



‘EŠQĪ BELGRĀMĪ, SHAH BARKAT-ALLĀH

‘EŠQĪ BELGRĀMĪ, SHAH BARKAT-ALLĀH, Indo-Persian poet and author (b. 1070/1659-60; d. 10 Moḥarram 1142/5 August 1729). ‘Ešqī’s lineage is traced to Imam ‘Alī and Fāṭema, the daughter of the Prophet, by thirteen generations. His father was Mīr Sayyed Oways (d. 1097/1686) and his grandfather was Mīr Sayyed Shah ‘Abd-al-Jalīl (972-1057/1564-1647), a noted Sufi of his time, whose tomb is located at Marhara. ‘Ešqī’s *divān* includes 96 *ḡazals*, 7 *tarjī-bands*, 16 *robā’īs*, one *qeṭ‘a*, and a *matnawī* entitled “Rīāz-e ‘ešq.” He is also the author of two treatises: *So’āl o jawāb* and *Awāref-e hendī*. Ḥāfeẓ Shah ‘Alī Aḥsan collected ‘Ešqī’s works and published them with a foreword under the title *Majma-al-barkāt* in 1315/1897.

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