

Sinuhe

Nederhof (R) - English

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For published translations, see Gardiner (1916), pp. 168-176; Lichtheim (1975), pp. 222-235; Parkinson (1997), pp. 21-53; Simpson (1972), pp. 57-74. Also considered were the examples from Graefe (1994) and Loprieno (1995).

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Indication of the beginning of line 237 is missing from Koch (1990), and was added following Blackman (1932).

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The line numbers AOS will here be preceded by 'r' (recto) or 'v' (verso) to avoid clashes.

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R | jrj-p^ct ḥ3tj-^c

R | Prince-regent and count,

AOS ḥtmw-bjtj smr w^ctj

AOS royal seal-keeper and sole companion,

R s3b ḥd-mr sp3wt

R magistrate and commissioner of the domains

R jty m t3w stjw

R of the sovereign in the lands of the bedouin,

R | rh-nsw m3^c mry=f šms[w S3-n]ht dd=f

R | true and beloved acquaintance of the king, follower Sinuhe¹ says:

¹ Meaning 'son of the sycamore'.

R jnk šmsw | šms nb=f b3k n jp3t-nsw

R 'I was a follower | who followed his lord, a servant of the royal harem

AOS b3k n {t} nswt nsw

AOS a servant of the royal thrones,

R jrt-[p^ct] wrt ḥswt | ḥmt-nsw S-n-Wsrt m Ḥnm-swt

R and of the regentess, greatly praised, | royal wife of Sesostris in Khnemsut,

R s3t-nsw Jmn-m-ḥ3t | m Q3j-nfr Nfrw nbt jm3ḥ

R royal daughter of Amenemhet | in Qanefru, Nefru, revered.

AOS sb.tj r jm3ḥ

AOS who has passed to blessedness.

R ḥ3t-sp 30 3bd 3 3ḥt sw 7

R Year 30, month 3 of the Season of Inundation, day 7.

R |⁶ r ntr r 3ht=f nsw-bjtj Sḥtp-jb-R^c

R |⁶ The god departed to his horizon, the king of Upper and Lower Egypt Sehotepibre

AOS ^cq.n ntr r 3ht=f

AOS The god entered into his horizon,

R |⁷ shr=f r pt hnm m jtn

R |⁷ ascended to heaven and united with the sun,

AOS s^crj m¹ pt

AOS was let to ascend to heaven

¹ Emend to s^crj=f r following Gardiner (1916).

R h^c-ntr |⁸ 3bh(.w) m jr-sw

R the divine body |⁸ merging with him who created him.

R jw hnw m sgr |⁹ jbw m gmw

R The residence was in silence, |⁹ hearts were in mourning,

AOS jw hnw {tj} ^c.w.s. m sgr

AOS The residence (l.p.h.!) was in silence,

R rwtj-wrtj htm.w |¹⁰ [šny]t m [tp] hr m3st

R the great double gate was shut, |¹⁰ courtiers were grieving,

R p^ct |¹¹ m jmw jst rf sb.n hm=f

R patricians |¹¹ were wailing. Now, His Majesty had sent

AOS p^ct m jwgrw¹

AOS patricians were in the necropolis.

¹ Following Barns (1952) and Gardiner (1957), p. 209, note 7.

R mš^c |¹² r T3-ṯmh s3=f smsw |¹³ m ḥrj jrj

R an army |¹² to the Libyan land, with his eldest son |¹³ in command;

G mš^c |⁸ cš3 r T3-ṯmh

G a numerous army to the Libyan land,

R nṯr nfr S-n-Wsrt tj sw h3b(.w) | r ḥwt ḥ3swt ¹⁴

R the good god Sesostris had been sent | to smite the foreign lands, ¹⁴

R r sqr jmjw Ṭḥnw

R to slay the inhabitants of Libya,

R | ¹⁵ tj sw ḥm jy=f jn.n=f sqrw-^cnh | ¹⁶ n Ṭḥnw

R | and was now returning, having carried off captives | from Libya ¹⁵ ¹⁶

R mnmnt nbt nn ḏrw=s | ¹⁷ smrw nw stp-s3 h3b=sn

R and countless of all kinds of cattle. | ¹⁷ The companions of the palace sent a message

R r gs | ¹⁸ jmntj

R to the western border,

R r rdjt rh s3-nsw sšm ḥpr | ¹⁹ m ḥnwtj

R to inform the king's son of the affair that had happened | ¹⁹ in the cabinet.

R gm.n sw wpwtjw ḥr w3t | ²⁰ ph.n=sn sw r tr n ḥ3wj

R The messengers found him on the road, | ²⁰ reaching him at nightfall.

R n sp | ²¹ sjn.n=f rsj bjk ḥ=f ḥn^c | ²² šmsw=f

R He never hesitated at all and the falcon flew off with | ²² his followers,

R nn rdjt rh st mš^c=f | ²³ jst h3b | r msw nsw

R without informing his army of it. Now, a message had been sent | ²³ to the king's children

AOS nn rdjt rh {t}=sn mš^c=f

AOS without informing his army.

R wnw m-ḥt=f [m] mš^c pn ²⁴ | njs.n.tw n w^c jm

R who were following him [in] this army, ²⁴ | and one of them was called.

AOS wnnyw m-ḥt=f (m) mš^c pn nn njs.[n.tw] w^c jm=sn

AOS who were following him in this army, and none of them was called.

B jst₁ wj ^cḥ^c.kw sdm.n=j [ḥr]w=f

B Now, I was standing by and heard his voice,

B ² | jw=f ḥr mdt jw=j m ^cr w³

B ² | and as he spoke I was close to a conspiracy¹.

¹ Consistent with note 1 of Davies (1975).

B psh jb=j ³ | sš ^cwj=j sd³ ḥr(.w) m ^ct nbt

B My heart fluttered, ³ | my arms dropped, and trembling befell every limb.

B n^f=j ⁴ | {r} wj m nftft r ḥḥ n=j st dg

B I stole away leaping to find myself a hiding-place.

R r jw.tw ²⁹ | w³t šmw=s

R until the road and its traveller were separated.

B rdjt(=j) ⁵ | wj jmjt b³tj r jrt w³t šmw=s

B I placed ⁵ | myself between two bushes to clear the road for its traveller.

AOS rdj.n=j (wj) r jmjtw b³tj r jsq ḥr w³t šmt=sn

AOS I placed (myself) between two bushes to wait near the road where they were walking.

B jrt=j ⁶ | šmt m ḥntyt n k³(=j) spr r ḥnw ⁷ | pn

B I then went south; I did not intend to come to this residence,

B ḥmt.n=j ḥpr ḥ³cyt

B since I expected there would be contention

AOS n ḥmt=j ḥpr m ḥ³cyt

AOS since I didn't intend to become involved in contention

B n ḏḏ=j ḥnh r-sʒ=f ⁸ | nmj.n=j Mʒctj

B that I didn't think I would survive. ⁸ | I crossed Maati

AOS n ḏḏ.n(=j) ḥnh r-sʒ pḏ ntr pn mnḥ

AOS and I didn't think I would survive that one, this excellent god.

B m ḥw Nht ⁹ | smʒ.n=j m Jw-Snfrw

B in the vicinity of the Sycamore, ⁹ | and I arrived on the Island of Snofru.

B wrš.n=j m ḥḏ n ¹⁰ | sḥt ḥḏ.n=j wn hrw

B I spent the day at the edge of ¹⁰ | a field, and departed early the next day.

B ḥp.n=j s ḥḥ(.w) ¹¹ | m rʒ-wʒt twr.n=f wj snḏ n=f

B I met a man standing ¹¹ | on the road and he saluted me, one who feared him.

AOS twr.n=f wj snḏw.n=j n=f

AOS and he saluted me but I feared him.

B ḥpr.n ¹² | tr n msyt sḥ.n=j r dmj N|[g]w ¹³

B After it had become ¹² | dinner time, I reached the port of Negau.

B ḏḏ.n=j m wsḥt nn ḥm=s ¹⁴ | [m s]wt n jmntj

B I crossed in a boat without a rudder, ¹⁴ | by means of the west wind.

AOS m swḥw nw jmntt

AOS by means of the west winds.

B swʒ.n=j ḥr jʒbtjw jkw ¹⁵ | [m ḥ]ry[t] [nb]t ḏw-dšr

B I passed east of the quarry ¹⁵ | above the Mistress of the Red Mountain.

B rdjt=j ¹⁶ | wʒt n rdwj=j m ḥḏ dmj.n=j | Jnbw-ḥqʒ ¹⁷

B Then I made ¹⁶ | my way northward. I reached ¹⁷ | the Walls of the Ruler,

AOS dmj.n(=j) Jnbw-jt=j

AOS I reached the Walls of my Father,

R r ptpt nmjw-š^cj 44
|

R and trample the bedouin. 44
|

B jry r ḥsf stjw 18
šsp.n=j | ksw=j m bʔt

B made to restrain the bedouin. I crouched down in a bush,

R wršy 45
| tp jnb jmj hrw=f

R the guard 45
| on the wall who was on duty.

B m snd mʔ 19
wršyw tp ḥwt jmj {t} hrw=s

B for fear of being seen by the guards in the settlement who were on duty.

B jr=j šmt 20 | tr n ḥʔw ḥd.n tʔ pḥ.n=j Ptn

B I travelled 20
| during the night and the next morning I reached Peten.

B | ḥn.kw r jw n Km-wr 21 ḥr n jbt 22 | ʔs.n=f wj

B | I halted on an island of Kemur. An attack of thirst 21 | overtook me; 22

B ntb.kw ḥḥ=j ḥm.w 23
| dd.n=j dpt mwt nn

B I was parched and my throat was dry. 23 | I thought: "This is the taste of death."

AOS | ndʔ.kw ḥḥw {t}=j¹ ḥm.w r18

AOS | I was thirsty and my throat was dry. r18

¹ Read  as  .

R tʔt=j jb=j ḥ^c=j 49
sdm.n=j | nmj n mnmnt

R I lifted my heart and my body 49
when I heard | the bellowing of cattle

B tʔt=j jb=j sʔ²⁴q=j ḥ^cw=j 25
sdm.n=j ḥrw nmj n mnlmnt

B I lifted my heart and collected myself when I heard the sound of bellowing of cattle

B gmḥ.n=j stjw sjḳ.n wj | mṯn jm pḳ wnn ḥr Kmt
B and caught sight of bedouin. Their leader, who had been in Egypt, recognized me.

AOS | [g]mḥ.n(=j) wj stjw

AOS | and caught sight of bedouin.

B ḥᶜ.n | rdj.n=f n=j mw ps n=j jrṯṯ šm.n=j | ḥnᶜ=f n whwt=f

B He gave me water and boiled milk for me. I went | with him to his tribe

B nfr jrṯṯ.n=sn rdj.n wj ḥḳst n | ḥḳst fh.n=j r Kpnj

B and what they did was good. Land gave me to | land. I departed from Byblos

AOS nfr jrṯṯ n=j

AOS and what was done for me was good.

