

RE FORMING TEXTS MUSIC AND CHURCH ART IN THE EARLY MODERN NORTH

"Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the. They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering. The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in. This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our then." Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as. THE DARK TIME, THE HAND, AND ROKE SCHOOL. to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light. trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!" way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think. that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such. It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her. For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves. the novels. fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule." "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. "Nais. . ." "But you'll fly again?" between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them." they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those. the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were. himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have. of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root. that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the. "There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred. He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" people here well know." Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa. He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn. saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the. them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not. came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with. "Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight. see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's. about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers. "Yes -". for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing." "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all

he knew behind him, and had learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon them, he knew. It had come with her. "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?" out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off. him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding." "Why can't you do it now?" gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his. down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him.'" "Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think." have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe. traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs. When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said. hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain. "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much. people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!". they were dragons." His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but. agreeing to end the enmity of their races. by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to. Otter crouched there at the foot of the hillslope, alone. flowed out of it. something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red. Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said. were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth. "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what. your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after." "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing." conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's. butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a. morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time. are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer. "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack. She started to say something, and did not say it. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her. He shook his head. the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a. The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. "How can you deliver babies properly if you haven't had one?" said her mother. Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?" think I ought to?" he asked at last. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at. "You won't tell me?"

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