

11. THE TALE OF THE THREE GIRLS

three girls.001

se qılə kinə nəğıl
three CLF girl tale

The tale of the three girls.

three girls.002

nəğıl=i-nəğıl=i də-vaşt-ə, osmon-i qo pe-vaşt-ə.
tale=one-tale=one in-jump-PTCP[PF] sky-OBL cow up-jump-PTCP[PF]

A tale leapt up, the sky-cow jumped.

three girls.003

j-ə=ş=e ləğı, kəçəl-i sə=ş arışt-ə.
hit(II)-PTCP=3SG.CL=COP.3SG kick bald-OBL head=3SG.CL break-PTCP[PF]

It gave a kick and broke the baldie's head.

three girls.004

çımı şin-ə – şəkə bal-on, qılə=y hest=b-e, qılə=y nı-b-e,
1SG.POSS sweet-ATTR sugar child-PL CLF=one EXIST=be-PRET.3SG CLF=one NEG-be-PRET.3SG

qılə=y xəy-mand-ə pi-yə-merd hest=b-e.
CLF=one good-ADJZ-ATTR old-ATTR-man EXIST=be-PRET.3SG

My sweet-sugar children, once upon a time... there was a kindly old man.

three girls.005

çi pi-yə-merd-i vey çok-ə xosyət=iş hest=b-e.
of old-ATTR-man-OBL much good-ATTR character=3SG.CL EXIST=be-PRET.3SG

The old man had a very good character.

three girls.006

bə ha kəs-i dast ə-qət-i, çok-i ə-kə-y,
to each person-OBL hand IPF-take-IPF.3SG good-ABSTR IPF-do(1)-IPF.3SG

hiç kəs-i iştə kəybə=sə noumu o-n-ə-qordın-i.
no person-OBL REFL.POSS door=on hopeless PV-NEG-IPF-turn-IPF.3SG

He gave all a helping hand, did good deeds, and would turn no one away hopeless from his door.

three girls.007

b=ı qoroş eliəsəbə arə=də vey yol-ə hurmət=iş
to=this because_of local_people space=at much big-ATTR respect=3SG.CL

ğəzənc kard-ə=b-e.
profit do(II)-PTCP=be-PRET.3SG

As a result he had earned great respect among the local people.

three girls.008

çi pi-yə-merd-i ahı-imon i qılə kinə=ş hest=b-e.
of old-ATTR-man-OBL ah-faith one CLF girl=3SG.CL EXIST=be-PRET.3SG

The old man had one beloved daughter.

three girls.009

kinə çı kinə, de həşi-ovşum-i bəhs kard-eydə=b-e.
girl what girl with sun-moon-OBL debate do(II)-PROG=be-PRET.3SG

What a girl! She rivalled the sun and moon.

three girls.010

ıstən=ən zırək-ə moynə=b-e, reçin=b-e.
REFL=ADD clever-ATTR girl=be-PRET.3SG beautiful=be-PRET.3SG

And she was a clever young woman, and she was beautiful.

three girls.011

vey-vey cıvon-on çəy dard-i=ku sut-eydə=b-in.
much-much young-PL 3SG.POSS pain-OBL=by burn-PROG=be-PRET.3PL

Many, many youths burned with passion for her.

three girls.012

ruj=i çı ruj-on bə sipi-riş-i kə bo=çəy kinə=ro elçi omə-y.
day=one of day-PL to white-beard-OBL house for=3SG.POSS girl=for suitor come(II)-PRET.3SG

One day, there came to the elder's house a suitor for his daughter.

three girls.013

pi-yə-merd rozi b-e, bə elçi-on dast=ış do-y,
old-ATTR-man satisfied be-PRET.3SG to suitor-PL hand=3SG.CL give(II)-PRET

“mobarək-bənd”=ış vot-e.
happy-bond=3SG.CL say-PRET

The old man agreed, gave his hand to the suitor's party, and said 'the pact is sealed'.

three girls.014

peş xəyo-dıvo şin-ə çay=şon pe-şom-ə-y.
after good-prayer sweet-ATTR tea=3PL.CL up-drink-II-PRET

After he gave his blessing, they drank sweet tea.

three girls.015

maştə-nə ruj-i çı co qılə=y diy=ədə bo pi-yə-merd-i kinə
morning-ADJZ day-OBL of other CLF=one village=at for old-ATTR-man-OBL girl

co dastə elçi-yon omə-yn.
other group suitor-PL come(II)-PRET.3PL

The next day another party of suitors came for the old man's daughter, from another village.

three girls.016

sipi-riş mand-e mətəl.
white-beard stay-PRET.3SG confused

The elder was confused.

