ul.

Almi d asm<sup>i</sup> i dd-uyalen, seġni degg-id i dd-usan,  
ass-en, skeċċen kan ileħġman-ennsen s-adaynin : seġ-mi n-  
tebburt, eenan imukan-ennsen i-sin, ula d nutni, tħien.

Ma d azekka-nni ssbeli zik, yeqqim SSeżżejjed z-dat en-  
tebburt almi yesla i-Faċċa tebra-dd i-ħleyħman, ata tes-  
sufiġ-itn-id. Taf-it-id yebbed akken : tedduqqes ; teby<sup>a</sup>  
1380 attezreb, a ten tenher, attruhi. Yenna-yas :

— Arju !

Yebdu s-akın la-sen yeslufuy, yesteemil la-sn ihed-  
der ; almi icedda fell-asn akkn ellen, d wamk i yas yen-  
na :

— Ruħi tura ; a kien isin Rebbi !

Akken d imi yuli wass, yeenu dadda-t-sen yak ameq-  
tan yer-wanda yegħġan, yehiku-yas, yesfhem-it almi i yas  
yessekcem eccekk ula i-netta. S-akın, mi ifukk, yenna-yas

— Tabex, a dadda, mur as tegħrim ara tamawt kunwi,  
1390 nekk bbi-ji-cħan, taklit-agi, segg-asm<sup>i</sup> i d-ebbed yur-  
ney ay ufiy deg-s aħas en-temsali i-wumi ur effimx ara.  
D lemtel : sg-ellin, mi smuquley ileħġman, aerdex akkn a-  
ra mliey d-walln-is netta, ggumma. Dja, mmektiyy-d,  
degg-asm<sup>i</sup> i dd-usa yer-dagi, yella yiwen deg-wen yezra  
essenf ebballn-is amk iga ? Ney ead d acebbub-is... ara  
yzer ebnadem ma tesea ny ur tesei ara yak ? Lakin... la-  
kin... lemmi amm-ucebbub, ula...

— Ula itħarrir-agi-nni. Fehmey : ulad nekk, tħin-  
na għix-as tamawt... Lhaṣun...

— Lhaṣun, tezriż a dadda ? Anf-as tura i-tagħi : ma  
1400 taklit, imi dja d ileħġman i s-acu sen theddem, adruhej  
kan a tassej, ad as effrey and a ten etkess, s-akın  
demnej-k ar d-awiy d leħbar...

## TAŞEBHİT-ENNI, A T YETDEE

ula amek, eela-haşer yessn amkan : yezra mara yieddu  
yar-es, ansi i yas yeldka, a t-id-wali. Day-netta, azek-  
ka-nni şşbeh, mi tekker netṭat segg-ehħjam, tħeddu s am-  
kan, SSeedi yetṭay-it elha l din iġ-effer ger sin yez-  
ra i dd-iqublen, yernä i dd-isuman kan akka tażrun-  
1410 n-i-ines netṭat.

Şebħan ellahi leadim! Yernä shat ellanwid yeqqa-  
gen ur ejjemyehdañ ara wulawen, ur ejjemyehħamn ara  
bbay-gar-asen kan, gr igenni tmurt, ar neelim nekni!

Almi d ass-n i d-ebbed Faċma yer-wanda tkess s-wu-  
dm-enni-ines aberkan yecreħ. Tuymas-is tħimellalin et-  
cmumuhett; alln-enni-ines tiziegzawin, — segni też-  
man-is weħd-es, — telli-tett s-wayn i s etla, la - sett  
tesserwuy tamuyli igenni.

Akken d imi libjen netṭat d-ileħman-is yer-weħraħ-  
1420 enni i deg kessen, — i yas yetṭusemman i-netṭat am el-  
haġa bbehħam-is wi s-sin, — teawed tesmuqel yakakk a  
bbakka, tħebbt iman-is ulac wara tħiġi idd iwali, tejbed  
timeħremt uqerġuy-is tekks-it, tħeqqr-it m-ebeid, imez-  
ran-enni-ynes iwareġen cylin-d, amm-id yebjan adnefseñ;  
s-aħħin etneggez tezluleq yer-wemgerd bħelyem n-eSSe-  
di, tebdu-t: Shaħ-elħir, aq-ucmit! Shaħ-elħir, a win  
yekran weltma-s,... yetṭagħin ad as yehder!....

S-aħħin, art tessudun akkn ak, tħeqbz-it, tesserfuy-  
it, netta, esni yecch-as s-tidet, la yettorra kan i-  
1430 fez, yessusem. Almi sjan ifassn-is deg-żelleq, ters-  
eil, trefd-ed timeħremt-is, tcudd-it amm-akken tella a-  
ħni d imexxu. Iż-żejjata ycerq-ed: netṭat, esni d win  
i tħażju, tħeddi tuli yef-teżrun-  
is.

Tebdu diy-en, s-unejnez kan, almi tserrehi ta'yejt-  
is, tessaħħi-ż-żewġ, tenħeq:

Aelay, aelay, a ta zruħ, a ta zruħ!

Adwaliy tamurt em-ħa ba, d-yemma, d-ye mma!

Taklit tuyal i-weħħjam, nelk i-le ħla...

Iwali s-aħħin SSeedi : segni tessiżif d-leħna, tħed-  
1440 du Faċma teħru s-ta'yejt-is kan mara i- teħneq ; mid-eb-  
bed s imeslays ineggura, dya, teħfakka-tn-id s-imetta-  
wen bħalln-is ; alamma teħbes, d ayen, ur etzemmr ara

atteinwed wi smertayen. Iwali-t Kan SSeedi, s-akin, tek-na i-wqerruy-is, udm-is deg-fassn-is, tebed akken...

Lakin di-sebd'a a t yettay elhal nejjat akkenni, am tin yeqquren s-ibeddi, SSeedi, ula d netta, alln-is cçurett: irefd-itett, yesked ileymen: iwali-ten, s-akin yefhem: edhern-as i-setta la ð-esskaden di-Fadma, la trun! Iwala-ten, — ulamm'ula d alln-is #wellsett, — iwala-ten  
1450 i-setta la trun, haca aeezzug-enni i la ykessen la edil.

Yurja ula d akken: yurja aduyaln ileymen yet-tyes-sawt; yurja, yurja, almi yefhem d akken Kan araqqimen: Fadma, iwala-; maccittin ara z-d yegren tamawt, yesner-ed iman-is, yetf-ed abrid s ahjam.

Yawed, yaf ala sicuca wehd-es. Yesteqsa-t yeff-at-matn-is, tenna-yas: jjan-as lewṣaya adiruh a ten yaf degg-emkan flani, latışeggiden: yerfed tamakhelt-is, yekkr adyeffey, almi yebbed yet-tebburt, iqelb-ed yet-sicuca, yessekdi-t, yessekdi-t: yemmekti-d:

1460 ... Taklit tuyal i-wehhjam, nekk i-le hla!...

Di-ssyn iruh. Akken yebbed yet-watmatn-is, yehka-yasen tamsalt di-tmezwarut almi ttaneggarut. Yerna yehka-yasen almi ula d essebba i ss i ð-yemmekti z-dat sicuca awal en-taklit yuyaln i-wehhjam, tayd i-lehla'. Lhaşun almi d im' ur asen yejj'i i ss ara senyeqqim yissem n-eccekk. Ula d akken yessegra-yazen-d:

— Yerna, tabeə, a dadda, akkn ara t twalid, yerna ad as tesled s-tit-ik d-umezzuy-ik, azekka ruh effr-as d kecc.

1470 Yenna-yas:

— TTideit. Yur-k elheqq.

Tameddit-enni wa ur yenni i-wa: mi ð-ekcem Rađma s-ileymen-is, t̄yawel diy-en s adaynin akken tuy tannumi. Ma d nutni rran iman-ennsen walant; aqell yak en-zik. Ula d sicuca, jjan-t Kan theddm-as amm-akken tuy tannumi, teđdeqqiř-as talqimt amm-akkn ara teħdem i-teqjutt, tessusuf deg-s, teđaw iđumman yet-tekwat-enni i dg i t tezra teħħennic iman-is. Tebeda cwič tasa-nnsen teragi fell-as, yerna wer sad t eżżeñ d weltma-t-sen; la-1480 dya SSeedi idallen yeff-ucebbub-is, yeslan i-taġect-is, yetrun yid-es; lakin şebren.

Azekka-nni, talemmast uzal, akken d imi ð-yuval dada-t-sen, yaf-itn-id i-setta degg-emkan i deg weqmen

et-jaesud. Yeñiku-yasen, ula d netṭa, d akkn i yasen yen-nä idelli-nni SSeedi, di-tmezwarut almi ttaneggarut, akken yufa Fađma theddem, akken teṭyenni d-wakken teṭru, almi ula d akken yetrū ul a d netṭa.

Taneggarut, day-netṭa, nnan-as : Ihi tura ilaq ad as naf aqerru. Yak, yedher ar awal en-'taklit yuvaln i-weħħam... ar almi ttin akken yetyimmin degg-ehħam i ttaklit; ma ttayed, wissen d acu-ṭ? Wa-lakin dyā a ddibban...

Mcawaren s-akin, mħessan akkn ara ħedmen.

TAMEDDIT, W-EQBEL CWIT A D-sersen imensi, Fađma degg-emkan-is z-dahļ udaynin, eċcu la tqeddec, tekkat teṭeedday di-tixervert, tessewjad akkn ara ḥeġġ, taswiet yenteq umeqrañ, yessawel :

— Wa Fađma!...

Maċċi almi d ass-n i yas essaweln akken yir-udaynin: 1500 asmi sejjeden akken nniqal a tħiġi-żi essufuyen cwit, ya-lukan ala si-lħuf f-Rebbi. Day-netṭa, yeff-akken, ur yelli wi dgara teħlaeħ ass-en mi tesla i-yism-is. Wa-lakin, s-etsusmi i ssusmen yak watmatn-is-enni den yef-tikkelt, s-ta'ejt-enni i ss i yas inebbeh, ur tezri d acu ibedden deg-s, tesfuħ Fađma s acu n-temsalt, ass-en, ur neċbi ara tiyid yerni i-wumi ur tezmir ara at-terwel. Tugad, ny ur tezri, lhaġsun, acimi tezzużi tirirrit bħawwal. Lakin, akken d imi teetħi akkn aħas, tu-yal taki a lukan ala i-lmend l-lemqadha n-taklit yer-1510 sidi-s, ar d eleib fell-as. Terr-az-d, s-leaqel, teq-qur ta'ejt-is :

— Aneam!... Yenna-yas :

— Eyya! Eyya yer-dagi : Nwa jey-Kem.

Teffy-ed, tawd-ed yer-tebburt udaynin, tebbed din, alln-is dayem ezzatt di-lqacea. Wa-lakin iwali-żi SSeedi am tin iżu ln atteyli di-lħuf : yekker, yeffi, deg-fus, yuval yekk-az-d ez-feddir, yebbed akken yid-es.

1520 eċcu yetta' iż-żejt el-hal ul a d netṭat si-tmezwarut yak i tebbed di-tlemmast n-ctixervert, tesskad degg-in yessawlen i-Fađma, tesfuħ ul a d netṭat... s acu. Seg-mi tebbed akkenni tewhem, dyā ur tukk i ar a i-yiwn-enni den degg-atmaten ihegga-dd iman-is z-deffir-es amm-akken yehdem SSeedi i-Fađma. Yezzi yer-s s-akin umeqrañ

ilaç-i-<sup>tt</sup> ula d net<sup>ta</sup> :

— Ula d kem<sup>m</sup>, a sicuca. Ata bbiy-akett-ed essebya a t teqqnemt i-yeqerra-nkett kem<sup>m</sup> d-Fađma... Day-neđja, disebda ara d-yewjed imensi, has eeddimt a ten teccuf-fent.

Sfuhien wulawn-ennsett i-snat s acu ara d-yedrun, la-1530 kin leser d-yenni yak elhađr-ennsett tamsalt ucebbub. Day-neđja, i-snat, yeff-ebrid, ma-zal d-yekfi wawal deg-mi bbergaz, ur uki t d-yiman-ennsett, awittifassn-ensett, m-Kul-yiwet yeq-tuqqna-s, am tid ara yhadren limmr ad asett tƿikksett. Tabes, ur etseđtl ara sicuca tsers el-zeql-is, tecmumli akken cwiđ, tenna-yas :

— Yirbh a sidi, yirbeh, lameena macçi alamma tura Kan : ur ifut wara : azekka, anneqqim weħħid-enntey...

Yenna-yas :

— Ala, macçi azekka : tura...

1540 Fađma, ur d-yeqqim wara deg-s. Tabes, ur ilaq ara annetju mezziyet. Lemmer d lebyi, ma-zal-it ttaqcict. Day-neđja ur tesɛi ara tayert en-tasa, d-wul, d-lesqel i ss ara tesber, ney sad i ss ara teyleb tiswiesin am tinna. Asmi tuyal ttaklit degg-iwt en-teswiet, ur tem-mut ara di-lħelec<sup>a</sup> anmm-akkn ilaq attemmet teqcict, eela-hađr imi d etħmea-enni teħħammas lħanna-s almatn-is, d-elħemlan-enni, d-leecceq-enni i ss i yeċċur wul-is yer-sen i t yesbedden, i t yesselħan, i ss i, lħaşun, ur d-ellha ara ula ttesdef-enni bbudm-is.

1550 Wamma, ass-en, mi la tt-id yettataf SSeedi si-def-fir, d almatn-enn-ines dya ayen tqabel ; z-dat-sen a-yen tebya attemmet. Yern<sup>a</sup>, ur tezri d acu t yenjan : ur etli<sup>i</sup> ara yak akkn ara tsal iman-is : d elħuf ney... d elferhi, bbayen twala, ney sad bbayen yesħuħ wul-is la d-iteddu? Wissen? Yerna tħilid teswiesin tħemsall l-les-qel ur ensej<sup>i</sup> ara ggisem.

Akken d iml i tf iwal a umeqrañ macçi tħid ara s ya-yn awal, yeqgen yiwen en-ti, iżemz-as-n i-SSeedi d-win ibedden deffir sicuca : nutni wten, yeffebrid, kkesn-1560 asett ibehnaq iqerra-nnsett i-snat...

S-akin... s-akin, imezran-enni bbevrax n-Fađma, nessn-it : day-neđja annanf-assen Kan i-ħemsa watmat-n-is ur ten nessin ara wer sad aderwun deg-sen tamuġ-li. Nesked yr-ucebbub e-sicuca, leem i t negħi, na...

ziy ar yell'a ucebbub yejjebadden s igenni amm-iċewzen. Iħun Rebbi wezzil; s-akkin, amk akken, yekkernenni, yekkertet, ... Iħażu yebren am-ekurin, yernu, di-teb-rek-enni yettocabbin yer-wamnu.

Ma d udem e-eicuca, — eeni ur tezmir ara attiwi-  
1570 riy, — yebda, ad as tinid yettibrik: eeni yebja adyn-  
yal segg-imir-en ar laşl-is. Lakin, ma-zal...

Yawi-d SSeedi Fađma almi tħama bbatmatn-is, yel-lka-  
nun, yesyim-it, īsenned am tin iħelken cwit. Iliaeit-  
umeqrun:

— A yelli, tur? ilaq ad ay tinid amek? ...

Fađma, d ayen, tezra, tefhem tħin i tħaswist-ennit-a-  
neggarut i deg tett-agađ, i deg tessaram, degg-assamez-  
waru. Tefhem ur d-yeqqim wara tarju di-ssyen d-asawen.  
Day-nejjta atmatn-is zzin-az-d akkn ellen, di-sebea yid-  
1580 sen, la trajun. Nettat tebda qbel degg-alln-enn-in-  
leesmer essinen, trefid-itt-id s-leeqel s-leeqel, telli-  
tett s-lekmal-ennett, tezza-tett deg-sen s-wayn i s et-  
la, la-ten tesmuqul yiwen yiwen, am tin ara senyinin:  
atfa yer-wen walln-iw qbel tħimezwura, erwut-ehet; yer-  
na, ula d nekk, eccah! alamma twi udmawn-ennwen : a-  
tas i ten esskadex kan s-tukkerda! Saġġin...

S-akkin, ... qrib tetju udm-is-enni aset-ṭaf : dayen,  
temmiki-d : dya fsejha, tenneħiċam, am-teqcict-enni a-  
ra dd-afen waħmatn-is yumes wudm-is. Lakin, abrid-agħi,  
1590 ur teffir ara. Tesked kan yer-SSeidi, eeni d nejjta ur  
tugad ara ney d nejjta i tessu aktar, tenna-yas:

— Ur iyi teeqid ara? Hudi nekk seqley-k : d nekk  
i d Fađma ; d nekk i d weltma-k... d nekk i d weltma-t-  
wen...

— Weltma-t-ney? ...

Ur iban wi tħi-id yesteqsan deg-sen : m-Kul-yiwen d  
akken d-yen-teeq, almi llan deg-sen ula d wid ur d-nel-  
ħi ara yak d-yiman-ennsen degg-akken egn' ur eħiġi  
ra, ney ur zrin d acu ara dd-inin. Ula d nejjat, m'i i  
1600 yas tenna : ur iyi teeqild ara? teħseb d akken tħuy el-  
ħal, tħilemżit, - yerna tkalit! - i tħi-in yejja asmi i dd-  
iġu degg-ehħjam. Day-nejjta tetkaki-d : ilaq-as a ten tes-  
seħħem hir bħakken. S-eleeql-is, tenna-yasen :

— Ula amk iyi teegħem : has lukan d iyi tessinem zik  
imi almi d asmi i d-ebbdiey yer-dagi ay ujal yakkha tħa-

degg-iwt en-teswiet. eicuca yellan ttaklit-iw nettat tuyal akka ttaherrit. Ula amk iyi teeqlem, yerna, im<sup>1</sup> iyi-n tejjam di-taebbut ggemma, im<sup>1</sup> ass-enn<sup>1</sup> iff i-d luley dya kumwi yuy-iken elhal taqbhit-enn<sup>1</sup> i teffyem  
1610 yel-lehla; akken d imi teslam yis-si luley, eani, t<sup>u</sup>hem ssyen, degg-imir-en, degg-ass-en, ur en-tuyalem s ahham, ur tuyalem s ahham... ar ass-a! D kunwi<sup>1</sup> i yas yeqqaren i-<sup>AMa</sup> szuzzu: A wi yesean weltma-t-ney! Dkeçç a SSeedi<sup>1</sup> i yas yeqqaren: A ð-esen<sup>1</sup> taqcict!... Ad as gey ism ay-ack-it!... Ad as gey isem f-Fadma!... Ass aneggaru, mi yi-d-esca, mi yi tga Fađma, tennejlid-d, tennejlim-d i-sebea!...

SSeedi-yettay elhal yebbd-itt-id, la-<sup>AMa</sup> izemed Kan, yessudun-i<sup>1</sup>, irefd-as acebbub, yin-as Kan, ur yuki d-  
1620 yiman-is:

— Annay, a dadda, teħdeed-iyi! Annay, a dadda! Teħdeed-ay, annay a dadda!...

Di-ssyen, amm-in yettun yak ayn-enniden, yettef Fadma di-tuyat, yesskad degg-udm-is, yenna-yas:

— Almi d ass m<sup>1</sup> i ð-ebbd<sup>1</sup> yer-dag<sup>1</sup> i tuyaled akkagi? Amek?... Melmi?... Anda?...

— Amek?... Ur zriy ara: kan akka; m-ebla ssebba. Cfij: ass-en dya iff i ð-nebbed yer-dagi,... nqele-ed segg-anda nensa ssbeh zik; lejwah<sup>1</sup> uzizbu, tebda-yi-d  
1630 am tawwla...

Igezm-az-d awal umeqra:

— Anda tensamt, llan sin yemduñen, mkul-yiwen s-eleinsr-is?... Teġwamt, yerna teccufent kemm etta-klit?... Kemm degg-emdun ayeffus m-araten etqablemt, netṭat degg-in n-ezzelmed, niy?...

Fadma telli-d Kan alln-enn<sup>1</sup>-ines icedhan tullya. NNiqal tenna-yas: Eeni yeħkacaf dadda? Tuyal tefhem tamuñni ayen yessn amkan. Lakin ur tefhimar<sup>a</sup>... amek. Ma d-dadda-s-enni dya yezzi yer-SSeedi, yenna-yas:

— Ur tecfid ara?

Ur yecf<sup>1</sup> ara,... lameena yemmekti-d, yenna-yas:

— Iħeqqa!...

Dya, imir-en Kan, iserrti-as i-Fadma, yerna yenna-yas:

— Niy tzemred atrekbed acudiw-im alamma dinna? esla-hater annru tura Kan dya: ula-y-yer ternuż yib-

bass ttaklit... Ma... d lalla sicuca, a t-in srekbey yi-d-i yeff-el-yem : a t ettifey... limmr atteyli, niy?

Ma-zal d-err i awal Fađma, — wa-la sad sicuca, — ne-  
1650 tta yebbd adaynin, yebra-dd i-weduiw d-welyem. Fađma tuyal-ič-id tezmert esni, tesberdees d nettat i-weduiw-is ; SSeedi yesserkeb sicuca z-dat-es yeff-el-yem, yenna-yazen-d i-watmatn-is :

— Ur nehwaj ara aewin : ma neettl-en : azekka şşbek, ma yebya Rebbi, a d-nili da ; yerna nekk elmaşunur zem-  
mery ara adeççey. I-kemm, a Fađma ?

Tenna-yas :

— Ula d nekk !

Tezwar Fađma : netja d-sicuca yeff-el-yem tebeen-t def-  
1660 fir : ruken.



ZEKKA-NNI DIY-EN, LAWAN I

yef la yettebbä imensi, zzin-d i-tmanya yel-lkanun. La-  
kin tura ti-s-tmanya, d Fađma ; wamma sicuca, ur as nudan  
ara amkan, imi yella yagi yewjed dya d win alken tew-  
qem d nettat i-weltma-t-sen. QQimen diy-en, d aeiwd i  
la-zen-d yetzawad SSeedi, wi s-meyyä iberdan, amk i ya-  
sett yeccucf id-enn ieeddan i-Fađma d-sicuca :

— Yak, la-dya tessnem yak amkan imi akken yakine-  
ddukkel yer-s asmi i yay ehkan fell-as. Ney tuğadım ad-  
1670 eñtuy imdunen, anwa i s ebbaklan, anwa i s iherriyen?  
Yerna, tabes, mi nebbed yer-din, erniy steqsay Fađma :  
dya, uli amek eergrey. Almi nebbed yer-din i yas emliy a-  
mek ssyen i d-ebbi tiyita i ss i tuyal ttaklit. Day-net-  
ta, segni lsedha dg-i, jjiy-t, etcucef wehd-es, lakin,  
demney-k, ma teawed tekcem yer-wemduŋ-enni-ynes bbass  
amezwaru : ar tuzzel yer-wayed... hater, tidejt i-Rebbi!  
essey-t, ur iyi d-wala. Ma d mi d-ebbed ennuba n-eicu-  
ca, has isedha dg-i, waqila, lakin ufiy ilezm-iyi... d  
adeççer i t deqqrey yer-dahel bbemduŋ, meen'a almi tet-  
1680 bey d amduŋ-enni yerran Fađma ttaklit, yerna ara t-i  
yerren nettat yel-laşlı-is...

Di-sebda la d-yetżawi SSeedi tamacahut yeff-ulac,  
ziy-enni dadda-t-sen la yesskad, si-tebburt, igenni, al-  
mi yufa : adyili tura qrib d elweqt. Yenna-yas i-Fađma :

— seddi tura ewqem usu teħsed, eela-hater, yak,  
tabes tecfid, mara d-ekker teswiet-enni, athelked cwit.

Teedda, — tezra ttide, — tessa, tettes dya, akka  
 üama l-lkanan, nutni, s-akin, zzin-az-d ssya d-essya,  
 amm-akken d elmut ara temmet. Ma belħaġa kan nutn i-  
 tmanya, udmaww-ennsen ttadsa i ttadsan...

Ad as tiniq eeni ihesb-as essaga dadda-enni ameq-  
 ran: egla-haṭer ur eetteln ara: taswiet walint terce-  
 eec yak, yerna, has akkn udm-is d aberkan, ssahessn-as  
 werray, werrey si-lħuf ed-lehlak, di-teswiet. Ma d al-  
 len n-Fađma, — la-dyā alln-is, — walin-teħtieħ am tid yes-  
 skaden di-lmut degg-akkn ugadett! Nutni i t yesskaden  
 kan d aneskud, ar deħcen, ar ergagħin, ahżeñ zad a neħ-  
 tat i dg idheru wayn-enni. Lakin, yiwt en-teswiet kan,  
 ieħħda d aqeddi "wayn-enni". S-akin, am tin d-yekkān  
 1700 di-leestab ur neħneqqda, tebdu teccf-it-id tidi, tebdu  
 tettimlul; lakin, abrid-agħi, maċċi tiewrey: ttemlel ...  
 ttemlel-enni i-yaś iċuhen, i yaz-d yetjuvalen-s-lesqel,  
 s-lesqel.

Tekkr-ed s-akin, teqqim yef-yiman-is, tenna-yaṣen:  
 — D ayen!

Ternu trefd-ed ifassn-is, la-ten tesskad, am tin  
 ara ynini: Ula d nekk adwaliy! Twali. Alm iula d udm-  
 is, tabee, amm-akken teħwali-t ama ġerwallen bbaħmat-  
 n-is, ama degg-iman-is kan.

