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A Ziker of Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatars in Turkish and its Polish Translation by Mustafa Szahidewicz

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Abstract

The aim of this article is to present a critical edition of a Turkish hymn to Muhammad known from seven manuscripts copied by Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatars and translated into Polish by Mustafa Szahidewicz. Another aim is to provide an evaluation of the translation and a philological analysis. The edition is based on three manuscripts copied by Szahidewicz, but it takes into consideration three other manuscripts available when needed. Since only Szahidewicz provides a translation of this poem, his versions are taken as the principal ones, despite the fact that the Turkish text in them is the most corrupt of all versions available. Two of Szahidewicz's extant manuscripts are dated, one 1837, the other 1852, and the oldest version copied by Jan Jezufowicz in his codex is from 1765. The Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatars called this poem *ziker* (< Tur. *zi-kir*) and often recited it. As is typical of religious poems, this *ziker* contains a number of archaic linguistic features going back to Old Turkish.

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1. Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatar zikers

Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatar *ziker* (pronounced *zikier*, IPA [zicer]) was a popular genre in traditional circles. As a religious term, the Arabic *dikr* denotes 'the act of reminding, then mention of the memory, especially tireless repetition of an ejaculatory litany, finally the very technique of this mention' (Gardet, 1991: 223). The Tatars used the term *ziker* to refer to any form of prayer with a recurring formula (Jankowski, 1995: 407). One of the most popular *zikers* among the Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatars was the poem *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* 'Healer of the Sufferers'. It was edited by Jankowski (1995) who used KMSzah1852b. Although it

is not called *ziker* in any of Mustafa Szahidewicz's *kitabs*¹, it is called so by all other manuscripts which contain it, including the oldest one of 1765 by Jan Jezufowicz, which is a *hamail*.²

Jankowski (1995: 408) has observed that *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* is in fact a eulogy to the Prophet Muhammad and in Turkish Islamic literature this genre is called *na't*. Quite interestingly, Woronowicz (1935a: 386) who terms this poem *hymn*, in another article (1935b: 366) defines the Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatar (henceforth PLBT) term *ziker* in a narrow sense as "hymn ku chwale Boga i Proroka," i.e. 'hymn to praise God and the Prophet'.

After the first edition of *Dertlülerniň ṭabībi*, two other manuscripts by Szahidewicz with this poem as well as three further versions by other copyists have been found. Therefore, it seems that a new edition in which some mistakes of that copy can be corrected is justified. In addition, this new edition also presents the Polish translation included in Szahidewicz's three extant *kitabs*.

2. Mustafa Szahidewicz, his kitabs and other manuscripts

Mustafa Szahidewicz, also Szehidewicz (Kryczyński, 1938: 222) and Szegidewicz (Woronowicz, 1935a: 376 and Majda, 1994: 139), was a copyist active in Słonim (Слонім, now Belarus) in Grodno (Гродна) district. He copied four *kitabs* (Jankowski, 2016: 185-186) and is the author of a Turkish-Belarusian-Polish handwritten dictionary compiled in 1836 (Majda, 1994; Miškinene and Šupa, 1995; Drozd, 2000a: 60; Miškinene 2005a: 28-29).

The first of Szahidewicz's *kitabs* in chronological order is that copied in 1837 (KMSzah1837, henceforth A). It is housed in the National Museum of Lithuania in Vilnius (shelf number R-13.042). It was described by Antonovič (1968: 81-85), Drozd (2000b: 54) and Pokrovskaja (2005: 55-58). From these studies only Drozd indicates our *ziker* with reference to Jankowski (1995). Antonovič (1968: 83) says

Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatar *kitab* is not Ar. and Tur. *kitab*, this is a kind of religious handwritten book of diversified contents, such as stories of the prophets, moralistic and didactic stories, liturgical chapters, quotations from the Qur'an and other canonical Islamic literature and comments on them, but also prayers, spells, etc., see Szynkiewicz (1935: 139). The first description of the contents of a *kitab* dated from 1792, now lost, is provided by Szynkiewicz (1932), for the descriptions of the contents of other *kitabs*, see Meredith-Owens and Nadson (1970: 160-164), Jankowski and Łapicz (2000: 33-35), Miškinienė ed. (2009: 36-38), Akiner (2013: 112-121) as well as the catalogues of Tatar manuscripts (Drozd, Dziekan and Majda 2000:50-54; Miškinene, Namavičjute and Pokrovskaja 2005: 34-70; Tarèlka and Citavec 2011, passim; and Tarèlka 2015, passim).

Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatar hamail (chamail) is not Ar. and Tur. hamail, but a liturgical handwritten book with Arabic and Turkic prayers, and Slavic instructions to them. The books of this kind also contain many other, diversified chapters devoted to the Islamic calendar, healing diseases, protecting against spells and charms etc., see Szynkiewicz (1935: 139).

that on pages 377-387 there is a section in two-column layout, with a Turkish text in the right column and a Polish translation in the left one. Pokrovskaja (2005: 58) says that these pages contain a Turkish zikr with a Polish translation. In fact, there are three zikers on these pages, not one: Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi (378-382), the poem of the five obligatory daily prayers which starts as Her kim kılur tañ namāzın 'He who performs the morning prayer' (382-384), a poem called Miskīn adam oġlanı 'Poor man's son' (384-385), and a poem of the Ramadan month Şurḥūn Ramażān' (385-387).

The next *kitab* was copied by Mustafa Szahidewicz in Słonim in 1852 (KM-Szah1852a). It was described by Woronowicz who presented its contents (1935a). Woronowicz's notes are all we know about it, for the manuscript is lost. Woronowicz's article is a bit chaotic, since he added fragments of two other *kitabs* so that it is difficult to know which unit belongs to which *kitab*. This *kitab* probably had 821 pages (Woronowicz, 1935a: 393). Despite ambiguity in Woronowcz's description, a careful examination of this article allows us to conclude that this *kitab* also contained the same Turkish texts as in Szahidewicz's other *kitabs*, although Woronowicz provides only two units in the section "Bab du'a'i kazir kitab", i.e. "hymn na cześć *Muhammada*", that is 'hymn to Muhammad', which must be our *ziker* called *Dertlülernin ṭabībi*, and "Bab to jest surhun ramadan mesonsa – objaśnienie miesiąca ramadana" i.e. 'the chapter of Ramadan month' (Woronowicz, 1935a: 386-387), see the preceding *kitab*.

Szahidewicz's third *kitab* was also copied in 1852 (KMSzah1852b, henceforth B). It comprises 601 folios and is found in a private collection in Poland. This manuscript has not yet been described. The *ziker* called *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* is found on folios 206a-208b and was edited by Jankowski (1995). It is followed by the same Turkish *zikers* as in KMSz1837, i.e. *Her kim ḳılur tañ namāzın* (208b-209a), *Miskīn adam oġlanı* (209a-209b) and *Ṣurḥūn Ramażān* (209b-210b).

The fourth *kitab* copied by Szahidewicz (KMSzah n.d., henceforth C), is unfinished and undated. It has 803 pages. The text breaks on page 803. The last chapter which begins on this page, called *Haze kitāb cavāhir İslām budur* 'This is the book of jewels of the Islam', has only four lines including the title and the rest of the page is blank. This may be the reason why the copyist did not place a colophon at the end and the date of copying is unknown. It is held in a private collection. The *ziker* called *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* is found on pages 559-564. It is followed by the same *zikers* as in Szahidewicz's other *kitabs*: *Her kim kılur tañ namāzın* (564-565), *Miskīn adam oġlanı* (565-566) and *Şurḥūn Ramażān* (566-568). The two former poems have been edited and analysed by Jankowski (2016: 189-192).

