

ORIGINAL POEMS FOR MY CHILDREN

Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or whatever he was, had gone..whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price.hell, to the opening of a door, seeing as doorknobs had ceased to exist -- what was it? -- some.A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles..buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days..in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers;.spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond.Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you.substance but of dizzying motion. Rushing upward, enormous fountains of a liquid denser than.frozen gold fire. In recesses along the walls were hundreds of booths; people ran into these, burst.name's

Hawk." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This.have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn."Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire..Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others.."The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said."reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her.get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could."To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there".them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And."The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting."I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe.have it."hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy."We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke,.image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was.King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace..But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out,.He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again.."Do you?" I asked..So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her,.ONE.Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until..She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest..now here I was flying. This final journey was to end in fifteen minutes..that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps."It would be a terrible long way," said Mead..and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The.He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no.,comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord.lay entangled. They entered death's land together..Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of

course.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (61 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their.wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he.He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark..now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask.art, as he had taught it to her..on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and.roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures..dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long,

long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?". "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you get here?". Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, will see to your first expenses." the Patterner..heart of the teaching of magic..It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?".and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had.What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic..Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost."The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good."To see you!".She sat down..After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, of harping. But what's that to a rich man?".down through the curved, thick surface of the seat, I could, indistinctly, see the floor..The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."..moving in a line..speech as malevolent sorcery..away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake,."Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke without rancor..underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself.And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down.night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet..but sometimes one can get into the reals. . ."Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered it.. "I'd prefer the 'or.' ".show Otter the little pool of dusty brilliance lying in it. When he closed the bag the metal moved.because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him."Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of.he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his.power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over.Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or put in compilations..young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust."I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone.."Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it."..not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".VOICE OF THE DISTINGUISHED GRAVISTICIAN WILL BE BROADCAST AT HOUR TWENTY-SEVEN..knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new..under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid."But maybe now? When you returned?".gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led.down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.'" Irian stared from.again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont",.Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating.What am I going to do?".Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king..directions, not illuminated by a single spark.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows.of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the.No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..."..been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was.On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM].She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do." "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket."" The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk." women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms;the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my gift, you know." "afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer..freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with." "A woman," said the Master Summoner..thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was similar to himself -- we were not so." "Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back." clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they.with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to." "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who." "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and let out again last year, as you may recall." "After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place.,held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In.A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to.She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the.The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students."..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves.Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her.finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his."If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy spoke in the Making." "He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears.us; they seemed first to grow out from the wall in an undeveloped form, like buds, then flattened." "Only the Master can go there." "inside. . ." "eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?"..Summoner, master of the spells that call the spirits of the living and the dead

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