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Tato bakalářská práce je zaměřena na analýzu překladů písní Boba Dylana, které v roce 2007 vydal Robert Křesťan na svém albu *Dylanovky*. Analýza je převážně zaměřena na Křesťanovo dosažení celkového významu původního textu s ohledem na poetičnost a zpěvnost.

Klíčová slova: Robert Křesťan, Bob Dylan, analýza překladu, překlad písní, zpěvnost, poetičnost, význam, přesnost

#### **ABSTRACT**

This bachelor's thesis analyzes Robert Křesťan's translations of Bob Dylan's songs, which were released on Křesťan's *Dylanovky* album in 2007. The analysis is focused mainly on Křesťan's achievement to maintain the overall meaning of the original text with respect to poeticity and singability.

Keywords: Robert Křesťan, Bob Dylan, translation analysis, song translation, singability, poeticity, meaning, accuracy

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

"Translating Dylan means translating only part of Dylan."

Robert Křesťan said the above quote in an interview for České noviny and added that he does not see himself as a translator of Dylan, but an interpreter of Dylan. Bob Dylan is a versatile artist, whose lyrics have been cited, criticized, discussed and analyzed. His listeners have been trying to uncover the true meaning behind the ambiguous lines, but Dylan hardly ever offers any explanation. The thesis focuses on Křesťan's translations of eight Dylan's songs, which Křesťan and Druhá tráva released on their *Dylanovky* album. Although the album contains two more translations, "Jak mlýn se točí svět" and "Lily, Rosemary a Srdcovej kluk", these two are not included in the analysis, as they were not translated by Křesťan, but by Wabi Daněk and Jan Vyčítal, respectively.

The theoretical part is divided into two sections: translation theory and introductory section. The theoretical section consists of a basic introduction into translation focusing especially on reliability. The second chapter explains some translation methods and pitfalls a translator may encounter, such as collocations, idioms and fixed expressions. The last part of the theoretical section deals with the translation of songs. This chapter offers five options for song translation, introduces and defines the term "singability" and explains three levels of singability. The introductory section covers basic information about Dylan, his lyrics, and Křesťan and the *Dylanovky* album.

The analytical part is comprised of four analyses of complete texts and analyses of segments from four remaining songs. Each analysis of the whole text translation starts with a basic introduction and follows with an analysis of the title, and then individual stanzas. The analyses of the text segments consist of a selection of accurate, literal, interesting or, on the other hand, poor translations.

The aim of this thesis is to ascertain whether Křesťan's translations are faithful and accurate. Křesťan's aim was to provide a singable and a poetic translation with respect to the meaning of the original text. Therefore, the analysis focuses on the aspects of singability, poeticity and overall faithfulness, rather than the maintenance of alliteration, repetition, intertextual references and symbolism.

# I. THEORY

#### 1 BASICS OF TRANSLATION

Mona Baker sees translation as a means of communication in which the translator is given the power of connecting the people communicating, while preserving the original meaning (2011, 9). Although language is an inseparable component of translation, to only understand the language is not the crucial part of being able to translate a text. It is also important to discover and define the meaning of the source text (Robinson 2012, 124–125).

Jiří Levý offers a different point of view focusing on subjectivity. He defines the original piece of work as a creation of reflected and subjectively transformed objective reality. The outcome of this reflection and transformation is an "ideologically aesthetical content realized in a language material" (1963, 17). The author's subjectivity is not only a matter of their personal point of view, but it is also induced by the historical aspect. The traces of a time period or environment penetrate into the story despite the historical setting. In Shakespeare's Denmark, for example, the life at the Danish court is depicted similarly to the life at the British court. Therefore, it is necessary to distinguish the objective reality from the reality taking place in the piece, because it is author's interpretation of the reality, which has the key role in the work and which is to be expressed by the translator. In other words, the translator should not only focus on the text itself, but on the content and the values as well (Levý 1963, 17–23).

#### 1.1 Internal and external knowledge

Translation and its importance can be regarded at from two basic perspectives – external and internal. From the external knowledge point of view, translation is a product, where the text is the most important. Whereas, translation from the internal knowledge perspective is an activity or a process, where the production is the most important. Either way, the outcome of the activity must be a reliable translation (Robinson 2012, 6–7).

#### 1.1.1 Reliability

Translation can serve as a foundation of a future performance or an action. As such it needs to be reliable and provide the same kind of information as the source text, in order to avoid a failure of the action. The translation reader has to be able to place trust in the translation or embolden others to place trust in it. Out of the long list of various types of textual reliability, Robinson emphasizes precision, effectiveness, and easy readability, but in all the cases – reliability for a particular function. A text, which does not meet the needs of one translation reader, may be considered poorly or incorrectly translated, while another

reader with different demands may as well accept it as an excellent translation (2012, 7–8). Baker also adds moral and ethical values to the list of textual reliability (2011, 275).

Robinson lists eight types of textual reliability:

- **literalism** is ideally a word for word translation following also the syntactical structure of the original text
- **foreignism** is a rather fluent translation, which, however, can still be told from a source text
- **fluency** is based on such a readable and approachable translation that the reader is not likely to think of it as an actual translation
- summary includes the primary ideas or the core of the source text
- commentary additionally explores or reveals the complex issues of the original text
- summary-commentary summarizes less significant sections and comments on sections of a greater concern
- adaptation reconstructs the original text for a different audience, for example adapting a written text for television
- **encryption** encodes the original meaning or purpose in order to hide it from unauthorised groups (2012, 10–11)

As mentioned above, the basic requirements for a translation are accuracy, effectiveness, and readability. The translator, on the other hand, is required to be professional. Robinson regards translator's reliability from three different perspectives – reliability regarding the text, the client, and the technology (2012, 12–13). The last mentioned appeals to the translator for following the technological specifications of the client. Reliability regarding the text takes into consideration perceptiveness of translation reader's needs, attention to details (nuances in idioms, collocations), research of unknown or unclear terminology, checking problematic passages (and having them checked). Reliability regarding the client is based on universality (in terms of translator's specialization, abilities, competencies), friendliness, helpfulness, and promises concerning translator's abilities, time management, and confidentiality (Robinson 2012, 12–13).

Newmark, on the other hand, offers another point of view. He takes into account the importance of the language. The greater emphasis is laid on the language, the more carefully the text should be translated and vice versa (1991).

#### 2 TRANSLATION METHODS AND PITFALLS

The basic problem – whether to translate freely or literally – has been encountered for centuries. Translating the sense, the purpose, the meaning was often viewed as revolutionary and undesirable. Then, as cultural anthropology proposed that language was produced by culture, the views have changed (Newmark 1995, 45). Newmark and Pym offer following translation methods:

- **literal (word for word) translation**: the word order of the source language is maintained, the translation is out of context as the words are translated individually
- **faithful translation**: the original meaning is transferred with regards to grammar of the target language
- **adaptation**: used for plays in most cases, the plot and character remain, but the original culture transforms into the target one
- idiomatic translation: conveys the original meaning but includes more idioms and colloquialisms
- **semantic translation**: similar to faithful translation, but is more creative and compliant, takes into consideration aesthetics
- **free translation**: not considered a proper translation as it is generally a longer paraphrase of the original (1995, 45–47; 2016, 210–214)

Translators are not obligated to choose only one "correct" method. Choosing the right method depends on the purpose of the translation and its reliability for the function intended by the translation reader, as was explained in previous chapter. Aside from difficulties connected with the choice of translation method, Baker mentions other pitfalls a translator may encounter (2011, 51).

#### 2.1 Collocations

Collocations can be defined as "tendency of certain words to co-occur regularly in a given language" (Baker 2011, 52), where the co-occurrence of words is called range. In simple terms, every word has a range of other words it can be associated with. Some collocations, on the other hand, are created by word combinations, which are unusual. These marked collocations, which "create new images" in order to confuse or challenge the reader, are mostly used in poetry, fiction, humour, and advertisement (Baker 2011, 52–56). Poetry is worth mentioning especially because song lyrics are basically musicalized poetry.

Accuracy and naturalness of the target text are not always easily achievable. An accurate equivalent may not be the most natural one, just like a natural equivalent is not

always the most accurate one, since it may cause a meaning shift. The degree to which the change in the meaning is acceptable depends on the context. Either way, the text should include language patterns, which are natural in the target language (Baker 2011, 60–61).

#### 2.2 Idioms and fixed expressions

Idioms are "frozen patterns of language which allow little or no variation in form and (...) often carry meanings which cannot be deduced from their individual components" (Baker 2011, 67). Unless a language speaker plans some kind of wordplay, they generally cannot change the word order or grammatical structure of idioms and omit, add or substitute a word of an idiom. The meaning of fixed expressions, on the other hand, can be deduced from their components (Baker 2011, 67–68).

Although translating fixed expressions poses certain difficulties, translating idioms is much more complex. According to Baker, a translator may encounter the following problems of idiom translation:

- **recognizing the idiom** at all, as the meaning of some idiomatic expressions may seem misleadingly transparent
- "false equivalent" of an idiom, which seems to express the same, but the true meaning or connotations of which are actually different
- **no equivalent** of an idiom in the target language
- an idiom has both literal and idiomatic meaning in the source language, therefore
  the wordplay may disappear in the target language
- **different conventions** of using idiomatic expressions (2011, 68–75)

Baker also offers several strategies for translation of idioms. A translator can use an idiom with a similar meaning and possibly form, borrow the idiom form the source language, paraphrase the idiom, which seems inappropriate or has no equivalent. It is also acceptable to omit the wordplay of the idiom and preserve its literal meaning only, or omit the whole idiom (2011, 75–85).

#### 3 TRANSLATION OF SONGS

When translating song lyrics, the important matter is, again, the purpose of the translation. Johan Franzon explains that if the purpose of the translation is only to understand the lyrics, then the song can be simply translated as a prose, without, for example, rhyme and rhythm taken into consideration. But if the purpose is to perform the song in another language, then the translated text must pay attention to rhyme, rhythm, and, of course, singability. Franzon defines singability as "a musico-verbal fit of a text to music, and (...) this musico-verbal unity may consist of several layers – prosodic, poetic, and semantic-reflexive" (2014, 373–375). Levý also adds the importance of being cautious of expressions and their connotations (Levý 1963, 158).

