**THE OLIPHANT**

by J. R. R. Tolkien

Grey as a mouse, big as a house,

Nose like a snake, I make the earth shake,

As I tramp through the grass, trees crack as I pass.

With horns in my mouth I walk in the south,

Flapping my ears. Beyond count of years

I stump 'round and 'round. never lie on the ground,

Not even to die. Oliphant am I,

Biggest of all, huge, old and tall.

If ever you'd met me, you wouldn't forget me.

If you never do, you won't think I'm true,

But old Oliphant am I and I never lie.