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The famous curse of the parish priest of Masullas.

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The excommunication of Father Antioco III.

Amazement. The thieves took all the animals away, except for one mangy, cracked and scabby goat.

That's enough, let's carry on,
because I don't want to get angry:
The sheep were black (80)
and, to distinguish them,
had clipped ears;
the little lambs were
beautiful and curly
and so that they could be recognized (85)
they were tailless
and had crooked little horns.
The rams all had
the same coat and color:
there was one with a beard (90)
and another who butted
and for that reason,
since he was always butting,
he was missing a horn.
The goats and the billy-goat (95)
had hair of different colors,
long hair and short hair,
all filthy;
there was just one
who walked with a limp (100)
because he had fallen
into a crevasse.
They left just one behind
because she was all scabby,
wounded and full of sores. (105)
And let a bullet
be fired into the herd,
for, though they were in the dark,
they certainly had a keen eye!
Ah... if only I'd realized (110)
damn those who gave birth to you,
and raised you,
perhaps I'd have sent you off
in need, big and small,
without a head or a brain. (115)