

John Dryden Cryptograms — Set 3

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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: W = E

Hard · 72 letters

W G G C G Y , K E F W

Y H G V N Y , Z R C Q H B W

Y Z G S V U W S K C N ; B W

N B C N C Z K I Y W V G U B

S C G R W V G K Y O Z Y H

I E P W D W K C 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

2. Clue: I = T

Medium · 76 letters

H Q K Z I X W P G I G L F

D G X F Z ; X E O D G X F Z ,

N L I G H Q K Z X I

D I B L R Z , D Q Q E

I X W P G I I G Z D N Z Z I

U L K L H L I L Z D Q R

H L R Z .

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: D = E

Medium · 96 letters

B F C A M T D R X Q E H

O T Q M H C T D A F Q H D

B F X R F H X Z D K A Z W

D C R F Q A F D T ' H

A T C R S M E T H E D ,

L T X I F A C H W Q E K I

O X C V Q K O H X K A F D X T

X K N C K A O D B ?

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: B = E

Easy · 103 letters

R N X A B A C P F J B Z

V J R D B L J B ' L O R A G ;

T I W V J B A L J B

G X A N B L R A W J B

V R A G , X A G L J X O B L

W J B V R A Q L X A G

V R D D A P W L W X F , R

E I K K W J B

E Z P L W R W I W B X V X F .

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. "Errors, like straws, upon the surface flow; He who would search for pearls must dive below."

— John Dryden, 1678, *All for Love*, Prologue (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Love taught him shame; and shame, with love at strife, Soon taught the sweet civilities of life."

— John Dryden, 1700, *Cymon and Iphigenia*, Line 133 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "What precious drops are those which silently each other's track pursue, Bright as young diamonds in their infant dew?"

— John Dryden, 1672, *The Conquest of Granada*, Part II. Act III. Sc. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "I can enjoy her while she's kind; But when she dances in the wind, And shakes the wings and will not stay, I puff the prostitute away."

— John Dryden, 1685, *Imitation of Horace*, Book III. Ode 29, Line 81 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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