

ANSWERS TO 2004 CRYPTOGRAMS

1. O holy night,
The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night
Of our dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world
In sin and error pining,
Till He appeared
And the soul felt its worth.
— Dwight & Adam
2. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
— paean to echolocation
3. What child is this, who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
— William Chatterton Dix
4. Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship.
Worship Christ the newborn king.
— comeuppance verse
5. Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride
in a one-horse open sleigh. — snow song
6. Sleigh bells ring, are ya listenin'?
In the lane snow is glistenin'.
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!
— frosty fantasy
7. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. They wouldn't
let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games. — bad karma
8. Half the dogs in America will receive Christmas presents this year, yet
few of us pause to consider the miserable life of the pig — an animal easily
as intelligent as a dog — that becomes the Christmas ham. — Michael Pollan
9. Students often said that Dr. Storm's lectures were duller than dishwater,
not the dishwater after a holiday meal with brightly colored vegetable bits
and shimmering glosses of vinaigrette, but the dishwater after a Wednesday
night macaroni dinner, when the cheese has disintegrated into slime and the
macaroni has become mush clogging the drain. — Alaine Sepulveda
10. Some men there are love not a gaping pig, some that are mad if they behold
a cat, and others when the bagpipe sings i' th' nose cannot contain their
urine. — Shakespeare
12. The trouble with words is that you never know whose mouths they've been
in. — Dennis Potter
13. Some people have a mental horizon of radius zero, and call it their point
of view. — David Hilbert
14. You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline; it
helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but
at the very least you need a beer. — Frank Zappa