#### 3.1 Song translation options

Another problem a translator has to face is, again, the accuracy of the target text. Franzon gives five options for translation of songs: not translating the lyrics, translating the lyrics with no focus on the music, retaining the original music and adding completely new lyrics, translating the lyrics and adjusting the music accordingly, and accommodating the translated text to the music (2014, 376). In the case of non-translation, translators for television, theatre and other media where songs may appear, can make the choice to not translate the lyrics. Some song lyrics may be left in the original language for various reasons, for instance lack of time, broadcasting policy, relevance of the lyrics, or authenticity (Franzon 2014, 378).

If the translator assumes that the translation readers are familiar with the song and its musical form especially, they might translate the lyrics with no attention paid to the music at all. This kind of translation focuses on the "feeling", the poeticity of the lyrics, for example connotations, onomatopoeic words et cetera (Franzon 2014, 378–379). Despite that retaining the original music and adding new lyrics may not be considered a proper translation, it "is probably most widespread in certain genres within popular music (...)" as Franzon states (2014, 380). The translator may have been inspired by the melody or the lyrics, so they decide to write new lyrics, sometimes even including a word, a phrase or another element of the source text. In this case, the importance shifts from the lyrics to the music (Franzon 2014, 380).

However, in the case of adapting the music to the translated text, the importance lies again in the lyrics and singability of the lyrics. Franzon explains that slight adaptations of music do not even have to be noticed and that these modifications may include "splitting,"

merging or adding notes" (2014, 381–384). When accommodating the translated text to the music, the music does not need to be changed or modified at all. It is the lyrics that is being modified. Usually, shorter lines are more difficult to translate than longer lines, which offer a greater possibility to the translator to adjust the language, for instance to paraphrase, add or omit some phrases. The accuracy here is based not on literal translation, but on the context and the meaning of the source lyrics (Franzon 2014, 386–388).

A feature of song lyrics that raises the level of lyrics (or poetry) translation complexity is the rhyme. A larger percentage of lyrics rhymes because it simply sounds more pleasant. But, as Levý states, adaptations and modifications of language then require more attention. Languages use different collocations and, in order to preserve the rhyme or the diction, a translator sometimes has to include a "filler word", which may deviate the translated meaning from the original one (1963, 158–160).

#### 3.2 Levels of singability

When a translator translates song lyrics for the purpose of a singing performance, they have to take into consideration the agreement of music and lyrics. "(...) Music, from the lyricist point of view, has three main properties: a melody, a harmonic structure, and an impression of meaning, mood or action" (Franzon 2014, 389–390).

	Impact on:	In text as (for instance):
Prosodic match	Melody – naturalness with	Rhythm, stress, intonation
	lyrics	
Poetic match	Structure – lyrics	Phrases, contrast, rhyme
	emphasized	
Semantic-reflexive match	Expression – music	Story, metaphor, mood
	emphasized	

Table 1: Levels of singability according to Franzon (2014, 390)

Franzon explains that prosodic match is an essential and basic part of singability. Prosody components, such as stress, intonation, and rhythm, are of use for the match of prosody and melody. The poetic match to the structure of the music can be expressed by arrangement and/or decomposition of chords and the melody itself. The musical arrangements can be then reflected by the structure of lyrics, for example rhymes, phrases. The easiest and clearest match to determine and register is the semantic-reflexive match. This kind of match is represented by, for example, a dissonance on words with negative

connotations and vice versa. The difference between the poetic and the semantic-reflexive match is in the perception of lyrics or music importance. Poetic match lays emphasis on the lyrics, while sematic-reflexive match concentrates on the music (2014, 390–391).

Singability, in simple terms, may be defined as reciprocal functioning of music and lyrics. As was repeatedly stated above and in preceding chapters, the basic question a translator must know the answer to is the purpose of the translation. Concerning song translation, if the song is to be performed, it must be singable, even if the translator writes new lyrics. If the song lyrics are only to be understood, then the translator may approach it as prose (Franzon 2014, 389–397).

#### 4 BOB DYLAN

Bob Dylan is a versatile artist. He is a singer, songwriter, actor, painter and a writer. As a writer, he has written works like Writings and Drawings, Tarantula, and an autobiography Chronicles. He has deeply influenced contemporary music for which he has been both criticized and venerated. His influence can be sensed in many aspects and spheres of life for he has been quoted by his listeners, musicians, artists, and even politicians like Jimmy Carter or Václav Havel (Nobel Prize 2016; Rolling Stone).

#### 4.1 Lyrics

Dylan has reflected the topics like religion, love, politics, and the social conditions on a long list of released albums (Nobel Prize 2016). Furthermore, the Beat Generation's early authors along with modernist poets had an impact on Dylan's work. The lyrics of Dylan's songs have been analyzed, examined, and classified as well as cited and discussed. Dylan's fans have been looking for a meaning or some kind of truth in the lyrics. But the truth, which is so frequently sought, is that some lines simply do not have any deeper and further meaning. Or at least they do not have a clear meaning, not even to Dylan. He was even criticized for not knowing the answers to the questions in "Blowin' in the Wind" (Nobel Prize 2016; Brown 2009).

#### 4.1.1 What does that mean?

Dylan himself said in an interview with Paul Zollo in 1991 that his song "One More Cup of Coffee (Valley Below)" was probably influenced by a week that he had spent on a gypsy festival, but the "valley below" in the song does not have a definite meaning or a purpose. Moreover, Dylan mentions in the interview that some songs are "too hard to wonder why about them. To [him], they're not worthy of wondering why about them" (Zollo 2012). Thus, the meanings must be found and added by people themselves and their individual experiences. In the end, personal experiences of listeners, or even an experience of the whole society, is what makes the lyrics relatable (Zollo 2012).

On the other hand, some lyrics acquire new meanings. Dylan is often changing his songs because "time lets [him] find new meanings (...) and it's important to be always looking for new meanings" (Castaldo 1993). In addition, not only the meanings change. Dylan also rewrites the lyrics of his songs, justifying himself by saying that songs are "not written in stone" (Zollo 2012). Either with no meaning or a new one, Dylan has repetitively stated that his songs are autobiographical (Brown 2009).

#### 5 ROBERT KŘESŤAN

Robert Křesťan is a singer, composer, musician, and a translator. After the Velvet Revolution he formed (together with Luboš Malina) the band Druhá tráva, with which he has been releasing series of albums, well accepted by the critics and the listeners not only in the Czech Republic but in the United States of America as well. As a translator Křesťan has focused on American prose, having translated works by Norman Mailer, William Eastlake, Thomas Perry, James Harrison, John Berger, Walker Percy, and Dennis Lehane (Databáze knih (a); Druhá tráva; Databáze knih (b)).

#### 5.1 Křesťan on Dylan

"Translating Dylan means translating only part of Dylan" (České noviny 2016). Křesťan does not consider himself a translator of Dylan, but a translator of his own understanding of Dylan. He sees translation as an imperfect interpretation of what was already said in a different language. And it is imperfect because languages have different rules, background and register, so according to Křesťan, a translation cannot be fully accurate (Robert Křesťan, personal communication). Moreover, as was discussed in chapter 4.1, Dylan's lyrics intentions are sometimes unclear even to Dylan himself. Thus, translating Dylan's songs is a treacherous and a tricky job. In an interview for magazine Folk, Křesťan said that there are numerous interpretations, but every now and then he, just like Dylan, does not know precisely, what he wanted to say with a certain collocation (České noviny 2016; Časopis Folk). But when he encounters an ambiguous or unclear line, verse or a collocation, Křesťan relies on intuition, because something elusive or senseless in Czech language is not worth translating literally (Křesťan, personal communication).

But then, the conflict of authenticity and singability appears. As lyrics are texts meant for singing, translators of lyrics must determine to what extent they will keep up with authenticity, as it may be at the expense of singability. Křesťan aims for maximum authenticity and singability, or as he stated it "rhyme accuracy given by the melody" (Časopis Folk), at the same time, but in cases of inability to find the right equivalent, he gave preference to singability (Křesťan, personal communication). He also tries to achieve the rhyme quality, for example preserving assonance (Stulírová 2013; Časopis Folk).

### 5.2 Dylanovky

Robert Křesťan and Druhá tráva released the *Dylanovky* album in 2007. A number of musicians gave their guest performances in the album, for example Wabi Daněk, Pavel

Bobek, Jan Vyčítal, Kateřina García or Charlie McCoy. Eleven songs appeared on the album, eight of which were translated by Křesťan. "Simple Twist of Fate" was translated by Wabi Daněk, while "Lily, Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts" was translated by Jan Vyčítal. "Nashville Skyline Rag" is an instrumental (Druhá tráva (a); Časopis Folk). Besides the songs on the *Dylanovky* album, Křesťan has also translated Dylan's songs "One More Cup of Coffee (Valley Below)", "Series of Dreams", and "Every Grain of Sand" (Časopis Folk; Druhá tráva (b)).

	Křesťan's translation	Original songs
1.	Ještě není tma	Not Dark Yet
2.	Čím dál tíž se dejchá	A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall
3.	Sbohem, Angelino	Farewell Angelina
4.	Señore	Senor – Tales of Yankee Power
5.	Jak mlýn se točí svět	Simple Twist of Fate
6.	U Majdy na statku	Maggie's Farm
7	Čeká nás poslední ráno	One Too Many Mornings
8.	Lily, Rosemary a Srdcovej kluk	Lily, Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts
9.	Zvoní zvony	Ring Them Bells
10.	Nashville Skyline Rag	Nashville Skyline Rag
11.	Dívka ze severu	Girl of the North Country

Table 2: A complete list of songs on the *Dylanovky* album (Druhá tráva)

#### 5.2.1 Reception of the album

Dylanovky was altogether a well-received album. However, the most criticised translations are Daněk's "Jak mlýn se točí svět" ("Simple Twist of Faith"), and Vyčítal's "Lily, Rosemary a Srdcovej kluk" ("Lily, Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts"). Daněk's translation and rhyme is quite simple, but less poetic and not truly accurate. Vyčítal's translation is even less precise than Daněk's, giving that several verses are completely missing in the Czech version (Tesař 2008; Parikrupa 2007). Nevertheless, Křesťan was able to faithfully maintain the original meaning of Dylan's songs without having to detract the poeticity of the original. Considering the arrangement of music itself, Dylanovky was the most intense country music album of 2007 (Tesař 2008).

