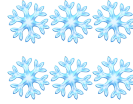


TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



Each of the numbered messages below has been encoded from some original 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. Sometimes a word in the encoded message gives a hint about the true message. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as “the,” “and,” “that,” etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. The first few messages have a Christmas theme; they get more secular later. Good luck, and have fun. Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu. These pages themselves, as well as puzzles from previous years, can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos>.

1 . DUXWQE QUAKE , KNXP QUAKE !
DKWMKWIJD THROW RE EKW DUAKE .
AXNIUWD DEIWRG SING KWRFWQ RSRI
KWRFWQXP KNDED DUQA RXXWXHUR .
— XUAKE DKNY

2 . ATIXTY FWOOG , ATIXTY OWMOG .
IWL FAR SPN X KXYYP RYXOO ;
WZPT OWMATE , OAYYOP CTWMATE
KFLARY YFP SXSP AR OWLN WI XOO .
RMAIYOG MATEATE XTEPOR RATEATE ,
SPOOR XLP LATEATE , YANATER SLATEATE :
KFLARY YFP KFAON AR OWLN WI XOO !
— DAWYLMMA RCXLNUP

3. IM, FREE OF MY FUR AMPYFLOY
MHRC FUR UOEED LYG RHRCWKURCR.
IM, FREE OF MY FUR AMPYFLOY
FULF TRDPD SUCODF OD XMCY.
— UONOYI OYDFCPSFOMYD

4. I WISH, I WISH, ZSSOAGHY,
OAM NOALIS WOFPZCH ZLNOHY
PROP SIGNAL ZA YIAHYE HKZYH RHNH
GAPZY PRH LIA IT DIM OFFHON.
_ CHAZ HSSOAGHY WROAP.

5. I SING FRESH! HST CHOUC OUT MURESHNG
CSRFRFE. RH RC HST FRESH ID HST YTOU
COLRIU'C MRUHS!
NIFE NOG HST PIUNY RF CRF OFY TUUIU
XRFRFE HRNN ST OXXTOU'Y OFY HST CIKN DTNH
RHC PIUHS. — XNOARYT AOXXTOK

6. UGH MN, Y'B NEEALYGR IFYM MYBTKA
TFLUMA IN WYHM ELNB NGA IN GYG AIS-IDN.
UKIFNCRF YI'M XAAG MUYH BUGS IYBAM BUGS
DUSM, “BALLS OFLYMIBUM IN SNC.”
— U OFAMIGCI

7. BUKUYUAEUD LAU L VNLBU SX MSR LTP L
BUNUCALYEST SX YOU PULP. YOUR YUNN YOU
DYSAR SX VUSVNU. YOUR GUAU PUDEFTUP XSA
AUBAULYEST, LD VICNEB VLAWD. — KLAR
KLAFLAU Y XUATLTPUZ

8. SAD BODY SAYS YE BELBOBIRL FIELMBUYFH
FYGGDO ABLSIUH EDDOL SI KD OBLZYESGDO
KDNIUD TD FYE REODULSYEO SAD MYLS TYL
YGTYHL NYGLD YEO NIIGBLA. — YOYZ PIMEBJ

9. YES PISOYTNA AND TO ANY ON FILE
DESYESH FUA DTKK CS UCKS YN BN SRSA
JIHYESH, UAX ZNZIKUYS NYESH ZKUASYO. YES
PISOYTNA TO END YN NHBUATMS NIHOSKRSO TA
OILE U DUG UO YN FUWS KTJS NA SUHYE FNHS
UAX FNHS DNHYE KTRTAB. — UIBIOYS ZTLLUHX

10. RULEOM RLEHWLH LUWLHYAR OPH UZAHW
EWHPHWAMT RBCFHLAENH. XHRLPECEWD
OCRAPOLA EXHOR MESH KUAENOAEUW UP
ZHHMEWDR LOW CH RGBERVEHP AVOW
XHRLPECEWD, ROT, O KHAHUPEAH. — RLEHWLH
WHIR

11. UP G SGYD OGVVTY FGYVUMET VIGV AREN
THFTYUTRMTW KYGZUVN GFFYAGMITW G YAMD, G
FEGRTV AY GRAVITY SGYD OGVVTY FGYVUMET,
UV BALES KEUST YUKIV VIYALKI JTMGLWT
VITYT UW RA PAYMT VIGV MGR WVAF UV.
KYGZUVN MGR FLEE SGYD OGVVTY URVA G IGEA,
JLV AR UVW ABR, UV FYAJGJEN MGR'V WVUMD
SGYD OGVVTY VAKTVITY. - XGOTW YUAYSGR

12. TO PLOT WE THINK ESPO EAMOO EH XWGO
BOSMF EH MOSNNB FOO EAO MOFINEF HX FHRO
HX EAO KWMOUUEWHLN KOUFWHLF EASE TOMO
RSKO. ZOBHLK EASE, FHROEWROF WE'F SZHIE
KOUWKWLY TASE BHI'MO LHE YHWLY EH KH. -
SRK UOH NWFS FI

13. AC UTLUFT VL ILN WTFATHT NORN
SRNOTSRNAKZ AZ ZASUFT, AN AZ LIFE WTKRMZT
NOTE VL ILN XTRFAPT OLD KLSUFAKRNTV FACT
AZ. - BLOI HLI ITMSRII