

Paragraph Index to *The Hobbit*- J. R. R. Tolkien
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01.001 - In a hole
01.002 - It had a perfectly round door
01.003 - This hobbit was a very well-to-do hobbit,
01.004 - The mother of our particular hobbit -
01.005 - Not that Belladonna Took ever had any adventures
01.006 - By some curious chance
01.007 - All that the unsuspecting Bilbo saw that morning
01.008 - 'Good Morning!' said Bilbo,
01.009 - 'What do you mean?' he said.
01.010 - 'All of them at once,' said Bilbo.
01.011 - 'Very pretty!' said Gandalf.
01.012 - 'I should think so -
01.013 - 'Good morning!' he said at last.
01.014 - 'What a lot of things
01.015 - 'Not at all,
01.016 - 'Yes, yes, my dear sir -
01.017 - 'Gandalf, Gandalf! Good gracious me!
01.018 - 'Where else should I be?' said the wizard.
01.019 - 'I beg your pardon,
01.020 - 'Yes, you have!
01.021 - 'Sorry! I don't want any adventures,
01.022 - 'What on earth did I ask him to tea for!'
01.023 - Gandalf in the meantime
01.024 - The next day
01.025 - Just before tea-time
01.026 - 'I am so sorry to keep you waiting!'
01.027 - He hung his hooded cloak on the nearest peg,
01.028 - 'Bilbo Baggins at yours!'
01.029 - They had not been at table long,
01.030 - 'Excuse me!' said the hobbit,
01.031 - 'So you have got here at last!'
01.032 - 'I see they have begun to arrive already,'
01.033 - 'Thank you!' said Bilbo with a gasp.
01.034 - 'Come along in,

01.035 - 'A little beer would suit me better,
01.036 - 'Lots!' Bilbo found himself answering,
01.037 - When he got back
01.038 - 'Gandalf for certain this time,'
01.039 - 'What can I do for you,
01.040 - 'Kili at your service!' said the one.
01.041 - 'At yours and your family's!' replied Bilbo,
01.042 - 'Dwalin and Balin here already,
01.043 - 'Throng!' thought Mr. Baggins.
01.044 - 'Someone at the door!'
01.045 - 'Some four,
01.046 - The poor little hobbit sat down
01.047 - A big jug of coffee had just been set
01.048 - Bilbo rushed along the passage,
01.049 - 'Carefully!
01.050 - 'At your service!'
01.051 - 'Now we are all here!' said Gandalf,
01.052 - 'And for me,' said Thorin.
01.053 - 'And raspberry jam
01.054 - 'And mince-pies
01.055 - 'And pork-pie
01.056 - 'And more cakes -
01.057 - 'Put on a few eggs,
01.058 - 'Seems to know as much
01.059 - 'Confusticate and bebother these dwarves!'
01.060 - Gandalf sat at the head of the party
01.061 - 'I suppose you will all stay to supper?'
01.062 - 'Of course!' said Thorin.
01.063 - Thereupon the twelve dwarves -
01.064 - Chip the glasses and crack the plates!
01.065 - Cut the cloth and tread on the fat!
01.066 - Dump the crocks in a boiling bowl;
01.067 - That's what Bilbo Baggins hates!
01.068 - And of course they did none
01.069 - 'Now for some music!' said Thorin.
01.070 - Kili and Fili rushed for their bags
01.071 - The dark came into the room
01.072 - The dark filled all the room,
01.073 - Far over the misty mountains cold
01.074 - The dwarves of yore made mighty spells,
01.075 - For ancient king and elvish lord
01.076 - On silver necklaces they strung
01.077 - Far over the misty mountains cold

01.078 - Goblets they carved there for themselves
01.079 - The pines were roaring on the height,
01.080 - The bells were ringing in the dale
01.081 - The mountain smoked beneath the moon;
01.082 - Far over the misty mountains grim
01.083 - As they sang
01.084 - He got up trembling.
01.085 - 'Where are you going?' said Thorin,
01.086 - 'What about a little light?'
01.087 - 'We like the dark,' said all the dwarves.
01.088 - 'Of course!' said Bilbo,
01.089 - 'Hush!' said Gandalf.
01.090 - 'Gandalf, dwarves and Mr. Baggins!
01.091 - 'We are met to discuss our plans,
01.092 - This was Thorin's style.
01.093 - 'Excitable little fellow,' said Gandalf,
01.094 - If you have ever seen a dragon
01.095 - In the meanwhile,
01.096 - Then Mr. Baggins turned the handle
01.097 - 'Pardon me,' he said,
01.098 - 'Yes, yes, but that was long ago,' said Gloin.
01.099 - 'Of course there is a mark,' said Gandalf.
01.100 - He scowled so angrily at Gloin
01.101 - On the table
01.102 - 'This was made by Thrór,
01.103 - 'I don't see that this will help us much,'
01.104 - 'There is a dragon marked
01.105 - 'There is one point that you haven't noticed,'
01.106 - 'It may have been secret once,' said Thorin,
01.107 - 'He may -
01.108 - 'Why?'
01.109 - 'Because it is too small.
01.110 - 'It seems a great big hole to me,'
01.111 - 'In lots of ways,' said Gandalf.
01.112 - 'Quite right,' said Thorin.
01.113 - 'Also,' went on Gandalf,
01.114 - 'Indeed I will,' said Thorin,
01.115 - 'A long time before that,
01.116 - 'We might go from there
01.117 - 'That would be no good,'
01.118 - 'Very well then,' said Thorin,
01.119 - 'First I should like to know
01.120 - 'Bless me!' said Thorin,

01.121 - 'All the same,
01.122 - 'O very well,' said Thorin.
01.123 - 'Undoubtedly that was what brought the dragon.
01.124 - 'The few of us that were well outside
01.125 - 'I have often wondered about my father's
01.126 - 'I did not "get hold of it,"
01.127 - 'Curse his name,
01.128 - 'And Thrain your father went away on the twenty-first of April,
01.129 - 'True, true,' said Thorin.
01.130 - 'Well, your father gave me this to give to you;
01.131 - 'I don't understand,' said Thorin,
01.132 - 'Your grandfather,'
01.133 - 'Whatever were you doing there?'
01.134 - 'Never you mind.
01.135 - 'We have long ago
01.136 - 'Don't be absurd!
01.137 - 'Hear, hear!' said Bilbo,
01.138 - 'Hear what?'
01.139 - 'What's that?' they asked.
01.140 - 'Well, I should say that you ought to go East
01.141 - 'Before we go,
01.142 - After all the others had ordered their breakfasts
01.143 - As he lay in bed
01.144 - Far over the misty mountains cold
01.145 - Bilbo went to sleep with that
02.001 - Up jumped Bilbo,
02.002 - "Don't be a fool,
02.003 - "My dear fellow," said he,
02.004 - "What message?" said poor Mr.
02.005 - "Great Elephants!" said Gandalf,
02.006 - "What's that got to do with it?
02.007 - "If you had dusted the mantelpiece,
02.008 - This is what he read:
02.009 - "Thorin and Company to Burglar Bilbo greeting!
02.010 - "Thinking it unnecessary
02.011 - "We have the honour to remain
02.012 - "Yours deeply
02.013 - "Thorin & Co."
02.014 - "That leaves you just ten minutes.
02.015 - "But -
02.016 - "No time for it,"
02.017 - "But -
02.018 - "No time for that either!

