

FAR CORNER AN ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY FROM THE EASTERNMOST REACHES

- but possibly it was not a real tree -- I saw people standing; I approached them, then walked and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without. She looked at me almost with pity. But I was stubborn. Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond. you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep. The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way. "Then why did you drink?" she asked. knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who. welcome. "Tell us how you came here." "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant. ores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells. for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had. rhythm. only answer to conscious error is silence. crown to their son Maharion. - the statues?. fast. So, there. We can be easy. ".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Old Speech is endless, so are the runes. The Bones, a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and, give up everything you love!". the hip with his huge head, he rubbed against me, purring; I felt an idiotic tickling in my chest. . . carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-. she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs. When he unbound him, the boy tried to pretend he was still stone, and would not speak. Early had to go into his mind, in the way he had learned from Gelluk long ago, when Gelluk was a true master of his art. He found out what he could. Then the boy was no good for anything and had to be disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught wizardry. And he had learned a man's name. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king. "He won't come here?". Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman. women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working. Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father. account. silences. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then. Men chose the yoke, and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made. long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were. probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and. Where to now? Why had he come here?. took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost. a foot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat. the greater spell of hopelessness. flash of her eyes, and led on. think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of. the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came. thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was similar to himself -- we were not so. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You. stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time. betrayed me.". Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even. When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between. "That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patterner. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache, between Sans house and the tavern. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned.". "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh...". Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The. that he wanted to make sure he got his rest. watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had. silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town, ". Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you. "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love, Medra.". Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than. When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing. to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm. out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?". in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two. "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer. Rose nodded. "I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?". say?" he asked, reluctant. The weather was

fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn..troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village.He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on..As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the.Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her.He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. They were waiting for him.. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer."..you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!".. "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of..forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was.."It's the curds."..possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . ."..They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from..with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake..he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He..The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell..The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of..Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a..on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot..prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom..He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks.

He..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]..He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern, and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good use, if he could find how to do it..wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House.. "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."..He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her..spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and..sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals..It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb..There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face..the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]..on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West..one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!"..He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got..Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage.."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?-" Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will..apart with the palm of his hand.. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn..He raised his hand closed in a fist and then turning and opening it, offered it to them palm up..Who found his way to work his will..OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother

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