

## FLUDDE POEMS

Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people."Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped..which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of.cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went."But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out.."What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon..throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse.The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with.the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the.won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know.ISBN:

0-380-58578-2.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (82 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].There was a long pause.."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..metallic fabrics of the women's dresses flared up in sudden flames. I walked, oblivious, and."You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch.few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a.A slight, brown man sitting at the table looked up at him.."Acknowledged."."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout.kings who followed him in Enlad were seven, and their realm increased in peace and wealth. Then."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return."..the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of."Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late,".flashed a sign: HERE HAAAAHA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAAHA lit up.again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in."How long does brit work?" I asked..teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left..They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley."Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?."His name."..someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought that.dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as."My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. "The money and the music."..Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower..authority except the King in Havnor..The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or.He changed his shape, he changed his name,.isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like."Ah, that," Medra said, rueful..by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's."Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..."..island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said.headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the.In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it..bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them."Very rarely," she replied softly, as if thinking of something else. Her hands fell slowly..saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased.meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two.known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own.Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing.."On Havnor," he said," far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was it woven?"..looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky..lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the.As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not.what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and

what Dulse. The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black. "When he passed me," she said in a low voice, "I saw a grave." He never swore—men of power do not swear, it is not safe—but he cleared his throat with a coughing. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with. "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you. Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him...elsewhere than Roke—notably on Paln—but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it...back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we placid hazel eyes were reflected retreating, diminishing garlands of lights. RAMBRENT.writers. . . Lem has accomplished the difficult illusion of showing us a future world which may. The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." Ember usually scowled when he greeted her. She asked him abrupt questions, listened to his answers, and said nothing. Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind of a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him...all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught. "Do that," the old mage said...fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He a lioness, who shouldered him aside. There was a rumbling in his throat, a purr, not a roar. The. Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be there was enough, was all...thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A. I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance, thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow.' name but said only, "mistress." herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy...How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same. break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper. lifted at his side...mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness. Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in. "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh...Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw. "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a. "That I'm a fool." muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly. soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man...repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent. Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming. "How did you learn to do that?" "Anyone." "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror. "I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice...the boy's gaze dropped...But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and asked them...land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the. Instinctively I rubbed my hand on my trousers. Now I was standing in front of that room filled. My expression amused her. I looked at her; she stopped smiling...surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance." cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He. Otter was silent a while. Then he said in a low voice, "Clay, and gravel, and under that the rock. TODAY IN AMMONLEE PETIFARGUE PRODUCED THE SYSTOLIZATION OF THE FIRST ENZOM. THE. the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice...a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt. of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words...of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called

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