02.019 - To the end of his days
02.020 - Very puffed he was,
02.021 - "Bravo!" said Balin
02.022 - Just then all the others came
02.023 - "Up you two get,
02.024 - "I'm awfully sorry," said Bilbo,
02.025 - "Don't be precise," said Dwalin,
02.026 - That's how they all came to start,
02.027 - They had not been riding very long,
02.028 - At first they had passed through hobbit-lands,
02.029 - "To think it will soon be June!" grumbled Bilbo,
02.030 - Still the dwarves jogged on,
02.031 - It was nearly night when they had crossed over.
02.032 - Not until then
02.033 - "Just when a wizard
02.034 - They decided in the end
02.035 - Then one of the ponies took fright at nothing
02.036 - There they all sat glum
02.037 - When they had looked at it for some while,
02.038 - Others said:
02.039 - That settled it.
02.040 - Suddenly the red light shone out very bright
02.041 - "Now it is the burglar's turn," they said,
02.042 - Off Bilbo had to go,
02.043 - Three very large persons sitting round
02.044 - "Mutton yesterday,
02.045 - "Never a blinking bit of manflesh
02.046 - William choked.
02.047 - Yes, I am afraid trolls do behave like that,
02.048 - Bilbo knew it.
02.049 - Bert and Tom went off to the barrel.
02.050 - It was!
02.051 - "Blimey, Bert,
02.052 - "What is it?" said the others coming up.
02.053 - "Lumme, if I knows!
02.054 - "Bilbo Baggins,
02.055 - "A burrahobbit?"
02.056 - "What's a burrahobbit got
02.057 - "And can yer cook 'em?" said Tom.
02.058 - "Yer can try," said Bert,
02.059 - "He wouldn't make above a mouthful,"
02.060 - "P'raps there are more like him round about,
02.061 - "Yes, lots," said Bilbo,

02.062 - "What d'yer mean?" said Bert,
02.063 - "What I say,"
02.064 - "Poor little blighter," said William.
02.065 - "Not till he says
02.066 - "I won't have it," said William.
02.067 - "You're a fat fool,
02.068 - "And you're a lout!"
02.069 - "And I won't take that from you,
02.070 - Then there was a gorgeous row.
02.071 - That would have been the time
02.072 - Right in the middle of the fight
02.073 - "There's more to come yet," said Tom,
02.074 - "I reckon you're right," said Bert,
02.075 - And so they did.
02.076 - "That'll teach 'em," said Tom;
02.077 - Thorin came last -
02.078 - "It's trolls!" said Bilbo from behind a tree.
02.079 - "O! are they?" said Thorin,
02.080 - Tom got the branch
02.081 - It was just then that Gandalf came back.
02.082 - "No good roasting 'em now,
02.083 - "Don't start the argument
02.084 - "Who's a-arguing?" said William,
02.085 - "You are," said Bert.
02.086 - "You're a liar," said William;
02.087 - "No good boiling 'em!
02.088 - "Shut up!" said they,
02.089 - "Shut up yerself!" said Tom,
02.090 - "You're a booby," said William.
02.091 - "Booby yerself!" said Tom.
02.092 - And so the argument began all over again,
02.093 - "Who shall we sit on first?"
02.094 - "Better sit on the last fellow first," said Bert,
02.095 - "Don't talk to yerself!" said Tom.
02.096 - "The one with the yellow stockings," said Bert.
02.097 - "Nonsense, the one with the grey stockings,"
02.098 - "I made sure it was yellow," said Bert.
02.099 - "Yellow it was," said William.
02.100 - "Then what did yer say
02.101 - "I never did.
02.102 - "That I never did!"
02.103 - "Two to one,
02.104 - "Who are you a-talkin' to?"

02.105 - "Now stop it!" said Tom
02.106 - "Dawn take you all,
02.107 - "Excellent!" said Gandalf,
02.108 - The next thing was
02.109 - "Silly time to go
02.110 - "And that's just what you wouldn't have got
02.111 - They searched about,
02.112 - "Would this be any good?" asked Bilbo,
02.113 - "Why on earth didn't you mention it before?"
02.114 - Gandalf and Thorin each took one of these;
02.115 - "These look like good blades,"
02.116 - "Let's get out of this horrible smell!" said Fili.
02.117 - After that they slept,
02.118 - "Where did you go to,
02.119 - "To look ahead," said he.
02.120 - "And what brought you back
02.121 - "Looking behind," said he.
02.122 - "Exactly!" said Thorin;
02.123 - "I went on to spy out our road.
02.124 - "Where's that?" asked Bilbo.
02.125 - "Don't interrupt!" said Gandalf.
02.126 - "I immediately had a feeling
02.127 - "Thank you!" said Thorin.
03.001 - They did not sing or tell stories that day,
03.002 - "Is that The Mountain?" asked Bilbo
03.003 - "Of course not!" said Balin.
03.004 - "O!" said Bilbo,
03.005 - Now Gandalf led the way.
03.006 - They asked him where he was making for,
03.007 - That sounded nice
03.008 - Morning passed,
03.009 - It was indeed a much wider land
03.010 - His head and beard wagged this way and that
03.011 - "Here it is at last!" he called,
03.012 - Bilbo never forgot the way they slithered
03.013 - "Hmmm! it smells like elves!"
03.014 - O! What are you doing,
03.015 - O! What are you seeking,
03.016 - O! Where are you going
03.017 - O! Will you be staying,
03.018 - So they laughed
03.019 - "Well, well!" said a voice.
03.020 - "Most astonishing wonderful!"

03.021 - Then off they went into another song
03.022 - "Welcome to the valley!" he said.
03.023 - "Thank you!" said Thorin a bit gruffly;
03.024 - "You are a little out of your way," said the elf:
03.025 - Tired as he was,
03.026 - But the dwarves were all for supper
03.027 - "Don't dip your beard
03.028 - "Mind Bilbo doesn't eat all the cakes!"
03.029 - "Hush, hush! Good People!
03.030 - And so at last they all came
03.031 - Now it is a strange thing,
03.032 - The master of the house was an elf-friend -
03.033 - He was as noble
03.034 - I wish I had time
03.035 - Elrond knew all about runes of every kind.
03.036 - "Whence did the trolls get them,
03.037 - "I could not say," said Elrond,
03.038 - Thorin pondered these words.
03.039 - "A wish that is likely to be granted soon enough
03.040 - He took it
03.041 - "What are moon-letters?"
03.042 - "Moon-letters are rune-letters,
03.043 - "What do they say?"
03.044 - "Stand by the grey stone
03.045 - "Durin, Durin!" said Thorin.
03.046 - "Then what is Durin's Day?"
03.047 - "The first day of the dwarves' New Year,"
03.048 - "That remains to be seen," said Gandalf.
03.049 - "None to be seen by this moon," said Elrond,
03.050 - The next morning was a midsummer's morning
04.001 - There were many paths
04.002 - Long days after they had climbed
04.003 - "The summer is getting on down below,"
04.004 - He knew that something unexpected might happen,
04.005 - Bilbo had never seen or imagined
04.006 - "This won't do at all!" said Thorin.
04.007 - "Well, if you know of anywhere better,
04.008 - The end of their argument was
04.009 - Soon Fili and Kili came crawling back,
04.010 - "Have you thoroughly explored it?"
04.011 - "Yes, yes!" they said,
04.012 - That, of course,
04.013 - It seemed quite a fair size,

04.014 - It turned out a good thing that night
04.015 - At that he woke up with a horrible start,
04.016 - Out jumped the goblins,
04.017 - The crack closed with a snap,
04.018 - Now there came a glimmer
04.019 - Clap! Snap! the black crack!
04.020 - Clash, crash! Crush, smash!
04.021 - Swish, smack! Whip crack!
04.022 - It sounded truly terrifying.
04.023 - It was lit by a great red fire
04.024 - I am afraid that was the last they ever saw
04.025 - There in the shadows on a large flat stone
04.026 - "Who are these miserable persons?"
04.027 - "Dwarves, and this!"
04.028 - "What do you mean by it?"
04.029 - "Thorin the dwarf at your service!" he replied
04.030 - "Um!" said the Great Goblin.
04.031 - "We were on a journey to visit our relatives,
04.032 - "He is a liar, O truly tremendous one!"
04.033 - The Great Goblin gave a truly awful howl of rage
04.034 - "Murderers and elf-friends!"
04.035 - Just at that moment all the lights
04.036 - The yells and yammering,
04.037 - Suddenly a sword flashed
04.038 - The sword went back into its sheath.
04.039 - "Quicker, quicker!" said the voice.
04.040 - "Half a minute!" said Dori,
04.041 - Then Gandalf lit up his wand.
04.042 - "Are we all here?" said he,
04.043 - On they went.
04.044 - Still goblins go faster than dwarves,
04.045 - "Why, O why did I ever leave my hobbit-hole!"
04.046 - "Why, O why did I ever
04.047 - At this point Gandalf fell behind,
04.048 - There was nothing else to be done;
04.049 - It was quite a long while
04.050 - That is why neither Bilbo, nor the dwarves,
04.051 - Quite suddenly Dori,
05.001 - When Bilbo opened his eyes,
05.002 - Very slowly he got up
05.003 - He could not think what to do;
05.004 - After some time he felt for his pipe.
05.005 - Now he drew it out.

