

Covîk rîba

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Fish-man

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Grén
znerât
udâhnen ca dùbje
da mögu izdurât

Ukarcôn pîz
i kontrapîz
jer môre me dvîže
daržî, vûcë, obûcë
gârli, operê, opijë
môre sa ménom
igrô na zmÿje

Dâ mi je bilo
dupîn bît
svû lipotü
môra olkrît

Silnô tišinâ
i mirnoçâ
modr'ilo môra
i dubinâ

Kûrin i dâje
ïspol osôja
korâlja sve vêče
dûšla mi vôle

I am going
to plunge in,
I take a breath deep enough
to endure

I load a weight
and a counter-weight
for the sea lifts me up
it holds me, pulls me, enfolds me,
it embraces me, washes me, inebriates me,
the sea plays hide-and-seek with me

If only I were
a dolphin
to discover all the beauties
of the sea

Immense silence
and tranquillity
the blue of the sea
and its depth

I am proceeding further downwards
under the shade
hosts of corals come into view
I feel tempted

Ővo kolūmbe
ővo sinjôl
ovôde je brûd
ol ântike ostôl

Behold the keel
behold the mark
a ship from the Antiquity
lies beneath

Âmfora
pijât
čîkara
fjâsak
pûno lop̄iča
s ovîn pûno
dobije Komîža

An amphora
a plate,
a cup
a crock
a kettle brimming
with a cornucopia of fish,
Komîža gains a lot from these

Covîk je rîba
covîk je dupîn
po cîle noćí
jo věj ne spîn

Man is a fish
man is a dolphin
I pass numberless
sleepless nights

Dubinâ môra
covîka opîje
covîka zanesë
stôj atênto
dà te ne olnesë

The depth of the sea
inebriates you
it enraptures you
beware
lest it should drag you away

Roniocima Pepe Kalafot iz Komîže

Dedicated to the divers by Pepe Kalafot (shipbuilder) from Komîža

RJEČNIK

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| covîk | čovjek |
| grén zanerât' | idem zaroniti |
| izdurât' | izdržati |
| ukarcat' | ukrcati, natovariti |
| píz | uteg |
| kontrapíz | protuuteg |
| zmi je | igra skriva a |
| kurit' | i i |
| os oj | sjena |
| v ja |  elja |
| kolûmba | kobilica broda |
| sinjôl | znak na moru |
| brûd | brod |
| pijât | tanjur |
| čîkara |  alica |
| fjâsak | vr ,  up |
| lop̄iča | kotao, lonac, <i>bronzin</i> |
| jo věj ne spîn | ja vi e ne spavam |
| stôj atênto | pazi |
| kalafôt | kalafat, brodograditelj u drvu |

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