## **Sinuhe**

## Nederhof (R) - English

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Transliteration and translation for "Sinuhe", following the transcription of Koch (1990), version R. Only fragments are given where R is the main version, or where it deviates substantially from the main version.

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For published translations, see Gardiner (1916), pp. 168-176; Lichtheim (1975), pp. 222-235; Parkinson (1997), pp. 21-53; Simpson (1972), pp. 57-74. Also considered were the examples from Graefe (1994) and Loprieno (1995).

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#### Nederhof (B) - English

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Indication of the beginning of line 237 is missing from Koch (1990), and was added following Blackman (1932).

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## Nederhof (AOS) - English

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The line numbers AOS will here be preceded by 'r' (recto) or 'v' (verso) to avoid clashes.

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## Nederhof (BA) - English

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| jrj-p<sup>c</sup>t ḥ³tj-<sup>c</sup>
R
     I Prince-regent and count,
R
                                htmw-bjtj smr w<sup>c</sup>tj
AOS
AOS
                                royal seal-keeper and sole companion,
     s³b cd-mr sp³wt
R
     magistrate and commissioner of the domains
R
     ity m tw stiw
R
     of the sovereign in the lands of the bedouin,
R
     l rh-nsw m³c mry=f šms[w S³-n]ht dd=f
R
     I true and beloved acquaintance of the king, follower Sinuhe<sup>1</sup> says:
R
<sup>1</sup> Meaning 'son of the sycamore'.
     jnk šmsw
                                            bik n jpit-nsw
                     šms nb=f
R
     'I was a follower I who followed his lord, a servant of the royal harem
R
                                             b3k n{t} nswt nsw
AOS
                                             a servant of the royal thrones,
AOS
                                           l hmt-nsw S-n-Wsrt m Hnm-swt
     irt-[pct] wrt hswt
R
     and of the regentess, greatly praised, I royal wife of Sesostris in Khnemsut,
R
     sit-nsw Jmn-m-hit
                                   m Qj-nfr Nfrw nbt jmjh
R
     royal daughter of Amenemhet I in Qanefru, Nefru, revered.
R
                                                        sb.tj r jm3h
AOS
AOS
                                                        who has passed to blessedness.
     h3t-sp 303bd 33ht sw 7
R
     Year 30, month 3 of the Season of Inundation, day 7.
R
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cr ntr r3ht=f
                                           nsw-bjtj Shtp-jb-Rc
R
      I The god departed to his horizon, the king of Upper and Lower Egypt Sehotepibre
R
       ^{c}g.n ntr r 3ht=f
AOS
AOS
       The god entered into his horizon,
      | shr=f r pt hnm m jtn
R
R
      I ascended to heaven and united with the sun.
       s<sup>c</sup>rj m<sup>1</sup> pt
AOS
AOS
       was let to ascend to heaven
<sup>1</sup> Emend to s^c r \mathbf{i} = f \mathbf{r} following Gardiner (1916).
                       Bbh(.w) m jr-sw
      h<sup>c</sup>-ntr
R
R
      the divine body I merging with him who created him.
     jw hnw m sgr
                                             ibw m gmw
R
R
      The residence was in silence.
                                             I hearts were in mourning,
AOS jw hnw{tj} c.w.s. m sgr
AOS The residence (I.p.h.!) was in silence,
                                        l [šny]t m [tp] ḥr m³st
      rwtj-wrtj htm.w
R
      the great double gate was shut, I courtiers were grieving,
R
                                         jst rf sb.n hm=f
      pct
                 m jmw
R
      patricians I were wailing.
                                         Now, His Majesty had sent
AOS p<sup>c</sup>t m jwgrw<sup>1</sup>
AOS patricians were in the necropolis.
<sup>1</sup> Following Barns (1952) and Gardiner (1957), p. 209, note 7.
                                                                  13
      mšc
               r T3-tmh
                                              s_3 = f smsw
                                                                  m hrj jrj
R
      an army I to the Libyan land,
                                              with his eldest son I in command;
R
      mš<sup>c</sup> | <sup>c</sup>š3 r T3-tmh
G
      a numerous army to the Libyan land,
G
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ntr nfr S-n-Wsrt
                            tj sw h3b(.w) | r hwt h3swt
R
     the good god Sesostris had been sent I to smite the foreign lands,
R
     r sqr jmjw Thnw
R
     to slay the inhabitants of Libya,
R
                                                        16
     tj sw hm jy=f jn.n=f sqrw-<sup>c</sup>nh
                                                        l n Thnw
R
     I and was now returning, having carried off captives I from Libya
R
     mnmnt nbt nn drw=s
                                        smrw nw stp-s3 h3b=sn
R
     and countless of all kinds of cattle. I The companions of the palace sent a message
R
     r gs | jmntj
R
     to the western border,
R
     r rdjt rh s3-nsw sšm hpr
                                                           m <sup>c</sup>hnwtj
R
R
     to inform the king's son of the affair that had happened I in the cabinet.
     gm.n sw wpwtjw hr wit
                                             ph.n=sn sw r tr n hwj
R
R
     The messengers found him on the road, I reaching him at nightfall.
     n sp | sjn.n=f rsj
                             bik ch=f hnc
                                                        šmsw=f
R
R
     He never hesitated at all and the falcon flew off with I his followers,
     nn rdjt rh st mš<sup>c</sup>=f
                                    jst h3b
R
                                                                    r msw nsw
R
     without informing his army of it. Now, a message had been sent I to the king's children
AOS nn rdjt rh\{t\}=sn mš<sup>c</sup>=f
AOS without informing his army.
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wnw m-ht=f[m] mš<sup>c</sup> pn
                                             I njs.n.tw n w<sup>c</sup> jm
R
      who were following him [in] this army, I and one of them was called.
R
AOS wnnyw m-ht=f (m) mš<sup>c</sup> pn
                                               nn njs.[n.tw] w<sup>c</sup> jm=sn
AOS who were following him in this army,
                                               and none of them was called.
     jst wj chc.kw sdm.n=j [hr]w=f
В
      Now, I was standing by and heard his voice,
В
     | jw=f hr mdt jw=j m cr w3
В
      I and as he spoke I was close to a conspiracy<sup>1</sup>.
В
<sup>1</sup> Consistent with note 1 of Davies (1975).
                         \int s \, s \, c \, w \, j = j \, s \, d \, h \, r \, (.w) \, m \, c \, t \, n \, b \, t
     psh jb=j
В
      My heart fluttered, I my arms dropped, and trembling befell every limb.
В
     nf^c=j \mid \{r\} wj m nftft r hh n=j st dg
В
      I stole away leaping to find myself a hiding-place.
В
                                              r jw.tw | wit mw=s
R
                                              until the road and its traveller were separated.
R
     rdjt(=j) wj jmjt b3tj
                                              r jrt wit šmw=s
В
      I placed I myself between two bushes to clear the road for its traveller.
В
AOS rdj.n=j (wj) r jmjtw b3tj
                                              r jsq hr wit šmt=sn
AOS I placed (myself) between two bushes to wait near the road where they were walking.
     jrt=j | šmt m hntyt n k³(=j) spr r hnw | pn
В
     I then went south;
                             I did not intend to come to this residence,
В
     hmt.n=j hpr h3cyt
В
      since I expected there would be contention
В
AOS n hmt=j hpr m h3cyt
AOS since I didn't intend to become involved in contention
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l nmj.n=j M3ctj
     n dd = i^{c} nh r - s = f
В
     that I didn't think I would survive.
                                                                I I crossed Maati
В
AOS n dd.n(=i) <sup>c</sup>nh r-s<sup>3</sup> pf<sup>3</sup>
                                               ntr pn mnh
AOS and I didn't think I would survive that one, this excellent god.
                                    l sm³.n=j m Jw-Snfrw
     m h3w Nht
В
     in the vicinity of the Sycamore, I and I arrived on the Island of Snofru.
В
     wrš.n=j m <sup>c</sup>d n
                                   | sht
                                           hd.n=i wn hrw
В
     I spent the day at the edge of I a field, and departed early the next day.
В
     hp.n=i s^{c}h^{c}(.w)
                           m r3-w3t twr.n=f wj snd n=f
В
     I met a man standing I on the road and he saluted me, one who feared him.
В
AOS
                                        twr.n=f wj sndw.n=j n=f
AOS
                                        and he saluted me but I feared him.
                         tr n msyt s³h.n=j r dmj N|[g]3w
     hpr.n
В
В
     After it had become I dinner time, I reached the port of Negau.
     d3.n=j m wsht nn hm=s
                                         | [m s]wt n jmntj
В
     I crossed in a boat without a rudder, I by means of the west wind.
В
                                           m swhw nw jmntt
AOS
AOS
                                           by means of the west winds.
     sw3.n=j hr j3btjw jkw | [m h]ry[t] [nb]t Dw-dšr
В
В
     I passed east of the quarry I above the Mistress of the Red Mountain.
                  | wit n rdwj=j m hd dmj.n=j | Jnbw-hqi
     rdit=i
В
     Then I made I my way northward.
                                          I reached I the Walls of the Ruler,
В
                                          dmi.n(=i) Jnbw-it=i
AOS
                                          I reached the Walls of my Father,
AOS
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44
                                  r ptpt nmjw-š<sup>c</sup>j
R
R
                                  and trample the bedouin. I
     jry r hsf stjw
                                                          šsp.n=j | ksw=j m b3t
В
     made to restrain the bedouin.
                                                           I crouched down in a bush,
В
                                       tp jnb jmj hrw=f
                             wršy
R
R
                             the guard I on the wall who was on duty.
                             wrlsyw tp hwt jmj{t} hrw=s
     m snd m33
В
     for fear of being seen by the guards in the settlement who were on duty.
В
     jr=j šmt | tr n h³w
                               hd.n t3 ph.n=j Ptn
В
В
     I travelled I during the night and the next morning I reached Peten.
     hn.kw r jw n Km-wr
                                    hr n jbt
                                                     ßs.n=f wj
В
     I I halted on an island of Kemur. An attack of thirst I overtook me;
В
      ntb.kw hh=j hm.w
                                           dd.n=j dpt mwt nn
В
      I was parched and my throat was dry. I I thought: "This is the taste of death."
В
     r18
AOS | nd3.kw hhw\{t\}=j^1 hm.w
AOS II was thirsty and my throat was dry.
1 Read Alas Al
                                                      I nmj n mnmnt
     tst=j jb=j h^c=j
                                         sdm.n=j
R
                                         when I heard I the bellowing of cattle
R
     I lifted my heart and my body
     tst=j jb=j s^{3}q=j h^{c}w=j
                                         sdm.n=j hrw nmj n mnlmnt
В
     I lifted my heart and collected myself when I heard the sound of bellowing of cattle
В
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gmh.n=j stjw
                                   sj3.n wj | mtn jm p3 wnn hr Kmt
В
       and caught sight of bedouin. Their leader, who had been in Egypt, recognized me.
В
AOS |[g]mh.n(=j) wi stiw
AOS I and caught sight of bedouin.
     ^{c}h^{c}.n \mid rdj.n=f n=j mw ps n=j jrtt
                                              \check{s}m.n=j \mid hn^c=f n \text{ whwt}=f
В
В
     He gave me water and boiled milk for me. I went
                                                       I with him to his tribe
     nfr jrrt.n=sn
                                          rdj.n wj h3st n | h3st fh.n=j r Kpnj
В
В
     and what they did was good.
                                          Land gave me to I land. I departed from Byblos
AOS nfr jrrt n=j
AOS and what was done for me was good.
     hs.n=j r Qdm
                                         rnpt gs jm
В
                             jr.n=j
     and returned to Qedem. I had spent I a year and a half there
AOS hsj.n=j r Qdšw
AOS and returned to Kadesh.
     jn wj <sup>c</sup>mw-nnšj
                                                 n Rtnw hrt
                                                                    dd=f n=j
                                   hq3 pw
В
     when Amunenshi fetched me, who was ruler I of Upper Retjenu. He said to me:
В
                                                                 32
     nfr tw hn^c = i
                                     sdm=k r3
                                                                 l n Kmt
В
     "You will be happy with me,
                                     for you'll hear the language I of Egypt."
В
AOS nfr tw 3 wn=k hn<sup>c</sup>=i
AOS "You will be happy here with me,
     dd.n=f nn rh.n=f qd=j
                                                sdm.n=f
                                                               šs3=j
В
     He said this because he knew my character and had heard I of my experience,
В
                     34
     mtr.n wj rmt | Kmt ntjw jm hn<sup>c</sup>=f
В
     for the Egyptians who were there with him had borne witness to me.
В
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ph.n=k] nn hr sj jšst