05.006 - But somehow he was comforted.
05.007 - 'Go back?
05.008 - Now certainly Bilbo was
05.009 - I should not have liked to have been
05.010 - Suddenly without any warning
05.011 - 'So it is a pool or a lake,
05.012 - Deep down here by the dark water
05.013 - Actually Gollum lived on a slimy island of rock
05.014 - Gollum got into his boat
05.015 - 'Bless us
05.016 - The hobbit jumped nearly out of his skin
05.017 - 'Who are you?
05.018 - 'What is he,
05.019 - 'I am Mr. Bilbo Baggins.
05.020 - 'What's he got
05.021 - 'A sword,
05.022 - 'Ssss' said Gollum,
05.023 - 'Very well,
05.024 - 'You ask first,
05.025 - So Gollum hissed:
05.026 - What has roots as nobody sees,
05.027 - 'Easy!' said Bilbo.
05.028 - 'Does it guess easy?
05.029 - 'All right!' said Bilbo,
05.030 - Thirty white horses on a red hill,
05.031 - That was all he could think of to ask -
05.032 - 'Chestnuts, chestnuts,
05.033 - Voiceless it cries,
05.034 - 'Half a moment!' cried Bilbo,
05.035 - An eye
05.036 - 'Ss, ss, ss,' said Gollum.
05.037 - But these ordinary above ground
05.038 - It cannot be seen, cannot be felt,
05.039 - Unfortunately for Gollum
05.040 - A box without hinges, key, or lid,
05.041 - he asked to gain time,
05.042 - After some while Bilbo became impatient.
05.043 - 'Give us a chance;
05.044 - 'Well,' said Bilbo
05.045 - But suddenly Gollum remembered
05.046 - Alive without breath,
05.047 - He also in his turn
05.048 - After a while Gollum began to hiss

05.049 - 'Half a moment,
05.050 - 'It must make haste,
05.051 - 'Ugh!' he said,
05.052 - Gollum was dreadfully disappointed;
05.053 - No-legs lay on one-leg,
05.054 - It was not really the right time for this riddle,
05.055 - This thing all things devours:
05.056 - Poor Bilbo sat
05.057 - Bilbo was saved by pure luck.
05.058 - Gollum was disappointed once more;
05.059 - 'It's got to ask us a question,
05.060 - But Bilbo simply could not think of any question
05.061 - 'Ask us!
05.062 - Bilbo pinched himself
05.063 - 'What have I got
05.064 - 'Not fair!
05.065 - Bilbo seeing what had happened
05.066 - 'S-s-s-s,' hissed Gollum.
05.067 - 'Very well!
05.068 - 'Hands!' said Gollum.
05.069 - 'Wrong,' said Bilbo,
05.070 - 'S-s-s-s,' said Gollum
05.071 - 'Knife!' he said at last.
05.072 - 'Wrong!' said Bilbo,
05.073 - Now Gollum was
05.074 - 'Come on!' said Bilbo.
05.075 - 'Time's up!' he said.
05.076 - 'String, or nothing!'
05.077 - 'Both wrong,'
05.078 - But at any rate
05.079 - 'Well?' he said.
05.080 - 'Did we say so,
05.081 - 'Never you mind,
05.082 - 'Cross it is,
05.083 - 'Well, hurry up!'
05.084 - Not far away was his island,
05.085 - 'My birthday-present!'
05.086 - He wanted it because it was a ring of power,
05.087 - 'My birthday-present!
05.088 - 'Quite safe, yes,'
05.089 - That is what was
05.090 - Suddenly he heard a screech.
05.091 - 'Where is it?

05.092 - 'What's the matter?
05.093 - 'It mustn't ask us,'
05.094 - 'Well, so am I,
05.095 - 'No, not yet,
05.096 - 'But you never guessed my last question,
05.097 - 'Never guessed!' said Gollum.
05.098 - As far as Bilbo knew,
05.099 - 'But it wasn't a fair question,
05.100 - 'Oh well,
05.101 - 'What has it got
05.102 - 'What have you lost?
05.103 - But now the light
05.104 - Bilbo could not guess
05.105 - 'What has it got
05.106 - The hiss was close behind him.
05.107 - In a moment Gollum was on him.
05.108 - What could it mean?
05.109 - 'Curse it!
05.110 - Bilbo pricked up his ears.
05.111 - 'My birthday-present!
05.112 - Suddenly Gollum sat down
05.113 - 'It's no good going back there to search, no.
05.114 - 'We guesses, precious,
05.115 - 'It said so,
05.116 - 'The goblins will catch it then.
05.117 - 'Ssss, sss, gollum!
05.118 - 'Then let's stop talking, precious,
05.119 - With a spring Gollum got up
05.120 - On they went,
05.121 - 'One left, yes.
05.122 - As the count grew he slowed down,
05.123 - 'Seven right,
05.124 - He peered in,
05.125 - 'What shall we do?
05.126 - So they came to a dead stop.
05.127 - Bilbo crept away from the wall
05.128 - Bilbo almost stopped breathing,
05.129 - No great leap for a man,
05.130 - Gollum threw himself backwards,
05.131 - 'Thief, thief, thief!
05.132 - Then there was a silence.
05.133 - The passage was low
05.134 - Soon the passage that had been sloping down

05.135 - Scuttling as fast as his legs would carry him
05.136 - Bilbo blinked,
05.137 - They saw him sooner than he saw them.
05.138 - A pang of fear
05.139 - 'Where is it?'
05.140 - 'Go back up the passage!' some shouted.
05.141 - 'This way!' some yelled.
05.142 - 'Look out for the door,'
05.143 - Whistles blew,
05.144 - Bilbo was dreadfully frightened,
05.145 - 'I must get to the door,
05.146 - It was still ajar,
05.147 - Suddenly one of the goblins inside shouted:
05.148 - Bilbo's heart jumped into his mouth.
05.149 - Of course they soon came down after him,
06.001 - Bilbo had escaped the goblins,
06.002 - 'Good heavens!' he exclaimed.
06.003 - He still wandered on,
06.004 - He stopped and listened.
06.005 - He crept still nearer,
06.006 - 'I will give them all a surprise,'
06.007 - 'After all he is my friend,'
06.008 - The dwarves wanted to know
06.009 - Gandalf answered angrily:
06.010 - 'You would have dropped him,'
06.011 - 'Then why didn't you pick him up again?'
06.012 - 'Good heavens!
06.013 - 'And here's the burglar!'
06.014 - Bless me,
06.015 - Indeed Bilbo was so pleased with their praise
06.016 - 'Well, it is the first time that even a mouse
06.017 - 'Balin at your service,'
06.018 - 'Your servant,
06.019 - Then they wanted to know all about his adventures
06.020 - 'And then I couldn't think of any other question
06.021 - 'What about the guards?' they asked.
06.022 - 'O yes!
06.023 - The dwarves looked at him
06.024 - 'What did I tell you?' said Gandalf laughing.
06.025 - Then he had questions of his own to ask,
06.026 - The wizard, to tell the truth,
06.027 - 'I must see if I can't find
06.028 - As soon as Gandalf had heard Bilbo's yell

06.029 - 'A very ticklish business,
06.030 - But, of course,
06.031 - 'They made that gate ages ago,'
06.032 - All the others laughed too.
06.033 - But the wizard called them to their senses.
06.034 - 'O yes!' he said
06.035 - 'I am dreadfully hungry,'
06.036 - 'Can't help it,' said Gandalf,
06.037 - 'No thank you!' said Bilbo.
06.038 - 'Very well then,
06.039 - As they went on Bilbo looked from side to side
06.040 - They still went on
06.041 - It was the trees at the bottom that saved them.
06.042 - 'Well! that has got us on a bit,' said Gandalf;
06.043 - 'I daresay,'
06.044 - 'Nonsense!
06.045 - The sun had long gone behind the mountains.
06.046 - 'Must we go any further?' asked Bilbo,
06.047 - 'A bit further,' said Gandalf.
06.048 - After what seemed ages further
06.049 - All of a sudden they heard a howl away down hill,
06.050 - There were no wolves living
06.051 - 'What shall we do,
06.052 - 'Up the trees quick!' cried Gandalf;
06.053 - And Bilbo?
06.054 - 'You've left the burglar behind again!'
06.055 - 'I can't be always carrying burglars on my back,'
06.056 - 'He'll be eaten if we don't do something,'
06.057 - Dori was really a decent fellow
06.058 - Just at that moment the wolves trotted
06.059 - But even the wild Wargs
06.060 - This glade in the ring of trees
06.061 - I will tell you what Gandalf heard,
06.062 - In spite of the dangers of this far land
06.063 - This was dreadful talk to listen to,
06.064 - Now you can understand why Gandalf,
06.065 - The dwarves and Bilbo
06.066 - 'What is all this uproar
06.067 - He swept up into the air,
06.068 - Eagles are not kindly birds.
06.069 - Tonight the Lord of the Eagles
06.070 - A very good thing too!
06.071 - Then suddenly goblins came running up yelling.

