

VILYA

THE RING OF

AIR

VILYA



THE ETYMOLOGY OF VILYA

The name Vilya is Quenya (the old or original Elf language) and means sky or air as a noun.

VILYA NAMES

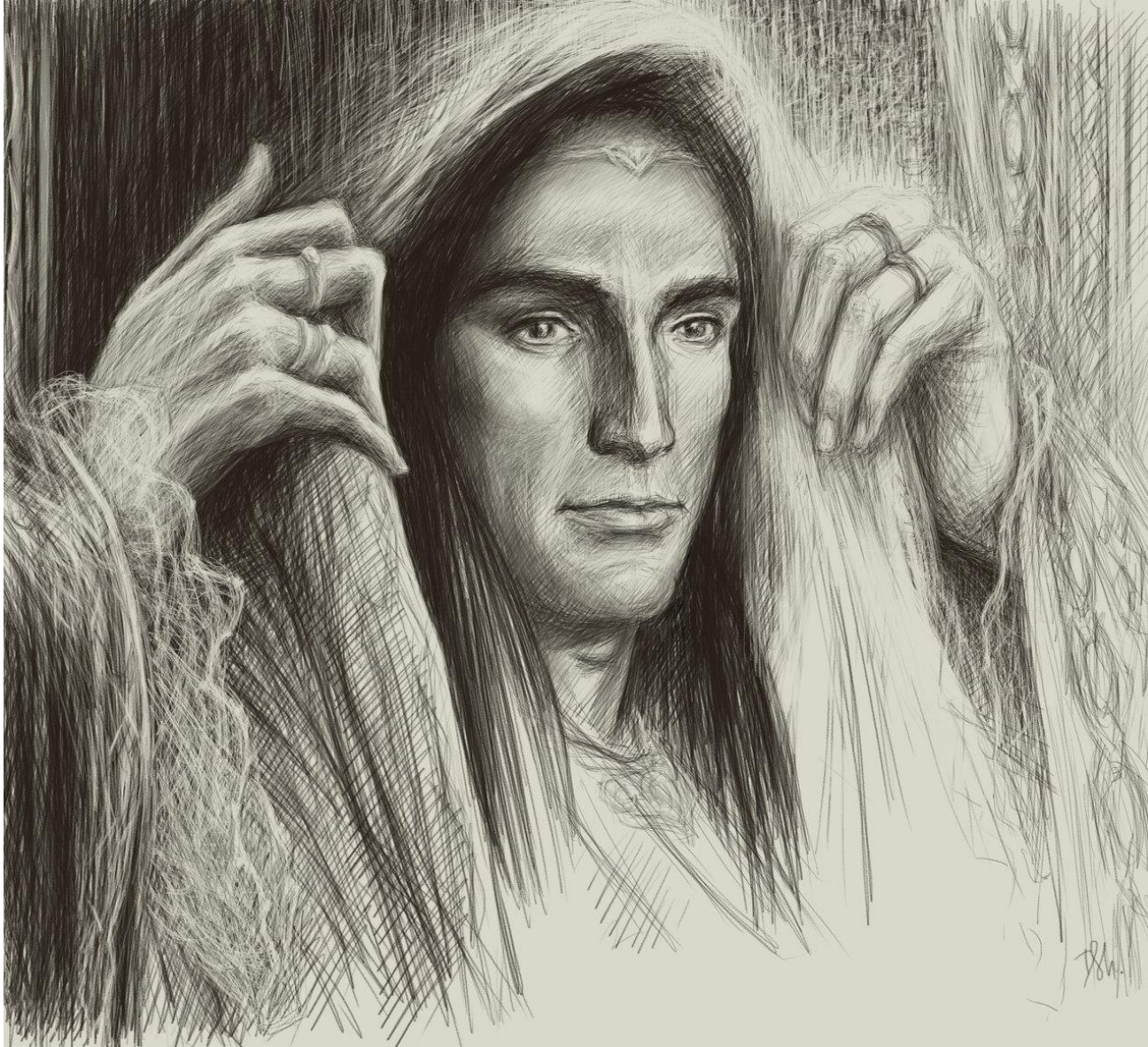
Vilya had several different and distinct names:

- 1. The Ring of Air**
- 2. The Ring of Healing**
- 3. The Blue Ring**
- 4. The Mightiest of the Three**

VILYA CHARACTERISTICS

Vilya, called the Mightiest of the Three, was crafted in Mithril or Elf Silver. The Ring of Elrond is described as holding a great blue stone, called a Star Sapphire. Vilya is also called The Ring of Air with the embedded designs of swirling patterns of clouds and lightening bolts surrounding the gem.