# II. ANALYSIS

#### 6 METHODOLOGY

The first section of the analytical part of my thesis examines and compares four complete song translations with the original texts. These analyses comprise of the translations of "One Too Many Mornings", "Girl From The North Country", "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall", and "Ring Them Bells". Each translation analysis includes a brief introduction of the text, then analysis of the title followed by analysis of individual stanzas.

The second section consists of analyses of only segments of the given texts. These segments were extracted from "Not Dark Yet", "Farewell, Angelina", "Senor (Tales Of Yankee Power)", and "Maggie's Farm". These fragments were chosen for their literal, interesting, poetic, inaccurate or poor translation. The whole texts are attached in the Appendix P I: Texts for analyses.

Both sections of the analytical part focus mainly on maintenance of the original meaning, poeticity of the language and singability of the translation. Dylan is a fairly eloquent artist and his lyrics are full of intertextual references, contrasts (using colours, sizes, gender), dialect, alliteration, repetition, symbolism, and ambiguity. Křesťan did not always try to preserve the linguistic aspects of the original (such as the alliteration etc.), because preserving it would be at the expense of singability and poeticity.

#### 7 ONE TOO MANY MORNINGS / ČEKÁ NÁS POSLEDNÍ RÁNO

One Too Many Mornings was recorded in 1963. Dylan sings about the riven feeling of having to choose between love and the journey, the travels. However, the love is not as strong as it used to be and Dylan finds himself on a crossroads of the past and the future. The song has three stanzas of eight verses each (Attwood, 2013).

#### 7.1 The title

Křesťan understood the line "one too many mornings" as something being just too much, or, more precisely, staying longer than it was necessary in the given place, state or relationship (Robert Křesťan, personal communication). But he went a little further in the translation. On one hand, "one too many mornings" does imply a certain finality but it does not say it that openly – it only indicates the exceeding of the state one has been in. Křesťan, on the other hand, openly expresses the termination of the relationship along with the decision of going away, saying that this morning is their last one.

#### 7.2 Analysis of the stanzas

Někde venku štěkaj dogy	Down the street the dogs are barkin'
a zvolna padá tma,	And the day is a-gettin' dark
a když se úplně setmí,	As the night comes in a-fallin'
ten štěkot utichá.	The dogs'll lose their bark
Noční ticho tříští hlasy,	An' the silent night will shatter
co mi rozrývají týl,	From the sounds inside my mind
čeká nás poslední ráno	For I'm one too many mornings
a mě aspoň tisíc mil.	And a thousand miles behind

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1963)

The translation of the whole stanza is fairly accurate, but a few choices in the translation are specifically worth mentioning. One of them is the translation of the word "dogs". Křesťan changes the hyperonym "dogs" into a hyponym "doga" for two simple reasons – singability and because he himself had a Great Dane (Křesťan, personal communication). Another choice, which is worth to mention, is the way Křesťan deals with the –*ing* contractions ("barkin", "a-gettin", "a-fallin"). Although he employs it only once in this stanza (in contrast to Dylan's three times), he uses dialect – "barkin" is translated as "štěkaj". Besides these two translation choices, the first verse also offers a difference in the location of the dogs barking. "Down the street" is quite an exact location, whereas

"někde venku" is a wide expression. The translation of the second, third and the fourth verse may not be the most literal one but it definitely has the same connotations and poeticity, which would disappear in a word for word translation.

Křesťan goes a little further again in the fifth and sixth verse: for the purpose of singability, "mind" becomes "týl" and "sounds" are translated as "hlasy". The original version does not describe these sounds in any way but they "rozrývají týl" in Křesťan's version. But the translation of these verses is still accurate and well done. Less accurate is the translation of pronouns in the seventh verse. "I'm" in the first and the second stanza is in a contrast with "we're" in the third and final stanza. Křesťan chose the pronoun "nás" in all three stanzas and the contrast, or even gradation, is no longer that obvious. The translation is also more finite. The original expresses the contrast of "one too many" and "a thousand behind" and it does suggest leaving or going away, it is not a definite suggestion. Křesťan, on the other hand, made the choice and ahead of him there is the last morning and a thousand miles awaiting. There is also a slight meaning shift in the last stanza. The original version may be interpreted in a way that Dylan was supposed to be somewhere else already, but Křesťan's translation depicts more of a journey ahead of him.

Když se dívám z tvýho prahu,	From the crossroads of my doorstep
jako bych na rozcestí stál,	My eyes they start to fade
a potom se otočím zpátky,	As I turn my head back to the room
tam kde jsem s tebou spal.	Where my love and I have laid
Jenže v zádech tuším cestu	An' I gaze back to the street
a ta mě táhne ze všech sil,	The sidewalk and the sign
čeká nás poslední ráno	And I'm one too many mornings
a mě aspoň tisíc mil.	An' a thousand miles behind

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1963)

Despite the different wording, the connotations are again the same. Although the location is changed again from "my doorstep" to "tvůj práh" and the fading eyes are not mentioned in the Czech version at all (still, the looking is captured), the main point of the stanza – the crossroads ("rozcestí") was preserved. The difference is the Czech and English version is also in the person the interpreter speaks to. The original version is more of a narration, while Křest'an addresses directly the lover: "where my love and I have laid" versus "tam kde jsem s tebou spal", which creates a certain shift in the impression of the situation. Křest'an's translation of the fifth and the sixth verse is both more and less

specific and open. It is more specific in terms of the meaning of the verses. Dylan sees the street, the sidewalk and he does imply the inclination to leaving but, unlike Křesťan, he does not say it openly. On the other hand, Křesťan's translation is also less specific: "street", "sidewalk" and "sign" are translated as "cesta". These three nouns were stressed by alliteration, which Křesťan (probably unintentionally) managed to maintain, even though not using nouns: "tuším cestu / a ta mě táhne".

Ten můj hlad a divnej neklid,	It's a restless hungry feeling
to je špatný znamení,	That don't mean no one no good
slova jsou jenom slova	When ev'rything I'm a-sayin'
a na ničem nic nezmění.	You can say it just as good.
Zůstalas pořád stejná	You're right from your side
i já jsem zůstal, co jsem byl,	I'm right from mine
čeká nás poslední ráno	We're both just one too many mornings
a mě aspoň tisíc mil.	An' a thousand miles behind

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1963)

The third stanza is the least accurate one. In order to keep the song singable, the translation of the second verse varies slightly but its connotations are still more or less the same, unlike the translation of the third, fourth, fifth and the sixth verse. Dylan says in the original version that both him and his lover are right from their point of view, indicating that it does not matter much what they say because they have their own truths. Whereas Křest'an gets to the indication right away and he also interprets the points of view differently. He actually completely digresses from the original, having the fifth and the sixth verse translated as "zůstalas pořád stejná / i já jsem zůstal, co jsem byl". The contrast and the opposing is preserved but not in the literal meaning. The final stanza explains that both Dylan and his lover cause the disagreement in the relationship and the mutuality is even emphasized by the change of the pronouns: "we're both just one too many mornings". Dylan addresses his lover directly ("you can say", "you're right"), enhancing the emphasis even more. The emphasis, nevertheless, disappears in the translation since the pronoun was translated as "nás" in all the stanzas.

The translation definitely carries the same connotations as the original text. Křesťan is more specific and definite but the translation is still poetic, even with the light dialect. After all, besides some variations, the fact that Křesťan's version is more resolute and it lacks the gradation, it does carry the original meaning.

## 8 GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY / DÍVKA ZE SEVERU

The song was written in 1963 and again it is a song about lost love. The song is suggested to have been inspired by the song "Scarborough Fair" from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The meaning and the whole story of this song is different but a clear linguistic link is there: Dylan took the two verses "remember me to one who lives there / she once was a true love of mine" from Scarborough Fair (Attwood, 2015).

"Girl from the north country" has five stanzas of four verses each. The first and the last stanza are identical. Regarding the translation, Křesťan translated only four of the stanzas – the fourth stanza is missing. Křesťan offered a very simple explanation: as a source text to this translation, Křesťan chose a version of the song which Dylan sings with Johnny Cash – and they do not sing the fourth stanza (Křesťan, personal communication).

#### 8.1 The title

The "north country" does not necessarily have to refer to a country as a state. English folk music uses the collocation as a reference to a place, which was not affected by industrialisation and therefore stayed quite poor, and where nature remained unharmed (Attwood, 2015). Since the place is not further specified in the original text, the translation as "dívka ze severu" is fairly accurate.

#### 8.2 Analysis of the stanzas

Až půjdeš tam, kde není skoro nic,	Well, if you're travelin' in the north country
	fair
kde vítr vždycky samým sněhem hrál,	Where the winds hit heavy on the borderline
pozdravuj jednu dívku u hranic,	Remember me to one who lives there
kterou jsem kdysi hrozně miloval.	She once was a true love of mine

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1963)

The "north country fair" is translated as a place "kde není skoro nic", which goes a little further in the meaning. But as a reader reads through Dylan's description of the north country, one gets an image of a cold, plain and barren place. So the translation does not carry a different meaning. The second verse of the original says nothing about snow, yet it appears in the translation. But it is not a figment of Křesťan's imagination, Křesťan only rearranged a few terms from different stanzas so he included them in different verses. The snow is taken from the first verse of the second stanza, which is not wrong or a mistake because the image of snow is preserved. Then, the "borderline" is included in the following

verse, making "the one who lives there" a "dívku u hranic". Translating "remember me" as "pozdravuj" may seem to be carrying slightly different meaning because the interpret of the translation assumes that the girl remembers him, while Dylan in the original suggests the reminder. However, "pozdravovat" is an accurate, though today no longer used, equivalent of "remember". Although the translation of the last verse may be more specific, especially the collocation "true love", the meaning and the emphasis of the unique love is still properly preserved by the adverb "hrozně". On one hand, the adverb carries negative connotation when it stands on its own but on the other hand, it found its way into Czech language as a positive emphasis as well and, for example, the word "velmi" would not express such an emphasis.

