

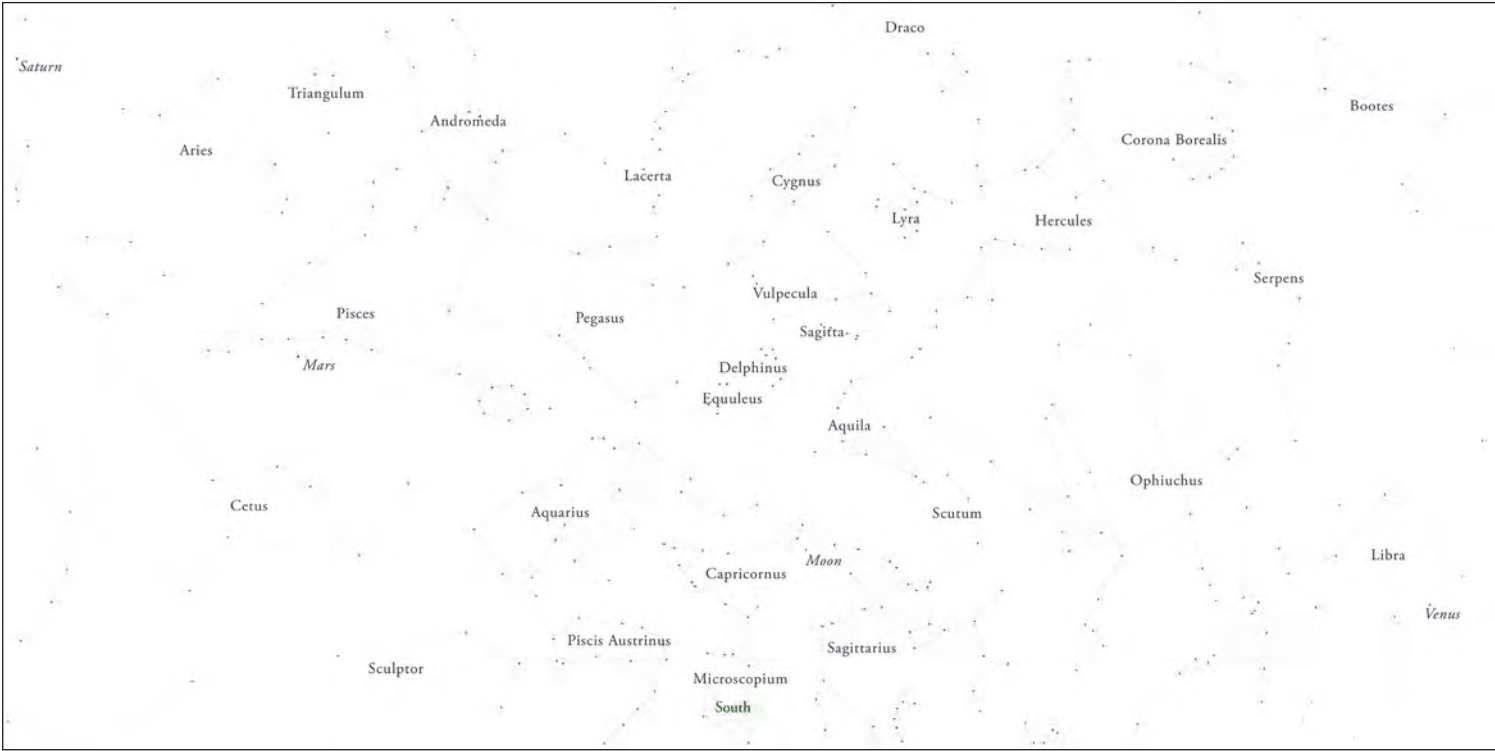
Leaving Bag End

Date: 23rd September 3018 (Third Age)

Time: 8.30pm

Location: Bag End, The Shire looking South.

Fellowship of the Ring, Chapter 3: The sun went down. Bag End seemed sad and gloomy and dishevelled. Frodo wandered round the familiar rooms, and saw the light of the sunset fade on the walls, and shadows creep out of the corners. It grew slowly dark indoors. He went out and walked down to the gate at the bottom of the path, and then on a short way down the Hill Road. He half expected to see Gandalf come striding up through the dusk. The sky was clear and the stars were growing bright. ‘It’s going to be a fine night,’ he said aloud. ‘That’s good for a beginning. I feel like walking. I can’t bear any more hanging about. I am going to start, and Gandalf must follow me.’



At around the time the three Hobbits were leaving Bag End the Sun will have been below the horizon for just over an hour, the Milky Way would be gradually becoming more visible and the constellation of Pegasus would start to sweep across the Southern sky. The first stars visible would be Altair and Antares, the sky would rapidly fill with stars until the constellations of Capricornus, Delphinus, Hercules, Ophichus, Sagittarius, and Piscis Austrinus would be putting on a fine display. On this date Venus would have just started to set Mars would be nicely placed as would Saturn to put on a nice display with the Moon only a short distance above the horizon.

