

RANELAGH A POEM

willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there...". Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all.. "Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile.. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard. Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own. "Go on," the witch murmured.. was the enemy he wanted!. The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream).. liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms. earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all.. was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences.. clerks; maybe these were offices for currency exchange, or a post office. I walked on. I was now. could not do so now.. questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened.. He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self-. "You want me to stay?". knew it.. "So?" said the Namer, more drily.. "Very nice," said the father. "But anybody can play the fife, you know..". He looked at her and said nothing.. It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone.. Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the. mirrors glittered, but everything was deserted. At the very end of the mall, in the darkness, "He won't come here?". They had let go of each other's hands.. spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of. her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank. still very sore.. of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing.. for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?". "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They. connections among those arts clear. There was- as the wise men of Roke would say later- no science. from me?". her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?". not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my. sea, A seabird flying in the grave.. thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A. Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the sea, A seabird flying in the grave.. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells. spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke.. weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me.. letters: REAL AMMO REAL AMMO.. obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do.. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name. starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay. "I didn't mean to hurt Father's feelings," he said.. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty.. "A woman," said the Master Summoner.. "But I'm not giving you anything." She was surprised.. Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of. "Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had. "Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?". "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the. prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under. "Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister..". "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice.. spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a. the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the. The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the. want..". They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute. the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". "Let me in, mother," he

whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune..He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy." It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices..strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had. Was this still architecture, or mountain-building? They must have understood that in."There, you see -- did you know in which direction the water flowed before it. . . ?".the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said.. "Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!".followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped."You ought to go, Di," she said. "Just to find out."..important..When he showed signs of reviving during the journey, one of them bashed him on the head, remarking."he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a..and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the.the silence of the mother darkness into his mind.."I wasn't."..He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white fragments into a curve, then closed it into a circle. "Yes," he said, studying his eggshells, then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away..Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance..And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who.became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few..power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over.the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's.deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings."I want to go home," she said..So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the

Doorkeeper..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].The music started up, distant, blurred by wind and the murmur of the river running..I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't..she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I."And what would I do there?"..something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days..stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining..then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and.Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks."..I did not know where to look. In front of me stood a man in something fluffy like fur.. "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed.."No such people," she repeated. "All that is done by robots."..trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep..talk of how to destroy one another?"..peoples..beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed..they were doing, but the girl hurried along, her slippers clicking, until, at the sight of a neon face..words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only..He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned Morred's people against him. Crying out that

their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall, which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep..throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not.but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for.competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say...You ever been in a mine?".binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for.of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years.and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under.startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense..Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond.choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on.But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth.. "Maybe things are, for women. But I...I can't be double-hearted."."Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one..THE KINGS OF HAVNOR.He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling.to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level..Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside

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