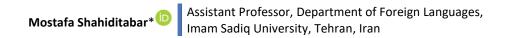
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# An Intertextual and Crosslinguistic Study of Versified Translation of Poetry



#### **Abstract**

By employing insights from the theory of intertextuality (Bakhtin, 1981; Kristeva, 1980; Popovic 1990) and Farhazad's Model (2009), this research seeks to shed light on how a versified translation of a poem stands in intertextual relationship with other poems. Through a case study of the translation of "The Solitary Reaper" into Azerbaijani Turkish, the study aims to explore how the Turkish versified translation of this poem stands in intertextual relationship with other poems explicitly and implicitly. The results showed that the author's Turkish translation of "The Solitary Reaper" stands in an intertextual relationship with Turkish poetry of Shahriar, Zelimkhan Yaqub, Aliagha Vahid, Rowshan Zamir, Seyyed Azim Shairvani and Persian poetry of Shahriar on the one hand and English poem of Wordsworth on the other hand in terms of content and genre. Moreover, the translation of "The Solitary Reaper" is not the English ballad reproduced in Turkish, but a ghazal that quotes from and refers to Wordsworth's ballad intertextually. In the second attempt, some translations from and into Persian and Azerbaijani Turkish are provided to carry out a crosslinguistic analysis. The results of the paper showed that the themes of poems play a key role in translation. Religious or political poems need different strategies to convey the associated themes. For instance, in the religious poem examined in this study, using loan words to convey the religious themes properly is one of the strategies used by the translator while in the political poem of Ashraf, transferring the harsh tonality of the Turkish poem into Persian is the strategy applied by the translator through phonological transfer to show the political context of the poem in the poet's revolutionary era.

Keywords: Intertextuality, The Solitary Reaper, Versified Translation, Azerbaijani Turkish Poetry

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#### Introduction

There are a number of approaches to translating poetry and views on the possibility of poetry translation show a broad spectrum. Some believe in satisfactory translation of poetry (Santos, 2000) while others believe that poetry is untranslatable (Jakobson:, 1959). One of the scholars who proves that poetry is translatable is Andre Lafevere. According to Lafevere (1975), there are seven methods for poetry translation: phonemic translation, literal translation, metrical translation, verse-to-prose translation, rhymed translation, free verse translation, and interpretation. The main purpose of the present study is on versified translation which focuses on creating a poem in target language. Unlike literal translation, versified translation lays emphasis on conveying both content and form. You can probably think of numerous poems in Persian, for instance, which are versified translations of Islamic themes derived from Quran and hadith. (چنین گفت پیغمبر راستگوی/ ز گهواره تا گور دانش بجوی) is a translation of (العلم السطان) hadith. But (توانا بود هر كه دانا بود) is very close in meaning to (نورفشانی است غرض از چراغ/ بهر تفرج بود اَیین باغ) sometimes the poem itself is a translation of another poem like which its first line is a translation of the first part of this poem by Shakespeare: 'Torches are made to light, jewels to wear'. In the same vein, (دوستا مروّت ائتمه لى دوشمن ايله كئچينمه لى) is a translation of this line of Hafiz: (با دوستان مروت، با دشمنان مدارا). Versified translation has both weak and strong points. The main weakness of this type of translation is that the translator needs to be a poet. That is, only poets can create these beautiful pieces. Its strong points, on the other hand, lie in creating a POEM in target language and balancing content and genre in source language with target language.

One of the key elements in analyzing translation of poetry is that of intertextuality. The present study aims to analyze translating poetry from this perspective. Specifically, this research draws on the intertextual framework proposed by Farahzad (2009) to show how a translated poem refers to and quotes from other poems. That is, the paper uses insights from the theory of intertextuality (Bakhtin, 1981; Kristeva, 1980; Popovic, 1990) and Farhazad's Model (2009) in order to explain the nature of the relationship between the source poem and the target poem. It shows how two poems (both the base poem and the translated one) stand in an intertextual relationship with one another. It also shows how the metatext (translated poem) repeats the prototext (base poem) in terms of content and sometimes in terms of form without being limited to it. To this end, we need to analyze translation of poems crosslinguistically and the current paper seeks to address versified translation into and from Turkish, Persian and English.

The primary focus of this investigation involves the translation of William Wordsworth's "The Solitary Reaper" and E. A. Housman's 'Loveliest of trees, the cherry now' into Azerbaijani Turkish. In addition to these two translations, two other translations from Persian into Turkish (Velaei's Azerbaijani Turkish translation of Shariar's 'Ali ey homaye rahmat' and my own translation of Shahria's 'Amadi janam be ghorbanat vali hala chera') and one translation from Azerbaijani Turkish into Persian (Ashraf's translation of Sabir's poem) will be presented and discussed to carry out a crosslinguistic analysis. By employing Farahzad's intertextual definition of poetry translation, a comprehensive analysis of the translated poems is presented. This study aims to shed light on how a versified translation of a poem stands in intertextual relationship with other poems. In line with this aim, the following research questions will be considered:

- Which poems stand in intertextual relationship with my Turkish translation of Wordsworth's 'The Solitary Reaper'?
- How do the presented poems quote from and refer to the original poems in terms of content and genre?