R
                         "Why [have you come] here?
R
     chc.n dd.n=f n=j ph.n=k nn hr-m jšst pw
В
В
     Then he said to me: "Why is it that you have come here?
     59
                                               ^{c}h^{c}.n dd.n=j n=f
R
     59
                                               Then I said to him:
R
     jn-jw wn hprt m
                               hnw
В
В
     Has anything happened in I the residence?"
                                               chc.n dd.n=f n=j
AOS
AOS
                                               Then he said to me:
     nsw-biti
                                        Shtp-ib-R<sup>c</sup> wd3.w r3ht
В
     "The king of Upper and Lower Egypt Sehotepibre has gone to the horizon.
В
                                       | Shtp-jb-R<sup>c</sup> pw wd3w r3ht
AOS
AOS
                                       I "It is Sehotepibre who has gone to the horizon."
     n rh.n.tw hprt hr=s
                                           dd.n=j swt m jwms
В
     I The circumstances of it are unknown." But I fabricated:
В
      n rh.n.tw hprt nn hr st
                                           ddw n=i swt m iwms
AOS
AOS
      It is unknown why this happened,
                                           but I was deceived.
     |[j]j.n=j \text{ m m} s^c \{t\}\} ti-tmhw
В
     I "When I had returned from an expedition (to) the land of the Libyans,
В
     whm.tw n=j
                                   ₿hd.w
                                                      hơtj=j n ntf m ht=j
                          ib=i
В
     it was reported to me. My mind I became weak
В
                                                      and my heart was not in my body.
AOS whm.n.tw n=i
                          jb(=j) h³m.w
AOS it was reported to me. My heart became tormented.
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n psg.tw=j
R
                                    I although I was not spat on,
R
     in.n = f wi hr w w w crt
                                     n wb.tw=i
В
     It brought me to the ways of flight, although I was not talked about,
В
                                     n w{s}f{t}.tw
AOS
AOS
                                     although there was no reproach,
     n wb.tw r hr=j
R
R
     I was not talked about in my presence,
     n psg.t[w r hr]=i
                                          n sdm ts-hwrw
В
В
     my face was not spat on,
                                          a reproach was not heard,
                                               wḥmw
     n sdm.tw rn=j m r3
В
В
     and my name was not heard from the mouth I of a herald.
     n rh=j jn wj r h3st tn
                                              I jw mj shr ntr
В
В
     I do not know what brought me to this land; I it is like a plan of god."
                                               jw=j mj sšmw rswt
AOS
AOS
                                               I was like in a dreaming state,
     mj m33 sw jdhy
                                     m3b[w]
                                                    s n hot m To-stj
R
     as if a marsh-dweller saw himself I in Elephantine, a man from the Delta in Taseti."
R
     chc.n dd.n=f hft=j
R
     I Then he said to me:
R
                         wnn jrf t3 pf mj-m m-hlmt=f ntr pf mnh
В
                         "How will that land be without him, that excellent god,
В
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[...] wrt<sup>1</sup> rnpt j3dw
R
                                             [...] the Great One in a year of pestilence?"
R
                                  l h³swt
     wnnw snd=f ht
                                             mj Shmt rnpt j3dw
В
     fear of whom was throughout I the lands, like of Sekhmet in a year of pestilence?"
В
<sup>1</sup> Cf. Wrt in B 64.
     dd.kw r=j n=f | wšb=j n=f
                                                nhm.n s = f^cq(.w) r^ch
В
     I said to him,
                      I answering him:
                                                "His son has already entered the palace
В
AOS sdd.n=f n=j wšb.n=j n=f
AOS After he had spoken to me, I answered him:
     it.n=f iw<sup>c</sup>t nt it=f
В
                                                   ntr pw grt nn snnw=f
     and has assumed the inheritance of his father. Now, he is a god without equal,
В
     | nn ky hpr hr-h3t=f
                                  nb s3t pw
В
     I there is no other before him. He is possessor of wisdom,
В
              shrw mnh wdwt-mdw prt h3t hft
                                                                    | wd=f
     jqr
В
     excellent I of plans, effective of orders, coming and going are by I his command.
В
     ntf dir hiswt
                                                iw it=f m-hnw ch=f
В
     It was he who subjugated the foreign lands, while his father was within his palace,
В
       smj=f n=f š3t=f hpr
R
R
      and he reported to him what he ordered to be done.
     smj=f š3t.n=f hpr
В
     I and he reported what he had ordered to be done.
В
      smj.tw \S \{^{c}\}.n=f hpr
AOS
      and what he had ordered to be done was reported.
AOS
                       | jr m hpš=f
                                                   pr-c nn twt n=f
     nht pw grt
В
В
     Now, he is a hero I who acts with his own arm, a champion without equal
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m3].tw=f h3=f r3-pdtjw
                                             h^c m = f r^3 - d^3 w
В
В
     when he is seen attacking barbarians and approaching combat.
     w<sup>c</sup>f <sup>c</sup>b pw
                                          sgnn drwt
В
      I He is one who bends down horns and weakens hands,
       w<sup>c</sup>f dbw pw
AOS
AOS
       He is one who bends down horns
     n ts.n hrw yw=f skw
В
      so that his enemy cannot marshal troops.
В
                                                            n chc.n.tw
     j<sup>c</sup> hr pw tš<sup>3</sup> wpwt
                                                                               m h w = f
В
     He is vengeful, one who smashes heads.
                                                            One cannot stand I near him.
В
AOS wmt jb pw h3=f j3btjw
                                                            r30
AOS He is stout-hearted when he attacks the easterners.
     | pd nmtt pw st=f bh3w
R
      I He is far-striding when he shoots the fugitive.
R
       pd nmtt pw sk=f bh3w
В
       He is far-striding when he annihilates the fugitive.
В
     nn phwi n dd n=f s3
В
      I There is no good end for him who shows him his back.
В
      nn phwj n\{n\} dd n=f s\}
AOS
     chc-ip bm m st ss ss
В
      He is steadfast at the moment of forcing retreat.
В
     ^{c}nw pw n rdj.n=f s^{3}=f
В
      He is one who disables without showing his back.
                                                      n rdj.n=f hms h3 jb=f
     wmt jb pw
                          |\mathbf{m}3\mathbf{s}| = \mathbf{f}^{c} \mathbf{s}3\mathbf{t}
В
      He is stout-hearted when he sees multitudes. He doesn't let laziness near his heart.
В
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wd hr pw h = f
                                   l j3btjw
R
R
      He is eager when he attacks I the easterners.
     | wd hr pw m3=f j3bt1
В
     I He is eager when he sees the east.
В
      shm jb pw
                          h³=f j³btjw
AOS
AOS
      He is stout-hearted I when he attacks the easterners.
<sup>1</sup> Uncertain.
     rš=f pw hlst=f r3-pdtjw
В
     His joy is his attacking barbarians,
В
     t3=f jkm=f tjtj=f
В
     as he clasps his shield he strikes down.
AOS by.n=f jkm=f rf r tjtj=f
AOS when he has clasped his shield so that he may strike down.
     n \mid whm.n=f^{c} r hdb=f
                                   nn wn rwi ch3w=f
В
В
     He doesn't repeat the slaying, as there is no one who escapes his arrow,
AOS nn whm.tw c rf hdby
AOS The slaying is not repeated,
                                     bh³ pdtjw hr-h³t=f
R
                                     The barbarians flee before him,
R
     nn | jth pdt=f
                                     bh<sup>3</sup> pdtiw <sup>c</sup>wi=fi
В
     and no one who draws his bow. The barbarians flee from his arms,
В
                                           chi=f hmt.n=f phwj
     mj | b3w n wrt
В
     as I from the might of the Great One. He fights having foreseen the outcome,
В
     n \mid s w.n = f n spyt
                                 nb jm3t pw 3 bnjt
В
     heedless of all else.
                                 He is beloved, great of charm,
AOS nn sw3.n=f sp
AOS he will not evade the matter.
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it.n=f(m) mrwt
                                      mr sw njwt=f r h<sup>c</sup>w
В
В
     I he has conquered through love, his city loves him more than itself,
        67
     h<sup>c</sup> st jm=f r ntr=sn
В
     it rejoices over him more than over its god.
В
     sw3 gyw hmwt hr rnn|wt jm=f
В
     Men and women pass by, cheering him.
В
AOS wnn \beta[yw mj hmwt] hr rnnw{=f} jm=f
AOS Men [as well as women] are cheering him.
                                              hr=f r=s dr ms.tw=f
R
                                              his mind was set to it since he was born.
R
     jw=f m nsw jt.n=f m swht
                                             iw hr=f dr ms.tw=f
В
     He is a king who conquered in the egg, I he was dedicated since he was born.
В
                                                        w<sup>c</sup> pw n dd ntr
     s<sup>c</sup>š<sup>3</sup> pw msy.tw hn<sup>c</sup>=f
В
     He is one who makes those born with him plentiful. I He is the unique gift of god.
В
     rš.wj t3 pn hq3.n=f
                                         l swsh tšw pw
В
     How joyful is this land that he rules! I He is one who extends borders,
В
AOS rš.wj t3 hq3.n=f jm=f
AOS How joyful is the land that he rules!
     jw=f r jtt tw | rsw
                                      nn k3=f h3swt mhtwt
В
     he will conquer southern lands, not considering the northern lands,
AOS [iw=f r] it[t] m t w rsi
                                      nn k3.n=f r h3swt mhtt
AOS [he will] conquer southern lands, not considering the northern lands,
     jr.n.tw=f r hwt stjw
                                           r ptpt nmjw-š<sup>c</sup>j
В
В
     as he was made to smite the Asiatics I and trample the bedouin.
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h3b n=f
R
     Send a message to him
R
     h n=f jm rh j=f rn=k
В
     Go down to him and let him know your name,
В
     m šnj w3 r hm=f
В
     as someone far from His Majesty who inquires.
В
AOS [...] iry=f n=k irrt it=f^1
AOS [...] he will do for you what his father had done.
Assuming one of two possible corrections suggested by Koch (1990).
     nn tm=f jr bw|-nfr n h3st
                                               wnn.tj=sj hr mw=f
В
     He will not fail to do good to a foreign land that will be loyal to him."
В
                          hr | hm Kmt nfr.tj (n-)ntt sj rh.tj rwd=f
     dd.jn=f hft=j
В
     Then he said to me: "But then Egypt is happy, since it knows his ability.
В
     mk tw 3 wnn=k hnc=j
                                              nfr jrrt=j n=k
В
     I You are here, and you will stay with me. What I shall do for you is good."
В
AOS | nfr tw 9 wn=k hn<sup>c</sup>=j
                                              nfr jr.tw n=k
AOS I You will be happy here with me.
                                              What will be done for you is good."
                                                mnj.n=f w|j m s3t=f wrt
     | rdj.n=f wj m-h3t hrdw=f
В
     I He placed me at the head of his children, and he married me to his eldest daughter.
В
      rdj.n=f wj r-h3t whyt=f
AOS
AOS
      He placed me at the head of his tribe,
     rdj.n=f stp=j n=j m h3st=f
                                             m stpw n wnt hn<sup>c</sup>=f
В
     He let me choose for myself of his land, I from the pick of what was his,
В
                                              m \text{ stpw } n\{t\} \text{ wn } m^{-c}=f
AOS
                                              from the pick of what was his,
AOS
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hr t \stackrel{\circ}{s} = f n
                        kt hist
                                       ti pw nfr Jii rn=f
В
     on his border with I another land. It was a good land, called Araru.
В
                                    jw d'bw | jm=f hnc j3rrwt
В
                                               I were in it, and grapes.
В
                                    Figs
AOS nn wn mitt=f m t3
AOS It was without equal on earth.
     wr n=f jrp r mw
                                   G \mid bit = f \Leftrightarrow biq = f
В
В
     It had more wine than water. Its honey was plentiful and its moringa oil was abundant.
     dqr nb hr htw=f
                                         jw jt jm hnc bdt
В
     Every kind of fruit was on its trees. I Barley was there, and emmer.
В
                        85
     nn drw mnmnt | nbt
В
     There was no limit to all kinds of cattle.
В
AOS [nn dr|w]w n mnmnt=f nbt
AOS [There was no limit] to all kinds of its cattle.
     S grt dmjt r=j m jj n mlrt=j<sup>1</sup>
                                                    rdit=f wi m hg3 whyt
В
     Much came to me because of the love of me. He made me the ruler of a tribe
<sup>1</sup> Contra note 4 of Barns (1972), for which no support can be found in Hannig (1995).
                  In h3st=f jr n=j cqw m mjnt
В
     m stp
     of the finest I of his land. Provisions were made for me consisting of daily fare,
В
                               jw jr n(=j)^{c}qw myt
AOS m stpw n whyt=f
AOS of the finest of his tribe. For me were prepared bread, myt-drink,
     jrp | m hrt-hrw
                            jwf ps 3pd | m 3šr hrw-r cwt h3st
В
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a daily supply of wine, cooked meat, roast fowl, as well as desert game.