06.072 - Some got all the wolves together
06.073 - He could hear the goblins
06.074 - Fifteen birds in five fir-trees,
06.075 - Then they stopped
06.076 - 'Go away! little boys!'
06.077 - Burn, burn tree and fern!
06.078 - Bake and toast 'em, fry and roast 'em!
06.079 - And with that Ya hoy!
06.080 - Then Gandalf climbed to the top of his tree.
06.081 - Just at that moment
06.082 - There was a howl of anger
06.083 - Poor little Bilbo
06.084 - Now far below the goblins
06.085 - Soon the light of the burning was faint below,
06.086 - At the best of times heights made Bilbo giddy.
06.087 - The pale peaks of the mountains
06.088 - The flight ended only just
06.089 - 'No you don't!' he heard Dori answering,
06.090 - 'O no!
06.091 - The eagle only sharpened his beak on a stone
06.092 - Soon another eagle flew up.
06.093 - The eagle came back,
06.094 - It seemed that
06.095 - The Lord of the Eagles would not take them
06.096 - 'Very well,' said Gandalf.
06.097 - 'I am nearly dead of it,'
06.098 - 'That can perhaps be mended,'
06.099 - Later on you might have seen a bright fire
06.100 - So ended the adventures of the Misty Mountains.
07.001 - The next morning Bilbo woke up
07.002 - This time he was allowed
07.003 - 'Don't pinch!'
07.004 - Bilbo would have liked to say:
07.005 - After a good while
07.006 - Quickly now to the top of this rock
07.007 - 'Farewell!' they cried,
07.008 - 'May the wind under your wings bear you
07.009 - And so they parted.
07.010 - There was a flat space
07.011 - 'I always meant to see you all safe
07.012 - The dwarves groaned
07.013 - They begged him not to leave them.
07.014 - After that they stopped pleading.

07.015 - 'And why is it called the Carrock?'

07.016 - 'He called it the Carrock,

07.017 - 'Who calls it?

07.018 - 'The Somebody I spoke of -

07.019 - The dwarves all gathered round

07.020 - 'Yes it certainly is!

07.021 - 'What! a furrier,

07.022 - 'Good gracious heavens,

07.023 - 'At any rate

07.024 - Bilbo and the dwarves had now plenty

07.025 - It was the middle of the afternoon

07.026 - 'If one was to sting me,'

07.027 - They were bigger than hornets.

07.028 - 'We are getting near,' said Gandalf.

07.029 - After a while they came to a belt of tall

07.030 - 'You had better wait here,'

07.031 - They soon came to a wooden gate,

07.032 - The wizard

07.033 - 'They have gone to tell him

07.034 - Soon they reached a courtyard,

07.035 - 'Ugh! here they are!'

07.036 - 'Who are you

07.037 - 'I am Gandalf,'

07.038 - 'Never heard of him,'

07.039 - 'That is Mr. Baggins,

07.040 - 'Yes; not a bad fellow as wizards go,

07.041 - 'To tell you the truth,

07.042 - 'Goblins?' said the big man less gruffly.

07.043 - 'We did not mean to.

07.044 - 'Then you had better come inside

07.045 - Following him they found themselves

07.046 - Here they sat on wooden benches

07.047 - 'I was coming over the mountains

07.048 - 'Or two?

07.049 - 'Well to tell you the truth,

07.050 - 'Go on, call away!'

07.051 - So Gandalf gave a long shrill whistle,

07.052 - 'One or three you meant,

07.053 - 'Thorin Oakenshield,

07.054 - 'I don't need your service,

07.055 - 'They are on their way

07.056 - 'Go on telling, then!' said Beorn,

07.057 - 'There was a terrible storm;

07.058 - 'Do you call two several?'

07.059 - 'Well, no.

07.060 - 'Where are they?'

07.061 - 'Well, no.

07.062 - 'Go on, whistle again!'

07.063 - Gandalf whistled again;

07.064 - 'Hullo!' said Beorn.

07.065 - 'Nori at your service,

07.066 - 'Thank you!'

07.067 - 'As soon as we were asleep,'

07.068 - 'Troop of ponies?'

07.069 - 'O no! As a matter of fact

07.070 - 'Troop, was right,'

07.071 - 'Balin and Dwalin,'

07.072 - 'Now go on again!'

07.073 - 'Where was I?'

07.074 - 'Good!' growled Beorn.

07.075 - ' - and slipped inside the crack

07.076 - 'A dozen!'

07.077 - 'Well, yes, there seem to be

07.078 - 'That's enough!' said Beorn.

07.079 - So Gandalf went on with the tale,

07.080 - 'Fourteen!'

07.081 - 'Well, of course you haven't seen

07.082 - 'O let 'em all come!'

07.083 - When Gandalf came to their climbing

07.084 - 'Well,' said Gandalf very glad

07.085 - 'Good heavens!'

07.086 - 'And so do I.

07.087 - In came Bifur and Bofur.

07.088 - 'Well, now there are fifteen of you;

07.089 - By the time the wizard had finished his tale

07.090 - 'A very good tale!'

07.091 - 'Yes please!'

07.092 - Inside the hall it was now quite dark.

07.093 - Then baa - baa - baa!

07.094 - There they had a supper,

07.095 - The dwarves listened

07.096 - They sat long at the table

07.097 - The great door had creaked

07.098 - The wind was on the withered heath,

07.099 - The wind came down from mountains cold,

07.100 - The wind went on from West to East;

07.101 - The grasses hissed, their tassels bent,
07.102 - It passed the lonely Mountain bare
07.103 - It left the world and took its flight
07.104 - Bilbo began to nod again.
07.105 - 'It is time for us to sleep,'
07.106 - Bilbo found that beds had already been laid
07.107 - There was a growling sound outside,
07.108 - It was full morning when he awoke.
07.109 - 'Get up lazybones,'
07.110 - Up jumped Bilbo.
07.111 - 'Mostly inside us,'
07.112 - 'Where is Gandalf?' asked Bilbo,
07.113 - 'O! out and about somewhere,'
07.114 - 'Where is our host,
07.115 - 'One question at a time -
07.116 - At last Gandalf pushed away his plate
07.117 - 'I have been picking out bear-tracks,'
07.118 - Bilbo thought he knew what the wizard meant.
07.119 - 'So I did.
07.120 - The hobbit felt quite crushed,
07.121 - Next morning they were all wakened
07.122 - So they all went to breakfast with him.
07.123 - 'It was a good story,
07.124 - 'What did you do with the goblin
07.125 - 'Come and see!' said Beorn,
07.126 - This is what he promised to do for them.
07.127 - 'That is all the advice I can give you.
07.128 - They thanked him,
07.129 - All that morning
07.130 - As soon as they left his high hedges
07.131 - 'The goblins,'
07.132 - That is why they were now riding
07.133 - Still the next morning dawned bright
07.134 - Next day they started before dawn,
07.135 - 'Well, here is Mirkwood!' said Gandalf.
07.136 - The dwarves were inclined to grumble at this,
07.137 - 'What about the horse,
07.138 - 'I don't,
07.139 - 'What about your promise then?'
07.140 - 'I will look after that.
07.141 - Then they knew
07.142 - 'Now we had this all out before,
07.143 - When tomorrow morning came

