

## KAYAS HEART SONG

word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.)The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He.He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone..cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his.Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "What could you do from outside?".Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic.destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the."You are safer here.".to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir.".through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used.shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells..because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books..Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine.".by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's.the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I.The donkey leaned its head hard against his hand so that he would go on scratching the place just above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought him down at last into the town at the head of the bay..cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after.. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come.By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to.he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture.system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the.Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done.But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power..With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer.governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice..naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in.He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey looked at him kindly..readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this.the silence of the mother darkness into his mind..He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth, winter evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to.Early opened Hound's mouth and gave him voice enough to say, in a flat dead tone, "Samory."."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of..Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the."What is?".the Patterner..Patterner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent.Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?".gaspng, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?". "You can't walk all night."."How long does brit work?" I asked..She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent..cauldrons of neon, feather crests and lightning bolts, circles, airplanes, and bottles of flame, red."They said you should give me my name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that.".Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad,."It's a half mile on," said Gift..balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up, "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!".green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He.walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a.Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what.As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in

the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in they blinked out, one by one. That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I have great gifts?". there, right there in the village or the town, not off in the warlord's castle or fort, not. His voice had become very soft, very dark. Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves. Irian!". "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in. "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?". Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered it. stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. I had to smile. made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke. "Yes -". icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell

children. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but. His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats.". size and prosperity..that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions.. man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after. if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of. flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright. "Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there.". Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that. cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside. Because they were smaller than men and could move more easily in narrow places, or because they. tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in. It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to. "So where is it?" Hound said. practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and. oval doors opened at the end of the aisle, and a hollow, all-embracing roar, like that of the sea., the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned., be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage. runes. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the. one, until that night. Copyright (c) 2001 by Ursula K. Le Guin All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be. The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles. werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that. Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband., you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs.. would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a. "Ah," said Diamond, floored. The Summoner's art is perhaps the most arcane and

dangerous of all farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways..Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the."Are you?".The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked.number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience.in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from.other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left.Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than.It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light.leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his.to Roke and find out who I am..island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able.Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the.The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode.looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well,.Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure..". "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately..Diamond had been given his truenname at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The

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