1710 Akken d imi d ayen, tuval-az-d d eßifa n-Fađma  
 nni għejja czuzzu, ġer-walln-enni d-ubebħbub-enni ur ne-  
 beddl ara nutni leemer, icebba-yaś Rebbi s-akin i-SSe-  
 edi ttidett: iseql-it! Has ur t yessin ara leemer, la-  
 kin iseqi-it d weltma-enni yetmenni; d weltma-s-enni  
 yetħalli akken ger-walln-is degg-asmi yebda Rebbi; yer-  
 na, iseql-it s-tidett mi yaṣen yenna i-watmatn-is:  
 — I tedżef!

Eela-haṭer, d ellieqq: ziġi ar tedżef Fađma a l-mi  
 tfukk, lakin almi d imir-n i dd-iban. Di-ssyen k-a n  
 1720 dya, — s acu t-id yesmektin? — ieħeddi SSeedi yekcem s-  
 adaynin. Selin-as yemħulbab dinna, wissen d-wacu, tas-  
 wiet ata yeffy-ed la d-yeskerkir sicuca degħ-ċebbab.

La-dya, ziġi, a ula d netħat, ar ieħħda fell-as "wayn-  
 enni"; wa-lakin, netħat yerra-ż-żaklit-enni tħalli zik.  
 Day-netħha, imi d eßifa-s nessn-i, annini kan tuval  
 yel-laşl-is. Yerna, adiniy, ccada r-Rebbi, ar akkn a-  
 hix-as: ur tiddi i ara fell-as temlel.

Yet̄if-it̄t akkenni SSeedi. Yenna-yaz-d i-Fađma :

— Idelli bbiy-ket̄ teccucfemt : ass-aḡi t̄fehmed yel-  
1730 la wara hedmey ennidēn. A Fađma, ml-iyi d acu i ttuq-  
da n-tasam. Tenna-yas Fađma :

— Byiy-k a t̄ tcudded yet̄-tsett̄ta ueudiw-iw, a t̄ ta-  
wid akkenni tezzuyuređ-t̄, teskerkiređ-t̄ di-lqaea, tayed  
yess akken kra bbayen yella d adyay, d adrar, d asen-  
nan, alamma tuyal d iftaten, yerna m-kul iyes wehd-es;  
s-akin ateqqed tasa-w.

Ieeddi yessufy-ed aaudiw, yesberdes-as. Wamma ei-  
cuca, d ecçert ma terwel, ma tembawel, ecla-hater seg-  
g-imir-n i temnut. Yehtir-ed SSeedi yiwn uyeğgad yez-  
1740 ra ur yet̄teyraş ara; icudd eicuca yet̄-tsett̄ta ueudiw s-  
wakken yetbet ur tettensar, ur tressi : net̄tat akken te-  
dlep di-lqaea; net̄ta, di-ssyen dya ig-neggez yeff-u-  
audiw, yeşli deg-s s-u-jelkad, ruhn akken i-tafat ggo-  
tran, jjan-d ala ayebbar...

S-ennig ennsaf ggid, mi d-yuval SSeedi, ala netta  
**d-ueudiw ineggin s-tidi, yet̄tay elħħal tasa n-Fađma tef-  
twaqqed...**

### DEĞ-ZEKKA-NNI SSBEH KAN YEN-

na yasn ameqran :

— Yak turā ur aγ-d yeğri wara neħdem dagi. Tfhem-  
mem imi d Fađma-nni i ff i-d-ennejli ur neelim i d-yusan  
ad ay tawi, ilaq ad aγ tawi. Daγ-nejja, ur yelliw-ara  
narju : efket sin deg-wen γr-udewwar : kra bbayn ara γ  
yezzuzin, yerna ur neħwaj ara, zzenzt-ej. Di-ssyen dya  
teqđum-aγ-d ayn ara twalim adyesjeb emMa czuzzu ; s-a-  
kin annejkel f-Rebbi ; ad aγ etmel abrid Fađma...

Asmi qđan yak leċċal-ennisen, ileyman sebban, i d-  
yeqqimen Kan adrekkben. 'Ahħam', jjan-t akken, nnan-as:  
Limmr a d-yas wara t izedjen. Fađma, yagi, terkeb yeff-  
1760 ueudiw-is, la tetraju degg-atmatn-is : wa la yzemmed  
acuddu n-eżżeħġat, wa la yetnadi yak akka bbakka m-ur  
et̄tan ara kra. Akken d imi fukken em-kull-ec, seddin  
rekkben i-sebea. Ameqran yezwar yet̄z-dat, inebħħ i-wal-  
yem-is, dya bdan yak tikli. SSeedi yeğri-d yet̄-deffir,  
isuma-d Fađma yeff-ueudiw-is : elħun akkenni, a Rebbi,  
seċċa leqdami : taswiet, ur ebnin yef-yiman-ennisen, ur  
eħġin, ur eħħimien yak amk almi ata degg-iwt en-taswiet i-

genni s-lekmal iyyumm, tteeda tetteerdeq s-ennig iqerra-nnsen. Yebdu-i s-akin ugeffur.

1770 SSeedi yerwa tađsa di-Fadma nniqal iğeleen, taggaraya la-t-id-esskad Kan, yagi tebzeg yak. Yuval yers, yeddm-i ll-id deg-sudiw, yell-i ll-id z-dat-es yeff-el-yem, yeskecm-i yak dah̄l ubernus yelsa net̄a s-yiman-is, al-mi ë-esseđhar Kan ala taqerrut-is si-leħnaq, qrib cerken ula d aqelmun. Yendeh i-wel-yem. S-akin, ageffur la ykkat simmal, Fađma tuf<sup>a</sup> iman-is tedduri, teħma, amm-akken dahel bbeħħam, tuyal ur d-ewwie ara. Imi-s la yetħnal tamart n-SSeedi, alln-is tferrijet di-leħwa.

Tenħeq yer-SSeedi, tenna-yas :

— Eñi a dadda, fell-aney nekni, imi nrar ssyagi d igenni i la yetħrun...

Yessusm akken cwiż, yuval, amm-in ara d-yemmektin, yenna-yas :

— I la yetħrun?... A taċegġu, ur twalaq ara ans<sup>i</sup> i d-ruħ, leħwa-yagi? A taċegġu, macċi d imetħawen...

Uyalen essusmen i-sin. Fađma simmal la tettsejjid taqerrut-is yef-yedmarn en-dadda-s : eeni d al-yemmi la yleħluu yeħuzzu-t, i ll-id yesmoktin? Tenħeq d-ħen, tenna-yas :

1790 — A dadda,... lessnej atdekk qed? Yenna-yas :

— A nnegħi-im! Eeni tet-tuđu ayagi i dg i-d effyey tamari?... Lakin, eċċiż Kan yef-yiwt en-taġect, atan netħawi-ll-id es-warrac, itta'ezzaf akken, eħniinet, d a-yn i ss i ggumma y a t-ettu. Degg-ass mi i d-enru, day-neħha, mi qqimej weħid-i, ittin Kan i d-ixmekkayey. Wi-sen, ahat tura tħun-t, sawden tiyid. Yernä, isefra ur ssiny ara; bbiy-d yiwen, Kan alka, weħid-i weħid-i, i-yiman-iw, meen, s ma a Kem yeejeb? Lakin, ulac uyi-lif: ad am-t-idd awi, has diri-t, di-ljal Kanel-ley-na...

1800 Yebdu s-akin, s-taġiect-is Kan, amm-akken theddem neħħat, s-leeqel s-leeqel, akken Kan ara z-ed-sel. Ziż-żu-s elheqq: ulla g-ebl<sup>a</sup> imeslayen, mi yebda kan, yes-siżżejjif akken di-leyna, tiswiein, amm-in ara yetħtal in asawen, tagħġara-nni mi yebbed yer-tiġi, iwali, d issyen, d akessar. Ala s-elhekk-enni azidan en-dadda-s, teħda tasa n-Fadma teħilqi: tuyal teqqa alln-is, s-akin ar tessikid: aħriq, diħin, aġemmsaq, iqabl-iż-żid,

yeççur tħisafha... d alebsej id-imeksuwen ayen yeffren din-  
1810 na nejjta tħejja-n-is i la d-yetjennin:

Ay-adrar Igawawen,  
 D-Winna a γ-d ihelqen  
 Igg-ebyan almi i nenfa.  
 S-leħdees nejja-n iħbiben:  
 Semman-ay réwlen!  
 D-elwaldin yid-sen nebda.  
 A tamurt ideflawen,  
 Atna wulawen  
 Fell-am eżyan di-ssenhix!...

1820 Akken d imi yessusem, yesked SSeddi yer-Faċma d a-  
 cu ara z-d-ini: iwal<sup>1</sup> allu-n-is eqqnett, ala taqemmuct-is  
 kan ig-ellin cwi, la tneffes... Than tejt...  
 1830

IMI eEZMEN I-LEÝNA D-YIODES

d-webrid abrid, nekkni annruñ annezvir, annejj kan Faċ-  
 ma la d-leħlu tħeddu-d yer-Ma ċzuzzu. Tabex ur yelli  
 wara naġad fell-es. Atmatn-is di-sebza yid-sen ujalen  
 ead eżnayen amu ara f-in yesrekben deg-rebbi-s ennu-  
 ba-s. Kra bbanda ara nsen, alamha ssalim-as aqidun an-  
 nect bbejkham. Yerha, lhaġaq, has akken, nutni ur n-et-  
 1830 eż-żejt aru amm-asni d Faċma d-żiccu: ssnen akken gež-  
 zmien abrid. Day-nejj<sup>2</sup> anruñ annezvir...

Asmi terna tħuñ-asen ula d  
 Faċma, dya d ayen, ur azen-d yeqqim wara. NNiqal, mi d  
 ussan-enni kan imezwura i ff i tħu, heşben-ten. Akka  
 akka, ad as tini MMA ċzuzzu i-wemyar: Turu atnaya ac-  
 hal nyagi... Ma d asmi seddan d ekra bħagguren, ujalen,  
 d ayen, macci d ara dd-awin s-leħbar: am-asm<sup>1</sup> i yasen  
 rulien kan d arrac, ama seer essnini, am<sup>2</sup> aseggas, ama d  
 ayn i s yehwan, ssnen kan adinin: atas... atas ayaġi!  
 1840 D ayu i d leħisab-ensen.

Eeni lhemm yesyar iyes, yetħarrat alamha dayen ur  
 t iqerrx ara. Yeskaddib-ak win ara k yinu erran-či kan  
 i-ymettawen baba-s ed-yemha-s n-Faċma. Ad as tini d ujalen  
 tħemseħħi wa degħ-a, limmer wi d-yetjafen wayed ye-  
 tru. Asmi tħuñ yell-enseen, tenna-yasen: adru liey a dd-

awiy atmatn-iw; day-neṭṭa ih̄i a dd-as Kan, a ddawi Kan atmatn-is; ney ma yella deg-sen sin win ṭimesben temmut, ma yella wul-is neṭṭa yesfillit, ula-y-yeṛ yehlek wayed.

Day-neṭṭa MMa əzuzzu tkemmel Kan i-tuymas-enni i 1850 yaz-d yeqqimen, tekna yak, tfukk, tekme : ttaamyart yef-tikkelt. Lakin, mi d-yekcem wemyar, ad az-djebbed al-beed n-etmeqlellac-enni bbehjam ara s teṭṭarrat amaca-hat : tayaziṭ wissen anda turew, ney Tazabact i-yasen yeccađen elmađla, lhaşun, alamma tebbd-ed ennuba-s di-yen ula d neṭṭa, mara z-d yeħku ay-igenni d-yeylin f-elqaea mi yufa yiwen la-sen ikess i-tebħirin... Bħay-gar-asen, wa yetkellieq wa.

Tazabact, neṭṭat, d yiwen n-etmeħut qqarn-as akken a d-yelfu imi segni ara dd-aki ssbeli alamma ttameddit 1860 mara tettegħ, yella ur thebbs ara s-elheddra. Neṭṭat, annex bbelyem, la di-teżżei la di-tuzert. Ma-zal-it cwiṭ mezziyet, lakin leemer tezwij; ttazeġġutt c wi t. Leħnax-is am-etcullidin, ma d icenfirn-is... tm-as MMa əzuzzu : yiwen tħessu-t, wayed tħedda! yes-s.

Neṭṭat tħigellilt, ur tesei Hedd, tħac Kan, tikwal s-elħedma-s, lketrä s-wayen Kan i yas eṭṭaken medden. Asm' i tħażżeġ, tħalli akken MMa əzuzzu, twala-ṭ d emnejya, ur tħebbi ur tħejżi, tebbi-ug-id, tejja-ṭ yid-sen. Neṭṭat dya tħalli nnexx-is : nutni tħelħ-asen, am a i-leqdic ama 1870 la-dya i-westaṭi-nni tesṭataj fell-asen ass Kamel; anda yella leħbar ad asen-i-iddawi : Annay a haltı, mriżx atteżżeq!... Annay, a hälti! yedra wiħin... yedra wa-yā!... S-akkin, alamma nnan-as Beqka...

ASS-EN, TAMEDDIT, AKKEN KAN  
yettahher yiṭiż i-lhaġa, MMa əzuzzu ala neṭṭat ed-wem-  
yar degg-ehħam, ffyen-d eqqimn akka z-dat en-tebbart,  
bdan la d-kessun tħimsal-enni 'aseggas-a waqila atter-  
bebi tfellaħt... Tazabact, segni teċċu asebbud-is, deg-  
zal-enni i teffey ur d-ban, wissn anda tħalli albeed en-  
teħħammin i deg teemmer tissirt.

381 Taswiet almi i s-slan, ssnen ta'yeċċi-is, la d-ted-  
du d-wezniq azniq tesmetmu -ed. Lakin essnien-ṭ : mukul  
tamsalt teṭṭarrat-ṭ d adrarr. Day-neṭṭa ur d-ewjien a-  
ra ula mi d-ell asqif, teccf-iṭṭ-id tidi, tetseggid:

— Annay! A haltı! Annay, a haltı, yiwel! yiwel!  
Yelli-m! Yelli-m!... Fađma!...

Zran-t tisselbi ur teslib ara. Day-netta, tekkr-ed  
MMa ezuzzu; lameen<sup>a</sup> ula d akken, am tin ur nefhimara,  
la t testeqsay:

1890 — Yelli?... Fađma?...

— Annay a halties, la-m eqqarey yelli-m! Attaya yel-  
lim! DDan-d yid-es waęaben di-sebea yid-sen! BBin-d  
ileymen!...

— Fađma?... Ileymen?... Di-sebea yid-sen?... Ae-  
raben?.... Tacekkazt-iw! tacekkazt-iw!...

Lameena, di-sibda la ḥnadin yemyaren i-sinyid-sen  
anda ara afen tieewzin-ennsen, almi aṭja Fađma tekkr-  
ed deg-mi n-tebburt, ttamezwarut:

— MMa ezuzzu! ... Baba Hebbuci!...

1900 S-aķin, amm-id isedjian cwi, ernun kecmen-d sebea  
waęaben-enni: almi yasen tenna Fađma:

— Annay, a MMa ezuzzu! Annay, a baba! Niyy-nniy-a-  
wen ad awen-tn-idd awiy! Ur ten teeqilm ara?... SSe-  
di!... lak d-dadda... lak d-dadda...

Lhaşun almi myeqalen akkn ilaq: tabes, degg-ass-  
en d asawen ma-zal ussan i dg ara myeqalen, i dg ara  
myequn...

#### IGAD Ö-YETTAWIN TAMACAHUT.

agi qqaren dag<sup>i</sup> i tfukk. Lakin, i-temyart-enni, sstut?  
1910 Ma-zal-it. Ur temmut ara. Awi-dd u-kan! Eela-hater lem-  
mer d i temmut, ur teħdir ara i-Fađma d-watmatn-is u-  
yalen-d, tili dya... ulay-yer. Yerna, adyesseżzef Reb-  
bi di-leemr-is ma-zal... alamma teħider i-warraw bbar-  
raw-ennsen i-tmanya!

Ma d-Fađma d-sebea watmatn-is, d-baba-t-send-yem-  
ma-t-sen, tfeħmed macci kan ala "sebe-egyam u - sebea  
llyali" i weqmen tameyra: tfeħmed a degg-ass-en d asa-  
wen ar fell-asen m-kull-ass ttameyra, eela-hater tabes  
uklalen-t, ajas i sejjben.

1920 Tamacahut - i w t f u k k .

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BRITISH PERSPECTIVE

The British government has been asked by the Commonwealth  
of Australia to consider their recommendations for the  
abolition of capital punishment.

COULD BRITAIN FOLLOW AUSTRALIA?

# YELLA

DI-ZZMAN EN-ZIK YIWEN WERGAZ YU-

r-es tameṭṭut ed-yelli-s. Di-lweqt-enni, medden-ṭeicin  
ala di-tfellaḥt ed-leywabi. Netṭa, lhedma-s d iṣyāren:  
ass Kamel, izeddem anda yufa ; tameddit, yeznuzu di-  
ssuq, yetṭawi-d elmektab i-wəħħam-is. Lhasun, ieac am  
netṭa amm-ifellahen.

Yibbass degg-ussan r-Rebbi, yella izeddem degg-i-  
wen leħla almi iwala yiwen wefruh izad di-ssifa. Net-  
ṭja yessnen yak iftaħ, leemer yezri yiwn amm-inna. Yew-  
10 hem deg-s. Hekkun-d ɣeff-eħruħ n-eṭṭawes, lameena win-  
na yif-it.

Yessers wergaz tagħizimt-is, yebbed la-t yesskad,  
yetweħħid Rebbi i t ihelgen.

Afħruħ-enni yugħi adyerwel. Iqeddem yer-s ufellah-  
enni, yeftf-it. Dinna kan dya ihedha-as el-qefs, yerra-  
t yer-dahl-is. Tameddit, yebbi-f-id s aħħam. Dya iwas-  
sa tameṭṭut-is d-yelli-s, yenna-yasett:

— Gur-wamt afħruħ-aġi, ammar i t yetṭayen : leemr-  
iw deg-s iġġ-ella.

20 Tenna-yaś etmetṭut :

— Yirbeħ !

Ma d yelli-s teħraf

Azakka-nni taqcict tebda la teṭṭurar yes-s. Yem-  
ma-s yuġi-it elhal tqeddec, tessebbay elqut, netṭat-  
n-a afħruħ-enni, la-s ethodder.

Almi d yiwt teswist teli-i-yas tabburt el-lqefs...  
Dya afrah yeffy-ed, yerwel. Taqcict teegged; yemma-s  
tuzzl-ed. Tenna-yas :

— Ah ya yemma, afrah-enni n-baba yerwel !

30 FFyet i-snät la-t ettabaæett. Afrah aseedi la-tett  
yessedmaæ : mi tqarib adawdett yur-es, adyafeg ; mi tqarib  
a t lehqett, adineggez di-ssejra yer-tayed. Nutti,  
baqi la-t ettabaæett. A dd-uylæft s ahjam m-ebla afrah?  
ugadett ; tameætut-enni tezra a d-yas wergaz tameddit ur  
d-yetçaf ar-a afrah, a t iny i-snät la netjet la yelli-s.  
Lhasun, la tqazzalit akkenni ass Kamel.

A yuy elhal, atas i lhatt, degg-eýzer ar iýzer, di-  
lyaba yer-tayed, almi sbeedett yeff-etmurt-ensem atas.

Teyli-d fell-asett tmeddit, yeyli-d elmeýreb, yeyli-  
40 d ettlam. Ass Kamel nutti ttazzla, hafi, i-laz. Taqcict  
tezya, tetru. Dya tenna-yas yemma-s :

— Ihi, a yelli, tur-a annuyal s ahjam : ur nezmir  
ara annens kan dagi.

Tella dinna yiwt essejra ttælayatt. Ulitt fell-as al-  
mi ttacacuct, qqimet dinna.

A yuy elhal, ay-amkan-enni, ar deg-s i tqejmaæen ku-  
huc n-etmurt-enni irkelli : d izem, d enmer, d ilef, d  
uccen, d ibekki, d azrem, lhasun kra bbayen yehleq Reb-  
bi d elwehc di-lyaba-nni : di-tmeddit ar tameddit tta-  
50 sen-d yak z-eddaw ssejra-nni, ttuqamen tajmaæ.

Ass-enni dya, ma-zal inessef yid, usan-d irkelli.

Tameætut-enni tetwali-tu-id di-ssejra. Almi d yiwt  
en-teswist, tesla-yas i-yizem yenqe, yenna-yasen :

— Ay-atmatn-iw, aql-i sfuhey errilha n-ebnadem : es-  
ni s willan dagi !

Dya yekteb Rebbi di-teswist-enni tuki-d teqcict, te-  
tru. Eylan-d imetlawen yeff-umezzuy ggizem. Yerfed aqe-  
rruy-is, iwala snat tilawin yeff-etqacuct. Yefreh d a-  
yen kan. Yenna-yasen :

— Ihi tur-a ay-atmaten, anwa deg-wen ara yalin a y-  
ett-id yawi ?

Mcawaren yak. Yenqe wezrem, yenna-yas :

— D nekk ara yalin.

Yekker yuli ; almi yebbed yer-tameætut, yeqqs-it, tey-  
li-d yel-lqasa gar-asen.

Di-ddiqqa tuyal tticrikin.

67 A ziγ-enni, tameγut-enni meskitt tella s-tadist : ellufan di-teebbut-is n-cehrayen ney tlata. Mi yefreq yizem iftaten, yekkr-ed wewtul, yesseneet yer-ellufan 70 yenna-yas i-yizem :

— A sidi, nekkini fk-iy<sup>1</sup> amectuh-agı : berka-yi ! Izem ur yezr<sup>1</sup> ara d acu-t : yettef yefk-as-t iwewtal.

Awtul nettat yezra-t d ellufan, yerna iwala-t yeder. İruh yeffr-it degg-iw<sup>1</sup>n utiuc, yuγal-ed yesteemel la imecçeh icenfirn-is amzun yeçça-t.

Lhaşun ecçan yak lewhuc, erwan, eñsen.

#### AZEKKA-NNI SSBEH ZIK EMFARA-

gen, m-kul-wa anda iruh adisegged.

80 Awful yeqqim kan din.

Dya taqcict tuki-d, tebda la teçru. Awful iwala-t, isawl-as, yenna-yas :

— Subb-ed, ur tagad : nekk, ur kem tetiy ara !

Tunn-it : twala-t ul-is elinin, ters-ed yel-lqa-za. Taf-ed eddunnit yak teççur d idammen d-yeysan-enni ggemma-s. Tern<sup>a</sup> imetawn akter. Awfulla t yetseb-bir, yenna-yas :

— Tura imetawn ulayyer : yemma-m teççur-as, temmut : medden yak etmettaten ; ma d kemmini, ili-kem 90 tameγut ssya d asawen : yerna tura yur-em egma-m, ilaq-am atherced a t trebbid.

İruh s-akin yebbi-d ellufan-enni, yesneet-as-t : yerna iruh ijeme-ed sin yeysan di-lqaza, yefka-yas-t, iwessa-t :

— Atan wagi d egma-m : nufa-t di-teebbut ggemma-m : 100 erner sin yeysan-agı, deg-sen adif ggemma-m : mi yelluz, efk-as cwi<sup>t</sup> degg-adif-enni, ttin i ttam-cict-is...

Yerna iwessa-t amk ara t treffed, amk ara t tes-100 rus, armi t yessefhem alkn ilaq.

Tettef teqcict terfed egma-s, trah.

Thjemmem anwa isem ara s tuqem ; īsemma-t Bu-Yedmimen (ahat, imi dd-ilul gr-isennanen bbedmim).

Trah. La tleħħu, la tleħħu ; teffey tamurt, tek-cem tayed. Llufan baqi deg-rebbi-s.

Armi dd-ejli fell-as etmeddit, tessawd-ed yeryi.

wet taddart. Lweqt imensi, temnter tin r-Rebbi di-tebbarī : tebbi-d ayn i s yekteb Rebbi. Tefka-yas adif i-gma-s ; tensa di-tejmact.

110 Azekka-ani ssbehî, iruh-ed yiwen wergaz adyezzall, yaf-ed tameħħut teħħes di-lqaca, i-wsemmid, lufan deg-ciwi-s. Iwali : tametħut tilemżit, tezyen, maċċi d es-sifa tnebgawin r-Rebbi. Yewhem. Yerni argaz d elfahem: yeeqel s acu yedrañ yid-es. Yenħeq yer-s, yesseqsa-t: tenna-yas yak tidejt ; teħkx-yas akken yella l-hal degni ë-effey degg-ehħjam em-baba-s netta ed-yemna-s.

Dja, imiren kan yebbi-ṭ s aħħam-is : yessaki d tammetħul-is, yesfehm-it, yenna-yas :

— Ur nesci ara n-edderrya, yefka-yaż-żid Rebbi taq-cicci-agħi d-egħmi-s ad aż-żgħix elhiq.

Teqqim taqcict... (di-tmacahu, ur ë-qqarġu aru ism-is, lameen-a ad as ensemni... Fadma).

Lhasun teqqim Fadma, netta d-egħma-s Bu-Yedmimen yur-yemdann-emni. Netta theddom ecċejjel degg-ehħjam, teċawaw di-leħla ; ma d Bu-Yedmimen, tħebbit-ek almi d-yekker yef-yiman-is, illeħhu.

Afellah-emi tħmett-żi ferien yis-sen d ayen kan. Degħ-asmi tekċem yur-sen Fadma, reħben fell-as, amm-akken tebbi-d esseed degg-enyir-is. Yerna tħajeddant, 120 tħalli awal, luuħidq. Di-unkul-ci tħanu Belli d yelli-s l-ħasel. D acu kan teħħalab deg-sen Fadma, teqqaṛ-assen: SSenkert-iyi għaż-żeppa yebbed d argaz.

Scieddan akkenni atas.

