

SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS

(FIRST YEAR DIDN'T COUNT)

So here's how it works. Each of the numbered messages below has been encoded from some original English text by replacing one letter consistently by another throughout the message. Thus, for example, GLOOMY TIME could turn into CHEERS WORK, with G becoming C, L becoming H, etc. Different messages have different encodings. Your job is to discover the original messages. It can happen that there will be words you won't find in a dictionary, but such words will be rare. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as "the," "and," etc. The first few messages have a Christmas theme, but then they go farther afield. Good luck, and have fun. Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu.

1 . B I G H I H E A M I T Z Y ! H E A Z I T Y D O K I S A ;
Z A H A R T H E T A K A D W A E A T C D X L ;
Z A H A W A T G E A R T H U T A U R T A E D S T I I S ,
R X Y E A R W A X R X Y X R H P T A O D X L .
- R Y I M X O K R Z A K R T I Z

2 . G R I N C H C R A S H , S L I P C R A S H !
G S N W S N E F G T O D X N D H H S N G R A S H .
A I L E R N G G H E N D Y U E L Y S N D Z N C D U D E
S N D Z N C I P S L G H G G R C A D I I N I O R D ,
K S E R G H H S N G D Z R L E R G V L E C !
K S E R G H H S N G D Z R L E R G V L E C .
- U E D C B A E O V N E

3 . E F U K C Y M Y P Y M Y L F K C Y V E R Y H G D F K M S
V C Y W C Y M U V E A L U L F O L F K C Y N L Y I U , T Y Y W L F O
P E K H C G X Y M K C Y L M N I G H T A S F L O C K .
- V E L F K I D T Y

4 . HIS , PA , LUK HIOKP AT LUK PAWS RHEK
FNAI LUKE , HIS LUK OPAWM AT LUK PAWS
QUAIK WAFIS HJAF L LUKE ; HIS LUKM GKWK
QAWK HTWHYS .
- EAWK PFZK

5 . HEVP NEJRKLOZN , CXNP NEJRKLOZN
JYRNNRJ ES MBOEJLP NVPOR .
ES VMR LEY VMRYR ' N L GRROEST BG
HMYENVALN .
HMEOJYRS OLXTMEST
IRBIOR ILNNEST
ARRVEST NAEOR LGVRY NAEOR
LSJ BS RD ' YP NVYRRV HBYSRY PBX ' 00 MRLY
- NEODRY CROON

6 . TREBLY FLEET , TREBLY FLEET .
RG ' T MUYRTGPIT GRPL RS GUL MRGK .
YRSH - I - ERS H , ULIY GULP TRSH .
TAAS RG JREE FL MUYRTGPIT WIK .
- TUAOOLY ' T IMMAPOISRPLSG

7 . MEN USWWSL FIWRA ENW .
MEN USWWSL CEW RLM .
USWWSL CEW VENW .
O ' B WSDDOCK MEN FAM .
PICWI RDINP OP REBOCK WE WEFC .
- I FELT WE WAS FOPS

8. ONANG RGEVERECN U YUO MOVES HIM JUAN
LUSPNW U YESN EO JET TJINT. KH VJNO HIM
LESS KN U YESN ULUH UOW LESS JUAN JET
TJINT.

- VJN TIMS LJI JUT VJN SUTV SUMFJ

9. GLACKIT GBNLAY CUT WATWBATP SHIP.
[BOCKBEER, UT YBHP "OUBIOT," XKC RLK
FILM ULM CUTYT GATIOU BAT.]

- ELKHY WBYCTKA

10. HAD I NOEL AH INN LUV TIME
LVRUPANASM UIE HIONVB LA OJCDAWV LUV
XQINOLM AH NOHV, CNVIEV CDVEE LUDVV.

- INORV ZIUP

11. YNLYGMGEQG PR HIGH VNGEJI LW HIU
GNH LW ODPEM XIPJI JLERPRHR PE AUND
EUGNOD QUJUPAPEM DLTN WNPUEQR XPHILTH
STPHU QUJUPAPEM DLTN UEUBPUR.

- W.B. JLNEWLNQ (GR STLHUQ VD HUQ MTY,
GR STLHUQ VD BLOOD PAPER)

12. GTI XEGTIXEGAOAEU TEN SIEOTIL GTI
TADTING SPUD WU GTI HELLIS WJ TPXEU
PULISNGEULAUD.

- TEKIHWOM IHHAN, GTI LEUOI WJ HAJI