07.144 - 'Don't you worry!'
07.145 - Then at last they said good-bye to their ponies
07.146 - Now Gandalf too said farewell.
07.147 - 'Good-bye!'
07.148 - 'Do we really have to go through?'
07.149 - 'Yes, you do!'
07.150 - 'No! no!' said Bilbo.
07.151 - 'There is, if you care to go
07.152 - 'Very comforting you are to be sure,'
07.153 - 'Good-bye then,
07.154 - Then he galloped away
08.001 - They walked in single file.
08.002 - As their eyes became used to the dimness
08.003 - There were black squirrels
08.004 - It was not long
08.005 - The nights were the worst.
08.006 - Although it was not yet very cold,
08.007 - All this went on
08.008 - They were thirsty too,
08.009 - Bilbo kneeling on the brink
08.010 - 'How far away do you think it is?' asked Thorin,
08.011 - 'Not at all far.
08.012 - 'Twelve yards!
08.013 - 'Can any of you throw a rope?'
08.014 - 'What's the good of that?
08.015 - 'I don't believe it is tied,'
08.016 - 'Dori is the strongest,
08.017 - Fili thought he could;
08.018 - Splash it fell
08.019 - Fili picked up the hook
08.020 - 'Steady!' said Bilbo,
08.021 - It did.
08.022 - 'It was tied after all,'
08.023 - 'Who'll cross first?' asked Bilbo.
08.024 - 'I shall,'
08.025 - 'I'm always last
08.026 - 'You should not be so fat.
08.027 - 'There aren't any oars.
08.028 - 'Give me another length of rope
08.029 - In this way they were all soon on the far bank
08.030 - Before they could shout
08.031 - They could still see his hood
08.032 - They were still standing over him,

08.033 - There they sat for a long while
08.034 - 'Stop! stop!'
08.035 - They were a gloomy party that night,
08.036 - But they did not know this,
08.037 - About four days from the enchanted stream
08.038 - Still Bombur slept
08.039 - Two days later
08.040 - 'Is there no end
08.041 - Of course 'somebody' meant Bilbo.
08.042 - In the end he poked his head
08.043 - He looked at the 'black emperors'
08.044 - Actually, as I have told you,
08.045 - 'The forest goes on for ever
08.046 - That night they ate their very last scraps
08.047 - He woke up suddenly
08.048 - When he heard that there was nothing to eat,
08.049 - 'You need not try,'
08.050 - There was nothing now to be done
08.051 - 'No you don't!'
08.052 - All the same he suddenly refused
08.053 - At that very moment Balin,
08.054 - They all looked,
08.055 - 'It looks as if my dreams were coming true,'
08.056 - 'A feast would be no good,
08.057 - 'But without a feast
08.058 - After a good deal of creeping
08.059 - The smell of the roast meats
08.060 - There was nothing for it
08.061 - 'The lights are coming out again over there,
08.062 - Up they all jumped.
08.063 - When they got to the edge of the circle of lights
08.064 - If it had been difficult
08.065 - They were just giving up hope,
08.066 - 'I was having such a lovely dream,'
08.067 - 'Good heavens!
08.068 - 'They are the best I am likely to get
08.069 - But that was not the last of the lights
08.070 - 'There's a regular blaze of light
08.071 - After lying
08.072 - Dead silence fell
08.073 - Bilbo found himself running round
08.074 - That was one of his most miserable moments.
08.075 - Then the great spider,

08.076 - There was the usual dim grey light
08.077 - 'I will give you a name,'
08.078 - After that he set out to explore.
08.079 - 'O! why did we not remember Beorn's advice,
08.080 - In the end he made
08.081 - He had picked his way stealthily
08.082 - 'It was a sharp struggle,
08.083 - 'Aye, they'll make fine eating,
08.084 - 'Don't hang 'em too long,'
08.085 - 'Kill 'em,
08.086 - 'They're dead now, I'll warrant,'
08.087 - 'That they are not.
08.088 - With that one of the fat spiders ran along a rope
08.089 - To the fattest of these bundles the spider went -
08.090 - The others laughed.
08.091 - 'I'll soon put an end to that,'
08.092 - Bilbo saw that the moment had come
08.093 - The next stone went whizzing through a big web,
08.094 - Bilbo, however, soon slipped away
08.095 - This is what he sang:
08.096 - Old fat spider spinning in a tree!
08.097 - Old Tomnoddy, all big body,
08.098 - Not very good perhaps,
08.099 - Off Bilbo scuttled to a fresh place,
08.100 - Lazy Lob and crazy Cob
08.101 - Here am I, naughty little fly;
08.102 - With that he turned
08.103 - The spiders saw the sword,
08.104 - He had precious little time,
08.105 - Bilbo's next job was to loose a dwarf.
08.106 - 'Fili or Kili,' he thought
08.107 - Somehow or other Fili was got on to the branch,
08.108 - In this way they rescued Kili,
08.109 - Bilbo immediately went to the end
08.110 - 'Now we see you,
08.111 - While this was going on,
08.112 - Suddenly Bilbo noticed
08.113 - 'Come down!
08.114 - Down the dwarves scrambled or jumped or dropped,
08.115 - Then the battle began.
08.116 - In the end Bilbo could think of no plan
08.117 - 'I am going to disappear,'
08.118 - It was difficult to get them to understand,

08.119 - Soon there came the sound of 'Lazy Lob'
08.120 - Hoping desperately that Bilbo had not been caught
08.121 - Things were looking pretty bad again,
08.122 - 'Go on! Go on!'
08.123 - And he did.
08.124 - The dwarves then noticed
08.125 - There they lay for some time,
08.126 - But there was nothing,
08.127 - 'Gollum! Well I'm blest!
08.128 - All of a sudden Dwalin opened an eye,
08.129 - It was a terrible shock.
08.130 - Thorin had been caught much faster than they had.
08.131 - The feasting people were Wood-elves,
08.132 - In a great cave
08.133 - It was also the dungeon of his prisoners.
08.134 - The king looked sternly on Thorin,
08.135 - 'Why did you
08.136 - 'We did not attack them,'
08.137 - 'Where are your friends now,
08.138 - 'I don't know,
08.139 - 'What were you doing
08.140 - 'Looking for food
08.141 - 'But what brought you
08.142 - At that Thorin shut his mouth
08.143 - 'Very well!'
08.144 - Then the elves put thongs on him,
08.145 - There in the king's dungeon poor Thorin lay;
09.001 - The day after the battle with the spiders
09.002 - There was no thought of a fight.
09.003 - Nor did they hear or feel him trotting along
09.004 - Across the bridge
09.005 - Inside the passages were lit
09.006 - The prisoners were brought before him;
09.007 - Long and searchingly
09.008 - 'What have we done,
09.009 - Such a question of course
09.010 - Then he ordered the dwarves each to be put
09.011 - Poor Mr. Baggins -
09.012 - 'I am like a burglar that can't get away,
09.013 - Eventually,
09.014 - Thorin was too wretched
09.015 - So it was that Bilbo was able
09.016 - The other dwarves quite agreed

09.017 - Bilbo, however,
09.018 - One day,
09.019 - Hiding behind one of the largest barrels
09.020 - When the barrels were empty
09.021 - For some time Bilbo sat
09.022 - The evening meal had been taken
09.023 - 'Now come with me,'
09.024 - 'Very good,'
09.025 - When he heard this
09.026 - Very soon the chief guard nodded his head,
09.027 - First he unlocked Balin's door,
09.028 - 'No time now!'
09.029 - Then off he went from door to door,
09.030 - At last after much blundering
09.031 - 'Upon my word!'
09.032 - Bilbo saw that the time had come
09.033 - 'We shall be bruised
09.034 - 'Very well!'
09.035 - That was too much for them,
09.036 - 'That will save him some of the trouble he is
09.037 - Balin was told off to watch the guard
09.038 - They soon found thirteen
09.039 - It had not been done a bit too soon.
09.040 - 'Where's old Galion,
09.041 - 'I shall be angry if the old slowcoach is late,'
09.042 - 'Ha, ha!' came a cry.
09.043 - 'Shake him!
09.044 - Galion was not at all pleased
09.045 - 'Small wonder,'
09.046 - Then they drank once round
09.047 - 'Get on with the work!'
09.048 - 'Very well,
09.049 - Roll - roll - roll - roll,
09.050 - So they sang as first one barrel
09.051 - It was just at this moment
09.052 - While all these thoughts were passing
09.053 - Down the swift dark stream you go
09.054 - Now the very last barrel
09.055 - He came up again spluttering
09.056 - Very soon a grey patch came
09.057 - Out they went under the overhanging branches
09.058 - 'I do hope I put the lids on tight enough!'
09.059 - The luck turned all right before long:

09.060 - Before long the barrels broke free again
09.061 - In this way at last Mr. Baggins came to a place
09.062 - There were people on the look-out on the banks.
09.063 - There is no need to tell you
09.064 - He woke again with a specially loud sneeze.
09.065 - There was a mighty pushing of poles.
09.066 - 'This is a heavy load!'
09.067 - 'No time now!'
09.068 - And off they went at last,
09.069 - They had escaped the dungeons of the king
10.001 - The day grew lighter
10.002 - The lands opened wide about him,
10.003 - As he listened to the talk of the raftmen
10.004 - So you see Bilbo had come
10.005 - All he knew was that the river seemed to go on
10.006 - The sun had set when turning
10.007 - Not far from the mouth of the Forest River
10.008 - But men remembered little of all that,
10.009 - As soon as the raft of barrels came
10.010 - They would have been surprised,
10.011 - 'Well, are you alive or are you dead?'
10.012 - Thorin of course saw the sense of this,
10.013 - Dwalin and Balin were two of the most unhappy,
10.014 - 'I hope I never smell the smell of apples again!' said Fili.
10.015 - With the willing help of Fili and Kili,
10.016 - 'Well! Here we are!'
10.017 - 'I suggest Lake-town,'
10.018 - Nothing else could,
10.019 - 'Who are you
10.020 - 'Thorin son of Thrain
10.021 - Then there was tremendous excitement.
10.022 - 'And who are these?'
10.023 - 'The sons of my father's daughter,'
10.024 - 'If you come in peace
10.025 - 'We have none,'
10.026 - 'He is at feast,'
10.027 - 'Then all the more reason for taking us to him,'
10.028 - 'Follow me then,'
10.029 - 'I am Thorin son of Thrain
10.030 - All leaped to their feet.
10.031 - 'These are prisoners of our king
10.032 - 'Is this true?'
10.033 - 'It is true

10.034 - Then the Master hesitated
10.035 - The King beneath the mountains,
10.036 - So they sang,
10.037 - Soon afterwards the other dwarves
10.038 - Some of the songs were old ones;
10.039 - Then, as he had said,
10.040 - In the meanwhile the Wood-elves had gone back
10.041 - 'Very well!
10.042 - At the end of a fortnight
10.043 - Then for the first time the Master was surprised
10.044 - But the Master was not sorry at all
10.045 - So one day,
11.001 - In two days going
11.002 - 'Not at any rate until the songs have come true!'
11.003 - They spent a cold
11.004 - It was a weary journey,
11.005 - They reached the skirts
11.006 - Before setting out to search
11.007 - 'There lies all that is left of Dale,'
11.008 - They did not dare to follow the river
11.009 - 'Let us return!'
11.010 - 'The dragon is still alive
11.011 - 'That does not prove it,'
11.012 - With such gloomy thoughts,
11.013 - Now strange to say
11.014 - But at last unexpectedly
11.015 - They beat on it,
11.016 - There was excitement
11.017 - There they made their third camp,
11.018 - 'I am too fat for such fly-walks,'
11.019 - In the meanwhile some of them explored the ledge
11.020 - Bilbo found sitting on the doorstep lonesome
11.021 - Their spirits had risen a little
11.022 - 'You said sitting on the doorstep
11.023 - A large grey stone lay
11.024 - 'Tomorrow begins the last week of autumn,'
11.025 - 'And winter comes after autumn,' said Bifur.
11.026 - 'And next year after that,' said Dwalin,
11.027 - Bilbo heard this -
11.028 - That night he was very miserable
11.029 - If he lifted his head
11.030 - At that very moment he heard a sharp crack
11.031 - Suddenly Bilbo understood.

11.032 - Quickly Bilbo explained.
11.033 - Quickly, trembling lest the chance should fade,
11.034 - 'The key!
11.035 - Thorin hurried up.
11.036 - 'The key!'
11.037 - Then Thorin stepped up
11.038 - Now they all pushed together,
12.001 - For a long time the dwarves stood
12.002 - 'Now is the time for our esteemed Mr. Baggins,
12.003 - You are familiar with Thorin's style
12.004 - 'If you mean you think it is my job
12.005 - He did not expect a chorus of volunteers,
12.006 - The most that can be said
12.007 - The stars were coming out behind him
12.008 - After a while Balin bade Bilbo 'Good luck!'
12.009 - 'Now you are
12.010 - He did not wake up of course,
12.011 - It was.
12.012 - It was at this point that Bilbo stopped.
12.013 - There he lay,
12.014 - Smaug lay,
12.015 - To say that Bilbo's breath was taken away
12.016 - He gazed for what seemed an age,
12.017 - Then Bilbo fled.
12.018 - Nor did he.
12.019 - The dwarves were still passing the cup
12.020 - Then the dwarves forgot their joy
12.021 - Thieves!
12.022 - To hunt the whole mountain
12.023 - There they would have all been killed,
12.024 - Roused by these words
12.025 - 'They will be slain,
12.026 - 'Nonsense!'
12.027 - Those were perhaps the worst moments
12.028 - A whirring noise was heard.
12.029 - They had barely time to fly back to the tunnel,
12.030 - 'That'll be the end of our poor beasts!'
12.031 - It was not a pleasant thought!
12.032 - He guessed from the ponies,
12.033 - When morning came
12.034 - They debated long on what was to be done,
12.035 - 'What else do you suppose a burglar is to do?'
12.036 - After that of course

12.037 - 'I have no idea at the moment -
12.038 - 'Never mind that for the moment!
12.039 - 'Well, if you really want my advice,
12.040 - 'Now I will make you an offer.
12.041 - Naturally the dwarves accepted the offer eagerly.
12.042 - The sun was shining when he started,
12.043 - 'Old Smaug is weary
12.044 - Smaug certainly looked fast asleep,
12.045 - 'Well, thief!
12.046 - But Bilbo was not quite so unlearned
12.047 - 'Do you now?'
12.048 - 'Truly songs
12.049 - 'You have nice manners for a thief
12.050 - 'You may indeed!
12.051 - 'So I can well believe,'
12.052 - 'I am the clue-finder,
12.053 - 'Lovely titles!'
12.054 - 'I am he that buries his friends alive
12.055 - 'These don't sound so creditable,'
12.056 - 'I am the friend of bears
12.057 - 'That's better!'
12.058 - This of course is the way to talk to dragons,
12.059 - 'I thought so last night,'
12.060 - 'Very well,
12.061 - 'Dwarves!'
12.062 - 'Don't talk to me!'
12.063 - 'I suppose you got a fair price
12.064 - Bilbo was now beginning
12.065 - 'You don't know everything,
12.066 - 'Ha! Ha! You admit the 'us" laughed Smaug.
12.067 - 'I don't know if it has occurred to you that,
12.068 - You will hardly believe it,
12.069 - Now a nasty suspicion began to grow
12.070 - 'I tell you,'
12.071 - Then Smaug really did laugh -
12.072 - 'Revenge!' he snorted,
12.073 - 'I have always understood,'
12.074 - The dragon stopped short
12.075 - 'I might have guessed it,'
12.076 - 'Yes, it is rare
12.077 - 'Dazzlingly marvellous!
12.078 - After he had seen that
12.079 - It was an unfortunate remark,

12.080 - 'Never laugh at live dragons,
12.081 - The afternoon was turning into evening
12.082 - But the hobbit was worried
12.083 - 'Drat the bird!'
12.084 - 'Leave him alone!'
12.085 - 'Well, he'll have news
12.086 - 'Why what has happened?'
12.087 - So Bilbo told them all he could remember,
12.089 - 'Well,
12.090 - That turned the conversation,
12.091 - At last he interrupted them.
12.092 - 'You are very gloomy,
12.093 - 'I don't know,
12.094 - He seemed so much
12.095 - The talk turned to the dragon's wicked words
12.096 - From that the talk turned
12.097 - 'The Arkenstone!
12.098 - But the enchanted desire of the hoard
12.099 - Darkness grew deeper
12.100 - Something in his voice
12.101 - And not a moment too soon.
12.102 - Smaug had left his lair
12.103 - After he had let off his rage
12.104 - He rose
13.001 - In the meanwhile,
13.002 - Thorin spoke:
13.003 - 'We are trapped!'
13.004 - But somehow,
13.005 - 'Come, come!' he said.
13.006 - In desperation they agreed,
13.007 - 'Now do be careful!'
13.008 - Down, down they went.
13.009 - There he lay face downwards on the floor
13.010 - At length Mr. Baggins could bear it no longer.
13.011 - Faint echoes ran round the unseen hall,
13.012 - Bilbo got up,
13.013 - 'Now I wonder what on earth
13.014 - 'Light!'
13.015 - The dwarves,
13.016 - 'Sh! sh!' they hissed,
13.017 - After a while
13.018 - They saw the little dark shape of the hobbit
13.019 - It was the Arkenstone,