#### **Literature Review and Theoretical Considerations**

According to Roman Jakobson, there are three kinds of translations: Intralingual translation or rewording, Interlingual translation or translation proper and Intersemiotic translation or transmutation. To Jakobson, in most cases the translator 'recodes and transmits a message received from another source' while translating and 'no lack of grammatical device in the language translated into makes impossible a literal translation of the entire conceptual information' and in case of grammatical absence, its meaning 'may be translated into this language by lexical means'. But one of the most controversial issues regarding translation is poetry translation. To Jakobson, poetry is untranslatable and 'only creative transposition is possible' and the main feature of the poem which is not translatable is the poetic form (Jakobson: 1959).

The theory of heteroglossia by Bakhtin which is called 'intertextuality' by Kristeva, is seen in Bakhtin's well-known quotation, "Each word tastes of a context and contexts in which it has lived its socially charged life; all words and forms are populated by intentions" (Bakhtin, 1981, p. 293). Kristeva proves that 'a text is not an isolated piece, but a permutation of texts in which several utterances taken from other texts intersect and neutralize one another'. According to Kristeva, all texts are 'constructed as a mosaic of quotations; any text is the absorbtion and transformation of another'(cited in De Nooy, 1998, p. 270). Popovic consideres translation as a case of metacommunication and introduces the terms 'prototext' and 'metatext' as alternatives to 'source text' and 'target text' (cited in Farahzad, 1990). Fairclough (1995) sees any text as part 'repetition' and part 'creation'. That is, there is no beginning or end to any text as Bakhtin says, but there are endless connections and references to other texts (Farahzad, 1990). An example of intertextuality is shown in figure 1:



Figure 1. A Crosslinguistic Example of Intertextuality in Turkish, Persian, and Arabic

As seen, Shahriar's poem (دوستان ایله کئچینمه ای is a translation of a line by Hafiz (دوستان با دوستان)) is a translation of a line by Hafiz (مروت، با دشمنان مدارا) and (غمخواری دوستان خدا را/ دلداری دشمنان مدارا)

Sadi has alluded this poem to a hadith from Imam Ali (دار عدوّک و أخلص لودودک تحفظ الاخوّة و تحرز المروّة). This example shows that there may be endless connections and references to other texts in a given poem.

Using intetextuality introduced by Kristeva and later Popovic and Fairclough's classification of text, Farahzad points out that translation is an intertextual practice and she introduces an intertextual model of translation. According to her, there are two levels of intertextuality: Local (intralingual) level: the prototext relates to all other texts appearing in its own language. Global (interlingual) level: the prototext is translated and relates through the metatext to all texts written in all languages, in terms of content and genre.



Figure 2. The Prototext in Intralingual Level



Figure 3. The Prototext and its Metatexts in Different Languages

According to Farahzad, every time a prototext is translated, it moves from one intertextual and sociohistorical context to another, losing parts of its properties in favor of those of the new context it is being situated in.

#### **Procedure**

In this study, Farahzad's model of translation will be used to analyze the studied versified translations. As an initial step, I will provide my own translation of Wordsworth's 'The Solitary Reaper' into Azerbaijani Turkish and then, I will show how my translation refers to and quates from other poems in Turkish and Persian. In addition to this poem, I will also translate E. A. Housman's 'Loveliest of trees, the cherry now' and 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' by William Butler Yeats into Azerbaijani Turkish. Then, some translations from Persian and Turkish will be presented and discussed. Finally, based on the theoretical model, concluding remarks will be presented.

## **Results and Findings**

## **Versifed Translation of Poetry (from English into Turkish)**

'The Solitary Reaper' is one of the most popular lyric poems in English written by the English well-known Romantic poet William Wordsworth that was published in 1807. This ballad comprises four stanzas. In this section of the paper, Azerbaijani Turkish translation of Wordsworth's 'The Solitary Reaper' is presented:

Table 1. Turkish Translation of 'The Solitary Reaper' (Biçinci qız)