B ḥs.n=j r Qdm jr.n=j | rnpt gs jm

B and returned to Qedem. I had spent | a year and a half there

AOS ḥsj.n=j r Qdšw

AOS and returned to Kadesh.

B jn wj ᶜmw-nnšj ḥqḳ pw | n Rṯnw ḥrt ḏd=f n=j

B when Amunenshi fetched me, who was ruler | of Upper Retjenu. He said to me:

B nfr ṯw ḥnᶜ=j sdm=k rḳ | n Kmt

B "You will be happy with me, for you'll hear the language | of Egypt."

AOS nfr ṯw ᶜ3 wn=k ḥnᶜ=j

AOS "You will be happy here with me,

B ḏd.n=f nn rh.n=f qd=j sdm.n=f | šsḳ=j

B He said this because he knew my character and had heard | of my experience,

B mtr.n wj rmt | Kmt ntjw jm ḥnᶜ=f

B for the Egyptians who were there with him had borne witness to me.

R pḥ.n=k] nn ḥr sj jšst

R "Why [have you come] here?

B ḥ^c.n ḏd.n=f n=j pḥ.n=k nn | ḥr-m jšst pw

B Then he said to me: "Why is it that you have come here?"

R ⁵⁹ | ḥ^c.n ḏd.n=j n=f

R ⁵⁹ | Then I said to him:

B jn-jw wn ḥprt m ³⁶ | ḥnw

B Has anything happened in | the residence?"

AOS ḥ^c.n ḏd.n=f n=j

AOS Then he said to me:

B nsw-bjtj Sḥtp-jb-R^c wḏ³.w r ʒḥt

B "The king of Upper and Lower Egypt Sehotepibre has gone to the horizon.

AOS ^{r23} | Sḥtp-jb-R^c pw wḏ³w r ʒḥt

AOS ^{r23} | "It is Sehotepibre who has gone to the horizon."

B ³⁷ | n rh.n.tw ḥprt ḥr=s ḏd.n=j swt m jwms

B ³⁷ | The circumstances of it are unknown." But I fabricated:

AOS n rh.n.tw ḥprt nn ḥr st ḏdw n=j swt m jwms

AOS It is unknown why this happened, but I was deceived.

B ³⁸ | [j]j.n=j m mš^c {t} t-tmḥw

B ³⁸ | "When I had returned from an expedition (to) the land of the Libyans,

B wḥm.tw n=j jb=j ³⁹ | ʒhd.w ḥ³tj=j n ntf m ḥt=j

B it was reported to me. My mind | became weak and my heart was not in my body.

AOS wḥm.n.tw n=j jb(=j) ḥ³m.w

AOS it was reported to me. My heart became tormented.

R ⁶⁴
| n psg.tw=j

R ⁶⁴
| although I was not spat on,

B ⁴⁰ jn.n|=f wj hr w3wt w^crt n wβ.tw=j

B It brought me to the ways of flight, although I was not talked about,

AOS n w{s}β{t}.tw

AOS although there was no reproach,

R n wβ.tw r hr=j

R I was not talked about in my presence,

B ⁴¹ n psg|.t[w r hr]=j n sdm ts-ḥwrw

B my face was not spat on, a reproach was not heard,

B n sdm.tw rn=j m r3 ⁴²
| wḥmw

B and my name was not heard from the mouth | of a herald.

B n rh=j jn wj r ḥst tn ⁴³
| jw mj shr ntr

B I do not know what brought me to this land; | it is like a plan of god."

AOS jw=j mj sšmw rswt

AOS I was like in a dreaming state,

R mj m33 sw jdḥy ⁶⁶
| m 3b[w] s n ḥt m T3-stj

R as if a marsh-dweller saw himself | in Elephantine, a man from the Delta in Taseti."

R ⁶⁷
| ḥ^c.n dd.n=f ḥft=j

R ⁶⁷
| Then he said to me:

B wnn jrf t3 pf mj-m m-ḥ|mt=f ntr pf mnḥ ⁴⁴

B "How will that land be without him, that excellent god,

R [...] wrt¹ rnpt j3dw
R [...] the Great One in a year of pestilence?"
B wnnw snd=f ht | ⁴⁵ h3swt mj Shmt rnpt j3dw

B fear of whom was throughout | ⁴⁵ the lands, like of Sekhmet in a year of pestilence?"

¹ Cf. wrt in B 64.

B dd.kw r=j n=f | ⁴⁶ wšb=j n=f nḥm.n s3=f c̣q(.w) r c̣ḥ

B I said to him, | ⁴⁶ answering him: "His son has already entered the palace

AOS sdd.n=f n=j wšb.n=j n=f

AOS After he had spoken to me, I answered him:

B jt|.n=f jw^{c̣}t nt jt=f nṯr pw grt nn snnw=f

B and has assumed the inheritance of his father. Now, he is a god without equal,

B | ⁴⁸ nn ky ḥpr ḥr-ḥ3t=f nb s3t pw

B | ⁴⁸ there is no other before him. He is possessor of wisdom,

B jqr | ⁴⁹ shrw mnḥ wḏwt-mdw prt h3t ḥft | ⁵⁰ wḏ=f

B excellent | ⁴⁹ of plans, effective of orders, coming and going are by | ⁵⁰ his command.

B ntf d3r h3swt jw jt=f m-ḥnw c̣ḥ=f

B It was he who subjugated the foreign lands, while his father was within his palace,

R smj=f n=f š3t=f ḥpr

R and he reported to him what he ordered to be done.

B | ⁵¹ smj=f š3t.n=f ḥpr

B | ⁵¹ and he reported what he had ordered to be done.

AOS smj.tw š3{c̣}.n=f ḥpr

AOS and what he had ordered to be done was reported.

B nḥt pw grt | ⁵² jr m ḥpš=f pr-c̣ nn twt n=f

B Now, he is a hero | ⁵² who acts with his own arm, a champion without equal

R wd ḥr pw ḥ³=f ⁸⁵ | j³btjw

R He is eager when he attacks | the easterners.

B ⁶⁰ | wd ḥr pw m³=f j³bt¹

B ⁶⁰ | He is eager when he sees the east.

AOS ṣḥm jb pw ^{r31} | ḥ³=f j³btjw

AOS He is stout-hearted | ^{r31} when he attacks the easterners.

¹ Uncertain.

B rš=f pw ḥ⁶¹ | ḥ³t=f r³-pḏtjw

B His joy is his attacking barbarians,

B ḫ³=f jkm=f tjtj=f

B as he clasps his shield he strikes down.

AOS ḫy.n=f jkm=f rf r tjtj=f

AOS when he has clasped his shield so that he may strike down.

B ⁶² n | wḥm.n=f^c r ḥdb=f nn wn rwj ḥ³w=f

B He doesn't repeat the slaying, as there is no one who escapes his arrow,

AOS nn wḥm.tw^c rf ḥdby

AOS The slaying is not repeated,

R bh³ pḏtjw ḥr-ḥ³t=f

R The barbarians flee before him,

B ⁶³ nn | jth pḏt=f bh³ pḏtjw ḥwj=fj

B and no one who draws his bow. The barbarians flee from his arms,

B ⁶⁴ mj | b³w n wrt ḥ³=f ḥmt.n=f pḥwj

B ⁶⁴ as | from the might of the Great One. He fights having foreseen the outcome,

B ⁶⁵ n | s³w.n=f n spyt nb jm³t pw ḥ³ bnjt

B heedless of all else. He is beloved, great of charm,

AOS nn sw³.n=f sp

AOS he will not evade the matter.

⁶⁶
B | j̄t.n=f (m) mrwt mr sw njwt=f r ḥ^cw

B | he has conquered through love, his city loves him more than itself,

⁶⁷
B ḥ^c | st jm=f r n̄tr=sn

B it rejoices over him more than over its god.

⁶⁸
B sw³ ḅyw ḥmwt ḥr rnn|wt jm=f

B Men and women pass by, cheering him.

AOS wnn ḅ[yw mj ḥmwt] ḥr rnnw {=f} jm=f

AOS Men [as well as women] are cheering him.

R ḥr=f r=s ḏr ms.tw=f

R his mind was set to it since he was born.

⁶⁹
B jw=f m nsw j̄t.n=f m swḥt | jw ḥr=f ḏr ms.tw=f

⁶⁹
B He is a king who conquered in the egg, | he was dedicated since he was born.

⁷⁰
B s^cš³ pw msy.tw ḥn^c=f | w^c pw n ḏḏ n̄tr

⁷⁰
B He is one who makes those born with him plentiful. | He is the unique gift of god.

⁷¹
B rš.wj ḏ pn ḥq³.n=f | swsh ḏšw pw

⁷¹
B How joyful is this land that he rules! | He is one who extends borders,

AOS rš.wj ḏ ḥq³.n=f jm=f

AOS How joyful is the land that he rules!

⁷²
B jw=f r j̄tt ḏw | rsw nn k³=f ḥ³swt mḥtt

B he will conquer southern lands, not considering the northern lands,

AOS [jw=f r] j̄t[t] m ḏw rsj nn k³.n=f r ḥ³swt mḥtt

AOS [he will] conquer southern lands, not considering the northern lands,

⁷³
B jr.n.tw=f r ḥwt stjw | r ptpt nmjw-š^cj

⁷³
B as he was made to smite the Asiatics | and trample the bedouin.

R h3b n=f

R Send a message to him

B h3 n=f jm rh⁷⁴l=f rn=k

B Go down to him and let him know your name,

B m šnj w3 r hm=f

B as someone far from His Majesty who inquires.

AOS [...] jry=f n=k jrrt jt=f¹

AOS [...] he will do for you what his father had done.

¹ Assuming one of two possible corrections suggested by Koch (1990).

B nn tm=f jr bw⁷⁵l-nfr n h3st wnn.tj=sj hr mw=f

B He will not fail to do good to a foreign land that will be loyal to him."

B dd.jn=f hft=j hr⁷⁶ | hm Kmt nfr.tj (n-)ntt sj rh.tj rwd=f

B Then he said to me: "But then Egypt is happy, since it knows his ability.

B | mk tw⁷⁷ 3 wnn=k hn^c=j nfr jrrt=j n=k

B | You are here, and you will stay with me. What I shall do for you is good."

AOS | nfr tw^{r36} 3 wn=k hn^c=j nfr jr.tw n=k

AOS | You will be happy here with me. What will be done for you is good."

B | rdj.n=f wj m-h3t hrdw=f mnj.n=f w⁷⁹lj m s3t=f wrt

B | He placed me at the head of his children, and he married me to his eldest daughter.

