

Tolkien Dance

By Margaret Lion

"This is how Earendil became a star." –Margaret Lion

Background/History

The War of Wrath – Last battle against the great evil of Middle-earth: Melkor

NOTE: Before you begin to read PLEASE try not to be overwhelmed by all of the names and places. I can help you figure it all out and sometimes even I get a bit lost. Just keep going. – M. Lion

Basically this is THE great battle in Middle-earth BEFORE Sauron. In fact, Melkor was Sauron's mentor.

- The War of Wrath - http://lotr.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_Wrath
- Tolkien Gateway - http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/War_of_Wrath (See the Great Battle)
- Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_of_Wrath
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- The Valar and the Mythology of Middle-earth (TOLKIEN TUESDAY) - <http://garrettbobinson.com/the-valar-and-the-mythology-of-middle-earth-tolkien-tuesday/>

Earendil – Danced by Laura

The Hero of Middle-earth who persuaded the Valar to finally fight their brother, Melkor. If Earendil had not succeeded, Middle-earth, and possibly the Undying Lands (Heaven) would have all been destroyed by Melkor.

- From Glyph Web - Great History - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/e/earendil.html>.
- From Tolkien Gateway - <http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/E%C3%A4rendil>
- Lotr Wiki - <http://lotr.wikia.com/wiki/E%C3%A4rendil>
- Essay on Earendil - <http://www.silmarillionwritersguild.org/reference/references/pf/earendil.php> - Of note from this essay: "Eärendil participated in the final battle of the War of Wrath from the decks of Vingilot without ever leaving the sky. Along the side of Thorondor and his eagles, Eärendil dealt the final blow that killed the dragon [Ancalagon](#) and cast it into [Thangorodrim](#)."

The Valar – Members of DDBD

Beings of angelic/demi-god like power. First beings created by Eru the One God. Melkor was one of them, think Satan, and he began to destroy Middle-earth. The Valar were the only ones who really had the power to stand against him.

- Good Wikipedia beginning including list of each Valar - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vala_\(Middle-earth\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vala_(Middle-earth))
- Excellent explanation - <http://askmiddleearth.tumblr.com/post/119961424242/what-would-be-a-simple-way-to-explain-the-valar>
- List and Brief History of Valar - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/v/valar.html>

- Images of Valar - Google Search
- https://www.google.com/search?q=valar&es_sm=122&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0CGYQsARqFQoTClauzqL9wscCFUOWHgodI94O5A#tbm=isch&q=tolkien%27s+valar
- Video - Lord of the Rings Mythology Explained, Part 1 - <https://youtu.be/YxgsaFWWHQ>
- Video - Lord of the Rings Mythology Explained, Part 2
- https://youtu.be/WKU0qDpu3AM?list=PLqs5ohhass_T6tg8l61f5eDhrN5425R3B

The Dance Itself.

I heard this song while working in Indy 13 years ago. The movie "The Fellowship of the Ring" had just been released so Tolkien was really on my mind. I instantly thought of Earendil and the War of Wrath. So now we are dancing it. ☺

As previously stated: "The war lasted 40 years. Our dance will not."

Thank you so much.

-Margaret

Knowing & Picking Your Valar

- Information Links - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/v/valar.html>
- GREAT BIOS - <http://lotr.wikia.com/wiki/Valar>
- AND Leila on Deviantart PLUS descriptions - <http://lelia.deviantart.com/art/BM-The-Valar-327569402>
- PLUS on Imgur - <http://imgur.com/gallery/n07Rj>
- J.R.R. Tolkien's mythology: The Valar - <http://9gag.com/gag/aBYvnPx/j-r-r-tolkien-s-mythology-the-valar>

I don't give a hoot about gender so select as you will. **BUT BIG NOTE:** I believe that:

- Anaelle *is leaning towards* Orome who is a hunter and of the forest so that is hers - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/o/orome.html> and <http://lotr.wikia.com/wiki/Orom%C3%AB>.
- Michelle wants to dance Mandos - the Lord of Doom (shocked not) - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/m/mandos.html> and <http://lotr.wikia.com/wiki/Mandos>.
- Rebakah – still undecided
- Margaret – Varda who is the Queen of Stars - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/v/varda.html> and <http://lotr.wikia.com/wiki/Varda> and <http://lelia.deviantart.com/art/BM-The-Valar-327569402> cause of the character write up.