three girls.017

oxo əy kinə=ş noməjə kard-ə=b-e, həni kinə=ş nı-b-e.
after_all 3SG.OBL girl=3SG.CL candidate do(II)-PTCP=be-PRET.3SG already girl=3SG.CL NEG-be-PRET.3SG

After all, he had designated his daughter [to someone], and he didn't have any more daughters.

three girls.018

əmo tobə isət hiç kəs çəy kəybə=sə noumu o-qard-ə=ni-b-e.
but until now no person 3SG.POSS door=on hopeless PV-turn-PTCP=NEG-be-PRET.3SG

But up to now he had never turned anyone away hopeless from his door.

three girls.019

sipi-riş-i çənə sə=ş arıst-e, “ne” vot-e=ş ni-zn-ə-y.
white-beard-OBL how_much head=3SG.CL break-PRET no say-INF=3SG.CL NEG-know-II-PRET

However much the old man agonized over it, he couldn't say no.

three girls.020

b=ı elçi-yon=ən dast=iş do-y, “xıdo xəy bı-də!” vot=iş-e.
to=this suitor-PL=ADD hand=3SG.CL give(II)-PRET God good MOD-give(I).SBJV.3SG say=3SG.CL-PRET

He gave his hand to these suitors too, and said ‘God bless you!’

three girls.021

ruj=i də-vard-e bəpeştə se-min-ə elçi dəstə çı sipi-riş-i
day=one in-pass-INF after three-ORD-ATTR suitor group of white-beard-OBL

kəybə=ş ku-yə-y.
door=3SG.CL beat-II-PRET

A day later a third party of suitors knocked on the elder's door.

three girls.022

pi-yə-merd-i əhvol xərob b-e, ni-zn-ə=ş-e çiç bı-kə.
old-ATTR-man-OBL mood ruined be-PRET.3SG NEG-know-II=3SG.CL-PRET what MOD-do(I).SBJV.3SG

The old man became miserable, and he didn't know what to do.

three girls.023

oxo əy hələ hiç kəs-i dil=iş arıst-ə=ni-b-e.
after_all 3SG.OBL still no person-OBL heart=3SG.CL break-PTCP=NEG-be-PRET.3SG

After all, he had never yet offended anyone.

three girls.024

dim=iş qət-e bə xıdavandi-aləm-i dərqoh :
face=3SG.CL take-PRET to God-world-OBL dwelling_place

He turned his face towards God's abode:

three girls.025

-pərvərdiqarə, tı ıştən şoyd=iş ki, az ıştə hələ-ə surfə=də,
Lord 2SG REFL witness=COP.2SG COMP 1SG.DIR REFL.POSS halal-ATTR tablecloth=at

ıştə kə=də, har-co hiç kəs-i dil=ım arıst-ə=ni,
REFL.POSS house=at each-place no person-OBL heart=1SG.CL break-PTCP=NEG.COP.3SG

bə=mi dast o-kard-ə-kəs-on=ım noumu o-qırdın-i-yə=ni.
to=1SG.OBL hand PV-do(II)-PTCP-AGN-PL=1SG.CL hopeless PV-turn-II-PTCP=NEG.COP.3SG

—Lord, You yourself bear witness that I have never offended anyone at my table, in my house, or anywhere; I have never turned away hopeless anyone who has opened his hand to me.

three girls.026

pi-yə-merd-i de elçi-yon=ş=ən dast qət-e, xəy-dıvo=ş do-y.
old-ATTR-man-OBL with suitor-PL=3SG.CL=ADD hand take-PRET good-prayer=3SG.CL give(II)-PRET

The old man gave his hand to the suitors, and gave his blessing.

three girls.027

elçi-yon de şoy-voy bə=ştə kə o-qard-in.
suitor-PL with joy-REDUP to=REFL.POSS house PV-turn-PRET.3PL

The suitors returned home delighted.

three girls.028

ruj=i bə=çəy kəybə qılə=y nurani-yə dəvuş omə-y.
day=one to=3SG.POSS door CLF=one radiant-ATTR dervish come(II)-PRET.3SG

One day a venerable dervish came to his door.

three girls.029

kə-soyb=ış dard=ı ğəm-i dılə=də vind-e, xəbə=ş sə-y :
house-owner=3SG.CL pain=and sorrow-OBL interior=at see-PRET news=3SG.CL take(II)-PRET

–sipi-riş, boçi bə dard-ğəm ğərğ b-ə=ş?
white-beard why to pain-sorrow drowned be-PTCP=COP.2SG