Wordswoth's Base poem	Turkish Translation
Dahaldhan air de in Ale Seld	باخ نه گؤزل صحنهدی: چمنده سئیره چیخان
Behold her, single in the field, Yon solitary Highland Lass!	«اسکاتلندلی» سوبای قیز! تک دایانیبدیر بو اَن!
	هم اوت بيچير، هم اوخور اؤز –اؤز ايله اَلچاقدان!
Reaping and singing by herself;	سس سيز سوووش يا كئچ گئت، يا تماشايا دايان!
Stop here, or gently pass! Alone she cuts and binds the grain,	
And sings a melancholy strain;	اوّل بیچیر بوغدانی، سونرا ییغیر بیر باغ اوت!
O listen! for the Vale profound	حزين اوخور ماهنىسين، نغمه گلير چوخ فغان!
Is overflowing with the sound.	گل قولاغ اَس سسينه، داغ-درهلر دولوبدو
is over nowing with the sound.	اونون گۇزل سس ايله! اولارمى اوندان دويان!؟
	ايستى قوملوق صحرادا، يورغون يولچو كروانلار،
No Nightingale did ever chaunt	اوتورسالار كۇلگەدە، آغاج آلتدا بير زمان،
More welcome notes to weary bands	ھئچ بولبولون نغمەسى، گۇزل قيزين سسى تک،
Of travellers in some shady haunt,  Among Arabian sands:	ب ر بررگ او کروانی اوخشاماز! گل بو سؤزه سن اینان!
A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard	او طوابی او حساسار د طی بو سوره سن ایمان. بو قیز سسی سیندیرار دنیزلرین سکوتون،
In spring-time from the Cuckoo-bird,	
Breaking the silence of the seas	اوزاق «هئبريد» اَدالار ايچره سسى قووزانان!
Among the farthest Hebrides.	اونون سسى بهاردا قوقو قوشون سسيندن،
Among the farthest restracts.	داها خوشدور! بئله سس، ائشيتمهيب هئچ انسان!
Will no one tell me what she sings?—	
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow	كيمسه منه سؤيلهسين: بو قيز نه ديلده اوخور؟
For old, unhappy, far-off things,	بلكه شكايتچىدى كهنه سؤزدن! الامان!
And battles long ago:	بلکه ده سؤزلر اوخور کدر، ایتگی، آغریدان
Or is it some more humble lay,	يادا اوخور دؤيوشدن، گؤرن اَلله بو جيران!؟
Familiar matter of to-day?	- 3 3.
Some natural sorrow, loss, or pain,	هرنه اوخورسا بو قیز، قوی اوخوسون، بیچسین اوت!
That has been, and may be again?	11.60 1 1 1
Whate'er the theme, the Maiden sang	
As if her song could have no ending;	گويا سؤزو توكنمير، وار هلەدە همچنان!
I saw her singing at her work, And o'er the sickle bending;—	دوزدو کئچیبدی ایللر، اوّل گؤروشدن اَمما،
I listened, motionless and still;	جينگيلدهيير قولاغدا، اونون سسى هر زمان!
And, as I mounted up the hill,	«ویلیام» دئیهن سؤزلری «سهند اوغلو» پاراتسین
The music in my heart I bore,	دئمک «تبریز» «زنجان»دا، ایندی اوخور بو ترلان!
Long after it was heard no more.	
Long arter it was near a no more.	

To provide an intertextual analysis of my translation, the poems that came to my mind while translating this ballad will be mentioned here. The opening line of Wordsworth's ballad (behold her single in the field) reminds me of Zelimkhan Yaqub's following stanza: بير گؤزل چيخاندا چمنه، دوزه / فيكير وئر ياناغا . The first line of this stanza, نظر سال اوزه / گؤزلليک باخارمي ايرېيه - دوزه ؟/ دئمه كه ايريدي! قاشدا گؤزلدي! بير گؤزل چيخاندا چمنه، دوزه , سال اوزه / گؤزلليک باخارمي ايرېيه - دوزه ؟/ دئمه كه ايريدي قاشدا گؤزلدي! (When a beautiful girl is in the field) depicts the same image which is narrated by Wordsworth. In this line, the verb چيخاندا (when s/he climes up) is the word I chose to translate Wordsworth's image. It is worth noting that the verb چيخماق (to climb/ to set off) has also been used by other poets in Azerbaijani Turkish poetry. Aliagha Vahid, for instance, in one of his ghazals used the same verb: چيخ

Also, Shahriar, in one of his well-known poems, <u>چمن سئیرینه</u> بولبوللر ئولور دردیندن/ خسته عاشیقلرین روحونو گولدور تزله! wsed this verb: سن بو مهتاب گنجهسی، سئیره چیخان بیر سرو اول/ اذن وئر منده دالینجا سورونوب سایه گلیم!