AOS rdj.n=f wj r-h3t whyt=f

AOS He placed me at the head of his tribe,

B rdj.n=f stp=j n=j m h3st=f | m stpw n wnt hn^c=f⁸⁰

B He let me choose for myself of his land, | from the pick of what was his,

AOS m stpw n{t} wn m-^c=f⁸⁰

AOS from the pick of what was his,

B ḥr tš=f n ⁸¹ | kt ḥst tʔ pw nfr Jš rn=f

B on his border with ⁸¹ | another land. It was a good land, called Araru.

B jw dʔbw ⁸² | jm=f ḥn^c jʔrrwt

B Figs ⁸² | were in it, and grapes.

AOS nn wn mjtt=f m tʔ

AOS It was without equal on earth.

B wr n=f jrp r mw ⁸³ | bjt=f ʕš bʔq=f

B It had more wine than water. Its honey was plentiful and its moringa oil was abundant.

B dqr nb ḥr ḥtw=f ⁸⁴ | jw jt jm ḥn^c bdt

B Every kind of fruit was on its trees. ⁸⁴ | Barley was there, and emmer.

B nn ḍrw mnmnt ⁸⁵ | nbt

B There was no limit to all kinds of cattle.

AOS [nn ḍr^{r38}w]w n mnmnt=f nbt

AOS [There was no limit] to all kinds of its cattle.

B ʕ grt dmjt r=j m jj n m^rrt=j¹ ⁸⁶ rdjt=f wj m ḥqʔ whyt

B Much came to me because of the love of me. He made me the ruler of a tribe

¹ Contra note 4 of Barns (1972), for which no support can be found in Hannig (1995).

B m stp ⁸⁷ | n ḥst=f jr n=j ʕqw m mjnt

B of the finest ⁸⁷ | of his land. Provisions were made for me consisting of daily fare,

AOS m stpw n whyt=f jw jr n(=j) ʕqw myt

AOS of the finest of his tribe. For me were prepared bread, myt-drink,

B jrp ⁸⁸ | m ḥrt-hrw jwf ps ʔpd ⁸⁹ | m ššr ḥrw-r ʕwt ḥst

B a daily supply of wine, cooked meat, roast fowl, as well as desert game.

B jw gr⁹⁰g.tw n=j jw w³ḥ.tw n=j
B One would snare for me and lay it out for me,
AOS jw ḥ³m.tw n=j
AOS and fish for me,

B ḥr{r}w-r jnw n ṯsm⁹¹l^{w=j} jw jr.tw n=j
B in addition to the catch of my hounds.
AOS jw jr n=j bnrw ^{čš} jrṯt m pst [nbt]
AOS Many sweet things were prepared for me, and milk was

B jr.n=j rnpwt ^{čš}wt ḥrdw⁹³l=j ḥpr(.w) m nḥtw
B I spent many years, while my children became strong,
AOS jr[.n=j] rnpwt ^{čš}w jm {=j} | nḥtw-^c
AOS in [every] dish. [I] spent many years there, | strong,

B s nb m d³r | wḥyt⁹⁴=f
B each man controlling | his tribe.

B wpwtj ḥdd ḥnt r ḥnw | ⁹⁵ḥb=f ḥr=j
B A messenger who came north or went south to the residence | tarried for me;
AOS wpwtj m ḥd m ḥntyt m ḥnw | ⁹⁵ḥbw=f ḥr=j
AOS A messenger who came north or went south to the residence | tarried for me.

B jw s³b=j rmṯt nbt | ⁹⁶jw=j d³j=j mw n jb
B I let everyone tarry. | I gave water to the thirsty,
AOS jw jm³.tw n=j m jḥt nb
AOS One was well-disposed towards me in all respects.

B rdj.n=j tnm | ḥr w³t
B I showed the way to the stray,

B nḥm.n=j ᶜw³

B and I rescued the robbed.

AOS [n]ḥm|^{r41}[.n=j] w³ww m-ᶜ ḥ³stjw

AOS and [I] rescued those who were far away¹ from the foreigners.

¹ Uncertain.

B stjw ⁹⁸ | w³ r štm r {s}ḥsf-ᶜ ḥq³w ḥ³swt

B The bedouin ⁹⁸ | who were preparing to fight and to oppose the rulers of the lands,

B ⁹⁹ | ḏjs.n=j šmt=sn jw ḥq³ pn n | ¹⁰⁰ Rtnw

B ⁹⁹ | I countered their movements. This ruler of ¹⁰⁰ | Retjenu

B ḏj=f jry=j rnpwt ᶜš³w m ṭsw ¹⁰¹ | n mšᶜ=f

B let me spend many years as commander ¹⁰¹ | of his army.

AOS ḏj=f jry=j jpwt=f ᶜš³wt jw=j m ṭsw n mšᶜ=f

AOS let me carry out his many expeditions as commander of his army.

B ḥ³st nbt rwt.n=j r=s jw jr.n=j hdl=j jm=s ¹⁰²

B Every land against which I advanced I defeated,

AOS ḥ³st nb jyj.n=j jm=sn jr[.n=j] hdl=j¹ jm=sn

AOS Every land from which I returned I had defeated,

¹ Read  as .

B dr.tj¹ ḥr smw ḥnmwt=s ¹⁰³ | ḥ³q.n=j mnmnt=s

B it being driven from its pastures and wells. ¹⁰³ | I seized its cattle,

¹ Written ddt.

B jn.n=j ḥrw=s ¹⁰⁴ | nḥm wnmt=sn sm³.n=j rmt jm=s

B I carried off its inhabitants, ¹⁰⁴ | and took away their food. I slew its people

AOS nḥm.n=j wnmt=sn nbt



AOS and took away all their food.

B ¹⁰⁵ | m ḥpš=j m pđt=j m nmтт=j m ¹⁰⁶ | shrw=j jqrw

B ¹⁰⁵ | with my arm, with my bow, with my movements, and with ¹⁰⁶ | my excellent plans.

AOS m pđt(=j)¹ m ḥpš=j

AOS with (my) bow, with my arm,

¹ Following Barns (1952),  is graphic error for .

B ḥ n(=j) m jb=f ¹⁰⁷ | mr.n=f wj rh.n=f qnn=j

B In his heart I was beneficial, ¹⁰⁷ | and he loved me for he knew that I was valiant.

B rdjt=f wj ¹⁰⁸ | m-ḥʔt ḥrdw=f mʔ.n=f rwd | ¹⁰⁹ cwj=j

B He placed me ¹⁰⁸ | at the head of his children, for he had seen my arms were proficient.

AOS rdj.n=f n=j r-ḥʔt whyt=f

AOS He placed me at the head of his tribe,

B jwт nḥт n Rtnw ¹¹⁰ mḃ=f wlj m jmʔ=j

B There came a strong man of Retjenu to challenge me in my tent;

AOS jyj nḥт r Rtnw r mḃ m jmʔw=j

AOS There came a strong man to Retjenu to issue a challenge in my tent;

B pry pw nn snnw=f ¹¹¹ drl.n=f sj r-dr=s

B he was a hero without equal and he had entirely annihilated it.

B ḏd.n=f cḥʔ=f ḥn^c=j ḥmt.n=f ¹¹² | ḥwtf=f wj

B He said he would fight with me. He intended ¹¹² | to rob me,

AOS ḏd.n=j n=f cḥʔ=f ḥn^c=j

AOS I said to him that he should fight with me.

B kʔ.n=f ḥʔq mnmnt=j ¹¹³ | ḥr sh n whyt=f ḥqʔ pf ndnd=f ¹¹⁴ | ḥn^c=j

B planning to seize my cattle ¹¹³ | on the advice of his tribe. That ruler conferred ¹¹⁴ | with me.

AOS kʔ.n=f ḥʔq=f mnmnt=f¹

AOS planning to seize my cattle

¹ Read =j.

B dd.kw n rh=j sw n jnk tr sm=f

B I said: "I do not know him, I am not his companion

AOS jn-jw jnk p³ wn sm³

AOS Am I his companion

B ¹¹⁵ | wstn=j m c³fj=f ¹¹⁶ jn nt-pw wn.nl=j s³-pr=f

B ¹¹⁵ | that I could walk freely in his camp. Is it the case that I have opened his hurdle

AOS jyj {jw} m jm=f pw jn-jw jnk p³ wnw hr s³-pr=f

AOS that I could come into this tent of his? Have I opened his hurdle?

B sb.n=j jnbwt=f ¹¹⁷ rqt-jb | pw

B or climbed over his walls? It is resentment

AOS bw khb [...] ^{r46} | [...]

AOS [...] aggression [...] ^{r46} | [...]

R ¹⁴² | hr m³=f wj hr jrt jp[wt]=k

R ¹⁴² | because he sees me carrying out your affairs.

B hr m³=f wj hr jrt jpwt=f

B because he sees me carrying out his affairs.

AOS hr m³.n=f (wj) hr jrt jpwt=k

AOS because he sees (me) carrying out your affairs.

R ky jdr

R another herd,

B ¹¹⁸ n³hm.n wj mj jh n hww m hrj-jb ¹¹⁹ | ky jdwt

B I have become like a bull of cattle in the midst of ¹¹⁹ | other cows,

B hd sw k³ n c³wt ¹²⁰ | ng³w hr m r=f

B whom the bull of the herd attacks, ¹²⁰ | whom the longhorn is charging.

B jn-jw wn tw³ ¹²¹ | mrrw n š³ n tp hr

B Is an insignificant man ¹²¹ | loved as a superior?

B nn pđtj sm³ ¹²² | m jdḥw

B There is no barbarian who associates | with a marsh-dweller.

B ptr smn đyt r đw ¹²³ | jn-jw k³ mr=f ḥ³

B What can papyrus achieve on a mountain? | Does a bull want to fight

B pry mr¹²⁴=f whm s³ m ḥrt nt mh³=f sw

B or does the fighting bull want to sound the retreat for fear of being equalled?

B | jr wnn jb=f r ḥ³ jm đd=f ḥrt-jb=f

B ¹²⁵ | If it is his wish to fight, let him express his desire.

B ¹²⁶ | jn-jw ntr hm(.w) š³t.n=f ¹²⁷ rh(.w) nt-pw mj-lm

B ¹²⁶ | Is a god ignorant of what he has ordained, or does he know what the situation is?"

B sđr.n q³s.n=j pđt=j wd.n=j ¹²⁸ | ḥ³w³w=j đj.n=j sš n b³gsw=j

B At night, I strung my bow, shot ¹²⁸ | my arrows, sharpened my dagger,

B shkr¹²⁹.n=j ḥ^cw=j ḥđ.n t³ Rtnw jj.tj

B and polished my weapons. When the day dawned, Retjenu had come.

B ¹³⁰ | đdb.n=s whwy^t=s ¹³¹ shw.n=s ḥ³swt | nt gs=sj

B ¹³⁰ | It had assembled its tribes and had gathered its neighbouring lands,

B k³.n=s ḥ³ pn

B planning this battle.

AOS jyj nḥt n Rtnw

AOS There came a strong man of Retjenu.

