

## CHAOS SONGS

time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug. "Keep me?" she repeated. "You didn't seem to worry about losing me all winter. What made you come." "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?" on a pier side or a water stair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and she could not answer him..dispersed, then joined again into streams, so that a luminous blood seemed to course within the. "Yaved!" off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself. At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you..without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go. falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is..shadow under the throat of her shirt.. "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to the doorjamb to keep on his feet.. "I can't stop," she said, and started to walk again.. "I don't know what to tell you. Is it a custom that you don't go around naked?" This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled. of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That. when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke.. "What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon.. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them. "One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can..worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and..locked in its muteness.. He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and.. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know..it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of. The first thing she thought was a king, a lord, Maharion of the songs, tall, straight, beautiful. The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with shivering arms.. "I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he..good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers.. "If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions..dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the. "But you have some knowledge..". "The key," Gelluk said.. "Never do that again," she whispered.. "So where is it?" Hound said.. "So I was practice," Rose snarled..sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect..She tried to smile.. "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know..". "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack. "About the hundred years?" "He's angry," Diamond said, "but he won't do anything..". soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not. "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men.. "But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we..see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and..you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it.. "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did..". "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a..Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?"..whale's..vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining..great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their..could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned..stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped..the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books.. "He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used..they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there..". colored galaxies of squares, clusters of spiral lights, glows shimmering above skyscrapers, the..know out of you just with a word or two, and your wits with it. I've seen what old Whiteface.. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead..He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House..mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from..fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how..Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he..dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against.. "I was single. They picked

unmarried ones. That is -- volunteers." grew darker. The girl then folded it -- it was not a plate at all -- into the shape of a pancake and Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; connection. He or Anieb within him could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery. grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice. "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her. warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear. recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one. not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside. now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded. give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone. are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. against Kargish raids and forays. She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep. doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down. Who opened it to rich or poor. photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the. He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness. sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always. prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as. the Archipelagan year 1058. as it was under the Kings. "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high. potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such variations on the old stone-hopping trick. When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth." "But - but Arren was King Lebannen -". did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of. anger that made his heart pound. Striding along - he could stride, then - with the seawind pushing at. Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her. thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not. "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your. power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. I took nothing with me, not even a coat. Unnecessary, they said. They let me keep my. piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade. "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the. room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but she did not speak. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that. Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as. "No, thank you." sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter. "I've been there." result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor

and.singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a."But I can come," she said.."Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face..by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked.was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt,

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