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A Personalized Mailing Address

There was an illiterate villager who had a son attending a medical school in İstanbul. The boy lived at Şehzadebaşı in the Beşiktaş section of İstanbul. The villager paid a man to write the letter he wished to send to his son, but he did not have his son's address. He knew exactly where the boy lived in İstanbul, but he did not know the actual address that should be put on the envelope containing the letter. He said to the professional letter writer, "Put this on the envelope:

Şehzadebaşı's where he lives,	Hasan Hüseyin is his name.
Right opposite the Yeni Cami.	Oh, mailman, carry this to him.
Upon his eyebrow is a mole.	Take seriously a father's plea
He now is twenty years of age.	And place this letter in his hand."