R ¹⁵⁶ | jwt pw jr.n=f n=j ḥ^c.kw đj.n=j wj m ḥ³w=f

R ¹⁵⁶ | Then he came at me, while I waited having positioned myself near him.

B ḥṯtj nb mṣḥ(.w) n=j ḥmwṯ ḅyw ḥr^{ccj}, jb | nb mr(.w) n=j¹³³
 B Every heart burned for me, wives were jabbering, and every heart was sorry for me,
 AOS jbw nb mr. {k}w
 AOS and all hearts were sorry,

B ḏḏ=sn jn-jw wn ky | nḥt ḥṣ r=f¹³⁴ ḥḥ^c.n jkm=f mjnb=f
 B thinking: "Is there another | hero who could fight him?" Then his shield, his axe,
 AOS ḥr
 AOS thinking:

B | ḥpt=f nt nswwt ḥr(.w)¹³⁵ m-ḥt sprl.n=j ḥ^cw=f¹³⁶
 B | and an armful of his spears came down. After I had made his weapons miss,
 AOS ḥr.w n=j m-ḥt rf pr.n=j m ḥ^cw=f
 AOS on me. After I had evaded his weapons,

R | ḥḥ^c.n jr.n=f [...] ¹⁶³
 R | Then he made [...] ¹⁶³

B rdj.n=j swṣ ḥr=j ḥṣw=f sp | n jwtt w^c ḥr ḥn m w^c¹³⁷
 B I let his arrows pass by me to no effect, one close to the other.
 AOS rdj.n=j swṣ ḥr=f ḥṣw
 AOS I let arrows pass by him

R ḥmt.n=f ḥwt=f wj | ¹⁶⁴
 R He intended to smite me. | ¹⁶⁴
 B ḥ^cm.n=f | wj st.n=j sw ¹³⁸
 B When he approached | me, I shot him, ¹³⁸

B ḥṣw=j mn(.w) m nḥ|bt=f ¹³⁹ sbḥ.n=f ḥr.n=f ḥr fnd=f
 B and my arrow was stuck in his neck. He cried out and fell on his face.

B ¹⁴⁰ sh_lr.n=j {n} sw (m) m_jnb=f wd.n=j jšnn=j ¹⁴¹ | ḥr j₃t=f

B I slew him with his axe and uttered my war-cry | on his back,

AOS sh_rw.n=j sw m m_jnbw=j d_j.n=j psd=j ḥr šnbt=f

AOS I slew him with my axe and put my backside on his chest,

B ʕm nb ḥr nmj ¹⁴² rd_j.n=j ḥknw | n Mn_tw

B while every Asiatic was shouting. I gave praise ¹⁴² | to Month,

B mrw=f ḥb(.w) n=f ¹⁴³ ḥq₃ pn ʕmw-|nnšj

B whose supporters celebrated a triumph through him.¹ This ruler Amunenshi

¹ Following note 3 of Davies (1975).

B rd_j.n=f wj r ḥpt=f

B took me in his arms.

AOS rd_j.n=f wj m qnj=f wn.jn=f ḥr snnj=j ḥr ḥptj=j

AOS took me in his arms, and was kissing¹ me in my clasp.

¹ Uncertain.

B ʕ^c.n jn.n=j j_ht_l=f ¹⁴⁴ ḥ₃q.n=j mnmnt=f ¹⁴⁵ k₃t.n=f jr_lt st r=j

B Then I carried off his property and seized his cattle. What he had planned to do to me

B jr.n=j st r=f j_t.n=j ntt m jm₃=f ¹⁴⁶ | kf.n=j ʕ^cby=f

B I did to him. I took what was in his tent ¹⁴⁶ | and despoiled his encampment.

B ʕ.n=j jm wsh.n m ¹⁴⁷ | ʕ^c=j

B With this I became great, grew wealthy in ¹⁴⁷ | goods,

AOS wsh.tw¹ pr=j m-ḥr=j

AOS my house was made wealthy before me,

¹ Corrupt.

B ʕš₃.n m mnmnt=j ¹⁴⁸ ḥr jrt | n_tr r ḥtp

B and grew rich in cattle; thus the god acted to be merciful

AOS ḥr {n} ḥm n_tr r ḥtpw

AOS thus the god again became merciful

B n ts.n=f jm=f

B to one with whom he had been angry,

AOS n{n} | [^{r57}šš{c}.n=f sksk]t

AOS to | [^{r57}one to whom destruction had been ordained.]

B th.n=f r | ¹⁴⁹kt h₃st jw mjn jb=f j^c(.w)

B one whom he had led astray to | ¹⁴⁹another land. Today his heart is glad.

B w^cr w^cr | ¹⁵⁰n h₃w=f jw mtr=j m h₃nw

B A fugitive flees | ¹⁵⁰because of his environment, while my fame is in the residence.

AOS w^cr.n=j w^cr [...]

AOS I fled [...]

B | ¹⁵¹sš₃ sš₃y n h₃qr | ¹⁵²jw=j d₃j=j t n gs₃ly=j

B | ¹⁵¹A creeping man creeps because of hunger, while I give bread to my neighbour.

AOS šm₃ [...]

AOS A vagrant [...]

B rww s t₃=f n h₃wt | ¹⁵³jnk h₃dt p₃qt

B A man leaves his land because of nakedness, | ¹⁵³while I have white and fine linen.

AOS rwj s m t₃=f n h₃t

AOS A man leaves his land because of nakedness,

B | ¹⁵⁴bt₃ s n g₃w h₃b=f | ¹⁵⁵gnk | ¹⁵⁵čš₃ mrt

B | ¹⁵⁴A man runs because of the lack of someone to send, while I have | ¹⁵⁵many servants.

AOS bt₃ s

AOS A man runs

B nfr pr=j wsh st=j | ¹⁵⁶sh₃wy=j m č₃h

B My house is fine, my grounds are extensive, | ¹⁵⁶and memory of me is in the palace.

AOS sh₃y=j m č₃ht=f

AOS and memory of me is in his palace.

B nṯrw nb šš w^crt | tn ḥtp=k ḏj=k wj r ḥnw
B All the gods who ordained this flight, may you be merciful and bring me home.

B smwn|^k r rdjt m³=j bw wršw jb=j jm
B Perhaps you will let me to see the place where my heart dwells.

AOS | [...] ṯsw.n=^k n=^j nn rh(=^j) sw sfnd.kw m-m³c^t {ḥrw}²
AOS | [...] that you reproached me for, without me knowing it. I am truly despised¹.

¹ Uncertain.

² Emendation uncertain.

B | ptr wrt r j^cbt ḥ³t=^j m ṯ msl.kw jm=f
B | What matters more than my corpse being buried in the land where I was born?

AOS | [r j^cbw] n ḥ³wt=^k m ṯ msw=^k jm=f

AOS | [than] your corpse [being buried] in the land where you were born?

B mj m-s³ pw ḥpr sp nfr ḏj n=^j | nṯ ḥtp
B This is a call for help, that a good event may occur, that the god may give me grace.

AOS mjn ḥpr=^s pw ntj nṯ ḥr mw=^j

AOS happens that the god is my ally.

B jrr=^f mj-jḥt r smnh pḥwj n sfn.n=^f
B May he act as to make well the end of one whom he had grieved,

AOS jrr=^f st {mj-jḥt}¹ r mnḥt [...]

AOS May he do this excellently [...]

¹ Passage corrupt.

B | jb=^f mr(.w) n dqr.n=^f r ^cnh ḥr ḥ³st

B | as his heart feels pity for one whom he had compelled to live in a foreign land.

AOS | [...] n rqyw=^f r ^cnh m-ḥt ḥ³st

AOS | [...] his enemies to live throughout the land.

B jn mjn ¹⁶³ | rf ntt=f ḥtp(.w) sdm=f nh n w3

B Is it today | that he is so gracious as to hear the prayer from afar,

AOS jr wn ntf pw m m3ct sdm.n=f nht nt w3w

AOS If it is really him, may he hear the prayer from afar,

R wdb=f^c ¹⁸⁹ | m ḥw.n=j t3 jm=f

R and exchange the region | where I had roamed the earth

B wdb|=f^c r ḥw.n=f t3 jm=f ¹⁶⁴

B and as to exchange the region where he had roamed the earth

R r bw jn.n=f sw jm

R for the place from which he had brought him away?

B r bw jn.n=f sw jm

B for the place from which he had brought him away?

B ¹⁶⁵ | ḥtp n=j nsw n Kmt ḥnh=j m ḥtpt=f

B | May the king of Egypt be merciful to me, that I may live by his mercy!

B ¹⁶⁶ | nd=j hrt ḥnwt t3 ntt m ḥh=f

B | May I greet the mistress of the land who is in his palace!

B ¹⁶⁷ sdm|=j jpwwt nt ḥrdw=s ¹⁶⁸ jh rnpy | ḥcw=j

B May I hear the messages of her children! Then my body will become young again,

B (n-)ntt (r)f j3w h3.w wgg ¹⁶⁹ | 3s.n=f wj jrtj=j dns(.w)

B for old age has come, weakness | has overtaken me, my eyes are heavy,

AOS ḥr-ntt ^{r65} | rf {jw} j3wt h3.w

AOS for ^{r65} | old age has come,

B ¹⁷⁰ $\text{ᶜwj=j nw(.w) | rdwj=j fh.n=sn šms}$ jb wrd(.w)
 B my arms are weak, ¹⁷⁰ | my legs have ceased to follow, the heart is weary,
 AOS $\text{rdwj=j fh(.w) r šmt}$ šmsw jb=j m-hnw^1
 AOS my legs have ceased to walk, and following my desire is [???)
¹ Reading uncertain.

B tkn.kw^1 | ¹⁷¹ n wd^3
 B and I am near | ¹⁷¹ to passing away.
 AOS ^{r67} | $\text{[t]k[n].kw n wd}^3\text{w}$ $\text{nḥt pw nt phrw h}^3\text{swt r jrt [...]}$
 AOS ^{r67} | and I am near to passing away. a prayer for traversing the lands to do [...]
¹ Omission of k is scribal error.

B $\text{sb=sn \{n\} wj r njwwt n nḥḥ}$ šms=j ¹⁷² | nbt-r-dr
 B May they lead me to the cities of eternity! May I follow | ¹⁷² the Mistress of All!

B $\text{jḥ dd=s n=j nfr n msw=s}$ ¹⁷³ | sb=s nḥḥ ḥr=j
 B Then she will tell me that her children are well. May she pass eternity above me!