В

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jw grlg.tw n=j
                           jw w3h.tw n=j
В
     One would snare for me and lay it out for me,
В
                            jw h³m.tw n=j
AOS
AOS
                            and fish for me,
     hr{r}w-r jnw n tsmlw=j jw jr.tw n=j
В
В
     in addition to the catch of my hounds.
                               jw jr n=j bnrw <sup>c</sup>š3 jrtt m pst [nbt]
AOS
AOS
                                Many sweet things were prepared for me, and milk was
                   jr.n=j rnpwt cšwt
                                                <u>hrdw</u>=j hpr(.w) m nhtw
В
                   I spent many years,
                                                while my children became strong,
В
                   l nhtw-<sup>c</sup>
AOS
                                                                    r40
AOS in [every] dish. [I] spent many years there,
                                                                    strong,
     s nb m d3r
                         | whyt=f
В
     each man controlling I his tribe.
В
     wpwtj hdd hnt r hnw
                                                              ßb=f ḥr=j
В
В
     A messenger who came north or went south to the residence I tarried for me;
                                                               3bw=f hr=i
AOS wpwtj m hd m hntyt m hnw
AOS A messenger who came north or went south to the residence tarried for me.
    jw s3b=j rmtt nbt
                                                   | jw=j dj=j mw n jb
В
В
     I let everyone tarry.
                                                   I gave water to the thirsty,
AOS jw jm3.tw n=j m jht nb
AOS One was well-disposed towards me in all respects.
     rdj.n=j tnm | hr wit
В
     I showed the way to the stray,
В
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nḥm.n=j cw3
     and I rescued the robbed.
В
AOS [n]hm|[.n=j] www m-c histiw
AOS and [I] rescued those who were far away<sup>1</sup> from the foreigners.
<sup>1</sup> Uncertain.
                  | w³ r štm r {s}hsf-c hq³w h³swt
     stjw
В
     The bedouin I who were preparing to fight and to oppose the rulers of the lands,
В
                                    jw hq3 pn n | Rtnw
     | dis.n=j šmt=sn
В
     I I countered their movements. This ruler of Retjenu
В
     dj=f jry=j rnpwt cš3w
                                                           | n m \check{s}^c = f
                                           m tsw
В
     let me spend many years
                                           as commander I of his army.
В
AOS dj=f jry=j jpwt=f cš3wt
                                           jw=j m tsw n mš<sup>c</sup>=f
AOS let me carry out his many expeditions as commander of his army.
                                                         102
     h3st nbt rwt.n=j r=s
                                           iw ir.n=i hd =i im=s
В
В
     Every land against which I advanced I defeated,
AOS hist nb jyj.n=j jm=sn
                                          ir[.n=i] hd=i^1 im=sn
AOS Every land from which I returned
                                           I had defeated,
1 Read as as
                                                 103
     dr.ti<sup>1</sup> hr smw hnmwt=s
В
                                                l h3q.n=j mnmnt=s
     it being driven from its pastures and wells. It seized its cattle,
В
<sup>1</sup> Written ddt.
                                 104
     jn.n=j <u>h</u>rw=s
                                                              sm<sup>3</sup>.n=j rmt jm=s
В
                                 | nḥm wnmt=sn
В
     I carried off its inhabitants, I and took away their food.
                                                              I slew its people
                                  nhm.n=j wnmt=sn nbt
AOS
                                  and took away all their food.
AOS
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В