ELROND HALF-ELVEN



ELROND AND HIS RING -1

Other than stating that Vilya was given to Elrond by Gilgalad, the last Elvish King, before his death, Tolkien literally wrote nothing directly about the Ring. Even the indirect allusions to this ring are subtle and obscure. It was shown openly only once in ALL the books and that was when Elrond left Middle-Earth at the Grey Havens.

ELROND AND HIS RING - 2

What can be deduced about the effect that this Ring had on Elrond must be related to how Elrond was described by those who knew him and saw him. His reputation was very well understood among Elves, Dwarves, and the Men of the West, the Dunedain. There are certain traits given to Elrond that were enhanced by this Elf Ring.

THE TRAITS OF ELROND - 1

When described in the books Elrond had the following traits and abilities:

- 1. Master of Healing.**
- 2. Greatest of Lore Masters.**
- 3. Prescience or ability to view possible futures.**
- 4. Power to command the elements.**
- 5. Ageless.**

THE FLOOD AT BRUINEN



THE TRAITS OF ELROND - 2

- 6. His home of Rivendell preserved the memory of the Elder Days throughout the valley.**
- 7. Commanding presence.**
- 8. Knowledgeable of the hidden meanings behind actions, portents, and signs.**

LECTURE

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NENYA

THE WHITE RING

NENYA



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THE ETYMOLOGY OF NENYA

The name is derived from the Quenya (old Elf language) word “nen” which means ‘water’. Nenia as an adjective means “watery” or “like water”.

NENYA NAMES

Nenya had several different and distinct names:

- 1. The Ring of Water**
- 2. The Ring of Adamant**
- 3. The White Ring**
- 4. The Star Ring**

NENYA CHARACTERISTICS

Nenya is described as being made of Mithril, a silver colored metal. Nenya features the leaves of the trees found in Lothlorien, called Mallorn, which became golden before they fell in the autumn. Its gem was an adamant or diamond in the purest form. Thus, it would gather the light of the stars.

GALADRIEL THE ELF QUEEN



THE ADVICE OF GALADRIEL - 1

When Celebrimbor, the creator of the Three Rings discovered the existence of the One Ring and the betrayal by Sauron, he was advised by Galadriel to destroy ALL the Elven Rings of Power. But he could not find the strength to harm such *precious* objects.

THE ADVICE OF GALADRIEL - 2

Then Galadriel advised that the Three Elven Rings should be hidden and never used. Celebrimbor gave her Nenya to guard. At some point after Sauron's fall (the beginning of the Third Age) she used the Elf Ring to renew and preserve Lothlorien after the damage done by the war with Sauron.

THE ADVICE OF GALADRIEL - 3

However, the positive impact of the Elven Ring on Lothlórien would have a negative effect on Galadriel over time. The fact that she was using the ring to avoid decay would constantly remind her of Valinor, the Undying Lands from which she had been exiled two Ages ago.

LOTHLORIEN - THE 3RD AGE



THE ADVICE OF GALADRIEL - 4

Galadriel was fully aware by the time of the events in LOTR what she had done when she ignored her own advice. To Frodo she said that he must complete his mission and he would not be responsible for the anticipated effects that the destruction of the One Ring would bring.

THE ADVICE OF GALADRIEL - 5

She stated bluntly to Frodo: “For the fate of Lothlorien, you are not answerable.” But she added: “Yet I could wish...that the One Ring had never been wrought, or had remained lost forever.” This is a plea, lament, and recognition of what she had done, must now do, and in the future must accept.

THE STAR RING

At the Mirror of Galadriel, she asked Sam if he saw her Ring. He replied:

“I saw a star through your finger.”

Sam was not capable of seeing Nenya. But he did see the gathered and then reflected light of Earendil, the Evening Star, which was the light of the Silmaril, which came from the light of the Two Trees of Valinor.

THE STAR RING



NARYA

THE RING OF

FIRE

NARYA



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THE ETYMOLOGY OF NARYA

The name *Narya* is Quenya (the old or original Elf language), deriving from the element's word 'narwa' which means "fiery red".

NARYA NAMES

Narya had several different and distinct names:

- 1. The Ring of Fire**
- 2. The Red Ring**
- 3. The Ring of Hope**

NARYA CHARACTERISTICS

Narya is described as a gold ring holding a stone as red as fire. A large red ruby is the gem for this ring. The element of fire is represented in the flame pattern rising up the sides of the ring to hold the gem. In the light from the sun, this ring would seem to burn brightly with a white-red fire.