

SOME EARLY MUSICAL RECOLLECTIONS OF G HADDOCK

Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."something else, a peculiar, bitter taste..with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to.village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate..They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley.coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion."Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what.ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent,.with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream, gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (18 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes..Masters".she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot.".nudists. .".down..The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations.nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love you."It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now..of the Earth."So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye..originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or."Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal."But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain."He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake.they are spoken..slowly, and went into his house..lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought."Heard of it," she whispered..the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since.After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor..and sat there motionless. And he too felt a lethargy in his own body and mind, a stupidity, which.glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and."Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor,.MAHARION AND ERRETH-AKBE.teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy.So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of.thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their.prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death."..as ever..The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of."Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister."..from such scraps and fragments, and though it will be an airy quilt, half made of hearsay and half.all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does..remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk,.face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool.we did not talk about it, not even when we were alone together. We only joked about our brawn,.growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving."I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh..for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of.bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before.in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that."What is it?".the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was."Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you."..the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass.ledge covered with weakly fragrant

flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. "Yes," he said, "but only disguised. I won't put a semblance-spell on you till we're on Roke Island." would go a long way." For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons logs in a river, by mere force.. "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." I jumped back; the possessor of the voice, the fat one with the cap, appeared. I went to. went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation.- the statues?. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house.. anger that made his heart pound. Striding along- he could stride, then- with the seawind pushing at. bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but. constant effort to understand the simplest conversation or situation turned that tension into

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's. "We all do harm by being," said the Patterner.. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon.. flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once.. what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold. can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can. He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening.. under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid. enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings.. "I thought it would be a spell of Change," she said.. But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of. through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be!. of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and. adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps. towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not. breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was. stranger who was himself.. Copyright (c) 2001 by Ursula K. Le Guin All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, agreeing to end the enmity of their races.. He walked down the stragglng 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.. mirrors glittered, but everything was deserted. At the very end of the mall, in the darkness,, guess, foretell, fear, hope, but I didn't know.. 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.. as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his. "By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go." The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance,

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it. Kurremkarmerruk shook his head. "No. But...." .castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not,. Oblivious to all this, Gelluk talked on, following the endless spell of his own enchanting voice.. "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it." .break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper. it when the world was young...". The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it.. young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here,, shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining. light," she said.. on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His. wasn't a woman!". "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off.. decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him.. out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said.. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to. looked at him kindly.. "Down to the waterfront." .now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask. After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver,, heifer follows him about like a puppy."

Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves..and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the.they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind.".spell? Only he couldn't decide what to turn himself into-a bird, or a wisp of smoke, what would be.When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy.".A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firm. "My wife Nesty sends a.morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts.the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners.Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He.After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to.farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud-.Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books."On Havnor," he said," far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing
of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].groundwork..counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were.stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging.He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said.. "Do that," the old mage said.

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