An interesting point is that Mehdi Rowshazamir, Professor of French language and literature who was Shahriar's close freind and wrote an introduction to Shahriar's Heydar Babaya Salam, in one of his poems entitled (شيخ صنعان و تامارا) has written a nazira to Shahriar's above-mentioned poem (Rowshanzamir, 2000, pp. 241-244): إمان ألم المنابع المناب

Table 2. Poems with Indirect Influence While Translating the Opening Lines of 'The Solitary Reaper'

No.	Poet	Poem	
1	Aliagha Vahid	چیخ تماشایا خصوصا خزرین ساحلینه/ باغ جنت داها تعریفه نه حاجت باکیدا	
2	Shahriar	اذن وئر توى گئجەسى مندە سنه دايه گليم/ ال قاتاندا سنه مشاطه تماشايه گليم	
3	Aliagha Vahid	ایستهدیم بیرده تماشا ائلهییم گول اوزونو / گؤر نه ظالمدی منه وئرمهدی امکان زولفون!	
4	Seyyed Azim Shirvani	چکمه ای دوست! بو گون دامن صحرایا منی/ یوخدور اول ماه، اَپارما بو تماشایا منی	

That is, while translating this part of the poem, I did not think about these poems but since I had read them before, they might influence my vocabulary choice indirectly. In other words, my previous studies on Turkish literature play a key role in the way I translate 'The Solitary Reaper' from English into Turkish. This intertextuality influence is either deliberate (when the first line of Wordsworth's poem reminds me of Zelimkhan Yaqub's mentioned poem) or latent (when I used the (پمنده سئیره چیخان) clause after having studied some poems from Aliagha Vahid, Shahriar, Roshanzamir and Seyyed Azim Shirvani).

In another line of my translation, I have alluded to another line of Shahriar. While translating 'Breaking the silence of the seas/ Among the farthest Hebrides.', I remembered Shahriar's ( باخ بو درین ) باخ بو درین سکوتون ( اوزاق «هئبرید» اَدالار ) and I wrote: ( سکوته سحر، هانسی نوار / ظبط ائیله یه بیلر بئله بیر جاودان سسی؟ بو قیز سسی سیندیرار دنیزلرین سکوتون / اوزاق «هئبرید» اَدالار ) Bax bu darin sükuta sahar (look at this deep silence of dawn) and wrote (باخ بو درین سکوته سحر) Bu qız səsi sındırar dənizlərin sükutun (this girl's voice breaks the silence of the seas). An interesting point is that the alliteration used by Wordsworth (repetition of /s/ sound in "Breaking the silence of the seas") has been created in my translation as well (repetition of /s/ sound in "Bu qız səsi sındırar dənizlərin sükutun"). In addition to the mentioned intertextual relations, two more allusions to Shahriar's poem can also be considered. The first one refers to the translation of 'The music in my heart I bore,/ Long after it was heard no more'. When I read this line and wanted to translate it, it reminded me of the second line of this perfect beyt of Shahriar: اسان قوجالمیش اولسا، قولاغلار آغیرلاشار/ سانکی یازیق قولاغدا آورولدور زمان سسی! So, I translated it as (صبح اولدو، هر طرفدن اوجالدی اذان سسی / گویا گلیر ملائک لردن قرآن سسی). I used it

while translating 'Whate'er the theme, the Maiden sang/ As if her song could have no ending;/ I saw her singing at her work,/ And o'er the sickle bending;' and provided this translation: ( هو نه اوخورسا بو قيز، ) والمهده همچنان اوت/ گويا سؤزو توکنمير، وار هلهده همچنان)

To sum up, the structure of my translation is modeled after contemporary Azerbaijani Turkish ghazal especially Shahriar's 'Zaman səsi' with the opening lines ( صبح اولدو، هر طرفدن اوجالدی اذان سسی/ گویا گلیر ملائک لردن). There are 5 examples of deliberate intertextuality in the discussed translation and there are also some examples of latent intertextuality which will not be discussed in detail in this study. Moreover, this translation contains some form of reference to some works of the past in both Turkish and Persian poetry. It can be argued that while translating a poem from any language into Turkish, the more I allude to Turkish poetry, the more successful the translated poem will turn out to be. Moreover, there are some differences between what Wordsworth has said and what I have written. For instance, in the last stanza, the poet says as he walked on, up a hill, he carried her lovely music in his heart and he still does, long after he stopped hearing it. In translating this part of the poem, I made two changes. First, I used 'ear' instead of 'heart' to carry her lovely music, second, I translated it as if 'some years have passed' and the poet can still hear her voice. These two changes in my translation can be seen as my individual literary and linguistic preferences.

Unlike the discussed translation, sometimes I only create a new poem in my mother tongue without considering any other poem when I want to translate. Take E. A. Housman's 'Loveliest of trees, the cherry now' as an example. While translating this poem I did not allude to any poem in Turkish.

