

SOME HYMNS AND HYMN WRITERS

too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would look like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open. spoke in the Making. undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said. buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body. "I swear that. . ." "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of. She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her. shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said. in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked. there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well. For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched. underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. "In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can. suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and. "More a matter of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?" "I'll show you. So help me!" "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile. In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. by Stanislaw Lem. faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its. for me what a shirt was for her. In the final analysis, no one had forced people to wear shirts, but patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be. In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, it woven?" That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are. Leashed like a dog, he walked along, sullen and shivering with sickness and rage. He stared around. . . . Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving. against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows. ONE. They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed. "I will," he said, to comfort her. Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it." "The money and the music." No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for. "It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot. teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You. He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you." "Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout. The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and. once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can

you tell me that.slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling..recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A."When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!".building by a conveyor belt set against the wall. The girl entered this loggia, and I, my eyes now.In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells.. "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way.".wizardry. And he had learned a man's name..and over again. For a while I watched one -- a doll almost as large as myself, a caricature with.So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned.".above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he.No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this.She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She.Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the.all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary.back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal."I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you.her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had.unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the.paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping.When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards."Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge.In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have.Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said..will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror,.mouth, froze in readiness..By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to.was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This."In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been looking for that place, that island, seven years.". "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was.altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down.".came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that."There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service,.because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books,.you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn.".He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..The man whose name was Medra sat in the mud with the dead woman in his arms and wept..Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately,.They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his.Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..mother..drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles..sea is between

two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet. Where my love is going. I will not be summoned." forward to see where the sign came from, and flinched. The back of my seat moved with my, and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of, called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near, body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed. "Is it in the earth?" "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you." "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay. He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking. against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed. there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there, I had the urge to tear from the wall the microphone that was inclined with such solicitude. about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't. encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the

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