B $\text{jst rf dd n ḥm nsw-bjtj Hpr-k}^3\text{-R}^c$ $\text{m}^3\text{ᶜ-hrw}$
 B Now, the majesty of the king of Upper and Lower Egypt Kheperkare, justified, was
 AOS ^{v1} | $\text{ᶜḥ}^c\text{.n wḥm mdwt tn}$ n ḥm n nsw-bjtj
 AOS ^{v1} | Then, this matter was recounted to the majesty of the king of Upper and Lower

B told

AOS $\text{Hpr-k}^3\text{-R}^c$ $\text{m}^3\text{ᶜ-hrw}$ ^{v2} | $\text{s}^3\text{-R}^c$ $\text{S-n-W srt m}^3\text{ᶜ-hrw}$
 AOS Egypt: Kheperkare, justified, ^{v2} | son of Re: Sesostris, justified,

B ḥr sšm ¹⁷⁴ | pn ntj wj ḥr=f $\text{wn.jn ḥm=f h}^3\text{b=f}$ ¹⁷⁵ | n=j
 B about this state in which I was, and His Majesty sent a message | ¹⁷⁵ to me
 AOS $\text{mj sšmw pn ntj tw=j}$ ^{v3} | jm=f
 AOS according to this state that I was in,

B ḥr ʒwt-^c nt ḥr nsw sʒw=f jb n bʒk-jm
B with royal gifts, to gladden the heart of this humble servant,
AOS ḥr=f sʒw {t}=f jb n bʒk-jm
AOS and gladdened the heart of this humble servant,

B mj | ḥqʒ n ḥʒst nbt msw nsw ntj m ḥ=f
B like that of a ruler of any land. The king's children who were in his palace
AOS msw nsw ntjw m-ḥt=f
AOS The king's children who were following him

B ḥr rdjt | ¹⁷⁷sdm=j jpwt=sn
B had | ¹⁷⁷me hear their messages.

B | ¹⁷⁸mjt n wḏ jny n bʒk-jm
B | ¹⁷⁸Copy of the decree brought to this humble servant

B ḥr jnt=f r Kmt | ¹⁷⁹Ḥr ḥnh-mswt
B concerning his being brought back to Egypt: | ¹⁷⁹"Horus: Living of birth;

B nbtj ḥnh-mswt
B Two Ladies: Living of birth;
AOS Ḥr-nbw | ^{v7}ḥnh-mswt
AOS Gold Horus: | ^{v7}Living of birth;

B nsw-bjtj Ḥpr-kʒ-R^c sʒ-R^c
B The king of Upper and Lower Egypt: Kheperkare; Son of Re:

B | ¹⁸⁰Jmn-m-ḥʒt ḥnh(.w) ḏt r nḥḥ wḏ-nsw n šmsw Sʒ-nht
B | ¹⁸⁰Amenemhet, may he live forever until eternity. Royal decree to follower Sinuhe.
AOS S-n-Wsrt mʒ^c-ḥrw
AOS Sesostris, justified.

B ¹⁸¹ | mk jn.tw n=k wḏ pn n nsw

B ¹⁸¹ | This decree of the king is brought to you,

AOS r ntj jn.tw n=k wḏ pn n nsw

AOS that this decree of the king is brought to you,

B r rdjt rh=k ntt phr.n=k ḥ3swt ¹⁸² | pr.tj m Qdm r Rṯnw

B to let you know that your roving through lands, ¹⁸² | having gone from Qedem to Retjenu,

AOS r rdjt rh=k r ntj phr.n=k ḥ3swt pr.tj m Qdj r ^{v9} | Rṯnw

AOS to let you know that your roving through lands, having gone from Qedi to ^{v9} | Retjenu,

B ḏḏ tw ḥ3st n ḥ3st ḥr sh ¹⁸³ | n jb=k n=k

B land giving you to land, was at the counsel ¹⁸³ | of your heart to you.

AOS ḥr shrw n jb=k ḏs=k

AOS was under the guidance of your own heart.

B ptr jrt.n=k jr.tw r=k

B What have you done that one should act against you?

B n w3=k ḥsf.tw mdw=k

B You have not cursed that one should reprove your speech,

AOS nn w3=k nn ḥsf.tw ḏḏ=k

AOS You have not cursed and nothing you said was reprovved,

AOS ^{v10} | nn sḏm.n.tw rn=k ḥr mdwt snd=k jn ḥsf

AOS ^{v10} | one will not hear your name because of speech that you fear will bring reproof,

B ¹⁸⁴ | n mdw=k m sh n srw

B ¹⁸⁴ | and you have not spoken in the council of officials

AOS nn ḥmt.n=k m-b3ḥ srw

AOS and you have not been negligent in the presence of officials

B jtn.tw ṭsw=k 185
 | shr pn jn.n=f jb=k

B that one should oppose your utterances. 185
 | This idea carried away your heart,

AOS jtnw ṭw m ṭsw=k

AOS who opposed you concerning your utterances.

B n ntf m jb r=k pt=k tn ntt m ḥ

B but it was not in the heart against you. This heaven of yours, who is in the palace,

AOS nn st m jb=j r=k pt=k ntj m ḥ=j



AOS but it was not in my heart against you. Your heaven, who is in my palace,

B 186
 | mn sj rwd sj m mjn skʔp.tw¹ tp=s m nsyt nt tʔ

B 186
 | endures and prospers to this day, her head is covered with the kingship of the land,

AOS jw st mn sj rwd m tpj=s^c m nsyt nt tʔ²

AOS endures and prospers as before in the kingship of the land,

¹ Read  as  .

² Emended as suggested by Koch (1990).

B 187
 msw|=s m ḥnwtj

B and her children are in the cabinet.

B wʔḥ=k špss n dd=s n n=k

B You will accumulate precious things that they will give to you,

B ḥnḥ=k m ʔwt=s n 188
 | jr n=k jwt r Kmt

B and live on their gifts. 188
 | Return to Egypt,

AOS ḥtpw=k m ʔwt=s n

AOS and be pleased with their gifts.

B mʔ=k ḥnw ḥpr.n=k jm=f

B and you will see the residence where you grew up,

B sn=k tʔ r 189
 | rwtj-wrtj ḥnm=k m smrw

B you will kiss the ground at 189
 | the great double gate, and you will join the companions.

B jw mjn js šl¹⁹⁰.n=k tnj fh.n=k b3wt
B For now you have begun to grow old, you have lost virility.
AOS š3^c.n=k j3wt fh.n=k bnnwt
AOS For you have begun to grow old, you have lost potency.

B sh3 n=k hrw | n qrs sht r jm3h
B Think of the day | of burial and passing to blessedness.
AOS jw sh3.n=k hrw | n qrsj
AOS You have thought of the day | of burial

B wd^c.tw n=k h3wj m sft | wtw m-^cwj T3yt
B To you will be assigned a night with oils | and wrappings from the hands of Tayet.
AOS wd^c.tw n=k jfd m šnw¹ wtw m-^c T3yt
AOS To you will be assigned a magical² sheet and wrappings from Tayet.

¹ Uncertain.

² Very uncertain.

B jr.tw n=k šms-wd3 hrw | sm3-t3
B A funeral procession will be held for you on the day | of burial,

B wj m nbw tp m hsbq pt hr=k
B with a mummy sheath of gold and a mask of lapis lazuli, heaven above you,
AOS wj3 nbw
AOS with a barque of gold

B dj.tj m | mstpt jhw hr jth=k šm^cww hr-h3t=k
B you having been placed in | a hearse, oxen dragging you, musicians preceding you.
AOS ^cn.tj m hbnw {t} jhw | hr s3=k
AOS embellished with ebony, oxen | dragging you,

¹⁹⁵
 B jr.tw ḥbb | nnyw r rʒ js=k
 B The dance of the inert ones will be performed at the entrance of your tomb,
 AOS jr.tw ḥb nmḥw
 AOS The dance of the poor will be performed

B njs.tw n=k dbḥt-ḥtp
 B the requisites for a mortuary offering will be recited for you,

¹⁹⁶
 B sft|.tw r rʒ ʿbʒw=k
 B one will slaughter at the entrance of your altar.

^{v17}
 AOS sft|.tw (n=k) r rʒ n wʿbt=k
 AOS one will slaughter for you at the entrance of your tomb.

B jwnw=k ḥws.w m jnr ḥd m-qʒb ¹⁹⁷ | msw nsw
 B Your pillars will be built of limestone in the midst of those of ¹⁹⁷ | the king's children.
 AOS dbʒt{twn}=k¹ ḥwsj.tj nbw mj jrʀt n msw nsw
 AOS Your sarcophagus will be built of gold as done for the king's children.

¹ Emended as suggested by Koch (1990).

B nn wn mwt=k ḥr ḥʒst nn bs tw ʿmw
 B You will never die in a foreign land and Asiatics will not bury you.
 AOS nn qrs tw ʿmw
 AOS and Asiatics will not bury you.

¹⁹⁸
 B nn | dj.tw=k m jnm n sr jr.tw dr=k
 B You will not be put in the skin of a ram when your grave is made.
 AOS nn dj.tw=k ^{v18} | m šn n srj nn jr.tw drj=k
 AOS ^{v18} You will not be put | in the wool of a ram, and your grave will not be made.

¹⁹⁹
 B jw nʒw r ḥwt | tʒ
 B It has been a long time of roaming | the earth.
 AOS jw nn r ʒw wrt¹ ḥw tʒ
 AOS All of this is important for someone who has roamed the earth.

¹ Following Barns (1952), this is a graphic error for WR r.

B mh hr h3t jwt=k spr.n wd pn r=j
B Mind the dead body and return!" This decree reached me
AOS mh h3t=k jw=k
AOS Think of your corpse and return!"

B c3c.kw m 200 | hrj-jb whwt=j šd.n.tw=f n=j
B as I was standing in | the middle of my tribe. When it had been read to me,
AOS šd.n=j sw
AOS After I had read it,

B dj.n(=j) wj hr ht=j 201 dmj.n=j s3|tw dj.n=j sw sš hr šnbyt=j
B I placed myself on my belly, I touched the earth and strewed it over my chest.
AOS rdj.n=j sšw hr šnbt=j
AOS and strewed it over my chest.

B dbn.n=j c3y=j hr nhm 202 | r-dd
B I went around my encampment cheering, | saying:

B jr.tw nn mj-m n b3k
B "How can this be done for a servant
AOS jr.tw nn mj-m b3k-jm
AOS "How can this be done (for) this humble servant

B th.n jb=f r h3swt drdryt 203 hr | hm nfr w3h-jb
B whose heart led him astray to alien lands? So, good is the kindness
AOS th.n jb=f ds=f r h3st drdryt
AOS whose own heart led him astray to an alien land?

B nhm wj m-c mwt 204 | phwj
B that saves me from death! Your spirit will let me reach | the end
AOS nhm{n} wj m-c mwt
AOS that saves me from death!

B ḥ^cw=j m ḥnw mjt n smj n wḏ pn
B with my body at home." Copy of the reply to this decree:
AOS mjt {t} smjw n wḏ pn jr.n
AOS Copy of the reply to this decree written by

B b3k ḥ S3-nht ²⁰⁵ | ḏḏ m ḥtp nfr wrt r jht w^crt tn
B "Servant of the palace Sinuhe | says: 'In very good peace! Concerning this flight
AOS b3k n ḥt¹ S3-nht ḏḏ ^{v22} ḥr jht w^crt | tn
AOS the servant of the palace Sinuhe: Concerning this flight
¹ Alternatively ḥwt-ḥt following Barns (1952).