He saw that the owner of the house was in pain and sorrow, and asked: –Elder, why have you sunk into pain and sorrow?

three girls.030

pi-yə-merd-i ıştə dard=ış bo dəvuş-i qəp jə-y.
old-ATTR-man-OBL REFL.POSS pain=3SG.CL for dervish-OBL speech hit(II)-PRET

The old man told the dervish his troubles.

three girls.031

dəvuş bə fik ş-e, peşo bə sipi-riş-i dılvandı=ş do-y.
dervish to thought go-PRET.3SG then to white-beard-OBL comfort=3SG.CL give(II)-PRET

The dervish set to thinking, and then comforted the elder.

three girls.032

vot=ış-e : –sipi-riş, tı de=ştə xıdo b-e qoroş,
say=3SG.CL-PRET white-beard 2SG with=REFL.POSS God be-INF because_of

xıdo=ən hejo de=tın=e.
God=ADD always with=2SG=COP.3SG

He said: –Elder, because you are with your God, God is always with you too.

three girls.033

tı hiç kəs=ı noumu kard-ə=ni, xıdo=ən tın-i
2SG no person=2SG.CL hopeless do(II)-PTCP=NEG.COP.3SG God=ADD 2SG-ACC

dast-bır-i-yə o-ni-bə-qət-e.
hand-cut-II-PTCP PV-NEG-FUT-take-FUT

You have never made anyone hopeless, and neither will God leave your prayers unanswered.

three girls.034

ı̄ṣṭā hā-y, ı̄ṣṭā sı̄pā iyān ı̄ṣṭā kinā dā-nā
REFL.POSS donkey-OBL REFL.POSS dog and REFL.POSS girl in-put(I).IMP.2SG

bā i çāṣmā kā.
to one room house

Put your donkey, your dog and your daughter in one room of the house.

three girls.035

kāyb-on bī-jān.
door-PL MOD-hit(I).IMP.2SG

Shut the doors.

three girls.036

maṣṭā o-kā-yṣ kāybā.
morning PV-do(I)-FUTIMP.2SG door

In the morning open the door.

three girls.037

bā-vind-e=ṣ xido ər-rəhmani rəhim=e!
FUT-see-FUT=COP.2SG God gracious merciful=COP.3SG

You'll see that God is Gracious and Merciful!

three girls.038

im sixan-on vot-ā bəpeṣṭā dāvus ğāyb b-e.
this word-PL say-PTCP after dervish absent be-PRET.3SG

After saying these things, the dervish disappeared.

three girls.039

pi-yā-merd-i dāvus-i vot-ā-y=ı̄ṣṭā kard-e ; ı̄ṣṭā kinā, sı̄pā,
old-ATTR-man-OBL dervish-OBL say-PTCP-SBZ=3SG.CL do(II)-PRET REFL.POSS girl dog

iyān hā=ṣ dā-no-y bā i çāṣmā kā.
and donkey=3SG.CL in-put(II)-PRET to one room house

The old man did what the dervish had said: he put his daughter, dog and donkey into one room of the house.

three girls.040

maṣṭā-nā kāyb-on=ı̄ṣṭā o-kard-e.
morning-ADVZ door-PL=3SG.CL PV-do(II)-PRET

In the morning he opened the doors.

three girls.041

vind=ı̄ṣṭ-e kā=dā se qılā kinā hest=e ki, bānā sef-i
see=3SG.CL-PRET room=at three CLF girl EXIST=COP.3SG COMP like apple-OBL

bā iyāndi oxṣāṣ do-ydā=n.
to RECIPIENT resemblance give(II)-PROG=COP.3PL

He saw that in the room there were three girls, and they resembled each other like apples.

three girls.042

–*şukur bə=ştı məsləhat-i, ilahi, – sipi-riş-i dast-on=iş bə pe rost kard-e.*
thanks to=2SG.POSS counsel-OBL God white-beard-OBL hand-PL=3SG.CL to up high do(II)-PRET

–Thanks be for your counsel, God – the elder raised up his hands.

three girls.043

bəle, vəyə vaxt rəs-ə-y, pi-yə-merd-i de el-i adət-i
indeed wedding time arrive-II-PRET.3SG old-ATTR-man-OBL with people-OBL custom-OBL

ıstə kin-on=iş bə şuyə kə dəro=ş ğand-e.
REFL.POSS girl-PL=3SG.CL to husband house to.road=3SG.CL send-PRET

Well, the time for the weddings came, and in accordance with the custom of the people, the old man sent his daughters on their way to their husbands' houses.