Table 4. Turkish Translation of 'Loveliest of Trees, the Cherry Now' (Albalı agacı)

E. A. Housman's Base Poem	Turkish Translation
Loveliest of trees, the cherry now Is hung with bloom along the bough, And stands about the woodland ride Wearing white for Eastertide.  Now, of my threescore years and ten, Twenty will not come again, And take from seventy springs a score, It only leaves me fifty more.  And since to look at things in bloom Fifty springs are little room, About the woodlands I will go To see the cherry hung with snow.	سئویملیدیر بیزیم باغدا اَلبالی گول آچیبدیر قول –بوداغی خیردالی آغ گئیینیب بایرام ایچون بزنیب صف باغلاییب مئشه یولوندان انیب وئرسه الله عومور منه یئتمیش ایل قیرخی کئچیب، اوتوز قالیب، بونو بیل: چون باهاردا، ذوق اَلماغا، اوتوز یاش گول چیچکدن، اَز زماندی، اَی یولداش، من گئدیرم! یوللار اولوب باخمالی آغ بورونوب قاریاغالی آلبالی

The moral of this poem is that one should not waste their time on things that do not please them. Houseman details the speaker's age. The speaker is twenty years old and the poet points out that the rest of his/her life (fifty years) is very short and he needs to spend all the time he can look at the tree he loves. In translating this poem, I made two changes in the second stanza. I changed the age of the speaker to forty since I am about forty years old at the moment. The second change deals with the number of lines. I translate the whole stanza (four lines) in one beyt (two lines). These two changes in my translation can be seen as my individual worldview on the one hand and my literary and linguistic preferences on the other. In other words, to me, it would not make sense to be faithful to the

original poem completely. That's why I sometimes make some alternations of detail, arrangement, and number of lines in translating a poem which I believe is the spice of every successful poetic translation.

In another example, I just alluded to one line of Shahriar when I wanted to translate 'There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow' in 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' by William Butler Yeats.

William Butler Yeats' base poem	Turkish Translation
I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree, And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made; Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee, And live alone in the bee-loud glade.	دوراجام من ایاغا، اوز توتاجام کنده ساری گندهجم دام ایشلهیم چای غیراغین باش یوخاری اکهجم بئش-اون قاریق لوبیا، سورا دینجهلهجم آری لار ویزیلداسین! ساخلایاجام خیلی آری!
And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow, Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings; There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow, And evening full of the linnet's wings.	ری در ویریسهسین، سحدیب میسی ری، یاغاجاق صلح و باریش، سسلهنه جک جیرجیراما آچاجاق پرده اوزوندن سحرین، قویسا تاری گئجه لر بوردا گوموشدندی گونوز سانکی قیزیل آخشامی قوشلار اوچار قانادلارین رنگی ساری
I will arise and go now, for always night and day I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore; While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey, I hear it in the deep heart's core.	گزهجم ساحلی من، هم گئجهنی هم گوندوزو ائشیدهم دنیز سسین، سس سالاجاق چای آخاری دایانیب ایندی ایسه ماشین یولوندا سکو دا دئدیگیم صحنه ایتی، اَمما اَهْرکده قالاری

Table 5. Turkish Translation of 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'

# Versifed Translation of Poetry (from Persian into Turkish)

Seyed Nasir Velaei has translated Shahriar's Persian 'Ali ey homaye rahmat' into Turkish (Velaei: 1395).

Translation (in Turkish) by Velaei	Base poem (in Persian) by Shahriar
على اَللاهين نشاني، نئجه اوخشوران همايه	علی ای همای رحمت تو چه اَیتی خدا را
که سالیبسان ایندی کؤلگه قانادینلا ماسوایه	که به ماسوا فکندی همه سایة هما را
گر ئورەک تانيرسان الله، ھاميسين على دە باخ گؤر	دل اگر خداشناسی همه در رخ علی بین
كه اونيله تاپديم الله، اولا أند او كبريايه	به على شناختم من به خدا قسم خدا را
ھر ایکی جھانی گزسن، گؤرہ بیلمرہن فنانی	به خدا که در دو عالم اثر از فنا نماند
على نبن الى حاتاندا، سا حشمة بقابه	حه على گفته باشد سر حشمة بقارا

Table 6: Turkish Translation of 'Ali Ey Homaye Rahmat'

مگر ای سحاب رحمت، یاغاسان که یوخسا دوزخ وورار اود شرار –قهری او زماندا ماسوایه دور اياقه يوخلو مسكين! چال على قاپيسين ايندى که باغیشلایار کرمدن اوزوگون او شه گدایه على دن سوواي سفارش كيم ائدهر: اوغول بو قاتل چون اسیرایدی الیزده، یئتیشین او بینوایه على دن سوواي اوغول كيم گتيرهر ابولعجايب که اولا اؤزو مُعرف شهدای کربلایه هامی پاکباز ایچینده، باشا کیم یئتیردی عهدین؟ كيم على كيمين جهاندا، عمل ائيلهدي وفايه؟! اونا من دئيهمم الله، نه اونون كيمين بشر وار اولورام باخاندا حيران، شه ملک لافتي يه گتیر ای نسیم-رحمت توزو یار گزهن دیاردان كه قانا باتان گؤزوم تئز، چاتا بلكه توتيايه او امیدیلن که شاید یئتیره مزار –یاره اؤره گيمده چوخ يانيقي سؤزو وئرميشم صبايه فقرا دعا ائدنده، أقا جان، قضاني دؤندهر كه قضانين آفتينده جانى دوشمهسين بلايه نئجه ني كيمي نوايه گليم ايندي أيريليقدان که «لسان غیب» یاخشی گتیرهر نییی نوایه كئجهلر منيم اميديم بودو صبحدم نسيمي که یارین پیام لطفون یئتره بو آشنایه گئجهیاری «شهریار» تک، گل ائشیت او حق قوشوندان اوره گين غمين دئينده چاتاسان شه ولايه دئ «ولایی» تورکو یازسین، بیزه «شهریار» یازاندان که علی الی نوانی، یئتیره بو بینوایه