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m hpš=j m pdt=j
                                                               shrw=i jqrw
                                  m nmtt=j
В
                                                      m
     with my arm, with my bow, with my movements, and with my excellent plans.
В
      m pdt(=i)^1 m hpš=i
AOS
AOS
      with (my) bow, with my arm,
1 Following Barns (1952), - is graphic error for
                                 | mr.n=f wj rh.n=f qnn=j
     3h n(=j) m jb=f
В
     In his heart I was beneficial, I and he loved me for he knew that I was valiant.
В
     rdit=f wi
                   m-h3t hrdw=f
                                               m_{i}.n=f rwd | ^{c}wi=i
В
     He placed me I at the head of his children, for he had seen my arms were proficient.
В
AOS rdj.n=f n=j
                    r-h3t whyt=f
AOS He placed me at the head of his tribe,
     jwt nht n Rtnw
                                         mb = f w | j m j m = j
В
     There came a strong man of Retjenu to challenge me in my tent;
В
AOS jyj nht r Rtnw
                                         r mt m jm3w=j
AOS There came a strong man to Retjenu to issue a challenge in my tent;
                                    111
                                 dr n=f si r-dr=s
     pry pw nn snnw=f
В
     he was a hero without equal and he had entirely annihilated it.
В
     dd.n=f^{c}h\beta=fhn^{c}=i
                                                         | hwtf=f wj
                                             hmt.n=f
В
В
     He said he would fight with me.
                                             He intended I to rob me,
AOS dd.n=i n=f ^{c}hi=f hn^{c}=i
AOS I said to him that he should fight with me.
                                113
                                                         hq3 pf ndnd=f
                               hr sh n whyt=f
                                                                             | hn<sup>c</sup>=i
     k³.n=f h³q mnmnt=j
В
     planning to seize my cattle I on the advice of his tribe. That ruler conferred I with me.
В
AOS k3.n=f h3q=f mnmnt=f^{1}
AOS planning to seize my cattle
<sup>1</sup> Read = i.
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dd.kw n rh=j sw
                             n jnk tr sm3=f
В
     I said: "I do not know him, I am not his companion
В
                             jn-jw jnk p³ wn sm³
AOS
AOS
                             Am I his companion
     115
     wstn=j m cfj=f
                                         В
     I that I could walk freely in his camp.
                                         Is it the case that I have opened his hurdle
В
     jyj {jw} m jm³=f pw
                                         jn-jw jnk p³ wnw hr s³-pr=f
AOS
      that I could come into this tent of his? Have I opened his hurdle?
AOS
                                    117
     sb.n=i inbwt=f
                             rgt-ib | pw
В
     or climbed over his walls? It is resentment
В
AOS bw khb [...]
                       | [...]
AOS [...] aggression [...] I [...]
     | hr m33=f wj hr jrt jp[wt]=k
R
     I because he sees me carrying out your affairs.
R
      hr m33=f wj hr jrt jpwt=f
В
      because he sees me carrying out his affairs.
В
      hr m33.n=f(wj) hr jrt jpwt=k
AOS
      because he sees (me) carrying out your affairs.
AOS
                                                   ky jdr
R
R
                                                   another herd.
                                                  119
     nhm.n wj mj jh n hww m hrj-jb
                                                  ky idwt
В
     I have become like a bull of cattle in the midst of I other cows,
В
     hd sw k3 n cwt
                                     l ng3w ḥr3m r=f
В
     whom the bull of the herd attacks, I whom the longhorn is charging.
В
    jn-jw wn tw3
                          mrrw n š3 n tp hr
В
     Is an insignificant man I loved as a superior?
В
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nn pdtj sm3
                                        m jdhw
В
В
     There is no barbarian who associates | with a marsh-dweller.
                                             123
                                             I jn-jw k³ mr=f ch³
     ptr smn dyt r dw
В
     What can papyrus achieve on a mountain? I Does a bull want to fight
В
             124
     pry mr = f whm s3 m hrt nt mh3=f sw
В
     or does the fighting bull want to sound the retreat for fear of being equalled?
В
                          jm dd=f hrt-jb=f
     | jr wnn jb=f r ch3
В
     I If it is his wish to fight, let him express his desire.
В
                                              rh(.w) nt-pw mj-lm
     | jn-jw ntr hm(.w) š3t.n=f
В
     I Is a god ignorant of what he has ordained, or does he know what the situation is?"
В
     sdr.n g/s.n=j pdt=j wd.n=j ch/sww=j dj.n=j sš n b/gsw=j
В
     At night, I strung my bow, shot I my arrows, sharpened my dagger,
В
     shkrl.n=j hcw=j
                              hd.n t3 Rtnw jj.tj
В
     and polished my weapons. When the day dawned, Retjenu had come.
В
     130
     | ddb.n=s whwyt=s
                               shw.n=s h3swt | nt gs=si
В
В
     It had assembled its tribes and had gathered its neighbouring lands,
     k³.n=s ch³ pn
В
     planning this battle.
В
AOS
                       jyj nht n Rtnw
AOS
                       There came a strong man of Retjenu.
     jwt pw jr.n=f n=j chc.kw
                                       dj.n=j wj m h3w=f
R
     I Then he came at me, while I waited having positioned myself near him.
R
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h\betatj nb m\betah(.w) n=j
                               hmwt byw hr cci,
                                                    jb | nb mr(.w) n=j
В
     Every heart burned for me, wives were jabbering, and every heart was sorry for me,
В
                                                     jbw nb mr. {k}w
AOS
AOS
                                                     and all hearts were sorry,
     dd=sn jn-jw wn ky
                              | nht^ch^3 r = f
                                                         chc.n jkm=f mjnb=f
В
В
     thinking: "Is there another I hero who could fight him?" Then his shield, his axe,
AOS hr
AOS thinking:
     135
                                             m-ht sprl.n=j hcw=f
     hpt=f nt nswwt hr(.w)
В
     I and an armful of his spears came down. After I had made his weapons miss,
В
                        hr.w n=j
                                             m-ht rf pr.n=j m h<sup>c</sup>w=f
AOS
                                             After I had evaded his weapons,
AOS
                        on me.
                                                                |^{c}h^{c}.n| ir.n=f[...]
R
R
                                                                Then he made [...]
                                   137
     rdj.n=j sw3 hr=j ch3w=f sp | n jwtt wc hr hn m wc
В
В
     I let his arrows pass by me to no effect, one close to the other.
AOS rdj.n=j sw3 hr=f ch3w
AOS I let arrows pass by him
                              164
     hmt.n=f hwt=f wi
R
                              164
     He intended to smite me.
R
                              h^c m.n = f
                                                   wj st.n=j sw
В
                              When he approached I me, I shot him,
В
     ^{c}h^{3}w=j mn(.w) m nh|bt=f
                                        sbh.n=f hr.n=f hr fnd=f
В
     and my arrow was stuck in his neck. He cried out and fell on his face.
В
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141
     shlr.n=j {n} sw (m) mjnb=f wd.n=j jšnn=j
                                                              hr i3t=f
В
     I slew him with his axe
                                      and uttered my war-cry I on his back,
В
AOS shrw.n=j sw m mjnbw=j
                                      dj.n=j psd=j hr šnbt=f
AOS I slew him with my axe
                                      and put my backside on his chest,
                                                       142
     Sm nb hr nmj
                                      rdj.n=j hknw | n Mntw
В
     while every Asiatic was shouting. I gave praise
                                                       I to Month,
В
                                                                         143
                                                           hg³ pn cmw-lnnši
     mrw = f hb(.w) n = f
В
     whose supporters celebrated a triumph through him. This ruler Amunenshi
В
<sup>1</sup> Following note 3 of Davies (1975).
     rdj.n=f wj r hpt=f
В
В
     took me in his arms.
AOS rdj.n=f wj m qnj=f wn.jn=f hr snnj=j hr hptj=j
AOS took me in his arms, and was kissing<sup>1</sup> me in my clasp.
<sup>1</sup> Uncertain.
     chc.n in.n=i ihtl=f
                                   hg.n=j mnmnt=f kgt.n=f jrlt st r=j
В
     Then I carried off his property and seized his cattle. What he had planned to do to me
В
     ir.n=i st r=f it.n=i ntt m im3=f
                                             kf.n=j °fby=f
В
                   I took what was in his tent I and despoiled his encampment.
     I did to him.
В
                                               147
     \varsigma.n=j jm
                                               ch^{c}=i
                               wsh.n m
В
     With this I became great, grew wealthy in I goods,
В
                               wsh.tw<sup>1</sup> pr=j m-hr=j
AOS
AOS
                               my house was made wealthy before me,
<sup>1</sup> Corrupt.
                                   148
     cš3.n m mnmnt=j
                            hr jrt | ntr r htp
В
     and grew rich in cattle; thus the god acted to be merciful
В
                            hr {n}hm ntr r htpw
AOS
                            thus the god again became merciful
AOS
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n ts.n=f im=f
В
     to one with whom he had been angry,
В
AOS n\{n\} \mid [\S] \{c\}.n = f \text{ sksk} \mid t
AOS to
            I [one to whom destruction had been ordained.]
                                     149
     th.n=fr
                                     kt h3st
                                                    jw mjn jb=f j^{c}(.w)
В
     one whom he had led astray to I another land. Today his heart is glad.
В
                     150
     w<sup>c</sup>r w<sup>c</sup>r
                     n h w = f
                                                   jw mtr=j m hnw
В
В
     A fugitive flees I because of his environment, while my fame is in the residence.
AOS w^c r.n = j w^c r [...]
AOS I fled [...]
      151
                                                  jw=j dj=j t n gsly=j
В
     sis sisy n hqr
     I A creeping man creeps because of hunger, while I give bread to my neighbour.
В
      šm³ [...]
AOS
AOS
      A vagrant [...]
                                                    I jnk hdt p3qt
     rww s t = f n h wt
В
В
     A man leaves his land because of nakedness, I while I have white and fine linen.
AOS rwj s m t = f n h t
AOS A man leaves his land because of nakedness,
      154
                                                                          155
     btis n giw hib=f
                                                            ink
                                                                         l cš3 mrt
В
     A man runs because of the lack of someone to send, while I have I many servants.
В
      bt s
AOS
AOS
      A man runs
