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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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Right: Eowyn of the Rohirrim: "Shall I always be left behind when the Riders depart?"