

ANSWERS TO 2006 CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Etc. – too easy song
2. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem. – John F. Wade
3. Five gold rings, four calling birds, three french hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. – true love song
4. Here we come a-wassailing, among the leaves so green. Here we come a-wandering, so fair to be seen. – neighbor kids
5. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. – Fifteenth Century German carol
6. Those who are horrified at Mr. Darwin's theory may comfort themselves with the assurance that, if we are descended from the ape, we have not descended so far as to preclude all hope of return. – Ambrose Bierce
7. If tyranny and oppression **come to this** land, it will be in the guise of fighting a **foreign enemy**. – James Madison
8. One of my greatest pleasures in writing has come from the thought Jhat perhaps my work might annoy someone of comfortably pretentious position. Then comes the saddening realization that such people rarely read. – John Kenneth Galbraith
9. This sentence would be eleven words long if it were two words shorter.
10. Ignoramus (n): a person who's both stupid and an asshole. – Washington Post contest winner
11. Having in my life been bitten by the jaws of both victory and defeat, I must rush to add that success is to failure as butter pecan ice cream is to death. – Rupert Holmes
12. The problem with being sure that God is on your side is that you can't change your mind, because God sure isn't going to change His. – Roger Ebert
13. If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning. – Catherine Aird
14. Testing can show the presence of errors, but not their absence. – Edsger Dijkstra