This name is corrupt, probably from Ottoman Turkish şerh-ı Ramażān 'Commentary on Ramadan'. Woronowicz (1935b: 365) also derives the word szurchun from Ar. šarh.

No information on Mustafa Szahidewicz is available. He may not be identified with another Mustafa Szahidewicz who was a Mullah in Słonim, because the Mullah died in 1849 (Konopacki, 2010: 1849).

Other manuscripts that contain the hymn *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* that were accessible to us are the following:

- 1. Jan Jezufowicz's hamail (ChJJez), dated 1765. The copyist lived in Niemież (Nemėžis) near Vilnius. This is the earliest manuscript and, after the Leipzig hamail from the 16th century, the second oldest PLBT manuscript of this type. It contains 393 folios, the prayer *Dertlülerniň ṭabībi* is found on folios 262a-264a, for a description see Drozd (2000c: 54-55) as well as Miškinene 2005b: 72-77). From the view point of language correctness of Turkish prayers, this is the best manuscript. The prayer *Dertlülerniň ṭabībi* is preceded by the title *Ziker ḥikmet budur* 'This is the remembrance of divine saying'. The manuscript is housed in the National Musem of Lithuania in Vilnius, shelf number R-13.029.
- 2. Samuel Chasieniewicz's kitab (KSChas), dated 1866. The copyst, Aleksander Chasieniewicz, copied the manuscript for Samuel Chasieniewicz in Śmiłowicze (Смілавічы near Minsk, Belarus). The prayer Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi is written on folios 299a-300a, it is preceded by the title To jest ziker ḥikmet budur 'This is the remembrance of divine saying'. This kitab has 302 folios and also contains other Turkish texts, for a description of the manuscript, see Drozd (2000d: 52). It is held in a private collection.
- 3. Adam Konopacki's *hamail* (ChAKon) dated 1852, called so for its owner Adam Konapacki (also Kanapacki) from Śmiłowicze (Смілавічы near Minsk, Belarus). It is held in a private collection. The manuscript is unfoliated, we have preliminarily marked the folios on which the prayer *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* is found as 1a-3b. It is preceded by the title, or rather the instruction *To jest ziker pieć* 'This is the litany to recite'.

3. The Turkish text and its Polish translations

In Szahidewicz's all manuscripts described above, the hymn *Dertlülerniň ṭabībi* is found in the section *Du ʿā-i kezīr kitāb*⁵ (KMSzah1837, 377; KMSzah1852b, 206a and KMSzah n.d. 559, for KMSzah1852a, see Woronowicz's *Bab duʿaʾi kazir kitab*) as well as the other *zikers* described above. The title of this section is followed by reference to *sura* Muḥammad of the Qur'an in Arabic, *kālaʾllāhu taʿālā fi sūrati*⁶

⁴ Drozd (2000c: 55) says that this manuscript contains a collection of *zikers*, while Miškinene (2005b: 76) speaks about only one *ziker* on folios 253a-278a. In fact, there are ten *zikers* in this manuscript, for their names and details see Jankowski (2016: 188).

⁵ This name is corrupt and unclear, probably a mistake for *Duʿā-i kebīr kitāb* 'Great Prayer. Kitāb'.

⁶ KMSzah1837 erroneously sūratin.

Muḥammad 'God the Most High says in the Chapter Muhammad,' after which there is the following Polish text Jego Miłość mówił, "Ktoby miał Kur'ān pieć a pięć razy namāz na dzień nie pieł, to taki człowiek u Veylün piekle siedym razy męczyć sie będzie, a kto nie pieł Kur'ān, a namāz pieł, to ten i jednego dnia męczyć sie nie będzie", i.e. 'He who chants the Qur'an, but does not chant the five obligatory daily prayers, will suffer in Veylün hell seven times; but he who does not chant the Qur'an, but chants the obligatory prayer, will not suffer in hell even a single day.' It is to note that nothing like this can be found in the respective Qur'anic sura, hence the legitimization of this claim is untrue. Moreover, only one poem in the section is a poem of the five obligatory daily prayers. Therefore, this claim does not concern the hymn to Muhammad, even if the translator chose the sura that bears Muhammad's name.

In case of very corrupt Turkish words, the corrupt forms are shown in the footnotes in transliteration (normal font), otherwise in transcription (italics). Polish and Belarusian words are spelled in Latin script according to the current Polish standard, but all deviating phonetic features are demonstrated.

[1] Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi ⁸ ,	^{A 378, B 206a} Pan Bóg kużdej reczy jest mocny
Healer of the sufferers,	lekarzem ⁹
	^{C 559} mocny jest lekarzem
	The Lord God is a strong healer of everything
[2] Ey Teñrinüñ ḥabībi ¹⁰ ,	^A Muchammied prorok sługa i przyjaciel boski
Oh, beloved of God,	The Prophet Muhammad is God's friend and servant
	^B A Muchammied
	^C sługa boski i przyjaciel
	And the Prophet Muhammad is God's friend and servant
[3] Yarlıkağıl bir ğarībi ¹¹ ,	A,B,C Odpuść nam biednym grzechy nasze z
Forgive the poor one,	łaski
	Forgive us, the poor ones, sins with [your] mercy

Cited from B; the text in A is slightly different, ... pieć na dzień pa pjać razy a namaz by nie pieł taki ... razy muczycca budzie ... pieł ten tylko raz muczycca budzie, and C, ... pieć a namaz pięć razy na dzień nie pieł ... a kto by ... to ten tylko jeden raz męczyć się będzie.

⁸ B 206a ţayyibi, A 378 and C 559 ţayibi, ChJJez 262a is correct.

Polish rz [3] is always spelled with the letter $r\bar{a}$ in the same manner as r. Since in the 19th century in this area rz was pronounced [r] only under Belarusian influence (Kurzowa 1993: 361), we transcribe $r\bar{a}$ according to the etymological principle.

The reading *Tañrınuñ* is also possible; B 206a *ḥabīb*.

¹¹ A 378 yarlıfağıl bir garibat, B 206a ... biz garibat, C 559 ... biz garibat; ChJJez 262a is correct.

Muhammad, Allah's thing.

Muchammied

B U Pana Boga jest rzecz wielka Muchammied

^C Swojej u Pana Boga ... God has a great thing, Muhammad

[5] Cümle dervīşler¹⁴ andan, ^A Uszystkie u Boga o niego jest sirotami

All dervishes are from him, ^B Uszystkie u Boga u niego jest sieroty

^C... jest sirotami

All orphans by God¹⁵ are by him

[6] Ol¹⁶ Muṣṭafā nūrından,

AS prarockiej śwatłości

From Mustafa's light,

BS prarockiej światłości jest

It is from the Prophet's light

^C S prarockiej światłości

From the Prophet's light

[7] Ol dervişler şafından¹⁷, A, C Uszytkie ubogie z jego pułkow jest

From the ranks of dervishes,

B Uszystkie ...

All poor ones are from his regiments

[8] Faḥrī, faḥrī¹⁸ Muḥammed. A, C Nad uchwalonemi uchwalony Muchammied

Muhammad, glorious, glorious. jest

^B... uchwalony jest Muchammied

Muhammad is the praiseworthiest of all praiseworthy

ones

[9] Beyān ķılan Muḥammed¹⁹, A,C On nam s Kurana nauka podał

It is Muhammad who proclaimed the $$^{\rm B\,206b}$... naukę ...

Message, He gave us instruction from the Qur'an

¹² A 378 and B 206a *şey* ', C 559 *şey 'in*; ChJJez 262a is correct.

A 378 There is an unnecessary *alif* before this word.

¹⁴ A 378, B 206a and C 559 dervişler; cümle is written with an üstün above l in all mss.

