

Beren

Beren was the son of Barahir and Emeeldir, a Man of the royal House of Bëor of Dorthonion. His romance with the Elf Lúthien is one of the great stories of the Elder Days.

He crossed a path of terror, penetrating an impenetrable boundary by the will of fate, into Doriath, where he saw and fell in love with Lúthien, princess of the Sindar and daughter of Thingol and Melian. Thingol refused to give Lúthien's hand in marriage. He said that he would only allow the marriage if Beren

recovered one of the Silmarils. The task was intended to be impossible, but Beren and Lúthien finally reached Angband and came before Morgoth. Beren was able to capture a Silmaril but lost his hand in the process and was eventually mortally wounded. Lúthien's love for Beren was so strong that, hearing of his death, she laid down and died. Her soul went to the Halls of Mandos, where she moved Mandos to pity through her singing. Both she and Beren were restored to life, but both of them would die the death of Men, and go beyond the walls of Arda to a place unknown. Thus Beren and Lúthien lived again, and dwelt on Tol Galen in the middle of the river Adurant in Ossiriand until their death.