مگر ای سحاب رحمت تو بباری ارنه دوزخ به شرار قهر سوزد همه جان ماسوا را برو ای گدای مسکین در خانة علی زن که نگین پادشاهی دهد از کرم گدا را بهجز از على كه گويد به پسر كه قاتل من چو اسیر توست اکنون به اسیر کن مدارا بهجز از على كه آرد يسرى ابوالعجائب که علم کند به عالم شهدای کربلا را چو به دوست عهد بندد ز میان پاکبازان چو علی که می تواند که به سر برد وفا را نه خدا توانمش خواند نه بشر توانمش گفت متحيرم چه نامم شه ملک لافتي را به دو چشم خون فشانم هله ای نسیم رحمت که ز کوی او غباری به من اَر توتیا را به امید آن که شاید برسد به خاک پایت چه پیامها سیردم همه سوز دل صبا را چو تویی قضای گردان به دعای مستمندان که زجان ما بگردان ره آفت قضا را چه زنم چو نای هردم، ز نوای شوق او دم که لسان غیب خوشتر بنوازد این نوا را همه شب در این امیدم که نسیم صبحگاهی «به پیام آشنایی بنوازد آشنا را» ز نوای مرغ یا حق بشنو که در دل شب غم دل به دوست گفتن چه خوش است شهریارا

'Ali ey homaye rahmat' has been translated into Turkish several times and Velaei's translation is one the best literary pieces. If we cast only a superficial glance at this translation, it becomes clear that Velaei has borrowed the Persian/Arabic qafiyahs of Shahriar. The main feature of his translation is his faithfulness to the Persian poem and its loanwords in qafiyahs. The main reason for this degree of faithfulness is the popularity of this poem among Iranians. According to Iranica, Shahriar's 'Ali ey homaye rahmat' is a highly passionate and extremely popular poem in praise of Imam Ali (a.s.), the first Shiite Imam (Ābedi: 2015). Shariar expressed his thoughts in Persian and to convey his thoughts in Turkish, the translator's task is difficult. Maybe, the easiest choice is what the translator has done: choosing the original qhafiyas. It should be noted that most of the qafiyahs in the Persian poem are Arabic because the theme is religious and the translator has applied Shariar's strategy in choosing qafiyahs. Of course, in some parts, the translator uses a complete Arabic-Peraian clause in his translation as in مراح المعارفة المعا

The translator's faithfulness to the religious theme of the poem can be seen in his linguistic choice. He addresses Imam Ali (a.s.) directly in the following beyt: ( فقرا دعا ائدنده، أقا جان، قضانى دؤندهر/ كه قضانين آفتينده أقا جان). In the first line, he addresses his Imam by adding an interjection: (جانى دوشمه سين بلايه). This

sentence is used in the religious context of Azerbaijani Turkish language mostly by maddahs (dirge singers) and religious speech givers.

I had the same problem when I wanted to translate Shahriar's 'Amadi janam be ghorbanat' Persian ghazal into Turkish. What follows is the translation of the first four lines of this poem:

Table 7. Turkish Translation of Shahriar's Pers
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Translation (in Turkish)	Base Poem (in Persain) by Shahriar
گلميسن، آغرين آليم! آمما دئنن ايندي نييه!؟	اَمدی جانم به قربانت ولی حالا چرا؟
ایندی که غم، قوجالیق، درد، جانیما سیندی نییه!؟	بیوفا حالا که من افتادهام از پا چرا؟
نوشدرمانسان گؤزلیم! اَمما حاییف سهراب ائولوب!	نوشدارویی و بعد از مرگ سهراب اَمدی
اَ ظاليم! تئز گلجەيدين! گئج اولوب! ايندى نييه!؟	سنگدل این زودتر میخواستی حالا چرا؟

While translating the above-given poem, in addition to conveying the meaning, my main concern was finding proper Turkish qafiyahs. Since I used (نييه) as radif which is a proper translation of the Persian (پرا) and (پاندی) as the first qafiyah which is the translation of (عالا ) in Persian, I needed to choose words which would be rhymed with (پاندی) in next lines as qafiyahs. The second qafiyah (سیندی) is an apt choice, at least for me, and the third qafiyah is the repetition of the first qafiyah which is the same as the base Persian poem. Since I could not find proper ghafiays to continue my translation, I skipped the translation.