Reference is vague in this clumsy translation. It can refer to both God and Muhammad, but as the next line shows, it should be made to Muhammad.

¹⁶ C 559 ivel.

¹⁷ A 378, B 206a and C 559 *ṣāfından*.

¹⁸ B 206a and C 559 *faḥri*, also in the following, A 378 facri facr, i.e. *fecri fecr*.

B 206b ķil'ana (there is both a *cezm* and an *üstün* above the letter *n*); to form a correct rhyming quatrain, the lines 9-12 should have the form *Dervīşlikni ķılġan ol,* | 'Āṣīlerni yulġan ol, | Furķān [kencin bulġan ol], | Beyān ķılan Muḥammed, as in CHJJez 262b; as the Polish translation shows, Tur. (< Ar.) beyān is used here in relation to the Qur'an.

[10] [Dervīşlikni] ķılġan ol²⁰, It is he who founded the Dervish order,

[11] 'Āsīlerni vulan²¹ ol,

It is he who rescued the sinners,

[12] Furķān [kencin bulġan ol]²².

He found the treasure of the Qur'an.

[13] Ķopar āhir zamānda, He will rise at the end of time,

[14] Nūrı iki cihānda²³, His light in both worlds, ^A Ubostwie on też sam mieszkał

B... on sam ...

He dwelt in poverty himself C... on sam tesz mieszkał

He also dwelt in poverty himself

A, C 560 Ubogich obrońca on jest He is the defender of the poor ones

^B Ubogich też obrońca

Obogicii tez obiolica

Also the defender of the poor ones

A,C Wiedomo z nauki kurannej

^BWiadomy z nauki kurannej jest

It is known from the Qur'anic instruction

^{A, B, C} Ustanie z martwych jak przydzie ten czas

He will rise from the dead when the time comes A,B,C Dwóch światow światłość nam

Illumination from both worlds for us

^AOn dwóch śwatow prorak jest

^{B, C}On dwóch światow prorok jest

He is the prophet of two worlds

^{A 379, B} S pułkiem swoim pod arszem stać będzie

^C... arszam ...

He will stay under the throne with his regiment

[16] [Ṣaffi ʿarṣuñ]²⁵ Muḥammed. [Muhammad, your army?.

- B Dervişlik kılgan ol, A 378 and C 559 Dervişlik kılgan; amended to dervişlikni on the basis of ChJJez 262a, KSChas 299a, and the metre of the verse.
- ²¹ B 206a *ʿāṣilerni*; ChJJez 262b has *yulġan* which better agrees with *ḳılġan*.
- B 206a kençe bulanda, A 378 and C 560 kençe bulunda, ChJJez 262b, KSChas 299a kençe bulgan ol and ChAKon 1b kençe yulgan ol; in the light of the other mss, Szahidewicz's bulanda is his own invention and the correct form should be either bulgan ol or bolgan ol; kençe probably reflects Per. genc 'treasure'; therefore, this line should be amended to Furkān kenci bolgan ol 'he was a treasure of the Qur'an' or Furkān kencin bulgan ol 'He has found the treasure of the Qur'an', which is semantically more reasonable; the Polish translations are different and do not help solve this corrupt line.
- ²³ A 378 and C 560 are mistakenly reverted as *İki nūrı cihānda*.
- ²⁴ A 379 Yazal mişdar and C 560 Yazal mişdar; the latter goes back to the same mistake as in CHJJez 262b where it is written Yazılmışdur iki cihānda, i.e. 'was written in both worlds'; after this corrupt verb, all three versions have an unnecessary, wrong word ṣum; the best is B 206a, in which the verb is written as yā fal mişdar for yakılmışdur, but the corrupt stem for yakıl- was separated from the grammatical suffixes and mistakenly copied at the end of the preceding line. The distorted metre of this line also demonstrates that it is inadequate.
- ²⁵ Jankowski (1995: 412) reads this line tāķī 'arşīn Muḥammed and translates 'Muhammad is the arch of your throne'; however, all versions show ṣāfī 'arṣūn which probably should be corrected to ṣaffī 'arṣūn, the more so as the Polish translations gloss the first word as 'regiment', see Tur. (< Ar.) ṣaf 'row, line; rank' (New Redhouse 970); unfortunately, none of these amendments is satisfactory, since according to the Polish meaning the Tur. source text should be something like ṣaffīn 'arṣta, or in a more literal re-translation, ṣaffīn 'arṣ aldında turur Muḥammed.

^{[15] [}Yakılmışdır] iki cihānda²⁴, Lit in both worlds,

[17] Kören kördi cemālün ²⁶ ,	^A Powiedzo że widzieliśmy prorocko obliczo
He who looked saw his beauty,	They will say we had seen the Prophet's countenance
	^B Powiedzo widzieliśmy prorockie obliczo
	They will say that we had seen the Prophet's countenance
	^C Powiedzo co widzieliśmy
	They will say what we had seen, the Prophet's
	countenance
[18] Hem [eşitdi] ²⁷ kelāmun ²⁸ ,	^A Do tego słyszeliśmy jego słowo
And he heard his word,	^C Do tego słyszeliśmy słowo jego
	In addition to that, we heard his word
	^B I do tego słyszeliśmy słowo jego
	And in addition to that, we heard his word
[19] Aldılar sırrın selāmuñ ²⁹ ,	^A I przynieliśmy od niego tajny sielam
They received the secret of his greeting,	^{B, C} I przyjeliśmy od niego tajny sielam
	We acknowledged his secret greeting
[20] Devlet [anuñ] ³⁰ Muḥammed.	^A Nad szczęśliwymi szcześliwy Muchammied
Muhammad, happiness is his.	Muhammad is the happiest of the happy ones
	^B Nad szczęśliwemi szczęśliwy nasz
	Muchammied
	Our Muhammad is the happiest of the happy ones
	^C szczęśliwy prorok Muchammied
	The Prophet Muhammad is the happiest of the happy ones
[21] [Sermürseldür aduñ] ³¹ ,	A, C Nad wszystkiemi mursielami jest starszy
Your name is Chief Messenger,	He is superior to all messengers
	^B [Sermürseldür aduñ] ³²
	Your name is Chief Messenger

All versions have an unnecessary element *dat* at the end of the last word, also appearing at other places.

²⁷ A 379 and C 560 *a'ıtdı*, B 206b *ayıtdı* 'he said', corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a and the Polish translations.

All versions have *kelāmuñ*, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a and the Polish translations; if the Pol. translation is reliable, this line should be corrected to *Hem eşitdi kelāmun* 'he heard his word'.

A 379 and C 560 *isirin selāmun*, B 206b *isirin selāmuñ*; if the Pol. translation is reliable, this line should be corrected to *Aldılar sırrī selāmun* 'they received his secret greeting'; Jankowski (1995: 412) '(and they) received his secrets (and) greeting'.

³⁰ All versions read 'akvun which is corrupt; corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a and the Polish translations.

³¹ A 379 ṣarmarsalzur 'arvuñ daṭ, B 206b and C 560 ṣarmarsaldur 'arvuñ daṭ, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a.

The copyist mistakenly repeated the Tur. text instead of providing the translation.

