

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 4

6 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: N = E

Expert · 50 letters

V H K L N A , X C P A N Q U L S C W

N J N A U H L R L R D V M N R O N ,

H R K Y M K S N W C N B U L G 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: V = E

Medium · 51 letters

R J P V G V U U F J Q Q I

R T V U N D , G F V P V L H I

R H P V Z V P N G V U U D : F J T U ,

F H P P H P D !

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: V = I

Expert · 51 letters

P V S S K M D X V X Y Q J V D

E J K F Q M D P L N V P L

O V S Y D V K Z P F O Z V X

J K V E F Y D J 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

4. Clue: M = T

Hard · 52 letters

F Y L M S P L M Q P N L Z M

Z Y L G G C P L Z M O Z , G A X Y M

L S H D Y T A D P , T C L M M A D

M L Z M P ?

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: Z = A

Expert · 52 letters

T S Z D P L X P Z Y B X C Y P Q S
Z B V C K Z P C I Y I Y G L I U
N S Z W V C Y B X G S B
R Z M P C O S .

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

6. Clue: Q = E

Hard · 53 letters

H G Q O B B O E O L T J P P J H
A L V Q X J E J E H G Q E A Z L R
A K H G Z L R Q B G Q J B R
B Q F A H Q .

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

Answer key

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1. "Ladies, whose bright eyes Rain influence, and judge the prize."

— John Milton, 1645, *L'Allegro*, Line 121 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Farewell happy fields, Where joy forever dwells: hail, horrors!"

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book I. Line 249 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Till morning fair Came forth with pilgrim steps in amice gray."

— John Milton, 1671, *Paradise Regained*, Book IV. Line 426 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "What neat repast shall feast us, light and choice, Of Attic taste?"

— John Milton, 1673, *Sonnet: To Mr. Lawrence* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Beauty stands in the admiration only of weak minds Led captive."

— John Milton, 1671, *Paradise Regained*, Book II. Line 220 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Their rising all at once was as the sound of thunder heard remote."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book II. Line 476 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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