

CJ-5: Proportioning

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Definition

The communicator divides a sentence or paragraph into sentences with equal length and poetic metre.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Example

كُنْ مُتَكَبِّرًا أَتَحْمَلُ،
كُنْ جَائِرًا أَصِيرُ،
تَسِيَّدُ أَتَوْاضِعُ،
دَاعِبُ أَسْتَسِلُ،
تَكَلَّمُ أَصْغِي،
أَمْرًا أَطِيعُ.

Be arrogant, and I will endure;
be unjust, and I will be patient;
act like a master, and I will humble myself;
tease, and I will submit;
speak, and I will listen;
command, and I will obey.

- Ibn Zaydūn [↗](#)

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