



‘EŞMAT BOĶĀRĪ, Ķ^vĀJA ‘EŞMAT-ALLĀH

‘EŞMAT BOĶĀRĪ, Ķ^vāja ‘EŞMAT-ALLĀH b. Mas‘ūd BoĶārī (d. 840/1436), poet and scholar of the early Timurid period, known also for his expertise in mathematics, history, prosody, riddles, and mastery of *enšā*. His lineage is traced back to Ja‘far b. Abī Ṭāleb. In his poetry he occasionally refers to his Shi‘ite affiliation. He was born into a family of notables of Bukhara, where he was raised and received the customary education of his time. Toward the end of his life his house in Bukhara was frequented by poets and savants, including Basāṭī Samarqandī (d. 814/1411), Ķayālī BoĶārī (d. 850/1446), and Ḥosām-al-Dīn Rostam Ķūrīānī (d. 834/1430).

‘Eşmat was attached to the court of Naşīr-al-Dīn Ķalīl-Solṭān b. Mīrānşāh b. Tīmūr, who ruled Samarqand in the years 807-12/1404-9 (hence the pen name Naşīrī in some of his *qaşīdas*). When Naşīr-al-Dīn was deposed by his rebellious amirs, ‘Eşmat, fearing for his life, went into hiding. In the meantime, ŞāhroĶ occupied Samarqand in 811/1409, installed UlūĶ Beg as the ruler, and sent Ķalīl-Solṭān to Ray as governor. Shortly afterwards Ķalīl-Solṭān died in Rajab 814/November 1411 and ‘Eşmat, who had been with his patron in Ray, returned with his corpse to Samarqand. From Samarqand, he went on to Bukhara, but, at the invitation of UlūĶ Beg, he returned to Samarqand. Eventually he went back to Bukhara, where he died in 840/1436 (*Ḥabīb al-sīar* III, p. 550, where a chronogram recording the date of his death is recorded; Dawlatşāh’s date of 829/1425 is incorrect).



‘Eşmat has left a *dīvān* of *ġazals*, *qaşīdas*, *robā’īs*, etc., totaling about 7,500 verses. His odes or *qaşīdas* are mostly panegyrics composed in honor of ŞāhroĶ, Ķalīl-Solţān, Ulūġ Beg, and other early Timurid amirs and notables. In his odes, like other poets of his time, he emulates the poetry of his predecessors. He is, however, best known for his refined *ġazals*.

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