



In the vezn-i asgiru 's-sagir code indication the last word has been largely obliterated. As this could have been done deliberately rather than accidentally the possibility should certainly be entertained of an alternative transcription with  $1 = \hbar$  (vezn-i sagir), the first two cycles of which would appear as:



But although the main features of melodic/rhythmic congruence in *center* are equally present here, the uncharacteristically high proportion of notes of duration  $\frac{1}{2}$  makes this alternative less attractive, and we may conclude that the correct code is more likely to have been the original one.