

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 6

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: T = S

Expert · 57 letters

M S Z T G N Q E Z X J L Y J C H

S C Q C , M S X M R J X P C T X I E

E X I G C T Z I S Z T G Q V T M X J

U N Y I E T .

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: D = T

Hard · 58 letters

H F W D I L L D T N D W D L S Q

X W D Q D L B W Z Q K Q U Q S G Q ,

W S K W D W S L D F Q V D L R Q D

N S D F Q U L 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

3. Clue: K = S

Hard · 58 letters

B L C B D Y K V K

Y P J W K K Y N R F B W N F

K W Y R F U N I V M I W C B A V L U

B W C H D V K B D F K C M N F V 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

4. Clue: A = E

Expert · 58 letters

G A A O E X M A D M Y F G ,

B H V K U B V X E B O E X M A D

M A A M G , L K U P R E F Y D M

X E T A U H K V I C P K D O .

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: G = I

Expert · 61 letters

M G D K U B J D , N G W T D U

I O Z A Z G I R N T O Z J O G B A

D T B H G P U B D , P B G E O R U V P

M G I O P S U I I O Z J .

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: L = A

Medium · 68 letters

M L I D I U K A L Z Z R U G

L M K X U Y S R L G X I X M D I ,

L I G , O U L H D I R U Y Y

W X K Y U R Q , K L G U L M K Y

M X G X S T R D T Y .

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. "This cordial julep here, That flames and dances in his crystal bounds."

— John Milton, 1637, *Comus*, Line 672 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "What boots it at one gate to make defence, And at another to let in the foe?"

— John Milton, 1671, *Samson Agonistes*, Line 560 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam."

— John Milton, 1643, *The Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "See golden days, fruitful of golden deeds, With joy and love triumphing."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book III. Line 337 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "His words, like so many nimble and airy servitors, trip about him at command."

— John Milton, 1642, *An Apology for Smectymnuus* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "Ran on embattled armies clad in iron, And, weaponless himself, Made arms ridiculous."

— John Milton, 1671, *Samson Agonistes*, Line 129 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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