

This process, I suggest, went on for several years in the early 1930's, culminating in the success of 'The Hobbit' in 1937.

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WILLOW WHISPERS

by Perri Ellis

Willow whispers to the brook,
Rivers murmur,
Dark trees look,
With long toes,
And fingers long,
For the whisper,
Of watery brook.

Will O' the whisp,
In swampy holes,
Whisper willow,
In the dark night old.

Dead is the light,
And the river's cold.
Bold trees at night,
Old willows old
Old.....
Old.....
Old.....
Old.....
Old.....