Až začnou zuřit bouře na pláních	Well, if you go when the snowflakes storm
a řeky znehybní tvrdý led,	When the rivers freeze and summer ends
doufám jen, že ji ochrání	Please see if she's wearing a coat so warm
před vichřicí a zimou teplý pléd	To keep her from the howlin' winds

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1963)

Both the first and the second stanzas start with "well", which Křesťan translated as "až". Křesťan rearranged some terms from the verses again, so the snowflakes disappear form the storm, but the storm is still characterised, just not meteorologically. The term "pláně" in "bouře na pláních" may be a link to the word "fair" in "north country fair" in the first stanza. The ending summer in the second verse is not translated at all but the freezing rivers are translated much more poetically. The third and the fourth verses are rearranged again but they maintain their meaning. For the purpose of singability, "coat" becomes "pléd" and "howlin' winds" are translated as "vichřice". The translation of "please see" as "doufám" deviated from the original but it still makes sense in the context.

Vlasy má, doufám, pořád vlnité,	Please see for me if her hair hangs long,
dlouhé tak, že jí po pás splývají,	If it rolls and flows all down her breast.
vlasy má, doufám, pořád vlnité,	Please see for me if her hair hangs long,
ty mi ji nejvíc připomínají.	That's the way I remember her best.

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1963)

"Please see" appears in the third stanza too and Křesťan translated it the same way: "doufám". The verses that describe the girl's hair are rearranged but they say the same: long flowing wavy ("it rolls") hair. The only difference is the length.

The translation depicted the atmosphere of the original perfectly. Very few differences appear in the translation (length of the hair, ending summer) but these differences do not change or shift the meaning in any way. The only shift, that may be notable, is the distinct approach of Dylan and Křesťan towards the traveller. Dylan says "if you're travellin'", which only implies a possibility, whereas Křesťan says "až půjdeš, which expresses the certainty of the journey. Nonetheless, this approach does not change the meaning.

# 9 A HARD RAIN'S A-GONNA FALL / ČÍM DÁL TÍŽ SE DEJCHÁ

The song was first performed in 1962. The lyrics are rather "heavy" with the depiction of a broken and corrupted world where negativity, evil, pain, danger, and death settle (Bob Dylan). Many argue what was Dylan's inspiration and what is the true meaning of the lyrics. Some say that Dylan was inspired by the Anglo-Scottish ballad Lord Randal in which a similar pattern of questions and answers also appears. Others also say that the song expresses the threat of a nuclear war, although Dylan himself has denied this statement. On the other hand, Dylan explained that each verse of the song can be a theme for a completely new song, because when he was writing the lyrics, he was afraid that he would not have the chance to write all these songs (Attwood, 2015).

"A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall" is a song full of alliteration, contrasts, repetition, numbers, and intertextuality. Křesťan said that he was not trying to read into all the references to Bible, or the symbolism of numbers (if there is any), because if he did examine all of these references, he would not be able to compose the text again in a singable form. But despite the symbolism and intertextuality, Křesťan was still determined to translate the original text as accurately as possible (Křesťan, personal communication). The song has five stanzas the verses of which vary.

#### 9.1 The title

Křesťan first translated the song when he was 16, but, as he said, if was more of a paraphrase. He kept the translation of the title and the final verses from the first translation for the purpose of singability and as a reminder of the first translation. Křesťan knew that the translation of the title is not accurate, but as Dylan denied the connection to nuclear war, he allowed himself to translate it more loosely (Křesťan, personal communication). If one is not familiar with the original version, they may not be aware of the theme of rain (or water) in the song. But a connection between "a hard rain's a-gonna fall" and the translation "čím dál tíž se dejchá" may be found. If a hard summer rain is about to come, a sultry muggy weather usually precedes it, meaning that it is harder to breathe. However, this link may not be so obvious.

#### 9.2 Analysis of the stanzas

Kdes všude byl, můj blonďatej chlapče?	Oh, where have you been, my blue-eyed
	son?
Kdes všude byl, můj blonďatej sne?	Oh, where have you been, my darling

	young one?
Po dvanácti mlhavejch horách jsem	I've stumbled on the side of twelve misty
belhal	mountains
padesát klikatejch silnic jsem prošel	I've walked and I've crawled on six
	crooked highways
do šesti truchlivejch lesů jsem vstoupil	I've stepped in the middle of seven sad
	forests
na sedmi nehybnejch mořích se plavil	I've been out in front of a dozen dead
	oceans
po tisíc mil dlouhým hřbitově kráčel	I've been ten thousand miles in the mouth
	of a graveyard
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, and it's a hard, it's a hard,
	and it's a hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	And it's a hard rain's a-gonna fall

The word "všude" appears as a filler word. But a noticeable change is the translation of "blue-eyed son" as "blond'atej chlapec". The translation of "son" as "chlapec" does not represent a significant shift in the meaning since "son" is not a word for only an offspring but also a boy. Although the following verse does imply that this "son" really is an offspring, "chlapec" is still acceptable. What marks a shift in the meaning is the translation of "blue-eyed" as "blond'atej" because blue eyes do not necessarily have to correspond with blond hair. But Křest'an said that this was only a solution of singability (Křest'an, personal communication). "Darling young one", which implies the kinship, is not conveyed into Czech language. Křest'an repeats the word "blond'atej" and substitutes "chlapec" for "sen", which can be viewed as a partial homonym.

The alliteration in the original text ("misty mountains", "seven sad", "dozen dead", "ten thousand") was not preserved in the translation. Because of singability, not even the numbers were preserved. Křesťan tried to find some symbolism in the numbers but he either did no find any, or he assumed it was not of a great significance (Křesťan, personal communication). Instead of being "in front of dozen dead oceans", Křesťan finds himself sailing on "sedmi nehybnejch mořích". As the words "and it's a hard" repeat in the original text, it was a good translation choice to repeat the word "tíž" instead of "čím".

Cos všechno viděl, můj blonďatej	Oh, what did you see, my blue-eyed son?
chlapče?	
Cos všechno viděl, můj blonďatej sne?	Oh, what did you see, my darling young
	one?
Viděl jsem nemluvně s šakalí smečkou	I saw a newborn baby with wild wolves all
	around it
viděl jsem silnici zlatou, ale pustou	I saw a highway of diamonds with nobody
	on it
viděl jsem břízu s krvavou větví	I saw a black branch with blood that kept
	drippin'
viděl jsem kladiva nasáklý krví	I saw a room full of men with their
	hammers a-bleedin'
viděl jsem žebřík pod bílou vodou	I saw a white ladder all covered with water
viděl jsem mluvky s jazykem v křečích	I saw ten thousand talkers whose tongues
	were all broken
viděl jsem děti s ostrými meči	I saw guns and sharp swords in the hands
	of young children
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, and it's a hard, it's a hard,
	it's a hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	And it's a hard rain's a-gonna fall

"A newborn baby with wild wolves all around it" indicates a certain danger, while "nemluvně s šakalí smečkou" seems "just" as an unnatural situation. Singability plays its part again: "diamonds" become gold, "black branch" becomes "bříza", which maintains the alliteration and the "branch" is maintained in the verse too, "guns" are not translated. "A white ladder" is a reference to Bible and as Křesťan shifts the adjective "white" from the ladder to the water ("žebřík pod bílou vodou"), the intertextuality disappears. The broken tongues being translated as "jazyky v křečích" seems to carry slightly different meaning, although the connotations are more or less the same. A tongue that is all broken indicates a somewhat final state, whereas spasm is a temporary state.

Cos	všechno	slyšel,	můj	blonďatej	And what did you hear, my blue-eyed son?
chlap	oče?				

Cos všechno slyšel, můj blonďatej sne?	And what did you hear, my darling young
	one?
Slyšel jsem hromy s varovným hlasem	I heard the sound of a thunder, it roared out
	a warnin'
slyšel jsem vlnu, co zaplaví zemi	Heard the roar of a wave that could drown
	the whole world
slyšel jsem tambory s rukama v ohni	Heard one hundred drummers whose hands
	were a-blazin'
slyšel jsem šepot tisíců mnichů	Heard ten thousand whisperin' and nobody
	listenin'
slyšel jsem výkřiky hladu i smíchu	Heard one person starve, I heard many
	people laughin'
slyšel jsem básníka co umřel v blátě	Heard the song of a poet who died in the
	gutter
slyšel jsem klauna jak křičí a pláče	Heard the sound of a clown who cried in
	the alley
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, and it's a hard, it's a hard,
	it's a hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	And it's a hard rain's a-gonna fall

"A wave that could drown the whole world" is another biblical reference and in the original it only suggest the possibility, while the translation expresses the certainty of the flood. Again, the numbers in this stanza do not match with the original text. The contrast in the sixth verse between "ten thousand whisperin" and nobody listenin" is not captured in the translation, just like in the following verse. On the other hand, the contrast of a crying clown is maintained, although in the translation he does not cry in the alley.

Koho jsi potkal, můj blonďatej chlapče?	Oh, who did you meet, my blue-eyed son?
Koho jsi potkal, můj blonďatej sne?	Who did you meet, my darling young
	one?
Potkal jsem dítě u mrtvýho koně	I met a young child beside a dead pony
potkal jsem dobráka se vzteklou dogou	I met a white man who walked a black
	dog

potkal jsem ženu s ohnivým tělem	I met a young woman whose body was
	burning
potkal jsem dívku, co dala mi duhu	I met a young girl, she gave me a rainbow
potkal jsem lidi raněný láskou	I met one man who was wounded in love
a potkal jsem lidi raněný záští	I met another man who was wounded
	with hatred
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a hard, it's
	a hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall

Translation of "pony" as "kůň" is fairly accurate, but the dead pony and the child is a stronger contrast because it expresses the child's broken dream. A white man walking a black dog may be a racist reference and as such it completely disappears in the translation. But the colours may also imply the fight of the good and the evil and in this case, the contrast is preserved in the translation (Gregory Jason Bell, personal communication). The translation of "dog" as "doga" appears again (just like in "Čeká nás poslední ráno"). Well preserved is the difference between the woman and the girl in the fifth and the sixth verses. Křest'an then changes (again) the number from "one man" to "lidi", but the context stays the same, even with "hatred" being translated as "zášť".