# **Versifed Translation of Poetry (from Turkish into Persian)**

In another case which is a political poem, in addition to transferring both the theme and the form, even the tone of the poem has been transferred from Turkish into Persian.

Table 8. Ashraf's translation from Sabir (Shahiditabar: 2023 a, b)

Translation (in Persian) by Ashraf	Base Poem (in Turkish) by Sabir
دست مزن! چشم! ببستم دو دست!	گؤرمه! باش اوسته! يومارام گؤزلريم!
راه مرو! چشم! دو پایم شکست!	دينمه! مطيعم! كسهرم سؤزلريم!
حرف مزن! قطع نمودم سخن!	بير سؤز ائشيتمه! قولاغيم باغلارام!
نطق مكن! چشم! ببستم دهن!	گولمه! پکی! شام و سحر اَغلارام
هيچ نفهم! اين سخن عنوان مكن!	قانما! باجارمام! منى معذور توت!
خواهش نافهمی انسان مکن	بؤيلهجه تكليف محالى اونوت!

As seen, the content has been successfully transferred into Persian. Moreover, regarding the syntactic structures of both Turkish and Persian poems, it can be said that to convert the affirmative verb (gör= 'see' in Turkish and dast bezan= 'touch' in Persian) into a negative verb, both Turkish and Persian poets have used a negative affix (-mə in Turkish, ma- in Persian). In other words, both poems have the following syntactic structure in each line:

(دست مزن + چشم + ببستم دهن) (گؤرمه + باش اوسته + يومارام گؤزلريم) Number of sentence: three

Sentence 1: affirmative verb + negative affix (دست زن + م-٥) (گؤر + مه)

Sentence 2: agreement (چشم) (باش اوسته)

(ببستم + دو دست) (یومارام + گؤزلریم) Sentence 3: subject drop + verb + plural noun

That is, in addition to transferring the content, the Turkish syntactic structure of Sabir's poem has also been transferred into the Persian poem of Ashraf; each line in both poems contains three sentences and the first sentence contains an affirmative sentence which has been transferred into a negative one. A meticulous study of the translated poem shows that even the tone of Turkish has been succussfully transferred into Persian. This is done through the repetition of /s/, /ʃ/ and /t/ sounds in (دست، چشم، بست) on the one hand and using a cluster of voiced sounds in (بستم دو دست) on the one hand and using a cluster of voiced sounds in (باش اوسته dest/ (12 out of 14 sounds are voiced in this cluster) on the other. These two features are seen in the Turkish poem. (گؤرمه)/qörmæ/ contains five voiced sounds and (باش اوسته) contains /s/, /ʃ/ and /t/ sounds which are being created in the Persian poem as well.

### **Discussion and Conclusion**

The primary focus of this investigation involved the translation of William Wordsworth's "The Solitary Reaper", E. A. Housman's 'Loveliest of trees, the cherry now' and 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' by William Butler Yeats into Azerbaijani Turkish and one of the main goals of this paper was to study how a versified translation of a poem stands in intertextual relationship with other poems. Our data suggests that even the theme of the poem plays a key role in translation. Religious or political poems need different strategies to convey the associated themes. For instance, in the religious poem discussed in this study, using loam words to convey the religious themes properly is one of the strategies used by the translator while in the political poem of Ashraf, transferring the harsh tonality of the Turkish poem into Persian is the strategy applied by the translator through phonological transfer to show the political context of the poem in the poet's revolutionary era. About my own translation, since the English poem is romantic, I have alluded to some romantic themes and lines from some Azerbaijani Turkish poets. When, reading the first four lines of my translation, for باخ نه گؤزل صحنه دی: چمنده سئیره چیخان/ اسکاتلندلی سوبای قیز! تک دایانیب دیر بو اَن!/ هم اوت بیچیر، هم اوخور اؤز-اؤز ایله) instance, no one can think of it as translation except for the word (ٱلْچاقدان!/ سسسيز سوووش يا كئچ گئت، يا تماشايا دايان! (اسكاتلندلي) (Scottish). When reading these lines, it seems that you are reading an Azerbaijani Turkish poem and this can be argued intertextually. My Turkish poem stands in an intertextual relationship with the Turkish poetry of Shahriar, Zelimkhan, Aliagha Vahid, Rowshan Zamir, Seyyed Azim Shairvani and Persian poetry of Shahriar on the one hand and Wordsworth's English poem on the other hand in terms of content and genre. That is, my translation is not The English ballad reproduced in Turkish, but a metatext (a ghazal in this case) which quotes from and refers to Wordsworth's ballad intertextually. Part of this ghazal is repetition of the content including vocabulary (e.g., سكوت ,and أركبويا collocations (e.g., چمنده سئيره چيخان), meaning and forms appearing in Wordsworth's ballad. Another part of this ghazal concerns my individual literary and linguistic talent and artistic innovation (e.g., e.g., using 'ear' instead of 'heart' in my translation of Wordsworth's poem), which forms the created part. In the same vein, regarding Ashraf's translation of Sabir's poem, it can be argued that Ashraf's Persian poetry stands in an intertextual relationship with the Turkish poetry of Sabir in terms of content and genre. That is, Ashraf's translation is not The Turkish Masnavi reproduced in Persian, but a metatext that quotes from and refers to Sabir's Masnavi intertextually. Part of this metatext is repetition of the content (both poems criticize the political situations), meaning and forms (both poems are Masnavi and their syntactic structures are identical) appearing in the prototext, like for instance the rhyme pattern of Masnavi which Ashraf imitated from Sabir. Another part of this Masnavi concerns Ashraf's individual literary and linguistic talent and artistic innovation, which forms the created part. The Masnavi, at the same time, stands in an intertextual relationship to all Persian poetry, translated and non-translated. So it is again part repetition of the same content and form, part creation by Ashraf.