                                                  showy=j m ch
     nfr pr=j wsh st=j
В
В
     My house is fine, my grounds are extensive, I and memory of me is in the palace.
                                                    sh<sub>3</sub>y=i m <sup>c</sup>ht=f
AOS
AOS
                                                    and memory of me is in his palace.
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htp=k dj=k wj r hnw
     ntrw nb š³ w<sup>c</sup>rt | tn
В
     All the gods who ordained this flight, may you be merciful and bring me home.
В
       smwn|=k r rdjt m3=j bw wršw jb=j jm
В
       Perhaps you will let me to see the place where my heart dwells.
В
AOS [...] tsw.n=k n=j nn rh(=j) sw
                                                              sfnd.kw m-m<sup>3</sup><sup>c</sup>t {hrw}<sup>2</sup>
AOS [...] that you reproached me for, without me knowing it. I am truly despised.
<sup>1</sup> Uncertain.
<sup>2</sup> Emendation uncertain.
                                                        m t3 ms .kw jm=f
     ptr wrt r jcbt h3t=j
В
     I What matters more than my corpse being buried in the land where I was born?
В
AOS [r j'bw] n hwt=k
                                                        m t3 msw=k jm=f
AOS | [than] your corpse [being buried]
                                                        in the land where you were born?
                                                                 161
                           hpr sp nfr
                                                         di n=i | ntr htp
В
     mj m-s³ pw
     This is a call for help, that a good event may occur, that the god may give me grace.
В
                           min hpr=s pw nti ntr hr mw=i
AOS
                           happens that the god is my ally.
AOS
     jrr=f mj-jht r smnh phwj n sfn.n=f
В
     May he act as to make well the end of one whom he had grieved,
AOS jrr=f st {mj-jht}<sup>1</sup> r mnht [...]
AOS May he do this excellently [...]
<sup>1</sup> Passage corrupt.
     | jb=f mr(.w) n dqr.n=f
                                                              r cnh hr h3st
В
     I as his heart feels pity for one whom he had compelled to live in a foreign land.
В
                                                              r cnh m-ht h3st
AOS | [...] n rqyw=f
AOS I [...] his enemies
                                                              to live throughout the land.
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rf ntt=f htp(.w) sdm=f nh n w3
     jn mjn
В
     Is it today I that he is so gracious as to hear the prayer from afar,
В
AOS ir wn ntf pw m m<sup>3</sup>ct
                                     sdm.n=f nht nt www
AOS If it is really him,
                                     may he hear the prayer from afar,
                              189
     wdb=f^{c}
                             m hw.n=j t3 jm=f
R
     and exchange the region I where I had roamed the earth
R
     wdb = f^c r hw.n = f t^3 im = f
В
В
     and as to exchange the region where he had roamed the earth
     r bw in.n=f sw im
R
     for the place from which he had brought him away?
R
     r bw jn.n=f sw jm
В
     for the place from which he had brought him away?
В
                                             cnh=i m htpt=f
В
     htp n=j nsw n Kmt
     I May the king of Egypt be merciful to me, that I may live by his mercy!
В
     | nd=j hrt hnwt t3 ntt m ch=f
В
     I May I greet the mistress of the land who is in his palace!
В
          167
                                                      168
                                             ih rnpy | h<sup>c</sup>w=i
     sdm = j jpwwt nt hrdw=s
В
     May I hear the messages of her children! Then my body will become young again,
В
     (n-)ntt (r)f jw h.w
                                                              jrtj=j dns(.w)
                                           Bs.n=f wi
В
                                 wgg
В
     for old age has come,
                                 weakness I has overtaken me, my eyes are heavy,
AOS hr-ntt | rf {jw} j3wt h3.w
AOS for
            I old age has come,
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^{c}w_{j=j} nw(.w)
                          | rdwj=j fh.n=sn šms
                                                          ib wrd(.w)
В
     my arms are weak, I my legs have ceased to follow, the heart is weary,
В
                                                           šmsw jb=j m-hnw¹
                           rdwj=j fh(.w) r šmt
AOS
AOS
                           my legs have ceased to walk, and following my desire is [???]
<sup>1</sup> Reading uncertain.
       tkn.kw<sup>1</sup> n wd<sup>3</sup>
В
B
       and I am near I to passing away.
AOS |[t]k[n].kw n wdw
                                        nht pw nt phrw h3swt r jrt [...]
AOS I and I am near to passing away. a prayer for traversing the lands to do [...]
<sup>1</sup> Omission of k is scribal error.
     sb=sn {n} wj r njwwt n nhh
                                                šms=i
                                                             l nbt-r-dr
В
     May they lead me to the cities of eternity! May I follow I the Mistress of All!
В
                                                            173
     ih dd=s n=j nfr n msw=s
                                                      sb=s | nhh hr=j
В
     Then she will tell me that her children are well. May she pass eternity above me!
В
      jst rf dd n hm nsw-bjtj Hpr-k3-R<sup>c</sup> m3<sup>c</sup>-hrw
В
       Now, the majesty of the king of Upper and Lower Egypt Kheperkare, justified, was
В
AOS | chc.n whm mdwt tn
                                        n hm n nsw-biti
AOS I Then, this matter was recounted to the majesty of the king of Upper and Lower
В
     told
             Hpr-k3-R<sup>c</sup> m3<sup>c</sup>-hrw | s3-R<sup>c</sup> S-n-Wsrt m3<sup>c</sup>-hrw
AOS
AOS Egypt: Kheperkare, justified, I son of Re: Sesostris, justified,
                                                                             175
     hr sšm | pn ntj wj hr=f
                                          wn.jn hm=f h3b=f
                                                                             n=j
В
     about this state in which I was,
                                          and His Majesty sent a message I to me
В
AOS mj sšmw pn ntj tw=j | jm=f
AOS according to this state that I was in,
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hr 3wt-c nt hr nsw s3w=f jb n b3k-jm
В
     with royal gifts,
                          to gladden the heart of this humble servant,
В
                          hr=f s w \{t\}=f jb n b k-jm
AOS
AOS
                          and gladdened the heart of this humble servant,
         176
     mj | hq3 n h3st nbt
                                  msw nsw ntj m ch=f
В
     like that of a ruler of any land. The king's children who were in his palace
В
AOS
                                  msw nsw ntjw m-ht=f
                                  The king's children who were following him
AOS
             177
     hr rdjt | sdm=j jpwt=sn
В
             177
В
     had
             I me hear their messages.
     mjt n wd jny n b3k-jm
В
     I Copy of the decree brought to this humble servant
В
                                                 179
     hr int=f r Kmt
                                                Hr cnh-mswt
В
     concerning his being brought back to Egypt: I "Horus: Living of birth;
В
     nbti <sup>c</sup>nh-mswt
В
     Two Ladies: Living of birth;
В
                               Hr-nbw
                                           cnh-mswt
AOS
AOS
                               Gold Horus: | Living of birth;
     nsw-bjtj Hpr-k3-Rc
                                                     s3-Rc
В
     The king of Upper and Lower Egypt: Kheperkare; Son of Re:
В
     | Jmn-m-h³t <sup>c</sup>nh(.w) dt r nhh
                                                   wd-nsw n šmsw S3-nht
В
     I Amenemhet, may he live forever until eternity. Royal decree to follower Sinuhe.
В
      S-n-Wsrt m<sup>3</sup>c-hrw
AOS
AOS
      Sesostris, justified.
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l mk jn.tw n=k wd pn n nsw
В
     I This decree of the king is brought to you,
В
      r ntj jn.tw n=k wd pn n nsw
AOS
AOS
      that this decree of the king is brought to you,
     r rdjt rh=k ntt phr.n=k h3swt
                                                 pr.tj m Qdm r Rtnw
В
В
     to let you know that your roving through lands, I having gone from Qedem to Retjenu,
                                                                           Rtnw
AOS r rdjt rh=k r ntj phr.n=k h3swt
                                                  pr.tj m Qdj r
AOS to let you know that your roving through lands, having gone from Qedi to I Retjenu,
                                              183
     dd tw hist n hist
                                              | n jb=k n=k
                           hr sh
В
В
     land giving you to land, was at the counsel I of your heart to you.
                           hr shrw n jb=k ds=k
AOS
AOS
                           was under the guidance of your own heart.
     ptr jrt.n=k jr.tw r=k
В
     What have you done that one should act against you?
В
     n w<sup>c</sup>3=k hsf.tw mdw=k
В
     You have not cursed that one should reprove your speech,
AOS nn w^{C} = k nn hsf.tw dd=k
AOS You have not cursed and nothing you said was reproved,
                                 hr mdwt snd=k in hsf
AOS | nn sdm.n.tw rn=k
AOS I one will not hear your name because of speech that you fear will bring reproof,
     I n mdw=k m sh n srw
В
В
     I and you have not spoken in the council of officials
      nn hmt.n=k m-b3h srw
AOS
AOS
      and you have not been negligent in the presence of officials
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jtn.tw tsw=k
                                                shr pn jn.n=f jb=k
В
В
     that one should oppose your utterances.
                                                 I This idea carried away your heart,
AOS itnw tw m tsw=k
AOS who opposed you concerning your utterances.
     n ntf m jb r=k
                                          pt=k tn ntt m ch
В
     but it was not in the heart against you. This heaven of yours, who is in the palace,
AOS nn st m jb=j r=k
                                          pt=k nti m <sup>c</sup>h=i
AOS but it was not in my heart against you. Your heaven, who is in my palace,
     186
                                      sk3p.tw1 tp=s m nsyt nt t3
     mn sj rwd sj m mjn
В
     I endures and prospers to this day, her head is covered with the kingship of the land,
В
AOS jw st mn sj rwd m tpj=s c
                                       m nsyt nt t^2
      endures and prospers as before in the kingship of the land,
AOS
1 Read as
<sup>2</sup> Emended as suggested by Koch (1990).
     msw = s m chnwtj
В
     and her children are in the cabinet.
В
     w³h=k špss n dd=sn n=k
В
     You will accumulate precious things that they will give to you,
В
                                 jr n=k jwt r Kmt
В
     <sup>c</sup>nh=k m 3wt=sn
В
     and live on their gifts.
                                  Return to Egypt,
AOS htpw=k m3wt=sn
AOS and be pleased with their gifts.
     m³=k hnw hpr.n=k jm=f
В
     and you will see the residence where you grew up,
В
     sn=k t³ r
                              | rwtj-wrtj
                                                     hnm=k m smrw
В
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you will kiss the ground at I the great double gate, and you will join the companions.