Taqcict, asmi tebbd i-zzwaġi, byan-t-id aħas em-medden : ssifa, tesxa ħiżżeż-żiwin-is irkel, lameenha tagħi aħżejj. Tenna-yas i-wfella-ħ-emi :

— Ur zewwajjara, eela-ħater n-egħma! Ur b/iż-żara a t-ejjej : ala nekk ig-essa d yemna-s : adeqqimx fel-as, al-żappu rriy-t d argaz, al-żappu uqemy-as aħħjam. Mi 140 yerbeħi nejja, d ayn i hwajnej!...

Tsellem di-ddurniż-żi bac a d-essenker egħma-s : ma tejmex asurdi, iżjema-it i-Bu-Yedmimen ; ma tu fu l-hażu yelha, tħalli-ħiż-żi id i-Bu-Yedmimen ; l-hażu, ama degg-id, ama degg-ass, ul-is yeċċur ala s-Bu-Yedmimen. Dja degg-akken yelha wul-is, isawn-iż-żi id Sidi Rebbi.

Yibbass, yuġi-żi elhal la tneqqec di-tebħirt almi d-essekfel s-etqabat-żi yiġi tħabit teċċur d elwiz.

Deg-s macçi d ayn iferrun ggedrimen. Yerna, ala ddheb  
d-elfetta. Tettef teffer tahabit-enni dinna, tenna-yas:  
150 Dya, s-yedrimm-agı ara weqmey ahjam i-gma! Ur t e n  
tnaly ara alamma d asrı, ara yawed d argaz!

Lukan hin i-wumi meqqet ueebbu, tili teçça idri-  
mm-enni, bla ma tehde, bla ma teçgeb; lameena netṭat  
teħiebbiż ala i-gma-s. Ur d-elhı́ ara d-yiman-is : u r  
twalı́ ara hafi-nni, d-laz-enni, d-leeteb-enni i deg  
tella netṭat. Uferh-is ala s-wayn ara theggı́ i-Bu-Yed-  
mimen... Ulan akka yemdanen izehħun ala s-elhı́ hed-  
men i-wiyad. Widak ihemml-iten Rebbi, ecla-hater ezz-  
hu-nnsen yeshel. Lameena...

160 Win iheddmen el h i r,  
Yetħuγal-as d iħmir!

Lħażun, seddan isegħasen ak-  
kenni. Ass-enni, yawed Bu-Yedmimen d ilemzi. Yebbd i-  
zzwaj. Tekker Faċma tenna-yas:

— Ihı́ a gma, turı́ aql-ak d argaz: ilaq aħweqmed  
ahjam. Idrimen ellan: ruh ħedb-ed anda i kyehwa: ta-  
mettut i kk ieejben a k-t-idd ayeż.

Tettef tekkš-ed tahabit-enni l-lwiz. Tu y akal,  
tett-f-ed ibennayen, inejjaren, iheddamen, tebnu yiwen  
170 elberj akken ur t yesei Hedd di-ħmarr-enni : ssetejben  
deg-s medden.

Ass m̄i ifukk weħħjam, tenna-yas: turı́ annewqem ta-  
meyra.

Yuy elhal Bu-Yedmimen ihedb-ed, yufa tametħħut i s  
yehwan. Truhi Faċma tezra-ħiż-żid: teejb-it: d yelli-s  
l-lasol, ur t-ihuss wacemma la di-şşifa la degħ-ayn  
enniden. Tenna-yas:

— A gma, ayen k ieejben ieejb-iyi : imi tagħiż i k  
yehwan, teħwa-yi !

180 Uqmen tameyra, bbin-đi tislit, tefreli yak eddunnit,  
ħlaṣun, d ayen kan.

Yuy elhal tefka-yas Faċma i-Bu-Yedmimen kra bbaġen  
akken teffer ggedrimen. Tenna-yas:

— Tura d keċċ i d argaz: d keċċ ara ysewqen : d  
keċċ ara yjemex ecci nesxa : Hebber-ak almi d ass-a,  
tura ili-k ed bu-ray!

Ma d netṭat telha-d d-eccyel bbeħħam ed-win l-leħ-

la. Tenna-yas i-telwest-is :

— Ur ḥeddha acemma ; hadr iman-im ; elhi-d Kan d-ecc-

190 cbuh, bac adyefreh yiss-m egma.

Ulamma leemer tejwij, lameena tezra irgazen hemm-  
len mara īcebbeli tmejjut, m-arā īzeyyen yak iman-is :  
netjat ur tesel ara b̄ergaz i-wam¹ ara īcebbeli ; ifas-  
sn-is ennumen lewsej el-İħedma. Mi tekker teslit-enni  
a d-eqdec ny a d-ehdem kra ney krā, a s tini : Ala!..  
qqim kan : ur essamas ara iman-im! Lferħ-iw ma yefreh  
yiss-m egma!..

Dya tuyal teslit ur tejnjal ara yiwit elha ja. Faġ-  
m² atteħdem di-leħla, atternu, mi dd-usa s ahħjam, at-  
200 tessebb, a dd-agem, atteħdem yak ċċyel bbeħħjam.

Ma d Bu-Yedmimen, netta cċeyi-is d esşyada, itafel-  
laht, d esseq. Yedha-d u la d netta d eleali rray-is :  
değ-ehħjam yethenna : ur yesel¹ ara ylum⁴ : m-Kul-ta ha-  
ja yeħaf-iż-żid et-ġerrez...

SeEDDAN AKKEN USSAN B-HIR W-  
egla hiç. Tili tfukk etmacahut-agħi dagi... lukan d i  
wlac di-ddunniż esstayed : kra bbanda ara tili ssettut,  
adyili cċerr, adyili lhemm, adyili wayn em-d-ir. Qqarn-  
as medden : yewer cċitan, lameena tħelb-it essettut.  
210 Cċitan, ma yehza-t ebnaden, adyerwel fell-as... wamma  
ssettut!.. (Yerna, d acu i d ġċitan?)...

Tella yiwit temyārt tezdey di-qurub-enni bbeħħjam  
en-Bu-Yedmimen d-elwacul-is. Degg-asmi wegħen tameyrā  
tuyal tkċċem-ed yur-sen. Nutni walant-tajjaret, ummen-  
t; yerna, mara teqqim sicuca (tislit) weħd-es degħ-zal,  
tetwana-s-it, ġekks-as el-ħiq.

A ziy-enni a netta ara s-tessalay aqarru yef-tel-  
west-is : tin-as : Talwest-im tekra-kem, tettasem edg-  
em : lukan d i kem thhemmel, a kem tejjaja attessebbayeq  
220 a d-tekksej! lukan weħd-em degg-ehħjam, akken d am yeh-  
wa aħħedmed! L-ħasun, ass Kamel netta d aqrad. Ur zriy  
tedmejx aħru Fadma, attetħef netta, essettut, amkan-is;  
ur zriy ma d akken kan i tella tħebica-s : tqerred degg-  
a yer-wa.

Ussan imewwura, ur as teffay ara awal sicuca ; la-  
meena tuyal almi s teftak amezzay. Mi nnuyet amennu a-  
mectuh netta ed-Fadma, dy'a a s tini : eeni yur-es el-

heqq temyart-enni?

M-arə ylitt snat\_tilawin akken degg-iwen wejham,  
230 daymen, b-essif adenna'yett, ger cwiż ed-waṭas : (yak, u-  
la d iżerġan deg-zebbud ečnayen!) Lameena ur yeedil  
ara win yesfan d-win i-wumi berrik wul : "Ul berriken,  
ma yezreż deg-s ecceṛṛ, a d-yemyi!"

Ihi, m-arə nnayett yef-kra ney kra, Fađma dy'a imir.  
en Kan attet, imir-en Kan a dd-uyal alamma d elħan-  
na-s ; wamma tayed ī-jejmec Kan, tejjarru yeg-wul-is...  
al m i yecċuż d elkerh. Tuval, emmer tettaf, ur teħwa-  
li ara Fađma. Tuval, mi i z d-enn a awal, a s terr s-  
lewej; yerna tameddit atternu atċetk i-wergaz- i s :  
240 tin-as : Weltma-k tennu iy... weltma-k tejjay i-laz ;  
weltma-k akka, weltma-k akka!..

Lhaşun, m-kull-ass, a z-d-eħku kra.

Bu-Yedmimien iħemmell weltma-s, yetqadaf-it : leemer  
i z-d-yekkis ayn en-d-ir; lameena... akken qqarġi at-zik:  
"Lheddra itsumma tejjay azar."

Akkenni, akkenni... taedawt tejnernay degg-ul e-  
sicuca. SSettut-enni Baqi īzerreż cewal gar-asett.

Almi d yibbass, tenna-yas sicuca :

— Ml-iyi amk ara s hdmey i-telwest-iw : eeyi  
250 deg-s.

Dya, nejjat d ayen kan i teħraju. Temla-yas : tenna-  
yas :

— CCeċċ-as timellalin bbezrem!

Tettef sicuca teħdem akken : truh tnuda-d se b e a  
tmellalin en-tezrem : tessebb-bitett ; tameddit tuqm-i-  
tett di-seksu, tefka-yas-t-id i-Fađma, tenna-yas :

— A talwest-iw, ass-agħi atteerded elmakla-w : teħ-  
tey elquqt-im Kull-ass : ass-agħi, d ennuba-w a Kem cceċ-  
ċey.

260 Tefreh Fađma atas. Tenna-yas i-wul-is : egni tuval-  
ed telwest-iw s abrid?

Dya teċċa almi terwa, almi tfakk tarbut-enni. Ten-  
na-yas i-sicuca :

— Ad am yeefu Rebbi : leemer eċċi y elmakla taži-  
datt am tagħi.

Ma d sicuca, ayen teħemmim degg-ul-is yiwen.

eeddan akken wussan almi yebda yetċuffu uebbud  
n-Fađma. Nejjat ur teżżeġ i ara d acu : tżemmed Kan aggus,

tessusum.

270 Ma d sicuca, d ayn i teṭraju. Yiwenyid, tenna-yas  
i-Bu-Yedmimen :

— Ay-argaz, waqila weltma-k attan es-tadist : i-  
cuff ueebbuḍ-is.

Bu-Yedmimen yewhem, yeḥječ. Yenna-yas :

— Ur ḥeawad arā i-wawal-agī : weltma maċċi ttin a-  
ra yħedmen ucmi.

Tenna-yas :

— M<sup>a</sup> ur iyi tumind ara, azekka steemel in-as ad  
ak tani aqerruy-ik : attezred mur īselid ara i-llufan  
280 deg-zebbud-is !..

Dy<sup>a</sup> azekka-nni ssbeit, mi d-yekker kan, yenna-yas  
i-Fadma :

— Ani-yi.

Fadma tefreh d ayen Kan, esla-hater deġġ-asmi yeb-  
bed d argaz, ur as tun<sup>i</sup> amm-asmi yella mezzi. QQimen  
Yel-lqasa. Yessers aqerruy-is yeħżeppi-s, amezzu yef-  
teebbuṭ. Netta tettani-yas, netta yesmehsis. Dya, isl i-  
teebbuṭ : ttidejt, teccur, yerna tenhewwal.

Imir-en Kan yekkr-ed, udm-is d ameħlue. Yenna-yas:  
290 — D ayen ; berk<sup>a</sup> annuy ! ekkr anruħ yel-leħla !

Tenna-yas :

— Yirbeh, a għma !

Biġi amrar, tagelzimt, ruhen.

A la leħiun, leħiun... almi sbeeden aħas... Twali  
Fadma it-tħejjen i-tmarr-ennsen : leħla-nnsej sejjedan-az-d.  
Tenteq yr-egħma-s, īseqsa-t sanu i-teddun. Yenna-yas :

— Liu kan : tebe-iyi-d tessusmed !

Tessusem, tettaħbae-it akkenni.

Ieħda wass di-nasaf, teyli-d etmeddit, yella nut-  
300 ni ttikli. Fadma tebda la teħjemmim : ammakkenni yufa-t,  
wul-is. Lameena tessusem kan, la tieħha.

Yeyli-d yid : bbden yer-iyet el-yabat tessieħħlae : u-  
la ansu iceddi bnađem... Kecmen deg-s. Almi tħaswiet,  
iqelb-ed yer-s Bu-Yedmimen, yenna-yas :

— Tura dagħi ara km ejjey !

Yettf icudd-i, s-wemrar deg-darren almi d aqerru,  
yer-iyet essejra. Netta teħru kan, teħru idammen : ur  
tugħid ara lmut akken t-ixad el-ħal di-għma-s d-essenker  
almi i s yehdem akkenni. Tetteħru, teqqar-as :

310 — NNay a gma, imi tebyid ad iyi tejjeđ dađi, ad-eqqimey, lameena ini-yi d acu d essebba, d acu i ḥed-mey...

Netta ur as yerrı ara awal. Yejja-t dinna : iġuñ-ed, yuġal-ed s ahħam. Yaf-ed tameħħut-is thegħga-yaś imensi ħir bbussan-enniden irkelli ; yerna teṭṭadsa-yaś b-a c adyettu l-yeħben-is. Ulamma yeſſedlem Fadma di-tin teħdem lameena tyad-it mi tħi-in yejja i-lewhiuc.

Tura a d-nuyal ar-Fadma.

320 Yuy elhal l-yaħba-nni i dg i t yejja gma-s tecċur d lewhiuc. Kra bħbayn itteħġen eleebd yella dinna. Mi z-d yeħħejher kan Bu-Yedmimen, tebda issell i-wserrugħmet, i-wsekkewew, i-ssut ssya d-essya. Tħewħid-ik, a Rebbi, teslek yiwt tikkelt i-lewhiuc l-yaħba, yerra-ħiż-id Rel-bi tikkelt iis-snati! Lameena, akken yella degg-awal :

Ur ag-d yeħħak Rebbi w-ara k yenżeen  
Alamma yefka-yaġ-d w-ara k yehyan !

Tqarib n-eħnaṣfa ggid, ata ileħlu-d yiwen wergaz, yebbi-t-id webrid s-yenna. Yaf-ed tameħħut etcudd yer-ssejra. Yelħbes. Yenjeq yer-s, yenna-yaś :

330 — A tameħħut, d acu m ihedmen akka ?  
Teħiku-yaś akken yella l-hal. Yetħeff wergaz-enni yef-si-yaś acuddu, yesrekb-i t yid-es yeff-userdun-is, yebbi-t. Bbden s ahħam n-ebnadm-enni : yessers-itt-id, yef-ka-yaś tecċa, teswa, almi, lhaġsun, i s-yekkes yak seggu d-elħajf.

Argaz d emsai-s l-lasel, d uhdiq. Iquär-iż-akkn i-laq. Yiwt teswiet, iwali taċebbu d-Fadma tcuff yerna tħerħiż-iż-ż-żid. Yesseqsa-t : teħika-yaś diġ-en, tenna-yaś :

— Degg-asmi ċċiż seksu ttelwest-iw.

340 Dya yenna-yaś :  
— Ihi tura fehmey. Yehħda-kem eċċiżel : d nekk ara km idawin.

Yetħeff degg-ass-en yeħħak-as al-a aksun ameryan : at-teċċeż aksun yeċċur d lemleħ alamma yenja-t fad : aman ur as yeħħak ara.

Asmi bbden yumayen ney tlaħxa, ieellq-iż-deg-darren s-aġu alemmas, aqerruy-is d akessar. Yessers-ed el-jeftna bħabu z-eddaw yimi-s, yebda la yessebraqul aman-enni. Dya, tħewħid-ik a Rebbi! yeffi-ed yiwen weżżeq annect ila-t, yeyli-d yel-l-jeftna-nni ; yernu akkenni,

351 yeyli-d wi-s-sin, yeyli-d wi-s-tlata, wi-s-rebea... almi sebea. Akkn iwala fukken, yefsi-yaz-d i-tməttut, yes-sers-i<sup>g</sup>-id, yessa-yas : yuy-i<sup>g</sup>t elhal net<sup>g</sup>at tesree.

Akkn i s yekkes edduh-enni, tuki-d, taf-ed argaz yr-uqerruy-is, yenna-yas :

— Ur <sup>g</sup>agad: tura tehlid.

Iru<sup>g</sup> yebbi-d izerman-enni, yessek<sup>g</sup>n-as-ten, yenna-yas :

— Atnad wid d-yeylin di-teebbut-im.

360 Dya te<sup>g</sup>ru, tefreh. Tessudn-as yak ifassn-is. Tenna-yas :

— Tura nekk ttaljdimt-ik. Temmeđ-iyi-d di-lewliuc, tekkesđ-iyi-d izerman-agı : tura, akkn i k yehwa, ejdem yiss-i.

Yenna-yas :

— Ihi, nekk aql-iyi wehd-i : ur zwijy ara : asmi tehlid, ma yehwa-yam, a km aye<sup>g</sup> tnameđut-iw.

Tenna-yas :

370 — Yirbeli : ula d nekk byig-k d argaz-iw : ur <sup>g</sup>tafy ara am keçc.

Degg-ass-en, cceyl-is net<sup>g</sup>a ala Fadma : a s yessu, a t yecceçç ; a t yerfed, a t yessers. Yet<sup>g</sup>ak-as ala u-di d-weksum d-yikkil ; lhaşun kra <sup>g</sup>bayan yelhan a s-t-id yawi. Akkenni, almi tekker, tehlila.

Ass-enni yawi-dd imrabden, yesnef<sup>g</sup>k-i<sup>g</sup> tnameđut-is el-leħħal.

Neffat diy-en terra-yas elħiż. Thedm-as aladi-lew-qam. Net<sup>g</sup>at la-dya tħacebbajt, tħamissnawt, tessali-yas ahħam akken yebja wul. Tabex, qquarent at-zik : Ahħam, 380 yef-etmettut ig-ebbed. Zik-enni, argaz-enni, mi yella wehd-es, ieac am-yelmezyen, degg-ass yer-wass. Yuval, s-Fadma, yuqem erray-is : yuy tamurt, yejmee idrimen, yuval hji em-medden īrkelli. Taneggarut, i ss i ferħen lk̇etra, asmi d-yezz<sup>g</sup> useggas, yefka-yazen-d Rebbi a q-cic. QQaren : Win ara yħedmen elħiż ad as yuval d iħ-miġ ; lameena, yella wawal-enni d-yeqqaren : a y e n tzerreel, a t tmegred. Fadma, degg-asml i d - ekker, tħerreer ala ayen yelhan : yefka-yas Rebbi lesgħel d-es-ħber, ilaq kan, akken yebju yili, attemger ayen tez-390 reż. Aseedi d win yeċċurex d es-ħber...

Akkenni, lhasun, sacen bhir, d elmummin, d uze n Rebbi. Ur tn ihu ss wacemna. MMi-s-enni trebba-t-id akken trebba gma-s zik-enni. Dya, ula d netta tsemma-yas Bu-Yedmimen.

Argaz-is iwala-t yelha rray-is, yunf-as attehdem akkn i s yehwa... Ifassn-is d iseadiyen: ayen tennul a d-yedhiu yewqem. LLatt di-tilawin ssetayet, lameena, ihun Rebbi, ellat ula ttid yelhan, yesfan.(Yern<sup>a</sup>, ulama neqqar, ula degg-ergazen, yella wemcum, yell<sup>a</sup> usee-400 di : waqila, di m-kul lHaja yehleq Sidi Rebbi, llatt snat. Azidan zid s-werzagan... Akken yenna Si Muhen w-emhied :

Ziy-en eddunnit temhallaif,  
Tefreq d leşnaf...

Lameena, a d-nuyal ar tamacahu-ż-enney : ma-zal deg-s cwiż...

IHI, eEDDAN WUSSAN AKKENNI.  
Asmi d-yekker emni-s, ileħmu, iħedder, ifehhem, yib-bass twessa-t Faċma, tenna-yas :

410 — Tameddit, mi d-yusa baba-k, in-as : a baba, semmd-ay anġuħi nekk ed-yemna a d-enzer ehwali!

Tameddit dya yehdem akken weqcic, yenna-yas i-baba-s. Argaz yefhem d yemna-s i t iwessan : ilazi-ż-żid, yenna-yas :

— Ma tebyid a d-eżred egħma-m, ruh. Ma tebyid ad-eddu yid-em?

Tenna-yas :

— Ala : adruħley kan nekk ed-Bu-Yedmimen.

Azekka-nni ssbeli refden aewin, rekbien yeff-userdun, 420 ruien, neġat demni-s. Argaz yeqqim degg-ehħam.

Tewżeer tasa. Win i-wumi yefka Rebbi tasa taleqqad, win i-wumi yeċċur wul d elhanna, yura fell-asadyetru. Lameena llan imetħawen ziden. Nekk, elħasun,... adini yjeti id win leemer yeṭru s-elhanna. Tħuy asefru-nni dg i s yenna Si Muhen w-emhied :

Aħħil meskin a win ur enjerreb leseceq!...

Faċma, mi d-teddu yr-etmurt-enni i dg i n-tejja gma-s, teħmetkay-ed kan d elweqt-enni n-zik i dg i t-id-żebba, i dg i s yeqqar "Yemma".

430 McKull iż-żeġer, McKull essejra, McKull adyay yesmektay-iż-żid. Tin-as kan degg-ul-is : ma a t afey yedder ney yemmut ?

zeddan-d i-lyaba-nni i dg i izz icudd yer-ssejra...

Akken tqarib tiameddit, ssawden yr-etmurt-is : twalli, m-eħġid, taddart : ula d aħħjam-enni-nnsej, tseql-it ger wi-yad.

Dya yella dinna yiwen leczib : teenu yiwt\_temyart, tezdey din, tenna-yas :

— Jemex-iyi yur-em aserdun d-elqeċċ-iwalamna d a-  
440 zekka.

Tettef etbeddel yakellebsa i-yiman-is d-emmi-s : elsan ala leħwajej tqidim, timcerraġġin. L-Mašan, tec-çar yak iman-is d ġejbabn-enni inebgawen r-Rebbi. Tessanes yak udm-is d ambuġ ; acebbub yehreb, tettef tasek-kazz, tekna i-weċċur-is, emni-s deġ-fus-is : tekcem tad-dart, tebdu, di-tebburt yer-tebburt, tessutur tin r-Rebbi...

Dagi diy-en adliebsej cwiż, adbeddely awal... Ad iyi l-samħied, a win ara yeżżeġ tam-caħut-agħi : ac-Hal i  
450 teswa i-Fadma teswiet i yer d-ebbed tura ! Limmer s-yedrimen, ur t-teffaf ara. Menyif netgħat yetrun, ieett-ħben, i-wumi yejreħ wul, ney tin leemer nessin l-eħben?... Ur eċċi yara anwa amyar-enni i yi-qqareġ : U-lac win yezhan omm-umudin mara yehlu...

A yu yelħal Fadma twessa minni-s, tenna-yas :

— Mi nebbed yur-ekwali-k, mi neċċa imensi, in-iyi-h : a yemma, swi-yay-d tamacħu : nekk adset-żemley adagi : keċċini tru, alamm uyy-ak awal...

MMetren yak di-taddart.

450 Almi d-yeżli Innejrob, tezra imir-nadyil ikecm-ed egħma-s, truh-ed, thedd-azien-d yef-tebburt :

— Annay a l-maġmin... fekk-ay cwiż imensi i-wudem r-Rebbi !

Teffy-ed sicuca, tenna-yas :

— Adimub Rebbi !

Terr-as Fadma, tenna-yas :

— Annay, ay-i-sezdiyen, aqil-i nekk d-emmi d amec-tult ur nesei and a ra nettes : snest-ay i-wudem r-Rebbi !

Yesl-az-d Bu-Yedmimen sejj-ekħjam, yeffy-ed, yesu-

470 yas :

— Kecm-ed, a yemna tamyart.

Kecmen s ahjam. Tquli zeem'a attekcem s adaynin at-teqqim dinna ; yenna-yas Bu-Yedmimen :

— Al'a, a tamyart, eyya atteqqimed yid-ney yel-lkanun.

Tuy-as awal. QQimen.

Tura nettag tgeql-iten, ulamma bedden ger c w i t ed-watas deg-seggasn-enni iceddan ; wamma nutni ur t esqiln ara, la Bu-Yedmimen, la sicuca.

480 Lweqt imensi, ccan, erwan. Dya ineq-ed Bu-Yedmimen (amectuh) yenna-yas :

— Annay a yemna, awi-yay-d tamacahut !

Testeemel yugi ; akken almi i t yehres, yebda la yejru. Ineq-ed Bu-Yedmimen (egma-s), yenna-yas :

— Ah'a, a tamyart, ay-as awal i-umni-m : awi-yay-d tamacahut : ula d nekk ur nennudm ara : ma-zal elhal !

Tenna-yas Fadma :

— Ih'i, a sidi, imi d keçç ig-ebyan, ad awen-d awiy yiwit. Lameena yezzifet, yerna ugady ur ken tsej-jb ara.

NNan-as yak :

— Aha Kan !

ZZin-d i-lkanun, Bu-Yedmimen etmet-tut-is si-ljiha, Fadma d-emni-s si-ljiha-nnid. Dya, tebdou :

— A macahu... a Bu-Yedmimen a mmi, igg-edran d-yeħf-imu...

Dya, igezm-az-d awal egma-s, yenna-yas :

— Arju, a tamyart : eeni ula d emni-m ism-is Bu-Yedmimen ? Tenna-yas :

500 — Aneam, a sidi : akkn i d ism-is.

S-akin, tebdou tamacahut-is :

— Yella di-zzman en-zik yiwen wergaz yur-s tameħ-tut ed-yelli-s. Di-lweqt-enni, medden tjeicin ala di-tfellaħt ed-leywabi. Netta, lhedma-s d ahettab : ized-dm isyaren ass Kamel, tameddit yeznuzu-ten di-ssuq... Yibbass, yaf afħu, iweqm-it di-lqefs, yebbi-t-id s ah-jam...

