



## Translation

The inscription read:

*Ash nazg durbatulûk, ash nazg gimbatul, ash nazg thrakatulûk, agh burzum-ishi krimpatul*

These words were disturbing to any Elves who heard them, as any words of that "Black Speech". When Gandalf recited them at the Council of Elrond, the sky darkened and the Elves trembled and covered their ears. This was the first time words of that language had been spoken in Rivendell.

Roughly translated, these words mean:

*One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them, One Ring to bring them all, and in the darkness bind them*

## Ring-verse

At some point following the gifting of the rings, a verse was written and kept as part of the Elven-lore:

***Three Rings for the Elven-kings under the sky,  
Seven for the Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone,  
Nine for Mortal Men doomed to die,  
One for the Dark Lord on his dark throne  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.  
One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,  
One Ring to bring them all, and in the darkness bind them  
In the Land of Mordor where the Shadows lie.***

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