

## Answers to 2014 Christmas Cryptograms

1. Oh how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale, telling their tale. Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer. Christmas is here. Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas. Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas. — Ukrainian shchedryk
2. Have yourself a merry little Christmas. make the yule-tide gay. From now on, our troubles will be miles away. — Ralph Blane
3. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. — Traditional
4. Christmas time is here, by golly. Disapproval would be folly. Deck the halls with hunks of holly. Fill the cup and don't say when. — Tom Lehrer
5. The old year now away is fled, the new year it is entered; then let us all our sins down tread, and joyfully all appear. — Carol for New Year's Day
6. And in despair I hung my head. "There is no peace on earth," I said. "for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth good will to men." — Longfellow
7. Back in the excessive eighties, it was said that muffins and bagels had grown ridiculously big precisely as a substitute for real material goods: you couldn't buy a house, so you bought a big muffin. Now you can't buy a house or an apartment and your internship doesn't actually, you know, pay. So you get a croissant that's fried and sugared and filled and glazed. — Adam Gopnik
8. What do you call a reindeer with ear muffs? Anything you want — he can't hear you! — Har, har.
9. Francis is anti-consumerist and anti-materialist. That is quite at odds with an American ethos that turns the mall into a religious shrine and shopping into a sacrament. — E.J. Dionne
10. These days, “the state of permanent receptivity” has become the birthright of anyone with a smartphone. — Evgeny Morozov
11. Industrial mathematicians weave disparate threads of science from many different fields to produce innovative models which are typically utilized outside the discipline, enriching understanding. — C. Sean Bohun
12. Chefs are the stars of television shows, and the widespread infatuation with locally produced ingredients has been very good for people who grow kale. — David Owen
13. Good judgment, that comes from experience. Experience, well now, that comes from bad judgment. — John Bascom
14. Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy. — Edgar Bergen
15. This reverse double-twist gives proof that while I preen you should be green with envy and swoon. — X-mas bells, etc.