

J. R. R. Tolkien

Quotes

*Heart, Men, Dark, May, Eye, Stars, Life, Fall, Lying, Long, Adventure, Fire,
Kings, Hands, Light, Evil, Mean, Dragons, World, Thinking*

Slight changes simply make a blur.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus means that one day everything sad will come untrue.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The greatest adventure is what lies ahead. Today and tomorrow are yet to be said. The chances, the changes are all yours to make. The mold of your life is in your hands to break.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

How do you move on? You move on when your heart finally understands that there is no turning back.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The chief purpose of life, for any of us, is to increase according to our capacity our knowledge of God by all means we have, and to be moved by it to praise and thanks.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

It simply isn't an adventure worth telling if there aren't any dragons.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

It is not the strength of the body that counts, but the strength of the spirit.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Instead of a Dark Lord, you would have a queen, not dark but beautiful and terrible as the dawn! Tempestuous as the sea, and stronger than the foundations of the earth! All shall love me and despair!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

There is some good in this world, and it's worth fighting for.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Handsome is as handsome does

~J. R. R. Tolkien

A single dream is more powerful than a thousand realities.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The world has changed. I see it in the water. I feel it in the Earth. I smell it in the air. Much that once was is lost, For none now live who remember it.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Even the smallest person can change the course of the future.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Living by faith includes the call to something greater than cowardly self-preservation.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

His grief he will not forget; but it will not darken his heart, it will teach him wisdom.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

May the wind under your wings bear you where the sun sails and the moon walks.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

All have their worth and each contributes to the worth of the others.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Above all shadows rides the sun.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Many are the strange chances of the world, and help oft shall come from the hands of the weak when the Wise falter.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Frodo: Go back, Sam! I'm going to Mordor alone. Sam: Of course you are, and I'm coming with you!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Come, Mr. Frodo!' he cried. 'I can't carry it for you, but I can carry you.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

There is a place called 'heaven' where the good here unfinished is completed; and where the stories unwritten, and the hopes unfulfilled, are continued. We may laugh together yet.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

I want to be a healer, and love all things that grow and are not barren.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

All that is gold does not glitter.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

I will not say, do not weep, for not all tears are an evil.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Arise, arise, Riders of ThÃ©oden! Fell deeds awake, fire and slaughter!
spear shall be shaken, shield be splintered, a sword-day, a red day, ere
the sun rises! Ride now, ride now! Ride to Gondor!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

And what do you wish?' he said at last. 'That what should be shall be,'
she answered.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Oft hope is born when all is forlorn.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Fantasy is escapist, and that is its glory. If a soldier is imprisoned by the
enemy, don't we consider it his duty to escape?

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Many that live deserve death. And some that die deserve life. Can you
give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in
judgement. For even the very wise cannot see all ends.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Deep roots are not reached by the frost.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

There is nothing like looking, if you want to find something. You
certainly usually find something, if you look, but it is not always quite

the something you were after.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

For still there are so many things that I have never seen: in every wood in every spring there is a different green.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

My advice to all who have the time or inclination to concern themselves with the international language movement would be: 'Back Esperanto loyally.'

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Moonlight drowns out all but the brightest stars.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Come, Mr. Frodo!' he cried. 'I can't carry it for you, but I can carry you and it as well. So up you get! Come on, Mr. Frodo dear! Sam will give you a ride. Just tell him where to go, and he'll go

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Deeds will not be less valiant because they are unpraised.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Speak no evil of the Lady Galadriel!" said Aragorn sternly. "You know not what you say. There is in her and in this land, no evil, unless a man bring it hither himself. Then let him beware!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

There was Eru, the One, who in Arda is called Ilÿvatar; and he made first the Ainur, the Holy Ones, that were the offspring of his thought, and they were with him before aught else was made.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

You can only come to the morning through the shadows.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The praise of the praiseworthy is above all rewards.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Yes, I am white now,' said Gandalf. 'Indeed I am Saruman, one might almost say, Saruman as he should have been.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Memory is not what the heart desires. That is only a mirror, be it clear as Kheled-zaram. Or so says the heart of Gimli the Dwarf.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