510 Lhasun, tawi-yazen-d tamacahut-is nettag degħ-ass amezwaru, amm-akka tħid ebbi nekk, ney ħir, - nettag, tkelku-d yef-yiman-is, yeff-ayen yedran yid-es : bessif a d-ehder segg-ul ; wamma nekk, d ayen sliykan a la d-

eṭeawadey... -

A yuy elħal leemer i s teħk i-għma-s amk i t-id-es-senker, amk i t-id-ekks i-leħluc, amk i t-tessutted s-wadif gġemma-s. Lameena yebda ikecm-it eccekk mi d-ett-täder di-tmacahut isem en-Bu-Yedmimen...

Degg-imir-en, yuval la-ħ-ix id yesskad, la d-yetnadar udm-is... Yebdu la ॥ ieegħel deg-mi-s, degħ-alli-is, a-cebbub... La-dja, mi d-ebbed di-tmacahut-is yer-wussan 520 i ff i yecfa... "A Bu-Yedmimen a mmi! ig-edrañ d-yeħf-inu!..... Ass-enni, akkn ifukk elberj-enni s-leħni, tenna-yas i-għma-s: Turā, a għma, ruħ a d-hedbed, nadi:t amettut i k yeħwan ad ak t-idd ayeż! Yaf-ed tamejt-tut i t-igejben: uqmen tameyra... Tamejt-tut-enni yu yakkomni... ism-is..."

Dja sicuca tekker. Ziy-enni, u la d-nejjat ar-teeqel Fadma. Akken twala tħuħi a dd-ader ism-is, tuġad, tebqa' afeffey.

Yenna-yas Bu-Yedmimen :

530 — QQim Kan alamha tfukk etmacahut!

... Yuy elħal, - yuy ur awen-t-id enni... d aqer-ru bbezduz i yur-i! - yuy elħal, Fadma, asmr-i i z-d yek-kes wergaz-is seba' izerman-enni, ar ten tejmex: ziy-enni ar deg-ciwi-s ay ellan.

Akken d imi d-ebbed yer-wasmi i s-ten tecceċċi sicuca, tħejbd-itn-id, īsers-itn-id z-dat Bu-Yedmimen, tenna-yas :

— Atnad, a għma, wid yellan di-teebbut-iwasmi i yi-teqqned di-lyaba!...

540 TURA, DAGI I TFUUK ETMACAHUT. Ma-zal, ma yeħwa-yay, llan wid yeqqaren : akken d-ejbed Fadma izerman-enni, dja sicuca tesbeħe-ix el-qasa, - ma tesseblaq elqasa! - Llan wid yeqqareny e-n-ya-t Bu-Yedmimen, ney yebra-yas...

Ma d nekk, a dd-ini, ma yefka Rebbi, aħat l-semmi-as Fadma, uyalett emhammalett... Wissen elħasun?..

D acu kan, uyalen ennejja sen-d yak : argaz en-Fadma yerni-d yur-sen; sacen bħiżżepp, erman es-sand a t-as-bbarrac...

550 Tamacahut-iw etfukk : bbiy-ħ-ix id i-lejwad : nekk, ad ay yefu Rebbi... Uccann a ten yeqqed Rebbi!..

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tamacahuť  
inisi  
d-wuccen

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# YIWEN WASS, ZIK ENNI, ASMI HED-

dren lewhuc ed-lehwayerc, dduldulen inisi netta d-wuccen.  
Ruhn adinigen di-tmirt yer-tayed.

Ur ezgiy d acu l-lmektub i ten yezdikklen : win,  
5 d uccen, meqqa, isehha, yezmer i-yiman-is ; w a y e d ,  
meskin, annect tazzelt, ala tlayazit waqila terna-t.

Lhasun, ruhn akken, la lehhun, lehhun : wi icel-  
lej idarren-is ; dadda-k inisi la yettegririb, yettegriri-  
rib am tembult : la-dya, ma deg-kessar, ahat, ma yefka  
10 Rebibi, adiserreh kan i-yiman-is, atan iruh ; ma deg-sa-  
wen... winna, ala Rebibi ig-ezran...

NNiy-ak, a sidi, kecmen tamurt effyen tayed, — ney  
effyen tamurt kecmen tayed, — alkenni... almi inessef  
fell-asen wass, ssawden yer-yiwen wemkan... d acu ara  
k iniy? — Aseedi, ur t yettak ara Rebibi yer-din! Ur  
tellii deg-s la d essejra, la ttaheict : eggmel, idya-  
yen, d aya i d-yehleq Rebibi dinna. Ad as tiniq d es-  
sehra. Ma d itij, d-wezyal, d-fad... yefk-ed Sidi lhir-  
is!

20 Uccen, dya, yuyal s-tidi amm-in yeccucfen. Ma d i-  
nisi, ur d-neqqar ara : yuy-itett kan yer-dahel : seg-  
gu, azyal, a s tiniq tiimess, ed-fad! Tin i ft iyel-  
ben yak, d fad! Yenya-ten fad. Uccen dyakkawen icen-  
firn-is : la d-yessufuy kan ils-is, yetnehhit,(yerna,  
yuy-it elhal, ssbeh zik, "yefter" s-yiwt taya!...

Ma d inisi, nniy-ak, yin-as kan degg-ul-is: Annay,

a Ḳebbi, d acu i k hedmey?.. Timseḡrit el-leemer, yemna-yaz-d wuccen la d-yetlummu fell-as, yin-as:

— Atan wanda γ-d yessawed ḥray-ik, ay-uçmit!.. D  
30 keç, i γ-d yebbin essyagi!

Inisi, meskin, yugad-it: yessusum kan, ney yeqqar-as:

— Annay, a sidi, annay, a sseltan el-lewiuc, niy  
d keç, Kan ig-ct̄debbiçen!

... M̄-ara ylin sin ur eediln ara tazmert, ur ilaq  
ara adedduklen, la-dya ma di-ssehra, la-dya ma yella  
deg-sen yiwen d uccen! D win mehquren, daymen, i ft  
yelhayen. D win mehquren, daymen, — lameena daymen,  
imi, ulamma la neṭru tura yeff-inisi, ula d netta, ak-  
40 ken, d aburuks, lukan a t yecrek webrid d-walbeed a-  
qell-is, a Heqq baba-k ed-jeddi-k, ar dyeseeddi fell-  
as d elbatl azeggay.

D acu tebyid? Akka i d edduunit: wa yeyleb wa, wa  
yeħqer wa, wa yteħħ wa. Nekkini jerrbey iman-iw: γur-i  
yiwit n-eħħbiea d iriż: ac-hal d abrid m̄ara qqimx ak-  
ka nekk ed-walbeed anhedder, akken d im̄-ara d-yebdu  
ad iyi-d yettectki, ad iyi-d yetlumma yef-wihin ed-wa-  
gi, yef-wihin idelm-it, yef-waġi yeċċa-yaś elheqq, dya  
nekk a t esskadey Kan γer-wallen, adetħuzzu aqerruy-  
50 iw; yef-yils-iw iny-as: ih!.. ttidet! ti-degħ! D awal  
el-leali!.. Ma degg-ul-iw, qqary-as: Memnaydi-Rebbi  
a wi zrau ac-hal tħedmed keċċini l-lbatel, ac-hal i k  
yetjalasen eddnub! ... NNiy-ak... Lameen, a d-nuval  
ar inisi...

Akken d imi yekteb Ḳebbi d ayen, Husben, m̄asakit,  
am eleesat-enni l-ljihennama, dya almi ata idehr-a-  
zen-d elbir dihin, dihin... NNiqal ruhen emmūten: yu-  
yal-itn-id eż-żejt.

Uccen la ymeċċek kan icenfirn-is; ils-is yeffi-ed  
60 amm-eqjun m̄ara s-żejtendeh deg-nebdu; yin-as Kan degg-ul-  
is: Lbir-inna la tħaliż, ma ttidet yella ney ttargit a  
la tħargħi?...

Ma d elħajj... "Tazzelt", deg-mi jesfuh aman, dya,  
yuval... yeff-uqarru, yeff-ujehnid... ulawi t-id yet-  
tfeñ!

A bbdjen, a sidi, γel-lbir. Walin γel-lqae-is llan  
deg-s waman. Uccen yesħall aqerruy-is degg-iri l-lbir

yer-dahjel : tewt-it-id erriha n-teħċict d-waman isemma-den, yesree! - Nekk, adiniy ulac eljennet n-eddunni 70 (macci l-lahert!), ulac eljennet n-eddunni am...

Leħrif, ettemer d-uyefki  
N-teljemt ney en-tihs, i  
D ayn i d eddwa n-tasa,  
La-jya ma deg-zal qayli;  
Aman d elcali,  
Tacercurt z-eddaw nneħla;  
Taħċiċt tazegzawt tuli...  
A Rebbi, ny-iyi... di-ssenhra!

A nniy-ak, ar d aqerra bbezduz i yur-i! Di-leenam-  
80 ya r-Rebbi, d acu d-yebbin ayefki d-ettemer d-leħrif yer-  
tmacahut umakrad n-etyetten?

Tura, dagħi i tenneħnej: anwa deg-sen ara yħubbien  
a d-yawī aman?

Myugadn i-sin: uccen, yugad adiħubb, a t-in yejj  
inisi di-lqa' el-lbir: yeżra atas i s-yeħdem elbaħel:  
lemmar ad as yaf abrid, a t-yeħdeez. Ma d inisi, ula d  
netta, tergagi tasa-s: ma yħabb, a d-yejj arrow-is i-  
tingara! Ihi, amek?

Ihi, tefra a d-yers inisi. Tfieħmed kan akkn a r a  
90 tefru : adyers a d-yawī aman, ney... a t yerr wuccen d  
iftaten. Yenna-ya : Ay-ul-iw, imi lmut ademmetey, i-  
wkessar ny i-wsawen, w-el-Leħ, meqqar ar-đ-ekksej eccid  
i-teħbiż-iw!

Netta lbir-enni yur-es taryact i yr ieħelleq w-eħ-  
rar; amrar-enni cuddett yer-s snat elhilat, yiwen es-  
ssa, tayed ssxa : mi tettubbu yiwen, tayd a d-ettali.

Yerkeb inisi, iż-żejt. Ljiha-mmiden yet-tif-id wuc-  
cen, la as yet-telliq cwiċ-ċwiċ...

Yawd inisi d akessar, yebdu tissit : yeswa, yeswa,  
100 yeswa... Lhasun, nniy-ak, almi yeqber, tcuġġi etsejjit-  
is, yerra-d s-leħbar, yuval-ed yel-leeql-is...

Tura, dagħi diġ-en, yella... leħsab : lemmar yelli  
iniġi d win i-wumi yeqseħ wul, lemmar d win yessawden  
elbeyd yel-leħdud, ma yetbet degħ-ul-is a t-yeħ-dee  
wuccen, tilli ad as-d yini : Iħi, a għma, imi tebbyid ad  
iyi-t, tħedmed, annemmt i-sin : nekk, ademmetey d-a għi  
degg-aman ; keċċ, attemmet dinna i-wsawen, di-fad!

... Dağı diy-en, yella... lehsab wi-s-sin : ahat, a win a la yeqqaren taqsit-agı, ad iyi dd-inid : ur yeş-  
llo tili ara lehsab abeydi amm-agı degg-ul inisi !

Nekk, a kk-in wajbey : TTidet, ttidet... uryessi a-  
ra inisi leeqsel ; ur yesel ara lefhama, ur yesel ara  
lhater, bac a dd-ilal degg-ul-is elbeyd ; lameena, a t  
enjezel... d emmi-s n-Adem : tur, alkagi, a mni-s  
n-etmurt, mur i tefhimd aru, ezel tiwriqin-agı, rr-i-  
tett yr-etkufit, ney ssery-itett ! Nekk, d a y a g i ssney !

Tabee, ur yesisi inisi lehsab-agı, ur tescid ig-  
ellan. Ur zriy d ul-is ig-elhan, ur zriy yettel yef-  
120 Rebbi, — ney yur-it olhal ihegga tin yehdom, — akken  
d imi yeswa almi yerwa, yecur elhila-nni d aman, i-  
seggid-as i-wuccen :

— Ejbed !

Uccen, d ayn ig-eṭraju. Yejbed, yejbed degg-cmrar,  
alm i d-yessawed elhila, yesmir-it yef-yedmar-is...  
Tiqit, ur t-iid yejjı ara ; mattawatt, yerwa.

Dya, yesl-as i-yinisi la z-d yetseggid :

— Ejbed tur a nn-aliy !

Yerra-yas wuccen, yenna-yas :

130 — A d-jebdey ?... A nnegr-ik, a tawayit-ik ! QQim  
Kan, Kemmel ussan i g-d yeqqimen dinna ! Ma d nekk, a-  
ql-i ruhey : ma d arrow-ik, ad asen essiwdey lejhbar-  
ik ! QQim di-lehna !

Dya, yelckr adiruñ, almi yesla... i-ledsa : "Ah ah  
ah ah !!!"

Yosl-as, a lmmamin, i-yinisi, di-lqae l-lbir, yem-  
mat di-tedsa. Yebded wuccen, yewhem. Yesdill aqerruy-  
is, yessiwel :

— Waay-Inisi ! D acu-t akka i yef tetjadsad ?..

140 Yerr-az-d inisi :

— Ah ah ah ah ! D acu i yef la t̄jadsay ? W a h...  
Fell-ak a la t̄jadsay, ay-uccen i s yeqqaren Herçey!!!  
A ziγ-enni, yif-ik weyyul tiñherci !...

Uccen s-akin, mi t imettel yer-weyyul, yeffy-ed  
wul-is : yenna-yas :

— Amk akka ? Amk i-yif weyyul ?

Yerr-az-d inisi, yenna-yas :

— Wah ! d ajerreb Kan i byiγ a K jerrbey mi i k-n

enniy ssali-yi-n! Wah!.. tebra tnisit-enni n-ejjiy di-  
 150 lyaba, ur n-uliy essyagi a-lukan ad iyi tefke cci n-  
 eddunnit irkel!.. A win yif eccestees! W-aql-i ufiy-d  
 dagi ala tid-enni yeba wul! W-aṭṭa tecçur ddunnit da-  
 ḡi ala d akraren, d ulli, ttiyetten, d iqelwacen, tti-  
 yuzad, d iyuzad, d iwtal!!!

Lhaşun, ibedr-as-eth-id akken ttirni, ala ayn i ff  
 i yetṭak tuymas-is wesdaw imeksawen.

Yuṭal almi d amcaḥ-enni icenfirn-is; bdutt tuymas  
 is la ṭerdiqett, alln-is ffyeṭṭ-ed. S-akin, yerraṭ yr-  
 uħellel:

160 — Annay, ay-inisi, annay, a gma tsebbut! Ml-iyi  
 amk ara n-subbey... Annay, tħil-ek!...

— Amk ara d-ṣubbed?.. tur a ad ak iniy tidejt, a  
 għma : luč a a a n d albeqd-enniđen, til urak eżem-  
 midj ara : imi d keċċ, ay-uccen, icerk-ay elhiġi, yer-  
 na waqila crekn-ay uia d idammen... Ihi, atan wakkn a-  
 ra thedmed : gr iman-ik z-dahħel el-lħila-nni yellandin  
 i-wsawen ; nekk dagħi a n-eċċarey tayeqn d a m a n,  
 tserrħed-d i-yiman-ik, alamma teħħbed-d...

S-akin, dadda-k inisi yettf ineggez yer-dahħel, tħi  
 170 akken i s yenna a tħiġi eċċarey d aman, yetṭeħ degħ-ēm-  
 rar, yurja.

Uccen yuġ-as awal : yehdem akken t-id iwessa : yer-  
 keb, yedleq i-yiman-is, iżu... s-akin la yetṭader, la  
 yetṭader. Wayednin s-wadda la d-yeṭṭali!

Akken, akken... almi d et-tħażżeġ l-lbir,.. emlilen:  
 iwal uccen ħali-k inisi la d-yetteqluqul, iteddu-d  
 yer-berra. Amrar la yetṭazzal. Ieegħid-as, yenna-yaś :

— Annay! annay! amk akka nekk la n-ħiġi  
 ek d akessar, keċċ la tħallid!..

180 Inisi yejjugei kan degħ-ēmrar, tamart-is lat-yes-  
 safag wadu.

Akken tqarib adyawed yer-berra, uccen iżu yennu  
 elqae, ijawb-it, yenna-yaś :

— D acu tebyid ay-uccen, a għma?

Akkagi i d eddunnit :

Wa yetṭali, wa yetṭħabbu !

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Iyani d-elfaqir

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**D Ə İ D I R E C C E** - ŞEBHANU İLLA NEW-

wa! — i yas yennan : Əwiy tadsa di-sin leibad di-kra  
 yak d-helqey : erwiy tadsa degg-in d-helqey d elyanı,  
 yetkibbir, yettuqam ayebl i-yiman-is, yettagad adihass  
 5 ny adyellaz ney, elhasun, adyennehwaj di-kra ney kra :  
 netta, yetta yelhal, akken yebyu yessehşer, alken yebyu  
 ijhı, ama yehdem ama yeqqim, medmın ar daymen adyesen,  
 daymen adyerwu imi : helqey-t-id d elyanı, d elyanı.

Wı sin i dg erwiy tadsa d win ara d-helqey d el-  
 10 faqır, waliy-t yessehşib iman-is akkn ara yeşmu : yuŋ  
 elhal, ar akken yebyu yehdem, akken yebyu ineggez, ak-  
 ken yebyu yejməs, ur yeszi cci di-ddunnit-is, ur yerwi,  
 eela-hater helqey-t-id d elfaqır, d elfaqır!

Dİ-ZZMAN EN-ZIK, YELLA YIWEN

umehluq, degg-ass m<sup>i</sup> i-d yekker, yecfa yef-yiman-is,  
 yella netta tımmetrit ig-eṭmetra. Leac deg-suter tı in  
 r-İebbi amm-akkn ara ycic wayed s-walbeş l-leşnayec.  
 Maççı d ur d-yerri<sup>i</sup> ara s-leğbar lihala inebgi r-İebbi  
 tetwahqer, itekkes leqder i-bab-is ; icerred ac-Mal d  
 20 abrid adig leqrar i-yiman-is, adyili am netta am med-  
 dedu, walakin, — amm-akkn i s yenna win : adyebdu iben-  
 nu, ibennu, ar tqarib ad as yali llhid, alamm<sup>a</sup> iwala-t  
 yemmegrurj-as-d amm-uyalad-enni ur neqid, ur nesei  
 llas. Leqrar-is kan, elhasun, ttuyalınar tımmetrit.  
 enni-ynes: yer-leğher, tabes, tuyal tuy-as aşar! Mkul

ci tannumi : "Tawekka ilili, ma teffy-ed seg-s, attemet."

Yibbass degg-usan r-Rebbi, la yessutur degg-iwet  
murt, almi yebbed yer-tebburt bbehjam n-esseltan :

30 — Feit-ay tin r-Rebbi a lummün afrehem!

SSeltan s-yiman-is, yetay-it elhal dyä ibedd-eä  
yer-yiwn ettaq l-lezli amezwaru, iwali-t-id.

Yuyal esseltan yer-dahel, yessiwl i-wakli, yenna-yas :

— Ruh, in-as i-ssayl-inna adyarju.

Di-ssyen, iceddi yer-taklatin, yesfhum-itet, ggatt  
taħbult bbeğrum, erratt di-tlemast-is tawizej n-eddheb,  
ssebbett-ej, fkatt-as-tyid : yawi-#-idd i-wakli, yenna-yas:

— Ruh awi-yas-t; yerna, in-as m-kul eßbeli a d-  
40 yeffas akk a amm-ass-a : adyeffawi taħbult bbeğrum akk am  
tagi.

Yerna, lhasan, iwessi mlili taklatin akkn ur tejjutt  
ara tawizej, daymen; akli, akkn ara yeħsassa ssayl-en-  
ni, ad as yeħħak taħbult.

Akken d imi yaz-d yebbi wakli taħbult-enni, yernu  
iwessa-t akkn a z-d yenna sidi-s, tfeħmed yufa-t taj-  
milt : yenna-yas :

— Yirbeħ ! Iketter hir-kum !

Yerr-ed taħbult s-edda teyrut, yet-f-ed abrid-is.

50 Ur d-yelhi ara seċra leqdam, almi ata yemlil-it-  
iħi yiwen wuday - haca ssamein d-elmalayekkat! - Wissen  
ma d amenni ig-menn ayyrum-enni, degg-akken t-yejjeb,  
d acċebħan ; wissen d beqqu kan ig-eby a adyeered elqut  
bbehjam n-esseltan ; uday amcum, akken d imi wtieħ wal-  
ln-is di-twacktant, iluea-t :

— Ay-aqbayli, aħżeżzened taħbalt-enni ?

Yebbed weqbayli, yerra-yaz-d :

— Acimi ?

Yenna-yas :

50 — Muqel : yak, keċċ zriy-k tħimmetrit i tejmetrađ:  
walay-k-in mi tsutred's aħħjam n-esseltan. Di-ssyen a-  
kin, zriy-k, diy-en, a taħbult-agħi ar-t-teċċed yef-yi-  
wet tremt : a Rebbi, ma tessera-wi! Eyya, ma tuu'd a-  
wal-iw, zzenz-iyi-t, nekk ad ak efkej deg-s ayn i ss  
ara tħednej d-wi i ss ara tecċed imensi...

Anjeċċel yefka-yas snat en-đuru.

Yaf weqbayli-nni : s-tidett<sup>5</sup> yur-s elMeqq wuday : and<sup>a</sup> ulac d elmađi, s-wazal-enn<sup>1</sup> i yas yefka, yezmer aday taħbult en-temzin, ney, — ma terra tmara, — ubel-70 luđ, i-ssbeħ, tayed tameddit; u ar d az-d yegridi ss ara ysew elqahwa, d-wi ss ara yettes...

Yawi wuday taħbult. Aqbayli yerra snat en-duru yer-teħrit, yessebbed taerurt-is yettagħ elhal yekna, ideg-gei icu dajd yel-deffir, yecleħ idarrn-is yer-temditt d-iqberben.

Uday, akken d imi yeħbed s aħħam-is, yaf degg-massn en-teħbult tawizet, yeswan kada wa-kkada. Ideħr - ak elhal a l-ferħ yefreh. Ma yefka Rebbi, d ayn ara d-yes-sis degg-agġur, ny akter!

Ma d aqbayli, diy-en, ula d netta, yufa igerrz-as erray : d akken yesseħiseb i yas teffey!

Yeċċa ass Kamel, yerwa. Lhaṣun, yegħi-yaz-d ula d azal ei-l-qahwa d-yides. Ulamm<sup>a</sup> iż-żeरref almi d asurdi aneggaru, yetħkel yeff-uzekka-nni. Mi tn ifakk yak, i-sejjda adyetteς, yenna-yas : Hemdey-k, cekkreyk a Rebbi! Azekka diy-en Kif-Kif!

AZEKKA-NNI DIY-EN S-TIDETT  
tedha-d Kif-Kif. Aldken kan yettef taħbult deg-fus bba-kii, ideħr-as wuday dihin la z-d yessensat : eyya Yer-90 dagi!

Iruħi yer-s, wa ur yenni i-wa. Win yefka-yas taħbult, win yefka-yas snat en-duru. Mkul-yiweny u Y abrid-is.

Jebden akkenni, annini, lejwahi n-setta ney d sebea wagġuren. Yella mkkull-ass, mkkull-eşsbeħ, a dyawi weq-bayli-nni taħbult i deg tella twizejt, a t yefk i-wuday : uday, ad as yefk esnat en-duru : snat en-duru-nni, mi ttameddit, ur d-yetġim<sup>i</sup> ara deg-sett usurdi.

SSelṭan, degg-asmi yefka lamer i-waklan-is yeff-a-100 ra tkawn i-ynebgi r-Rebbi, yer-wass i yer-ħ-d-neħbed, yeff-aqerruy-is yak wannect-enni : yellha d-leċ-ċal-is-en-niden.

Ass-en, yemmekti-t-id ; yenna-yas : IMeqqa ! Dy<sup>a</sup> a-meħluq-enni, s anda yebbed?... Samk etga li halas-tura?... A d-yelfu, anda ulac, l-herġum d-ħħam yuqm-it am netta am medden!... Ata tara, degg-ass l-leħlani al-

mi d ass-a, tawizet en-kada i-wass, tusa-yaz-d es-kada wa-kkada... Ihi... w-elLeh, a ma yefka Rebbi, tura, ar atan s-ibernyas-is d-userdun-is!...

110 Ieeddi, imir-en, iweşş<sup>1</sup> akli-mni dya b'bass amezwaru, yenna-yas :

— Azekka ssbeh, mara d-yas bu-tehbult-enni, awiyi-t-id : byiy a t ezrey.

AZEKKA-NNI SSBEH, YAWI-YAS-t-id wakli. Dy<sup>a</sup> akken kan t iwala sseltan yedhec : d lehwayj-enni, d ellebsa-nn<sup>i</sup> i deg t yezra ass amezwaru i deg t ma<sup>z</sup>-zal ar ass-en. Ma belħara, ernatid-lqedma, ernatid-degg-ammus, ernatid-deg-cerreg, ujalett yaħi ti-fawtin. Idarren hafi, amm-ass amezwaru. Ma d abeliniq 120 yezzi i-wqerray-is, icasl-it : d winna s-yiman-is. Wa-lakin tekks-as elweħha i-sseltan : iluea-t :

— Ihi, a baba, amek tellid? Ma bhix?

— Aneam, a SSeltan, ad fell-ak isal elhix. D acu ara k iniy, a sseltan? La teħwiliż, aql-ay akken yebha Rebbi!...