[22] [Ümmetlerüñdür yāduñ]³³, ^AZa ummiet swoj przyczyńca do Boga jedynego ^BZa ummietem swoim przyczyńca do Boga Your communities are your memory, jedynego <He is> the intercessor to One God on behalf of his community ^CZa ummietem swoim przyczyńca będzie <He will> be an intercessor on behalf of his community [23] [Hudā Teñridür] yāduñ³⁴, ^ADo Pana Boga stworzyciele za grzesznemi swemi God is your memory, To the Lord God the Creator for the sake of his sinners ^{B, C}Do Boga stworzyciele za grzesznemi swemi To God the Creator for the sake of his sinners A, B 207a Obrońca nasz i karona nasza [24] Ser-tācumuz Muḥammed. Muchammied Muhammad, our crown. ^C... i korona ... Muhammad, our defender and our crown ^{A,B,C} Imie jemu prawdziwe Taha i Jasiń [25] İsmi Tāhā ve Yāsīn³⁵, His name is Taha and Yasin, His true name is Taha and Yasin [26] Çeker [ümmetler Yāsīn]³⁶, ^AObrońca usiemu ummietu Jasiń jest The community chants Yasin, Yasin is the defender of the whole community ^BObrona uszystkiemu ummietu Jasiń jest Yasin is the defence for the whole community C 561 Obrońca ... Yasin is the defender of the whole community A Od zatrudniennia i frasunkaw [27] Nūş ider ġam deryāsın³⁷, Drinks a sea of sorrow. ^BOd zatrudnienia i frasunkow Against trouble and sorrow ^C... i frasunkow jest <It is> against trouble and sorrow [28] Cism-i aḥsen³⁸ Muḥammed. A, B, C Ciało piękne proroka naszego

Our Prophet's beautiful body

Muhammad, the best body.

A 379 'ummat larvuñ dar dar y'advuñ, B 206b 'ummat larvuñ dar y'advuñ, C 560 'ummat larvuñ dar dar y'advuñ; KSChas 299a Ümmetleründür yādun, in CHJJez this and the following line are missing.

³⁴ All versions have *Huzā Teñrider*.

B 207a and C 561 ismu, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b and KSChas 299b ismi.

³⁶ A 379 and C 561 Çeker ümmeti Yāsīn sana, B 207a Ceker ümmeti Yāsīn sana; corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b and KSChas 299b Çeker ümmetler Yāsīn.

³⁷ A 379 ġamduryusu, B 207a ... *dur Yāsīn*, C 561 ... duryusu, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b.

A 379 cismu 'ḥṣnu, B 207a and C 561 cismu aḥṣanu, ChJJez 263b cisma aḥṣan, corrected on the bases of KSChas 299b.

[29] İhlāşdur adı 39 ,

His name is Sincerity,

[30] Zū'l-celālüñ Ṣıfātı, His attribute is Majesty,

[31] [Ma^crūfdur bāṭinī]⁴¹,

What is hidden is known <to him>.

[32] Küler yüzlü Muḥammed.

Muhammad, the smiling faced.

[33] Adı eş-Şemsü ve'Ż-żuḥā⁴², His name is Shams and Duha⁴³

[34] Ķamer yüzlü Mustafā, Moon-like faced Mustafa,

[35] [Ķul Süleymān] ümmeti beyānı⁴⁵

Tell the message of Solomon's community,

A, C Kuł huwiełłahu jest imie boskie⁴⁰

^B... buskie

Say, 'He is God' is the divine name $^{\rm A,\,B,\,C}\,\rm I$ postać boska wielka jest

And God's appearance is great

^{A 380, B, C} Najprawdziwszy jedyny stwórca jest

<He> is the truest One Creator

A, B, C Wesołej twarzy jest Muchammied

Muhammad has a cheerful face

^A Imie jemu Szemś jako słońco wesoły i twarz pełny

B ... a twarz pełny

His name is Shams like the sun and [he has a] full face

C ... Szemś jest jak słońco wesoły His name is Shams, as cheerful as the sun

A Jako miesiec donaszam wam ummiet moj

^B Jak miesąc donaszam wam ummiet mój

I am holding my community for you as the moon⁴⁴

^C A twar pełny jak miesiąc donaszam wam ummiet mój

I am holding a full face as the moon for my community's

^{A, B, C}{Żebyście mocno postrzegali imanu}

That you keep your creed firm

³⁹ All variants have *İḥlāṣdur adı daţ*.

The other versions have *Qul huve'llāhdur adı*, of which the first three words 'Say, He is God' are the beginning of chapter 112 of the Qur'an which is an alternative name of this chapter, common in PLBT texts. Mustafa Szahidewicz replaced these words with the canonical name *İḥlāṣ* of this chapter, but translated the name *İḥlāṣ* with *Kul huwiellahu*.

All versions have a mistaken form ma 'rūfur bāṭīna ṭa; the first of these words is also corrupt in other mss, e.g. ChJJez 262b ma 'arafdur, KSChas 299a and ChAKon 1b ma 'araḥdar; the amendment is tentative.

⁴² All three mss have an unnecessary word *mat* at the end of this line.

See the names of the chapters 91 'the Sun' and 93 'The Morning Sunlight' of the Qur'an, and Jankows-ki's (1995: 414) note that Muhammad's face is often compared to the names of these chapters.

⁴⁴ Used in the sense of the moon getting full.

All three mss read *Kul Muḥammed ümmeti beyānı* 'Tell the message of Muhammad's community', whereas ChJJez 262b, KSChas 299a and ChAKon 1b have *Kul Süleymān beyānı* 'Tell Solomon's message'; A, B and C are corrupt which is also evident from the completely different Polish translations.

[36] Bek⁴⁶ sak lağıl imanı, A, B, C [Żebyście mocno postrzegali imanu]⁴⁷ Keep faith firm, That you keep your faith firm [37] «Kim» ⁴⁸ Ḥaķ içün berse ⁴⁹ A, C [Dla Pana Boga dusz waszych nie żałujcie] cānı. Spare not your lives to the Lord God ^B[Dla Boga dusz swoich nie żałujcie] Even if one gives his life to God, Spare not your lives to God [38] Kimi ister 'izzeti{ni}50, ^A [Który chce od ludziej paszanowania]⁵¹ One wants glory, ^B [Kto chce ... poszanowanie He who wants esteem from the people ^C[On szczęścia i uczciwości] He <wants> happiness and honesty [39] Devleti hem ziyneti⁵², A Świeckiej nie chce tylko ^{B 207b, C} Świeckiej nie chce Happiness and adornment, He does not want worldy <joy and esteem> [40] Ümmetin⁵³ ister Muḥammed. ^A Ummiet chcecie do łaski boskiej paśpieszyć Muhammad wants his community. You want to hasten the community to God's compassion ^BTylko ummiet chciejcie do łaski boskiej pośpieszyć Only try to hasten the community to God's compassion ^CChciej ummiet do łaski boskiej pośpieszyć Try to hasten the community to God's compassion [41] Resūlü'llāh Muḥammed⁵⁴. ^A Poseł boski jest Muchammied B, C 562 Posoł ... Muhammad, God's messenger. Muhammad is God's messenger

⁴⁶ All three mss read yek; corrected on the basis of ChJJez 262b and the Polish translation.

⁴⁷ The correct translation of the parallel Tur. line in all three mss is mistakenly placed at the preceding line, because the copyist committed a mistake in the Turkish text, see above; the existing Polish translation in these mss is the translation of line 37.

⁴⁸ Added on the basis of ChJJez 262b, KSChas 299a and ChAKon 1b.

⁴⁹ ChJJez 262b berse, KSChas 299a and ChAKon 1b mistakenly verseni.

A more correct version of this quatrain is ChJJez 263a *Kimi ister 'izzeti,* | *Kimi dünyā devleti,* | *Devleti hem ziyneti,* | *Ümmetin ister Muḥammed*; the line *Kimi dünyā devleti* 'one (wants) the prosperity in the world' is missing in all three mss.

The Polish translation of this line was mistakenly placed in line 37 in all mss.

All three mss have davkatyi ... zanatyi, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a; Jankowski (1995: 415) reads this line as *Zevkiyatı hem ziyneti* 'pleasure and adornment'.

