

# RIDDLES IN THE DARK SCAVENGER HUNT

Using the answers to the riddles found in the “Riddles in the Dark” chapter in *The Hobbit*, have participants look for books with those words in the titles (e.g. for “time,” participants could find the book *The Time Traveler’s Wife* or *Love in the Time of Cholera*, etc.). Or, if you don’t want books to be handled, hide appropriate clues to be found, like a clock for “time” or a plastic Easter egg for “egg.” Whoever gets the most boxes checked off at the end wins!

## ANSWERS

- 1. A mountain
- 2. Teeth
- 3. Wind
- 4. Sun on daisies
- 5. Dark
- 6. Egg
- 7. Fish
- 8. Time
- 9. A ring



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## RIDDLES:

1. *What has roots as nobody sees,  
Is taller than trees,  
Up, up it goes,  
And yet never grows?*

2. *Thirty white horses on a red hill,  
First they champ,  
Then they stamp,  
Then they stand still.*

3. *Voiceless it cries,  
Wingless flutters,  
Toothless bites,  
Mouthless mutters.*

4. *An eye in a blue face  
Saw an eye in a green face.  
“That eye is like to this eye”  
Said the first eye,  
“But in low place  
Not in high place.”*

5. *It cannot be seen, cannot be felt,  
Cannot be heard, cannot be smelt,  
It lies behind stars and under hills,  
And empty holes it fills.*

*It comes first and follows after,  
Ends life, kills laughter.*

6. *A box without hinges, key, or lid,  
Yet golden treasure inside is hid.*

7. *Alive without breath,  
As cold as death;  
Never thirsty, ever drinking,  
All in mail never clinking.*

8. *This thing all things devours:  
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;  
Gnaws iron, bites steel;  
Grinds hard stones to meal;  
Slays kings, ruins town,  
And beats high mountain down.*

9. *What has Bilbo got in his pocket?*



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