B jrt.n b3k-jm m ḥm=f
B that this humble servant made in his ignorance,

B jn ²⁰⁶ | k3=k ntr-nfr nb t3wj mrw R^c
B it is | your spirit, good god, lord of the Two Lands, loved by Re,
AOS mr ḥn-R^c
AOS loved by Ankh-Re,

AOS ḥs sw ḥn-R^c nb 3htj
AOS and praised by Ankh-Re, lord of the horizon-dwellers,

B ḥsw Mntw nb W3st Jmn ²⁰⁷ | nb nst t3wj
B and praised by Month, lord of Thebes, by Amun, | lord of the throne of the Two Lands,

B Sbk-R^c Ḥr Ḥwt-Ḥr
B by Sobek-Re, Horus, Hathor,
AOS Sbk-R^c nb smnw ntrw nbw T3-mrj
AOS by Sobek-Re, lord of the supports of heaven, gods, lords of Egypt,

B Jtm ḥn^c psdt=f ²⁰⁸ | Spdw Nfr-b3w Smsrw Ḥr-j3btj
B and Atum with his Ennead, | by Sopdu-Neferbau-Semseru, the eastern Horus,
AOS ^{v24} | Jtm psdt=f ḥt
AOS ^{v24} | and Atum and his great Ennead,

B Nbt-jmḥt ḥnm=s ²⁰⁹ | tp=k
 B by Nebet-imhet (may she enfold | your head!),
 AOS m ḥnkw mntw nbt ḥt ḥnm.tw=s m tp=k
 AOS with bedouin locks, mistress of the palace, who is united¹ with your head,
¹ Uncertain.

B ḏḏḏt tpt nw Mnw-Ḥr ḥr-jb ḥswt
 B the divine council upon the flood, Min-Horus in the midst of the lands,
^{v25}
 AOS | ḏḏḏt tpj n ym Mnw-Ḥr ḥrj-tp ḥswt
^{v25}
 AOS | the first divine council of the flood,¹ Min-Horus, chief of the lands,
¹ Passage corrupt.

B Wrrt nbt ²¹⁰ | Pwnt Nwt Ḥr-wr-R^c ntrw nbw T3-mrj
 B Wereret, mistress | ²¹⁰ of Punt, Nut, Harwerre, and all the gods of Egypt
 AOS ntrw nbw t3-dst {t}
 AOS and all the gods of the necropolis

B ²¹¹ | jww nw w3d-wr
 B ²¹¹ | and the islands of the sea
^{v26}
 AOS jww | ḥrj-jb w3d-wr {j}
^{v26}
 AOS and the islands | in the middle of the sea

B dj=sn ḥnh w3s r fnd=k ḥnm=sn tw m 3wt-^c=sn
 B (may they give life and dominion to your nostrils, endow you with their gifts,

B ²¹² | dj=sn n=k nhḥ nn drw=f dt nn ḥntj=s whm snd=k
²¹²
 B | and give you eternity without limit, forever without end, and may fear of you resound

B ²¹³ | m t3w ḥswt
²¹³
 B | in flat lands and mountainous lands,
 AOS m t3w nbw
 AOS in all lands,

B w^cf.n=k šnnt jtn

B for you have subjugated what the sun revolves around;

B nḥ pw n b³k-jm ²¹⁴ | n nb=f šd m jmnt

B this is the prayer of this humble servant | to his lord, who saves from the West),

AOS šd sw m jmntt

AOS who saves him from the West),

B nb sj³ sj³ rḥyt sj³=f

B lord of perception, perceiver of the people, who perceives

B ²¹⁵ | m ḥm n stp-s³ wnt b³k-jm snd(.w) dd st

B | as the majesty of the palace what this humble servant was afraid to say.¹

¹ Parenthetic eulogy suggested by note 4 of Davies (1975).

B jw mj jht ²¹⁶ | wḥm st nṯr ²¹⁶ mjt看 R^c

B It is like something too great | to recount. O great god, equal of Re

AOS nṯr ^cnḥ mjtt n R^c

AOS O living god, equal of Re,

B ḥr sšs³ b³k n=f | ²¹⁷ ds=f

B in understanding one who serves him.

AOS ^{v29} | sw³ww¹ jb n b³k-jm n=f ds=f

AOS ^{v29} | who praises² the heart of this humble servant to him himself.

¹ Read sw³š, following Barns (1952).

² Doubtful.

B jw b³k-jm m ^c nd-r³ ḥr {r} =f

B This humble servant is in the hands of one who cares for him,

AOS jw b³k-jm ḥr nd-r³ nṯr=f

AOS This humble servant seeks counsel from his god;

B $\underline{dj}.tw \text{ } \text{ } \underline{hr} \text{ } \underline{shr}=f$ $\underline{jw} \text{ } \underline{hm}=k$ ²¹⁸ | $\underline{m} \text{ } \underline{Hr} \text{ } \underline{jt}$

B placed under his guidance. Your Majesty | is conquering Horus,

AOS $\underline{dj}.tw \text{ } \underline{nn} \text{ } \underline{m}-\underline{b}^3\underline{h}=k$

AOS this is placed before you.

B $\underline{nht} \text{ } \text{}^c\underline{wj}=k \text{ } \underline{r} \text{ } \underline{t}^3\underline{w} \text{ } \underline{nbw} \{j\}$

B your arms are stronger than all lands.

AOS ^{v30} | $\underline{nht} \text{ } \underline{tw}$ $\underline{njwwt}=k \text{ } \underline{t}^3\underline{w} \text{ } \underline{nbw}$

AOS ^{v30} | and you are strong. Your towns and all the lands

B ²¹⁹ | $\underline{wd} \text{ } \underline{grt} \text{ } \underline{hm}=k \text{ } \underline{rdj}.tw \text{ } \underline{jnt}=f$ $\underline{Mkj} \text{ } \underline{m} \text{ } \underline{Qdm}$

B ²¹⁹ | Now, may Your Majesty command that he be made to bring Meki from Qedem,

AOS $\underline{wd}(.w) \text{ } \underline{hr} \text{ } \underline{hm}=k \text{}^c.w.s.$ $\underline{r} \text{ } \underline{rdjt} \text{ } \underline{jn}.tw \text{ } \underline{n}=k$ $\underline{Mkj} \text{ } \underline{Qdj}$

AOS are governed by Your Majesty (l.p.h.), to let you be brought Meki of Qadi,

B ²²⁰ $\underline{Hnt}|\underline{jw}^c\check{s} \text{ } \underline{m}-\underline{hnt} \text{ } \underline{K}\check{s}$ \underline{Mnws}

B ²²⁰ $\underline{Khen}|\underline{tiuash}^1$ from the interior of Keshu, and Minos

AOS $\underline{m}-\underline{hnt} \text{ } \underline{J}^3$ $\underline{hr} \text{ } \underline{rdjt} \text{ } \underline{s}\check{s}\underline{m}|\underline{w}=k$ ^{v31}

AOS from the interior of Araru, putting your guidance

¹ Obscure name.

B ²²¹ | $\underline{m} \text{ } \underline{t}^3\underline{wj} \text{ } \underline{Fn}\underline{hw}$ $\underline{hq}^3\underline{w} \text{ } \underline{pw} \text{ } \underline{mtrw} \text{ } \underline{rnw}$

B ²²¹ | from the two lands of Fenku¹. They are rulers whose names are well known,

AOS $\underline{m} \text{ } \underline{t}^3\underline{w} \text{ } \underline{Fn}\underline{hw}$

AOS in the lands of Fenku.

¹ Mentioned in the dictionary of Gardiner (1957).

B ²²² | $\underline{hprw} \text{ } \underline{m} \text{ } \underline{mrwt}=k$ $\underline{nn} \text{ } \underline{sh}^3 \text{ } \underline{Rt}^3\underline{nw}$

B ²²² | who live by love of you. Without mentioning Retjenu,

B n=k-jmy sj mjtt | ²²³tsmw=k js w^crt tn jrt.n b³k

B it is yours like | ²²³your hounds. This flight that the servant made,

AOS jnk js mjtt tsmw=k

AOS I am like your hounds.

B n hmt=s nn | ²²⁴sj m jb=j n qmd=j sj

B it was not intended, it was not in my heart, I did not devise it.

AOS m hm=f

AOS in his ignorance,

B n rh=j jwd wj r st jw mj | ²²⁵sšm rswt

B I don't know what separated me from the place. It was as | ²²⁵a dreaming state,

AOS n rh.tw jn wj r h³s {w}t tn

AOS It is not known what brought me to this land.

B mj m³ sw jd^hy m | ²²⁶šbw s n h³t m T³-stj

B as if a marsh-dweller saw himself in | ²²⁶Elephantine, a man from the Delta in Taseti.

B n snd n s | ²²⁷hs.tw m-s³=j n sdm=j ts-h³rw

B There was no fear, one didn't run after me, I didn't hear a reproach,

AOS n shsh.tw m-s³=j

AOS one didn't run after me,

B n sdm.tw rn=j | ²²⁸m r³ whmw

B and my name was not heard | ²²⁸from the mouth of a herald.

B wpw hr nf n ddf h^cw=j | ²²⁹rdwj=j hr hwhw jb=j hr hrp=j

B But, that shuddering of my body, my feet | ²²⁹hastened, my heart drove me,

AOS wpw n³ n dd³ h^cw=j | rdwj=j hr šs

AOS But, that fat of my body, my feet hastened,

B nṯr š3 w^crt tn ²³⁰ | ḥr sḅ {s}=j n jnk js q3 s3 ḥnt
 B the god who ordained this flight | dragged me away. I was not haughty before,
 AOS jn-jw jnk js q3 s3 ḥntj=f
 AOS Was I haughty before him?

B snd s rh | t3=f ²³¹
 B as a man respects one whom his land knows.

B dj.n R^c snd=k ḥt t3
 B Re has put the fear of you throughout the land,

B ḥr=k m ḥ3st | nbt ²³² m wj m ḥnw m wj m st tn
 B and the dread of you in every foreign land. Whether I am at home or in this place,
 AOS ḥr ḥryt=j ḥt ḥ3swt nbt pwy=j m ḥnw pwy=j m st tn
 AOS in dread of me throughout all foreign lands. Whether I am at home or in this place,

B ntk js ḥbs | ḥt tn ²³³ wbn jtn n mrt=k
 B yours is what this horizon veils. The sun rises for your sake,
 AOS ntk | js šnt.n jtn ^{v35} wbn r^c n mrwt=k
 AOS yours | is what the sun revolves around. The sun rises for your sake, ^{v35}

B mw m jtrw swr.tw=f | mr=k ²³⁴
 B the water of the river is drunk | when you wish, ²³⁴

B ḫw m pt ḥnm.tw=f dd=k
 B and the air of heaven is breathed when you say so.

