

ALL THAT IS GOLD DOES NOT GLITTER

J . R . R . T O L K I E N

*All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost;
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.*

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures, great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.
The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water
We gather everyday—
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well!

ALLIGATORS ARE UNFRIENDLY

JACK PRELUTSKY

Alligators are unfriendly,
they are easily upset,
I suspect that I would never
care to have one for a pet.
Oh, I know they do not bellow,
and I think they do not shed,
but I'd probably be nervous
if I had one in my bed.

Alligators are not clever,
they are something of a bore,
they can't heel or catch a Frisbee,
they don't greet you at the door,
for their courtesy is lacking,
and their tempers are not sweet,
they won't even fetch your slippers
...though they just might eat your feet.