**Riddles from Chapter Five, “Riddles in the Dark”, The Hobbit (J.R.R. Tolkien)**

**Gollum**

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

Answer: Mountain

**Bilbo**

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

Answer: Teeth

**Gollum**

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

Answer: Wind

**Bilbo**

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.'

Answer: Sun shining on daisies

**Gollum**

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.

Answer: Dark

**Bilbo**

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

Answer: Egg

**Gollum**

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

Answer: Fish

**Bilbo**

No-legs lay on one-leg, two legs sat near on three legs, four legs got some.

Answer: Fish on a little one-legged table, man at table sitting on a three-legged stool, the cat gets the bones

**Gollum**

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

Answer: Time

**Bilbo**

What do I have in my pocket?

Answer: The Ring