⁵³ A 380 *ümmet*; B 207b, ChJJez 263a, KSChas 299b and ChAKon 2a *ümmetin*; C 561 not clearly seen; probably more reasonable would be *Ümmet ister Muhammed'i* 'The community wants Muhammad' as in Jankowski (1995: 415).

⁵⁴ This line has no parallel in other versions and does not agree metrically with the following quatrain.

[42] [Kaşı nün tek yazılmış]55, A, B, C Na browach jego zacnych pismo jest His eyebrows are written like <the letter> There is a writing on his eyebrows nun. [43] Disi [inci dizilmis]⁵⁶, ^AZęby piękne jego z ziemczuhu⁵⁷ His teeth are arranged (like) pearls, C... z żemczuhu ^BZęby jego piękne z ziemczuhu His teeth <are as> beautiful as pearls ^A Spójrzenniem⁵⁹ takim nicht nie był i nie może [44] [Nażīre] hiç kelmemiş⁵⁸, być Nothing can match his image ^B Spójrzeniem takim nikt ... ^CSpójrzenniem ... nicht ... Nothing can match his sight [45] [Sīrīn] zibā⁶⁰ Muhammed. A Piękności takiej niht nie był i nie będzie Muhammad, sweet and beatiful. B, C Piękności takiej nikt ... Nobody was and will be so beautifil [46] Anasından⁶¹ toğanda, ^AOd matki rodzennio piękne jego było When he was born from his mother. B, C ... rodzenio ... His birth from his mother was beautiful [47] Ümmet edi dilinde⁶², A Jak się urodził ummiet swój spomniał He get his tongue round the community, ^B Jak się narodził zaraz ummiet swój wspomniał ^C... sie narodził ummiet ... As soon as he was born he recalled his community [48] Ümmet içün [Şırāṭda]⁶³, ^{A, B, C} I dla ummietu na Syrat moście

In all three mss, the three dots above the letter s are transformed to a hemze; A 380 nūñ tekpazılmış, B 207 b ... nūñ tek yazılmış, C 562 ... nūñ tekbazılmış, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a and ChAKon 2a; ... nūñ tek also in ChJJez 263a and KSChas 299b.

And for his community on Sirat bridge

- A 380 incü vazulmaş, B 207 b and C 562 incü vazulmiş; corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a; KChas 299b and ChAKon 2a inçe dizilmiş.
- 57 Bel. žemčug 'pearl'.

bridge,

For the sake of the community on Sirat

- ChJJez 263a, A 380 and B 207b nāzīr, C 562 nāzir; corrected on the basis of KSChas 299b and ChAKon 2a nāzire; cf. Tur. nazīr '1. anything opposing or parallel. 2. match, like' etc. (New Redhouse 871).
- For the pronunciation *jrz* [jʒ] in dialectal north-east Polish, see Kurzowa (1993: 358), for duplication of -*ni* [ɲ]-, see Kurzowa (1993: 349).
- ⁶⁰ A sīrīn, B 207b and C 562 sirīn, all having the last word as Muḥammediş; corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263a and KSChas 299b; the second word is written correctly in B 207b, but zeba in A 380 and C 562.
- ⁶¹ A 381 and C 562 anasundan togan daş, B 207b anasundan togandaş, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b, KSChas 299b and ChAKon 2b-3a.
- ⁶² All three mss read *ümmetedi* valindan, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b, KSChas 299b and ChAKon 3a; another interpretation may be 'in his heart', for Tur. (< Per.) *dil* 'heart, mind, soul' etc. (New Redhouse 298).
- 63 All three mss read stradan, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b; in KSChas 299b and ChAKon 3a Ştrāţ.

[49] Tursa kerek⁶⁴ Muhammed. A, B I dla ummietu czekać będzie Muchammied Muhammad shall stand. And Muhammad will wait for the sake of the community ^C Swego czekać ... Muhammad will wait for his community's sake [50] [Ümmetüm dep aġlard1]65, ^ADla ummietu płakał prorak Muchammied He wept over his community, The Prophet Muhammad wept over the community ^BI dla ummietu płakać będzie Muchammied Muhammad will weep over the community ^C... będzie prorok Muchammied The Prophet Muhammad will weep over the community [51] Niyāz birle añardı ^A Serdecznie i szcziro prosił Pana Boga {ümmetile}66, B... i szczero ... Mentioned <it> in supplication, He begged the Lord God honestly and sincerely ^C... i szczero prosić będzie Boga And he will beg God honestly and sincerely [52] Kendü [cānın kıymazdı]⁶⁷, ^A A o swoje dusza nie turbowałsie⁶⁸ ^B A o swojej duszy nie frasował sie He did not spare his own life, He did not care for his own life ^C... swoje dusza nie będzie turbowałsie He will not care for his own life [53] [Sulţānımuz]⁶⁹ Muḥammed. ^ATo jest nasz Muchammied prorak⁷⁰ Muhammad, our King. B, C ... prorok This is our Prophet, Muhammad [54] Cenneti ol istemez⁷¹, ^A Raju dla siebie nie żądał jednakże

He does not desire the Paradise,

^B Raju dla siebie nie ządał jednakze

B 208a, ^C Raju dla siebie nie żądał jednakowoż

However, he did not demand the Paradise for himself

⁶⁴ All three mss read tursa.

All three mss read Ümmeti ağlardı Muḥammed, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b and KS-Chas 299b Ümmetümden ağlardı; ChAKon 3a has also a mistaken form Ümmetemdez; Jankows-ki (1995: 417), having no access two ChJJez and KSChas then, proposed two readings, Ümmeti a ylardi Muhammad 'Muhammed wept over the community' and Ümmetimiz a ylardi 'Our community wept'.

⁶⁶ In B 207b, the last word has a *met* or a *vasl* which resembles Ar. *ummatu'llāh* 'God's congregation'.

⁶⁷ This line is corrupt in all mss: A 381 y'a canın kuyumazıdı, B 207b and C 562 y'a çanın kuyumazıdı, ChJJez 263b kendü canın kabyim'azadyi, KSChas 299b kendü canı kırmazdı and ChAKon 2b kendü canı kızmazdı.

⁶⁸ Bel. turbavacca 'to worry'.

All three mss have the corrupt form Sulţān namuz, corrected on the basis of ChJJez 263b, KS-Chas 299b and ChAKon 2b Sulţānımuz.

At the beginning of this line, A 381 has an unnecessary word b'abi, resembling the name of a chapter $b\bar{a}b$.

A 381 and C 562 *istemüz*, the vocalisation in B 208a is illegible.

[55] Cehennemden hiç kork maz⁷², He does not fear hell,

[56] Ümmetin [körmeyinçe feraḥ olmaz]⁷³,

Until he does not see his community he does not rejoice,

[57] Şefî kılgay Muḥammed {ümmeti}⁷⁴.

Muhammad, entreat for us. [58] Allāh, Allāh Ḥudāya⁷⁵,

Oh God, Oh God, Oh Lord!

[59] Doymaz⁷⁶ ümmet [^caṭāya]⁷⁷, The community will not be satisfied with the gift,

[60] Yā rabbi senden 'aṭāya⁷⁹, With the gift from You, Oh my Lord, ^{A, B, C} Piekielnej męki sam dla siebie nie bał sie

He did not fear torments of hell

A Ummietu póki nie obaczy weselić sie nie chce Until he does not see his community he does not want to rejoice

^B Ummiety ... weselić się nie będzie

^{C 563} Ummietu póki nie obaczy weselić sie nie bedzie

Until he does not see his community he does not rejoice
A, B, C Pryczyńca do Boga Muchammied za
ummietem

Muhammad, the community's intercessor to God

^A Boże Boże Boże przemówić

To say, Oh God, Oh God'!

