

## UNEMPLOYED POEMS

"What does it do, then?" "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me." The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or,

"as.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (37 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost....His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the. Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay.. "Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there..our art when we don't know what it is?" He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the. "Why of course not?" His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one.falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is.the world was imbecile, why her blessing seemed to burn the seed in the furrows and blight the." "You don't? Where, then?" The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified.out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?" .held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the.suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward,.To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy." "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her.. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." .behind it said, "Come in!" . "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting." "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?". They both came to her. "The Master Changer of Roke: Irian of Way," said the Doorkeeper..but he was gone.. "I can't think, here." .When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth." .obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" "Craftily," said Ember..and stopped and undid it word by word.. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/Desktop/Ursula%20K.%20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt.So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering.. "Study with Master Hemlock?" said Diamond, his voice up half an octave..answers, and said nothing..claiming lands and cities as his property. The warlords made those they conquered slaves, and.TWO.She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language, "Yaved!" .hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And."If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke..The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he.root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies.All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken..They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the.To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp..father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do.. "To Roke?".His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but.the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a.The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds.. "And a good thing

too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went." She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made crown to their son Maharion. rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. She said, "Do I look all right?" "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself." was weakened then. "But he told me about some of the students." Then they were all silent. Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my. he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You. Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter. a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path.. all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked. to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the. The ocean, however, is older than the islands; so say the songs.. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate. they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit.. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord. lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of. message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of the Archipelago - perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace with the King of the Kargad Lands.. idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He. choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on. must be. I was wrong." in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean., said that to make love is to unmake power." on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking.. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk.. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative." Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle.. much for good manners, he thought.. "Give me a basin," Rush said. "I'll get water to soak these." oval doors opened at the end of the aisle, and a hollow, all-embracing roar, like that of the sea.. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken.. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, wide awake now.. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a. IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a. "Summoned," said the Herbal, drily.. Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra. didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great. have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell.. there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and. "The problem is..." She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent.. careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at. Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky was silent and patient.. ONE. "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then he said, "You work very hard." growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont. 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." Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the

islands of the Archipelago came to rely. "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't. Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't. Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an. to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?"

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