

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 8

5 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: X = E

Hard · 72 letters

P X Y H G W X U B Q F D Y H X

V Z C V U Q X I G B P

G U F M M X U H G C X R V Q X ,

B P V B H R G U U G U S

H W X X R H F U P X Y

H F M B V L W X .

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: Q = E

Medium · 74 letters

E Z V V Z M L T M Y

T W Z H Z U X B V

D H Q B U X H Q T I B V F

U P Q Q B H U P X L T Q Q L ,

G M U P I P Q L I Q I B F Q

B L R I P Q L I Q T V Q Q 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

3. Clue: M = I

Medium · 76 letters

Z L K B H T K Z N M S U M S

H W B W M U W N B Z T K S

K R W M T R Z S D M B T,

J M H W W M T U Z N V Z S G

Z S G T M S U M S U N K A B T

Z A K F H W M 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

4. Clue: B = T

Medium · 76 letters

Y F V M R P A S W B V F

Y C A W V B

G M Q S B F S T S G F M N

B C Q B V A S B V F

J Q A F B T S P X B A R R

T A C M N P F R A W V B N Q R

X B Q P A F X .

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: R = A

Medium · 77 letters

V Y A K P Q F R S P N D I

R S V K, V Y A K P

V Y A D K R J L

L P S P J S G P K V Y R V

L R G I T N I A M N F A X

R I I Y P F M A F L K R J L

R S V G A J K .

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. "Her silent course advance with inoffensive pace, that spinning sleeps on her soft axle."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book VIII. Line 163 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth Unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book IV. Line 677 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "A poet soaring in the high reason of his fancies, with his garland and singing robes about him."

— John Milton, 1642, *The Reason of Church Government*, Introduction, Book II (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "Beholding the bright countenance of truth in the quiet and still air of delightful studies."

— John Milton, 1642, *The Reason of Church Government*, Introduction, Book II (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Those graceful acts, Those thousand decencies that daily flow from all her words and actions."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book VIII. Line 600 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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