Co chceš dělat teď, můj blonďatej	Oh, what'll you do now, my blue-eyed
chlapče?	son?
Co chceš dělat teď, můj blonďatej sne?	Oh, what'll you do now, my darling
	young one?
Vrátím se zpátky, než se udusím hrůzou	I'm a-goin' back out 'fore the rain starts
	a-fallin'
schovám se v temnotách nejhlubších lesu	I'll walk to the depths of the deepest
	black forest
kde lidí jsou spousty a ruce maj prázdný	Where the people are many and their
	hands are all empty
kde řeky se topí v granulích jedu	Where the pellets of poison are flooding
	their waters
kde městečko v stráni je studenej žalár	Where the home in the valley meets the

	damp dirty prison
kde nikdy nevidíš do tváří katům	Where the executioner's face is always
	well hidden
kde plno je hladu a ztracenejch duší	Where hunger is ugly, where souls are
	forgotten
kde černá je barva, kde nula je mnoho	Where black is the color, where none is
	the number
a to budu kázat a s tím budu dejchat	And I'll tell it and think it and speak it
	and breathe it
a vyřvu to z kopců, ať každej mě slyší	And reflect it from the mountain so all
	souls can see it
tak tohle mi řekl, než začlo se stmívat	Then I'll stand on the ocean until I start
	sinkin'
tak tohle mi řekl, než začal jsem zpívat	But I'll know my song well before I start
	singin'
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a hard, it's
	a hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall

The theme of rain appears again and Křesťan managed to preserve the connection and the reference to the title by paraphrasing it with the term "udusit se". But the walking in the fourth verse is translated as "schovám se", which carries different connotations. The "home" in the seventh verse is translated as "městečko", which is not a inaccurate translation since "home" does not only refer to a house, but it can refer to a place too. The translation of "damp dirty" as "studenej" does not need to be described as inaccurate, because the word "damp" carries similar connotations. On the other hand, the personification in the original text is lost in the translation. The translation of the ninth verse is more of a paraphrase but the hunger, souls and oblivion maintain. Křesťan interestingly translates "none" as "nula" and emphasizes the contrast by translating "number" as "mnoho". He translates the three verbs "tell", "think", "speak" by a single one "kázať" and then he emphasizes the verb "reflect" translating it as "vyřvať", even though he does not scream it from the mountains, but from hills. The translation of the thirteenth and the fourteenth verses does not correspond with the original text, because, as was mentioned

above, Křesťan used the lines from his first translation of this song (Křesťan, personal communication).

Despite the lack of alliteration, loss of some contrasts and the mismatching numbers, the translation faithfully managed to carry the meaning and atmosphere. Křesťan himself said that translation of this song was probably the easiest because of the free verse and more possibilities for accurate formulations (Křesťan, personal communication). Out of all the Dylan's texts Křesťan translated, singability played probably the most important part in "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall". But Křesťan managed to maintain the non-standard language and dialect and to translate some lines in a nice poetic way. For example, the thunder "it roared out a warnin" translated as "hromy s varovným hlasem", "drummer" translated as "tambor", or "where the executioner's face is always well hidden" translated as "kde nikdy nevidíš do tváří katům".

# 10 RING THEM BELLS / ZVONÍ ZVONY

This song appeared on the album Oh Mercy from 1989. It carries a strongly religious feeling: the bells, the heathen, the sacred cow, the saints. But again, this is a song written by Bob Dylan, so many people argue whether the song is as religious as it seems or if it is religious at all (Attwood, 2015). The song has five stanzas (Bob Dylan).

#### 10.1 The title

"Ring them bells" is in imperative mood, while "zvoní zvony" is in indicative. "Ring them bells" seems to carry more of an insistence or emphasis on the action, but with respect to singability, rhythm and rhyme it is not an inaccurate translation. In the original text, "ring them bells" opens all the stanzas in the same structure. But Křesťan is transforming the line from "zvoní zvony" and "zazvoň" to "zvoní zvon" (which laso changes the mood) in order to preserve singability.

## 10.2 Analysis of the stanzas

Zvoní zvony barbarů	Ring them bells, ye heathen
z těch měst, které sní.	From the city that dreams
Zvoní zvony v svatyních	Ring them bells from the sanctuaries
a v údolích zní	'Cross the valleys and streams
řekám tak širokým	For they're deep and they're wide
a tak hlubokým,	And the world's on its side
že svět se rozběh nazpátek	And time is running backwards
a čas beží s ním	And so is the bride
	(VXP 2007, D-1 1000)

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1989)

As was mentioned above, Dylan appeals to others (the heathen, the saints) to ring the bells, whereas Křesťan gives a declaration of the bells ringing. He also adds much more negative connotations to the word "heathen" by translating it as "barbar". Whether the bells are ringing from the sanctuaries or in the sanctuaries seems like an unimportant detail. Křesťan then rearranges the verses, omitting the world being on its side and the bride running backwards. In the translation, it is the world that is running backwards and so is the time, which is an interesting shift within the verses.

Zazvoň, svatý Petře,	Ring them bells St. Peter
čtyřem větrům, jež bdí,	Where the four winds blow

zazvoň rukou železnou,	Ring them bells with an iron hand
ať všichni to ví.	So the people will know
Je rušno a křik	Oh it's rush hour now
v městech i vsích	On the wheel and the plow
a nad posvátnou krávou	And the sun is going down
soumrak hoří jak vích	Upon the sacred cow

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1989)

The (linguistic) mood corresponds with the mood of the original in the first verse. The verb "blow" is translated as "bdít", which is more poetic but it also maintained alliteration between the original and the translated versions. Except for the missing bells in the translation, the third and the fourth verses are identical. Křesťan managed to translate the "rush hour" in a very pleasant way even in the terms of hearing, as "rush" and "rušno" contain similar sounds. Křesťan chose a less poetic and non-figurative (at all) translation of "the wheel and the plow", however the translation is correct as "the wheel and the plow" is a metaphor for the city and village or the countryside. But then Křesťan uses figurative language when he adds simile "jak vích" in the last verse, which, together with the "sun going down" being translated as "soumrak", adds to the poeticity of the text.

Zazvoň, milá Marto,	Ring them bells Sweet Martha
chlapci, jenž vodí pluh,	For the poor man's son
zazvoň, ať svět vidí,	Ring them bells so the world will know
že jen jeden je Buh.	That God is one
Pastýřka spí	Oh the shepherd is asleep
tam u vrboví	Where the willows weep
a ovce kdesi v horách	And the mountains are filled
raděj zbloudily s ní	With lost sheep

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1989)

Křesťan goes a little further in the translation of "the poor man's son". No link or indication occur between the poverty and the plow in the original text, although, one may see the connection there arising from some general conception of poverty or the life in the countryside. Křesťan may have also include the word "plow" because it appeared in the previous stanza. The willows no longer weep in Křesťan's translation. Křesťan also adds a rather filler word "kdesi" and changes the intention of the sheep getting lost. The sheep get lost in the original text, because the shepherd fell asleep. But by using the word "raděj",

Křesťan says that the sheep chose to get lost. It may seem as a "negative" change but as mentions of the world being on its side and time running backwards appear in the text, it can actually embrace the controversy.

Zvoní zvon	Ring them bells
za slepé, jež šílí,	for the blind and the deaf
zvoní zvon	Ring them bells
za všechny, co zbyli,	for all of us who are left
zvoní zvon	Ring them bells
za ty vyvolené,	for the chosen few
co budou je soudit,	Who will judge the many
až Bůh řekne ne.	when the game is through
Zvoní zvon	Ring them bells,
za zmizelý čas,	for the time that flies
za dětský hlas	For the child that cries
a nevinnost v nás	When innocence dies
	(V*oston 2007: Dylan 1000)

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1989)

"The deaf" disappear completely from the text and as Křesťan substitutes it with "jež šílí", it adds more negativity and power to the verse. The contrast between the "chosen few" and the "many" also disappears and there is also a shift in the reference: in the original the chosen few will judge the many, but in the translation the chosen few will judge those who are left. It is not a major shift in the meaning, but, as was stated, the contrast between the few and the many it lost. Křesťan replaces the figurative language of "the game is through" with a religious reference "Bůh řekne ne". In terms of the meaning, it is not inaccurate since it expresses the finality, the end. "Zmizelý čas" as an equivalent of "time that flies" is not the most accurate one, but it is not unfaithful either. Flying time is somehow slipping through one's fingers, which means that one is loosing the time. On the other hand, the last two verses carry completely different connotations and meaning. Crying child and dying innocence have a strongly negative meaning whereas "dětský hlas" and "nevinnost v nás" indicate the very opposite. Nonetheless, Křesťan managed to rhyme the last three verses with the verses of the original text.

Zazvoň, svatá Kláro, Ring them bells St. Catherine
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tam kde nejvýše je,	From the top of the room
zazvoň z bunkru	Ring them from the fortress
za rozkvetlé orchideje.	For the lilies that bloom
Stoupá tam dým	Oh the lines are long
a bitva je vším	And the fighting is strong
a rozmazává rozdíl	And they're breaking down the distance
mezi dobrým a zlým	Between right and wrong

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1989)

Křesťan substitutes "Catherine" for "Klára", "fortress" for "bunkr", and "lilies" for "orchideje". Even though fortress has different characteristics, it does not change the symbolism, unlike the substitutions of Catherine and lilies. St. Catherine and St. Clare are patrons of different things, just like lilies symbolize different qualities than orchids. If one is familiar with the symbolism, then it can express different meaning. Křesťan translated the verse "lines are long" as "stoupá tam dým", which is not accurate at all, but it is connected to the fight in the following verse. The fifth verse both in the original text and in the translation does not indicate a fight, when it stands on its own, but as the following verse comes, it connects. So, after all, where there is a strong fight, there most likely is "dým" too. The verb "rozmazává" feels like a "milder", not as finite equivalent of "break down", but the meaning of the last two verses is that the distance (or the difference, as in the translation) between the right and wrong (or good and evil) is smaller and smaller and this meaning is well preserved in the translation.

Křesťan omits the figurative language in some lines but then he includes it somewhere else, which creates a nice balance in poeticity. Except for a few inaccurate translations ("heathen", "the deaf") and some possible change of symbolism, the translation is greatly faithful. Křesťan managed to translate some lines identically, even literally and the poeticity (and singability) remained.

#### 11 ANALYSES OF SEGMENTS

This chapter includes analyses of only segments of four other songs. These segments are either perfectly, literally, interestingly or poorly or insufficiently translated. Some minor insufficient translations can be found in "Not Dark Yet" and "Senor (Tales Of Yankee Power)", although these two texts, and "Farewell, Angelina" and "Maggie's Farm" also include a few interesting and even surprising translations.