— Seħħana illa Hewwa!... S-tideu, ... akken yebha Rebbi! Wa-lakin... ehh... ma tbeddel kra teswiet fell-ak? Yak, ħemjhallafen wussan... Sidi Rebbi Minn, Krim!

— Aneam, a sseltan : d awal l-Isali! Sidi Rebbi, 130 Kull-ec yur-es yeshel. Day-netta numen yess, nsebr-as i-wayen yura. Yerna, amm-akka teqqared, aneam, a sseltan, Sidi Rebbi ur yejjaja Hedd. Degg-asm<sup>i</sup> i yi tħaken taħbult b-beyrum at weħjam-ik, ur huqqi ara am zik... lhersum d laż ur ellużi ara, Hemdey-t cekkrey-t! Adig Rebbi tebbek i-laħeriż-ik a sseltan!

— Ajmaeñ! Wa-lakin... ehh... teqqared "lhersum d laż" ur telluzid ara... Ihi, meħsuh, di-tawatt ueħbud, aktin ur terniż ara?... Ur tessagered ara?... ur t-e j-mied ara?...

140 — Ah ya Sidi SSeltan! Ah ya sidi ameezuz! Ma di-lweqt-agħi i deg nell<sup>a</sup> ara ssigħej, nej sad di-liħħala-yagi-inu ara jemċey! Niż tezriż, — aneam a sseltan! — wiñ izaden, d wiñ i yi-fkien talqimt : ihi, lemmer sad maċċi taħbult-enni i yi teħġaqed kull-ass...

— Niż, degg-ass amezwaru, ata tur<sup>a</sup> ac-Mal ayagi, m-kull es-sbeh teħawid essyagi taħbult, leemer teħdid?

— Aneam, a Sidi, leemer.

— Ihi, tawizet-enni i teħafed deg-s, d acu tħed-dmed yess? Teznuzud-t ney teħbeddiled-t, ac-hal?

150 — Tawizet?... Anta tawizet?

— Tawizet-enni teħafed z-dahel etteħibult...

Argaz yuġal wudm-is d awraj amur-in yemmeni. Imi-s yeqqur. Yefhem yak tin s yeħdem wuday. SSelṭan, amm-akken yufa-ti wul-is, yunf-as kan ad az-d yeħdeq. Winna yelli imi-s s-bessif, inetq-ed:

— Ih<sup>i</sup>, a sseltan... ad ak ehku... Deggħ-ass amez-waru, zzenzy-as-ti i-yiwen wuday... S-akin... sakın... ar ass-a...

160 Wa-lakin, ur ő-i kemml ar a awal : SSif - el - lqedra n-Sidi Rebbi yaғġ-eid gr igenni tmurt, yessifg-as aqer-ru. Aqer-ru ineggez yer-dihin m-ebeid, idammn-is tred-qaen yel-lhid d-iqublu dya sseltan, ujalendinna d-lektiba: d lektiba tazeggayt. Iyer s-akin sseltan lekti-be-nni :

D elfaqir i t-id efkiy:

A lsebd, tebjud a t teynud!

Ihi tura mi t enqiy,

Esseid ziġi ma a t-id-ehyud!

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Ihaj amcic

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# URKA

DAY-neşta, w-elLh ar ay yessehder Rebbi i-leçyal ar d  
ayen kan! Nehder i-mkul leçjeb elhaşan: himacinin yet-  
tafgen deg-genni, ttid ikeççmen degg-aman, d isendyaq  
5 yetyennin, d lehyud yettawin elhedra di-tmurt yer-tayed.  
Neħbed, nniy-awen, neħbed yer-wayn ur tħamra ara lej-  
dud-enney lemmer d ara d-ekkren adwalin.

Wa-lakin, lemmer d ara d-yekker yiwen di-lejdud-  
ni dya, — lameesna bħidak-enni n-zik zik, bħidak - enni  
10 ihedren i-wasm<sup>1</sup> inetteq elmal, (leħwajec yaħi hekket am  
keċċ ed-nekk), — yaf-ed elmal s-lekmal yegġugem n-e Y  
yeskeewiż d asekkewew: ar t̄ yefk karewla, ar t̄ yuval  
d azekka-s, ar d yin<sup>1</sup> i-ljiran-is : Ziy, ddunniż sim-  
mal teftuval yer-deffir! Ney, tħażżeja i-ttezzi! Wissen?

D acu kan? W-elLh, a wer nrennu qbeżtac leqrunk  
ennejid! A wer netħawed yer-wi-s-meyya di-leqrunk! Ur t̄  
nessin, ur t̄ nelhiq, ur t̄ enwala, taswiet-enn<sup>1</sup> i dg a-  
ra nsel... i-sin yejjal hemmehdaren!

Akken s-eqqaren iż-żumien : ur yelli wayen d-yennu-  
20 fan s-eddaw yiżiż!

DI-LBERR AGI-NNEY, LA-K QQA-  
ren, tella, di-zzman en-zik zik, yiwt n-efmurt yeħkkem  
deg-s wemcic. La-dya, ssebħan eLLeħ! tamurt i dg ara  
yeħikkem wemcic, a t̄ tafed teftważmet ala s-iż-żerdayen.

Lhaşun tamurt-agı i yeff ara d-neħiku dya d akken : seltan d amcic, ma d lumma-s yak ala arrayaw n-etyerda-yet.

Ass-n ihi, degg-ussan n-Rebbi, yekker wemcic iżruh a dd-iħuġġ. Idhej-ak elħal, ayen yebya yak yebbed yergħi s ; di-ssyén-akīn, has yeżra iman-is yesfa di-kull-tam-salt, walakin yessn elfurug : yetyimi-yaz-d kana d-yes-lil iż-isan-is degg-ekħam r-Rebbi : d eßswab !

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Yezzi-dd useggas : yak, imir-n ur yelli d elbabur wa-la ġumubil : ata yuval-ed essełtan amcic, ddac ed-dac, almi d-yeċċem tamurt-is. Timelirent-emni tazegzawt el-lhejjaj, yeqqn-i tidd i-wqerruy-is : dya, s-tin, yet-bet iħuġġ-ed s-tidet ; yessiwd-ed yer-lemlieku-s.

Wa-lakin, — wissn amk almi, — sseltan ideef-ed maċ-40 ci d ekra : weħmey amek d-yessawed s aħħjam-is : qqimen-đ deg-s ala iż-isan. Yerha yetwaxqal d acu i d sseħħba-s: macci d leħlak, macci d aħżeżeen, macci d itij, macci d wiñ, macci d wa : i t-id yenyan, mëskin, d laz. Ssel-tan yemmuf-ed di-laz ! Wissen ma d at tmuri-enni i deg yella lhiġġ i-wumi tendeh... lmizireyya, ur as effixx ar-a rä adyeċċ ; wissn imi di-tmura-enni idur yemmal ara d-elixxar minn amm iyerdayen ara s yefken talqim ; d acu kan? mi d-yebbed s aħħjam-is, ieħħda yeqqim, elmuun... ur illeddi ara !...

50 Ulaq ujilif : awi-dd imi d-yessawd ala ġruhi ! Tamurt yak tesla yess yusa-d : tamurt yak teħref, has... ur teħrifli ara. Iyerdayen s-leħħam erran tibbura ggejh-ham-ensen yef-yiman-ensen, beddelu imensawen. Dya, la k eqqaren, ass-en tiyerdayin yak deatt-as s-selħir i-ssełtan imi, meqqar, i-wudniς, cċait cwit umellal, di-leu d uħiħut-enni-nnset en-kull-ass. NNiż-ak, a sidi, lhaşun, ul-a i yak iniy ara...

Ma d amcic, — steyfir ell-ley ! — ma d essełtan, ak-ken d imi i t-id yuval cwit leeqel, yeff inebbeh tuy-60 mas-is akkn ilaq, yessiwl-ed i-ccambit, yenna-yas :

— Ruh, berri i-tmurt akken ma tella : byiż leema-la s-leħħam, s-umeżyan s-etmeżyatt, s-wemvar estemjaṛ, a dd-awden tura yur-i ad iyi sreblien ellħiġġ-iw : in-a-sen aql-i cedħay-ten aħas aħas : byiż a tn-ezżej : in-asen lameen luħan a n yeqqim yiwen ur d-iruħ ara...

Lhaşun, rüħ, yiwel!... La tħajju!

Taswiet, alm<sup>1</sup> ata #bel la yekkat, ccambit la yet-berriħ akken t-iwessa s-selħan. S-akin, ddunniż temher-wal : win iteffen yejjja l-makla-s, win meċyulen yejjja cceyl-is, win yellan di-ssyada yuzzl-ed ; lhaşun, s-u-mectuh s-umeqrañ, s-umudin s-unessaybu, akken ma yella... lewten, yegħarib-ed nej yuli-d, yegħuggi-d yur-esseltan...

— S-leeqalu ! s-leeqalu ! Yiwen yiwen ! Ur ġen itef-fy ara leeqel ! Atteddim irkel, ur ॥agħadu!...

SSelħan yebbed z-dat tebburt : s-akin, wa z-deffir wa, ayeħda nej tayerdayt d-yebbed yer-s, adyessuden aqerruy-is, ad as yesserbeħ : Meħruk, a SSelħan! d a-merbuli elhi jid-dik! SSelħan, ad as yerr :

80 — A k yesserbeħi Rebbi !

A t-yessekcem, adyeddu yid-es yer-dahel b-beħħam, a d-yuval yer-wayed :

— D ennuba-k !

Wa-lakin, ur zriy amek, kra bbin ara yessekcem akken, yejjaja-t-in din z-dahel, yettuval-ed kan weħid-es. Wissen ma yella kra n-tebburt ti-s-snati deg teffyeni si-ljiha-nniiden, nej... Lhaşun, kra bbin ikecamen ur d-yuval.

90 Tagi, a Bu-tbururin, d elmuγħriba ! Aql - i segmi bdan la keċċomen watmatn-iw, ur walay ara yiwen yuval-ed ! D aceċċi i la ten yecċejjaj esselħan dahel ? Maċ-ċi d win ara tħalli ihedmen ! La teffyeni si-tebħżejt en-ber-rä asezzug ? Zriy yiwt en-tebburt kan ig-ellan ! Ihi? Tagi, nniy-ak, a Bu-tbururin a huya, tagid elmuγħriba !

Bu-tbururin-agħi, i la yħedden i-yiman-is weħid-es weħid-es, d yiwn u-yeħda, diġ-en, kra b-beħħar akken d-aċiħan, cabu ula d iż-żallin-is : yeqqim, — yeqquwbex, — yef-też-żu, diħin diħin, m-eħcid, agemmadi i-weħħam n-esselħan : la d-yesskad kan, yetferriji.

100 Netta, la-dya, segni yeslä i-wberreħi n-eccambit i t-yuġi el-ħal yeċċa amkan-enni, la d-yetwali degħ-atmatn-is la d-efazzalen.

Macci d lemqaḍra ur yetqadha ara sselħan : m-a ur i-har ar-ġiġi amm-iyid... Haca way-ellieħ!... Wa-lakin, net-ja, amm-akkn "ileħiħu i-ddunniż-is s-leeqel", a d yelfu yettekkie degħ-idak-enni i s-yeqqaren : Leeqel d aħħib

n-Rebbi.

Deg-hessem-en*i*-ines, yenna-yas : Lhasun, elhij ur yetfat ara. Ihi, ma d nekk, aql-i di-lehma : ma d ayn  
110 ennidén, ayen yellan, a t enzer!

Yeqqim akken, la d-yeṭterrij...

Almi... tfukk yak etmurt. Tamart yak teedda yef-es-  
şelṭan : tamurt yak tesreh̄-as, tamurt s-lekmal tekcem  
s ah̄jam-is : yiwn ur d-yeqqim ara...

Ata yeffy-ed elhaj amcic... SSebħan elleħ ! NNay,  
eeni d alln-ik, a Bu-tbururin? Sgellin Kan ig-e l l a  
şselṭan yedżef, yeqqur yak, yemmut : turā, ad as tiniq  
icuff ucellid-is ! NNiy-ak a huya, di-lmuγṛiba yel-lmuγṛi-  
ġriba !...

120 Taswiet, amcic la yesskad yak akka bbaġġa ma yella  
win ma-zal, almi i s yedher Bu-tbururin iqabl-it-id di-  
hin yef-teżruġ. Yessiwl-as :

— Anwa wa wihin ?

— Waaa ! d nekkini, aneam a şselṭan ! Waaa, d nekk,  
d Bu-tbururin !...

— D keċċ, a Bu-tbururin ? A, hiṣiġ ya ! d armi ġay-  
mn akkagi ! d lebda d keċċ i d aneggaru. I-tura, d a-  
cu teṭrajud ?

— Aneam, a şselṭan, ur tessid i ḫraju : tura ad-  
130 qulley. Usiġ-d Kan ad ak iniy meħru k elhij-ik a sidi:  
adig Rebbi d amerbuh, d aseedi ! Adig Rebbi...

— Ih! ih! ih!... saħħa, saħħa !... I-tura, yak a  
d-ruied aħessudned aqerruy-iw : aħkeċmed s ah̄jam...

— Aneam, a şselṭan : ma d aqerruy-ik, uruklally a-  
ra a t essudnej : lemmar a t essimsej ! Tegħra-d deg-nekk-  
cum s ah̄jam... Iketter ħir-ek a sidi ameezuz : ur eż-  
miry ara adkecmey...

— Amek ?... Ur tezmird ara aħkeċmed ? Acu-yer ?

— Acu-yer ?... Aneam a şselṭan-sidi-lħaj-amcic-u-  
bi : ad ak iniy kan tideft i-Rebbi : ml-ara sekdey yr-  
ecċemla teqqned i-wqerruy-ik, tidet, d elhaj, swa-swa;  
ml-ara sekdey yer-walln-ik... ma-zal-itett kan d allen  
bħemcic ! Day-netta,... bqa el-aħjar !...

144 Yett' abrid-is, iruħi.

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11 | LEMMER D LEBYI, WI-MMUTEN ADYE-

glu s-wayla-s !

Bbin-t akka d asefru asmi teawed ezzwaj yiwt n-et-met'tut edg-at-cebbas, tekkr aterkeba'eddu tislit, em-5 mi-s di-dduh yuwas! Ihi, sad, tame'ttut-agı n-at-sebas d ezzwaj kan i teawed; anda tebyu teddu, attuyal a d-erzu yef-emmi-s, ya-lukan yef-meyyat esna. Anda yewsef aktef, ihi, d asmi ara d-yeskad ellufan di-dduh di-yemma-s i-wmı ara slusun lekfen, srusun-t di-ssellum, 10 atrihi a tt awin yer-wanda ur d-eşuyal. Has mezzi llufan-enni n-edduh, has ur ifehhem, ur ihedder, adiyiwis, adyetur: ecila-hater ellan lejruh en-tasa yethazan ula d lehwayec. Anwa ur d-nerrı s-lehbar i-yemet'tawn ikerri, as el-leid tameqraqt, mı ara t-id essufyen deg-daynin, yeskad ajenwi deg-fus bbin ara t yezlun? Wehhed a win ur numin!...

YELLA, DI-ZZMAN EN-ZIK YI-wen wergaz, yur-es tame'ttut ed-sin warraw-is, aqcic teqcict. Ass-en, yawed lajel n-etmet'tut, twala iman-is 20 atemmet, tesnejmae-itn-id i-tlata tama-s, tweşşa-ten:

— Kunwi, a mmi, a yelli, lehram d aseñaf! Hemed elhiç i-baba-t-wen: ecfat i-leetab yeşteb fell-awen! Ma d keçç, ay-argaz, lehram d aseñaf! arrayik, ammar anda ten tejjajad! Ma yella kra bbayen yelhan i yak

hedmey, err-asen-t i-nutni : ala Rebbi d-keçç ara seun. Ma mmutey, trefded-ten keçç, amm-akknur eggulen. Lher-şum, d yiwt ad iyi teahded fell-as si-tura : a tafunast ur t tezzened, ur t tessufyed degg-ehham, alamma d as-mi ara d-ekkren warraw-iw emden, bbedn akknara zemren  
30 i-yiman-ennsen...

Argaz, s-selseql-is, ieuhd-it yeff-akkn i yas tedleb. Yekks-as yak aliebber, išebr-i, iceħħd-as... almi tes-sufy erruh, tebbed leefu r-Rebbi.

Ma d aqcic netta tqeqcict, ar eṭrun kan, feħmen ur ef-himen. Nutni, la-dya, mezziyit : aqcic, d amenzu, adyili hemsa ney sett esnind i-leemr-is ; mat taqcict, d y a, fell-as ay d-erna.

Aqcic, ism-is SSeedi, taqcict Faqma.

Lameena, a ya Ħnin, a ya Krim, a Win i tn iħelqen! ye-40 fka-d deg-sen Sidi ur icuhi. Has maċċi dyemma-t-sen tinn-a yemmaten, yar-s ellieqq atwessi fell-asen. Lha ja yel-han, yesfraħen alln ed-wul, ur ilaq ara aħħenda : haċċa teyli-d deg-fus bbeedaw r-Rebbi ara yestehzin di-tmeqqit n-eccbaħja-s i yay d-yeffak.

Daxx-netta, SSeedi d-Faqma, ur uklaln ara adendasen, wa-la aden jaħien : yelli ugujil i dg ara yettegħi, -degg-ul-is, -winn akkn i-wu yr ara yeffullek s-ettmara.

Yeljeq Sidi Rebbi SSeedi d-Faqma yiwt eż-żifra-nnien. Tezwey, temlel : idammen yeff-edfel! lak tizzemreqt d-a-50 cebbüb awraj, acebbub-enni i-wmi qquaren imdeħheb. Ma d asedsu... tqeddu bħid mezziyen yak, yesca sserr. Da-yn i ss i, mi-ara teerri Faqma i-tenyirt-is, yetfejjji yak weħħam. TTin i-wumi qquaren tawenza b bewrey. Lameena, lha ja ara yeseu bna dem daymen, yelli yid-es tannu-mi : d ayn i ss i ur ukin ara imawlani n-Faqma s-yiwt-enniden yefka-yas-t Rebbi segg-akkn yebja ad as yesmed di-lekkrama-s : tulias-enniden, mi-ara meċdet, tekksett-ed tilkin, — Haċċa wi-sellen d-elmalayekkat! — Netnejat, segm i ara temced, yelli t-tiddegħi deg-qerruy-is ttiju hertin!

60 Mi ara thuzz ney temced tamzurt-is, a d-yacar iciwi-s tihebbtin n-eljuher, a tekkra a if tezwi, a if tdeqquer, amm-akken d ulac, segg-akkn ur tessin d acu yeswa amm d eljuher, ama d eddheb, ama d ayn-enniden. Yerha, ma tuval yer-tidet, yar-s elHeqq : netta s-yiman-istif ta-juhert, tif tawizet : i-wum idyayen ?

Degg-asmi d-ekkren, la SSeedi la Fađma, ḡebban-tnid imawlan-ennsen s-eccuq. SSeedi, dya, atan iban, d netṭa ay d amenzu, yerna d aqcic : asmi ara ṫrajun wergaz etmettut tadist tamezwarut, degg-ayenni kan imi d 70 ellufan-enni i "d-yellin tabburt", yetṭawi daymen es-suma tameqrat, yetṭiciz daymen cwit akter bħid - enni-đen ara d-yessetbes, i-wum i ara d-yessiwel. La-dya, ma yerna yennulfa-d d eddker, d aqcic, ih akkenni yezdu-kkl-itett. Win yebyan adyessefreh aṭas isli tteslit as-mi ara zewjen, ad asen yedeu : adig Rebbi amenzu-nnwen d aqcic ! Tħewhid-ik, a Sidi Rebbi ! Di-lembacl irkel, di-lwaldin irkel ara yesun taqa n-edderrya, yetnulfu-ya-zen-d meħsusb daymen umenzu-nni, yetnamar-iten, yetea-si-ten, — ger-cwit ed-watas, — akter bħbatmatn-is. Ahat 80 dya, imi d netṭa ay d amezwaru yer... - tmusni l-lee-yub-ennsen, imi, lhasun, d netṭa ig-beddun, ig-efifik-kan, d amezwaru, amur el-lħanna. Wa-lakin, yu yelħal ayagi, yiwen webrid kan ig-ejjajjerreb, am-elmut : yiwei en-tikkelt kan ig-ejili umenzu...

Day-neħha, baba-s ed-yemma-s n-eSSeedi, asmi dd-ilul, ssnen-t kan eylay imi yess i fethħen. Yerna d aseedi s-tidet imi d-yessetbes taqcict am-Fadma, has ellan wid a s yeqqaren : taqcict, ma tedder tenfex, ma temmet, timeqbert tewse! Meħsusb, tedder ney temmet, ur d-yeċ-90 lie heddeg-s! Lameena, iħun Rebbi, llan ula d wid yetṭaken essuma, iteggn eccan i-lewlegga! Wissen ma d akkn iħemm, ig-ehder, win yessefran awal-agħi, ney d albeqd ieżegġunen kan? Ma tedder, tenfex? Ihi, dya, ma tenfex telha? Yerna, waqila, s-tidet tenfex, u-lammer d ass-enni kan i dg i kk-idd-urew! S-akkin, timeqbert tewse? Muql a sidi : i-fell-ak keċċ, ur tewse ara? Yeđmen Rebbi, a ma temmuted, ula d keċċ, ma teħbi yid-ek eddunnit! Wa-lakin, mara yeiwed ebnadem tamuqilt i-wsefru-yagi, taħaren-d zzeg-s cwit amm-i-100 metṭawen n-efmettut... Day-neħha, ma d ay gella ttilawin i t yetrun... ccaħ deg-sečči! ecla-haġer, imi d nutti ig-eżżeġġiren yel-ħieqra ggimman-ennsett! imi d nutti ig-esfilliten, ig-essirħisen iman-ennsett...

Lhasun, d Fađma, yur-baba-s ed-yemma-s, ur erħiġist ara. Degg-ass mi d-erna yur-Ecli n-at-ħemmu ttmettut-is, — ad as yefu Rebbi! — nutni d lebda fell-asen d

elferh. Degg-asmi tebda tessem̄biwil tifettusin-is et-tqejjit̄in-is, mi-ara s tefsi yemma-s tattalt, yella nut-ni ur rebbun ara deg-s tamw̄li. Ma llanelluzen, tuki-d, ekksen-t-id di-dduh, tlazi-tn-id s-\*emb̄eb b b' ney \*ay y y u\*-mn-ines, adessetqeneen, aderwun.

Akka, sad, ma d ellufan kan menwala; wamma Fađma, — Fafa, akkn a s eqqaren, — degg-eqbel attissin a d-enteq s-etqemmuct-is i bdatt hedđrett-ed, ssefhamett-ed walln-enni-ynes tizemraqin... ttizegzawin, ttizegzawin ammaman en-temd<sup>a</sup> i dg ara yezwir leħicic. Wamma tan-yirt-is, tawenza-s bbewrey, tinn<sup>a</sup> attan etban, secent-et, waqila, ala lmalayekkat.

Lktra n-ellufanat-enniden sessun eleadda n-tismin  
 120 tħemyasamen wa degg-a la-dya mara tekkes yemma-t-sen tabbuct i-yiwen tefk-it<sup>a</sup> i-wayed. SSeidi d-Fađma, imi yebja Sidi Rebbi adħalfen wiqid di-mkull-ec, n u t-ni tħemyemcaħen d amyemċeli am-yemcac-enni imectiħuħanen. Eeni yesneħt-asen Rebbi lweqt-enni n-eddell d-el-Hewj i yasen yur<sup>a</sup> a t esseddin yer-z-dat: di-temzi-nnsen tamezwarut yak i bdan heffden ħemħamalen, tħem-yerfaden, tħemħunnun wa yer-wa. Yekkāt s-wa, i-jebber s-wa: di-telqaqt-enni n-tasa yellan gar-asen i yazen d-yekka ddwa i ss i sebren, i ss i bbin edderk ass mi  
 130 ten terra tmara γr-etganit.

Asm<sup>i</sup>-ara ymyuren, — ma yezzif elecm<sup>i</sup>-ennsen, — qqi-mm i-leħdra d-usemmekti bbussan-enni n-temzi-nnsen, yur-sen yiġet en-temsalt Kan ara d-ennektin tejjawi-d gar-asen amennu: d "Yemma eu"! Ihi, ma dwid yetqirrin s-wayen yellan yak, ar ebbden ac-ħal d aħrid yer-wemceċċew yef-Yemma-eu, anw<sup>a</sup> ara yezwiren yer-.

Yemma-eu, neħħat, tħafunast.

Dya, tħafunast-enni i ff i twessa yemma-t-sen, ur a-sen teħwakks ara. La-dya, mi twessa akken, teżra aci-140 mi: ur as eqqaren SSeidi d-Fađma Yemma-eu almi t-hes-ben am-yemma-t-sen ti-s-snat. Asm<sup>i</sup> i d-lulen, kkren-d, ufan-d Yemma-eu s-yiman-is wi yecfan yak i-tmezwarut n-ecċetla-s degg-ehħam-ennsen. Has ssawden-t-id etru meqqret cwi, wa-lakin ufan-d mu-zal tesserwuy-iten s-uyefki. D ayn i ss i tabes imi yessen Eel<sup>i</sup>-At-Heġġi timelhiwt n-ecċetla-s, mi-arat terr tmara, izellu ney yeznu zu Kan elferh-is: neħħat, yejjha-t, yejjha-t alamma

temmut degg-ehħjam, amm-akken hemedmen yak imewwura n-at hemmu i-tmezwura ggemma-su. Tabee, limmer dara yekker 150 a t yezzenz, tili net-tat tħin ara yħedren, d eßswab ad as tini : Ur yuġ-k ara l-heqq ad iyi tezzenzed, ad i- yi tessufyed degg-ehħjam ! D ayn etliq i liy deg-s: bel-hara Kan keċċ, teħneşled di-tyerġejt, nekk cettley-d deg-daynin !

