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In the First Age of Middle Earth, Morgoth - The Dark Lord - built his refuge in Angband behind the Thangorodrim: having fled from the vengeance of the Valar in the West. The Valar took no action at this time: but Fëanor and his sons led hosts of Noldor to the shores of Middle Earth to hunt down Morgoth and to recover from him their stolen Silmarils - if they could.

But the strength of Angband was such that it could not be taken by assault: so the Noldor built themselves forts, and strong towers, and places of refuge. And of these last, the most renowned was the Hidden City of Gondolin - built in the time of King Turgon, son of Fingolfin, inside the Encircling Mountains upon the plain of Tumladen.

Gondolin survived longer than any other of the fortified places and cities of refuge: it was the last Noldor stronghold to remain hidden - for a time - from the wrath and the malice of Morgoth. But Morgoth's might could not be finally withstood: and finally Gondolin herself was betrayed and offered up to the armies of the Dark Lord - who was pitiless and without mercy.

The Lay of the Fall of Gondolin recounts the events leading to the city's final destruction: the coming of Turgon's nephew Maeglin into Gondolin and his rise in the King's favour; the later arrival of Tuor bearing Ulmo's arms and tokens from Nevrast; and the apocalyptic events leading to the betrayal and fall of the Hidden City.

Retold in epic rhymed verse, this stirring account faithfully recaptures Tolkien's own poetic style as published in "The Lays of Beleriand".

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