From Soria Moria to Moria

A guide to the cited passages in George Webbe Dasent's *Popular Tales from the Norse* and Edward Pettit's *Poetic Edda*. This PDF records the locators and summarises the passages in Tolkien Library's own words.

Halvor's road back to Soria Moria · Notes 5 and 6

Dasent, trans., *Popular Tales from the Norse*, second edition, enlarged (Edinburgh: Edmonston and Douglas, 1859), "Soria Moria Castle," starts on printed p. 457 (PDF p. 623). The return to his parents and the loss of the ring begin on pp. 464–467. On pp. 468–471, Halvor follows directions, reaches the wedding and uses the ring in a cup to identify himself. The princesses give him the ring for a journey. It is his mistake at home that makes the return journey necessary.

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The cat and the troll · Note 8

"Lord Peter" starts on printed p. 340 (PDF p. 506). On pp. 346–347 the cat keeps the troll talking by explaining how winter rye is grown. The sun comes up during her account, and the troll bursts. Dasent comments on sunlight in the introduction, p. cxxxix. In *The Hobbit*, ch. 2, Gandalf prolongs the trolls' quarrel until daylight leaves them as stone figures.

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Alvíss and the dawn · Note 9

Edward Pettit, ed. and trans., *The Poetic Edda* (Open Book Publishers, 2023), "Alvíssmál," pp. 365–384, stanza 35. Thor keeps the dwarf answering questions until he is overtaken by daylight. The final stanza reports the sunlight. It leaves what happens to the dwarf after that unstated.

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The North Wind's route · Note 15

"East o' the Sun, and West o' the Moon" starts on printed p. 25 (PDF p. 191). On pp. 33–35, the North Wind remembers reaching the place with an aspen leaf and carries the young woman there. For Frodo's reversed wording, see *The Return of the King*, book VI, ch. 9.

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