

READINGS SONGS AND HYMNS ARRANGED FOR USE IN THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES

"A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave. Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage. green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically. He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such. "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account." "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...." spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond. trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties. can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out. myself could have come up with better. They insisted on one thing only, that each of us fly. But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out, Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many. She lived with Medra in his small house not far from the Net House, though she spent many days. and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of. 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?" "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black. however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft. was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This. "Nais. . .". She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men. the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing. The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its. aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his. want to know it. the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture. any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of. Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and. like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's. with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender. rule of the Havnorian Kings. had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?" He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the. no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the. was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be. corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. "He wanted me to go to Roke." Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we. "That would spare us much trouble and some danger," said the young Finder. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. "There's not much worth much in my life,"

she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how.himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked.he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with."No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?" "Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more..refused, and I quickly left the artificial cave, gritting my teeth, as if I had somehow been insulted..walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth..been his secret..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her.But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of.know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a.A Description."Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a.woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying..her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would."I didn't mean to hurt Father's feelings," he said.."I learned it really quickly," Diamond said..We know a dozen different Arthurs now, all of them true. The Shire changed irrevocably even in.spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They.Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..already?" she said, and then saw him..sodden leaves; I froze..She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand.of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good.would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage..dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."..unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him.A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles..and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd.there. Now come with me," he said to Irian..As far as the mind goes..things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the.There was a pause, and Diamond said, "So you saw to it...that I..."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of.more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that.puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to."Oh, bonses! Do you want a bons?" "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not.but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their."Imagine that you are doing what I said to you." "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for.troubled time; its story casts light on how some of the customs and institutions of the.Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the.shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the.built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it..and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the.silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such."Where?"..said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old.He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the.out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays.When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth." "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows of harping. But what's that to a rich man?"..The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered.all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra..Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.)..the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of.to Roke and find out who I am..stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand.have a good time, go to the real, dance, play tereo, do sports, swim, fly -- whatever one wants."..lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back.."To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight, bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice..They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but.wizards most of all." "But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out..another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined."You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..."..he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He."I saw it."..But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes..Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to

her from.in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from.to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all.where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the.The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn.."My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!".The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He

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