



ABU'L-MATAṬAL BOḶĀRĪ

ABU'L-MATAṬAL BOḶĀRĪ (or BOḶĀRĀ'Ī), a poet of the Samanid court. He is mentioned earliest in a verse of Šāker BoḶkārī (4th/10th cent.; Šafā, *Adabīyāt* I, p. 399). Manūčehrī Dāmḡānī refers to him twice, once by name and again as one of the “five (poets) from Bokhara” (*Dīvān*, 3rd ed., M. Dabīrsīāqī, Tehran, 1347 Š./1968). Neẓāmī 'Arūẓī cites him as belonging to the handful of poets, including Rūdakī, who had been responsible for the survival of the Samanid dynasty's name (*Čahār maqāla*, 3rd ed., M. Qazvīnī and M. Mo'īn, Tehran, 1333 Š./1954, p. 44). 'Awfī records a three-*bayt* fragment (*Lobāb*, [Tehran], pp. 263, 656); otherwise only some ten individual lines survive in dictionaries—chiefly in Asadī Ṭūsī's *Loḡat-e fors* (ed. Dabīrsīāqī, pp. 13, 23, 25, 78, 90, 134, 151, 155, 170).

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