AOS cⁿḥ.tw m ḫw n | dd=k špssw m wd.n=k ^{v36}
 AOS One lives on the breath that | you give and delicacies that you have allotted. ^{v36}

B jw b3k-jm r swd_t ²³⁵ | bwt=j

B This humble servant will entrust | his chicks,

AOS jn¹ b3k-jm hr swd n bwt=f

AOS This humble servant entrusts his chicks,

¹ Emend to jw.

B jr.n b3k-jm m st tn

B begotten by this humble servant in this place,

AOS jr.n=f m st tn

AOS begotten by him in this place,

B ²³⁶ | jw_t pw jry r b3k-jm

B ²³⁶ | now that one has come to this humble servant.

AOS jw_t¹ pw jr.n b3k-jm m hntyt

AOS now that this humble servant has come southward.

¹ Written jw=s.

B jrr hm=k m mrr=f ^cnh.tw m bw n dd=k

B May Your Majesty do as he wishes. One lives on the breath that you give.

AOS jr swt hm=f ^c.w.s. m mrw[t=f]

AOS May His Majesty (l.p.h.!) do as he wishes.

B ²³⁷ | mr R^c Hr Hwt-Hr fnd=k pw špss

B ²³⁷ | May Re, Horus and Hathor love this noble nose of yours,

B ²³⁸ mrrw | Mntw nb W3st ^cnh=f dt

B which Month, lord of Thebes, desires to live forever.' "

AOS mrr {t} ntrw nbw ^cnh=f dt

AOS which all the gods desire to live forever.' "

B rdj.tw jry=j hrw m J33 ²³⁹ | hr swdt jht=j n msw=j

B I was allowed to spend a day in Araru, ²³⁹ | transferring my property to my children.

AOS hr swd ^{v38} | jht=f n msw=f

AOS transferring ^{v38} | his property to his children.¹

¹ Emend to "my property to my children".

B s3=j smsw m-s3 whyt=²⁴⁰ | j

B My eldest son was in charge of my tribe,

B whyt=j jht=j nbt m-c=f ²⁴¹ dt=j mnmnt=j | nbt

B my tribe and all my property were in his hands, all my serfs and my cattle,

AOS ndt=f mnmnt nbt

AOS all his serfs and cattle,

B dqr=j ht=j nb bnr ²⁴² jw t pw jr.n b3k-jm m hnt|yt

B my fruit and each fruit tree of mine. Then this humble servant came southward.

B hdb.n=j hr W3t-Hr

B I halted at the Road of Horus.

AOS gm.n=j

AOS I found

B tsw jm ntj m-s3 phrt

B The commander there in charge of the border patrol

AOS tsw ntj m-s3 phrw

AOS the commander in charge of the border patrol

B ²⁴³ | h3b=f jpwt r hnw r rdjt rh.tw

B ²⁴³ | I sent a message to the residence to let them know.

AOS r [nt]j tw=j jy.kw

AOS that I was coming.

B rdj.jn hm=f ²⁴⁴ | jw t jmj-r3 shtjw mnh n pr-ns w

B ²⁴⁴ Then His Majesty let | the excellent overseer of the peasants of the palace come,

B ḥ^cw ḏpw m-ḥt=f ²⁴⁵ | ḥr ʒwt-^c nt ḥr nsw

B accompanied by laden ships | bearing royal gifts

B n stjw jww m-sʒ=j ḥr sbt=j r Wʒt-Ḥr

B for the bedouin who had come with me, leading me to the Road of Horus.

²⁴⁶
B | dm.n=j w^c jm nb m rn=f

²⁴⁶
B | I mentioned each one of them by his name.

AOS sʒw[t]=f jb n bʒk-jm mj ḥqʒ n ḥʒst nbt

AOS to gladden the heart of this humble servant, like that of a ruler of any land.

AOS msw nsw ^{v41} | [ntjw m-ḥt] ḥm=f^c.w.s.

^{v41}
AOS The king's children | [who were following] His Majesty (l.p.h.!).

AOS ḥr rdjt sdm=[j jpwt]=sn n^ct pw jr.n bʒk-jm m ḥntyt

AOS had me hear their messages. Then this humble servant sailed southward.

B jw wdpw nb ḥr jrt=f šsp.n=j ʒ.n=j | ḏw ²⁴⁷

B Every servant was at his duty, and when I set ²⁴⁷ | sail,

AOS ḥm nb ḥr{j} jrj=f

AOS Every servant was at his duty,

B šbb^c ḥ tp-m^c=j r pḥt=j dmj n Jt

B there was kneading and straining beside me, until I reached the town of Usu.

AOS r pḥ dmjt n Jtj-tʒw

AOS until reaching the town of Itji-tawi.

²⁴⁸
B | ḥd.n rf tʒ dwʒ sp 2 jw jw^c ʒ n=j

²⁴⁸
B | And very early the next morning, they came to call me,

AOS ḥd-tʒ

AOS And the next day,

B s 10 m jwṯ s 10 m ²⁴⁹ | šmt ḥr sḅ=j r ḥ

B ten men came and ten men | went, ushering me to the palace.

AOS ^{v43} | [ḥr st]ḅ {sḅ} =j ḅs.kw r [ḥ]nwtj

AOS ^{v43} | ushering me, and I hurried to the cabinet.

B dhn.n=j ṯ jmjt šspww

B I touched the ground with my forehead between the sphinxes,

AOS dhn.n(=j) ṯ r jmjtw šspww

AOS I touched the ground with my forehead between the sphinxes,

B ²⁵⁰ | msw nsw ḥḥ(.w) m wmt ḥr jrt ḥsfw=j

B ²⁵⁰ | as the king's children stood in the gateway to meet me.

B smrw ²⁵¹ | sḅww r wḥ

B The companions | who ushered to the audience hall

AOS ^{v44} | [srw] ḥr sḅww=j ḅs.kw

AOS ^{v44} | [The officials] ushered me while I hurried,

B ḥr rdjt=j ḥr wḅt ḥnwtj

B showed me the way to the cabinet.

AOS ḥr [rdjt=j ḥr wḅt] r ḥnwtj

AOS and [showed me the way] to the cabinet.

B ²⁵² | gm.n=j ḥm=f ḥr st-wrt m wmt nt ḍmw

B ²⁵² | I found His Majesty on the great throne in the gateway of electrum.

B wn.kw rf ²⁵³ | dwn.kw ḥr ḥt=j ḥm.n(=j) wj m-bḅḥ=f

B I was ²⁵³ | stretched out on my belly and did not know myself before him.

AOS ḥm.n(=j) wj m-bḅḥ=f

AOS and bowed before him.

BA wn.kw r=j ⁴ dmḅl.kw ḥr ḥt=j

BA I was stretched out on my belly

B nṯr pn | ḥr wšd=j ḥnmw jw=j mj s jt.w m ḥḥw

B This god | addressed me kindly, but I was like a man seized in the dusk.

AOS tw=j mj s m jḥḥw

AOS but I was like a man in the dusk.

B ²⁵⁵ | b³=j sb.w ḥᶜw=j ʔd.w ḥ³tj=j n ntf m ḥt=j

B ²⁵⁵ | My soul fainted, my limbs failed, my heart was not in my body

BA ḥᶜw=j ʔh⁸ld.w

BA my limbs failed,

B ²⁵⁶ rh|=j ᶜnh r mwt

B that I could distinguish life from death.

AOS n rh=j mwt=j r ᶜnh=j

AOS I didn't know whether I was dead or alive.

BA ⁹ | [...] mwt

BA ⁹ | [...] death,

BA n rh(=j) wj r ᶜnh ¹⁰ | [...]

BA I could not distinguish myself from life. | ¹⁰ [...]

B ḏḏ.jn ḥm=f n wᶜ m nn n smrw ²⁵⁷ ṯs | sw

B Then His Majesty said to one of these companions: "Raise him up

B jm mdw=f n=j ḏḏ.jn ḥm=f mk ṯw jw.tj

B and let him speak to me!" And His Majesty said: "You have returned

B ḥw.n=k ḥ³swt ²⁵⁸ jr.n wᶜrt | hd jm=k tnj

B after roaming foreign lands. Flight has taken its toll of you, old man,

AOS jr.n wᶜrt hd=s jm=k tnw[.tj]

AOS Flight has taken its toll of you, [you have grown] old,

B $\text{p}\dot{\text{h}}.\text{n}=\text{k } \text{j}^3\text{w}\text{j}$ $\text{nn } \text{šrr } \text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{bt} \mid \text{h}^3\text{t}=\text{k}$ ²⁵⁹
B you have reached old age. It is no small matter that your corpse be buried
AOS $\text{nn } \text{nn } \text{šrjw } \text{j}^{\text{c}}\text{bt} \mid [\text{h}^3\text{wt}=\text{k}$
AOS It is no small matter that [your corpse] be buried

B $\text{nn } \text{bs}=\text{k } \text{jn } \text{p}\dot{\text{d}}\text{tjw}$
B without your interment by barbarians.
AOS $\text{nn}] \mid \text{bsy}=\text{k } \text{jn } \text{h}^3\text{stjw}$ $\text{n } \text{jr}.\text{tw } \text{d}\dot{\text{r}}\text{j}=\text{k}$ ^{v48}
AOS [without] \mid your interment by foreigners; they will not make your grave. ^{v48}

B $\text{m } \text{jr } \text{r}=\text{k } \text{sp } 2 \text{ gr}$
B Do not act against yourself, do not act against yourself anymore!
AOS $\text{jr } \text{r}=\text{k} \text{ [...]}$
AOS Do [...]

B $\text{n } \text{mdw}=\text{k}$ $\mid \text{dm}.\text{tw } \text{rn}=\text{k}$ ²⁶⁰
B You did not speak \mid when your name was pronounced. ²⁶⁰
AOS $\mid.\text{tw } \text{rn}=\text{k } \text{hr } \text{mdwt}$ ^{v49}
AOS $\mid \text{ [...]}$ your name because of speech ^{v49}

B $\text{snd}(=\text{k})^1 \text{ } \text{ } \text{n } \text{h}\text{sf}$
B You shouldn't be afraid of punishment!"
AOS $\text{snd}=\text{k } \text{h}\text{sf}=\text{k}$
AOS that you should fear your punishment.

¹ Following note 5 of Davies (1975).

AOS $\text{n } \text{hm}=\text{k } \text{m-b}^3\text{h} \text{ [...]}$
AOS You were not negligent in the presence of [...]."

