

Sir Able is Tannhauser

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BlackWilbo at cs.com — 19 May 2006, 01:51

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maru dubshinki — 19 May 2006, 05:54 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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From the ever-redoubtable Wikipedia: "According to medieval German legend, Tannh?user is a knight and poet who found the Venusburg, the subterranean home of Venus, and spent a year there worshipping the goddess. After leaving the Venusburg, Tannh?user is filled with remorse, and travels to Rome to ask Pope Urban IV if it is possible to be absolved of his sins. Urban replies that forgiveness is as impossible as it would be for his papal staff to blossom. Three days after Tannh?user's departure Urban's staff blooms with flowers;

messengers are sent to retrieve the knight, but he has already returned to Venusburg, never to be seen again."

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Tannh%C3%A4user&oldid=52446220> Not our best article, to be sure, but serviceable for our purposes).

If I don't miss my guess, Wilbo is struck by the resemblance of a knight spending time in fairy lands of some sort, returning obsessed with honor and forgiveness and such-like, and

eventually returning.

~maru