

Alfred Tennyson Cryptograms — Set 1

5 puzzles · Standard print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: U = L

Expert · 43 letters

S H X U O J U G S H X U O U M W W ,

J I J U G A M B X U H A ,

W V U M Q T J T U G Q X U U .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

2. Clue: C = E

Medium · 44 letters

E , H A C A C E V T Q K N N H A C

K M C O , E F H A C Q T V C U T O H

Q E N C O T Q H E U C .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. Clue: U = E

Hard · 45 letters

H U O U D G X D H S H W Y X D U L X

U O U H S H W, J C L E X G U

F U B D L K S K J D U B N.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Clue: Y = O

Medium · 48 letters

J Y N J Y C B K U F L U Z N Y L

Q U H F P Y Z Y Y P, X B P Q H

M P Y C A G N B P B M Q M P H N U.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

5. Clue: O = S

Medium · 48 letters

W R G U S K O W Q I U X N Z S O X

W T S O K , Z Q R L W L X U S K

Z O K C X V W Q Q X K O O W Q I .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters E T A O I N S H R D L U

Most common 1-letter words A I

Most common 2-letter words OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM

Most common 3-letter words THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE

Common double letters LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

Common word endings -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

After an apostrophe T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "Faultily faultless, icily regular, splendidly null."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1855, *Maud, Part I. II* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=R B=G C=Q D=Z E=O F=B G=Y H=A I=C J=I K=H L=X M=E N=V O=T P=M Q=N R=J S=F T=D U=L V=P W=S X=U
Y=K Z=W

2. "I, the heir of all the ages, in the foremost files of time."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1842, *Poems (1842)*, *Locksley Hall. Line 178* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=H B=W C=E D=U E=I F=N G=B H=T I=P J=Q K=A L=X M=G N=L O=S P=Y Q=F R=K S=J T=O U=M V=R W=C X=Z
Y=V Z=D

3. "Never morning wore to evening, but some heart did break."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1850, *In Memoriam A.H.H., VI. Stanza 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=Z B=A C=U D=R E=S F=H G=M H=N I=F J=B K=D L=T M=C N=K O=V P=X Q=J R=P S=I T=Q U=E V=L W=G X=O
Y=W Z=Y

4. "Gorgonized me from head to foot, With a stony British stare."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1855, *Maud, Part I. XIII. Stanza 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=Y B=I C=N D=U E=C F=D G=B H=A I=X J=G K=Z L=M M=S N=R O=V P=T Q=H R=P S=J T=K U=E V=L W=Q X=W
Y=O Z=F

5. "I do but sing because I must, And pipe but as the linnets sing."

— Alfred Tennyson, 1850, *In Memoriam A.H.H., XXI. Stanza 6* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=W B=F C=H D=Q E=J F=K G=O H=Y I=G J=R K=T L=P M=V N=C O=S P=Z Q=N R=D S=U T=M U=B V=L W=I X=E
Y=X Z=A