

Tess

Jack is a good, honest and hardworking man. And that's why I married him.

He works everyday in the Kings fields and then way past the evening sun just to glean what is left, so that we can run our little cart in the township to sell the wares (*then adding quickly*) And at a very little price, to be sure. Almost for free.

But the work in the fields is done for the season. And that means no goods for our cart and no food for many of the folks who can't afford those expensive prices at the market.

We are going to see the King on Thursday. We've heard that is the day the King and Queen hear the needs of the people in the Shire. Jack didn't want to go, at first . But you see, it's not just our little family that has come to rely upon it.

We'll pray that the Lord will give us favor and that the King will be generous to us, for the sake of the Shire.