three girls.044

ruj=i pi-yə-merd-i ıstə kin-on=iş vind-e pi-yə-y.
day=one old-ATTR-man-OBL REFL.POSS girl-PL=3SG.CL see-INF want-II-PRET

One day the old man wanted to see his daughters.

three girls.045

xırcin=iş de baxşə pur kard-e, no=ş-e bəsə hə-y,
bundle=3SG.CL with gift full do(II)-PRET put(II)=3SG.CL-PRET on donkey-OBL

bə ro də-qın-i-ye.
to road in-fall-II-PRET.3SG

He filled his bundle with gifts, put it on to his donkey, and took to the road.

three girls.046

ro-y=sə həmon-ə nurani-yə dəvuş rast omə-y bə pi-yə-merd-i.
road-OBL=on that_very-ATTR radiant-ATTR dervish meeting come(II)-PRET.3SG to old-ATTR-man-OBL

On the road the same venerable dervish encountered the old man.

three girls.047

bənə kanə dust-on dast=işon qət-e.
like old friend-PL hand=3PL.CL take-PRET

They shook hands like old friends.

three girls.048

pi-yə-merd bə=çəy kard-ə koməq-i qoroş çı dəvuş-i=ku
old-ATTR-man to=3SG.POSS do(II)-PTCP help-OBL because_of of dervish-OBL=by

xəyli rozi-niyoz=iş kard-e.
much satisfied-need=3SG.CL do(II)-PRET

The old man thanked the dervish very much for the help he had provided.

three girls.049

peşo xəbə=ş sə-y : əğə dəvuş, bo=min=o i qılə çiy
then news=3SG.CL take(II)-PRET Agha dervish for=1SG.OBL=for one CLF thing

toyki mand-e.
darkness stay-PRET.3SG

Then he asked: Agha dervish, one thing remains obscure to me.

three girls.050

çi se qılə kin-on=adə kon qılə çımı doğmə kinə=y?
of three CLF girl-PL=at which CLF 1SG.POSS birth girl=COP.3SG

Of the three girls, which one is my birth daughter?

three girls.051

dəvuş sir-ə-y : -bı-ş-i, ıştə kin-on otır bı-kə.
dervish smile-II-PRET.3SG MOD-go-IMP.2SG REFL.POSS girl-PL visit MOD-do(I).IMP.2SG

The dervish smiled: –Go and visit your daughters.

three girls.052

bə=çəvon kə-bə-y, jimon-i, sələğə, fik bı-də.
to=3PL.POSS house-outdoors-OBL life-OBL propriety thought MOD-give(I).IMP.2SG

Pay attention to their house and home, life, propriety.

three girls.053

ıştə doğmə kinə ıştən bə-zn-e=ş.
REFL.POSS birth girl REFL FUT-know-FUT=COP.2SG

You'll recognize your birth daughter yourself.

three girls.054

dəvuş iyən ğəyb b-e.
dervish again absent be-PRET.3SG

The dervish again disappeared.

three girls.055

pi-yə-merd omə-y çı i-min-ə kinə kə-y.
old-ATTR-man come(II)-PRET.3SG of one-ORD-ATTR girl house-OBL

The old man came to the first daughter's house.

three girls.056

de=ştə xişəvand-on iyən de yeznə dast=ış qət-e.
with=REFL.POSS in_law-PL and with son_in_law hand=3SG.CL take-PRET

He shook hands with his co-parents-in-law and his son-in-law.

three girls.057

vind=ış-e ki, kinə həx-nohəx çı merd-on sıxan-i bürn-i-yədə, bə=ştə
see=3SG.CL-PRET COMP girl right-in_vain of man-PL word-OBL cut-II-PROG to=REFL.POSS

hamsiy-on də-riv-eydə, bə həsi-həsuyə bənə sıpə rik-i qət-eydə.
neighbour-PL in-bark-PROG to mother_in_law-father_in_law like dog anger-OBL take-PROG

He saw that the girl interrupted men's conversation willy-nilly, barked at the neighbours, and got angry like a dog with her parents-in-law.

three girls.058

pi-yə-merd-i ıştə sıpə=ş zin-ə-y.
old-ATTR-man-OBL REFL.POSS dog=3SG.CL know-II-PRET

The old man recognized his dog.

three girls.059

ro=ş qət-e omə-y bə di-min-ə kinə kə.
road=3SG.CL take-PRET come(II)-PRET.3SG to two-ORD-ATTR girl house

He took to the road and came to the second daughter's house.