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# **Appendix**

Table 9. Azerbaijani Turkish Translation of 'The Solitary Reaper' (Biçinci qız) in Latin Script

Wordswoth's Base Poem	Azerbaijani Turkish Translation
Behold her, single in the field,	Bax nə gözəl sahnədi: çəməndə seyrə çıxan,
Yon solitary Highland Lass!	İskatlandli subay qız! Tək dayanıbdır bu an!
Reaping and singing by herself;	Həm ot biçir, həm oxur öz-öz ilə alçaqdan!
Stop here, or gently pass!	Səssiz sovuş ya keç gət, ya tamaşaya dayan!
Alone she cuts and binds the grain,	Əvvəl biçir buğdanı, sonra yığır bir bağ ot!
And sings a melancholy strain;	Həzin oxur mahnısın, nəğmə gəlir çox fəğan!
O listen! for the Vale profound	Gəl qulağ aş səsinə, dağ-dərələr dolubdu
Is overflowing with the sound.	Onun gözəl səsi ilə! Olarmı ondan doyan!?
	İsti qumluq səhrada, yorğun yolçu kərvanlar,
	Otursalar kölgədə, ağac altda bir zaman,
No Nightingale did ever chaunt	Heç bülbülün nəğməsi, gözəl qızın səsi tək,
More welcome notes to weary bands	O kərvanı oxşamaz! Gəl bu sözə sən inan!
Of travellers in some shady haunt,	Bu qız səsi sındırar dənizlərin sükutun,

Among Arabian sands:
A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard
In spring-time from the Cuckoo-bird,
Breaking the silence of the seas
Among the farthest Hebrides.

Will no one tell me what she sings?—
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow
For old, unhappy, far-off things,
And battles long ago:
Or is it some more humble lay,
Familiar matter of to-day?
Some natural sorrow, loss, or pain,
That has been, and may be again?

Whate'er the theme, the Maiden sang
As if her song could have no ending;
I saw her singing at her work,
And o'er the sickle bending;—
I listened, motionless and still;
And, as I mounted up the hill,
The music in my heart I bore,
Long after it was heard no more.

Uzaq 'Hebrid' adalar içrə səsi qovzanan!
Onun səsi baharda ququ quşun səsindən,
Daha xoşdur! Bələ səs, eşitməyib həç insan!
Kimsə mənə söyləsin: bu qız nə dildə oxur?
Bəlkə şikayətçidir köhnə sözdən! Əl-əman!
Bəlkədə sözlər oxur kədər, itgi, ağrıdan
Ya da oxur döyüşdən, görən Allah bu ceyran!?
Hərnə oxursa bu qız, qoy oxusun, biçsin ot!
Guya sözü tükənmir, oxur hələ bu tərlan!
Düzdü kəçibdi illər, əvvəl görüşdən amma,
Cingildəyir qulağda, onun səsi hər zaman.

Table 10. Azerbaijani Turkish Translation of 'Loveliest of trees, the Cherry Now' (Albalı aqacı) in Latin Script

E. A. Housman's Base poem	Azerbaijani Turkish translation
Loveliest of trees, the cherry now	
Is hung with bloom along the bough,	
And stands about the woodland ride	Sevimlidir bizim bağda albalı
Wearing white for Eastertide.	Gül açıbdır qol-budağı xırdalı
	Ağ geyinib bayram üçün bəzənib,
Now, of my threescore years and ten,	Səf bağlayıb meşə yolundan ənib.
Twenty will not come again,	Versə Allah ömür mənə yetmiş il,
And take from seventy springs a score,	Qırxı keçib, otuz qalıb, bunu bil:
It only leaves me fifty more.	Çün baharda zövq almağa, otuz yaş,
	Gül çiçəkdən, az zamandı, ay yoldaş,
And since to look at things in bloom	Mən gedirəm! Yollar olub baxmalı,
Fifty springs are little room,	Ağ bürünüb qar yağalı albalı.
About the woodlands I will go	
To see the cherry hung with snow.	