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With squinteyes and forced breath
he hefts twin swords
and lowers a look towards nothing.

Nothing speaks:
"Fool: any man wishing
the divinity of abstraction
blasphemes. Wrath you are not;
Balin you remain."

Stars cloud. He closes
one eye, drops one
sword, empties both
lungs, fills them, speaks:
"Madman, arm yourself."

But Garlon is gone.
And from the black hole within,
twin to the empty valley
echoing feet,
a thought takes shape:

Somewhere there is a land to lay waste,
a king to maim.

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