Net-tat, annex-ila-t, — L-leħ ibarek! — ama di-lee- 11 ama di-tuzert. Asmi ara tili tesmer, qrib attarew, s-lemħadra Kan ed-lestab i t-ssekcamen di-tebburt yr- udaynin. TTamellalt, ttamellalt irkel, haċċa snat net- dukam ufu en-tebrek i fell-as, yiwen yeff-eerur, ta- 160 m-a ujehnid, tayed yeff-enyir ger-wacciwen. Ma ttamaz- zagt-is... tħin, atas, i ss ara yenjem ebnadom a t yay es-tit, degg-akken ehrawet, tcuff, teqqur, tcellha-as idaqqa-is, tessazay-iż-żi di-tikli. Ama turew, ama qrib attarew, ama tessutud, ama teqqur, net-tat tuzzga-s yi- wet : iffan-is daymen bezgen, daymen yew-jed deg-sen u- yefki.

Lhasun, tin i ss ara t ihemmel ebnadom, d leħħama tfeħhem ttuġġiñi t-żejtissi at-weħħam. M-ara i ssu fuġen yel- leħla, ama d Eeli i t yeksan, ama ttameż-żut-is ig-eglan 170 yess yer-tebħirin, yili jjan-żi kan akka weħd-es, atteb- du attesrugħut, ad asen tessawal, am tin ara sen yinin: Aql-i dagi !... yuġ-wat ad iyi tejjem ! Mi ttameddit, s- akin, neħren-d, uyalen-d s-ahħjam, d net-tat diy-en ara d-yinin di-berra bbesqif : Mu u u uh ! ilit-ay-en tab- burt : aql-ay nusa-d ! S-akin, a t-tid emmagren SSeedi d- Faċċa : D Yemma-su ! Alla tusa-d Yemma-su ! Leesslam a Yemma-su !

S-akin ad-żegegrir iben gr-idaqqa-is ; net-tat atteħ-ħadar kan fell-asen : a ten teħiħiż s-leeqel, s-uqarruy-is, 180 a ten imecċeħi, i-wakken kan ad as anfen attekċem s- a-daynin.

Tidet i-Rebbi ! tiktwal sserfuyen-t, ssu fuġen-t di- leeql-is, la-đya m-ara tili net-tat s-siġman-is t- e s s a mni-s ney yelli-s mezzien i la-t yetrajun degg-egħrur. Wa-lakin, ur asen teħħataf ara tuħsift. Mi tseddha kan teswiet cwit, qulien-d yet-s, ssleħn-as, athuzz aqer- ruj-is, attesneznez : Ahaw Kan ! qabel : semmehi-awen !

Eela-ħaġżeर, tessn-it, tħu u la d net-tat ihesb-i-

ten amm-arraw-is. Yerna, akken yebyu yili, lemhibba  
 190 n-SSeedi d-Fadma yet-Yemma-eu ur tetwakkas ara, imi  
 d-ekka di-tgella d-lemleri. Yedher elhal : d ayefki-  
 nn'i i yazen d-ettak ig sebbeben elhir gar-asen; d-a-  
 yefki-nni, diy-en, ay d sseba ula ggisem i yas gan.

Asmi yasen tekkes yemma-t-sen tabbuct i-SSeedi d-  
 Fadma, wa-lakin ma-zal yetliq-asen uyefki i-temciit,  
 tefak-asenwin n-ettunast. Mi lluzen, mi trun, afeed-  
 di a tt-id-ezzeg ez-dat-sen, ad asen tefkayefki-nni a t  
 swen akken yelma s-ikustan-is. S-akin, mi temceh icen-  
 firn-is Faffa, tin-as : Way a yemma! ig-ebbah eueu-ya-  
 200 ñi!

D ayn i ss i, di-zzeg-s akin, mi byancwi 'eueu',  
 tin-asen yemma-t-sen ulac, ad as inin : I - Yemma-eu,  
 yak tesea? Almi d asmi yecrek di-lhaçr-ennsen yisem  
 ggemma-eu netta ttawatt uyefki yelman yetkuffuten.

Ma tafunast, ula d neqqat, esni teñekki di-lhuluq-  
 enni ara yernun adefken ul-ennsen d-elhanna-nnsen i-  
 win i-wumi heden elhir,

Day-netta, ass mi yebbed lajel n-etmettut, twessa  
 argaz-is ur asin itekks ara tafunast i-warraw-is, almi  
 210 yuy elhal tezra akkn i ten tenfes, akkn i ten them-  
 mel.

EELİ AT-HEMGU, ASMI YENTEL  
 tameñut-is, yuyal-ed di-tmeqbert, yaf-ed degg-ehjam  
 al'a arraw-is la trun, a la ten tsebbiryiwet n-etmet-  
 tut, ttajarett, d-iruhen ad asen tniwel imensi. Asmi  
 d-yufa lehzen-enni yak itezzin degg-ehjam-d-hellu ye-  
 hla s-etmettut-is d-yejan al'a amkan-is, yedher elhal  
 d ar d yetheyyeq has m'ur ehnint ara tasa-s. Day-net-  
 ta, lukan d yas yenni walbeş ass-enni : ar d attu-  
 220 yaled atetted; ar ttecyud testehzayed s-warraw-ik; ar  
 d asen d-awid tlamettut-enniden ara sn iheden ecceç,  
 tili, ahat, a t yeliseb d ameslub.

Tabee, deg-meżwaru ggergazn i d-yetlef Sidi Rebbi  
 di-ljennet ar aneggara deg-neggura, ur ilaq ara wer-  
 gaz adyin'i i-wayed d iri-K! Amussnaw, d win d-yettel-  
 hayen d-yiman-is, d win d-yettarran s-leħbar, dya, i-  
 lqella n-etmussni-s d-wulac-enni yetħusemm degg-ayn-  
 enni yak ur nferru yehleq uħellaq. Eela-hater, ma tu-

yal γer-tuzmiwin... m-kul-yiwen γur-s elHeqq. D a c u  
 230 Kan, degg-ayn-enni ur nesci leħħad yefka Rebbi i-lei-  
 bad-is, yezdukl-asen eccfawat yak ttatut. Yefka - yasen  
 "leħwatek am behri"... abehri, d aqbu!

Eel<sup>1</sup> At-ħemmu, asmi yufrar fell-as leħiżen, yeqqim  
 d-yiman-is, imeyyez, yehdex d-yiman-is: Tura, arraw-a-  
 ġi-inu, tlaq-asen etmeħħut: mezziyit bezzaf i-wakkn a-  
 ra yssiney a ten refdey a ten sersej. Annestenfee la  
 nekk la nutni ma yessemal-l-iyi-d Rebbi d-walbeqd en-  
 240 tid ara tn iherzen. Tiyyababat kerrutt irbibn-enn-  
 sell? Ur eedilt ara yak tilawin! Yern<sup>a</sup> aql-i nekk yid-  
 sen: ahat, s m<sup>a</sup> adsemmdey fell-asen!... Ih<sup>i</sup>, tlaq-iyi<sup>1</sup>  
 adeiwedy ezzwaj...

D eßswab. D leħlaħ ig-ħemmam. D elheqq igg-enна. D  
 eccert: u la degg-ul-is weħid-es, ar d arraw-is i-wumi  
 yewqem aħbel. Wa-lakin, d eccert diġ-ġen, d eccert an-  
 neċċet yetbet yiṭiġ d iṭiġ, ur yewqim aħebi-enni<sup>1</sup> i-war-  
 raw-is al-armi yufrar fell-as leħiżen, al-armi i t-ye-  
 cem wazal għejj en-tissegħnit en-tatut, ar almi yebda  
 yettu i d-yemmekti...

Day-neħha, ur isejt ara yawi-d tameħħut. TTameħħut,  
 250 am tilawin-enniżen irkel; ttameħħut, lhaġsun, ur enzad  
 ur nenyis yef-yessi-s yak ggemma Hewwa. D ism-is Kan  
 ara dd-imel ebnadom im<sup>i</sup> ara d-eħwaddar di-tmaceħu: xi-  
 cuca.

Amk etga xi cuca? D acu ay d eßsifa-s? TTamsalt ur  
 nebbi ur enris. M-kull-ec yeħħuval ar ul. TTacriħt-enni  
 bbul i deg tella tmeqqit-enni n-egħali i yay īcerken d-  
 Sidi Rebbi. Dja, d ayn i ss i ttacriħt-enni<sup>1</sup> i-wumi tta-  
 yett awal ama d allen mara tħalitt, mara "tħessifett" eß-  
 sifa, ama d eßsifa-nni s-yiman-is mara d-essenzet es-  
 senf-is i-wallen. Lmeena bbawwal: yiħet s-γiħet, di-ddu-  
 261 nnit s-leħmal, ulaq wiñ iżżejen, icebħien, yelhan, yes-  
 san eßsifa l-leali, lhaġsun, am el-ħelq ara thiemmlid, i  
 dg ara teecqed, — lameena, i dg ara teecqed degg-ul, —  
 eela-hater alln-ik ur tħemjallaf u ara d-wul-ik. Il-s-eti-  
 nayen, has telha tmetħħut degg-udm-is, has tezzemreq,  
 tejjunjer, has teħwanjar d ennjer deg-ħarran alamma d  
 aqeqru, ma d ay-g-ella tezzwer tebrek degg-ul-is, ma

d ay-g ella wul-is d aseṭṭaf s-elbeyd, a Rebbi, ma tecba γr... "ucebbad umellal", — has es-wudi, — lameena,  
 270 hater ennu d-elhanna d-esserr yeċċebbiien, yetgerrizen s-tidet, tekkin di-tmeqqit-enni tarebbanit ized-  
 yen ul. Ur hemħallafen yid-es.

sicuca?... TTamet-tat am tilawin. Ma d eṣṣura-s,...  
 a t enwesṣef asmlara nissin ul-is...

Aṭas ig-eṭkelliżen :  
 Akken byun, hedren ;  
 Ulac am yemna-k l-leħqiq.  
 TTemyetħaken wulawen,  
 Tħilin yehbiben  
 280 I d-wi ara tekksej elħiq...  
 LLan diġ-en yeedawen :  
 Ma tetruđ, ferħien :  
 Tiyita-nnsen teṭfelliq...

La kien iħibben reggħen :  
 Teylid, ur k reffden :  
 D eṣṣwab : tarewla din teṭliq.  
 Ma d win k yekran ig-hedren,  
 Adiniy, wissen?...  
 Ar d yerwel ma ul-is erqiq.  
 290 Ma teħħider tħinna a k yarwen,  
 TTfen-t-idd idammen :  
 Ar tteqqim : d yemna-k bbecqiq !

Di- "Tfunast igu jilen"  
 I t-id esbanen  
 SSeedi d-Faċma s-etteħeqiq.

Bu kien truñej, ezzi tezzid-ed, azzel tuyaled-d, m-kull-ec leqraq-is tħidet. Kra bbyen yella tħidet, išeħha, yersa, esla-hater ula d netta leinsej-is di-Sidi Rebbi. D ayn i ss i, waqila, kra bħawwal ara d-ejjen imewwura ur yersi, ur t emeawden medden di-lqern Yer-wayed, al-mi tella deg-s wa-lukan d erriha n-tidet. Day-netja, di-zik eqqaren : Yambaba-k d yambaba-k : emmi-s en-takna d emmi-s en-takna, has ulamma temmat takna-nni.

Wamma tura, win i deg eqqařen : agujil ur t etwessi  
ara yeff-imeṭṭawen! atan iban : degg-asni ara yeggujel  
d eccert ar d yeṭru m-ebla ma tweṣṣa-tt, m-ebla ma ten-  
niż-as eṭru!

ASMI eEDDAN WUSSAN-ENNI N.  
teslit, m-kul-wa yesdeħr-ed eħbiex-s en-tidet : tebdu  
310 sicuca tay-ed d abrid-enni teżzem a t teṭṭef d lebda  
yer-verbibn-is. Yetta' elhal, yagi, SSeedi d-Fađma ssas-  
sen-d yid-es imennuyn-enni yak d-itekken di-temqilell-  
lac d-wesmuncif bħid mezziyen. Wa-lakin, netṭat, imi  
maċċi d yemma-t-sen, thessb-assen, teṭṭarraf-asen cwi-  
enni d atas. Netta, d ayen isehlen amm-ulac i-win i dg  
ara tezwir degg-ul, yetċasssa di-llufan ala lemjerri-s.  
Ma d ay-g-ella, d lemtel, teṭṭuraf Faffa, tesseyli tabu-  
qalt terza-t, tekker Taicuct terr-it ger-wallen bber-  
gaz-is d adrар:

320 — Eccert a Faffa ma d ellufan!... Ar d yir taq-  
cict!... Ar d a yemmes Rebbit!... Yagi tebda!...

Wamma, — imi ara ċ-ħuval ar taqsit en-tasa, — lu-  
kan d yemma-s n-efsebbu akkenni, tili yas tenna kan:  
Terrez etbuqalt! Yif-it Rebbit! A t yeg Rebbit d asfel  
fell-aney n ca l-leħ! Argaz adyefreh, acemm-a ur yel-  
li. Wa-lakin,... luukan...

Yegħra-d wayn ara seun yelha SSeedi d-Fađma, ama di-  
ħbiex, ama di-leħliqa-nnsen, d ayn, ifut : tiġi l-lem-  
derr a ġġig-ellin di-sicuca. Yerha, has teṭwali tiġi-is-  
330 ennidien ayn i yasen yefka Rebbit di-lewqama, ttismin d-  
elkeřh ara yeħuqqten degg-ul-is, imi teżra, ayen tebju  
tekk-it di-ddunnit d-Eel At-Resmu, ur az-d-seccu dder-  
rya ara yessiwden aðaq-ennsen.

Ass mi i t yu, tuy-it ula d netṭat: ihi, awfan ur  
t yettiif ara; awfan, la-ħxa la-ħxa, ur t yekkot ara  
s-etmettut-is tamezwarut, ur t yetlaqab ara s-takna-s.  
Di-zzwaġi, argaz ak etmettut d icriken : ma ygerrez fell-  
asn i-sin, a leħla; ney, ma ulac, wa adyeqqar i-wa:  
Qas-elmal-iw yelha, yekmel : d winn-ik ig-ħuissen! Ma  
340 yehwa-yak, a bnadhem, ihi, yettili wanda ara ujalen ad-  
ettemeassan, adettemna jaqbi i-sin: adceffu i-leeyub ney  
d et-tbayee bba yer-wa, i-wakkn adettemmyekkaten yis-sen  
asni ara d-emsegrin di-teedawt... Taedawt? - Anqam!..

Taedawt, yerna i dg ur d-cebbutt teedawin! Imi dya ar-gaz etmettut t̄emyekcamen elbađna!

Ma ulac uyilif,— imi, tamezwarut, win i la d-yet-  
jawin tamacahut-aḡi ur yessin ar̄a a t̄ 'yedbeç am-sa-  
ru", yerna, waqila, amm-akken cwił lseql-is... yehreb,  
yeshewid kan di-lhedra; ti-s-snat, imi, tabee, id yez-  
350 zif,— ma ulac uyilif ihi, a d-yesseyli daḡi awal yeff-  
ayed.

Di-tmurt-aḡi Igawawen, yella yiwenqqarn-as... Winnat, imi ur necf̄i ara yef-yism-is. Winnat-aḡi, asmi d-  
yekker, sseyrən-t cwił imawlan-is di-trumit. Ijjezel Sidi Rebbi, asmi yufeg s-wafriwn-is, yeffeyyer-ŷinig,  
yekcem tamurt en-Fransa. Dinnā, s-akin,— imi dya ttin-  
na ay tamurt n-tefçansist-enni yeyra cwił,— s-lembal-  
da yetħjalad Ifrancisen ed-leqraya n-tektabin— ennsen,  
yawed yet-wakkn i yas yekkes Rebbi lhi jab yef-yiwt en-  
360 temsalt escan-ṭ d Ifrancisn-enni dya di-ddunnit-emnsen:  
lembibba di-zzwaj; lembibba ger-wergaz netta tmettut-  
is. Wa-lakin, maċċi lembibba kan ig-laq adisemmi bna-  
dem i-wayn-enni; eela-haġer.,, maċċi d yiwt ay deg-s.

Deg-s, s-tideft, lembibba bbeħibib yer-weħibib; wa-la-  
kin,— ay thelqed ziy a Sidi Rebbi!— wa-laKin deg-s,  
diy-en ula tħasa : tħasa-nni i yas neqqar teħili kan yer-  
win n-eħebbut, tħasa-nni, lħasun, yesruyn idammin i-yem-  
ma-s mara yejreħ emmi-s; tħasa-nni ara k yesrun, a bna-  
370 dem, ny ara k yesferien mara yili winna i d-w-ek tecrek  
yebbed, tesfuħ-it yenneħben ney yecħeh.

Deg-s, diy-en, temsalt-aḡi yellan di-tħbiea gg-ef-  
ransisen, deg-s almi ula d leqder; leqder n-ebnadem  
yer-wayed, ama bbergaz yer-tmettut, ama n-emettut yer-  
wergaz; leqder i ss ara s yeqqar wergaz : d ayn es-  
wiż i teswa tmettut-iw yur-Rebbi : d ayn i yi-fka i yas  
yefka, ama di-leħħama, ama di-tmussni, ama di-leeqel.  
Day-netta, imi ara cerkej yid-esdunni-iw s-lekmal, i-  
mi ara nemyekcam elbađna,— yerna lbađna ggid am tin-  
ebbass,— ihi, ilaq-iyi a tħissiney, ilaq ad iyi tis-  
380 sin; ilaq a t̄ jerrbey, ad iyi tjerreb, ad as hedrey,  
ad iyi teħder... alamha nedha-d enmeseadal, nemħabab.  
Ih! alamha nujal d iħibben! Di-ssyen, s-akin, idammin-  
enni ara nemyefk wa i-wa, deg-sen ara tezree tħasa, a-

ma gar-aney nekk id-es, ama yel-leebd ara həlqen dya d nutni.

Lhasun, winnat-agı, — amm-akken dya ara yekks asebberber i-tislit, — yaf, a ziyy-enni, ar ı̄lin-di-ddunniit wergaz ettmettut yetmyussanen, yettemhamalen, yettemyuṭtafen, yettemyelsaqen, s-ekra b̄bayan yellan yel-  
390 ha di-“tmeqqit-enni n-erġaħi” i d-yekkan s-ġur-Sidi Rebbi!

Yibbass degg-ussan en-Sidi Rebbi, yessiwl-as weyrum i-winnat : yas-ed, yuġal-ed yir-etmurt. Yekker yezwej. Yawi-d tamettut dya n-taddart-is. Wa-lakin, has yuġit elħal yettemlil-iż-żi, yetwali-t, leemer myehdaqen imi, yak, ennif yettagħi adihaled wergaz tamettut alamna yuġi-żi.

Lameesna, ula d akken, ulac uylif. Assm-i ara d-ekcem aħħam-is, tebbed egr-ifassn-is, a t̄ yessefhem, ad 400 as yehder... Lhasun, a t̄ yessyeż alamna yessawd-as yewwul tin akken i ss i d-yeċċur wul-is netta di-Fransa: lemhibba n-erġruh.

Yettef yehdem akken. Walakin, ‘yehdem akken’, macċi yebbed yir-wakken yessarem. Yehdem elmejhud-is... almi, — d ass aneggaru, — yedha-d-yetwet, yettulaqeb : yennejreħi degg-ul almi yetru idammen, dya s-lemhibba n-erġruh-enni yeszem akkn a t̄ yesseħfed i-tmettut-is. Ajjenwi i t̄ yewten, yessazlen idammen bbul-is, d ayn akken i-wumi yeqqar lemhibba ; ma d afus yewten, n-tinn 410 akken i-wum i t̄ yefka, umebbul !

Netta, ism-is... Tinnat; atili di-lsemp-is secrin ar tnayn w-secrin sna : ttilemżit leemer nessin argaz.

Yebdu dya di-ħbiea-s id-enni amezwaru i ff i yekcem fell-as d isli.

Akken d imi yekcem s aħħam, tqabl-it-id tṣeddeq di-tesga, asebberber ma-zal-it yeff-udm-is. Yawed yir-s, yefsi-yaś akerzi d-umendil-enni yeff-udm-is : yaf-it... alln-is ezzatt di-lqaza, aqadum-is d awraj amm-in el-lmegget, ifassn-is d-leedam-is yak la tħergig in am tin 420 tuy tawwla. Yuy elħal yezra : ayenni yak si-lħajnej : tuġad : tuġad... am-tejhiħt-enni tameżyatt ara yesskaden degħ-żudiw m-ara d-iteddu yir-s adineggez fell-as a t̄ i-sebbeh. Yezra. Wa-lakin, netta yesdehc-it : di-leuq i dg ara yesseħxi tafat i-wakkn a t̄ yeenu, irefd-ed el-

meşbañi, iwenne-as taftilt, isers-it akkn ara m̄balin. Yawi-d elkursi, yeqqim iqubl-iç. Yecmumeh cwiç es-teq-sa, ihedr-as :

— D wağı i d elferh tferhied s-ezzwaj-enney? Aql-a-kem ttawrayt am tin yemmuten! Refd-ed alln-im, ssekd-iyi-d. Yak, tura ur teseid ara tsedhiq ny ara tagaded edg-i! D argaz-im. Tugadd-iyi, zriy, wa-lakin nekk maçç' amm-iyidnin... A kem... jerhey? A km esruy amm-akken tugaded? Acimi? Eeni yella win i yay iherşen, yeg-gullen deg-ney annehdem ayn ur ay nehwı? Eeni d el-welic ay ellıy? Yak, d elsebd am nekk am kemm. Kemm tamañtut, nekk d argaz. Yekteb Sidi Rebbi annemlil s-ezzwaj yellan d amezwaru di-lfuqad-is. Ihi, ilaq, a s s bbass-a, atferhied yiss-i, adferhied yiss-em. Ilaq annem-yussan, annemyehdar, imi, ac-hal l-lesnin ayagi degg-440 iwet en-taddart, netjemili degg-ezniq, netjemyeskad kan s-wallen, lesemər yentiq yiwen yer-wayed! Ilaq, ma yehwa-yam, ass-agı, annemsalam, eela-hater ass-agı kan ay nemlal es-tideñ. Ma... d ayn-enniden, zriy, ilezm-iyi ass-agı, tura kan, ma d lebyi l-leewayd-enney, a kem seuy tamañtut-iw, ara kem "cebbiley", akken qqaren; wa-lakin, nniy-am, nekk ebıyı adjalfey leewayed degg-ayen essan en-dır. Nekk ebıyı, sezmey adayey kan awal bbul-iw. Day-neña, tamezwarut iff i tñadiy, d ul-im kemm, tamañsni-m, d lemhibba-m...

450 Yesdul akken di-lhedra... almi... rahi tñahied. Tag-gara-ya, yerna yesdehc-iç diy-en s-leeqel i ss i yuza yer-s. Ula d akken,... ma-zal. Ma-zal, yebda kan la-s yesslufay, la-s itekks imezran yeff-allen; la ytezz' alln-is netja di-tidak-is, la-s ihedder S-akin... wer-sad... La-t yessudun kan... la-t yessudun, — d acu-t usudn-enni?... Ziy, ula d asuden yemjallaf!...

Yezzi-dd useggas, escun-d aqcic. Wa-lakin, hemset-łac bbussan kan i dg i d-yerna weqcic, twareb. Degg-ass-enni, ur iceñtl ara Winnat yebra-yas.

460 Yettaç elhal, degg-ussan-nm' i tekka tñamnafeqt, Tin-nat ar tehder i-tehbibin-is tilawin yak i d-wi i tet-yimi, ar astt tehika kra bbayn akkenni yak i ss i t yes-sedhec Winnat segg-id-enni amezwaru iff i yekcem fell-as d isli; ar astt tesserwa tadşa... Ziy-enni, ar a-sett tenna yak ayen yellan, almi...

Almi, yibbass, ileħħu Winnat degg-ezniq en-taddart, iwal i kra n-tilawin la tħemyenbacett fell-as : la sbeċ- buċett, cċċummuhiett taqṣa, la tħemxesnatett s-udad.

Yewhem : lefhamha ur yefhim ara. Akkenni, almi d as-  
470 m i d-yebbi s-leħbar... Yawi-d s-leħbar? S-wu yuqt? Yawi-d s-leħbar, — yella way edg ara yeds,... ny ara yetru bnađem! — yawi-d s-leħbar en-teqsa taqṣat fall-as tilawin s-yuqt yiwen n-ekmettut... TTinnu i yas yennan: Ha ! ha ! ha !... Teħika-yay yak Tinnat akkn i yas thedmed! Ha a a a ! esni, a mmi, tselbed? Teħika-yay unction-ass l-leħlani,... tenna-yay yef-tihin,... yef-tagħi... Lamee-na, eni teskaddeb? Atan... ziġi... maċċi d-akkn i yaq-k temla...;

Degg-ass-en, Winnat, mi yeedda ger tilawin, adyerr  
480 aqelmun unction-allen, wissen ma segg-udm-is yettiżwiyen, di-l-heċċa, nej... d imet-tawen yetru; eela-hater, ziye-nni, a "leħiibba-nni", ar t-tetjeft netta, ar as tekem yer-wul almi d ulamek,... yef-tinna dyu i yas yesrun idammen!