#### 11.1 Not Dark Yet / Ještě není tma

Padají stíny, ale není kam se hnout,	Shadows are falling and I've been here all
	day
nedá se spát ani zapomenout,	It's too hot to sleep, time is running away
mám pocit, jako bych měl duši z oceli	Feel like my soul has turned into steel
a že mé jizvy ani slunce nezcelí.	I've still got the scars that the sun didn't heal
Není kam jít, i když by bylo na čase,	There's not even room enough to be
	anywhere
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se.	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1997)

This is the first stanza of the song and it is almost perfectly translated. The third, the fourth and the sixth verses are identical, almost literal, and they say exactly the same what the original verses say. Křesťan rearranges some verses again but he still preserves the meaning. On the other hand, he omits the line "I've been here all day" from the first verse and that "it's too hot to sleep" from the second verse. Though he translates the impossibility to sleep, he omits the heat. It does not cause a major meaning shift but it looses the cause of the impossibility to sleep, although Dylan is obviously pondering about something from his past ("scars that the sun didn't heal"), so the heat is not the only cause of sleeplessness. Translation of "I've been here all day" as "není kam se hnout" is not completely inaccurate but it creates a shift in the willingness to stay in that one place. While Dylan seems to have chosen himself to "be here all day", Křesťan's translation says that he does not have a choice because he cannot move anywhere. But the line "není kam se hnout" is connected with the fifth verse in the original text ("there's not even room enough to be anywhere"). Křesťan actually translates this verse twice: in the first and in the fifth verse. "Zapomenout" from the second verse seems to be random, but it can be connected to the "scars that the sun didn't heal", because the line can be understood as having experienced some pain, which is still hurtful, therefore it cannot be forgotten.

Křesťan did not omit the "time running away" from the second verse completely. He freely translated it in the fifth verse as "bylo by na čase". Although it is a fairly free translation, the connotations stay the same. The realization of the running time in this song implies the need to move forward (or elsewhere) because it is about time.

přišel mi dopis, tak milý, samý cit,	She wrote me a letter and she wrote it so
	kind
napsala prostě, co měla na srdci.	She put down in writing what was in her
	mind
A já už ani nevím, jestli ji poznám po	I just don't see why I should even care
hlase,	
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1997)

This is a segment from the second stanza. The first two verses are translated very accurately and poetically. But the translation of the third verse is not quite accurate. Dylan says that, even though it is a kind letter, he does not see a reason to care anymore, while Křesťan expresses the uncertainty of being able to recognize the girl's voice. Although the reason for not recognizing the voice may be lack of care, the first impression one has when reading the translation is that it has been too long since their last contact, so he simply forgot the sound of the girl's voice.

Přišel jsem na svět a zemřu, aniž bych	I was born here and I'll die here against
chtěl,	my will
všem se zdá, že se hýbám, jenže jako	I know it looks like I'm moving, but I'm
bych otupěl,	standing still
jen stojím a myšlenky mi běží buhvíkam,	Every nerve in my body is so vacant and
	numb
už ani nevím, pred čím sem utíkám.	I can't even remember what it was I came
	here to get away from
I modlitba mi zní jen jako vítr ve vlasech,	Don't even hear a murmur of a prayer
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there
	(WY 12 2007 D 1 1007)

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1997)

This is the last stanza of the song. The translation of the first verse is not inaccurate but it lacks some subtext. Křesťan's translation expresses a rather philosophical issue

concerning existence, while Dylan seems to talk about the unwillingness to stay and die in the specific place, not the world in general. But again, the translation is not inaccurate, because Dylan may have also meant the world. Křesťan then rearranges some terms again, moving the "standing still" from the end of the second verse to the beginning of the third. He moves the whole third verse to the second, omitting the nerves in the body being vacant. Still, he manages to preserve the meaning, even when he adds "myšlenky mi běží bůhvíkam", which does not have an equivalent in the original text, but it in a way emphasizes the meaning of the following verse, which basically expresses the state of being lost or confused. Although Křesťan preserves the depiction of the sound of a murmur in the fifth verse, he does not depict the meaning of the whole verse. Dylan says that he is so numb and lost that he cannot hear the prayers anymore, while the translation suggests that the prayers lost their value or relevance.

The translation of "Not Dark Yet" is still accurate. It includes both well and poorly (or insufficiently) translated segments. However, it maintains the atmosphere, the mood and the overall feeling of being lost.

## 11.2 Farewell, Angelina / Sbohem, Angelino

Křesťan managed to translate "Sbohem, Angelíno" with great accuracy. Except for some minor verse rearrangement and a few words with only slightly modified connotations, the translation perfectly preserves the original meaning. The original text is fairly ambiguous and Křesťan was able to translate it faithfully and just as ambiguously.

Z nádvoří zmizly	The jacks and the queens
páry kluků a dam	Have forsaked the courtyard
talón přemohl stráže	Fifty-two gypsies
a řadí se tam	Now file past the guards
kde se pod dvojkou s esem	In the space where the deuce
kdysi hýbala zem	And the ace once ran wild
tak měj se, Angelino	Farewell Angelina
nebe se hroutí	The sky is folding
buď spánembohem	I'll see you in a while
	(IIX 1) 2007 D 1 1001)

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1991)

This is the third stanza of the song. The first two verses were interchanged and Křest'an also added the word "páry", which changes the image of how the people were

grouped in the courtyard. Křesťan makes them couples, whereas the original text does not group them in any way. However, this does not cause any shift in the overall meaning of the stanza. The translation of the third verse is interestingly surprising and accurate, even despite the fact that the original text says nothing about defeating the guards. Křesťan used the verb "přemohl" in the translation only because of singability. Moreover, he found that the term "gypsies" is a less used equivalent of "cards", which makes "talón" a nice and figurative equivalent of the "fifty-two gypsies" in the original text (Křesťan, personal communication). The translation of the rest of the stanza is also quite fine.

Křesťan used the line "tak měj se" for "farewell" only in this stanza, he uses a perfectly accurate and literal "sbohem, Angelíno" in all the other stanzas of the song. Although the verb "hroutí" carries more negative or even threatening connotations, it is not an inaccurate translation. The picture of a folding sky is simply imaginable as the sky somehow going down, just like when something is collapsing. The translation of the last verse is probably the most debatable. "Bud' spánembohem" is definitely an obsolete way to say goodbye and it also carries uncertainty in terms of reunion, as it only says "goodbye". Unlike "I'll see you in a while", which clearly expresses future reunion. "I'll see you in a while" is actually the only hint in the song that the goodbye is not definite and as the suggestion of reunion is not captured in the translation, this hint is lost and the text acquires a fairly finite tone.

## 11.3 Senor (Tales Of Yankee Power) / Señore

Señor, Señor, srdce mají prázdný jako	Señor, señor, you know their hearts is as
snopy,	hard as leather
dejte mi pár minut, než se vzchopím,	Well, give me a minute, let me get it
	together
než zas v sobe najdu nějakej vzdor.	I just gotta pick myself up off the floor
Tak jed'te, jestli můžete, Señor.	I'm ready when you are, señor

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1978)

Křesťan managed to preserve the overall atmosphere and meaning of the whole song. This segment is the sixth stanza of the song. Křesťan again makes some changes in order to maintain the level of singability and rhyme, and adds a little resistance. Křesťan preserved the figurative language in the first verse substituting "prázdný jako snopy" for "as hard as leather". The meaning stays the same – the ones Dylan talks about are insensitive, most likely evil. The original text captures the change in the attitude towards the situation:

"gotta pick myself up off the floor" and leave, and, although Křesťan expresses the resistance in a way, he does not fully capture it. The translation of the last verse is not inaccurate, as "tak jeďte, jestli můžete" can be basically understood as "you can go (because I am ready)".

## 11.4 Maggie's Farm / U Majdy na statku

Maggie's Farm is a song, which contains the most elements from the Czech culture. Křesťan has tried to preserve the original feeling, including for example miles, not kilometres, but Maggie's Farm has quite a Czech atmosphere. Starting with the title itself, "statek" is an accurate equivalent of "farm", but "farma" is even closer. However, the most Czech element of the translation is the name "Majda". The name "Angelina" was also translated in "Farewell, Angelina", but even with the acute accent, "Angelina" is still a foreign name. Křesťan did not like the sound of the words "Maggie" and "statek" together, so he used a nickname of the wife of Luboš Malina, who is Křesťan's long-time friend and a fellow musician from Druhá tráva (Časopis Folk).

Už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no	
	more	
už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	No, I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no	
	more	
když se ráno vzbudím,	Well, I wake in the morning	
za déšť se pomodlím	Fold my hands and pray for rain	
hlavu mám plnou představ,	I got a head full of ideas	
z kterejch skoro magořím	That are drivin' me insane	
je hanba, že mě nutěj drhnout byt	It's a shame the way she makes me scrub the	
	floor	
už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no	
	more	
	(IV) (1 2007 D 1 10(5)	

(Křesťan, 2007; Dylan, 1965)

Křesťan used the verb "dřít" as an equivalent for "work", which would have different connotations if taken out of context, but as the song is about the hard work, it only emphasizes the true meaning. He also uses dialect again ("kterejch", "nutěj") and the verb "magořím" for "drivin' me insane". The only difference in the translation is that it is Maggie who makes Dylan scrub the floor in the original text, while it is "them", most

likely Maggie's family, who makes Křesťan do it. Otherwise, the stanza and the whole song is translated with great faithfulness to the original text.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The thesis focused on Robert Křesťan's translations of Bob Dylan's songs, which Křesťan and Druhá tráva released on the album called *Dylanovky* in 2007. Two songs from the album, "Jak mlýn se točí svěť" and "Lily, Rosemary a Srdcovej kluk", were not translated by Křesťan, but by Wabi Daněk and Jan Vyčítal, respectively. On that account, these two translations were not included in the analysis.

Křesťan's aim was to preserve the overall meaning and poeticity of the songs. Moreover, as the purpose of the translation was also further performance, it was crucial for Křesťan to maintain the singability of the texts as well. Since Czech and English language have different word order and other grammatical rules, the analysis did not focus on the accuracy and homogeneity of the language structure itself, but rather on the aspects of meaning, poeticity, and singability.

