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## To Clyde S. Kilby: In Memoriam

### I

I wandered through the silent trees  
Of fair Loth-Lorien,  
At Cerin Amroth saw the leaves  
Blow o'er the tomb of Arwen.

I wandered north to Rivendell,  
To Elrond's homely halls,  
and watched as evening shadows fell  
On long deserted walls.

Then West I turned, past hill and tree  
'Til I stood by the shore;  
But Cirdan was gone, and elves to the sea  
Down Anduin sail no more.

### II

And I have stood as tall as a king  
On a hill top windy and bare  
And drunk the air of a Narnian spring  
When no one else was there.

And I have seen Cair Paravel  
And stood by Aslan's Howe;  
But where the King was, none could tell,  
For no one goes there now.

### III

And homeward I my feet have turned,  
But home I never came,  
For in my soul a fire burned,  
And home was not the same.

And human eyes I seldom find  
Which seem to understand  
The longing of a pilgrim mind  
For distant Faerie lands.

But when I find such eyes, I call  
The man who owns them "Friend."  
And together we wander through leafy halls  
In fair Loth-Lorien.

Donald T. Williams

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