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by Basil Wentworth

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Though her ancestry wasn't quite right,
Boaz looked upon Ruth with delight,
 And his qualms he could quiet
 As one on a diet
There's no harm in one Moabite.

Well, it could be his concept of fun
(After all, why begrudge him a pun?)
 When they asked who was lord
 Of the Israelite horde,
He replied, "Up to now, there's Bin Nun."

After Harman was carted away,
And the Jews could relax for a day,
 If you query whose hand
 Wrought this wonder so grand,
It was oestrus, I'd venture to say.

Judah's actions were not up to par,
And he left an emotional scar,
 Proving: someone must pay
 When you live for today,
And neglect to provide for Tamar.

When the man from Who's Who came to call,
And requested a listing of all
 Of their Kings, they said, "We
 Unequivocally
Have only one King, and that's Saul."

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If these transliterations were true,
A few of the puns wouldn't do.
 E.g., Shaoul (for Saul)
 Wouldn't do well at all,

And Esther'd surprise, if you knew.

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