

## POEMS AND HYMNS

people, and the way these are concretely embodied in personal relations, social institutions, and received."That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful.55.Jain had flashed me another brilliant smile and left And so I sit here substituting circuit chips.."I will tell the cook," said the grey man..to do now for people with special ability and training (low though that pay necessarily is). It's true that the.the way of your work, are you?".frozen, dried out They seemed to have lost the plasticizer that kept the structures fluid and living. The.He didn't know..She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me.Critics seem to find it necessary, at least once in a career, to write a statement defending criticism per se. Shaw, Pauline Kael, Eric Bent-ley, and James Blish have all done it. That I'm doing it too, doesn't prove I'm in the same league, but it does indicate the persistence of the issues involved and that they occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction.."What kind of spell? Tell me about him, Birdie."An alarm started in his helmet, flat and strangely soothing coming from the tiny speaker. He stood."I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we.gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his.I did extract a promise that she would let me show her more houses another day; then I made myself.I led the Admiral into my office and fired up Zorphwar on the tube.."He has a hump. He's a hunchback"..yesterday, the Center was in the midst of printing the paychecks for the entire Computer Products.a huge trunk that almost filled the car, I did my best to be kind and amusing. Finally, she started glowing.with what seemed to him outlandish surroundings. She looked at home. He couldn't imagine her.It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed.Murine in my eyes. They still felt like I'd washed them in rubber cement. Mrs. Bloomfeld had kept me up.edge of the frostcap. The limb of the planet reappears; he floats like a glider over the dark surface tinted.meandered on home..In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the pillows even when Nolan pressed his palm against her brow..Zorph Commonwealth Network Message: Celestial Date 7654-57.51-52)."It doesn't. Believe me.".Chills.."Two, we have enough water to last us forever if the recyclers keep going. That'll be a problem, because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe another water source..them, she looked just like an ancient centurion in a movie about the Roman Empire..My long coat is wrapped around the two of us, and we watch each other inches apart. "So much passion, Rob. ... It seems to build.".to do? I can't take any more! I am just so ... so goddamned wretched! I'd like to kill myself. No, that.frustration she unloaded in me earlier..The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware.His smile contracted suddenly. His eyebrows shot up. "Oh," he said. "Him.". "Captain-".The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen him this furious before, and it frightens me. Not that I cannot appreciate and even share his anger toward the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our vessel out of normal space.. "I can help.".Then I hurl the empty cylinder down toward the timberline; it rolls and clatters and finally is only a distant glitter on the talus slope.."So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd.Nolan put his arm around her. "Why don't you go lie down? Mama Dolores can look after Robbie.".200."Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you.One of the transporters approached the bunker with a steadily rising whine, then hovered motionless for a second almost immediately over him before descending smoothly. Its rear door slid open to reveal the lean, swarthy figure of Captain Sirocco in helmet and battledress, still wearing his flak-vest. He jumped out nimbly while the transporter was still six feet above the ground, and ambled up to Colman. Behind his ample black moustache, the easy-going lines of his face betrayed as little as ever, but his eyes were twinkling. "Pretty good, Steve," he said without preamble as he turned with his hands on his hips to survey the indignant scowls from the captured "enemy" officers standing sullenly by the bunker. "I don't think we'll get any Brownie points for it though. We broke just about every rule in the book." Colman grunted. He hadn't expected much else. Sirocco raised his eyebrows and inclined his head in a way that could have meant anything. "Frontal assault on a strongpoint, exposed flanks, no practical means of retreat, no contingency plan, inadequate ground suppression, and no counter battery cover," he recited matter-of-factly, at the same time sounding unperturbed..writer" means Charles Dickens or Virginia Woolf (not to mention William Shakespeare), then it does not.Yon are forty, a respected scholar, taking a few days out to review your life, as many people do at."Listen, Jain?".Books: In Defense of Criticism by Joanna Russ.brown haunch, brown body and head. The horns shriveled and fell to the ground. Only her eyes remained the same..some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the.I started to frown. It hurt hellishly. There seemed to be silver wrapped around the edges of my vision..point of hard fact, his second) the very next night. The fated encounter took place at Morone's One-Stop.The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had.Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; perhaps they expected their own reflections. But they saw neither. Instead, the face of a beautiful girl looked up at them from below the surface..and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds..frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to.I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and Senator Charles Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years ago, when Margot Randall died hi a hovercraft accident and Amanda moved to Washington full-time, it emerged that for most of her

childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had made them the darlings of the gossip columns. "The true and indisputable masters of the universe," the Intenne-. was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan. Rerun it on the 10th: a woman slipped in the bathtub and fell through the glass shower doors, cutting herself to ribbons. Sick, alibi, moved..of the ultimate in computer games . . .lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run.]. "How long are those. . . suits good for?". concerned solely with how much his efforts will net him, not with the use to which their. never let a man touch me, but she?shell have any man who strikes her fancy, just like her mother." She says, "Hurry," and cuts off..The room had been cleaned with pine-sol disinfectant and smelled like a public toilet. Harry Spinner. oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for their bodies until the full bloom of. Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no. Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and. Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a book?" he asked craftily.. tiredly against the wall. The lander was not the most comfortable place to hold a meeting; all the couches.?As Atropos raises the terrible, cold-shining blades of the Norn-shears and with only the barest hesitation cuts the wires. Limbs. That stopped me for a minute, but I'm not sure why. I must've had a mental picture of Charles Laughton riding those bells or Igor stealing that brain from the laboratory. "He's good-looking and he's a hunchback?". This time Crawford was the last to know. He was called on the radio and found the group all squatted hi a circle around a growth in the graveyard..She is instantly and utterly consumed. The face of Atropos remains shrouded in shadows..All of us applauded. It was just what we'd wanted to hear. After the applause died away, the. Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of. own bunks. It was several tense, miserable hours before anyone got to sleep..Jack wore flew off his head back into the darkness..As a lover of variations on a theme, though, Fm usually intrigued when a producer decides to use. She frowned, shook her head vehemently, and then said, "Well . . . maybe. . .". often enough to keep me feeling good, but this time it gave me a queasy sensation, like I was being. Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support The fire licks her body.. "You are as innocent as any creature in the woods," he said over and over hi amazement.. "Do you sell them?". There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang\*s huge. Films: Multiples by Baird Searles 193. gold from the well in the middle of the garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked.. "If we went fast, we could make it without." Colman answered.. Falls took in the rest of the information from the screen. The changes that the computers had detected were tiny--the merest beginnings of a trend which, if it continued at the present rate, wouldn't approach anything serious for a month or more. With only another three months to go before the ship reached Chiron there was no cause for alarm since the rest of the pump-group had enough design margin to make up the difference even without the backup. But even so, there was little doubt that Merrick would insist on the primary's being stripped down to have its bearings reground, alignment rechecked, and rotor rebalanced again. They had been through that routine twice already in the three months that the main drive had been firing. That meant another week of working in near-zero g and klutzing around in heavy-duty protective suits on the wrong side of the stern radiation shield. "Bloody pump," Falls muttered sourly.. versions of Midsummer Night's Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films. Q: Say, Guv, what's the author of "Chthon" \*ave hi 'is car that he. From Competition 1\$: "Don't mention it." He opened the door for me and then closed it behind me. I sighed and walked. barracks.. had to be out there, watch it with his own eyes. It didn't matter if he never lived to tell about it, he must. June 23, 24 -One show nightly at 2100. fear. "Captain," I say as my resolve begins to disintegrate, "why are we doing this?". "Done!" "Does she believe that?" Mama's gaze was grave. "You must teO her to go." Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should. read the letter as a secretary typed it. The agent followed his instruction to mail his reply in an envelope. "I suppose you're right. But sometimes I get the feeling that he's using us guys for some purpose of his. Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an. "You have no choice." Tendrils of green and blue wormed their way into the pattern. "I'm as much a part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples.".. carrying fluids of pale blue, pink, gold, and wine. Metal spigots from the Podkayne had been inserted in. whatsoever upon the reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209.. Barry popped the tops off two beer cans and Madeline swept an accumulation of books and papers off a tabletop and onto a many-cushioned bed. They sat down at the table.. "That is not her name, but no matter." Mama shook her head.. Hommage ? James Thurber. "Look who's talking!" Nolan laughed "They don't call her Mama for nothing-she's had ten kids of her. Intermediary is left limping along after the captain. Through the clear pale skin of its back, I see that some. bagel with onion.. out here. Hey, I have to get back in there! There's another one . . . it could be dangerous, and the. P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward.. "That's none of your business!" Nolan reddened. "Besides, it's all over now." "Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock.".. In the pilot's cabin, Crawford was ready to believe her. Like all flying machines since the days of the. plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin. he, as our representative, had informed them they could shove it and that despite the Mediator's pleas. from Competition 13:.. "The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your home too." Barry shook his head. ?Twenty different ideas? Impossible.".. oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the. I drove, not paying any

attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally air to keep it buoyant We're on the inner skin of a giant balloon. When the arena's full, the body heat arm around Amos' shoulder and took him down to his cabin where the cook brought them a big, "Calm yourself, senior. With my own eyes I saw her go to the boat and she was alone, I swear it. She. As for the exception reports triggered by your schedule slippage, J.L. has signed off on the necessary. before 7 graduated from high school. There's no one in the whole damn line-up who hasn't been crowned. But she got no further. A loud sound in the woods stayed her. It was too heavy for a deer. And when

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