B, C ... premówi

He will say, 'Oh God, Oh God'!

^A Ummiet moj żąda ode mnie [podarku]⁷⁸

^CUmmiet mój ode mnie żąda podarunku

My community demands a gift from me

^B Ja od Ciebie Boga żądam dla nich i dla siebie I demand from You God for my community and me

^{A,C}A ja od Ciebie Boga żądam dla nich i dla siebie

And I demand <it> from You God to them and to myself

A 381 and C 562 ... hec korkmar, in B 208a the beginning of the word korkmar is placed before hic, then the whole word is correctly written at the end of the line.

A 381 körmeneyinçe ferh olmaz, B 208a körme 'inç ferh olmaz and C 563 körmeneyinç ferh olmaz; ChJJez 263b ferah olmaz, KSChas 299b körmence fahr olmaz; as Jankowski (1995: 417) suggested, the verb ol- may be amended to al- 'to take'.

⁷⁴ Instead of this line, ChJJez 263b and KSChas 299b have the last third line in this quatrain *Feraḥ olmaz Muḥammed* 'Muhammad will not rejoice'; the word *ümmeti* at the end of this line in all three mss is incorrect, a grammatically correct sentence would be *şefa'at kılġay Muḥammed ümmet(k)e*, but it does not fit the metre.

⁷⁵ All three mss read $\underline{Huzay\bar{a}}$, the correct form being $\underline{Hud\bar{a}}$ - $y\bar{a}$, but the alternation $d \sim z$ in Persian loanwords is common.

⁷⁶ All three mss read *doymuz*.

All three mss read *doymuz ʿażāyā*, ChJJez 264a *doymaz ġaraya* (the dot over the letter *ʿayn* was separated from *zā'*, which therefore looks like *rā'*, and which is also the case with the following mss), KSChas 299b and ChAKon 3a *doymaz ġarāya*; because of the variation and difference from the word in the next line, the reading is tentative.

⁷⁸ A 381 metathetically *poradku* (*porzadku*).

This line is absent from B 208a, but the copyist placed the translation of this lacking line at the preceding line (69) which begins with *Doymaz* as it is in A and B: *Ja od Ciebie Boga żądam dla nich i dla siebie*; A 381 C 563 sinden 'aṭāya; ChJJez 264a and KSChas 299b correctly senden 'aṭāya, but ChAKon 3a sen 'aṭāya.

[61] Feryād ķılġay⁸⁰ Muḥammed. ^A Będzie u łasce prorak Muchammied ^C... łasce Muchammied prorok Muhammad will cry. The Prophet Muhammad will get compassion ^B... prorok nasz Muchammied Our Prophet Muhammad will get compassion [62] Allāh Allāh deviser81, A Boże Boże przemówić Boże Boże przemówi He will say, Oh God, Oh God, He will say, Oh God, Oh God [63] [Ol Būrāķa biniser]82, ^A Na konia ussiądzie prorak Muchammied Will mount Burak. B... usiądzie prorok ... ^C... prorak ... The Prophet Muhammad will mount a horse [64] Ümmet alnında [yüriser]⁸³, A, C Pred ummietem swoim będzie jechał Will walk in front of the communities, ^B Pred⁸⁴ ummietem swoim będzie jechał He will go in front of his community [65] [Salını keder]85 Muḥammed. ^ANie ostawiłszy żadnego pojedzie Muhammad will went away with grace. Muchammied ^BNie zostawiwszy żadnego pajedzie Muchammied ^CNie ostawiwszy ... Leaving no one behind, Muhammad will go away [66] Heb senüñ [ümmetüyüz]⁸⁶, A Bo my twoj ummiet jesteśmy ^{B, C}... twój ... We are your community all the time, It is us who are your community [67] [Keçe kündüz ağlaruz]87, A Noc i dzień zawsze płaczemo We are weeping day and night, ^C... płaczem ^BJak noc tak dzień zawsze płaczem We are constantly weeping night and day

⁸⁰ A 382 ģīlģay, B 208a and C 563 ķīlģay.

⁸¹ All three mss have an erroneous form da'ised, see ChJJez 264a diyiser, KSChas 300a and ChA-Kon 3a diyesser.

B 208a Burag ol biniser, A 382 and C 563 Burag ol siniser, ChJJez 264a Ol Burakka biniser, KSChas 300a Ol Buraka beneser and ChAKon 3a Ol Buraka bineser.

⁸³ A 382, B 208a and C 563 yürisiz, ChJJez 264a, KSChas 300a and ChAKon 3a Ümmetlerün öninde.

⁸⁴ Mistakenly per.

⁸⁵ A 382, B 208a and C 563 ṣalniḥ keder, ChJJez 264a salını kider, KSChas 300a and salını kidder.

This quatrain is better in ChJJez 264a: Şefā'atun umaruz, Keçe kündüz ağlaruz, Heb senüñ [ümmetüyüz], Koma bizi Muḥammed; A 382, B 208a and C 563 Heb senüñ ümmetüñ, ChJJez 264a ümmetüyün, KSChas 300a and ChAKon 3a Hey senüñ ümmetüyüz.

⁸⁷ A 382 and C 563 kiç kendür ağladuz and B 208a kice kendü ağladuzu, ChJJez 264a Keçe kündüz ağlaruz, KSChas 300a and ChAKon 3a Keçe kündüz uğlaruz.

[68] Ķoma⁸⁸ bizi Muḥammed.

Muhammad, do not leave us.

[69] Ķıyāmet kün olduķda, When the Day of Resurrection comes,

[70] Maķābirden çıķduķda⁸⁹, Rising from the graves,

[71] [Ṣaf Ṣaf] olub turduḳda⁹⁰, Standing in ranks,

[72] Niyāz ķılġay⁹¹ Muḥammed. Muhammad, entreat for us.

[73] Allāh Allāh Allāh [günahumnı 'avf] ķılġay⁹².

Oh God, Oh God, Oh God, forgive [my sin].

A, B Nie opuszczaj nas prorocze Muchammied

^CNie opuszczaj nas prarocze

Oh Prophet Muhammad, do not leave us ^{A, C} Gdy sądny dzień przydzie

^B Kiedy ...

When Judgement Day comes

^AGdy z mogił ustawać będziem

^{B 208b} Gdy z grobow ustawać będziem

^C Kiedy z mogił ...

When we will be rising from grave ^A Pułkami pułkami stać będziem

^{B, C 564} ... stać będziemy We will stand in regiments

^A Prorak Muchammied przyczyniać sie za grzesznymi będzie

^B Przyczyniać sie za grzesznemi będzie prorok

Muchammied

^C Prorak Muchammied za grzesznemi przyczyniać sie będzie

The Prophet Muhammad will intercede for the sinners

A To jest Boże mój odpuść grzechy moje

That is, my God, forgive my sins

^{B, C} Boże Boże Boże odpuść grzechy moje Oh God, Oh God, Oh God, forgive my sins

⁸⁸ C 563, ChJJez 264a *komi*, A 382, B 208a, KSChas 300a and ChAKon 3a *Koma bizi*.

⁸⁹ A 382 çıkdıkda, B 208b and C 563 çıkdakda, KSChas 300a and ChAKon 3a çıkdur ked, for the correct form see ChJJez 264a.

⁹⁰ ChAKon 3a *durdukda*; only ChJJez 264a has the correct form of the word *ṣaf* (with deletion of the second *f*), all other copies have *ṣāf*.

⁹¹ A 382 niyāz, but B 208b and C 564 niyāzū; ChJJez 264a, KSChas 300a and ChAKon 3a niyāz ķılan.