Costuming Your Valar -

These are powerful angelic-like beings. Go big, go wild, let your imagination soar! And remember for make-up I have the 5 second stick on "bindis" from India which will make us look amazing. Think shiny, sparkly, other worldly. We need to look different from Earendil.

Costuming Earendil –

I see a very plain outfit – red tunic with tan pants. And of course the silmaril upon her head. Which means Laura, we have to find a wire headband with a stone in it for you to wear. Yes we will need to clip this into your hair. HOWEVER! Laura if you want to wear something more detailed, let's talk

Margaret Might Need to Say This: Aiya Eärendil Elenion Ancalima! or Hail Earendil, brightest of stars!

The first line is paralleled by Frodo Baggins' exclamation in *The Two Towers*, Aiya Eärendil Elenion Ancalima!, which in Tolkien's invented language of Quenya means, "Hail Eärendil, brightest of stars!" Frodo's exclamation was in reference to the 'Star-glass' he carried, which contained the light of Eärendil's star, the Silmaril.

RESOURCES ON WEB:

Google Image Searches

- Picture of Middle-earth before the War of Wrath - [LINK](#)
- Of the Valar and Maiar on Pinterest - [LINK](#)
- Valar Silmarillion Search - [LINK](#)
- VERY DIFFERENT Take - <http://fan.theonering.net/~rolozo/cgi-bin/rolozo.cgi/collection/ezpeleta>
- LEGOs Valar - http://img13.deviantart.net/c3d6/i/2014/017/9/8/all_the_valar_by_twinsene-d72l4yu.png
- Valar by wolfantia on Deviantart - [Valar](#)
- Leila on Deviantart PLUS descriptions - <http://lelia.deviantart.com/art/BM-The-Valar-327569402>
- Margaret's Two Favorite Valar Pics –
 - Wolfantia - http://orig11.deviantart.net/2245/f/2014/190/d/4/the_silmarillion_the_valar_couples_version_by_wolfanita-d7pwa5f.jpg
 - The Valar by Lelia - http://orig11.deviantart.net/2245/f/2014/190/d/4/the_silmarillion_the_valar_couples_version_by_wolfanita-d7pwa5f.jpg

Google Valar Information Searches

- Search link for "Valar" – [LINK](#)
- Encyclopedia of Arda (another name for Middle-earth) - <http://www.glyphweb.com/arda/v/valar.html>
- The Valar – Wikipedia – links to individual bios - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valar_\(Middle-earth\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valar_(Middle-earth))
- Tolkien Gateway – Valar - <http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Valar>

VIDEO!

OMG! So I found these fun videos that will give you a quick history of how Middle-earth was formed and the Valar. ☺ Plus! OMG! They have a hedgehog.

- The Origin of Middle Earth | The Lore of the Rings: Episode 1 - <https://youtu.be/x-imlGwmQZU?list=PLGG6UtRHjHagdfAG-Jizr1FPLRZ9hmHo>
- The Valar | The Lore of the Rings: Episode 2 (part 1) - <https://youtu.be/WQlchggYxy0>
- The Valar | The Lore of the Rings: Episode 2 (part 2) - <https://youtu.be/LWH9y2I--kg>

- The First War | The Lore of the Rings: Episode 3 - <https://youtu.be/oU1Gle9kxYQ>

Fun Things To Ponder (At Least For Me)

- The Lord of the Rings (creative franchise): Why did the Valar not take action when Sauron's power began to rise? Why was it left to the residents of Middle-Earth? – [LINK](#)
- If Sauron had won, would the Valar have intervened? (Note: They then go into the Maiar which you don't have to listen to. –M. Lion) – [LINK](#)

I'm Margaret Lion and I'm a Tolkien fanatic.

Love,

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