False hopes are more dangerous than fears.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

No half-heartedness and no worldly fear must turn us aside from following the light unflinchingly.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

There are older and fouler things than Orcs in the deep places of the world.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

For if joyful is the fountain that rises in the sun, its springs are in the wells of sorrow unfathomable at the foundations of the Earth.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

You have been chosen, and you must therefore use such strength and heart and wits as you have.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Over hill and under hill

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Do not spoil the wonder with haste!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The Hobbits are just rustic English people, made small in size because it reflects the generally small reach of their imagination - not the small reach of their courage or latent power.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

No, my heart will not yet despair. Gandalf fell and has returned and is with us. We may stand, if only on one leg, or at least be left still upon our knees.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The world is not in your books and maps, it's out there.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Let him go, you filth! Let him go! You will not touch him again!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

When Mr. Bilbo Baggins of Bag End announced that he would shortly be celebrating his eleventy-first birthday with a party of special magnificence, there was much talk and excitement in Hobbiton.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Love not too well the work of thy hands and the devices of thy heart; and remember that the true hope of the Noldor lieth in the West, and cometh from the Sea.

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~J. R. R. Tolkien

Alas, not me, lord!" she said. "Shadow lies on me still. Look not to me

for healing! I am a shieldmaiden and my hand is ungentle.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Still round the corner there may wait, A new road or a secret gate.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Little by little, one travels far

~J. R. R. Tolkien

his old life lay behind in the mists, dark adventure lay in front.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

It is not despair, for despair is only for those who see the end beyond all doubt. We do not.

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Such is of the course of deeds that move the wheels of the world: small hands do them because they must, while the eyes of the great are elsewhere.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

We all long for Eden, and we are constantly glimpsing it: our whole nature at its best and least corrupted, its gentlest and most human, is still soaked with the sense of exile.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Advice is a dangerous gift, even from the wise to the wise, and all courses may run ill.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

A pen is to me as a beak is to a hen.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

There are no safe paths in this part of the world. Remember you are over the Edge of the Wild now, and in for all sorts of fun wherever you go.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Courage will now be your best defence against the storm that is at hand-â€”that and such hope as I bring.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Shall we mourn here deedless forever a shadow-folk mist-haunting dropping vain tears in the thankless sea

~J. R. R. Tolkien

I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Courage is found in unlikely places.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Help means ruin and saving means slaying.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Let him not vow to walk in the dark, who has not seen the nightfall.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

And some things that should not have been forgotten were lost. History became legend. Legend became myth. And for two and a half thousand years, the ring passed out of all knowledge.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

True education is a kind of never ending story – a matter of continual beginnings, of habitual fresh starts, of persistent newness.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Not everyone who wanders is lost.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The Lord of the Rings is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work; unconsciously so at first, but consciously in the revision.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

A man that flies from his fear may find that he has only taken a short cut to meet it.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

For you do not yet know the strengths of your hearts, and you cannot foresee what each may meet on the road.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

It is no bad thing celebrating a simple life.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

It is useless to meet revenge with revenge; it will heal nothing.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Do you wish me a good morning, or mean that it is a good morning whether I want it or not; or that you feel good this morning; or that it is a morning to be good on?

~J. R. R. Tolkien

For we put the thought of all that we love into all that we make.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

What do you fear, lady?' he asked. 'A cage,' she said.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

A sister they had, Galadriel, most beautiful of all the house of Finwë; her hair was lit with gold as though it had caught in a mesh the radiance of Laurelin.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Do not meddle in the affairs of Wizards, for they are subtle and quick to anger.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Hinder me? Thou fool. No living man may hinder me!" "But no living man am I!

~J. R. R. Tolkien

The road goes ever on and on

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Tall ships and tall kings
Three times three, What brought they from the
foundered land
Over the flowing sea? Seven stars and seven stones
And one white tree. (The Two Towers)

~J. R. R. Tolkien

Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
The crownless again shall
be king.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

For so sworn good or evil an oath may not be broken and it shall
pursue oathkeeper and oathbreaker to the world's end.

~J. R. R. Tolkien

And sometimes you didn't want to know the endâ€¦ because how could the end be happy?

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