This line is not an integral part of the poem, it is an entreating formula for forgiveness of sins; it is only present in A 382, B 208b and C 564; the last word *günahum* was divided into two discontinuous parts, -hum, which in all mss is seen after the third occurrence of Allāh and before 'avf kilġay, and künā- (günā-) in the beginning of the second half line before the Polish translation in A. ChJJez 264a has Allāh (9 times repeated) *īmān vergey bir Allāh* (no vocalization) 'Oh One God, may He give faith', similarly KSChas 300a and ChAKon, Lā ilāha illā'llāh īmān virgey bir Allāh 'There is no god but God, may He give faith'. In A 385, a similar entreating formula is found under another prayer, Yā rabbi, baġiṣla[ġɪn] künahum 'My Lord, forgive my sin'.

4. The language of the ziker and the language of its translation

4.1. Characteristics of the source text

The language of the *ziker* is Turkish. As is often the case with religious literature, the language demonstrates many old, sometimes archaic features. Moreover, some features of the *ziker*, e.g. the initial *b*- in *ber*- 'to give' (37), the imperative -*GIl*, e.g. *yarlıkağıl* 'forgive' (3), see Mansuroğlu (1959: 177), the participle -*GAn*, e.g. *kılġan* 'he who made' (10), (but also -*An*, e.g. *kılan* (9)), the desiderative-future -*GAy*, e.g. *kılġay* 'may He do' (73), see Mansuroğlu (1959: 178) are characteristic of early Turkish sometimes called Old Anatolian Turkish of the 13th-14th centuries and often regarded as a mixed language or *olga bolga dili*, in some texts used as long as the 15th-16th centuries, for the discussion see Doerfer (1990: 20-27).

Other archaic features are the postpositions *alnında* 'in front of' (64), see BH İsmā 'ilüŋ alnında 'before, in front of Ismail' (Canpolat, 2018: 139), birle 'with' (51), see Mansuroğlu (1959: 170) and tek 'as, like', see Mansuroğlu (1959: 171); the use of the genitive $+nI\tilde{n}$, e.g. $dertl\ddot{u}lerni\tilde{n}$ 'of the sufferers' (1) and the accusative +nI after a consonant (but also +I, e.g. (39)), e.g. 'āṣīlerni' 'sinners' (11), evidenced in Old Turkish (Mansuroğlu, 1959: 169). The use of ol 'he, she, it; this' (6, 7, 11 etc.), for the Modern Turkish o as well as its dependent cases, e.g. andan 'from him' (5) is also evidenced in Old Turkish (Mansuroğlu, 1959: 171, Canpolat, 2018: 566, 570).

A characteristic Old Turkish form, not encountered in north-west and south-east Turkic, is the future -*IsAr*, e.g. *yüriser* 'he will walk' (64), cf. Mansuroğlu (1959: 179).

All these features can be attributed to Old Turkish in which they are remnants of Old East Turkic or an eastern adstrate. However, these traits can also be accounted for as Kipchakisation of Turkish by Tatars who once used a type of Kipchak Turkic.

The Arabic writing used in PLBT normally does not distinguish between k- and g-, but even if a text had an original Turkish g-, the Tatars pronounced it k-. As for t- and d-, we have clear evidence for t- in words in which Modern Turkish has d-, e.g. turdukda 'standing' (71).

With regard to the correctness of Turkish, it should be said that the amount of mistakes is high. Out of the total of 218 words, only 148 words or 68% are correct. Some mistakes, as substitution of h for h, are common also in Turkish, nevertheless they were considered to be mistakes. Expect for mistakes and omissions, the Turkish text is identical in all versions.

4.2. Characteristics of the translation

The Polish of Mustafa Szahidewicz is a variety of north-east dialectal Polish as used by Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatars. In addition to strong Belarusian

influence, the Tatar variety is additionally marked by use of oriental loanwords, many constructions and word order calqued from Arabic and Turkish. The oriental words related to Islam in this translation are arsz 'throne', iman 'faith', kuranny 'Qura'nic', mursiel 'messenger, envoy', sielam 'salutation, greeting', ummiet 'community, congregation', while the proper names are Jasiń 'Yasin', Kut huwielłahu 'the name of chapter 112 of the Qur'an', Kuran 'Qur'an', Muchammied 'Muhammad', Syrat 'Sirat (bridge)', Szemś 'Sun' and Taha 'Taha', see below.

The style of Polish is simple with no aspiration to create a high-style oeuvre. There are only a few rare lexical units, e.g. *przyczyńca* 'intercessor', which is an archaism (Urbańczyk, 1973-1977: 246).

There is a good deal of Polish dialectal phonetic and some morphological forms, e.g. *kużdy* 'every' (1, Standard Pol. *każdy*), *nauka* 'knowledge (in the accusative)⁹³' (9, Standard Pol. *naukę*), *wiedomo* 'known' (12, Standard Polish *wiadomo*), *będziem* 'we will' (71A, Standard Pol. *będziemy*).

Many forms are influenced by Belarusian and some should be taken for Belarusian copies, e.g. sirota 'orphan' (5, Standard Pol. sierota, Bel. sira'ta), posoł (41, Standard Pol. poseł, Bel. pa'sol) 'messenger', moj 'my' (59, Standard Pol. mój, Bel. moj) or mesiec 'moon' (34, Standard Pol. miesiąc, Bel. 'mesjac). The noun twarz once appears as a feminine noun (32), but twice as masculine (33, 34) which is a Belarusian impact. In the first person plural of the present tense, we see the Bel. ending -mo, i.e. płaczemo 'we are weeping' (Kurzowa, 1993: 288) in one occurrence.

Some words are Belarusian, they do not occur in Polish, e.g. *ziemczuh* ~ *żemczuh* 'pearl' (43), (*nie*) *turbowalsie* 'he did (not) care' (52) or *usiemu* 'all (in the dative)' (26).

Another interesting question is the variation and linguistic diversity of the manuscripts. In contrast to Turkish which is very similar in all three manuscripts, Polish is more diversified. There are only 12 or 16% of lines which are identical, although in most cases the differences are insignificant, mostly phonetic, some morphological and some in word order. A is more similar to C than B to either of them. Another feature of A is that it prefers Belarusian forms, while B prefers Polish. It is likely that language preference depended on the client who ordered a copy of a *kitab*.

5. Analysis of translation

The Polish translation is designed to provide a sense of the source text and not the form. Therefore, the translator has not endeavoured to translate the hymn in the form of a poem, to render rhythm, rhymes and other poetic features. Despite the fact that his first language was probably Belarusian, he chose Polish as a lan-

For this feature in north-east dialectal Polish, see Kurzowa (1993: 395).

guage of higher prestige, though he could not avoid Belarusian forms and words.

The achievement of equivalence as the most important relation between the source and the target text that demonstrates the correctness of translation may be presented in three degrees: full equivalence, partial equivalence and lack of equivalence. Full equivalence, if we disregard amplification, is observed in 24 lines out of the total of 73, which makes up 33% (line 6, 13, 14, 18, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32, 36, 38, 41, 44, 48, 50, 53, 56, 62, 64, 67, 68, 70, 71 and 73). In 13 lines or 18% there is no equivalence (line 5, 10, 11, 15, 21, 26, 27, 31, 34, 35, 39, 40 and 61). The most frequent is partial equivalence which characterizes 36 lines or 49% (line 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 30, 33, 37, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 69 and 72).

In the process of translation, a translator applies many methods, but the most common are amplification, substitution, reduction and retaining the original form (loanword). We will discuss these strategies shortly in the following.

