



FĪRŪZ MAŠREQĪ

FĪRŪZ (or Pīrūz) **MAŠREQĪ** (not Mošrefī as in *Majma' al-foṣaḥā'*, p. 946), poet at the court of the Saffarids Ya'qūb b. Layṭ (r. 253-65/867-78) and his brother 'Amr b. Layṭ (r. 265-88/878-901). Next to nothing is known about his life. Hermann Ethé mentions (p. 218) him with the epithet *ḥakīm* (philosopher, sage) without indicating his source. Moḥammad 'Awfī refers to him as a master poet who, like rain, cleansed the Persian language of impurities (*besān-e ḡayṭ gatt o fasād az soḡan-e pārsī dūr kard*; *Lobāb* II, p. 2). Fīrūz died in 283/896 (not in 282/895, pace Reżāzāda, p. 116). Only eleven couplets of his poetry have reached us.

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