13.020 - Suddenly Bilbo's arm went towards it
13.021 - 'Now I am a burglar indeed!'
13.022 - Now he went on again.
13.023 - He went on,
13.024 - 'Only a bat,
13.025 - 'Thorin! Balin! Oin! Gloin!
13.026 - 'The light's gone out!
13.027 - Faintly the dwarves heard his small cries,
13.028 - 'Now what on earth or under it has happened?'
13.029 - They waited a moment or two,
13.030 - 'It is about our turn to help,'
13.031 - Gloin lit several more torches,
13.032 - 'Only a bat
13.033 - The dwarves indeed no longer needed any urging.
13.034 - Fili and Kili were almost
13.035 - Now the dwarves took down mail
13.036 - 'Mr. Baggins!'
13.037 - With that he put on Bilbo a small coat of mail,
13.038 - 'I feel magnificent,'
13.039 - All the same Mr. Baggins kept his head
13.040 - 'Thorin!' he cried aloud.
13.041 - 'You speak the truth!'
13.042 - Their glittering mail they had covered again
13.043 - Though all the old adornments
13.044 - The steps were not made,
13.045 - 'This is the great chamber of Thrór,'
13.046 - They passed through the ruined chamber.
13.047 - 'There is the birth of the Running River,'
13.048 - Out of a dark opening
13.049 - A whirl of bats frightened from slumber
13.050 - 'Well!' said Bilbo,
13.051 - It was.
13.052 - Suddenly Bilbo realized
13.053 - 'Quite right!'
13.054 - 'How far is that?'
13.055 - 'Five hours march,
13.056 - 'Dear me!'
13.057 - As a matter of fact two nights
13.058 - 'Come, come!' said Thorin laughing -
13.059 - 'That won't be till Smaug's dead,'
13.060 - That idea disturbed the dwarves mightily,
13.061 - 'We must move away from here,'
13.062 - 'It's a cold lonesome place,' said Bombur.

13.063 - 'Come on!
13.064 - Under the rocky wall to the right
13.065 - After that they went on again;
13.066 - Here they found a flat place without a wall
13.067 - 'Here,' said Balin,
13.068 - 'Not much use,
13.069 - 'We must take our chance of that,'
13.070 - 'Hear, hear!' cried Bilbo,
13.071 - In the rock-chamber
14.001 - Now if you wish,
14.002 - The men of the lake-town Esgaroth
14.003 - Suddenly it flickered back to view;
14.004 - 'Look!' said one.
14.005 - 'Perhaps the King under the Mountain
14.006 - 'Which king?'
14.007 - 'You are always foreboding gloomy things!'
14.008 - Then suddenly a great light appeared
14.009 - There was once more a tremendous excitement
14.010 - Then warning trumpets were suddenly sounded,
14.011 - Before long,
14.012 - Amid shrieks
14.013 - Roaring he swept back over the town.
14.014 - Fire leaped from the dragon's jaws.
14.015 - Fire leaped from thatched roofs
14.016 - Already men were jumping
14.017 - That was the dragon's hope.
14.018 - But there was still a company of archers
14.019 - Suddenly out of the dark
14.020 - 'Wait! Wait!'
14.021 - Then Bard drew his bow-string to his ear.
14.022 - 'Arrow!' said the bowman.
14.023 - The dragon swooped once more lower than ever,
14.024 - Full on the town he fell.
14.025 - The waxing moon rose higher
14.026 - They gathered
14.027 - 'He may have a good head for business -
14.028 - And in the very midst of their talk
14.029 - 'Bard is not lost!'
14.030 - 'King Bard!
14.031 - 'Girion was lord of Dale,
14.032 - 'We will have King Bard!'
14.033 - 'I am the last man
14.034 - As you see,

14.035 - 'Fools!' said Bard.
14.036 - At length he spoke again:
14.037 - Then he strode off to help
14.038 - Now everywhere Bard went
14.039 - Meanwhile Bard took the lead,
14.040 - The Elvenking had received news
14.041 - 'That will be the last we shall hear
14.042 - But the king,
14.043 - Their plans were soon made.
14.044 - But all the men of arms
15.001 - Now we will return to Bilbo
15.002 - 'Something strange is happening,'
15.003 - Suddenly Bilbo pointed:
15.004 - Sure enough the old thrush was there,
15.005 - 'I believe he is trying to tell us something,'
15.006 - 'Not very well,'
15.007 - 'I only wish he was a raven!'
15.008 - 'I thought you did not like them!
15.009 - 'Those were crows!
15.010 - 'They live many a year,
15.011 - No sooner had he finished speaking
15.012 - 'We may not understand him,
15.013 - Before long there was a fluttering of wings,
15.014 - 'O Thorin son of Thrain,
15.015 - 'Behold! the birds are gathering
15.016 - 'Dead! Dead?'
15.017 - 'Yes, dead,'
15.018 - It was some time
15.019 - 'So much for joy,
15.020 - 'Your own wisdom must decide your course;
15.021 - Then Thorin burst forth
15.022 - 'I will not say if this counsel be good or bad,'
15.023 - 'Back now to the Mountain!'
15.024 - 'And little food to use!'
15.025 - 'Back to the Mountain!'
15.026 - As you have heard some of the events already,
15.027 - As they worked
15.028 - They were four days gone,
15.029 - There came a night when suddenly
15.030 - 'They have come!'
15.031 - That night the dwarves slept little.
15.032 - As they stood pointing
15.033 - But they answered nothing.

15.034 - Then Bilbo longed to escape
15.035 - Then the dwarves themselves
15.036 - Under the Mountain dark and tall
15.037 - The sword is sharp, the spear is long,
15.038 - The dwarves of yore made mighty spells,
15.039 - On silver necklaces they strung
15.040 - The mountain throne once more is freed!
15.041 - Now call we over mountains cold,
15.042 - The king is come unto his hall
15.043 - This song appeared to please Thorin,
15.044 - The next morning early a company of spearmen
15.045 - Again Thorin hailed them
15.046 - A tall man stood forward,
15.047 - 'Who are you,
15.048 - 'I am Bard,
15.049 - Now these were fair words
15.050 - 'You put your worst cause last
15.051 - 'It is in my mind to ask what share of their inheritance
15.052 - 'A just question,'
15.053 - 'I will not parley,
15.054 - 'The Elvenking is my friend,
15.055 - Ere many hours were past,
15.056 - 'In the name of Esgaroth
15.057 - Then Thorin seized a bow of horn
15.058 - 'Since such is your answer,'
15.059 - With that the messengers departed swiftly,
15.060 - 'The whole place still stinks of dragon,'
16.001 - Now the days passed slowly
16.002 - 'For the Arkenstone of my father,'
16.003 - Bilbo heard these words
16.004 - Things had gone on like this for some time,
16.005 - 'But they cannot reach the Mountain unmarked,'
16.006 - But Thorin was not moved.
16.007 - That night Bilbo made up his mind.
16.008 - 'It is mighty cold!' said Bombur.
16.009 - 'It is warm enough inside,'
16.010 - 'I daresay;
16.011 - 'Not as stiff as my legs,'
16.012 - 'I would give a good deal for the feel
16.013 - 'I can't give you those,
16.014 - 'You are a good fellow,
16.015 - 'Off you go!'
16.016 - As soon as Bombur had gone,

