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THE SONG - Jean Johnson

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Nightfall Isle, Katan, Natallia - concurrent with Earth present

Four sets of fraternal twins...born two years apart...exiled...but not defeated.

Evanor was rendered mute when a spell he cast with his voice rebounded onto him. He was trying to help his sister-in-law, Alys, be rid of her evil uncle. It was his lack of sound that made him helpless when his twin, Dominor, was kidnapped by the Mandarites. Through a stroke of fortune, Dominor was purchased by Serina, guardian of a Natallian Abbey, when he was put on the block. Through Serina's powers and contact with Nightfall via magic transport mirrors, Dominor and Serina came home to Nightfall.

In hopes of helping Evanor, Mariel, a healer and Serina's best friend, agrees to come to Evanor. Mother Superior Naima allows Mariel to borrow books on healing from the Abbey to study the possibilities of restoring Evanor's vocal chords.

But events on Nightfall have not gone unnoticed in Katan by those who exiled the Corvis brothers. There are many there who still wish the brothers ill and are determined to stop any more progress at settling Nightfall Isle. However, when no one from Katan came to help Evanor and his brothers in their time of need, all constraints levied against them were nullified. Oh, woe are the mages and nobility of Katan. <g>

Mariel has the contrary 'citizen' chickens of Nightfall to experiment with, and her son has all the wonderful male influence he can handle. Morganen, the youngest and secret matchmaker for his brothers, is well pleased with the successful pairings of four of his siblings.

THE SONG is such grand entertainment. Jean Johnson continues to build her world with imagination and panache. Her characters are alive and, with her descriptions, the reader can readily visualize this place of magic and strong people. Saber, his earthling wife, Queen Kelly; Wolfer and Alys; Dominor and Serina; Trevan, Rydan, Koranen, Morganen and several others join Evanor and Mariel in this stand-alone addition to the Sons of Destiny. I love it! It should have a space on any fantasy romance lover's keeper shelf.