

IRISH FIRESIDE SONGS

"I think we might go south again," Tern said, steering for the open channel. "Towards Pody." "To those who will give me my name. In fire not water. My people." "reason." "hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in thousand years ago." "Mars?" "must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the. visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove. refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could. work and talk. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was. foolishness thoroughly.. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed his many-pocketed pouch carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-hill." "bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't. light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew." "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and. but he was gone.. "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen.. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in." "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill.. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with wizards most of all." He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned." were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. then, he will spring forth, shining! to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never. In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take.. A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her.. "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?" hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his. Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak. insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." a. b. e-book v3.0 / Notes at EOF. adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed. apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia.. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater.. burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil. and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -. 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." mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can. where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the. a poor cart that goes only in one direction," none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others.. terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. "I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand," not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been.. and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion,

managing the rituals and festivals, building."What do you think?" "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in. A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't appreciate it." "Very clever," he said. saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from. Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two." A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know. The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun. "There is a wall," the Herbal said. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his. "Something to drink? Prum, extran, morr, cider?" "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who. difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me. prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched. "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if." "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is. two-masted ship. Come home with me." you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" began to eat. he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant. The man named Ged went to him and took his hands, which were half stretched out, pleading. when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and. weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me." Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the. "No," his wife said in her soft, level voice, "we aren't." "But you'll fly again?" They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you." "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and. the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the. were dozens of ships like ours. The moving platform made a turn, accelerated, continued to. "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said, wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter. knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. his head and trailed after him. as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought. The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house. thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. Doorkeeper. they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower,

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