Wa-lakin, ula d akken, Winnat-agħi yeħemmid. Eeni yesleb es-tidet eny amek? — Kra n-tikkelt i ffara yehi-ku taqṣiż-is, a d-yessegri : hemdey-k, cekkrey-k, a Si-di Rebbi! Cekkrey-k, ezzizey yuqt-ek, imi serdey cwit di-tin akken ur teħħaknej ala i-win themmied!...

490 TURA, IMI NEGGAR IMAN-ENNEY  
yer-tmucuhha ur asejj nezmir, imi nesluqqut awal m-ebla lmeena, — tamezwarut, a wi-zrañ d acu n-essebbha i ss i d-nejbed taqṣiż-agħi? Ti-s-snat, a wi-cfan anda nejja SSezzi d-Faċma? — Eela-hater, di-ssya d asawn ara yi-den ebnadem : si-tura ara tebdu fell-asen s-tidet etganiit n-yambaba-t-sen.

Tebdu s-akkin sicuca "l-heddha n-etsunnta" i-wergaz-is. Tebdu la tħnedder:

— S ma ad ħi tħukked adek lu arraw-ik? Lameen, 500 ay-argħaż, d ennefse-ik d-ennefse-ensen ma tħuġebban akkn ilaq. Bezzaf el-leżżejub ay-iesan. D ayen tetwaliid. Day-nejja, anf-iyi adellhiy yid-sen. Tamezwarut, tara meqqrit, iħżejj ibarek! Ilaq-assen adebdun adayen tannumi d-lestab. Tella tħanġi : acim ur tħessn ara?

D el-ħeqeq. TTidet : ulac am-ekmettut i-ġiebga bħid

mezziyen. Ala tilawin iğ-selmen s-wayen sen yetlaqen.

Day-neṭṭa, ula d Eeli At-Heemmu d elfahem : yenna-yas :  
— Debbr aqerruy-im !

Deg-zekka-nni dya, aessellem l-lefjer, tekker sicuca  
510 tessaki-ten : tefka-yasen tiħdert tiħdert n-etsigert  
ħbeġrum ; teellm-asen d ayn i d elqut i-wqeggl-ennsen  
ħbass kamel di-leħla. Nutni, la seffdien alln-ennsen,  
neṭṭat tebra-dd i-Yemma-su : tezzewr-asen-t, z-dat-sen,  
nehren-t, ruħen.

Ass-enni amezwaru, win ara ymeyyezn, akken d im<sup>1</sup> a-  
ra yfat ukin-d, ad asen-t icebbi Rebbl am turart.

Yuy elħial, la-dya, Yemma-su, tħin kan i d-wi ujalen  
tekksen elhiq degg-ass m<sup>1</sup> i temmat yemma-t-sen. I m i  
520 rnan ufan-t i-yiman-ennsen weħħed-sen ass kamel, — yer-  
na di-leħla, — wi ten yifen? Day-neṭṭa, degg-akken...  
mecyulit aħas, cahen s-etfunast yasen yeffunekken yer-  
tyessawt, i-nutni weħħed-sen! Llhan-d kan d win ara  
yifen wayed : la tħemyewwirien kan anwa ara tħin, anwa  
anwa ara s yinin : Uh! A rrbeħi! Uh! a yelli!

Tikwal, ad az-ed-tekk Faffa si-z-dat, tikwal a dd-u-  
val yer-deffir, attessami SSeedi wu yer yella uekkaz,  
amm-ergaz. Wa-lakin, -eeni ula d elmal itettu ħibben? —  
ac-Hal d abrid i ten teħiġer Yemma-su! Mara taf d-we-  
530 brid cwiż el-leħcic, atteħbes, atteknu yer-s aqerruy-  
is, s-akin ad asen teżżeu dinna alamma tmechi-it. Nutni,  
adeeyun tezzin-as di-sin; adeeyun ejsieggiđen, adeeyun  
et-deggiren deg-s s-ifassen, s-tuyat-ennsen, s-weeħħur:  
Yemma-su, afeħħuzzu kan aqerruy-is, tteffex, am tin a-  
ra zen-d yinin : Deggret ney qqimet! Teħġiem fell-i ma  
mbawley essyagi a wer d-ejjawin sebea we-sebein am ku-  
nwi! Alamma fukkey-t!

Akken yebju yili, lestab-ennsen yeffejr yer-tafat:  
ssawden-t, yer-etferka-nnsen, ney, a Rebbi, ma macċi d  
neṭṭat i yasen yemlan abrid!

540 Akken d imi bbdjen yer-yeyzer, afen... Afen... ayn  
ur yuf<sup>1</sup> ula d yiwen deg-behriyn-enni n-ati zik yetruħu  
di-ssfayen, tħadid leħbiex di-lqern n-eddunniż yer-wa-  
yed andu ara zen-d banen idurar n-eddheb d-elfetta! A-  
fen SSeedi d-Faġma aktar-ennsen. Ziġ-enni, ar ellan  
degg-eyzer meyya lešnaf ggefräħ, yetyennin irkel yef-

tikkelt, yerna yetyennin m-kul-yiwen s-eşşut-is, m-kul-yiwen s-tayect d-yetgawi, yerna icennun yak akken ma llan i-yitij mara d-yecreq! Atternud, lemmr ala ifrah kan! I-tjejiggin! TTijejjigin ig-zaden!

550 — Annay a Reppi ezizen! Annay a dadda, eyya awaliid! Tlzezzawin! TTiwayin! TTisebhianin! I-tadi! I-tadi! Ur tf essiny ara! Annay a Reppi!...

Wa-lakin, SSeedi, netja, ur d-yellihi ara tturart n-ellufanat. Nejja d argaz! Yettekka Kan Yer-tekkazt-is, yebbed yr-uqerru ggezma-eu. Ma tidedd, ihi, iruhi amm-akken yerfa cwi:

— Zuli afhewwqed f-yiman-im! A ttadi i Mayessawt n-kess-ed tifunasin! I mmur a dd-işuhwassen adyet! Yemma-eu?... Waa ifaten?... Llel ełlel! Ihun Şebbi, 560 yezza-d Rebbi irdazen!...

Lhaşun, ... lhaşun, akken d imi qrib adyeqli yiğij, afen-d iman-enşen SSeedi d-Fadma wten-č dijes seg-zal n-eşşbeh almi d imir-en! Wa-lakin, ur yelli fell-asen elhuf: s-ennig iğerra-nşen, ttekkka teñnuđum ula d net-tat, teuss-itn-id... Yemma-eu!

A leebd, wiyya-k wer effayes:

Yel-lmekfub ekyes :

Tizet d yelli-s ilili.

Win yemmułm atan yettes,

Ur yetra ur idess :

Yak, waqila yetyidi?

Wamma keçç N-yekkan s-yur-es,

Ihelk-ik : fareş!

Annay, kul-ci d elfani :

Lehyat zid has d elqares :

Netja d ambanes :

Berka-k a lhelq, amn-iyi!

SeEDDIN AKKEN SSEEDI D-FAD-

ma lmudda n-sebe esnin.

580 Ass-enni amezwaru i dg eksan akken Yemma-eu, ssinden di-lihala-nşen almi t-id ejmektayen bhussan-enni n-zik yelhan. Eela-hater uyalen almi shessn i-ysenna-nen di-hafi, i-laz di-lhewj, i-wsemmid di-leera. U r eftetlen ara ḫun ifrah d-ijejer-jigen-enni yak i ten yes-

sekren asmi akken ten zran tikkelt tamezwarut.

Tümüren, "akın-d yr-eddunnit, "tafen-İ-id maççı d akken teğuneñ i-tezzyiwin-ennsen. Tümüren, yetnernay fell-asen elhemm, ama n-tiggnejelt ggemma-t-sen ya-sen yessuten, am'a ula tiggujelt m-baba-t-sen ara yeli-  
590 seb ebnadem amm-akken yemmut imi ur tenyessin ara. Tümüren, yetnernay fell-asen elhemm n-etganit n-yambaba-t-sen i deg simmal irennu lkeş.

sicuca, akken tebyu tjerli-iten, ama degg-ulawn-ensen, ama s-wedbay ten tdebbej ettismin kan ig-ettimüren deg-s mara ten teğwali, teggumma ad asen teğwikkes şifa-nni tamezzuzt i yasen yefka Rebibi. Lehlak d-el-beyd rennun degg-ul-is mara teğwali Faqma ma-zal-iç kan s-etwenza-nni-ynes bbeşrey, yerna tmeççed tijuhertin. Ma d SSeedi, yettemcabi kan d-ewlefma-s akken tjemca-  
600 bin wakniwen...

La-dya, tin yenyan atas sicuca, d yiwt en-temsalt teggumma attefhem : lemmer d wiqidin ig-eqqim i-laz annect tejja SSeedi d-Faqma, til'i atas i dg ara ten yetta'y elhal emmuten. Wamm' irbibn-is, has teğtanf-asen, lketra, m-ebla talqimt degg-id degg-ass ; has thessb-asen rebea d-hemsa bbussan ur serreñ ara taherrit bbeh-ham, m-kul-tameddit i ff ara d-ezzewren z-dat-sen Yemma-cu, a tn-id-efk tebbart yer-wehhjam, ad as dehren iqu-dam-enssen d lebda Milan, d lebda ççuren d idammeh, d  
610 lebda tfejjijen, "acaren ahjam tafat segm'i ara t-id kecmem. Di-leud i dg ara neysen, — ul-is ireqq, yetta-wel, yettemcar d elbarud, mara ten teğwali simmal ren-nun tħimerna, ama di-sseħħia, ama di-lekmala, a m a di-sserr, ama di-ccbaha, — has itij-enni i d-wi ujaln u-yen tannumi, tiezwey kan i yasn irennu.

Yetta'y elhal, tesea-dd ula d nettag snat en-tullas i-d-yemsetbaen yeff-useggas ed-camaya-enni imezwura i ff i tħuy Eeli At-Hemmu.

S-akin, d ameffel teğmetfil yessi-s yer-yerbibn-is,  
620 ak tħifin teğwali daymen ifen-teħħi igu jilen, — ya-lukan, ula di-sseħħha d-hellu, — i ss i tħebbi lwehma m-arar teżżeġ iman-is lemjalfha-nni tiegħi gar-asen di-temeċċit. D ayn ur yenjim Hedd adyefhem ! D ayn i ss i tawed yer-wakken tefra d-yiman-is : imi d ußsan-enssen s-lekmal

tekken-ten di-leħla nutni d-Yemma-su, ar tella di-leħ-la-nni walbeqd en-temsal i ss i reffden iman-ennsen.

Ass-en degg-ussan, tettef yelli-s tameqrat d-deg-zal  
welihed-sett degg-eħħjam, etwessa-t :

— Azekka ssbeh, aħeddud yid-sen yer-tyessawt: seġ-  
630 mara teffyem essyagi, a mmir anda d-tekkseb alln-im  
fell-asen ! Akken ten twalaq ħedmen ħedem, ayn i deg  
eċċan eċċ, ayn eswan esw-it !

Netta, lukan d i telli Teicuct tħin i-wumi ara teh-  
der Yemma-su, tili tħunast tħin ara ikecfen elbaðna  
bbidak-enni tħessen tagħġara-ya amm-arraw-is, tili u-  
lac wara t-yesfħomen yef-temsalt timcebbelt am-nettagħ.

Esla-hater, yetṭay elhal, a "tamsalt"... ar d-Yem-  
ma-su-nni dya s-siġman-is ! Wa-lakin, elħuf el-lekcu-  
640 feggur d-itekk seg-s. Has tessawed Yemma-su yer-tem-  
yer, has tebbed tħamyart, yebda ineqxes deg-s lesquel,  
ma-zal yella di-lhaġr-is wayn i ss ara tet-menyif at-  
temmet nettat wa-ia attesneyni igujiġlin-enni i it-  
tħien. TTuġġid uyeħki ggemma-su i ss i, ziy, eddren  
SSeedi d-Fadma almi d-ass i wu yer d-nebbed.

Ihi, tašeħbiż-enni, dduklen di-tlata, SSeedi d-Fa-  
dma, d-yelli-s en-eicuca.

Isem ggelli-s-agi n-eteicuct, — lhaṣun d ism i ss  
ara s ssawalen degg-ass-en dya d asawen, —... i jexxel  
żeppi di-tyessawt-enni-inas tamezwarut ar az-d yennul-  
650 fu... s-leħayel ggemma-su !

Awden. Ksan. Akken d imi d-yebbed elweqt i ff i d-  
suy etċebbu-ennsen, ceddan qqimen, m-kul yiwen yekks-  
ed d aewin d-yebbi. Teċċej Teicuct tameċ-ċuħit lerbah-enni  
yak i yaz d-efka yemma-s. Ma d SSeedi d-Fadma, ak-  
ken t-walan terra tasigert yer-yiciw, — yezzan weqbel  
tilidert bbejrum d-ebbin, amm-edya, — s-akkin ekkren,  
ceddan yer-egħiż-żidarr għemmha-su amm-igendyaz, snet-  
tħien imawn-ennsen yer-yiffan-is, wa ssya wa ssya. La  
tet-ħien.

660 Tazzl-eđ temcumt-enniħen, tenna-yasen :

— Ula d nekk adet-tħej !...

Tieħda attegr aqeqxay-is, wa-lakin... nenna-d yagi,  
Yemma-su amm-akken cwit... tħamyart, tebda thesser-as

ettbisa... Yern<sup>a</sup>, ur ethemml ar<sup>a</sup>athaled menwala. Ima-sun, wissen ma d... izi i t̄ yeqqsem ney d acu, wissen ma s-lemcamunda i t̄ tehdem, ney d "laksida" kan, yiwt entswiet kan akka, almi tebded yeff-idaqqa imezwura, tewt-ed yer-deffir s-ineggura, yawi-d Rebbi tiyita disswab yer-it tayeffust en... Heftellis, (esla-hajer) dya  
670 di-ssyen akin i wyalen tsemmin-as akka.

Tawi-d Heftellis tit-is deg-fus-is, tteddu-d tejme-jit-ed yer-yemna-s. Degg-agga-d-is dya di-teswiet-en-ni s alham, ay ellan wid yeqqaten: akken d imi t̄ twala wlefma-s tamectuhit s-yiwt en-ti, tekkr ad as tini i-yemna-s:

— W ay a yemna! Nanna yewi-it bu-tellis!

Yeffi-it leeqel, tcegged:

— W ay a yemna! Nanna Heftellis!

Tabce, d ayn ur nebbi ur enris.

680 A il-yehha bnadem taqrifit en-eicuca mi yastuyal yelli-s... d heftellis, ulamek. Di-ssyen, atterr urfan-is yef-SSeedi d-weltma-s mi dd-usan tameddit; ger-cwi<sup>t</sup> ed-watas, baba-t-sen iwala macchi d nutni i t̄ ijedmen. Day-netja, grat-ed yak yef-Yemna-eu.

Ur as ethawl ara lheddri a-wergaz-is:

— A t̄ tezlu<sup>d</sup>, ny a t̄ tezzenzed, ny adçulley nekk!  
Ehtir!

Yehtar. Ass n-essuq, yebbi-t, yesbedd-i<sup>t</sup>, i-lbie.

SSeedi d-Fadma, ass mi yefra baba-t-sen adyezzenz  
690 Yemna-eu... ay efran ula d nutni a ma tenza, ar d el-mut-ennsen. Wa-lakin, ar d hedmen d ayen zemren i-wak-kn ad asen teqqim...

KKren, ass-enni i dg ara t̄ yawi yel-lbie, zwarenba-ba-t-sen yr-essuq. Ulin yef-yiwt en-szejra di-rrreibann<sup>i</sup> i dg ezran a t̄ yeqqn i-lbie. Urjan dinna, yamnen yak iman-ennsen s-etseđwa. Almi yeemer essuq, yawd-ed, Yemna-eu z-dat-es, yesbedd-it.

Bdun la-t̄ ettsawamen. Wa-lakin, akken kan yebda yi-wen la yettemsewwaq yid-es, eslen yak wid yellan din,  
700 — s acu d ebnadem, ney wissen, i-la-zen-d yeqqaten, gr-igenni umurt, ur yefhim Hedd ansi, — i la-zen-d yet-yennin d leyna :

Tafunast igujile e e n!

Ur teñuzu<sup>u</sup>, ur trehhe e e n!  
 Ttafunast igajile e e e n,  
 Ur teñuzu<sup>u</sup>, ur trehhe e e n!...

S-akin, kra bbin ara yebyun adyay Yemma-eu, mi yes-la kan i-ygenni la-s et-id yetherrim, adyettf abrid-is, adyerwel.

- 710 Yesred Eeli at-Hemm<sup>u</sup> akkn ara yekkes elhuf i-yem-sewwqen; yesred diy-en, yerfed aqerriy-is, yessakd akka bbakka akkn ar<sup>a</sup> iwal<sup>i</sup> ans<sup>i</sup> i d-ekka taÿect tamcunt, ulac. Simmal, iñhi yiwen, yas-ed wayed i-wumi tehwa Yemma-eu, adyefk essuma, ar d isel :

Tafunast igajile e e n,  
 Ur teñuzu<sup>u</sup>, ur trehhe e e n!...

ad as yin<sup>i</sup> i-sl<sup>i</sup> at-Hemm<sup>u</sup> :

— Ad iyi-mnee Rebbi di-tfunast-ik! adyettf iber-dan-is.

- 720 Almi ttameddit. Yuval-ed Eeli, yerr-ed tafunast. Yeli-Ka-yas i-cicuca :

— Ur zriy d elmelk, ur zriy d acu bbehendum-enni i yi-sserwahn imsewwqen!...

SSeedi d-Fađma, yuy elhal, gezmen-d abrid i-baba-t-sen, zwaren-t-id s ahham. QQimen di-tekwat, ttergiggin, trajun amk ara tefra.

- Heftellis ed-welfma-s llhatt-ed dya d-Yemma-eu deg-daynin, a la ïdebbiyett, a la ïtarratt edg-es ettar. Yemma-eu, netçat, imi dya yedbeý weglim-is, tessuzzg i-tyitwin d-ennbuc, tellha kan ed-yelli-s tamechüt,-mel-mi kan dy<sup>a</sup> i ï-id-esca, -i la-ü-iteñden.

Ma d elleryel n-cicuca, tenna-yas i-wergaz-is :

— Lmelk?! D elmelk i K yettfen f-elbie t-tin ara yecçen aqerriy-is? Attezred ma yeñili lmelk di-leswaq! Ass el-leflani, rn<sup>u</sup> awi-t.

Ass el-leflani-nni n-essuq, diy-en, yawi eli Yemma-eu d-yelli-s.

- SSeedi d-Fađma heggan iman-ennsen yef-eñejr<sup>a</sup> am ti-kkelt tamezwarut. Wa-lakin, degg-iwt en-ttejra-nnidén 740 tama-t-sen, tamcunt en-cicuca teffr iman-is ula d net-

ṭat. Yedħlu-d s-akin, nutni ur t-ċeċwali, teedawt r-Bebbi, ur tn-id-wala.

Akken d imi bdan la-d eħnezzibn i-yemsewwqen : Tafunast igujilen... Ur teħnuzu ur tħethha! tinna si-ljiha-s, teċegħed awali ny aħżechem d acu dd-iheddha : teg-gumma, tuyal, ula d neċċat a la d-etyenni :

Ay ! Afreħħed !!!

S-akin, d akkn ay tħixewwqen aktar yemdanen. Si-ljiha d ahezzeb : Tafunast igujilen!... si-ljiha-nniden:  
750 Ay, afreħħed ! Ihi, tifrat-is yak a bna dem, tħarewla.

Timlilit-ensiex yak s-ahħam tamedit, wa yeqżegġir ed wa. Akken d imi yas yekka diy-en ayn i ss i-teslem tabeex, tenuu-yaś sicuca :

— Ulac ujillif : ugin meddn a tħalli? Yeila ddwa: zżejj : ad ayy-t tezlaq i-nekn a k-eħxid. Wa-la kin yak tqiegħi t-tesselliqed, tħidin-k igellil... Ihi attan thedr-ed i-tadart adezlun timegħej. Fk-a sen tamċiut ugerruy-is : akken, dya, ad ay d-eqqim yelli-s i-ċċet-la !

760 D esšwab. Ulac, a għna, tamekkut ara yeċċaren d es-šwab am ċuċċa. Imi yetbee tuffxa d adessniyen tinxes-sedrejen fl-efċċelis, acimi, meqqar, ur t-vekkeddha ja-yaċi?

Yebru-d dy imir-n i-Yemma-ju, yawi-hi i-lamin entaddart, yefka-yaś-t.

Ass-en, s-akin, aysen-ji SSeidi d-Faċċa. Zgħan, ger yibbass ei-yummayen, a d-ender elmu: ggemma-t-sen-ju, at-

770 temzel luu akkin i-yasen yuvalend y-uma-i-se. Għiex-ja. Has a -iż-żi ja-ġi - d aħas meqqi, wa-lukkanals ja-jefti usemmekti, — wa-la kin... Yemma-ju ur tħallu ja-d-lu!

Ass-enn, adetrun degg-ekċem ulamek... All-in-ensiex ċċurett, uebren seg-mellawen tħarran ver-rahħeb; ifeqxa ethelk-it-

KKien SSeidi d-Faċċa amm-id ara i-ġu fuu a d-zedmen, bbdien yer-tmeqbier, eyleen yeff-uzekka ggemma-t-sen. S-akin...

S-akin... yella, dagi, weqbayli ara yin : Ar d-iru wi-llan d-arumi! — Yak akka? Meħi sub, ma nella degg-id ifeħmen, meħi sub : ar d-yeħru bna dem ya-lukan adyili

780 wul-is d adyay! Şahîha! Ihi, ism-agî urumi, ilaq adyef-hem ebnadem elmeenâ-s. Ihi, ařumi d win ara yîlin, -d lemtel, -am eicuca, ur yesel' ara ula d cwičdi-tmeqqit-enni n-eğrûhî, di-lembîba n-eğrûhî-enni i H-yet'tak Si-di Rebbi i-win ihemmel. Şahîha, şahîha! Ihi, lHaşun, ma ur neylid ara, ařumi d eicuca, (ney d... eicuc!) : d aq-bayli ney d agriki, d aerab ney d acinwa!... Ziy-enni i thelqed a Rebbi!... Lhaşun, a mmar anda diy-en d-en-thelliç albed n-efmucuha-nniđen!...

Trun yeff-uzekka ggemma-t-sen almi ḥwan, almi i sen  
790 fukkn imet'tawn-ennsen d-essmaren d aşmiri.

Taswiet akka,... almi slan am ta'yec la-zen-d-heddeq s-eddaw-teblađin :

— A SSeedi, a Fađma, ur ḥtađadet : d eğrûh-iw nekk yemma-t-wen i la-řen yetlaein! Wa-lađin, eğrûhî, artez-mirm ar'a a t twalim, netja yeskad-iķn-in. Zriy ak ayen yellan. Tura, azekka, mara zlun Yemma-eu, int-asn i-y-at\_taddart ad awen d-efken Kan akerciw-is: tawim-t-id, temsirem-t yeff-uzekka-w. Sakin,... kkest aýbel!...

Yefrir elhiq cwič fell-asen. Asen-d s ahħam, glan-  
800 d s-ekra ggesyaren. Farṣen s-akin iđ kamel nutni d-Yem-ma-eu.

Azekka-nni, hedmen akken ten twessa yemma-t-sen, ney d errahî-is. SSutren akerciw ggemma-eu i-win t igezren. Awin-t-id yeff-uzekka ggemma-t-sen, smiren-t yef-teblađin ur d-errin s-leħbař i-yiman-ennsen,... almi i sen deħ-ren emyin-d yef-teblađ sin yiffan! Sin yiffan, ad as tiniđ d widak dya ggemma-eu!

Ur ellin d icezzamen: eenan-ten yeff-tuđda... Afen, macçi d ayefki! SSeedi yemceħ ticensfirn-is,... yenna-  
810 yas :

— D uđi a la teħħdej!

Fađma, netjaħ, temceħ d ils-is, tenna-yas :

— Nekk ttameħħ!

A sin yiffan-enni, a yiwen bbudi, wayd en-tameħħ!

RNAN SeEDDIN D ENNSIB BBUS-  
san akken. Ijas ma-zal daymen elhemm n-eicuca d-yessi-s fell-asen, nnejbaġen s-temeċċit-enni bbudi ttameħħ tħeffen s-tuffra. Yerha teqqim-ażen-d essebbha i ss i reggħen

320 yel-leħla m-ara ħawin yelli-s-enni gemma-eu yer-tyes-sawt.

Lameen<sup>a</sup>, ur teetħi ara sicuca tufa diy-en i ss ara ten twet.

Yibbass, tuki s-wayen d-teħżeen berra. Ifaq diy-n asmi ten twala rebbun has ur asen tefkri acemmek n-elqut.

Tettef diy-en d Heftellis, — ur teceif ara, — tweħ-sa-ħa ten tetbeex, a ten teass, alamha tger tamawt i-wayen yellan.

330 Yibbass, yay elhal SSeedi d-Faċma tejjden degg-ifan-enni użekka, almi rwan; kkren a ten yummens-leħidic, ad-rumien, almi ata la d-egħazzal Heftellis, tawd-itn-id, tenna-yasen :

— Ula d nekk adett-dey!

Tieba yiwen yiff, teħżeed : tessusf-ed : d aqsed!... Tuyal yer-wayed : temeuq aktar : d idammen!...

Tberi-ed s-akin s-ahħam, teħazzal teħarrar-d-yak ta-sebbut-is. Tawd-ed yer-yemna-s, teħika-yas :

840 — Annay a yemna! Annay a yemna, minnuey! Ufiy SSeedi d-Faċma la tejjden sin yiffan yeff-użekka gġemma-t-sen, lameena, mi ten ħsummum nutni, ufiy-ten akken la meċċ-hen udi ħamett ; mi ħdey nekk... d aqsed d-idammen!

