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RING OF POWER
(a conservationist view)
by Christopher Barczak

Ring...

It may take a tempted soul
and char its edges,
Particles falling
to cover
a green valley,
choking a hobbit hole.

Out ran a Took
coughing his lungs, collapsed in a rocky stream.

An Ent will die.
No - make that two
two-by-four,
four-by-eights.

Strike! Smash! Strike! Smash!
Shiny Ring on my finger?
Rusty nail that punctures walls
to drain chlorophyll...
Tom Bombadil's blood
drips from a bright sword.

"But This is the Enlightened Age."

Ring.
Somebody placed you on his finger.
A little humanity withered
rotted
and died,
diminishing the solem green valley
that rose to twin peaks.

So - ores invaded
and black thistles surrounded a standing forest.
Like a Ring
on a finger.