В

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jw mjn js šbc.n=k tnj
                                           fh.n=k b33wt
В
     For now you have begun to grow old, you have lost virility.
В
AOS šic.n=k jiwt
                                           fh.n=k bnnwt
AOS For you have begun to grow old,
                                          you have lost potency.
                                           sbt r jm3h
     sh3 n=k hrw
В
                      n qrs
В
     Think of the day I of burial
                                           and passing to blessedness.
                                 v14
AOS jw sh3.n=k hrw
                                 In grsj
AOS You have thought of the day I of burial
     wdc.tw n=k hwj m sft
                                             wtw m-<sup>c</sup>wj T<sub>3</sub>yt
В
В
     To you will be assigned a night with oils I and wrappings from the hands of Tayet.
AOS wdc.tw n=k ifd m šnw1
                                              wtw m-c T3yt
AOS To you will be assigned a magical<sup>2</sup> sheet and wrappings from Tayet.
<sup>1</sup> Uncertain.
<sup>2</sup> Very uncertain.
                                                         193
     jr.tw n=k šms-wd3
                                             hrw
                                                        sm3-t3
В
     A funeral procession will be held for you on the day I of burial,
В
                                   tp m hsbd
                                                             pt hr=k
     wj m nbw
В
     with a mummy sheath of gold and a mask of lapis lazuli, heaven above you,
В
AOS wij nbw
AOS with a barque of gold
                                194
     dj.tj m
                                          jhw hr jth=k
                                                                šm<sup>c</sup>ww hr-h3t=k
                                mstpt
В
В
     you having been placed in I a hearse, oxen dragging you, musicians preceding you.
AOS ^{c}n.tj m hbnw\{t\}
                                           jhw hr sß=k
AOS embellished with ebony,
                                           oxen I dragging you,
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jr.tw hbb | nnyw
                                                    r r is = k
В
     The dance of the inert ones will be performed at the entrance of your tomb,
В
AOS ir.tw hb nmhw
AOS The dance of the poor will be performed
     njs.tw n=k dbht-htp
В
В
     the requisites for a mortuary offering will be recited for you,
     sft.tw r r^{3} c^{6} b^{3} w=k
В
     one will slaughter at the entrance of your altar.
В
AOS sft.tw (n=)k r \vec{r} n \vec{w} bt=k
AOS one will slaughter for you at the entrance of your tomb.
                                                                   197
     jwnw=k hws.w m jnr hd
                                           m-q3b
                                                                   msw nsw
В
В
     Your pillars will be built of limestone
                                           in the midst of those of I the king's children.
AOS db3t\{twn\}=k^1 hwsi.ti nbw
                                           mj jrrt n msw nsw
AOS Your sarcophagus will be built of gold as done for the king's children.
<sup>1</sup> Emended as suggested by Koch (1990).
     nn wn mwt=k hr h3st
                                        nn bs tw 9mw
В
     You will never die in a foreign land and Asiatics will not bury you.
В
                                        nn qrs tw 3mw
AOS
AOS
                                        and Asiatics will not bury you.
     nn | dj.tw=k m jnm n sr
                                              jr.tw dr=k
В
В
     You will not be put in the skin of a ram
                                               when your grave is made.
AOS nn dj.tw=k
                                              nn jr.tw drj=k
                        m šn n srj
AOS You will not be put I in the wool of a ram, and your grave will not be made.
                                         199
     jw n³3w r ḥwt
                                         t3
В
     It has been a long time of roaming I the earth.
В
AOS jw nn r 3w wrt<sup>1</sup> hw t3
AOS All of this is important for someone who has roamed the earth.
<sup>1</sup> Following Barns (1952), this is a graphic error for Wr r.
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mh hr hot jwt=k
                                     spr.n wd pn r=j
В
     Mind the dead body and return!" This decree reached me
В
AOS mh h3t=k jw=k
AOS Think of your corpse and return!"
                        200
     chc.kw m
                        hrj-jb whwt=j
                                               \delta d.n.tw = f n = j
В
     as I was standing in I the middle of my tribe. When it had been read to me,
В
AOS
                                               šd.n=j sw
AOS
                                               After I had read it,
                                           201
     di.n(=i) wi hr ht=i
В
                                dmj.n=j s³ltw
                                                  dj.n=j sw sš hr šnbyt=j
     I placed myself on my belly, I touched the earth and strewed it over my chest.
В
                                                  rdj.n=j sšw hr šnbt=j
AOS
                                                  and strewed it over my chest.
AOS
                                             202
     dbn.n=j <sup>c</sup>f3y=j ḥr nhm
                                            r-dd
В
     I went around my encampment cheering, I saying:
В
     jr.tw nn mj-m n b3k
В
В
     "How can this be done for a servant
AOS jr.tw nn mj-m b3k-jm
AOS "How can this be done (for) this humble servant
                                                       203
     th.n jb=f r h3swt drdryt
                                                    hr | hm nfr w³h-jb
В
     whose heart led him astray to alien lands?
                                                    So, good is the kindness
В
AOS th.n ib=f ds=f r h3st drdrit
AOS whose own heart led him astray to an alien land?
                                                        204
     nhm wj m-<sup>c</sup> mwt
                              jw k3=k r rdjt jry=j
                                                        phwj
В
                                                        204
     that saves me from death! Your spirit will let me reach I the end
AOS nhm{n} wj m-c mwt
AOS that saves me from death!
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h<sup>c</sup>w=i m hnw
                             mit n smi n wd pn
В
     with my body at home." Copy of the reply to this decree:
В
                             mit{t} smiw n wd pn ir.n
AOS
AOS
                             Copy of the reply to this decree written by
                                   205
     b3k ch S3-nht
                                          m htp nfr wrt
                                                              r jht w<sup>c</sup>rt tn
                                   I dd
В
     "Servant of the palace Sinuhe I says: 'In very good peace! Concerning this flight
В
AOS b3k n cht1 S3-nht dd
                                                               hr jht w<sup>c</sup>rt | tn
AOS the servant of the palace Sinuhe:
                                                               Concerning this flight
<sup>1</sup> Alternatively hwt-St following Barns (1952).
     jrt.n b3k-jm m hm=f
В
     that this humble servant made in his ignorance,
В
                                                      mrw Rc
     В
     it is I your spirit, good god, lord of the Two Lands, loved by Re,
В
                                                      mr <sup>c</sup>nh-R<sup>c</sup>
AOS
AOS
                                                      loved by Ankh-Re,
AOS hs sw cnh-Rc
                              nb₃htj
AOS and praised by Ankh-Re, lord of the horizon-dwellers,
                                                     207
     hsw Mntw nb W3st
                                           Jmn
                                                     l nb nst t³wj
В
     and praised by Month, lord of Thebes, by Amun, I lord of the throne of the Two Lands,
В
     Sbk-R<sup>c</sup>
                                                  Hr Hwt-Hr
В
     by Sobek-Re,
В
                                                  Horus, Hathor,
AOS Sbk-R<sup>c</sup> nb smnw
                                                                 ntrw nbw T3-mrj
AOS by Sobek-Re, lord of the supports of heaven,
                                                                 gods, lords of Egypt,
      Jtm hnc psdt=f
                                      Spdw Nfr-bw Smsrw Hr-jibtj
В
В
      and Atum with his Ennead.
                                      by Sopdu-Neferbau-Semseru, the eastern Horus,
AOS | Jtm psdt=f St
AOS I and Atum and his great Ennead,
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209
                        Nbt-jmht
                                              hnm=s
                                                              tp=k
В
                                              (may she enfold I your head!),
В
                        by Nebet-imhet
AOS m hnkw mntw nbt cht
                                              hnm.tw=s m tp=k
AOS with bedouin locks, mistress of the palace, who is united<sup>1</sup> with your head,
<sup>1</sup> Uncertain.
                                         Mnw-Hr hr-jb h3swt
      didit tpt nw
В
      the divine council upon the flood,
                                         Min-Horus in the midst of the lands,
B
                                         Mnw-Hr hrj-tp h3swt
AOS | didit tpj n ym
AOS I the first divine council of the flood, Min-Horus, chief of the lands,
<sup>1</sup> Passage corrupt.
                       | Pwnt Nwt Hr-wr-R<sup>c</sup> ntrw nbw T3-mrj
     Wrrt nbt
В
     Wereret, mistress I of Punt, Nut, Harwerre, and all the gods of Egypt
В
                                                ntrw nbw t3-dst\{t\}
AOS
AOS
                                                and all the gods of the necropolis
     211
     jww nw w3d-wr
В
     I and the islands of the sea
В
                      hrj-jb w3d-wr{j}
     iww
AOS
AOS
      and the islands I in the middle of the sea
                                                    hnm=sn tw m 3wt-c=sn
     dj=sn cnh w3s r fnd=k
В
     (may they give life and dominion to your nostrils, endow you with their gifts,
В
     | dj=sn n=k nhh nn drw=f | dt nn hntj=s
                                                         whm snd=k
В
     I and give you eternity without limit, forever without end, and may fear of you resound
В
     m tw hswt
В
     I in flat lands and mountainous lands,
В
      m ßw nbw
AOS
      in all lands.
AOS
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w<sup>c</sup>f.n=k šnnt jtn
В
     for you have subjugated what the sun revolves around;
В
                                                214
     nh pw n b3k-jm
                                                n nb=f
                                                            šd m jmnt
В
     this is the prayer of this humble servant I to his lord, who saves from the West),
В
AOS
                                                             šd sw m jmntt
AOS
                                                            who saves him from the West),
     nb si si si rhyt si = f
В
      lord of perception, perceiver of the people, who perceives
В
      m hm n stp-s3
                                     wnt b3k-jm snd(.w) dd st
В
      I as the majesty of the palace what this humble servant was afraid to say. 1
В
<sup>1</sup> Parenthetic eulogy suggested by note 4 of Davies (1975).
     jw mj jht 3
                                    whm st ntr 3 mitw R<sup>c</sup>
В
В
     It is like something too great I to recount. O great god, equal of Re
                                                 ntr <sup>c</sup>nh mitt n R<sup>c</sup>
AOS
                                                 O living god, equal of Re,
AOS
     hr s s s b k n = f ds = f
В
     in understanding one who serves him.
В
AOS | sw3ww1 jb n b3k-jm n=f ds=f
AOS I who praises<sup>2</sup> the heart of this humble servant to him himself.
<sup>1</sup> Read sw3š, following Barns (1952).
<sup>2</sup> Doubtful.
     jw b3k-jm m ^{c} nd-r3 hr\{r\}=f
В
      This humble servant is in the hands of one who cares for him,
AOS jw b3k-jm hr nd-r3 ntr=f
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AOS This humble servant seeks counsel from his god;

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dj.tw3 hr shr=f
                               jw hm=k
                                             Im Hr jt
В
     placed under his guidance. Your Majesty I is conquering Horus,
В
AOS dj.tw nn m-b3h=k
AOS this is placed before you.
      nht cwj=k r tw nbw{j}
В
      your arms are stronger than all lands.
В
     v30
AOS | nht tw
                          njwwt=k t3w nbw
AOS I and you are strong. Your towns and all the lands
     219
     | wd grt hm=k rdj.tw jnt=f
                                                                Mkj m Qdm
В
     I Now, may Your Majesty command that he be made to bring Meki from Qedem,
В
      wd(.w) hr hm=k <sup>c</sup>.w.s.
                                           r rdit in.tw n=k
                                                                Mkj Qdj
AOS
AOS
      are governed by Your Majesty (I.p.h.!), to let you be brought Meki of Qadi,
          220
      Hntljw<sup>c</sup>š m-hnt Kš
                                            Mnws
В
     KhenItiuash<sup>1</sup> from the interior of Keshu, and Minos
В
AOS m-hnt J33
                                                       hr rdit sšm|w=k
AOS from the interior of Araru,
                                                       putting your guidance
<sup>1</sup> Obscure name.
     m twi Fnhw
                                     hgw pw mtrw rnw
В
     I from the two lands of Fenkhu<sup>1</sup>. They are rulers whose names are well known,
В
      m tw Fnhw
AOS
      in the lands of Fenkhu.
AOS
<sup>1</sup> Mentioned in the dictionary of Gardiner (1957).
                            nn sh3 Rtnw
     hprw m mrwt=k
В
     I who live by love of you. Without mentioning Retjenu,
В
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n=k-jmy sj mjtt | tsmw=k
                                    js w<sup>c</sup>rt tn jrt.n b3k
В
     it is yours like
В
                       I your hounds. This flight that the servant made,
AOS ink is mitt tsmw=k
AOS I am like your hounds.
                            224
                        nn \mid sj m jb=j
     n hmt=s
                                              n qmd=j sj
В
В
     it was not intended, it was not in my heart, I did not devise it.
AOS m hm=f
AOS in his ignorance,
     n rh=j jwd wj r st
В
                                                  jw mj | sšm rswt
     I don't know what separated me from the place. It was as I a dreaming state,
В
AOS n rh.tw jn wj r h3s{w}t tn
AOS It is not known what brought me to this land.
     mj m33 sw jdhy m
                                                     s n h3t m T3-stj
В
                                        Вbw
     as if a marsh-dweller saw himself in I Elephantine, a man from the Delta in Taseti.
В
                       n s hs.tw m-s = j
                                              n sdm=j ts-hwrw
     n snd
В
     There was no fear, one didn't run after me, I didn't hear a reproach,
В
                       n shsh.tw m-s3=j
AOS
AOS
                       one didn't run after me,
     n sdm.tw rn=j
                                 m r3 whmw
В
     and my name was not heard I from the mouth of a herald.
В
     wpw hr nf n ddf h<sup>c</sup>w=j
                                    rdwj=j | hr hwhw jb=j hr hrp=j
В
     But, that shuddering of my body, my feet I hastened, my heart drove me,
В
AOS wpw nf3 n dd3 hcw=i
                                    rdwj=j hr3s
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my feet hastened,

AOS But, that fat of my body,

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ntr š3 w<sup>c</sup>rt tn
                                    | hr st{s}{s}=j
                                                       n jnk js q3 s3 hnt
В
     the god who ordained this flight I dragged me away. I was not haughty before,
В
                                                       in-jw jnk js q3 s3 hntj=f
AOS
AOS
                                                       Was I haughty before him?
               231
     snd s rh t = f
В
В
     as a man respects one whom his land knows.
     dj.n R<sup>c</sup> snd=k ht t3
В
     Re has put the fear of you throughout the land,
В
     hr=k m h3st | nbt
                                               m wj m hnw m wj m st tn
В
     and the dread of you in every foreign land. Whether I am at home or in this place,
В
AOS hr hryt=j ht h3swt nbt
                                               pwy=j m hnw pwy=j m st tn
AOS in dread of me throughout all foreign lands. Whether I am at home or in this place,
     ntk is hbs 13ht tn
                                            wbn jtn n mrt=k
В
                                            The sun rises for your sake,
     yours is what this horizon veils.
В
                                            wbn r<sup>c</sup> n mrwt=k
AOS ntk | js šnt.n jtn
AOS yours I is what the sun revolves around. The sun rises for your sake,
                                  234
     mw m jtrw swr.tw=f
                                  mr=k
В
В
     the water of the river is drunk I when you wish,
     tw m pt hnm.tw=f dd=k
В
     and the air of heaven is breathed when you say so.
В
                                v36
AOS cnh.tw m w n
                                          špssw m wd.n=k
                                dd=k
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AOS One lives on the breath that I you give and delicacies that you have allotted.

