

# Here's the Poem behind the Bumper Sticker

If you drive around a bit, you've probably seen a "Not all who Wander are Lost" bumper sticker. The phrase actually comes from this lovely poem:

*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.*

*From the ashes a fire shall be woken,  
A light from the shadows shall spring;  
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,  
The crownless again shall be king.*

The author of the poem is J.R.R. Tolkien who included it twice in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, part of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. The poem itself is a reference to Aragorn and his wandering until he returns as the king of Gondor. ?

Of course, you probably knew all of that already. But if you didn't, now you do.

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