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| 151. | Il-ħanżir l-art,
ix-xemx ma tistmerrux,
u ttih id-dawl. | 151. | <i>The woodlouse
the sun does not despise it,
and gives it light.</i> |
| 152. | Il-qamar mimli
ħa l-grilli biex iġħannu
ħdejn dar il-fqir. | 152. | <i>The full moon
took the crickets to sing
near the poor man's house.</i> |
| 153. | Ma jien qatt waħdi
għax naf l-isem tal-kwiekeb
u l-ward selvaġġ. | 153. | <i>I am never alone
because I know the names
of the stars and wild flowers.</i> |
| 154. | Musbieħ il-lejl,
ma tibżax tgħid lill-għadu
kull fejn int tkun. | 154. | <i>Oh! Firefly,
you are not afraid to tell your
enemies wherever you are.</i> |
| 155. | Għajjat għall-ħelu;
'mma meta tilef 'l ommu
ramieħ minn idu. | 155. | <i>He cried for sweets;
but when he lost his mother,
he threw them away.</i> |
| 156. | X'ħin jiġi d-dawl,
tmur torqod rasek l'isfel,
farfett il-lejl! | 156. | <i>When the light comes,
bat, you go to sleep
with your head hanging down.</i> |
| 157. | Tgħanni n-nemusa,
u biex nismagħha żgur
għiet ħdejn widinti. | 157. | <i>The mosquito is singing,
and to make sure that I hear it,
it came close to my ears.</i> |
| 158. | Tgħajjat weržieq
daqs il-bejjiegħ tal-frott;
x'għandek għall-bejgħ? | 158. | <i>Oh! grasshopper,
you shout as much as the fruit-vendor,
what do you have for sale?</i> |
| 159. | Helu l-bettieħ
mimdu d gewwa dik l-ġħalqa!
iżda l-ġħarix! | 159. | <i>Sweet are the melons
lying on that field –
but the farmer's cabin!</i> |
| 160. | Tfajla xi trid? | 160. | <i>Oh! lassie, what do you wish?</i> |

turi lil subgħajk ġelwa
jew iċ-ċurkett?

*to show your sweet fingers,
or your ring?*

161. Nisa fil-pjazza,
għasafar ġewwa s-sigħar,
qniepen idoqqu.

161. *Women in the square,
birds in the trees,
bells ringing.*

162. Ward taċ-ċarruta
mir-riħ artificjali
tal-fan imxengla.

162. *Flowers made of cloth
swayed by the artificial wind
of the fan.*

163 Ix-xita! ix-xita!
flok bl-umbrella l-bebbuxu
ħareġ bid-dar.

163 *It's raining!
the snail came out with its house
in lieu of an umbrella.*

164. Ja ħajt, għaliex
tgħattejt kollok bil-liedna?
qed thoss il-bard?

164. *Oh wall, why did you
cover yourself with ivy?
are you feeling cold?*

165. Xi ġmiel ta' baqar!
go djarna bullybeef,
ħalib tat-trab!

165. *How beautiful are these cows!
our homes see only bullybeef
and powdered milk!*

166. L-ewwel tas-sena;
id-dinja lix-xemx thallas
il-kont tad-dawl.

166. *New Year's day;
the earth pays the light bill
to the sun.*

167. Toħroġx għax-xemx,
ja wiżgħa, għaliex twerwer
lil-mara tiegħi.

167. *Don't come out to see the sun
oh! gecko, because you terrify
my wife.*

168 Dubbiena kbira!
iftaħ malajr it-tieqa
għax iż-żgieg tkisser.

168 *What a big fly!
open the window soon
because it will break the panes!*

169. Qisu xi mara,
il-farfett minn ħanut

169. *As if it were a woman,
the butterfly goes*

sejjer għall-ieħor.

from one shop to another.

170. F'għomorha xejn
ma serqet, ħlief biss darba:
żewġ il-ħabiba.

170. *In her life she never stole
anything except once –
the husband of her friend.*

171. Mal-kannizzata
il-qargħa twil jaf jogħla,
fl-art jaf jitkaxkar.

171. *The trumpet gourd
knows how to climb with the trellis,
and how to crawl on the soil.*

172. Tletin elf werqa
li jagħmlu siġra waħda,
u spirtu wieħed.

172. *Thirty thousand leaves
make up one tree,
with one spirit.*

173. Żewġ kelmiet żgħar
bla sens... 'mma meta jgħidhom
l-amorin żgħir!

