

Bilbo's Last Song (At the Grey Havens) by J. R. R. Tolkien

Day is ended, dim my eyes,
But journey long before me lies.
Farewell, friends! I hear the call.
The ship's beside the stony wall.
Foam is white and waves are grey;
beyond the sunset leads my way.
Foam is salt, the wind is free;
I hear the rising of the sea.

Farewell, friends! The sails are set,
the wind is east, the moorings fret.
Shadows long before me lie,
beneath the ever-bending sky,
but islands lie behind the Sun
that i shall raise ere all is done;
lands there are to west of West,
where night is quiet and sleep is rest.

Guided by the Lonely Star,
beyond the utmost harbour-bar,
I'll find the heavens fair and free,
and beaches of the Starlit Sea.
Ship my ship! I seek the West,
and fields and mountains ever blest.
Farewell to Middle-earth at last.
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Alliteration

Apostrophe

Assonance

Consonance

Euphemism

Imagery

Simile

Repetition

In x by y there is a lot of z which is important because of A

In "Poem Title" by Poet Name there is a lot of Dominant Poetic Devices which is important because of "BIG IDEA"

Farewell Middle-earth

In "Bilbo's Last Song (At the Grey Havens)" by J. R. R. Tolkien, there are many similes and imageries which are present in this poem which is about moving on in life. This poem was going to be in the *Lord of the Rings: Return of the King* in the part where Bilbo, Elrond, Gandalf, Galadriel, and Frodo go on a elven boat to go to the "islands (that) lie behind the Sun" to the west of Middle-earth, also known as the afterlife (Tolkien). Bilbo in this poem is saying a last goodbye to middle earth and describing his journey through "the Starlit Sea" to the west (Tolkien). As he says goodbye and moves on, he describes the Ocean, for example: the "Foam is white and waves are grey" or the "Foam is salt, the wind is free" showing us that the sea brings him joy and peace (Tolkien). Even though it was difficult to say goodbye to Middle-earth judging from the fact that Bilbo says "Farewell, friends" and "Farewell to Middle-earth" throughout the poem (Tolkien). Even though it was hard for Bilbo to say farewell to middle-earth and to all his friends, this poem teaches us to accept change in our lives. J. R. R. Tolkien was describing through imagery and similes that it might be hard to change or move on in life, but change, in the eyes of the poet, is beautiful in many ways.

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