three girls.060

vind=ış-e ki, kinə kə joğo bə=yəndi qın-i-yə,
see=3SG.CL-PRET COMP girl house like_this to=RECIP fall-II-PTCP[PF]

hiçi ıştə vırə=də ni, kə-bə, so-bə
nothing REFL.POSS place=at NEG.COP.3SG house-outdoors courtyard-outdoors

rit-ə b-ə=ni, ğab-ğəcəğ-on şışt-ə=b-ə=nin.
sweep-PTCP be-PTCP=NEG.COP.3SG plate-REDUP-PL wash-PTCP=be-PTCP=NEG.COP.3PL

He saw that the girl's house was a mess, nothing was in its place, the house and home and the courtyard weren't swept, and the dishes weren't washed.

three girls.061

kinə=n bənə hə-y tənbal-tənbal o-lxart-ə qılə=y kinc=ədə.
girl=ADD like donkey-OBL lazy-lazy PV-lie-PTCP[PF] CLF=one corner=at

And the girl was lying lazily in a corner like a donkey.

three girls.062

-əy sipə kinə hə, iyo=ən ıştə hə-ti nişo do-y?
oh dog girl donkey here=ADD REFL.POSS donkey-ABSTR sign give(II)-PRET

–Oh son of a bitch donkey, did you display your donkeyhood here too?

three girls.063

pi-yə-merd ıştə sə-y o-şand-e-o-şand-e ro=ş qət-e
old-ATTR-man REFL.POSS head-OBL PV-shake-INF-PV-shake-INF road=3SG.CL take-PRET

badi se-min-ə kinə kə-y.
after three-ORD-ATTR girl house-OBL

Shaking his head, the old man took to the road towards the third daughter's house.

three girls.064

se-min-ə kinə ıştə pıə vind-ə-cəğın vit-e bənə pərəndə
three-ORD-ATTR girl REFL.POSS father see-PTCP-TEMP run-PRET.3SG like bird

bə=çəy və, ıştə pıə sipi-yə-riş=ış maç kard-e,
to=3SG.POSS front REFL.POSS father white-ATTR-beard=3SG.CL kiss do(II)-PRET

çəy dast=ış qət-e vard=ış-e bə kə.
3SG.POSS hand=3SG.CL take-PRET bring(II)=3SG.CL-PRET to house

When the third daughter saw her father, she rushed out like a bird to meet him, kissed her father's white beard, took his hand and led him to the house.

three girls.065

pi-yə-merd-i vind=ış-e, bənə vil-ə çanqə=y çı kinə kə.
old-ATTR-man-OBL see=3SG.CL-PRET like flower-ATTR bunch=COP.3SG of girl house

The old man saw that the girl's house was like a bunch of flowers.

three girls.066

so-bə, kə-bə bə podšo kə-y oxşəş do-ydə.
courtyard-outdoors house-outdoors to king house-OBL resemblance give(II)-PROG

The courtyard, the house and home were like a king's house.

three girls.067

həsuyə, həsi, hamsiyə bə kinə sə ğəssəm hard-eydə=n,
father_in_law mother_in_law neighbour to girl head oath eat(II)-PROG=COP.3PL

kinə=n har kəs-i de şin-ə zıvon-i damə kard-eydə.
girl=ADD each person-OBL with sweet-ATTR tongue-OBL speaking do(II)-PROG

Father-in-law, mother-in-law and neighbour swore by the girl, and the girl addressed everyone with a sweet tongue.

three girls.068

pi-yə-merd-i zin-ə=ş-e iştə doğmə kinə, dast-on=iş
old-ATTR-man-OBL know-II=3SG.CL-PRET REFL.POSS birth girl hand-PL=3SG.CL

rost kard-e bə xıdo dərqoh : -bə=ti vey şukur, ilahi pərvərdiqarə,
high do(II)-PRET to God dwelling_place to=2SG much thanks God Lord

bə=şti ni-zn-ə-kəs-i lənət!
to=2SG.POSS NEG-know-PTCP-AGN-OBL curse

The old man recognized his birth daughter, and raised his hands to God's abode: –Many thanks to you, Lord God, and a curse on him who does not know you!

three girls.069

osmon=ədə se qılə sef e-qın-i-ye.
sky=at three CLF apple down-fall-II-PRET.3SG

Three apples fell from the sky.

three girls.070

qılə=y çı nəğil vot-ə-kəs-i, qılə=y əy bə ğələm s-ə-kəs-i,
CLF=one of tale say-PTCP-AGN-OBL CLF=one 3SG.OBL to pen take(II)-PTCP-AGN-OBL

qılə=y=ən əçəy hand-ə-kəs-i.
CLF=one=ADD 3SG.POSS read-PTCP-AGN-OBL

One belongs to the story's teller, one to him who set it down in writing, and one to him who reads it.