235 jw b3k-jm r swdt вwt=i В This humble servant will entrust I his chicks. В AOS jn<sup>1</sup> b3k-jm hr swd n t3wt=f AOS This humble servant entrusts his chicks, <sup>1</sup> Emend to jw. jr.n b3k-jm m st tn В В begotten by this humble servant in this place, AOS jr.n=f m st tn AOS begotten by him in this place, iwt pw jry r b3k-jm В I now that one has come to this humble servant. В jwt¹ pw jr.n b3k-jm m hntyt AOS **AOS** now that this humble servant has come southward. <sup>1</sup> Written jw=s. jrr hm=k m mrr=f cnh.tw m &w n dd=k В В May Your Majesty do as he wishes. One lives on the breath that you give. AOS ir swt hm= $f^c$ .w.s. m mrw[t=f] AOS May His Majesty (l.p.h.!) do as he wishes. 237 mr R<sup>c</sup> Hr Hwt-Hr fnd=k pw špss В I May Re, Horus and Hathor love this noble nose of yours, В 238 mrrw | Mntw nb W3st cnh=f dt В В which Month, lord of Thebes, desires to live forever.' " AOS mrr{t} ntrw nbw cnh=f dt

AOS which all the gods desire to live forever.' "

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rdj.tw jry=j hrw m J33
                                           | hr swdt jht=j n msw=j
В
В
     I was allowed to spend a day in Araru, I transferring my property to my children.
                                            hr swd
                                                        iht=f n msw=f
AOS
                                            transferring I his property to his children.1
AOS
<sup>1</sup> Emend to "my property to my children".
     s_i = j \text{ smsw m-s}^i \text{ whyt} = j
В
     My eldest son was in charge of my tribe,
В
     whyt=j jht=j nbt m-c=f
                                                   dt=j mnmnt=j | nbt
В
     my tribe and all my property were in his hands, all my serfs and my cattle,
В
                                                   ndt=f mnmnt nbt
AOS
                                                   all his serfs and cattle.
AOS
                                                                     242
     dqr=j ht=j nb bnr
                                        jwt pw jr.n b3k-jm m hntlyt
В
     my fruit and each fruit tree of mine. Then this humble servant came southward.
В
     hdb.n=j hr W3t-Hr
В
     I halted at the Road of Horus.
В
AOS
                                   gm.n=j
AOS
                                   I found
     tsw jm ntj m-s3 phrt
В
В
     The commander there in charge of the border patrol
AOS tsw ntj m-s3 phrw
AOS the commander in charge of the border patrol
     243
     | h3b=f jpwt r hnw r rdjt rh.tw
В
     I sent a message to the residence to let them know.
В
                                                        r [nt]i tw=i jy.kw
AOS
AOS
                                                        that I was coming.
     rdj.jn hm=f
                          l jwt jmj-r3 shtjw mnh n pr-nsw
В
В
     Then His Majesty let I the excellent overseer of the peasants of the palace come,
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l<u>h</u>r³wt-<sup>c</sup> nt hr nsw
     ^{c}h^{c}w _{t}y m-ht=f
В
В
     accompanied by laden ships I bearing royal gifts
     n stjw jww m-s³=j
                                            hr sbt=j r W3t-Hr
В
     for the bedouin who had come with me, leading me to the Road of Horus.
В
     246
     dm.n=j w<sup>c</sup> jm nb m rn=f
В
     I I mentioned each one of them by his name.
В
AOS s3w[t]=f jb n b3k-jm
                                                mi has n hist nbt
AOS to gladden the heart of this humble servant, like that of a ruler of any land.
                        [ntjw m-ht] hm=f^{c}.w.s.
AOS msw nsw
AOS The king's children | [who were following] His Majesty (l.p.h.!)
AOS hr rdjt sdm=[j jpwt]=sn n<sup>c</sup>t pw jr.n b3k-jm m hntyt
AOS had me hear their messages. Then this humble servant sailed southward.
     jw wdpw nb hr jrt=f
                                   \dot{s}sp.n=j\ f.n=j\ bw
В
     Every servant was at his duty, and when I set I sail,
В
AOS hm nb hr{j} jrj=f
AOS Every servant was at his duty,
     šbb cth tp-m3c=i
                                                  r pht=j dmj n Jt
В
В
     there was kneading and straining beside me, until I reached the town of Usu.
                                                 r ph dmjt n Jtj-t3wj
AOS
AOS
                                                  until reaching the town of Itji-tawi.
                                      jw jw cš n=j
     hd.n rf t3 dw3 sp 2
В
     I And very early the next morning, they came to call me,
В
      hd-t3
AOS
AOS
      And the next day,
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s 10 m jwt s 10 m
                               |  šmt |  hr s \beta = j
                                                                   r ch
В
В
     ten men came and ten men I went, ushering me
                                                                   to the palace.
                                     | [hr st]} {st}=j }s.kw
                                                                   r [c]hnwtj
AOS
AOS
                                     ushering me,
                                                       and I hurried to the cabinet.
     dhn.n=j t3 jmjt šspww
В
В
     I touched the ground with my forehead between the sphinxes,
AOS dhn.n(=j) t3 r jmjtw šspww
AOS I touched the ground with my forehead between the sphinxes,
     250
     msw nsw chc(.w) m wmt hr jrt hsfw=j
В
     I as the king's children stood in the gateway to meet me.
В
                       stww r wih
В
      smrw
В
      The companions | who ushered to the audience hall
     v44
AOS [srw] hr stww=i3s.kw
AOS | [The officials] ushered me while I hurried,
     hr rdjt=j hr w³t chnwtj
В
В
     showed me the way to the cabinet.
AOS hr [rdjt=j hr w3t] r chnwtj
AOS and [showed me the way] to the cabinet.
     252
     gm.n=j hm=f hr st-wrt m wmt nt d<sup>c</sup>mw
В
     I I found His Majesty on the great throne in the gateway of electrum.
В
     wn.kw rf dwn.kw hr ht=j
                                         hm.n(=j) wj m-bh=f
В
                I stretched out on my belly and did not know myself before him.
В
     I was
                                         h^3m.n(=j) wj m-b^3h=f
AOS
                                         and bowed before him.
AOS
     wn.kw r=i dm<sup>3</sup>.kw hr ht=i
BA
BA
     I was stretched out on my belly
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l hr wšd=j hnmw jw=j mj s jt.w m chhw
     ntr pn
В
     This god I addressed me kindly, but I was like a man seized in the dusk.
В
                                      tw=j mj s m jhhw
AOS
AOS
                                      but I was like a man in the dusk.
     255
                       h^c w = i \beta d.w h^{\beta} t = i n ntf m ht = i
     b_i = i \text{ sb.w}
В
     I My soul fainted, my limbs failed, my heart was not in my body
В
                       h^c w = i \beta h d.w
BA
BA
                       my limbs failed,
       rh|=i cnh r mwt
В
       that I could distinguish life from death.
В
       n rh=i mwt=i r cnh=i
AOS
      I didn't know whether I was dead or alive.
AOS
     [...] mwt
BA
     [...] death,
BA
                                             10
     n rh(=j) wj r cnh
                                            | [...]
BA
BA
     I could not distinguish myself from life. [...]
                                                             257
     dd.jn hm=f n w<sup>c</sup> m nn n smrw
                                                          ts | sw
В
     Then His Majesty said to one of these companions: "Raise him up
В
     im mdw=f n=i
                                dd.in hm=f
                                                      mk tw jw.tj
В
     and let him speak to me!" And His Majesty said: "You have returned
В
                                            258
                                 jr.n w<sup>c</sup>rt | hd jm=k
     hw.n=k h3swt
В
                                                                 tnj
     after roaming foreign lands. Flight has taken its toll of you, old man,
В
                                 jr.n w<sup>c</sup>rt hd=s jm=k
AOS
                                                                 tnw[.ti]
AOS
                                  Flight has taken its toll of you, [you have grown] old,
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nn šrr j<sup>c</sup>bt | <u>h</u>3t=k
     ph.n=k j3wj
В
     you have reached old age. It is no small matter that your corpse be buried
В
                                  nn nn šrjw j<sup>c</sup>bt [h³wt=k
AOS
AOS
                                  It is no small matter that [your corpse] be buried
     nn bs=k jn pdtjw
В
     without your interment by barbarians.
В
               bsy=k in h3stjw
                                               n jr.tw drj=k
AOS nn
AOS [without] I your interment by foreigners; they will not make your grave.
     m jr r=k sp 2 gr
В
      Do not act against yourself, do not act against yourself anymore!
В
AOS jr r=k [...]
AOS Do [...]
                          260
      n \text{ mdw}=k
                         dm.tw rn=k
В
В
      You did not speak I when your name was pronounced.
AOS |.tw rn=k hr mdwt
AOS I [...] your name because of speech
     \operatorname{snd}(=k)^{1} \stackrel{?}{\circ} n \operatorname{hsf}
В
      You shouldn't be afraid of punishment!"
В
AOS snd=k hsf=k
AOS that you should fear your punishment.
<sup>1</sup> Following note 5 of Davies (1975).
AOS n hm=k m-b3h [...]
AOS You were not negligent in the presence of [...]."
                                       261
     wšb.n=j st m wšb
                                                              ptr ddt n=j nb=j
                                       sndw
В
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I answered this with the answer I of a frightened man: "What has my lord said to me?

