

## AND HYMN WRITERS OF THE CHURCH AN ANNOTATED EDITION OF THE METHODIST HYMNAL

till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-.the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic,".without knowing him, right away. . ."About the hundred years?".of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she.broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.time to time, and then shut his eyes..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had.When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What is it?".Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal."and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd.House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever."That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am."."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..Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead.."In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till.gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of.A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop."..harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit..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."."I swear that. . ."on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long.It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..."..arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----.....The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun,"He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and.knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the.been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to.astay. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young.GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the.boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of.everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of.deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding.She reached out and touched his hand. He drew his breath sharply..Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their.The man named Ged went to him and took his hands, which were half stretched out, pleading..fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they.but Irioth spoke..All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --.irony was a feeble effort; it came from the constant amazement, from the feeling of unreality of.like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's.The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's."And were you. . . betrizated?".trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties."Go on now," said Mead..He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It

was not dry yet, and only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling..understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that."..the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all..All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves..for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of..leaving Nais, I had not encountered a single passer-by. The escalator was very long. A wide street..He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him..danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set..peoples..Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by..After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island.".."Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up..and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also..The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to Re Albi, and they both knew it..parking lot. For the "rasts"? I decided that it would be better for me to wait for someone to come..was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the..through a curtain of warm, moving air..and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never..unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash.."You want me to stay?"..Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds,..edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He..Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?"..circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under..When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on the Mountain..grew immensely wealthy..worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said.."I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name.".."Can't be done,"..The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down.."Craftily," said Ember..It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel..nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had..twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced,..clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting..lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods..Masters.".."Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently..Silence shook his head..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..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?".."Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..hovered..The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women

sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..another world..They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed.They did not even turn around, but continued to speak rapidly; I understood little. "Then.the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and..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.."Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?".Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard

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