
MY FRIEND SABRI

*My friend Sabri
And I always talk
In the street at night
And always drunk.
He always says,
"I'm late for home,"
And always two loaves
Of bread under his arm.*

Orhan Veli (1914-1950), was one of the founders of contemporary Turkish poetry. See *I, Orhan Veli*. Hanging Loose Press, Brooklyn, N.Y. 1989.

