



BAŠŠĀR-E MARĠAZĪ

BAŠŠĀR-e MARĠAZĪ (possibly Bešgar; see Bahār, I, p. 378 n. 1), a Persian poet of the 4th/10th century, apparently from Marv in Khorasan. No information about his career has come down. Reżāqolī Khan Hedāyat (*Majma' al-foṣaḥā'* I, p. 440) mistook him for the famous Arabic poet of Iranian extraction Baššār b. Bord (put to death in 167/783). All of Baššār's poetry is lost except for a *qaṣīda* of thirty-one verses in praise of wine. The poem, recorded in part by Hedāyat (loc. cit.), was first published in its complete form by Rašīd Yāsamī, who had found it in a manuscript. It is thoroughly Samanid in tone and style, and its influence can be discerned in a well-known *mosammaṭ* (*kīzīd o kaz ārīd . . .*) by Manūčherī Dāmġānī (d. 432/1040).

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