173. *Two short words
without sense... but when they are
told by the budgerigar!*

174. Hmura tal-ħabex;
daħna bajdana tiela'
minn razzett żgħir.

174. *A red twilight;
a small white smoke going up
from a small farmhouse.*

175. Fid-dlam tal-lejl
hemm dawl jiddi minn tieqa;
min jaf x'garalhom?

175. *In the darkness of the night
there is a light in a window –
what has happened to them?*

176. Fis-sajf il-weraq
tad-dielja mal-ġħenieqed
għattewli s-sema.

176. *In summer the leaves
and the bunches of the vine
hid the sky for me.*

177. Giet il-ħarifa
ħadet tad-dielja l-weraq,
u deher is-sema.

177. *Autumn came
and took away the leaves of the vine
and the sky reappeared.*

178. In-nemus jigdem
il-wiċċ tal-qamar mimli
għol-ilma qiegħed.

178. *The mosquitoes bite
the face of the full moon
in the stagnant water.*

- 179.** Kristu fuq l-Oqbra.
Kieku l-mejtin
m’umiex ħajjin, Ģesù
x’int tagħmel hawn?
- 179.** *Christ on the Tomb.*
If the dead
were not living, oh! Jesus
what are you doing here?
- 180.** Ma neħux fjuri
il-knisja; żgur li Alla
gie l-ġnien jarahom.
- 180.** *I shall not take flowers*
to the church; I am sure that God
came to my garden to see them.
- 181.** Madonna tagħna,
anki minquxa kerha
il-qlub int tiġbed.
- 181.** *Our Lady,*
even an ugly statue of you
attracts the heart of men.
- 182.** Alla tal-beraħ,
agħmel lil qalbi beraħ
mimlija blu.
- 182.** *God of the open air*
make my heart open
and full of blue.
- 183.** Il-Halliel It-Tajjeb.
Halliel! Halliel!
qalulu n-nies, “Seħibna!”
qalulu l-Angli.
- 183.** *The Good Robber.*
“A robber! A robber!
people called him; “Our comrade!”
the Angels called him.
- 184.** Ģesù b’żewġ linji
fissirt il-ħajja kollha:
salib fuq dahrek.
- 184.** *Oh Jesus with two lines*
you expressed our whole life:
a cross on your back.
- 185.** Imxiet sitt piedi
ix-xitla tal-liblieba
warda ħdejn warda.
- 185.** *The convolvulus*
has walked six feet
flower by flower.
- 186.** Il-kriżantemi
bojod, ħomor u sofor
ilkoll huma aħwa.
- 186.** *The chrysanthemums*
white, red and yellow
are all brothers.
- 187.** It-tfajjal fetaħ
l-ghaxar subgħajn biex jgħidli
- 187.** *The child opened*
his ten fingers to tell me

kemm kien iħobbni.

how much he loved me.

- 188.** Id-dar imwaqqa'
titlob lil kull min jgħaddi
jerga' jtellagħha.

- 188.** *The crumbling house
prays all passers by
to rebuild it.*

- 189.** Keċċewh mill-ġħalqa;
il-lellux mar fuq ħajt
u żiegħed bil-fjuri.

- 189.** *Expelled from the field
the corn marigold grew on the wall
with thousands of flowers.*

- 190.** Alla fil-kobor
fix-xemx; Alla fiċ-ċokon
fil-ward tax-xemx.

- 190.** *God in magnitude
in the sun; God in miniature
in the sun-flower.*

- 191.** Twerdin, żarżir,
ajruplani u karozzi,
qanpiena ġelwa.

- 191.** *Buzzing and hooting
of planes and motor cars:
the sweet voice of a bell.*

- 192.** Id-dawl intefa
u f'daqqa reġa' xegħel –
ferħa fit-triq.

- 192.** *The light went out
and came on again –
a shout of joy in the street.*

- 193.** Qiegħed nistad –
il-ħut imiss u jitlaq –
tamiet mitlufa.

- 193.** *I am fishing,
the fisjes bite and go –
lost hopes.*

- 194.** Ix-xita! Ix-xita!
umbrella miexja ttektek
fit-triq weħidha.

- 194.** *It is raining,
an umbrella is tapping
its way alone.*

- 195.** Xita qawwija;
ħlief ħmar bil-karettun
m'hemm ġadd fit-triq.

- 195.** *Rain is falling heavily;
the street is deserted except
for a donkey tied to a cart.*

- 196.** Par ġħamiem abjad;
Hija tlaqqat il-qamħ,
Huwa jirronda.

- 196.** *A pair of white doves;
she is picking the grains,
he trying to make love.*

- 197.** Is-siġra sajret
qantar u nofs tuffieħ
bla ebda ħoss.
- 198.** Id-dlam qed jaqa’;
il-bidwi jsus il-ħmar,
l-iben iniggżu.
- 199.** Jgħanni l-gardell;
jiġi qed inħares lejh,
anki l-qattus.
- 200.** Eluf ta’ nemel
mexjin kontra xulxin
bla traffic jam.

- 197.** *The tree has ripened
a hundred weight of apples
without noise.*
- 198.** *Darkness is falling;
the farmer urges the ass to run,
his son goads him.*
- 199.** *The goldfinch is singing;
I stare at him,
so does the cat.*
- 200.** *Thousands of ants
walking in opposite directions
without a traffic jam.*