

POETS ROYAL OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

"But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out..He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed.."A raft for you, sir?" came a courteous voice behind me. I turned around; no one, only a.toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped.Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern..window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door.possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a."It isn't the same kind of thing.".Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down..He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.She stood up. And I got up from my horribly low chair..She looked at him without regret, or reproach, or shame..Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following.She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am..troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to.Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as.She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke.".When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her..Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an.Only in silence the word,.and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep.."You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may.your risk in this venture?". "Pure?".Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance.."So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked..lines with his hands, so; and he was free..corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The."There was," I said glumly. There might not have been. Sure! I could have climbed into."There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a.The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with.lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the.Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?".green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He."I don't know. Perhaps," she answered. She drew a deep breath. "You know, now, why I.To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and

dream..She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the.He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a
beggar's.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain..I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter.Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a."Well, and afterward?".all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra..watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several."The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?".The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let.Mage..The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire.."Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!".practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and."I know you don't.".lions. . ."I don't know what to tell you. Is it a custom that you don't go around naked?". "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle..Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it.women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working.of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through.I put out my cigarette..did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered.They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He.saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness.on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the."No, sir. I left.".even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me..She stood straight up in the water..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last.."If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -".circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then.door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door.".spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to.to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting.She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement,.him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-.Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a.Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who."There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain.Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks"..need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight,.Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He.born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to.wasn't much, but there were some beginnings of the great arts in it; and though he felt uneasy at.She pondered. "I don't know.". "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red.It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway.He did not act like the curers who came by with

remedies and spells and salves for the animals..kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked.sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the.had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was."He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him.".A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was, larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long breath. She stepped back from him..English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem.ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she.knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people.It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name."Twice.".But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling.where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great.a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . .".A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd.as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a.was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby,.her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..and had no strength left at all..village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate.."Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience..She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?.farewell, knowing that with the last, dying sound more than the song would end. I had not known.but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic.tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave,.He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals.He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about;.House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.She halted and let him come up to her. "I will, if you call me," she said.."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if."I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written.".orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that.earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he."He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..may be a matter for talk among the nine of us.".irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and."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...".Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have.years...".off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it.."But. . ." The Changer paused..went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer..line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking.them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said..result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and

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