16.017 - It was very dark,
16.018 - 'That was no fish!'
16.019 - 'Servant, indeed!' snorted Bilbo;
16.020 - 'Let's have a light!'
16.021 - They seized him quickly,
16.022 - 'I am Mr. Bilbo Baggins,'
16.023 - 'Indeed!' said they,
16.024 - 'Whatever it is,
16.025 - That is how it came about
16.026 - 'Really you know,'
16.027 - 'A share in the profits,
16.028 - 'Well, let him!'
16.029 - 'Quite so,'
16.030 - 'We have,
16.031 - 'I thought as much.
16.032 - 'Why do you tell us this?
16.033 - 'My dear Bard!'
16.034 - 'Let us hear it!'
16.035 - 'You may see it!'
16.036 - The Elvenking himself,
16.037 - 'This is the Arkenstone of Thrain,'
16.038 - 'But how is it yours to give?'
16.039 - 'O well!'
16.040 - The Elvenking looked at Bilbo with a new wonder.
16.041 - 'Thank you very much I am sure,'
16.042 - Nothing they could say would stop him;
16.043 - 'Well done! Mr. Baggins!'
16.044 - For the first time for many a day
16.045 - 'All in good time!' said Gandalf.
16.046 - Puzzled but cheered,
16.047 - At midnight he woke up Bombur;
17.001 - Next day the trumpets rang early
17.002 - 'That will be Dain!'
17.003 - About midday the banners of the Forest
17.004 - 'Hail Thorin!'
17.005 - 'My mind does not change
17.006 - 'Is there then nothing
17.007 - 'Nothing that you or your friends have to offer.'
17.008 - 'What of the Arkenstone of Thrain?'
17.009 - Then Thorin was stricken dumb
17.010 - Thorin at length broke the silence,
17.011 - 'We are not thieves,'
17.012 - 'How came you by it?'

17.013 - 'I gave it to them!'
17.014 - 'You! You!'
17.015 - 'By the beard of Durin!
17.016 - 'Stay! Your wish is granted!'
17.017 - 'You all seem
17.018 - 'Dear me!
17.019 - 'I will,'
17.020 - 'Get down now to your friends!'
17.021 - 'What about the gold
17.022 - 'That shall follow after,
17.023 - 'Until then we keep the stone,'
17.024 - 'You are not making a very splendid figure
17.025 - 'They may indeed,'
17.026 - And so Bilbo was swung down from the wall,
17.027 - 'Farewell!'
17.028 - 'Be off!'
17.029 - 'Not so hasty!'
17.030 - With that they went back to the camp;
17.031 - That day passed
17.032 - Trumpets called men
17.033 - 'We are sent from Dain son of Nain,'
17.034 - Bard, of course,
17.035 - These were,
17.036 - 'Fools!' laughed Bard,
17.037 - But the Elvenking said:
17.038 - But he reckoned without the dwarves.
17.039 - Suddenly without a signal
17.040 - Still more suddenly a darkness came on
17.041 - 'Halt!' cried Gandalf,
17.042 - Amazement and confusion fell upon them all.
17.043 - 'Come!' called Gandalf.
17.044 - So began a battle that none had expected;
17.045 - This is the plan that he made
17.046 - Soon the thunder passed,
17.047 - 'To the Mountain!'
17.048 - On the Southern spur,
17.049 - It was a terrible battle.
17.050 - The elves were the first to charge.
17.051 - Just as the goblins were recovering
17.052 - Panic came upon the Goblins;
17.053 - Goblins had scaled the Mountain
17.054 - Day drew on.
17.055 - Suddenly there was a great shout,

17.056 - Rocks were hurled down from on high
17.057 - 'To me!
17.058 - Down, heedless of order,
17.059 - Already behind him among the goblin dead
17.060 - On all this Bilbo looked with misery.
17.061 - That did not seem far off.
17.062 - The clouds were torn by the wind,
17.063 - 'The Eagles! The Eagles!' he shouted.
17.064 - Bilbo's eyes were seldom wrong.
17.065 - 'The Eagles! the Eagles!' Bilbo cried,
17.066 - 'The Eagles!' cried Bilbo once more,
18.001 - When Bilbo came to himself,
18.002 - 'Now I wonder what has happened?'
18.003 - He sat up painfully.
18.004 - 'Victory after all,
18.005 - Suddenly he was aware of a man climbing up
18.006 - 'Hullo there!
18.007 - 'What voice is it that speaks among the stones?'
18.008 - Then Bilbo remembered his ring!
18.009 - 'It's me,
18.010 - 'It is well that I have found you!'
18.011 - 'A nasty knock on the head,
18.012 - 'I will carry you down to the camp
18.013 - The man was swift
18.014 - When Gandalf saw Bilbo,
18.015 - 'Hail! Thorin,'
18.016 - There indeed lay Thorin Oakenshield,
18.017 - 'Farewell, good thief,'
18.018 - Bilbo knelt on one knee filled with sorrow.
18.019 - 'No!' said Thorin.
18.020 - Then Bilbo turned away,
18.021 - All that had happened after he was stunned,
18.022 - But even with the Eagles
18.023 - The roar of his voice was like drums
18.024 - Swiftly he returned
18.025 - Victory had been assured
18.026 - 'Where are the Eagles?'
18.027 - 'Some are in the hunt,'
18.028 - 'I am sorry.
18.029 - 'As soon as you like,'
18.030 - Actually it was some days
18.031 - 'There let it lie till the Mountain falls!'
18.032 - Upon his tomb the Elvenking then laid Orcrist,

18.033 - There was, of course,
18.034 - Even a fourteenth share
18.035 - To Bilbo he said:
18.036 - 'Very kind of you,'
18.037 - In the end he would only take two small chests,
18.038 - At last the time came
18.039 - Then the dwarves bowed low before their Gate,
18.040 - 'If ever you are passing my way,'
18.041 - Then he turned away.
18.042 - The elf-host was on the march;
18.043 - Gandalf and Bilbo rode behind the Elvenking,
18.044 - 'Farewell! O Elvenking!' said Gandalf.
18.045 - 'Farewell! O Gandalf!'
18.046 - 'I beg of you,'
18.047 - 'In what way have I earned such a gift,
18.048 - 'Well, er, I thought,
18.049 - 'I will take your gift,
18.050 - Then the elves turned towards the Forest,
18.051 - He had many hardships
18.052 - It was spring,
18.053 - At last they came up the long road,
18.054 - 'So comes snow after fire,
19.001 - It was on May the first
19.002 - The dragon is withered,
19.003 - The stars are far brighter
19.004 - O! Where are you going,
19.005 - Then the elves of the valley came out
19.006 - It was in this way
19.007 - 'Ere long now,'
19.008 - 'It would be well indeed,'
19.009 - When the tale of their journeyings was told,
19.010 - He woke to find himself
19.011 - Sing all ye joyful, now sing all together!
19.012 - Dance all ye joyful, now dance all together!
19.013 - Sing we now softly, and dreams let us weave him!
19.014 - Sigh no more Pine, till the wind of the morn!
19.015 - 'Well, Merry People!'
19.016 - 'And your snores would waken a stone dragon -
19.017 - 'A little sleep does a great cure
19.018 - Weariness fell from him soon
19.019 - Even as they left the valley
19.020 - 'Merry is May-time!'
19.021 - 'There is a long road yet,' said Gandalf.

19.022 - 'But it is the last road,'
19.023 - They came to the river that marked the very edge
19.024 - This was much as it had been before,
19.025 - Not far from the road
19.026 - 'Indeed I can!'
19.027 - So they put the gold
19.028 - As all things come to an end,
19.029 - Roads go ever ever on,
19.030 - Over snow by winter sown,
19.031 - Roads go ever ever on
19.032 - Eyes that fire and sword have seen
19.033 - Gandalf looked at him.
19.034 - And so they crossed the bridge
19.035 - 'Bless me!
19.036 - If he was surprised,
19.037 - The return of Mr. Bilbo Baggins
19.038 - Indeed Bilbo found he had lost more than spoons -
19.039 - I am sorry to say he did not mind.
19.040 - He took to writing poetry
19.041 - One autumn evening some years afterwards
19.042 - 'Come in!
19.043 - They fell to talking of their times together,
19.044 - The old Master had come to a bad end.
19.045 - 'The new Master is of wiser kind,'
19.046 - 'Then the prophecies of the old songs
19.047 - 'Of course!' said Gandalf.
19.048 - 'Thank goodness!'