В

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on ntr js pw
     jr wšb=j st nn hr=j
В
     If I answer it, it is not because of me, I but it is the act of a god; 1
В
<sup>1</sup> Following note 6 of Davies (1975).
                                       mj shpr w<sup>c</sup>rt š33t
     hrt pw wnn=s m ht=j
В
     it is that there is fright in my body, like that which caused the fated flight.
В
                                                                l mk wi m-b3h=k
В
В
                                                                II am before you,
AOS | šmt r pḥt=j r dmjt n ḥw t3
AOS I and the journey of my reaching the city of smiting the land.
                 irr hm=k m mrr=f
     ntk <sup>c</sup>nh
В
     life is yours, may Your Majesty do as he wishes."
В
В
     rdj.jn st.tw msw nsw
     Then the king's children were ushered in
В
                   msw nsw mj cš3t=sn
AOS
AOS
                   I the king's children, as many as they were,
     dd.jn hm=f n hmt-nsw
В
     and His Majesty said to the royal wife:
В
AOS dd.jn hm=f c.w.s. n hmt-nsw Hnm-swt
AOS and His Majesty (l.p.h.!) said to the royal wife (in) Khnemsut:
     mt S3-nht | jw(.w) m Sm
                                             qm3.n stjw
В
     "Sinuhe
                 I has returned as an Asiatic raised by bedouin."
В
                    266
     wd=s sbh 3 | wrt
                                       msw nsw m dnywt w<sup>c</sup>t
В
     Then she uttered a very great cry, and the king's children shrieked as one.
В
AOS chc.n wdj=sn [...] r ct wrt
AOS Then they uttered [...] very loudly,
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dd.jn=sn
                     hft hm=f
                                     n ntf pw m m3ct
В
     Then they said I to His Majesty: "Is it not really him,
В
                                     jn-jw ntf pw (m) m3ct
AOS
AOS
                                     "Is it really him,
                                                           ntf | pw m m3ct
     ity nb=i
                                    dd.jn hm=f
В
В
     sovereign, my lord?"
                                    And His Majesty said: "It is really him."
AOS j jty c.w.s. nb=n
AOS o sovereign (I.p.h.!), our lord?"
                                                         269
      jst rf jn.n=sn mnjwt=sn shmw=sn
                                                                              m^{-c}=s^1
                                                         l sššwt=sn
В
       Now, they had brought their menits, their sistra,
                                                        and their naos sistra with them,
В
                                                                               m-<sup>c</sup>=sn
AOS | jstw gr jn.n=sn mnjt=sn shm=sn
AOS I Now, they had brought their menits and their sistra
                                                                               with them,
<sup>1</sup> Read m-<sup>c</sup>=sn.
     ms.jn=sn st n hm=f
В
В
     and they presented them to His Majesty.
                                                 \underline{dd.jn}=[s]n \underline{hft} \underline{hm}=f^{c}.w.s.
AOS ms st n hm=f^{c}.w.s.
AOS and presented them to His Majesty (l.p.h.!). Then they said to His Majesty (l.p.h.!):
                 r|{r} nfrt
     cwi=k
                                          nsw w3h
В
     "Your hands I upon something good, enduring king,
В
                                                 di nbw
     hkryt nt nbt pt
В
В
     ornament of the mistress of heaven!
                                                 May the golden one give
AOS hkrw n nbt twi
                                                 di n=k nbw
AOS ornament of the mistress of the Two Lands! May the golden one give you
     onh r fnd=k
                         hnm tw nbt sb3w
В
     I life to your nostrils and may the mistress of the stars enfold you!
В
      cnh fnd=k
                         hw tw nb sb3w
AOS
       life of your nostrils and may the lord of the stars protect you!
AOS
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272
     hd šm<sup>c</sup>s
                                             hnt mhw-s
В
     The crown of Upper Egypt travels north and the crown of Lower Egypt travels south,
В
     sm<sup>3</sup>(.w) twt(.w) m r<sup>3</sup> n hm=k
В
     joined and united by the word of Your Majesty,
В
                                                    273
     dj.tw w3dyt m wpt=k
                                                 shrl.n=k tw3w m dwt
В
     while the cobra is placed on your forehead. You have delivered the poor from evil,
В
     htp n=k R<sup>c</sup> nb t3wi
В
     so may Re, lord of the Two Lands, be gracious to you!
В
                                           ntf^{c}b=k
                                                             sfh šsr=k
     hy n=k mj nbt-r-dr
В
     I Hail to you, as to the mistress of all! Slacken your bow and lay down your arrow!
В
                                           wh<sup>c</sup> cbwj=k
      hnw n=k
AOS
AOS
      Hail to you,
                                           Slacken your bow
     im ßw (n) ntj m jtmw
                                            jm n=n hnt=\{t\}n nfrt
В
     I Give breath to him who is suffocating, give us our beautiful gift,
В
                                            jm n=n hnt=n nfrt
AOS
                                                                     m hrw pn nfr
AOS
                                            give us our beautiful gift on this good day,
     276
                                                    pdtj msw m T3-mrj
     m mtn pn S3-mhyt
В
     I this one who is named 'son of the north wind', the barbarian born in Egypt!
В
                                                    ms[w] [m T3-mrj]
      mtn=n m S³-mhyt
AOS
      one whom we name 'son of the north wind',
                                                             [in Egypt!]
AOS
                                                     born
     | jr.n=f w<sup>c</sup>rt n snd=k
В
     I He took flight through fear of you,
В
      irw is w<sup>c</sup>rt n hry=k
AOS
       The flight was made through terror of you,
AOS
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rwj.n=f t3 n
                              hrw=k
В
     he left the land through I terror of you.
В
AOS rwj.n=f sw m t^{3} [p]n n [snd]=k
AOS he turned away from this land through [fear] of you.
     nn<sup>1</sup> 3yt hr n m<sup>3</sup> hr=k
В
     A face will not pale at the sight of your face,
В
                                          |hm|=k^{c}.w.s.
AOS nn k3w hr n [m33
AOS A face will not scheme<sup>2</sup> at [the sight | of] Your [Majesty] (l.p.h.!),
1 Read Q_{as} ----
<sup>2</sup> Passage probably corrupt.
     nn snd jrt dgt n=k
                                             dd.jn hm=f
В
                                                                    nn snd=f
     I an eye that gazes at you will not fear." And His Majesty said: "He will not fear,
В
AOS n sndw jrt dg3 tw
                                                                    n sndw=k
       an eye that sees you does not fear."
                                                                    "You will not fear,
AOS
                                                                    281
                                   jw=f r smr m-m
     \int n^{cc} = f r hr
                                                                    srw
В
     I he will not gibber with terror. He will be a companion among I the officials,
В
                                               | wd3 tn r chnwtj dw3t r jr t chcw=f
     rdj.tw=f m-q3b šnyt
В
     and he will be included in the entourage. I Proceed to the robing room to wait on him!"
В
     prt=j rf m-hnw chnwtj
                                      msw nsw hr rdjt n(=j) cw=sn
В
     Then I came out of I the cabinet, while the king's children were giving me their hands.
В
     l šm=n m-ht r rwtj-wrtj
В
     Afterwards, we went to the great double gate.
В
     286
     rdj.kw r pr s3-nsw
                                                   špss im=f
В
     I I was assigned to the house of a king's son, in which there were precious things,
В
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sqb|bwj jm=f chmw nw 3ht
                                               htmt jm=f | nt pr-hd
В
В
     a bathroom, divine images of the horizon, valuables
                                                            I from the treasury,
     hbsw nw sšrw-nsw <sup>c</sup>ntjw | tpt nsw
В
     clothes of royal linen, myrrh,
                                    I and fine oil of the king.
В
     srw mrr=f m ct | nbt
                                                  wdpw nb hr irt=f
В
     Officials whom he loved were in every room, and every servant was at his duty.
В
     rdj sw3 rnpwt hr hcw=j
                                               t.kw ccb šnw=j
В
     Years were made to vanish from my body. I I was clothed and my hair was combed.
В
                          292
     jw rdj sbt
                                              hbsw n nmjw-š<sup>c</sup>j
                          l n h3st
В
     A reward was given I to the foreign land, and clothes to the bedouin.
В
     sd.kw
                                 gs.kw m tpt
                                                             sdrl.kw hr hnkyt
                   m p3qt
В
     I was clothed I in fine linen, was anointed with fine oils, and slept on a bed.
В
     dj.n=j š<sup>c</sup> n jmjw=f
В
В
     I returned the sand to those who are upon it,
     mrht n ht n wrh im=s
В
     I and the wood oil to those who are smeared with it.
В
     jw rdj n=j pr | n nb š=j
В
     For me, (my) house and my garden were given back to the owner,<sup>1</sup>
<sup>1</sup> Grammatical structure is problematic, and translation is uncertain.
                                                   jw hmww cši hr qd=f
     m wn m-c smr
В
     which had been in the hands of a companion. Many craftsmen I rebuilt it
В
                                                            298
     ht=f nb srd(.w) m-m3wt
                                           iw in \{n\} n=i \mid š bw
В
     and all of its trees were planted anew. Meals were brought to me
В
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m <sup>c</sup>h sp 3 sp 4 n hrw
                                              l hrw-r ddt msw nsw
В
В
     from the palace three or four times a day, I in addition to what the king's children gave
                    300
     nn 3t nt jrt 3b|w
                                      jw hwsw n=j mr m jnr
В
     without a moment of interruption. A pyramid of stone was built for me
В
                                     | jw mr=j hws(.w) m jnr
L
                                     I My pyramid of stone was built
           301
     m-q3b mrw
В
В
     in the midst of the pyramids.
     m-hnw šnw n mr
                                  hrtljw-ntr
     in the vicinity of the pyramid of the stonemasons.
                                                               302
     jmj-r³ mdhw mr
                                                               stw=f
                                                hr šsp
В
     The overseer of the masons of the pyramid took charge of I its ground-plan,
В
     mdhw n mr
                                                psš.n=sn stw=f
     The masons of the pyramid
                                                divided its ground-plan,
     jmj-r3 htmtjw hr sš
                                              gstiw<sup>1</sup> hr
                                                           htt
В
В
     the overseer of the seal makers painted, the sculptors I carved,
     sšw-qdwt hr sš | jm=f
                                             jmj-r3 qstjw hr htt jm=f
     painters painted | in it,
                                              the overseer of the sculptors carved in it,
1 Read as .
                                                   304
     jmj-r3 k3tjw ntjw hr hrt
                                                   l þr d3t t3 r≤s
В
     and the overseer of workers in the necropolis I concerned himself with it.
В
     imj-r3 k3t ntj r hrt1
                                                    hr dit ti r=f
     and the overseer of works at the necropolis
                                                    concerned himself with it.
<sup>1</sup> Written tnt.
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hcw nb ddw r rwld jr hrt=f jm
В
     All required equipment to be put in a tomb shaft was supplied therein.
В
     rdj n=j hmw-k3
                                         jr n=j š hrt
В
     Mortuary priests were given to me,
                                         and a tomb garden was made for me,
В
     jr.n.tw hmw-k3
     Mortuary priests were provided [...]
                                        307
     3hwt jm=f m-hntw r dmj
                                        mj jrrt n smr tpj
В
В
     with fields in front in the right place, I as done for a chief companion.
     3hwt hntš r dmj=s
     with delightful fields in the right place,
                           m nbw šndwt=f m d<sup>c</sup>m
     jw twt=j shr(.w)
В
     My image was overlaid I with gold, its kilt with electrum.
В
     in hm=f rdj jr.tw=f
В
     It is His Majesty who let this be done.
В
     309
     Inn šw³w jry n=f mjtt
В
     There is no commoner for whom the like has been done.
В
     jw=j hr | hswt nt hr nsw
                                   r jwt hrw n mnj
В
В
     I was in I the favour of the king until the day of death came.'
     l jw=f pw h³t=f r ph=fj mj gmyt m sš
В
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I This was copied from start to finish as found in writing.

В