Dylan can be both specific and ambiguous to a large extent. He uses figurative language, intertextual references (in a lot of cases to Bible, for example), symbolism, alliteration, and dialect. He asks questions, he rhymes, uses free verse and repetition. He depicts contrasts by means of colours, sizes, age, gender. Křesťan himself understands translation as an imperfect interpretation of the original text and as such, he did not always try to capture or even find the symbolism behind all the numbers, or express the religious intertextuality. Because he believes that what was once expressed in one language, cannot be fully expressed in another language, especially in poetry (which includes song lyrics).

Although the main purpose was the maintenance of the meaning and the overall atmosphere, singability was of a great importance too in the translation and it sometimes prevailed, resulting in inaccuracy or non-equivalence. But even despite the fact that Křesťan did not always preserve the alliteration, repetition, symbolism or the connotations, he always managed to capture and express the core and the overall feeling of the original text. His translations were figurative, literal, sometimes more and sometimes less specific, but in general, singable, poetic and accurate.

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# **APPENDICES**

APPENDIX P I: TEXTS FOR ANALYSES

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Ještě není tma	Not Dark Yet
Padají stíny, ale není kam se hnout,	Shadows are falling and I've been here all day
nedá se spát ani zapomenout,	It's too hot to sleep, time is running away
mám pocit, jako bych měl duši z oceli	Feel like my soul has turned into steel
a že mé jizvy ani slunce nezcelí.	I've still got the scars that the sun didn't heal
Není kam jít, i když by bylo na čase,	There's not even room enough to be anywhere
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se.	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there
Svůj pocit lidství jsem nechal někde v polích,	Well, my sense of humanity has gone down the drain
jako by za vším, co je krásné, bylo něco, co bolí,	Behind every beautiful thing there's been some kind of pain
přišel mi dopis, tak milý, samý cit,	She wrote me a letter and she wrote it so kind
napsala prostě, co měla na srdci.	She put down in writing what was in her mind
A já už ani nevím, jestli ji poznám po	I just don't see why I should even care
hlase,	
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se.	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there
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Viděl jsem Londýn i Paříž pozdě k ránu,	Well, I've been to London and I've been to gay Paree
šel podél řeky až k břehům oceánu,	I've followed the river and I got to the sea
padl jsem na dno světa, níž než umím říct,	I've been down on the bottom of a world full of lies
a v lidských očích už nehledám vůbec nic.	I ain't looking for nothing in anyone's eyes
Jako by pravda byla vadou na kráse,	Sometimes my burden seems more than I can bear
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se.	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there
Přišel jsem na svět a zemřu, aniž bych	I was born here and I'll die here against my
chtěl,	Will  I know it looks like I'm maying but I'm
všem se zdá, že se hýbám, jenže jako bych otupěl,	I know it looks like I'm moving, but I'm standing still
jen stojím a myšlenky mi běží buhvíkam,	Every nerve in my body is so vacant and numb
už ani nevím, pred čím sem utíkám.	I can't even remember what it was I came here to get away from
I modlitba mi zní jen jako vítr ve vlasech,	Don't even hear a murmur of a prayer
ještě není tma, ale stmívá se.	It's not dark yet, but it's getting there
Jeste Helli ulla, ale sulliva se.	it s not dark yet, but it's getting there

Čím dál tíž se dejchá	A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall
Kdes všude byl, můj blonďatej chlapče?	Oh, where have you been, my blue-eyed son?
Kdes všude byl, můj blonďatej sne?	Oh, where have you been, my darling young
Rues vsude byt, muj blond atej sile?	one?
Po dvanácti mlhavejch horách jsem	I've stumbled on the side of twelve misty
belhal	mountains
padesát klikatejch silnic jsem prošel	I've walked and I've crawled on six crooked highways
do šesti truchlivejch lesů jsem vstoupil	I've stepped in the middle of seven sad forests
na sedmi nehybnejch mořích se plavil	I've been out in front of a dozen dead oceans
po tisíc mil dlouhým hřbitově kráčel	I've been ten thousand miles in the mouth of a graveyard
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, and it's a hard, it's a hard, and
a tiz, tiz, tiz, tiz	it's a hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	And it's a hard rain's a-gonna fall
Cos všechno viděl, můj blonďatej chlapče?	Oh, what did you see, my blue-eyed son?
Cos všechno viděl, můj blonďatej sne?	Oh, what did you see, my darling young one?
Viděl jsem nemluvně s šakalí smečkou	I saw a newborn baby with wild wolves all around it
viděl jsem silnici zlatou, ale pustou	I saw a highway of diamonds with nobody on it
viděl jsem břízu s krvavou větví	I saw a black branch with blood that kept drippin'
viděl jsem kladiva nasáklý krví	I saw a room full of men with their hammers ableedin'
viděl jsem žebřík pod bílou vodou	I saw a white ladder all covered with water
viděl jsem mluvky s jazykem v křečích	I saw ten thousand talkers whose tongues were all broken
viděl jsem děti s ostrými meči	I saw guns and sharp swords in the hands of young children
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, and it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a
	hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	And it's a hard rain's a-gonna fall
Cos všechno slyšel, můj blonďatej chlapče?	And what did you hear, my blue-eyed son?
Cos všechno slyšel, můj blonďatej sne?	And what did you hear, my darling young one?
Slyšel jsem hromy s varovným hlasem	I heard the sound of a thunder, it roared out a warnin'
slyšel jsem vlnu, co zaplaví zemi	Heard the roar of a wave that could drown the whole world
slyšel jsem tambory s rukama v ohni	Heard one hundred drummers whose hands were a-blazin'

slyšel jsem šepot tisíců mnichů Heard ten thousand whisperin' and nobody listenin' slyšel jsem výkřiky hladu i smíchu Heard one person starve, I heard many people laughin' Heard the song of a poet who died in the gutter slyšel jsem básníka co umřel v blátě Heard the sound of a clown who cried in the slyšel jsem klauna jak křičí a pláče allev And it's a hard, and it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž hard čím dál tíž se dejchá And it's a hard rain's a-gonna fall Koho jsi potkal, můj blonďatej chlapče? Oh, who did you meet, my blue-eyed son? Koho jsi potkal, můj blonďatej sne? Who did you meet, my darling young one? Potkal jsem dítě u mrtvýho koně I met a young child beside a dead pony potkal jsem dobráka se vzteklou dogou I met a white man who walked a black dog potkal jsem ženu s ohnivým tělem I met a young woman whose body was burning potkal jsem dívku, co dala mi duhu I met a young girl, she gave me a rainbow potkal jsem lidi raněný láskou I met one man who was wounded in love I met another man who was wounded with a potkal jsem lidi raněný záští hatred a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž And it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a hard čím dál tíž se dejchá It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall Co chceš dělat teď, můj blonďatej Oh, what'll you do now, my blue-eyed son? chlapče? Co chceš dělat teď, můj blonďatej sne? Oh, what'll you do now, my darling young one? Vrátím se zpátky, než se udusím hrůzou I'm a-goin' back out 'fore the rain starts afallin' schovám se v temnotách nejhlubších I'll walk to the depths of the deepest black forest lesu kde lidí jsou spousty a ruce maj prázdný Where the people are many and their hands are all empty kde řeky se topí v granulích jedu Where the pellets of poison are flooding their waters kde městečko v stráni je studenej žalár Where the home in the valley meets the damp dirty prison Where the executioner's face is always well kde nikdy nevidíš do tváří katům hidden kde plno je hladu a ztracenejch duší Where hunger is ugly, where souls are forgotten kde černá je barva, kde nula je mnoho Where black is the color, where none is the number

a to budu kázat a s tím budu dejchat	And I'll tell it and think it and speak it and
	breathe it
a vyřvu to z kopců, ať každej mě slyší	And reflect it from the mountain so all souls
	can see it
tak tohle mi řekl, než začlo se stmívat	Then I'll stand on the ocean until I start sinkin'
tak tohle mi řekl, než začal jsem zpívat	But I'll know my song well before I start
	singin'
a tíž, tíž, tíž, tíž	And it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a hard, it's a
	hard
čím dál tíž se dejchá	It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall

Sbohem, Angelino	Farewell, Angelina
Sbohem, Angelino	, , , , , ,
královský gong	The bells of the crown
krade loupežný rytíř	Are being stolen by bandits
a mě láká ten tón	I must follow the sound
už triangl cinká	The triangle tingles
a trombóny zní	And the trumpets play slow
tak sbohem, Angelino	Farewell Angelina
nebe už vzplálo	The sky is on fire
a já musím jít	And I must go
Není důvod se hádat	There's no need for anger
není důvod si lhát	There's no need for blame
všechno stojí všechno padá	There's nothing to prove
jak má padat a stát	Ev'rything's still the same
jenom na mořský pláži	Just a table standing empty
někdo zapomněl míč	By the edge of the sea
tak sbohem, Angelino	Farewell Angelina
nebe se chvěje	The sky is trembling
a já musím pryč	And I must leave
Z nádvoří zmizly	The jacks and the queens
páry kluků a dam	Have forsaked the courtyard
talón přemohl stráže	Fifty-two gypsies
a řadí se tam	Now file past the guards
kde se pod dvojkou s esem	In the space where the deuce
kdysi hýbala zem	And the ace once ran wild
tak měj se, Angelino	Farewell Angelina
nebe se hroutí	The sky is folding
buď spánembohem	I'll see you in a while
Heled' šilhaví piráti	See the cross-eyed pirates sitting
sedí jak šáh	Perched in the sun
a střílejí z brokovnic	Shooting tin cans
po konzervách	With a sawed-off shotgun
a sousedi křičí a tleskají jim	And the neighbors they clap
tak sbohem, Angelino	And they cheer with each blast
nebe už černá	Farewell Angelina
a já zmizím jak dým	The sky's changing color
	And I must leave fast
Na střechách tancují	King Kong, little elves
Kingkong a skřet	On the rooftops they dance
tango jako Valentino	Valentino-type tangos

když vtom maskér se zved a zavřel mrtvýmu oči aby nebudil hnus tak sbohem, Angelino nebi se hnusím a už mi přijíždí vůz

Kanony hřmějí loutky zvedají prak a démoni hází bomby pod náklaďák říkej mi jak chceš já nic nepopírám tak sbohem, Angelino nebe už bouří a já chci být sám While the makeup man's hands
Shut the eyes of the dead
Not to embarrass anyone
Farewell Angelina
The sky is embarrassed
And I must be gone

The machine guns are roaring
The puppets heave rocks
The fiends nail time bombs
To the hands of the clocks
Call me any name you like
I will never deny it
Farewell Angelina
The sky is erupting
I must go where it's quiet