B $\text{w}\text{šb}.\text{n}=\text{j } \text{st } \text{m } \text{w}\text{šb}$ $\mid \text{sndw}$ $\text{ptr } \text{d}\dot{\text{d}}\text{t } \text{n}=\text{j } \text{nb}=\text{j}$ ²⁶¹
B I answered this with the answer \mid of a frightened man: "What has my lord said to me?" ²⁶¹

B jr wšb=j st nn ḥr=j ²⁶² |^c n ntr js pw

B If I answer it, it is not because of me, | but it is the act of a god;¹

¹ Following note 6 of Davies (1975).

B ḥrt pw wnn=s m ḥt=j mj shpr w^crt šš³t

B it is that there is fright in my body, like that which caused the fated flight.

B ²⁶³ | mk wj m-bšḥ=k

B ²⁶³ | I am before you,

^{v51} AOS | šmt r pḥt=j r dmjt n ḥw t

^{v51} AOS | and the journey of my reaching the city of smiting the land.

B ntk ^cnh jrr ḥm=k m mrr=f

B life is yours, may Your Majesty do as he wishes."

B ²⁶⁴ rdj.jn | sḫ.tw msw nsw

B Then the king's children were ushered in

^{v52} AOS | msw nsw mj ^cšš³t=sn

^{v52} AOS | the king's children, as many as they were,

B ḏd.jn ḥm=f n ḥmt-nsw

B and His Majesty said to the royal wife:

AOS ḏd.jn ḥm=f ^c.w.s. n ḥmt-nsw Ḥnm-swt

AOS and His Majesty (l.p.h.!) said to the royal wife (in) Khnemsut:

B mṯ S³-nht | ²⁶⁵ jw(.w) m ^cm qm³.n stjw

B "Sinuhe ²⁶⁵ | has returned as an Asiatic raised by bedouin."

B wd=s sbḥ ^c | ²⁶⁶ wrt msw nsw m dnywt w^ct

B Then she uttered a very great cry, and the king's children shrieked as one.

AOS ^cḥ^c.n wdj=sn [...] r ^ct wrt

AOS Then they uttered [...] very loudly,

B ḏd.jn=sn ²⁶⁷ | ḥft ḥm=f n ntf pw m m³ct

B Then they said | to His Majesty: "Is it not really him,
AOS jn-jw ntf pw (m) m³ct

AOS "Is it really him,

B jty nb=j ḏd.jn ḥm=f ntf | pw m m³ct ²⁶⁸

B sovereign, my lord?" And His Majesty said: "It is really him."

AOS j jty ^{c.w.s.} nb=n

AOS o sovereign (l.p.h.), our lord?"

B jst rf jn.n=sn mnjw^t=sn šmw=sn ²⁶⁹ | sšwt=sn m-^c=s¹

B Now, they had brought their menits, their sistra, ²⁶⁹ | and their naos sistra with them,

AOS ^{v55} | jstw gr jn.n=sn mnjt=sn šm=sn m-^c=sn

AOS ^{v55} | Now, they had brought their menits and their sistra with them,

¹ Read m-^c=sn.

B ms.jn=sn st n ḥm=f

B and they presented them to His Majesty.

AOS ms st n ḥm=f ^{c.w.s.} ḏd.jn=[s]n ḥft ḥm=f ^{c.w.s.}

AOS and presented them to His Majesty (l.p.h.). Then they said to His Majesty (l.p.h.):

B ^cwj=k ²⁷⁰ r|{r} nfrt nsw w³ḥ

B "Your hands ²⁷⁰ | upon something good, enduring king,

B ḥkryt nt nbt pt dj nbw

B ornament of the mistress of heaven! May the golden one give

AOS ḥkrw n nbt t³wj dj n=k nbw

AOS ornament of the mistress of the Two Lands! May the golden one give you

B ²⁷¹ | ^cnh r fnd=k ḥnm tw nbt sb³w

B ²⁷¹ | life to your nostrils and may the mistress of the stars enfold you!

AOS ^cnh fnd=k ḥw tw nb sb³w

AOS life of your nostrils and may the lord of the stars protect you!

B rwj.n=f t̄ n ²⁷⁸ | ḥrw=k

B he left the land through | terror of you.

AOS rwj.n=f sw m t̄ [p]n n [snd]=k



AOS he turned away from this land through [fear] of you.

B nn¹ ʔyt ḥr n m̄ ḥr=k

B A face will not pale at the sight of your face,

AOS nn k̄w ḥr n [m̄³ ^{v60} | ḥm]=k ^{c.w.s.}

AOS A face will not scheme² at [the sight | of] Your [Majesty] (l.p.h.!),

¹ Read  as .

² Passage probably corrupt.

B ²⁷⁹ | nn snd̄ jrt dgt n=k dd.jn ḥm=f nn snd̄=f

B | an eye that gazes at you will not fear." And His Majesty said: "He will not fear,

AOS n snd̄w jrt dḡ³ tw n snd̄w=k

AOS an eye that sees you does not fear." "You will not fear,

B ²⁸⁰ | n ^{cc=f} r ḥr jw=f r smr m-m ²⁸¹ | srw

B | he will not gibber with terror. He will be a companion among | the officials,

B rdj.tw=f m-q̄³b šnyt ²⁸² | wd̄³ tn r ²⁸³ ḥnwtj dw̄t r jrlt ²⁸³ ḥ^cw=f

B and he will be included in the entourage. | Proceed to the robing room to wait on him!"

B prt=j rf m-ḥnw ²⁸⁴ ḥnwtj msw nsw ḥr rdjt n(=j) ^cw=sn

B Then I came out of | the cabinet, while the king's children were giving me their hands.

B | šm=n m-ḥt r rwtj-wrtj ²⁸⁵

B | Afterwards, we went to the great double gate. ²⁸⁵

B | rdj.kw r pr s̄³-nsw špss jm=f ²⁸⁶

B | I was assigned to the house of a king's son, in which there were precious things, ²⁸⁶

- B ²⁸⁷ sqblbwj jm=f c^hmw nw ʒht ²⁸⁸ htmt jm=f | nt pr-ḥd
 B a bathroom, divine images of the horizon, valuables | from the treasury,

- B ḥbsw nw sšrw-nsw c^hntjw | ²⁸⁹ tpt nsw
 B clothes of royal linen, myrrh, | ²⁸⁹ and fine oil of the king.

- B srw mrr=f m c^t | ²⁹⁰ nbt wdpw nb ḥr jrt=f
 B Officials whom he loved were in every room, and every servant was at his duty.

- B rdj swʒ rnpwt ḥr ḥ^cw=j ²⁹¹ | ḫ.kw c^cb šnw=j
 B Years were made to vanish from my body. | ²⁹¹ I was clothed and my hair was combed.

- B jw rdj sbt ²⁹² | n ḥʒst ḥbsw n nmjw-š^cj
 B A reward was given | ²⁹² to the foreign land, and clothes to the bedouin.

- B sd.kw ²⁹³ | m pʒqt gs.kw m tpt ²⁹⁴ | sdr.kw ḥr ḥnkyt
 B I was clothed | ²⁹³ in fine linen, was anointed with fine oils, and slept on a bed.

- B ḏj.n=j š^c n jmjw=f
 B I returned the sand to those who are upon it,

- B ²⁹⁵ | mrḥt n ḥt n wrḥ jm=s
 B | ²⁹⁵ and the wood oil to those who are smeared with it.

- B jw rdj n=j pr | ²⁹⁶ n nb š=j
 B For me, (my) house and my garden were given back to the owner,¹

¹ Grammatical structure is problematic, and translation is uncertain.

- B m wn m-^c smr jw ḥmww c^š | ²⁹⁷ ḥr qd=f
 B which had been in the hands of a companion. Many craftsmen | ²⁹⁷ rebuilt it

- B ḥt=f nb srd(.w) m-mʒwt jw jn{n} n=j | ²⁹⁸ šʒbw
 B and all of its trees were planted anew. Meals were brought to me

B m ḥ sp 3 sp 4 n hrw ²⁹⁹ | ḥrw-r ddt msw nsw

B from the palace three or four times a day, ²⁹⁹ | in addition to what the king's children gave

B nn ʒt nt jrt ʒb³⁰⁰ |w jw ḥwsw n=j mr m jnr

B without a moment of interruption. A pyramid of stone was built for me

L | jw mr=j ḥws(.w) m jnr ¹

L | My pyramid of stone was built ¹

B m-q³⁰¹ |b mrw

B in the midst of the pyramids.

L m-ḥnw šnw n mr ² | hrt | jw-ntr

L in the vicinity of the pyramid of the stonemasons.

B jmj-rʒ mdḥw mr ḥr šsp ³⁰² | sṯw=f

B The overseer of the masons of the pyramid took charge of ³⁰² | its ground-plan,

L mdḥw n mr psš.n=sn sṯw=f

L The masons of the pyramid divided its ground-plan,

B jmj-rʒ ḥtmtjw ḥr sš qstjw¹ ḥr ³⁰³ | ḥtt

B the overseer of the seal makers painted, the sculptors ³⁰³ | carved,

L sšw-qdwt ḥr sš ³ | jm=f jmj-rʒ qstjw ḥr ḥtt jm=f

L painters painted ³ | in it, the overseer of the sculptors carved in it,

¹ Read .

B jmj-rʒ kʒtjw ntjw ḥr ḥrt ³⁰⁴ | ḥr dʒt tʒ r=s

B and the overseer of workers in the necropolis ³⁰⁴ | concerned himself with it.

L jmj-rʒ kʒt ntj r ḥrt¹ ḥr dʒt tʒ r=f

L and the overseer of works at the necropolis concerned himself with it.

¹ Written ḥnt.

B ḥꜥw nb ḏḏw r rw|ḏ jr ḥrt=f jm ³⁰⁵

B All required equipment to be put in a tomb shaft was supplied therein.

B rdj n=j ḥmw-k3 jr n=j š | ḥrt ³⁰⁶

B Mortuary priests were given to me, and a tomb garden was made for me,

L jr.n.tw ḥmw-k3 | [...] ⁵

L Mortuary priests were provided | [...] ⁵

B šḥwt jm=f m-ḥntw r dmj | mj jrrt n smr tpj ³⁰⁷

B with fields in front in the right place, | as done for a chief companion. ³⁰⁷

L šḥwt ḥntš r dmj=s

L with delightful fields in the right place,

B jw twt=j shr(.w) | m nbw šndwt=f m ḏꜥm ³⁰⁸

B My image was overlaid | with gold, its kilt with electrum. ³⁰⁸

B jn ḥm=f rdj jr.tw=f

B It is His Majesty who let this be done.

B | nn šw3w jry n=f mjtt ³⁰⁹

B | There is no commoner for whom the like has been done. ³⁰⁹

B jw=j hr | ḥswt nt hr nsw r jwt hrw n mnj ³¹⁰

B I was in | the favour of the king until the day of death came.' ³¹⁰

B | jw=f pw ḥt=f r pḥ=fj mj gmyt m šš ³¹¹

B | This was copied from start to finish as found in writing. ³¹¹
