

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 7

6 puzzles · Large 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: F = A

Expert · 69 letters

D F X F X A P J G W F O

P L V W Q G K J N

K F G W U ' Z P J Q O S

E G K F W U K Z Q D U

S L C L X K

K X D U F X W L X I

G F C L Z U P K X W ?

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 = R

Hard · 70 letters

W N H D B K Y T Z I

L I L K R Y, W D W N L R W Y

T Z I O D L T D Y, C E L R W,

H U T S F, T Z I V D T B,

C L R E T U U R E W L D

R D Q N G W 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

3. Clue: D = E

Hard · 70 letters

J D E Y P J Y A K

B D E Y N E D Q R M B K V D

U W R D A Y J D K M J D A I G

K B W E A F B D A A M E F

J Y A K K B V S G X D H K

K U D S W 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: W = E

Hard · 70 letters

J S U W C I W A Z W L H W N C

K Z W C A Z W L U G L ,

J S T W G A L ! E Y G K Z Y

J Y O W I A Z N A H P I A

E S G I A T W K S I W N C Q

B Y Y 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

5. Clue: K = O

Medium · 71 letters

K S X T Z W Y L S I K Q W Z !

P K Y K K P W Z F I K Q P

F G L F I X Y L W M , Y K S L

Y T I E W P J Z T U Z K Y W

S X M T P O

L T U W I W Y Y I H .

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: V = R

Medium · 71 letters

I Y W G E P P M G T

Y E V V E V E L S Y E F W

F Y Z P C Q V E S F

I Y V W Z I F I Y W

L E V R E V G Z G P

S Z G P W V M G T

A Z F F W G T W V .

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. "Can any mortal mixture of earth's mould Breathe such divine enchanting ravishment?"

— John Milton, 1637, *Comus*, Line 244 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Embryos and idiots, eremites and friars, White, black, and gray, with all their trumpery."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book III. Line 474 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Men of most renowned virtue have sometimes by transgressing most truly kept the law."

— John Milton, 1645, *Tetrachordon* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "License they mean when they cry, Liberty! For who loves that must first be wise and good."

— John Milton, 1673, *On the Detraction which followed upon my writing certain Treatises, which followed upon my writing certain Treatises* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "O fairest flower! no sooner blown but blasted, Soft silken primrose fading timelessly."

— John Milton, 1673, *Ode on the Death of a Fair Infant, dying of a Cough* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "The nodding horror of whose shady brows Threats the forlorn and wandering
passenger."

— John Milton, 1637, *Comus*, Line 38 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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