Amplification

This is a very common and most frequently method applied by Szahidewicz. There are only 6 non-amplified lines: 6, 12, 18, 32, 36 and 69. Typically added words include *Muhammad*, *prophet*, *the Lord God*, *God*, *Lord*, *divine*. Some amplifications were of explanatory character and probably felt as obligatory for the understanding of meaning, e.g. *Syrat moście* (48) for *Sirāṭda* 'on Sirat bridge'.

Substitution

Substitution is also very common. Some cases of substitution are a purposeful procedure applied by the translator or at least are not resulted by misunderstanding of the original text, e.g.

Koma bizi Muḥammed \rightarrow Nie opuszczaj nas prarocze (C) 'Oh Prophet, do not leave us' (68); here Muḥammed was replaced with prarok 'Prophet'; this strategy does not make the target sentence different, for both Muchammied and prarok denote the same person.

However, in many instances substitution is far going and results in the change of meaning, e.g. Feryād ķılġay Muḥammed 'Muhammad will cry' \rightarrow Będzie u tasce prorak Muchammied / Muchammied prorok / prorok nasz Muchammied 'Prophet / our Prophet Muhammad will get compassion' (61); here the source compound predicate feryād ķıl- which means 'to cry out, to lament; to complain' was replaced with będzie u tasce lit. 'he will be in compassion'.

The cases of erroneous translation from which it seems that Szahidewicz has not understood the source text may also manifest as substitution, e.g. 'Āṣīlerni yulan ol' It is he who rescued the sinners' was translated as *Ubogich obrońca on jest / Ubogich też obrońca* 'He is the defender of the poor ones / Also the defender of the poor ones'. The noun āṣī '1. rebellious; rebel. 2. sinner' is completely different from *ubogi*

'a poor man'. Also the verb *yul-* 'to rescue, to deliver, to save' may not be rendered with *być obrońcą* 'to be a defender'.

Reduction

Reduction is a procedure applied by the translator in a few cases only. This shows that the translator rather tried to explain and supplement the original text than detract from it. Reduction is mostly applied when omission of an element does not disturb the understanding of the whole unit, e.g. $Muhammed \rightarrow \emptyset$ (16). In another case, $k\ddot{o}ren$ 'he who who sees; seer' $\rightarrow \emptyset$ (17), the translator either did not understand this word or had difficulty in finding a good syntactic equivalent in Polish.

Retaining the original form

This method is applied for key Islamic terms and concepts which were commonly used by the Tatars, e.g. arsz 'throne' (16), iman 'faith' (36), mursiel 'messenger, envoy' (21, for sermürsel), sielam 'salutation, greeting' (19), ummiet 'community, congregation' (22, 26, 34, 40, 47, 48, 49, 50, 56, 57, 59, 64, 66). Naturally the proper names are also left out untranslated: Jasiń 'the chapter Yasin' (25, 26), Muchammied (many instances), Syrat 'Sirat (bridge)' (48), Szemś 'Sun' (33), Taha 'the chapter Taha' (25), though aż-Żuḥā 'Morning Sunlight' (33) is replaced with twarz pełny 'full face' and Burāķ (63) with a 'horse'. As in all PLBT works, Allāh is rendered Bóg ~ Bog 'God'.

It is to note that *Kuran* 'Qur'an' (9) is an interpretation of *beyān* and should be considered to be a substitution in the same way as *Kut huwiettahu* 'Say, 'He is God' for *İḥlāṣ* 'Sincerity' (29), and *kuranny* (*z nauki kurannej*) 'Qura'nic' (12) for *Furṣān* 'that distinguishes; a name of the Qur'an'.

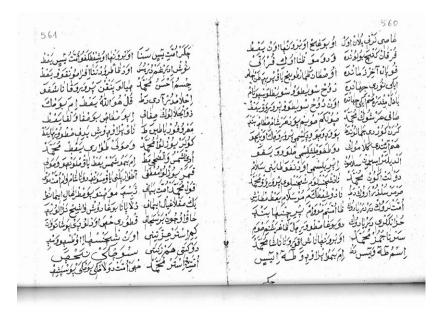
Lastly, we have to stress the influence of the source language, i.e. Turkish, on the target language in syntax, what has already been demonstrated in the study (e.g. Jankowski and Łapicz, 2000: 19-20). Firstly, although Slavic word order is relatively free, the number of verb-final clauses is exceedingly high, e.g. 9 ABC, 10 ABC, 37 ABC, 48 ABC, 52 ABC, 56 ABC, 58 ABC, 62 ABC and 69 ABC, especially with the verb 'to be' (*jest, będzie*, etc.), i.e. 6 B, 7 ABC, 8 AC, 11 AC, 15 ABC, 16 ABC, 26 ABC, 30 ABC, 31 ABC, 42 ABC, 70 ABC, 71 ABC and 72 AB. Secondly, if a noun phrase consists of an oriental proper name or term used as an apposition and a Slavic word, and both have the same referent, the oriental name or term, in contrast to Slavic, precedes the Slavic one, e.g. *Muchammied prorok* 'the prophet Muhammad' (1, 53, 61C), 48 moreover, it is not inflected, e.g. *na Syrat moście* 'On Sirat bridge' (48). In Jankowski (2014: 123-124), these phrases were compared to Bosnian phrases such as *mubarek mjeseca* 'the holy month-GEN'

However, in some instances, there is also *prorok/prorak Muchammied*, e.g. 61 A, 63, which in PLBT texts is untypical.

or *u Hamam ulici* 'in the Hamam street-LOC'. In fact, such noun phrases form a vulnerable construction in languages. As Čaušević (1996: 125) has demonstrated on the basis of the opposition *Avrupa Oteli* and *Hotel Avrupa* 'Europe Hotel', also Turkish copies foreign constructions.



Manuscript C: 559



Manuscript C: 561 and 560

Manuscript C: 563 and 562

Manuscript C: 564

6. Conclusion

Mustafa Szahidewicz was a prolific copyist, he is the only Tatar copyist known to us who produced four voluminous codices. It is likely that he also had his own master copy from which he copied other copies ordered by his clients, but it is more likely that he possessed various manuscripts from which he compiled a *kitab* and which, at least in part, were prepared by him for copying, e.g. by translating Turkish and Arabic portions. Since the hymn *Dertlülerniñ ṭabībi* is known from many other manuscripts, but all untranslated, we may assume that he translated the poems himself. However, his Turkish was rather poor. It is evident from the comparison of the hymn with other contemporary versions which are more correct. As an author or compiler of a Turkish glossary and as an educated Tatar man, he certainly knew basic Turkish and Arabic, 95 but could not solve some more difficult portions of the text. Despite this, his output is very important, for he served his Muslim Tatar community and contributed to their unique codicological culture which flourished in the 19th century and started fading in the 20th century with the spread of printed religious books.

Abbreviations and symbols

Manuscripts

A – Mustafa Szahidewicz's kitab dated 1837

B – Mustafa Szahidewicz's kitab dated 1852

C – Mustafa Szahidewicz's kitab undated

ChAKon – Konopacki's hamail, 1852

ChJJez – Jezufowicz's hamail, 1765

KMSz1837 – see A

KMSz1852b – see B

KMSz n.d. – see C

KSChas – Chasieniewicz's kitab, 1866

Languages

Ar. - Arabic

Bel. - Belarusian

Per. - Persian

This may be said about most of PLBT codices, see Akiner (2013: 108) who stressed that the Arabic quotations in a British Library *kitab* she described are very corrupt and references to the sources are so vague that it makes the identification impossible.

PLBT - Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian Tatar

Pol - Polish

Tur. - Turkish

Other

- → translated as
- ... identical to the preceding occurrence
- [] encloses editor's correction or illegible text
- {}- encloses unnecessary text
- < > encloses editor's addition
- BH Behcetü'l Hadâik, see Canpolat 2018

mss - manuscripts

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