

Answers to 2019 Christmas Cryptograms

1. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." — early fan club
2. In the meadow we can build a snowman. We'll pretend that he is Parson Brown. — suggestive construction
3. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name. — elite eight
4. The boar's head as I understand
Is the rarest dish in all the land,
When thus bedecked with a gay garland,
Let us servire cantico. — macaronic verses
5. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. — genealogical horticulture
6. Creativity—that state when ideas seem to organize themselves into a swift, tightly woven flow, with a feeling of gorgeous clarity and meaning emerging—seems to me physiologically distinctive. — Oliver Sacks
7. The slowing-down of the thought process in old age is like a river when it's getting closer to the ocean. — Father Louis Rodakowski
8. The goal, you could say, is to live long enough to think: I've lived long enough. — Arthur Krystal
9. It was like the end of winter, with its sudden thaws and strange fluctuations—the type of weather where a day of sunshine feels like a stranger being kind to you when you cry. — Jia Tolentino
10. It's one thing for me to flush a toilet without knowing how it operates, and another for me to favor (or oppose) an immigration ban without knowing what I'm talking about. — Elizabeth Kolbert
11. In recent years silence has been heralded as an increasingly precious commodity, the most sought-after luxury after a good night's sleep. — Steven Kurutz
12. I don't rely on luck. I rely on science because I've never been lucky in my life. The only thing I got was out of a cracker jack box, but then everybody gets something out of that box. — David Chernicky
13. Urban and rural, tragic and comic, modern as African American and primal as American, the blues are as innovative in structure as they are in mood—they resurrect old feelings even as they describe them in new ways. — Kevin Young
14. In the book of life, the answers are not in the back. — Charlie Brown