

D'ROR YIKRA

The acrostic gives the name *Dunash*, whom several authorities identify as Dunash ben Labrat (ca. 920-ca. 986)⁷⁵ a prominent linguist and poet, and author of the preface to the Grace After the Wedding Feast. A nephew and disciple of the great sage Saadia Gaon (882-942), Dunash ben Labrat lived most of his life in Baghdad and in Fez (Morocco). Loewe regards him as the first to write Hebrew verse in Arabic meter.⁷⁶

Hirschfeld, however, is uncertain as to the authorship. He mentions two other possibilities: Dunash bar Tamim of Iraq (ca. 900-ca. 960);⁷⁷ and, an unknown author with the first name of *Dunash*.⁷⁸

A variant of the text is contained in *Maḥzor Vitry*.⁷⁹

--Probably the most popular version among American Jews of various traditions. It is not found in any of the published editions known to this editor, nor has its origin been determined.⁸⁰

Refrain *Lilting*

D' - ror yik - ra l' - vën - im bat - v' - yin - tzar - chem k' -
 mo - va - vat - n' - im shim - chem v' - lo - yush - bat sh' -
 vu v' - nu - ḥu b' - yom Sha - bat d' - rosh na - vi - v' -
 u - la - mi - v' - ot ye - sha - a - sē i - mi - n' -
 ta so - rēk - b' - toch kar - mi - sh' - ě - shav - at b' - nē a - mi

D.C. al Fine