Señore	Senor (Tales Of Yankee Power)
Señor, Señor, víte vůbec, kam to jedem?	Señor, señor, do you know where we're headin'?
Je to Arizona, nebo Armageddon?	Lincoln County Road or Armageddon?
Vždyť tady jsem už byl, to je snad fór.	Seems like I been down this way before
Mám pravdu, nebo magořím, Señor?	Is there any truth in that, señor?
Señor, Señor, nevíte, prosím, kde se skrývá?	Señor, señor, do you know where she is hidin'?
Kolik hodin, kolik dní nám ještě zbývá?	How long are we gonna be ridin'?
Kdy z nás vůbec stáhnou tenhle flór?	How long must I keep my eyes glued to the door?
A bude nám tu líp než tam, Señor?	Will there be any comfort there, señor?
Do korby bušil vítr, až se třásla mříž,	There's a wicked wind still blowin' on that upper deck
a na krku jí visel litinovej kříž,	There's an iron cross still hangin' down from around her neck
pořád vidím prázdný náměstí a ji ten den,	There's a marchin' band still playin' in that vacant lot
jak mě objímá a šeptá mi: "Nezapomeň."	Where she held me in her arms one time and said, "Forget me not"
Señor, Señor, už zas vidím ten modrobílej auťák	Señor, señor, I can see that painted wagon
a cejtím ocas draka;	I can smell the tail of the dragon
tohle napětí mě ničí jako mor.	Can't stand the suspense anymore
Kdo mi tady pomůže, Señor?	Can you tell me who to contact here, señor?
Klečel jsem tam nahej jako idiot,	Well, the last thing I remember before I stripped and kneeled
jako v magnetickým poli, neschopnej se hnout,	Was that trainload of fools bogged down in a magnetic field
a cikán blýskl prstenem a řek: "Máš dost,	A gypsy with a broken flag and a flashing ring
tohle se ti, chlapče, nezdá, to je skutečnost."	Said, "Son, this ain't a dream no more, it's the real thing"
Señor, Señor, srdce mají prázdný jako snopy,	Señor, señor, you know their hearts is as hard as leather
dejte mi pár minut, než se vzchopím,	Well, give me a minute, let me get it together
než zas v sobe najdu nějakej vzdor.	I just gotta pick myself up off the floor
Tak jeďte, jestli můžete, Señor.	I'm ready when you are, señor
Señor, Señor, radši odpojíme tyhle dráty,	Señor, señor, let's disconnect these cables

odvalíme všechny tyhle pláty,	Overturn these tables
tohle místo ve mně dusí každej pór.	This place don't make sense to me no more
Tak na co kruci čekáme, Señor?	Can you tell me what we're waiting for, señor?

U Majdy na statku	Maggie's Farm
Už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no
	more
už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	No, I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no
	more
když se ráno vzbudím,	Well, I wake in the morning
za déšť se pomodlím	Fold my hands and pray for rain
hlavu mám plnou představ,	I got a head full of ideas
z kterejch skoro magořím	That are drivin' me insane
je hanba, že mě nutěj drhnout byt	It's a shame the way she makes me scrub
	the floor
už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no
	more
Už nebudu na Majdina bráchu dřít	I ain't gonna work for Maggie's brother no
J	more
už nebudu na Majdina bráchu dřít	No, I ain't gonna work for Maggie's brother
·	no more
podstrčí mi bůra, ptá se,	Well, he hands you a nickel
jestli se mám fajn	He hands you a dime
ale jak někde prásknu dveřma,	He asks you with a grin
šklebí se jak Kain	If you're havin' a good time
a namístě mi zkrouhne benefit	Then he fines you every time you slam the
	door
už nebudu na Majdina bráchu dřít	I ain't gonna work for Maggie's brother no
	more
Už nebudu na Majdina tátu dřít	I ain't gonna work for Maggie's pa no more
už nebudu na Majdina tátu dřít	No, I ain't gonna work for Maggie's pa no
·	more
cigáro si s klidem	Well, he puts his cigar
típne o váš ksicht	Out in your face just for kicks
ale vrata do ložnice	His bedroom window
má težký jako kvicht	It is made out of bricks
a domobrana bdí, aby měl klid	The National Guard stands around his door
už nebudu na Majdina tátu dřít	Ah, I ain't gonna work for Maggie's pa no
	more
Už nebudu na Majdinu máti dřít	I ain't gonna work for Maggie's ma no
j	more
už nebudu na Majdinu máti dřít	No, I ain't gonna work for Maggie's ma no
_	more
o lidstvu nám káže,	Well, she talks to all the servants
o církvi a tak	About man and God and law

ale každýmu je jasný,	Everybody says
kdo je v domě drak	She's the brains behind pa
je nad hrobem, ale tvrdí že je fit	She's sixty-eight, but she says she's twenty-
	four
už nebudu na Majdinu máti dřít	I ain't gonna work for Maggie's ma no
	more
Už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no
	more
už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	No, I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no
	more
snažím se, co můžu,	Well, I try my best
abych zůstal jakej jsem	To be just like I am
ale každej chce jen jedno,	But everybody wants you
abych vyhovoval všem	To be just like them
už me nudí živit jejich apetýt	They sing while you slave and I just get
	bored
už nebudu u Majdy na statku dřít	I ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no
	more

Čeká nás poslední ráno	One Too Many Mornings
Někde venku štěkaj dogy	Down the street the dogs are barkin'
a zvolna padá tma,	And the day is a-gettin' dark
a když se úplně setmí,	As the night comes in a-fallin'
ten štěkot utichá.	The dogs'll lose their bark
Noční ticho tříští hlasy,	An' the silent night will shatter
co mi rozrývají týl,	From the sounds inside my mind
čeká nás poslední ráno	For I'm one too many mornings
a mě aspoň tisíc mil.	And a thousand miles behind
Když se dívám z tvýho prahu,	From the crossroads of my doorstep
jako bych na rozcestí stál,	My eyes they start to fade
a potom se otočím zpátky,	As I turn my head back to the room
tam kde jsem s tebou spal.	Where my love and I have laid
Jenže v zádech tuším cestu	An' I gaze back to the street
a ta mě táhne ze všech sil,	The sidewalk and the sign
čeká nás poslední ráno	And I'm one too many mornings
a mě aspoň tisíc mil.	An' a thousand miles behind
Ten můj hlad a divnej neklid,	It's a restless hungry feeling
to je špatný znamení,	That don't mean no one no good
slova jsou jenom slova	When ev'rything I'm a-sayin'
a na ničem nic nezmění.	You can say it just as good.
Zůstalas pořád stejná	You're right from your side
i já jsem zůstal, co jsem byl,	I'm right from mine
čeká nás poslední ráno	We're both just one too many mornings
a mě aspoň tisíc mil.	An' a thousand miles behind

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Zvoní zvony	Ring Them Bells
Zvoní zvony barbarů	Ring them bells, ye heathen
z těch měst, které sní.	From the city that dreams
Zvoní zvony v svatyních	Ring them bells from the sanctuaries
a v údolích zní	'Cross the valleys and streams
řekám tak širokým	For they're deep and they're wide
a tak hlubokým,	And the world's on its side
že svět se rozběh nazpátek	And time is running backwards
a čas beží s ním.	And so is the bride
Zazvoň, svatý Petře,	Ring them bells St. Peter
čtyřem větrům, jež bdí,	Where the four winds blow
zazvoň rukou železnou,	Ring them bells with an iron hand
at' všichni to ví.	So the people will know
Je rušno a křik	Oh it's rush hour now
v městech i vsích	On the wheel and the plow
a nad posvátnou krávou	And the sun is going down
soumrak hoří jak vích.	Upon the sacred cow
Southful nort july vien.	open the sacred cow
Zazvoň, milá Marto,	Ring them bells Sweet Martha
chlapci, jenž vodí pluh,	For the poor man's son
zazvoň, ať svět vidí,	Ring them bells so the world will know
že jen jeden je Buh.	That God is one
Pastýřka spí	Oh the shepherd is asleep
tam u vrboví	Where the willows weep
a ovce kdesi v horách	And the mountains are filled
raděj zbloudily s ní.	With lost sheep
Zvoní zvon	Ring them bells
za slepé, jež šílí,	for the blind and the deaf
zvoní zvon	Ring them bells
za všechny, co zbyli,	for all of us who are left
zvoní zvon	Ring them bells
za ty vyvolené,	for the chosen few
co budou je soudit,	Who will judge the many
až Bůh řekne ne.	when the game is through
Zvoní zvon	Ring them bells,
za zmizelý čas,	for the time that flies
za dětský hlas	For the child that cries
a nevinnost v nás.	When innocence dies
a hevilinost v lias.	when innocence dies
Zazvoň, svatá Kláro,	Ring them bells St. Catherine
tam kde nejvýše je,	From the top of the room
zazvoň z bunkru	Ring them from the fortress

za rozkvetlé orchideje.	For the lilies that bloom
Stoupá tam dým	Oh the lines are long
a bitva je vším	And the fighting is strong
a rozmazává rozdíl	And they're breaking down the distance
mezi dobrým a zlým.	Between right and wrong

Dívka ze severu	Girl From The North Country
Až půjdeš tam, kde není skoro nic,	Well, if you're travelin' in the north country
	fair
kde vítr vždycky samým sněhem hrál,	Where the winds hit heavy on the borderline
pozdravuj jednu dívku u hranic,	Remember me to one who lives there
kterou jsem kdysi hrozně miloval.	She once was a true love of mine
Až začnou zuřit bouře na pláních	Well, if you go when the snowflakes storm
a řeky znehybní tvrdý led,	When the rivers freeze and summer ends
doufám jen, že ji ochrání	Please see if she's wearing a coat so warm
před vichřicí a zimou teplý pléd.	To keep her from the howlin' winds
Vlasy má, doufám, pořád vlnité,	Please see for me if her hair hangs long,
dlouhé tak, že jí po pás splývají,	If it rolls and flows all down her breast.
vlasy má, doufám, pořád vlnité,	Please see for me if her hair hangs long,
ty mi ji nejvíc připomínají.	That's the way I remember her best.
	I'm a-wonderin' if she remembers me at all
	Many times I've often prayed
	In the darkness of my night
	In the brightness of my day
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