

What has roots as nobody sees
Is taller than trees
Up, up it goes
And yet never grows?

Answer: Mountain

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt,
Cannot be heard, cannot be smelt.
It lies behind stars and under hills,
And empty holes it fills.
It comes first and follows after,
Ends life, kills laughter.

Answer: Darkness

A box without hinges, key, or lid,
Yet golden treasure inside is hid.

Answer: An egg

Alive without breath,
As cold as death.
Never thirsty, ever drinking,
All in mail never clinking.

Answer: Fish

This thing all things devours:
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers.
Gnaws iron, bites steel,
Grinds hard stones to meal,
Slays king, ruins towns,
And beats high mountains down.

Answer: Time