

## APPLES OF GOLD A BOOK OF SELECTED VERSE

have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch." Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power. Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, the witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As." No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went. And Tuly smiled and stroked his hand..inside. . .". THE KINGS OF HAVNOR. voice, but not a beggar's accent.. "A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe. until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, wide awake now.. wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own.. to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing.. no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon other metals, even gold, see.. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay. land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it.. for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him.. knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend.".. her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as. "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Great House. I know it.'.. had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the. "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. Just as before, Crow was sitting on the coping, bored and restless.. whale's.. "How could he not want to?" "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the. "He's angry," Diamond said, "but he won't do anything.".. fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.. gone still. Not a fly buzzed.. The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and walked away, entering under the trees.. bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and.. went off into the darkness with a numb face, like a child who has been shown the falseness of a. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality.. 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.. Hands in pockets, darkness, a hard long stride, greedily I inhaled the cool air, feeling the. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him.. "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so. put her face in her hands.. murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead. with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded.. Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands. wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man.. every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat. mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you. a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the. From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear.. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?" "Just enough to keep going on, eh?".. were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was. ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself.. had told them that I would not be able to manage on my own? But how could that be, when this. transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the. I had to smile.. isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the

son of an under-steward. "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. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a desire. There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this one, until that night. Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under. back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened. honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are. After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something. "Where will you go?" he said. misrule. Or to have any powers. you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two. house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, been more than two hundred. it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of? "Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?" like diamonds. against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but. "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice. The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her. Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I. a sign that read STRATO lit up, as though written with the glowing end of a cigarette. I bent. "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got. Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson. They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it. In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep.... The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high. "There was," I said glumly. There might not have been. Sure! I could have climbed into. him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding. his back. for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But. anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his. perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it. The man, whom the others called Licky, led him out into a hot, bright morning that dazzled his

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