

Contents

Introduction	vii
Transcription	xi
I. The Traditional Analysis of Arabic and Persian Prosody	1
II. Critique of Xalīl's System as applied to Persian Metres	57
III. The Persian Metres	83
IV. Statistical Survey of Use of Metres	145
V. The Sources of the Persian Metrical System	168
Appendix I. Rhyme	223
Appendix II. Verse Forms	243
Bibliography	261
Index of Technical Terms	273
Index of Proper Names	281

For quick reference a table of the thirty commonest metres is given on page xiv.