Imir-en Kan, trefd-ed sicuca amger d-wecqaf n-ettmess, tawd-ed yer-yiffan-enni, tmeqr-iten si-lqaca, terma tes-mar irrij-enni yeff-emkan. Tuyal-ed s-ahħam, tettef ar-gaz-is, tsers-as diy-en tilisa :

— D ayen : Berka-ji! Esyi degħ-arraw-agħi i k d-ejja temcumt gġemma-t-sen! Yerha, tabeex, tura bbedn ak-kn ara d-essisen tameiħ-ensen. SSeedi, a t-neħk adye-ffulleħ. Ma d-Faċma, teħbi i-zzwaġ!

850 D ayen day-netta i ss ihemmell Eeli tametħ-tut-is imi itašwaybit almi t-fukk. D ayn i ss i diy-en, ula d netta, imi yessem nnofxa-is, yettagħ-as awal.

Dja, ussan-enni Kan iġ-ġesla s-elqayd-ensen yejnadi afellali. Tamedit-enni Kan, yettef SSeedi deg-fus, yebbi-yas-t.

Afen elqayed Yusef s-yiman-is degħ-ehħam. Akken d-jeffey yer-sen, yesfehm-it Eeli, yesked SSeedi, yenna-

yas degg-ul-is : Ay-ahnin, a Win ð-ihelgen γr-eddu-nit aqcic amm-agı ! W-elħħ, ar t eħħfey dafellah, ya-  
860 lukan i-wakken Kan a t eħwaliy ! La-dya,... mara t eħ-walit tilawin-iw... ahat ad iyi-d esent i t yecban !

Yessekkem SSeedi s aħħam, yenna-yas i-eli. ;

— Ruħ, ejj-it : aql-i fej-t dafellah segg-ass-a.

Yeqqim SSeedi dinna. Ulamma yura-yas Rebbi ma-zal  
adyesceddi kra bbussan di-leetab, wa-lakin adyini bna-  
dem ass-en Kan ig-fukk fell-as elhemm.

D AYN IDEHREN, A SSEED<sup>1</sup>, AR  
d yeħiku yak eddunni-is, yak ayn iseddan fell-as i-wieħ-  
ħam el-lqayed Yusef. Nutni, yelzem fell-asen a t es-  
870 teqsin im<sup>1</sup> ara yeħi yur-sen, i-wakkn a t issinen, ad  
az-d erren s-leħbar. Netta, awi-dd u-kan ma yuf<sup>a</sup> i-wum<sup>1</sup>  
ara yetru lemmum-is... Dya, yufa wid yuklal.

Lqayed Yusef yur-es tlata takniwin. Wa-lakin, wi-  
ssen, esni llatt ula tkakniwin yettemħamalen? tħemqadatt,  
ħemqadarett, adyini bna dem a ħiġ n-tyessetmatin. Deg-  
sett ala taneggarut d-yuġ elqayed i-yaz-d yurwen : tes-  
za-yaz-d aqcic, eisa, yettagħiex elħal d il-lemzi di-lweqt-  
enni dya i ff i yebbed yur-sen SSeedi d afellaħ. Day-  
neħħa, imi yiwen weċċic Kan ay seatt natiidi-flata, ak-  
880 ken t-eqqarett s-unċreħ, yedħu-dd ulac wi-llan am zi-  
sa : yebbi weħid-es amur en-tasa, l-l-ħianna, ubuddu n-  
etlata tyemmatin. Ma d SSeedi, ziy-enni, macċi ala di-  
şşaħha Kan ig-elha. Asmi yuf<sup>a</sup> i-wul-is imdanen i dg ur  
yelli ddjel, ur as neħbuddu ara cċerr, hasur tħiex-  
kn ar-a idammen, yesban-d ula d eß-ħfa l-ħaġra-is, ama  
di-lhedda aħħiġi.

Wa-lakin, elqayed yeħħadar-it : yesdukkul-it Kan us-  
san-enni imewwura neħħa d-ifellahen, yef-tit em-med-  
den ; di-ssyen skin, yuval ihesb-it amm-uċċegħal ger lwa-  
890 cul-is.

D ayn ideħren, diy-en, imi yazen-d iħekku SSeedi,  
a tameżwarut ara zen-d ijebbd atas, ard ewlefma-s Fa-  
dima. Day-neħħa, ur ieett-l ara yedra wayn iketben. I-  
mi d SSeedi-nni i dg esteejben i yasen yeqqaġien : tif-  
ħiġi weltma s-zeċċin imuren! yernu yenna-yasen yef-eti-  
wrxza-s bbevrēy d-wemċad n-eti juhertin, ihi ... Ihi s  
acu n-teqċiċt d-yeħleq Sidi Rebbi di-Fađma-yagi? ...

La-dya, eisa, esyan eh̄tebn-az-d, ur as ufin...  
Yibbass, yenna-yasett elqayed i-tilawin-is :

900 — D nekk s-yiman-iw ara yruhien a t-id ezrey!...

Iğħi ass-enni, yawed s aħħam n-eżiż<sup>1</sup> At-Heġġju, yaf a-la sicuca d-esnat yessi-s-enni timeezuzin. Yessefhem tamettut yeff-ayen t-id yebbin. Truhi Heftellis yel-leħ-la, tebbi-d Faqma.

Yeffay elhal, di-kra bbagħgurn-enni seġmi temfaraq degħi-s, teqqim-ċed weħid-es deg-fus n-sicuca d-yessi-s, yerna tegra-d temeict-is yer-wulac-enni i s etṭakkejt, teđeef Faqma maċċi cwiż. Wa-lakin, — eeni yessiżif laz? — tennerna di-lqadd. Akken d-ekcem deg-mi n-ieb-burt,... 910 i-seql-it elqayed Yusef ... has acebbub-is yeċ-ċar d-leħċic. Has aqadum-is fell-as limara ggħixi, has tidmarin-is n-efleżżejt seryan di-tqenduqt timcerregt, has idarru-is hafi, ifassn-is eżratien d-leħbar... i-seql-it elqayed akken d-ekcem deg-mi n-ieb-burt. Leemer t-yeżri w-eqbel taswiet-enni, wa-lakin i-seql-it. Aħat s-wieċbiha tesxa yer-SSeedi.

Wissn acimi, l-hia ja tamezwarut iħemsem elqayed Yusef mi wtett walln-is di-Faqma tagħi : d acu d-yebbin tameħluqt am tagħi yer-dagi?

920 Teeħu-t-id Faqma, tessudn-it deg-qerġru, tzedda yer-tekkwaff-is, teqqim. Ma d elqayed, ur yebi ar-riż-za ad as-yehdej, esla-haġżej maċċi d yiwen tili ara s-yini. Lemmr anda t-yettkiekk ur as yehwi, adasmett yess CCuca d-yessi-s... Yenna-yas degg-ul-is : Mi yas t-ħiġi i-nn-ebbiy i-mmni, adezyuy t-waliy-t, hedderiż-as!

Daxx-neħħa, — Heftellis, ur t-yeşskad ara : i-qedha dit-tiż-is, — nu tħameċ-ħuġi-enni, yessaq-żiż-iż-żur-żi, las-yeslufu yak i-tquadmiż-is, yettcekkir-iż-żi... Albi yekker yenna-yas i-sicuca :

930 — Ihi tura, aql-ay nefra : aql-i seġġ-ass-<sup>2</sup> u yey tarbibt-aq-<sup>3</sup>-inem Faqma i-ż-żi. Ma d leħbi, ur netzexx il-riż-za i-tmevra. Ass yecban ass-a, n-na-ħżejj, a t-ħas a t-nawi tħiġi. Yegħra-d wergaż-żi, yeshel. In-as a nn-i-ruh s-aħħam-iw ass-a ny azekka. Jjiġ-ķent di-leħna.

Ama d sicuca, am-ħa ul-a d-Ecli s-yiman-is, ur yezmir hedd deg-sen adibbeddel leċ-ċal yeff-akken ten yefra lqayed Yusef, esla-haġżej elqayed-enni s-yiman-is, d-Rebbi i-t-yumgen ...

Wa-lakin, ula d eicuca tezmer i-yiman-is ...

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ASMI D-YEQQIM YIBASS I-FAD-  
m<sup>a</sup> ateddu tislit, qqimet deg-zal degg-ehħam netta d-  
eicuca, tlaşı-t tagi :

— Azekka, s-lehma, ateddu tislit : ihi, has tmeċ-  
ċed tħiġiher tin, a wu-fan adyil<sup>1</sup> uqerruy-im zeddig...  
Day-netta, awi-d ziġi a t walix ...

Tinna tekna-yaz-d i-wqerruy-is.

eicuca, yay elhal, thegħha tissegħnit deg-fus-is, tes-  
senta-ya-s-! di-tlemmasi n-efmelyiżt ...

Taqċiċi yellān d Faċma tuyal titbirt, tewi s-ifern-  
rawn-is, tennesr-as gr ifassn-is i-eicuca, tekka tab-  
burt, luғeg deg-genui, tħu ...

Tameddit, mi d-yusa ċli,— almi d ass-en tabaq ig-  
steqsa ɣef-yelli-s imi yeżra<sup>a</sup> ateddu tislit azekka-nni,—  
tenna-ya-s etmettut-is :

— Seġni teffey sg-ellin, ur ziġi s-anu tħu!

Yawd-ed yið : Faċma, igenni yenna ur t-żerġi, lqas<sup>a</sup>,  
ur t-eċċiġ.

Azekka-nni ssbeh li diġi-en, w-el-Leh Faċma ...

Akken tħarġib a dd-awed etqeffaft adawint tislit, tet-  
960 tef eicuca yelli-s, Heftellis, teccucf-as, tċebbh-as,  
tweqm-as asebberber.

Teddu Lalla Heftellis tislit degħ-emin en-Faċma !  
Adyili Ɂebbi d-eisa !

Azekka-nni ssbeh, yacar-ed weħham el-lqayed Yusef  
s-iniegħawen d-yeħbiġen d-wid yak b-ħiġi  
tislit.

Yay elhal, tamurt s-lekmal tēt-raju atżeġ d acu l-  
l-eejja-agħi n-ezzien i ff i hekkun, d acu n-tagħi, m-etwen-  
za l-ibwarr, yern<sup>a</sup> imċed-żon tħiġiher tin.

970 Ta'ed etmurt d Nanna Heftellis, m-iywt tiġi !

Yay elhal, ssbeh zik kan, mi ż-ġan tamerbuu i ya-  
zen-d yefka ċli At-Remm, ay eit-ten SSeqd<sup>1</sup> at-weħham  
el-lqayed, erran-t yer-teerict i-tħall; nnan-as :

— Dinn<sup>a</sup> ara teqqimed imi d wagħi ay d elhiż i yay-  
terrid ! Tzuhħ-d-ay s-ewlefma-k, nekni nzujjix ġer-medden :

TAFUNAST IGUJILEN

ass aneggaru nenneficam !

Akken yebu SSeedi yehder, ula wi-s yeslen.

Ifut, tesseħżeb-asen leaqel teqṣit i yasen yetwahed-men i-sisa "tyemmatin-is".

980 Yegra-d elqayed. Yeolem es-tidet akkentella ? D u-labudd ; wa-lakin, ala Rebbi ayg-eelmen acu-yeż yessusem. Almi' ula d erċwaħ ur iġu yuż-eeli At - Hemmu ney "tmettut-is", a ten yezzem, a ten yesteqsi yef-temsalt. Yessusem Kan.

Ieħedd akkenni d ennħib bbagguren.

Heftellis, has yugi wergaz-is adyecrek yid-s aħħjam, teqqim, jjan-či, — tabee ya-lukan ala i-lħedma. Yenna-yasen elqayed : Aneft-as. Zriy ur teħtili ara tħameṭṭut n-emmi ; wa-lakin ... aneft-as !

990 Ma d SSeedi, ma-zal itess timeqqit-enni taneggarut en-terzagat i jaġġ yura Rebbi a tħiġi isew. Amkan-is, a m a degg-id ama degg-ass, di-teerict-enni Kan, di-tħall, di-tlemaħħid idu man. Tettak-as Kan, — dya d Heftellis ! — talqm̊t-enni i ss ur yetmettäta ara di-laz.

Yibbass degg-ussan r-Rebbi, yessef qed elqayed yer-tferkiwin-is. Yaf, a ziq-enni, ar stehzan deg-sett ifellahn-is : ddunni yak teċçur d elyaba : timeyru sin, yuli-tett umadaj ; imdunen hudden ; ticekratin ... di-tlemaħħid en-tebħirt ; lhasun, yuval-ed ssyen isedha s-

1000 yiman-is.

Ayn i ss i yewhem aħħas, d sin ifellal-in-enni yessħadarn, yessn-iten maċċi d wid yeħadarn ifassn- ennen : ac-ħal issegħas i deg ten yuġi elħal yuż-es, ijerrb-iten, yezra-ten ulac wi-ħedmen am nutni.

Yawd-ed s aħħjam, iceggs-asen : asen-d yuż-es. Yes-ylim-iten ; yenna-yasen :

— Sg-ellin bbdexx almi d elmekk-iw. Wa-lakin ... ġen i seqqi-iyi webrid eny amek ? Ny ahat eż-żu ssifa bbaħla-w ? Lhasun, ur eeqiżi ara taferka-w : ufiy ala iħerġan d-elyaba. Tura, m'a ulac nyilif, has melt-iyi ... anwa ay d aqerriju-is ...

Qqimien sin ifellal-in-enni di-żżejjiet. Yebda, tamez-warut, uqadum-ennsen di-tezwej ; di-ssyen, yer-tewrey;

yel-leħħer, waqila, yeşdef, mi yasen yenna : melt-iyi  
aqerruy-is...

— Ihi, tura, ma əewjen ifassn-enwien i-ħnejda, ter-  
nam tħejġem teggugnem, dya a l-ħiġ-iw !

Ur eżzign, ur eggugmen, adyili Rebbi yid-sen : yet-  
ħili wanda tet-tiweiż tenteqt.

1020 Tagħara-ya, īsebbel yiwen deg-sen iman-is, ijawb-  
ed elqayed :

— A sidi, ad aż-żejt tgħella d-lemlieħ-enni ntet  
yur-ek ma neffer fell-ak ayen yellan. S-tidett, ac-ħal  
bbaggurn ayagi, nestehza s-ett-fallaht-ik. S-tidett, u la  
nheddem deg-s acemmek. Wa-lakin, amen s-Rebbi, a sidi,  
ma ... zzeg-ney i-ð-ekka ! Amen s-Win k-ihelqen, ar...  
d yiwen wefruh i yay-ħi ihedmen ! ...

— Amek ? ... D afraħ i-yawen-ħi ihedmen ? ... i-yawen  
yekkseñ el-hedma ? Ihi, tura, waqila, ttisselbi ...

1030 Inetq-ed wayed :

— Arju a sidi, di-leenaya-k ! D nekk ara k-ð-yeli-  
kun ! TTidett i yak yenna : ssebba-nnej yak d afraħ.  
Nejjha, la-dja, ma ur yejjji ara Rebbi adeskiddbej, ad-  
iniy d itbir.

Taqṣit-enney, aql-i cfi, tebda dya azekka-nni i ff  
i-ð-edda teslit-ik. Ass-enni, akken nuytanumi, şshek  
zik nebbex yel-leħla, nebd'a a la nheddem, almi ttaswiet,  
nesl i-kra a la ... d-yet-ġenni s-ennig iqerrā-nney...  
1040 Nesked akka bbaġka ansi d-yekka ssut : naf, ar s-ġu-  
yiwen wefruh yeff-ufurk en-teslett.

S-akin, a lqayed, ... s-akin, a sidi ... maccid a-  
yn ara k iniy : ilaq atteżżeq es-tiġ-ik, ad as teslej  
s-umezzuy-ik ! ... NNiż-ak, nekk, cukkey-t id-ittbir, wa-  
lakin ssifa-s winna, ur tet-tiġi ara, waqila, ala di-  
l-jennet. Yerha, ineqq, s-leyna-s, a lqayed. L-ħaşun, ur  
enli a t-neċċu s-etmuġli, ur enli annieċċu leyna-s. Al-  
mi ttameddit, naf-ed iman-enney nebbex akkenni, ur neħ-  
dim acemmek...

Degg-ass-n ar ass-a, mi nru eß-ebli, anneszem yer-  
1050 tfellaħt, a ð-yers net-ja yeff-ufurk-is, dya ansers a-  
gelzim ney d amger, a t-nessx kien, annesmeh sis i-leyn-  
na-s d-elheddha-s ...

— Amek ? l-heddha-s ? ...

— Aneam, a sidi, lheddra-s, ih!  
 — D acu d-yeqqa?

— Ma d essut-enni, d elhelq-enni-ynes, d elhanna-nn<sup>1</sup> i ss i yetyenni, tfehməd, a lqayed, ur asn ezmi-rey, — yerna, waqila, ula d widak el-ljennet, — ma d a-yen d-yetmeslay, yur-es yiwn usefro kan i d-yetqawad:  
 1060 ata :

Yeskerd-ed cwiṭ, s-tusut, taṭect-is tabekibaḥt ufel-laḥ-enni, yeered s-leynā :

A nnay a Sidi Rebbi i i i !  
 Akk<sup>a</sup> ag ay turid fell-i i i !  
 Anda yella gma SSeedi i i i ?

Ur as yunif ara lqayed ad az-d iciwed wi-s-marta-yen. Wammag afellaḥ, degg-akken t teejeb taṭect-is, neṭṭa s-yiman-is, yezzem a dd-iyenni s-tideṭ. Yekker elqayed, yessiwl i-mmni-s, yenna-yas :

1070 — Ah y<sup>a</sup> a cis<sup>a</sup> a mni, yiwel yer-tilawin, in-asett byiy tura kan ad azen-d niwelt i-sin ifellalin-agī msakit taqduht-enni tameqṛatt en-seksa swudi d-walbeḍ i-yuzad : byiy adeccen alamma fellqen! ... Ah! kunwi i-heqqa, melt-iy<sup>i</sup> anta taslett i f i yetṭali ... wefruh-enni ?

Mlan-as taslett. Yejj-itēn akken ma-zal d-errin s-leħbar i-yiman-ennsen.

Neṭṭa, iżuḥ, yerfed cwiṭ n-ellazuq. Di-ssyen, d es-ṣwab, yetṭf abrid almi ttaslett. Yali-t. Yandi s-akin 1080 s-ellazuq i-kr<sup>a</sup> afurk i f ara yali wefruh.

Azekka-nni ssbeli zik, yuval-ed. Yaf-ed, es-tideṭ, tennejed yel-llazuq ... titbirt!

AKKEN D YEBBED S AHJAM, I-sawl-ed yak i-y-at-wejhjam : qqimen, zzin-az-d. Neṭṭa, yerbu-d titbirt-enni, s-leħhadra.

Yebdu, s-akin, la-s yeslufuy, amm-in ara yetṭura-ren yess. Yiwt en-teswiet, yesferfed-as di - t q e r-ru : yemlil ujad-is ed kra ... amm uqerru n-tisseg-

nit. Yerna yeswehhher anciwen b̄bemkan-enn<sup>i</sup> akka b̄bakka,  
1090 yesked : yaf es-tidejt tisseggnit. Iləhq-iṭ s-waccaren,  
yejbed, yekks-iṭ-id. S-akin ...

Lqayed yellan yerba titbirt, tuyal deg-rebbi-s ...  
d Faḍma !

Lqayed ur yewhim ara aṭas amm at-weħħam-is, wissn  
ay-yer. Mattilawin-is d-ċisa, d-Heftellis, - la-dya ta-  
ġi ! - yedher elhal. Wa-lakin, yella way dg ara weħmen  
wa-lukan d i ċ-ekcim d anekcam yeff-iđaġġen-is am elei-  
bad : imir-en kan yeċċel weħħam ala s-imezran-enn<sup>i</sup>-i-  
nes kan n-eddheb i t̄ yessren almi d iđaġġen.

1100 Ilaqi-ṭ elqayed d amezwaru :

— Ih<sup>i</sup>, a yelli, niy, ahat yella w-ara γ-d-ehkuḍ ?  
Inetq-ed Faḍma :

— Yirbeh, a sidi. S-tidet, adyili wara dd-iniy.  
Lameesna, a sidi, maulac ujilif, ur awen-d hedderg arā  
alamma tserset-d γ-etyerġert elħelq-inna yellan di-  
teerict ...

Yers-eid SSeedi. Msalamen netṭa d-weltma-s:are tħiran.  
Wa-lakin, ula d imet-tawen emħallafen. Imet-tawen, yet-  
tazn-itn-id wul mara yili wayen yebja a t-id yini ur  
1110 as yessin ara, ny ur as yezmir ara uqemmuc.

Akken d imi myehħdaġen, — ihi, s-imet-tawen, — almi  
rwan, tenċeq Faḍma γer-tilawin ed-... wergaz-is ; wam-  
mag elqayed, leżżejjha yessn-iṭ. Tenna-yasen :

— Ur<sup>i</sup>, ahat, teeqelm-iy<sup>i</sup> imi nettemcahi nekk ed-  
diadda, ulamha, taswist-agi, atan yeċċur d ambuḥ?... D  
nekk i d Faḍma wleċima-s ; d netṭ<sup>i</sup> ay d eSSeedi, egħiex.  
Ahat ihed-awen fell-i. Lħersum, tura, ma yehwa-yawen,  
ad awen-d il-ebdu tamacahut es-wadda...

Tawi-yazen-il tamacahut amm-akken tedra, di-tmezwa-  
1120 rut almi ttaneggarut... degg-asm<sup>i</sup> i tn-id-ejjja yemma-t-  
sen d igujielen, almi, lhaṣun, d ass m<sup>i</sup> akk<sup>a</sup> a dd-ufa  
imam-is deg-rebbi l-Iqayed ...

Akken d imi tfukk, inetq-ed γer-s dya d elqayed  
yenna-yas :

— Ihi, tur<sup>a</sup>, a yelli, eml-ay d acu i muqqda n-tasa-m?

Tenna-yas :

— Byiγ ateʃʃem Hefṭellis, a t̄ eʃcuddem yer-ʃeʃt̄ a ueudiw ara t̄ yawin adyay akken yess kra yellan d adyay 1130 ettebladin l-lembuber, d-ekra yellan d afraq d-usennan, alamma tuyal yak d iftaten.

S-akin, ifstatn-enni, a tn-idd awim : yella wakkn ara sen neħdem!

Tiffen h̄edmen akkn i yasen tenna.

Tameddit, mi d-yuyal wakli s-ueudiw, yerr-ed Hefṭellis d iftaten z-dah̄l en-tesnit̄.

zeddiżi tilawin nawlett seksu amzun tħameyra : sseb-bett aksum-enni n-Hefṭellis.

1140 RReħ-et s-lekmal diy-en almi dyiwt en-tesnit̄, ikkett- et i-yiwt en-taklit, tawi-yas-t i ... sicuca; tenna-yas :

— Ata weksum-agħi, icegħġe-am-t-id sidi ttarzeft i-dulan n-efmeyra ggelli-m!

Teqqim sicuca lferħ yerra tiqit : tesseeżżeg yak ed-dannit s-etiġiliw.

TAMEDDIT, MI Ū-ENNEJM A EEN  
werġaz-is ed-yelli-s-enni den tamectuht, teħika - yasen;  
tefka - yasen, eċċan almi tħnegħen, almi, lhaṣun, ula d  
aqjun ed-wemċic, ass-enni, rwan iysan.

Yiwt en-teswiet, mi la teħżeen yak, tekker Teicuct- 1150 enni tamectuht eteegged :

— Annay! a yemma! tagħi tit en-Nanna Hefṭellis!

Dy<sup>a</sup>, a la-z ū-esseneat i-yemma-s yiwendegg-eftatn- enni i t̄ yuġi el-hal la tħejj.

Tenna-yas yemma-s :

— Eċċ aqerġi -uy-im! Tiġi en-nanna-m Hefṭellis! ... A għnejn -im! A tawayit -im! Nanna-m Hefṭellis, aġġan degg -el -ħam -is, γur - emmi -s el -lqayed! ...

Taqċiċċ tamcumt, ula d akken, teqqim ian a la tes-skad di-tecriħt - enni teħżeen tħejj. Tuyal diy-en

1160 tenna-yas :

— A nnay, a yemna ! NNiy-am tağı tit-enni tader-yalt en-Nanna Heftellis ! NNiy-am seqley-t !

Tin tin-as kan :

— Eçç aqeqruy-im ! Nanna-m Heftellis attan yur-wer-gaz-is ...

Lameena, akken d imi thawl akken fell-as atas, tuyal tekks-as aftat-enni : teff-it, tesmuql-it ... Sakin, ula d nettat, tesqel titidit tit-enni t a d e r-yalt ggelli-s ! Macçi tin ara s icerqen ! S-akin, et-  
1170 suy :

— Annay ! Iwaheddey ! Annay, a tijiratin ! Annay ! D aksum ggelli Heftellis ! Ay-aqjun ! Ay-amcic ! A k r a bbin i-wumi fkiy aftat yerr-it-id ! ...

Tjeme-ed s-akin kra ūanda yella d aftat ney d i-yes : tezdukkil-iten yak. Ula d nettat, dya, waqila, terra-ten yey-yiwi en-tesnit.

QQaşen tjeme-i akken di-teerict, ar t tesskad akken alni d asni temmut.

Ma d Fađma d-egma-s ed-wid-enni yak i-wu-yet d-eg-  
1180 ran, weqmen tameyrä sebea wussan d-sebea wudan.

Gran-d, elhaşun, di-liser d-esseħħha d-leħna.

TAMACAHUT-IW TFUKK.