

## CANADIAN HEART SONGS C BY CHARLES WESLEY MCCROSSAN

and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young want to stay alive. I'll see that you're sent there. If you'll go." asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet..spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..LANGUAGES.thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A.Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those.spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the."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..would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her."Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't".Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion..neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers.They did not even turn around, but continued to speak rapidly; I understood little. "Then.generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother.".The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But.of the Earth.he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He.shivering arms..After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?". "No. If one looks at it rationally, no, but -- it was overwhelming, you see. Such a shock. I.before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at."The password he will ask you for is your true name.".sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I.The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I.he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped,.He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice,.Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for.next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man.. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you.give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend.Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky.".They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them..very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about.down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish.Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him,.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/Desktop/Ursula%20K.%20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt.who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up..Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea..It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light.years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on.orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that.The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water.of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on.that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were.Rose nodded..settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep."To keep you.". "He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!".centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout.young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust.itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as.she did not speak.. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the.of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or.toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was

buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. "Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?" or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said.. "How do you know of that House?"..wish as well as his?".She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent..watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had.told you. Sir"..longer.". "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man..They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn him, then going on, talking on..She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a."So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our.the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they.know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all..the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to..returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's..let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every.Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap..perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a.For Golden looked on the Art Magic with genuine humility as something quite beyond him -- not a mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of wizards..summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not.firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and.He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face.She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you.damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those.House, but inside the wood it was all shadows..While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace.She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer..III. Tern.he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I.they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower.,the bed. She was Anieb..saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!".see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecfeffell, on a golden warp?".We have inhabited both the actual and the imaginary realms for a long time. But we don't live in."Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?".accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game.In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have."I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.'" Irian stared from one to the other in blank bewilderment..though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled.He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that.".timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in.And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down.For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and.By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning.". "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting."The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way.".was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As.In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave..in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and.Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power..had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..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..Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it.been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled.Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the.Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering..control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?".believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more.Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of.and over again. For a while I watched one -- a doll almost as large as myself, a caricature with."Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up.".Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through..Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there

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